

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

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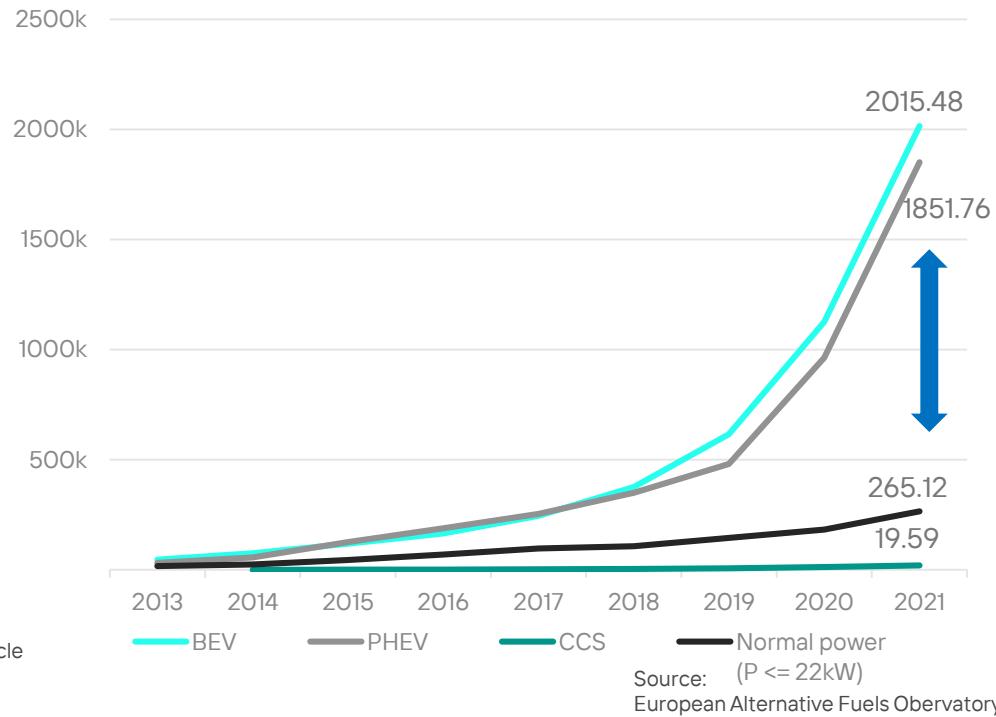
# Motivation

## 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

# Motivation

## Charging Problems

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- 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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# Agenda

## Subline

### 1. Concept

- Investigation Fields
- System Overview
- Test Setups

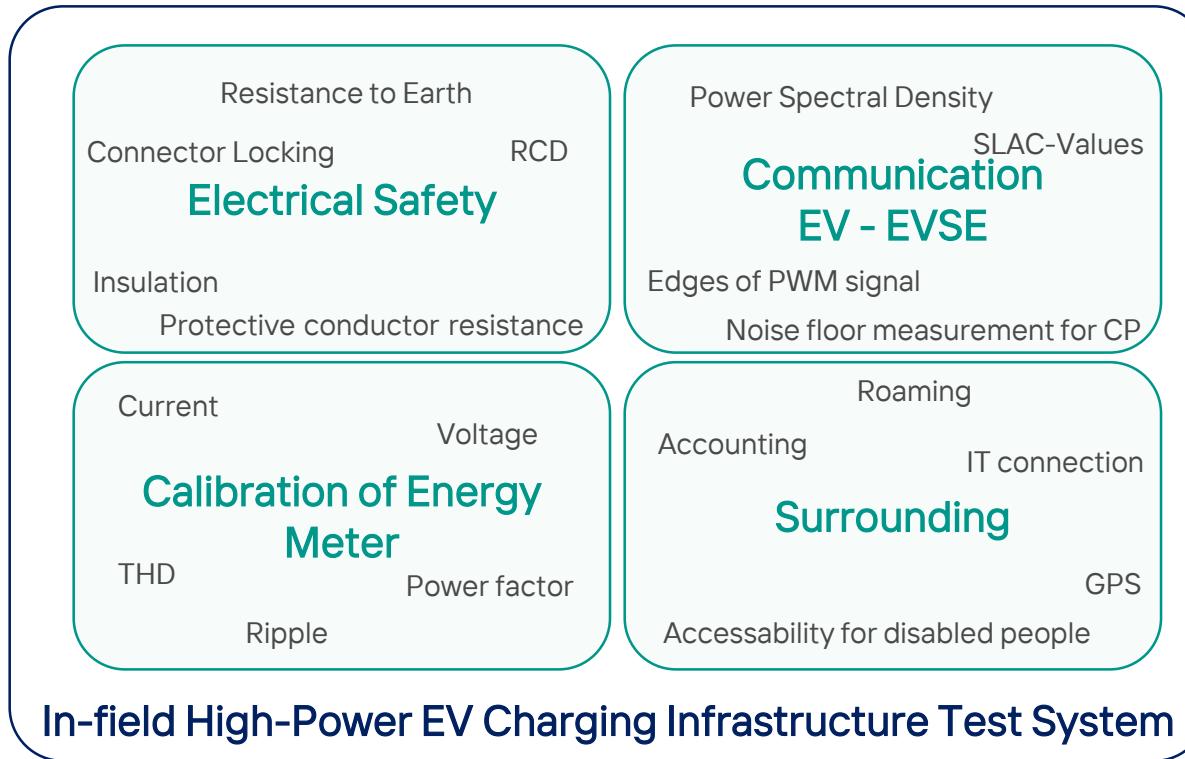
### 2. Measurement results

- Charging Power and Total Harmonic Distortion
- Edge steepness at different charging stations

### 3. Summary and Outlook

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# Concept



RCD: Residual Current Device

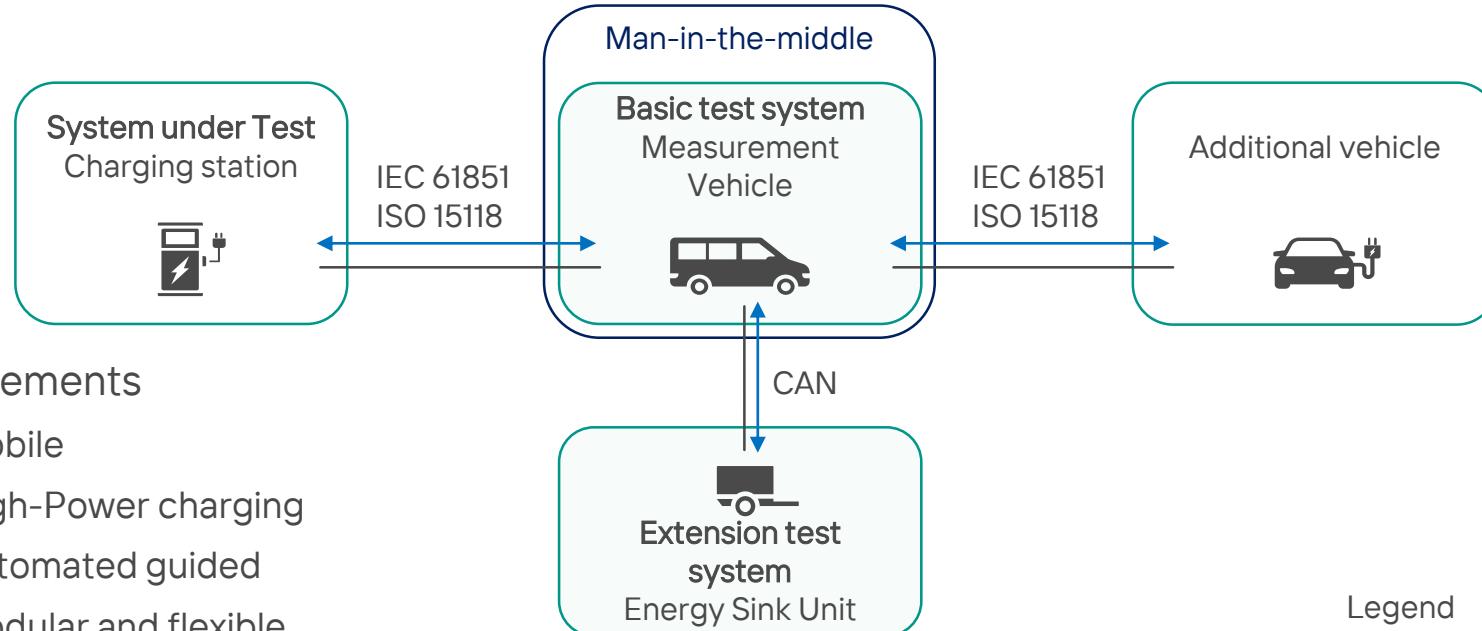
PWM: Pulse Width Modulation

CP: Communication Pilot

SLAC: Signal Level Attenuation Characterization

THD: Total Harmonic Distortion

GPS: Global Positioning System



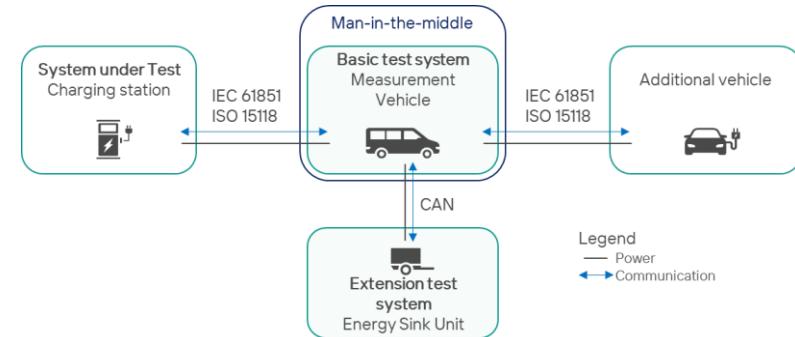
## Requirements

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

Legend  
— Power  
↔ Communication

### 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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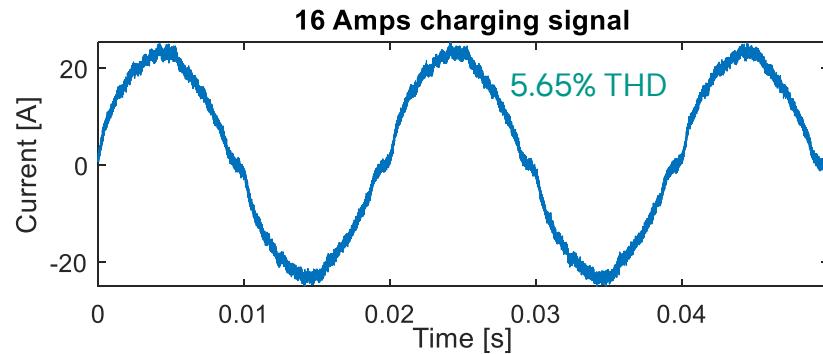
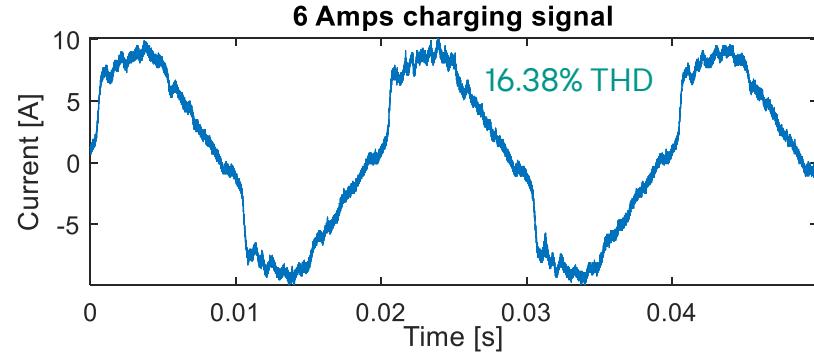
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## Charging Power and Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)



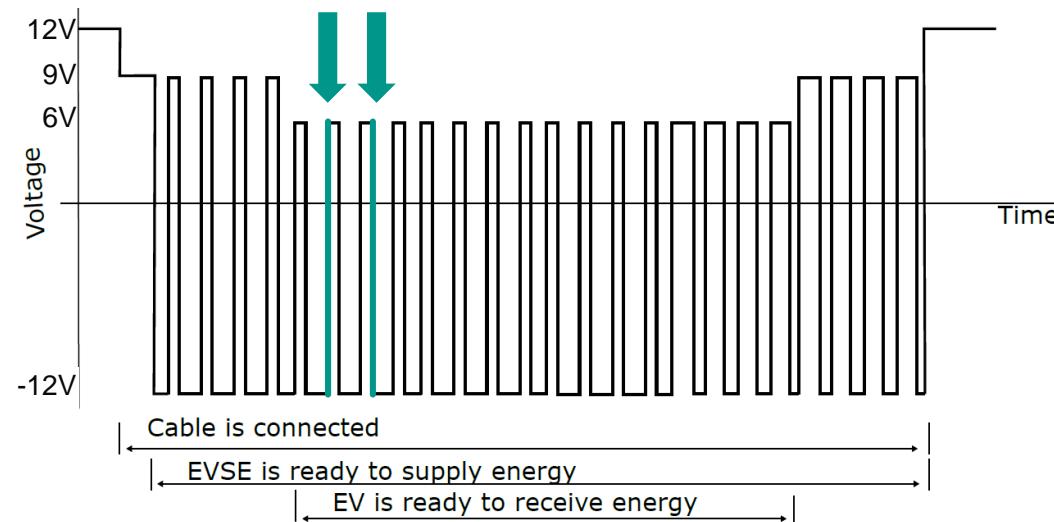
- Distortion is within the limited range of < 20% (IEEE Std. 519 )
- THD decreases with higher charging currents
- Important for AC charging



# Measurement Results

## PWM signal according to IEC 61851

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

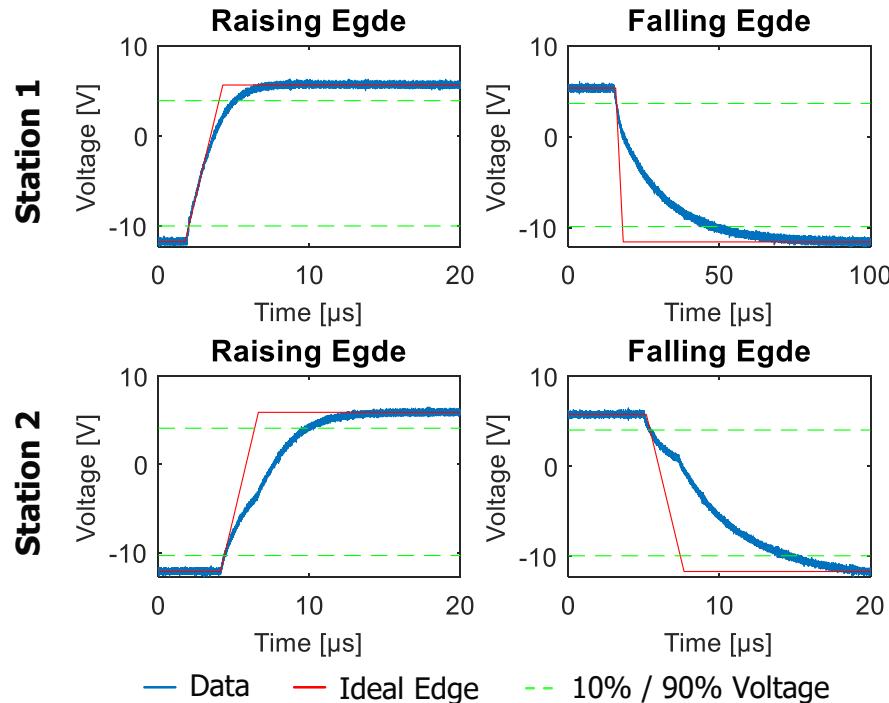


# Measurement Results

## 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



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# 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
  
- Setting up test sequences
- Building up measurement vehicle



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