



## Energy Storage

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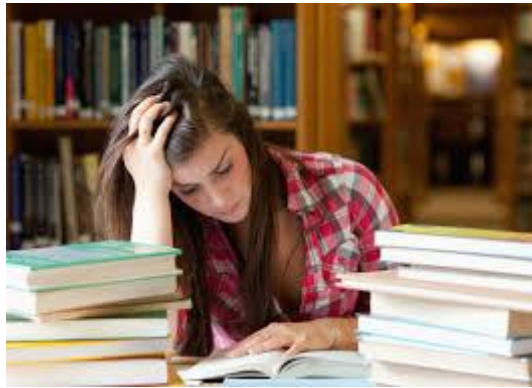
- What?
- Why?
- How?
- Which?
- ... in the future?
- and eni?

Energy is the capacity of a physical system to perform work



Methods and techniques for storing energy derived from some primary source in a form convenient for use at a later time when a specific energy demand is to be met, often in a different location.

Store energy and use it when and where it is useful



# Energy storage examples

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## Some other definitions ...

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- **Power** is the rate of doing work  
power = energy / time
- **Energy Efficiency**: useful energy / used energy
- **Energy density**: the amount of energy stored in a given system per unit volume [Wh/L]
- joule [J] is the SI unit for energy
- watt [W] is the SI unit for power  
energy 3600 J = 1 Wh

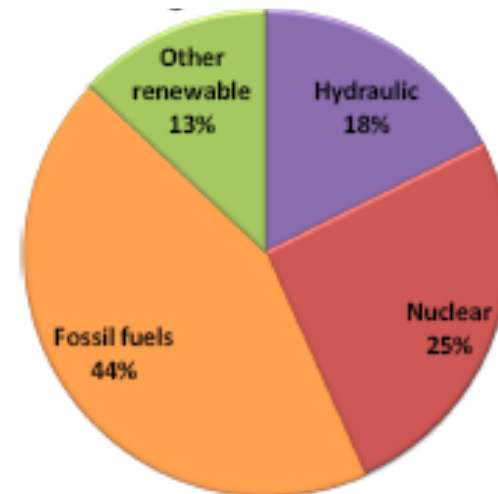


## Electric energy

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- Electricity is the most common and diffuse form of energy
- Total energy demand in europe (2013) is 3082 TWh !!!

280,000 billions of smartpone



# Electric energy storage

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- Electronics



- Transportation



- Stationary



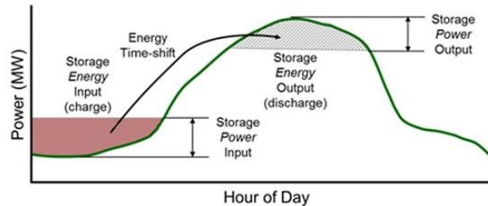
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# Why electric energy storage? Some benefits ...

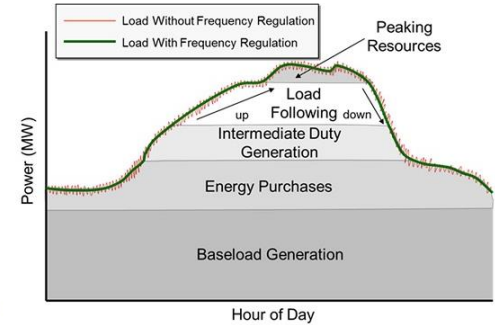
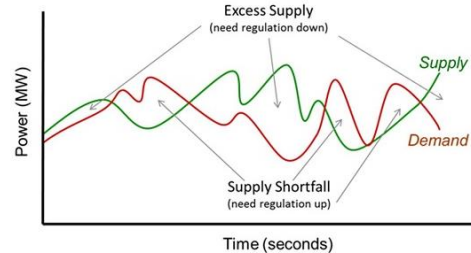
## Electric supply

- Electric energy time shift
- Electric supply capacity



## Grid operation

- Load Following (h)
- Ramping (min)
- Frequency Regulation (s)
- Frequency Response (ms)

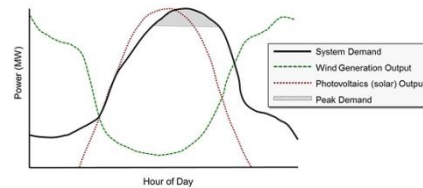


## End user

- Cost/charge management
- Electric service Reliability (UPS)

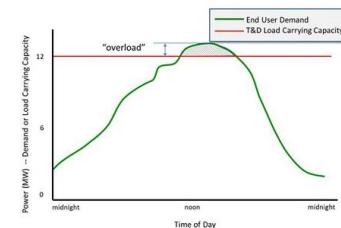
## Renewable integration

- Short-long duration variability
- Management forecasting uncertainty
- Power quality



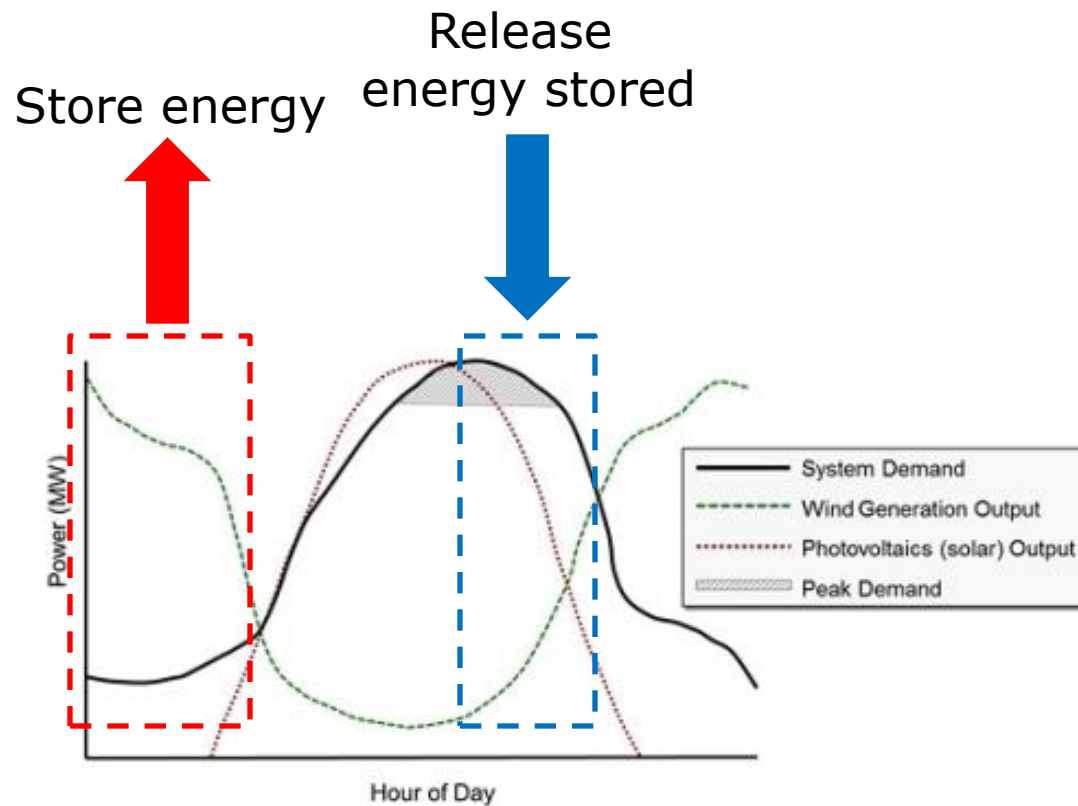
## Grid infrastructure

- Increase load carrying capacity
- Manage T&D congestion



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# Electric energy storage

## STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Input electricity

### Mechanical

PHS  
CAES  
Flywheel

### Chemical

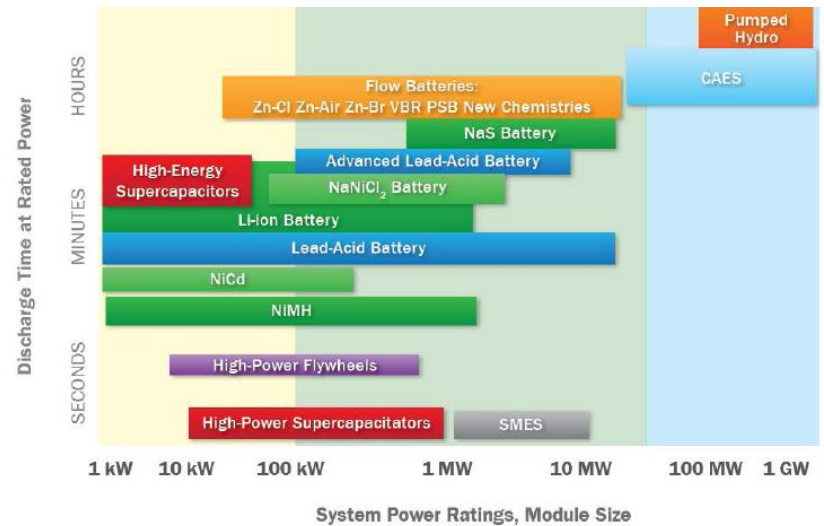
H<sub>2</sub>  
P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

**Electrochemical**  
Battery  
Supercapacitor

**Electric**  
Capacitor  
SMES

Output electricity

efficiency



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# Electric energy storage

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P2G

### Electrochemical

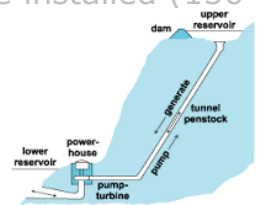
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### Electric

Capacitor  
SMES

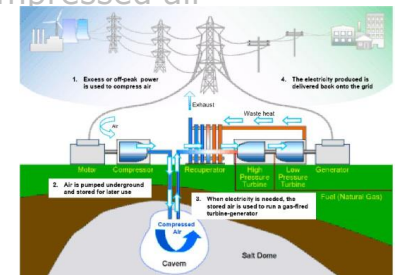
## PHS - Pumped-storage hydroelectricity

- Worldwide 98% of total power storage installed (150 GW) is PHS
- long term storage
- efficiency 50-85%
- very long life



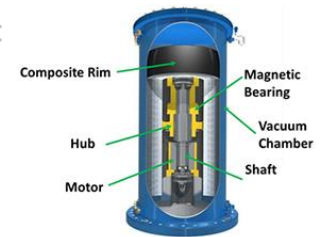
## CAES – Compressed Air Energy System

- use cavern or tank to store compressed air
- need of thermal storage of fuel utility
- long term storage
- efficiency 27-70%
- very long life



## Flywheel

- use rotors suspended by magnetic bearings
- 20,000 - 50,000 rpm in a vacuum enclosure
- short term storage
- efficiency 90-95%
- low energy stored



Source: Beacon Power, LLC



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## H2- Hydrogen

- 3 main phase:

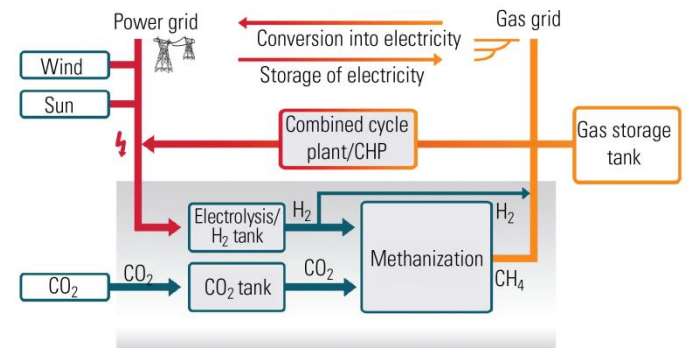
- **production (electrolysis)**
- **storage**
- **electricity generation (Fuel cell)**



- low energy density storage
- long term storage
- efficiency 20-50%

## P2G – Power to Gas

- fuel production starting from hydrogen and carbon dioxide
- use existing storage infrastructures to store methane



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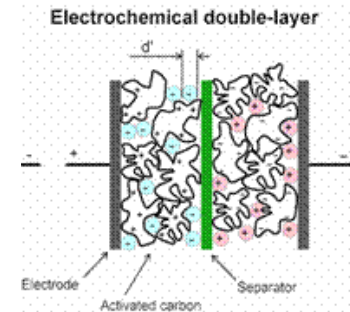
## Battery

- use redox reaction to produce electricity
- secondary battery
- flexible device
- several types of chemistries
- relative short life
- efficiency > 70 %



## Supercapacitor

- use electrostatic capacitance and/or electrochemical pseudocapacitance to store energy
- low energy density
- very long life
- efficiency > 90%



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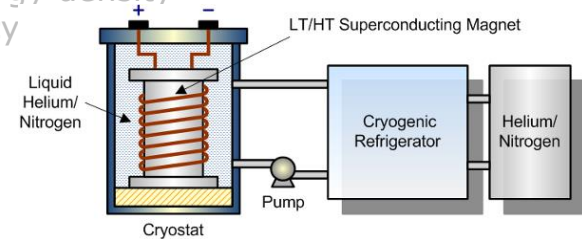
## Capacitor

- store electrostatics energy
- energy stored in dielectric material
- very low energy density



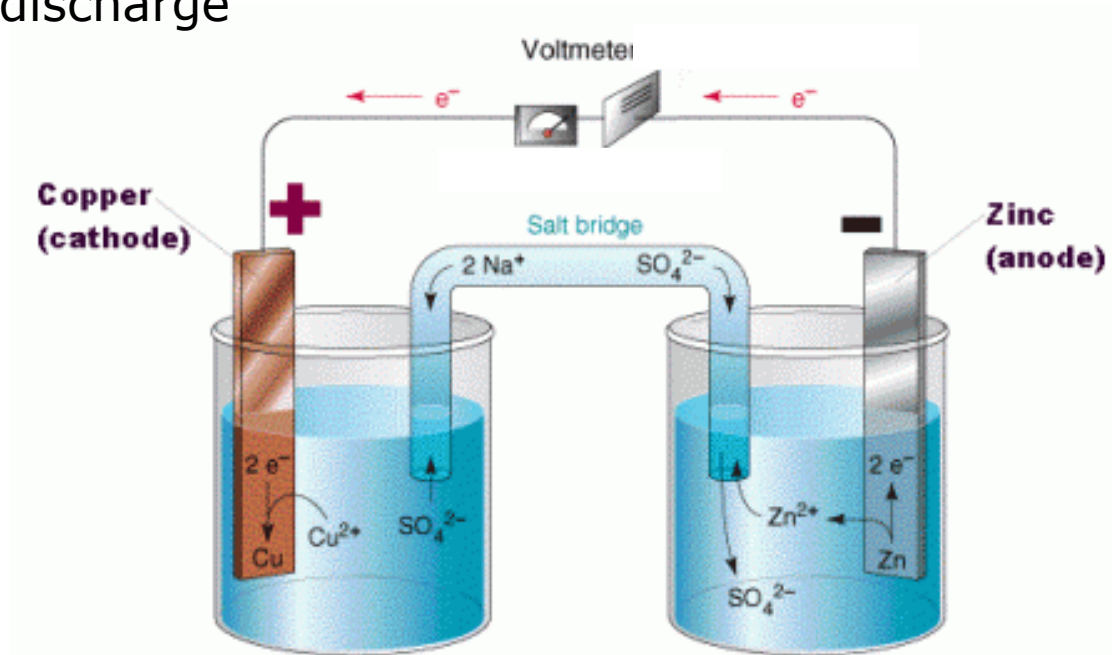
## SMES - Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage

- store energy in the magnetic field created by the flow of direct current
- superconduction needs cryogenics temperature
- low energy density
- efficiency



# Example of primary battery

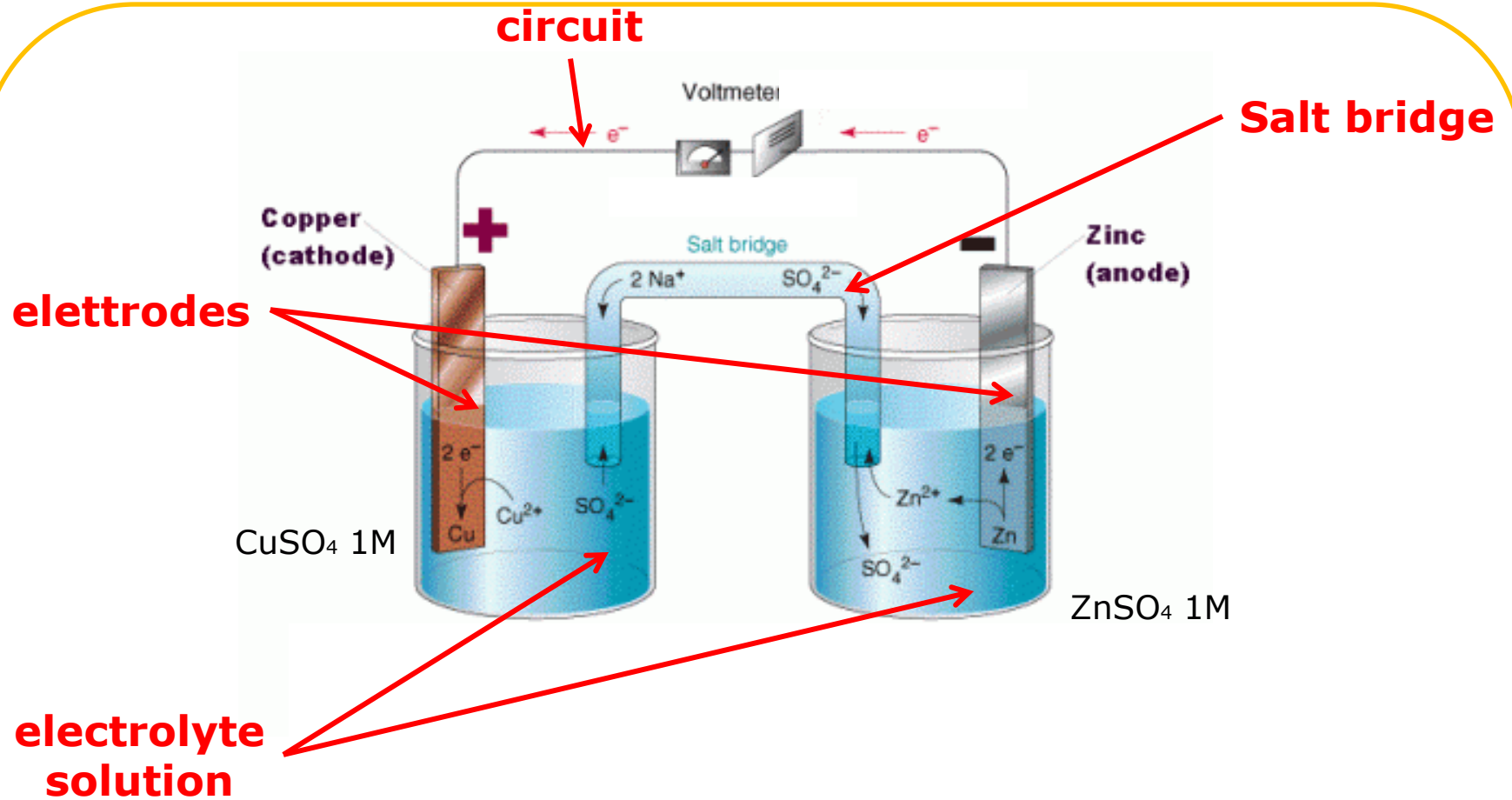
Only discharge



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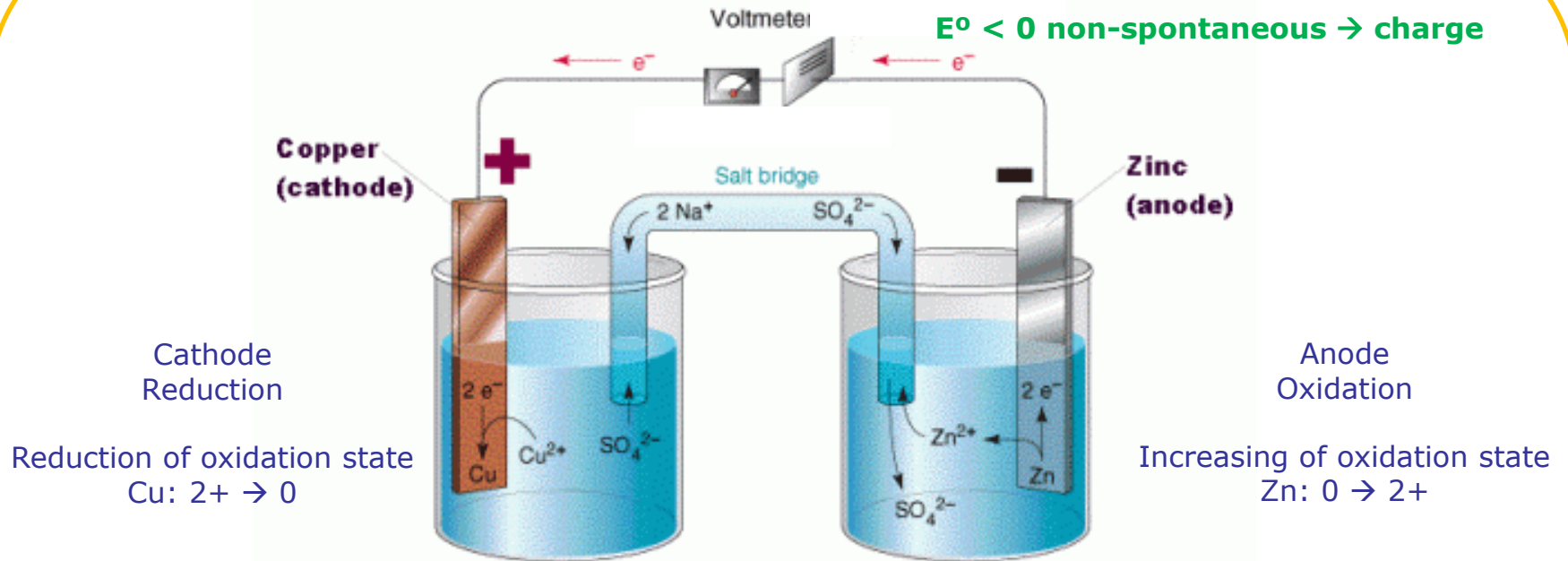
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$E^{\circ} > 0$  spontaneous  $\rightarrow$  discharge

$E^{\circ} < 0$  non-spontaneous  $\rightarrow$  charge



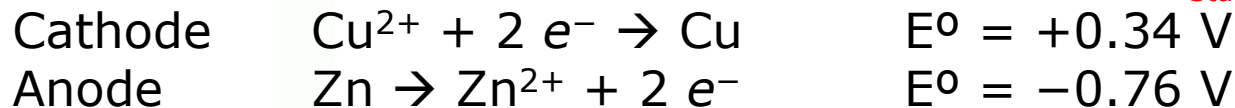
Cathode  
Reduction

Reduction of oxidation state  
Cu:  $2+ \rightarrow 0$

Anode  
Oxidation

Increasing of oxidation state  
Zn:  $0 \rightarrow 2+$

Standard electrode reduction potential



## Primary – non-rechargeable

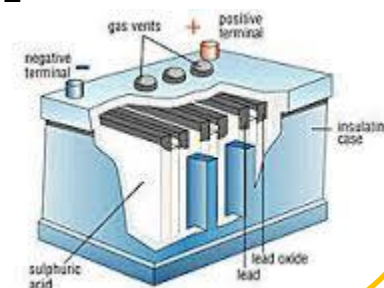
- Daniell cell  $\text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{Zn}^{2+}$
- Alkaline  $\text{Zn} + 2\text{MnO}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO} + \text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$
- Mercury battery  $\text{Zn} + \text{HgO} \rightarrow \text{ZnO} + \text{Hg}$

$$E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = +1.1 \text{ V}$$
$$E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = +1.4 \text{ V}$$
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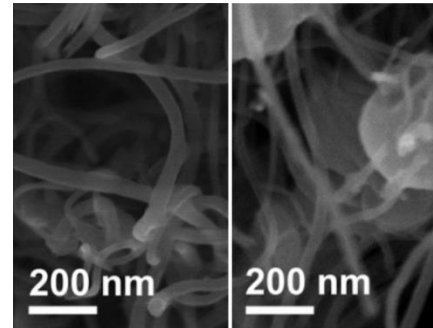
## Secondary –rechargeable

- Lead-acid  $\text{Pb} + \text{PbO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{PbSO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Li-ion  $\text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^- + \text{LiCoO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O} + \text{CoO}$



...In the future?

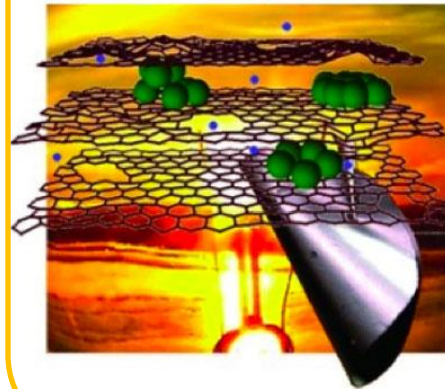
Carbon nanotube or  
copper nanowire electrode lithium



Zn-Air &  
Li-Air battery



Lithium silicon  
Lithium sulphur



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# Storage in eni: R&D project

## Technologies Scouting

Selection of breakthrough energy storage technologies and partners:

- Redox Flow Battery
- Metal – Air Battery
- Storage systems installer

## Engineering Evaluation

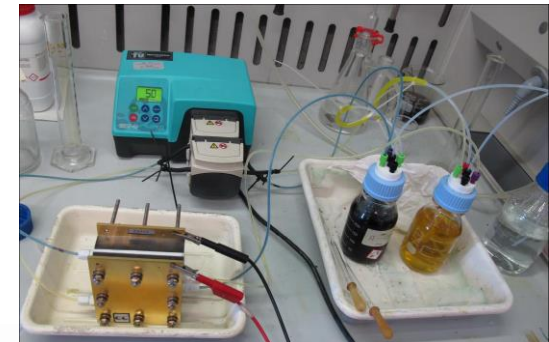
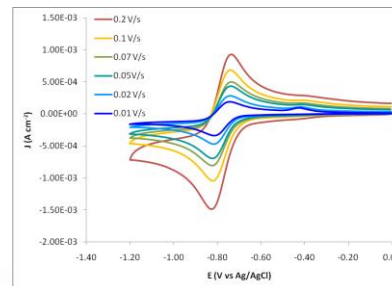
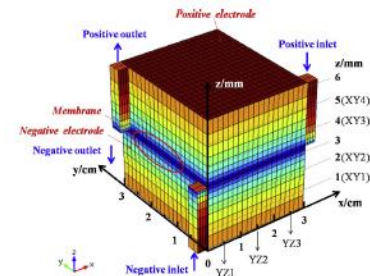
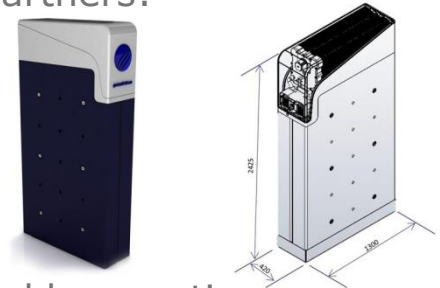
Evaluation of potential attractive storage technologies selected by scouting:

- Redox Flow Battery (Multiphysic modelling COMSOL)
- Evaluation for energy storage thermodynamic cycles (technology → process → economics)

## Lab Activity

Experimental study on redox flow battery:

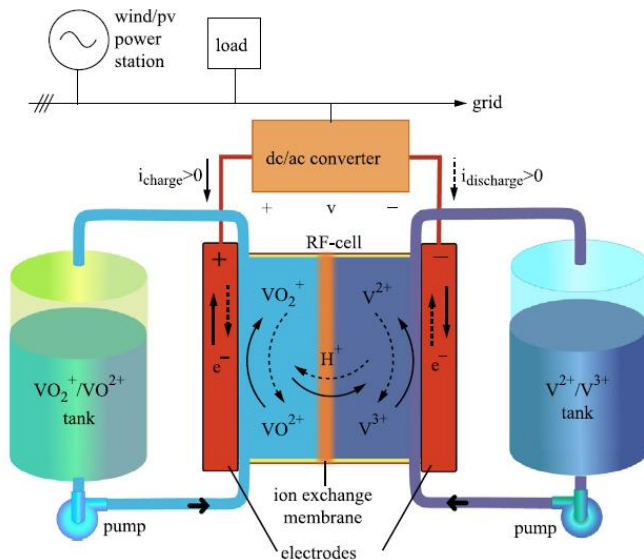
- Vanadium Redox Flow Battery benchmarking
- Innovative redox couple
- Electrodes configuration
- Ion exchange membrane
- Cell layout



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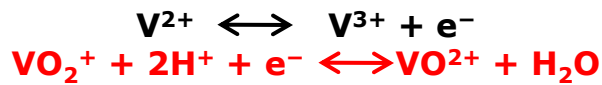
# Storage in eni: redox flow batteries

## Operations



- Energy stored in the electroactive species in the electrolyte not in the active electrode materials
- Full discharge without electrodes and electrolyte damage
- Power and energy are decoupled:
  - Power:** number and size electrodes
  - Energy:** concentration of electroactive species and volume of electrolyte

Efficiency ~ 80 %



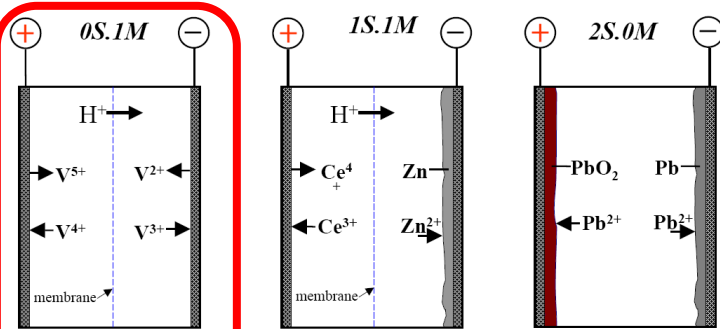
$$E^0 = 1.26 \text{ V}$$



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# Storage in eni: redox flow batteries

## Redox couple



Classical Redox flow battery (RFB) Divided

$\frac{1}{2}$  RFB and  $\frac{1}{2}$  metal Hybrid flow battery (HFB) Divided

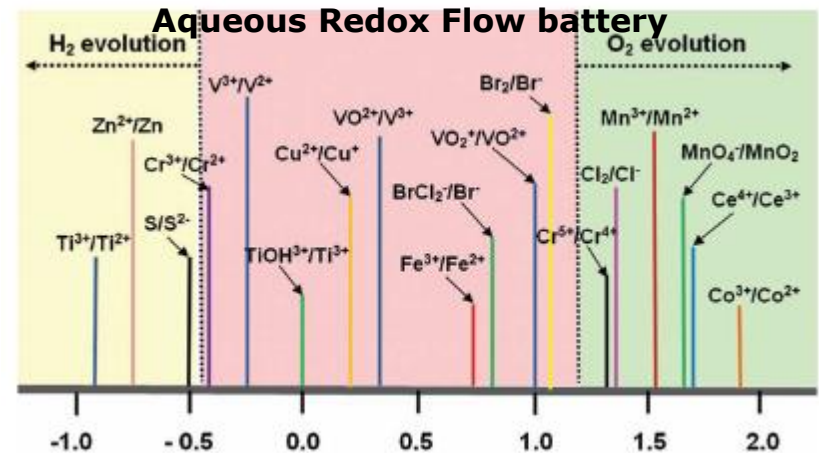
Metal-metal oxide Flow battery (FB) Undivided

Fe/Cr  
V/V  
V/Fe  
V/Ce  
...

Zn/Br<sub>2</sub>  
Zn/Ce  
Li<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>/LiCoO<sub>2</sub>  
...

Pb/PbO<sub>2</sub>  
Cu/PbO<sub>2</sub>  
Zn/Ni  
...

- Pair of redox couples with high cell voltage  
Both couple have to:
- be stable themselves and in combination
  - kinetically reversible on electrode
  - costly and HSE sustainable



Non-Aqueous redox flow battery may have higher cell potential (no limitation for water electrolysis) but lower solubility



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Thank you for attention!!!

