

# Batteries for busses

Technology, market and emissions

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# Background from the EV industry

## Supply battery systems and electrical drivelines to maritime sector

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**3500 electrical EVs**



**Ferries/  
tourist  
boats**



**Supply skips**

**Work boats**

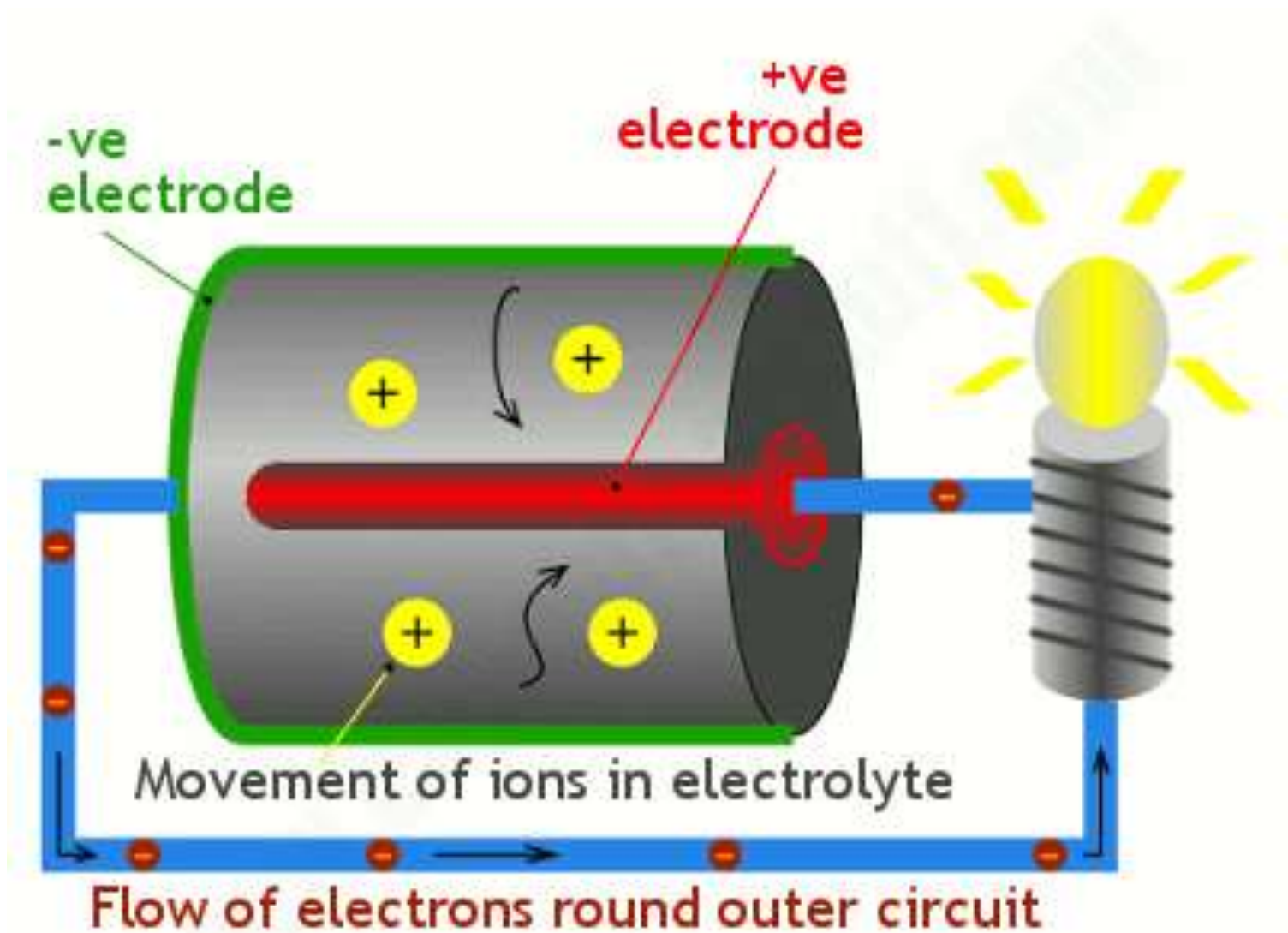


**Free fall  
Life boats**



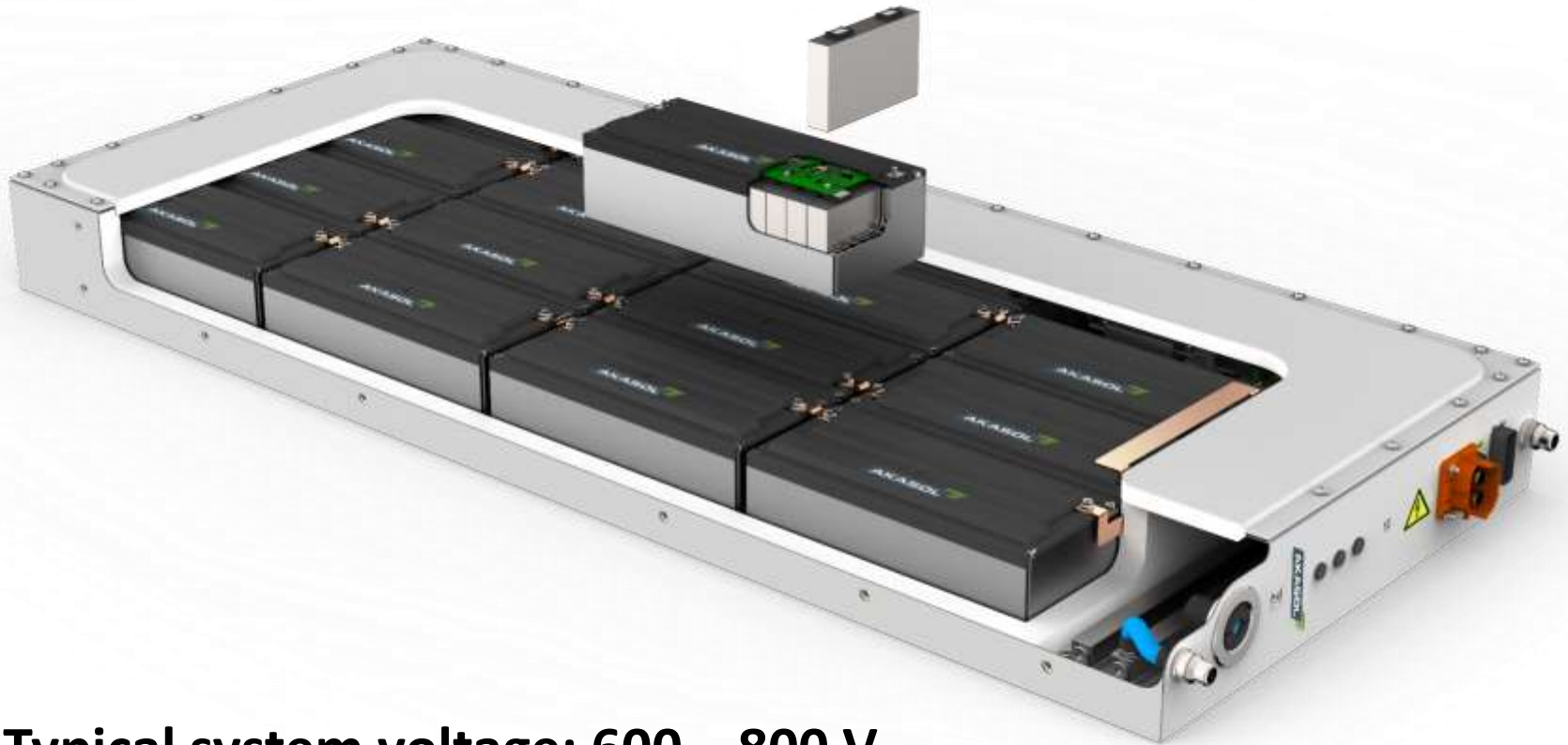


# Principle of a battery cell





# How is a bus battery built?

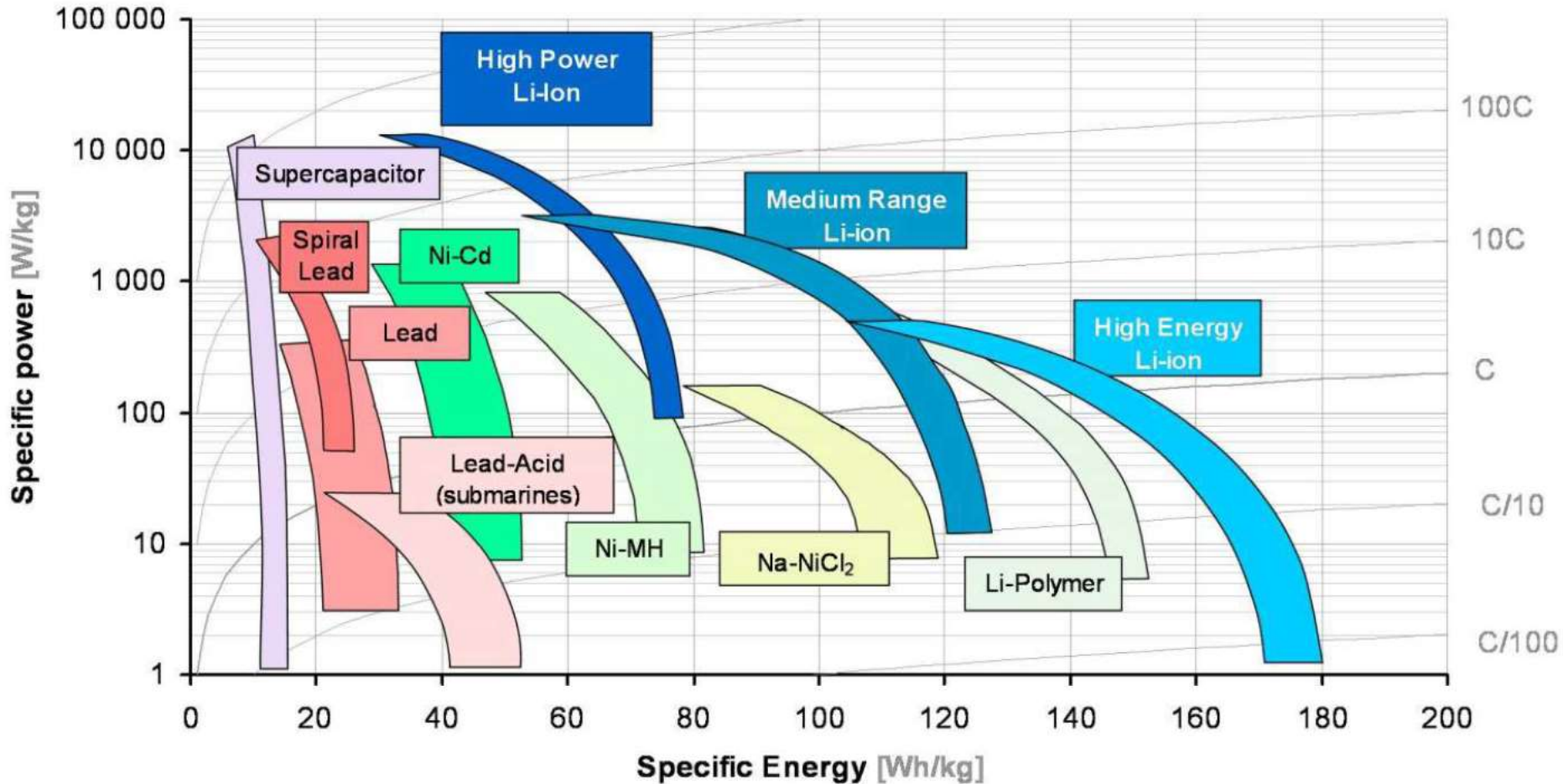


**Typical system voltage: 600 – 800 V**



# New battery technology has made battery powered busses a real alternative

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# **Main battery chemistries for electric and hybrid busses**



# Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (LiNiMnCoO<sub>2</sub>) - NMC

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**Energy cell** (battery powered busses)

**Power cell** (hybrid busses)

## **Main advantages:**

- High energy density
- Good power density
- Good cycle life
- Reasonable cost

## **Main suppliers:**

- LG Chem
- Samsung
- And many others

**Most used chemistry for EVs and busses**



**Volvo electric bus with NMC battery**



# Lithium Iron Phosphate ( $\text{LiFePO}_4$ ) - LFP

## Main benefits

- Good safety
- Good power density
- Good cycle life
- Relatively cheap
- Do not contain cobalt



BYD bus with LFP batteries

**LFP is the battery chemistry used by the Chinese bus manufacturers (several hundred thousand electrical busses in China)**





# Lithium Titanate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{TiO}_3$ ) - LTO

## Main benefits

- Very good power density
- Very long cycle life
- Safe

## Main disadvantage

- Low energy density
- Expensive



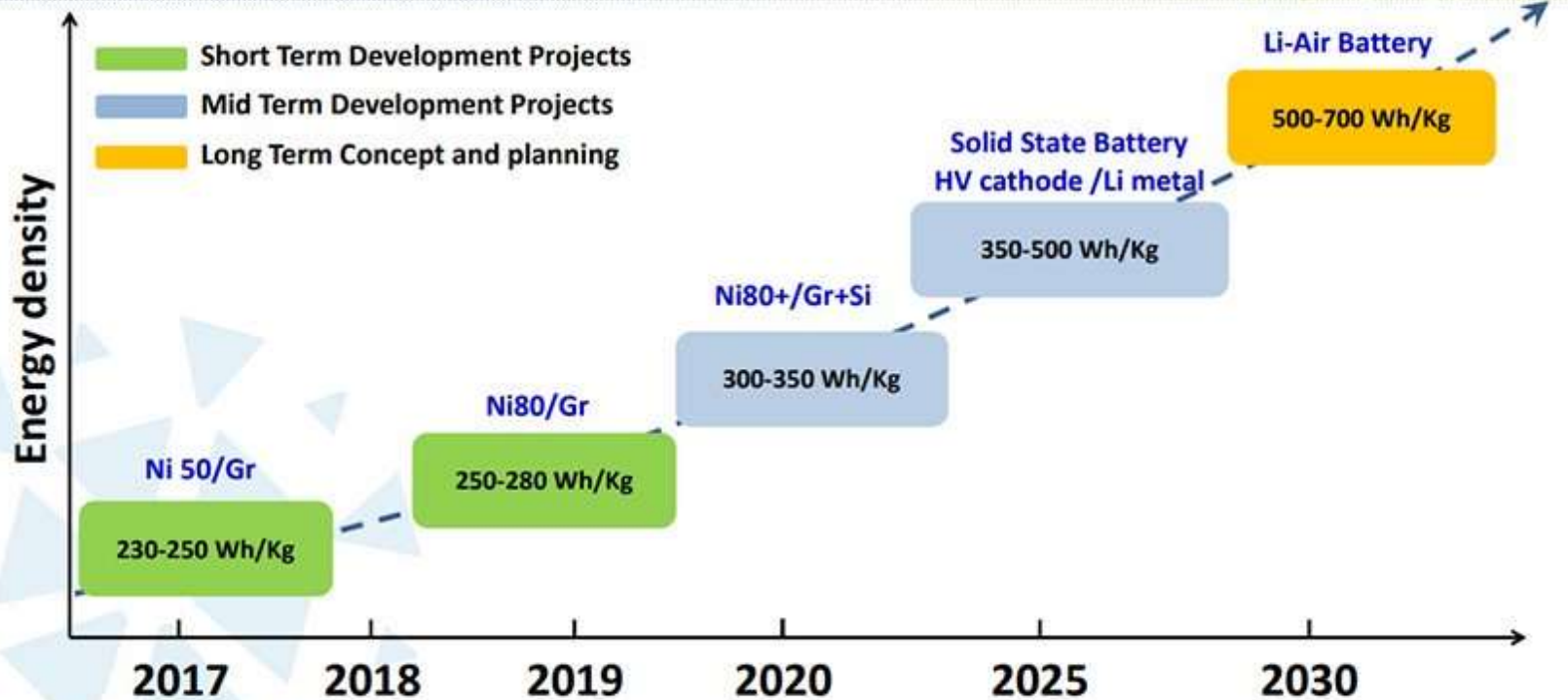
Van Hool hybrid bus with LTO battery

Good system for hybrid applications, if very fast charging is required, and very long cycle life

Cell price is 2 – 3 times of NMC

# What can we expect for the future?

## 2) PERFORMANCE: Energy Density Development Roadmap

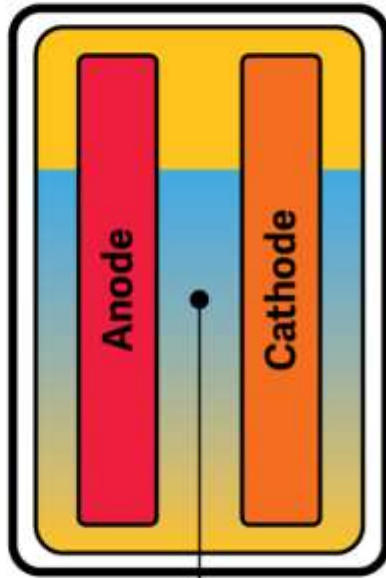




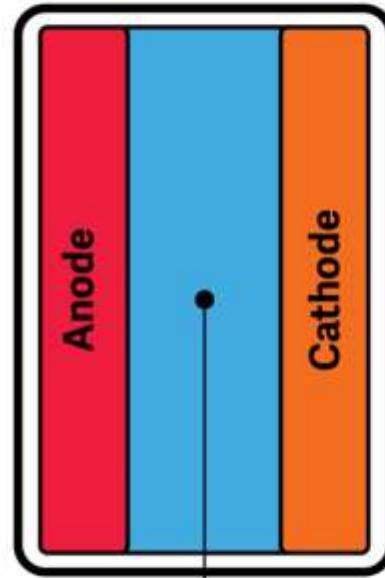
# What differs solid state batteries from conventional batteries?

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## Conventional Battery VS Solid State Battery



Liquid electrolytic solution



Solid electrolyte



# Is raw materials and supply of batteries an issue?

- Cobalt is expensive and limited
- Most of the cobalt comes from Congo
- Some of the mines have questionable ethical standards
- Lithium could be an issue, lithium can be replaced by other materials
- However – good cobalt free alternatives (iron phosphate)

**Efficient recycling schemes will be very important!**

**Demand is growing faster than the supply!**



# Battery cell market is dominated by Asian suppliers, but strong initiatives in Europe



**Illustration of the Nothvolt gigafactory in Sweden (under construction)**



# Freyr is planning a giga-factory in Mo i Rana





# How good are electrical busses for the environment?

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## **Assumed driving profile and diesel consumption:**

3 l per 10 km, 360 km per day, 108 l diesel per day

**CO2 emissions:**  $3.1^* \text{ kg} \times 108 \text{ l} = 330 \text{ kg/day}$

## **Battery powered bus:**

200 kWh\*\* batteries produced in Asia:  $130 \text{ kg CO}_2/\text{kWh} \times 200 \text{ kWh} = 26.000 \text{ kg CO}_2$

When is the environmental «cost» of the battery is zero compared to a diesel bus\*\*\*:

$26.000 \text{ kg CO}_2 / 330 \text{ kg/day} = 79 \text{ days}$

**An electric city bus in Norway is climate positive after about 2 ½ months!  
And take away the local emissions (SOx and particles)**

\* Combustion of 1 l diesel makes 3.1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>

\*\* Typical CO<sub>2</sub> emission from producing 1 kWh with an Asian energy mix is 130 kg/kWh

\*\*\*Assumes that electricity powering the bus is emission free (Norwegian hydro power)



# CO<sub>2</sub> calculation - EV

## Assumptions:

- 60 kWh battery
- 15.000 km driving range per year
- Average consumption diesel car: 0.6 l/mil

## Emissions from diesel car:

-  $1.500 * 0.6 * 3.1 = 2.790$  kg

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from battery production

-  $130 \text{ kg/kWh} \times 60 \text{ kWh} = 7.800$  kg

## Time for CO<sub>2</sub> neutral\*:

- 15.000 km/year: 2.8 year
- 20.000 km/year: 2.1 year
- 30.000 km/year: 1.4 year

\*Assumed 100% renewable electricity not calculated any CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from diesel production



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