# The Ideal CHP

A Decentralized DC Microgrid based on a Full Cycle Nat Gas Engines
Battery Energy Storage on a DC buss

**OVERVIEW** 

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An Alternative to District Energy

#### Problems Solved

- Interconnection
  - ▶ Rule 21
  - Batteries for Energy Storage
    - No Departing Load
    - No Standby Charges
- ☐ Throttle Less Rich Burn
  - Constant efficiency regardless of output.
  - ▶ 40 to 300 to 40 kilowatt < 6 seconds
- Steam instead of Useless Hot Water
  - Heating
  - Cooling
- Emissions
  - ▶ Less than 12 ppm



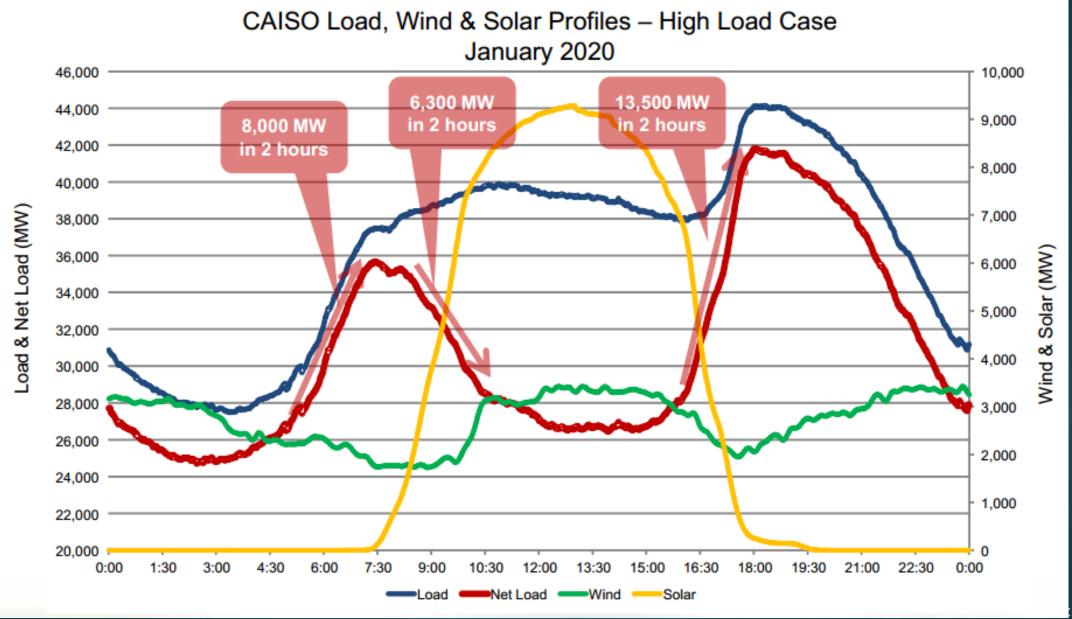
# Combined Heat Cooling and Power

Battery Energy Storage Without Interconnect Fees No Standby Charges

#### Things have Changed

- Costs of Energy
  - ▶ Natural gas <=\$2/mmbtu</p>
  - ▶ Wholesale Market electricity < \$30/mw-hr
- Renewable Generation
  - Power could go less than zero/mw-hr
  - Energy Storage
  - Edison is better than Tesla
    - The DC buss
  - Power is not generated when its needed.
- Heat sinks stink
  - Cant use hot water
  - Isothermal versus sensible
- Lower Emissions Required < 10ppm Nox</p>
- District Energy cannot Compete

#### Electrical Havoc on California's Grid.



# Energy Storage

- Thermal Energy Storage
  - ▶ Ice, hot or cold water
- Electric Energy Storage
  - Batteries
    - In and out inefficiencies.
  - Pumped Hydro
    - in and out inefficiencies
    - Only so many high altitude lakes
  - Compressed Air
    - Inefficient
    - Not as developed

#### Natural Gas

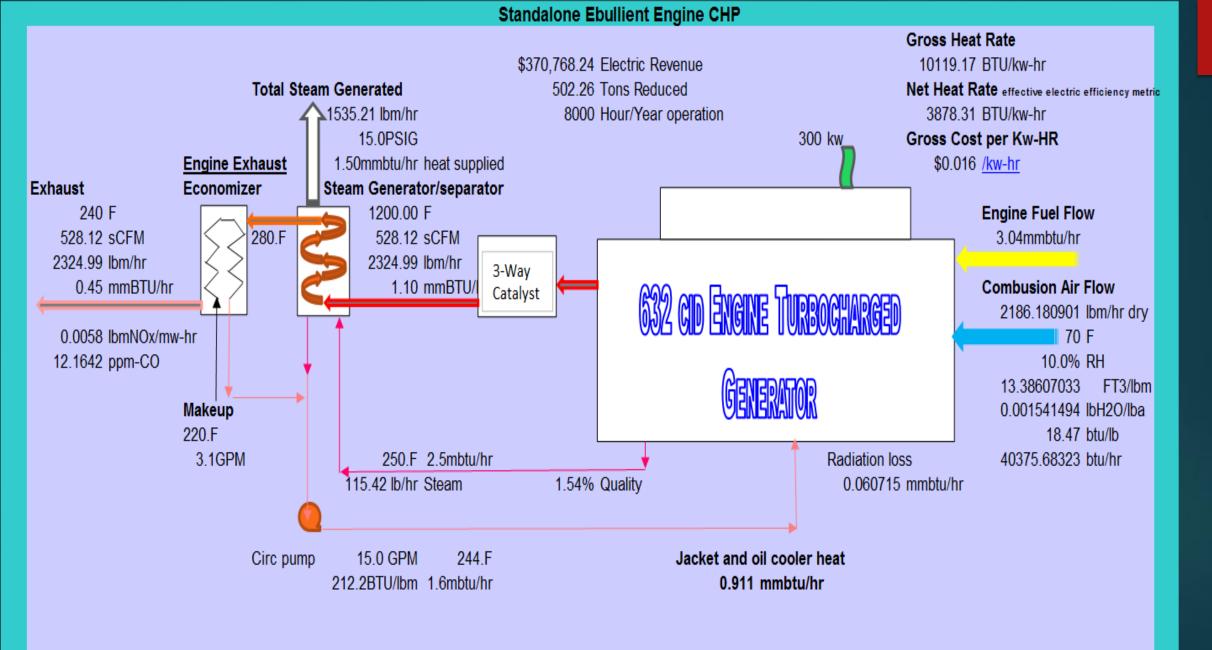
The Best Battery

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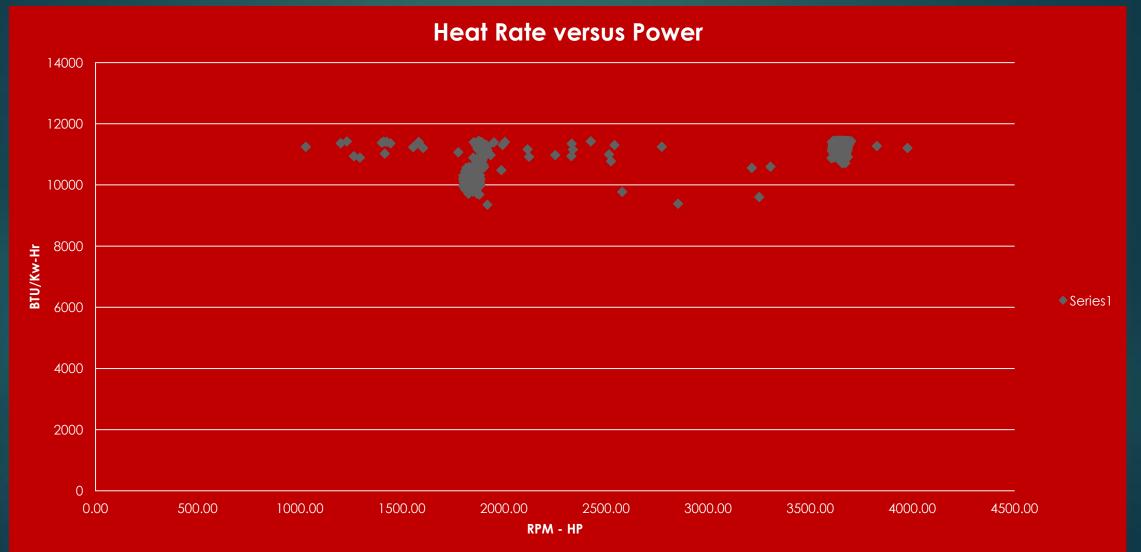
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  - Double up the generation No Utility Standby Charges and long life
- ☐ The DC bus
  - 700 to 825vdc
  - DC bus Microgrid
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  - Cheap and Available Lead Acid
  - Slow the discharge rate by "borrowing " CHP output

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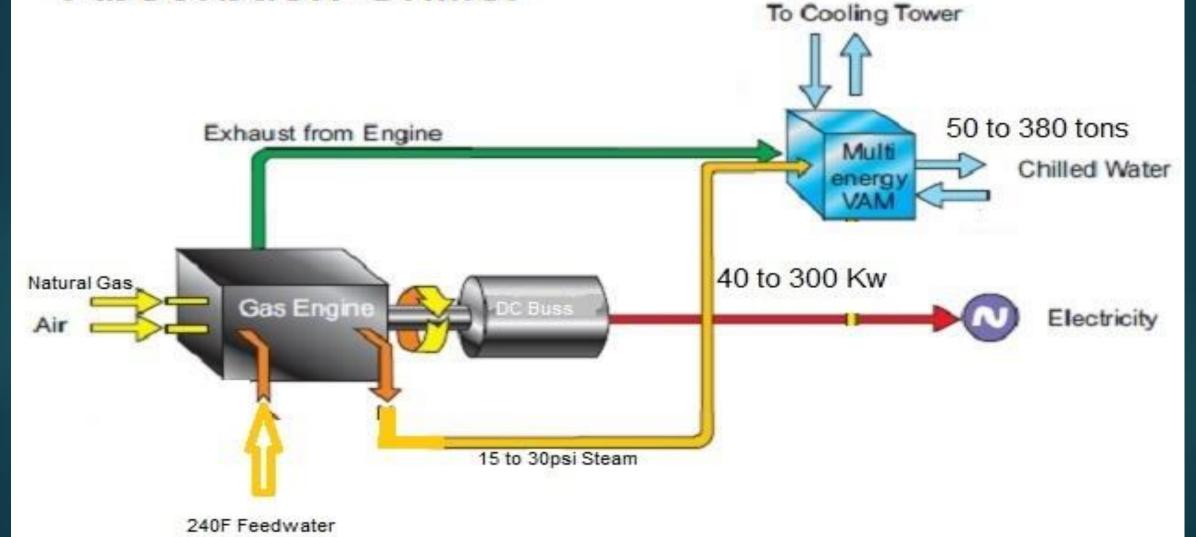
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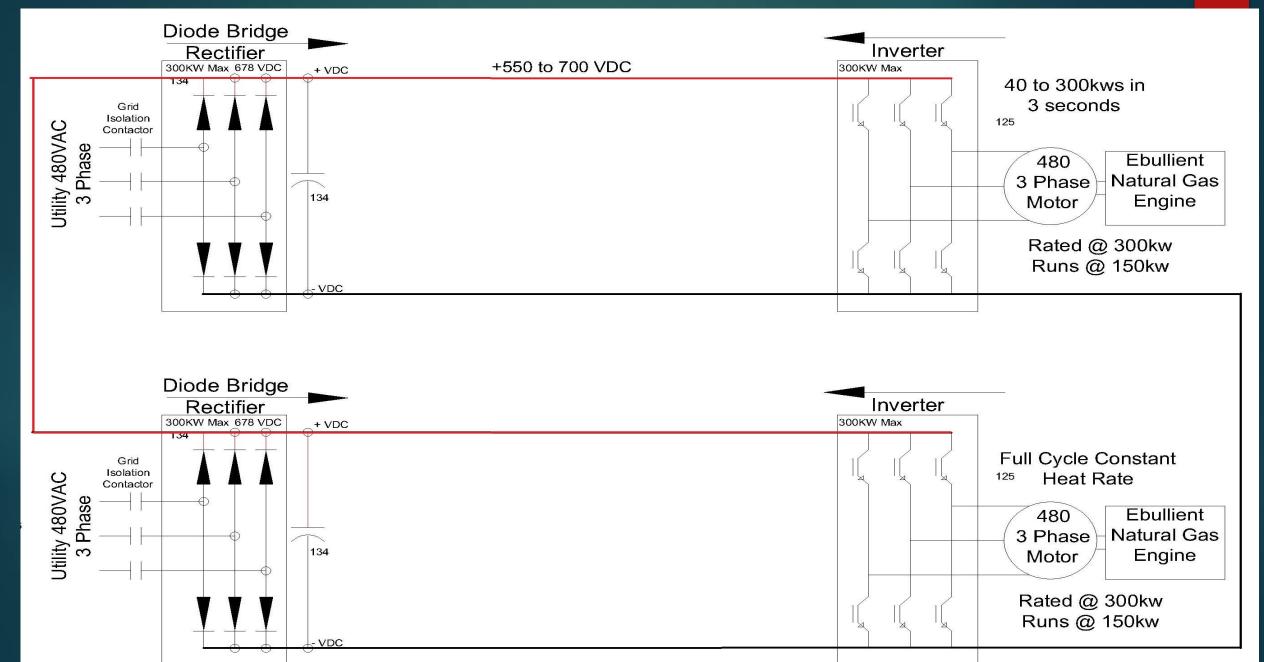
# Throttle-Less Engine for Constantly Low Heat Rate Full Cycle



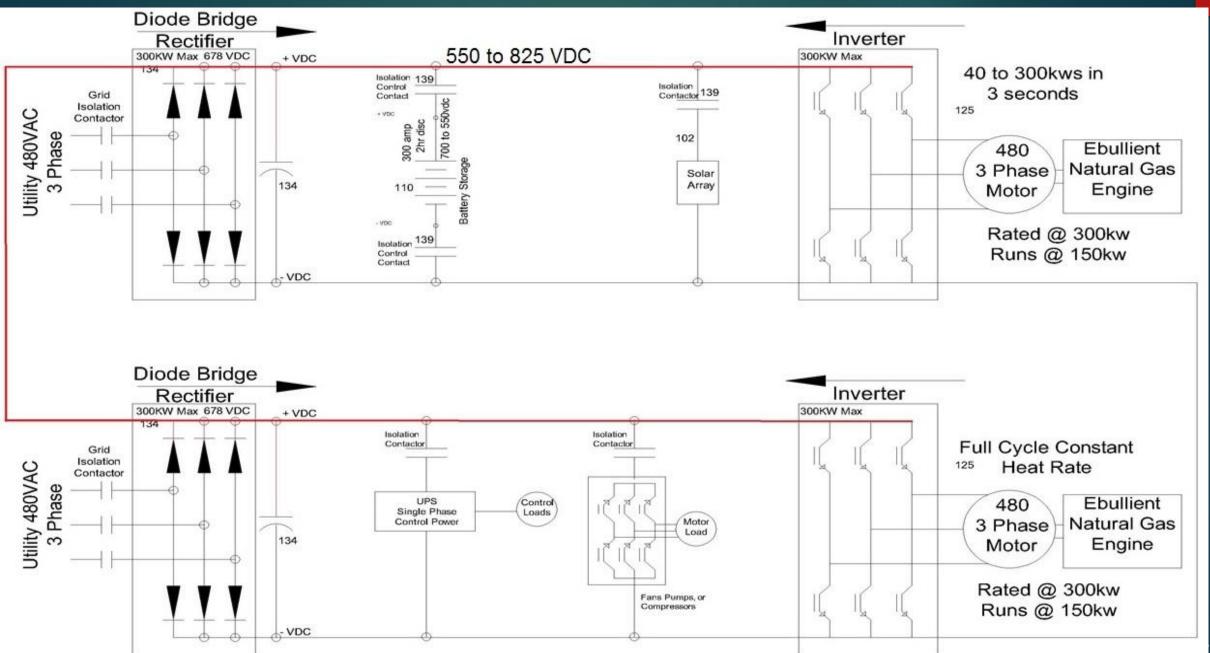
# Steam & Direct Exhaust Absorbtion Chiller



#### The DC Microgrid



#### DC Microgrid



#### No Stand-by Charges

- SCE 6cents/kw-hr, ConEd 11cents/kw-hr
- Redundant Design for 300kw CHP will result in \$144k/year savings
- Constant Heat Rate No Energy Penalty
- Longer Life Span
- Automotive Big Block and Induction Motor/Generator

#### No Rule 21 Interconnect Headaches

- Design DC microgrid for one-way support from the Grid
- Diode Bridges (VFDs),
- □ No Rule 21 requirements

# Energy Storage

- □ Large Incentives
  - California \$1350/kw-hr
  - ► New York \$2100/kw-hr
- Existing DC bus might as well use it.
- □ Dirt Cheap Lead Acid for less than \$200/kw-hr

# Isolate Loads from Grid Interruption

- □ DC Microgrid supported by Engine HRSG Always Up
- Draw Grid power when its cheap and generate when expensive

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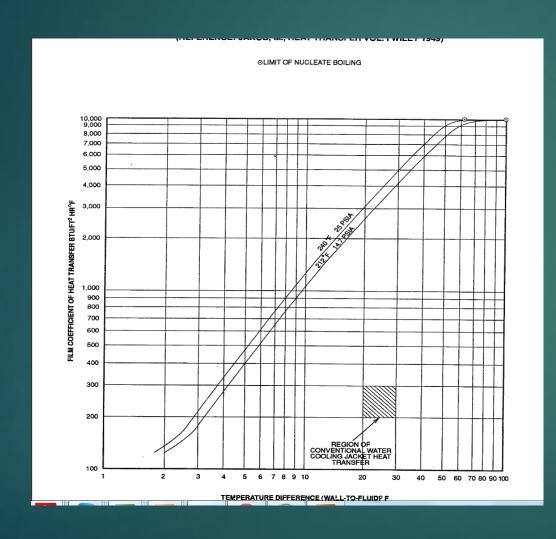
#### APPENDIX A. REFERENCE TECHNOLOGIES

- Nucleate Boiling Heat Transfer
- Nucleate Heat Transfer Film Coefficient
- Ebullient Cooling Flow Patterns
- Engine Absorption Cooling Example

# Nucleate Boiling Heat Transfer 'Nucleate Cooling'

- 25 times the heat transfer rate of water convection
- Cooler Metal Temperatures with Hotter H20
- Uniform Head and Block Temperatures
- High Value Steam
- Low Parasitic Power 1/10<sup>th</sup> Coolant Flow of Typical Engine
- Fast Starting
- Higher Margin in Cooling Capacity
  - ▶ Typical engine cooling is limited to 180F outlet water.
  - Constant temperature of Nucleate Cooling lacks any Limitation.

#### Nucleate Heat Transfer Film Coefficient



- Note tremendous difference in heat transfer rate for a given temperature difference between metal and coolant.
- That difference needs to be minimized for durability. – thermal stresses.

# Engine Absorption Cooling Example

