

# **Optimising Energy Storage Costs Through Standardization and Lifetime Services**

### **OUR MISSION**

Transform the way you power your world to create a more sustainable future.





# Fluence is the global leader in grid connected energy storage

Joint Venture of Siemens & The AES Corporation provides proven storage products and services

#### **OUR TRACK RECORD**



**13**+



150+
PROJECTS



29
COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES

#### **INDUSTRY RECOGNITION**



ON GUIDEHOUSE ENERGY STORAGE LEADERBOARD





7,900+
TOTAL MW STORAGE
AND OPTIMISED
BIDDING ASSETS



7,600+
GW-HOURS OF DELIVERED SERVICE GLOBALLY





#### **OUR CUSTOMERS**







































# We are creating the energy storage market and accelerating grid transformation

2008

1<sup>st</sup> lithium-ion battery to connect to the electric grid **INDIANA, US** 



2009

1<sup>st</sup> commercial grid-scale battery CHILE



2014

Contracted first 100 MW/400 MWh energy storage peaker



2015

Finland

**ALAMITOS, CA, US** 



First grid-scale

battery project in

**HELSINKI, FINLAND** 

2017

**Build largest** energy storage project in the world, for the 5th time

**ESCONDIDO, CA, US** 



2018

Bringing market participants across grid value chain together to max asset value VIC, AUSTRALIA



2019

Largest portfolio contracted in the region with 500+MW from 20+ projects



2020

Delivered fastest response time of grid-scale battery **IRELAND** 

1200 MWh **CALIFORNIA, US** 

Deploying largest

project in the

peak power,

world, capacity



**Industry Firsts** 

From 2008-2020, the Fluence team designed and delivered the first battery-based energy storage systems in 18 markets



# GW-scale success requires new thinking

Are you asking the right questions?

### STABILITY

Am I confident my project's bankability?

### CAPACITY

Will I be able to access battery supply?

### **PRODUCT**

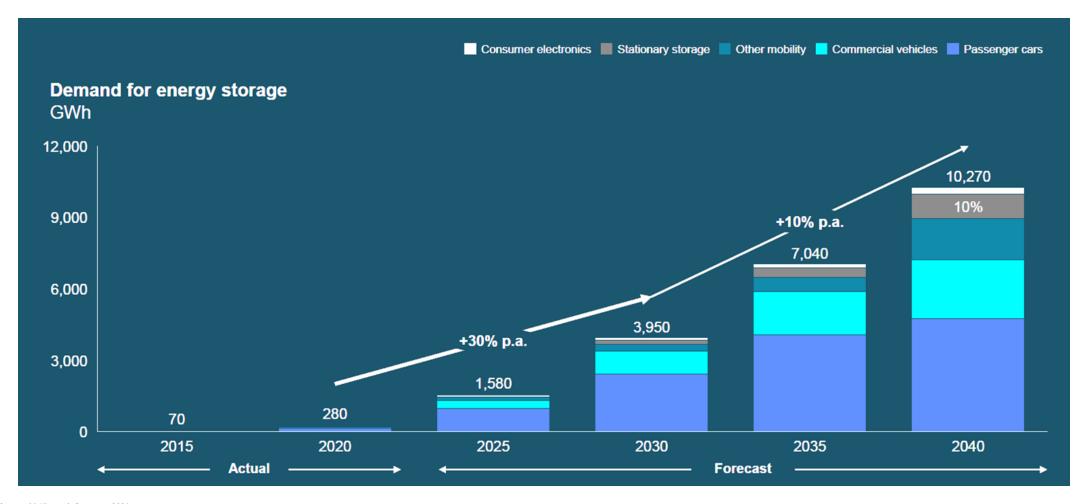
Is the technology future-proof?

### **MARKETS**

How do I maximize asset revenue?



# Mobility applications drive battery demand





### How will you access battery capacity in a market prioritizing EVs?

"Unreliable battery cell supply is a problem for the industry... Securing cell supply is also crucial for energy storage providers to meet their near-term project pipeline.

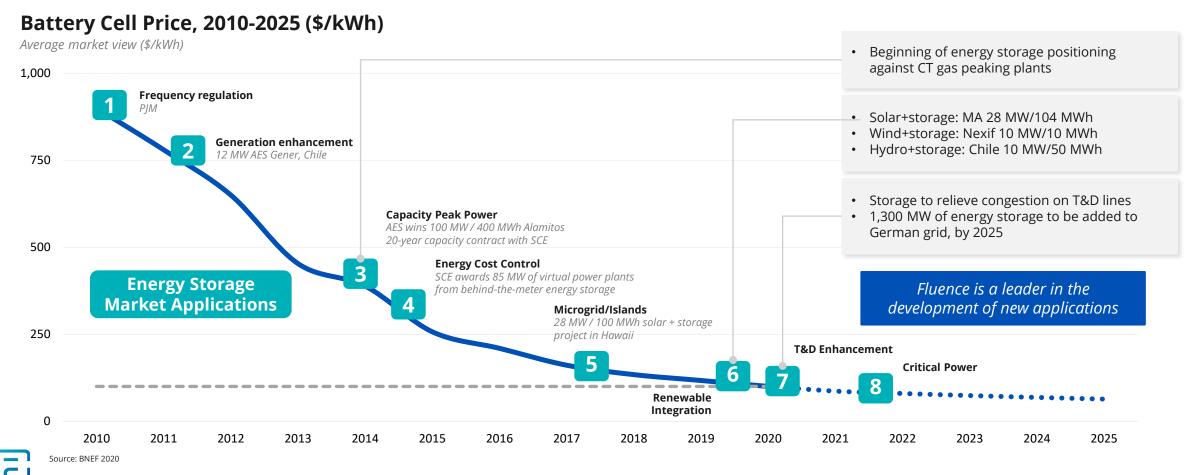
Those who have access to supply have a competitive advantage."

"Only a few large energy storage providers can command the volume when purchasing batteries. Energy storage providers must have a **sophisticated supply chain** strategy by developing strong supply partnerships, producing a scalable product."



# New Applications and Segments are Continuously Commercially Unlocked Due to Lower Pricing and Higher Flexibility Needs

Continued decline in battery prices increases energy storage applications; renewables and T&D are recently "in the money" and poised for massive investment in next five years



### One tech stack.



#### **Hardware**

Configurable, factory-built, standardized form factor delivers safe, scalable, costeffective systems with the latest storage components



### **Controls**

Fully integrated operations platform combines comprehensive controls and asset management



### Intelligence

Extensible digital intelligence and machine learning to improve system performance

### Mass customization.

### **CUBE**

Single physical container

#### **NODE**

Cube or string of cubes connected to a DC bus

#### **CORE**

Collection of Nodes connected to a transformer







#### **ARRAY**

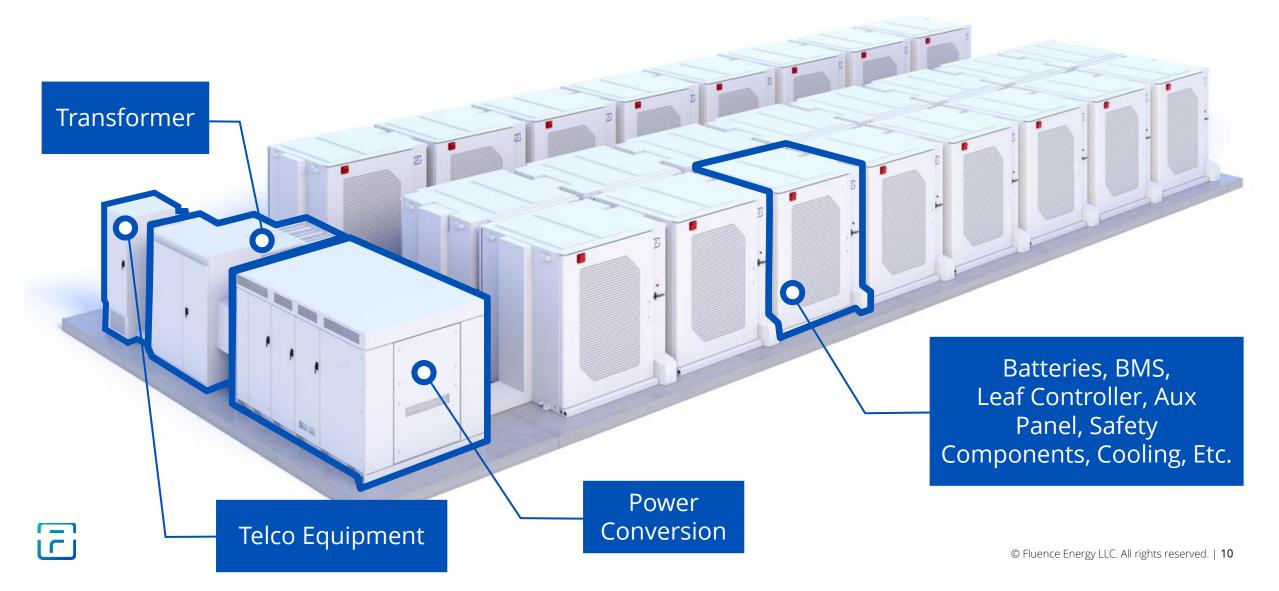
Collection of Cores connected to an interconnection







# Productization and standardization are the foundation for flexibility, embedded safety, rapid delivery and augmentation

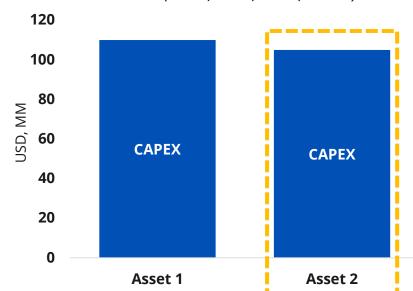


# Importance of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) in Procurement Decisions

Energy storage assets charge / discharge in real-time throughout their lifetime; operating expenses and system performance play a key role in long term cost of ownership

### **CAPEX Based Procurement**

Asset 2 selected based on all-in CAPEX cost (BESS, BOP, land, labor)



Standards for Systems, commissioning, Testing and operation to enable lower TCO

200

180

160

140

∑ 120

OSD, **100** 

40

20

TCO estimated based on cost of capital over full asset life (e.g., 20 years)

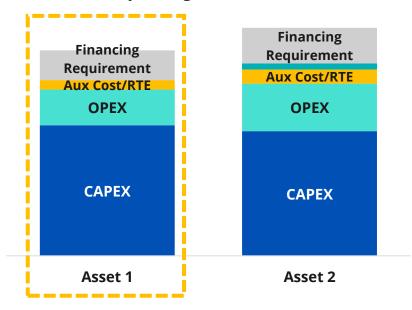


Example TCO elements<sup>1</sup>:

- Maintenance
- Warranties
- Capacity Maintenance
- Contingency
- Aux Load cost
- Roundtrip efficiency (RTE)
- Cycling / degradation based on dispatch profile

### **TCO Based Procurement**

Asset 1 selected based on lifetime costs of storage asset (TCO)



**CAPEX-only evaluations risk higher lifetime costs;** 

Advanced energy storage markets are transacting based on TCO evaluations (e.g., U.S., Australia, U.K.)



# How do you keep 20-year assets updated in a market that changes every 12 months?

Those able to adapt will lead the storage industry.



**MARKETS** 



**APPLICATIONS** 



**MAINTENANCE** 



**SOFTWARE** 



### Complete services are critical enabling operators to adapt to changing market and technology conditions

### Guarantees

Safeguard asset revenue potential over project life with degradation, capacity, and availability guarantees

### **Warranties**

Secure your system with back-to-back OEM equipment warranties and extensive Fluence claims support

### Maintenance

Maintain equipment and optimal operating condition with preventative and reactive maintenance

### Support

Access 24/7 support backed by the most comprehensive data and experienced team in the industry

### Reporting

Understand asset state of health, performance, and risk with monthly system analysis and KPI reporting

### **Training**

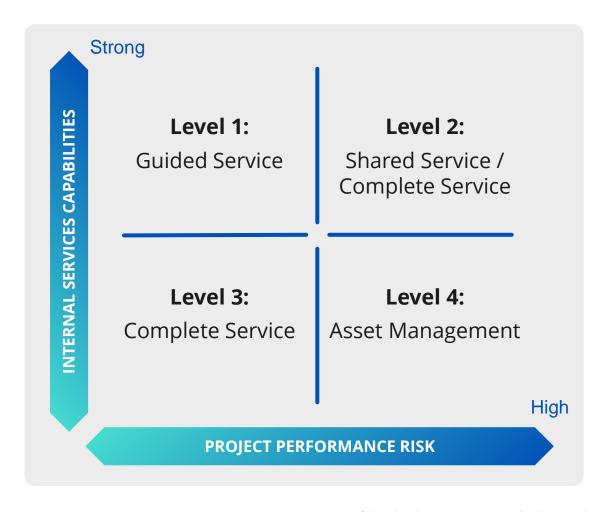
Receive comprehensive training delivered by experienced service reps included with all storage systems



# Ideal service level depends on in-house capabilities and the project's performance risk

# What to consider when selecting a services package:

- Do you want to maintain the asset?
- What are your commercial obligations?
- Have you maintained a storage asset?
- What size system are you purchasing?
- Do you need capacity guarantees?
- Do you need an availability guarantee?





# Planning ahead through effective augmentation strategies is critical to ensure lifetime project performance

Batteries degrade and lose capacity. Degradation varies depending on technology, application, cycling profile, temperature etc.

Augmentation becomes necessary to maintain the performance characteristics over the project life.

Overbuild at the start of the project Utility customers looking for guaranteed firm capacity

Adding capacity / modifying throughout the asset's life

AC-Augmentation

DC-Augmentation

Investors / IPPs looking to maximize revenue



# Using a practical example to highlight DC-augmentation

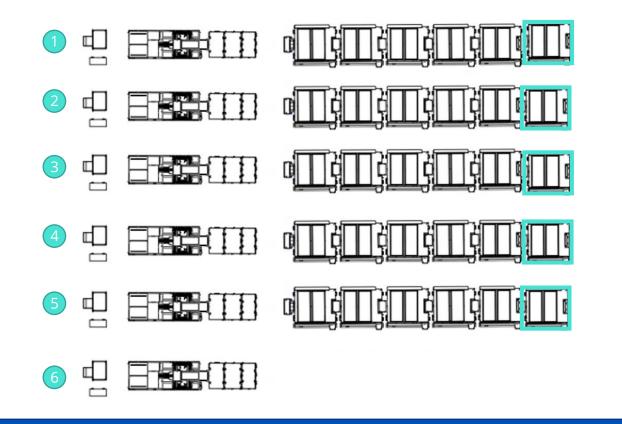


Illustrative example

Example 6 core Gridstack SD Cube arrangement of 30 cubes



# Using a practical example to highlight DC-augmentation



Illustrative example

**Step 1**: The cubes from core 6 reallocated to similar SOH cubes in core 1-5, freeing up an inverter bay



# Using a practical example to highlight DC-augmentation



Illustrative example

**Step 2**: New cubes with new batteries delivered and installed behind Core 6. Due the agonistic design of the cube and F.OS controls, the new cubes may take advantage of a new or different chemistry.



### Conclusions

- GW-scale success requires new thinking in the energy storage industry.
- Unreliable battery supply can be a challenge
- While battery cells cost reduction has drive market deployment the curve is flattening – standardized products create flexibility, embedded safety, rapid delivery and augmentation
- Procurement needs to be done on a lifetime cost basis as BESS realize their value over their lifetime
- Project owners need to assess the ideal service level based on in-house capabilities and the project's performance risk
- Augmentation needs to be carefully planned for design, technical considerations, software and controls, long-term business case.





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