De-Carbonizing the Campus: Planning, Tools & Technologies

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Bolster Power Reliability for Your Campus Kaiser Hospital integrates fuel cells into a microgrid for increased flexibility

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Energy Transition megatrends are driving microgrid adoption in healthcare as a solution for reliable, clean power infrastructure

U.S. healthcare sector accounts for **8.5 - 10%** of total U.S. carbon emissions



 HHS Healthcare Climate Pledge: >100 healthcare organizations commit to cut emissions 50% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050

Federal Stimulus clean energy incentives

- Investment Tax Credit (ITC) expanded to include solar + storage, microgrids and fuel cells
- Tax credits now refundable for tax-exempt entities and transferrable to 3rd party financing partners

Improving microgrid/DER project economics

- Healthcare industry driving to reduce burden of rising electricity prices & tariffs
- Healthcare facilities spend >\$8B per yr on energy
- DER monetization with grid services

Evolving regulatory landscape

- Updated NEC guidance on Life Safety Codes for healthcare facilities to include microgrids – Senator Markey pitched for HHS to adopt new standards
- FERC Orders 841 and 2222 opens energy trading





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White House <u>statement</u> on Health Sector Climate Pledge
<u>Practice Greenhealth</u>





Climate change and extreme weather events are impacting access to reliable power for critical patient care



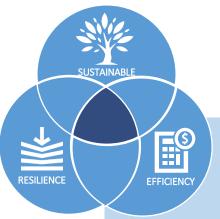








A power infrastructure solution should address all your needs



Sustainability

- Generate more power from clean and renewable sources
- Accelerate sustainability roadmap and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Fuel-flexible, upgradeable, future proof power solutions

Resilience

- Power quality and power reliability during grid outage events like power shutoffs
- Eliminate outage risk with energy independence
- Bolster operations to ensure business continuity

Efficiency

- Reduce energy costs
- Avoid costly utility peak demand charges
- Predictable energy costs over the long term

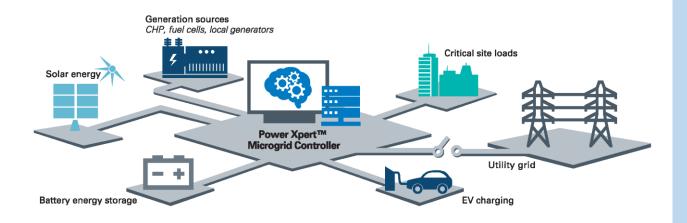






What is a microgrid and how does it work?

A **microgrid** is a system of interconnected generating assets and electrical loads that can operate either grid-connected or islanded from the grid as a self-sufficient power system



The heart of the microgrid is an **intelligent microgrid controller** to optimize system performance

Local "grid within the grid"

- Delivers clean, reliable power and resilience
- Microgrids range in complexity and scale depending on the application

Distributed energy resources (DERs) can be:

- On-site renewables solar or wind
- Battery energy storage
- Fuel cells
- Backup generators
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

Microgrid applications

- Peak shaving
- Islanding & synchronization
- Black start
- Generation/load balance control
- Ancillary services like frequency regulation





What is a fuel cell and how does it work?

Designed with sustainability in mind





Highly Efficient

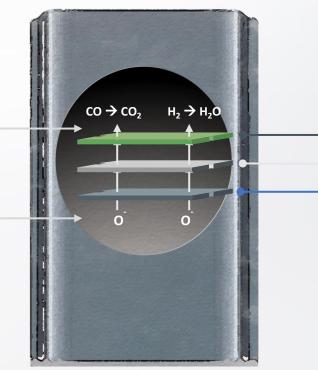
Electrochemical process reduces CO_2 emissions vs. grid alternatives Ambient

Fuel

Air



Fuel Flexible Natural gas, renewable natural gas, biogas or hydrogen as fuel



Bloomenergy[°] fuel cell



No Combustion

Unlike traditional technologies Bloom does not require combustion, eliminating harmful criteria pollutants



No Water

Used during normal operation



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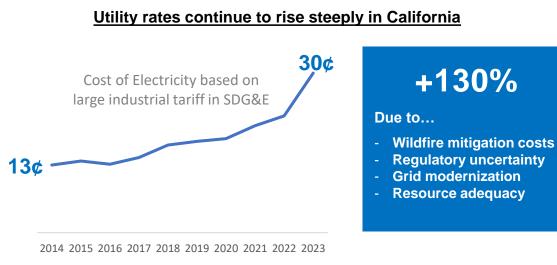
Kaiser San Marcos Hospital Microgrid Case Study



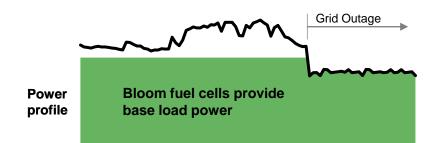
Design criteria:

Design a **resilient** power system for a new acute-care Kaiser hospital campus in Southern California that uses low cost, cleaner power in line with their ESG goals

- Provides AlwaysOn power to supply hospital base load 24x7
- Integrate life safety back up generators as an alternate source
- Flexible, scalable solution to add solar and battery storage as a Phase 2

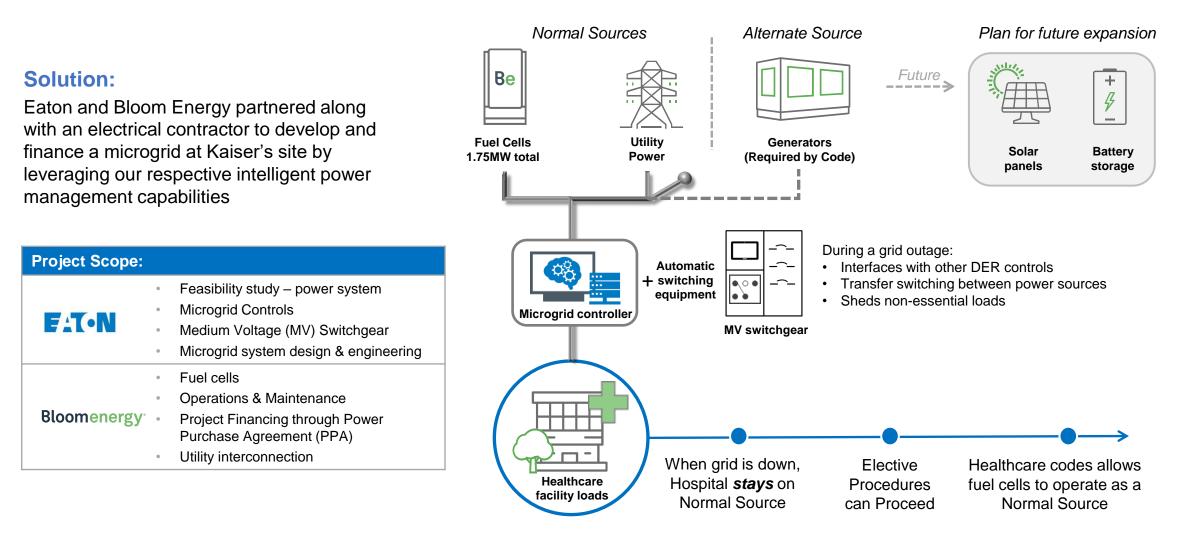


Microgrid with fuel cells supports critical loads through grid outages with up to 20% savings on electricity





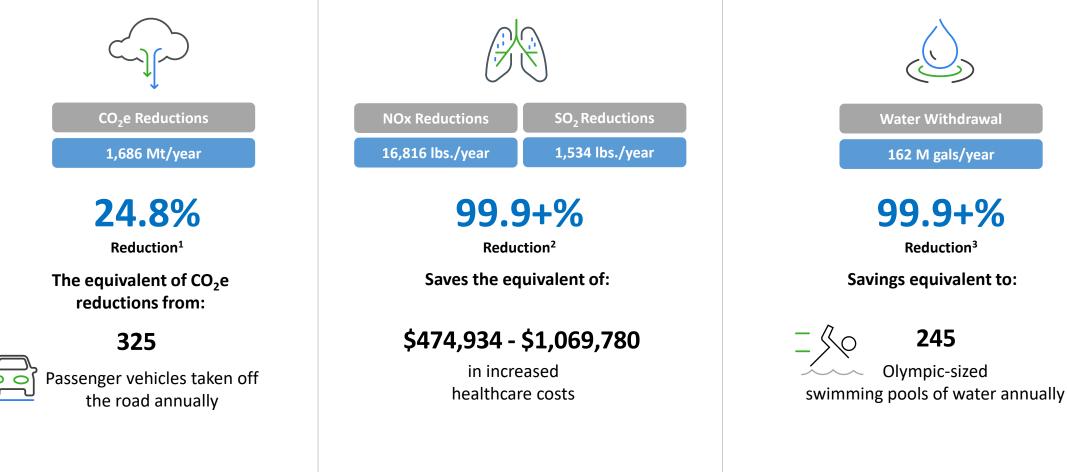
Kaiser San Marcos Microgrid Solution







IMPACT: Estimated real-world sustainability benefits from Kaiser's 1.75MW fuel cell microgrid in addition to the resilience benefits





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Bloom's emissions compared to gird emissions with 2020 eGRID non-baseload emission rates for WECC California and a Tier 2 diesel genset operating for 1 week (168 hours) per year
EPA COBRA Tool (https://cobra.epa.gov/)
Bloom's water use of 0.69 gal/MWh is compared to the USGS United States average water withdrawal for thermoelectric power

(https://www.eia.gov/todavinenergv/detail.php?id=37453)



Key planning and microgrid design considerations

- Conduct a power system feasibility study as a first step to size your DER assets and assess eligibility for clean energy incentives
 - \rightarrow Right size the fuel cells to your facility base load profile
- 2. Design your greenfield site's **power infrastructure from the ground up with a replicable reference design** that uses proven microgrid control and fuel cell technology
- 3. Future-proof your microgrid with a scalable solution that allows you to add additional DER assets as your campus expands and your capacity needs evolve
- 4. Unlock additional value by monetizing your flexibility: maximize your economic benefit by incorporating battery storage to capture excess power and participate in grid programs







What questions do you have?



Thank You!



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Is my hospital a good candidate for a microgrid with fuel cells?

Answering "yes" to any of the following questions indicates a potentially compelling opportunity

- □ Does the hospital spend more than **\$0.10 per kWh** on average for power (incl. generation, transmission and distribution with demand charges)?
- □ Is the hospital base electric load **1MW or more**?
- □ Are **power reliability or power quality issues** a concern for the hospital with outages or light flickering that could damage expensive equipment or put patients at risk?
- □ Are hospital administrators concerned about **rising energy costs** and the impact on hospital financials?
- Does the hospital have sustainability or carbon emission reduction goals?
- □ Is a facility expansion expected within the next 3 to 5 years or a project planned to install new EV charging infrastructure that may exceed capacity of the site's utility service?
- □ Do you plan to continue to operate the site for at least the next 10+ years?
- □ Is there available land at the site or a flat and open roof?
- □ Is the hospital located in an underserved or low-income community based on census tracts?



