

In-Field High-Power EV Charging Infrastructure Testing and Maintenance

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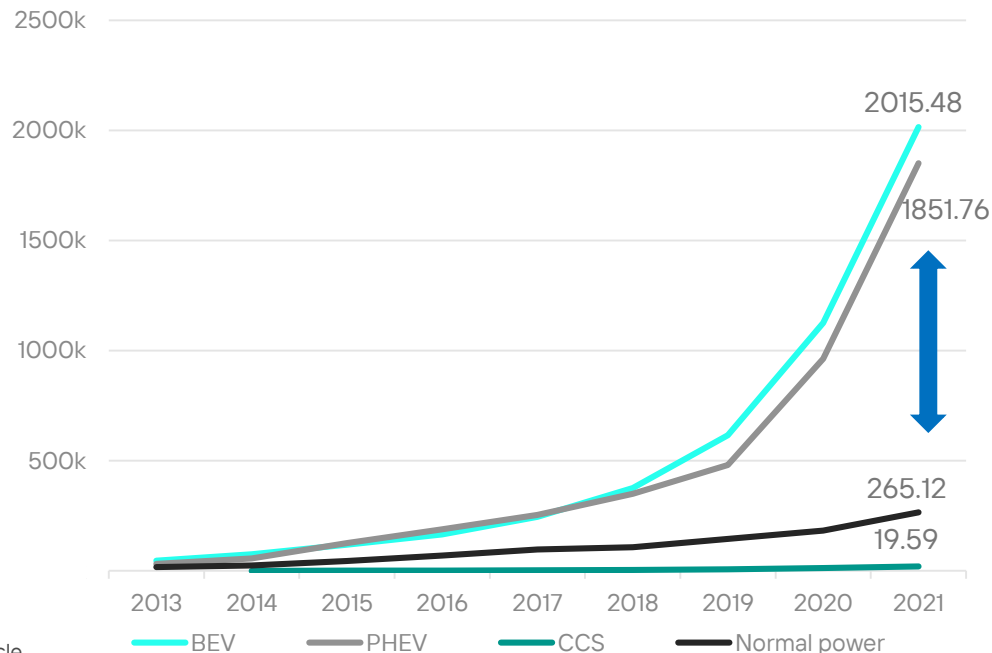
Motivation

Total Number of Passenger Cars and Recharging Points in EU

- Total amount of BEV and PHEV nearly doubled within the past years
- Charging points increasing rate around 60%



Gap between EVs and EVSEs will expand in the next years



EV: Electric Vehicle
EVSE: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
BEV: Battery Electric Vehicle

PHEV: Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle
CCS: Combined Charging Station

Source: (P <= 22kW)
European Alternative Fuels Observatory

Motivation

Charging Problems

- Problems with grid quality
- Communication breaks up
- Special challenge for disabled people

➡ 5 – 20%* of all charging stations in EU are not intact

*Source:
Stern.de

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Why are so many EV charging stations out of order? Are they reliable?

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Five problems with electric car charging and how to fix them

Today's electric car charging infrastructure is disjointed, complicated and far from user friendly - we need this to change now before it's too late

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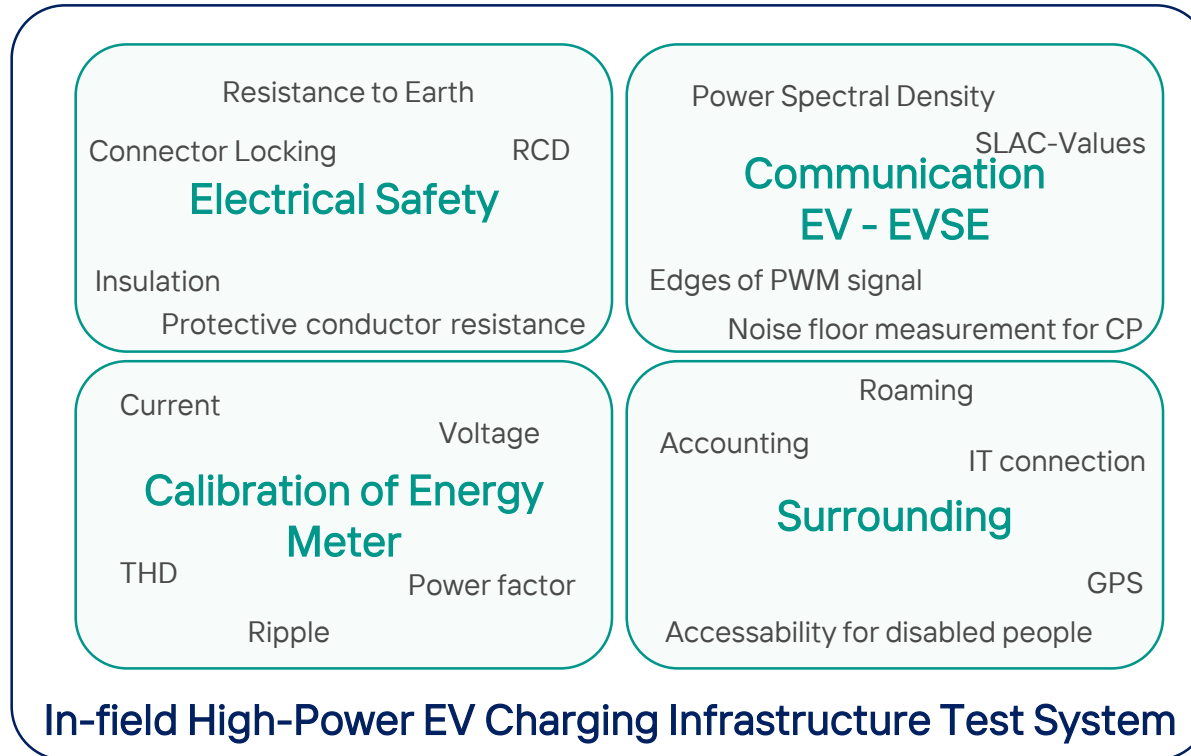
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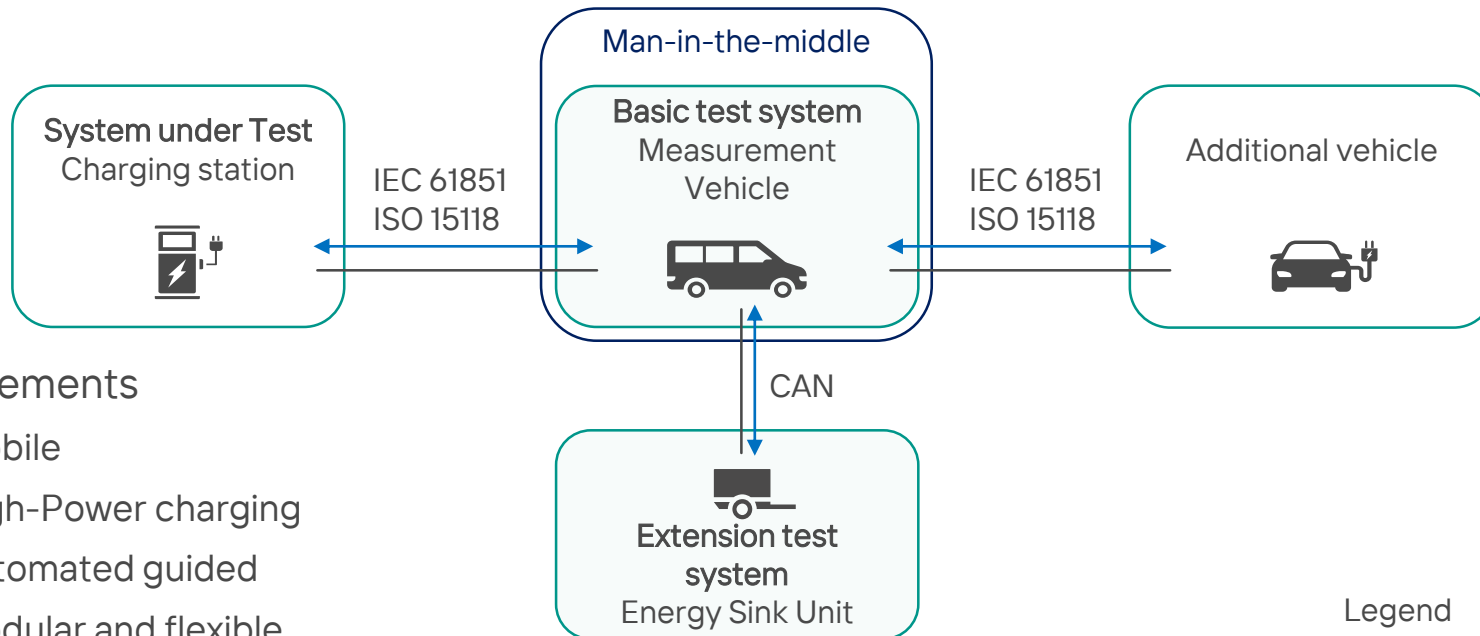
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RCD: Residual Current Device
PWM: Pulse Width Modulation
CP: Communication Pilot
SLAC: Signal Level Attenuation Characterization
THD: Total Harmonic Distortion
GPS: Global Positioning System

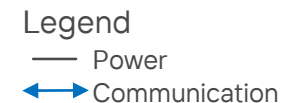
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System Overview



Requirements

- Mobile
- High-Power charging
- Automated guided
- Modular and flexible
- Environment friendly

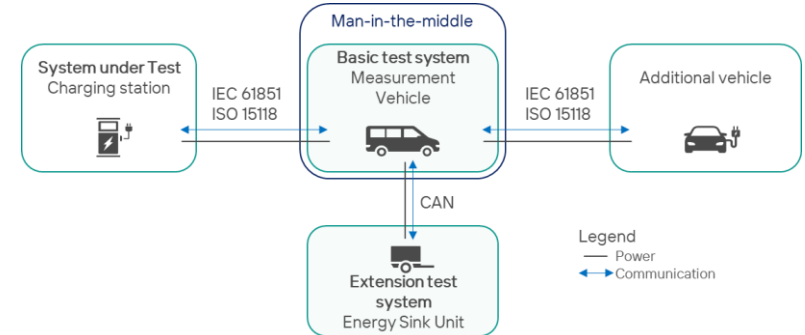


Primary Setups

- Man-in-middle tests with different additional vehicles
- Testing with storing energy

Extensional Tests

- Check bidirectional energy flow of charging points
- Investigate charging stations with occupied multiple
- Testing system limits



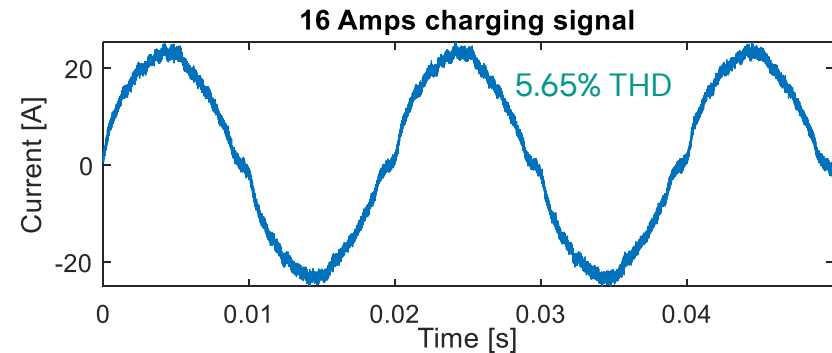
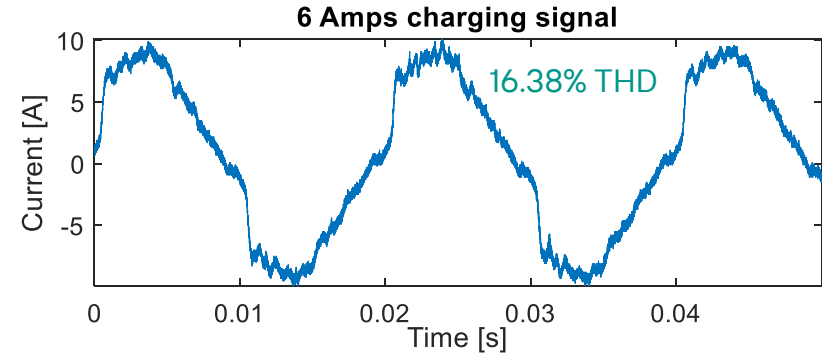
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Measurement Results

Charging Power and Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)



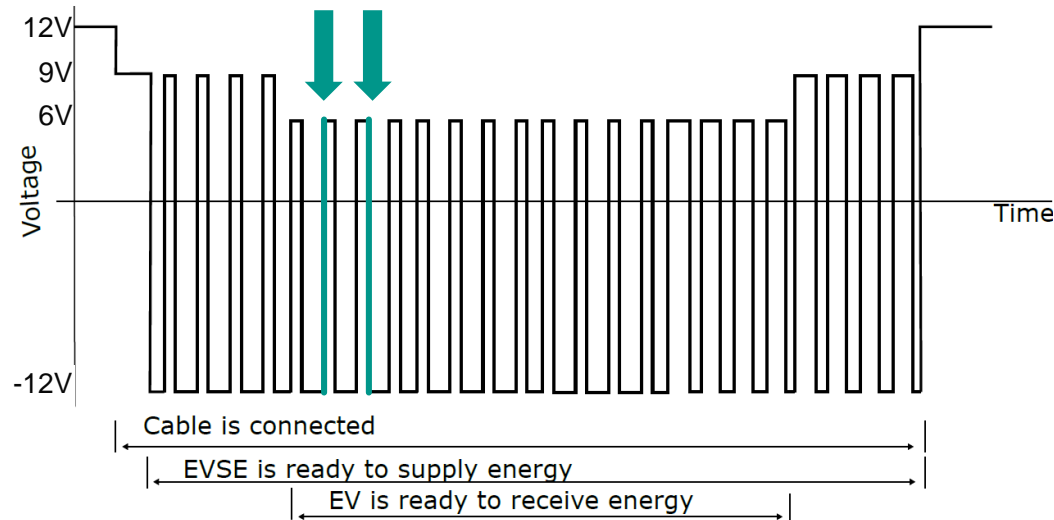
- Distortion is within the limited range of $< 20\%$ (IEEE Std. 519)
- THD decreases with higher charging currents
- Important for AC charging



Measurement Results

PWM signal according to IEC 61851

	Rise time (10-90%)	Fall time (10-90%)
IEC 61851-1	$\leq 2 \mu\text{s}$	$\leq 2 \mu\text{s}$

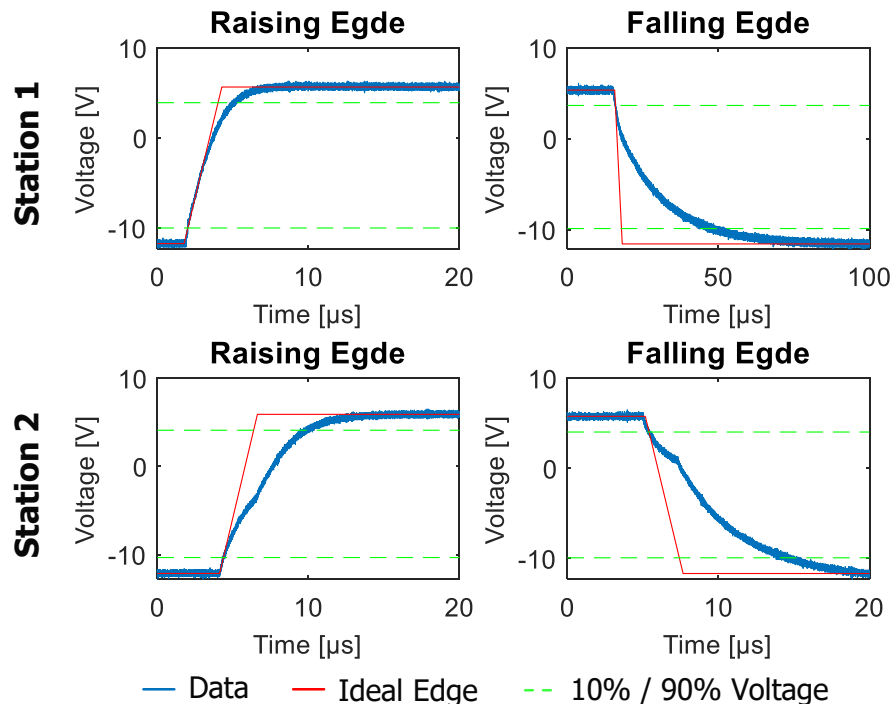


Measurement Results

Edge steepness at different charging stations

	Rise time (10-90%)	Fall time (10-90%)
IEC 61851-1	$\leq 2 \mu\text{s}$	$\leq 2 \mu\text{s}$
Station 1 (Home made)	$2.5 \mu\text{s}$	$31.7 \mu\text{s}$
Station 2 (Commercial)	$5.6 \mu\text{s}$	$9.0 \mu\text{s}$

- Currently EVs are very tolerant against the IEC 61851-1
- Degradation might be detected by long raising and falling edges



Summary and Outlook

- High power charging test system for in field measurements
 - Charging process can be affected by many reasons
 - Only an overview of charging stations will allow a detailed evaluation
 - This might also give possibilities in predicting aging of components
 - Modular set up of test system offers also high flexibility to new requirements
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- Setting up test sequences
 - Building up measurement vehicle

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