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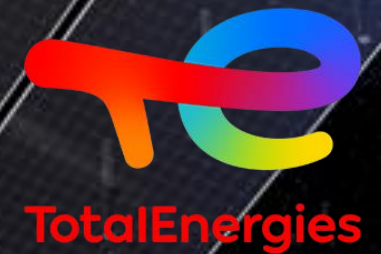
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Saft Gen6-VL51ES Update

The background of the slide is a photograph of a satellite in space. The satellite is oriented diagonally from the top-left towards the bottom-right. It features a complex structure with various instruments, antennas, and a large array of solar panels. The solar panels are partially deployed and show a view of the Earth's horizon and the sun. The background is a dark field of stars.

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Saft Li ion in Orbit Heritage and Reliability

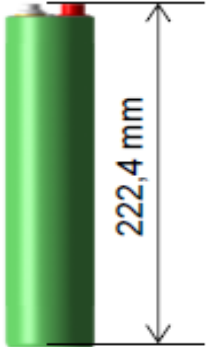
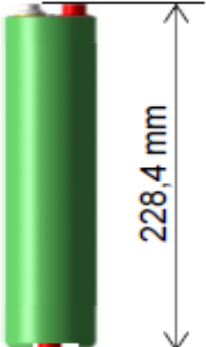



- **344 satellites in-orbit with Li-ion (GEO, MEO & LEO) : 329 operational**
 - *More than **2,1 Billion** of cell hours with no failure or deviations*
 - *Total over **3,6 MWh** in-orbit with 601 batteries and more than **45 000 cells in orbit***
- **188 GEO satellites Launched today with VES/VL technology (8 launch failures) + 1 Moon Mission :**
 - ***W3A** launched 18 years ago : 14th March 2004 with VES140*
 - *12 satellites with VL48E : AEHF SV5 GOES R*
 - ***OPTUS-D3** launched 21st Aug 2009 with VES180 , and currently 71 satellites with VES180*
 - *First launch with VL51ES Sept 21*
- **5 MEO satellite flying with VES technology:**
 - *Giove-B flying since April 08*
 - *4 Galileo IOV launched in Nov 2011 with VES180*
- **149 LEO satellites are today in-orbit with VES or MPS Li-ion technologies:**
 - ***TeLEOS 1** first satellite launched with VES16 battery , Upmsat, Esail, Cheops, Argos, Paksat 1a, Eucropis and Nexsat1*
 - *75 first **Iridium Next satellites** with VES16 batteries*
 - *6 with VES100 Batteries: Calipso, Corot, Jason, SMOS, SRE1, Kompsat 3 (with ISIS electronic), Gokturc2*
 - *51 with MPS technology: Agile, SSETI, Proba-2, NanoSat-1B, CanX-2, NTS, OG2 (17), Techdemosat, M2M*

Design overview vs VES180



- Same diameter but shorter compared to VES180SA/VL48E (same cell pack design)
- Tableless design
- Same side terminals with easier connection versus VES180S/VL48E

Configuration	2 same side terminals as baseline	2 same side terminals with optional bottom terminal	VES180 SA
Interface			

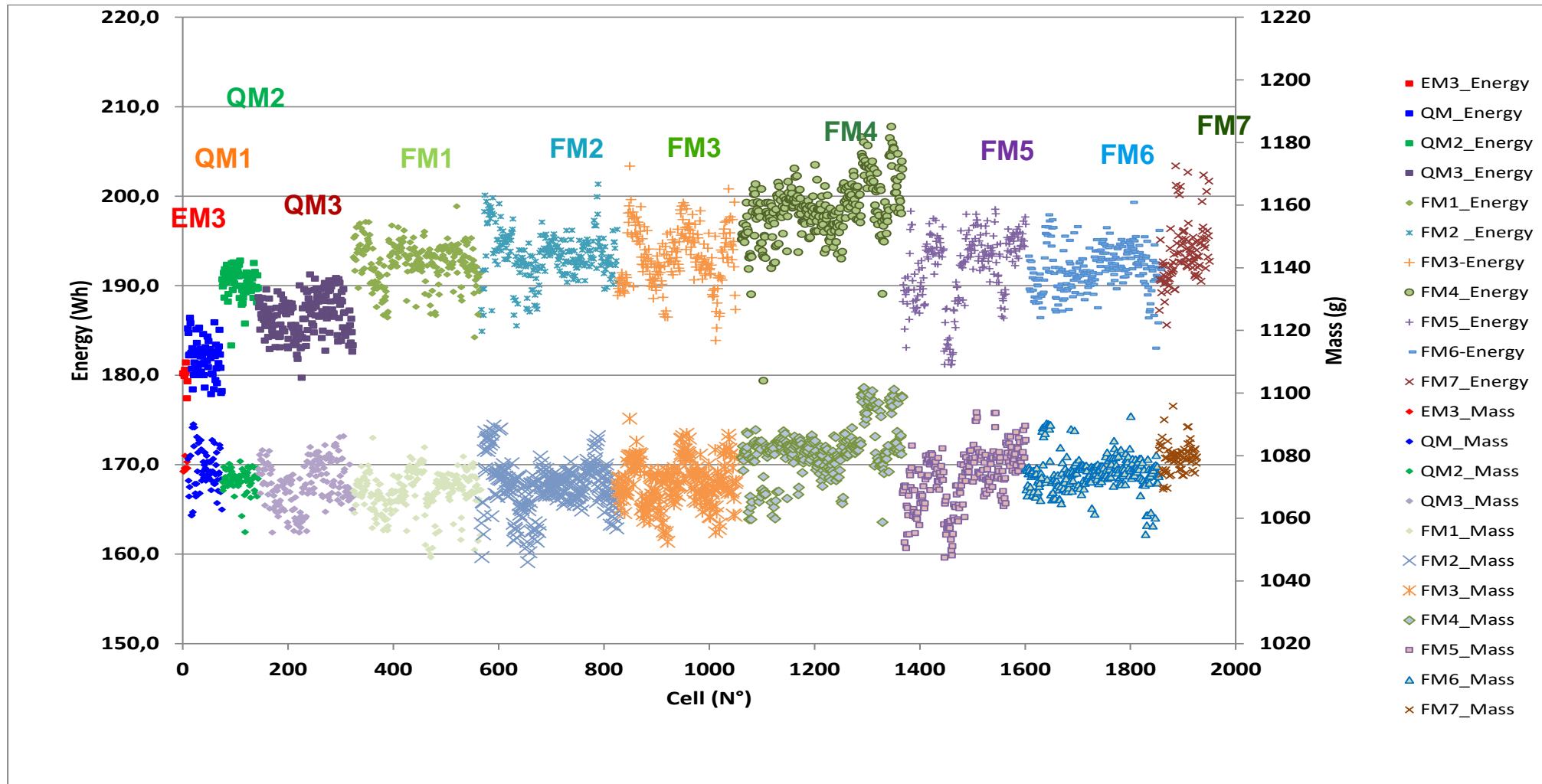


	VES180SA/VL48E	VL51ES
Average capacity (Ah) @ 4.1V	48 Ah	51 Ah
Average energy (Wh) @ 4.1V	175 Wh	186 Wh
Average Weight (g)	1128 g	1079 g
Voltage range (V)	2.7-4.1 V	2.7-4.1 V
Average Specific Energy (Wh/kg)	158	175
Internal resistance (mΩ)	2.5 mΩ	1.5 mΩ
Operating temperature (°C)	+10 to +40 °C	+10 to +45 °C

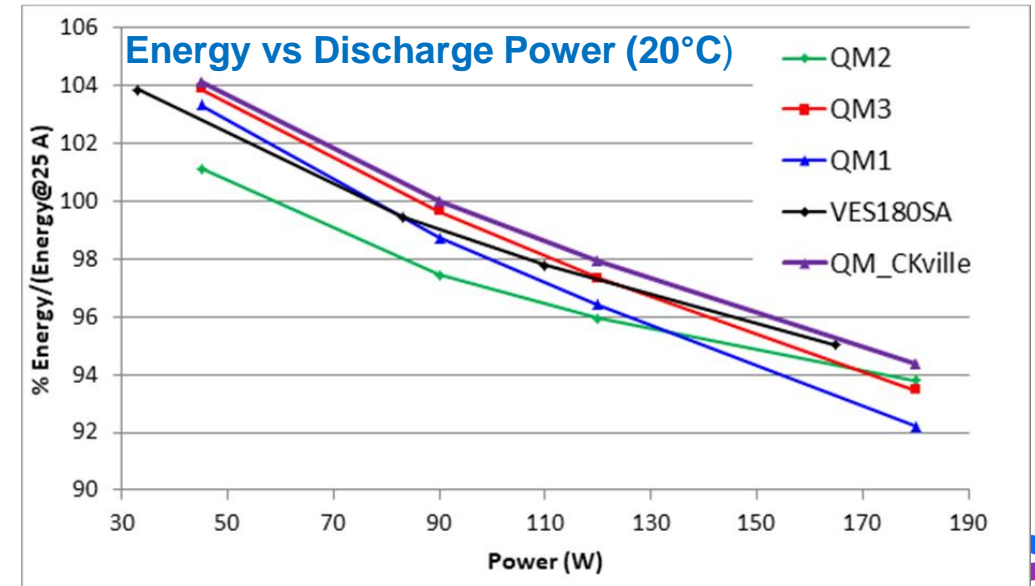
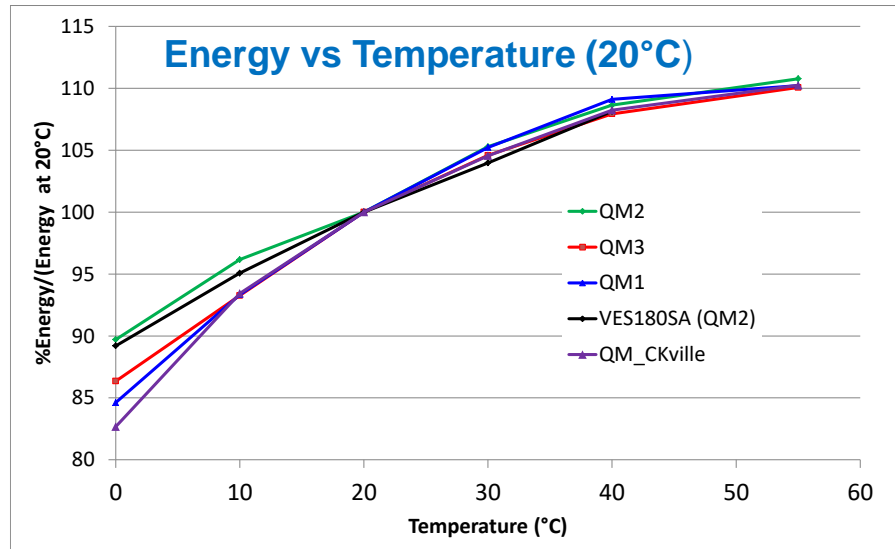
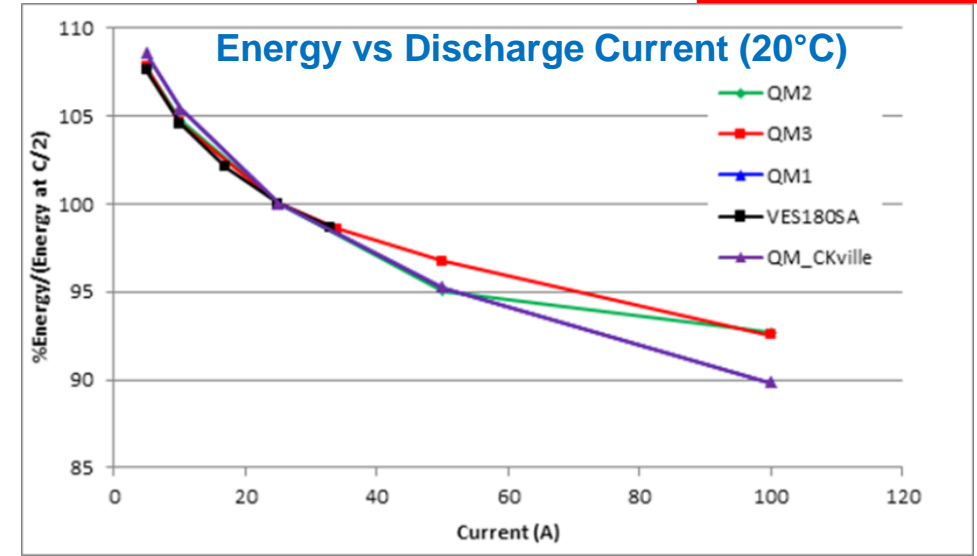
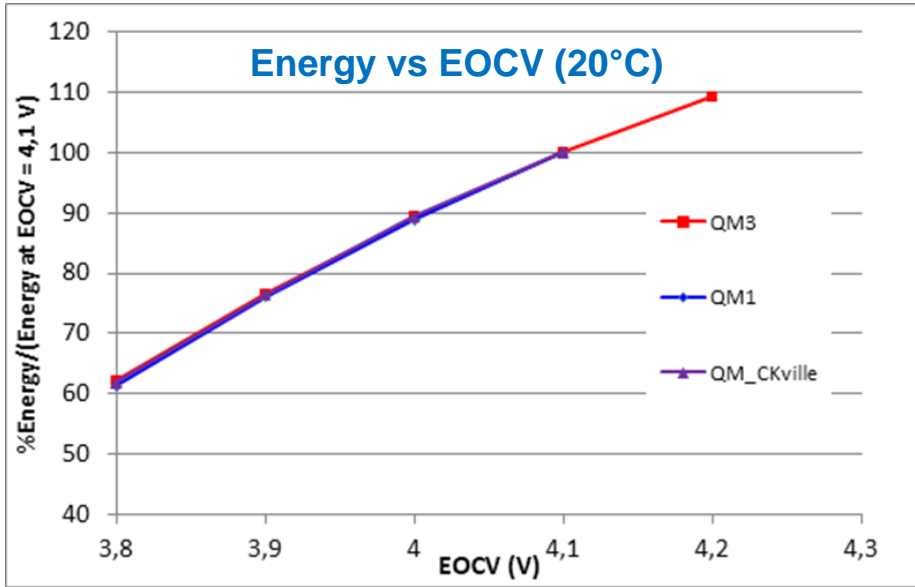
QM/FM Nersac Acceptance test results



Energy and mass trend including 7 large flight batches under evaluation



QM BOL Electrical tests vs EOCV, Temperature, Discharge Current and Power



VL51ES Li-ion Cell Thermal Qualification results



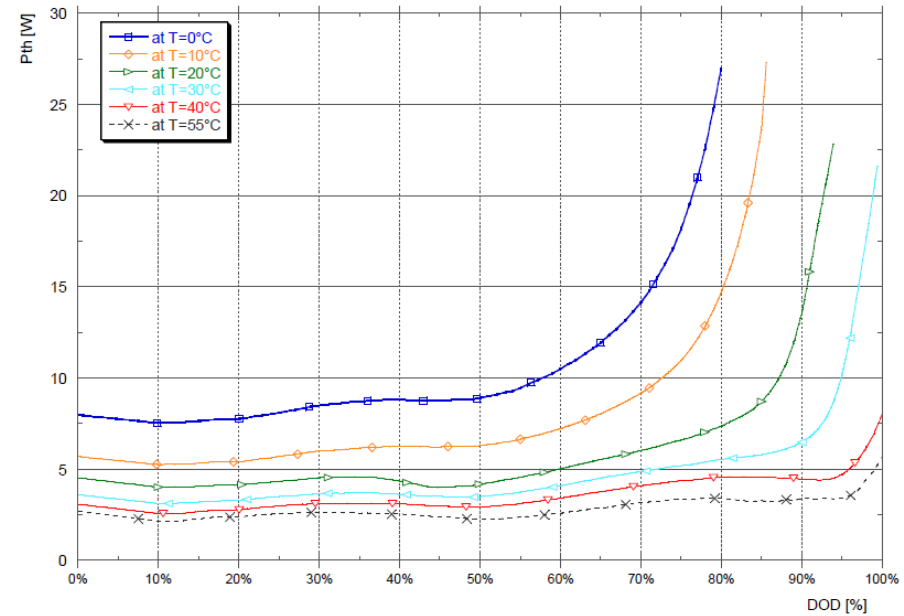
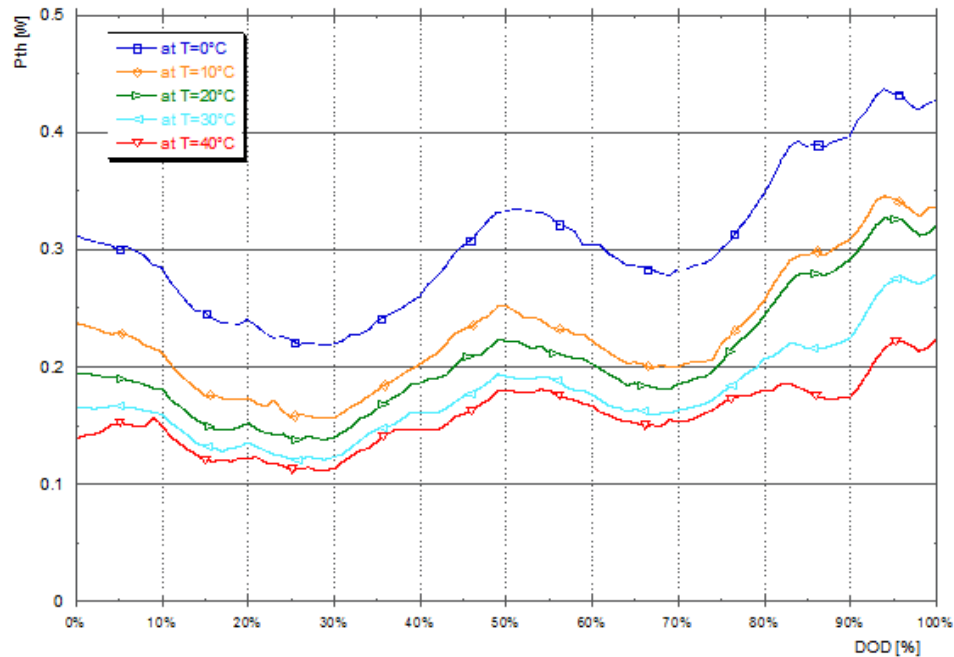
- VL51ES Li-ion cell thermo-electrical model was established ref. **S0832-16 Issue2.**
- VL51ES Li-ion cell thermo-electrical model was correlated from VL51ES thermal vacuum tests involving thermal balance and cycling ref. **S0833-16 issue1.**

VL51ES Thermal characteristics	VL51 ES Cell
$\lambda_{//}$ Thermal Conductivity (parallel to electrode) [W/m/K]	26
λ_{\perp} Thermal Conductivity (perpendicular to electrode) [W/m/K]	2,1
C_p Thermal Inertia [J/K]	1241

VL51ES Li-ion Cell Thermal Qualification Results



Example : Thermal dissipation profile in charge at C/10 and discharge C/1.5



UN transport tests (Done on QM1 cells)

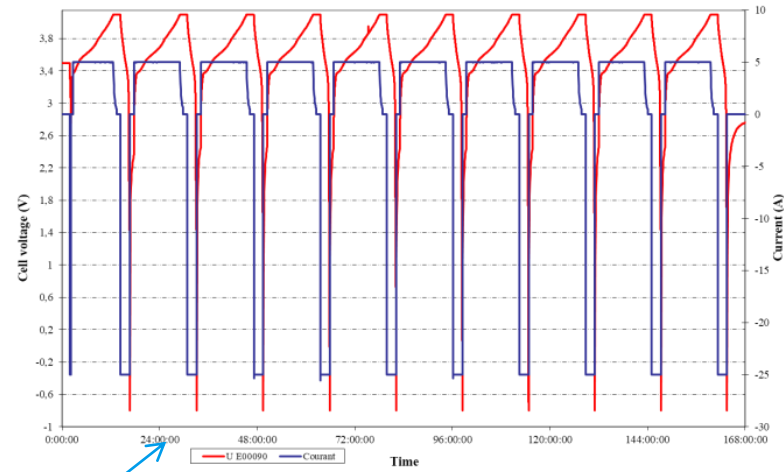


	Results	Report number
38.3.4.1 Test 1: Altitude Simulation	Passed	S2755-16
38.3.4.2 Test 2: Thermal test	Passed	S2755-16
38.3.4.3 Test 3: Vibration	Passed	S2755-16
38.3.4.4 Test 4: Shock	Passed	S2764-16
38.3.4.5 Test 5: External short circuit	Passed	S2755-16
38.3.4.6 Test 6: Impact/crush (cell test)	Passed	S2765-16
38.3.4.7 Test 7: Overcharge	Concerns rechargeable battery only	
38.3.4.8 Test 8: Force-discharge (cell test)	Passed	S2765-16

 VL51ES is qualified for UN transport according ST-SG-AC10-11-Rev6

Transport UN and Safety tests

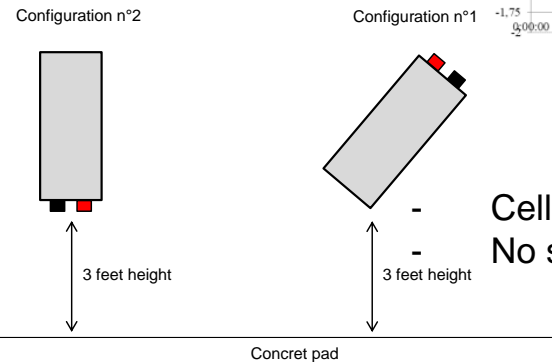
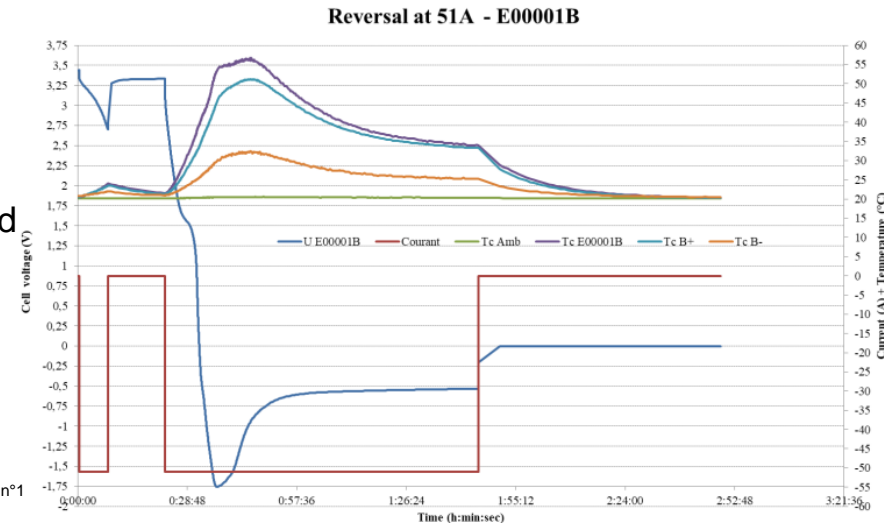
- UN Transportation tests **done successfully**
- Safety test **performed successfully**
 - Overcharge to 4.5 V done 10 times
 - Overdischarge down to -0.8 V done 10 times
 - Cold charge 0°C C/5
 - Full reversal
 - Drop test
 - Crush test passed successfully
 - Short circuit tests 4 to 10 mOhms



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- No cell degradation
- No safety issue

- Cell Self-short formed
- No safety issue



- Cell SOC = **100%** (storage and handling SOC)
- No safety issue for the 3 tested cells

QM Life test matrix



Main parameters evaluation

LT1 (GEO): Reference accelerated life test + Impact of irradiation

LT1, LT2, & LT3 (GEO): Impact of maximum DoD

LT4 (GEO): Impact of PPS

LT5, LT6, & LT7 (LEO): Impact of maximum DoD

LT6 (LEO): Impact of irradiation

LT8 (LEO), LT6: impact EOCV

LT9 (GEO), LT12 (GEO): Impact of EOCV

LT10 (GEO): Real time cycling reference

LT12, LT11 (GEO): Impact of test temperature

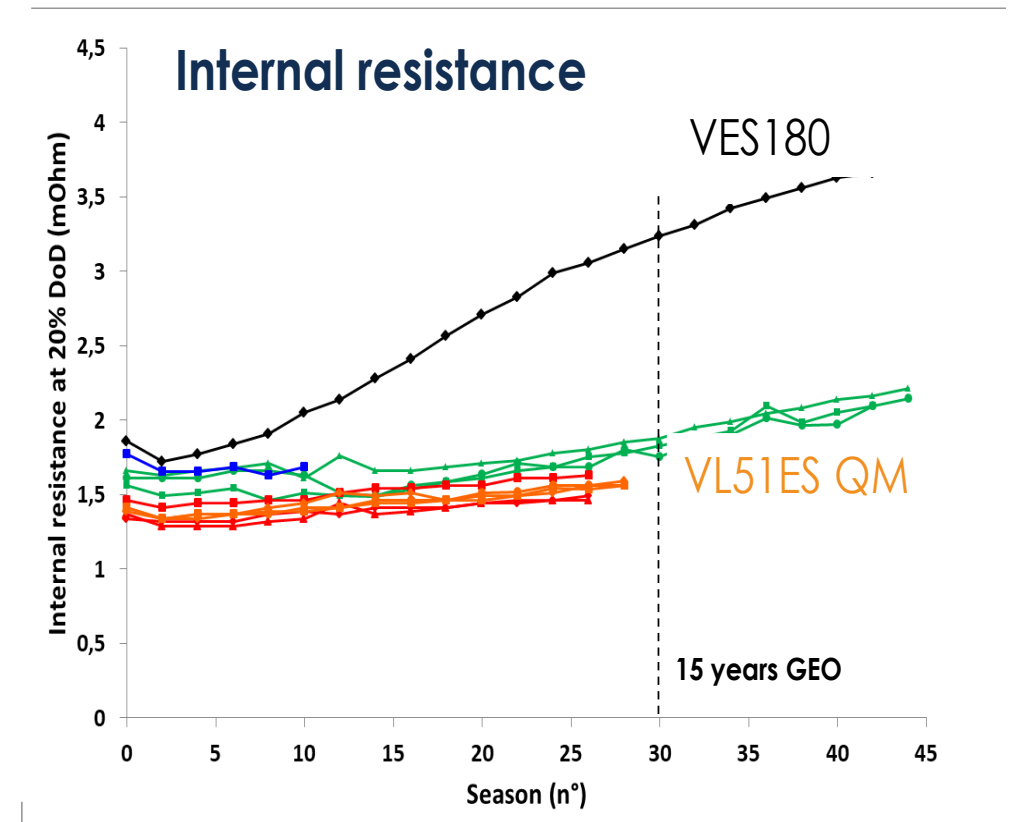
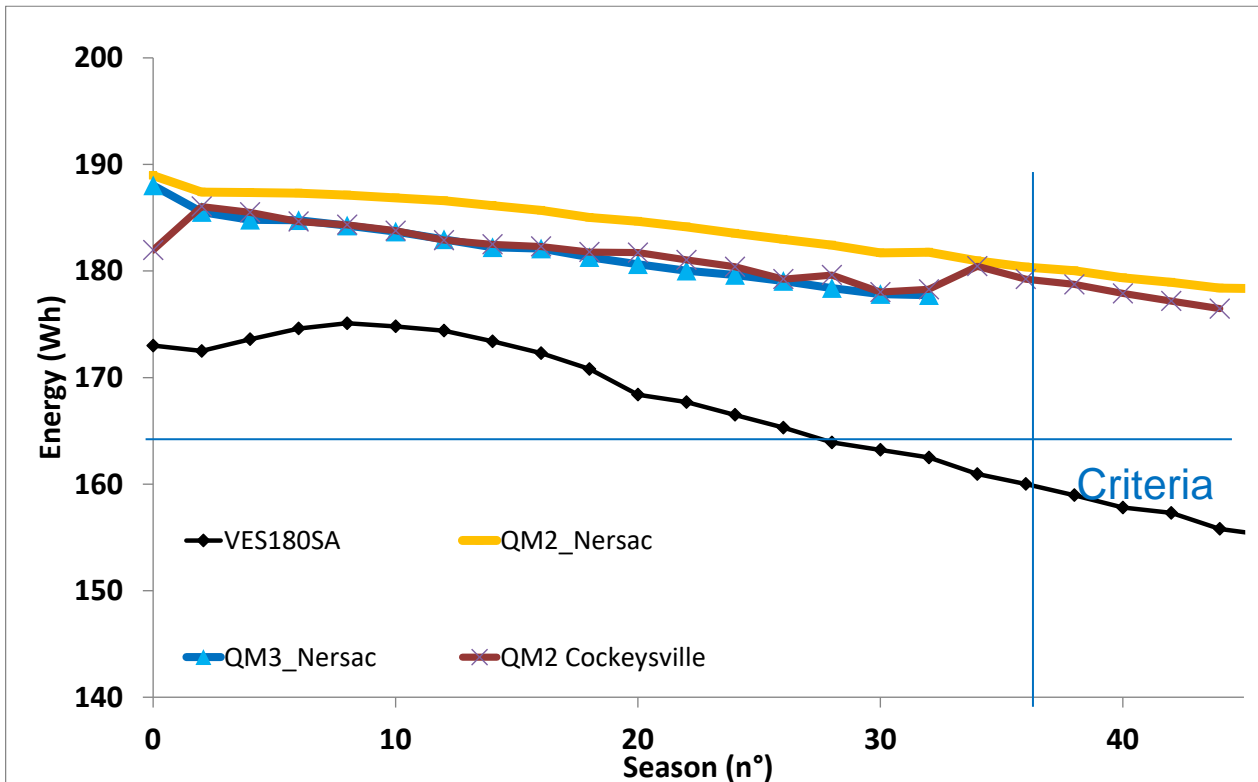
LT12: Vibration & irradiation cumulated for 1 cell

LT13: Impact of EOCV > 4.1 V (only done on QM3)

QM Life tests status



- VL51ES reached 45 seasons corresponding to 1.5 times 30 seasons (22.5 years) with less than 6 % energy degradation



- Accelerated LT 80 % DOD without solstice period, charge C/10 @ 4.05 V



Life tests status (Acc GEO, 80% DoD, EOCV 4,05V)



GEO Equinox Cycling : EOC & EOD Evolution - Season 1 to 42



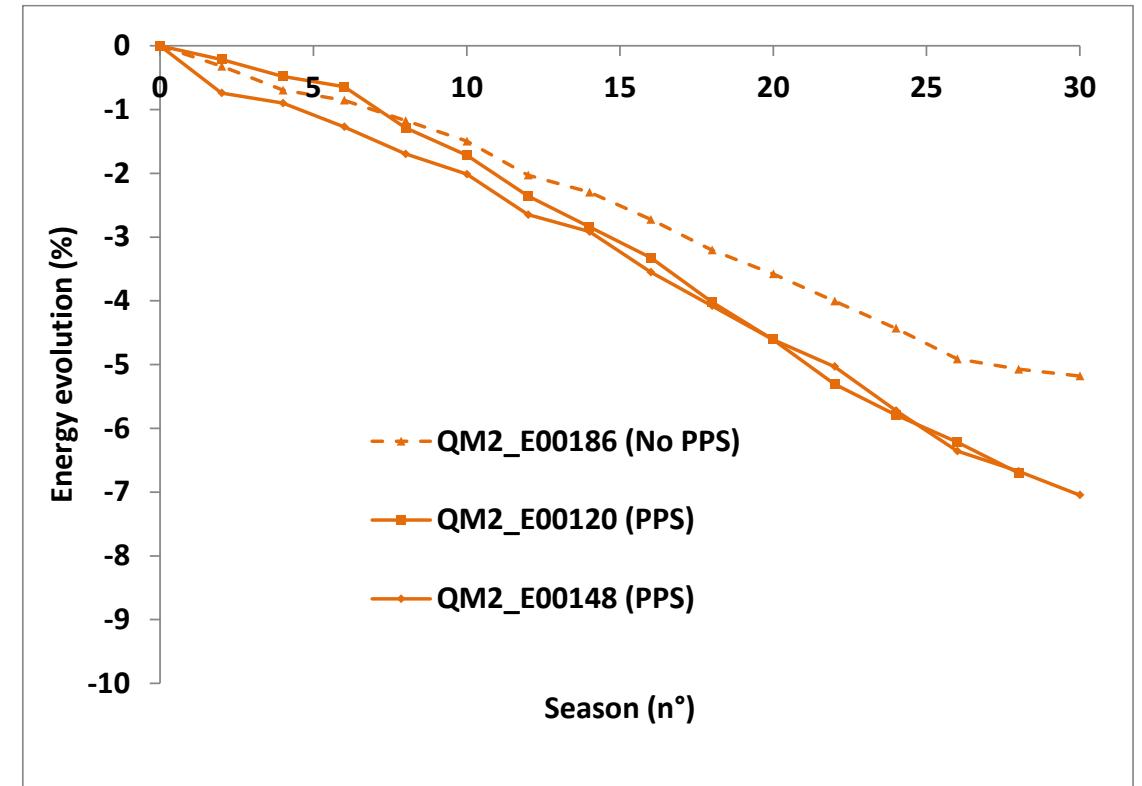
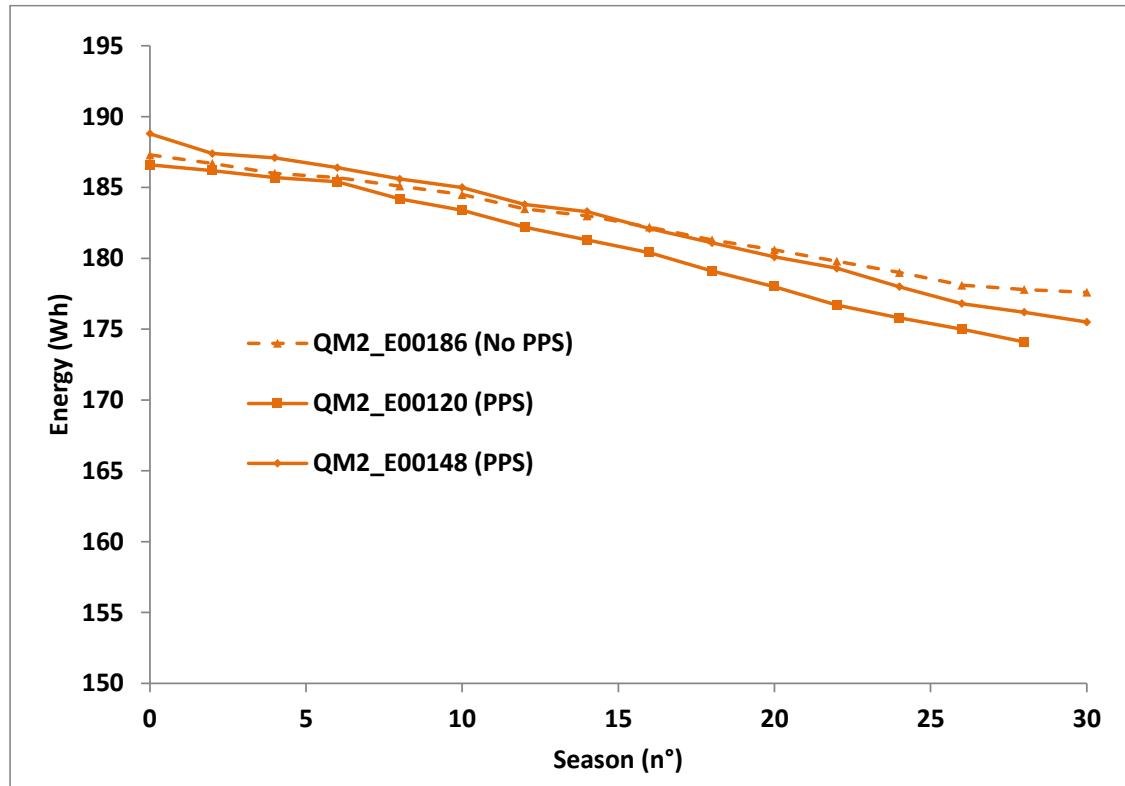
20 years !



Life tests status : Impact of Plasmic Propulsion



Accelerated GEO cycling with solstice & PPS (80% DoD ; EOCV = 4.075 V)

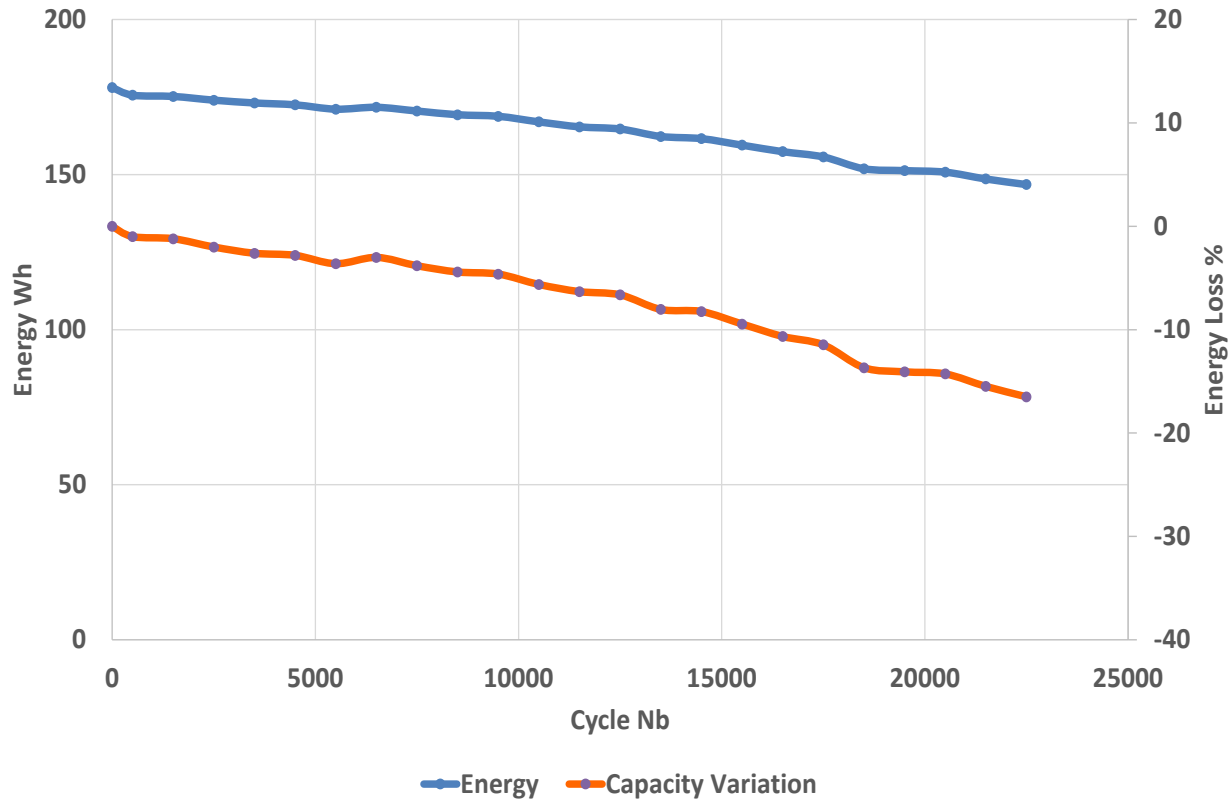


- Full electric mission with plasmic propulsion including EOR (2 cycles per day 20 % DOD) shows no additive degradation after 20 seasons

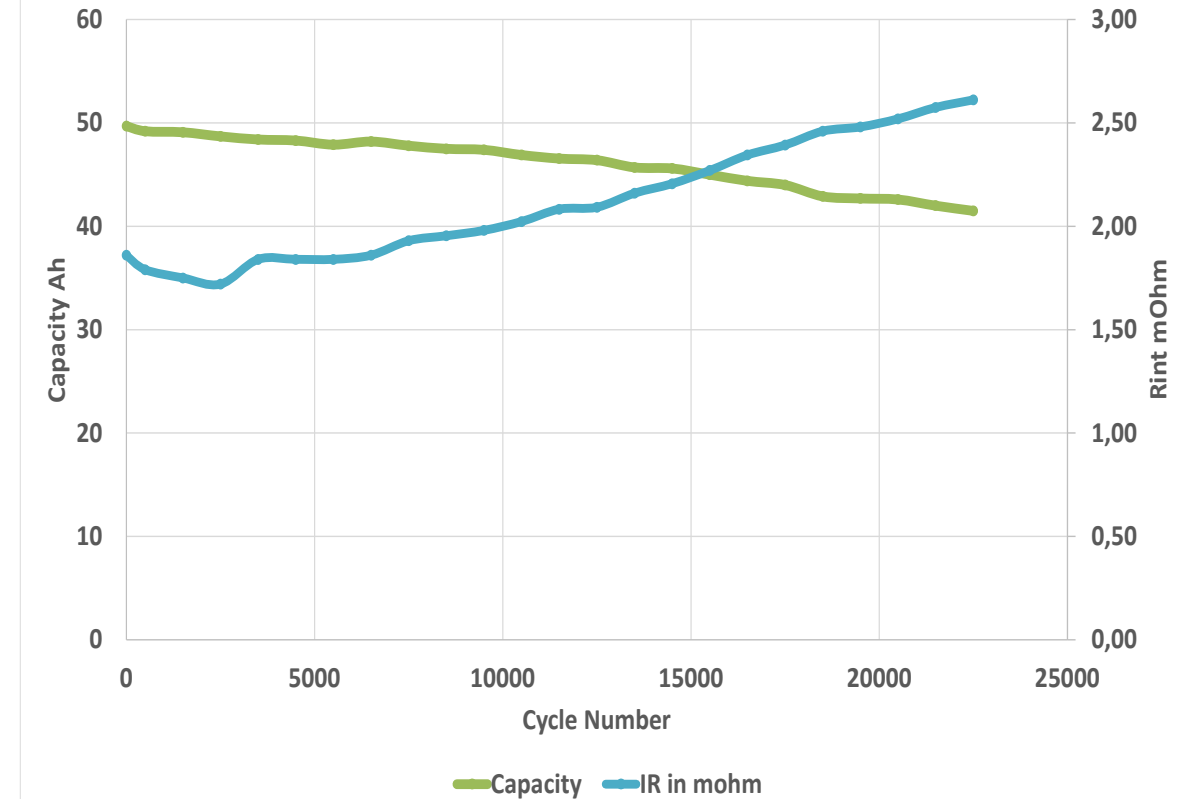
LEO performances : 20 % DOD



Energy : 20 % DOD LEO



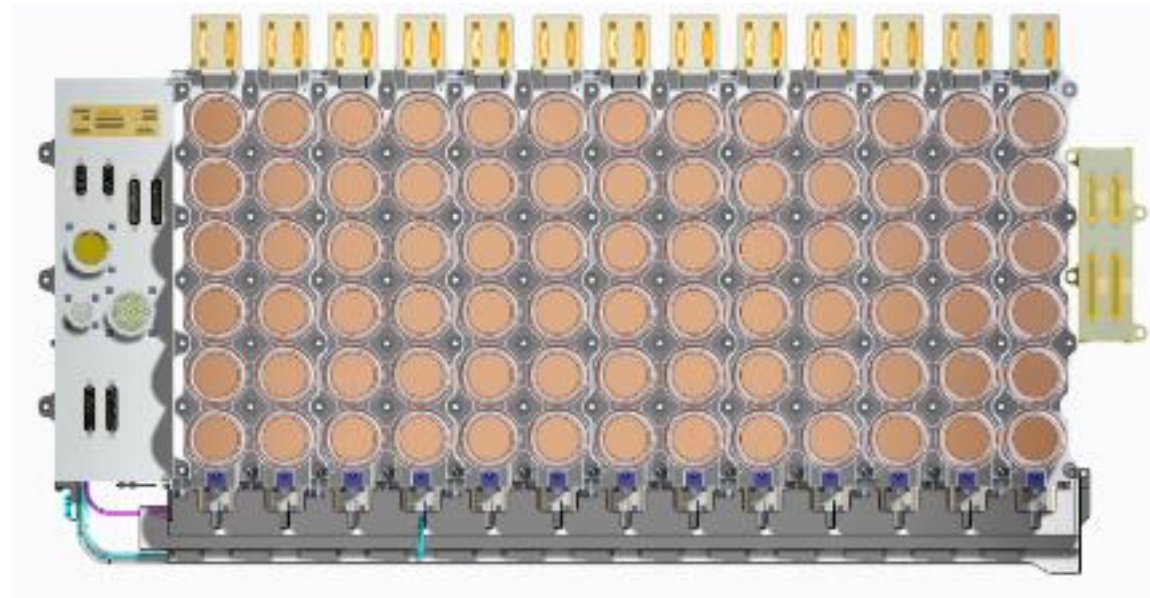
Capacity and Rint evolution : 20 % DOD LEO



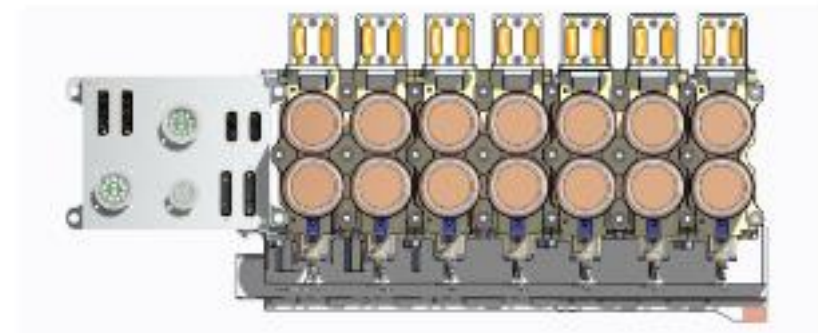
NEOSAT VL51ES Qualified Range

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- **GEO/MEO** battery pack range
- Li-ion **VL51ES** based, **PS** architecture
- Option by-pass (Souriau)
- Option BMS (ASP)
- From **2P** to **6P** battery pack
- Up to 53,5V module voltage(**13S**)
- **By-pass free** from 4P
- Several Modules @ S/C level on purpose
- **Qualification Review** held in **2019**



6P13S



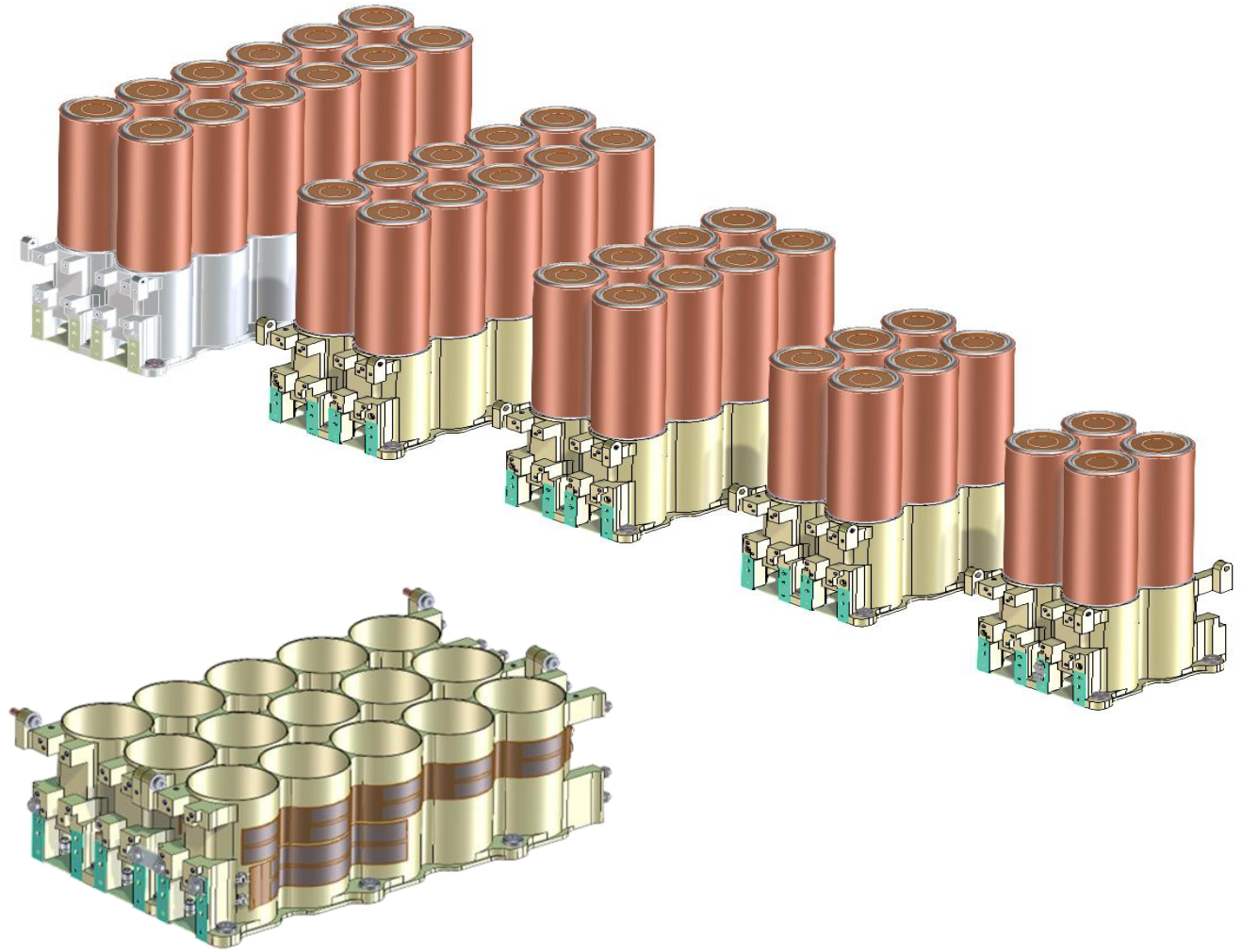
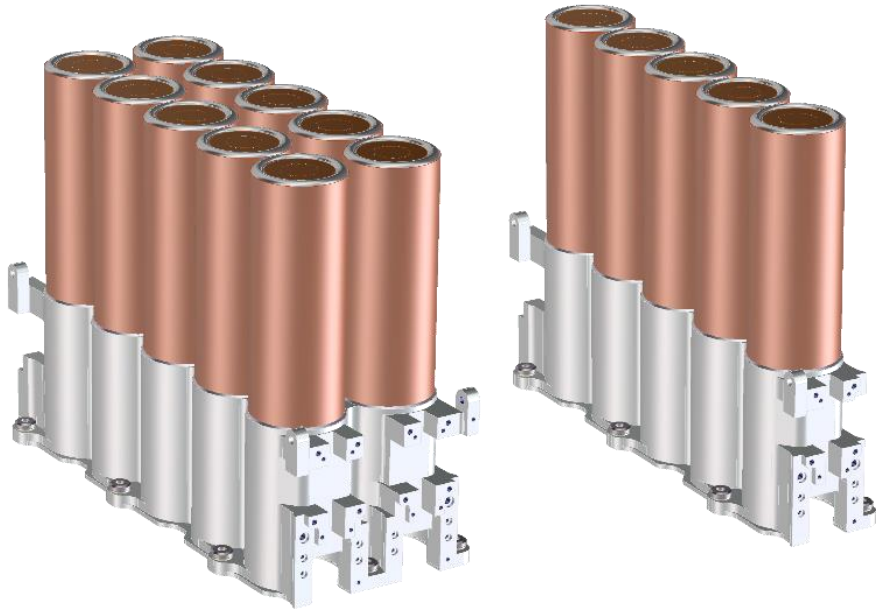
2P7S

NEOSAT VL51ES modules range



2P to 6P cell package

Simple & Double cell pack



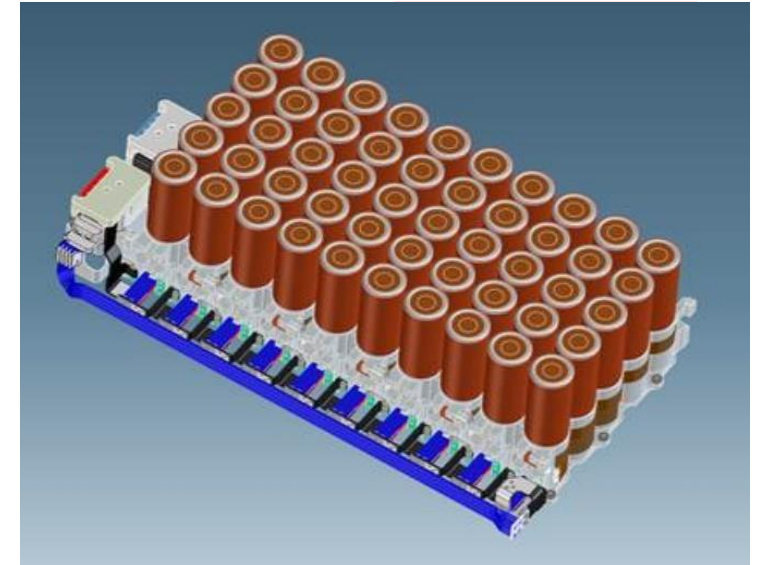
First VL51ES battery contract

Products

Four battery packs (2x5P10S and 2x5P11S) composed of:

- 10 or 11 cell packages in series made of 5 VL51ES cells in parallel
- Heaters (nominal and redundant)
- Shunt resistors
- Power busbars
- TM/TC connectors
- **No by-pass**

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*5P10S VL51ES battery pack
(for information only)*



VL51ES Qualified Range



- 14 GEO spacecraft contracted in VL51ES :
 - 5 GEO with by-pass (3P)
 - 9 GEO with and without by-pass (4P-5P)

- VL51ES Baselined on large GEO and LEO satellites:



1st Successful Launch on 9-9-2021!

VL51ES Qualified Range



Example: 5P10S **VL51ES** module versus 5P10S **VES180SA** module

	5P10S VES180SA	5P10S VL51ES	
Average BoL Energy	8550 Wh	9100 Wh	↗ ≈ 6.5 %
Average Weight	74,5 Kg	72,2 Kg	↘ ≈ 3 %
Average Energy Density			↗ ≈ 10 % *
Interface (LxWxH)	810 x 440 x 269 mm	810 x 440 x 249 mm	
Internal Resistance	≈ 5 mΩ (20°C, 60%)	≈ 4 mΩ (20°C, 60%)	↘ ≈ 20 %
Same Fit and Function battery (footprint, interface, thermal control, BMS...)			

* *Becomes 17% w/o by-pass (67,9kg), and becomes 19% in LCP configuration (66,7kg)*

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