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Advancements & Deployment of Sumitomo's Flow Battery Technology

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1.1. “Sumitomo Electric” Company Profile

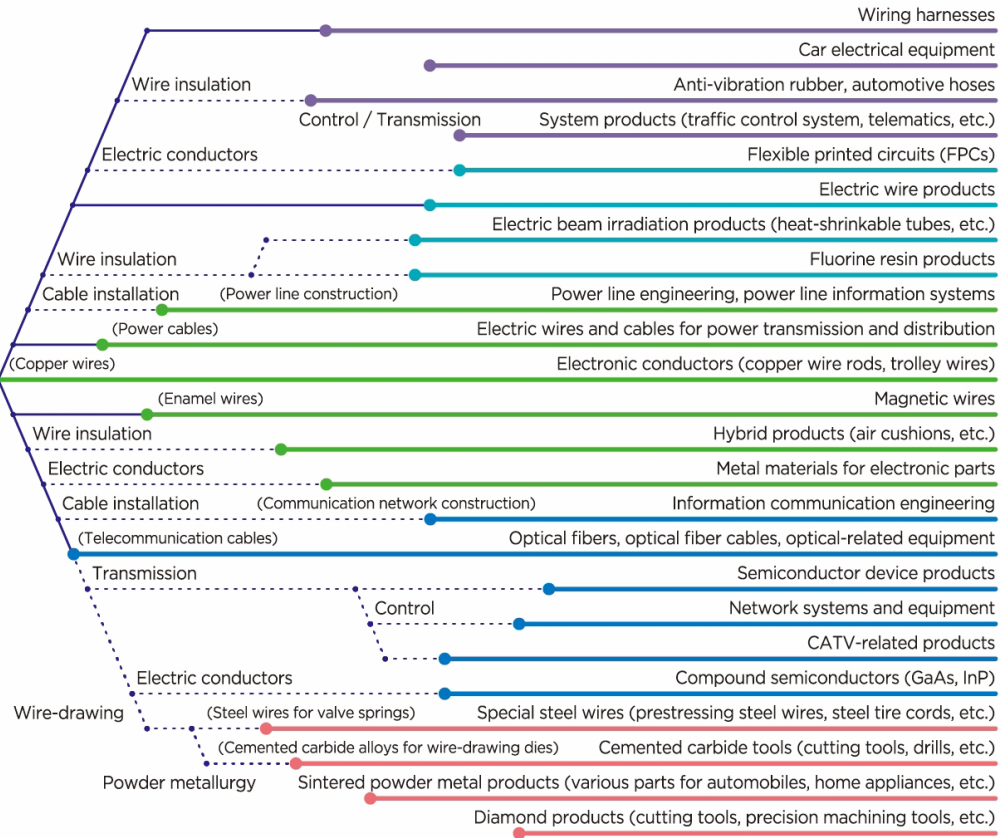
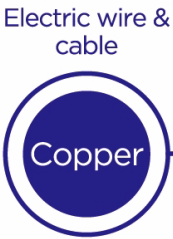


**Founder of the
Sumitomo Family**
Sumitomo Masatomo
(1585-1652)

Company Name	Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
Established	April 1897
Capital Stock	¥99,737 million
President	Osamu Inoue
Employees	293,266
Subsidiaries & Affiliates	415 (Domestic [JAPAN] 104, Overseas 311)
Consolidated Business Results	Net Sales \4,402,814 million Operating Income \226,618 million

(As of March 31, 2024)

1.2. Business Development of "Sumitomo Electric"



Automotive

Electronics

Environment & Energy

Info-communications

Industrial Materials

Around 1600
 Perfected nanban-buki,
 a copper refining
 technique for separating
 silver from copper
 ore containing silver

2. History of Flow Battery

1950 1974 1980 1985 1989 2001 2010 2020

● Dr. W.Kangro(Germany) 1st demonstration of Flow Battery (Ti/Fe, Cr/Fe)

● Dr. L.Thaller (NASA Redox Storage System Project)

● NEDO (Japan) Moonlight Project “New Energy Storage System”

Electro Technical Laboratory, Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding,

● NEDO (Japan) Sunshine Project “Energy Storage System for PVs”

Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding, Ebara Tech.

● Dr. M.S-Kazcos (UNSW) V/V Patent

● Kansai EPCO/Sumitomo Electric
Fe/Cr系60kW('89), V/V系450kW('96)

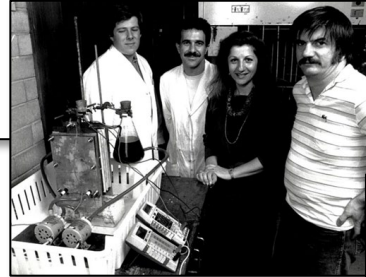
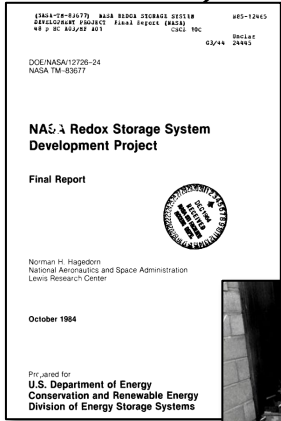
● Japan Flow Battery Projects

Mitsui 10kW('91), Kashima Kita 200kW('97)

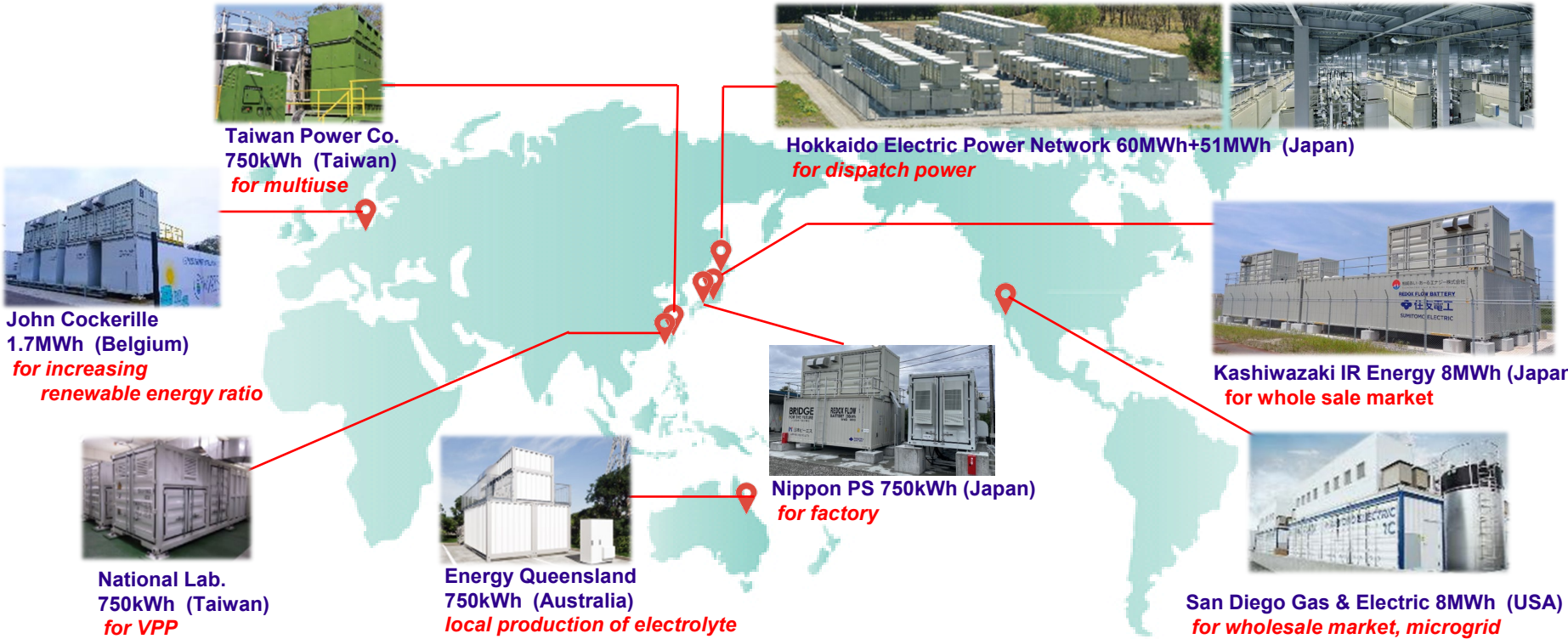
● Regenesys Large Scale Project

● Sumitomo Electric Commercialization

● Many vendors appear
after V/V Patent expired



3. Sumitomo's Installation World Wide

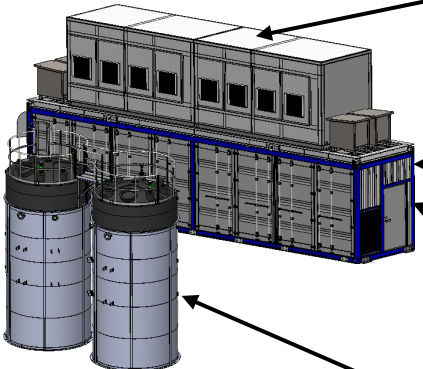


Total installation: 41 projects, 49MW, and 173 MWh across 7 countries.
7 projects (17MWh) are on going. (As of 30th September, 2024)

4. Evolution of flow battery modules

System @2016

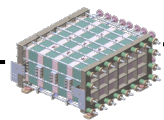
- ✓ Plant Type
- ✓ 1MWh (250kW x 4h)
- ✓ 40ft Container + Heat Exchanger Unit + Tanks



Heat Exchanger



Cell stack



Pump

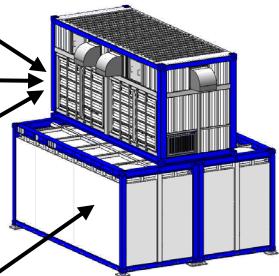


Tank



Now

- ✓ Container Type
- ✓ 1MWh (250kW x 4h)
- ✓ 20ft Container x 3



DC38kW x 8

DC150kW x 2

- ✓ **Compact !**
- ✓ **Low Transportation Cost !**
- ✓ **Low Construction Cost !**

5. Key Features

Long Lifetime

- ✓ >20-year design life
- ✓ Unlimited charging/discharging cycle
- ✓ Significantly low degradation of capacity
- ✓ Reusable electrolyte after decommissioning

Eco Friendly

- ✓ Reusable Electrolyte
- ✓ Recyclable Electrolyte
- ✓ More than 99% weight of the materials used in the system are recyclable



Fire Safety

- ✓ No thermal runaway
- ✓ Non-flammable electrolyte

Easy Operation / Operability

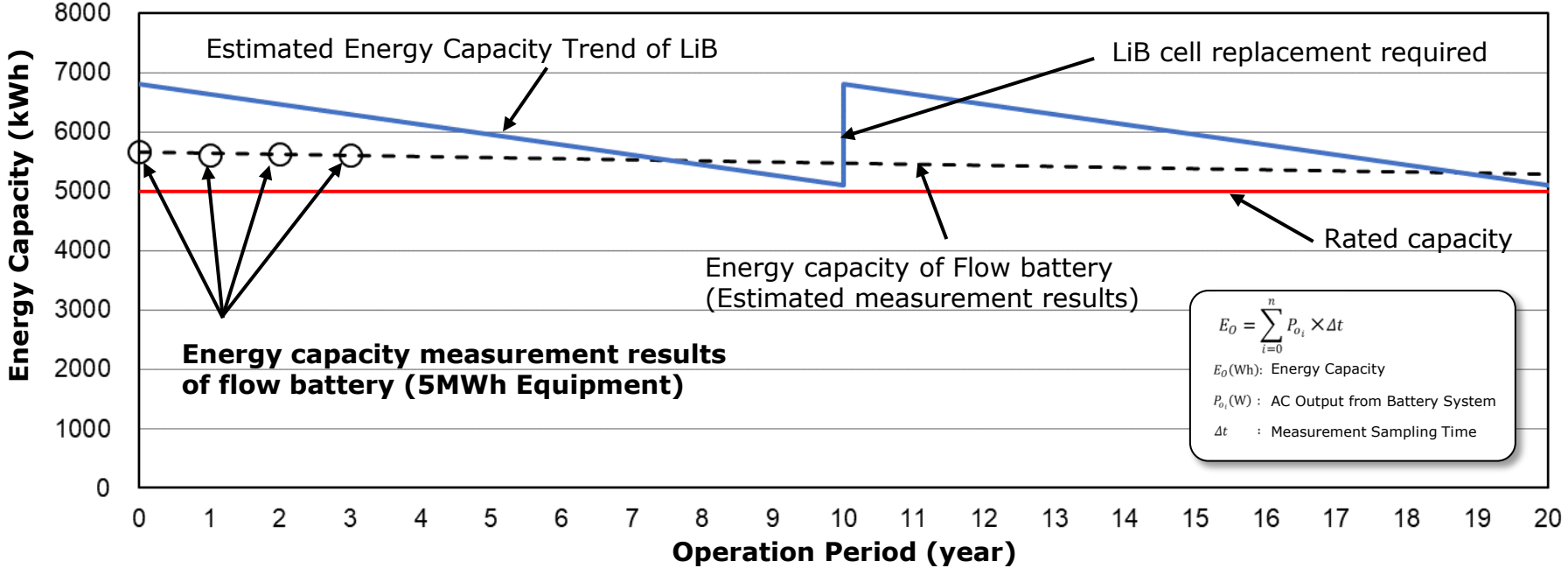
- ✓ Available State of Charge (SoC): 0 – 100%
- ✓ No unbalanced capacity across the cell stacks
- ✓ Accurate & real-time SoC monitoring

Low Life-Cycle Cost

- ✓ Low CAPEX per kWh: Lower unit cost (\$/kWh) for longer duration systems
- ✓ Low OPEX: No need for replacement of cell stacks or electrolyte
- ✓ Significant salvage value: Reusable electrolyte of long duration systems

5.1. (Key Features) Long Lifetime

- ✓ Battery reaction (Charging/Discharging) is only change of vanadium ion valence in electrolyte.
- ✓ No chemical reaction in electrode ➡ Charge/discharge cycles are not a degradation factor



5.2. (Key Features) Non-Flammable

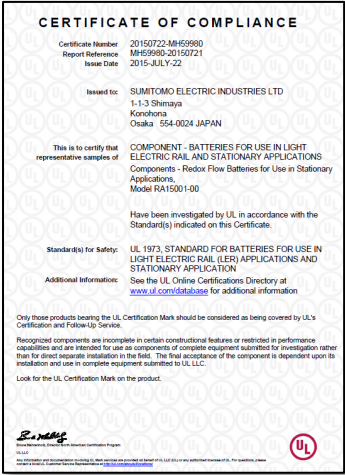
Very high resistance to fire incident
Fewer restrictions on installation location

Non-Combustible Material

- ✓ Electrolyte : Vanadium Sulfate Aqueous
➡ Non-Flammable
- ✓ Material for Piping, Cell-stack
➡ Flame retardant

No Thermal Runaway

- ✓ Operation Temp. : 30~45 deg.C
- ✓ Large Heat Capacity
- ✓ UL 1973, UL9540A Certificated



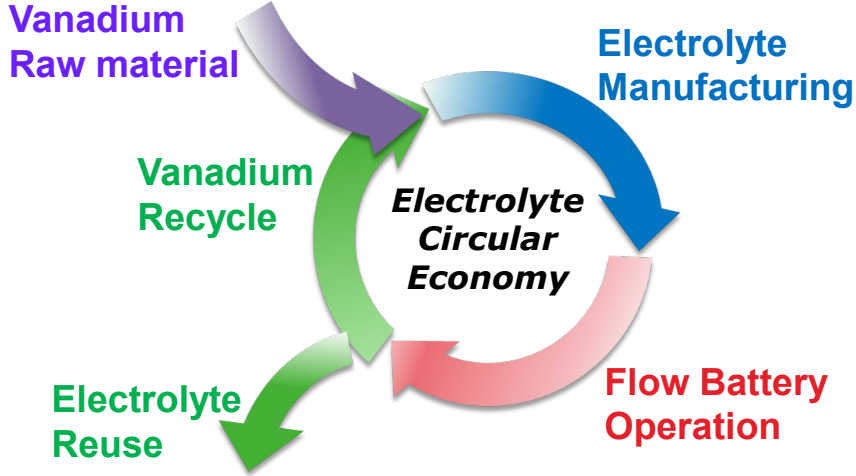
Example of indoor installation



Example of underground installation

5.3. (Key Features) Electrolyte Circular Economy

- ✓ Battery reaction (Charging/Discharging) is only change of vanadium ion valence in electrolyte.
- ✓ The electrolyte does not decrease in quantity or degrade over 20 years of use.
- ✓ The electrolyte can be reusable, recyclable.

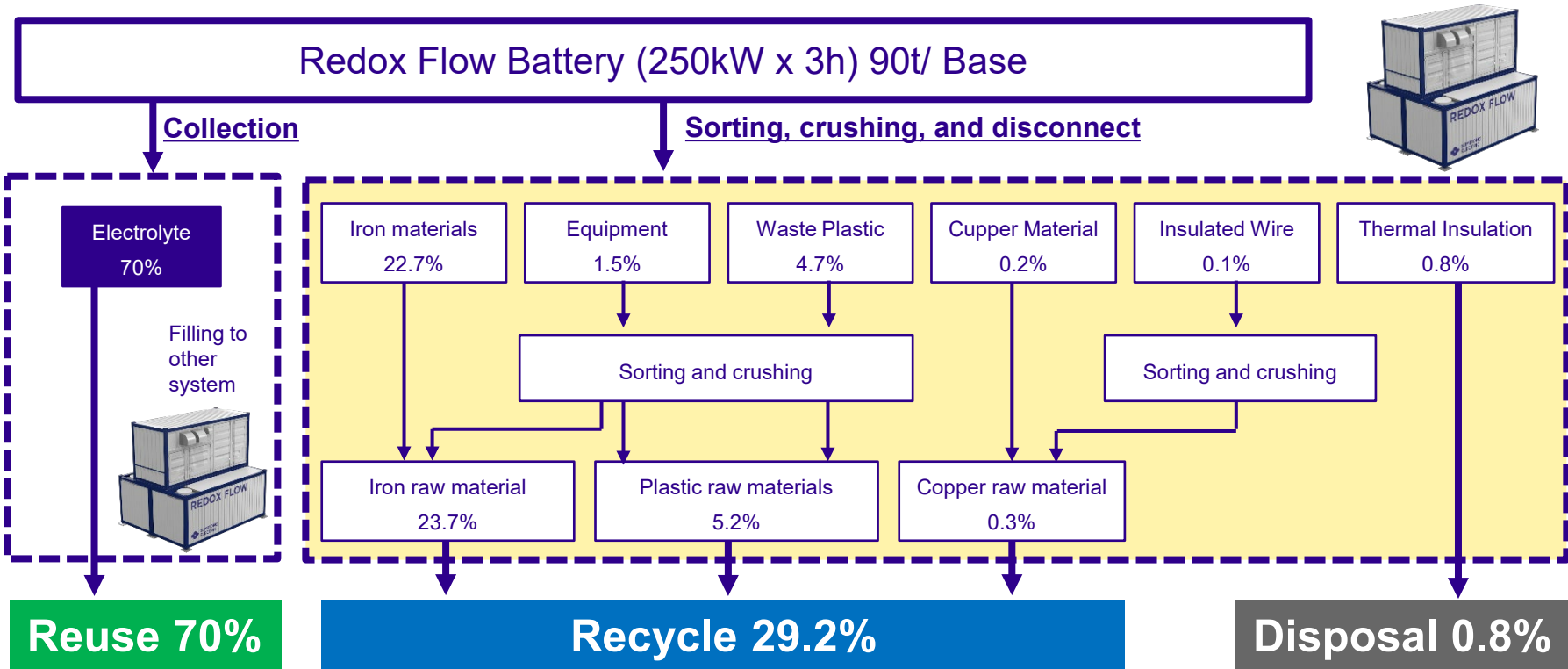


Example of Electrolyte Reuse

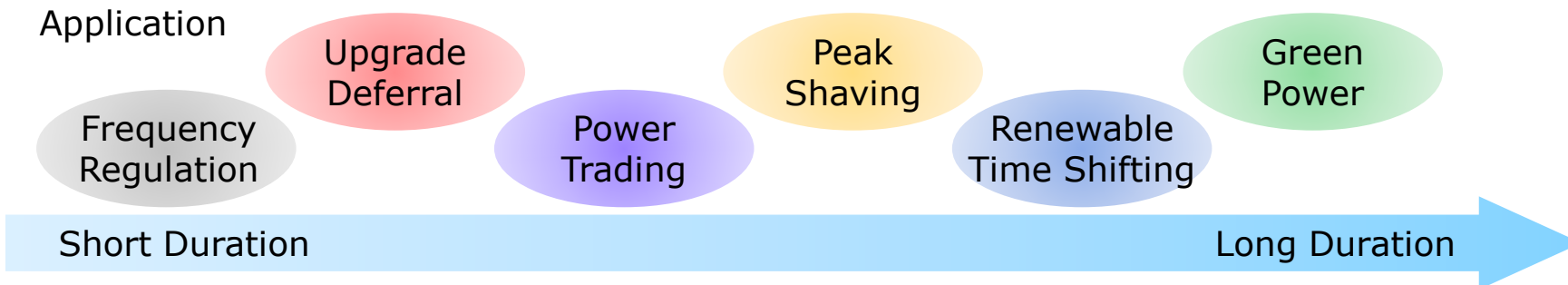
The process flow shows the reuse of electrolyte. It begins with a photograph of a '500kW x 10h System @Hyogo, JAPAN (from 2001 to 2011)'. A green arrow points to a truck carrying electrolyte tanks, labeled 'Electrolyte Reuse after 10-year operation'. Another green arrow points to a photograph of a '1000kW x 5h System @Yokohama, JAPAN (operated from 2012)', with a purple arrow indicating the transfer of electrolyte from the Hyogo system to the Yokohama system.

5.4. (Key Features) High Recyclable/Reusable Rate

- Reuse/recycle rate : > 99.2%weight (less than 1% waste) ※
- Minimizing industrial waste generation rate when dismantling after long-term operation



6. Project Information



6.1. Grid-scale Use for Frequency Regulation (1)

Performance verification and development of control technology as a new adjustment power resource for output change of wind turbines and PVs.



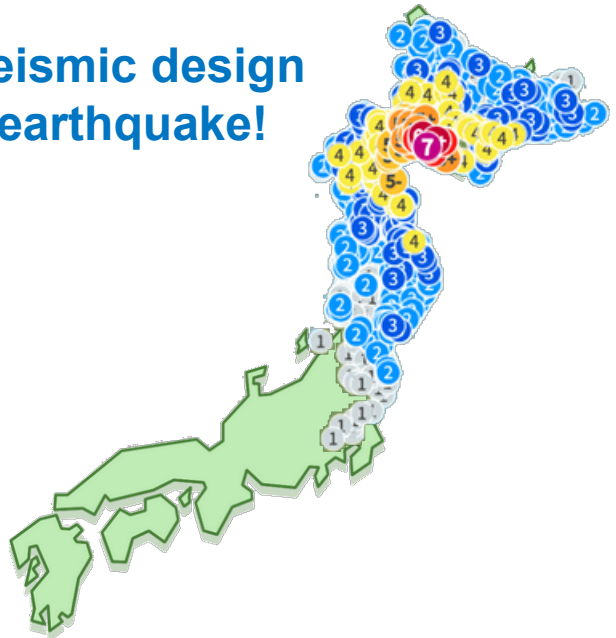
- ✓ **Capacity:** 60MWh (15MWx4h, Max 30MW)
- ✓ **Location:** Hokkaido Electric Power Network
Minami-Hayakita S/S (Hokkaido, Japan)
- ✓ **Use Case:** Grid Use
 - Suppress short-periodic fluctuations
 - Suppress WT & PV output fluctuations
 - Governor Free Equivalent Control
 - Load Frequency Control(LFC)
 - Suppress Long-periodic fluctuations
 - Over Generation Measures
 - Hybrid Operation of Long & Short period fluctuations
- ✓ **Demonstration Starts:** Dec.,2015
- ✓ **Commercial Operation Starts:**2019
- ✓ **Project Partner**



6.1. Grid-scale Use for Frequency Regulation (2)

- ✓ The large earthquake of “M6.9” occurred in Hokkaido on 6th Sep. 2018.
- ✓ There is no damage or breakdown of the battery system.
- ✓ The battery system restarted operation on the next day of the earthquake.
- ✓ Seismic design : horizontal 1.0G, vertical 0.5G

Verified seismic design
by actual earthquake!



6.2. Grid-scale Use for Wind Firm Integration

Use of storage batteries to expand the introduction of wind power in Hokkaido area.



- ✓ **Capacity:**
51MWh (17MWx3h)
- ✓ **Location:**
Hokkaido Electric Power Network
Minami-Hayakita S/S (Hokkaido, Japan)
- ✓ **Use Case: Grid Use**
 - "Wind Power Generation Offering Process with Grid-side Storage Batteries (Phase I)".
 - The flow battery energy storage system provides the regulating power required for the interconnection of new 162 MW wind power plants (15 sites).
- ✓ **Operation Starts:** Apr., 2022
- ✓ **Project Partner**




6.3. For Multiuse on Distribution Grid (1)

Multiple use operation of VRFB system on the distribution grid of CA utility to prove economic value & potential for the use on electric grids.



- ✓ Capacity: 8MWh (2MWx4h, Max 3MW)
- ✓ Location: SDG&E, Miguel S/S (CA, USA)
- ✓ Use Cases:
 - Distribution line applications such as peak-shaving, peak-cut
 - Operation in CAISO market
 - Microgrid
- ✓ Operation Start: March 2017
- ✓ Commercial Operation Start: Jan. 2022
- ✓ Project Partners

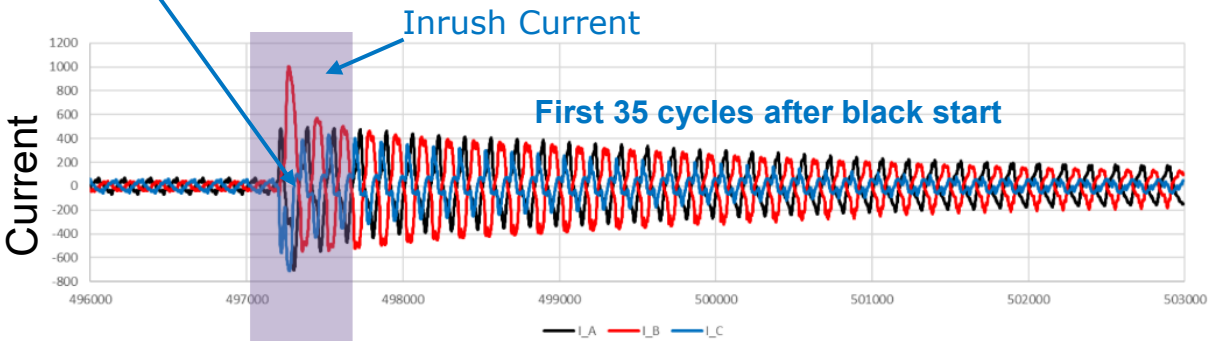
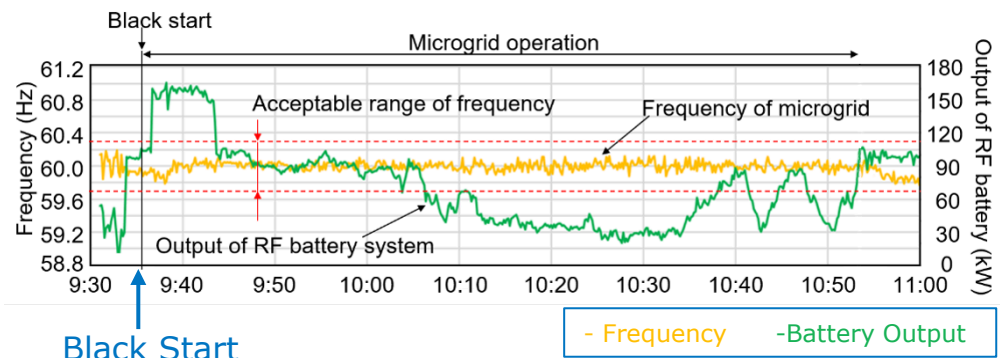




The project was awarded the 10th ISGAN* award of excellence.
*International Smart Grid Action Network

6.3. For Multiuse on Distribution Grid (2)

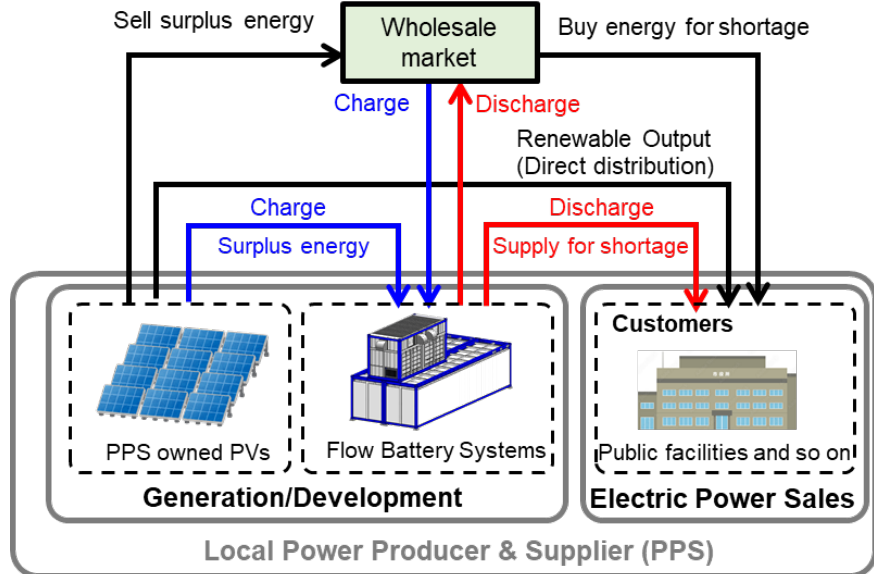
Microgrid using commercial distributed line



Target area: 2.2km
 Number of customers: 66 consumers
 Contracted load: Approx. 400kW
 Others: With PV (100kW or higher)
 Without generator

6.4. For Local PPS (Power Producer & Supplier)

"Long Duration Energy Storage System (LDES)" for PPS. Charging electric power from both PV and Market, and discharging to both customers and Market for local electric power supply and demand adjustment.



- ✓ **Battery Capacity** : 8MWh (1MW x 8h)
- ✓ **Location** : Kashiwazaki, Japan
- ✓ **Use Case**
 Whole sale market operation
 Effective use of PV output
- ✓ **Start of operation** : Oct. 2024
- ✓ **Project Partner**



6.5. Localizing Electrolyte Production

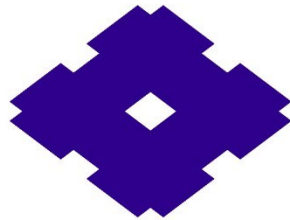
- ✓ *Commissioning of a 250kW x 3h VRFB system is completed in QLD, Australia with the customer now finalizing integration works for their dynamic connection.*
- ✓ *Sumitomo Electric will build a cooperative framework with local companies and accelerate the vanadium redox flow battery business in the Australian market.*



- ✓ *Capacity :750kWh (250kW x 3h)*
- ✓ *Location :Brisbane, Australia*
- ✓ *Application: Solar soaking, and possible market trading*
- ✓ *Start of operation:2024*
- ✓ *Project Partner*



Thank you! Any Question?



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