The Role of Storage in the Energy Transition

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Accelerating the Adoption of Electrochemical Energy Storage for Humanity **2019-05-20**

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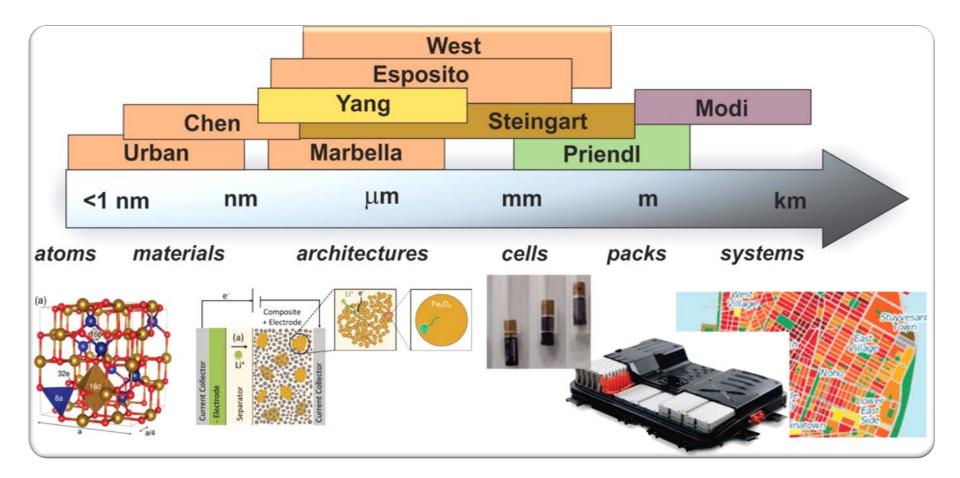
Enable and Exploit Renewable Electrons from Wind and Solar

- 1. Batteries for Storage
- 2. Electrolyzers
 - hydrogen + ...
- 3. Fuel Cells to exploit hydrogen

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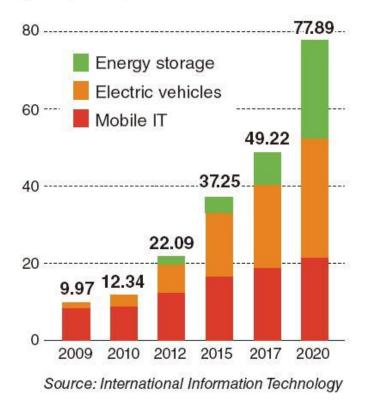
Electrochemical Energy

- Electric Vehicles
 - At 1 million EV, market size (kWhr) is same as electronics

- Chemical Process Industries
 - Electrochemistry for sustainable and economical processes

Lithium-battery market outlook

(Unit: \$billion)



Historic Opportunity for Grid

Renewables on the Grid

- NY State: 50% renewables by 2030
- NYBEST report: 4 GW in NYS alone

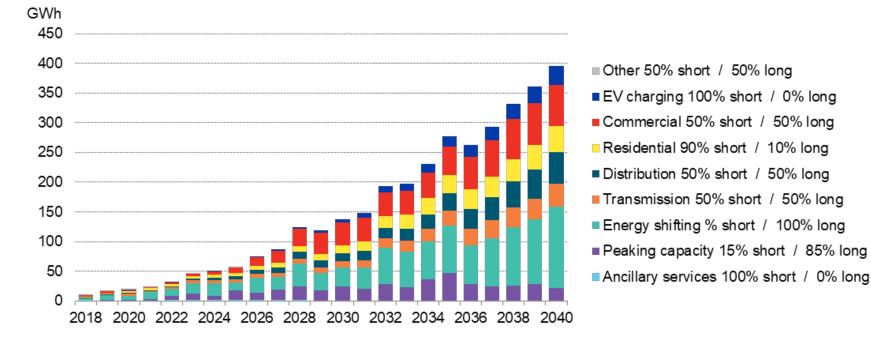
Storage Requirements Change as Renewable Energy Target Changes from 50 to 80 %...



Stationary energy storage market

Long 4-8 hour applications growing faster than shorter applications

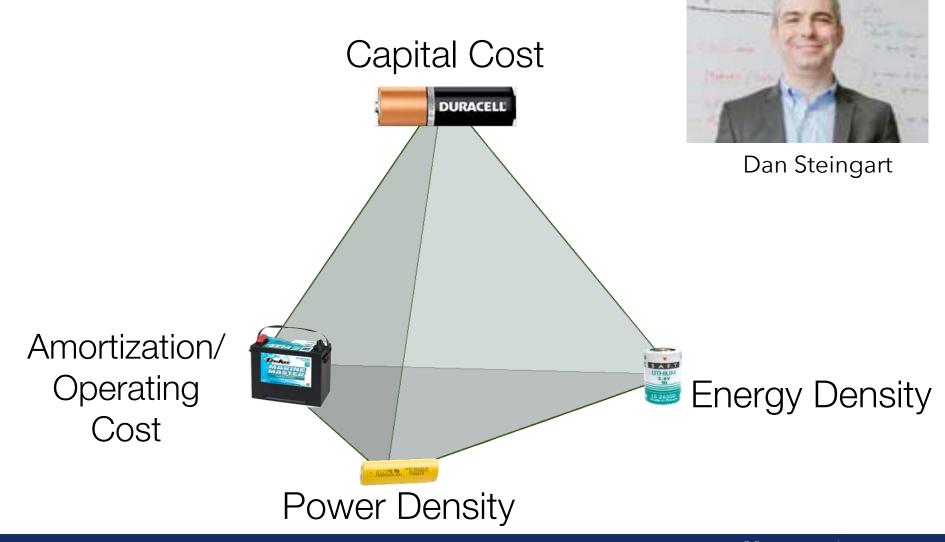
Storage deployments by application



Source: data from Bloomberg New Energy Finance, *Long-Term Energy Storage Outlook, November 2018.* Long/short estimates from Primus Power.



Batteries 101. Different Applications Demand Different Tradeoffs



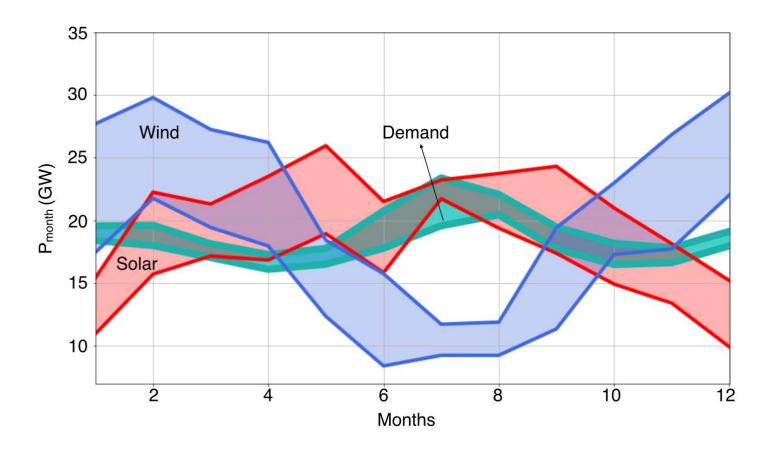
Adoption of Storage: Challenges

- Cost
- Policy/Regulatory Environment
- Safety (Real and Perceived)
- Power and/or Energy Density
- Lifetime

including prediction...

• Sustainable materials

New York State: Renewables



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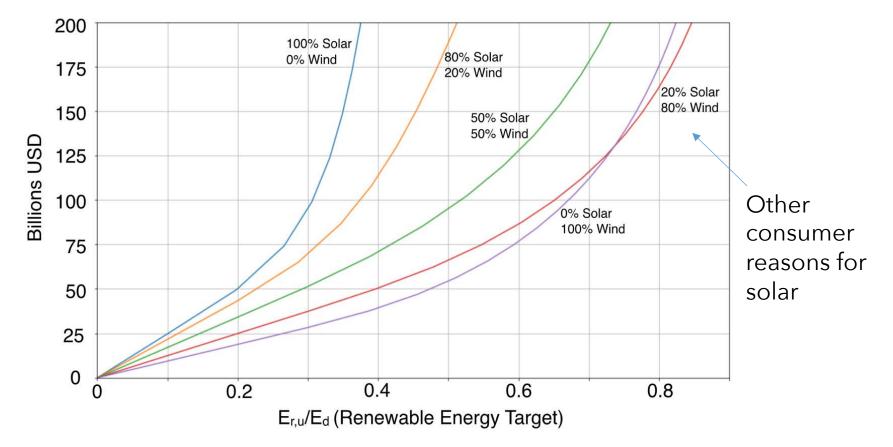
Wind: NREL 6 years of wind speeds (corrected using turbine power) and turbines at optimal locations (Applied Energy 183 (2016) 299–317). Solar: NREL System Advisor Model.

Solar. INKEL System Adviso

Demand: NYISO



Approximate Investment Costs IF NO STORAGE : NY STATE

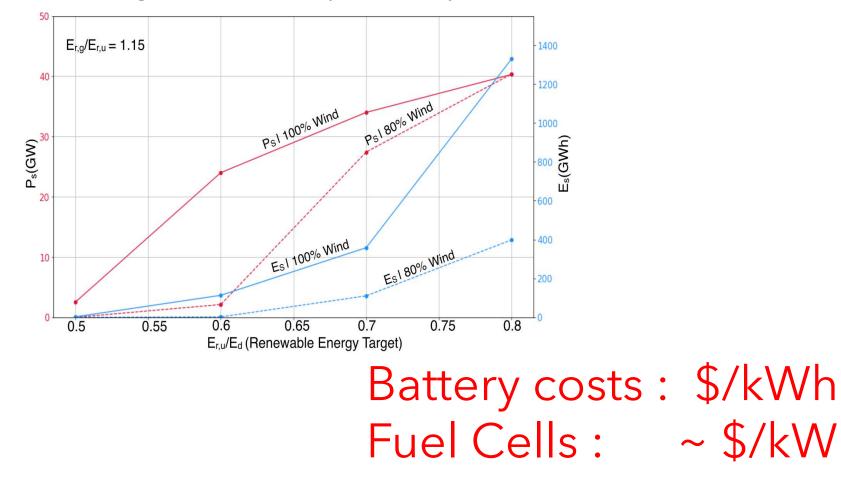


Transmission Costs not Included



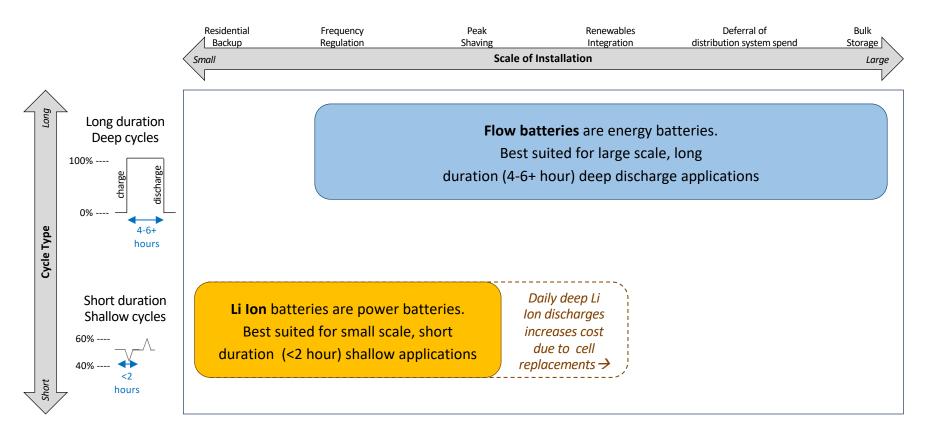
Energy Need from Storage Increases More Rapidly than **Power**

Storage Needs in "Optimal" System



No single battery technology will serve all stationary energy storage applications

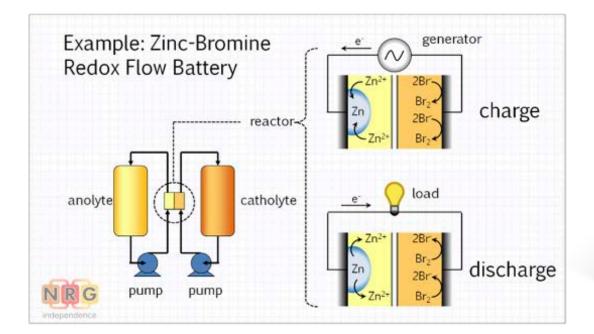
Li Ion is good for short duration, shallow discharges. Flow is best for long duration, deep discharges.



Adapted from The Great Battery Race, Goldman Sachs 2015



ZnBr₂ Batteries

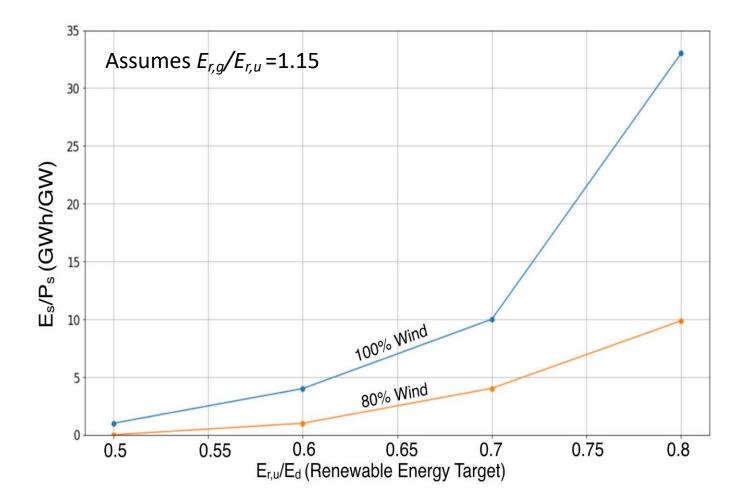




Can we re-engineer to achieve < \$25/kWh?

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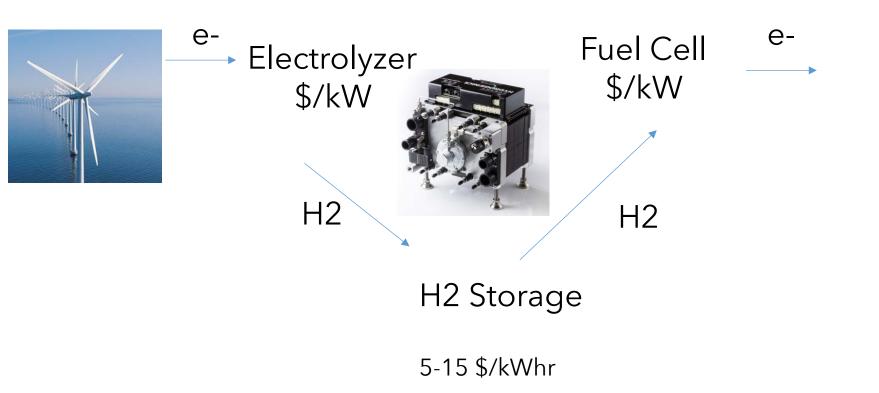
"Battery" Duration



\$/kwh: Battery costs proportional to energy requirements



Alternative to a Battery: Technology with Costs that Scale with Power





NY GRID STORAGE: OTHER FACTORS

- Off-Shore Wind
 - LESS VARIABLE
- Electrification of Transportation
- Electrification of Heating
 - PEAK DEMAND NOW IN
 WINTER

