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# **CURRENT BATTERY TECHNOLOGY TRENDS**

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## **RENEWABLES + STORAGE MAKING ECONOMIC SENSE**

LCOE (\$/MWh, 2018 real) 900 Implied using historic 800 battery pack prices 700 Battery storage (4 hours) 600 500 Utility PV, no tracking 400 Utility PV, tracking Gas 300 Peaker Offshore wind 200 Gas Combined Cvcle 100 (Lazard) Onshore wind 0 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

Storage alone is competitive with gas peaker plants.

What "storage" is selling?

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: The global benmark is a country weighed-average using the latest annual capacity additions. The storage LCOE is reflective of a utility-scale Li-ion battery storage system running at a daily cycle and includes charging costs assumed to be 60% of whole sale base power price in each country.



# LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

#### Revolutionary batteries serving transportation and the grid



LIBs are not one thing. Understanding the chemistries can help in purchasing and operations.

### LIBs are still getting better bit by bit.

Grid is benefiting from transportation battery enthusiasm.





Figure 15: Typical specific energy of lead-, nickel- and lithium-based batteries. NCA enjoys the highest specific energy; however, manganese and phosphate are superior in terms of specific power and thermal stability. Li-titanate has the best life span. Courtesy of Cadex

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## LIB COMPETITOR: FLOW CELLS

#### Commercially available and subject of research to make cheaper, safer, longer lasting





Power restricted by Li<sup>+</sup> transport rate in electrodes and electrolyte

Energy restricted by Li<sup>+</sup> storage capacity of electrodes

Power limited by area of reaction interface between anolyte and catholyte

Energy limited by volume of anolyte and catholyte tanks



# INCREASING RENEWABLES CALLS FOR LONGER DURATION STORAGE



