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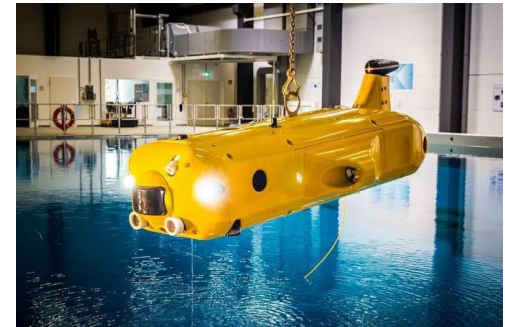
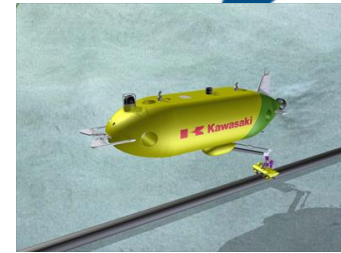
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SUBSEA RESIDENT AUV – THE NEED

- Rapid advances in miniaturisation
- An All Electric future?
- Reduced Through-Life Cost



ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES

- Navigation
- Communication
- **Connection**
- Energy

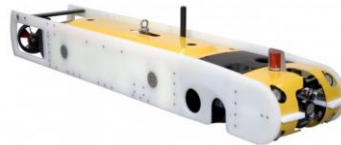


20-FT CONTAINER COMPARISON

	Energy	Power
Lithium-Ion	0.5MWh	30kW
Fuel Cell	0.6MWh	80kW
Aluminium-Air	10MWh	500kW

Saab Sabretooth

10kWh @ 3.3kW



Porsche Taycan

93.4kWh @ 270kW





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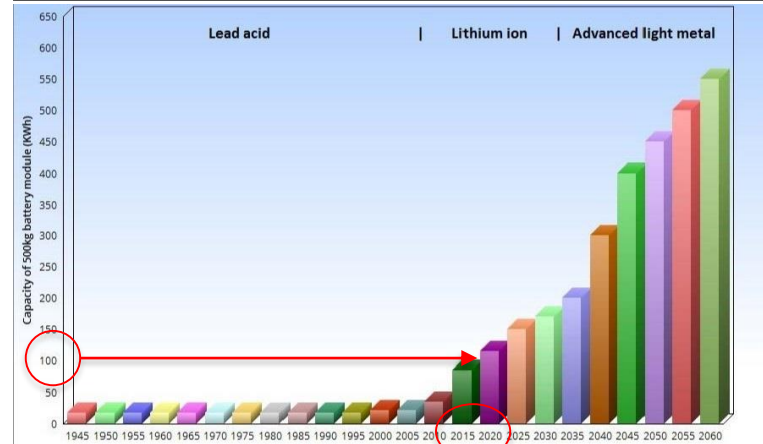
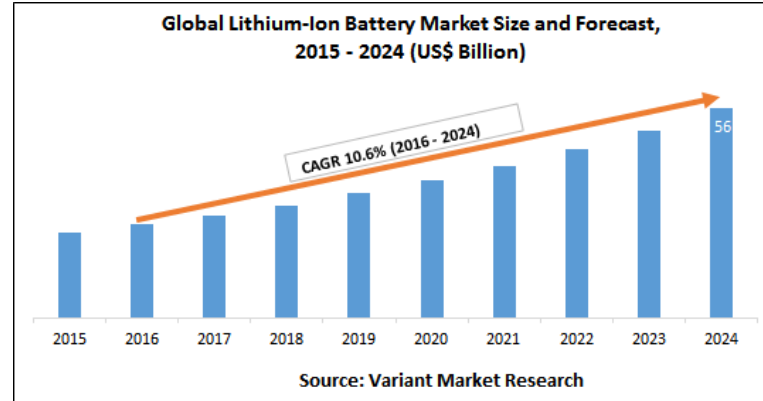
LITHIUM ION

Lithium Ion Today

- Energy :100kWh Power: 30+kW
- Voltage range 14.4V to 400+V
- Currents up to ~100A
- Design life up to 30 years

Advanced Light Metal Future

- Improved lithium-ion technology,
- New battery chemistries
- Lithium-air, lithium-sulphur and sodium-ion



LITHIUM ION

- Long-endurance lithium-ion batteries
- Australia's *Attack Class* submarines
- Safety issues

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DEEP SPACE TO DEEP OCEAN

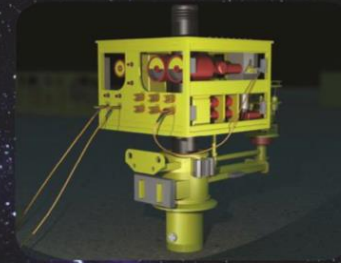
The Challenges

DEEP SPACE

- Extreme temperatures
- Long lifetime
- Repair is not an option
- Corrosive conditions
- Structural load
- Process chain traceability

DEEP WATER

- Extreme temperatures/pressures
- Long lifetime
- Repair is impractical
- Corrosive conditions
- Structural load
- Process chain traceability



SUBSEA POWER NODE

- 1.5x1.4x1.4 skid at 810kg
- Long life >10,000 hours
- Reactant storage agnostic
- Compressed-gas
- TRL 9 commercially refillable

Reactant Storage (H₂/O₂)

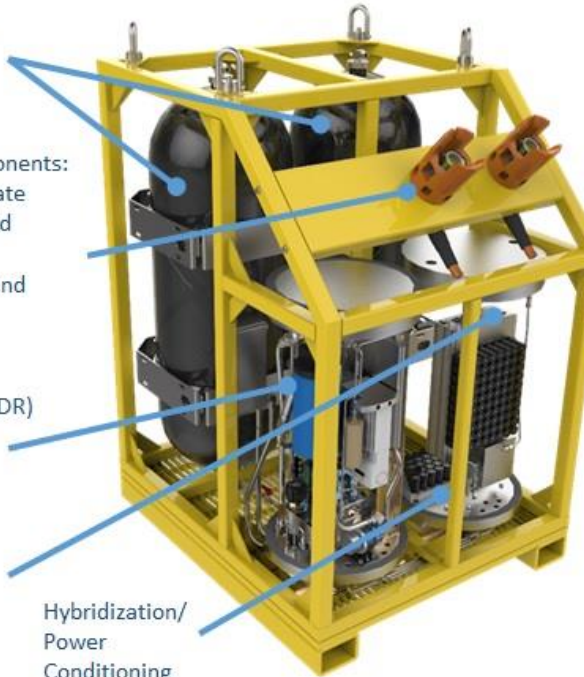
Subsea Tested Components: Teledyne ODI Wet Mate Electrical, Optical, and Reactant Transfer Connectors (Energy and Data Transfer)

Ejector Drive Reactant (EDR) Fuel Cell System Module

Teledyne Benthos Acoustic Modem

Hybridization/Power Conditioning Module

100kWh

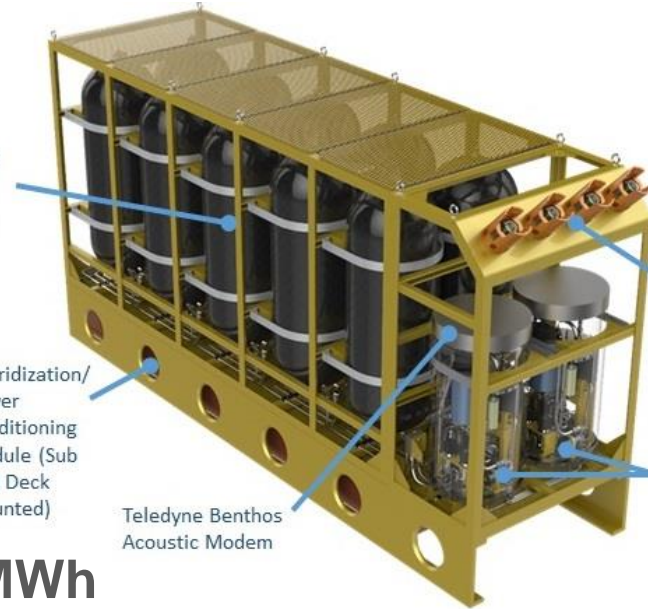


Reactant Storage (H₂/O₂)

Hybridization/Power Conditioning Module (Sub Skid Deck Mounted)

Teledyne Benthos Acoustic Modem

2MWh

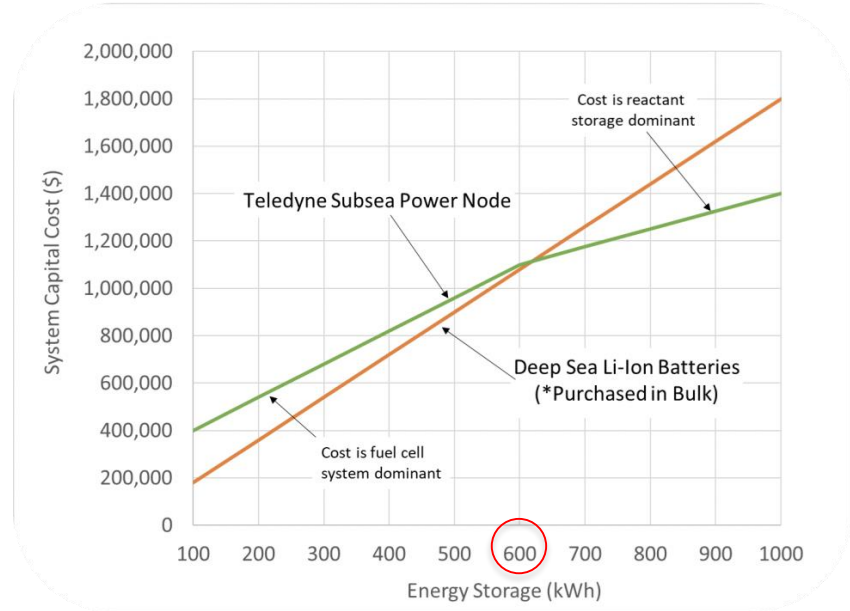


Teledyne ODI Wet Mate electrical connections for subsea power grid integration

Dual (EDR) Fuel Cell System Modules for maximum power and redundancy

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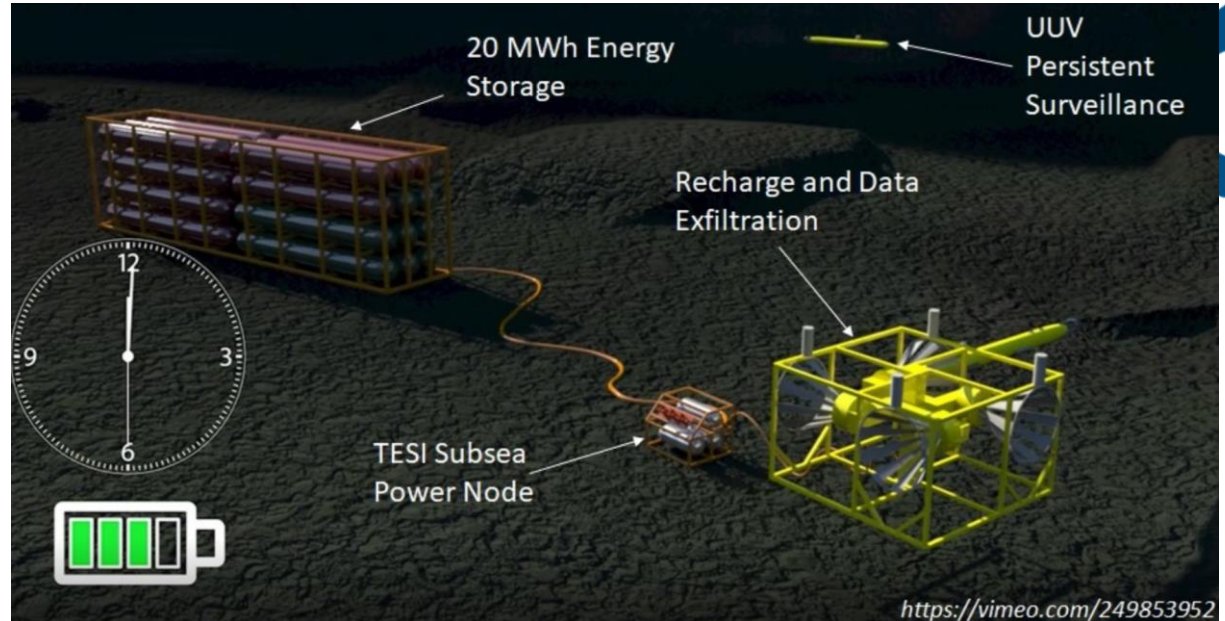
- Cost decrease for energy increase
- Lower capital cost for energy > 600 kWh
- Unfuelled fuel cell systems are not required to meet special safety regulations
- Can operate at very low temperatures and have freeze-thaw cycle capability
- No “shelf-life” - degradation is based on hours of operation not date of manufacture



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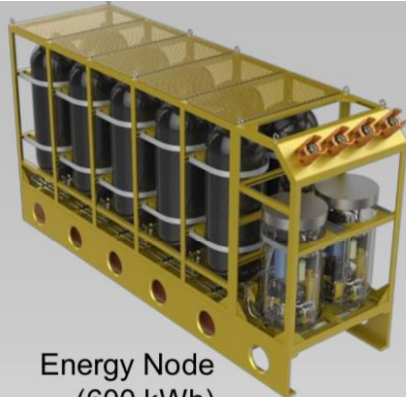
Specifications

- Power: 16kW (Continuous)
- Voltage: 400 to 600 Vdc
- Grid balancing capable
- Mass Target: 3,370 kg
- Negative buoyant fuelled
- Positive buoyant empty
- Operating Depth: 3000m





Power Node
(100 kWh)



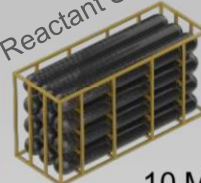
Energy Node
(600 kWh)

Fuel Cell System

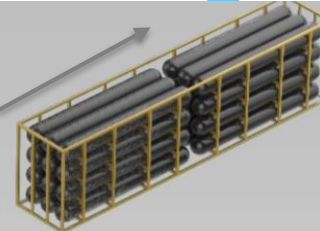


2 MWh

Reactant Storage



10 MWh



20 MWh

2019

2020

2023

Application	Power Range	Subsea Power Node (100 kWh)*	Energy Node (600 kWh)*	40' Class Container (20 MWh)*
ROV	1 to 2 kW	Months of operation	18 Months of operation	Years of operation
21" UUV Recharge Dock	1 to 5 kW	8 recharge cycles (800 km of traverse)	48 recharge cycles (4,800 km of traverse)	Years of operation
Chemical Injection System	3 to 6 kW	Month of operation	6 Months of operation	5 years of operation
Hydraulic Pressure Unit	4 to 80 kW**	Month of operation	4 Months of operation	1-2 years of operation

- ✓ Subsea operations with minimal ship support
- ✓ UAV surveying and mapping with persistent monitoring
- ✓ Enables both surface and subsea communication and broadcast
- ✓ Subsea micro-grid back-up power and stabilization
- ✓ Data can be transmitted to the node and either tethered to the surface or stored for retrieval during node recovery



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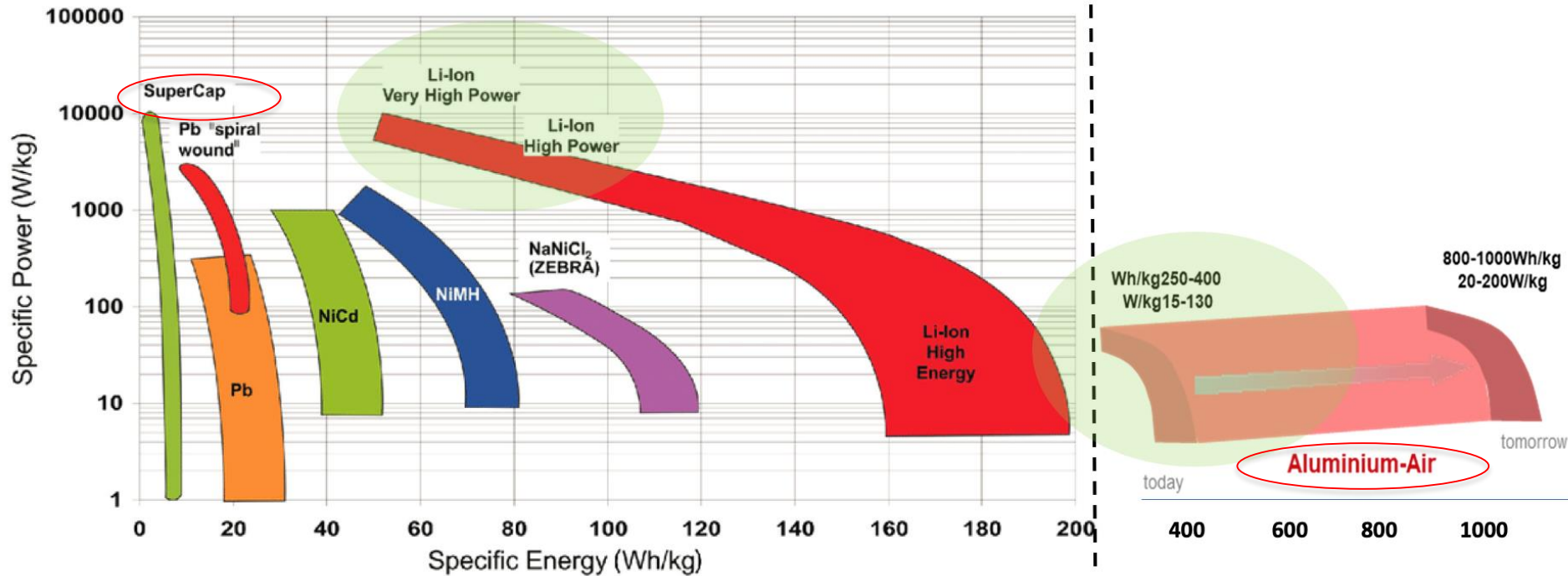
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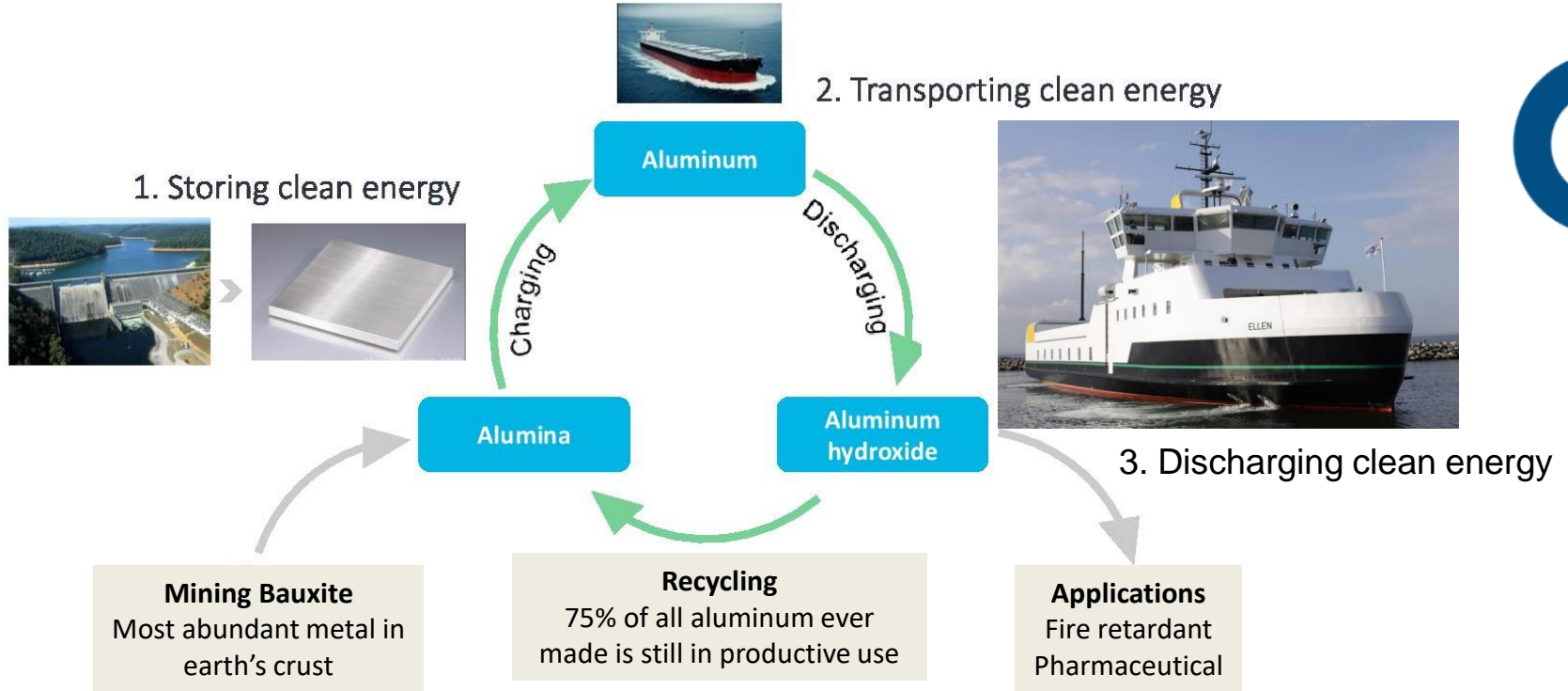
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MORE POWER ON THE SEABED

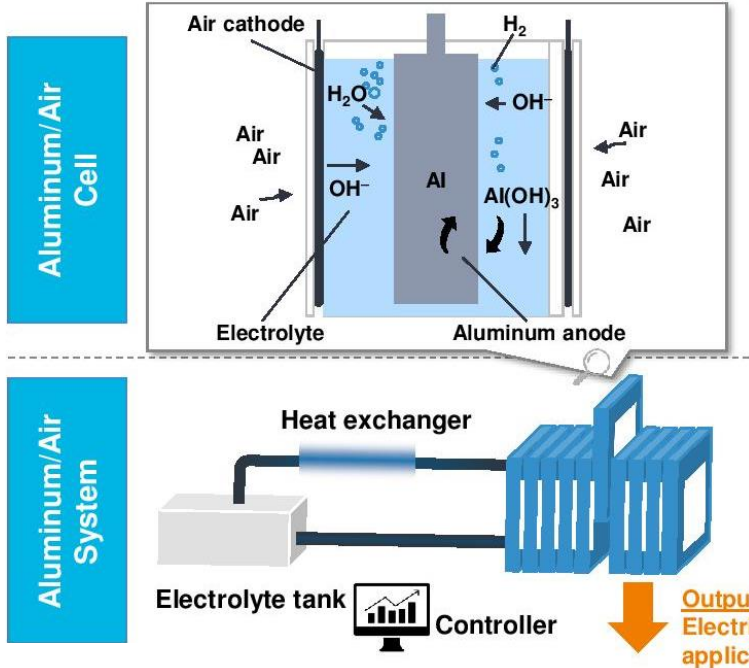


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METAL OF CHOICE ALUMINIUM



ALUMINIUM – AIR BATTERY



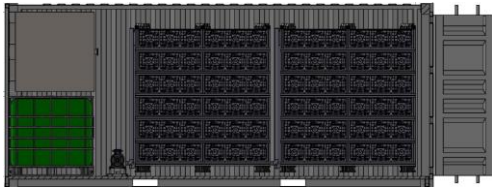
- Air-Cathode separates Oxygen from air and catalyst allows reaction with water
- Aluminum Hydroxide Al(OH)₃ is produced at the anode generating heat and electricity



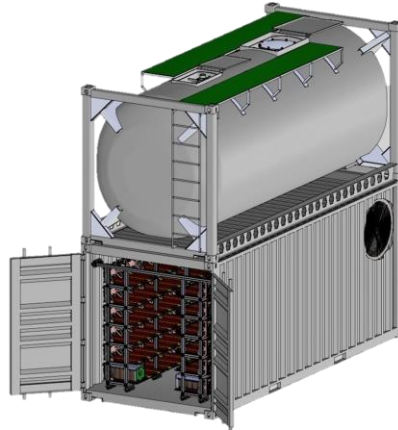
- Aqueous-electrolyte is continuously circulating in cells:
 - Flushing out by-products
 - Regulating heat

AL – AIR CONTAINERISED CONFIGURATIONS

1X20' container
5760 kWh
Integral electrolyte tank
(requires 5 reloads)



1X20' container
7200 kWh
1X20' electrolyte
tank container

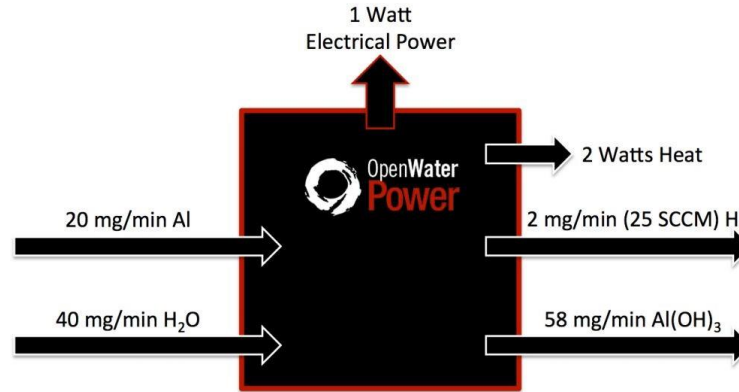


1X20' container
10,000 kWh
Electrolyte produced
onboard utilizing heat
emitted from the chemical
reaction

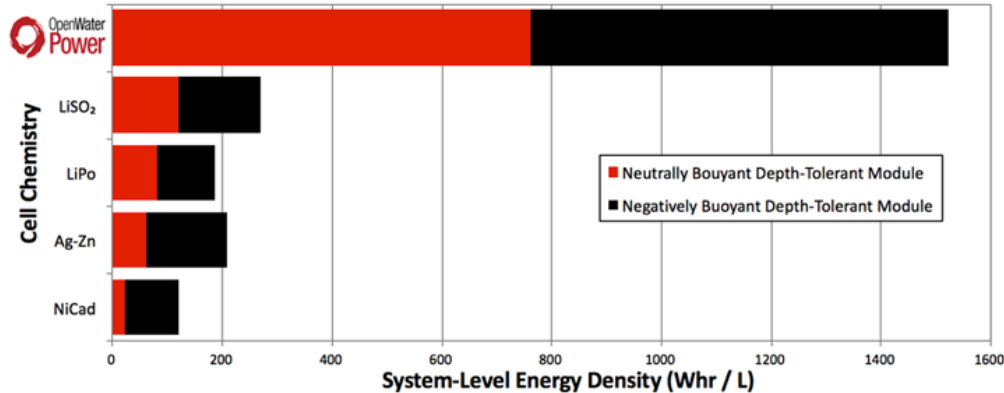


ALUMINIUM - WATER

- Ten-fold increase in energy density
- Inherently safer
- Chemically inert prior to activation



Al-H₂O Performance vs. Common Battery Chemistries



ALUMINIUM – WATER - SAFETY

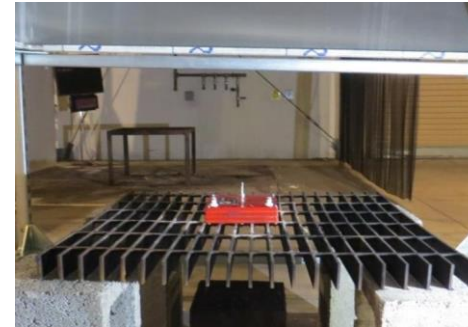
- Does not generate hazards when exposed to extreme storage temperatures, low pressures, or fires



Summary and Conclusions

Test	Description
High Temperature (71°C)*	No hazards observed
Low Temperature (-51°C)*	No hazards observed
Low Pressure (8.3 psia)*	No hazards observed
Near-vacuum (fraction of a psia)	No hazards observed
Activity Verification	Cell shown to be electrochemically active. No hazards observed during inadvertent short, but H ₂ release rate not measured.
Fire Exposure	Minimal burning of non-metallic components. No significant heat release beyond exposure fire.

*Test specifications from MIL-STD-810G





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- Rapid technology development in energy storage
- Subsea applications coming soon

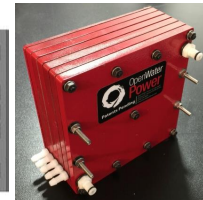
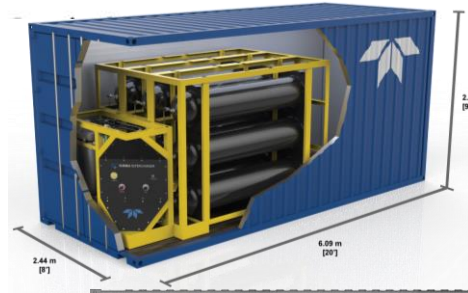
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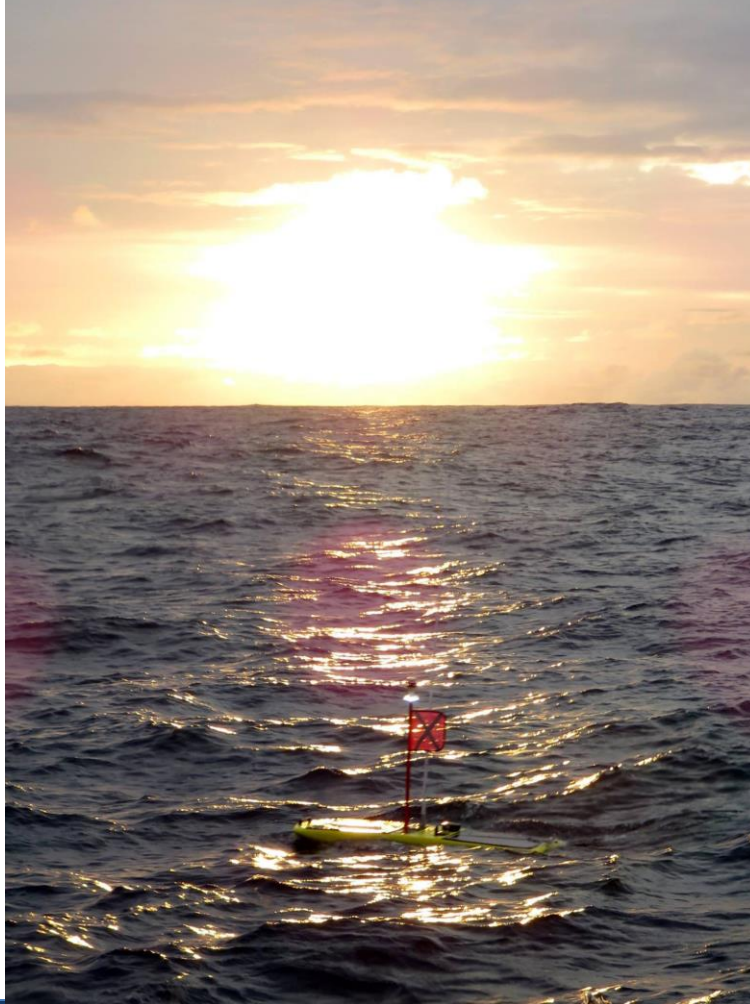
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