

Trolley-motion at Berlin metropolitan 2016

electric bus fleets

the way to reach the Targets

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BUS SYSTEMS IN EUROPE : TOWARDS A HIGHER QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE AND A REDUCTION OF POLLUTANTS AND CO₂ EMISSIONS

In view of the announced mid-term review of the **Transport White Paper**, **UITP** stresses that the European Union needs a comprehensive approach towards a more sustainable mobility in Europe. In order to reach the **EU's GHG emission reduction objectives**, technological efforts need to be combined with a strong shift towards collective modes of transport. Concerning the announced **EU policy** initiatives towards **cleaner air** and a further **reduction of CO₂** emissions of heavy duty vehicles (HDVs), the European bus sector welcomes these initiatives and underlines the contribution which buses and public transport in general already make towards these aims.

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Target - E-mobility in the bus sector



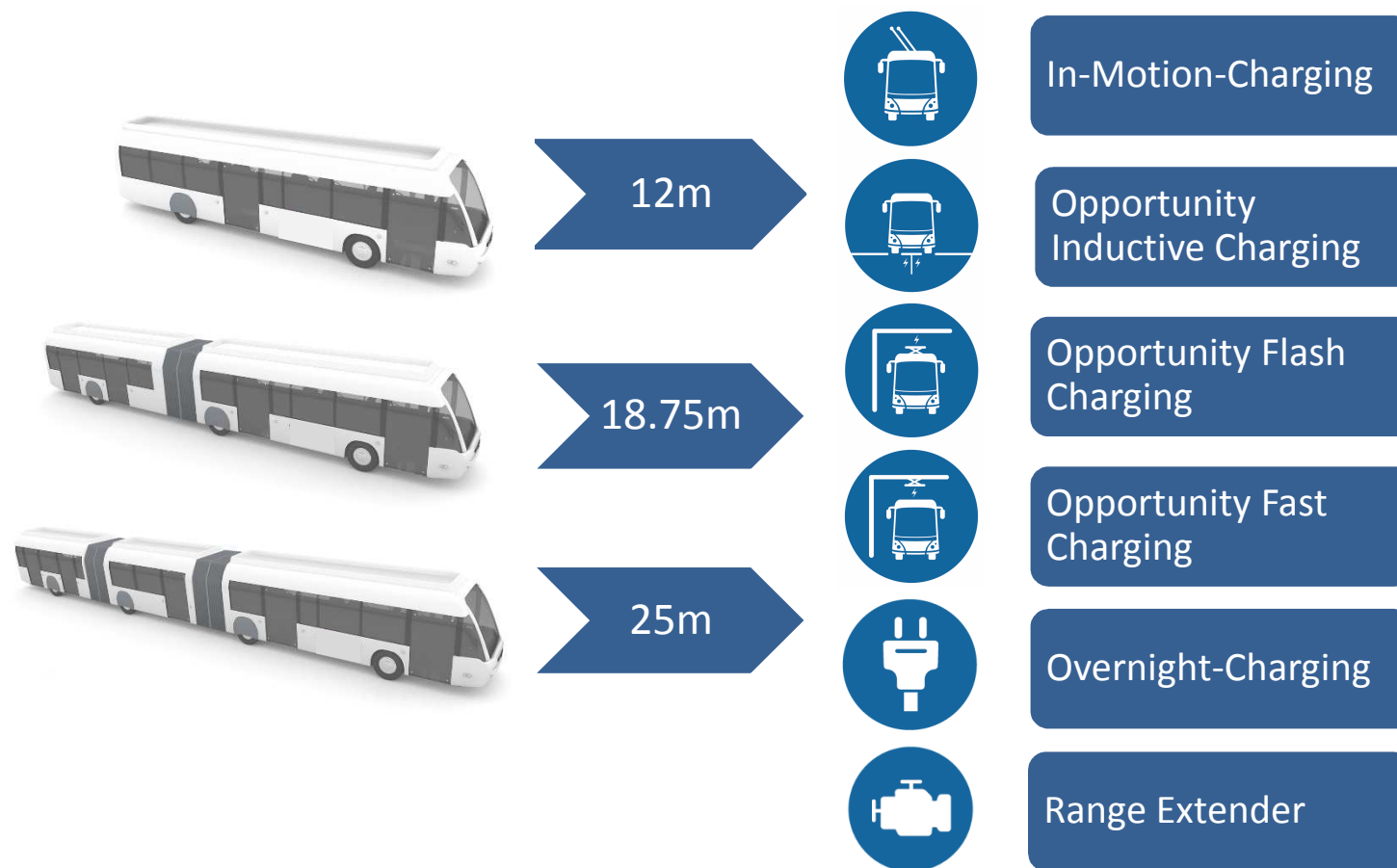
- How cities can **change their diesel fleets** of busses with **clean e-bus** systems?
- Which type of **bus lines** and **schedules** are to operate? Which **infrastructure** for e-bus possibilities are already existing and which ones are to develop complete new?
- How the **infrastructure** of the **depots** are prepared for e-bus systems?
- How

For all these questions we recommend to do an analyse of the existing situation and a study of new solution possibilities with the possibility of the cities by a consulting support first.

Outlook

- Technology wise the **e-bus solutions** have except the Trolley bus solution **only field test experience** in more or less little quantities of vehicles running in Europe.
- The cities will need new **solutions of electrical energy distribution** for e-bus fleets.
- An **existing infrastructure for Trolleybuses** can be easy used to extend the range of lines with a **Trolley Hybrid system**.
- For all other **e-Bus system** solutions the electrical energy has to be provided on the **battery charging station** (depot, end bus stop, intermediate charging stations etc.)
- To fulfil the political targets to **reduce CO₂**, it is necessary to make in the next years a decision which system will be the **best solution** for the cities and operator.

Technical system - e-Bus-solutions on the market





Technical system - e-Bus references



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References from all kind of e-buses

Technical system - e-Bus with „In-Motion-Charging“ (IMC)



Wireless Section(s)

- Up to 50% of line
- Up to 50% of time
- ca 4km per section (max 15km)

Charging Sections

Charging time

- Slow roads
- End stations

Energy consumption

- Steep roads

Inexpensive installation

- Straight roads

Technical Solutions → Energy Pack



- discharging power: 120kW
(220kW boosting)
- charging power: 100kW
(190kW boosting)
- energy capacity: 30kWh
- capacity hub: 90%
- weight: 980kg
- type battery: lithium-ion (LTO)
- energy recuperation: yes
- retrofit solution: yes

- HESS Energy Pack → high power energy storage with battery charger from Vossloh Kiepe
- Retrofit solution for existing Trolleybusses with Diesel-Generator

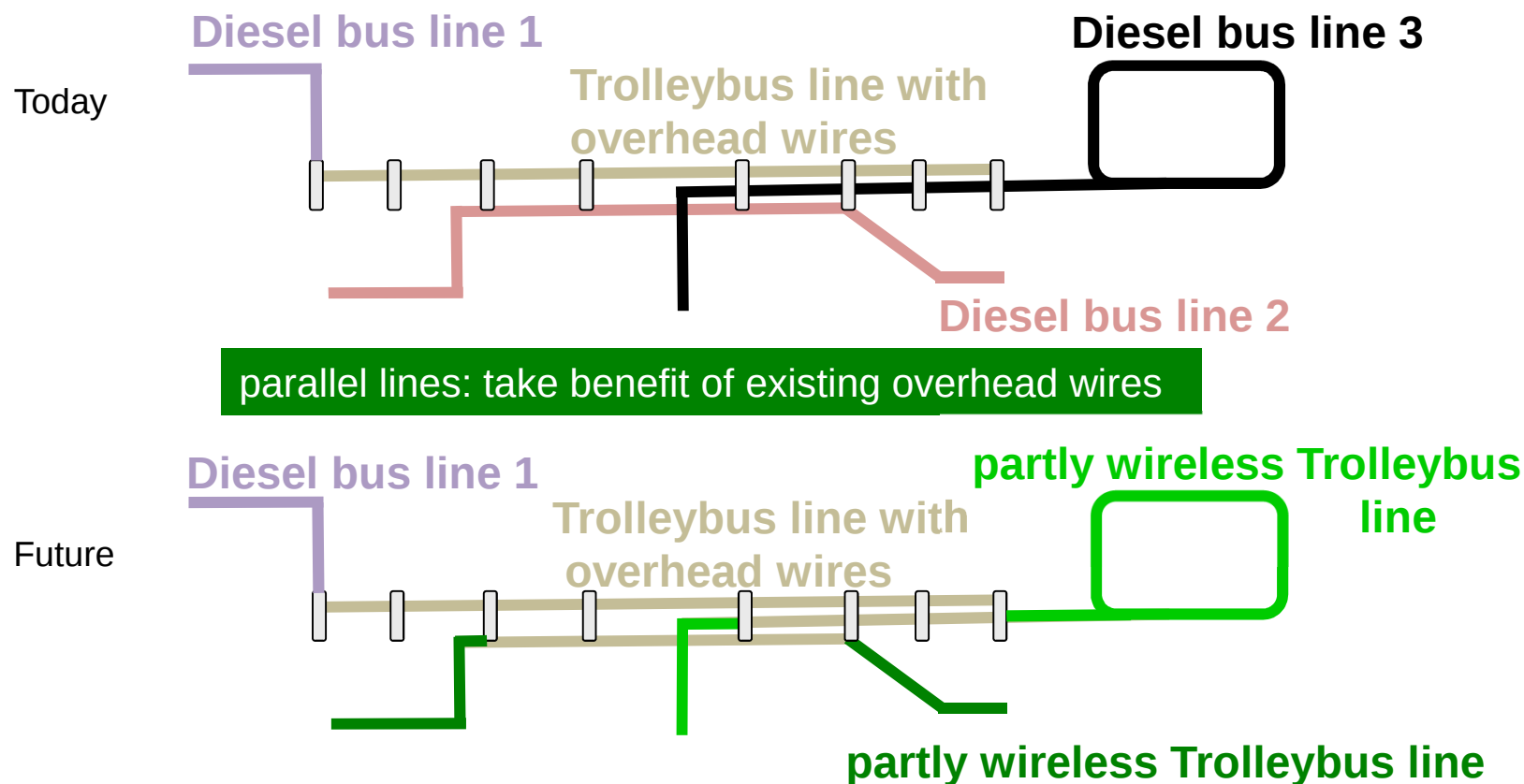
Technical Solutions



... a light design for bus bodies is required, to transport batteries, traction technology and finally a lot of passengers too!!!

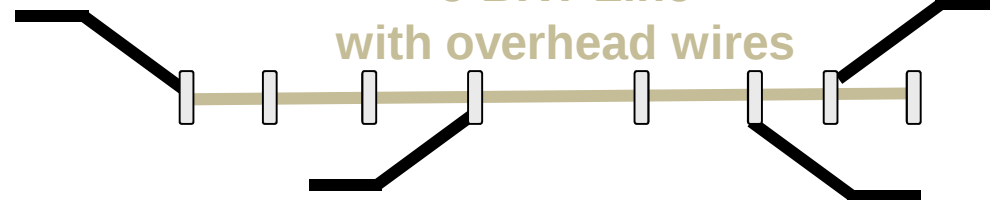
... for example **CO-BOLT**® aluminium space frame technology.

Transforming Diesel bus lines into partly wireless Trolley bus lines



New electric Bus Rapid Transit (e-BRT) system with IMC bus feeders

Feeder lines
with diesel bus



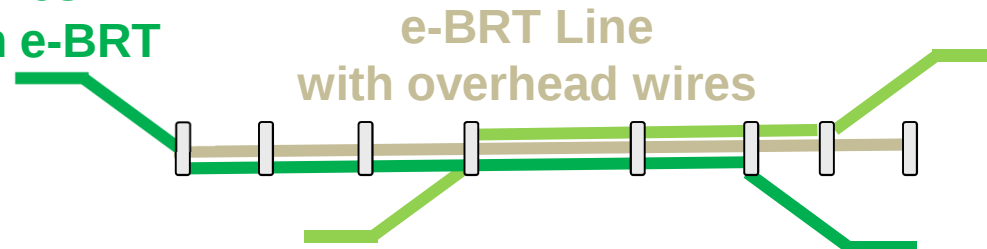
e-BRT Line

with overhead wires

passengers change bus from feeder bus to e-BRT bus

IMC feeder buses arrive at e-BRT destinations → less bus exchanges needed

wireless feeder lines
could merge with e-BRT
by IMC e-bus



e-BRT Line

with overhead wires

Advantages of a Trolley bus system compared with a tram

- ▶ No installation of rails into the street (thus not years of traffic disturbance)
- ▶ Significant less infrastructure investments (factor 10)
- ▶ More silent (in and outside the vehicle)
- ▶ Less vibrations (especially important on bridges and near historical sites)
- ▶ Much faster to build up a new system
- ▶ Flexible as a conventional bus (with Battery or Diesel back-up unit)
- ▶ 50 % less expensive vehicle (with half of life time → keeps the city modern)
- ▶ Not rail bound → flexible → reliable operation
- ▶ With same visual impact of catenary vs over head wire

Valid conclusions of a trial project

A trial project of the following set up:

- ▶ 3 battery buses
- ▶ 12 m bus length
- ▶ in moderate climate
- ▶ on a line with short distance
- ▶ on flat road
- ▶ low velocity and
- ▶ low pace with
- ▶ long pause times.

Different

- ▶ Number of buses → different infrastructure
- ▶ Bus length → different energy consumption & charging time
- ▶ Climate → different energy consumption & charging time
- ▶ Line → different energy consumption & charging time?
- ▶ Gradient of road → different energy consumption
- ▶ Velocity of vehicle → different energy consumption per hour
- ▶ Pace → different charging concept?
- ▶ Pause times → different charging concept?

Allows conclusions for that set up – **for that set up only.**

- ▶ Different set up → different conclusions

Understand basic Physics (refreshment from school)

Verify the plausibility of suggestions

I) Power [W] x time [h] = **Energy [Wh]** {Watt hour}

$$50 \text{ W} \times 2 \text{ h} = 100 \text{ Wh}$$



II) **Electrical Power [W]** = Current [A] {Ampere} x Tension [V] {Voltage}

$$420\,000 \text{ W} = 700 \text{ A} \times 600 \text{ V}$$

III) k {kilo} = 1 000 / M {Mega} = 1 000 000

$$420\,000 \text{ W} = 420 \text{ kW} = 0,42 \text{ MW}$$

Tanking electrical energy = Current [A] x Tension [V] x Time

Current [A] {Ampere} – limited by heat / cable diameter (installation in vehicle)

Tension [V] {Voltage} – limited by insulation levels



The only free parameter for tanking electrical energy is the TIME **vossloh**
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Understand basic Physics (refreshment from school)

Tanking electrical energy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power [kW]} \times \text{time [h]} &= \text{tanked Energy [kWh]} \\ 300 \text{ kW} \times 5 \text{ min} / 60 \text{ min/h} &= 25 \text{ kWh (opportunity charging)} \\ 400 \text{ kW} \times 15 \text{ sec} / 3600 \text{ sec/h} &= 1,6 \text{ kWh (flash charging)} \end{aligned}$$

1,6 kWh - How much is this in km?

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1,1 km (12m bus – 1,5 kWh/km)
0,64 km (18m bus – 2,5 kWh/km)

1,6 kWh - How much is that in diesel fuel?

GUESS

0,16 l (10 kWh/l)



Two major challenges for e-buses

Energy Storing & Energy Tanking

High energy density of Diesel: 11.800 Wh/kg or 10 kWh/liter implies two major differences:

	(1) Energy Storage	(2) Energy Tanking
Diesel 40% efficiency**	11 800 Wh/kg 4 720 Wh/kg	78 000 kW* 31 200 kW
Electric LTO "Tesla"	Electric Energy Storage (Battery Chemistry) **** 80 Wh/kg power cells / 65 Wh/kg pack 245 Wh/kg energy cells / 130 Wh/kg pack	Electric Energy Tanking (Physics / Infra structure) 300 kW continuous power
Factors	73 (4720 / 65) 36 (4720/130)	> 100 (31 200 / 300)

* 130*** | / min tanking speed x 60 min / h x 10 kWh/l = 78 000 kW energy tanking (e.g. heating);

*** Source <http://www.hectronic.com/tanken/zapfsaeule-hecpump/>

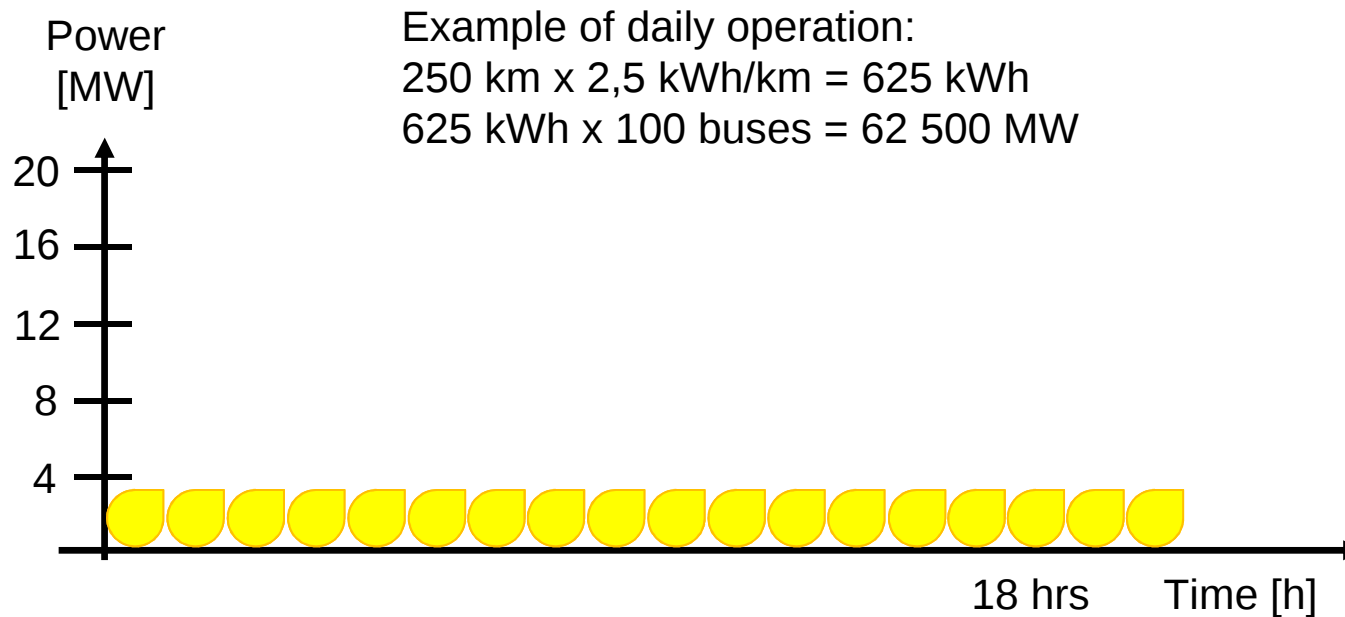
** assumed average efficiency of a combustion engine for generating electricity for traction and air conditioning

**** Source: Presentation Prof Sauer 29.02.2016 ElekBu 2016 - 7. VDV-Akademie Konferenz Elektrobusse

Tanking electrical energy = challenge

Energy Consumption

Average energy consumption over 18 hours



Energy

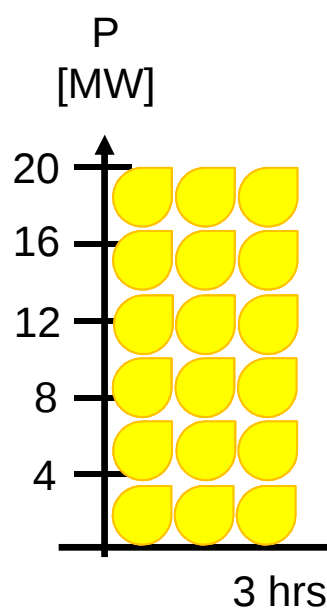


1h

100 buses

Charging Cost

Overnight charging in 3 hours



Example of daily operation:
 $250 \text{ km} \times 2,5 \text{ kWh/km} = 625 \text{ kWh}$
 $625 \text{ kWh} \times 100 \text{ buses} = 62,5 \text{ MWh}$

$62,5 \text{ MWh} / 3 \text{ h} = 21 \text{ MW}$

For comparison: German medium gas power stations
 Dortmund (KDO) has 26 MW
 Bochum (KBO) has 21 MW

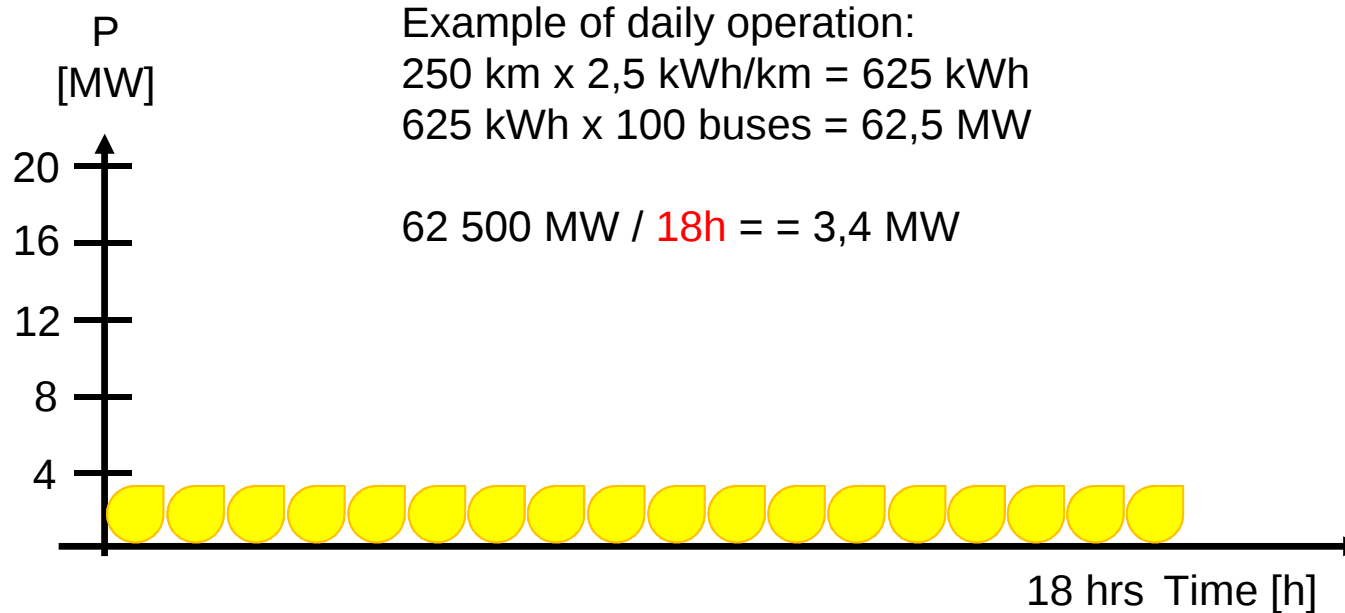
Energy



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Charging Cost

In Motion Charging



Energy

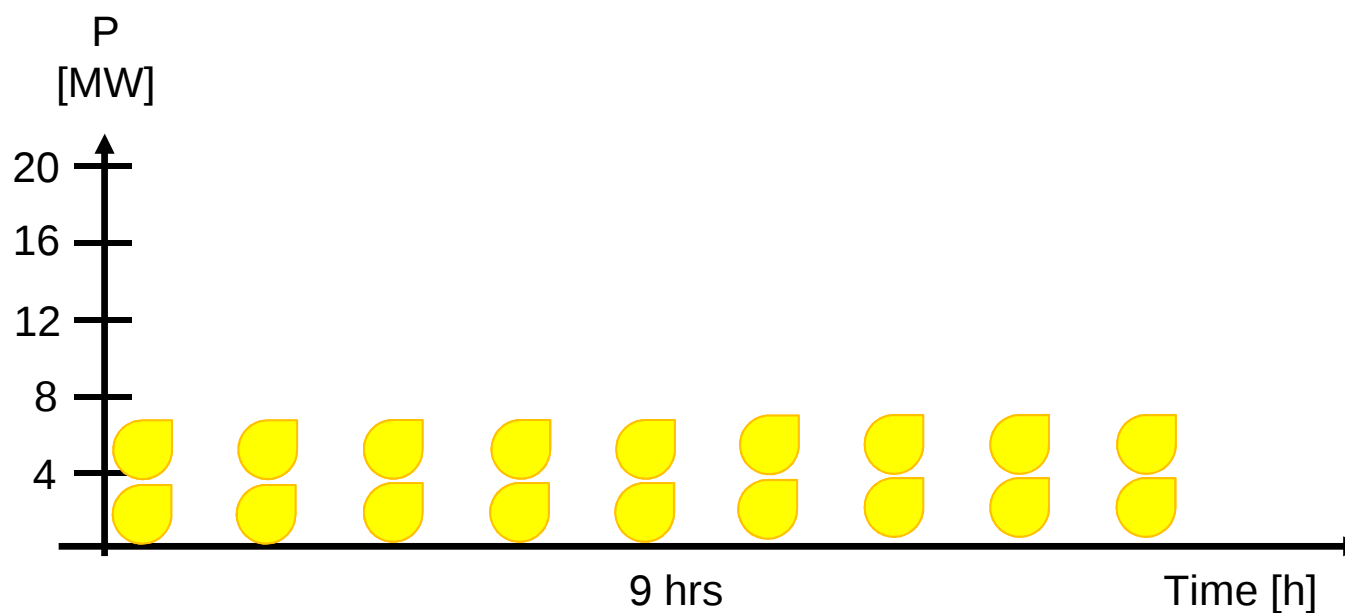


1h

100 buses

Charging Cost

Opportunity charging



Energy



1h

100 buses

Standing charging: idle time due to opportunity charging

For 1 hour driving → idle time of standing bus



Assumed charging power: 250 kW

Energy consumptions: 12m: 1,5 kWh/km; 18m: 2,5 kWh/km; 24m: 3,5 kWh/km

Velocity of bus		12m standard bus			18m articulated bus			24m double art. bus		
10	km/h	3,6	min	6%	6	min	9%	8,4	min	12%
15	km/h	5,4	min	8%	9	min	13%	12,6	min	17%
20	km/h	7,2	min	11%	12	min	17%	16,8	min	22%
30	km/h	10,8	min	15%	18	min	23%	25,2	min	30%

Higher velocity

→ more energy consumption per hour

Longer vehicle

→ longer charging time / idle time

→ higher costs due to x% additional buses (& driver?)

Therefore opportunity battery bus mainly suitable for:

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→ **Low average velocity lines**

→ **Short vehicles**

Tanking of electrical energy

Concept of e-bus tanking meanwhile Standing vs In Motion Charging

Charging meanwhile Standing means charging

- 100% of the energy (traction, air conditioning, heating?)
- During limited time
- With limited power

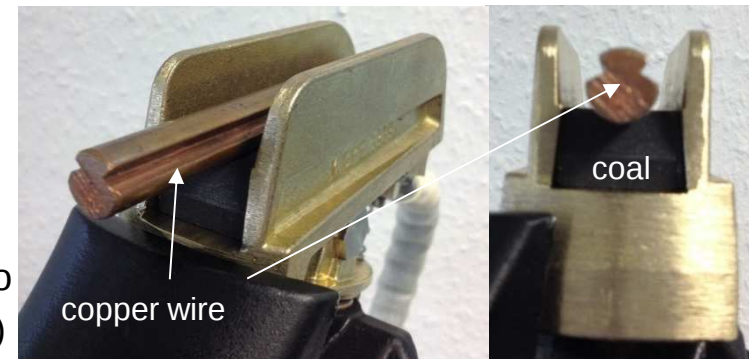
In Motion Charging (IMC)

- 50% of the energy* (for 50% wireless)
- During 9h - 18h of operation time
- With powerful** air cooled power supply

** In Motion Charging with 600 V or 750 V (+20% peak 900 V) x 700 A
= **420 kW** continuous / 504 kW peak or 525 kW continuous / **630 kW** peak

* The rest goes straight from copper overhead wire
via the coal to the motors – bypassing the battery

btw: Energy transfer from copper wire via coal to vehicle also
for trams, locomotives up to high speed trains (up to 12 MW)



IMC is the most powerful charging concept for battery buses → bottleneck gets resolved

Which e-bus concept would be suitable for your city?

Which **vehicles size** do you need?

Solo



Articulated



Double articulated



Recommendation of concepts:

→ Battery bus *

Standing Charging

or IMC Bus **

Charging In Motion

→ Battery bus with Range Extender or IMC bus

→ Diesel-electrical Hybrid, Trolleybus or IMC bus

System of overhead wires – Norway / Bergen



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Straight overhead wire lines are almost not perceived

System of overhead wires – Fribourg / Switzerland



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Straight overhead wire lines are almost not perceived

System of overhead wires – Arnheim / Netherlands



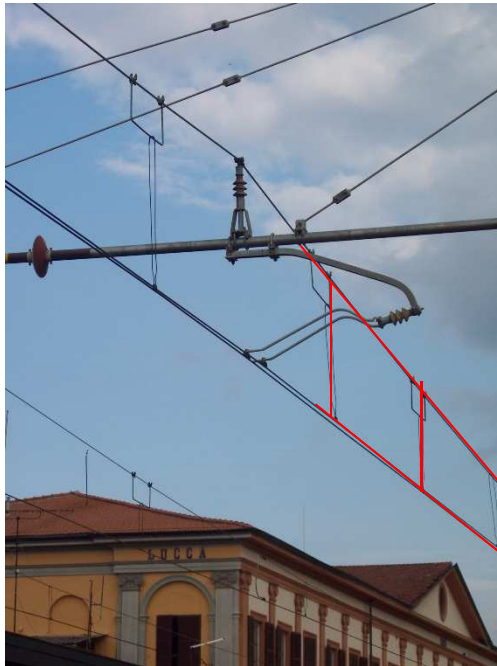
System of overhead wires – Lausanne / Switzerland

Street café at the water front (Lac Lemman)
„Café Zero Emission“ instead of „Café noxious fumes“



Different visual impact of overhead wire system?

Tram / Light rail vehicle



Trolley bus



→ The visual impact is the same

In Germany exist already 68 overhead wire systems (65+3)

System of overhead wires – Parma / Italy



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Almost invisible infrastructure

Modern e-bus propulsion systems

System of overhead wire – Pescara / Italy



Beautiful infrastructure Italian style

Trolley bus: an reliable e-bus even for extremes

Trolley buses run in 300 cities around the globe

- Short/long (9,7m Midi-Lyon until 25m Double articulated)
- High/low elevation (Quitos plateau on 2850 m. or coastal roads)
- Salty/sandy (at sea or in the desert of Riad)
- Hot/cold (Saudi Arabia until Belarus Minsk / Latvia Riga)
- Steep/flat (San Francisco > 20% gradient)
- Most powerful (2 x 160 kW → 320 kW for 18m Bus)
- Backup to Duo (Diesel-Generator-Set from 50kW till 175kW Genoa, Rimini, Fribourg)
- Energy storage Supercap and/or Batteries (different chemistries, cooling concepts etc)
- Networks New mounted networks with unexperienced operator (Ryjadh)



Quality of Life Ranking: TOP 15 Cities in the World

2015	2014	2012	2010	City	Country	Index 2010	
1	1	1	1	Vienna	 Austria	108.6	
2	2	2	2	Zürich	 Switzerland	108.0	Trolley bus
3	3	3	4	Auckland	 New Zealand	107.4	
4	4	4	7	Munich	 Germany	107.0	
5	5	5	4	Vancouver	 Canada	107.4	Trolley bus
6	6	6	6	Düsseldorf	 Germany	107.2	
7	7	7	7	Frankfurt	 Germany	107.0	
8	8	8	3	Geneva	 Switzerland	107.9	Trolley bus
9	9	9	11	Copenhagen	 Denmark	106.2	
10	10	10	10	Sydney	 Australia	106.3	
11	11	12	13	Amsterdam	 Netherlands	105.7	
12	12	13	12	Wellington	 New Zealand	105.9	Trolley bus
13	10	10	9	Bern	 Switzerland	106.5	Trolley bus
14		16	17	Berlin	 Germany	105.0	
15	15	15	16	Toronto	 Canada	105.3	

5 (15) Trolleybus system

33%

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_Quality_of_Living_Survey

Why the wires?

- Reliable e-bus concept with very high availability → Low vehicle reserve needed
- Highest energy efficiency
- “Unlimited” energy available “just in time”
→ convenient for heating & air conditioning, infotainment
- High passenger capacity possible up to 220 pers/bus (with few personnel)
- Fast with powerful climbing characteristics
- Range of Zero Emission operation is “unlimited”
- IMC battery charging is easy on battery and therefore on battery live time
- Universal interface for battery charging (not tying up to an unique provider with monopole)
- Bus driver doesn’t have to wait for battery recharging (TCO)
- Low peak power requirement for substations (= battery charging)
- Most economical zero emission bus operation for medium to high transportation capacity

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3	3	3	4	Auckland	 New Zealand	107.4	Metro (Pantograph)
4	4	4	7	Munich	 Germany	107.0	Tram
5	5	5	4	Vancouver	 Canada	107.4	Trolley
6	6	6	6	Düsseldorf	 Germany	107.2	Tram
7	7	7	7	Frankfurt	 Germany	107.0	Tram
8	8	8	3	Geneva	 Switzerland	107.9	Trolley & Tram
9	9	9	11	Copenhagen	 Denmark	106.2	S-Bahn
10	10	10	10	Sydney	 Australia	106.3	Light Rail
11	11	12	13	Amsterdam	 Netherlands	105.7	Tram
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5 (15) Trolleybus system

33%

100%

of these cities have
overhead wires

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What is the target of your city?

- Target of city: Measurable improvements of air quality?
Reduce noise?
Switch to renewable energy?
- One solution: Replace heavy duty diesel bus traffic with
fleet of articulated or double articulated electrical buses
- Focus on public urban person traffic powered by electrical buses
- Do the right thing: Become emission free with IMC
- And do it right: Go for high quality

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Concepts pro and contra of different charging systems (1/2)

Over Night Charging



pro

- + operation similar to a Diesel bus
- + long life of battery
- + emission free

contra

- reduced passengers capacity
→ additional buses & bus drivers
- limited range <250km
- charging buses in parallel during few hours → requires high power infrastructure for big fleets
→ high costs especially for buses over 12m

Opportunity Charging



pro

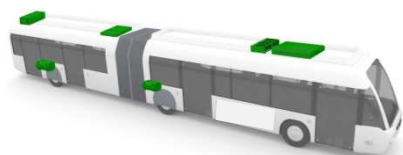
- + unlimited range
- + more passengers (little battery)
- + emission free

contra

- idle time for bus and driver
→ additional buses
- idle time increases with bus length & HVAC
- reduced life time of battery
- charging stations to be fit into the city
- less flexibility to compensation delays

Concepts pro and contra of different charging systems (2/2)

range extender



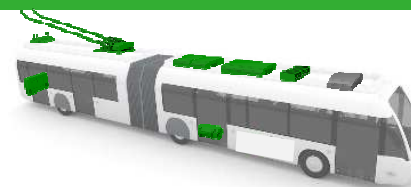
pro

- + 12m – 24m busses (more passengers)
- + unlimited range
- + higher average speed
- + bus ride without recharging all the time
- + less investment of infrastructure for charging

contra

- not zero-emission or fuel cell technology
- reduced life time of battery

In Motion Charging (IMC)



pro

- + 12m – 24m busses (more passengers)
- + unlimited zero-emission range
- + higher average speed
- + perfect for gradients
- + full heating & air condition
- + suitable even for big fleets
- + most power full energy supply
- + high efficient energy tanking
- + sensitive battery charging

contra

- Infrastructure visible (but not previewed)