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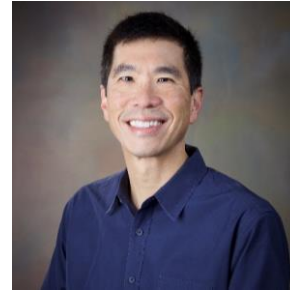
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# Battery Storage Technologies

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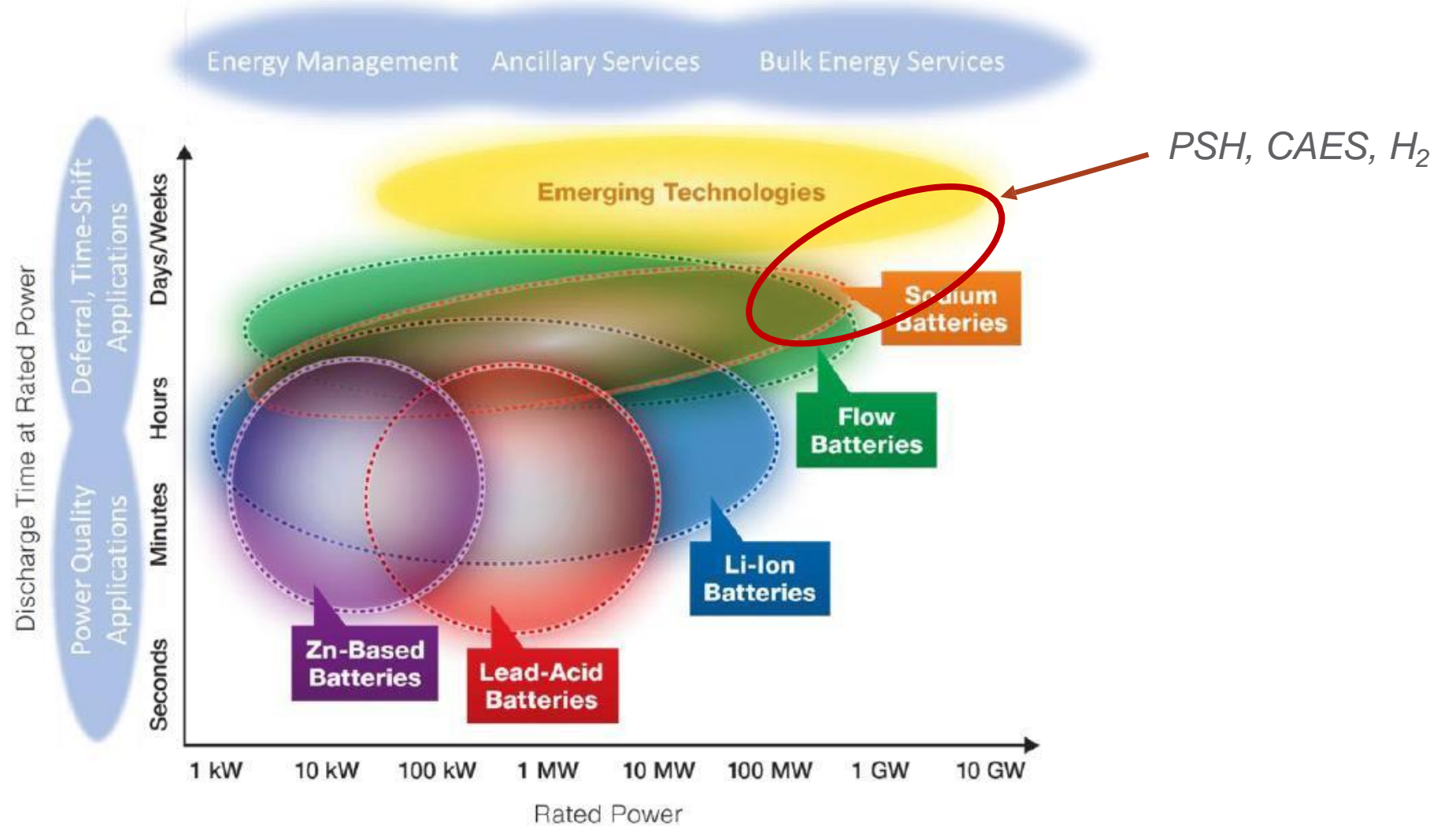
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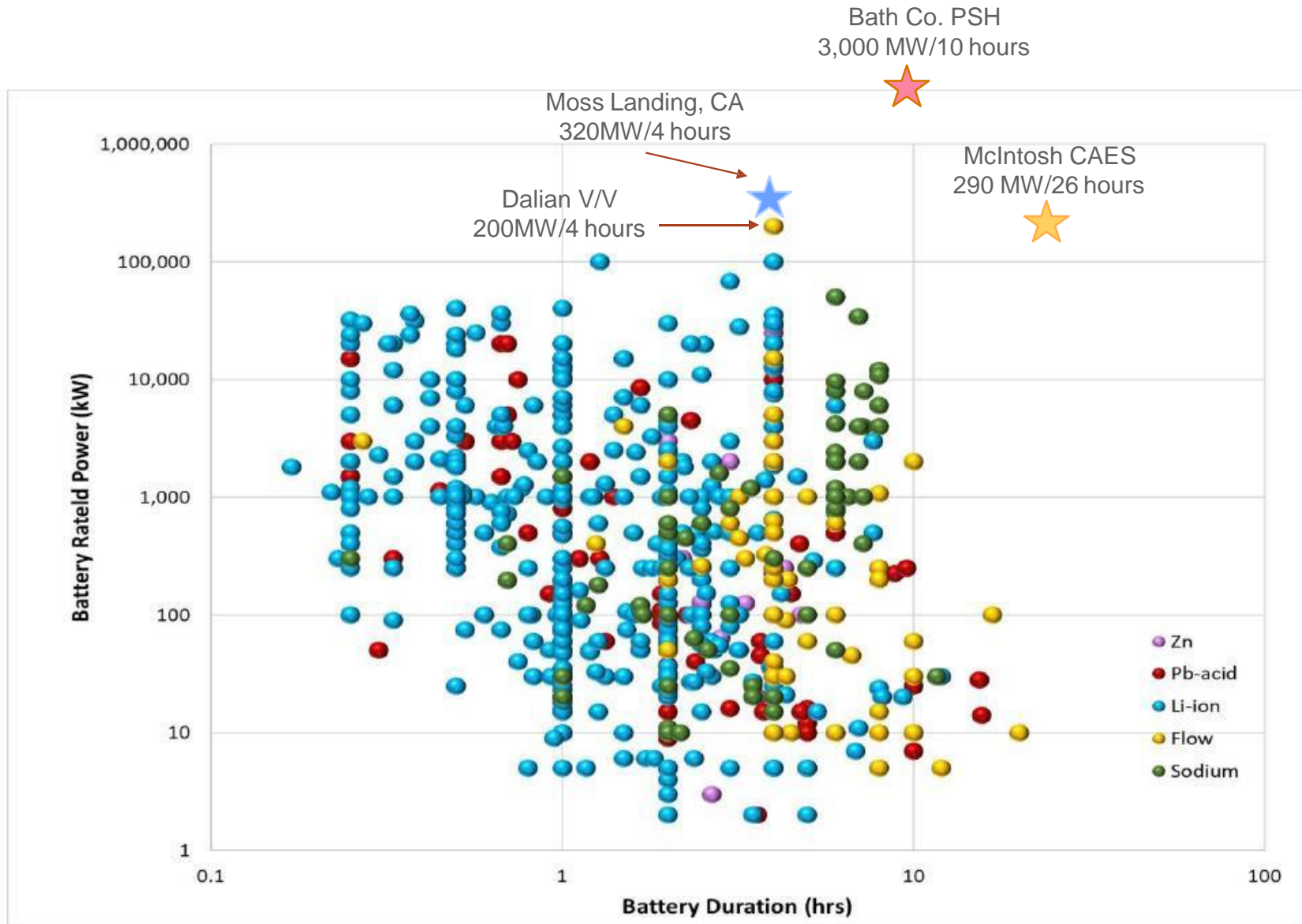
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## Power-Duration ranges of battery storage solutions



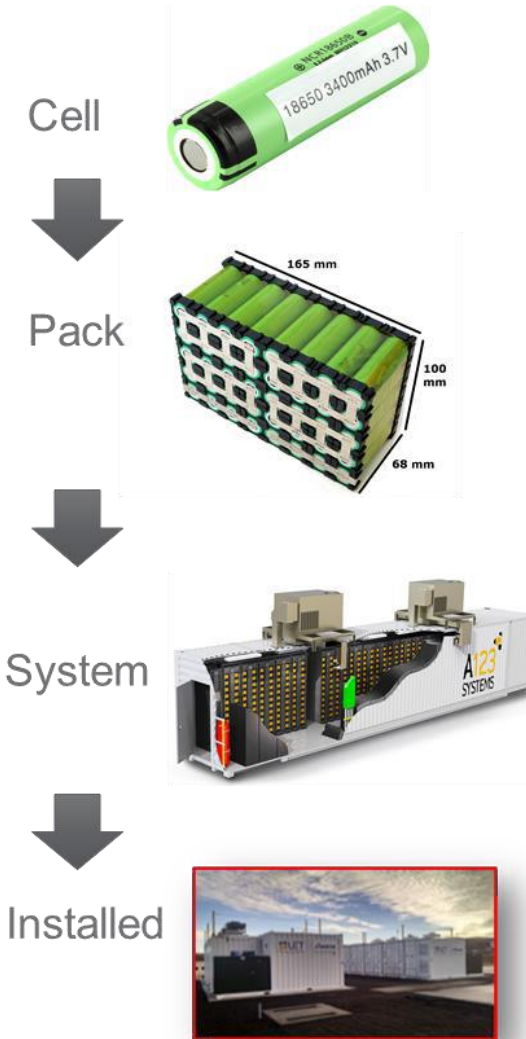
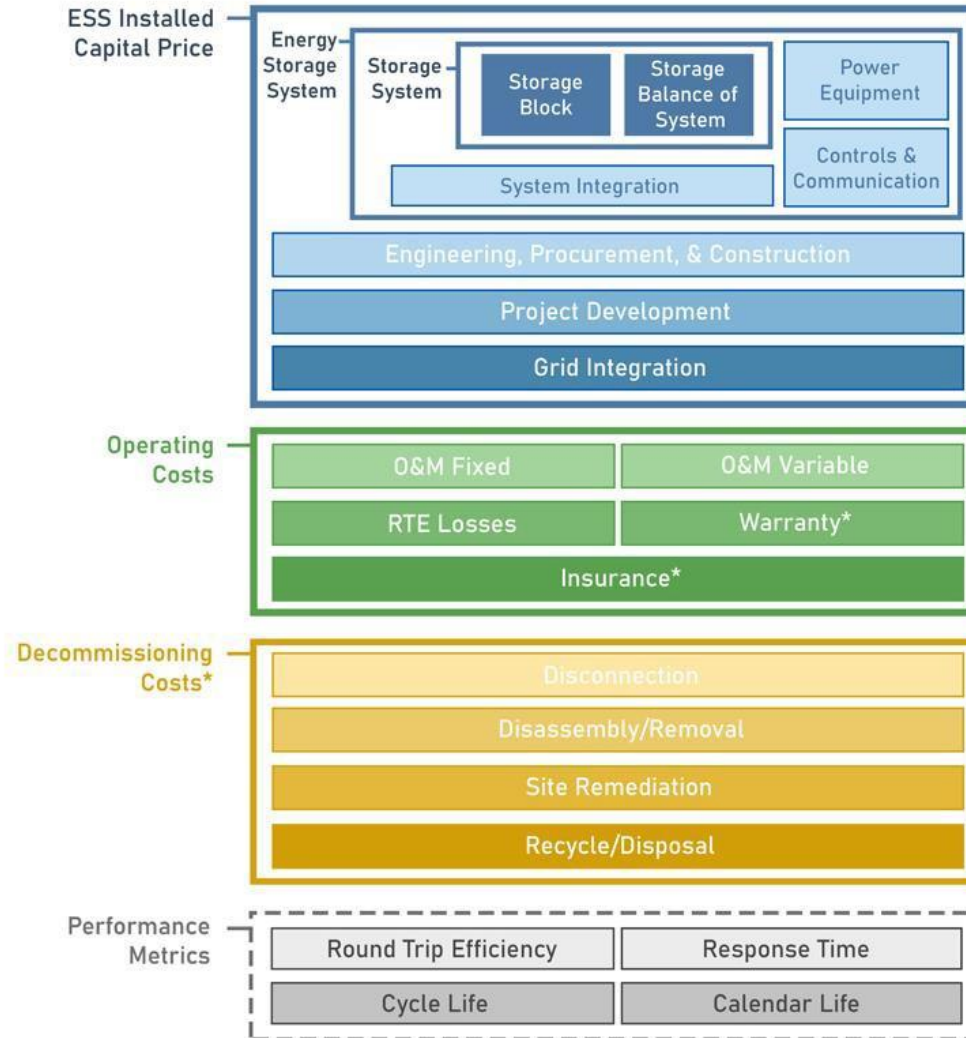
## Power–duration parameters for deployed storage systems



Source: US DoE Energy Storage Database, March 2019, <https://www.energystorageexchange.org/>

Based on Shell International Exploration & Production (US) Inc.: analysis presented by Shell | March 2019, ARPA-e DAYS

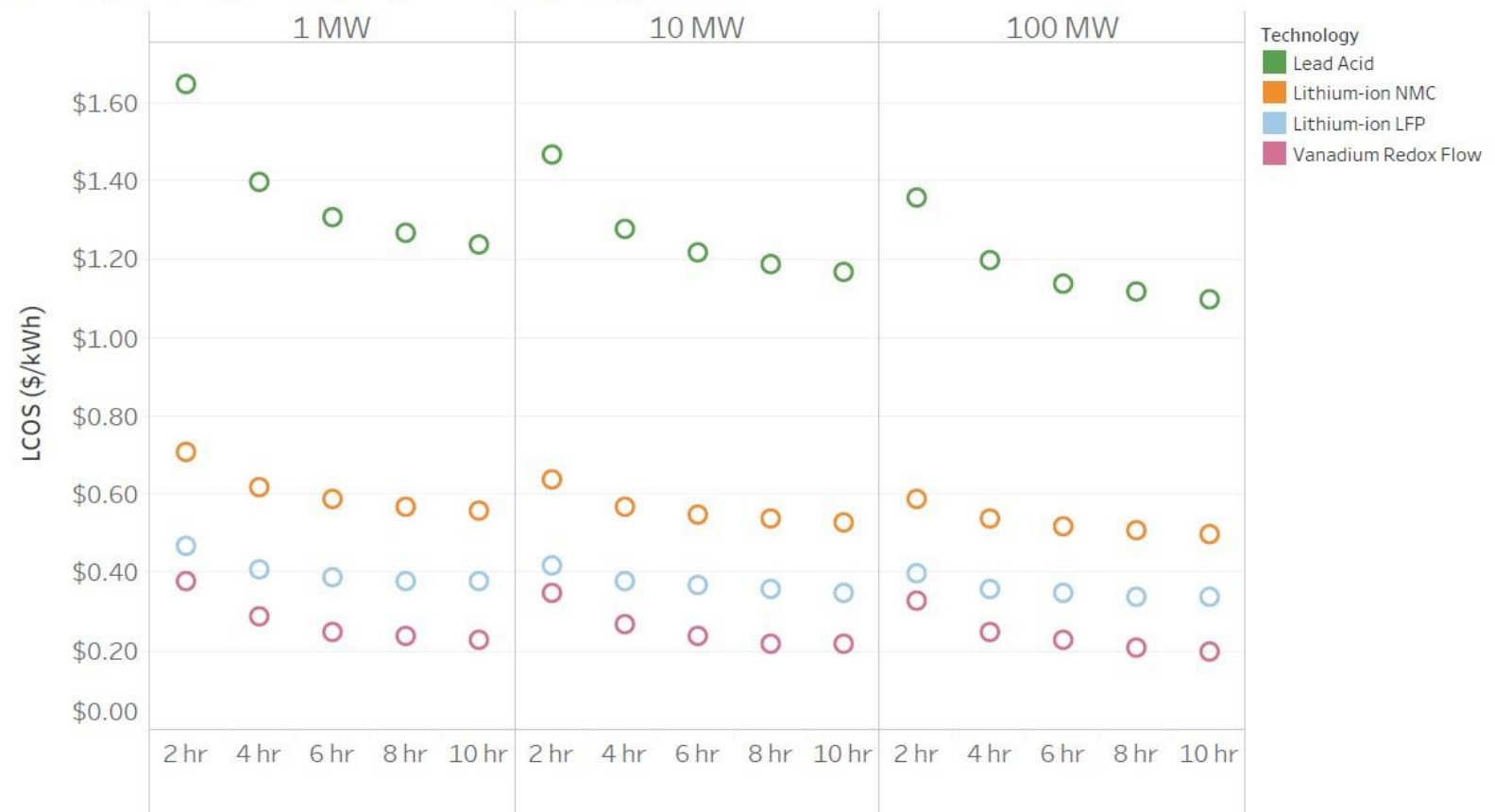
**Total installed cost of batteries more than just the technology**



## Levelized Cost of Storage (LCOS) battery comparison

- Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE): measures the ratio of the cost of owning and operating an asset over its usable life by the energy delivered.

LCOS by Battery Storage System Technology, 2020







Thank you

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PNNL Storage Website

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Storage Cost and Performance Assessment

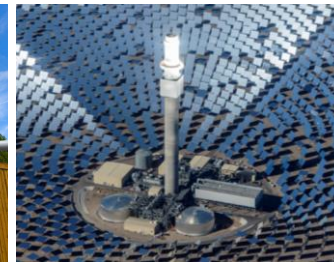
<https://www.pnnl.gov/ESGC-cost-performance>



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# Thermal Energy Storage Technologies



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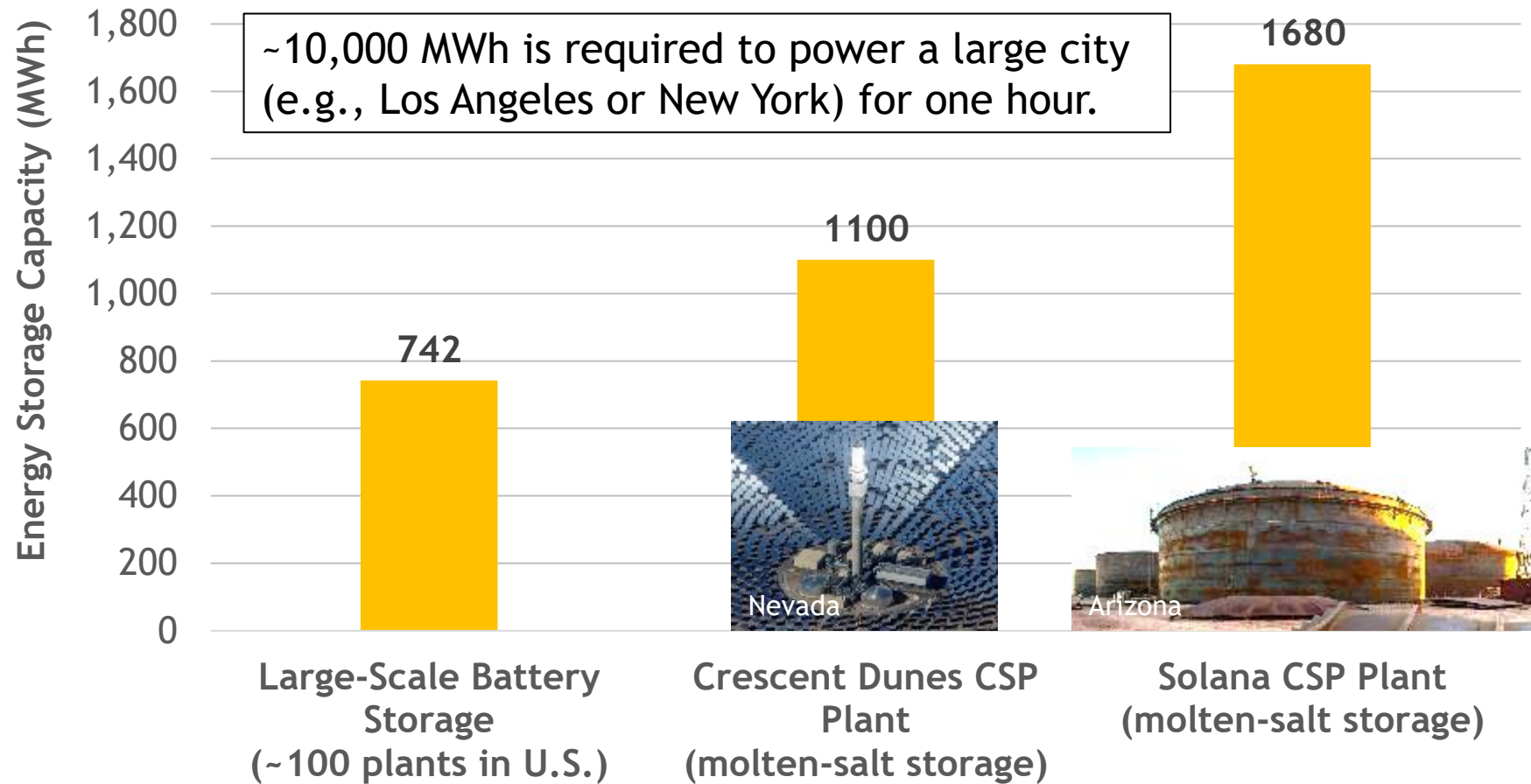
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# Growing Need for Large-Scale Energy Storage



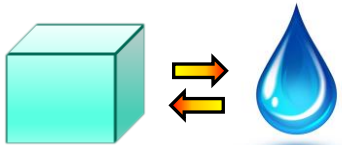
Battery data from U.S. Energy Information Administration (June 5, 2018)  
CSP data from <https://solarpaces.nrel.gov/projects>



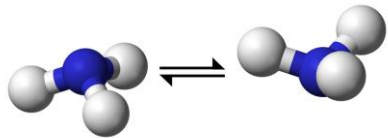
# Thermal Energy Storage - Overview



- **Sensible (single-phase) storage**
  - Use temperature difference to store heat
  - Molten salts (nitrates  $<600\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; carbonates, chlorides  $700 - 900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - Solids storage (graphite, concrete, ceramic particles),  $>1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



- **Phase-change materials**
  - Use latent heat to store energy (e.g., molten salts, metallic alloys)



- **Thermochemical storage**
  - Converting thermal energy into chemical bonds (e.g., decomposition/synthesis, redox reactions)



Molten-salt storage tanks at Solana CSP plant in Arizona. Credit: Abengoa

# Sensible Heat Storage



# Molten Salt Storage



- Nearly 30 GWh<sub>e</sub> of global thermal storage capacity using concentrating solar power

[futureenergyweb.es](http://futureenergyweb.es)



Solana Parabolic Trough Plant, AZ  
(280 MW<sub>e</sub> with 6 hrs storage (1.5 GWh<sub>e</sub>))



Crescent Dunes Solar Tower, NV  
(110 MW<sub>e</sub> with 10 hrs storage (1.1 GWh<sub>e</sub>))

# Latent Heat Storage

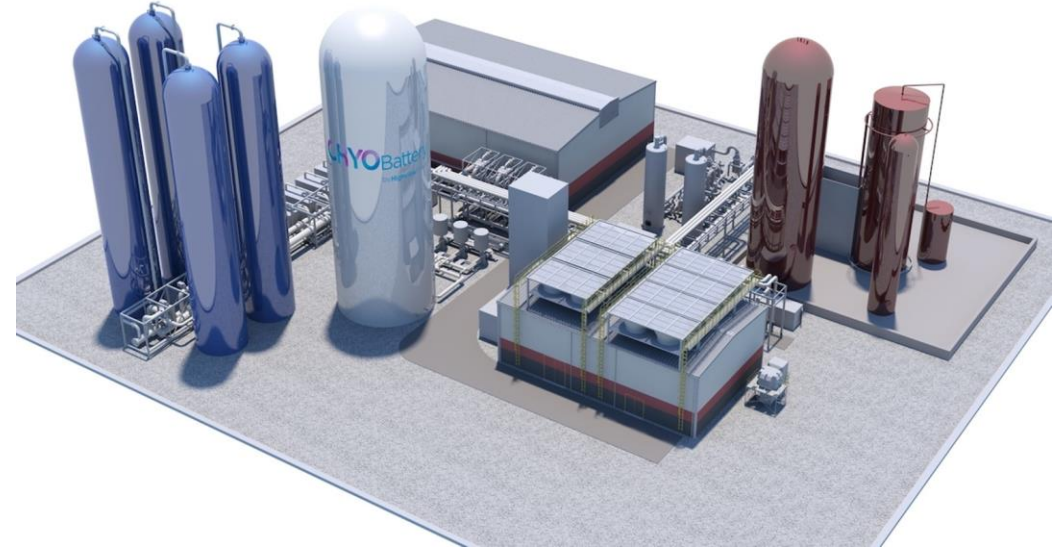




# Liquefied Air Phase Change – Highview Power



- Electricity is used to compress air (Claude cycle) that is then stored as cryogenic liquid
- When needed, liquid is allowed to vaporize, expanding through turbines to generate electricity



Images: Highview Power

Highview Power Liquid Air Energy Storage  
50 MW/400 MWh

# Summary



# Summary of Advantages and Challenges



Storage Technology	Advantages	Challenges
<b>Pumped Hydro</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mature technology</li> <li>▪ Demonstrated large capacity (~GWh); &gt;90% of U.S. grid energy storage</li> <li>▪ Good reliability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unique geologic resources</li> <li>▪ Water availability and evaporation</li> </ul>
<b>Compressed Air</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Demonstrated capability at large scales</li> <li>▪ Moderate round-trip efficiency</li> <li>▪ Good potential for long-duration storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unique geologic resources</li> <li>▪ Well integrity</li> <li>▪ Repository integrity</li> </ul>
<b>Hydrogen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Large-capacity, long-duration storage</li> <li>▪ Can be used for both grid and transportation</li> <li>▪ Environmentally friendly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Low round-trip efficiency of hydrogen production and storage</li> <li>▪ High cost</li> <li>▪ Leakage and safety of hydrogen gas</li> </ul>
<b>Thermal (Sensible)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mature technology</li> <li>▪ Demonstrated large capacity with concentrating solar power (~GWh)</li> <li>▪ Low cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heat loss</li> <li>▪ Heat exchanger performance and reliability</li> </ul>



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# Backup Slides



# Thermal Energy Storage Summary



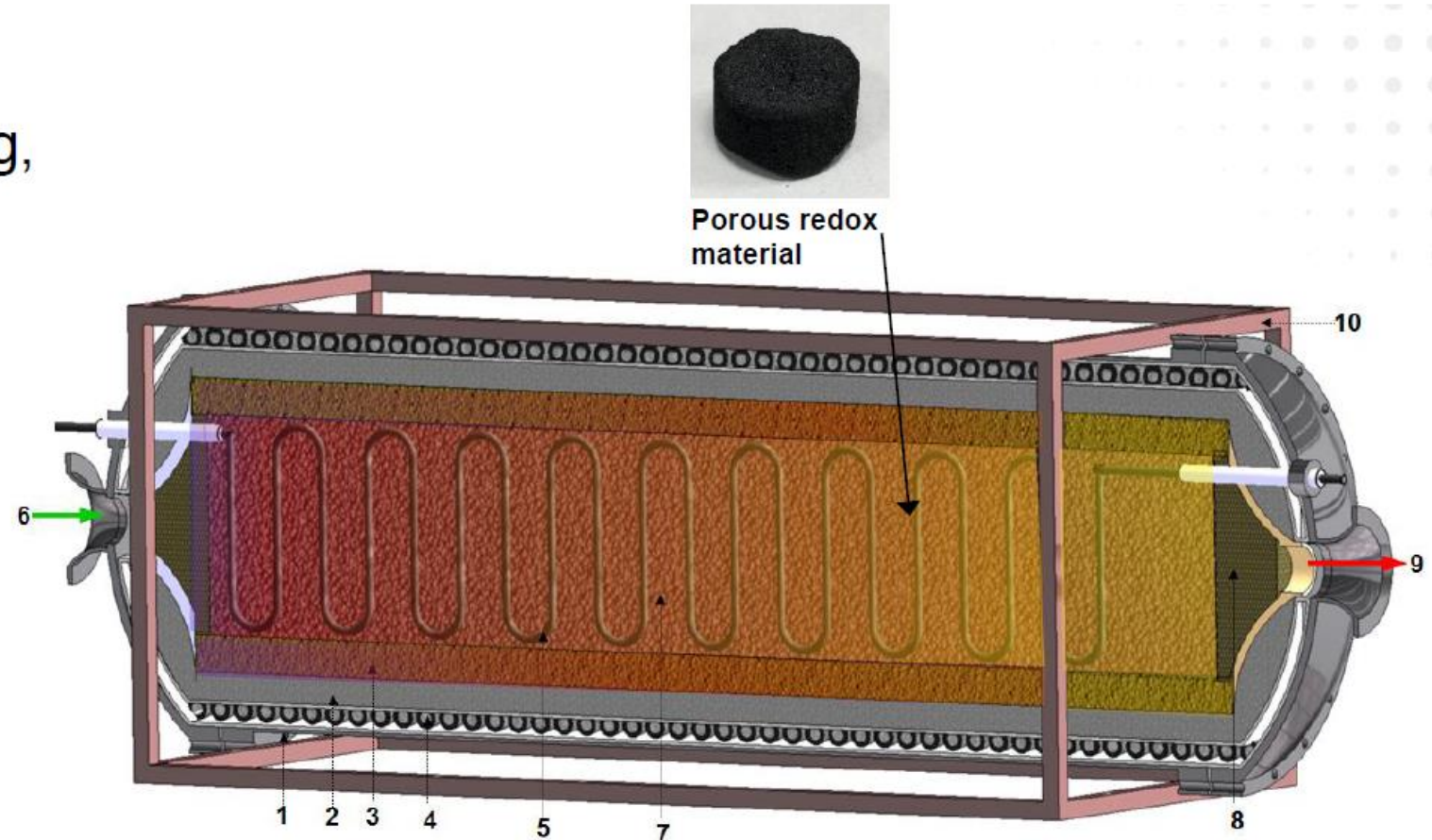
	Sensible Heat Storage	Latent Heat Storage	Thermochemical Storage
Storage mechanism	Energy stored as temperature difference in solid (e.g., concrete, rock, sand) or liquid media (molten salt)	Energy stored using phase change materials (e.g., salts, metals, organics)	Energy stored in chemical bonds
Energy Density	~200 - 500 kJ/kg (for ~200 - 400 °C temperature differential)	~100 - 200 kJ/kg for nitrate salts; ~200 - 500 kJ/kg for metals; ~1000 kJ/kg for fluoride salts	~300 - 6,000 kJ/kg
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated large energy capacity (~GWh)</li> <li>• Inexpensive media</li> <li>• Solid media does not freeze and can achieve &gt;1000°C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good for isothermal applications</li> <li>• Can provide large energy density with combined sensible and latent heat storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large energy densities</li> <li>• Small heat losses</li> <li>• Potential for long-term storage</li> <li>• Compact storage system</li> </ul>
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat loss at high temperatures</li> <li>• Lower energy density requires larger volumes</li> <li>• Molten salts freeze at ~200 °C.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for corrosion</li> <li>• For larger <math>\Delta T</math>, may need cascaded systems (adds costs and complexity)</li> <li>• Low maturity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher complexity</li> <li>• Low maturity</li> <li>• Higher capital costs</li> </ul>
Maturity	High	Low	Low
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~\$1/kg for molten salts and ceramic particles</li> <li>• ~\$0.1/kg for rock and sands</li> <li>• ~\$1/MJ - \$10/MJ (system capital cost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~\$4/kg - \$300/kg</li> <li>• ~\$10/MJ - \$100/MJ (system capital cost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~\$10/MJ - \$100/MJ (system capital cost)</li> </ul>

# Thermochemical Storage – Example



Scalable Thermochemical Option for Renewable Energy Storage (STORES)  
 Petrasch et al., Michigan State U., ARPA-E

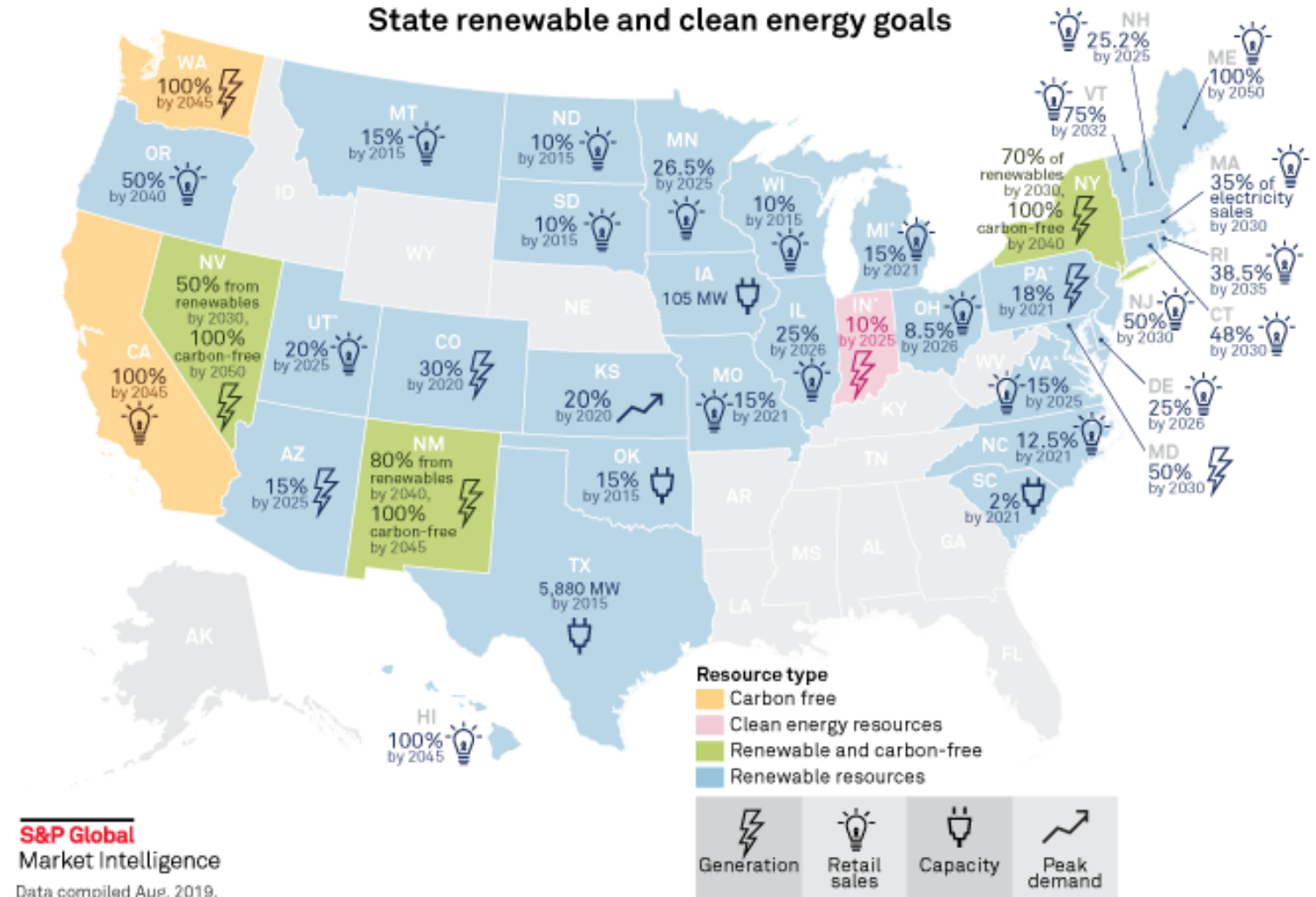
- ▶  $\text{MgO} + 2\text{MnO} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{MgMn}_2\text{O}_4$
- ▶ Charged by electrical heating,
- ▶ 1000-1500 °C,
- ▶  $2000 \text{ MJ/m}^3_{\text{th-ch}}$
- ▶ 40 ft-container module:  
 $26 \text{ MWh}_{\text{th-ch}} : 11-16 \text{ MWh}_e$



1. Carbon steel enclosure, 2. Microporous insulation, 3. Refractory bricks, 4. Cooling air circulation tubes, 5. Molybdenum disilicide heating elements, 6. Compressed air inlet (from compressor), 7. Magnesium manganese oxide reactive material, 8. Ceramic grit support, 9. Heated air outlet (to turbine), 10. Supporting frame (standard shipping container dimensions)

# Problem Statement

**Large-capacity, long-duration energy storage solutions** are needed to ensure grid stability with increasing intermittent renewables that Li-ion batteries cannot economically address



**S&P Global**  
Market Intelligence

Data compiled Aug. 2019.

\* Includes non-renewable alternative resources.

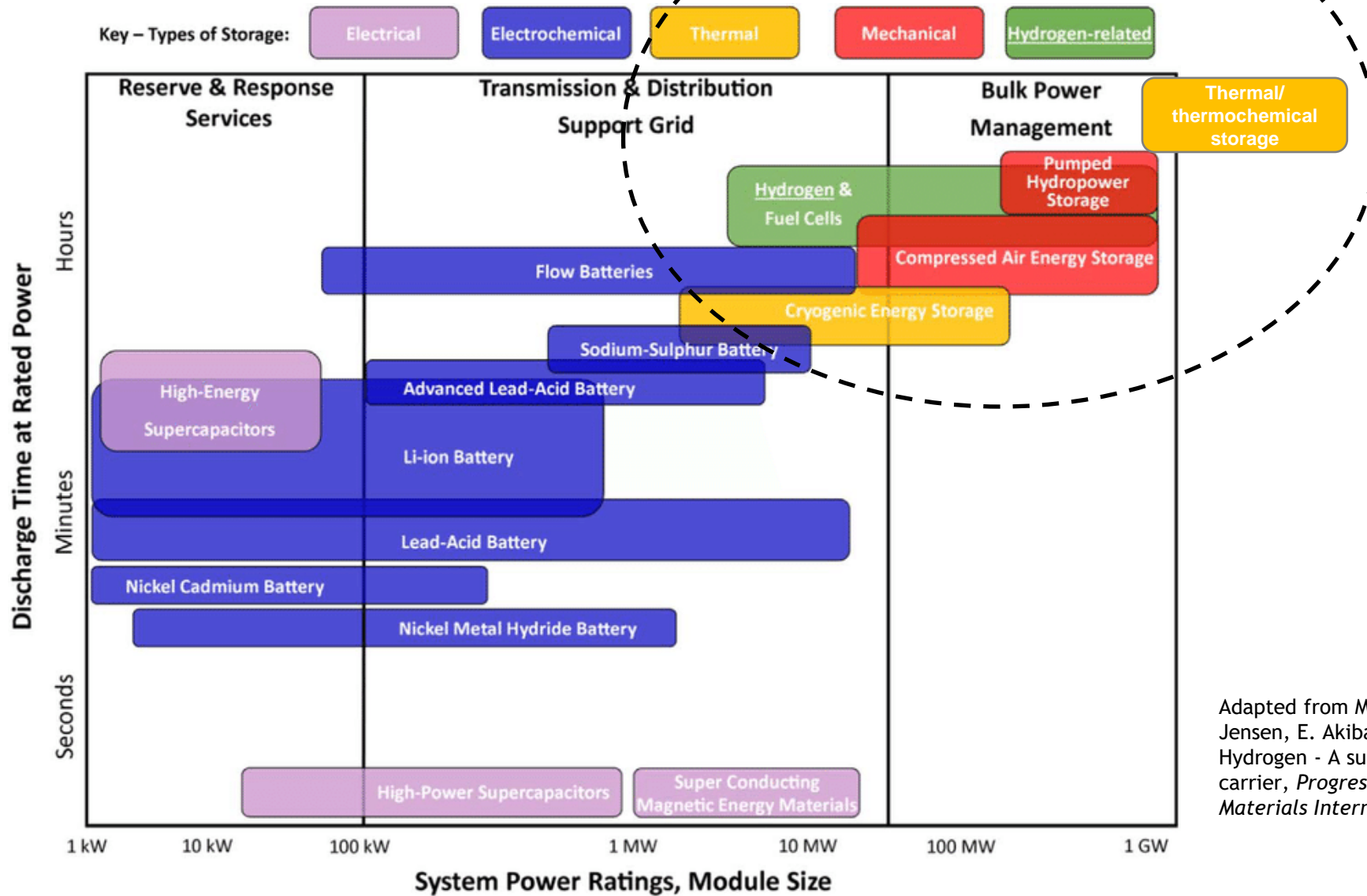
Indiana, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Virginia have renewable portfolio goals instead of standards. Virginia's RPS goal is based on the volume of electricity sold in 2007.

Map credit: Ciaralou Agpalo Palicpic

Sources: S&P Global Market Intelligence; Sierra Club; Union of Concerned Scientists; Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency; and state public utility commission websites



# Introduction



Adapted from Moller, K.T., T.R. Jensen, E. Akiba, and H.W. Li, 2017, Hydrogen - A sustainable energy carrier, *Progress in Natural Science-Materials International*, 27(1), p. 34-40

# Solid Particle Storage – Fixed Bed

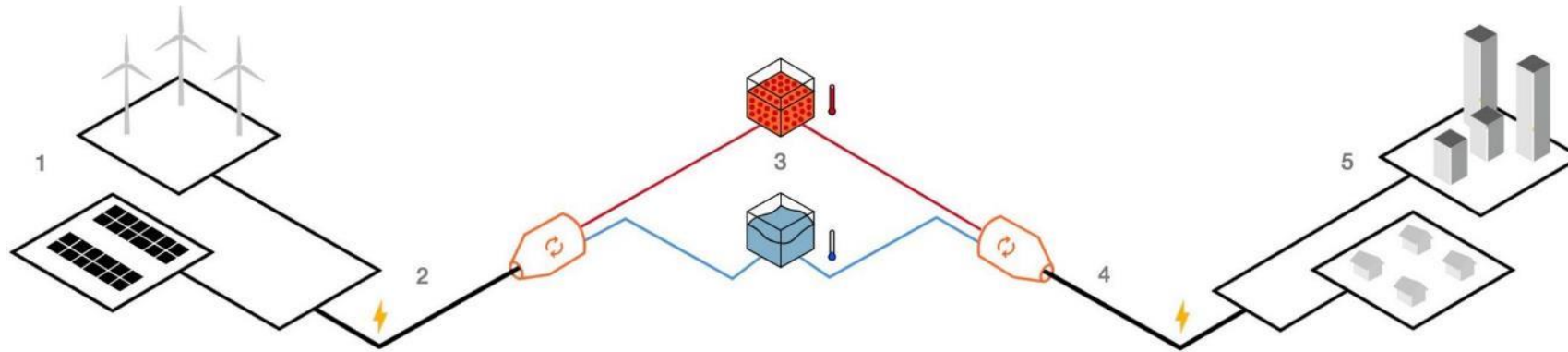


Siemens Gamesa Electric Thermal Energy Storage pilot demonstration with thermal storage capacity of 130 MWh at temperatures of 750 °C (image from [website](#)).

# Two-Tank Heat Pump Storage



## “Malta”



### 1. Collects

Energy is gathered from wind, solar, or fossil generators on the grid as electrical energy and sent to Malta’s energy storage system.

### 2. Converts

The electricity drives a heat pump, which converts electrical energy into thermal energy by creating a temperature difference.

### 3. Stores

The heat is then stored in molten salt, while the cold is stored in a chilled liquid.

### 4. Reconverts

The temperature difference is converted back to electrical energy with a heat engine.

### 5. Distributes

Electricity is sent back to the grid when it is needed.



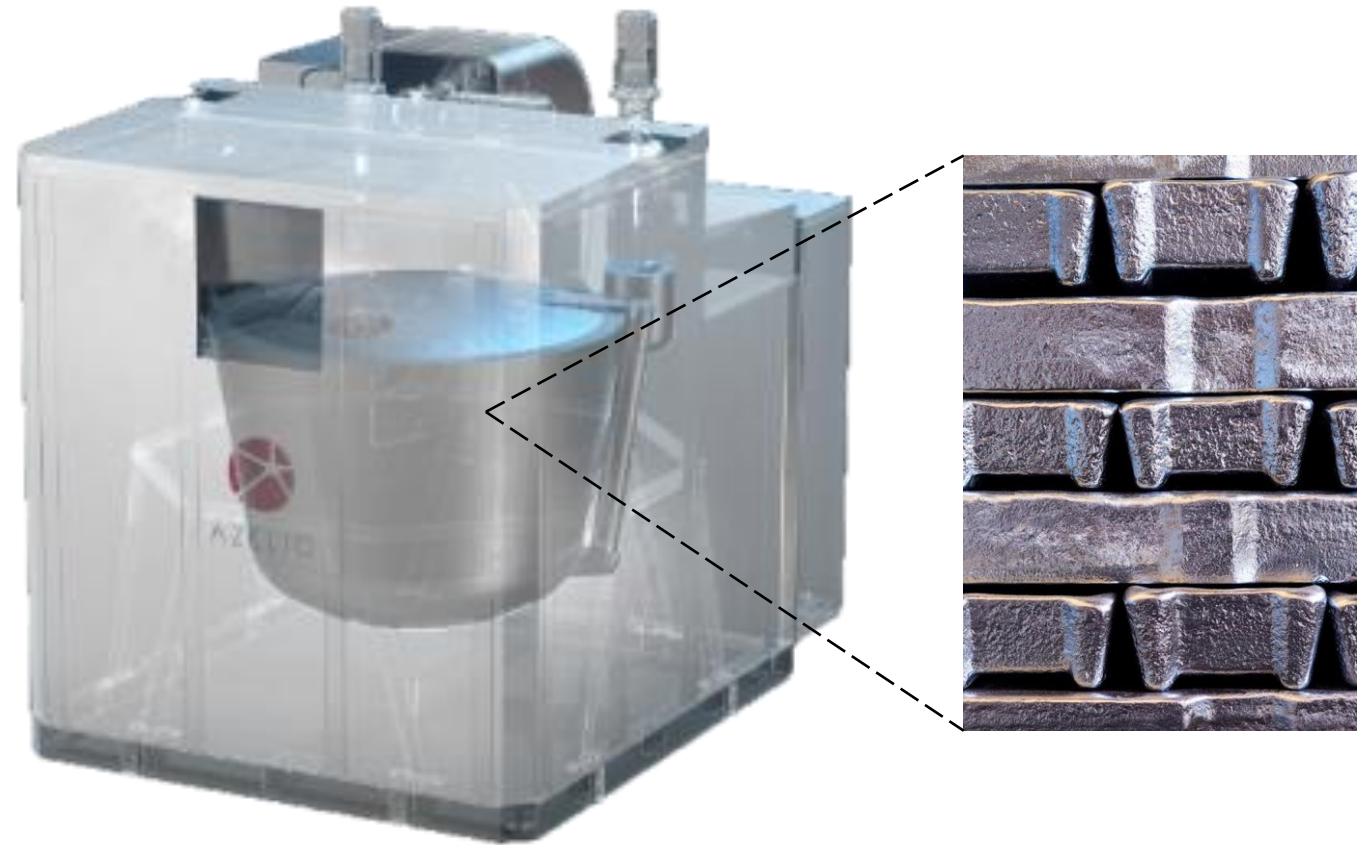
Google X

<https://x.company/projects/malta/>

# Molten Aluminum Alloy Phase Change - Azelio



- Electricity melts recycled aluminum at 600 C
- Stored heat is used to generate electricity using Stirling engine





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# Overview of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies

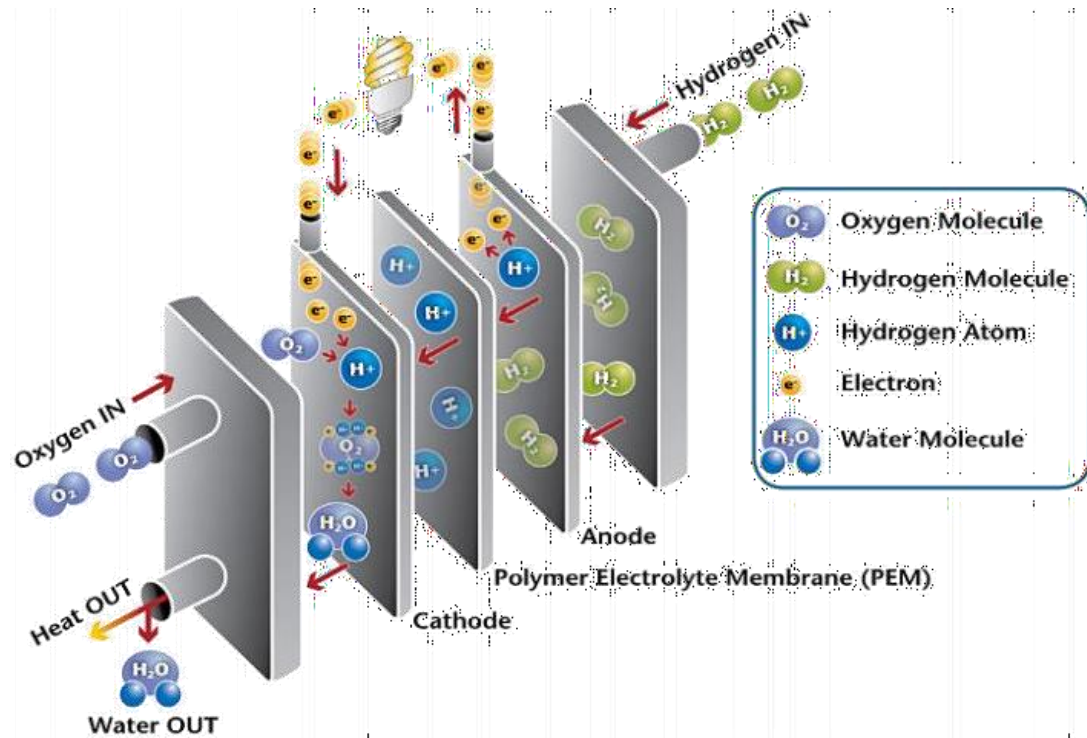
Neha Rustagi, U.S. Department of Energy Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office

July 14, 2021



# Fuel Cells and Electrolyzers Intro

Fuel cells can operate on hydrogen or other fuels and do not involve combustion, so have high electrical efficiencies. Electrolyzers are like fuel cells 'in reverse' and split water to H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>



## Fuel Cells are:

✓ Convenient

✓ Quiet

✓ Clean



Refuels in minutes



No noise in operation



Low to zero emissions



No moving parts



Versatile and easily scalable



Transportation



Stationary

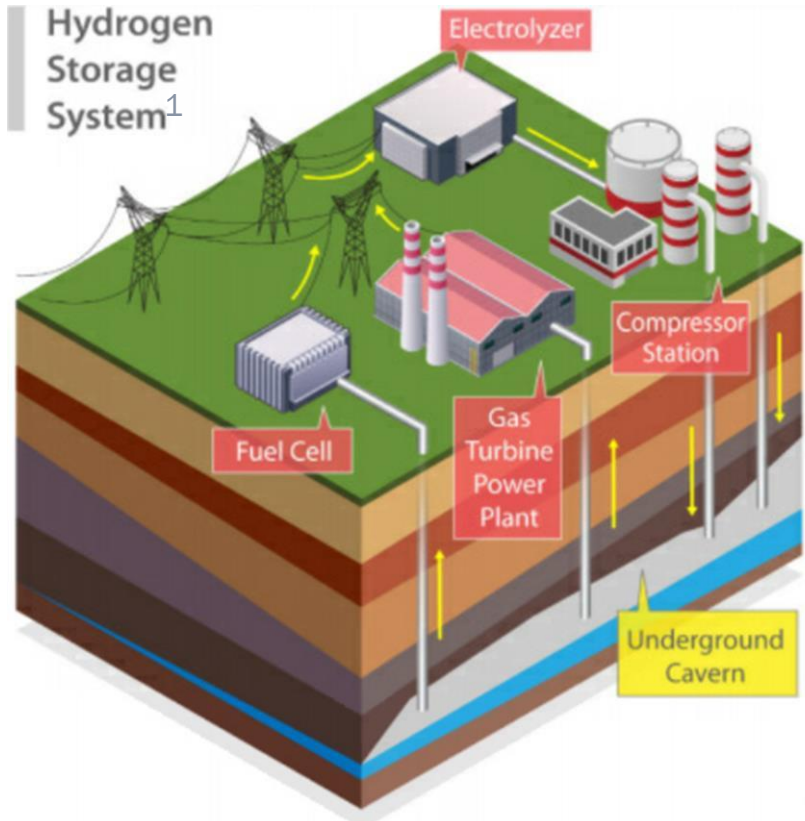


## Fuel Cells can:

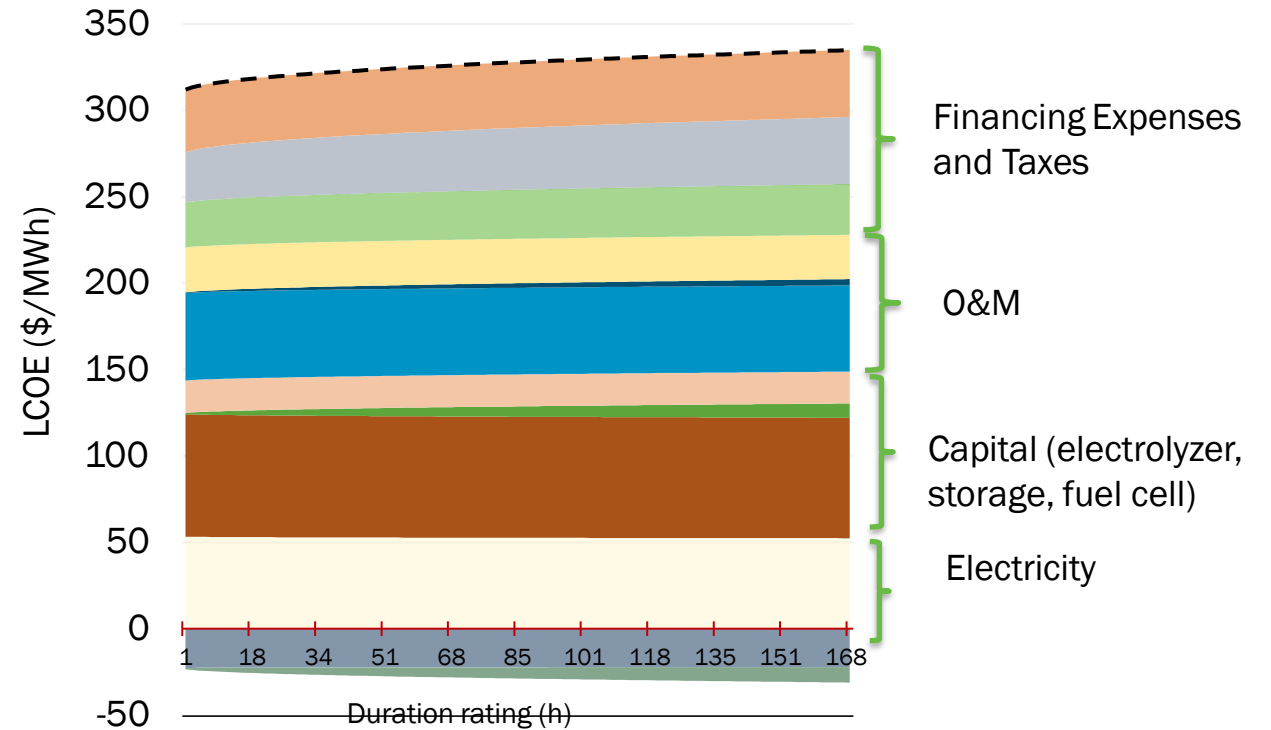
Have higher efficiencies compared to conventional technologies

Reduce life cycle emissions >90%

# Example Hydrogen Energy Storage System



Hydrogen Energy Storage in Geologic Caverns<sup>2</sup>



Hydrogen energy storage involves use of an electrolyzer, bulk storage (e.g. cavern or underground pipe), and fuel cell or turbine.

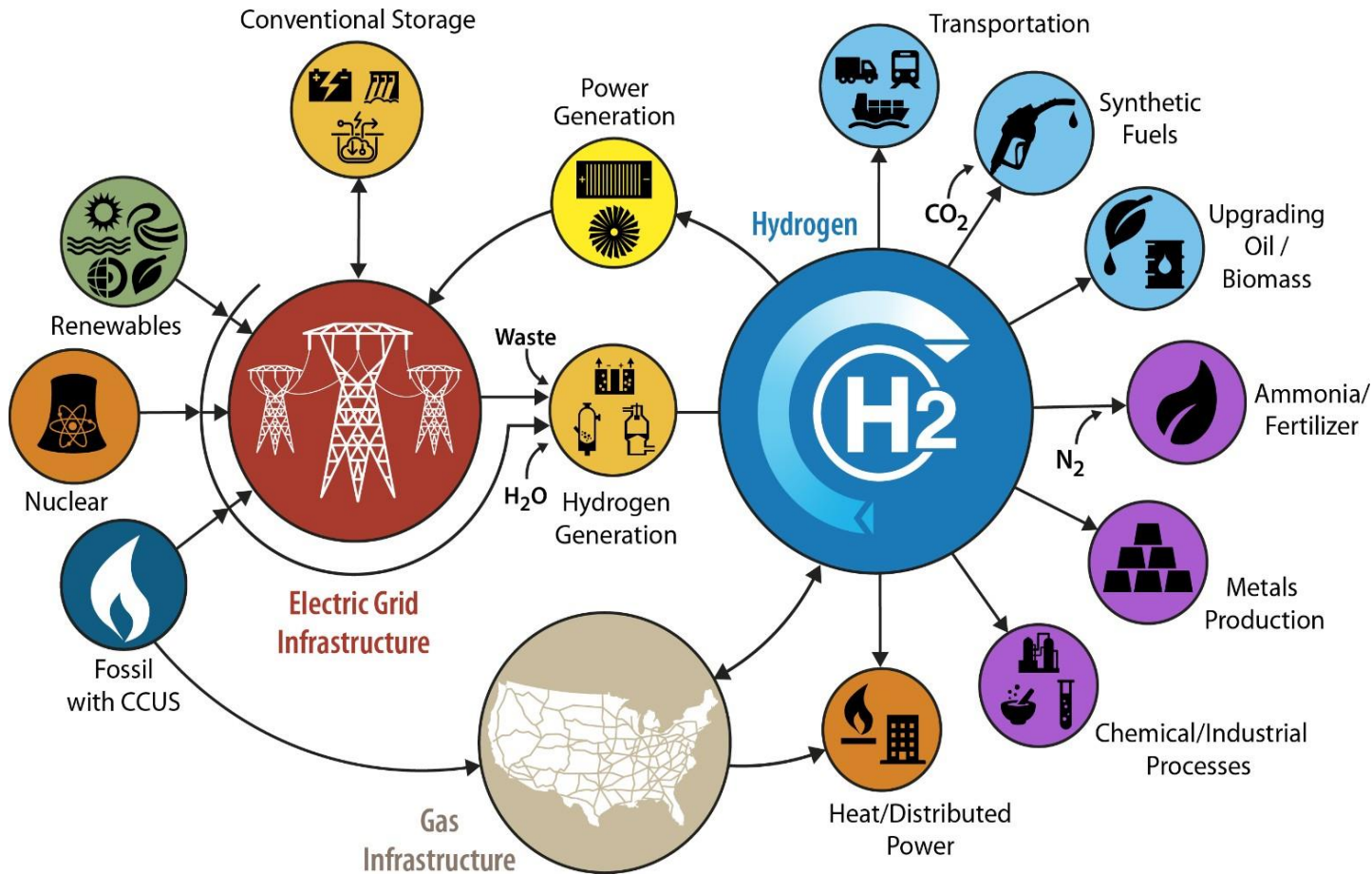
Hydrogen energy storage is competitive at long durations due to the low cost of each additional hour. Value proposition can be enhanced through co-location with other regional markets for hydrogen.

1. Source: "The Four Phases of Storage Deployment: A Framework for the Expanding Role of Storage in the U.S. Power System." 2021. NREL. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/77480.pdf>

2. Assuming 100 MW system with current technology costs. Source of cost analysis: NREL StoreFAST model. <https://www.nrel.gov/storage/storefast.html>



# H2@Scale: Enabling affordable, reliable, clean, and secure energy



## Administration Goals include:

- 100% carbon-pollution-free electric sector by 2035
- Net zero emissions economy by 2050

- Hydrogen can address specific applications across sectors that are hard to decarbonize
- Today: 10MMT H<sub>2</sub> in the U.S.
- Economic Potential: 2 to 5x more<sup>1</sup>

Source: U.S. DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office, <https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2scale>

# Recent Increased Interest in Hydrogen: Global Drivers

✓ **Low-cost renewables** are now available

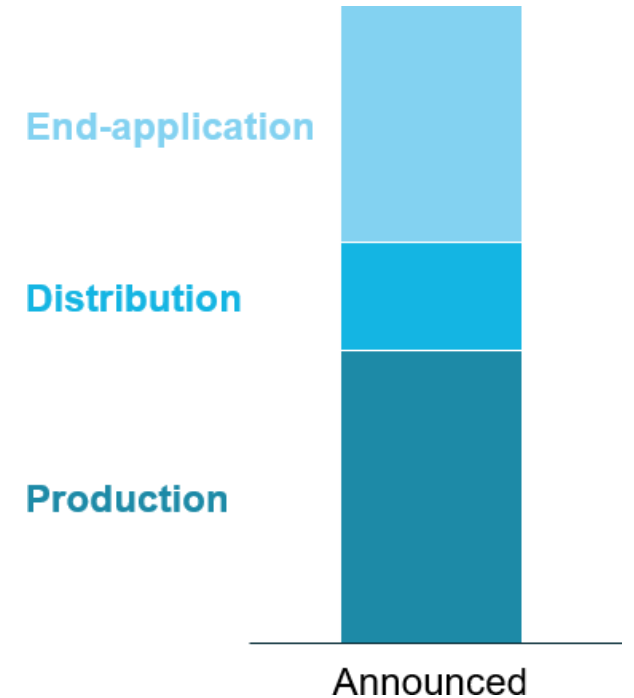
✓ **Countries see clean H<sub>2</sub> can help meet climate goals**

- Hard to decarbonize sectors
- Energy storage
- Import/export opportunities

**200-fold electrolyzer growth by 2030**  
Over 40 GW planned



**\$80B Global Government Funding. 6X More with Private Sector through 2025**



Source: McKinsey, H2 Council, Spring 2021

1. For projects without known deployment timeline capacity additions were interpolated between known milestones

Source: McKinsey Hydrogen Project database

**Studies show potential for 10 to 25% global GHG reduction using clean hydrogen. \$2.5T Revenue. 30M Jobs.**

# Global Collaboration: Examples of International Collaborations

- International Energy Agency
- Clean Energy Ministerial
- Hydrogen Energy Ministerial
- Mission Innovation
  - Hydrogen
  - Shipping

Engagement with Europe's FCH-JU:

- PRESLHY – liquid hydrogen R&D
- PRHYDE – protocol for heavy duty refueling



The International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy

Enabling the global adoption of hydrogen and fuel cells in the economy

[www.iphe.net](http://www.iphe.net)

## Regulations, Codes, Standards, Safety and Education & Outreach Working Groups

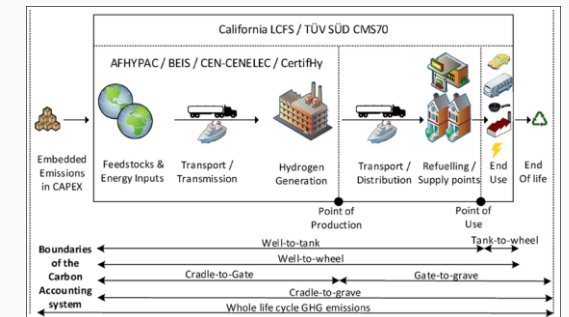
## Task Force to facilitate international trade of H<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub> Production Analysis (H2PA)

### RCS&S Compendium

Hydrogen Infrastructure				Hydrogen for Mobility/Tr		
Hydrogen injection at transmission level	Hydrogen injection at distribution level	Methanation and Injection of Methane (SMG) via methanation from hydrogen at transmission / distribution level	H2 refilling station (HRS)	Maritime Infra	Mobility infra (tunnel, bridge, underground parking...)	Heavy Duty vehicles
Legal framework, permissions and restrictions and ownership constraints (unbundling)	Legal framework, permissions and restrictions and ownership constraints (unbundling)	Legal framework, permissions and restrictions and ownership constraints (unbundling)	Land use plan (zone prohibition)	Off-shore refueling	Restrictions & incentives	Type approval & individual vehicle registration - Process
Permission to connect/inject	Permission to connect/inject	Permission to connect/inject	(LH2) Permitting requirements/process (GH2) Safety	(GH2) Permitting requirements/process (GH2) Safety	On-shore refueling	Restrictions & incentives

- Reports, workshops, safety sharing
- Assessing gaps
- Education, student engagement, compiling country info

- Developing a common analytical framework to determine emissions footprint for H<sub>2</sub>
- Harmonizing approach across countries and pathways



(Source: Abad et al., Energy policy 138 (2020) 111300)

# Enabler: Center for Hydrogen Safety

Global Center for Hydrogen Safety established to share best practices, training resources and information

High Priority:  
Lessons learned and  
best practices on  
safety

Encourage  
membership  
(industry, govt,  
universities, labs) to  
join CHS

CENTER FOR 水素安全センター  
**Hydrogen**  
SAFETY  
Connecting a Global Community

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60,000 members



# Hydrogen Energy Earthshot

“Hydrogen Shot”

Launched June 7, 2021



# President Biden and Energy Secretary Granholm at Climate Summit



“...I’ve asked the Secretary of Energy to speed the development of critical technologies to tackle the climate crisis. No single technology is the answer on its own because every sector requires innovation to meet this moment.”

*President Joseph R. Biden  
April 23, 2021*



Launch of Hydrogen Energy Earthshot  
First of the Energy Earthshots  
June 7, 2021  
at DOE Hydrogen Program Annual Merit Review

*Secretary Jennifer Granholm  
June 7, 2021*

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**\$1**

**1 kg H<sub>2</sub>**

**1 decade**

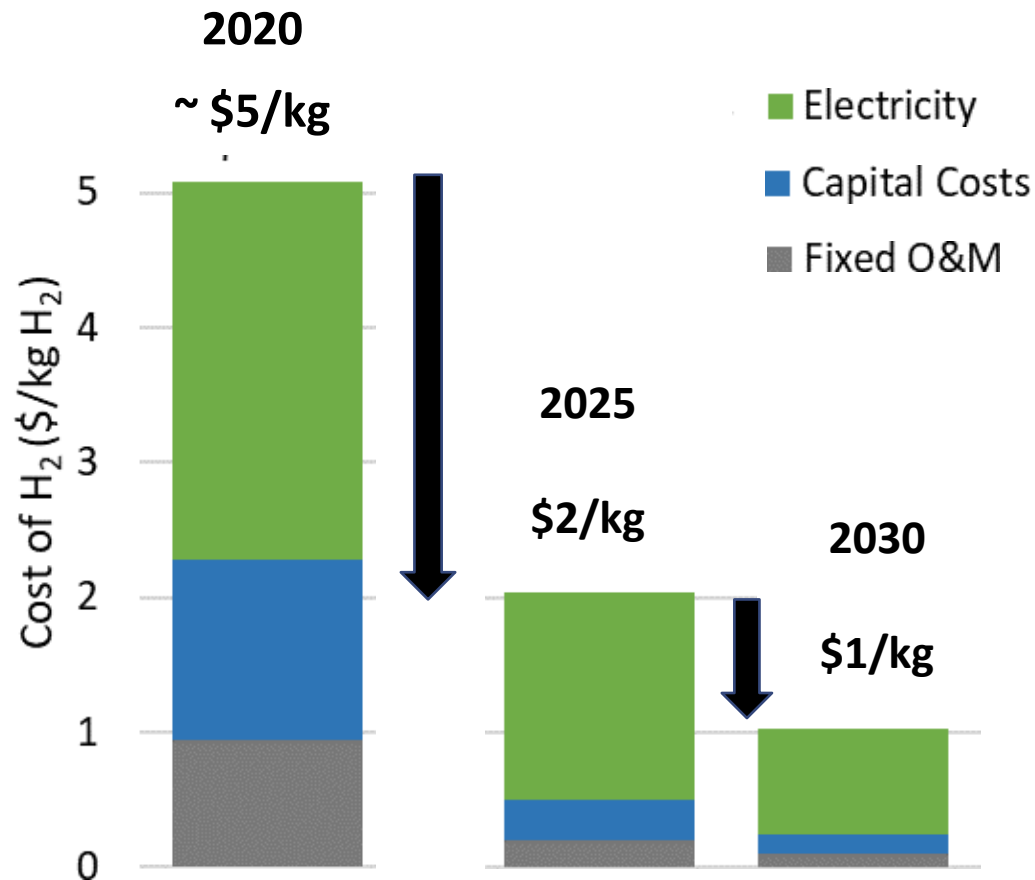


# Hydrogen Shot: “1 1 1”

## \$1 for 1 kg in 1 decade for clean hydrogen



### Example: Cost of Clean H<sub>2</sub> from Electrolysis



### One of several pathways

- Reduce electricity cost from >\$50/MWh to
  - \$30/MWh (2025)
  - \$20/MWh (2030)
- Reduce capital cost >80%
- Reduce operating & maintenance cost >90%

All pathways for clean hydrogen included:  
Thermal conversion (fossil/waste + CCS),  
advanced water splitting, biological  
approaches, etc.

2020 Baseline: PEM low volume capital cost ~\$1,500/kW, electricity at \$50/MWh. Need less than \$300/kW by 2025, less than \$150/kW by 2030 (at scale)





# Hydrogen Shot Stakeholder Engagement and Next Steps

## Stakeholder Engagement Planned

Industry, National Labs, Universities, Regional Coalitions, Labor Groups, Associations, Supply Chains, Federal and State Agencies, SBIRs/STTRs, Technology Commercialization Fund, Investors, International, Codes & Standards, Workforce Development and EJ Communities, and more

## Timeline

- Announce Hydrogen Shot and RFI – June 7
- RFI Responses Due – July 7
- Office of Science Round Table- August
- Hydrogen Shot Summit
- Regional Analysis Preliminary Results – Fall
- Follow on Event – Oct 8: Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day
- Stay tuned for more details

[hydrogen.energy.gov](https://hydrogen.energy.gov)





## Save the Date

### The Hydrogen Shot Summit – Aug. 31 to Sept. 1

- Two-day summit **bringing together stakeholders from industry, research, academia and government to identify pathways to meet the Hydrogen Shot** in the next decade
- **Technical breakout sessions to cover multiple hydrogen production pathways** and other topics including:
  - Electrolysis
  - Thermal conversion with CCS
  - Advanced pathways
  - Deployment and financing
- More info available coming soon at [www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-shot](http://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-shot)

# Other Ways to Connect – Events, Resources and Career Opportunities

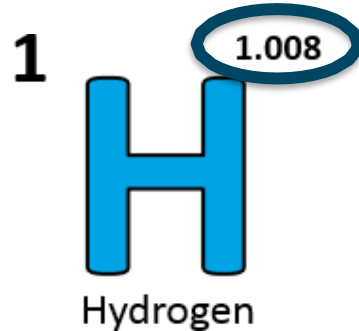
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June 6 to 9, 2022:

DOE Hydrogen Program  
Annual Merit Review and  
Peer Evaluation Meeting  
(AMR)

## Oct 8 - Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Day

- Held on hydrogen's very own atomic weight-day
- DOE EERE comms campaign all week



## Open ORISE Fellowships

- Fuel Cells (2 positions):
  - [DOE-EERE-STP-HFTO-2021-1800](https://www.doe.gov/eere/stp/hfto/2021-1800)
- Hydrogen Production:
  - [DOE-EERE-STP-HFTO-2020-1804](https://www.doe.gov/eere/stp/hfto/2020-1804)
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**Save the Date**  
for next year's AMR  
**June 6 to 9, 2022**  
We hope in person!

*Looking for more info?*

**#H2IQ**

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