Grid-Scale Energy Storage: Metal-Hydrogen Batteries

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Scaling Challenge: Stationary Energy Storage

Renewable electricity cost: 1-3 cents/kWh in the long term



Technology gap: grid scale energy storage across multiple time scale

minute

hour

day

World electricity (2019): 23,000 TWh



week

month

season

\$100/kWh



Scaling Challenge: Mobile Applications

Electronics



Drone



1.4 billion cars/trucks 70kWh/car



Electrical Vehicles





\$10Trillion total \$1Trillion/yr

- Mobile + Stationary Applications:
 - 300 TWh Battery
- 1 TWh/year production (included planned factories)
 - 300 years needed
- Need to scale up battery yearly production 10-30 times

Grand Challenges for Grid-scale Storage

1. Very low cost (time scale dependent): flexible across multiple time scales



2. Life (30 years, >11,000 cycles (1cycle/day), 33,000 (3 cycles/day)

3. Maintenance-free in all climates (extreme heat +50C) or cold (-30C)

4. Very safe

5. Cradle-to-cradle recyclability

Li-ion	~¢120/k/k/k	
batteries	~\$130/KVVII	

3000 cycles (10 years)

ay	week	month	season
)0/kWh	\$50/kWh	\$20/kWh	<\$5/kW



~170-250 Wh/kg

safety issue, hard to recycle



Ni-H, battery: design and principle



Anode:
$$H_2O + e^ NiMoCo, charge$$

 $NiMoCo, discharge$ $\frac{1}{2}H_2 + OH^-$,

Overall: $Ni(OH)_2$ NiMoCo, charge $NiOOH + \frac{1}{2}H_2.$

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Ni-H, Battery Performance



- Energy density: up to ~100 Wh/kg, ~400 Wh/l
- Battery Cost:
- <\$80/kWh at scale
- Life:

30,000 cycles 30 years

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Possible Cathode Chemistries for Metal Hydrogen Batteries

Ni: \$23/kg

Mn: \$2/kg

Pb: \$2/kg

Fe: \$ 0.09/kg





Cathode

Anode

Overall

 $Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O \leftrightarrow MnO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^ 2H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow H_2$ $Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O \leftrightarrow MnO_2 + 2H^+ + H_2$

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Mn-H, Batteries

- Excellent rate capability: 100C
- No capacity decay after **10,000 cycles**.



EnerVenue Inc: Metal-H₂ Batteries

Revolutionary stationary energy storage technology:

- . Long life : 30 years, 30,000 cycles . Safe: zero accident
- . Flexible storage: minutes-72 hours
- . Zero maintainence
- . Low cost
- . Wide temperature range: -40 to +60C





Proven 30+ years of use in space
Durable 30+ year lifespan; 30,000 cycles
Safe No thermal runaway risk

Affordable Low-cost materials

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 The scale of stationary storage is gigantic: 200TWh.
 Energy storage is across multiple time scales (min to season) with a wide range of \$/kWh.
 There are some promising battery chemistries but we are not ready to pick winners. There are likely multiple winners for different time scales.

4) R & D and Innovations are urgently needed.