

# DOE OE Energy Storage Program at Sandia – FY20 Summary



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## Materials

Advancing battery chemistries through development and commercialization

## Analytics and Controls

Sizing, Optimization & Controls.  
Open Source Software Tools.  
State Policy Analysis

## Safety & Reliability

Safety Science, Testing, Analysis, Standards, Protocols

## Demonstration Projects

Support, Analysis, Implementation, Monitoring

## Power Electronics

New Devices and Components, Modular Power Converters, Improve Control capability  
Increase reliability

## Outreach

Regulatory Outreach & Education  
DOE ESS Website  
Global Energy Storage Database

# University and Industry Collaborators



## ACADEMIC



## INDUSTRY



## STATE PARTNERS



## STANDARD BODIES



## FEDERAL PARTNERS



## INTERNATIONAL



# MATERIALS THRUST



*Innovating materials science and chemistry advances to enable safe, robust, cost-effective large format batteries for a more resilient, reliable, and flexible electrical grid.*

## FY20 Accomplishments

- With Urban Electric Power (UEP), developed a 350 Ah Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub> battery system (8-10% utilization of Zn, 20% utilization of MnO<sub>2</sub>) w/ energy density of 125Wh/L; expected to be manufactured at \$107-110/kWh (at scale).
- Utilized gel electrolytes to advance separator-free Zn-MnO<sub>2</sub> batteries (SNL + UEP) that breaks the "2V barrier" in Zn-batteries. Promises energy densities competitive w/ Li-ion, below \$100/kWh.
- Advanced "low temperature" molten sodium batteries with increases of 10X in current density, 25X in usable capacity, and >10X in battery lifetime at 110°C, while identifying possible pathway to <\$100/kWh.
- New collaboration with LANL on high voltage (3V) non-aqueous redox flow battery electrolytes based on low cost active materials.
- Demonstrated novel ion-exchange membranes for VRFBs showing 2X ionic conductivity and improved vanadium selectivity vs. commercial materials.
- Developed new anionic polymer separator with zincate blocking capability, resulting in 897% and 198% increase in Zn-Ni battery life at 20% and 50% zinc utilization, respectively.
- Demonstrated first example of a rechargeable alkaline Zn/CuO<sub>2</sub> battery with energy densities near 260 Wh/L and ~100% coulombic efficiency.
- Initiated new ion exchange polymer modeling capability.
- Licensed 7 ion-exchange membrane patents to Xergy, Inc.

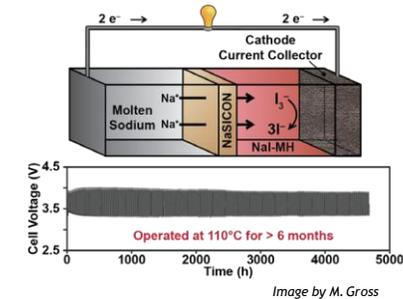
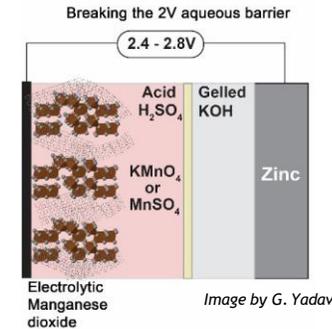


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- Published 9 Journal papers or book chapters; Submitted 10 additional papers and 3 book chapters, Edited 1 book.
- 4 Issued/Published U.S. Patents, 5 U.S. Patent Applications, 2 SNL Technical Advances.
- 10 Invited Talks, 20 Technical Presentations
- Earned 2 *Best Poster Awards*
- Organized 4 Conferences, Workshops, or Symposia
- 1 New project accepted at CINT

SODIUM BATTERIES

ZINC BATTERIES

FLOW BATTERIES

MEMBRANES

# POWER ELECTRONICS THRUST



*Using wide bandgap semiconductor devices, advanced topologies, and controls to significantly reduce installed cost and footprint, improve control capability, and increase reliability of next generation energy storage systems*

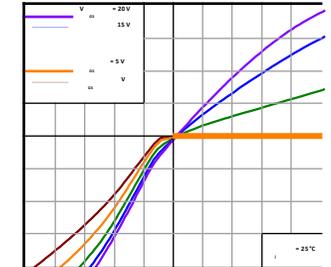
## FY20 Accomplishments

- R&D100 Award- Green Tech Gold Recognition, Developed world's first commercially available monolithically integrated 1.2 kV SiC-based power device
- 2 technical advances - One with SMU and other with NMSU & UEP
- 6 journal papers: IEEE Journal of Emerging & Selected Topics in Power Electronics, Nature Scientific Reports
- 6 Conference papers: WiPDA-Asia, IEEE ECCE, IAS Annual Meeting
- Plenary talk at IEEE ECCE, 2 invited talks
- 5 technical presentations: ACS National Meeting & Expo, IEEE Electronic Materials Conference, International Conference on Nitride Semiconductors, IEEE Photonics Conference, CLEO
- 1 - technical webinar in 2020 *Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Tribal Energy Project Technologies Options*
- *APEX Lab - New laboratory capability dedicated to the development of advanced hardware topologies and intelligent control strategies for utility-scale energy storage applications*



**High-frequency, 1.2 kV SiC-based monolithic switch**  
**R&D100 2019 Green Tech Gold Award Winner**

**R&D  
100  
AWARDS**



## HW development highlights

- Developed 97% efficient, compact(48W/in<sup>3</sup>) GaN modular power converter system
- Doubled the Fe4N composite magnetic core efficiency with frequency range of 10kHz-100kHz
- Developed a 20kW GaN-based inverter with a power density of 0.95 ft<sup>3</sup>/kW

# SAFETY & RELIABILITY THRUST



Improve the safety and reliability of grid scale energy storage systems by furthering the understanding of how battery failure occurs and propagates, the mechanisms of battery failure and degradation, and ensuring battery safety and reliability data is available to a wide variety of stakeholders

## FY20 Accomplishments

- 5 journal papers: JECS, IEEE Power and Energy Magazine, Proceedings of the Combustion Institute
- 6 Conference papers: ECS Fall and Spring Meeting, GRC Batteries Conference
- 7 invited talks: Battery Safety Summit, Battery Safety Council, Fall MRS Meeting, Case Western Reserve University Public Safety Forum, Energy Storage Systems & Reliability Forum
- **BEST: New battery energy storage test lab (BEST) dedicated to bridging the gap between cell level assemblies and grid scale energy storage devices.**
- **New collaboration with ORNL on developing battery thermal runaway risk database**

## Tools

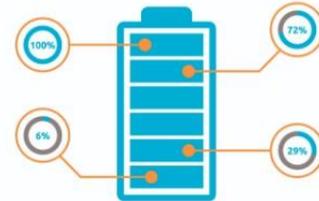
- Launched BatteryArchive.org – open source data archive for cell and performance data
- A. Kurzwaski, “LIM1TR: Lithium-Ion Mitigation for 1-D Thermal Runaway.” Open Source model
- R. C. Shurtz. "Thermodynamic Reaction Heat Calculator for Layered Metal Oxide Cathodes in Organic Electrolytes" (2020)  
<https://www.sandia.gov/ess-ssl/thermodynamic-web-calculator/>



## BatteryArchive.org

A repository for easy visualization, analysis, and comparison of battery data across institutions

[View Data](#)



**CODES AND STANDARDS UPDATE**  
Spring 2020 (Sorted by Category)

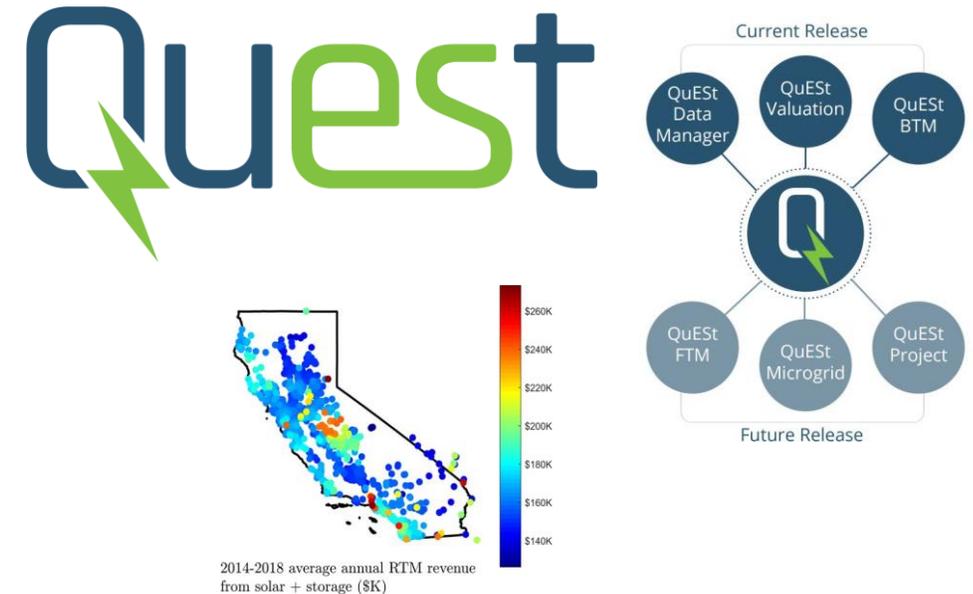
# ANALYTICS THRUST



Reduce barriers to widespread adoption by developing analytical tools for optimal sizing, placement, and valuation of energy storage systems; developing new control algorithms to unlock the value of energy storage; and supporting the demonstration team with project analysis.

## FY20 Accomplishments

- 2 technical advances: Packetized Delivery of Energy
- 3 Journal papers: IEEE ACCESS; IET Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
- 3 Book chapters: DOE Energy Storage Handbook
- 9 Conference papers: IEEE PES GM, SPEEDAM 2020, IEEE T&D, American Control Conference
- 23 - technical presentations: IEEE PES GM, SPEEDAM 2020, 2020 IEEE T&D, 2020 IEEE Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT), Energy Storage Finance Summit, American Control Conference, State PUCs, FERC
- 1 Best Paper Session Award: IEEE PES GM
- New laboratory capability dedicated to evaluating cyber vulnerabilities of battery management systems
- Continued updates to QuEST Software suite. Developed algorithms for microgrid partitioning to size energy storage and improve grid resilience
- Started new IEEE Standards on Battery Management System (BMS) and Energy Storage Management System IEEE standard activities



- PNM CRADA – develop expansion planning tools to meet carbon/renewable targets
- QuEST updates – extreme climate system models; API; improved documentation; production cost modeling

# INDUSTRY ACCEPTANCE THRUST



Collaborating with industry to proliferate energy storage system through research, development, demonstration and educational outreach

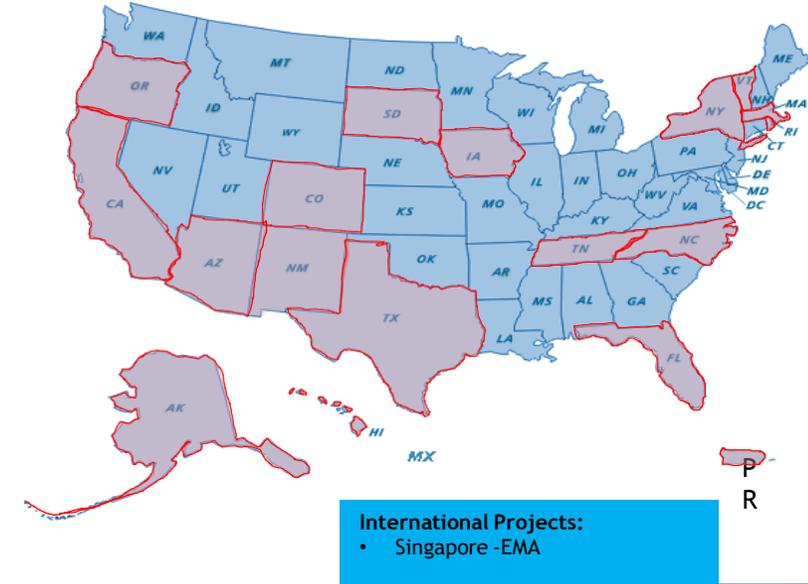
## FY20 Accomplishments

- **3 conference papers** - IMECE, IEEE PES GM, IEEE SPEEDAM
- **1 invited talk** - G&T Communicator Conference
- **3 Technical presentations** - TechAdvantage 2020, IEEE PES GM, Second Southeast Energy Storage Symposium on Policy and Regulation
- **11 Technical webinars**

ESTP: Enhanced capability of Energy Storage Test Pad to evaluate communication latency impact through physical miles of fiber optic and wireless.

ESCAL: Improved capability for data access and system monitoring of demonstration projects around the country.

Projects in 34% of States in FY20



# POLICY & OUTREACH THRUST



Sandia partners with other Labs & external partners to provide educational workshops to regulators.

## AN EXPANDING FOCUS AREA

- Energy storage policy analysis
- Expansion of the GESDB to include policy content
- Educational workshops conducted for state regulators

Policy & Outreach Initiatives	FY20 Accomplishments
Educational Workshops for State Regulators	Workshops held in 6 states/ regions  20 + workshops held (multiple sessions held in some of the 6 states).
State Policy Summaries	13 state summaries (AZ, CA, CO, HI, IL, MD, MA, NJ, NM, NV, OR, PA & TX)
Federal Issue Briefs	2—ES As A Transmission Asset & ES and Resource Adequacy
External presentations to national groups	McNamara—4 (NARUC, NASEO, EMNRD, IEEE)  Passell—2 (EMNRD & PNM Advisory Board)
White Papers	2—completed but not yet published (Interconnection Standards and ES Ownership Models).

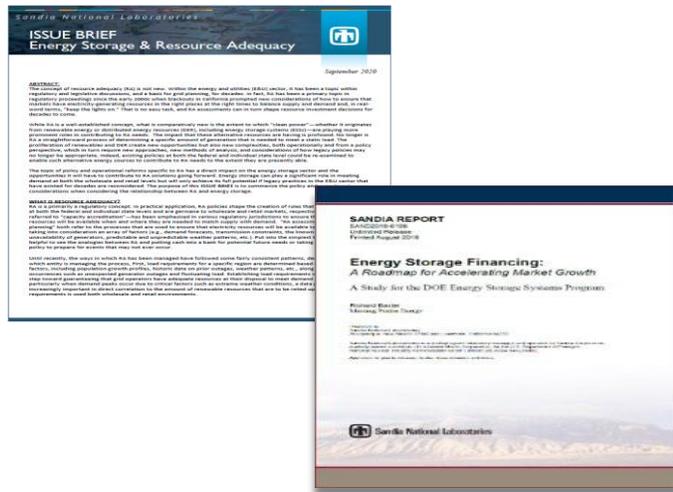
Iowa State/MISO	Maryland PSC	New Mexico PRC	Nevada PUC	Utah Governor's Office	New England Conference of PUCs (NECPUC)
Aug-Nov 2020	March 2020	2019/2020 and	January 2020	July-Aug 2020	“in the works”



Policy content is publicly available on the GESDB, and through targeted distributions.

## Energy Storage Policy Analysis

- Use of new technologies to track legislative and regulatory activity specific to energy storage (PowerSuite)
- Independent analysis of policy trends and assessment of regulatory barriers to energy storage.



## Expansion of the Global Energy Storage Database (GESDB)

- Creation of a new Policy Section
- Stand-alone state profiles
- Issue Briefs on key policy issues

### DOE OE Global Energy Storage Database

The DOE Global Energy Storage Database provides research-grade information on grid-connected energy storage projects and relevant state and federal policies. Users who download materials from this website agree to be bound by the [Terms of Use](#) and [Download Disclosure](#).

All information is vetted through a third-party verification process. All data can be exported to Excel or PDF. Our hope is that this site will contribute to the rapid development and deployment of energy storage technologies.

As of February 18, 2020, this page serves as the official hub for The Global Energy Storage Database. We plan to update our listing of projects and policy information on a monthly basis.

### Energy Storage Projects

The Global Energy Storage Database houses over 1600 energy storage projects worldwide. The entire listing of project data is available to download below:

[Global Energy Storage Database Projects \(7-8-2020\) \(6372 downloads\)](#) [Global Energy Storage Database Graphs \(7-8-2020\) \(1043 downloads\)](#)

If you know of a grid-level energy storage project which is currently not represented in the database, please contact [gesdb@sandia.gov](mailto:gesdb@sandia.gov).

### Energy Storage Offices / Public Utility Commissions / Cooperatives

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Energy Storage Policies

FERC policies that regulate energy storage as part of the electric grid can be downloaded below:

[FERC Order Summaries \(481 downloads\)](#)

### Energy Storage Policies

Below are comprehensive state energy storage policy overviews and analysis for the following ten states.

[Arizona Energy Storage Policy \(292 downloads\)](#)  
[California Energy Storage Policy \(459 downloads\)](#)

# FY20 Accomplishments by the Numbers



**31**

**Journal Articles**

17 published  
14 under peer review

**11**

**Conference Proceedings**

7 Technical Reports

**10**

**Patents**

3 granted  
7 Applications filed

**34**

**Invited Talks**

**35**

**Technical Presentations**

**28**

**Seminars and Webinars**  
CESA, IEEE, and prominent universities





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