



Microgrid 2.0

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**A Microgrid configured as a Boiler + a
Back Pressure Steam Turbine (Blr. + BPST)**

Introduction

Microgrids – what, how and why?

Microgrid plus Combined Heat & Power (CHP) configured as a Boiler + Back Pressure Steam Turbine

Configuration, performance and economics

Project Development

Customized Energy and Water Development services for Industrial, Municipal & Commercial clients; also known as **EnWaDev**.

A. Consulting:

Energy & Water optimization strategy (“Demand Reduction”, then “Supply Optimization”)
Investment grade financial analysis encompassing concept development, project structuring, contracting strategy, technology assessments, bid management, environmental impact, project schedule and constructability etc...

B. Development:

Design-Build and Own projects. Deliver as full-wrap Engineering Procurement & Construction (EPC) or part-wrap Engineering, Procurement & Construction Management (EPCM).

C. Operations & Maintenance:

Reliably deliver energy & water to the customer and maintain asset value for the owner

Assertions:

1. Efficiency *hedges* energy & water price volatility.
2. *Profitably* reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
3. *No conflict* between your wallet and your conscience.

Low clearing prices emerging: in the US, solar is beginning to beat low cost fossil (2017)

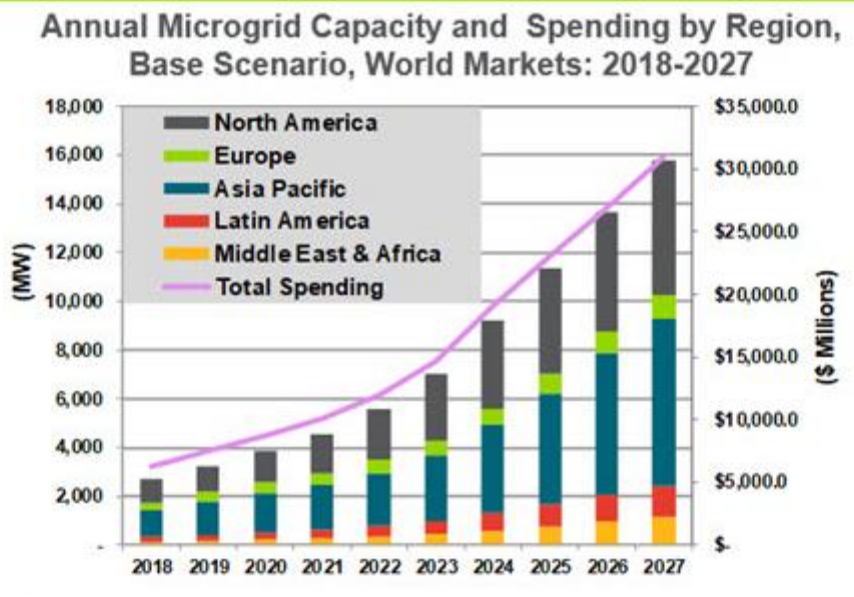
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Renewables-Plus-Storage Projects are Clustered in Key Storage Regions
 Globally, 1.6 GW of Storage Paired with Renewables
 Renewables-Plus-Storage Projects, Operational and Pipeline Storage

Global Rated Power in MW



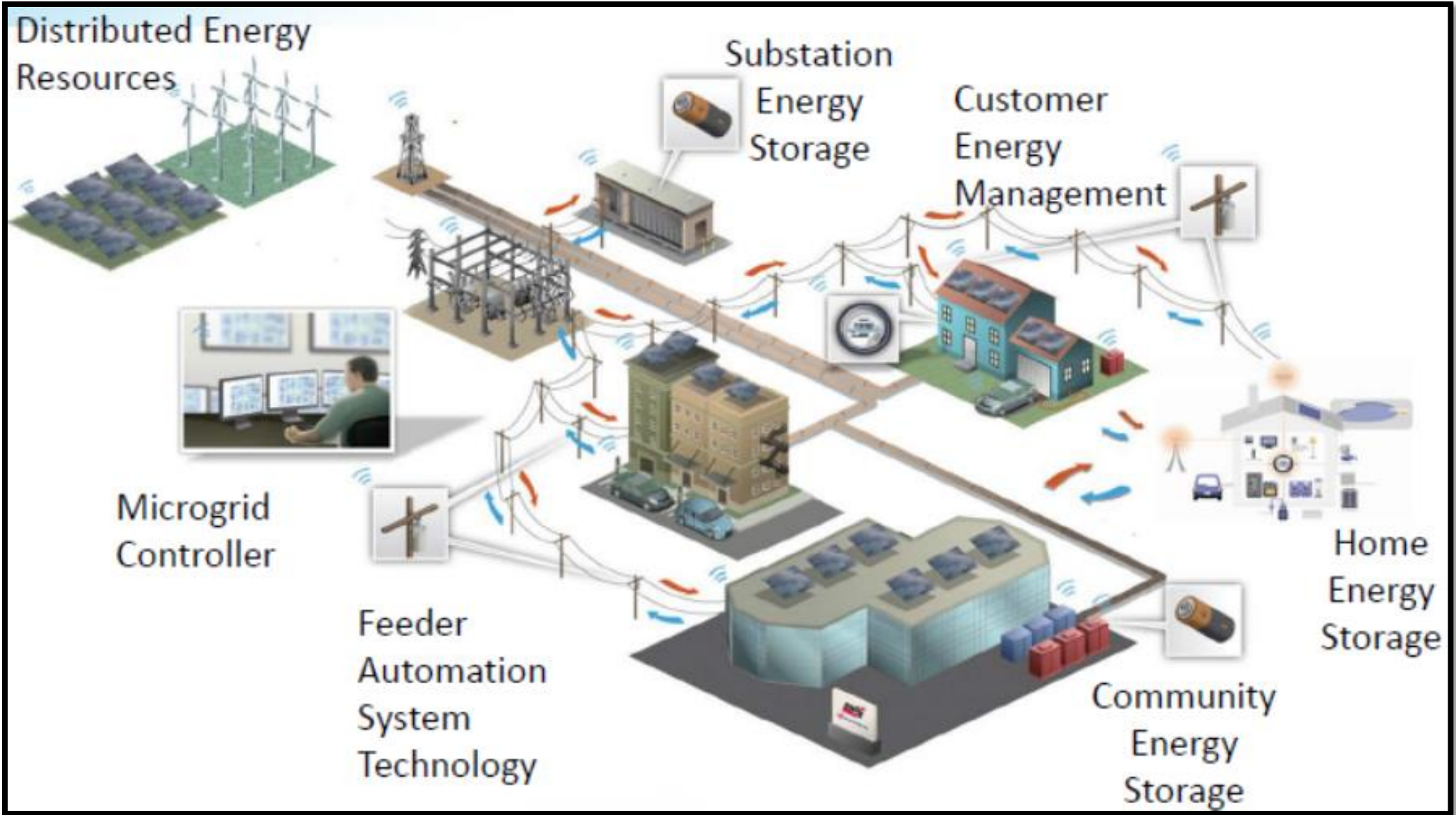
HOW FAST WILL GLOBAL MICROGRID MARKET GROW?



(Source: Navigant Research)

Microgrids – what are they?

A set of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within defined electrical boundaries;
As a single controllable entity can stay grid-connected or operate in island mode.



Microgrids – what’s often overlooked? Thermal energy!

Industrial and commercial customers often need thermal energy with electrical energy. Heat (Steam / hot water) is commonly supplied by a natural gas “package boiler”

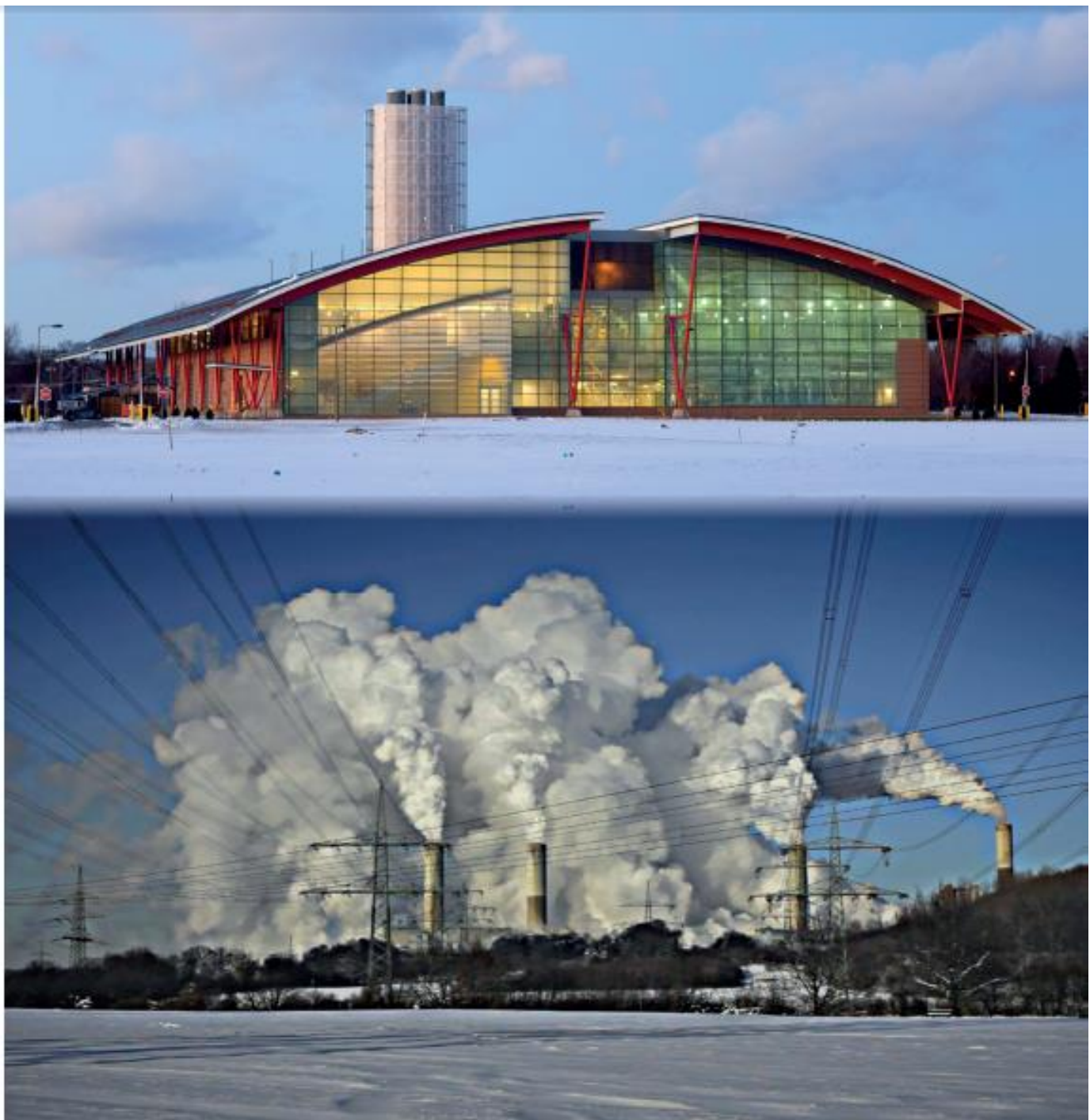
A topping cycle natural gas Combined Heat & Power (CHP) system can supply site power & heat.

- Gas Turbines (GT), Reciprocating Engines (RE) are *power-first* CHP components and their waste heat is recycled into steam/hot water. High “power-to-heat” ratio
- Compared to package boilers, CHP has higher CapEx and OpEx; economics impacted by value of power relative to the cost of natural gas

Topping cycle GAS TURBINE COMBINED HEAT & POWER (CHP) SYSTEM				Topping cycle GAS TURBINE COMBINED HEAT & POWER (CHP) SYSTEM			
INPUT	UNIT	VALUE	COMMENT	OUTPUT	UNIT	VALUE	COMMENT
Gross Capacity	MW _{e gross}	50	Available to grid / utility	Investment required	\$MM	\$80	by equity investor
CapEx	\$/KW _e	\$1,600	f (MW, KV, Kpph, psig)	Capacity payment	\$MM/yr	\$8	by utility to equity investor
Par. Pwr	% of MW _{e gross}	4%	OK	Capacity Pmt reqd.	\$/KW/month	\$12.6	\$151 \$K/MW-yr
Full load availability	%	95%	OK	Operating hours	hrs/yr	8,322	
Debt term	years	20	Project term	Net power at user	MW _e	48	
Interest rate	%	7%	assumed	Net power exported	MWHr/yr	399,456	
<u>O&M Costs</u>				Cost of power			
Fixed O&M	% of CapEx	2.5%	typical - FTE, skg fund etc	O&M	\$/MWHr	\$11.0	\$4 \$MM/yr
Variable O&M	\$/MWHr	\$6	typical	Fuel	\$/MWHr	\$20.0	\$8 \$MM/yr
<u>Fuel & Performance</u>				Capital recovery	\$/MWHr	\$18.9	\$8 \$MM/yr
Gas at Burner tip	\$/MMBtu, HHV	\$4.0	Hub + distribution	TOTAL	\$/MWHr	\$49.9	\$20 \$MM/yr
Heat Rate	Btu/KW hr, HHV	5,000	Typical				

More on this later

Why CHP? Efficiently deliver power and heat



“Topping cycle” Combined Heat & Power (CHP) at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
Efficiency >80%

Traditional central power generation.
Efficiency ~35%.... burning money up the stack

Primer on CHP “topping & bottoming” cycles

	<p>Cogenation System</p> <p>100 Units Fuel Source yields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 units of electricity and 45 units of thermal energy 	<p>Bottoming Cycle system</p>
What	Topping Cycle CHP	Bottoming Cycle CHP
Characteristic	Power first, then heat	Heat first, then power
Power-to-heat ratio	Higher	Lower
Relative CapEx	Higher	Lower
Relative OpEx	Higher	Lower
* Longer-term economic fit to a “renewables” microgrid	Lower	Higher

* “Renewables” microgrid configured with (*sun, wind*) generation **plus** a Battery Energy Storage (BES)

But.... longer-term concern with “topping cycle” CHP?

Long-term power price down-trend due to fossil-free renewables (wind, sun) + battery energy storage.

Conventional fossil power (coal, nuclear) are in trouble – uncompetitive even on an operating basis.

Large (500+ MW) Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) plants are currently competitive....but for how long?

Topping cycle (“Power first”) CHP is competitive, but.....

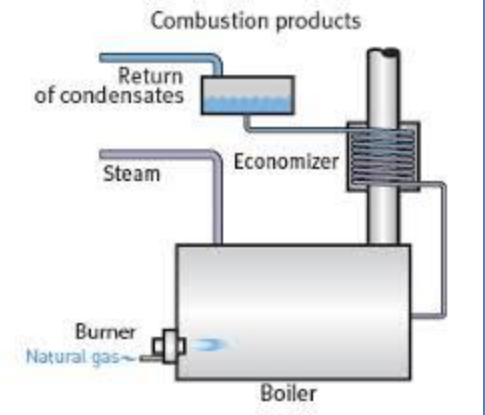
- **Good:** Efficient (*Heat Rate* ~5000 btu/kwh).
- **Bad:** Investment gap (\$/KW) between fossil-free renewables and fossil-fired CHP is narrowing.
- **Bad:** Operating cost (\$/MWh) of topping cycle CHP trending higher than pure renewables.

Bottoming cycle CHP is a natural fit when there is a thermal load (low pressure steam or hot water).

A Combined Heat & Power (DF-CHP) system can also be configured as a High Pressure Steam Boiler tied to a Back Pressure Steam Turbine (Blr. + BPST)

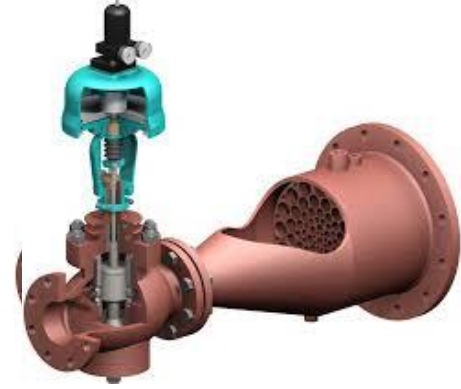
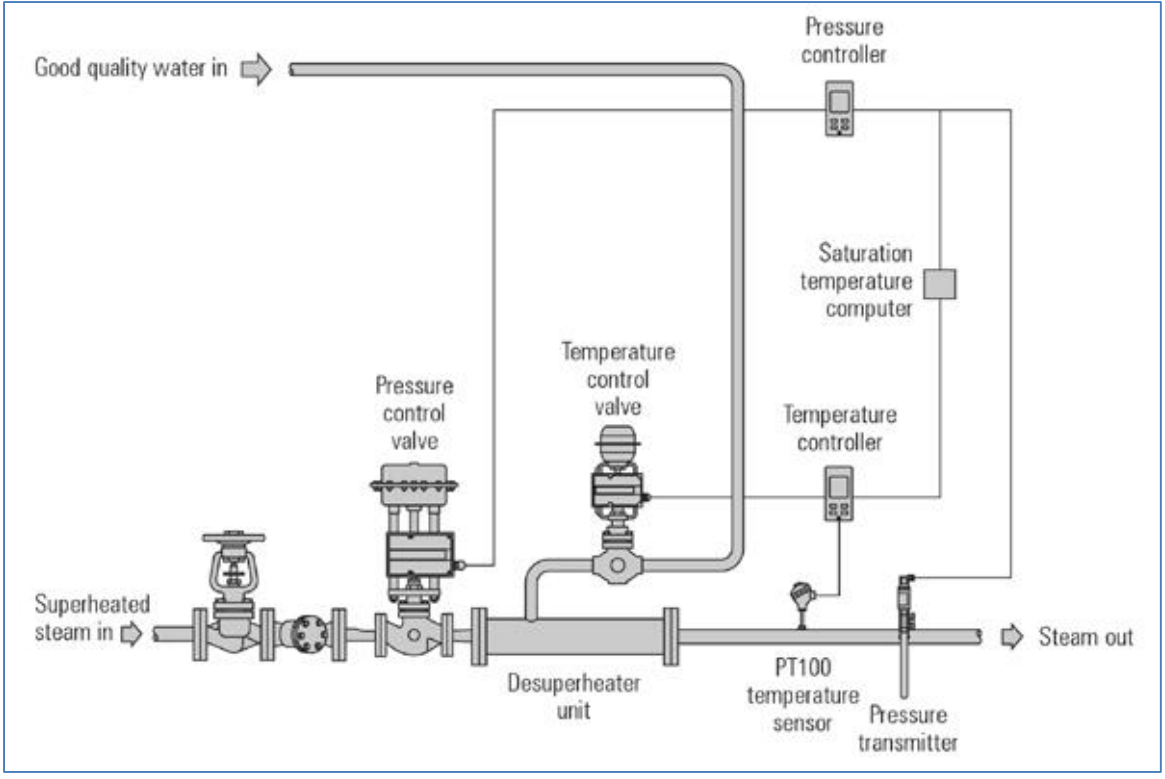
This low-cost, easily designed & installed CHP configuration **improves the economics of a “conventional, renewables only” microgrid**

A picture is worth a 1000 words: Boiler, PRV & BPST



Back Pressure Steam Turbine (BPST): generates electric energy and creates economic value

Gas “package” boiler: water in, steam out



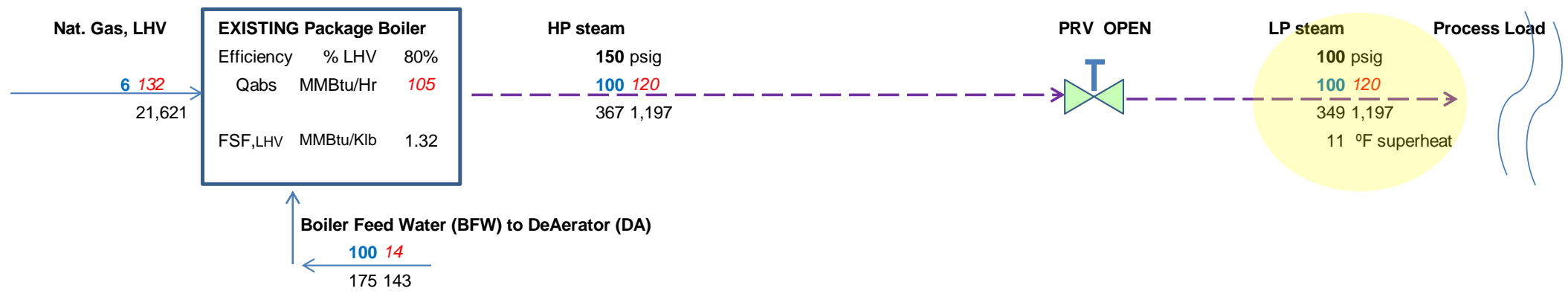
Steam Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV): Increases Entropy; **wastes thermodynamic & economic value.**

Thermodynamics: Boiler only versus Boiler + BPT

Kpph	MMBtu/Hr
F	Btu/lb

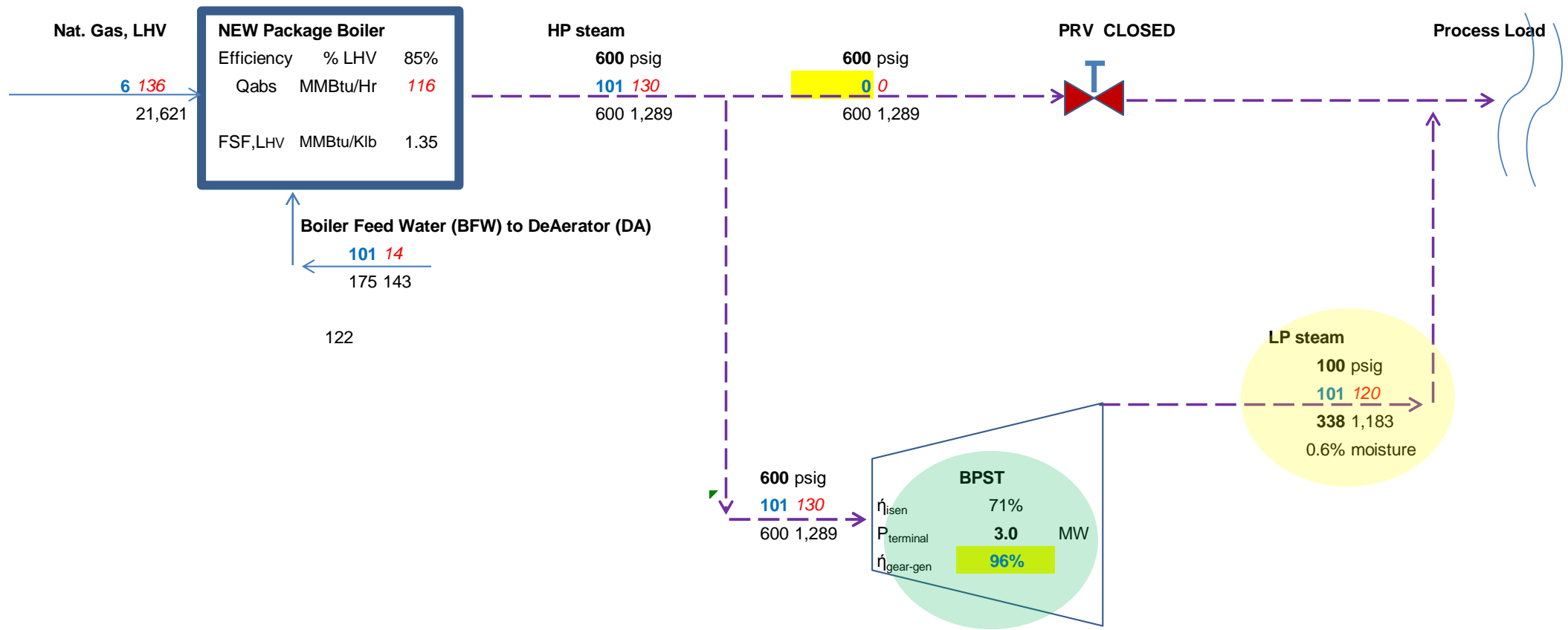
Current Host Situation:

Inefficient EXISTING boiler steam let down via PRV to process steam pressure



Future Host Situation:

Efficient NEW boiler raises High pressure steam; Spin BPST to generate power; Create electricity value for cost of Blr. Eff. adjusted fuel



Economics: Boiler only versus Boiler + BPT

Incremental Investment	\$K	\$3,000
EBITDA value created	\$K/yr	\$1,168
"Mother Nature" Payback	years	2.6
GHG Emissions offset	mt CO2/yr	6,504

BPST project power output	KW	3,011
CHP: Fuel cost of power	¢/KWHr	1.7
CHP Efficiency	% LHV	85%
CHP: Heat Rate	Btu/KWHr, LHV	4,181

INPUT PARAMETER	UNIT	VALUE	COMMENT
Current Host situation			
All-in Electricity	¢/KWHr	6.0	Retail value
Gas at burner tip, HHV	\$/MMBtu, HHV	\$4.00	Spk-sprd 4.4
NEW Pkge Blr + BPST System (incremental CapEx)			
Incremental CapEx: Installed	\$K	\$3,000	SWAG =f(scope)
BPST: Isen. Eff.	%	71%	multi-stge BPT
BPST: All-in O&M	¢/KWHr	0.70	assumed
New Blr: Efficiency	% LHV	85%	typical
New Blr: Hdr. Stm	psig	600	selected
	F	600	111 °F sup.ht
New Blr: All-in O&M	¢/Klb	50	assumed
Existing boiler			
Efficiency	% LHV	80%	assumed
Boiler Feedwater	F	175	assumed
Header steam	psig	150	assumed
	F	367	1 °F sup.ht
Blr: All-in O&M	¢/Klb	50	assumed
Process Steam LOAD			
Process steam	psig	100.0	assumed
	Kpph	100.0	assumed
Full Load Optg Hrs	Hrs/yr	8,322	assumed
Grid GHG emissions	lb CO2/MWHr	750	e-GRID data

OUTPUT PARAMETER	UNIT	VALUE		CHANGE	% Chge
		BEFORE	AFTER		
Existing Boiler Fuel	MMBtu/yr, LHV	1,096,125	0		
NEW Boiler Fuel	MMBtu/yr, LHV	0	1,134,766		
Net Change in Blr fuel	MMBtu/yr, LHV			38,640	4%
Power	MWHr/yr	0	25,056	25,056	#DIV/0!
Process steam	MMBtu/Hr	120	120	0	0%
	Kpph	100	101	1	1.2%
Value of Displaced Power	\$K/yr	\$0	\$1,503	\$1,503	
EXISTING Blr system O&M	\$K/yr	\$416	\$0	\$416	
NEW Blr system O&M	\$K/yr	\$0	\$421	(\$421)	
BPST system O&M	\$K/yr	\$0	\$175	(\$175)	
Gas Cost	\$K/yr	\$4,385	\$4,539	(\$155)	
EBITDA	\$K/yr			\$1,168	
GHG emissions					
EXISTING Blr. Nat. gas	mt CO2/yr	57,796	0	(57,796)	
NEW Blr. Nat. gas	mt CO2/yr	0	59,833	59,833	
Offset grid power	mt CO2/yr	0	(8,542)	(8,542)	
TOTAL	mt CO2/yr	57,796	51,291	(6,504)	-11%

Economics: Sensitivity of key parameters: cost of displaced grid power, Project incremental CapEx

Boiler+BPT Payback "Hurdle" years 3.0

MN Payback, yrs	Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
2.6					
5.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.6
All-in Electi	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
¢/KWHr	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
6.0					
6.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
7.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
7.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0

Boiler+BPT Payback "Hurdle" years 3.0

EBITDA, \$K/yr	Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
\$1,168					
5.0	\$995	\$957	\$918	\$879	\$841
All-in Electricity	\$1,121	\$1,082	\$1,043	\$1,005	\$966
¢/KWHr	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
6.0					
6.5	\$1,371	\$1,332	\$1,294	\$1,255	\$1,216
7.0	\$1,496	\$1,458	\$1,419	\$1,380	\$1,342
7.5	\$1,622	\$1,583	\$1,544	\$1,506	\$1,467

MN Payback, yrs	Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
2.6					
\$2,500	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3
CapEx inst	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
\$K	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
\$3,000					
\$3,250	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0
\$3,500	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
\$3,750	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4

EBITDA, \$K/yr	Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
\$1,168					
\$2,500	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
CapEx installed	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
\$K	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
\$3,000					
\$3,250	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
\$3,500	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
\$3,750	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091

Economics: Sensitivity of key parameters: site steam load and full load operating hours

Boiler+BPT Payback "Hurdle" years		3.0				
MN Payback, yrs		Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
2.6		\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
	80	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
Process str	88	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
Kpph	96	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
	104	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6
	112	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
	120	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3

MN Payback, yrs		Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
2.6		\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
	5,500	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2
Full Load C	6,050	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8
Hrs/yr	6,600	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.5
	7,150	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
OK	7,700	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0
	8,250	2.429	2.507	2.590	2.678	2.773

Boiler+BPT Payback "Hurdle" years		3.0				
EBITDA, \$K/yr		Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
\$1,168		\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
	80	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
Process steam	88	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
Kpph	96	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
	104	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
	112	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091
	120	\$1,246	\$1,207	\$1,168	\$1,130	\$1,091

EBITDA, \$K/yr		Gas at burner tip, \$/MMBtu, HHV				
\$1,168		\$2.0	\$3.0	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$6.0
	5,500	\$823	\$798	\$772	\$747	\$721
Full Load Optg	6,050	\$906	\$878	\$849	\$821	\$793
Hrs/yr	6,600	\$988	\$957	\$927	\$896	\$865
	7,150	\$1,070	\$1,037	\$1,004	\$971	\$938
	7,700	\$1,153	\$1,117	\$1,081	\$1,045	\$1,010
	8,250	\$1,235	\$1,197	\$1,158	\$1,120	\$1,082

Benefit to the investor / owner

BPST payback < 3-yrs (IRR > 30%)

Extremely low “fuel cost of power” makes a bottoming cycle CHP configured as a boiler + BPT another source of power for a thermal customer considering a “renewables” microgrid.

Reliable onsite power supply. BPST maintain their efficiency across the load curve from 100% to 20% of nameplate; hence over/under sizing is *less* of a concern

Benefit to Grid

Local grid stability including power factor support and reduced I²R line loss

Balance variable power from wind and solar, thus speed renewable energy deployment

Benefit to society

Reduced pollution and profitable lowering of greenhouse gas emissions

Project Development: common sense + due diligence

1. Set objectives & gather data; conceptualize configurations; technical & economic appraisal
2. Project development
 - Technical: Configuration, engineering, procurement, construction
 - Legal: Structure of contracting entities (LLC, S or C Corp etc...)
 - Commercial: Contracts for fuel, power, O&M, grants & incentives
 - Environmental: Permits
 - Financial: Financial models, equity & debt
 - Risks & Mitigants: Project Execution Plan (PEP)
4. Project Delivery; Long-term Operations & Maintenance

TAILWINDS	HEADWINDS
Tried & true technology CHP recognized as a proven technology	Inertia and unfamiliarity Compared to CHP, boilers are “tried and true”
10% Investment Tax Credit (ITC) Reduce CapEx; increase Return on Investment (ROI)	Upfront investment Slightly greater CapEx compared to boiler only.
Accelerated depreciation Increases Return on Equity (ROE)	Air permit MACT pollution control regulations allow retaining current air permit. CHP reduces pollution, yet requires a new permit
Value of redundancy, resiliency & reliability	Standby & exit charges Imposed by some utilities before allowing CHP systems to interconnect with the grid.

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