

Behind-the-Meter Storage

STACKED BENEFITS OR THE
NEXT DEATH SPIRAL?

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There's a question many are currently noodling over...

Behind-the-meter storage:

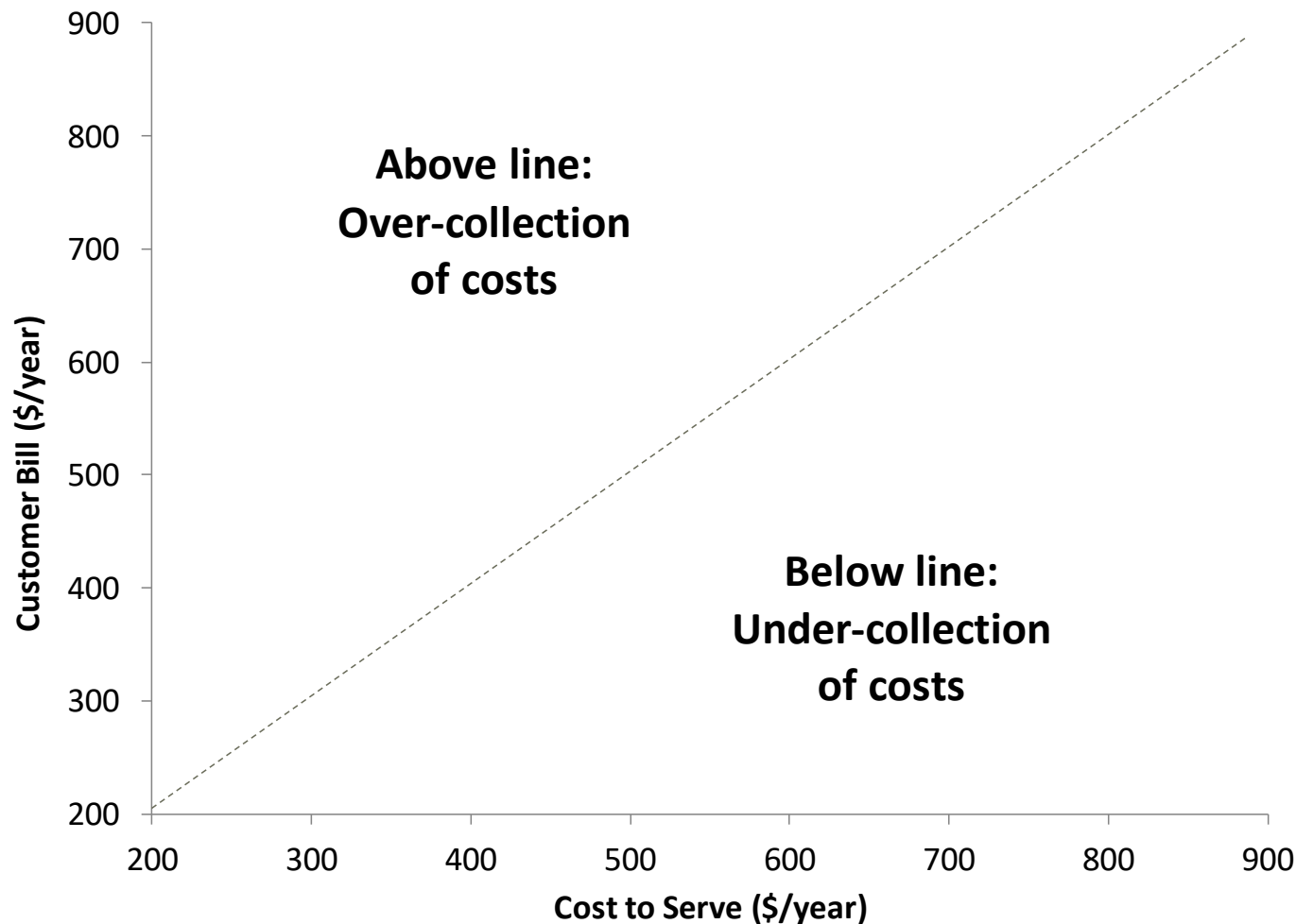


Will it provide
“stacked benefits”?



Or is it the next risk of a
utility “death spiral”?

Comparing customer bills and cost-to-serve

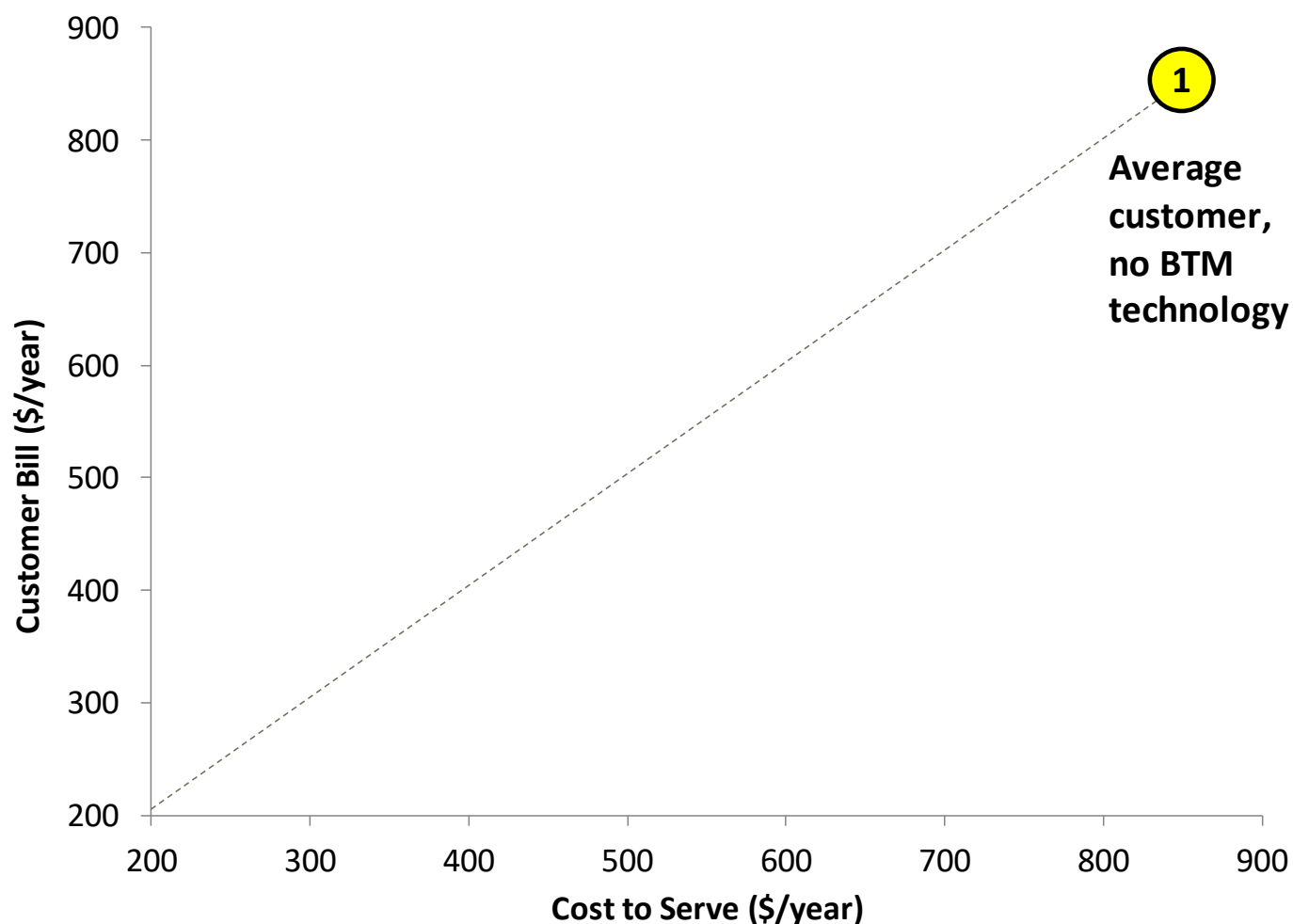


To quantify potential cost under-recovery due to adoption of BTM technologies, we simulate customer bills (i.e., utility revenue) and compare that revenue to their allocated costs

For a given customer, the distance below the dotted line indicates the degree of cost under-recovery

In this example, we use publicly available DOE load data for the Chicago area; see appendix for methodological details

Cost recovery: Average residential customer

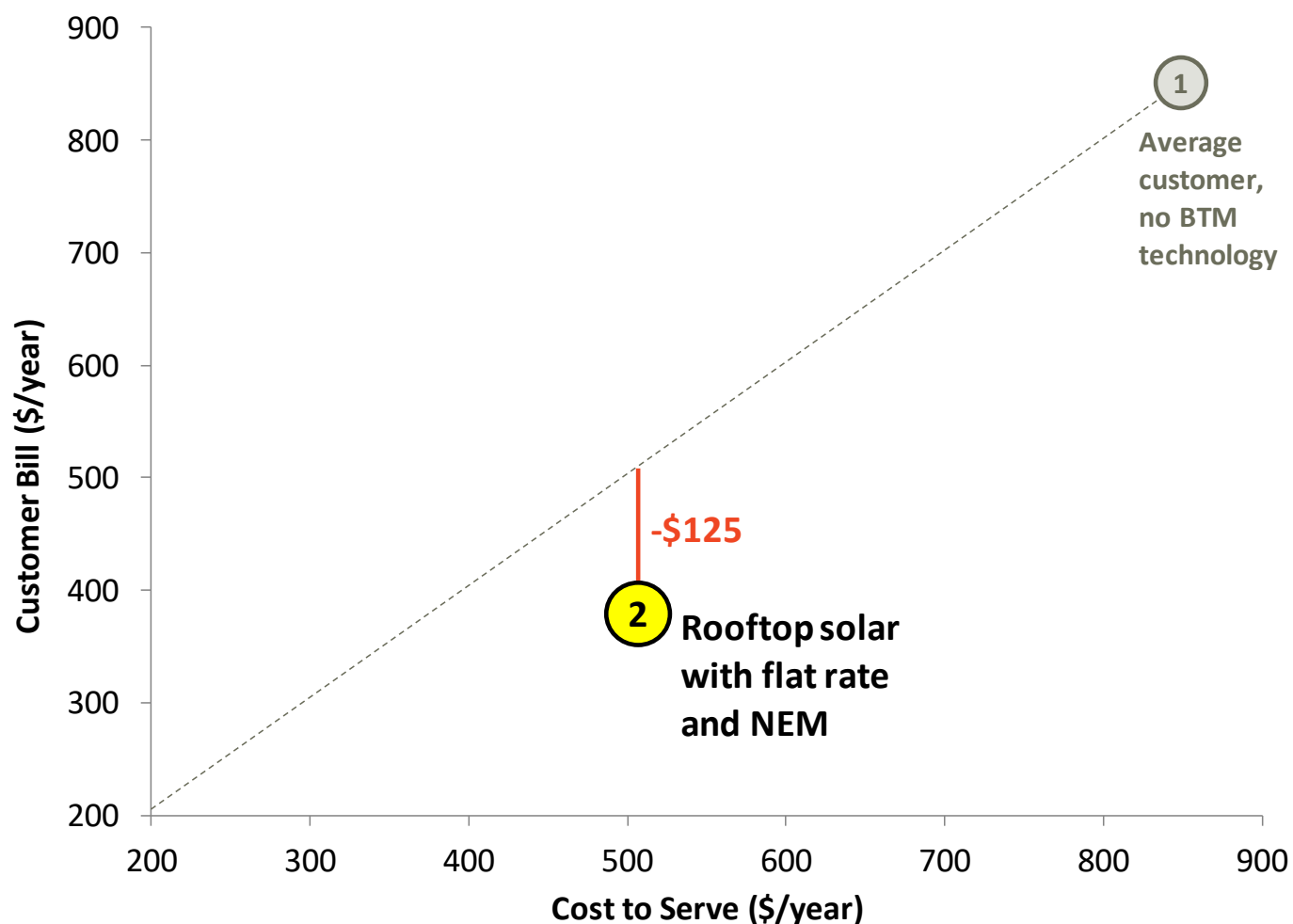


1 Current flat rates are designed to fully collect allocated costs from the average residential customer (without BTM technologies)

In this example, the average customer's annual bill is \$850/yr

Note: For simplicity, we have assumed no inter-class subsidies

Cost recovery: Rooftop solar customer with NEM

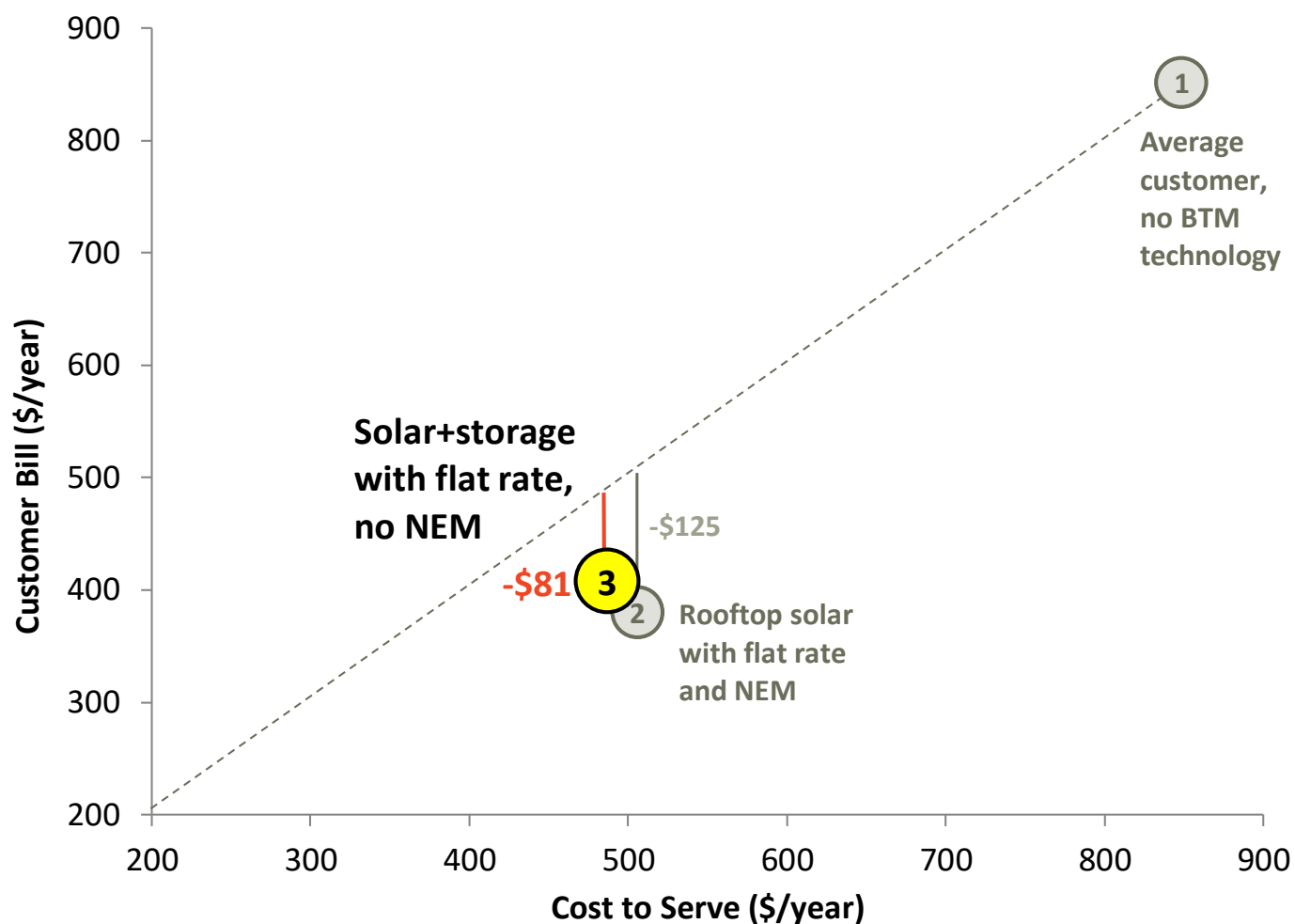


2 Net energy metering (NEM) allows customers with rooftop solar to avoid paying the full retail rate, while utility costs are reduced only by a fraction of that amount

In this example, bills decrease by \$475 but costs only decrease by \$350

The result is a loss in net revenue of \$125/yr

Cost recovery: Solar + storage with flat rate, no NEM



3 When NEM is phased out, BTM storage may fill in as a substitute – and solar customers continue to avoid the full retail rate

With a flat rate, customers have no incentive to manage the battery in a way that reduces system costs, though peak demand is reduced to a degree

In this example, substituting BTM storage for NEM decreases cost under-recovery to \$81/yr

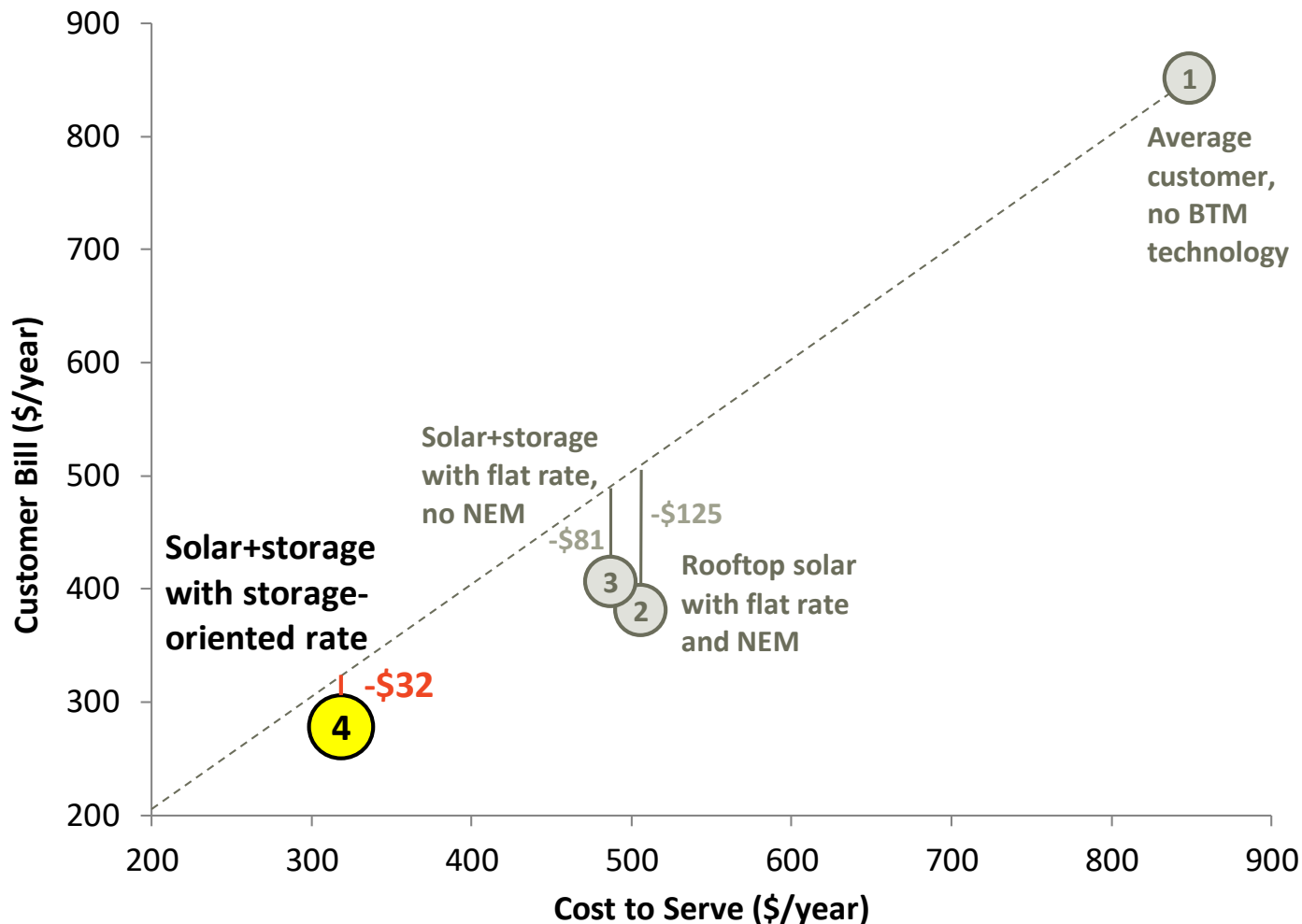
Introducing storage-oriented rate design

Cost-based rates with granular price signals can better accommodate the operational characteristics of storage

Rate feature	Charge	Description
Supply Charge	\$5/kW	Pass-through of wholesale capacity charge; based on customer demand in hours coincident with the utility peak and the ISO peak
Distribution Charge	\$7/kW-month	Based on customer's maximum demand
Energy Charge	Varies hourly	Pass-through of day-ahead wholesale energy prices
Fixed Charge	\$15/month	Unavoidable through changes in usage patterns

Notes: Storage-oriented rate is revenue neutral with the two-part rate used in this example. It produces the same bill for the class-average residential customer (without BTM technology).

Cost recovery: Solar + storage, with storage-oriented rate



4 With a storage-oriented rate, the customer has greater bill savings opportunities, and these bill savings may translate into long-run cost savings for the utility

The net loss from solar+storage customers is more than cut in half in the long-run due to the new rate

The remaining \$32/yr in cost under-recovery depends heavily on the extent to which the distribution demand charge aligns with the underlying cost drivers

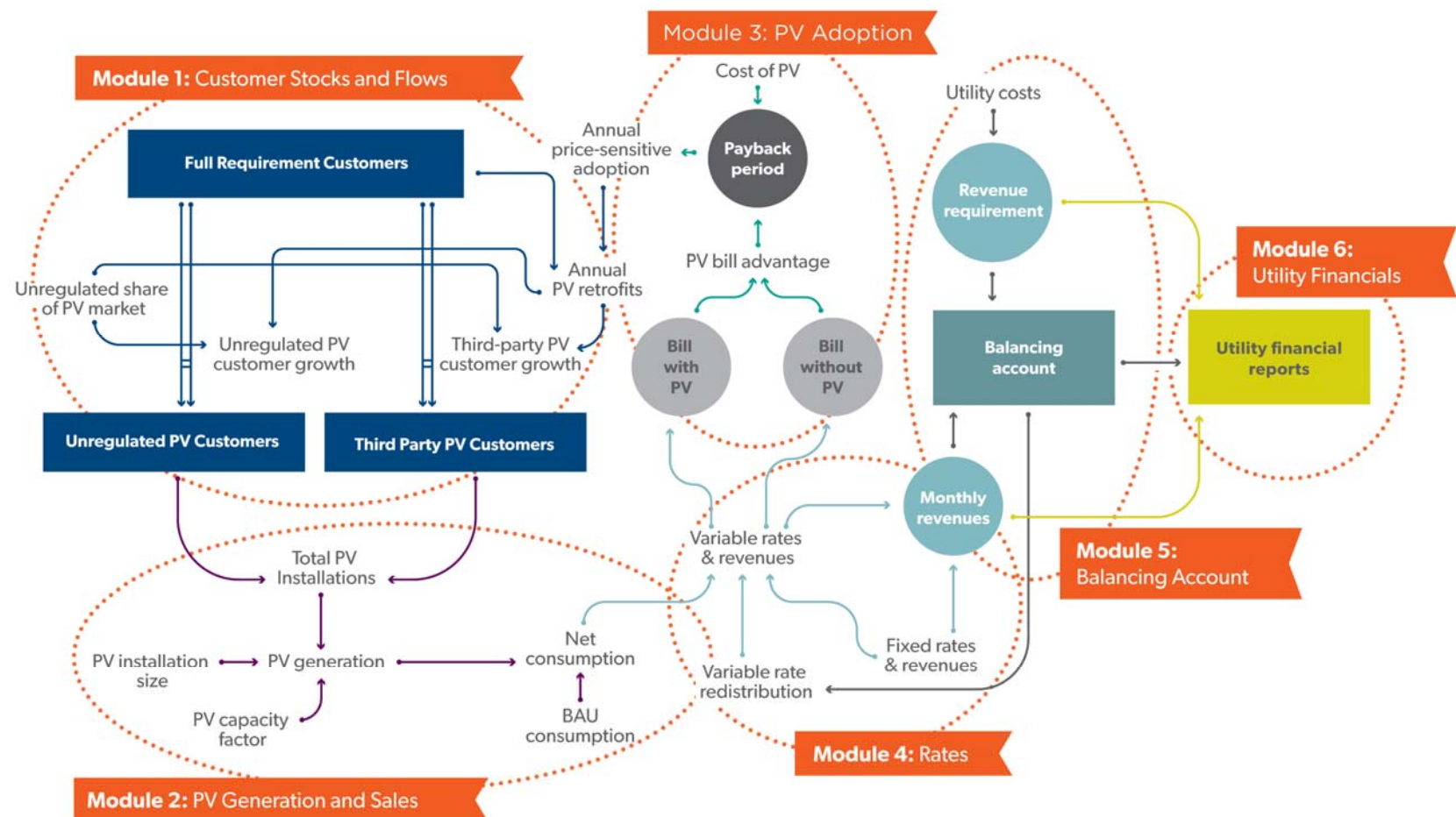
Strategic questions remain

- What are the **financial consequences of the lag** between near-term reduced bills and long-term avoided costs?
- How would **changes in the underlying rate design** further mitigate or exacerbate cost under-recovery?
- To what extent will the bill savings opportunities translate into **adoption** of BTM storage?
- Can the benefits of BTM storage be captured better through the provision of an **advanced demand response program**?
- Is there an **adoption “tipping point”** if storage technology costs continue to decline at a rapid pace?
- How can the **dynamic relationships** between each of the above issues be accounted for?

"System dynamics" can help to untangle these complex questions

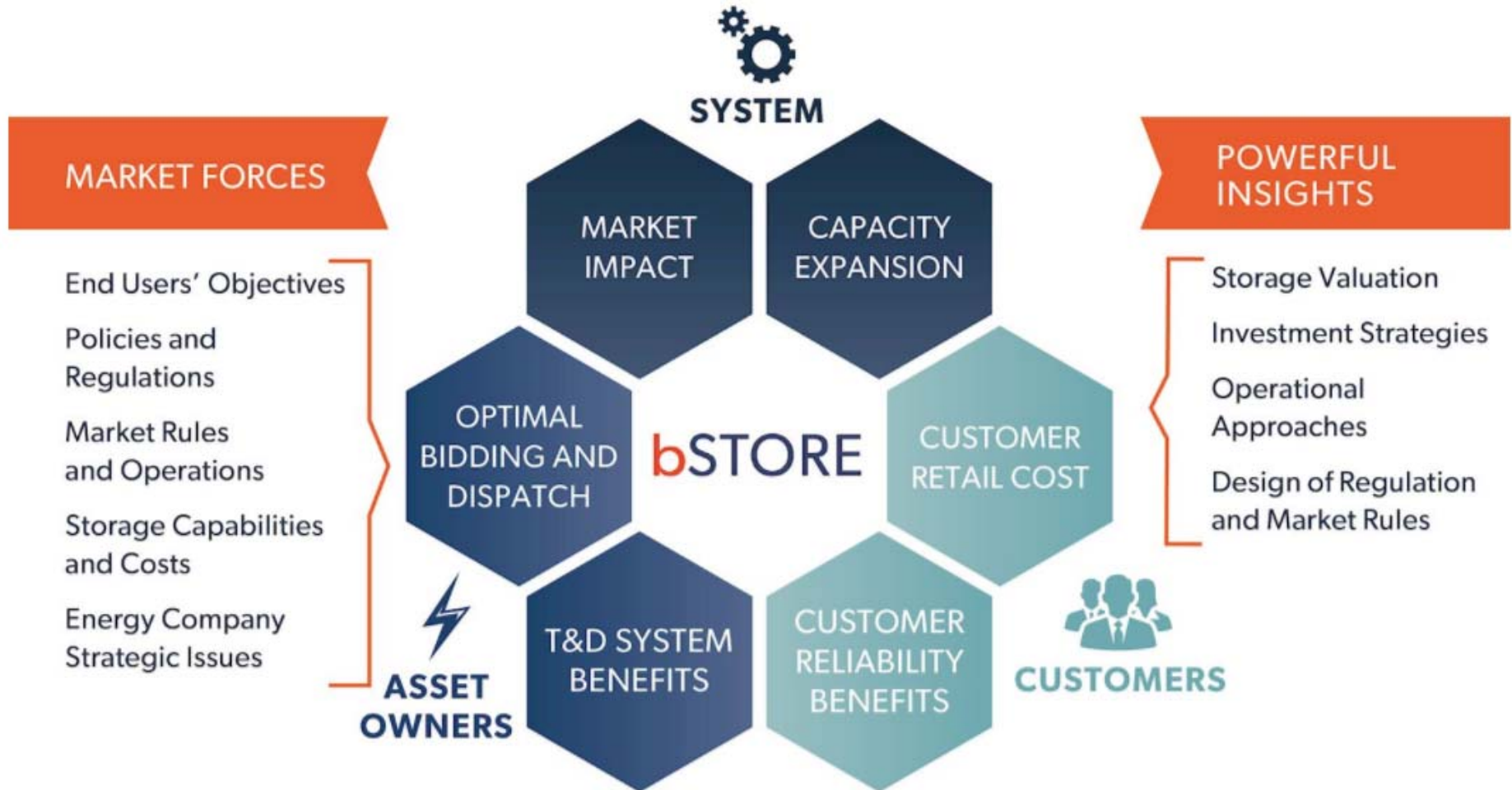
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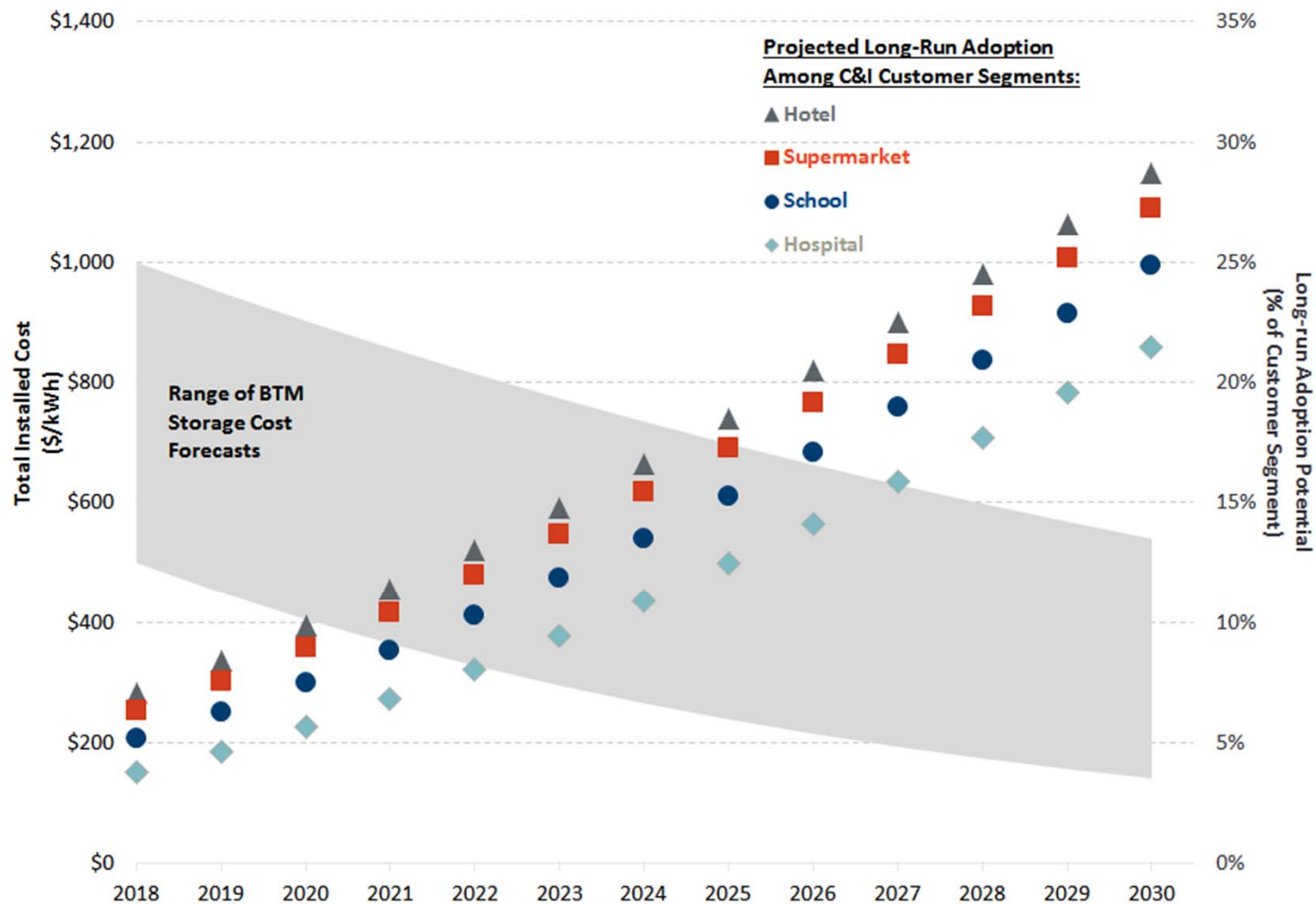


Appendix A: Additional Materials

Brattle developed the bSTORE model to explore emerging storage-related issues



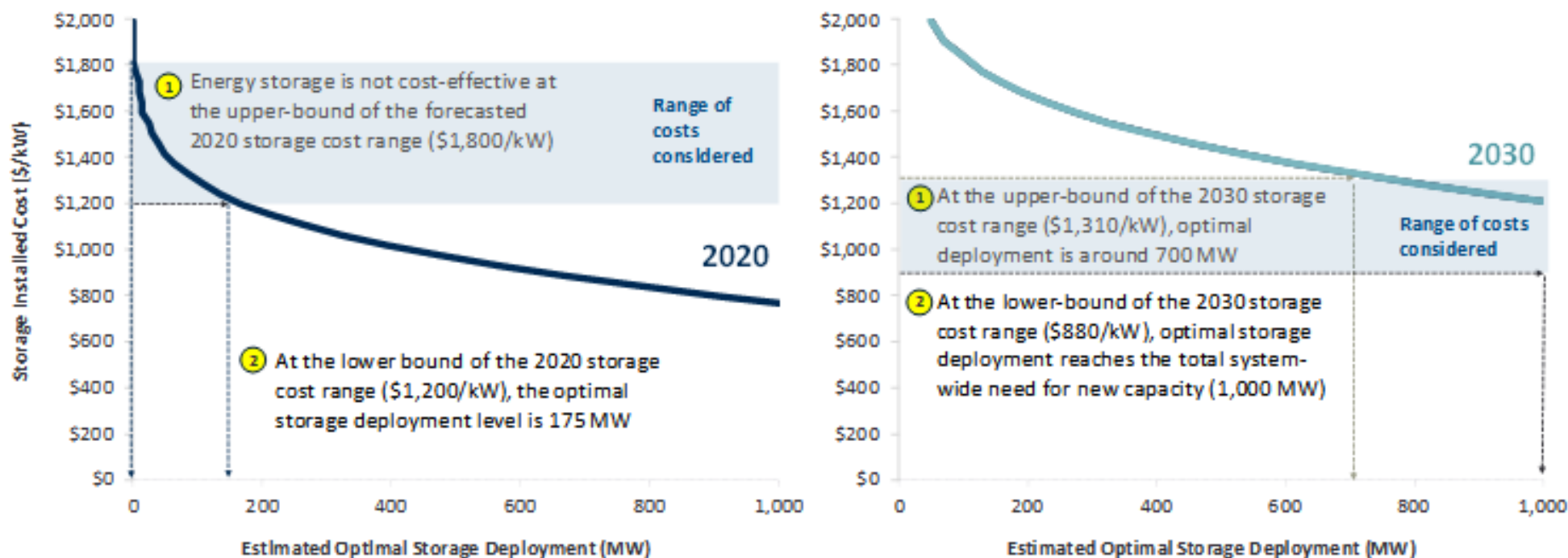
Long-run adoption of BTM storage could reach 20% for key customer segments



Notes: The Brattle Group analysis. Assumes 100% bonus depreciation. Battery cost estimates are stated prior to any tax benefits of depreciation. Adoption rates are long-run estimates that would take several years to be realized; they are not achieved instantaneously in the year shown. Adoption estimates are based on the midpoint of the range of total installed battery costs shown. Results are shown for a 2-hour battery sized to 5% of the customer's peak load. Assumes customers are offered the storage-oriented rate shown in this presentation.

The economic potential for storage is highly dependent on future storage technology costs

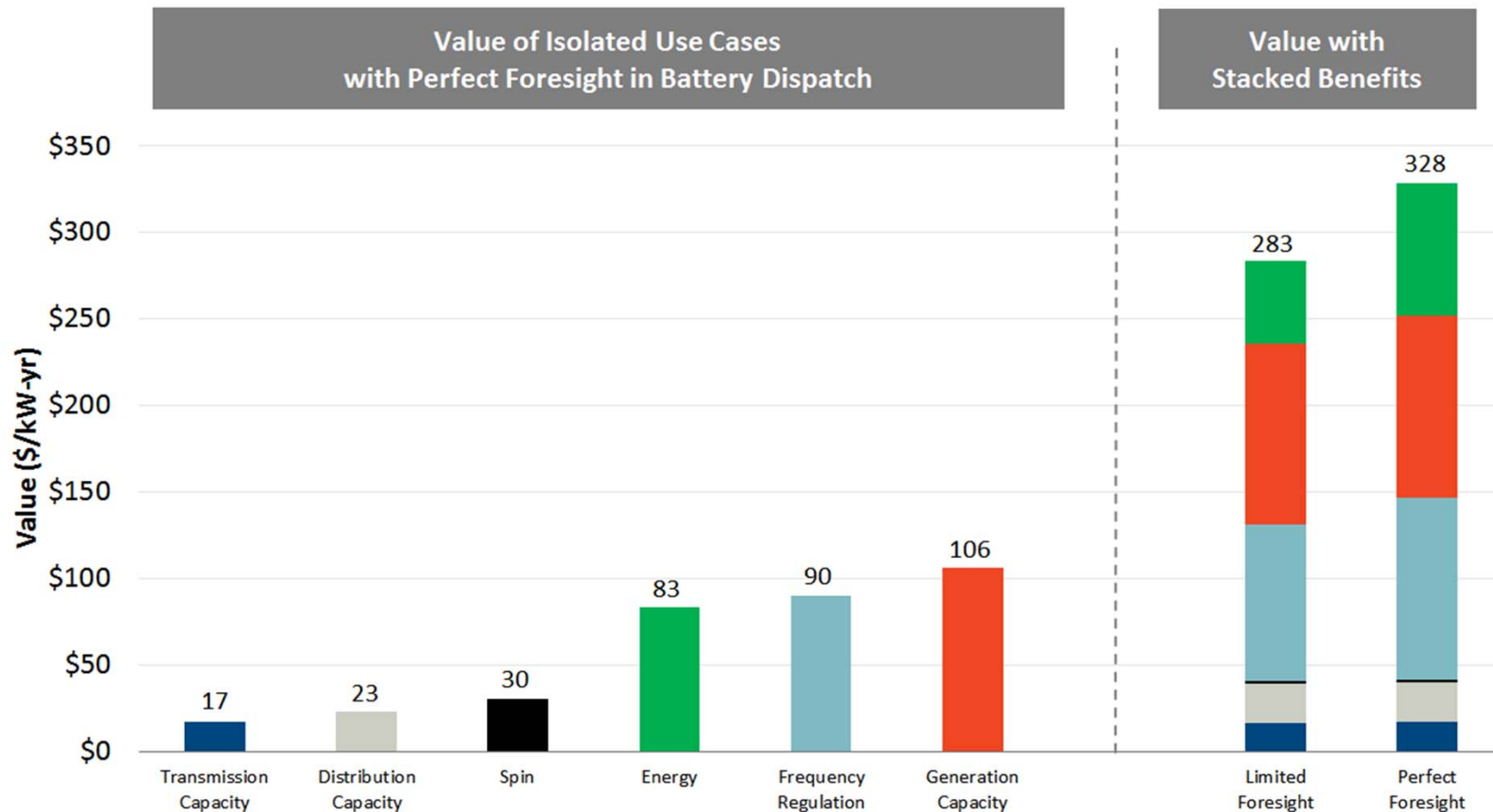
Nevada Optimal Storage Deployment Curves, 2020 and 2030



Notes: Costs are shown in nominal dollars. Values are based on an assumed energy storage configuration of 10 MW / 40 MWh. See The Brattle Group, "[The Economic Potential for Energy Storage in Nevada](#)," October 2018.

“Value stacking” significantly increases the total benefits of energy storage

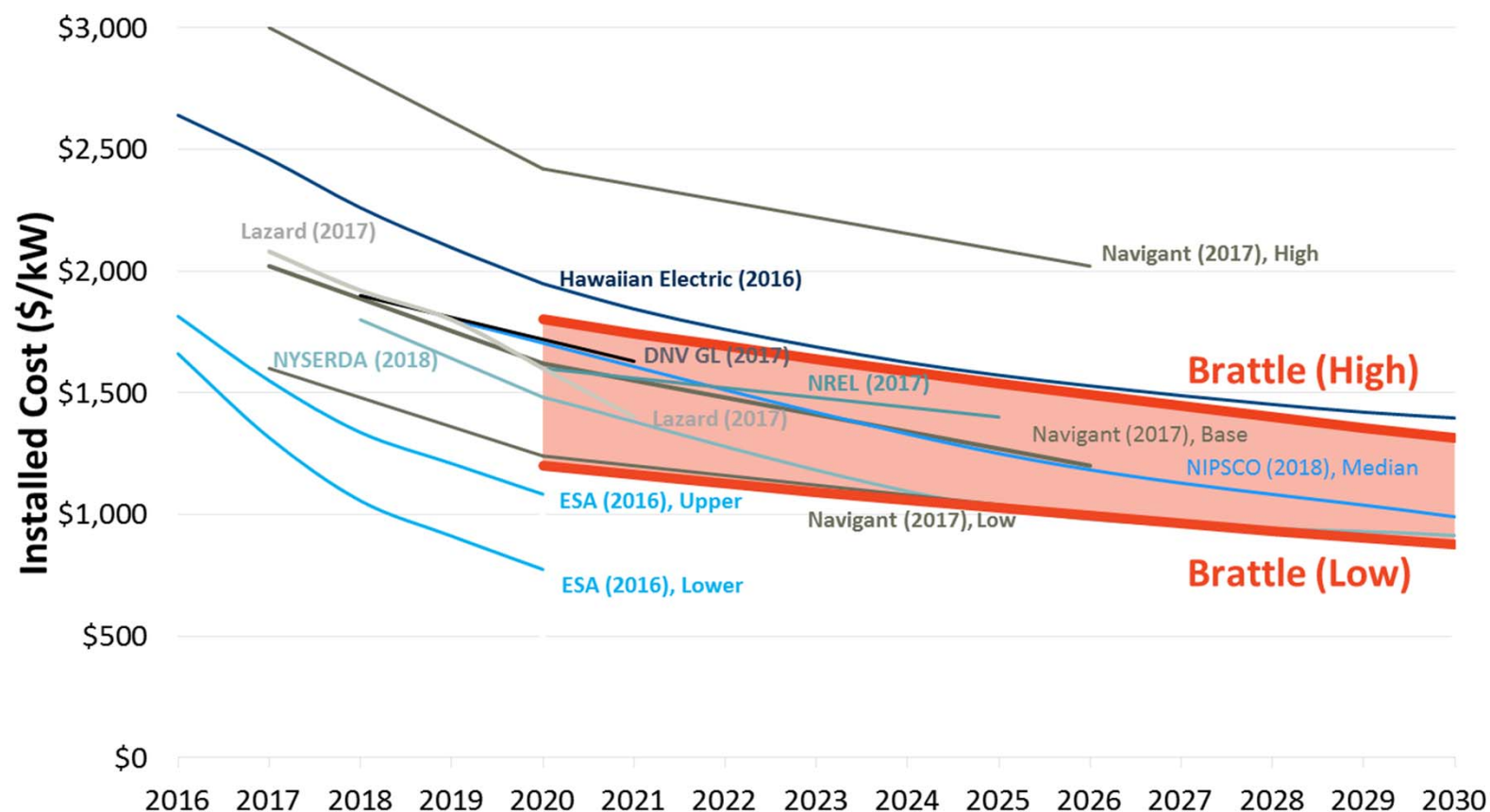
Battery Value in California (2013 – 2016 average)



Notes: See The Brattle Group, [“Stacked Benefits: Comprehensively Valuing Battery Storage in California,”](#) September 2017.

Battery costs are expected to continue to decline significantly

Installed Cost Projections for 4-hour Lithium-Ion Battery Storage Facilities

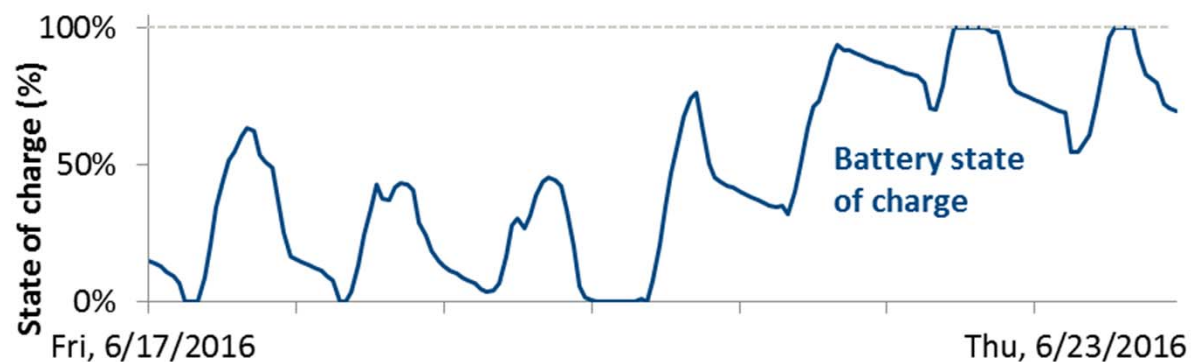
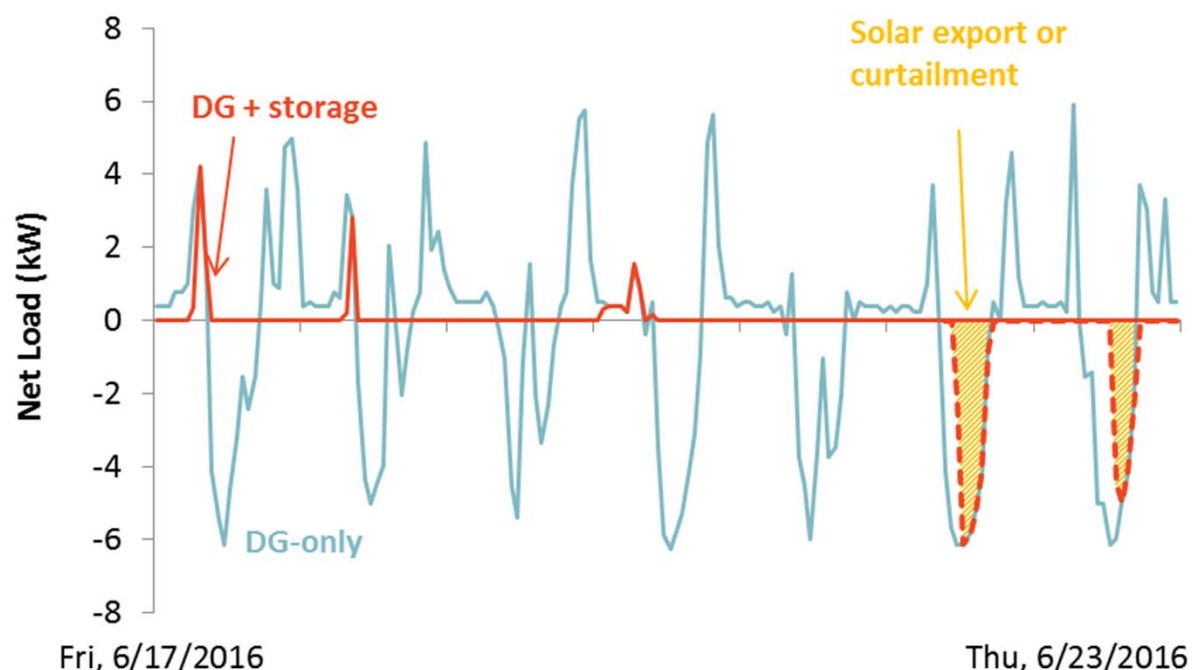


Sources and Notes:

Literature review of Navigant (2017), Hawaiian Electric Companies (2016), NREL (2017), NIPSCO (2018), DNV GL (2017), NYSERDA (2018a), ESA (2016), and Lazard (2017). Installed cost estimates for a 4-hour storage system. All values in nominal dollars. See The Brattle Group, "[The Economic Potential for Energy Storage in Nevada](#)," October 2018.

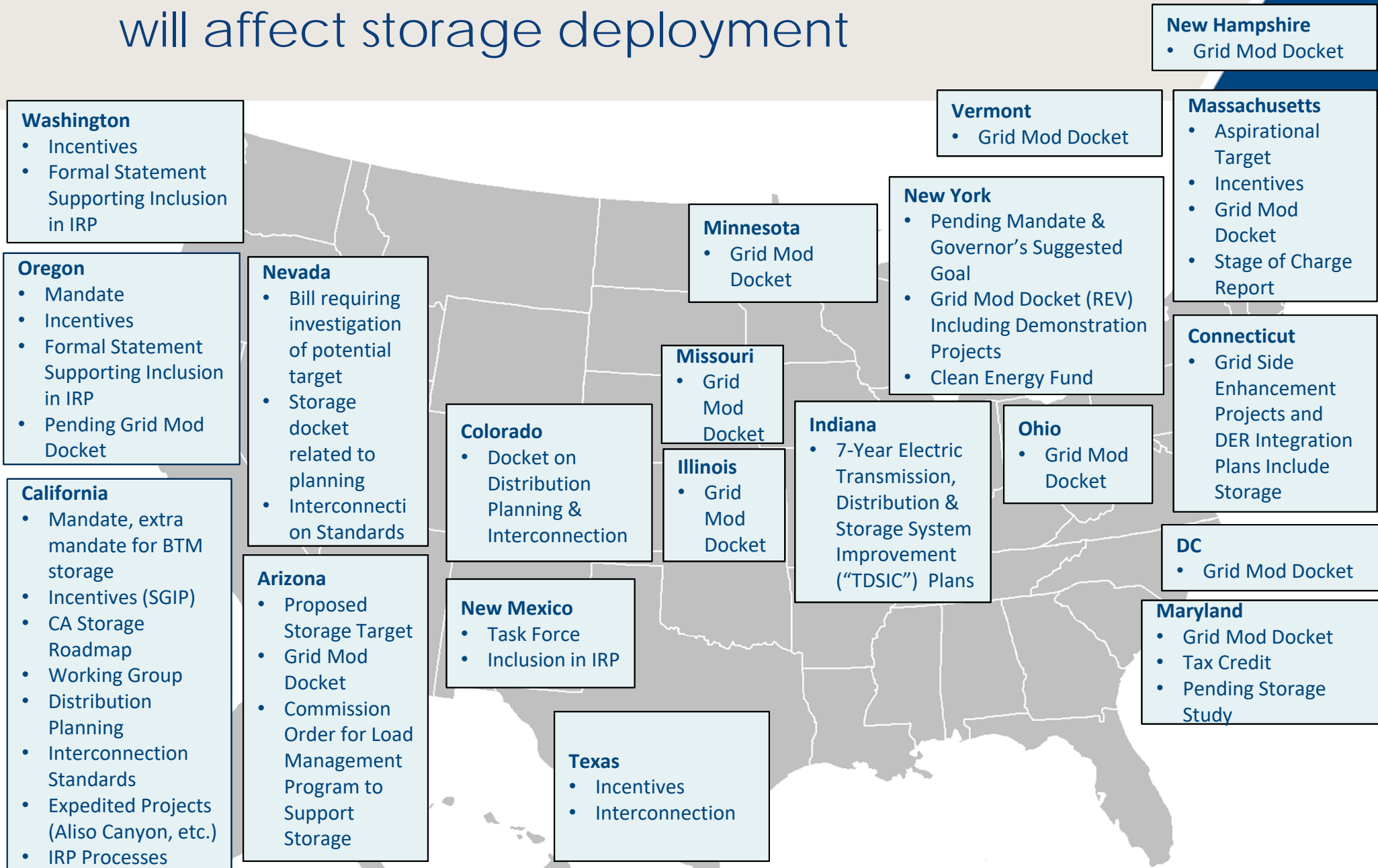
BTM storage does not automatically solve the problems otherwise introduced by rooftop solar with NEM and flat rates

Individual Customer Net Load and Battery State of Charge



- Figure illustrates net load for an individual DG customer with and without storage
- Battery capacity is assumed to be large enough to store all energy that would otherwise be exported on any individual day of the year
- However, low load during nighttime hours prevents battery from fully discharging between days
- This eventually leads to conditions where the battery is charged fully to capacity, and excess DG output would need to be exported to the grid or otherwise curtailed to avoid exporting
- Additionally, days with high load continue to produce spikes in demand, leading to a low overall customer load factor
- For further methodological detail, see Brattle presentation filed on August 10, 2018 by Idaho Power in Idaho PUC Case No. IPC-E-17-13

Many active state regulatory proceedings will affect storage deployment

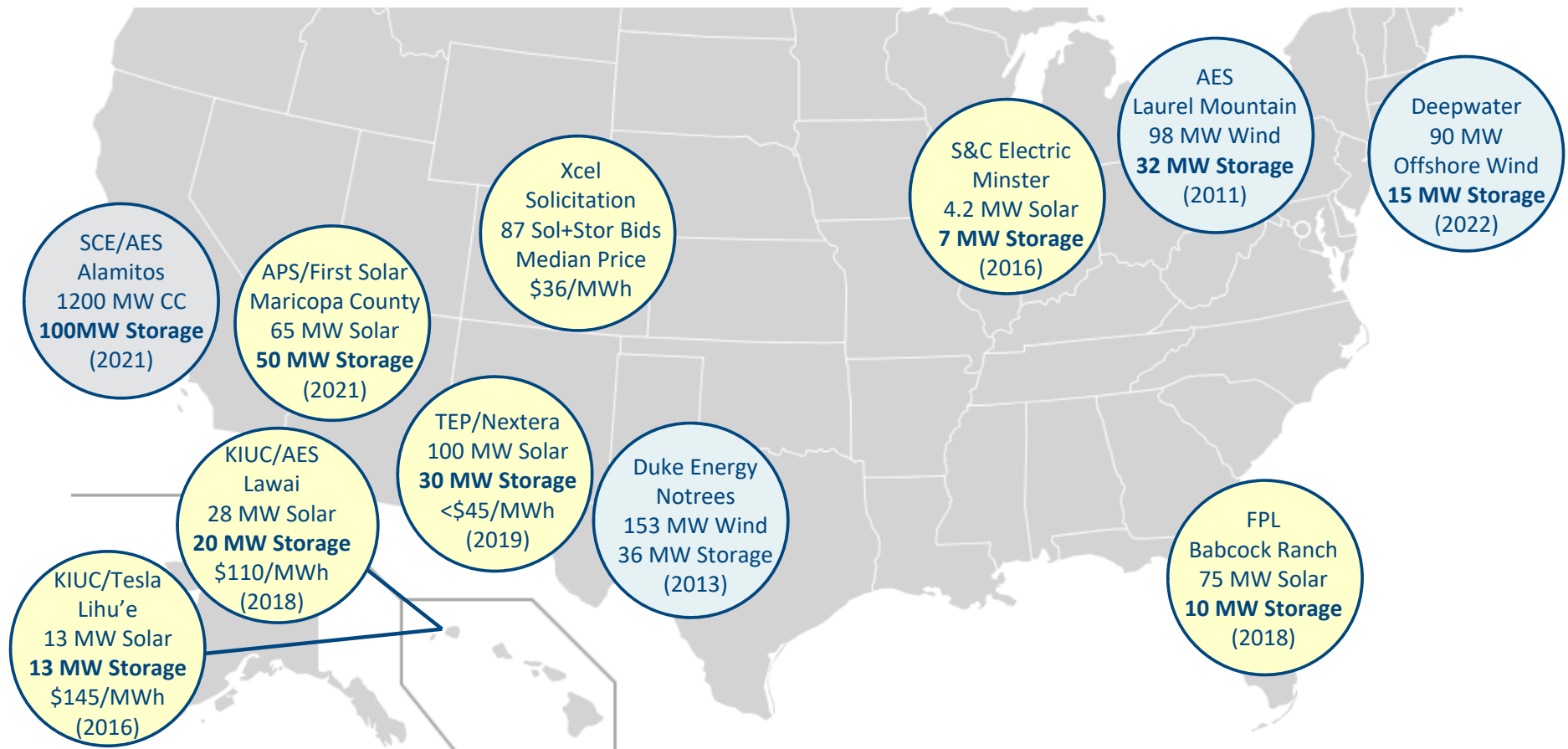


Note: Map illustrates notable policies and is not exhaustive. Grid Mod Docket refers to Grid Modernization Dockets- broad dockets that address changing technologies (usually including storage) and their impacts of utility planning, business models, or regulation. Image source same as previous slide.

Utility-scale hybrid storage deployments are increasing

Significant activity in hybrid deployment of utility-scale battery storage to tailor resource capabilities to market design and tax incentives

- **Solar+Storage**: most activity in California, the Southwest, and Hawaii
- Additional “hybrid” applications involve **wind+storage** or **gas+storage**



Appendix B: Methodological Details

Data sources

Customer load profile: DOE's OpenEI database, for Chicago area

- <https://openei.org/doe-opendata/dataset/commercial-and-residential-hourly-load-profiles-for-all-tmy3-locations-in-the-united-states>

PV Output: NREL's PVWatts calculator, using Chicago data

- <https://pvwatts.nrel.gov/>

Rate assumptions

Flat rate (with NEM)

- 7 c/kWh volumetric charge
- All solar PV output compensated at 7 c/kWh rate
- \$15/month fixed charge

Flat rate (without NEM)

- 7c/kWh volumetric charge
- Net exports of solar PV compensated at average wholesale cost of 5 c/kWh
- \$15/month fixed charge

Storage-Oriented Rate

- See slide 7
- \$5/kW supply charge
- \$7/kW demand charge
- Energy price pass-through
- \$15/month fixed charge
- Revenue neutral to flat rate for average residential customer

Battery utilization

Solar+storage configuration

- Rooftop solar PV maximum output of 4.5 kW
- Battery capacity of 10 kW / 20 kWh, with 90% roundtrip efficiency
- Battery sized roughly with enough energy storage capacity to store maximum net solar PV exports for any single day across the year
- 2-hour battery duration roughly optimizes tradeoff between battery cost and demand charge avoidance capability

Battery charge/discharge methodology

- Flat rate without NEM: Battery charges with excess generation from the PV unit, and discharges to reduce customer purchases from the grid whenever customer net load is positive
- Storage-oriented rate: Battery dispatch is optimized to maximize customer bill savings across the supply charge, demand charge, and hourly energy prices

Illustrative utility cost profile

Energy costs

- Represented by hourly wholesale energy market prices (PJM 2016)
- Assumed same as hourly prices in storage-oriented retail rate

Supply costs

- Determined by utility load during top peak hours for ISO and utility
- Costs assumed same as supply charge in storage-oriented retail rate

Distribution costs

- Assumed to be partially correlated to individual customer max billing demand
- A reduction in customer max billing demand that produces a \$10 reduction in the distribution portion of the bill is assumed to produce \$7.50 in long-run avoided distribution costs
- This illustrative assumption is heavily dependent on the design of the rate and its alignment with the underlying cost structure of an individual utility

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- Current and emerging business models

Policy, Regulatory, and Market Design

- Wholesale market design
- Market and regulatory barriers
- Utility ownership and operation models
- Retail rate implications of distributed storage
- Implications of storage on wholesale markets

Additional Brattle storage resources

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