

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW

LFEV-ESCM-2014

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# LFEV-Y2-2014

Continuation of Lafayette Formula Electric Vehicle-Energy Storage, Control, and Management (LFEV-ESCM) project for use in the Formula Hybrid Competition.

Website:

<http://sites.lafayette.edu/ece492-sp14/>



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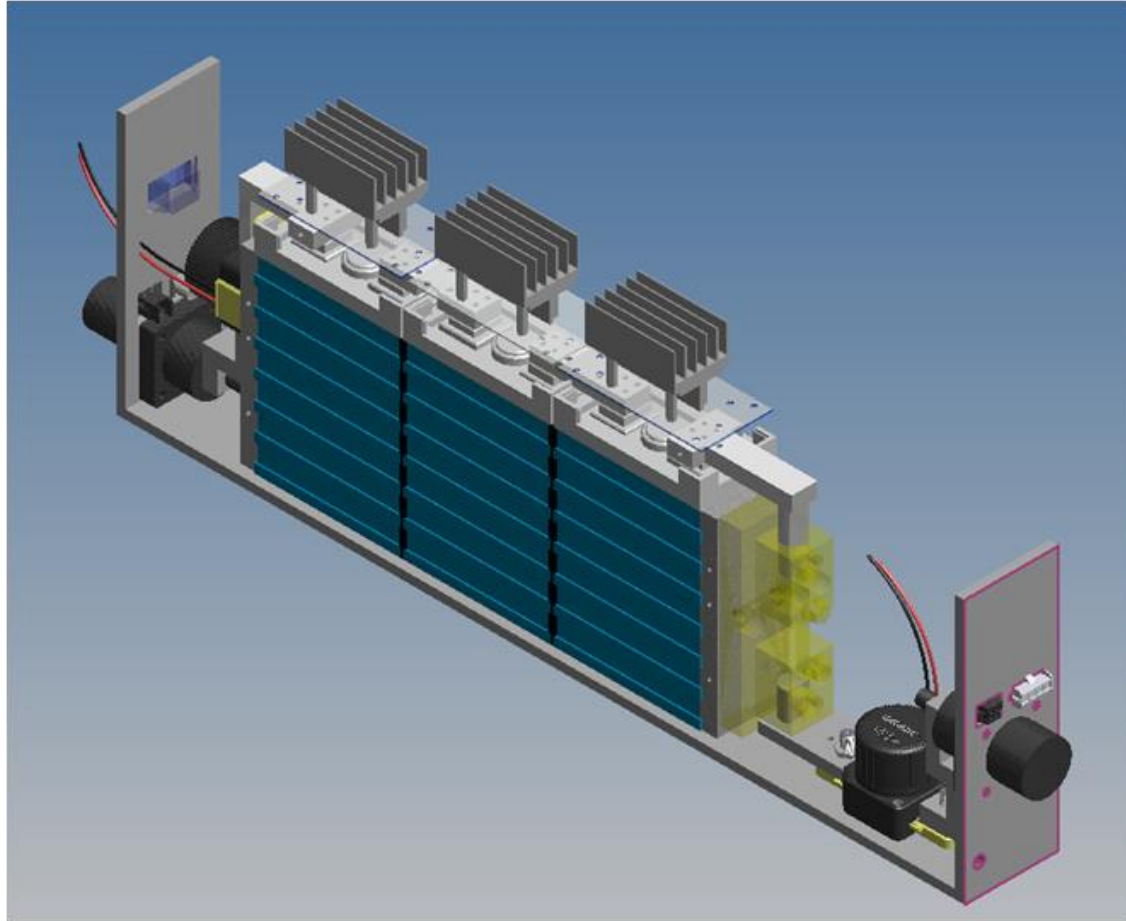


# 2013 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3-cell pack
  - Good for demo, not for competition
- OBPC-BMS
  - Voltage - some minor range issues
  - Temperature - questionable accuracy
  - Current - java.util.Random
  - PIC Firmware - SOLID!
- SCADA - currently inoperable
- Pit Station - not user-friendly
- GLV - plug-in power supply, not battery
- IMD/Safety Loop



# 2013 PACK



# 2013 INTEGRATED SYSTEM



# 2014 GOALS – KEY DELIVERABLES

- BMS with improved sensor performance
- PM - Pack Manager
  - Monitor cell- and pack-level parameters
  - Display key parameters and status on-pack
  - Manage charging (Plug and Forget)
  - Meet Safety Loop requirements (EV3.6.7)
- One, 7-cell, competition-ready pack
  - Improved current path
  - Pack construction
- Pack Charger (part of Pit Station)
- Motor, MCS, & test stand





# 2014 GOALS – KEY NON-DELIVERABLES

- Central VSCADA components
  - Logging (Currently in negotiation)
  - Driver Dashboard
  - Off-car data link
  - Pit Station data analysis
- 4 packs
  - Not enough budget or manpower for fab
- Other components (not originally included)
  - GLV system
  - Safety Loop



# 2014 SCOPE CONSIDERATIONS

- Aim for quality over quantity
- Object-Oriented Design - HW *and* SW
- Leave "hooks" for future teams

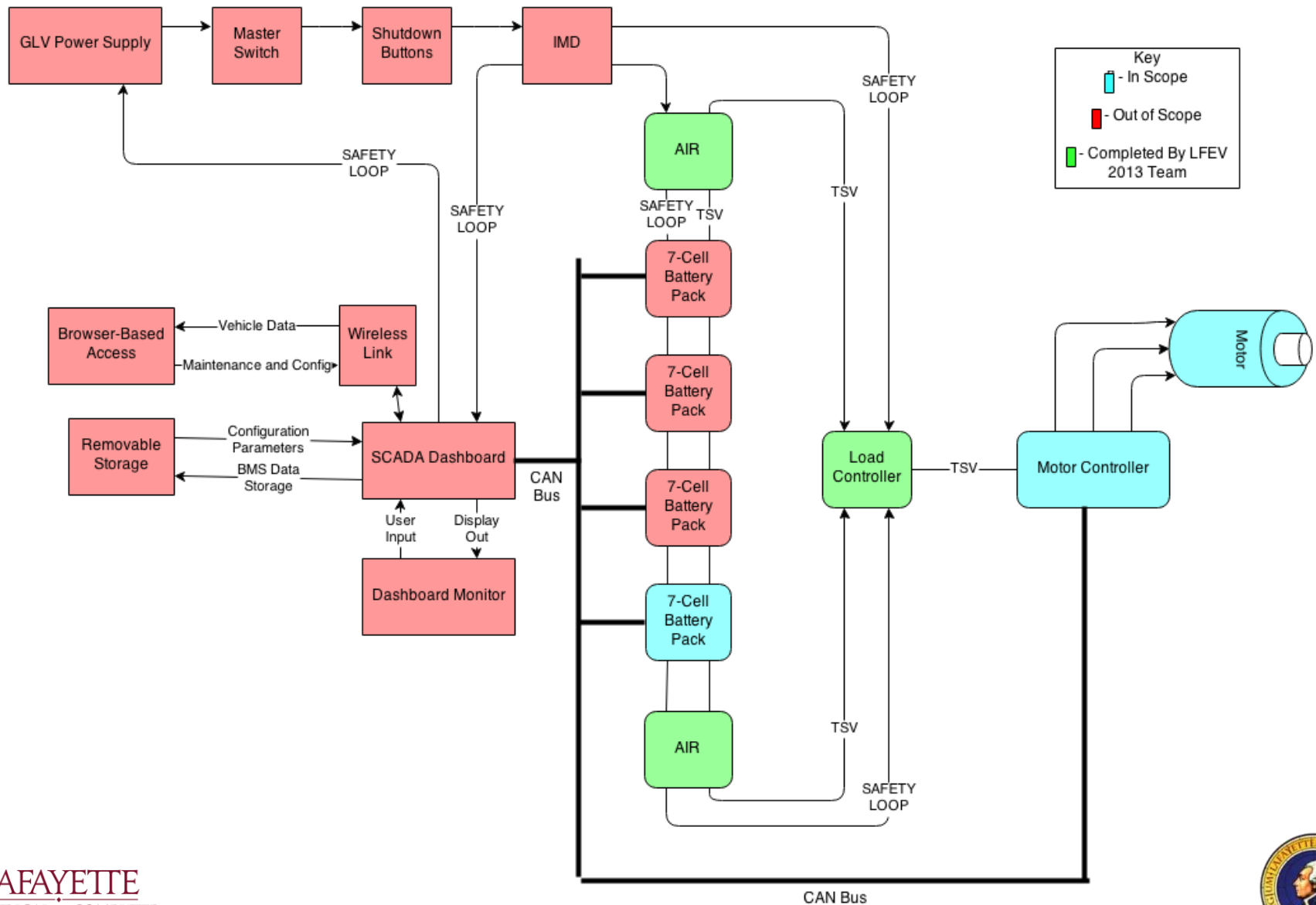


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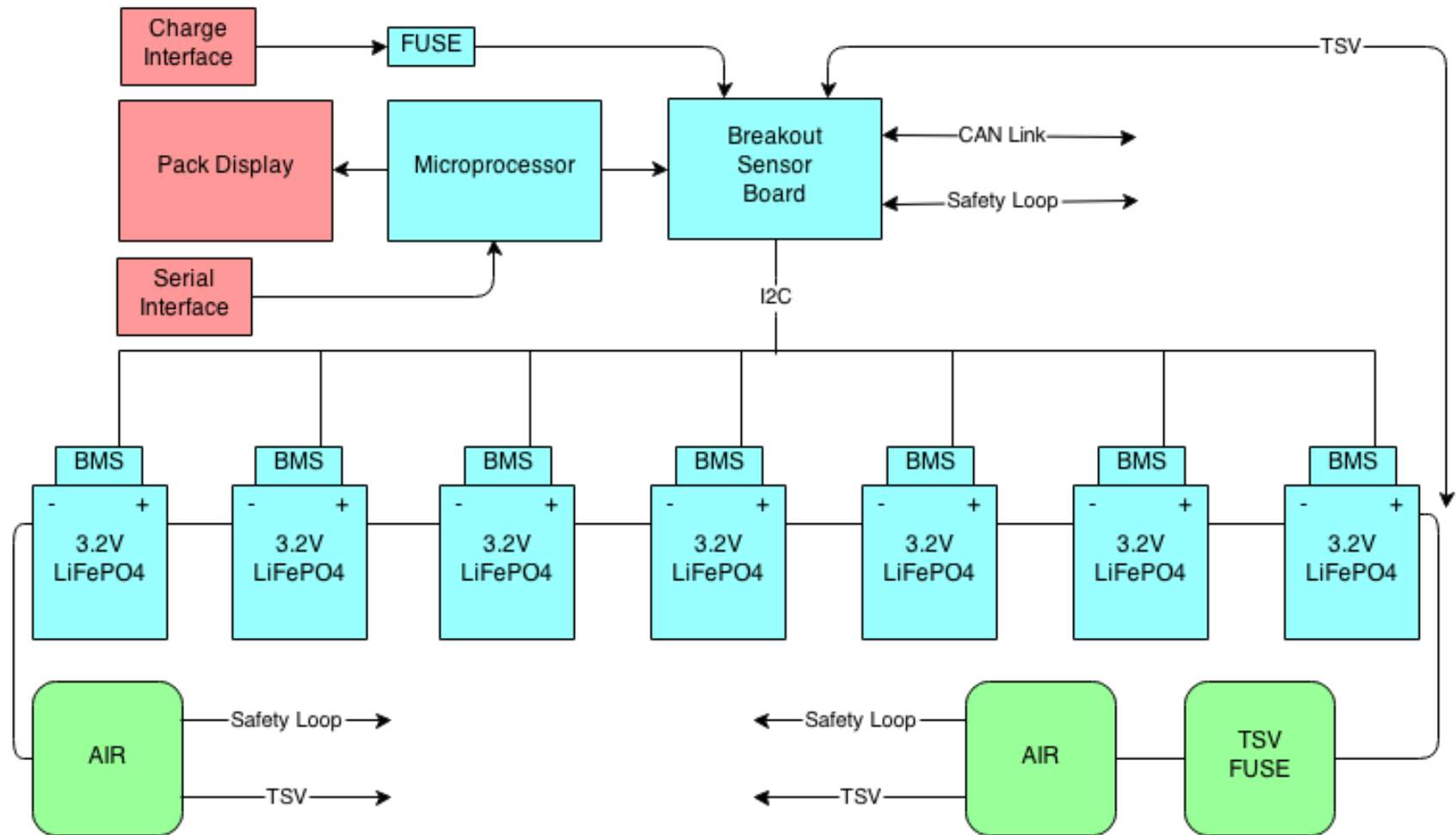
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# SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM



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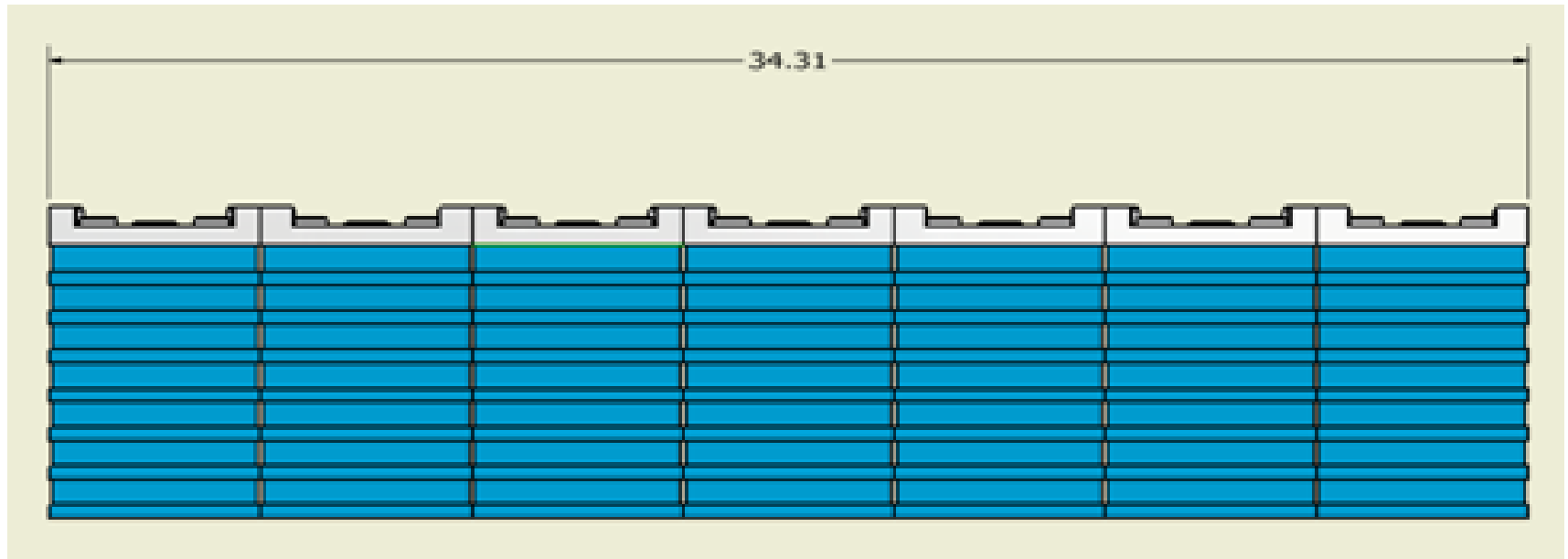
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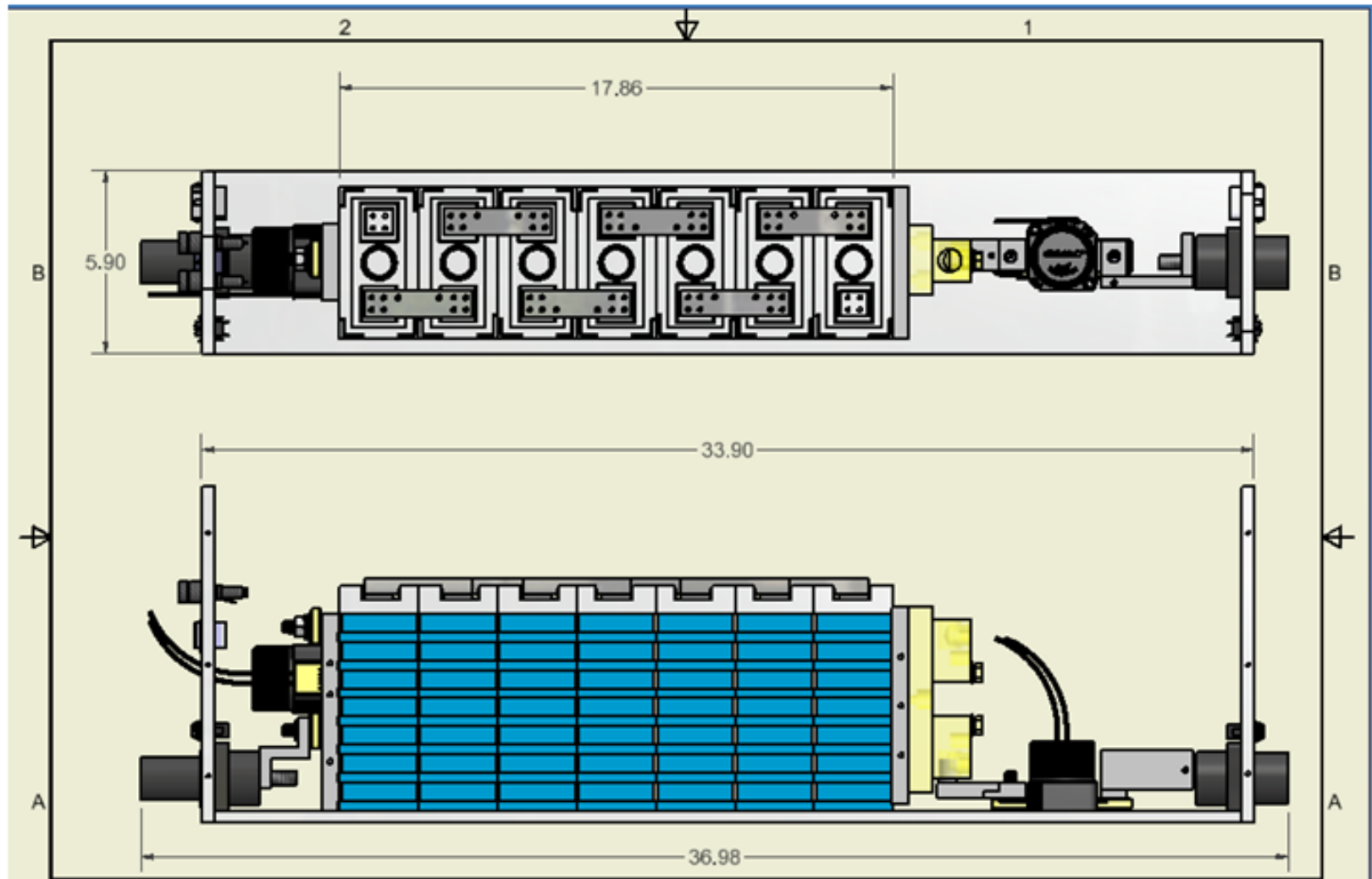


# 2013 PACK LAYOUT

- Current Formula SAE design
  - Recycled into next year's EV
- 2013 design too long
  - 41 inches between wheels
- Under-driver mount raises COG



# 2014 SEVEN-CELL PACK





# 2014 IMPROVEMENTS

- Nominal pack voltage: 24 VDC
  - Using 7 cells at 3.2V nominal voltage (~22.4 VDC)
- Temperature Control
  - Alternate arrangement may increase heating
- Lower Resistance of Current Path
  - Reduce number of mating surfaces

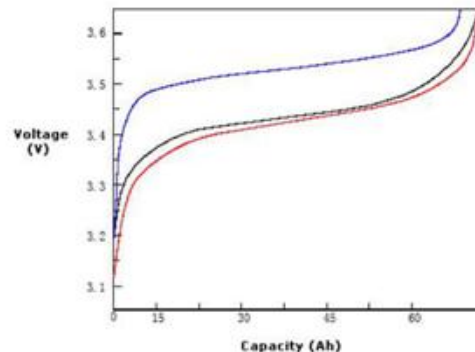


# PACK RISK ANALYSIS

- LFEV 2013 team verified AA Portable Power Corp LiFePO<sub>4</sub> 3.2 V, 60 Ah prismatic cells were a good fit
- Cells identified as "risky – company stability unknown"
- AA Portable Power website: "since 1995"
  - Benefit: "Made in USA"

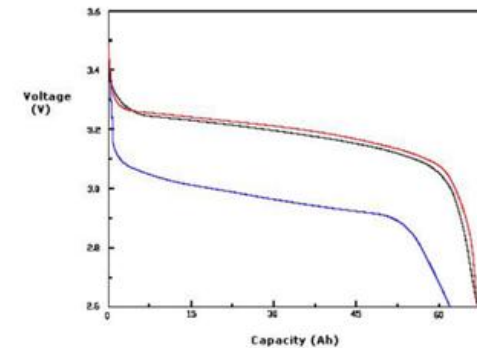


Charging Curve



Notes: Red = 0.5C rate, Black = 1.0C rate, Blue = 3.0C rate

Discharge Curve



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# AMS / BMS / PM

## BMS:

- Voltage
  - 2013 BMS Sensor Memo contains suggestions
- Temperature
  - Placement is potential issue
- Current
  - Use current-shunt op-amps
  - Increase shunt resistance
    - 2013 shunt:  $R = 26 \mu\Omega$
    - Drop @ 600A: 15 mV
    - Drop @ 30A: 750  $\mu$ V



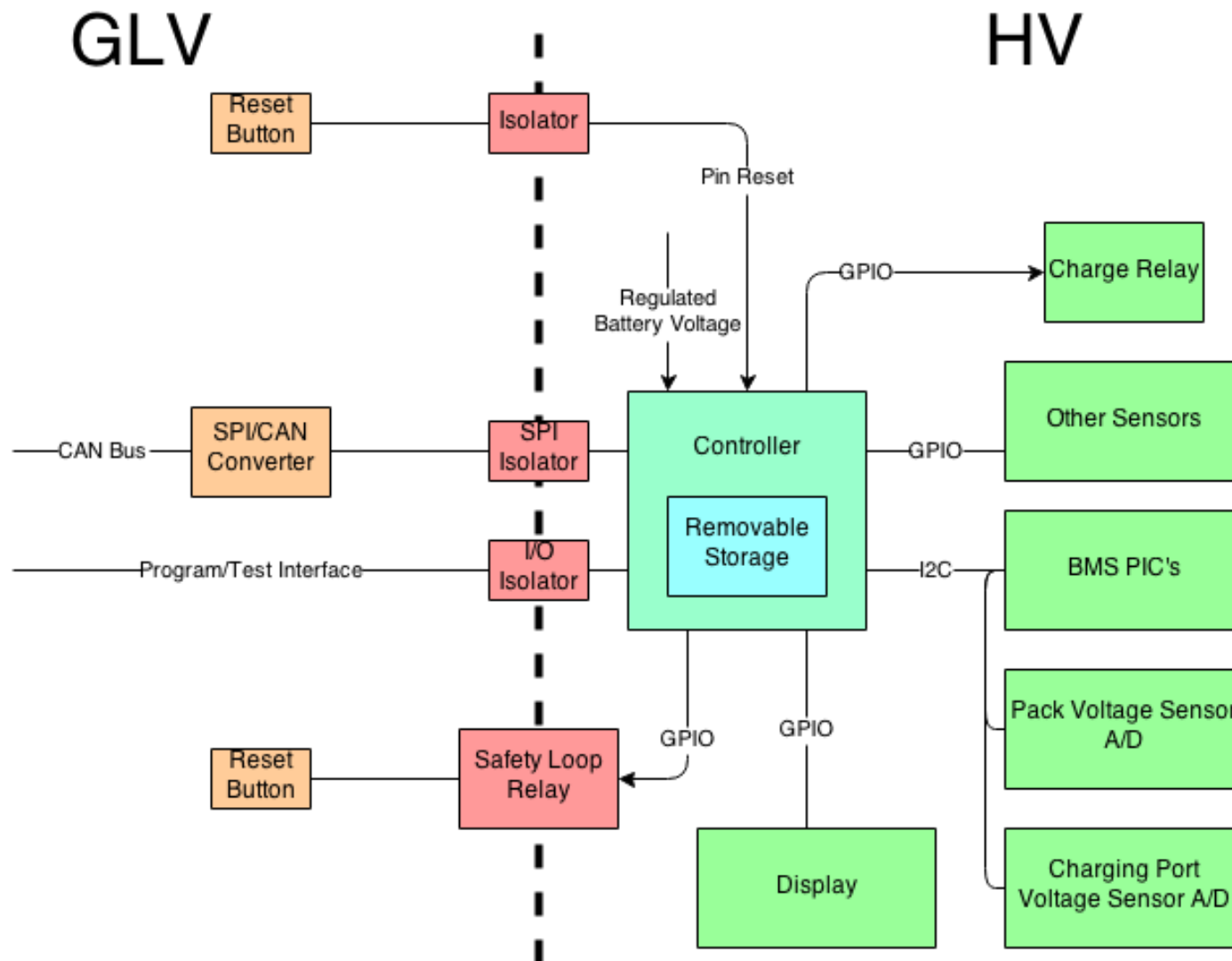
# PM – PACK MANAGER

## New in-pack component: PM

- Aggregate OBPC-BMS sensor data
- Monitor pack voltage, etc.
- Operate safety loop per EV5.1.5
- Display pack status and parameters
- Communicate with central SCADA
- Support pack charging
- Automatic configuration (cell count)



# PM BLOCK DIAGRAM



# PM CONTROLLER CHOICE

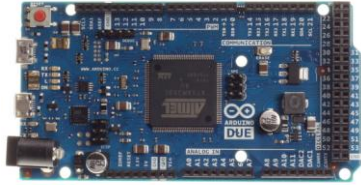
$\mu$ Controller or  $\mu$ Computer (or something else?)

Considerations:

- I/O capability (analog/digital)
- Support/Market Longevity
- Power Consumption
- Dev Environment
- Communication
- Form Factor



# MICROCONTROLLER vs MICROCOMPUTER



- + Autonomous operation
- + Negligible boot cycle
- + Cheaper:
  - ~\$3 - \$10 for bare DIP
- + Low power consumption (10mW)

- OS availability??
- Limited display capabilities  
(bit-banging/serial)
- Limited program size
- External dev environment
- Lacks storage interface



- + Display, networking support
- + External storage (SD card)
- + Integrated dev. environment
- + Familiarity with platform
- + OS Available (Linux, Android, etc)

- More expensive (~\$30)
- Potential interaction required
- 1-2 minute boot cycle
- Lacks analog input
- High power consumption (5W)
- SD card estimated MTBF: 2 years



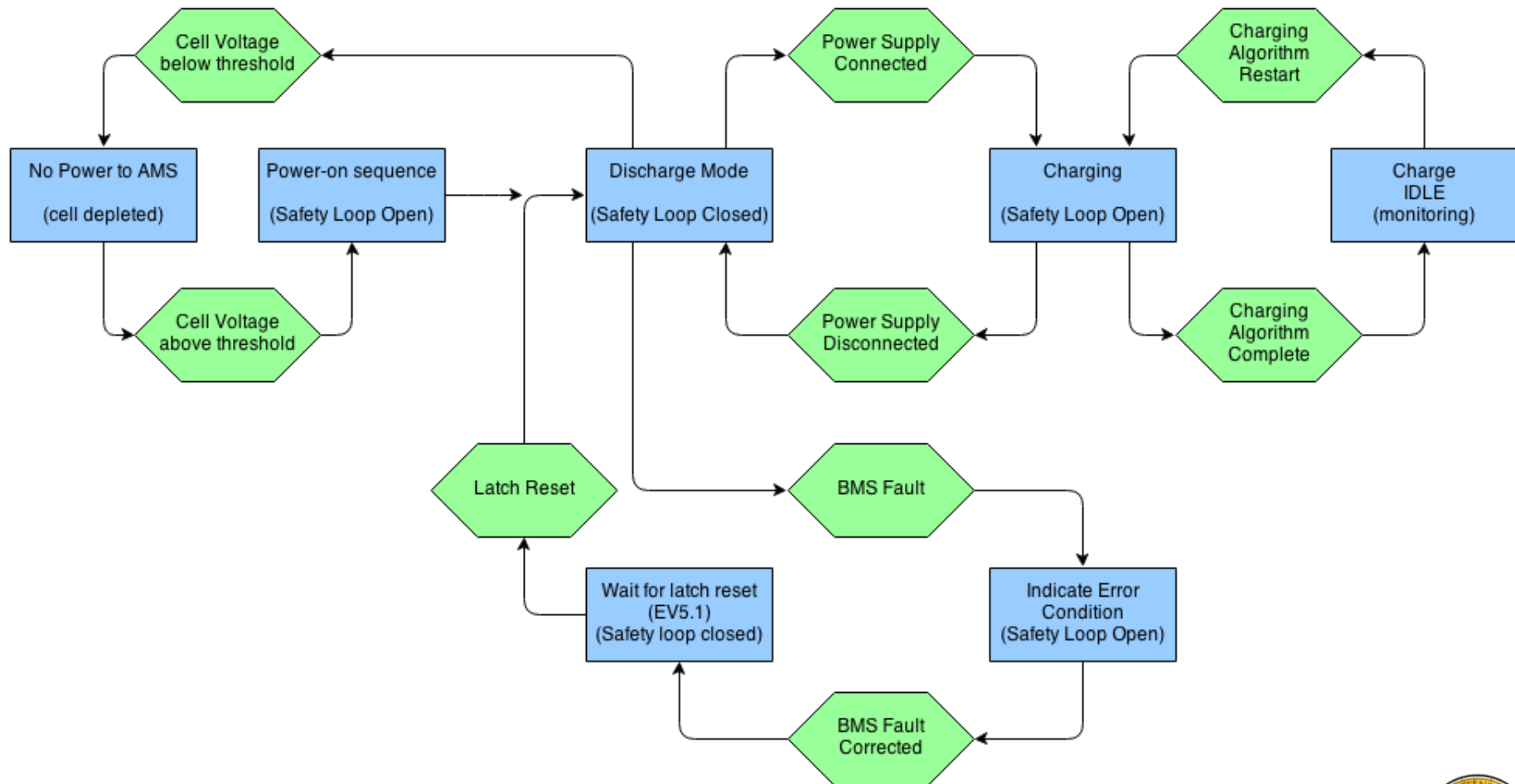
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## Power consumption issues:

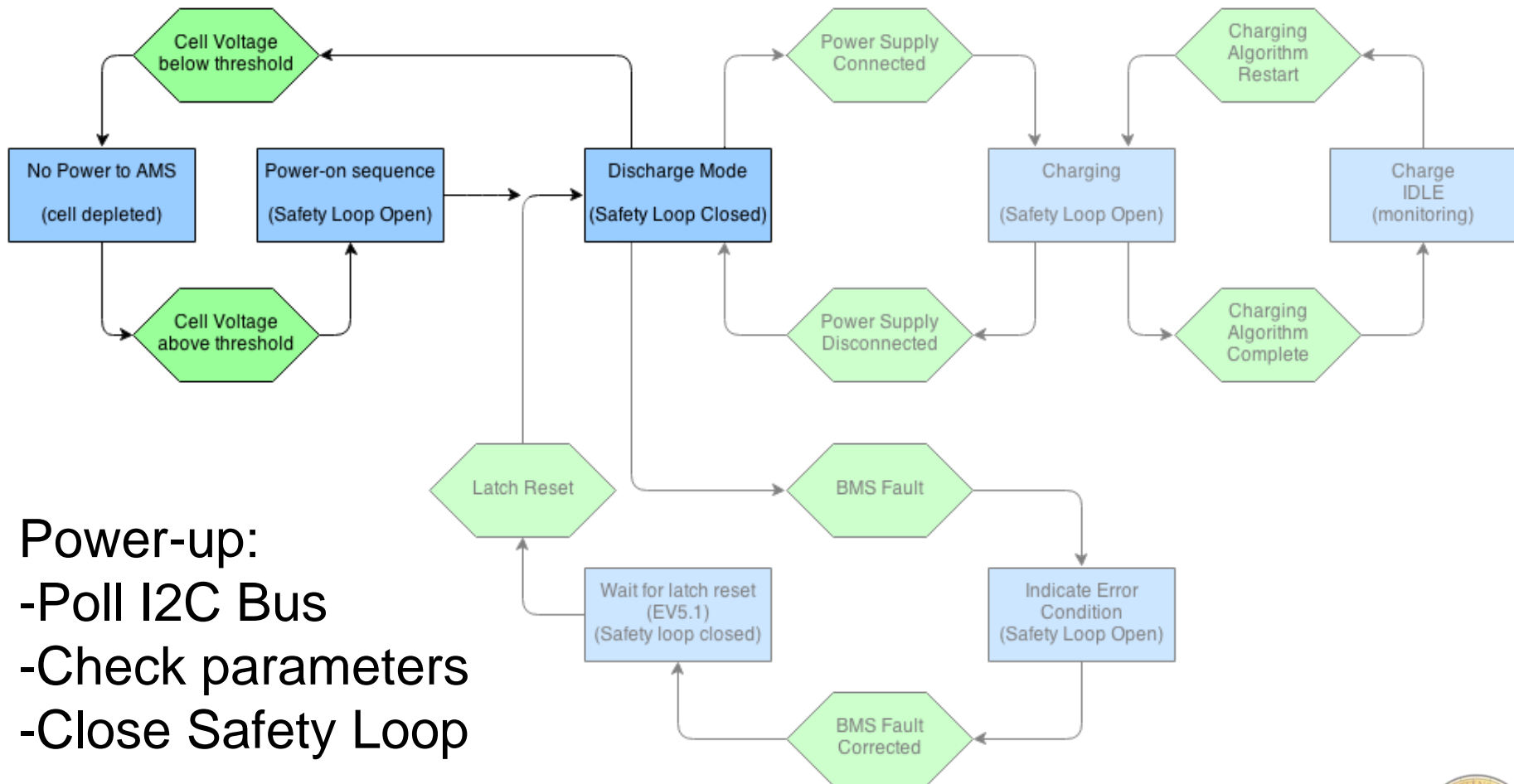
- Pi consumes max. 5W
  - 1.3 kWh available in pack
  - $1.3 \text{ kWh} / 5\text{W} = \sim 11 \text{ days}$
- Not suitable for demo...
  - Requires charge every week
- Not suitable for competition...
  - 9% energy loss per day



# PMS STATES



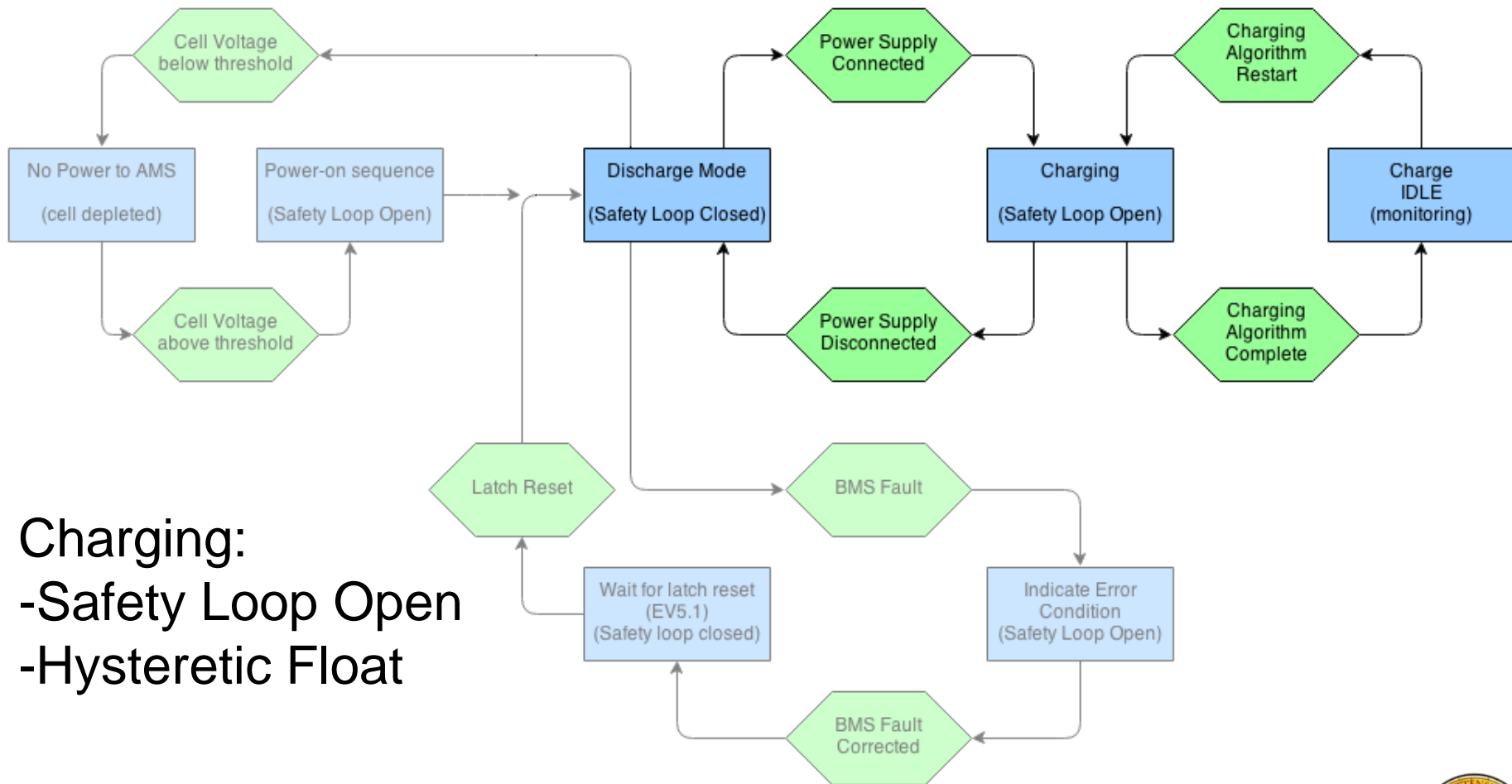
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Power-up:

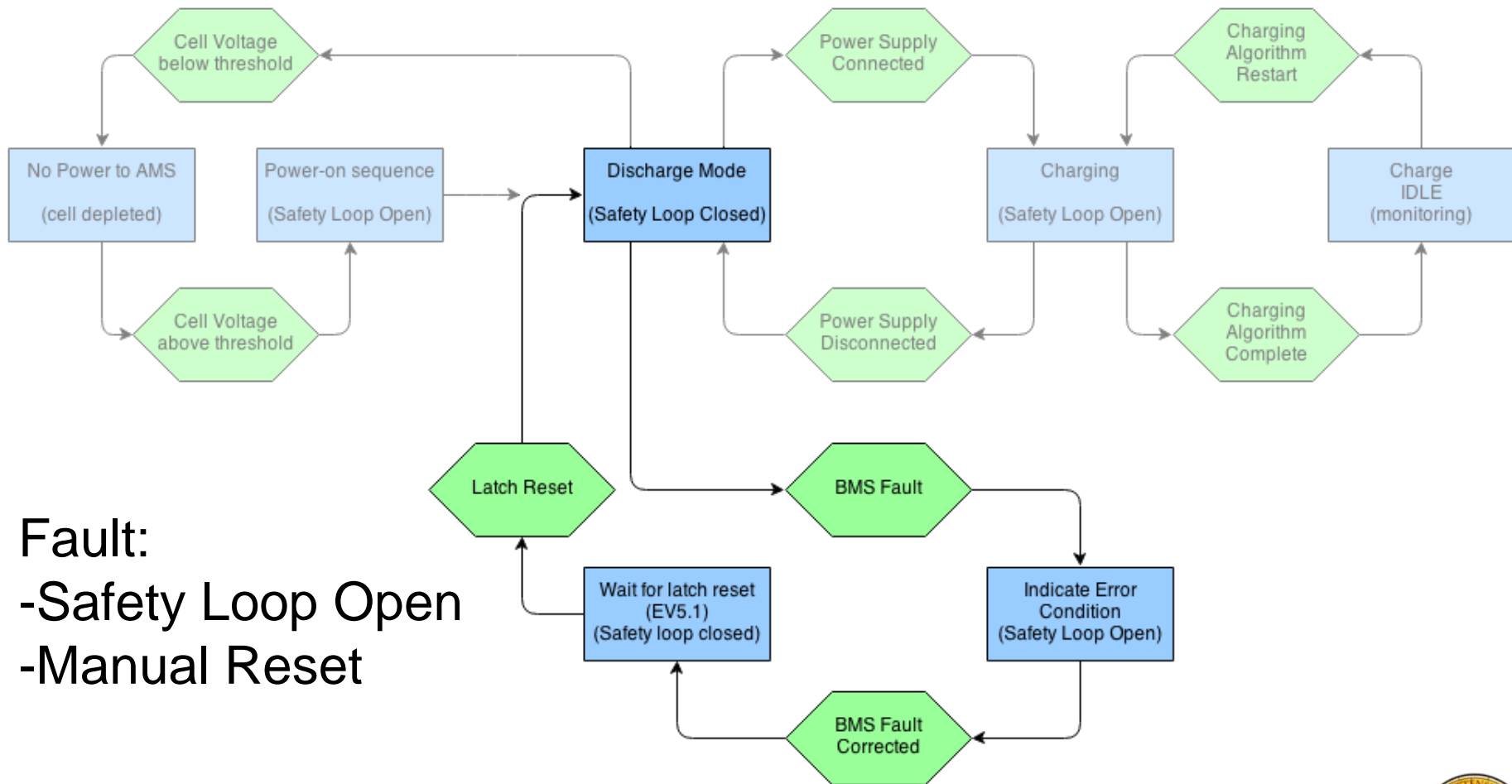
- Poll I2C Bus
- Check parameters
- Close Safety Loop

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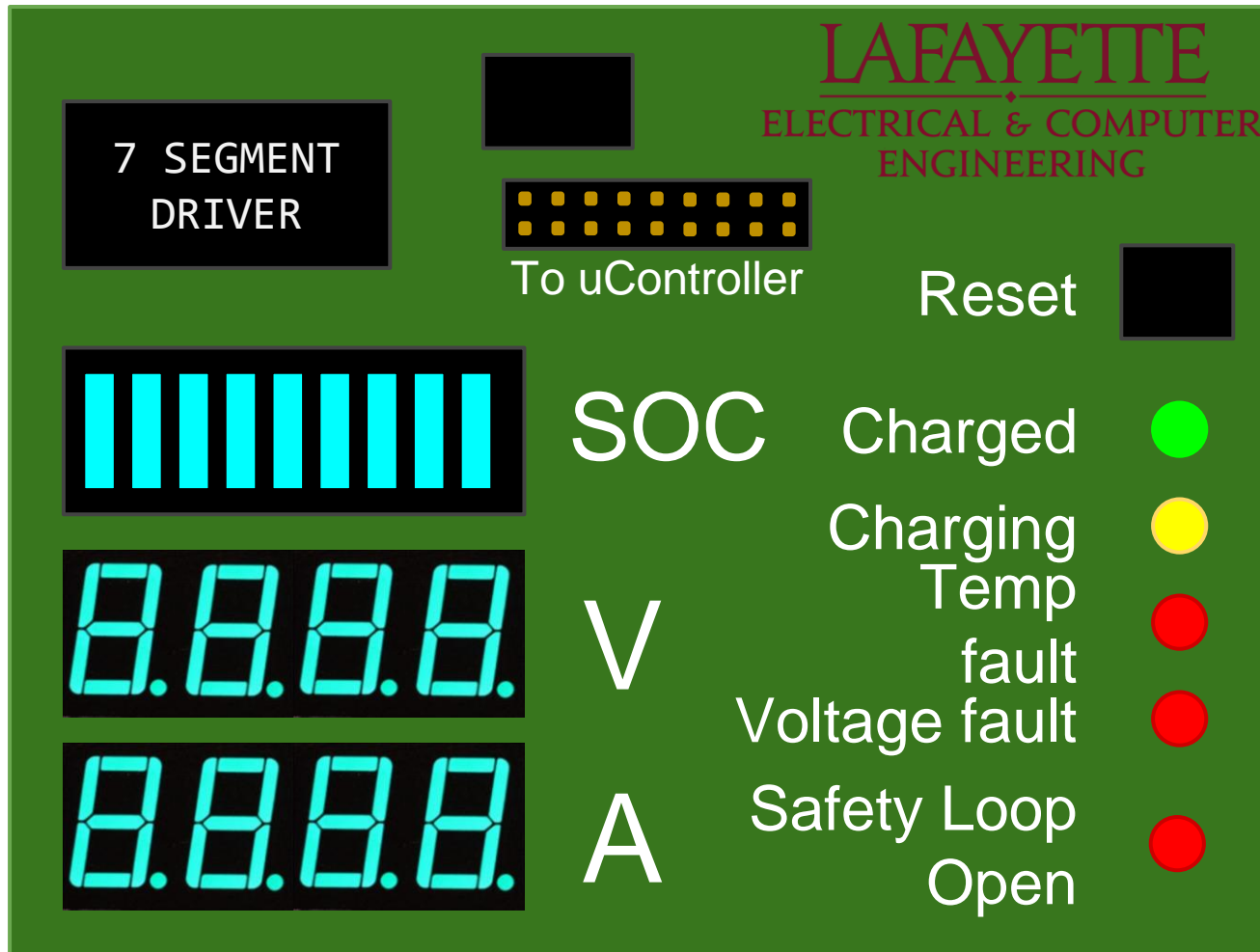
Charging:  
-Safety Loop Open  
-Hysteretic Float

# PMS STATES



Fault:  
-Safety Loop Open  
-Manual Reset

# PMS DISPLAY



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# CHARGER / PIT STATION

- "Smart Pack, Dumb Charger" model
  - Support Plug 'n Forget operation
  - No manual configuration
- Charge algorithm integrated into PMS
  - Monitor multiple parameters
    - Voltage
    - Temperature
    - Current
    - SOC ("Coulomb Counting")
  - Potential Calibration Issue with SOC
    - Determining the "Integration Constant"
    - Drift over multiple charge/discharge cycles
    - Drift due to self-discharge





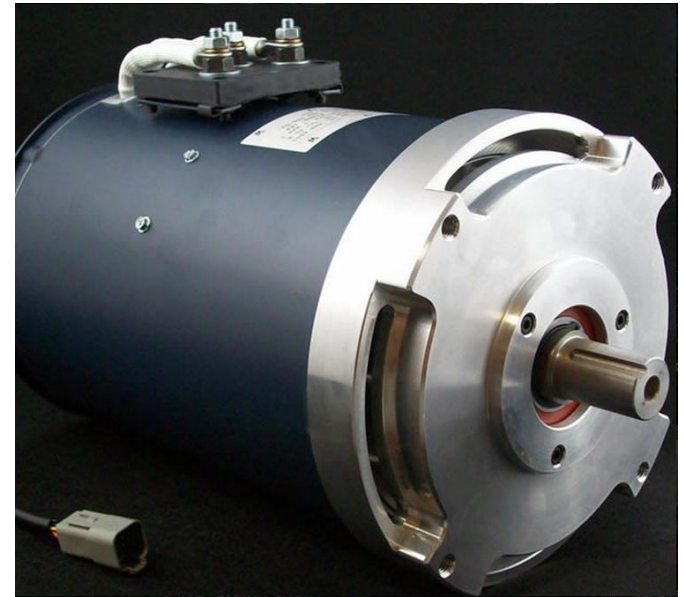
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# MOTOR AND MOTOR CONTROLLER

- Chosen by 2013 team
  - Based voltage and current provided by the pack
  - Electric Motor: **HPEVS AC-50**
  - Motor Controller: **Curtis 1238R**
- To-Do
  - Safe testing environment
  - Proper testing equipment
  - Funding approval



# MOTOR AND MOTOR CONTROLLER

- Action Steps:
  - Motor, Motor Controller etc. outside of budget
  - Create a proposal demonstrating the need to buy
    - Motor
    - Test Stand
    - Dynamometer
    - Software
    - Accelerator Pedal
    - Building infrastructure modifications



# MOTOR AND MOTOR CONTROLLER

- Deliverables:
  - Procurement proposal
- Pending approval:
  - Motor running through the motor controller
  - Safely running within the test fixture
  - Providing power using power supply



# MOTOR RISK ANALYSIS

- Funding not approved:
  - Motor / Controller
  - Test Stand
  - Power Supply
  - Installations done by plant ops
    - Water Line / Water Pump
    - Specialized Electrical Outlet
- Plant Ops can't provide test infrastructure
  - Water
  - Electric
- Something doesn't come in on time
- Cannot properly control motor



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# 2013 SAFETY PLAN

- Last year's plan primarily encompasses tractive system safety loop
- Divided into sections
  - General Responsibility
  - System Definitions
  - Equipment Guidelines
  - Reporting and Consequences
- Sufficient for 2014 safety plan on safety loop



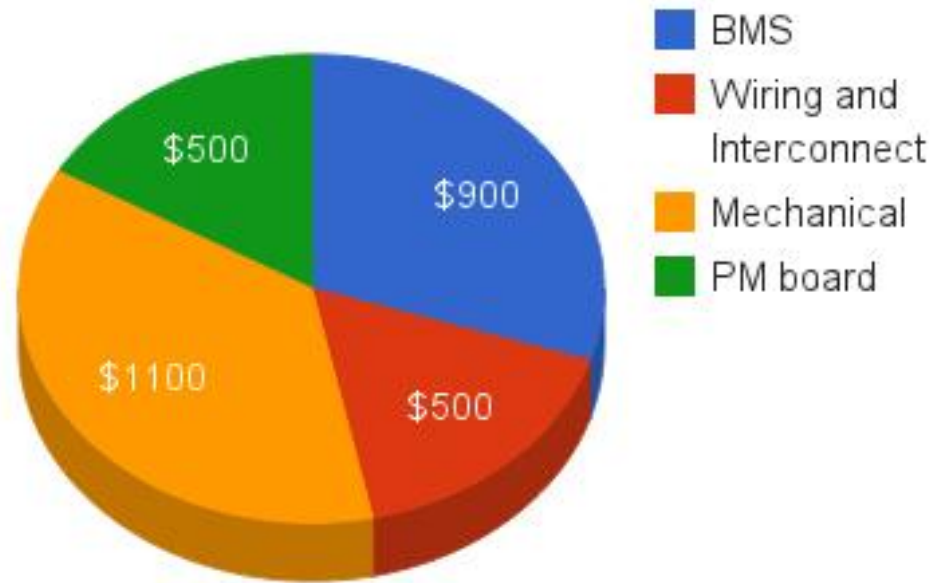
# 2014 SAFETY PLAN ADDITIONS

- PMS will require
  - Safety loop scope modifications
- Motor will require
  - Complete test plan
  - Safety documentation for rotating machinery





# BUDGET



# MARK THE CALENDAR

CDR.....	13 March
Integration Testing Begins.....	18 April
System Delivery Date.....	2 May



# QUESTIONS?

