

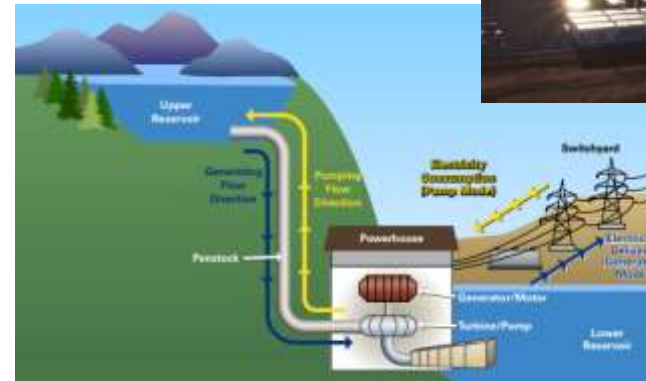
# Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems and Technologies



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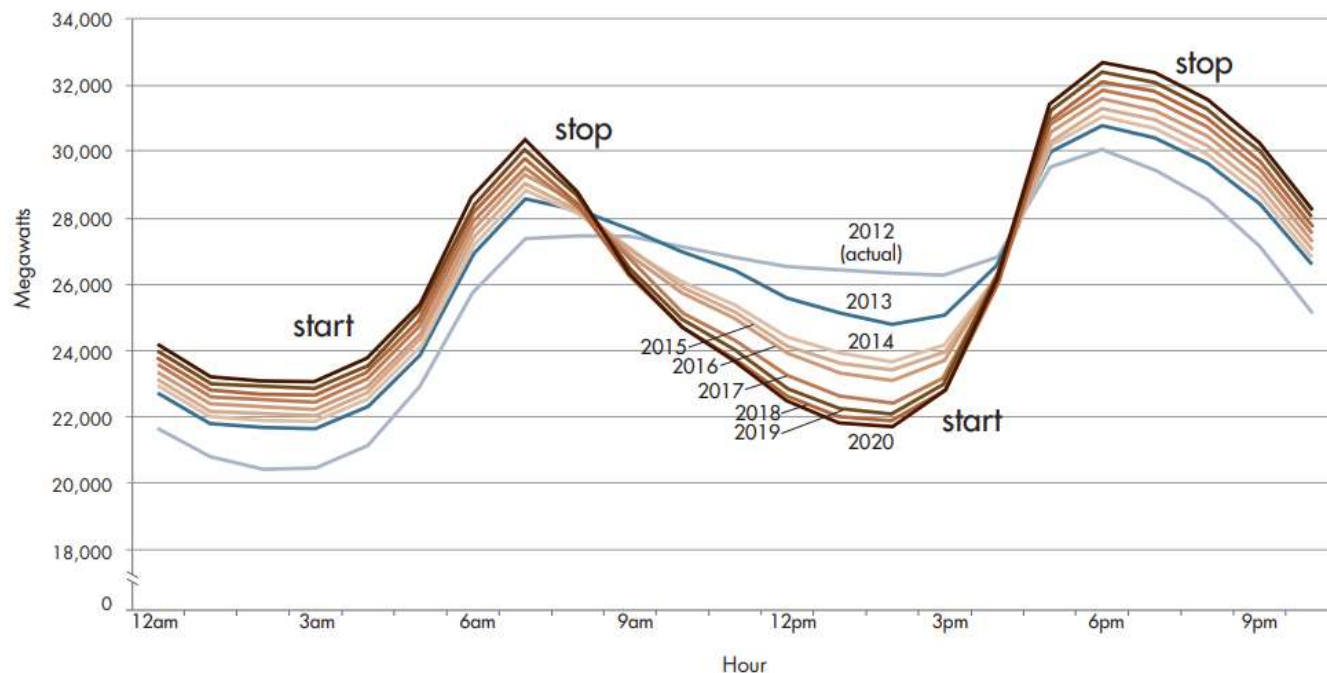
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# The Need for Energy Storage: Renewables

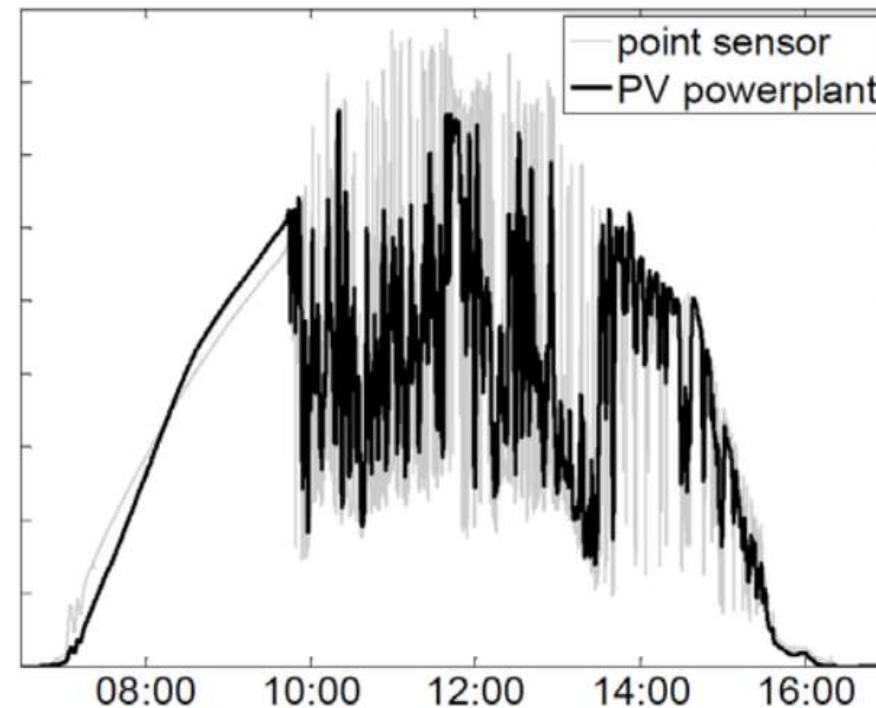
Figure 1

Net load - January 11



“Duck” Curve

Source: CAISO (2016)



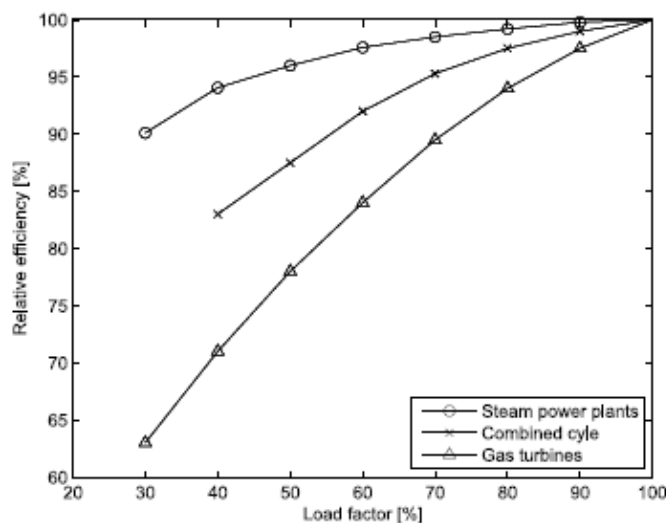
PV Plant Variability

Source: Byrne (2016)

**Penetration of renewables into energy supply adds significant instantaneous, hourly, and seasonal variability while also displacing spinning reserve capacity**

# The Need for Energy Storage: Fossil/Nuclear

- Baseload generation technologies have poor transient capability
- Reduced off-design performance



**Efficiency Penalty at Reduced Load**

Image Source: Van den Bergh and Delarue (2015)

Technology	Design Point Plant Efficiency	Hot Startup Time (h)
Simple-Cycle Gas Turbines	35-40%	0.16
NG Combined-Cycle Turbine	56-60+%	2
IG Combined-Cycle Turbine	38-44%	6-8
Pulverized Coal - Steam	37-43%	3
Nuclear Steam	30-33%	24

Data Sources: Van den Bergh and Delarue (2015)

Gonzalez-Salazar *et al* (2017)

# Energy Storage Technology Overview

- Battery Storage
  - Solid-State Batteries
  - Flow Batteries
- Mechanical Storage
  - Pumped hydro
  - Gravitational
  - Compressed Air
  - Liquid Air
  - Flywheel
- Thermochemical Storage
  - Hydrogen
  - CO2 Phase Change
  - Synthesized Fuels
- Thermal Storage
  - Molten salt/refrigerant
  - Pumped thermal energy storage

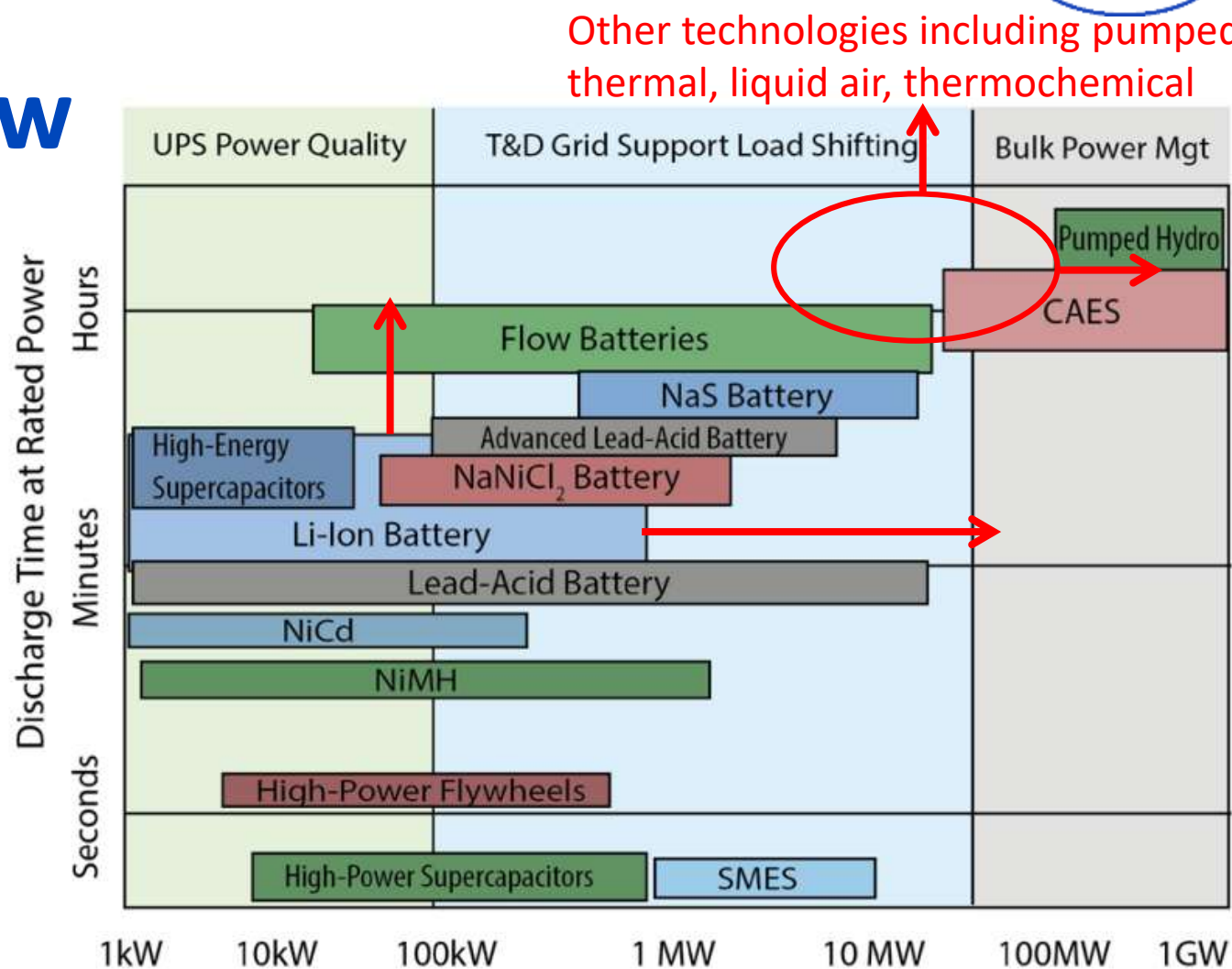
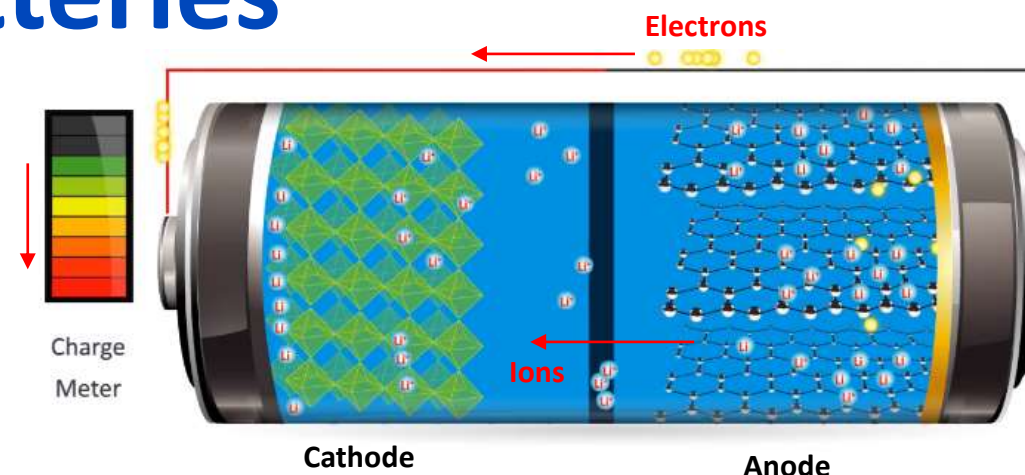


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# Battery ES: Solid-State Batteries

- Working Principles
  - Lithium ion movement between electrodes via electrolyte creates charge and electrical current
- Chemistries
  - Lead Acid and Li-ion are most popular
  - Sodium Sulfur, Zinc Hybrid, Sodium Nickel Chloride also considered
- Round-trip efficiency a function of charge/discharge profile
  - 65-75% for 30-min discharge
  - 75-85% for 2-hour discharge
  - Up to 97%



<https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/how-does-lithium-ion-battery-work>



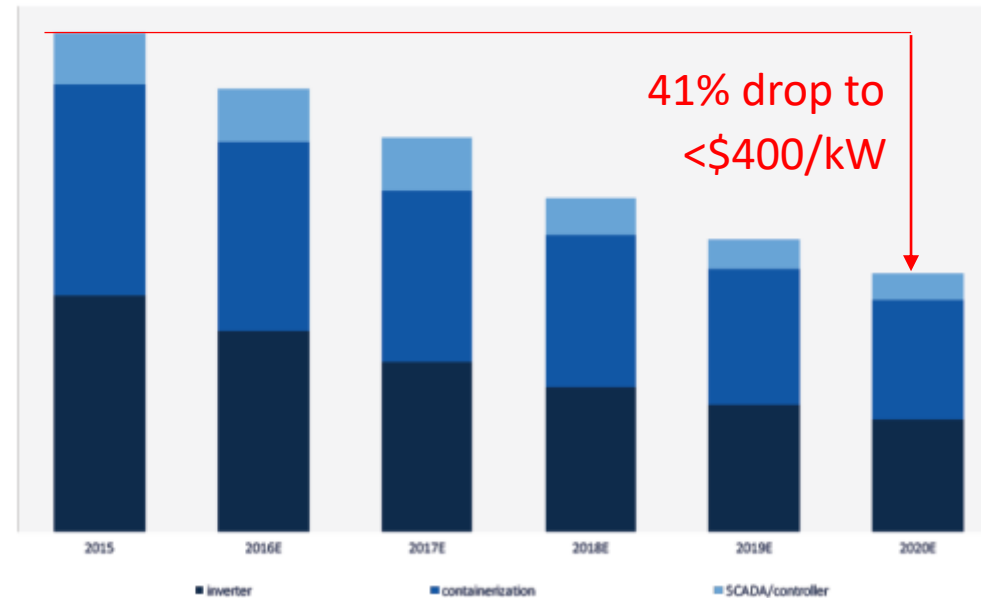
**Tesla 100 MW/129 MWh Powerpack**

Data Source: <https://www.energystoragenetworks.com/three-battery-types-work-grid-scale-energy-storage-systems/>



# Battery ES: Solid-State Batteries

- Turbomachinery Integration
  - Coupled to wind turbine (and PV) farms
  - Pairing with gas turbine peaker plants for improved response time/spinning reserve classification
- Current TRL
  - TRL 9, Many commercial options. Li-ion batteries have ~95% grid-scale market share
- Technology Gaps
  - Long-term durability
  - Scalable cost
  - Material availability (cobalt, others)
- R&D Activities
  - Cost reductions, longevity, power density improvements, battery system management, hazard assessment, abuse/environmental testing, re-use



Adapted from: GTM Research (2015)



Battery environmental and abuse testing

Data Source: <https://www.energystoragenetworks.com/three-battery-types-work-grid-scale-energy-storage-systems/>

# The Problem with Solid-State Batteries

- Battery costs increase linearly with storage duration
  - Cannot separate power and energy
- Other grid-scale technologies decouple power block from storage duration
  - Higher intercept, lower slope

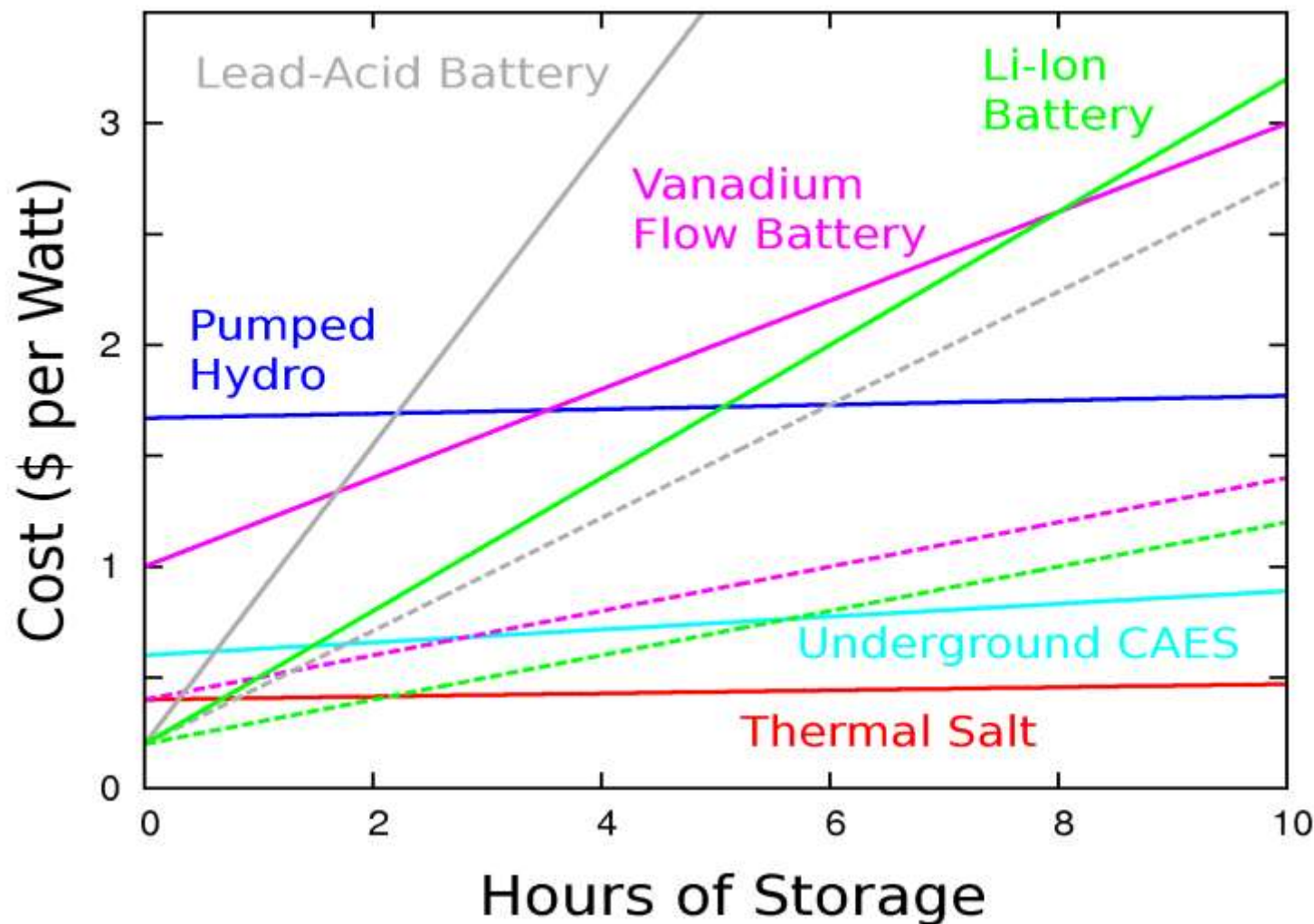
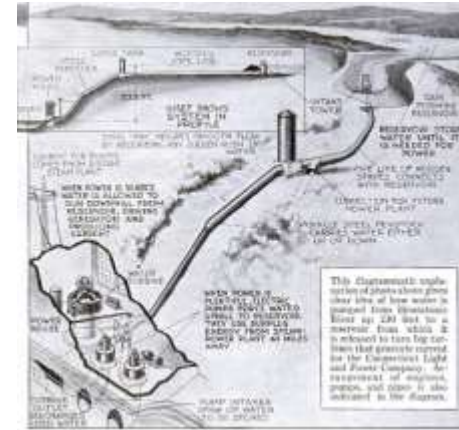


Image Source: Laughlin (2019)

# Mechanical ES: Pumped Hydro

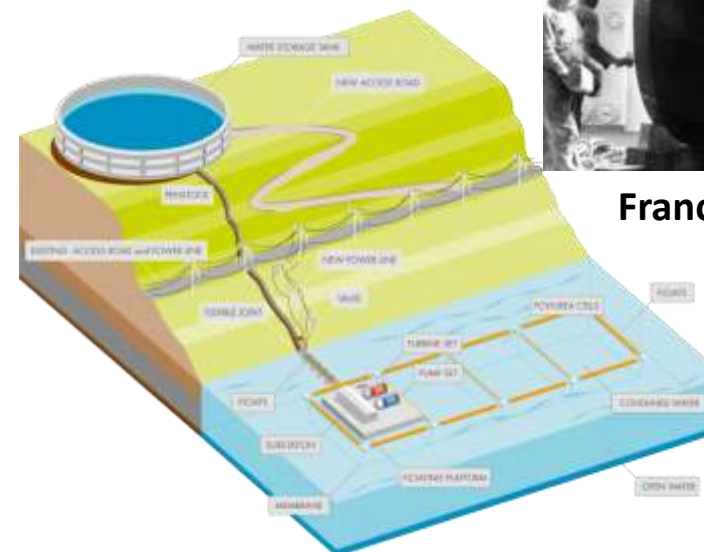
- Current TRL
  - TRL 9, Decades of commercial experience
- Technology Gaps
  - Geography-specific concept -> siting limitations
- Expected Performance
  - 70-80%+ round trip efficiency (Energy Storage Association)
- R&D Activities
  - Subsurface/Subsea pumped hydro
  - Small modular PSH for cost-effectiveness
  - Variable speed/geometry pump/turbines



World's First PSH System, 1930



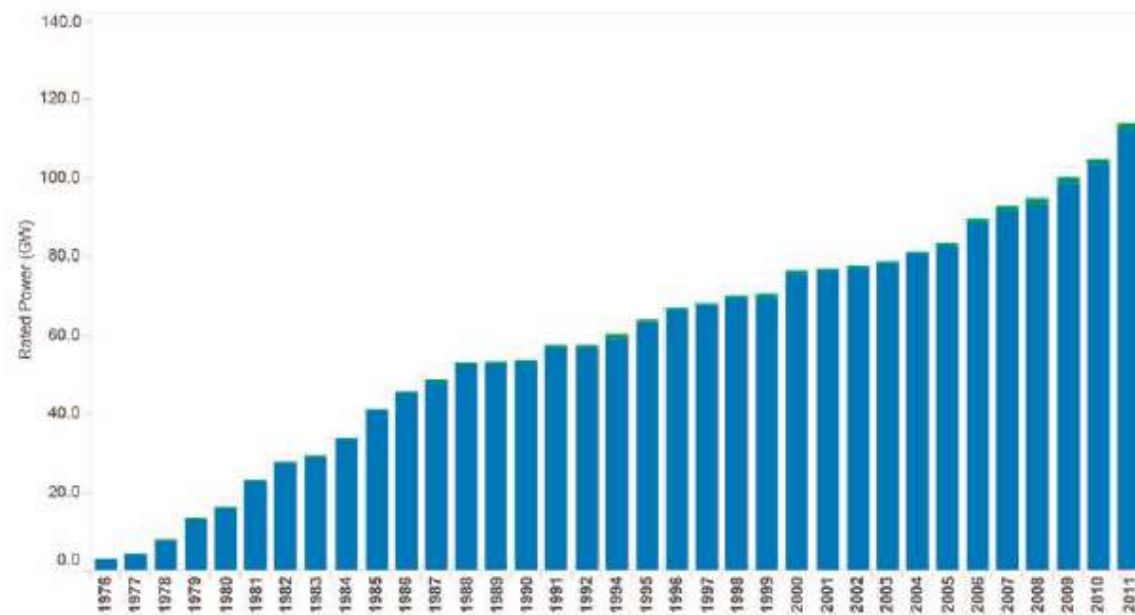
Francis Turbine Runner, 1942



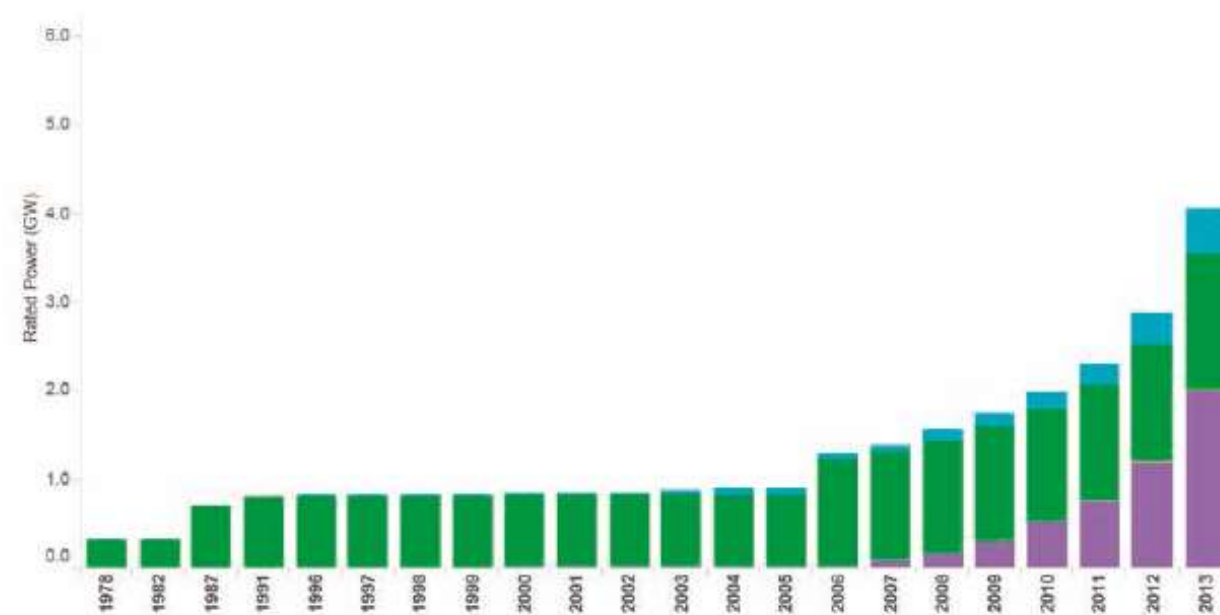


# Global Energy Storage Timeline

Global Energy Storage Project Installations



Global Energy Storage Project Installations – excluding PHS



- Electrochemical Storage → Batteries
- Electromechanical Storage → Flywheels, CAES
- Hydrogen Storage
- Thermal Storage
- Pumped Hydro Storage

Data and Images from EASE/EERE (2017)

# Global Energy Storage Technology Breakdown

## Technology Types

Technology Type	Projects	Rated Power (MW)
Thermal Storage	220	3275
Electro-chemical	994	3301
Pumped Hydro Storage	351	183007
Hydrogen Storage	13	20
Liquid Air Energy Storage	2	5

**Pumped Hydro is Dominant Technology, Followed by Thermal (CSP) and Electro-Chemical (Battery)**

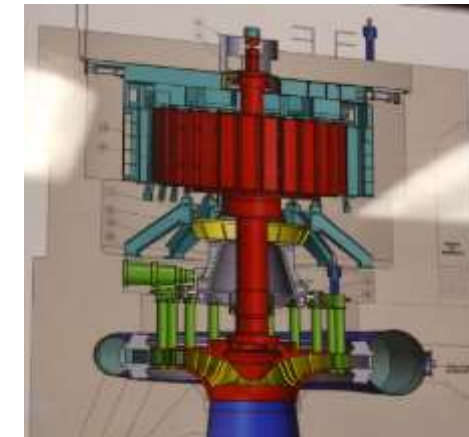
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# Application – Pumped Hydro

- World's largest energy storage system at 3003 MW, 24 GWh
- Completed 1985
  - Six Francis pump-turbines from Voith-Siemens
- Water levels change 105/60 feet in upper/lower reservoirs
- Pumping/generating flow rates of 12.7/13.5 million GPM
- 79% RT Efficiency, 6 minute response



Bath County Pumped Storage Station (above) and turbine-generator (below)



Data source:

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/about-us/making-energy/renewable-generation/water/bath-county-pumped-storage-station>

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# Applications – Grid-Scale Solid-State Batteries

- Hornsdale Wind Farm Plus Power Reserve (AUS)
  - Li-ion, 100 MW, 129 MWh
  - Operational in December 2017
  - 70 MW / 10 min for grid stability
  - 30 MW / 3 hours for load shifting
  - 80% round-trip efficiency
  - <150 ms response



<https://electrek.co/2018/09/24/tesla-powerpack-battery-australia-cost-revenue/>



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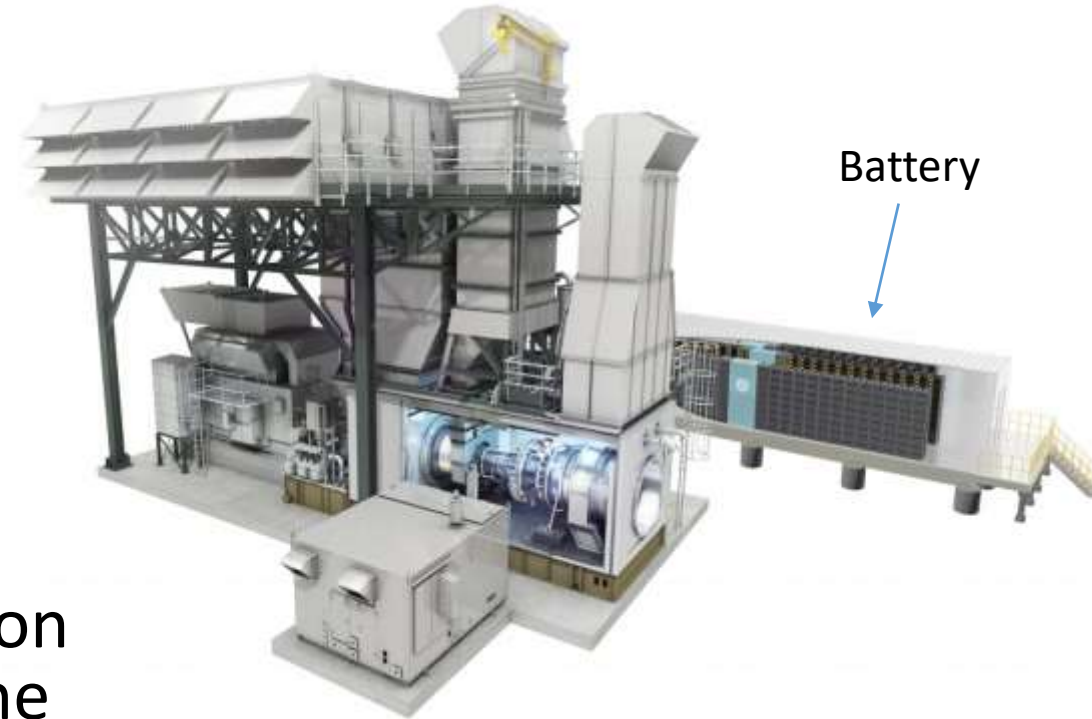
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Aurecon (2018)



# Application – Gas Turbine + Battery Storage

- Southern California Edison
- GE LM6000
  - 50 MW
  - 5 min ramp to full power
- Li-ion battery storage
  - 10 MW, 4.3 MWh
- Control system allows seamless transition from battery to turbine, enabling turbine stop during standby
- Online in April 2017



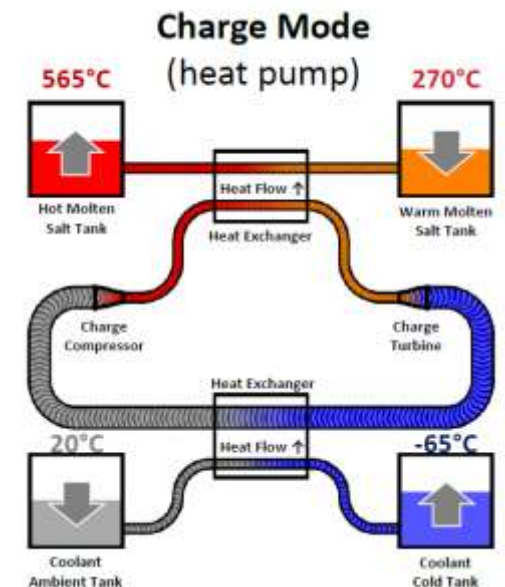
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# Summary

- Batteries offer a cost-effective solution for near-term storage (e.g. minutes to < 2-3 hours)
  - Critical R&D needed for grid-scale adoption includes:
    - Further cost reductions and life improvement, energy density, and round-trip efficiency (at high rates) for all technologies
- Other technologies under development for cost-effective longer-term storage
  - Many promising longer-duration concepts under development (Advanced CAES, Pumped Thermal, Liquid Air, Hydrogen, others)
    - kW-scale demonstrators, MW-scale pilots
    - Turbomachinery improvements
    - Controls/system development
    - Integrated/hybrid systems with existing power plants





# Questions?