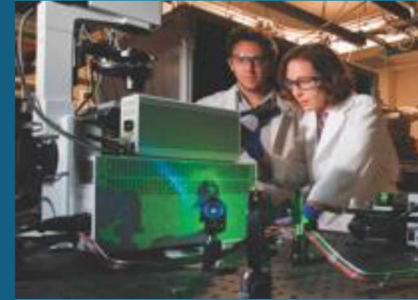




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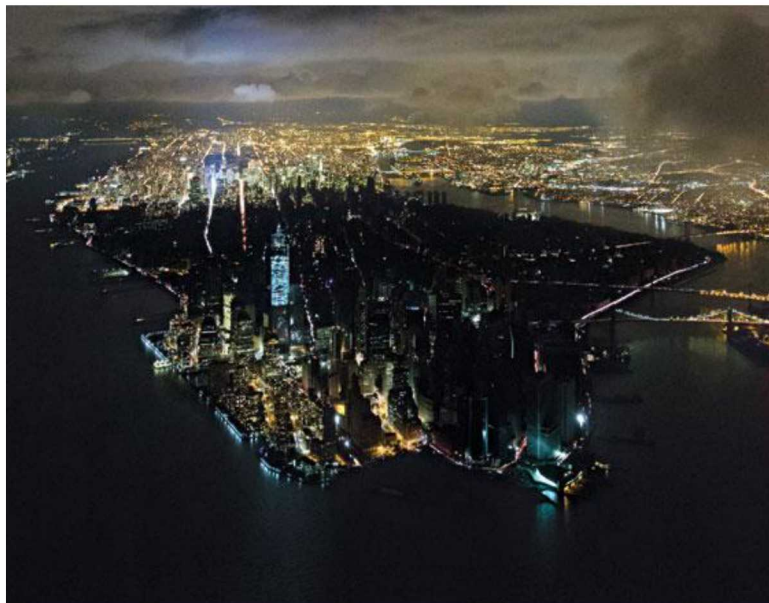
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# DOE Office of Electricity Priorities



- Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands  
Restoration and Resiliency Efforts
- North American Energy Systems Resiliency Model
- Mega-Watt Scale Grid Storage
- Revolutionize Sensing Technology Utilization
- Operational Strategy for Cyber and Physical Threats



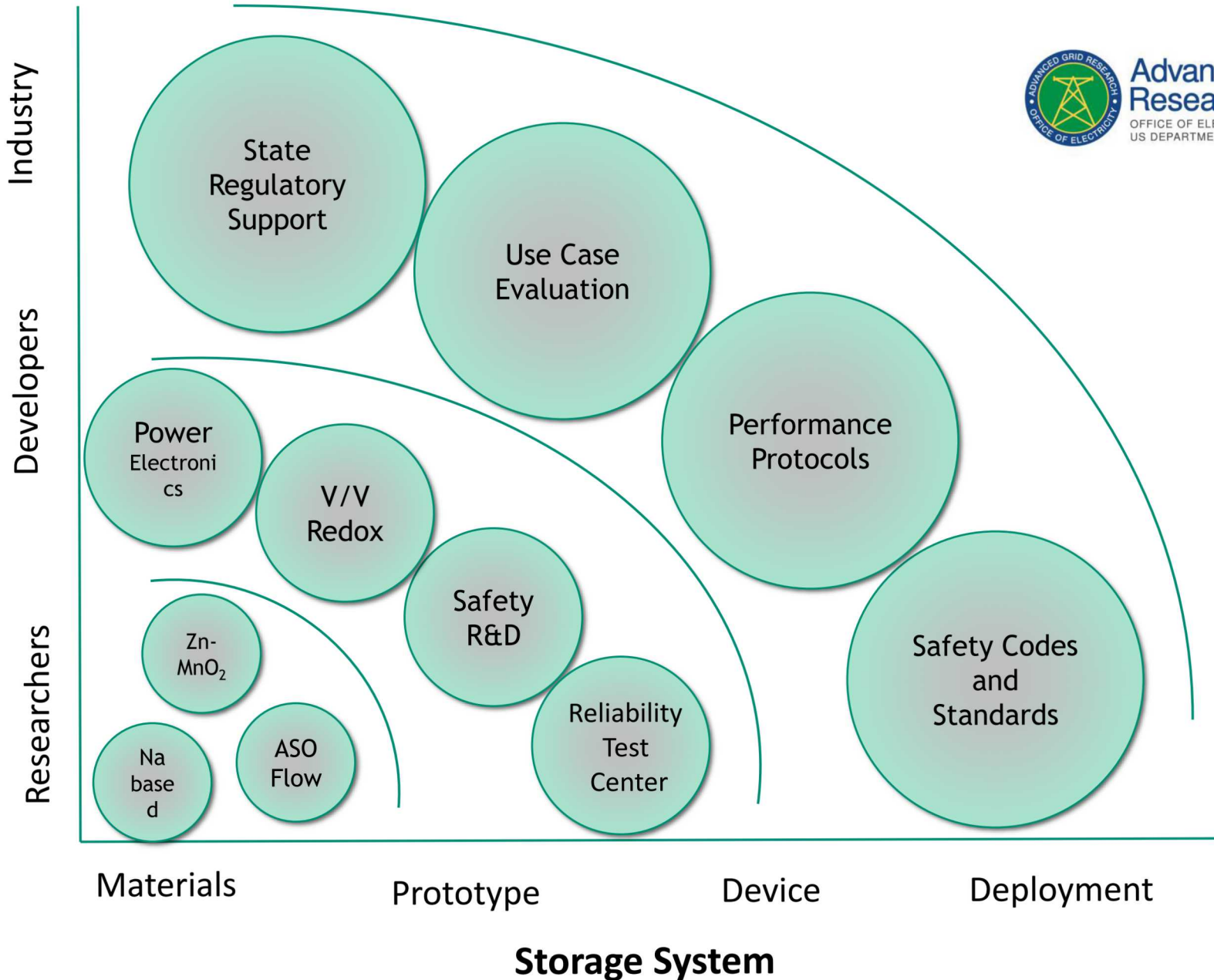


# DOE Energy Storage Program



**Advanced Grid  
Research**  
OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY  
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Stakeholder Engagement**





# Applied Research: Materials, Devices, Systems

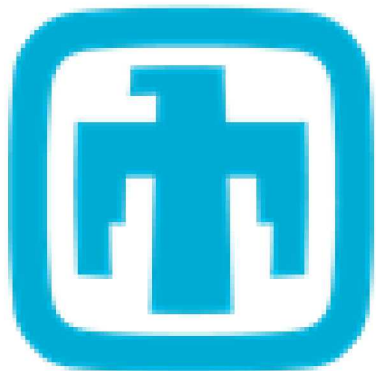
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And University, Industry Partners

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Patents Granted: 12, submitted: 14

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233 Articles, 106 Patents, 9 R&D 100 Awards!





# University Partners



Harvard University – MA  
Case Western Reserve – OH  
West Virginia University – WV  
Penn State – PA  
UW – WA  
Davidson College – NC  
City University – NY  
Northeastern Univ – MA  
New Mexico State University  
Montana Tech - MT  
Stony Brook – NY  
Univ. Kentucky – KY  
UC -Irvine -CA  
Southern Methodist – TX

Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks – AK  
Univ. of Houston – TX  
Univ. Texas- Austin- TX  
Ohio State University – OH  
Univ of Texas – Arlington – TX  
New Mexico Tech – NM  
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Washington Univ – MO  
Michigan State University – MI  
Univ. of Utah – UT  
South Dakota State – SD  
Clemson – SC.  
Univ. of Tennessee – TN



# Sandia Major R&D Thrust Areas



## Materials and Systems Development

- Development of next-generation technologies
- Improving current technology (flow batteries, flywheels, membranes, etc.)

## Power Electronics

- Development of power electronics and power conversion systems.

## Energy Storage Systems Safety and Reliability

- Fundamental Safety R&D of utility class storage systems
- Laboratory testing and analysis from individual cells to 1MW systems

## ES Systems Demonstrations and Testing

- Field deployments; State-Initiated Demonstration Project Development

## Grid Analytics and Policy

- Providing assessments of the impact of storage placement

## Outreach - publications and meetings to help educate the Grid Energy community

- EESAT and DOE Energy Storage peer review
- US DOE Global Energy Storage Database

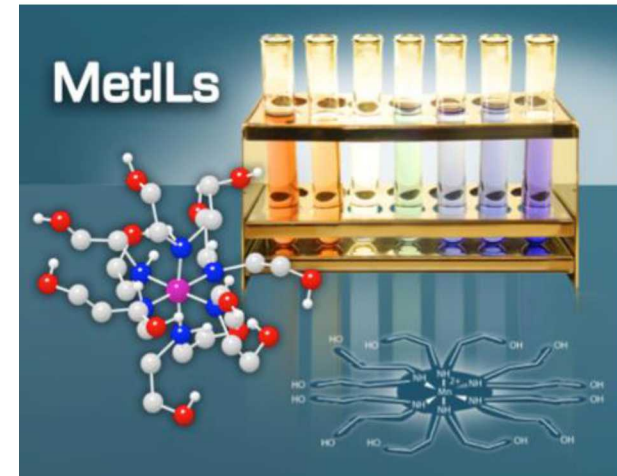


# Energy Storage Materials R&D

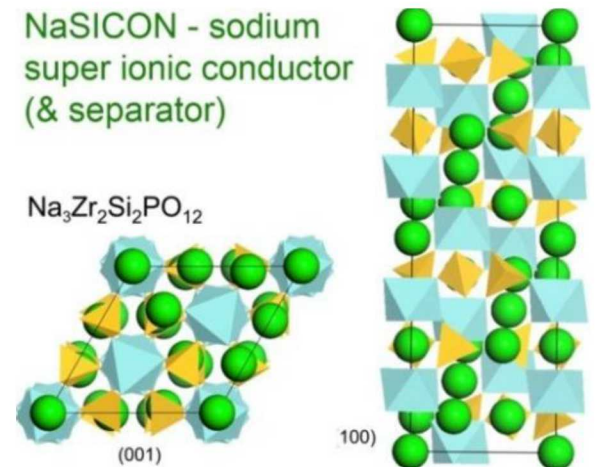
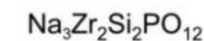


## Materials R&D capabilities covers battery chemistry and component technologies

- Low Cost Membranes for Flow Batteries
- Sodium Based Batteries
- Advanced Materials for Ionic Liquid Flow Batteries
- High Voltage Capacitors
- Soft Magnetics
- Lightweight Composites for Flywheels
- Wide Bandgap Materials and Devices for Power Electronics



NaSiCON - sodium  
super ionic conductor  
(& separator)





# Advanced Membranes for Flow Batteries

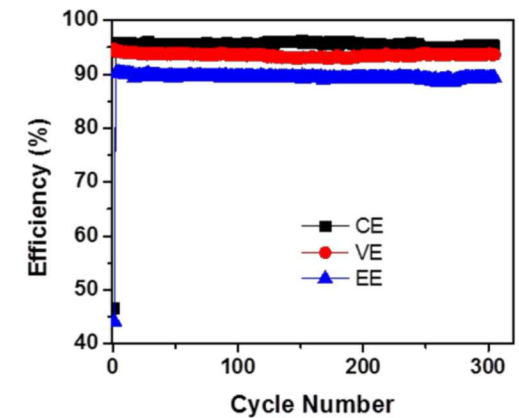


## Collaboration with PNNL and ORNL

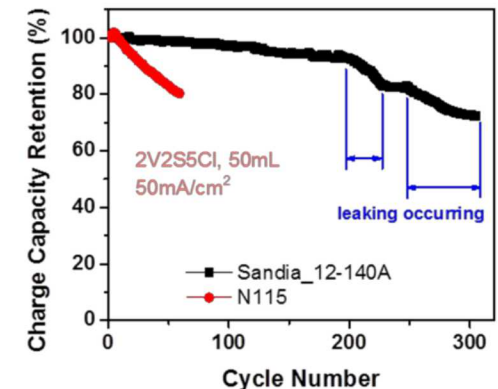
**Project Goals:** Develop and commercialize a new class of polymeric membranes that are superior to commercial membranes like Nafion in cost (10x lower) and performance.

**Present Status:** Developed membranes with enhanced ion selectivity and durability. Testing has shown improved performance over current state of the art.

**Commercialization:** Secured patent protection for materials synthesis and membrane application in flow batteries, fuel cells and electrolyzers. 1 issued patent and 4 pending applications. Commercialization through spin off.



New membranes are stable (300 cycles, 4 months), higher energy efficiency (90%) compared to state of the art (80%).



New membranes retains higher energy capacity for over 200 cycles. Longer term testing is in progress.



# Sodium Ion Battery Development

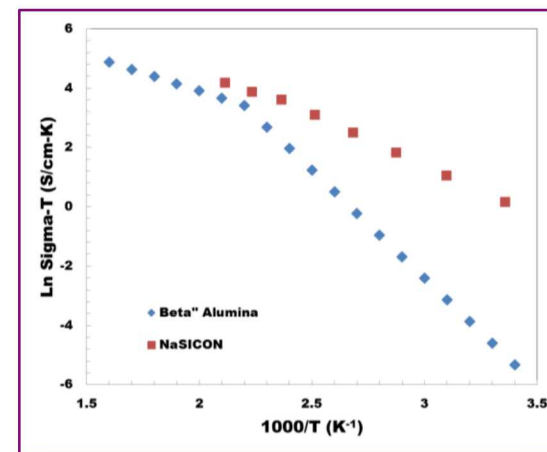


## Collaboration with Ceramatec (CoorsTek)

**Project Goals:** Develop and demonstrate low cost sodium batteries operating at lower temperature ( $< 200^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) than state of the art NaS batteries. Technology based material innovations in NaSICON ceramic membranes (collaboration with Ceramatec/CoorsTek).

**Present Status:** Successfully demonstrated cells using Na-Ni(Fe)Cl<sub>2</sub> as well as novel Na-I battery chemistries. 100 Ah cells demonstrated stable performance during 1+ year of operation. 250 Ah cells under test.

Working towards the Demonstration of a 10 kWh battery module in a grid application.



NaSICON is  $10 \times$  more conductive than  $\beta''\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  @ room temperature



Prototype Na-ion cells



# Power Electronics - Leveraging world class capabilities in Wide Bandgap Materials



## WORLD'S FIRST FIBER OPTIC ELECTRICAL TRANSDUCER TO PASS MILITARY VIBRATION AND SHOCK CERTIFICATION

Exceeds 30Mhz

Capable of Operating up to 34.5kV without additional Insulation, Isolation, or Cooling



## WORLD'S FIRST HIGH TEMPERATURE SIC SINGLE-PHASE INVERTER

3 kW (1200 V/150 A peak)  
250 ° C Junction Temperature  
Integrated Gate Driver



## WORLD'S FIRST HIGH TEMPERATURE SIC POWER MODULE

50 kW (1200 V/150 A peak)  
250 ° C Junction Temperature  
Integrated HTSOI Gate Driver

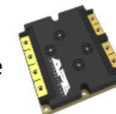


## WORLD'S FIRST COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE ULTRA-HIGH-VOLTAGE SIC THYRISTOR

Rating exceed 6.5kV, 200kHz, 80A  
> 200° C junction temperature



WORLD'S FIRST HIGH VOLTAGE, HIGH TEMPERATURE, REWORKABLE SIC HALF-BRIDGE POWER MODULE  
> 15 kV / 100 A, > 200 ° C Reworkable  
Wire Bond Free, Low Parasitic Design  
Device Neutral  
HV Isolated Gate Driver



## 2015 R&D100 Winner

WORLD'S HIGHEST VOLTAGE NORMALLY OFF SIC JFET  
6.5 kV, 20kHz, 60A  
200° C Junction Temperature



2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015

## WORLD'S FIRST VOLTAGE CONTROLLED 4500V/400A TURN-OFF THYRISTOR

4500V and 400A rated  
Integrated Si MOSFET and GTO  
Embedded Current Sensing Capability



## WORLD'S FIRST HIGHLY ACCELERATED LIFETIME TESTING (HALT) OF HIGH VOLTAGE SIC MODULES

Dramatically Accelerates Design Cycle  
-100 ° C to 250 ° C (1.7 ° C/s Ramp)  
48 in × 48 in Table Size  
6 axis 75 gRMS Vibration



## WORLD'S FIRST MONOLITHICALLY INTEGRATED SINGLE CHIP TRANSISTOR

Integrated SJT/Diode Chip at 1200V



WORLD'S FIRST HIGH FREQUENCY, HIGH TEMPERATURE, SIC HALF-BRIDGE POWER MODULE  
15 kV/100 A, 20 kHz, 200C Reworkable  
Low Parasitic Design  
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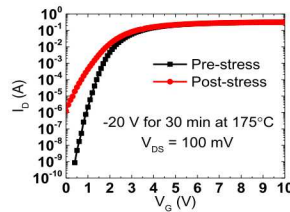


# Power Electronics – Current Projects



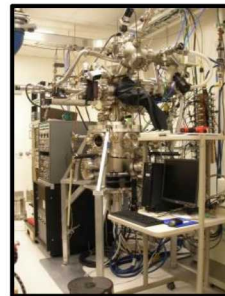
## WBG Reliability Characterization

- Static and dynamic reliability characterization of SiC and GaN semiconductor devices under stress conditions
- 10 kV/50A/600C wafer-level device measurement capability
- 3kV/50A package-level device measurement capability
- Double-pulse switching testing capability
- Impedance spectroscopy



## Advanced Gate Oxide for WBG Devices

- Unique oxide molecular-beam epitaxy instrument (1 of ~30 such instruments in the US)
- Grows MgO, CaO,  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  gate and passivation dielectrics on GaN, AlGaN, and SiC power semiconductors
- Comprehensive dielectric characterization tools
- 5 Hz to 26 GHz, -100C to 300C capabilities

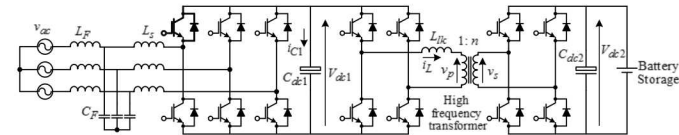


## Advanced Magnetics

- Electron microscope for raw magnetic powder characterization
- Quantum design magnetic property measurement system

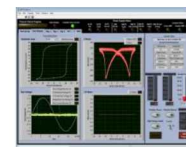


$\gamma'$ - $\text{Fe}_4\text{N}$  toroidal inductive cores



## Advanced Capacitors

- Test voltages as high as +/-10kV, with kA transients with HV diagnostics from mHz-MHz capability
- Impedance bridges and polarization-hysteresis looper allows full dielectric characterization
- Temperature dependent insulation resistance characterization capability





# Energy Storage Safety and Reliability - Outreach



Energy Storage Safety  
Working Group

Validation & Risk  
Assessment

Codes & Standards

Outreach & Incident  
Response



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Focus on developing a fundamental understanding of safety and reliability through R&D in four areas:

- Materials origin of safety and reliability
- Device level failures
- Mechanisms of Cascading failures
- Software's role as a critical safety system

Extensive laboratory infrastructure at Energy Storage Test Pad (ESTP), BATlab, Thermal Test Complex

Advanced simulation and modeling of energy storage systems



Energy Storage Test Pad (ESTP)



Cell Lab



Battery Abuse Testing Laboratory



# Predictive Modeling of Energy Storage Systems



Materials chemistry for engineered safety of batteries – New electrolyte materials

Modeling & simulation tools that predict thermal environments and the response of an object to that environment. (Advanced Scientific Computing (ASC) Program)

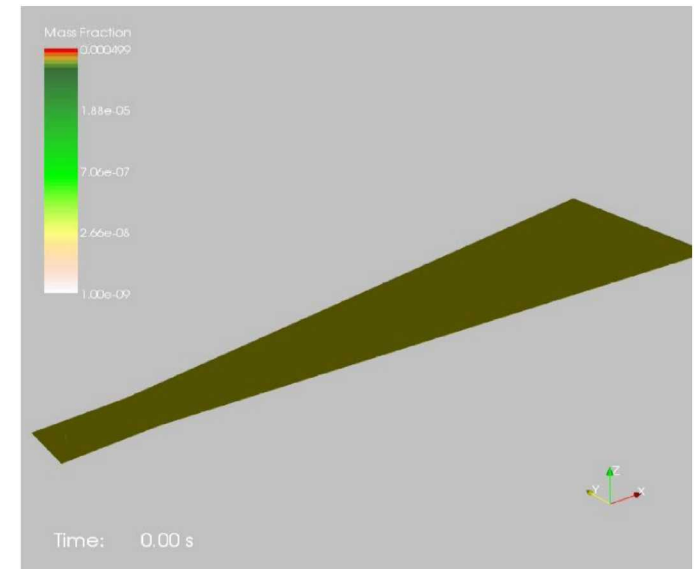
- We can predict: Turbulent fluid mechanics (buoyant plumes); Participating Media Radiation (PMR); Reacting flow (hydrocarbon, particles, solids); Conjugate Heat Transfer (CHT)

Adaption of ASC modeling framework to battery system to establish its' safety basis

- We have demonstrated proof of concept



Image Source: WindPower Monthly  
<http://www.windpowermonthly.com/article/1284038/analysis-first-wind-project-avoids-storage-30m-fire>



Predictive Simulation of Smoke Plume from Abnormal Event. The colors correspond to concentration of chemical species



# Energy Storage Safety Protocols



*As an increasing number of energy storage systems are deployed, the risk of safety incidents increases.*

## Damage to Facilities



*2012 Battery Room Fire at Kahuku Wind-Energy Storage Farm (15 MW, 10 MWh)*

- There were two fires in a year at the Kahuku Wind Farm
- There was significant damage to the facility
- Capacitors in the power electronics are reported to be associated with the failure.

## Impact to First Responders



*2013 Storage Battery Fire, The Landing Mall, Port Angeles WA (75kW, 50kWh)*

- First responders were not aware of the best way to extinguish the fire,
- It reignited a week after it was thought to be extinguished.



# Outreach in Energy Storage Safety



- ❖ **Website:** <http://www.sandia.gov/energystoragesafety/> provides a common platform for safety researchers to find collaborators, share data, and post publications. This site is a widely accessed repository of resources for all stakeholders on energy storage safety.
- ❖ **Annual Energy Storage Safety and Reliability Forum** – brings 150 stakeholders annually to review storage safety and reliability aspects
- ❖ **Monthly reports on the status of safety related codes and standards** with biannual webinars
- ❖ **Engagement with NFPA, EPPI, and ESA on safety education**, outreach, protocols and standards
- ❖ **Support for energy storage safety standards development** working in collaboration with IEEE, IEC, UL, NFPA, ICC
- ❖ **Regular stakeholder surveys** to collect feedback and maximize impact

The screenshot shows the ESS Safety website interface. The top navigation bar includes the ESS Safety logo and a list of menu items: Research & Development, Codes & Standards, Task Forces, Publications and Presentations, and External Resources. The main content area is divided into sections for Research & Development (with sub-links like Overview, Priorities, Collaborators, etc.), Codes & Standards (with sub-links like Overview, Status, Adoption, etc.), Task Forces, Publications and Presentations, and External Resources. To the right of the website screenshot is a flyer for the ESS Safety Forum 2017, held on February 22-24, 2017, at the La Florida Hotel in Santa Fe, NM. The flyer features the ESS Safety logo, a photo of a battery storage facility, and text describing the forum's purpose: 'Meeting the Challenge' of energy storage safety. It lists topics to be discussed, including battery safety, codes and standards, and testing. The flyer also mentions that the forum is co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

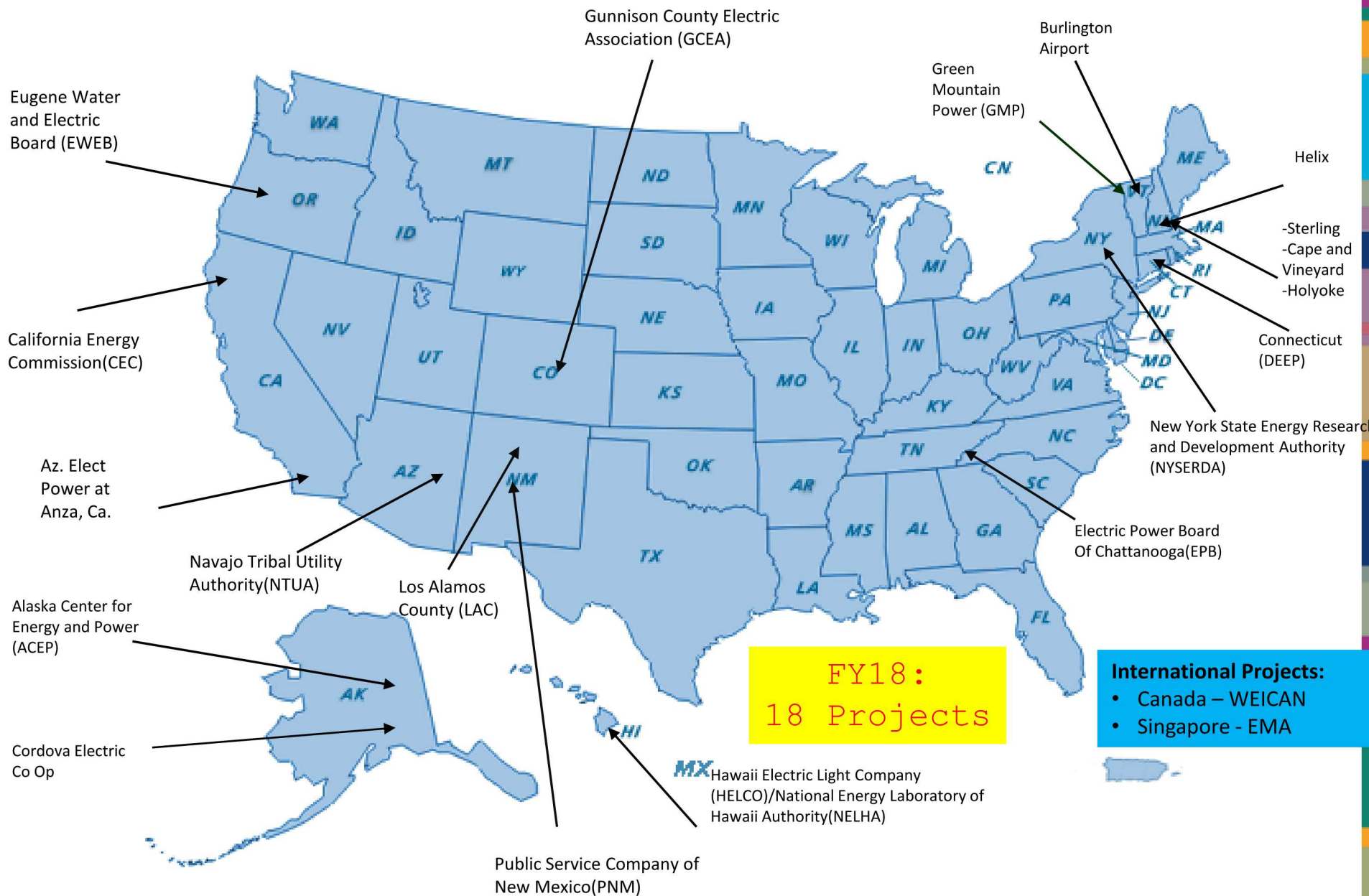


## Technical Contributions to Ongoing Standards Development

- IEEE 1635-12, IEEE 1547.9, IEEE 946, IEEE 1375
- UL 1973-13 Batteries for Use in Stationary Applications
- ANSI/UL 9540-P (ESS Safety)
- UL 1974 (Repurposing)



# Energy Storage Demonstration Projects





# Energy Storage Analytics



Estimating the value of energy storage

- Production cost modeling (vertically integrated utility)
- LP Optimization (market area)
- Stochastic unit commitment/planning studies (vertically integrated utility)

Control strategies for energy storage

- Wide area damping control
- Control and architectures for MWh-GWh storage plants

Model development (e.g. for dynamic simulation)

Public policy: identifying and mitigating barriers

Standards development and DOE Protocols

Project evaluation

- Technical performance
- Financial performance

Open source tools for energy storage valuation - QuEST



# Estimating the Value of Energy Storage – CAISO Example

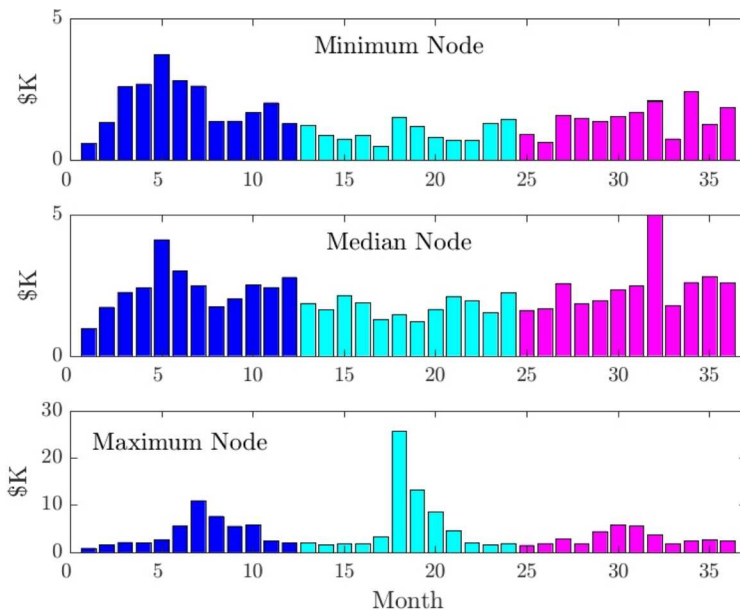


Analyzed ~2200 LMP nodes in CAISO

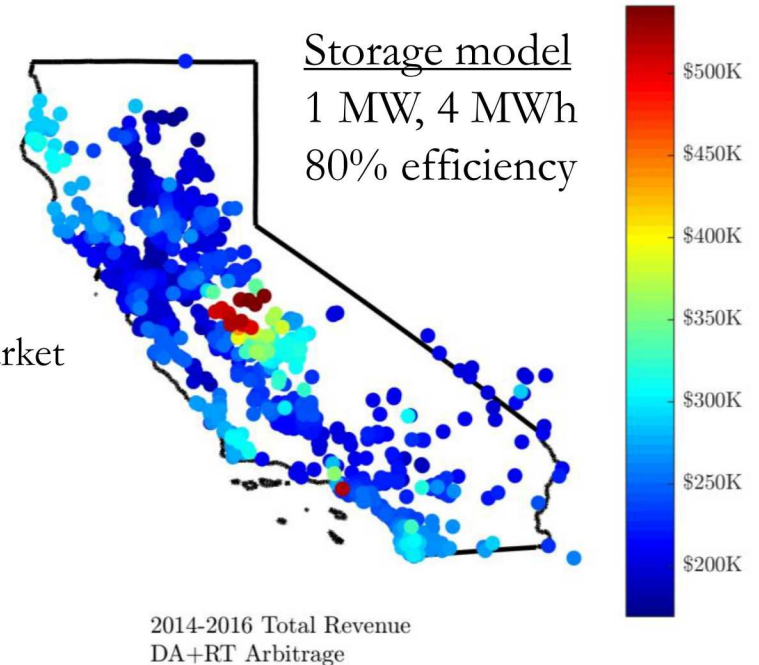
- Day ahead market arbitrage
- Day ahead and real time market arbitrage

## Key takeaways

- Revenue opportunity is highly location specific
- Significantly more potential revenue if the real time market is included



Monthly day-ahead arbitrage revenue profile for the minimum node, the median node, and the maximum node 2014-2016.



In addition to the strong dependence on location, there was also a significant temporal variation in revenue (e.g., some months are much better than others)



# Sterling Municipal Light Department Resilience Example



Sterling Potential value streams:

- Energy arbitrage
- Reduction in monthly network load (based on monthly peak hour)
- Reduction in capacity payments (based on annual peak hour)
- Grid resilience
- Frequency Regulation

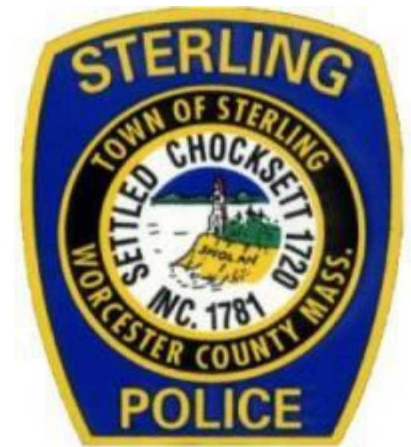
Grid Resilience was the primary goal – other applications help pay for the system

Several potential value streams (1MW, 1MWh 2017-18 data)

Description	Total	Percent
Arbitrage	\$40,738	16.0%
RNS payment	\$98,707	38.7%
FCM obligation*	\$115,572	45.3%
Total	\$255,017	100%

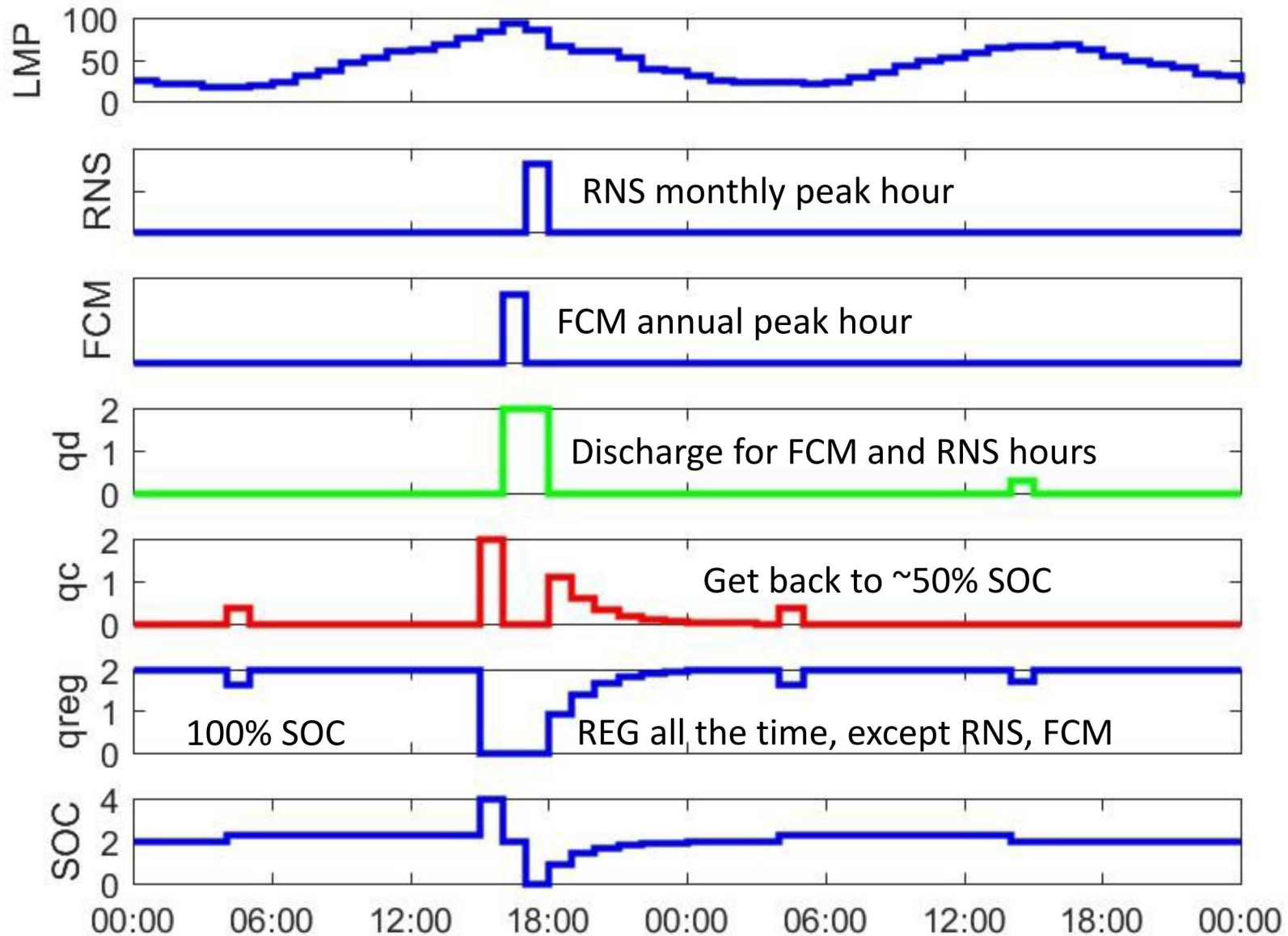
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# Sterling Municipal Light Department Resilience Example





# QuEST: An Energy Storage Application Suite



The screenshot shows the QuEST Wizard interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'home', 'about', and 'settings' links. The main heading is 'Describe the type of energy storage device to be used.' Below this, a paragraph explains that energy storage devices are modeled by power and energy ratings. A row of buttons allows selecting a device type: 'Li-ion Battery' (highlighted in blue), 'Advanced Lead-acid Battery', 'Flywheel', and 'Vanadium Redox Flow Battery'. Below this row is a button for 'Li-Iron Phosphate Battery'. The configuration section for the 'Li-ion Battery' shows four sliders with corresponding numerical values: 'self-discharge efficiency (%/h)' at 100.0, 'round trip efficiency (%)' at 90.0, 'energy capacity (MWh)' at 24.0, and 'power rating (MW)' at 36.0. A text box on the right states 'Li-ion Battery Modeled after the Notrees Battery Storage Project in western TX.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

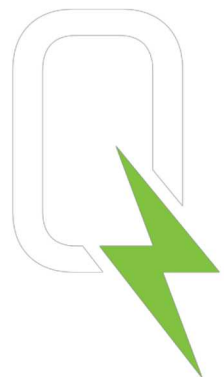
Open source, Python-based energy storage analysis software application suite

Developed as a graphical user interface for the optimization modeling capabilities of SNL's energy storage analytics group

- Version 1.0 – Analyzes data from market areas
- Version 1.2 – Added capability to analyze behind the meter applications

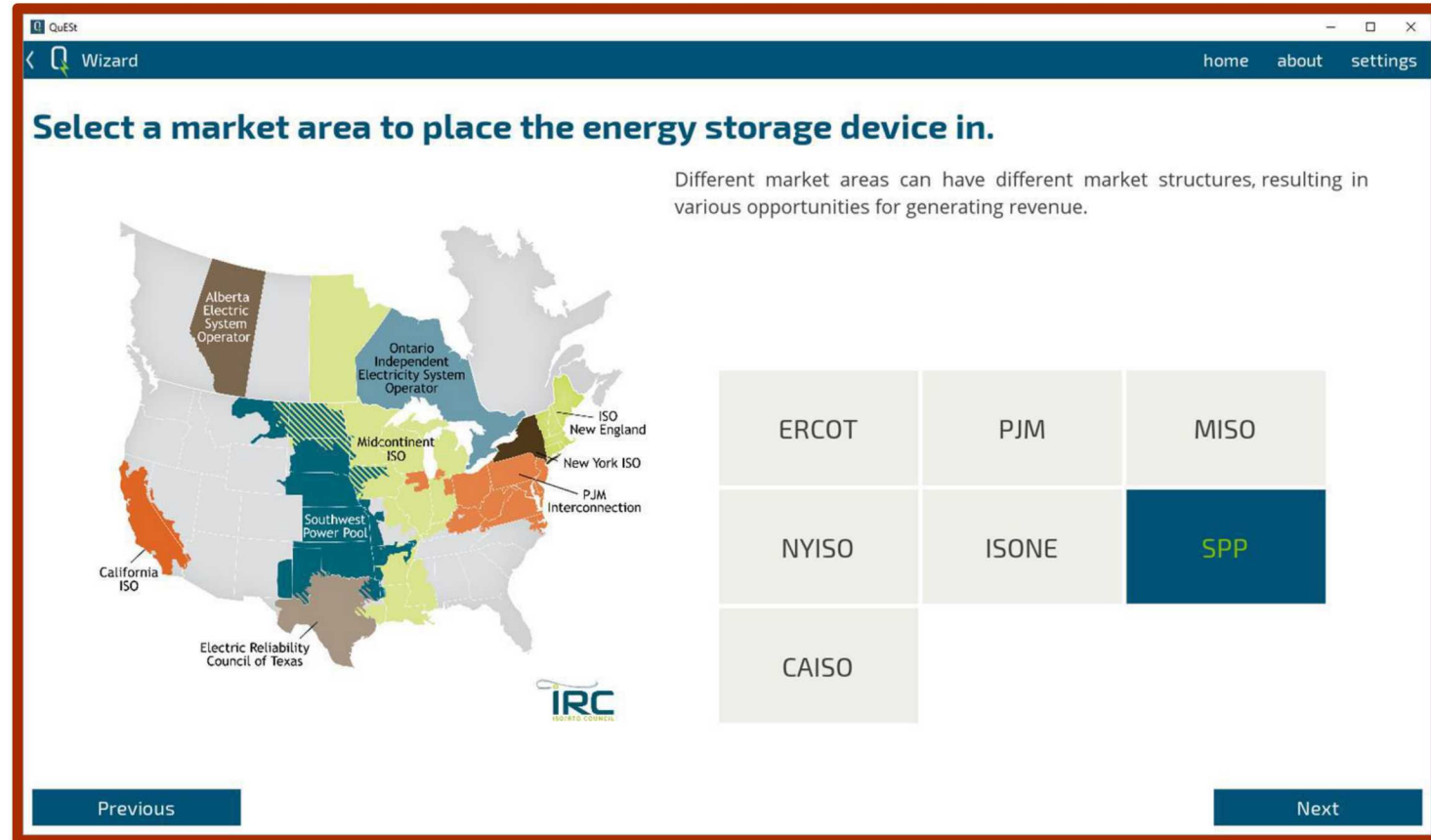
Now publicly available on GitHub

- [github.com/rconcep/snl-quest](https://github.com/rconcep/snl-quest)





# QuEST: An Energy Storage Application Suite



Downloads data from each of the North American Independent System Operators (ISOs)

Downloads utility rate structures from the Open EI utility rate database

Downloads simulated building load profiles from the Open EI database

Downloads solar irradiance data from the National Solar Radiation Database for solar+storage analysis



# Standards Development



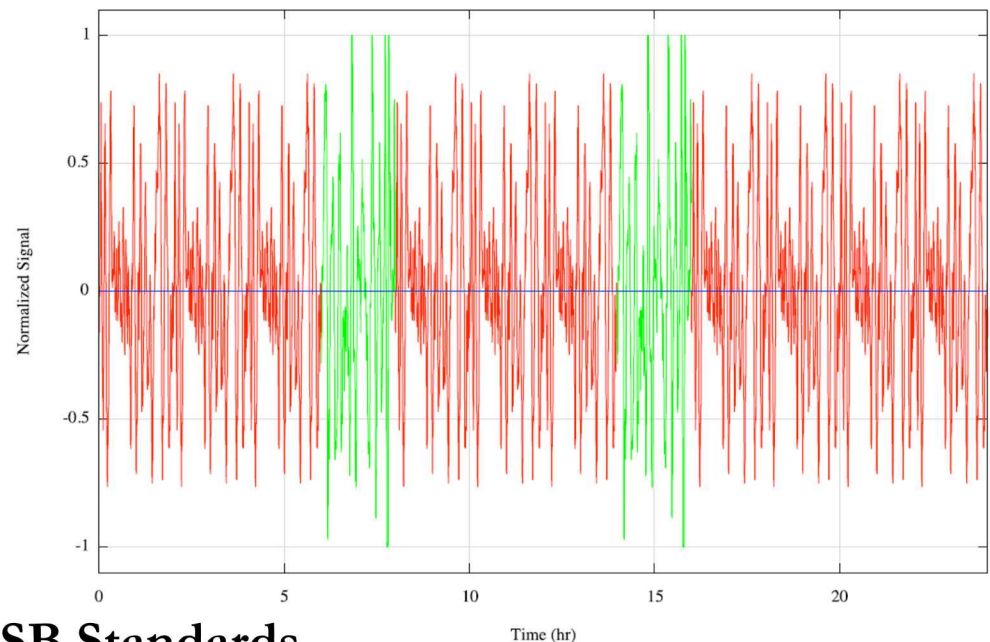
## Energy storage protocols

- Pre-standards activity
- Joint effort with PNNL
- Protocols for uniformly measuring the performance of energy storage systems for various use cases

## Applications Considered:

- Peak shaving
- Frequency regulation
- Islanded microgrids
- PV smoothing
- PV firming
- Frequency control
- Volt/var support
- Power quality

Example Frequency Regulation Duty Cycle



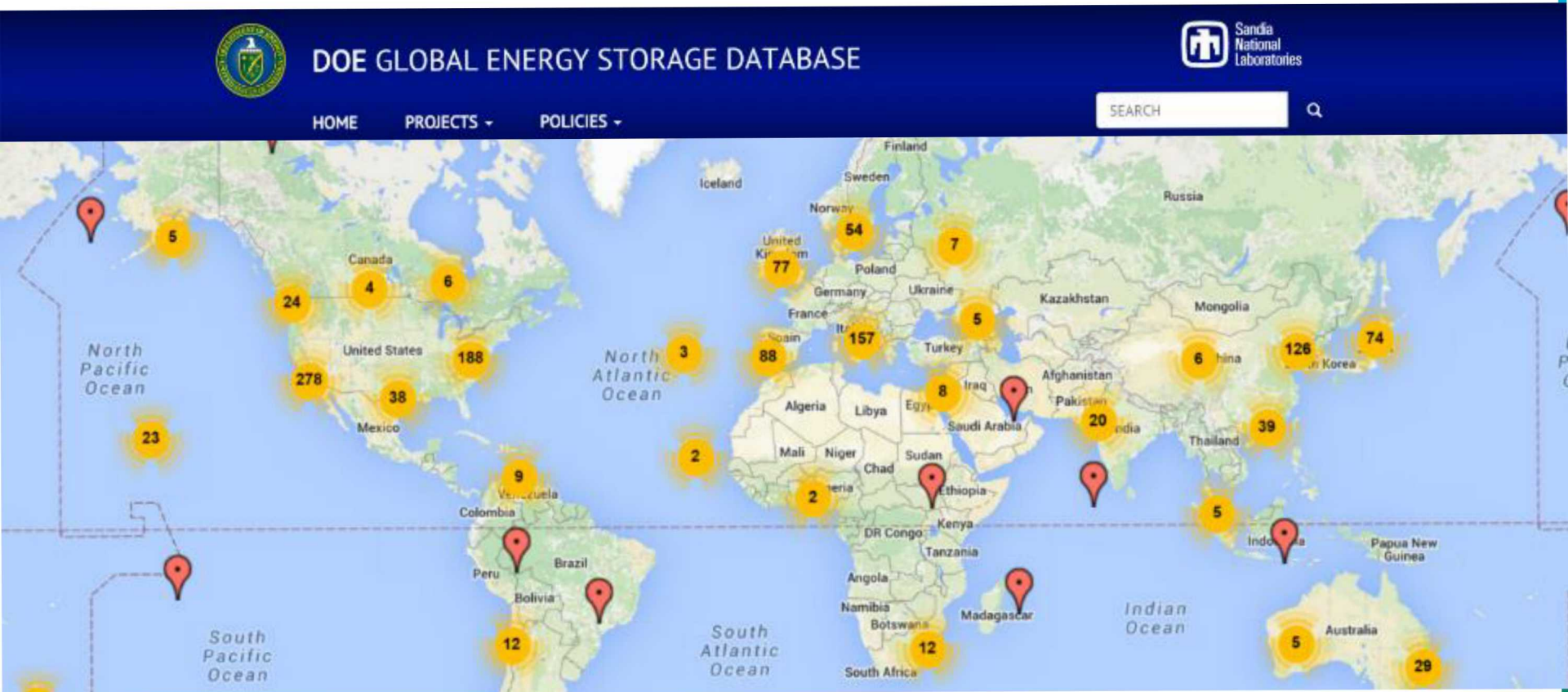
## Leadership roles with IEEE ESSB Standards Committee



# Outreach and Industry Tools



Global Energy Storage Data Base – 1800 entries





# Outreach and Industry Tools



**DOE/EPRI Electricity Storage Handbook** is a how-to guide for utility and rural cooperative engineers, planners, and decision makers to plan and implement energy storage projects safely in communities

## DOE Energy storage program website

- Publications
- Project information
- Archive of DOE Peer Review presentations

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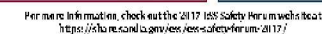
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