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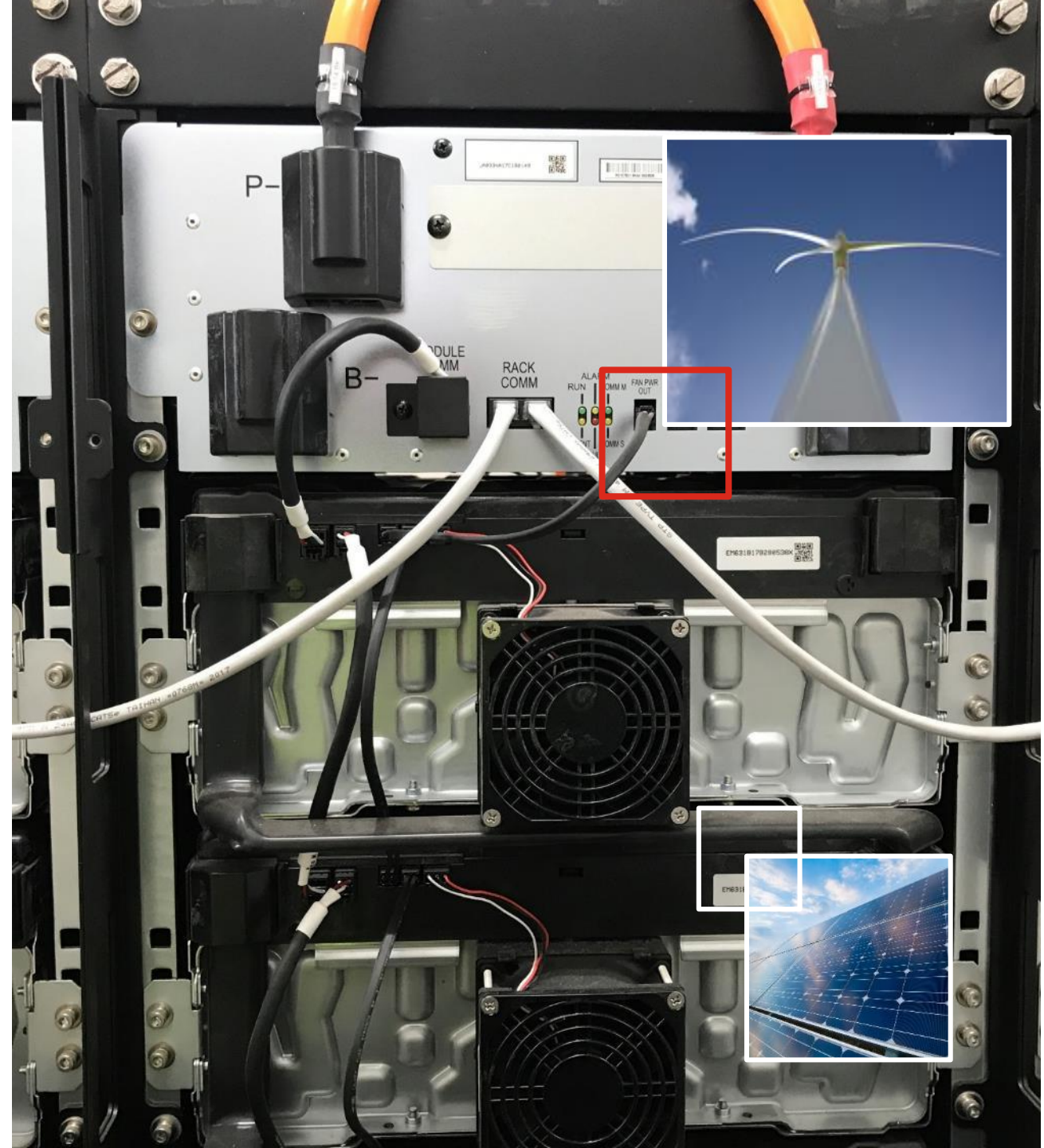
Integrating and optimizing renewables in microgrids

Lessons learned from Australia

Prepared for Microgrid 2.0

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Agenda for today

- Brief background
- Case studies
 - Esperance
 - Coral Bay
 - Exmouth
 - DeGrussa Mine
- Modelling approaches
- Lessons learned



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Smart & Distributed Energy systems experience

80+

Smart & Distributed Energy
projects designed and implemented
worldwide

Across both urban and remote settings:

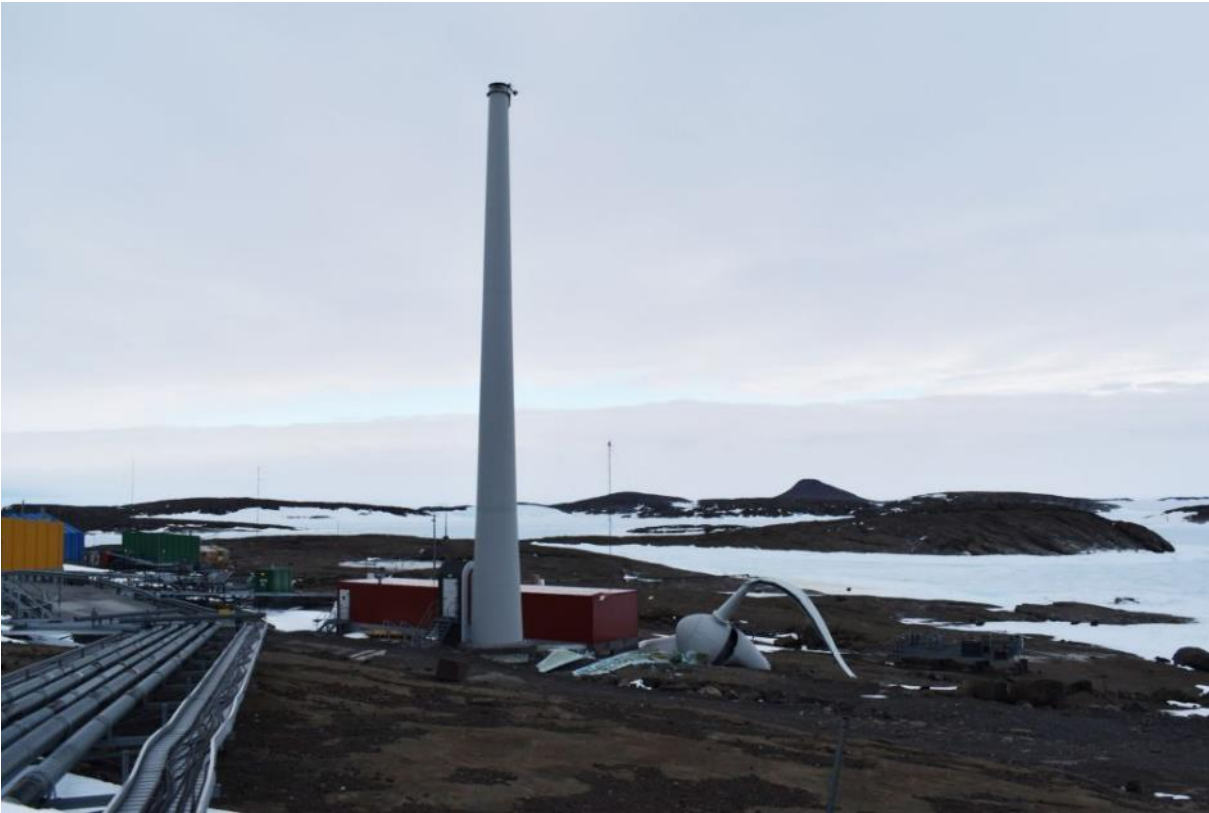
- Hybrid systems featuring >95% energy from renewable generation
- Mines
- Islands
- Critical infrastructure
- Remote communities
- Airports & Marine ports
- Real estate





Australian Antarctic Base at Mawson – two, Enercon E33 low temperature purpose designed turbines installed in 2003 - U_{\max} around 250km/h, Temp < -30

8th November 2017, turbine failure



When you push the boundaries – in this case wind at their engineering limits – sometimes things break and there are obviously serious issues around such. Should this stop us trying though?

Australia – a few example projects



Assessment of project for funding support – use of existing spinning reserve battery for solar balancing



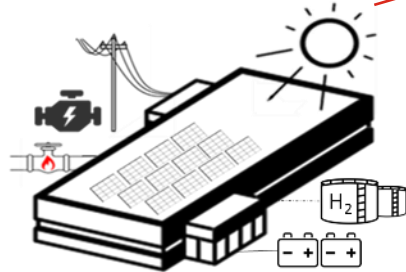
Delivery project management support for 5MW/3.4MWh battery for solar smoothing



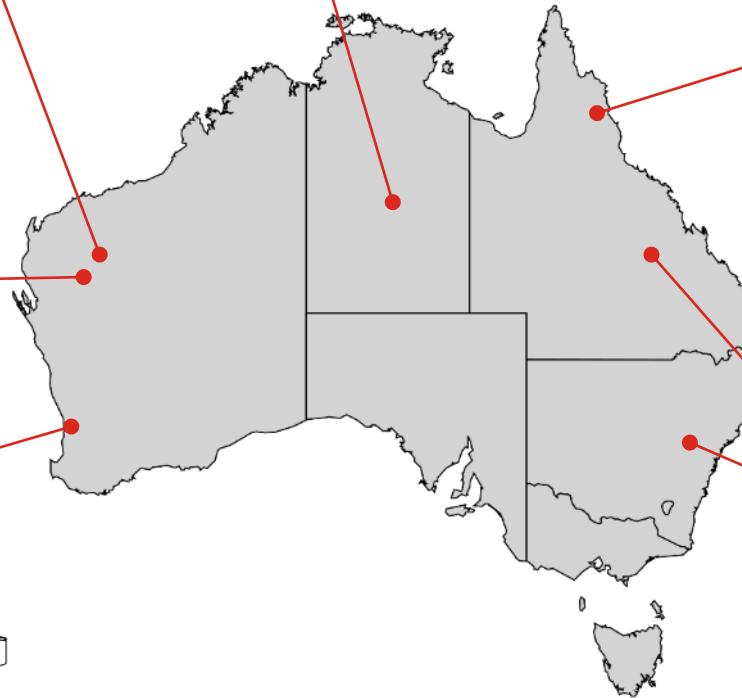
Project management, control logic analysis, grid studies, procurement and development assistance for 55MW_{AC} solar + 20MW/80MWh battery project



Due diligence & lenders engineer for solar + battery + diesel micro-grid



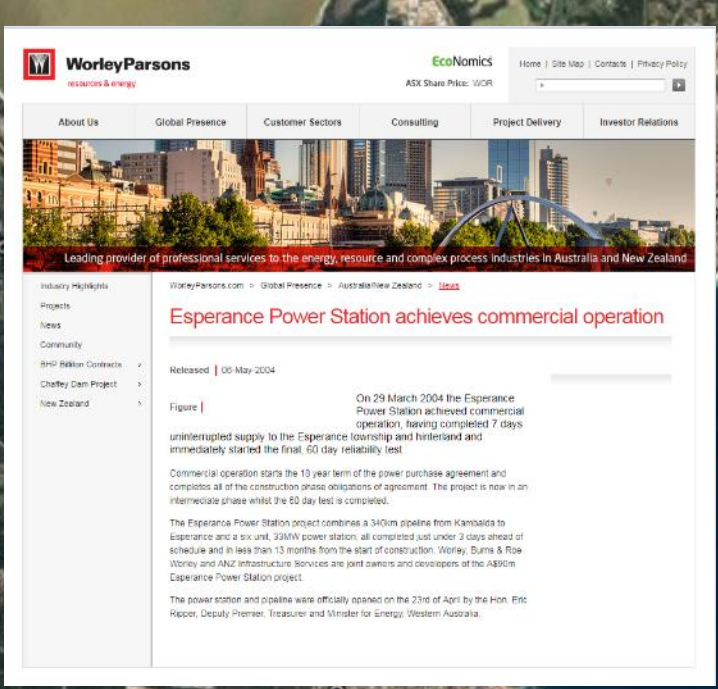
Concept design and delivery owners engineer for grid connected C&I solar + battery + hydrogen electrolysis + gas/H₂ engine micro-grid



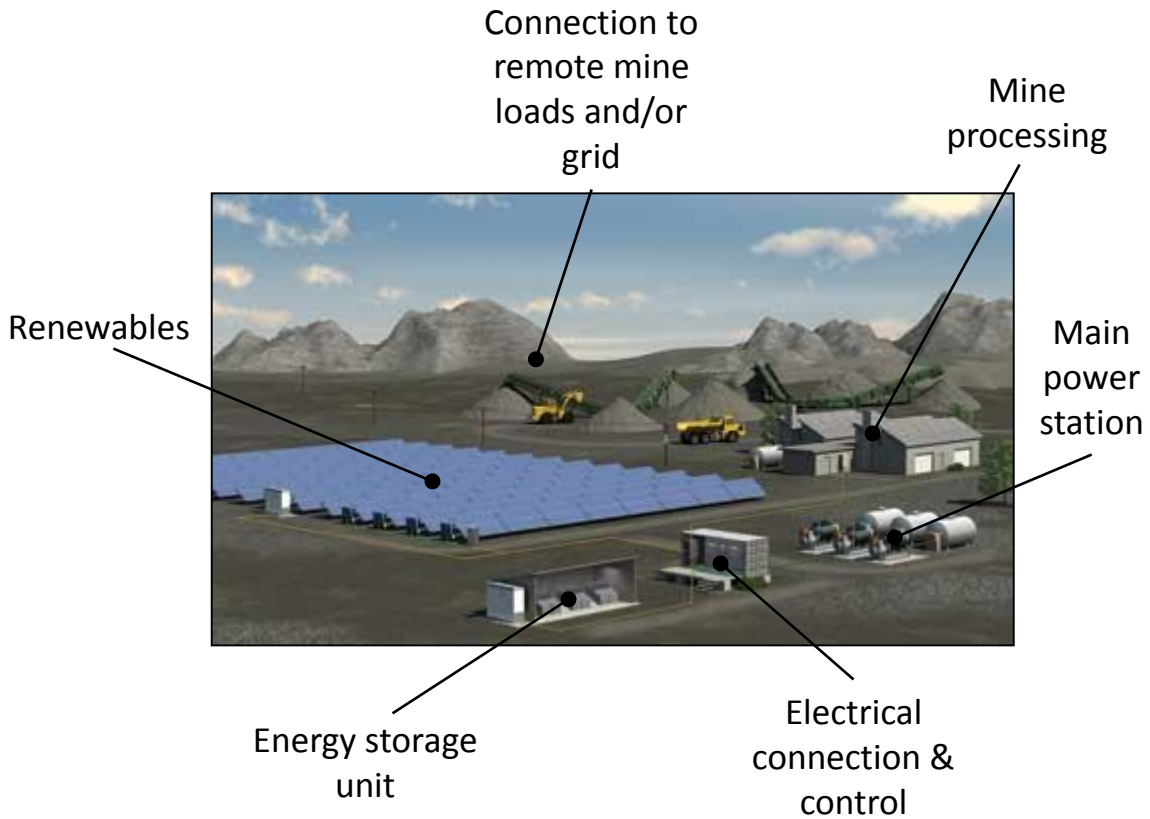
Concept design and financial assessment for behind the meter batteries, coal mining operations



Photo compliments of Synergy



Small, islanded microgrids



Exmouth power station

- Dual gas/diesel system of 8MW capacity commissioned in 2006
- “Mini wind farm” to use small tilt down wind turbines in a severe cyclone environment
- Photo: one of the 10kW machines (there are 3)



Coral Bay

- 7x 320kW low load diesels
- 3x 225kW wind turbines
- 1 x 500 kW flywheel energy storage
- Commissioned in 2007



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Coral Bay

The low load diesels are specifically designed to operate down to 10% loading for extended periods

The flywheel is for spinning reserve and to control ramp rates from the induction generator based wind turbines

Average wind penetration is around 45% but it can run for extended periods for higher than 95%



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DeGrussa Mine

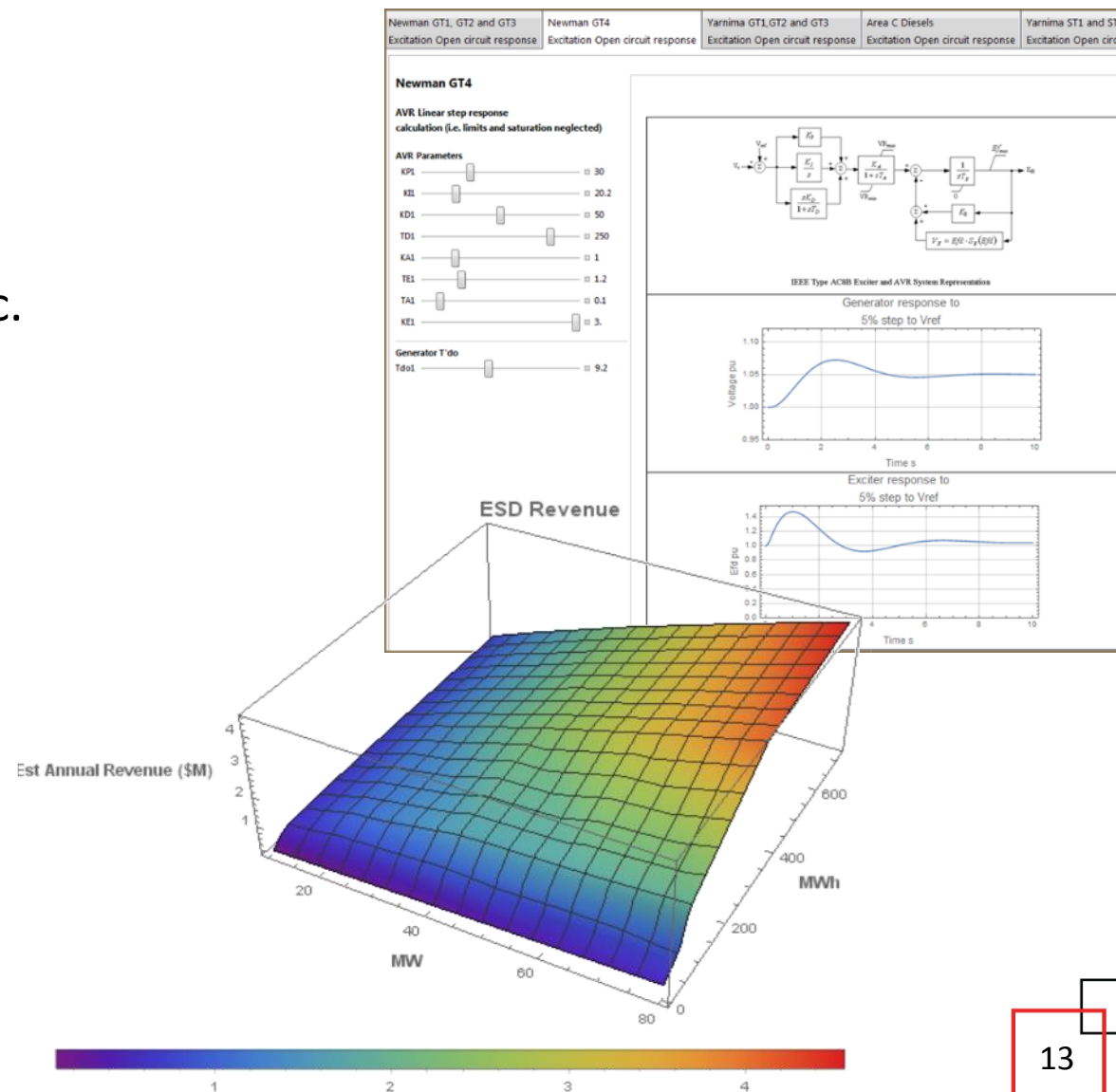
- Large operational energy demands, using a 19MW diesel-fired power station to provide electricity to the gold and copper mine
- They wanted to supplement the power station with 10.6MW of photovoltaics (PV) and a 4MW lithium-ion battery system in order to reduce their overall energy generation costs



System Modelling Approach

Packages used by WorleyParsons in Australia

- PSS/E, PTI Technologies Inc.
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- ETAP PowerStation, Operation Technology Inc.
- ERACS, ERA Technology Ltd
- Matlab
- Mathematica, WOLFRAM
- CDEGS “Current Distribution Interference Grounding and Soil”
- EMTP “Electromagnetic Transient Program”
- Bespoke software written if required for specific project issues

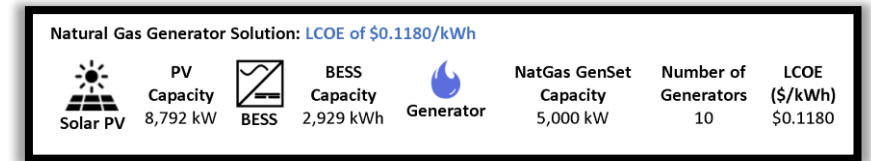


Specific DER & Microgrid Modelling:



BANKABLE DER & MICROGRID PROJECTS

- Integrated End-to-End Investment and Technical Planning Platform
- Economic and Financial Optimization + Power Flow Analysis
- XENDEE Score: Getting DER Projects Down to a Single 'FICO' Number



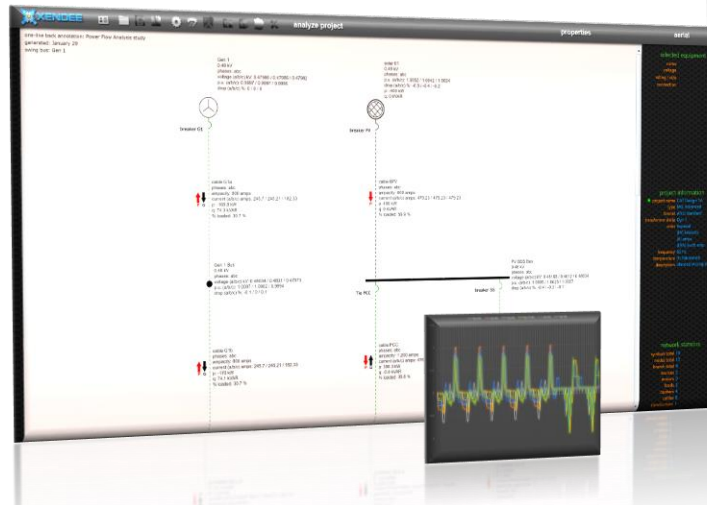
Reduce Planning Errors



Increase Speed to Deploy



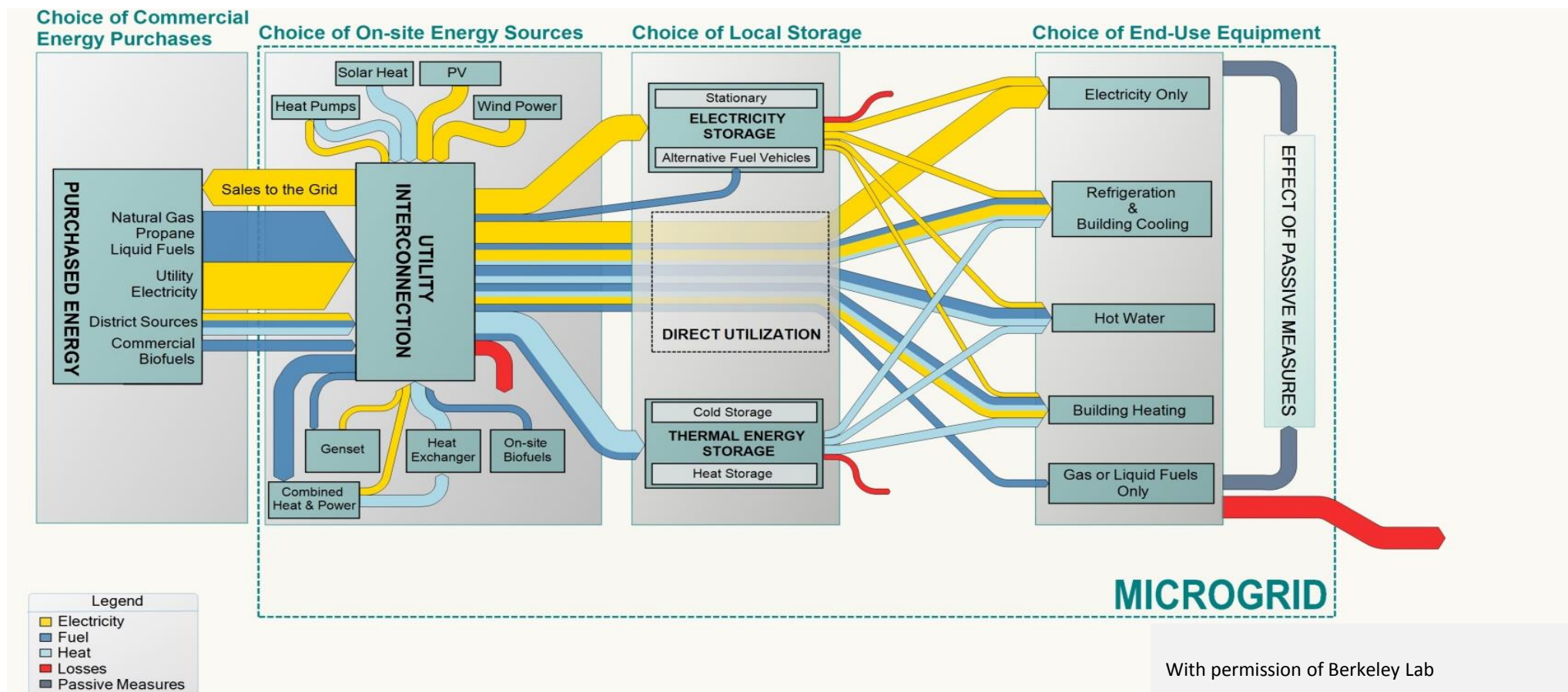
Increase Profits



Why Economic Optimization and not just Simulation?

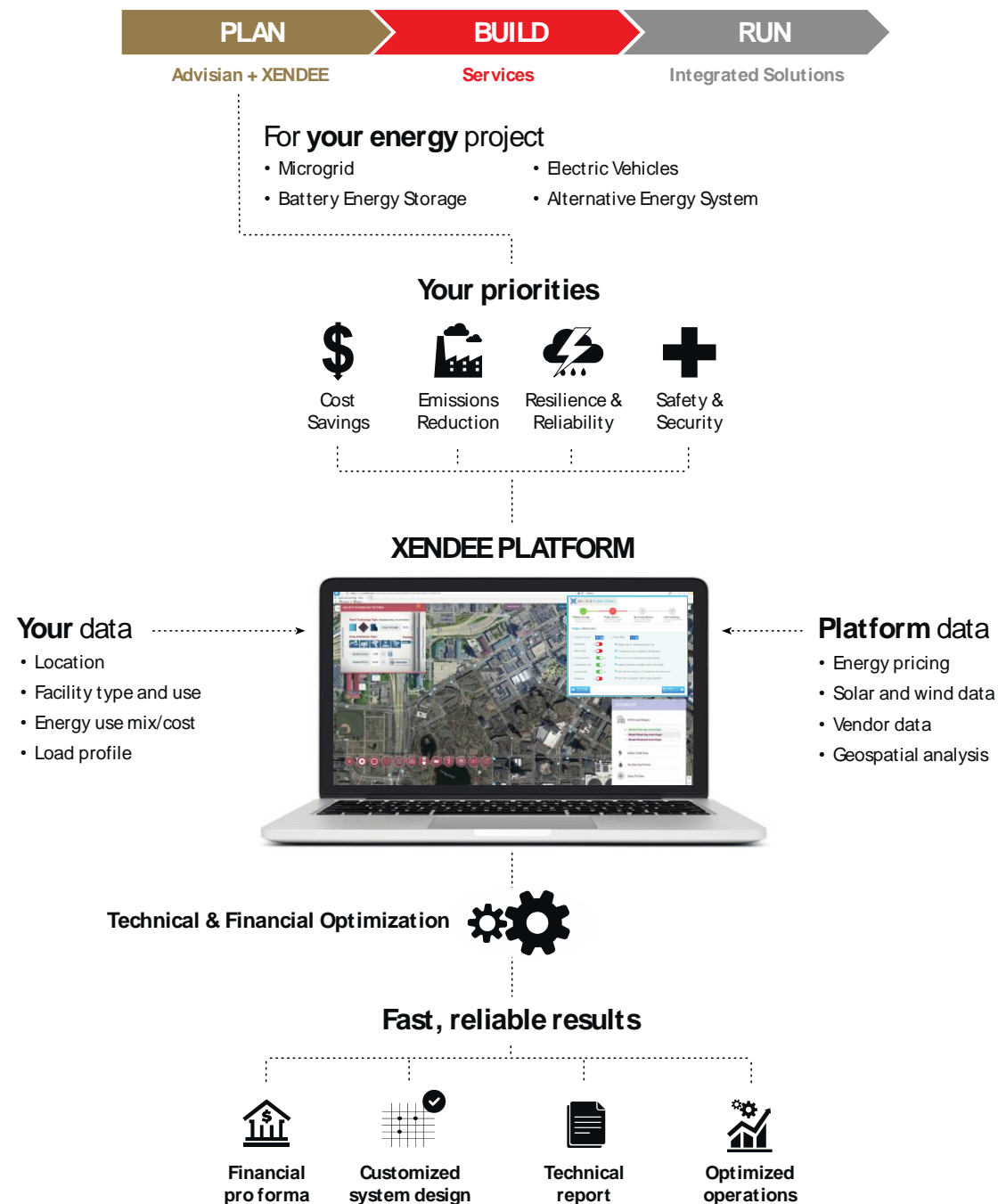


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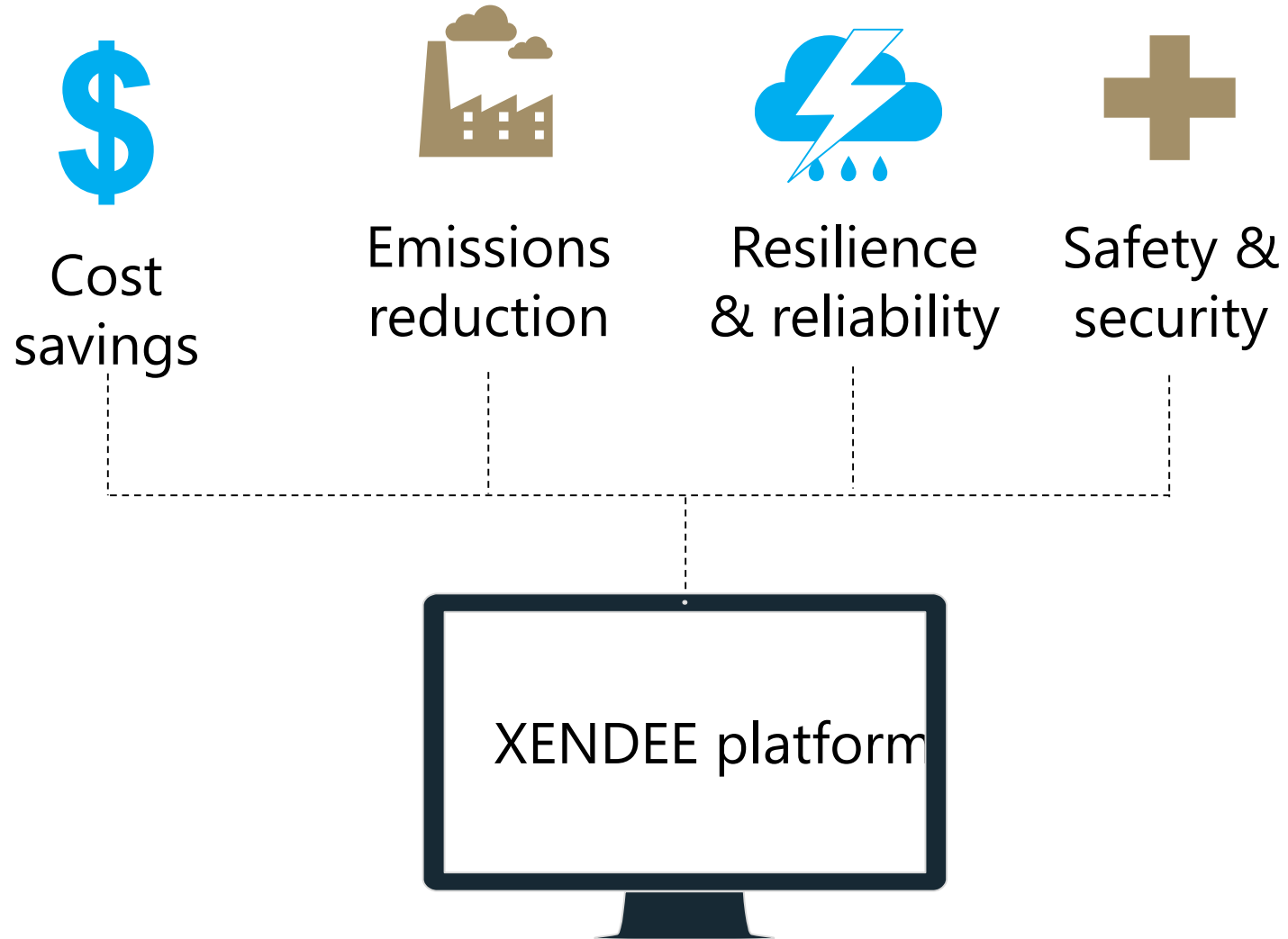


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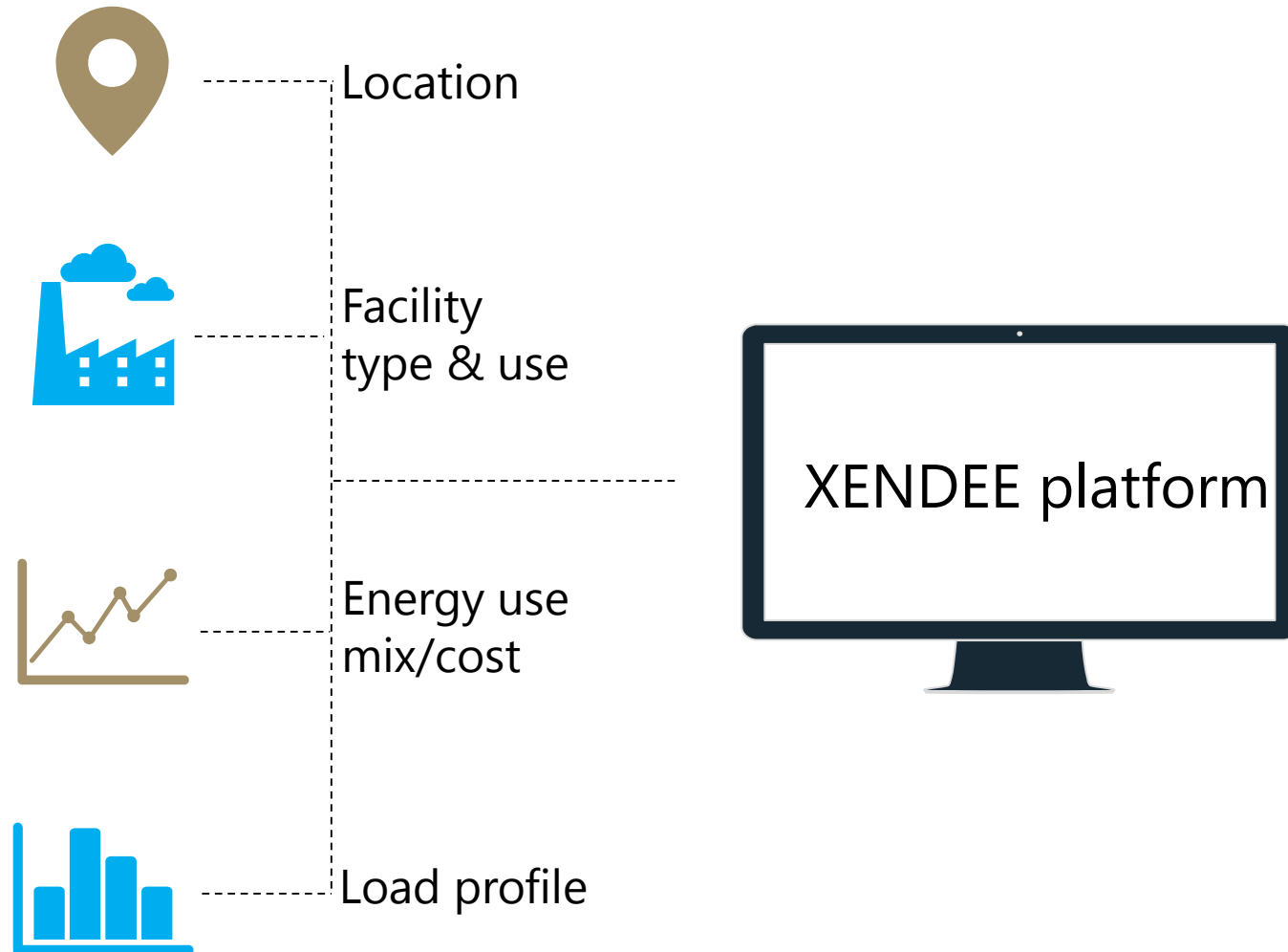
XENDEE Process



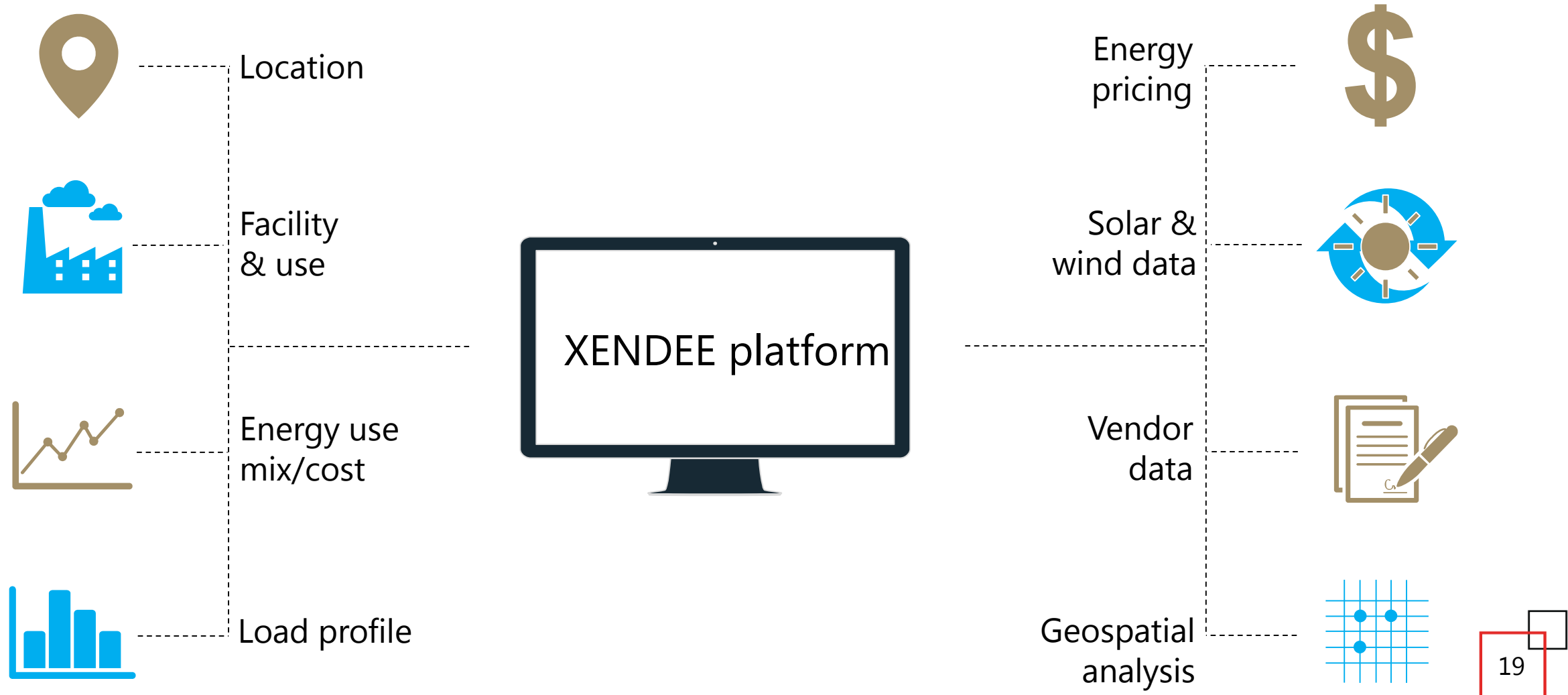
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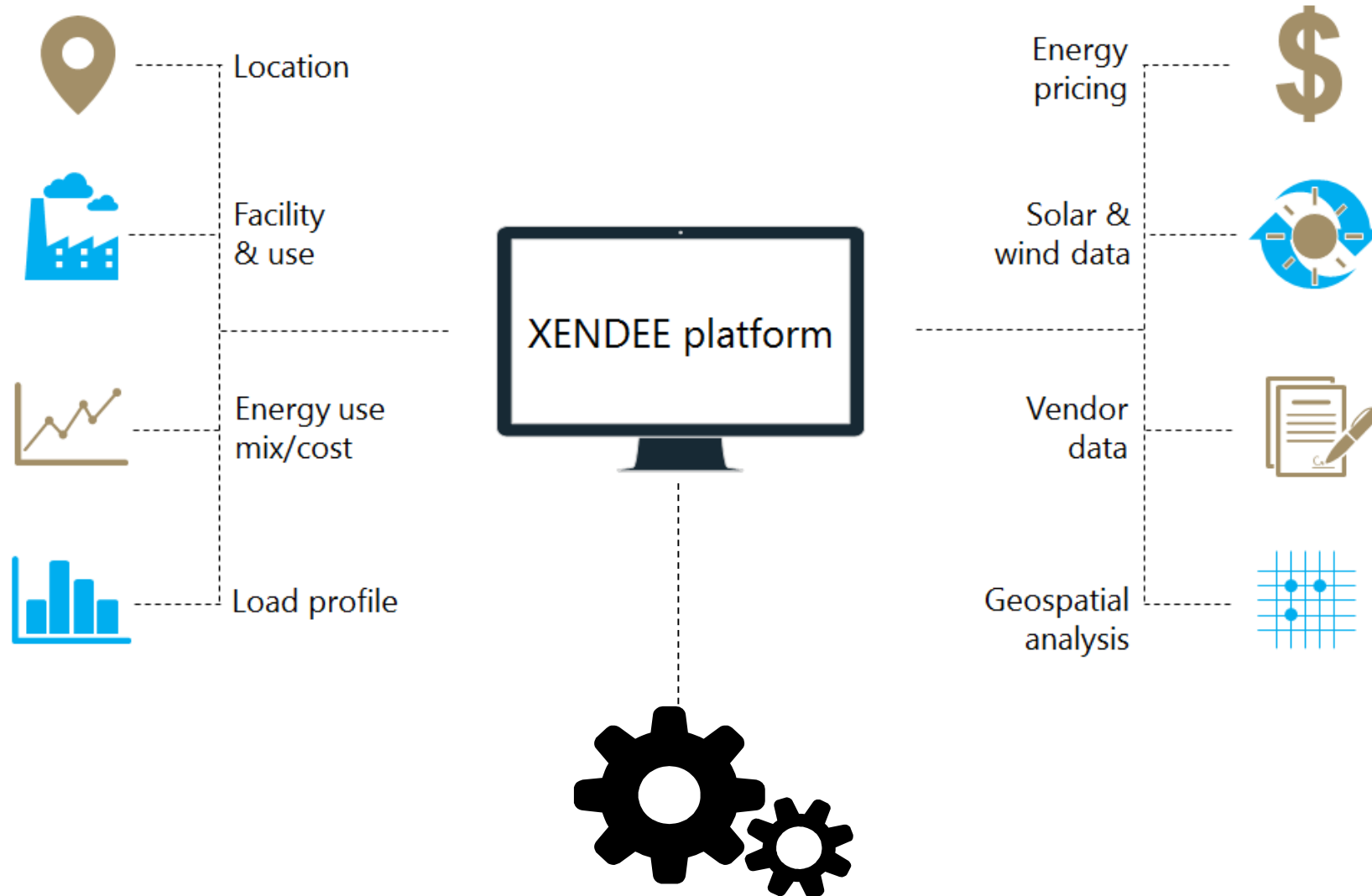
Step 2: Input site-specific data



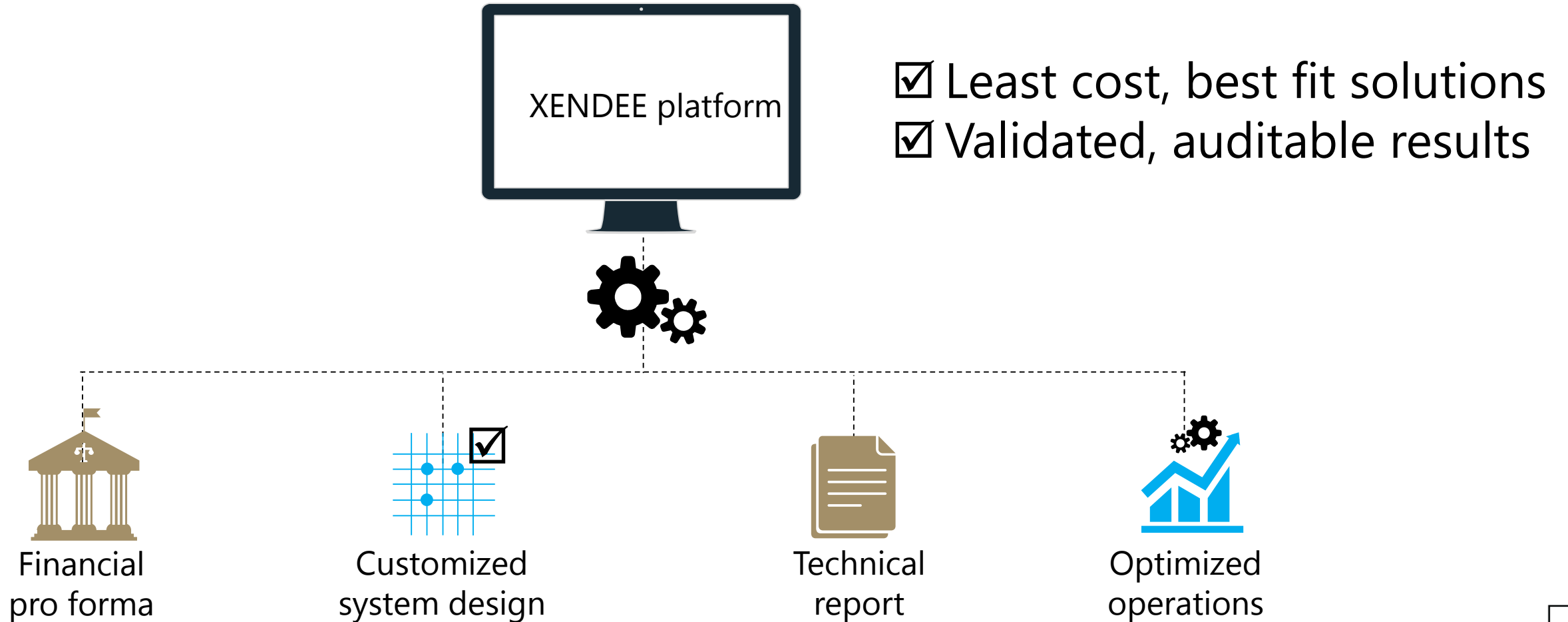
Step 3: Apply platform data



Step 4: Run technical & financial optimization



Step 5: Fast, reliable results

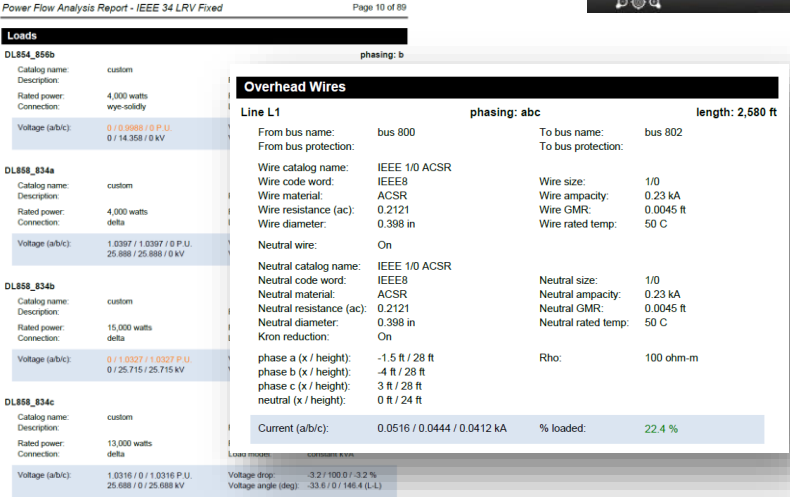
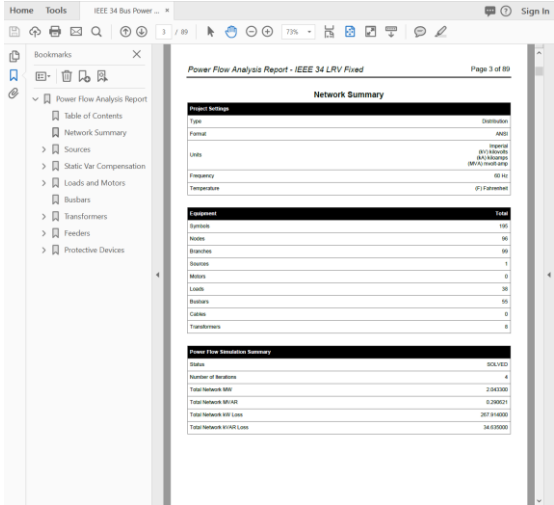


8760 Power flow

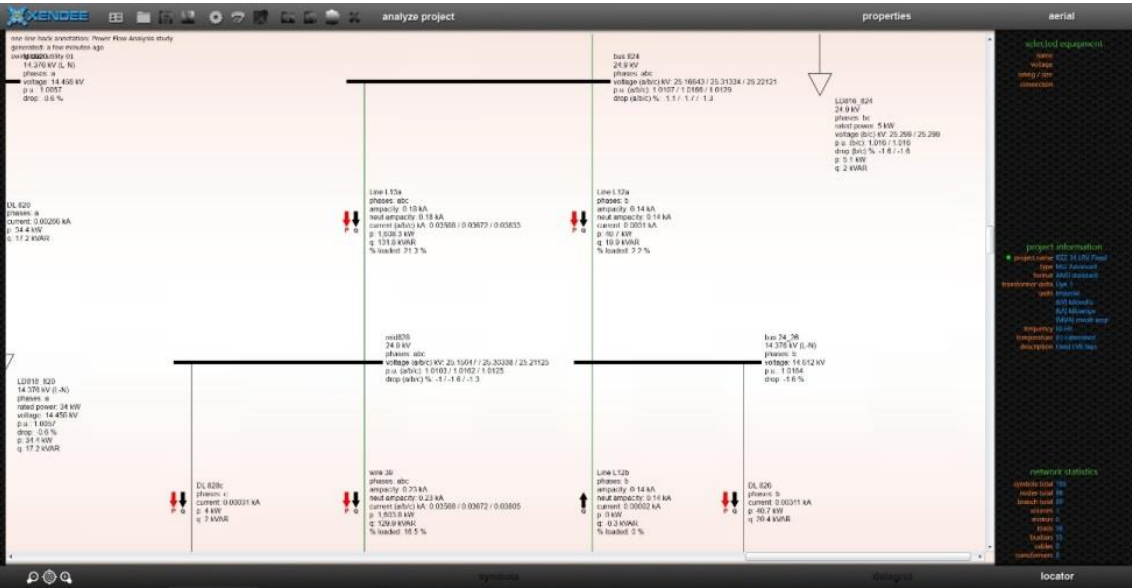
Integrated deep-circuit power flow analysis:

- Automatic one-line generation
- Quasi-static time-series simulation
- Distribution system planning
- Google maps integrated for GIS views

Automatic Report Generation

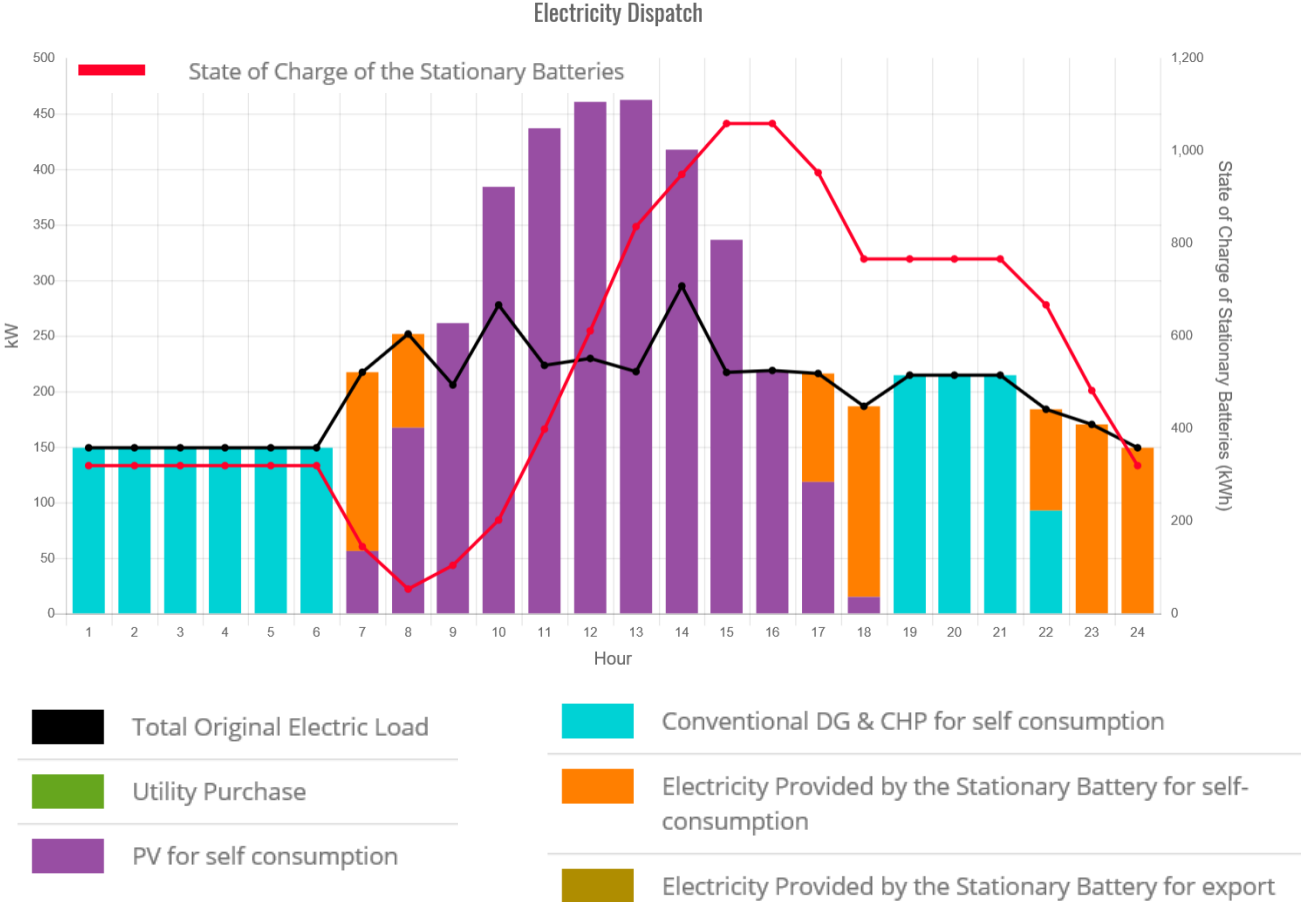


Power Flow Reporting on One-Line Diagram

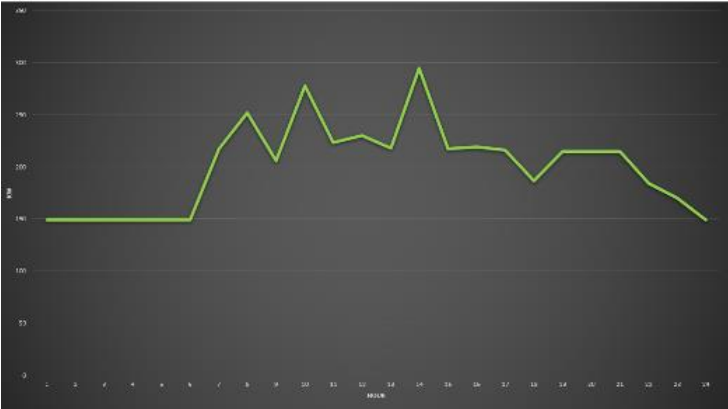


Sequence of operations

Most Optimal Sequence of Operation Logic Output
(September outage day)

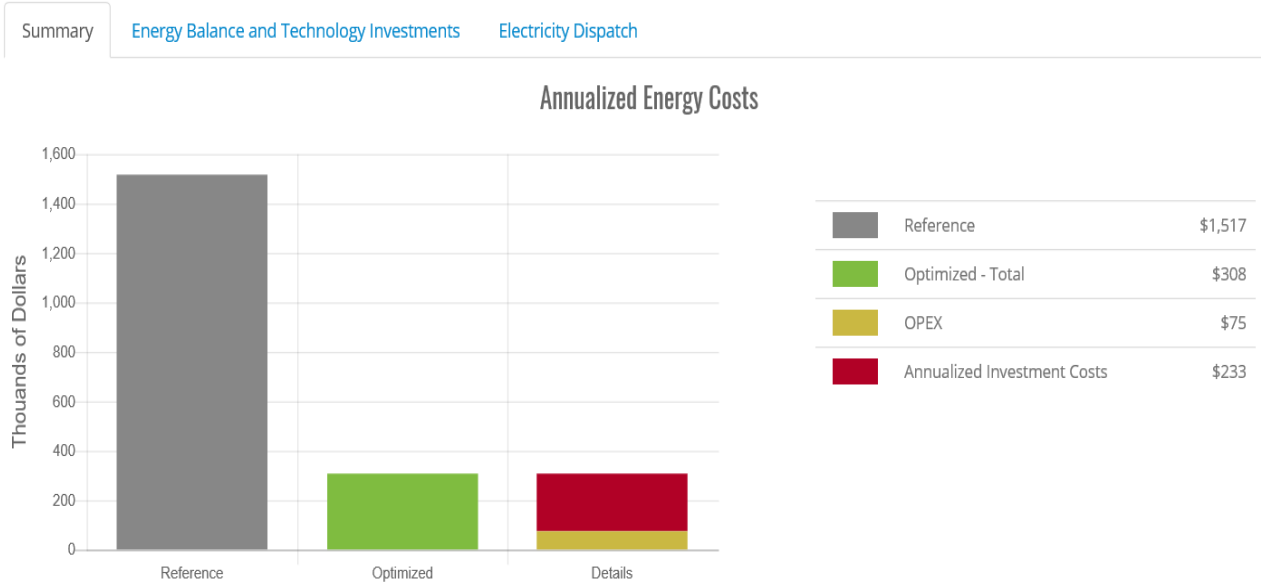


Load Shape (September day)

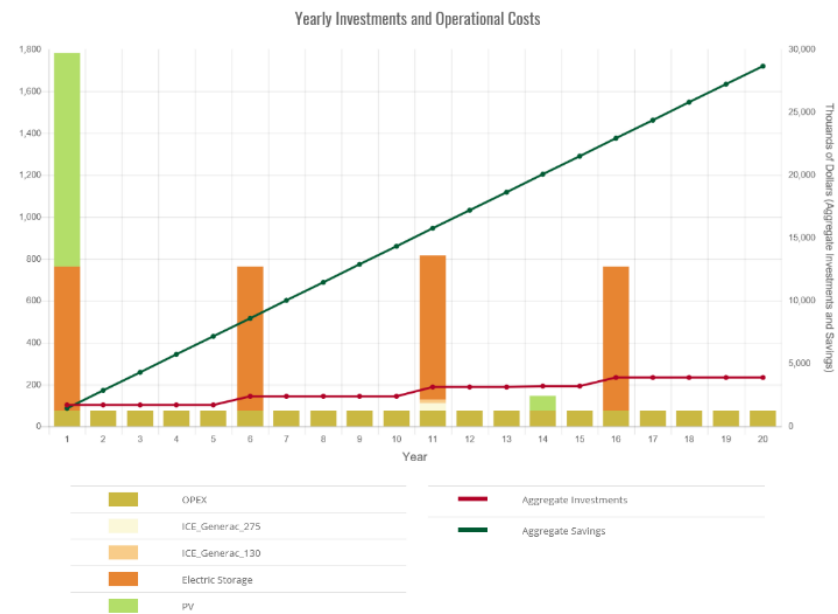


Summary report

Summary: Annualized Energy Costs (\$000s)



Summary: Yearly Investments and Operational Costs



Lessons learned

- Optimize for the use case (*not* redundancy everywhere)
- Renewables + Storage are competitive now
- Hybrid systems offer the greatest flexibility and cost competitiveness
- Specialized software for system optimization can save up to 90% of soft costs
- Consider the full range of technology options (remain technology agnostic)

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