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# Practical Considerations for Vessel Electrification

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**SEA FORREST**

An underwater scene with sunlight rays filtering through the water, illuminating various types of seaweed and coral. The scene is vibrant and clear, with a blue-green color palette.

# **VISION**

**GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY**

## **MISSION**

**To deliver cost-efficient, innovative and simple solutions, enabling mass adoption to reduce maritime carbon footprint**

# TIMELINE

2011

## Incorporation

Specializing in project management of oil rig construction, afloat repairs/maintenance and fabrication services



2021

## Acquisition

Acquired by BH Global and rebranding to Sea Forrest Technologies with Sea Forrest Power Solutions and Sea Forrest Engineering, as wholly owned subsidiaries



2019

## Electrification

Development of marine electrification, charging and marine energy storage solutions  
Provided the hybrid solution for Singapore's first hybrid powered pilot boat.



2023

## Delivery

Delivered:

- Full Electric Propulsion
- Full Electric Ready Propulsion
- Green Hybrid Propulsion
- Green Cabin Energy Saving System



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## Supported by in-house talents specializing in:

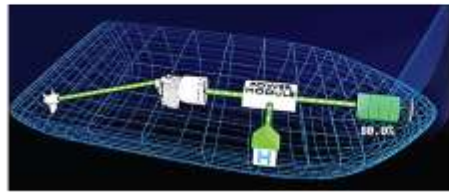
- Automation Software & Controls
- Electrical Engineering
- Marine Engineering
- Maritime Operations
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics



# OUR SOLUTIONS

Helping vessel owners to *make step changes* to decarbonize

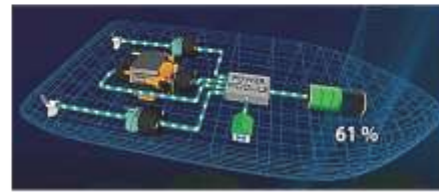
## MARINE ELECTRIC PROPULSION SYSTEM



### Full Electric Propulsion

Electric motor-driven  
Zero-emissions

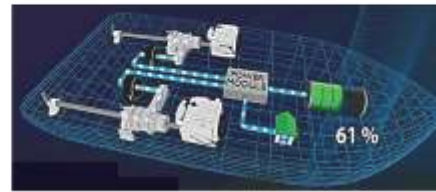
*Suitable for harbour crafts,  
ferries, etc*



### Full Electric-Ready Propulsion

Electric motor-driven with generator  
Serial hybrid  
Improve efficiency & reduce emissions

*Suitable for harbour tugs, supply boats,  
bunker tankers, container feeders, AHTS,  
PSVs, SOVs, etc*



### Green Hybrid Propulsion

Electric motor & diesel engine-driven  
Parallel Hybrid  
Reduce fuel consumption & emissions

*Suitable for pilot boats, fast crew boats,  
CTVs, patrol crafts, etc*

## HYBRID POWER



### GREEN CABIN

#### Energy Saving System

Peak-shaving and energy storage functions,  
powers hotel load when generators are off  
Available for retrofitting and new builds

*Suitable for fast crew boats, ferries, tankers,  
containerships, etc*

- Device agnostic to equipment brands and future energy sources
- In-house developed AI assisted Energy Management System

# OUR SOLUTIONS

## ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS



### SEAGEN 11 & 22

#### Marinized Batteries

First marinized battery designed, built and type-approved in Singapore by BV & RINA (pending LR & ABS)



### ENERGY CUBE

#### Marine & Offshore Energy Storage System

Peak-shaving and energy storage functions, for offshore vessels and platforms

*Suitable for oil rigs, FPSOs, AHTS, SOVs, containerships, tankers, bulk carriers, etc*



Marinized Battery  
Type Approval



MOU for development of  
maritime electrification  
technologies

## ENERGY CHARGING SYSTEMS



### MARINE SMART ENERGY CHARGING SYSTEM

Shore-to-ship charging

Consists of charging arm, energy pillar, power pillar

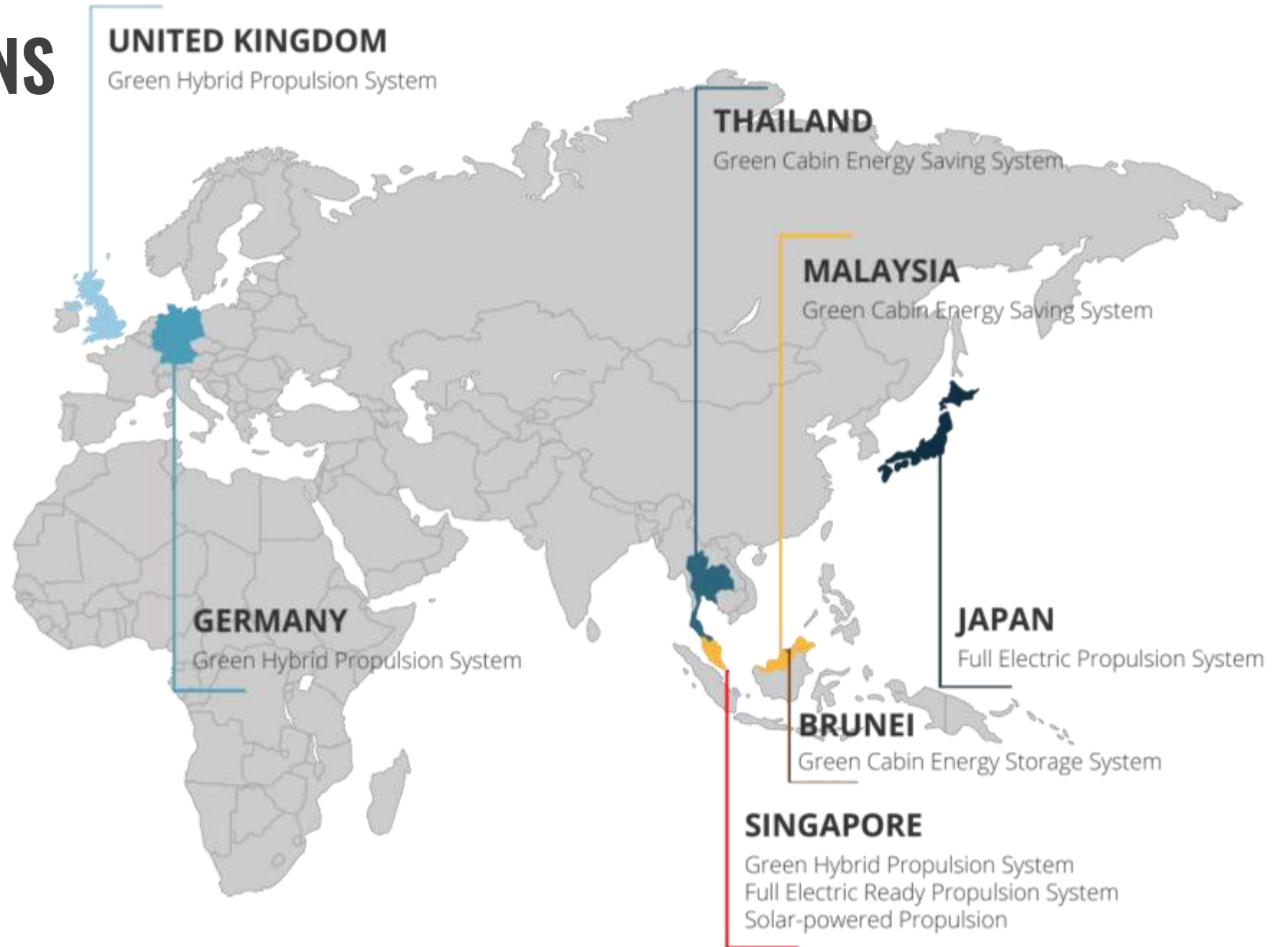
Utilises constant tension cables & connections

300kWh, 400A, up to 950V

*Suitable for harbour crafts, supply boats, tugs, ferries and pleasure crafts etc*



# OUR SOLUTIONS

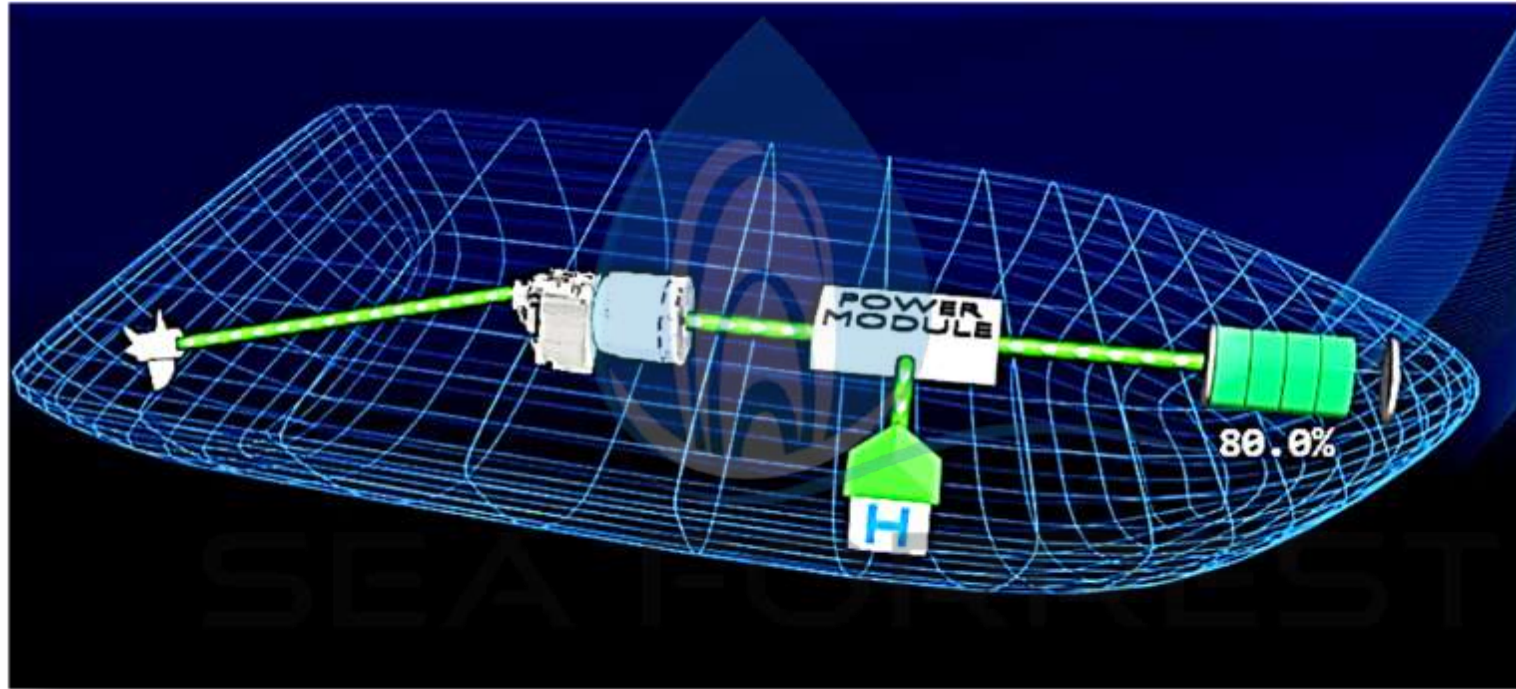






# **Types of Electric Hybrid Propulsion Systems**

# FULL ELECTRIC (FE) PROPULSION SYSTEM



Electrical motor driven, zero emission



Power source - onboard lithium-ion battery and plug-in charging from shore



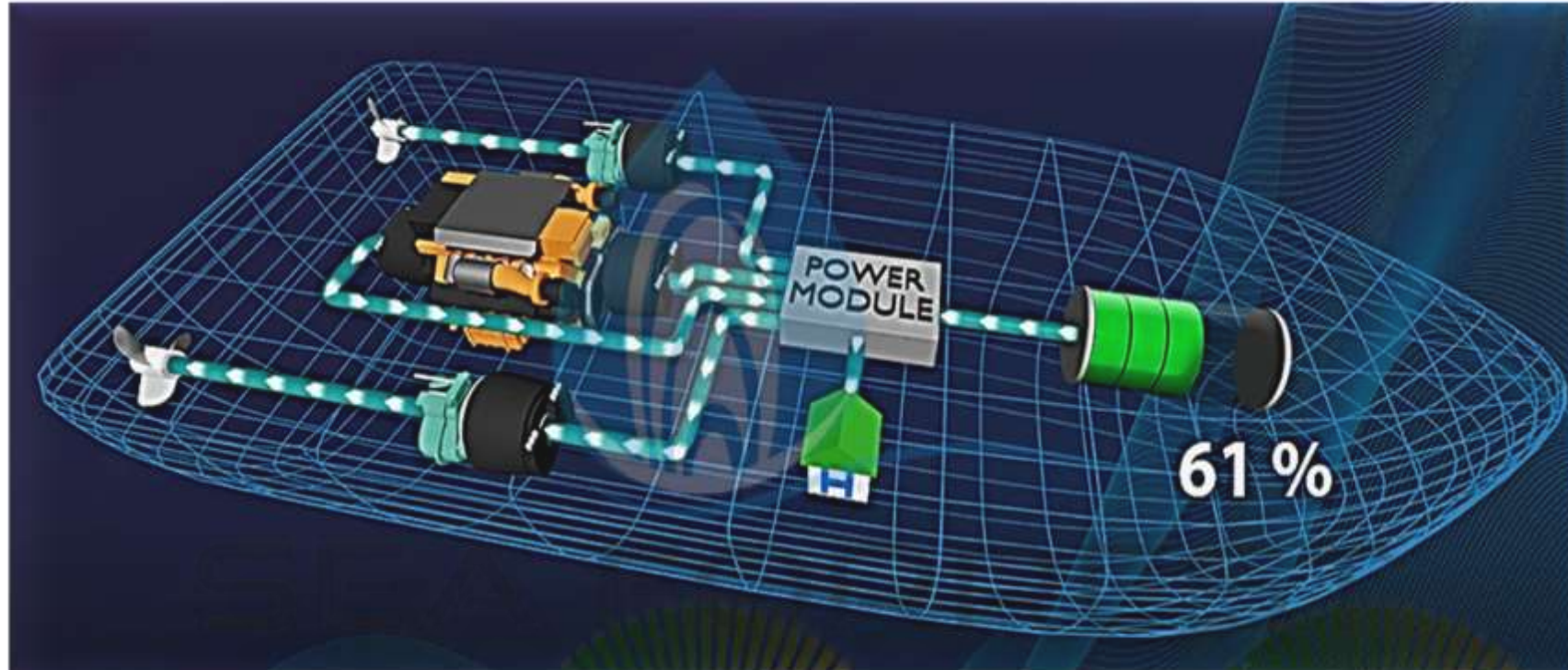
Charging infrastructure (shore & offshore) required.



Application: Harbour tugs, passenger ferries, supply boats, harbour launches, etc.

- COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE -

# [SERIAL HYBRID] FULL ELECTRIC READY (FER) PROPULSION SYSTEM



Electrical motor driven, **serial hybrid**



Power source - onboard lithium-battery and/ or diesel (Bio) generator



Can be retrofitted with **plug-in & fuel cells** (replacing generator)

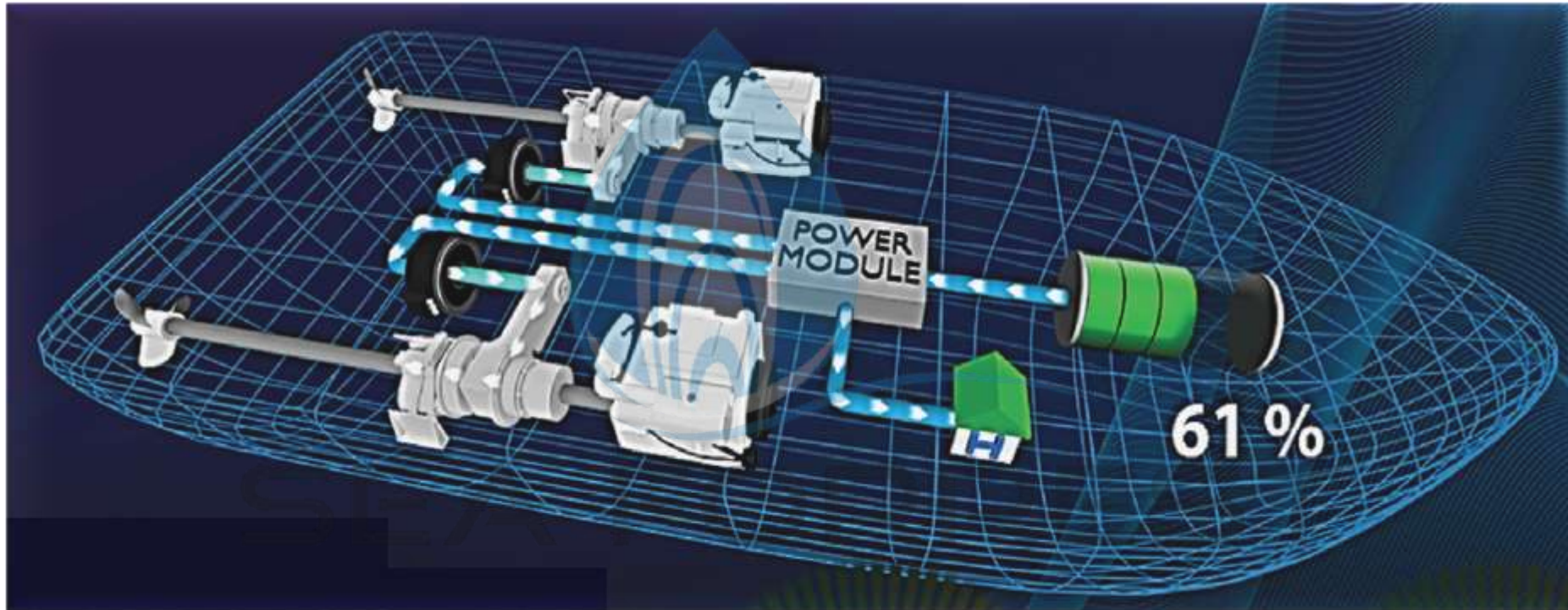


Applications - Bunker tankers, harbour tugs, supply boats, etc.



Suitable for vessels with varying operating profiles.

# [PARALLEL HYBRID] GREEN HYBRID PROPULSION SYSTEM



Diesel and electric motor driven, **parallel hybrid**



Electric, Hybrid and Diesel Modes



Accepts **alternative net zero fuels** & retrofittable with **plug-in**



Suitable for vessels with high-speed loitering operating profiles.



Applications - Pilot boats, Wind farm CTVs, Fast crew boats, Patrol crafts etc

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# [HYBRID POWER] GREEN CABIN ENERGY SAVING SYSTEM



Taps excess energy from propulsion engines to generate electricity



Peak-shaving and energy storage functions, powers hotel load when engines are off, reduce generator running hours



Applications - Crew boat, ferries, bunker tankers, container feeder, etc

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# Main Components for Electric Propulsion

Motors



Motor Drive & DC/AC Inverters



Battery & Battery Management System





# **Types of LI-ION Batteries**

# MAJOR TYPES OF LI-ION BATTERY

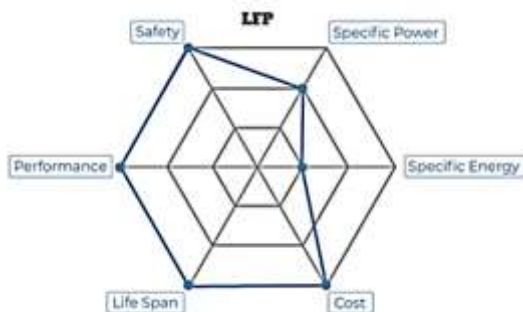
## Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP)

### Benefit

Durability,  
Long life cycle,  
Safety

### Drawbacks

Lower energy density,  
poor performance in cold,  
Low C rate



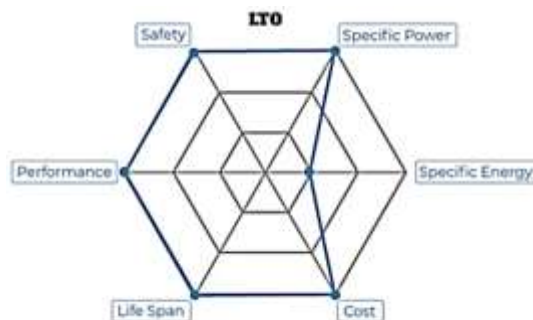
## Lithium Titanate (LTO)

### Benefit

Long life cycle,  
Superbly Safe,  
Wide operating temp.

### Drawbacks

Expensive,  
Low energy density



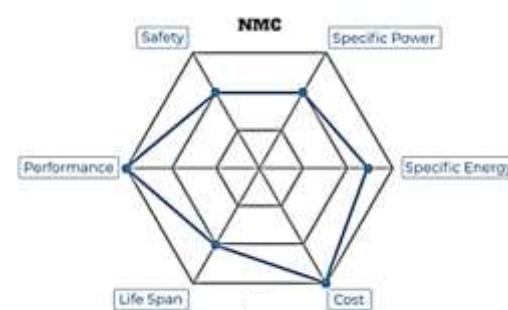
## Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC)

### Benefit

High energy density,  
Long life cycle,  
Higher voltage,  
High C Rate

### Drawbacks

Poor performance in cold,  
Not as safe



## Lithium Nickel Cobalt Aluminum (NCA)

### Benefit

High energy density,  
Long life cycle,

### Drawbacks

Not as safe,  
Expensive





# SAFETY PROTOCOLS – EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP)

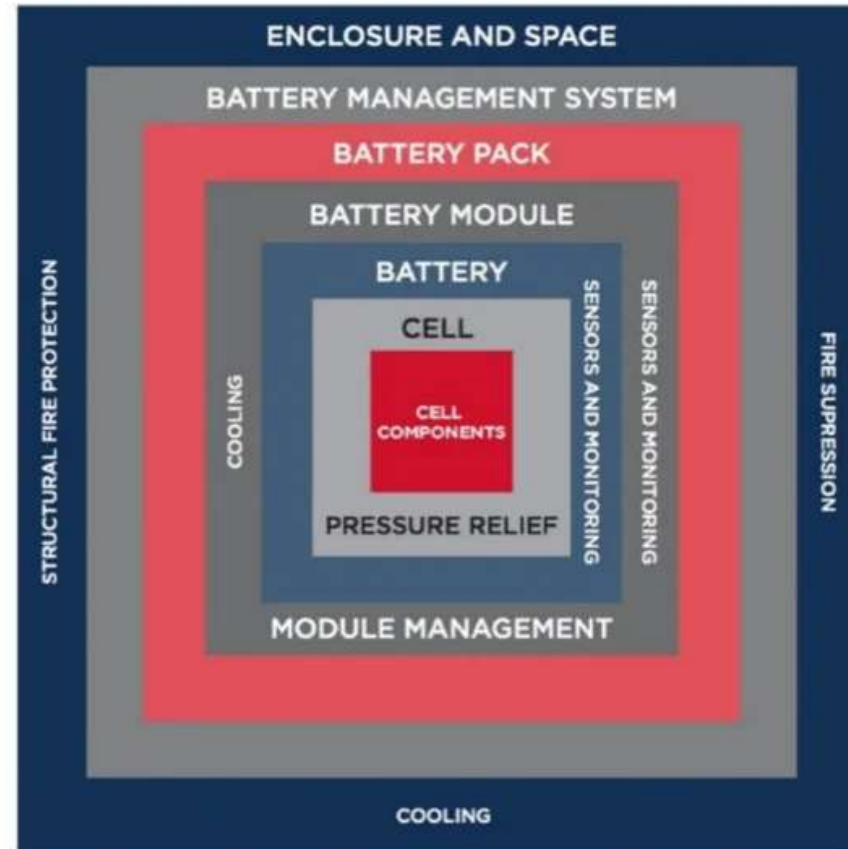
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Thermal Runaway leads to

White smoke  
(contains % of hydrogen)

Emergency Response

Ventilation through pressure valve



## Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC)

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Thermal Runaway leads to

Naked flame,  
potential secondary fire

Emergency Response

1. Control temperature of adjacent cells to prevent heat propagation
2. Suppress fire

# Battery Chemistry Selection Considerations

- LFP battery chemistry is chosen from an overall suitability
- Most cost competitive from an overall ownership over useful lifetime of vessel
- Best in safety in terms of thermal stability
- Commercial readiness
- Energy density is lower compared to others, but overall considerations balanced out this con.



# MARINIZED BATTERY SEAGEN11

First Marinized Battery Type-approved in Singapore



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# MARINE & OFFSHORE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

- Peak shaving for marine & offshore vessels & platforms
- Backup power solutions
- Regenerative power storage
- 20-ft container
- Energy Cube 12, 12+, 18, 18+
- Applicable Oil Rigs, Offshore Platforms, FPSO, Cranes, Winches, AHTS, PSV, SOV Containerships, Tankers, Bulk Carriers, Car Carriers, etc.



# Maintenance

# LI-ION BATTERIES MAINTENANCE

Regular checks of battery's SoC through BMS

- Erratic movements in SoC -> **notify vendor**
- Voltage increases above SoC -> **stop charging**
- Monitor battery temperature



Check for **burns** on the connection of DC cable

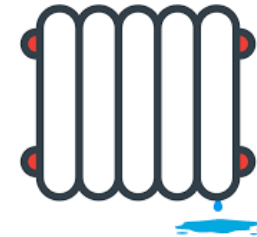


Check for **water ingress** within internal of battery enclosure or room

- Leaks
- Sweating/condensation
- Salt build-up



- Functional checks on cooling system
- Check for cooling system **leaks** – poor piping



## Others:

- Vibrations on eMotors – Poor alignment, poor foundation, eMotor's biggest failure point is the bearing
- Discoloration of eMotor junction box and inverter surfaces
- Check for degradation of the electrical performance of eMotor and inverter
- Housekeeping – A battery room is not a storeroom



# **Battery Charging**

# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Charging systems considerations**
  - Onshore Shore-to-Ship
  - AC versus DC charging compatibility
  - Contact charging - connector head
  - Wireless charging
  - Battery swapping
  - Charging control systems
  - Offshore Ship-to-Ship charging





# SUMMARY

## 1. Battery Technology

- a) Types of batteries suitable for maritime use
- b) Energy density and storage capacity considerations
- c) Operations profile and cost efficiency



## 2. Safety Protocols

- a) Fire safety measures
- b) Emergency response plans for electric vessels
- c) Maintenance



## 3. Operating Profile, Range and Charging Infrastructure

- a) Addressing concerns about range limitations
- b) Developing robust charging infrastructure in harbors



## 4. Training

- a) Training for stakeholders, i.e. shipyards and operators

## 5. Mindset

- a) Mindset change - unlearn certain traditional practices
- b) Develop new processes and procedures (installations, operations and maintenance)



Molecules to Electrons



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**Green Solutions for the Blue Economy**