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# Energy Storage: Charging up the future

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#### Introduction

What has been a game changer in energy storage:

- > increased reliance on renewables
  - challenges to the grid as a result of intermittent nature
- > decarbonisation energy storage as a cleaner alternative to natural gas peaker plants, diesel generators
- > technological advances in battery storage, especially lithiumion



### State of the market

Battery storage systems continue to gain traction around the world

- > Location of battery storage systems:
  - Installation with generator
  - Installation with grid
  - Installation "behind the meter" by end-user



Source: IEA, Annual storage deployment, 2013-2018, IEA, Paris https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/annual-storage-deployment-2013-2018

#### Energy storage technologies

- Chemical / electro-chemical storage batteries, flow batteries, solar heat & salt, hydrogen
- > Potential storage compressed air, pumped hydro
- > Kinetic storage flywheels
- > Thermal storage heat and cooling



Source: IEA, *Technology mix in storage installations excluding pumped hydro, 2011-2016*, IEA, Paris https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/technology-mix-in-storage-installations-excluding-pumped-hydro-2011-2016

## Uses of energy storage



Source: Fitzgerald, Garrett, James Mandel, Jesse Morris, and Hervé Touati, The Economics of Battery Energy Storage: How multi-use, customer-sited batteries deliver the most services and value to customers and the grid, Rocky Mountain Institute, September 2015, http://www.rmi.org/electricity\_battery\_value

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#### Policy and regulatory issues

- > Regulatory uncertainties pose a challenge to investors / financiers
- > Regulatory framework needs to catch up with the technology
  - —how to best capture the full range of application and flexibility of energy storage – need for a new regime?
  - -arbitrage vs financial incentives
  - -technology agnostic

## Bankability issues (1)

- > Structure and financial modelling
- > Revenue
  - Stand alone storage: short/medium term contracts vs PPA model
  - Attached to another renewables projects: single or separate revenue streams?
  - Costs of importing power to charge storage
- > Financing:
  - For co-storage projects to what extent project finance debt can be used to fund riskier element

## Bankability issues (2)

- > Construction and O&M
  - Type of contracting model
  - Limited performance warranty coverage
  - Degradation 10 year lifespan vs 20-25 year PPA?
  - Noise coverage guarantees
- > Environmental and Social
  - Supply chain considerations
  - Safety

### Conclusion

## Thank you | Questions?

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