

# Zinc Technologies for Grid Scale Energy Storage

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# Energy Storage has become a Resounding Success!

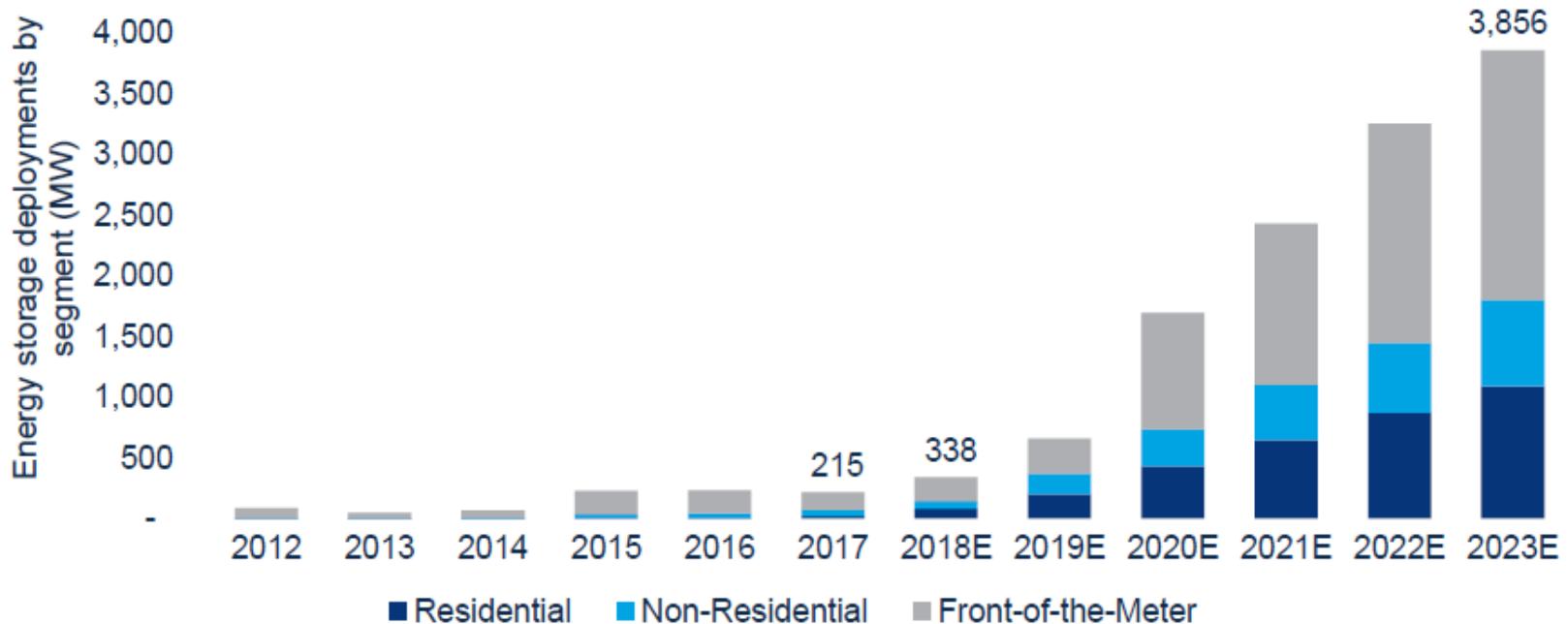
Wood Mac Power & Renewables - U.S. Energy Storage

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**U.S. energy storage annual deployments will reach 3.9 GW by 2023**

Utility procurements, changing tariffs and grid service opportunities all drive the market forward

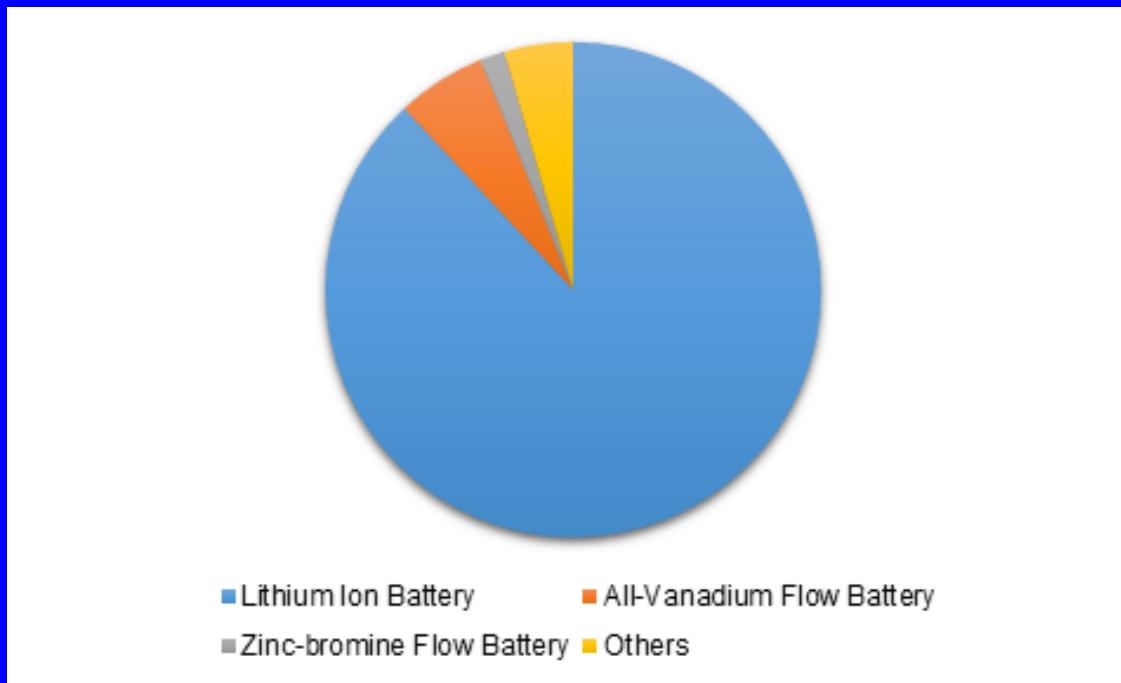
U.S. energy storage annual deployment forecast, 2012-2023E (MW)



Source: Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables

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# And yet!



Lithium Technologies dominate the Market

# Incumbent Lithium Ion Technology:

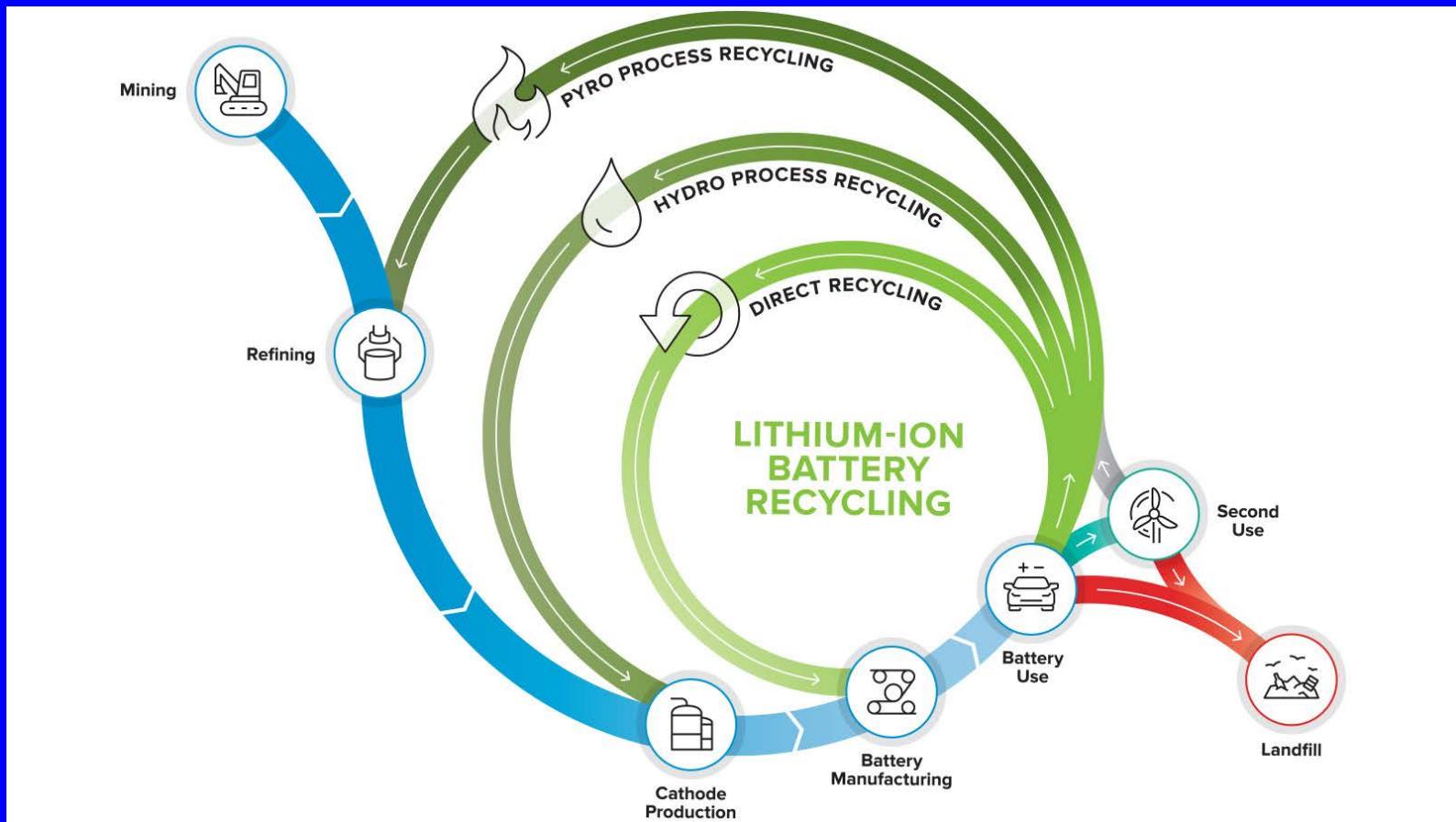
## Ecological and Sociological Issues

Safety, Reliability,

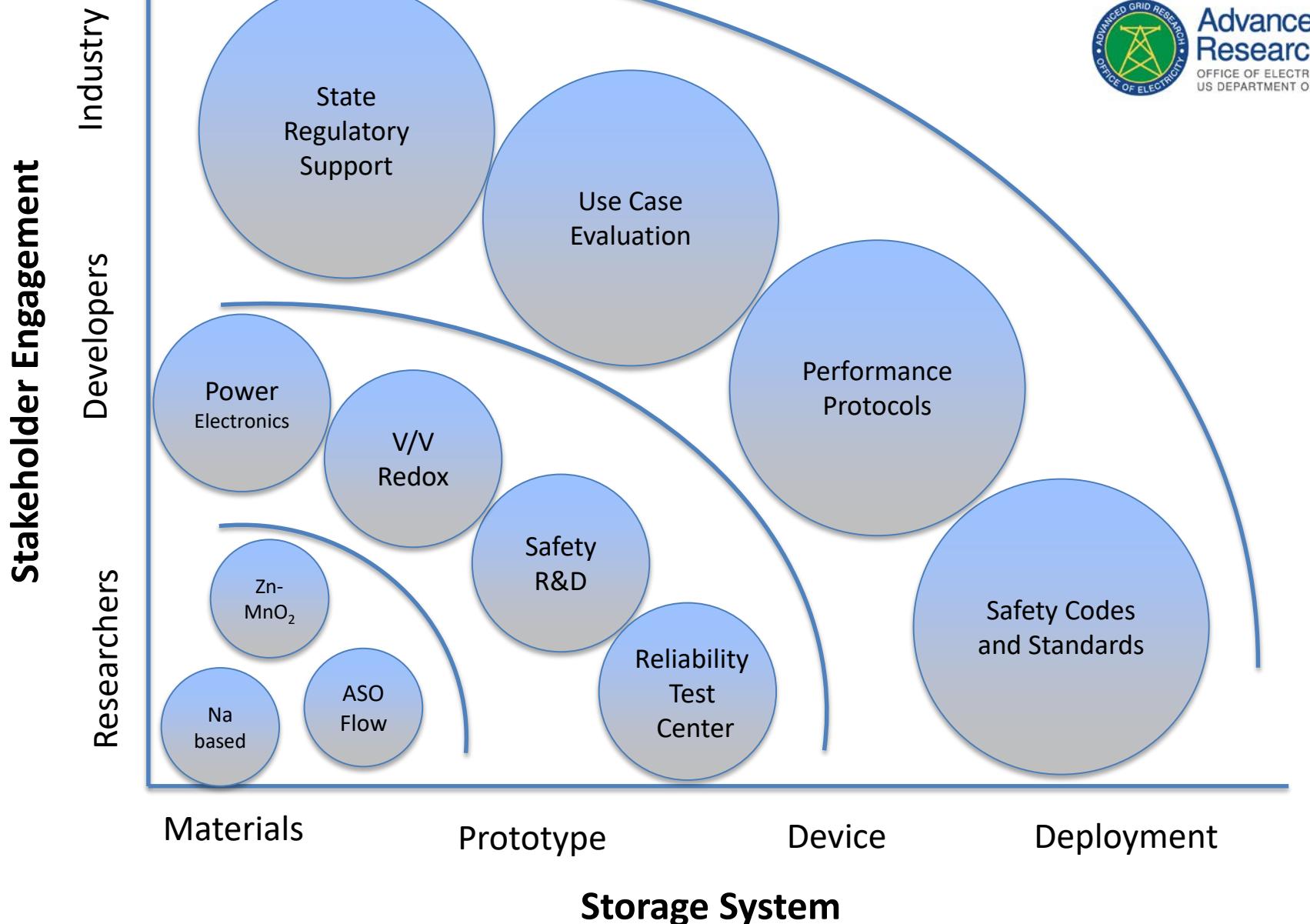
Re-Use, Recycling, Disposal



# Recycling Lithium Batteries?



# Energy Storage Program



# EPA - American Chemical Society Green Chemistry Award

2017 – V/V Redox

2019 – Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub>



Zinc Batteries have:

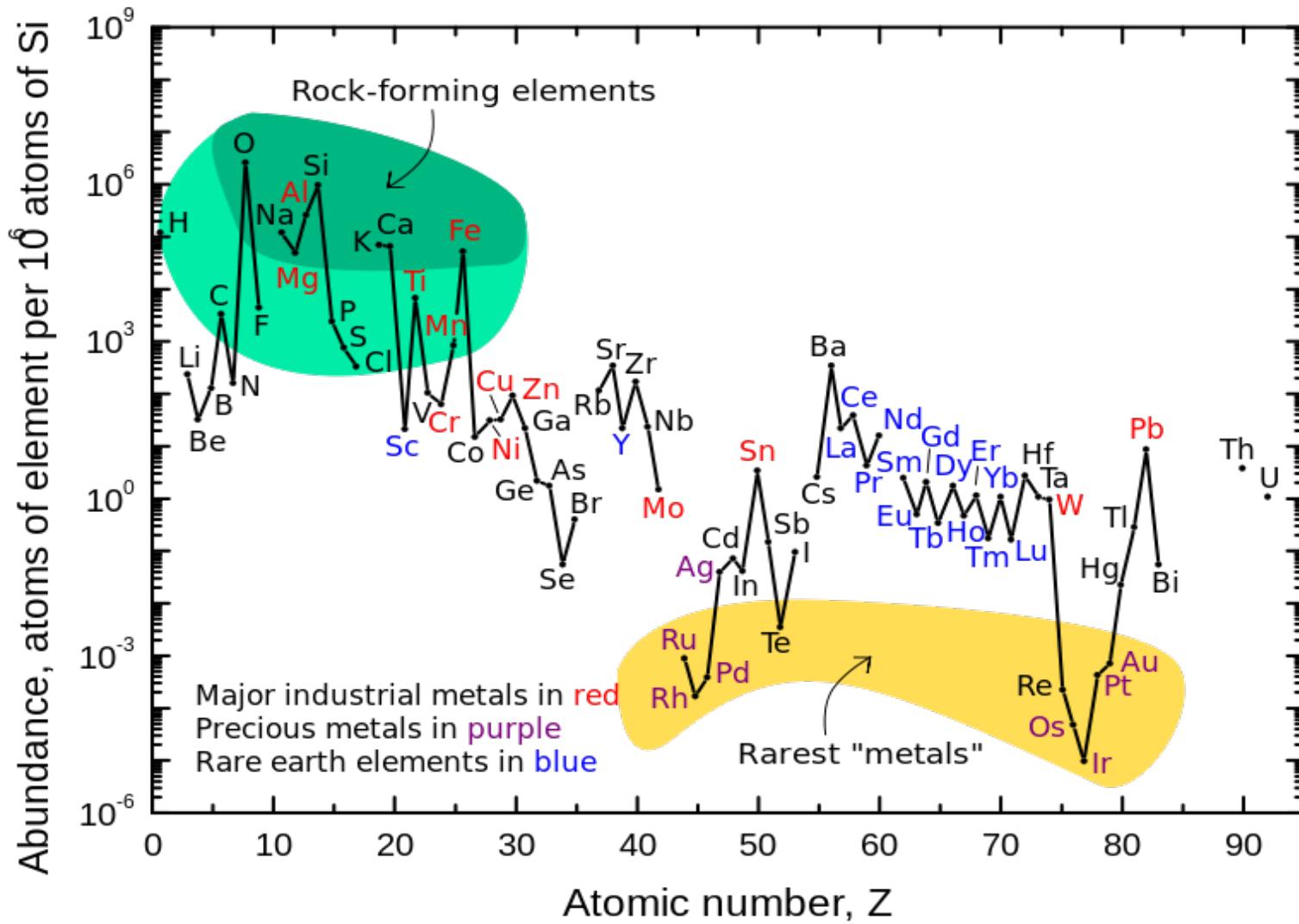
Low Material Cost

Easily Recycled

No Strategic Vulnerability

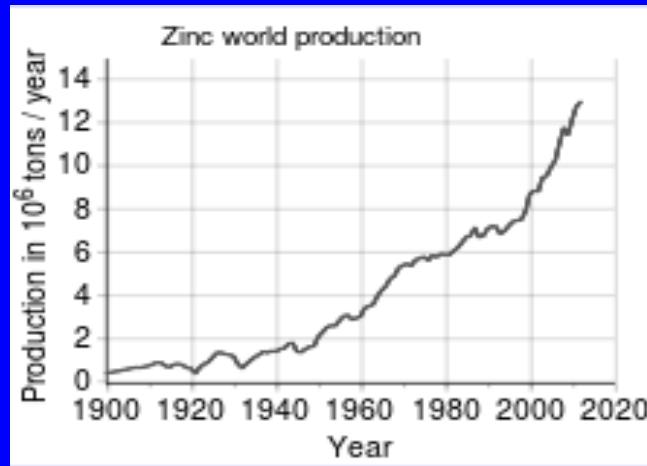
Fire Safe, Low Toxicity

Show Considerable Promise and are  
well worth Research Investment!



We want low Cost !

Iron	\$ 529
Zinc	\$ 2,636
Aluminium	\$ 2,104
Lead	\$ 2,284
Copper	\$ 6,320
Nickel	\$14,115
Tin	\$19,770
Vanadium	\$29,000



Country	Tons
China	5,000,000
Australia	1,500,000
Peru	1,300,000
India	820,000
United States	700,000
Mexico	700,000

## Zinc Batteries:

Zinc Manganese Oxide

Zinc Bromine

Zinc Air

Nickel Zinc

Zinc Silver

# Cost Goals for Focus Technologies

Manufactured at scale

Li-ion Batteries (cells only) \$100/kWh

V/V Flow Batteries (stack+PE) \$300/kWh

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Zinc Manganese Oxide (Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub>)  
2 Electron System \$ 50/kWh

Low Temperature Na / Na-ion  
based Batteries \$ 60/kWh

Aqueous Soluble Organic (ASO)  
Redox Flow Batteries (stack+PE) \$125/kWh

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Advanced Lead Acid \$ 35/kWh

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