

# ARPA-E grid storage overview

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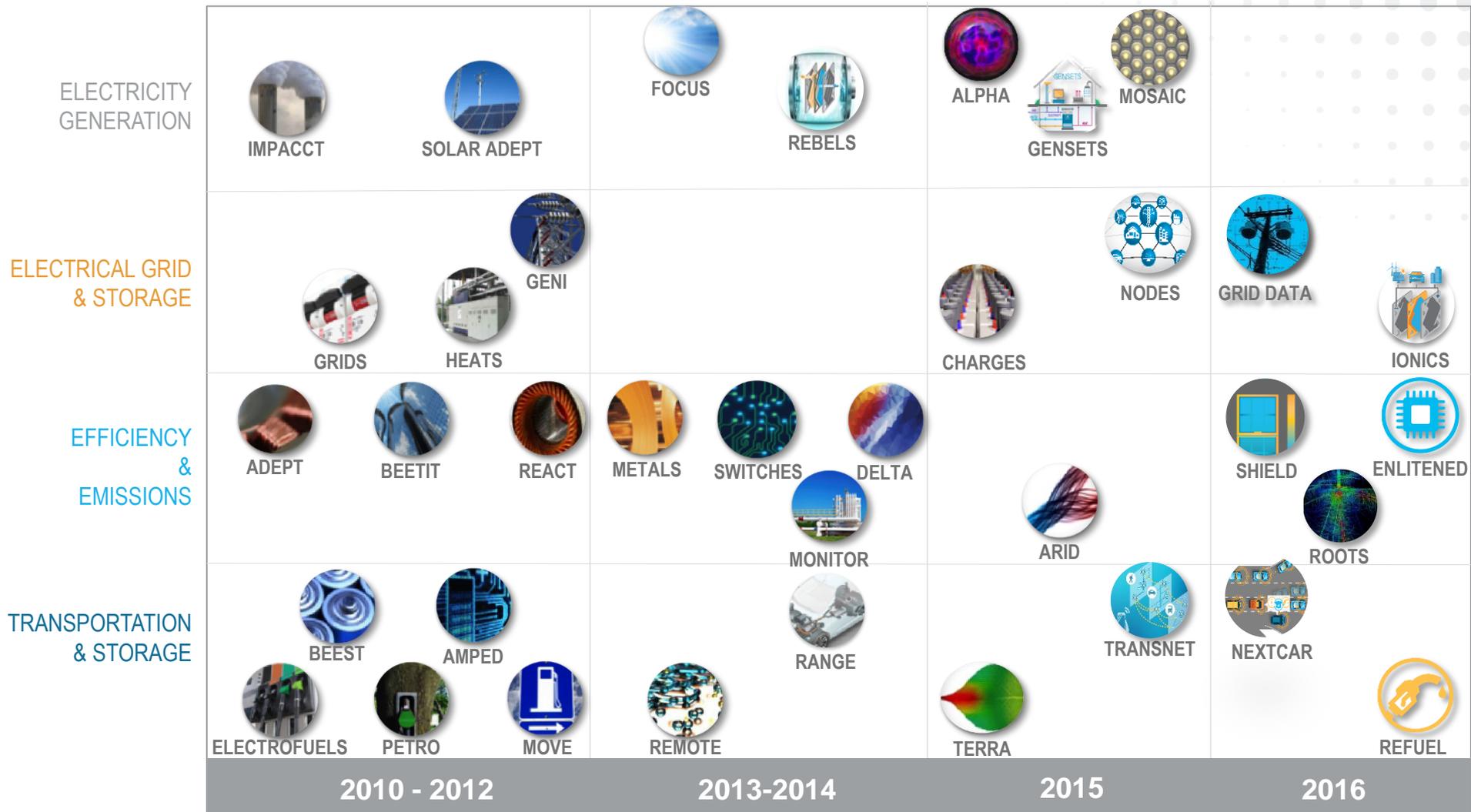
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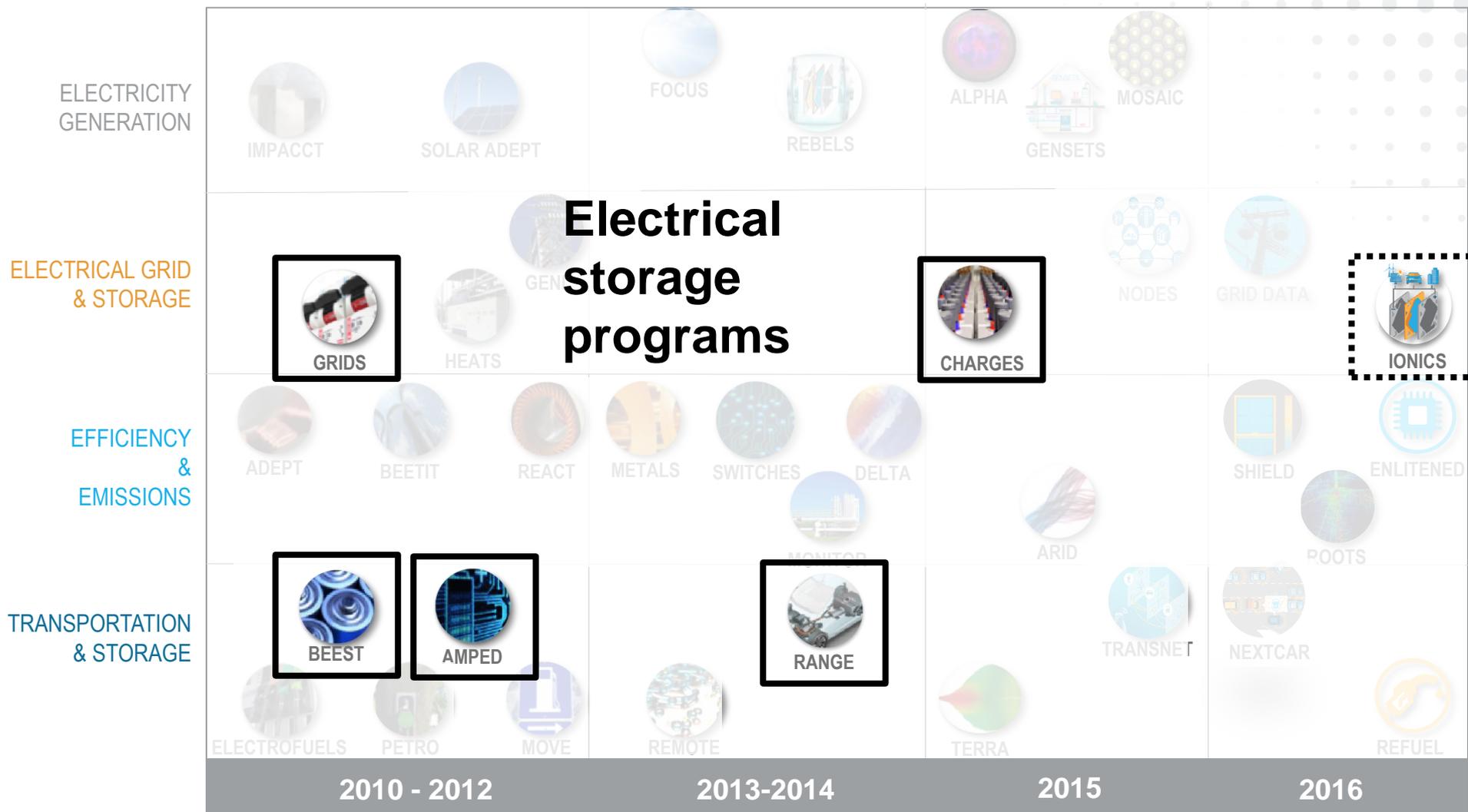
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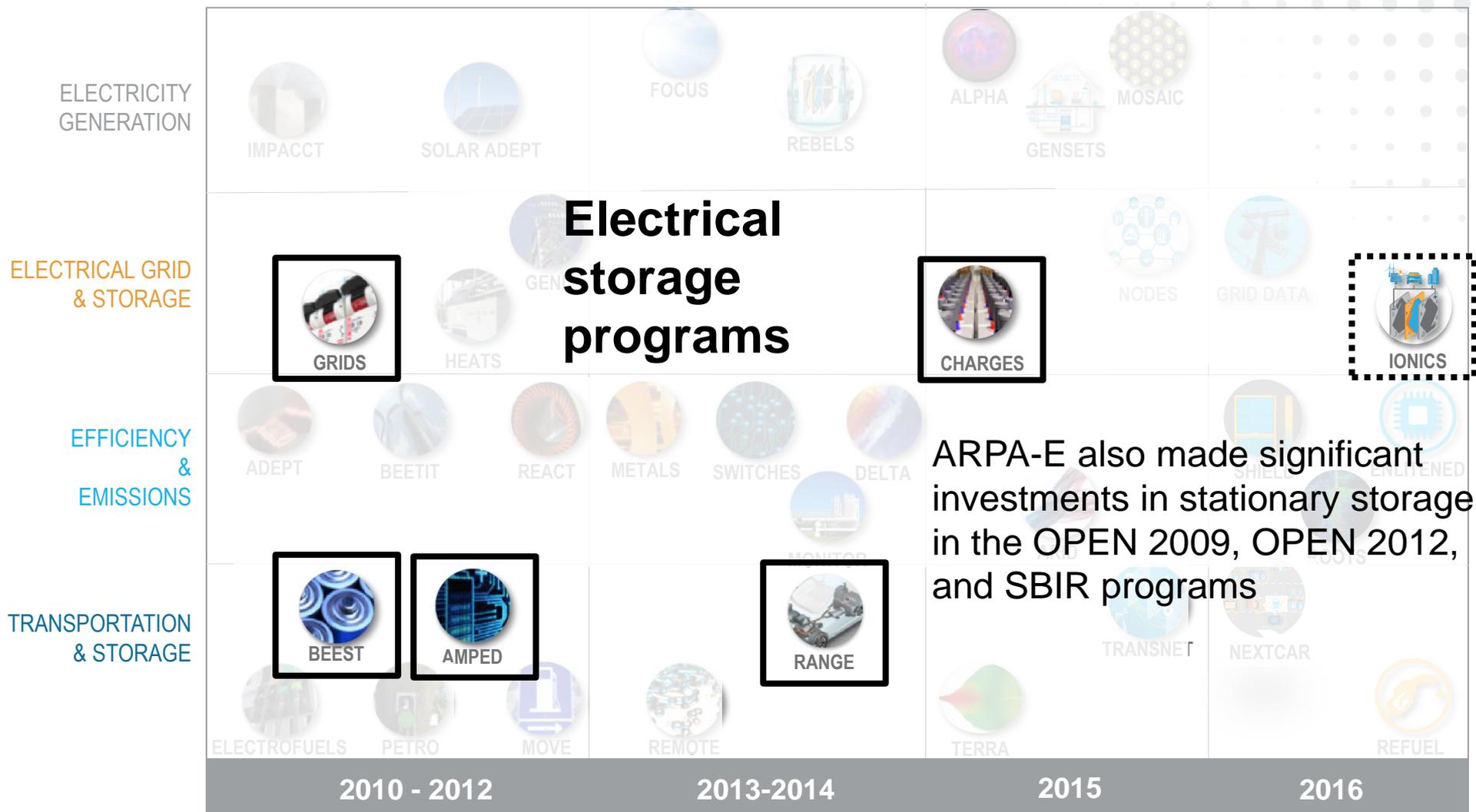
# ARPA-E Focused Program Portfolio



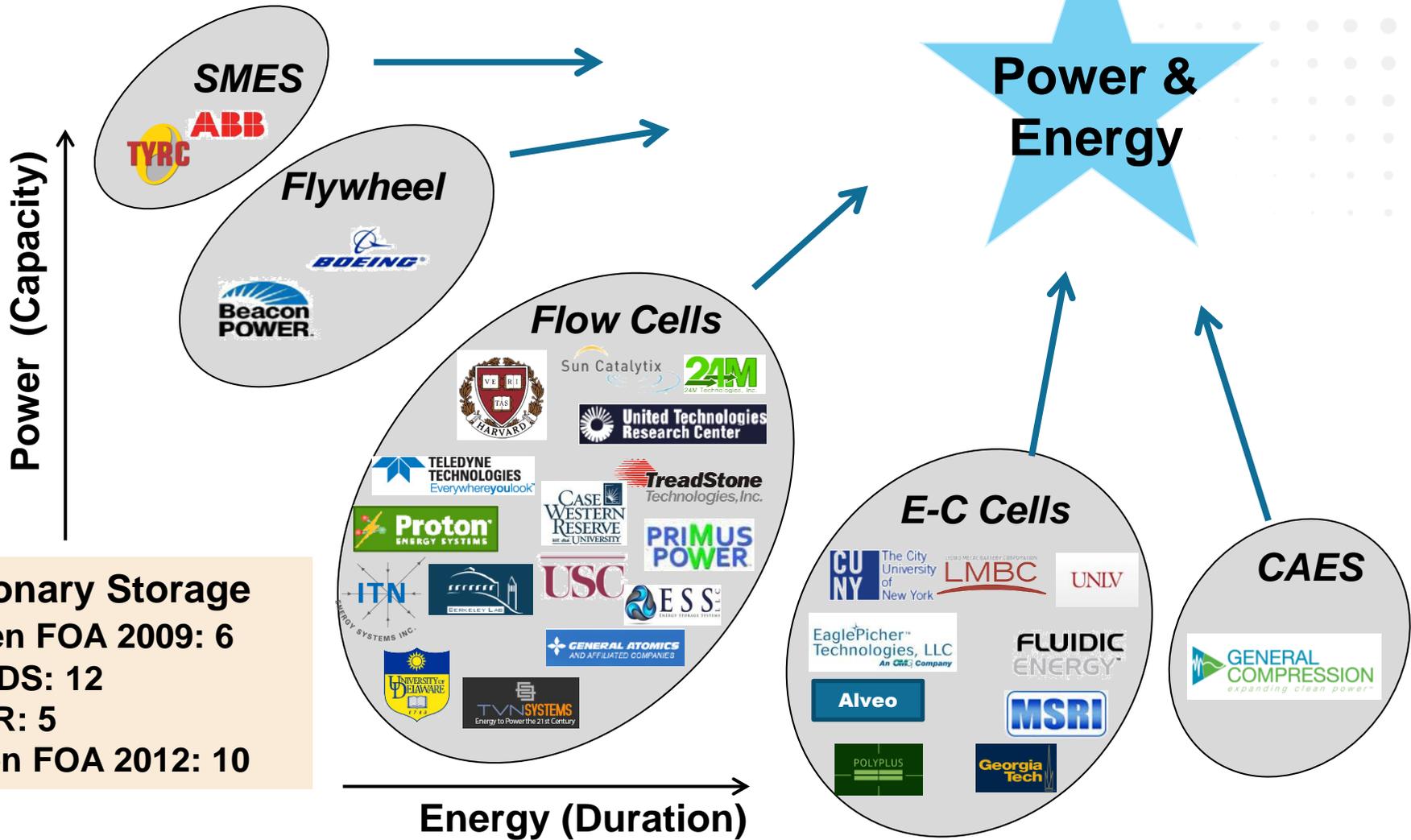
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# Stationary Energy Storage Portfolio



# ARPA-E stationary storage projects with batteries in customer hands (selected)

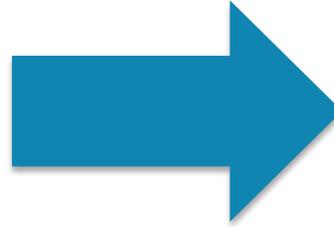
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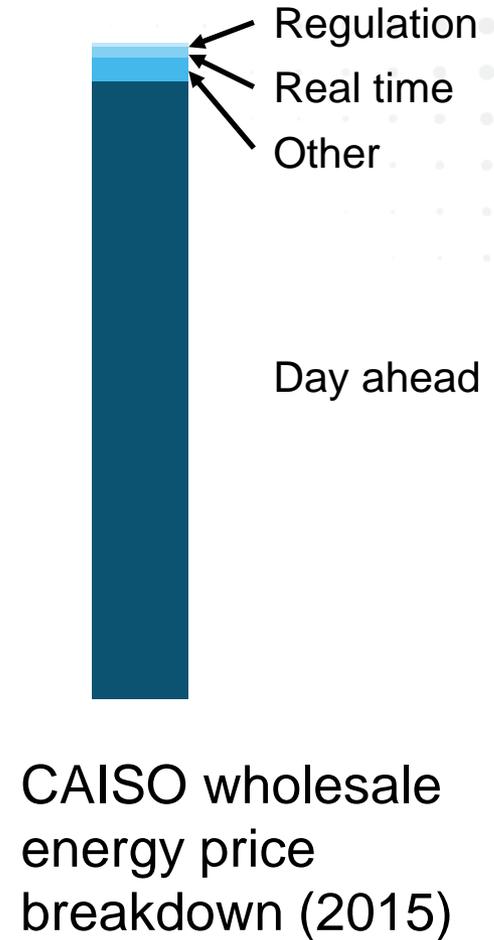
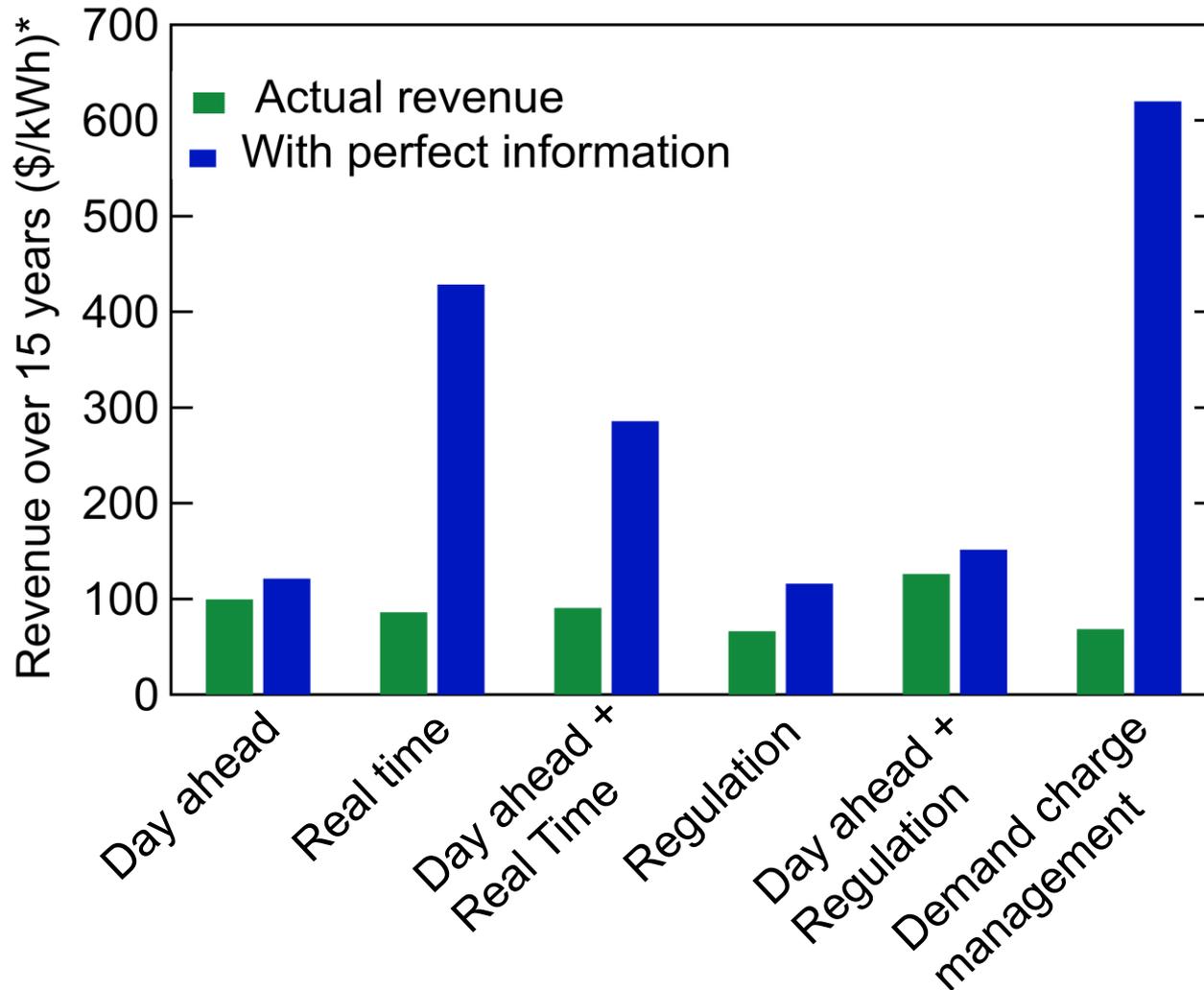
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# CHARGES: Cycling Hardware to Analyze and Ready Gridscale Electricity Storage



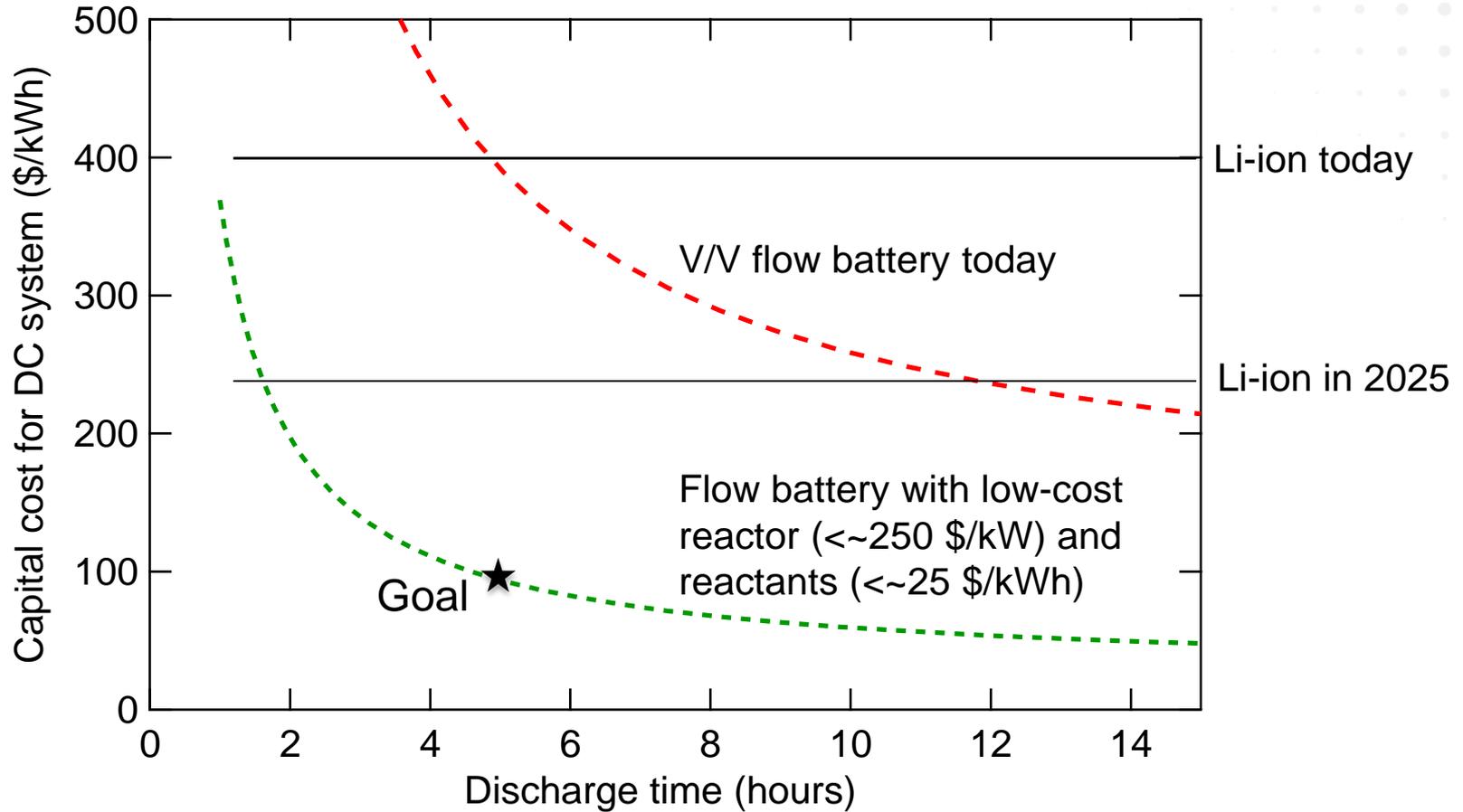
# Sample UCSD Result: CA Wholesale Market



Source: UCSD CHARGES project



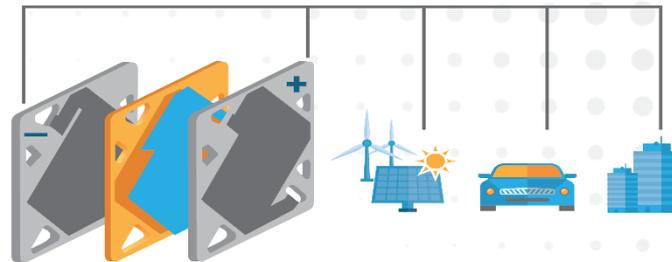
# Problem: Li-ion will not reach cost goal for applications that require long-duration storage



Note: capital costs should be seen as approximate.

# IONICS

## Integration and Optimization of Novel Ion-Conducting Solids



### Mission

Create components for electrochemical cells using solid ion conductors to enable transformational performance and cost improvements.

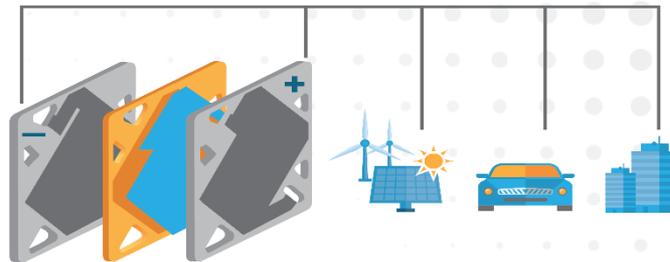
### Investment areas and impacts

1. **Area:**  $\text{Li}^+$  conductors that enable the cycling of Li metal without shorting.  
**Impact:** Increase the energy content of Li battery packs by >30%, accelerating adoption of electric vehicles by increasing range and reducing cost.
2. **Area: Selective separators for flow batteries,** expanding the use of novel and low-cost reactants.  
**Impact:** Develop flow batteries with fully installed costs of 150 \$/kWh for a 5h duration, enabling deeper penetration of intermittent renewables.
3. **Area:** Alkaline conductors with high chemical stability and conductivity.  
**Impact:** Create alkaline-conducting membranes that open a path to fuel cells and electrolyzers without expensive, rare elements like Pt.

<b>Program Director</b>	Dr. Paul Albertus
<b>Year</b>	2016
<b>Projects</b>	16
<b>Total Investment</b>	\$37 Million

# IONICS

16 Project Teams • 3 Technology Areas



## 1: Li<sup>+</sup> conductors to enable the cycling of Li metal

**POLY PLUS**  
University of Colorado Boulder

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**OAK RIDGE National Laboratory**

**24m**

**ionic MATERIALS**

**SILA NANOTECHNOLOGIES**

**PennState**

**UC San Diego**

## 2: Separators for flow batteries

**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**

**United Technologies Research Center**

**Washington University in St. Louis**

**University of Colorado Boulder**

## 3: Alkaline conductors

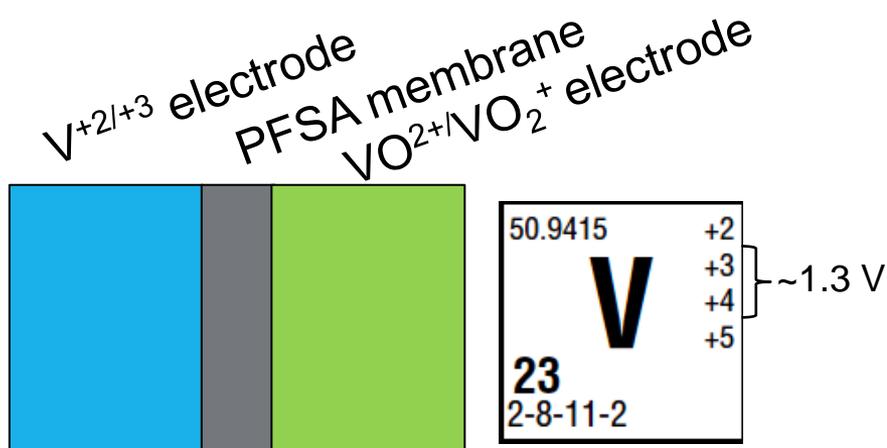
**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

**3M**

**Rensselaer**

# Area 2: Cycling liquid reactants

## Today's V/V flow battery



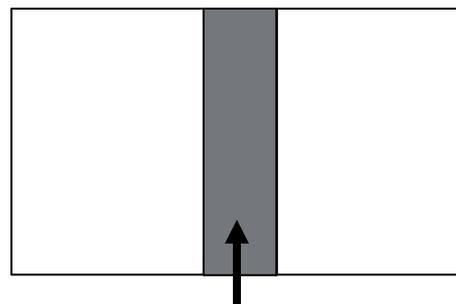
V crossover of ~2% / cycle is *reversible*

**IONICS goal:** Eliminate crossover, decouple electrodes, enable low-cost reactants

## Challenge: Vanadium cost

Active material	Cost (\$/kWh)
Vanadium	50 to 100 \$/kWh
Iron	~15 \$/kWh
Zn/Br <sub>2</sub>	~15 \$/kWh
Organics, organometallics*	<25 \$/kWh

Active #1      Active #2

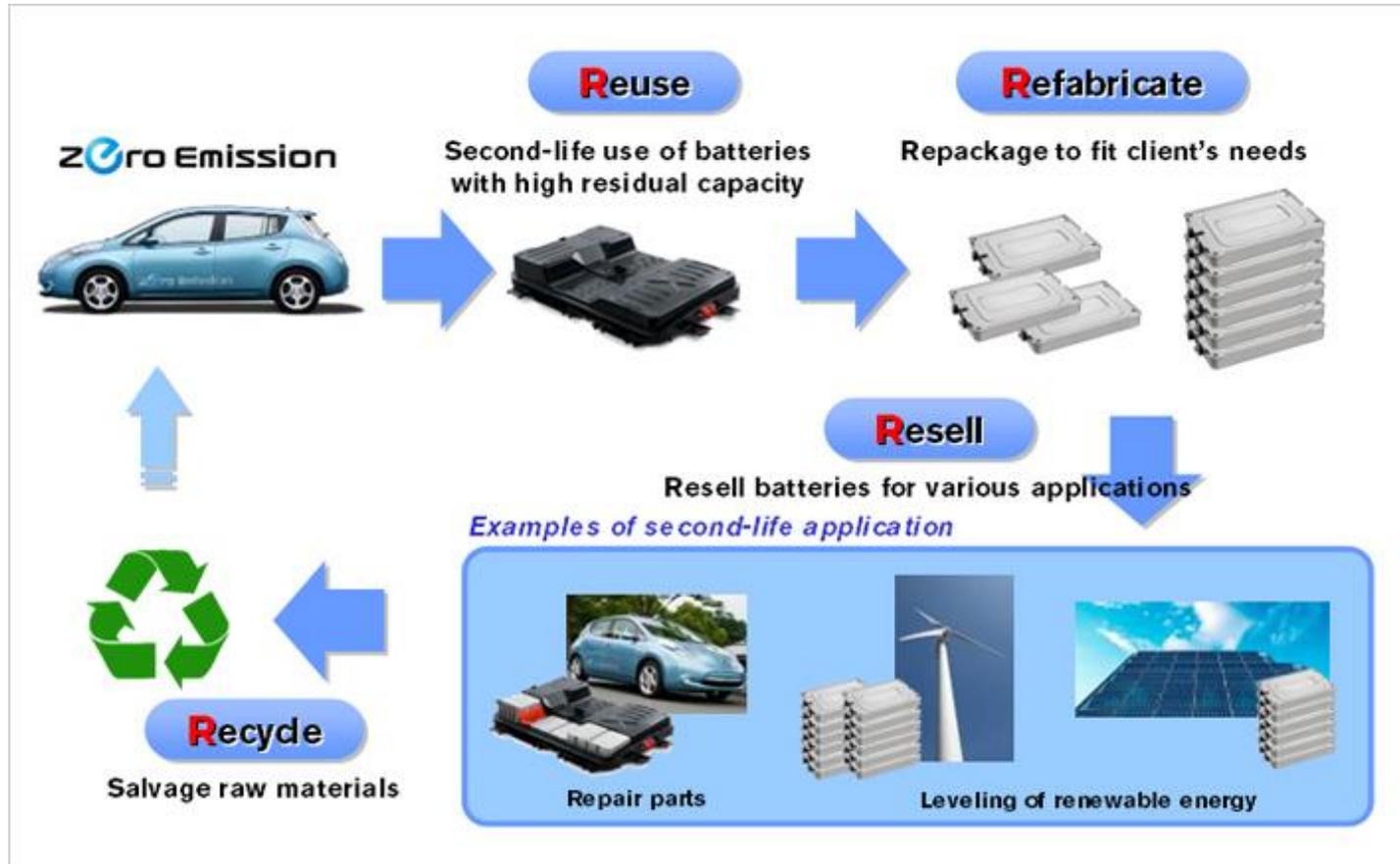


Membrane with 99.995% selectivity allows 5,000 cycles



# What's next (maybe)? Redesign, reuse, recycling, rejuvenation of automotive batteries

- ▶ OEMs are actively thinking through the entire life of vehicle batteries; can advanced technology play a role?





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