



Using thin prismatic supercapacitors to support 3 Volt coin cell batteries

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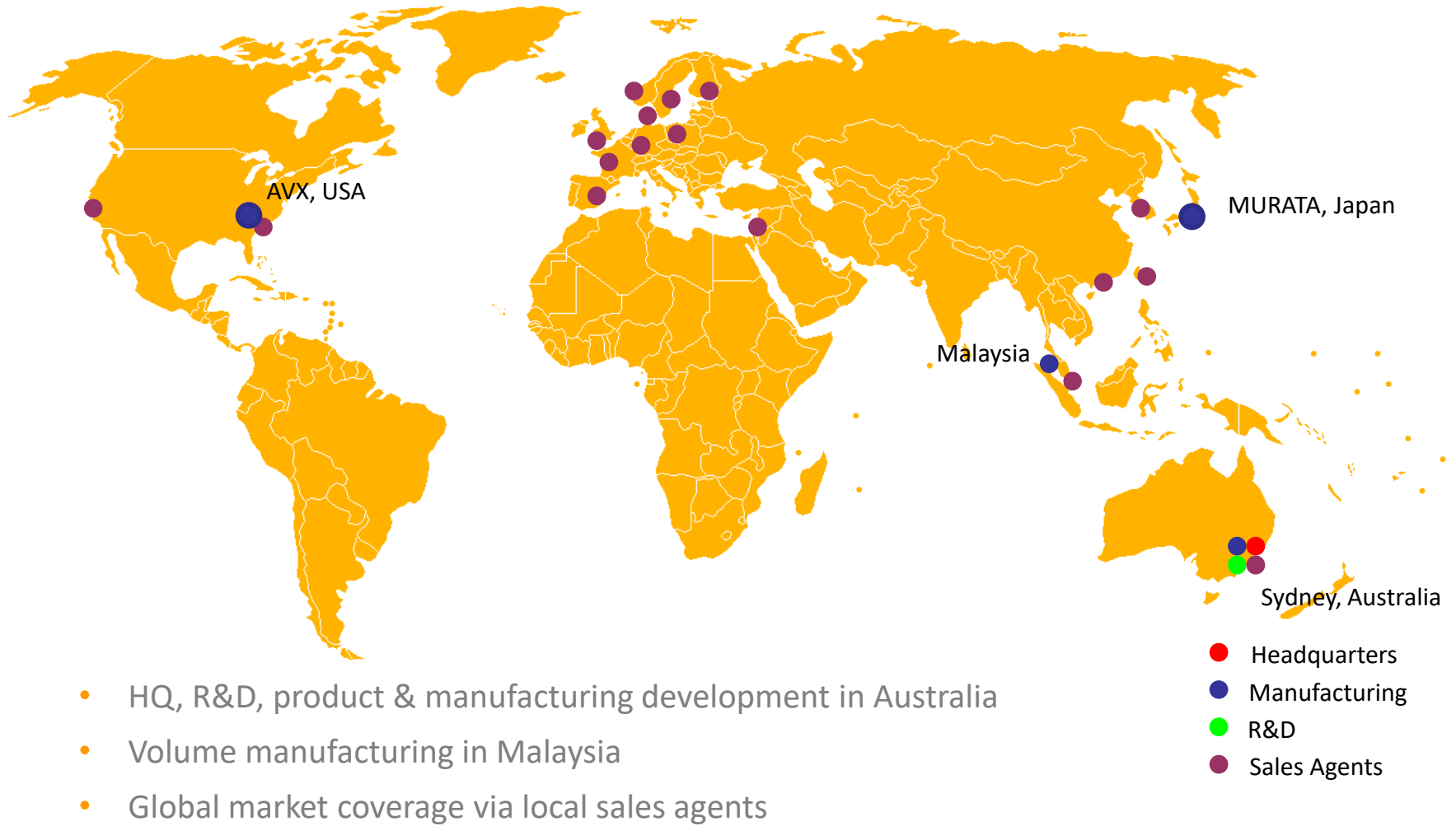
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 - greatly extend battery run time (e.g. BLE SensorPuk)
3. CAP-XX's new 3V thin prismatic cells offer significant extra benefits over current options

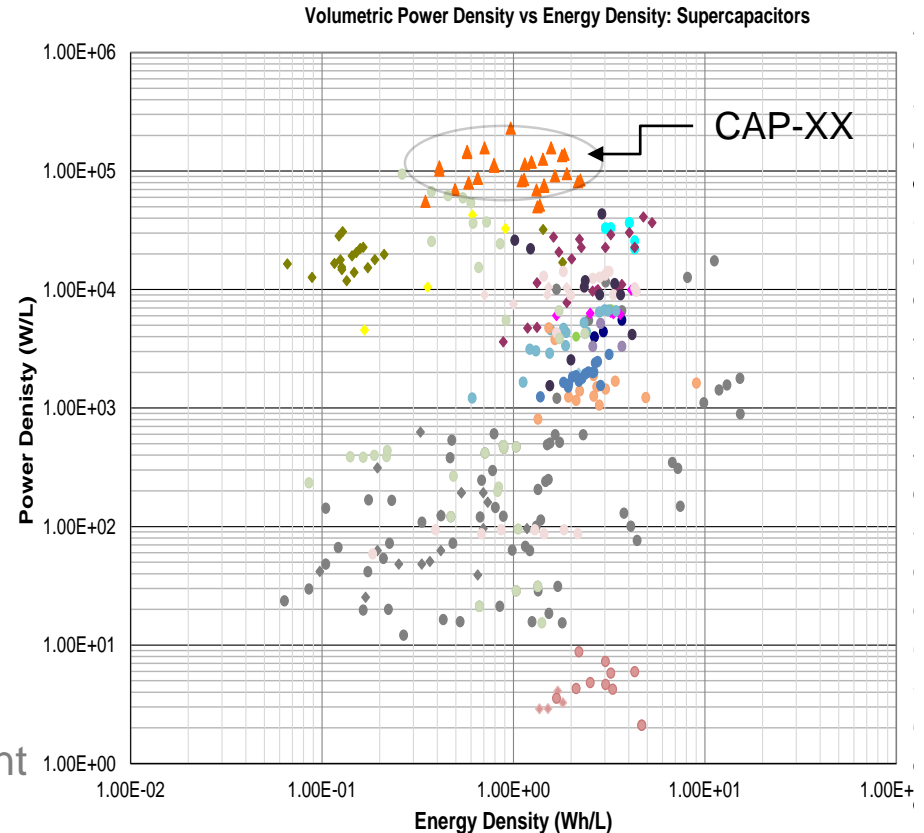
- Global supercapacitor supplier
- Market leader in prismatic, high power supercapacitors
- Dual strategies of IP licencing and product sales
- Strong IP licensed to multinational suppliers Murata and AVX
- Target applications are high growth markets – US\$100m +p.a.
- 25+ million CAP-XX supercapacitors sold to date



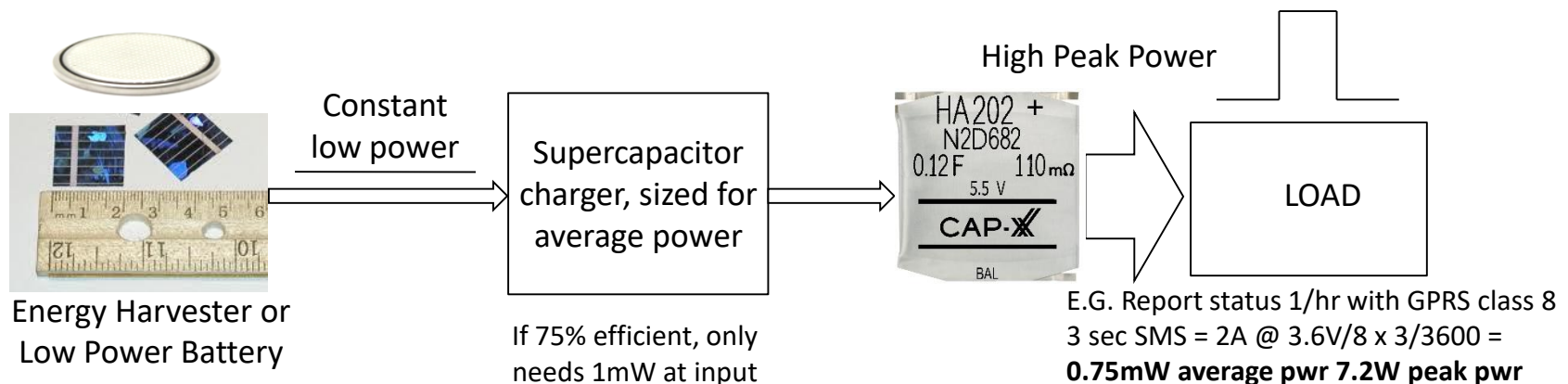
- Nanotech materials
- Efficient packaging
- Clever electrochemistry
- Smart electronics
- Strong Patent Portfolio

Yields products which are:

- Thinner, flatter, smaller & lighter
- Very high power (low ESR)
 - best in class (110KW/L)
- High energy (high capacitance)
- High voltage & High peak temp
- Very low leakage current/charge current
- Very good frequency response
- Safe, reliable & long lasting



- Use supercapacitors when peak power exceeds the limits of the primary energy source
 - Supercapacitors offer peak load support either as a power buffer or back-up energy reservoir
 - While the source (battery or energy harvester) provides a constant, low power charge current at peak efficiency
 - The average load power must be $<$ the average source power available



Many IoT applications use low power energy sources (small batteries & energy harvesters)

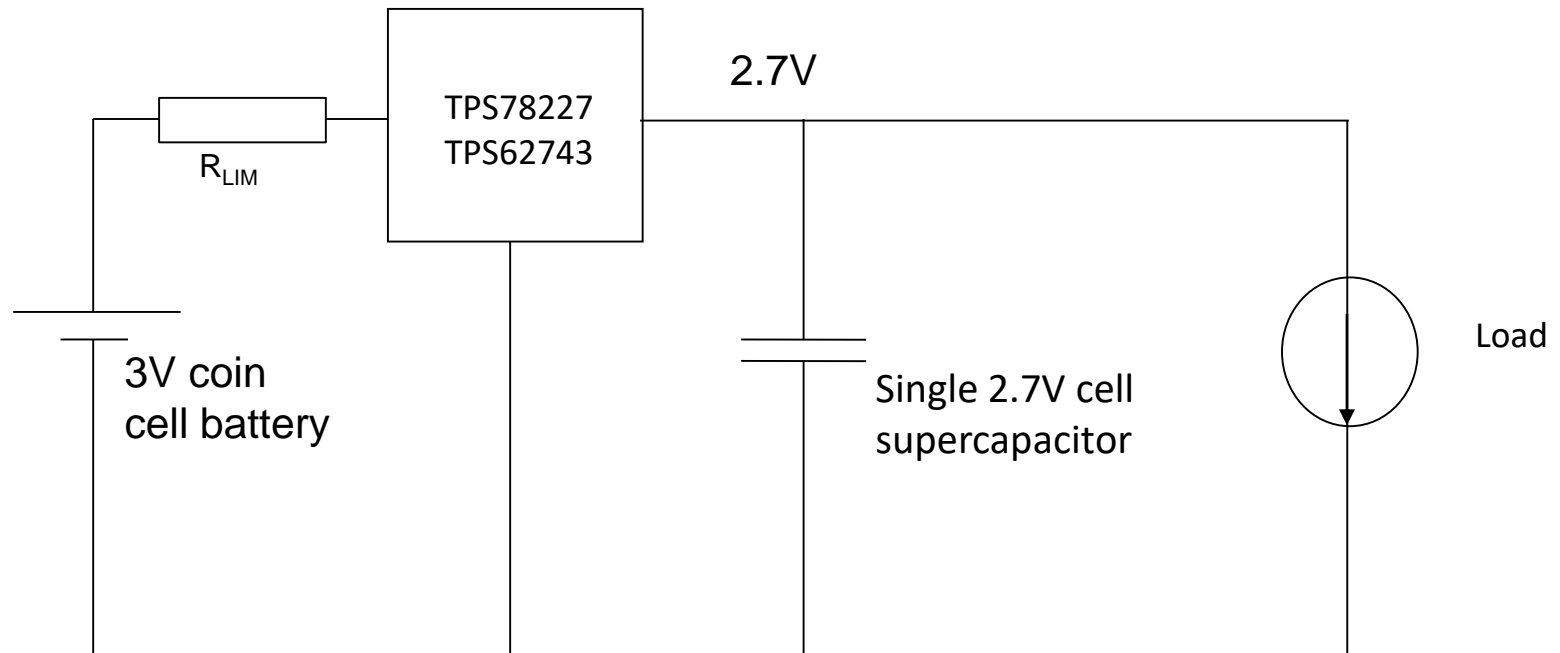
- Wearable electronics (activity/fitness bands, watches, healthcare)
- Portable electronics (smart cards, smart tags, key FOBs, handhelds)
- Connected electronics (smart home, wireless sensor networks)

... but need to support peak power loads

- RF transmissions
- E-Ink and OLED displays
- Haptic feedback & vibration alerts (with electric motors)
- GPS acquisition
- Data acquisition, storage, MCU start-up etc

If you are using a 3V coin cell battery then your supercapacitor options today are typically:

1. Use a low-drop out voltage regulator (LDO):
 - Drops voltage from 3V to the maximum rated voltage of a single supercapacitor cell (typically 2.5V or 2.7V)
 - Typical extra cost of US\$0.27 to \$0.31 and over 30% of the battery energy wasted over 5 years, over 22% over 3 years
2. Use a buck convertor
 - Drops voltage from 3V to the maximum rated voltage of a single supercapacitor cell of 2.5V or 2.7V.
 - Typical extra cost of US\$1.50 and over 20% of the battery energy wasted over 5 years, over 16% over 3 years
3. Use 2 supercapacitor cells
 - Increases rated voltage of the supercapacitor module to 5V or 5.5V
 - Typical extra cost of US\$1 to \$1.50 and 12% energy wasted over 3 years

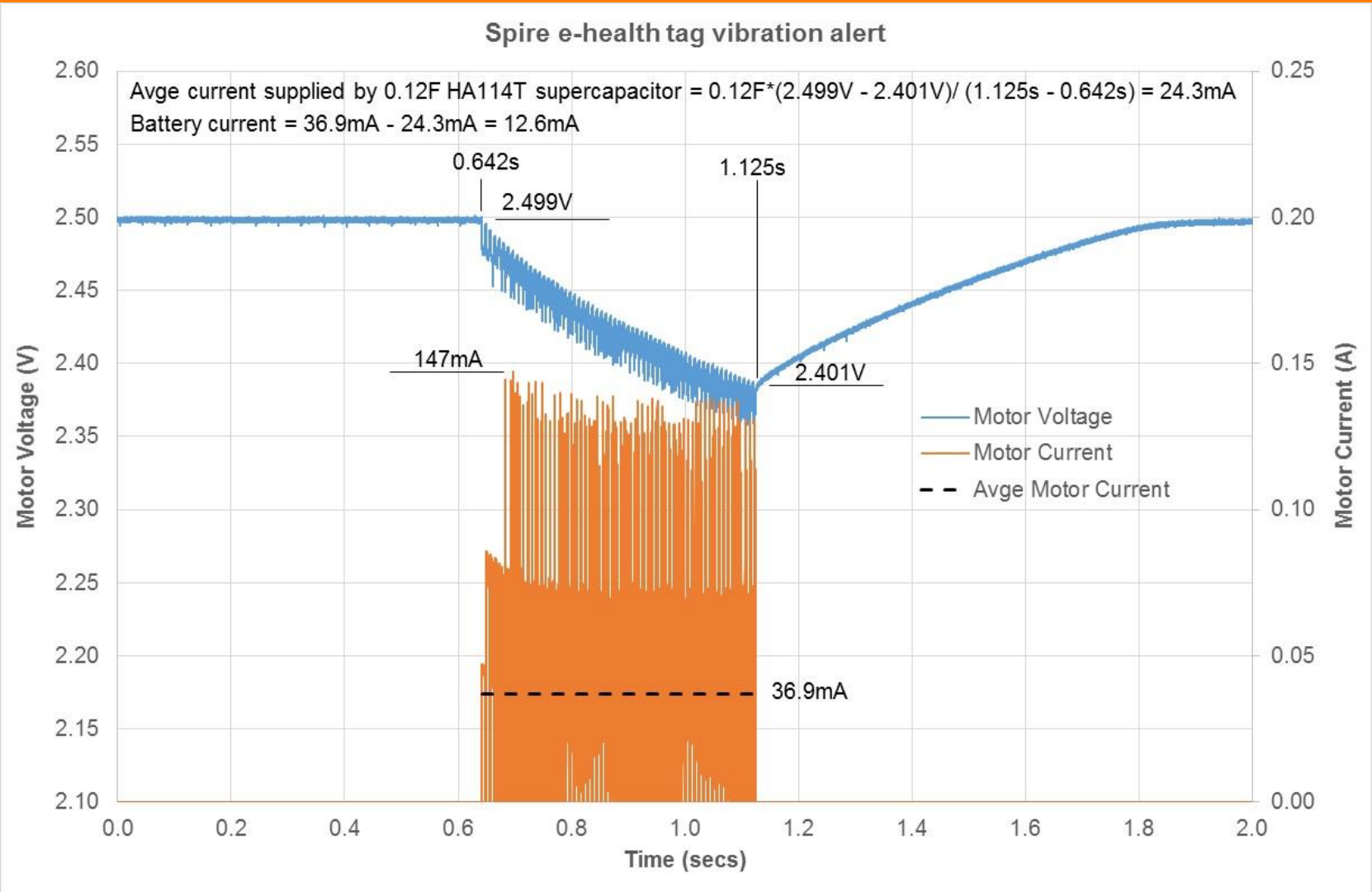


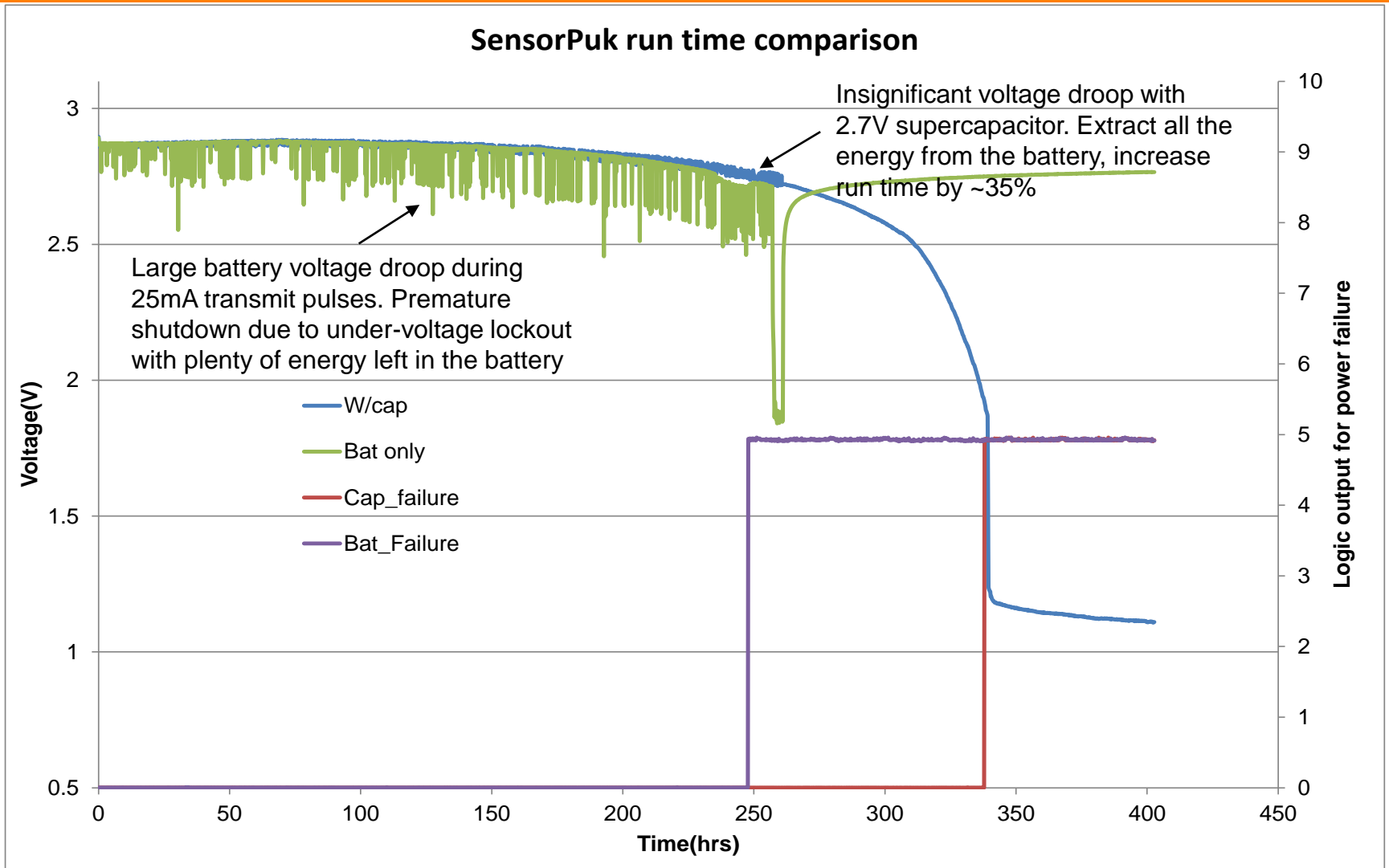
Coin cell battery with an LDO + single 2.7V supercapacitor solution

2 Case Studies

- Wearable - monitors breathing to monitor stress, sleep and activity.
- Gives a vibration alert to the wearer as needed.
- Vibration motor requires $\sim 150\text{mA}$ peak current, and $\sim 40\text{mA}$ average for $\sim 500\text{ms}$
- Coin cell cannot drive the vibration motor. With 10Ω R_{BATT} the voltage would drop $\sim 1.5\text{V}$ as the motor starts, turning the unit off.
- CAP-XX HA114T (thinline 0.8mm thick) supports the battery with a regulator reducing the voltage to 2.5V.



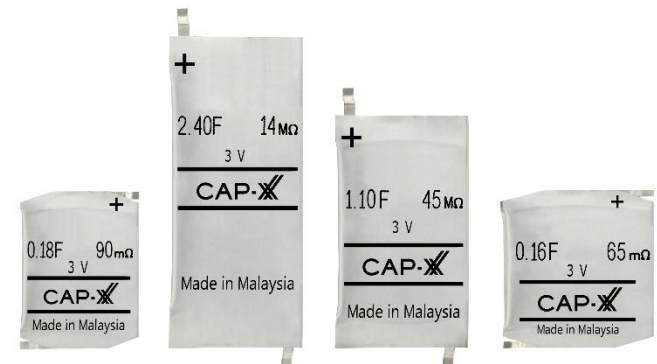




CAP-XX has developed the world's first 3V thin prismatic supercapacitor

Key points:

- Samples available August 2018 in S package
- Followed by W, A and Z
- Production Q2 2019
- pricing less than US\$1 per cell in large quantities
- Will then roll out to Thinline, truckStart and large cells

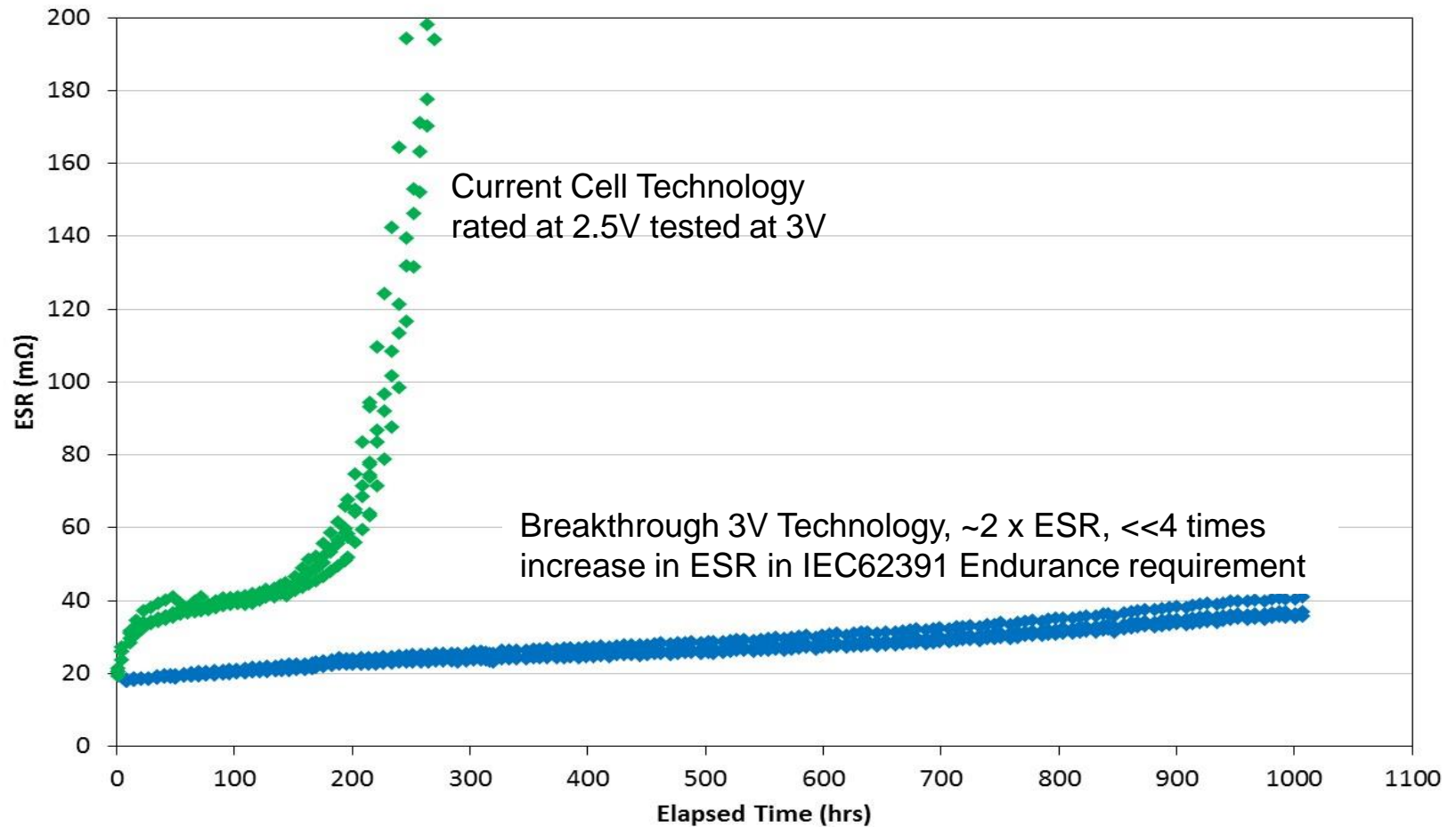


Can be connected directly across 3 Volt coin cell battery with:

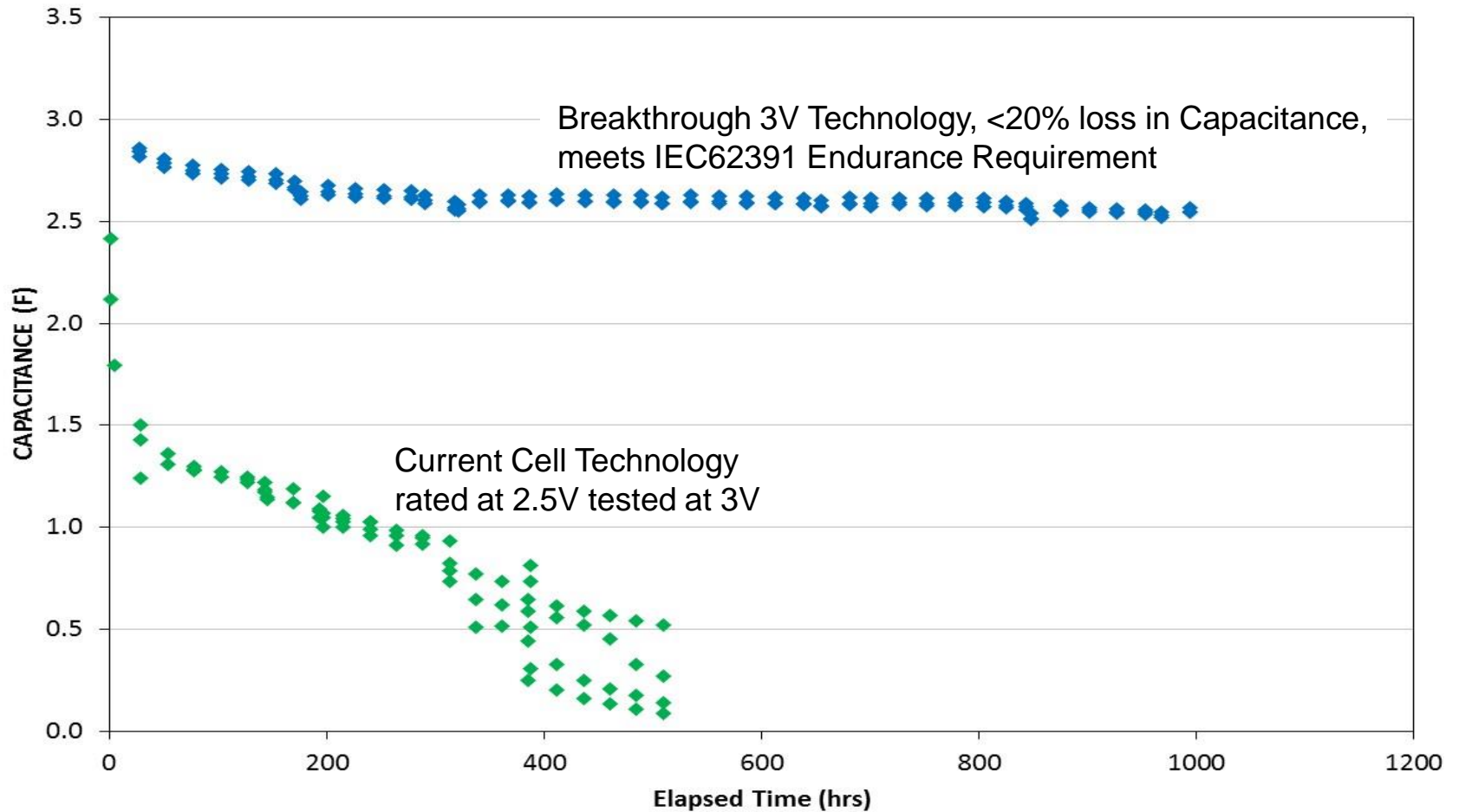
- Cost savings - no need for an LDO (up to US\$0.31) or buck US\$1.50
- Battery energy savings - if constant power & using LDO of 30% over 5 years \therefore *up to 43% longer battery run time*
- Space savings – reduced number of components
- Very low leakage current - does not excessively drain battery energy
- Stores more energy - If the application runs down to 1.8V then a 3V supercapacitor stores 42% more useable energy than a 2.7V supercapacitor with 23% more power

& ~ 2 Billion 3 V coin cell batteries sold in 2017

Life testing at 3V and 70°C continuous



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