

BATTERIES SELECTION: SUSTAINABILITY & LIFE CYCLE COST

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1. BATTERY CHARACTERISTICS



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Mallon, K. R., Assadian, F., & Fu, B. (2017). Analysis of on-board photovoltaics for a battery electric bus and their impact on battery lifespan. Energies, 10(7), 943.

2. BATTERY SELECTION CRITERIA



Ambient conditions/ temperature



Performance requirements



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Maintenance requirements/costs

System Compatibility



Depth of Discharge

Calendar and Cycle Life



3. BATTERY TYPES

- Battery Main Types are:
- 1-Lead Acid
- 2-Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- 3- Nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH)
- 4- Lithium -ion



Lead-acid

Lithium ion



3.2-3.7 V

3.(A)- LEAD ACID

Advantages

- 1. Low Cost
- 2. Available in a wide variety of sizes
- 3. Efficiency > 75%
- 4. Low or no
 - maintenance
- 5. Recyclable

Disadvantages

- 1. Short life cycle
- 2. Energy density is relatively low
- 3. Hydrogen evolution is potentially dangerous

3.(B)- LITHIUM ION

Advantages

- 1. Can be fully charged in a short time
- 2. High Efficiency (80%-90%)
- 3. Higher energy density than lead-acid batteries

Disadvantages

- I. Expensive
- 2. Deep discharge may short circuit the cell
- 3. Cell rupture may lead to potential explosion, it is more dangerous than lead-acid !

4. COMMON ISSUES (LEAD ACID)



- New batteries connected to old batteries
- Batteries placed on floor !
- Batteries exposed to moisture and humidity
- High room temperature !
- Difference in DC cables' length

4. COMMON ISSUES (LEAD ACID)



- All batteries have the same lifespan
- Batteries placed on roofs at a distance from floor level
- Batteries placed in a closed cabinet with ventilation
- Same cables' length

4. COMMON ISSUES (LITHIUM)

Low Quality Battery



Status information 1

① Cell volt high level 2

0.317V Cell Delta Voltage!

4. COMMON ISSUES (LITHIUM)

High Quality Battery



2mV Cell Delta Voltage

5. BATTERY FAILURE: CAUSES



Poorly maintained "self-regulating" system. Note corrosion of terminals!



Electrolyte level critically low. Battery recovery after exposure of Pb plates to oxygen for a long period is unlikely.

5. BATTERY FAILURE: CAUSES

Can you handle the pressure??

- Over Charging and Discharging !
- Non-regulated Usage !



5. BATTERY FAILURE: CAUSES

Lithium Battery damaged due to a short circuit



6. LITHIUM BATTERY SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

Low Voltage Batteries

- High DC current
- Low efficiency
- Used for low-demand applications

High Voltage Batteries

- Low DC current
- High efficiency
- Used for high-demand applications



✓ High voltage battery systems are more suitable for large-size facilities.



7. HIGH VOLTAGE BATTERY SYSTEMS: EXAMPLE 1

Real Life Examples

- High voltage battery bank in Jwayya Hospital –South Lebanon
- Maximum 50A (DC) at each cluster



7. HIGH VOLTAGE BATTERY SYSTEMS: EXAMPLE 2

Real Life Examples

- High voltage battery bank in a sweets factory (Tyre- South Lebanon)
- Capable to handle inrush current obtained with industrial loads



8. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS



batteries can result in unnecessary financial losses due to inadequate costeffectiveness

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE

To choose a battery take into account the following features:

- ✓ Long lifespan with large number of cycles
- ✓ Large Depth of Discharge
- ✓ Ability to stay at low State of Charge for a long time without capacity loss
- ✓ High energy efficiency (≥ 85%); very low self-discharging rate
- ✓ High energy density, specially when there are space/weight limitations
- ✓ Good safety measures
- ✓ Maintenance issues

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The municipalities are advised to:

- ✓ Raise the public awareness about the aforementioned points
- ✓ Make site inspections for the facilities to check and evaluate the battery systems there and act accordingly (if needed)
- Organise large-scale procurements of batteries for the whole village (after being approved by qualified engineers), in order to ensure the quality requirements and low-cost as well

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The municipalities are advised to:

 ✓ Long term approach: Establish a battery system for the whole village (when there is a unified network with eligible infrastructure), to improve the total energy efficiency and reach a better monitoring/control (as following the birth of ≈1 GWh batteries !)

✓ Monitor "Recycling of Batteries" projects

11. DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF LEAD ACID BATTERIES



11. DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF LITHIUM BATTERIES



11. DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING DO NOT !

- Do not put damaged or defective batteries in regular waste bins.
- Do not store damaged or defective batteries near flammable materials.
- Do not crush the batteries to avoid short-circuiting or leakage.
- Do not store batteries in large quantities nearby.





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THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION

QUESTIONS?