

DRIVING TO \$1/KG H₂

SILICON + AI ENHANCED ELECTROLYZERS

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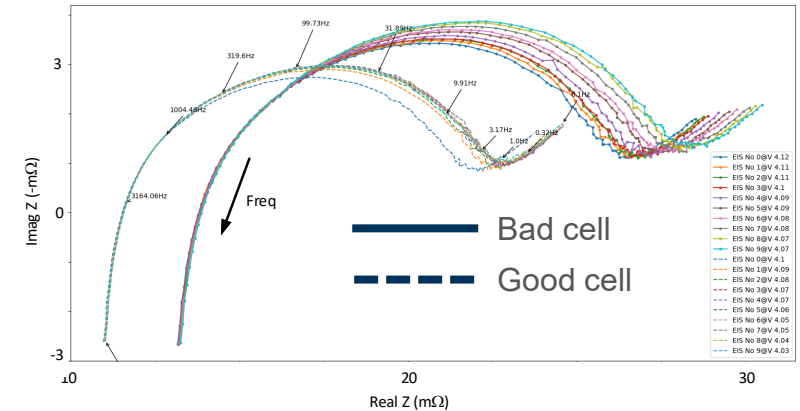
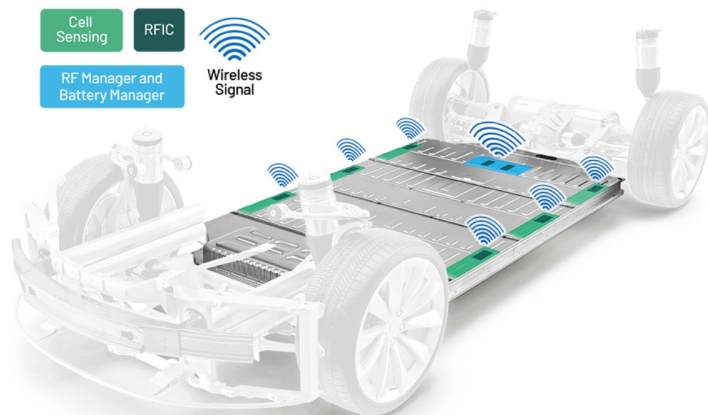
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Industry 4.0
& Smart Energy



Immersive Consumer
Experiences



General Motors' Future Electric Vehicles to Debut Industry's First Wireless Battery Management System

Technology developed in collaboration with Analog Devices, Inc.

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Electrochemical Impedance
Spectroscopy to identify
failing cells

Electrolyzer Reliability & Impact of ML-aided Bypass



Single Cell

1MW Stack
N = 140 cells

1MW Stack
with bypass

Failure
probability

$$p_f = 0.7\% \\ \text{in } T_f = 7 \text{ years}$$

$$1 - (1 - p_f)^N = 63\% \\ \text{in } T_f = 7 \text{ years}$$

Indicated by
EIS measurements
& bypassed

Time between
replacements

$$T_r = \frac{T_f}{\log\left(\frac{1}{1-p_f}\right)} = 1000 \text{ years}$$

$$\frac{T_r}{N} = 7 \text{ years}^{1,2}$$

No replacements needed

At least 10x reduction
in H₂ cost adder due
to stack replacement

Ability to dynamically
scale stack size to
load balance

Scheduled vs
unscheduled
downtime: reduced
O&M cost

Flexibility to redesign
MEA for improved
efficiency and cost:
reduced reliability
bottleneck

¹ Derived from properties of independent Poisson failure processes

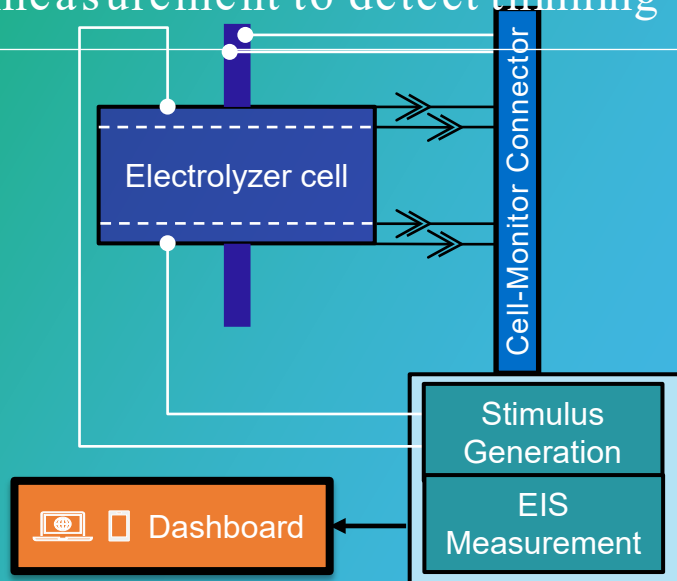
² Numbers from Peterson, D. et al., *Hydrogen Production Cost From PEM Electrolysis 2019*; DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Record, February 3, 2020

ADI EIS Monitoring Solution

Monitoring solution that measures wideband impedance for every cell

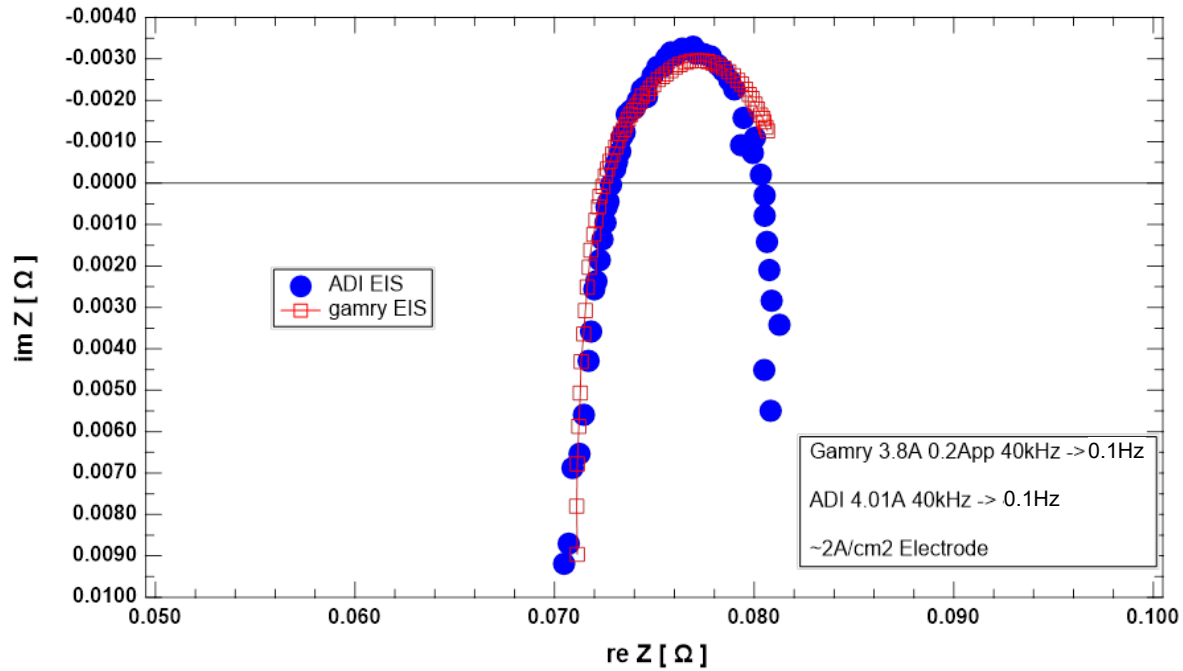
Provides insights on deteriorating cells and identifies causes for failure

Challenge: high dynamic range measurement to detect thinning

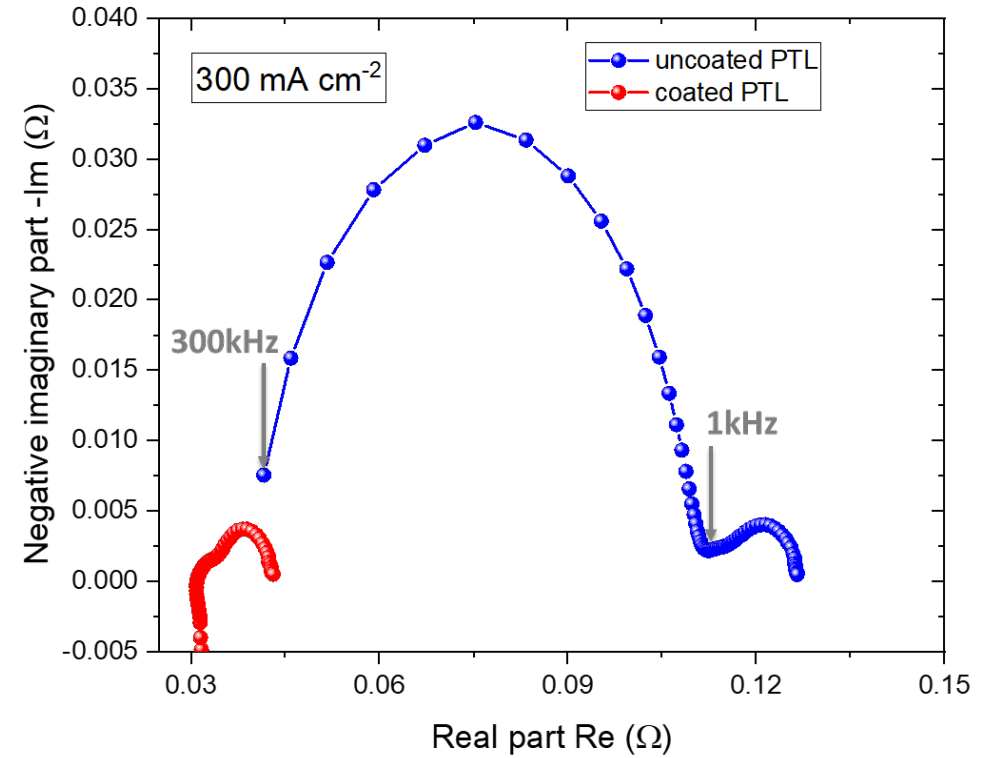


- Pinholes and Membrane Contamination
- Membrane Thinning
- Deterioration of Porous Transfer Layer Coating
- Catalyst-Layer Loading Loss and Surface Area Loss
- Foreign Materials in the Membrane

Early Returns with Small Stacks



Comparison Against Reference Measurement



Fault Detection

Predictive analytics & self-healing

Bypass switching to turn hard failures to soft

Extending lifetime and allowing larger stacks reduces cost

Enabling flexible MEA design

Challenges

- Switch design for 3000+ A
- Bipolar plate material (electrical conductivity + chemical stability)

