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Partial immersion cooling solution for lithium-ion battery thermal management

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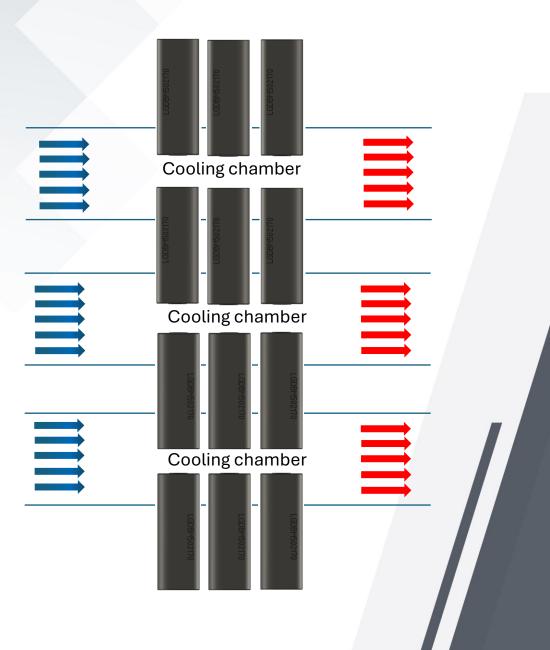
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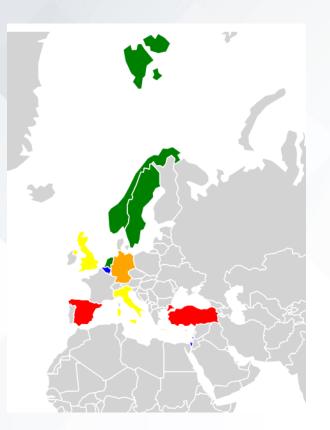
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Advanced Light-weight Battery systems Optimized for fast charging, Safety, and Second-life applications







- 25% charging time reduction down to 30 minutes (40 minutes currently, 20-80%) using 150kW charger
- Peak Energy Density of >200Wh/kg for i3, an improvement of 50% against the current 152Wh/kg
- 20% weight reduction of the battery system equating to 56kg weight reduction for i3 battery system to 222kg (currently 278kg)



Thermal management challenges

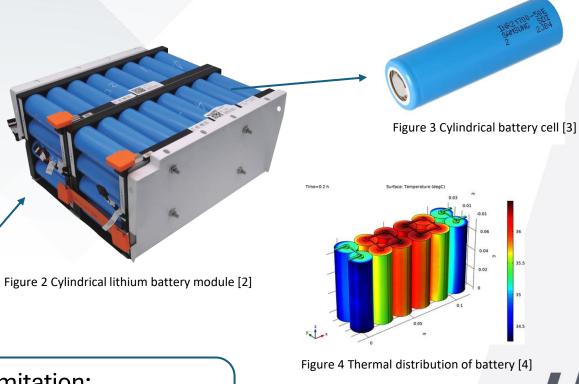


[1] https://www.sgcarmart.com/articles/news/updated-bmw-i3-gets-new-battery-for-extra-range-21699

[2] https://accupowerus.com/service/cylindrical-lfp-module/

[3] https://battery101.co.uk/products/samsung-50e-21700-lithium-ion-battery

[4] https://www.comsol.com/model/thermal-distribution-in-a-pack-of-cylindrical-batteries-76291



Limitation:

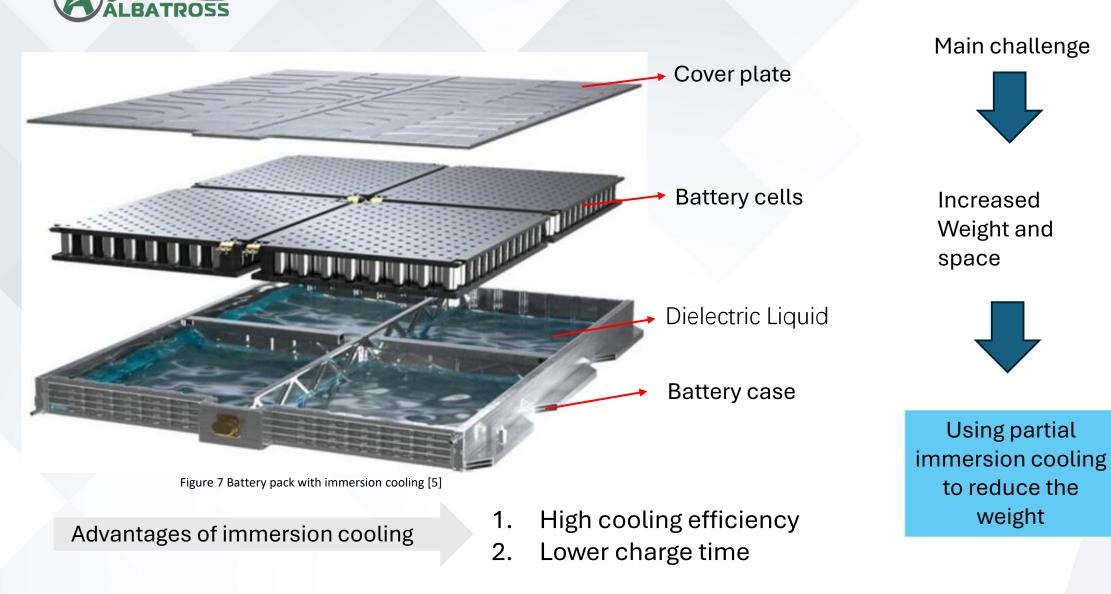
- Range 1.
- Charge time 2.

Solution:

- Increase cells 1.
- Increase charge current 2.

Problem: Heating

Immersion cooling



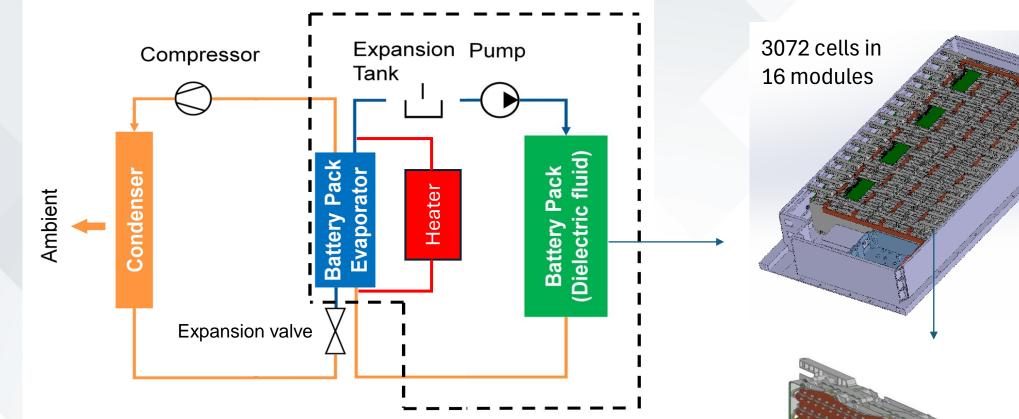


Objectives in Albatross project

Specification	Before ALBATROSS	After ALBATROSS	Improvements
Cell Energy Density	174 Wh/kg	250 Wh/kg	43% increase in energy density for bette performance and energy storage.
Battery Weight	278 kg	222 kg	20% weight reduction improves vehicle efficiency and driving range.
Total Battery Capacity	42.2 kWh	55 kWh	30% increase in capacity extends driving range.
Charging Time (20%-80%)	40 min	30 min	25% reduction in charging time for faster turnarounds.
Driving Range	285-310 km	Up to 480 km	Up to 60% increase in driving range improves practicality and efficiency.
Sustainability	Not emphasized	Designed for dismantling and recyclable materials	Eco-friendly design with 15-20% lifecycle improvement.

Methodology

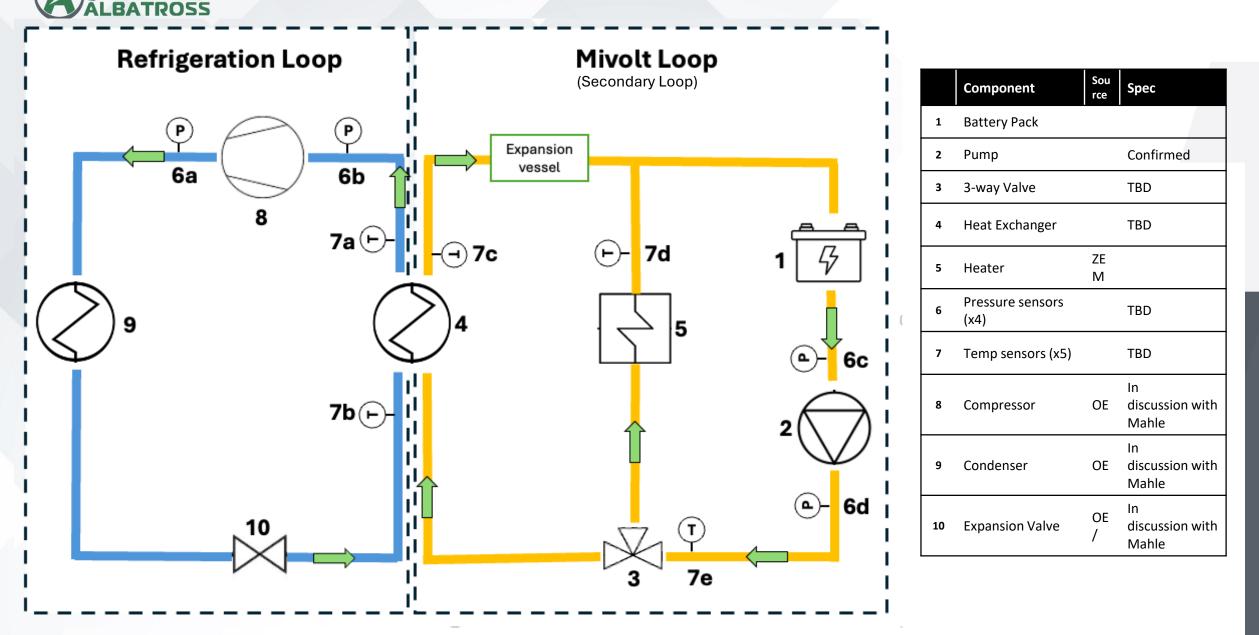




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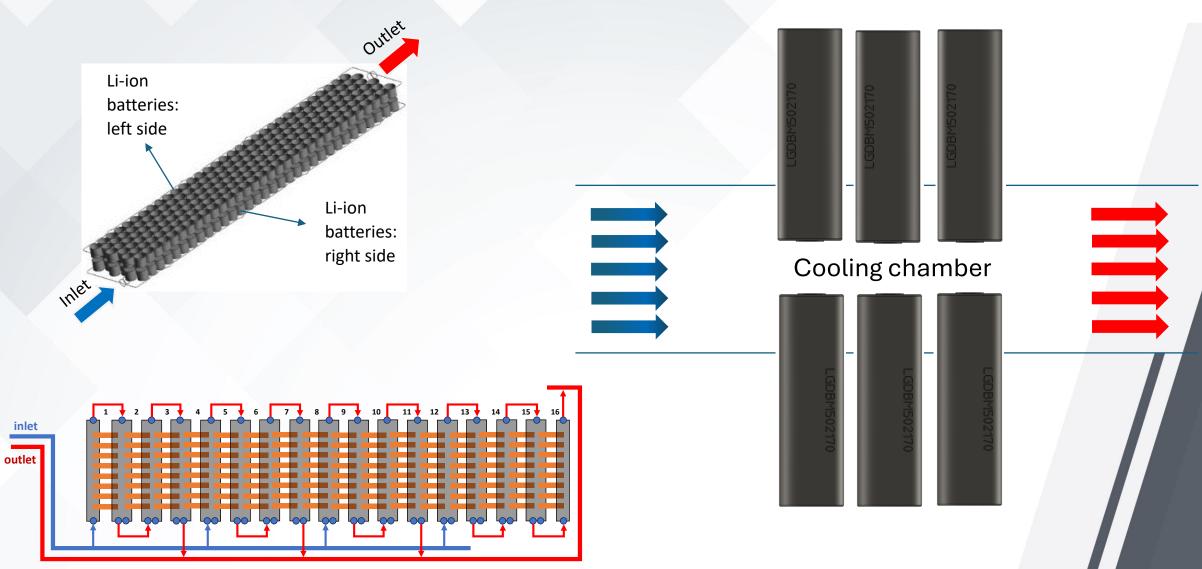
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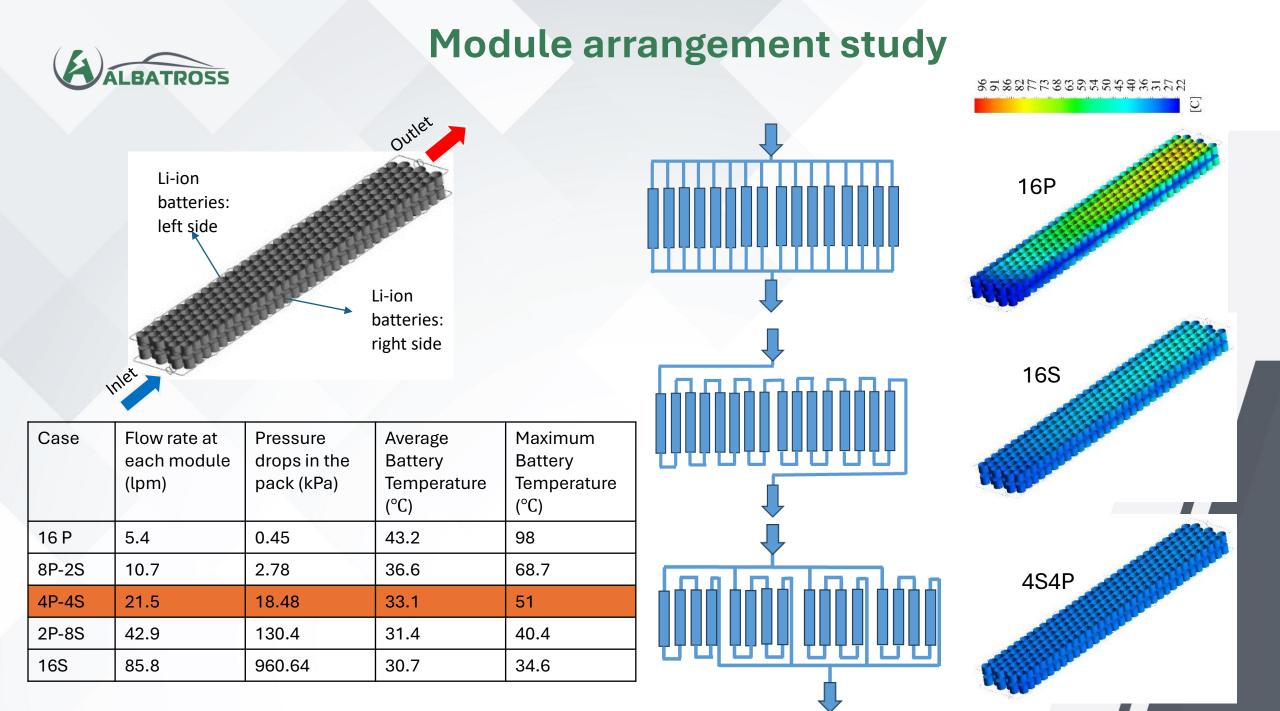
Thermal Management System – layout



Partial immersion cooling concept

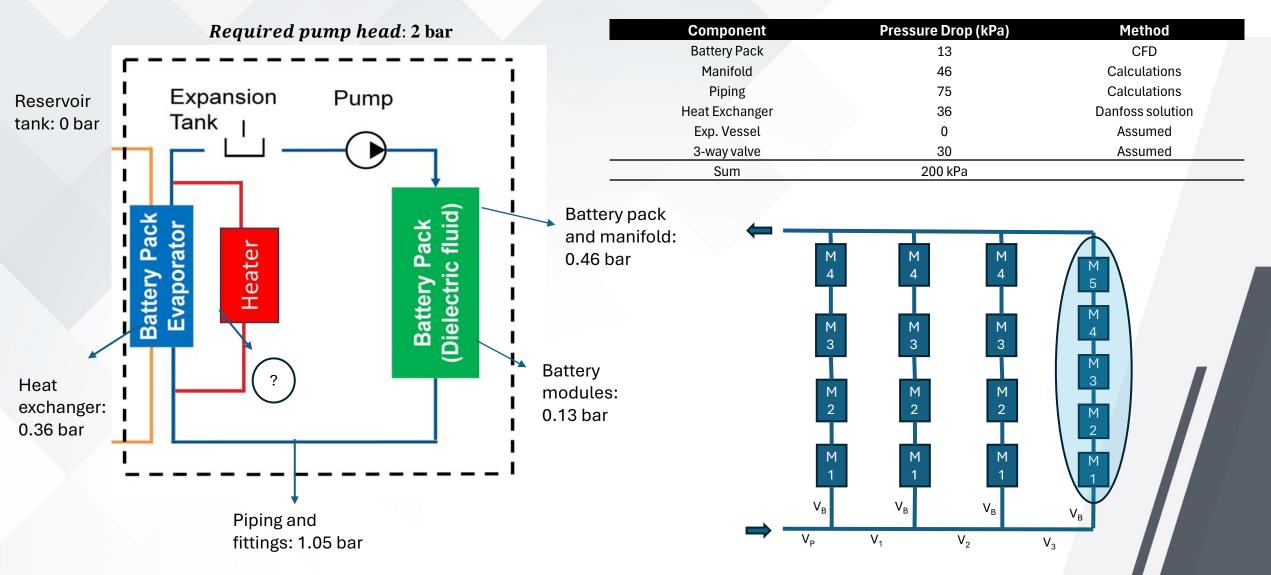




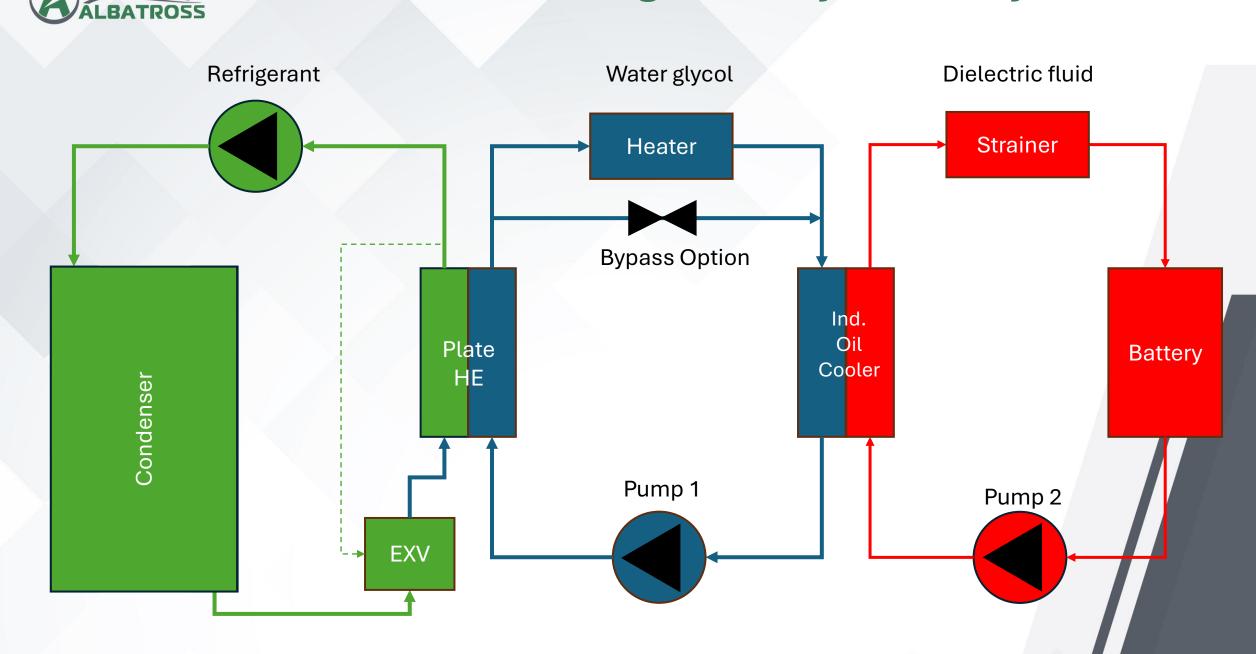




Pressure Drop calculations



New Thermal Management System – layout





Conclusions

- Partial immersion cooling is capable for the thermal management of the module.
- Average temperature of 33.1°C during fast charging using the flow rate of 85.5 lpm
- High pressure drop using the flow rate of 85.5lpm during fast charging requires precise cooling loop design



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HELIOS Project -

Innovative hybrid modular pack design with HP & HE cells to cope with different driving styles and use cases

Collabat Cluster Workshop, 26th Nov 2024 in Barcelona

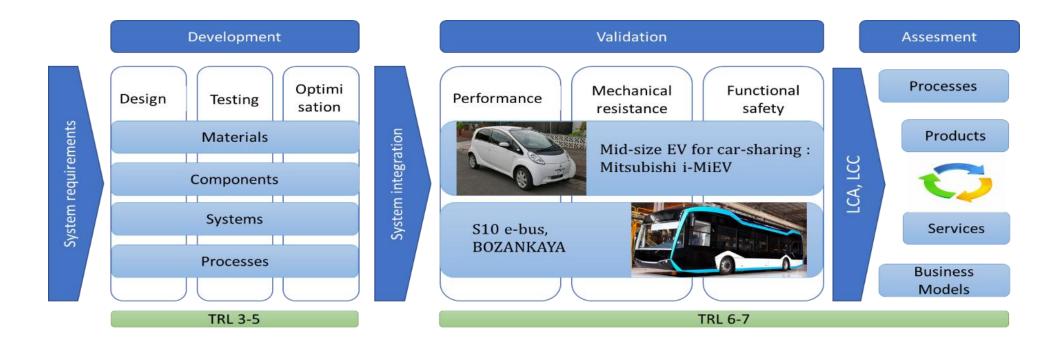


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Helios Project Overview

Methodology followed in Helios project



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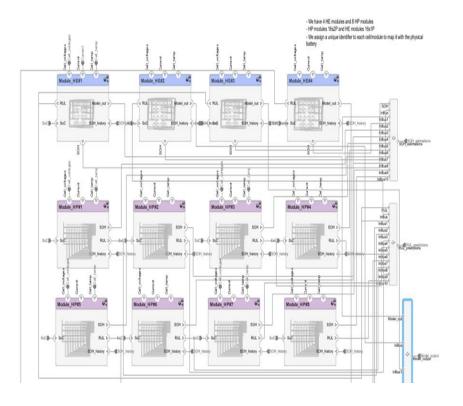
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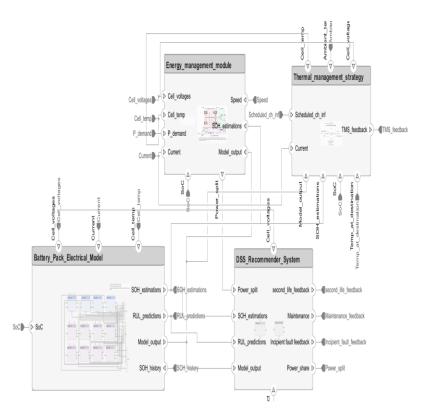
Technologies involved in HELIOS	TRL @M0	TRL @ M48
Hybrid module configuration battery packs, integrating LFP and NMC cells		7
Advanced polymers and composite material for structural components, housing and insulation	5	7
Hybrid thermal management system integrating tab and surface cooling with PCMs	4	7
Multilevel converters for the efficient management of energy and power	5	7
Multilevel converters for modularity, scalability and adaptability to the powertrain	4	6
In-vehicle AC-DC converters for ultra-fast charge	5	7
Improved charging protocols and communications	4	7
Improved state estimation methodologies, SOC and SOH	4	6
Improved control and health management strategies	4	6
Development of BMS with enhanced functionalities for state estimation and connectivity	5	7
DC-DC converter for cell balancing	4	7
Al algorithms for improved PHM embedded in the datAssist™ IoT software platform	4	6
Digital twins for performance and process circularity optimisation	4	6
LCCA tool for circular economy of Li-ion battery packs	5	7
V2G communication protocols for 1 st and 2 nd life battery pack utilisation	5	7
Big data analysis and IoTs applied to the management of performance and carbon footprint of EV fleets		6
Multisensing units integrated in the BMS for measurement of multiple parameters		7
Gas sensors for early detection of CO, VOCs, etc		5

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Complete models for DT development

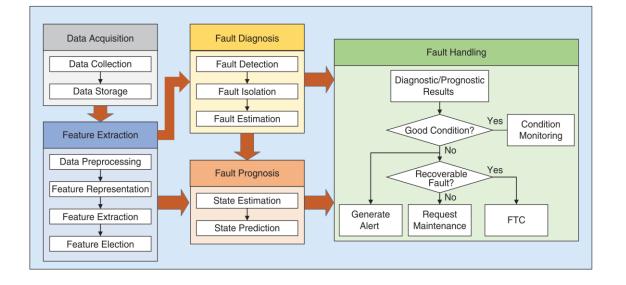


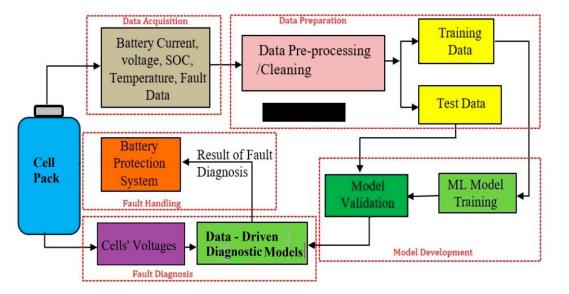


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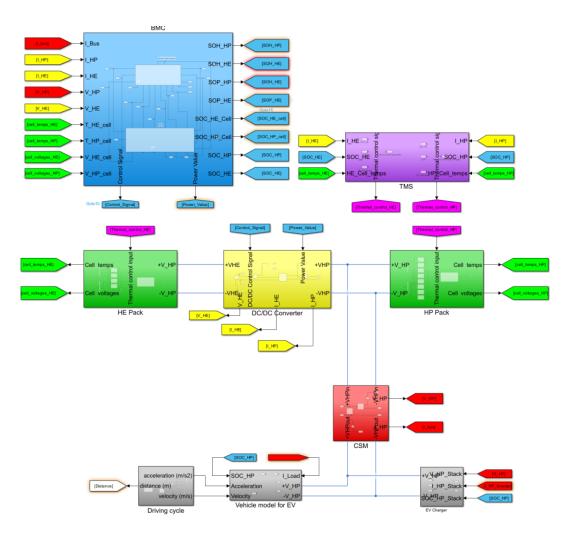
FMEA, data-driven detection and control





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System-level simulation platform

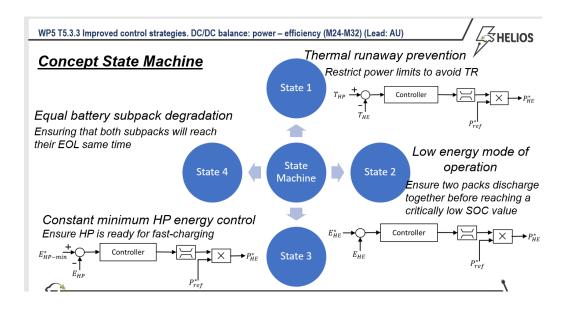


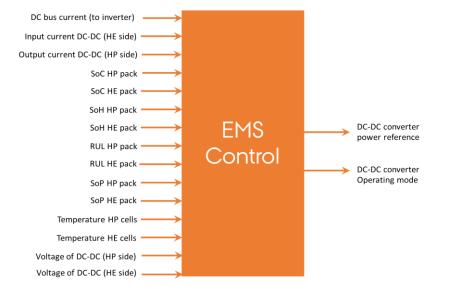
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EMS Control







BATTERY THERMAL RUNAWAY SENSOR

SENSOR TECHNOLOGY FUSION FOR BATTERY SAFETY

Pressure sensor detects strong exothermal events by pressure peak

- > Detects dangerous runaway in battery case
- > Robust technology
- > Low power consumption
- > Park-mode with BMS wake-up functionality
- > Variable detection criteria (threshold, slope, ...)

Humidity sensor for water detection & compensation

- Can detect leakage in cooling system or condensation in battery
- > Enables higher gas sensing accuracy
- > Enables dew point calculation
- > Low power consumption & Low cost

Pressure sensor only

SOP mid 2025

Pressure

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- Pressure sensor with gradient evaluation
- Low-power mode incl. BMS wake-up
- CAN communication
- QM part



- > Redundancy to detect runaway, also in case of broken battery case (no pressure built-up possible after accident)
- > Detects runaway of NMC/LFP cells or cold venting of aged cells
- > Measures H2 from water electrolysis (leakage + HV)
- > Significant gas concentration in battery case allows low sampling rate in park-mode (low current draw)
- > Shut down of battery in case of explosive gas mixture

Acceleration sensor measures mechanical misuse

- > 3-axis MEMS sensor detects acceleration up to 200 g
- > Accidents and ground contacts of battery can be detected
- > Robust technology with low power consumption

Pressure / gas and humidity sensor

SOP end 2026

- Pressure + hydrogen sensor with gradient / threshold evaluation
- Low-power mode incl. BMS wake-up
- CAN communication (LIN optional)
- ASIL B rating

Hidrogen

Acceleratio



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Integrated Sensors:

- absolute pressure sensor
- hydrogen sensor
- relative humidity sensor
- temperature sensor

20 mm

- 3D Accelerometer

60 mm

60 to 165 kPa
0 to 40 %
0 to 100 %
-40 to 125 °C

±200 g

Samples available

for testing

Communication:

- CAN-Interface (500kBaud)
- 4 Pins (Ubat, GND, CAN H, CAN L)
- dbc file delivered from VT

Power Supply:

- Sensor Voltage 12V (always on)

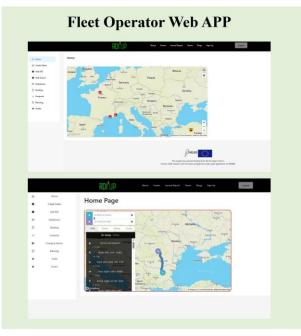


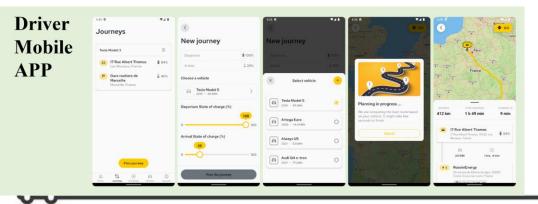


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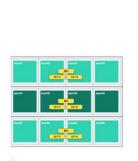
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Fleet Management Platform (FMP)





IoT Platform



Fault Management DSS

charging stations

Fault reporting and

based on knowledge

decision making

graphs

Fault management from battery

cloud-based SW platforms, and

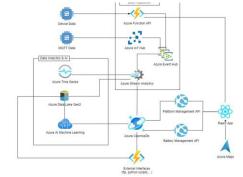
Model for the

detection of long-

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of battery cells

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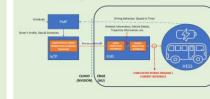


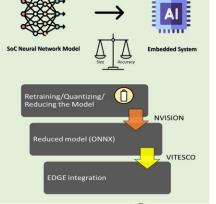


EMS based on Driving Behaviour



Model training in the cloud, and inferred in the Edge for a better EMS

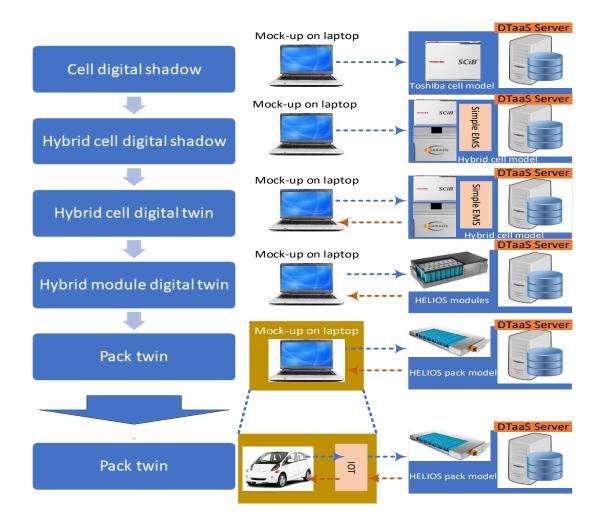


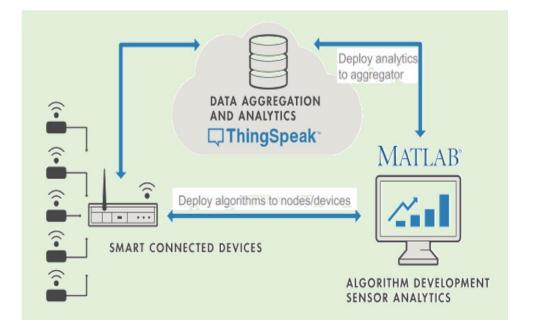


Edge-based SoC Data-driven Model

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Digital Twin Platform (DTP)





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Outlook

- In the final validation of the Helios hybrid modular battery concept, we will show our results in two use-case towards end of 2024, on the extreme ends of needs and driving styles
- A small EV (Mitsubishi iMiEV) and a fullsize E-Bus from Bozankaya





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Immersion Cooling System

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Lightweight Battery System for Extended Range at Improved Safety



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EV Thermal Management System

- Passengers safety





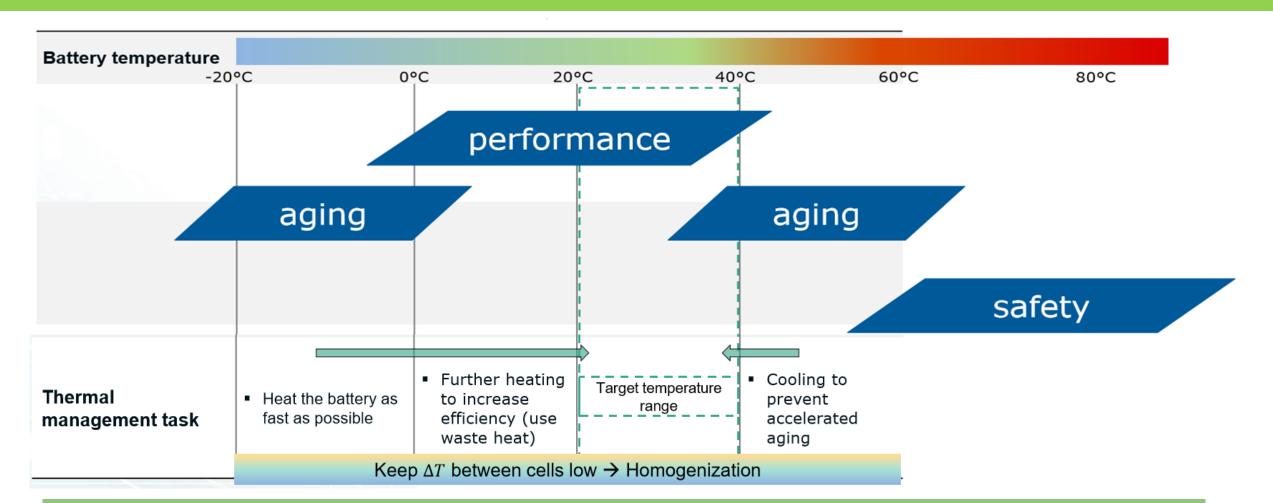
Cabin comfort - Heating & cooling **Battery Thermal Management** Dehumidification - Cooling/heating Welcome comfort - Heat recovery for cabin heating - Pre-heating - Quick charging **Powertrain & Electronics cooling** - Power availability - Cooling - Heat recovery for cabin or battery heating **Thermal Runaway** - Avoid propagation

- Battery thermal management is achieved through the Thermal Management
 System (TMS), in conjunction with cabin and powertrain cooling.
- Additionally, battery **safety** has become a key focus.

The battery ideal temperature





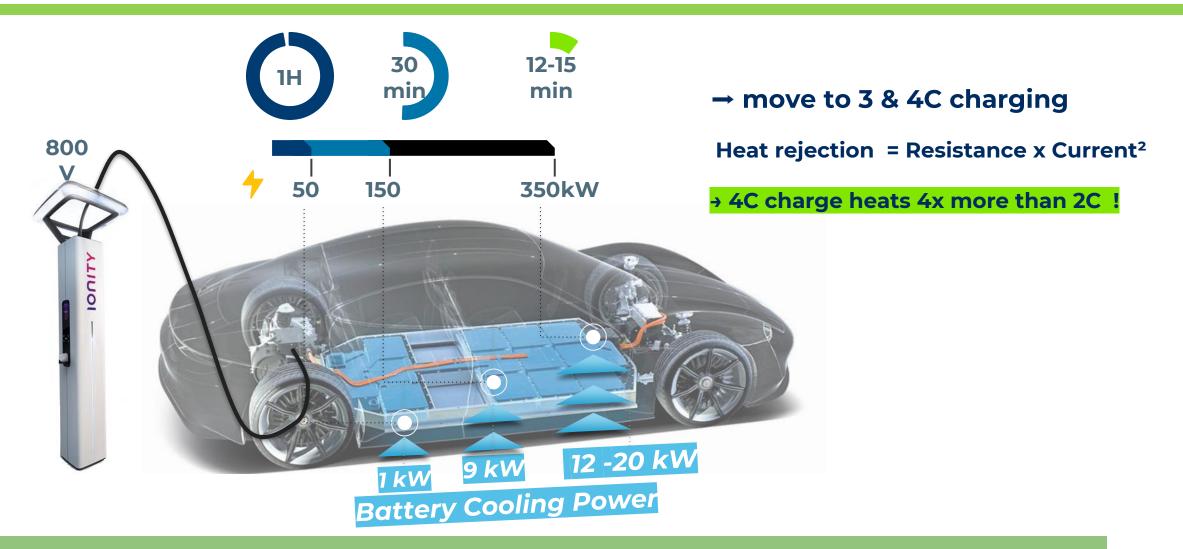


Battery thermal management involves a trade-off among **safety**, **performance**, and **durability**

Fast charging requires enhanced cooling







Reducing charging time has become a priority for EVs, necessitating increased battery cooling capacity.

Avoid thermal propagation







Mechanical Abuse Collision and Crush Penetration **Electrical Abuse** External Short circuit Overcharge Over discharge Thermal abuse **Internal Short Circuit**

Avoiding **thermal propagation** in the event of cell failure has become essential to ensure passenger safety

Optimal Thermal Management System

Lithium-ion transport membran





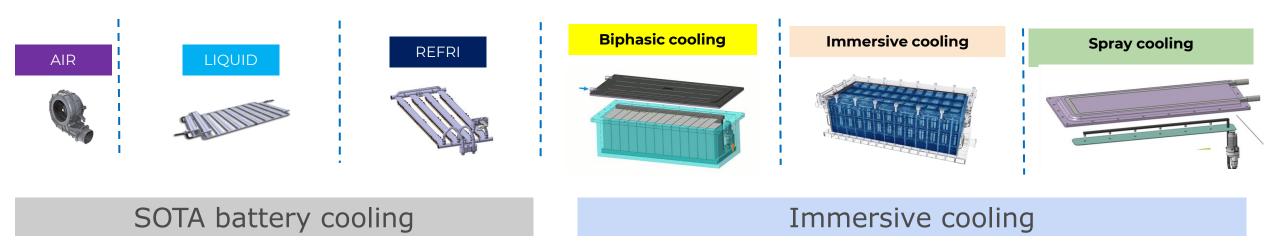
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For a given cell **chemistry**, **charge/discharge** profile, and environment, the optimal battery thermal management (BTM) system is a compromise among **cost**, **weight**, **and performance**.

A new way to cool the battery







Compared to cold plates, **immersive cooling** with dielectric fluid enhances overall heat transfer and improves the durability of the cells.





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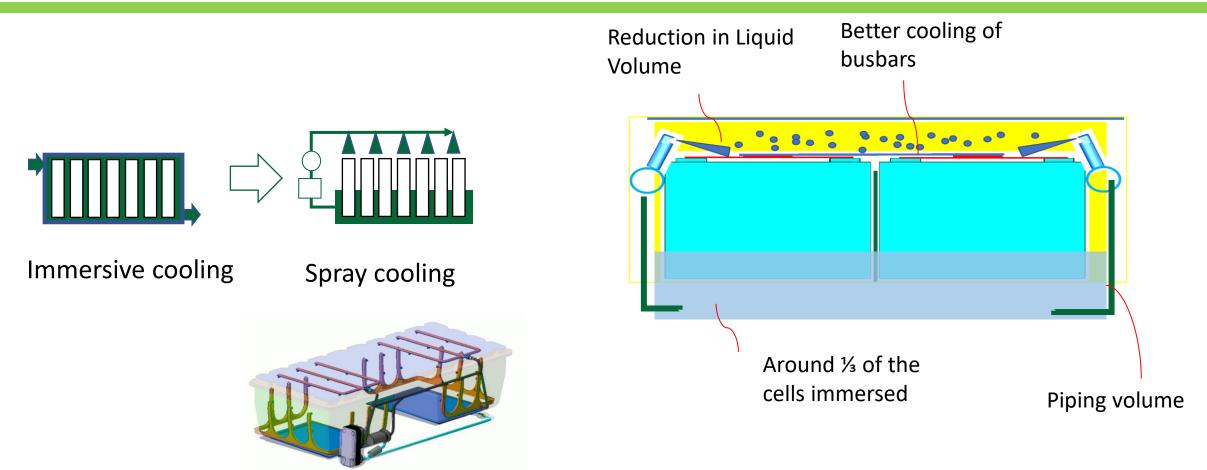
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Advantages of Spray Cooling







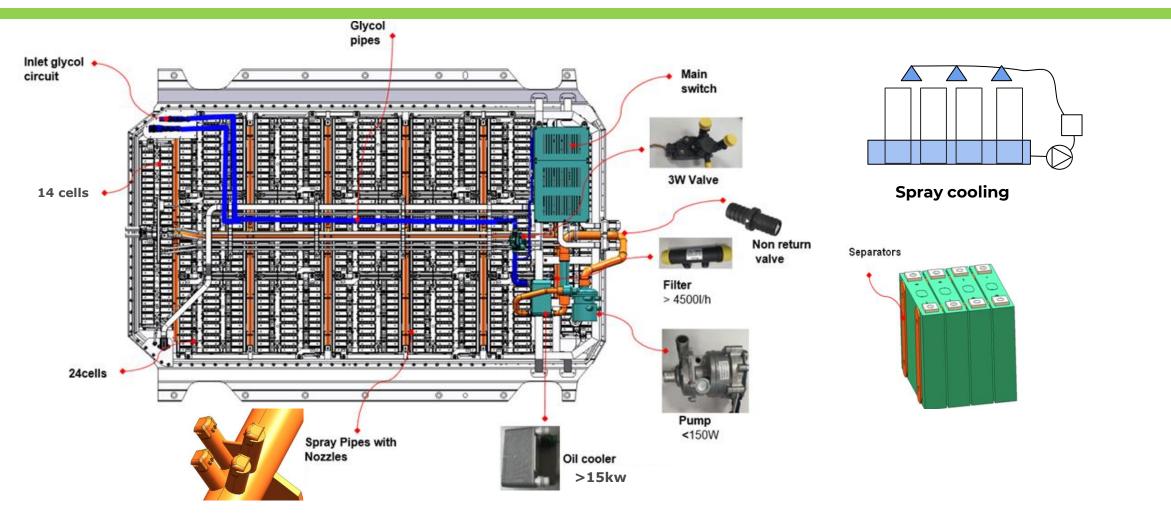
• Spray cooling **reduces** battery **weight** and **cost** by minimizing the required dielectric fluid.

 Additionally, it effectively cools the **busbars** at the top of the cells, enhancing overall thermal performance.

Integration at Liberty battery pack





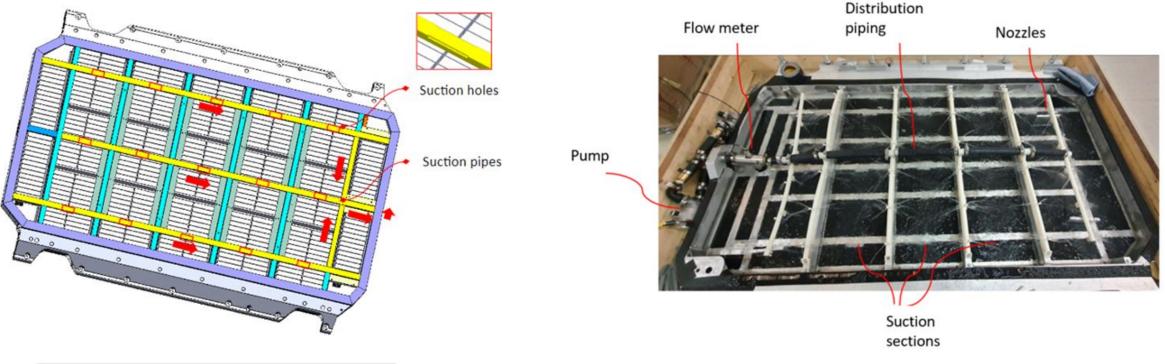


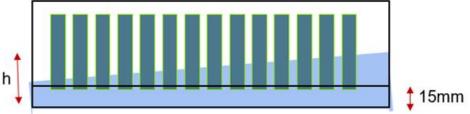
Spray immersive cooling and component integration optimize the available volume of the battery pack **without requiring additional volume or packaging**

Fluid Balance and Filling Optimization







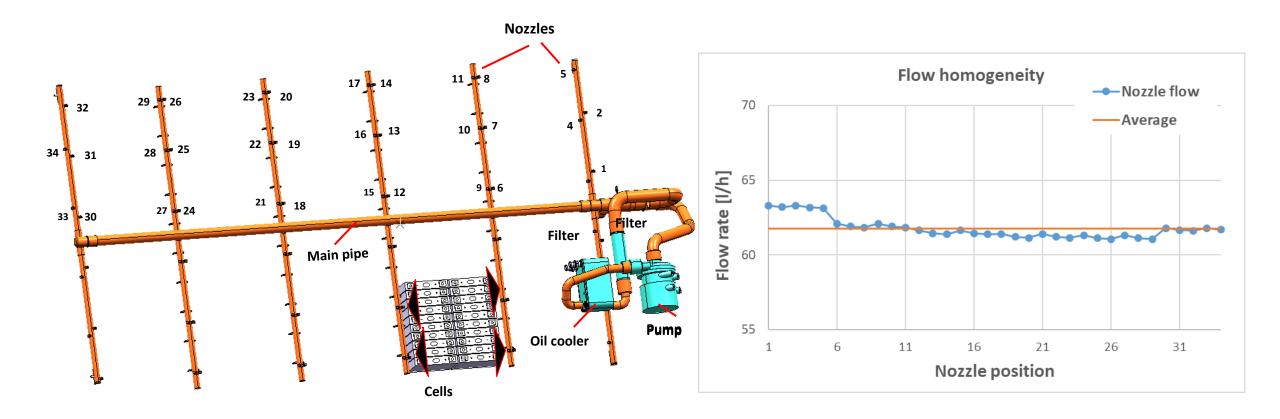


Optimizing suction openings ensures balanced filling across different battery compartments

Flow Distribution at the Nozzles







Special attention was given to the distribution and **location of the nozzles**, as well as the **diameter of the pipes**, to ensure **balanced flow** rates of **less than 3 L/min**.

At the Final Battery Pack







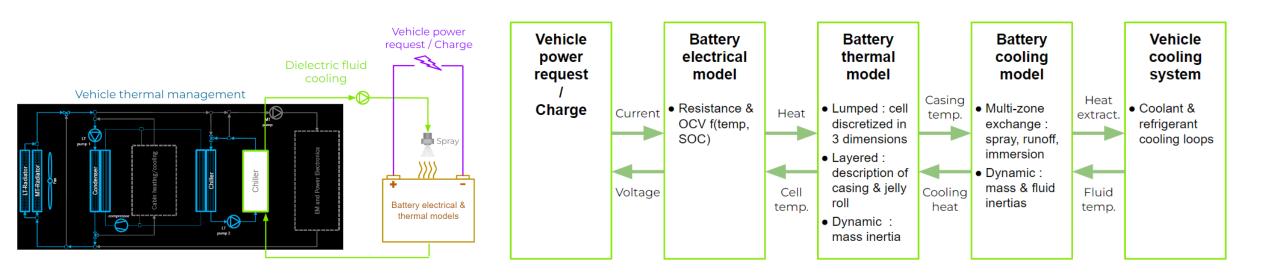


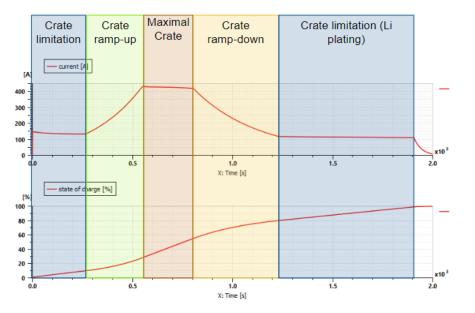
Fluid suction and nozzle distribution were verified in the **final battery pack**

Thermal Management Numerical model







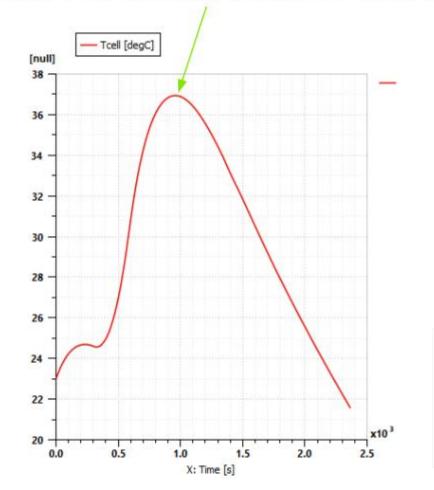


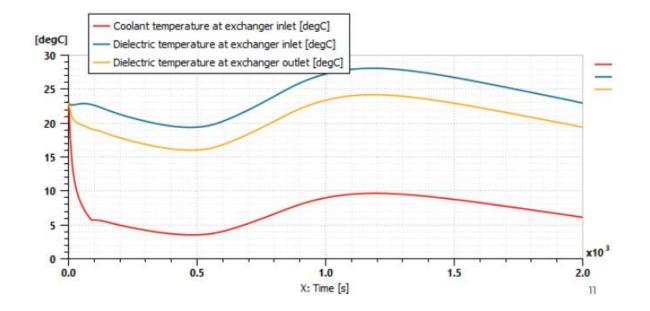
A complete predictive model was developed to include the **entire global car thermal management** system.





With cooling *, cells remain under 40°C Maximal Crate duration could be extended





The simulations predict the cells' charging cycles and thermal behavior





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CTS climate chamber pack







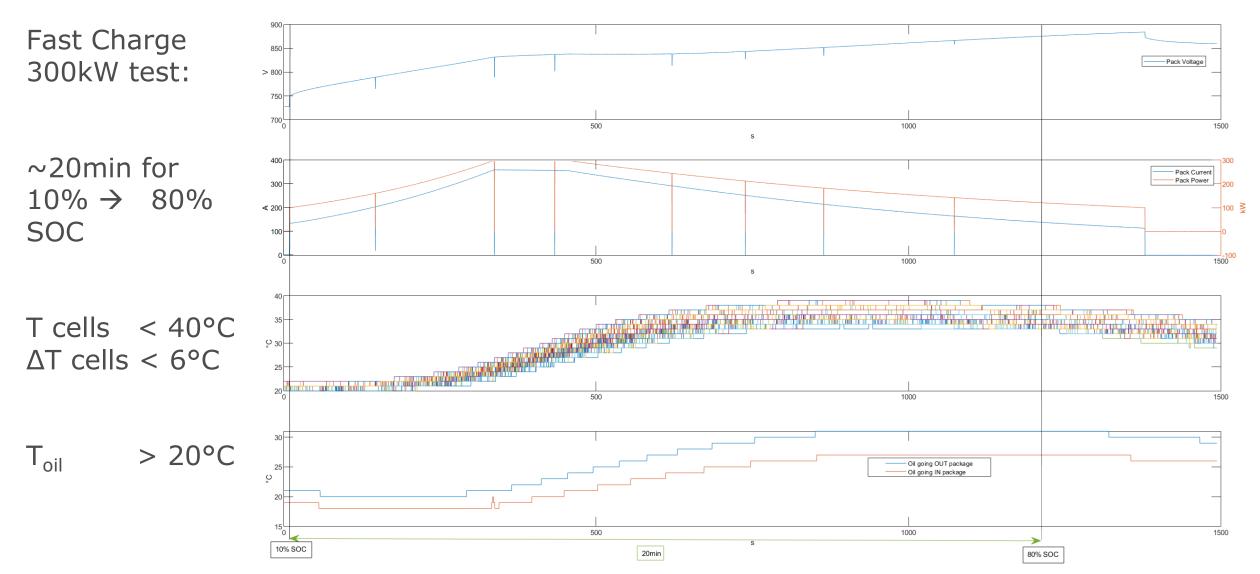


Test performed on the battery pack for validation of immersion cooling system:

- □ Fast Charge:
 - \circ 300kW
 - 2.33C (18min)

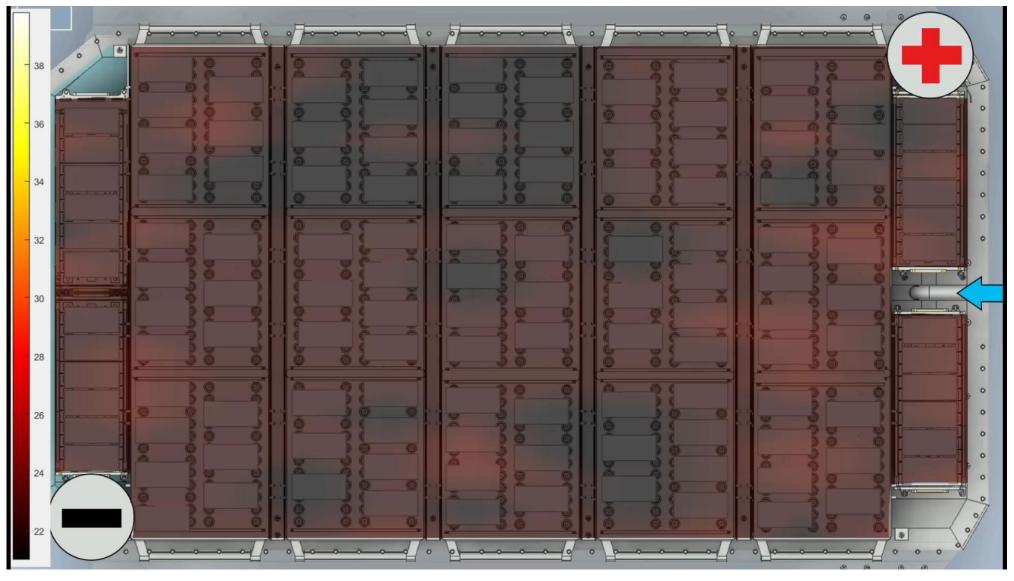




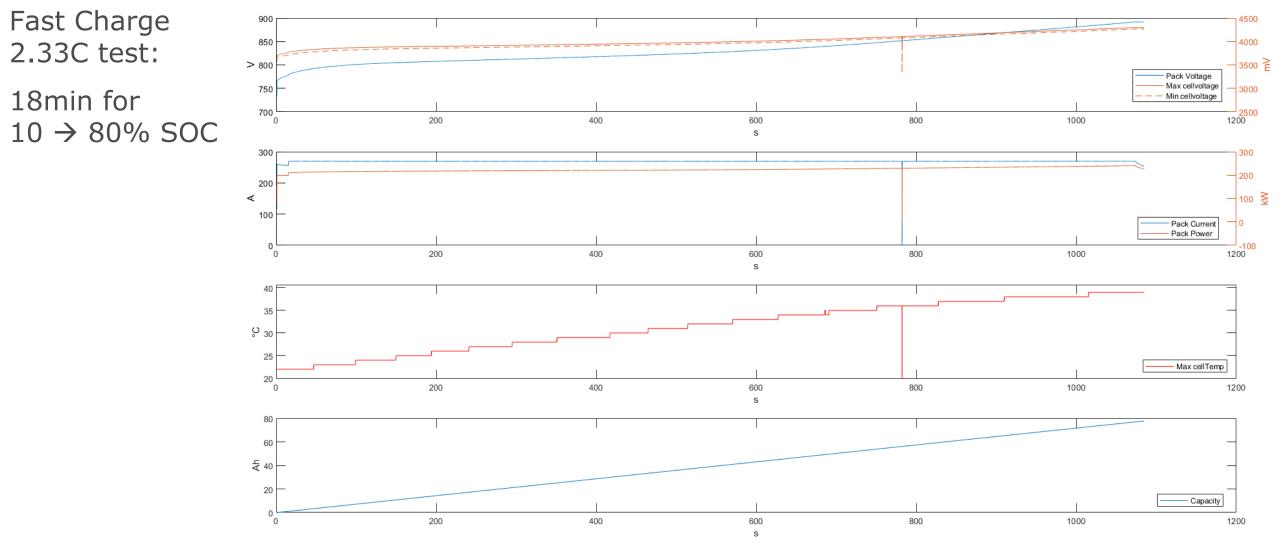




Fast Charge 300kW heat distribution





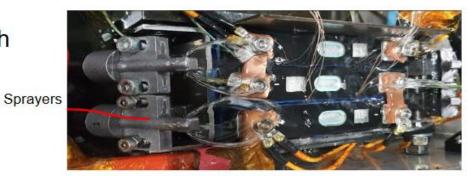


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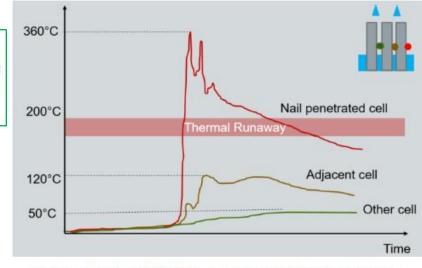
LIGHTWEIGHT BATTERY SYSTEM HIGHTWEIGHT BATTERY SYSTEM

ACTIVE SAFETY (With spray)

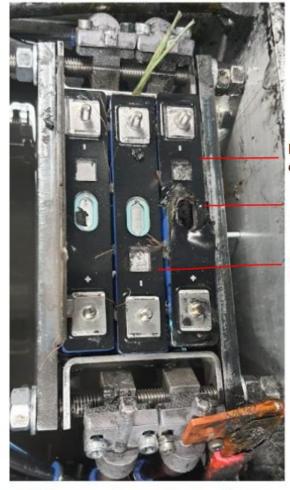
- Objective : TR validation with spray cooling
- Test method : nail penetration
- Cells 58Ah (CALB)
- Flow rate ~ 4.5l/min
- T cooling = 25°C
- Test method : nail penetration
- Test result: No TR propagation to the adjacent cells
- Max penetrated cell temperature 365°C
- Max average temperature of the adjacent cell 85°C → no TR propagation



Spray cooling over the cells



TR results (09/03/2023 at Virtual Vehicle Austria)



Visual of the cells after the TR tests

Nail penetrated cell Cell venting opened

Adjacent cell not impacted



Thank you



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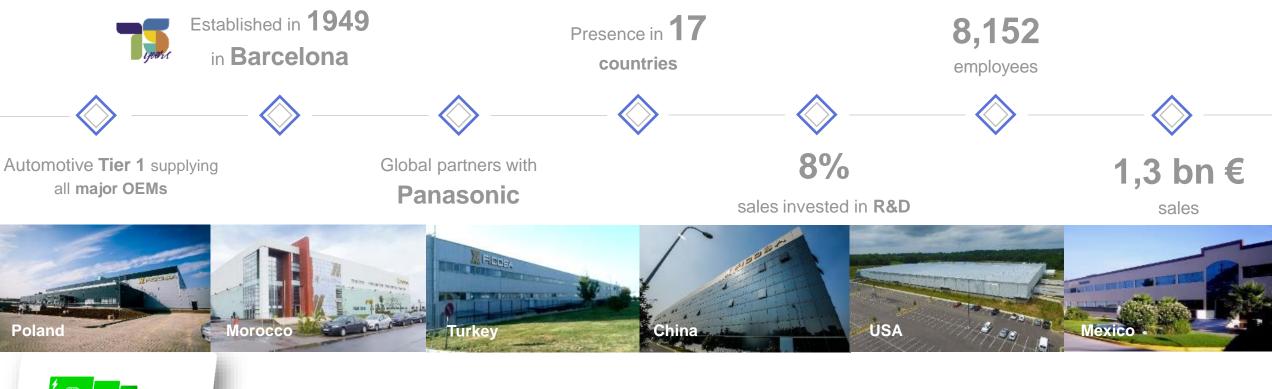
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Switchable 400V/800V JBOX for Ultra-Fast Charging

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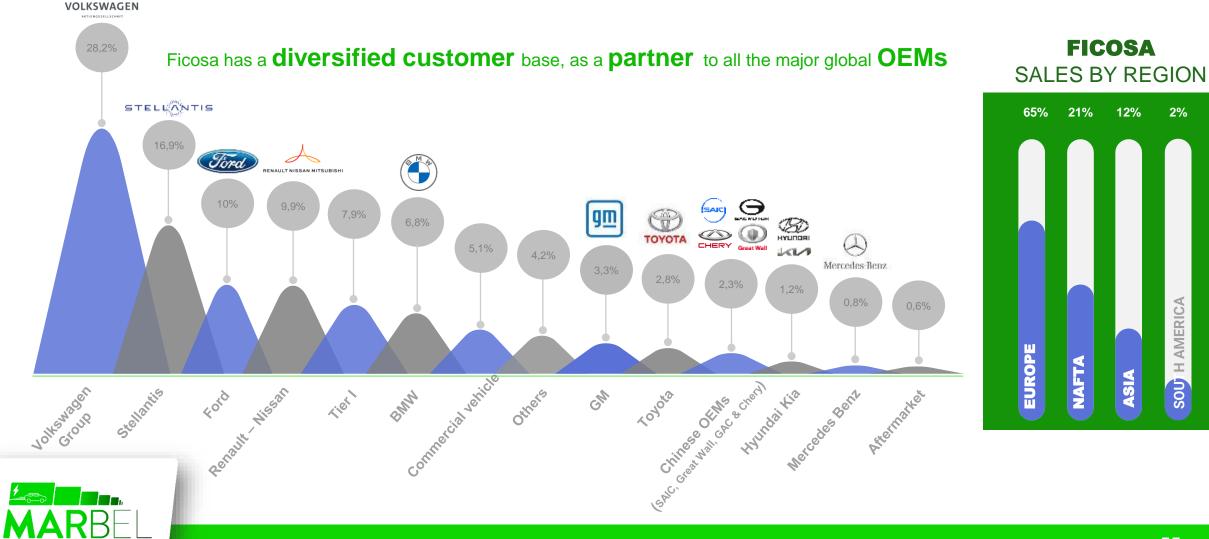


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FICOSA CUSTOMER DIVERSIFICATION



FICOSA BUSINESS UNITS

eMobility

Battery Management System, Junction Boxes, Current Sensors and Charging Systems

Command and Control

Gearbox actuators, Shifter-by-wire, MTX / ATX Gearshift and Styling parts, Electric Lumbar Systems and light cables.

Rearview Systems

Exterior Mirrors, Interior Mirrors and IRMS (Intelligent Rearview Monitoring System), Sensor Cleaning System

ADAS

Parking Cameras, Camera Monitoring Systems (eMirror), Surround View Systems, Autopark and Object sensing Camera, In-Cabin detection

stems

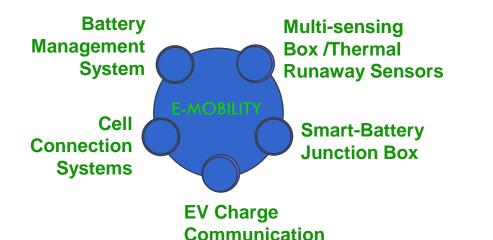


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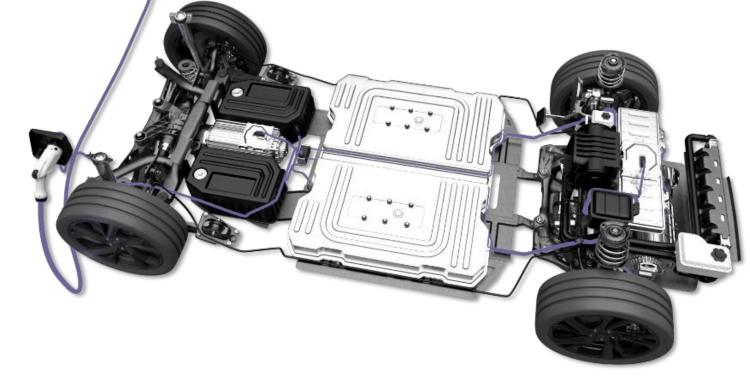


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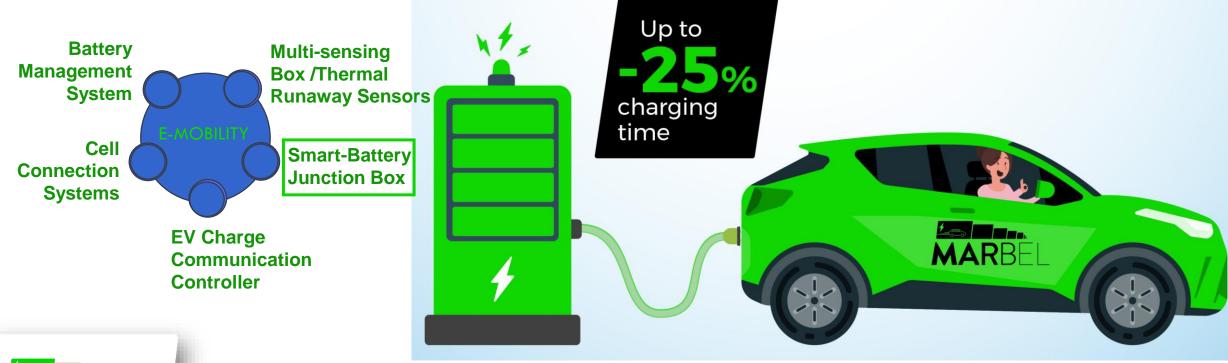


Controller



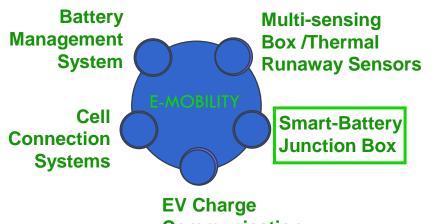










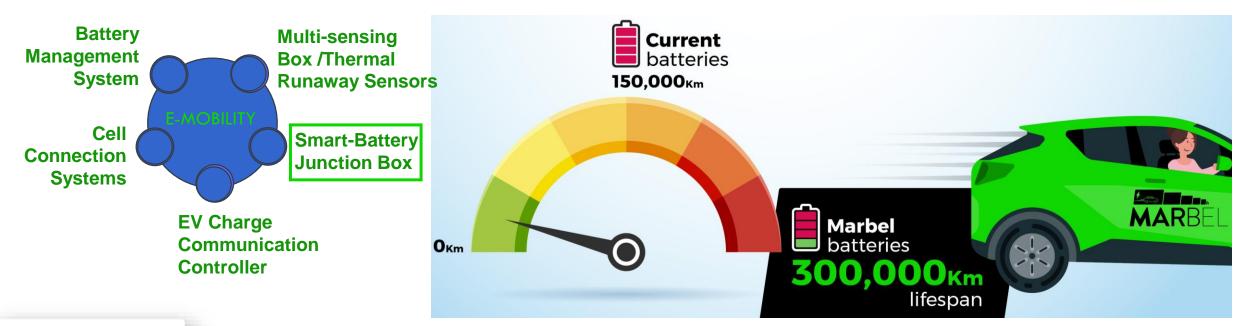


Communication Controller











What were We thinking about in 2020? 400 V vs 800 V technologies

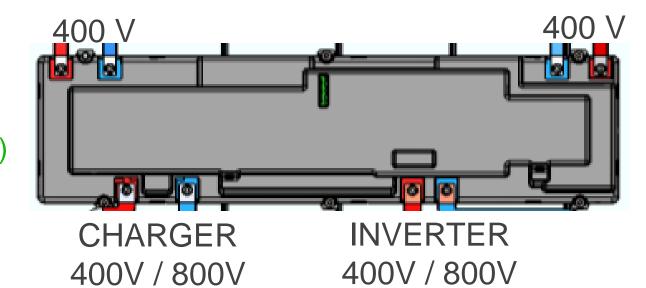
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	400V Architecture	800V Architecture		120 kW 400-volt charger with 300A	6	400-volt electric vehicle
Faster Charging Times	Charge times are typically current-limited either due to the capacity of the cables or the heat generated by the higher currents.	Supports higher power charging due to lower current needed for similar power.		LECTRIC VEHICLE ENERGY STORAGE COMPANY 180 kW 800-volt charger with 300A		800-volt electric vehicle
More Power	Higher power potential with similar current profiles and smaller motors.	Can provide more power to the motors for faster acceleration.	3.50%	US – Penetration of 800V Chargers	EU - F	Penetration of 800V Chargers
Low-Current Cable Support	Many high-power chargers use 200A cables, limiting 400V vehicles to slower-than- expected charging speeds.	Higher voltage enables the use of lower current cables. This applies to both charging and the powertrain.	3.00% 2.50% 2.00%		3.00% 2.50% 2.00%	
No Additional Hardware Needed	400V vehicles are already compatible with both 400V and 800V chargers.	Requires a DC/DC converter to be able to charge on existing 400V charging infrastructure.	1.50% 1.00% 0.50%		1.50% 1.00% 0.50%	
Greater Efficiency and Range	Heavier components and less energy recovery potential compared to 800V. Higher currents produce more heat.	Able to capture more power from regenerative braking. Less energy lost to heat. Overall lighter build leads to better efficiency/range.	0.00%	2022 Q2 2022 Q3 2022 Q4 2023 Q1 2023 Q2 2023 Q3 Number of 800V In-Production Vehicle		2022 Q3 2022 Q4 2023 Q1 2023 Q2 2023 Q3
Lighter Components	Current limitations lead to heavier cables, power equipment, and motors being used due to lower voltage.	Lighter cables, power equipment, and motors can be used due to high voltage supporting lower current.	20			OEMs with 800V models Audi Genesis GMC
Lower Cost to Build	No new architecture required and existing high-volume components can be used.	Requires a rework of vehicle architecture and investment into new electronic components.	10			Hyundai Kia Porsche Audi
Source: SBD Automotive			0 —	2019 Q1 2020 Q1 2021 Q1 2022 Q1 2023	Q1 2023 Q3	Hyundai Kia Porsche
Future is (>) 800 V, but when will it be a reality?						

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 ↑Battery Lifetime & Safety
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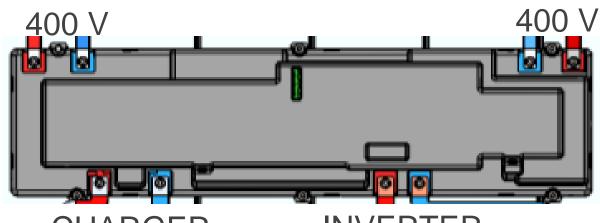




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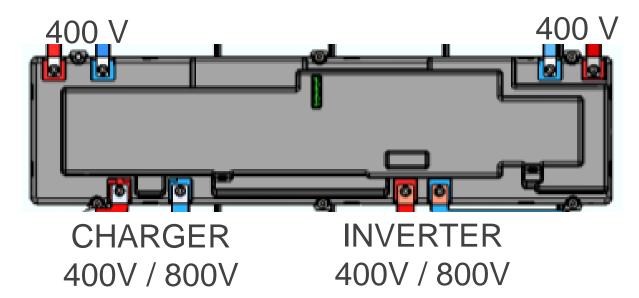
CHARGER 400V / 800V INVERTER 400V / 800V





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- Con → Future is (>)800V in EV & EVSE
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 Contactor's ageing when cycled



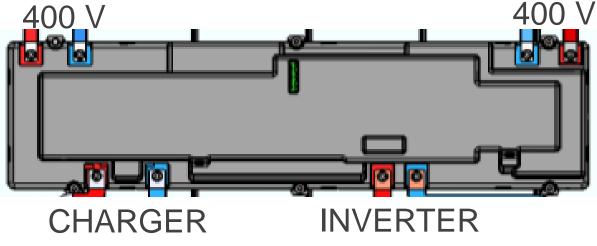






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 $Pro \rightarrow \uparrow Sustainability vs Copper$ ↓Weight & Cost vs Copper



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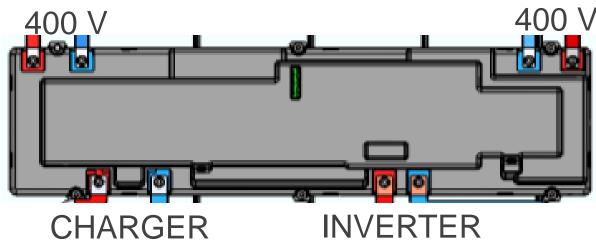


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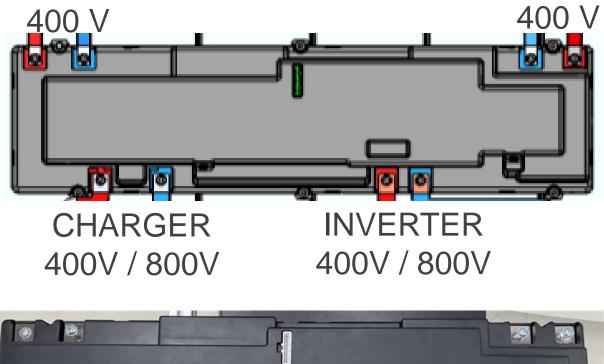
INVERTER 400V / 800V





- Aluminium busbars (instead of Copper)
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- Con → Ni-coating (↓Sustainability)
 Non recycled AI (↓Sustainability)



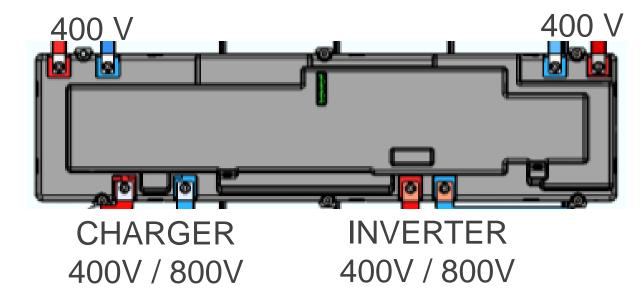






Optimized Housing (Brackett/Cover)

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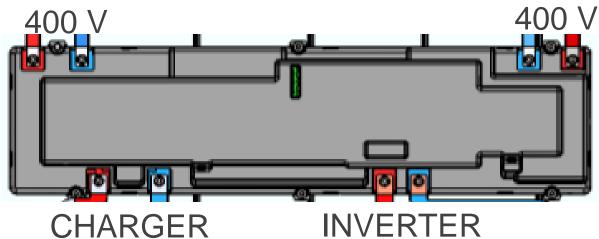






- Optimized Housing (Brackett/Cover)
- **Pro** \rightarrow \uparrow Sustainability + \downarrow Weight & Cost.
- Con → Non recycled Plastic* (↓Sustainability) *Polypropylene (PP) & Polyamide (PA)





400V / 800V

INVERTER 400V / 800V







Manufacturing and assembly of modular and reusable EV battery for environment-friendly and lightweight mobility

THANK YOU!

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