



# Storage: A Power System Game Changer?

# Storage Trends and Challenges – Realizing the Benefits of a New Resource

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# Introducing EPRI

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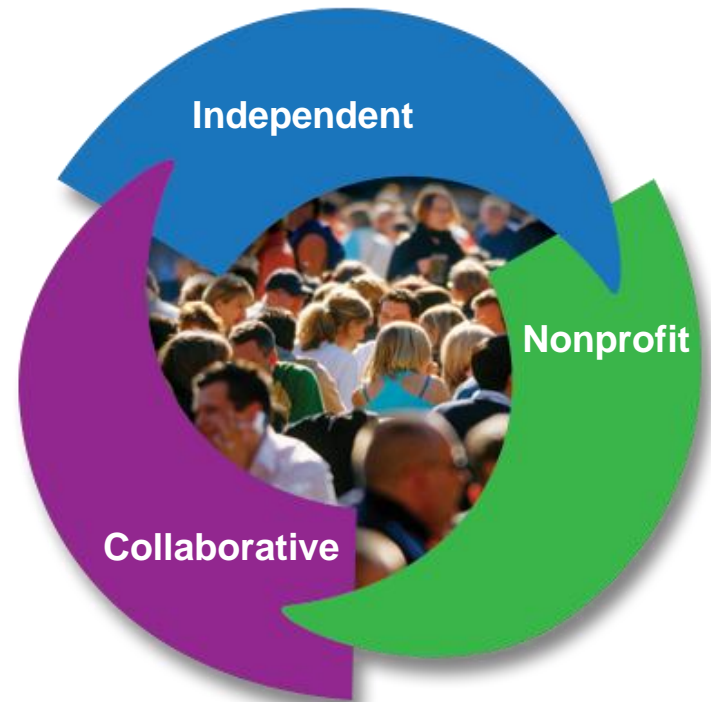
Objective, scientifically based results address reliability, efficiency, affordability, health, safety and the environment

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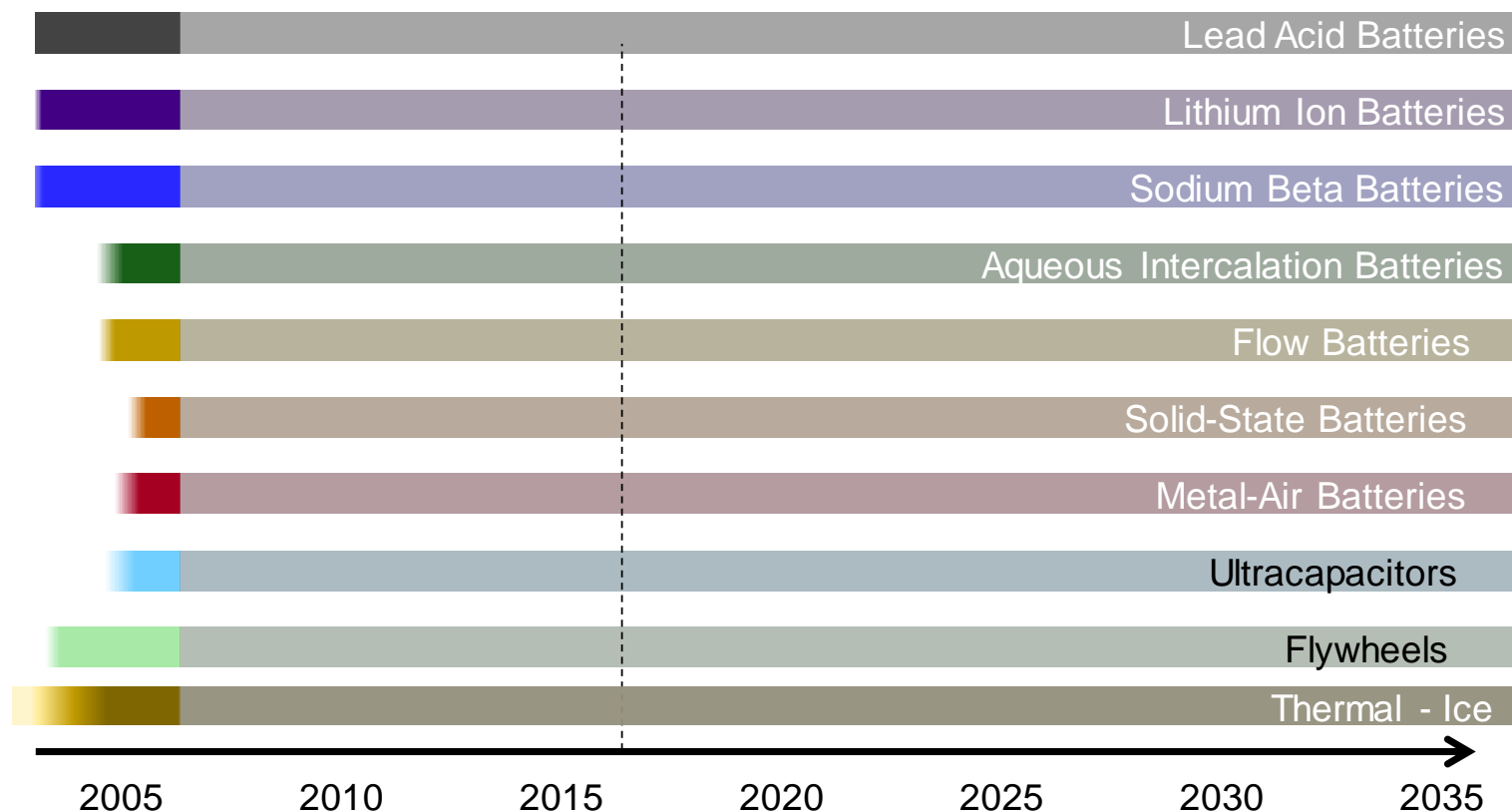
Bring together scientists, engineers, academic researchers, industry experts



# Agenda

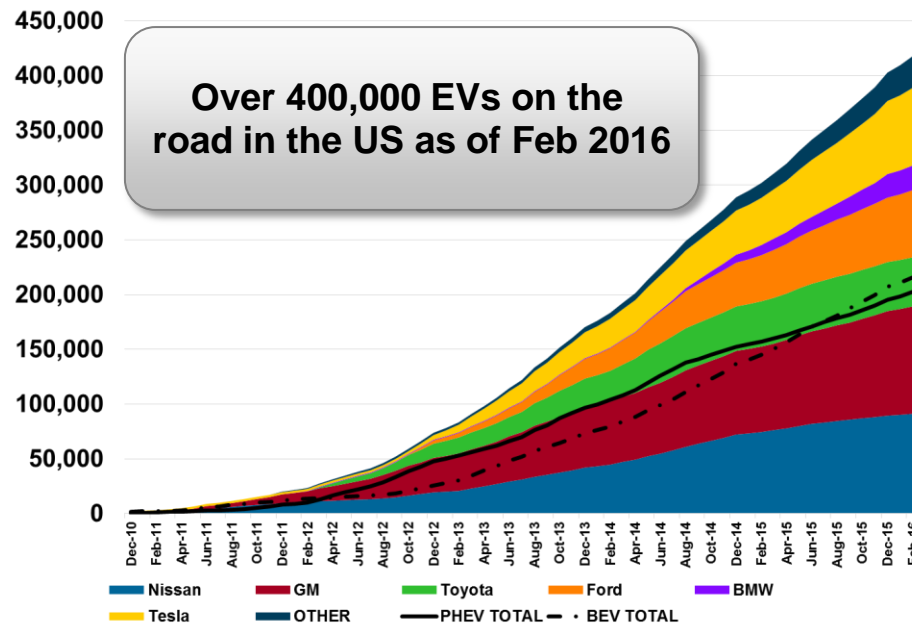
- Storage Trends – Cost and Installation
- What can storage do?
  - Transmission Level
  - Distribution Level
  - Aggregated Distribution
- Challenges – How to Assess and Realize the Benefits of Storage
  - Modeling and Planning
  - Controlling the Systems – Future Vision
- What is EPRI doing?

# Spectrum of Storage Technologies - A Possible Timeline for Widespread Deployment



- A wide variety of technology approaches are at play with large R&D budgets (stemming from auto industry in part)
- Highly dependent on economics and regulatory policy
- **Lithium Ion battery technology will be the dominant technology for stationary applications in the foreseeable future**

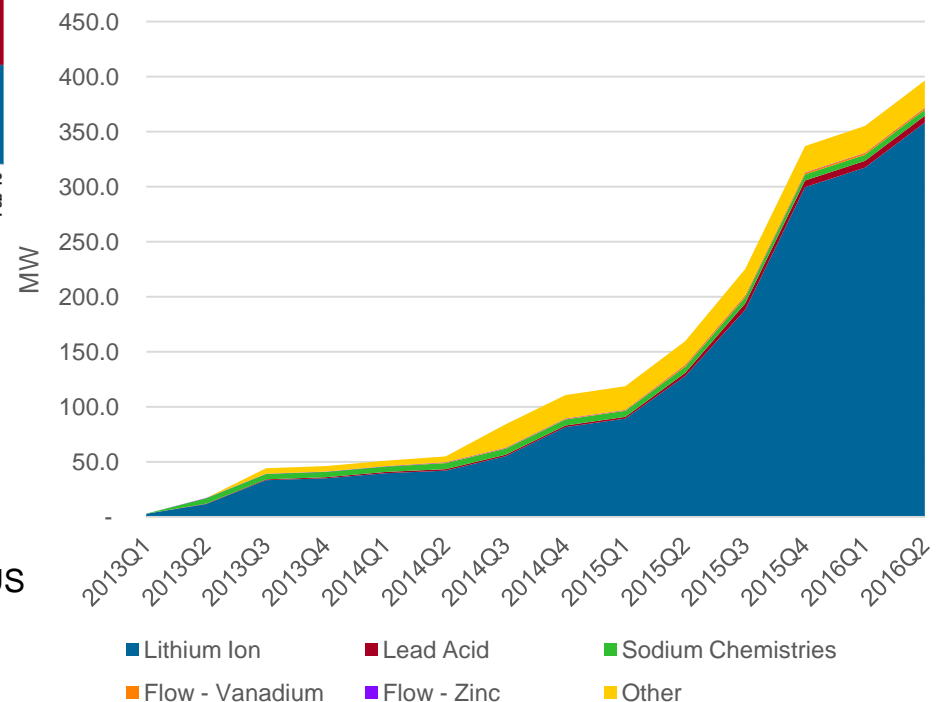
# Why Li-Ion? ...driven in part by electric vehicle sales growth



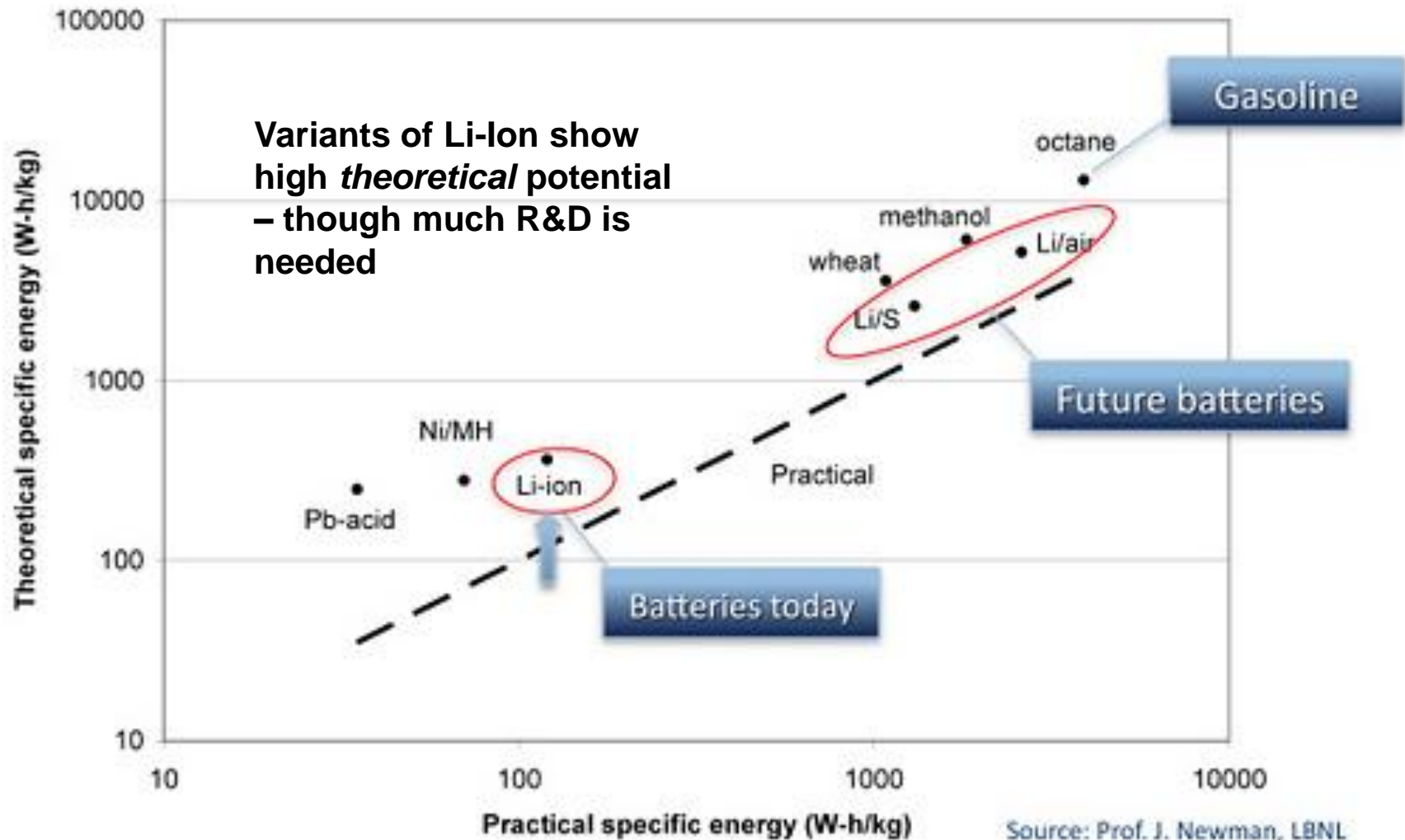
Data Source: GTM US Energy Monitor Q3 2016

Li-Ion is dominating deployments with other technologies showing relatively little recent growth

Cumulative Battery Storage Deployments by Technology (MW) Since 2013



# Why Li-Ion? - Huge increases in projected energy density

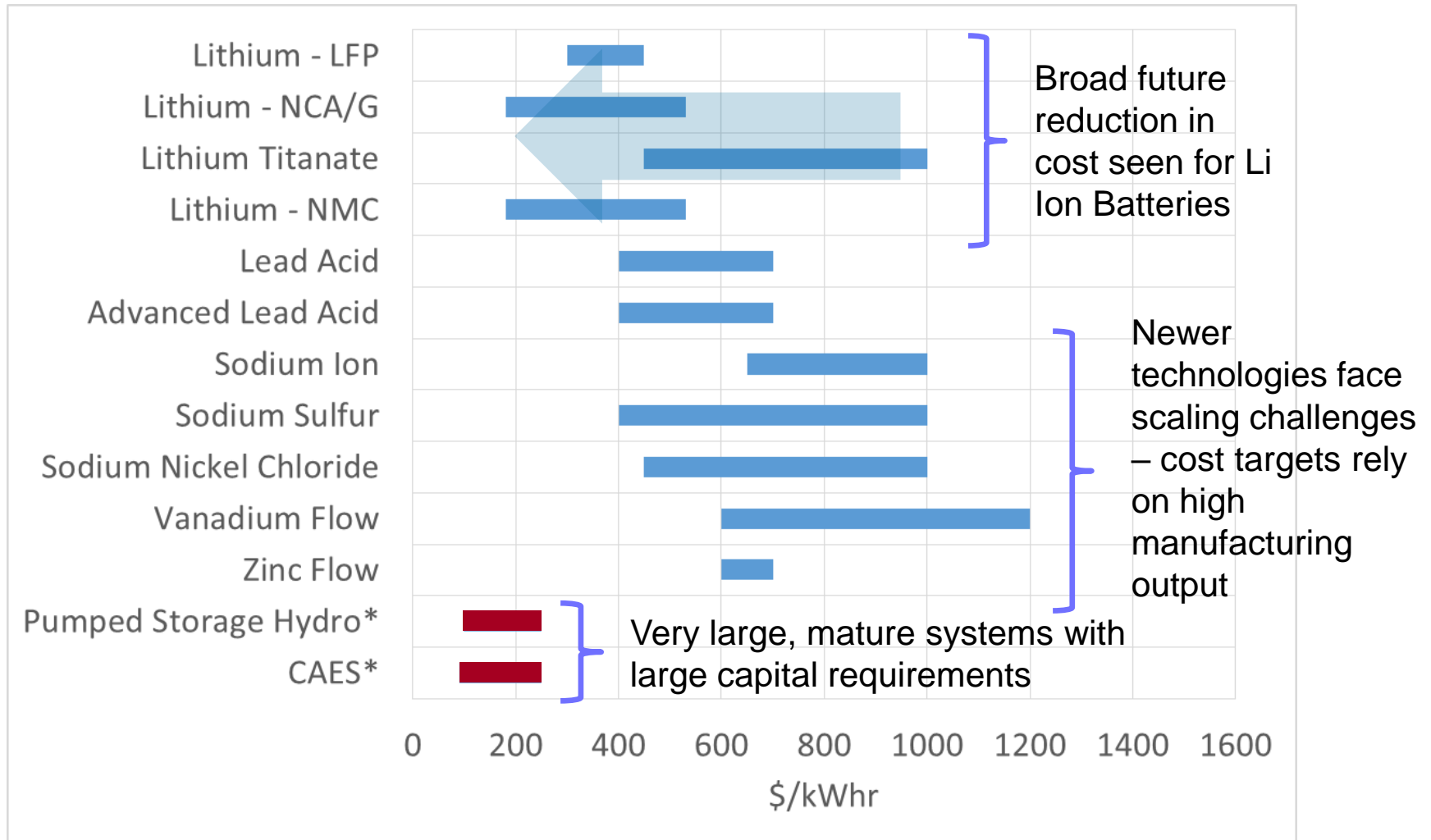


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# Storage Cost Estimates

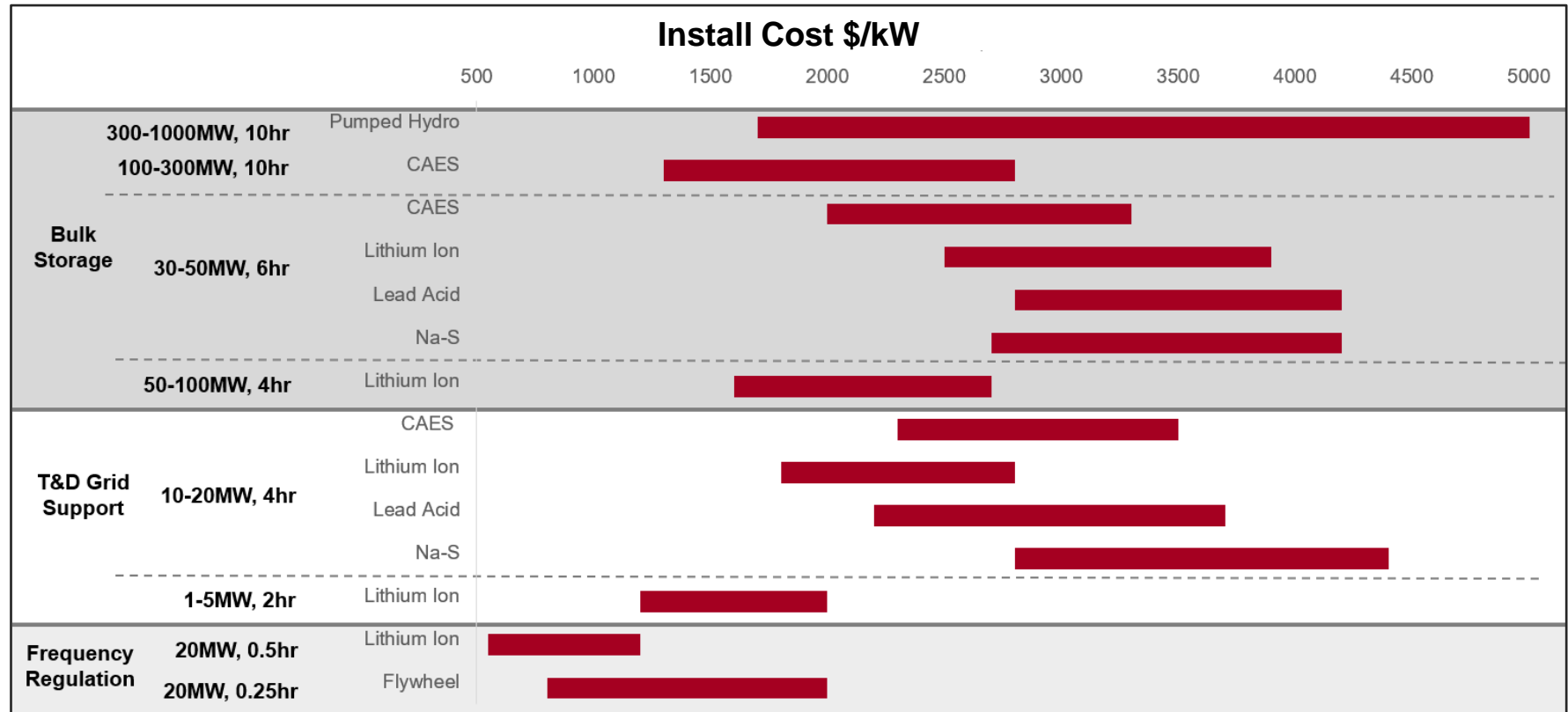
## EPRI 2015 Energy Storage Cost Estimates – Distributed & Bulk Technologies



\* Pumped Hydro and CAES costs are estimated installed costs; all others are battery costs (not including power conversion or balance of plant)



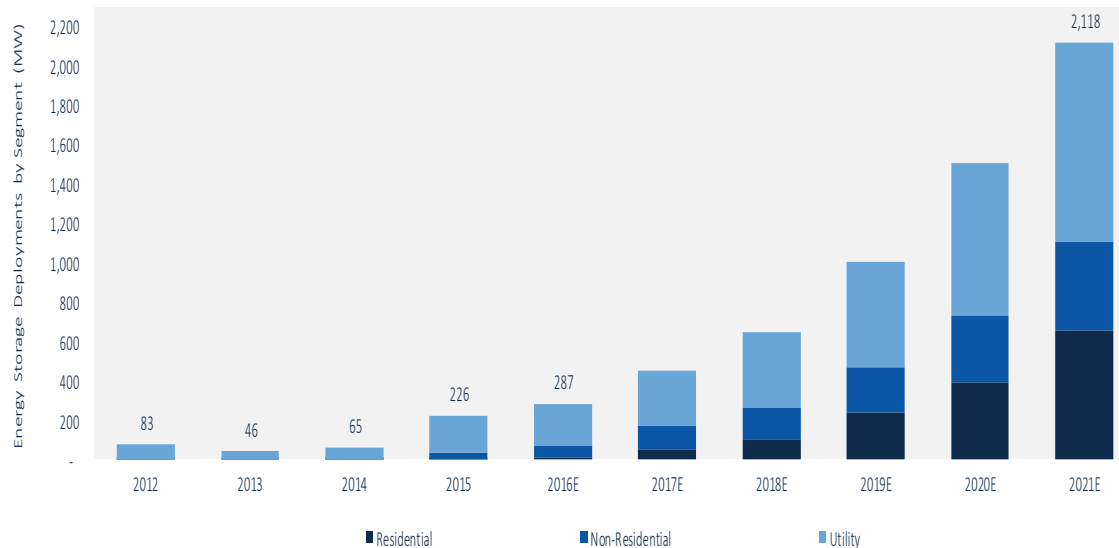
# Energy Storage Installed Cost Summary: 2017



- Costs are for 2017 installation reference year only and assumes overnight installed costs.
- Suppliers and publicly available studies indicate continuing trend of cost decline for battery-based storage technologies, particularly lithium-ion.
- Installed costs exclude land costs, owners costs, contingency. Detailed list of inclusions and exclusions is provided in previous section.
- Average is not necessarily mid-point of the range

# How big is the market projected to be? Adoption hinges on policies, costs and proven capabilities

U.S. Annual Energy Storage Deployment Forecast, 2012-2021E (MW)



Courtesy GTM Research

• Many projections depict huge growth in energy storage

- Annual growth rates of ~10%
- Compare to smart phone growth of 7-13%
- But....exponential growth figures are being applied to a small market - what does this mean?

What are the dependencies underneath these predictions?

- Known Costs
- Known Benefits (chicken before the egg– models needed up front)
- Known Reliability
- Uniform Policies/Incentives
- Robust Controls

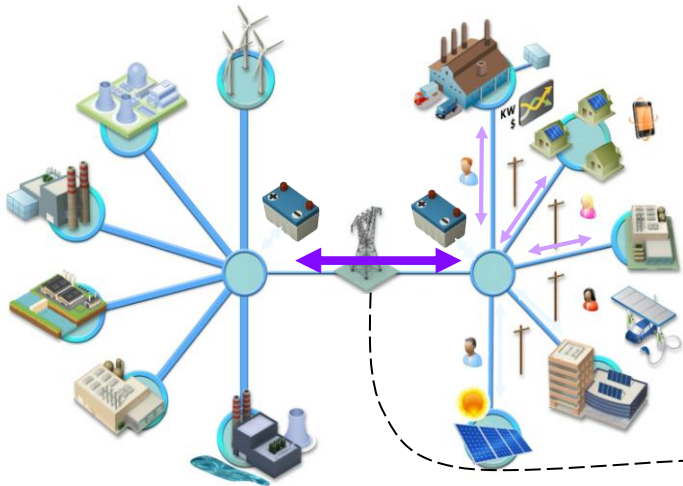
# What can storage do?

## ■ Transmission Level

- Ancillary Services - Frequency Regulation
- Renewable Shifting/Smoothing
- Voltage/ Reactive Power Support
- Capacity/Congestion relief
- Deferral of transmission upgrades
- Deferral of peaking plant installation/operation

## ■ Distribution Level

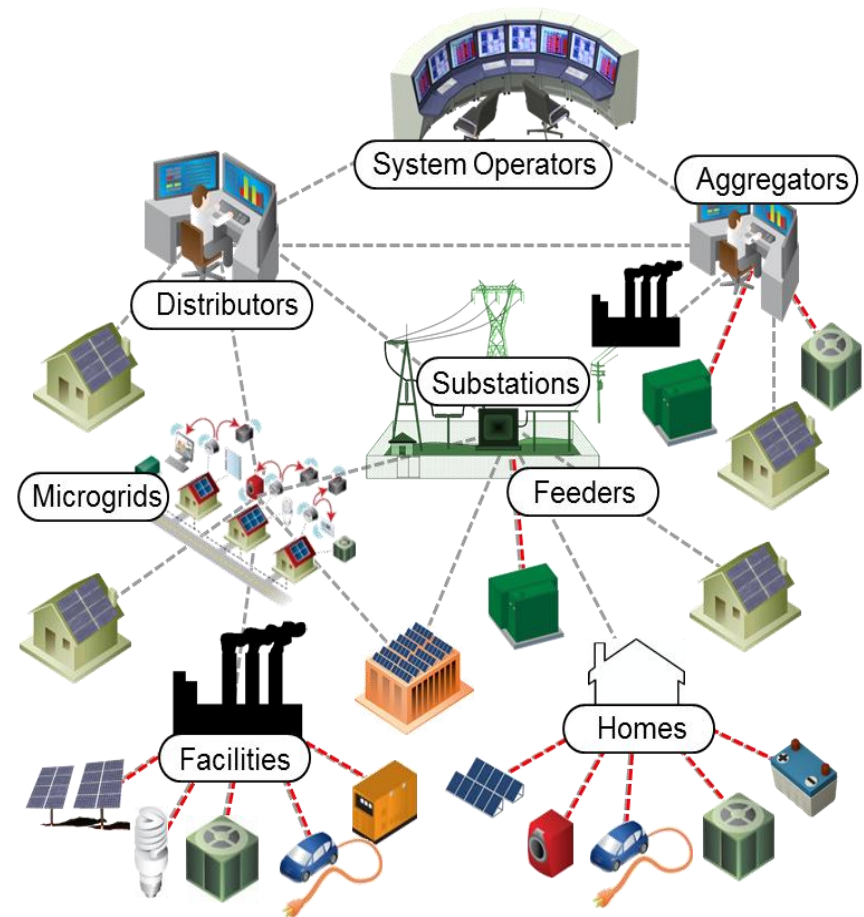
- PV Shifting/Smoothing
- Increase PV accommodation
- Power Quality improvement
- Deferral of distribution upgrades
- Demand charge avoidance
- *Assist in many Transmission applications on an aggregated basis*
  - Frequency Regulation
  - Renewables Shifting/Smoothing
  - Power Quality improvement
  - Deferral of transmission upgrades
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Storage is a key element in enabling 2 way power flow in the grid – some technologies can do it all, some are limited

# The Challenges are numerous and are being addressed

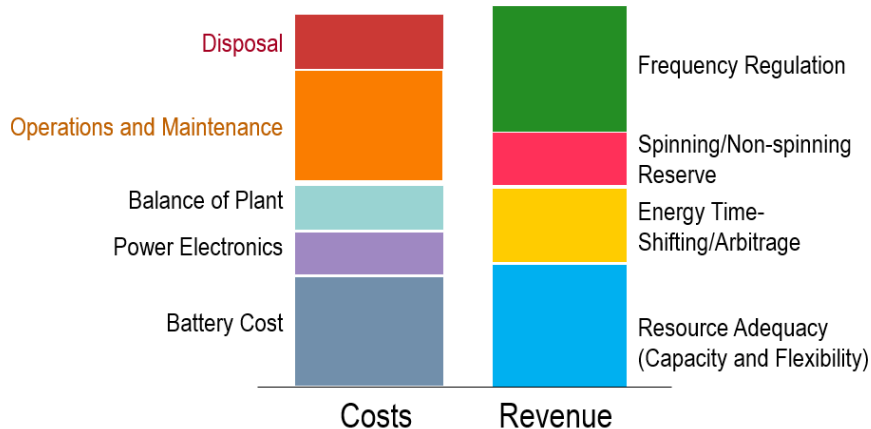
- Assessing Benefits in the face of an evolving planning process with many stakeholders
  - Modeling Benefits in the context of the whole system
  - Numerous tools are needed
- Controlling Storage so all available benefits are tapped
  - Vision: Sophisticated grid optimizing and coordinating reliable and safe dispatch of numerous distributed and centralized resources
    - Many players (traditional and new)
    - Massive amounts of new data
    - Accurate forecasts
    - All devices need to speak the same language (interoperability) in a cyber secure setting
- Reliability of storage technologies is still not understood – needed for:
  - Warranties/wraps
  - Understanding technology life and operating costs



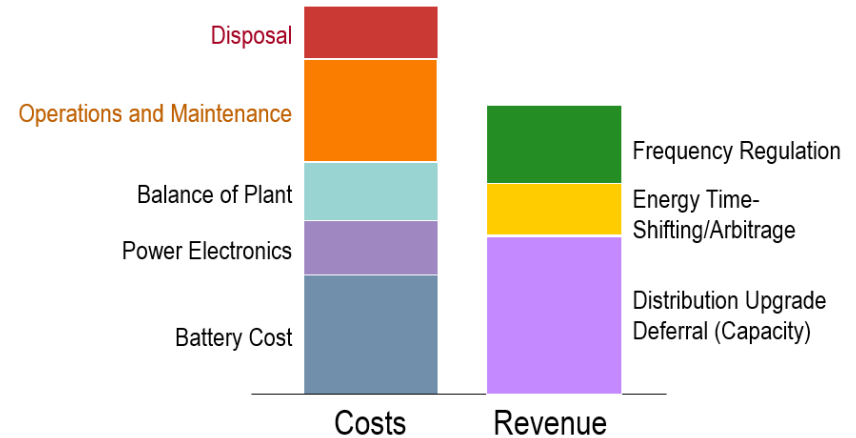
# What About Benefits – Do they exceed the Costs?

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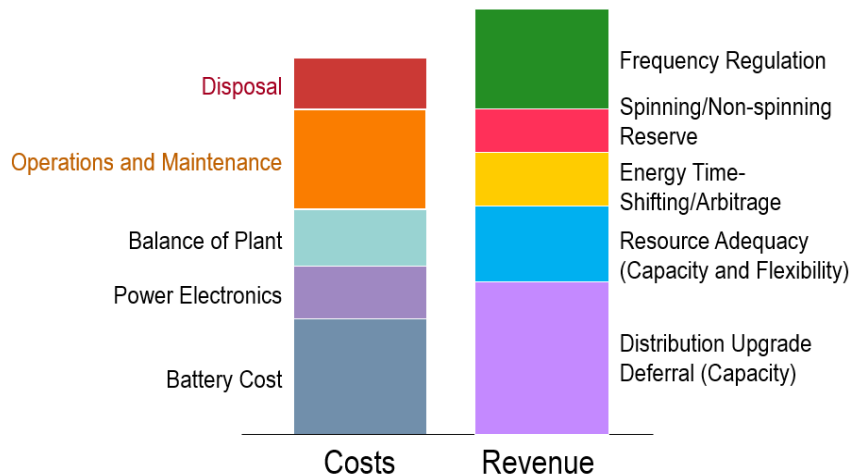
## ■ Transmission level assessment



## ■ Distribution level assessment



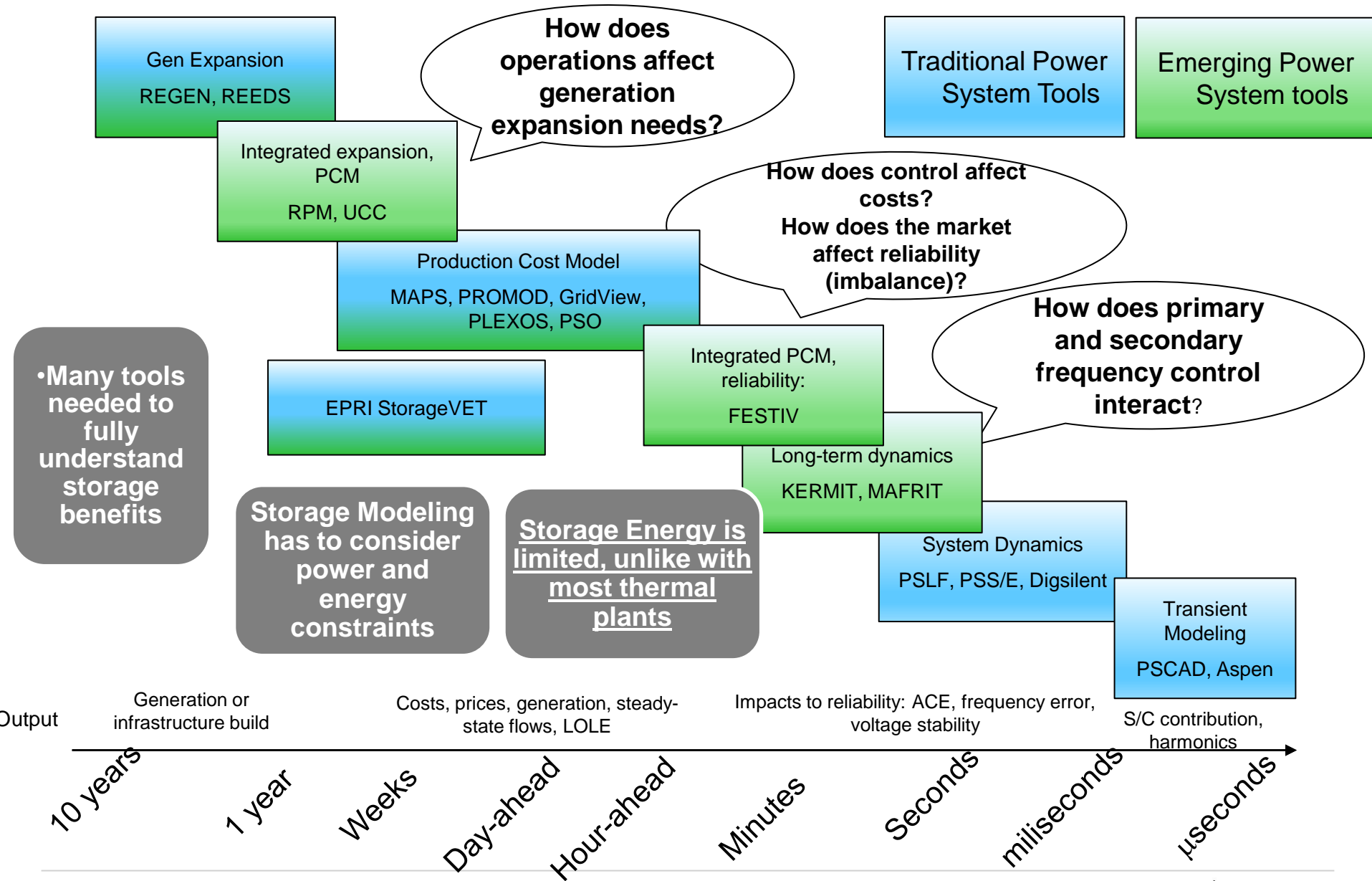
## ■ Aggregated Distribution level assessment



• When enough benefits are stacked the economics justify storage

- All costs need to be understood on a Present Worth/lifetime basis
- Storage is capable of many applications
- Sophisticated controls are necessary to tap the benefits
- Further research is needed on edge of grid vs centralized resource benefits

# The Challenges with Modeling Storage



# The Integrated Grid– Managing the System with New Resources

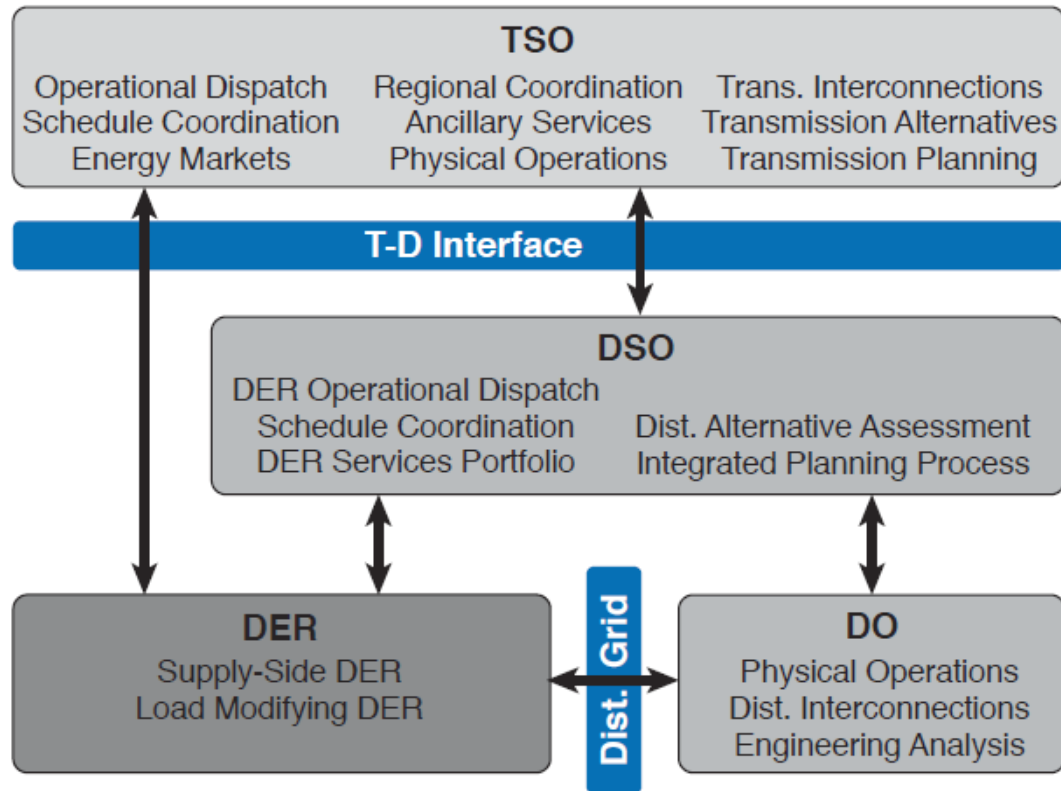


Figure 1. LBNL Integrated Systems Operational Framework [11]

EPRI Report: Program on Technology Innovation - Common Needed  
Attributes Of Architecture For An Integrated Grid – Sept 2016 TR 3002009240

- Critical to coordinate all these Entities in order to manage reliability through a set of traditional and distributed resources.
- Requires interplay of utility legacy systems (metering, systems management) and new systems on the edge of the grid
- Introduces new data, information, and computational capabilities



# What is EPRI doing?

EPRI's Architecture for an Integrated Grid project consists of five interrelated pillars at various stages of development:

- **Pillar One: The Enterprise Interoperability Platform.** EPRI developed Common Information Model - facilitates utility information and communications infrastructures to integrate legacy, new, and future systems
- **Pillar Two: Open Application Platform.** EPRI is helping vendors develop a computer-based platform that will enable electric meters and other utility devices to “learn new tricks” after being installed - turn their products into platforms for innovation.
- **Pillar Three: Open Telecommunications.** EPRI is working to enable data transfer among grid devices and enterprise systems
- **Pillar Four: Cyber Security.** EPRI will develop approaches that provide cyber security for the enterprise interoperability and open application platforms.
- **Pillar Five: Distributed Energy Resources.** EPRI is developing software and other tools to integrate distributed and network based energy resources.



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# Energy Storage as a Flexible Capacity Resource



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- Capacity, local reliability
- Peak power/off peak mitigation
- Ancillary services

## Impact

- ✓ Competitive bid vs thermal peaker, cost effective
- ✓ Replaces environmental retired units
- ✓ Meets flexibility (duck curve)

**100 MW Alamos Energy Center**

*Long Beach, California*



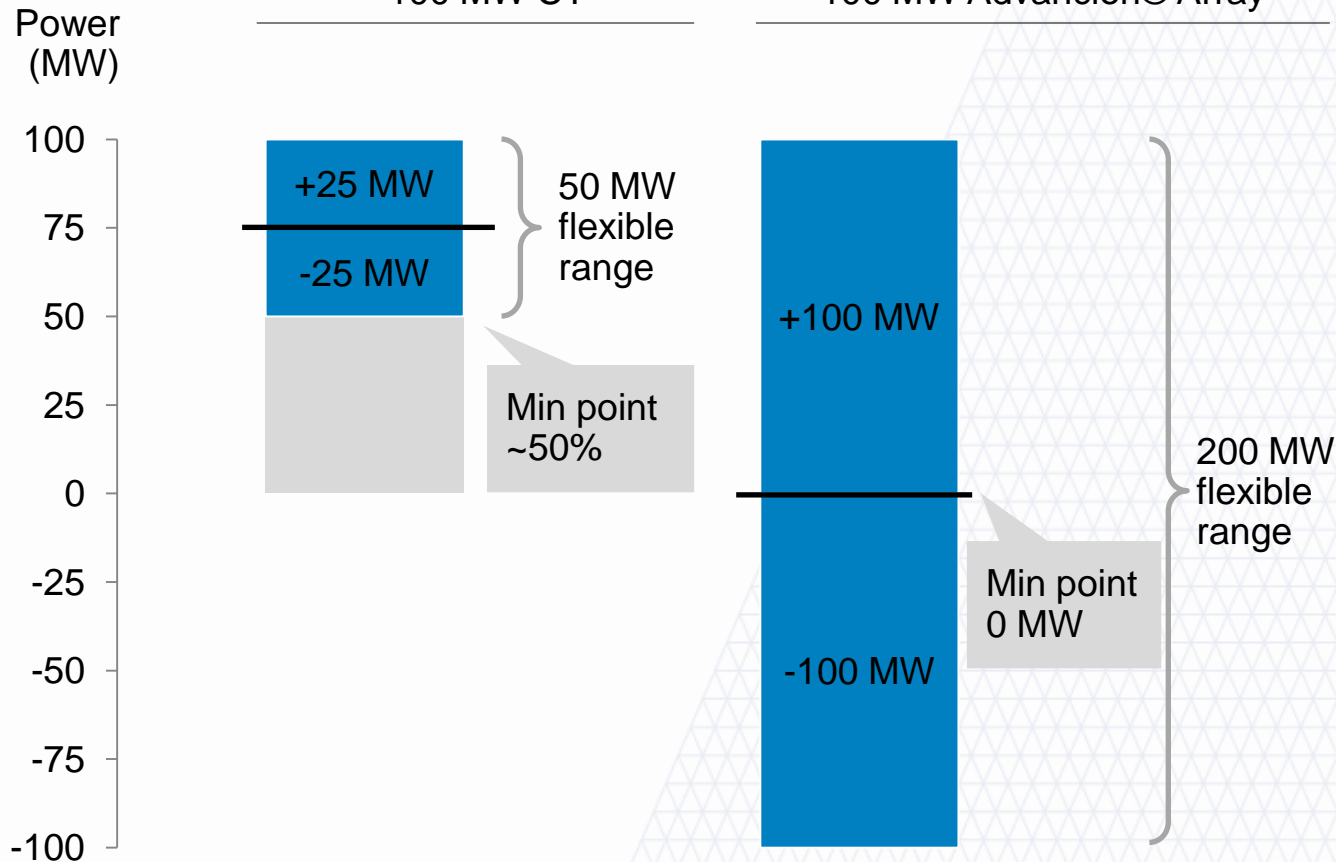
# Storage provides up to 4 x the effective resources and unique flexibility compared to traditional peakers



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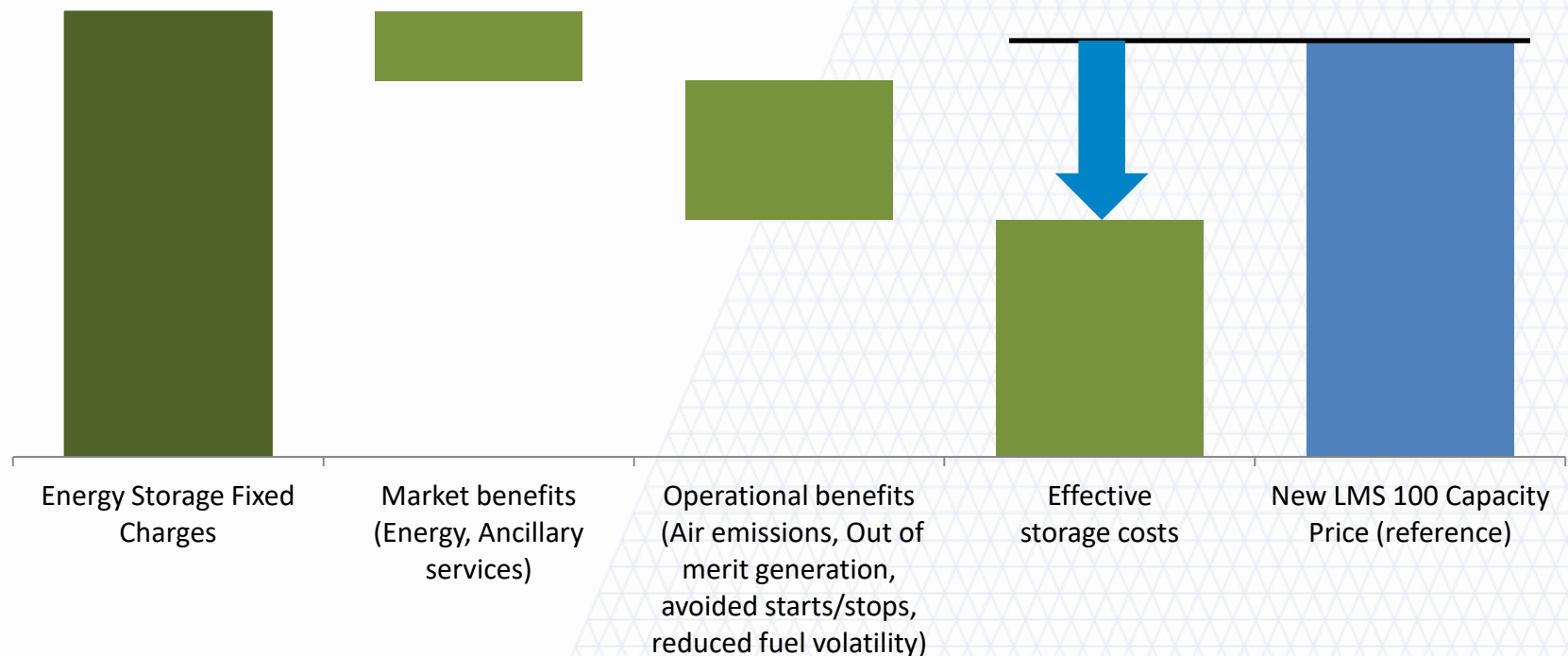


## Unique capabilities of battery storage

- Fast ramp (<250 msec)
- Always synchronized
- Unlimited starts / stops (no cost)
- Broader operating range



# Storage is cost effective today; Operational benefits are significant.



# Thanks!

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