



# Emerging eT&D Grids

## Energy Storage, Electrification, and the Increasing Role of Power Electronics

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# U.S. Electric Grid Today

850GW baseload, 1250 GW summer peak, 7,000 operational power plants

3,200 utilities, 60k substations, 642k miles of HV transmission lines, 6.2 million miles of distribution circuit, 159 million customers.

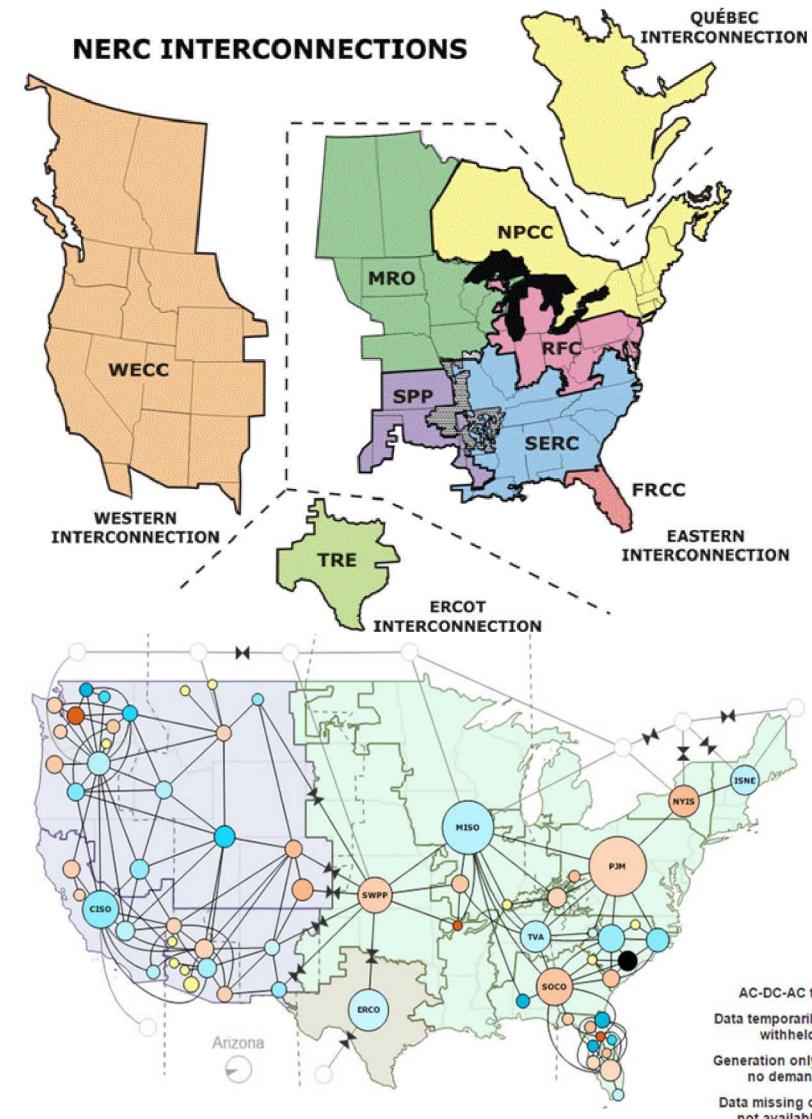
In 2015, total U.S. electricity generation was 4,087,381 GWh

- Increasing NG and renewable generation (6.1% hydropower and 7.3% from wind and solar)

Revenues reaching \$400 B, 10.42 c/kWh avg

Four interconnect regions and a number of balancing authorities:

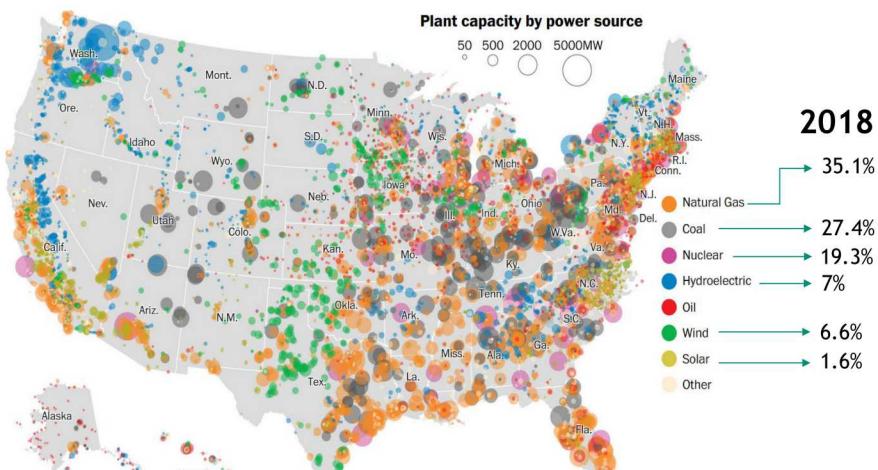
- Eastern Interconnection (31 US, 5 Canada)
- Western Interconnection (34 US, 2 Canada, 1 Mexico)
- ERCOT, Hydro-Quebec



Sources: EIA, EEI

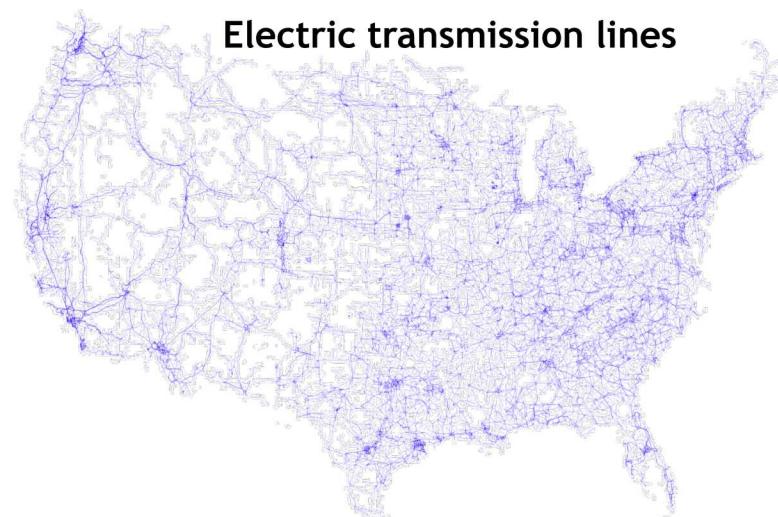
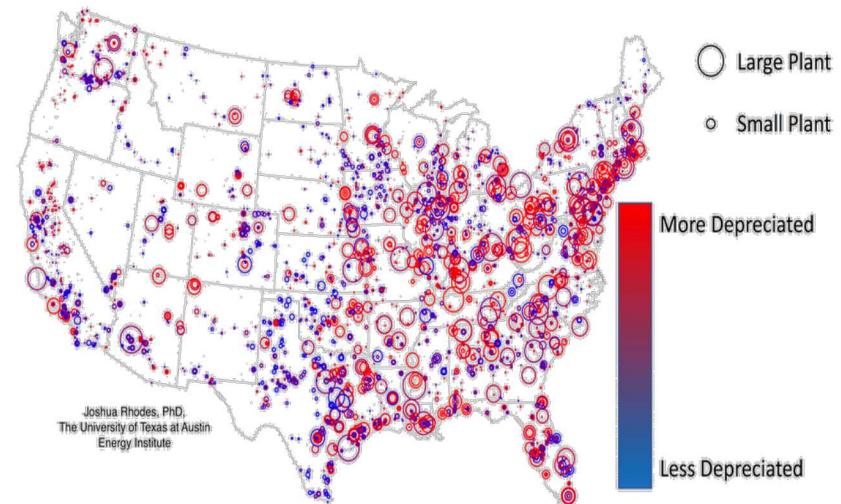
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- Major grid infrastructure is aging
- Accelerating retirements of coal fired power plants
- T&D congestion starting to impact deployment of renewables



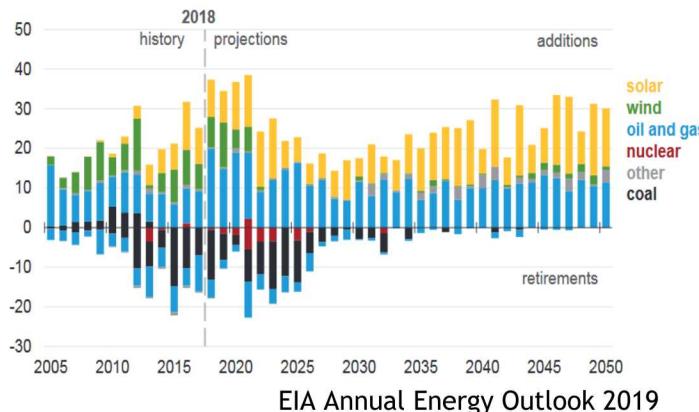
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# Major Trends – Growth of NG, Renewables, Cost Reductions

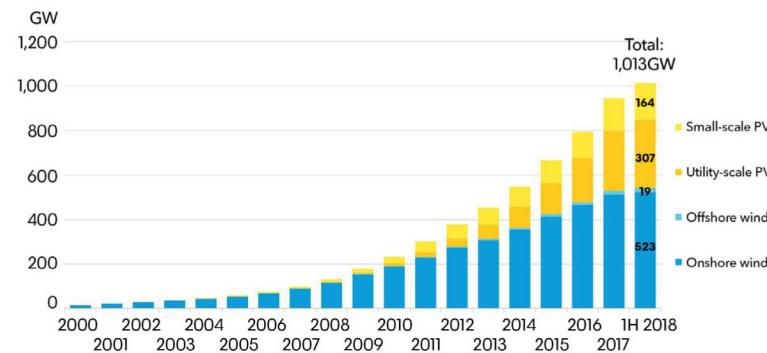


## Capacity Additions and Retirements

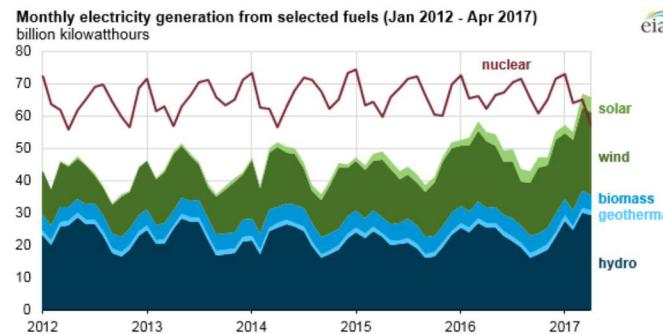
Annual electricity generating capacity additions and retirements (Reference case)  
gigawatts



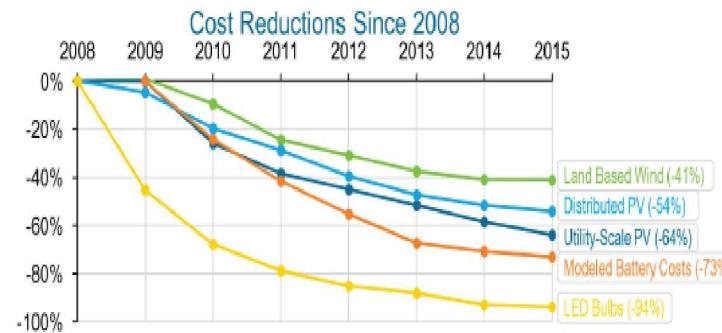
## Cumulative global solar and wind capacity (June 2018)



Utility-scale Renewables Generation surpassed Nuclear Generation (April 2017)



Cost reductions primarily due to high volume manufacturing and large scale deployments

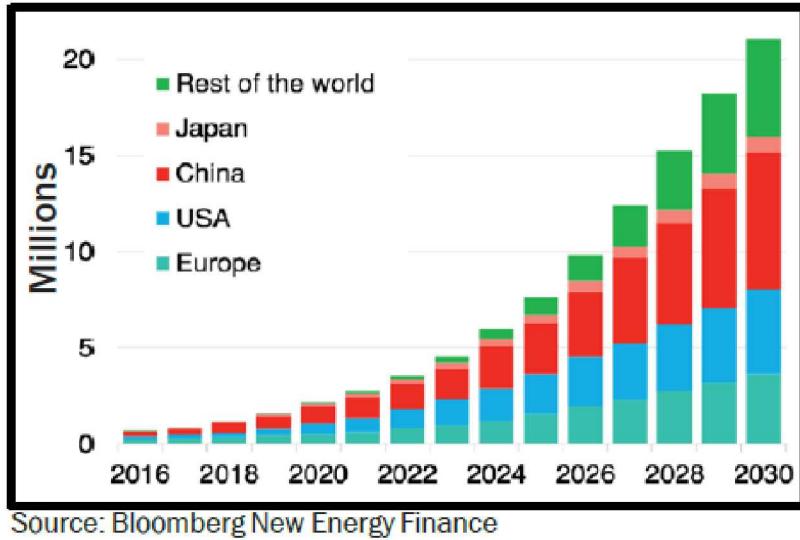


<http://energy.gov/eere/downloads/revolutionnow-2016-update>

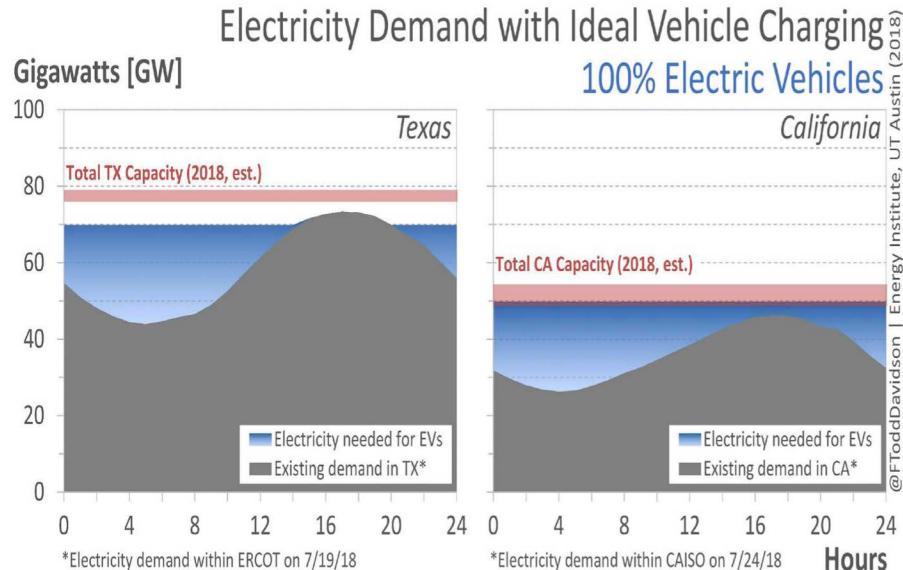
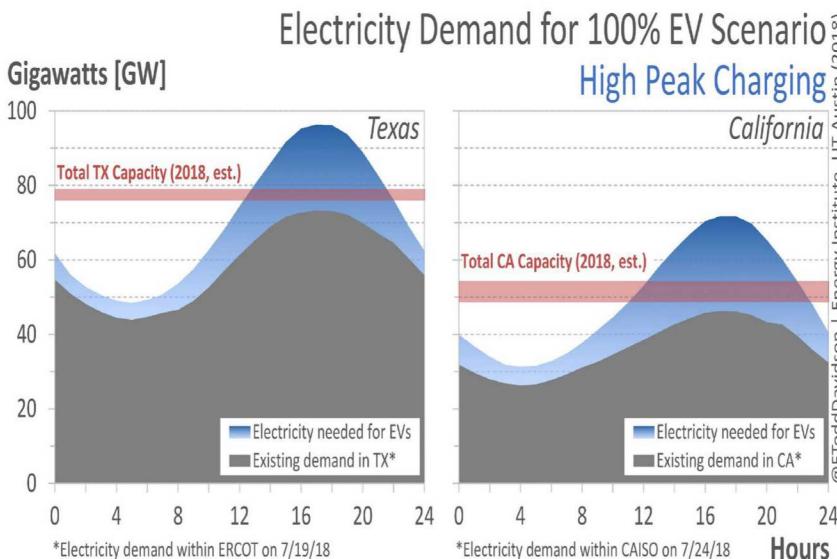
Coal-fired unit retirements driven by low NG prices (EIA, 2017)

In California, solar, storage and wind capacity additions expected to exceed NG by '21(GTM)

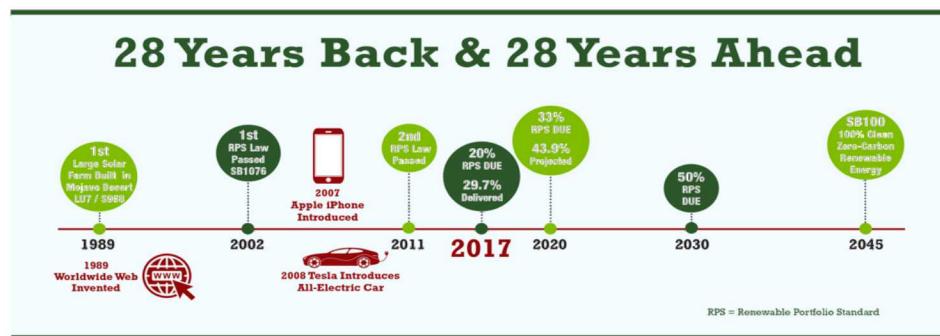
## Another Trend – Electrification of Transportation Fleet



- Projections for annual production of electric vehicles reaching 20 Million by 2030 and a fleet of 130M (mostly passenger vehicles) on road as base case; 230M vehicles optimistic case (BNEF, IEA, 2018)
- Electrification will drive demand growth, overloading distribution systems and causing transmission congestion. Total load may double.
- Needs major T&D upgrades if EVs are mainly charged from the grid.

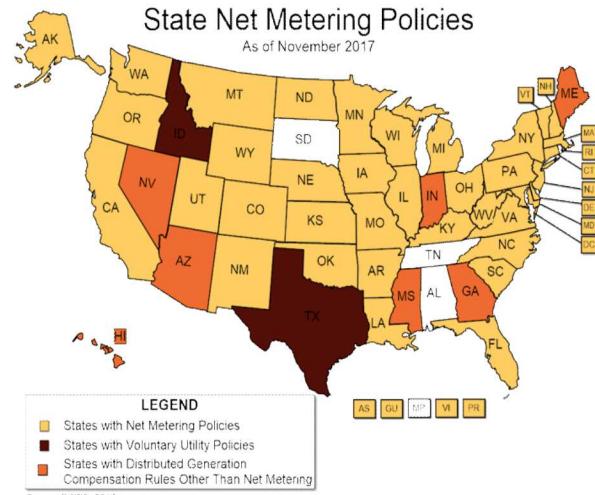


# Another Trend – States Driving Major Policies for Clean Energy



*Image Source: California Senate*

- Generation is becoming distributed
- Almost all states have Net Metering programs
- California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington, and Nevada legislating 100% renewable energy in the next 20-30 years.



**US DER and Connected Devices Impact Expected to More Than Double from 46 GW to 104 GW**

US DER and Connected Device Impact on Peak Potential, 2017-2023



*Source: GTM Research and US DOE*

# Disruptions at the Grid Edge



## Electrification of the Transportation Sector

- EV charging infrastructure and fast charging
  - Ensure stability of the power grid
  - Accommodate large loads
  - Provide grid services and infrastructure for transactive energy

## Behind-the-meter solar and energy storage

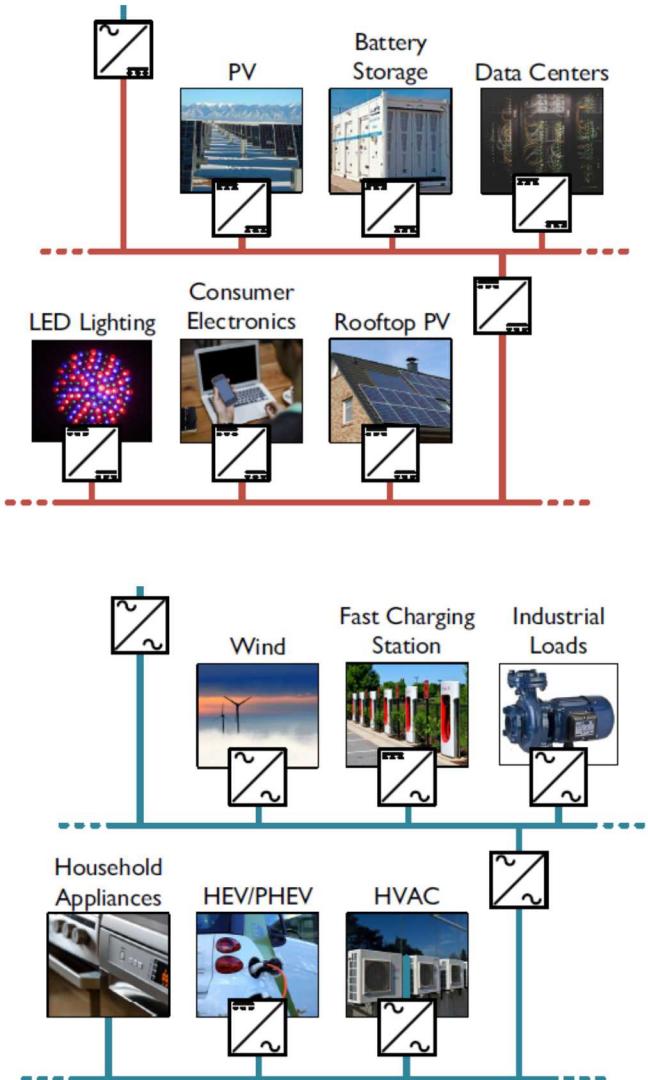
## Rapid evolution of off-grid and micro-grids

- Potential to disrupt existing electricity market structures

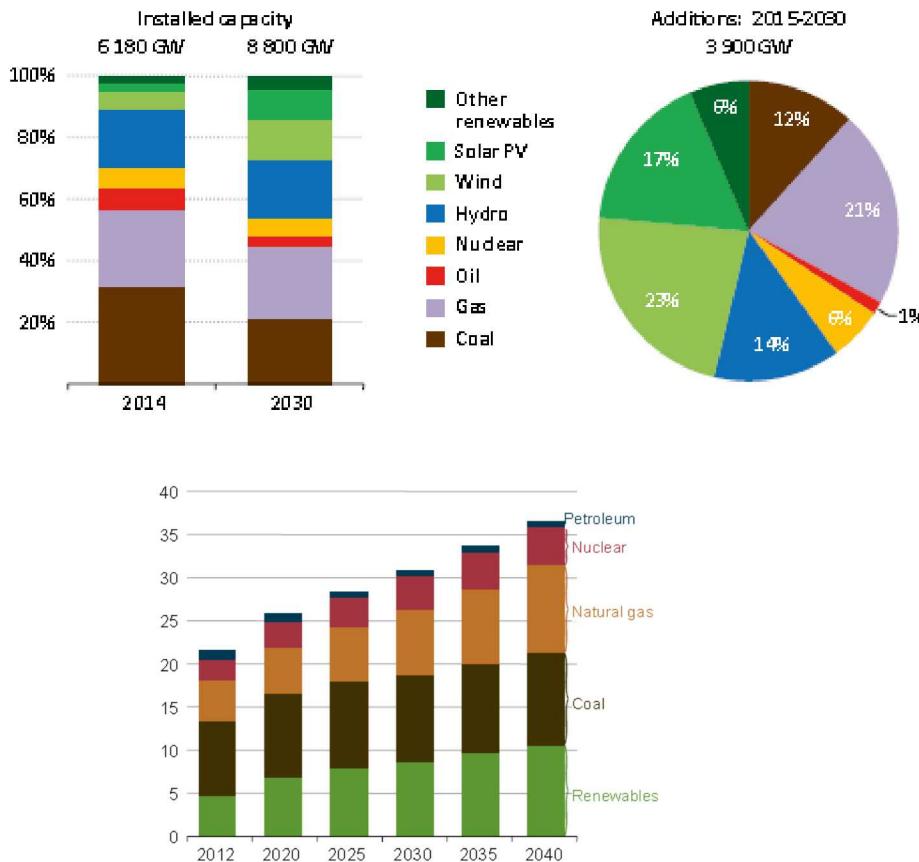
## Behind-the-meter technologies with bi-directional communication

- Smart meters, smart loads, rooftop solar, electric vehicles, battery storage

## Computation challenges associated with distributed sensing, control, and big data



# Are We at the Cusp of a Major Transformation?



Source: International Energy Outlook, EIA

Of the 6 TW of worldwide generation capacity, renewables are reaching the 20% range in many markets

- Installed solar and wind capacity reached 1 TW in 2018, penetration levels approaching 30-40% in some markets.

US Grid: 850 GW baseload, 1250 GW summer capacity

- Installed solar and wind capacity reached 150GW in 2018

Handling intermittency is becoming a challenge in many markets

- High level integration of energy storage and hybrids, on a grand scale
- Electric vehicles are coming
- Electrification of aviation is next

**In 2000**, the IEA forecast that by 2030, renewable energy would be 4.4% of the total mix  
**In 2018**, installed wind and solar capacity reached 1 TW; new generation is more renewable

# Evolution of the Grid



We are beginning to see existing business models not keeping pace with changes

Conservative regulated utility industry

- Not open or reluctant to change business models
- IOUs and PUCs struggling to adapt to rapid change

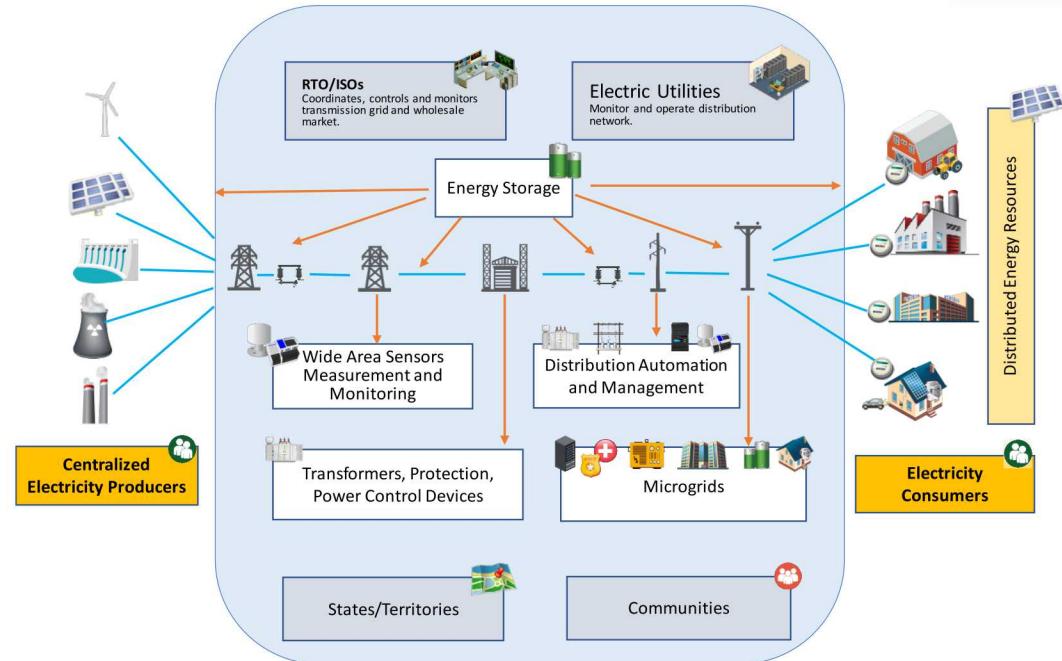
Flat to declining electricity sales in OECD markets

- Investors struggling with poor returns due to long adoption cycles. \$2 Tn Asset Base in the US alone

Rapid change is bottom-up, with major transformation at the grid edge

- EVs, DER, Smart metering, microgrids, demand response, energy efficiency

Changes cut across technology, economics, policy, and markets



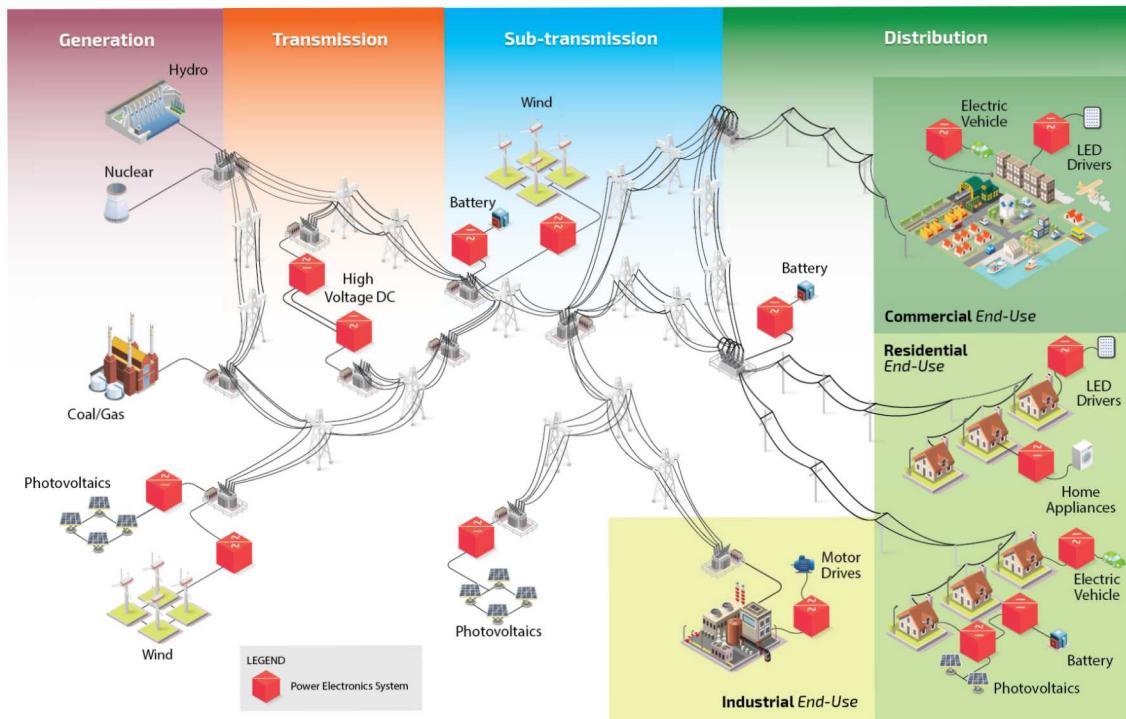
Source: US DOE Office of Electricity

**Energy Storage, Electric Vehicles, Power Electronics, and Communications at the center of grid modernization**

# Increasing Role of Power Electronics in Electricity Infrastructure



The power conversion system is at the center of DER, Energy Storage, and EV infrastructure



Source: K. Cheung, US DOE

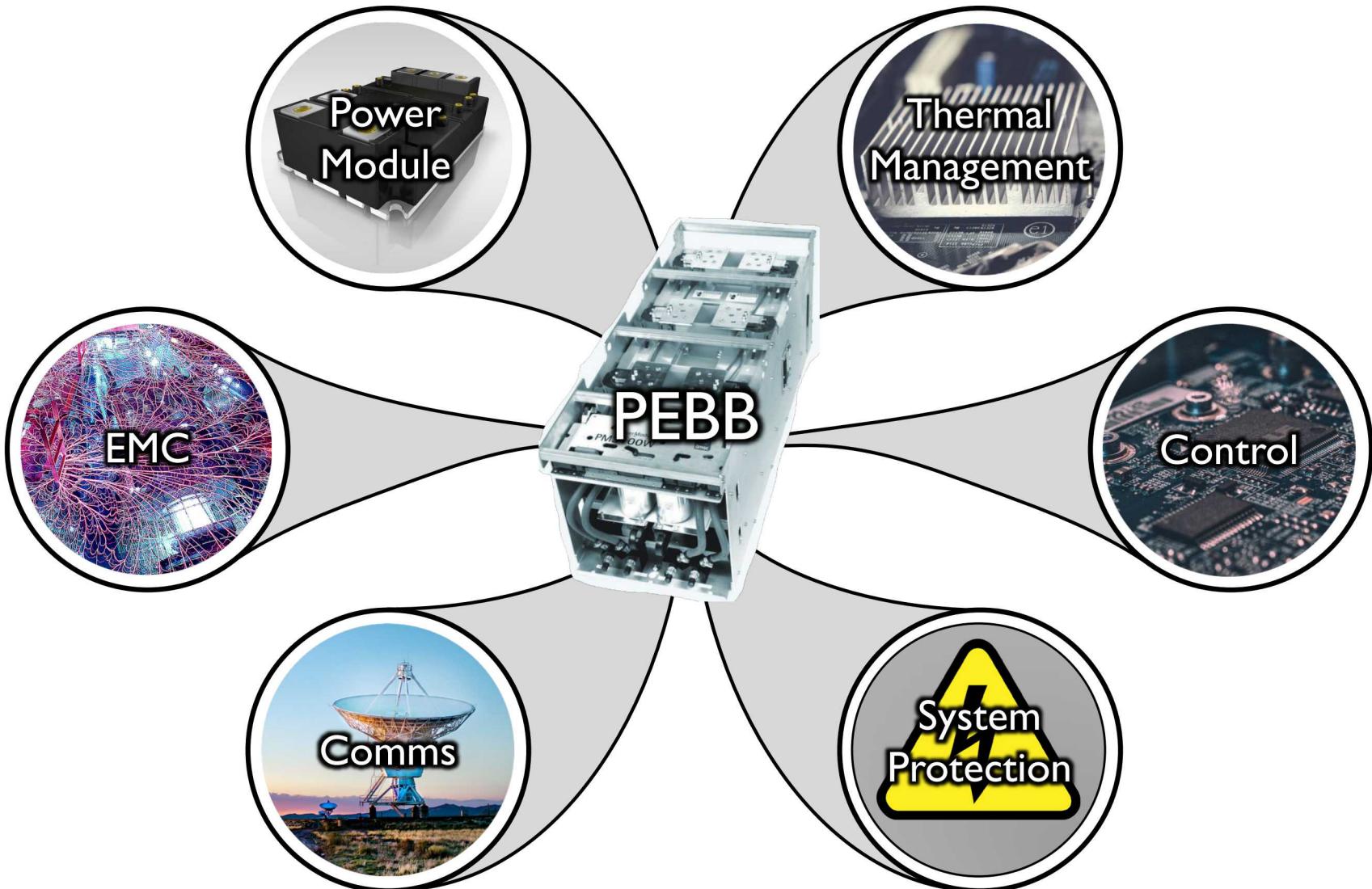
Approximately 30% of all electric power currently generated uses PE somewhere between the point of generation and distribution.

By some estimates, 80% of energy will flow through power electronics.

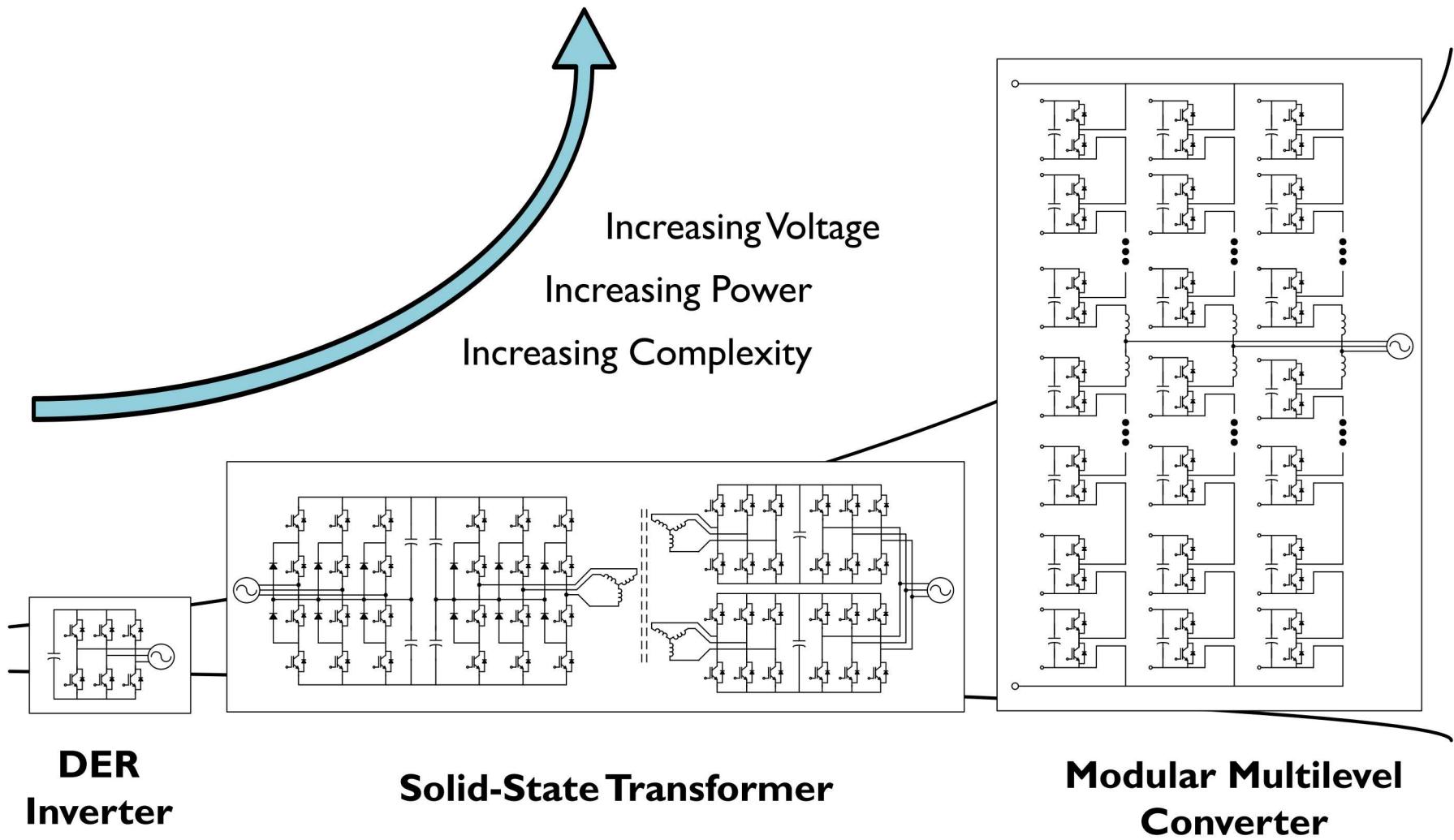
Cost reductions in power electronics and power conversion systems has been slow to come.

- Bringing in WBG devices can make format factor smaller, reducing thermal management issues
- New magnetics and high temperature capacitors can make the systems more compact and robust

# Power Electronic Building Blocks



# Modular Power Conversion Systems



# Resilient Power Electronic Infrastructure

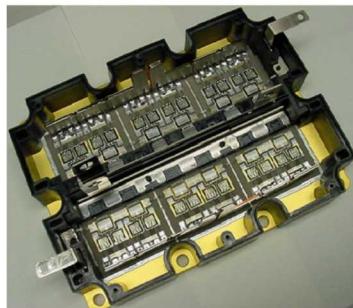


Power electronic infrastructure makes it possible to exert control over power flow at any point in the power delivery system.

Increased control agency is a potent tool for:

- Eliminating T&D losses
- Improving power quality
- Increasing system visibility
- Protecting critical assets
- Improving grid resiliency

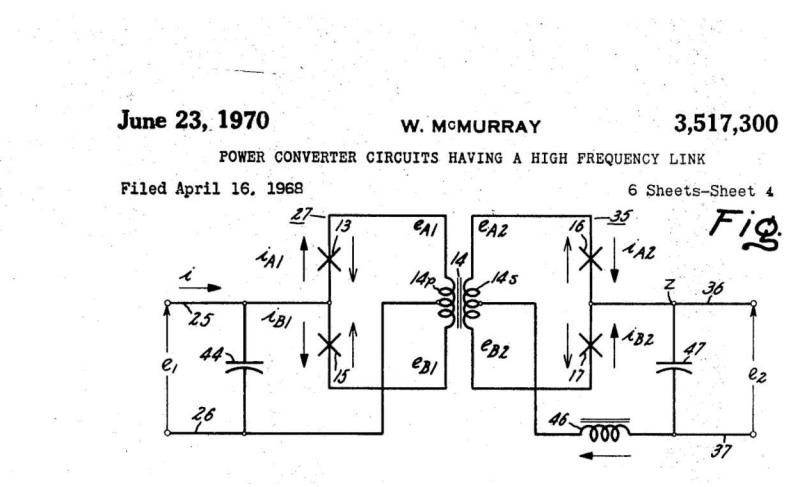
Benefits are clear, but implementation is challenging. New materials, components, topologies, and control strategies are needed.



10kV/120A SiC Half-H Bridge Module [1]



1 MVA Single-Phase Solid State Power Substation [1]



100 kHz Ferrite Transformer  
8 kW – 0.72 lbs

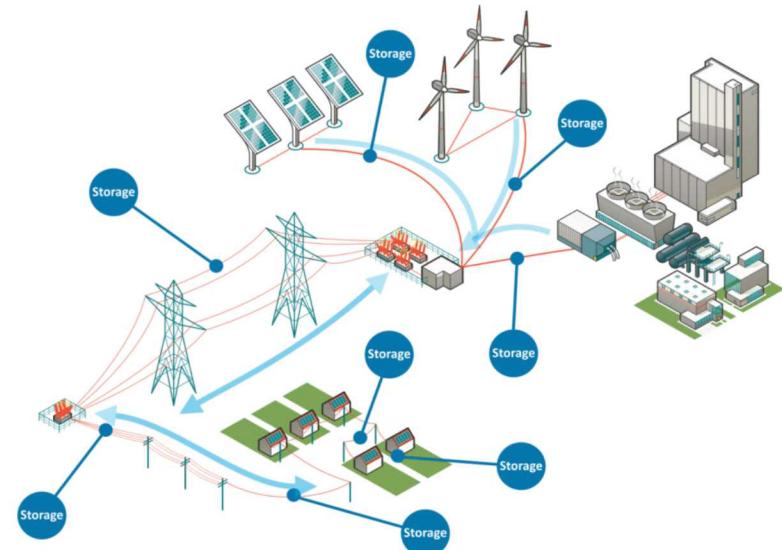


60 Hz Si-Steel Transformer  
7.5 kVA – 150 lbs  
Source: Wolfspeed

## Multi-port Power Electronics

Opportunities for integration of storage in power conversion infrastructure:

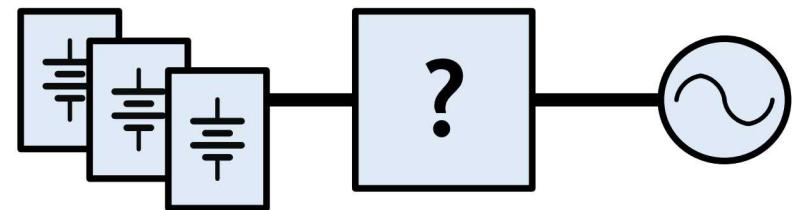
- Storage-integrated MMC at HVDC interconnects
- SSTs with DC port
- Multi-port hybrid ESS (e.g. flow battery + supercapacitor)



## Scalability Challenges for Battery Storage

- Higher working voltage is preferred for power system assets to minimize  $I^2R$  losses
- However, electrochemical cells are low voltage, high current devices
- Naïve extension of conventional single-stage ESS designs results in decreased efficiency and reliability

*New topologies are needed to introduce large-scale storage in MV grids and beyond*



## Electronic T&D Grids are Communications Intensive



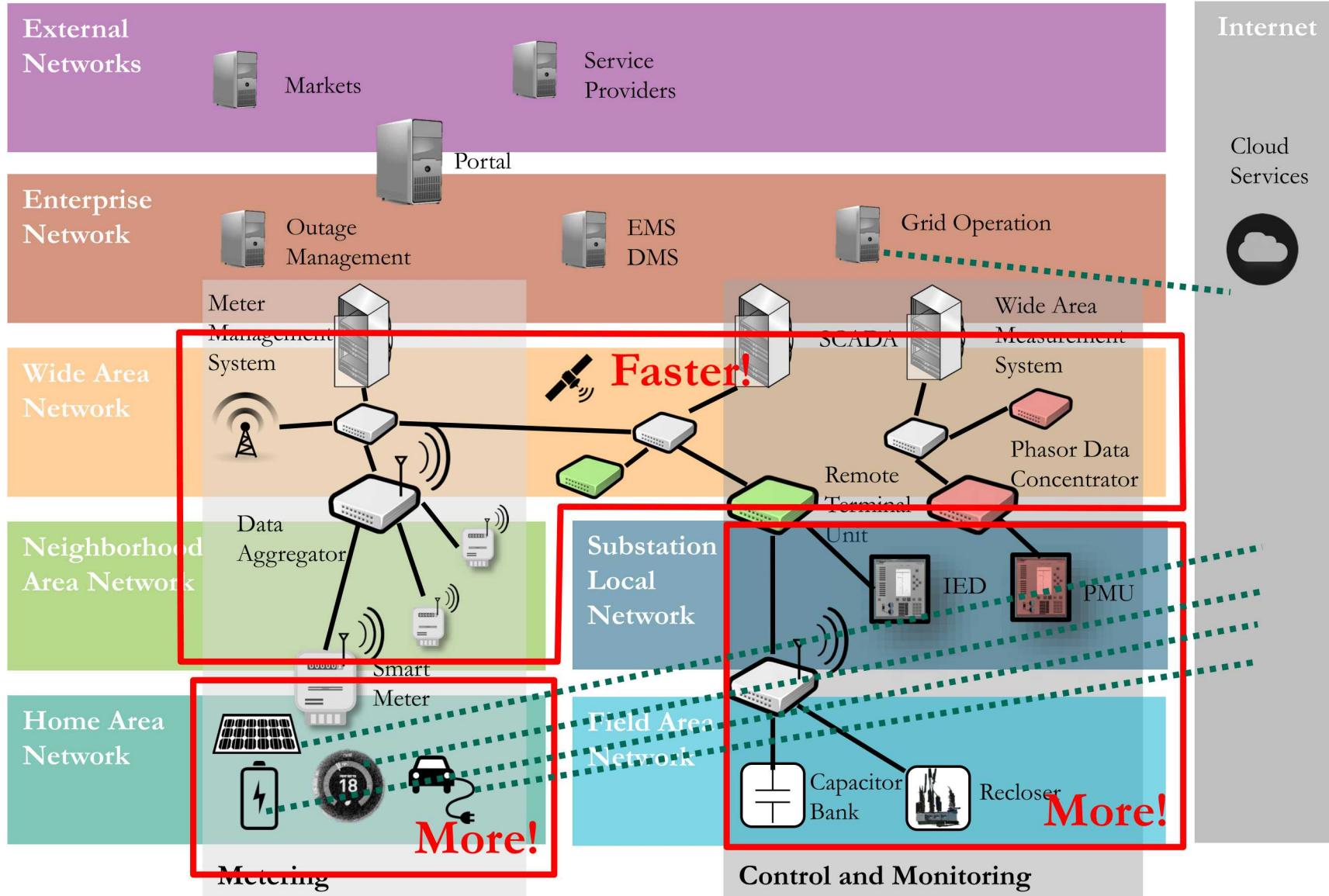
Many technologies that will fulfill requirements of the grid of the future are communication-intensive

- Pervasive communication systems with low latency and high bandwidth
- Sensors with high sampling rates in great numbers
- Response to fast grid dynamics
- IP-based communication protocols
- More fiber optics and cellular network links (LTE, 5G)

Change of paradigm from centralized to decentralized

- Agents that participate actively in power grid will be more granular
- Coordinated participation of large numbers of small energy resources will require fast and reliable communications
- Cybersecurity will be a challenge with distributed resources actively participating

# Need for Modernized Communications

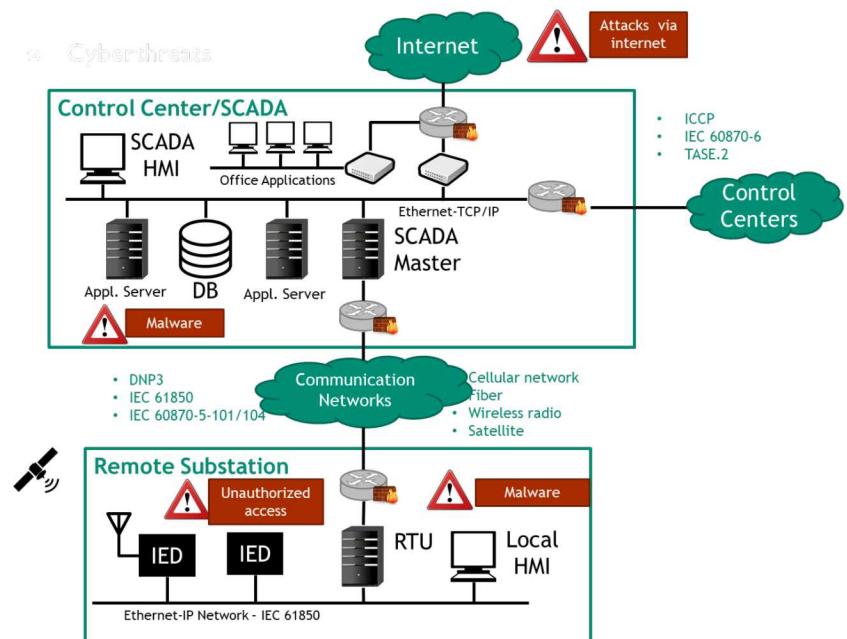


## Physical Security

- EMP, GMD, and other large scale disturbances
- Weather related

## Cyber Security

- Increased connectivity of grid assets can improve its performance, but comes with risks
  - Coordination between electric vehicles
- Social Engineering - Credential capture
- Data privacy
  - Smart meters: consumer behavior tracking
  - Communication over public networks
- Operation dependent on consumer/third party assets
  - Demand management





# Role of Energy Storage in the Grid

Grid resiliency and reliability

Improving power quality

Improving the efficiency of existing generation fleet

Demand management

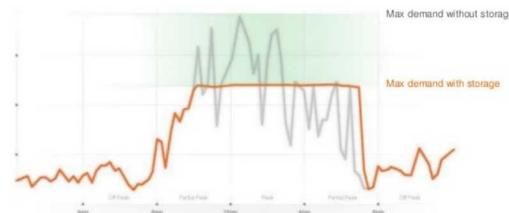
Renewable integration

Transmission & Distribution upgrade deferral

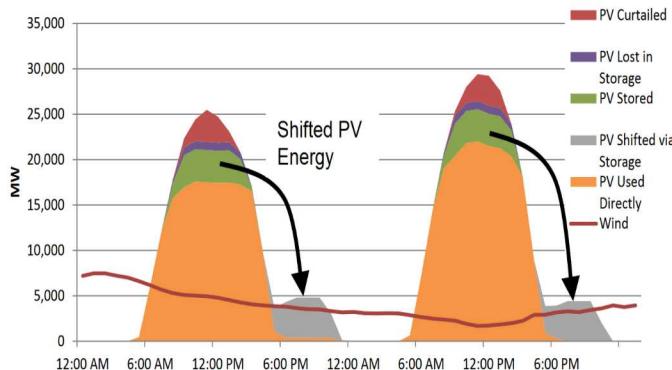
Off-grid applications



**Mitigate \$79B/yr in commercial losses from outages**

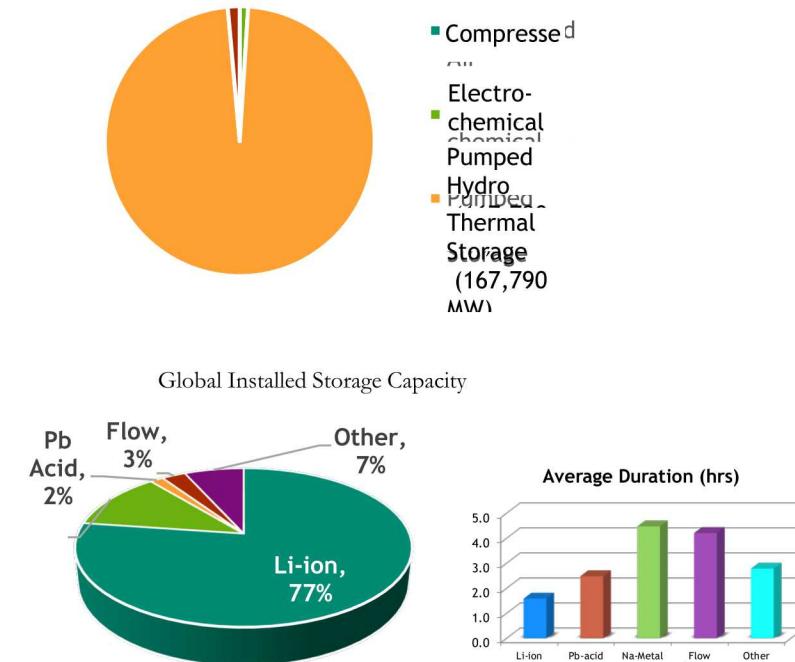


**Reduce commercial and industrial electrical bills through demand charge management. 7.5 million U.S. customers are enrolled in dynamic pricing (EIA 2015)**



**Balance the variability of 825 GW of new renewable generation while improving grid reliability and efficiency.**

# Energy Storage in the Grid Today



Technology Type	Projects	Rated Power (MW)
Electro-chemical	733	1,729
Pumped Hydro Storage	325	167,790
Thermal Storage	206	2,444
Compressed Air	1	0.660

## Globally

- 1.7 GW Battery Storage, ~170 GW Pumped Hydro

## U.S.

- 0.7 GW BES, 22.6 GW PHS

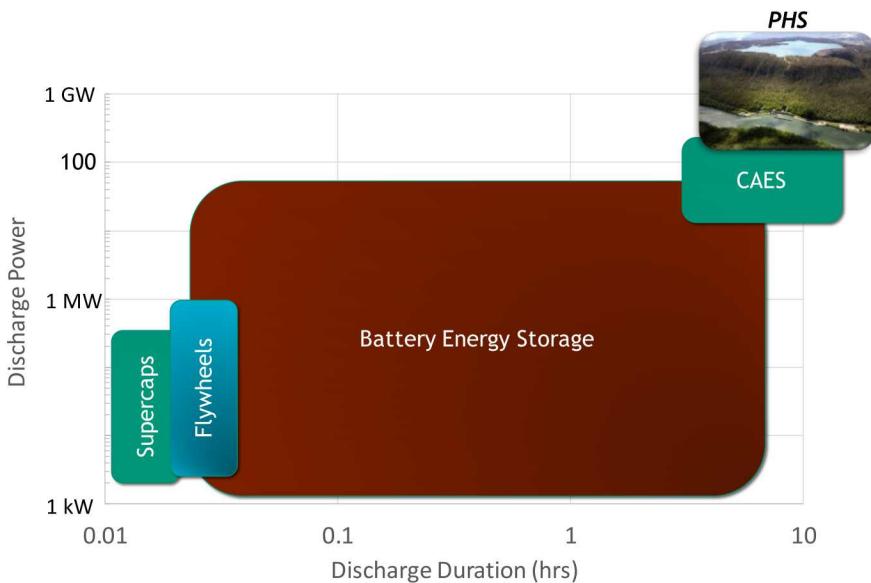
## % of U.S. Generation Capacity

- 0.06% Battery Storage, 2.2% All Storage

Compared to the need, the scale of energy storage deployments is insignificant.

In US, we have a 1 TW grid, even 1 hr of energy storage means 1 TWh

# Energy Storage System Needs and Applications



Range of applications and storage system needs [Adapted from: DOE/EPRI Electricity Storage Handbook in Collaboration with NRECA, 2013]

Range of battery technologies for short duration energy storage, seconds to days

- Li-ion, advanced lead acid, Sodium and Zinc-based battery for power and some energy applications
- Flow batteries – energy applications

Pumped hydro and CAES for hours to day long energy storage

No ready solutions for real long duration and seasonal storage needs

- Range of options including liquid fuels, hydrogen, thermal storage technologies

Energy Applications	Power Applications
Arbitrage	Frequency regulation
Renewable energy time shift	Voltage support
Demand charge reduction	Small signal stability
Time-of-use charge reduction	Frequency droop
T&D upgrade deferral	Synthetic inertia
Grid resiliency	Renewable capacity firming

## Energy storage application time scale

- “Energy” applications – slower time scale, large amounts of energy
- “Power” applications – faster time scale, real-time control of the electric grid

**The grid needs energy storage – right now there are several barriers**

- Expensive, especially in energy markets
- Electricity markets/utilities do not properly allocate payments/costs for services provided



# Rechargeable Battery Technologies

## Current Market drivers

- Consumer electronics, mobile devices and EVs – primarily Li-ion batteries
- Grid energy storage – growing market, currently modest size. Range of technologies:

**Traditional Batteries**  
e.g. Lead-acid, Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub>



**Lithium Batteries**  
e.g. Li-ion, Li-polymer, Li-metal, Li-S



**High-temperature Batteries**  
e.g. Na-S, Na-NiCl<sub>2</sub>

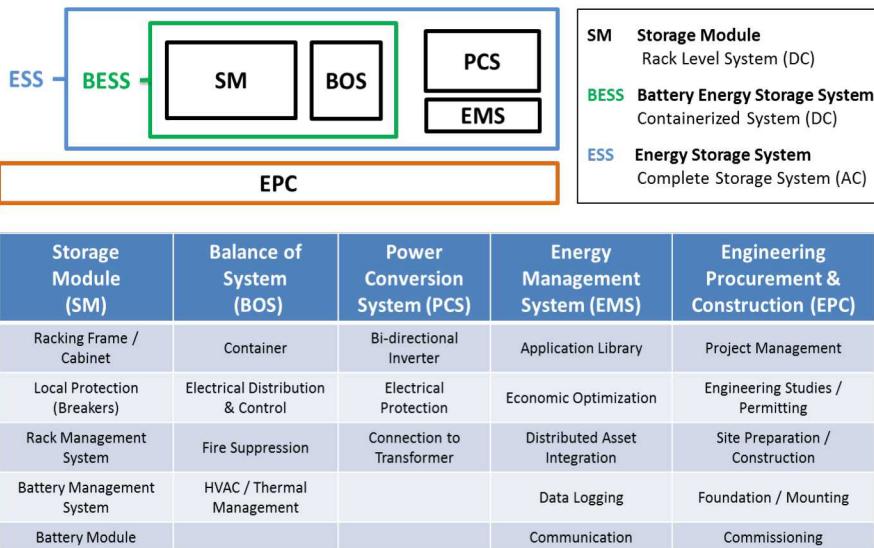


**Flow Batteries**  
e.g. Vanadium redox, Zn-Br

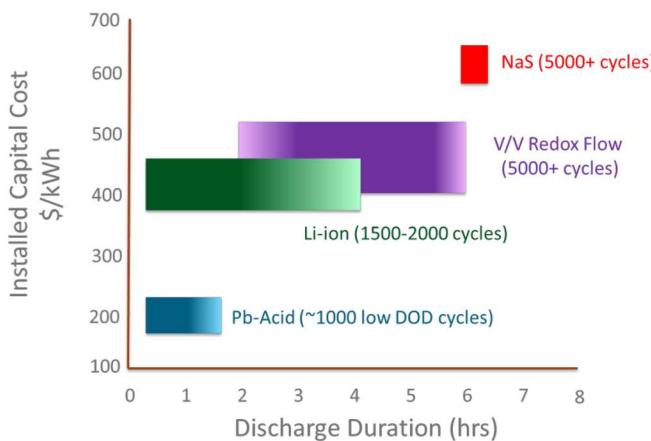


	World Wide Production Capacity	Cost and Performance Improvements
Lead Acid Batteries	350 GWh	2%/year (30 year data). \$80-150/kWh
Li-ion Batteries	220 GWh and growing rapidly	5%/year (20 year data). Cell level price reaching \$150/kWh
NaS and NaNiCl	300 MWh	Mature, but no economies of scale
Flow Batteries	<200 MWh	Potential for lower cost. \$400/kWh. Reach \$270/kWh
Alkaline chemistries (Zn-MnO <sub>2</sub> , Zn-air)	<100 MWh	Not fully mature. Lowest cost BOM

# Energy Storage is Not Just Batteries



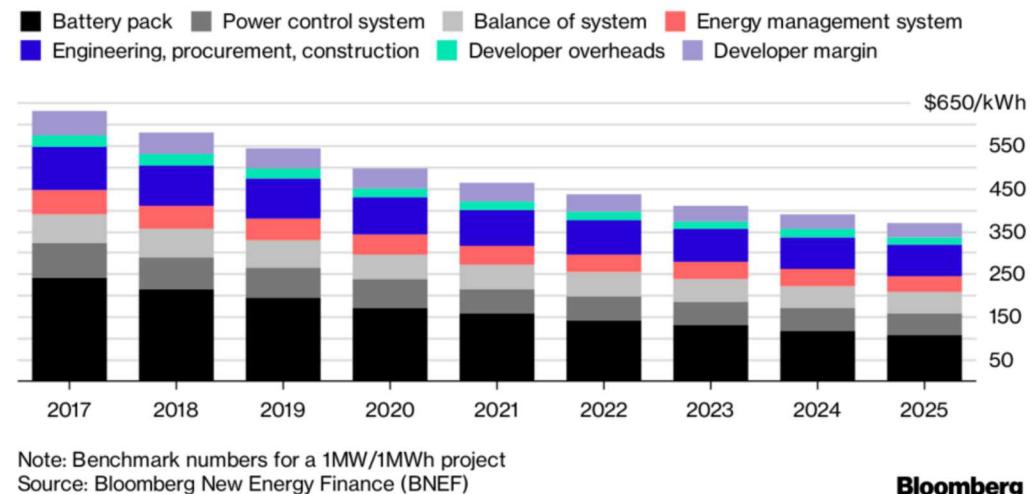
Source: R. Baxter, I. Gyuk, R.H. Byrne, B.R. Chalamala, IEEE Electrification, Aug 2018



Source: V. Sprengle, PNNL, 2017

**Cell to Battery to a Storage System**  
 Doubling in cost, \$250/kWh battery  
 leads to \$500-\$700/kWh at the  
 System level

PCS forms a significant part of the cost and performance of energy storage systems



Energy Storage Installed Costs (BNEF, 2018)

Bloomberg



## Cell Architecture

- format
  - Cylindrical, Prismatic
  - Bipolar
  - Flow Cell

## Cell Chemistry

- Aqueous
- Non-aqueous

## Thermal management

- Heating
- Cooling

## Safety

- Abuse resistance
- Flammability
- Toxicity
- Containment

## Plant Models

- Modularized

## Power vs. Energy

- High-power, short-duration discharge
- High-energy, long-duration discharge
- Fast Charging

## Modularity and Scalability

- kW to MW (Power Scaling)
- kWh to MWh (Energy Scaling)
- Module stacking and Containerization

## Cycle Life

- Electrical
- Thermal

## Operational Aspects

- Round-trip efficiency
- Auxiliary power consumption
- O&M Costs

# Li-ion Batteries

Family of electrochemical systems

Positive electrode

- Metal-oxides (e.g. LCO, NMC, NCA)
- Phosphates (e.g. LFP)

Negative electrode

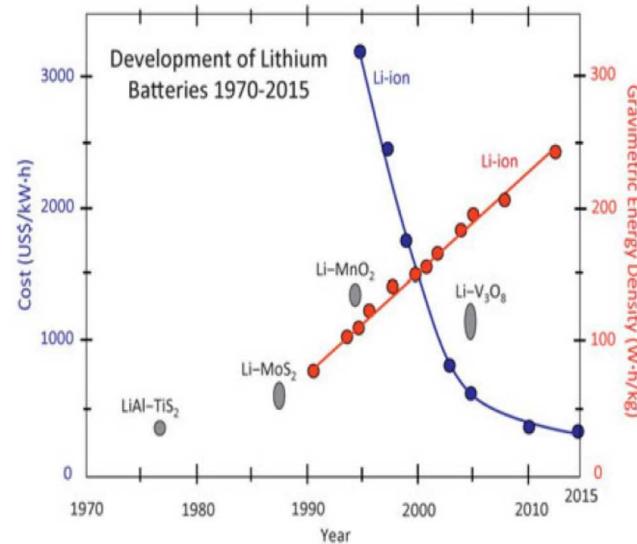
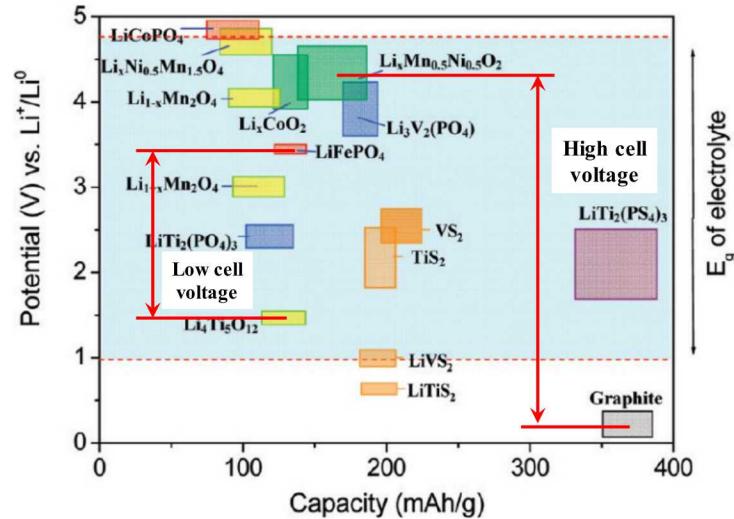
- Graphite and other carbons
- Lithium titanate

SOA EV batteries - Specific energies near 250 Wh/kg

330-350 Wh/kg possible near term with composite anodes (Si-based anodes)

500 Wh/kg as a longer term goal based on significant improvements in electrode design and composition (e.g., lithium anodes), electrolyte formulations, and separator innovations.

Safety continue to be a significant concern



# Large Commercial Li-ion Deployments



AES 30 MW / 120 MWh ESS, Escondido, CA  
Peaker replacement



Tesla 100 MW / 129 MWh ESS  
Australia - Grid stability



Saft 6 MW / 4.2 MWh ESS  
Kauai - Grid Stability



# Li-ion Batteries – Challenges for Power and Energy Applications

Battery safety is very important for applications where high power is required.

Heat generation during high power usage must be managed

- Dictates smaller form factor
- Higher production costs

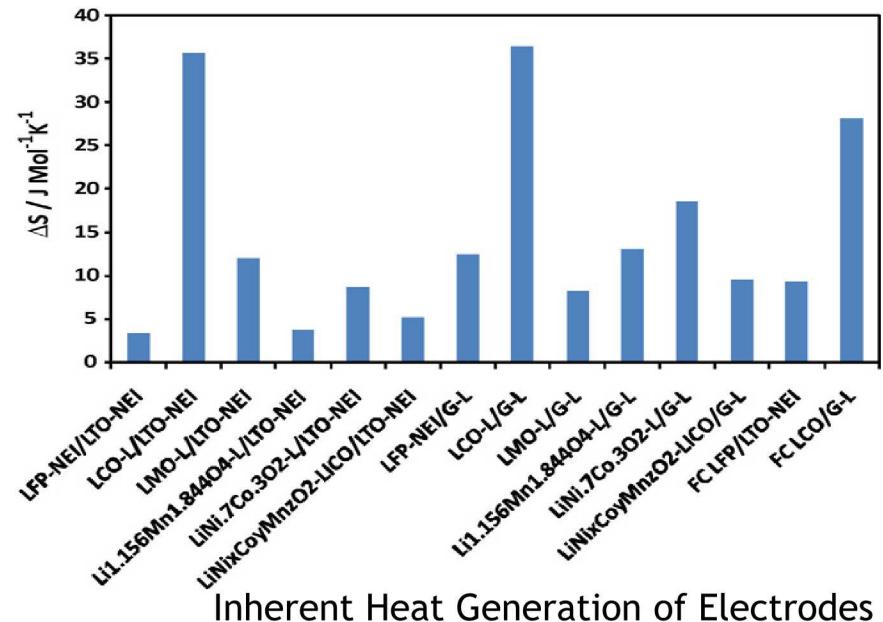
## High Temperature

- Typical operating window 0-50°C
- Operation above this temperature can lead to organic electrolyte decomposition and flammable gas, rapid internal pressure build-up

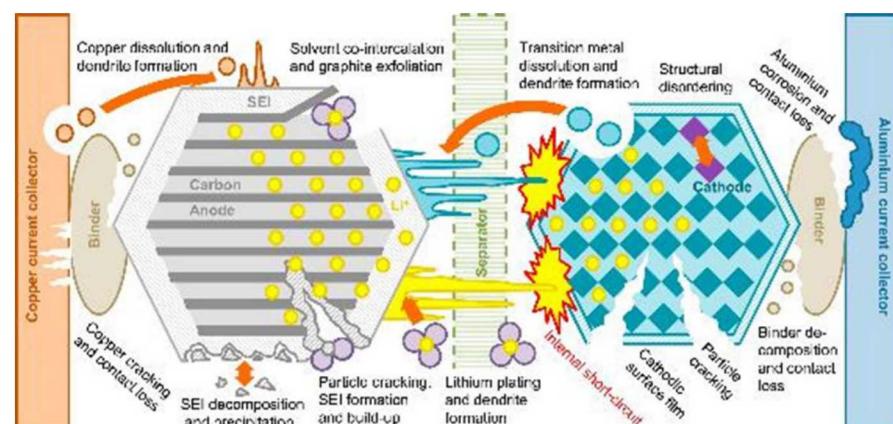
## Overcharging

- Overcharging can lead to Li metal plating on anode, potential for short

Need better understanding of the degradation pathways and engineering to control thermal runaway



Inherent Heat Generation of Electrodes



# Future Developments in Li-based Batteries

## Higher-voltage positive (cathode) materials

- Lithium manganese phosphate
- Lithium cobalt phosphate

## Higher-capacity negative (anode) materials

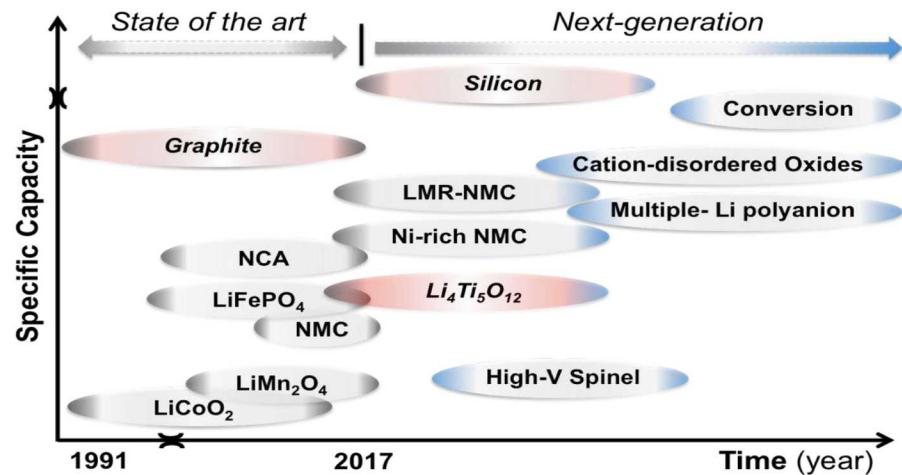
- Silicon-based

## Safer electrolytes

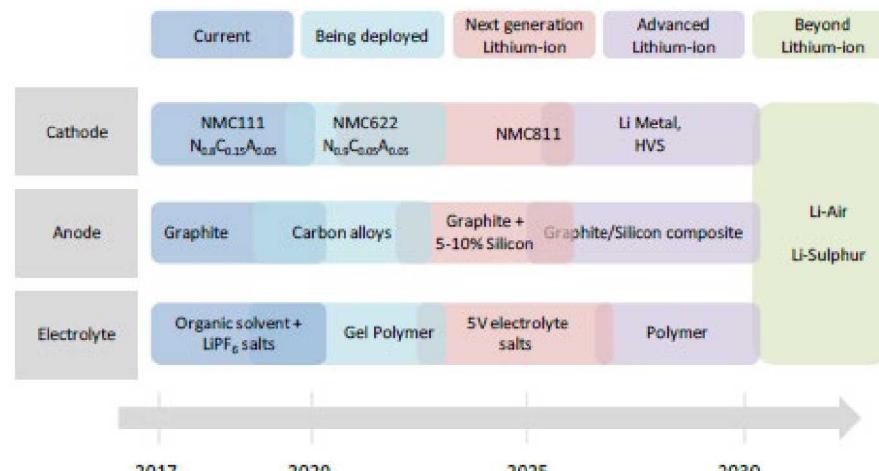
- Inorganic
- Solid-state electrolytes

## Other Li chemistries

- Lithium-sulfur



DOE Basic Research Needs Report on Energy Storage  
DOE Office of Science, 2017



Global EV Outlook Report, IEA 2018  
Based on DOE-VTO and NEDO Projections

# High Energy Density Li-S and Metal Air Batteries

Li-S: high theoretical energy density ( $>2700$  Wh/kg), prototype cells  $\sim 400$  Wh/kg

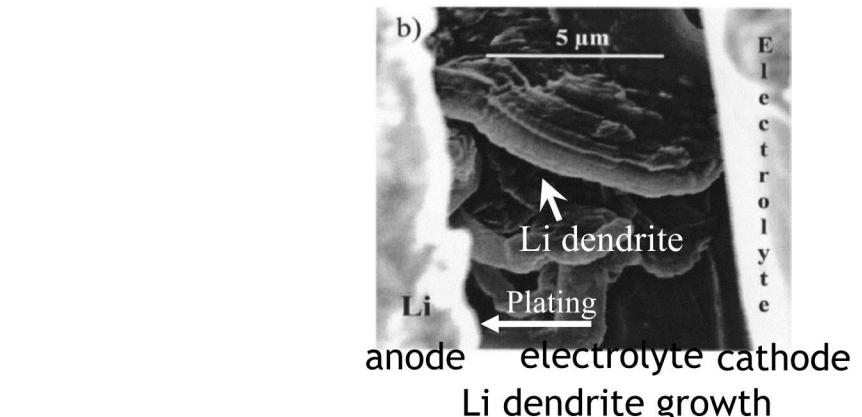
- Suffers from self discharge and poor life
- Breakthroughs needed with Li electrodes
- Managing the Sulphur shuttle reactions

Metal air batteries (Li-air, Zn-air)

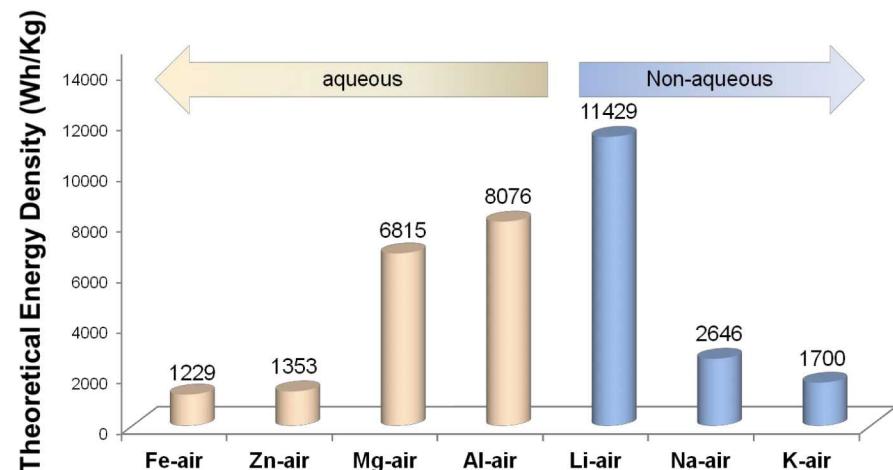
- Potential to deliver high energy densities at low cost. Challenges with recharging have so far precluded commercialization of the technology.
- Not mature, many years away
- Potential fundamental problems

Li-Air combines difficulties of air and lithium electrodes

- Breakthroughs needed in cheap catalysts, more stable and conductive ceramic separators
- Developing a robust air electrode is a challenge, need major breakthroughs

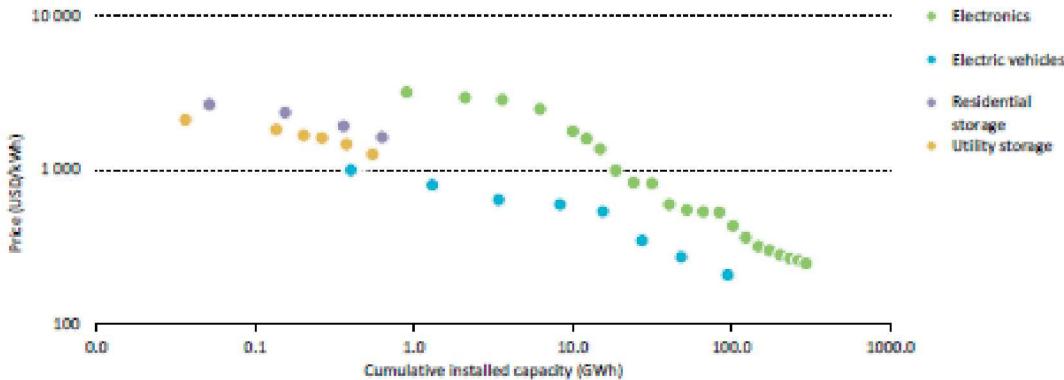


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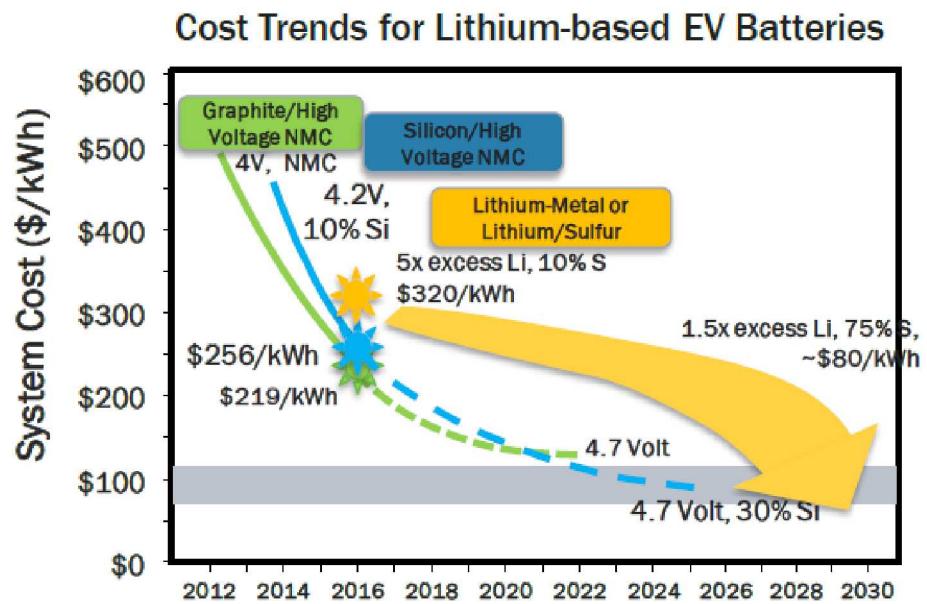
# Manufacturing Scale and Cell/System Costs



Li-ion storage technology price with manufacturing volume

Source: IEA, 2018

Future cost projections predicated on stable commodity prices, significant improvements in energy density and cell performance



Cost trends for Li-based EV Batteries (pack level)  
Source: David Howell, DOE VTO, 2018

# Lead-Acid Batteries

## Overall Reaction

- $\text{Pb(s)} + \text{PbO}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2\text{PbSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- OCV  $\sim 2.0$  V

## Flooded lead-acid

- Requires continuous maintenance
- Most common

## Sealed lead-acid

- Gel and Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM)
- More temperature dependent

## Advanced Lead Acid Energy Storage

- Carbon plates significantly improve performance

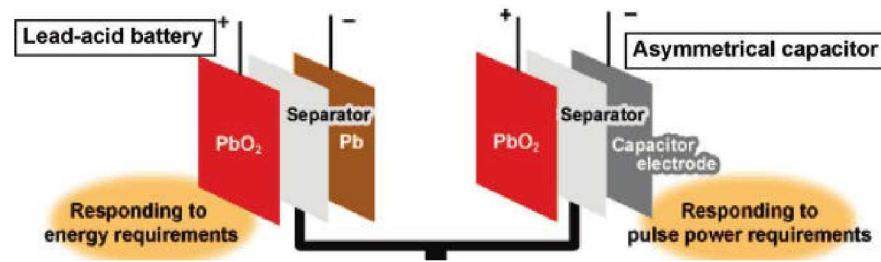
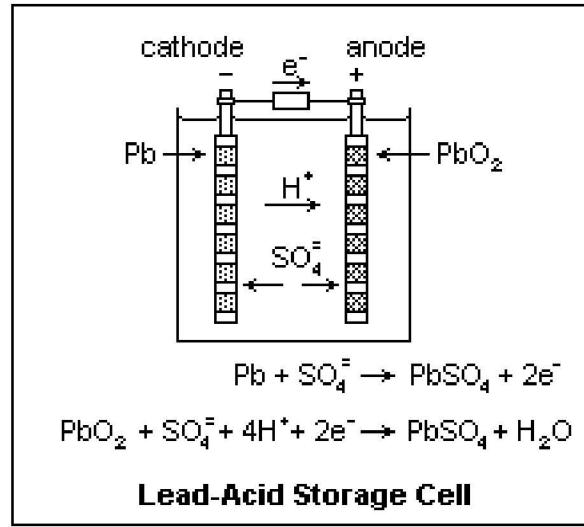
## Mature technology

## High recycled content

## Good battery life

## Advantages/Drawbacks

- Low cost/Ubiquitous
- Limited life time (5~15 yrs)/cycle life (500~1000 cycles) and degradation w/ deep discharge (>50% DoD)
- New Pb/C systems > 5,000 cycles.
- Low specific energy (30-50 Wh/kg)
- Overcharging leads to H<sub>2</sub> evolution.
- Sulfation from prolonged storage



<http://www.ultrabattery.com/>

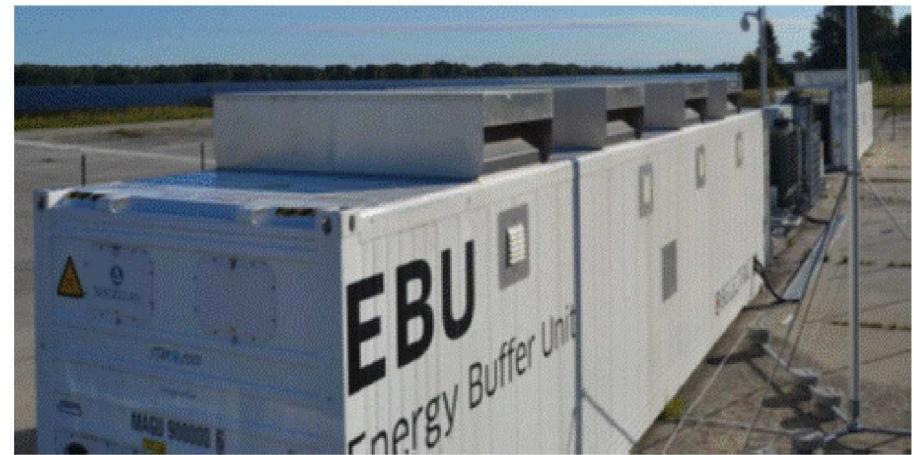
# Lead Acid Batteries – Deployment for Grid Services



3 MW/3 MWh advanced lead acid battery system for utility applications (Source: EastPenn, East Lyons, PA)



Solar plus ultrabattery storage (Source: PNM Albuquerque, NM)



1.3MW/1.9 MWh advanced lead acid battery system providing support for a 68MW solar farm in Alt Daber, Germany (Source: BAE Batteries, 2018)

# Redox Flow Batteries

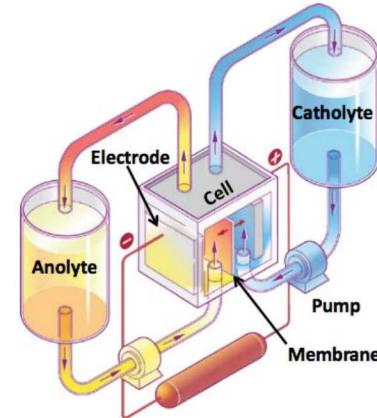
Energy storage technology utilizing redox states of various species for charge/discharge purposes

## Key Aspects

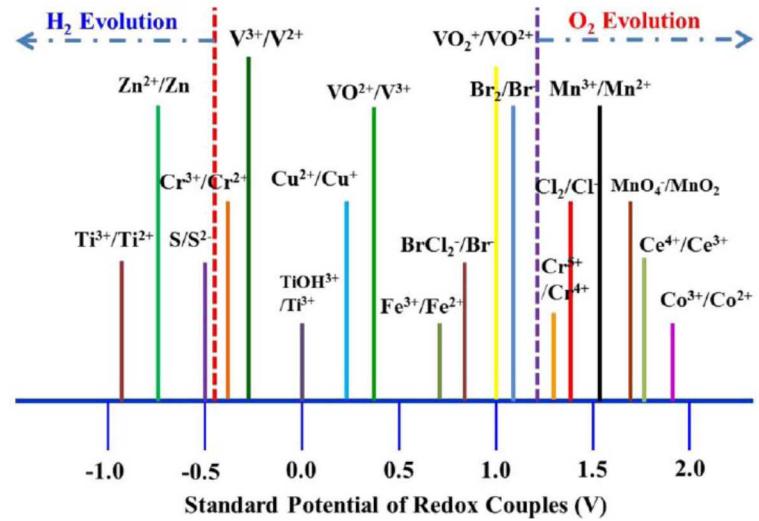
- Power (kW) and energy (kWh) separation
- Greater flexibility and safety
- Modular and scalable across a wide range of power and energy
- Long cycle life
- Low energy density  $\sim 30$  Wh/L

## Range of redox chemistries

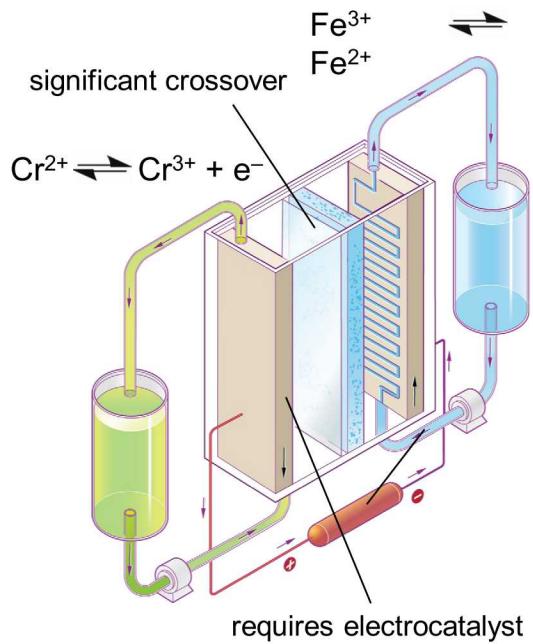
- Fe-Cr, Zn-Br, V-V are most studied and large systems demonstrated
- Most large commercial flow batteries are based on V-V chemistry, and Zn-Br



Source: Travis Anderson, Sandia National Laboratories, 2013

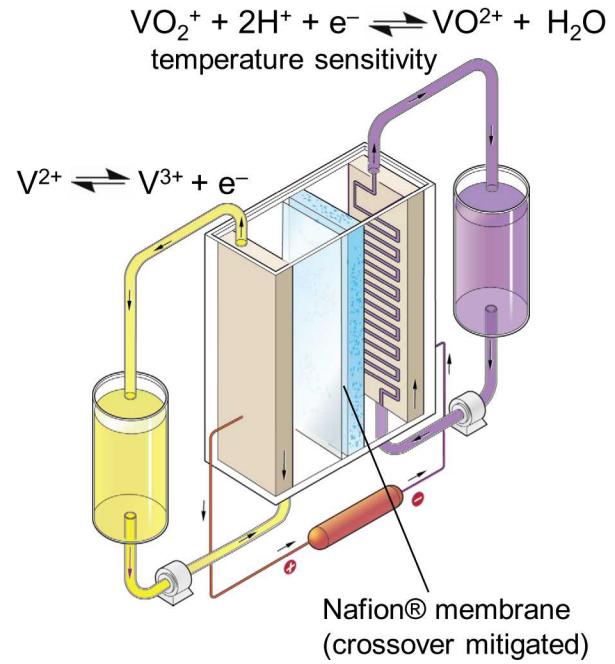


# Early Development (Aqueous)



Open Circuit Potential (OCP)<sup>1</sup> **1.2 V**

<sup>1</sup>Skyllas-Kazacos, M. J. *Electrochem. Soc.*, 158 (8) R55-R79 (2011)



Open Circuit Potential (OCP)<sup>2</sup> **1.3 V**

<sup>2</sup>Li, L. *et al.*, *Adv. Energy Mater.* 2011, 1, 394–400

# Redox Flow Batteries – Technical Challenges



## Low energy density

- Limited voltage window of aqueous electrolyte solutions (< 1.5 V)
- Large form factor/footprint

## Limited electrolyte stability

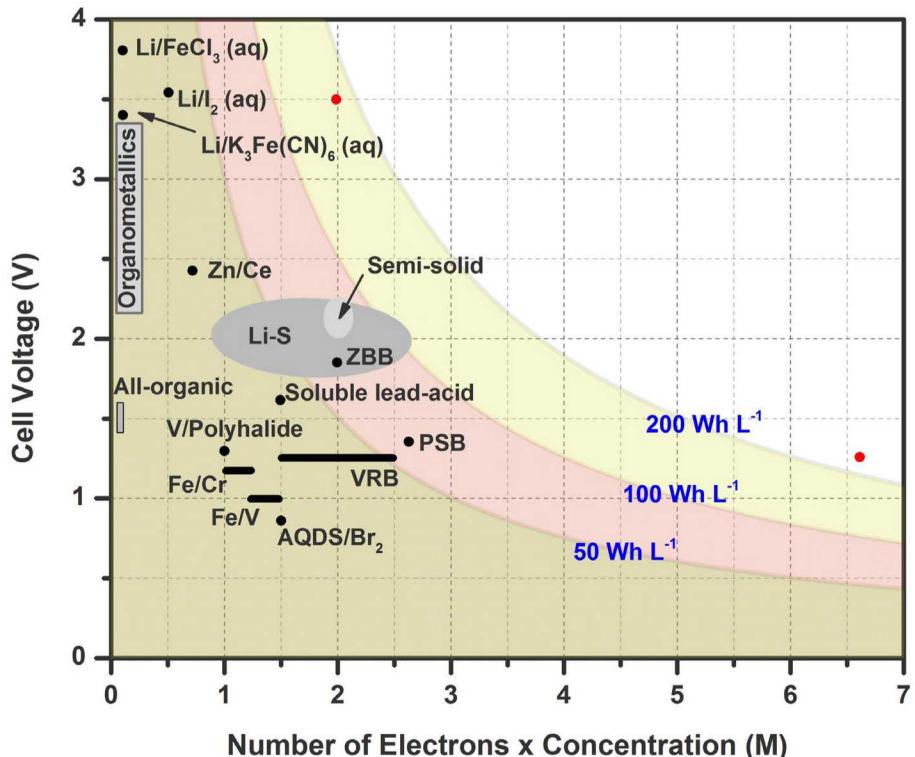
- Low solubility of redox species in aqueous electrolytes
- Capacity decay during cycling
- Narrow temperature range

## Corrosion of membranes and electrode materials by acidic electrolyte solutions

- Long-term reliability

## Opportunities to Reduce Materials Cost

- New redox chemistries, new electrolytes under development
- Lower cost of membranes
- Increased current density and lower cost stack design



Wei Wang, et. al., *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, **23**, 970, 2013

# RFB Stack Sizes Continue to Grow – Large Plants being built

Rapid progress in the development of large utility class redox flow battery systems

Rapid development of new electrolytes to replace Vanadium species

Further potential to reduce the size of the stacks and to increase energy density

Containerized Systems



UniEnergyTechnologies, 1MW/4MWh



32 KW Stack  
Rongke  
Power/UET  
120 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>  
Meter size  
stack

Flow battery power plants



Sumitomo Electric, 15MW/60MWh



Stack room

# Sodium Batteries (NaS and NaNiCl<sub>2</sub>)

Batteries consisting of molten sodium anode and  $\beta''$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solid electrolyte (BASE)

- High specific energy density (120~240 Wh/kg)
- Good specific power (150-230 W/kg)
- Long duration batteries, with 4-6 hr discharge
- Operated at relatively high temperature (300~350°C)

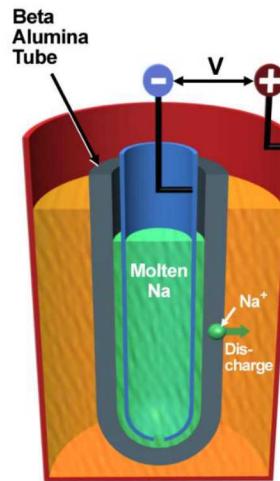
Two primary chemistries

- NaS, mature technology, deployed in grid applications
- NaNiCl<sub>2</sub>, mature, more stable than NaS

NaNiCl<sub>2</sub> (Zebra) developed in the 1980's

- FIAMM in limited production, GE no longer in manufacturing

Neither NaS nor NaNiCl<sub>2</sub> are at high production volumes and the economies of scale needed



# NaS Batteries

Most widely deployed of long duration batteries

NaS first developed by Ford Motor Co. in 1960's

- Commercialized by NGK in Japan
- 530 MW/3700 MWh of installed capacity, primarily in Japan

NaS battery

- $2\text{Na} + x\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{S}_x$  ( $x = 3 \sim 5$ )
- $E = 2.08 \sim 1.78 \text{ V}$  at  $350^\circ\text{C}$

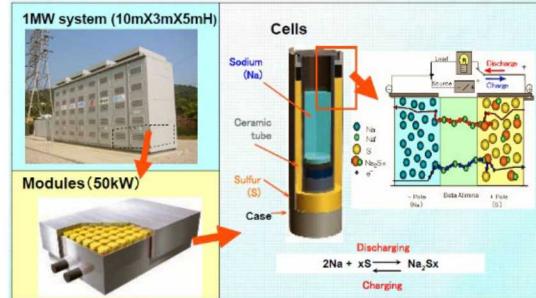
Applications

- Power quality, Congestion relief
- Renewable integration

Challenges

- Battery is assembled fully charged, presents a major safety/handling issue
- System needs to be maintained at temperature
- High temperature operation, safety and containment challenges
- Relatively expensive

NGK is the only committed manufacturer



Source: NGK



34MW /245 MWh NAS at a wind farm  
Rokkasho, Aomori, Japan (Source: NGK, 2017)



Los Alamos, NM. 1 MW, 6MWh

# NaNiCl<sub>2</sub> Batteries

## NaNiCl<sub>2</sub> battery

- $2\text{Na} + \text{NiCl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{Ni}$
- $E = 2.58\text{V}$  at  $300^\circ\text{C}$

Large cells and stable chemistry

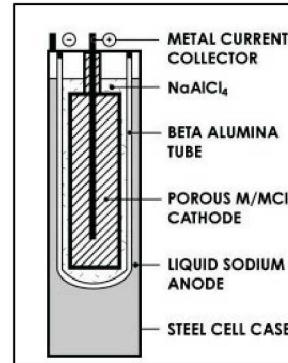
- Lower temperature than NaS
- Cells loaded in discharge mode
- Improved safety compared to NaS. Addition of catholyte  $\text{NaAlCl}_4$  leads to a closed circuit on failure

High efficiency, low discharge

Long warm up time (16 hr)

Supply chain concerns. Only one manufacturer FIAMM. GE no longer in this business

- Limited deployments



FIAMM 222-kWh System Duke Energy Rankin Substation



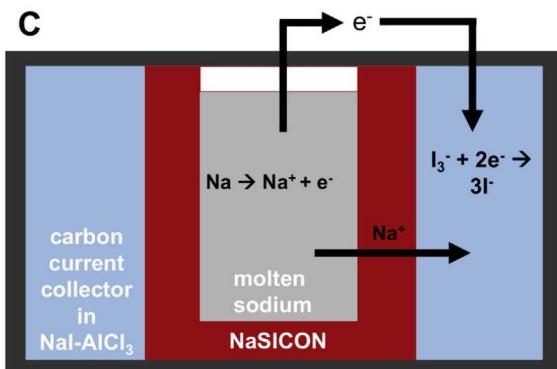
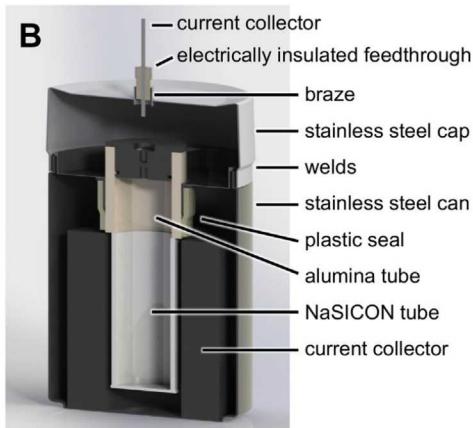
## **Low cost active materials, but challenging systems engineering**

- Need for high temperature operation, kinetics driven by the solid ceramic electrolyte
- Typical operating window 250-350°C. Need for continuous thermal management even when not in use. At lower T, Na metal freezes out, degree of distortion to cell dictated by SOC of battery
- Safety concerns related to membrane rupture. In NaS, failure can lead to exothermic reaction
- Need hermetic seals
- Charging/discharging limitations

**Engineering cells that operate at lower T (150°C or lower) remains a challenge. Low Temperature Operation of a Molten Na Battery is Tremendously Enabling**

- Improved Lifetime
  - Reduced material degradation, Decreased reagent volatility, Fewer side reactions
- Lower material cost and processing
  - Seals, Separators, Cell body
  - Polymer components become realistic!
- Reduced operating costs
- Simplified heat management costs

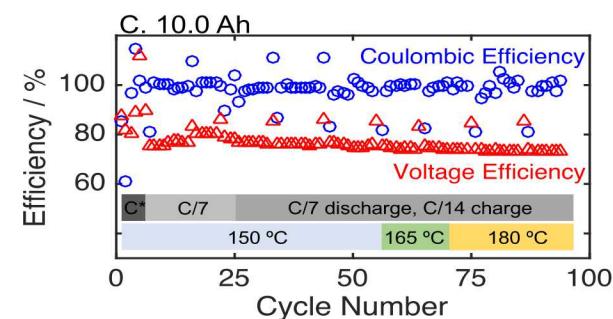
# Early Demonstration of Na-NaI Battery (150-180°C)



0.850 Ah

150 °C

B. 3.00 Ah



The catholyte is 60 mol%  $\text{NaI}-\text{AlCl}_3$  (with 5-10 mol% NaI added) – Significant undissolved solids at 150°C.

# Lower Temperature Sodium Halide Batteries



# Rechargeable Alkaline Batteries

## Range of alkaline battery chemistries

- NiMH, Ni-Fe, Ni-Cd, Zn-Ni, Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub>

## Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub> shows most promise for grid storage

### Cost

- Traditional primary batteries, low cost (\$18-20/kWh primaries)
- Low-cost materials and manufacturing
- Established supply chain

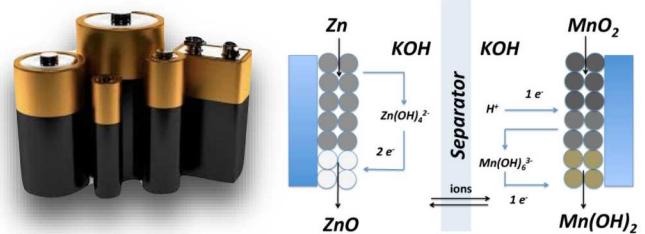
### Safety

- Aqueous chemistry
- Non-flammable
- EPA certified for landfill disposal

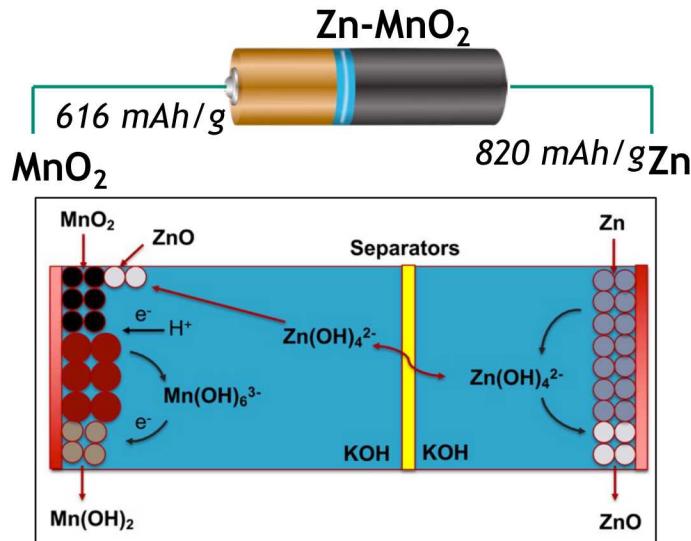
### Reliability

- Long shelf-life
- Limited thermal management required

**Reversibility and cycle life have been the primary technical challenges**



Single-use Alkaline Battery \$25/kWh



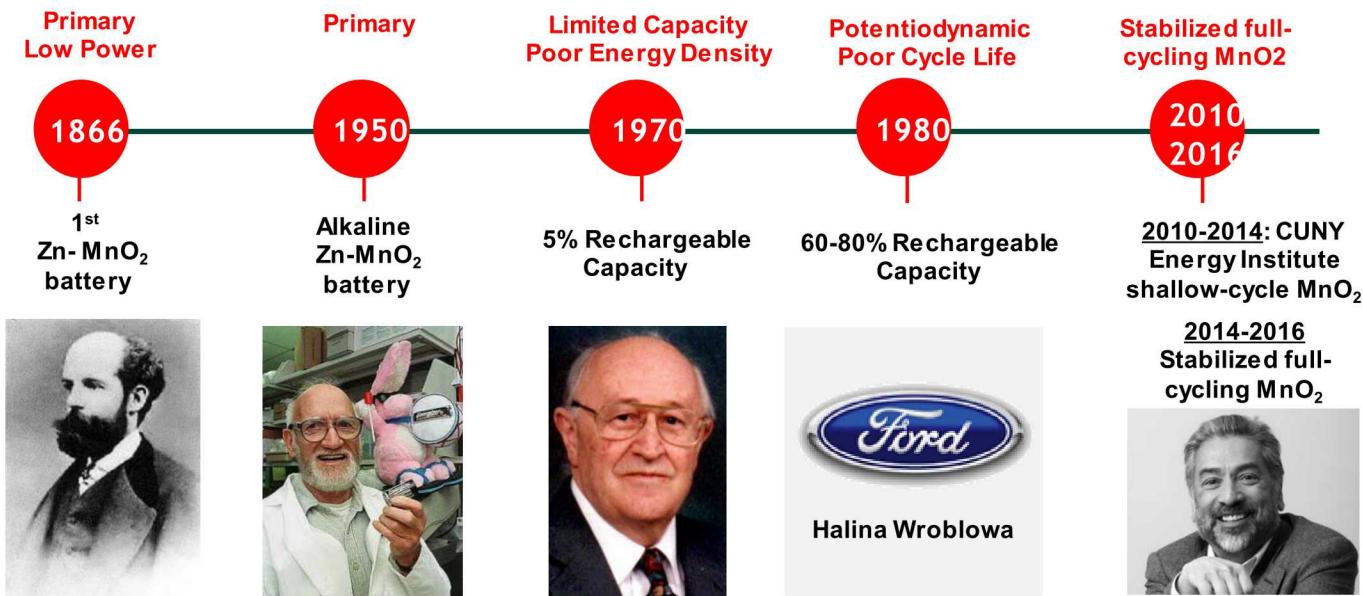
Source: S. Banerjee, CUNY Energy Institute

# History of Rechargeable Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub> Batteries

- Early commercial products based on cylindrical formats (Union Carbide, Rayovac, BTI, ...)
- Focused on consumer markets, rapid development of Li-ion batteries made small cell business not competitive
- Resurgence in the field for stationary storage



J. Daniel-Ivad and K. Kordesch, "Rechargeable Alkaline Manganese Technology: Past-Present-Future," ECS Annual Meeting, May 12-17, 2002



S. Banerjee, Symposium on Grid Energy Storage, MRS Spring Meeting, 2015  
G. Yadav, CUNY Energy Institute, 2018

# Full Utilization of 2e

## On the $\text{MnO}_2$ Cathode

- Regeneration of cathode structure on solution/dissolution/precipitation cycle
- Formation of Inactive phases
- Reducing susceptibility to Zinc poisoning

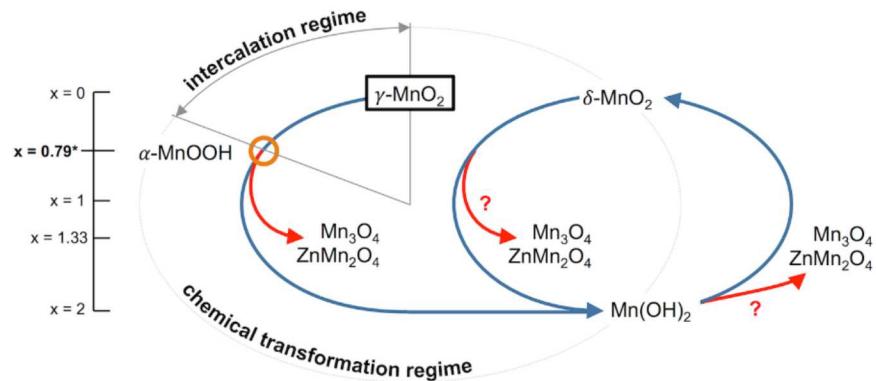
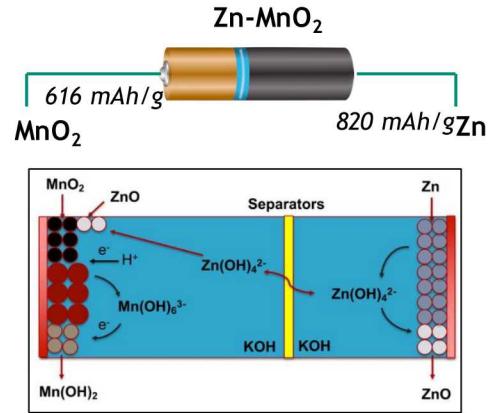
## Separator

- Reduce Zinate crossover

## On the Zn Anode

- Control shape change
- Passivation
- Reduce dendrite formation

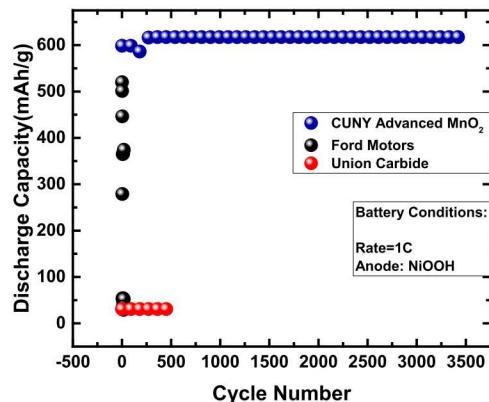
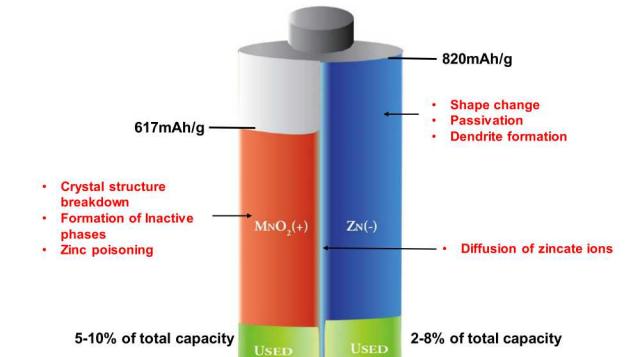
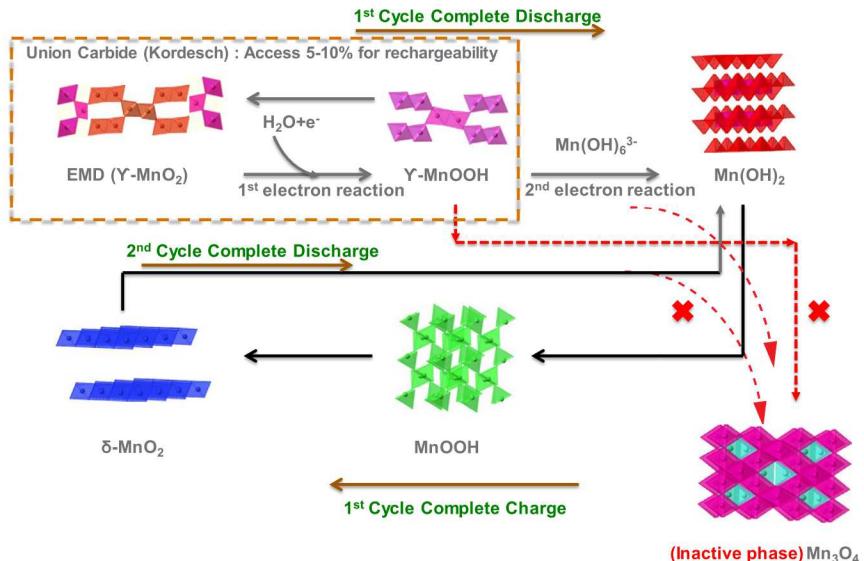
Need improvements in materials utilization, process optimization and engineering of large format cells



## Failure Mechanisms of Cathode

Instability of Mn(III) resulting in formation of irreversible  $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$   
Zn poisoning forming irreversible  $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$

# Making $\text{MnO}_2$ Fully Rechargeable



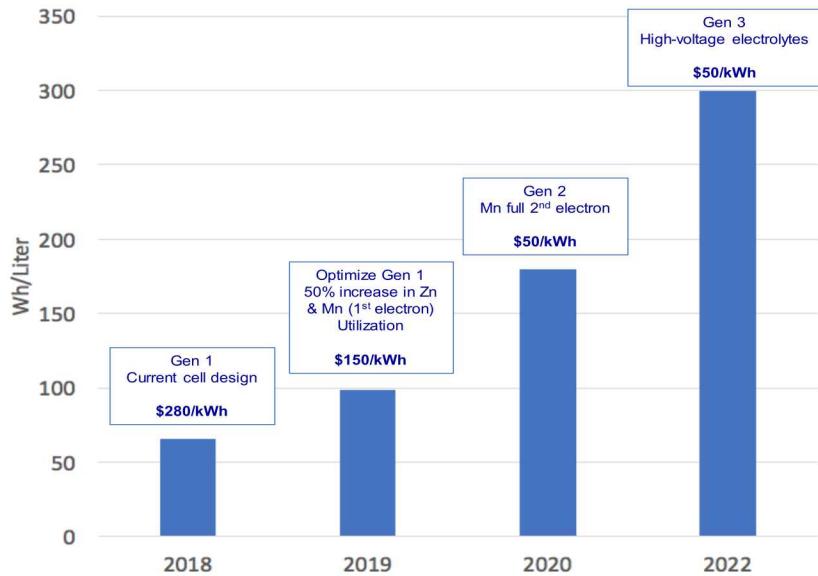
G.G. Yadav, J.W. Gallaway, D.E. Turney, M. Nyce, J. Huang, X. Wei and S. Banerjee, Nature Communications, vol. 8, 14424 (2017). doi:10.1038/ncomms14424

$\text{MnO}_2$  cycling data against reference anode

# Potential for Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub> Cells at \$50/kWh



- Recent breakthroughs in making MnO<sub>2</sub> fully rechargeable. Based on the formation of a layered birnessite MnO<sub>2</sub> structure and stabilizing this structure for thousands of cycles.
- Improvement in energy density and cost by improvement in zinc utilization
- Cathode degradation mitigation by improvements controlling Zn migration across separator
- Potential for \$50/Wh cells with high cycle-rechargeability of Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub>



Source: CUNY Energy Institute



# Grid Storage needs Large Format Cells



Engineering costs are significant for small format cells. Large format cells are needed to reduce overall system costs.

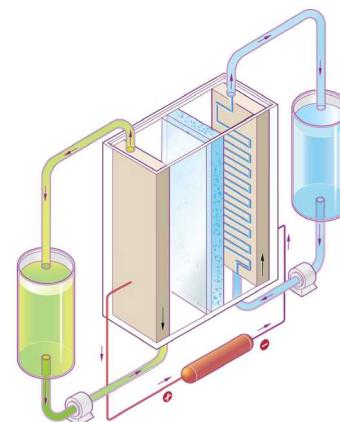
Large format cells also allow for tighter integration of power electronics, sensors, SOH monitoring at the cell level.

## High Conductivity Separators for Low Temperature Molten Sodium Batteries



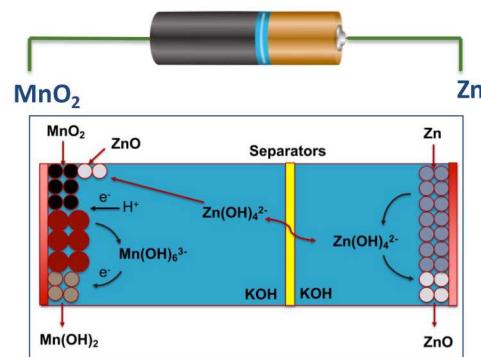
Robust ceramic separators exhibit low  $\text{Na}^+$  conductivity at lower, more cost effective temperatures (120-180 °C).

## Crossover in Redox Flow Batteries



Crossover of the electroactive species through the separator leads to severe capacity decay in flow battery systems.

## Zincate poisoning of $\text{MnO}_2$ in $\text{Zn}/\text{MnO}_2$ Batteries



Zincate diffusion and subsequent poisoning of  $\text{MnO}_2$  impairs reversibility and significantly decreases lifetimes.

# Safety of Battery Storage Systems

Ensuring safety of battery storage systems remains a major concern

Need significant advances at materials, engineering and systems level

Development of  
Inherently Safe Cells



- Safer cell chemistries
- Non-flammable electrolytes
- Shutdown separators
- Non-toxic battery materials
- Inherent overcharge protection

Safety Devices and  
Systems



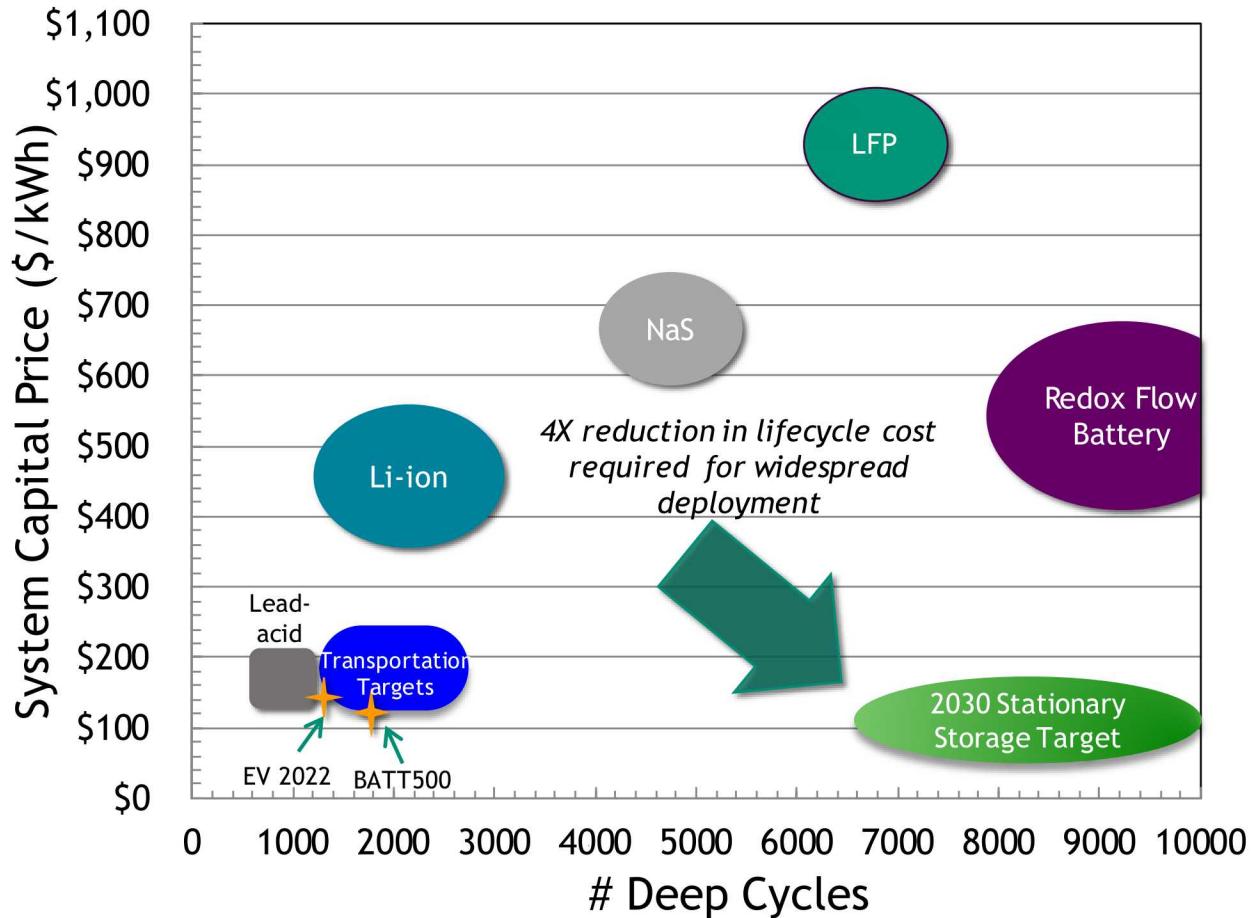
- Cell-based safety devices
  - current interrupt devices
  - positive T coefficient
  - Protection circuit module
- Battery management system
- Charging systems designed

Effective Response to  
Off-Normal Events



- Suppressants
- Containment
- Advanced monitoring and controls

# Future of Energy Storage Technologies



<sup>1</sup>Energy Storage Systems Cost: GTM/ESA US Energy Storage Monitor: Q2 2016

# Advances in High Performance Rechargeable Batteries



No near term alternatives to Li-ion batteries for energy dense batteries for high performance applications including EVs, Electric Aircraft.

- Solid state batteries – promising, need significant improvements
- Metal-air batteries – energy dense, need technical breakthroughs to fully realize

Application	Consumer Electronics, Hybrid EVs	Electric Grid Electric Vehicles	Electric Flight
Advance Technologies	Incremental  Li-ion: Si anodes, low Co cathodes Adv. Pb-acid: Pb-carbon Adv. rechargeable alkaline	Significant  Adv. Li: Li metal anode, Solid state electrolytes Zn metal: adv. MnO <sub>2</sub> cathodes Adv. Flow	Breakthroughs  Beyond Li-ion: Li-S, Li-Air Mg & Al Ion Zn-Air High voltage Zn Metal
Needed Technology Advances	Modest	Significant	Major



Comprehensive R&D program with a focus on solving critical problems to make energy storage safe, reliable, and cost effective across all markets.

- Advancing new battery chemistries through technology development and commercialization
- Optimization at the interface between power electronics and electrochemistry. Power electronics including high voltage devices (SiC, GaN), high voltage passives and magnetics.
- Energy storage safety – cell and module level safety test and analysis. Engineered safety of large systems. Predictive models for ES safety
- Analytics and controls for integration of utility class storage systems. Improved BMS, EMS systems. Control architectures.
- Standards development
- Grid of the Future
- Energy storage project development
- Support DOE's demonstration projects and outreach to the industry



For a future eT&D grid, we need significant cost reductions in power electronics

- Lower cost, longer duration energy storage - technologies that can scale from microgrids to large transmission applications
- Improvement in safety and reliability of power converters and energy storage systems
- Management of truly bidirectional power flows and stochastic loads

Coordinated sensing and control infrastructure

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Electric systems	Traditional Grid	Development Trends and Needs	Future Grid
Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large centralized power plants</li> <li>Dispatchable generation</li> <li>Mechanically coupled</li> <li>Minimal DER</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing role of DER</li> <li>Energy storage</li> <li>New planning tools to handle RE</li> <li>Control coordination</li> <li>NG replacing coal plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid control architectures</li> <li>Bidirectional power flows and stochastic loads</li> <li>Power electronic centric infrastructure across the grid</li> </ul>
Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCADA for status visibility</li> <li>Operator-based controls</li> <li>Aging infrastructure. Low peaking capacity utilization.</li> <li>Threats/vulnerabilities not well defined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HVDC transmission</li> <li>Growing dc loads</li> <li>Improving EMS</li> <li>Integrated planning tools</li> <li>Growing security awareness</li> <li>Increasing role of storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wide-spread PMU deployment</li> <li>Coordinated sensing and control infrastructure</li> <li>System-wide dynamic power flow management</li> <li>Resilient and self healing</li> </ul>
Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal to non-existent sensing and automation</li> <li>Radial design and one-way power flows</li> <li>Aging distribution infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deployment of ADMS</li> <li>FACT/inverter enabled voltage regulation</li> <li>Early adoption of storage in distribution systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truly bi-directional power flows and large scale DG</li> <li>Pervasive sensing and communications</li> <li>Local, autonomous coordination</li> <li>Asynchronous networks</li> </ul>
Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional, location and customer specific rate structure</li> <li>Uniformly high reliability</li> <li>Predictable behavior based on historical needs and weather</li> <li>Reliable, yet inflexible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer-determined reliability/power quality</li> <li>Real time pricing, time of use rates, demand charges</li> <li>Improved utility communications</li> <li>Behind-the-meter storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autonomous microgrids</li> <li>Advanced EMS</li> <li>Widespread DERs and transactive energy</li> <li>Pervasive sensor environment</li> </ul>
Operation/Market structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vertically integrated utilities, wholesale markets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market reform to compensate for services provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity of energy products and services</li> </ul>