



# Nanoelectronics for Electric Vehicle Intelligent Failsafe PowerTrain (MotorBrain)

Coordinator: Infineon Technologies AG (Germany)

## SC 6 – TORQUE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT

### OBJECTIVES:

- concept development, design, simulation and realization of a torque sensor demonstrator

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Towards Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge: Smart, green and integrated transport

Participating countries:



DE

AT

IT

ES

CZ

SW

HL

RO

UK

**After EC Review Meeting (Year 2) → project proposed for  
“ENIAC Innovation Award”**



## TORQUE SENSOR - TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

### IFRO:

- Supply Chain SC6 leader

### IMT:

- **Deliverable Responsible:** D3.12 - Delivery of physical transducer for torque sensor
- **Deliverable Responsible:** D4.15 – Torque sensor Transducer Demonstrator (including magnetic sensor and electronics)
- Responsible of the Romanian team (IMT+IFRO) on administrative matters (contact with authorities)

**Supply Chain 6** - to develop a torque measurement concept

- the innovation will focus on novel concept of magnetic source and magnetic sensor interaction.
- the concept will be checked and validated using advanced analysis and simulation techniques and will be concluded with the manufacture of a demonstrator.





## TORQUE SENSOR - PARTNERS IN SC6 AND COLLABORATORS



component testing for component validation



torque measurement sensor device



torque sensing apparatus



fault tolerant machine architectures



data converters



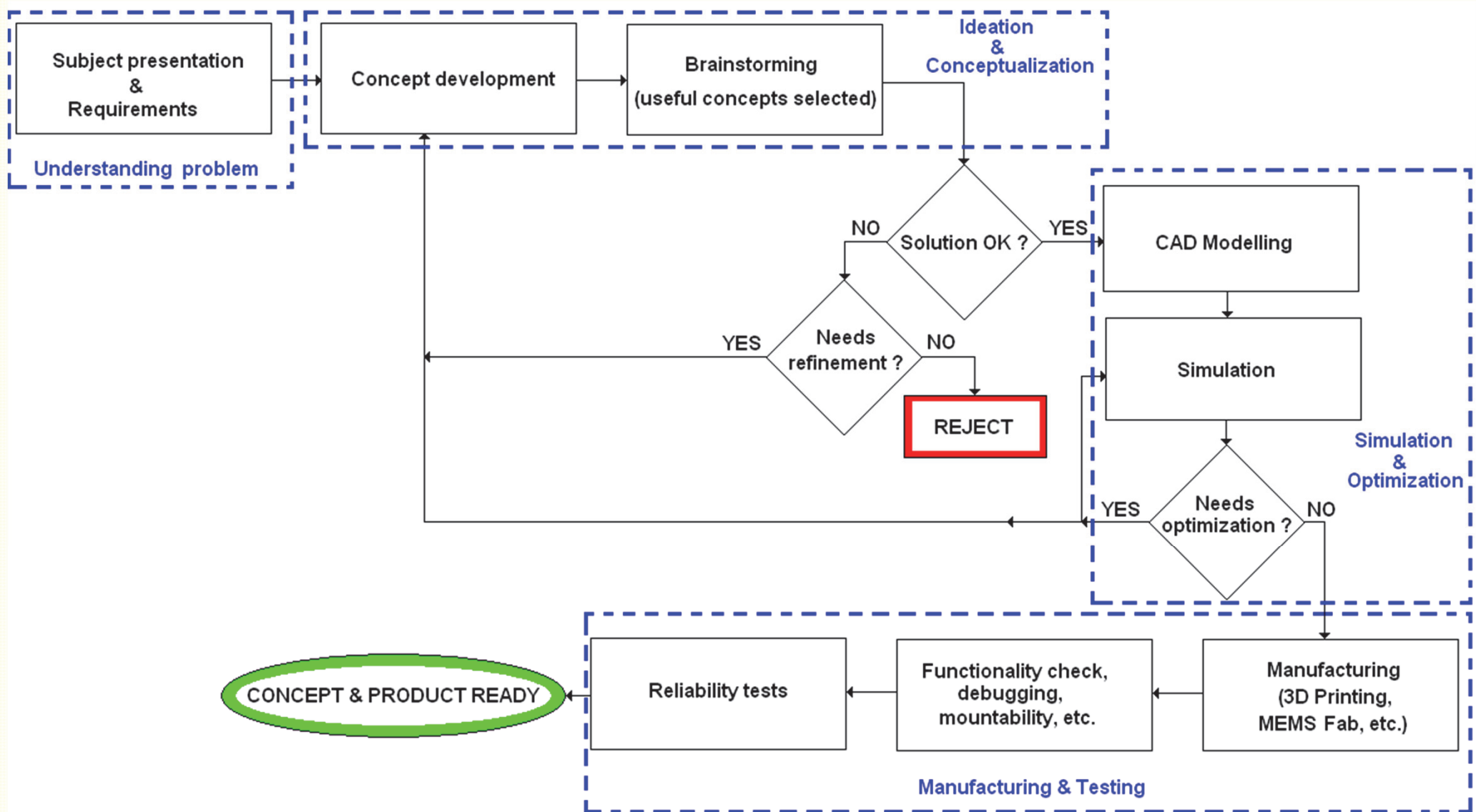


## TORQUE SENSOR REQUIREMENTS

- Torque range: max. 300 Nm
- Measurement accuracy : 1 % (3 Nm)
- Rotation speed: 10.000 rpm
- Maximum temperature: +180° C
- Be able to measure both static and dynamic torque
- Redundancy
- Linearity
- Discrimination between:
  - torque and angular acceleration
  - torque and shaft elongation
  - torque and shaft bending
- It must not be influenced by the surrounding electromagnetic noise
- Temperature, vibrations, mechanical stresses must not influence the torque measurement
- Be as small as possible
- Be based on magnetic sensors as those developed by Infineon Technologies Romania

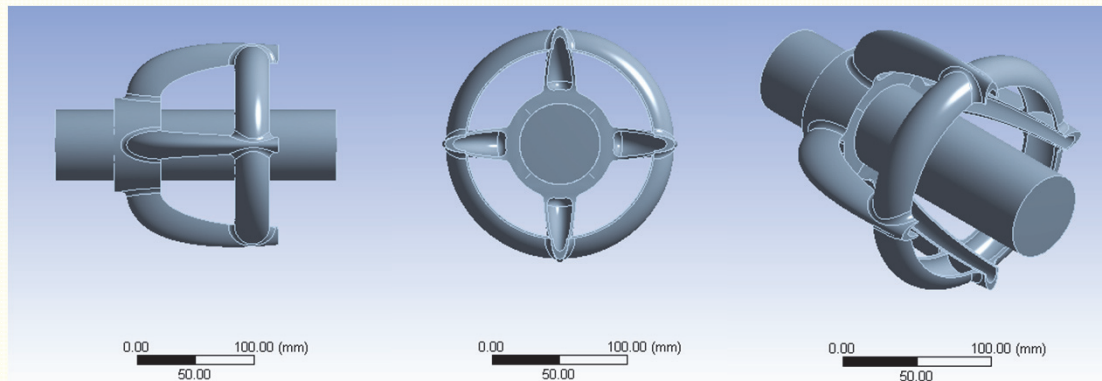


## TORQUE SENSOR ENGINEERING APPROACH

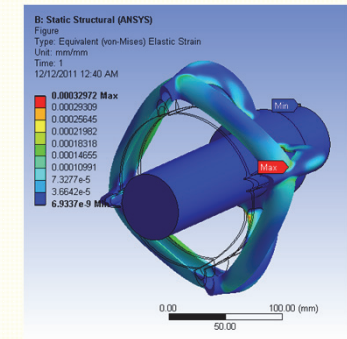
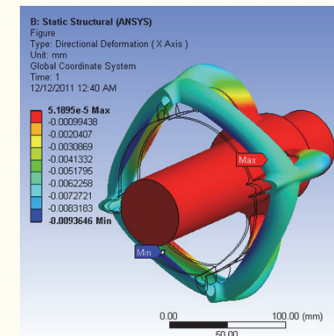
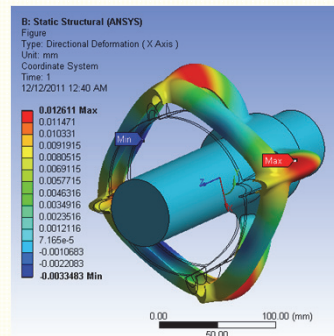
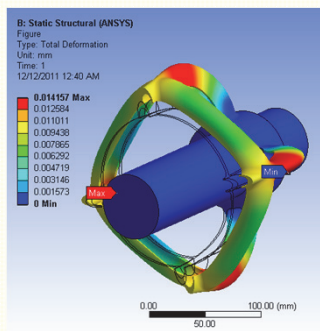


## TORQUE SENSOR CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT – Initial structure

- we started from the principle “all-on-the-shaft”
  - all the components (transducer, sensors, etc.) mounted on the shaft
  - the energy supply / signal extraction acquired by capacitive means



The initial transducer structure. Left: lateral view of half of the transducer; Center: axial view of half of the transducer; Right: isometric view of half of the transducer.

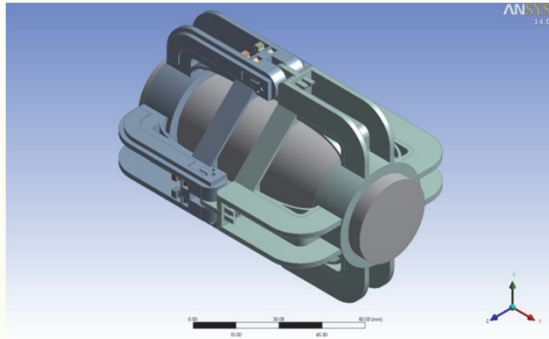


Simulation results for the initial transducer (half part). Far left: Total deformation due to centrifugal force; Left: Radial deformation under centrifugal force; Right: Axial deformation under centrifugal force; Far right: Relative elastic deformation under centrifugal force.





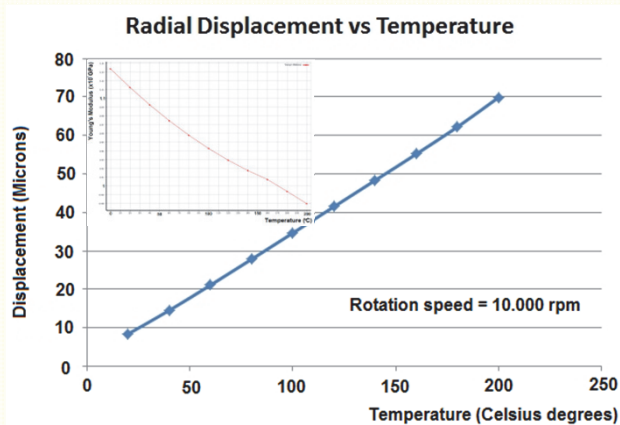
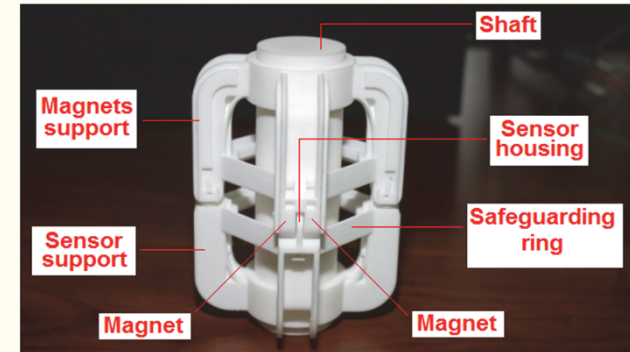
## TORQUE SENSOR CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT – Improved structure



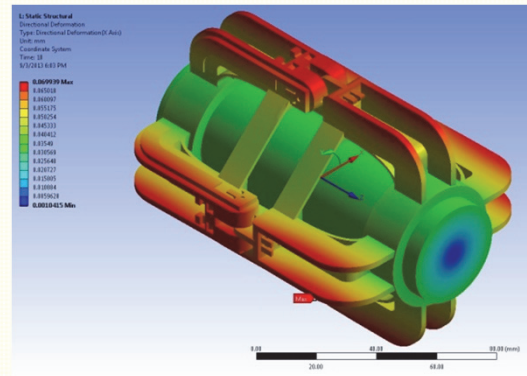
The optimized geometry of the torque sensor



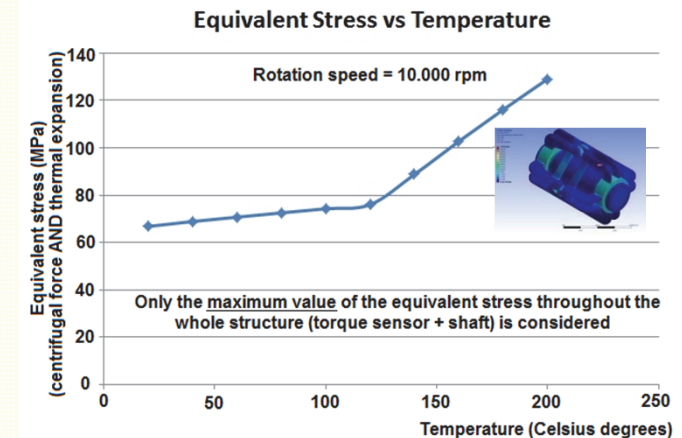
Beta version of the torque sensor (sensor part) made by Selective Laser Sintering of polymer (polyamide PA2200)



The effects of centrifugal force and thermal expansion are considered.



Radial displacement at 10.000 rpm rotation speed and a temperature of 200° C



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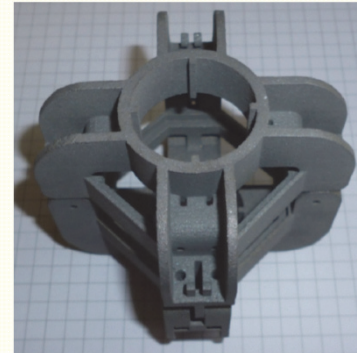
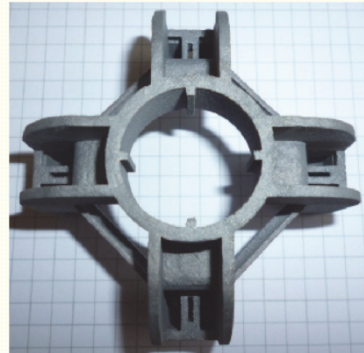
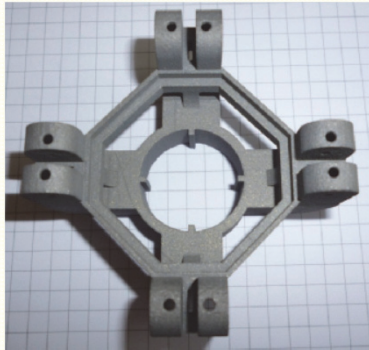
First resonance frequency (eigenmode):

- 2794,700 Hz @ 20° C, 10.000 rpm
- 2635,60 Hz @ 200° C, 10.000 rpm



ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE FULFILLED !

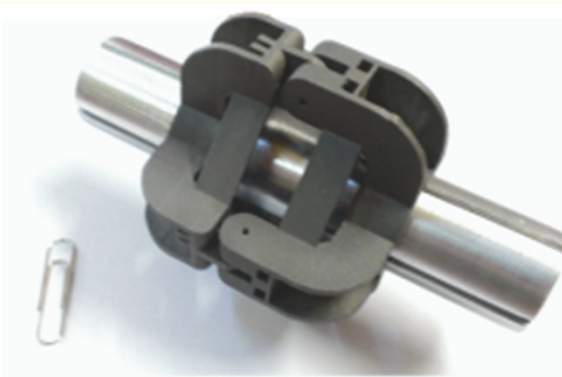
## TORQUE SENSOR - FINAL (METAL) VERSION



*The metal parts after post-processing (support structures removal and shotpeening (the part containing the magnets)).*

*Far left: photo of the magnet containing part; Left: photo of the magnetic sensor containing part;*

*Right: photo of the assembled parts; Far right: photo showing the real size of the parts.*



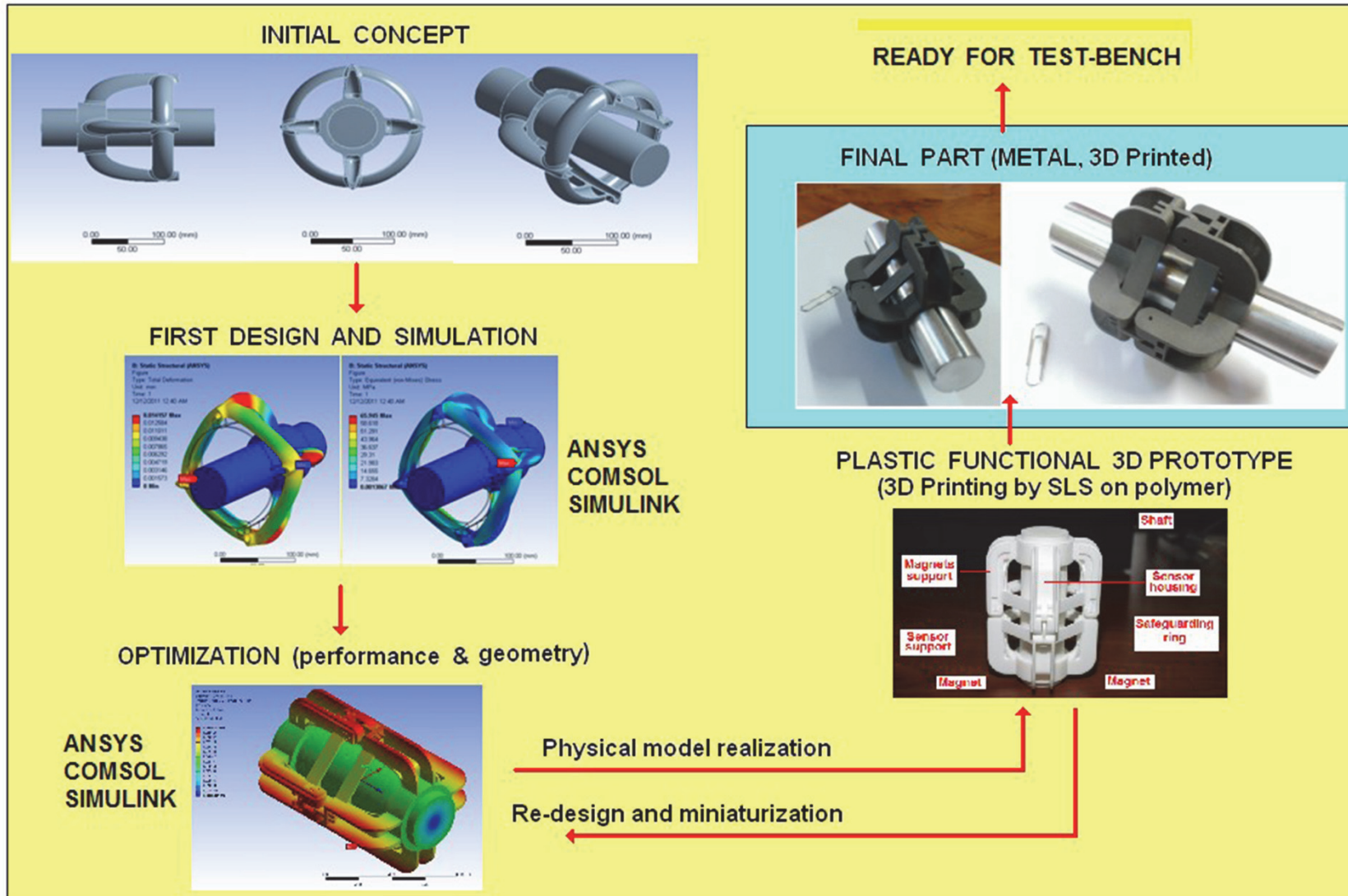
*Torque sensor mounted on a metallic shaft (not final shaft)*




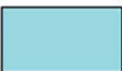
Metal parts were made by order at EOS GmbH by using DMLS (Direct Metal Laser Sintering) on a M280 machine



## TORQUE SENSOR - WORK SCHEME

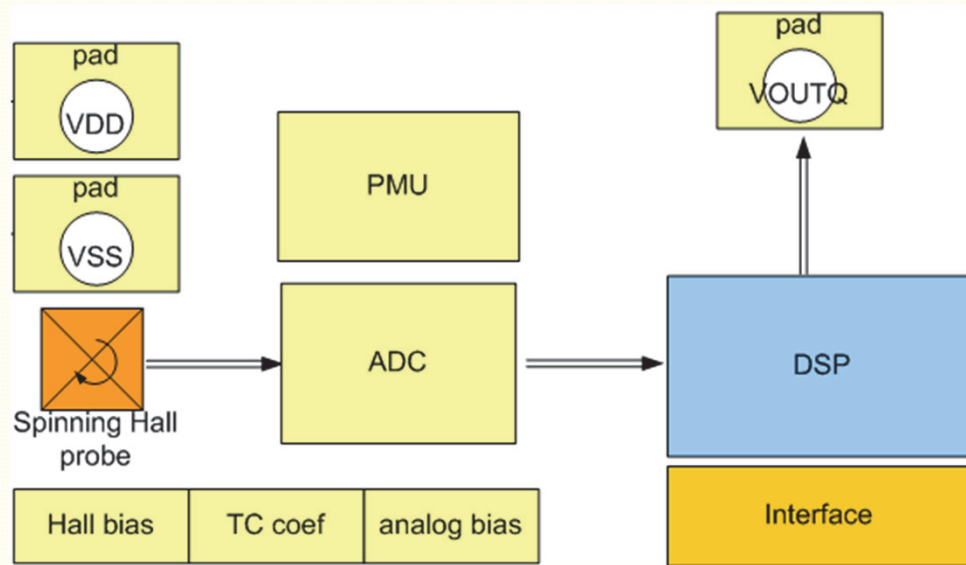


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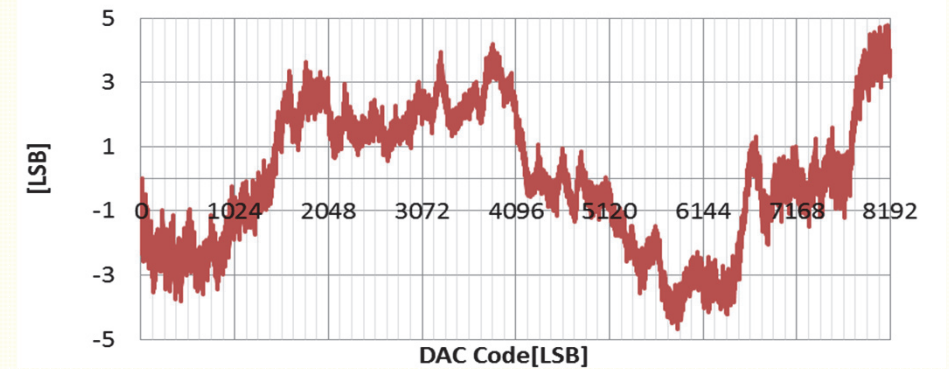
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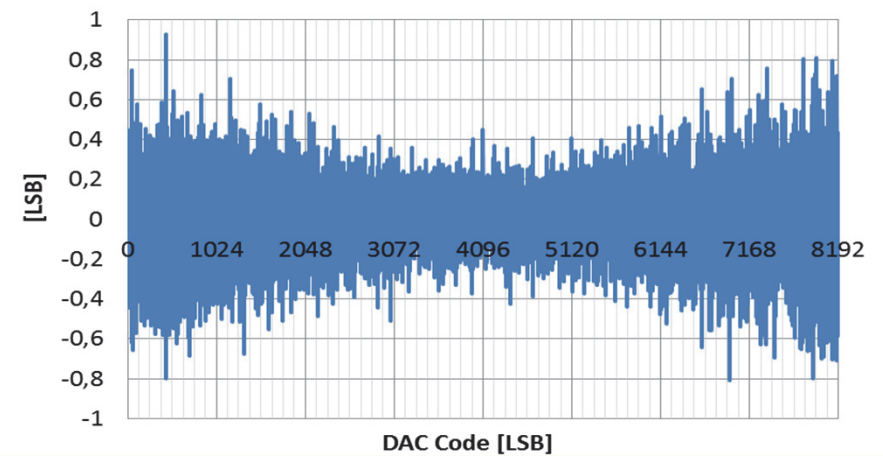
## TORQUE SENSOR - MAGNETIC FIELD SENSOR



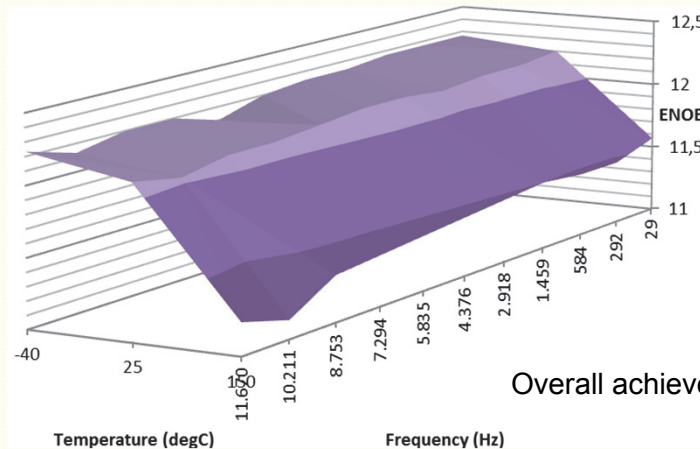
Architecture of developed linear magnetic sensor



Integral Non-Linearity measured under 5 LSB ( an equivalent ENOB of 11 LSB)



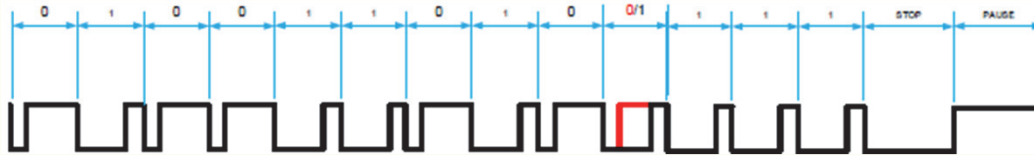
Differential Non-Linearity measured under 1LSB



Overall achieved performance for conversion (ENOB)



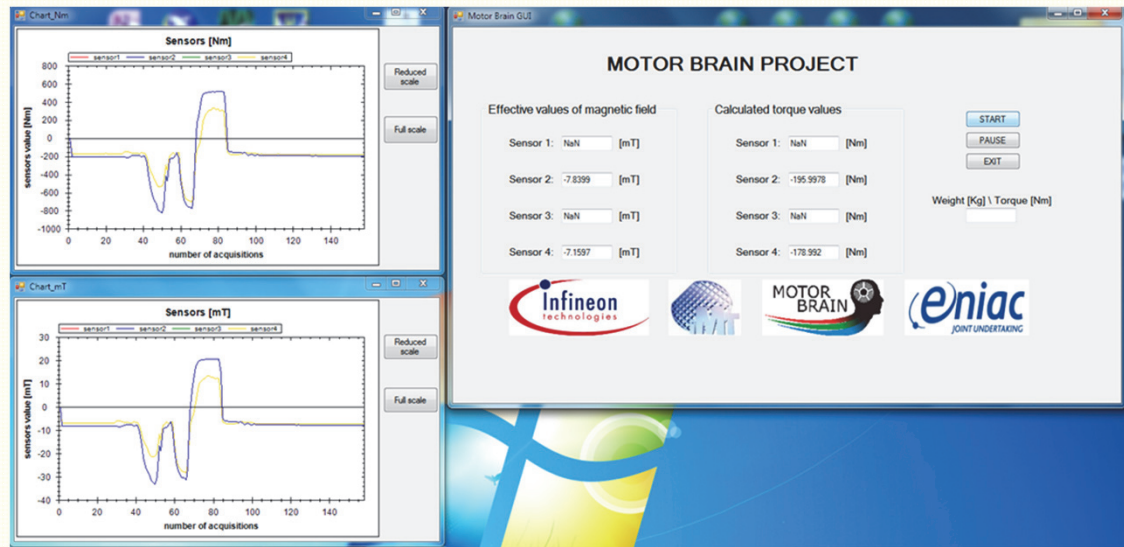
## TORQUE SENSOR - ELECTRONICS AND SOFTWARE INTERFACE



Implemented protocol for digital transmission of torque information PWM (Pulse-Width Modulation)



Hardware developed for reading information provided by multiple magnetic sensors located on the torque sensing mechanical transducer



Software application developed for reading information provided by multiple magnetic sensors located on the torque sensing mechanical transducer







## TORQUE SENSOR

### - OTHER TYPES OF TORQUE SENSORS CONSIDERED IN THE PROJECT -

The main effort was directed toward the torque sensors based on magnetic field sensor.

However, IMT has also approached two other methods of sensing:

- an **optical torque sensor** which has the ability “to amplify” the torque angle (up to 10x)
  - simulations performed with an optical software showed that the 1 % accuracy is easily achievable.
  - it does not suffer from angular acceleration or shaft elongation.
- a **nanostructure based torque sensor**
  - we have performed its first simulations





## TORQUE SENSOR - SUMMARY OF RESULTS

### Main achievements for the torque sensor

Parameter	Initial / Targeted value	Actual value
Torque range	0 – 300 Nm	0 – 300 Nm
Torque measurement accuracy	1 % full-scale (3 Nm)	1 % full-scale (3 Nm)
Maximum rotation speed	10.000 rpm	10.000 rpm
Maximum working temperature	180° C	200° C
Redundancy	At least 2x	4x
Intrinsic linearity	Preferred	Achieved

### Integration results

Integration topic	Status
Integration of mechanical part and magnetic field sensors	Proven
Accuracy of the realization of the metal part version	+/- 50 microns

### Verification results for the torque sensor

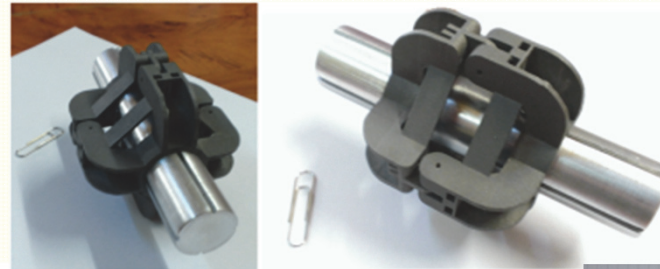
Target	Achieved/Achievable
Torque sensor working as devised	Yes
Integration of the mechanical and magnetic field part proven	Yes
Redundancy checked	Yes
Size reduction	Yes, for metal version
Intrinsic linearity of the torque sensor checked	Yes

### Comparative view of achievements

Achievement topic	Status
Functionality	Proof-of-concept demonstrator made of polymer show <b>functionality according to the design</b>
Rotation speed	Simulation results (ANSYS Multiphysics v. 12.1) indicate <b>very good stability at 10.000 rpm and 200° C</b>
Compared to state-of-the-art	a) <b>Redundancy</b> b) <b>Intrinsic linearity</b> c) <b>Intrinsic compensation of temperature variation, mechanical stress and surrounding EM fields (devised, designed)</b>



## ENIAC PROJECT - SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

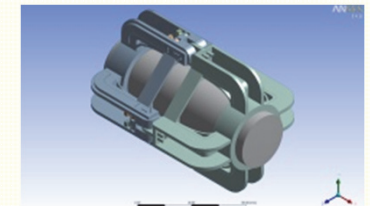
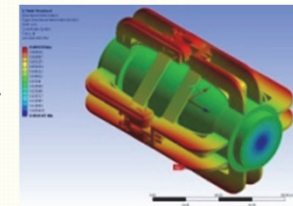
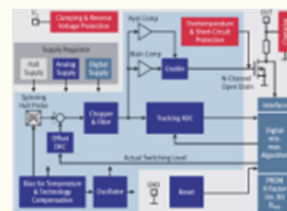
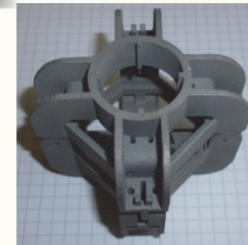


**Industry**  
(magnetic field sensor)

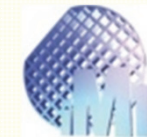


demonstrator

**Academia**  
(concept,  
design & realization  
of the transducer)



Infineon Technologies Romania



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IMT-Bucharest



Work flux & Cooperation - Romanian Team







## TORQUE SENSOR - RESULTS DISSEMINATION

Launch of the **European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020"** in Bucharest on 4th of October 2013



The European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn tested the model of the torque sensor at the booth of the MotorBrain project



Mars Curiosity rover © NASA







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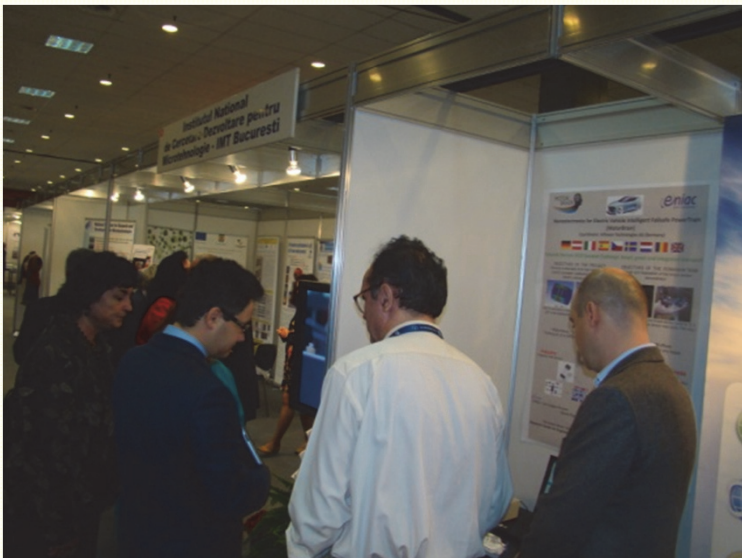
Discussions at the booth of the MotorBrain project with Professor Susan-Resiga – head of the Research Center for Engineering of Systems with Complex Fluids from Timișoara Polytechnical University, Romania





## TORQUE SENSOR - RESULTS DISSEMINATION

Participation at the Annual Romanian Research Exhibition 2014, Bucharest, Romania, 15 – 18 October 2014 – MotorBrain project have had a dedicated booth



Visit of Dr. Mihnea Costoiu – Romanian Ministry of Research – at the MotorBrain booth.



Visit of Dr. Tudor Prisecaru, Secretary of State at the Romanian Ministry of Research, at the MotorBrain booth.



Presentation of the Romanian team work within the MotorBrain project with the occasion of Special Meeting "20 years of IMT"







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- [The Management teams from IMT and IFRO for their permanent support during the project run](#)





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- **Mrs. Speranța RÂȘAN**
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for:

- competent management of the ENIAC programme
- permanent commitment and availability to solve any of the problems that appeared
- excellent support and communication





# GOING FURTHER, IN NEW PROJECTS

One project (ENIAC) ended ... and IMT and IFRO were invited to join a new EU project under the ECSEL Programme auspices:

## Integrated Components for Complexity Control in affordable electrified cars – 3CCar

The project runs during 2015 – 2018 and is coordinated by Infineon Technologies AG (Germany)

There are **51 partners** from **EU and Taiwan**, comprising the whole palette from academia (universities and research institutes) to industry (SMEs as well as big corporations)

The proposed 3Ccar project will provide according to its mission 3C novel Integrated Components for **Complexity Control** in affordable smart electrified cars. Complexity control, complexity reduction and translation into semiconductors will be the next level of energy efficiency in transportation systems.

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The objectives of the 3Ccar project are divided into six objective groups:

1. Competitive advantage through more complex semiconductor-based systems
2. Cost reduction of the automotive components
3. Control of complexity by architectures allowing new partitioning
4. Reduction of vehicle's maintenance costs
5. Push more electric vehicles on the roads (replacement for combustion cars)
6. Reduce mobility's environment footprint



## Activities of the Romanian partners:

- Dealing with thermal management issues (IMT)
- Temperature measurements inside electric batteries (IFRO)
- Customized encapsulation for SoC by using 3D Printing techniques (IMT and IFRO)
- Support partner for micromirror MEMS integration and demonstration (IMT under the coordination of VTT)

## IMT activities:

- **Task T2.2 leader**: Thermal simulations to design the structure for thermal management (**IMT**, Daimler, AVL, TNO) (**already reported**)
- **Task T6.15 leader**: Test of encapsulation structures and thermal insulation tests (**IMT**, IFRO, TNO)
- **Responsible of deliverable**: D2.2 – Report on thermal simulations and thermal management structure (**already reported**) (IMT, Daimler, AVL, TNO, + *IFAG as a supplementary contributor*)
- **Responsible of deliverable**: D6.15 – Test of encapsulation structures and thermal insulation
- Participation in Task T5.5 - MEMS integration and demonstration (**VTT**, IMT, Okmetic, VIF)
- Participation in Task 7.1: Dissemination (**MB**, all partners contribute)
- Participation in Task 7.2: Exploitation (**MB**, all partners contribute)
- Participation in Task 7.3: Standardization (**MB**, all partners contribute)

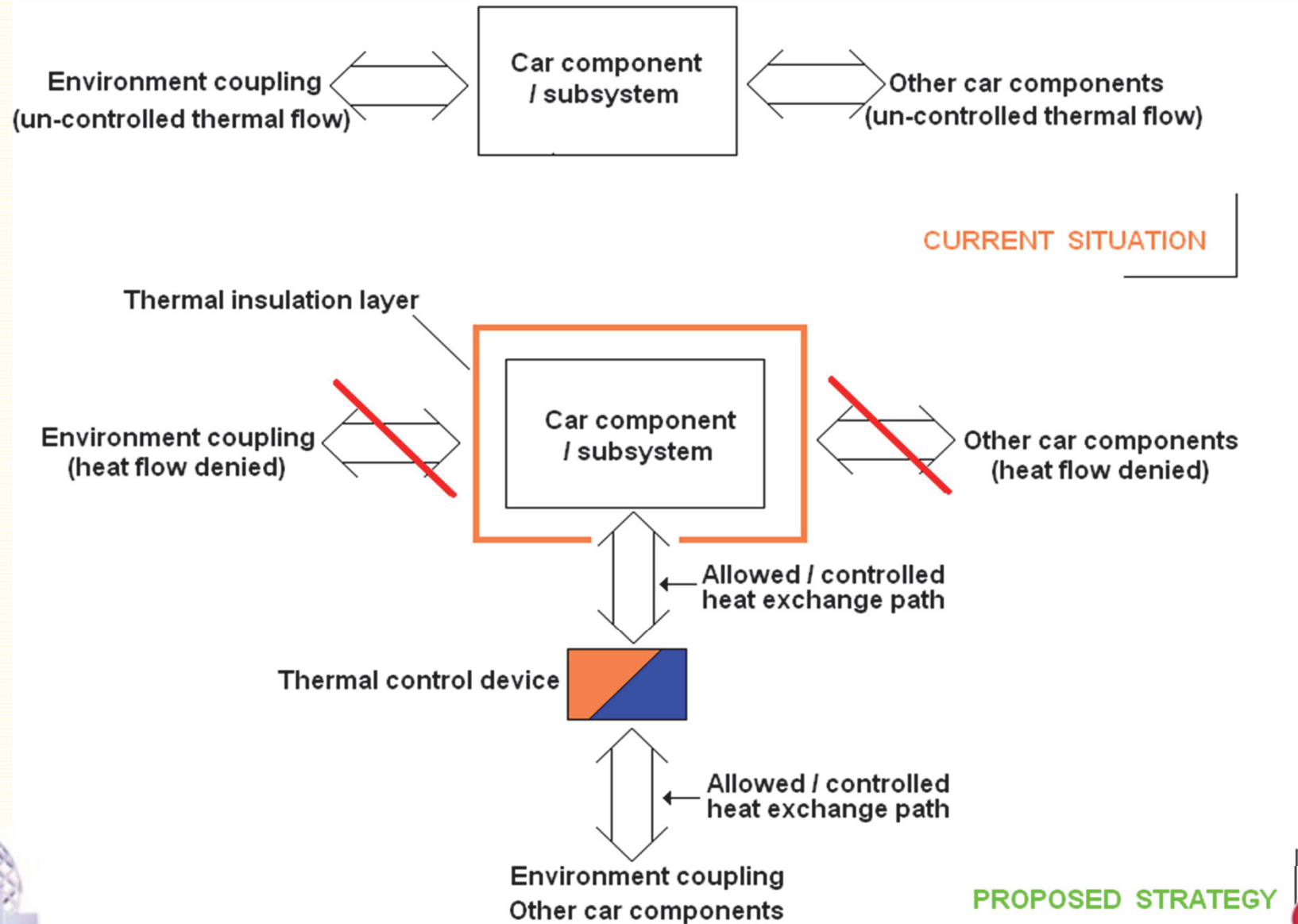




## IFRO activities:

- Participation in Task 1.7: Definition of the requirements for the on board charger platform and of the specifications of the power modules used to build the charger. (Triad, TOED, IFEVS, IFAG, Siemens, STmicro, IFRO)
- Participation in Task 2.3: Simulation and modelling of the components of the battery system (UNIPi, AVL-SFR, FhG-IPA, IFRO, TNO)
- Participation in Task 3.5: Technology Development for Embedding Power modules (IFAG, IFRO)
- Participation in Task 6.15: Test of encapsulation structures and thermal insulation tests (IMT, IFRO)
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## RESULTS OBTAINED



*The scheme showing the proposed strategy for thermal management*



PROPOSED STRATEGY

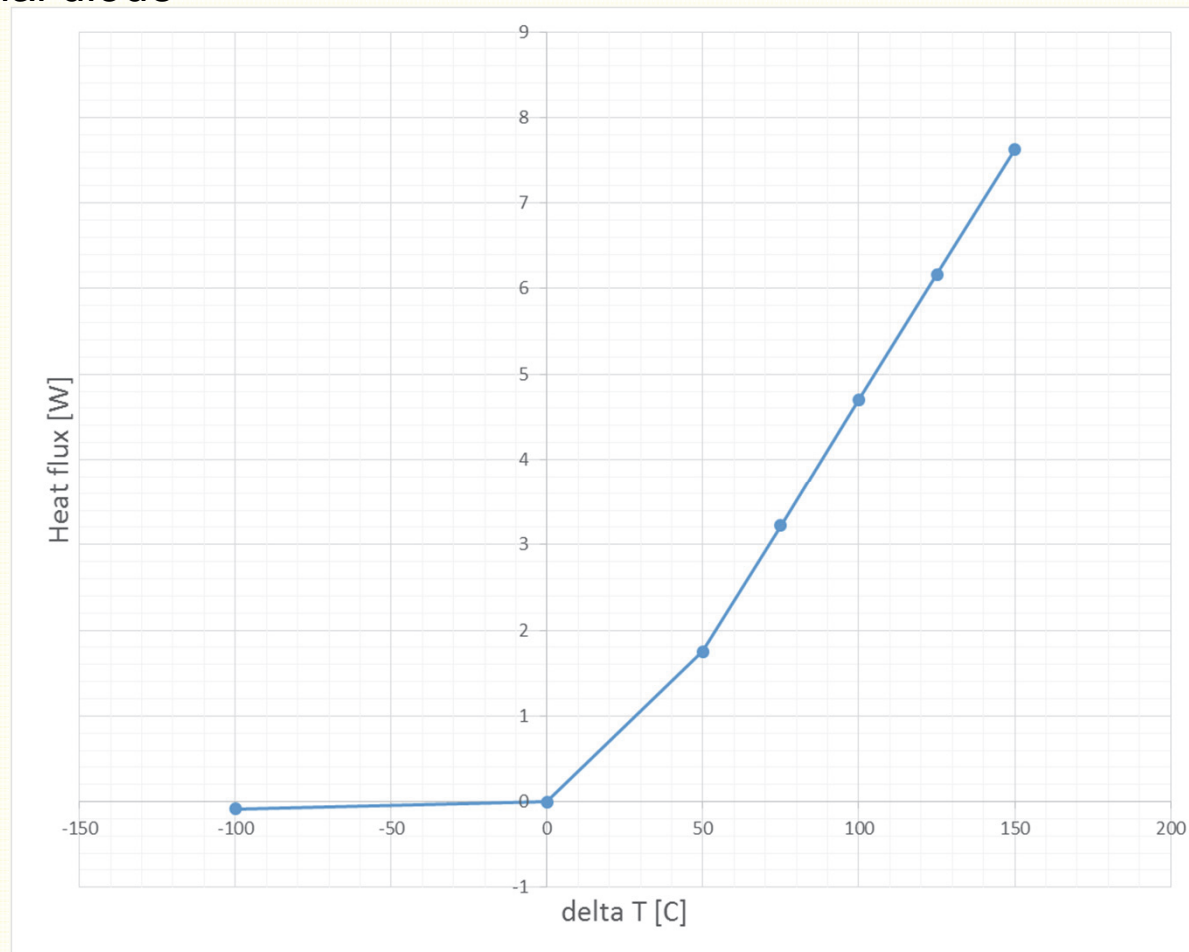




## RESULTS OBTAINED

IMT has conceived and simulated:

- A structure for thermal diode
- A thermal switch



***Thermal diode characteristics of the simulated device***



## RESULTS OBTAINED

The parameters of the version 2 of the thermal switch

Parameter	Value	Units
Dimensions [xyz]	1x1x1	[ $cm^3$ ]
Thermal resistance ON	0.5	[K/W]
ON/OFF ratio	1106	[-]
Maximum working temperature	100	[°C]
Switching time	1	[s]
Power consumed in switching	1.5	[W]



## EVALUATION REPORT FOR T2.2 MADE BY DAIMLER

Score the deliverable from 1 to 5 on each criteria below:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Very Good, 3 = Acceptable, 2 = Poor, 1 = Unsatisfactory, 0 = not addressed, NA = Not applicable

General evaluation and comments	Score	Comments and instructions for improvements
Each <u>partner's contribution</u> is clearly indicated and in balance with the allocated resources.	4	Very clear
The <u>scope</u> of the work is relevant.	5	
The reasoning and logic are of high quality and <u>convincing</u>	4	
Related <u>activities</u> have been <u>inside 3Ccar</u>	5	
identified and taken into account. <u>outside 3Ccar</u>	5	
The results <u>meet the objectives</u> of the Task and WP.	5	
The deliverable is in appropriate form and <u>well presented</u> : executive summary gives a good overview of achievements; appropriate length; easy to read illustrations & tables.	5	
Compliance with <u>requirements and specifications</u> is clearly described.	4	
Industrial <u>exploitation</u> of results is clearly described.	5	
Potential <u>impacts</u> are clearly described.	5	
Other comments.		<u>Much work and a lot of good results</u>
<b>Overall recommendation</b>	<b>Min score</b>	<b>X</b>
Acceptable without any changes	3	3
Acceptable with minor revisions	2	
Acceptable after major revisions	1	
Reject	0	
Return the filled form to the Coordinator		

## CONCLUSIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE ENIAC PROGRAMME

- Successful design and demonstration of the torque sensor based on magnetic field sensing (IMT)
- Successful magnetic sensors developed within the project  
→ it entered the commercial level (IFRO)
- Romanian team was responsible for:
  - one supply chain (IFRO) ✓
  - two deliverables (IMT) ✓
- Romanian team behaved very well in MotorBrain  
→ IMT and IFRO were invited to join a new ECSEL project:  
→ 3CCar

