



# Powering the Future with Energy Storage

The role of energy storage in enabling  
electrification and grid decarbonization

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## WHO IS CICE?

- Independent not-for-profit organization
- Founded: Fall 2021
- \$105M raised through public/private

### Member partnerships and grants:

- Government of British Columbia
- Shell Canada
- NRCan (Government of Canada)



Canada

## WHY WE EXIST

- **Lead early-stage, catalytic seed investment into innovation** where the lack of validation and revenue metrics are often a barrier to funding
- **Drive market adoption and scale-up** to adopt cleantech faster and more cost effectively – at less risk
- **Enable a world-class clean energy sector** to leverage BC's natural resources and clean energy advantages and attract global investment, build IP, create good jobs and lead a prosperous economy

# CICE PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

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\$ 145M

TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING



\$ 23M

INVESTMENT BY CICE

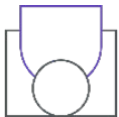


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T/YR POTENTIAL GHG ABATEMENT



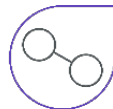
BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE



CARBON MANAGEMENT



LOW CARBON BIO & SYNTHETIC FUELS



LOW CARBON HYDROGEN

# CICE Supported Innovators

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# Agenda + objectives

## AGENDA + OBJECTIVES

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### 1. Context

How renewables  
and electrification  
change the grid

### 2. Applications

Energy storage  
provides many  
different services

### 3. Technologies + innovation

Current energy  
storage market,  
new technologies

### 4. What it all means for B.C.

BC needs,  
BC strengths



# 1. Context



# VARIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY (VRE) DYNAMICS

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## GROWING MARKET SHARE



### FALLING COSTS

PV Module down 8X  
Onshore wind down 2X  
(\$/MW since 2010)<sup>1</sup>



### INCREASING PENETRATION

PV up 10X, Wind up 2X  
share of worldwide capacity  
California, Texas >25% of  
energy in 2022<sup>2</sup>

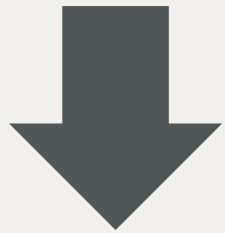
<sup>1</sup> BloombergNEF 2023

<sup>2</sup> US Energy Information Administration

# VARIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY (VRE) DYNAMICS

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## ...BUT DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS



### VARIABLE SUPPLY

Capacity factor  
~25% for solar,  
~35% for wind<sup>2</sup>



### COST PROFILE

VRE is higher capex,  
**near zero opex**



### DEPLOYMENT SCALE

Wind turbines <15 MW,  
solar from rooftop  
to utility-scale

<sup>2</sup> US Energy Information Administration

## CONSEQUENCES OF INCREASING VRE PENETRATION

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Displacement of traditional generators



Curtailment (local and system-wide)



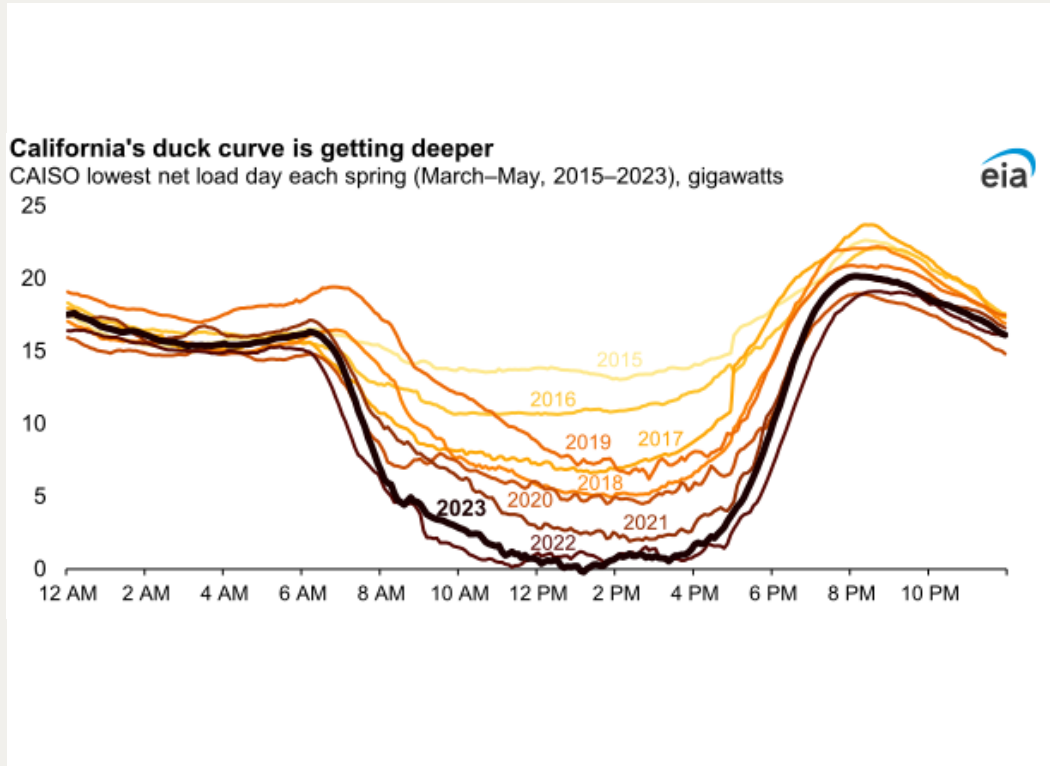
Greater cycling of dispatchable generation, especially natural gas



Mostly low wholesale prices, with price spikes

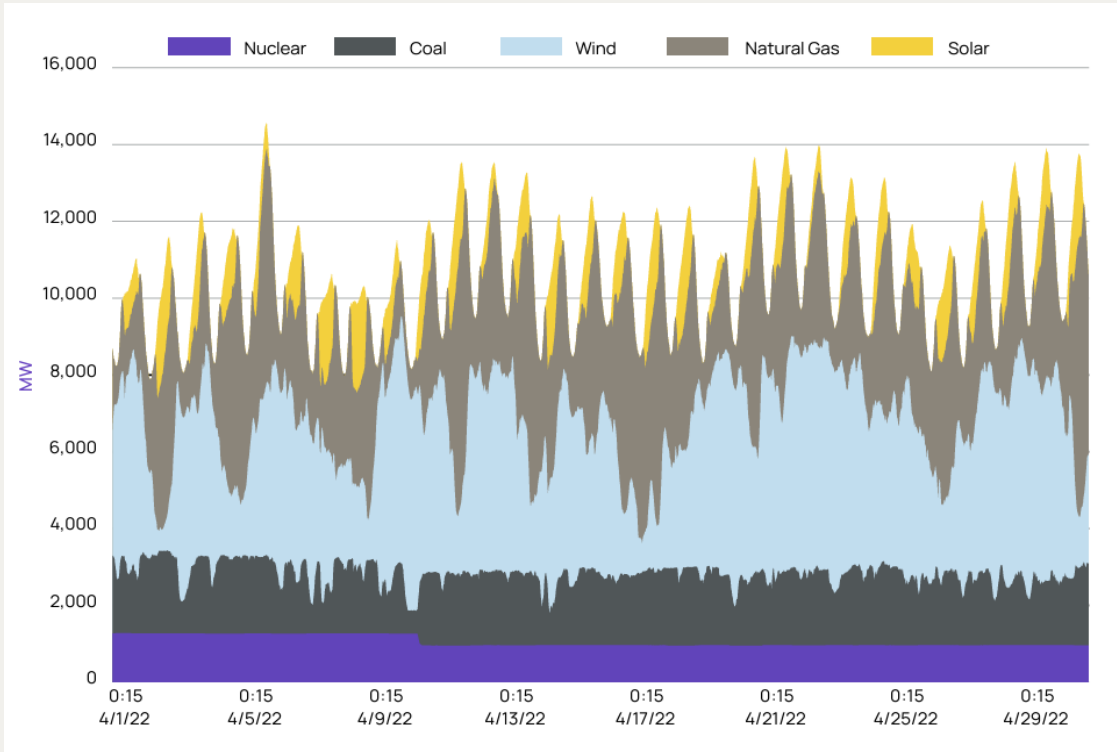
# CONSEQUENCES OF INCREASING VRE PENETRATION

## California - Solar dominant



EIA, 2023

## Texas - Wind dominant



ERCOT, "Grid Information - Generation Fuel Mix Report 2022," 31 August 2023.

# ELECTRIFICATION IMPACTS

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## INDUSTRY



Electricity use in industry  
doubles (+35 EJ) by 2050<sup>1</sup>

## TRANSPORTATION



Another 35 EJ increase by 2050<sup>1</sup>  
Large increase in daily peak

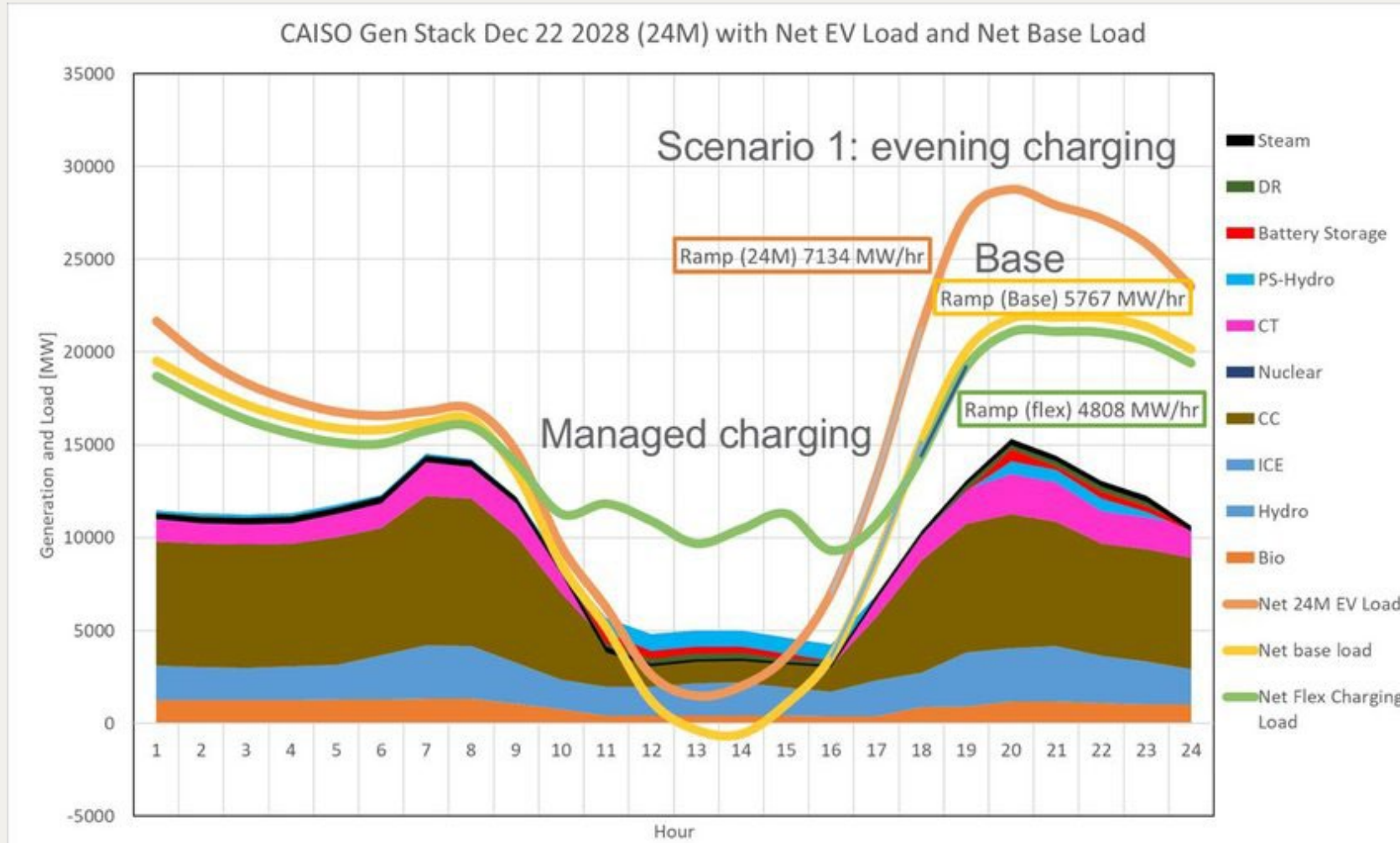
## HEATING



Additional 25 EJ by 2050<sup>1</sup>  
Shifts summer to winter peaks  
Compounds daily peak demand,  
especially on the coldest days

<sup>1</sup> International Energy Agency Net Zero by 2050

# ELECTRIFICATION IMPACTS





## 2. Applications



# ENERGY STORAGE – PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

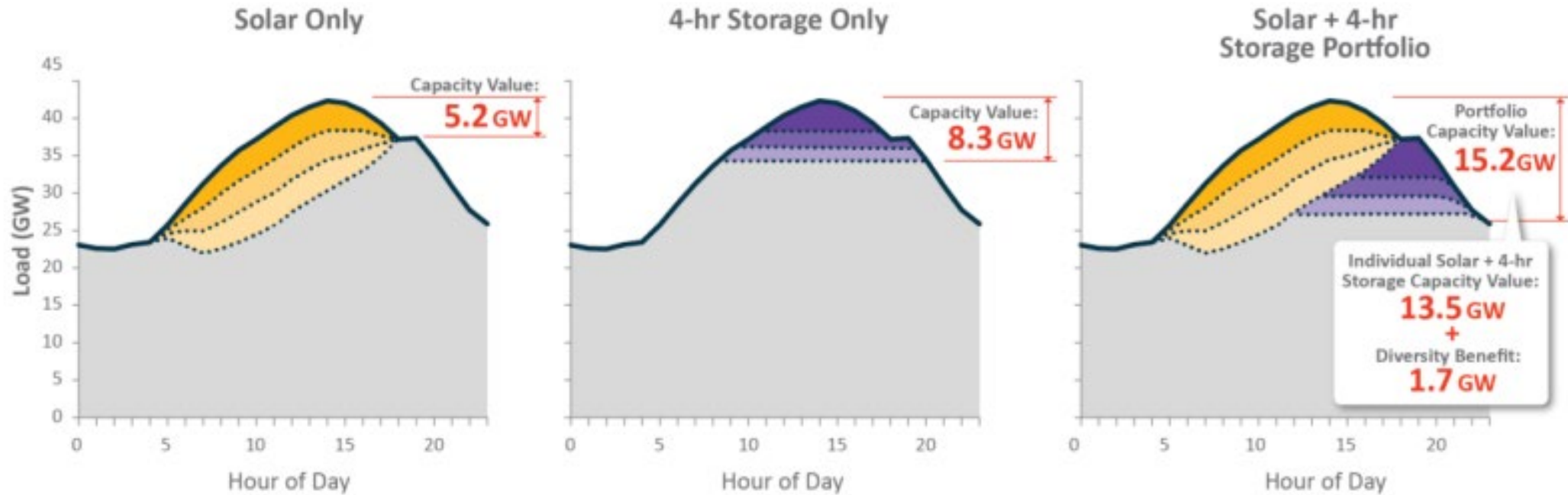
## ENERGY ARBITRAGE

Buy low, sell high

## PEAKING CAPACITY

Displacing natural gas

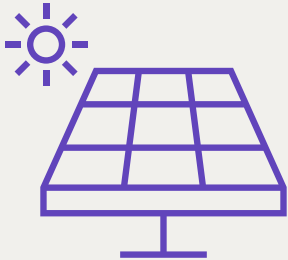
## ENABLING VRE PARTICIPATION IN CAPACITY MARKETS



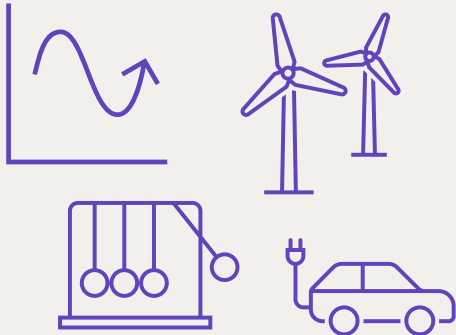


# STORAGE DELIVERS MUCH MORE

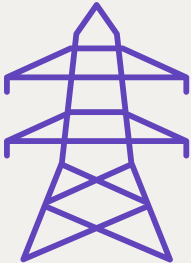
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**BEHIND-THE-METER**



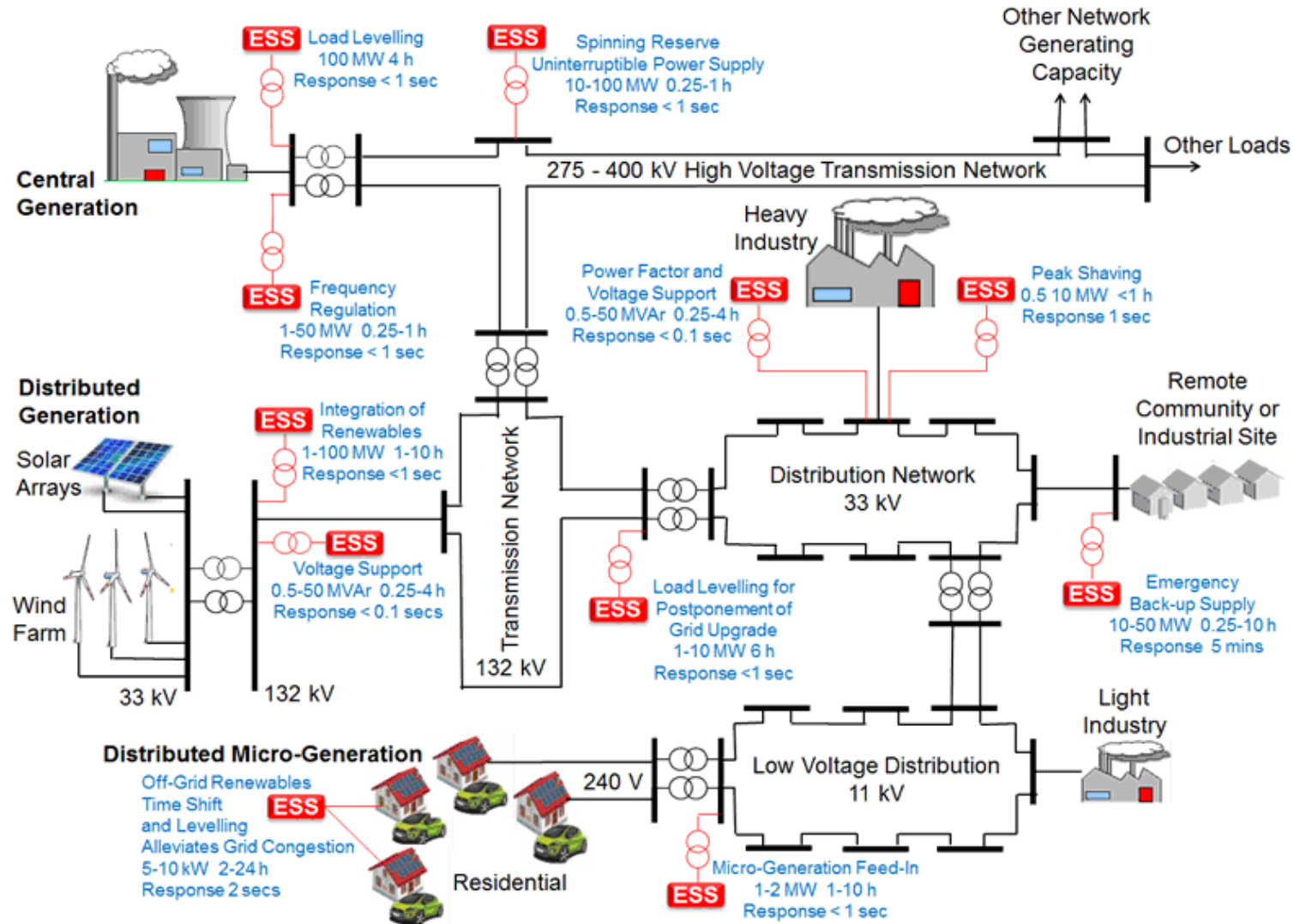
**ANCILLARY  
SERVICES**



**TRANSMISSION +  
DISTRIBUTION  
NETWORK**

# GRID ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (ESS) AND APPLICATIONS

## Grid Energy Storage Systems (ESS) and Applications



# STORAGE CREATES VALUE DELIVERING MULTIPLE SERVICES

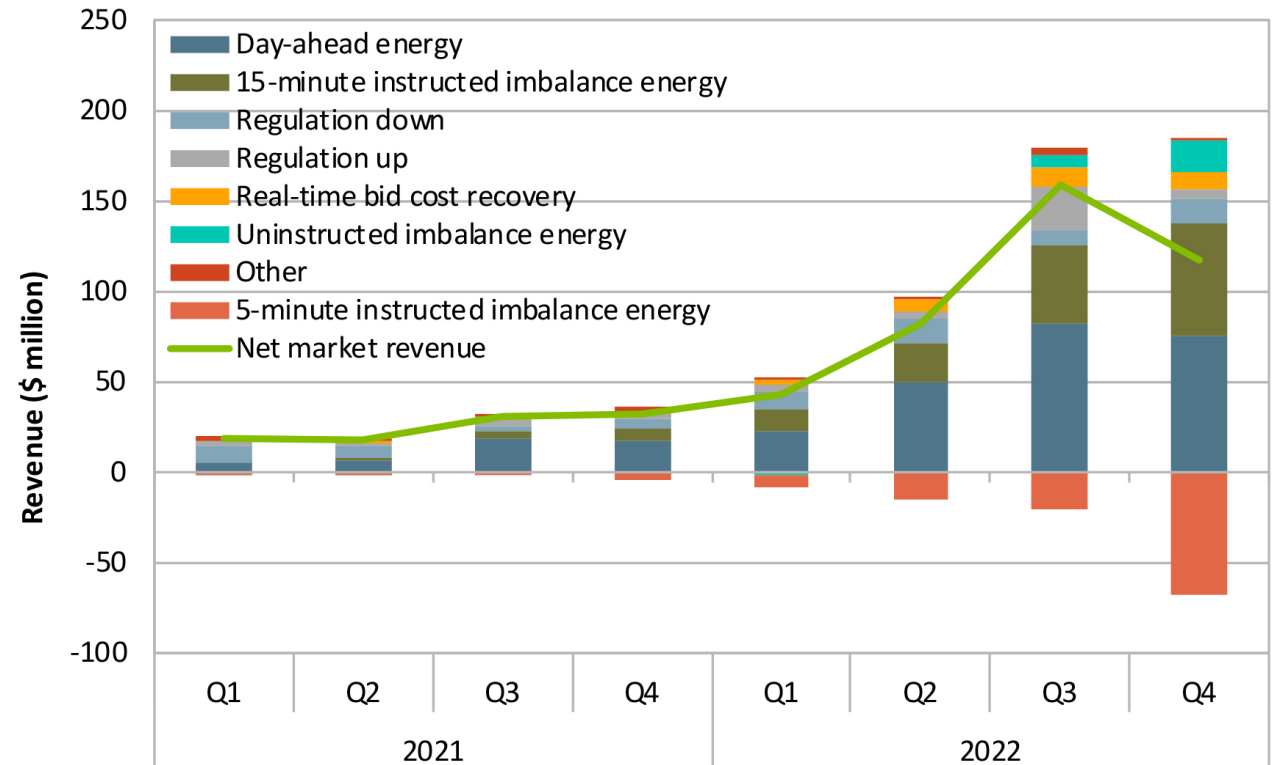
## SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED SIMULTANEOUSLY

### Front-of-the-meter example

- Energy arbitrage
- Frequency response
- Reserve capacity
- Voltage support

### Behind-the-meter example

- Energy arbitrage
- Bill management
- Backup power



Quarterly Revenues for Battery Resources in California, CAISO

# ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM MARKET

## RAPID GROWTH

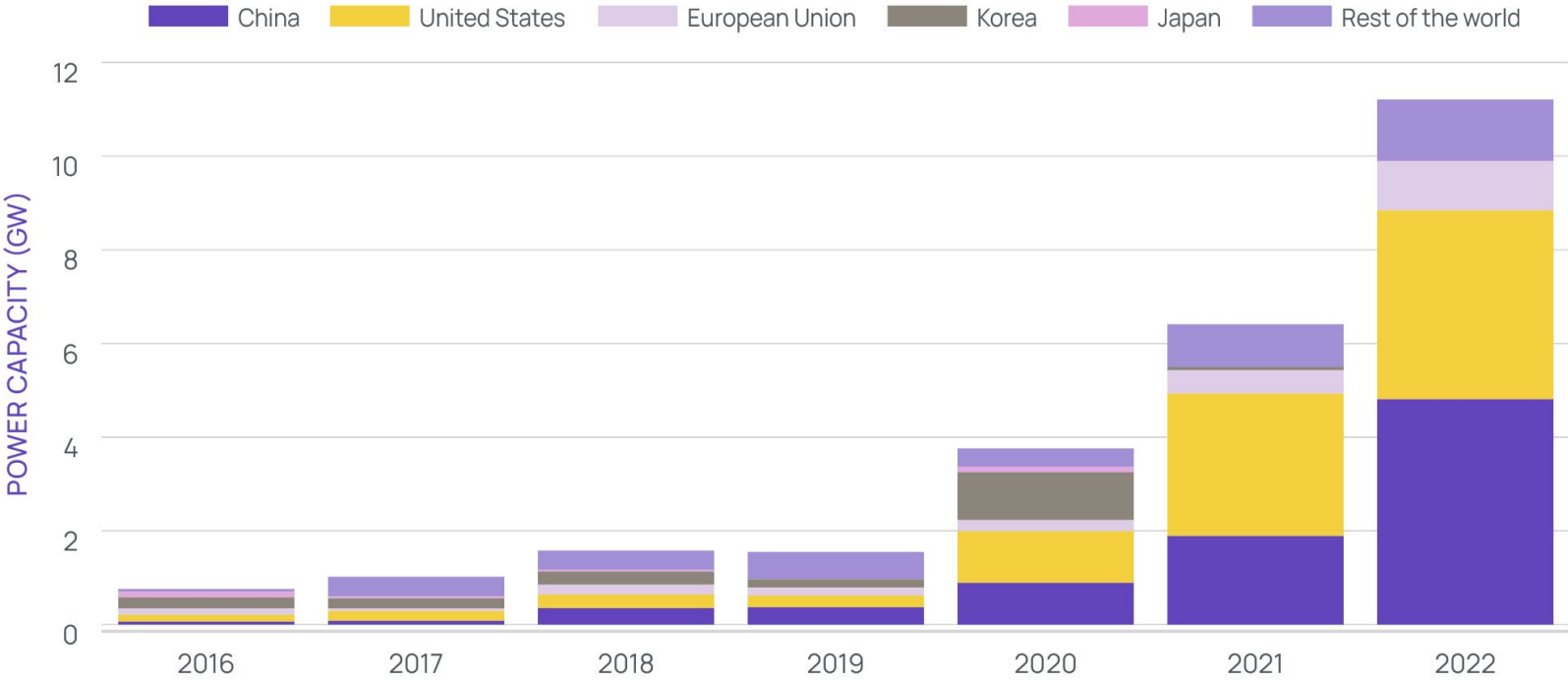
10X increase in annual deployments since 2016

## SHORT DURATIONS

Average duration of US utility-scale energy storage systems 2020-2022 was **2.3 hours**<sup>1</sup>

## LITHIUM BATTERIES

277 of 283 US utility-scale energy storage systems 2020-2022 used **lithium batteries**<sup>1</sup>

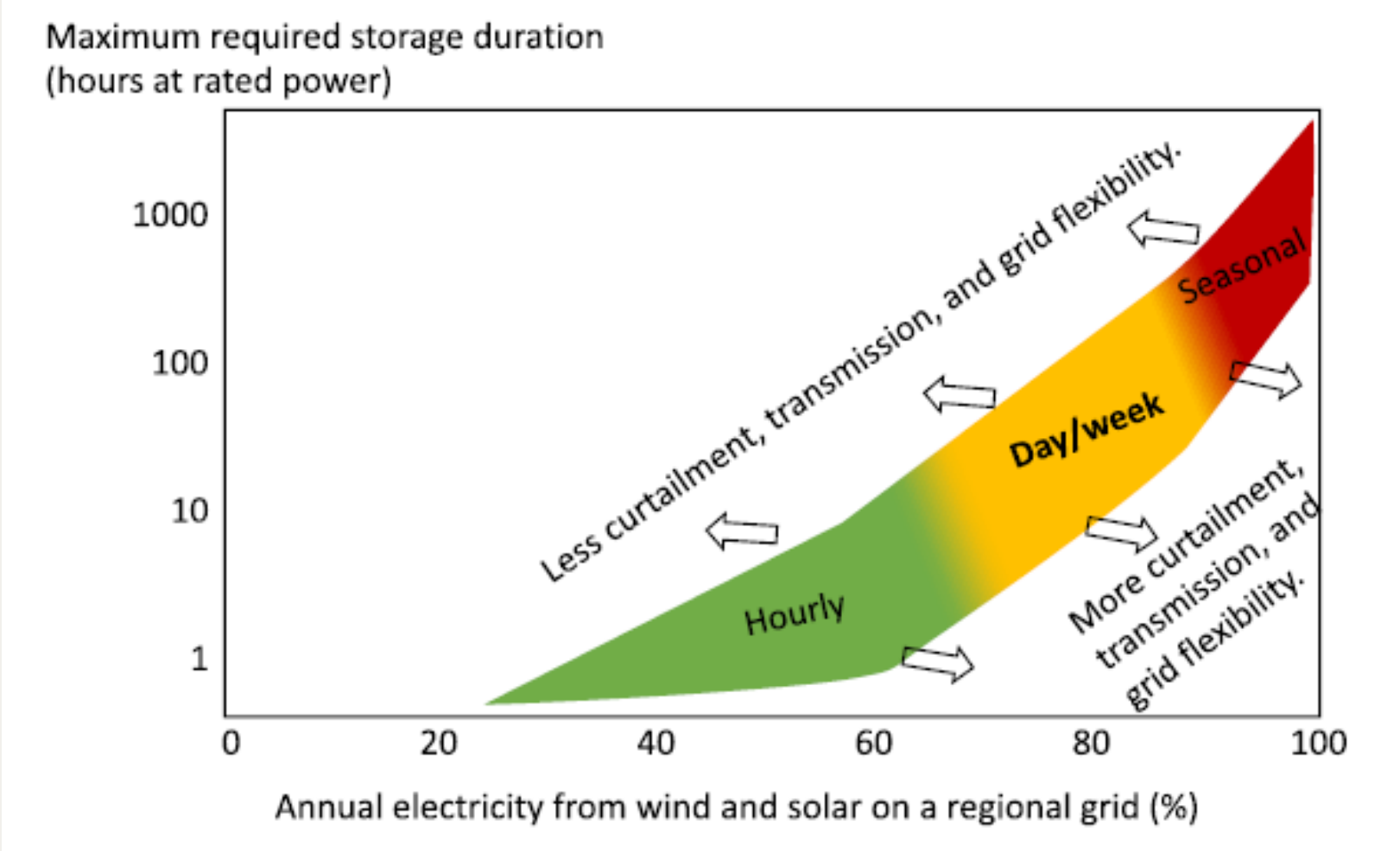


<sup>1</sup> US Energy Information Administration

Annual Grid-Scale Battery Additions, International Energy Agency

IEA, "Annual Grid-Scale Battery Additions," 29 January 2024.

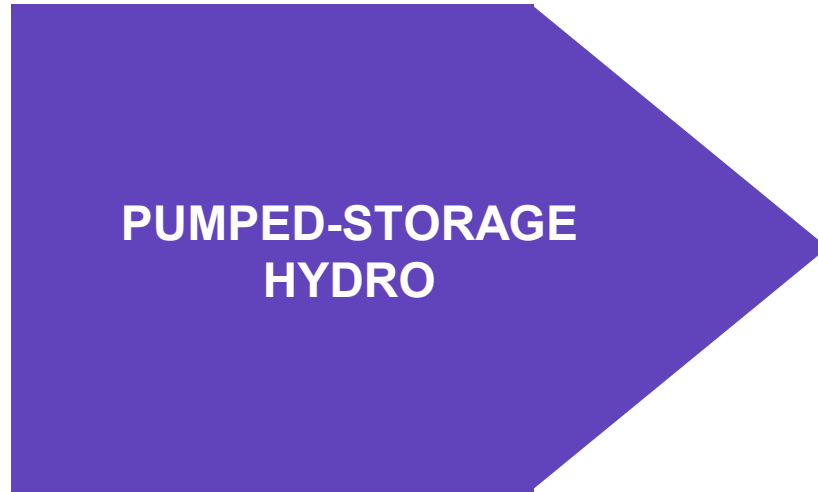
# STORAGE MARKET MUST EVOLVE WITH INCREASING VRE





# 3. Technologies + innovation

# TECHNOLOGIES – CURRENT LEADERS



- **Largest installed capacity**
- **Scalability makes it the incumbent for long-duration applications**

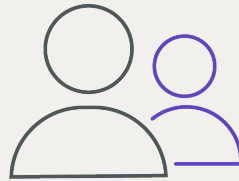
Storage System	Number of plants and of generators	Power capacity (MW)	Energy capacity (MWh)	Gross generation (MWh)	Net generation (MWh)
<b>Pumped-storage hydro</b>	40-152	22,008	NA	22,459,700	-6,003,905
<b>Batteries</b>	403-429	8,842	11,105	2,913,805	-539,294
<b>Solar-thermal</b>	2-3	405	NA	NA	NA
<b>Compressed-air</b>	1-2	110	110	NA	57
<b>Flywheels</b>	4-5	47	17	NA	0

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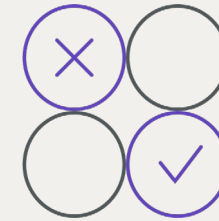
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**Lithium-ion dominates the market and is still improving rapidly**



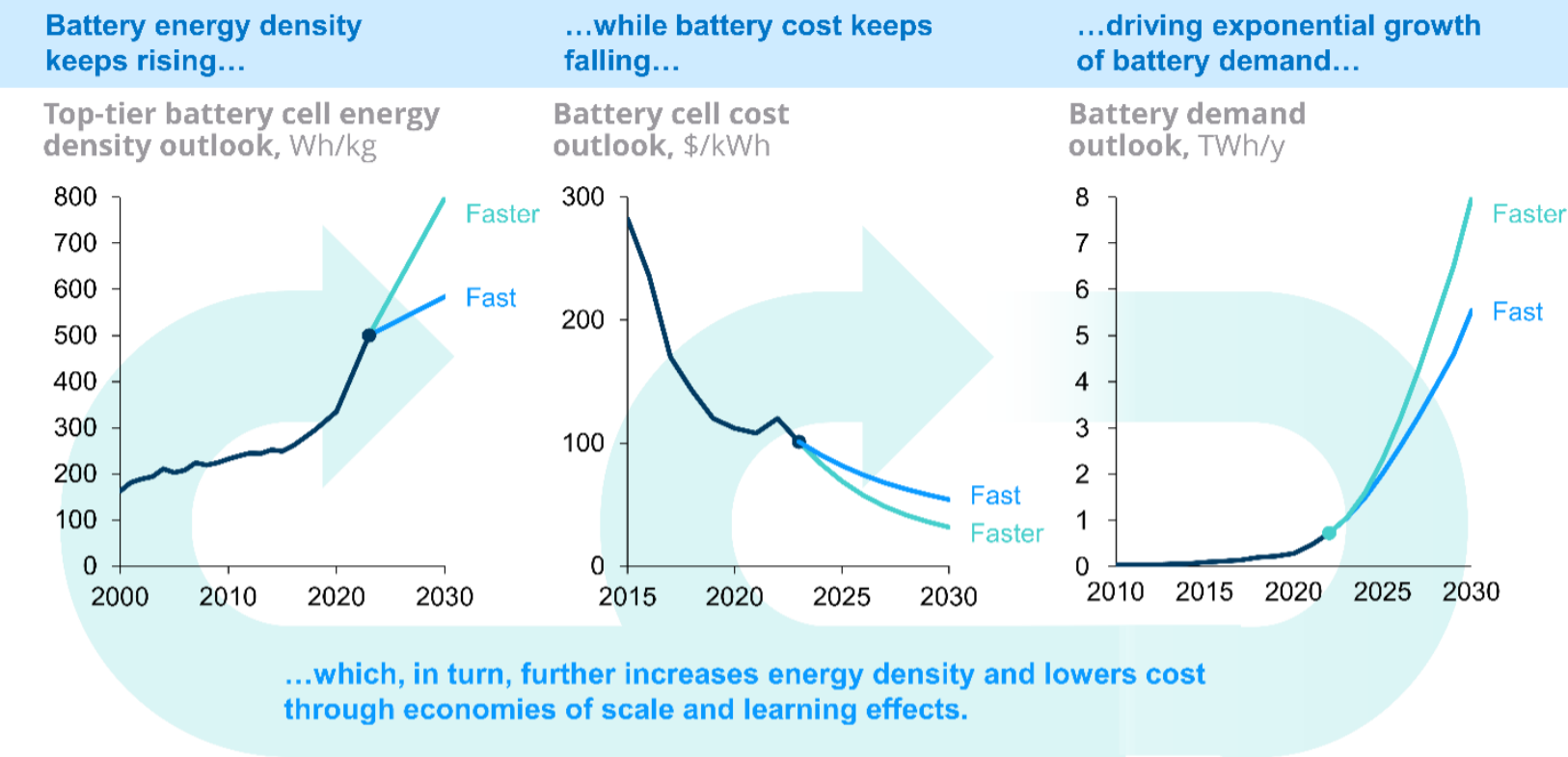
**Competing with lithium-ion's scale and rate of improvement is a challenge for new entrants**



**BUT lithium-ion is highly unlikely to reduce costs sufficiently to make long-duration storage viable**



# TECHNOLOGIES – CURRENT LEADERS



RMI, "X-Change: Batteries - The Battery Domino Effect" 2023.

## TECHNOLOGIES – OTHER ELECTROCHEMICAL

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### FLOW BATTERIES

Vanadium redox (Invinity), zinc-bromine most advanced.

Scalable, with independent power and energy.

Can bridge gap between short duration and very long duration.

### METAL / AIR BATTERIES

Iron, zinc, aluminum.

Potential for very low cost (e.g. iron/air by Form Energy).

Low efficiency.

Best suited for long duration applications.

### OTHER

Sodium-ion uses similar manufacturing tech but avoids the supply chain risks of Li.

Variations on zinc batteries (e.g. “alkaline”)

Nickel-hydrogen (EnerVenue).

Supercapacitors.

- Advantages for high power / fast response services (e.g. frequency response), most likely integrated with batteries.

Common themes: no/low fire risk, long cycle life, not dependent on critical minerals, early stages of development or deployment. Need project wins and manufacturing scale to advance learning curve and compete with Li-ion.

## TECHNOLOGIES – NON-ELECTRIC

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### THERMAL

Wide range of latent, sensible, and some thermochemical technologies at different temperatures.

Generally, very low-cost storage medium.

Poor efficiency to convert back to electricity make applications that need heat a primary target (industry, space heating).

### COMPRESSED AIR

Need to capture and reuse the heat of compression for reasonable efficiency, making this is a mixed mechanical/thermal storage tech.

Below ground reservoirs much lower cost but restricted by geography.

Early stage above ground tech (liquid air, compressed CO<sub>2</sub>).

### HYDROGEN

Low volumetric energy density makes above-ground storage and bulk transportation expensive.

Important for decarbonizing some industrial applications.

Early storage markets will be at locations which use hydrogen and have inexpensive electricity (surplus VRE).

### OTHER

Gravity storage can be efficient but has very low energy density.

Common themes: Low-cost storage media, long lifetimes, and independent scaling of power and energy make these all long-duration energy storage candidates. Generally low efficiency. LDES market still nascent.

# OTHER COMPONENTS

Storage systems contain more technology than what is in the storage block (e.g. batteries)

Balance of system (e.g. HVAC), power conversion equipment, communication and control are important



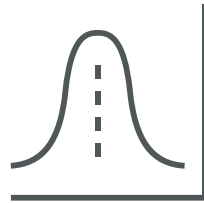
Grid-forming inverters are a particularly critical technology (and opportunity) as VRE penetration increases

		1 MW		10 MW	
		Duration			
		2 hr	4 hr	4 hr	10 hr
<b>Total Installed Cost (US\$)</b>		\$1,037,160	\$1,793,360	\$16,428,500	\$37,667,100
<b>Component</b>		Fraction of Total Installed Cost			
		Scales with			
<b>DC Storage Block</b>	Energy	36%	41%	42%	45%
<b>DC Storage BOS</b>	Energy	9%	9%	10%	10%
<b>Power Equipment</b>	Power	8%	5%	4%	2%
<b>C&amp;C</b>	Power	4%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Systems Integration</b>	Energy	11%	11%	11%	11%
<b>EPC</b>	Energy	13%	14%	14%	14%
<b>Project Development</b>	Energy	16%	16%	16%	17%
<b>Grid Integration</b>	Power	3%	2%	2%	1%

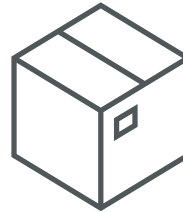
DOE, "Storage Innovations 2030 - Technology Strategy Assessment - Flow Batteries," US Department of Energy, 2023.

# COMPETITION AND CHALLENGES FOR VRE + LONG DURATION ENERGY STORAGE (LDES)

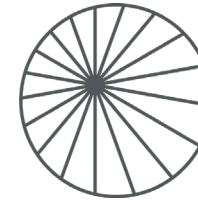
## ALTERNATIVES WILL COMPETE WITH VRE + LDES AS SOLUTIONS FOR A NET-ZERO GRID



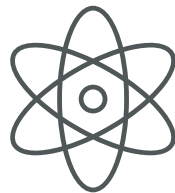
**Demand response**



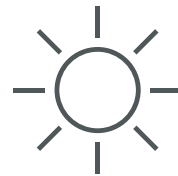
**CCS**



**Renewable natural gas  
or Biofuels**



**Nuclear**



**Overbuild VRE**

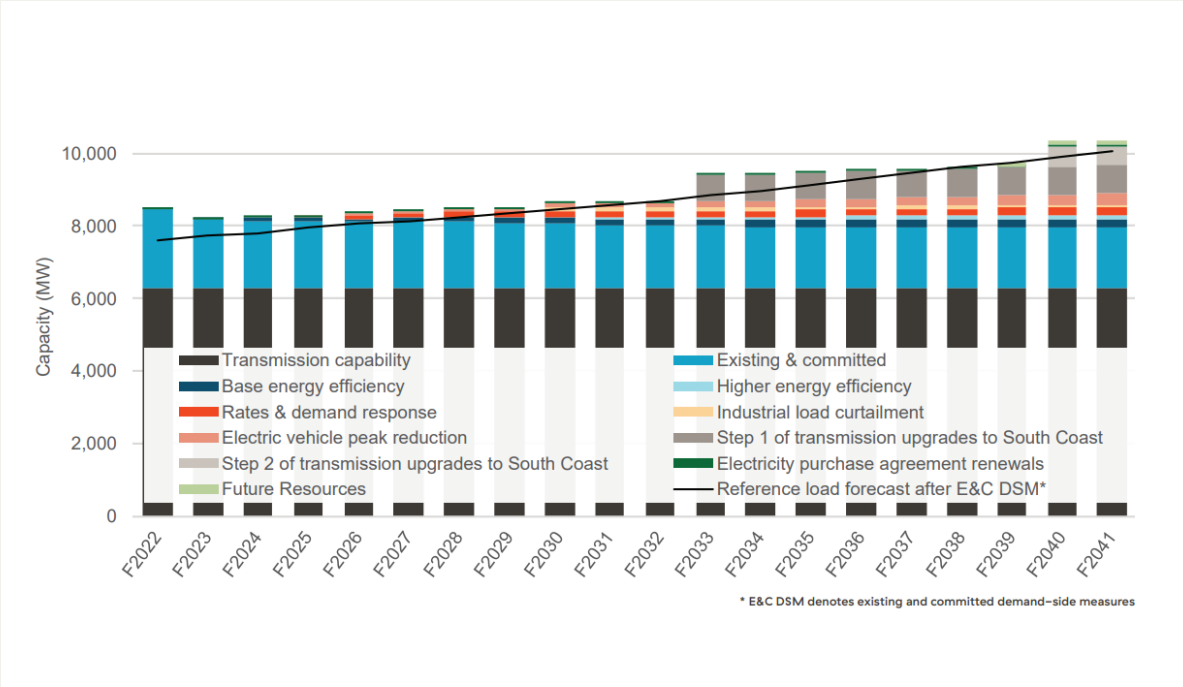
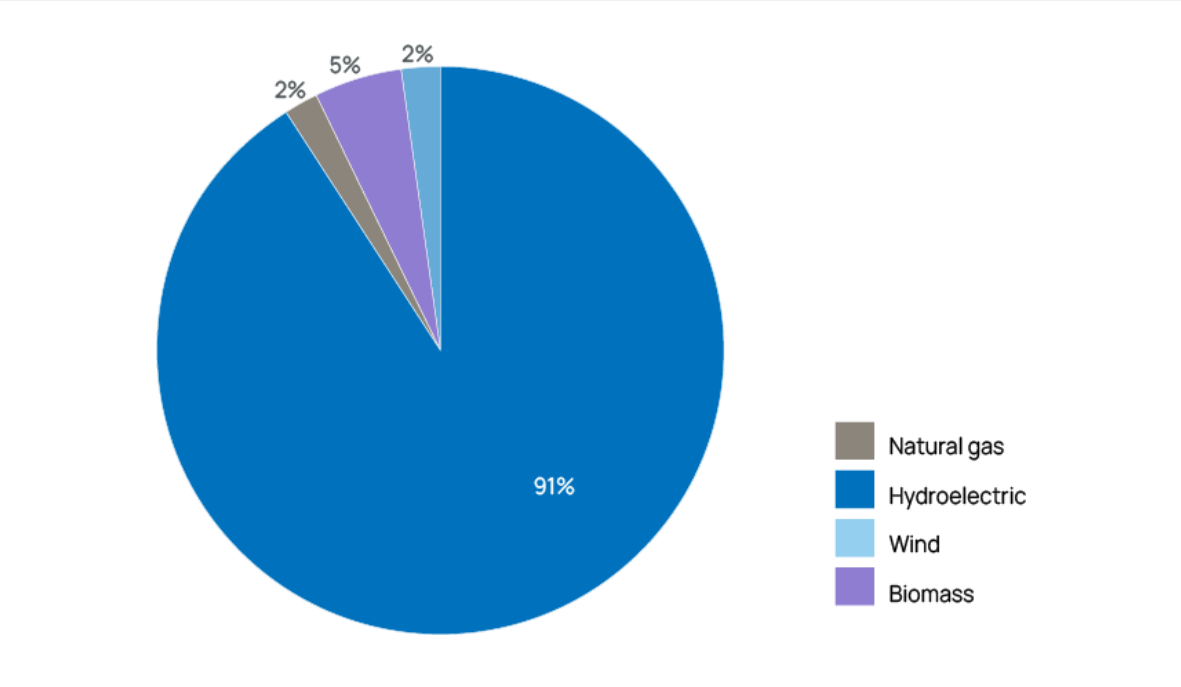


**Transmission capacity**



## 4. What it all means for B.C.

# HYDRO RESOURCE MEANS STORAGE APPLICATIONS ARE DIFFERENT



Statistics Canada, "Electric power generation, monthly generation by type of electricity," 17 October 2023.

BC Hydro, "2021 Integrated Resource Plan (2023 Update)," BC Hydro, 2023.

## BC CONTEXT

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BC's large hydropower system allows for integrating VRE without additional storage.



Most generation resources, however, are distant from the lower mainland (center of demand) and transmission lines are constrained.



BCH planning 600 MW of storage to support transmission.



Electrification will increase peak demand and stress on transmission and distribution systems leading to increased opportunities for storage.



FortisBC leaning on RNG for peaking but have some smaller storage deployments planned.



**LOCAL INNOVATORS HAVE STRENGTHS TO BUILD UPON**

**STRONG HISTORY IN BC IN ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES:**

**Lithium-ion  
batteries and  
materials**

E-One Moli  
Nano One  
Mangrove  
Saltworks

**Flow  
batteries**

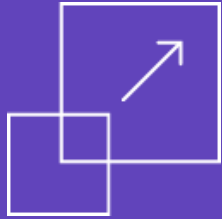
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Xantrex  
EnergyPlug  
Moment

**Hydrogen**

Ballard  
HTEC  
Hexagon Purus  
Powertech  
Vessel Energy



### **SCALE, SCALE, SCALE.**

Most BC technology innovators are pre-market or in early stages of deployment and need to scale to compete with Li-ion's learning curve.



Look at innovation in a broad sense to support this.



# Any other questions?

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