

# **Stiesdal Storage Technologies**

## **GridScale Battery**

### **Electric Energy Storage System**

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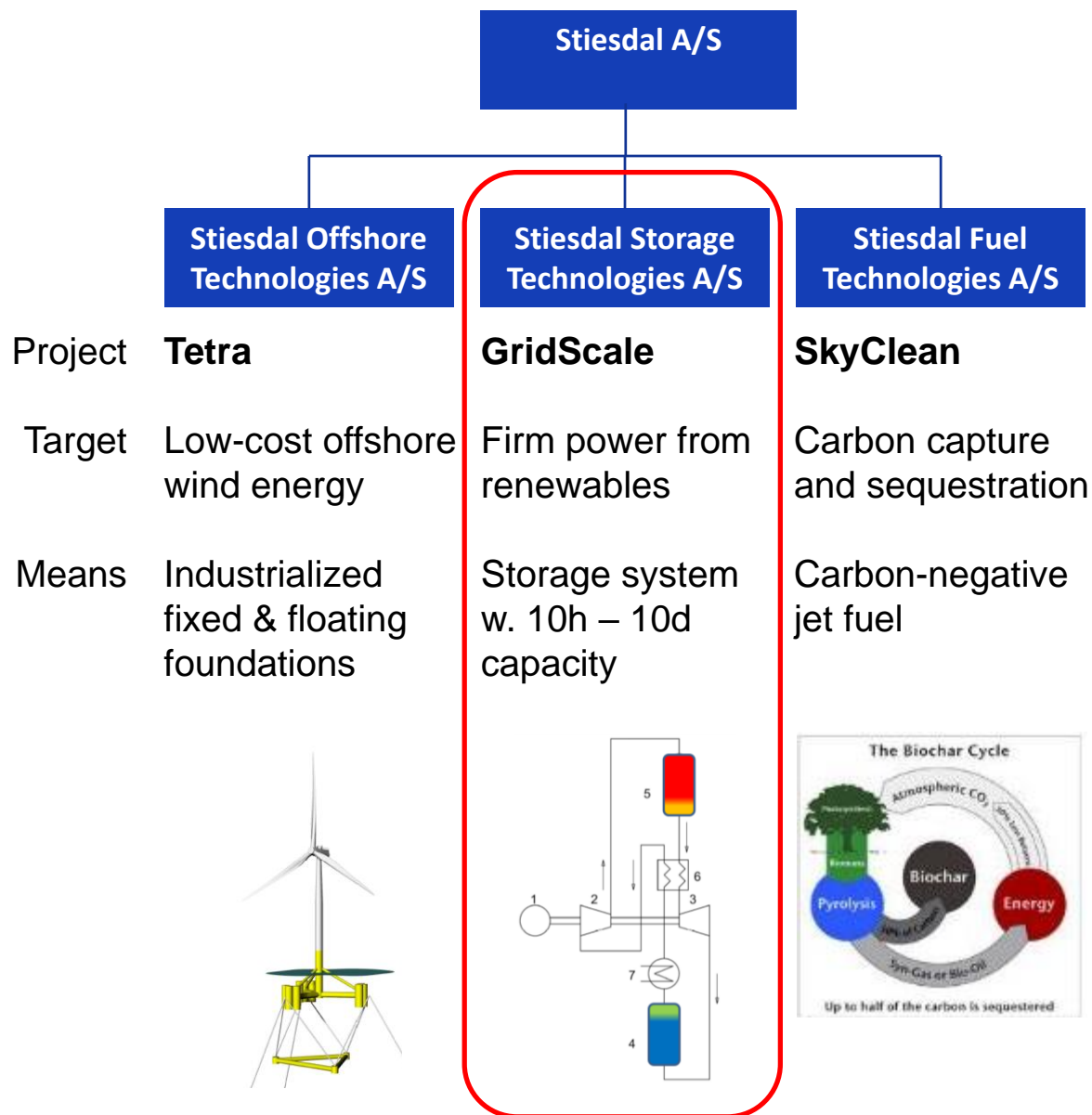
## Framework

### Company Structure

- Climate technology company with focused subsidiaries

### Purpose

- Combat climate change by developing and commercializing solutions to key challenges



## **Stiesdal GridScale Battery technology addresses the growing need for reliable, cost-effective bulk energy storage**

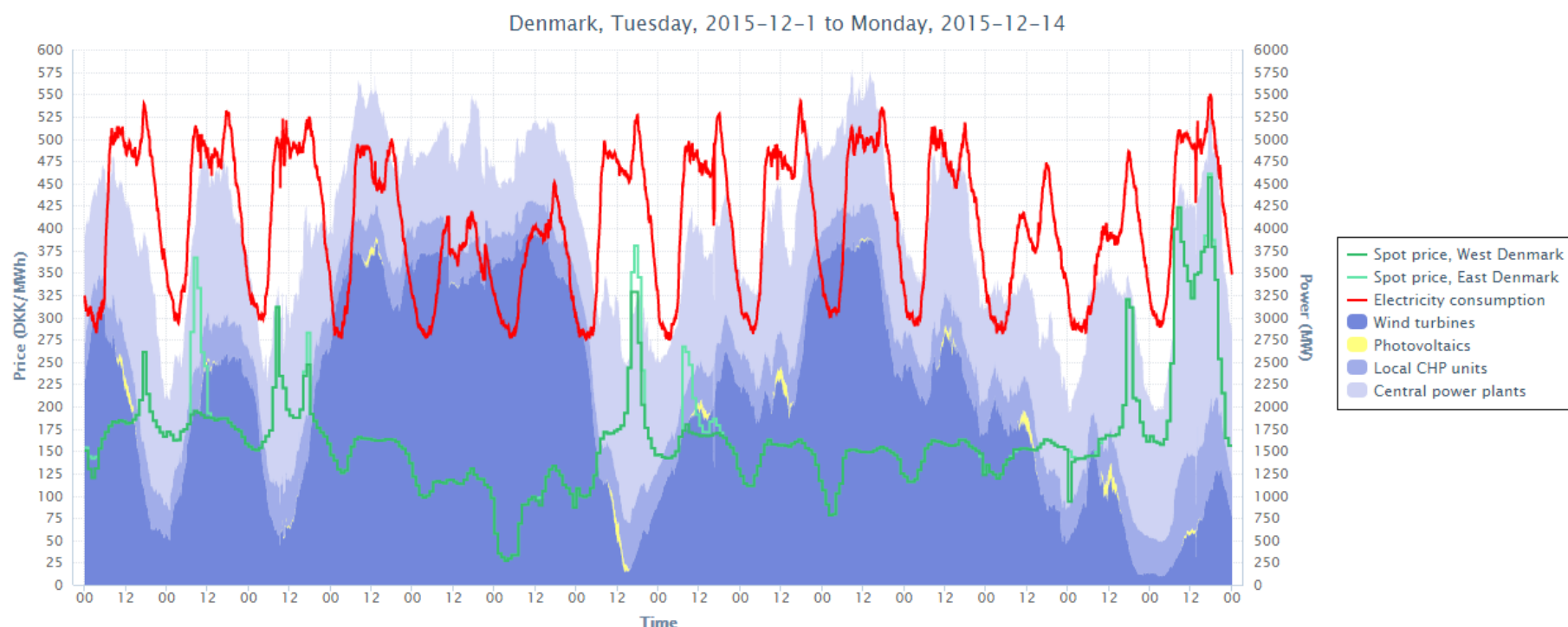
### **A GridScale Battery is a cost-efficient, long-duration, and low carbon thermal energy storage system that**

- Can store huge amounts of electric energy for hours, days or weeks at much lower cost than any other comparable technology
- Addresses all relevant storage requirements – renewable energy integration, “Duck Curve” of high PV systems, provision of ancillary services and energy security
- Can be implemented in greenfield applications, facilitating higher renewables penetration and 24h solar PV

## Key motivation for storage – renewable power integration

### Production and load curves for Denmark illustrate the issue

- Even in a high-wind period such as the first two weeks of December 2015, there are periods with essentially no renewables production



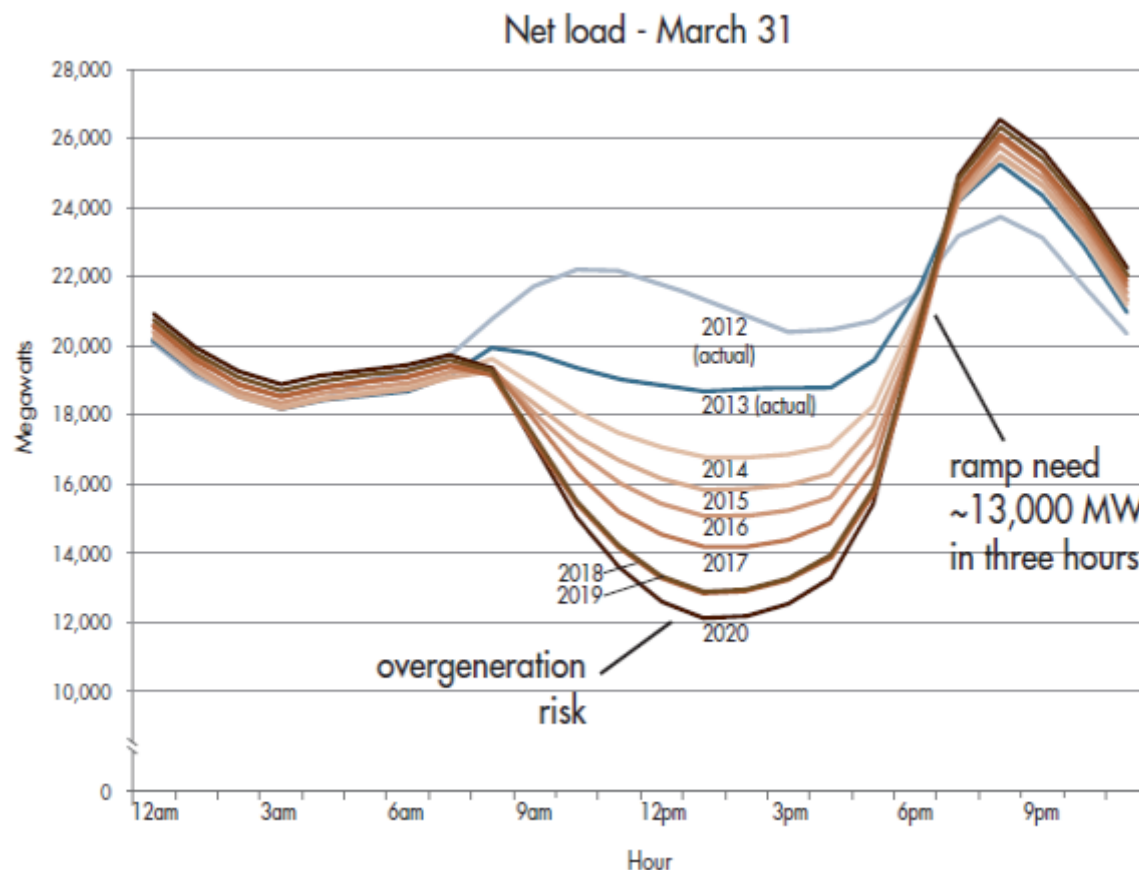
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## Key motivation for storage – enabling increased PV production

### The California “Duck Curve”

- Large-scale PV build out without storage leads to costly evening ramping needs
- Within a few years CAISO expects ramp rates to reach 13,000 MW over three hours, above current thermal peaker capacity
- High-capacity storage systems with fast ramp rates offer a low-carbon solution



Source: CAISO

## Key motivation for storage – strengthening energy security

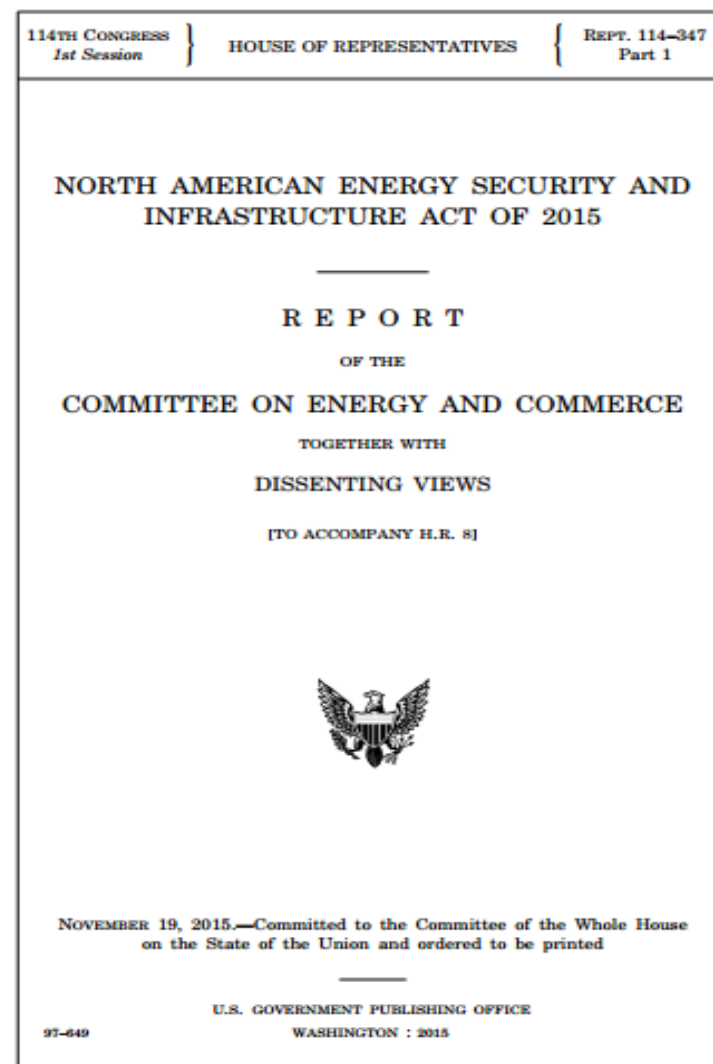


### The grid is increasingly vulnerable to disruption by hacking and terrorist attack

- Storage plants can be located in urban areas, providing on-the-spot backup to improve grid resilience against service interruption from cybercrimes or terrorism

Source: US Congress

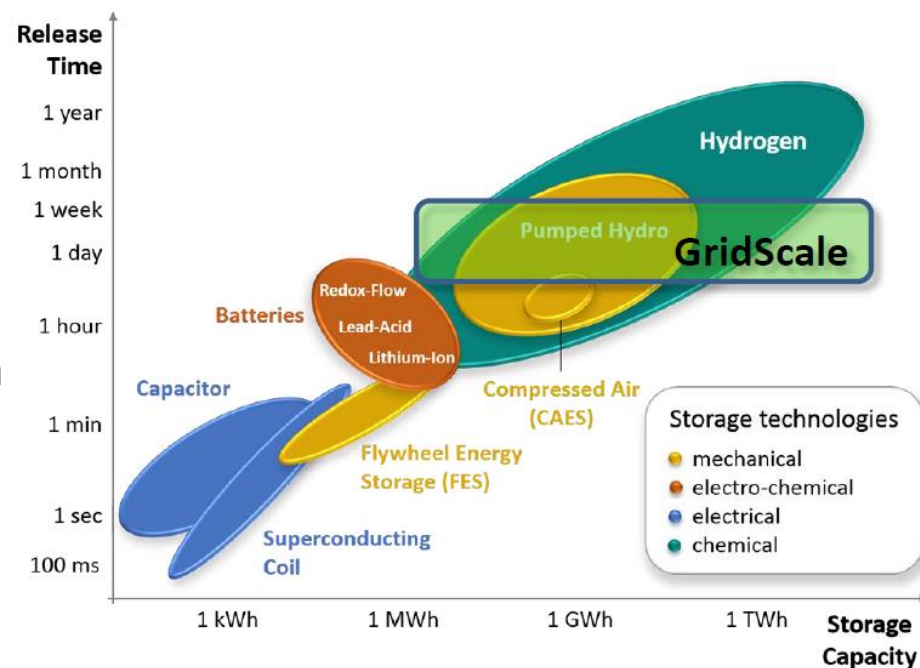
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## Energy storage technologies

### GridScale can deliver cost-effectively in the crucial capacity range

- An energy storage system has to have 10 h to 10 days capacity to manage variability of renewables
- At this capacity, batteries will remain prohibitively expensive for decades
- Pumped hydro can deliver the desired capacity, but is constrained by topographical requirements. Other non-battery storage technologies have similar issues.
- GridScale can deliver cost-effectively in the desired time range and is unconstrained by topographical or geological requirements



## GridScale Battery compared with known storage technologies

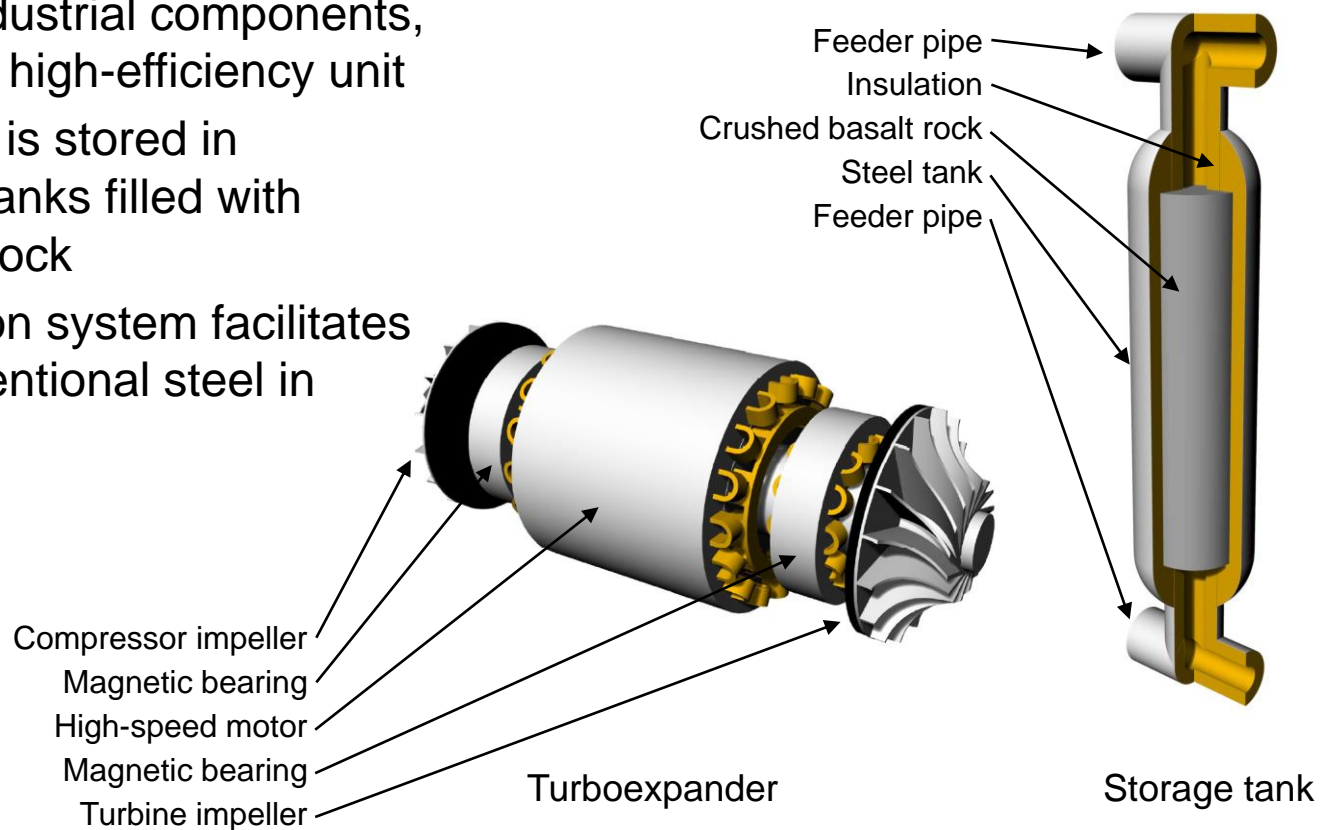
Topic	Li-ion	Pump H <sub>2</sub> O	CAES	Hydrogen	GridScale
Technology readiness charge-discharge	Mature	Mature	Mature	Development stage	Mature
Technology readiness storage unit	Mature	Mature	Mature	Mature	Development stage
Round-trip efficiency	90%	85%	40-60%	30-50%	35-65+%
Round-trip energy cost	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low
Energy density	High	Low	Low	High	High
Footprint	Small	Large	Small	Small	Small
Scalability, power	0.01-25 MW	50-1000 MW	5-100 MW	1-1000 MW	1-1000+ MW
Scalability, energy	0.01-25 MWh	100-10.000 MWh	10-1000 MWh	1-100.000 MWh	1-100.000 MWh
Location requirement	None	Special topography	Special geology	Special geology	None
Raw material use	High	None	None	Moderate (electrolyzer)	None



## The industrialized concept of the GridScale Battery

### Design for industrialization and mass production is a key feature

- The turboexpander design uses standardized industrial components, combined into a high-efficiency unit
- Thermal energy is stored in insulated steel tanks filled with crushed basalt rock
- Internal insulation system facilitates the use of conventional steel in reservoir tanks



## The industrialized concept of the GridScale Battery

### Modularity for easy scaling

- A storage unit comprises well-defined modules suited for industrialized manufacturing
  - A turboexpander unit with pre-pressure compressor, controls etc.
  - A filter unit with air filters and manifolds
  - Two rows of standardized storage reservoirs
- Storage duration is adjusted with number of storage tanks
- Power rating is adjusted with number of parallel units

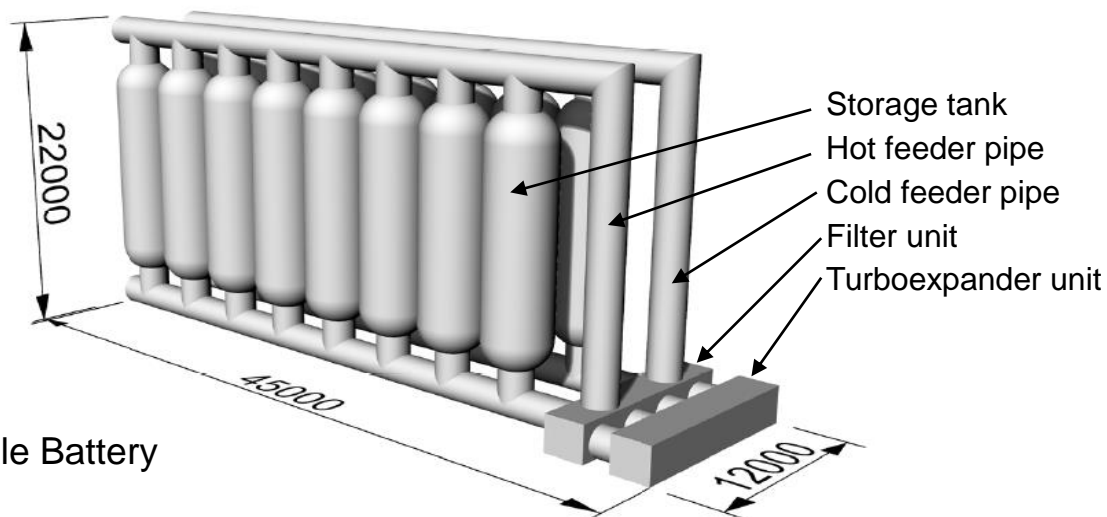
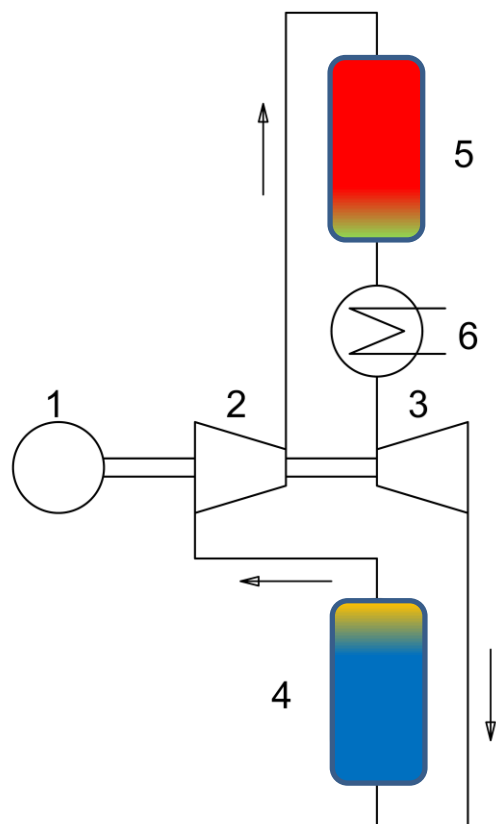


Figure shows 2.5 MW, 60 MWh GridScale Battery

## Basic principle of GridScale Battery - charging



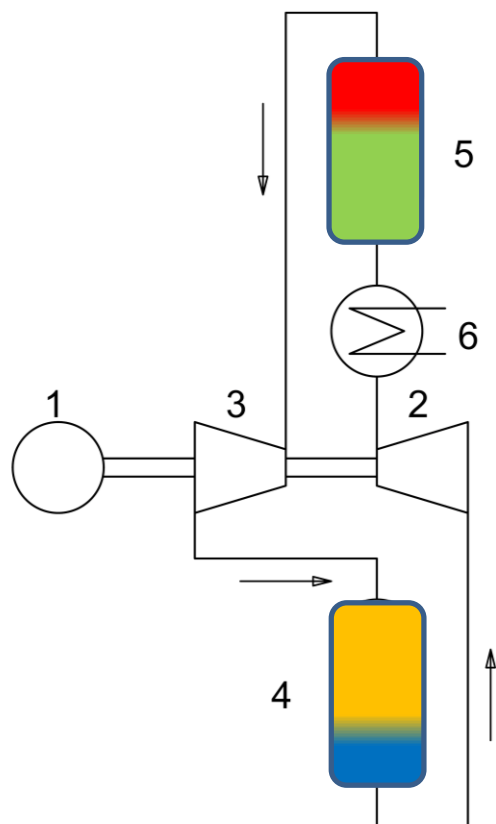
**Charge**

The charging cycle of the GridScale Battery essentially constitutes a heat pump.

During charging, air is heated by adiabatic compression. After having delivered the heat to a hot storage tank, the air is cooled to ambient temperature and is subsequently cooled to subzero temperatures by adiabatic expansion.

- 1 Motor
- 2 Compressor
- 3 Turbine
- 4 Cold storage tank
- 5 Hot storage tank
- 6 Cooler

## Basic principle of GridScale Battery - discharging



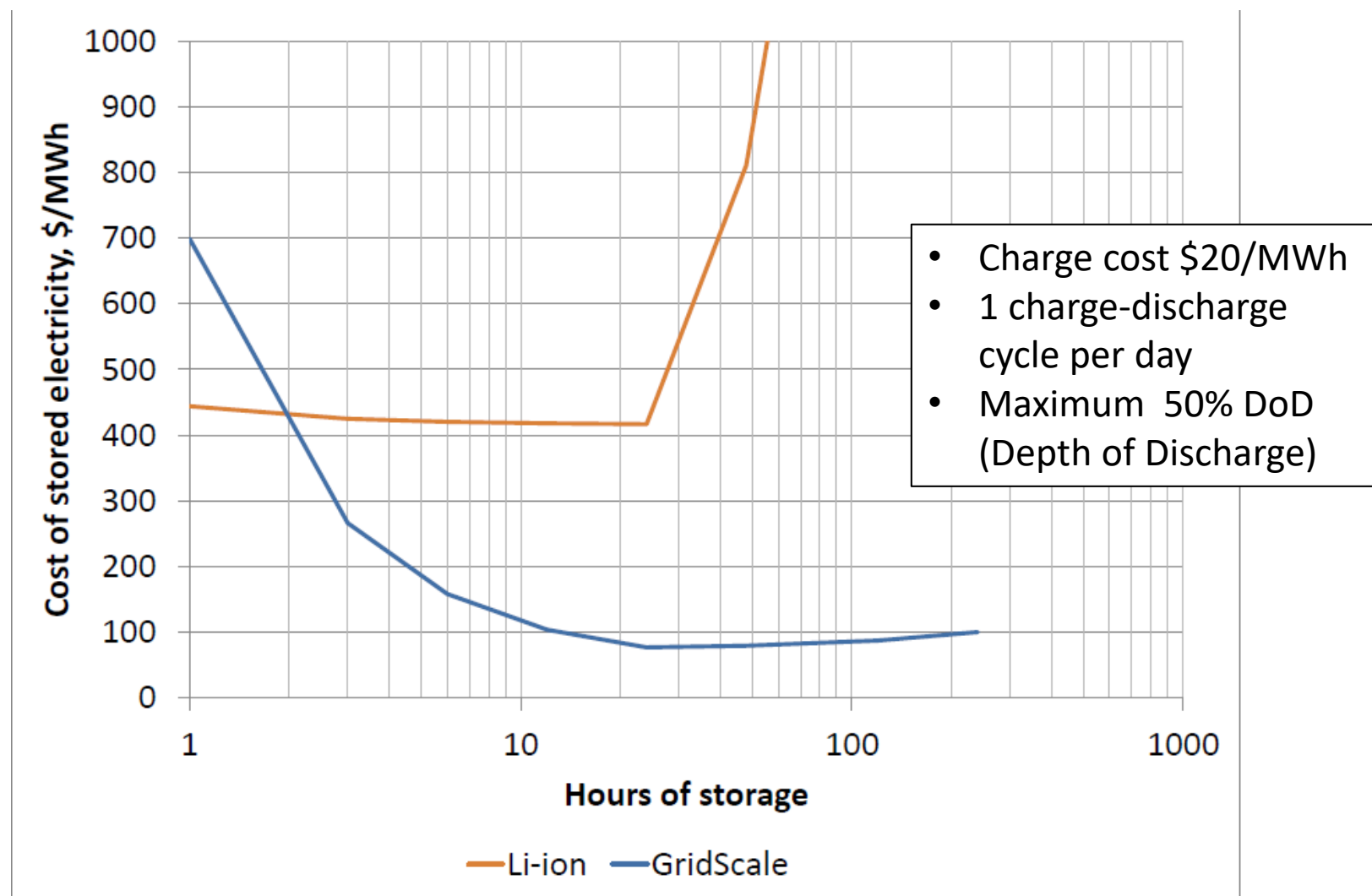
**Discharge**

During discharging, the compressor-turbine arrangement represents a Brayton cycle (as used in gas turbines)

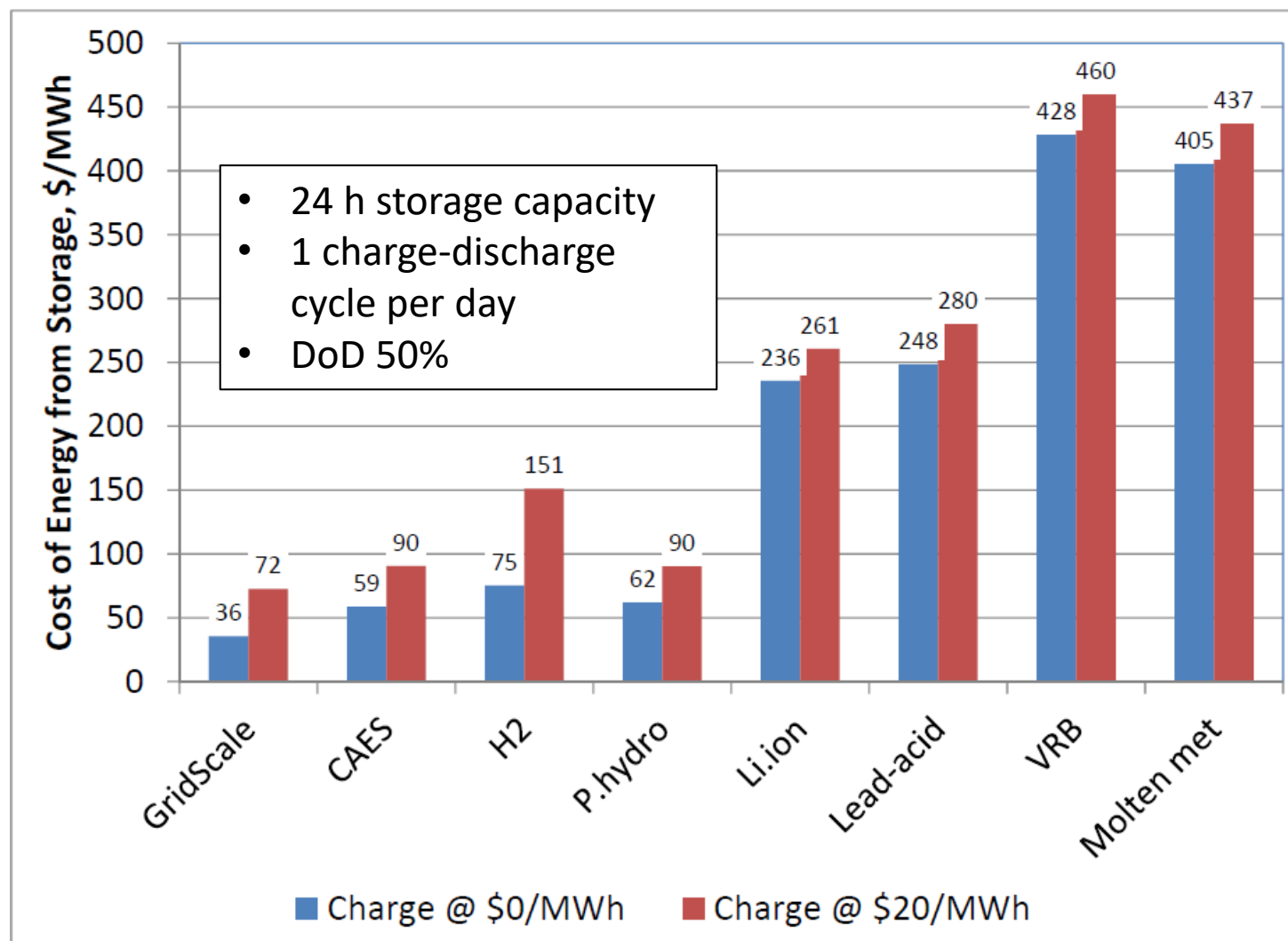
Air from the cold reservoir is compressed and subsequently heated to a high temperature in the hot reservoir. It is then expanded in the turbine and returns to the cold reservoir.

- 1 Generator
- 2 Compressor
- 3 Turbine
- 4 Cold storage tank
- 5 Hot storage tank
- 6 Cooler

## GridScale Battery cost advantage for longer-term storage



## Storage costs depend on charging costs



## Use case – Reduced-transmission PV

### **GridScale Battery enables three times more solar electricity on the grid**

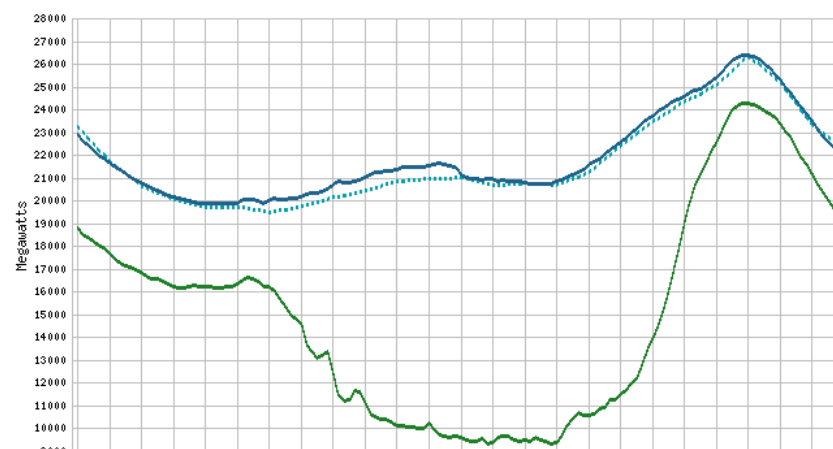
- The development of utility-scale solar PV is often constrained by transmission capacity.
- The transmission grid is only fully utilized during full daylight hours. It is essentially not utilized during nighttime.
- At present-day PV capacity factor levels of ~30%, with storage located at plants three times more solar electricity could be delivered through existing transmission grid.



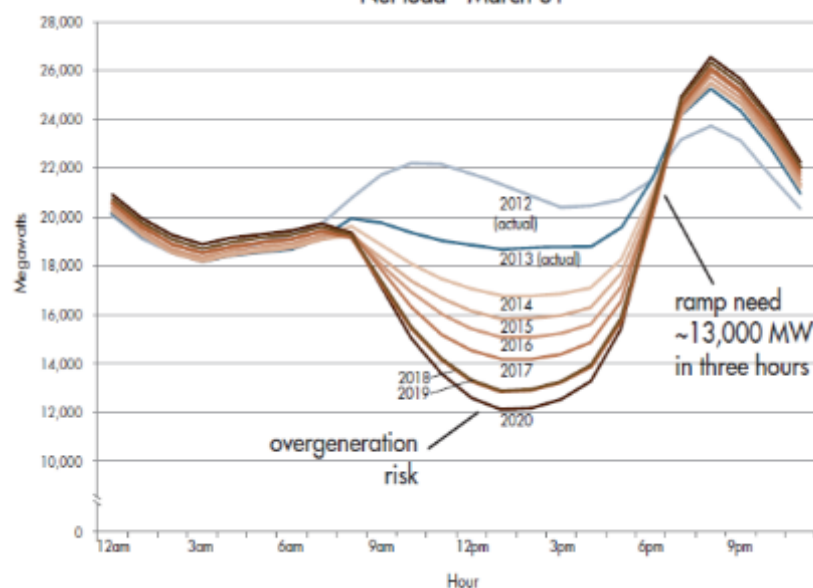
## Use case – Duck curve compensation

### GridScale Battery enables load shifting

- The challenge of the duck curve is meeting or exceeding predictions
- Further expansion with solar PV will be severely constrained by grid capacity and stability requirements.
- The GridScale Battery offers an alternative to curtailment and essentially enables 24 h PV



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## Project status

Main topic	Subtopic	Done	Open
<b>Thermodynamics</b>	• Concept evaluation	✓	
	• Detailed optimization		✓
<b>Storage material</b>	• Selection and testing of rock fill	✓	
	• Development of “coal ash rock”		✓
<b>Storage unit</b>	• Concept design	✓	
	• Detailed design		✓
<b>Charge and discharge systems</b>	• Concept system design	✓	
	• Detailed system design		✓
	• Development of any special solutions		✓
<b>System interaction</b>	• Mapping of use cases	✓	
<b>Validation</b>	• Lab rock bed (kWh range)	✓	
	• Large rock bed (MWh range)		✓
	• Demo system (MW range)		✓
<b>Implementation</b>	• Commercial system (1-10 MW)		✓

**Thanks for your attention**

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## Introduction – Henrik Stiesdal



**Former CTO of Siemens Wind Power, retired end 2014**

### **Key Achievements**

- Wind power pioneer, built first test turbine 1976, and first commercial turbine 1978; licensed wind turbine design to Vestas 1979, kick-starting modern Danish wind industry
- Served as technical manager of Bonus Energy A/S from 1988, ran company together with CEO until Siemens acquisition 2004, then took position as CTO of Siemens Wind Power
- Installed world's first offshore wind farm (1991) and world's first floating wind turbine (2009)
- Invented and implemented key technologies, including Siemens proprietary blade manufacturing, low-weight direct-drive turbines, variable-speed operation, energy storage, etc.
- Holds more than 800 patents

**Post-Siemens activities include work on low-cost floating foundation technology, high-capacity energy storage and carbon-negative fuels**