

## **Impact of storage on PV attractiveness**



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# Outline

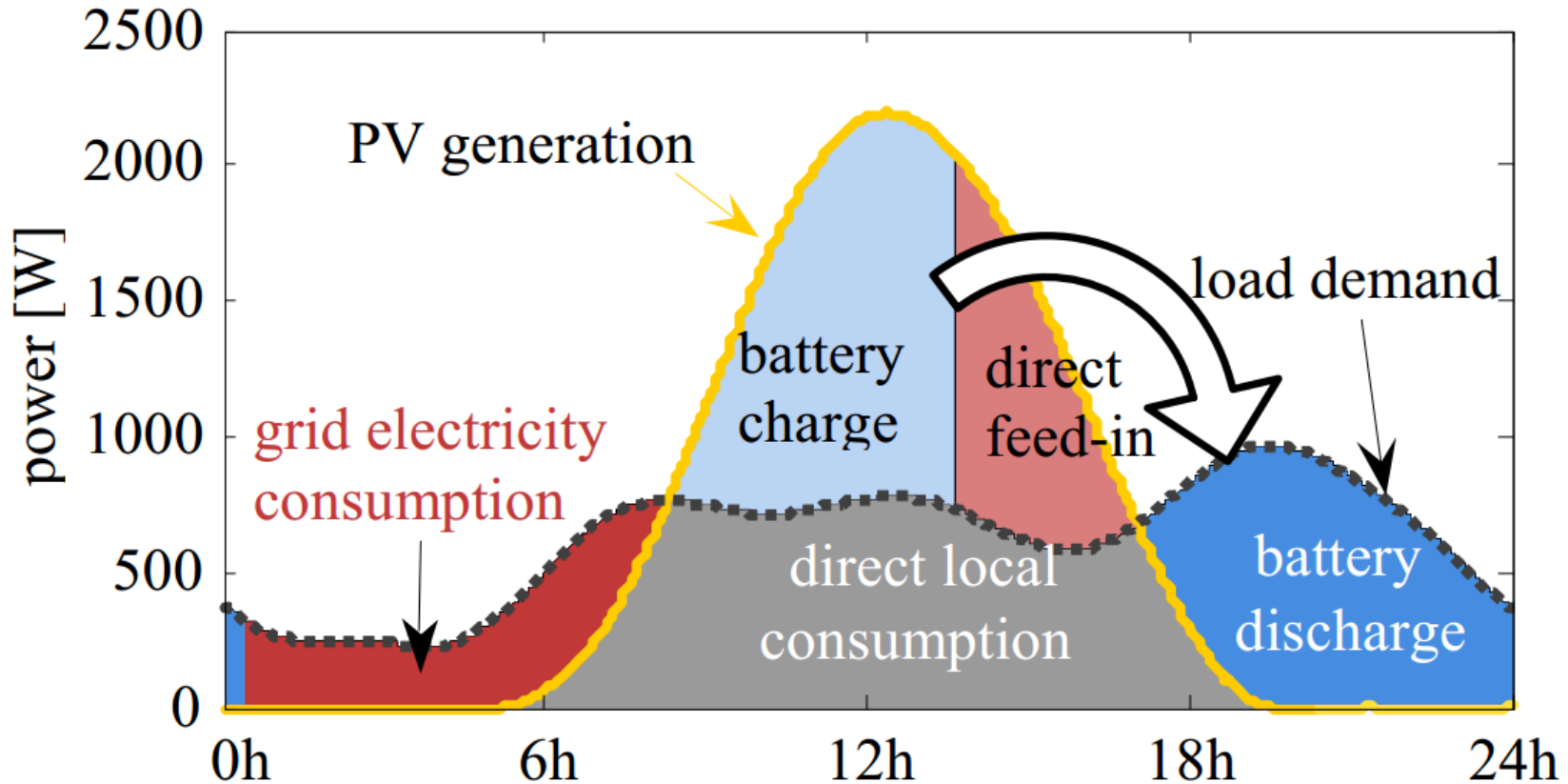
How does storage affect the environmental balance of PV?

## Life Cycle Assessment

- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Toxicity
- Depletion



# Mismatch of generation & consumption of electricity



Martin Braun 2009 EPVSEC24 4BO.11.2

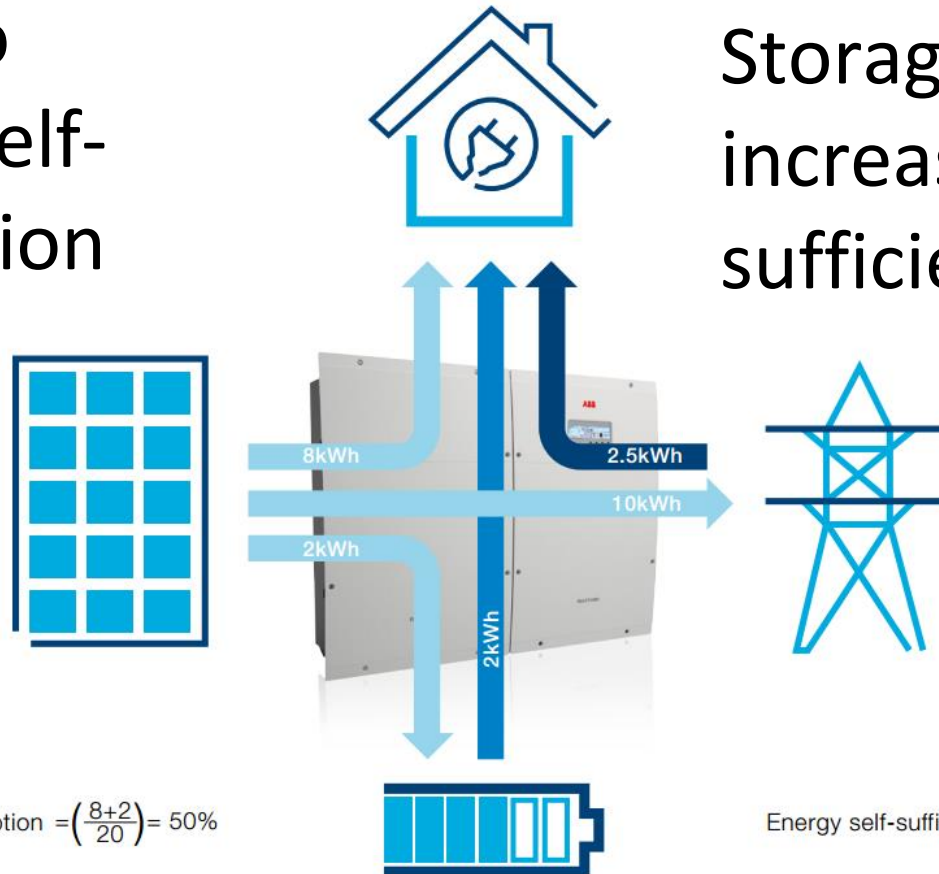


# Why storage @ home?

## High grid electricity price?

Storage to increase self-consumption

Storage to increase self-sufficiency



$$\text{Self-consumption} = \left(\frac{8+2}{20}\right) = 50\%$$

$$\text{Energy self-sufficiency} = \left(\frac{8+2}{12.5}\right) = 80\%$$

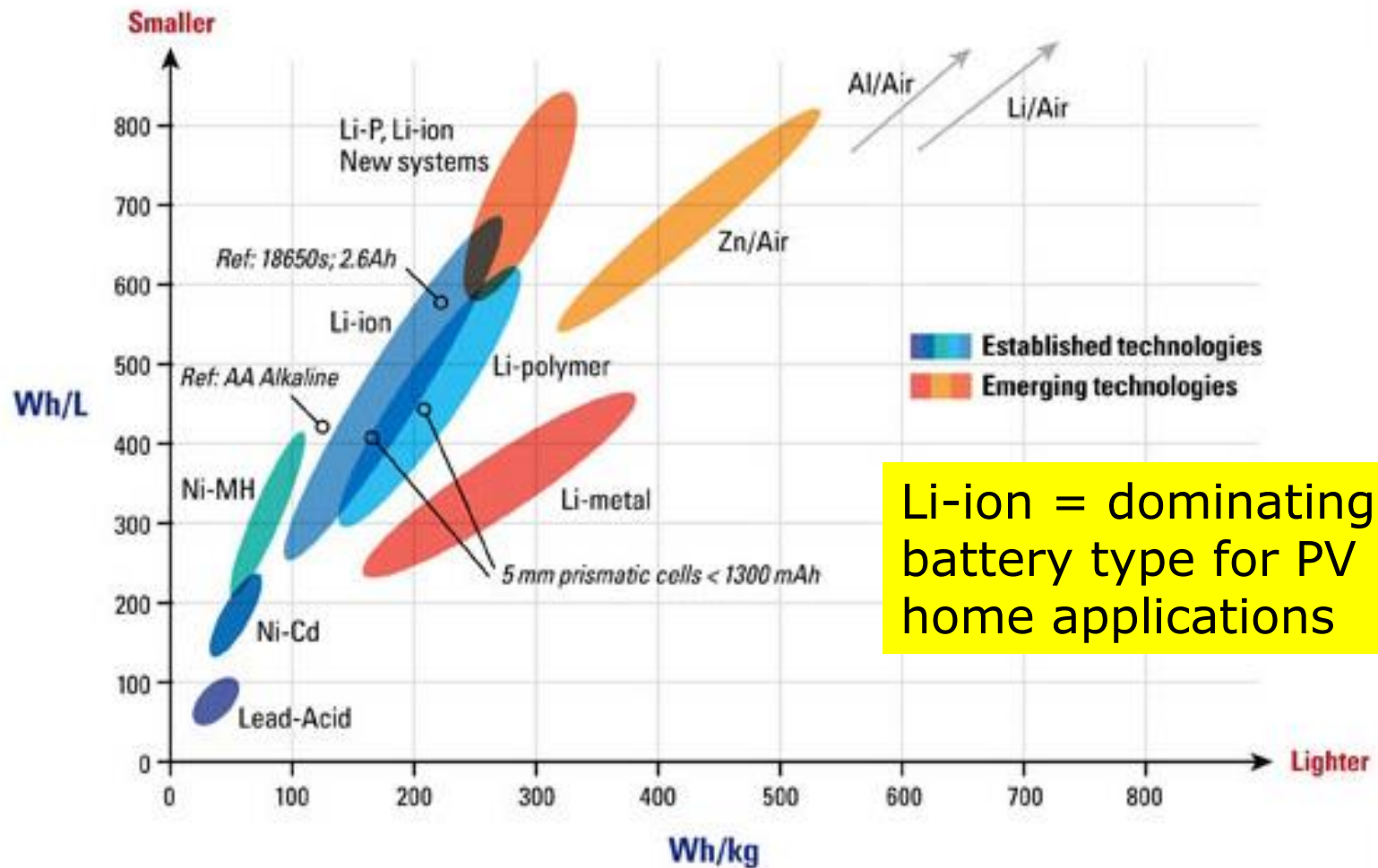


# Storage System

- Module with **battery** cells ..... this presentation
- Energy management system
- Inverter
- Etcetera



# Which battery type?



Li-ion = dominating battery type for PV home applications



# Battery technology comparison

## TECHNOLOGY COMPARISON

	AHI™	Li-ion	PbA
System Life	●	●	◐
Maintenance	●	●	◐
Partial State of Charge	●	●	○
Temperature Tolerance	●	◐	○
Safety	●	◐	◐
Sustainability	●	◐	○
Energy Density	◐	●	◐
Power Delivery	◐	●	●
Installed System Price	●	◐	●

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# Calculation of carbon footprint of stored electricity in life time of battery

## **Global Warming Potential (GWP) of stored electricity** **g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh**

GWP (g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) / kg battery .....step 1

x Battery weight (kg)

/ usable capacity of battery (kWh) .....step 2

/ number of charge cycles .....step 3





# Global Warming Potential (GWP) of battery with LMO: Lithium Manganese Oxide ( $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$ )

GWP = **5.89** kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kg battery cell using IPCC2007 GWP100a

Battery, Lilo, rechargeable, prismatic, at plant/GLO U	IPCC2013 GWP100a	
	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq/kg	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5.891</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Direct emissions	0.00E+00	0.00%
Transport, transoceanic freight ship/OCE U	8.40E-02	1.43%
Transport, lorry >16t, fleet average/RER U	1.37E-01	2.32%
Metal working factory/RER/I U	4.73E-02	0.80%
Electricity, low voltage, production UCTE, at grid/UCTE U	6.44E-02	1.09%
Single cell, lithium-ion battery, lithium manganese oxide/graphite, at plant/CN U	4.31E+00	73.15%
Printed wiring board, surface mounted, unspec., solder mix, at plant/GLO U	8.57E-01	14.54%
Cable, three-conductor cable, at plant/GLO U	6.24E-02	1.06%
Cable, data cable in infrastructure, at plant/GLO U	6.43E-02	1.09%
Reinforcing steel, at plant/RER U	2.14E-01	3.63%
Sheet rolling, steel/RER U	5.25E-02	0.89%



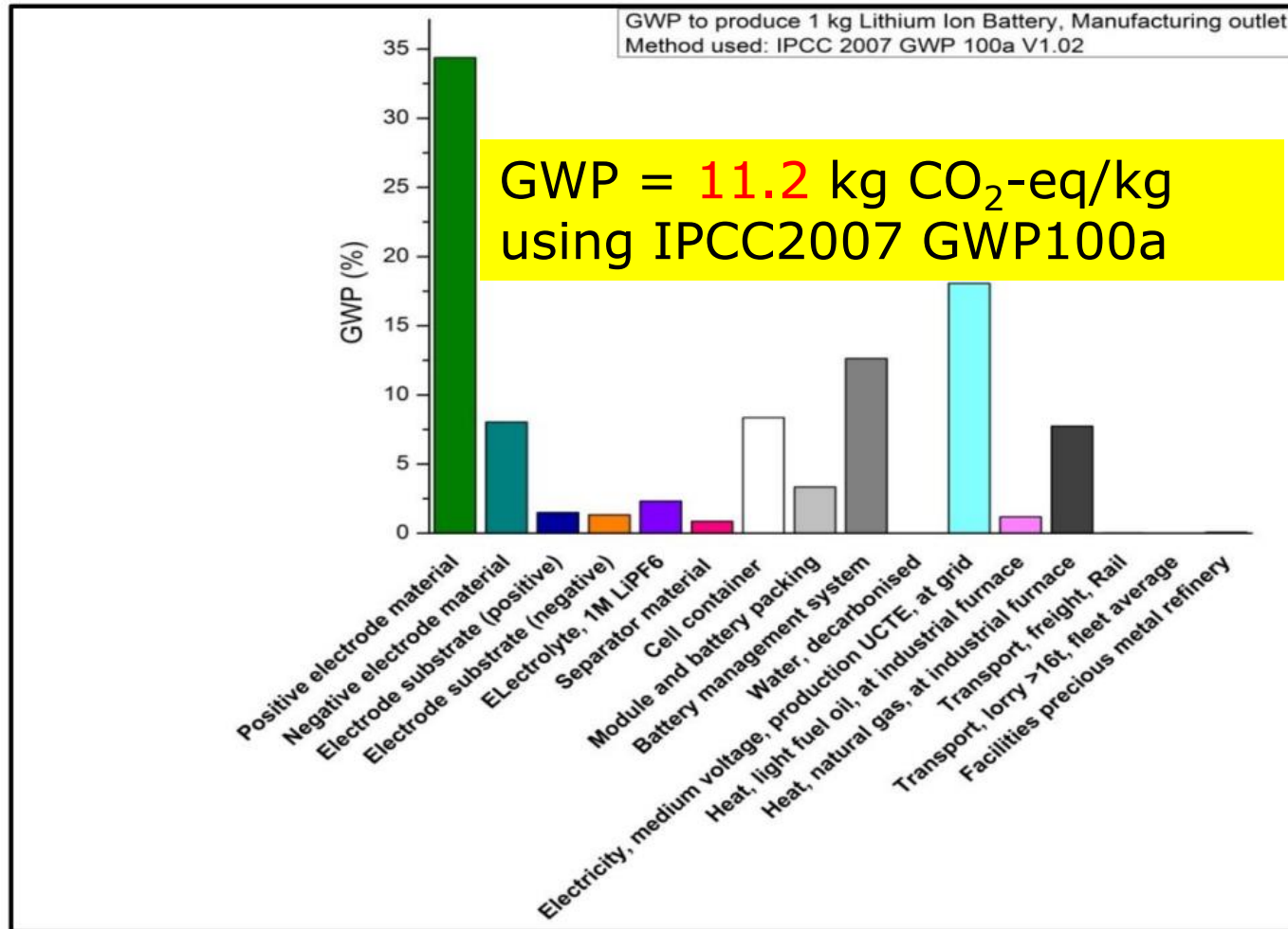
# Global Warming Potential (GWP) of battery with LMO: Lithium Manganese Oxide (LiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)

GWP = **5.39** kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kg battery using IPCC2007 GWP100a

		Single cell, lithium-ion battery, lithium manganese oxide/graphite, at plant/CN U	Unit	Value	%	IPCC2013 GWP100a	%
						kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq/kg	
				1.050	100.0%	5.390	100.0%
		Transport, freight, rail/RER U	tkm	0.167		6.63E-03	0.1%
		Transport, lorry >16t, fleet average/RER U	tkm	0.028		3.73E-03	0.1%
		Chemical plant, organics/RER/I U	p	0.000		4.97E-02	0.9%
		Electricity, medium voltage, at grid/CN U	kWh	0.106		1.28E-01	2.4%
		Heat, natural gas, at industrial furnace >100kW/RER U	MJ	0.065		4.73E-03	0.1%
Inert atmosphere:		Nitrogen, liquid, at plant/RER U	kg	0.010		4.37E-03	0.1%
Electrolyte salt:	LiPF <sub>6</sub>	<b>Lithium hexafluorophosphate, at plant/CN U</b>	kg	0.019	1.8%	4.75E-01	8.8%
Electrolyte solvent:	Ethylene carbonate	<b>Ethylene carbonate, at plant/CN U</b>	kg	0.160	15.2%	2.35E-01	4.4%
Separator:	Coated polyethylene film	<b>Separator, lithium-ion battery, at plant/CN U</b>	kg	0.054	5.1%	3.23E-01	6.0%
Cathode:	LiMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	<b>Cathode, lithium-ion battery, lithium manganese oxide, at plant/CN U</b>	kg	0.327	31.1%	2.68E+00	49.7%
Anode:	Graphite	<b>Anode, lithium-ion battery, graphite, at plant/CN U</b>	kg	0.401	38.2%	1.04E+00	19.3%
Electrode tab:	Al	<b>Aluminium, production mix, wrought alloy, at plant/RER U</b>	kg	0.016	1.6%	1.80E-01	3.3%
Package:	Polyethylene	<b>Polyethylene, LDPE, granulate, at plant/RER U</b>	kg	0.073	7.0%	1.60E-01	3.0%
		<i>Processing:</i>					
Processing of input materials:		Extrusion, plastic film/RER U	kg	0.073		3.87E-02	0.7%
		Sheet rolling, aluminium/RER U	kg	0.016		1.00E-02	0.2%
		<i>Emissions to air:</i>					
		Heat, waste	MJ	0.380			
		<i>Waste to treatment:</i>					
Ecoinvent assumption 5%		Disposal, Li-ions batteries, mixed technology/GLO U	kg	0.053		4.91E-02	0.9%



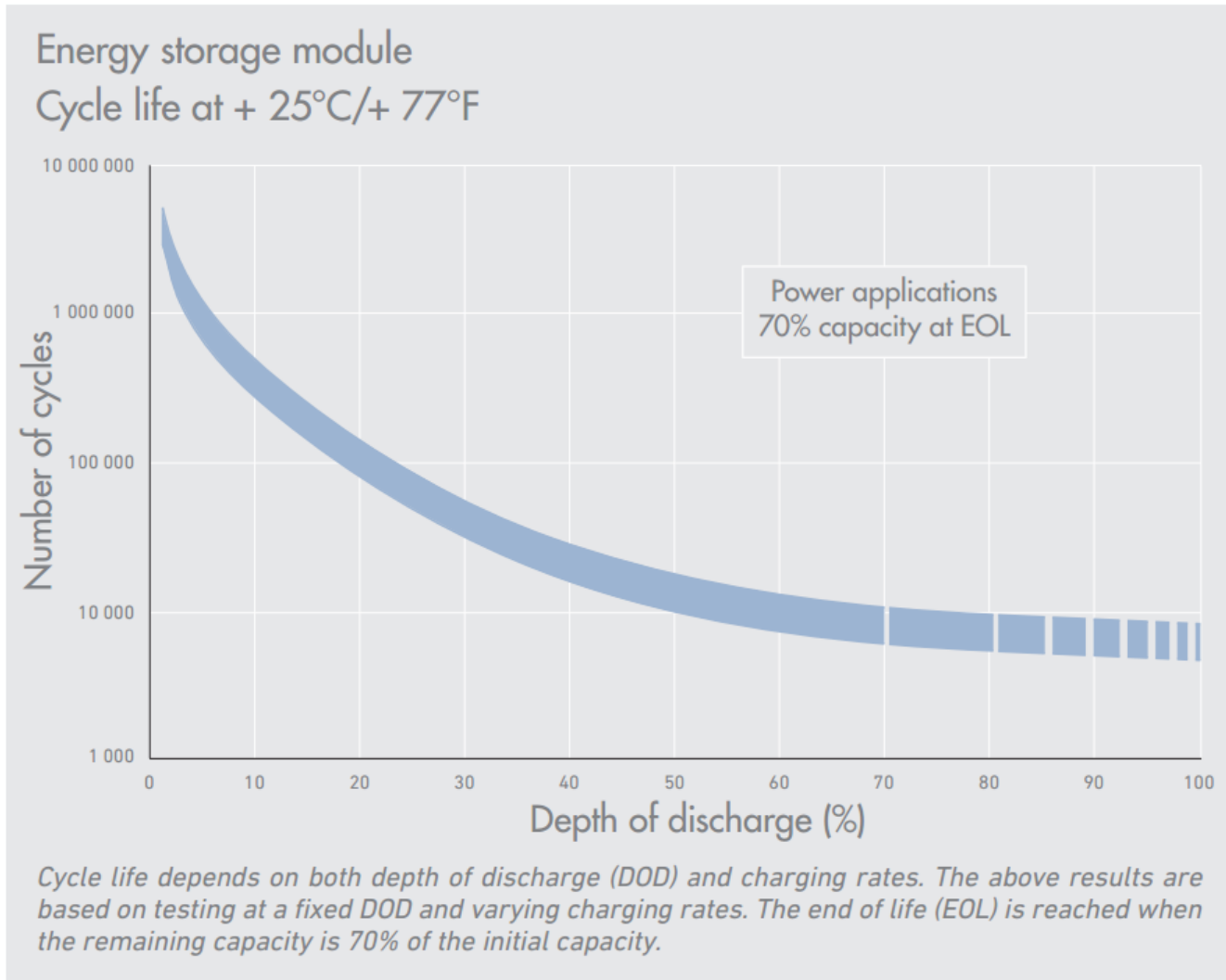
# Global Warming Potential (GWP) of battery with LFP: Lithium Iron Phosphate ( $\text{LiFePO}_4$ )



Hiremath (March 2014) Master Thesis Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany



# Number of cycles depend on depth of discharge



# Carbon footprint of stored electricity

Lowest value from my preliminary analysis:

**12 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh stored electricity**

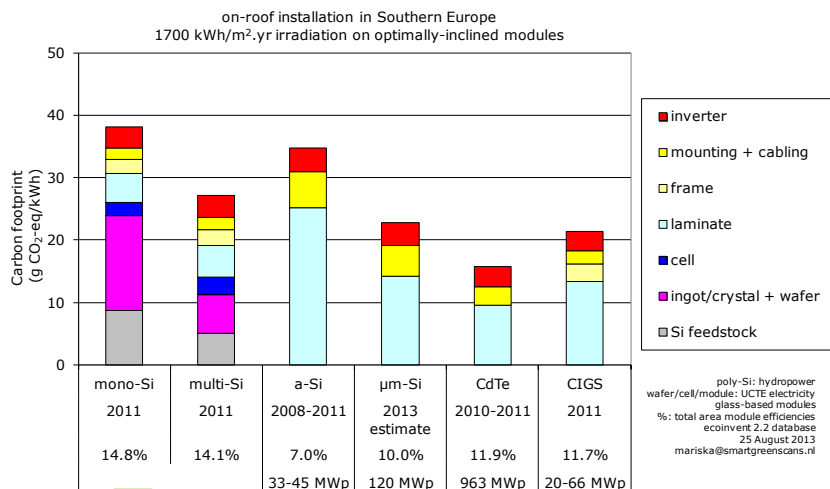
How much kWh storage needed / kWh generated?



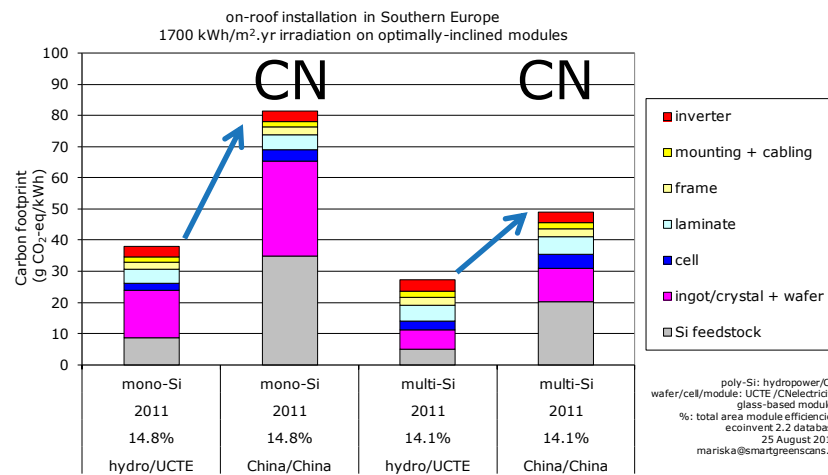
# Carbon footprint - gram CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh

☹ Status of inventory data 2011

## hydropower / UCTE



## China electricity mix



mono multi

World average carbon footprint ≈ 55 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh



# Many uncertainties

- GWP value based on 2010 or older inventory data of the battery
- Reliable manufacturer data missing
- Number of charging cycles depend on depth of discharge
- Only battery calculated, not a complete storage system
- How much storage is needed / kWh electricity generated from PV?



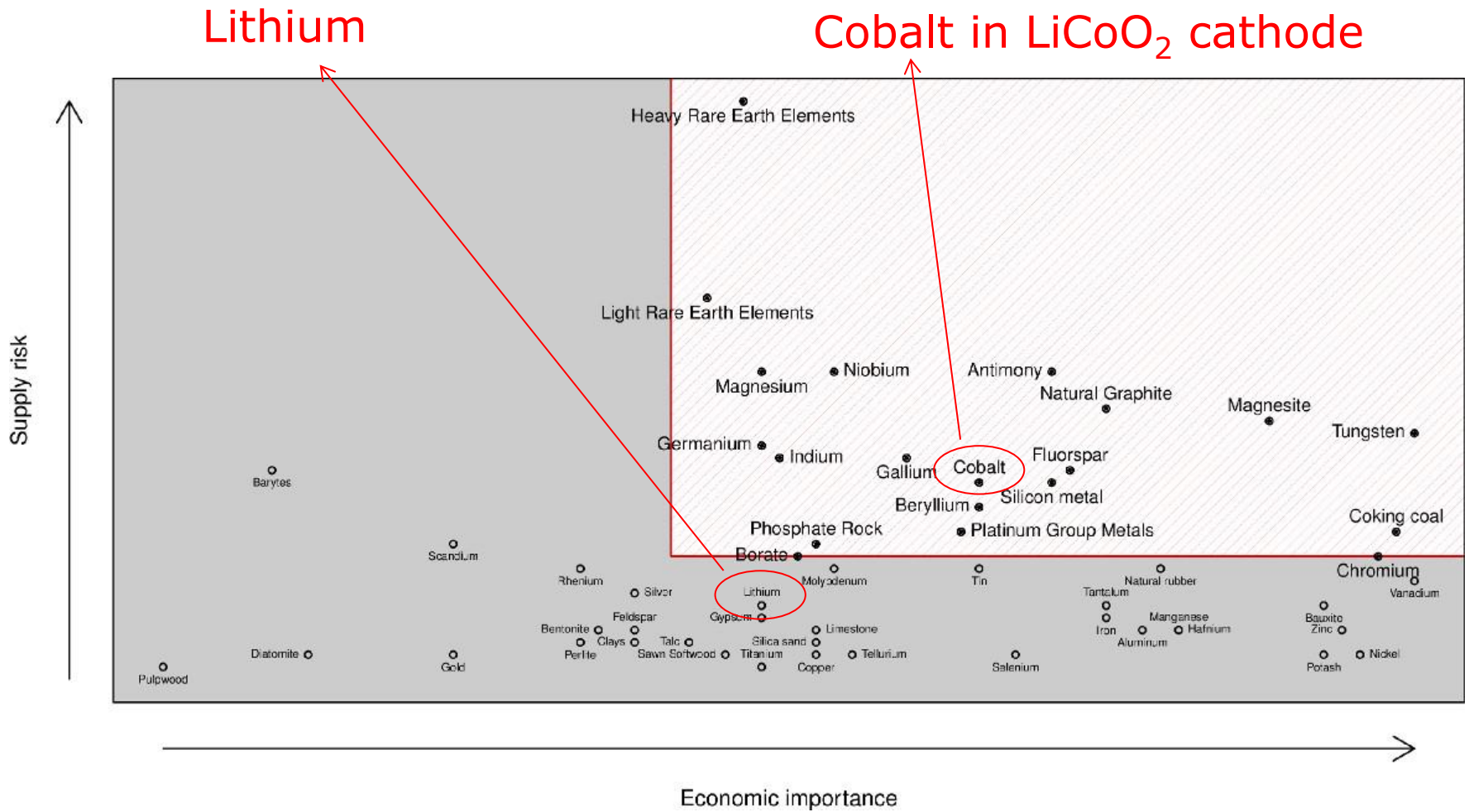
# Toxicity

- **N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)** solvent in electrolyte
  - Alternative: Water based is not possible because some electrodes are moisture sensitive
  - Alternative: Electrovaya SuperPolymer<sup>®</sup> 2.0
- **Polyvinylidene fluoride-based binders** in electrolyte
  - Replace with chlorine





# Critical Raw Materials: cobalt



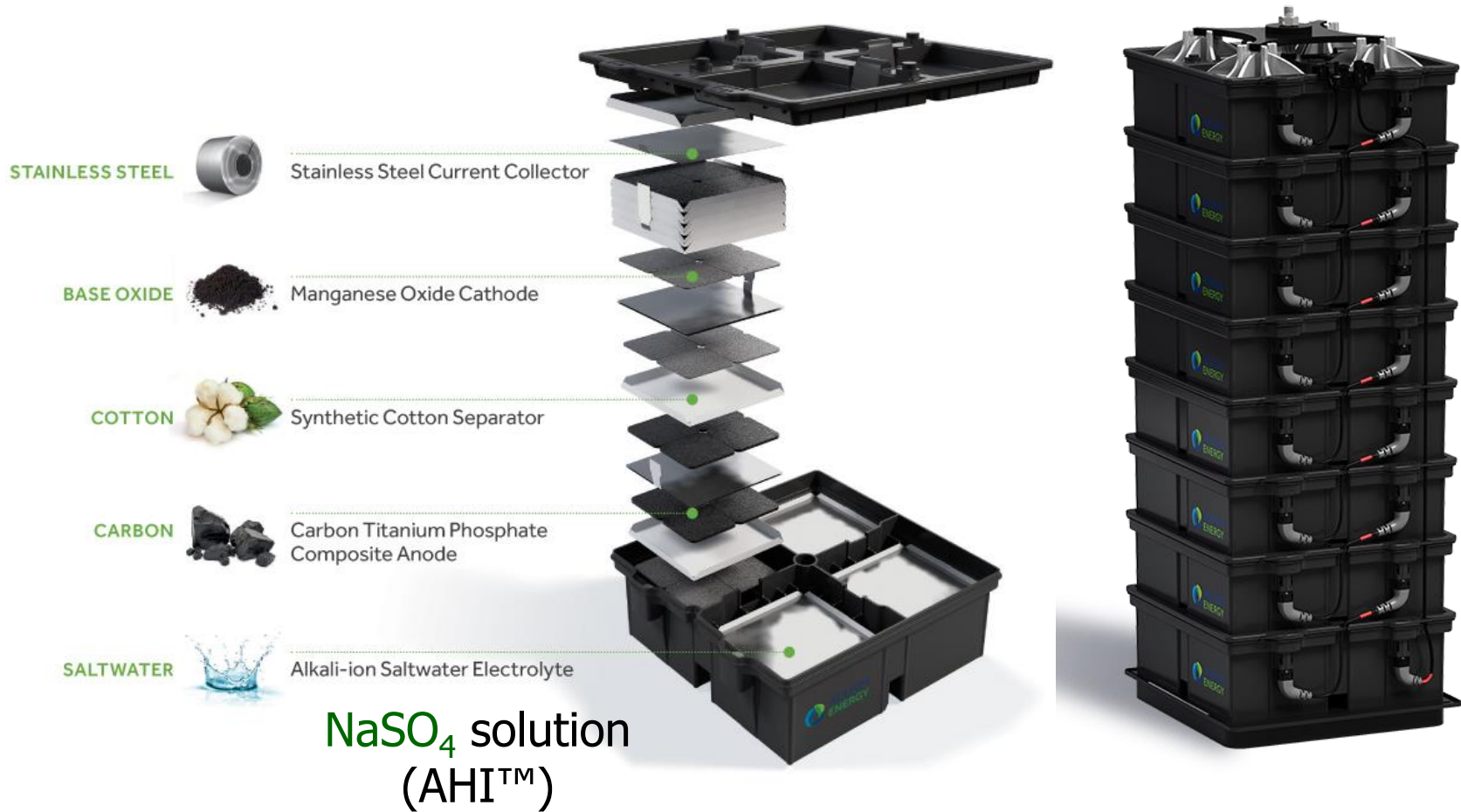
# Depletion of materials

- **Cobalt** in  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  electrode
  - replace Co with Mn, Fe, Ti
    - $\text{LiFePO}_4$
    - Lithium Titanate ( $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ )
- **Lithium**
  - replacement with Na, Ka, Mg, Ca...
  - recycling



# Cradle to cradle battery

## Aquion Energy



# Recommendations

To get a reliable evaluation of the environmental impact of current storage systems it is recommended that LCA studies are performed

- with data collected by manufacturers of Battery Storage Systems,
- in EU / National projects.



# References / Funding

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Thank you for your attention!



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