

Changing Economics of Battery Storage

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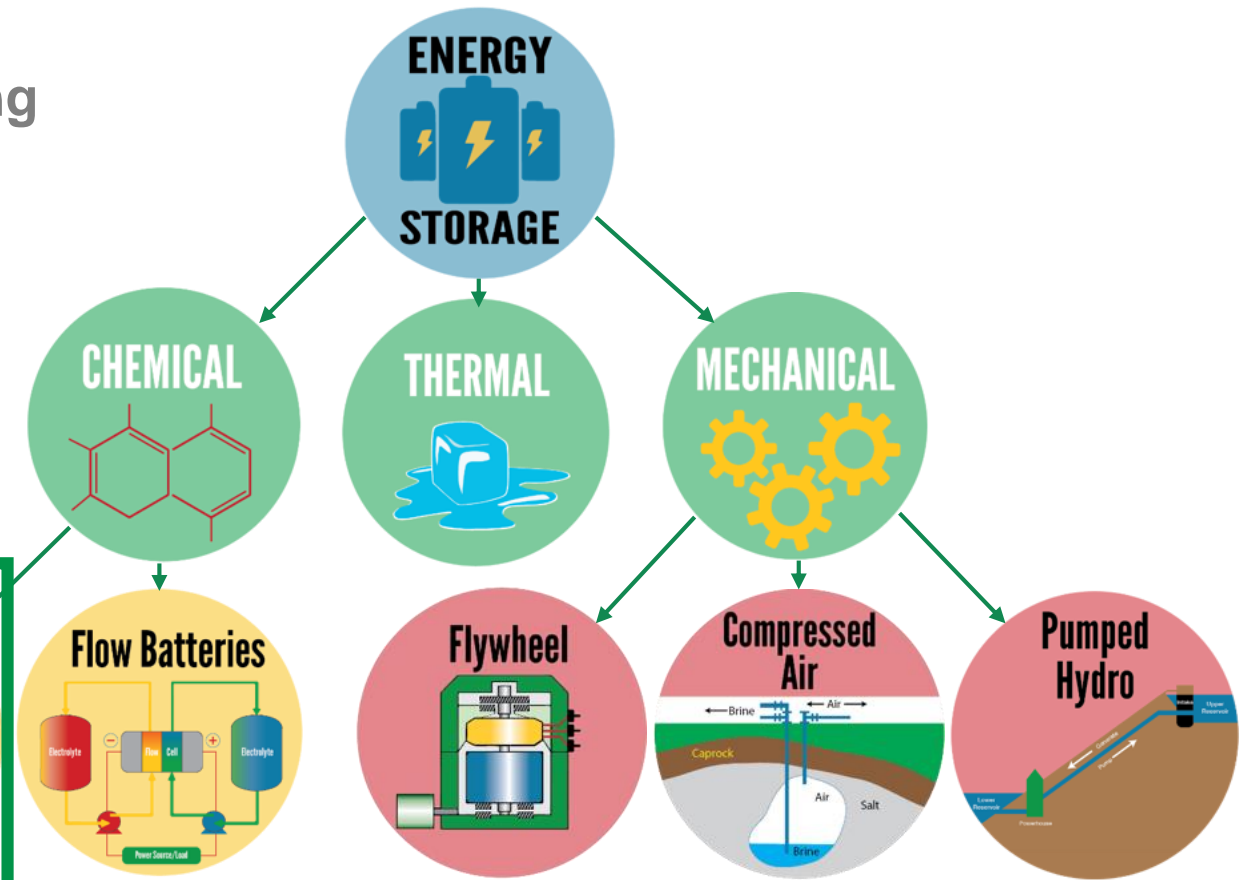


Energy Storage 101

Energy Storage 101 Technology Overview

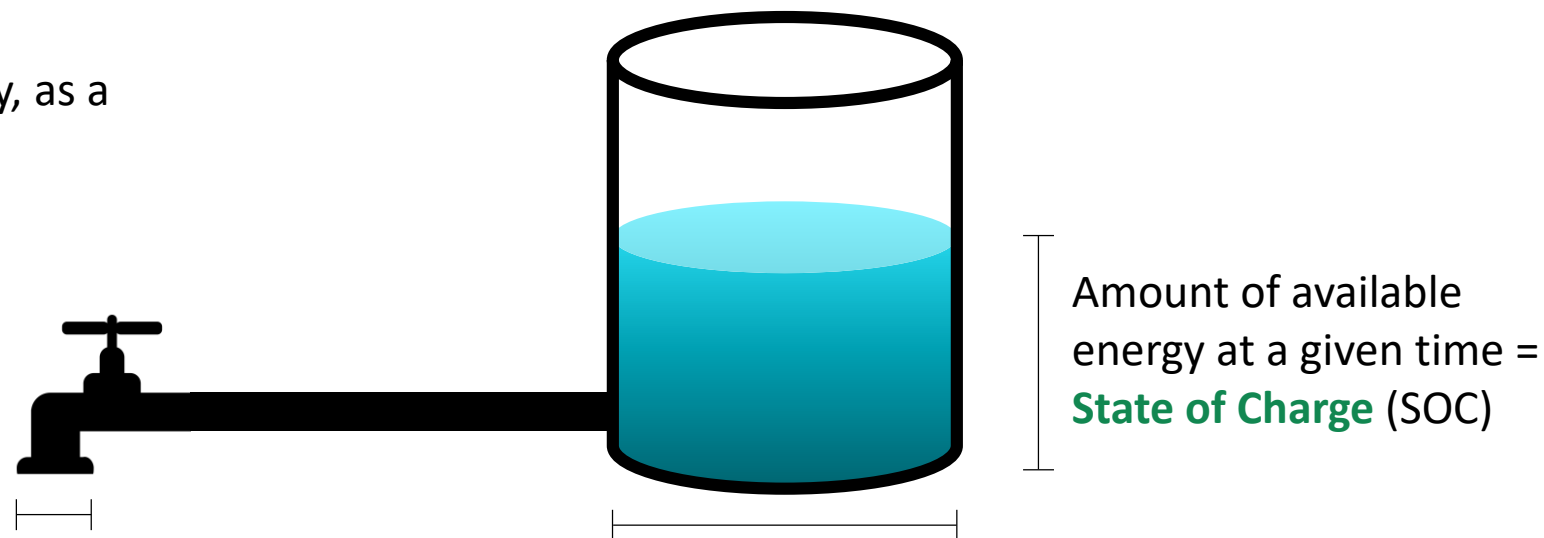
There are multiple methods of storing energy—most of the focus today is around **electro-chemical storage**.

For now, we are only building Lithium-Ion battery projects.



Energy Storage 101 Terminology

A battery stores electricity, as a tank stores water:



Pipe size = **Power**
Units: Kilowatts (kW)
Megawatts (MW)

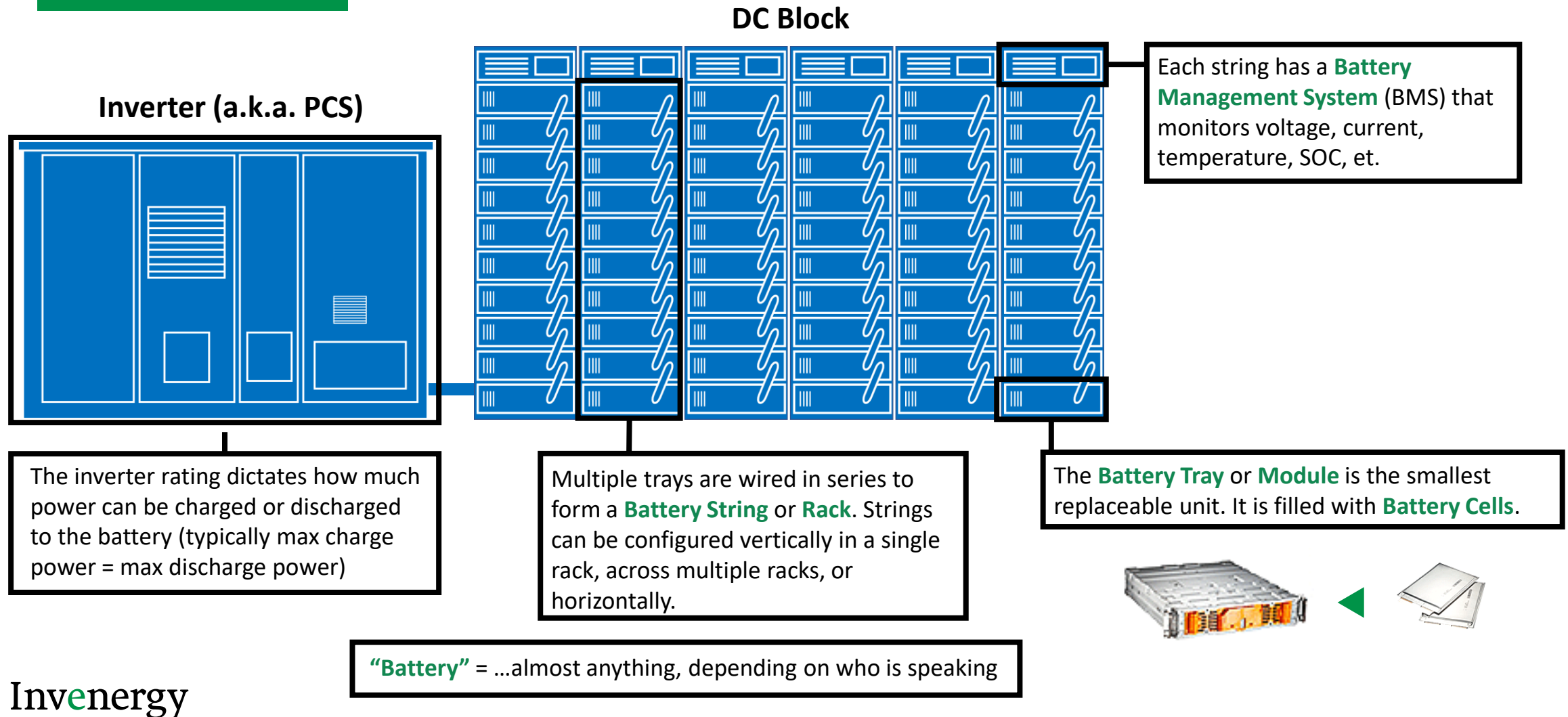
Power is limited by the size and number of inverters

Size of tank = **Energy**
Units: Kilowatt-hours (kWh)
Megawatt-hours (MWh)

Energy is limited by the size and number of battery modules

Amount of available energy at a given time = **State of Charge (SOC)**

Energy Storage 101 Terminology continued



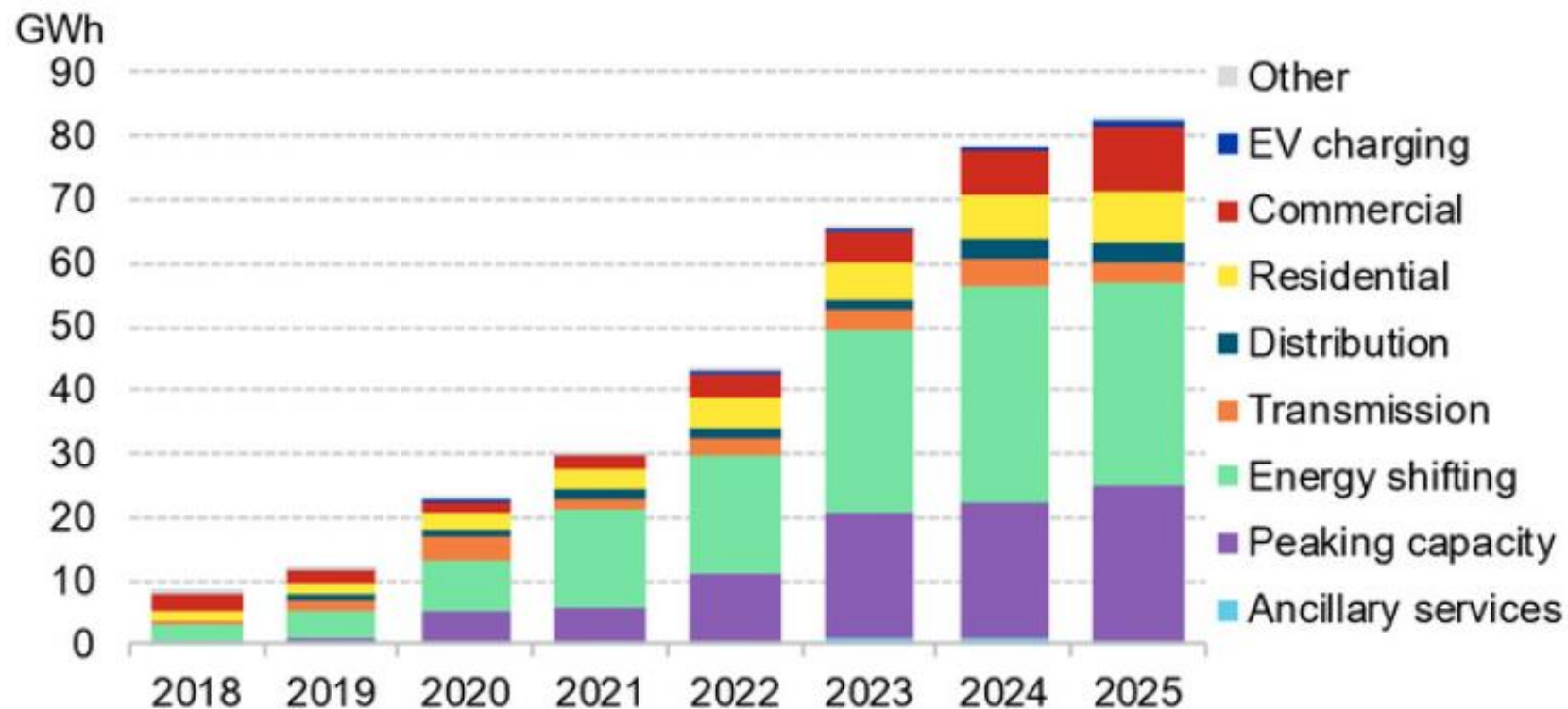


Storage Market

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A Small But Rapidly Growing Market

Figure 13: Global annual installations by application based on energy capacity



Source: BloombergNEF



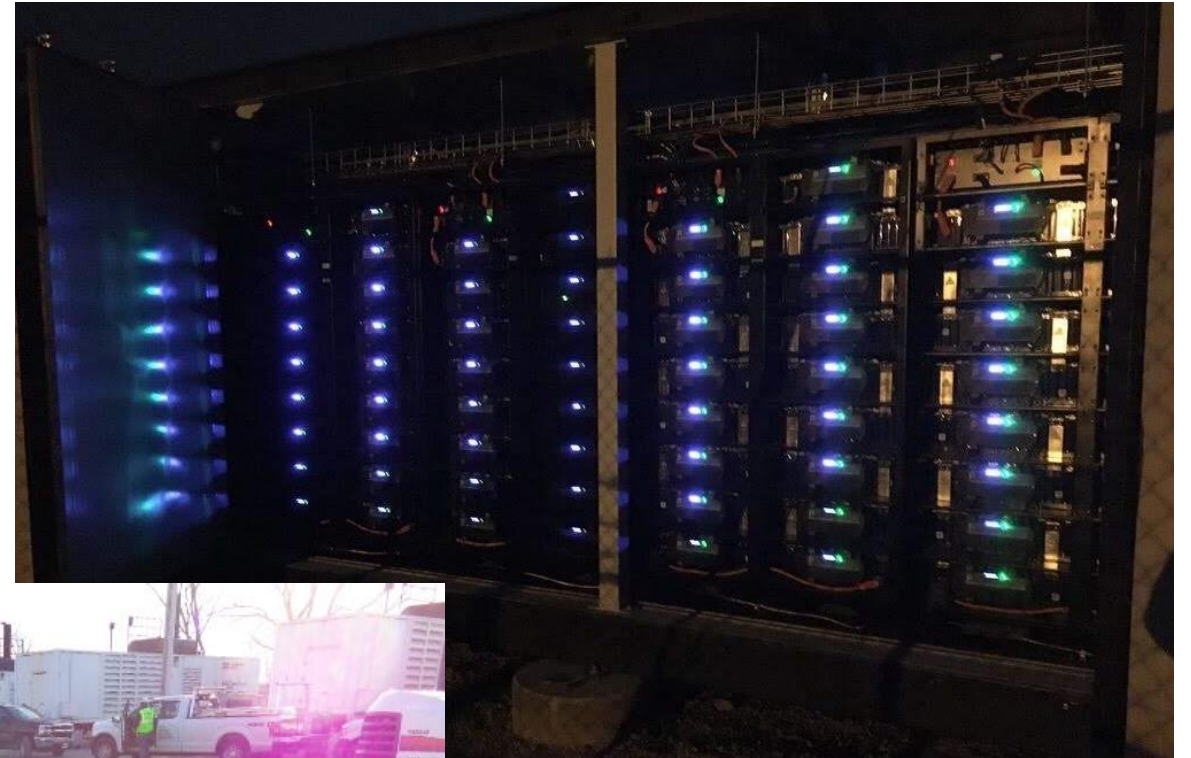
Use Cases

Case Study: MidAmerican Energy Storage

Invenergy installed 1MW/4MWh storage project in Iowa consisted of 2 battery enclosures, 1 inverter and 1 transformer. It was built in an existing yard

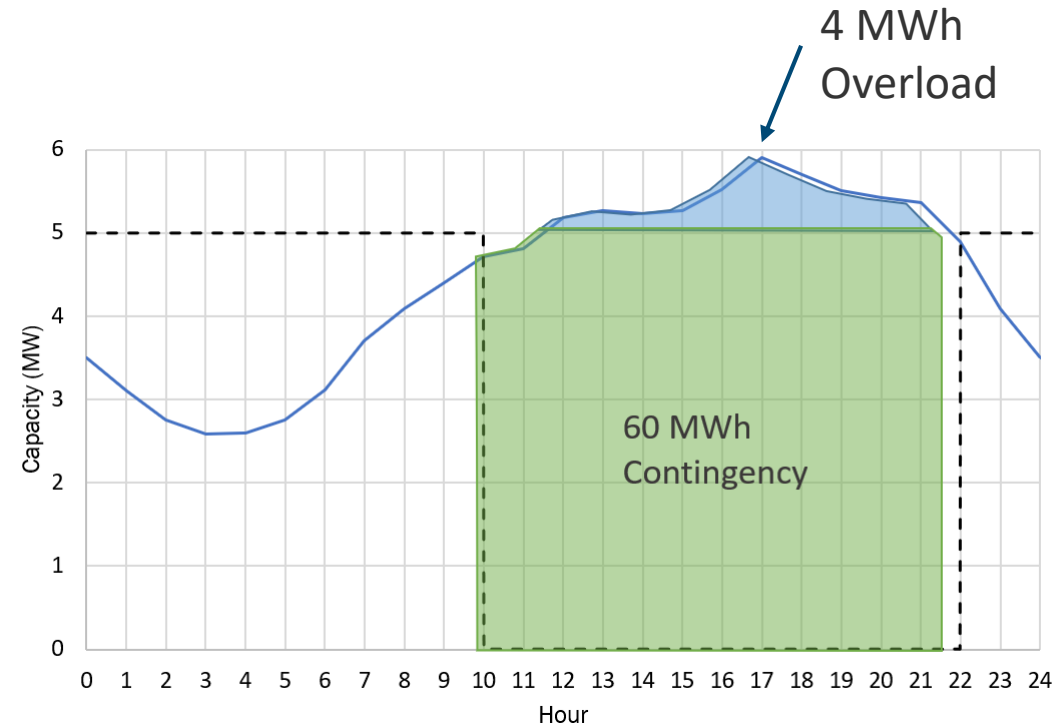
Project Highlights:

- Competitive bid
- 4 month timeline
- Storage pilot



Case Study: Utility Transformer Back-up

- Large utility transformer is aging
- Batteries can provide N-1 contingency in the event of generator failure
- Benefit to utility:
 - Deferring cost of substation upgrade
 - Grid reliability
 - Voltage support





Safety Slide

Battery Safety: Mitigation and Management

- **Battery controls prevent operation within temperature and voltage bands that would lead to battery damage**
- **Data monitoring allows operators to monitor anomalies**
- **Fire suppression aims to tackle one or more categories in the fire triangle**
- **Ventilation and fire detection prevent dangerous conditions within enclosure**
- **Battery suppliers perform standardized tests to certify safety**

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ENGIE: A Global Snapshot

ENGIE is the largest IPP in the world and has a global focus.



155,000
employees
worldwide



Operations in
more than **70**
countries



70 billion USD
revenues
11 billion USD
EBITDA



17 billion USD
investments over 2016-
2018 including
1.2 billion USD
in innovation and digital

ENGIE North America

By the Numbers

- Manage approximately **12,700 MW** of generation
- Generating power from a diverse, low carbon fuel mix with **over 1,000 MW of onsite generation**
- Operating **renewable facilities** with a generation capacity of nearly 1,000 MW
- **No. 3 largest non-residential retail supplier** in US in 14 markets, including PJM
- **No. 1 LNG terminal player** in the United States serving New England market
- Help customers identify and achieve more than **\$2.8 billion in energy savings**
- Managing more than **25 million sq. ft.** of buildings and active in **8 airports** in North America



ENGIE's distributed solar & storage approach is enabled by the seven cooperative principles.

1 & 2: Open and Voluntary Membership & Democratic Member Control

- Opportunity for co-op collaboration is greater with DG. Example: the members of Dairyland (WI) created “Distribu-Gen”, to work on fuel cells. They used this group to coordinate development of a solar portfolio with ENGIE. This approach was bottom up to the G&T.

3: Members' Economic Participation

- ENGIE's co-op development process has created local jobs, increased member satisfaction, and reduced applications for NEM.

5: Education, Training, & Information

- Training and tours for schools and community groups

6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

- G&T and member co-ops work together for their collective benefit; e.g. sharing the same contractual documents, etc.

7: Concern For Community

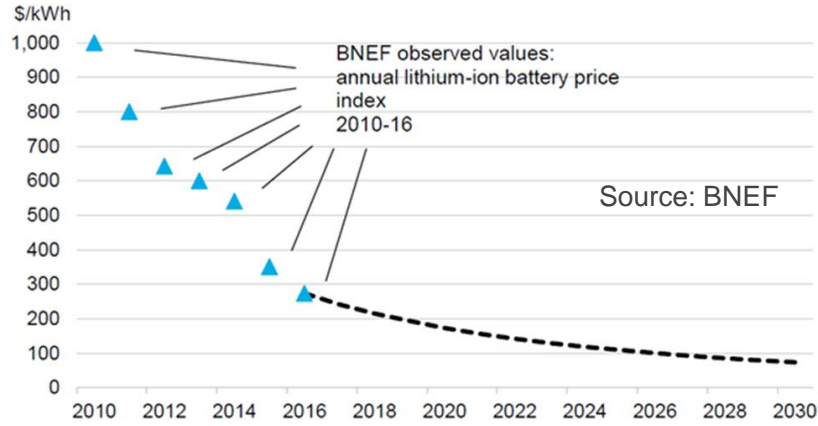
- Good paying local jobs, native habitats & pollinator gardens have positive impact on local agriculture, and clean energy is generated for the local consumers







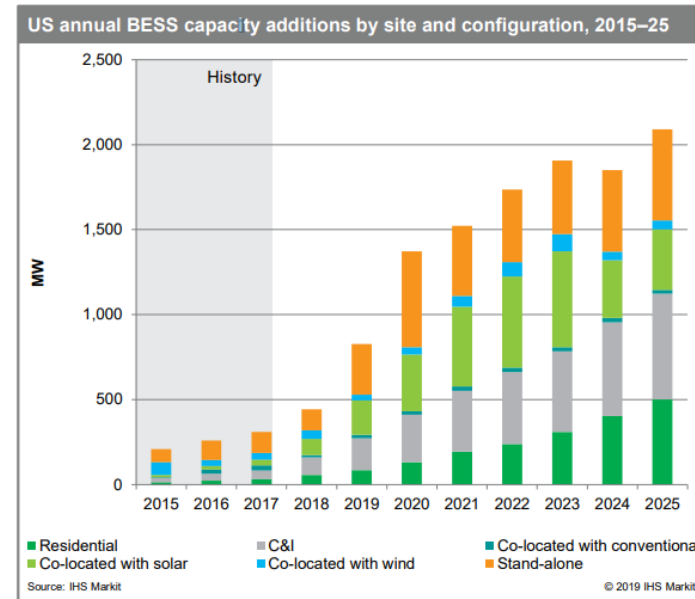
Distributed Storage Today



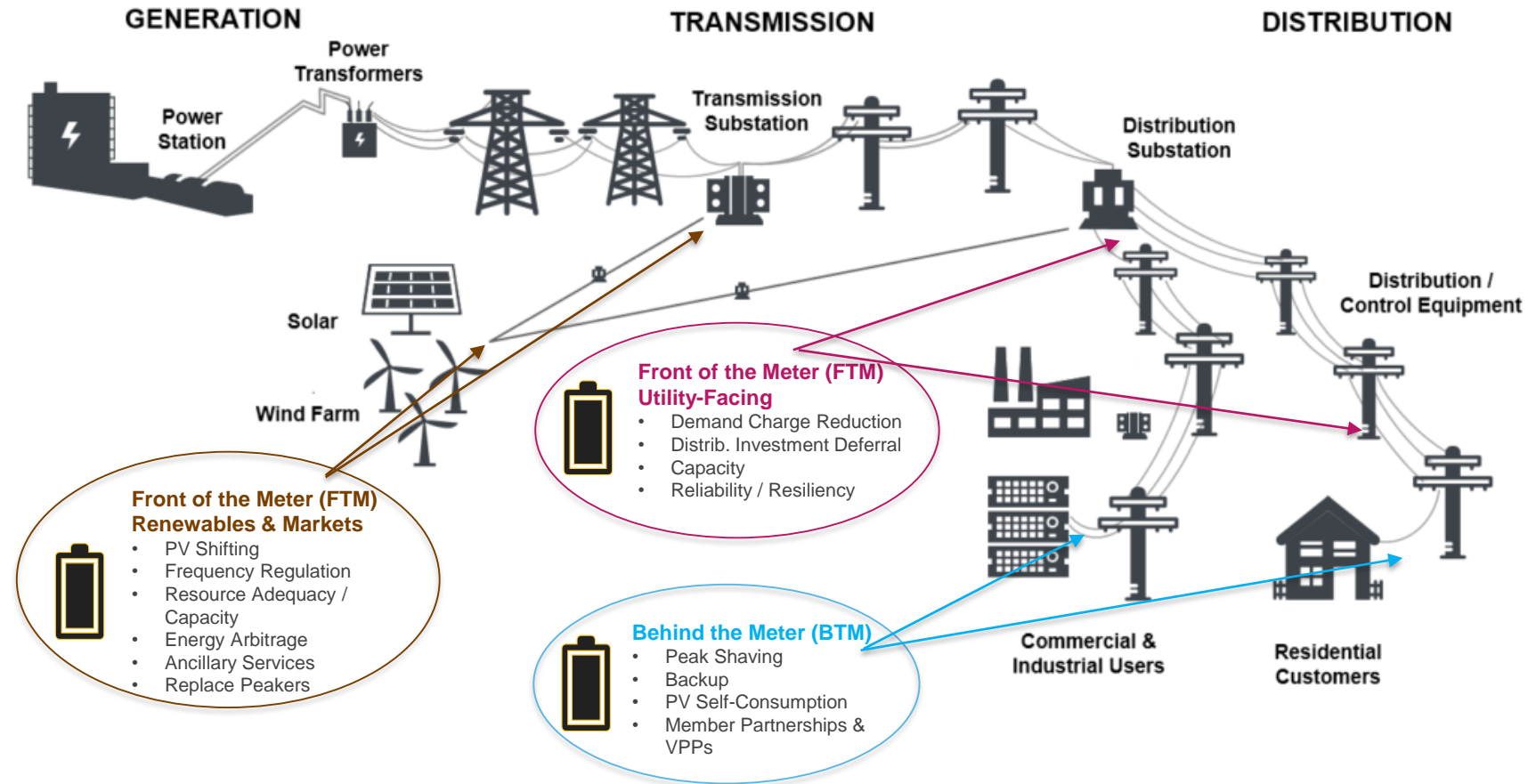
Energy Storage: Why Now?



-  Manufacturing Capacity (EV Market)
-  Battery Prices (Li-Ion)
-  Markets & Applications
-  Renewables Integration



Many Levels of BESS Deployment



Solar Plus Storage Market Drivers

1. Tax Incentives

- Energy Storage (ESS) assets co-located (and charging from) solar projects can be eligible for the Federal ITC and accelerated depreciation

2. Additional Use Cases

- Clipping re-capture (DC-coupled)
- PV time-shifting (energy value)
- PV firming (capacity value)
- Reduced PV curtailment (in congested areas of DG network especially)

3. Interconnection and shared costs

- ESS co-located with solar can have lower per-unit installation and maintenance costs compared to stand-alone
 - Shared inverters, transformers (DC-coupled)
 - Shared land & real-estate benefits (PILOT, etc.)
 - Shared interconnection costs (depending on grid limits)
 - Shared EPC mobilization
- Lower maintenance costs may arise due to shared crews, plant-level monitoring, etc.

Distributed Storage: Case Studies

United Power – Community Battery, Longmont, CO (4.5 MW / 18 MWh)

- Analysis shows 25 MW (on a 450 MW peak utility) could be shaved over each of the 12 months with a duration of 4 hrs.
- Dispatch ~100 times per year to mitigate peak demand charges
- 100% capacity guarantee for 10 years, 15-year overall wrapped warranty
- United structured a community battery program (like community solar), members can purchase a “share” of kW reduction from the BESS as a reduction on their retail kW charges.



Mt. Tom – Solar + Storage, Holyoke MA (3 MW / 6 MWh)

- In February 2017, ENGIE built and commissioned the 5MW Mt. Tom solar array at a decommissioned coal plant.
- In 2018, ENGIE added battery storage to the solar project.
- The energy storage system enhances utility (HG&E)’s electricity system and helps keep electric rates stable by reducing rising capacity charges for the utility and its customers.
- ENGIE’s GridSynergy platform deployed for site control, monitoring.

Various Co-Ops – Non-Wires Alternatives

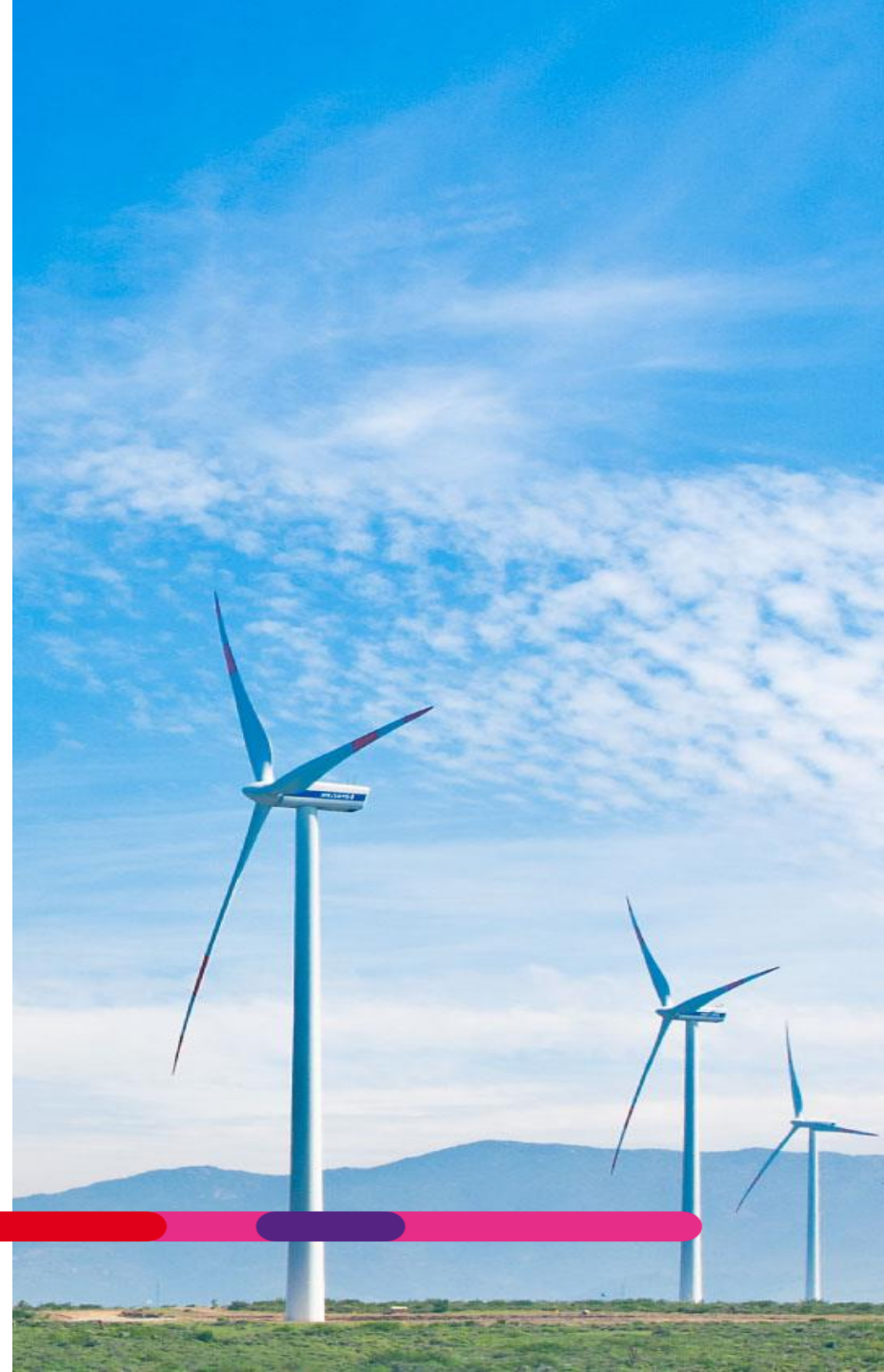
- ENGIE is in discussions with a number of distribution cooperatives regarding ESS projects that provide reliability services (such as black start and backup of distribution on lost wholesale power service)
- Distribution and Transmission Asset deferral is among the most valuable use cases for ESS but is elusive (very location-specific)

Image to right: Central Rural Electric Co-Op, OK; Microgrid ESS



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The Future & Trends



Next-Gen PV + Storage

We hear about integrating ESS with Solar; how can a utility unlock these benefits?

- Increase Energy and Capacity value of renewable generating asset
- Address duck curve
- Self-consumption of PV; DC-coupled Storage hits “prime time”
- Address transmission or demand charges with PV

It's time for the industry to come together with innovative contract structures.

- First Solar & APS
- Guam Power Authority & ENGIE
- Western Farmers & NextEra Energy Resources

As a utility: Dig into the data and provide detailed feedback to your developer counterparties about *when* and *how* their assets can provide you the most value, and structure the contract around this!

Electric Vehicles; EV Charging



- Observed a dramatic shift in coop thinking in past 12 months
 - Pre-2019: No interest. “Tree huggers on both coasts don’t understand the longer commuting and general driving distances in rural America. EVs aren’t ready.”
 - Now: This is a potential opportunity to sell more power. What should we do?
- Evaluating numerous potential partners
 - Manufacturers & s/w providers (e.g. EVBox, ENGIE owned)
- Energy Storage can be co-located w/ level 2+ EV Chargers to reduce/mitigate the potential demand spikes.
- Other strategic cooperative-related benefits / strategies?
 - Consumers ordering residential chargers through their utility
 - Utilities might use bill credits or on-bill financing to help accelerate penetration
 - Wi-Fi connectivity to integrate into other DR programs
 - Operational software branded or skinned to look as though the EV charging portal comes from the utility
 - Sell more power, deploy ESS to seamlessly mitigate peak demand charges

Questions?

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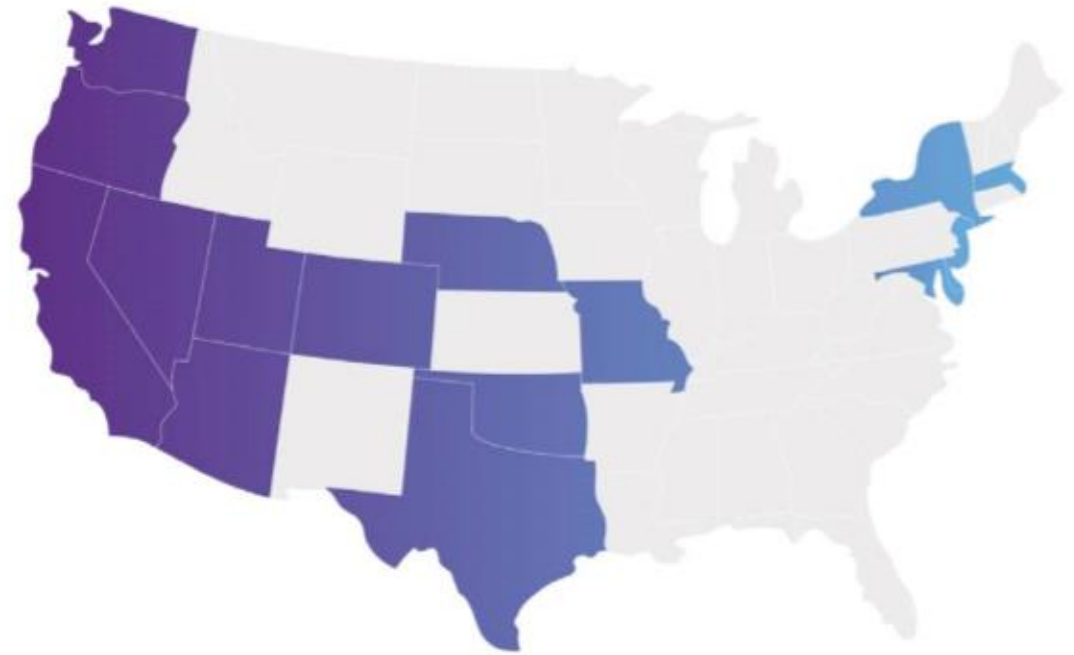
Able Grid Energy Solutions

Independent Energy Storage Developers
October 30, 2019

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Who Is Able Grid?

- Develop battery energy storage projects
- Stand-alone (not co-located)
- Large projects, 50 MW +
- Over 6 GW development pipeline
- Independent developer
- Based in Boulder, CO
- 14 employees

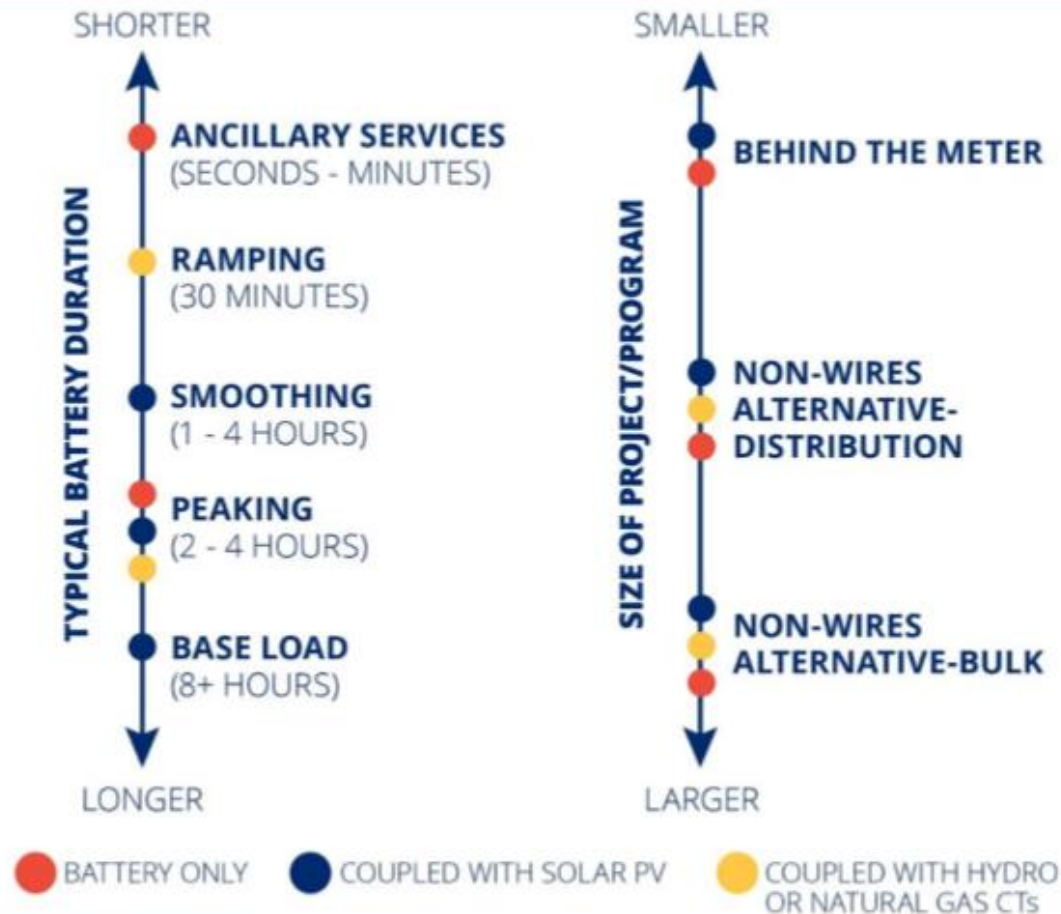


Why Stand-Alone Battery Energy Storage?

- “Bacon” to the electric grid
- Integrate renewable energy
- Flexibility
- Allow conventional generators to run more efficiently
- Mitigate volatility
- Defer investments in new transmission infrastructure

Battery Storage System Grid Services

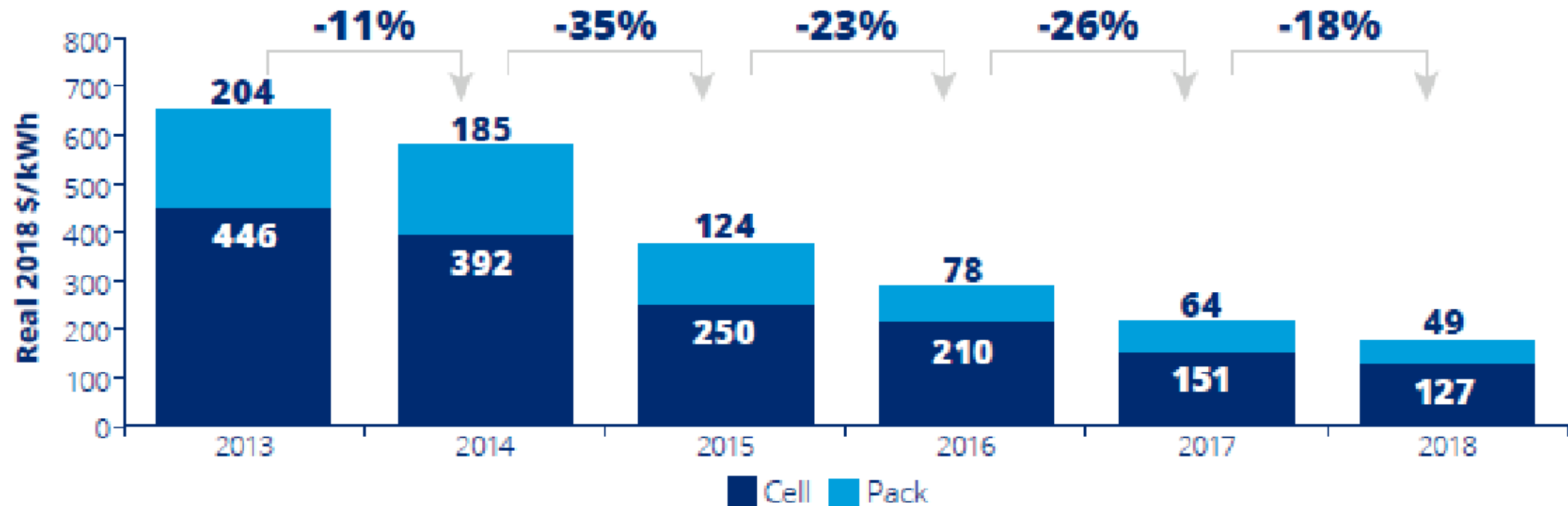
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS OF ENERGY STORAGE



Source: Smart Electric Power Alliance, 2018

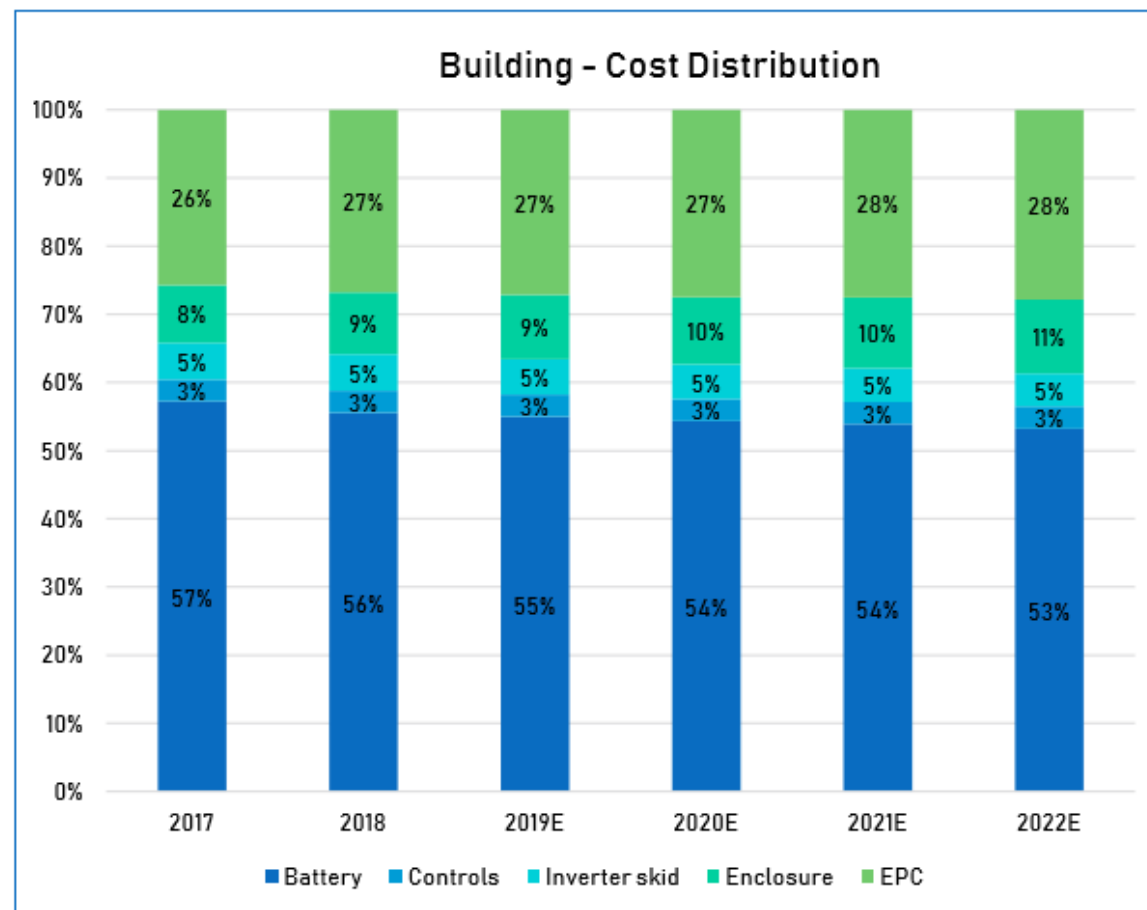
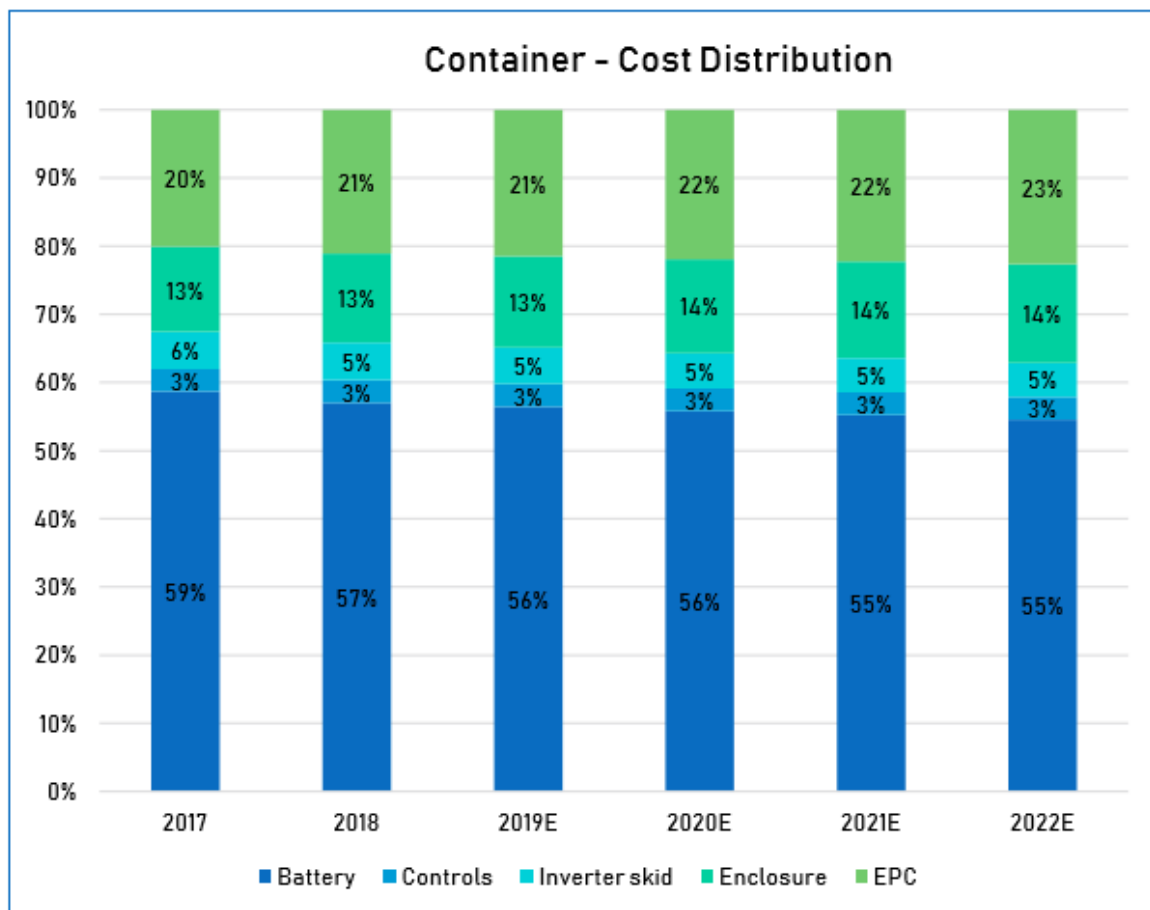
Battery Prices Declining Sharply

Figure 24: Lithium-Ion Battery Prices



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2019

BESS Installed Costs



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- Proven technology platforms that address full spectrum of applications
- Delivery & integration in 160 countries
- Comprehensive services including financing

THE RIGHT PARTNER

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- Avoid pitfalls of inexperienced packagers and integrators
- Strong financial backing and industry staying power

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Energy Market Mega Trends



- Energy grids in the United States continue to decarbonize driven largely by economics rather than federal policy.
- Coal usage continues to drop as the fuel becomes increasingly uncompetitive with cheap natural gas and renewables.
- Cheap natural gas and renewables are keeping energy prices low for the foreseeable future.
- Increasing renewables penetration is creating grid balancing challenges that grid operators have not faced previously.
- Aging energy delivery infrastructure is making the cost of delivering energy more expensive and is projected to increase significantly in years to come.
- **End-users are increasingly expected to become active prosumers of electricity to ensure power reliability and optimize energy spend.**
- **Aging workforce is creating challenges for utilities and end-users in managing a more complex energy infrastructure.**

Wind Energy Development in Southwest Power Pool

SPP is the “Saudi Arabia” of wind: Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas Panhandle, and New Mexico

- 60,000-90,000 MW potential
- More wind energy than SPP uses during peak demand
- 17,700 MW capacity of in-service wind
- 53,056 MW wind in all stages of development
- Includes Generation Interconnection queue and executed Interconnection Agreements

“Utilities used to forecast load and dispatch generation. In the future, utilities will forecast generation and dispatch loads.”

– Shayle Kann Greentech Media

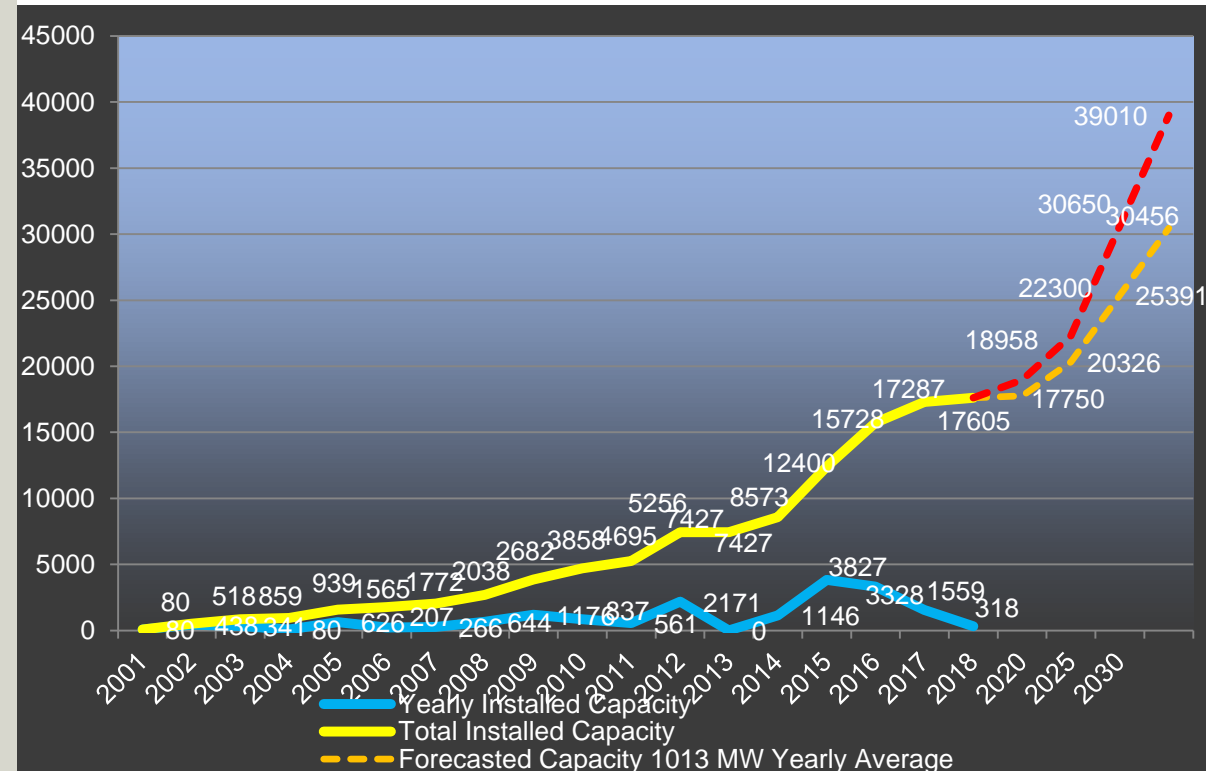
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How Do These Trends Affect Nebraska



- Wind/Solar Development is threatened in SPP due to:
 - High renewable penetration - Wind can represent between 0 - 64% of the generation mix in NPPD depending weather conditions.
 - Large spread in wind generation makes it difficult for grid operators to maintain grid stability.
 - Wholesale electricity price in SPP was negative for 7% of the hours in 2017.
- Transmission and Distribution costs are growing and it is becoming harder to site new power lines to move renewable supply.
- Strategies need to be implemented to better balance intermittent renewable supply.
- **Price responsive and flexible strategies like energy storage & microgrids can support new generation development as well as save money for the consumer**

Projected SPP Wind Capacity Additions



Three Key Questions:

- 1. What happens if renewable development reaches a point where the electric grid can no longer integrate more generation and traditional generation is no longer economic to operate?**
- 2. Who is going to train the workforce of the future to not only provide renewable generation and energy storage, but also to manage flexible building and other demand side assets?**
- 3. How can distributed energy solutions like storage help SPP integrate more renewables while providing significant value to electricity end-users?**

How Can Nebraska Be A Leader?

- Support a stand-alone storage Investment Tax Credit at the Federal level.
- Work with the Southwest Power Pool to develop tariffs that incentivize grid balancing and load shift capabilities (e.g. FERC 841)
- Make storage part of the planning process for new generation and transmission.
- Clarify the rules of third-party owned storage and generation systems both in front-of-the-meter and behind-the-meter.
- Compensate local resources for the benefits they can bring (i.e. resilience, transmission and distribution upgrade deferrals, etc).

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Pending Interconnection Requests at SPP By Fuel-Type (75,396 MW TOTAL)

