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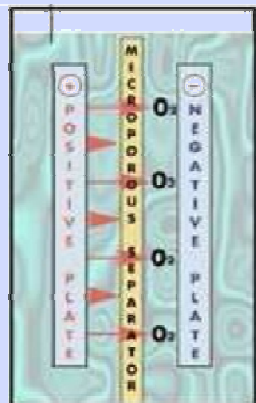
GEL

VRLA

Lead Acid Battery

Grid plate / tubular plate

- Electrolyte fixed in fumed silica as GEL



- GEL wetted plates completely incl. flags and bridges
 - Acid surplus → **Capacity**
 - Temperature behavior → **Consistent**

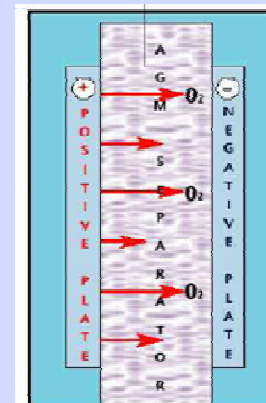
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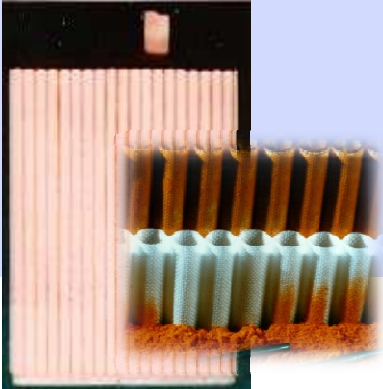
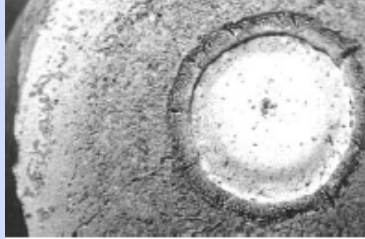
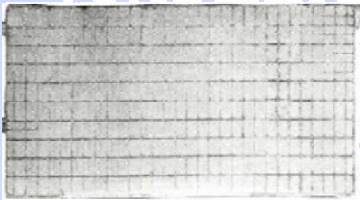

Grid plate

- Electrolyte fixed absorbed glass matt



- Glass matt only between plates; stops beyond the pole bridges
 - Reaction surface is limited to the wetted area → **Capacity loss**
 - Temperature behavior → **Worse**
 - Acid stratification → **Capacity/charging**

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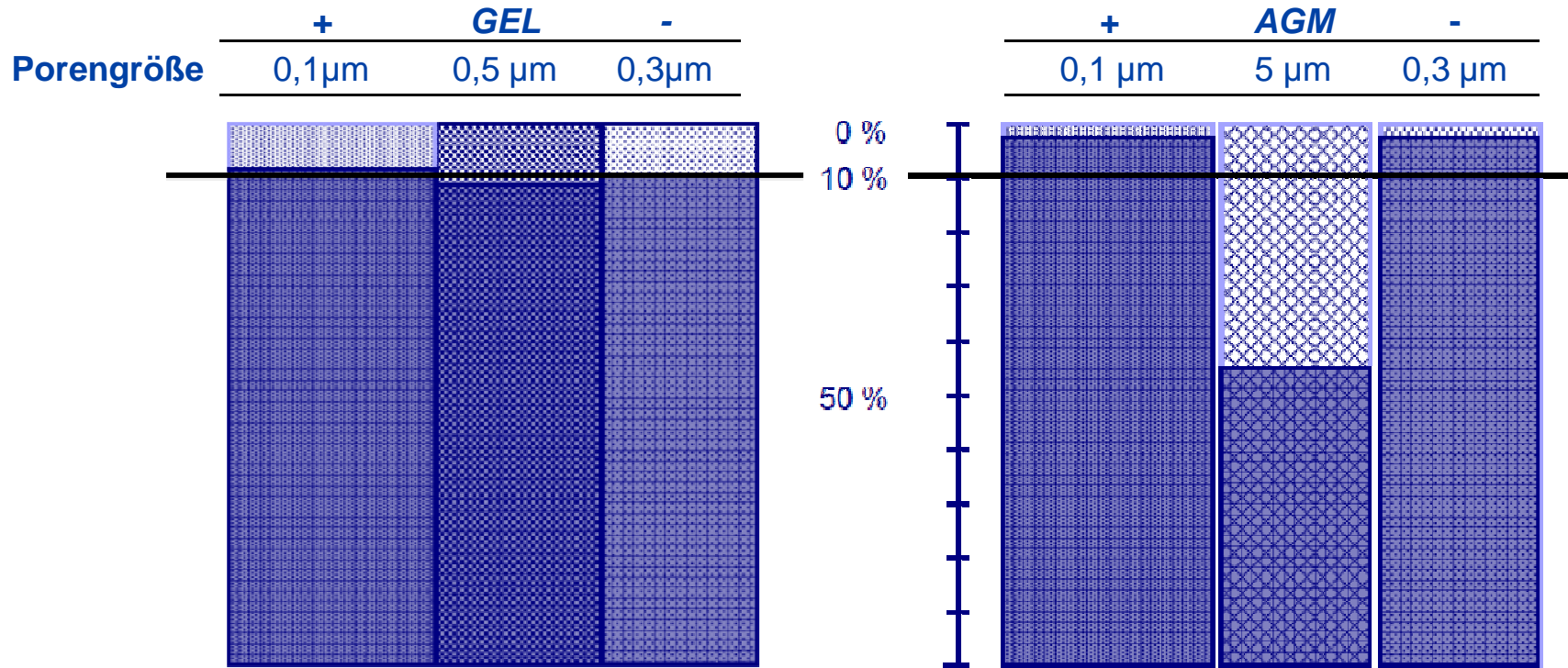
BAE OPzV	AGM
<p data-bbox="589 400 887 443">Tubular plate</p> <p data-bbox="239 459 786 496">Gauntlet encase active mass</p> <ul data-bbox="333 520 689 619" style="list-style-type: none">- No shedding- Big mass reserve <p data-bbox="333 639 1021 676">→ Cyclic stable, long life duration</p> <p data-bbox="239 707 1010 743">Centered lead sole with big cross section</p> <ul data-bbox="333 767 730 804" style="list-style-type: none">- Corrosion resistant <p data-bbox="239 834 987 871">Homogeneous allocation of active mass</p> <ul data-bbox="333 895 707 994" style="list-style-type: none">- High capacity- Consistent quality <div data-bbox="235 1031 616 1422"></div> <div data-bbox="696 1031 1059 1270"></div>	<p data-bbox="1480 400 1704 443">Grid plate</p> <p data-bbox="1155 459 1559 496">Mass pasted into grid</p> <ul data-bbox="1249 520 1962 619" style="list-style-type: none">- Shedding easier possible- Due to low height limited mud space <p data-bbox="1249 639 1783 676">→ Hazard of short circuits</p> <p data-bbox="1155 722 1361 759">Thin plates</p> <ul data-bbox="1249 783 1704 820" style="list-style-type: none">- Limited mass per plate <p data-bbox="1249 842 1666 879">→ No cyclic stability</p> <p data-bbox="1249 901 1641 938">→ Limited capacity</p> <div data-bbox="1178 1062 1536 1262"></div> <div data-bbox="1641 1015 1888 1270"></div>

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GEL (OPzV)	Fleece (AGM)
<p>Pore size: 0,1µm to 1µm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same pore size as active mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Better fixing of acid, strong reduced water consumption 	<p>Pore size: 1 µm to 10 µm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 times bigger than in GEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Weak fixing of acid → Higher water consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Thermal Runaway → Acid stratification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fills the complete container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Better contact to both plates until end of life → Consistent capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only limited flexible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Contact loss to active materials after 50% life time → Capacity loss
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetted flags and pole bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only between neg. und pos. plate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Dry flags and pole bridges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microporous separator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Small pores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Protection against dendrites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Deep discharge safe → No short circuits between plates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass matt works at separator at the same time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Advantage: 10% less internal resistant at initial life time BUT: Increases permanently due to high water consumption leads into capacity loss and again to higher internal resistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Not deep discharge safe

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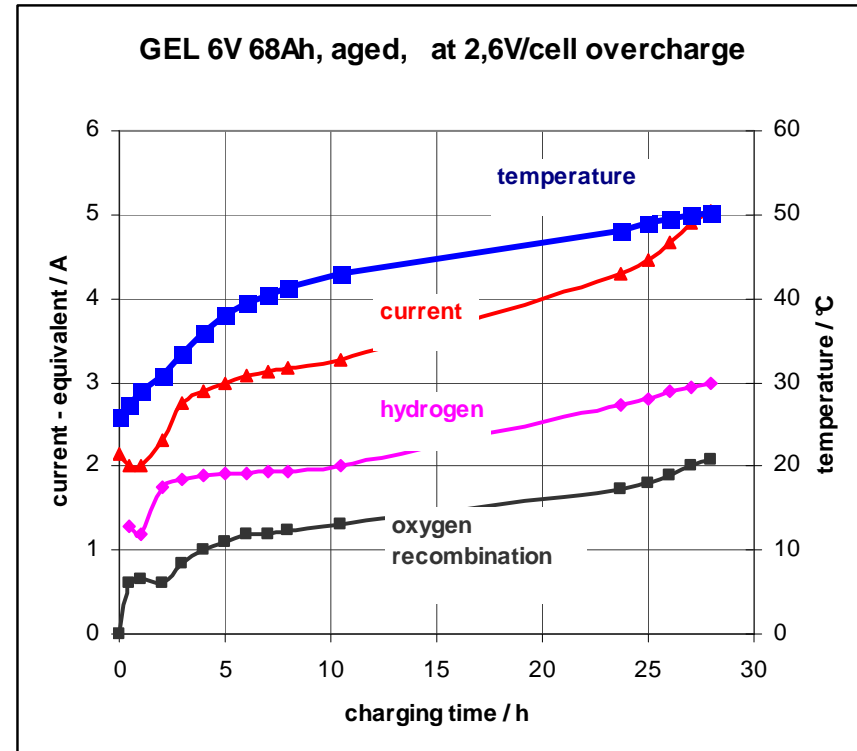
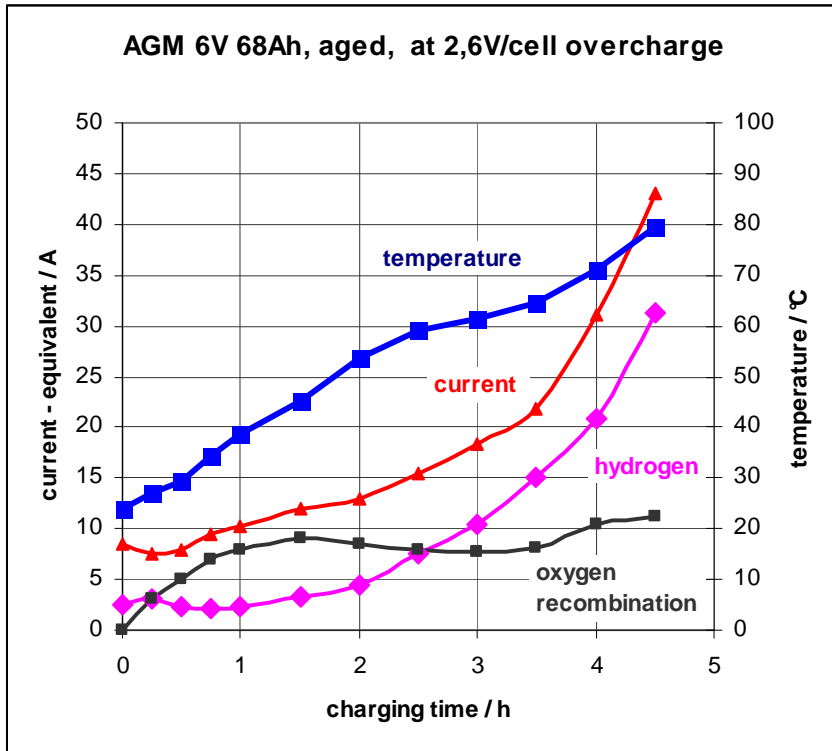
Acid location within the cell after 10% water loss



	AGM	GEL
Internal resistance new	1,4 mΩ	1,55 mΩ
Internal resistance after 10% water loss	2,4 mΩ	1,65 mΩ

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Thermal runaway simulation



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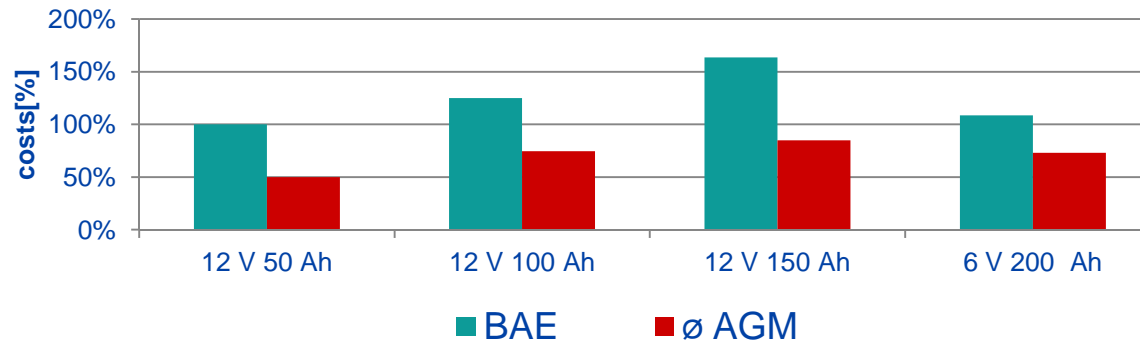
Comparable block types

	Capacity C10 Ue: 1.80 V/cell		Price		Weight		Design Life in years		Design Life in cycles	
	BAE	Ø AGM	BAE	Ø AGM	BAE	Ø AGM	BAE	Ø AGM	BAE	Ø AGM
12 V 50 Ah	57,3	48,50	100 %	50%	42,50	19,90	18	8	1500	700
12 V 100 Ah	109	98,00	100 %	75%	50,50	38,55	18	8	1500	700
12 V 150 Ah	165	151,00	100 %	75 %	72,00	61,30	18	8	1500	700
6 V 200 Ah	229	205,00	100 %	73%	48,00	35,25	18	8	1500	700

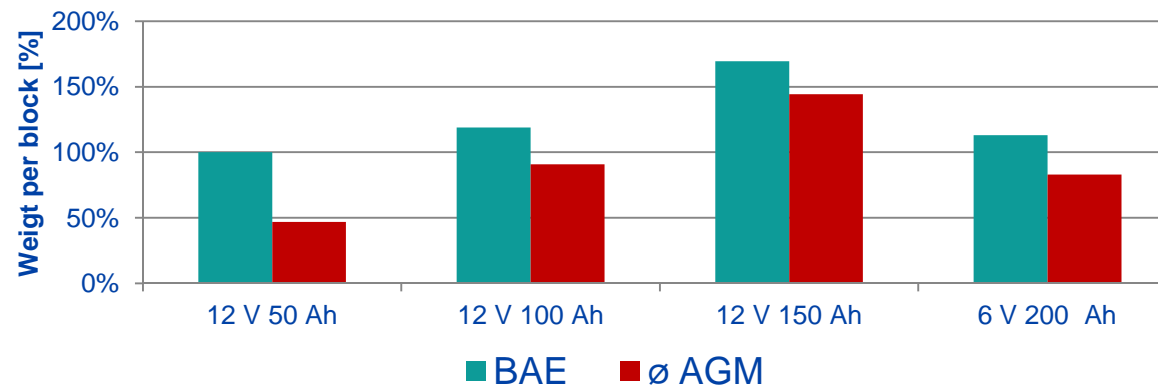
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Initial costs



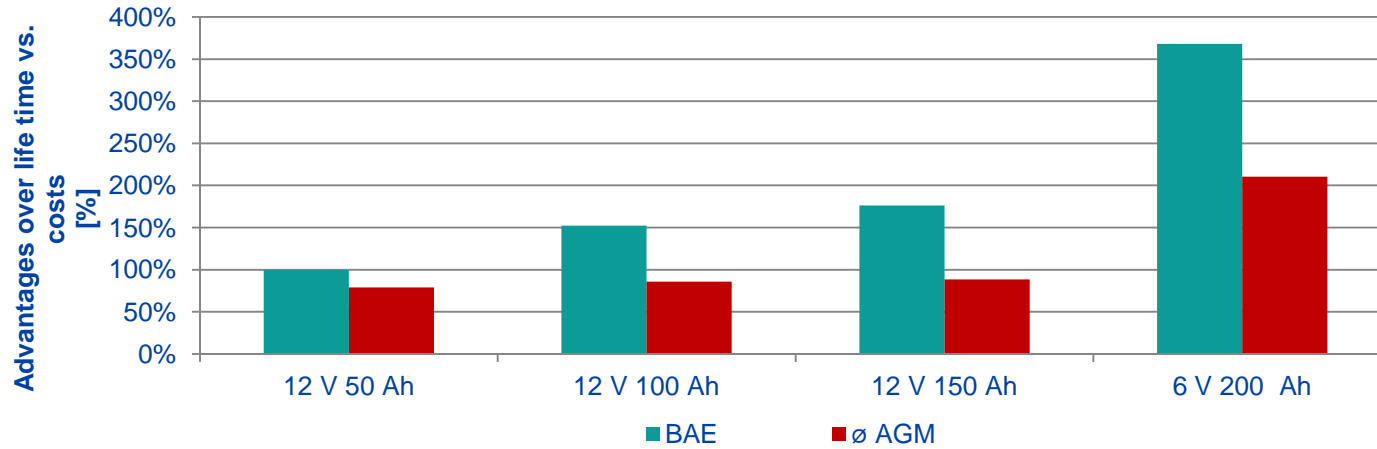
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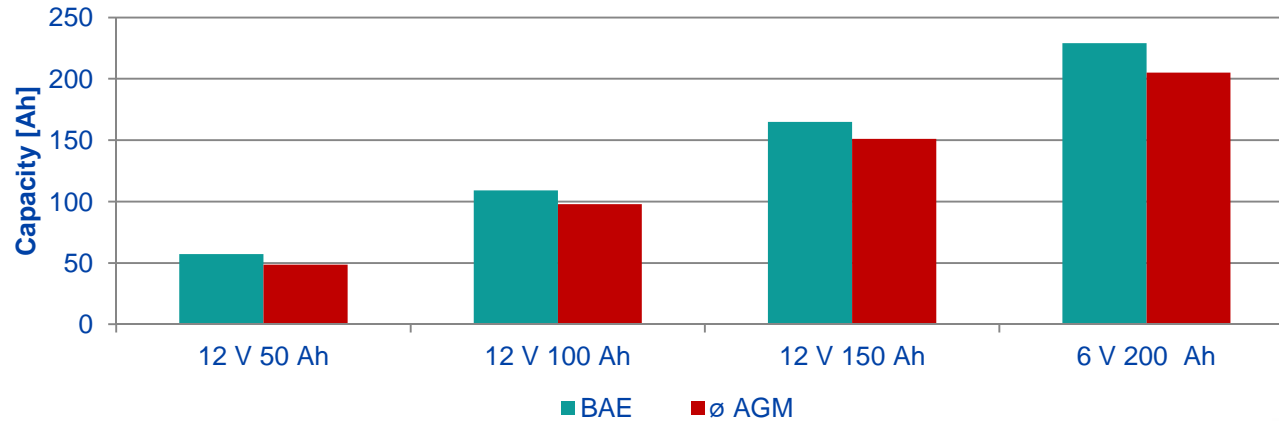
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Complete cycle life vs. costs

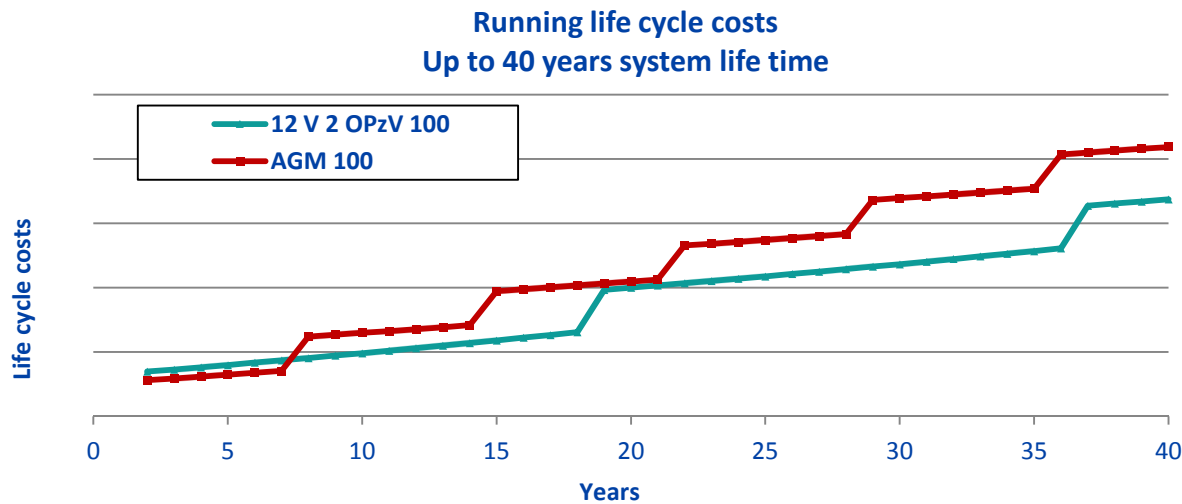
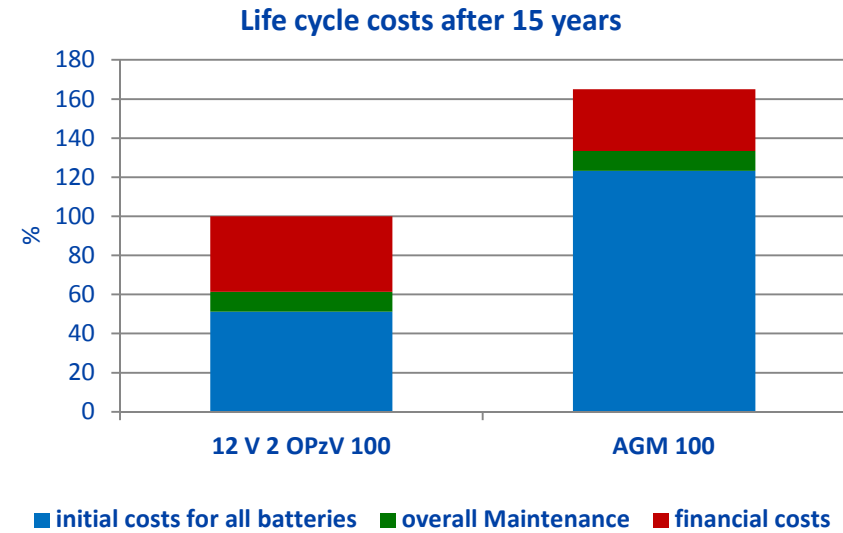


capacity C10



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Life cycle costs	BAE OPzV		AGM	
Number of cells	24			
Expected life time of whole system	20 years			
General Information				
Interest rate	same			
Purchasing overall effort	same			
Transport	same			
Maintenance effort per cell	same			
Maintenance intervalls per year	same			
Battery data				
Initial costs per block	100	%	80	%
Real life time of system	15	years	7	years



ENERGY FROM BATTERIES



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	BAE OPzV	AGM
IEC cycles	>1500 cycles	~700
Design life	Cell: 20 years Block: 18 years	Ø 13 years
float voltage per cell	2,23V	Ø 2,27 V
Needed space	Higher	Low
Weight	High	Low
Initial costs	100 %	~ Ø 70 %
Cycle stability	Very well, no acid	Bad
Deep discharge	No dendrites due to double separation with small pores	Dendrites possible
Thermal Runaway	avoided, diffusion of oxygen during recombination strongly limited	Possible by bad conditions of high rate of oxygen recombination
Capacity stability over life time	Very good Internal resistant increases very slow; no contact loss between acid and mass	medium Internal resistant increases much faster than in GEL with faster process of drying; contact loss when glass mat dry

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