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# High performance battery cooling by innovative immersion cooling systems

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**Integration, efficiency, safety**
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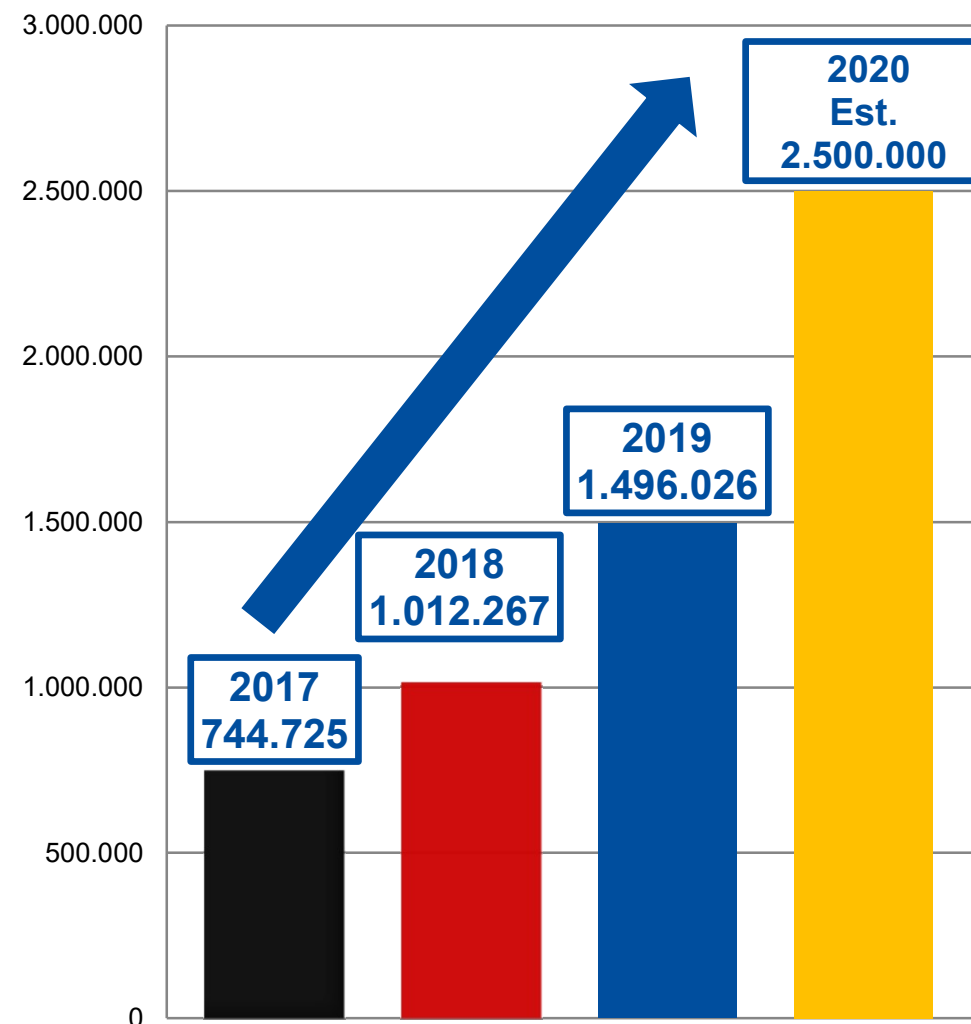
## 01 What drives BEV direct cooling

Market trends, technology drivers,  
battery immersion cooling



## 01 Market trends

### xEV sales Europe + recent press releases



Electric cars to triple market share in Europe amid COVID-19, researchers say

France Hits Record 19.2% EV Share In December — Up Almost 6x Year On Year

UK's EV Market Share Jumps To 16% In November — Overtaking Diesel

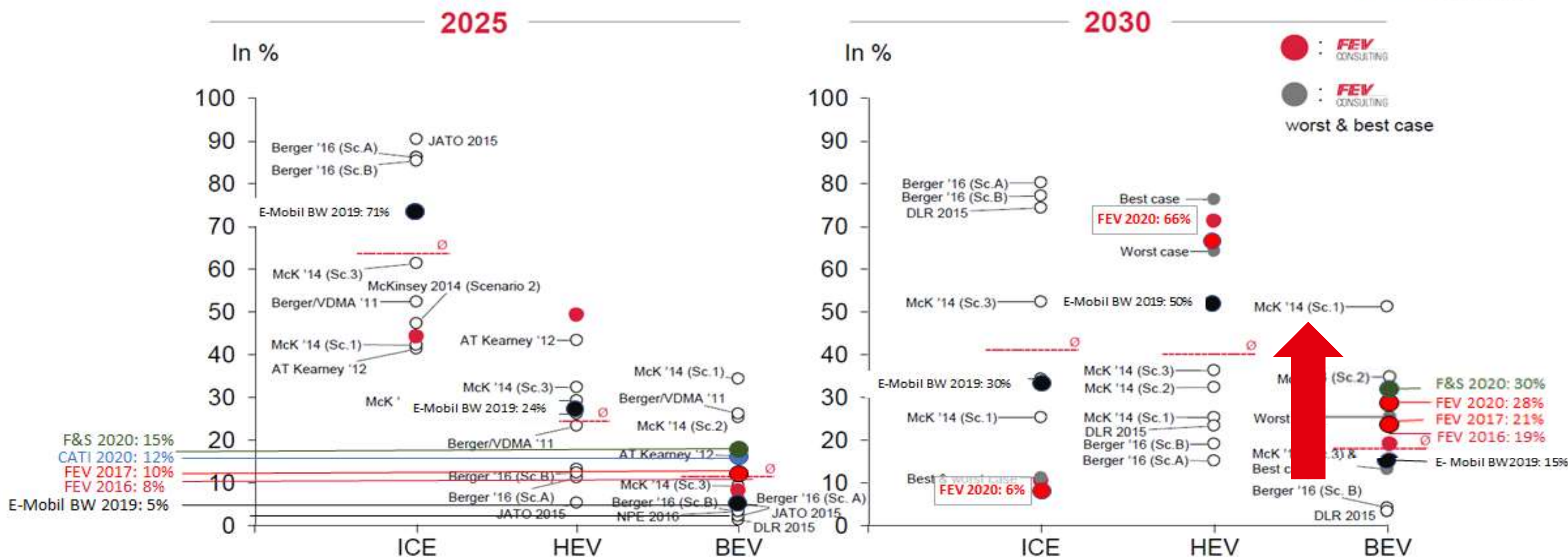
EV sales triple in Germany, disrupting market with 11% share



# 01 Market trends

## Dynamics in published consulting agencies studies

LIGHT-DUTY POWERTRAIN SPLIT: COMPARISON META-STUDY AND FEV SCENARIO FOR 2025 AND 2030



Note: McKinsey 2014: Scenario 1; Roland Berger 2016: Scenario A; + added information by FUCHS 2020

## 01 Technology driver Ultra Fast Charging Challenge

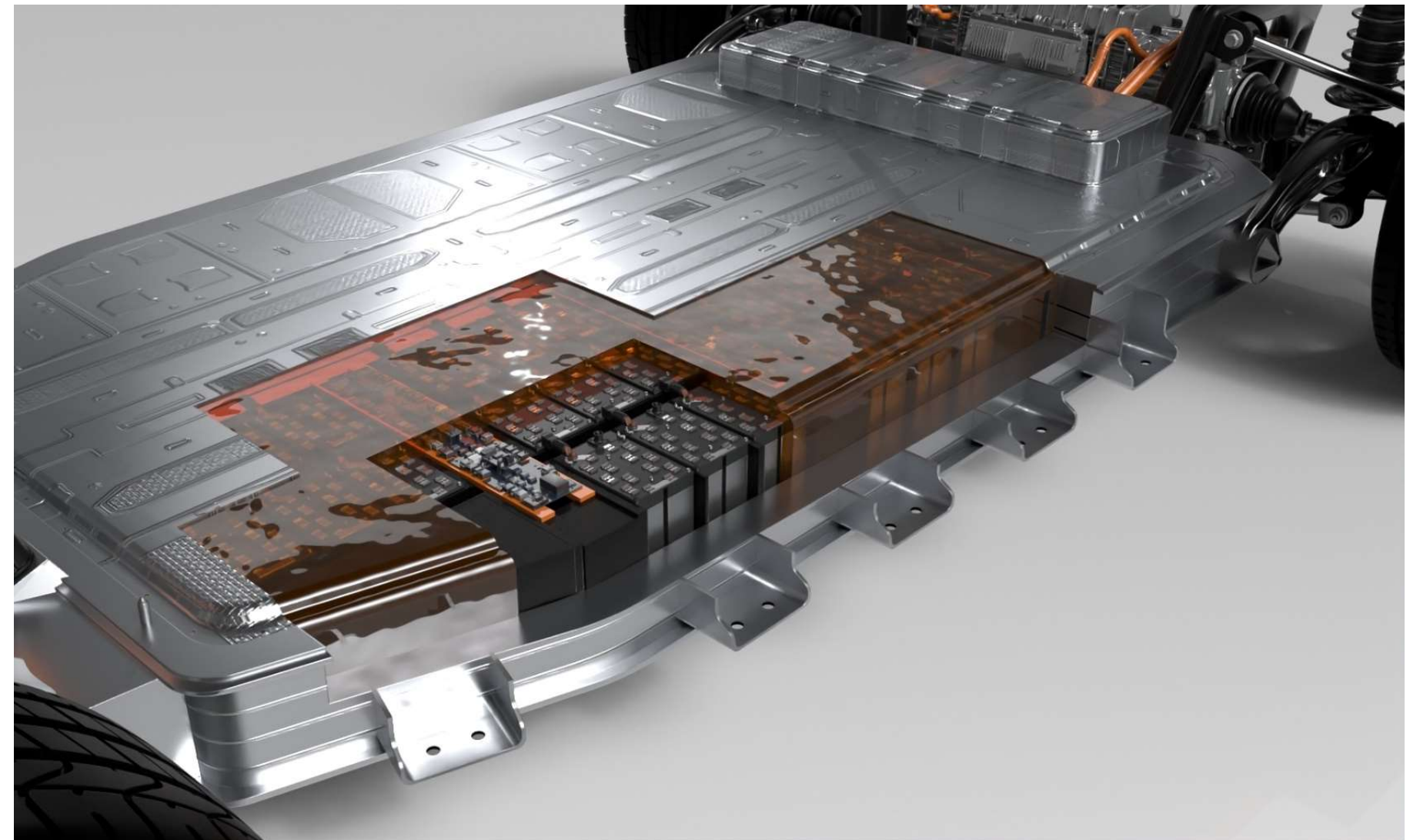
- High energy density
- Up to **50kW dissipation loss!**
- Safety optimization
- Maximum efficiency
- Condition monitoring requires homogeneous cell temperature



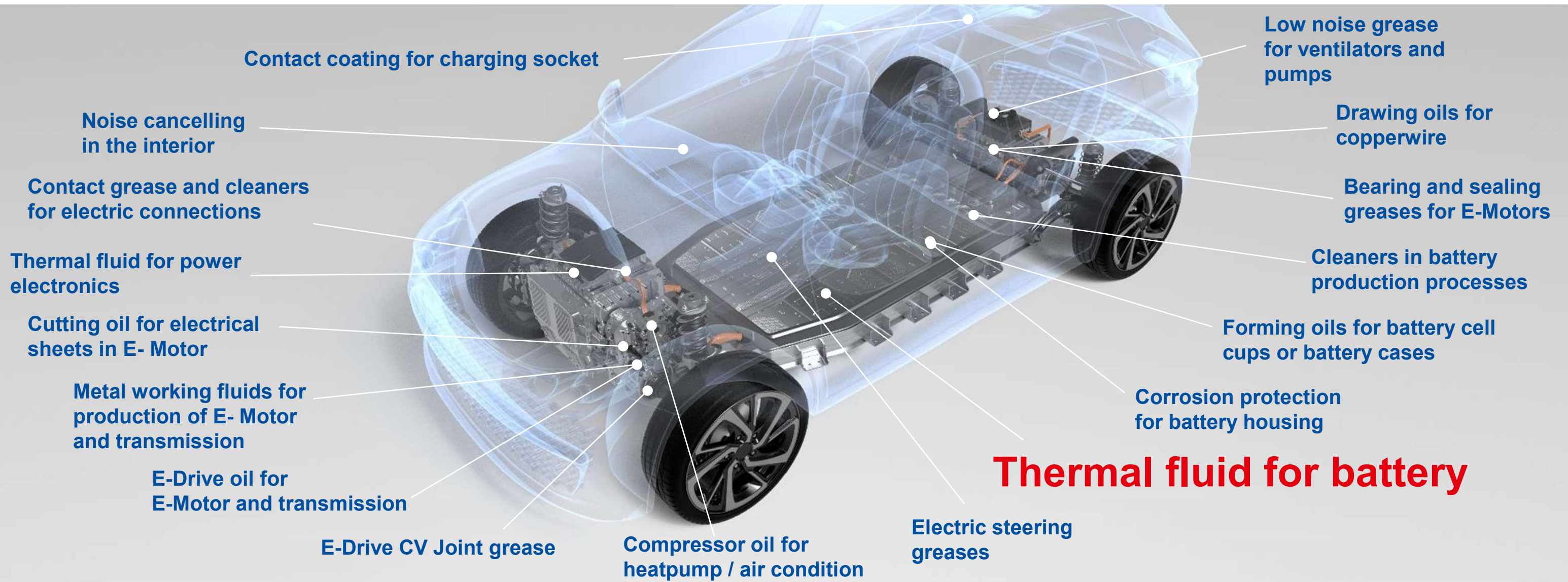


## 01 Battery Immersion Cooling How and why?

- Battery immersed with cooling fluid
- Insulating dielectric fluid is derived from transformer fluid
- Highest heat transfer capability
- Homogeneous battery cell temperature
- Increased safety



# 01 Battery immersion cooling FUCHS BEV applications





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**02 Challenges of immersion cooling dielectric fluids**  
Integration, safety, efficiency

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TECHNOLOGY.  
PEOPLE.

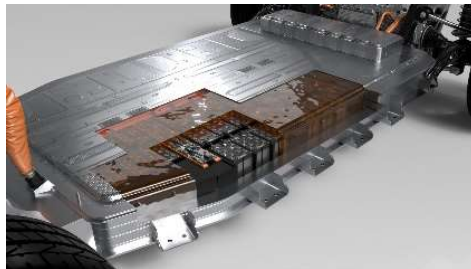


## 02 Integration

### Multiple temperature levels in BEV components

#### Key challenges

#### Operating temp (°C)



Battery



Powertrain  
Electronics  
& E-Motor

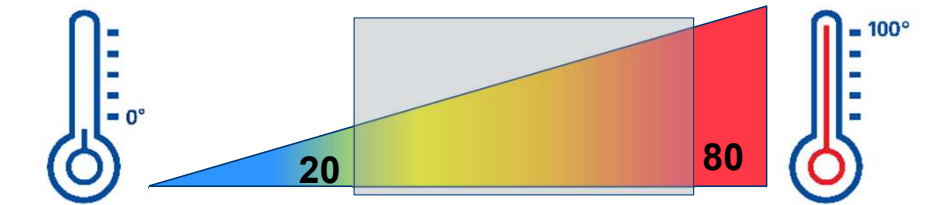
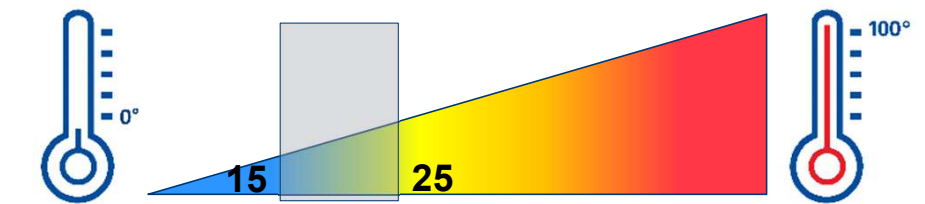
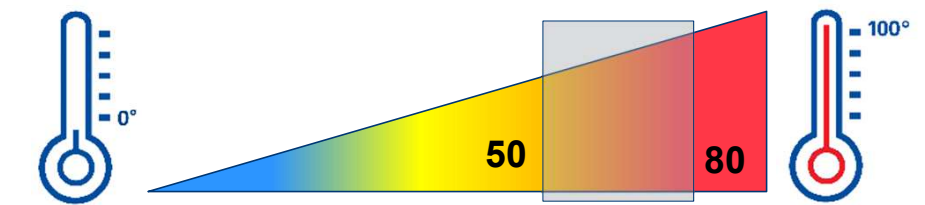
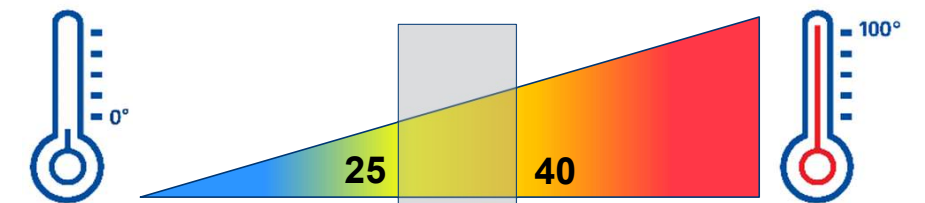


Cabin



On- board  
electronics





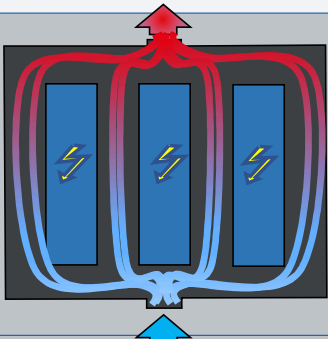
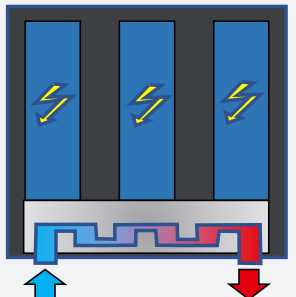
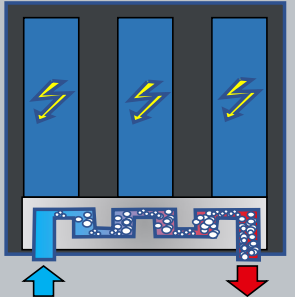
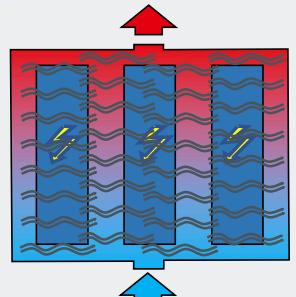
- Thermal management for performance and lifetime
- Heating and cooling
- Cooling only
- High gradients, intermittent
- Cooling and heating
- ICE waste heat non existent
- Cooling only
- Hotspots









## 02 Integration

# Battery thermal management solutions

Type	 Air	 Water-Glycol	 Refrigerants	 Dielectric Fluids
				
<b>Description</b>	Direct cooling Forced convection by airflow around cells	Indirect cooling through pipe and heat exchanger system	Indirect cooling by expansion of refrigerant in heat exchanger system	Direct cooling forced convection by fluid flow around cells
<b>Advantages</b>	Low cost of system	Fluid already available at car production sites  Low cost of fluid	High heat transfer rates	No additional heat exchanger system inside battery needed Higher energy density Highest efficiency and cooling capability
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Low specific heat capacity of air = low efficiency  Loud  High space demands	Conductive fluid in high voltage environment needs higher safety efforts  Smaller contact surface to cells = low efficiency	High Power and high pressures required  Only cooling, separate heating system required	Fluid either environmentally harmful, expensive and heavy or flammable  Higher fluid volume

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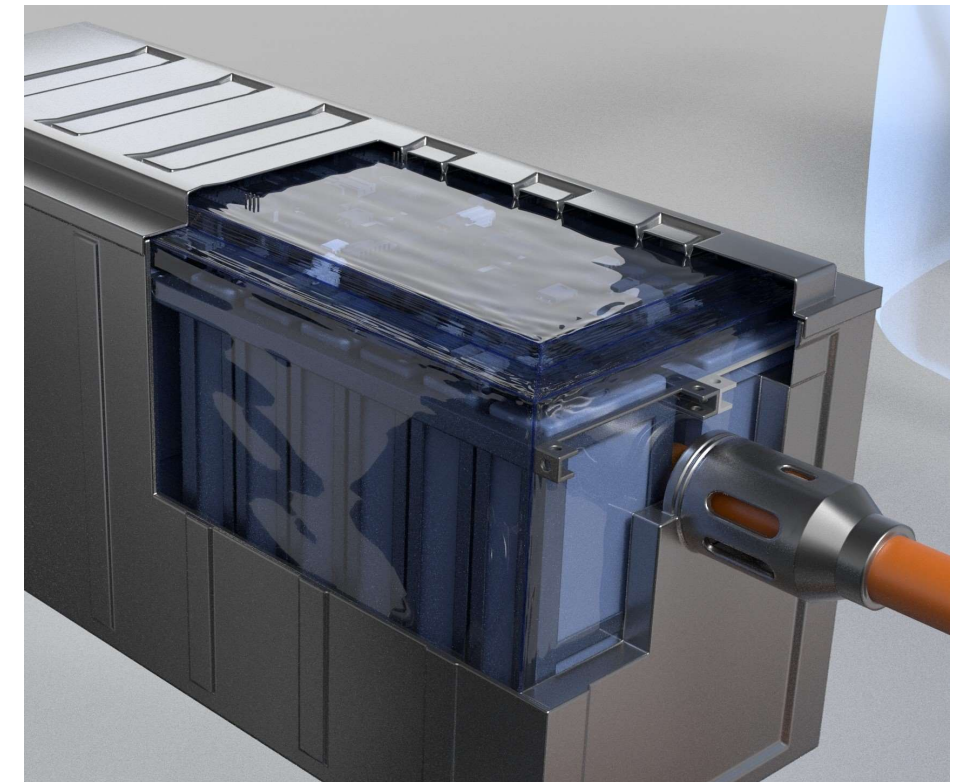
### Thermal management media for direct cooling of batteries

Coolant	Direct cooling	Cost	Energy efficiency	Heat transfer	Electrical conductivity	Fire resistance	Weight	Ecology
Water / Glycol	X	++	++	++	--	+	-	++
Hydro Fluoro Ethers		--	+	+	++	++	--	--
Heat Transfer Oils		+	--	+	+	-	+	+
Transformer Oils		+	-	+	++	0	+	+
Dielectric Thermal Fluids, designed for Batteries		+	+	+	++	0	+	+



## 02 Safety

- Low flammability
- Robust and homogeneous cooling, no thermal peaks
- Effective cooling results in less risk of thermal runaway
- New China GB/T standard 38031 for BEV safety



## 02 Efficiency

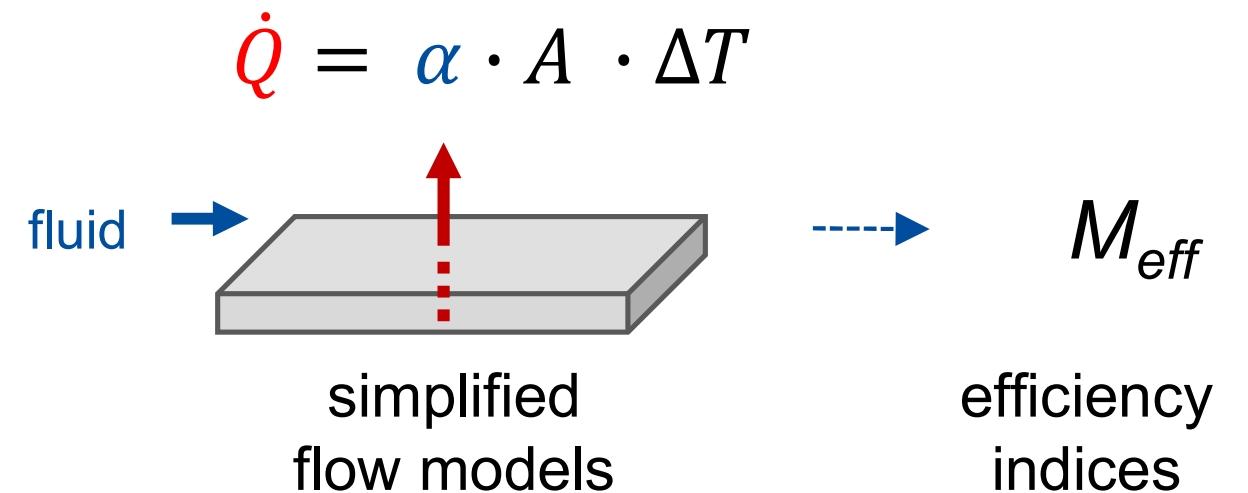
### Heat transfer Comparison of thermal fluids using efficiency indices

#### Thermal fluid

- thermal conductivity
- heat capacity
- density
- viscosity

#### System and operation

- design, geometry, operation parameters
- cooling surface area  $A$
- temperature difference  $\Delta T$
- flow regime (laminar/turbulent)
- forced convection / 2-phase
- materials, surfaces, coatings, ...



**Efficiency is influenced by a combination of caloric and hydraulic fluid characteristics**



## 02 Efficiency

### Heat transfer models laminar and turbulent flow

$$M = \frac{\rho^a \cdot \lambda^b \cdot C_p^c}{\mu^d}$$

M efficiency index\*

$\rho$  density

$\lambda$  heat conductivity

$C_p$  specific heat capacity

$\mu$  dynamic viscosity

$$M_1 = \frac{\rho^{0.33} \cdot \lambda^{0.67} \cdot C_p^{0.33}}{\mu^{0.17}}$$

- simple model
- laminar flow
- pump energy neglected

$$M_2 = \frac{\rho^{0.40} \cdot \lambda^{0.20} \cdot C_p^{0.40}}{\mu^{0.20}}$$

- **advanced model 1**
- **laminar flow**

**Immersion  
battery  
cooling**

$$M_3 = \frac{\rho^{0.80} \cdot \lambda^{0.67} \cdot C_p^{0.33}}{\mu^{0.47}}$$

- advanced model 2
- turbulent flow

\* also described as Mouromtseff number

1 D.B. Tuckerman: Heat-Transfer Microstructures for Integrated Circuits, 1984

2 R.E. Simons: Comparing Heat Transfer Rates of Liquid Coolants, 2006

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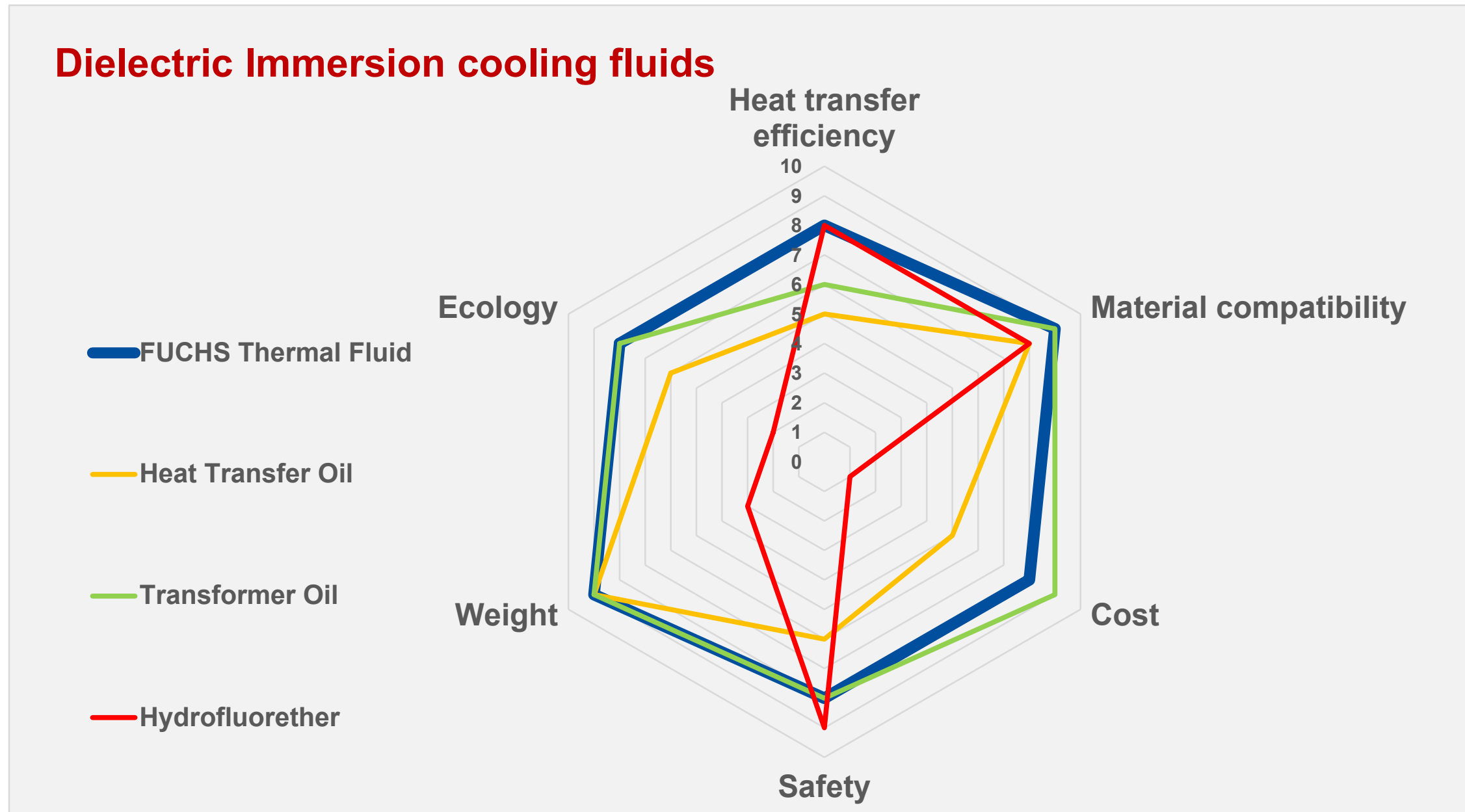
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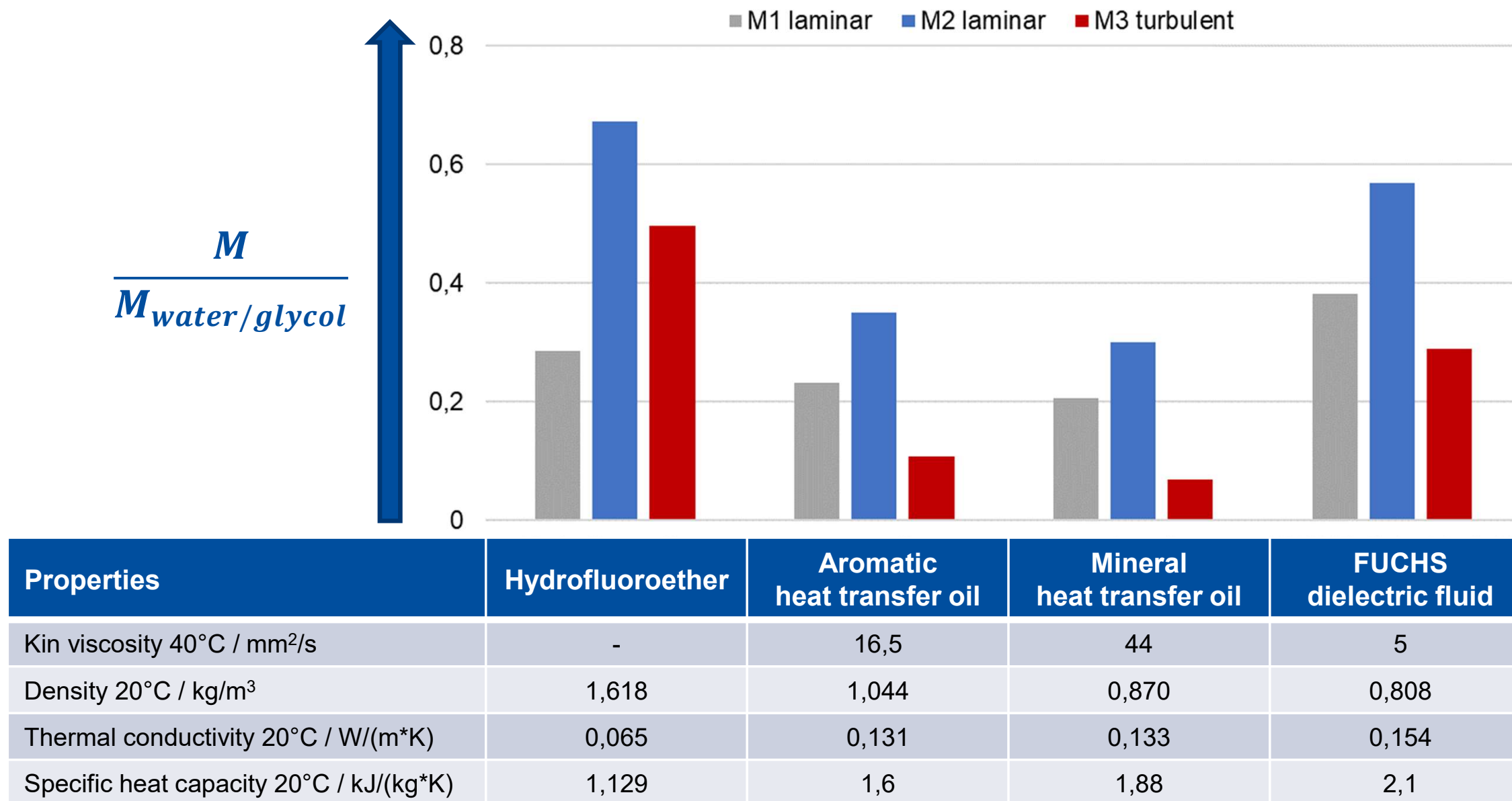
### 03 Formulation

## Hydrocarbon based dielectric fluids offer best overall performance



### 03 Formulation

## Products made to measure: Comparison of thermal fluids

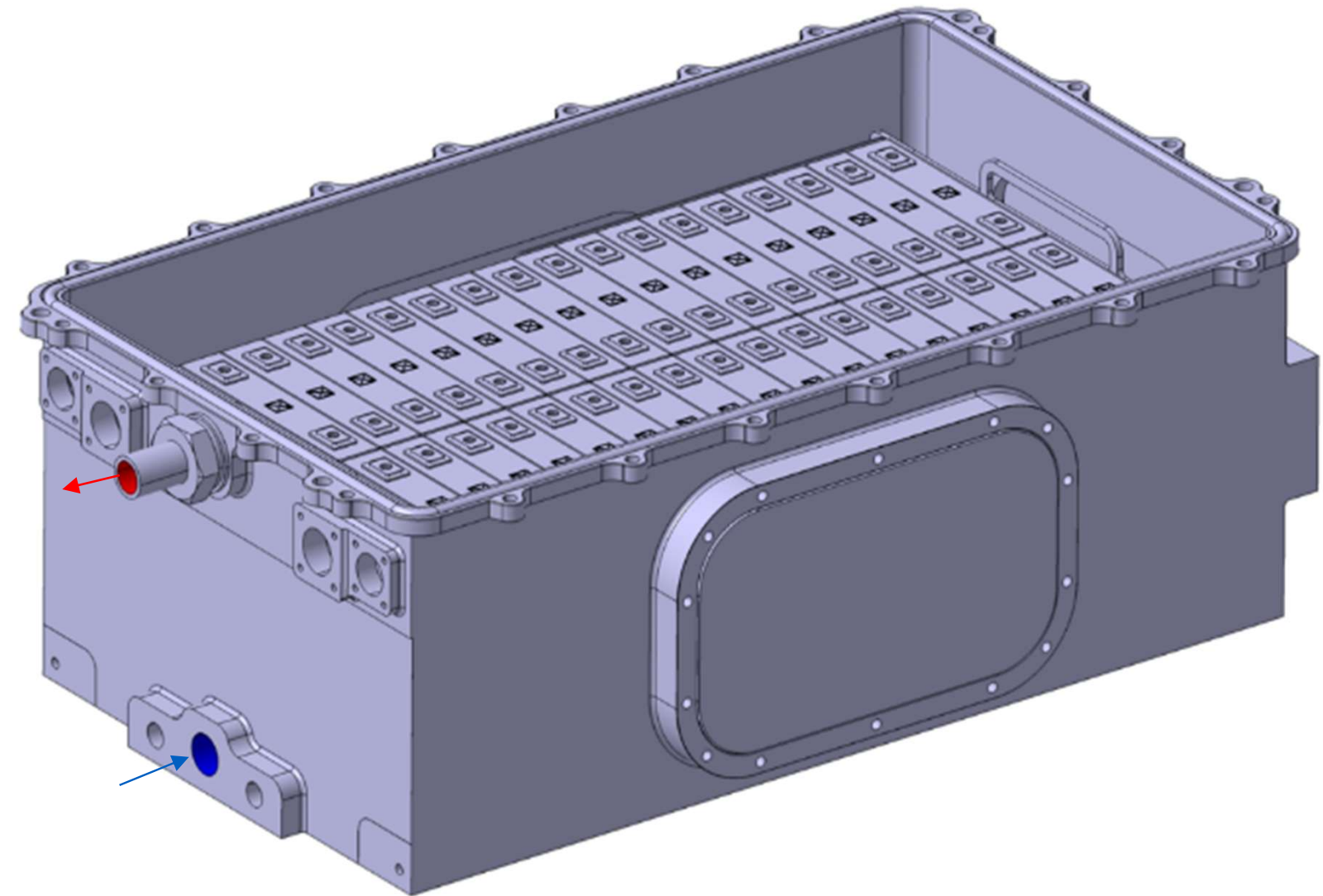




## 03 Testing

### Comparison of thermal fluid formulation strategies

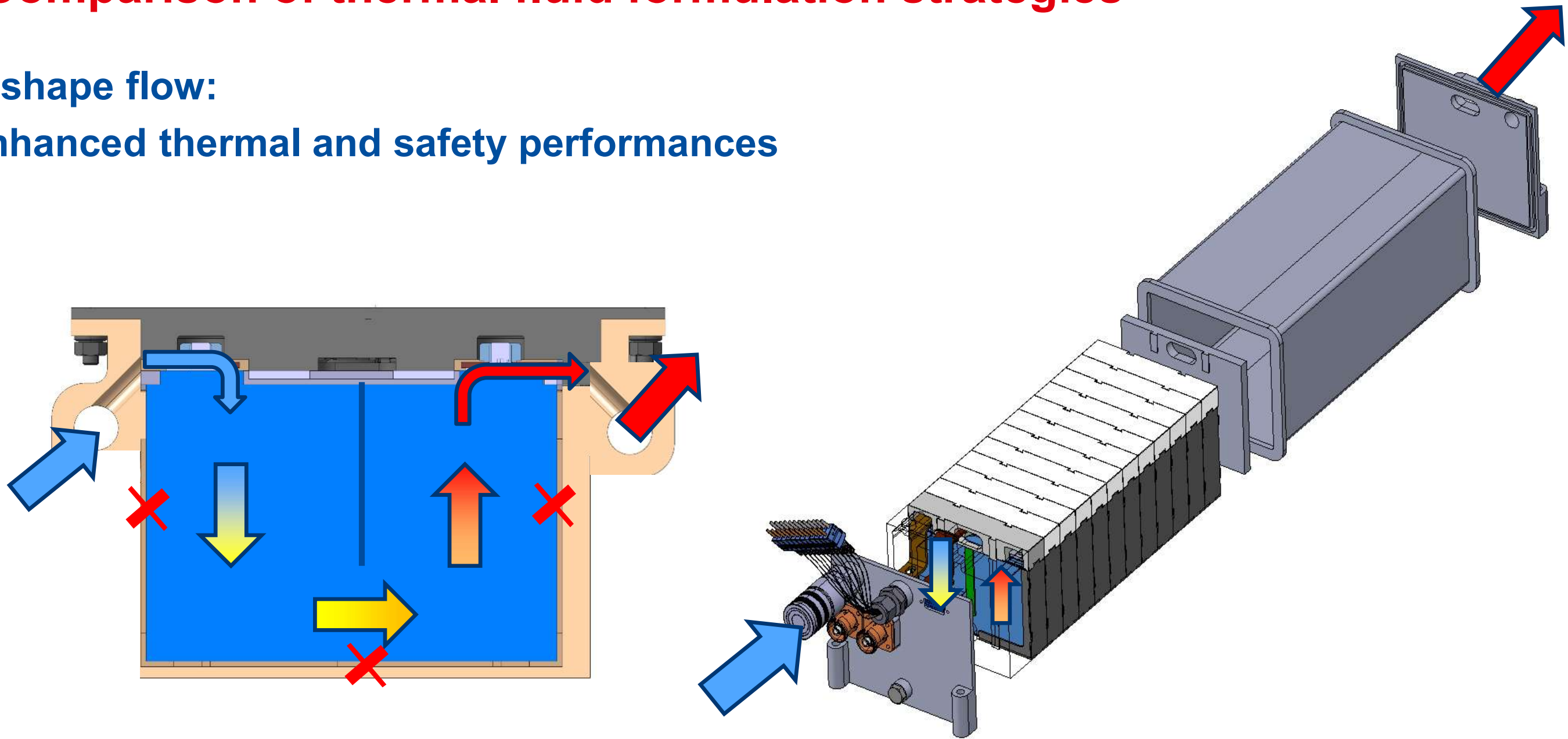
- Hermetic module casing
- Battery cells immersed in dielectric liquid
- Circulating cooling liquid, controlled in temperature / flow / pressure
- Specific flow pattern around battery cells, flow channels arranged in parallel



## 03 Testing

### Comparison of thermal fluid formulation strategies

- U-shape flow:
- Enhanced thermal and safety performances

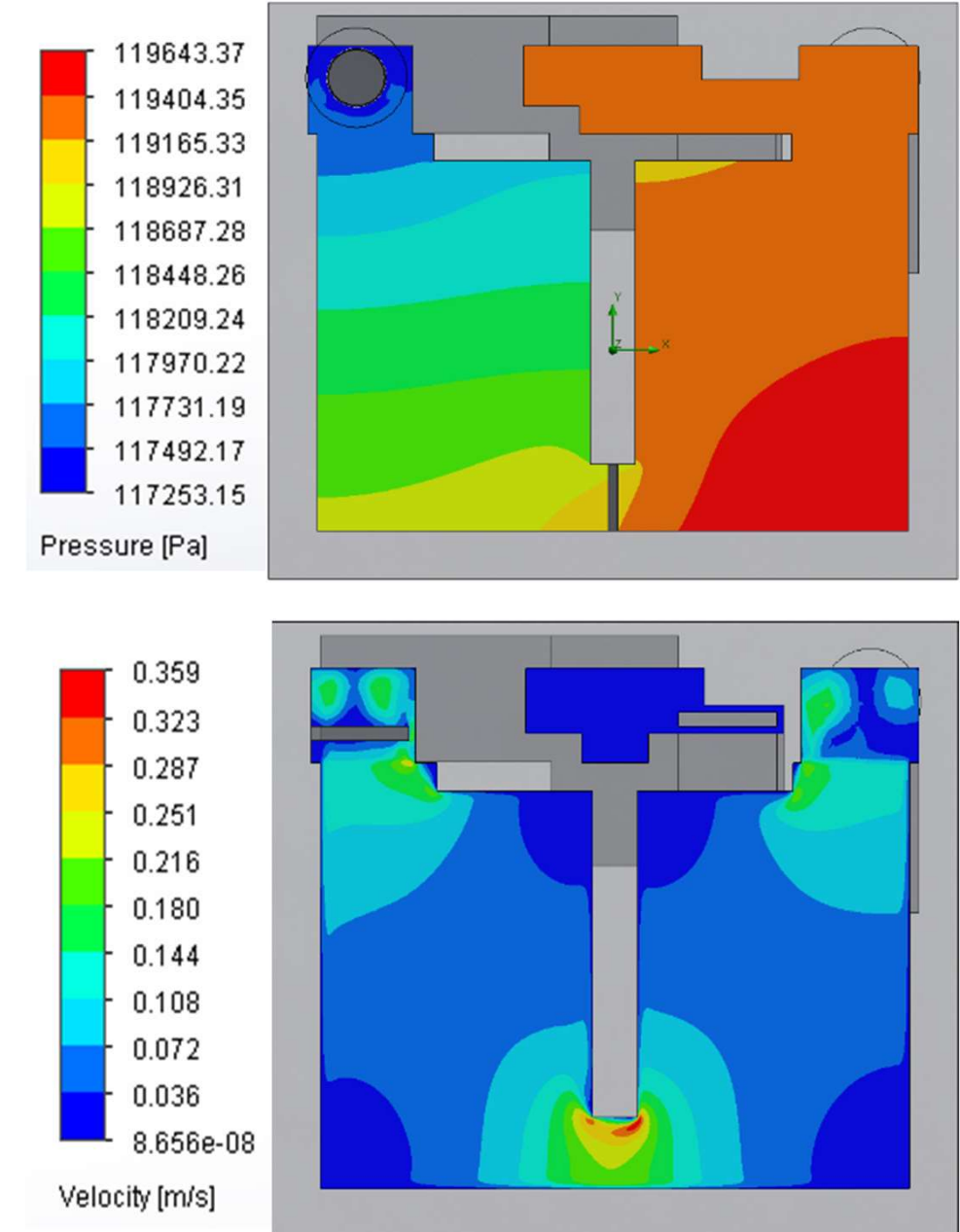
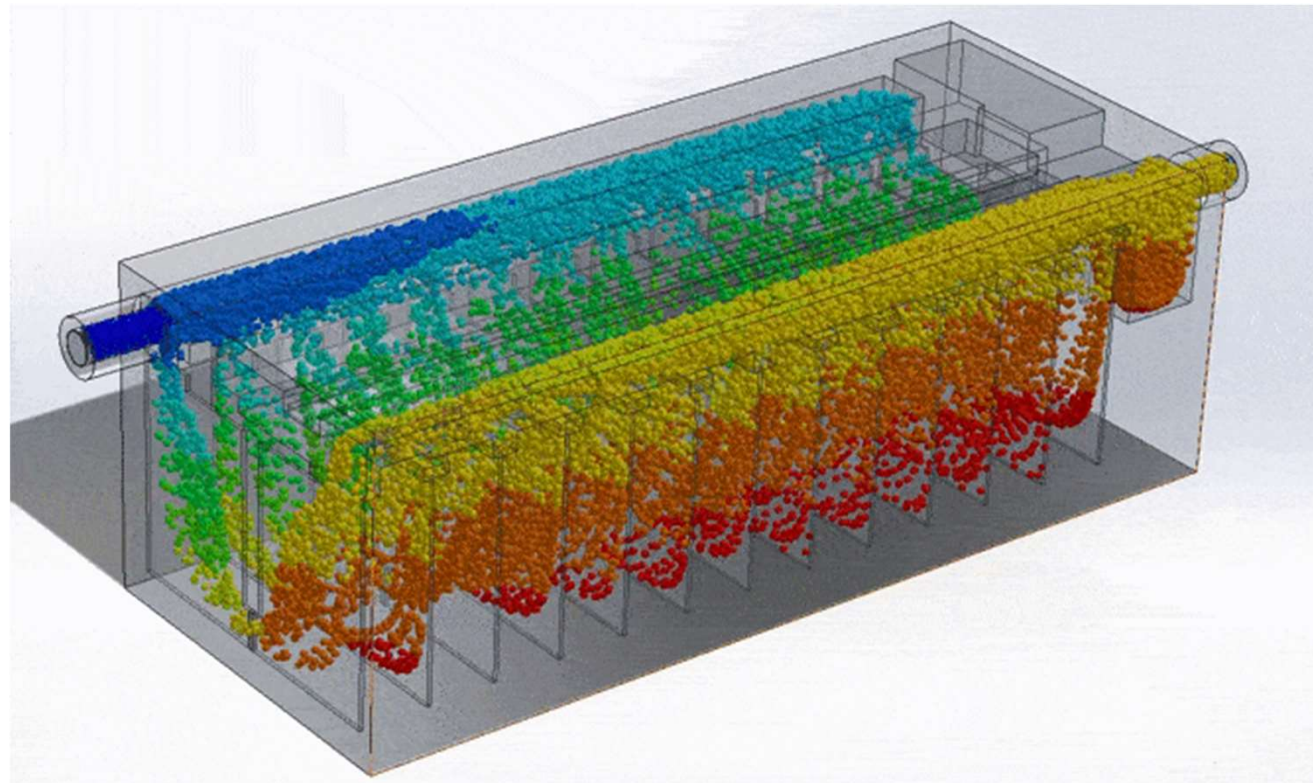




### 03 Simulation

## Comparison of thermal fluid formulation strategies

- Flow simulation that combining heating and flow calculation
- Speeds and pressure pattern of the flow in-between prismatic cells in immersion cooling

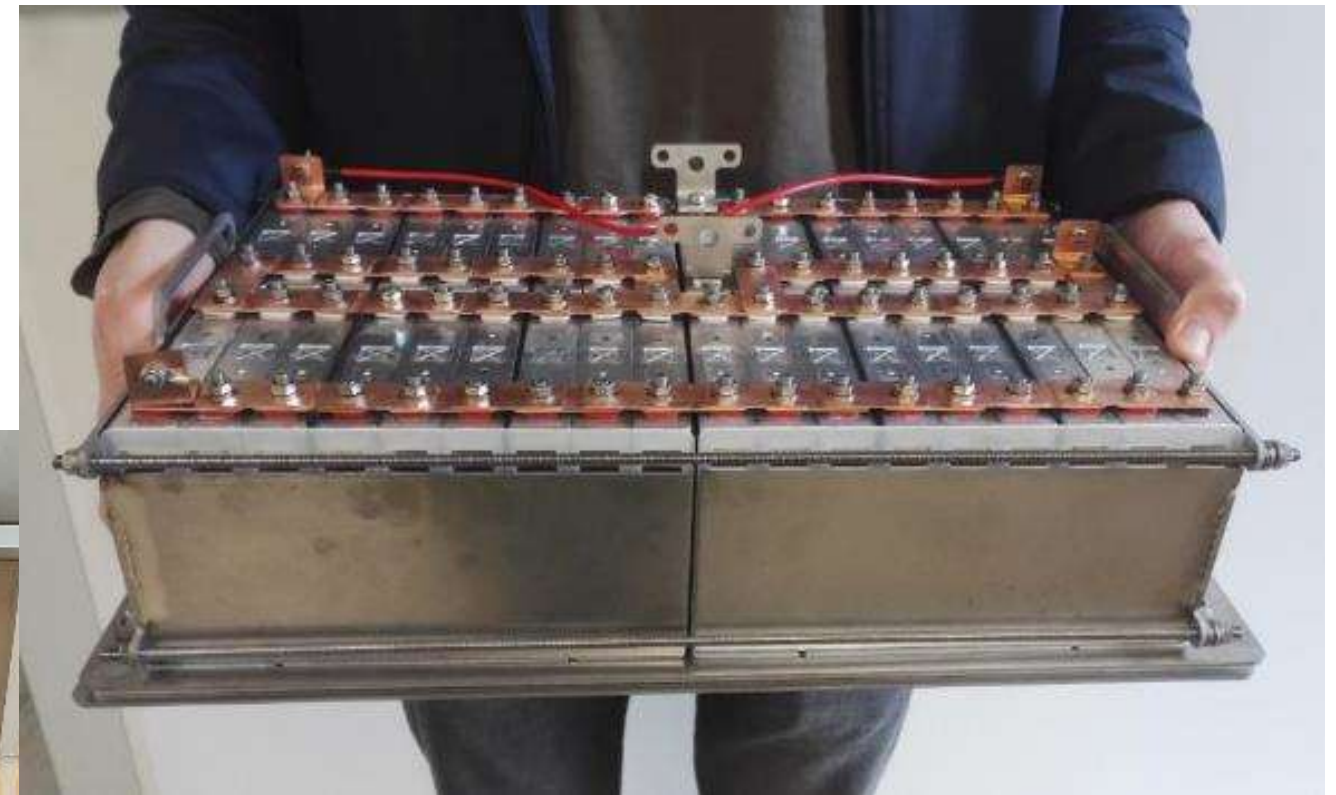
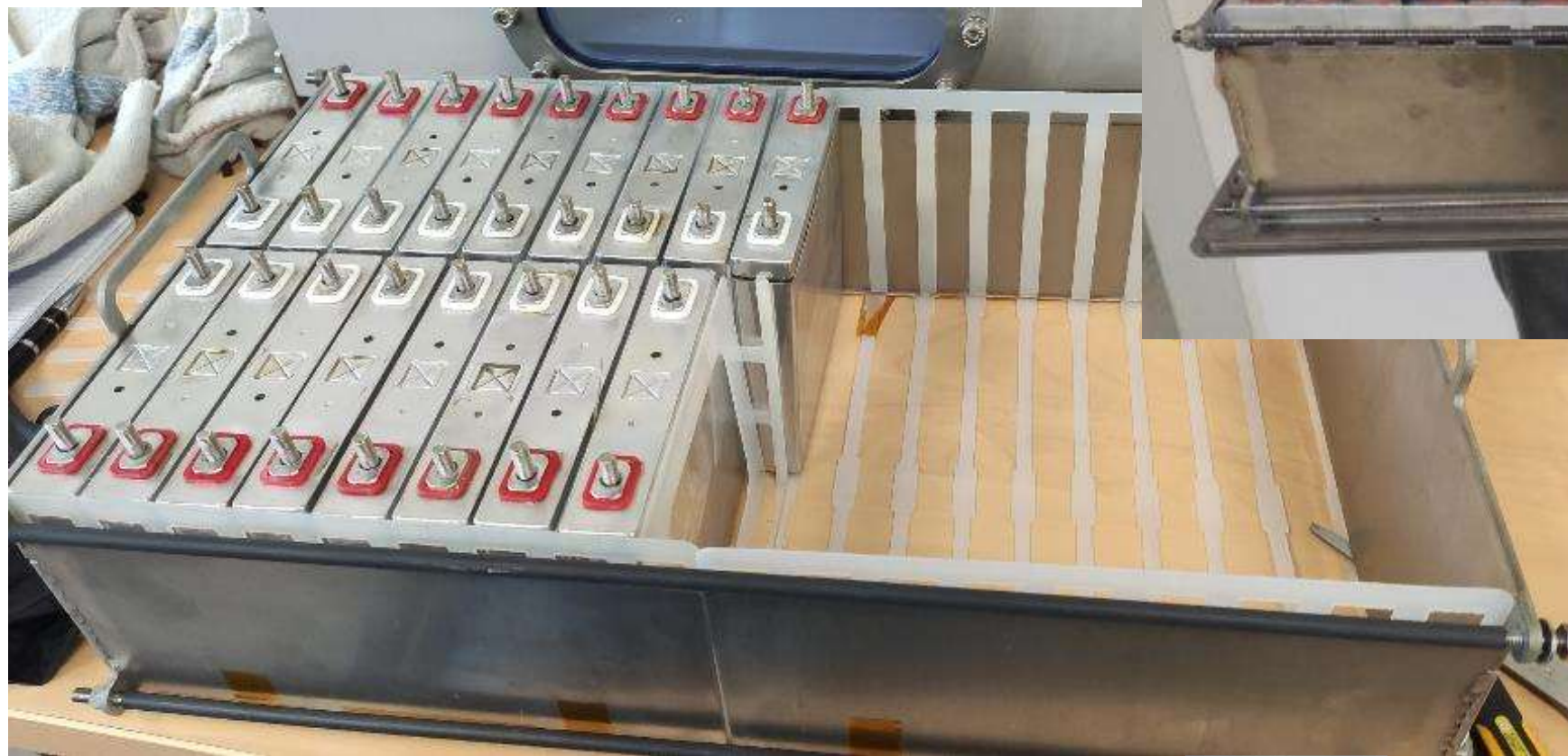




## 03 Testing

### Comparison of thermal fluid formulation strategies

- EXOES designed a module made of dummy cells
- 1x actual LTO cell (Toshiba SCiB 10Ah)
- Surrounded by 35x dummy heating cells
- 26x temperature sensors enclosed



## 03 Formulation

### Testing: Material compatibility (Construction polymers, sealants)

#### Construction polymers (examples) acc. to ASTM D3455

Polycarbonate (PC)

Polyphenylene sulfide (PPS)

Polyamide - Polycaprolactam (PA6)

Polybutylene terephthalate/  
Acrylonitrile styrene acrylate  
(PBT/ASA)

#### Sealants (examples) acc. to ISO 1817: 2015-02

Fluorocarbon rubber (FKM)

Alkyl acrylate copolymer (ACM)

Hydrogenated acrylonitrile butadiene  
rubber (HNBR)

Ethylene acrylic rubber (AEM)

#### Tested properties (examples)

Shore D hardness / Ball indentation  
hardness

Strength

Strain at strength

Stress at break

Strain at break





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**04** FUCHS global footprint  
Covering all applications and regions





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Stefan Fuchs, Chairman of the Board

» We have relied on **continuity, reliability and proximity** – for more than 85 years.«

## 04 FUCHS global footprint FUCHS PETROLUB SE at a glance

Established **3**  
generations ago as a  
family-owned business

More than **5,400**  
employees

Preference share is listed  
in the MDAX

**No. 1**  
among the independent  
suppliers of lubricants

Approx. **€2.6** bn  
sales in 2018

**58** companies worldwide

The Fuchs family holds  
**55%** of  
ordinary shares

A full range  
of over  
**10,000**  
lubricants and related  
specialties



# 01 FUCHS BluEV product line

## Customized 360-degree solutions





## 04 FUCHS global footprint

### Covering all applications: BEV product portfolio

Contact grease  
for electric connections

Coolant for power  
electronics

E-Drive oil for  
E-Motor and  
gearbox

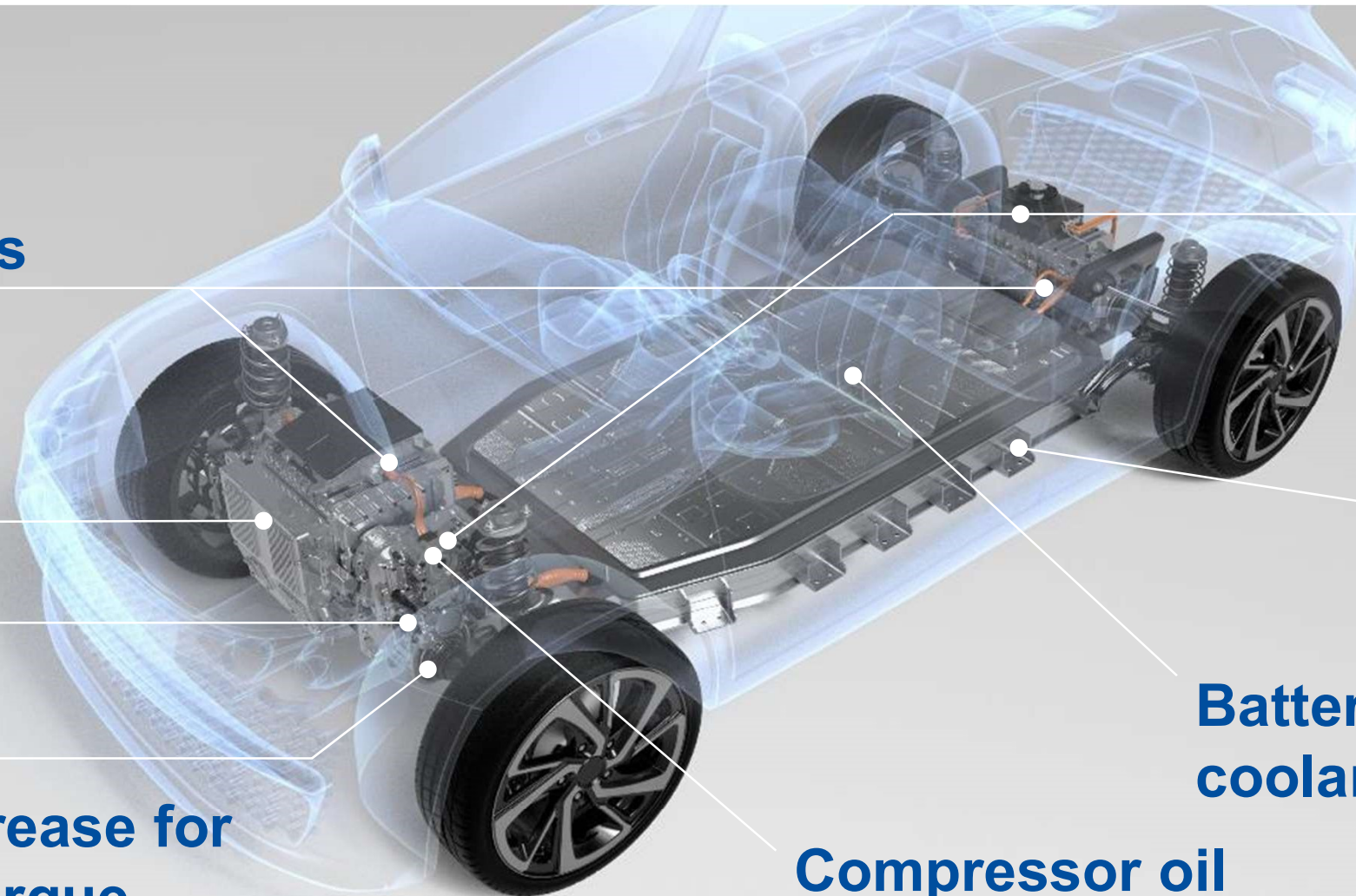
Axle grease for  
high torque

Grease for E-  
Motor

Corrosion  
inhibitor  
for battery  
housing

Battery  
coolant

Compressor oil  
for heat pump / air condition



Products, which are needed independently from propulsion method are not shown

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### Covering all applications: HYBRID product portfolio



Products, which are needed independently from propulsion method are not shown



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