



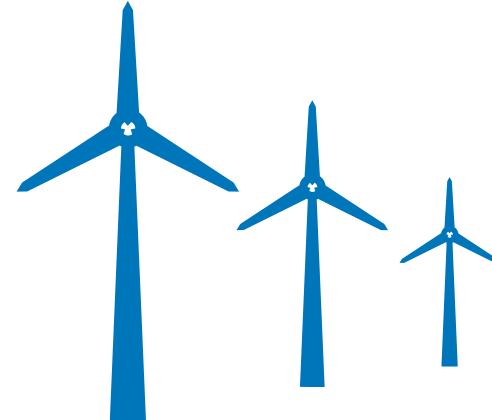
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# The Problem

FLASC is solving a fundamental clean energy problem:

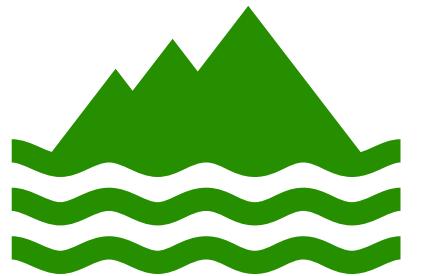
- **Renewable energy supply and consumer demand do not match**, causing major **pain-points** across the energy system:



**Utility-scale renewables** suffer curtailment and negative pricing

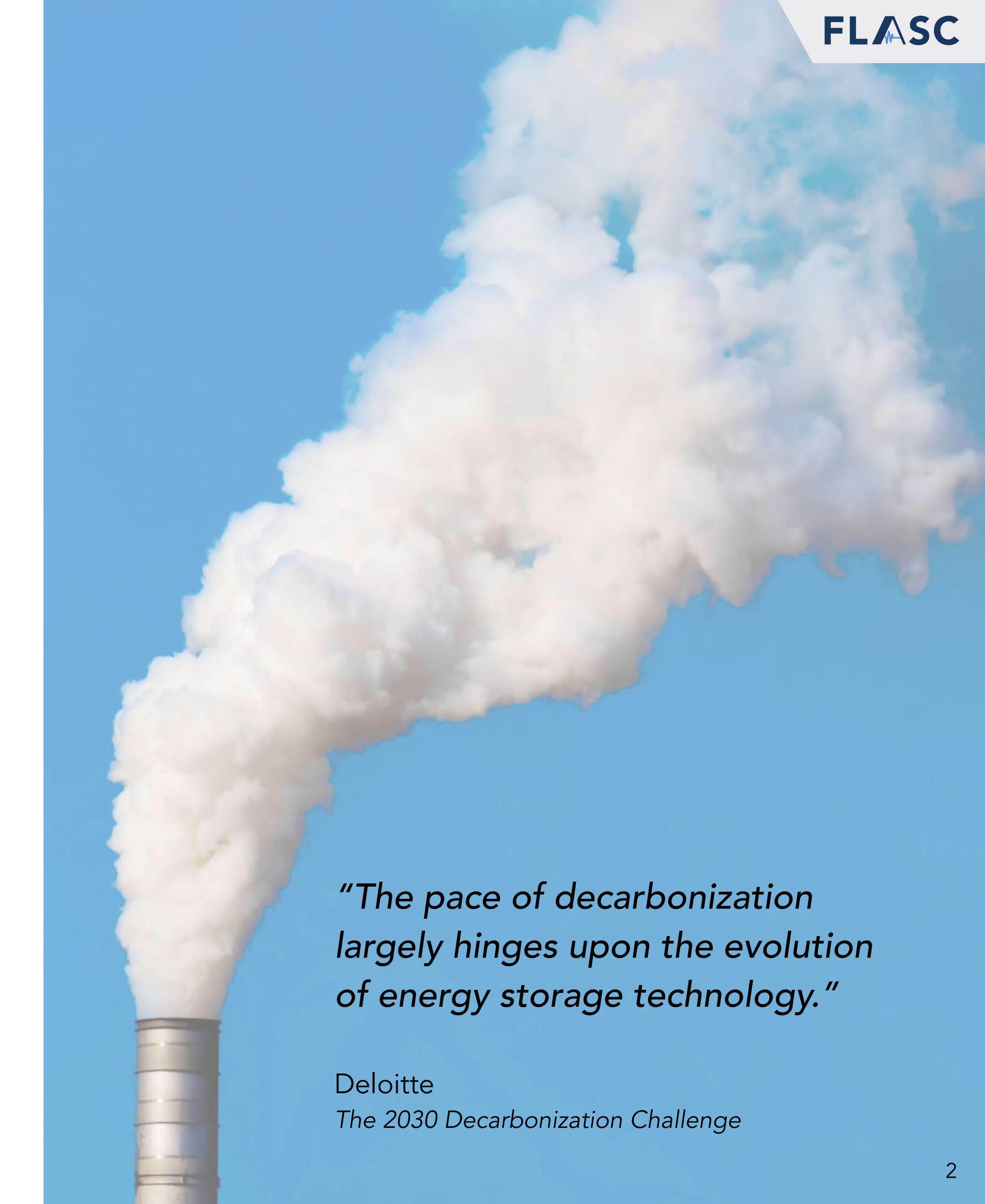


**Heavy industries** need a dependable supply of clean power to fully decarbonise



**Off-grid applications** need high levels of flexibility but space is often limited

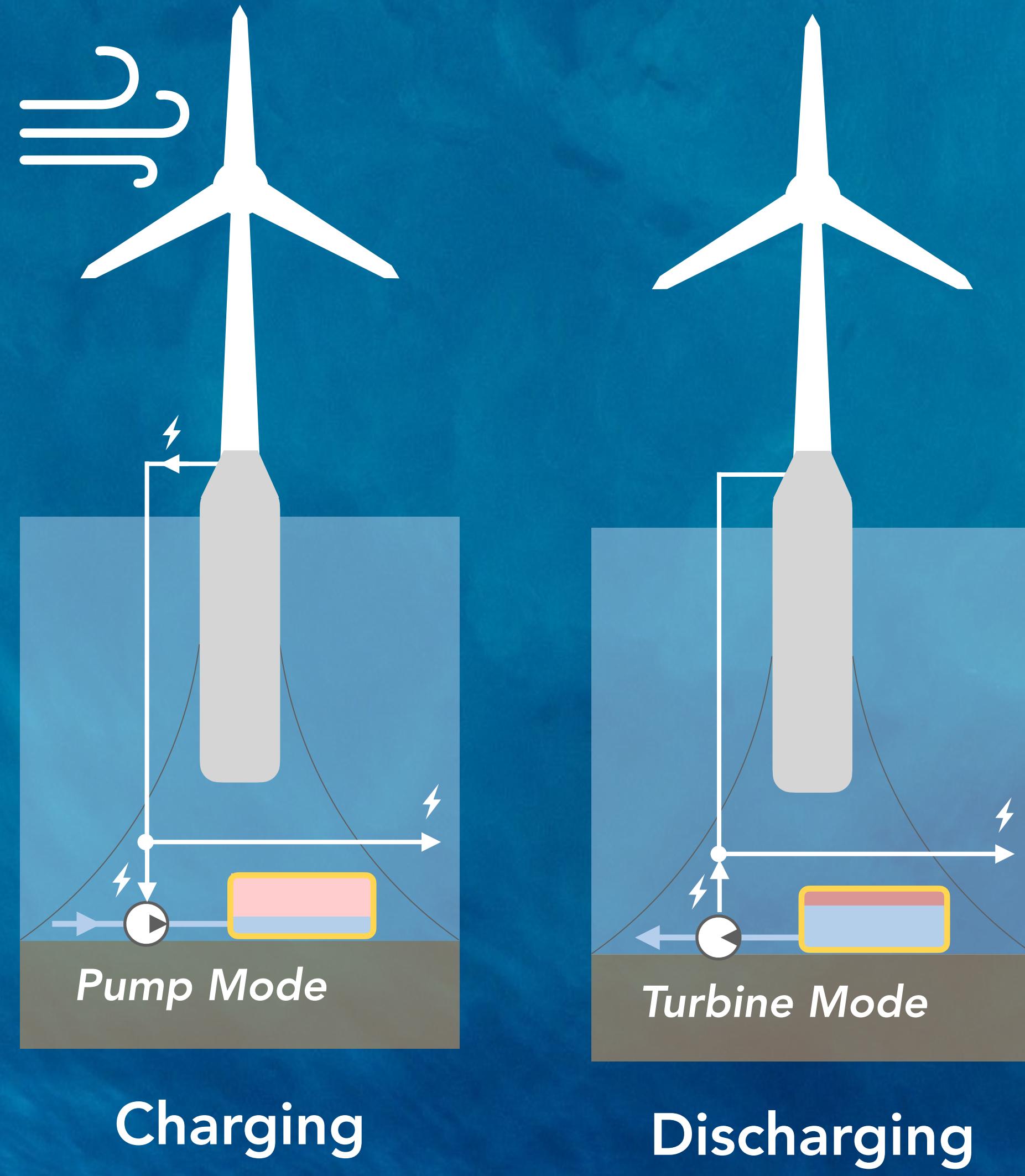
FLASC has developed a unique offshore energy storage technology to deliver **renewable power on demand**.



*"The pace of decarbonization largely hinges upon the evolution of energy storage technology."*

Deloitte

*The 2030 Decarbonization Challenge*



# HPES: Hydro-Pneumatic Energy Storage

Combining **pumped hydro** with **compressed air**

- ▶ Patented Innovations:



**Pneumatic Pre-Charging**

→ High Energy Density in Shallow Water



**Ocean as a Natural Heatsink**

→ High Thermal Efficiency

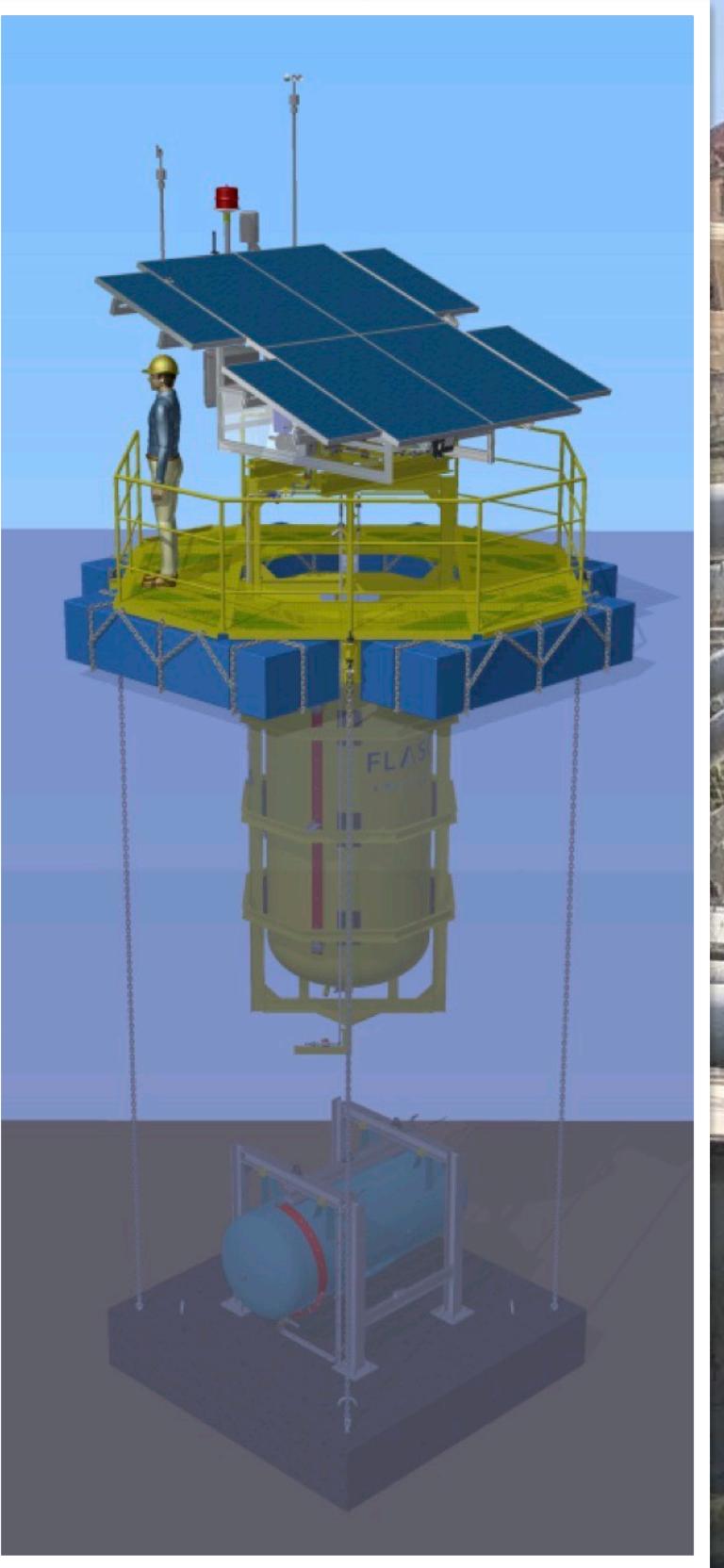
- ▶ Scalability: >100 MWh

- ▶ Roundtrip Efficiency: 70-75%

- ▶ Storage Duration: 4-12 hours

- ▶ Operational Lifetime: +30 years

# Small-Scale Marine Prototype



▲ TRL 5 Prototype (2018)

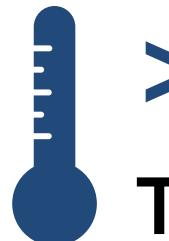
Grand Harbour, Malta



+400  
Charging Cycles



+15 Months  
Continuous Operation



>96%  
Thermal Efficiency



+98%  
System Availability



(photo: Nicholas Doherty)



(photo: Hawaii Tourism Authority)



(image: Fuel Cell Works)

# Delivering value by storing energy at sea

- 1. Offshore Generation + Storage Projects:** FLASC is the only utility-scale solution suitable for tenders<sup>[1]</sup> requiring co-location of offshore wind and energy storage.
- 2. Small-Islands and Sensitive Regions:** FLASC storage does not take up precious land and provides flexibility as a sustainable and socially-positive solution.
- 3. Decarbonisation of Heavy Industry:** FLASC drives deeper decarbonisation of energy-intensive industries (e.g. oil & gas) by safely delivering stable clean power.
- 4. Green Hydrogen Production:** FLASC storage safely absorbs intermittency and improves electrolyser utilisation.<sup>[2]</sup>
- 5. Repurposing Offshore Infrastructure:** FLASC can be used to repurpose existing offshore pipelines approaching end of life<sup>[3]</sup>, deferring abandonment costs and transforming an ageing asset into a lucrative energy storage system.

[1] AFRY (2020): *The business case and supporting interventions for Dutch offshore wind*

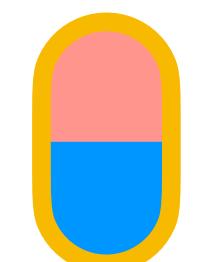
[2] A. Weiβ et al 2019 *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* 166 F487

[3] <https://jpt.spe.org/ropes-offers-an-energy-transition-solution-to-pipeline-decommissioning>

# Versatility & Scalability

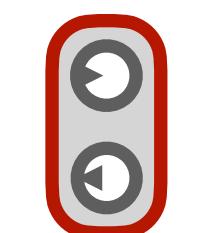
The FLASC solution can be deployed or integrated in a range of configurations.

- Each **embodiment** has two independent elements:



**Pressure Containment System (PCS):** Storage volume housing pressurised seawater and compressed air.

(1) fixed-bottom wind; (2) offshore PV; (3) floater-integrated; (4) stand-alone centralised unit; (5) dual-chamber configuration.

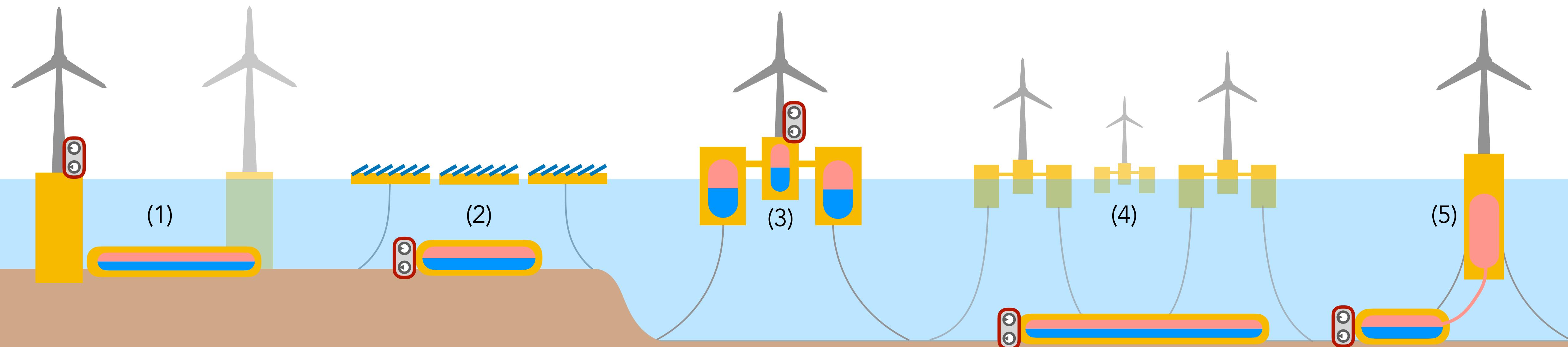


**Energy Conversion Unit (ECU):** Modular electrical interface housing pumps, turbines and power conversion equipment.

Converts electricity to hydraulic power during charging and back to electricity during discharging.

- FLASC supplies the common ECU hardware across all installations

- Deploy full energy storage system via strategic collaborations with leading industrial partners



# Key Benefits of FLASC Energy Storage



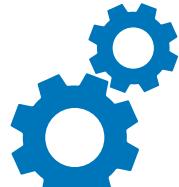
**Safe:** no flammability risks or chemical hazards



**Long Lifetime:** predictable asset life with no cycling degradation



**Sustainable:** no consumable elements and no hazardous waste



**Reliable:** proven and established components with low OPEX



**Circular:** safely decommissioned and fully-recycled at end of life



**Unrestricted:** rapidly scalable supply-chain with no rare-earth bottlenecks

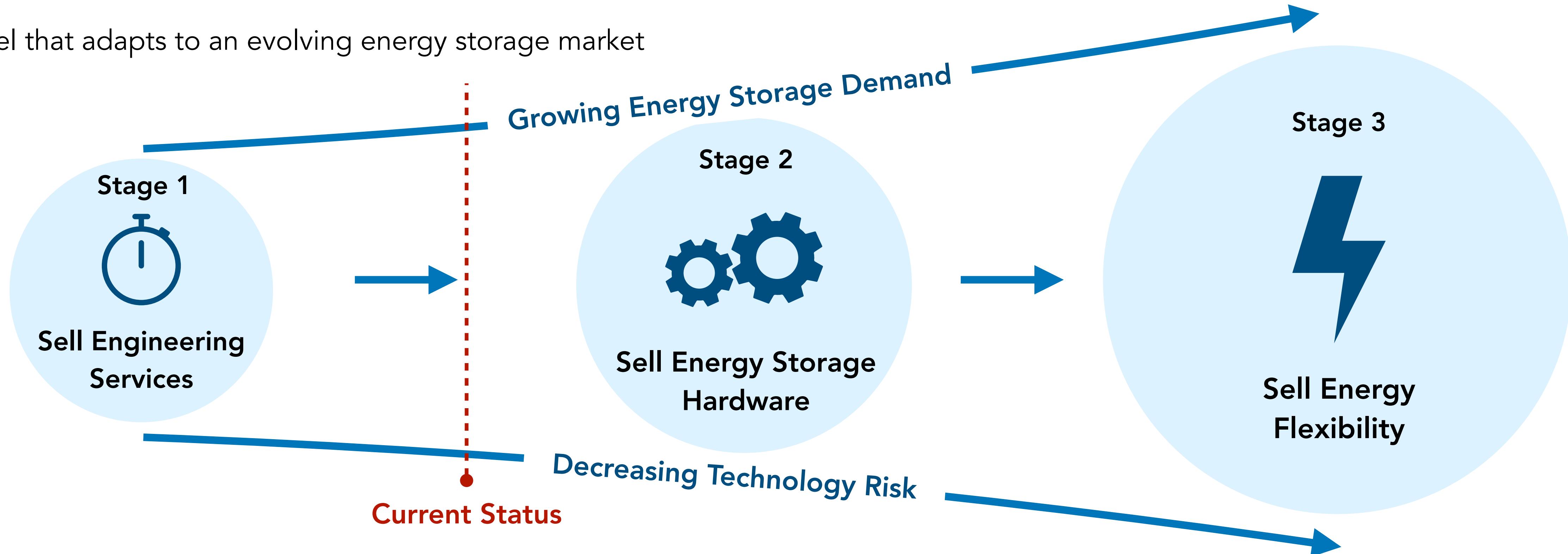
*"Sustainability: meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own."*

WCED - The Brundtland Report



# Business Model

- A model that adapts to an evolving energy storage market



- ▶ Deliver engineering services to design and size HPES systems
- ▶ **Revenue:** engineering hours and technical services [€/hr]
- ▶ Generate early revenue, build a network of partners and prospects
- ▶ Sell HPES system hardware through strategic SPVs
- ▶ **Revenue:** ECU hardware units and SPV margins [€/unit]
- ▶ Build industrialisation capabilities to deliver critical hardware
- ▶ Deploy and operate HPES systems to provide energy system flexibility
- ▶ **Revenue:** arbitrage, flexibility services and grid support [€/kWh]
- ▶ **Become the leading flexibility provider for offshore applications**

# Go-To-Market

## Entry Market

### North Sea Offshore Wind Farm Tenders

#### Why?

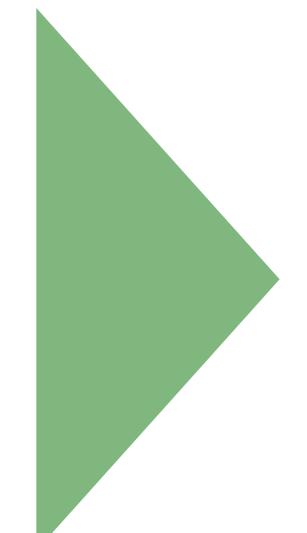
- Significant ramp up of offshore wind projects by 2030
- Grid integration is the biggest challenge
- Innovation criteria becoming key differentiator in tenders

#### What?

- Pilot projects within offshore wind farm projects

#### How?

- ✓ Strategic collaboration with leading industrials
- ✓ Combine FLASC's ECU with established PCS technology
- ✓ Sell tailored projects within the North Sea:
  - Netherlands
  - United Kingdom
  - Belgium



## Mainstream Market

### Global Utility-Scale Renewables

#### Why?

- Utility-scale storage essential for clean energy targets
- 30% of energy consumers located within 100 km of the sea
- Clients favour sustainable solutions with a long lifetime

#### What?

- Robust and validated solution in utility-scale applications

#### How?

1. Leverage track record from initial pilot projects
2. Set up SPVs based on market/application/region
3. Sell industrialised solutions to major developers:



# Strategic Collaboration

- Eliminating Offshore Execution Risk

**subsea 7**

- Tier 1 market player in offshore renewables and oil & gas

*"FLASC's solution is an innovative technology with significant potential, offering a competitive and more sustainable alternative to Li-ion battery farms.*

*The collaboration with FLASC will allow us to leverage Subsea 7's world-class technical expertise in the development of offshore subsea solutions to accelerate the deployment of utility scale, low maintenance, storage solutions."*

**Thomas Sunde**

VP Strategy and Technology, Subsea 7



(image: Subsea 7)

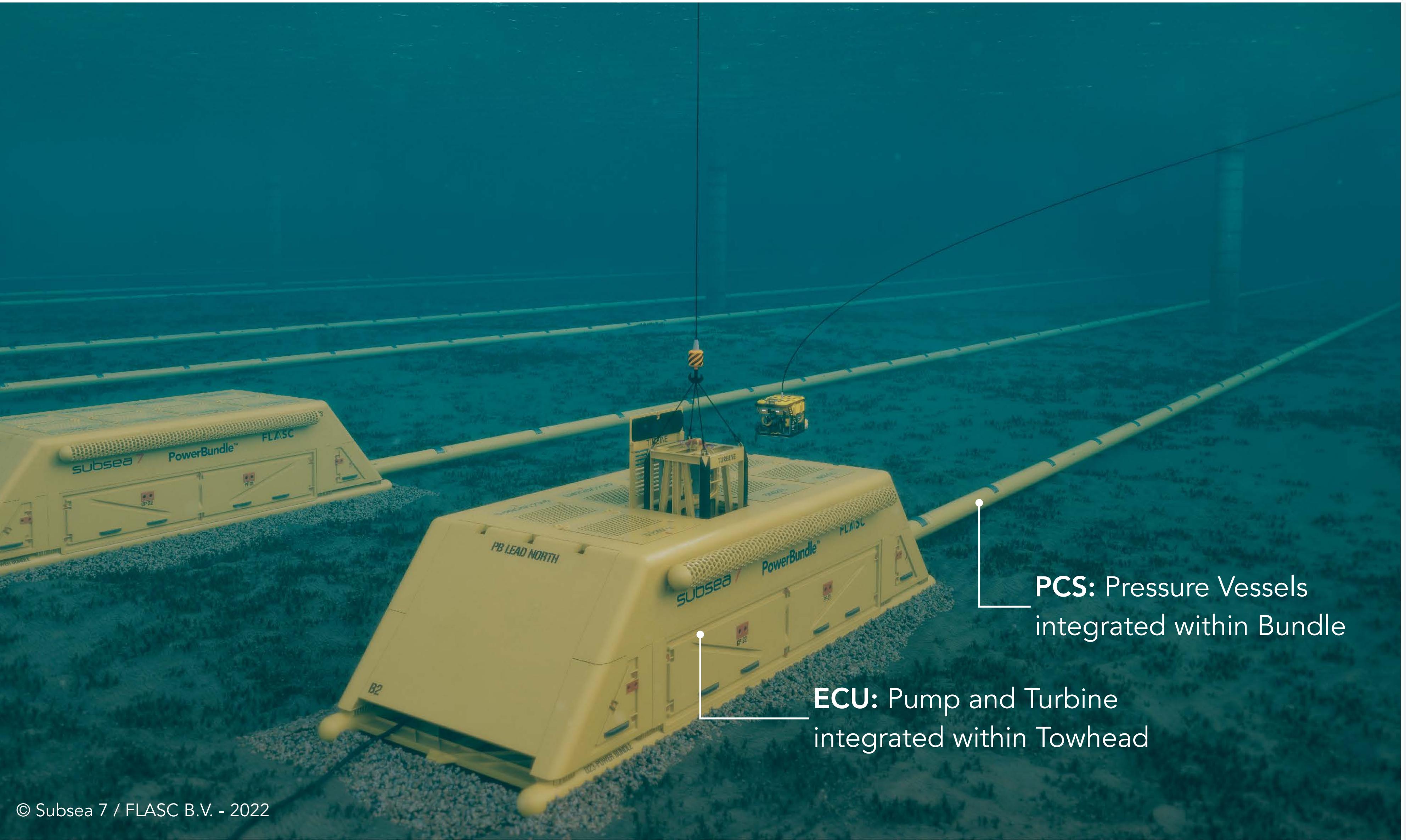


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# The PowerBundle - Offshore Long-Duration Energy Storage



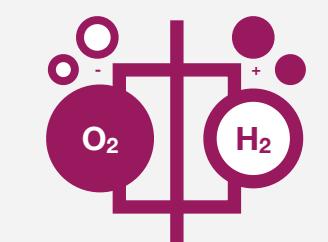
## Applications:



Large-Scale  
Offshore Wind



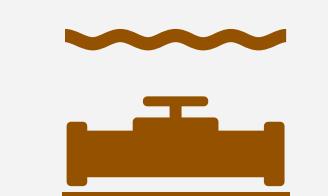
Small-Islands &  
Sensitive Regions



Offshore Green  
H<sub>2</sub> Production

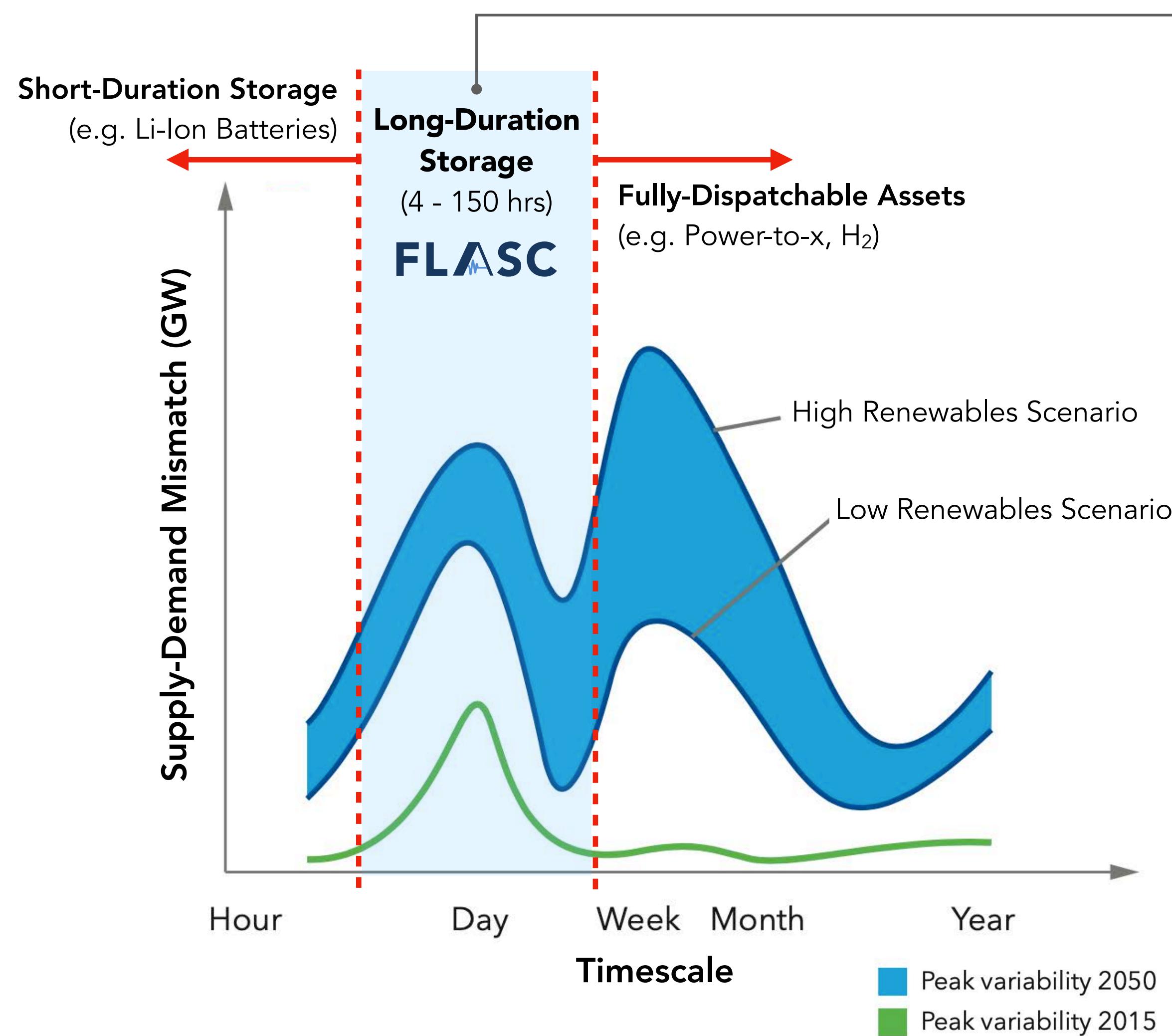


Decarbonisation  
of Oil & Gas

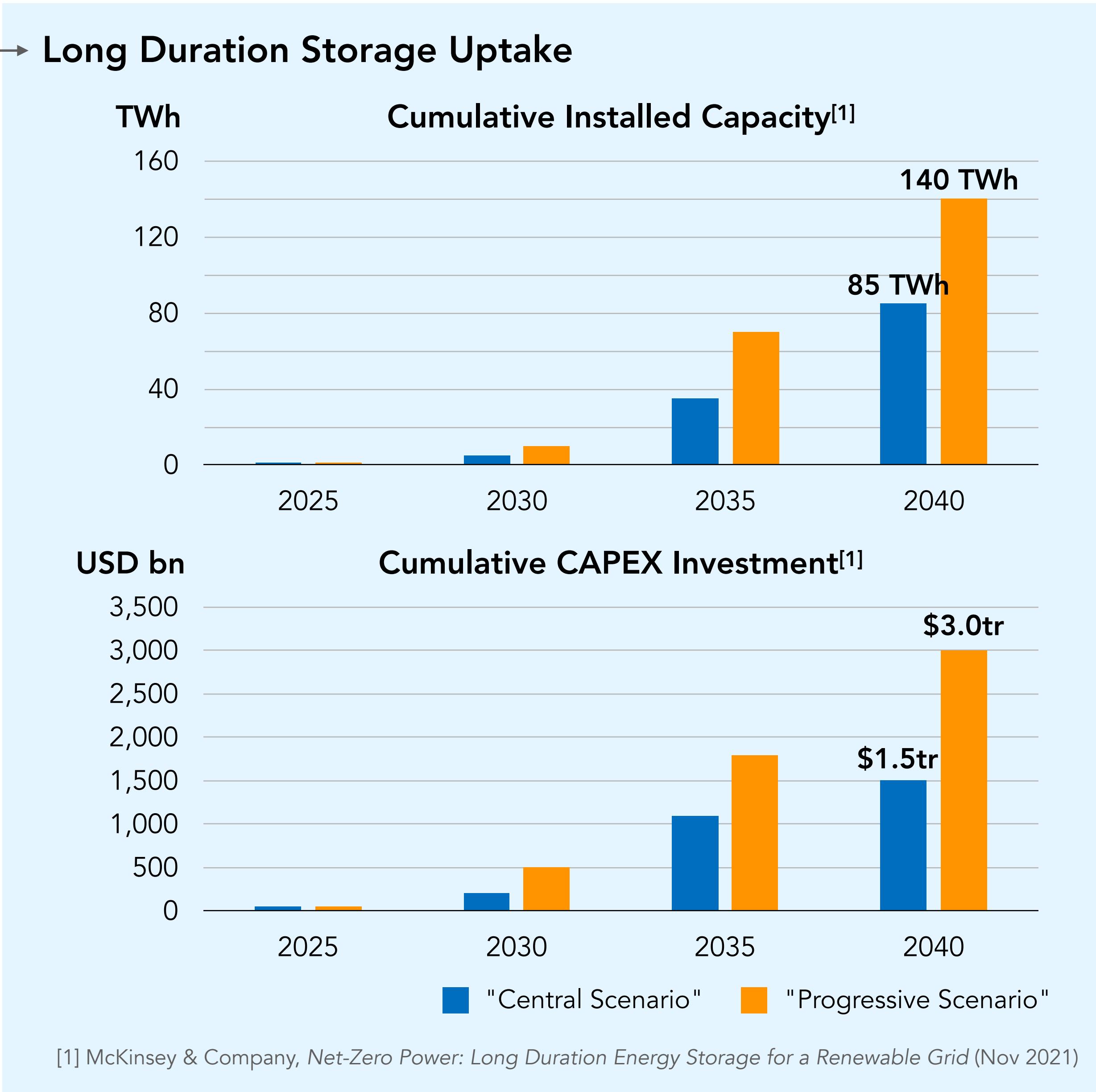


Repurposing  
Offshore  
Infrastructure

# Market Prospects



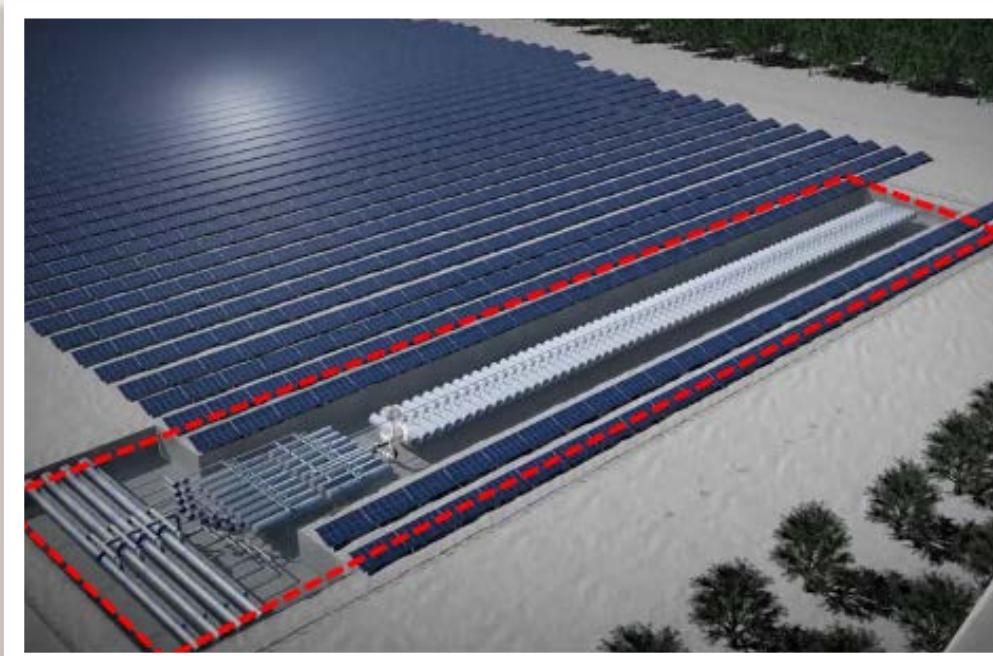
Peak variability of residual load at different time scales in a European electricity grid in 2015 and expected in 2050 (source: DNV-GL)



# Competitive Landscape: Long-Duration Technologies

## Onshore Long-Duration Storage

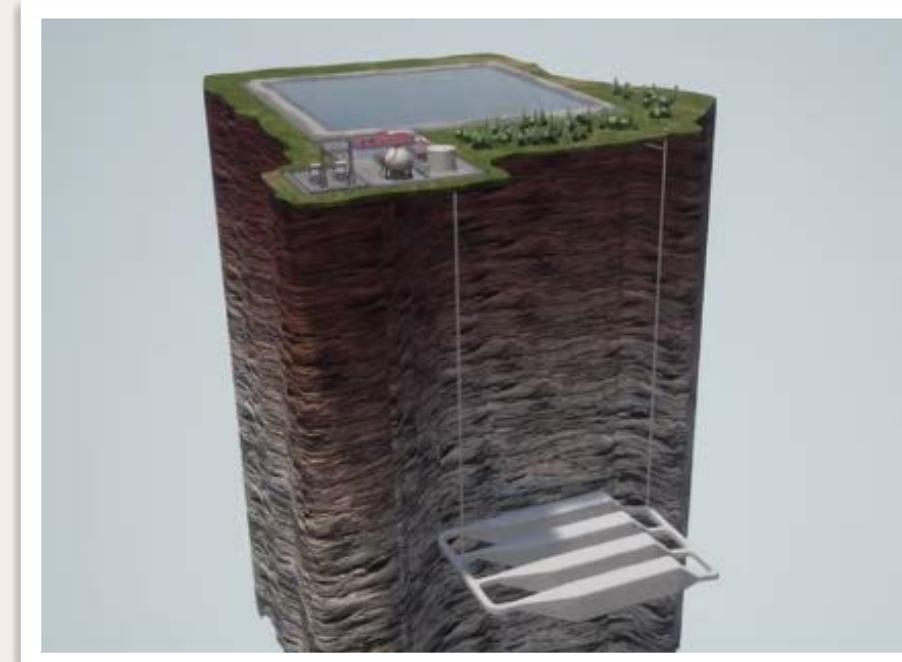
- Wide range of solutions attracting significant investment
- Large-scale infrastructure requiring considerable space or repurposing of existing facilities



▲ Land-based HPES (Augwind)



▲ Gravity Storage (Energy Vault)



▲ A-CAES (Hydrostor)



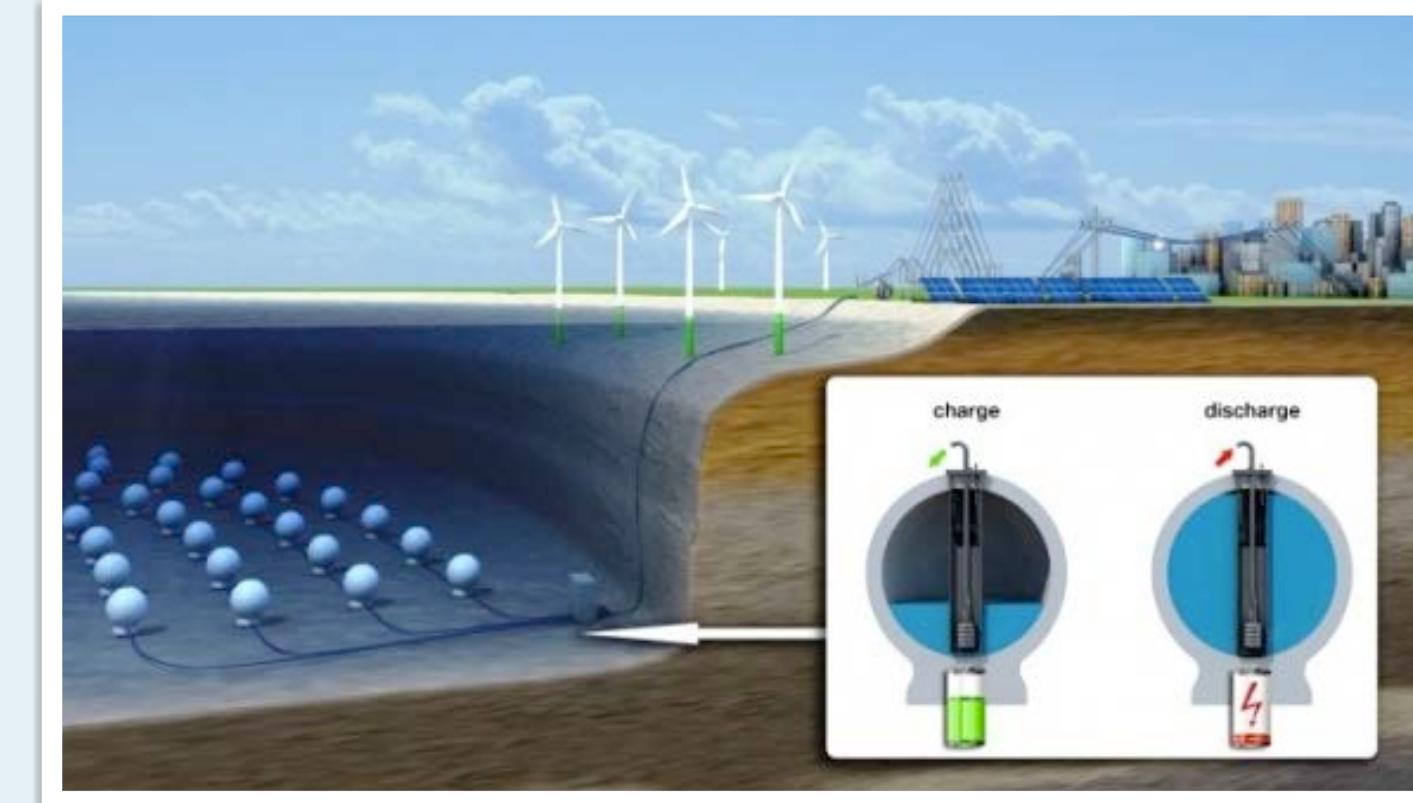
▲ ETES (Siemens Energy)



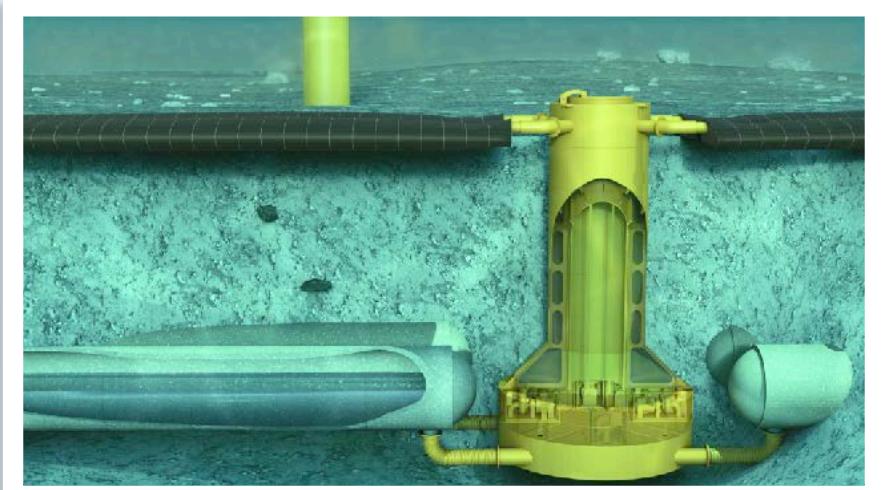
▲ LAES (Highview Power)

## Offshore Storage: Deep Water

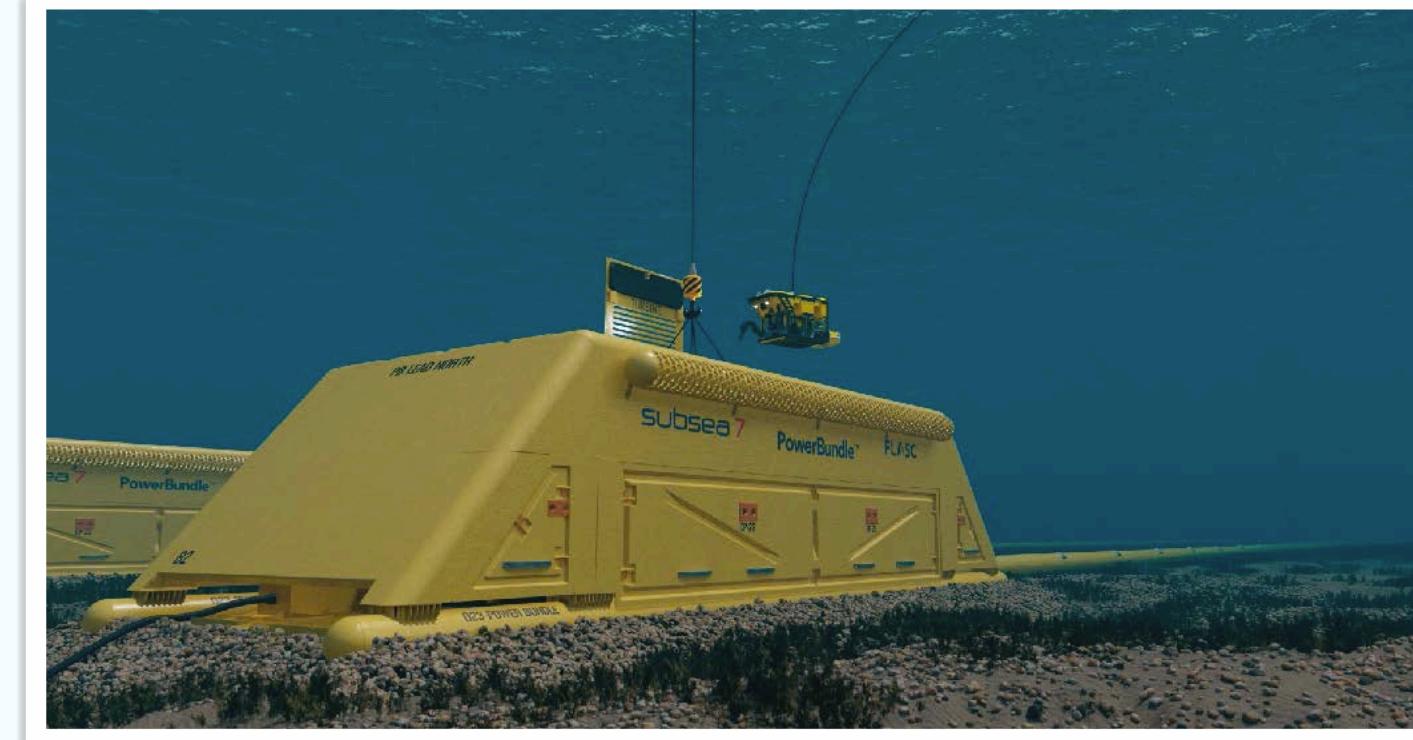
- Solutions using hydrostatic pressure require deep water



▲ StEnSea (Fraunhofer)  
StEnSea Testing Campaign ▶



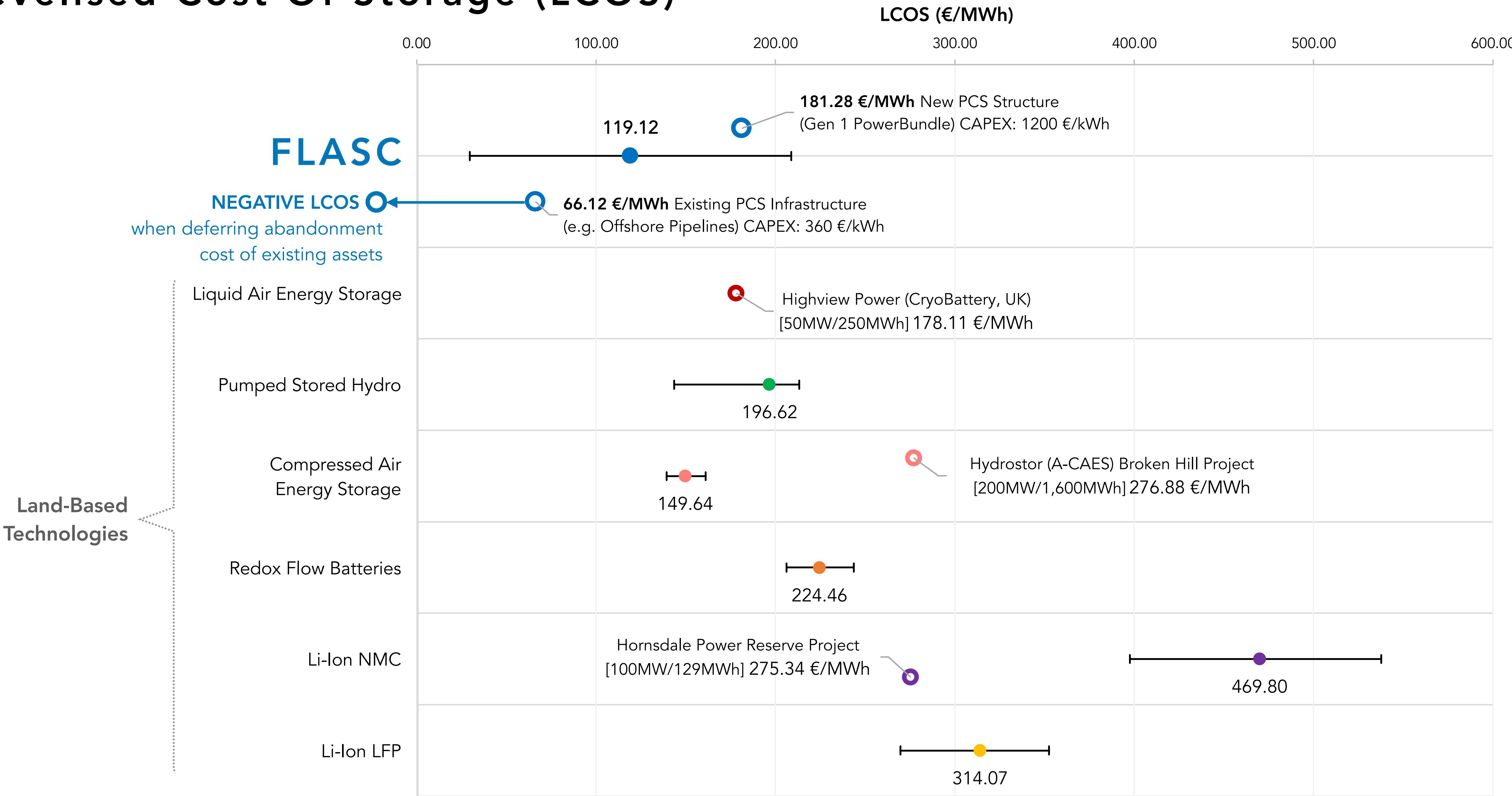
▲ Ocean Grazer



## Offshore Storage: Shallow Water (<400m)

✓ FLASC is uniquely positioned for co-location with offshore wind

# Levelised Cost Of Storage (LCOS)





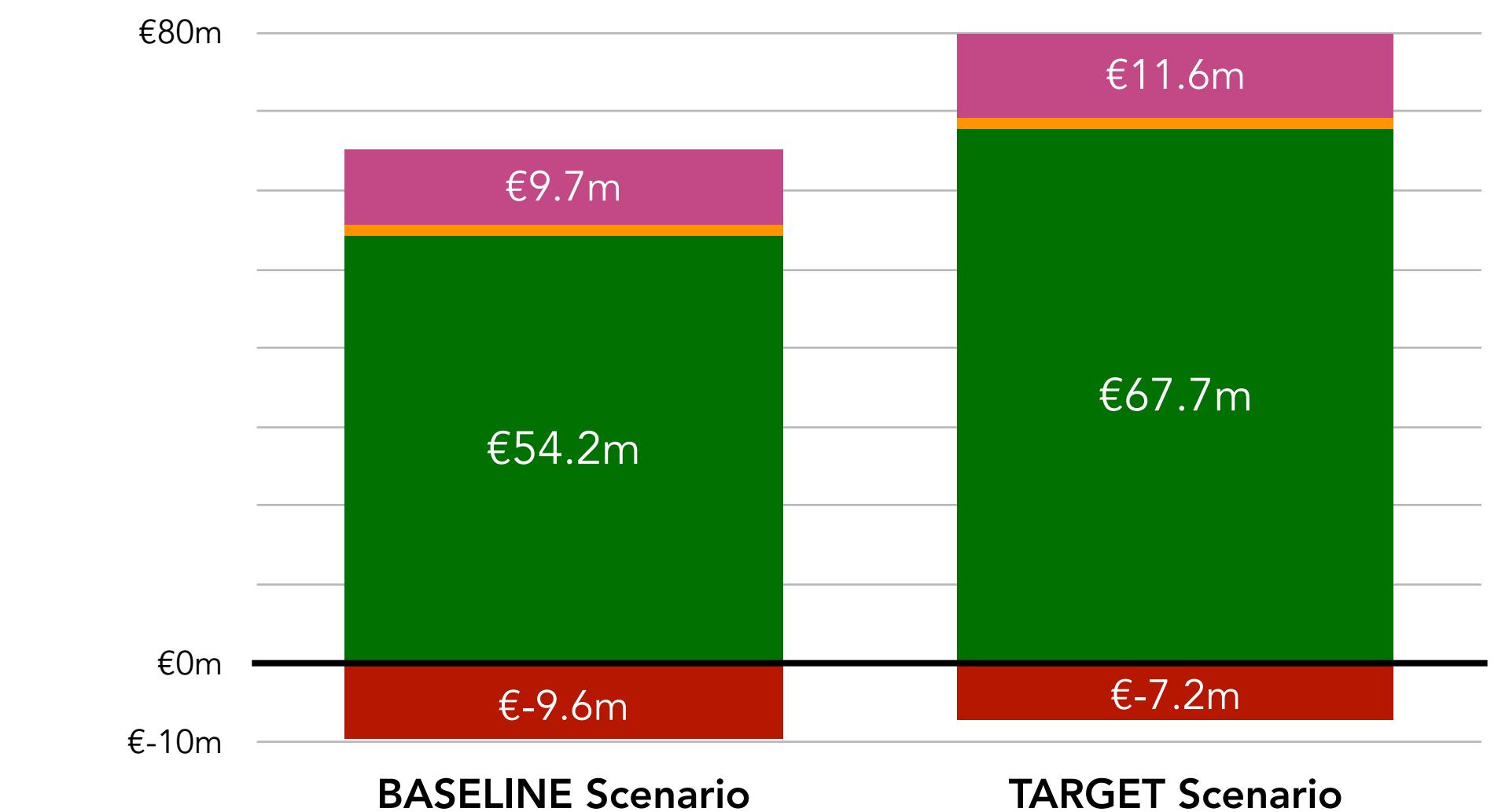
# Business Case: UK Offshore Wind

- Co-locating storage to mitigate curtailment and create new revenue streams

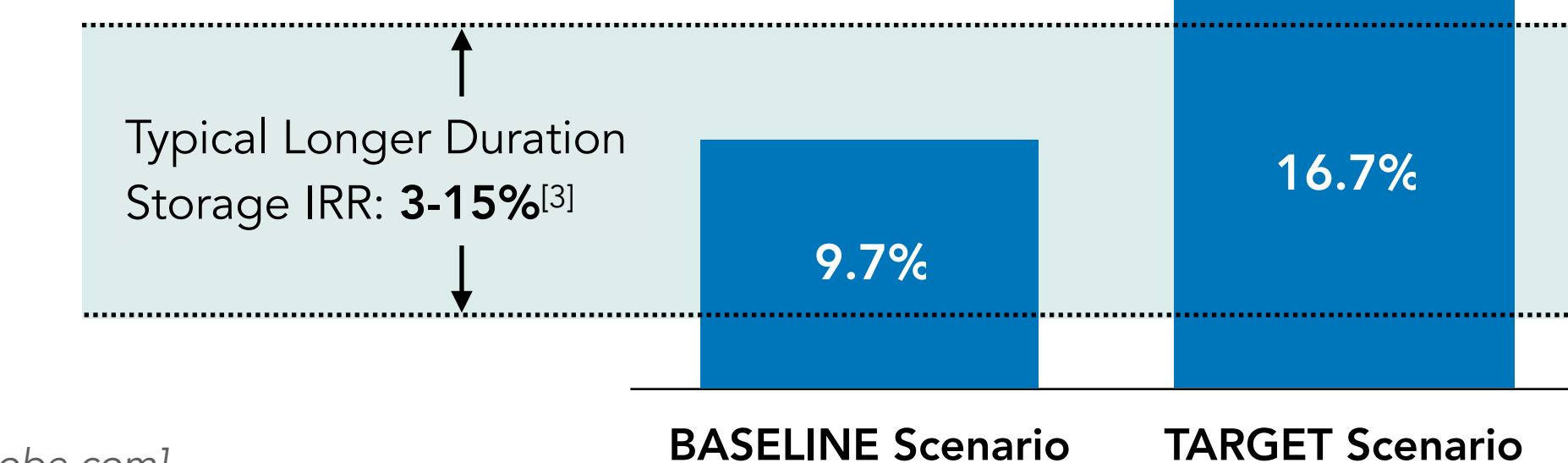
BASELINE Scenario	
Wind Farm Power Rating	1000 MW
Storage System Power Rating	100 MW
Storage System Capacity	400 MWh
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Wind Farm Cost	2,500 m€
Storage System Cost	480 m€
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Wind Farm Capacity Factor	42.2 %
Curtailment Rate <sup>[1]</sup>	13 %
Selling Price for Curtailed Power <sup>[2]</sup> (2021 - 2022)	€250 /MWh
TARGET Scenario	
-25% Storage System Cost	
+20% Selling Price for Curtailed Power	

## Storage System: Annual Revenue Stack

█ Sale of Curtailed Wind Power  
█ Arbitrage: Intra-Day Balancing  
█ Arbitrage: Day-Ahead Wholesale  
█ Storage OPEX & Charging Cost



## Storage System: IRR



[1] "Renewable energy is being expensively wasted" [[www.zenobe.com](http://www.zenobe.com)]

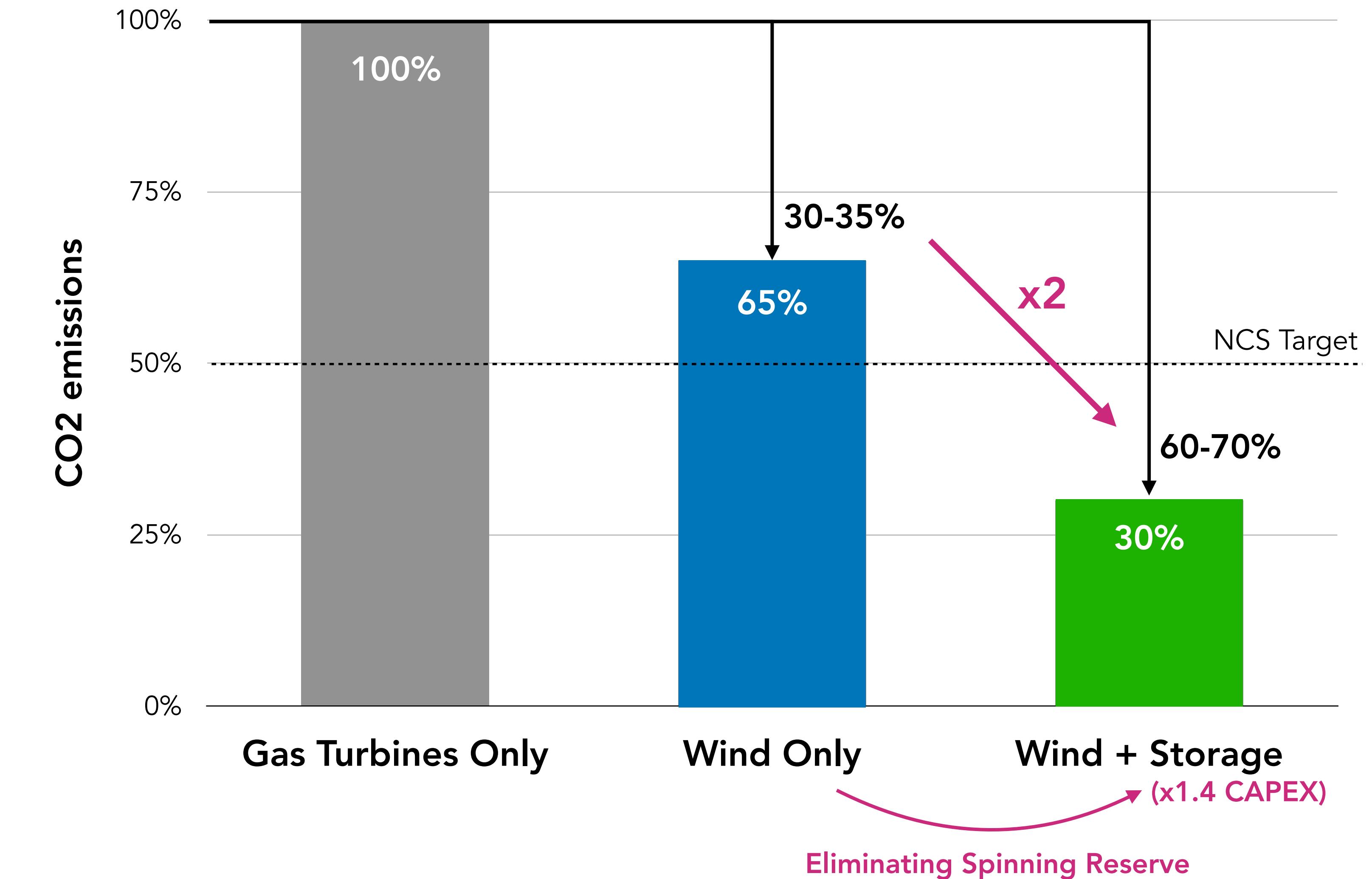
[2] Based on average wholesale price (2021 + 0.5x2022): [[www.casita.com](http://www.casita.com)]

[3] McKinsey & Company, "Net-Zero Power: Long Duration Energy Storage for a Renewable Grid" (Nov 2021)



## Business Case: Decarbonisation of Oil & Gas

- Eliminating Gas Turbine Emissions with **Wind + Storage**



# Founding Team



## Daniel Buhagiar

Co-Founder / CEO



### ► Commercialisation and business development

- Ph.D. in offshore energy storage (origin of the FLASC technology).
- Designed and executed first marine prototype experimental campaign.
- Experience in offshore projects, leading technical teams and interfacing with international clients.



## Tonio Sant

Co-Founder / CTO



### ► Research and technical development

- Award-winning Ph.D. in wind turbine aerodynamics from TU Delft.
- Full Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Malta, contributed to over 120 peer-reviewed publications in the field.
- Manages a wide portfolio of renewable energy and storage projects.



## Robert Farrugia

Co-Founder / Technical Advisor



### ► Specialist advisor on R&D projects and wind resource assessment.

- Ph.D. in wind measurement and flow modelling.
- Resident academic and researcher at the University of Malta.
- 25 years experience in wind measurement and data analysis. Co-ordinated early studies on short-term energy storage for green hydrogen production.



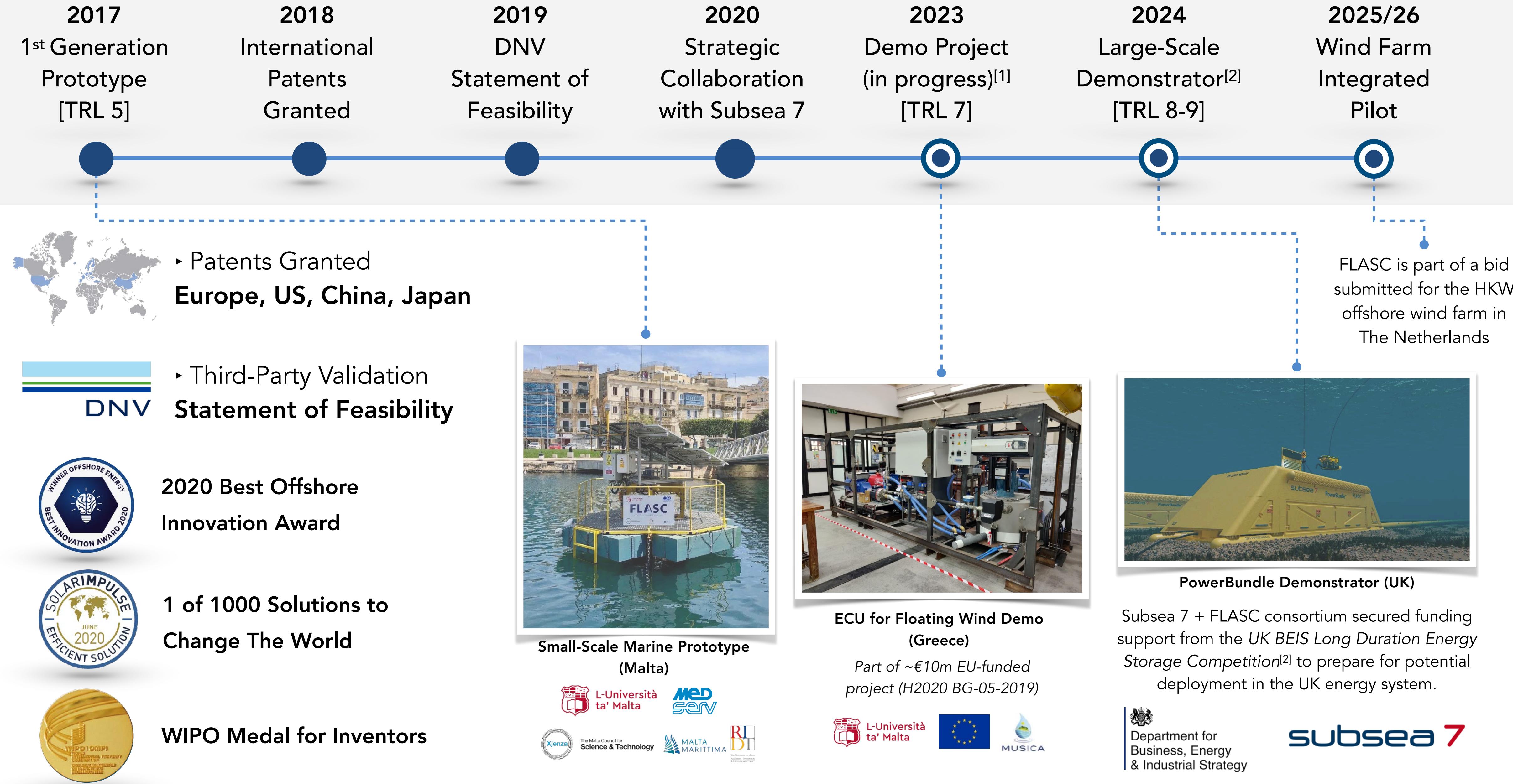
## Anton Bartolo

Director / IP Advisor



### ► Intellectual property and technology transfer

- Track record in successful valorisation of academic research.
- Founder and Director of the Knowledge Transfer Office at the University of Malta.
- Experienced in intellectual property management and industrial collaborations.



[1] Funding secured through University of Malta as part of H2020 BG-05-2019

[2] <https://www.subsea7.com/en/media/company-news/2022/subsea-7-and-flasc-secure-uk-beis-funding--for-offshore-energy-s.html>

# Timeline & Financial Projections

## 2020 - Incubation Phase

- Joined Buccaneer Delft Accelerator (NL)
- 1st Strategic Collaboration (Subsea 7)
- 1st FLASC Product: PowerBundle™

## 2021-22 - Acceleration Phase

- Consolidate team to deliver ECU scope
- Establish key supply-chain relationships
- Secure early demo prospects

## 2023-24 - Growth Phase (Series A)

- Standard ECU module qualified
- Deliver first full-scale demo
- Deploy wind farm-integrated pilot

## 2025-30 - Industrialisation (Series B+)

- Mass-production of ECU hardware
- Grow market share across all key segments
- Target: +€300m revenue by 2030

	000 €	2017-2021	2022	2023	2024
MWh Committed (cumm.)		-	1	2	22
Headcount (EoY)	6		8	17	22
<b>Revenues</b>		-	146	604	1,146
<b>Expenses - CAPEX</b>	(98)		(212)	(11,587)	(4,625)
<b>Expenses - OPEX</b>	(856)		(285)	(1,478)	(1,647)
Grant Funding		776	510	5,326	2,448
Seed	220		-	-	-
<b>Series A</b>		-	-	10,000	-
<b>Cashflow from Financing</b>	996		510	15,326	2,448
Net Cash Position (EoY)	42		201	3,066	389

## Seeking €10m Series A for:

- **Qualification:** Complete system qualification of a standard ECU module ready for deployment in commercial systems.
- **Demonstration:** Deliver first full-scale demonstration project via one of our existing prospects.
- **Team:** Consolidate our team to meet growing commercial demand.

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