

# Trolleybus and Supercapacitors A question of efficiency

MAXWELL ULTRACAPACITORS

MORE POWER. MORE ENERGY. MORE IDEAS.™

Promoting *electric* public transport

trolley

**Maxwell**  
TECHNOLOGIES

# History

2010 First application in automotive sector

2007 Production in China

2005 Maxwell becomes supplier of proprietary Electrode

2005 Automated production in Rossens

2004 Maxwell produces own, proprietary Electrode

## **2003 Fusion of Maxwell and Montena**

Market launch of first products 2001 ●

Start development of Ultracaps 1997 ●



- 1995 Market launch of first products
- 1992 Start development of Ultracaps
- 1965 Foundation of Maxwell Laboratories



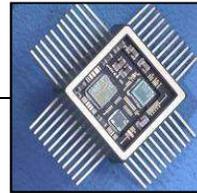
Foundation of Condensateurs Fribourg 1903 ●



# Company Products



## Maxwell Technologies Inc., San Diego



Microelectronics



Ultracapacitors



## Maxwell Technologies SA, Rossens



High Voltage



Ultracapacitors

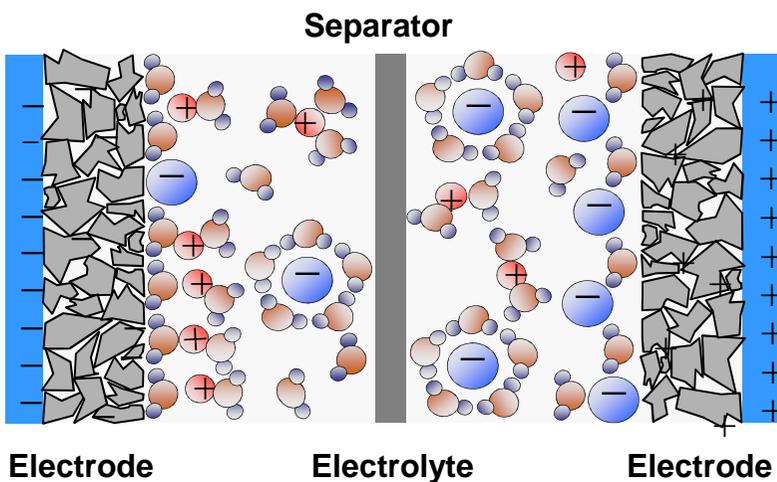


# What is a supercapacitor?

# Ultracapacitor technology



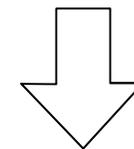
Grind / Activation / Coating / Rolling / kneading / Pasting



Capacitance ~  $\frac{\text{Surface area}}{\text{Thickness}}$

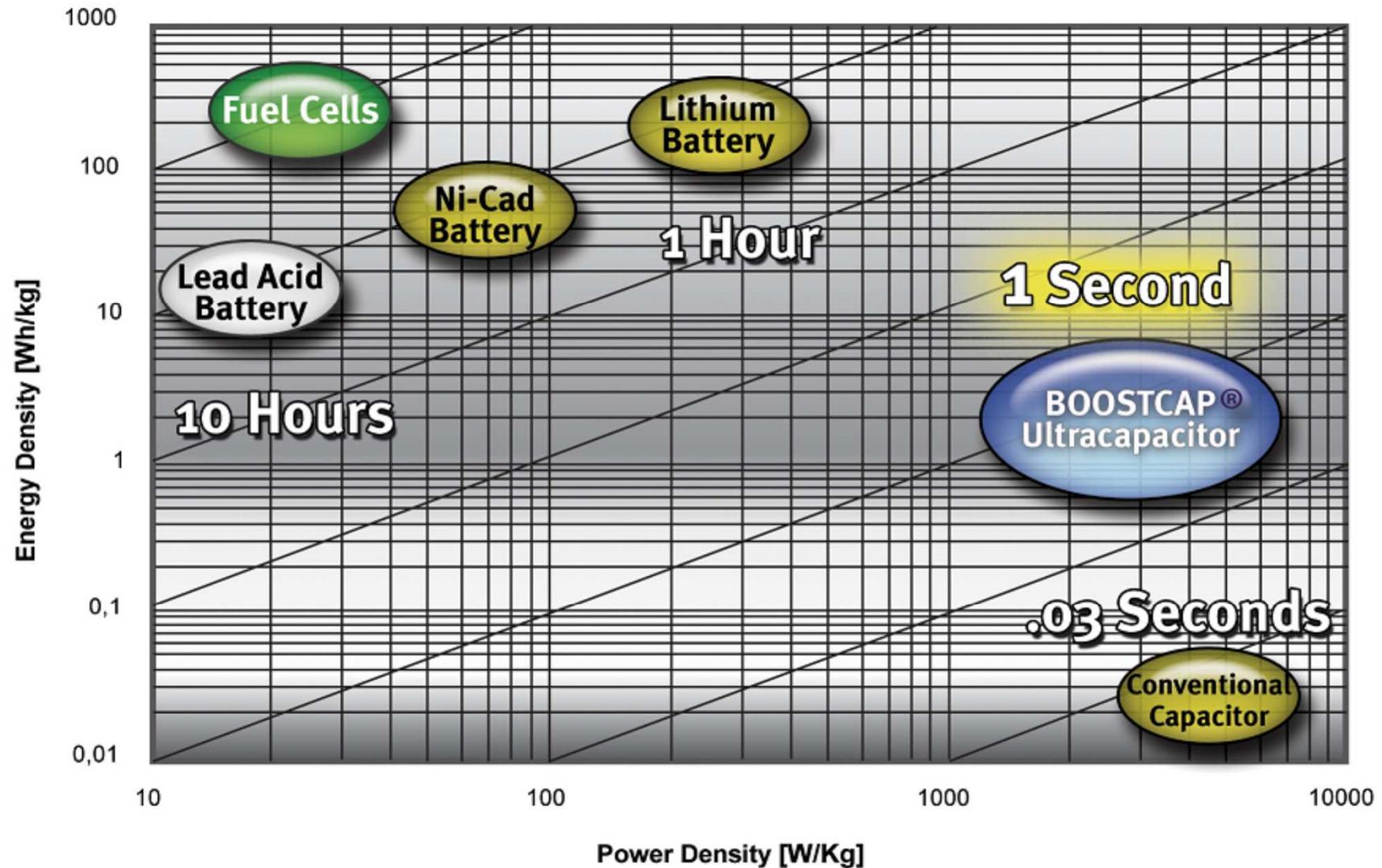
Thickness of Helmholtz layer ~ 1nm

Carbon powder surface area  
up to 3,000m<sup>2</sup>/g



**Capacitors up to 3,000F**

# Ultracapacitor vs. Battery

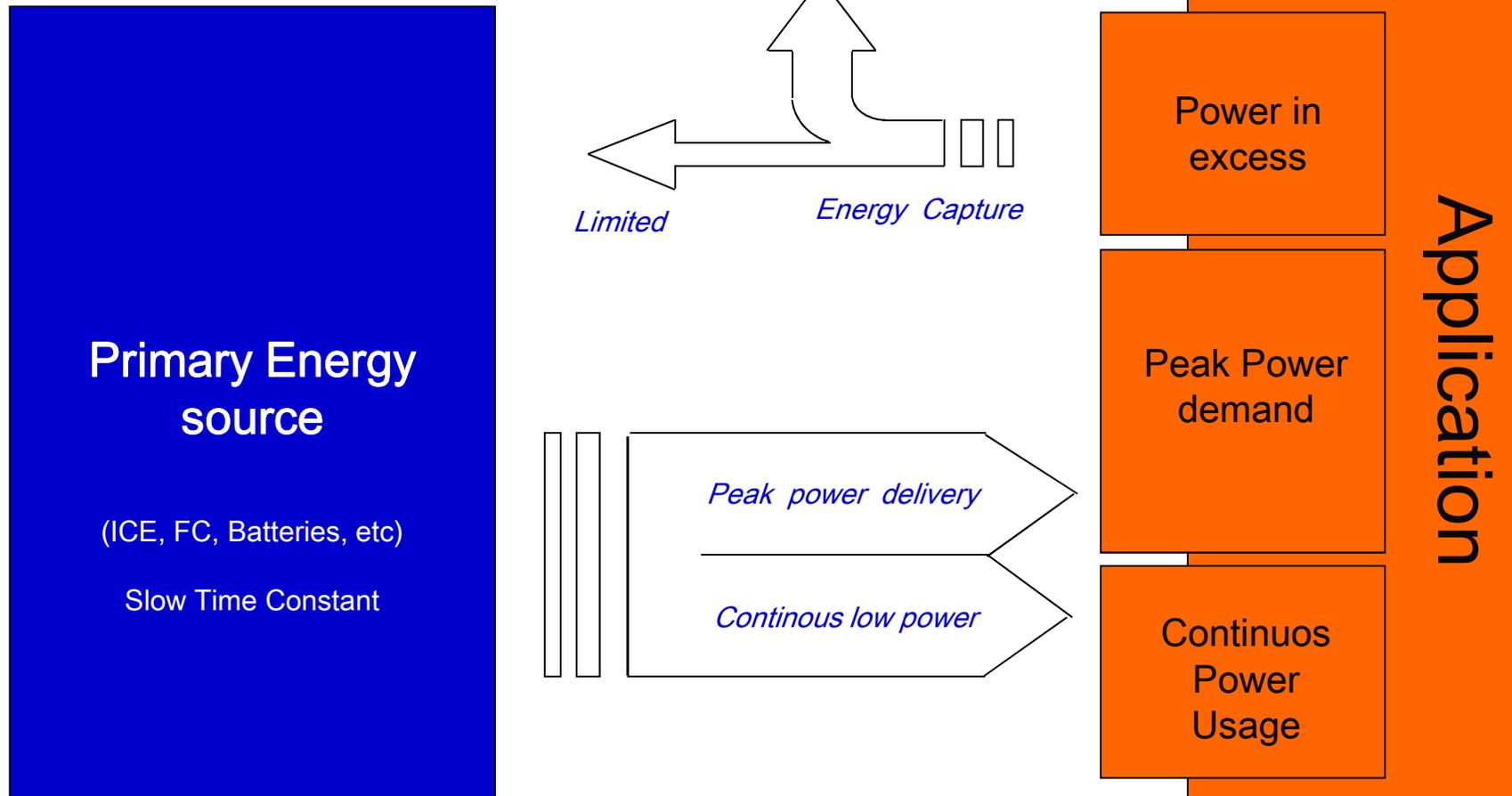




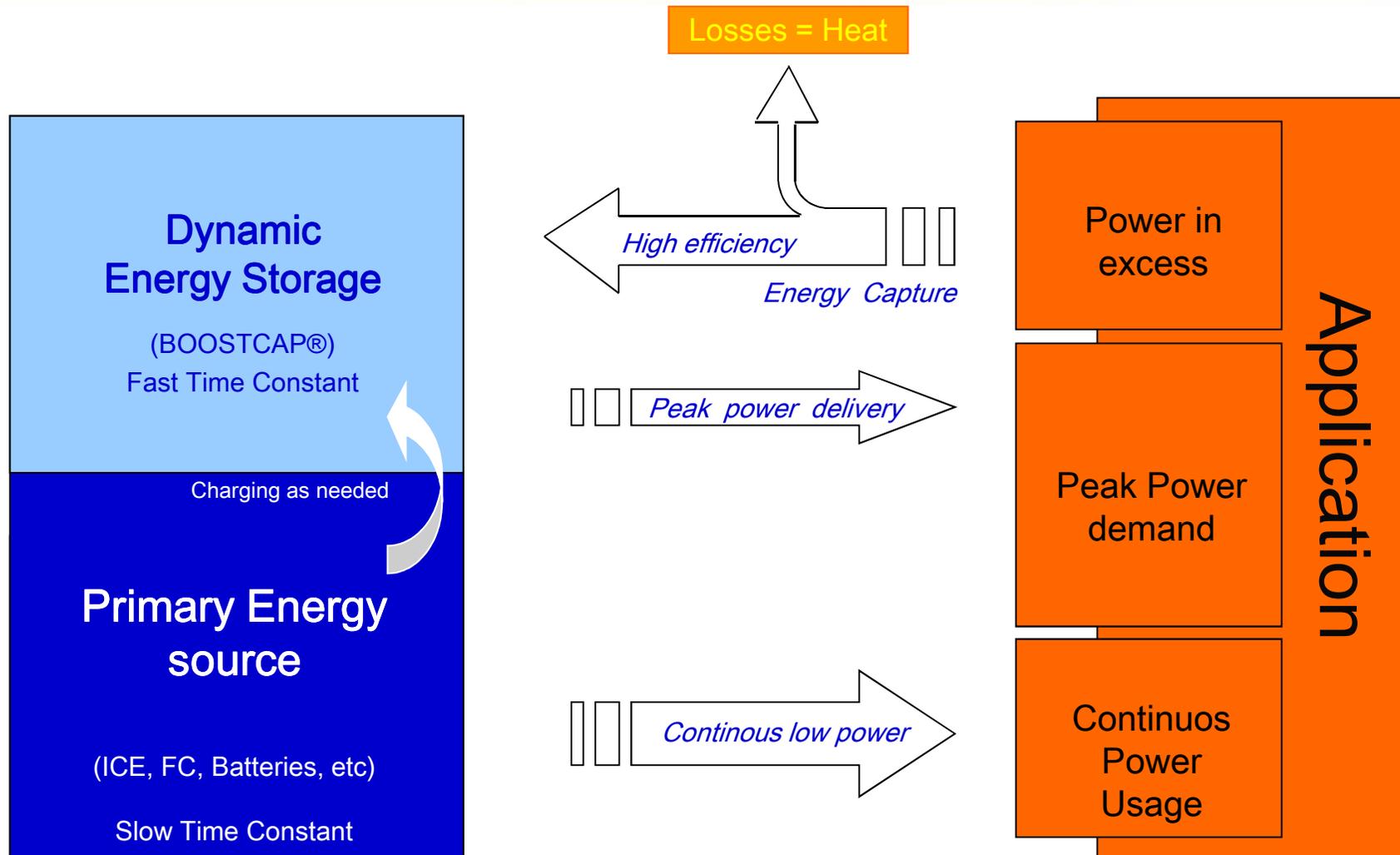
# Why using supercapacitors?

# Application Model (without BOOSTCAP®)

Losses = Heat



# Application Model (with BOOSTCAP®)



# Energy vs. Power: illustration

## Locomotive Diesel Engine Cranking



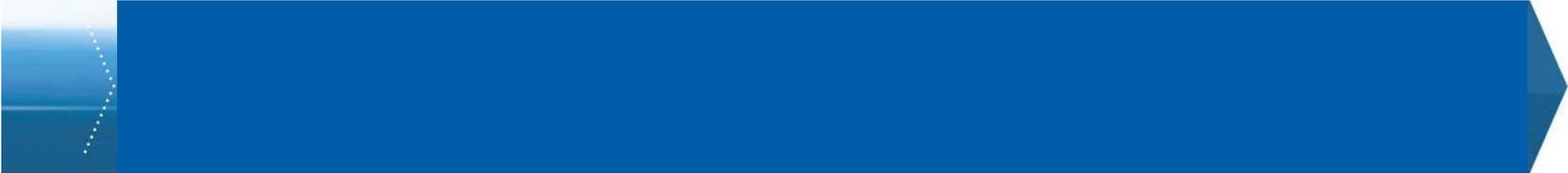
Battery compartment with lead batteries.

Total weight more than 300 kg



Battery compartment with Uc's module

Total weight less than 30 kg



# Our product range...

# Standard Cells & Modules

**PC/HC Line**  
2F to 150F



**K2 based**  
16V Modules



**BC Line**  
310F and 350F



**K2 based**  
48V Modules



**K2 Line 650F to 3000F**



**K2 based Wind Mills**  
75V Modules



**BC based 16 V Module**



**K2 based**  
125V Heavy Transportation  
Module





**... and their applications**

# Applications

## Hybrid Bus



## LRV



## Diesel starter



## Door opening assistance



# Applications



**Straddle carrier**

**Windmills**



**UPS Systems**

**A.M.R.**





# Trolleybus

# A common history

**Von Siemens (1882)**



**Von Helmholtz (1879)**



**Van Hool / Vossloh Kiepe / Maxwell (2008)**



# Trolleybus challenges

Trolleybus efficiency is not to prove, but end-users still face challenges

- Control of energy flux within a delimited electrical network  
=> **Grid stabilisation**
- Mitigation of visual impact and autonomous vehicle  
=> **Overhead line free run**



Source: EDF



# Grid stabilisation

**Recuperating 80% of the kinetic energy of a 15 tons bus running at 20km/h (average city bus speed), represents the energy and power necessary to lift a piano of 200kg to the top of a 30 floor building within a few seconds!**

Peaks due to absorption or restitution of the kinetic energy introduce instability in the voltage grid.

To reduce or avoid those, the energy must be transferred rapidly. It can be either burnt (looses) or recuperated and reused in energy storage.



# SITRAS® Installation Examples

Substation solution from Siemens (Sitras, in function since 2003) for trams shows following reductions:

- Energy consumption up to 30%
- Peak power demand up to 50%

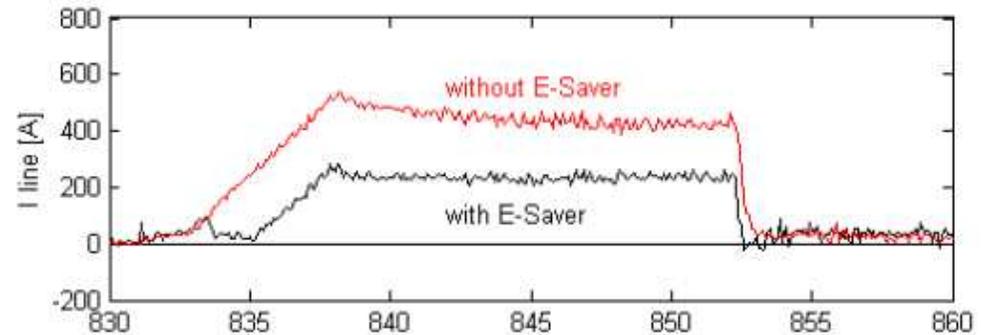
Other advantages

- More trains in the same network
- Less sub-station (factor 1.7)

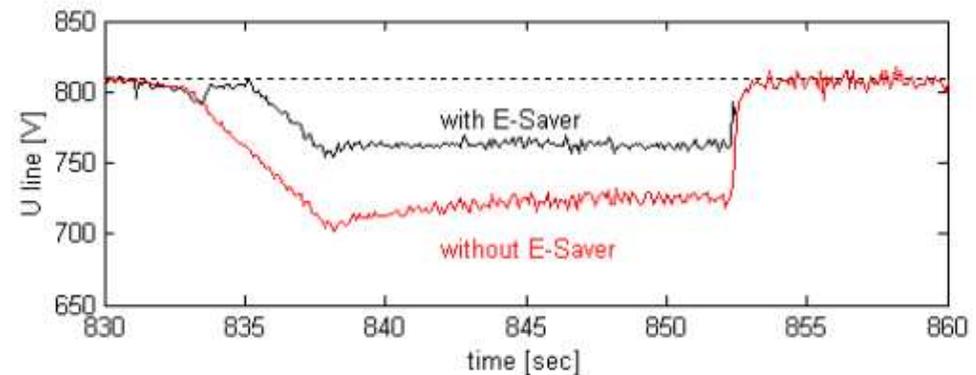


# MVV Light Rail Vehicle with MITRAC

**Drastic reduction of line power demand possible**



**Drastic reduction of line voltage drop**



**Advantages:** On new lines, less substations  
On existing lines, more vehicles

Source: Bombardier Transportation

# Overhead lines free run

- mitigation of overhead lines and switches visual impact
- temporary re-routing

Example: the HESS 24m vehicle can ride up to **500m** on supercaps, without prior optimization of range of mode!



# HTM125 Features and Benefits

## More than one million charge/discharge cycles

- Long life of the module that reduces down time and total cost of ownership



## IP65 compliance, high grade components

- Dust and splash proof, resistance to harsh conditions
- Designed and tested for SAE J1455, J2380, EN61373, ISO16750

## Uncompromised safety

- Designed and tested for **4000VAC** isolation voltage
- Junction box preventing accidental contact with power elements



# Today applications...

# AUTROLIS, retrofit powered by Institute Elektrotechniki Warsaw

[Film...](#)

# Application in Europe

VEHICLES	TOTAL PLACES	LENGTH [m]	TARE WEIGHT [kg]	TARE ENERGY CONSUMPTION [kWh/km]	ENERGY CONSUMPTION [kWh/km]
SOCIMI 8820 (901-970)	100	18			
SOCIMI 8843 (100-132)	156	18			
BREDABUS F04 (200-232)	152	18			
CAM Busotto (300-308)	134	18			
Irisbus Cristalis (400-409)	132	18	20.400	3,98	5,73
Van Hool AG300T (with Supercapacitors)	152	18	19.700	2,64	4,02

VAN HOOL powered by Vossloh Kiepe for the city of Milan, Italy



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# Application in Europe

SOLARIS trolleybus powered by  
Cegelec for the city of Eberswalde,  
Germany



BREDAMENARINIBUS trolleybus  
powered by Skoda Electric for the city of  
Roma, Italy





**... and tomorrow!**

# Tomorrow: the BoostBus

- => Run on supercaps
- => Range of ~2km
- => Recharge at station
- => Recharge time of 10-15sec
- => no dangerous material
- => High demand, little offer



**Heuliez by PVI for Veolia (project WATT)**



**Děkuji!**