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**DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF AN EMI  
ENHANCED SMC FOR BEV APPLICATIONS**

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# Outline

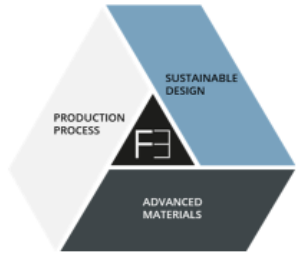
- Project - Introduction
- HVBE Technical Requirements
- EMI Basics
- Competitive Analysis
- Project Overview – Problem, test methods, results
- Summary of Findings
- What's Next?

# INTRODUCTION



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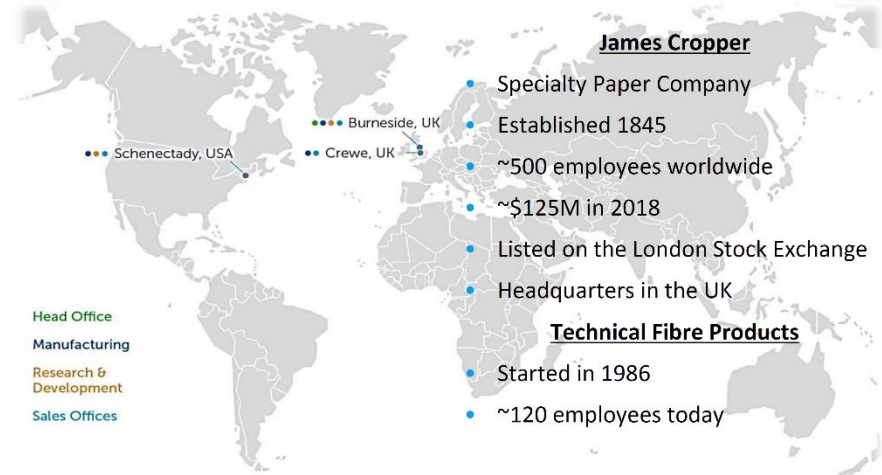
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# INTRODUCTION

## Objectives

- Determine potential for Nonwoven as an EMI solution in BEV applications
- Determine Capable Application of Nonwovens into SMC Components
- Evaluate EMI Shielding Effectiveness of Solution for BEV battery enclosure lid
- Validate Solution for Commercial SMC Applications

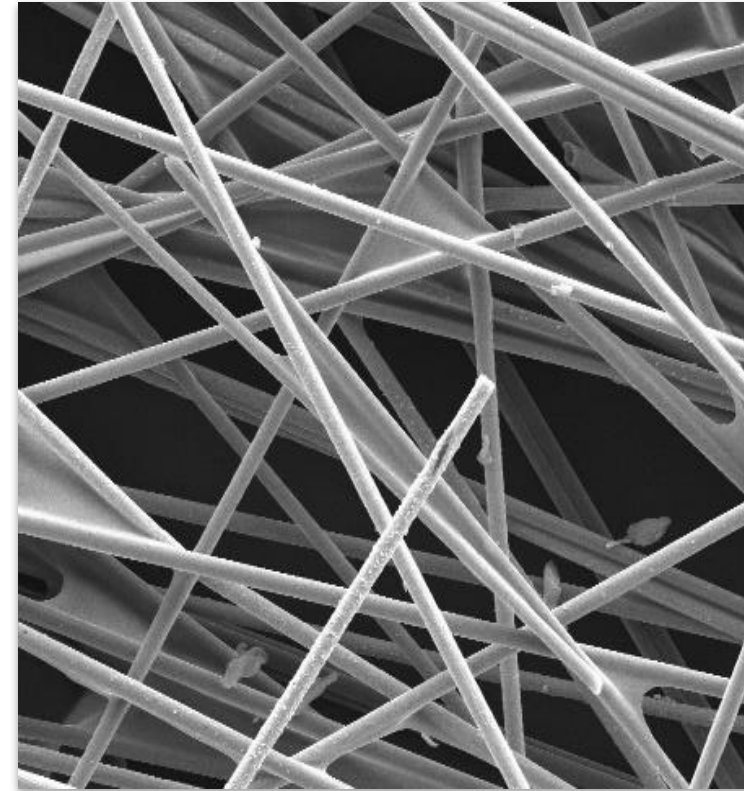
## Collaborating Partners

- IDI Composites
- INEOS
- Forward Engineering
- Technical Fibre Products



# WHAT IS A NONWOVEN?

- Synonyms: veil, scrim, mat, paper
- Made with a wet-laid process similar to pulp paper
- Discontinuous fiber and binder
- Pourous
  
- **Typical Fibers:** glass, polyester, aramid, carbon, metal-coated carbon
- **Typical Binders:** Poly vinyl alcohol, polyester, styrene acrylic



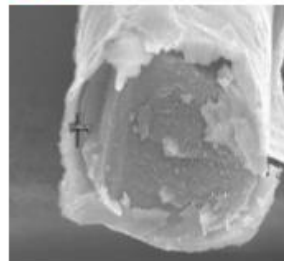
# SHIELDING EFFECTIVENESS IS FUNCTION OF \_\_\_\_\_

- Conductivity of the fiber
- Fiber distribution
- Areal weight and # of layers of veil

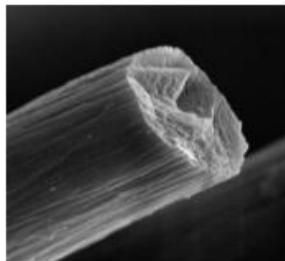
$\Omega/\text{sq}$	Metals		Carbon Powders & Fibers			Shielding Composites			Conductive Composites				Static Dissipative Composites			Anti-Static Composites			Base Polymers			
	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	1	$10^1$	$10^2$	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^6$	$10^7$	$10^8$	$10^9$	$10^{10}$	$10^{11}$	$10^{12}$	$10^{13}$	$10^{14}$	$10^{15}$	$10^{16}$



Nonwoven Materials



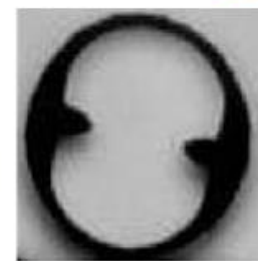
Metal coated fiber



Conductive fiber



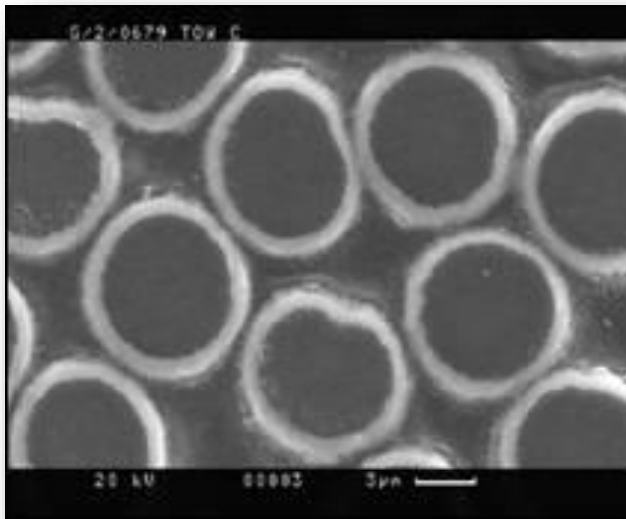
Fiber blends



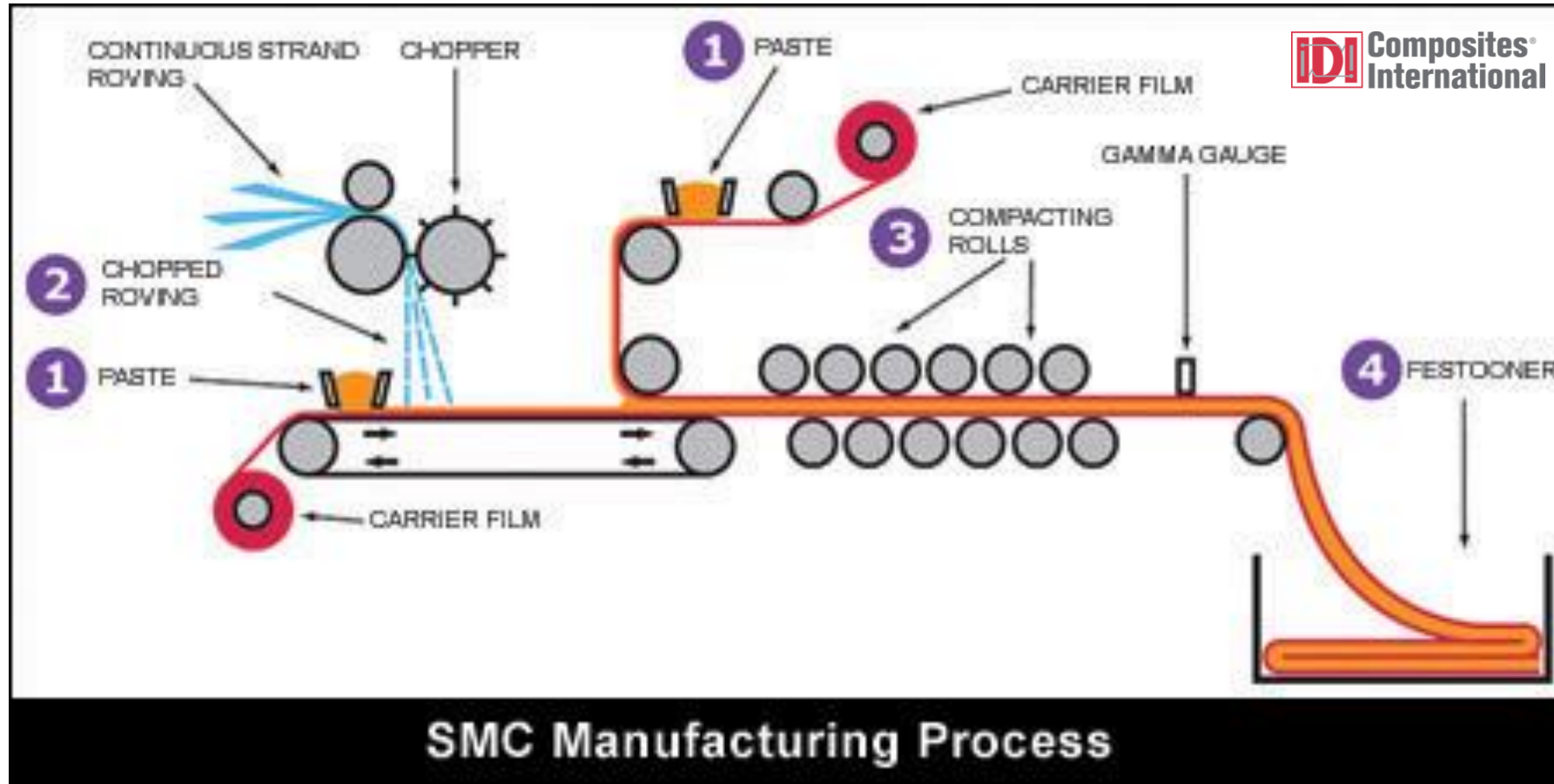
Anti-static fibers

# TFP TUNING FOR EMI SHIELDING IN FRP

- **Areal weight:** 2 - 200 g/sm
- **Veil thickness:** 30  $\mu\text{m}$  - 6 mm
- **Fiber length:** 3 - 25 mm
- **Fiber diameter:** 6 - 25  $\mu\text{m}$
- **Coatings:** Ni & Cu
- **Veil Production:** Binder, Loading, Other



# WHAT IS SMC?





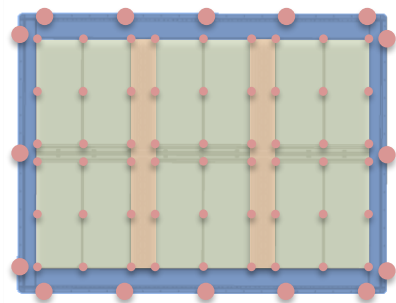
# BEV HV BATTERY ENCLOSURE



BEV HV PACK

## HV Battery Enclosure/Pack Terminology

- **Enclosure** – Structure which support and protects the cells
- **Modules** – House the energy storage cells
- **Cells** – Capture chemistry, anodes & cathodes which store/release energy
- **Thermal Management** – Heat Exchange to Cool/Heat Cells
- **HV Bus** – Conductors between modules, in/out of pack
- **BMS** – Battery Management System



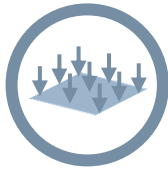
- Crash
- Strength
- Impact
- Compression Strength

## Enclosure Structure

- Cover
- Tray
- Cross Members
- Longitudinals
- Headers

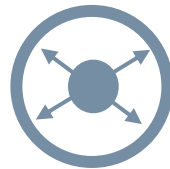
# MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR HV BATTERY ENCLOSURE

Global torsion & bending stiffness  
→ Intelligent load path management



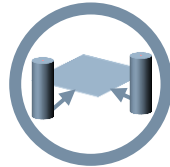
Fire resistance (internal/external)  
→ FST-appropriate material & design  
→ Thermal Runaway appropriate design

Mechanical shock & Durability  
→ High strength attachments for modules & enclosure



Thermal Management  
→ Appropriate Material Concept  
→ Cooling System Integration

Side/Front/Rear Crash or Crush  
→ Structural integrity  
→ Energy absorbing structure



Moisture/ Liquid Intrusion  
→ Sealing Layout  
→ Corrosion Resistance

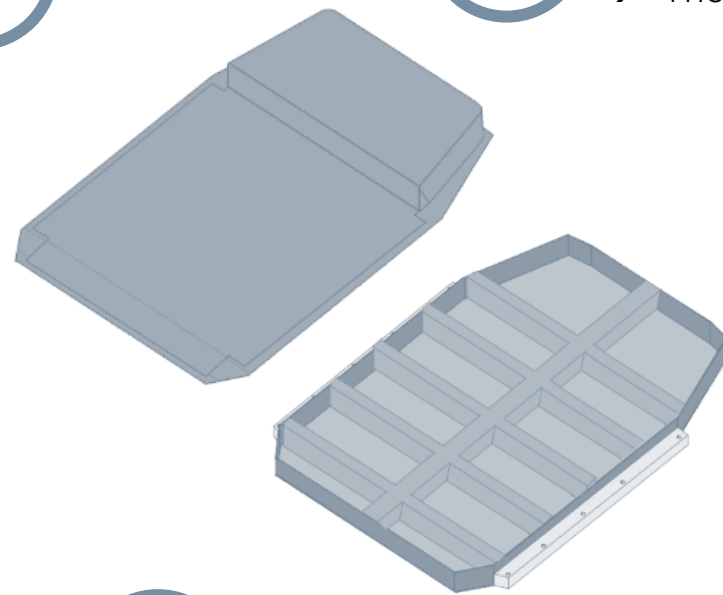
Ground impact  
→ Energy absorbing tray



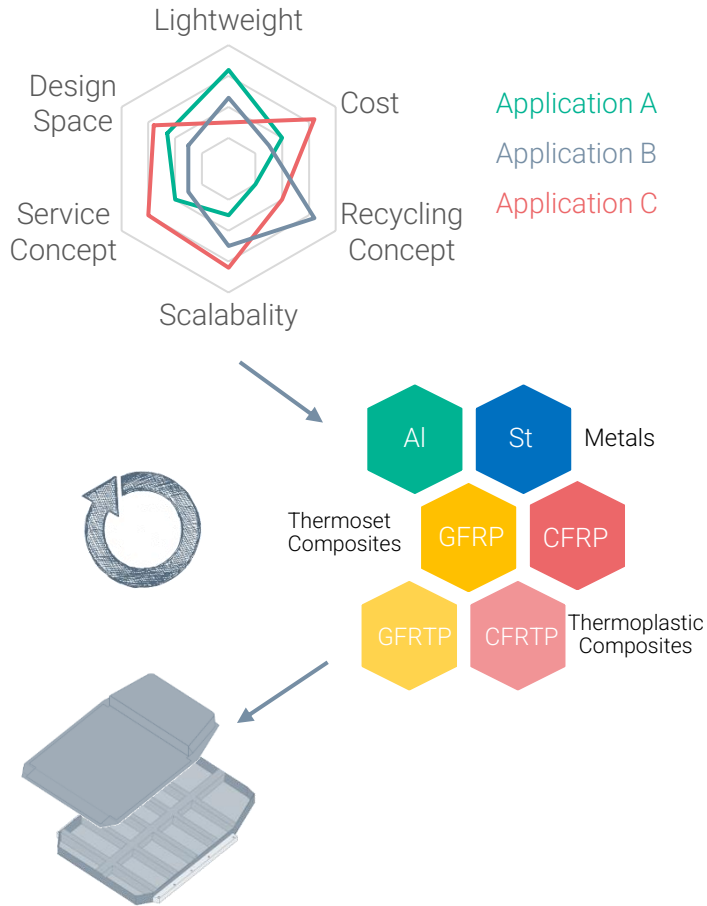
EMC & Grounding  
→ Electroconductive material & design



Sustainability  
→ Low Carbon Footprint (<math><CO\_2/GWP</math>)  
→ EOL – End of Life Strategies



# MULTI-MATERIAL & TECHNOLOGY DESIGN TOOLBOX

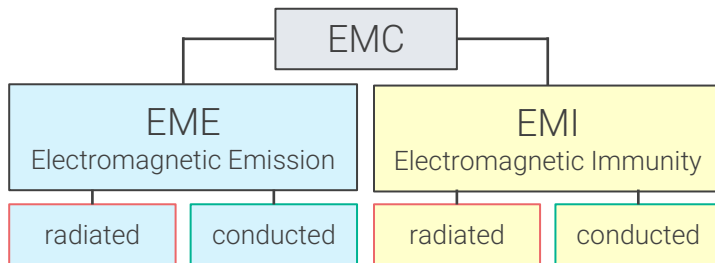
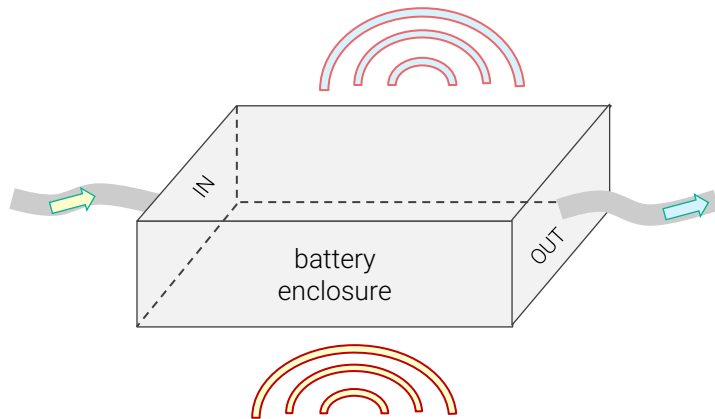


- Cover, Tray Panel
    - ✓ Al-sheet
    - ✓ FRP thermoset (NCF/WF)
    - ✓ St-sheet
    - ✓ FRTP organosheets (NCF/WF)
    - ✓ SMC
    - ✓ ...
  
  - Cross-member, Longitudinal / Lateral Beam
    - ✓ Al-extrusion
    - ✓ FRP Pultrusion / Pullwinding
    - ✓ St-profiles (roll-formed/welded)
    - ✓ ...
  
  - Node
    - ✓ Al-cast
    - ✓ Injection molding
    - ✓ SMC
    - ✓ Additive manufacturing (metal / FRP)
  
  - Energy Absorber
    - ✓ Al-extrusion
    - ✓ Compressible cores (foams, honeycomb)
    - ✓ Injection Molding
- ✓ FRP Sandwich (thermoset / thermoplastic)
  - ✓ Organosheet Overmolding
  - ✓ Thermoset Overmolding

differential

integrative

# BASICS OF EMC



- Description
  - Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) consists of...
    - EME → ability to operate without interfering with other devices
    - EMI → ability to operate within a specified electromagnetic environment
  - Dispersion of electromagnetic fields
    - By radiation („antenna principle“)
    - By conduction
- Findings for automotive application
  - EMC-shielding needed to prevent...
    - Disturbing influences from HV-system on LV-system (e.g. BUS-system with sensors and actors)
    - Disturbing influences from external emitting devices on HV-system
  - EMC-shielding to be applied on global structure
  - EMC-shielding needed for enclosure as well as harness
  - Especially high frequency AC-devices/harness to be shielded

# BASICS OF EMI



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- Total shield effectiveness curve is result of reflection and absorption

- Calculation method:

- Absorption

→ skin depth

$$A = 20 \log_{10} \frac{t}{\delta}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu \omega \sigma}}$$

$$R = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{(z_0 + z_1)^2}{4z_0 z_1} \right|$$

$Z_0$  ≙ wave impedance of air

$Z_1$  ≙ wave impedance of material

$t$  ≙ thickness of metal sheet

$\mu$  ≙ relative permeability

$\omega$  ≙ angular frequency of current ( $2\pi \times f$ )

$\sigma$  ≙ electrical conductivity

- Reflection

- Conclusions

- Electromagnetic shielding at (relevant) higher frequencies can be improved by
    - ✓ lowering specific resistance
    - ✓ thickening (conductive) material
  - Material / design to be adapted accordingly

# EMC-CHALLENGE FOR GFRP COMPOSITE DESIGN

Material	$\Omega \cdot m$ (@20°C)
Copper	$0.0175 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Aluminium	$0.0270 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Iron	$0.1000 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Stainless Steel	$0.2080 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Carbon Fibre (HT)	0.01-0.1
E-Glas Fibre	$10^{17}$
Aramid Fibre (HM)	$10^{17}$

+  
EMC-appropriateness  
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material's ohmic specific resistance



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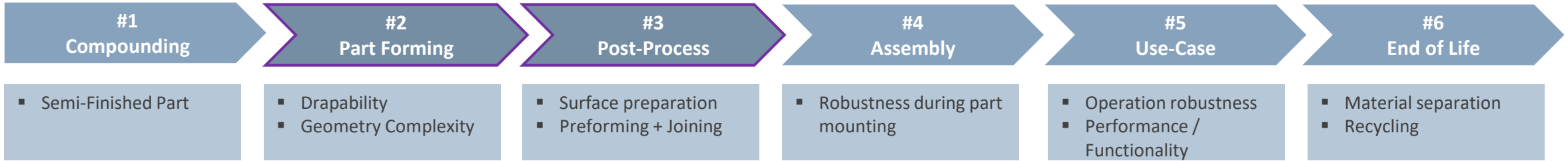
Al-foil applied on cover made of GF-SMC  
(BMW 2 series Active Tourer PHEV)

- Starting point
    - Glass fibre is electrically isolating
  - Consequence
    - Inappropriate shielding of electromagnetic fields with enclosure components made of GFRP / GFRTF
  - Approach
    - Application of EMI countermeasures
- targeted attributes for feature selection
- ✓ Economic
  - ✓ Ease of Processing
  - ✓ Space efficient/Packaging
  - ✓ Lightweight

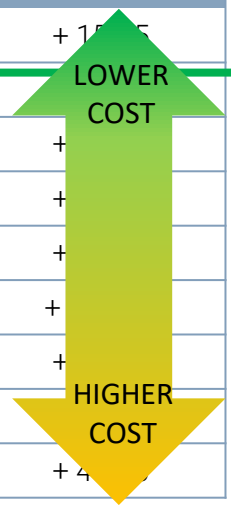
## TYPICAL EMI COUNTERMEASURES

Countermeasure	Example
Metal Foil	
Resin Additives / Fillers	
Carbon fibre compound	
Integrated e-conductive layers	
Veil (Nonwoven)	
Metal/Conductive Coating	

# SMC EMI COUNTERMEASURES | BENCHMARK ANALYSIS



EMI Countermeasures	Process Application	Entrance Barrier Step #						Comments	Relative Added Part Costs* [%]
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
TFP Veil integrated	Option A1	\$						slight increase of mechanical properties	+ 15-25
Veil (overmolded)	Option B1		\$					mtrl handling, high risk of veil rupture during overmolding	+
Metal Foil (post-joined)	Option B3			\$\$\$				current „state of the art“, geometry/packaging constraints	+
Metal Foil (overmolded)	Option B		\$\$					limited evidence for series production, geometry restrictions	+
Metal Mesh	Option B2		\$\$\$					geometry/preform, potential to improve impact strength	+
Metal Coating	Option C2			\$\$\$				dedicated coating line, labor, environ. impact, handling, low robustness	+
Carbon Black	Option A3	\$\$						significant decrease of mechanical properties	+
CF Chopped	Option A2	\$						uniform distribution challenging, slight incr. mech. prop's	+
CF Biaxial	Option B2		\$\$					formability/drapability, improved mechanical properties	+ 4



\*) Reference  $\pm$  GF-SMC cover (geometry see other slide) @ 10.000-100.000 units/year

Legend: ■ beneficial ■ low impact ■ med impact ■ high impact ■ \$-\$\$\$ cost effort

Technology Readiness Level

# TFP EMI ENHANCED SMC DEVELOPMENT & VALIDATION



- Manufacturability of Composites Panels incorporating TFP Functional Veils
- Plaque Level evaluation of Shielding Effectiveness Performance of TFP Veils in Composite Applications (TP, TS)
- Manufacturability of Composites Components incorporating TFP Functional Veils
- Component Level evaluation of Shielding Effectiveness Performance of TFP Veils in Composite Applications (TP, TS)



# MANUFACTURABILITY



# TFP EMI ENHANCED SMC PRODUCTION AT INEOS COMPOSITES



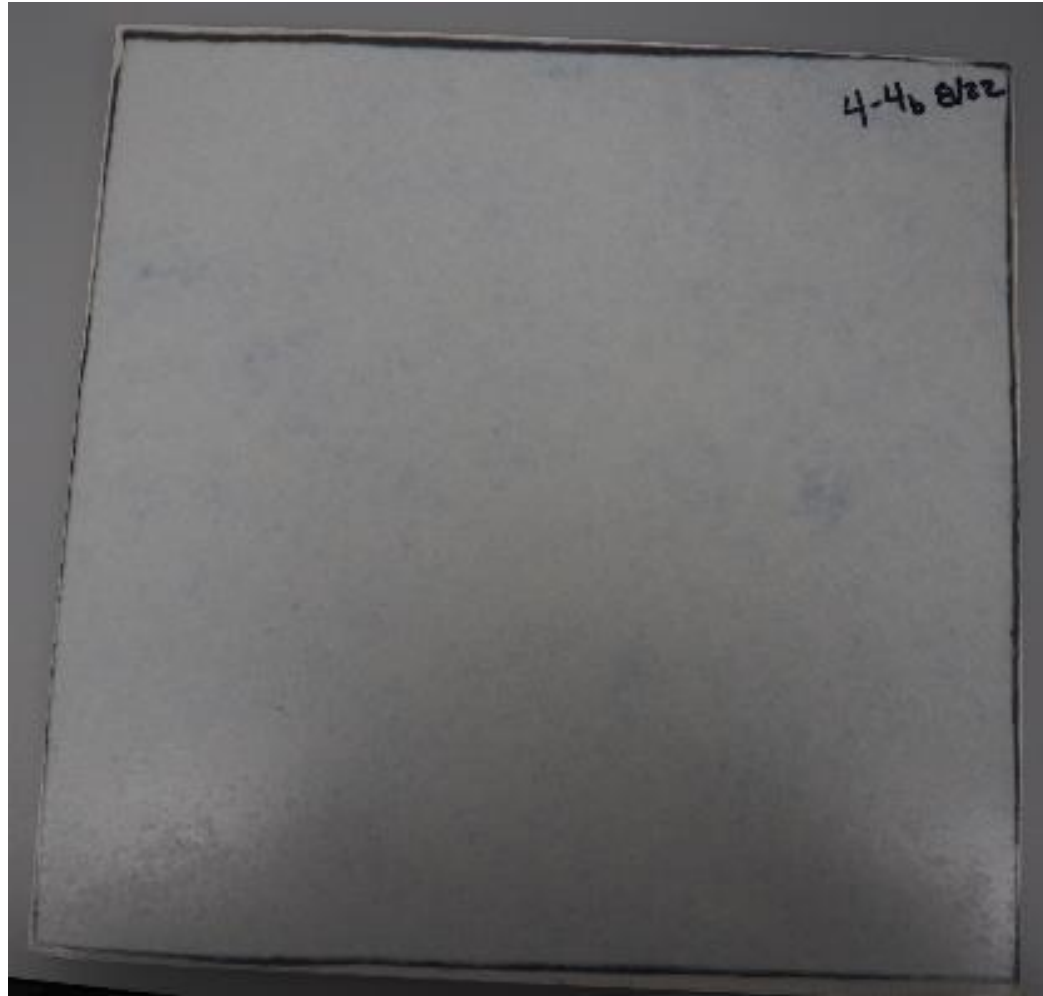
# TFP EMI ENHANCED SMC MOLDING AT INEOS COMPOSITES



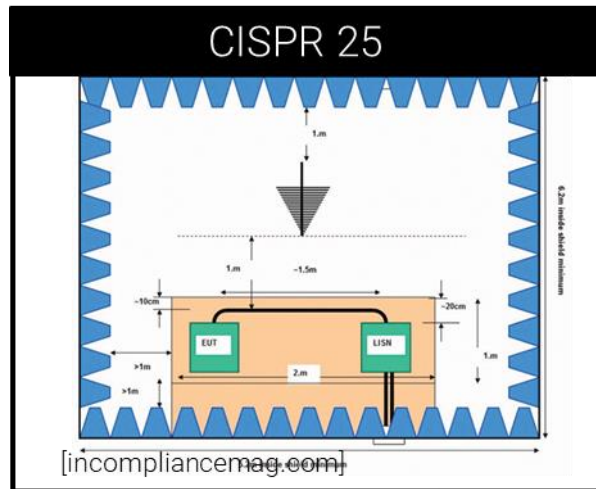
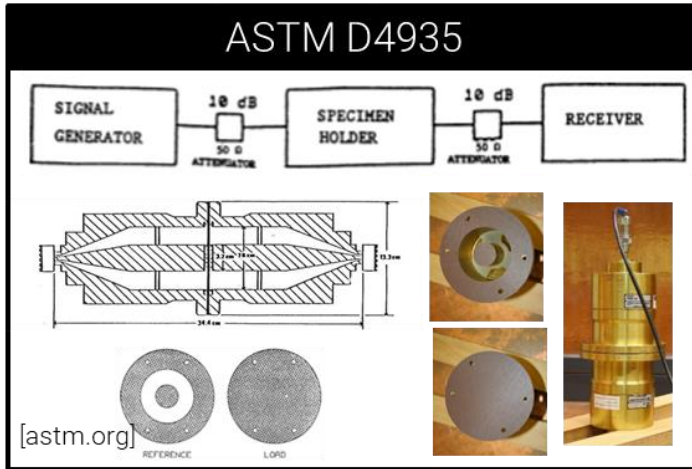
# MOLDED COMPONENT MANUFACTURABILITY



# INTEGRATION OF TFP FUNCTIONAL NONWOVEN



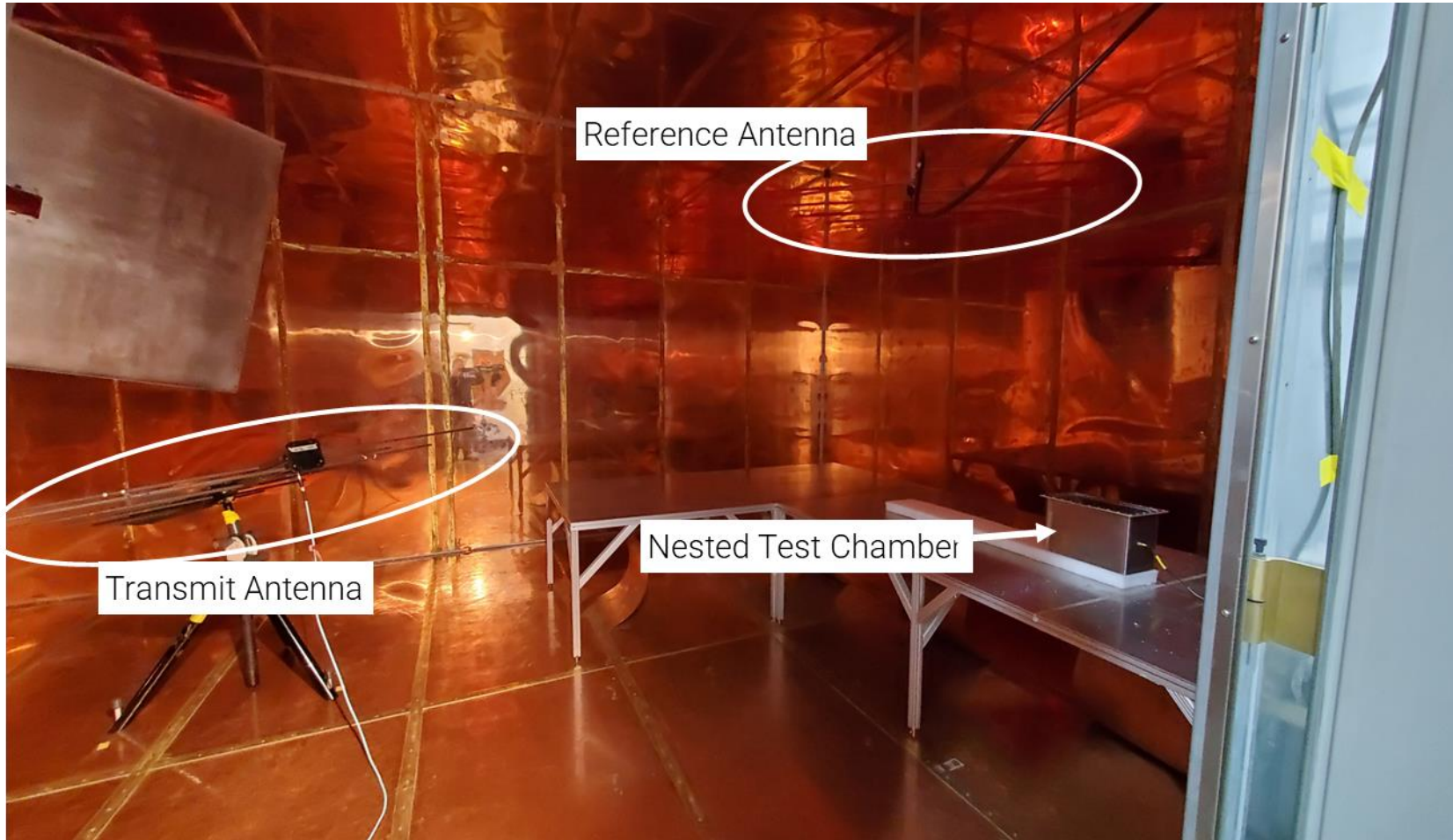
# TESTING AND VALIDATION METHODS



- Sample Level
  - For material comparison potentially used in housing of electric devices
  - ASTM D4935 - Standard Test Method for Measuring the Electromagnetic Shielding Effectiveness of Planar Materials
  - IEEE 299 - Standard Method for Measuring the Effectiveness of Electromagnetic Shielding Enclosures
- Component/Subsystem Level
  - For final design validation of electric devices in automotive application
  - „CISPR 25“ as a common test standard
    - Conducted in chambers with absorbing elements
    - Setup on table or vehicle basis

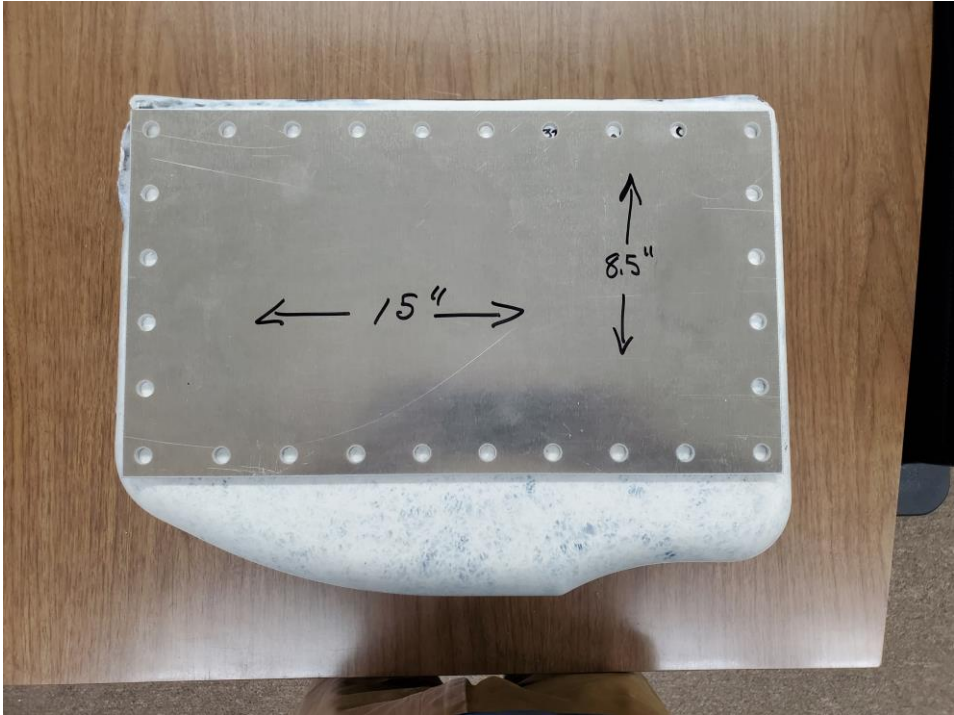


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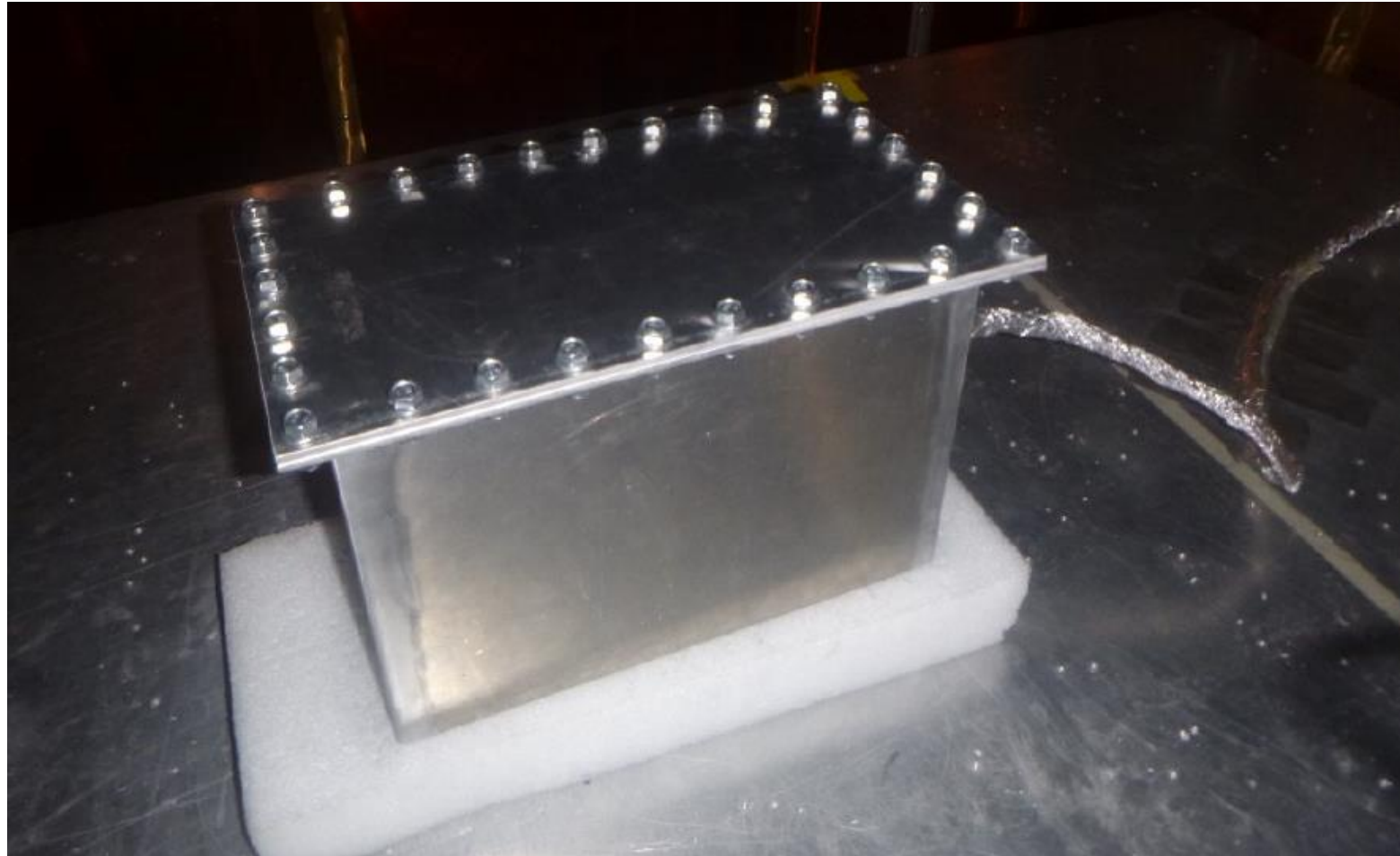




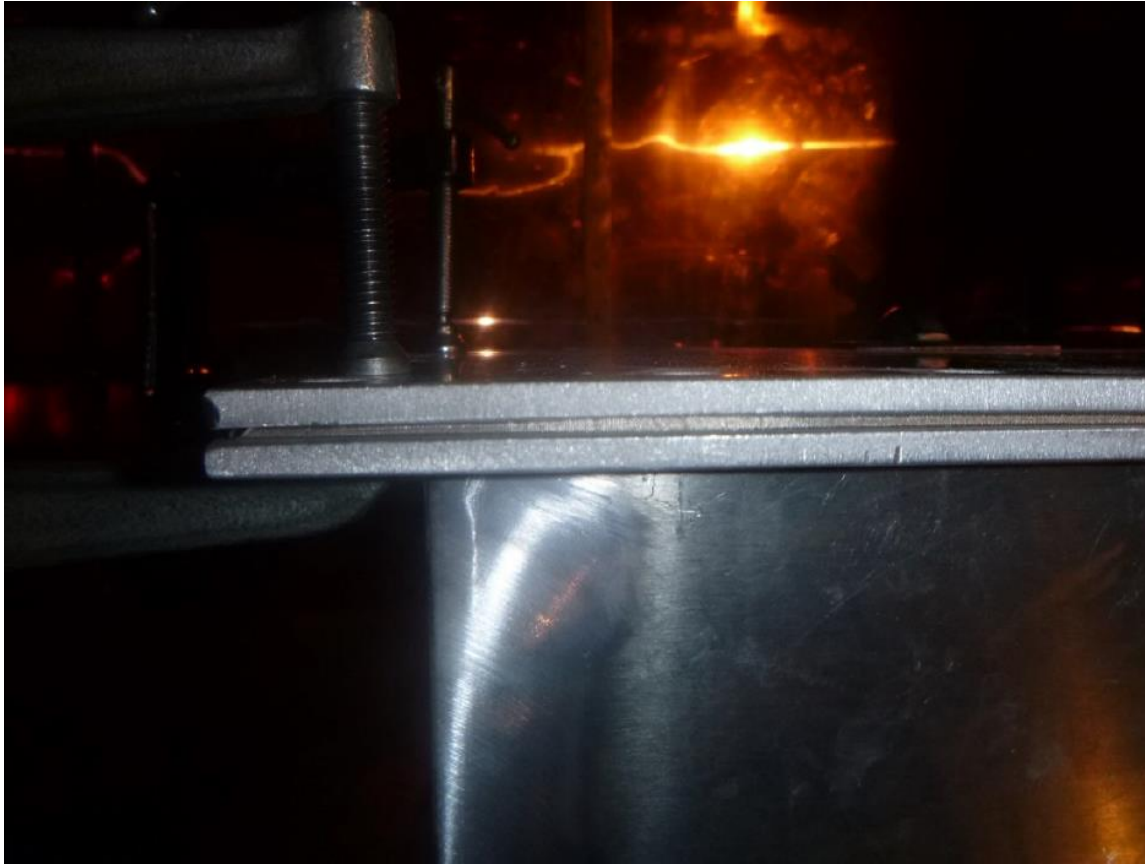
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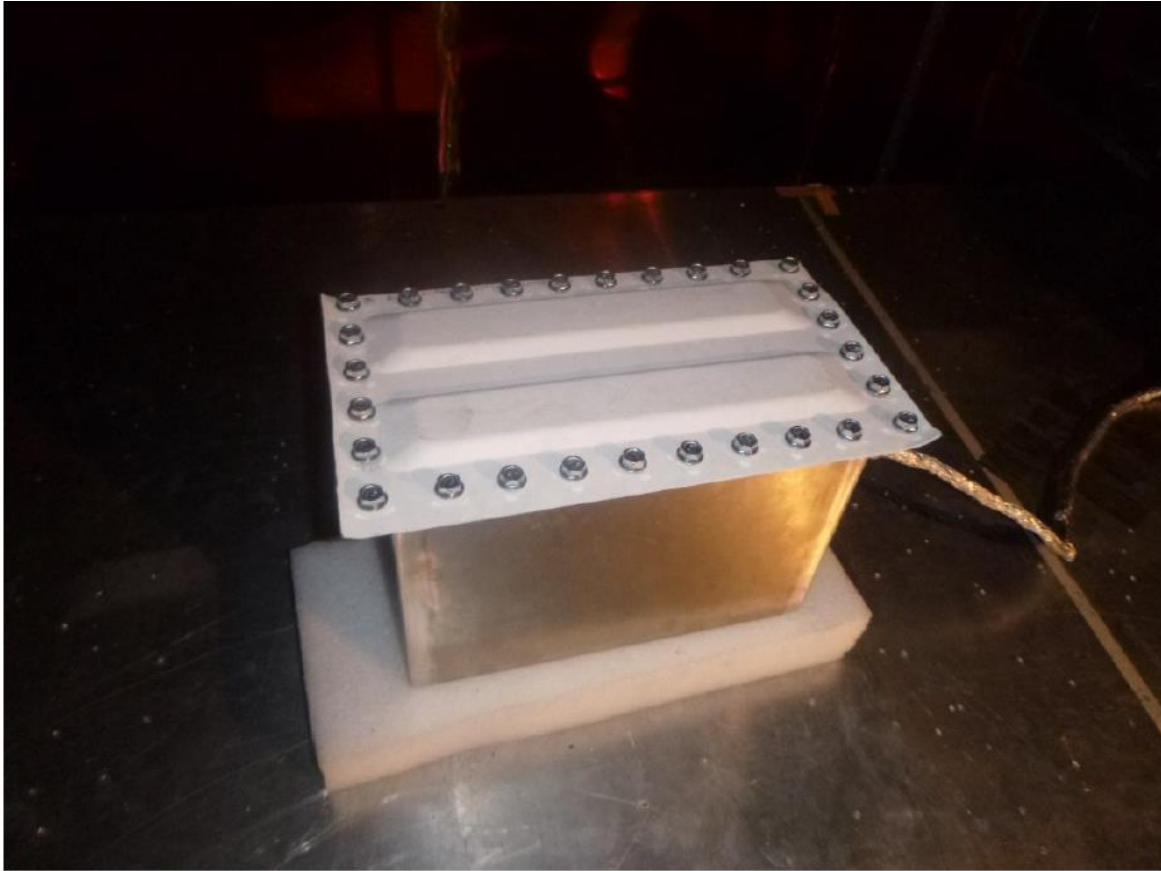
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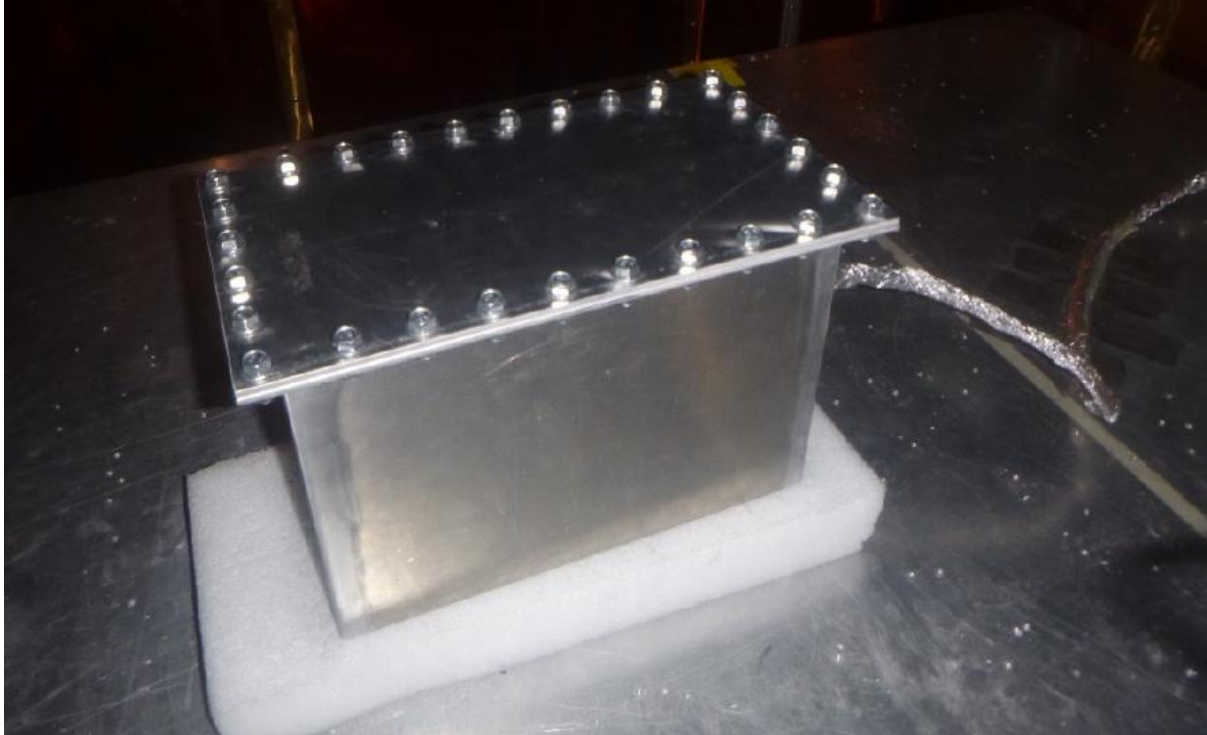
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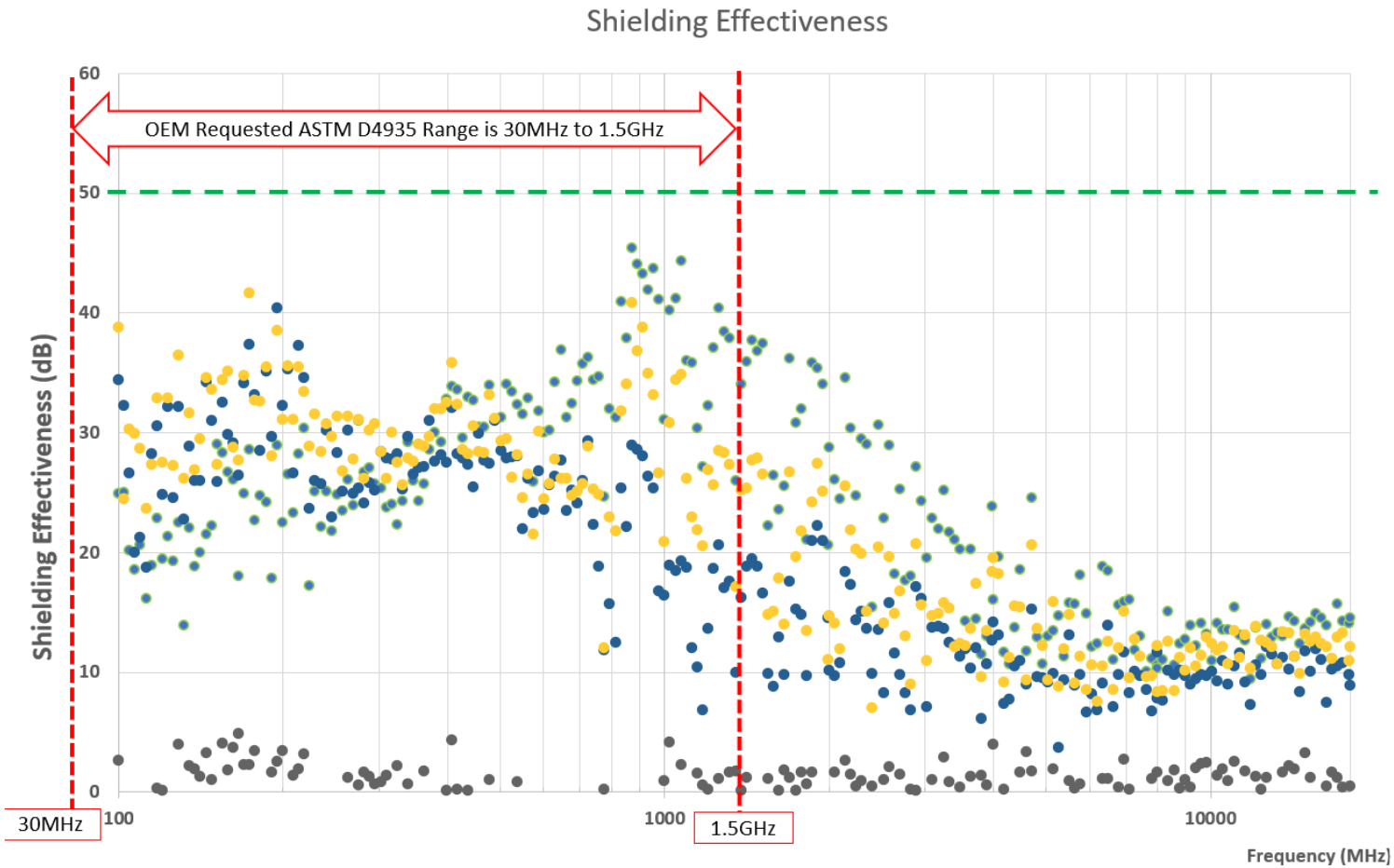
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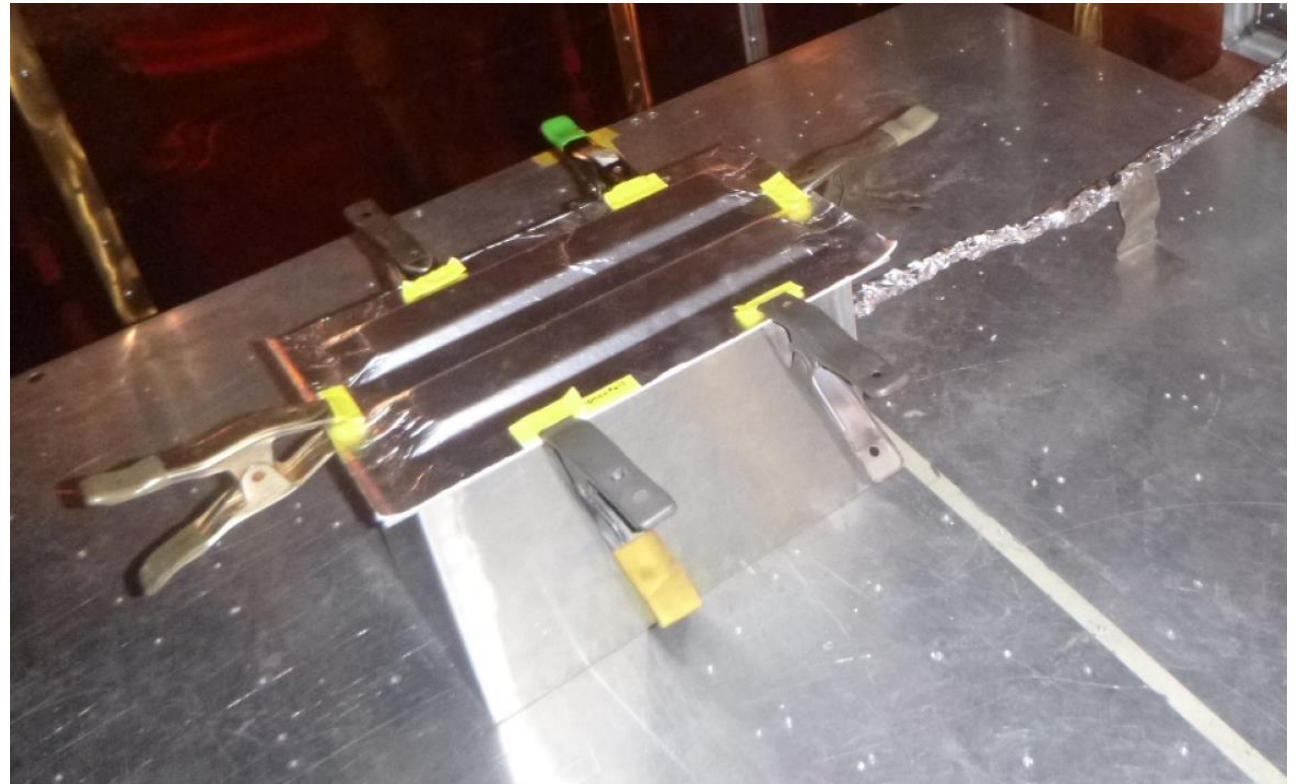
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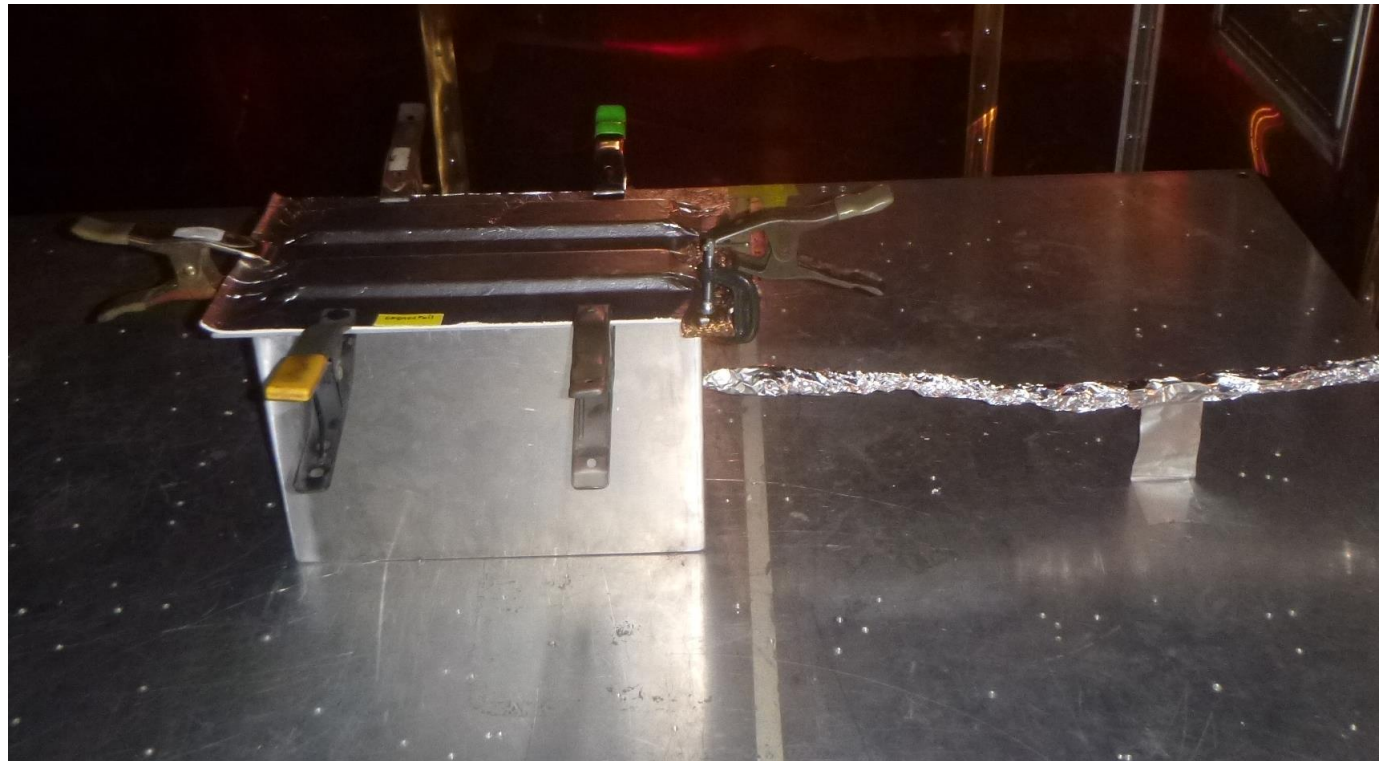


# PROXY INCUMBENT APPROACH – METAL FOIL

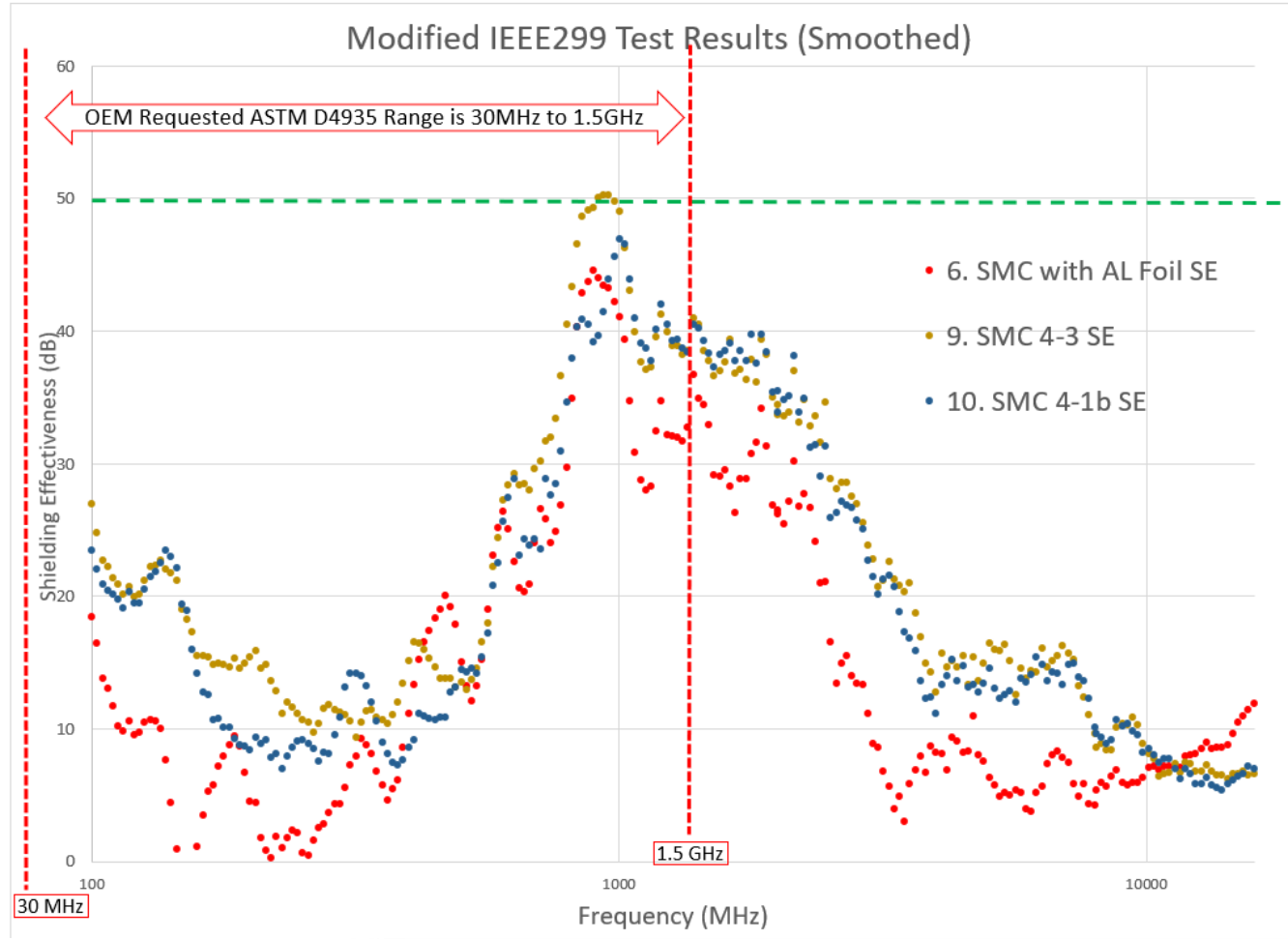




# PROXY INCUMBENT APPROACH – METAL FOIL



# 2nd ROUND | EQUAL OR BETTER THAN INCUMBENT



# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- TFP nonwoven performs equal to or better than aluminum foil in the testing conducted
- Grounding the metallic material does not significantly affect the shielding effectiveness
- Understanding the system requirements, is critical to choosing the right materials
- Polymeric materials are a potential solution for a BEV HV battery enclosure

# WHAT IS NEXT?

- TFP EMI ENHANCED SMC CAN BE COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR EMC IN HVBE
- TFP EMI ENHANCED SMC OFFERS THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS
  - OEM – reduce cost/complexity
  - Molders – more comp against metallic
  - Compounders – SMC into larger market share, with more value
- THE TEAM HAS COMPLETED INTENSIVE FRONT END DEVELOPMENT WORK TO DEMONSTRATE THE PLAUSABILITY OF THIS TECHNOLOGY AND WELCOMES THE CHALLENGE OF VALIDATING THE SOLUTION AT SCALE



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