# **Battery Pack Design and Characterization**

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Cell Connectors

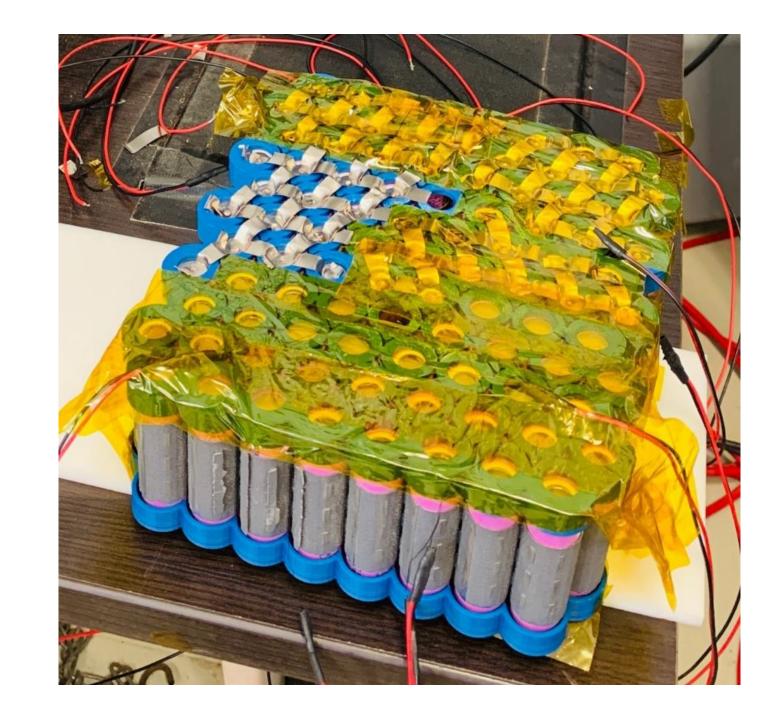
# Motivation

- Battery packs consist of hundreds to thousands of cells
- Applying cell-level state estimators directly is (usually) not feasible
  - Individual cell currents not available in parallel-connected groups
  - Computational cost
- Existing pack-level models:
  - Lumped model
  - Assume knowledge of individual cell current and voltage
  - Estimate cell states using adaptive filtering methods (Kalman filters)

# 48V Battery Module Design

## Samsung cylindrical cell module

- 13s7p
- 3D printed aluminium lattice



#### NRC pouch cell module:

- 13s1p
- Novel chemistry, high energy density





## **Module-level EIS Characterization**

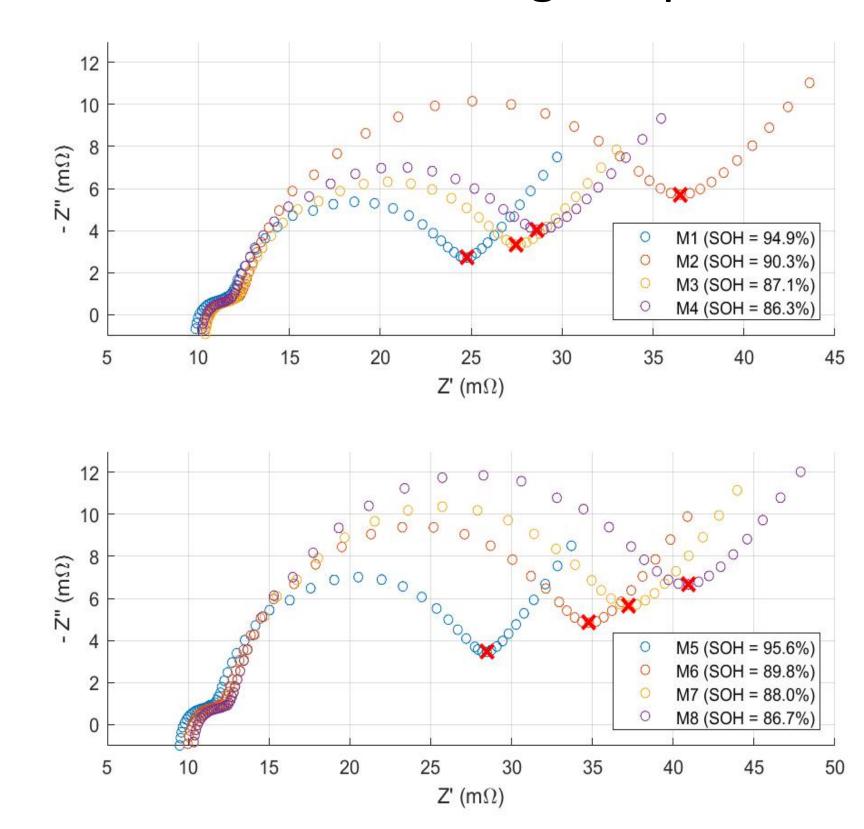
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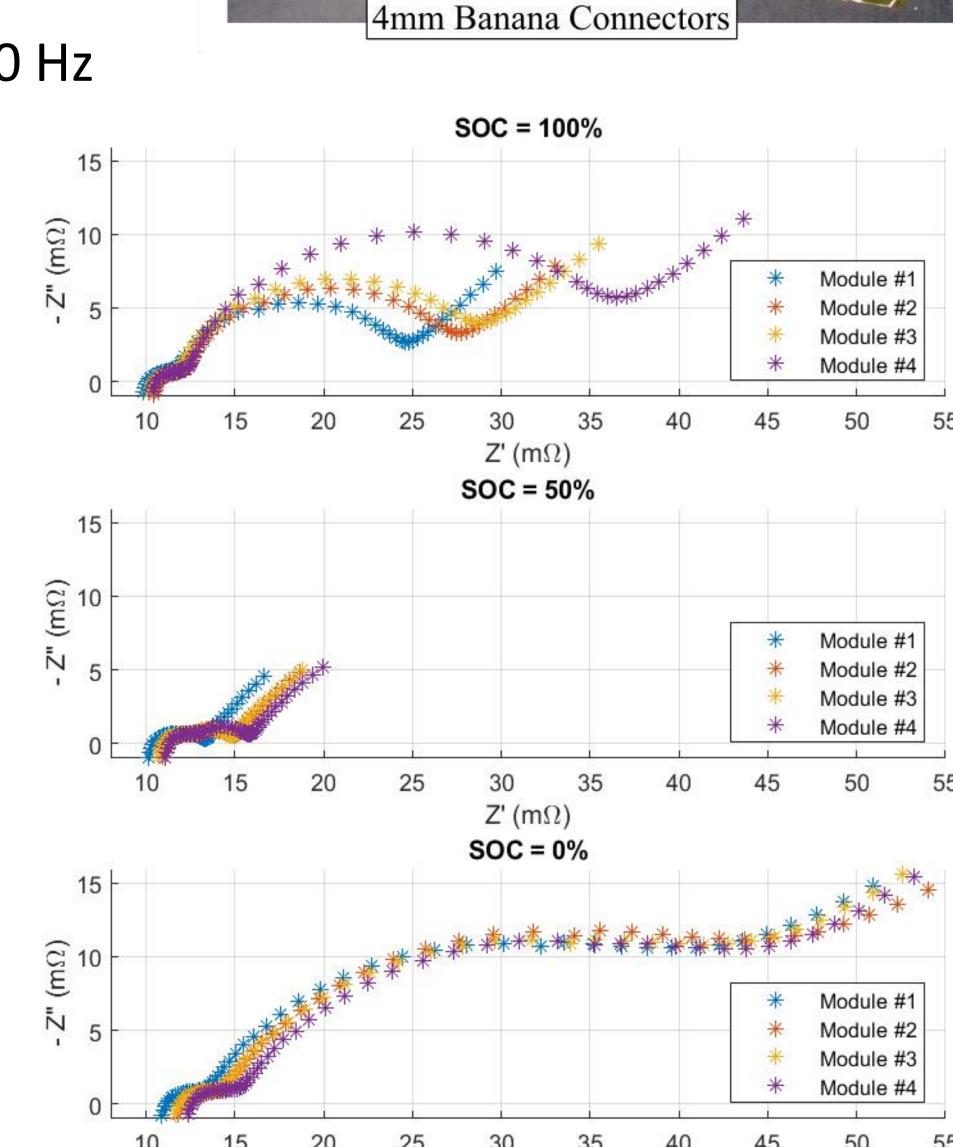
- Custom battery fixture
- Module configuration: 4P1S
- EIS settings:

  - 5000 0.005 Hz
  - Galvanostatic, 0.13A

#### **Results:**

- Impedance increases as SOH decreases
- Transition frequency between 0.025 to 0.050 Hz
- 100% SOC provides the best separability between modules with high impedance





### **Conclusion:**

- Impedance can reflect module SOH
- A narrow and low frequency range may be sufficient
- Potential use in state estimation, fault detection, and rapid battery sorting
- Working to expand results to more module configurations, operating conditions and developing impedance-based battery management and state estimation strategies











