Energy Storage a Need for the Grid (and for Microgrids); an Opportunity for District Energy

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# Outline

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- Widespread Use of CHW TES by Repeat Owners
- Ancillary Benefits from CHW TES
  - Emergency Cooling for Mission Critical Facilities (MCF)
  - Combined Heat & Power (CHP)
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  - Dual-Use as TES + Fire Protection
- Conclusions and Recommendations

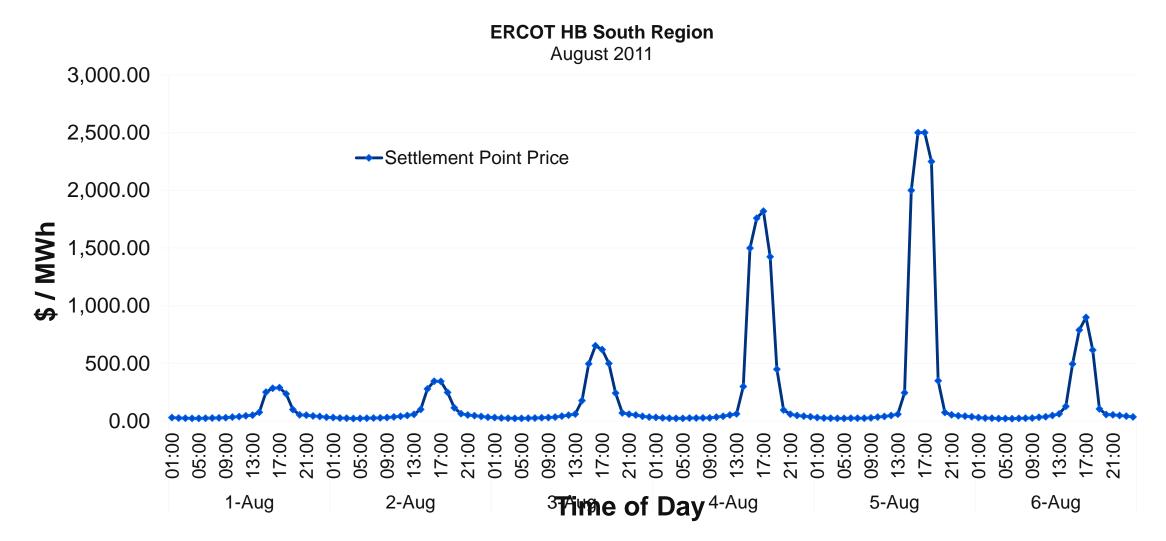
### Impact of Renewable Power

- Renewable Portfolio Standards => increased Wind & Solar power
  - Intermittent and often out-of-phase with demand
  - Coal + Nuclear + Wind power often exceeds nighttime demand
  - Nighttime power trades <u>negative</u> at times, e.g.:
    - In TX, as low as negative \$0.10/kWh
    - In NE, as low as negative \$0.20/kWh
- Energy Storage is increasingly critical; one can consider:
  - Batteries, Pumped Hydro, Compressed Air, Flywheels, SMES, Fuel Cells . . .

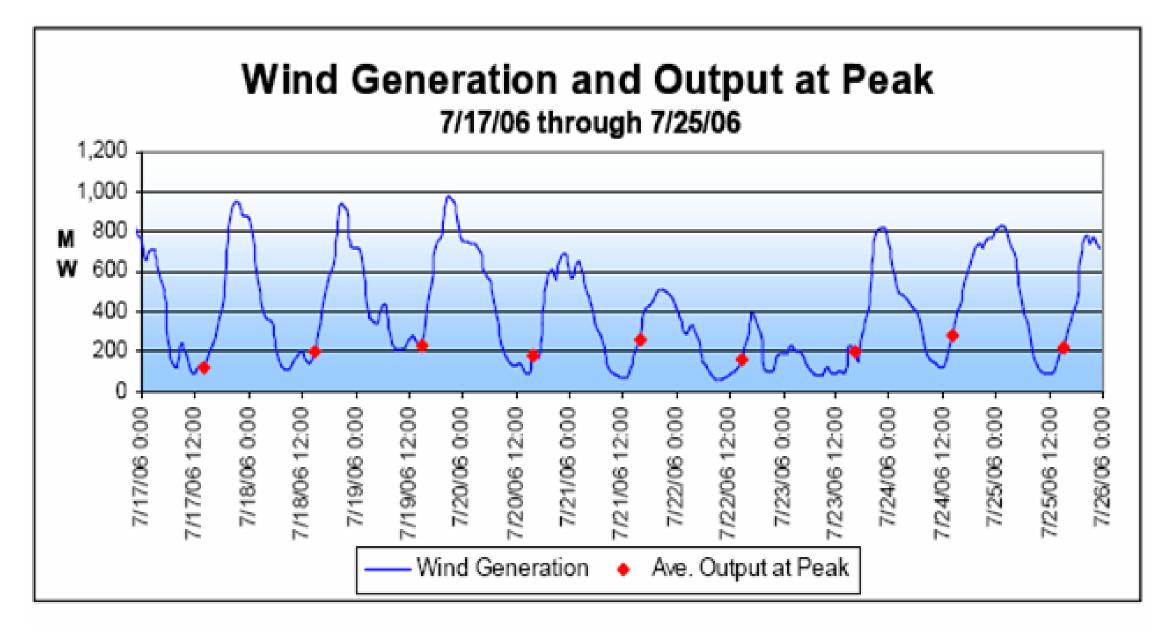
But large CHW TES often excels over all those in terms of:

maturity, safety, siting, permitting, schedule, lifetime, efficiency, cap\$

# While Grid Demand Varies from 100 to 50% of Peak, Power Value Varies from +\$2.50/kWh to -\$0.10/kWh



### Wind Power Produces Only 20% at Peak Demand Times



# **Types of Energy Storage**

- Mature storage technologies:
  - Pumped Hydro-electric (PH) Energy Storage
  - Traditional Batteries (Lead-Acid, Sodium-Sulfur)
- <u>Developing storage technologies</u>:
  - Advanced Electro-Chemical Batteries (Li-Ion, others)
  - Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)
  - Mechanical Flywheel Energy Storage
  - Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES)
- <u>An often overlooked option Thermal Energy Storage (TES)</u>:
  - Hot TES (Hot Water, Hot Oil, Molten Salt, Rock, Concrete)
  - Cool TES (Ice, Phase Change Material, Chilled Water, Low Temp Fluid)

# Chilled Water (CHW) TES

- An insulated tank , full of water at all times.
- Cool, dense CHW Supply in lower zone, at ~40 °F; warm, less dense CHW Return in upper zone; a with narrow "thermocline" (temperature gradient) in between.
- TES charging, off-peak (nighttime): CHWR pumped from top of tank, cooled in chillers, returned to bottom of tank; thermocline rises in tank, until tank is 100% cool water.
- TES discharging, on-peak (daytime): CHWS pumped from bottom of tank, meets cooling loads, returned to top of tank; thermocline falls in tank, until tank is 100% warm water.

No moving parts, except pumps and valves.

# Key Characteristics to Consider for Energy Storage

- Technical development status; readiness for reliable & economical application
- Safety issues or concerns
- Ease of siting (considering both technical & environmental concerns)
- Schedule for permitting & installation
- Life expectancy and life cycle costs
- Round-trip energy efficiency
- Initial unit capital cost (\$/kWh)

#### But characteristics differ for each individual storage technology.

### **Comparison of Energy Storage Options**

**Typical** 

**Characteristics** (Units) **Maturity Status Safety Issues Flexibility of Siting Ease of Permitting Overall Schedule** (years) **Expected Lifetime** (years) **Round-trip Efficiency (%) Unit Capital Cost** . . . . . . . .

| - Low  | (Ş/kWh)  |  |  |
|--------|----------|--|--|
| - High | (\$/kWh) |  |  |

| Pump         | Trad'l        | Adv'd         | Fly-         | Comp       | CHW        |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| <u>Hydro</u> | <u>Batt's</u> | <u>Batt's</u> | <u>wheel</u> | <u>Air</u> | <u>TES</u> |
| excell       | excell        | dev'l         | dev'l        | dev'l      | excellent  |
| med          | low           | yes           | yes          | med        | low        |
| v. low       | v. high       | v. high       | v. high      | v. low     | high       |
| diffic       | simple        | simple        | med          | diffic     | simple     |
| 10+          | 1-2           | 1-2           | 1-2          | 3-5+       | 1-2        |
| 40+          | 7-15          | 7-10          | 20           | 40+        | 40+        |
| 70-85        | 80-90         | 85-90         | 90           | 70-80      | near 100   |
|              |               |               |              |            |            |
| 310          | 500           | 350           | 7800         | 200        | 80         |
| 380          | 750           | 500           | 13760        | ???        | 200        |

# CHW TES at University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

Two CHW TES,
each providing:
1) energy storage, plus
2) chilled water (CHW)
peaking capacity



**UNL East Campus** 

Storing 16,326 ton-hrs (12 MWh); and shifting 4,000 tons (3 MW) UNL City Campus

Storing 52,000 ton-hrs (39 MWh); and shifting 8,333 tons (6.25 MW)

### Example: 39 MWh at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

#### **Storage Element**

Peak cooling discharge Peak electric discharge Duration at peak disch. Net storage (thermal) Net storage (electric) Storage unit cap cost **Storage capital cost** Full system cap cost Full system unit cap cost

**Chilled Water (CHW)** Lithium-Ion **Advanced Batteries Thermal Energy Storage (TES)** (actual, 2017) (hypothetical) not applicable 8,333 tons 6.25 MW equivalent 6.25 MW 6.24 hrs 6.24 hrs not applicable 52,000 ton-hrs 39.0 MWh equivalent 39.0 MWh \$350/kWh \$100/ton-hr \$13.65 M \$5.20 M (38% of batteries) \$11.7 M (43% of batteries) \$27.3 M \$225/kWh (43% of batteries) \$700/kWh

### Example: 39 MWh at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

|                              | Lithium-Ion        | Chilled Water (CHW)                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
|                              | Advanced Batteries | Thermal Energy Storage (TES)           |
| Storage System               | (hypothetical)     | <u>(actual, 2017)</u>                  |
| Full system cap cost         | \$27.3 M           | \$11.7 M (43% of batteries)            |
| Full system unit cap cost    | \$700/kWh          | \$225/kWh (43% of batteries)           |
| Additional Chiller Plant     |                    |  |
| Necessary capacity           | 4,016 tons         | TES <u>already</u> provides 8,333 tons |
| Unit cap cost                | \$2,900/ton        | not applicable                         |
| Installed cap cost           | \$11.6 M           | zero                                   |
| Total capital cost           | \$38.9 M           | \$11.7 M (30% of batteries)            |
| Storage life expectancy      | 7-10 years         | 40+ years                              |
| Round-trip energy efficiency | 85-90%             | near 100%                              |

# Energy Efficiency of CHW TES

- TES inefficiencies: 1) heat gain, and 2) pumping.
- TES <u>efficiencies</u>: 1) cooler nighttime condensing temperatures, and
  2) avoided low-load operation of chillers & auxiliaries.
- **CHW TES** round-trip energy efficiency is near 100%.
- Some examples even show net energy savings with TES:
  - State Farm data processing campus in IL
    - 89,600 ton-hrs CHW TES
    - annual kWh/ton-hr reduced by 3% (by modeling)
  - Texas Instruments manufacturing facility in TX
    - 24,500 ton-hrs CHW TES
    - annual kWh/ton-hr reduced by 12% (by measurement)

### Some Owners with Multiple TES Installations

3M Corporation(3) Alamo Colleges (3) Austin Energy (3) Boeing (2) California State U system (19) State of California (5) Del Mar College (2) Disney Theme Parks (3) District Energy St. Paul (2) Dominion Energy (for TIC, 5) DuPont (for MCF back-up, **5**) Enwave (5) Ford Motor Co. (5)

General Motors (5) Honeywell (3) IBM (2) Lincoln Electric System (TIC, 2) Lockheed Martin (3) Los Angeles County, CA (3) NASA & National Labs (6) N. Harris/Montgomery Coll. (2) NRG Energy (4) Princeton U (2) Riverside County, CA (4) San Jacinto Jr. College (3) San Joaquin Delta College (2)

Saudi Aramco (2) Saudi Electricity Co. (for TIC, 3) Siemens (3) Stanford U (5) State Farm Insurance (5) Tabreed (16) Texas Instruments (3) TNB - Universiti Tenaga (3) Toyota Motor Mfg N. Amer. (5) U of California system (8) U of Nebraska (2) U of Texas system (7) USAF/Army/CIA/FDA/NSA/VA (15)

## **Emergency Cooling for MCFs**

- Back-up for Mission Critical Facilities (e.g. data centers)
  - Apple, AT&T, Bank of America, California ISO, Citibank,
  - Covidien, DuPont Fabros, eBay, Equinix, HSBC, MCI,
  - Nationwide, Princeton U, Target, US Bank, and many others.
  - Capital One
    - data center in VA
      - CHW TES
      - 900 ton-hrs
      - 180,000 gals
      - 1,500 tons x 36 minutes



### **TES Flattens Load - Better for CHP**

- Flattened cooling & electric profiles aid CHP economics
  - Chicago's Metro Pier & Expo Authority convention district (3 MW)
  - Climaespaco mixed-use district energy in Lisbon, Portugal (8 MW)
  - Princeton U campus (15 MW)
  - TECO medical
    - district (45 MW)
      - CHW TES
      - 64,300 ton-hrs
      - 8.8 million gals
      - 10 MW / 45 MWh load shift



# Turbine Inlet Cooling (TIC)

- TIC with TES for maximizing hot weather power output of CTs.
  - Calpine, Chicago MPEA, Climaespaco, Princeton U,
  - Reedy Creek Energy Services (Disney World), TECO,
  - Dominion Energy (five TIC in PA & VA with 80 MW from CHW TES).
  - Saudi Electricity Company
    - CHW TES
    - 193,000 ton-hrs
    - 7.9 million gals
    - 48 MW / 288 MWh TES load shift
    - 180 MW extra power from TIC
    - That extra power under \$300/kW



### **Dual-use: TES and Fire Protection**

- CHW TES doubles as fire protection.
  - Abbott Laboratories (IL), ARCO (TX), Chrysler Motors (MI),
  - GM (OK & MI), Phoenix Newspapers (AZ), Pratt & Whitney (CT),
  - Shell Development (TX), State Farm Insurance (GA & IL).
  - 3M Corporation
     campus in MN
    - CHW TES
    - 32,000 ton-hrs
    - 4.1 million gals
    - 5 MW / 24 MWh load shift



### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- The need for Energy Storage grows with more wind & solar power.
- Many storage options; but large-scale **CHW TES** offers advantages.
- In 39 MWh example, CHW TES (vs batteries) is 50-70% lower \$/kWh; plus it has higher efficiency (near 100%), and longer life (40+ yrs).
- 30 yrs of successful applications; many owners with multiple TES.
- Additional benefits for MCFs, CHP, TIC, and fire protection. Grids and microgrids with large cooling needs (air-conditioning, process cooling, or Turbine Inlet Cooling) should consider incorporating CHW TES, as it likely offers lowest \$/kWh of storage and lowest \$/ton of cooling. District Energy's aggregated thermal loads uniquely represent a prime opportunity to employ TES, rather than batteries or other ES.

# Questions / Discussion ?

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