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**Welcome**

Presented by Kate O'Callaghan (ARENA)

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# Welcome to Country

Presented by Uncle Allan Murray

ARENA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country across Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



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# Opening remarks

Presented by Darren Miller (ARENA)



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# Keynote Presentation

Presented by Alex Campbell (LDES)



# LONG DURATION ENERGY STORAGE: Powering the future

Alex Campbell

Director of Policy & Partnerships, Long Duration Energy Storage Council

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# Agenda

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- About the LDES Council
- The global need for long duration energy storage
- LDES technologies
- Example use cases
- Policy & regulatory reform
- Policy examples worldwide



# The LDES Council is formed by ~ 60 companies, from start-ups to large corporates, in over 20 countries

## TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS



## ANCHOR MEMBERS

Industry & services customers

Equipment manufacturers

Low-carbon energy system integrators & developers



Capital providers



## SERVICE PROVIDERS



## Key principles of the LDES Council

-  Executive-led
-  Global
-  Fact-based
-  For societal benefit
-  All types of energy storage (Chemical, Thermal, Electrochemical, Mechanical)



LDES provides discharge energy continuously for **8+ hours**

- Multi-hour
- Multi-days
- Weeks
- Months, seasonal



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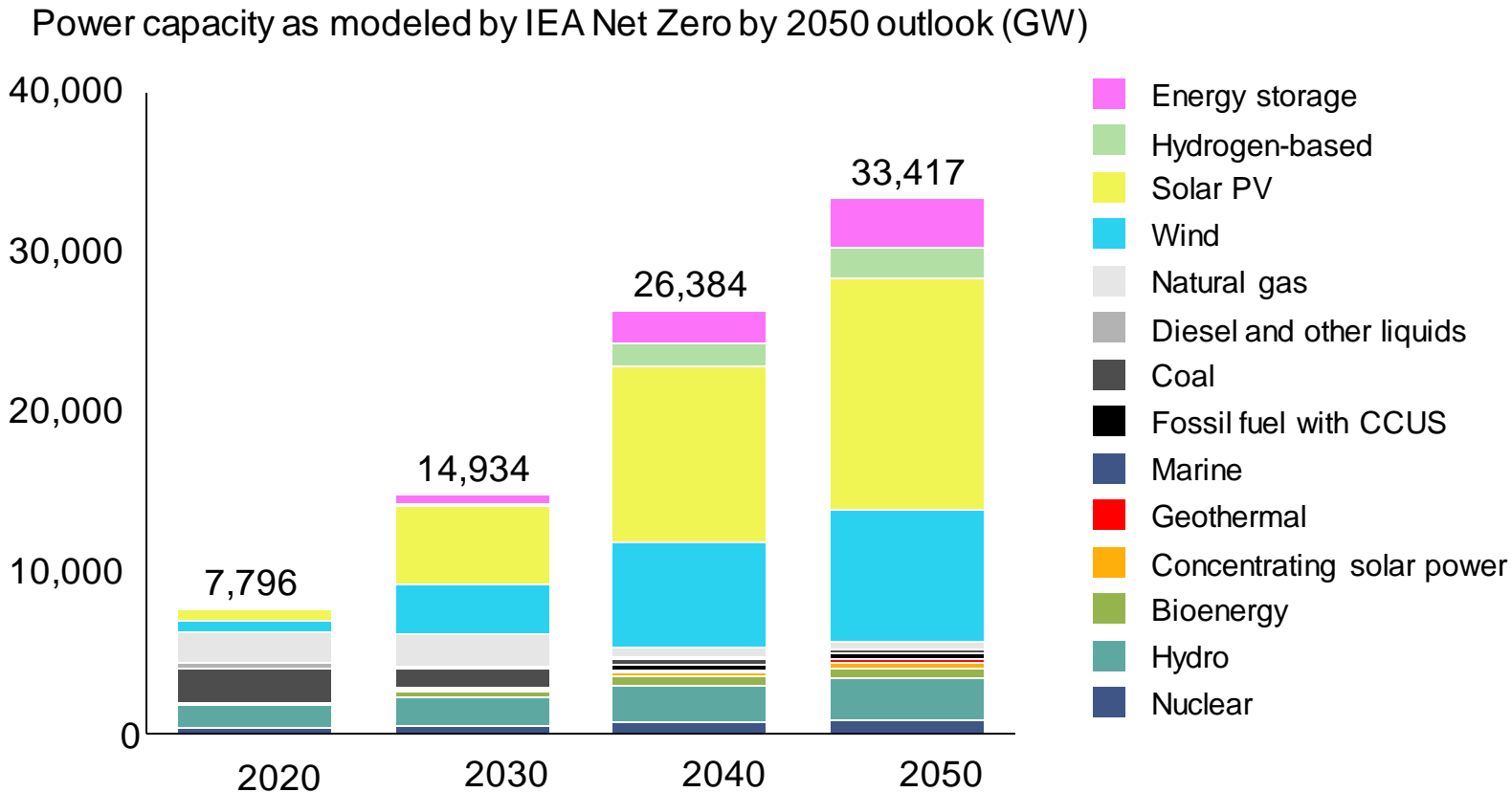
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# Decarbonization of power will create a “flexibility gap”, requiring new resources to balance the net-zero grid – LDES can de-risk the transition

**Power capacity especially of variable renewables – solar PV and wind – expected to increase significantly while conventional flexibility is phased out**



## RES integration leads to new system challenges:

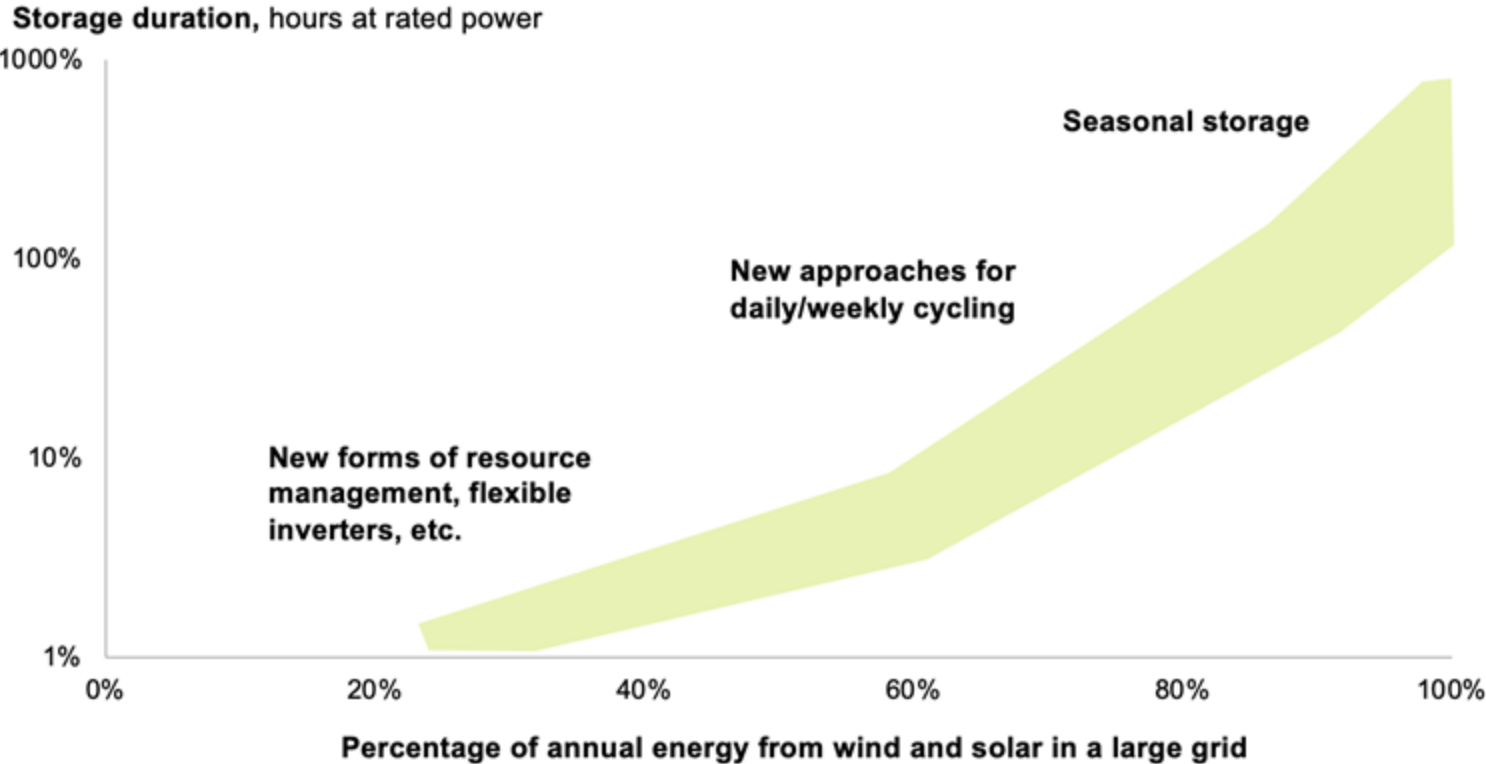
Power supply and demand not always in balance

Transmission flow changes potentially require costly and lengthy transmission upgrades

Retirement of conventional, synchronous generators creates need for new sources of grid support services, e.g., reactive power, inertia

# LDES will be required to get to net-zero power systems

**Adoption curve of longer flexibility durations accelerates at 60-70% RE penetration**



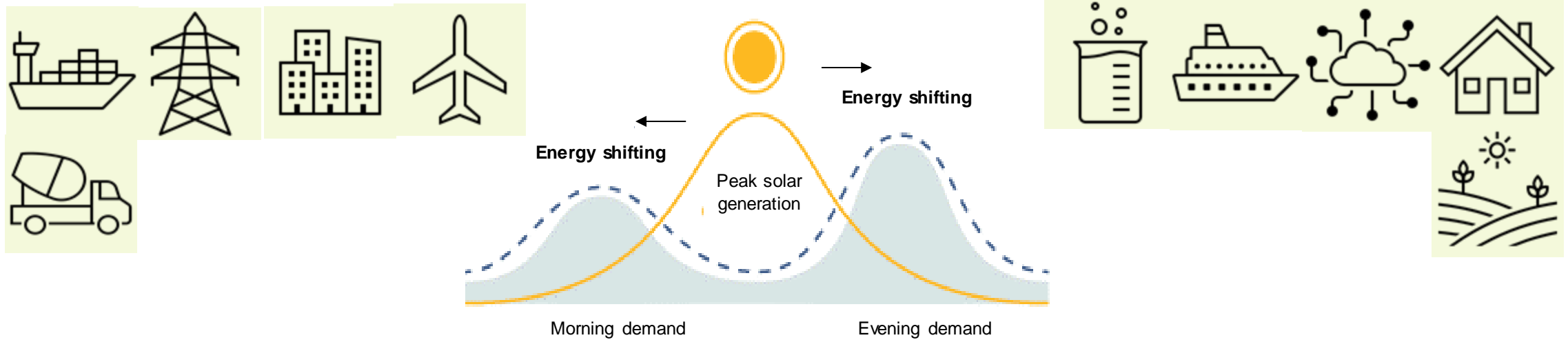
Source: Advanced Research Projects Agency–Energy

As the proportion of variable renewable generation increases on power grids, the depth of storage required to keep the system functioning increases.

With very high levels of variable renewable generation it becomes necessary to store energy across seasonal durations.



# LDES overall system benefits



Growing realization by all sectors of the critical role of LDES

**8 TW**

total potential LDES capacity deployed by 2040

**\$4 trillion**

total capex required to deploy LDES by 2040





**\$540 billion**

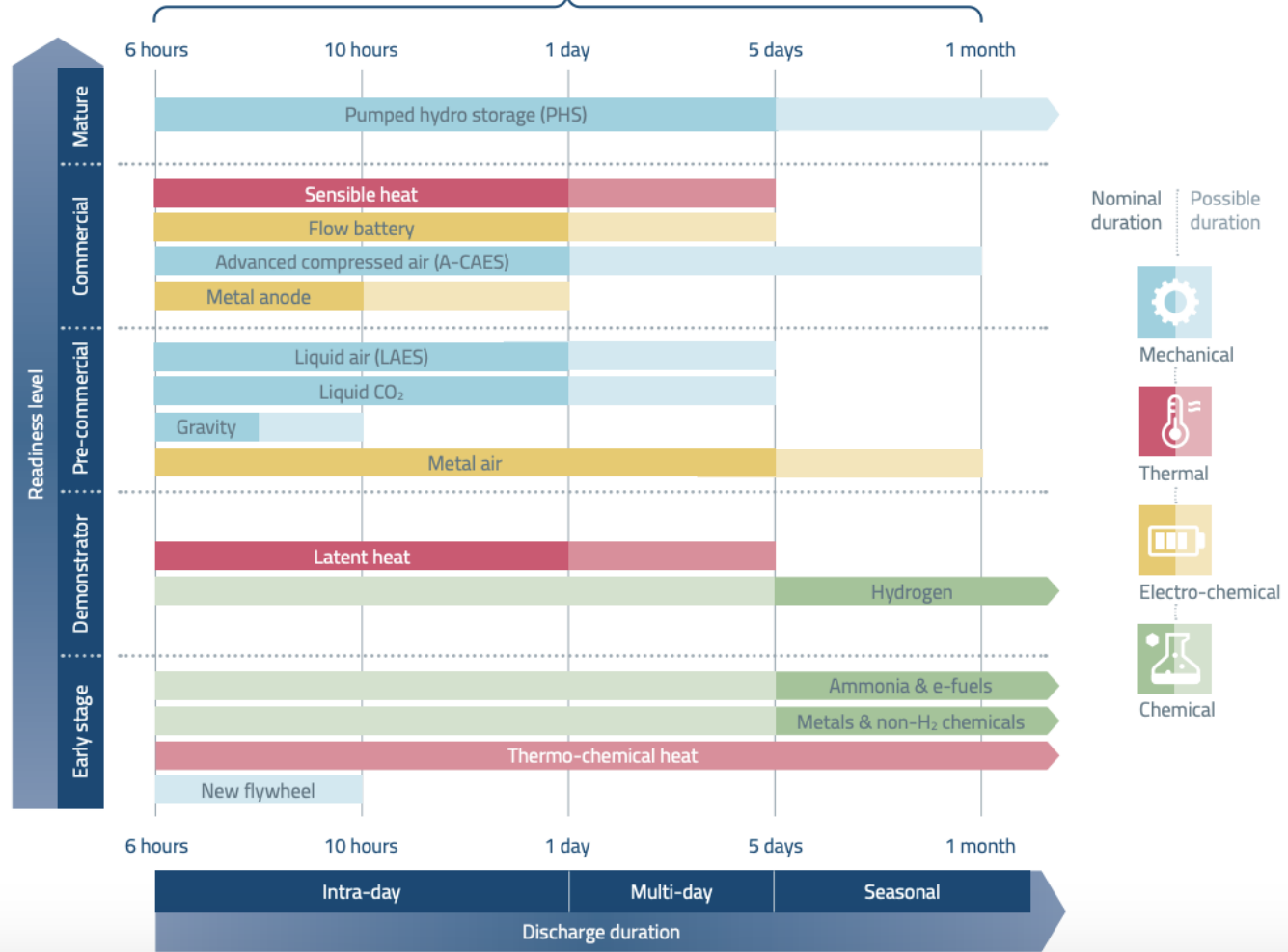
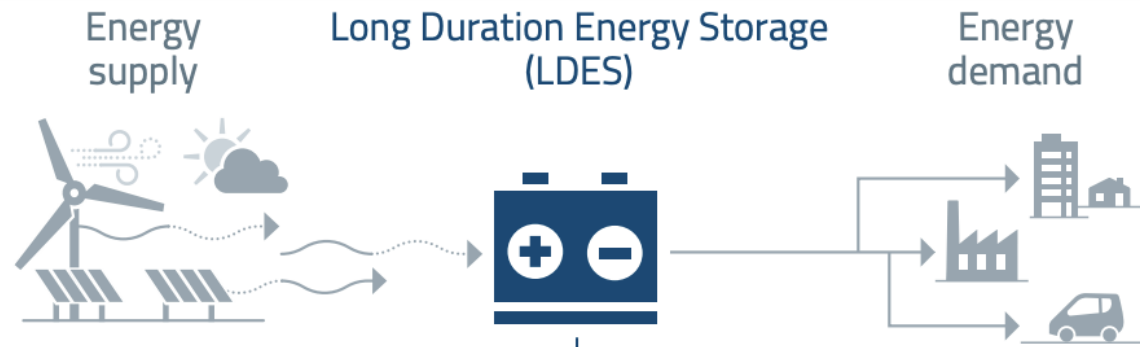
system savings in an 8 TW scenario

**1.5 - 2.3 GT**

avoided power sector carbon dioxide equivalent emissions

# Various technical approaches for LDES – most at pilot or commercial stage deployment – but all can benefit from additional scale

Type	Description	Technology	Market readiness today
<b>Mechanical</b> 	Mechanical LDES store potential or kinetic energy in systems, so that they can release it in the future	Novel pumped hydro (PHS)	Commercial
		Gravity-based	Pilot
		Compressed air (CAES)	Commercial
		Liquid air (LAES)	Pilot (commercial announced)
		Liquid CO <sub>2</sub>	Pilot
<b>Thermal</b> 	Thermal energy storage systems use thermal energy to store and release electricity and heat	Sensible heat (e.g., molten salts, rock material, concrete)	R&D/pilot
		Latent heat (e.g., aluminum alloy)	Commercial
		Thermochemical heat (e.g., zeolites, silica gel)	R&D
<b>Chemical</b> 	Chemical energy storage systems store electricity through the creation of chemical bonds	Power-to-gas-(incl. hydrogen, syngas)-to-power	Pilot (commercial announced)
<b>Electrochemical</b> 	Electrochemical LDES refers to batteries of different chemistries that store energy	Aqueous electrolyte flow batteries	Pilot/commercial
		Metal anode batteries	R&D/pilot
		Hybrid flow battery, with liquid electrolyte and metal anode	Commercial
		Hybrid cathode batteries	Commercial



Different types of LDES are suitable for different end-use requirements.

The capabilities of LDES technologies are increasing over time with continued investment and innovation.



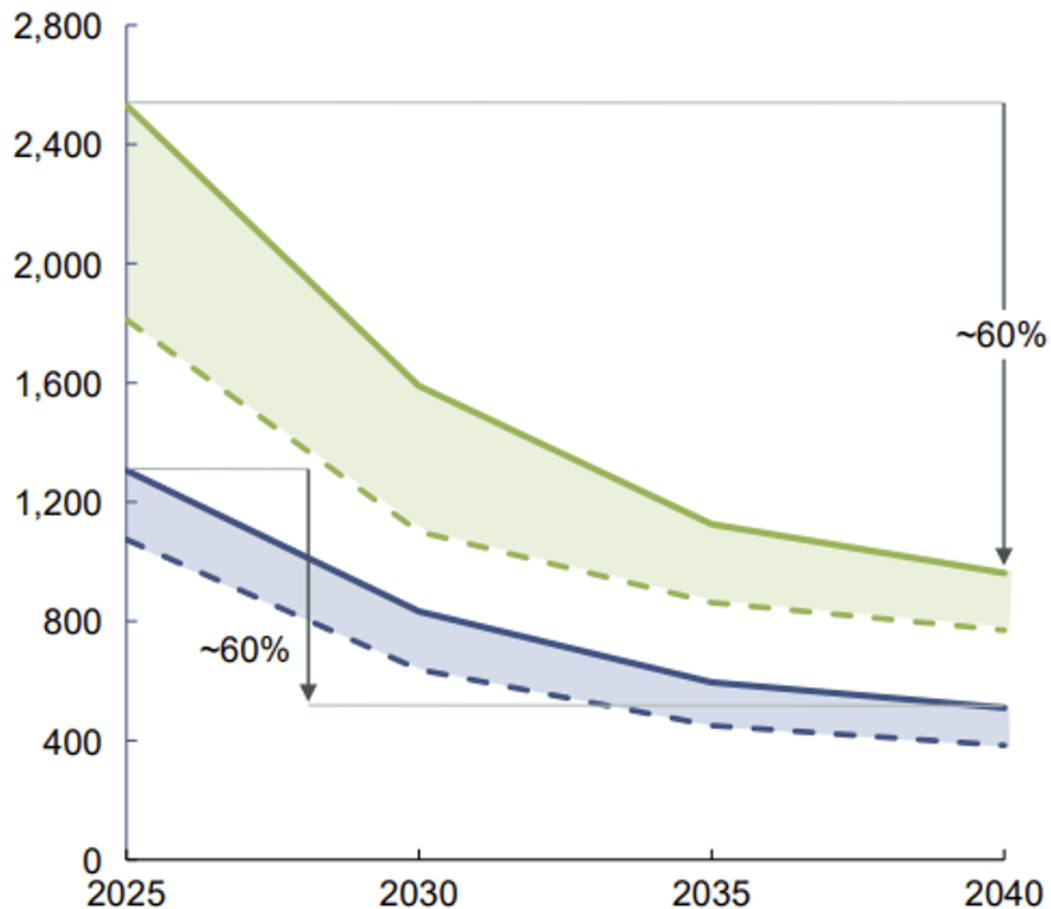


# LDES power and energy capex trajectories

— Central (conservative learning rate) - - Progressive (ambitious learning rate) ■ 8–24 hour archetype ■ 24+ hour archetype

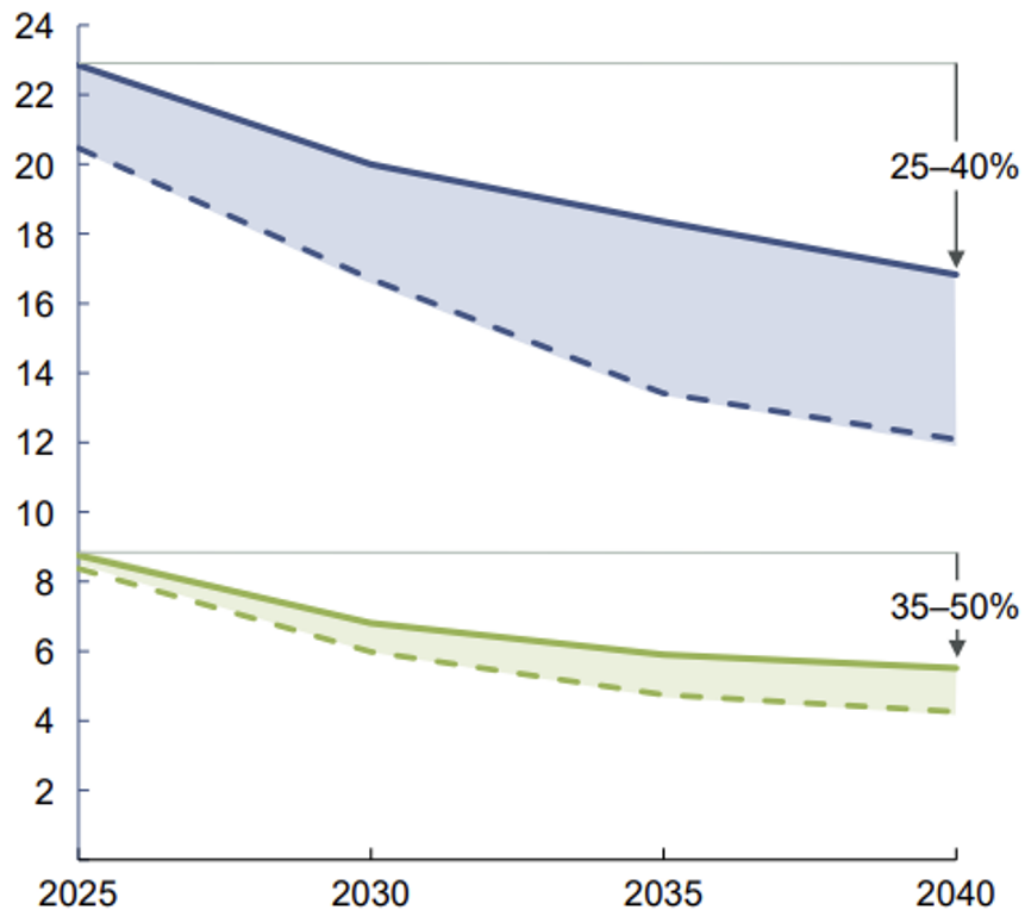
## Power and BoP capex

USD/kW



## Energy capex

USD/kWh

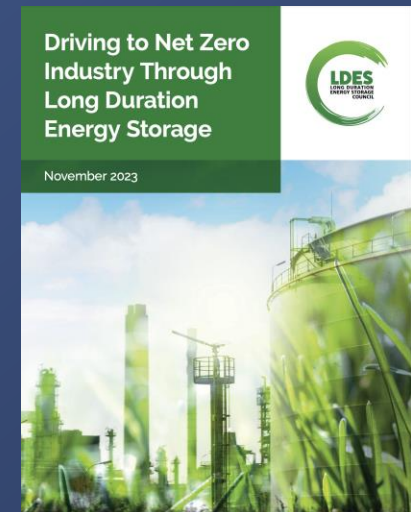
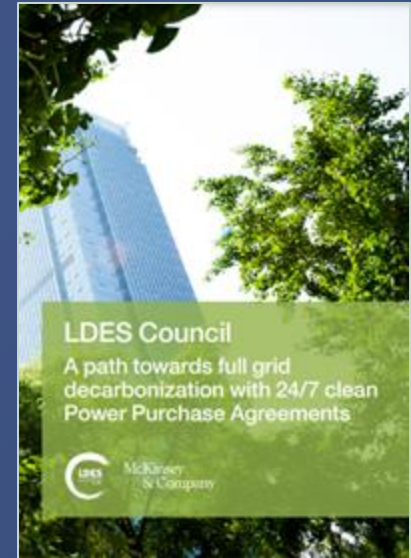


Source: LDES Council member technology benchmarking



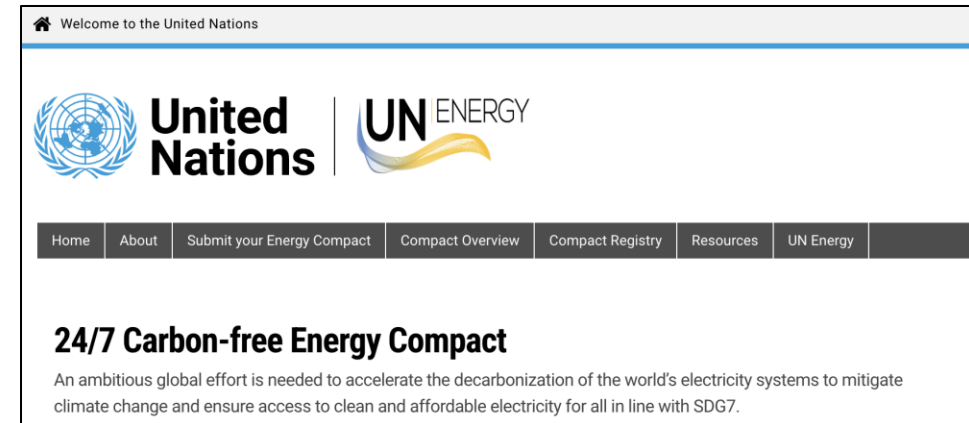
## Example LDES Use Cases

- 24/ 7 PPAs
- Industrial decarbonisation



# 24/7 Power Purchase Agreements

- Power purchase agreements (PPAs) are used to match buyers of electricity with generation.
- 'Clean' PPAs enable users of electricity to decarbonise their operations, by demonstrating that they are using low carbon electricity.
- Huge growth in corporate clean PPAs.
- However conventional clean PPAs are not sufficiently granular to fully decarbonize.
- 24/7 clean PPAs with LDES can provide this guarantee.
- Greenhouse Gas Protocol, ISO net zero guidelines expected to move towards greater granularity.



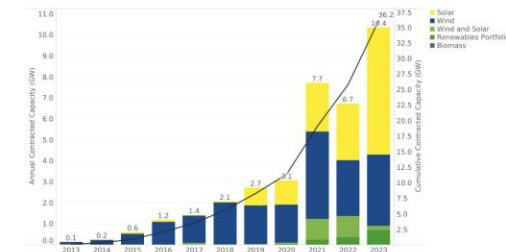
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RE100 members now have an annual electricity consumption **greater than France**, 500 TWh per year

RE-Source  
European platform for corporate renewable energy sourcing

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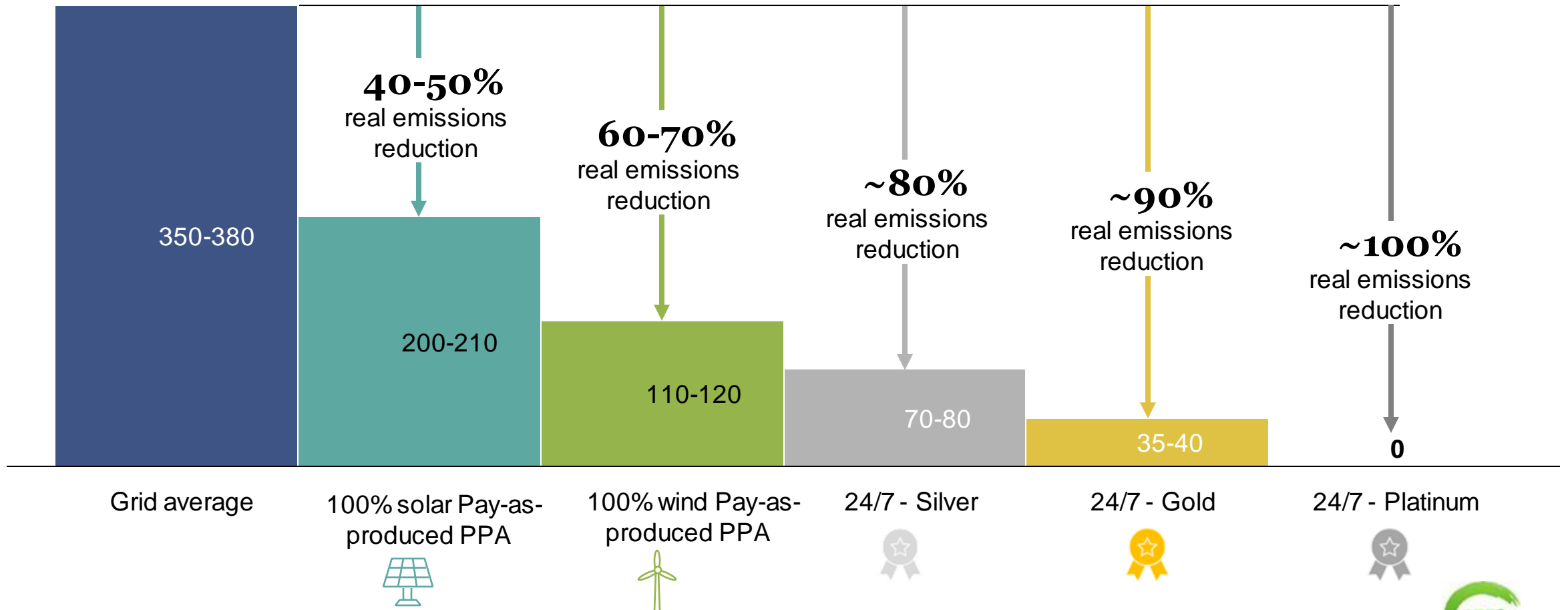
## Europe breaks records with 10.4GW corporate renewable energy deals in 2023



February 8, 2024 – There was unprecedented growth in 2023 in the European corporate power purchase agreement (PPA), with companies procuring a record number of new renewable energy capacity: 10.4 gigawatts (GW). This marks a remarkable 40% increase from the previous year, highlighting the growing momentum around sustainable energy sourcing among European businesses.

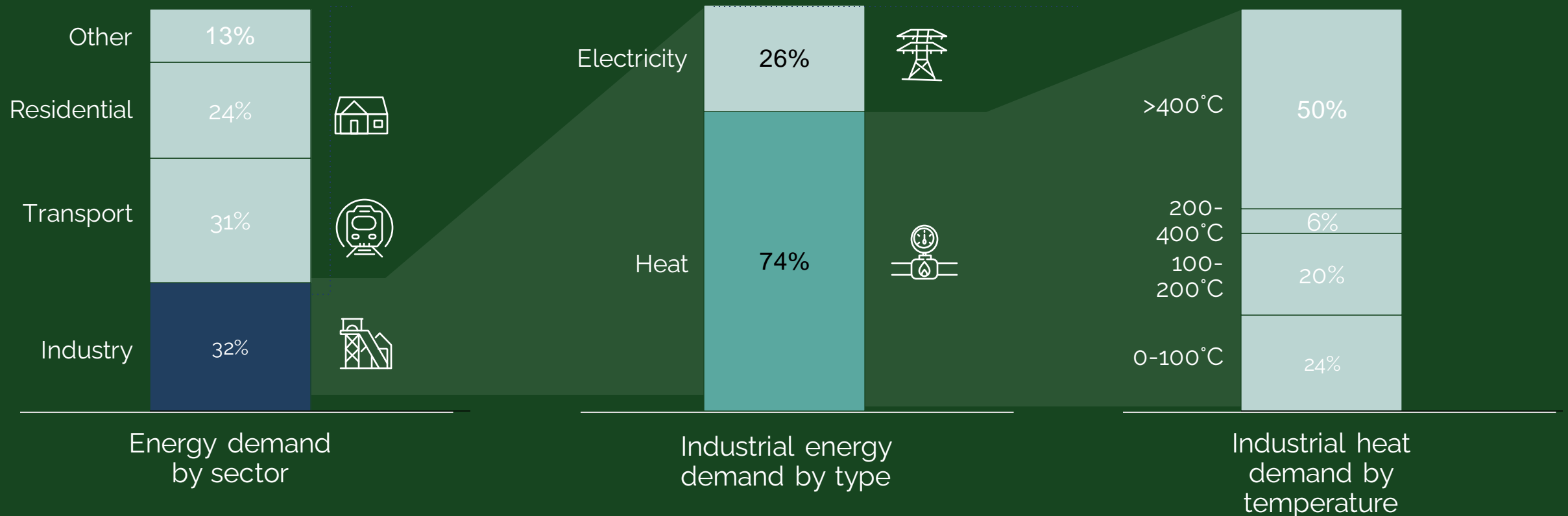
# 24/7 clean PPAs enable up to 100% reduction of actual emissions intensity from power consumption

Emissions intensity of different power procurement options when assessing consumption on hourly basis, gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh

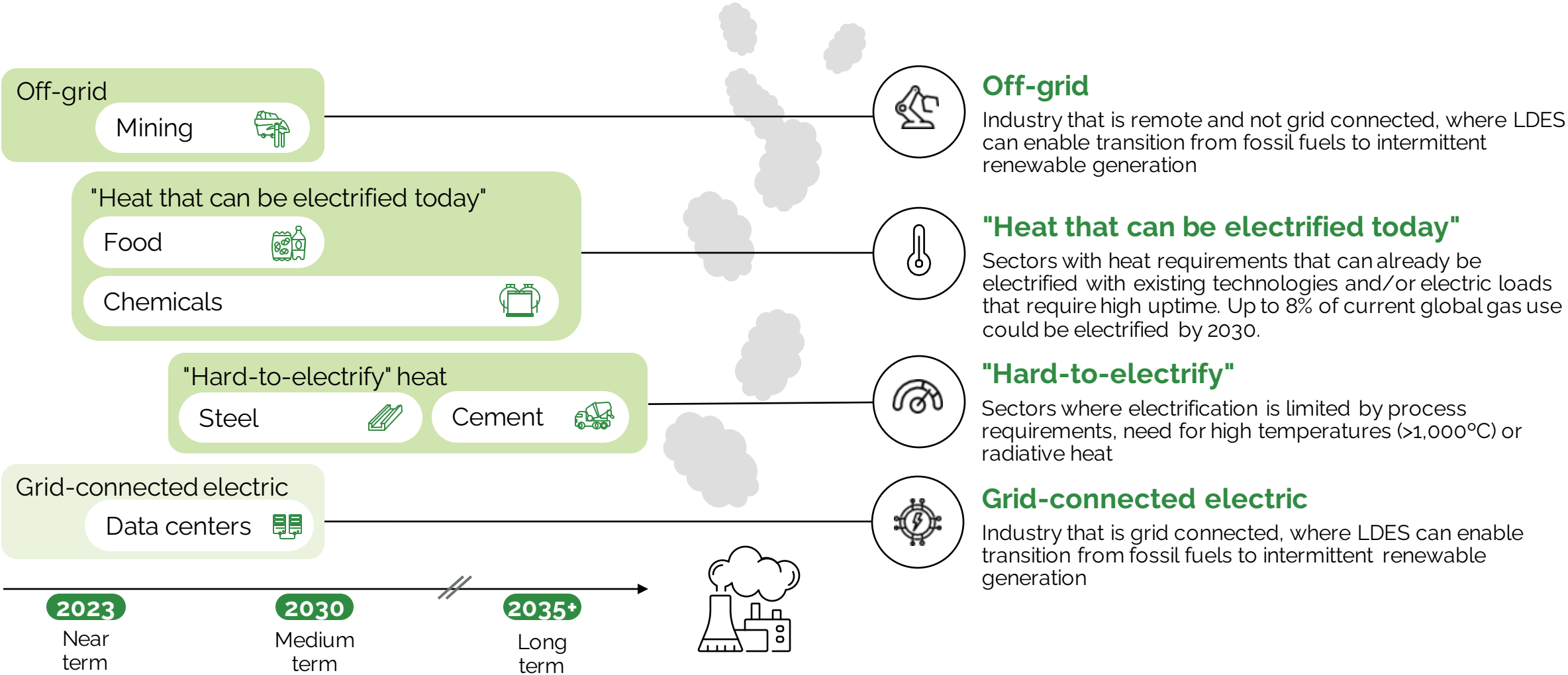


# The majority of industrial processes utilise fossil fuels, with heat accounting for three-quarters of energy demand

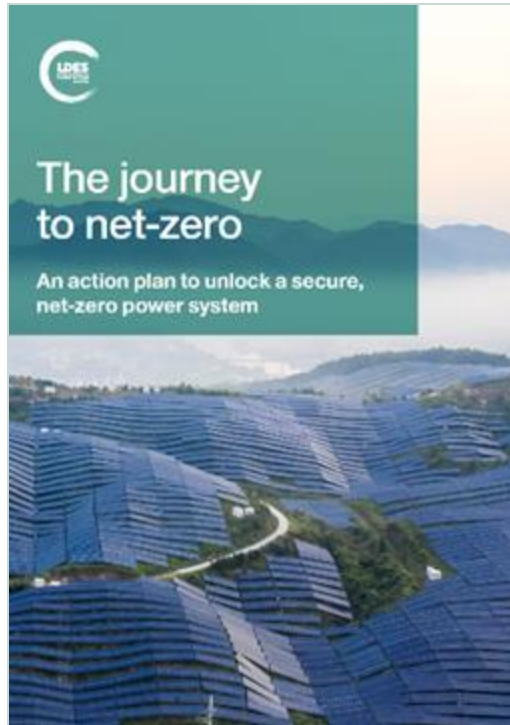
## GLOBAL ENERGY DEMAND DRIVERS



# LDES technologies are economically attractive options to abate off-grid electric and "Heat that can be electrified today" applications



# Policy & regulatory reform needed to unlock LDES



Despite clear decarbonisation, economic and energy security benefits LDES is not being deployed at the pace needed to secure the energy transition.

Electricity markets are not currently structured in such a way to incentivise LDES deployment – limited long term revenue visibility, flexibility rarely rewarded etc.

Reference technologies may not reflect the full range of LDES.

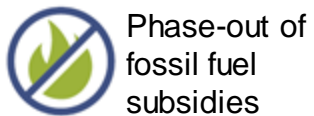
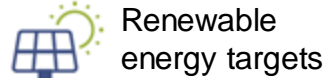
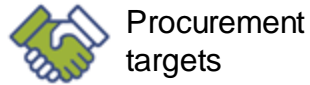
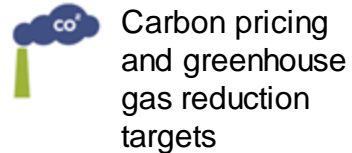
First of a kind/ early deployment projects may have higher CAPEX, risk weighting.

Enabling actions by government and regulators can unlock investment to secure benefits for consumers.

# There are a range of different policy options to help accelerate deployment

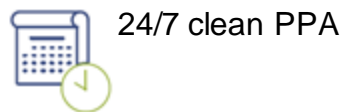
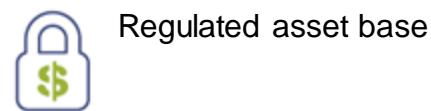
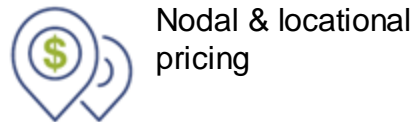
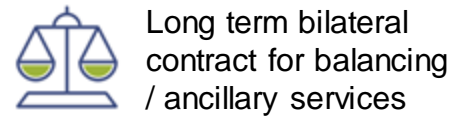
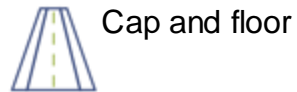
## Long-term market signals

Inform the trajectory of the energy system



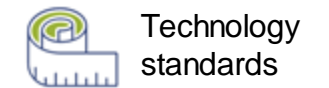
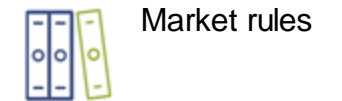
## Revenue mechanisms

Enhance the viability of projects



## Direct technology support and enabling measures

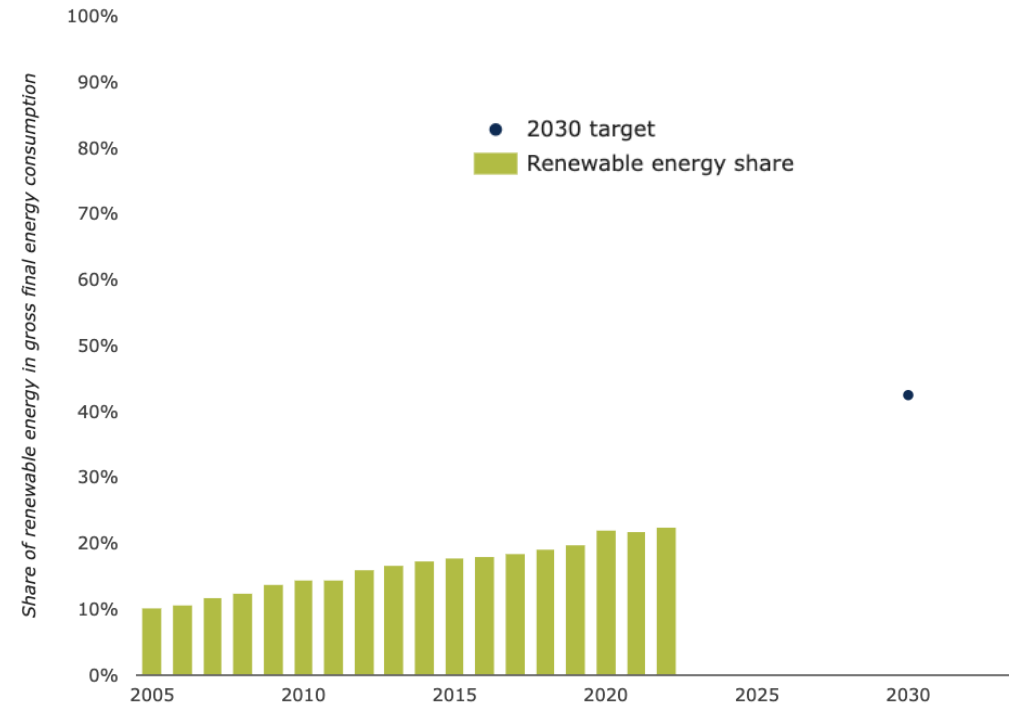
Create pathways for access and uptake



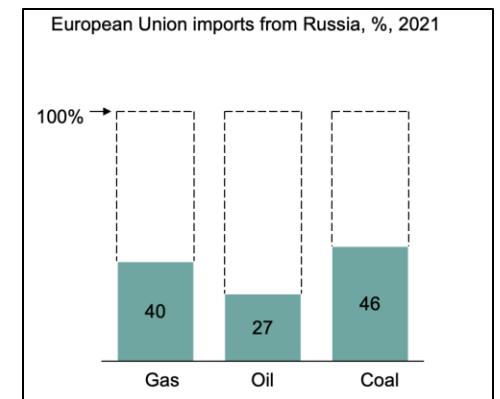


# Policy development: EU

- Russia's invasion of Ukraine has accelerated the EU's already ambitious decarbonisation plans
- The REPowerEU plan increased the EU's 2030 target for the share of renewables to 42.5%. The previous target was 32% (2022 share was 23%).
- In Dec '23 political agreement reached on new EU Electricity Market Design (EMD).
- All EU Member States will be required to undertake a flexibility assessment for at least a 5-10 year period.
- And establish an indicative target for non-fossil flexibility 'with a focus on the contributions by demand response and energy storage'.
- EMD gives further permission to design support schemes.



## Invasion of Ukraine 'has fuelled funding boom for clean energy'



# Policy case study: Ireland & Italy, island & peninsula

In Ireland the Transmission System Operators are considering procurement options for LDES.

- Up to 2.75 GW needed for an 80% renewable grid by 2030.
- Options considered include stand-alone storage auction and a fixed term system services contract with central control (the preferred option).

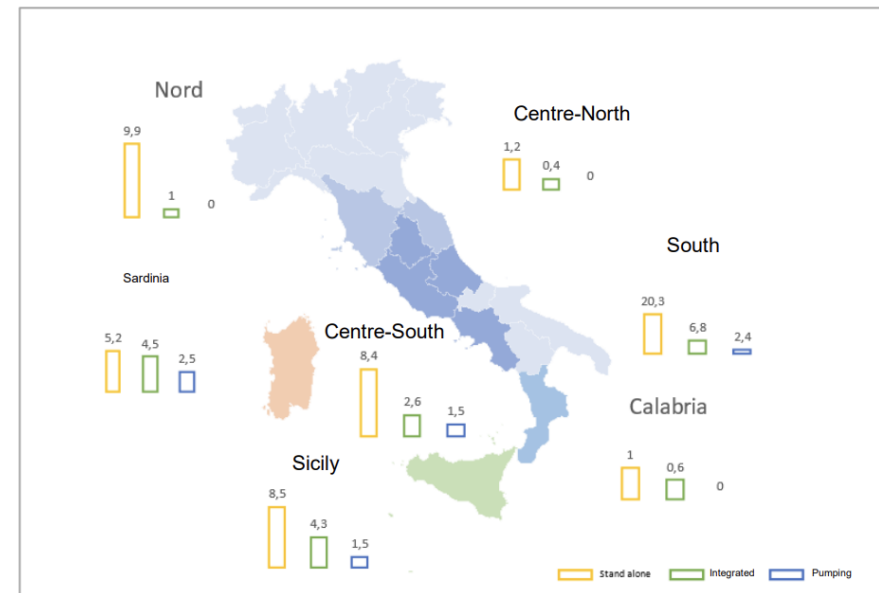
In Italy auctions expected in 2024 with delivery in 2026+

- System operator TERNA will directly tender fixed price, long term contracts (12-14 years BESS, up to 30 for PSH)
- 4-8 hour durations, up to 71GWh
- Can be split into contracted (managed by TERNA) and merchant tranche
- Initially only lithium-ion and pumped storage could participate. Broadened to include up to 10% of capacity going to other technologies – but need to have same RTE as Li-ion.

## A Call for Evidence on the Market Procurement Options for Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

27 October 2023

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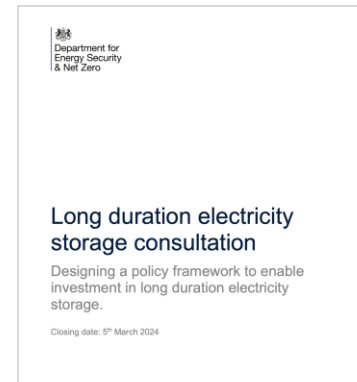


Zonal distribution of storage and pumped hydro grid connection requests (GW)

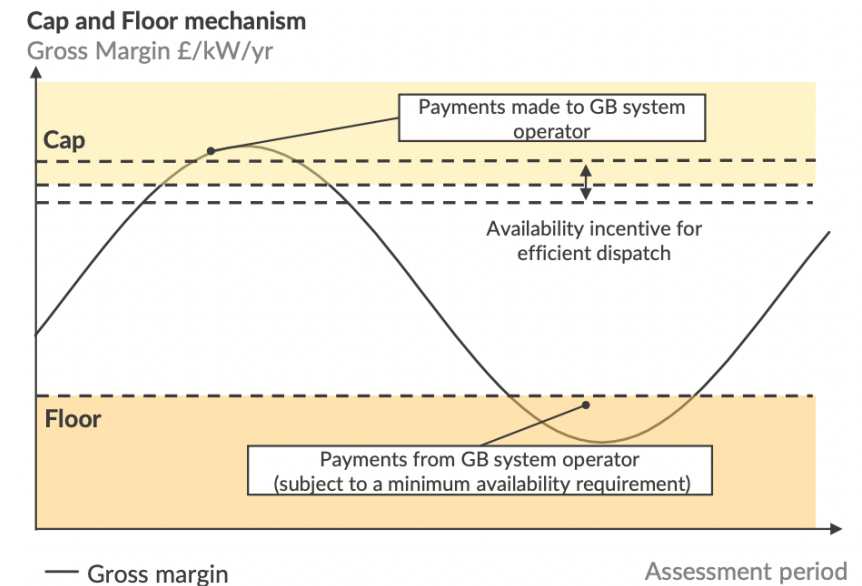


# Policy example: UK 'cap and floor'

- 'Cap and floor' mechanism to incentivise investment (similar to that deployed for interconnectors between GB and continental Europe & Ireland).
- Two proposed 'streams'
  - Stream 1: TRL 9 and projects >100 MW
  - Stream 2: TRL 8 and projects > 50 MW
- Duration 6 hours+
- Contracts 'administratively allocated' (i.e. not auction), proposed assessment criteria include reducing system costs
- Electricity only
- Excludes technology that can be 'funded under existing market arrangements' (i.e. Li-ion) or have other support mechanisms (e.g. hydrogen)
- Plan to award contracts in 2025...



most benefits to the system. These included assets with the longest durations as they provide the greatest system benefits because they are better suited to manage prolonged energy shortfalls and excess. We note that in 2035, over 50% of TWhs are projected to occur in shortfall/excess events lasting more than 24 hours. In combination, this suggests that we should revisit the duration definition for an LDES scheme. We propose that to be eligible for



Source: Aurora, 'Long Duration Energy Storage' (17 February 2022): <https://auroraer.com/media/long-duration-electricity-storage-in-gb/>



# Policy: United States – federal & state level



- Biden Administration targeting net zero power grid by 2035
- Inflation Reduction Act – significant (30%) tax credit benefits



- California Energy Commission found LDES need ranging from 5 GW (if gas stays on the grid) to 37 GW (gas retired) by 2045
- Has set a specific mandate of 1 GW of 8+ hour LDES for 2028. Apportioned between utilities on a load share basis.



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ADVANCEMENT OF LONG DURATION  
ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

- Led by Sandia National Laboratories and 5 other national labs, with strong industry participation.
- Focus on developing commercialization strategies for a full range of diverse LDES technologies.
- Funded 2023-2026



- New York has a 6 GW / 2030 storage target
- Includes USD 15m direct funding for 4 LDES projects
- Analysis suggests 35 GW of 'multi-day' storage needed by 2040



# China & India



- Huge growth in renewables. Between 2023-2028, China to deploy almost 5x more than the EU and 6x more than the USA.
- Chinese rules require renewable plants to integrate storage equivalent to 20% of their generation capacity, with at least a 2–4 hour duration.
- Targeting 120 GW of pumped storage by 2030 (up from ~45 GW).



- 500GW of Renewables by 2030 (up from 122 GW in 2022)
- Power demand growing over 8% year on year
- Storage capacity required in 2030 expected to be ~60 GW / 336 GWh
- And by 2047 ~320 GW / 2,380 GWh
- The 'Energy Storage Obligation' places requirements on distribution utilities to procure a minimum amount of their power consumption from energy storage.

# Support for LDES

**\$2 Billion** in Chile for energy storage, including LDES

**\$220 Million** in Canada for energy storage

**€1.1 Billion** state aid in Hungary for energy storage, including LDES

**£30 Million** in United Kingdom for LDES

**\$505 Million** in the United States for LDES

**\$1 Billion** from World Bank for BESS

**\$350 Million** in Spain for LDES

**€341 million** in Greece for energy storage, including LDES

Over \$4 billion invested in LDES technologies in 2023, 2022 was \$1.8 billion

IEA Feb 2024 Ministerial Outcome – encourages global targets on storage

IRENA – long duration storage report Q3



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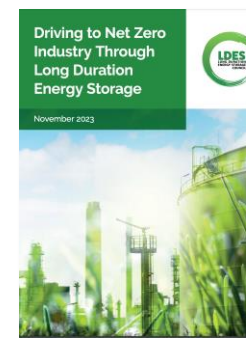
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Coming up in 2024:

- Updated costs benchmarking
- Project tracker





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## **Morning Tea**

**Upcoming Session: Technologies for Electricity Storage**

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# Hornsedale Power Reserve Inertia and Grid Services

*March 2024*

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- System Integrity Protection Scheme
- Wider Area Protection Scheme



Figure 1 – Image of Hornsdale Power Reserve (Source: Neoen)

# Project Overview

- Following the September 2016 state-wide blackout, Neoen and Tesla were selected by the South Australian Government to supply Australia's first grid scale battery named the Hornsdale Power Reserve (HPR).
- The HPR expansion project (HPRX) commenced construction in November 2019 with the installation of an additional 50MW, bringing the total installed capacity to 150MW.

The project received funding from:

- South Australian Government's Department of Energy and Mining (DEM), through its Grid Scale Storage Fund - \$15M
- ARENA, through its Advancing Renewables Program - \$8M
- The project contained several parallel work streams:
  - Demonstrate that BESS projects can provide inertia services, thereby replacing the inertia traditionally provided by synchronous generation
  - Expansion of the System Integrity Protection Scheme (SIPS)



Figure 2 – Map of region around the Hornsdale Power Reserve (Source: Neoen)

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## Virtual Machine Mode

# Virtual Machine Mode

- **VMM (Virtual Machine Mode)** is a mode of operation which can be implemented on Tesla Powerpack inverters that mimics the behaviour and inertial response of a synchronous machine to grid disturbances.
- The virtual machine component runs in parallel with the conventional current source component.
- Like more traditional inverters, under stable system conditions the inverter's behaviour is driven by the **current source component**. The inverter charges and discharges in accordance with the real and reactive power commands received from the operator.
- If there is a grid disturbance, the **rotating component** responds by:
  - Producing an active power response proportional to the rate of change of frequency
  - Producing a reactive current in response to changes in voltage.
- With VMM, there are two sources of inertia:
  - Rotor inertia (H)
  - Damping inertia (D)

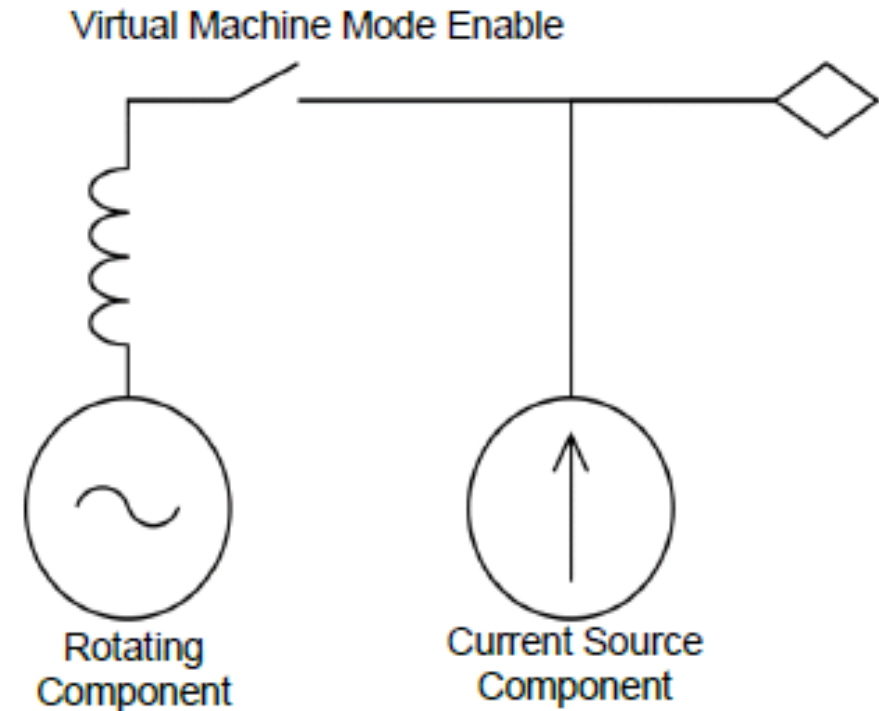


Figure 3 – Representation of VMM (Source: Tesla)



# Traditional Inertia vs Synthetic Inertia



Figure 4 – Synchronous Condenser (Source: Electranet)



Figure 5 – Tesla Pow erpack and Inverter Units (Source: Tesla)

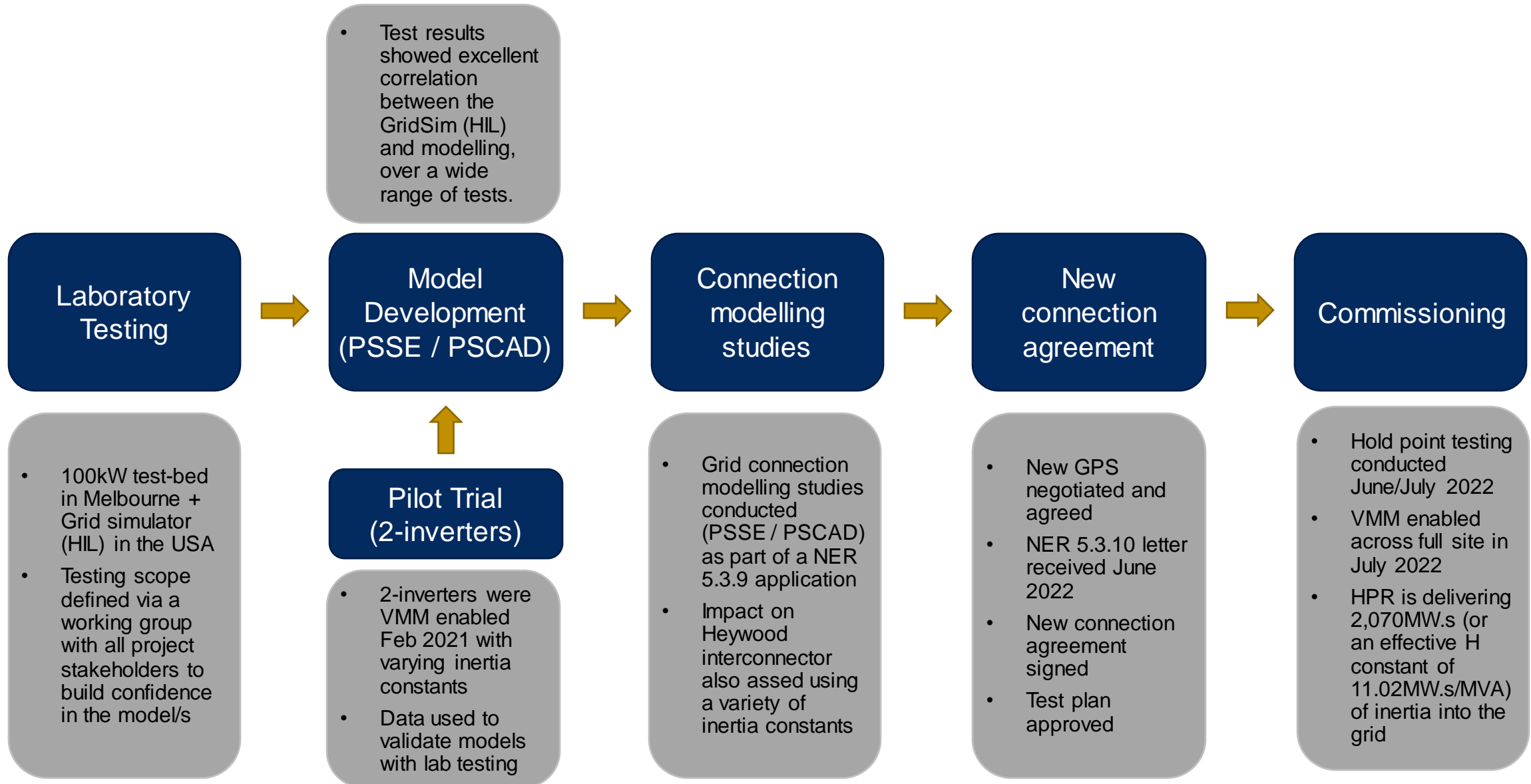
## Traditional Inertia

- Power response is proportional to the Rate of Change of Frequency (RoCoF)
- Synchronous rotation provides a “metronome” to keep time through events (coupled in phase with grid)
- Inertia constant “H” is fixed, and dependent on rotational mass and radial velocity
- Typical overload ratings of 5-10 times nominal rating

## Synthetic Inertia

- Inverter technology mimics the behavior of synchronous machines (with *virtual* rotating element) through advanced control systems.
- Inertia constant “H” is configurable to regional conditions
- Typical inverter overload ratings of 1.2-1.3 times nominal rating
- Tesla calls this feature “Virtual Machine Mode” (VMM)

# Modelling, Testing, and Commissioning



# Dual Inverter Trial Results

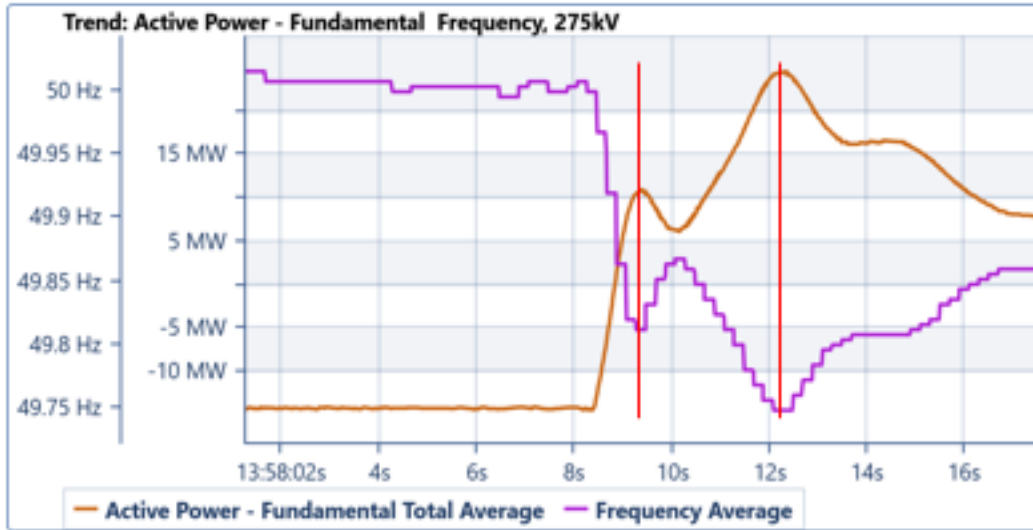


Figure 6 – HPR grid following response (Source: Neoen)

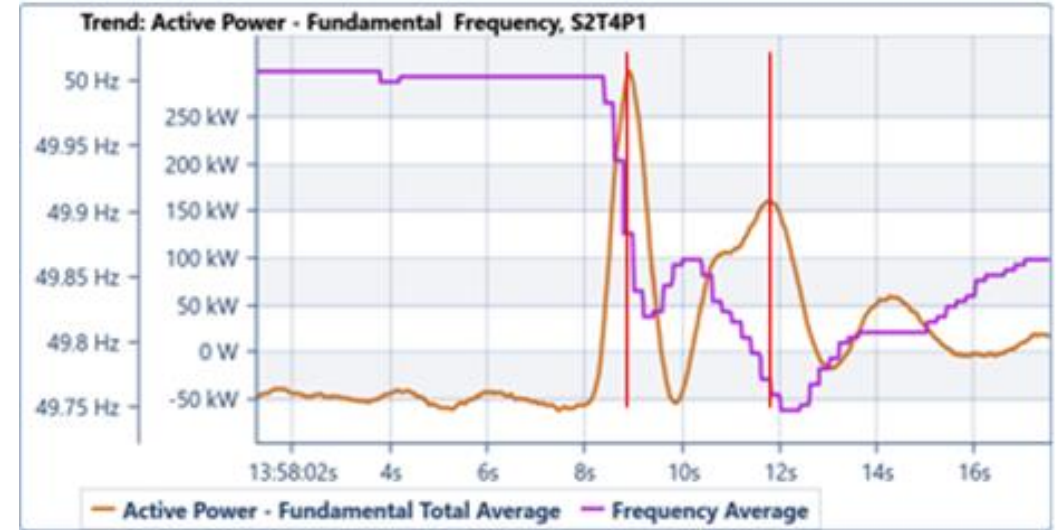


Figure 7 – HPR VMM enabled inverter (Source: Neoen)

## Droop response (without inertia)

- This example was measured at a site level (>99% of inverters were not enabled for inertia)
- Active power response proportional to frequency
- Response commences when frequency departs the “dead-band”
- Maximum response at minimum frequency (nadir)

## Virtual inertia (aggressive settings for dramatic effect)

- This example was measured at a single inverter (1 of 294) enabled as part of a pilot trial
- “H” constant was set to 50 (extremely large turbine)
- Maximum response at maximum RoCoF
- Response is faster and peaks prior to nadir
- Smaller response at minimum frequency

# Full-Scale Deployment

- The final output (Total Power) is an aggregation of the 3 types of response:
  - Inertia (VMM Response)
    - The total inertia is the summation of rotor and damping inertia, with the final settings chosen yielding ~2,070 MW.s of inertia, and the overall equivalent H constant is 11.02MW.s/MVA.
  - Droop response + Secondary frequency control
    - AGC is received every 4-seconds as a “reference point”
    - Control system follows the AGC, and the droop response is provided as a delta to the AGC
- In the event analysed, it can be seen that VMM responds proportional to RoCoF, while FCAS is responding proportionally to the frequency deviation from a nominal 50Hz.
- A transition can be seen from the initially large RoCoF, where VMM dominates the response, to a reduced RoCoF, when standard droop response takes over.
- The transition occurs at the nadir of the first frequency drop.

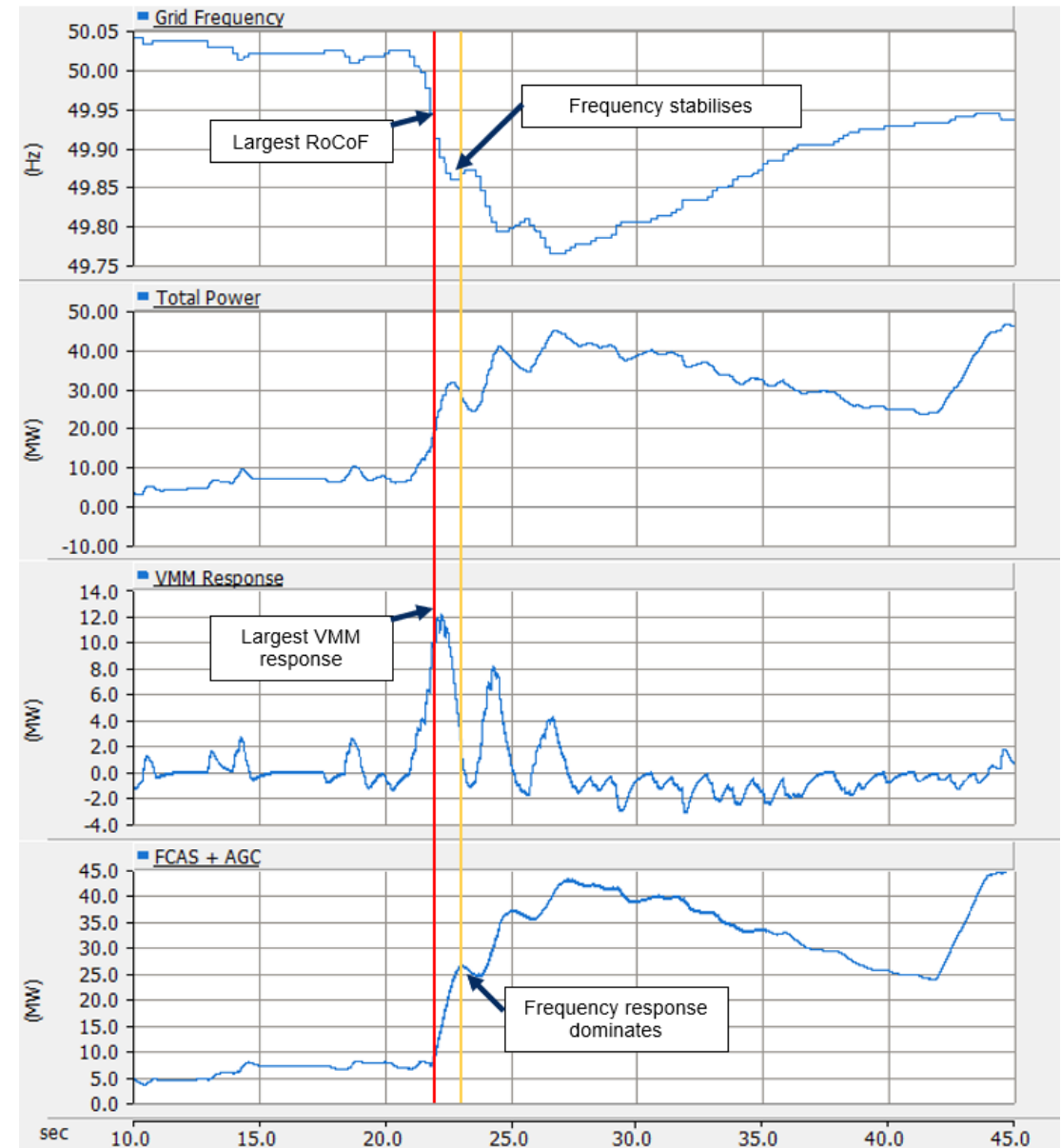
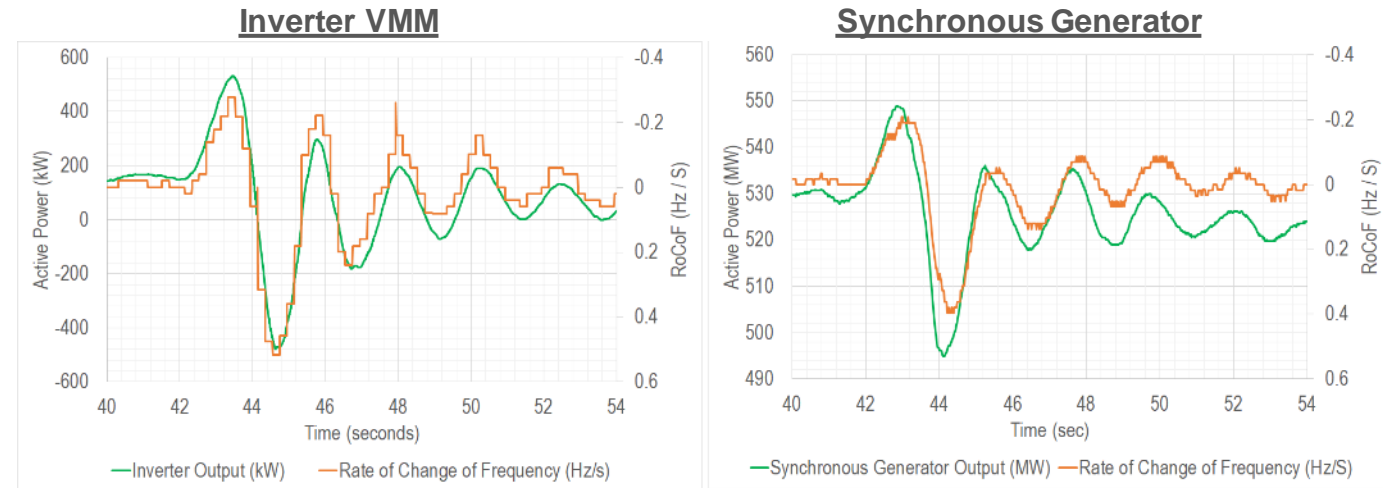


Figure 8 – HPR aggregated and individual VMM and FCAS responses (Source: Tesla)

# Results vs traditional generators

- In discussions with AEMO, an important consideration has arisen when quantifying the inertia contribution from inverter-based technology, and the amount of **headroom** that is available.
- The amount of inertia available from:
  - **Traditional synchronous generators:** inherently linked to the mass and velocity of the rotating elements (short-term overload ratings of up to 10 times nominal rating)
  - **Inverters:** limited to the maximum output limit and the active power setpoint at that point in time (~1.3 times nominal overload rating).
- As the active power setpoint increases, the inertia contribution from an inverter starts to reduce due to lower available headroom before the plant hits its maximum operating limit. For a BESS, this can be viewed in a similar way to FCAS trapeziums.



Figure/s 9 and 10 – comparison between an HPR VMM response and example Synchronous Generator (Source: AEMO)

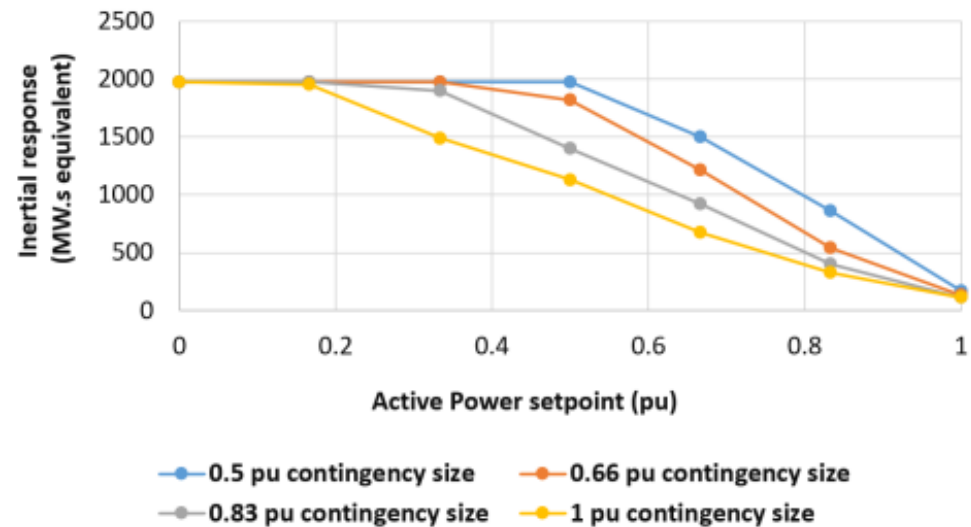


Figure 11 – Synthetic inertial contribution for an example GFM BESS, under various operating conditions and when exposed to different sizes of contingency (Source: AEMO)

# NEOEN



System Integrity Protection Scheme (SIPS)  
&  
Wide Area Protection Scheme (WAPS)

# Network Support – SIPS

- The System Integrity Protection Scheme (SIPS) was commissioned in December 2017 to detect and respond to conditions that occur in the lead up to loss of synchronism between South Australia and Victoria.
- The control actions include:
  - *Stage 1* – Rapidly injecting power from Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
  - *Stage 2* – Shedding load at designated locations.
  - Upon receiving the SIPS “On” signal, the BESS active power rapidly increases its active power by 70MW
- ElectraNet, in consultation with AEMO, worked to improve the performance of the scheme using a time synchronised phasor-based scheme. The new scheme is called Wide Area Protection Scheme (WAPS)

Source: AEMO

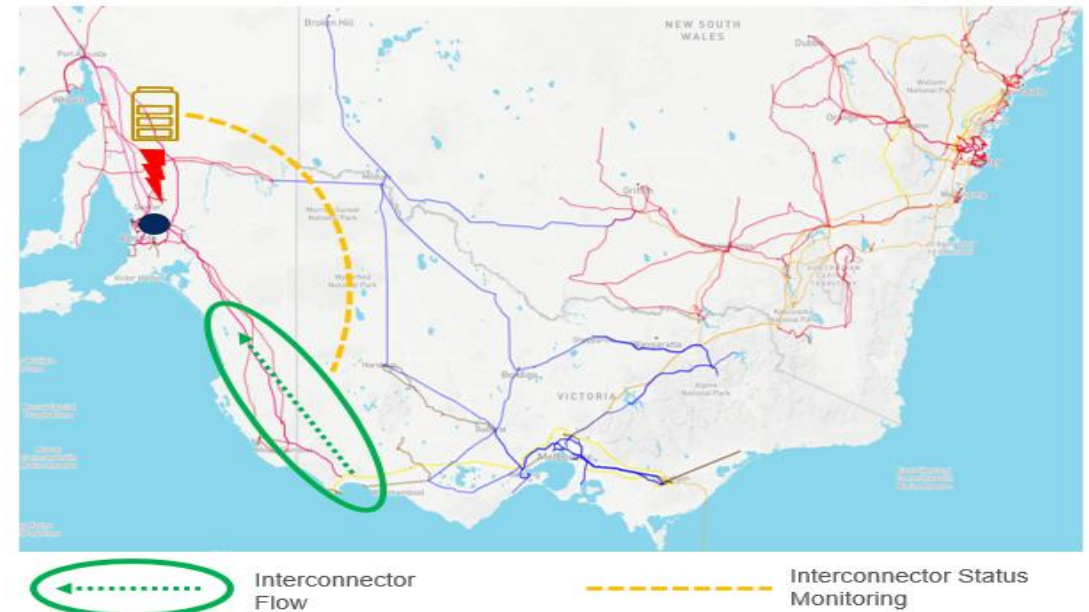


Figure 12 – representation of HPR SIPS flow and monitoring (Source: AEMO and Neoen)

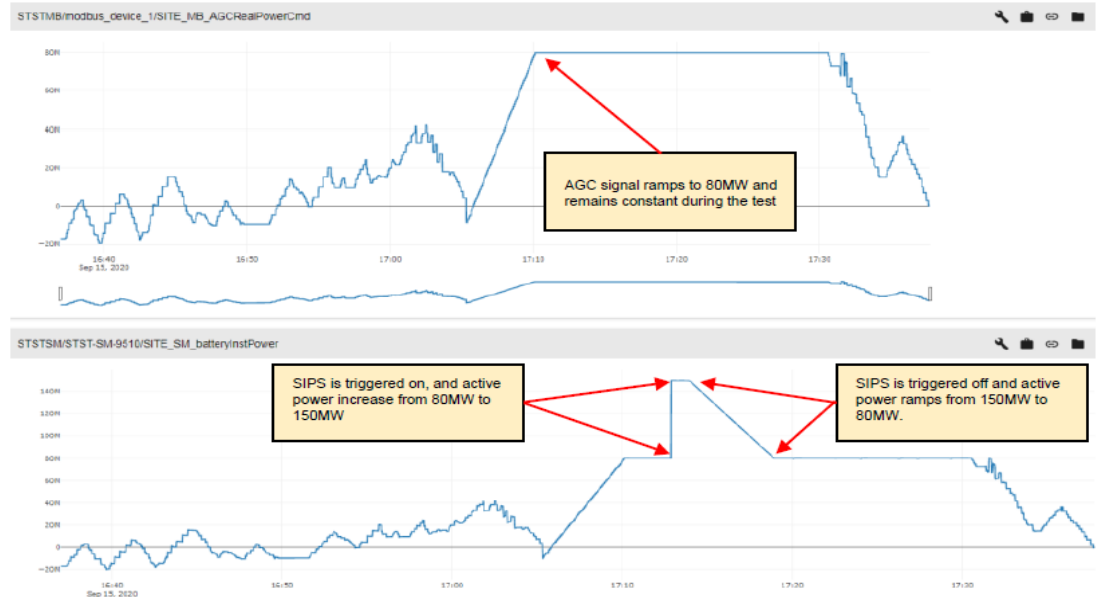


Figure 13 – data from a SIPS test at HPR (Source: Neoen)

# HPR Integration into WAPS

- Additional capacity and charging functionality from HPR in the WAPS will significantly improve the effectiveness of the WAPS, hence, the security and resilience of the SA power system to low probability, high impact non-credible contingencies.
- HPR now receives signals each corresponding to a required injection (discharge) or absorption (charge) of 30MW blocks, to create a response profile that is proportionate to the required change of flow on the interconnector.
- Enhanced data exchange from HPR provides ElectraNet with real-time site capability and support capacity

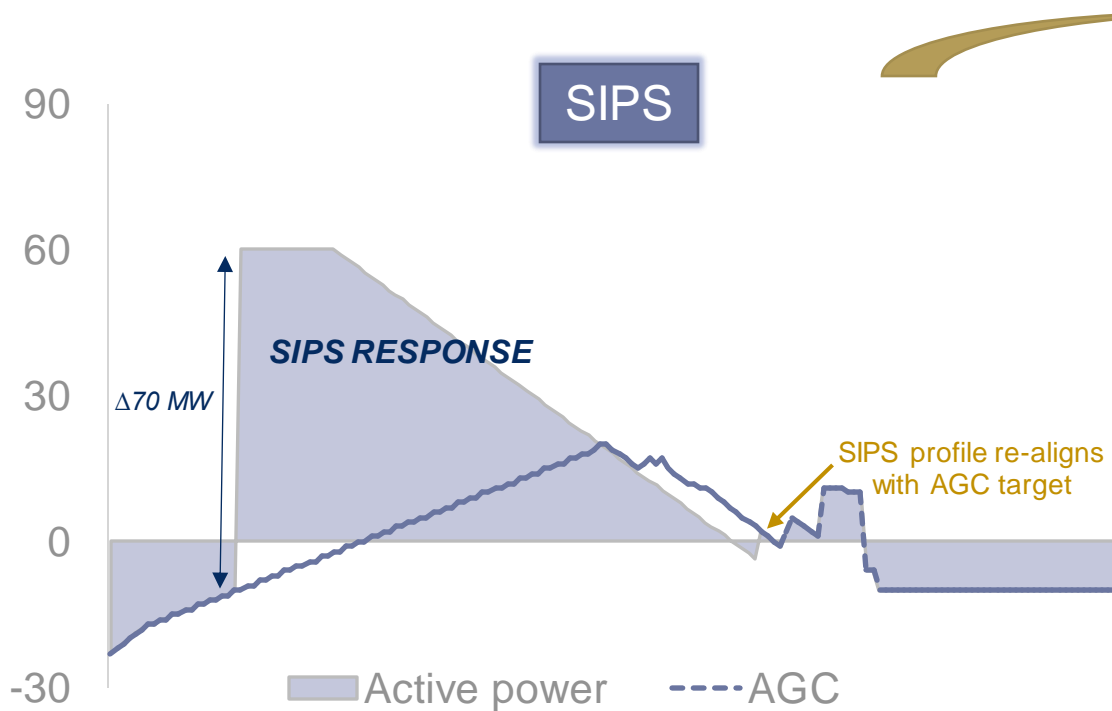


Figure 14 – representation of HPR SIPS response (Source: Neoen)

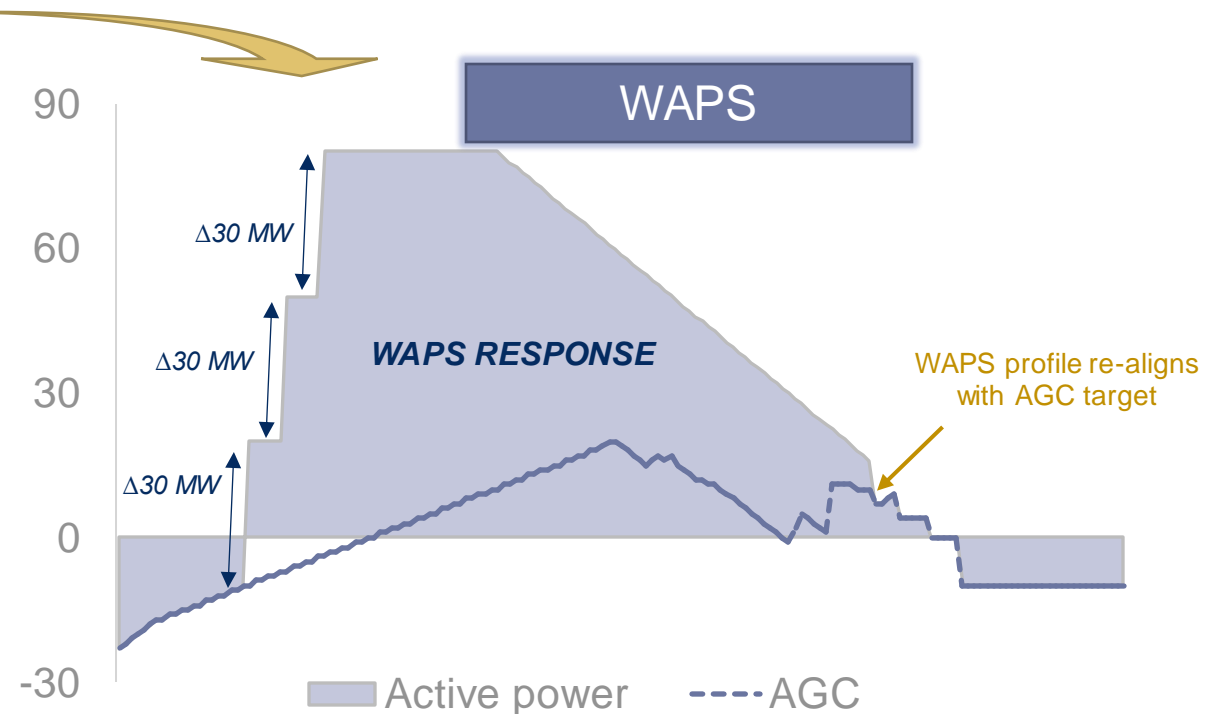


Figure 15 – representation of HPR WAPS response (Source: Neoen)



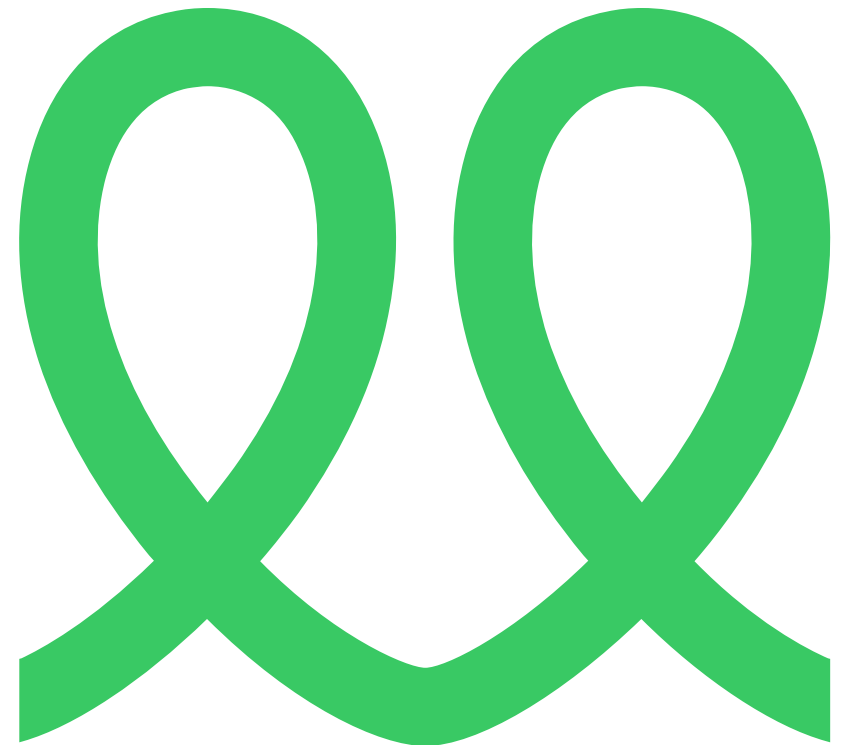
Thank you for listening



# ARENA INSIGHTS

**Storage for the Energy Transition**

**Grid Forming Batteries for  
System Strength**



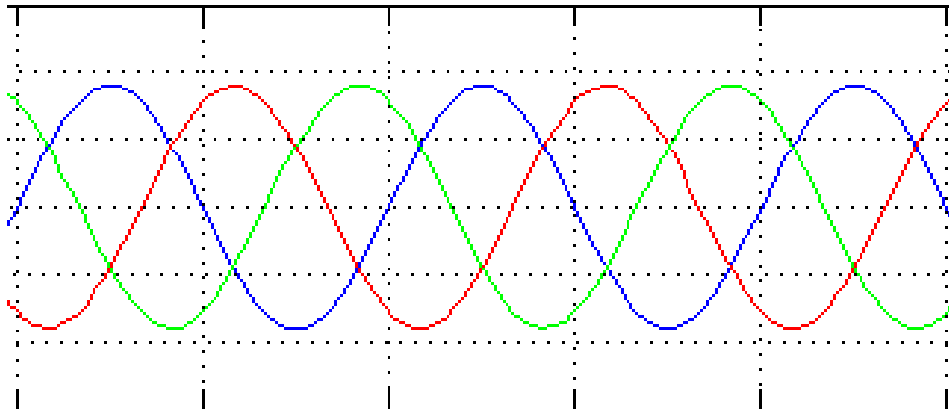
# System Strength



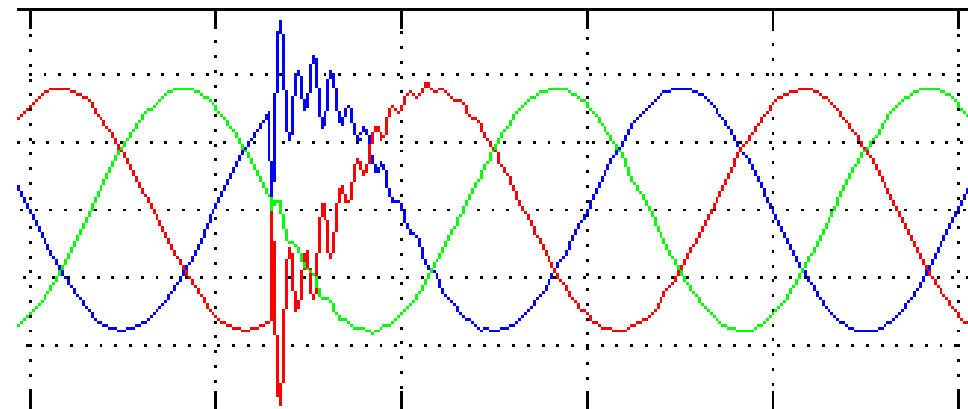
## What is System Strength?

*“AEMO sees system strength as the ability of the power system to maintain and control the voltage waveform at any given location in the power system, both during steady state operation and following a disturbance”*

### System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines



Voltage Waveform – Normal Conditions



Voltage Waveform – Disturbance

# System Strength



## What is System Strength?

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- Not easily quantifiable or measurable
- Required in certain amounts to operate a reliable network
- Inherently provided by synchronous generators
- Not provided by the majority of inverter-based generators (solar and wind)
- Location specific

# System Strength



Why do we need it?

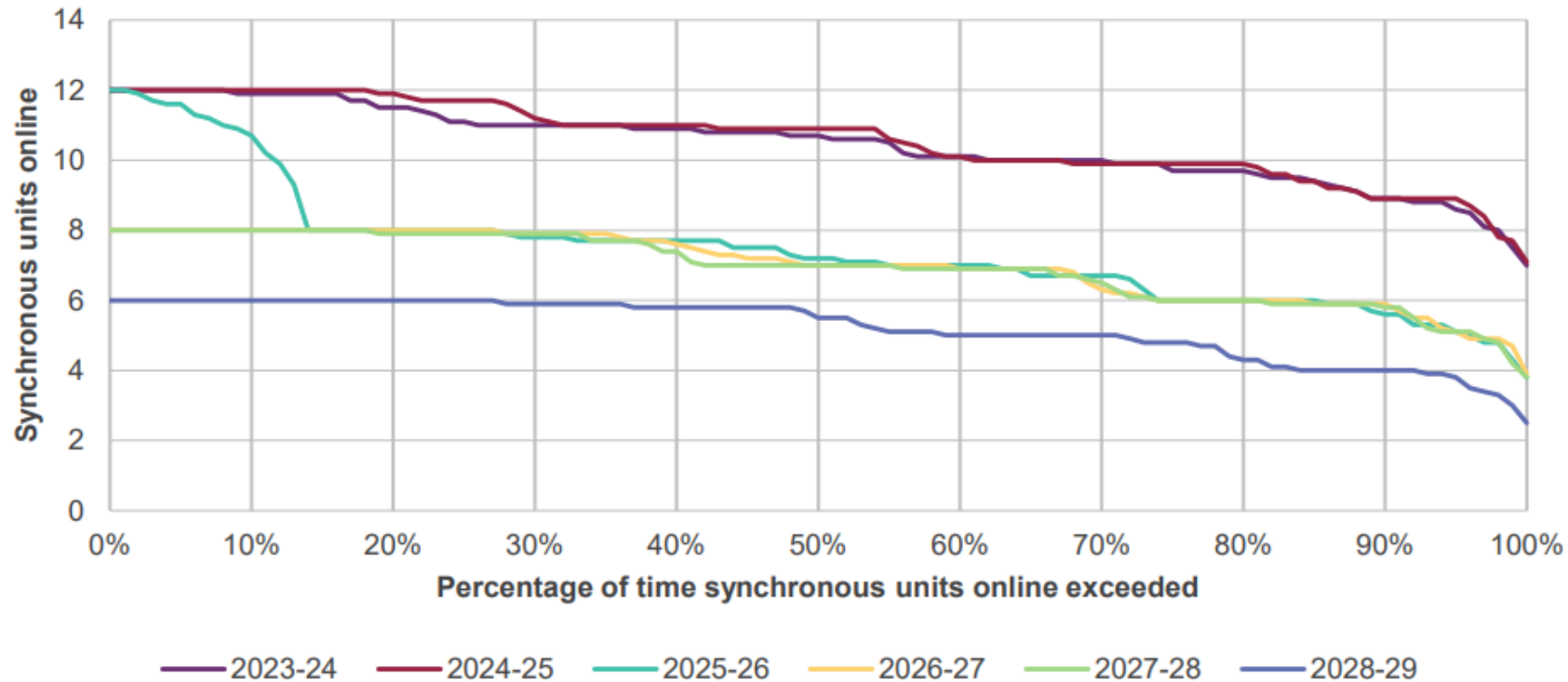
- Maintain a functioning grid
- Avoid System Strength Constraints



# Energy Transition



## Declining provision of system strength by Synchronous Generation



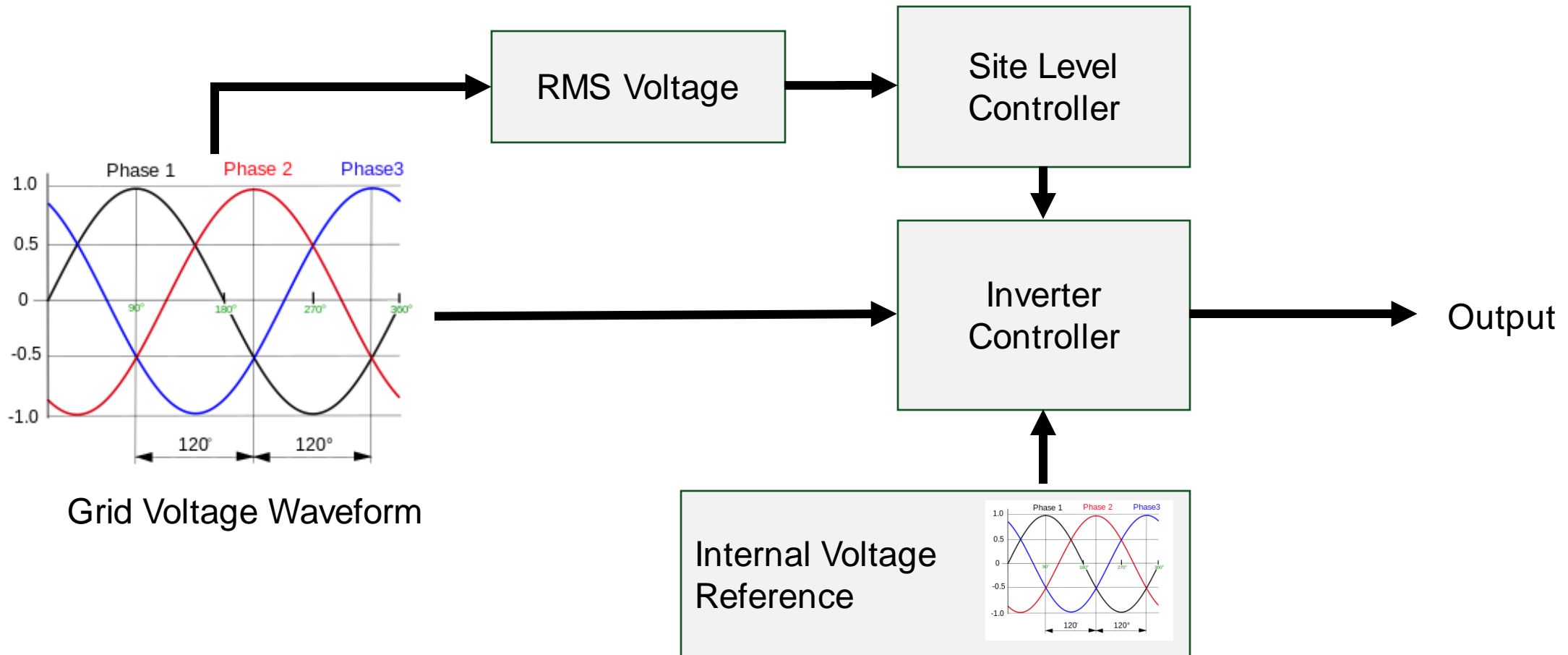
Source: AEMO 2023 System Strength Report – Synchronous units projected online under Step Change scenario, New South Wales

# Batteries with Grid Forming Inverter



## Can Grid Forming Inverter Based BESS Provide System Strength?

Grid forming inverters can provide system strength by mimicking how rotating machines operate.



# Darlington Point Energy Storage System



## 150MW Grid Forming Battery

- 150MW/300MWh
- Grid Forming BESS
- Tesla Megapack 2
- Intent to demonstrate that the grid forming inverters can provide system strength
- Delivered with equity partner Federation Asset Management





# Achievements



## Key Achievements to Date

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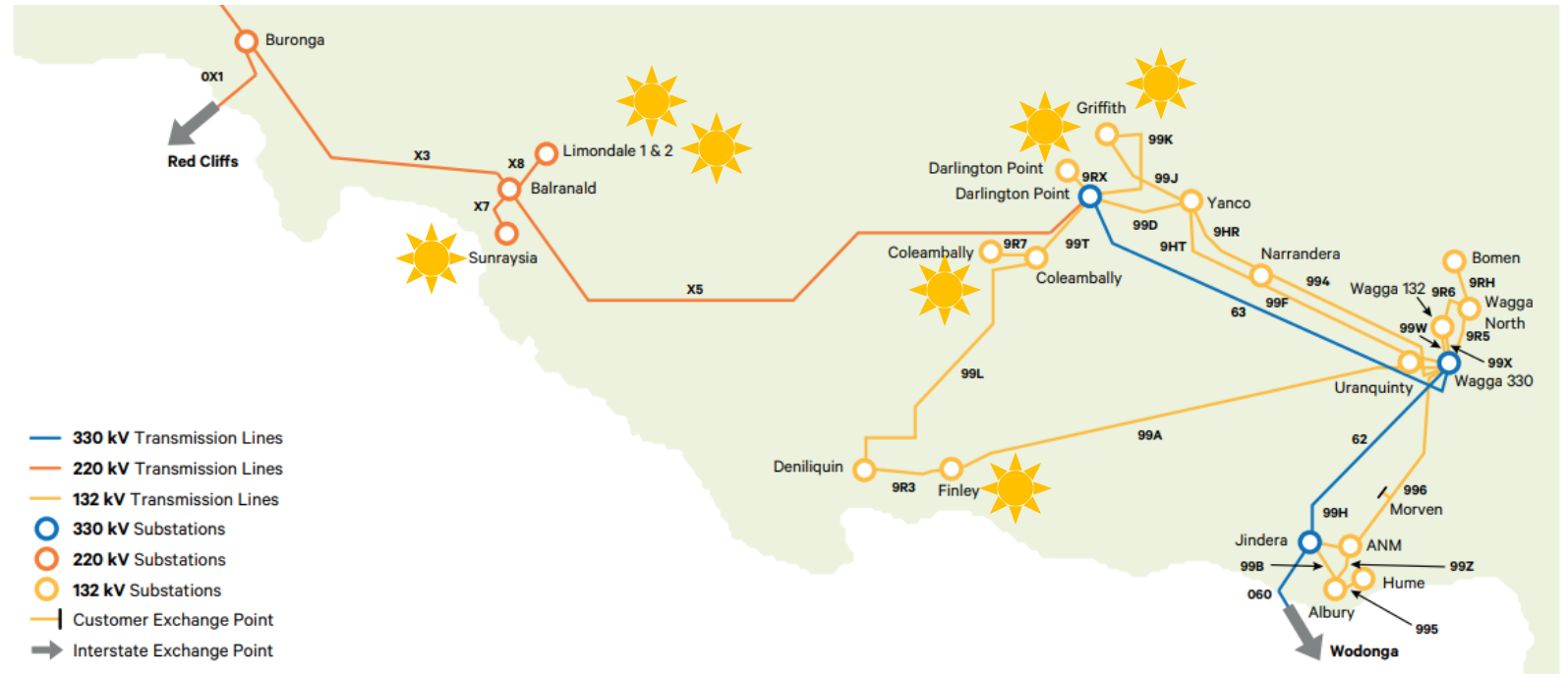
- ✓ One of the first projects to agree a GPS suitable for grid forming inverters
- ✓ Registered and Commissioned in 2023
- ✓ Operating as grid forming from first energisation
- ✓ Achieved full operation in September 2023
- ✓ The project is contributing to the growing acceptance that grid forming BESS can contribute to System Strength as evidenced through two network processes

# Improving Stability in Southwest NSW



## Improving Existing Network Constraints

- 1 GW + Existing Solar
- Constraints due to voltage stability
- RIT-T identified 150MW BESS as being able to alleviate the constraints
- Preferred to other network options



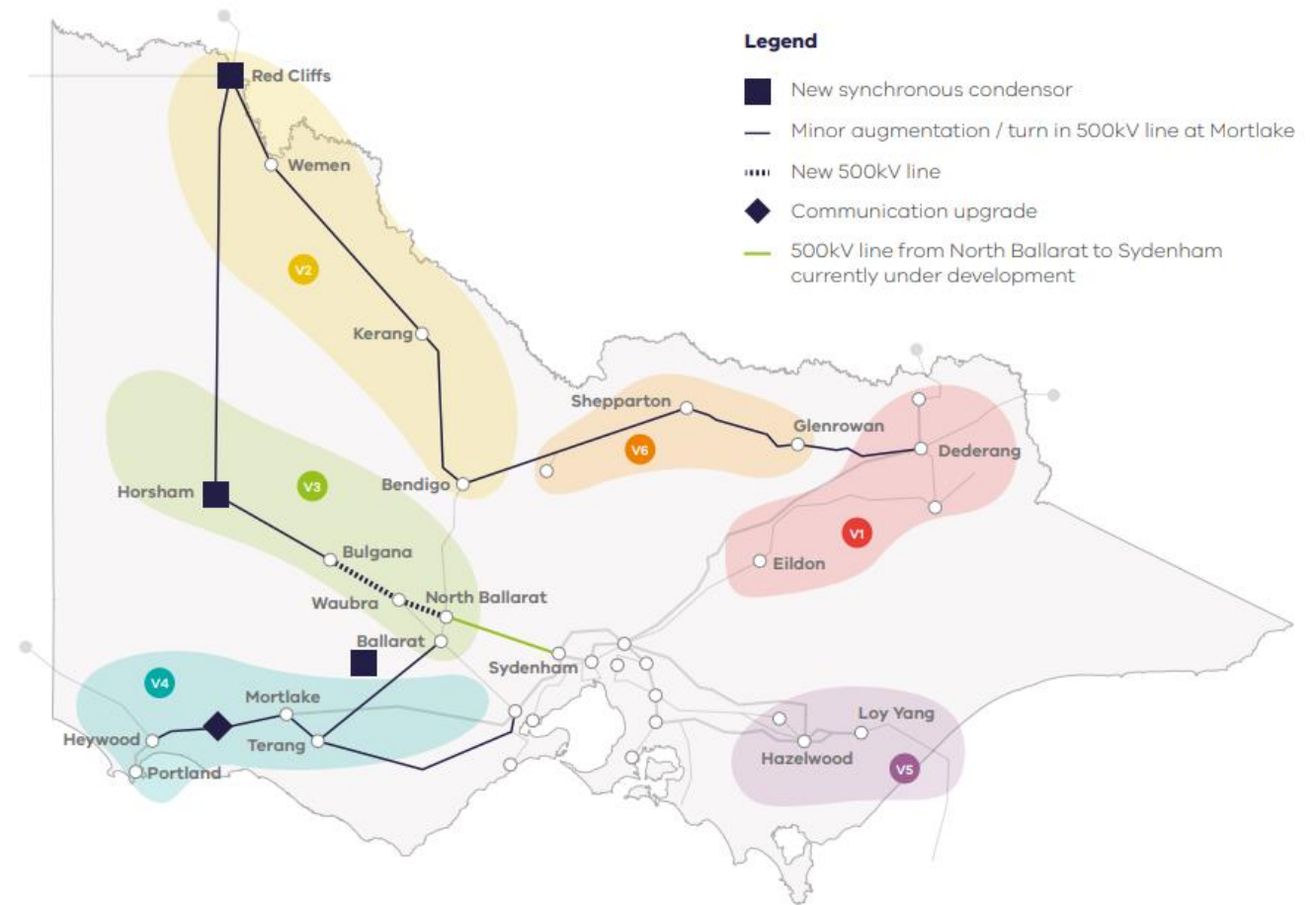
Source: Transgrid TAPR 2023

# Increasing Generation in Murray River



## Koorangie Energy Storage System

- System Support Agreement AEMO to provide services to strengthen the power system and increase the potential for generation in the Murray River region.
- Increase the renewable hosting capacity of the Murray River REZ by up to 300MW
- Displaced Synchronous Condensers
- Being delivered in partnership with owners Sosteneo Infrastructure Partners



Source: Victorian Renewable Energy Zones Development Plan

# Impact of Providing System Strength



## Provision of System Strength

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- Can be provided without impacting on the market operation of the BESS
  - Full Export
  - Full Import
  - Idle
- Does not require additional hardware or oversizing of key equipment
- Overall low impact to change from grid following to grid following:
  - Little if any difference in hardware
  - OEM control systems and model readiness are critical
  - Grid connection process can accommodate.

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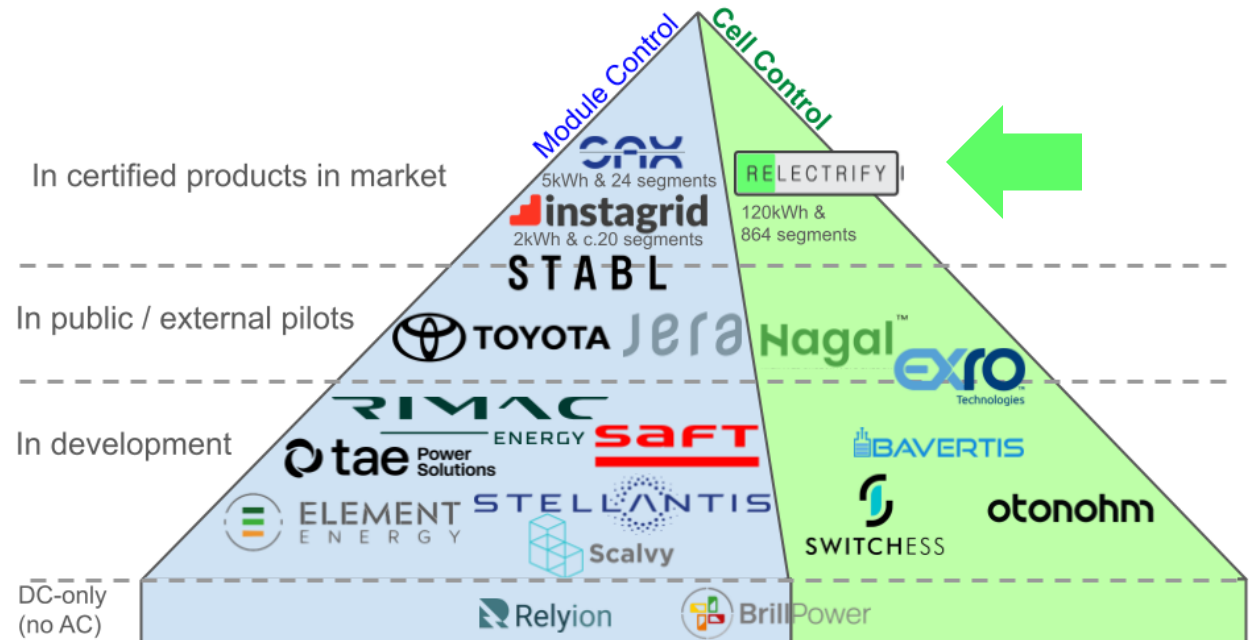
# Relectrify is a global leader in cell-level control



Based in Melbourne,  
backed by global investors

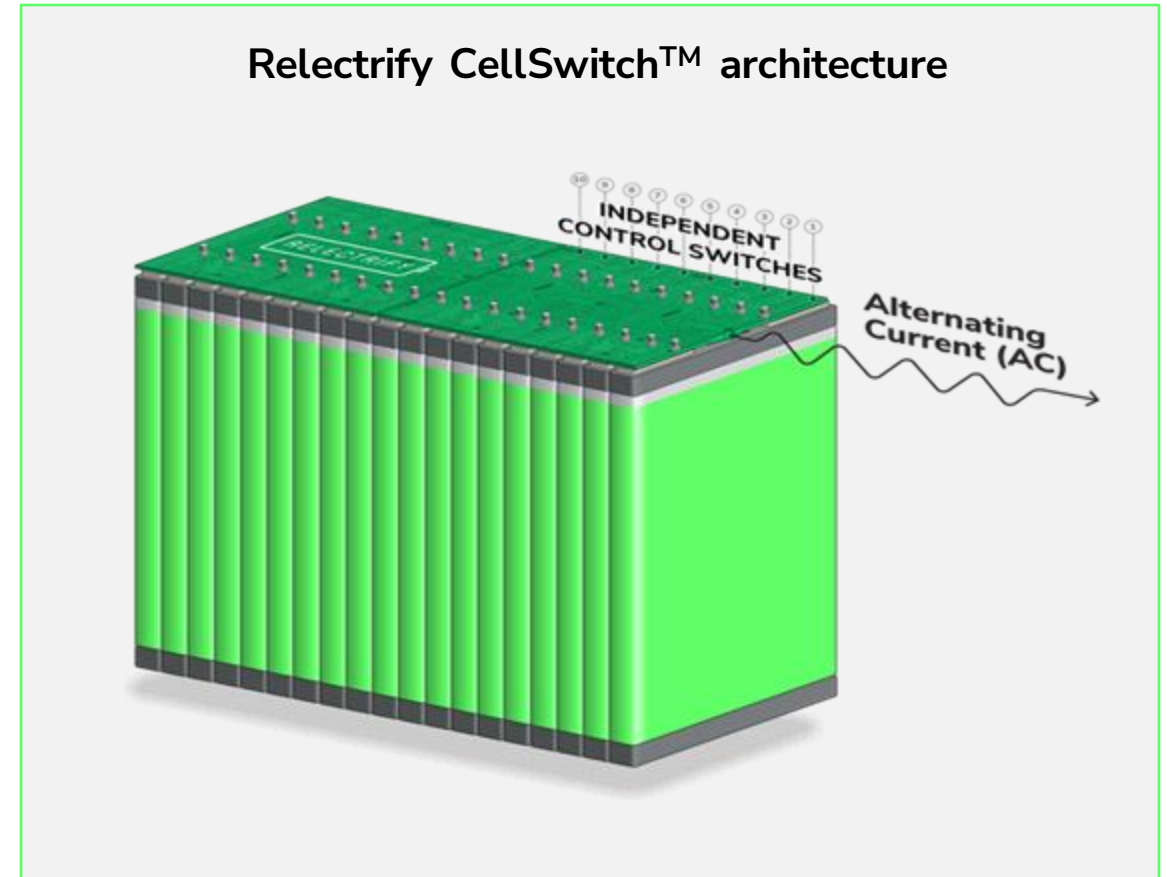
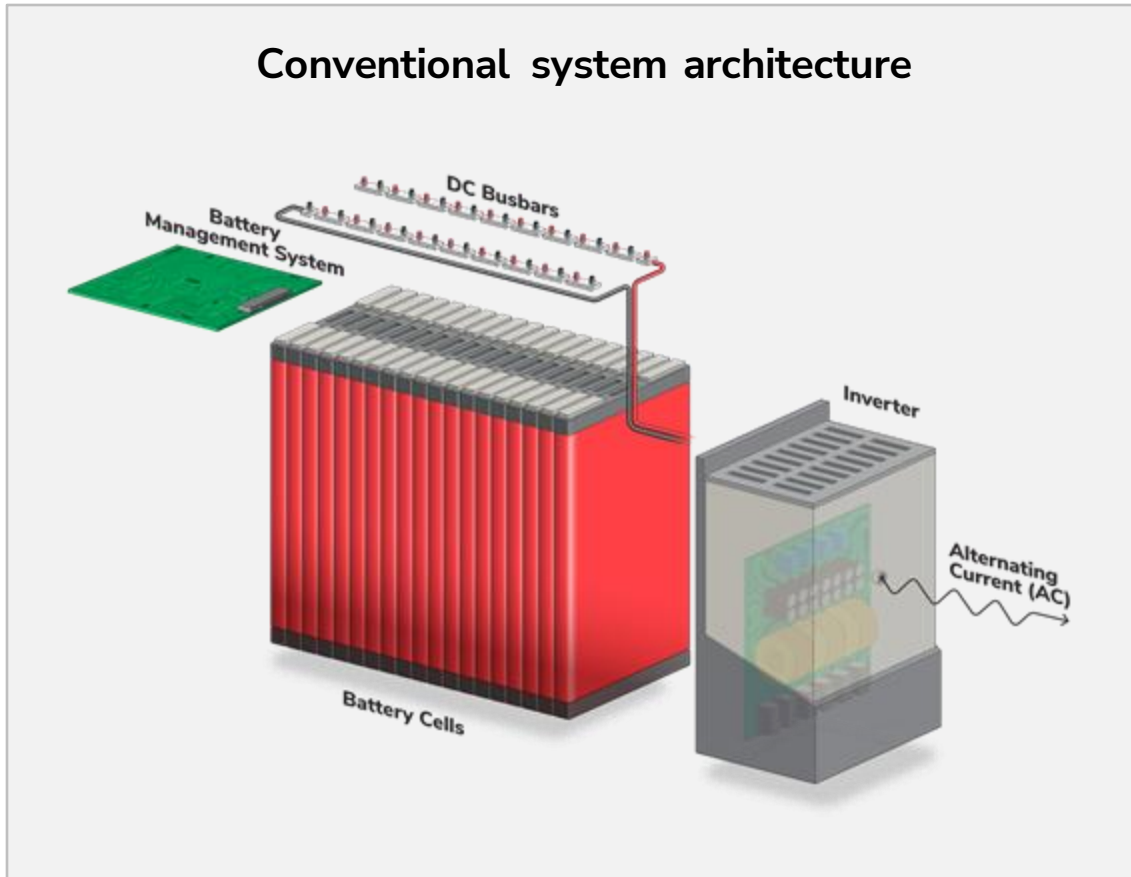


The world's first certified BESS  
using full cell-level control



Distributed Battery Management Inverters: The New Frontier For Life-Extended,  
Cost-Reduced Batteries [Cleantechnica, DEC 2023]

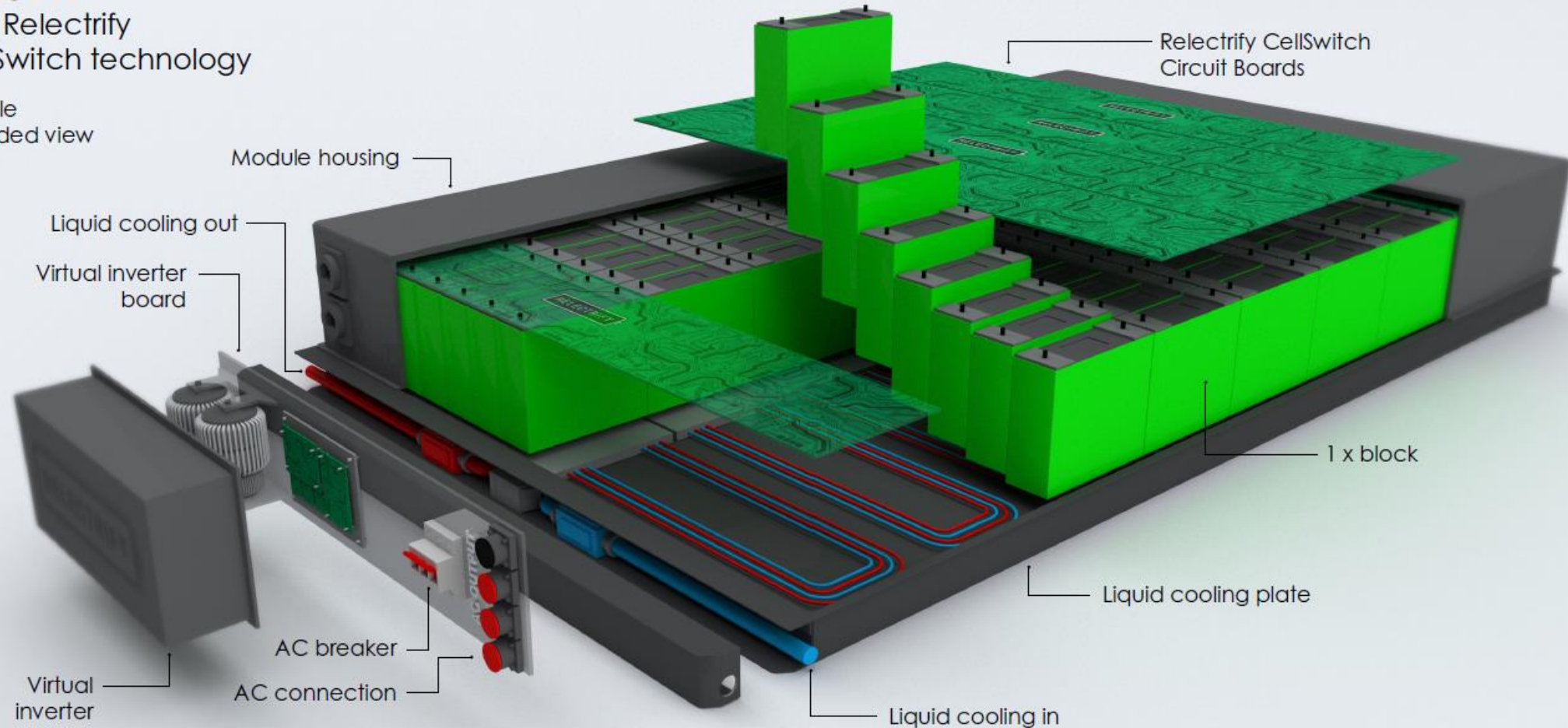
# Cell-level control is fundamentally different



# The AC battery module

## Module with Relectrify CellSwitch technology

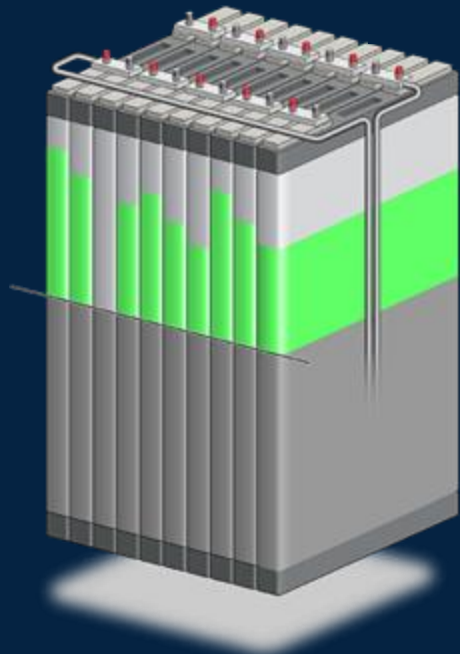
Module  
exploded view



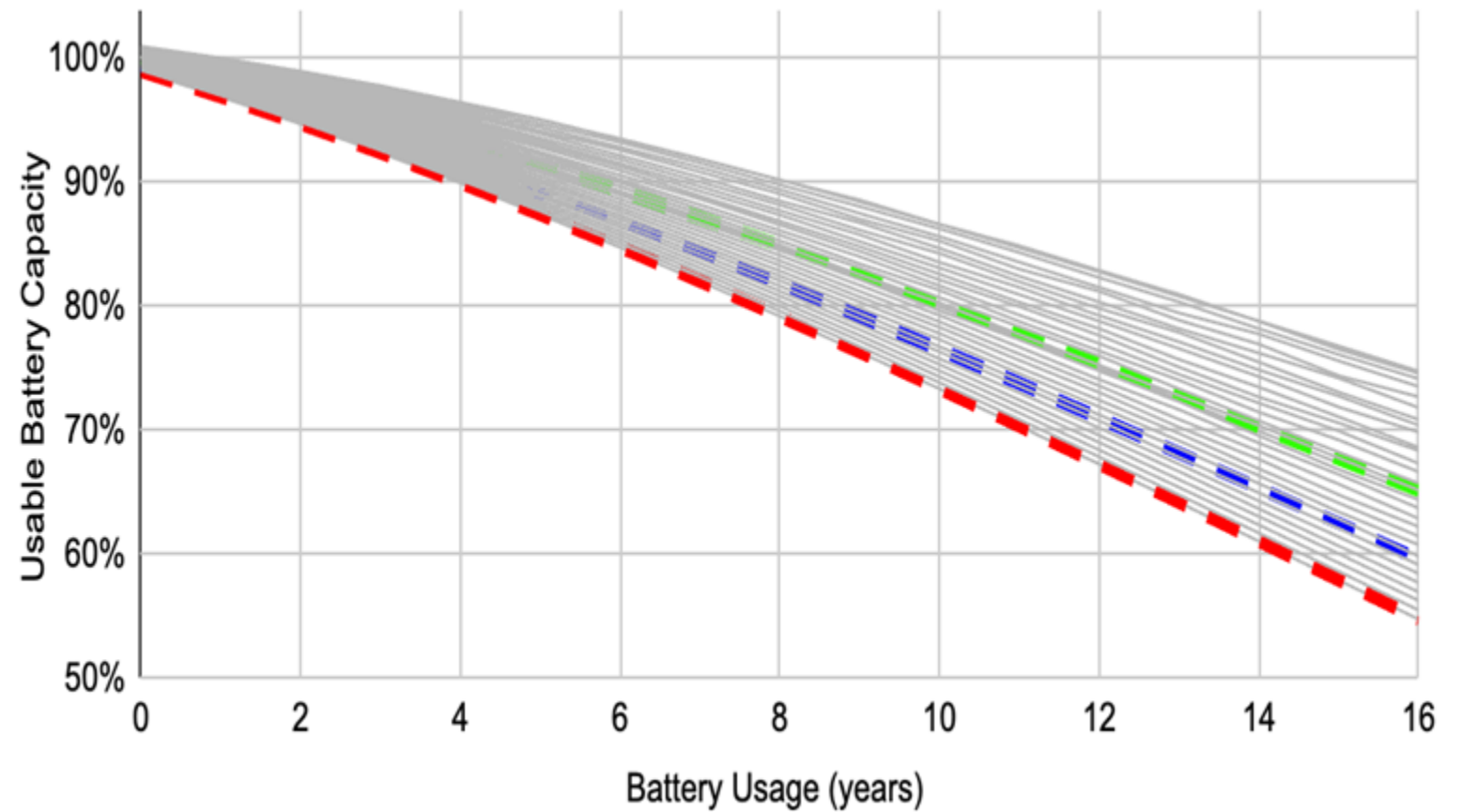


# Architecture to deliver longevity

Maximising BESS performance by managing each cell individually



Indicative BESS capacity curve over time (Source: [Cleantechnica December 2023](#))



# Engineered to unlock better project returns



Improved system energy density

Extended system longevity

Lower project costs

Advanced safety protections

Accurate real-time system status

Cell + chemistry agnostic

Automatic balancing

## Engineering the future of battery energy storage



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# Panel Discussion



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Transgrid



**Chris Mock**

Principal engineer,  
AEMO



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**12:30 – 1:30**

**Lunch**

**Upcoming Session: Long Duration Storage Technologies**

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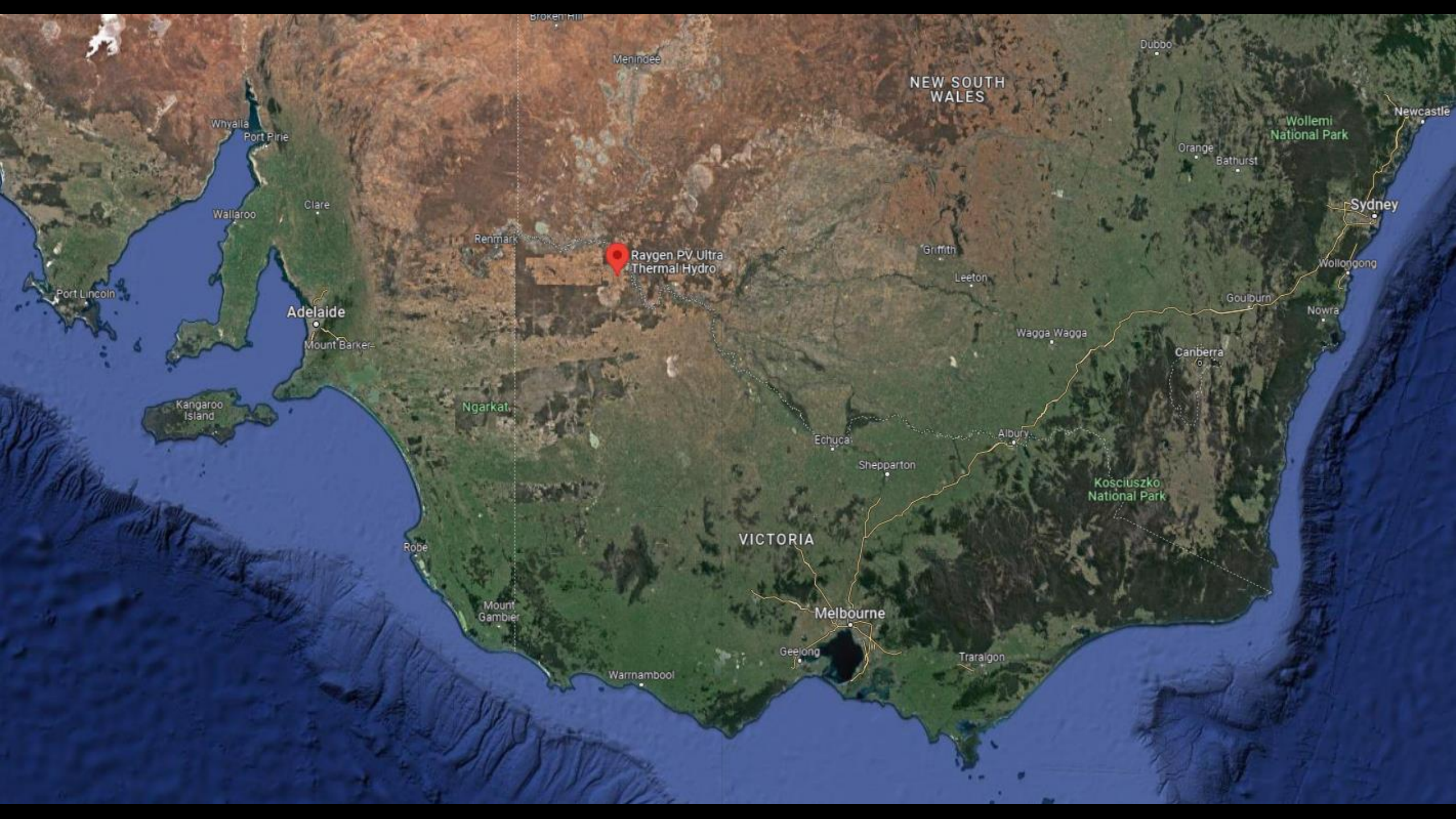
# **Long Duration Storage Technologies**

Presented by Dr. Tania Benedetti (ARENA)



 **RAYGEN**





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NEW SOUTH WALES

Dubbo

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Bathurst

Wollemi National Park

Newcastle

Whyalla

Port Pirie

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Sydney

Wollongong

Renmark

Raygen PV Ultra Thermal Hydro

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Goulburn

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Adelaide

Mount Barker

Wagga Wagga

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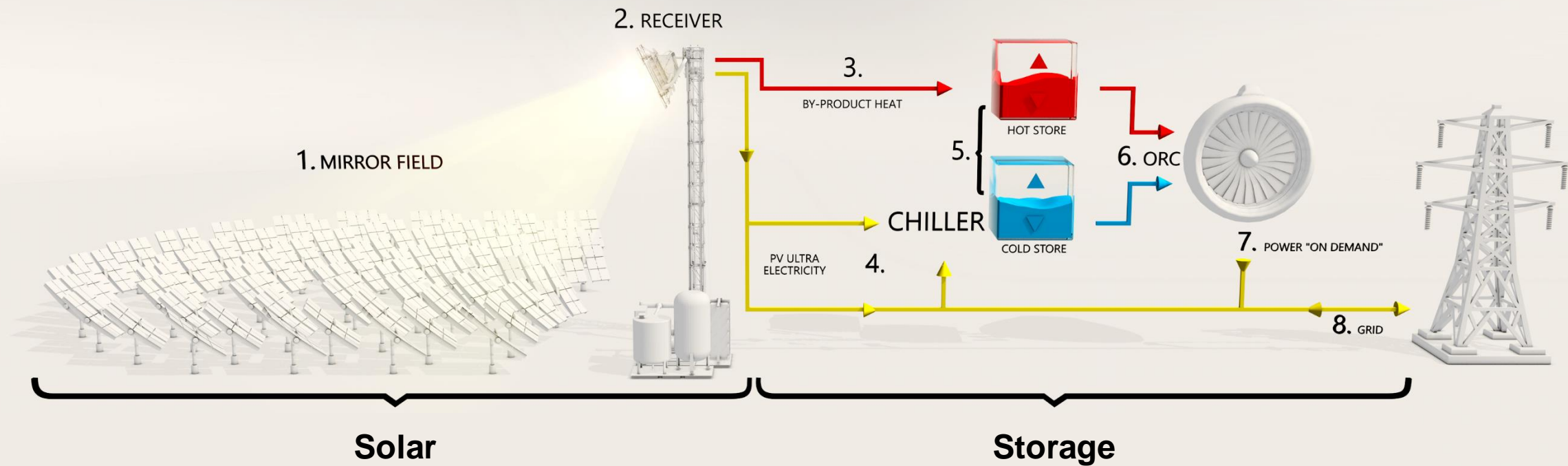
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Raygen PV Ultra  
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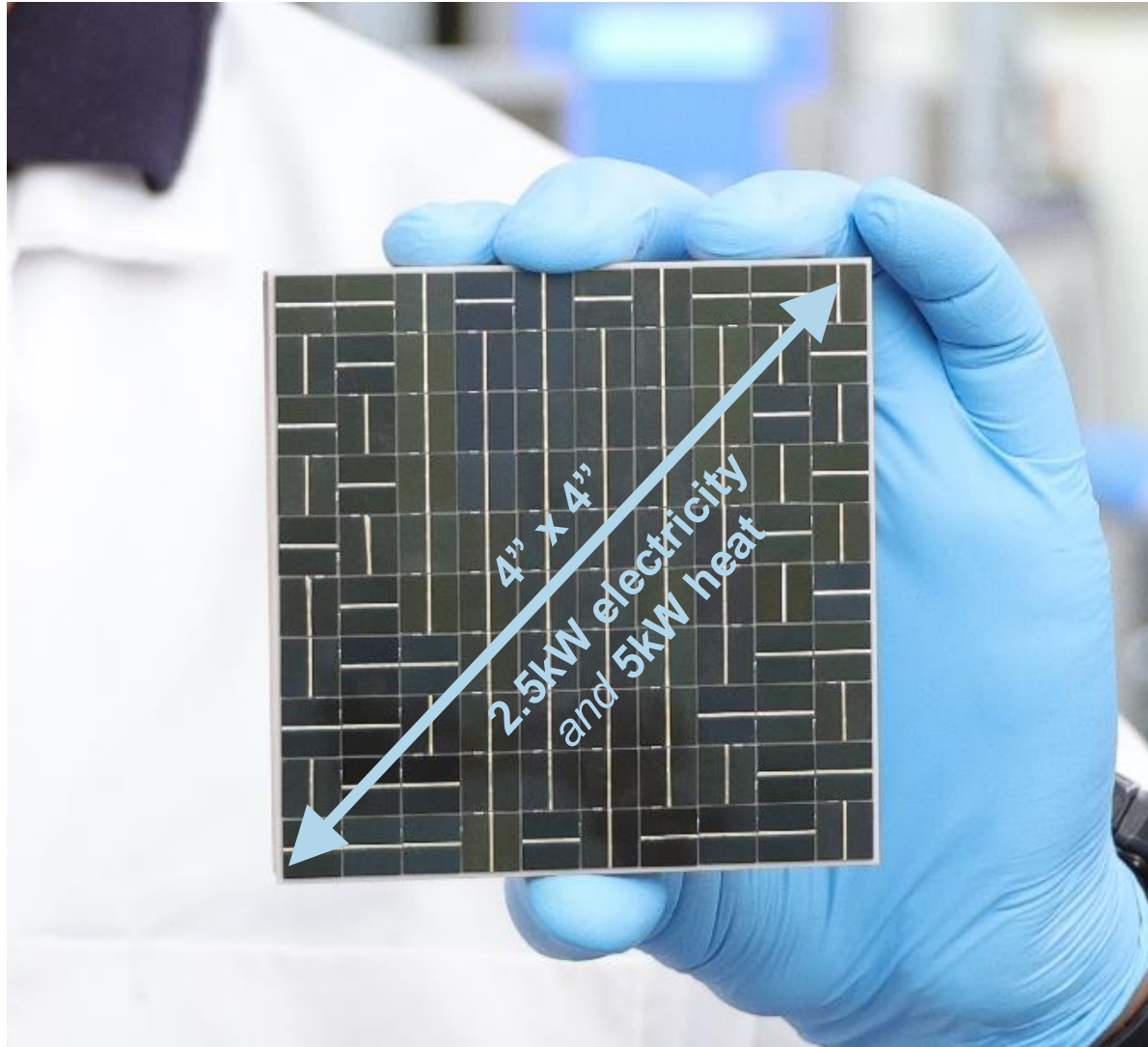
Storage duration can be flexibly and independently configured by increasing/ decreasing pit size; **typical durations range from 8-24 hours**



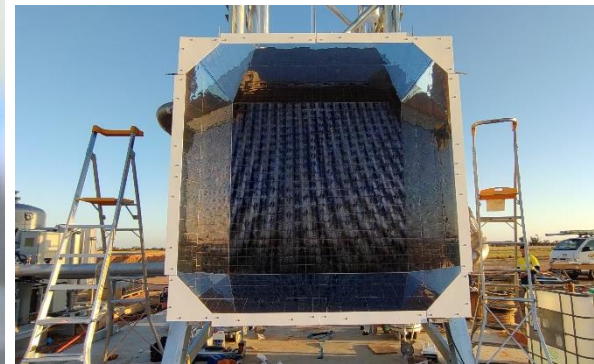
Not 'CSP' – Mirrors focus sunlight onto RayGen's photovoltaic modules, which convert light directly to electricity (water-cooling captures additional heat).

By-product heat from RayGen's solar boosts efficiency of RayGen's storage. Storage can be charged by on-site solar, or by the grid. Solar can export to the grid, or charge storage.

## Exceptional, high performance RayGen solar modules



RayGen-made solar modules fabricated in Melbourne, AU  
No polysilicon used



Over 400 modules in receiver for 1 MW of electricity, 2 MW of heat



RayGen converts 1/3<sup>rd</sup> sunlight to electricity and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> heat

# Low cost, low complexity, self-powered mirrors



Self-powered, wireless mirror tracking



Pile-driven posts  
No field wiring  
No concrete foundations



Co-located with grazing agriculture since 2014

## Pit thermal energy storage (PTES)

# Structurally lowest cost storage medium (hot & cold water)



PTES, an established technology, has capability for *seasonal storage*, with **<10% energy loss over 6 months**



Simple, low risk pit construction;  
Max depth of 15-20 m



Simple, high efficiency,  
low-cost rubber insulation



Lowest cost storage medium (water);  
Filtered and treated from any water source (river, well, sea)

# Storage power block

## Standard industrial chillers, heat pumps, turbines and generators



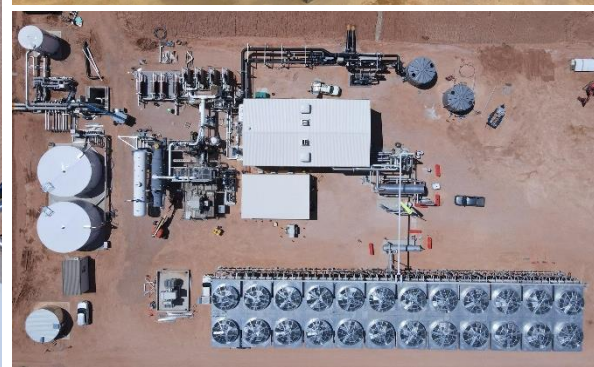
For every 1 MWh into the chiller, RayGen can recover 0.7-0.8 MWh out of the ORC, for net round-trip efficiency of 70-80%



Hot PTES charged with 'free' by-product heat from solar



Cold PTES charged with high efficiency industrial chiller



Uses conventional geothermal turbine



# Future projects

## Subsequent projects will scale-out RayGen's modular technology



Phot



Artist impression

### 50 MWh Solar Power Plant One, Carwarp

4 MW Solar – 4x 1MW PV Ultra towers  
3 MW Storage – 1x 3MW ORC w/  
50 MWh (17 hours) – 2x 17,000m<sup>3</sup> pits



Artist impression

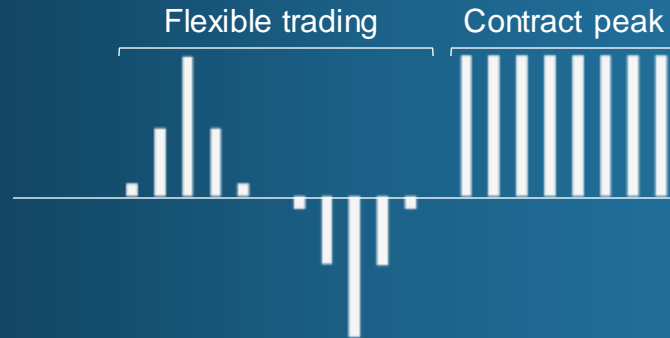
### 1.4 GWh Solar Power Plant Two

50 MW Solar – 50x 1MW PV Ultra towers  
29 MW Storage – 1x 29MW ORC w/  
350 MWh (12 hours) – 2x 165-200,000m<sup>3</sup> pits } x4

# Customer value proposition

Customers are seeking flexible generation to maximise on-grid revenues and reliable generation to minimise energy costs

## GREEN PEAKER & TRADING



*Objective*

Maximum profit (IRR) across energy products

*Requirements*

100% reliable dispatch (capacity and contract peak); high/low trading; ancillary services & inertia; green subsidies

*Integrations*

On-site RayGen solar to charge storage; option to charge storage from grid, wind, other solar PV; behind-the-meter loads

*Markets*

On-grid only

## GREEN BASELOAD



Lowest cost (PPA) of supplied electricity

100% reliable supply of electricity; contingent capacity in event of fault; system strength

On-site RayGen solar to charge storage; integration with wind, diesel gen-sets, open-cycle gas turbines; local loads; H2 and NH3

On-grid, hydrogen and remote



 **RAYGEN**

[RayGen.com](http://RayGen.com)



redflow



# Suitability of zinc-bromine flow batteries for LDES

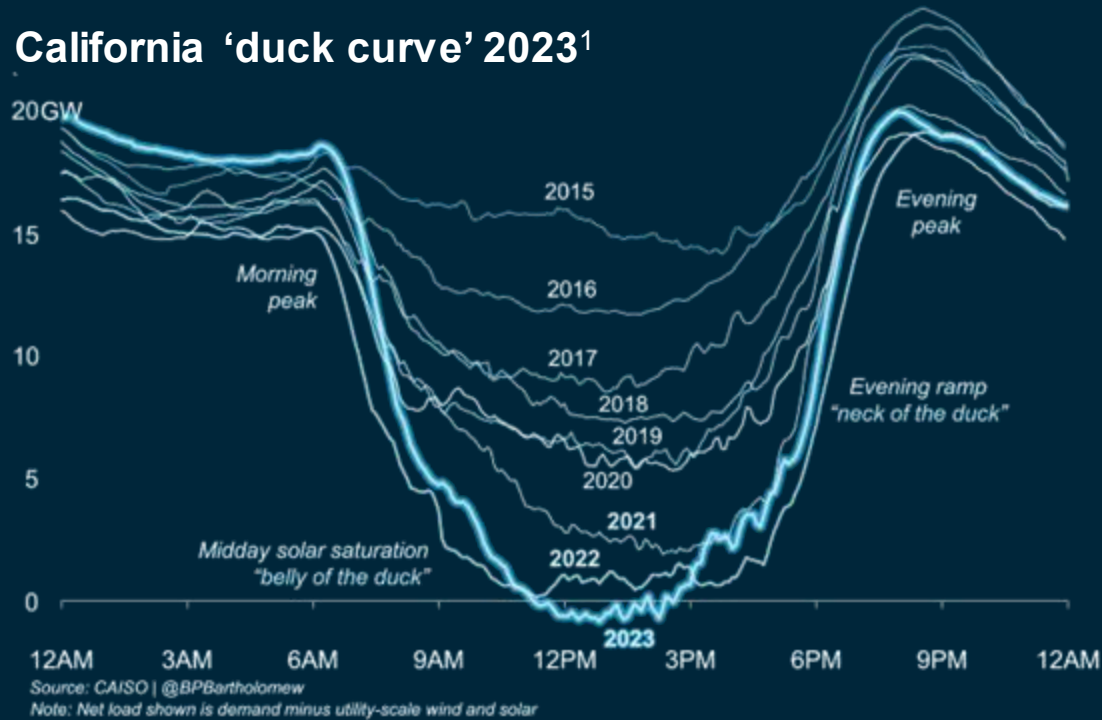
and their role in reliable energy delivery.

Presented by: Conan Jones, Product Manager

# LDES increasingly seen as crucial to the energy transition

Renewables acceleration generates new challenges that LDES is best equipped to solve

## California 'duck curve' 2023<sup>1</sup>



*“Long-duration energy storage is not a luxury, but a necessity. This is not an economic paradigm, it’s a reliability paradigm.”<sup>2</sup>*



1. CAISO  
2. PNNL.gov, *Long-Duration Energy Storage: The Time Is Now*, May 2023, Citing PNNL study in *Journal of Energy Storage*, *Defining long duration energy storage*, April 2023

## Key LDES applications



Bulk energy shifting



Renewables integration



Energy arbitrage



Back up source

## Redflow aligned to core LDES requirements



Use 100% energy



Flexible duration



Frequent cycling & long life



High temperature tolerance



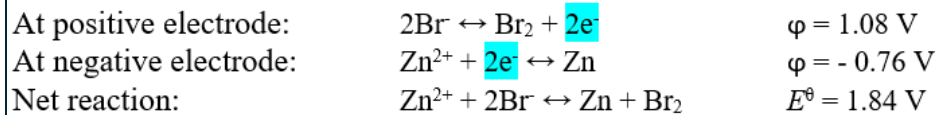
Fully recyclable and no fire risk

# Zinc-bromine flow battery chemistry



- + Using the Zn-Br redox reaction for energy storage was patented over 100 years ago and has been investigated by the likes of Exxon and Gould (for EPRI) in the 70's and several others since then.<sup>1</sup>
- + A major benefit is that it yields 2 electrons per half-reaction.
- + The electrolyte component materials are also abundantly available: zinc the 4<sup>th</sup> most abundant metal on earth and bromine occurring naturally with salt deposits and desalination activities.
- + An organic complexing agent (BCA) is added to a high-purity form of a standard industrial oil/gas-well finishing fluid.
- + This BCA captures the bromine (Br<sub>2</sub>) as it develops at the positive electrode (during charging), while metallic zinc is plated onto the negative electrode.

In ZBFB, the electrode reaction is as follows.

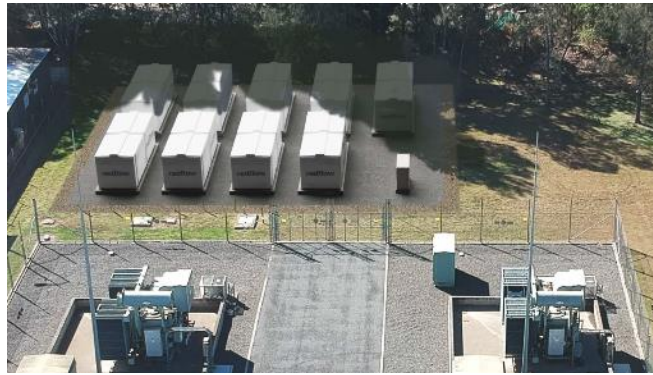
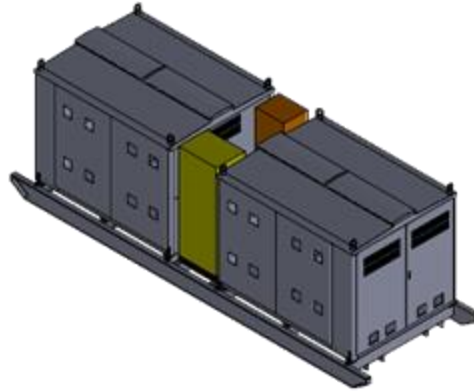
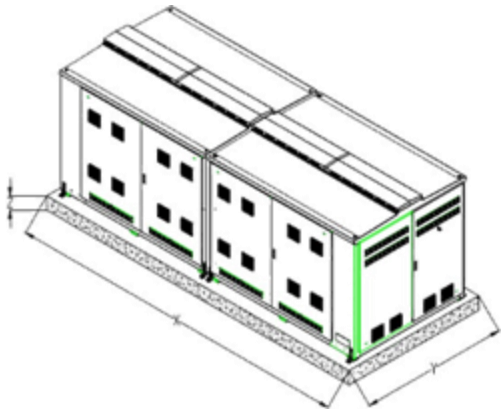


Zinc-bromine redox reaction and resulting half-cell potentials.<sup>2</sup>



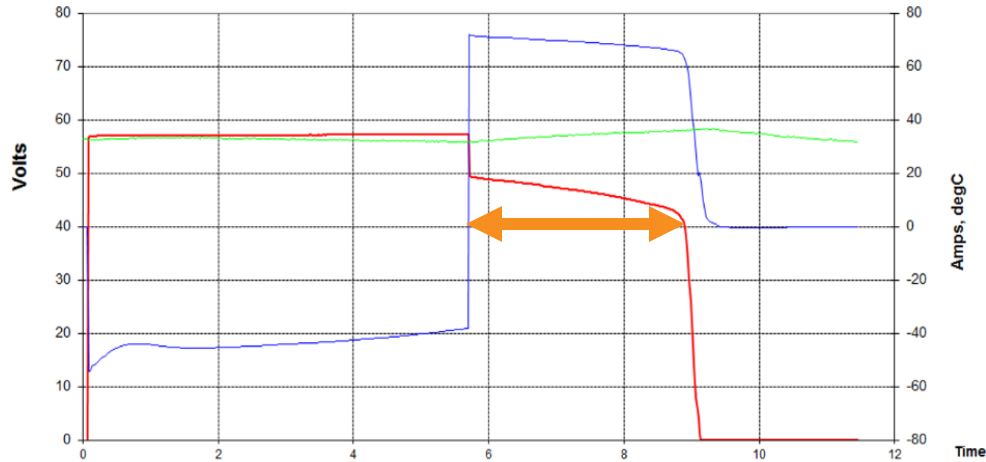
# Zinc-bromine flow battery solution

Proven building block for scale up to multi-MWh systems



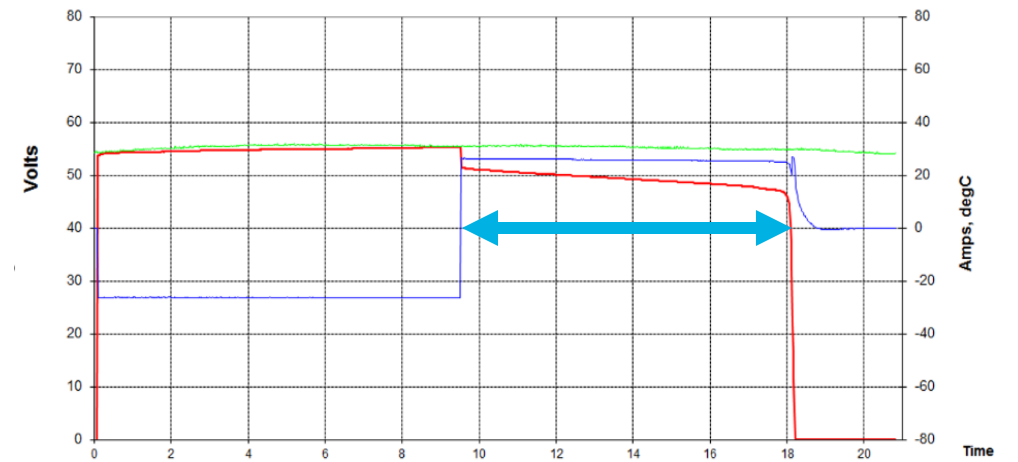
- + Proven globally deployed solutions since 2008
- + Fire safe aqueous & fire-retardant electrolyte
- + Chemistry lends itself to LDES
- + Zero self-discharge in hibernation mode
  
- + The 200 kWh Energy Pod concept (using the core ZBM3 batteries) designed as a stand-alone enclosure for C&I needs.
- + Delivered as 2 per 20 ft container and mounted back-to-back as a 'Pod-Pair', they become an ideal building block to meet the needs of many MWh-scale projects.
  - + Large C&I ("Anaergia" 2 MWh)
  - + Community Batteries ("Paskenta" 15 MWh, "Barona" 6.6 MWh)
  - + Remote & semi-utility ("VCH" ~35 MWh)
  - + Within distribution networks ("EQ" 4 MWh)
  
- + Can be delivered from Thailand as complete system (FAT) or with dry batteries for US electrolyte filling.
- + Ease of site install with robust parallel connection architecture and 850 Vdc output enable MWh deployments with larger industrial central storage inverters from 1 MW.

# Zinc-bromine flow battery charge/discharge characteristics

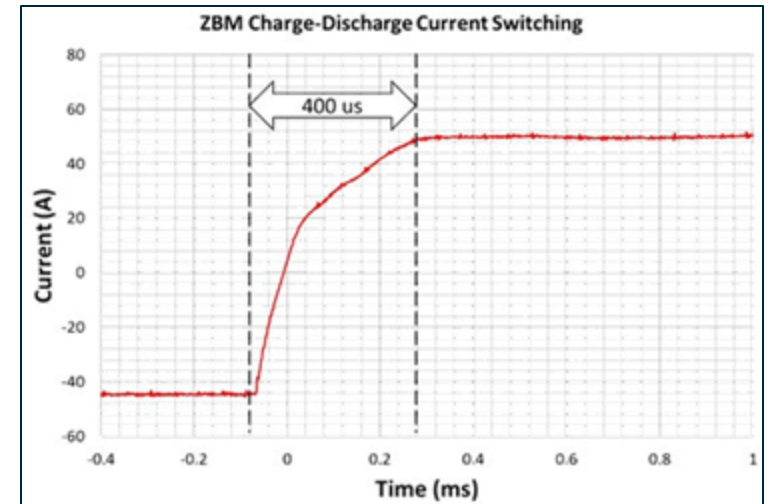
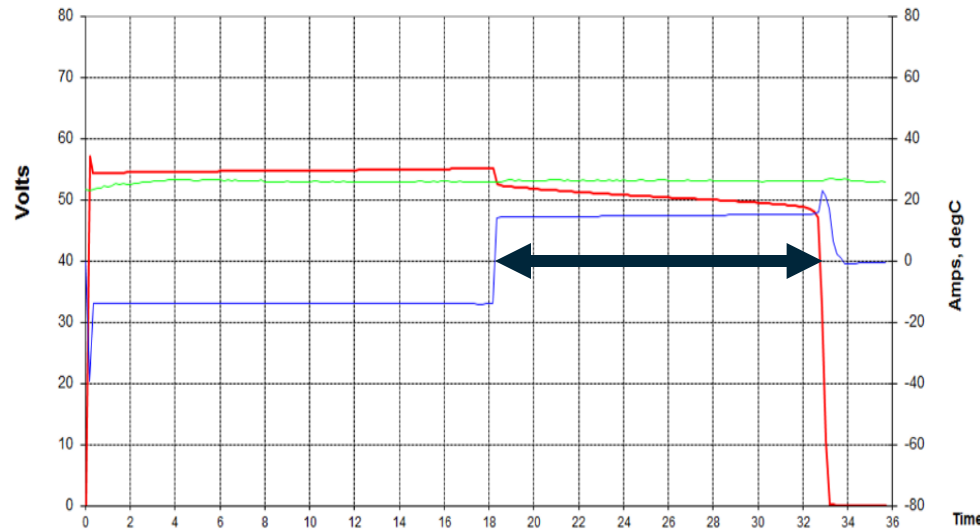


3.1 kW for 3:18 hrs  
(45.5 Vdc & 68 A)

750 W for 14:48 hrs  
(49.8 Vdc & 15 A)

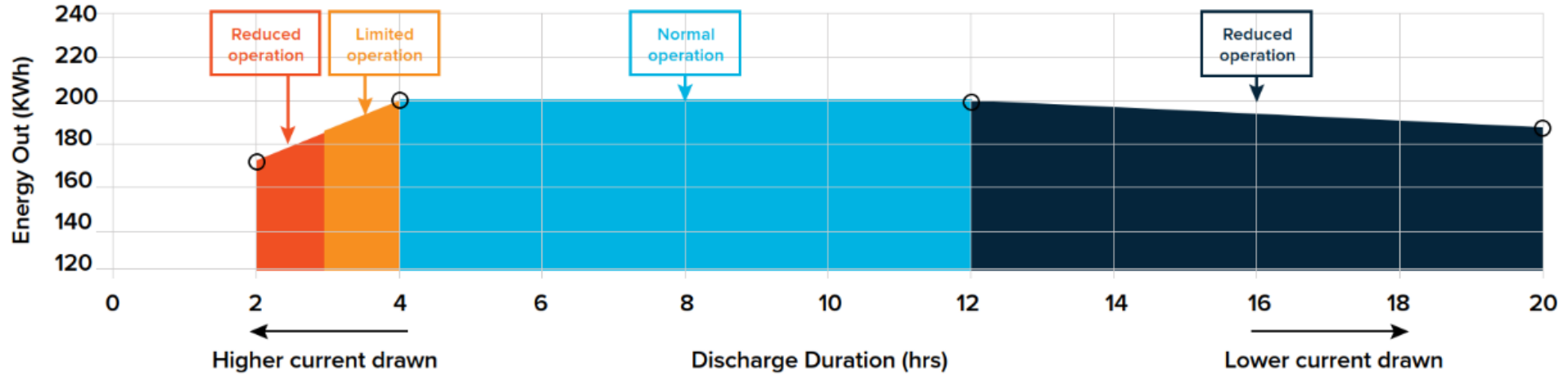


1.25 kW for 8:42 hrs  
(49 Vdc & 25.8 A)

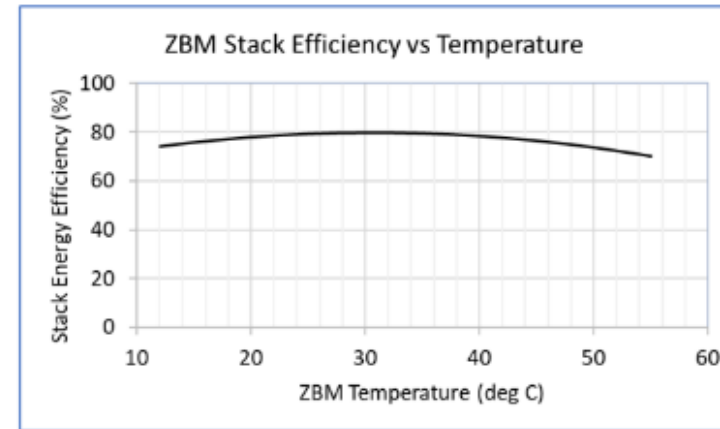
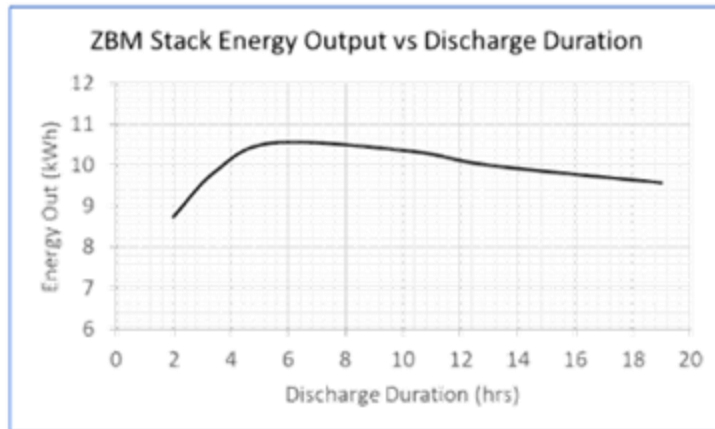




# Redflow's short and long-duration capabilities

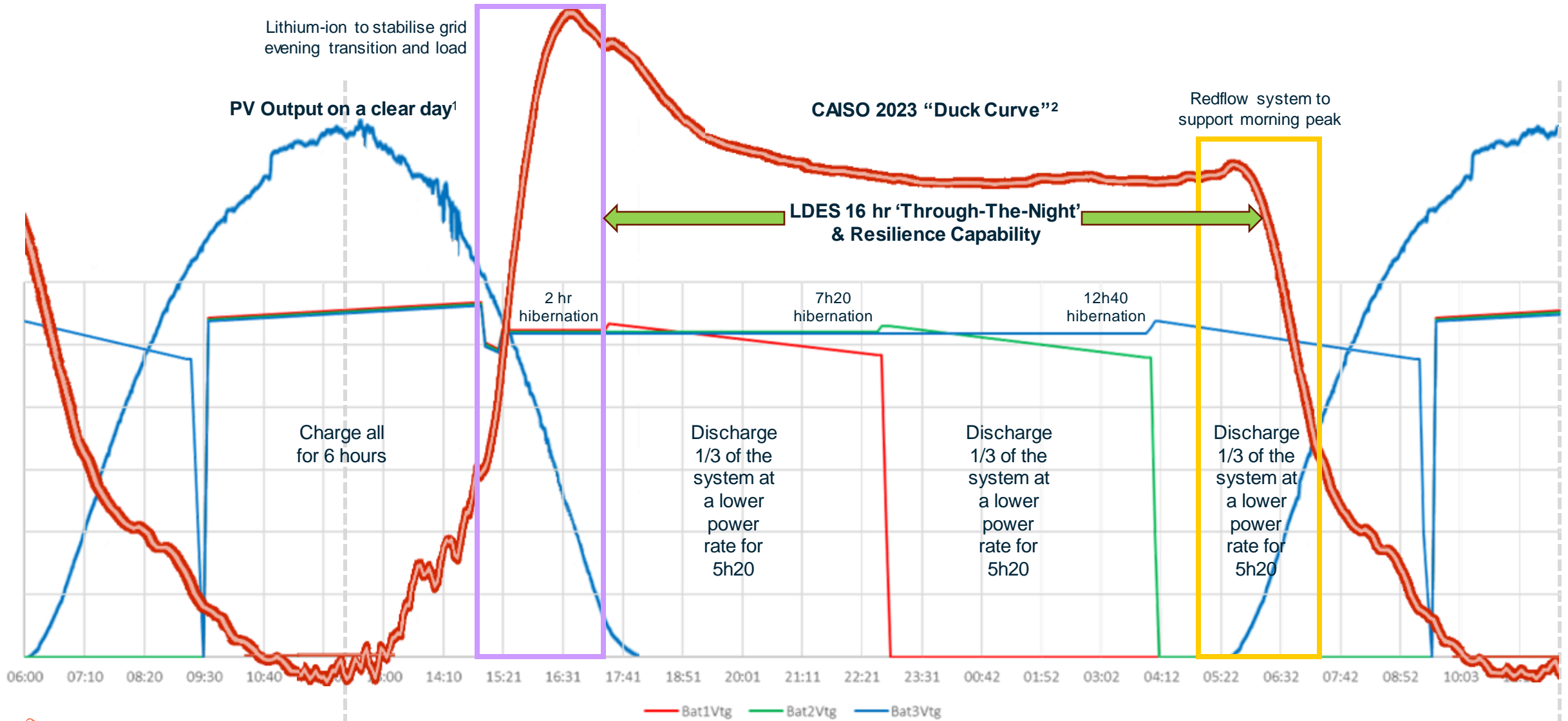


High power incurs IsquareR losses. Long duration has more time for self-discharge loss.



Optimum temperature is ~ 30 deg C. Efficiency falls at temperature extremes.

# Redflow's unique hibernation feature – ideal for LDES



1. Source: Modified from ResearchGate: *On recent advances in PV output power forecast*, 07/2016  
 2. Source: Modified from CAISO / @BPBartholomew  
 3. NOT TO SCALE

# Horizon Power – Project overview

- + Horizon Power wishes to investigate
  - + the performance of zinc-bromine flow batteries in a high ambient temperature environment.
  - + this specific hybrid flow battery technology.
  - + integration into the DERMS.
  - + LDES-supporting capabilities such as ‘hibernation’.
  - + functionality alongside other traditional and renewable generation resources.
- + It will be incorporated into the network, but treated as a testing site, working closely with Redflow to advise and support improvement opportunities.
- + Integration with high-end, full capability inverter (ABB PCS100) will enable testing of FCAS, grid-following to grid-forming and other grid stabilisation aspects.

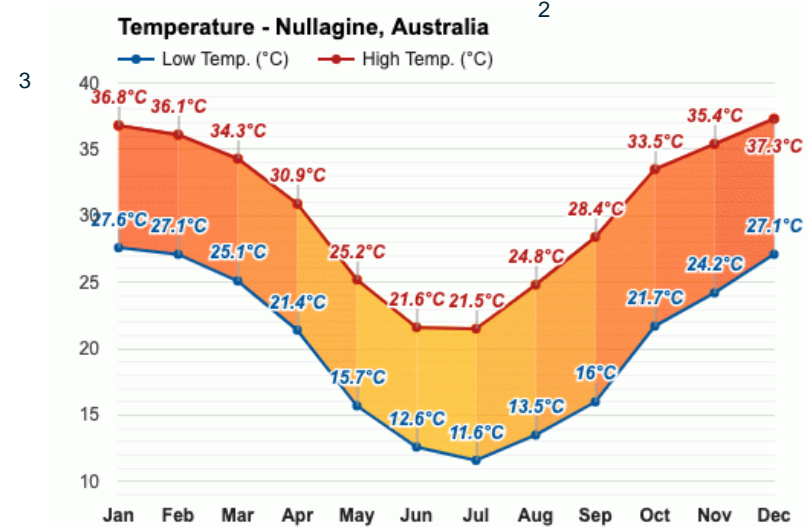
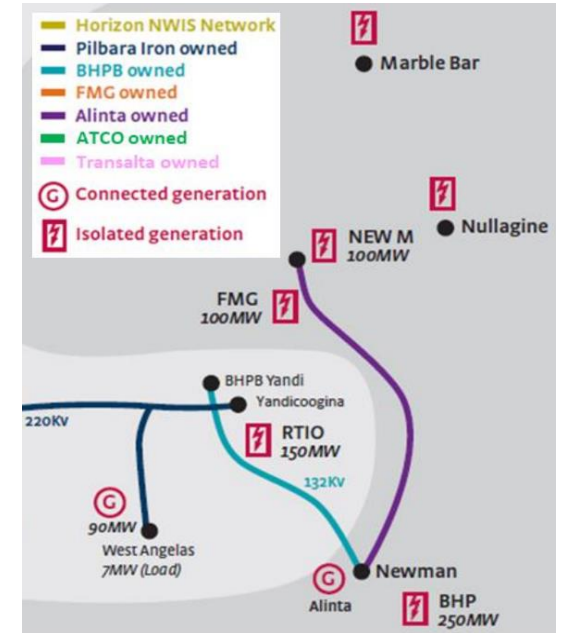
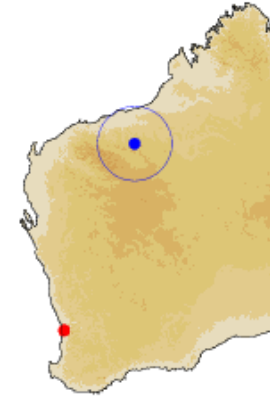


Nullagine Solar Power Station

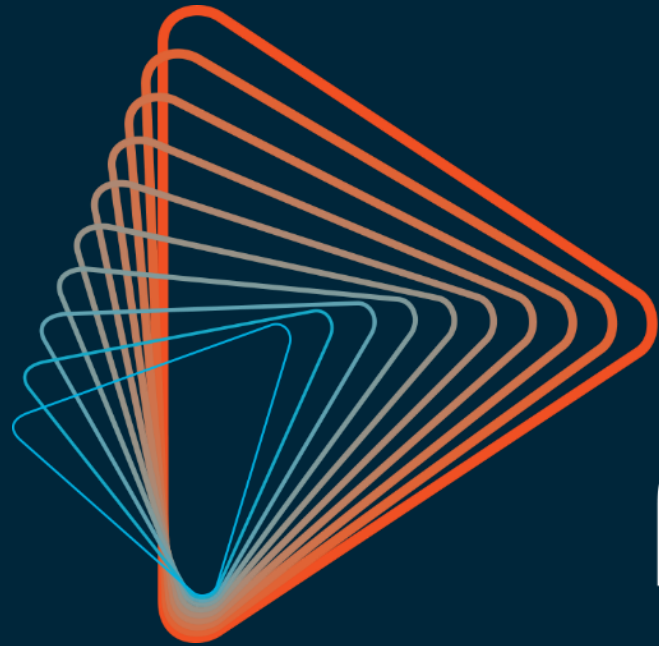


# Horizon Power – Project challenges

- + Originally specified for another site but discussions with Horizon Power indicated that there was a preference for Nullagine to specifically focus on the high temperature capabilities.
- + Near Marble Bar, Australia's record holder for the longest heatwave,<sup>1</sup> with current average daily temperatures in December of 41.6 °C. (49 °C on Saturday 31st December 2023).
- + Dust ingress into forced air-cooling filters.
- + The site is effectively an isolated microgrid without any larger network connection.
- + Integrating and providing the optimal benefit between the local solar generation and existing diesel gensets.



1. 160 days over 37.7 °C in 1923-24  
 2. Source: Horizon Power Pilbara Network – System Description, December 2021  
 3. Source: <https://www.weather-atlas.com/en/australia/nullagine-climate>



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An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir. The dam is a long, straight concrete structure with a gravelly base, stretching across a valley. To the left of the dam is a large, calm reservoir of blue water. The surrounding landscape consists of rolling hills with sparse, dry vegetation in shades of green and brown. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is a natural, rugged environment.

# Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

Next Steps in Storage Technology

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# Horizon Power at a glance



**2.3m square km**  
of regional and remote  
WA is serviced by  
Horizon Power



**510**  
employees



**>53,300**  
customer connection  
points to network



**>1,000 GWh**  
electricity delivered a year



**8,404 km**  
of overhead and  
underground  
transmission and  
distribution lines



**>70 stand alone  
power systems**  
(SPS) installed



**3 energy types**  
gas, diesel, and  
renewable energy  
(wind, solar, and hydro)  
+ hydrogen storage



**17.8 GWh**  
**renewable energy**  
purchased from our  
customers a year



**0.54 kg CO2-e/kWh**  
carbon emissions

○ Offices  
● Current supply areas



# Long Duration Energy Storage

- Decarbonisation requires shifting large volumes of solar PV energy to 'dark' peaks, or periods outside of solar
- We will require storage systems with more kWh than kW
- Large capacities to absorb excess renewables will reduce customer PV curtailment
- We will inevitably build much larger storage systems than we have installed to date
- Lithium-Ion batteries have thrived in the services market but can become too costly when delivering energy for more than 4 or 5 hours
- Zero Hydrocarbons operation will require storage capable of delivering 10 hours +

## Pework:

- Engaged with industry for advice on removing the bias towards Lithium-Ion in our BESS standard
- Re-crafted the standard to become a technology agnostic Energy Storage Standard (ESS)
- Engage with the 'Battery Panel' of suppliers to remove barriers to Long Duration Energy Storage



# Market Scan & Techno-Economic Study

The study used 28 dimensions of assessment

The following top tier requirements were used to filter immature or unsuitable technologies.

- Technology Readiness Level TRL of 6/7 or above
- The company has an agent in Australia
- Western Australian Support is available
- The company has system integration experience
- The company has a relationship with an Australian deployment partner
- MWh deployed to date (can be international as well as Australian)
- Delivery timeframes to Fremantle/Perth

Table 1: Technology Readiness Levels

Level	Summary
1	<b>Basic principles observed and reported:</b> Transition from scientific research to applied research. Essential characteristics and behaviors of systems and architectures. Descriptive tools are mathematical formulations or algorithms.
2	<b>Technology concept and/or application formulated:</b> Applied research. Theory and scientific principles are focused on a specific application area to define the concept. Characteristics of the application are described. Analytical tools are developed for simulation or analysis of the application.
3	<b>Analytical and experimental critical function and/or characteristic proof of concept:</b> Proof of concept validation. Active research and development is initiated with analytical and laboratory studies. Demonstration of technical feasibility using breadboard or brassboard implementations that are exercised with representative data.
4	<b>Component/subsystem validation in laboratory environment:</b> Standalone prototyping implementation and test. Integration of technology elements. Experiments with full-scale problems or data sets.
5	<b>System/subsystem/component validation in relevant environment:</b> Thorough testing of prototyping in representative environment. Basic technology elements integrated with reasonably realistic supporting elements. Prototyping implementations conform to target environment and interfaces.
6	<b>System/subsystem model or prototyping demonstration in a relevant end-to-end environment:</b> Prototyping implementations on full-scale realistic problems. Partially integrated with existing systems. Limited documentation available. Engineering feasibility fully demonstrated in actual system application.
7	<b>System prototyping demonstration in an operational environment:</b> System prototyping demonstration in operational environment. System is at or near scale of the operational system with most functions available for demonstration and test. Well integrated with collateral and ancillary systems. Limited documentation available.
8	<b>Actual system completed and qualified through test and demonstration in an operational environment:</b> End of system development. Fully integrated with operational hardware and software systems. Most user documentation, training documentation, and maintenance documentation completed. All functionality tested in simulated and operational scenarios. Verification and Validation (V&V) completed.
9	<b>Actual system proven through successful operations:</b> Fully integrated with operational hardware/software systems. Actual system has been thoroughly demonstrated and tested in its operational environment. All documentation completed. Successful operational experience. Sustaining engineering support in place.

# Techno-Economic Study

Technologies included in the assessment	Technologies excluded from the assessment
Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries	Lithium-Ion
Zinc Bromine Flow Batteries	Lead Acid
Static Zinc Bromine Gel Batteries	Kinetic Flywheels
Thermal Energy + Heat Engine	Compressed Air Technologies
Hydrogen & Metal Hydride Storage	Potential Energy Storage – Concrete Block
Sodium/Sulphur Battery	Pumped Hydro

Financial, Operational & Environmental dimensions of Assessment		
CAPEX	AS 4777 inverter compatibility	Cyclonic durability
O&M - OPEX	Ability to support F P Q	Safety considerations
\$/MWh – Long Run Marginal cost	Control interface IEEE 2030.5 compatibility	Land requirements / footprint
Asset lifespan	Cycles per unit/cell lifespan	Noise emissions
Critical components	Depth of discharge	Visual Impact
Single points of failure	Round trip efficiency & Parasitic load(s)	Lifecycle assessment
Internal redundancy	Maintenance cycles	Circular economy considerations

# Merits & Disadvantages

It's not a level playing field across the different technologies

Merits and	Disadvantages
100% depth of discharge	Can require another energy source to re-energise
Can discharged over long periods of time	Low round trip efficiencies
Can hold a charge indefinitely	Parasitic losses and high self-discharge
Standby mode to cut parasitic losses	Slow to respond coming out of standby mode
fast response = ability to provide network support	Slow to respond in milli seconds making network support hard
Ability to absorb fluctuating renewables directly	Constrained run-times and operational requirements
Ability to operate in high temperatures (50°C+)	Require cooling to remain efficient

# Trial Decision Criteria



Technology Readiness Level of 6/7 or above



Supplier has an agent in Australia, relationship with an Australian deployment partner & support in WA



Deployment Partner has system integration experience






Amount of MWh deployed (globally)



Delivery time

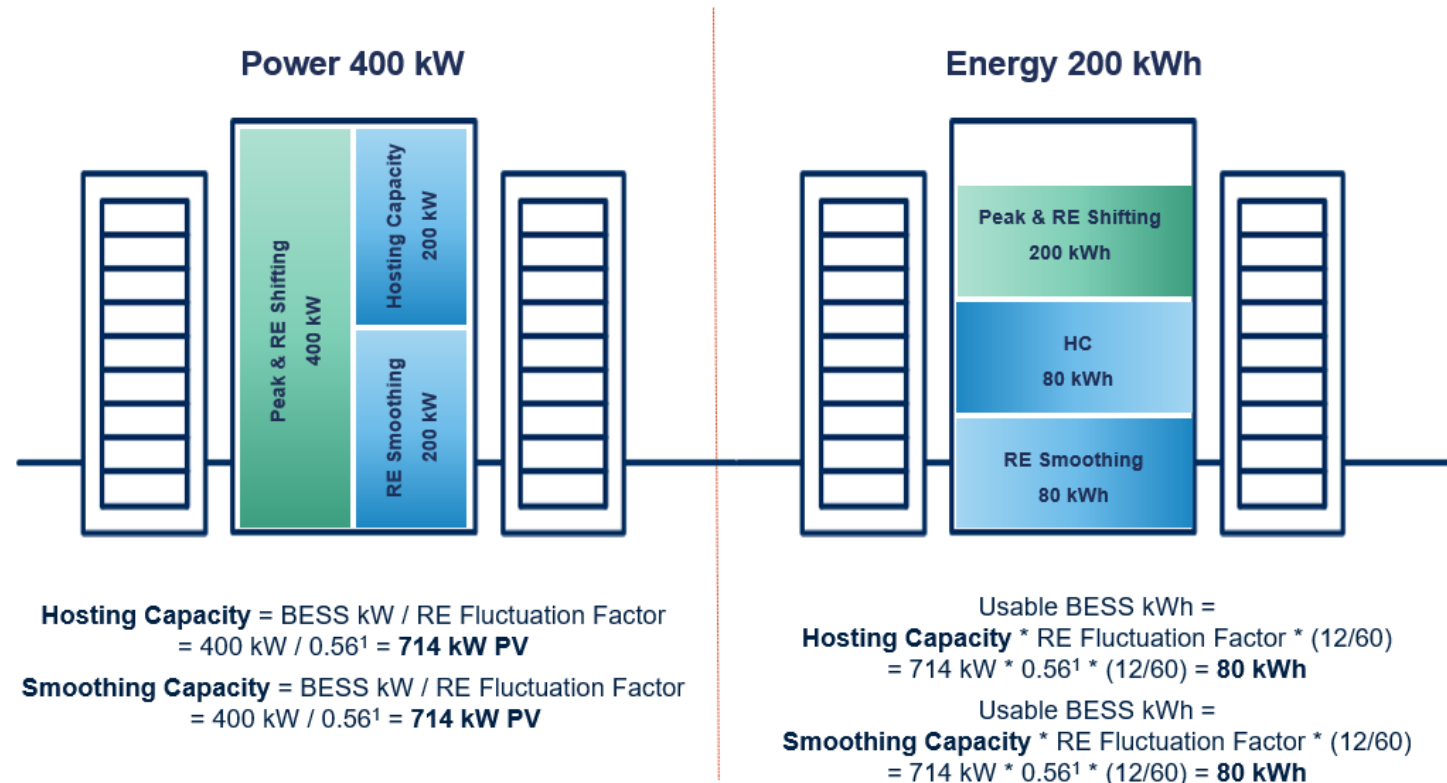
Based on the results of a techno-economic study, Vanadium Redox Flow battery, Zinc Bromine Flow battery and Sodium Sulphur battery storage technologies have been selected as suitable for remote microgrid trials

	Prototype	Vendor	Presence in AUS	TRL	MWh deployed globally	Delivery time	Lifespan	Degradation	RTE <sup>1</sup>	Temperature resilience	Depth of discharge	Thermal Runaway
<b>Vanadium Redox Flow Battery</b> <b>Kununurra</b>		Invinity/ VSun	Yes	9	>33MWh	9 months	25	1%	75-80%	Up to 50°C	100%	No
<b>Zinc Bromine Flow Battery</b> <b>Nullagine</b>		Redflow	Yes	9	7.5MWh	4 months	25	1%	73%	Up to 50°C	100%	No
<b>Sodium Sulphur Battery</b> <b>Carnarvon</b>		NGK/ BASF	Yes	9	4,900MWh	9 months	20	20%	86%	Maintains 300°C internally	100%	No

# Orchestration of storage assets

- Shift the Power System Control Philosophy into the DERMS Platform
- DERMS assigns different jobs to different ESS assets during the day to achieve:
  - a) The operating constraints or requirements prescribed in the control philosophy, while
  - b) Maximising ESS return on investment and preserving cycles in the case of Li-ion.

- Orchestrate the ESS technologies to meet the needs of the system
- Decouple the Jobs from the assets to find flexibility
- Now the emerging ESS value proposition is Network Location.
- Strategically locate assets to avoid or delay network augmentation to meet the decarbonisation targets
- Evolve the ESS strategies to marginalise spinning generation while preserving system strength.



**Thank You**

# Panel Discussion



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**3:00 – 3:30**

## **Afternoon Tea**

Upcoming Sessions:

- Participation of Storage in Electricity Markets (Blaxland B)
- Thermal Storage for Process Heat (Blaxland A)





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# **Participation of Storage in Electricity Markets**

Presented by Greg Williams (ARENA)



# ARENA insights forum: Lumea

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# Introducing the Transgrid Group

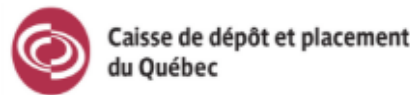


Transgrid operates and manages the high voltage electricity transmission network in NSW and the ACT.



Lumea is Australia's leading infrastructure and energy services provider operating in the contestable energy market

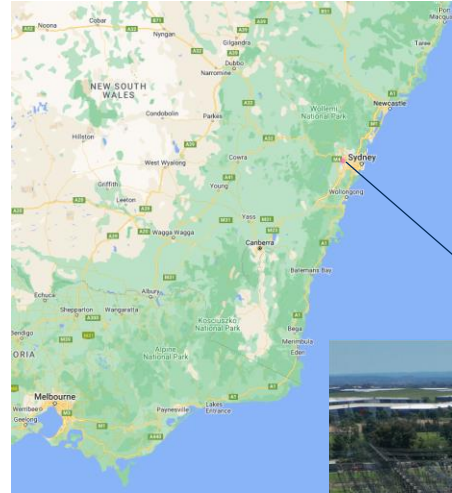
## Transgrid Group Investors



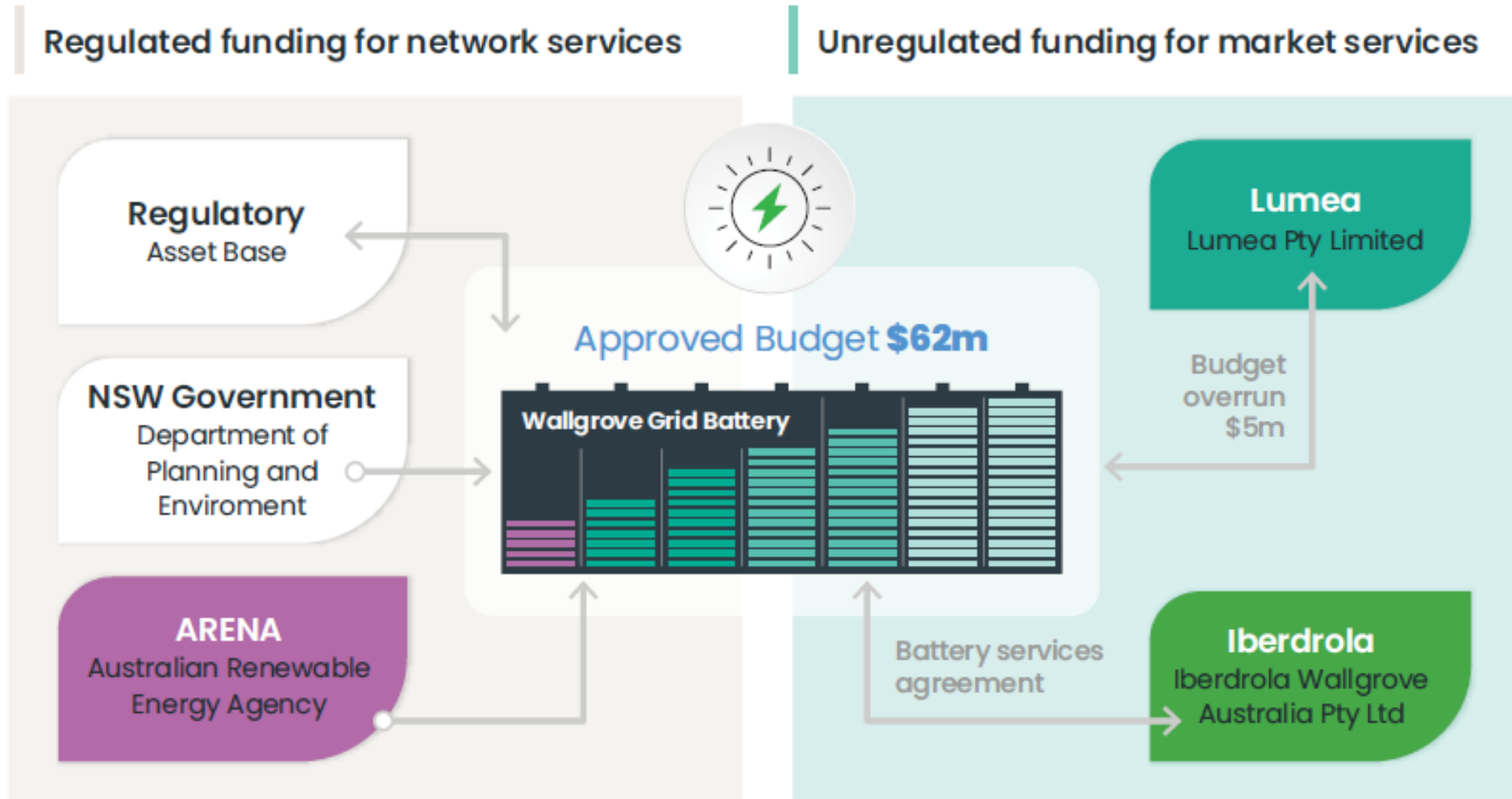
# The Wallgrove Grid Battery

## Technical Parameters

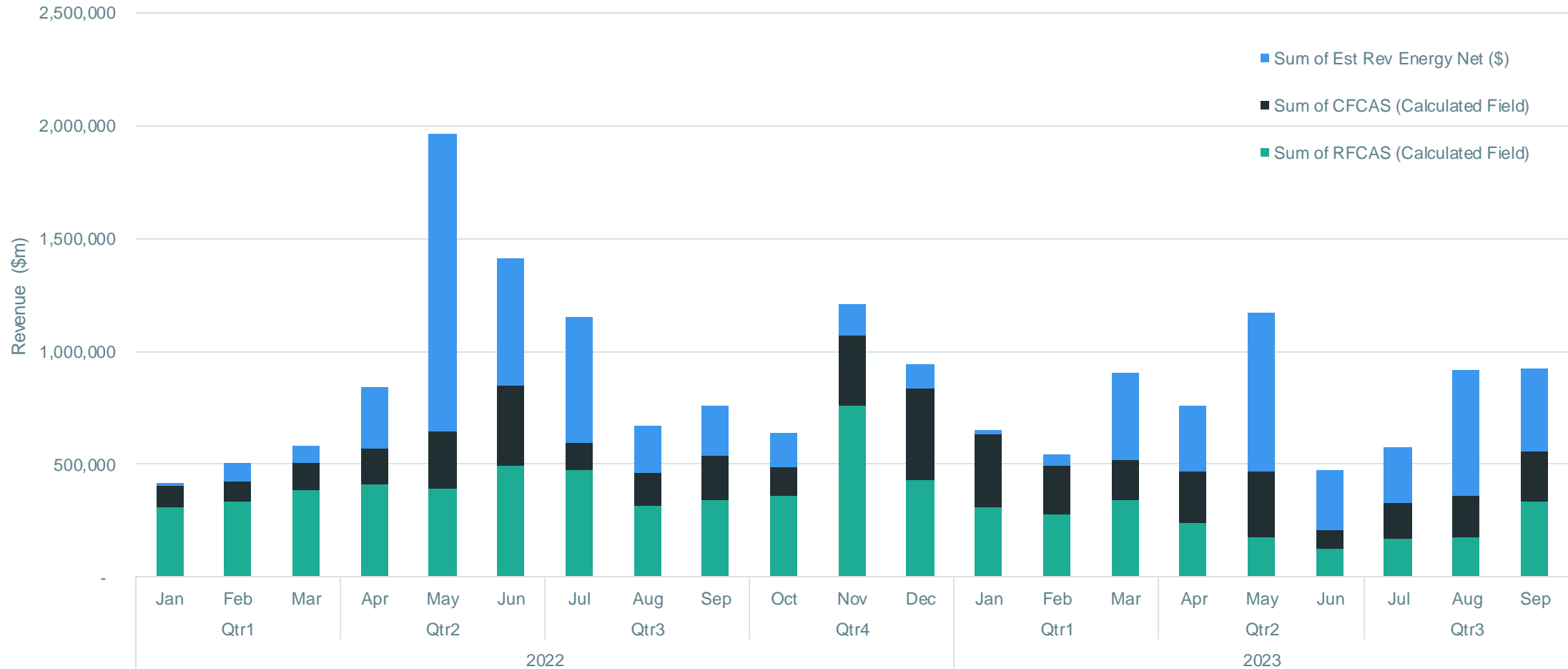
Nominal discharge power	50 MW
Nominal charge power	47 MW
Registered storage capacity	75 MWh
Network connection	132 kV
Point of connection	Sydney West 330/132 kV substation



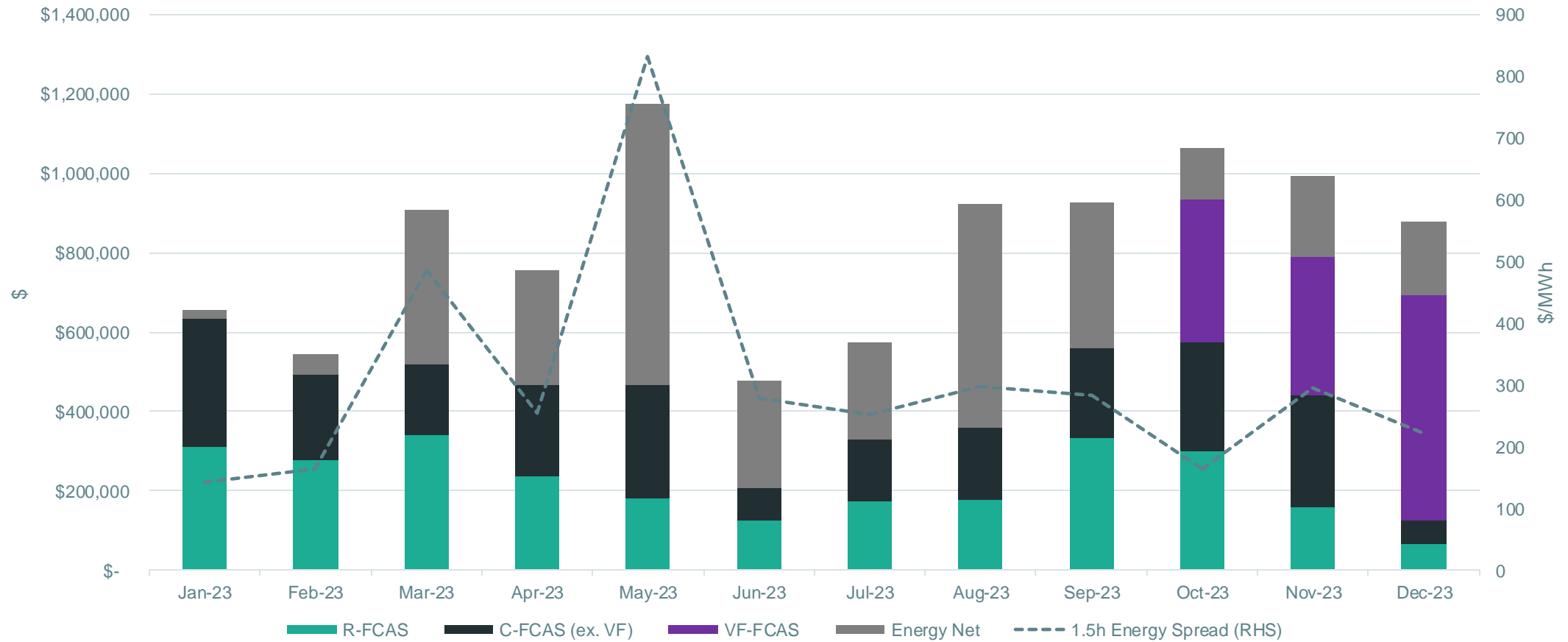
# Funding model



# Market revenue by month

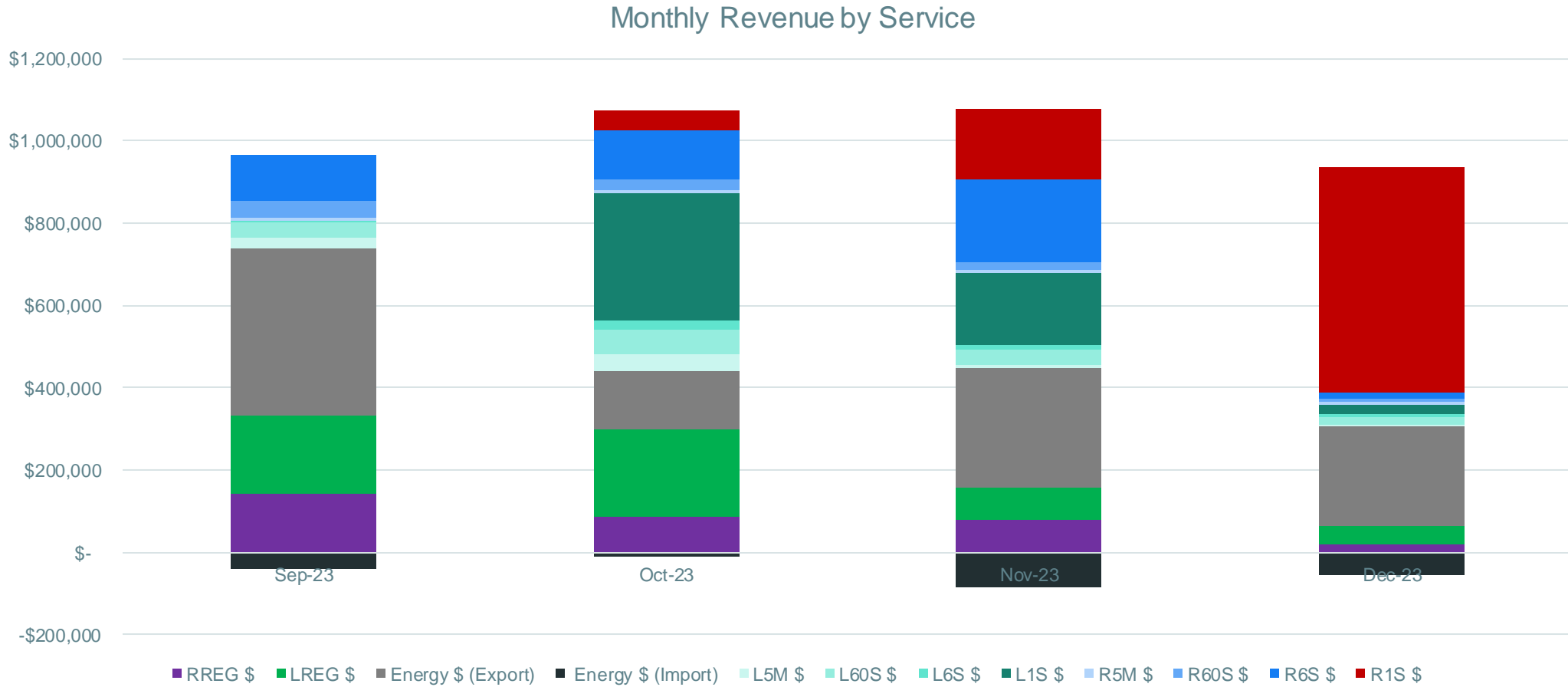


# 2023 revenue by month including spreads

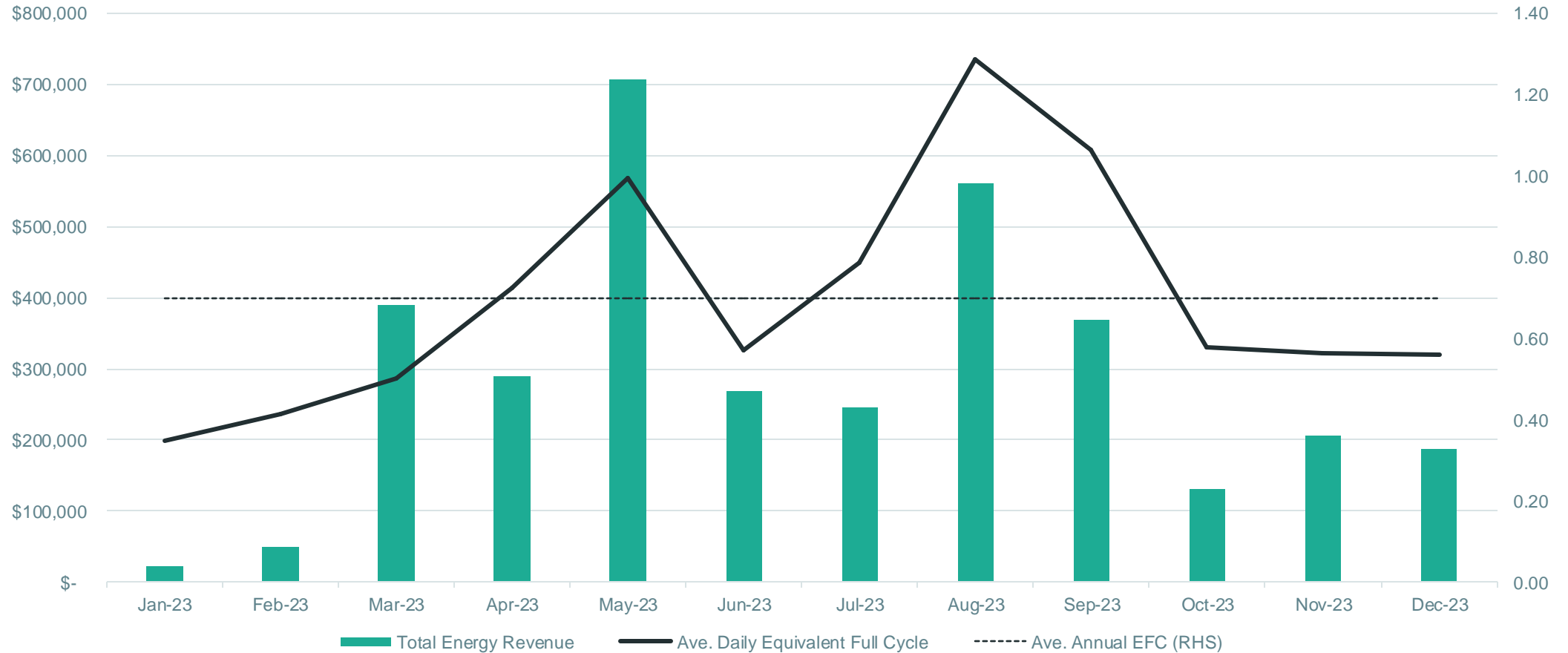




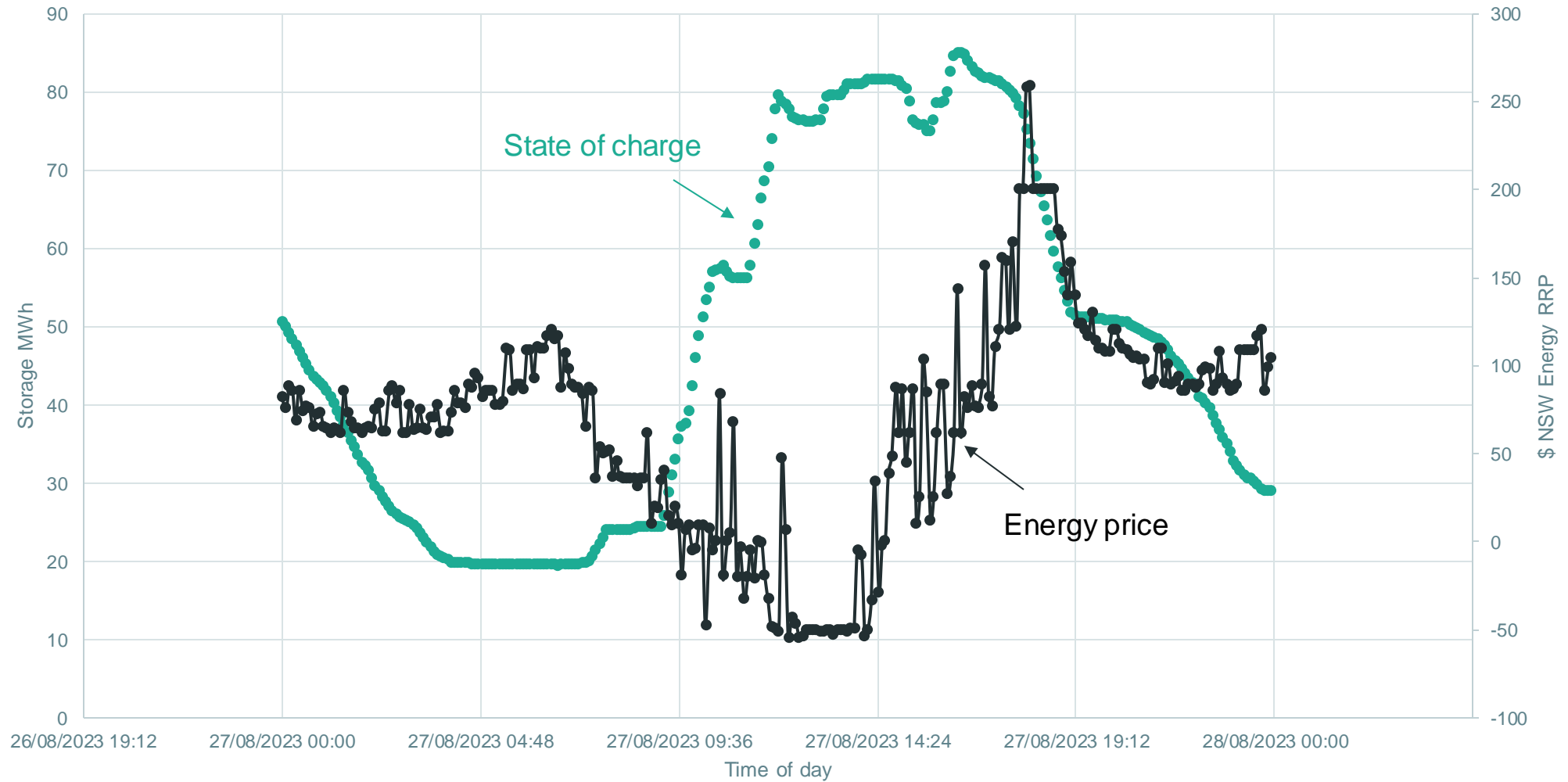
# The commencement of 1 second FCAS markets



# Total net energy revenue vs equivalent full cycles



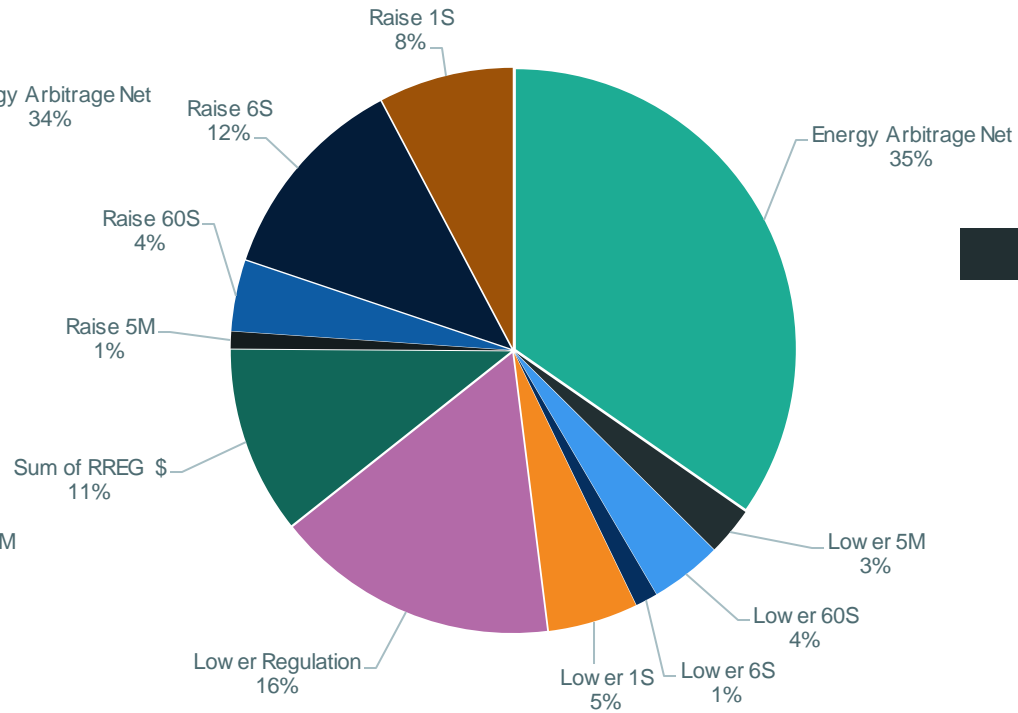
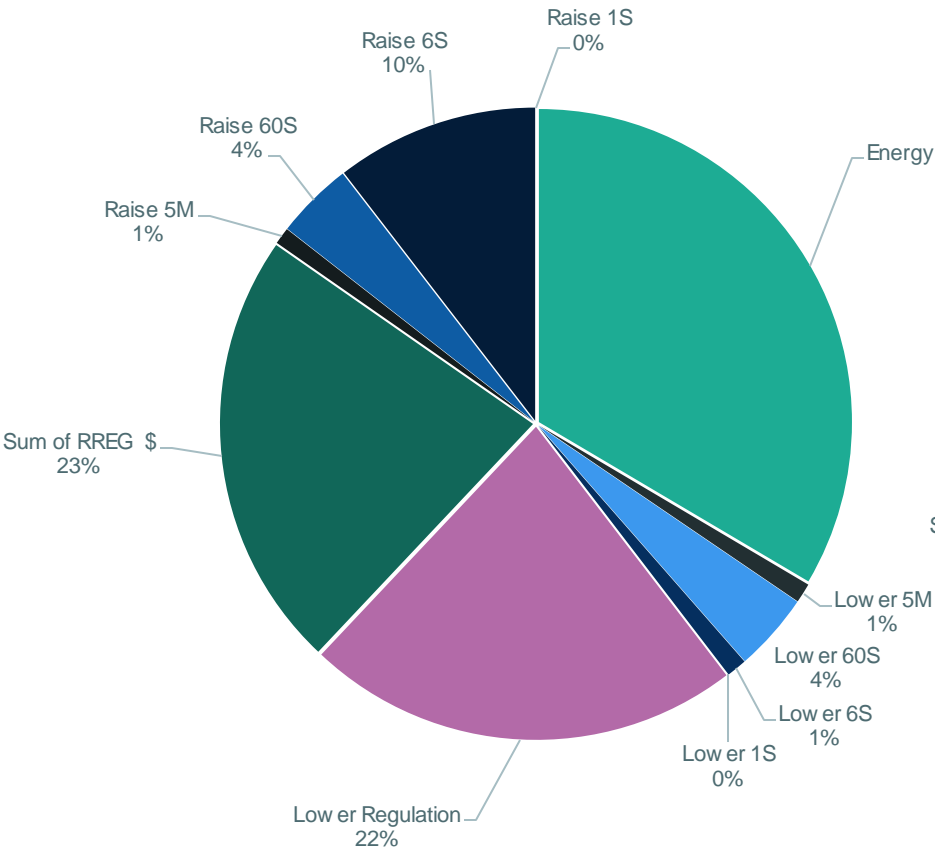
# Alignment of energy prices and state of charge



# Breakdown of revenue sources

## 2022 - \$11.1m

## 2023 - \$9.9m



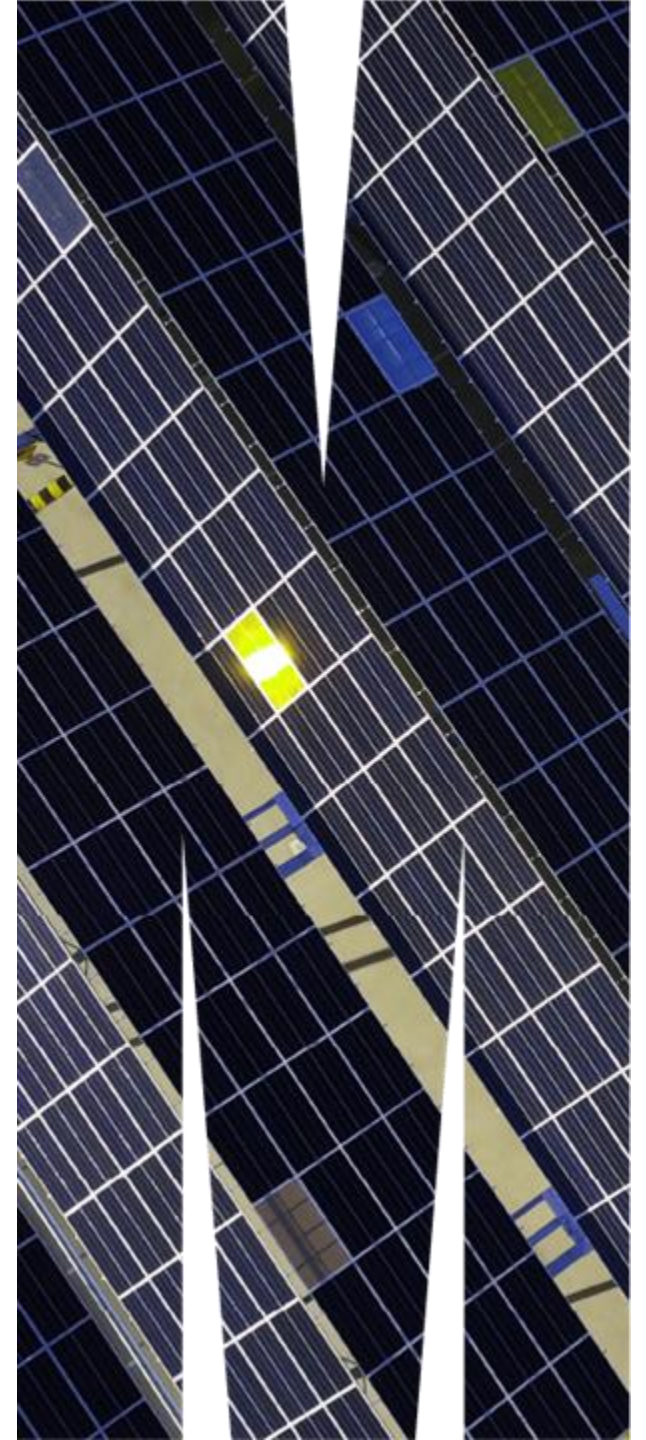
Service	2022	2023
Contingency FCAS	\$2.4m	\$3.8m (\$1.3m 1sec)
Regulation FCAS	\$5m	\$2.6m
Energy	\$3.7m	\$3.5m

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Thank you!

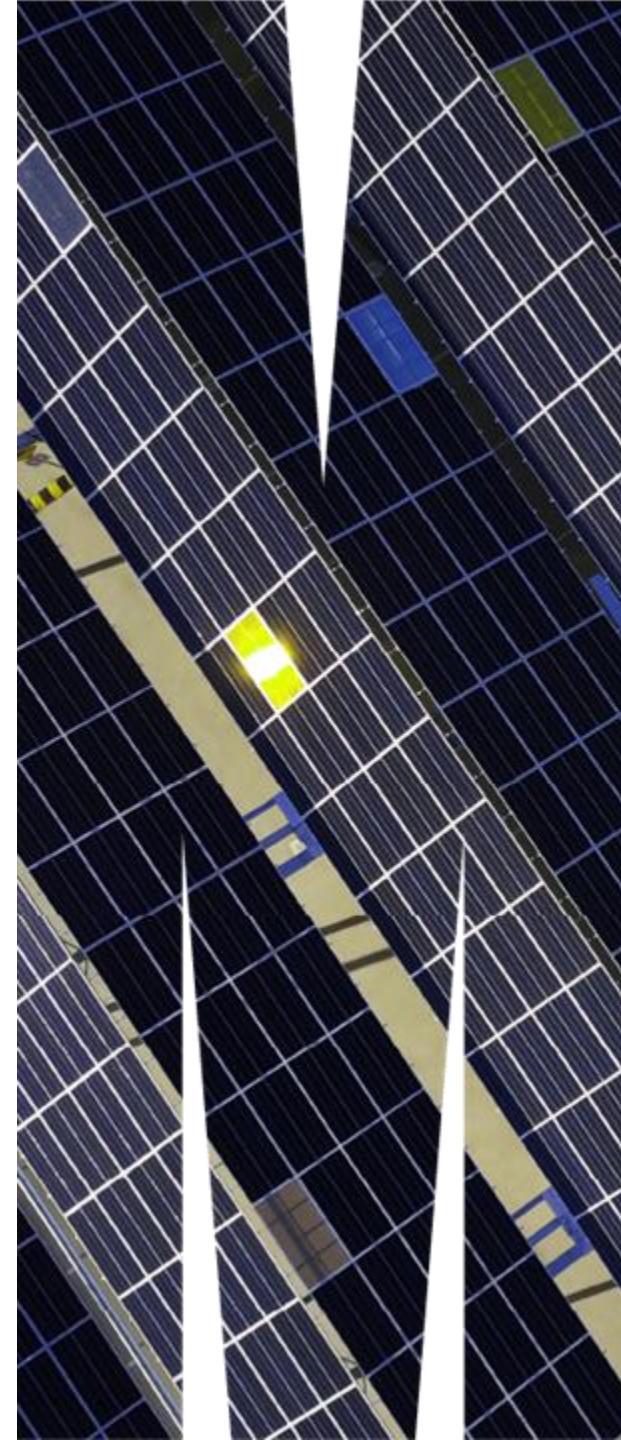
# SOME ECONOMICS OF GRID-SCALE STORAGE

Partial results of an ARENA-supported project  
26 March 2024

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## Research team at Monash



# Why is storage so different?

## Aspect 1: dynamics

1. Storage delivers intertemporal substitution
2. Dynamics:
  - first buy *only* to then sell
  - cannot sell more than stored: sum of past decision
  - decisions today affect tomorrow's

## Aspect 2: market power

Move prices when

- selling and
- when *buying*

**KEY QUESTION:** implications for market rules?



# The toolkit

**Goal: craft appropriate market rules (bidding, clearing, dispatch)**

**First: understand how storage behaves**

- Model a *stochastic* game
  - Demand uncertainty
  - Market power
  - Varying capacity
- Three distinct sets of results
  - Single storage unit—approximate equilibria
  - Competing storage units—subgame perfect Nash equilibria
  - Intraday trading: cycles—optimal control
- Implications
  - Understanding bidding incentives
  - Competition policy
  - Market rules

# Some results - 1

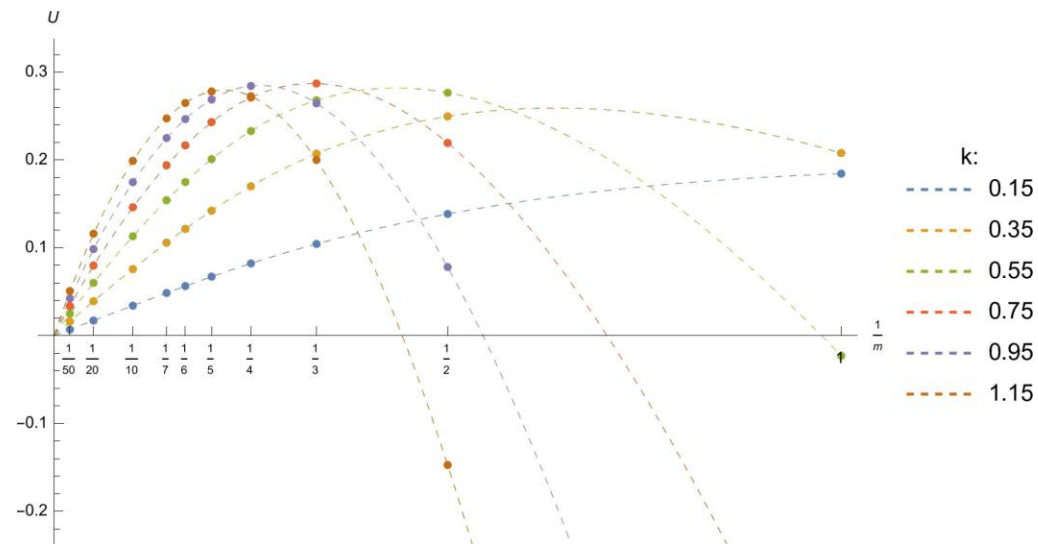
## Market power matters...a lot!

- When selling
- When *buying*
- Arbitrage spread dissipates
- Hence, severe quantity restrictions
- Relevant consideration on a network with local transmission constraints

## Uncertainty is costly...not in the usual sense.

- *Continuation* risk
- Corollary to market power
- More capacity, less utilization
- Quantity restrictions

Sponge?



# Some results - 2

## Competing units have strong incentives to collude

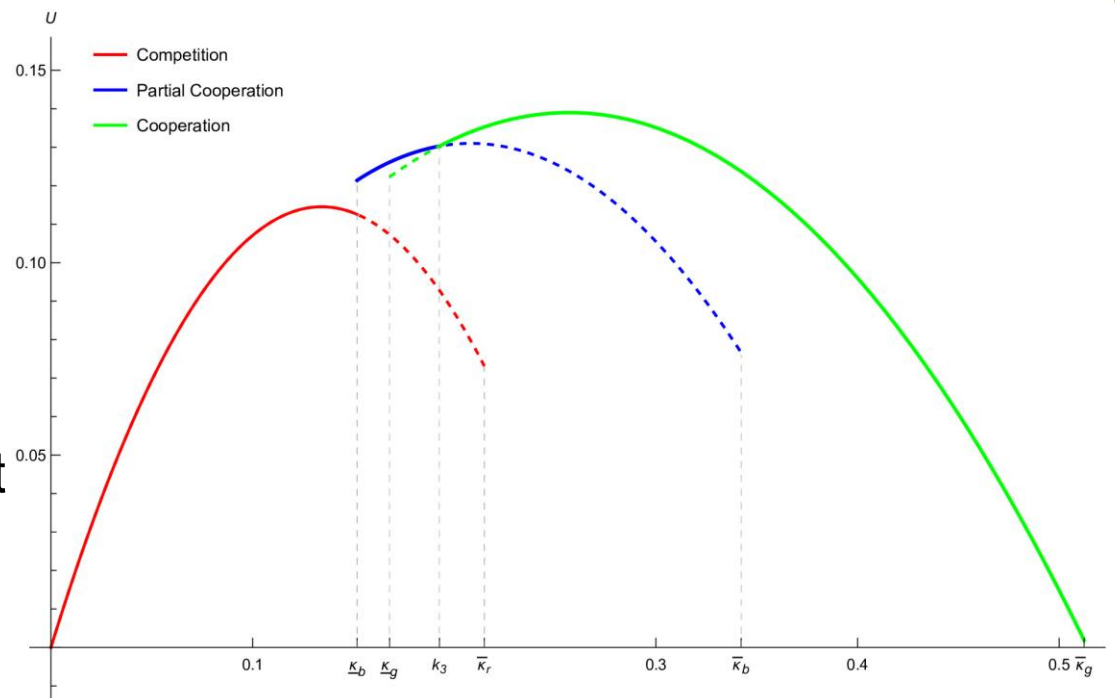
- Market power effect
- Cooperation restrains quantities traded—taking turns
- New equilibrium (Partial Cooperation)
- More capacity, more collusion

## Again, sponge?

## But it may not always be bad!

- Nuanced result
- Cooperation:
  1. lower utilization, but
  2. Larger capacity—dominant effect

ACCC response?



# Some results – 3: Intraday trading

## Model of cyclical storage under uncertainty

- Resolution of uncertainty over time
- *When* to optimally charge and discharge?

- **Buying too little:**

1. Lost revenue opportunity
2. High equilibrium prices

- **Buying too much:**

1. Overpaid for energy
2. Ripple effects on future quantities and prices

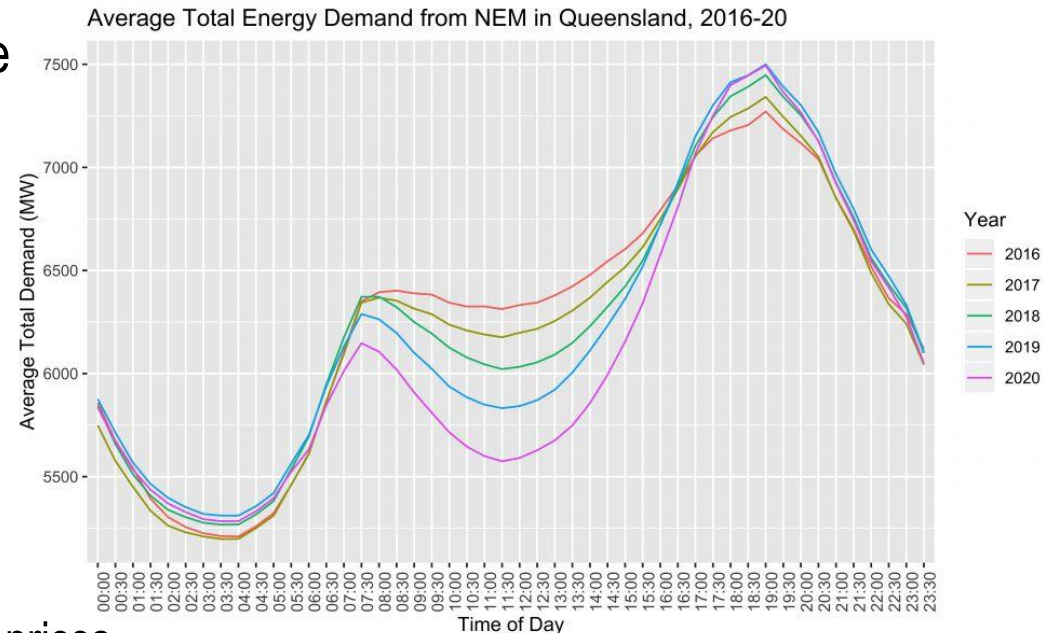
### Sell:

- at rate “proportional” to demand
- at most stored energy
- stop: replacement cost exceeds revenue

} → Compute expected quantity

**Buy:** expected quantity

→ Intertemporal spillovers



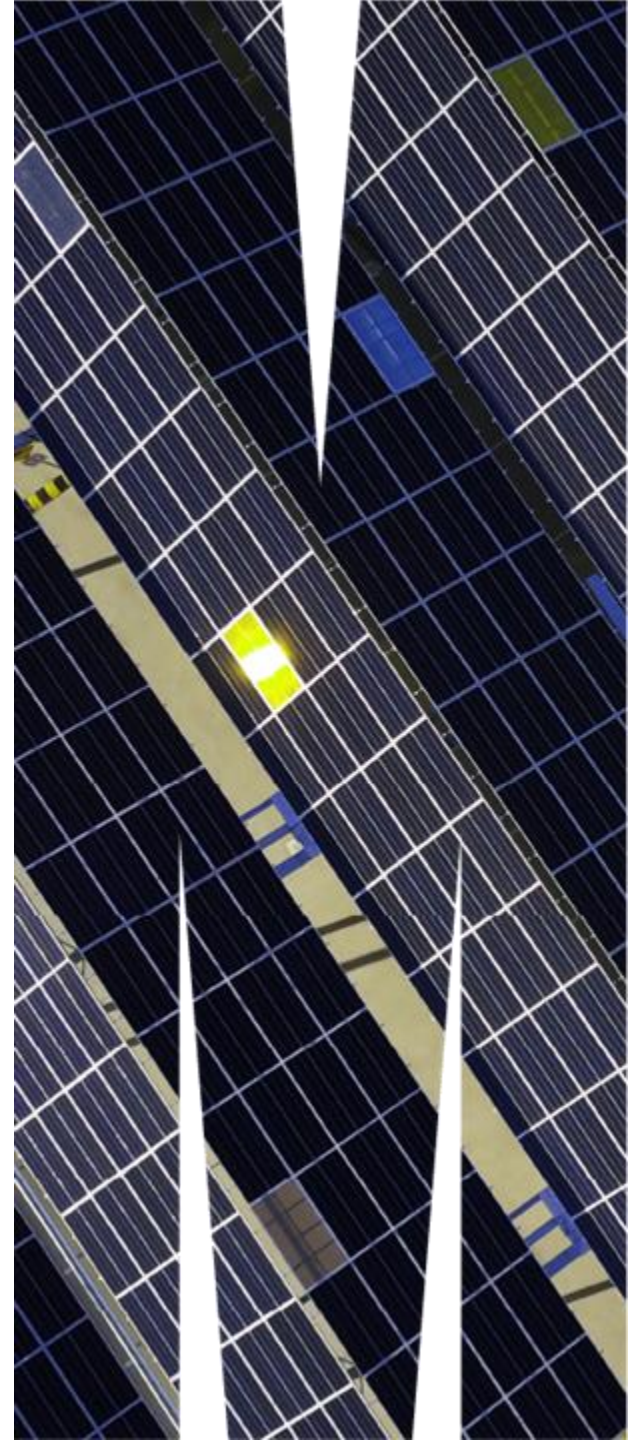
# Some implications and further work

- Salient market power—arbitrage spread
- Corollary: social vs private incentives
- Local monopolies on meshed network
- Competition policy
- Intraday trading: intertemporal spillovers
- VRE and storage without thermal—equilibrium strategies
- Implications for price caps and price floors



# Thank you!

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# Assessing the impact of battery storage on Australian Electricity Markets

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# Motivation

**Research objective:** Examine the hypothesis that utility-scale lithium-ion battery storage facilities have a significant impact on overall ancillary market costs

- First empirical insights in a stream of literature that is mainly dominated by theoretical studies.
- Detailed analysis of impact of large battery installations on different Frequency Control Ancillary Services markets
- Changes to offered capacity and marginal pricing by different generation technologies pre- and post introduction of battery facilities



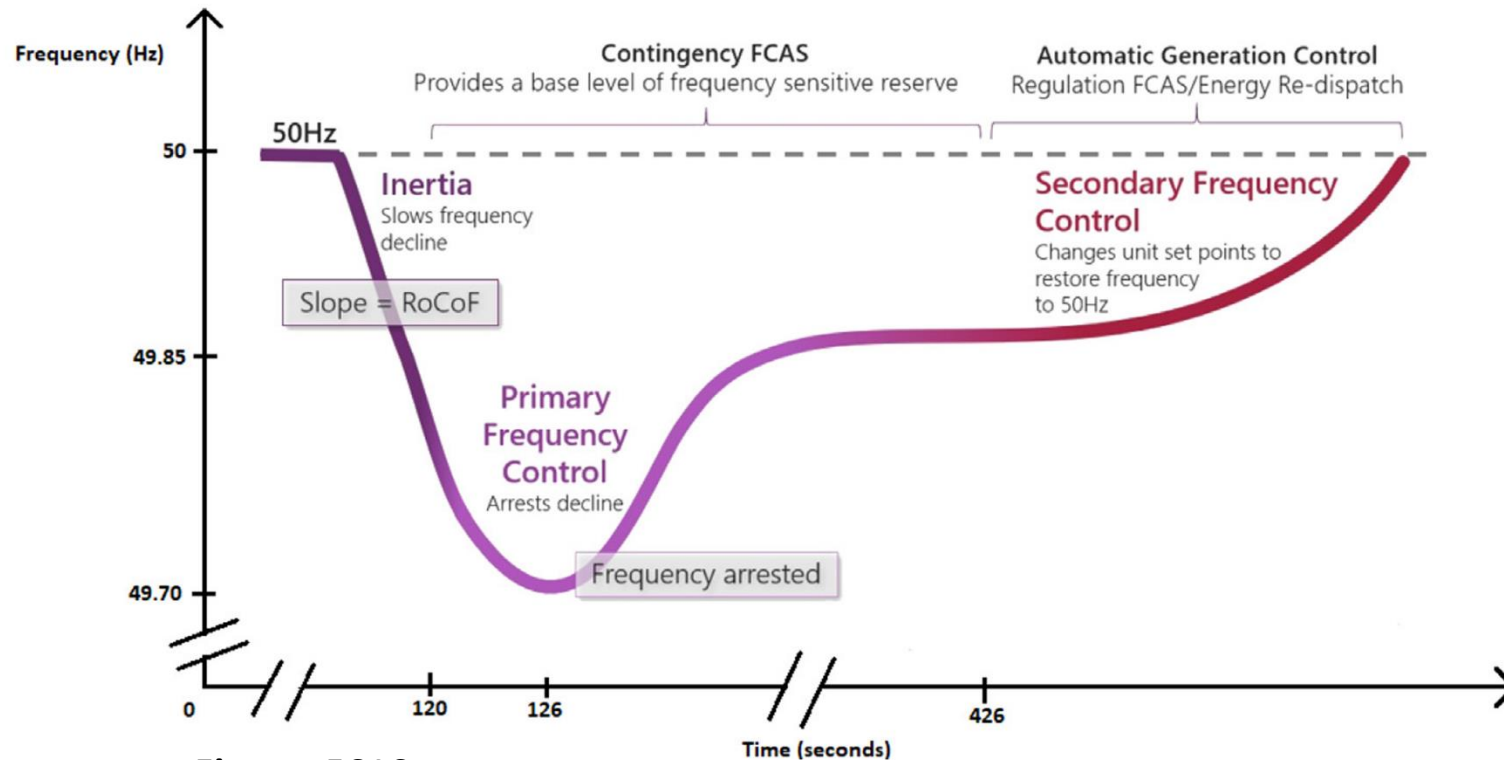




# Frequency Control Ancillary Markets



FCAS	Regulation	Contingency		
Load-balance timeframes	4s	6s	60s	5min
Lower services				
Raise services	Lower/Raise deviations within $\pm 0.15\text{Hz}$	Lower/Raise deviations over $\pm 0.15\text{Hz}$		



**Figure:** FCAS process.  
Source: AEMO(2020)

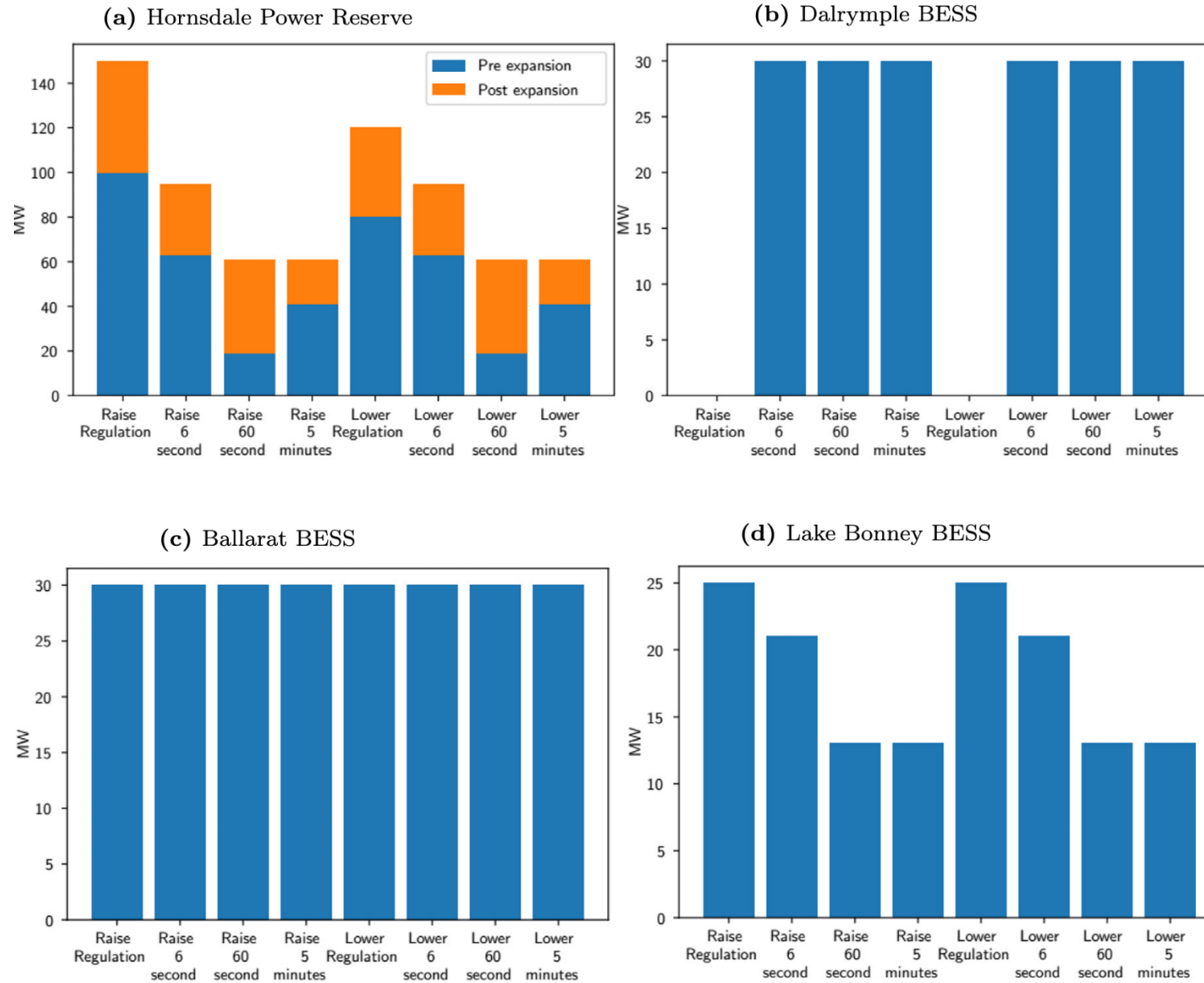


# Battery facilities examined

BESS	Region	Capacity	Commission date
Hornsedale Power Reserve	SA	150MW/ 194MWh	14-Nov-2017
Dalrymple BESS	SA	30MW/ 8MWh	10-Dec-2018
Ballarat BESS	VIC	30MW/ 30MWh	19-Jan-2019
Lake Bonney BESS	SA	25MW/ 52MWh	31-Oct-2019

**Table:** Batteries considered in this study.

Commission dates represent the date of first dispatch into the FCAS market, sourced from the data.



**Figure:** Registered capacities for batteries in different markets.



# Event Study: Impact of battery participation on FCAS prices

We examine the following model:

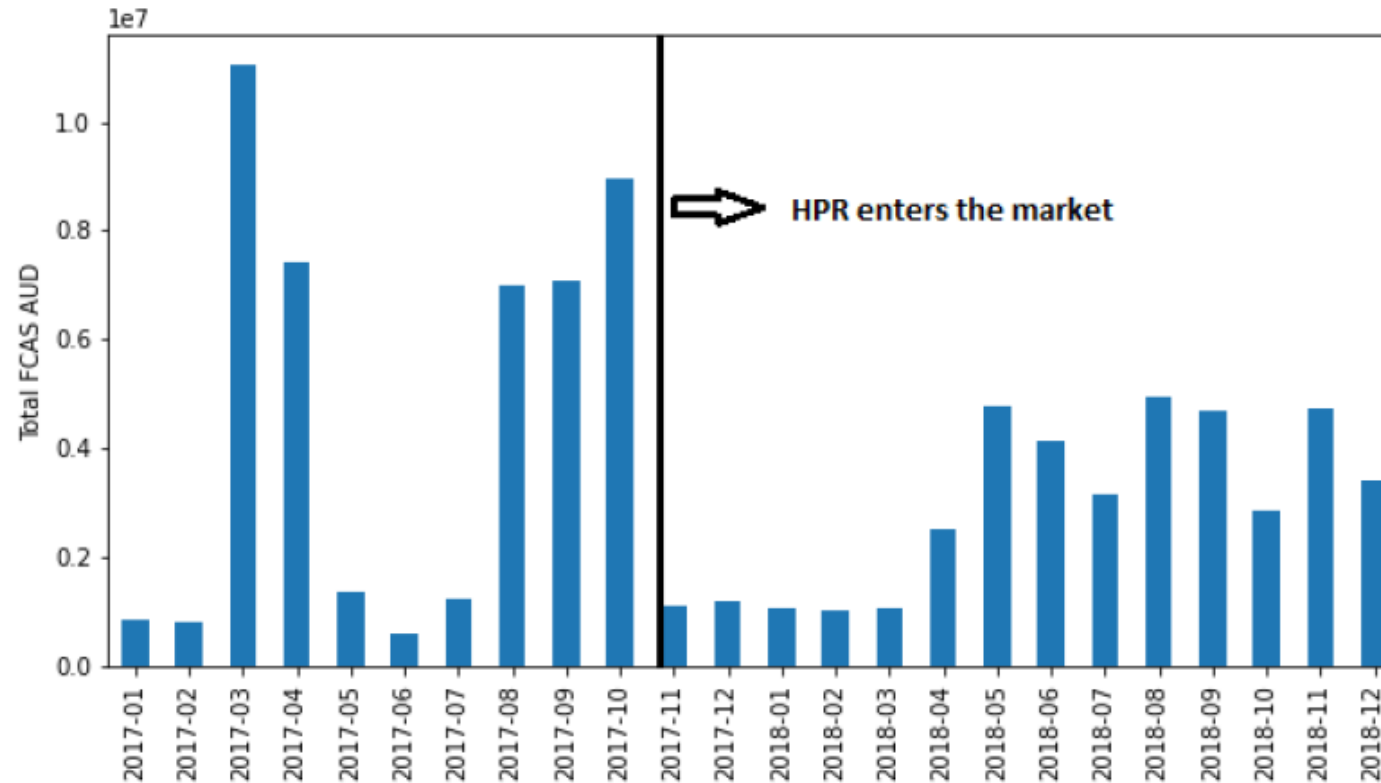
$$FCAS_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Post_t + \beta_2 RRP_t + \beta_3 Dispatch_t + \beta_4 VRE_t + \beta_5 FE + \varepsilon_t$$

- $FCAS_t$  denotes FCAS prices for each trading interval  $t$
- $Post_t$  takes the value 1 after the commission date of a battery facility
- $RRP_t$  represents wholesale market prices to control market correlations
- $Dispatch_t$  and Fixed effects, including indicator variables for each 5-minute interval, days of the week and months, to control for intraday and weekly seasonal effects in electricity consumption

# Key Findings for HPR and Ballarat

- Battery facilities had a large impact, statistically significant at the 1% level, on regulation markets.
- For HPR, average prices in each trading interval for raise and lower services decreased by AUD177.05/MWh (RR) and AUD130.50/MWh (LR).
- Impact on HPR 6-second services to a much smaller magnitude, whereby average costs for raise and lower services decreased by AUD1.28/MWh and AUD1.78/MWh.
- Markets where HPR registered lower amounts of capacity (60-second and 5-minute), either faced higher average costs or did not experience significant price changes.
- Ballarat BESS also significantly lowered overall ancillary costs (for R6, R60, R5M), however, at a smaller magnitude (overall AUD4/MWh).
- Larger size of HPR might have been reason for stronger impact on prices.

# Overall Impact of HPR on FCAS cost



**Figure:** Monthly total FCAS cost for SA January 2017 to December 2018.

→ After participation of HPR, average total monthly FCAS cost in SA was AUD25 million, i.e. 45% lower than the previous 10 months (AUD46.3 million).

# Difference-in-Difference Analysis

We run the following DiD regression on FCAS prices to estimate battery impact in 3 different formats:

$$FCAS_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Post_t + \beta_2 Battery_i + \beta_3 (Post_t \times Battery_i) + \beta_4 RRP_{it} + \beta_5 Dispatch_{it} + \beta_6 VRE_{it} + \beta_7 FE + \varepsilon_{it}$$

- $Battery_i$  is an indicator variable that takes the value 1 after the commission date of a battery facility in the first format.
- All other variables are the same as before.

# Impact of Batteries (DiD Results)

	HPR	Ballarat BESS	HPR (Extended sample)	Capacity (MW)	Capacity/Demand (%)
R6	-18.951*** (1.210)	-1.748 (1.175)	-25.122*** (1.257)	-0.171*** (0.010)	-2.130*** (0.121)
R60	0.816** (0.326)	0.564 (0.425)	4.476*** (0.452)	0.045*** (0.005)	0.583*** (0.058)
R5M	1.893*** (0.380)	-5.524*** (0.448)	1.737*** (0.323)	0.011*** (0.003)	0.149*** (0.035)
RR	-115.067*** (4.378)	10.632*** (0.799)	-90.699*** (3.605)	-0.571*** (0.023)	-7.141*** (0.291)
L6	-1.212*** (0.233)	-0.078 (0.260)	-1.745*** (0.399)	-0.040*** (0.006)	-0.527*** (0.074)
L60	0.355 (0.237)	0.021*** (0.004)	7.210*** (0.372)	0.054*** (0.003)	0.675*** (0.037)
L5M	0.219 (0.168)	0.098*** (0.004)	1.698*** (0.142)	0.023*** (0.001)	0.300*** (0.017)
LR	-100.519*** (3.785)	0.246 (0.580)	-95.114*** (3.610)	-0.691*** (0.026)	-8.655*** (0.332)
N	420,480	420,480	841,534	841,534	841,534
Control state	TAS	TAS	TAS	TAS	TAS

**Table:** Difference in difference analysis.



# Fuel Pricing and Participation

We also examine how introduction of batteries impacts on participation, bidding and price-setting of other generators (coal, gas, hydro, etc.) in FCAS markets.

## Key results:

- Evidence of strong participation of BESS in different FCAS markets, putting competitive pressure on other technologies.
- In L6 market, HPR provided price-setting bids over 29% of the time and supplied more than 29% of the contracted volume.
- The introduction of major BESS facilities resulted in natural gas generators lowering their average bid prices by over AUD1000/MWh.
- Competitive pressures from HPR also resulted in black coal and hydro generators lowering their average bid prices across the lower and raise services.
- Impact on FCAS markets directly related to participation of BESS participation (e.g. significantly smaller effect on R60 and R5 markets)

# Conclusions

- Overall, our study suggests that the introduction of BESS have significantly lowered overall ancillary costs.
- Results of reduced cost are robust against different applied methodologies (event study, difference-in-difference),
- BESS had significant impact on participation and bidding behaviour of other generation technologies.
- Introduction of BESS brought sizeable cost reductions in regulation markets, since its competitive pressures forced natural gas generators (but also other generators) to lower their bid prices significantly.



# Conclusions

- HPR brought sizeable cost-reductions in regulation markets (magnitude of over AUD100/MWh).
  - Driven by competitive pressures forcing natural gas generators to lower their bid prices significantly.
- Markets with infrequent BESS participation (60-second and 5-minute contingency markets) saw prices unchanged or even increase.
  - Resulting from increased bid prices by natural gas generators, potentially reflecting cost-recovery behavior.
- The impact of the Ballarat BESS was not as pronounced as for HPR.
  - Likely driven by smaller capacity and more limited participation as a result.

# More details on results.....

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# **Thermal Storage for Process Heat**

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# **MGA THERMAL**

Techno-economics of MGA storage, and learnings as a LDES technology provider

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Watch MGA video [here](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8YgoXZsPdE>



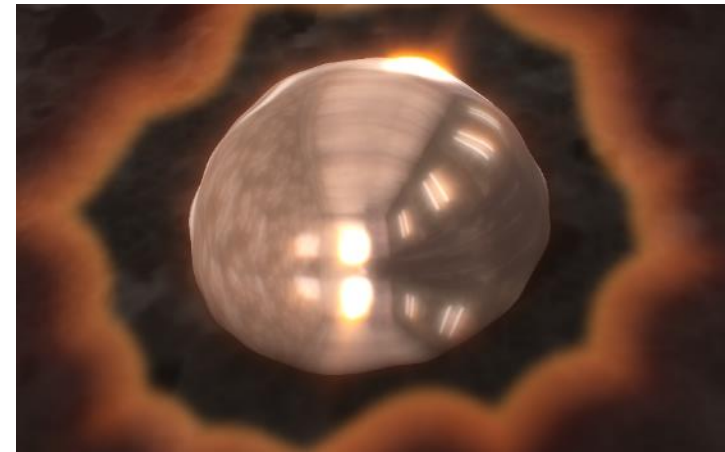
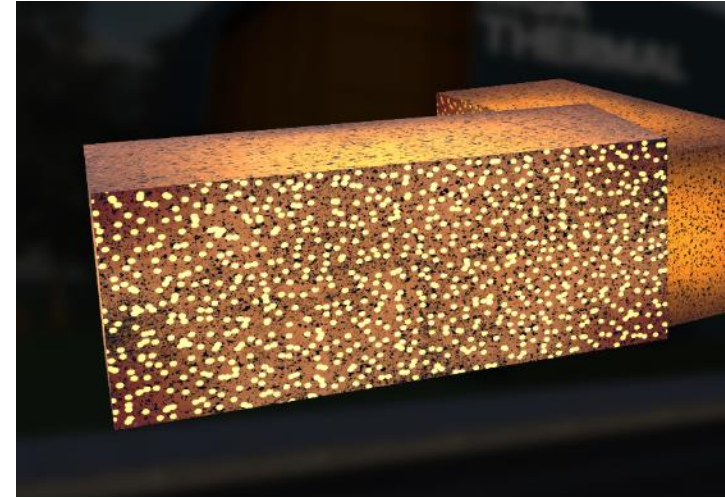
# MGA Block: How does it work?

MGA blocks store and deliver thermal energy at a constant temperature while remaining outwardly solid.

## MGA is short for Miscibility Gap Alloy



- A matrix material keeps the block solid and a metallic material is dispersed as particles.
- The matrix is highly conductive and rapidly distributes heat, keeping the particles (chocolate chip in a cupcake equivalent) in place as they melt when heat energy is absorbed.
- The blocks store massive thermal energy through the solid-liquid phase change, which is released as they cool and the particles solidify.





## Renewable

Renewable friendly system compatible with solar, wind, & other renewables.

## Modular

The units are stackable, making them scalable to any size.

## High-Capacity

200-300% energy storage capacity of traditional thermal energy storage systems.

## Sustainable

Long lifetime can be made using recycled materials. Fully recyclable.

## Economic

MGA Blocks are mass-manufactured using common and readily available materials.

## Safe

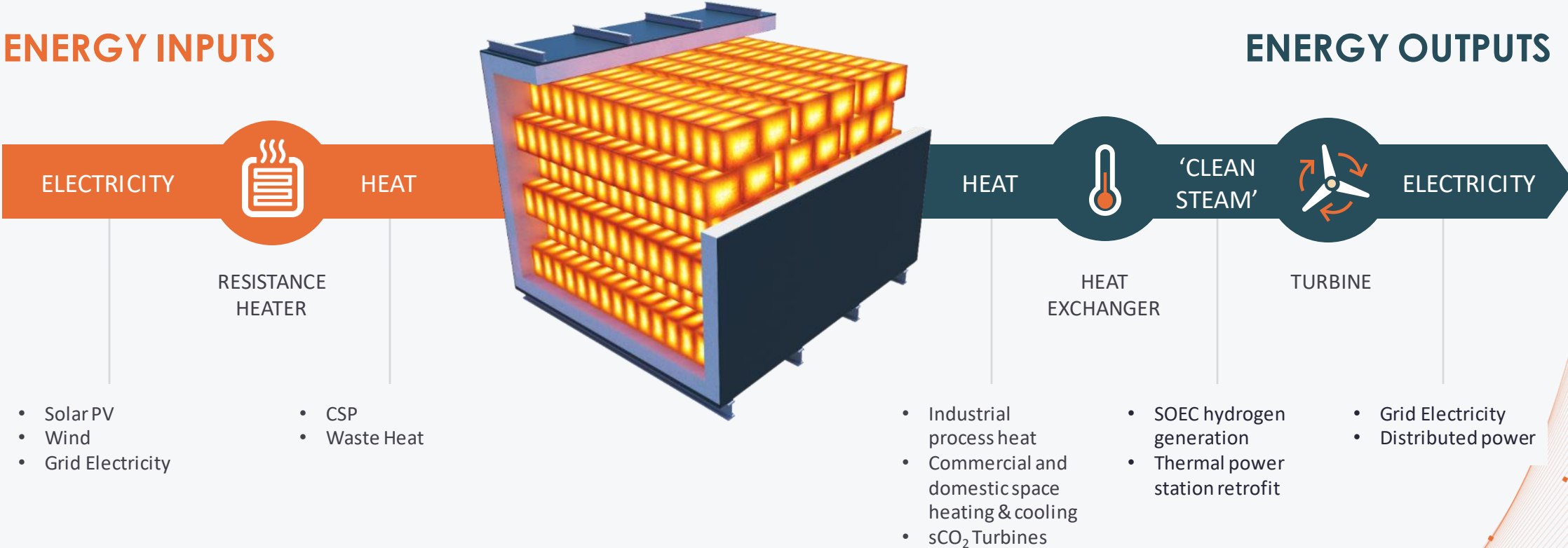
When heated, the molten material is fully encapsulated, safe non-toxic raw materials.



# A Thermal Energy Storage Solution

## ENERGY INPUTS

## ENERGY OUTPUTS



# MGA Demonstration Unit

- Proven ability to heat, store & discharge to design specifications at scale.
- The project will measure steam output in an MGA Thermal system.
- Operational H2 2024

## Key Specs

- 5 MWh storage
- 3700 Blocks **10 hours steam discharge at 385°C, up to 40 Bar**  
12m L, 3m w, 4m h





# Use cases include a range of applications



**INDUSTRIAL HEAT**  
MGA go to market priority



**POWER STATION  
RETROFIT**



**GREEN FIELD  
POWER STATION**

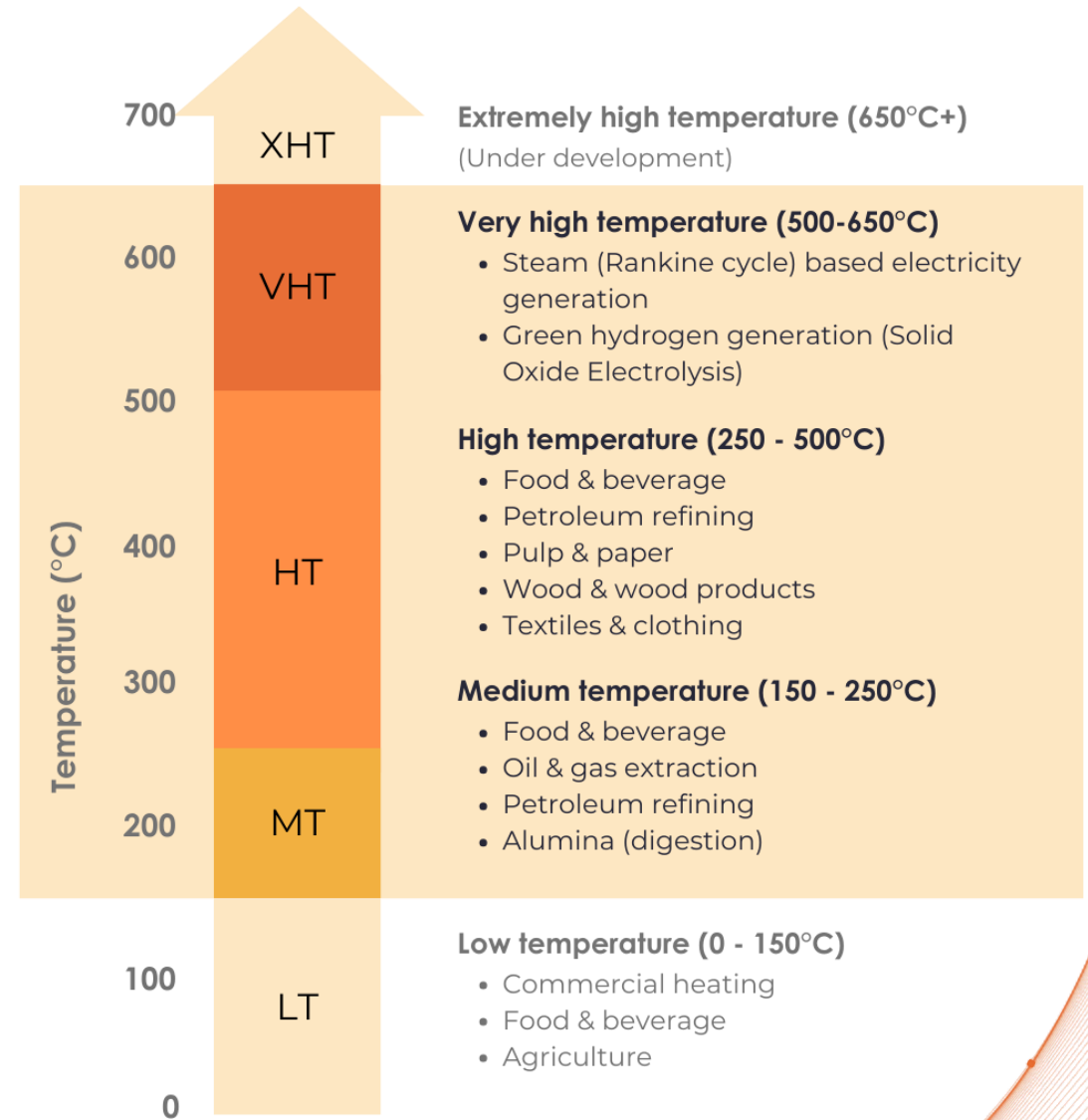


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# Key Use Cases

Our core product can provide on-demand dispatch of process heat (steam or other working fluid) from medium to very high temperatures (150-650°C), meeting the requirements of most process heat applications as well as steam turbine-based power generation and cogeneration.

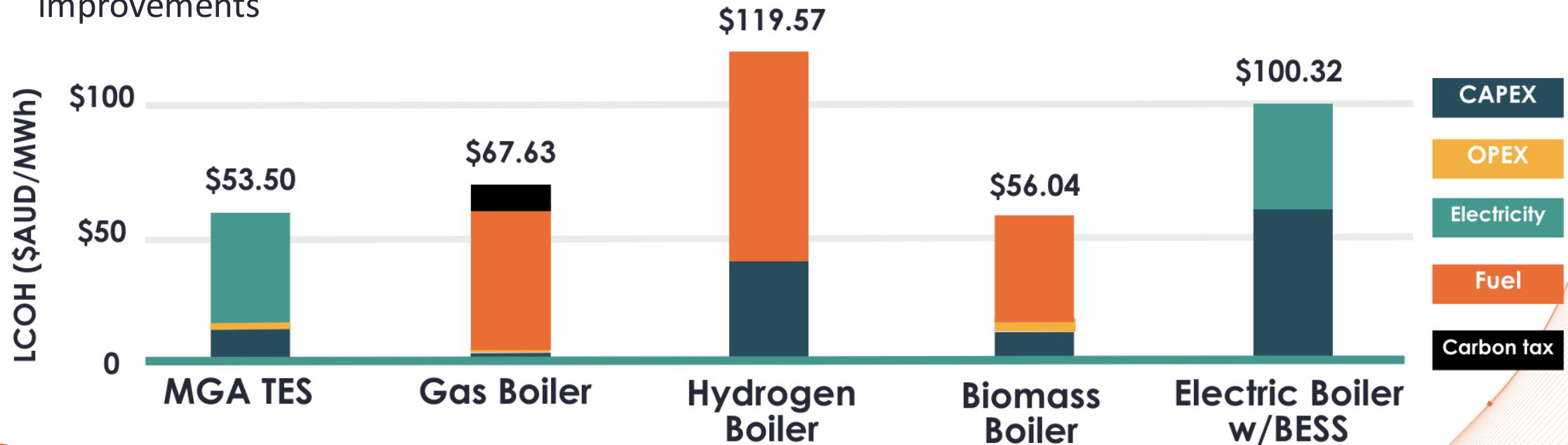
We are additionally developing a solution for >650°C process heat for hard-to-abate extreme temperature applications such as cement, iron & steel, alumina calcination



# Levelised Cost of Heat

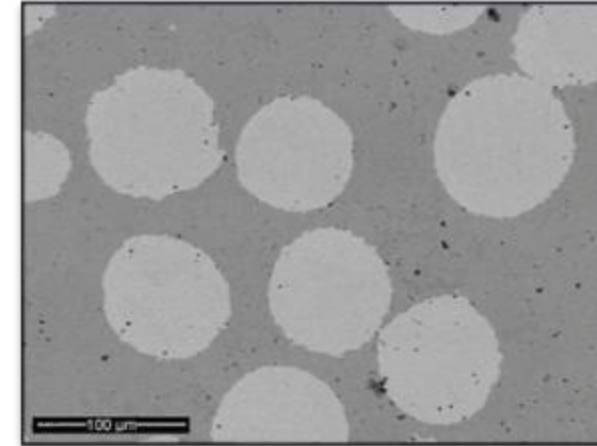
The majority of industrial heat is used as steam. If provision of this steam can be achieved by renewable means, then the industry can be decarbonised without changing processes, just substituting the type of boiler.

Our Levelised Cost of Heat (LCOH) comparison examines 10 MW (thermal), 24-hour steam supply – corresponding to a large industrial boiler, and are pre any cost out scale up improvements



# MGA's unique position in the market

- MGA Thermal originally span out as a material science innovation – *a purpose engineered material with optimised properties for thermal energy storage*
- As the company has grown, the necessary technology has been developed to turn this into a complete thermal energy storage system.
- MGA's business model is centred on being an OEM of the storage media, and providing design guidance for the surrounding TES infrastructure



**Left:** microstructure of an early MGA formulation

**Down:** MGA production line (Tomago, NSW)



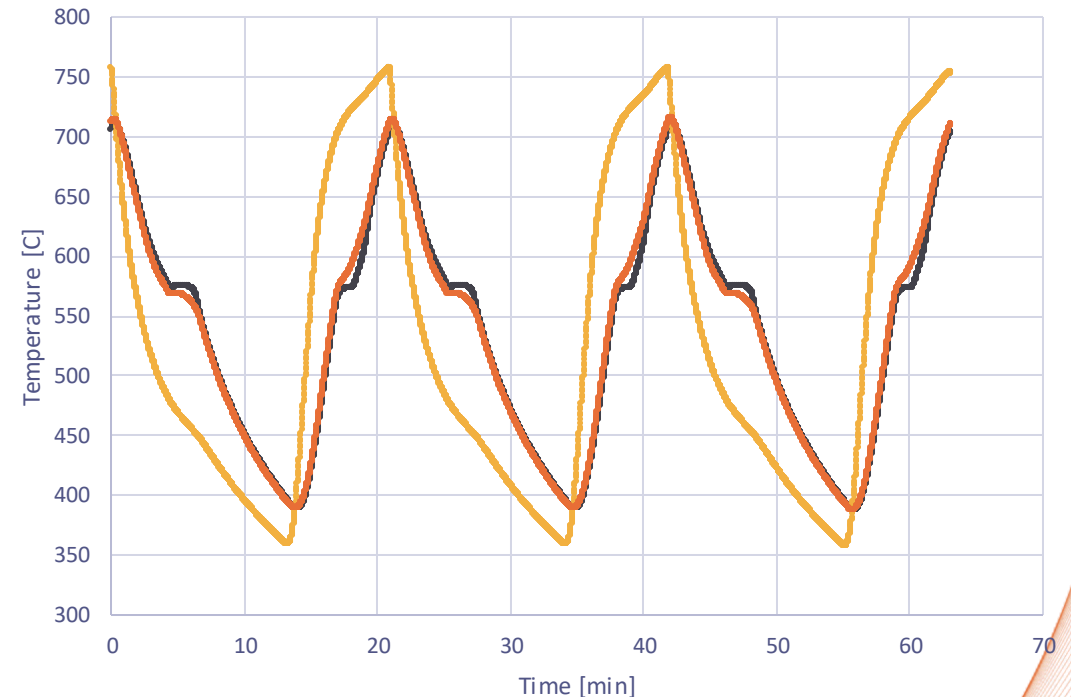
# MGA's unique position in the market

## Advantages:

- Advanced material properties, and the understanding to adjust them as required (thermal conductivity, energy density, LHOE)
- Whole-of-system optimisation
- System is not core IP – transparency in operating principles
- Can collaborate with other TES companies

## Disadvantages:

- Time to market: needed to scale and commercialise the material and its production, plus the surrounding TES infrastructure in parallel



MGA accelerated ageing time-temperature data (3 cycles – testing is now complete to >3600 cycles / 10 years of operation)

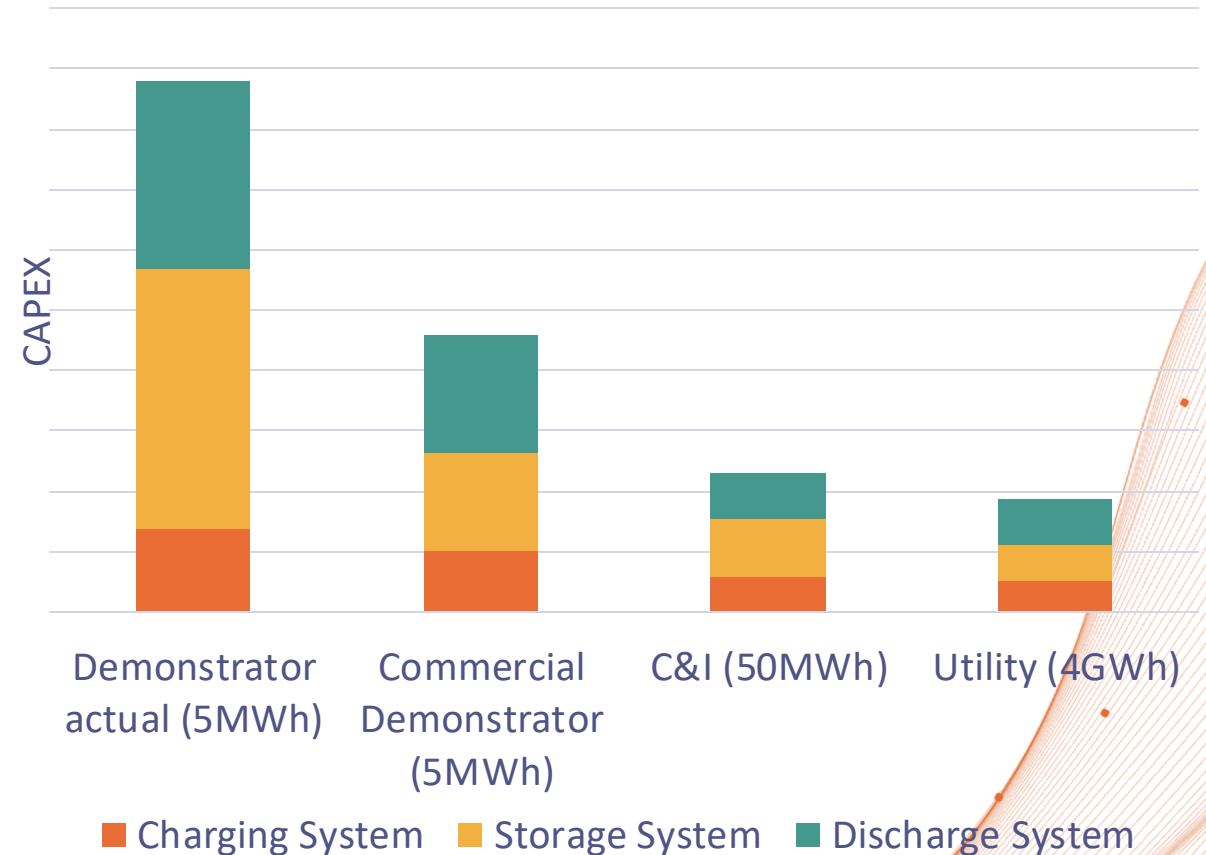
# Learnings from the MGA scale up

- Key goal is bringing the technology to market in a de-risked manner ASAP to line with ERT
- Strategic development pathway to increase TRL, unlock capital and scale in achievable steps
- Overheat Lesson (Oct 2023):
  - Importance of inhouse trails at scale before customer deployment
  - Engineering measures & fail safes in the event of an overheat now incorporated into our designs
  - MoC process critical for hardware related deep-tech start ups, along with HAZOP, risk review, SOP, well documented commissioning procedures, delegation of authority, SME consultation etc. These can be seen as a handbrake to agility in early stage, fostering a safety culture is crucial.
  - TES is pushing higher for more energy storage capacity – 1800C+ for some tech. Industry capability and literacy around risks is crucial. Incidents due to rush to develop can set the industry back, but more importantly put people at risk.

# Learnings for TES uptake in industry – client side

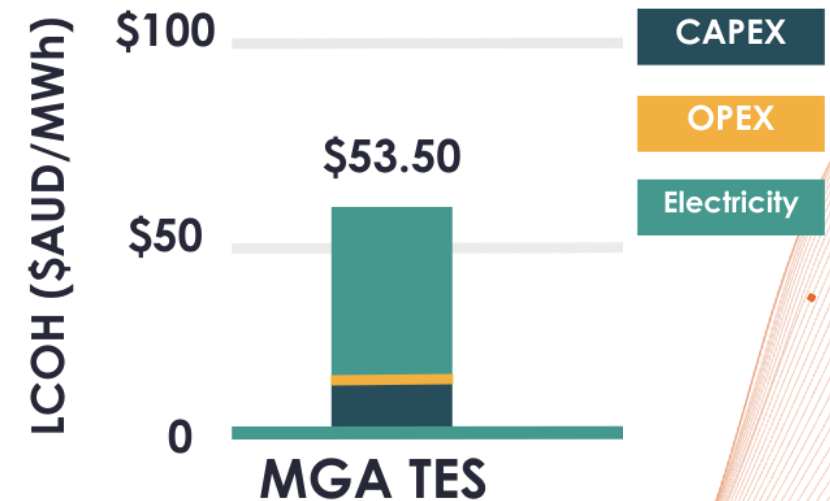
- TES is emerging as a key solution to industrial decarbonisation through low cost firming of intermittent renewables
- BTM simplifies ROI case & reliance on policy
- Process heat go to market: Client use cases are varied – depend on BTM renewables, heat load profile, grid connection... The ability to size charging, storage and discharge infrastructure independently can help with this but has a large engineering overhead.
- The technology + the CAPEX become much more efficient with scale: rough scaling law
  - $CAPEX \approx Capacity^{-0.14}$
- This means that it lends itself to large scale applications with huge emissions reduction potential, however these are inherently slower moving and harder to de-risk

Scaling Cost Reduction of TES



# Learnings for TES uptake in industry – electricity side

- LCOH is dominated by cost of energy to charge - transmission tariff structures vary by geography and can have a large impact on project ROI
- A core issue facing eTES is grid connectivity – typically input electrical power is several X steam output – this can result in 15MW+ connections for a 5MW load (e.g. 8 hr charging, 24 hr discharge regime).





# Learnings for TES uptake in industry – Knowledge sharing

- Industrial decarb pathways are being formed presently and have gap in understanding and offerings at scale
- Breadth of technologies hitting the market with varied levels of viability.
  - leaning on organisations like the CSIRO and LDES council to assist deciphering these for industry. Knowledge gap requires education by impartial bodies with deep scientific understanding.
- Missteps due to poor understanding at large scale and ‘white elephants’ can be crippling during early adoption
- Understand compatibility with other emerging technologies – TES of varying operating temps, hydrogen, biofuels, heat pumps, new PPA structures & policies / legislation
- Client process compatibility is still crucial – most decarb technologies are not ‘one size fits all’

# Closing remarks

- Huge potential for eTES as a key tool for firming intermittent renewables & enabling path to decarbonisation targets
- Window is closing for new technology to be scaled in time to help reach targets
- Knowledge sharing and transparency can be difficult commercially, but necessary if we want to achieve the fastest and least painful road to decarbonisation

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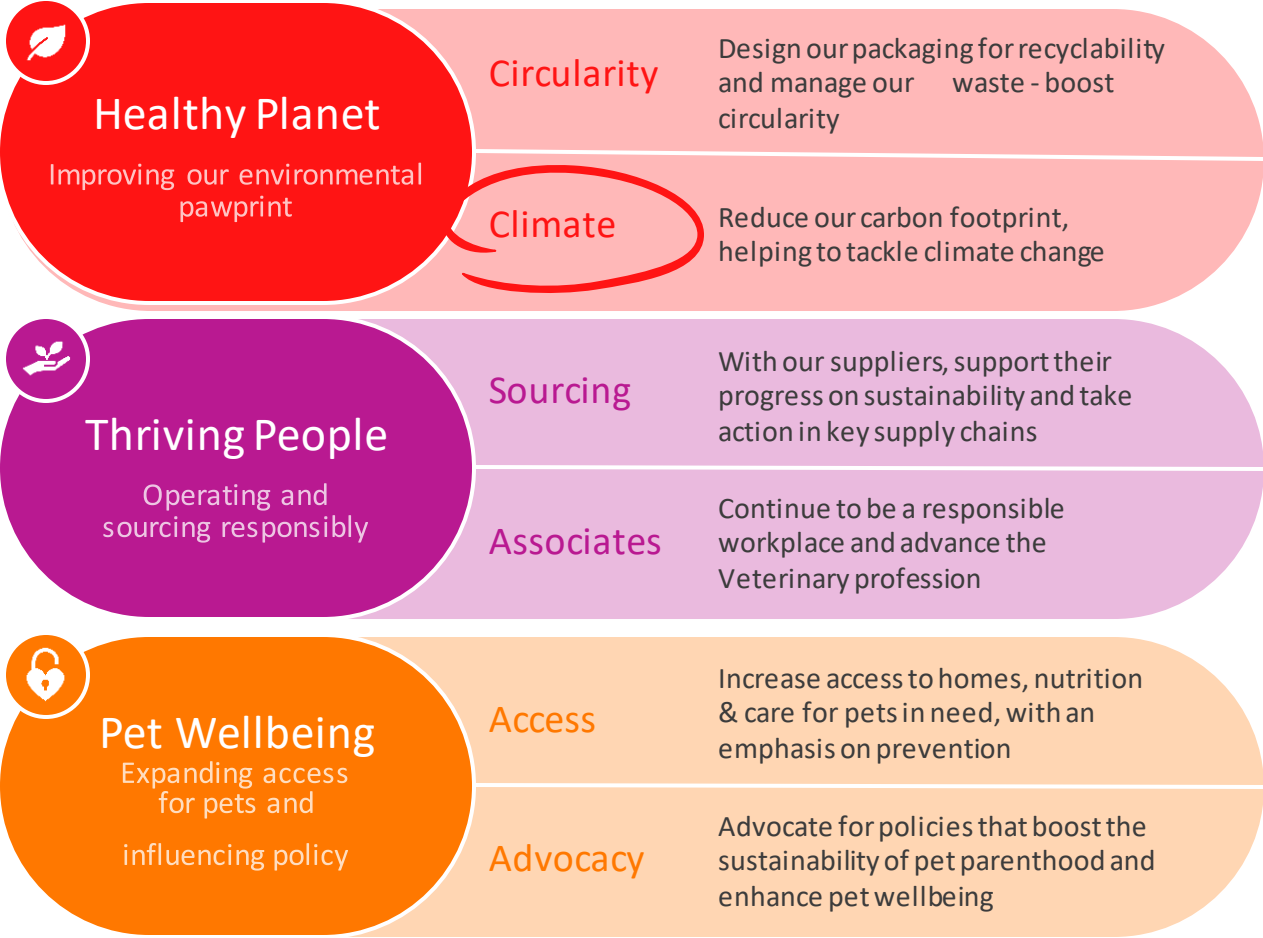
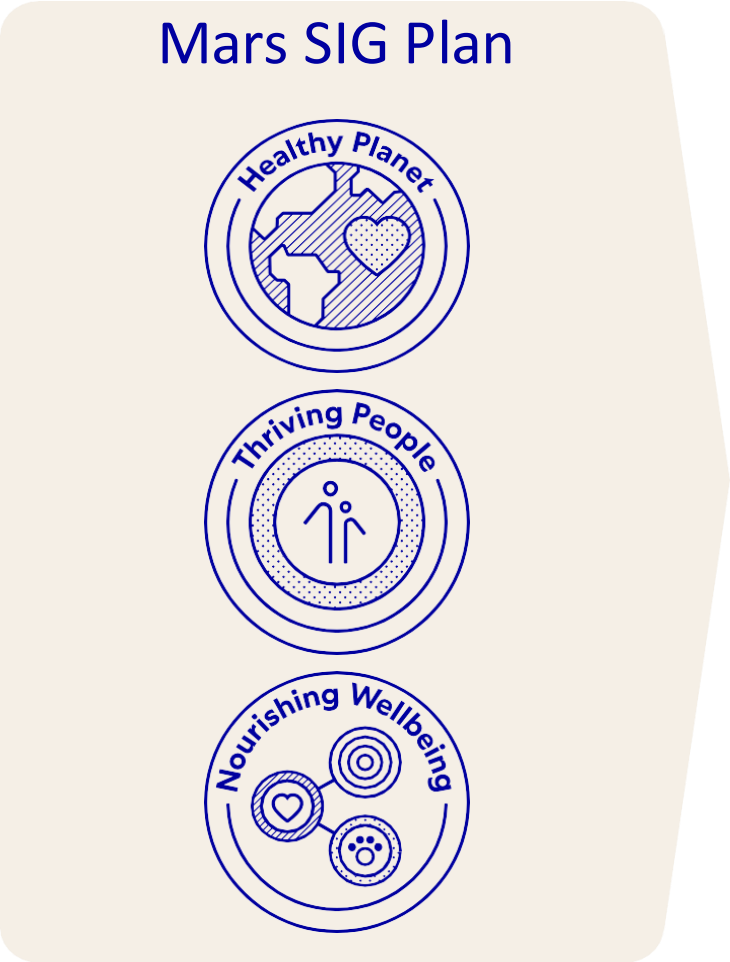
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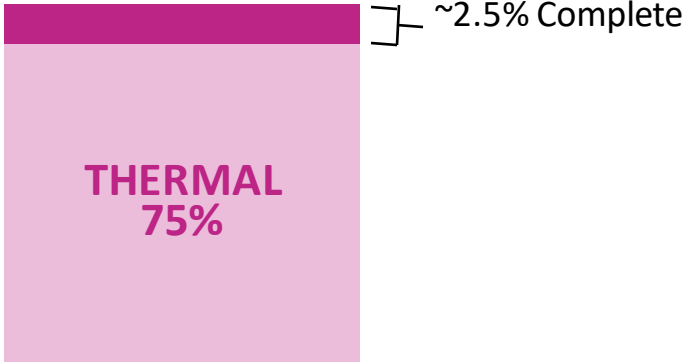
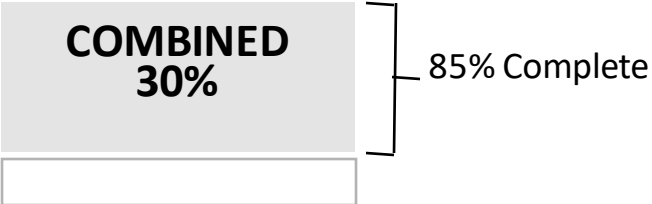
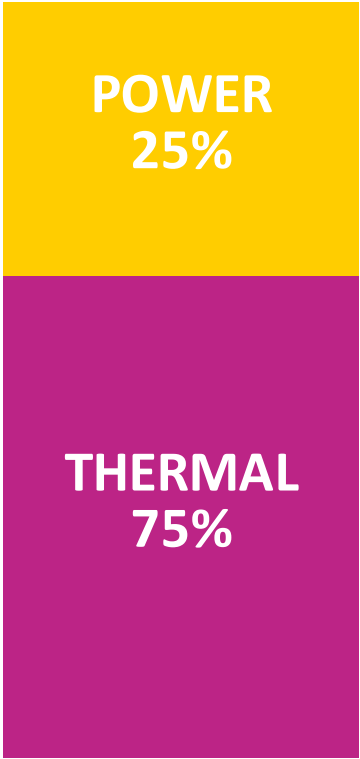
# Our Petcare Sustainability Roadmap



# Pet Nutrition Australia

100% Renewable, 100% NetZero by 2040 – Direct Operations

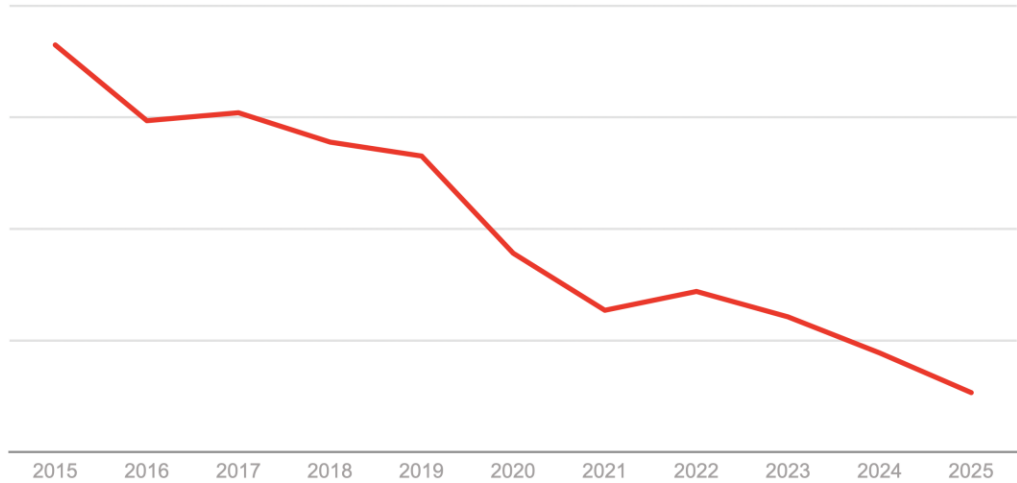
## TOTAL ENERGY



RENEWABLE SWITCHING (70%)

DEMAND REDUCTION 30%

## THERMAL ENERGY DEMAND REDUCTION



## POWER TO HEAT

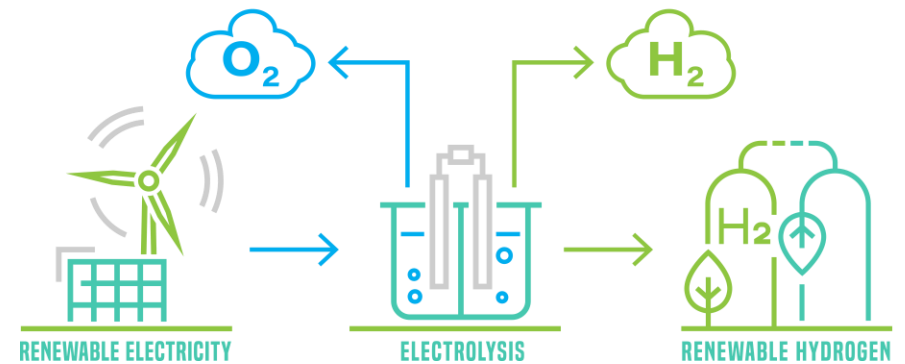


## HEAT TO HEAT



## FUEL TO HEAT

**GREEN HYDROGEN** - 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY





# Why Energy Storage is important to us, particularly TES





# Power to Heat

# Direct Electrification is not Viable

Example 'firm' GRID (delivered) price of (renewable) electricity \$200/MWh (average)

Commodity 65%

Renewable Value 10%

Balance 55%

Other Charges 35%

Tarif 10%

Peak 8%

Off Peak 2%

Capacity 15%

Capacity Charge 10%

Critical peak Demand 5%

Other 10%

In this example the replacement energy value (electrification) is ~3x replacement value of Natural Gas

**\$200/MWh = \$55/GJ (NG) = NOT VIABLE**  
*~\$60/GJ (Steam\*<sub>20 yr.</sub>)*

# BTM Solar PV with Storage is Viable

Example BTM Solar PV electricity with TES (\$75/MWh equivalent)

Generation 75%

Storage 25%

$\$75/\text{MWh} = \$20/\text{GJ (steam)} = \text{Viable}$



Example variants of 'unfirmed' GRID (delivered) price of (renewable) electricity \$50/MWh (average) with TES\*

**Asset 40%**

**+ Delivered Power 60% ≤ \$25/GJ (steam) = potentially VIABLE**

**4 TES**

8GWh  
2MVA  
Std Tariff

Commodity 30%

Other Charges 70%

Tarif 30%

Peak 24%

Off Peak  
6%

Capacity Charge 25%  
assumption excludes  
CPD

Other 20%

**4 TES**

8GWh  
**2.5MVA**  
Std Tariff

Commodity  
10%

Tarif 35%

Peak 28%

Off Peak  
7%

Other Charges 90%

Capacity Charge 35%  
assumption excludes CPD

Other 20%

**4 TES**

8GWh  
2.0MVA  
**Off peak Tariff**

Commodity 35%

Other Charges 65%

Electrification Tariff 20%

Capacity Charge 25%  
assumption excludes CPD

Other 20%

**4 TES**

15GWh  
**3MVA**  
Std Tariff

Commodity 45%

Other Charges 55%

Tarif 30%

Peak 25%

Off Peak  
5%

Capacity Charge 14%  
assumption excludes  
CPD

Other 15%

# Competitive Power is Possible Today

EBoiler with 'firm' GRID renewable electricity ~ total \$220/MWh

Asset 10%

Firm GRID power 90%

- Power
  - Access to low price power commodity
  - Electrification Tariff (Off Peak Rate)
  - Demand Charge exempt
  - Flexible access to spare external capacity within site specific capability
- Early Adopter Advantage Incentives / Resources
  - Grant Funding for TES Asset deployment; electrical infrastructure (internal or external); BTM Power
  - Technical assistance in detailed modeling & assessments

**Lowest ROI = Faster Uptake**

eTES + 'special' Power ~ total \$60/MWh (30%)

Asset 50%

Power 50%

Renewable Energy Fraction

Difficulty with TES

< 50%

Easiest

Levers

- Electrification Tariff
- Demand Charge changes or removal
- Subsidised new capacity infrastructure

Opportunity

- Cheap electrically commodity

**START NOW**

50% - 75%

Moderate

(additional) Levers

- Carbon Tax, CBAM

Opportunity

- Demonstrated technology
- Technology cost reduction
- Blended BMT + Grid

Challenges

- Existing assets

**PLAN NOW**

$\geq 75\%$

Most Difficult

Opportunity

- Early Mover perks
- eBattery

Challenges

- Critical Peak Demand Charges
- Utilisation of storage diminishes the higher the R.E.F.
- Availability of renewable energy 24/7, 365

**HOLD**

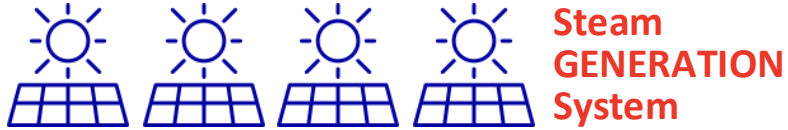


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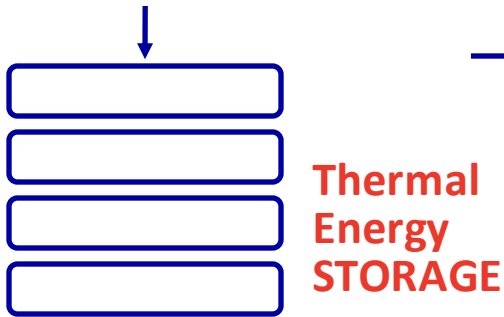


# Generation ≠ Utilisation

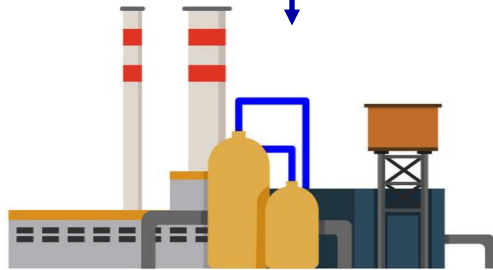
100TJ energy generation



60-80% utilisation with TES

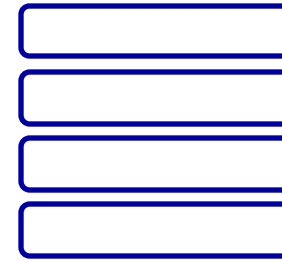


75-100TJ NG Displacement

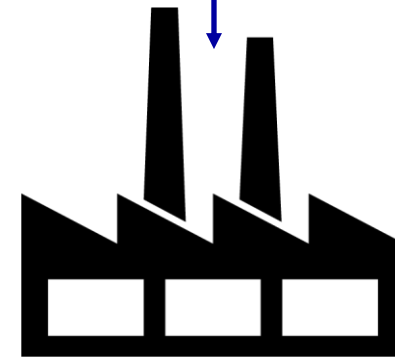


**Business A**

Shared SGS Energy



20-40% SGS utilisation with TES



25-50TJ NG Displacement

**Business B (next door)**

A man with a beard, wearing a green t-shirt and brown pants, is kneeling in a field of tall grass. He is smiling and looking at a large, light-brown dog that is sitting and looking back at him. The scene is set during sunset, with warm golden light illuminating the background and the subjects. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Key Take Outs

Early Mover Advantages

Reduce the ROI Window

Grant / Incentives

Support



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HEAVY INDUSTRY  
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# DE-RISKING DECARBONISATION FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY

Jenny Selway – CEO, HILT CRC

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# WHO WE ARE – HILT CRC

## De-risking decarbonisation for heavy industry.

A collaborative research centre established in 2021 with Industry and Government funding of \$200M.

We link world-leading minds from industry, research, and government to create a low-carbon heavy industry sector.



# >50 PARTNERS

Together with our partners, we are seeking to develop and demonstrate low-carbon technologies that will help transition the steel, iron, alumina, and cement industries to decarbonise heavy industry and grow Australia's economy.

## CORE PARTNERS



## KEY PARTNERS



## AFFILIATE PARTNERS



## ASSOCIATE PARTNERS



# LINKING INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND GOVERNMENTS



## PILBARA

The world's biggest iron ore region, with plans to harness its outstanding renewable energy resources for additional, value-added exports.

## RioTinto

Fortescue.



## KWINANA & SOUTH WEST

World-leading alumina exporter with decarbonisation strategies.

Alcoa Curtin University



## UPPER SPENCER GULF

Outstanding magnetite and renewable resources, with steel-maker planning to be zero carbon by 2030.



## GLADSTONE

Industry growth region with a hydrogen growth strategy.



Fortescue.

## RioTinto



## NORTHERN TASMANIA

Rich with hydro and an iron pellet exporter, the region has plans for hydrogen.



## AUSTRALIA WIDE

Australia's leading cement and lime producers have plans for low-carbon production.



Iron & Steel



Alumina

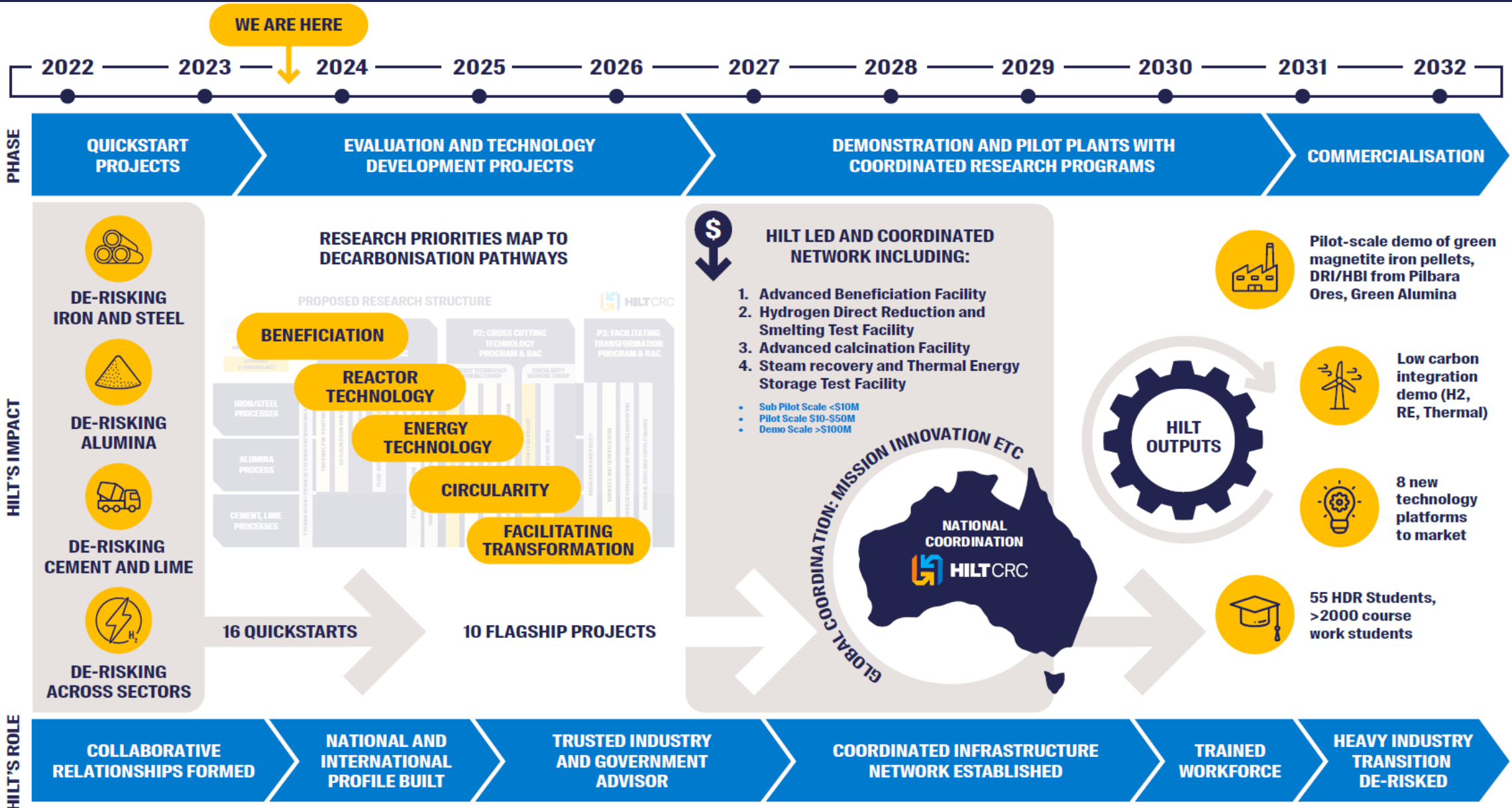


Hydrogen & Ammonia



Cement & Lime

# HILT'S 2030 PLAN

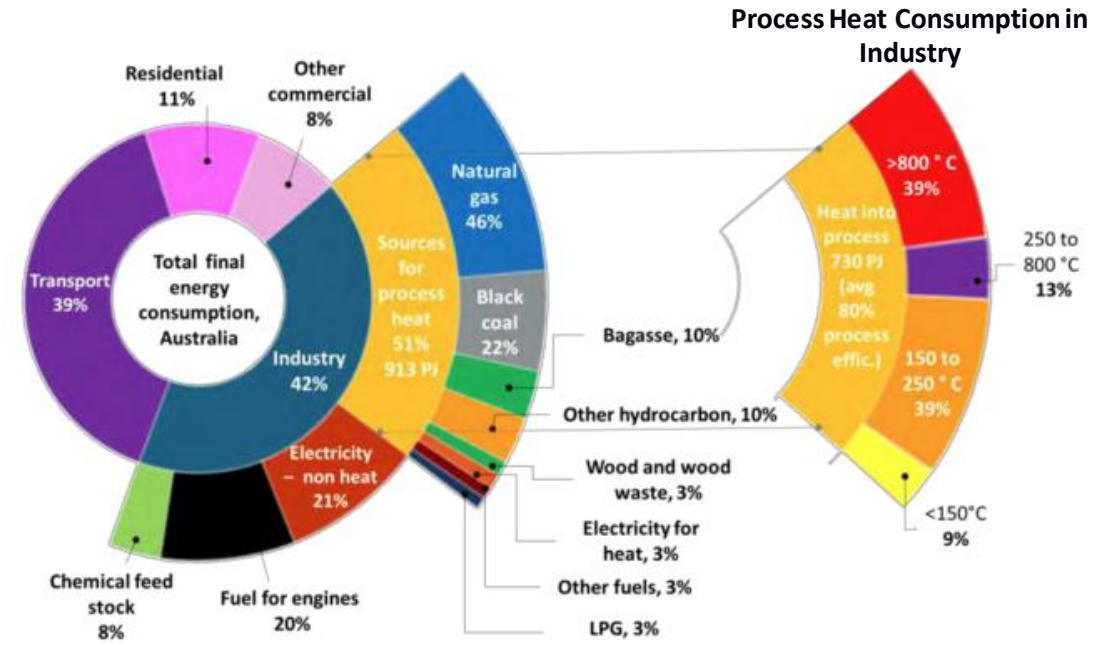
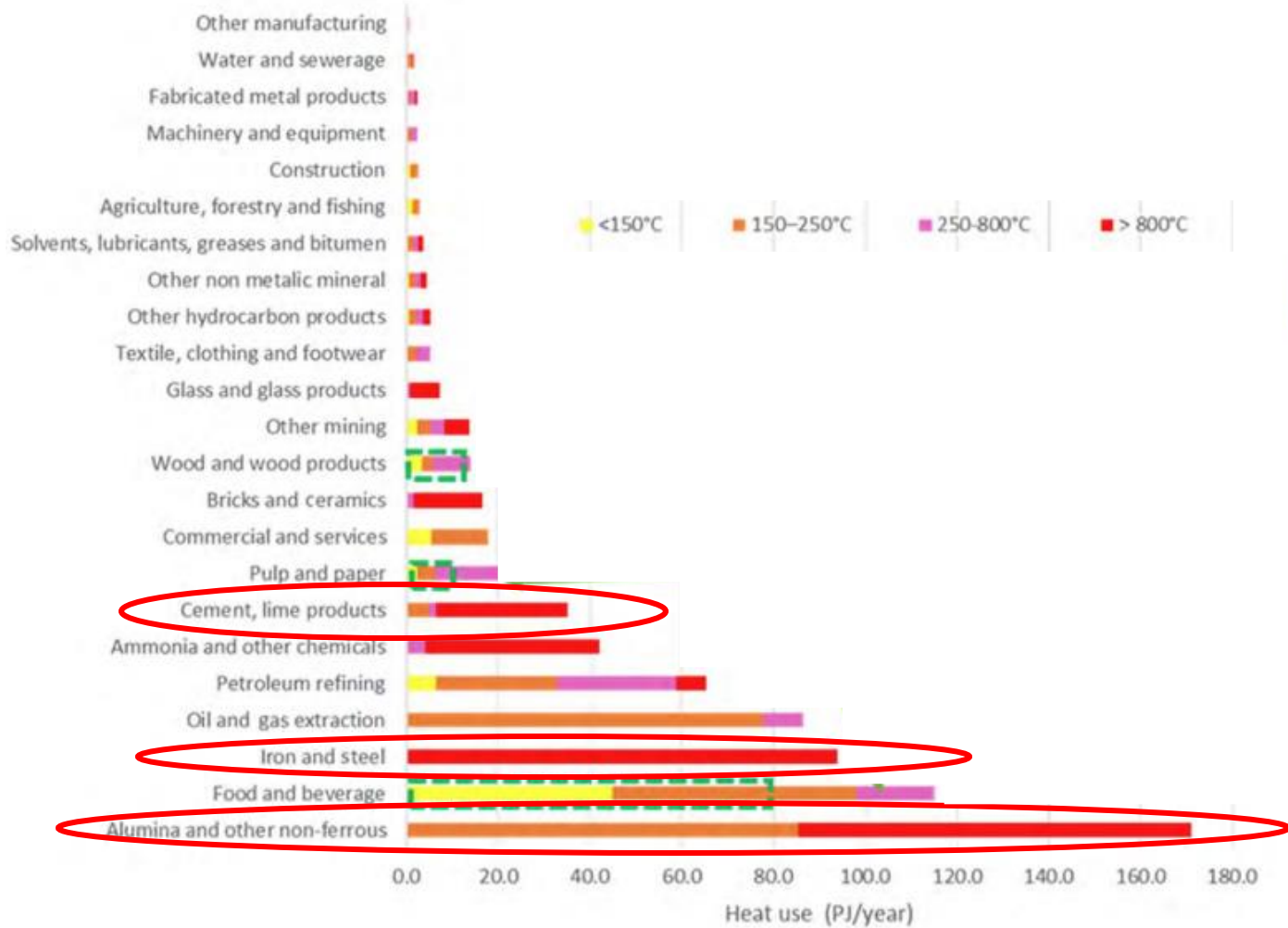




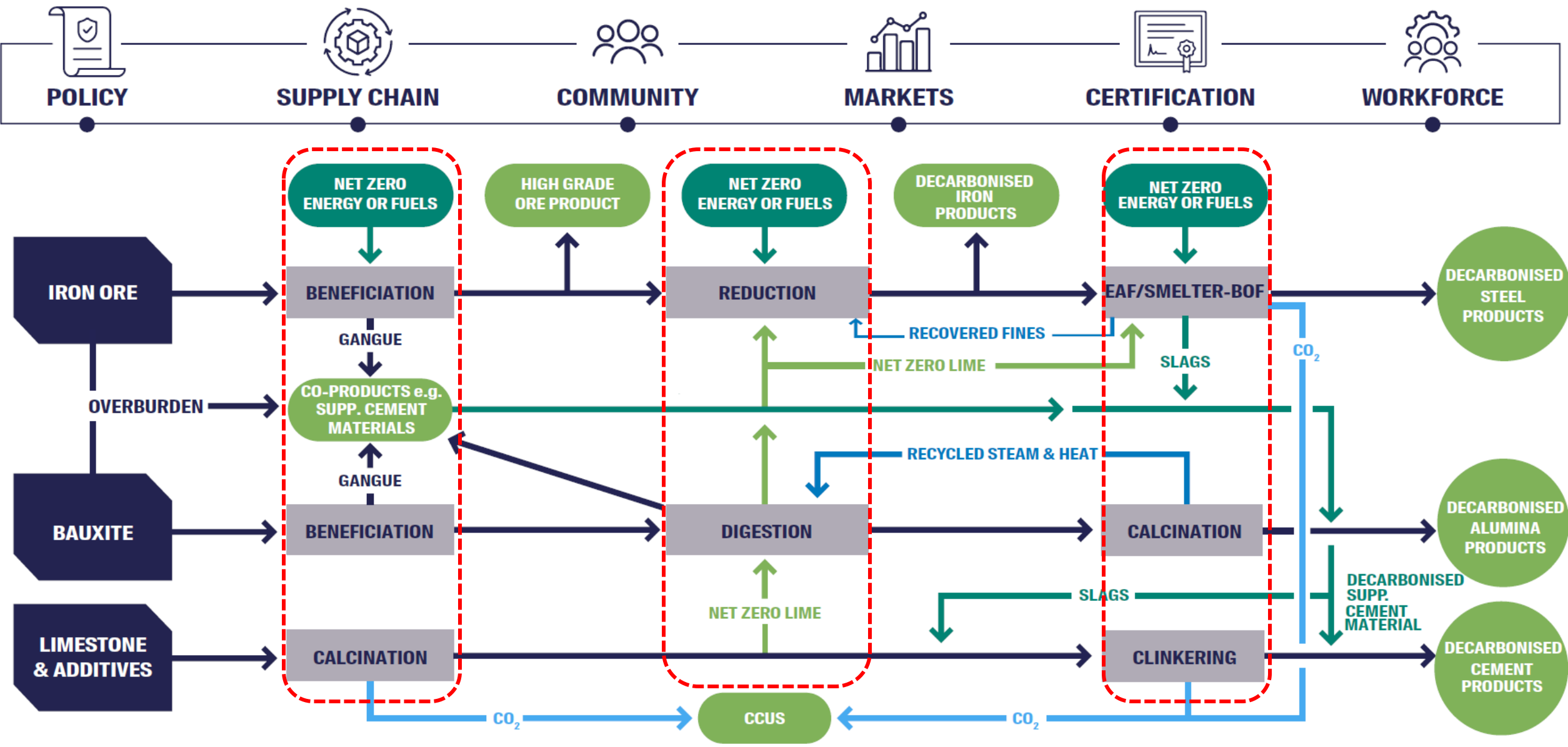
# INDUSTRY PROCESS HEAT USE



Process heat use by sector and temperature



# PATHWAYS TO DECARBONISE HEAVY INDUSTRY



# RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS

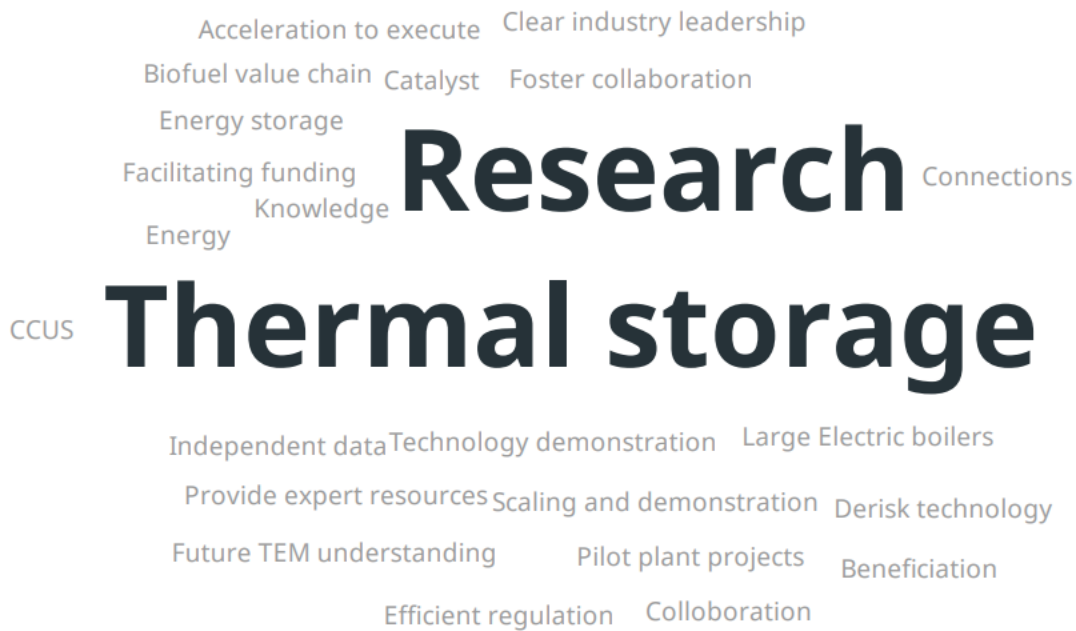


PROPOSED RESEARCH AREA		IRON/STEEL PROCESSES	ALUMINA PROCESSES	CEMENT, LIME PROCESSES	
APPROVED EVALUATION PROJECT		Techo-Econ Working Group	I&S TEA	ALUMINA TEA	CEMENT AND LIME TEA
APPROVED 3-YEAR FLAGSHIP PROJECT		Process Safety			
P1: Process Technologies Program & RAC	Beneficiation Working Group	Thermal Pre-Treatment			
		De-Salination Brines			
		Agglomeration			
	Reactor Technology Working Group	Smelting			
		Flash Reduction		Flash Calcination	
		Fluid-Bed Sticking		Fluid-Bed Calcination	
		Thermo-Physio-Chemical Particle Behaviour (P2)			
P2: Cross Cutting Technology Program & RAC	Energy Technology Working Group	Energy Infrastructure including Hydrogen			
		Biomass and Refuse-Derived Fuels			
		Thermal Energy Storage			
		Hydrogen Utilisation in Burners			
	Circularity Working Group	SCM, Lime, other CCUS			
P3: Facilitating Transformation Program & RAC	Mineral Carbonation Technology				
	Enabling Infrastructure				
	Policy, Regulation and Certification				
		Trade Barriers and Market Enablers			

# HILT CONFERENCE - INTEREST IN TES



What are your organisation's top three priorities for HILT to support heavy industry's transition to net zero by 2050?



What critical research infrastructure is needed to for universities and research providers to support the low carbon transition?



# INDUSTRY CHALLENGES FOR GREEN HEAT



Iron and  
Steel



Cement  
and Lime



Alumina



All the options for green heat have different benefits and challenges:

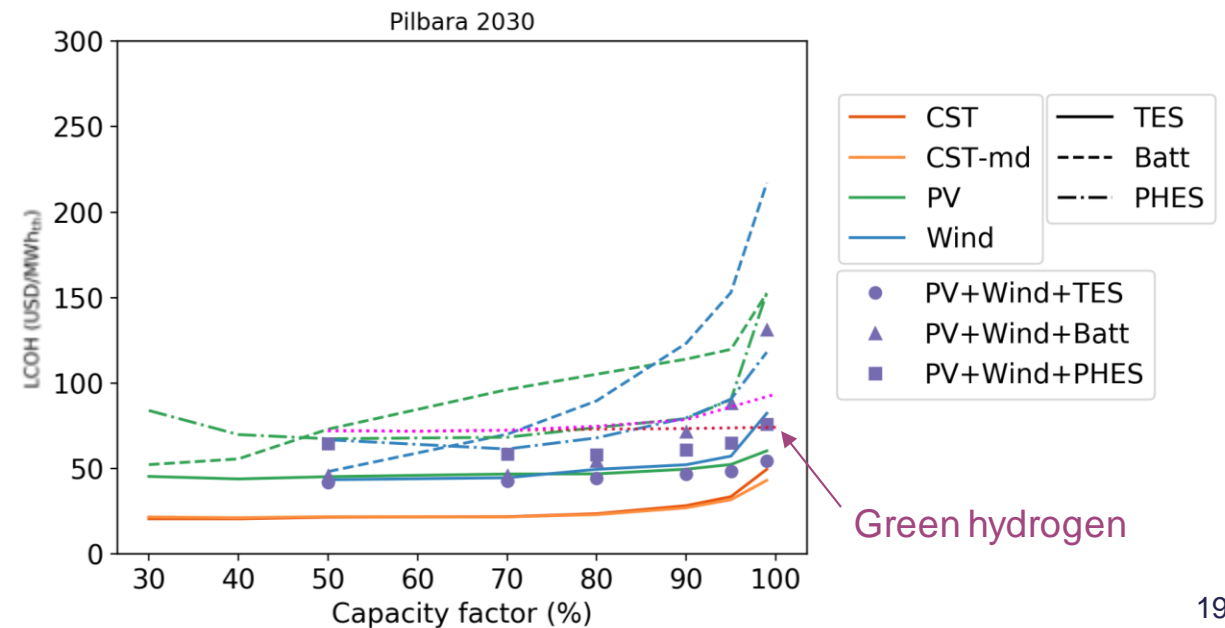
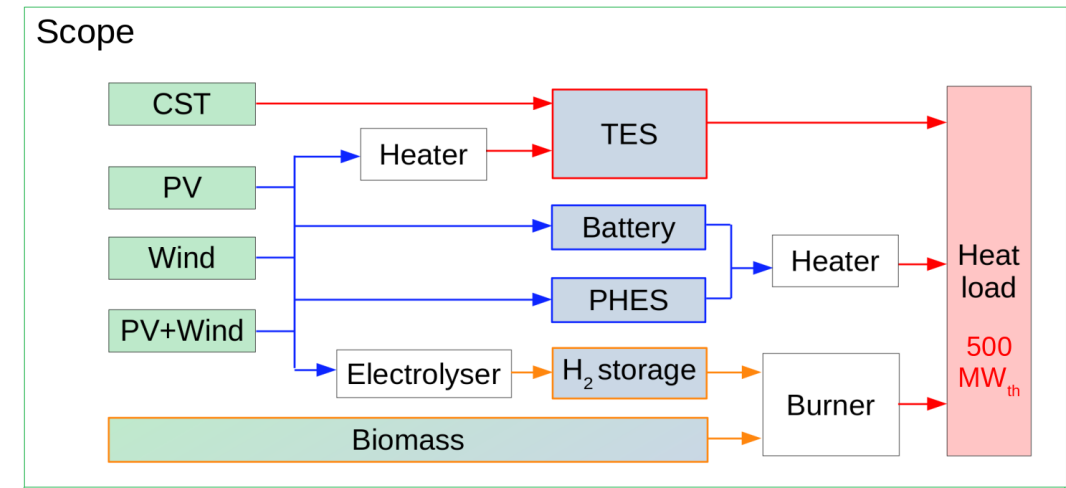
- Temperature
- Cost
- Heat transfer medium (steam, air, other)
- Ease of integration
- Scalability
- Technology readiness

What is the best option for each industry? For each process? For each site / location?

# RP2.003 – LEAST COST GREEN HEAT FOR INDUSTRY



- A comparison of various heat supply options with PV/wind/CST plus electrical, heat and hydrogen storage across 5 different locations, based on the costs of conventional molten salt (NaNO<sub>3</sub>:KNO<sub>3</sub> eutectic) technology at 565°C.
- Continuous supply is always significantly more expensive than at eg 60-80% capacity factor.
- **Thermal energy storage (TES) appears cheapest option for continuous heat, charged using varying wind/solar combinations.**
- Hydrogen looks cheaper than electrical storage when continuous supply is required.
- Multi-energy and hybrid TES+hydrogen options not yet assessed. High temperatures and thermal transport costs also so far omitted.
- Integration with industrial processes imposes major challenges/costs and cannot be overlooked.



# RP 2.009 – CASE STUDIES OF TES FOR INDUSTRY



**Aim:** This 1-year project aims to better understand the requirements and needs of users of high-temperature heat within the HILT CRC, and to provide these stakeholders clear, contemporary information about options for high-temperature thermal energy storage integration into their processes.

**Approach:** The project focusses initially on two use case scenarios:

- 1) Solar heating combined with thermal energy storage, to provide the heating needs of the fluidised bed H<sub>2</sub>DRI process.
- 2) Integration of thermal energy storage into the Bayer process to provide or supplement heat needs during calcination for Alumina.

**Progress:** Significant progress in the development of the process flow models, and an annual system simulation of the fluidised bed H<sub>2</sub>DRI process, including development of a reactor component in OpenModelica, with verification using FactSage and ThermoCalc.

Developing improved options for integration of TES in alumina refining, working with Partners towards better definition of temperature and heat needs at different stages of the process.



Kick off meeting at the site of TES technology partner 1414 Degrees

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# RP1.013: ALUMINEXT



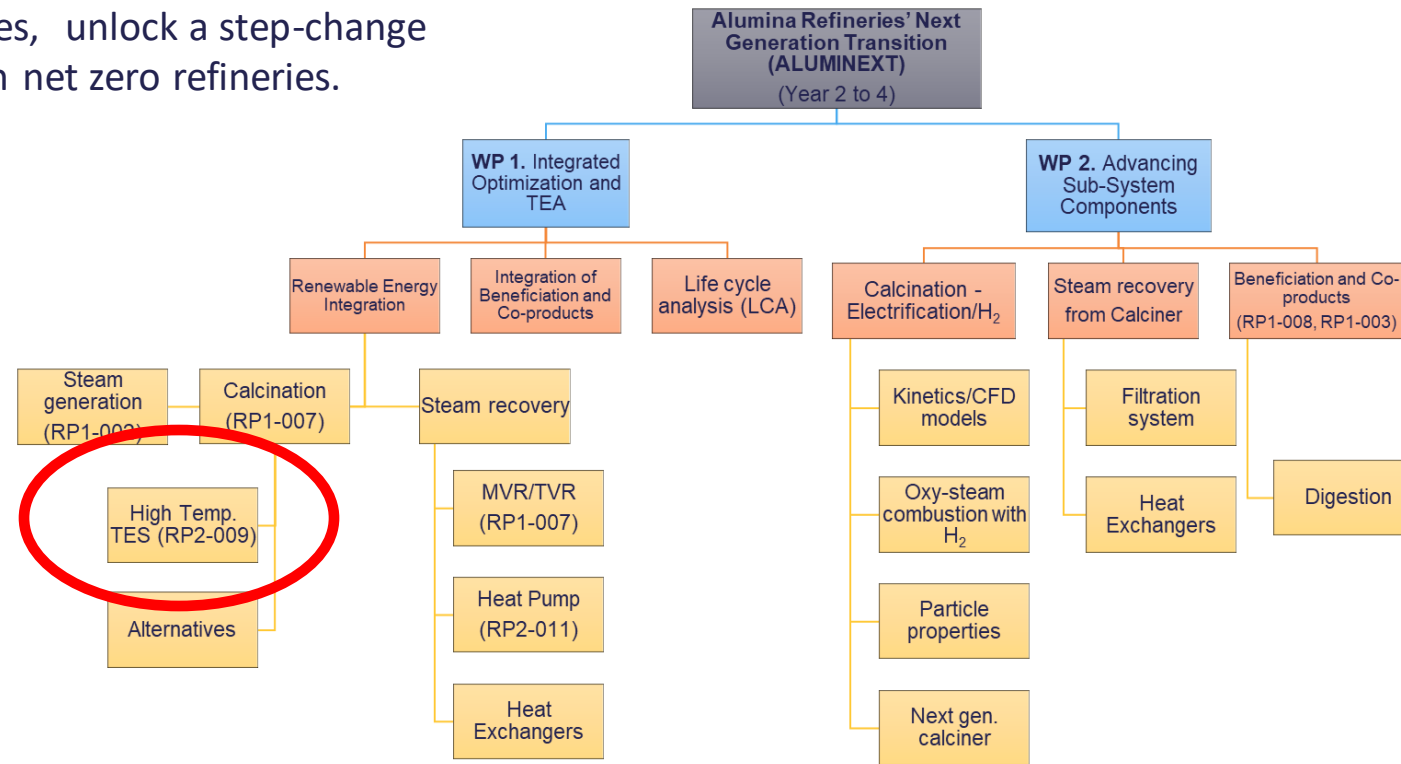
RP1.013 Alumina Refineries' Next Generation Transition, Woei Saw (University of Adelaide) – follow on from RP1.002 and RP1.007

## Need and Drivers:

- **Short-term:** to de-risk retro-fitting relatively high TRL emissions reduction technologies to existing alumina refineries
- **Long-term:** to advance development of novel technologies, unlock a step-change in increased efficiency and reduce cost in next generation net zero refineries.

## Outcomes:

- Next generation net-zero Bayer process configurations
- Mitigate risk & increase efficiency of the Bayer process
  - Optimise steam generation configurations
  - New steam calciner technology
  - Understand steam calcination reactions
  - Implement novel steam recovery systems
- Collaborate at pilot and demo scales to reduce risks & cost
- Develop workforce of the future in the alumina industry

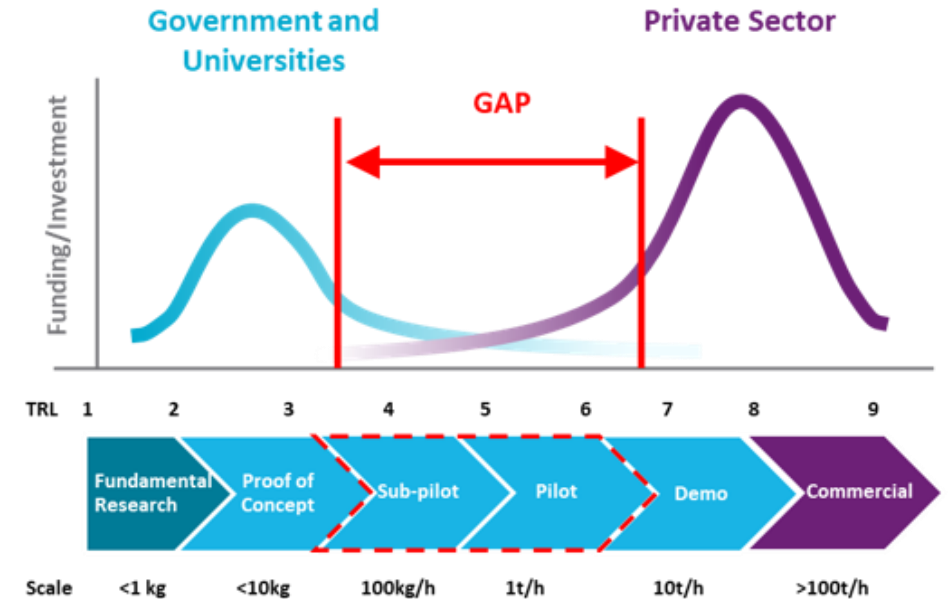




# POTENTIAL FUTURE RESEARCH AREAS



- Application driven development of TES:
  - Integration into industrial processes is highly process-specific, site specific and challenging.
  - Replacing fossil fuel heat source with TES heat alternative can be very disruptive to process design and operation
  - How do build up confidence in TES for heavy industry?
    - Low, mid or high temperature heat?
    - Scaling up TES?
    - Scaling up electrical infrastructure and/or process variability?
- Technology development:
  - Verifying TES options as a function of temperature range and heat transfer medium.
  - How do we verify long-term performance of TES materials?



*Research gap for HILT focus?*



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