



Energy Storage in Northern Ireland

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Energy Storage Ireland Members



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Our Vision



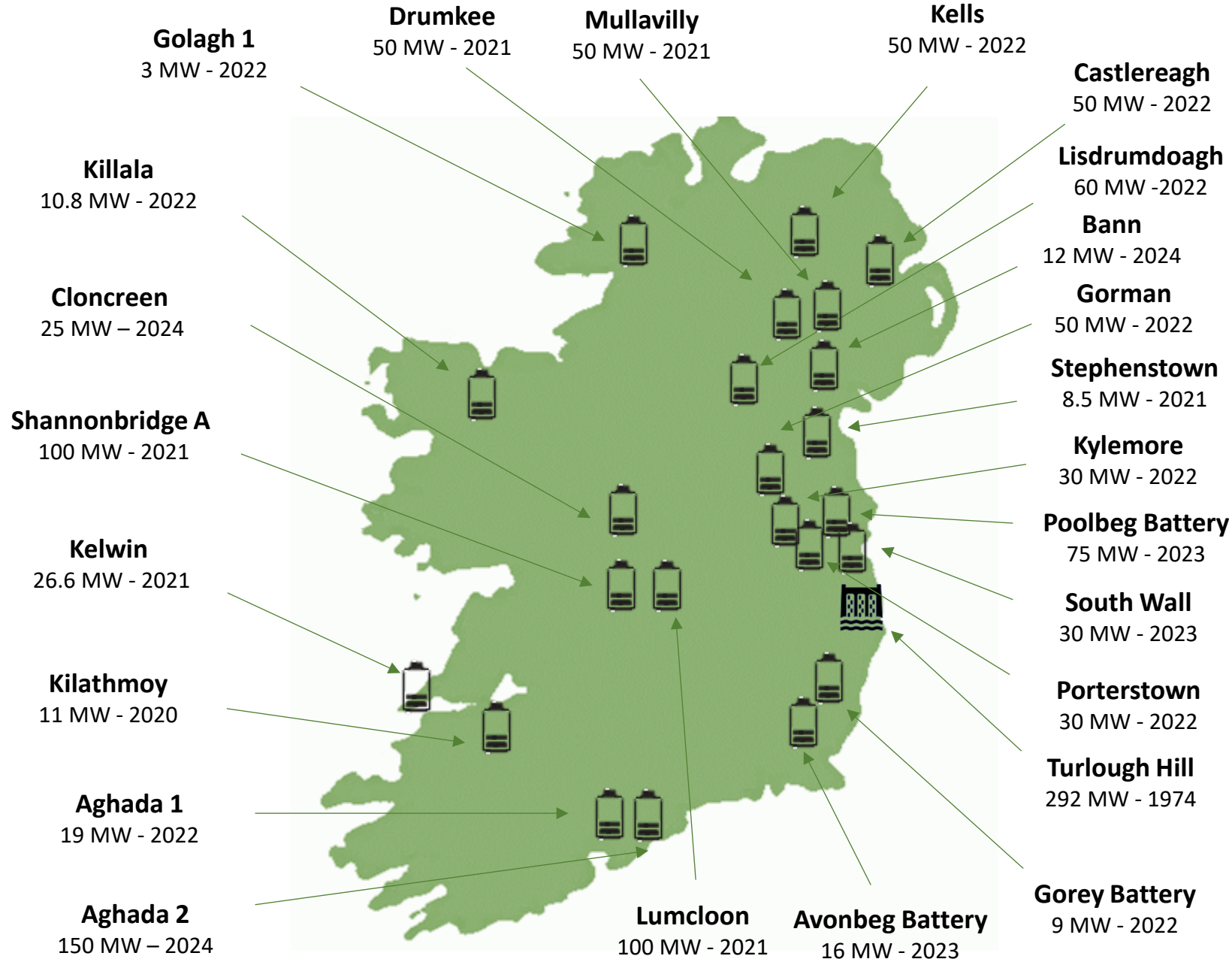
Our Vision

“Delivering the energy storage technologies to enable a secure, carbon free electricity system on the island of Ireland by 2035.”

Our Mission Statement

“We engage with stakeholders on behalf of our members to ensure that policy and market design supports the efficient development of energy storage for the benefit of consumers in Ireland & Northern Ireland.”

Operational Energy Storage Projects

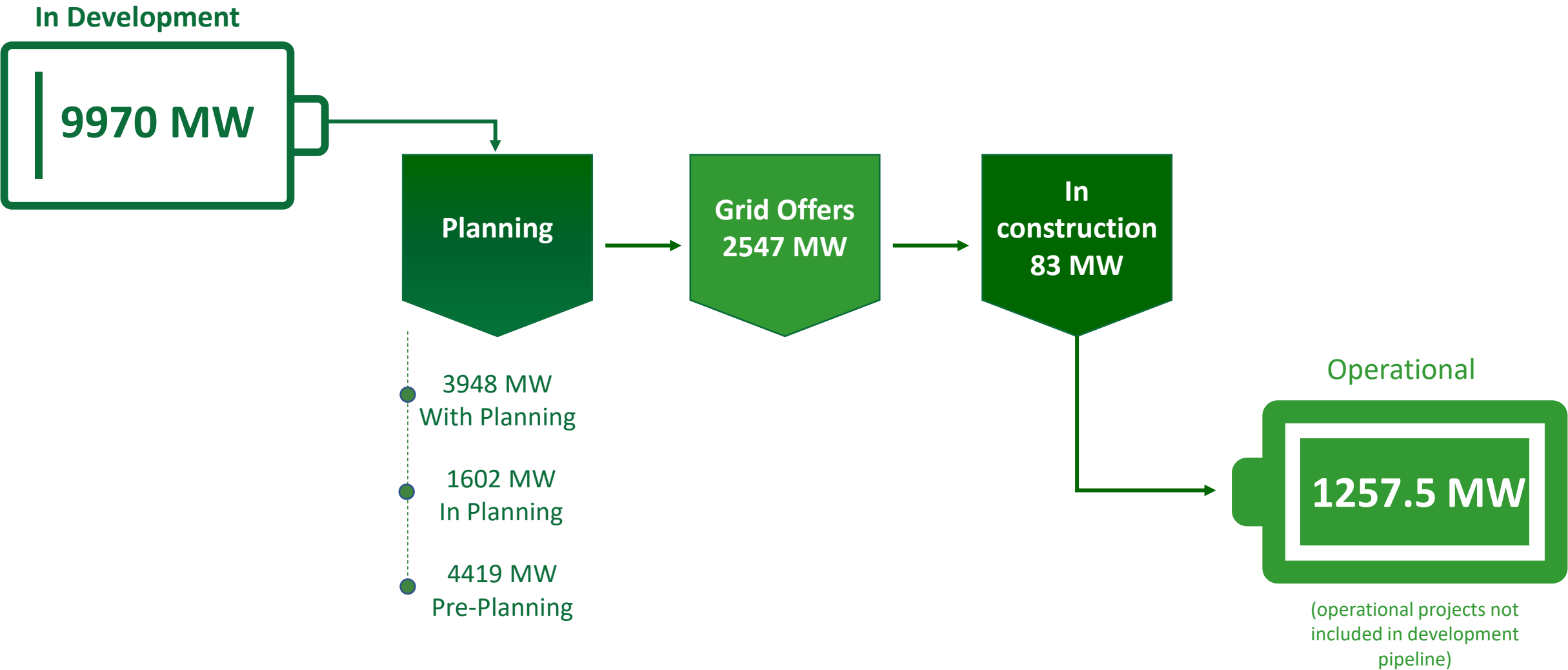


**Energy Storage Operational -
1257.5 MW**

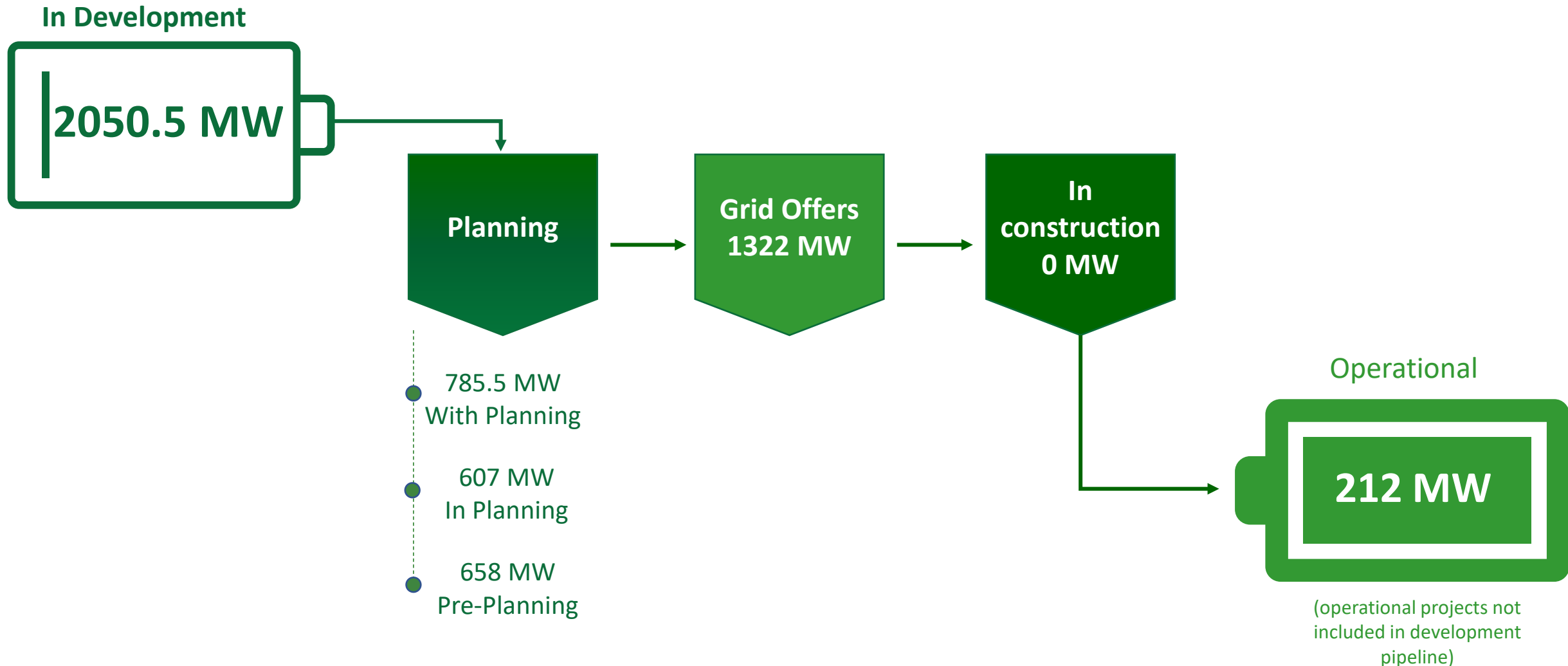
Battery Storage – 965.5 MW

Pumped Hydro – 292 MW

All-Island Energy Storage Development Pipeline



Northern Ireland Energy Storage Pipeline



What has storage ever done for us?

- The system needs ancillary services to function. Batteries can respond in milliseconds to system events (e.g. fossil fuel unit or interconnector tripping or sudden unforecast change in wind output)
- Replace the need to turn on or ramp up/down fossil fuel generators for services such as reserve and voltage
- Allows for more 'space' on the system for wind. TSO is now able to operate the system with up to 75% of demand being met by wind generation at any one time. Aim is to increase this to 95%+ by 2030.
- Baringa quantified the benefits to the system in sourcing all system services from zero-carbon sources such as battery storage.



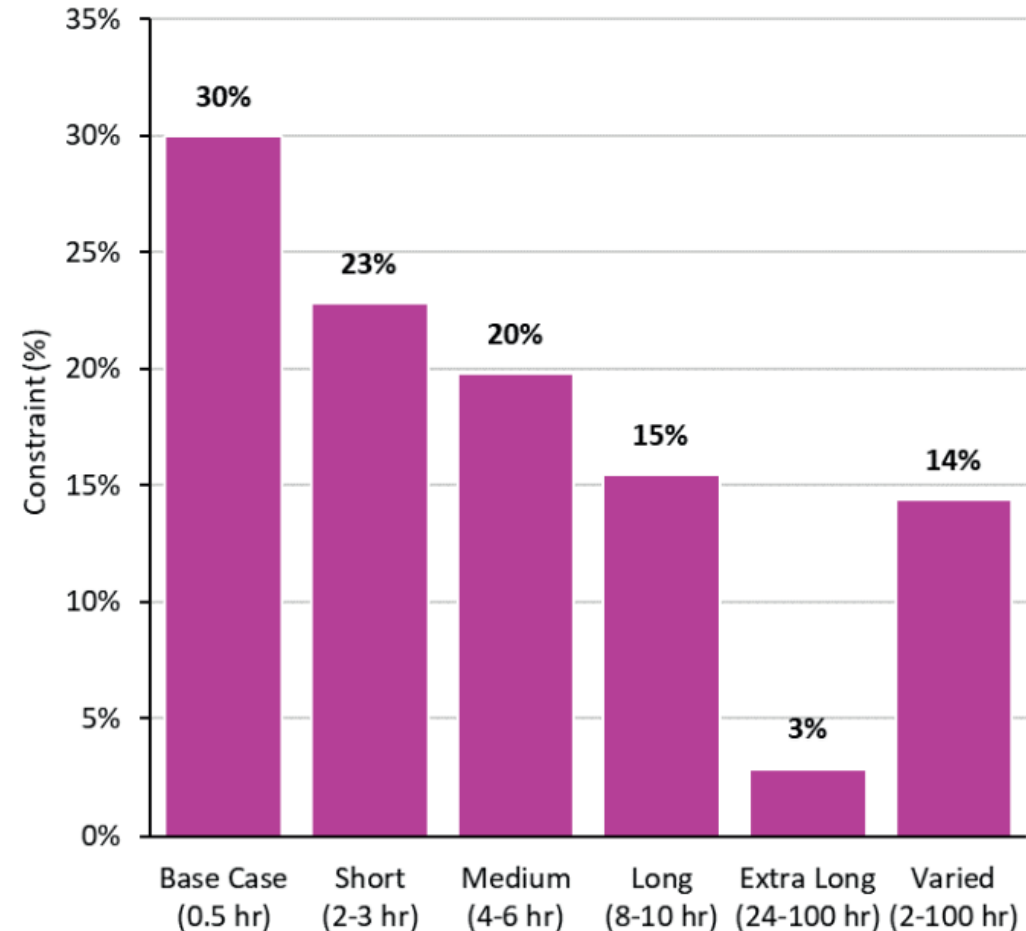
Long-Duration Energy Storage is a Game Changer



- Report by ESI and Baringa
- Highlights how energy storage is the key to a secure, sustainable, and clean energy future for Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Modelled a 2030 scenario with an additional 2 GW of different durations of energy storage from 2 hours up to 100 hours (400 MW of this additional storage in NI). Results show that energy storage can:
 - Reduce electricity market carbon emissions by 50% by using long-duration storage technologies
 - Substantially reduce the curtailment of renewable generation
 - Deliver a net saving to end consumers in RoI of up to €85m per year and €15m per year in NI through avoided fuel, carbon and grid reinforcement costs
 - Contribute to low carbon security of supply by supporting renewable capacity and displacing fossil fuels.

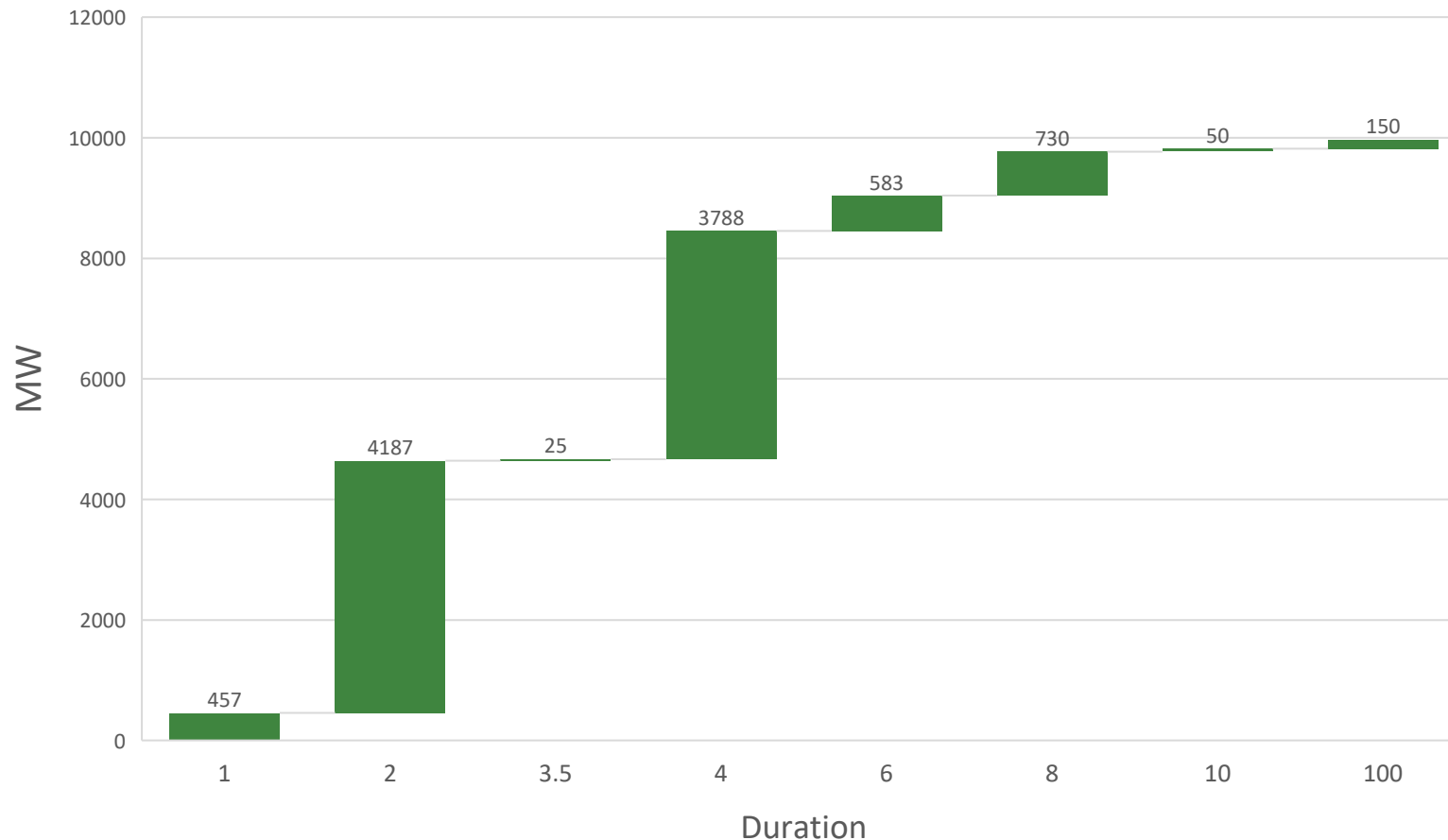
Game Changer Report

- ▲ Modelled a highly congested region in Ireland - County Donegal
- ▲ Considered the benefit of strategic deployment of storage in the county
- ▲ Energy storage is shown to substantially reduce the dispatch down of renewable generation
- ▲ This means less grid reinforcements are needed and more expensive fossil fuels can be displaced



Storage Durations

Breakdown of Storage Durations



50 GWh of storage output



Enough energy to power
every home in Ireland
twice over for a day

* 3691 MW of lithium-ion batteries where duration info was TBD are assumed to have an even split of 2 hour and 4 hour durations based on average battery durations from the pipeline results.

Storage Technologies



Aghada 2 Lithium-Ion BESS



Poolbeg Lithium-Ion BESS



Turlough Hill Pumped Hydro



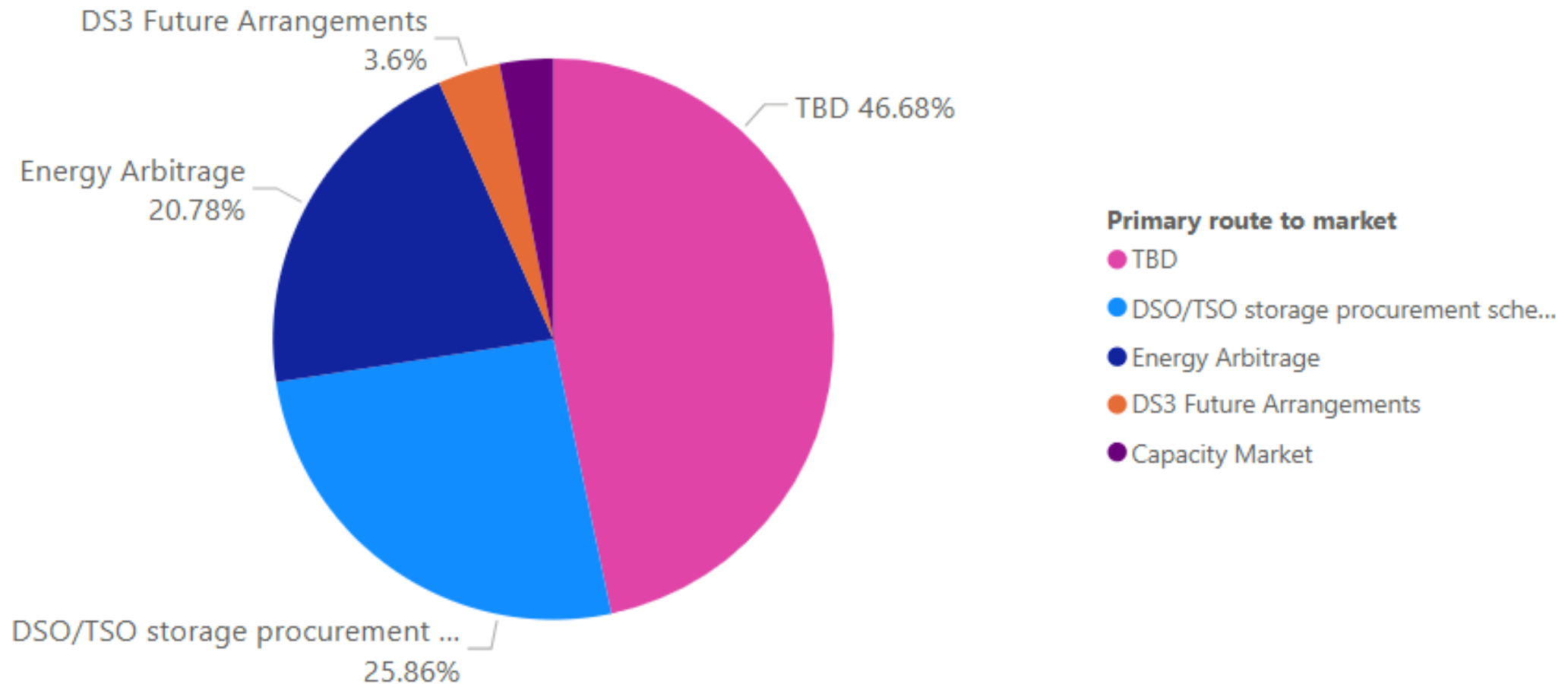
Iron Air Battery - Donegal



CO2 Battery - Offaly

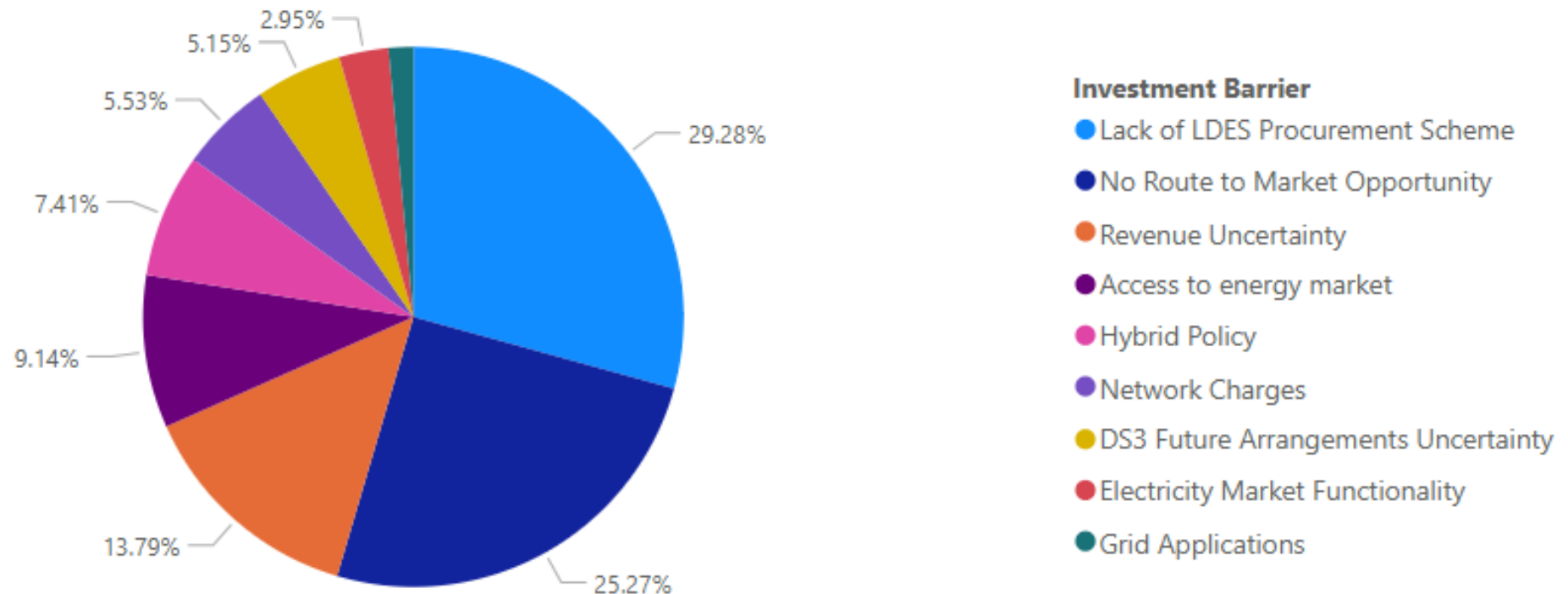
The Route to Market is uncertain for nearly half of projects

Primary Route to Market



Investment Barriers

What is the main investment barrier?



Key Takeaways

- The industry is ready to deliver.
- The technologies exist today or are developing rapidly.
- However uncertainty on the route to market is the main constraint at present.
- Industry has shown in the past it can deliver, as it did under the DS3 system services framework.
- We need policy to move faster. It is a timing issue but industry will not wait around forever.
- If we want a secure, independent, clean and affordable energy system then energy storage is the key.



Thank you!

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