



# Webinar July 2020 Ni-Cd Technology

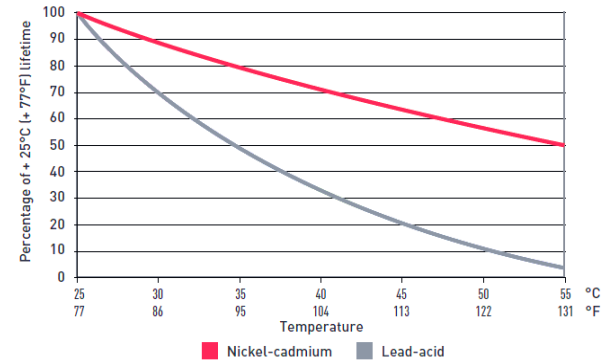
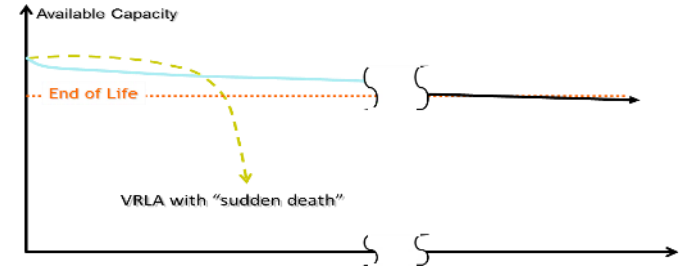




# WHY NICD?

# The benefits of Ni-Cd

- Total reliability
  - No risk of sudden death
  - Long service life
  - Tolerant of extreme temperatures
  - Electrical and mechanical robustness



# Low Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

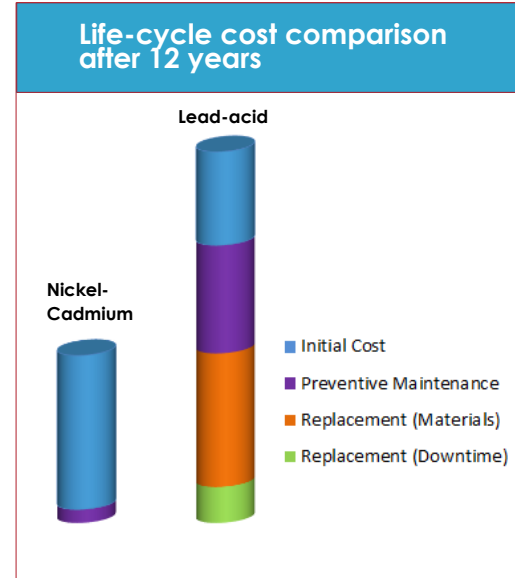
## Saft Ni-Cd benefits versus Lead-acid

### Lower TCO of Saft Nickel-Cadmium batteries

- No downtime cost
- No replacement cost
- Low maintenance cost
- Optimized performance



Lower cycle cost of Saft Nickel-Cadmium batteries versus lead-acid





# BASICS OF TECHNOLOGY

# Ni-Cd battery composition

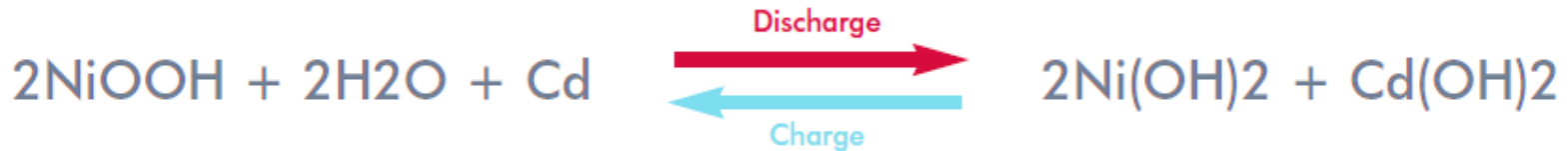
## Active materials

### Positive electrode

- Nickel Hydroxide (discharged)
- Nickel Oxyhydroxide (charged)

### Negative electrode

- Cadmium Hydroxide (discharged)
- Cadmium (charged)



# Ni-Cd battery composition

## Separator

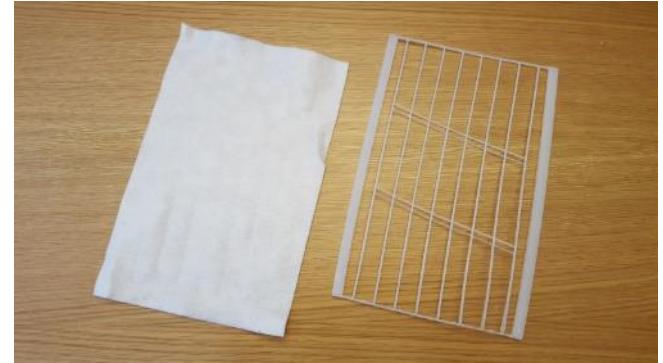
- Grid or Felt

## Electrolyte

- Potassium Hydroxide (KOH), distilled or deionized water and small quantities of Lithium Hydroxide (LiOH)

## Nominal voltage

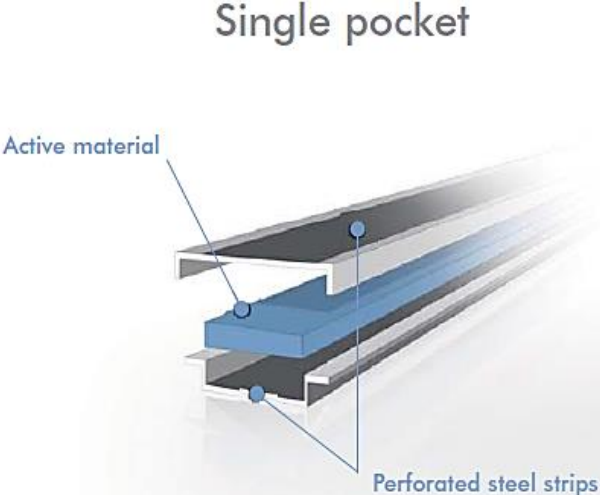
- 1.2 V/cell



## Rated capacity

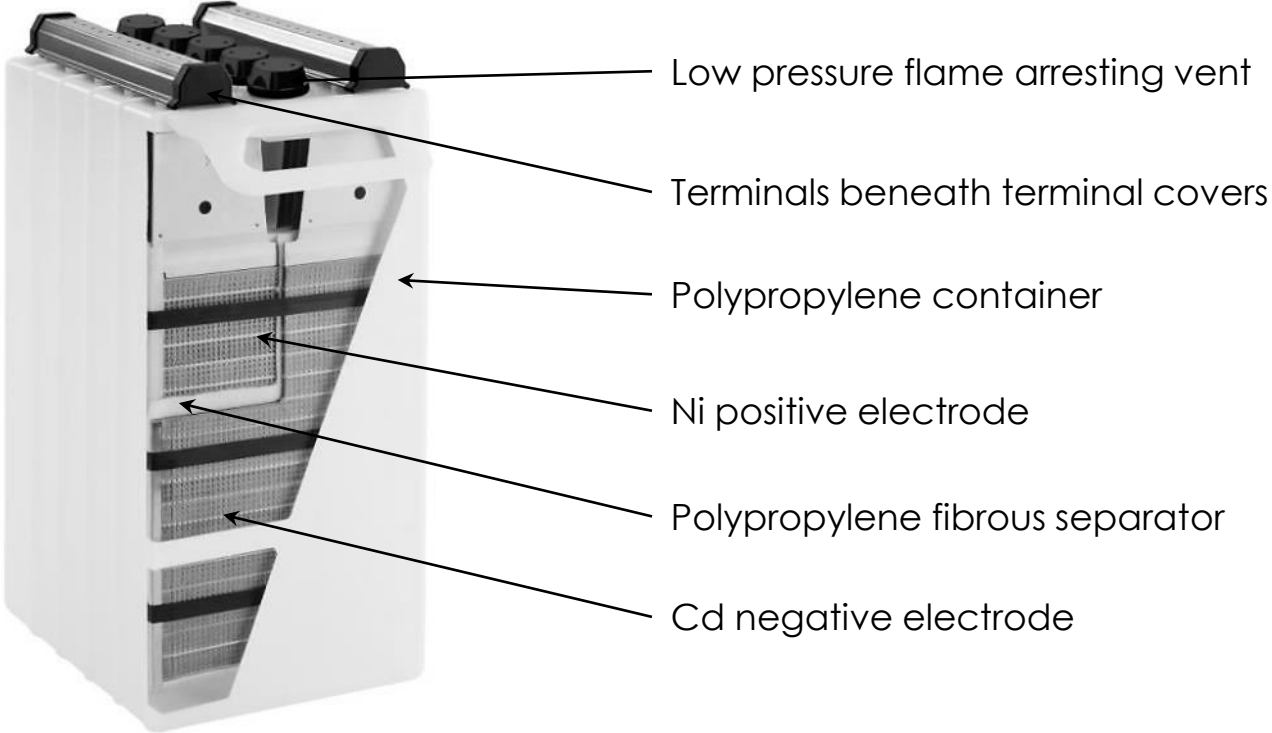
- Quantity of current and duration of time that a cell can provide at a discharge rate of  $0.2C_5A$  down to a voltage of 1.00 V at 20°C

# Pocket Plate electrode





# Ni-Cd Pocket Plate Battery



# Plate types with optimized performance

Performance is related to plate thickness

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## L type

- Thick plates
- Optimized performance for low discharges for long discharge times

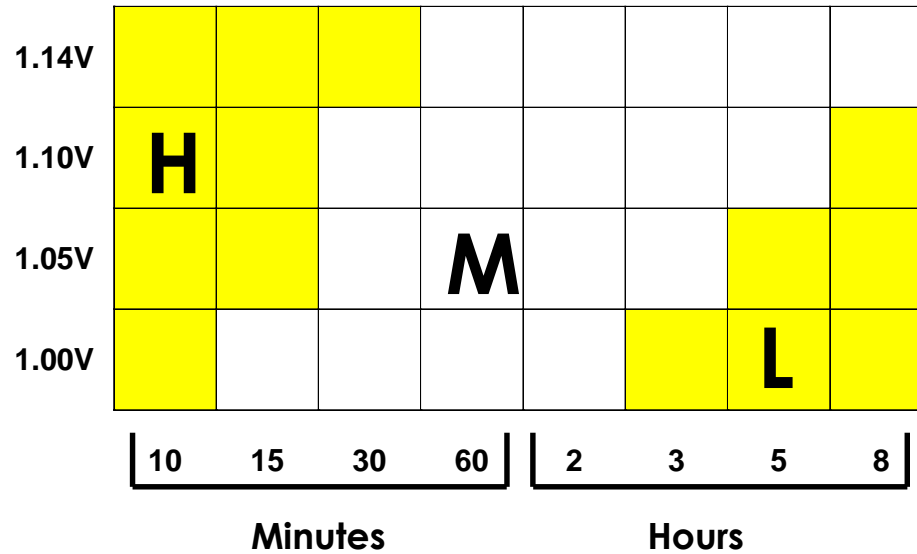
## M type

- Plate thickness between L and H type
- Optimized performance between L and H

## H type

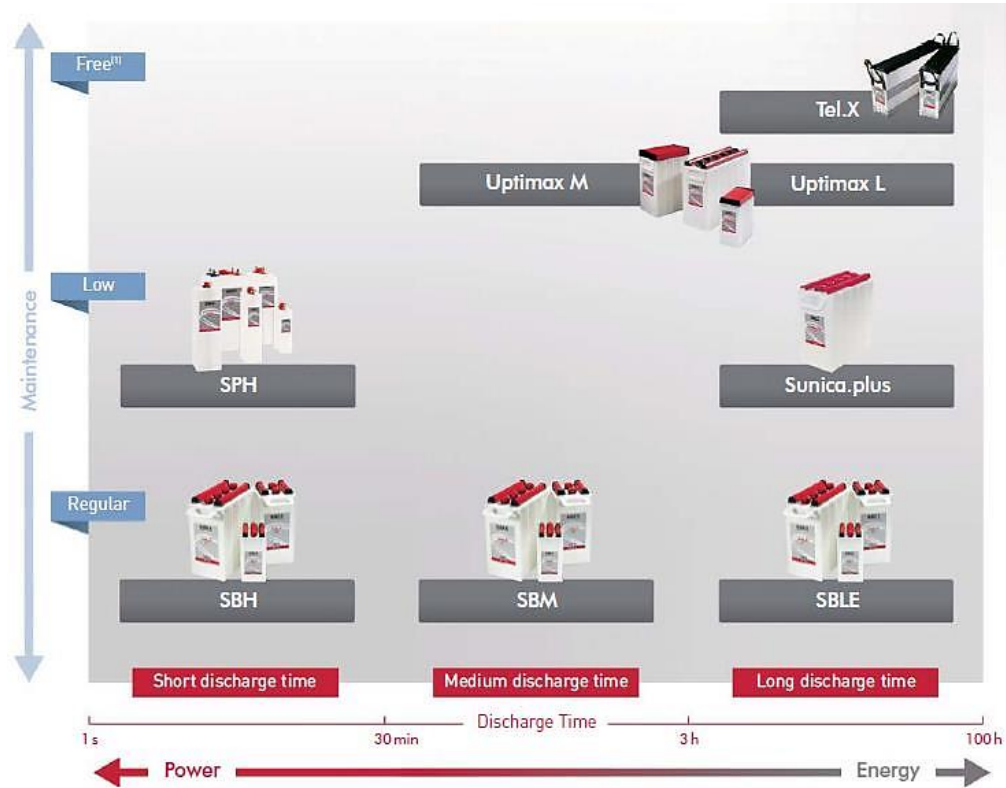
- Thin plates
- Optimized performance for high discharges for short discharge times

# Most cost effective product



# Saft stationary Ni-Cd batteries

A large offer to find the right battery

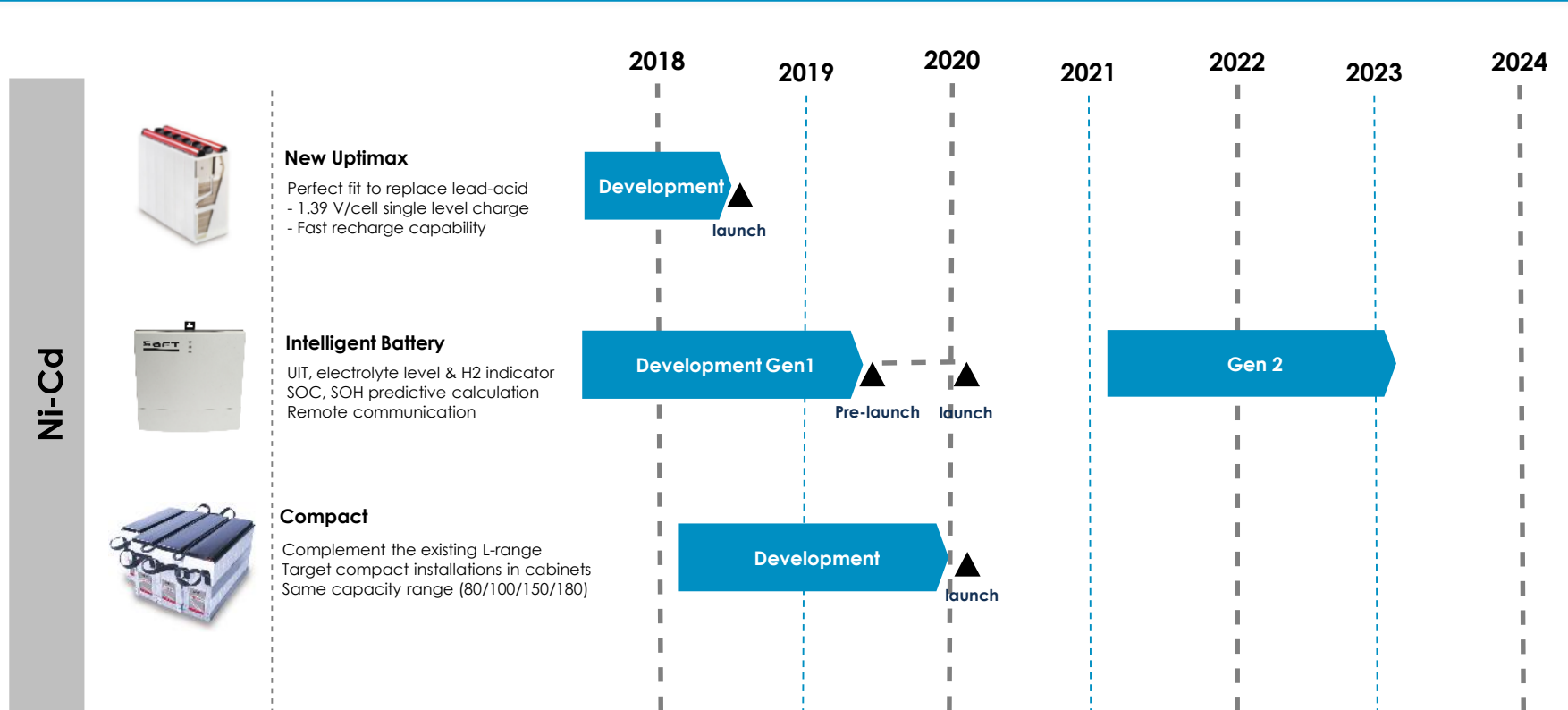


A man in a dark suit, blue shirt, and yellow tie is looking through binoculars. He is in the foreground, slightly out of focus. In the background, a group of business professionals in suits are standing in a line, also blurred. A semi-transparent blue triangle is overlaid on the man's face and the binoculars.

# New Products

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# Ni-Cd New Product Road Map



# New Uptimax Range

## What's new?

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Ni-Cd battery adapted to narrow DC voltage window

#### – 1.39 V/cell single level charge

- Perfect fit to replace lead-acid batteries
- Adapted to narrow DC voltage window, without dropping diodes or DC/DC converters

#### – Fast recharge capability

- 95% State-Of-Charge (SOC) achievable in 8h @1.45 V/cell
- For minimal downtime and optimal availability



**Uptimax Gen 3: More competitive solution to convert lead-acid**

# New Uptimax Range

## Dropping diodes

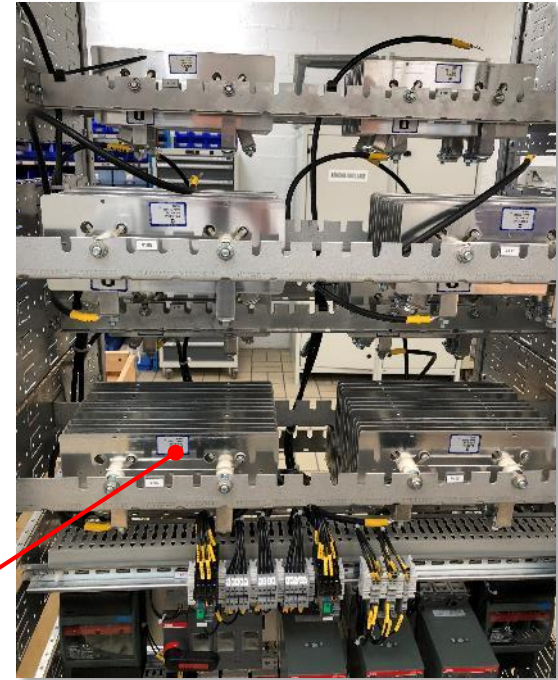
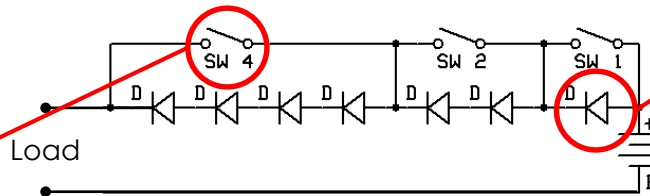
### No need for dropping diodes

- **Expensive component**

- Size of diodes is depending on the system current

- **Lower voltage for the load**

- Voltage is decreased by diodes connected in series
- Not needed with new Uptimax (1,39V/cell )





# New Uptimax Range

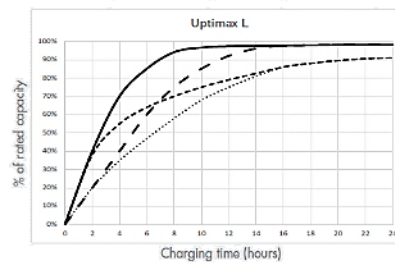
## The 1<sup>st</sup> Ni-Cd battery adapted to narrow DC voltage window

### Technical Specifications

	UP1 L energy range (L type) For low-rate discharges over long periods between 1 and 100 hours	UP1 M medium power range (M type) For mixed loads with low and high discharge rates, between 30 minutes and 3 hours
Capacity range (C5 rate)	15 to 1700 Ah	8 to 1330 Ah
Range of:	34 cells	38 cells
Charge voltage	Single level: 1,39 V/cell Two level: 1,39 V/cell float, 1,45 V/cell boost Temperature compensation: -2 mV/°C	
Recharge	95% SOC in 8 hours @ 1,45 V/cell, 0,2 C <sub>5</sub> A	
Topping up interval	No topping up needed when charged according to specification	

Figure 3(a): Available capacity after constant voltage charge

Available charge current 0.1 C<sub>5</sub>A or 0.2 C<sub>5</sub>A at +20°C (+68°F)

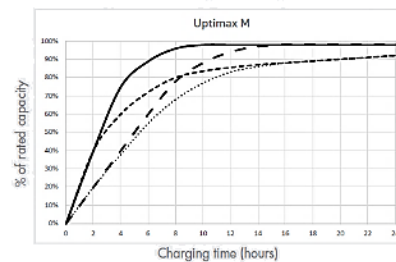


- 1.45 Vpc at + 20°C (+ 68°F), 0.2 C<sub>5</sub>A
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\*For charging voltages higher than 1.45 V/cell, a current limit of 0.1 C<sub>5</sub>A is recommended

Figure 3(b): Available capacity after constant voltage charge

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# New Uptimax Range

## Your choice

New Uptimax can be

- Charged with 1,42 V/cell or 1,39V/cell
- Charged with single and two level charge method
- Installed together with previous generation in case cell replacement is needed



# How new Uptimax creates new business?



**Make sizing possible with narrow voltage window,  
increase your revenue base !**

**Ex: 110V +/-10%**

	Uptimax	New Uptimax
System voltage window:	99 – 121 V	99 – 121 V
Single level charge voltage:	1.42 V/cell	1.39 V/cell
Max No of cells (max system voltage / charge voltage/cell):	85	87
End of Discharge (min system voltage / No of cells):	1.165 V/cell	1.137 V/cell

Max 85 cells possible

EOD is too high ❌

EOD is OK ✅

# Intelligent Battery

## Customer wish to our new product

### Target

Upgrade our product offering through digitalization

A battery monitoring system measuring key battery parameters

- Running time, State Of Charge calculation by advanced algorithm
- Remote monitoring capability
- Battery history: voltage, current, temperature (U, I, T) storage
- Cell voltage measurement
- Electrolyte level detection
- Hydrogen gas detection



# Intelligent Battery Business Approach

## Features

1. State of Health
2. State of Charge
3. UI logging
4. Electrolyte level
5. Cell voltage measurement
6. Hydrogen detection



## Benefits

1. Capex planning
2. Battery availability
3. Battery history
4. Fewer site visits
5. Fewer site visits
6. Increased safety

**Product  
launch target**



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**Always connected to your backup – piece of mind**

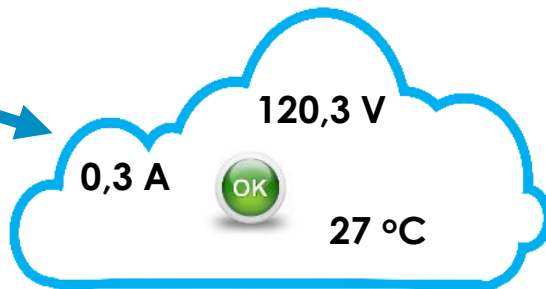
# Intelligent Battery Overview

Collect data

Store & Process

Present & Manage

Measurement module



## Cloud connection via

- Mobile network
- LAN
- Satellite

## Data storage

### Battery algorithm

- Calculation

## Visualization

- Laptop
- Smartphone
- Tablet

## Point-to-point (P2P)

- Local Connection



# Intelligent Battery

## Live status updates

### Questions

#### Why using it for Ni-Cd?

- We have always used the need for BMS systems as an argument against Lead Acid



### Answers

#### Today everything is connected

- Customers expect connectivity
- Trend for asset monitoring

#### Fewer site visits is a requirement

- Especially in remote locations

#### Used as complement to site visits

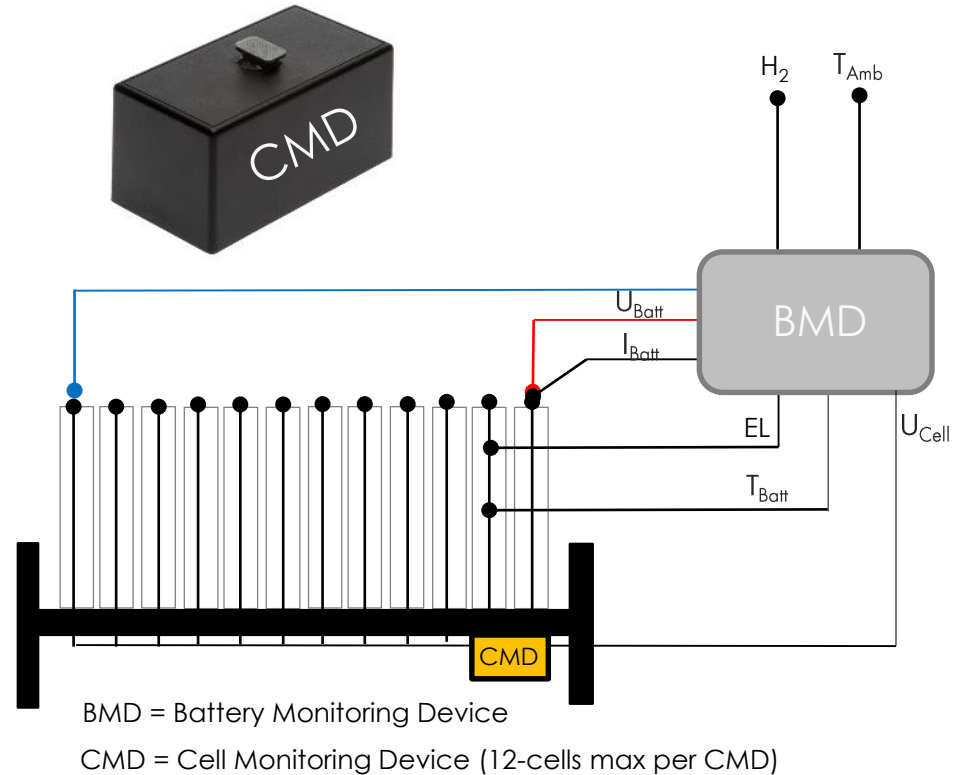
- Not as replacement of manual service

# Intelli-Connect

## How does that work?

### Measures battery data

- By default parameters:
  - Battery voltage ( $U_{Batt}$ )
  - Battery current ( $I_{Batt}$ )
  - Battery temperature ( $T_{Batt}$ )
  - Ambient temperature ( $T_{Amb}$ )
- Optional parameters:
  - Electrolyte Level detection (EL)
  - Hydrogen gas detection ( $H_2$ )
  - Cell voltage measurement ( $U_{Cell}$ )





# Intelli-Connect

## How data is transferred

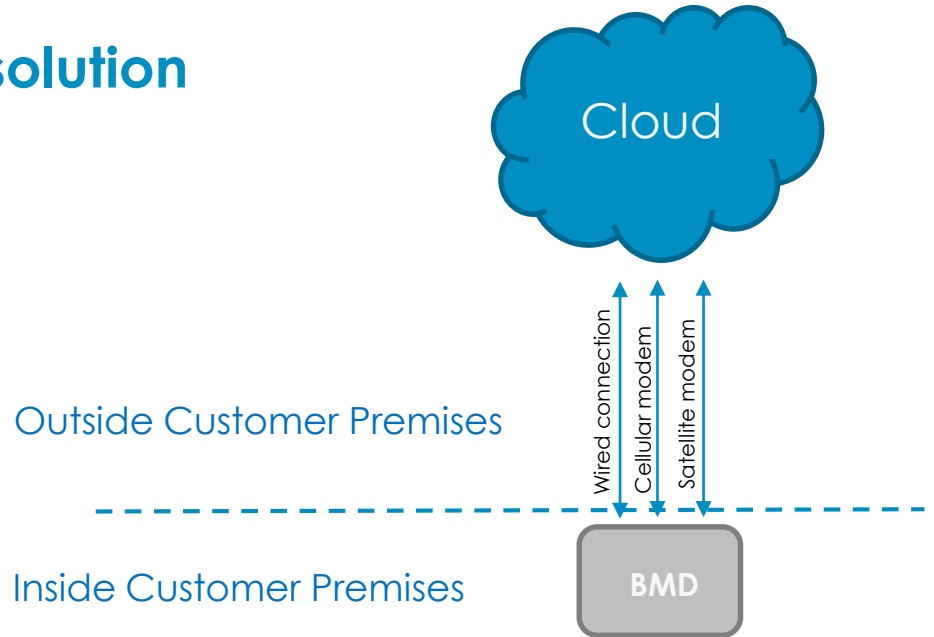
### Answer data communication solution between BMD & Cloud

#### Baseline connectivity

- Wired connection

#### Connectivity options

- 2G/3G modem (e-SIM card in BMD)
- Satellite modem



# Intelli-Connect

## Data management

### SECURITY

**Data encryption:**

Communication between BMD and Cloud is encrypted (TLS protocol)

**Access protection:**

All incoming connections to BMD on Internet interfaces are rejected. Communication with the Cloud is initiated by BMD

**Cyber security audit:**

Performed by third party according to ISO 27005

### PRIVACY

**Data ownership:**

Data are owned by customer  
Customer can only access their own data

**Saft usage of data:**

Upon approval of customer

### CLOUD

**Cloud solution:**

Microsoft Azure

**Cloud doesn't belong to Saft**

Saft is paying a monthly fee to use Cloud functionalities for data storage and usage

**Companies using Azure**

Total, Airbus, Ericsson,  
Schneider Electric,  
Rolls Royce

# Comparison Ni-Cd vs Lead Acid



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# AGENDA

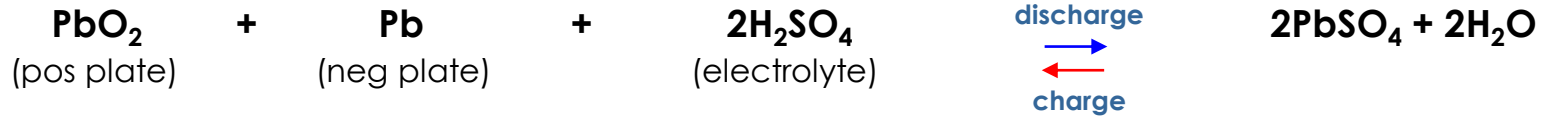
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2. Construction
3. Failure modes
4. Total Cost of Ownership



# Electrochemistry

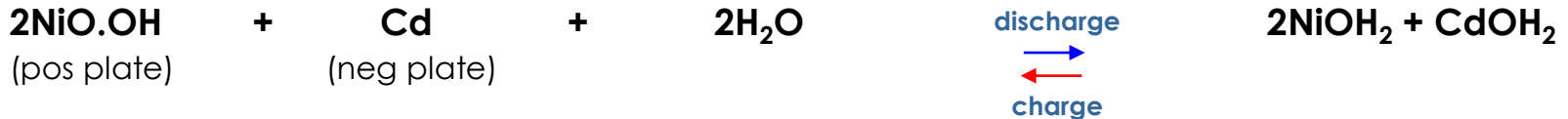
# Electrochemical Reactions

## Lead-Acid



1. **Plates/Electrodes react continuously with Acidic electrolyte**
2. **Corrosion of Grids and components. Evolution of highly corrosive SO<sub>3</sub> acidic fumes.**

## Ni-Cd



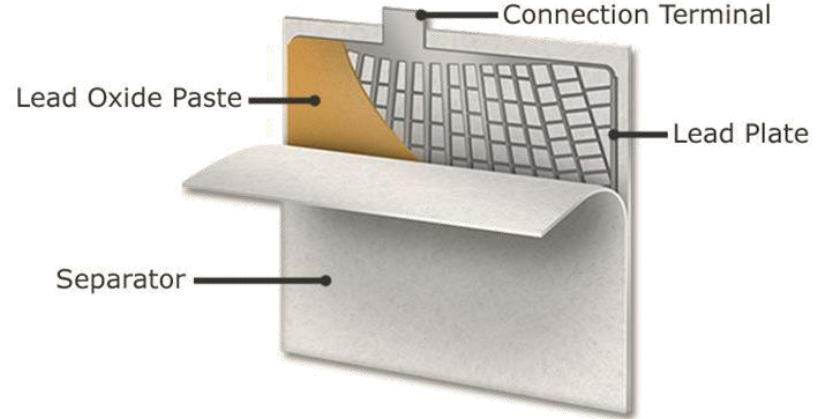
1. **Plates/Electrodes do not react with Alkaline electrolyte**
2. **No presence of KOH solution in the chemical reaction.**
3. **The electrolyte is only acts as an ion carrier, NO Corrosion!**



# Construction

# Electrode Structure - Pasted Plates

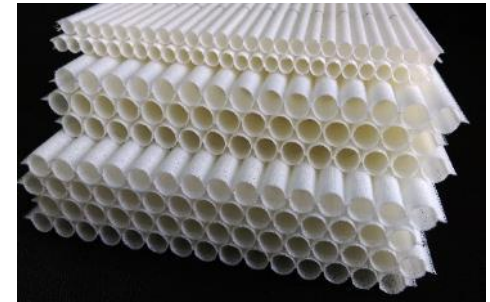
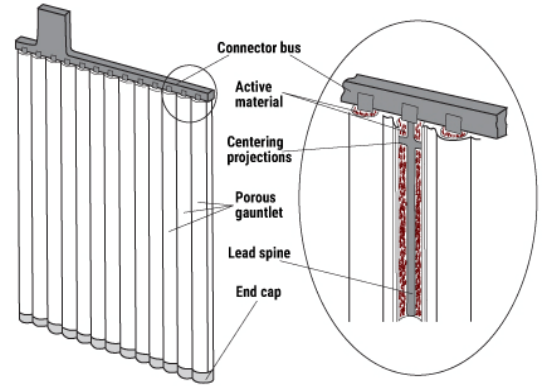
- No enveloping of active materials in Pasted plates (Vented & VRLA) lead acid.
- Tendency of electrodes to swell and shedding of active mass. Which cause internal shorting.



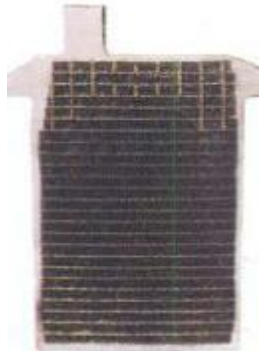


# Electrode Structure - Tubular Plates

- Tubular plates have soft and non-conducting woven fabric enveloping to hold the active mass
- Tubular Spines are thin to maintain active mass ratio.
- If a spine cracks in between of a tube due to corrosion. Rest of the A/mass has no part to play in electrochemistry



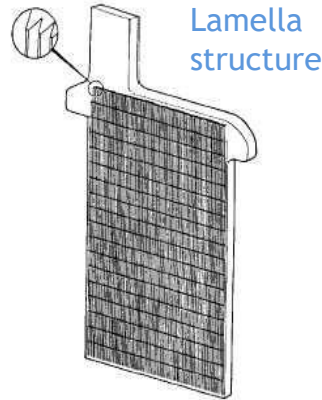
# Electrode Structure - Planté



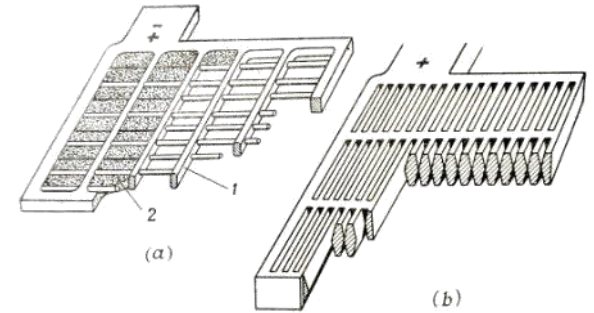
Planté plate



Neg plate



Lamella structure



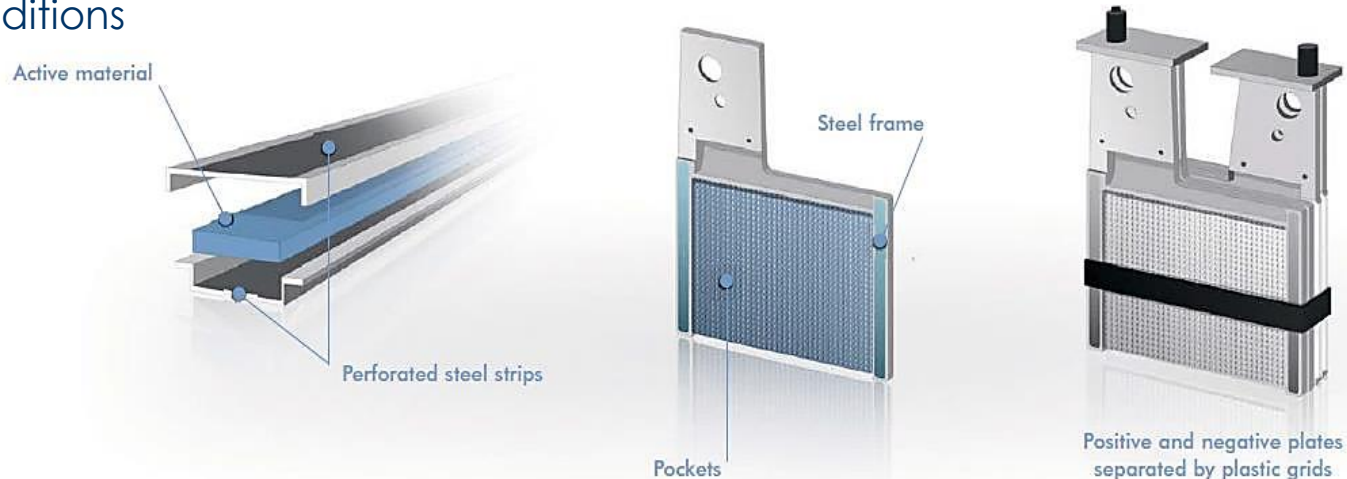
Thicker plates are used for active mass corrosion, mechanical strength and life

- Planté plates are designed to shred and generate active material mass by its own during electrolysis.
- 99.99% pure Soft-Lead used which has very low mechanical strength

- Planté plates has high plate thickness. Heavy weight. Very low Energy Density
- Deposition of active mass creates short circuit and premature death
- Hanging plate structure deforms easily

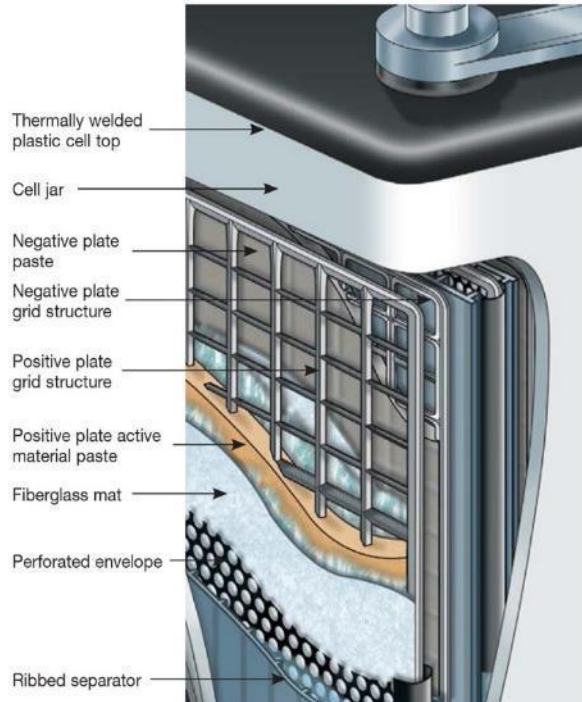
# Electrode Structure - Pocket Plate

- Pocket plate construction enables to produce very thin plates for high performance without losing mechanical strength
- Electrodes are strong to withstand shock/vibrations in severe seismic conditions
- Different dimension of thickness pocket plate can be constructed. Many steps of capacity for a type of plate, providing flexibility and optimum capacity selection for an application



# Cell construction

## Lead Acid



## Ni-Cd

