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| utility scale flywheel energy storage 

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## Smart Grid Demonstration Program

Sub-Area: 2.5 Demonstration of Promising Energy Storage Technologies





# problem

intermittent wind & solar generation

= unstable electric  
grid





# solution

energy storage: balances supply & demand

= smarter electric  
grid

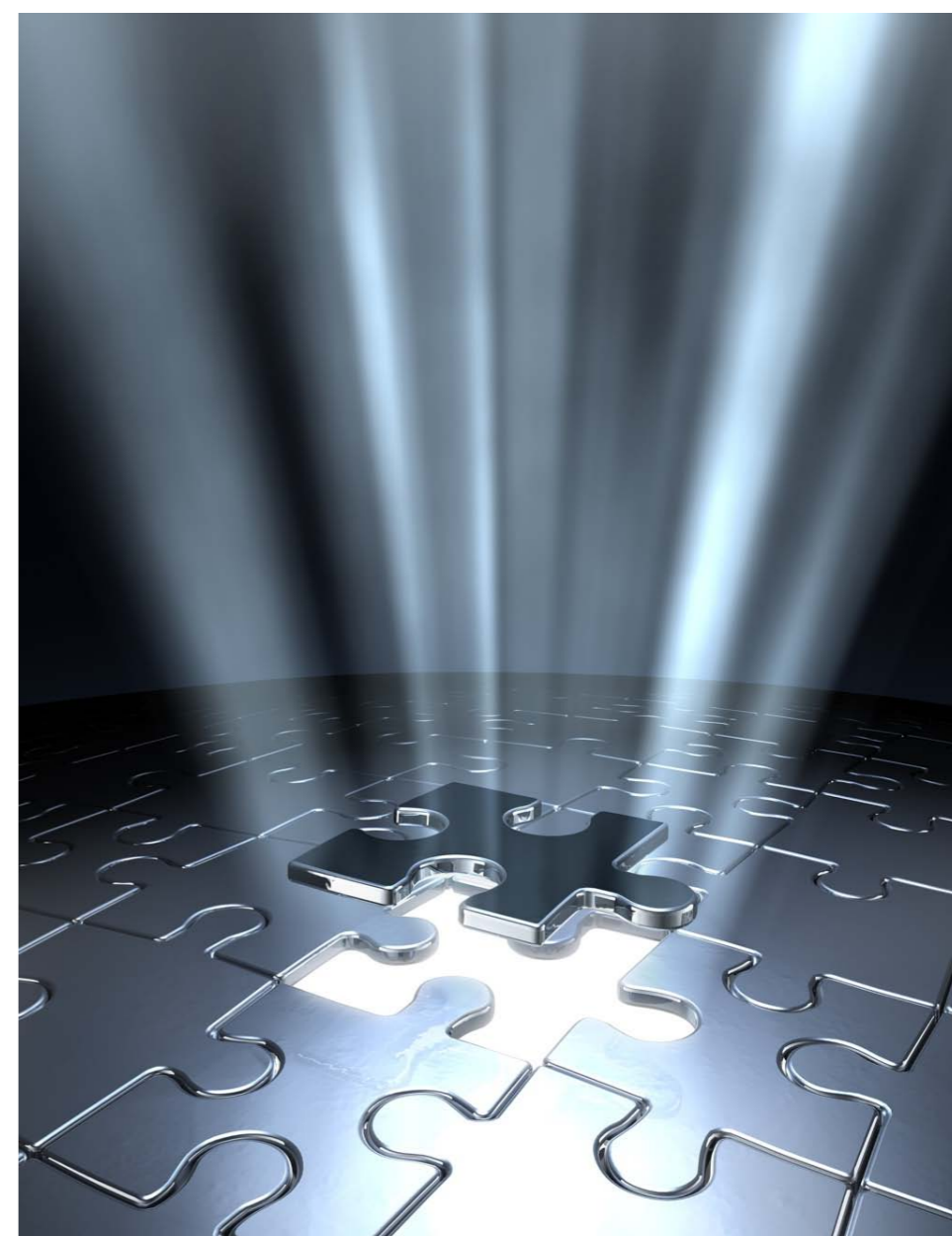




# Utility Scale Energy Storage

A demanding set of requirements

Metric	Requirements
Capital Cost	< \$1,500 / kW (4 hr duration)
Installed Size	1-20 MW
Discharge Time	0 - 4 hours
Storage Efficiency	80%+
Cycle Life	150,000 deep cycles
Calendar Life	25+ years
Carbon Dioxide	Zero Emissions
Degradation	None



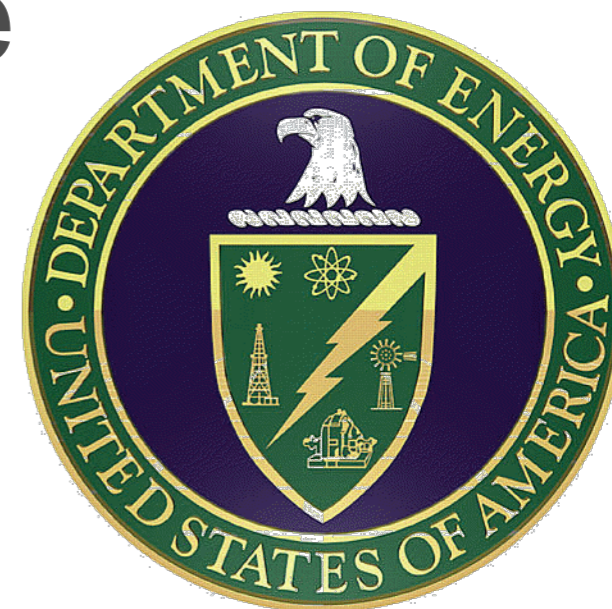


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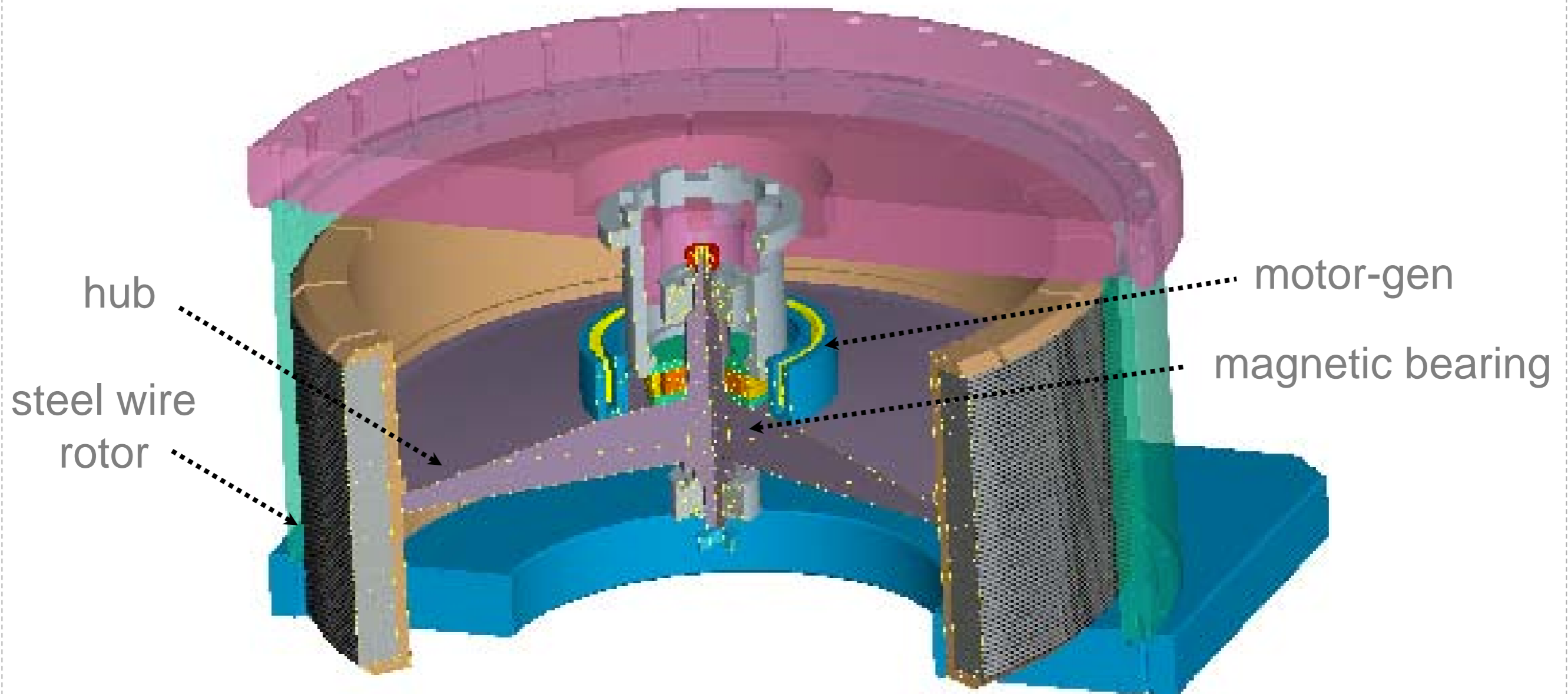
## flywheels: kinetic energy storage

- 48 month project (3 phases)
- Engineering & Commercial prototypes
- Grid-connected demonstration (Phase 3)





# Flywheel Energy Storage Architecture





# Next Steps





# Demonstrate Low-Cost Material

Prototype to demonstrate cheap, high strength steel rotor performance

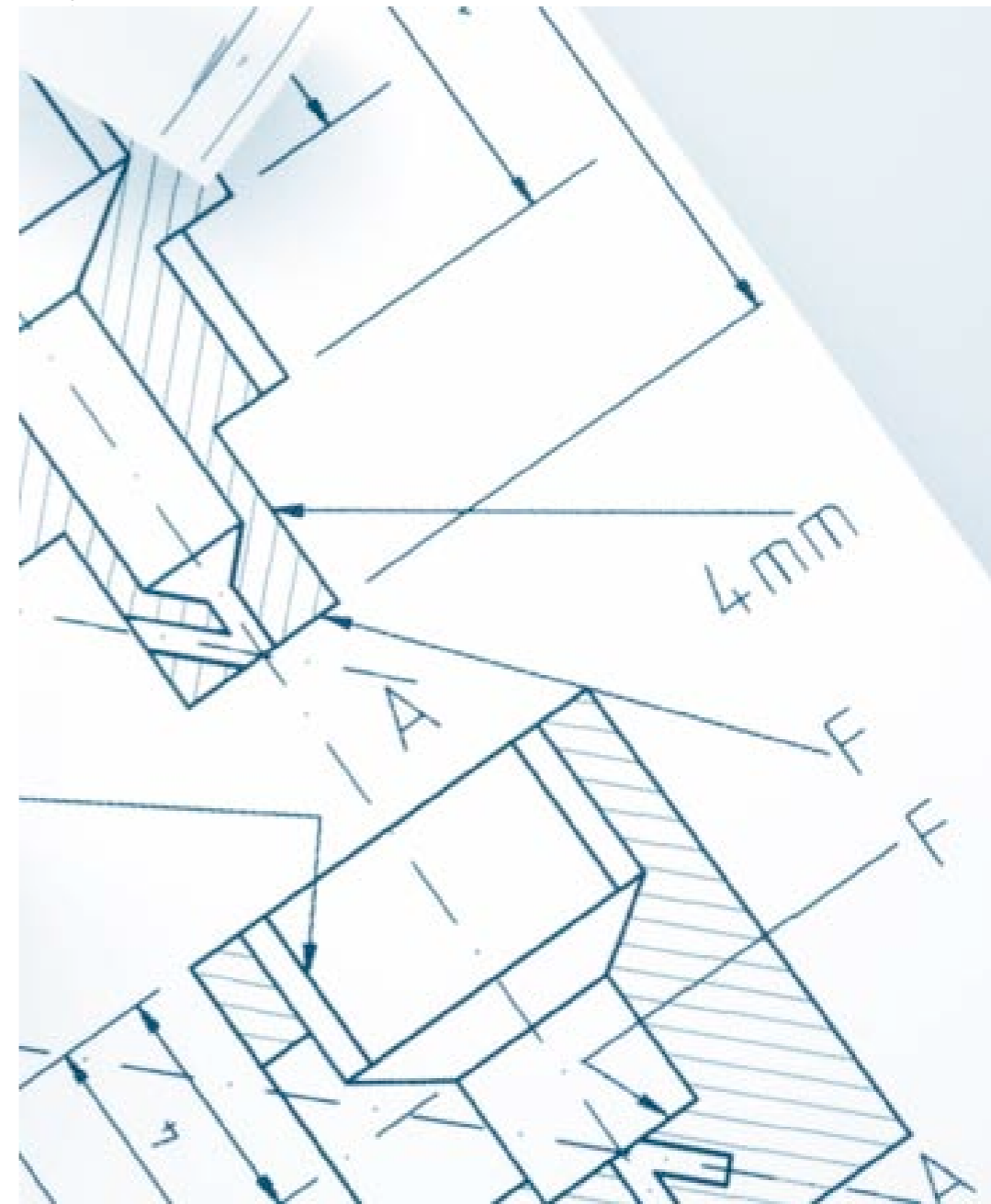
## High Strength

- Metalworking process to achieve high strength
- Very low cost, simplified MFG process

Demonstrate: 15x lower \$ / kWh rotor cost

## Longevity

- 25 year operating life
- 150,000 deep cycles
- Abundant material, scalable architecture







# Technology Development Plan

## 3-Phase Development

### Phase One: Engineering Prototype System

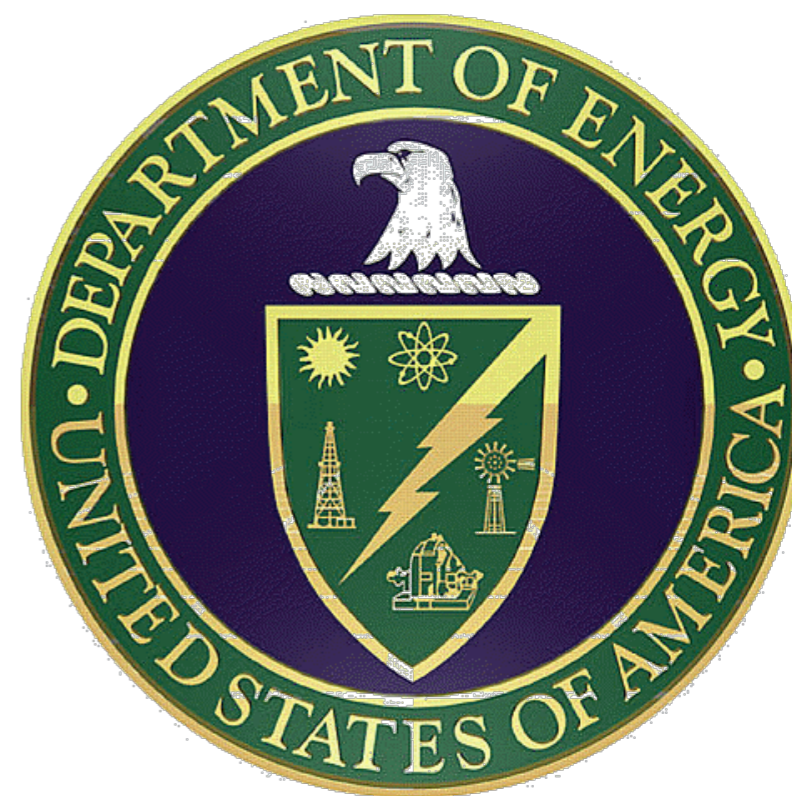
- Demonstrate flywheel system, rotor performance
- Demonstrate low-loss bearings & motor

### Phase Two: Commercial-Scale Prototype System

- 100 kWh flywheel energy storage system
- Scale up & cost down

### Phase Three: Grid-connected Demonstration

- MWh size grid-connected demonstration
- Demonstrate performance & cycle life





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