

## **Optimized solution for Electric Transit Buses**

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## Global drivers impacting our society

- Population growth and urbanization
- Changes of demography in Western world
- Pollution, climate change and alternative fuels
- Shortage of natural resources and raw material
- Traffic and road safety
- **Digital revolution**

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lives in cities





## Electric buses have superior energy efficiency

• How far does 180 MJ of energy take you in a City bus?\*



- 5 Nm3 CNG
- 50 kWh of electricity





# New opportunities for urban planning

- Bring the bus closer to user
- Silent and Zero Emission mode of public transportation improving quality of life
- Enabling indoor bus to improve passenger comfort and safety
  - Significantly reduces emissions and particles improving air quality
- Energy efficient public transport







### Opportunity charging

### COMMON STANDARD FOR COST-EFFICIENT CHARGING

- Continuous operations
- High power charging infrastructure
- **Optimized system performance**
- Electricity consumption distributed over day and night
- Power outtake distributed a BUE geographically



- High ground clearance
- Common standard by

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### 150 PHEV/EV and 28 ch. stations in revenue service and coming



Montreal, QC, Canada ( )

- 3 Full electric buses
- Spring 2017







### **OPPORTUNITY CHARGING OF ELECTRICAL VEHICLES**







# **OPP** System Components

## Infrastructure

- Height: 4–5 m (OK for open roads)
- Grid voltage : 600 V (CAN) / 480V (US)
- Pantograph voltage : >600V DC
- Charging power: 300 / 450 kW
- Moving parts on the stationary side of the charge system.
- Towards SAE J3105 compliance

**QUICK START** 

**HIGH POWER** 







LF5 C Technical Specifications

- Motor: 230 kW and 2700 Nm
- Batteries: 4x lithium-ion (76 kWh total)
- Fast charging system:
   300kW and 450 kW overhead system
- Depot charging system (for maintenance):
   Off-board EVSE supplying energy to on-board low power charger (11kW)
- Typical distance between fast chargers :
   Up to 20km route.
- Charging time (fast charging):
   5 minutes (@ 450kW) per hour of use

ESS - 4x batteries PHEV Li-Ion in parallel (high power)

Central motor no gearbox, high efficiency and high torque



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Fast charging rails – low weight and front position for easy docking / high tolerance on alignment

## Maintenance / in-depot charging

### Low Power Charging functions :

- HV battery balancing
- HV battery calibration and equalization
- HV battery overnight depot charging



Electrical Grid





Slow Charger Interface (with vehicle Inlet Lock) 480 Vac



IEC 62196 Type 2 Coupler System



On-Board Charger (in vehicle)





## Fundamentals : Durability and Safety

Based on the proven LFS platform 10,000+ buses on the road Stainless heavy duty structure High Quality Service network



Active Distances



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### **ACTIVE SAFETY**

HVIL (Hazardous Voltage Interlock Loop) Internal battery contactors for each pole Voltage leak detector Contactor state and health measurement

### **PASSIVE SAFETY**

No easy accessibility on electric hazard Charging rails electrically isolated while not in use Touch Proof connectors Work and safety instructions Training and certification

### PASSED VOLVO SAFETY AUDIT, a core value of **VOLVO** Group



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Tested last 2 winters :

- Safe driving performance (Traction control, stability)
- Battery heated to get the right performance (and the durability)
- Rails and pantograph heated (no ice)
- Fuel-fired heating for severe winter conditions.
- $\Rightarrow$  No interruption of service in heavy snow conditions







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### **OUR FAST CHARGE TECHNOLOGY OFFERS 24H OPERATION WITH**

Low charging time | Maximum uptime | Optimized number of buses in your fleet







- Optimized energy storage for a maximum payload
- Optimized battery positioning on rooftop :
  - No sacrifice of interior space.
  - No in floor batteries, floor kept at low level.
  - Vehicle is fully accessible.

### **Optimized weight to transport passengers**







#### **Cost-Oriented solution OPP**charge Traffic Volume by time-of-day Peakers only 12,000 **High charging power** Less Batteries 10.000 Vehicles per ho 8.000 0.000 6.000 2.000 No charging downtime Less Weight CONTRACTOR OF THE SEA WE SEA WE SEA THE SEA TH + 30 to 50% additional buses More passengers Better fuel efficiency Traffic Volume by time-of-day 12,000 10.00 8.000 No need of additional buses Less spare batteries Less electricity Vehicles per 0.000 4.000 2.00 ĺĻ CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR OF AND CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR OF AND CONTRACTOR OF A LESS COST





## Grid-friendly solution

### **6** X CHARGING SUB-STATIONS



### **OPPORTUNITY CHARGING**

can be much more easily integrated into the grid than overnight charging in the depot.



### **1 HIGH-ENERGY CHARGING STATION**



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Power is distributed along the day and

all over the city offering a

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**BETTER BALANCE IN THE GRID.** 



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## Charging Station at Square Victoria (Montreal)







## Charging Station at Angrignon Terminus (Montreal)

Mast and Pantogragh
 Charging station shelter
 HQ and STM equipment's shelter
 Angrignon subway entrance

Installation in progress (november 2016)





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### Conclusion : an optimized and beneficial solution for all stakeholders

- Fleet Managers :Compatibility, interoperability of OPPcharge non-proprietary solutionOperations :Continuous operations. low charging time<br/>High level of Safety : People can board while charging.Maintenance :Cost-efficient concept. No transmission, no oil change, no aftertreatment
- **Drivers : Easy and comfortable** : Low vibration. Smooth, powerful, progressive acceleration.
- Passengers : Peaceful, less noise, less vibration, no exhaust smell.
- Utility : Grid friendly : Distributed power. Low voltage connexion

Real solution to mitigate local pollution Infrastructure integration can be customized

Nova Bus offers a turn-key electromobility solution which is Reliable and Optimized



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# Thank You !



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### Time-Of-Use







## Stationary Storage and Smart Charging

Application of electric buses at a city scale will open the possibility for **Energy Services** :

- Stationary storage to support local energy services : Load leveling, peak power shaving, frequency regulation, renewable power integration.
- Smart-charging : **Battery State of Charge Management** in order to balance mobility needs (taking into account traffic, weather forecast...) with energy costs.



#### Figure 18: The California ISO "duck curve" (March 31)



Source : CALSTART



