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*Safe Batteries with power*

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## Concerns for electrical cars

Safety



⇒ New Safety sensors

Battery Life



⇒ New BMS concepts

⇒ Ultra caps

High Costs

⇒ Cost-efficient BMS ICs  
and safety components

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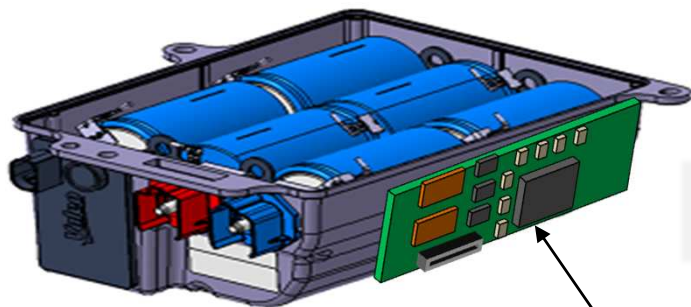
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### Ultra Capacitor power pack as extension for Li-Ion batteries

New high density  
ultra capacitors



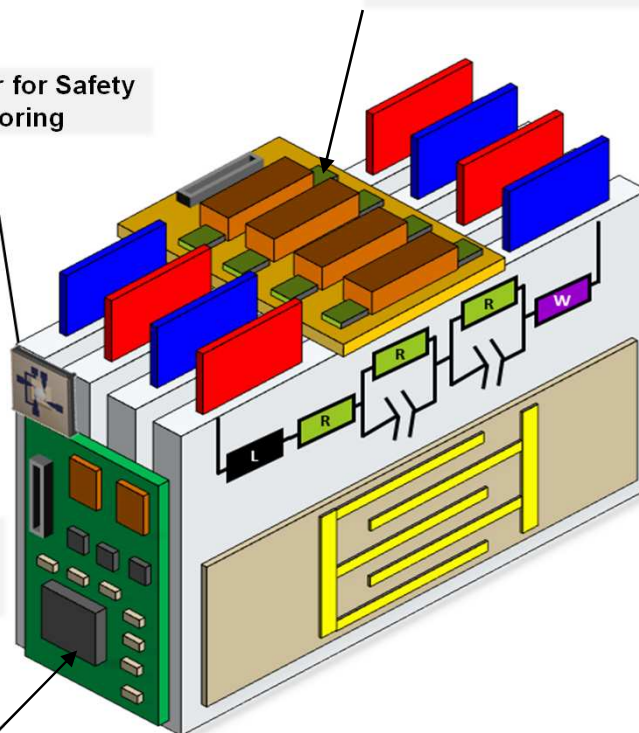
### Li-Ion energy pack

Gas Sensor for Safety  
Monitoring

New low cost  
Power Antifuses

new MEMS based  
spark detection  
sensor

Cell Monitoring and  
Balancing IC, new HV  
isolation IP an test  
equipment



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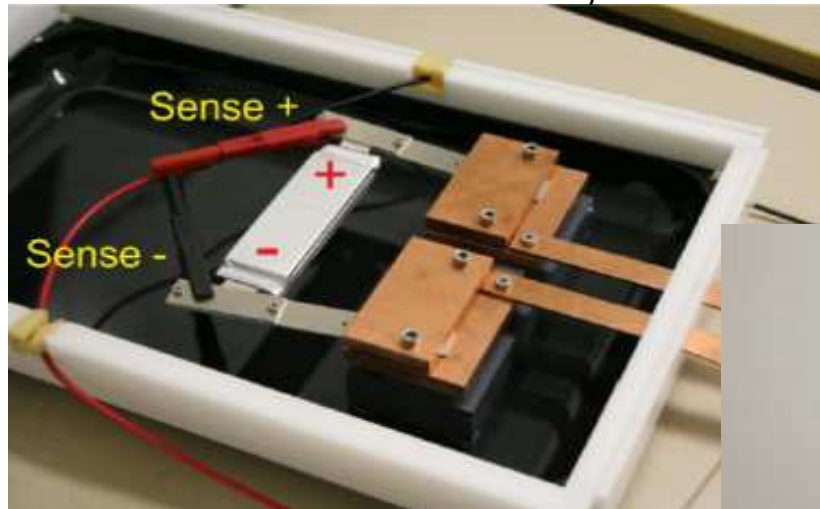
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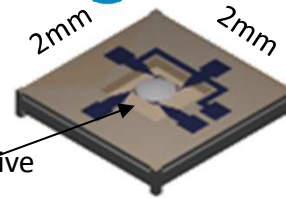
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## Li-cell tests



Membrane with  
electrodes and sensitive  
layer



MEMS gas sensor

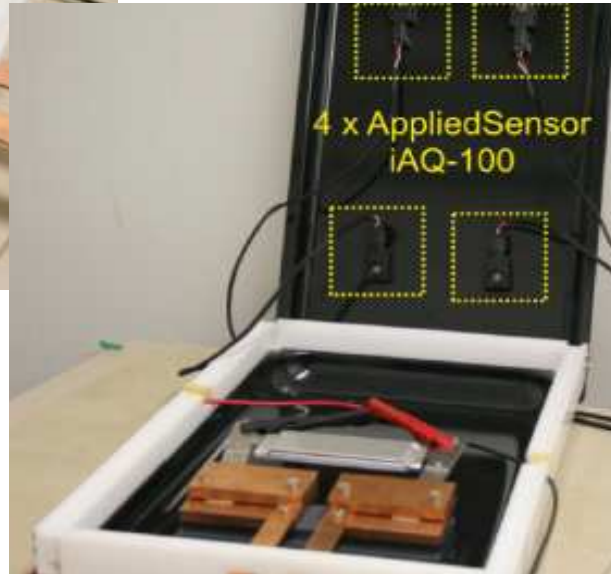


### Stress Tests

- Nail penetration test
- Overcharging
- Short-circuit

### Automotive pouch cells

- LiFePO<sub>4</sub>, 10Ah
- LiMnO<sub>2</sub>, 20Ah
- LiCoO<sub>2</sub>, 5Ah



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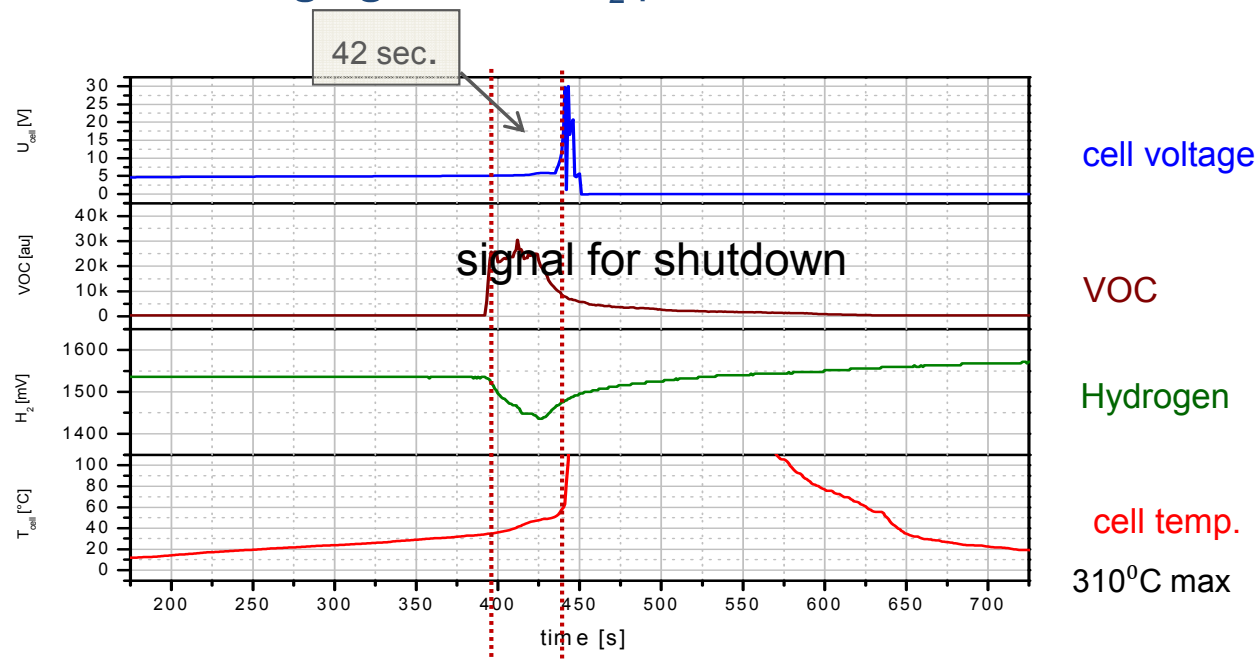


# evs|27 VOC emission in Li-Ion tests

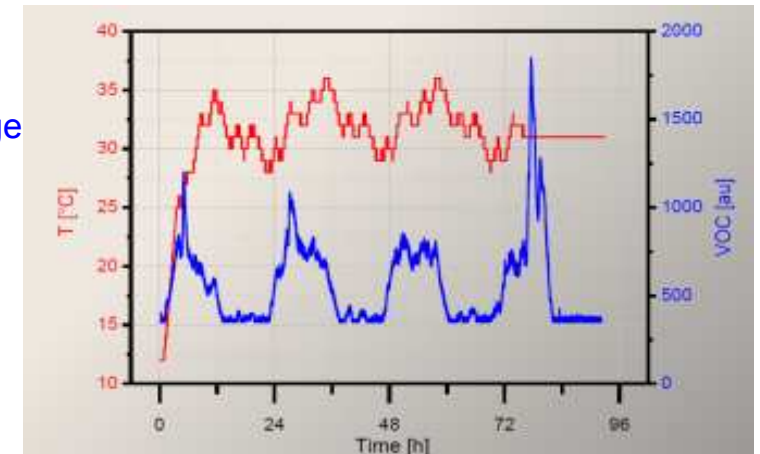
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Overcharging LiCoO<sub>2</sub> pouch cell, 5Ah, I=60A



LFP 40 Ah cycling



Threshold set to 12k [au]

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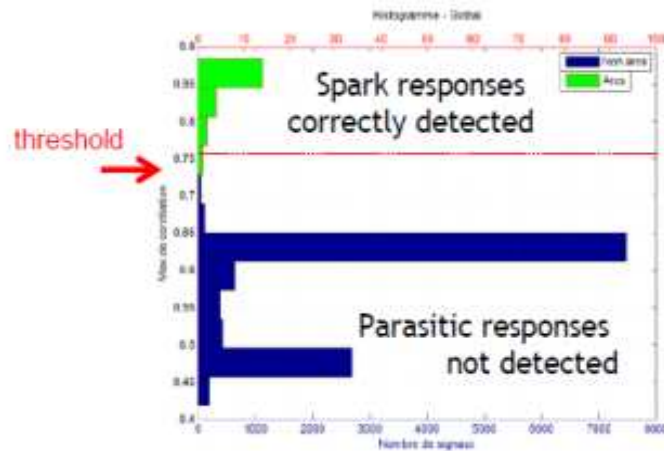


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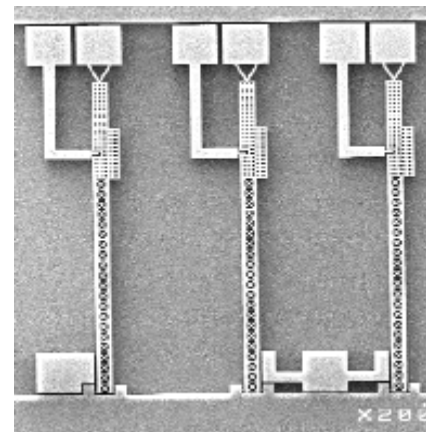
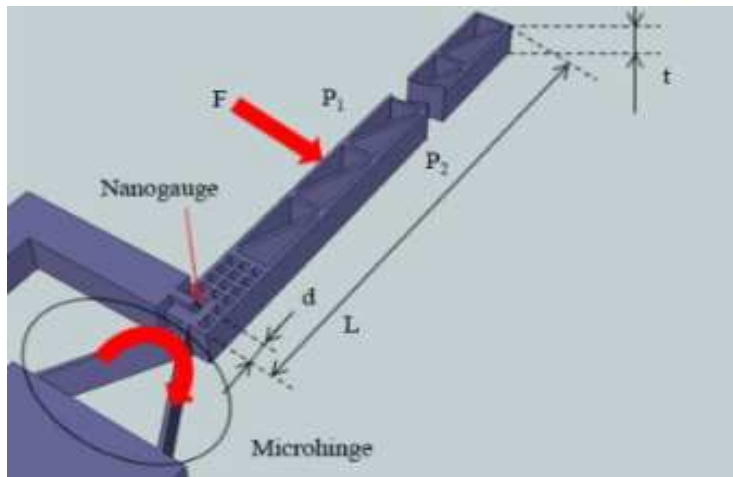


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# Development of new Spark Sensor



- Commercial MEMS microphone up to 70 kHz are not good enough for spark detection
- MEMS sensor targeting for up to 300 kHz BW to increase the gap to parasitic responses



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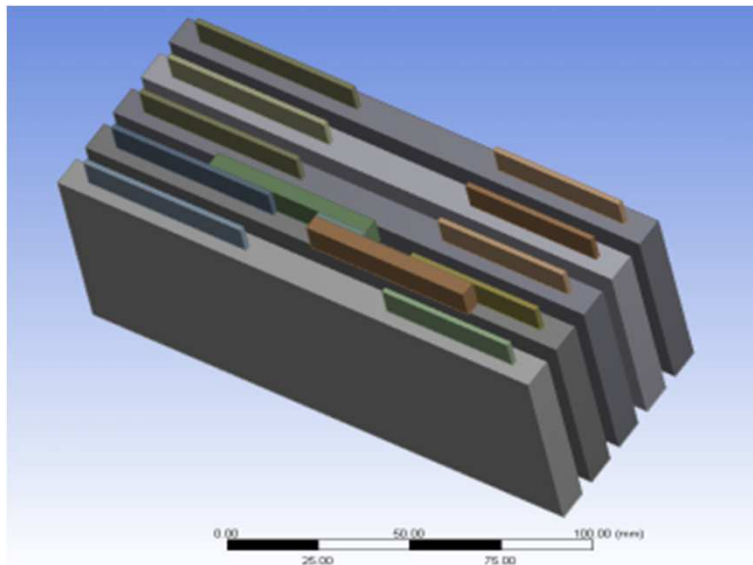


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# Development of new antifuse devices

## To short faulty cells for FEV limp home function

- Self triggered or external trigger
- First samples under test:



Category	Value	Comment
Maximum current	100 A	
Maximum series resistance	1 mOhm	10 W dissipation at 100 A
Untriggered antifuse fusing technology		Aluminum spiking
Externally triggered antifuse fusing technology		Exothermic reaction
Material costs	< 0.20 €	

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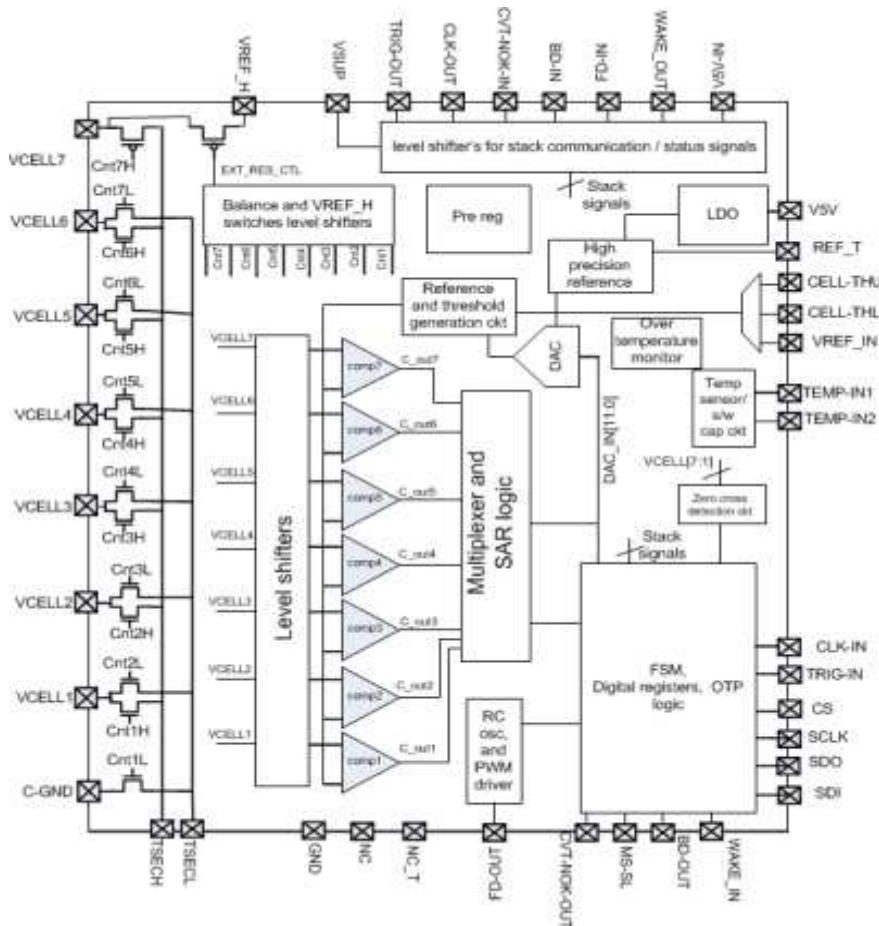


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- Supports 3-7 cells, cell voltages from 1,8V to 4,5V
- Chainable up to 32 IC's
- Simultaneous cell monitoring
- Autonomous balancing on trigger
  - Small balancing currents up to 150 mA, all switches integrated
  - simultaneous cell voltage capture and compare with a reference
  - Sequential passive balancing through one external discharge resistor or active balancing through an external fly back converter
- Split in fast direct action communication and slow, EMC robust serial communication through shared pins



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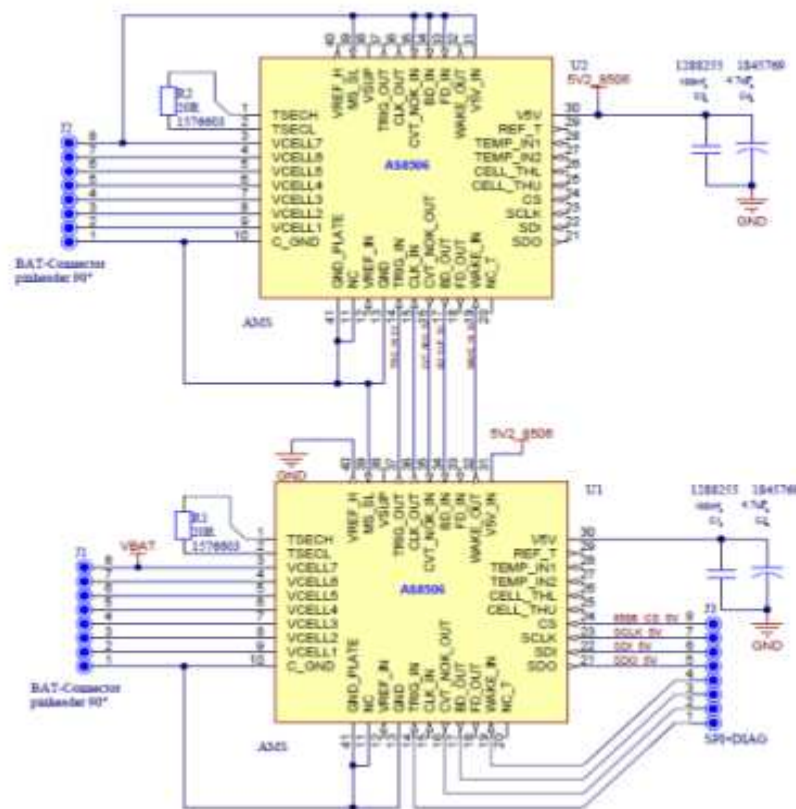
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## BMS BOM for monitoring and balancing

14 Cells, passive balancing



Distributed topology

- Local compare for fast monitoring
  - Sequential and autonomous balancing on trigger
- It moves functions which are today in software to hardware

Shared pin communication

- Fast direct action diagnosis
- EMC robust low speed serial daisy chain communication - no need for galvanic isolation

Optional stand alone operation without micro

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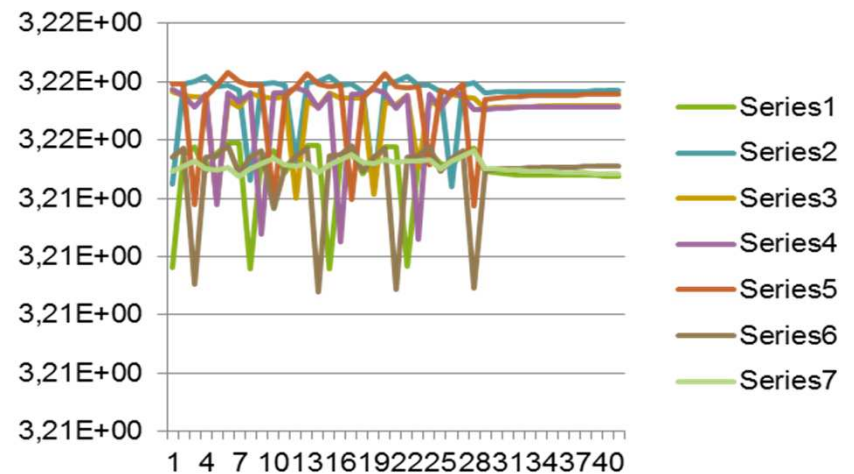
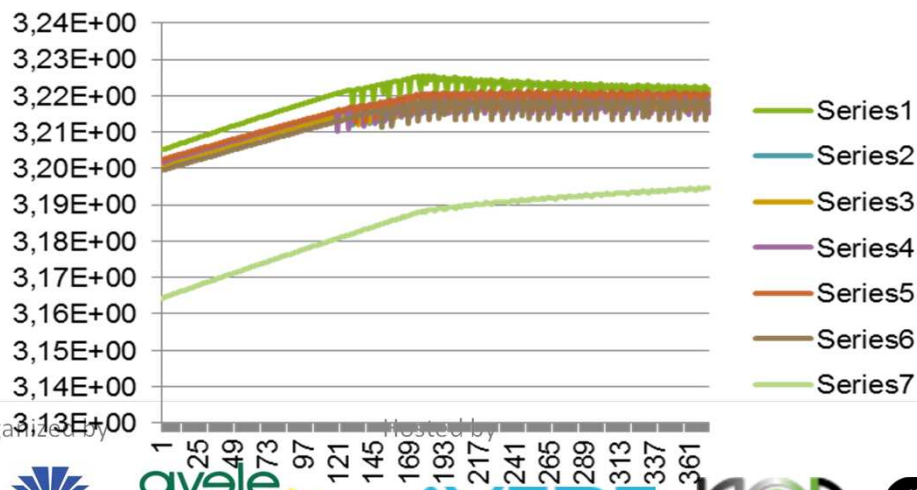
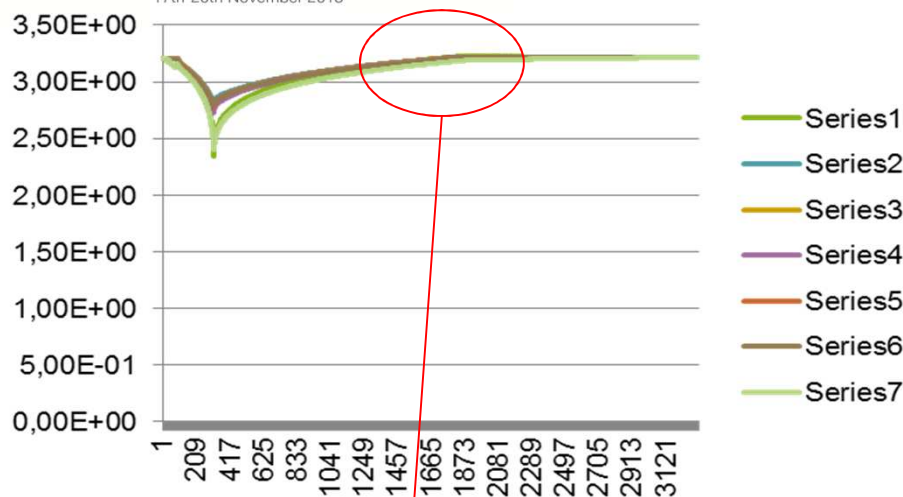


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## New cell monitor and balancer IC

Passive autonomous balancing of LFP cells at  
~50% SOC on trigger => no software needed



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## Electro kart: daisy-chain communication demonstrated!



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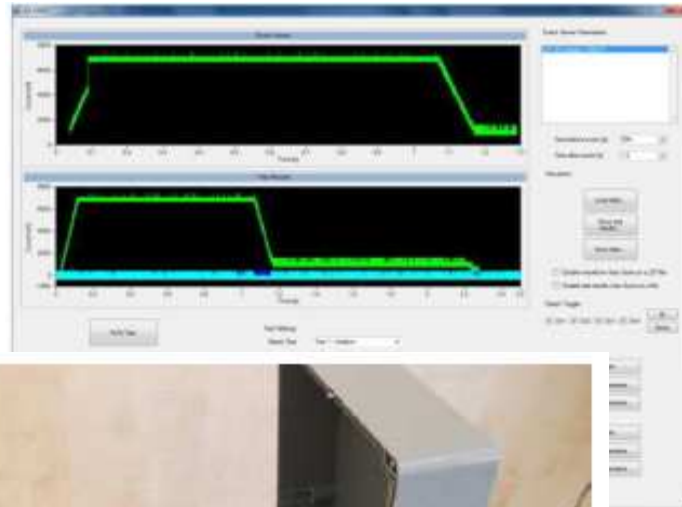
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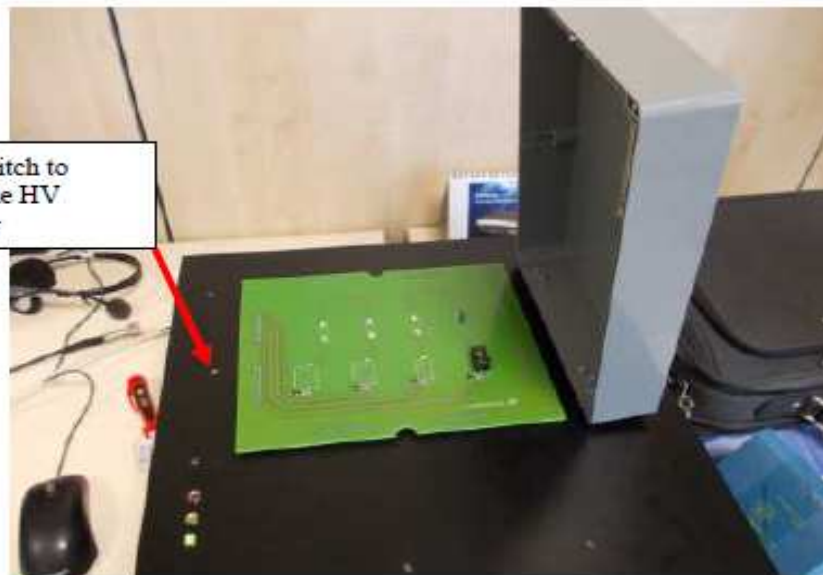
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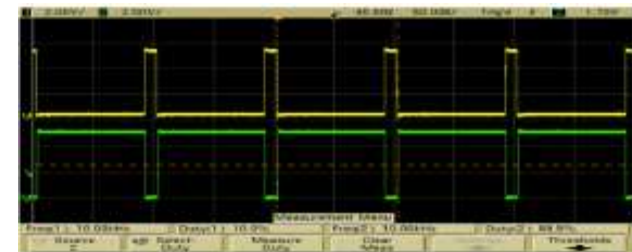
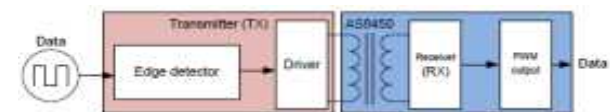
## Development of Isolation device test equipment



- Absolute charge measurement for partial discharge test => 5 pC
- Wave form generator according VDE V 880-10 requirements up to 4,2 kV stress signal



Microswitch to enable the HV amplifier



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## Development of Ultra Caps

	Capacitance	Diameter	Height
<i>Units</i>	F	cm	cm
<i>Corning lot Average</i>	<b>&gt;2700</b>	<b>6.07</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<i>Commercially Available</i>	<b>2000</b>	<b>6.07</b>	<b>10.2</b>

New Ultra Cap cells  
delivering energy  
densities in the range of 7-  
9 Wh/l



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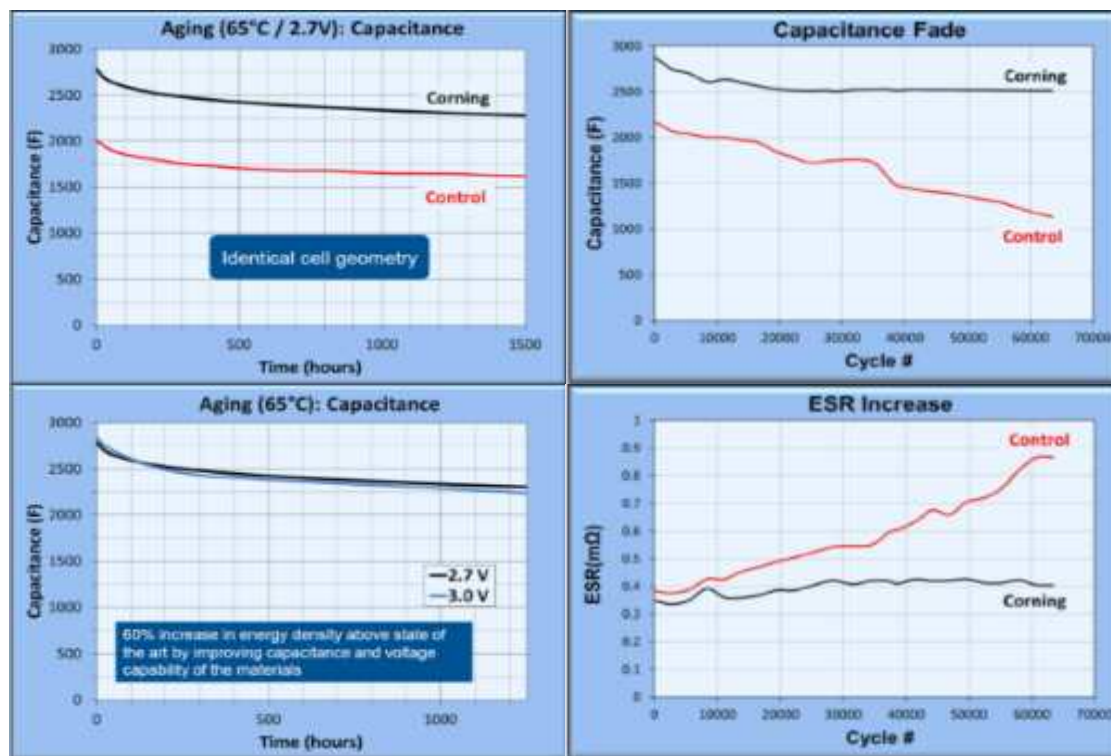


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## Development of Ultra Caps



### ESTRELIA Test profile

- Current: Peak = 300 A; Average = 84 A
- Cycle voltage between 2.7 V and 1.3 V
- Cycle time = 60 seconds
- Simultaneous temperature cycling
  - -40°C to +40°C, 9 hour cycle

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# Li-Ion battery demonstrator with BMS, sensors & fuses cells



## Module assembly

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- **New ICs** for cell monitoring and **autonomous cell balancing** for ultra capacitors and Li-Ion cells:  
System level operation demonstrated  
Product available to market
- new cost effective **power Antifuse** for dynamical configuration of energy storage units:  
prototype versions available, performance  
optimization on going
- **Safety sensors:** new **gas sensor** with high sensitivity and fast response  
and new MEMS based **spark detection sensor** to improve safety monitoring of energy storage systems:  
tests demonstrating early sensing capability,  
threshold for demo energy pack fixed  
Spark sensor in development
- **LFP Energy pack:**  
at drive cycle tests
- New **ultra capacitor power cell** with 40% higher energy density:  
prototypes available
- new high voltage test equipment, **galvanic isolated CMOS driver:**  
available, verification tests ongoing

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