

# Solar Energy and Storage Technology Economics

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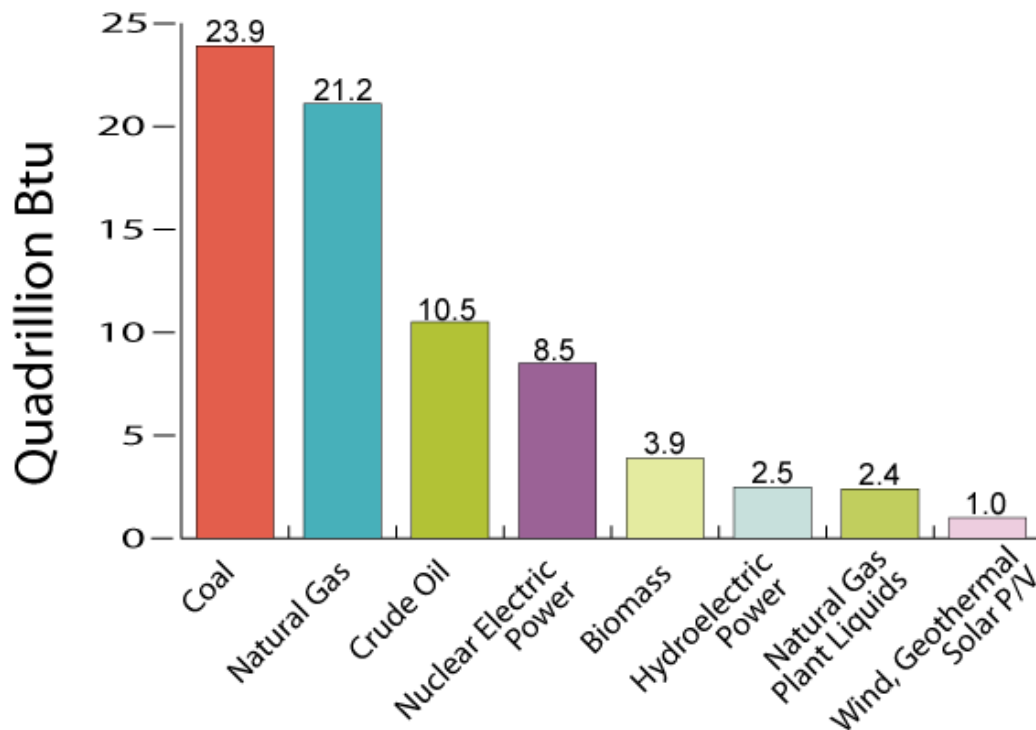
## Research, Development, Outreach

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- ▶ Formed September 2007 at the University of Arizona
  - ▶ Funding – ABOR, University of Phoenix, TEP , APS, DOE, SFAz
- ▶ Solar Energy Systems Development
  - ▶ Storage
  - ▶ Smart Grid
  - ▶ Demonstration Sites
  - ▶ Solar House, Solar Car, Desalination
- ▶ Basic Research
  - ▶ Seed Projects
  - ▶ New Photovoltaic Materials/ Solar Concentrators
- ▶ Testing – PV Test Site
- ▶ Economic and Policy analysis
- ▶ Education and Outreach

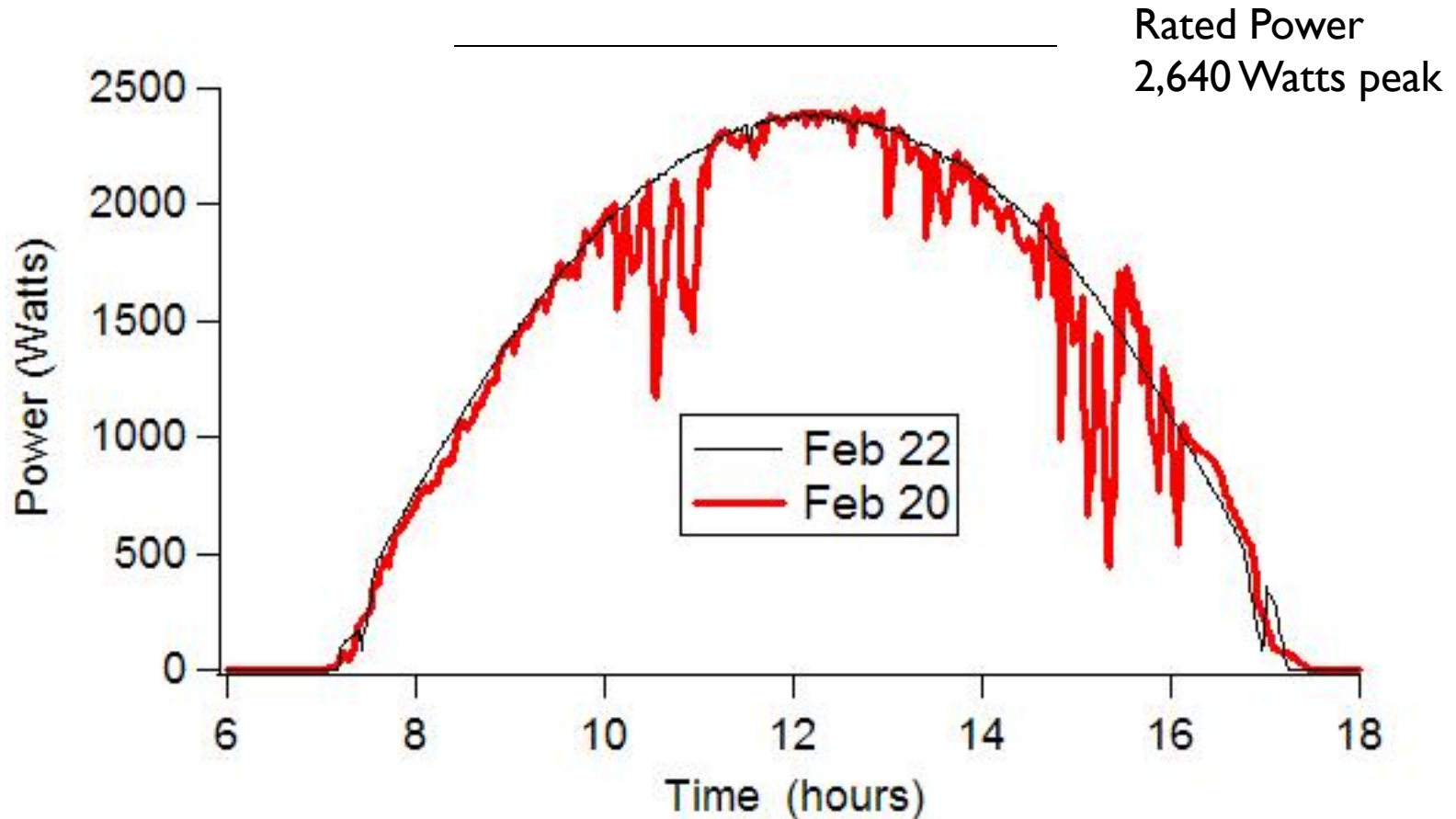


## U.S. Primary Energy Production by Major Source (2008)

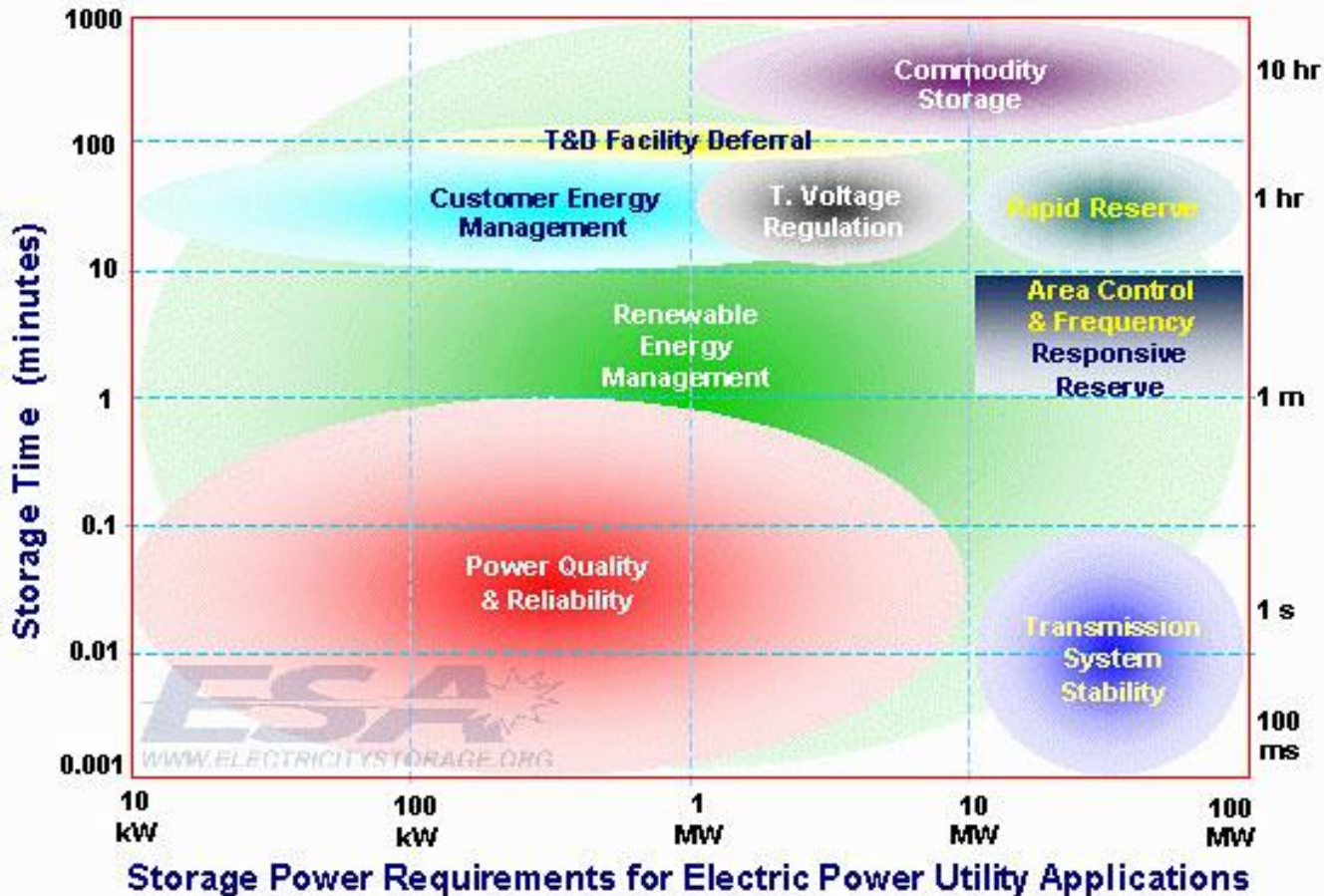


Source: Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2008*, Table 1.2. (June 2009)

# Solar has short-term intermittency due to weather



Data from TEP Test Yard – Alexander Cronin



Energy Storage Technologies must be able to provide energy and power combinations

- Wholesale markets
- Upgrade deferral
- Retail markets
- Operating reserves

Data from Sandia Report 2002-1314

# Benefits of Energy Storage

## ▶ Generation

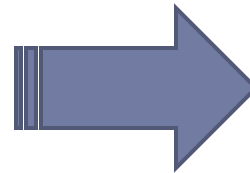
- ▶ Arbitrage
- ▶ Renewable energy integration

## ▶ Delivery

- ▶ Capacity upgrade deferral

## ▶ End Use

- ▶ Renewable energy integration
- ▶ Energy management
- ▶ Backup power
- ▶ Power quality



- Peak Demand Reductions
- Improved asset utilization
- Air emission reductions
- Improved reliability



Electricity network



# A New Day: energy storage price & performance comparisons

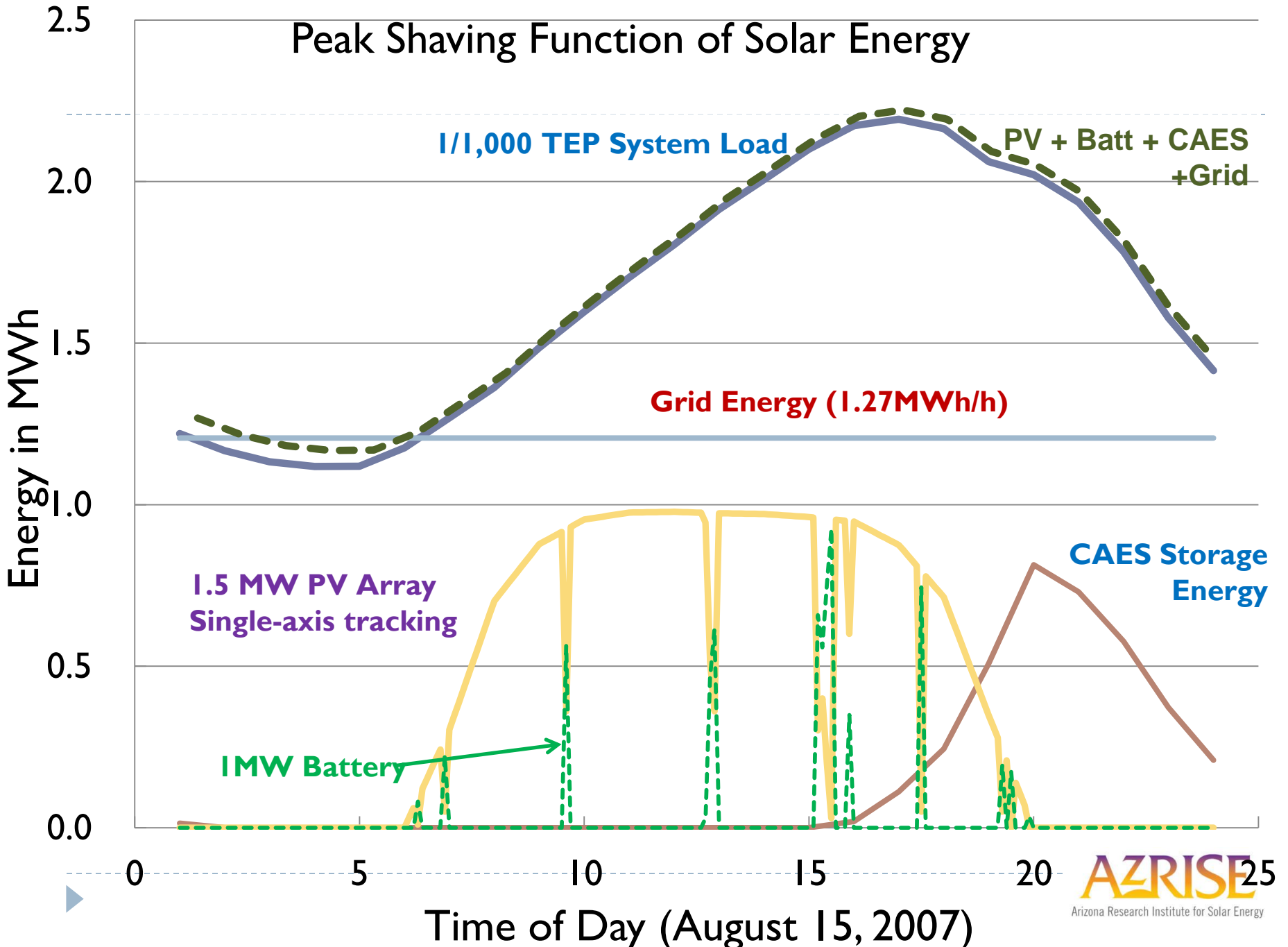
## Storage Technologies Primarily for Energy (kWh) Applications

Technology	\$/kWh	Rated Power (MW)	Efficiency	Lifetime	Discharge Time (hours)
Pumped Hydro	250 – 260	20 – 2,400	78 – 83%	11,000+	10
CAES	550 – 650	110 – 290	50 – 75%	11,000+	10
Flow batteries	500 – 1,000	0.05 – 8	65 – 80%	500+	8
NaS batteries	2,500 – 3,750	0.05 – 50	70 – 80%	3,000+	7
NiCad batteries	610 – 1,700	0.01 – 27	60 – 65%	1,000+	4

## Storage Technologies Primarily for Power (kW) Applications

Technology	\$/kW	Rated Power (MW)	Efficiency	Lifetime	Max Discharge Time (minutes)
NaS batteries	3,000 – 4,000	0.05 – 50	70 – 80%	3,000+	300
Li-Ion batteries	1,000 – 4,500	0.005 – 1	90 – 95%	20,000+	15
NiCad batteries	1,560 – 3,780	0.01 – 27	60 – 65%	1,000+	15
Lead acid	1,050 – 1,890	0.01 – 10	70 – 75%	250+	15
Flywheels	2,500 – 4,000	0.5 – 1	90 – 95%	500,000+	15
Super capacitors	N/A	0.003 – 0.01	90 – 98%	500,000+	seconds

# Peak Shaving Function of Solar Energy





# PV and CAES Model

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PV capacity	1.5 MW
PV conversion efficiency	15%
CAES natural gas heat rate	4300 Btu/kWh
CAES storage capacity	3.5 MWh/1 MW
Roundtrip efficiency	80%
Hours of storage	3



(*SOLON Single Axis – [www.solon.com](http://www.solon.com)*)

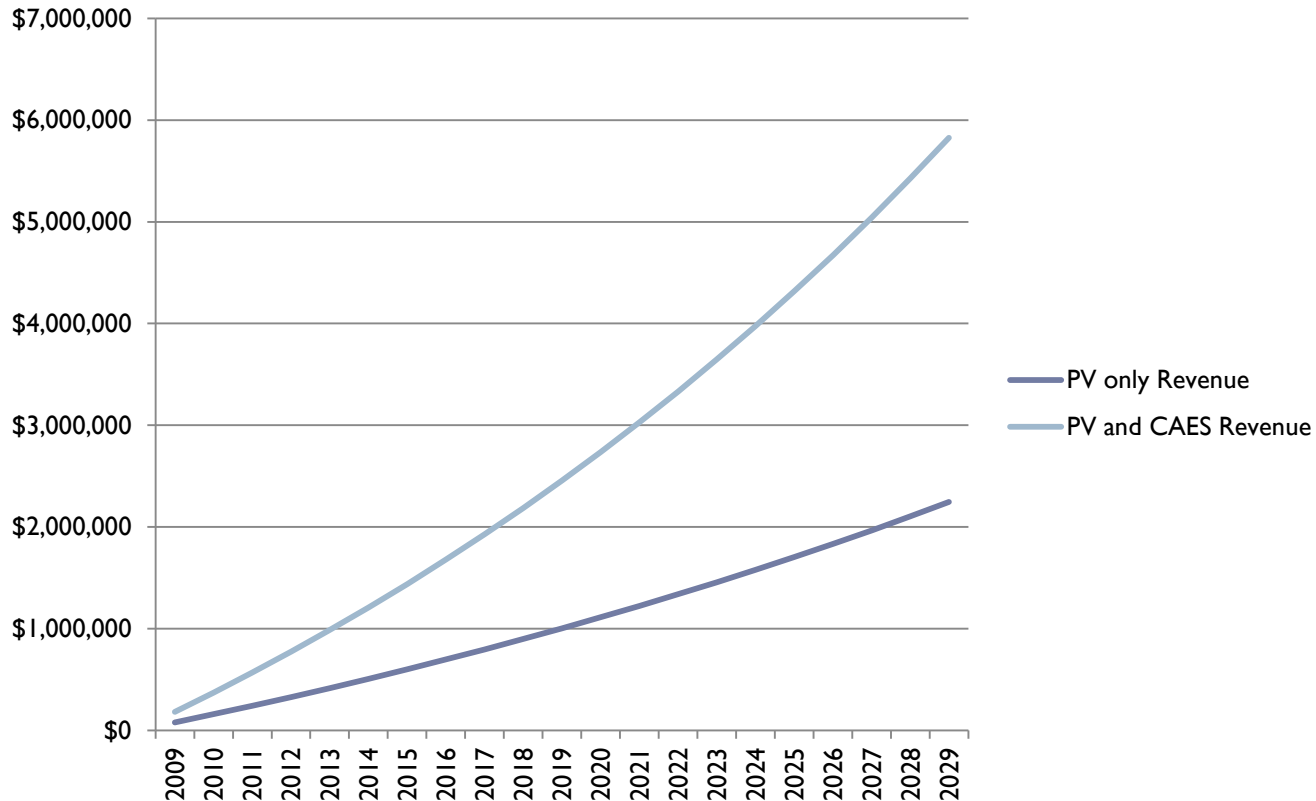


<b>PV/CAES Cost Estimates</b>	<b>\$/kW</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Storage system		
CAES Equipment	\$750	\$1,800,000
1MW/ 250 kWh Battery	\$2000	\$2,000,000
Photovoltaic system		
Installed cost	\$4000	\$6,000,000
O & M	\$6	\$9,000
Natural Gas	\$/MMBtu	\$/kWh
Natural gas	\$6	\$0.0258
Total Capital Costs		
PV and CAES		\$9,809,000
Federal ITC		\$1,803,150
AZ State Rebates		\$25,000
Total		\$7,386,850

*•All costs are estimates derived from published reports*

# Energy Arbitrage Revenues

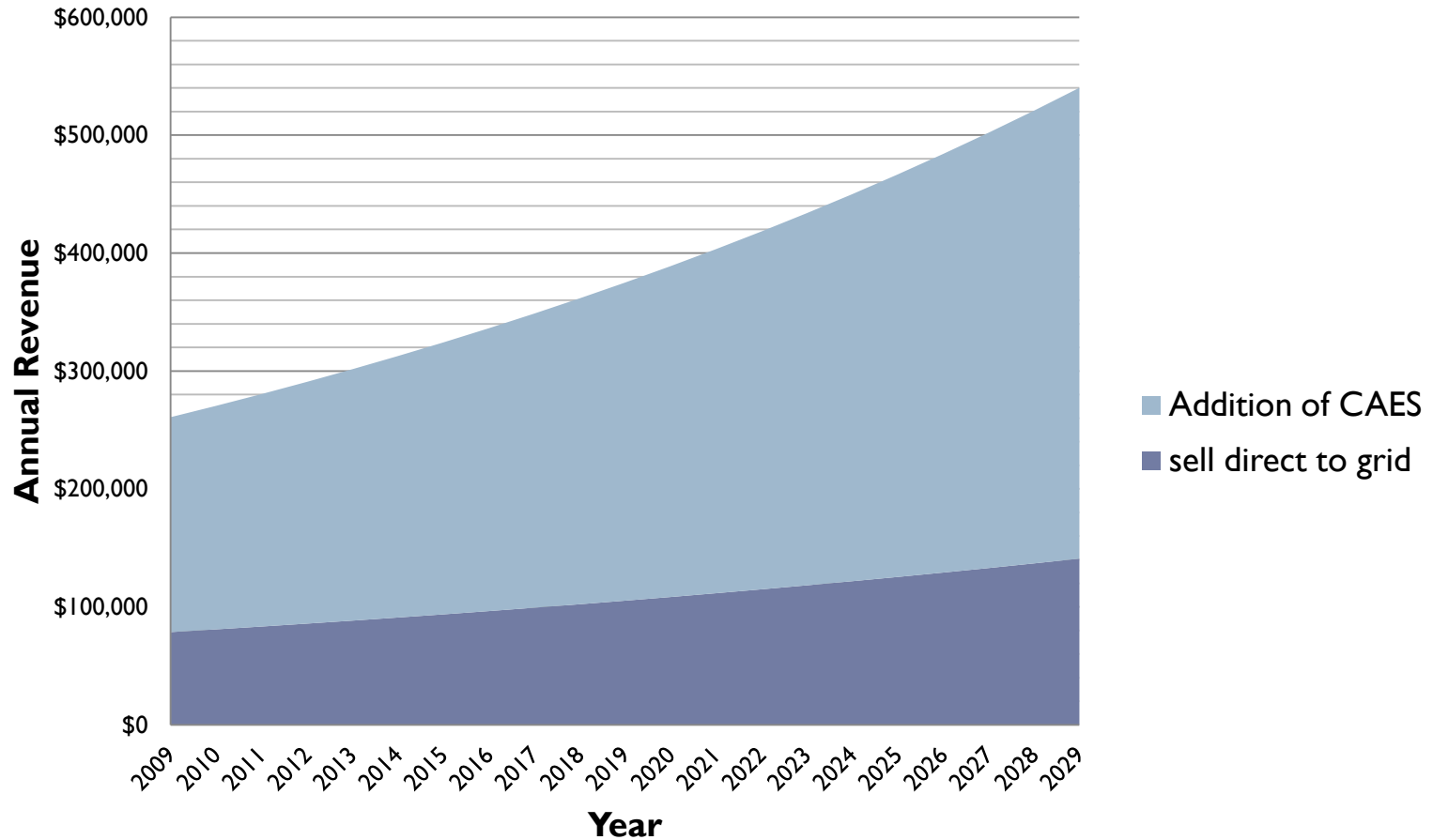
Cumulative revenue over 20-year period



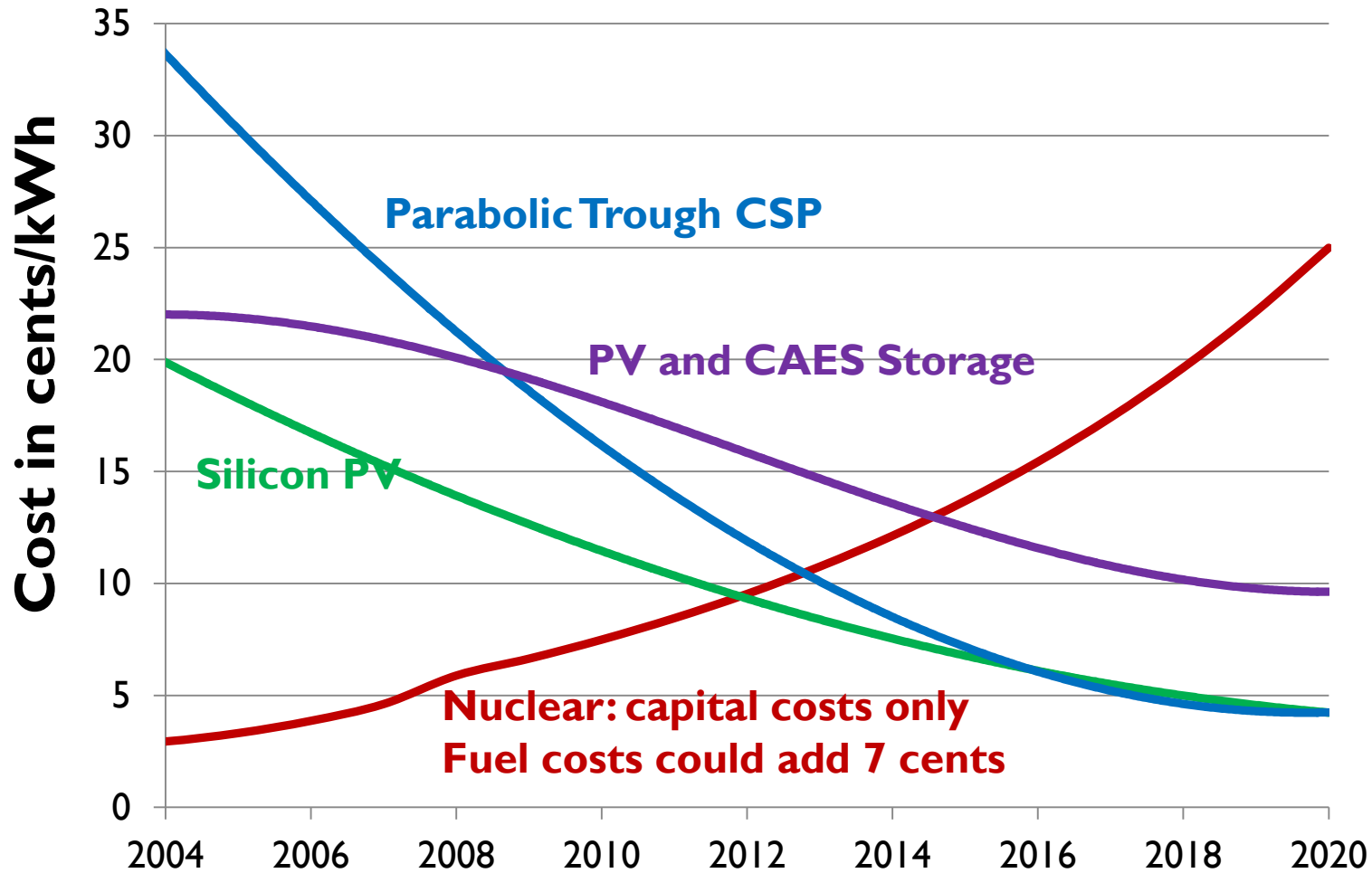
\* Includes inflation rate for natural gas and discount rate of 9%

# Energy Arbitrage Revenues

## Cumulative Net Revenues (3hr)

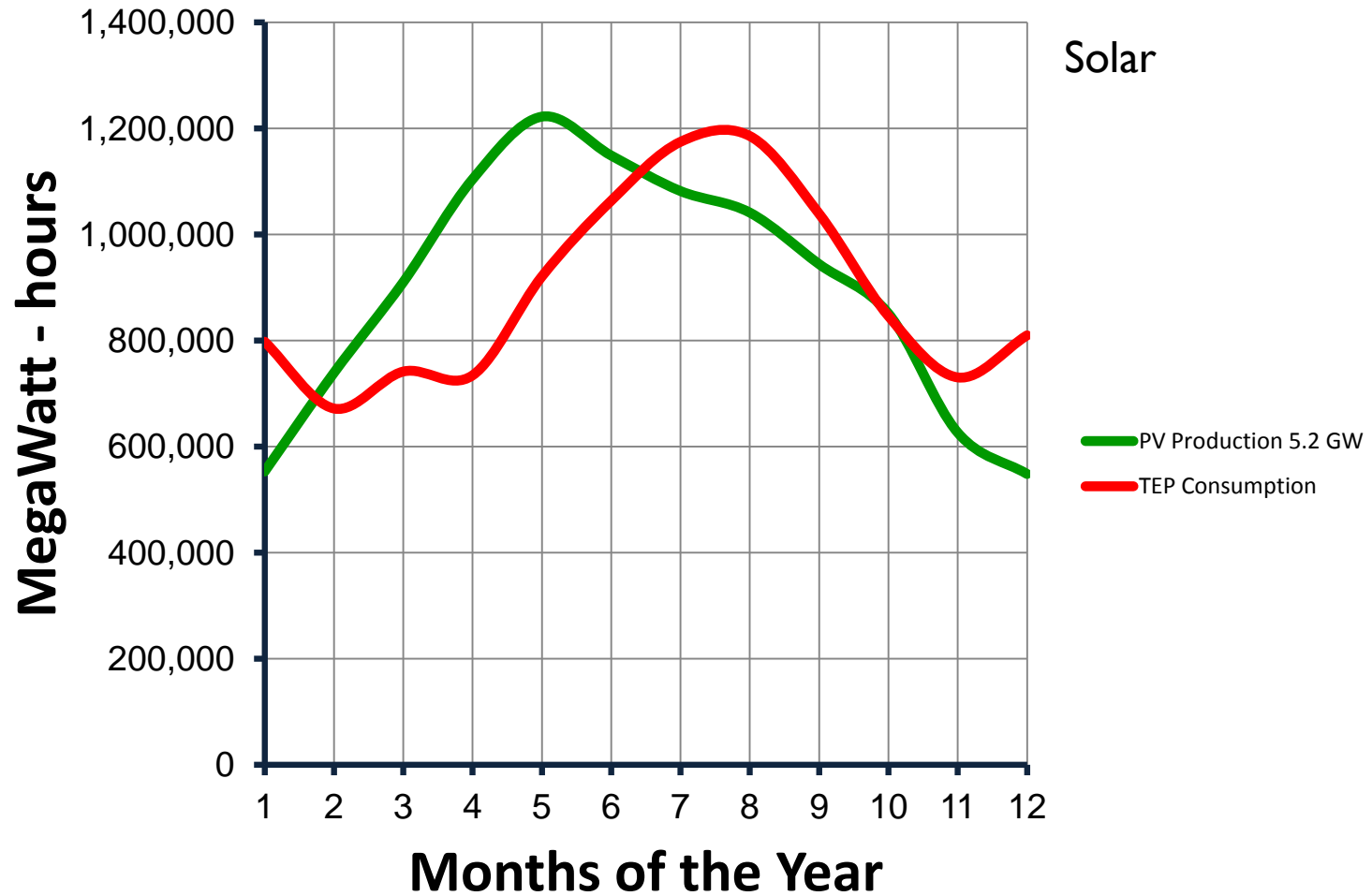


# LCOE Projections

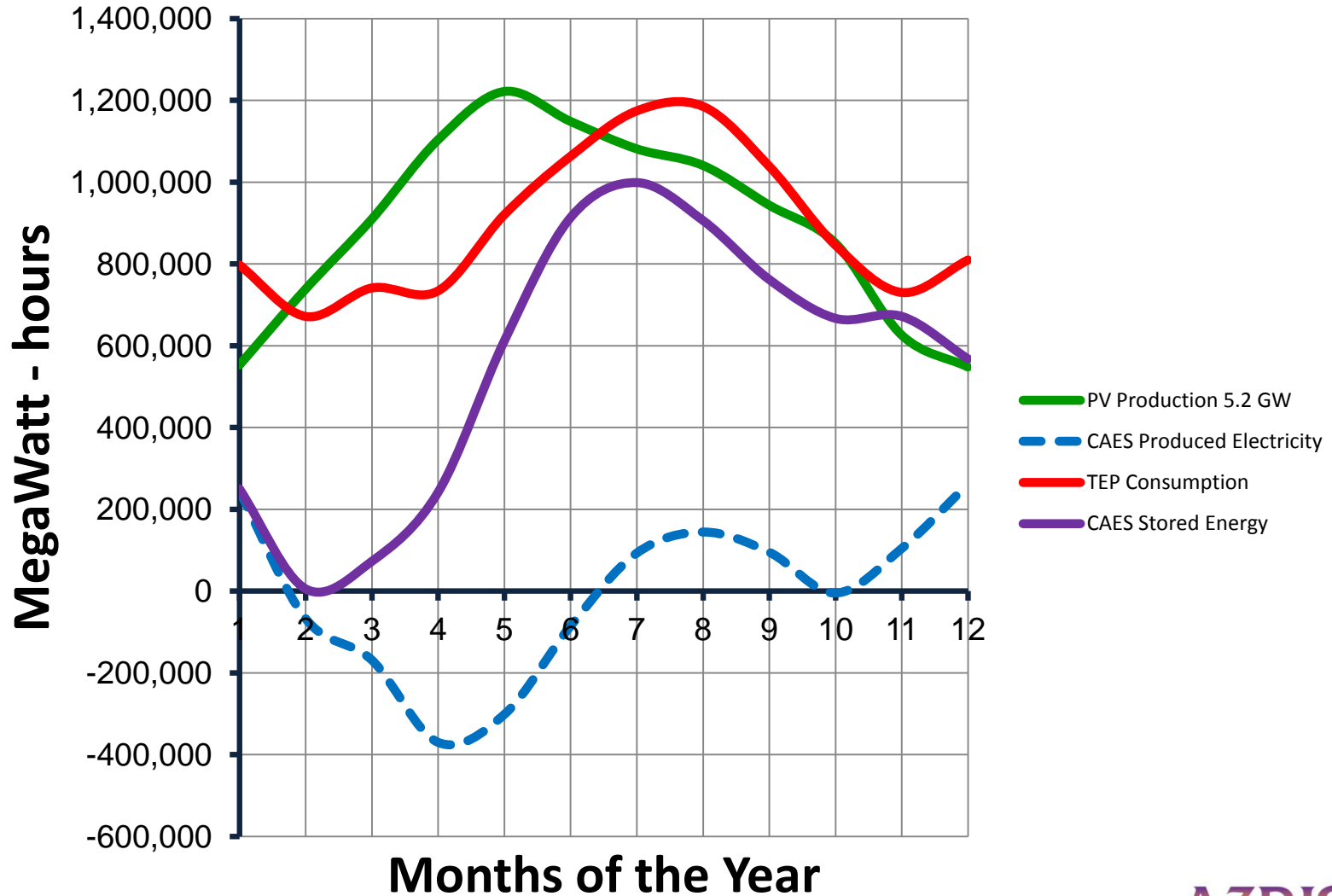




# Seasonal Mismatch Between Demand and Production



# Solar Base-load Utility Scale Capability



# Conclusions

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- ▶ Energy storage technologies have no emissions with the exception of CAES.
- ▶ Constraints
  - ▶ Current technologies have demonstrated capabilities for limited storage
  - ▶ Cost is perceived as high
  - ▶ Need to develop long-term models to enable project financing
  - ▶ Lack of targeted credits
  - ▶ Cost recovery – valuing efficiency
  - ▶ Ownership uncertainties

# Energy storage technologies enable renewable energy integration

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## ▶ Goals

- ▶ Reduce cost of deployment
- ▶ Support R&D
- ▶ Accelerate market entry

## ▶ Direct support

- ▶ Current DOE Programs to fund R&D and deployment
- ▶ Needs to receive direct R&D support (CCS)
  - ▶ Development of energy storage and renewable energy generation as a baseload generation option
- ▶ Storage-integrated renewable energy needs to receive direct support
  - ▶ Production tax multiplier
  - ▶ Climate legislation needs to reflect storage technologies
  - ▶ Dedicated incentive for dispatchable renewable energy



# Conclusions

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- ▶ **Solar energy technologies integrated with Energy Storage can match peak demand and base-load requirements**
  - ▶ Experts agree with this and calculations show feasibility
  - ▶ Critical need is a demonstration facility that can give utilities technical and economic assessments of performance of various components.
- ▶ **Cost of solar energy technologies, especially PV, is driven down by increased manufacturing capacity and open competition and will soon (2012) fall below the minimum capital cost of building a coal or nuclear power plant before they become operational.**



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# Comparison of water use by energy technology for the same energy production

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