

# The Evolving Landscape for Storage: Wholesale Market, T&D, and Customer Benefits

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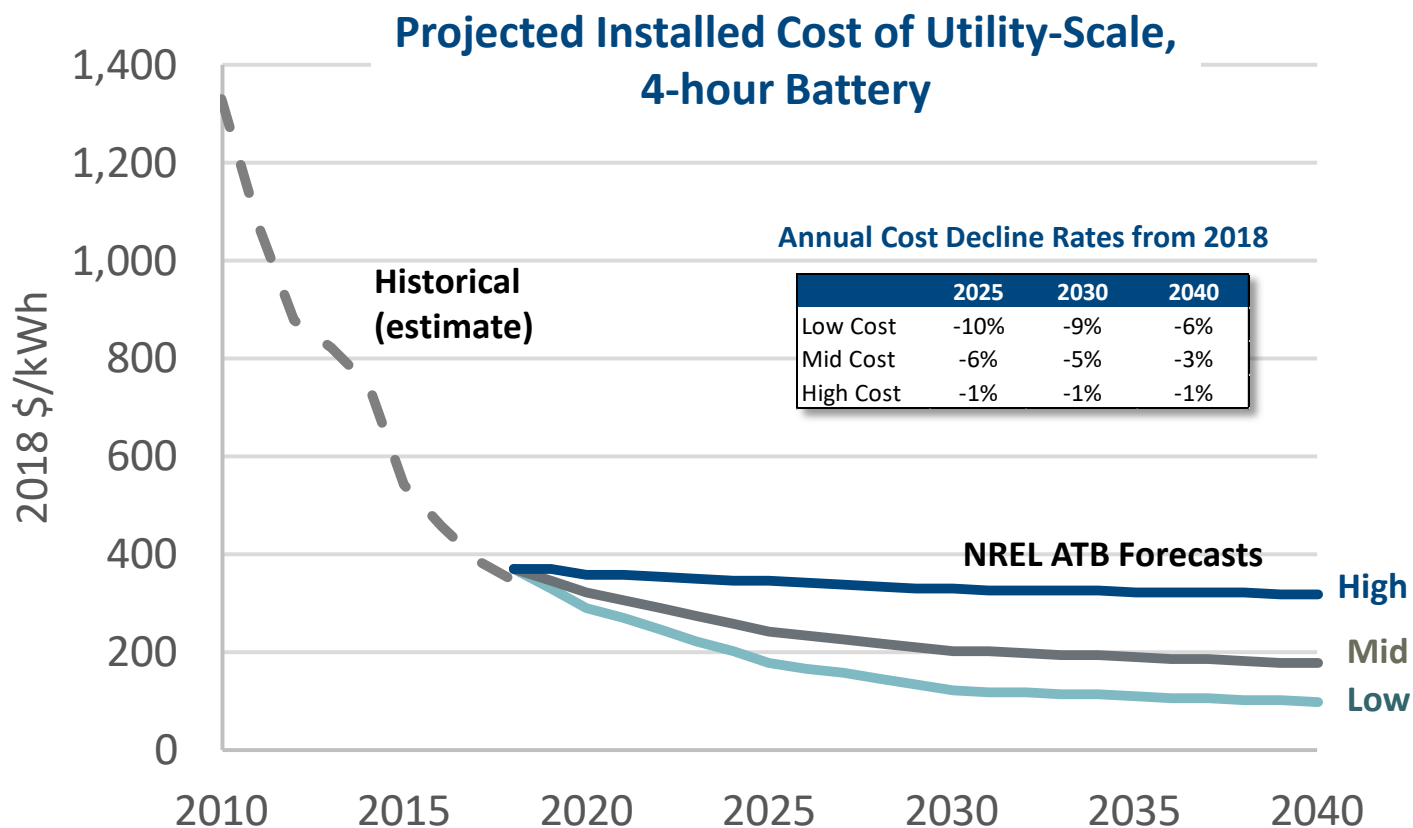
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# Declining Costs of Battery Storage



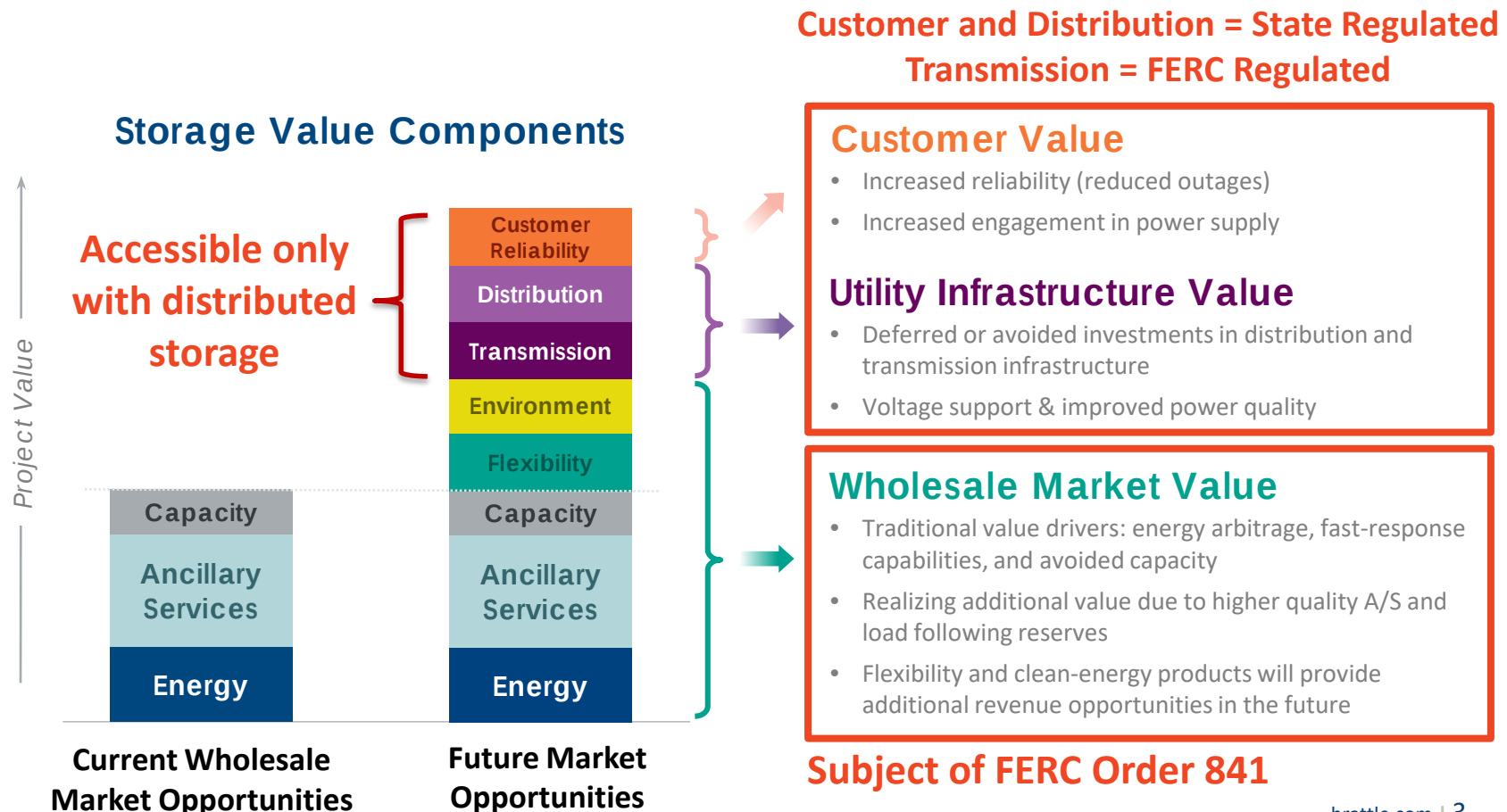
- NREL forecasts costs of ~\$300/kWh (\$1,200/kW) by the early 2020s are in line with recent solicitations by Xcel and NIPSCO

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (2018) and NREL Annual Technology Baseline with Brattle analysis.

Notes: Historical estimate assumes Bloomberg NEF battery pack cost estimate plus a constant non-pack cost estimate of approximately \$170/kWh. NREL costs are for a 4-hour, utility-scale lithium ion battery.

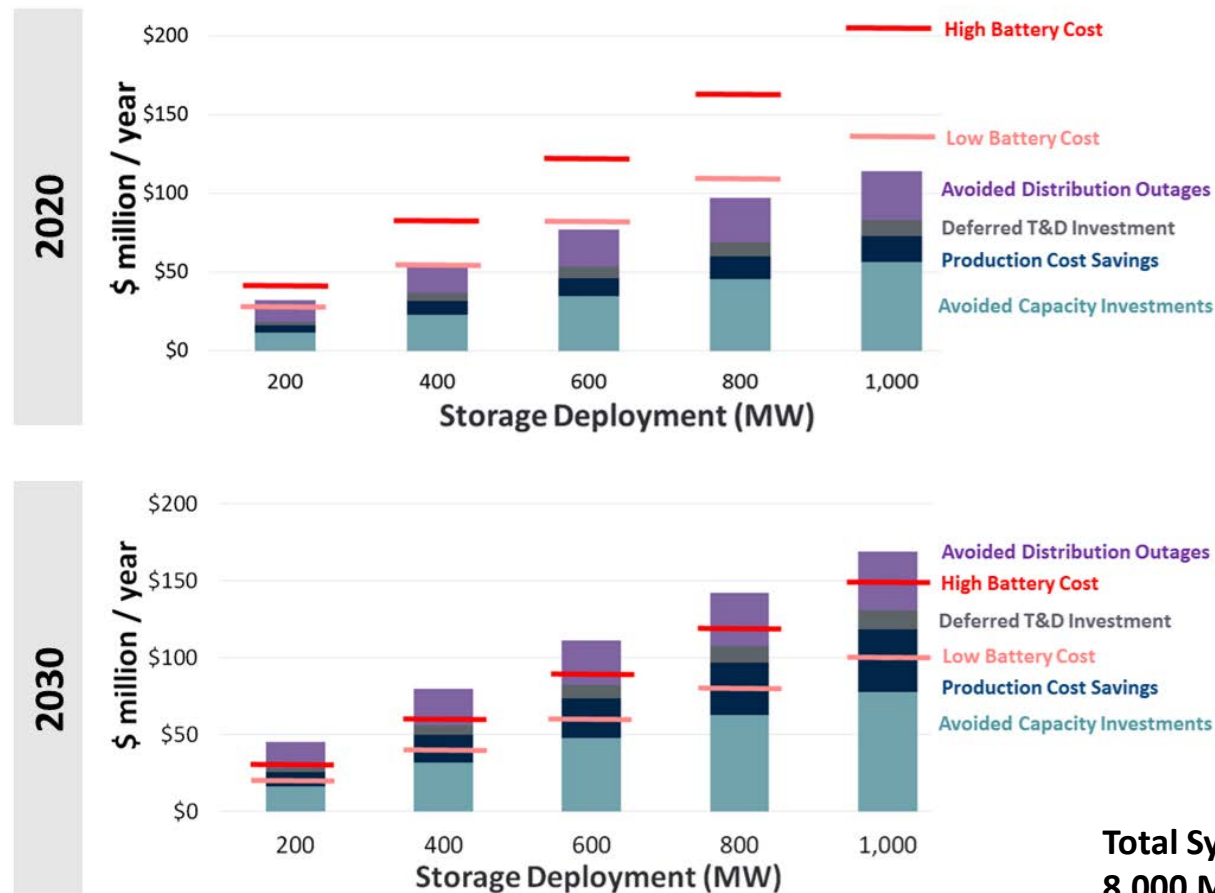
# The Multiple Value Streams of Storage

Storage can capture multiple value streams, but the extent is limited by regulatory barriers and operational/locational constraints.



# Total Benefits and Costs of Storage at Various Deployment Levels: 2020 vs. 2030

Nevada Case Study: modeled benefits and market impact of 4-hour storage for different system conditions and expected changes in the resource mix over time

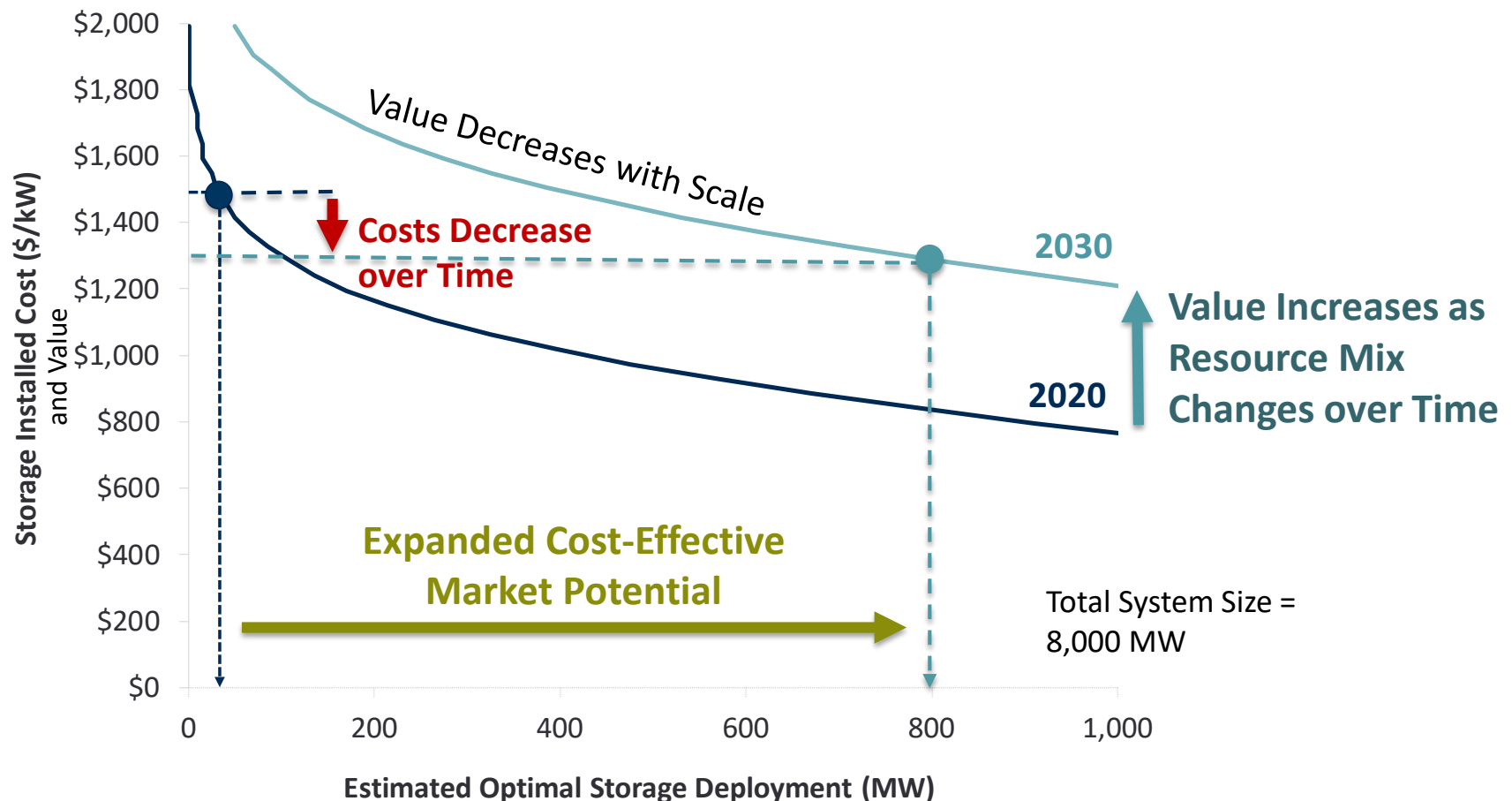


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Source: Hledik et al. [The Economic Potential for Energy Storage in Nevada](#), October 2018.

# Total Cost-Effective Market Potential of Storage: 2020 vs. 2030

Nevada Case Study: cost-effective market potential of 4-hour storage expands as costs decline and the benefits of storage increase over time

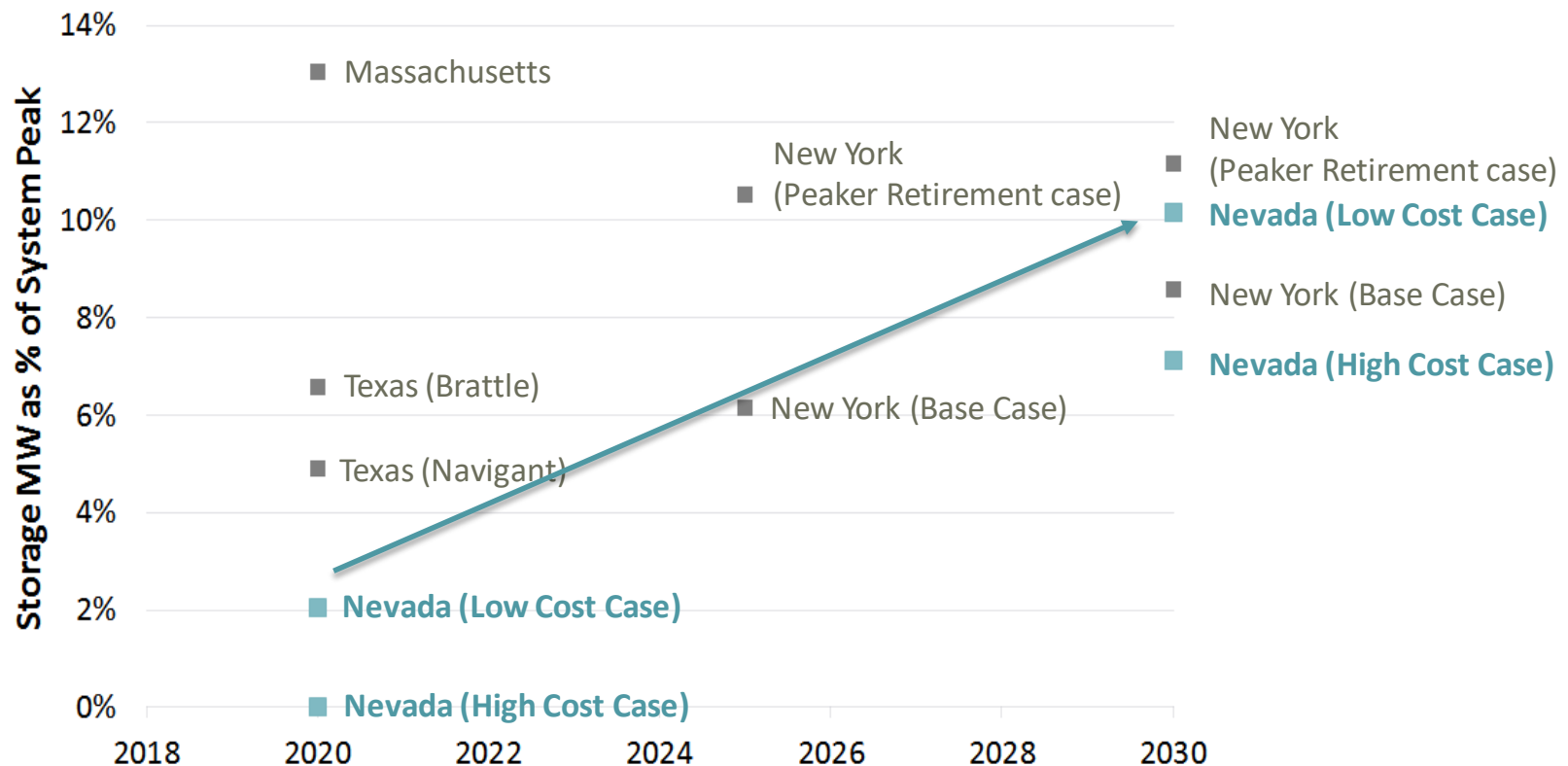


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# Cost-Effective Scale of Storage Deployment: About 10% of System Peak

Cost-effective storage levels vary across studies and markets, but generally increase over time as more renewable generation is added to power systems



## Sources:

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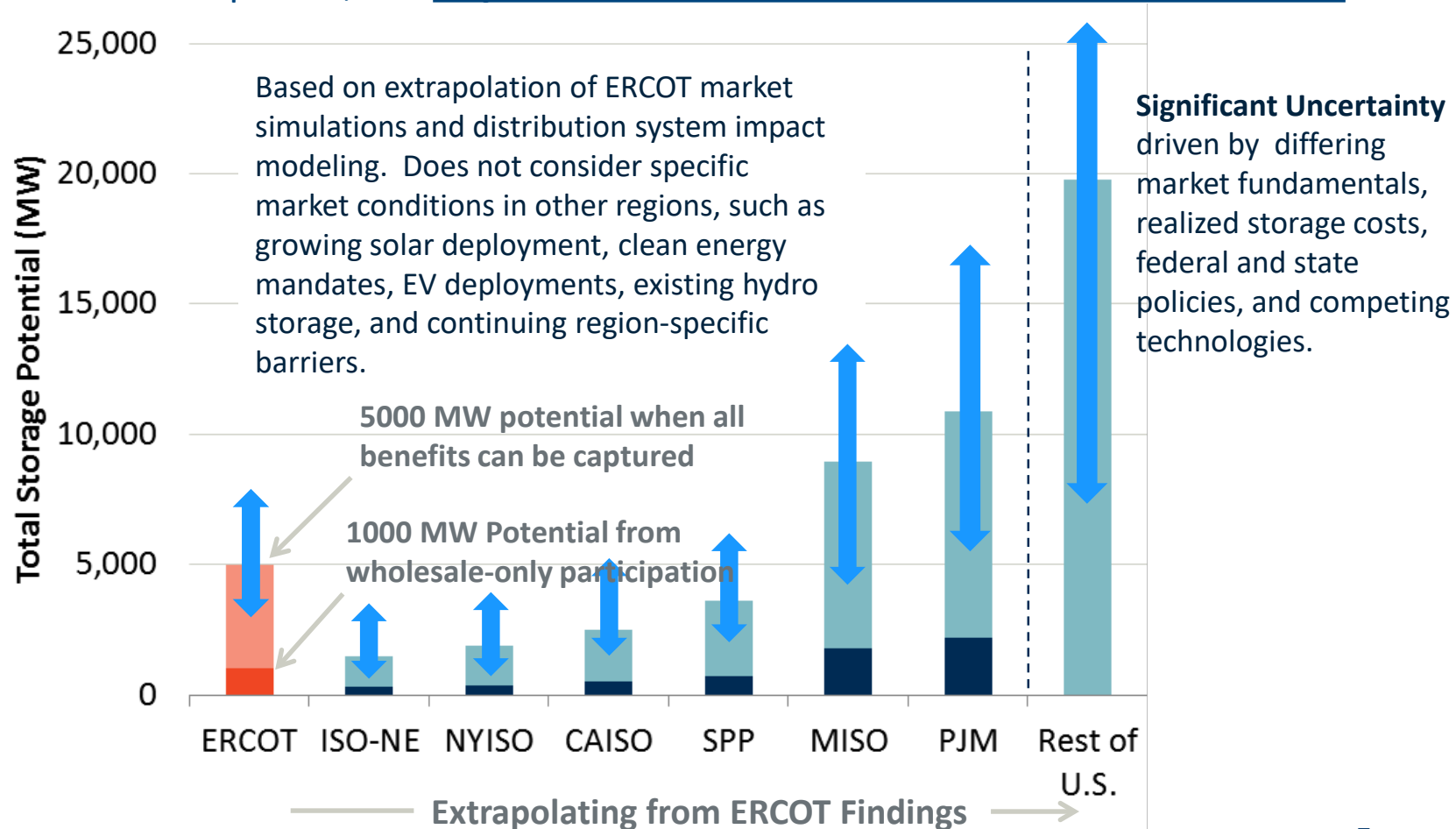
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# U.S.-Wide Cost-Effective Storage Potential: Getting to 50 GW

At a cost of \$350/kWh (installed), **Order 841 could unlock 7,000 MW** based solely on wholesale-market participation in RTOs. This increases to **50,000 MW** US-wide if all benefits can be captured, but **requires states to unlock T&D and customer benefits**.



# Limitations to “Value Stacking”

The ability of storage to simultaneously provide multiple value streams is constrained by locational and operational limitations

**Locational limitations:** Benefits derived from avoided outages and deferred T&D investment tend to be site-specific

**Operational limitations:** Arise because amount of energy stored is limited

**Example modeling assumptions to account for constraints in “value stacking”:**

- **T&D deferral:** Assume storage deployed for T&D deferral prioritizes reducing local peak load over all other services
- **Capacity:** Assume storage must fully charge in advance of system peak load hours
- **Energy:** Dispatch is affected by T&D deferral and capacity requirements; cannot simultaneously provide energy and certain ancillary services
- **Customer outage reduction value:** Assume outages cannot be anticipated and have 50% SOC at time of event; but in reality storage operators can chose to be at full charge in anticipation of outage events (e.g., forecast storms). Assumes microgrid islanding capabilities.

Our simulations show that these limits do not substantially reduce the joint value relative to sum of individual value streams

# State Regulatory Example: California's Multiple-Use Applications (MUA)

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has adopted 11 stacking rules to govern multiple-use distributed and utility-scale storage applications

1. Customer-side storage can provide all services
2. Distribution-system storage can provide all services except the customer-side services
3. Transmission-system storage can provide all except customer-side and distribution-system services
4. All storage resources can provide: resource adequacy, transmission, and wholesale-market services
5. Reliability services must have priority
6. Reliability services provided must not be in conflict or mutually exclusive
7. Different portions of capacity can be dedicated to perform different services
8. Provision of each service must be enforceable, including through penalties for non-performance
9. In response to a utility request for offer, storage providers must list (and update over time) any services provided outside of the solicitation
10. The storage resource must comply with all specified availability and performance requirements
11. Compensation is permitted only for measurable services which are incremental and distinct; the same service can be counted and compensated only once

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# Storage Participation in Existing and Future Wholesale “Product Markets”

Storage resources are well positioned to compete in the emerging products-based wholesale power markets

| Products                     | Resources/Technologies (Existing and New) |           |                  |      |    |    |      |       |                 |    |    |         | Number of Competing Technologies |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------|----|----|------|-------|-----------------|----|----|---------|----------------------------------|
|                              | Nuclear                                   | RoR Hydro | Hydro w/ Storage | Coal | CC | CT | Wind | Solar | Battery Storage | DR | EE | Imports |                                  |
| DA Energy                    | ✓                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ○  | ✓    | ✓     | ✓               | ○  | ○  | ✓       | 10.5                             |
| RT Energy (5 min)            | ○                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ○  | ✓    | ✓     | ✓               | ○  | ○  | ○       | 9.5                              |
| Regulation                   | ✗                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ○  | ○    | ○     | ✓               | ○  | ✗  | ○       | 7.5                              |
| Spinning Reserves            | ✗                                         | ○         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ✓  | ✗    | ✗     | ✓               | ○  | ✗  | ○       | 6.5                              |
| Non-Spinning Reserves        | ✗                                         | ✗         | ✓                | ✗    | ✓  | ✓  | ✗    | ✗     | ✓               | ○  | ✗  | ○       | 5                                |
| Load following / Flexibility | ○                                         | ○         | ✓                | ○    | ✓  | ✓  | ○    | ○     | ✓               | ○  | ✗  | ○       | 7.5                              |
| Capacity / Res. Adequacy     | ✓                                         | ○         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ✓  | ○    | ○     | ○               | ✓  | ✓  | ✓       | 10                               |
| Clean Energy                 | ✓                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ✗    | ○  | ○  | ✓    | ✓     | ○               | ○  | ✓  | ✓       | 9                                |
| Reactive / Voltage Support   | ✓                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ✓    | ✓  | ✓  | ○    | ○     | ✓               | ✗  | ✗  | ○       | 8.5                              |
| Black Start                  | ✗                                         | ✓         | ✓                | ○    | ✓  | ✓  | ✗    | ✗     | ○               | ✗  | ✗  | ○       | 5.5                              |
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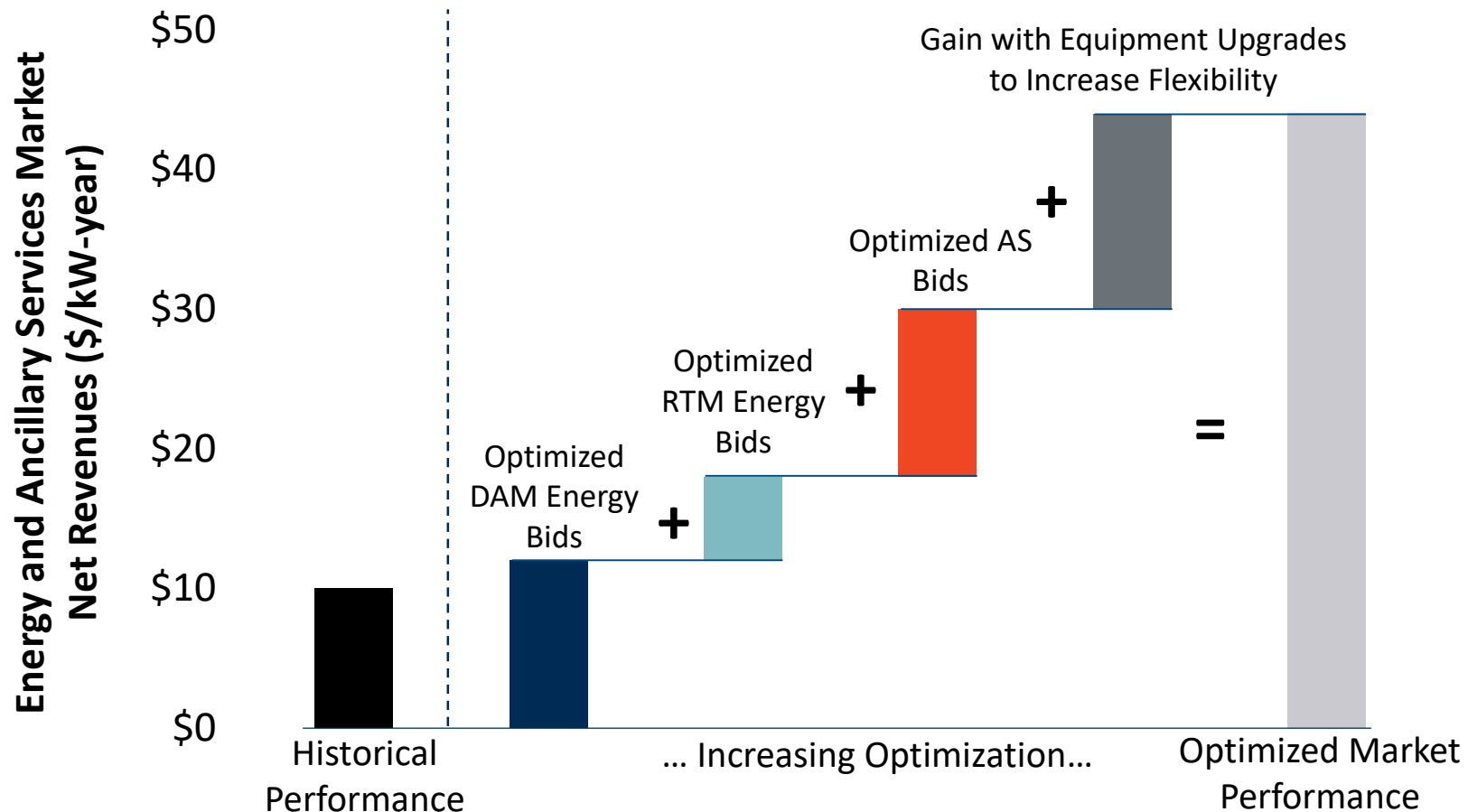
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**Technical Capability to Provide Service**

# Increasing the Wholesale Market Value: Pumped Hydro Storage

Optimized operating strategies, accounting for existing market rules and **DA/RT/AS+uncertainties**, can increase storage revenues 2–5 times.



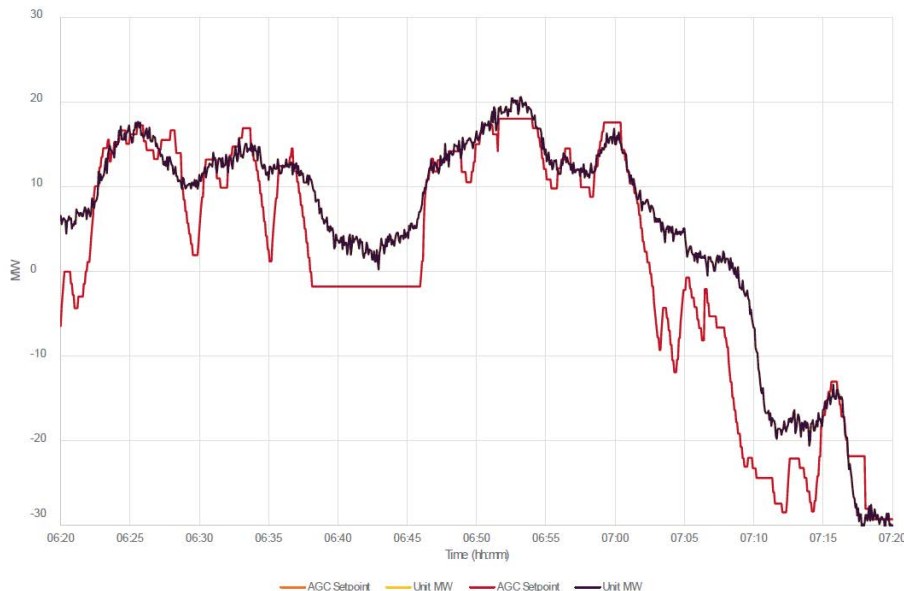
Source: Based on analysis with Brattle's bSTORE modeling platform.

# Energy Arbitrage and Ancillary Service: Australia's "Big" Battery

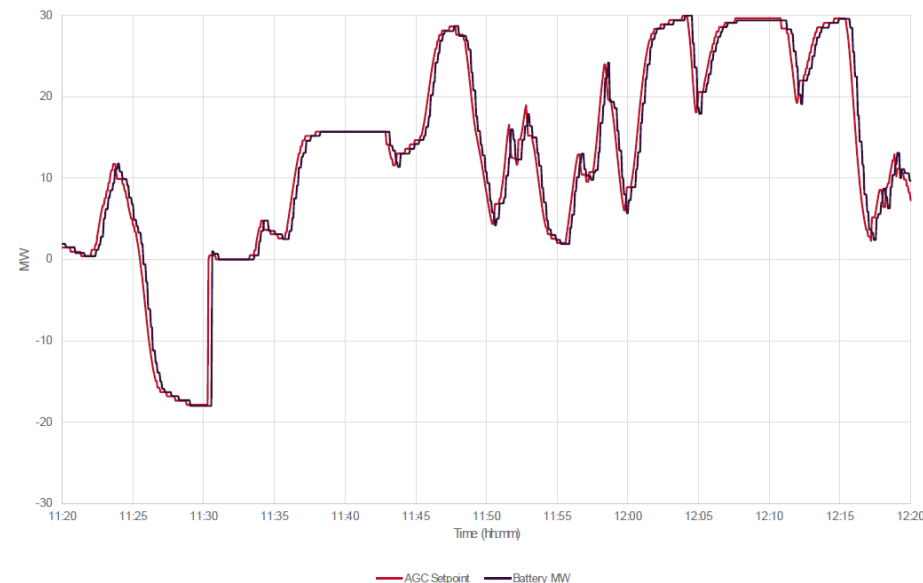
Tesla's Hornsdale battery in S. Australia illustrates the real-world benefits of using batteries to provide both energy and ancillary services value

- Battery size: 100 MW discharge, 80 MW charge. Storage capacity of 129 MWh
- 30 MW and 119 MWh dedicated to **energy arbitrage**
- 70 MW of 10 MWh dedicated to **ancillary services** (grid support):

Accuracy and speed of regulation FCAS response  
Large conventional steam turbine



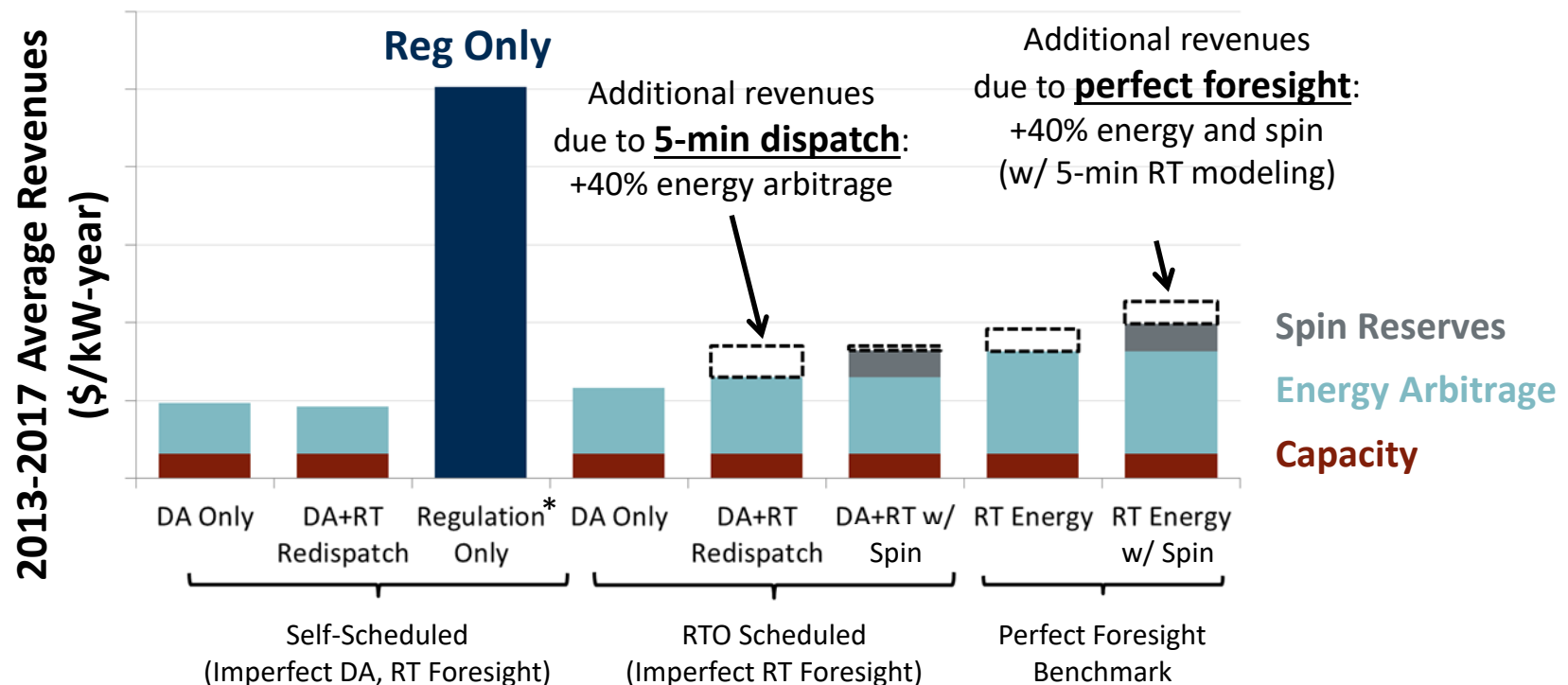
Accuracy and speed of regulation FCAS response  
Hornsdale Power Reserve (battery)



# Impacts of RT Markets and Uncertainties

The impacts of uncertainty modeling and 5-min RT modeling can be very significant, e.g., +/- 25-50% changes in E&AS performance.

## PJM Annual Revenues, 2013–2017, for a 1 MW, 4-hour Battery in an RTO Market

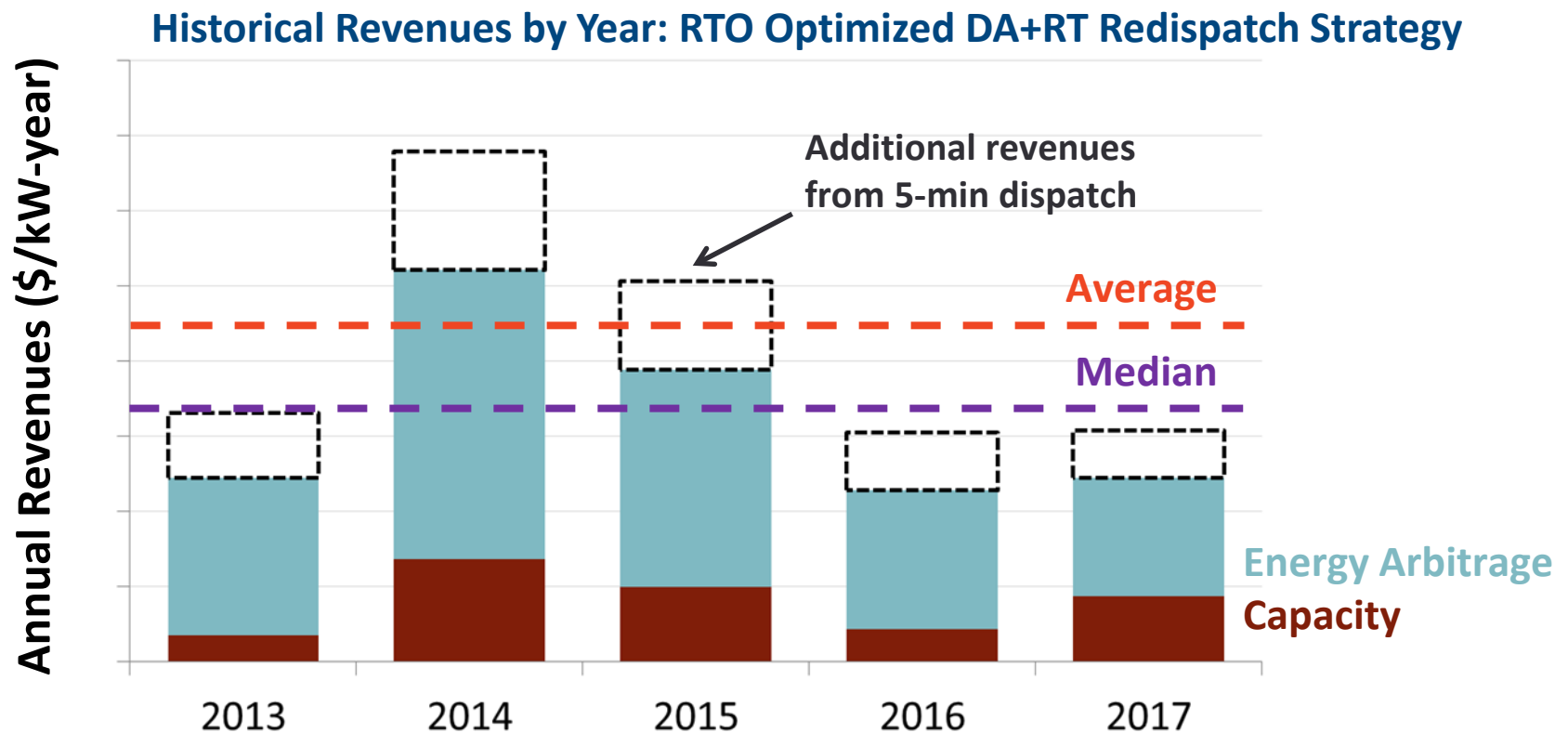


Note: Assumes 90% efficient battery with 4-hour duration.

\*Regulation is based on PJM's "Reg D" (a thin market that is rapidly declining in value)

# How Much Do Energy and Capacity Value Change over Time?

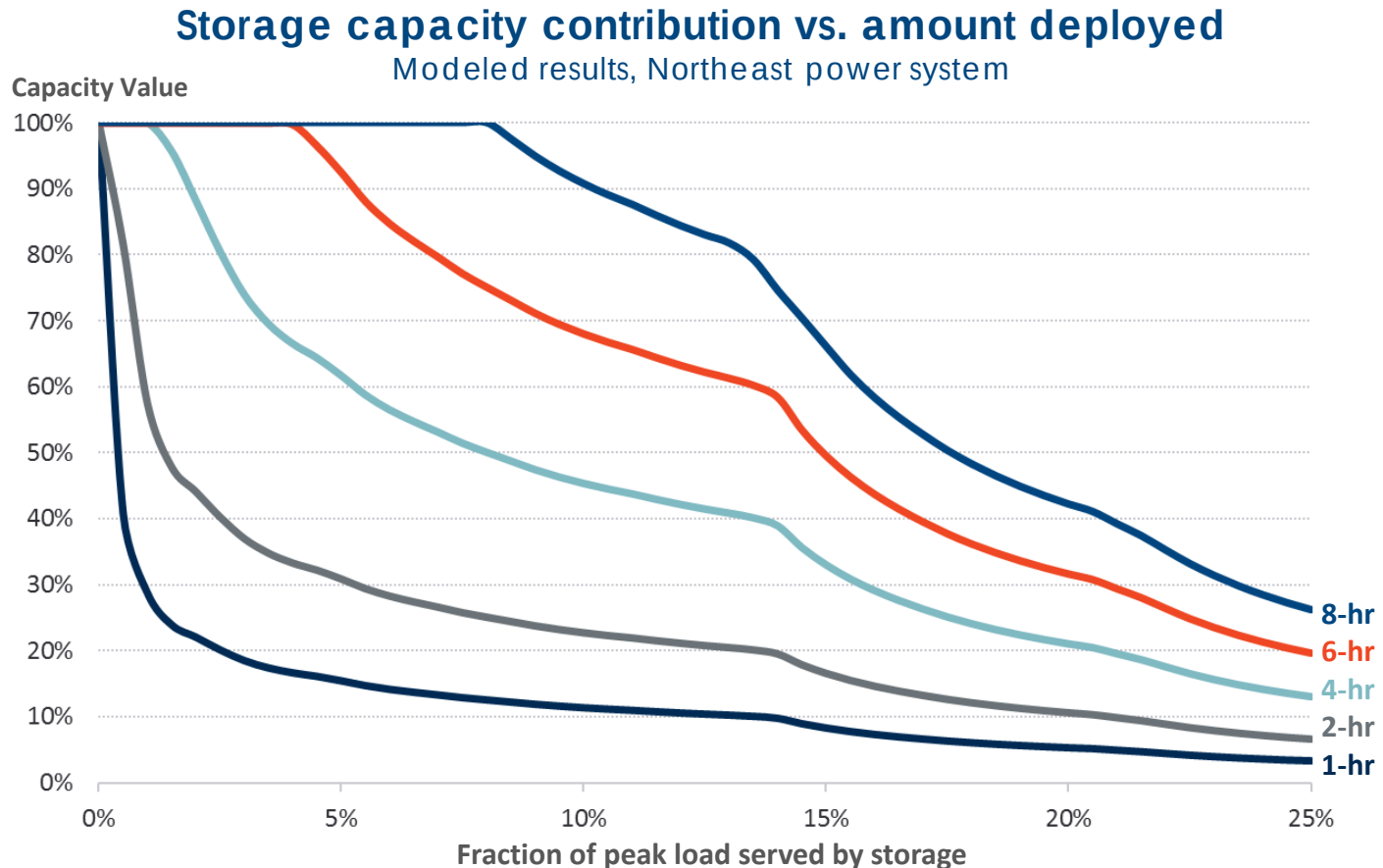
Annual revenues vary by a factor of 2x across 2013 – 2017. Price-taker modeling is especially sensitive to too-short simulation periods.



Notes: Assumes 90% efficient battery with 4 hour duration, 24 hr foresight over DA prices, 1 hr foresight over hourly RT prices, and 15 minute foresight over 5-min RT prices .

# Resource Adequacy: Capacity Value of Storage by Duration

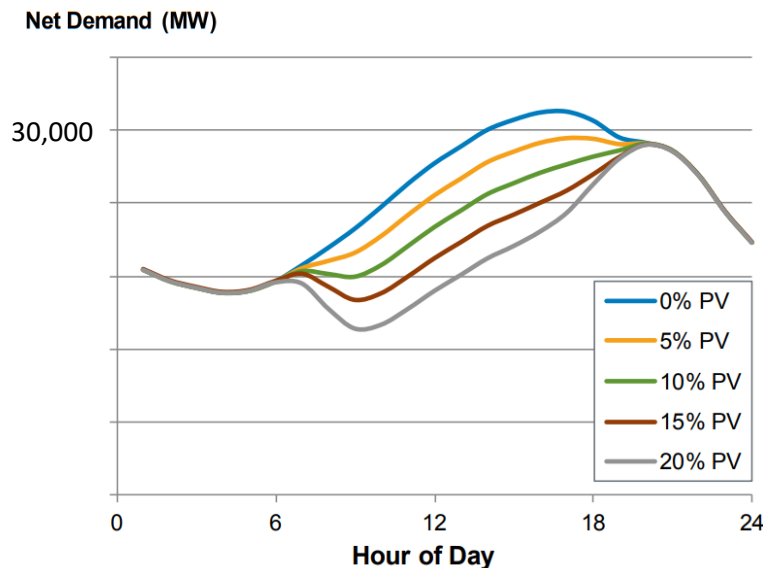
The **capacity contribution** of storage depends on the **type of storage**, the **nature of peak load events**, and the **amount of storage deployed**.



# Resource Adequacy: Capacity Value of Storage with Solar

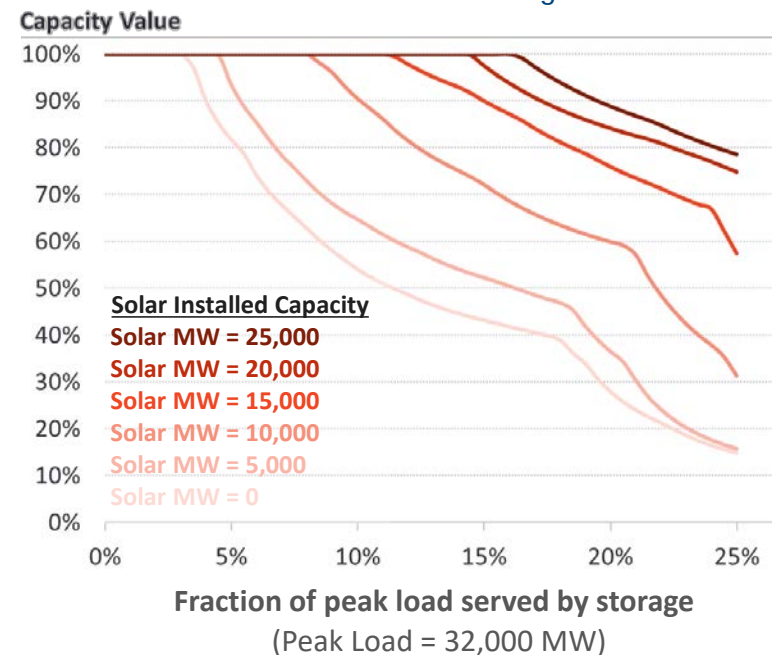
The **capacity contribution of storage** is **higher** in systems with **significant solar deployments**, as solar tends to compress peak load events into fewer hours.

## Effect of PV on peak load shape



## Effect of PV on storage capacity contribution

4-hour duration storage



Sources:

Brattle analysis.

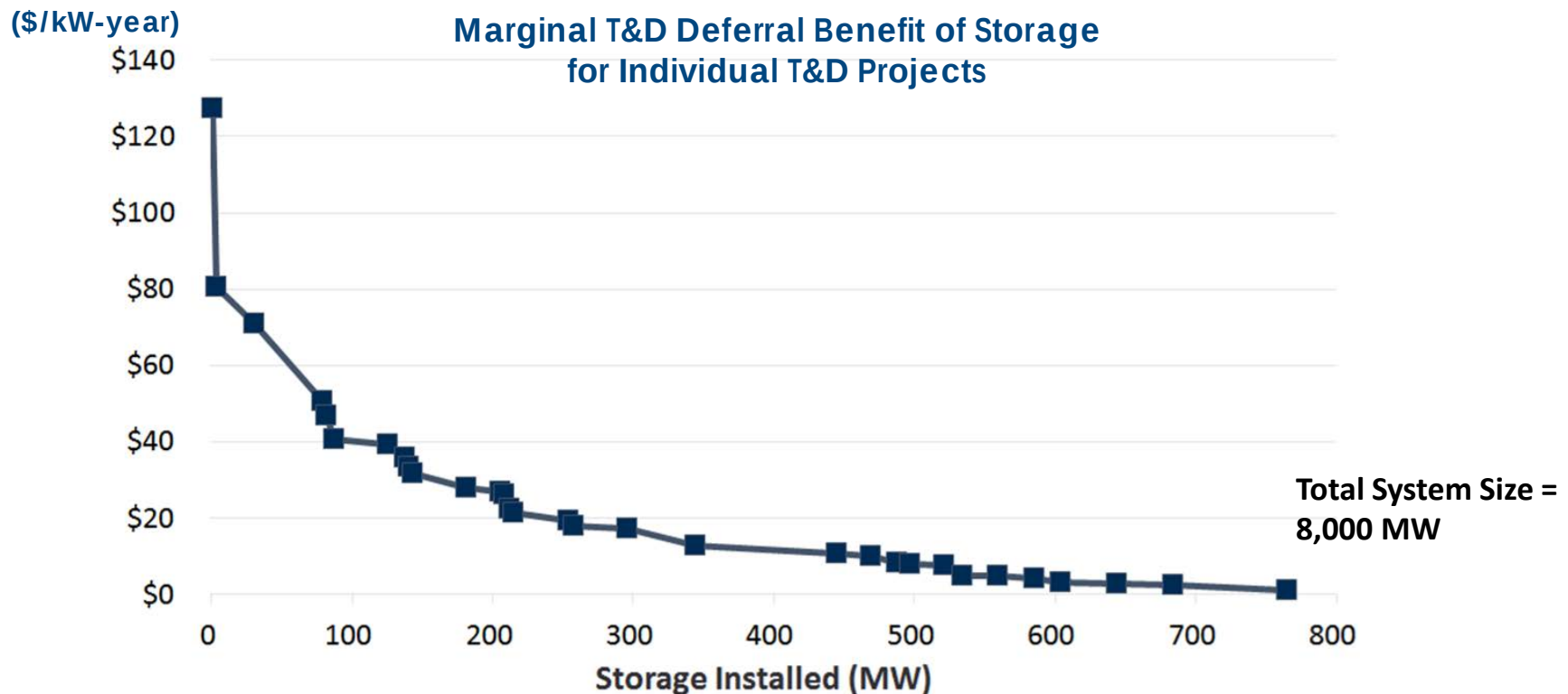
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# Transmission & Distribution Deferral Value

Our Nevada study showed there is a limited number of **high-value opportunities to defer specific T&D investments**

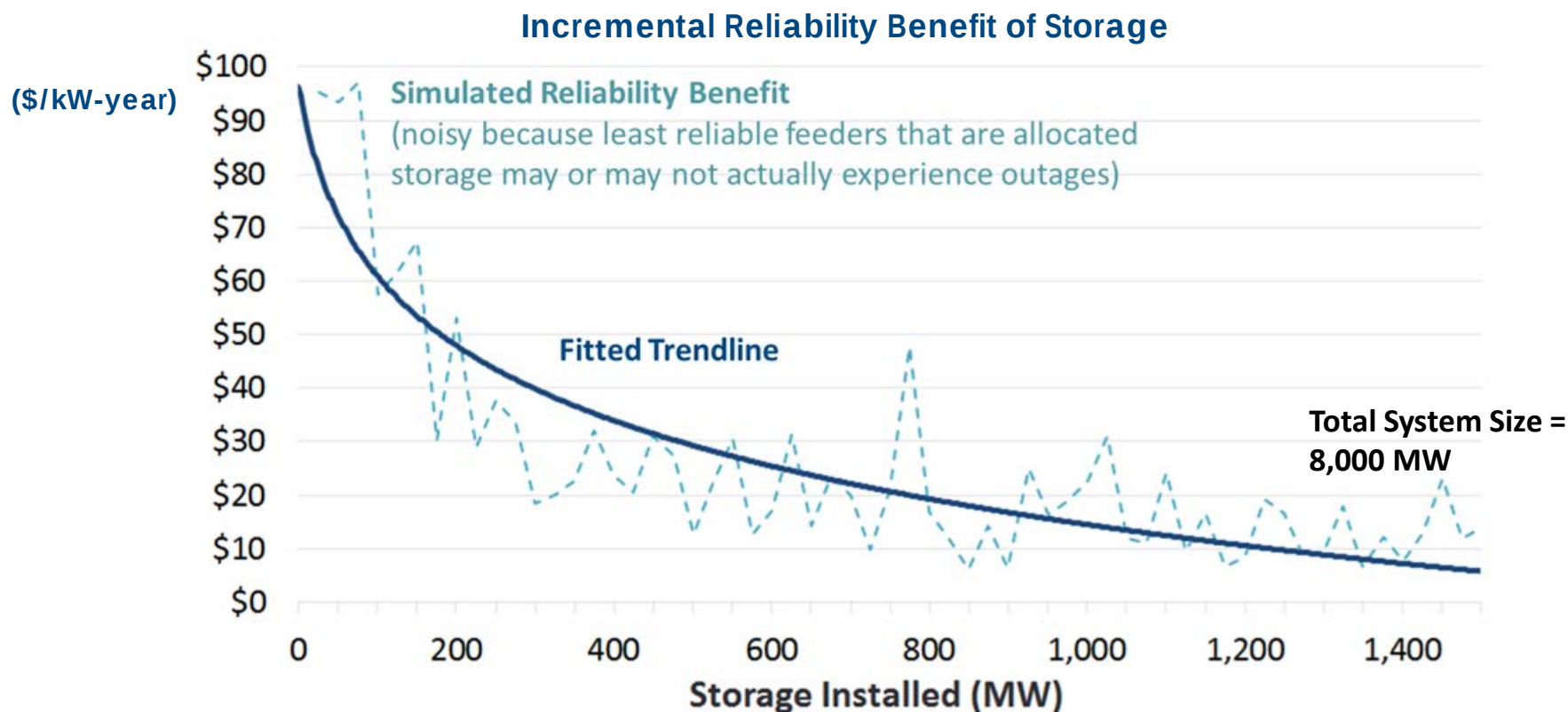


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# Customer Reliability Value

We found the **marginal reliability benefit of distributed storage** is **initially high**, but **falls off relatively rapidly** as storage is deployed to least reliable feeders



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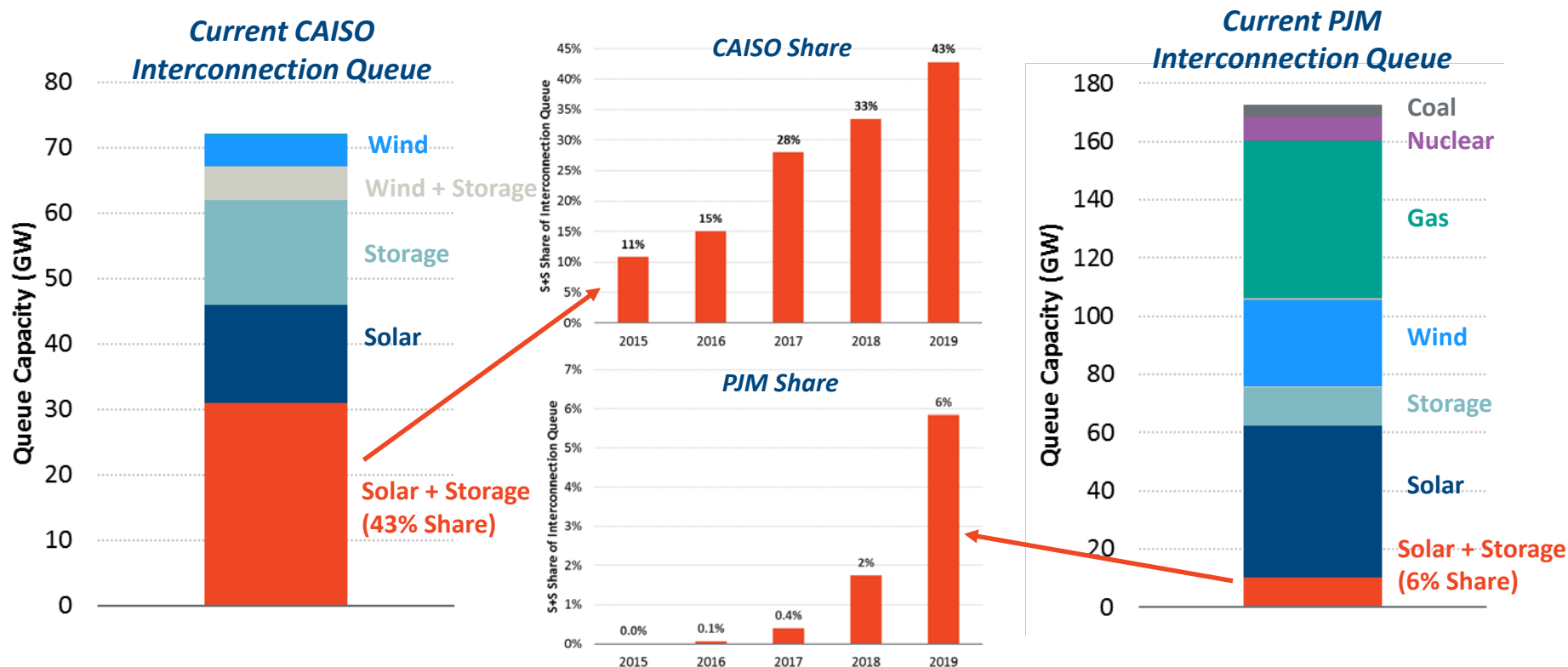
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# Solar+Storage Deployments will Increase Dramatically in Next Years Coming Years

Solar+storage accounts for over 40% of all capacity in the California ISO interconnection queue. PJM also has seen sizeable growth in applications.

## Capacity in ISO Generation Interconnection Queues



Source: RTO websites.

Notes: PJM data downloaded 11/27/2019. Counts Maximum Facility Output; CAISO data as of 11/27/2019. Counts Net MW Total. PJM and CAISO report hybrid solar+storage projects independently; projects including other resources (e.g. gas + solar + storage) are excluded. Queues are filtered to include generation resources only (no transmission resources).

# Solar and Storage are Complementary Resources

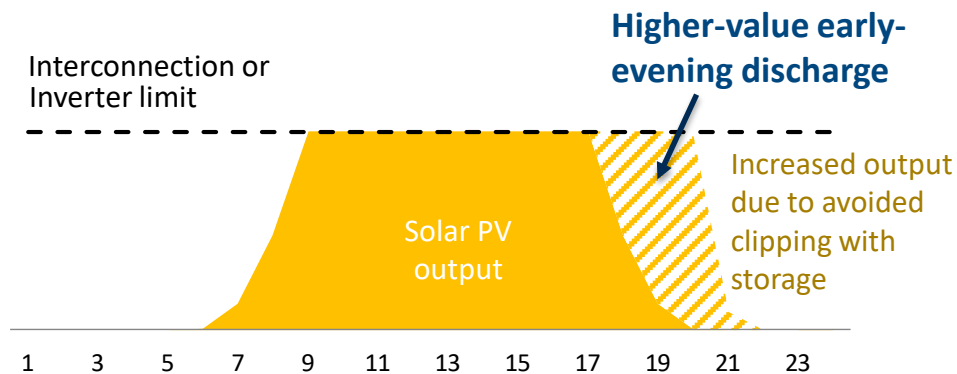
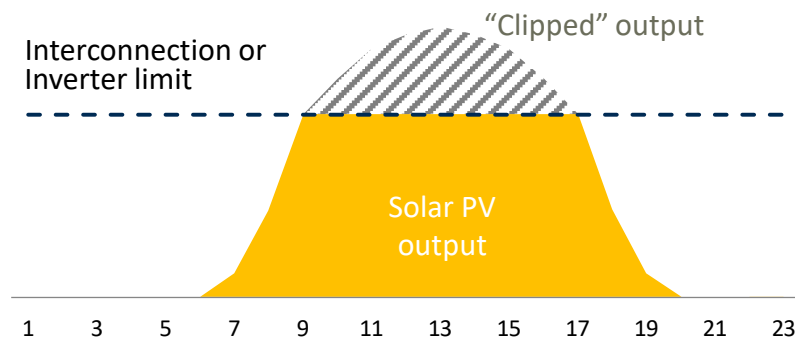
Co-locating storage with solar facilities (i.e., “solar+storage”) allows valuable features of both resources to be captured at a single site

| Attribute                                  | Standalone Solar PV | Standalone Storage | Solar+Storage |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Zero-carbon energy                         | ✓                   |                    | ✓             |
| Eligible for Federal Investment Tax Credit | ✓                   |                    | ✓             |
| Flexible/dispatchable                      |                     | ✓                  | ✓             |
| Firm capacity                              |                     | ✓                  | ✓             |
| Co-location efficiencies (cost savings)    |                     |                    | ✓             |

# Benefit of Upsized Solar and Avoided “Peak Clipping”

Storage can charge from solar PV output that would be wasted due to inverter or interconnection capacity limits. **Energy can be discharged at higher value later.**

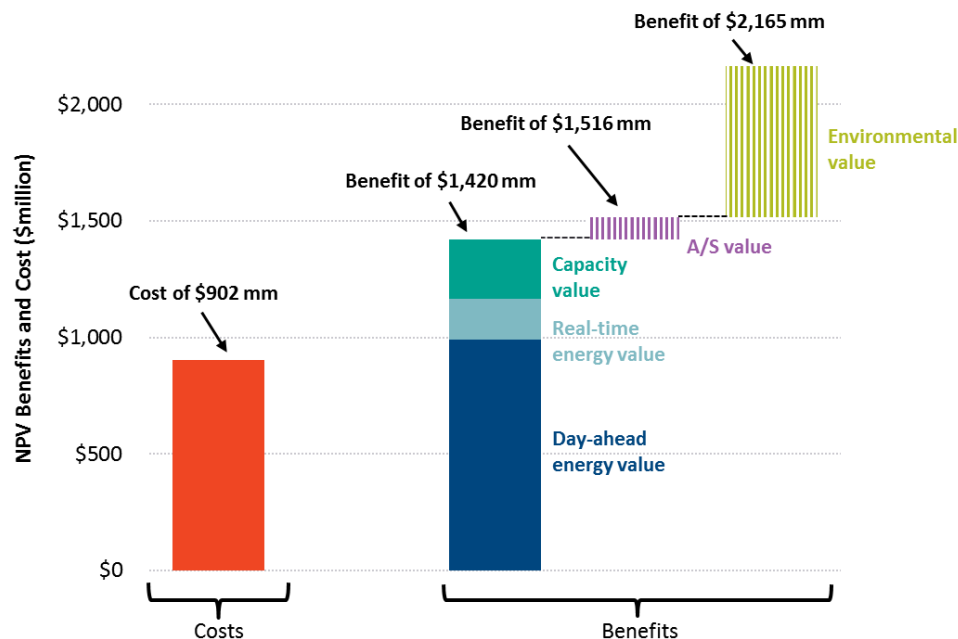
- Solar PV facilities are typically developed with solar panel capacity that exceeds the capacity of the inverter
- Transmission interconnection limits may impose similar constraints
- At times when the output of the panels exceeds the limit, that energy is “clipped” (i.e. unused)
- Batteries behind the solar PV facility’s inverter (i.e., DC-coupled) or constrained interconnection point are able to charge from the output that otherwise would be “clipped”
- **Peak clipping can significantly decrease the facility’s average costs and increase its energy and capacity revenues**
- This finding is highly dependent on the sizing of the battery, solar array, inverter, and transmission interconnection limits



# Case Study: Nevada Solar+Storage

The Nevada PUC just approved the largest solar+storage facility in the U.S. (690 MW solar, 380 MW/1,416 MWh storage)

## Benefits and Costs of “Gemini” Solar+Storage



Source: Direct Testimony of Ryan Hledik on Behalf of Arevia, PUCN Docket No. 19-06039, September 26, 2019.

## Key Findings

- Net benefits to customers of the Gemini solar+storage project range between \$500 million and \$1.3 billion (present value)
- Benefit-cost ratio of between 1.6 and 2.4, depending on which value streams are counted as benefits
- Energy value alone exceeds the costs of the project
- Significant storage capacity provides ability to respond to real-time fluctuations in supply and demand, resulting in operational flexibility that will “future proof” the resource as market conditions evolve

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# Main Takeaways

- Battery storage will undoubtedly become an increasingly important part of power systems as costs continue to decline
- **Deployment of battery storage is growing rapidly**
  - Interconnection queues indicate growing interest in storage by developers
  - Renewable+storage becoming increasingly competitive even with new gas plants, particularly in the Southwest
  - Increasing need for flexibility due to growing renewable energy development will increase the value of storage
- Overall, we anticipate that battery storage will add **significant value** to power systems, but new tools will be needed to ensure its grid visibility and controllability
- Market operators, resource planners, transmission and distribution system planners, and regulators all need to learn to utilize storage as a new technology option

# Challenges of Operating a System with Significant Storage

- How to **reliably operate** many small and distributed battery storage systems across all wholesale market products?
- How to evaluate the **capacity value** of storage as increasing amounts of storage is deployed on the system?
- How to ensure sufficient **visibility** into operations and control?
- How to **monitor and mitigate** offers from storage?
- How to **coordinate control** across wholesale and non-wholesale uses?
- What are storage's **interconnection** rules?
- How to integrate storage into **transmission and distribution** system planning and operations?

**Further actions by FERC, states, and system operators are needed to unlock storage's full value and manage planning/operational/coordination challenges**

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## Asset Valuation

- Valuing and sizing renewables + storage facilities
- Valuing storage across multiple value streams
- Developing bid/offer strategies to maximize value
- Accommodating storage into IRPs
- Supporting due diligence efforts of investors

## Market Intelligence

- The state and federal policy landscape
- Electricity market fundamentals and opportunities
- Storage cost and technology trends
- 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

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