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# Department of Energy's Advanced Energy Storage Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW &  
CURRENT INITIATIVES

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



# DOE Energy Storage Grand Challenge



## VISION

By 2030, the U.S. will be the **world leader** in energy storage utilization and exports, with a secure **domestic manufacturing supply chain** independent of foreign sources of critical materials.

## MISSION

The ESGC will focus resources from across the DOE to create a comprehensive program to accelerate the **development and commercialization** of next-generation energy storage technologies and sustain U.S. global leadership in energy storage.

## KEY OBJECTIVES

- Bidirectional Storage
- Flexible Generation and Controllable Loads
- Chemical and Thermal Storage

## FIVE TRACKS OF ACTIVITY

1. Technology Development
2. Technology Transition
3. Policy & Valuation
4. Manufacturing & Supply Chain
5. Workforce & Technical Assistance

# DOE Energy Storage Grand Challenge



U.S. leadership in Energy Storage requires a strategy that leverages a range of federal government tools and resources to enable U.S. firms to compete in markets around the world.

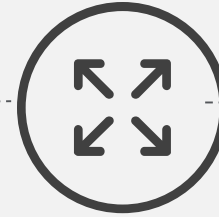


Varying use cases each with their own technical and cost requirements



Domestic and International markets

**DEPLOY EVERYWHERE**



Multi-pronged approach to maximize chance of success



Numerous decision makers such as customers, investors, manufacturers, and policymakers

## SIX USE CASES



*Facilitating an Evolving Grid*



*Serving Remote Communities*



*Electrified Mobility*



*Interdependent Network Infrastructure*



*Critical Service Resilience*



*Facility Flexibility, Efficiency & Value*

### Power Generation

### T&D

### Load Demand



#### Fossil Energy

- Large-scale coal & gas assets
  - Existing plants
  - New plants
- Small-scale assets
- Natural gas DG
  - microgrids
  - DOD bases

#### OE

- Transmission and distribution
- Energy management

#### EERE – BTO

Residential

#### EERE – AMO

Industrial

#### FE

Industrial

## Asset Flexibility | Grid Reliability | Environmental Performance



Thermal



Mechanical



Chemical






Innovative






## Reliable & Affordable

-  **RELIABILITY IN A CHANGING GRID**  
Enables greater grid stability and fossil power plant flexibility to accommodate growth of variable renewable energy and expansion of electrified transportation systems
-  **RESILIENCY IN UNPLANNED EVENTS**  
Fossil power plants can continue to operate during grid outages and provide robust supply during storms and other natural disasters, aiding response and recovery efforts
-  **SECURE ENERGY SUPPLY**  
Keeps power plants and the grid functioning in times of physical and cyber-security threats
-  **REDUCED DEPLOYMENT & CUSTOMER COST**  
Leverages otherwise wasted plant heat energy and underutilized supply system investments

## Cleaner Environment

-  **CLEANER ELECTRICITY**  
Enables greater amounts of renewable energy integration into the electricity supply while keeping the grid resilient
-  **SMALLER REAL-WORLD FOOTPRINT**  
Realizes the benefit of optimal environment footprint of base-load power plants with fewer new site development demands and lower carbon emissions
-  **REDUCTION IN IDLING**  
Provides an opportunity to recover heat wasted during turndown operations, improving efficiencies and economics

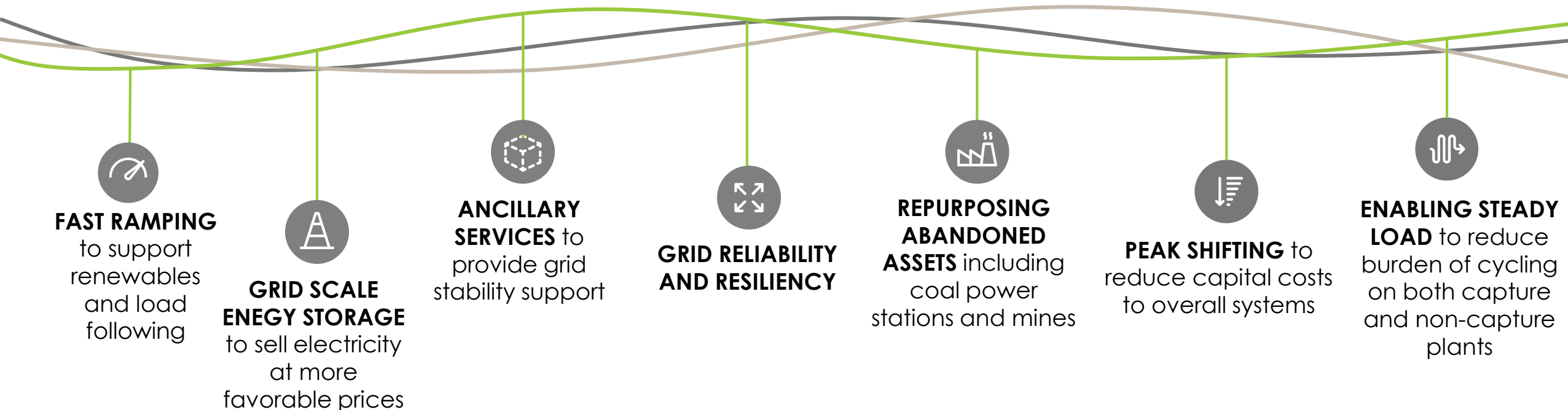
## Stronger Infrastructure

-  **INCREASED FLEXIBILITY**  
Quickly accommodates unexpected changes in generation and load, maintaining balance among variable renewable energy availability and baseload generator operating conditions
-  **IMPROVED ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
Optimizes power plant operation, transmission, sub-transmission and electricity distribution infrastructure reduces local and regional socio-economic disruptions
-  **EFFICIENTLY SERVE NEW MARKETS**  
Stored energy can be made available to affordably satisfy energy demands for new ancillary services

# Energy Storage Opportunity Areas

The Energy Storage market is quite complex and faces many challenges

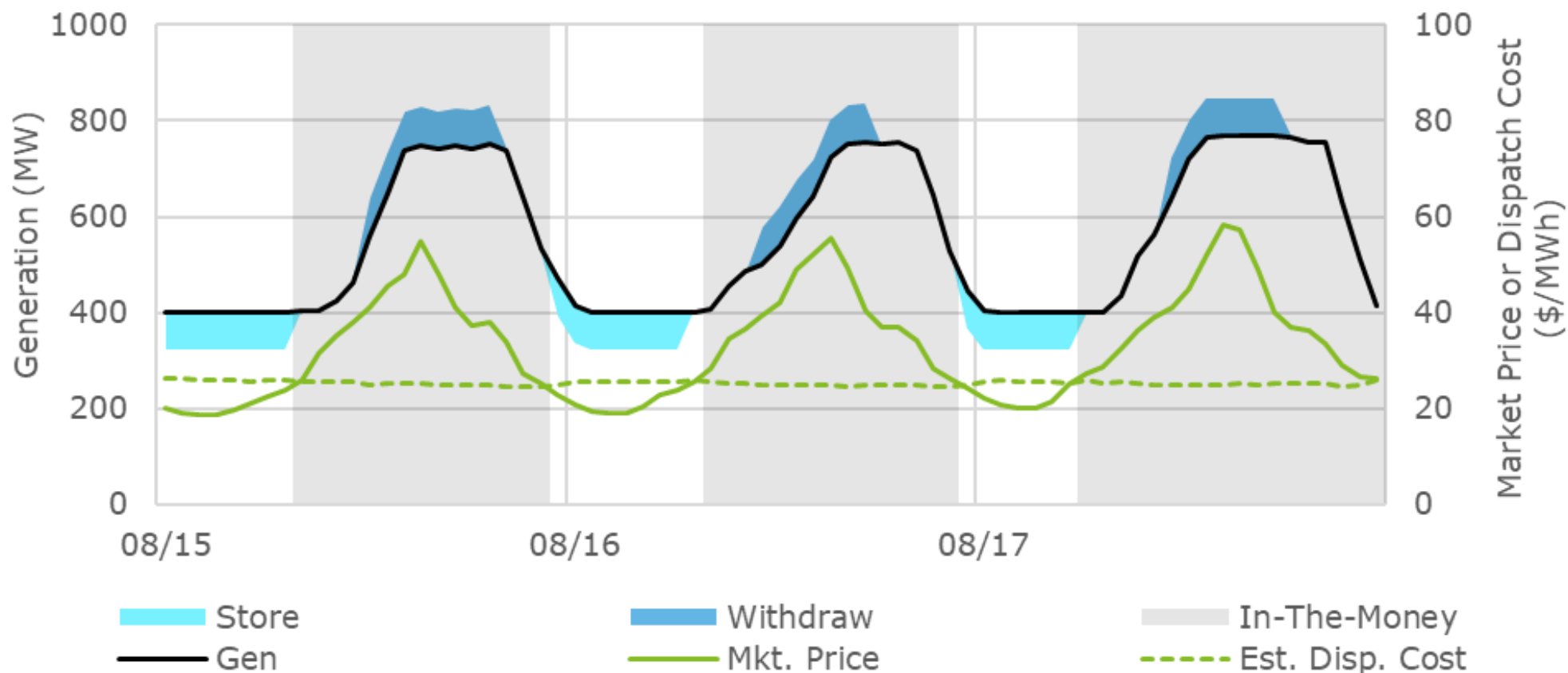
## Fossil Energy Generation Key Challenges





# Energy Storage for FE Benefits cont.

Illustration of Energy Storage Enabling Financial Benefit (Plant and 'Grid')



## STORAGE BENEFITS

- **Example:** 8-hour energy storage option
- **Day 1:** higher morning ramp rate to increase revenue and capture peak power
- **Day 2:** running out of storage due to design capacity

Source: NETL Actual unit data for generation, market price and estimated dispatch cost

| Fuel  | Prime Mover | Dispatch Type Category | No. of Units | Summer Capacity (GW) |
|-------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| NG    | GT          | Peaking                | 2,332        | 127                  |
| NG    | CC          | Peaking                | 32           | 0.3                  |
| NG    | CC          | Cycling                | 150          | 15.5                 |
| NG    | CC          | Must Run               | 547          | 254                  |
| Coal  | all         | Peaking                | 10           | 0.08                 |
| Coal  | all         | Cycling                | 18           | 2.2                  |
| Coal  | all         | Must Run               | 475          | 221                  |
| Coal  | all         | Baseload               | 278          | 6                    |
| Gas   | IC          | Peaking                | 1,250        | 5.2                  |
| Gas   | IC          | Cycling                | 14           | 0.37                 |
| Petro | IC          | Peaking                | 3,308        | 5.9                  |
| Renew | IC          | Peaking                | 1,866        | 2                    |

Renew IC fuels include Landfill gas, Biogas, Bioliquids, Agriculture byproducts

## TRL 2-3

Basic Technology  
Research

Advanced Sensible  
Heat Storage

Latent Heat: Other  
Phase Change  
Materials

Forest  
Waste  
Wood

Formic Acid  
Production

Thermal-chemical  
Hybrid (TCES)

Electro-thermal  
Hybrid

## TRL 4-5

Components  
Tested

Geothermal

Advanced  
Chemical Energy

## TRL 6-8

System Tested

Latent Heat: Liquid Air  
Energy Storage (LAES)

## TRL 9

Commercialized





Compressed Air  
Energy Storage

Redox Flow Battery

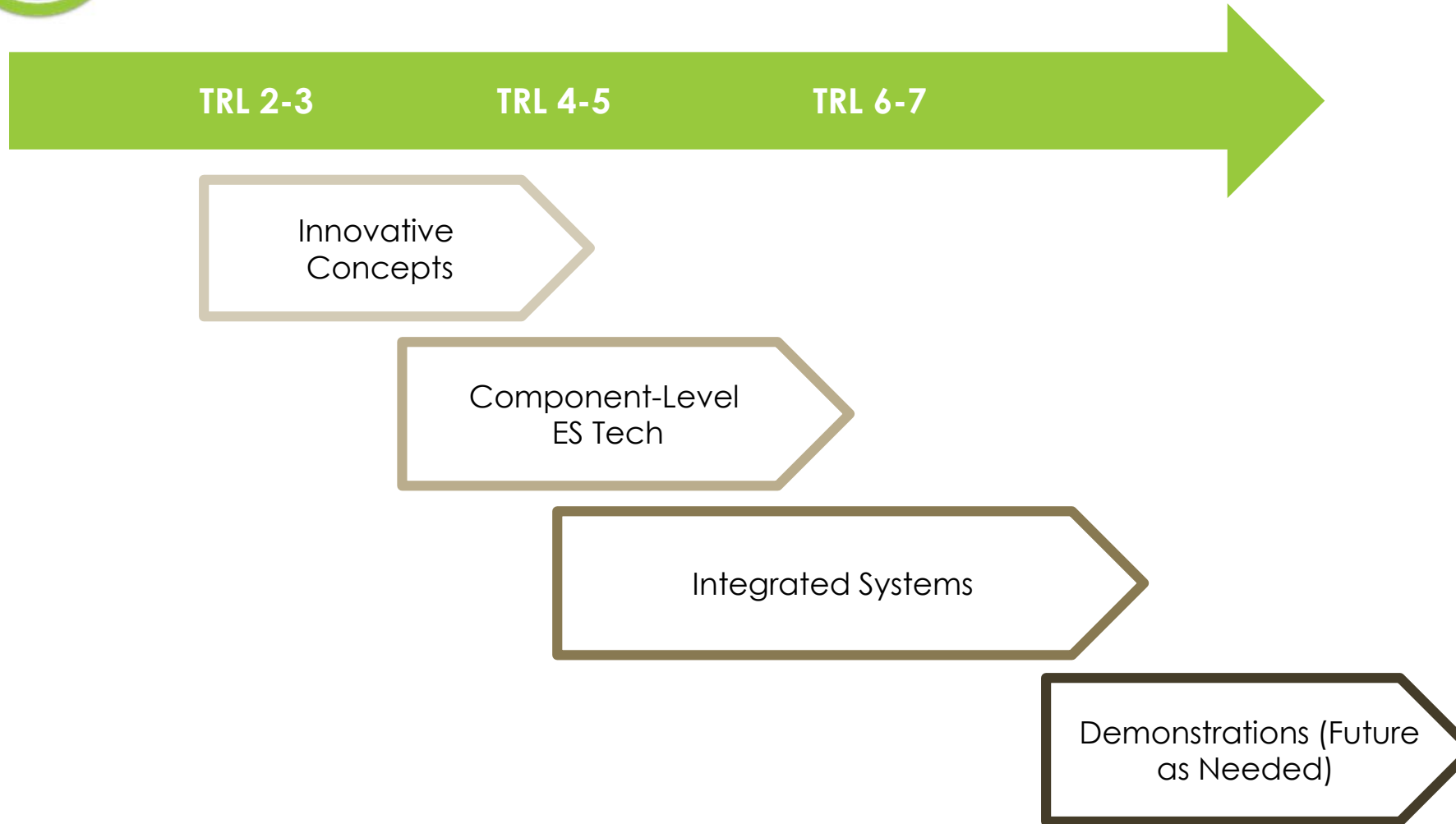
Molten Salt

Chemical Energy  
(H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SNG, etc.)

### Key

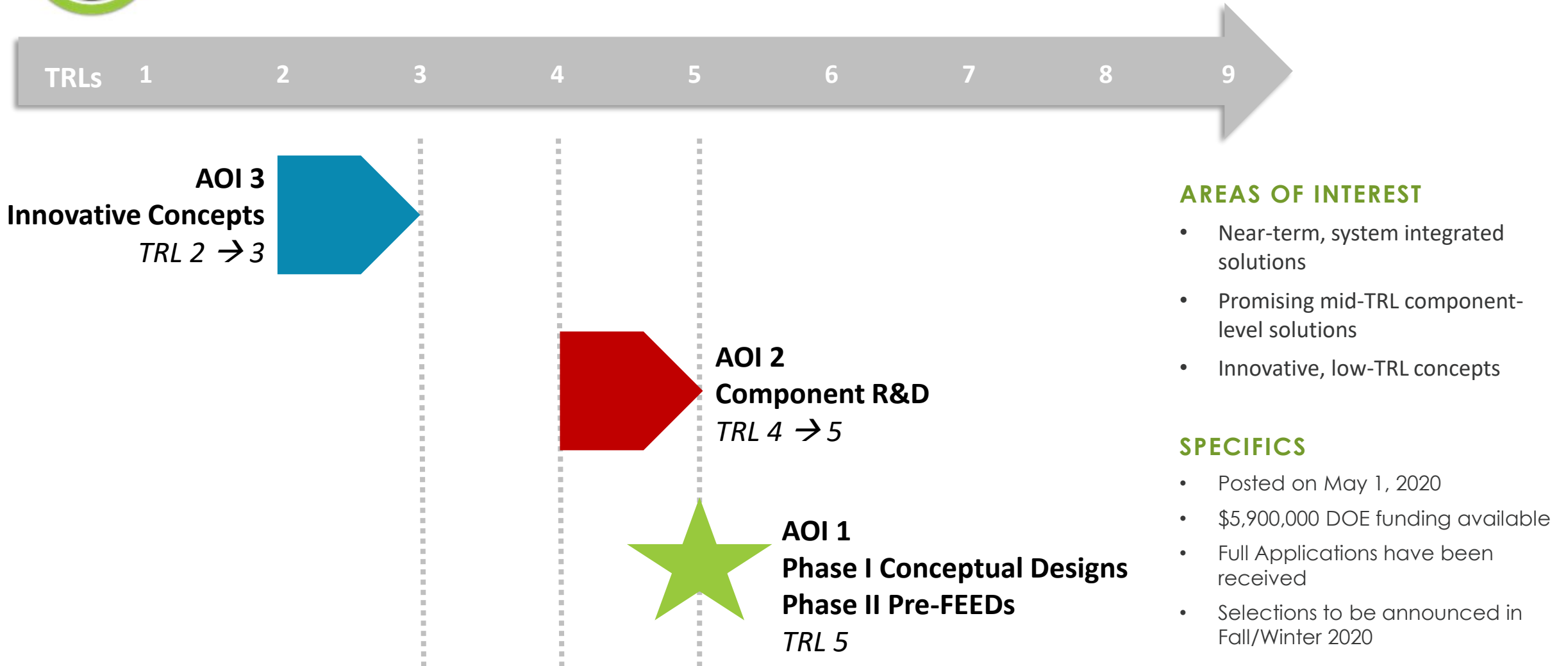
-  Thermal Energy Storage
-  Chemical Energy Storage
-  Mechanical Energy Storage
-  Other Technology Type





## OUTCOMES

- Mature Long-Duration Energy Storage technologies
- Field Test Near-term Energy Storage Tech with Fossil Assets
- Support Commercialization and Deployment





# Current Energy Storage Projects

Align to NETL & Crosscutting Mission



## ACTIVE PROJECTS FUNDED OUTSIDE OF NETL

EPRI: testing a pilot-scale concrete thermal energy storage system to demonstrate the energy storage potential of the technology when applied to coal-fired power units.

IDAES: seeks to be the premier resource for identification, synthesis, optimization, and analysis of innovative advanced energy systems including the integration of energy storage systems.

Lehigh University: developing an optimized prototype of a solid media thermal energy storage concept for thermal management applications in coal-fired power plants.

West Virginia University Research Corporation: evaluating the transient response to various system concepts that minimize the levelized cost of electricity of thermal, chemical, mechanical, and electro-chemical storage technologies.

## NETL PROGRAM

### NETL Crosscutting Program:

- Planning to award first cohort of projects from FY2020 FOA

### Transformative Power Generation:

- 3 active SBIR Phase 1 Projects modeling the impacts of energy storage on fossil energy assets



## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- **Component level R&D**
- **Feasibility studies/Pre-FEEDs**
  - Market studies
  - Economic assessments
  - Technology reviews
  - Integration challenges
- **Technology Demos/Pilots**
- **Energy Storage Tracking**
- **Roadmaps**
  - Integration challenges
  - Manufacturing needs
  - Control systems
- **Webinars & Engagement**
  - Educational outreach
  - Stakeholder engagement



# Engage with NETL

We have a lot planned for the future! Keep up with our Energy Storage work and learn more at [www.NETL.DOE.gov](http://www.NETL.DOE.gov). Follow us for the most up to date information:

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## FALL / WINTER

- Announce FOA Selections, November
- New FOA Award Webinar, January

## SUMMER

- Energy Storage Grand Challenge Draft Roadmap
- FE Program Panel Discussion

## WINTER / SPRING

- FE Request for Information
- Energy Storage Grand Challenge Workshops

# Thank you!

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## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

**Check out our resources available on our  
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<https://netl.doe.gov/coal/crosscutting/energy-storage>



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