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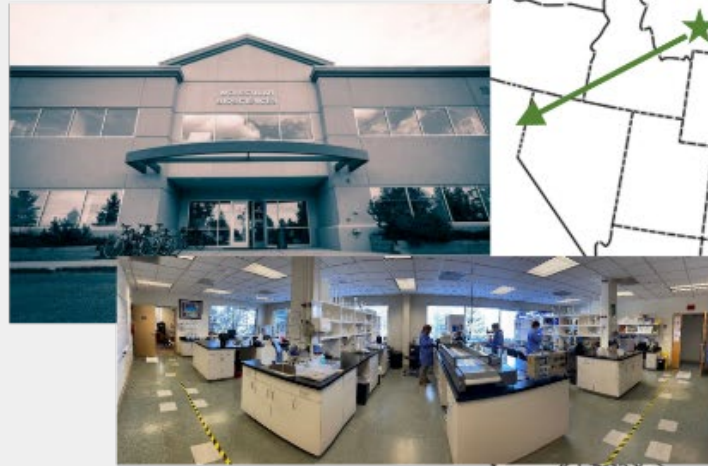
When MISSION CRITICAL ENERGY STORAGE is more than just a tag line.

NAATBatt
SODIUM-ZINC
BATTERY WORKSHOP

ÆSIR TECHNOLOGIES BACKGROUND

- Focused on the development of zinc-based electrochemistries including:
 - Nickel-Zinc (Ni-Zn)
 - Lithium-Zinc (Li-Zn)
 - Zinc-Air (Zn-Air)
- Targeting aerospace, defense, medical, and critical infrastructure
- 22 US patents and 38 in all stages of prosecution

R&D Center in
Bozeman, MT



Nickel-Zinc Gigafactory in
TBD



Low-Rate Initial Production
Facility in Joplin, MO

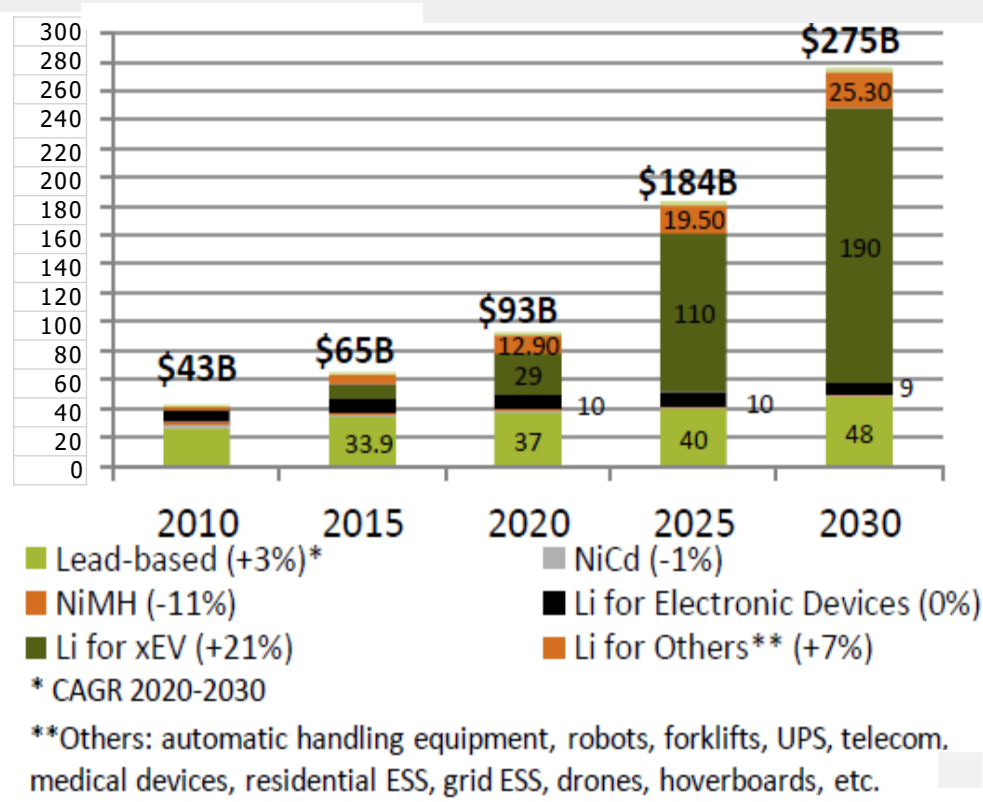


ENERGY STORAGE

Strong growth market with high demand for improved battery technology: NiZn can disrupt entire lead-based and stationary li-ion

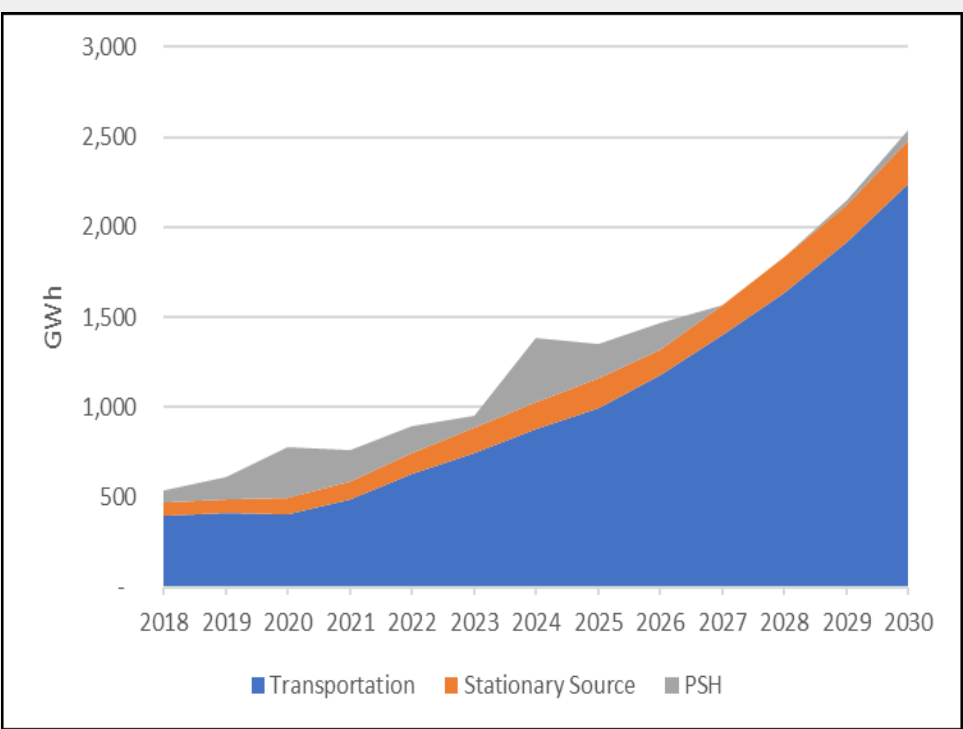
Future Growth in Market and Capacity Demand

Future CAGR in USD: 2021-2030, 10.4%



Source: Avicenne Energy, N. America Market Report, 2022

Future CAGR in GWh: 2021-2030, 14.5%

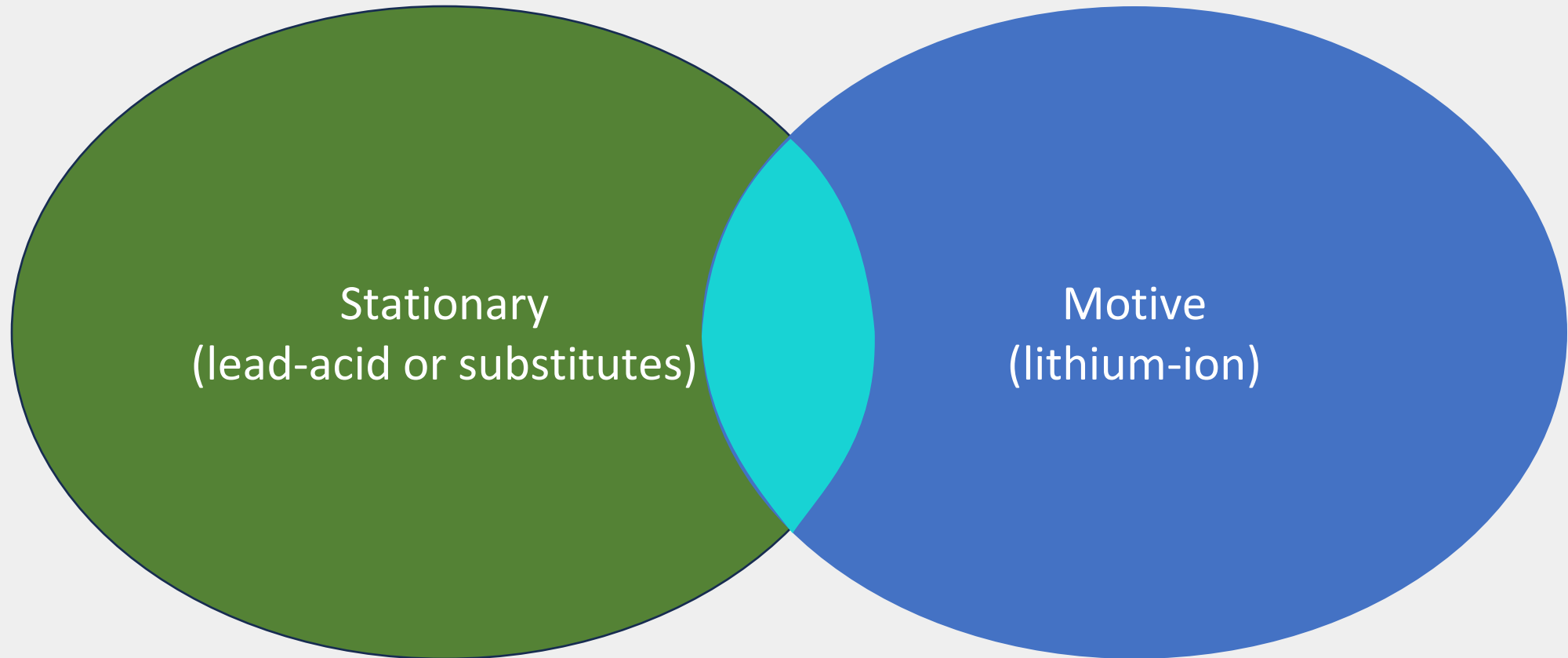


Source: US Dept of Energy,
Energy Storage Grand Challenge: Energy
Storage Market Report



MARKETS ARE BIFURCATING INTO MOTIVE AND STATIONARY

- Mega-applications are Motive and Stationary Storage
- Current Technology is Predominantly Li-ion and Lead-acid



- Lead-acid Substitutes Gravitating toward Zinc and Sodium



ENERGY STORAGE

The Dilemma

Battery “Performance Gaps” exposed as technology evolves

Lead-acid Shortcomings

Capacity

Seeking longer run times in smaller packages

Power

More power required for commercial and industrial users

Life

Demand for longer cycle life and shelf life

Lithium-ion Problems

Safety

Customers in key markets place a premium on safety

Complexity

Operations require advanced electronics (BMS)

Cost

Widespread deployment of storage requires < \$200/kWh

Total Market expected to reach

**2.5 TWh
by 2030**



ÆSIR TECHNOLOGIES: ENERGY STORAGE SOLUTIONS FOR THE SPECIALTY MARKETS

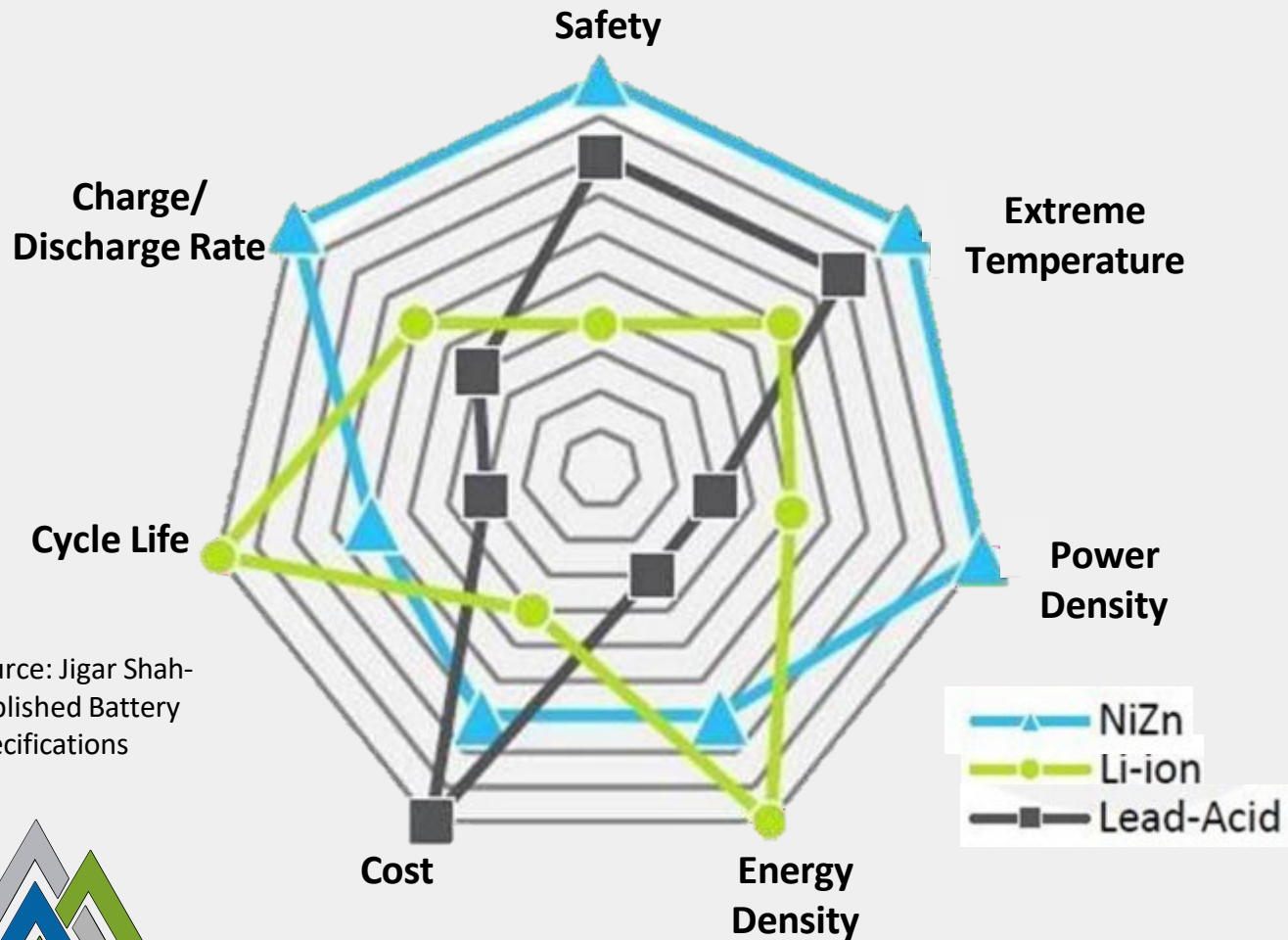
Strong Traction in Mission Critical Energy Storage

- Aerospace & Defense, Medical, Critical Infrastructure
 - Lower Volumes
 - Higher Profits
 - Underserved Segments
 - Tight Customer/Supplier Relationships
 - Higher Barriers to Entry due to:
 - Performance Demand
 - Quality Requirements
 - Certification



THE PERFECT BATTERY

It Doesn't Exist – But NiZn is Closer



Source: Jigar Shah-
Published Battery
Specifications



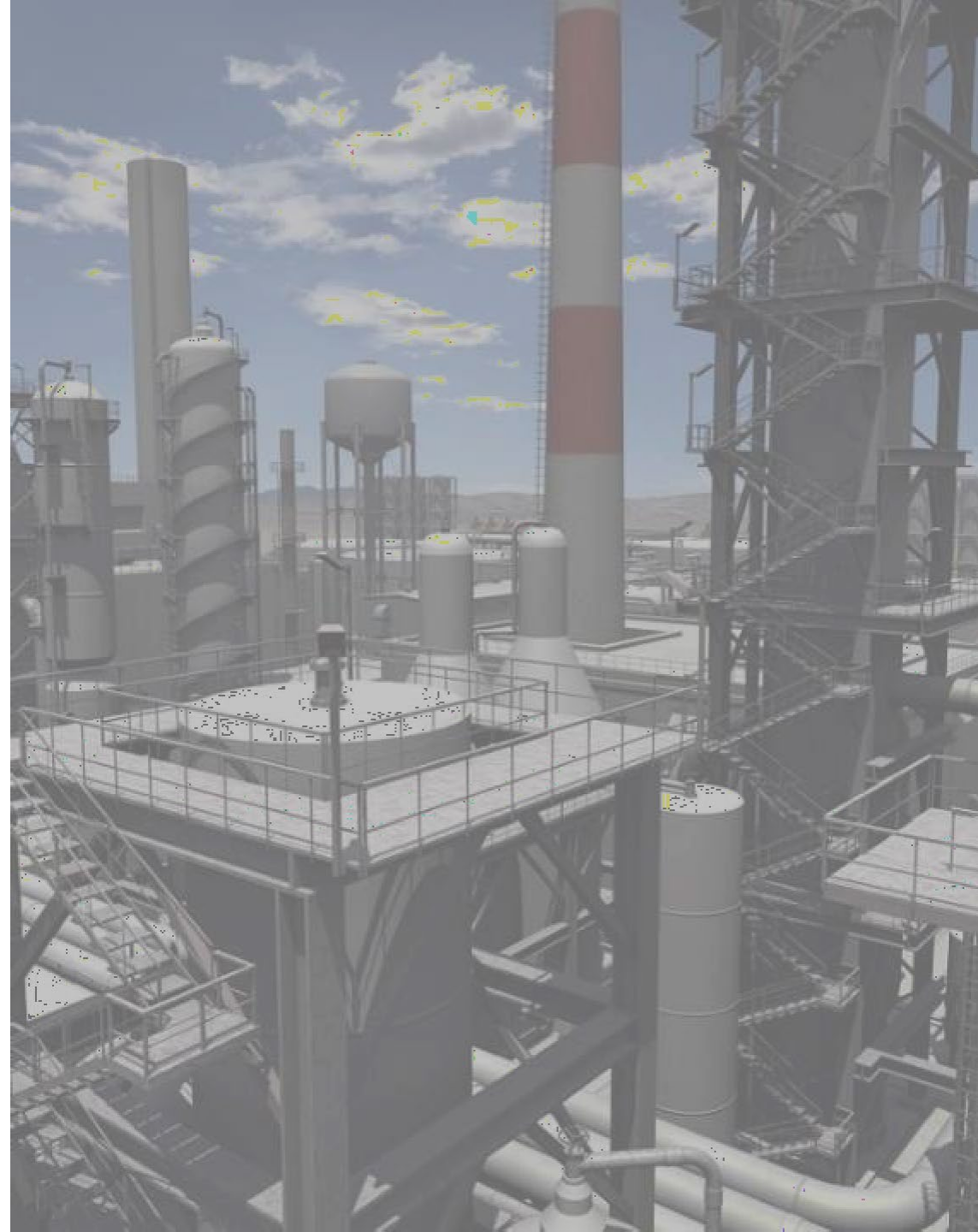
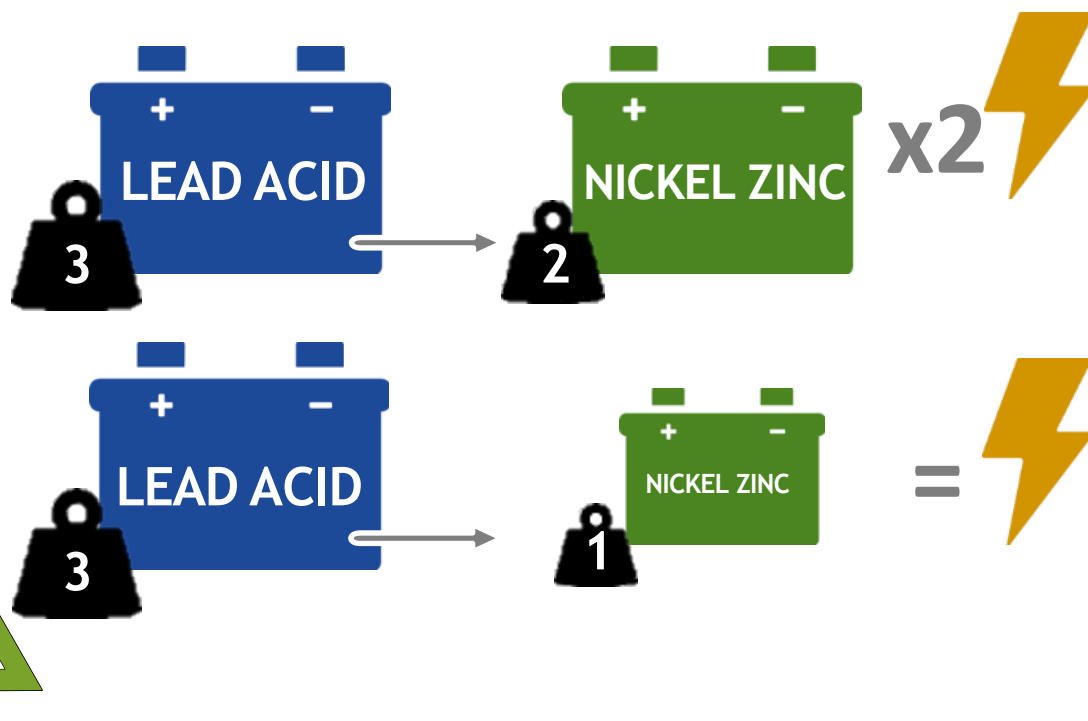
WHY NICKEL ZINC BATTERIES?

Why Æsir?

Æsir's nickel-zinc battery, based on decades of design and development at **Energy Research Corporation, Evercel, and ZAF Energy Systems**, solves historic problems.

✓ Electrolyte dry out ✓ Dendrite growth ✓ Zinc migration

A Nickel Zinc (NiZn) battery can give 2x performance in the same size, at two-thirds the weight, or the same performance as a Lead Acid battery in half the footprint at one-third the weight.

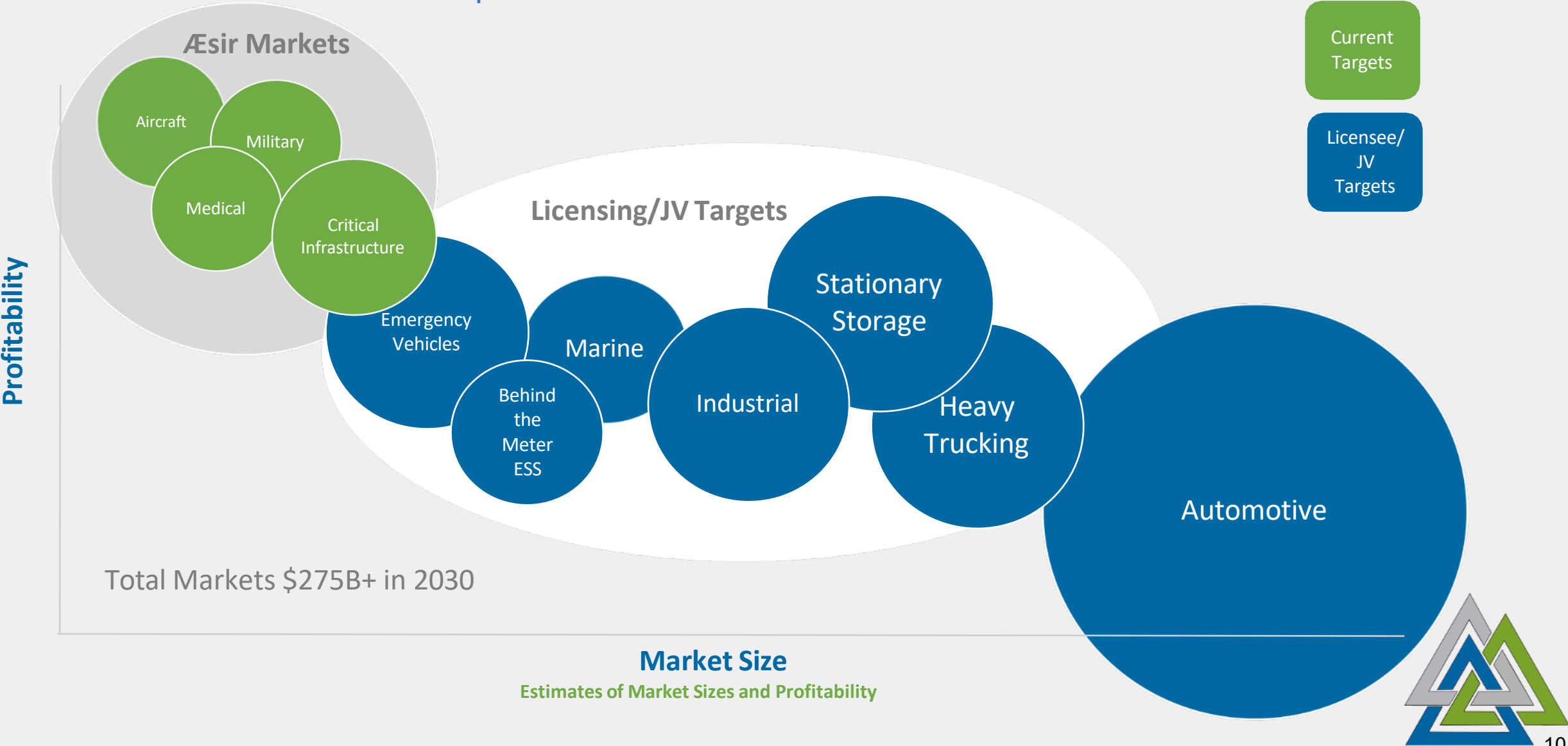




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Lead-Acid industries which Nickel Zinc can replace





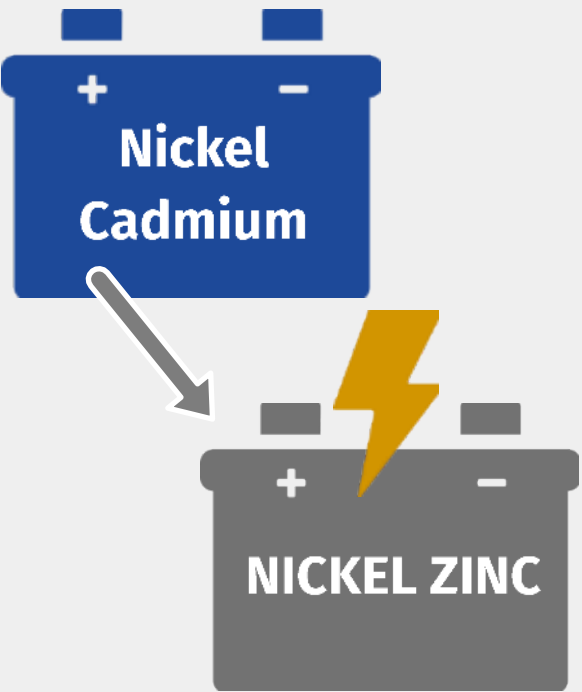
COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE

WHY NiZn FOR AIRCRAFT BATTERIES?

Over NiCd: Maintenance-Free OPEX Reduction Opportunity

Æsir's nickel-zinc battery design solves historic NiCd problems.

- **Memory effect** -> inherently solved because the NiZn combination does not suffer the effect
- **Electrolyte dry out** -> solved through recombination device
- **Environmental issues** -> NiZn contains no cadmium, a heavy metal increasingly difficult to recycle and subject to governmental regulations banning hazardous substances



Battery Data	NiCd	ZAF NiZn Capacity G31	Unit
Memory Effect	Yes	No	
Self Discharge	20%	5-7%	Per Month
100% DOD Life Cycles	500	600+	cycles
60% DOD* Life Cycles	1,100	1,900	A
*specific energy	40-60	87	Wh/kg
specific power	150	587	W/kg
energy density	50-120	180	Wh/L
power density	800-1000	1161	W/L

(* Depth of Discharge)



WHY NiZn FOR AIRCRAFT BATTERIES?

Over Li-ion: Safer Alternative

Æsir's nickel-zinc battery design solves emerging Li-ion problems.

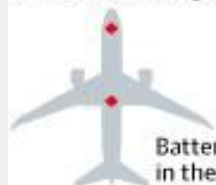
- ✓ **Cost** -> NiZn is considerably less expensive than Li-ion (no BMS, no DO-178, no DO-311)
- ✓ **Safety** -> NiZn is non-flammable
- ✓ **Weight** -> NiZn is lighter than FAA DO-311 compliant Li-ion
- ✓ **Environmental issues** -> NiZn is economically recyclable

787 Dreamliner battery changes

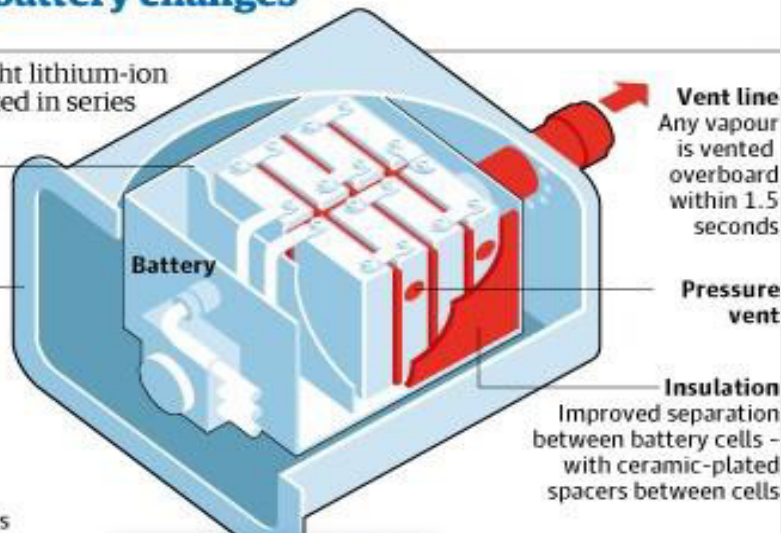
The battery consists of eight lithium-ion rechargeable cells connected in series

Cells
Wrapped with electrical isolation tape

Containment
Sealed steel box eliminates possibility of fire Added weight: 68kg



Battery locations in the plane



SOURCE: BOEING/GRAPHIC NEWS



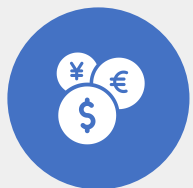


CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

PRIMARY COMMERCIAL TARGET MARKET – DATA CENTERS

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

2030 Data Centers - \$3.9B / 2030 5G-Telecom \$4.5B



Lowest cost solution over 20-year life

31% cost reduction over PbA and lithium NMC
26% cost reduction of lithium iron phosphate
52.5% fewer batteries consumed over lead acid over 20-year period..



Better performance

Operates at higher temperatures reducing air handling and safety requirements.



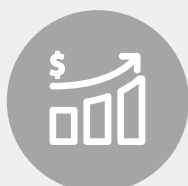
Reliable and safe

10-year warranty. Non-toxic, non-combustible, non-explosive, RoHS compliant, fully recyclable.



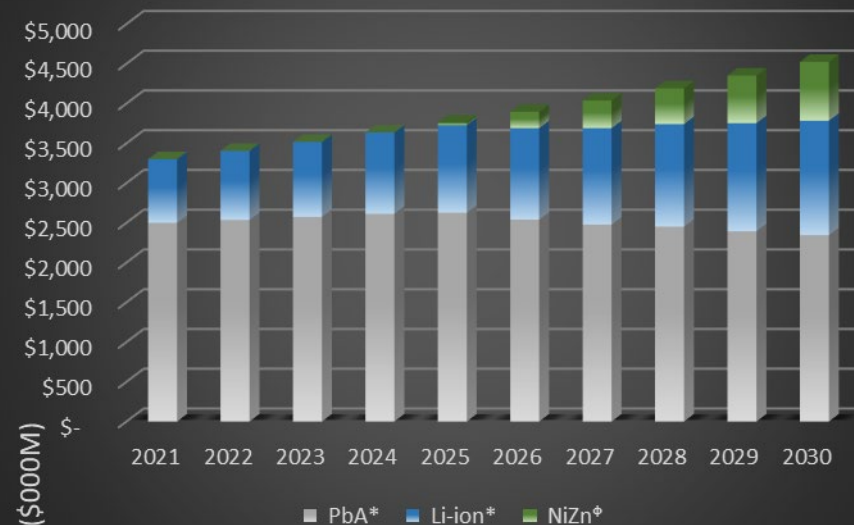
Highest IRR

Combination of performance, reliability and cost provides the best value.

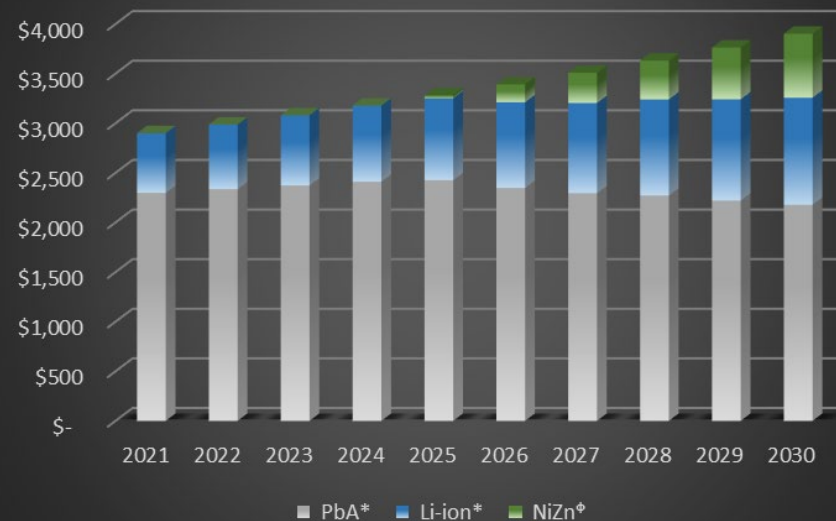


Increased White Space Revenue.

Growth of Telecom Market



Growth of UPS Market





SUSTAINABILITY

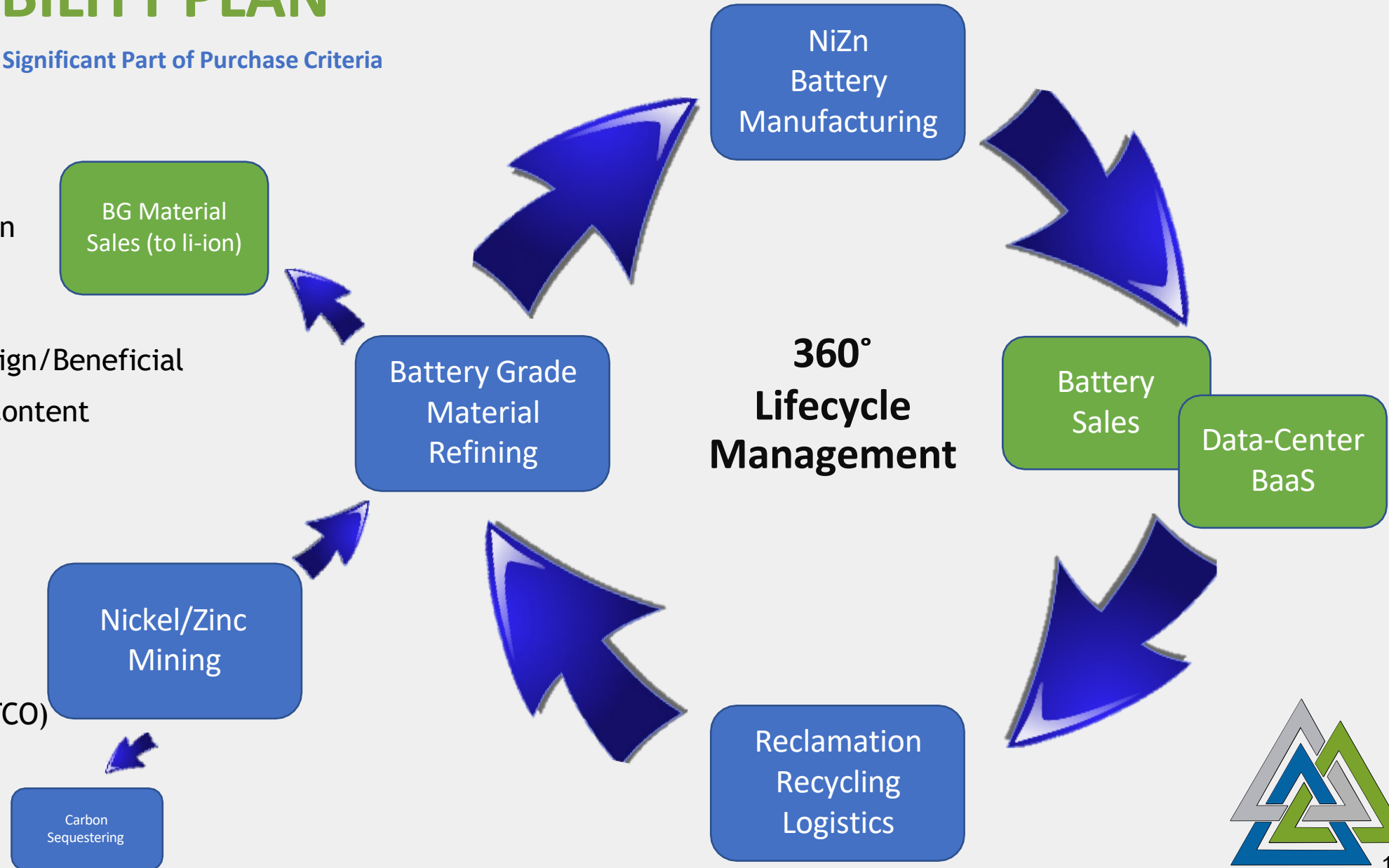
COLD RECYCLING OF NIZN



SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

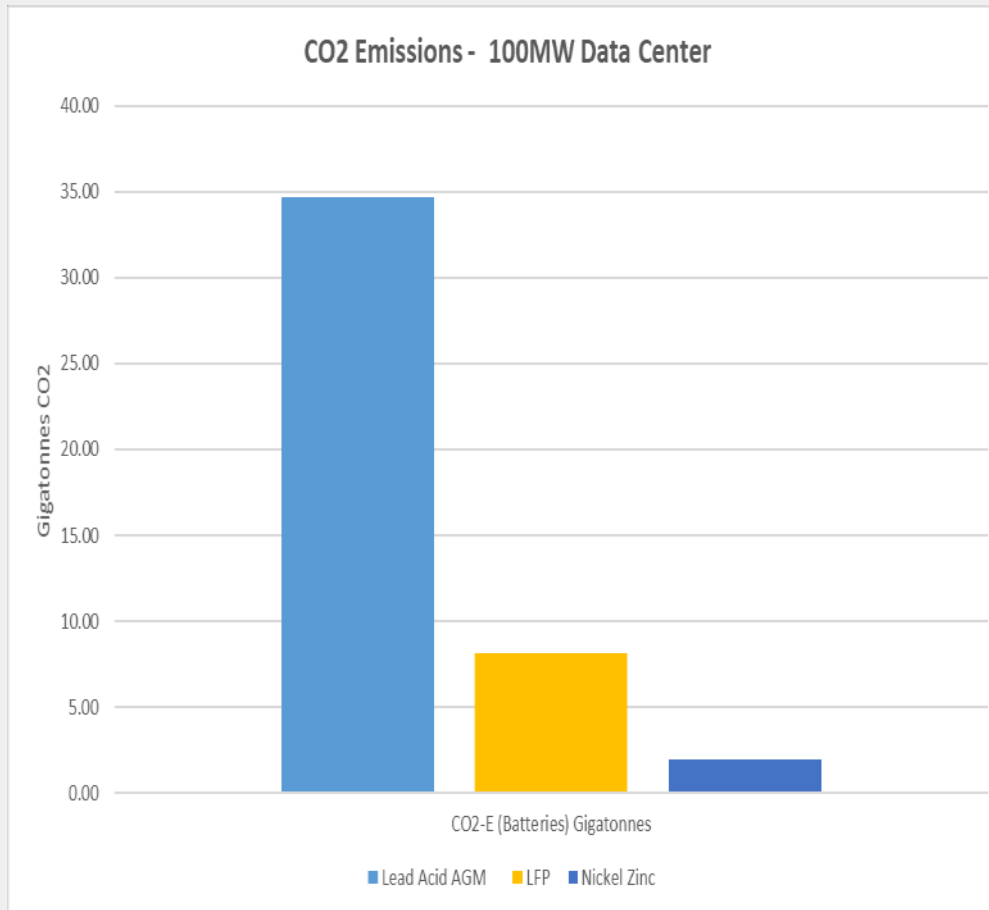
Customers are Making it a Significant Part of Purchase Criteria

- Based on Proven NiZn Battery Technology
- Operationally Stable
- Environmentally Benign/Beneficial
- No “Blood Battery” Content
- Sustainable
 - Safely Recyclable
 - Economically Recyclable
 - Environmentally Recyclable
- Lowest 10-year Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

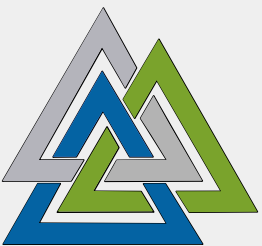


CO2 EMISSION COMPARISON

LARGE DATA CENTER

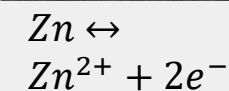
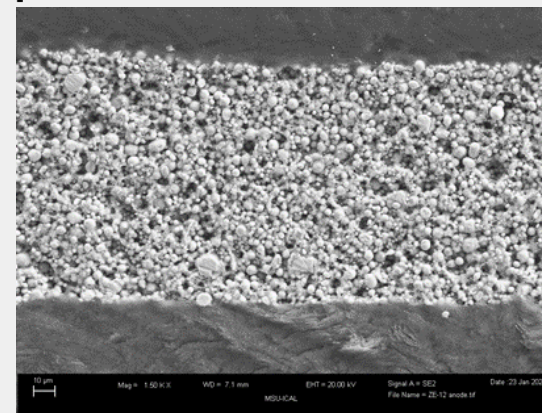
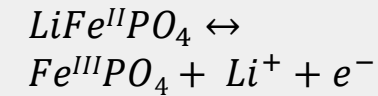
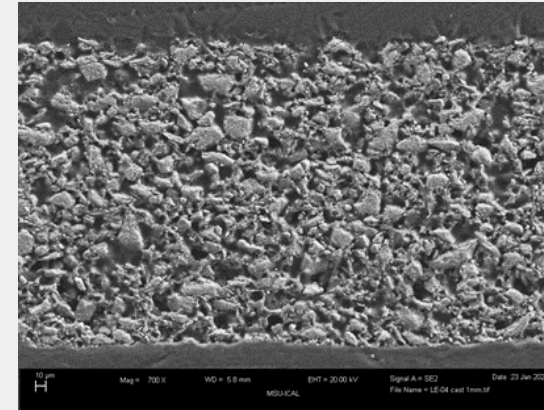
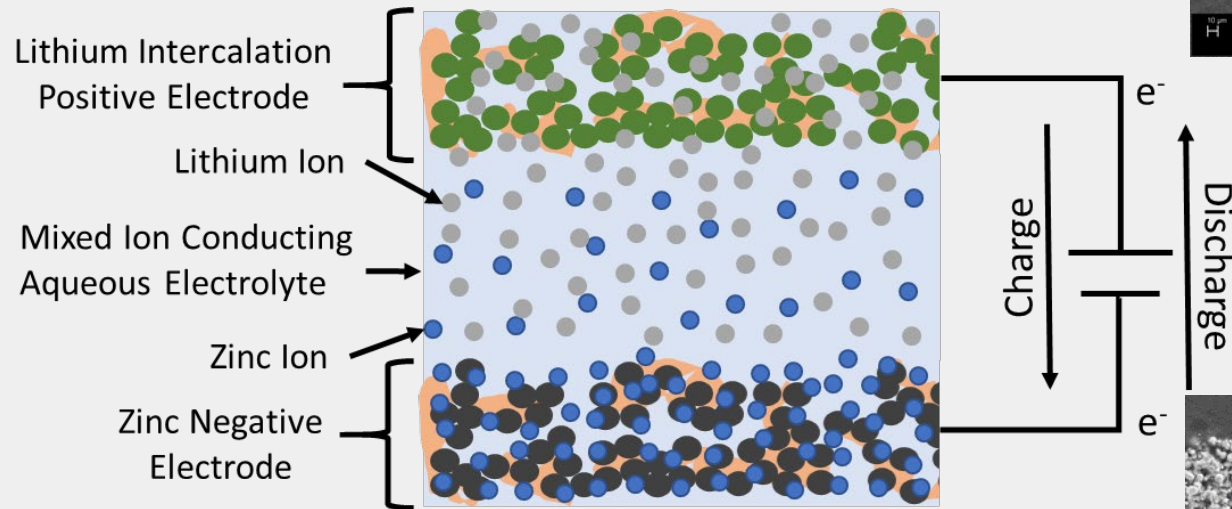


- Batteries do not reduce CO2 as much as people think.
 - Li-ion has an ESOI of 2 and lead-acid has an ESOI of 10.
 - That mean they emit twice, or ten times respectively, as much CO2 emission in their creation/recycling vs. energy storage they replace.
- Data Center operators are looking at this as part of their 360-degree environmental decision-making process.



BEYOND ZINC: WHAT IS LITHIUM-ZINC?

The Li-Zn battery consists of an intercalation electrode, a zinc electrode, and an acidic aqueous electrolyte containing both zinc and lithium ions.



- National Science Foundation 24-month Phase II cooperative agreement was granted in May 2022
- Goal of Phase II is to achieve a TRL of 5 in a scaled prototype

A slightly acidic electrolyte allows for a simple anode design that delivers long life at low cost. The water-based electrolyte is also highly conductive and nonflammable.



Summary

- New Energy Economy-Battery Markets Growing 3-5 Times GDP
- Lithium-Ion Will Dominate Motive
- Lead-Acid Currently Dominates Stationary
- Lead-Acid Weaknesses in Energy Density and Cycle Life Subject to Displacement
- Zinc- and Sodium-Based Batteries are Poised to be a Major Part of that Changeover



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