



# U.S. Battery Storage Market

## Regulatory and Market Environments

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# Agenda

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- **Electricity Industry Trends**
- **Multiple Layers of Value for Battery Storage**
- **Battery Storage Investment Activity**

# Electricity Industry Trends

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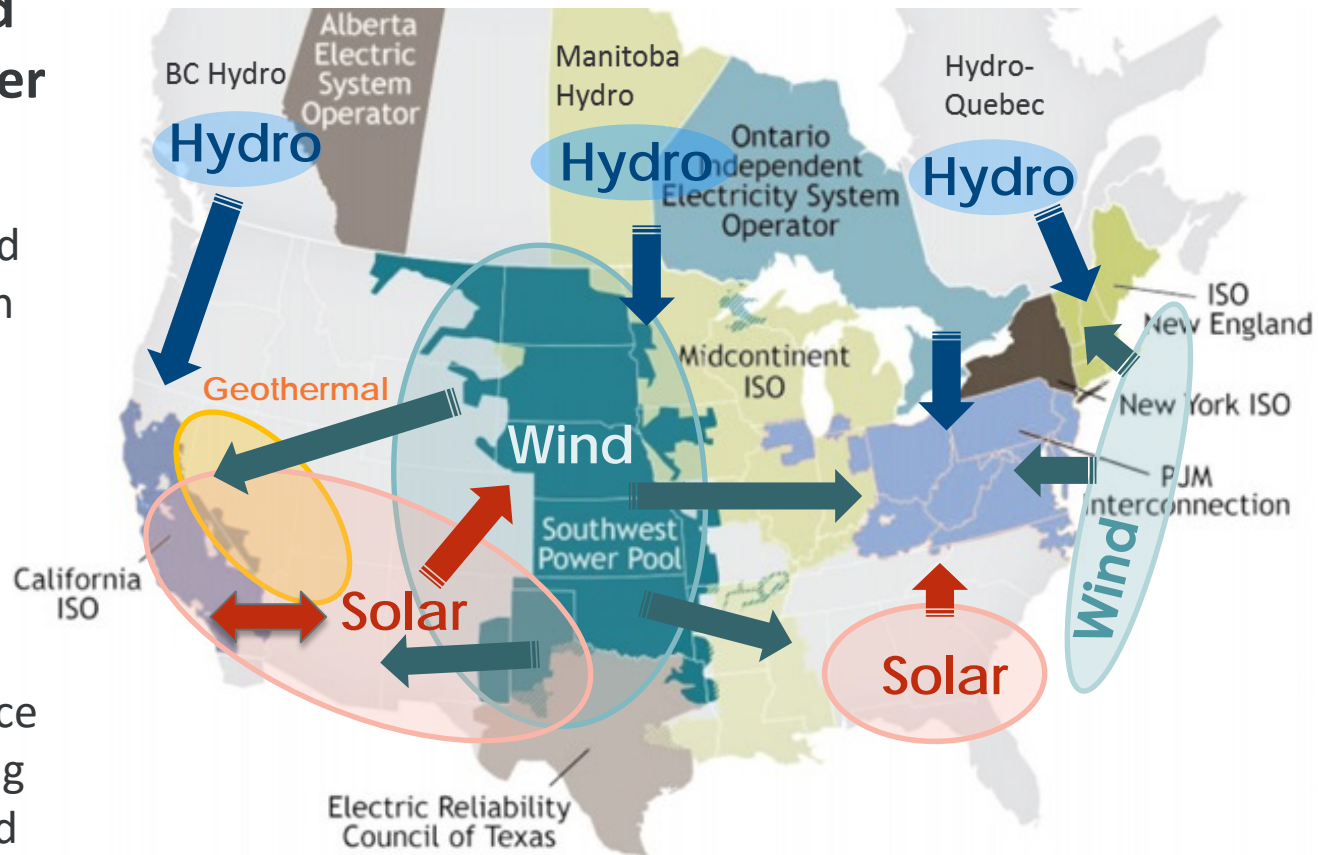
- **Reduced growth in traditional electricity consumption**
- Increased customer **preferences for conservation and clean energy**
- **Technological advances** that allow customers and electric utilities to better monitor and control electricity usage
- Significant **cost reduction in solar and wind generation** and innovative project financing, yielding low cost clean resources
- **Low natural gas prices** place significant downward pressure on coal and nuclear plants
- **Increased stringency in local environmental regulations** of air emissions, water usage, waste disposal, and land use for all power plants
- **Increasing electrification** of transportation and heating
- **Battery storage cost reduction and deployment across supply chain**

**These are significant changes that utilities, grid operators, and regulators are trying to manage.**

# Diversifying Low-Cost Clean Energy Resources

Resource and demand diversification can offer significant benefits:

- Reduces investment and balancing cost with high levels of intermittent resources
- Relies on build out of transmission to interconnect them
- Increases the importance of interregional planning processes going forward



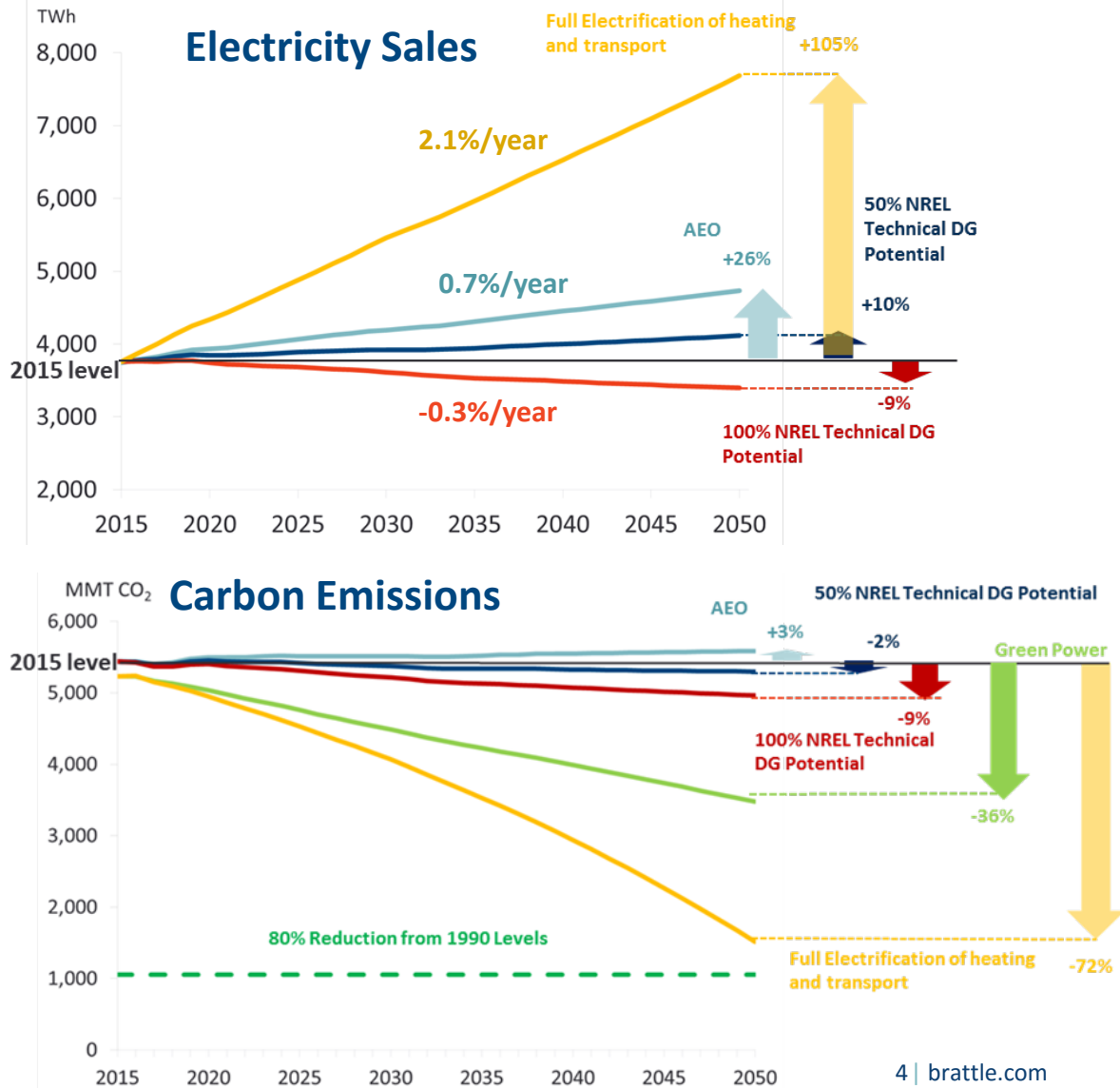
Source: Underlying map is from ISO/RTO Council

**Ability to access multiple clean energy resources and match their generation profiles to load profiles will be a key factor in defining the role for storage**

# Electrification of Transportation and Heating

## With 100% electrification:

- Sales could **double by 2050**, even with significant distributed PV penetration
- Economy-wide GHG emissions reductions could be achieved if coupled with clean generation
- **Utilities could grow in size and relevance, and play a central role in decarbonizing the US economy**
- Highly utilized modes of transportation (Uber, AVs) will **accelerate adoption of EVs**



# Battery Storage Capital Cost Estimates

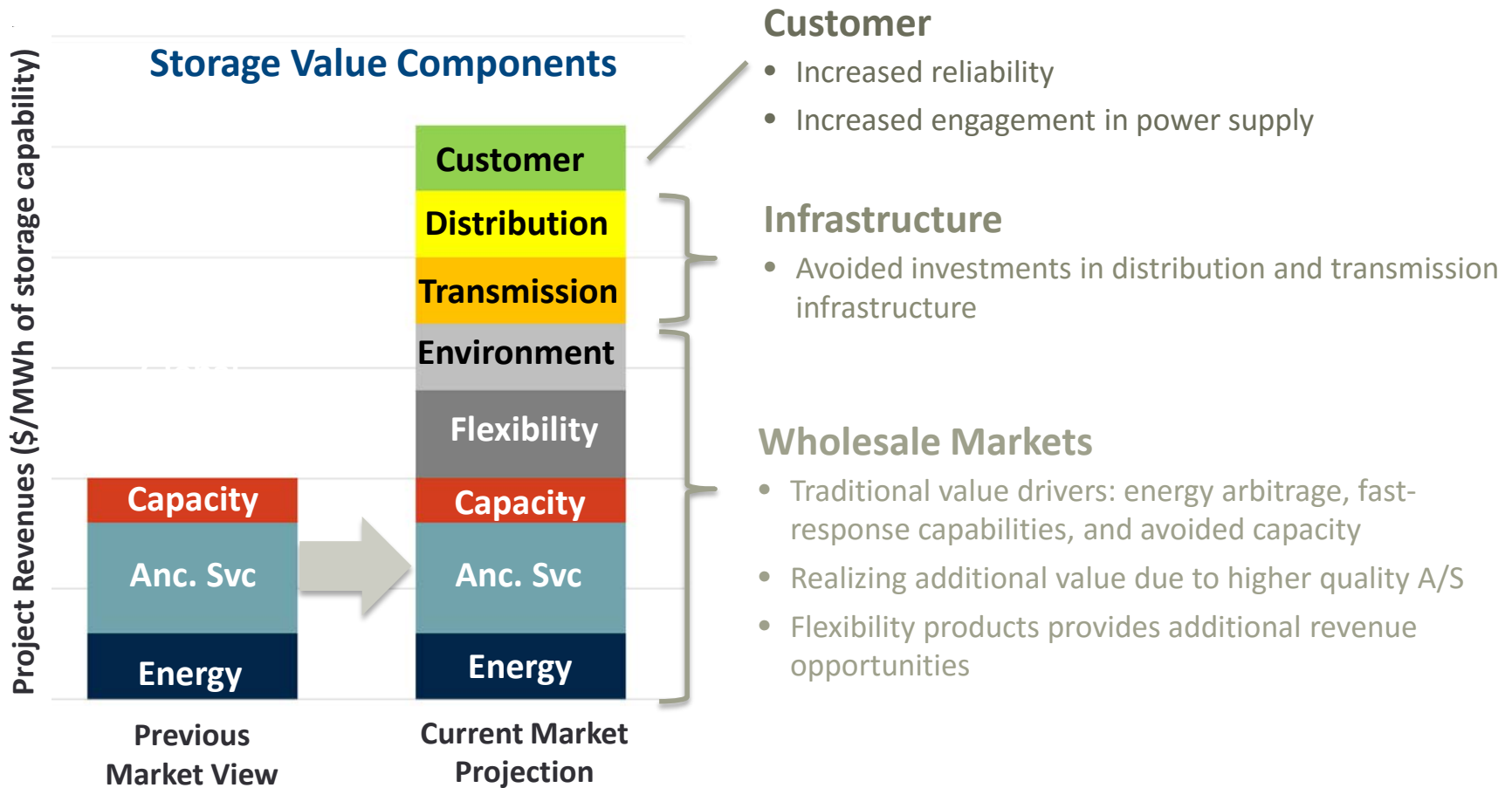


Notes:  
 All monetary values are in nominal dollars.  
 Years along axis represent installation date.  
 DNV Kema and Sandia studies assume a life of 15 years. The other studies all assume 10 years.

- Capital costs estimates range widely
- Projected to decline by 5 - 15% per year
- May differ due to components included in costs, duration, and asset life
- Annual costs include extended warranty and operating costs
- Many projects include augmentation services to maintain capacity

# Battery Storage Value Streams

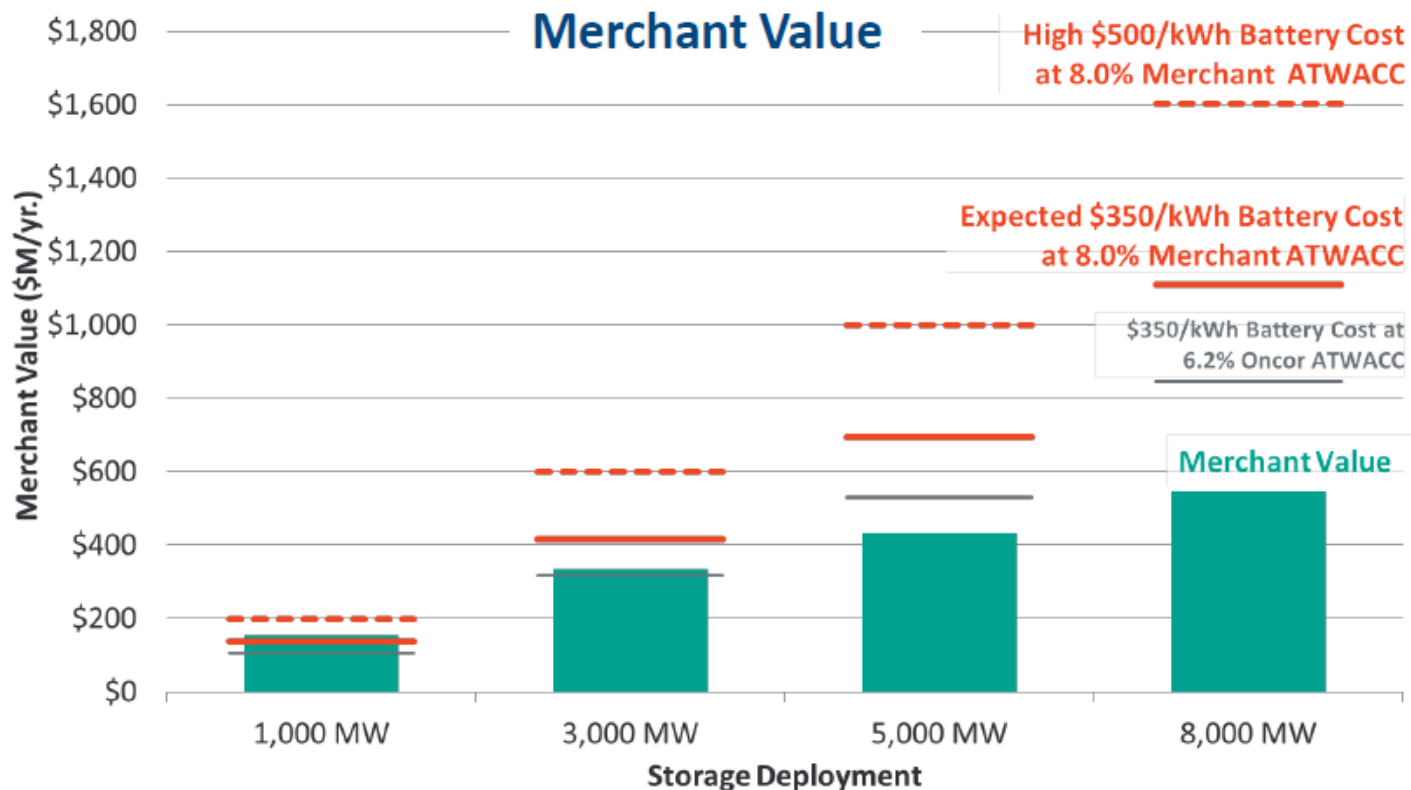
Project developers and investors are seeking opportunities to match the battery storage capabilities with highest value projects



## Texas Study (Oncor)

# Merchant Value in Wholesale Market

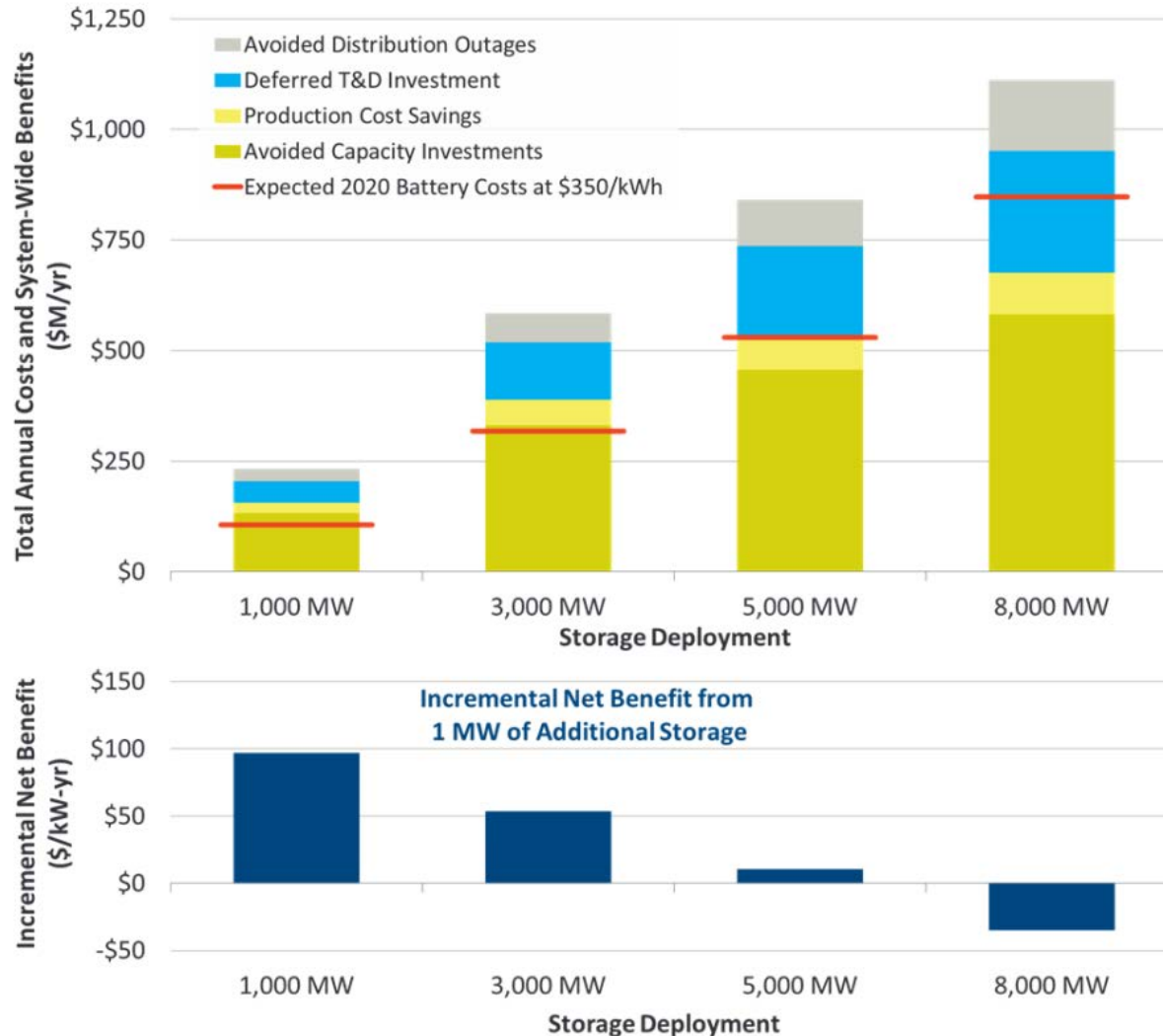
- Merchant value greatest at low levels of deployment
- At larger scales, the wholesale market value of storage is too limited to support merchant investment even at lower end cost projections
- Particularly true if investment risks were to exceed assumed 8% ATWACC





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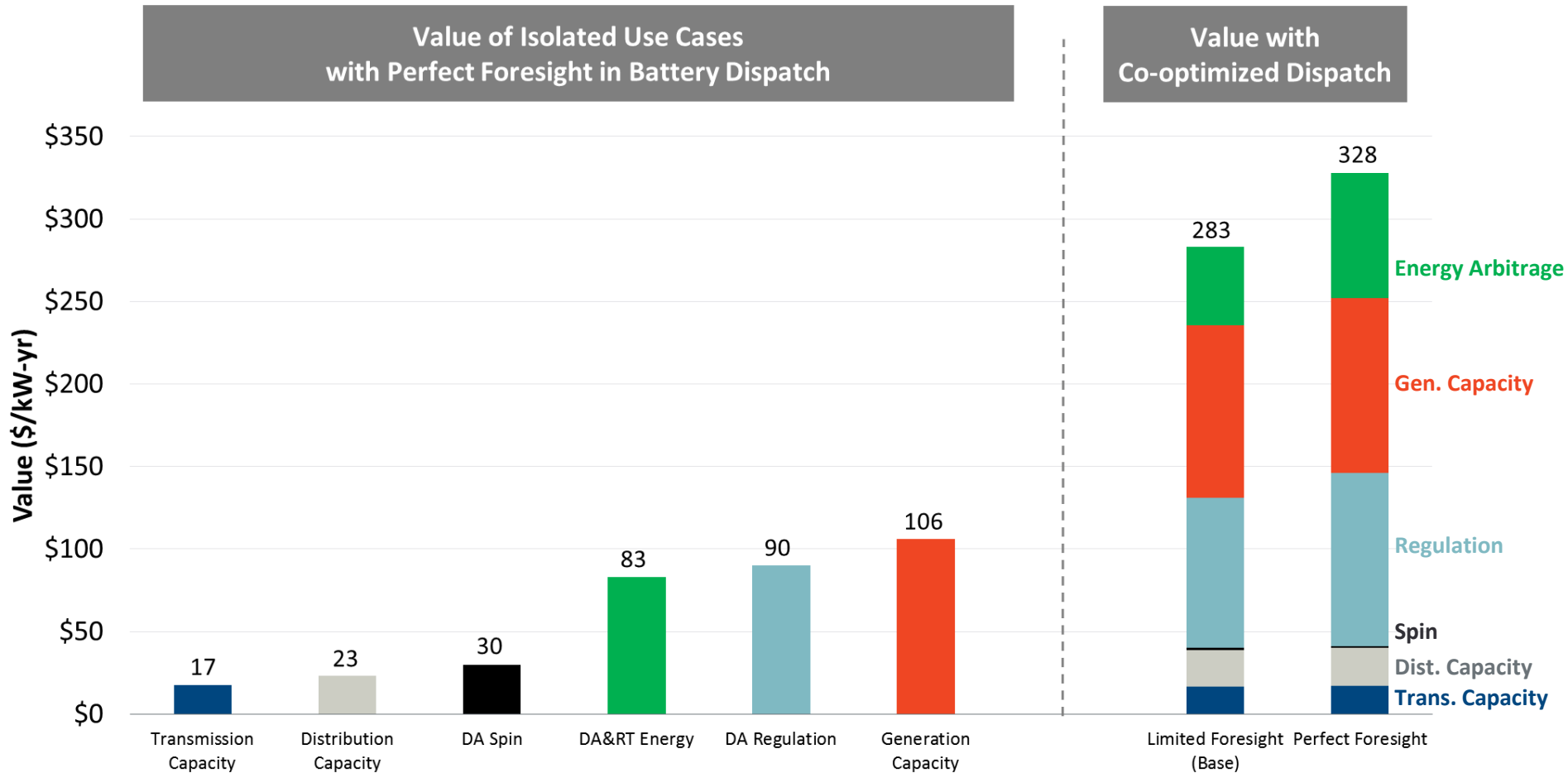
## System-Wide Annual Benefits



- 30 – 40% of benefits related to reliability and T&D savings
- Value maximized when located closest to load
- Must be integrated into T&D planning to capture benefits
- Challenge is to create regulatory framework to capture value streams, including wholesale, infrastructure, customer

Sources and Notes: The Expected 2020 Battery Costs are based on Oncor's 6.3% ATWACC, with 15- and 30-year assumed lifetime for the battery and balance of plant respectively. Chang, et al., The Value of Distributed Electricity Storage in Texas: Proposed Policy for Enabling Grid-Integrated Storage Investments, Prepared for Oncor, March 2015.

# California Study (Eos Storage) Battery Value Estimates



There is significantly more system benefit if the battery can be utilized to capture multiple value streams rather than just individual use cases

# Main Drivers of Battery Storage Investments

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## Legislative or Regulatory Emphases:

- State goals, mandates and incentives
- Utility and RTO pilot programs
- Inclusion in integrated resource plans
- State-level working groups or storage studies
- Commission-ordered utility procurement
- Commission proceedings on regulatory framework and participation

## Improved Market Value:

- Expanded participation in wholesale markets by FERC and PUCT
- Fast-response ancillary service products that pay for performance
- Increased demand for regulation with greater renewable integration
- Greater intraday price disparities
- Ability to capture multiple value streams (esp. avoided T&D)
- Inclusion in solar or microgrid projects

# Utility Project Examples

## LADWP (CA)

LADWP, a municipal utility, is planning 20 MW project along solar and wind corridor; targeting 400 MW by 2025.

PG&E: 250 MW  
SCE: 300 MW  
SDG&E: 80 MW

## Exelon (IL)

Has launched a Community Energy Storage (CES) Pilot with 25-50 kWh lithium batteries to reduce outages and improve reliability.

## Arizona Public Service (AZ)

APS has 2 MW of battery storage deployed in areas with high rooftop PV and plans to build more to defer transmission, manage load, and optimize DERs.

## Florida Light and Power (FL)

Even without state-level storage policy, FPL proposed 50 MW pilot to integrate solar within its recent general rate case. Cost recovery was approved after FPL demonstrated customer benefits.

## ConEd (NY)

In response to the REV proceeding, ConEd developing 4.2 MW program where the utility leases customer property to house batteries to defer transmission upgrades.

## Kentucky Power (KY)

2016 IRP includes plans for adding 10 MW of battery storage by 2025.

# Investor Project Examples

## PowerTree Services (CA)

PowerTree installing chargers in 68 SF apartment buildings that provide multiple streams of benefit to participating parties.

## Altairnano (NJ)

Energy Storage Holdings, LLC, has a 3 year lease on a 1.8 MW battery system designed for large scale frequency regulation and fast response applications.

## Alevo and Ormat (TX)

10 MW Rabbit Hill Energy Storage Project will provide Georgetown, TX muni with fast response regulation services as an open market participant in ERCOT

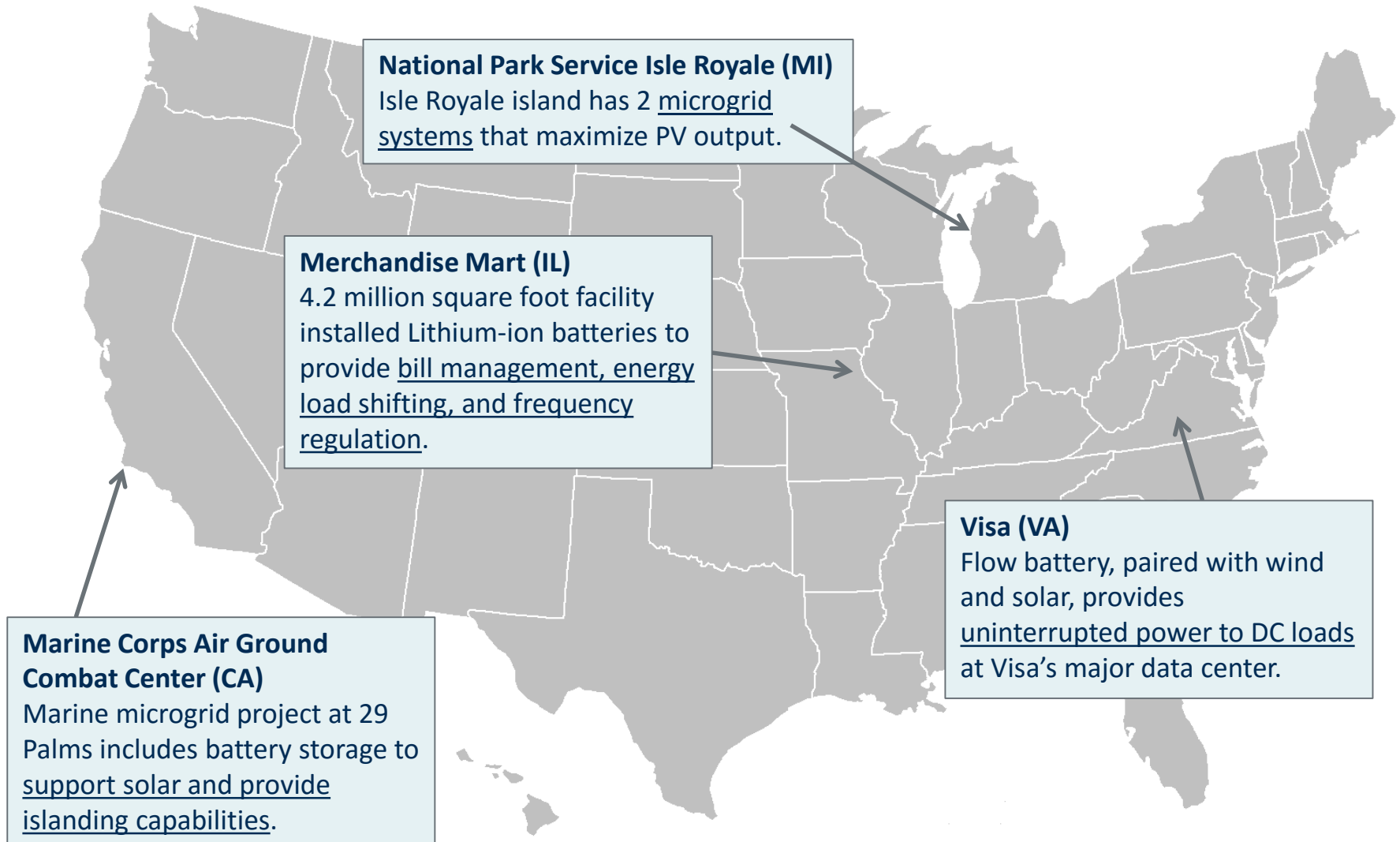
## First Wind (HI)

First Wind providing 10 MW system to meet PPA requirements of Maui Electric Company (MECO) and to reduce curtailment.

## Invenergy (WV)

32 MW Beech Ridge project, adjacent to 101 MW wind farm, provides fast-response frequency regulation to PJM ancillary services market.

# Customer Project Examples



# Brattle bSTORE Modeling Suite

**Storage simulation and decision-support platform to assess the potential value of storage projects**

- Six modules that each provide insights into a different aspect of storage valuation
- Modules can be run separately or in conjunction with one another
- Built on top of multi-time frame economic dispatch optimization engine

## bSTORE Modules

**Optimal Bidding and Dispatch**

**Market Impact**

**Capacity Expansion**

**Transmission & Distribution**

**Customer Retail Cost**

**Customer Reliability Benefits**

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# Each States Sets Own Agenda

## Many States have set program goals and pilot projects: Examples

### New York

- **Procurement Targets:** SB 5190/A 6571 Energy Storage Program 2030: Cuomo proposed 1,500 MW procurement
- **Incentives:** Clean Energy Fund includes \$200M for storage
- **Grid Modernization:** New York Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) driving storage development through:
  - **Requirements for Distribution Planning/Goals:** Development of Utility Distributed System Implementation Plans (DSIPs) include directives for distribution hosting capacity, interconnection portals, non-wires alternatives and energy storage; established goal for 2 projects by 2018.
  - **Storage Study/Net Metering:** The Value of Distributed Energy (VDER) study includes net metering successor with compensation for storage paired with renewables. Transition to Value Stack compensation underway.
  - **Pilot programs** and will tie Performance Based Ratemaking mechanisms (Earnings Impact Mechanisms or EIMS) to goals such as storage.

**Pending:** "New York Grid Modernization Act" (A.B.7480) would establish a Smart Grid Advisory Council, and efforts would include promoting DERs

### Texas

- **New Technology Implementation Grant (NTIG),** part of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan provides funding for solar plus storage in counties with air quality issues. \$9 million has been awarded through 2015-2017
- **High Renewable penetration from wind and solar (expected)**
- **Utilities:**
  - **TX Utility-Scale Battery:** A 4 MW sodium-sulfur (NAS) energy storage system technology in Presidio, Texas developed to provide backup power to the town was the first utility scale battery in Texas.
  - **Ownership:** AEP proposed two distribution scale storage projects (1 MW and 500 kW batteries) to avoid more expensive transmission and distribution solutions.
  - **Ownership:** Utilities are not permitted to own generation assets but the Commission is currently considering approval of the projects.
- **Grid Modernization:** AEP has a modernization plan that includes Vehicle to Home Connectivity Research as well as a 900 MW solar and wind goal.
- **Net Metering:** No state defined net metering but some utilities are addressing singularly – may actually be more favorable for storage at customer-site