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Lithium-ion Batteries and Systems

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Course Overview



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Course Overview

- Format: 7 Sections and Q&A and Assessment
- Certification: IACET
- Duration: 90 minutes
- Holistic Conceptual Development
- Miscellaneous: Safety, refreshments and restrooms



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At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- List different energy storage mechanisms.
- Outline the layout and working of a standard lithium-ion battery.
- List different lithium-ion chemistries.
- List different standards affecting battery installations.

Learning Objectives

Energy Storage Mechanisms



- Flywheels Kinetic Energy Storage
- Hydro Potential Energy Storage
- <u>Batteries</u> Specifically Electro-Chemical (Electrolytic) Energy Storage



What is a battery?

- A chemical energy storage device.
- Has a positive end (cathode) and a negative end (anode).
- Both electrodes are suspended in electrolyte (transport medium).







What do they have in common?

- Aluminum
- Zinc
- Lithium
- Carbon
- Nickel
- Lead



What is a lithium-ion battery?

As defined by UL:

A lithium-ion battery is an energy storage device in which lithium ions move through an electrolyte from the negative electrode (the "anode") to the positive electrode (the "cathode") during battery discharge, and from the positive electrode to the negative electrode during charging. The electrochemically active materials in lithium-ion batteries are typically a lithium metal oxide for the cathode, and a lithiated carbon for the anode. The electrolytes are typically a non-aqueous liquid, but can also be gel or polymer. A thin (on the order of microns) micro-porous film separator provides electrical isolation between the cathode and anode, while still allowing for ionic conductivity.

-"Safety Issues for Lithium Ion Batteries", Underwriters Laboratories, 2013

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Lithium-ion Battery Basics



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Battery Basics

Common Lithium Chemistries

- LCO Lithium Cobalt Oxide
 - High specific energy: mobile phones, laptops, etc. Slow charging, limited life (~1000cycles)
- NMC/NCM/MCN (Lithium) Nickel Manganese Cobalt
 - Taylor for high energy or medium power: EV, power tools, e-bikes. Slow charging, good life (~4000 cycles).
- NCA (Lithium) Nickel Cobalt Aluminum
 - High specific energy: Medical devices, industrial, fast charge possible, limited life (~1500 cycles)
- LiPol/LiPoly Lithium Polymer
 - Low energy density, the electrolyte is porous-gel-like (v 'liquid'): mobile phones, laptops, toys. Have great form factor (can have several shapes), expensive and limited life (~1000)



Common Lithium Chemistries

• LFP/LiFePO4 – Lithium Iron Phosphate

• High specific energy: EV. Fast charging, long life (~5000 cycles)

• LMO/LMNO – Lithium Manganese Nickel Oxide

 High specific power but can be adjusted for high specific energy or longevity: power tools, medical instruments, HEV. High charge, limited life (~1000).

• LTO – Lithium Titanate/Titanium Dioxide

• High specific power, ESS-PV farms, grid stabilization, EV, heavy vehicles. Fast charge/discharge, very long life (20,000 cycles).

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At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate between other lithium-ion batteries and an LTO battery.
- Describe the ways lithium batteries catch on fire and how LTO batteries avoid/prevent those ways.
- Define C-rates, energy density, power density, battery SOC, EOL, and BOL.

Learning Objectives

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SCiB[™] is within the family of lithium-ion batteries (LIB); However, SCiB[™] exhibits greater benefits compared to the rest of LIBs



LTO (Lithium Titanate) Structure



- Octahedral lithiated
 structure
- Rigid lattice spinel not layered nor olivine
- Special emergent
 properties owing to
 morphology

Non-lithiated LTO

Lithiated LTO

Safety



- Growing concerns about lithium battery fires
- Several high profile incidents
- Causes a difficult to extinguish metal/ chemical fire
- Standards put in place by NFPA, UN, UL, IEEE, etc.

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LTO Chemistry

Properties





Safety

Causes of fires in lithium batteries



- Internal Shorts
 - Degradation
 - Contamination
- External Shorts



Safety

No Lithium metal deposition, even in cold conditions with high input power, and over a long cycle



Safety



Incorporates concepts taken from the most advanced semiconductor fabs.

- Clean Room
 Manufacturing
 Environment
- Complete isolation between anode and cathode material

Resistance to Short Propagation

In the event of internal short, LTO phase transformation prevents large current flow, causing self-isolation and preventing propagation.



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Thickness Stability Enables Long Cycle Life



SCiB[™] is stable after repeated charge/discharge

Material & Structure of SCiBTM

SCiB [™] is within the family of lithium-ion batteries (LIB), But SCiB [™] offers excellent performance compared to other LIBs				
		Anode	Voltage	
<u>Material</u>	SCiB(20Ah)	LTO	2.3V	
	Competitor A	Carbon	3.6V	
	Competitor B	Carbon	3.3V	
	Competitor C	Carbon	3.7V	



Low Internal Resistance

Very low internal resistance in SCiB[™] enables it high rate performance.



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Safety





Safety

No Carbon = No Fire





Cell/Battery Related Definitions

C-rates: Inverse proportion of nominal capacity of a battery with regards to charge time.

Power Density: Total usable power stored in a given volume.

Energy Density: Total usable energy (power over time) stored in a given volume.

SOC: State of charge or the percentage of power stored in a battery as it

relates to the nominal capacity.

BOL: Beginning of life.

EOL: End of life.

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LTO Chemistry

Fast Charge

LTO has a very short dis/charge time. -Only 6 minutes to up to 80% of capacity.



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Wide Usable SOC

Realizes very high number of charge/discharge cycles



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LTO Chemistry

Wide Operating Temperature

Usable in ambient temperature of minus 30°C.



(Discharge capacity recovery rates by temperature)



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Chemistry Comparison



At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- List the common lithium-ion chemistries found in the market and evaluate the benefits of each.
- Justify the pros and cons of LTO batteries compared to other lithium-ion chemistries.

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Li-ion Chemistry Comparison



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SCiB[™] is within the family of lithium-ion batteries (LIB), but SCiB[™] offers excellent performance compared to other LIBs





What is Thermal Runaway?

As defined by NFPA 855 (2020), 3.3.20:

Thermal Runaway. The condition when an electro-chemical cell increases its temperature through self-heating in an uncontrollable fashion and progresses when the cell's heat generation is at a <u>higher</u> rate than it can dissipate, <u>potentially</u> leading to off-gassing, fire, or explosion.



What is the main cause of Thermal Runaway?

What is the main trigger that causes electro-chemical batteries to go into Thermal Runaway?

High input V on the terminals compare to its changing internal chemistry. With time and cycles, internal chemistry changes and therefore, the "nominal" 100% SOC (float), charging voltage now becomes high voltage.

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Chemistry Comparison

Cell Level Li-ion Chemistry Comparison

Manufacturer	Panasonic	Samsung	Toshiba
Chemistry	NMC	LiFePO4	SCiB LTO
Voltage	3.6V	3.3V	2.3V
Specific Energy	150Wh/kg	110Wh/kg	90Wh/kg
Charge Rate	0.7-1C	1C	8C
Discharge Rate	3C	3C	8C
Usable SOC	70%	80%	100%
Cycle Life	2000 - 4000	4000 - 5000	17000
Induced Thermal Runaway w/safety removed & constant high V	210° C	270° C	NA © 2019 Tashiba International Corporation



Pertinent Safety Standards and Code Regulations

- UL 1642 Cell level certification
- UL 1973 Module and system level certification
- UL 9540 System level certification
- NFPA 855 Fire protection code
- UN DOT 38.3 Lithium battery transportation standard

Pertinent Safety Standards and Code Regulations

Test Criteria/Standard	UL 1642	UL 1973	
External short circuit	•	•	
Abnormal charge/Overcharge	•	•	
Forced discharge/Overdischarge	•	•	
Crush	•	•	
Impact (cell)	•		
Shock	•	•	
Vibration	•	•	
Heating (cell)	•		
Temperature cycling	•	•	
Low pressure (altitude) (cell)	•		
Projectile/External fire	•	•	
Drop		•	
Continuous low rate charging			
Molded casing heating test		•	
Insulation or isolation resistance			
Internal short circuit test or propagation test		•	

UL 9540:

- Fluid equipment
- Hazardous spill containment
- Combustible concentrations
- Fire detection and suppression

NFPA 855 (as per Version 2020):

- Requires compliance with UL 9540A and 1778
- Maximum string capacity of 50kWh and maximum ESS capacity of 600kWh (group separation of 3 ft for 250kWh sizes, notdedicated use building)
- Only applies to ESS larger than 20kWh the mational Corporation 55

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At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- Describe the problems innate to li-ion cells, and how LTO overcomes them.
- Describe how the LTO cell is constructed.

Learning Objectives



Cell Design Considerations

- Outgassing: The problem of cells swelling up over time or because of improper cycling.
- Terminal limitation: The terminal contacts limiting the flow of power and latency.
- Loose contacts: The connection between the terminals getting disturbed over time causing dropping of the load or sparks.
- Weight: The physical mass causing a limitation in terms of where the cells can be used.



LTO is within the family of lithium-ion batteries (LIB), But LTO offers excellent performance compared to other LIBs



SCiB Modules – 2P12S

	Product	Туре	Cell Configuration	Specification	Application
Uses Ithium bitanate. 20/23Ah cell (2 tr parallel 'Dite sortes)	Monitors the voltage and temperature.	orts each type of data. munication connector Inteleviate Vederation Output terminal (+)	Type 3 - 20 (20Ah cell)	 Voltage: 18.0V - 32.4V Nominal capacity: 40Ah Nominal energy: 1104 Wh Dimension: 359(W)x187(D)x123(H) Mass: approx 14kg Functions: cell voltage/temp monitoring, cell balancing, CAN communication 	Stationary ESS
SCIB SCIB Classical States of the second states of	SCIB SCIB		Type 3 - 23 (23Ah cell)	 Voltage: 18.0V - 32.4V Nominal capacity: 46 Ah Nominal energy: 1242 Wh Dimension: 359(W)x187(D)x123(H) Mass: approx 14.6kg Functions: cell voltage/temp monitoring, cell balancing, CAN communication 	

SCiB Modules – 2P12S



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LTO Modules and Systems







LTO Modules and Systems

At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- Describe how a LTO module is constructed.
- Define CANbus 2.0, BMS, CMU, and BMU.
- Explain the multi-layered communication protocol and how this affects system safety and expandability.

Learning Objectives

LTO Modules and Systems



	- Voltage: 18.0V - 32.4V	
	- Nominal capacity: 40Ah	
Туре 3 - 23	- Nominal energy: 1242 Wh	
(23Ah cell)	- Dimension: 359(W)x187(D)x123(H)	
	- Mass: approx 14.6kg	
	 Functions: cell voltage/temp monitoring, 	
	cell balancing, CAN communication	



LTO Modules and Systems

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Battery Module, BMU, Contactor, and Service Disconnector are available to build up battery system by customers.



- 3 Tiered Battery Management System
- Multiple Fail-safes
- Expandable, Multilevel Architecture
- CANbus 2.0





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At the conclusion of this section, participants will be able to:

- List two main areas where batteries are used.
- Explain how batteries are applied in different fields and industries.

Learning Objectives





Transit Bus





HEV

EV

Commercial Vehicles







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Applications





SCiB Product Systems



Each cabinet has:

- 36 SCiB modules is 44.7kWh
- Support 250kVA load for 2 minutes
- 12 year full warranty
- Built-in redundancy
- Can be matched to any UPS





UPS Applications

The problems typical for the UPS market. Most are seeking to...

- Make the most of physical space and power capacity.
- Avoid unexpected shutdowns and expecting high power factor and good power quality.
- Manage assets and their connections across deployment, possibly remotely.
- Manage energy usage & costs.
- Reducing operating expenses.



UPS Applications

Longer Life

- VRLA = 500 cycles; Li-ion Batteries = 5,000 cycles; SCiB = 17,000 cycles
- Design life of 15-20 years, warranty 12 years

Zero Maintenance Cost

• Preventative maintenance included every 3 years to check non-battery components: PCBs, contactors, fuses, etc.

Temperature Range

- SCiB UPS battery operating range is higher than VRLA or other lithium batteries
- Lead acid life is cut in half for every 10°C increase
- The exponential savings in cooling!

Trending price to be 2.3 times more than VRLA but less expensive than a flywheel



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Assessment and Evaluations



Assessment and Evaluations

Quiz time!!!

- Define:
 - SOC
 - BMU
 - Energy Density
 - BOL
 - C-rates
- Explain how the multi-level architecture helps make the system safer.
- What is LTO and how is it different from other li-ion chemistries?
- Explain how li-ion battery fires are caused and why LTO is a safer chemistry.

Assessment and Evaluations

Quiz time!!!

- Define:
 - Lithium-ion battery
 - Lithiation
- Explain how a lithium-ion battery works.
- Which are some of the standards affecting lithium-ion battery installations?