

# Towards the Future: Energy Storage for Deep Decarbonization

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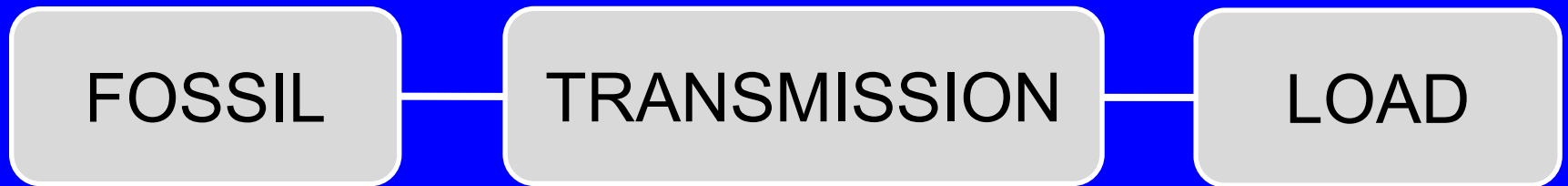
# The World at Night

## Light – Electricity - Commerce

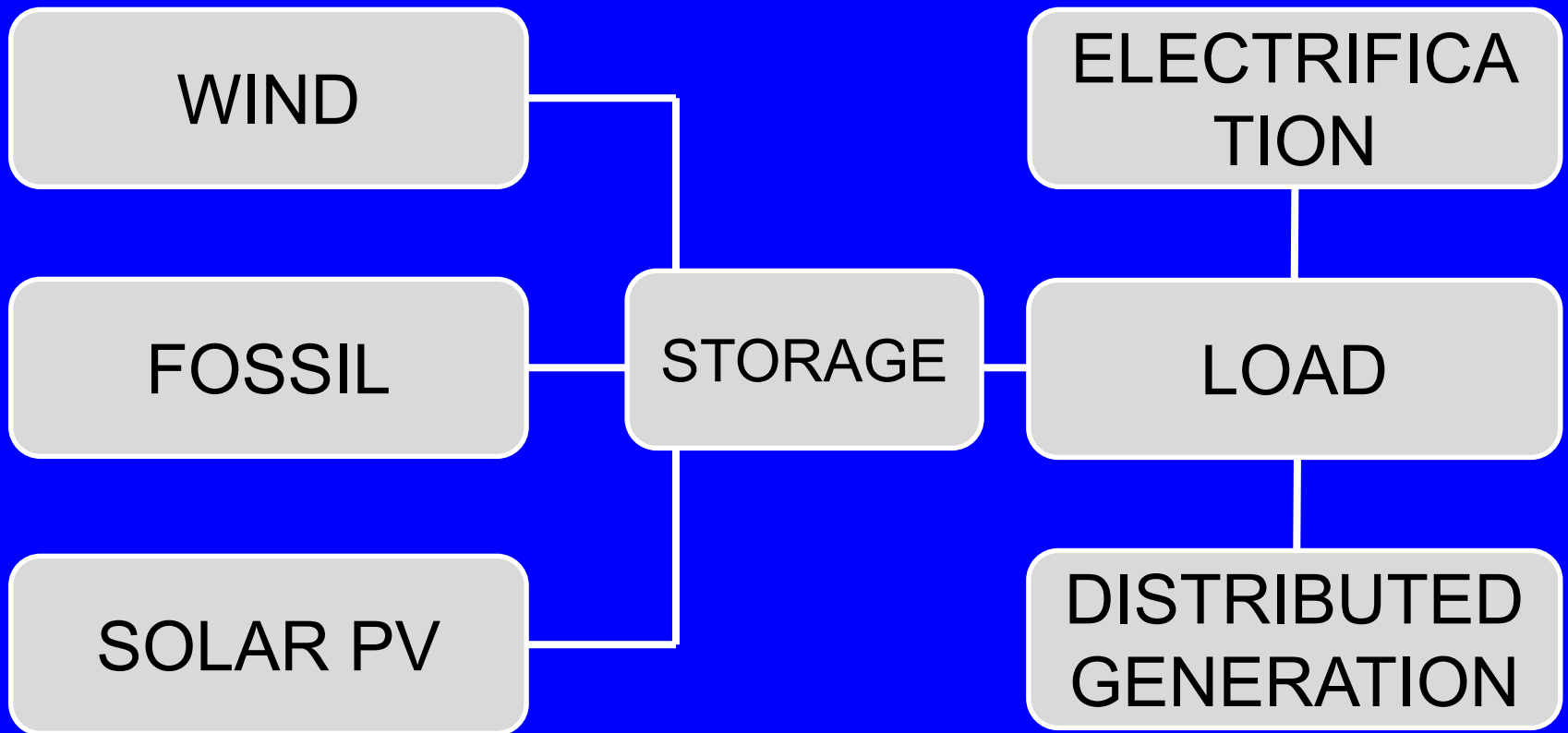


**One Billion People lack Access!**

The grid used to be Simple  
and Deterministic!



# The grid has become stochastic!



Energy Storage provides Energy

**when** it is needed

just as Transmission provides Energy

**where** it is needed

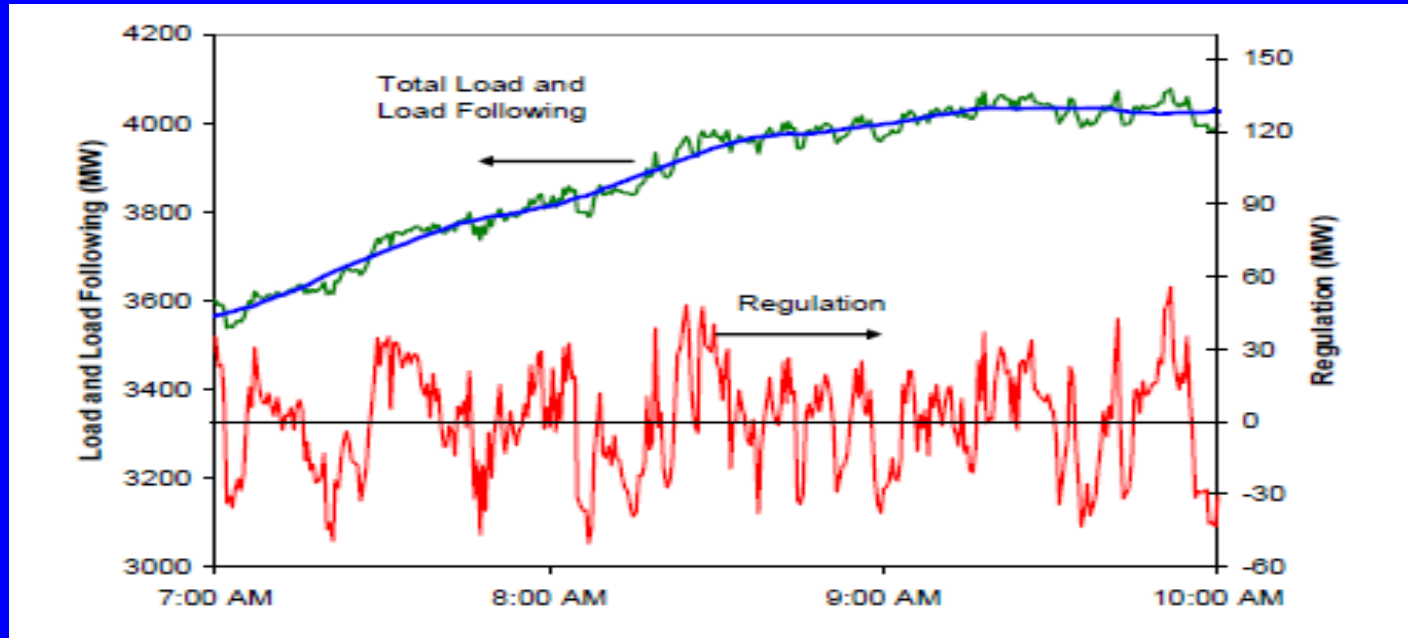
# Two Decades DOE - Office of Electricity Energy Storage Program

Broad Range of R&D, Deployment, and Analysis Efforts  
Materials – Devices – Systems – Analysis – Standards – Policy

Teaming with Sandia, PNNL, ORNL  
to work with Industry, States, and Utilities.

10 R&D 100 Awards, 2 EPA Green Chemistry Awards

# Frequency Regulation



**Old solution:** Fossil fuel generator keeps 5-10% reserve – gets paid for capacity. Response time > duration of fluctuation.

**New solution:** Storage responds instantaneously  
Gets paid for actual performance

# Frequency Regulation



- **NYSERDA / DOE PROJECT:**
- **CEC / DOE PROJECT:**

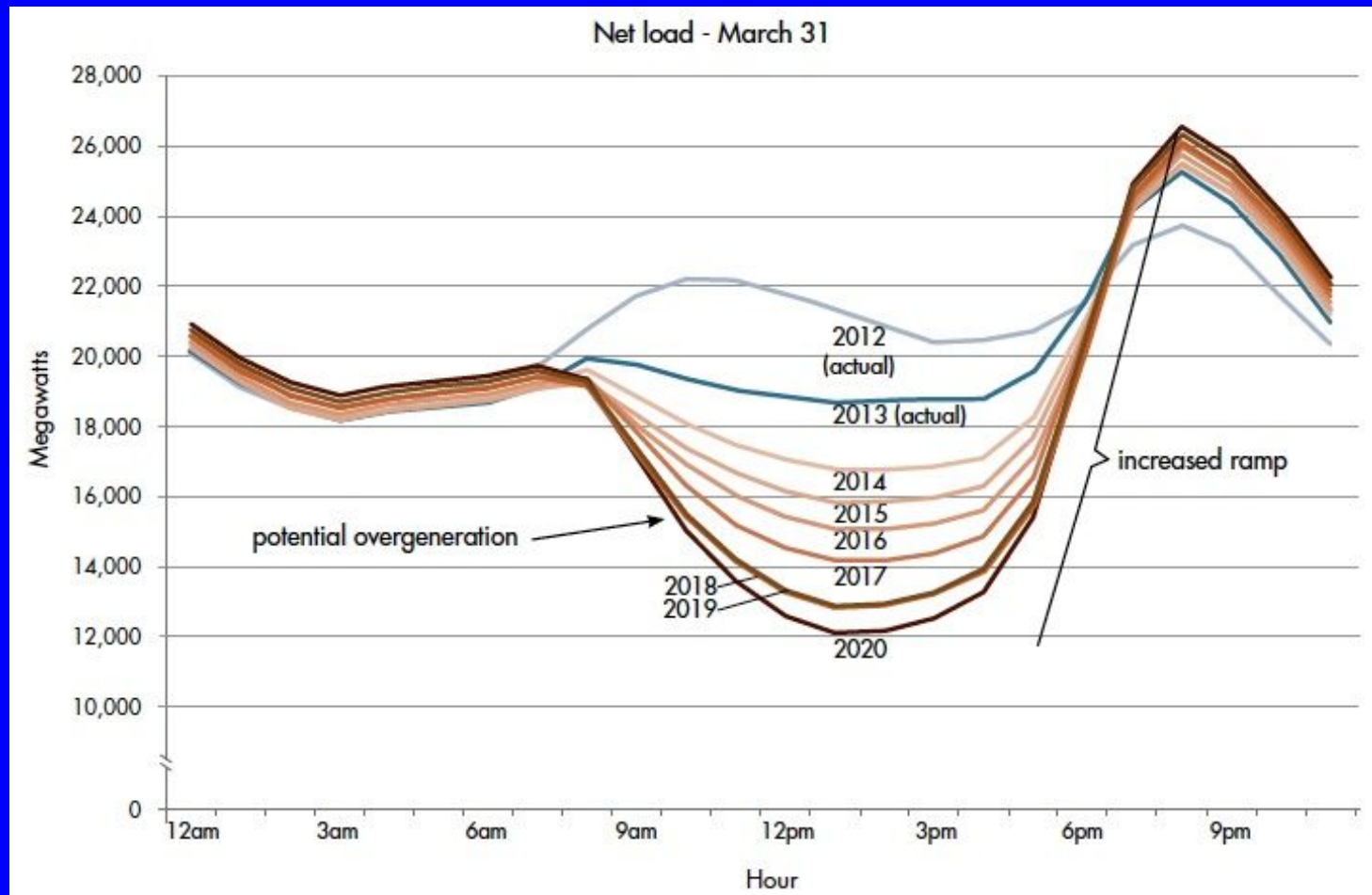
Beacon Power 100 kW Installation  
2 Flywheel Systems in CA and NY

20MW Flywheel Storage for  
Frequency Regulation in NY-ISO  
Commissioned July 2011



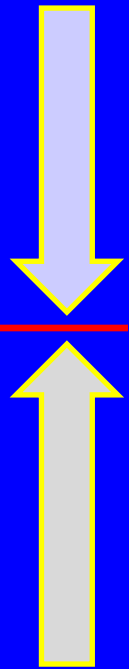
► This project provided the basis for FERC  
to establish “PAY FOR PERFORMANCE”!





As PV increases Net Load decreases and Ramps get steeper:  
Storage is required - about 2 hours → CA Mandate, 1.325GW

# Designing a Business Case:



The **Cost** of a Storage System depends on the Storage Device, the Power Electronics, and the Balance of Plant

The **Value** of a Storage System depends on Multiple Benefit Streams, both monetized and unmonetized

Metrics will depend crucially on Regulatory Structure and Locality!

Power Electronics  
20-25%

Energy Storage Device  
25-50%

Facility 20-25%

Arbitrage

Frequ. Reg.

Dem. Charges  
month, year

Resiliency

# QuEST a Tool for Valuation– Sandia/DOE (Deregulated Utilities)



- QuEST: An open source Python tool for Energy Storage evaluation
- QuEST Valuation: Stacking services in an electricity market
- QuEST BTM: Bill reduction for time-of-use/net metering customers
- QuEST: Data Manager: Data Acquisition

[Sandia.gov/ess-ssl/tools/quest](http://Sandia.gov/ess-ssl/tools/quest)

# Sterling, MA: Microgrid/Storage

\$1.5M Grant from MA. Additional DOE Funding, Sandia Analytics



Sterling, MA, Oct. 2016, NEC, Li-Ion



Dec. 2016, 2MW/2hr Storage, 3MW PV

## 2016 Dec. till 2017 Nov. Actual Savings:

- Arbitrage \$11,731
- Monthly Peaks \$143,447
- Annual Peak \$240,660
- Total \$395,839

Sean Hamilton



Carina Kaainoa

**Capital Cost: \$2.7M**

*April 2019: 1 million \$ Avoided Cost!*

# Cordova, Alaska, Municipal System



Cordova, Grid Isolated



6MW Run of River Hydro Power

Total Capacity: 7.25MW Hydro; 2x 1MW Diesel

0.5MW Deflected as Spinning Reserve

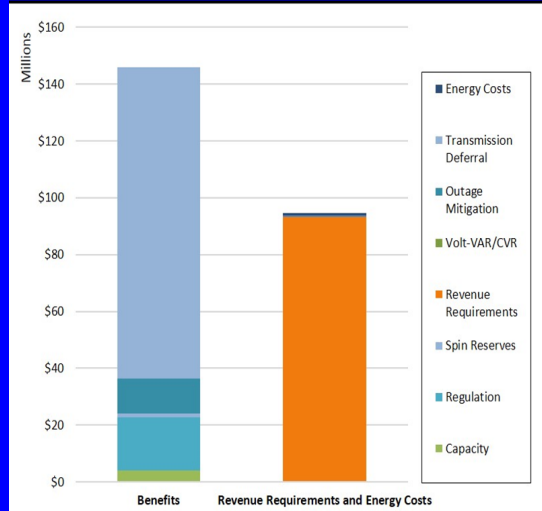
Hydro: \$0.06/kW; Diesel: \$0.60/kW

**1MW/1hour Battery, Commissioned June 7, 2019**



# Nantucket Island, MA

## National Grid, PNNL/DOE, Tesla



71 MW Submarine Cables    Analytics: Balducci et al. PNNL    Storage: Tesla

6MW/8hr Storage + 6-10 MW Generator  
to yield required 91MW Peaking Capacity

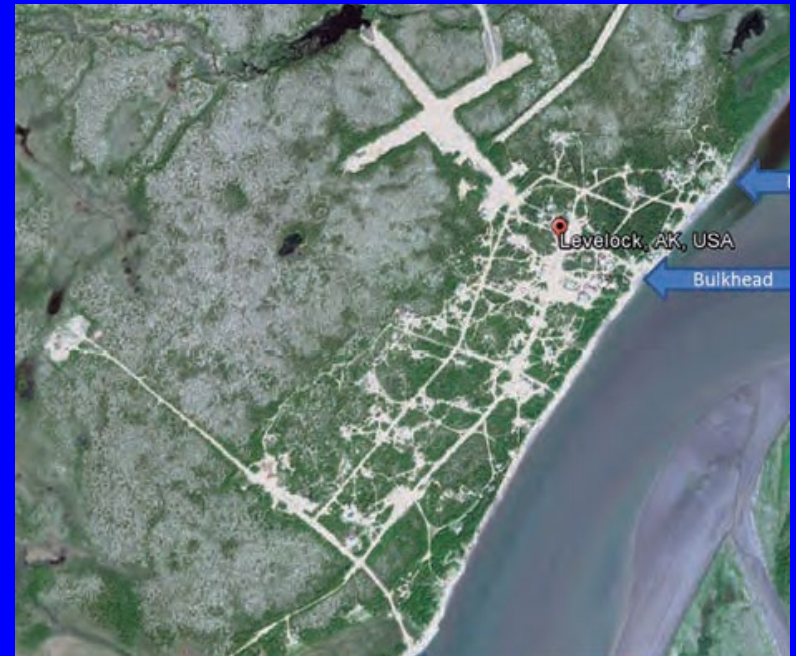
*Ribbon Cutting: Oct. 8, 2019. Return on Investment: 1.55  
\$110 million Deferral Value + \$36 million Operational Benefits*

# Levelock, AK

Pop. 69

On the Kvichak River

Proposed microgrid,  
British American Energy



- Pre-microgrid baseline analysis – install meters on 3 diesels and analyze load profile, fuel usage, resiliency
- Post-installation – Analyze battery performance, fuel usage, load profile, heat output, cost of operation and resiliency over the course of a year

Many Applications have been identified,  
Valuation Models have been developed.  
Business Cases with multiple  
Benefit Streams have been established.

Global Energy Storage Data Base  
at [Sandia.gov/ess](http://Sandia.gov/ess)



# Energy Storage has become a Resounding Success!

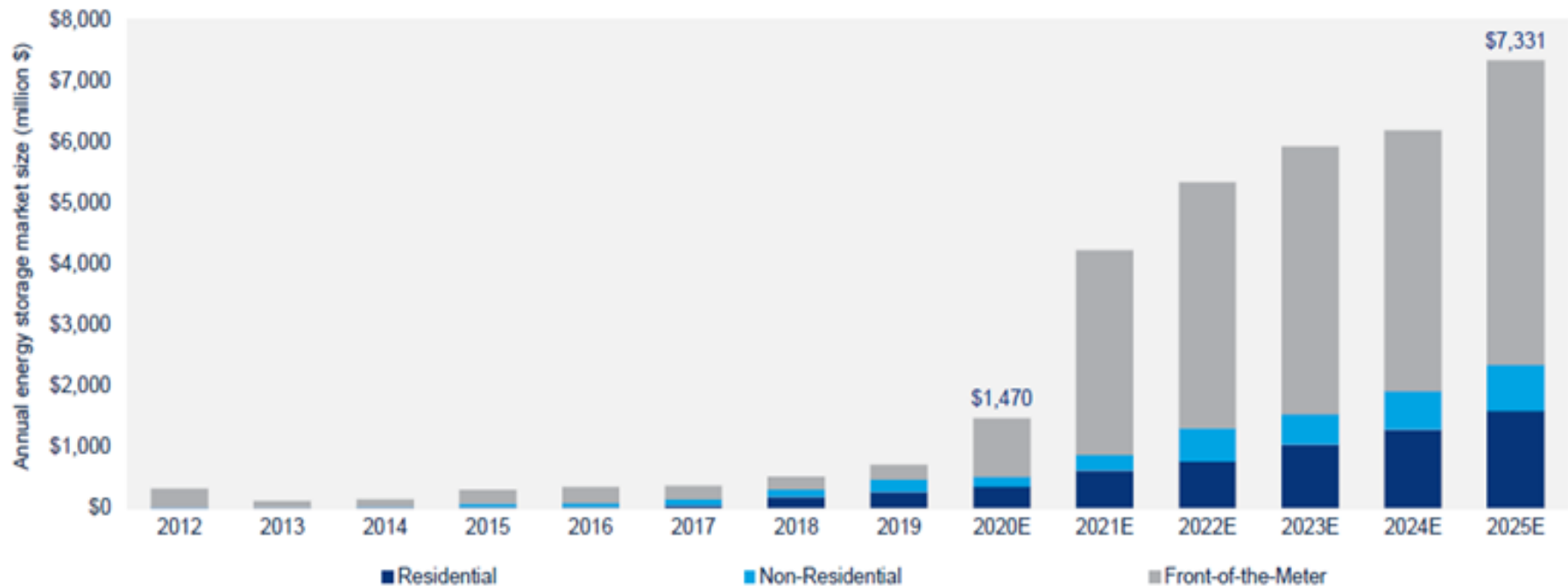
Wood Mackenzie P&R/ESA | U.S. energy storage monitor Q4 2020

woodmac.com

## U.S. energy storage will be a \$7.3 billion annual market in 2025

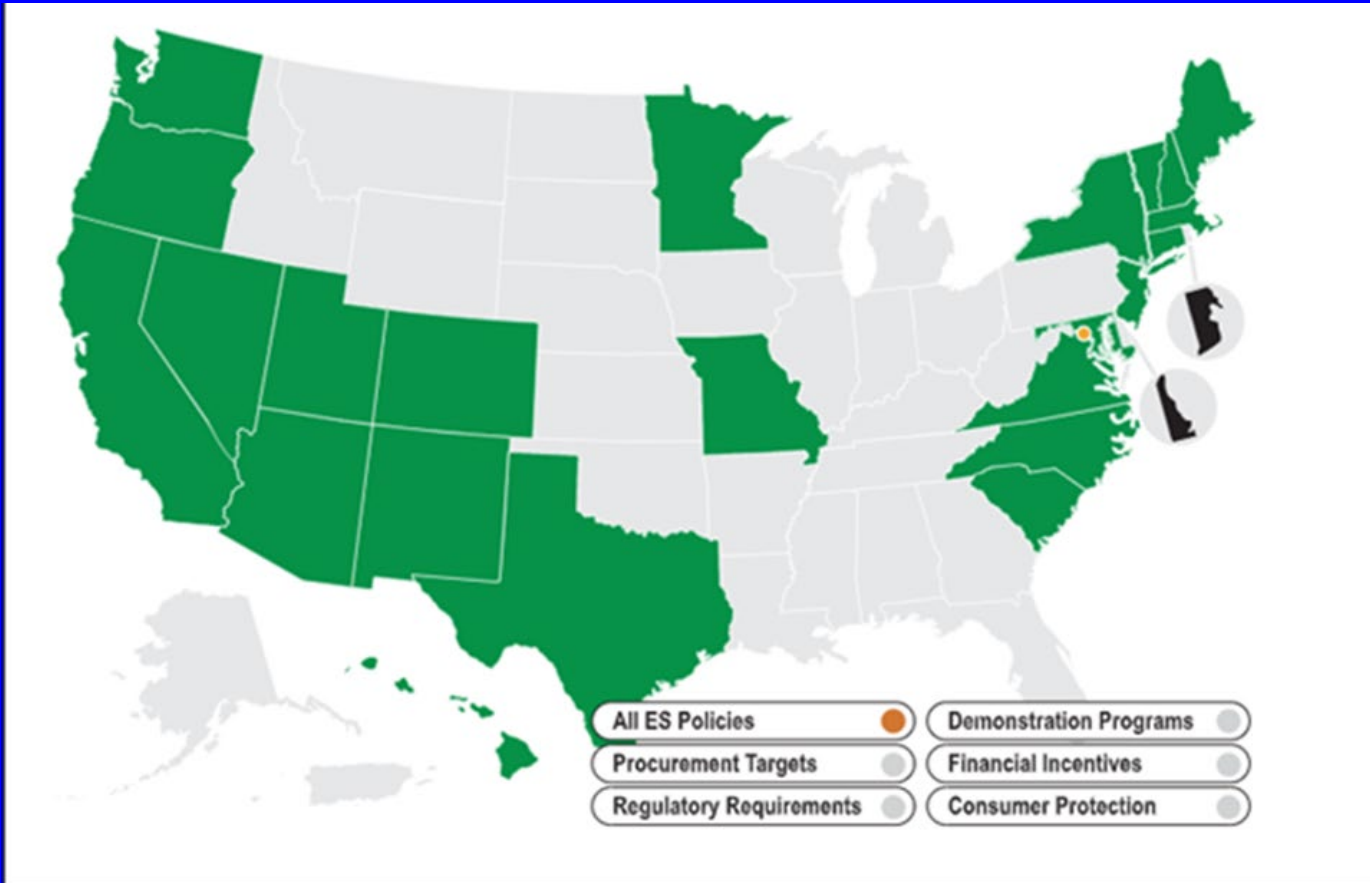
Market crosses \$1 billion annual threshold in 2020, despite COVID-19 impacts

U.S. annual energy storage market size, 2012-2025E (million \$)



Despite Covid, 2020 has seen extraordinary growth of ES

# From ES Policy Data Base



<https://energystorage.pnnl.gov/regulatoryactivities.asp>

# Emergence of Storage Ecologies

California: Mandate, CEC, PUC, Utilities, LBL

New York: BEST, NYSERDA, CCNY

Northwest (WA, OR, AK): PNNL, WA Clean Energy, PUCs, Senate

Southwest (NM, AZ): Sandia, Congressional/State Support,

Northeast (MA, VT): DOER, National Grid, GMP, Universities

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Congressional and State Support, Regulatory Structure,  
National Laboratories, Universities, Utilities, Real Projects

# Incumbent Lithium Ion Technology:

Sourcing, Ecological, and Sociological Issues

Safety, Reliability,

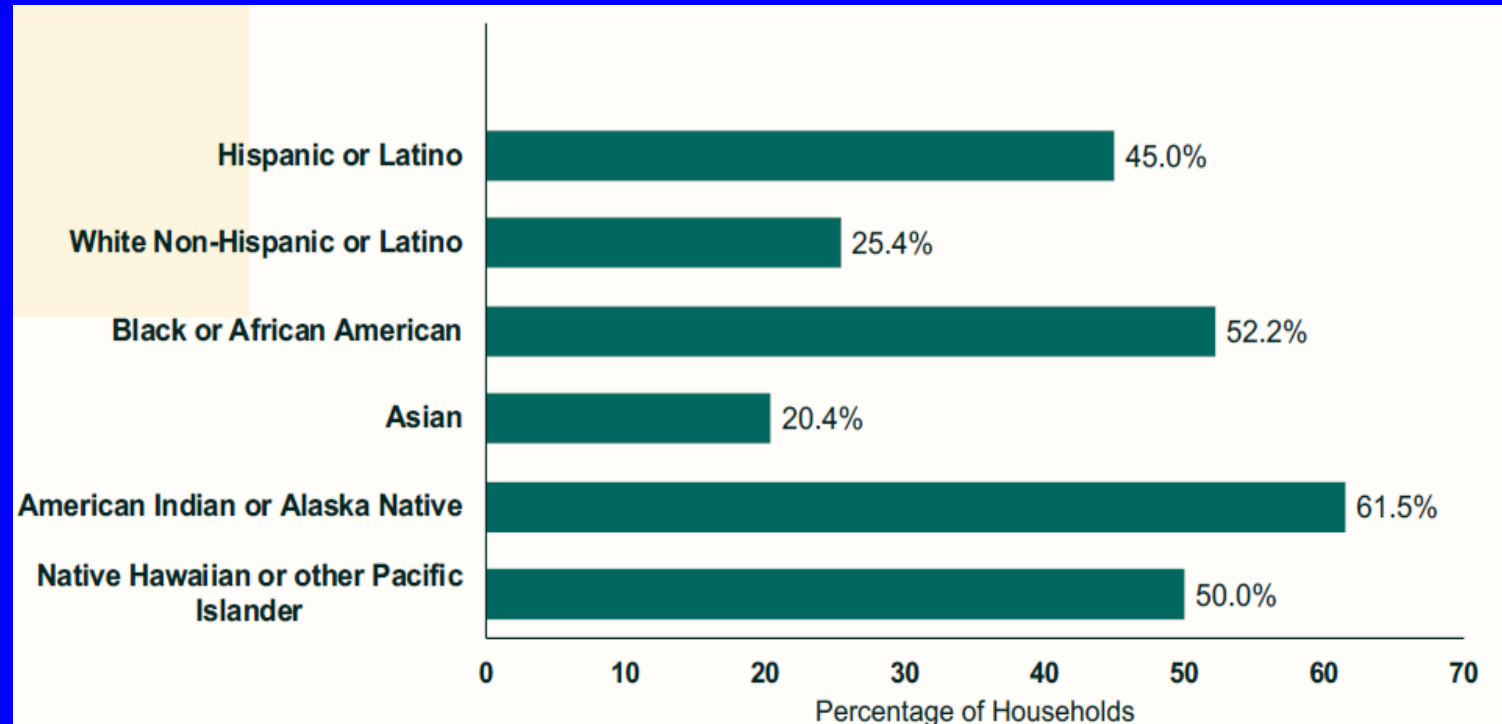
Re-Use, Recycling, Disposal



To achieve real Sustainability  
we would Ultimately like  
to have a Circular Technology  
Based on  
Earth Abundant and Inexpensive  
Materials!

Supply Chain and Waste Stream  
Must be part of the design!

# Households Experiencing Energy Insecurity (2015)



S. Baker/Yale

Lower income households are disproportionately non-white  
Storage can help with Social Equity!  
DOE has Initiative to develop Metrics and Projects

# Towards Long Duration:

For many States in the U.S.  
2050 has become common  
as a Planning Horizon  
for 100% Renewables  
and Deep Decarbonization

But while the Transmission Grid  
Spans the Continent  
Storage only covers  
rather Modest Durations

15 min -- 1hr – 4hrs

e.g. 2020 Q3: 476 MW / 764MWh  
1 ½ hours!



As Penetration of Renewable Generation  
Continues to increase,  
Incremental Solutions  
will no longer be sufficient

Longer Duration Storage  
is urgently required!

8 Hours – 12 Hours – Days – Seasons

# Cost Goals for Focus Technologies

Manufactured at scale

Li-ion Batteries (cells)	\$100/kWh
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V/V Flow Batteries (stack+PE)	\$300/kWh
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Zinc Manganese Oxide (Zn-MnO <sub>2</sub> ) 2 Electron System	\$ 50/kWh
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Low Temperature Na / Na-ion based Batteries	\$ 60/kWh
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Aqueous Soluble Organic (ASO) Redox Flow Batteries (stack+PE)	\$125/kWh
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Advanced Lead Acid	\$ 35/kWh
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# On the Horizon:

“Better” Lithium, Solid State / Non-Lithium Technologies:  
Vanadium Redox, Zinc-Bromine, Zinc-Manganese,  
Iron-Chlorine (ESS), Ambri, Sodium (NGK), Lead

Vehicle to Grid – Fleets: School bus. Postal, Military

Thermal Storage in Buildings. Demand Management

Non-Battery Technologies:

Cement Blocks, Rail Systems, CAES, Pumped Hydro  
Thermal Systems (Ice, PCMs, Aesthus, Malta, Liquid Air)

Chemical Systems: Hydrogen, Ammonia, etc.

But what  
is the Business Case??

We need to develop new metrics  
and new models that allow inclusion  
of Social Equity and Environmental Values  
in the operation of Utilities and in  
Statewide Integrated Resource Planning

We need to use Systems Dynamics,  
Showing how Factors Interact  
and Evolve through time.

How do we get from Here to There??

► It will take everything we've got!

We need to take care  
of the Environment  
but we must also  
take care of each other!

But the goal is clear:

100% Decarbonization  
by 2050

Around the Entire World!