

# Progress in Grid Scale Flow Batteries

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Without technological breakthroughs in efficient, large scale Energy Storage, it will be difficult to rely on intermittent renewables for much more than 20-30% of our Electricity.

*Secretary Chu, Feb. 2010*

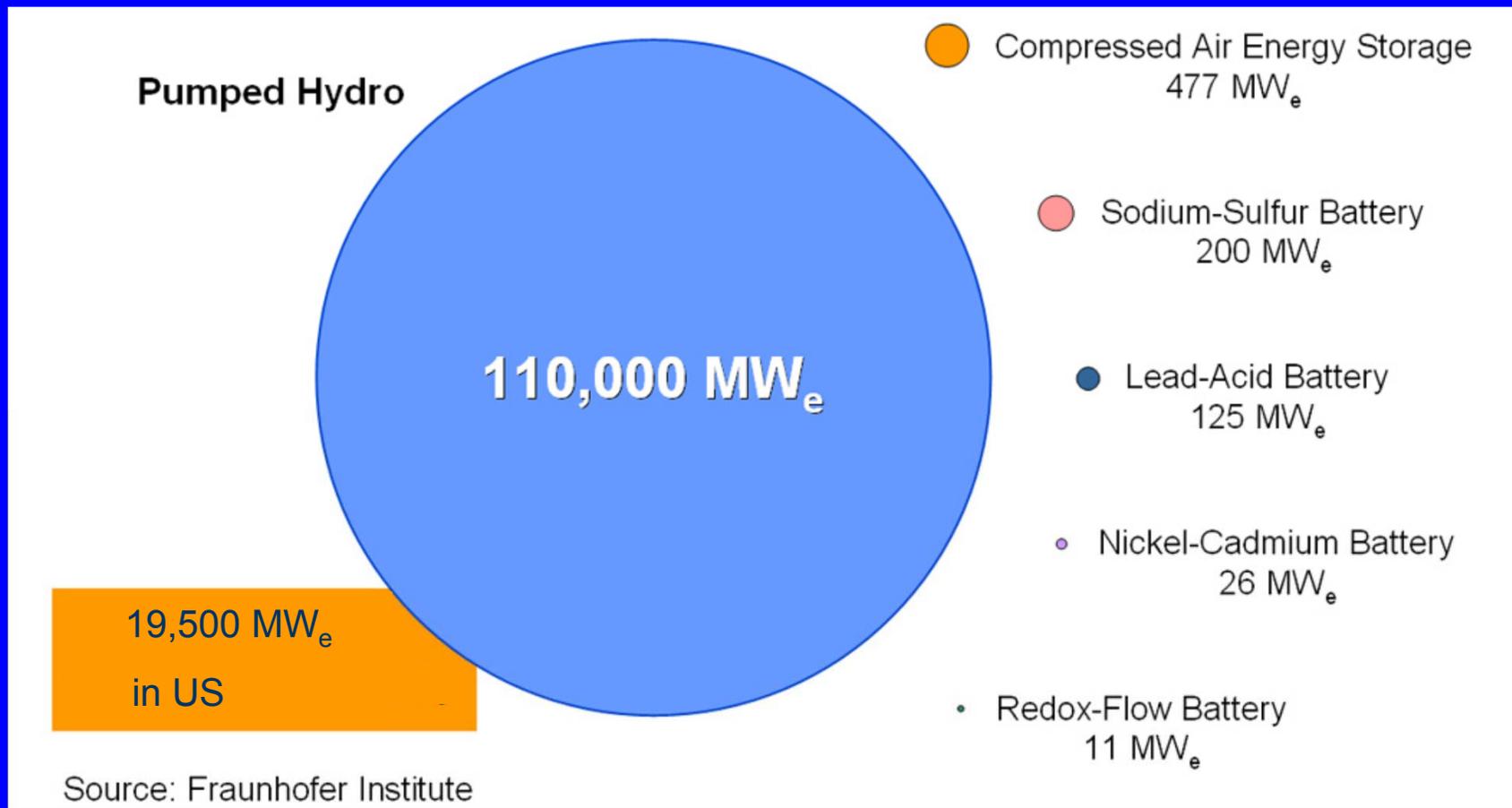
The need for regulation services can dramatically increase as the amount of variable renewable resources is increased. Local storage is among the best means to ensure we can reliably integrate renewable energy resources into the grid.

*Chairman Wellinghoff, FERC, March 2010*

Transmission and storage capacity are key issues for energy resource planning. If you like wind power, you have to love transmission and storage.

*Terry Boston , CEO, PJM, June 2010*

# Worldwide installed storage capacity for electrical energy



Note: Pumped hydro represents 2.5 percent of U.S. electrical baseload capacity.

## Some Large Energy Storage Projects:

27MW / 7MWh

1995 Fairbanks, AL

34MW / 245MWh

2008 Rokkasho, Japan

20MW / 5MWh

2011 Stephentown, NY

32MW / 8MWh

2011 Laurel Mountain, WV

14MW / 63 MWh

2011 Hebei, China

8MW / 32MWh

2012 Tehachapi, CA

25MW / 75MWh

2013 Modesto, CA

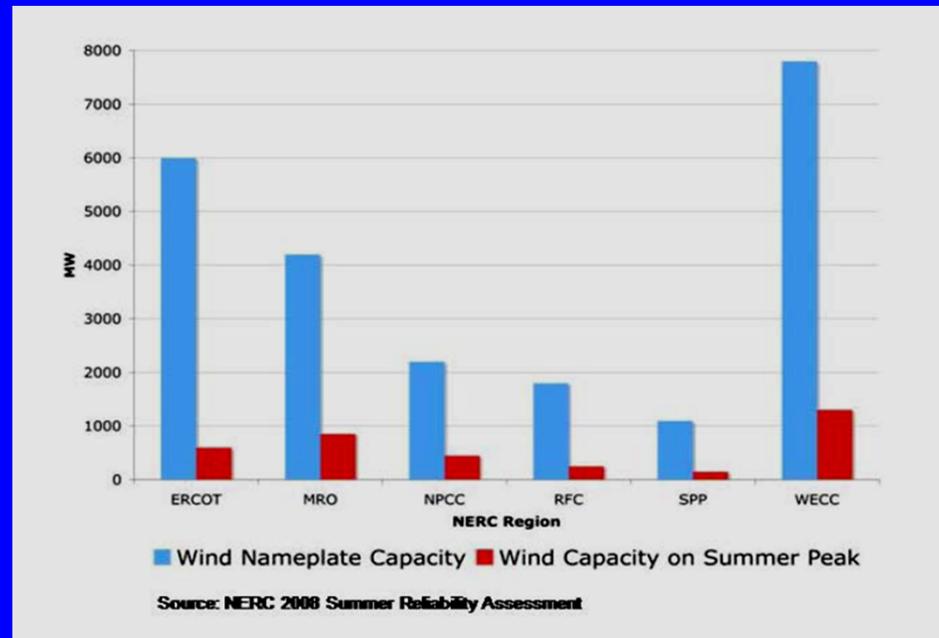
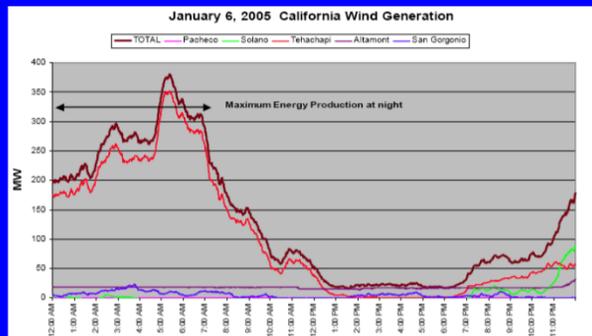
## Annual new Deployment

2011 : 121MW → 2021 : 2,353MW

(Pike Research)

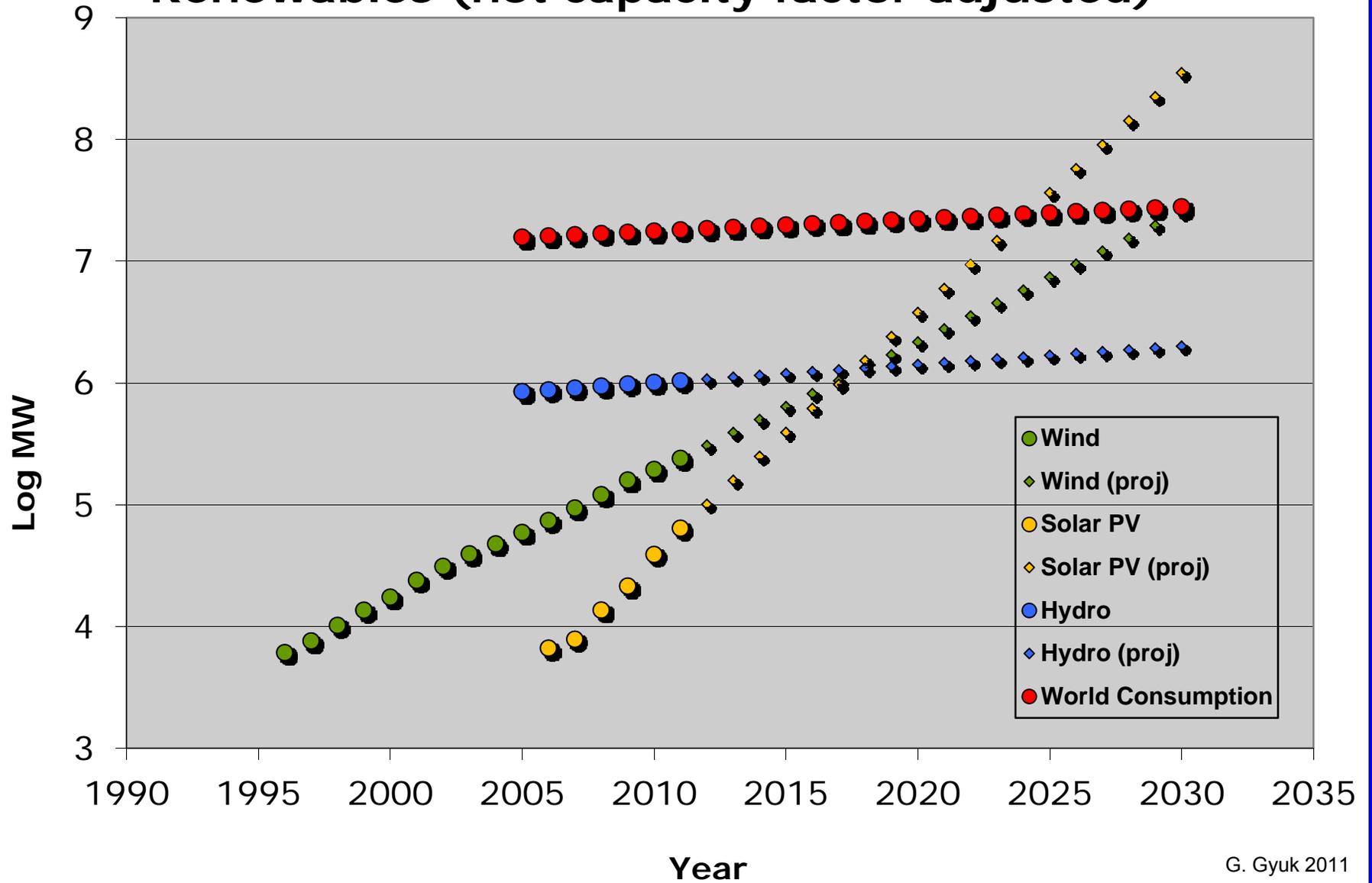
# 29 States have Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) Requiring 10-40% Renewables

## On Peak Wind - the Reality!



Cost effective Energy Storage yields better Asset Utilization

# Renewables (not capacity factor adjusted)



Flow Battery Research  
at PNNL and Sandia



# Redox Couples for Flow Batteries, Sandia

Sandia has developed a New Class of electroactive metal-containing ionic liquids (“MetILs”)

- Anderson, et al., *Dalton Trans.* **2010**, 8609–8612.

Materials research and development for:

1. Multi-functional materials act as both electrolyte and energy storage medium for high energy density
2. Low cost, Safety, Environmentally benign
3. Cost effective scale-up options

**FY10:** 12 MetILs synthesized and tested:

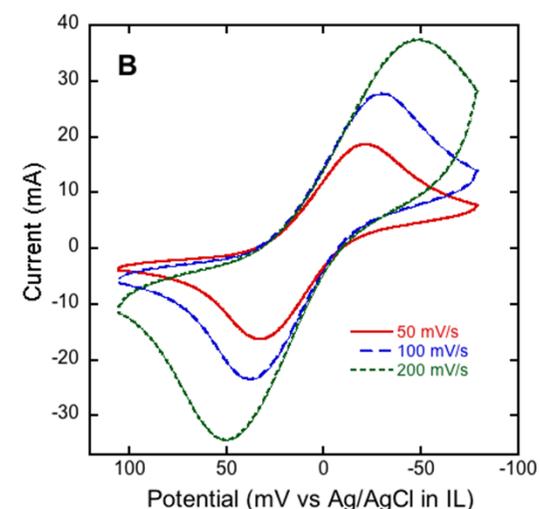
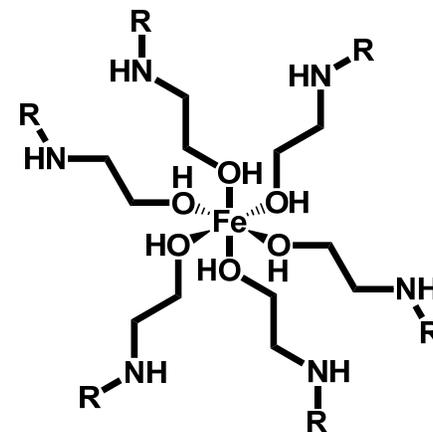
- Found 3 with high ionic conductivity & viscosity
- One with low ionic conductivity & viscosity
- One with high ionic conductivity & low viscosity:

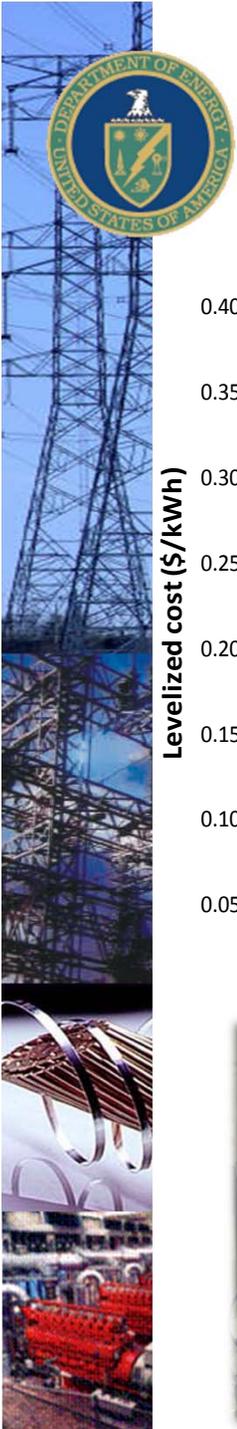


**FY11:** investigate effects of tailored molecular structures on viscosity, ionic conductivity, and electrochemical performance by

- Incorporating aromatic ligands into cation
- Altering the size of the anion

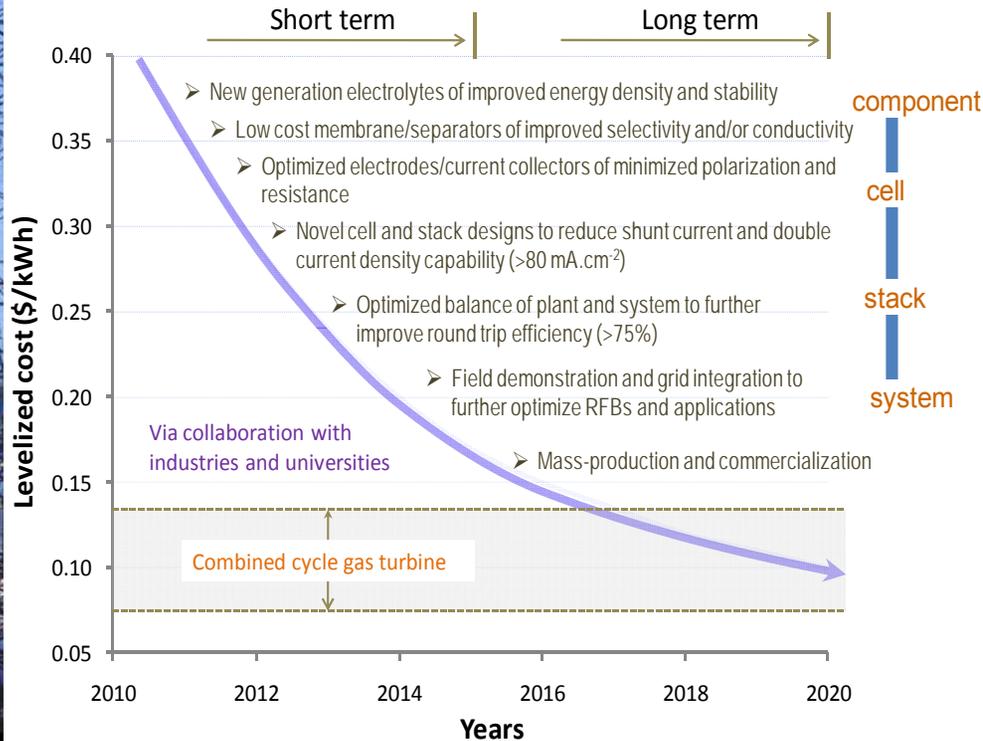
**FY12:** Test 5 MetIL for ionic conductivity and electrochemical Reversibility; test best candidates in benchtop flow battery prototype





# New Generation Redox Flow Batteries, PNNL

Developed new generation redox flow battery (RFB) that can demonstrate substantial improvement in performance and economics, to accelerate its commercialization and market penetration, via collaborations with industries and universities

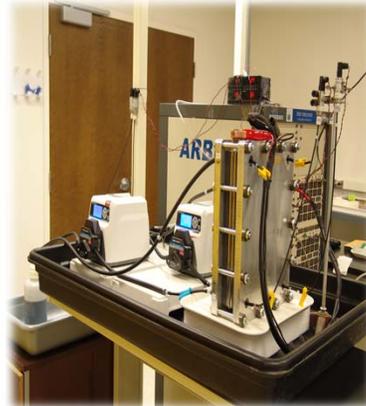
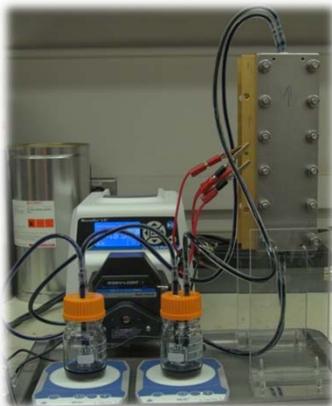


## FY11 Accomplishments

- Developed 3<sup>rd</sup> gen all vanadium RFB that demonstrated  $>70\%$  increase in capacity,  $>80\%$  better temp. range and 2x power at  $>75\%$  efficiency
- Discovered Fe/V redox couples for further reduction in capital cost by using low cost materials and elimination of gas evolution

## FY 12 Plan

- Develop novel scalable cell design
- Component integration
- Build 1 kW/4 kWh bench top system
- Five U.S. Patents filed
- Technology Transfer to Industry



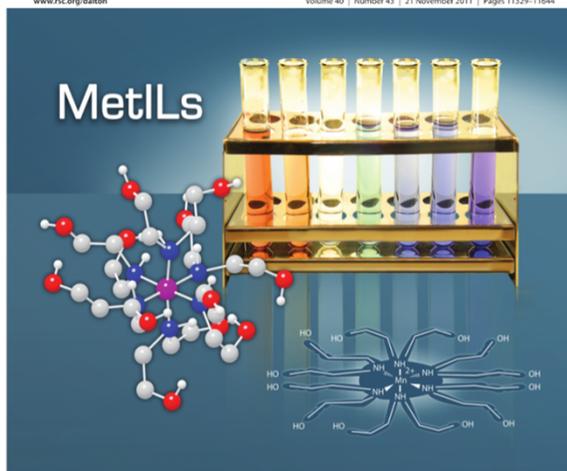
# Dalton Transactions

An international journal of inorganic chemistry

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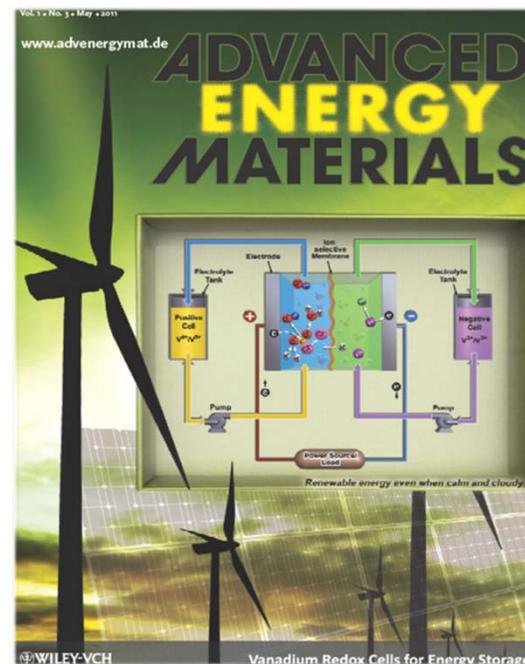
Celebrating  
40 years



Anderson *et al.* Synthesis of Ionic Liquids Containing Cu, Mn, or Zn Coordination Cations

Sandia, Nov. 2011

PNNL, May 2011



Liyu Li *et al.*, Stable Vanadium Redox Flow Battery with High Energy; 1, 394-400, 2011

# ARRA Stimulus Funding for Storage Demonstration Projects (\$185M)

A ten-fold Increase in Power Scale!

Large Battery System (3 projects, 53MW)

Compressed Air (2 projects, 450MW)

Frequency Regulation (20MW)

Distributed Projects (5 projects, 9MW)

Technology Development (5 projects)

533MW - \$585M Costshare!

Three ARRA Storage Applications  
using Flywheels, PbC, an Li-Ion

# FREQUENCY REGULATION

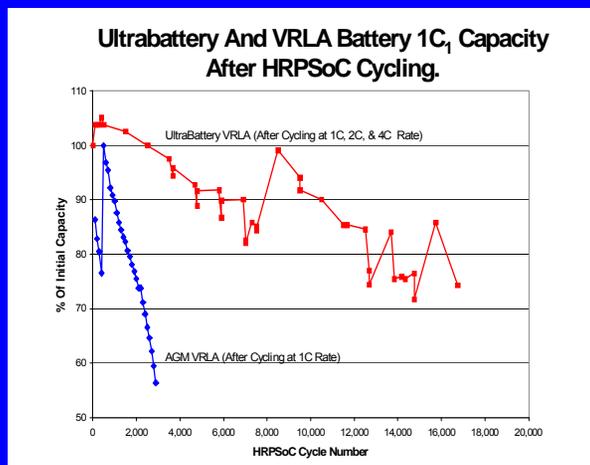


DOE Loan Guarantee – Beacon:  
20MW Flywheel Storage for  
Frequency Regulation in NY-ISO  
20MW commissioned July 2011!  
DOE ARRA Project in PJM coming.

DOE Loan Guarantee – AES / A123:  
20MW Lithium Ion Battery for  
Frequency Regulation in NY-ISO  
8MW on Line!



# 5 Distributed Projects = 9 MW Peak Shaving, Energy Management



Testing at Sandia

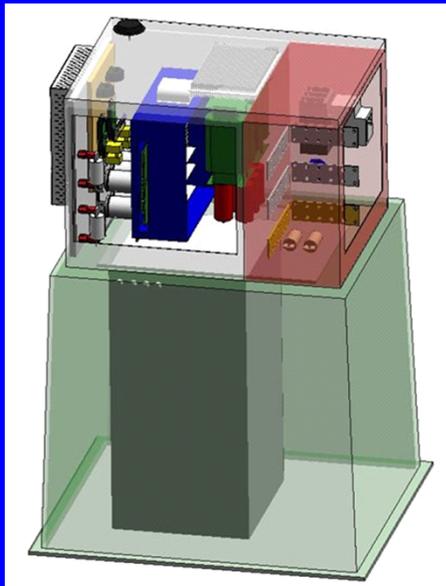
ARRA – Public Service NM:  
500kW, 2.5MWh for smoothing of  
500kW PV installation; Using EastPenn  
Lead-Carbon Technology



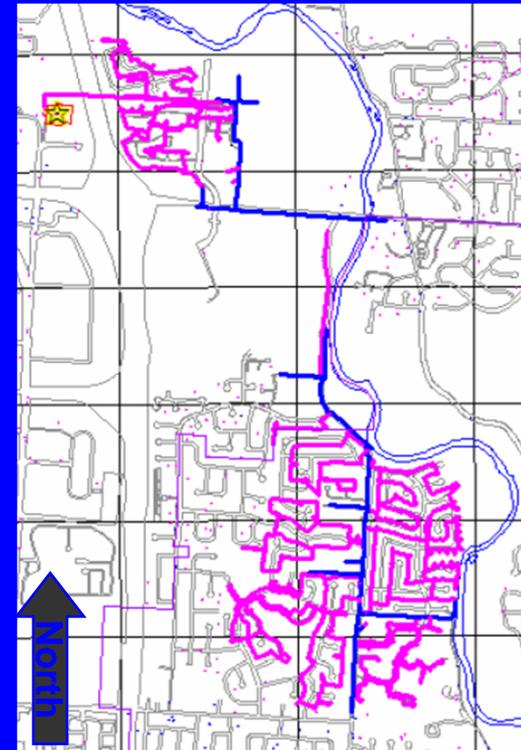
Commissioned Sep. 24, 2011

# American Electric Power, Community Energy Storage ARRA Project in Columbus, OH

A fleet of 80 units,  
25 kW/1hour each  
2MW Peak shaving  
for a 6.8MW Peak



International Battery,  
Entire Unit

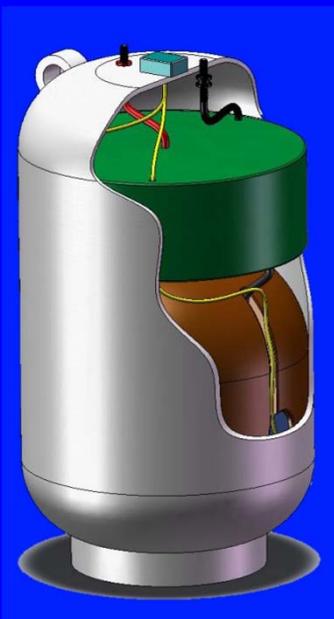


Columbus, Ohio

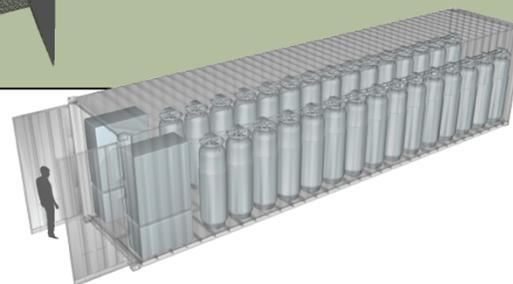
# Four ARRA Storage Applications using Flow Batteries

## ARRA- Primus Power:

25MW / 3hr battery plant for the Modesto, CA Irrigation District,  
firming 50MW of Wind, replacing \$75M of Gas fired Generation.



Totally sealed battery module  
With a Zn-Halogen electrolyte  
and zinc and tungsten  
electrodes



**PRIMUS  
POWER**

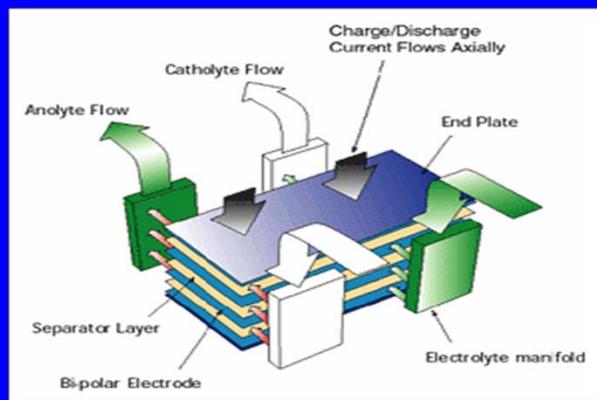
Primus Power Corporation  
2450 Mariner Square Loop  
Alameda, CA 94501

## ARRA Distributed Project:



Installation of 5 Transflow 2000 500kW  
ZnBr Battery Systems at locations within  
SMUD and National Grid Utility Districts:

- 2 units at a substation in Syracuse
- 1 unit at Syracuse University
- 1 unit at SMUD HQ microgrid
- 1 unit at SMUD Solar Smart Homes Project





# Ashlawn VanCharg™ Battery for the City of Painesville, Ohio

- US Produced Vanadium Redox Flow Battery for Bulk Storage/Peak Shaving scheduled for startup later this year.
- 8 MW Hour redox flow battery (1MW 8 hours)
- To be installed at Painesville Municipal Electric Plant (PMEP), a 32 MW coal fired facility to help maintain its daily power output requirements more efficiently while reducing carbon footprint.
- Assists Ashlawn in Establishing US Vanadium Redox Battery Manufacturing Base
  - Stack components/stack fabrication
  - Electrolyte
  - Power Conditioning System
- Demonstrates Efficacy/Reliability of latest Vanadium Redox Flow Battery Design
- Leverages technology insertions from National Labs
- Creates Advanced Energy Manufacturing Jobs

# ARRA - Enervault:

250kW/4hr Fe-Cr Flow Battery for PV

PV: 300 kW

Storage: 250 KW

Peak output: 450kW

Storage Cost: +16%

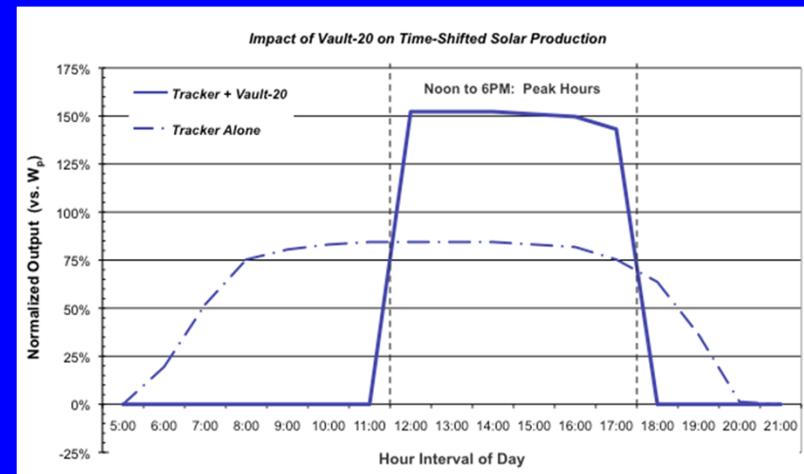
Storage Value: +84%



Tracking PV in Almond Grove



Flow Battery Prototype



Leveraging PV with Storage

New Electrolytes

New Electrodes

New Membranes

New Stack Topologies

Think Cheep! Think Durable!

Think Safe! Think Small!

Remember PC Systems

Remember Hydraulics

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