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# 2020 Strategic Analysis of Energy Storage in California

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# Project Team

- California Institute for Energy and Environment (CIEE)
- University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego

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# Goals

- Establish 2020 Energy Storage Vision for California
  - Develop scenarios for deploying energy storage
  - Discuss costs and benefits compared to non-energy storage scenario.
- Identify research needs on technologies and applications
- Assist CPUC and other regulatory agencies to create an energy storage roadmap

# Project Overview

- Part 1: (A) Technology status review (B) Regulatory and policy review.
- Part 2: Strategic vision of energy storage scenarios over next ten years.
- Highlights value of energy storage to meet future state energy goals



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# Project Approach

- Survey existing technical and cost data & energy policy documents
- Analyze state and federal policies affecting energy storage
- Identify critical policies by entity responsible
- Analyze feasibility of accelerated deployment by 2015 and 2020 for key applications

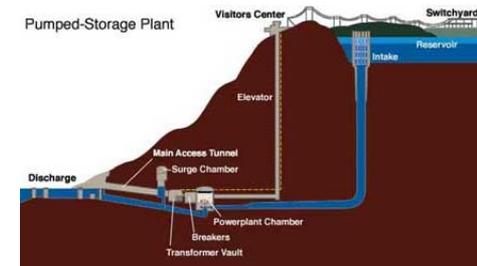
# Key Findings: Technology

- Electrochemical energy storage:
  - ❑ Promising technologies include advanced lead-acid, Li-Ion, Flow batteries
  - ❑ Cost reductions needed
  - ❑ Safety issues need to be engineered into systems
  - ❑ Limited field demonstrations/deployment in utility scale applications



# Key Findings: Technology (cont.)

- Mechanical energy storage:
  - ❑ Promising technologies include pumped hydro, compressed air, flywheels
  - ❑ Some technologies are mature
  - ❑ Siting concerns
  - ❑ Roundtrip efficiencies
  - ❑ High capital costs for pumped hydro and compressed air



# Key Findings: Technology (cont.)

## ■ Thermal energy storage:

- ❑ Promising technologies include solar thermal and HVAC applications
- ❑ Mature technologies
- ❑ Application specific - may limit potential for deployment

## ■ Hydrogen:

- ❑ High capital cost
- ❑ Very low roundtrip efficiency
- ❑ Design improvements needed
- ❑ Unproven field experience as energy storage system for grid support



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# Technology Needs

- Bulk and field energy storage demonstrations for variable renewable energy integration
- Evaluation/demonstration of aggregated storage, especially in Smart Grid scenario
- Cost/benefit quantification in grid applications
- Modeling impact of 33% renewable energy on California's electricity grid

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# Key Findings: Policy Needs

- Studies indicate 3-4000 MW needed for 33% RPS
- Three exemplary applications
  - Frequency Regulation
  - Renewables Grid Integration
  - Community Energy Storage/ DESS

# Promising Applications Analysis

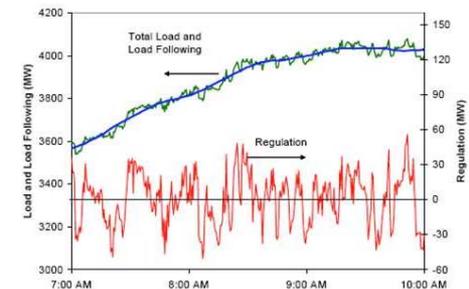
## Application 1: Frequency Regulation

### ■ Benefits

- Reduce (1) regulation capacity needs, (2) reliance on conventional resources and stress on generator equipment, and (3) GHG emissions

### ■ Cost Factors

- High value market but limited market size
- Value likely to increase



# Accelerated Frequency Regulation Scenario

- FERC, CAISO lowering wholesale market barriers
- CAISO reward speed and accuracy
- CPUC:
  - Long-term contract capability
  - Resource Adequacy (RA) value
  - AB 2514 Targets
  - Monetize environmental benefits

# Application 2: Renewables Grid Integration

## ■ Benefits

- Reduce (1) Need for increased ramping, (2) curtailment, (3) integration costs, (4) T&D capacity expansion, (5) GHG emissions

## ■ Cost Factors

- Less \$ value, but potentially large market size
- Value streams defined but not all monetized



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# Accelerated Renewables Grid Integration Scenario

- CAISO PIRP value for forecast & delivery accuracy
- CPUC:
  - RA value or “adder”
  - Impose ramping limits on variable renewables
  - AB 2514 Targets

# Application 3: Community Energy Storage (DESS)

## ■ Benefits

- Utility-side: Distribution deferral; lower variable DG integration costs; local reserve capacity
- Customer-side: Improved power quality, reliability, and value; outage mitigation

## ■ Cost Factors

- Potentially high value, may be highly localized
- Increased value close to high-penetration PV DG



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# Accelerated Community Energy Storage (DESS) Scenario

- Increasing variable distributed generation
- CPUC interconnection rules
- IOU smart grid plans
- Valuation of distribution deferral
- Avoided DG integration costs
- AB 2514 targets

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# Key Policy Areas

- Self-generating incentive program (AB 1150)
- Resource Adequacy (RA) program
- CPUC proceedings:
  - Smart Grid
  - Permanent load shifting
  - Demand response
  - Long-term procurement process
  - Alternative fueled vehicle
- Real-time pricing and strong price differentials
- California ISO and FERC opening markets
- AB 2514 Targets (“if any”)

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# Possible AB 2514 Targets

- Key Considerations
  - CAISO – grid needs under 33%
    - CEC-funded study of grid needs for DR and EES
  - Market design changes under FERC, CAISO
  - Purpose(s) must be well-defined
  - Application-specific and Tiered
- CPUC should begin valuation work early and identify cost-recovery methods simultaneously

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# Policy Research Needs

- Communication technologies
- Complement demand response technologies
- Impacts of tariff changes at NY-ISO, ISO-NE, PJM, and other grid operators
- Valuation methodology based on best applications

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