INCOBAT – Innovative COst efficient management system for next generation high voltage BATteries

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INCUBAT project in a nutshell
INCOBAT – key facts

- **Project Name:** INCOBAT - INnovative COst efficient management system for next generation high voltage BATteries

- **Funding:** European research project ICT STREP (FP7)

- **Project Duration:** 36 months


- **Budget:** 5.8M€

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The aim of INCOBAT is to provide **innovative and cost efficient battery management systems for next generation HV-batteries**. To that end, INCOBAT will propose a **platform concept** in order to achieve cost reduction, reduced complexity, increased reliability as well as flexibility and higher energy efficiency.

The main outcomes of the project will be:

- Very tight control of the cell function leading to **an increase of the driving range** of the FEV for current chemistry and by enabling the use of new cell chemistries such as LiS or even Li-air
- **Radical cost reduction** of battery management system
- Development of **modular concepts for system architecture and partitioning, safety, security, reliability** as well as **verification and validation**, thus enabling efficient integration into different vehicle platforms.
- **INCOBAT** is in the position to provide a 100% European value chain for the development of next generation HV battery management systems.
INCOBAT technical innovations
**Target:** ensures a correct identification of customer needs and enables an efficient integration into different platforms.

- **TI001: Identification and use of mission profiles for system definition and evaluation**
  
  Identification of mission profiles (extracted from experimental data gathered on a real car - an hybrid vehicle) in order to provide complex situations similar to real vehicle behavior over different battery chemistries, mission profiles and algorithms.

- **TI012 Car demonstrator / vehicle validation**
  
  Setup of car demonstrator to evaluate the BMS module. This shall illustrate the feasibility of the proposed approach in realistic environment.
**Transversal innovation: consistent concept and specifications**

**Target:** optimization of the system architecture and its consistent description over the technologies and over the system hierarchies.

→ Aims at providing a consolidated basis in order to simplify later industrialization of the proposed technologies

- **TI002 “Model-based systems engineering”** to improve correctness / completeness / consistency of system specification
- **TI003 “System architecture - efficient partitioning of the functionalities”** for system optimization at BMS or even vehicle level
- **TI004 “Integration of multiple functionalities”** to reduce the number of electronic control units (and thus related costs) in the vehicle.
**Target:** Integration of innovative electronics components and innovative SW solutions to improve overall control efficiency

- **TI005 “TriCore AURIX™ Platform”** to provide more computing resources for integration of new functionalities and/or more complex algorithms as well as dependable computing
- **TI006 “Smart and integrated module management unit”** for higher measurement accuracy and assessment of additional physical parameters
- **TI007 “Modular SW platform”** based on the AutoSAR methodology to define the architecture in a flexible way
- **TI008 “Improved BMS control algorithms”** to provide improved algorithms taking full advantage of the BMS platform
Transversal innovation: improving system maturity

**Target:** improve system maturity by early consideration of ISO26262, V&V, and reliability testing

→ Indicator for the maturity of the proposed technology and further provides information on the efforts required for proper integration and validation of the system.

- **TI009 “Definition and integration of safety and security concept”** encompassing cost efficient functional safety support as well as robust mechanisms to support cyber security

- **TI010 “Design and validation plan including reliability consideration”** to provide an holistic view on the test plan and the test methods to be applied

- **TI011 “Reliability and robustness validation”** targeting the development of combined tests (accelerated lifetime tests applying combined loads) for accelerated lifetime assessment.
Smart E/E Control Platform
INCOBAT iBMS-CCU Prototype

- Available since spring 2015
- BMS specific hardware integrated
- Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) daughterboard connectors
- Cover for HV area
- Metal Housing made of Aluminum (IP55)
Conclusions

- Lowest cost BMS system solution by fully integrating all main BMS functions into one ECU
- Close-to-production platform supporting the exploitation of advanced BMS approaches
- Reduced system installation space, high level of integration and of functional density
- AURIX multicore controller provides high compute performance and safety mechanisms
- Encapsulated processing with freedom from interference
- Modular software architecture
Improved Control Strategy Relying on Multicore Computing Platform
Model-Based Estimation Method

Providing a dedicated instance of existing model estimation algorithms for each single cell instead of for a group of cells

- State-of-the-Art SoC estimation algorithm (Kalman filtering)
- More accurate due to considering of process and measurement noises than Coulomb-counting technique
- Requires more computing power to run algorithms in parallel for cell-individual calculation
- Higher modelling accuracy provide more accurate status information of cells
- More accurate SoC, SoH, and SoF prediction increases range of vehicle and cycle life of the battery
The hardware architecture supporting the EIS functions consists of the following main modules:

- **EIS Command Generator**: its purpose is to generate the proper EIS Command signal (voltage reference) representing the current stimulus to be forced into the battery pack.
- **Power Current Driver**: amplifying the EIS command signal and providing the EIS current stimulus to the battery cells.
- **Battery Module/Pack**: representing the load whose impedance has to be measured.
- **EIS Signals Acquisition Sub-system**: for the coherent measurement of:
  - Cell voltages - both DC and AC (useful EIS signal) - for each battery cell
  - EIS current flowing in the battery module/pack
- **Data Processing System**: for the calculation of the EIS spectrum (based on TriCore AURIX processor)
EIS Sub-System Block Diagram

CCU BMS

TriCore AURIX

EisCurRef

OCV

EisVd

OffComp

EisCurSense

EIS Exp. Board

EIS Command Generator

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Power Current Driver

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Battery Module (or Pack)

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Battery Current Acquisition

Cell Voltage Acquisition (EIS)

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EIS Sub-System Implementation

- The EIS sub-system is designed to manage 12 Li-Ion battery cells (60V max)
- The EIS Sub-System has been implemented by means of an EIS Daughter Board (by I&M) plugged on the CCU HW (by IFX)
- The CCU HW provides:
  - A computational core running on IFX AURIX microcontroller, which is responsible for EIS data acquisition, digital filtering, and running the EIS algorithm.
  - Expansion connectors for EIS daughter board, providing all needed signals, interconnections and power supplies
  - A low-impedance current shunt (20mOhm) with dual range op-amps for EIS current measurement
- The EIS daughter board integrates:
  - EIS Command Generator
  - 12x EIS cell voltage measurement circuitry (differential amplifier + OCV cancelling + 4th order Bessel anti-aliasing filter)
  - 2x EIS current measurement circuitry (4th order Bessel anti-aliasing filter)
The approach is based on **heterodyne** and coherent demodulation.

The impedance is evaluated only at $N$ discrete frequency values; therefore, the most efficient solution is to provide energy only at the frequencies of interest.

A proper stimulus is the sum of sine waves, one for each frequency value that has to be evaluated.

$$i(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sin(2\pi f_i t)$$
EIS technique: Heterodyne

- Each input signal (the excitation current and the resulting voltage) is multiplied by a sine wave and a cosine wave at a certain frequency, and the convolution is calculated.

- As a result, the amplitude and phase (at that frequency) of the voltage and current signals can be calculated, and from their ratio the battery cell impedance may be calculated.

- It must be noted that the heterodyne approach is much less demanding than FFT in terms of processing power, and the convolution integrals may be easily calculated directly on-line by the cell monitoring module.

➔ cell measurement task (cooperation WP2 / WP4) has shown that heterodyne approach is a factor 100 more efficient with respect to the amount of data to process
Security-Aware Safety Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment
SAHARA - Security Aware Hazard and Risk Analysis

- Combined approach of STRIDE and HARA
- Considers security aspects having an impact on safety
- Classification of security threats aligned with HARA approach
- via:
  - required resources (R)
  - required know-how (K)
  - threat criticality (T)
## SAHARA Security Threat Classification

### Resources (R)
- Level 0: no additional tool or everyday commodity
- Level 1: standard tool
- Level 2: simple tool
- Level 3: advanced tools

### Knowhow (K)

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Legend:
- R: Resources
- K: Knowhow
- T: Criticality

Impact
- 0: No impact
- 1: Low impact
- 2: Medium impact
- 3: High impact

Security
- 0: Low security
- 1: Medium security
- 2: High security

Reliability
- 0: No reliability
- 1: Low reliability
- 2: Medium reliability
- 3: High reliability

Safety
- 0: No safety
- 1: Low safety
- 2: Medium safety
- 3: High safety
INCOBAT project outcomes:

- smart dependable and modular computing multicore platform
- Discussion of impact of multicore platform on control strategies
- Additional computing power enables refinement of existing control strategies
- Advanced measurement approaches performable (EIS)
- Safety-critical application in connected context tackled
Thank you for your attention!

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