



# Battery Health Monitoring for Enhanced Electrical Vehicle Performance

Accelerate your battery development

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What is driving the automotive industry?

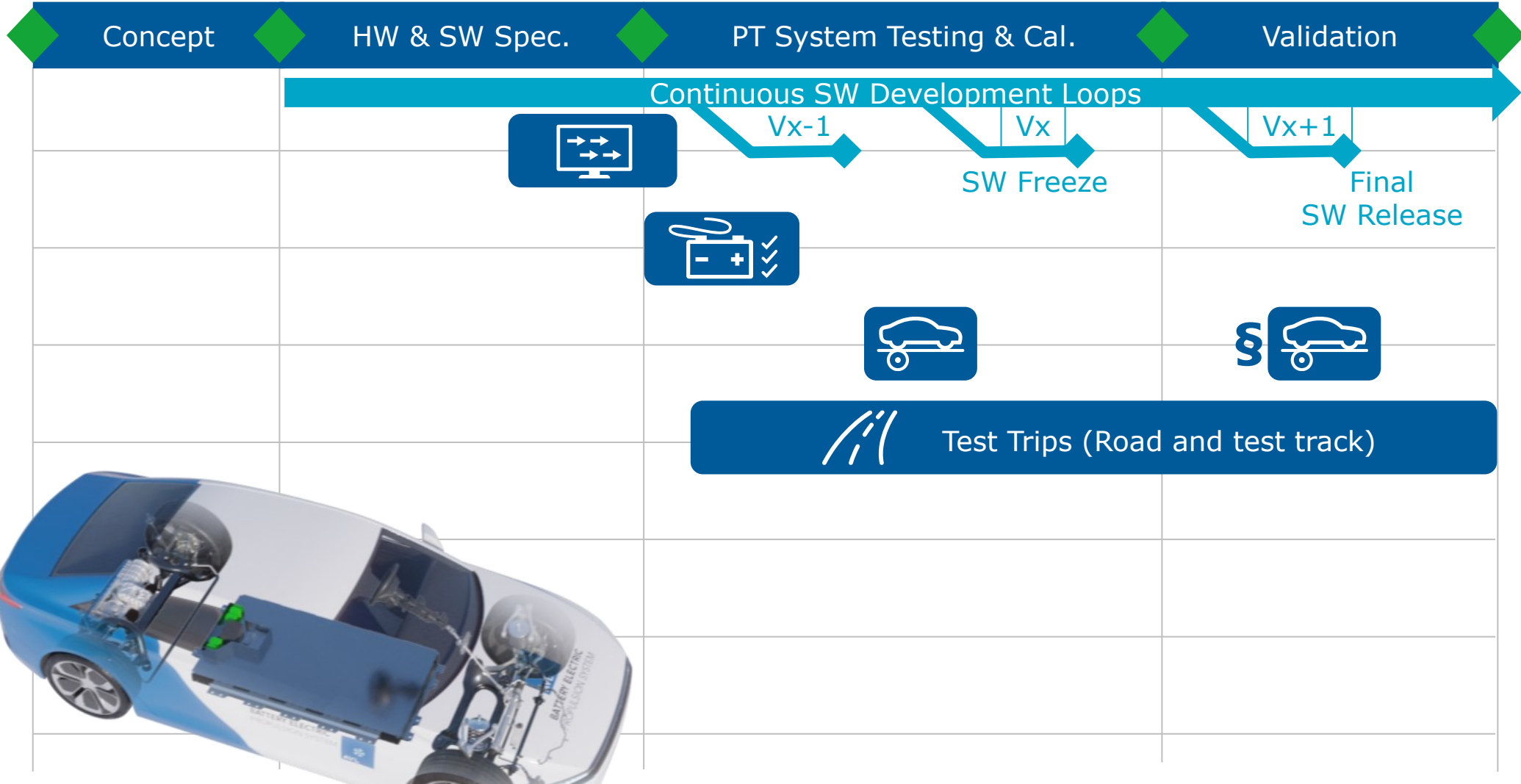
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Concept definition

Start of Testing

Data Freeze

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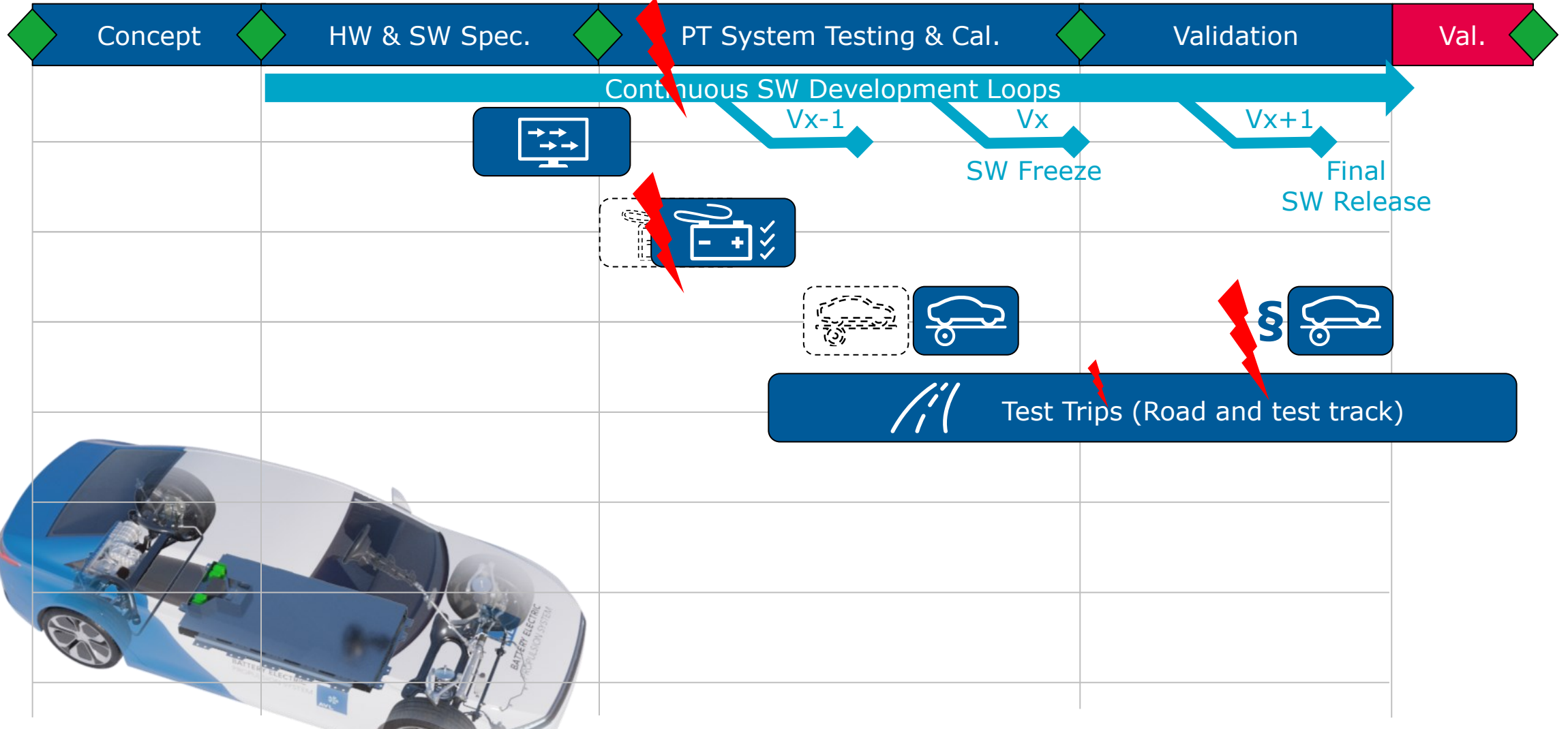
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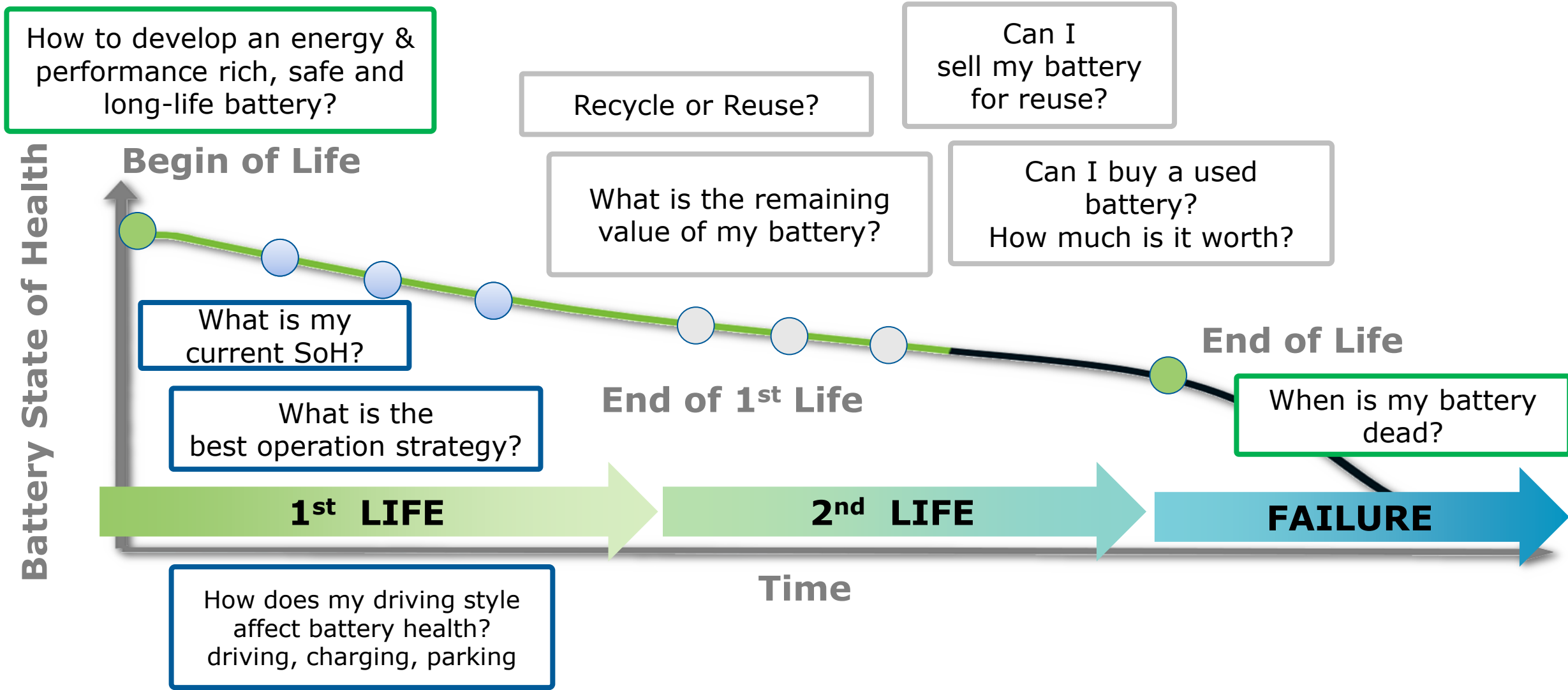
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**ISSUES WITH TRADITIONAL APPROACH**

# WHAT?

## Remaining Useful **LIFETIME** of a Battery

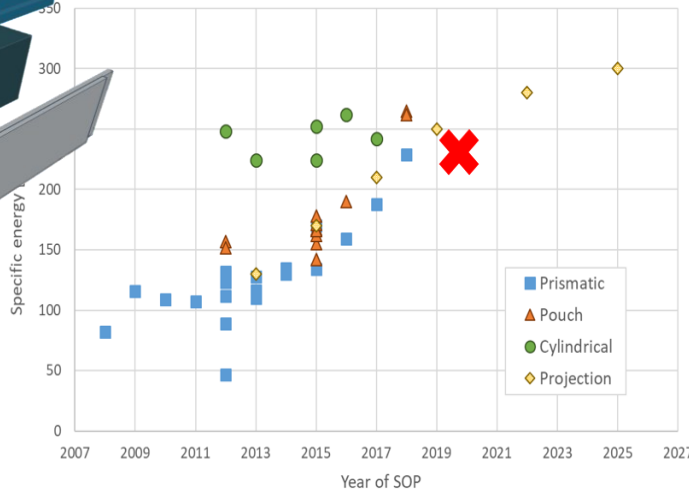
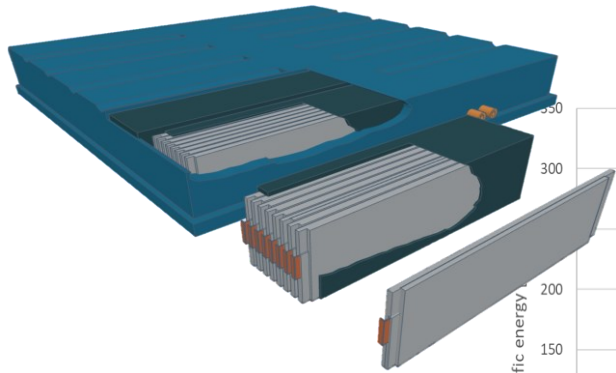


# Challenges at Cell Selection

*"The battery pack is only as performant as its weakest cell!"*

&

*It defines the main characteristics of the vehicle!*



- Cell chemistry ?
- Cell design ?
- Capacity performance?
- Capacity degradation ?
- Predicted Cell life time ?



## Driving Range

Energy storage capability of the cells reflects the driving range of the vehicle.



## Driving Performance

Cell provides power to accelerate the vehicle.



## Charging Time

Quick charging relies on the cell current-rate capability.



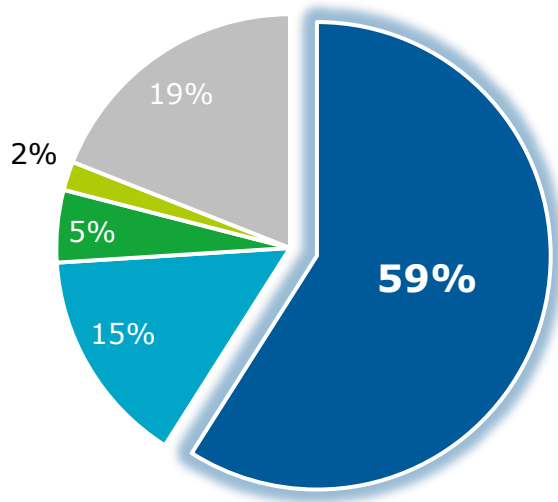
## Vehicle Lifetime

Cell aging reduces powertrain performance over time.

# Why – Battery as Most Expensive Component

The battery is the most expensive component of a BEV

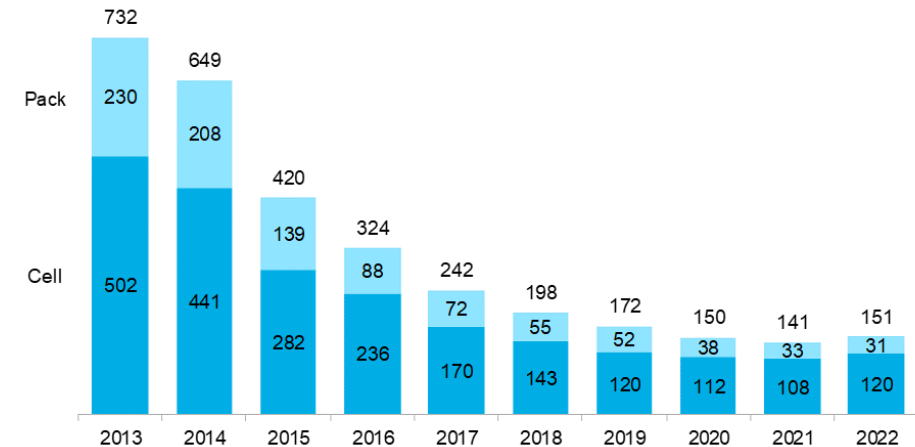
BEV Powertrain Cost Breakdown



- Battery
- Electric Motor
- Transmission
- Power Electronics
- Drivetrain

Sources: [Valuwalk](#); [Barcleys Research](#)

Battery Pack Cost Breakdown



Source: BloombergNEF. All values in real 2022 dollars. Weighted average survey value includes 178 data points from passenger cars, buses, commercial vehicles and stationary storage.

# Motivation: SAFETY - Reduce Warranty Claims

Largest EV recalls due to risk of fire in the US

<https://interestingengineering.com/lists/biggest-ev-recalls>



2018 - 200.000 vehicles



2019 - 100.000 vehicles



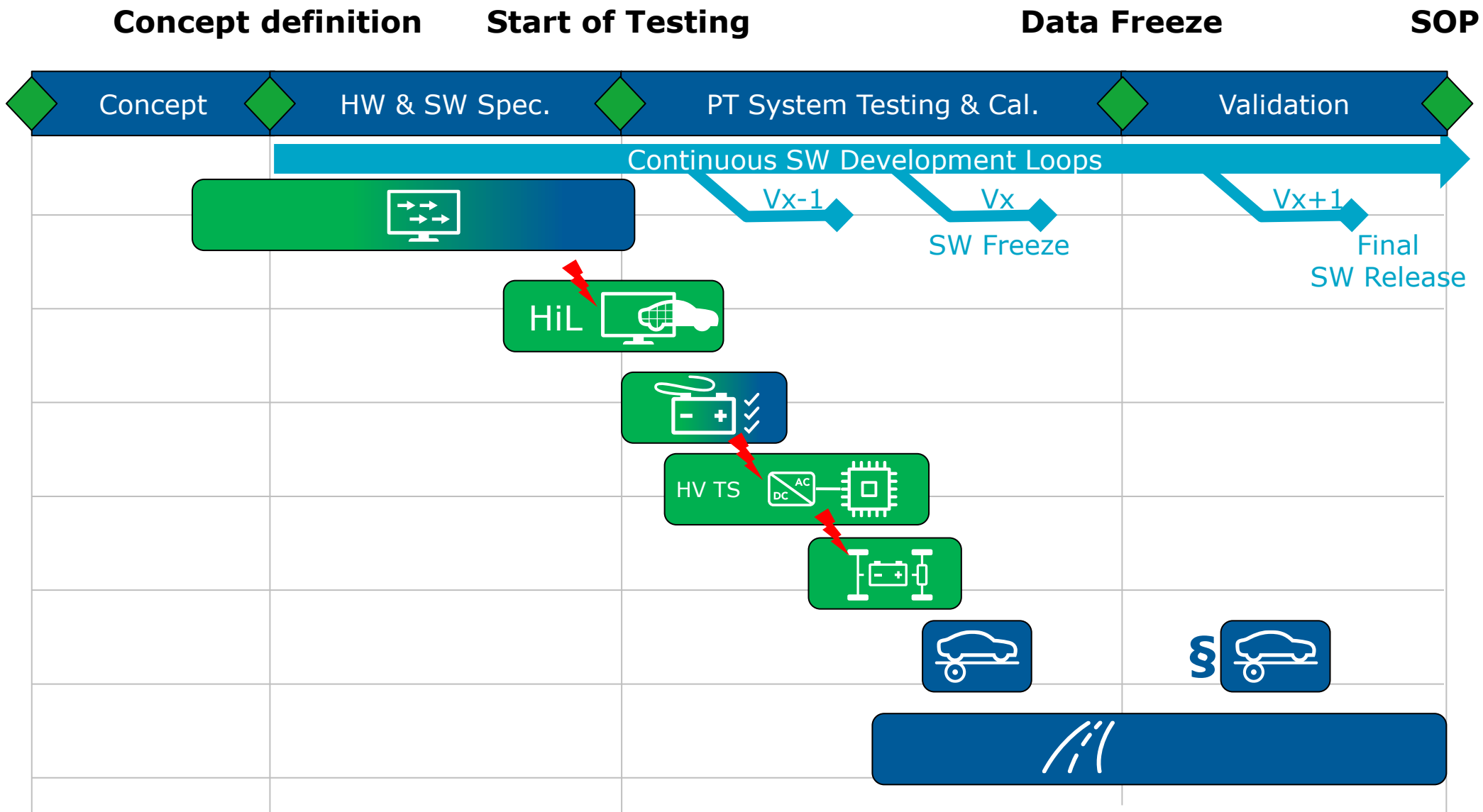
2021 - 75.000 vehicles

A single vehicle recall action can lead to costs of up to **\$1.8 billion**.  
The damage to brand reputation is hard to recover.

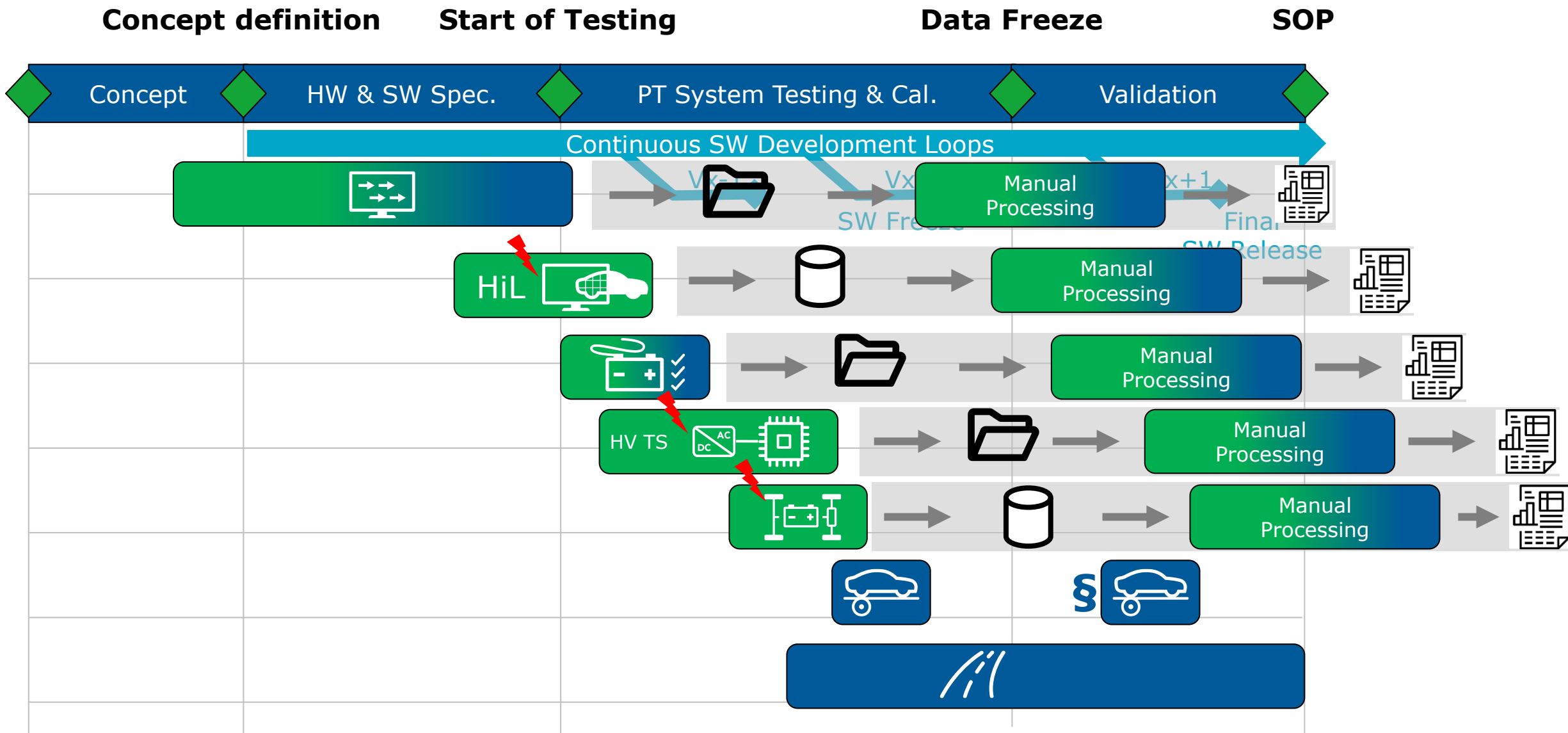
Warranty claims in the automotive industry have a huge potential for cost savings.

Key to save costs: accurate failure prediction





**TRADITIONAL APPROACH WITH EARLY TESTBED USE  
ENSURES EARLY ISSUE DETECTION & SOLVING!**



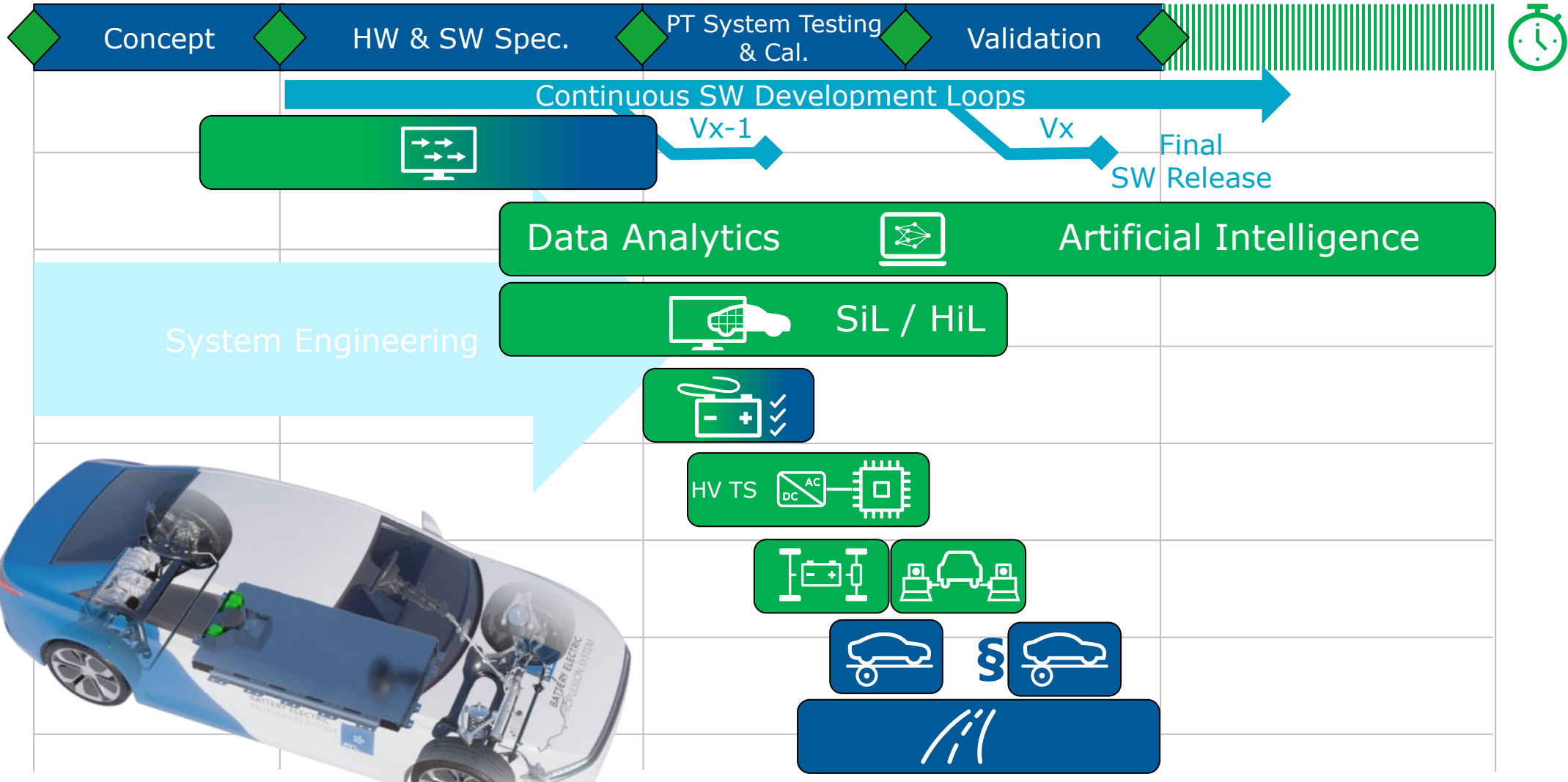
**INCOMPARABLE TEST CASE, UNTRACEABLE STORAGE AND INEFFICIENT PROCESSING**

**Concept definition**

**Start of Testing**

**Data Freeze**

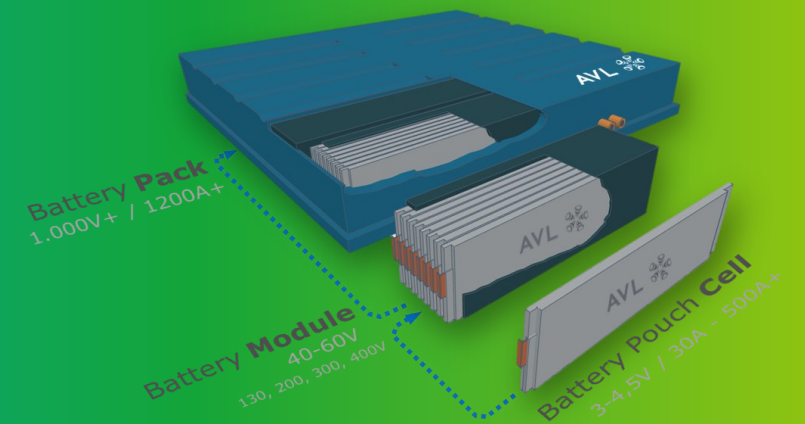
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**INNOVATIVE APPROACH IN POWERTRAIN DEVELOPMENT!**

Accelerate your development cycles and set new standards

# Data Analytics and Processing for Battery



# Boosting Engineering Efficiency



**Observe the expected and show the outliers**  
Fully automated and traceable decision basis for **product maturity**

**Find the unknown with intelligent anomaly detection**  
Find the needle in the haystack, focus on exceptions where it counts

**Predict the future with advanced machine learning**  
Take augmented decision based on trustworthy predictions

# Transform Data Streams to Application Specific Insights

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Toolboxes

Powered by AI and ML

Fleet	BEV	HEV	ADAS
Battery	Damage	Calibration	End of line

Software as a Service powered by



# Event-Based Analytics

## Focus On Aggregated Information

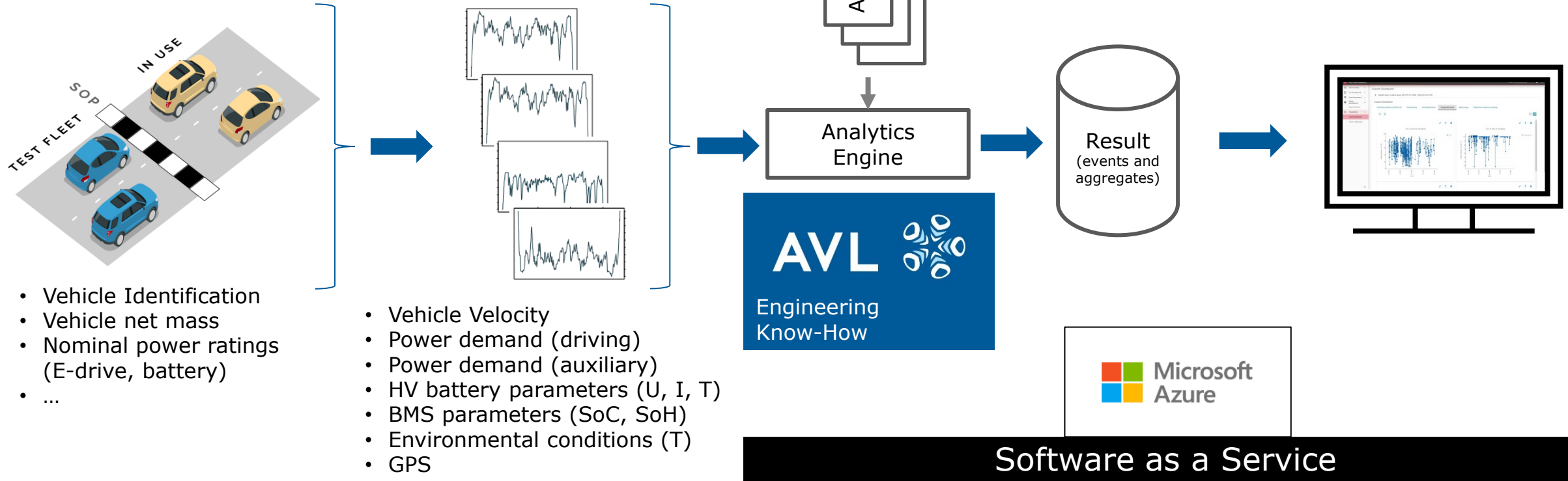
Meta Data

Time series data

Standardized analytics

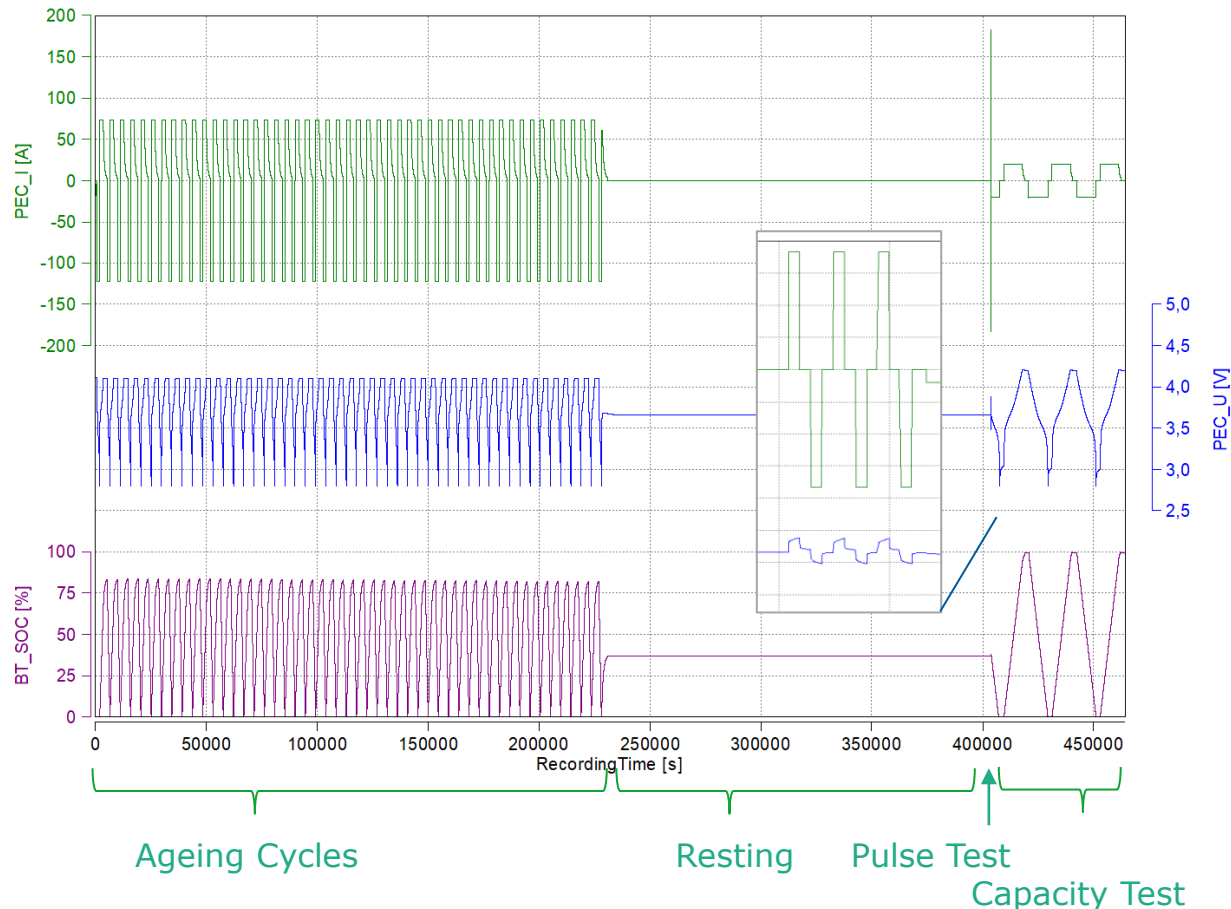
Aggregated insights

Interactive Analytics



# How Are Test Conducted in the Lab on Cell, Module and Pack Level

## Combination of different cycles



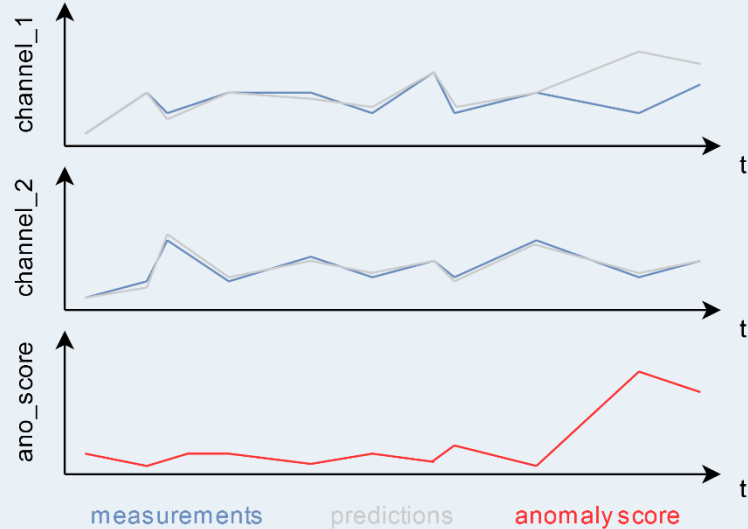
- Combination of different test cycles specific to customers
- Conducted with different C-rates and under different temperature
- Depending on the Design Verification plan
- Trying to mimic real world behavior in the vehicle
- For cell selection 4000 – 5000 cells are tested at the same time
- For module and pack verification 10 to 20 units are tested

**Tests running for weeks, months or even years**



# AI Predictive Anomaly Detection to save testing time

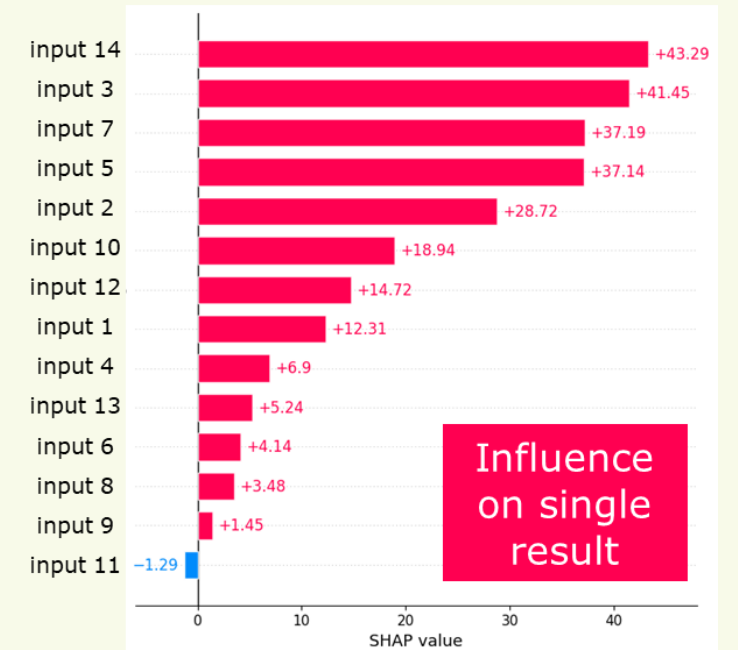
## CONCEPT Prediction of time series



## ANALYSIS Robust detection of issues



## RESULTS AI-based root cause analysis (e.g. GNN)



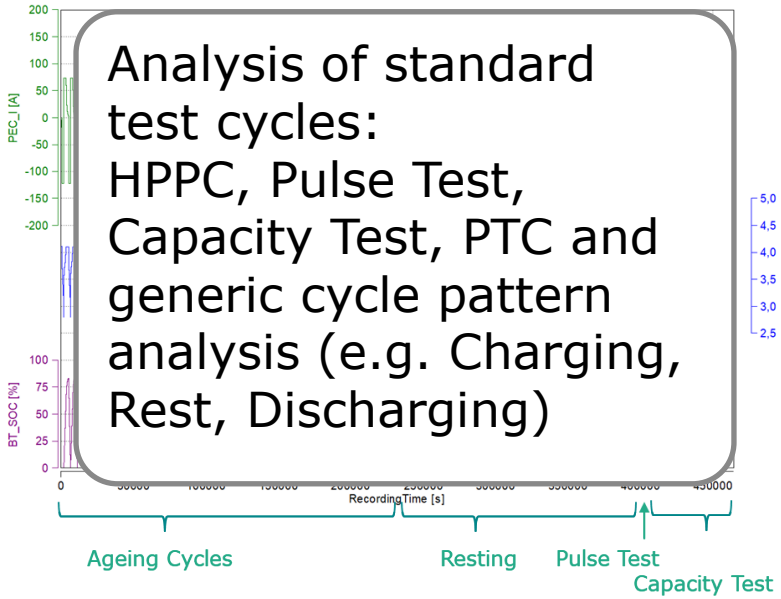
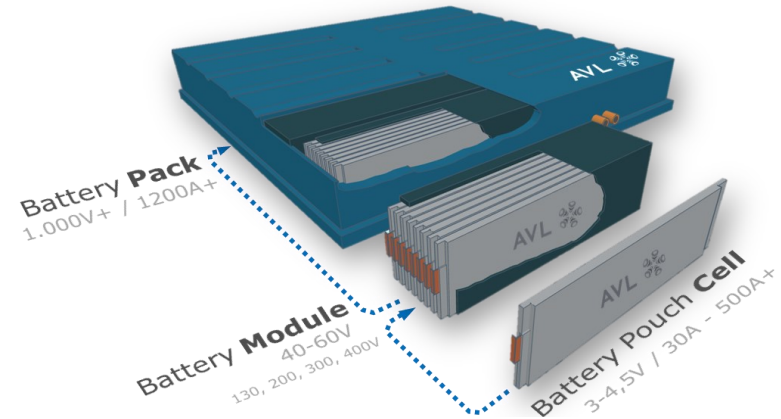
## BENEFITS

- Early identification of issues
- Finding unknown failures
- Understanding root causes with explainable AI



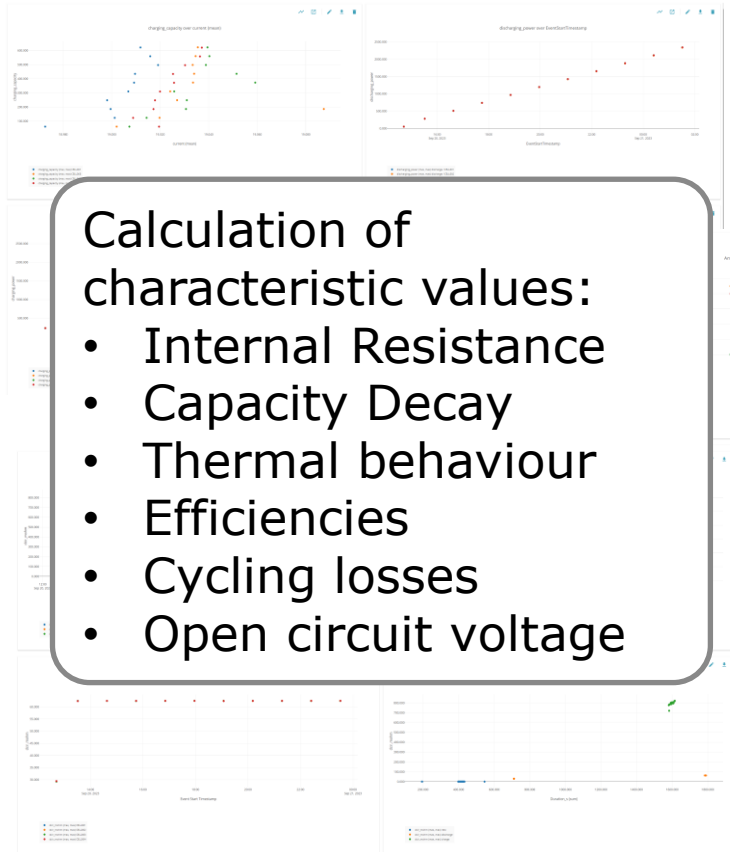
**Improve testing efficiency**  
**Improve field monitoring**  
**(e.g.: (Pre)-SOP status in field)**

# Cell / Module / Pack



Aging behaviors analysis independent cross components based on standardized analytics

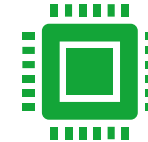
- Calculation of characteristic values:
- Internal Resistance
  - Capacity Decay
  - Thermal behaviour
  - Efficiencies
  - Cycling losses
  - Open circuit voltage



Cell selection



Simulation Model parametrization



BMS Software Design



Module and pack design validation

# Quickly Navigate the Data to Find the Root Cause

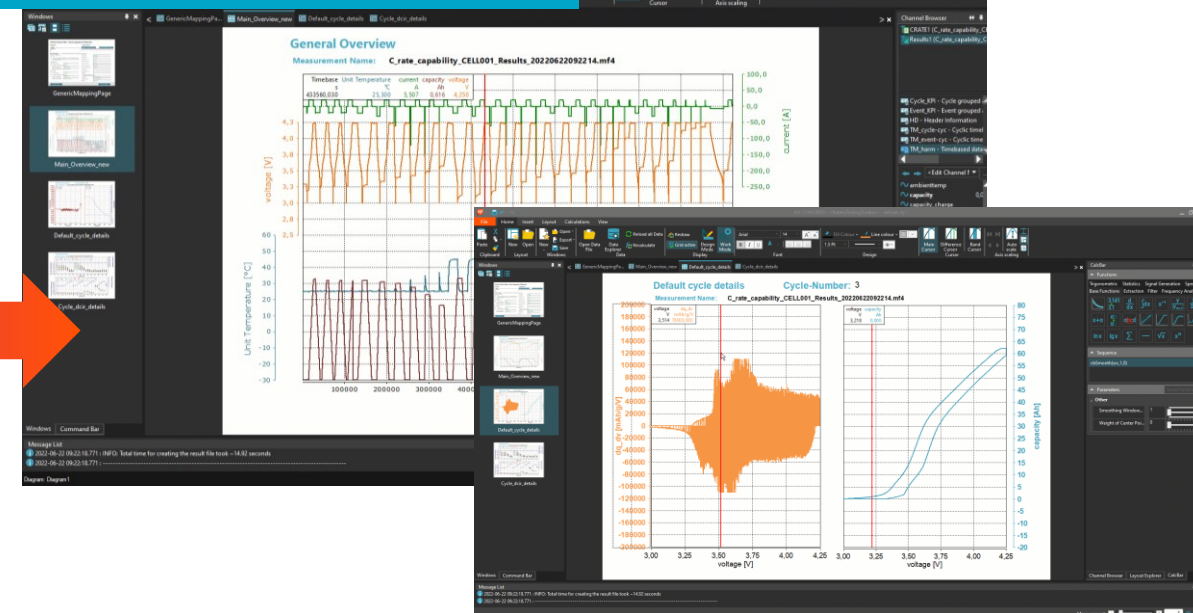
## Deep Dive



From Analytics



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To Data and Take Decision



AVL Concerto™

Benefits: Save time in analyzing only the data that is needed.  
Navigate directly to the root cause in a view clicks.

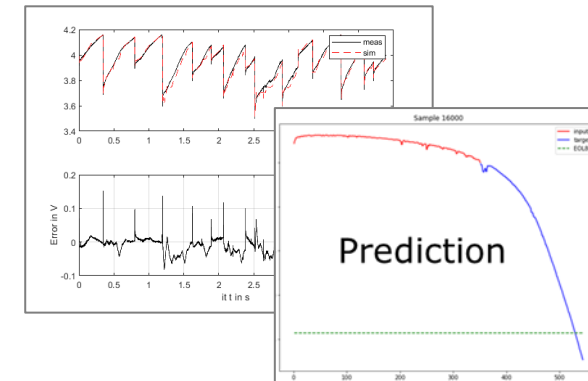
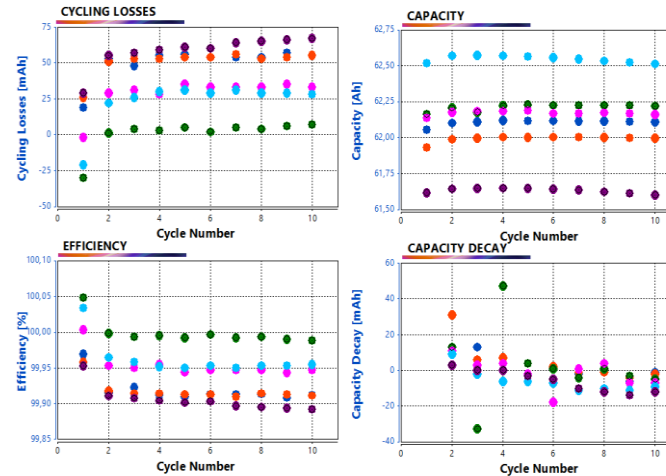
# Use Case: Battery Health Monitoring

(Big) Data Streams

Transform to  
Insights

Decisions

Cross Environment



## Time Series data

- Power demand (Torque, Speed)
- HV battery parameters
- BMS parameters (SoC, SoH)
- Environmental conditions (T)
- Cell Temperatures

- Extract key characteristics based on cycles or single charging and discharging events

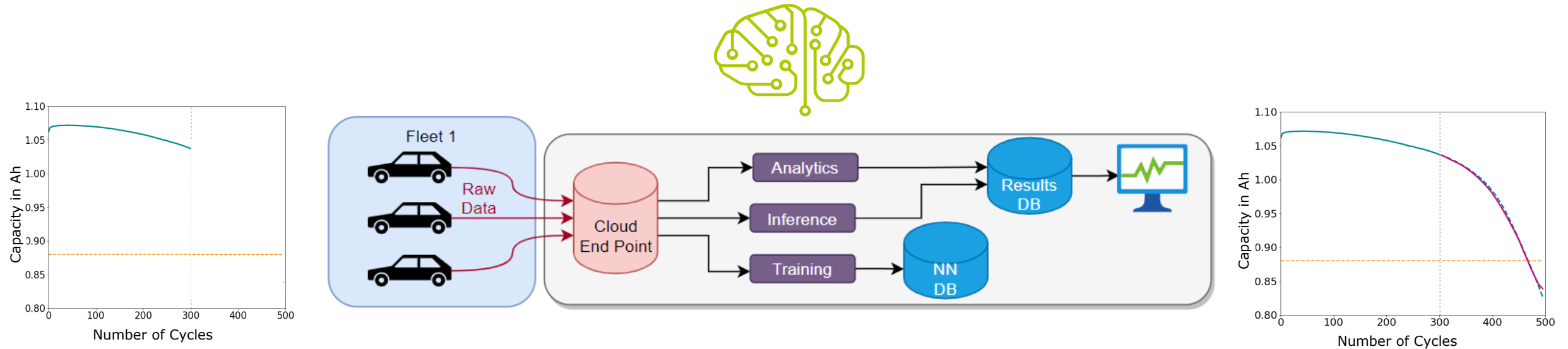
Battery State of Health – SOH – prediction based on real usage profile and external boundary conditions

**Benefits: Prediction of battery lifetime and main influence parameters on it  
Recommendation for 1st & 2nd life usage & warranty costs**

# Data-Driven Battery Degradation Prediction

## Model Approach

Neural network based on a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Encoder-Decoder architecture<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> The architecture was chosen similar to [Li].

# Battery SOH Estimation and Forecasting

## Transfer Knowledge from Lab- to Field-Data

### Data:

- Lifetime cell measurements from lab
- Field data from vehicles in use

### Target:

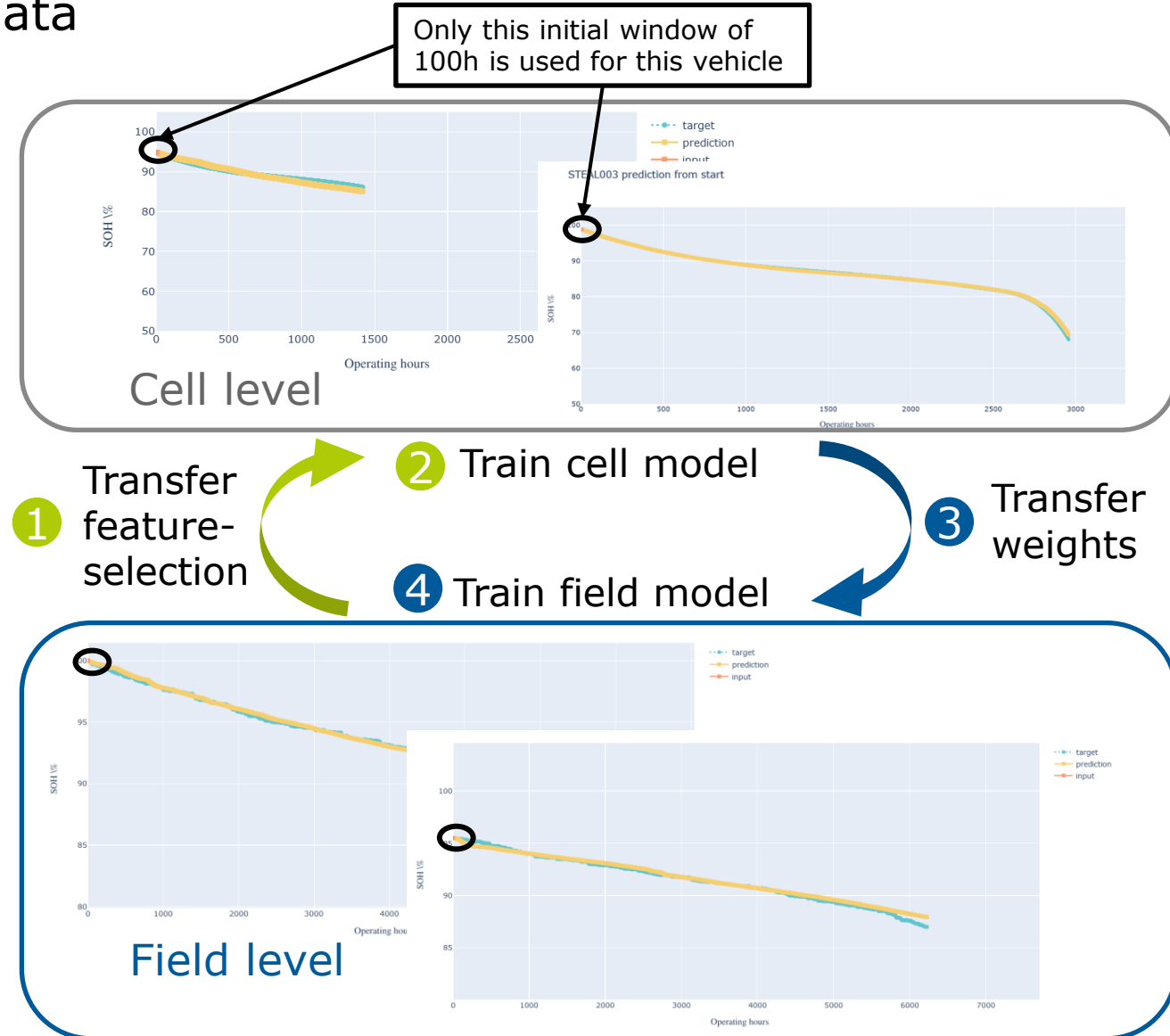
- Predict delta-SOH

### Method:

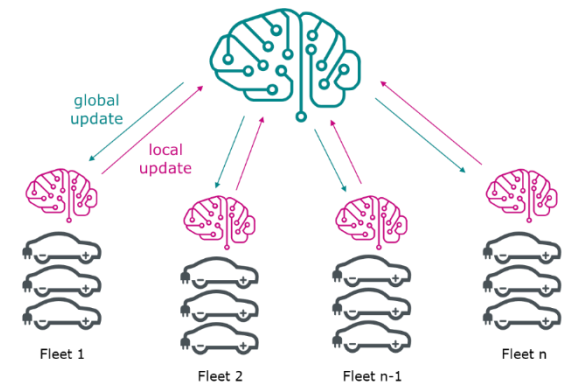
- Train model on lab data and transfer to field data + feature selection
- Use just the initial as input for SOH prediction for vehicles in the field

### Benefits:

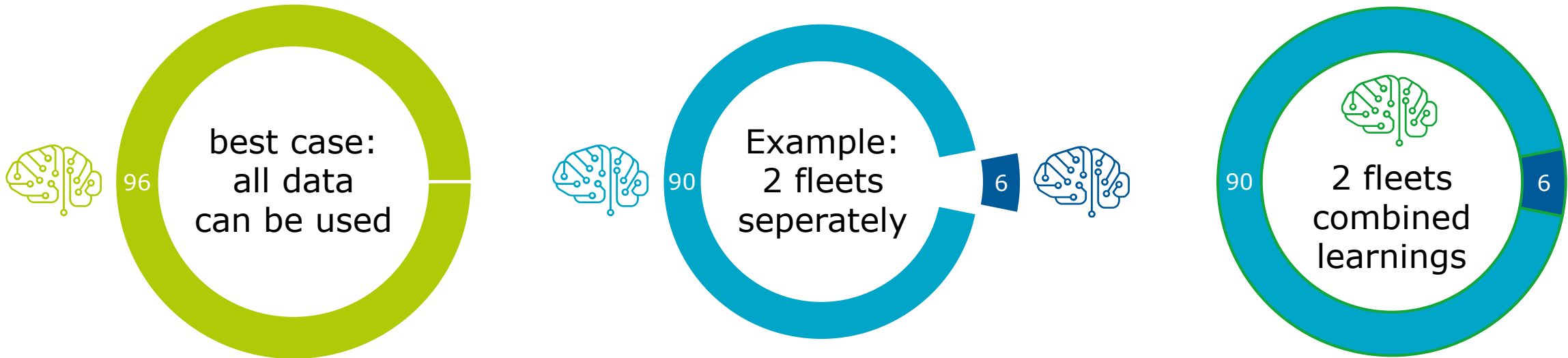
- Reduced testing requirements
- Minimize data requirements
- Early prediction of SOH in the field



# Cross-Fleet Training of a Battery Degradation Prediction Model



- Different settings for model training based on 96 battery cells lead to the following prediction errors:



Machine Learning approach  
**based on 1 fleet**  
with 96 batteries:  
**0.7% MAPE**

Machine Learning approach  
**seperately on 2 fleets**  
90 batteries: **1.0% MAPE**  
6 batteries: **4.9% MAPE**

**Federated Learning**  
**based on 2 fleets**  
90 resp. 6 batteries:  
**0.8% MAPE**



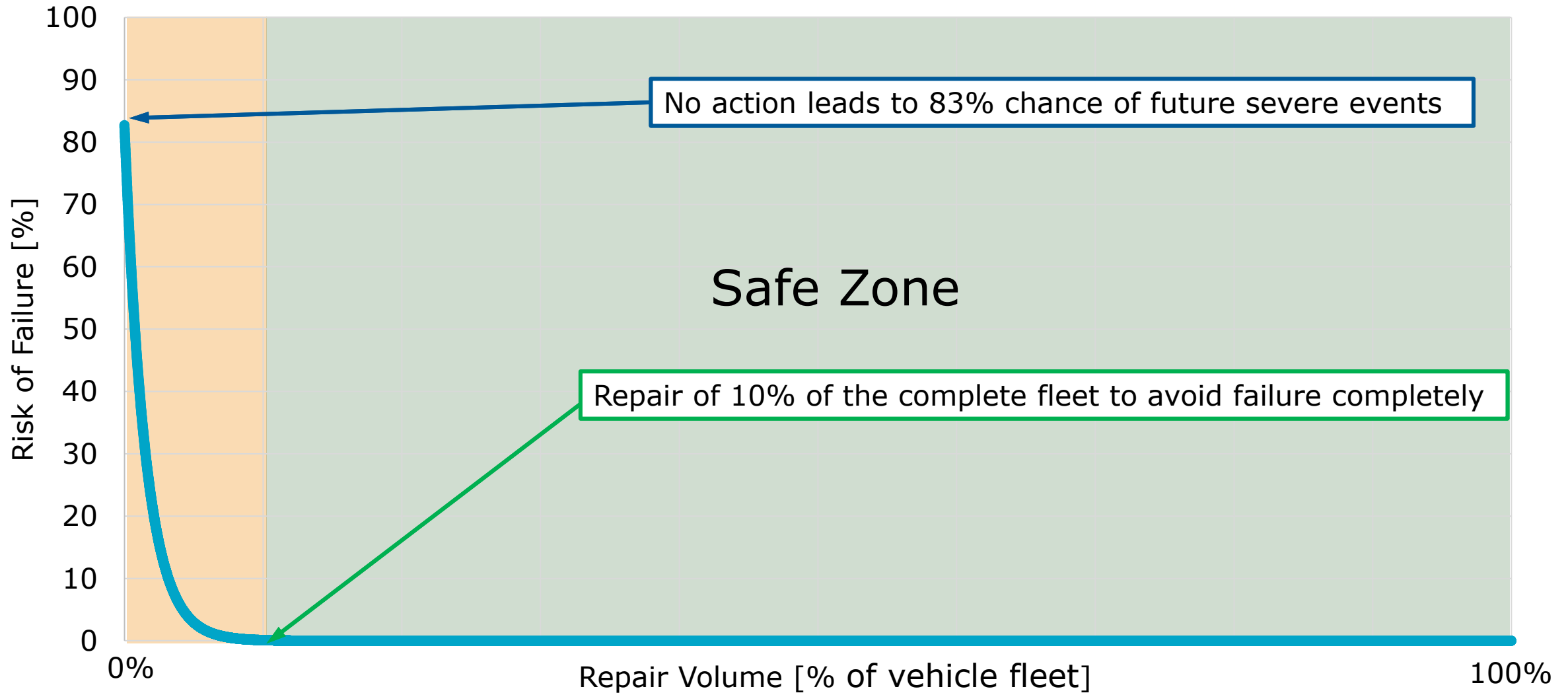
Reduce costs and enhance the quality of your products.

# Warranty Cost Reduction with AI Failure Prediction





## Step 2 Result: Risk Score for every single Vehicle to decide on Preventive Maintenance Actions





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# References & Benefits

# AVL Battery Analytics References

## Analytics applied to various applications...


- Passenger Cars, Trucks
- 2-wheelers and stationary systems

## For system validation and Series development

## Deployed and operated on global vehicle fleets

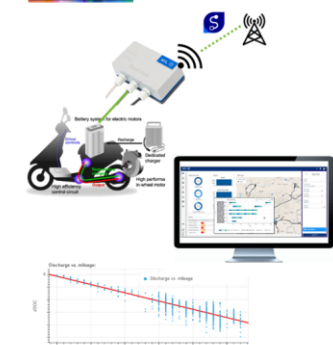
## Realized savings worth millions of Euros

Customer: Passenger Car OEM  
Project: After Sales Issue Prediction – Battery thermal issue



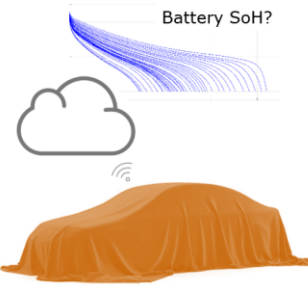
Project description
<b>Customer Benefits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce warranty costs</li><li>• Risk estimation for battery issues in the field<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Early warnings for high-risk vehicles</li><li>→ Avoid severe follow-up failures</li></ul></li><li>• Understanding of the main failure influencers<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Feedback on battery requirements to avoid issues for future applications</li></ul></li><li>• Support technical actions</li></ul>
<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with huge amount of data from the field</li><li>• Link between workshops and telemetry data</li><li>• Extremely biases dataset – Very low number of issues</li></ul>

Customer: 2-Wheeler OEM  
Project: Battery System Validation of E-Scooter



E-Scooter System Validation
<b>Project description</b> <p>E-Scooter Fleet Testing &amp; Monitoring of Battery Condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E-scooter fleet test plan and test execution</li><li>• 24/7 real-time monitoring of entire battery management system, GPS and ambient conditions for 2 years</li><li>• Provision of cloud data platform to perform big data analytics</li><li>• Battery health and life-time tracking</li><li>• Identification of battery damaging usage</li></ul>
<b>Targets / AVL Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I</li><li>• S</li><li>• C</li><li>• D</li></ul>

Customer: Premium Passenger Car OEM  
Project: Cloud BMS Series Development

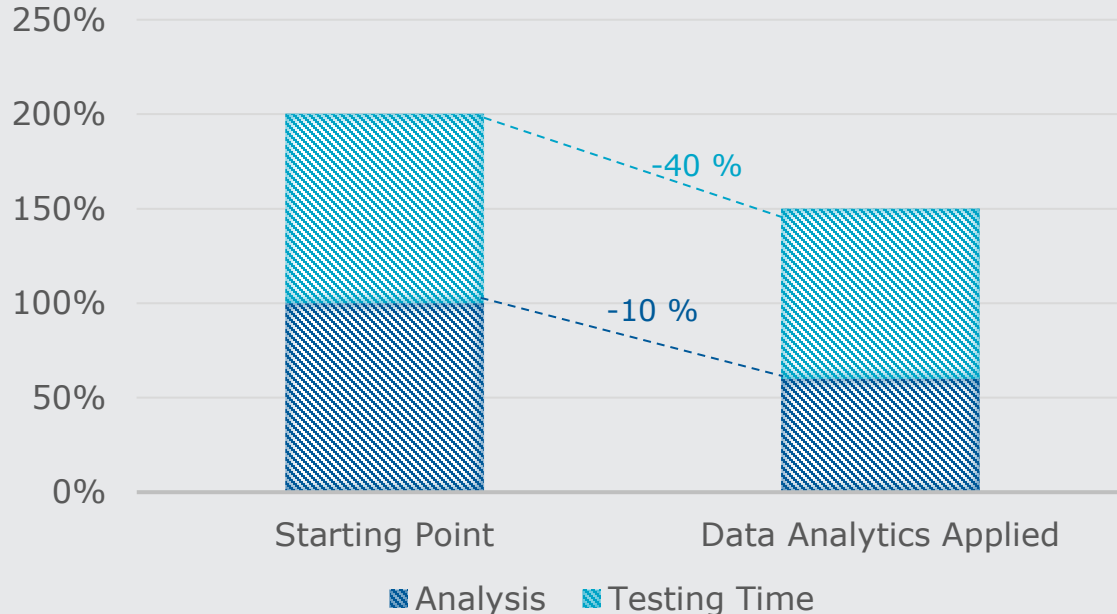


Project description
<b>Customer Benefits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve SOH estimation precision</li><li>• Reduce warranty costs and customer down-time</li><li>• Improve the control strategy in the individual vehicles</li><li>• Extend life-time and enhance residual value</li></ul>
<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connect On-Board BMS with backend cloud algorithms</li><li>• Working with huge amount of data from the field</li><li>• Bring machine learning models into production</li></ul>
<b>AVL Tasks &amp; Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combine domain and data science expertise for a data-driven SOH modelling</li><li>• Identify SOH influencing factors and predict remaining useful life for each vehicle</li><li>• Develop battery ageing models based on data analytics methods and processes</li><li>• Develop large-scale data processing system for model deployment in AWS</li><li>• Provide relevant information to enable an adaptive BMS control strategy</li></ul>

# ROI of AVL Data Analytics & Processing

## Efficiency Increase with AVL Data Analytics

Typical project: Cell characterisation



**Basis: Characterisation projects over 2 years testing time**

### Potential savings:

**-40%** Analytics Manpower

Due to automation and focused root cause analysis

Testing time **-10%**  
Due early anomaly detection and AI prediction

Reduce Development Cost and Time

Benefits

Improve Quality

Tailored  
Toolboxes



Battery  
Testing



Fleet  
Monitoring



Predictive  
Maintenance

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Base for  
AI and Machine  
Learning

Product



AVL Data Analytics™



Data  
Sources



An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through a dense green forest. Several cars are visible on the road, including a blue car, a white car, and a red car. The road curves from the top left towards the bottom right. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the road, containing the text 'AVL' and a logo of a bicycle wheel.

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**Thank You**