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Long Duration Storage: What's on tap?

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Opening Remarks

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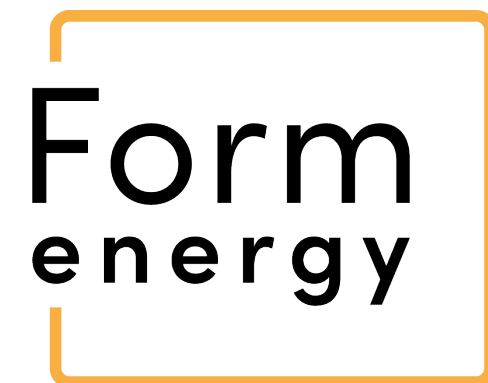


BREAKTHROUGH LOW-COST, MULTI-DAY ENERGY STORAGE

NARUC Long Duration Storage Webinar

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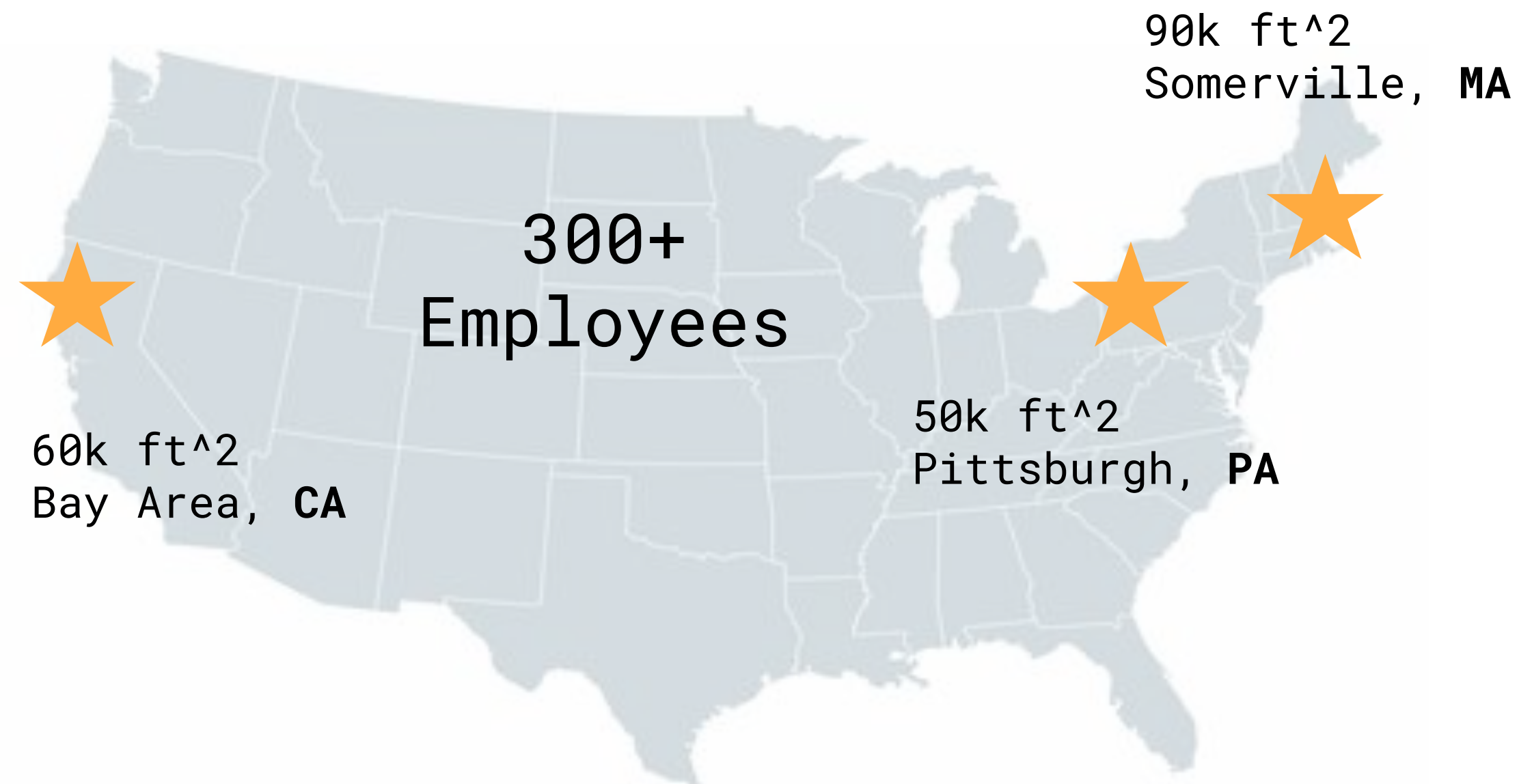


Energy Storage
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Rising to the challenge of climate change with a team that will deliver



OUR INVESTORS: LONG-TERM AND IMPACT-FOCUSED

\$820M in venture capital from Breakthrough Energy Ventures (BEV), TPG's Climate Rise Fund, Coatue Management, NGP Energy Technology Partners III, ArcelorMittal, Temasek, Energy Impact Partners, Prelude Ventures, MIT's The Engine, Capricorn Investment Group, Eni Next, Macquarie Capital and other long-term, impact oriented investors

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Decades of cumulative experience in energy storage

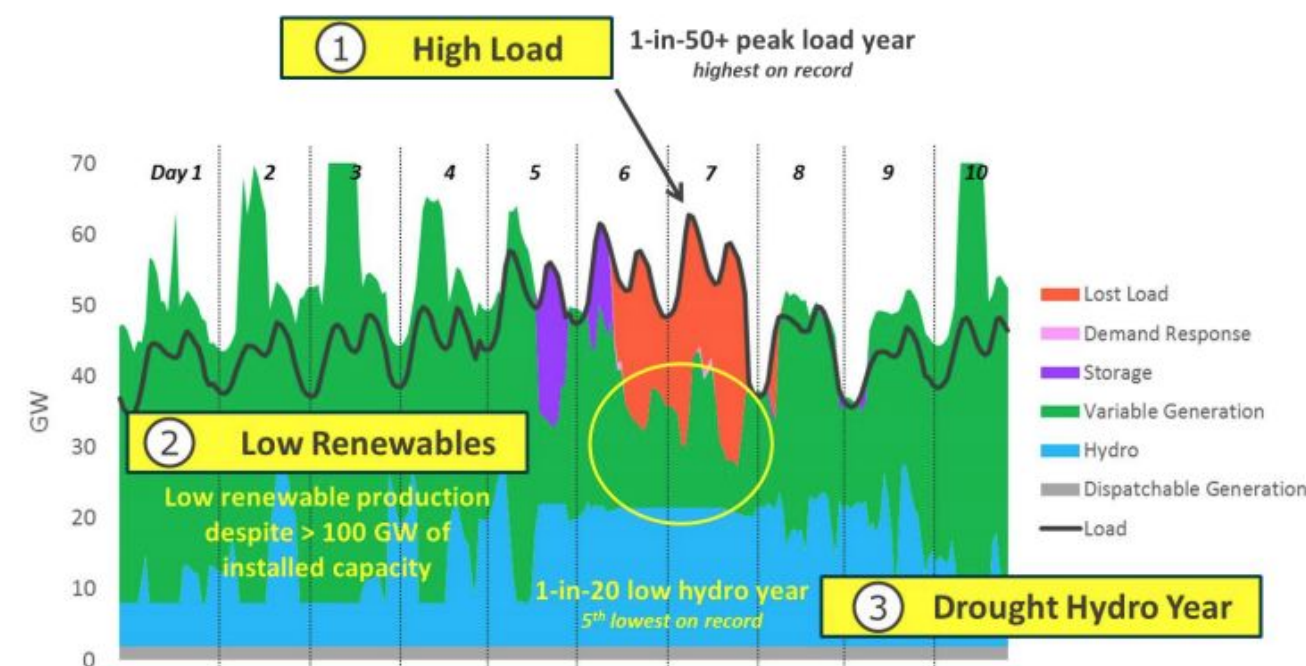
- 100's of MW of storage deployed



Weather-driven multi-day reliability challenges are widespread

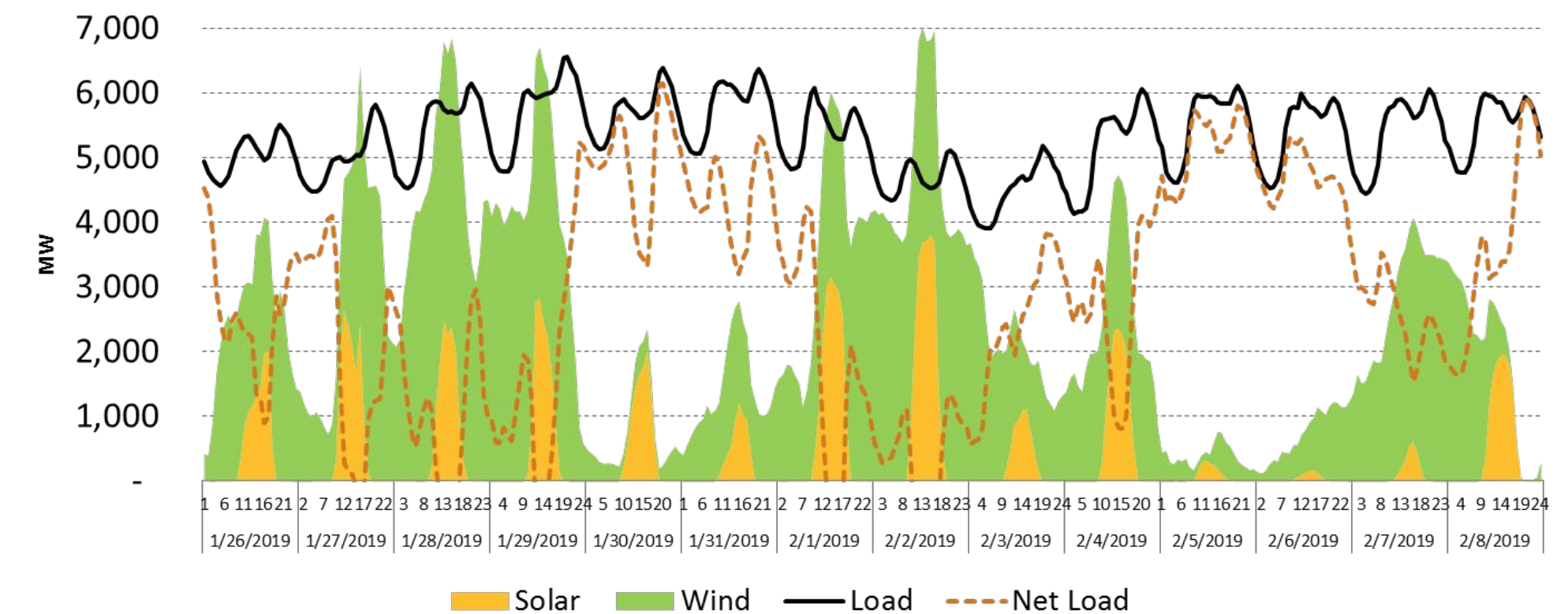
Pacific Northwest Multi-Day Weather Event, 2050

Figure 20: Loss-of-load Example in a Sample Week



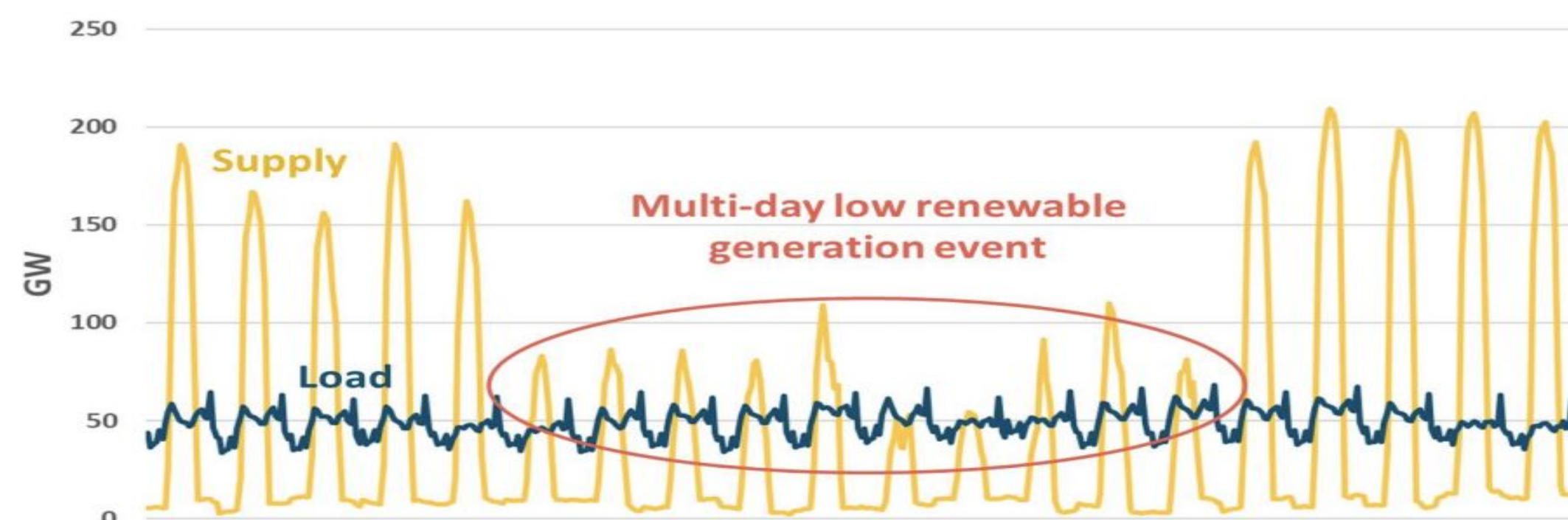
Source: E3, [Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest](#)

Upper Midwest Multi-Day Weather Event in Winter, 2019



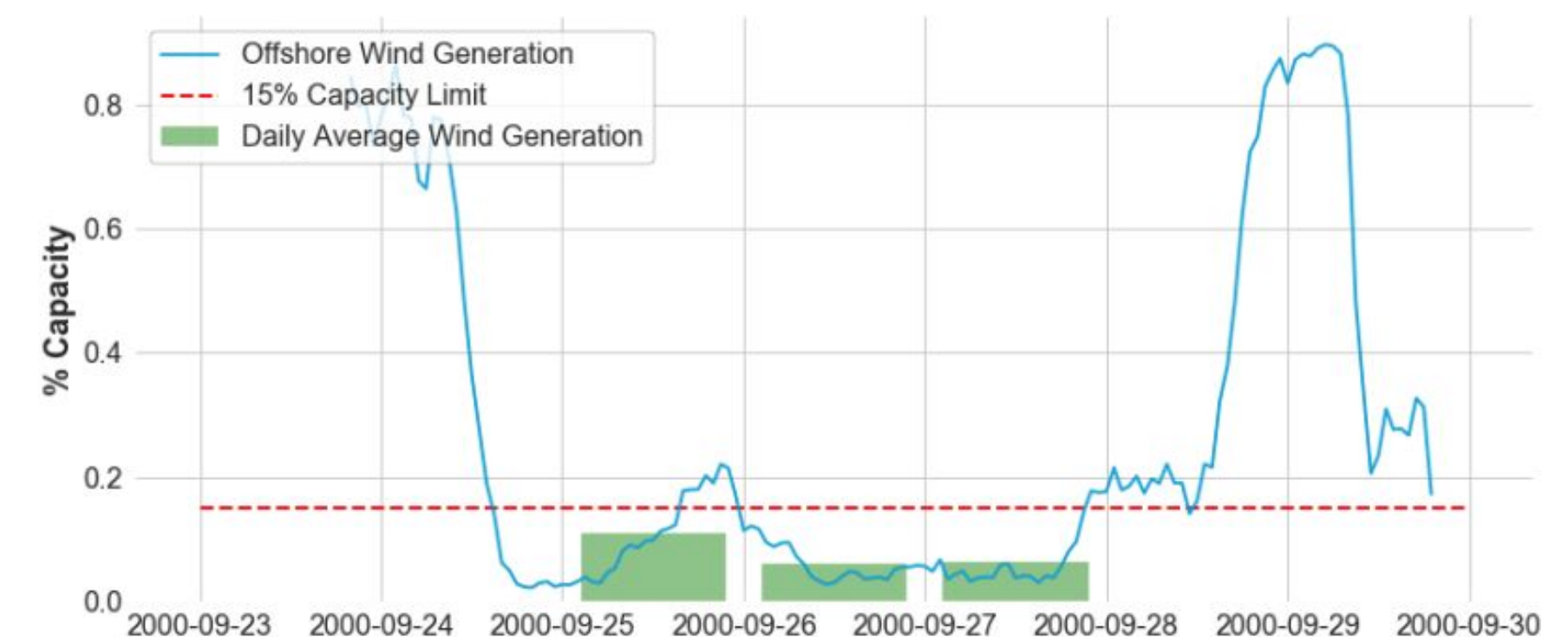
Source: [Xcel Energy](#) 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Resource Plan, May 20, 2019 Workshop

California Multi-Day Weather Event in Winter, 2050



Source: E3: [Long-Run Resource Adequacy Under Deep Decarbonization](#)

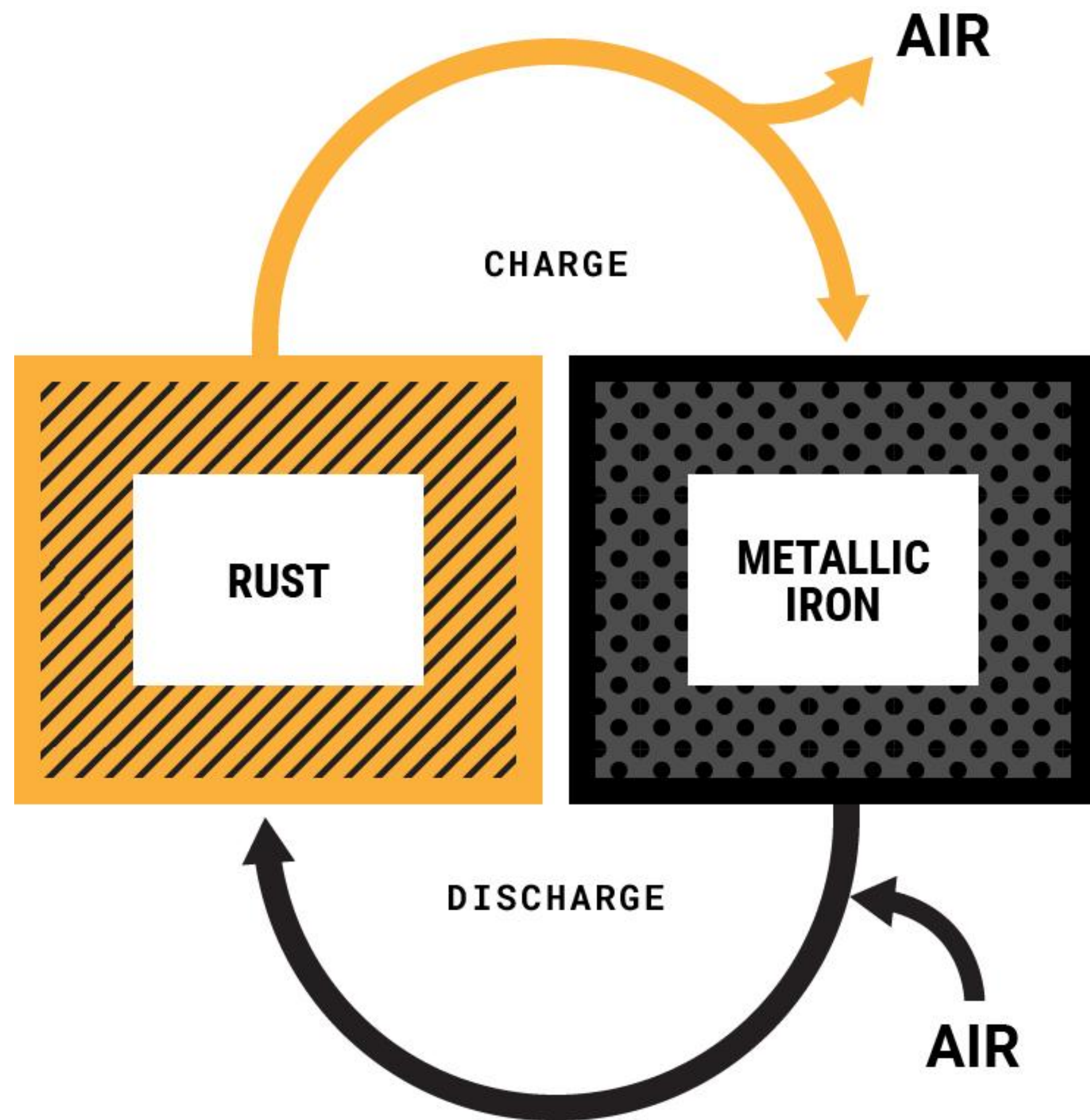
New England Multi-day offshore wind lull, 2000



Source: [DNV-GL](#) Analysis of Stochastic Dataset for ISO-NE

Rechargeable iron-air is the best technology for multi-day storage

Reversible Rust Battery



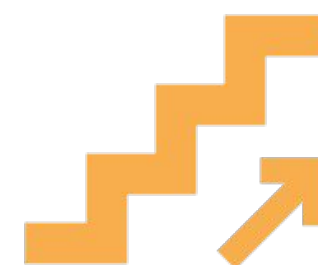
COST

Lowest cost rechargeable battery chemistry.
Chemistry entitlement <\$1.00/kWh



SAFETY

No thermal runaway (unlike li-ion)
Non-flammable aqueous electrolyte



SCALE


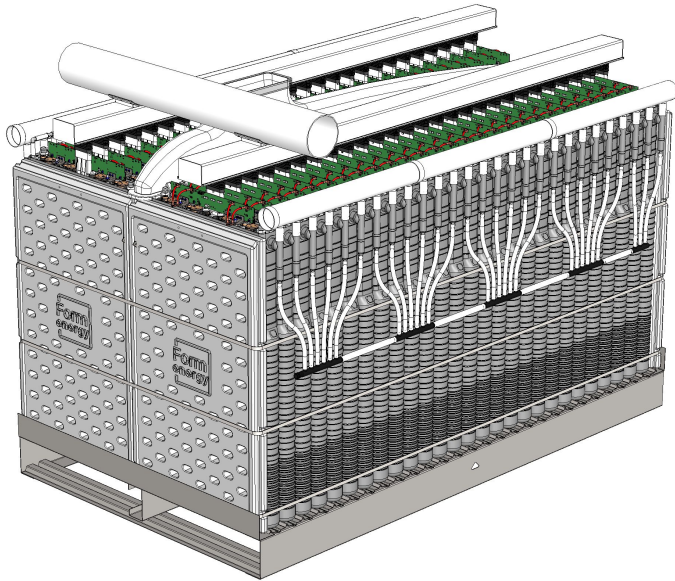
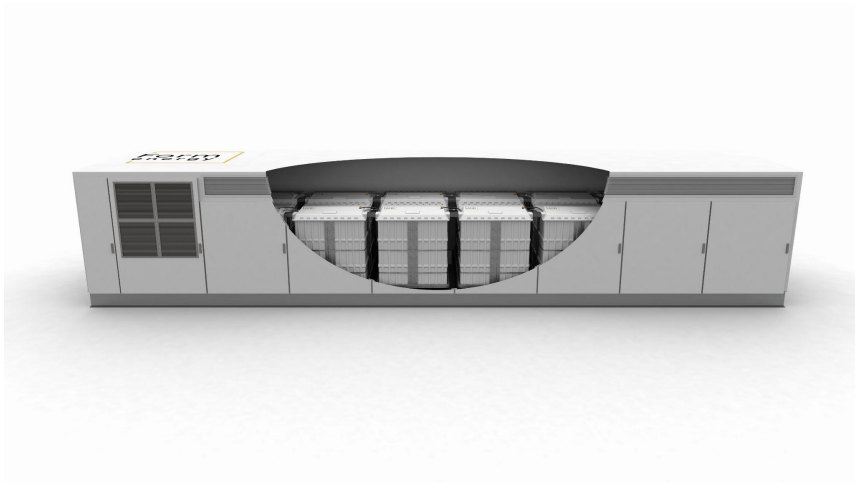
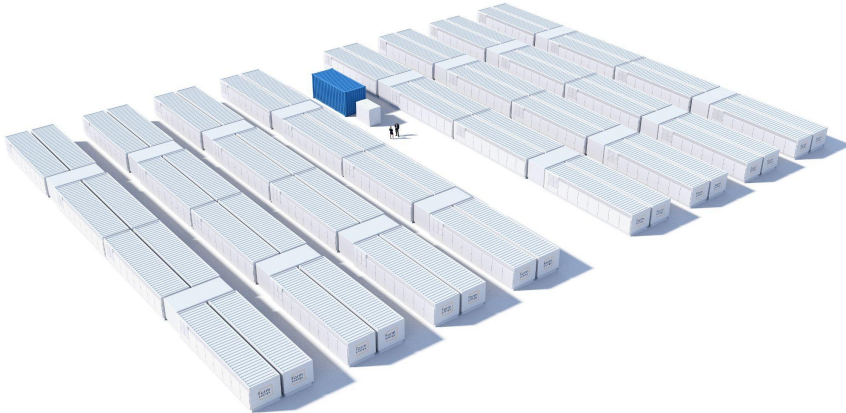

Iron is the most globally abundant metal
Easily scalable to meet TW demand for storage



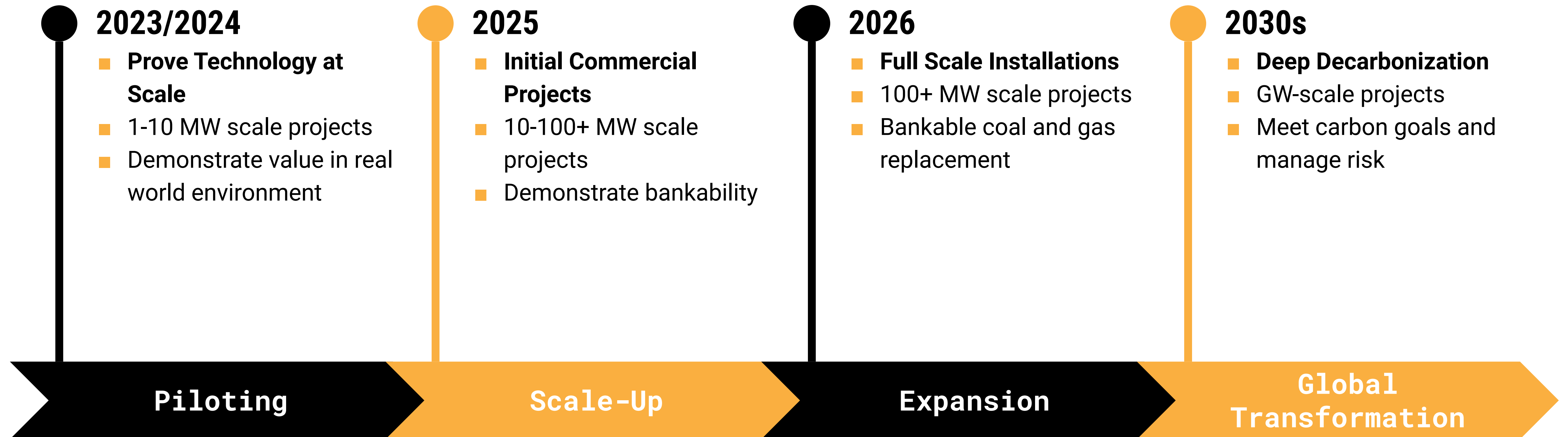
DURABILITY

Iron electrode durability proven through
decades of life and 1000's of cycles (Fe-Ni)

Form Energy's Modular 100hr Multi-Day Storage System

Cell	Battery Module	Enclosure	Power Block	System
				
~0.10 kW / 10 kWh	~5 kW / 500 kWh	~50 kW	~3.5 MW / 350 MWh	100+ MW / 10 GWh
~1m x 60 cm	~2.3 x 1.3 x 1.3m	8.6' x 40'	<2 acres	50+ acres
Electrodes + Electrolyte	~50 Cells	~10 Modules	~50 - 100 Enclosures	10s - 100s of Power Blocks
Smallest Electrochemical Functional Unit	Smallest Building Block of DC Power	Product Building Block with integrated module auxiliary systems	Smallest independent system and AC Power building block	Commercial Intent System

Form Energy's path to transform the global grid



30 years after commercial availability, global lithium-ion manufacturing capacity was 500 GWh/yr in 2020.

Form Energy will exceed that scale before 2030.

GWs of multi-day storage projects deployed by 2030 will enable a lower carbon, more resilient electricity grid

- ✓ Improved grid reliability & resilience
- ✓ Higher renewables penetration
- ✓ Accelerated fossil retirements
- ✓ Lower cost emissions reductions
- ✓ Less congestion and curtailment

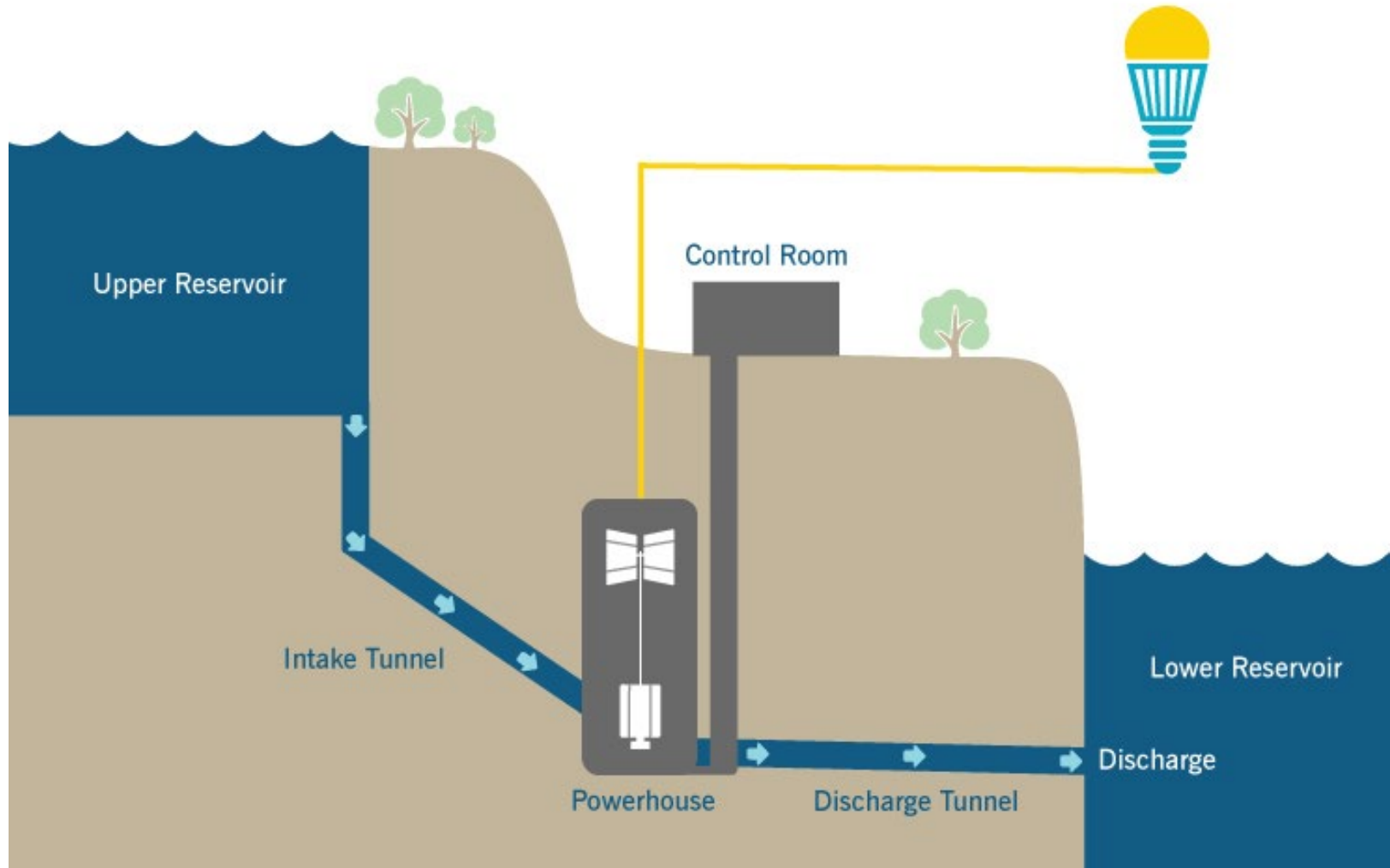




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Pumped Storage Value Proposition

How Do Pumped-Storage Hydro Plants Work?

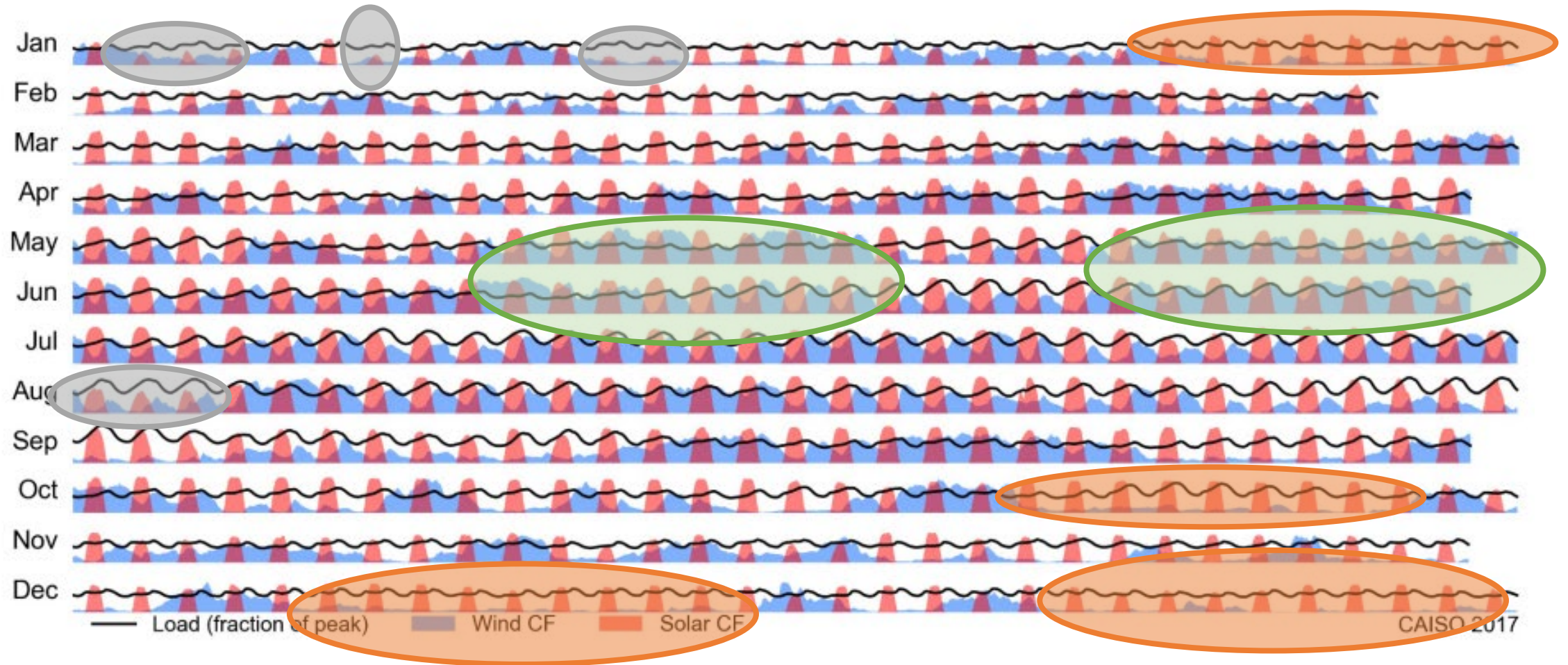


Source: <https://www.duke-energy.com/energy-education/how-energy-works/pumped-storage-hydro-plants>

The Landscape

- EIA projects the share of electricity from renewables will grow from 21% in 2020 to 42% in 2040.
 - In order to integrate these resources, the system needs flexible capacity that can ramp up and down quickly.
 - As we'll see in the next few slides, long duration storage will be needed.
- Pumped Storage (PSH) has an existing installed capacity approximately 23 gigawatts (GW).
 - Makes up approximately 93% of the electric storage capacity in the U.S.
 - Between 2010-2019, net PSH capacity increased by 1.33 GWs from upgrades at six existing facilities.

California Wind and Solar Generation for Each Day of 2017, CA Installed Capacity, 2019



Source: Reflections on the Energy Transition: "A Collection of Testimonies by Ernest J. Moniz." June 2021.

Emissions Intensity

FIGURE 1. Hour-by-hour emissions intensity for 2020

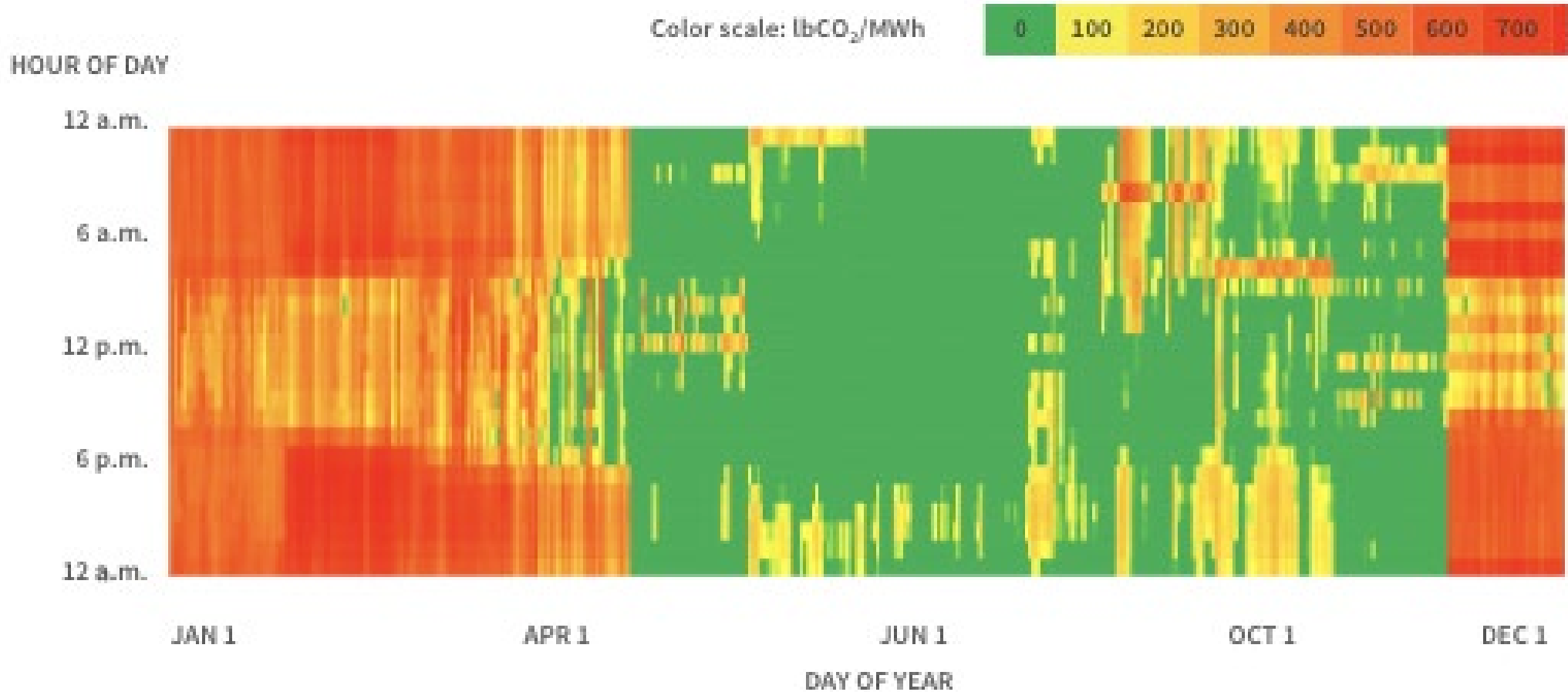
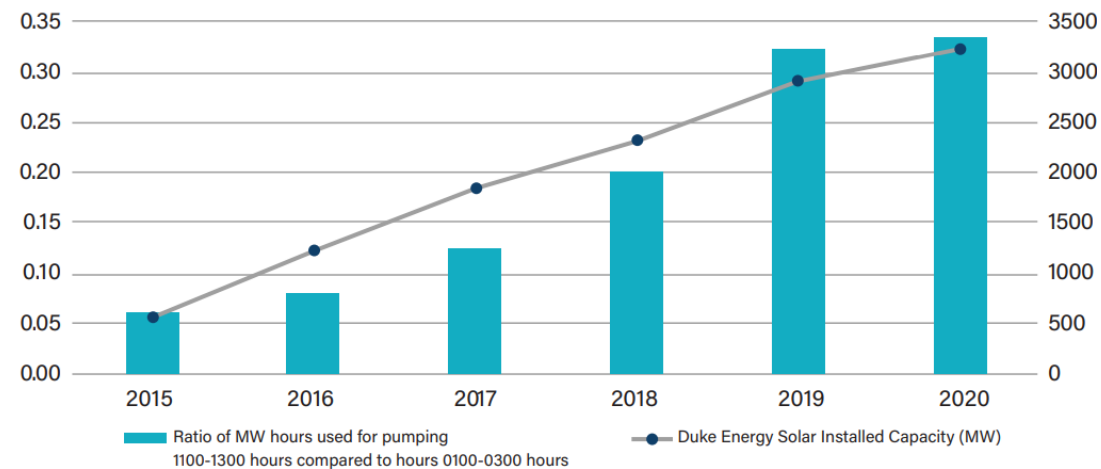


Image credit: Peninsula Clean Energy (2022), Our Path to 24/7 Renewable Energy by 2025.
<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/our-path-to-24-7-renewable-power-by-2025/>

Evolving Operations

Duke Energy's Jocassee Pumped Storage
Hydropower Facility in South Carolina



Source: NHA's 2021 Pumped Storage Report.
Available at <https://www.hydro.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-Pumped-Storage-Report-NHA.pdf>

Figure 4. Jocassee and Bad Creek PSH ratio of pumping GWH daytime and nighttime.

Evolving Operations



Source: Courtright Reservoir, the upper reservoir for Pacific Gas & Electric's Helms Power Plant. Photo credit USFWS at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sierra/recreation/?cid=stelprdb5245570>

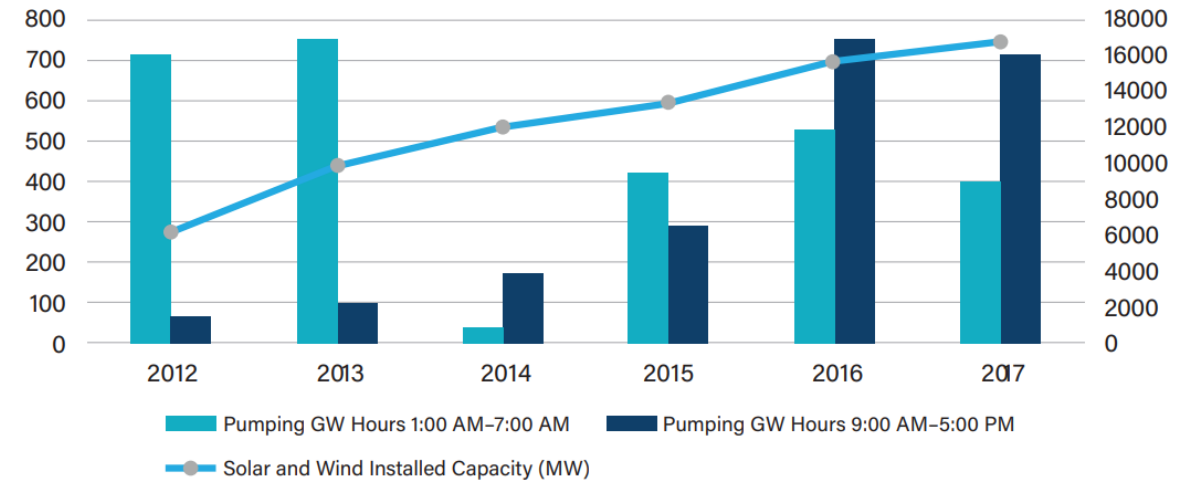


Figure 3. Helms PSH ratio of pumping nighttime and daytime hours with solar and wind overlay.
Source: PG&E, as filed with DOE April 2018 and California Energy Commission.

Source: NHA's 2021 Pumped Storage Report.
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Future PSH Development and Challenges

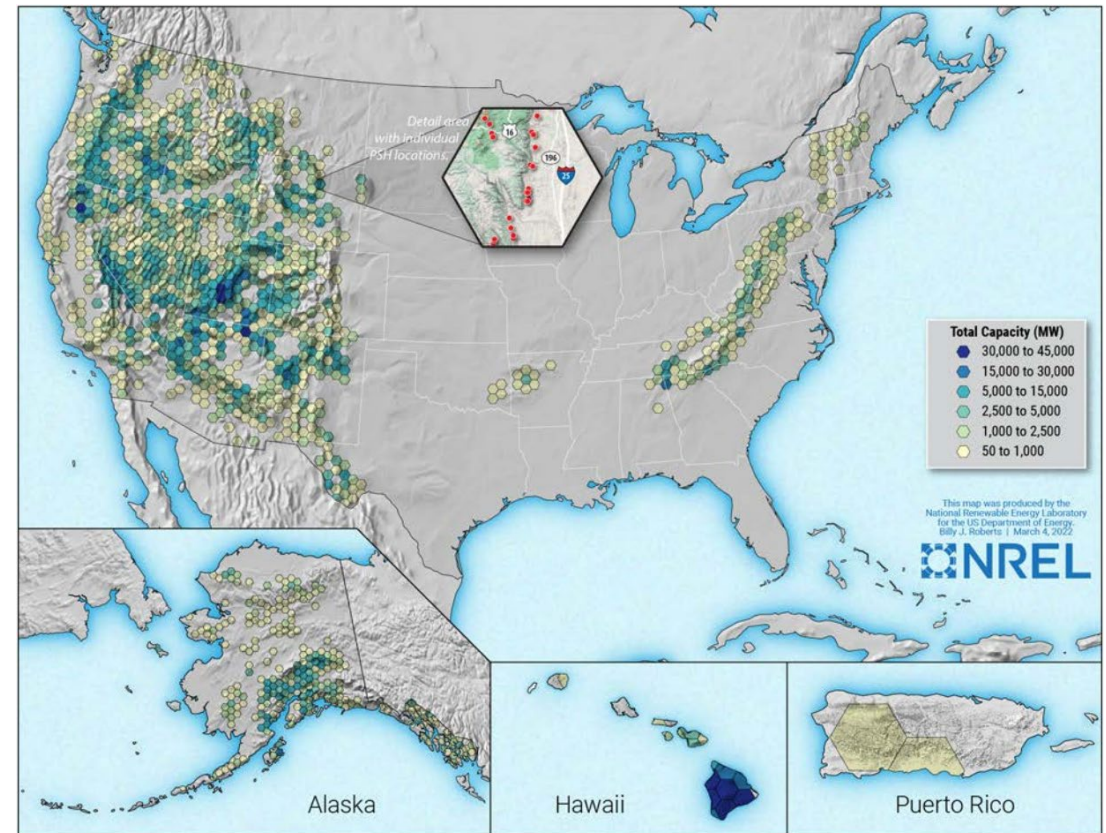
- According to the Department of Energy, Levelized Cost of Storage (\$/MWh) for PSH can run between \$121-\$209/MWh.
- Three projects totaling 1.8 GWs have received a FERC license.
- Approximately 40 other applicants have received preliminary permits.
- Challenges to development of new PSH include lengthy licensing process and long lead times for development.

Source: A Review of Technology Innovations for Pumped Storage Hydropower (April 2022).
Available at <https://publications.anl.gov/anlpubs/2022/05/175341.pdf>

Technical Potential

- The United States still has 35 TWh of unused, cost-competitive, closed-loop PSH potential outside legislatively protected wilderness.
- Much of this potential is provided by the terrain in the American West.

Source: Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Resource Assessment for the United States (May 2022).
Available at [Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Resource Assessment for the United States. Final Report on HydroWIREs Project D1: Improving Hydropower and PSH Representations in Capacity Expansion Models \(nrel.gov\)](#)





Thank You!

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VEHICLE-TO-EVERYTHING TECHNOLOGY & LONG DURATION STORAGE APPLICATIONS

WRI Electric School Bus Initiative

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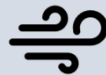
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Why Electrify the U.S. school bus fleet?

Electrification can accelerate decarbonization while bringing direct, tangible benefits to every community



Improved health and cognitive outcomes for children



Cleaner air, especially in high-pollution corridors and communities of color



Reduced operating expenses for school districts



New jobs in green manufacturing



A **tipping point** for MHD + electrification

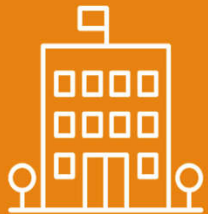


Enhanced **resiliency** and **renewables integration** with V2G

Our vision involves multiple stakeholders

Goal: An Equitable Transition to Electric School Buses

**School
Districts**



Pillar 1

Manufacturers



Pillar 2

Utilities



Pillar 3

**Federal & State
Policymakers**



Pillar 4

**Local
Communities**



Pillar 5

Foundation: Equity, Communications, Engagement

Proactive utility engagement for electric school bus deployment



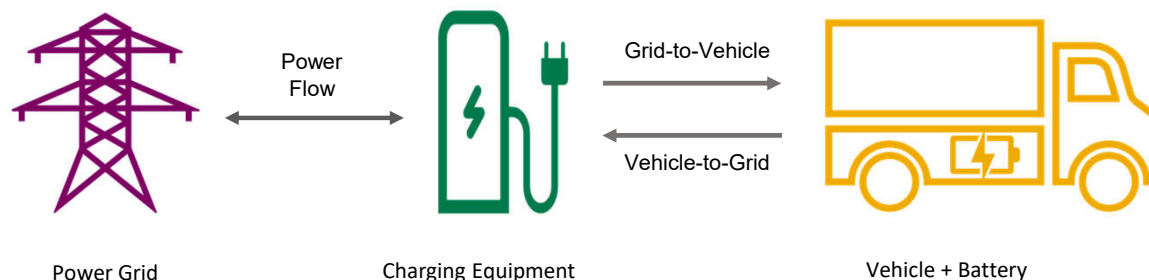
Power Planner for Electric School Bus Deployment

What is V2X?

- Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X): All encompassing where stored energy in the vehicle is discharged for some benefit. This is the preferred term. This is often mistaken for V2G

What is V2G?

- Vehicle-to-grid (V2G) is a technology that allows power stored in electric vehicle batteries to be pushed back on to the electric grid where the electrons mix with those from other generating sources



TYPES OF CHARGING TECHNOLOGIES

- **Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X):** All encompassing where stored energy in the vehicle is discharged for some benefit.

V2X: Bidirectional Charging Includes -

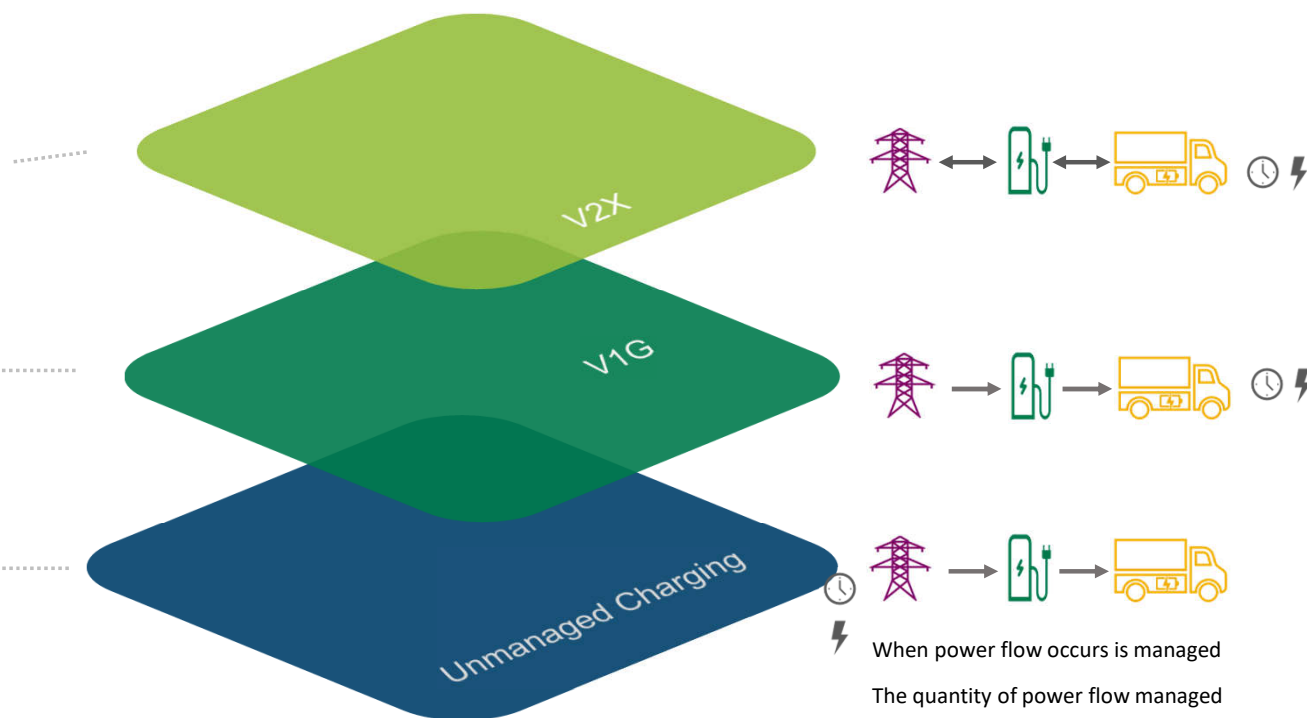
- Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G): Stored energy in the vehicle is discharged back through facility infrastructure (reverse power flow) pass the meter onto the grid to mix with other electrons from other sources/facilities
- Vehicle grid integration (VGI): Where charging and discharging of the vehicle is done in coordination with grid demand to work as a grid asset.
- Vehicle-to-Building (V2B): Stored energy in the vehicle is discharged to the facility/building only
- Vehicle-to-Load (V2L): Stored Energy in the vehicle is discharged to some load that requires electricity to operate

V1G: Managed charging

Electricity flows from grid to vehicle. The time at which charging occurs and/or the quantity of power used to charge are managed to benefit the grid.

Unmanaged Charging

Vehicles are plugged in to a charger and electricity flows from the grid to vehicle at the greatest power capable. EVs charge without regard for the impact charging has on the electric grid.



School Buses & V2X

Electric school buses are well-suited to support V2X



Predictable
operational
schedules



Large
battery
capacity



Benefits for
school districts

Benefits of V2X



Grid Flexibility & Emergency Preparedness

- V2X services provide grid operators with an on-demand source of power that can provide a range of services. Vehicles can also provide back-up power and mobile power supplies in emergencies.



Decarbonization: Support Renewables

- V2X allows vehicles to absorb renewable energy generation when it is abundant and release that energy when it is not.



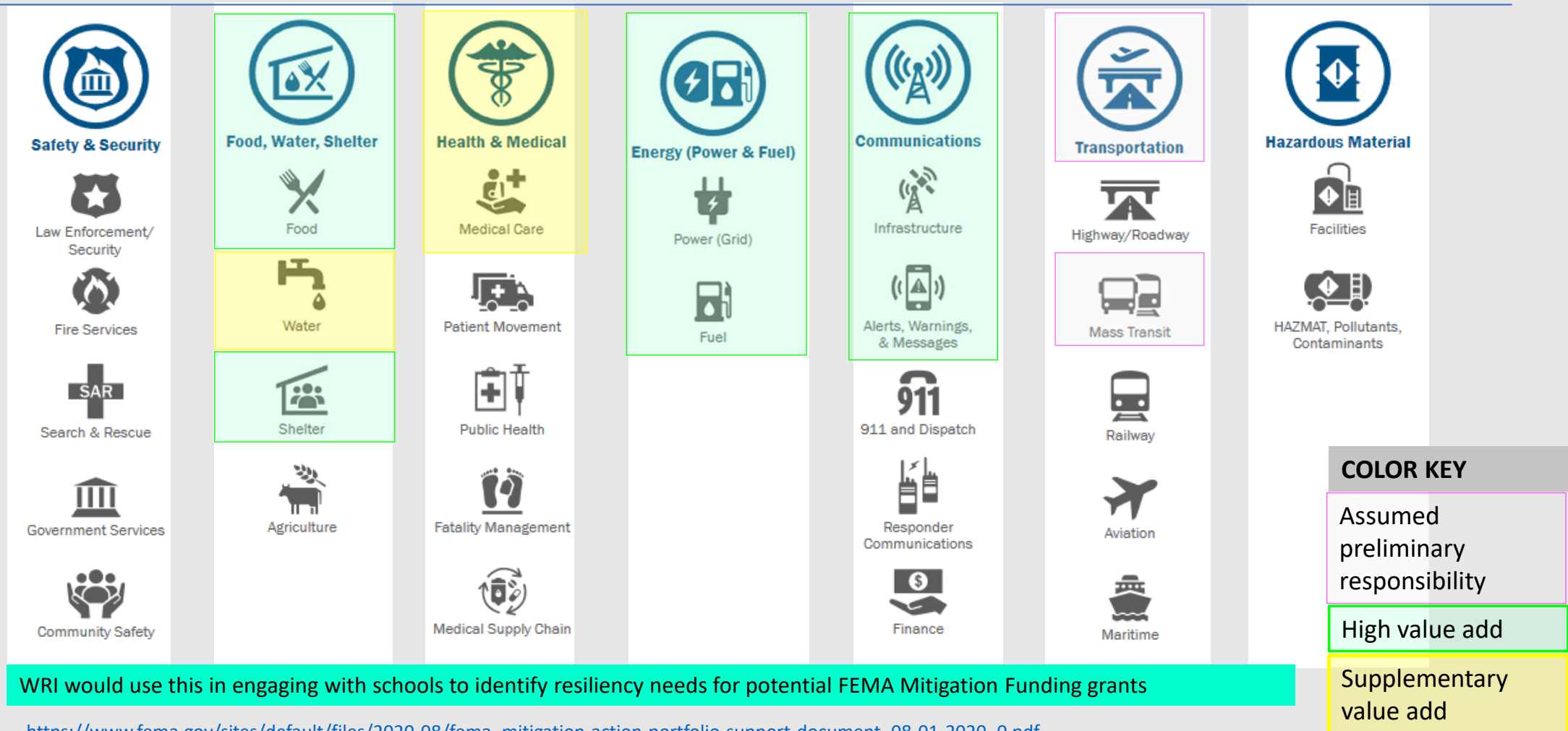
Compensation: Lowers Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

- V2X can generate value by providing services to the grid where vehicle operators are compensated.

V2X Applications

- Energy stored in the batteries of electric school buses can support a range of services and functions
- Some of the most common services include:
 - Demand Charge Mitigation
 - Microgrid/Site Power
 - Demand response
 - Frequency regulation
 - Energy arbitrage
 - Energy arbitrage in support of renewables
 - Emergency preparedness and response

Disaster RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ESB



What is a Mutual Aid Agreement?

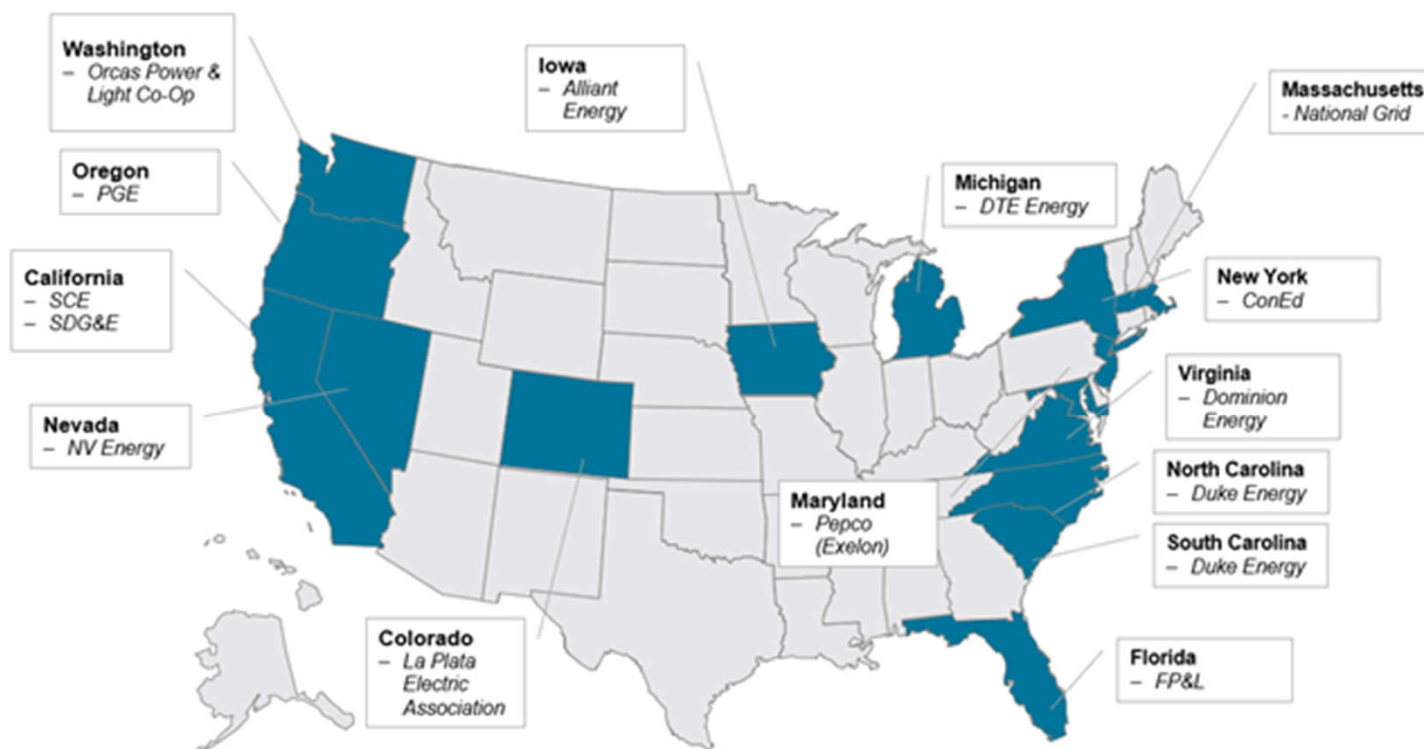
Mutual aid agreements establish the terms under which one party provides resources—personnel, teams, facilities, equipment, and supplies—to another party.

- V2X MAA template produced from - National Incident Management System - Guideline for Mutual Aid (fema.gov)
- MAAs can apply to specific emergency scenarios and will vary in scope (interstate, intrastate, local emergencies)
- MAA examples
 - CA – Disaster and Civil Defense Master MAA
 - CO – Pueblo County Fire Protection MAA
 - NJ – Hazardous Materials MAA
 - Texas – Public Water Utilities MAA

In Development: V2X Disaster Response White Paper

- Want a prescriptive white paper – a "recipe" that describes the equipment needed and steps to follow for establishing a V2X-ESB system to provide emergency back-up power services
- Hoping to identify a partner school district to conduct a real-world microgrid ESB project specifically focused on V2B and building load isolation for shelter services
 - Potential Project Team:
 - WRI ESBI
 - Utility
 - Priority Outreach School District
 - Bidirectional Charger Mfrs.
 - Bus Mfrs.
 - Partner NGOs
 - Gov. Agencies - DOE, FEMA, NEMA

3 Design Considerations for ESB V2G Programs



1. Equity First

Does the Program Prioritize an Equity-First Approach when Selecting Partners and Locations?

Electric school buses with V2G technologies offer an opportunity to advance an equity-driven agenda given the air quality, health and resiliency benefits that may be amplified in underserved communities where residents face [higher levels of pollution](#) and are more susceptible to [climate change impacts](#). Several proposed or deployed V2G utility programs have focused on underserved communities, identified through indicators such as the number of students eligible for free and reduced lunches or average family income.

2. Supportive Rates

Does the Program Consider New Rates to Enable School Bus Electrification and V2G Applications?

Using electricity for powering buses typically results in significant cost savings compared to relying on diesel fuels. However, specific electricity rate designs, which can vary widely across the U.S., influence the economics of electric school buses and can be particularly important if using V2G applications. Electricity rate structures can influence when buses are charged or when it makes sense to discharge electricity. In some cases, districts may face higher costs for charging during peak usage periods. Or they may face higher demand charges if their overall power usage increases during a specific hour (or, sometimes, a 15-minute interval) during a month.

3. Community Resilience

Does the Program Help Drive Community Resilience?

Electric school buses could play a role in disaster recovery and response by providing electricity during hurricanes, fires, floods and other emergencies. With climate change, natural disasters are becoming more frequent and more intense. By 2030, floods will affect more than [145 million people](#), including many who live in coastal areas of the United States. During extreme weather and other emergencies, interconnected infrastructure systems can fail due to power outages that stop core community operations and expose the most vulnerable residents to disproportionately high risk.

Thank you

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Electrons-to-Molecules

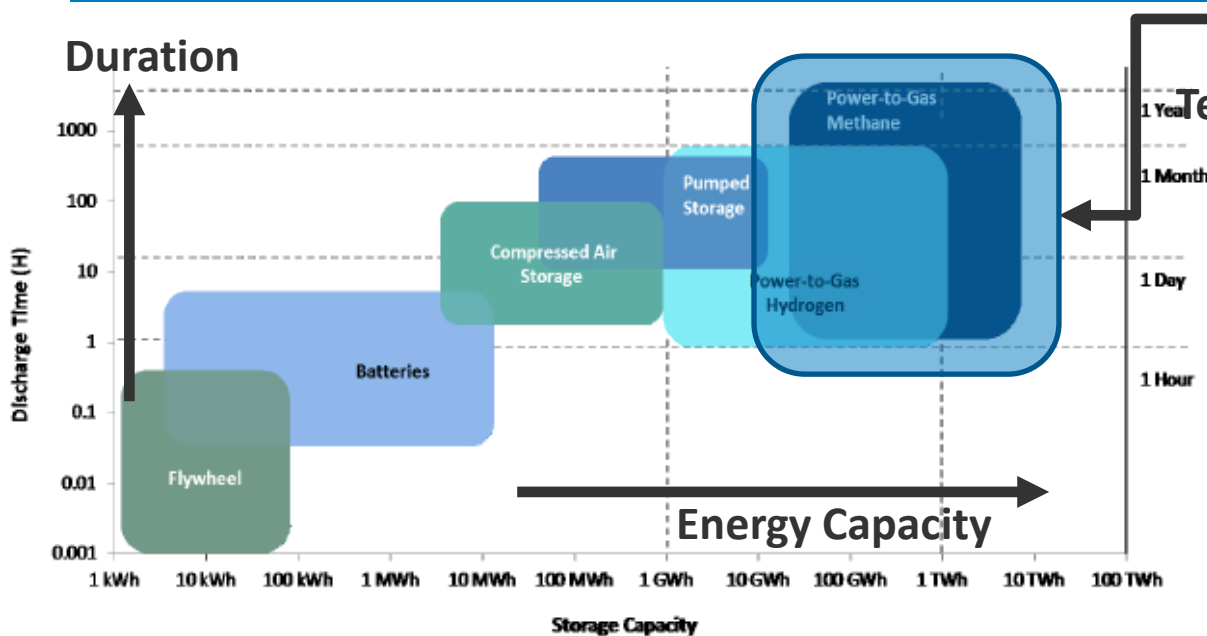
Electrolytic H₂ as a Pathway for Renewable Fuel Production,
Energy Storage, & Waste-to-Energy Applications

Nancy Dowe, Kevin Harrison, and Claire Victor

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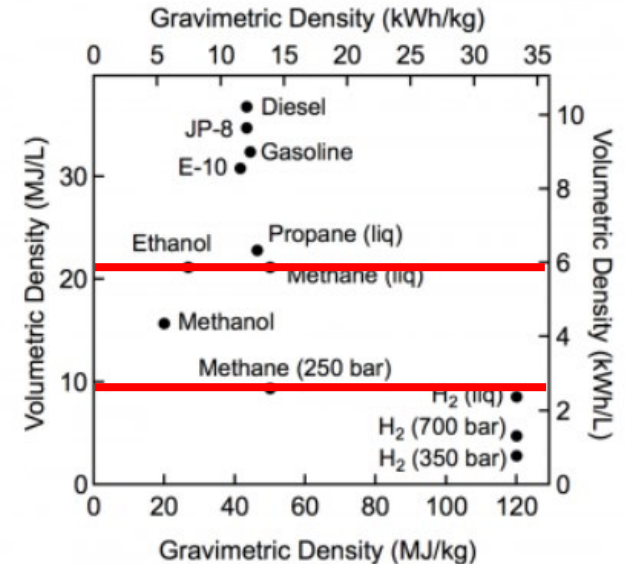
Energy Storage: Electrons-to-Molecules



Highest Energy Density

Terawatt-hour-scale energy storage in the existing NG Network

- For example, 1 TW-h requires 25,000 10MW batteries (4 hr)

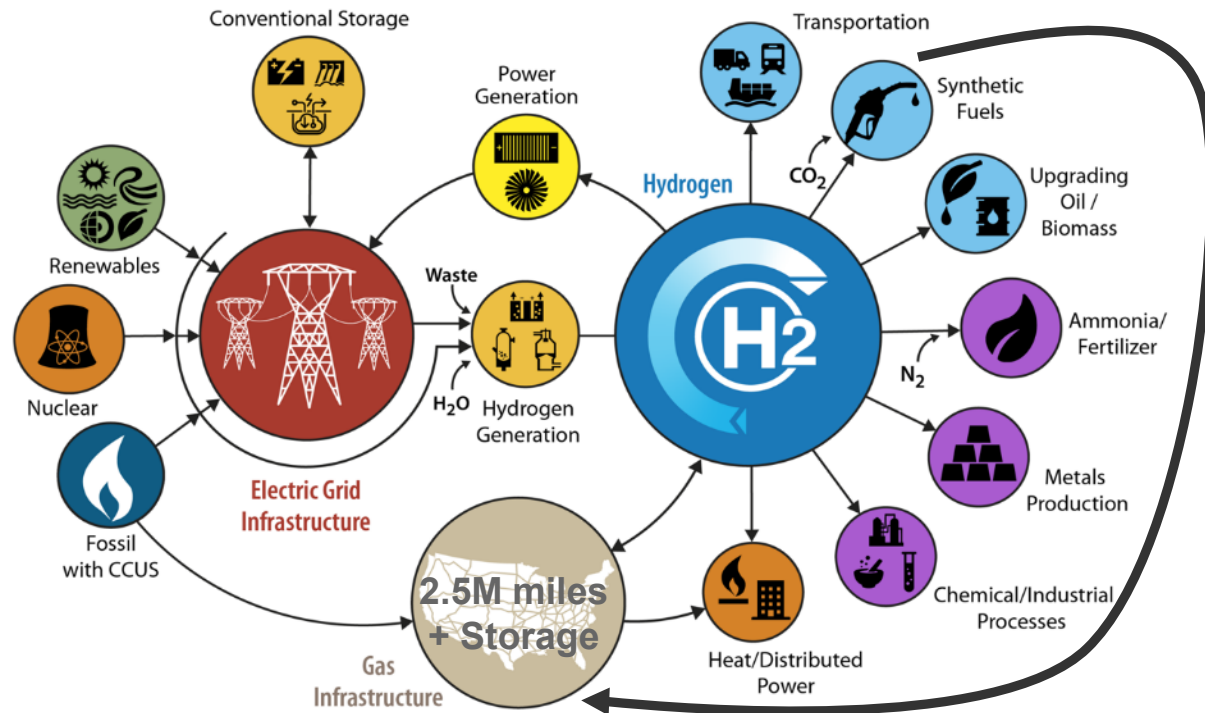


Over 130 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage capacity exists in Southern California.

To put this in perspective, this is enough to supply all of the gas-fired generation in the region for more than two months.

- SoCalGas

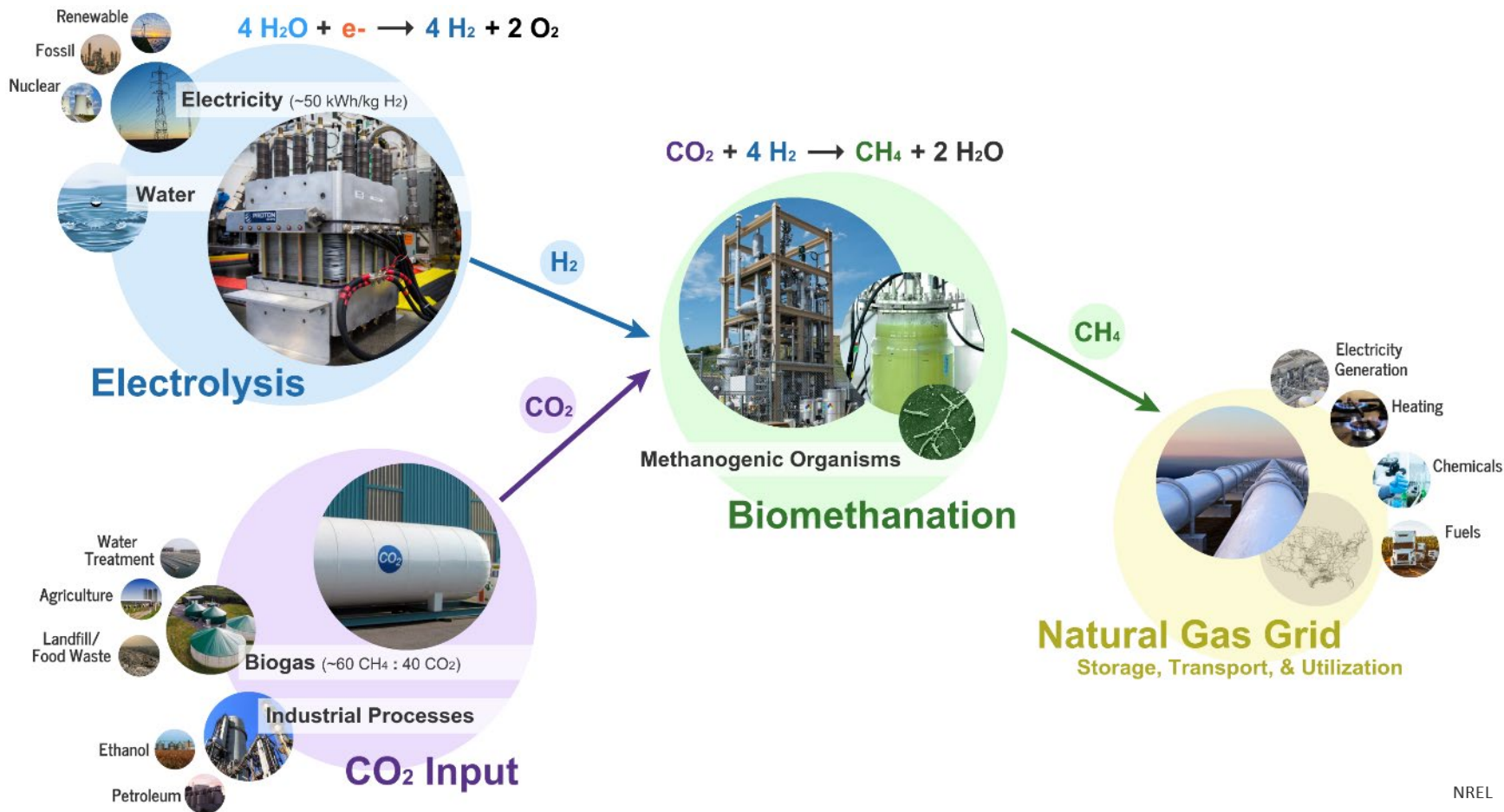
H₂@Scale Initiative



Benefits of Renewable H₂

- Enables higher penetration of renewable electricity
- Electrolyzer can provide grid services
- H₂ is used in many aspects of our energy system
- O₂ is a byproduct
- Growing transportation sector
- Reduces fossil fuel consumption
- Scale-able, non-toxic, low temperature process

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW



AD > H₂ > Biomethanation

Anaerobic Digester

Mesophilic (30°C – 38°C) or
thermophilic (49°C – 57°C)

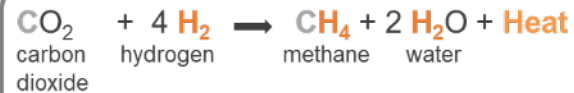
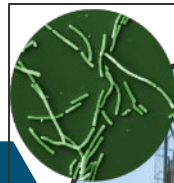


Heat

50 Nm³/h CO₂
(from Biogas)

75 Nm³/h CH₄
(from Biogas)

Biomethanation, 60°C



Synthetic
Biomethane
50 Nm³/h

Organic
Biomethane
75 Nm³/h

160 kW, 60°C Heat

Natural
Gas grid

H₂ Production, 60 – 80°C

1MW, ~20kg/hr
80% efficient (HHV)

50 – 55 kWh / kg H₂ @Scale

9L per kg H₂ Electrolysis only



200 Nm³/h H₂

400 Nm³/h O₂

200 kW, 60°C Heat

KEY ENABLERS

1

Low-cost, Low-carbon Electricity



Select renewable technologies (e.g., utility scale solar PV and wind) are cost-competitive with conventional generation technologies when considering unsubsidized levelized cost of electricity

2

Waste-to-Energy



Biomethanation via the 13,500+ potential biogas and other CO₂ sources can increase RNG production by ~70% over gas separation technologies (e.g., membranes, amine)

3

Carbon Markets

	Federal RFS	CA LCFS
Manure	D3 \$19.93/mmbtu	-250 CI \$61.98/mmbtu
Food Waste	--	0 CI \$15.54/mmbtu -25 CI \$20.18/mmbtu
Wastewater	D3 \$19.93/mmbtu	
Landfill	D3 \$19.93/mmbtu	45 CI \$7.18/mmbtu

Examples of Federal and state carbon markets support RNG and other fuel production

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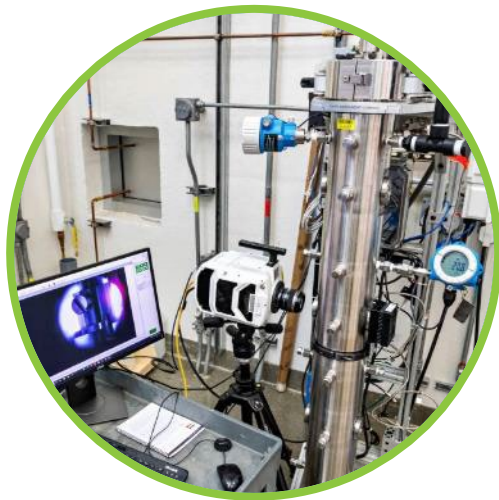
Long-duration Energy Storage



In addition to its high energy density, methane has high storage capacity for long-duration energy storage

The existing NG Network alone has Terawatt-hour-scale energy storage capacity via underground geological and pipelines

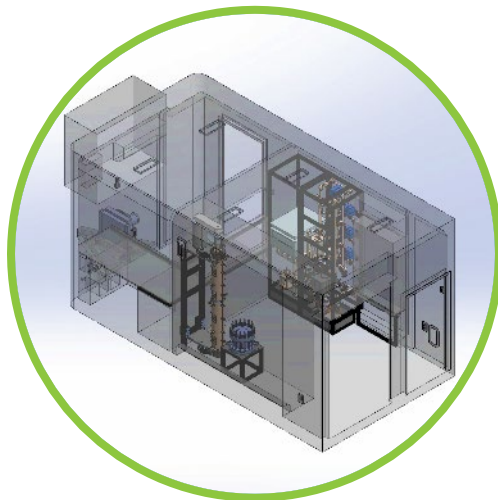
CURRENT PROJECTS



EL/Bioreactor Integration

SoCalGas, BETO, HFTO, & University of Chicago

Close-coupling of electrolyzer and bioreactor to advance IP, advancing water management techniques, and improving hydrogen mass transfer with advanced gas mixing



Biopower

BETO, Electrochaeta, & SoCalGas

Producing pipeline quality RNG from Biomethanation via 20L bioreactor on a mobile RD&D platform and collaborating with ANL to investigate CI from dairies with TEA/LCA



Peaks Renewables

BETO, SoCalGas, Electrochaeta, Plug, & CDM Smith

Summit Utilities/Peaks Renewables to deploy biomethanation at a dairy digester, integration with renewable electricity & hydrogen production

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2021 Patent Applications

[Operations]

Installed, commissioned,
& operated 700L, 18 bar
reactor for 300+ hours

[Mobile RD&D]

3D model & control
room fabrication
complete

[Controls]

Power and control
system design complete
& installation initiated

[Thermal]

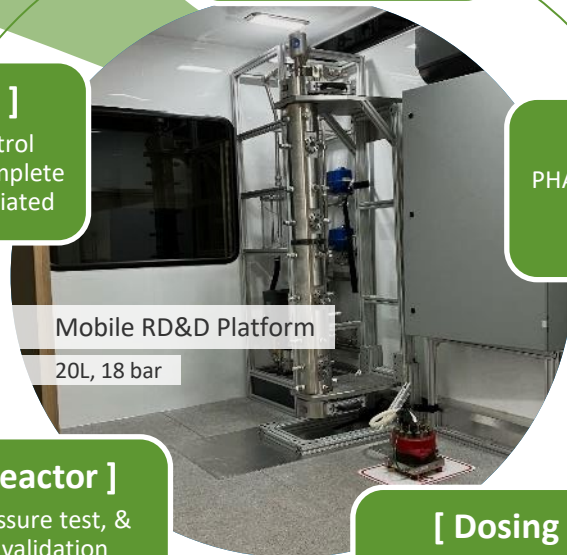
PHA, fabrication, & leak
test complete

[Bioreactor]

PHA, pressure test, &
sensor validation
complete

[Dosing]

Design, PHA, & part
specification complete



Application No. 17/261,473

*Improving capital and operating costs of
the electrolyzer*

- 5-10% EL capital cost reduction
- 3-5% EL system efficiency improvement
- Advancement of operational safety via elimination of dissolved H₂ at EL anode



Application No. 17/397,665

*Using stack current for H₂ mass flow and
gas ratio control*

- Enhancement of mixed gas ratio control
- Improvement of H₂ mass transfer
- Elimination of H₂ mass flowmeter and flow control valve

PATH FORWARD



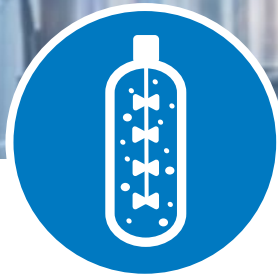
Cost & Efficiency

De-risk two-step biomethanation process by improving cost and efficiency



Decarbonization

Complete pathway certification for waste-to-energy feedstocks, and GHG reduction at pilot-scale installations



H₂ Gas Mass Transfer

Investigate gas sparger designs and conduct bubble analyses with high-speed imaging



Water Management

Improve water removal in the gas phase of the bioreactor to maintain organisms & nutrients



Thermal Management

Recycle waste heat from electrolyzer and bioreactor for downstream processes

A satellite view of Earth at night, showing the illuminated continents of North and South America. The city lights are visible as bright yellow and orange spots against the dark background of the planet. The sun is visible on the left horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare.

Thank You

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SAVE THE DATE: Monday, January 30, 4-5 PM EST

Long Duration Storage Virtual Site Visit

Join AEE institute and Form Energy for a virtual tour of Form Energy's state-of-the-art lab facilities. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how Form Energy is ramping up to produce its low-cost, 100-hour iron-air batteries.

Form Energy's CTO, William Woodford, will discuss the development of Form's groundbreaking iron-air technology and Form's plan to rapidly scale manufacturing capacity. Form Energy's CEO, Mateo Jaramillo, and Nidhi Thakar, VP of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, will host a Q&A in the latter half of the program.

Invitations coming soon! Contact Sophie Watterson (swatterson@aee.net) with any questions.



Upcoming

- NARUC Annual Meeting & Education Conference in New Orleans, November 13-16, 2022
- Check www.naruc.org/cpi for information on upcoming activities



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