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Black & Veatch Innovation Pavilion Microgrid - A Living Laboratory

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Agenda

- Innovation Pavilion Microgrid Goals
- Microgrid Overview & Usage
- Individual Technology Overview
 - **LAB** (Living Laboratory, Proactive)
 - **LESSON** (Lesson Learned, Reactive)
- Summary



Innovation Pavilion Microgrid Goals

- Investment in the Future
 - Develop Experience (Design, Procurement, O&M, Troubleshooting)
 - Drive Learning & Analysis
- Utilize and Learn from Diverse Technologies
- Promote Public Awareness
- Payback was not a Primary Driver

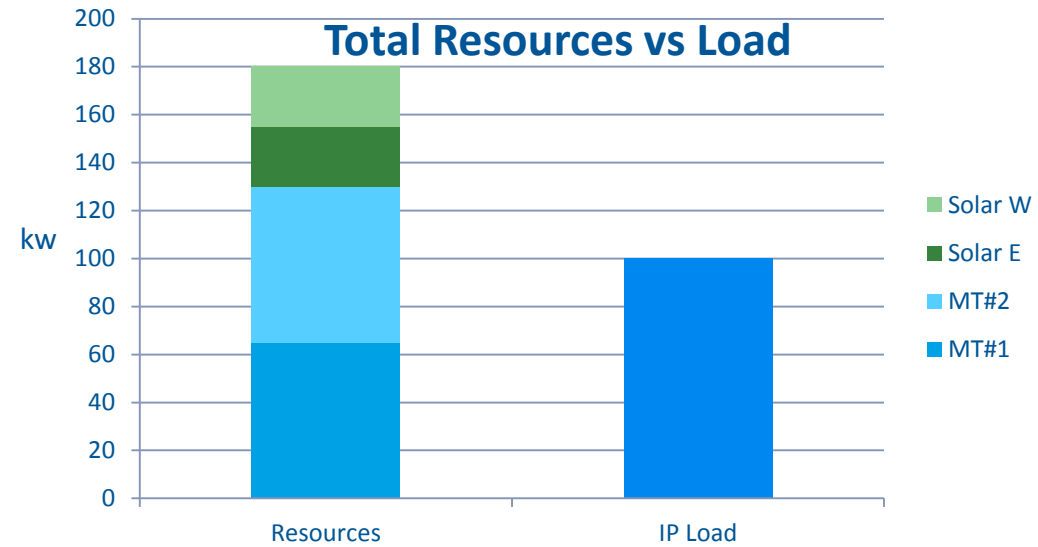
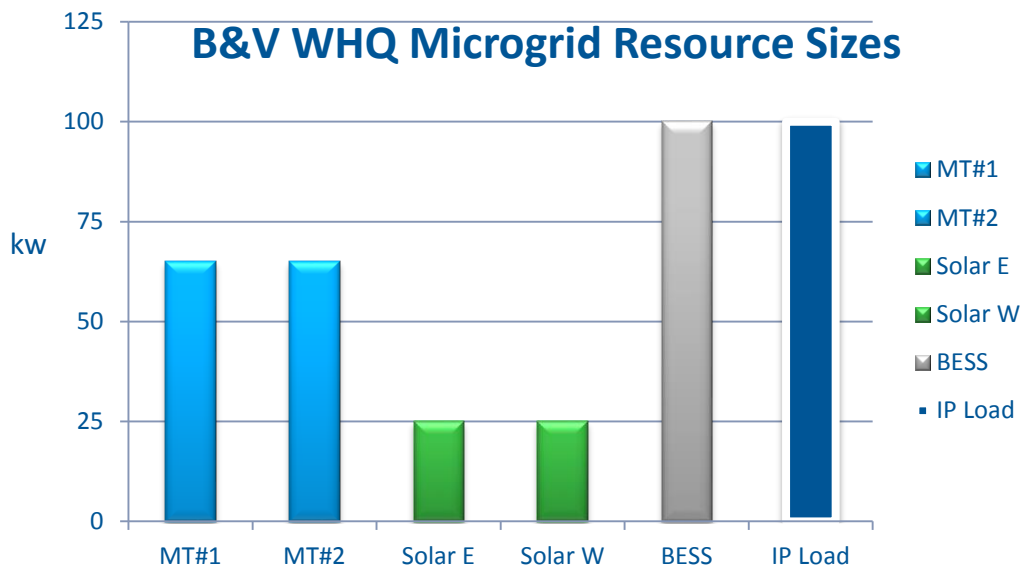
Initial Operation in 2015





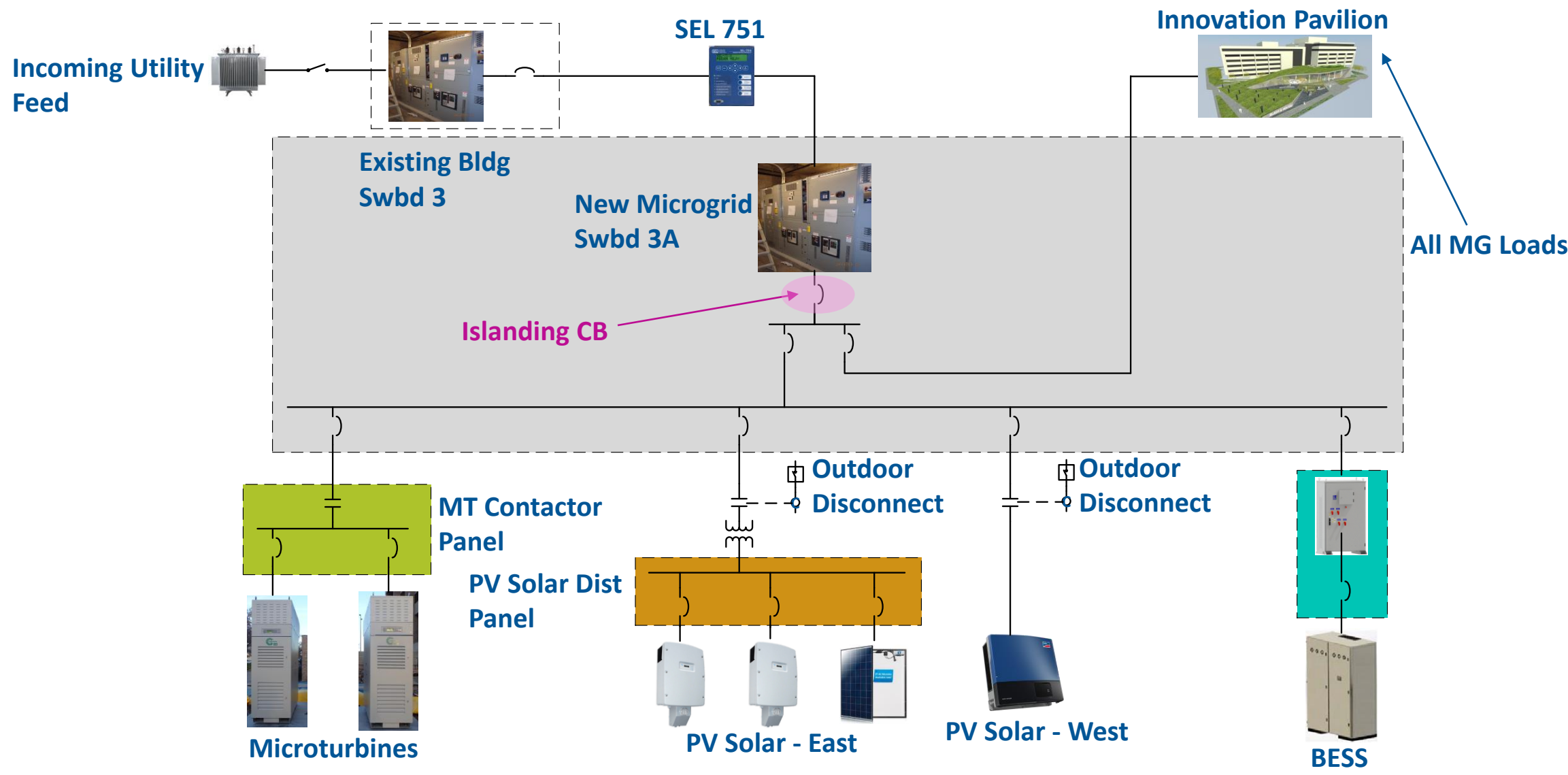
Microgrid Overview

Scale of Resources and Load

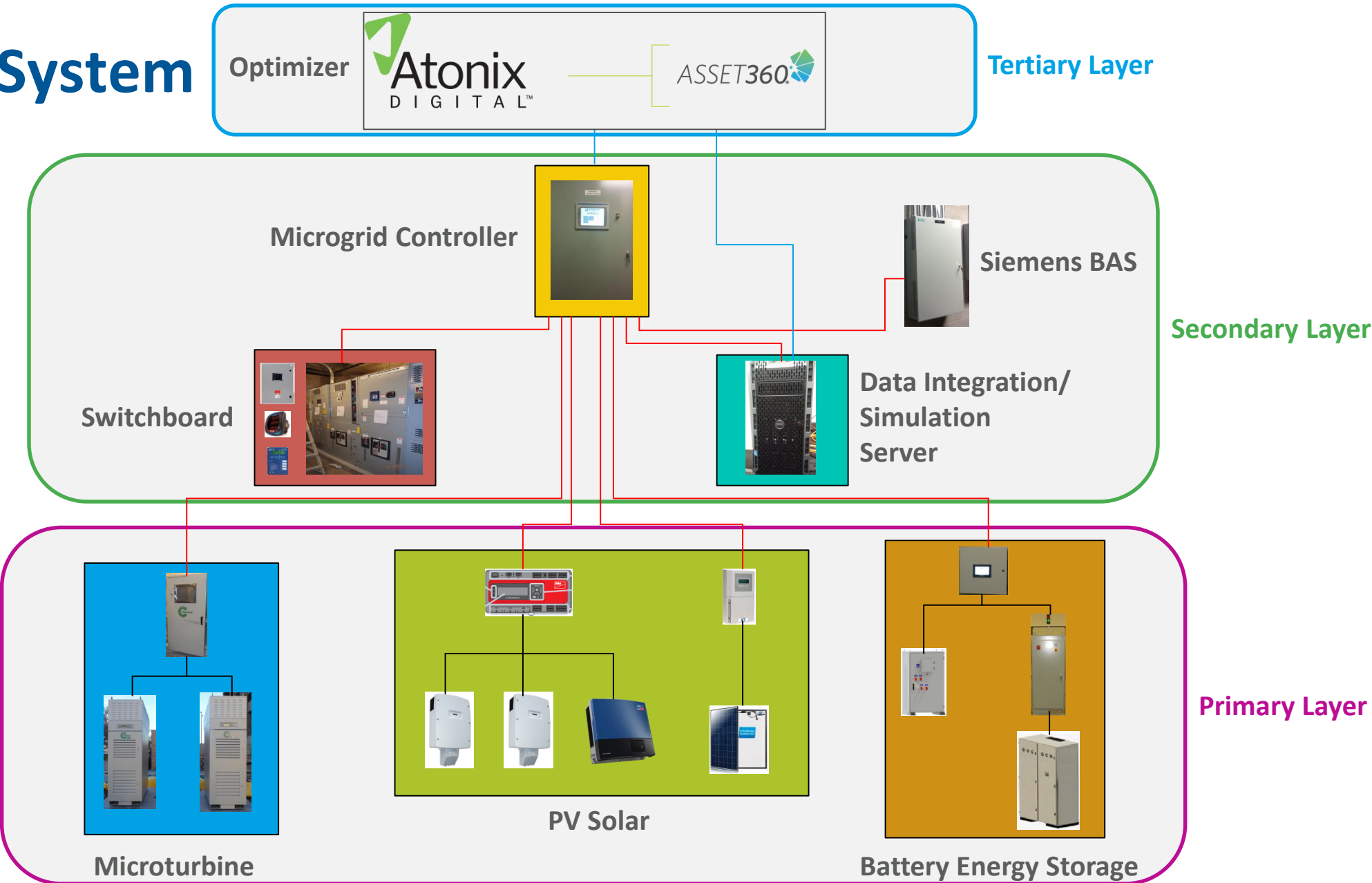


IP Load = Innovation Pavilion Load Served by the Microgrid DERs

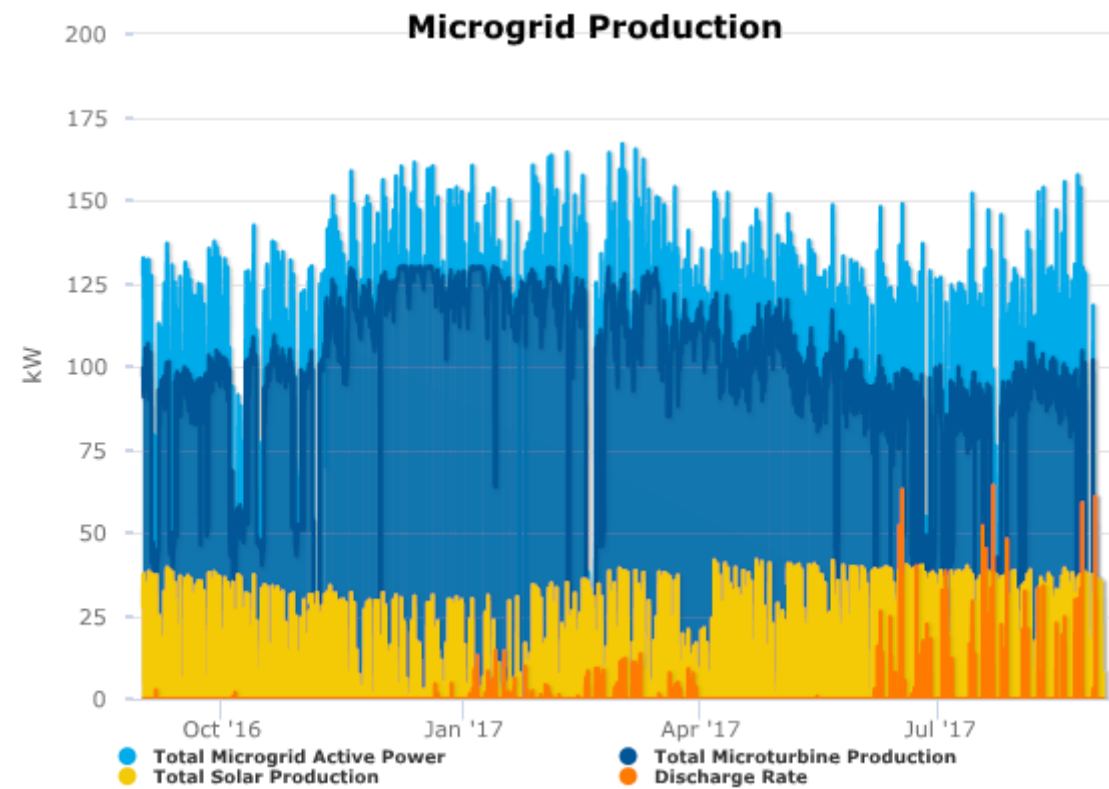
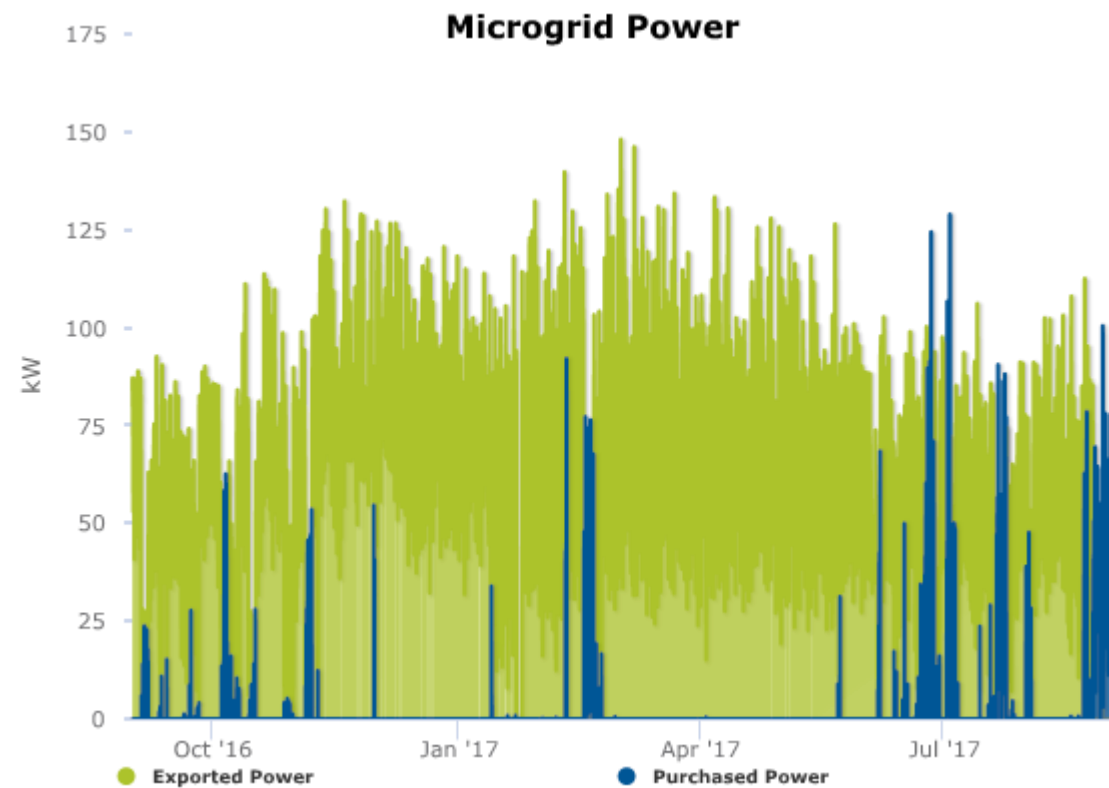
Microgrid Power Distribution



Control System



Usage



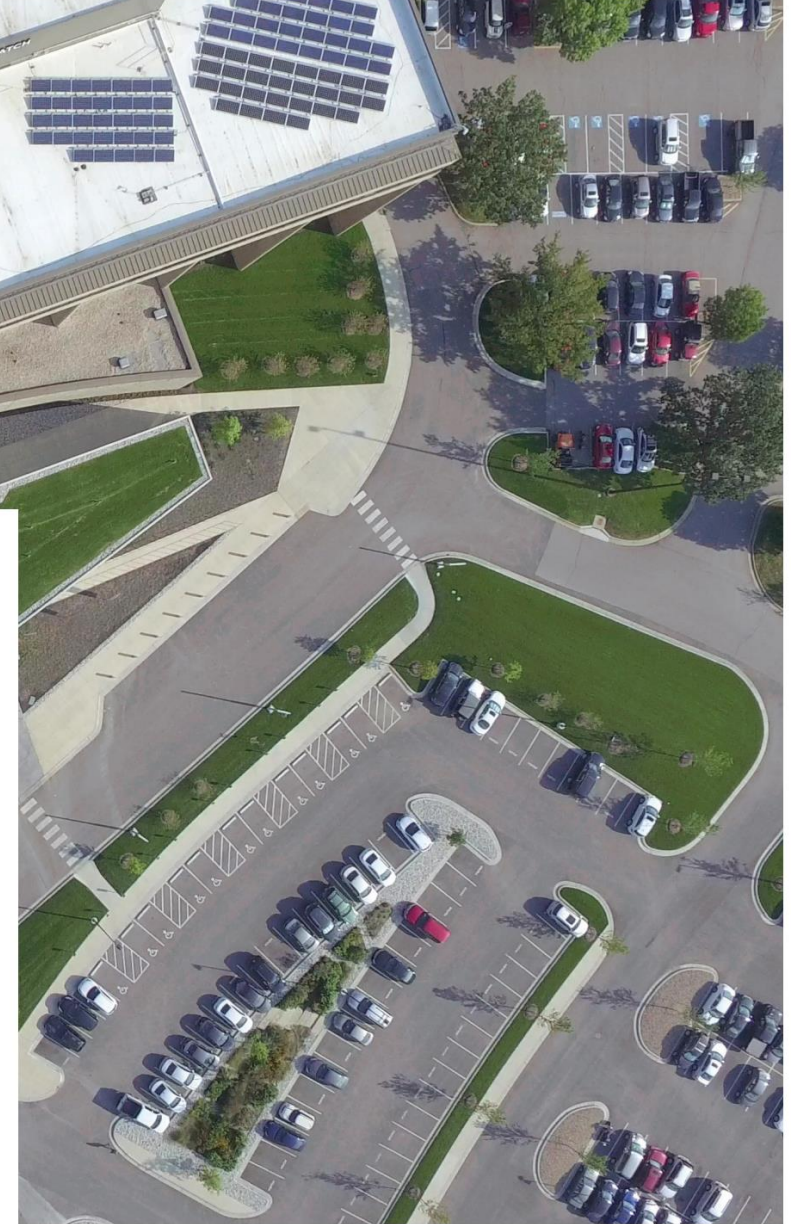
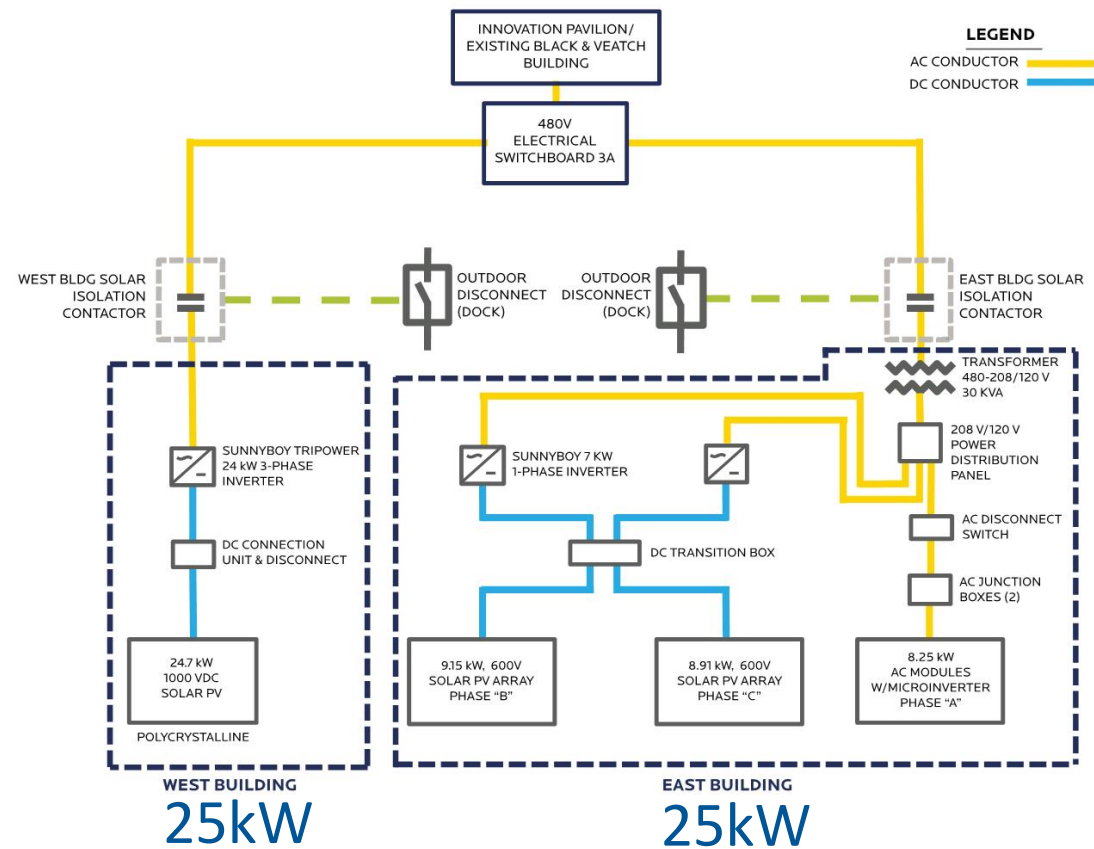
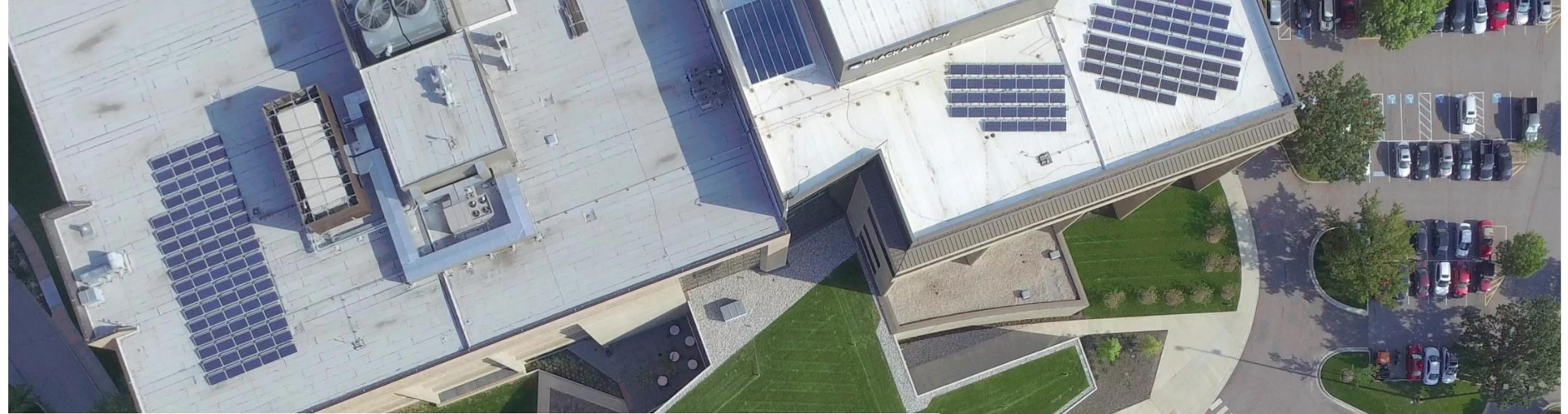


Individual Technologies

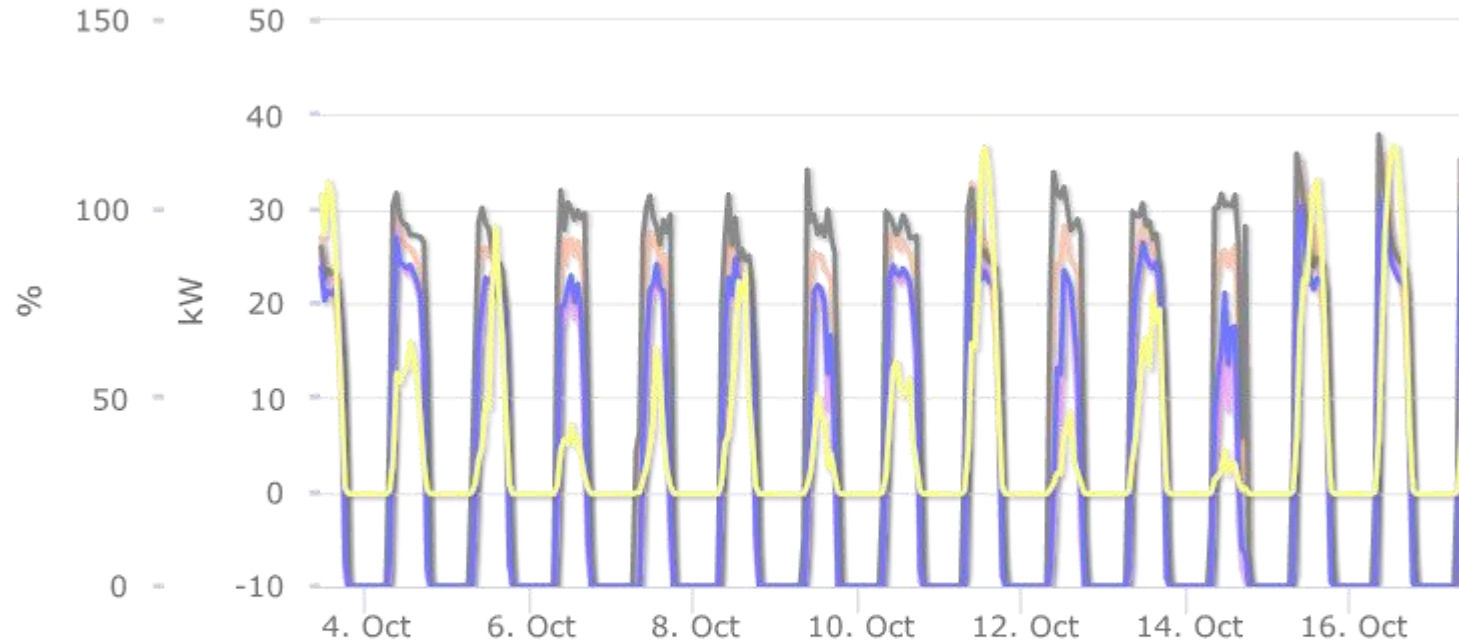
Primary Control Layer



Solar PV



PV Performance Ratio $(P/P_{mx})/(1000 \cdot I_{rr} [W/m^2])$



- 25kW West Array Performance Ratio
- Microinverter Performance Ratio
- Monocrystalline Performance Ratio
- Polycrystalline Performance Ratio
- Total Solar Production

• Multiple Technologies LAB

- Monocrystalline (1Ø, 600V)
- Polycrystalline (3Ø String, 1000V)
- Polycrystalline (1Ø String, 600V)
- Polycrystalline (1Ø Micro Inv)

Solar PV





Microturbines

- Shared Natural Gas Compressor
- CHP Providing Boiler Preheating
- Mechanical System (Most Complex)
- Islanding control





Microturbines

- **Mechanical System**
 - Turbine Exhaust Heat Recovery (Cold Season)
 - Glycol Loop into Building
 - Building Boiler Water Preheat
- **Efficiency**
 - Summer: 29% (nameplate electrical efficiency)
 - Warm season is electric only
 - Winter: 68% (electrical + recovered thermal energy)
 - Heat recovered increase glycol loop temp 160 F – 180 F
 - Heat rejected via heat exchanger to boiler feed



Microturbines

- Filter Clogging – Filter Collapse
 - Consider Seasonal Siting LESSON
 - More Frequent Visual Inspections LESSON
 - Consider Additional Spare Parts – Lead Time, No LTSA LESSON
 - Consider Additional Instrumentation LESSON



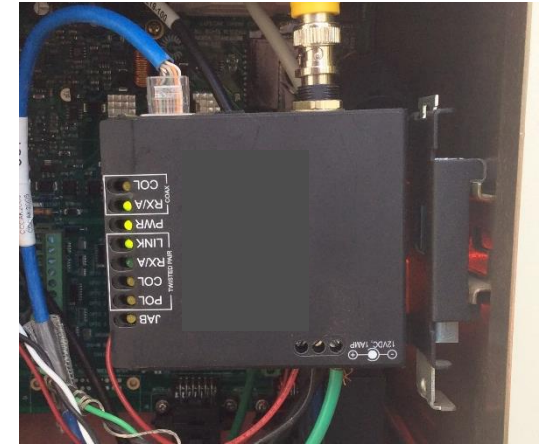
Microturbines

- Compressor Failure
 - Consider Redundancy LESSON
 - Additional Troubleshooting Time – Consider LTSA LESSON
- Blower Failure
 - Consider additional spare parts – Lead Time LESSON
 - Consider Redundancy (swapped blower from MT2) LESSON
 - Additional Troubleshooting Time – Consider LTSA LESSON



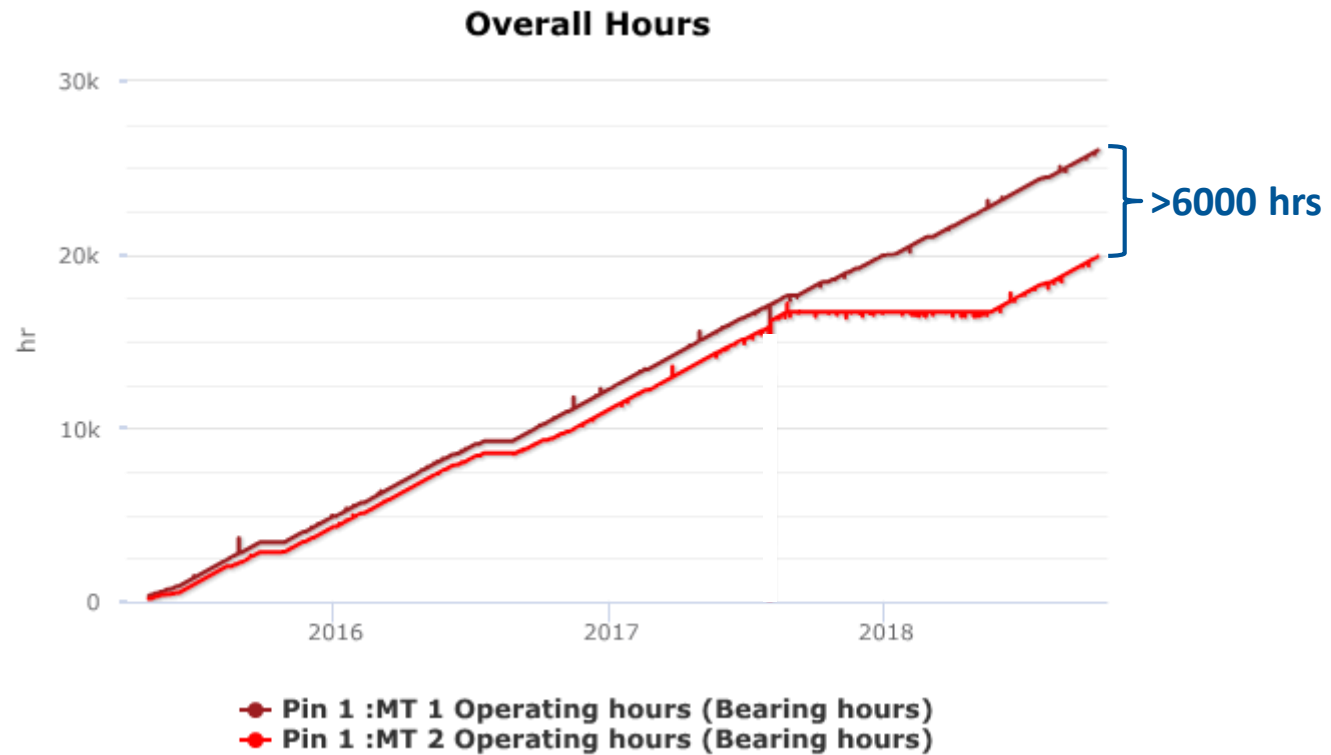
Microturbines

- Data Converter Failure / Coms Faults
 - Limited Diagnostic Capability via HMI
 - Consider Redundancy **LESSON**
 - Additional Troubleshooting Time – Consider LTSA **LESSON**
- OEM Islanding Program Modifications
 - Modified Program to Reduce Trips during Islanding
 - Consequently Complicated HMI Islanding Routine
 - No OEM Source Code – Consider LTSA **LESSON**
 - Additional Troubleshooting Time – Consider LTSA **LESSON**



Microturbines

- Growing Disparity of Running Hours Between Units
 - Maintenance Intervals No Longer Lining Up
 - Consider Redundancy **LESSON**





Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

- Lithium Ion Storage (100kW / 100kWh)
- BMS + PCS + MSC
- Islanding Capable*





Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

- PCS: “UPS” Style Architecture
 - Separate Line and Load Contactors
 - Islanding-capable, but not in our configuration
 - Consider All Future Desired Use Cases during Design **LESSON**
- Communications Fault (Unspecified)
 - Limited diagnostic capability via HMI
 - No OEM Source Code – Consider LTSA **LESSON**
- Plans for Future BESS Islanding Configuration **LAB**



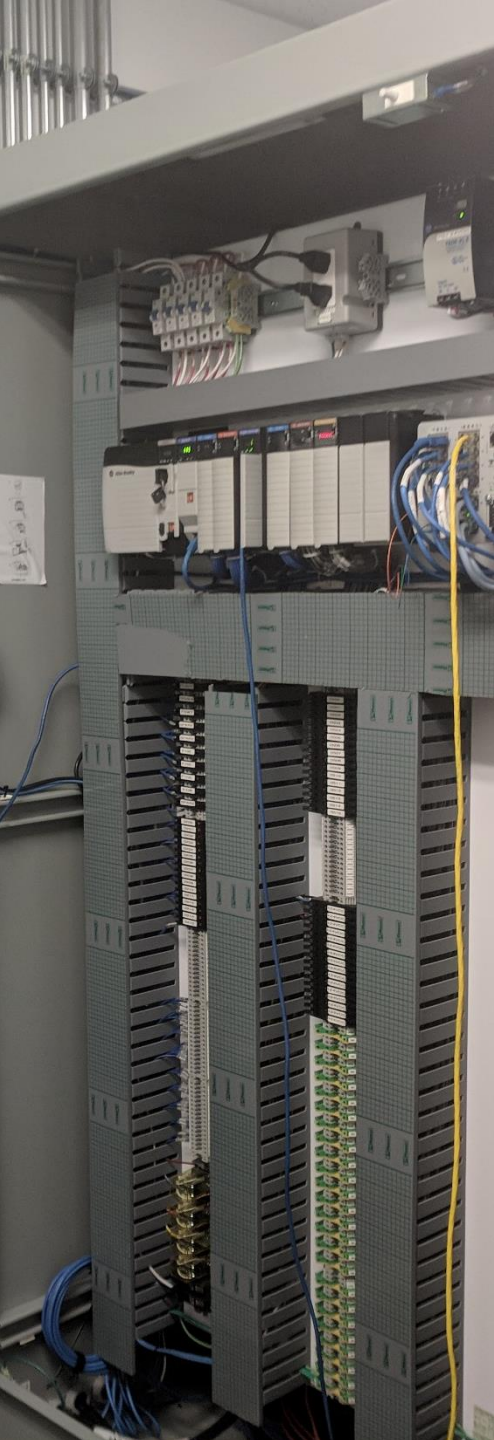


Microgrid Controller

- Supervisory Control
- Control Strategy – Programming Originally Outsourced
 - Limitations of Control Program were Realized During Operation
- Secured In-house Resources for Programming
 - In-house Modifications for: Manual BESS Control, Watchdog Timer Adjustment, Scheduling Routine, Enhanced PV Monitoring, Supervisory Islanding LAB
 - Now have In-house Programming Capability LAB
 - Anticipate Modifications After Commissioning LESSON
 - In-house Resources? (Consider LTSA) LESSON

Secondary Control Layer





Microgrid Controller - Testing

- Developed Client's Control System on Same Platform
- Simulated Client's Control System Prior to Implementation
 - Allowed On-site FAT **LAB**
 - Collaborated Testing Campaigns Between sites **LAB**



Microgrid Response Modeling

- University Graduate Program Collaboration
- Transient Modeling & Real-World Verification LAB





Dispatch Optimizer

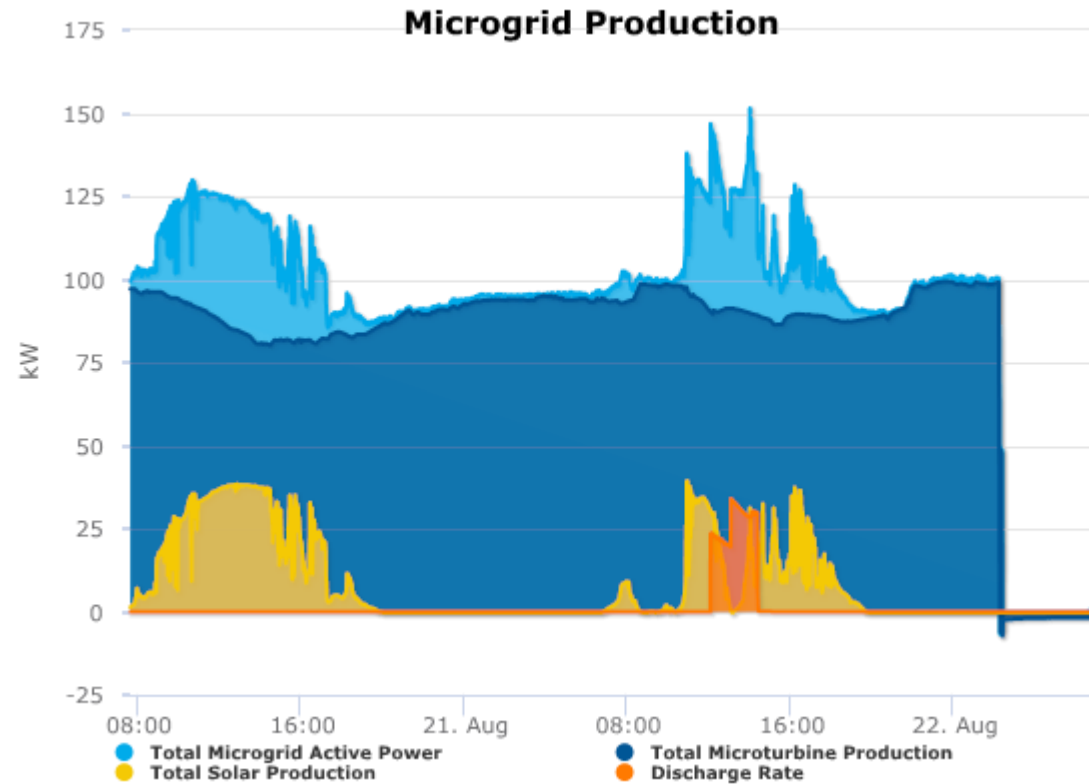
Tertiary Control Layer

- Tertiary Control: Developed In-House, After Microgrid LAB
- Outputs: Rolling Hourly DER Setpoints
- Inputs: Rates, Weather, Efficiency, BESS SOC, Load Forecasts, Fuel Costs
- Evolving: Three Major Revisions, Additional Applications LAB



Dispatch Optimizer

- Basis for “Smart” Wellfield Ground Water Extraction LAB
- Performance during Solar Eclipse 2017 LAB





- **Over 200 Tours**
- **Students: Over 600 Pre-graduate Level Student Guests across 30 Groups** LAB

Summary of Lessons Learned

- Develop In-house Expertise LAB
- Collaborate with Clients and Universities LAB
- Consider Future Use Cases LESSON
- Anticipate Desire for Controls Changes LESSON
- Consider LTSA for More Complex Systems LESSON
- Consider Redundancy LESSON



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