

Battery Reuse: A Second-life for Electric Vehicle Batteries

Background Information
for the California Lithium
Battery Recycling
Advisory Group

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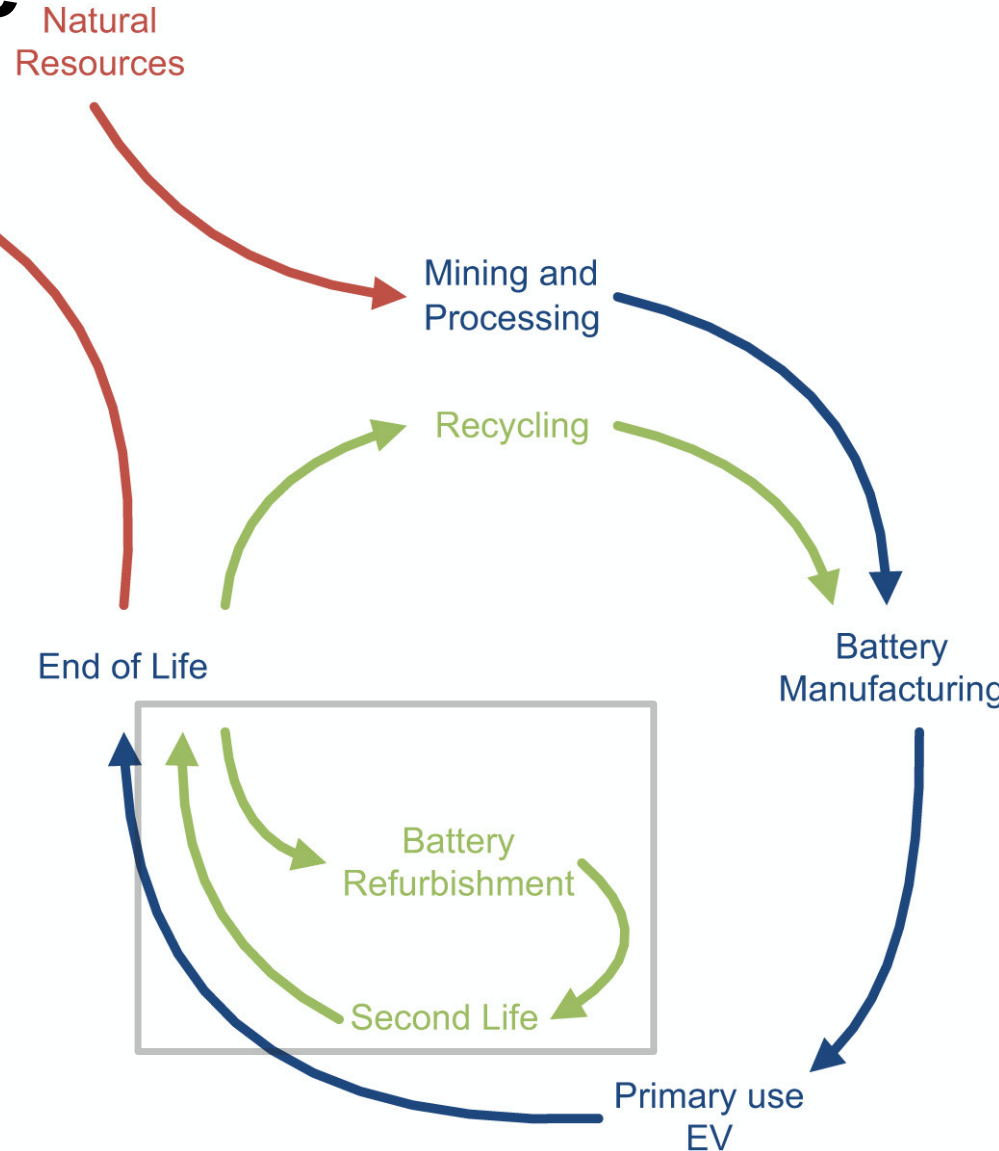
Outline

- 1. Market potential**
- 2. Technical potential**
- 3. Second-life applications**
 - a) RePurpose Energy**
- 4. Barriers and policy**

Battery Second-life

Potential benefits of second-life:

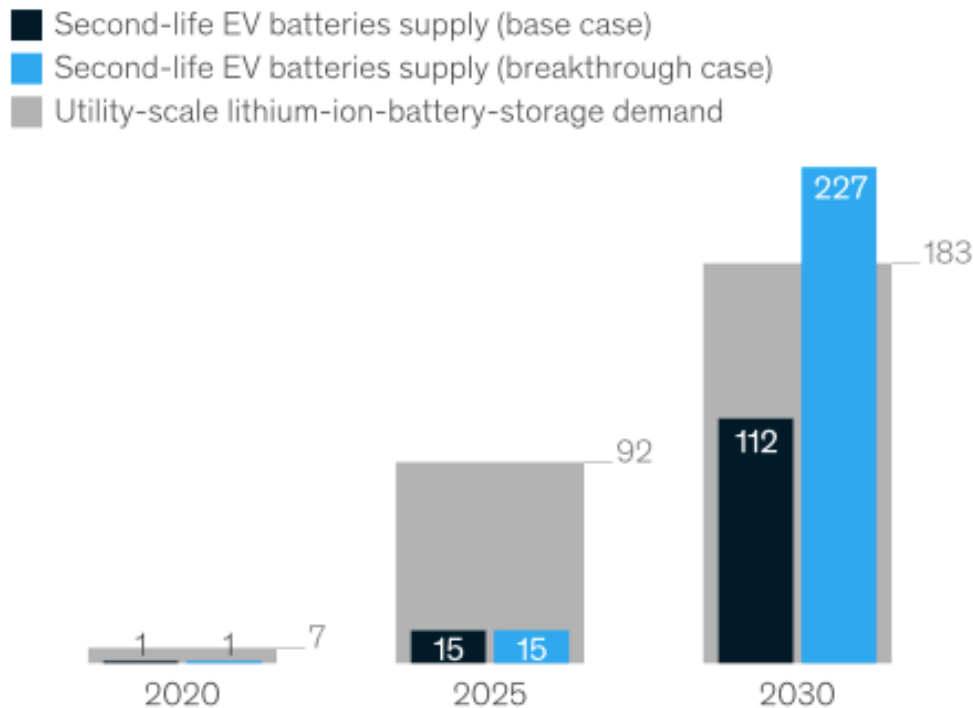
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- Reduc batteri
- Enable increased use of renewables



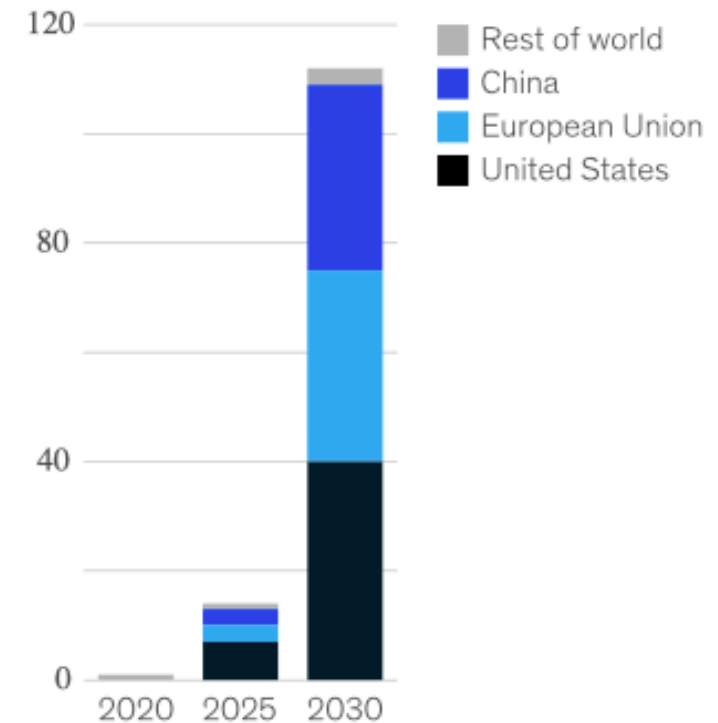
Second-life Market: Supply

Second-life lithium-ion battery supply could surpass 200 gigawatt-hours per year by 2030.

Utility-scale lithium-ion battery demand and second-life EV¹ battery supply,² gigawatt-hours/year (GWh/y)



Second-life EV battery supply by geography (base case²), GWh/y



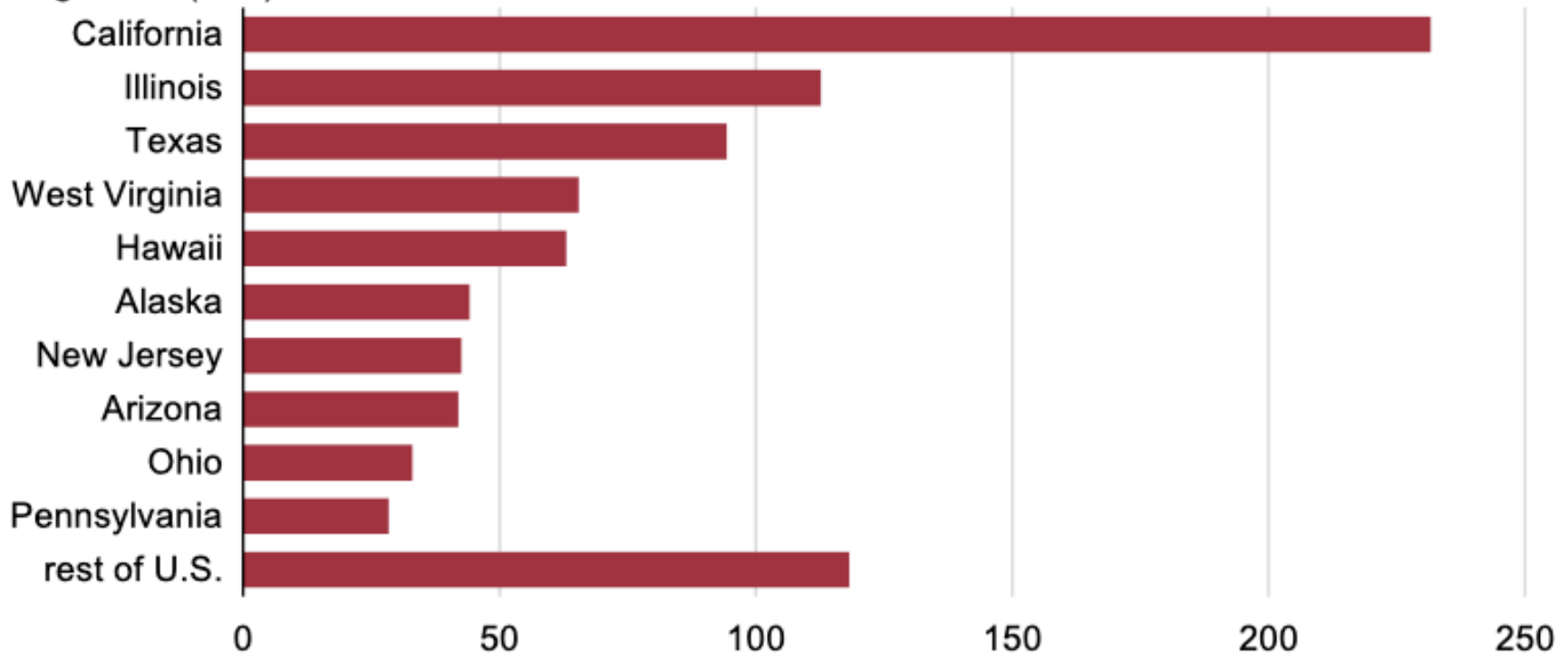
¹Electric vehicle.

²Only for batteries from passenger cars.

Second-life Market: Demand

The US added 522.7 megawatts/1,113 megawatt-hours of energy storage in 2019.

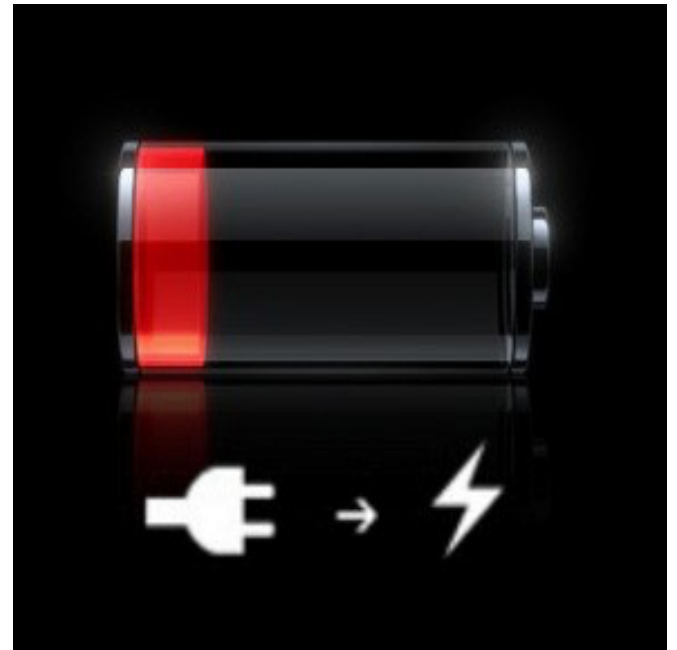
U.S. operating utility-scale battery storage by state (top 10, March 2019)
megawatts (MW)



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Annual Electric Generator Report](#) and the [Preliminary Monthly Electric Generator Inventory](#)

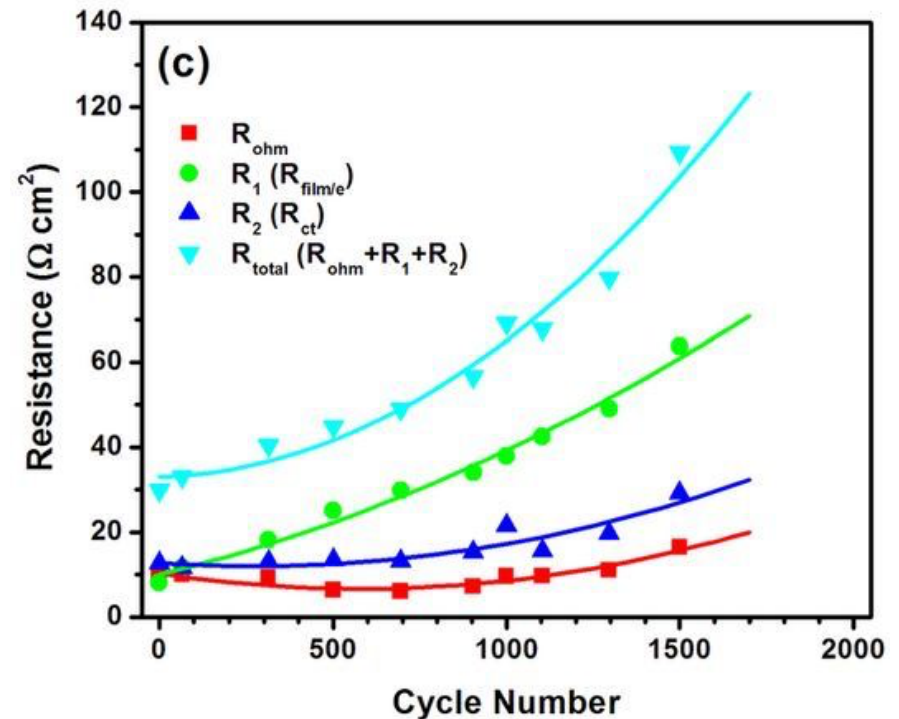
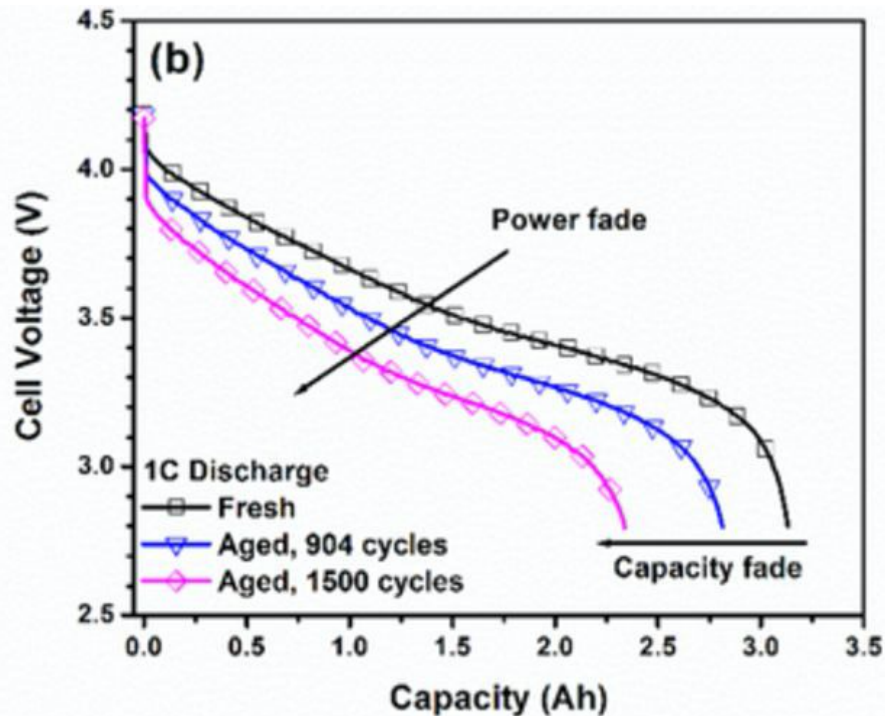
EV Battery Lifetime

- How many times a battery can deliver its stored energy at a specific rate is a function of degradation
- Current lithium-ion batteries used in EVs can generally deliver 80% of their initial capacity \gg 1000 times in average conditions



EV Battery Lifetime

As batteries degrade, stored energy becomes inaccessible at higher loads



EV Battery Lifetime

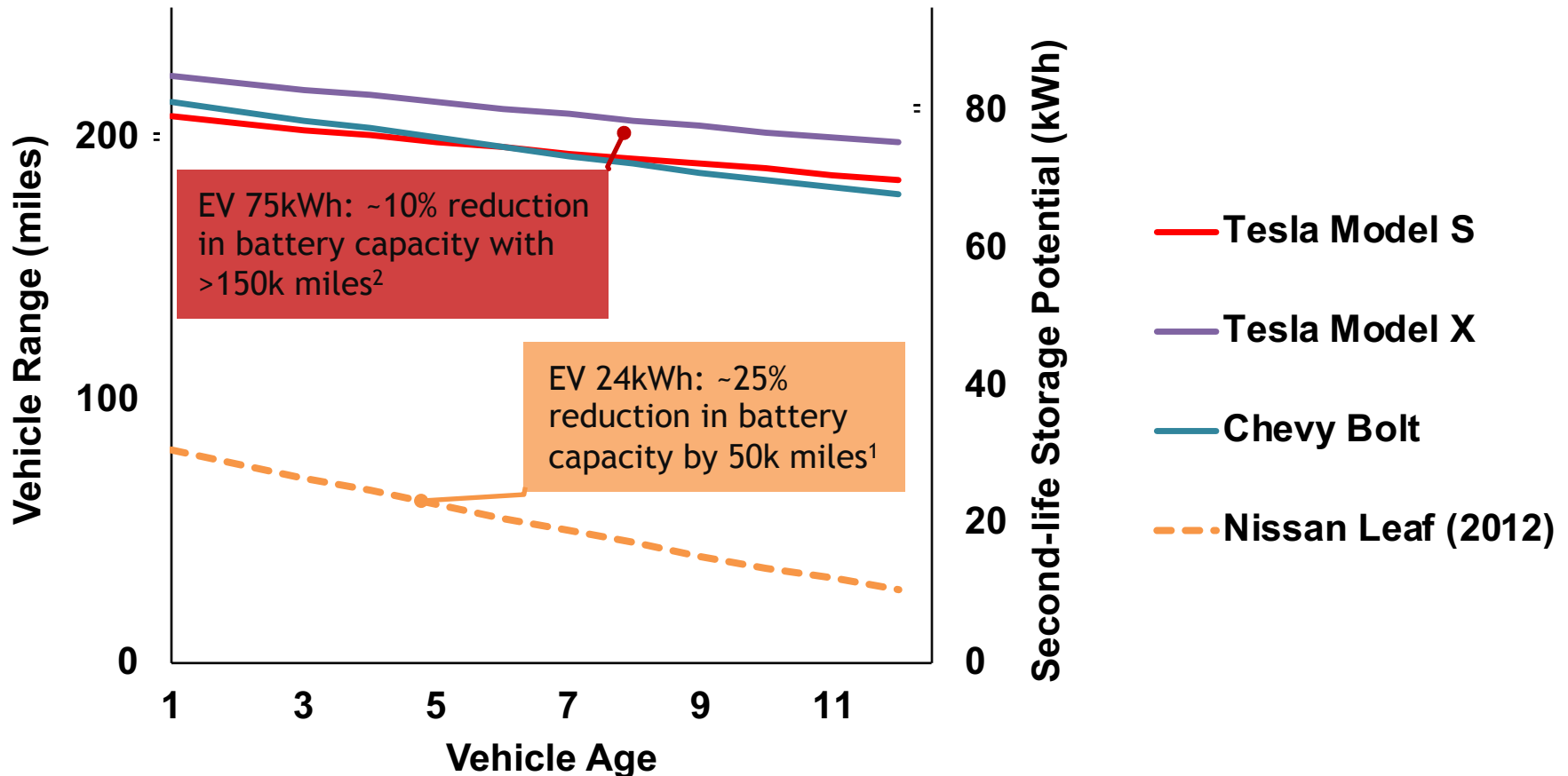
Three main pathways for degradation in a lithium ion battery:

- temperature,
- cycles, and
- time.

Repeated utilization of the maximum storage potential of the battery, rapid charge and discharge cycles, and exposure to high temperatures are all likely to reduce battery performance.

EV Battery Lifetime

Increasing battery sizes + improved lifetimes = more 2nd life potential

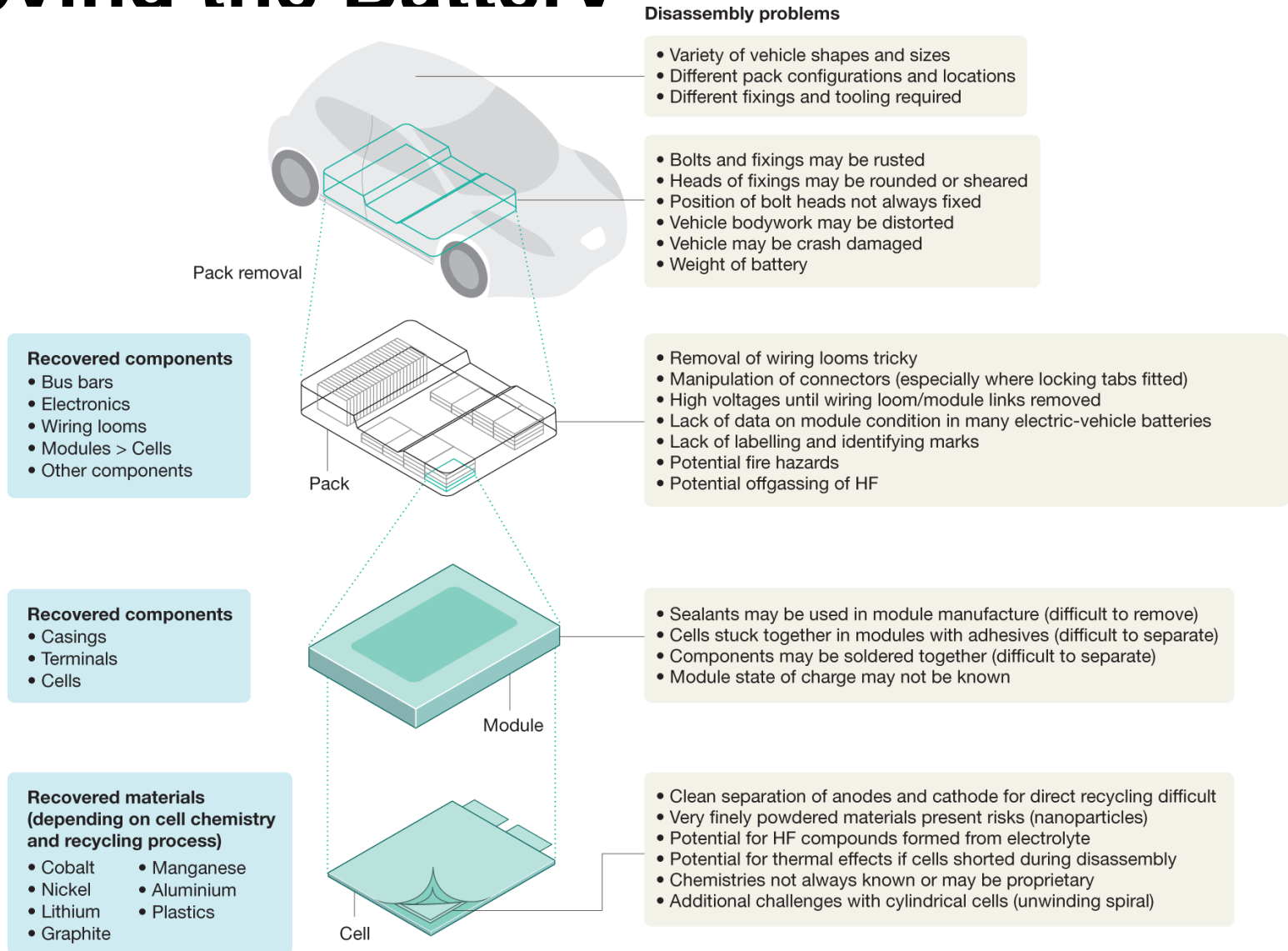


Repurposing EV Batteries

Three main steps:

1. Testing the battery
2. Removing the battery from the vehicle
3. Reconfiguring the battery for the second-life application

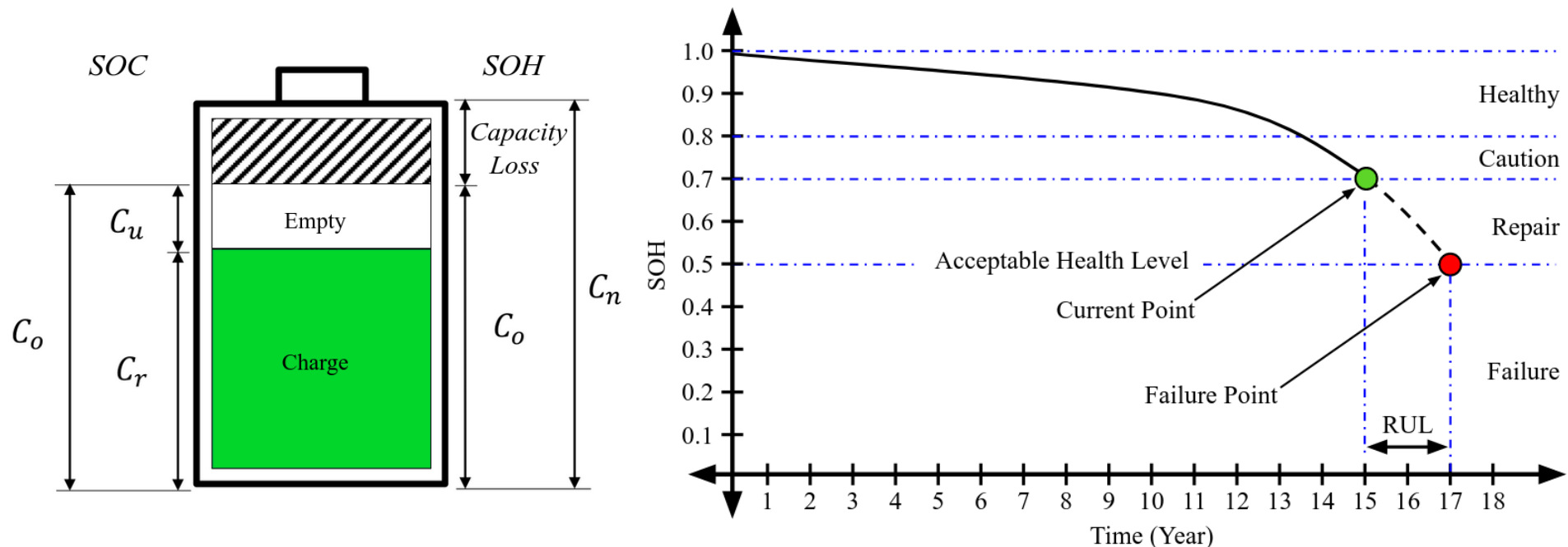
Removing the Battery



Testing the Battery

A primary goal of second-life testing is to determine the remaining useful life of the battery:

- The state of health (SOH) is the ratio of maximum capacity to the nominal capacity



Testing the Battery

Key types of standard safety and abuse testing for batteries:

- Mechanical – Drop, penetration, immersion, and crushing
- Electrical – external and internal shorts, overcharge/discharge
- Environmental – Thermal shocks, fire, extreme temperatures
- Chemical – Emissions, flammability

Refurbishing the Battery

In addition to testing, repurposing can entail:

- Reconfiguration of packs and modules
- Installation of new battery charge and/or thermal management

Cummins partners with the University of California San Diego on second-life battery development

Aug 27, 2019 Columbus, IN



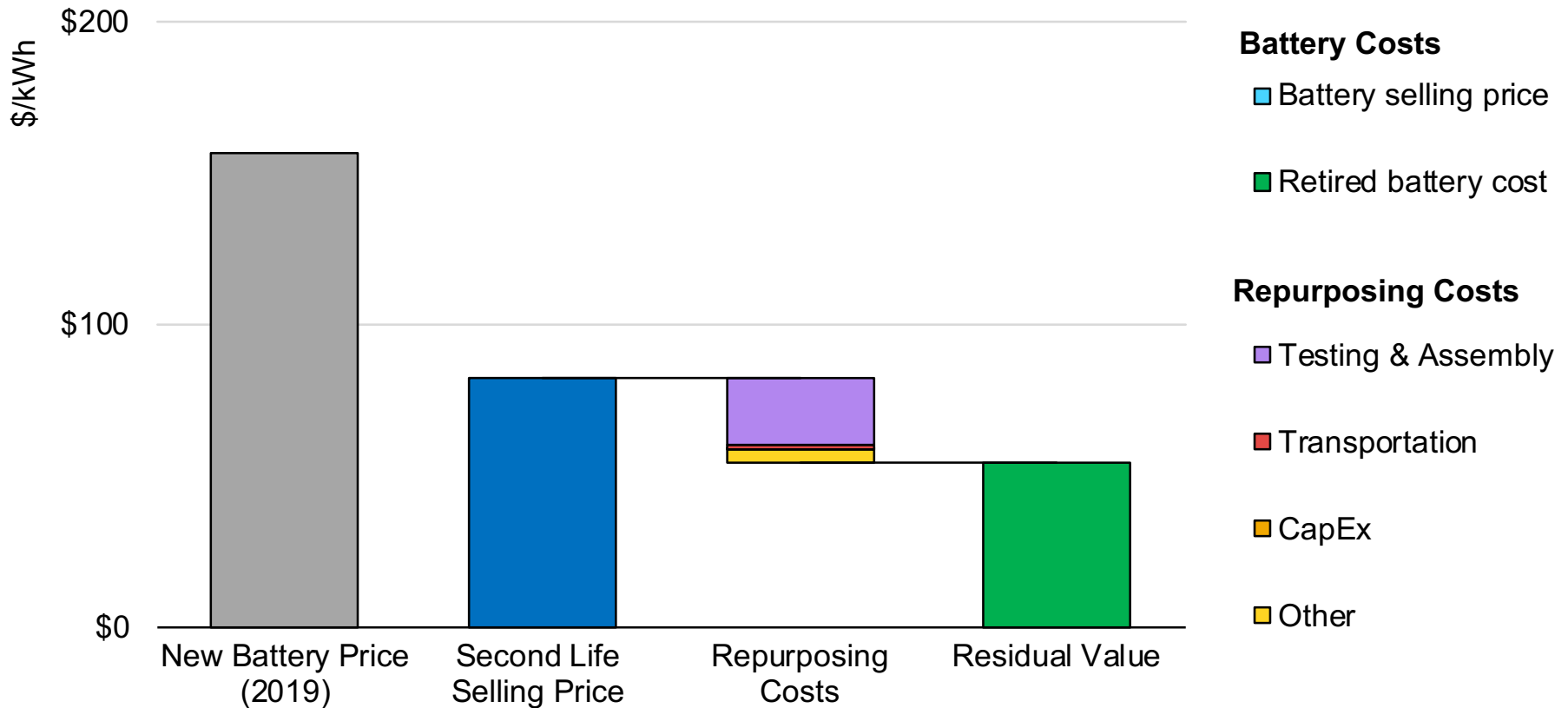
Second-life Battery Costs

New Battery Price	Second Life DoD	Vehicle	Second Life Health	Refurbished Battery Market Price (\$/kWh)	Used Battery Salvage Value (\$/kWh)	Cost to Refurbish (\$/kWh)
250 \$/kWh	60%	BEV75	0.33	83	51	32
		PHEV20	0.29	73	43	30
	50%	BEV75	0.72	180	131	49
		PHEV20	0.65	163	117	46
150 \$/kWh	60%	BEV75	0.33	50	24	26
		PHEV20	0.29	44	19	25
	50%	BEV75	0.72	108	72	36
		PHEV20	0.65	98	64	34

Martinez-Laserna, Egoitz, et al. "Battery second life: Hype, hope or reality? A critical review of the state of the art." *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 93 (2018): 701-718.

Second-life Battery Costs

Second-life could help to lower the costs of EVs



Generated using the NREL Battery Second-Use Repurposing Cost Calculator (<https://www.nrel.gov/transportation/b2u-calculator.html>), assumes 1 GWh/year volume, 60kWh pack.



RePurpose
Energy

Mission:

Reuse Electric Vehicle Batteries
To Store Solar Energy

2010

1st Used EV
Battery Project



Commercial-Scale
Demonstration

2018

2019



2020

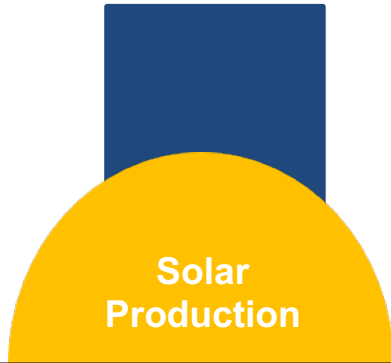


Next Project
In Development

Need for “Solar After Sunset”

Old Electricity Rates

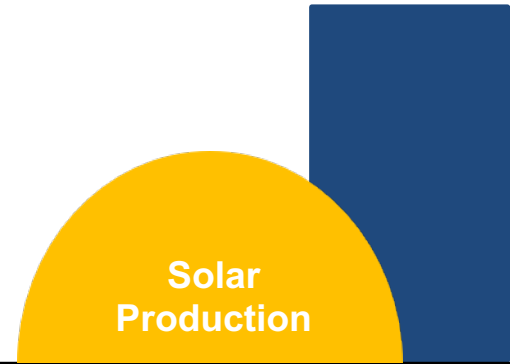
\$\$\$ Peak Prices



Morning Midday Evening

New Electricity Rates

\$\$\$ Peak Prices



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Representative Economics (IRR):

24%



12%

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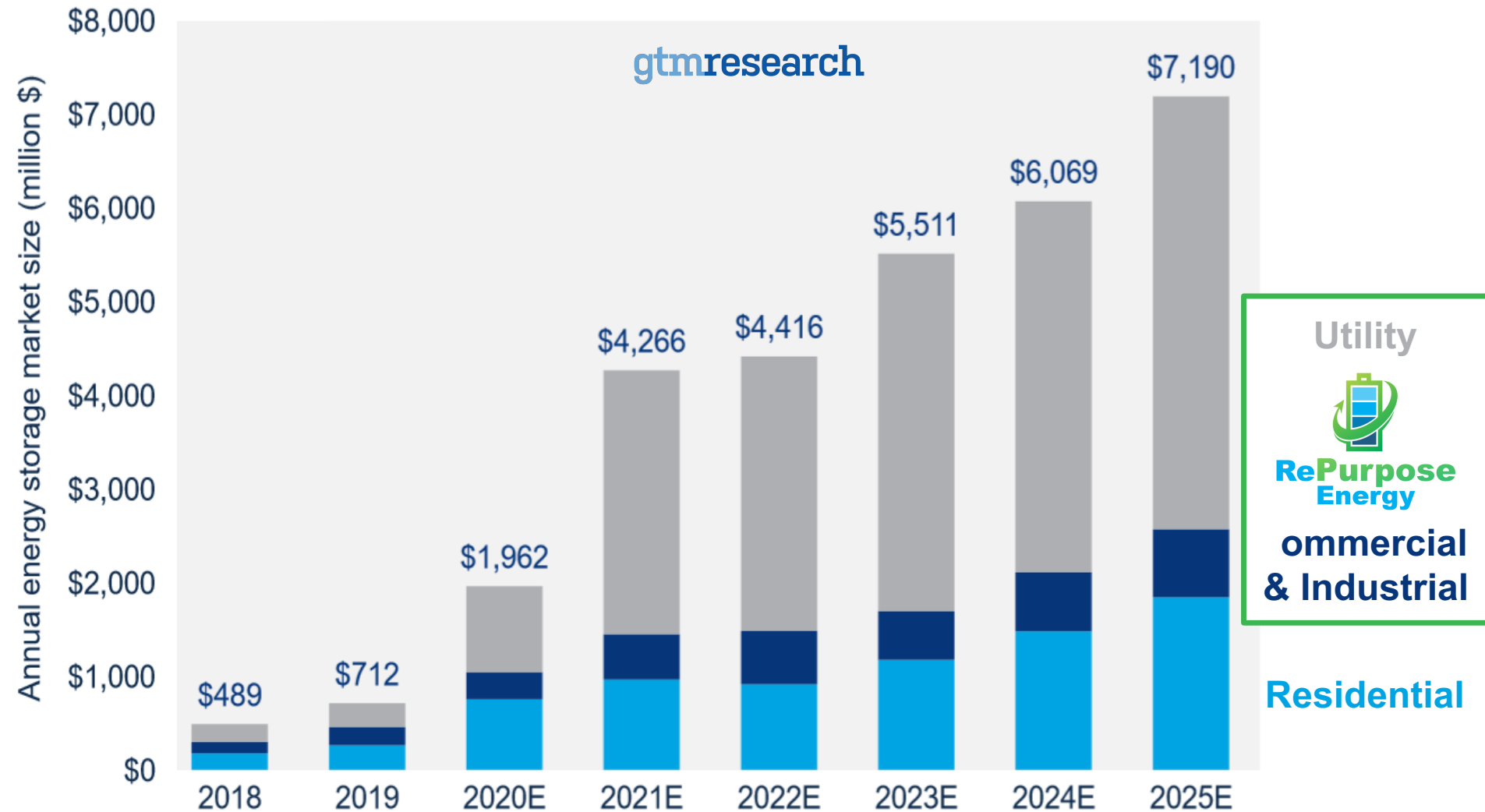
8%



18%

2-4 Year Payback

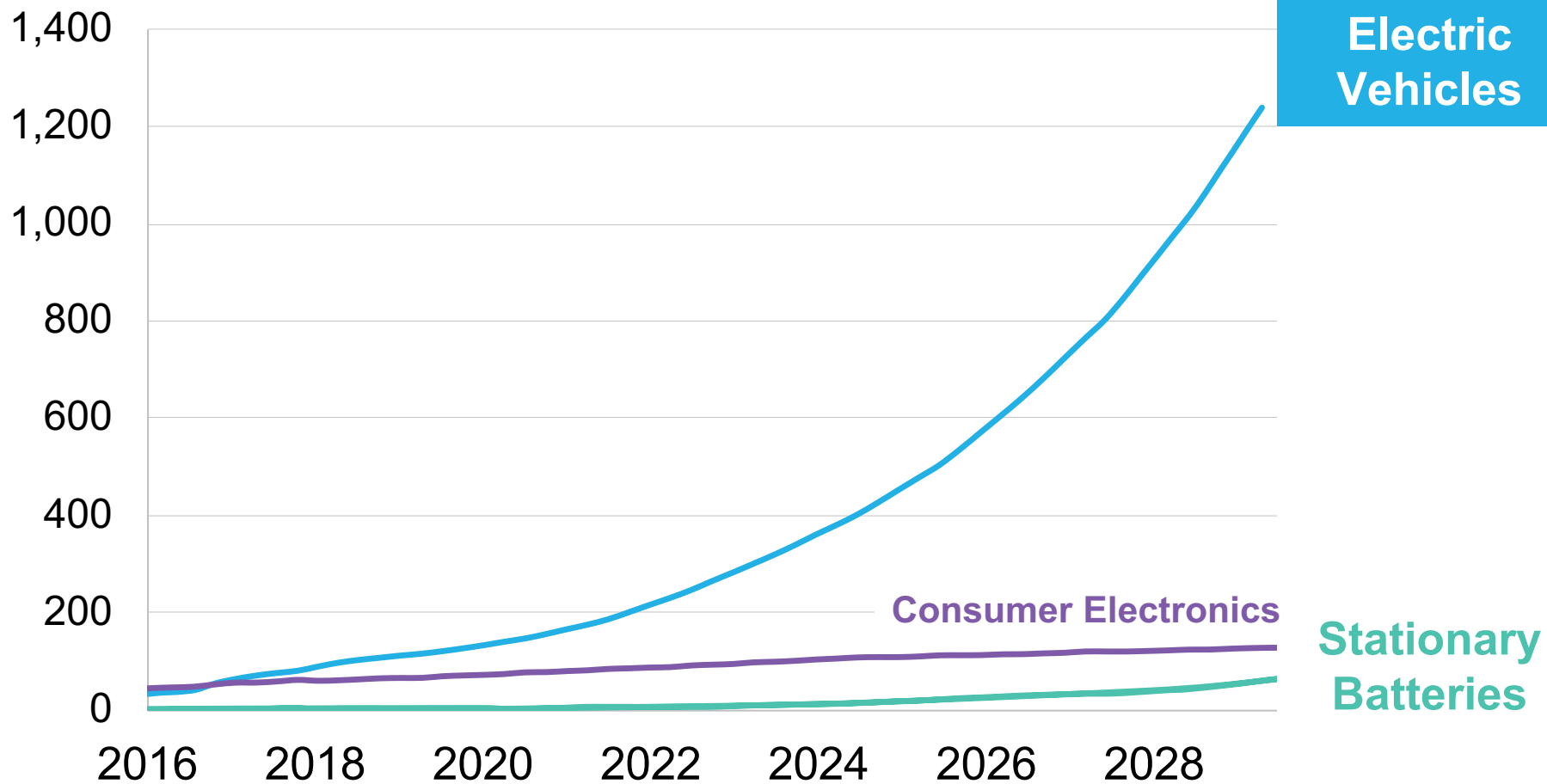
Energy Storage Annual Market Projections



Global Battery Demand

Annual GWh

Forecast By **Bloomberg**
NEW ENERGY FINANCE



More Affordable Energy Storage

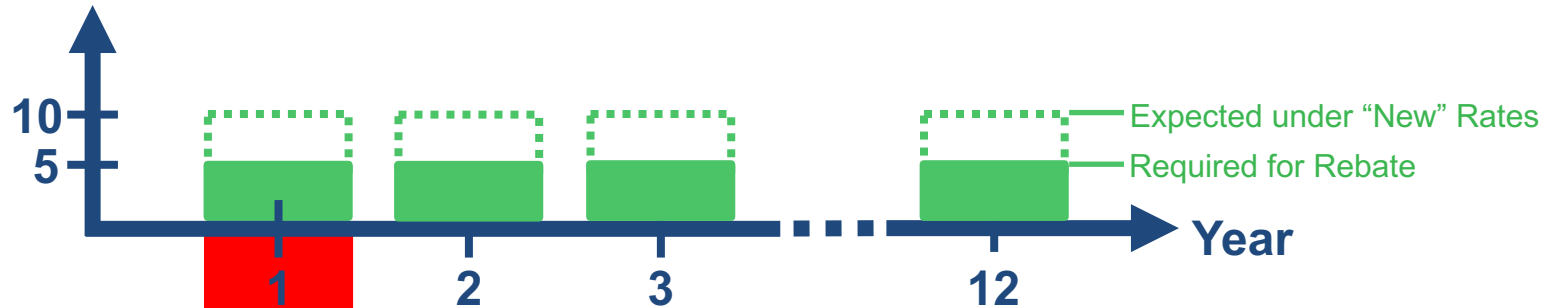


GHG Benefits of New Batteries Installed with Solar PV at Commercial & Industrial Facilities in CA

Mitigated Emissions

(kg CO₂-eq per kWh of capacity)

Production Emissions



Chemistry

Battery Production Emissions

NMC

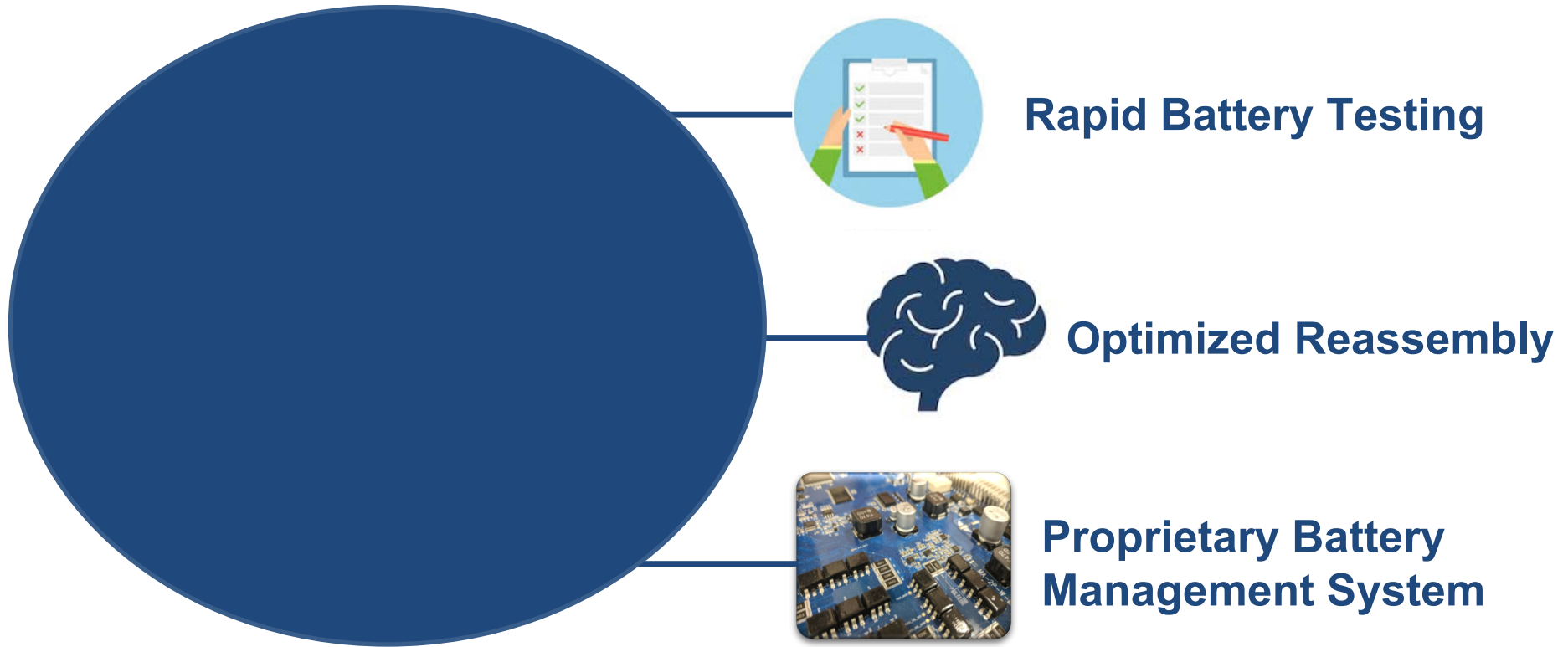
40-240, **average 160**

LFP

30-270, **average 161**

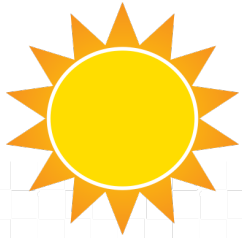
**In This Context, Lifecycle GHG Benefits
of New Li-ion Batteries
Are Likely Slim to None**

Core Capabilities



Cal**SEED** Non-Destructive
Battery Fire Suppression

Commercial-Scale Demonstration

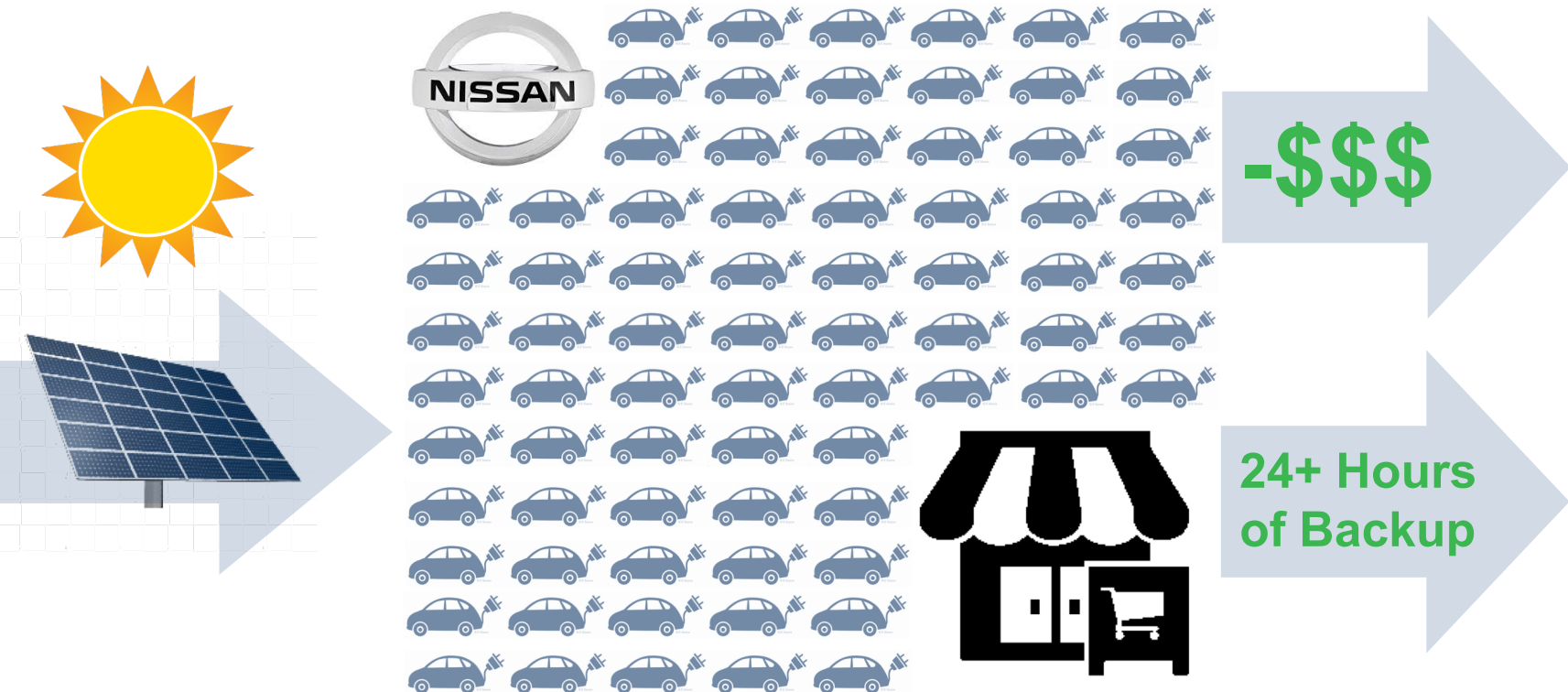


- 40%



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Project in Development



Other Goals

- Measure & Mitigate Battery Degradation Rates
- Demonstrate 30%+ Cost Advantage over New Batteries

To Enable EV Battery Reuse:

1. **Ensure Eligibility for Key Incentives (e.g. SGIP)**
2. **Encourage Solutions with Low Production Emissions**
3. **Centralize or Increase Oversight of Battery Collection & Disposal**



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Pilots/Demos

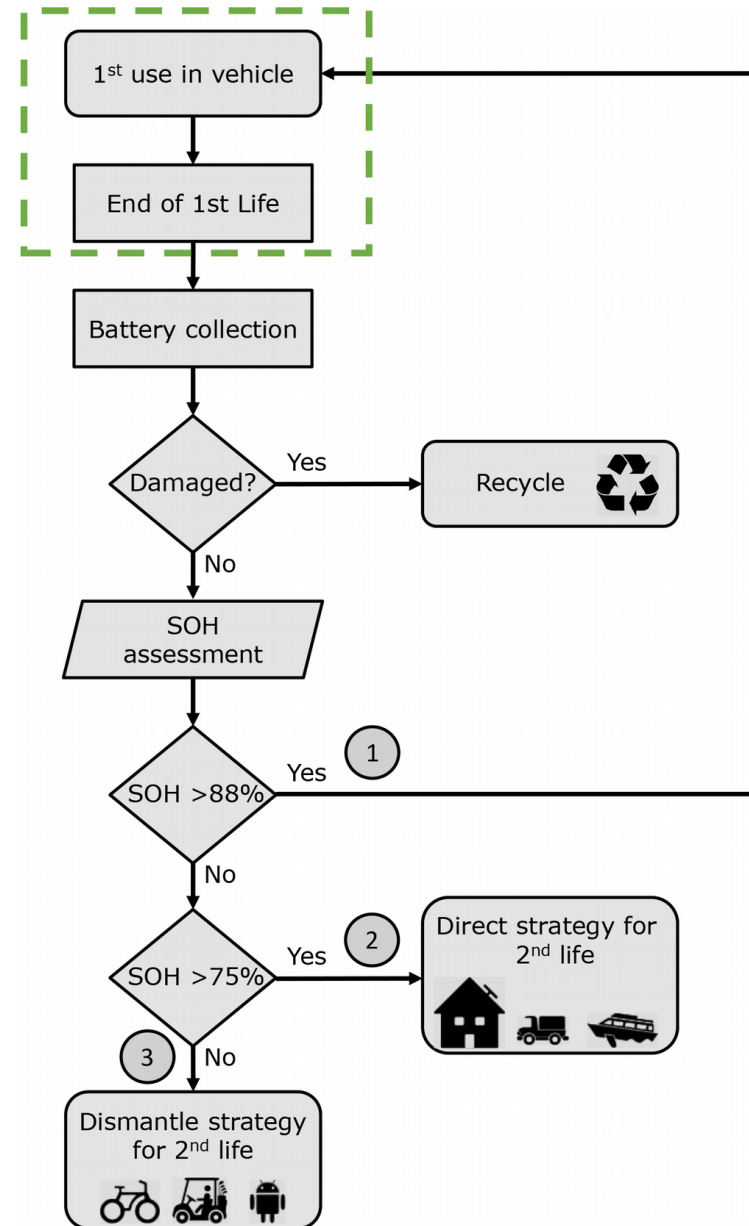
Growing number of pilot and demonstration projects create opportunities for continued learning

Joint Ventures	Description	Location
Daimler GETEC/ the mobility house remondis / EnBW	Battery storage unit with a total capacity of 13 MWh using degraded EV batteries from Daimler EV models	Luenen, Germany
BMW/PG&E	18-month pilot project to demonstrate EV smart charging and optimization grid efficiency with participation of 100 BMW i3 owners	San Francisco, USA
Nissan Sumitoto (4R Energy)/Green charge network	System (600 kWh/400 kWh): 16 Nissan Leaf LIBs regulate energy from a solar plant	Osaka, Japan
BMW/Vattenfall/Bosch	2,600 battery modules from 100 electric cars, and provides 2MW of output and 2.8 MWh of capacity	Hamburg, Germany
Renault/Connected Energy Ltd	“E-STOR”: on-grid providing energy storage that prevents power grid overload and balances supply and demand	United Kingdom, Europe
Mitsubishi/PSA EDF/ Forsee Power/ MMC	Bi-directional battery energy consumption optimization from retired batteries	Paris, France
General Motors/ ABB	5 Chevrolet Volt LIBs, 74 kW solar array & two 2 kW wind turbines to power a General Motors office building site	USA

Hossain, Eklas, et al. "A Comprehensive Review on Second-Life Batteries: Current State, Manufacturing Considerations, Applications, Impacts, Barriers & Potential Solutions, Business Strategies, and Policies." *IEEE Access* 7 (2019): 73215-73252.

Key Issues for Battery Reuse

- Data, testing, and repurposing costs
- Logistics
- Reliability and performance
- Competition



Thank you

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