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## Electric ships in Norway

*Experiences and Future Trends*

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# Electric transport is not new

- The inventor Thomas Parker –  
First electric vehicle in production  
in 1884 by Elwell-Parker Company
- First German made EV in 1888 by  
Andreas Flocken
- First American EV in 1891 by  
William Morrison



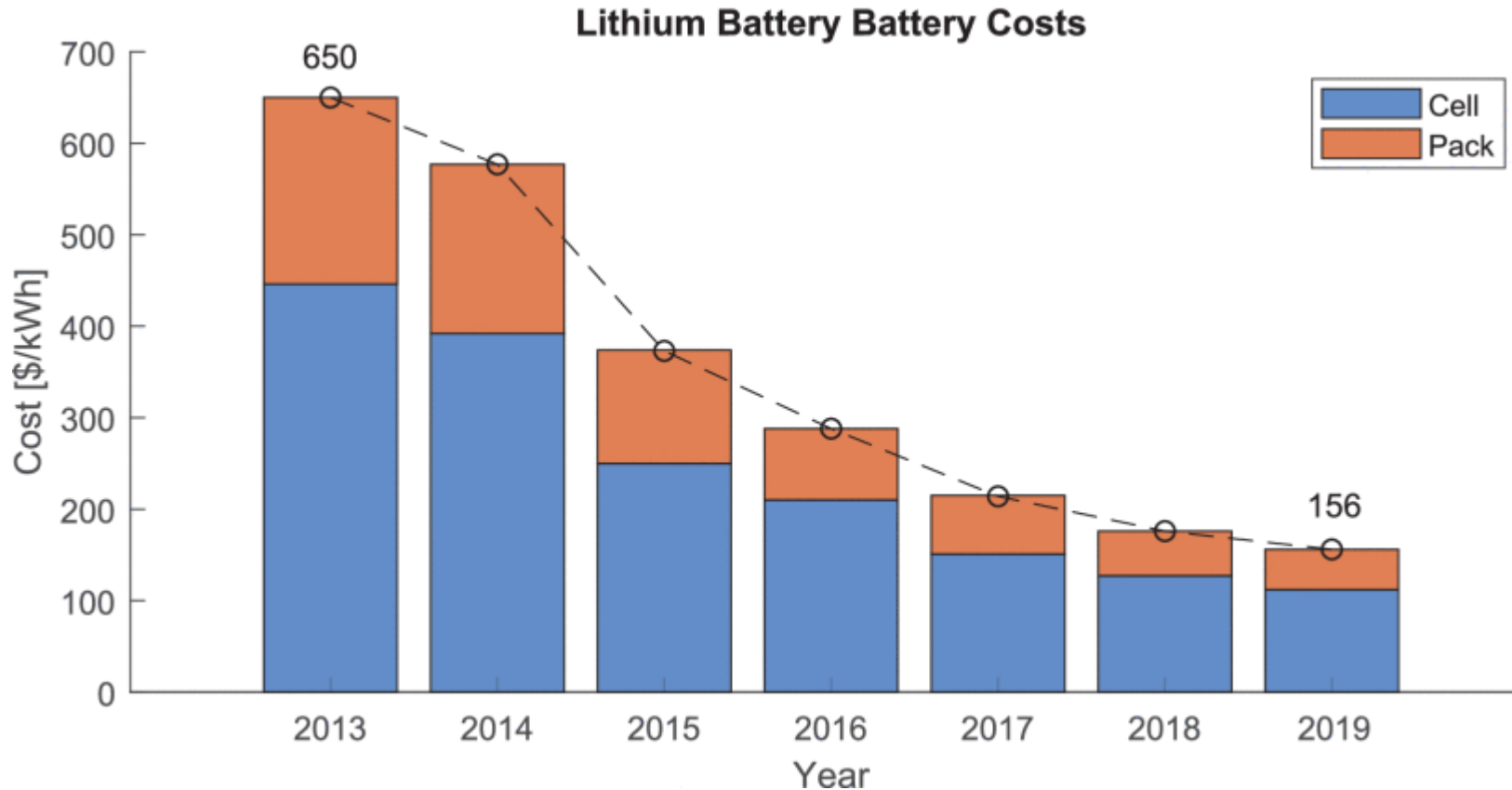
- Thomas Edison charging  
station for EVs  
(1897?)

# Maritime electric propulsion



- Known technology from diesel-electric vessels
- Diesel generators can be replaced by batteries

# Battery prices are being reduced



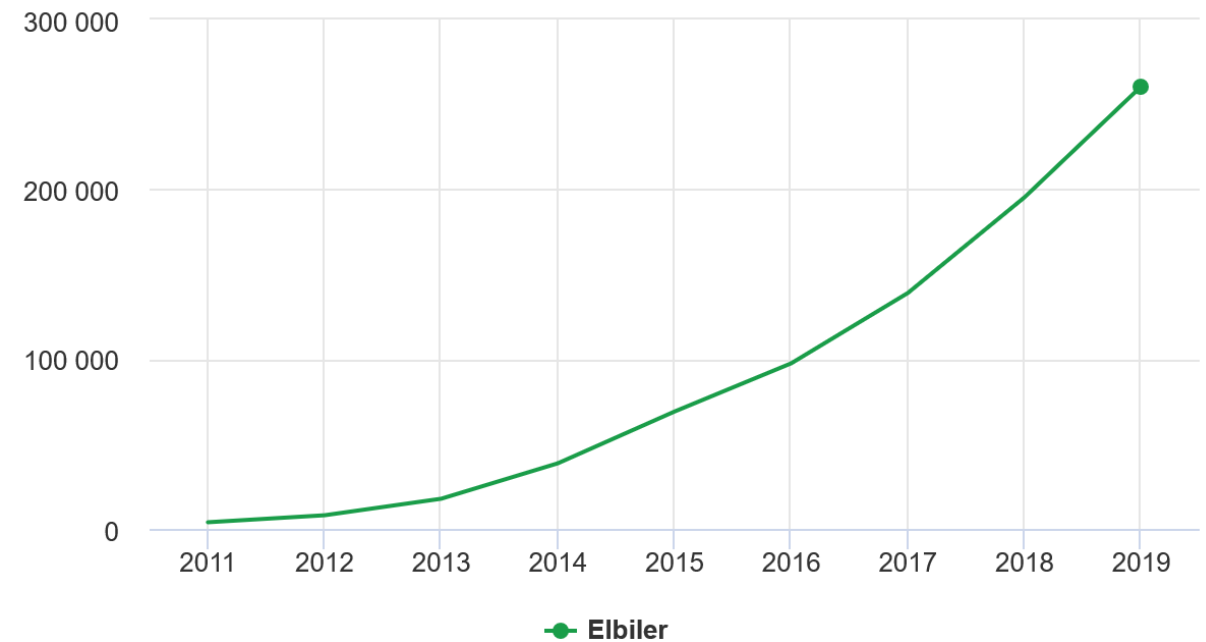
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# Electric transport in Norway



- All car ferries should be fossil free by 2030

Antall elektriske biler over tid



Kilde: Bilparken, Statistisk sentralbyrå

- Electric vehicles in Norway



# Worlds first electric car ferry



- Produced by Fjellstrand AS for Norled
- Electric propulsion system by Siemens
- Battery capacity 1040 kWh
- Transit duration 20 minutes, uses 130 – 200 kWh

# Development of electric ferries



- World's first electric ferry in 2015: Ampere
- Norwegian government: All (200) on electricity within 2025 (more realistic with 2030)
- In addition comes biofuel and hydrogen

# Fish farming goes electric



Illustrasjon: ABB



[Sea trial movie](#)

## Health and safety:

- No exhaust fumes
- Reduced noise
- Less vibration

## Environment:

- No local CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- No NOX emissions



# Electric fishing boats



Image: Selfa

## Selfa Arctic EI-Max 1099

- Electric hybrid
- 195 kWh battery + diesel generator



Image: VM boats

## VM 900 Fischer

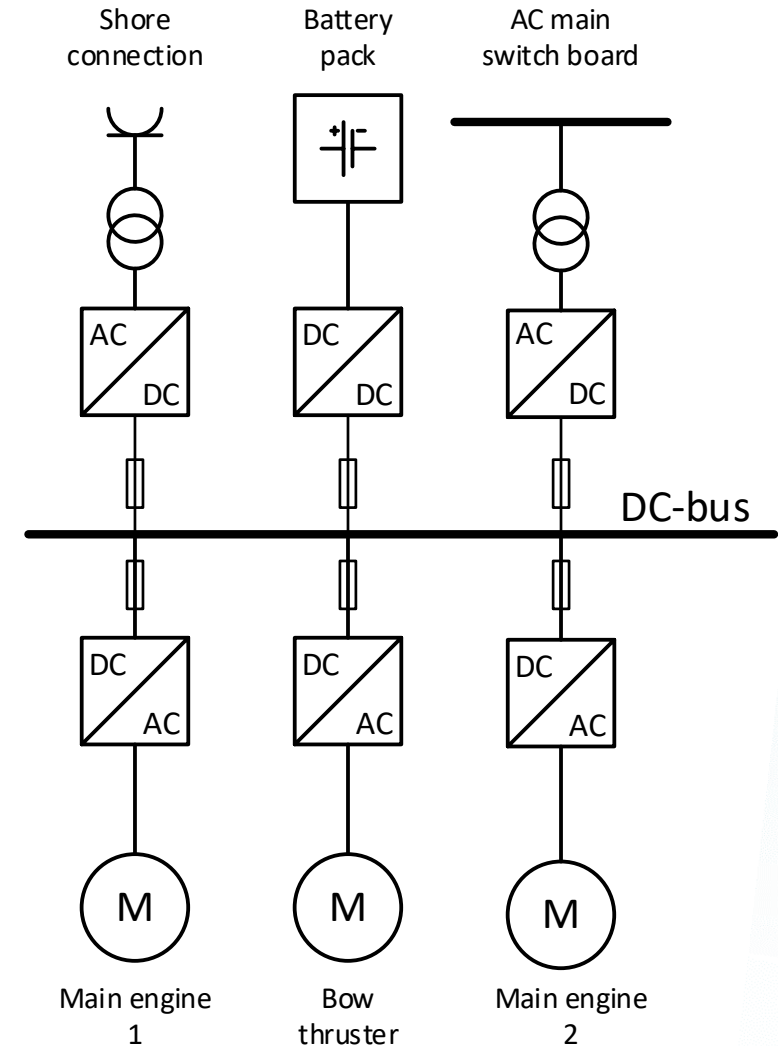
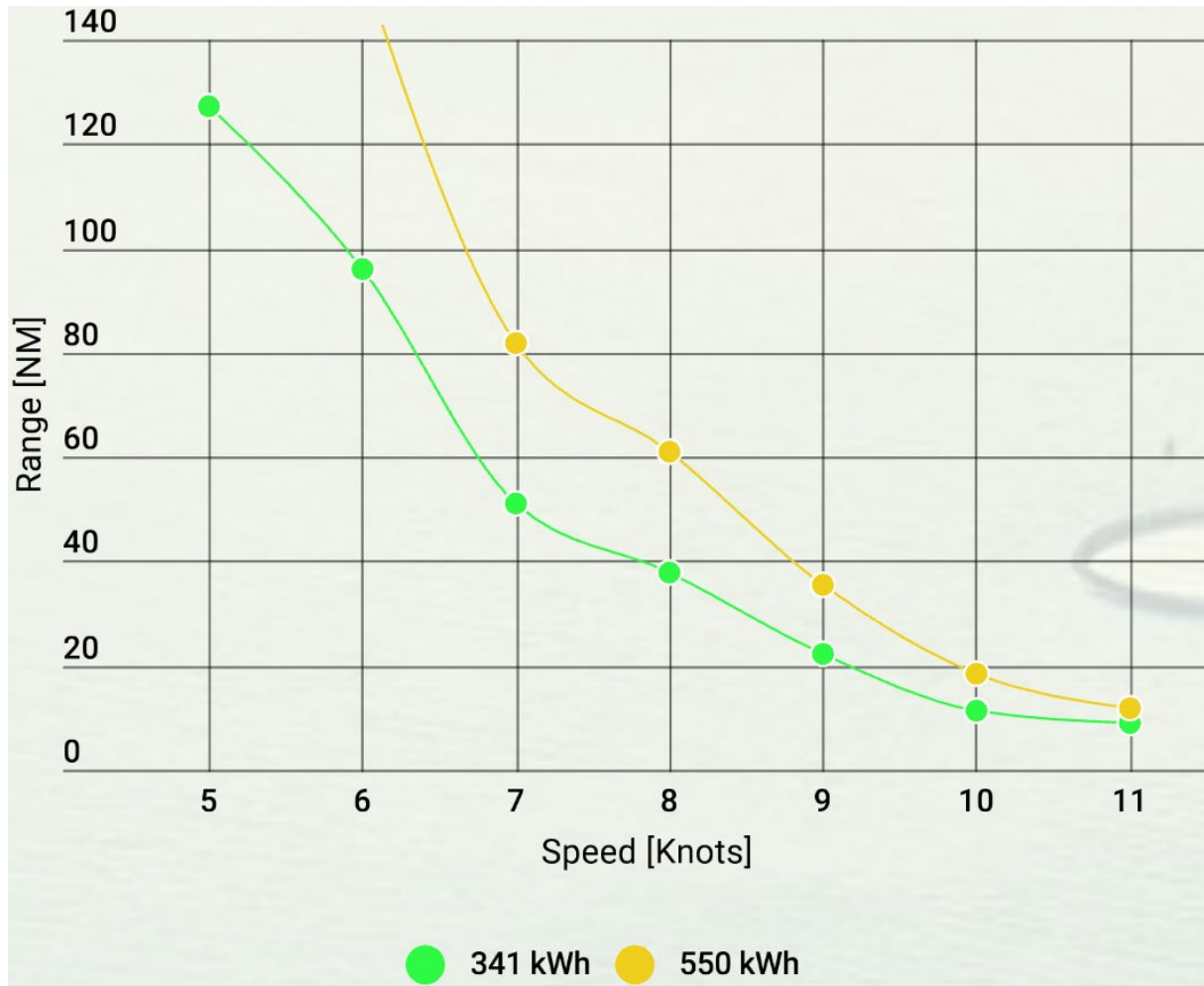
- Electric fishing boat
- 120 kWh battery
- Range of 25 nmi at 6 knop



# Hybrid fishing boat – “Angelsen Senior”



# Typical electric propulsion system

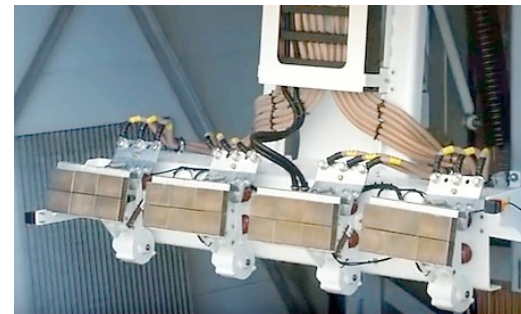
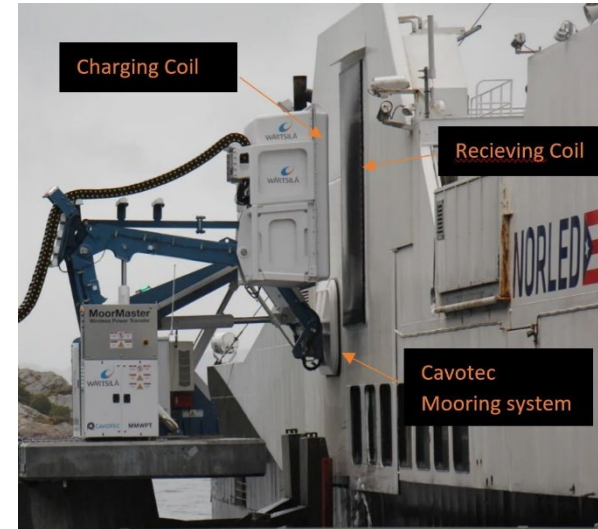




# Charging requirement and technology

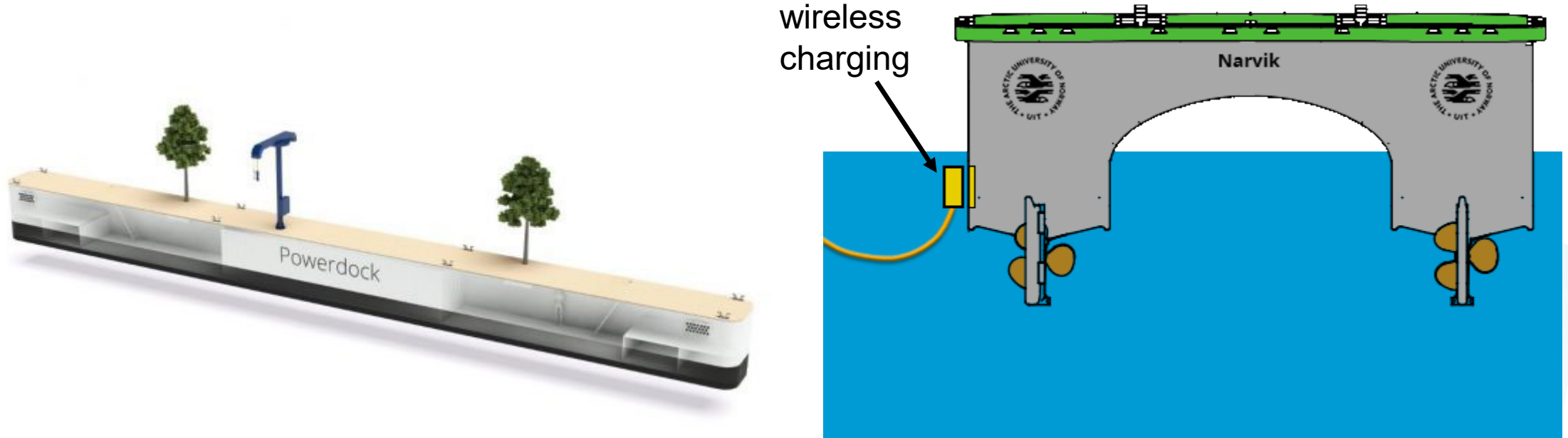


Vessel	Battery capacity	Charging power	Charging solution
Karoline (Hybrid)	195 kWh	44 kW	63 A plug 400 V
Angelsen Senior (Hybrid)	270 kWh	50 kW 850 kW gen.	125 A 3~ 230 V
GMV Zero	350 kWh	2 x 87 kW	2 x 125 A plug 400 V
MF Folgefonn (Hybrid)	1000 kWh	1 MW	Inductive + NG3 plug
MF Ampere	1040 kWh	1.2 MW	ST.Pantograf Cavotec plug
MF Future of the Fjords	1800 kWh	2.1 MW	Cavotec plug
Color Hybrid	5000 kWh	7 MW	NG3 plug





# Floating charging points



- Power dock with integrated battery pack
- UiT research – Underwater wireless charging

# Students interested in electric vessels

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# Electric boat collecting plastic waste





# Armada



Grovfjord Mek. Verksted is building nine autonomous hybrid vessels for Ocean Infinity