

RENEWABLES FOR DIESEL-POWERED UTILITIES

ISLAND CASE STUDIES ON OPTIMIZATION
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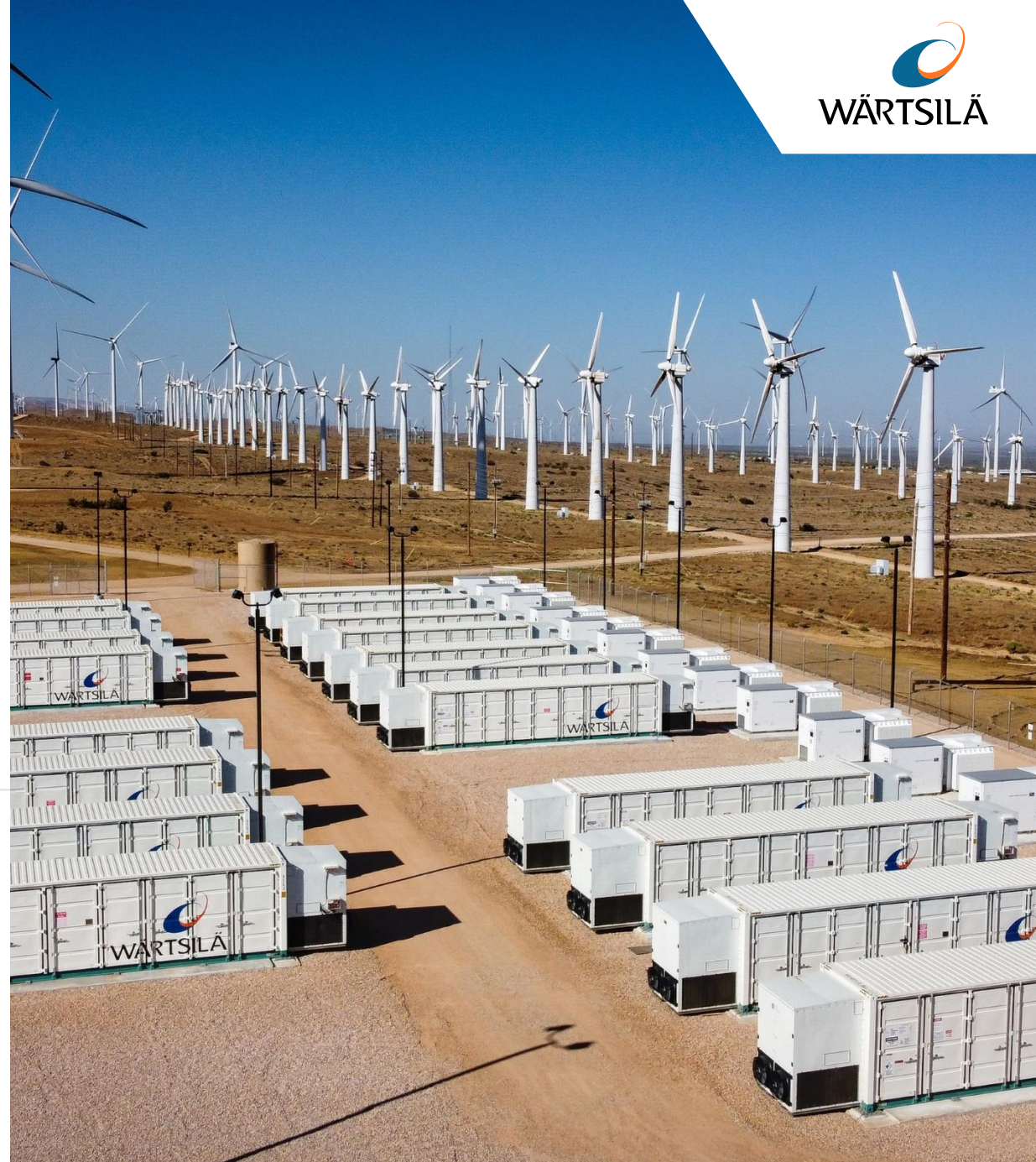
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#100%RenewableFuture

#FlexiblePowerGeneration

#EnergyStorage



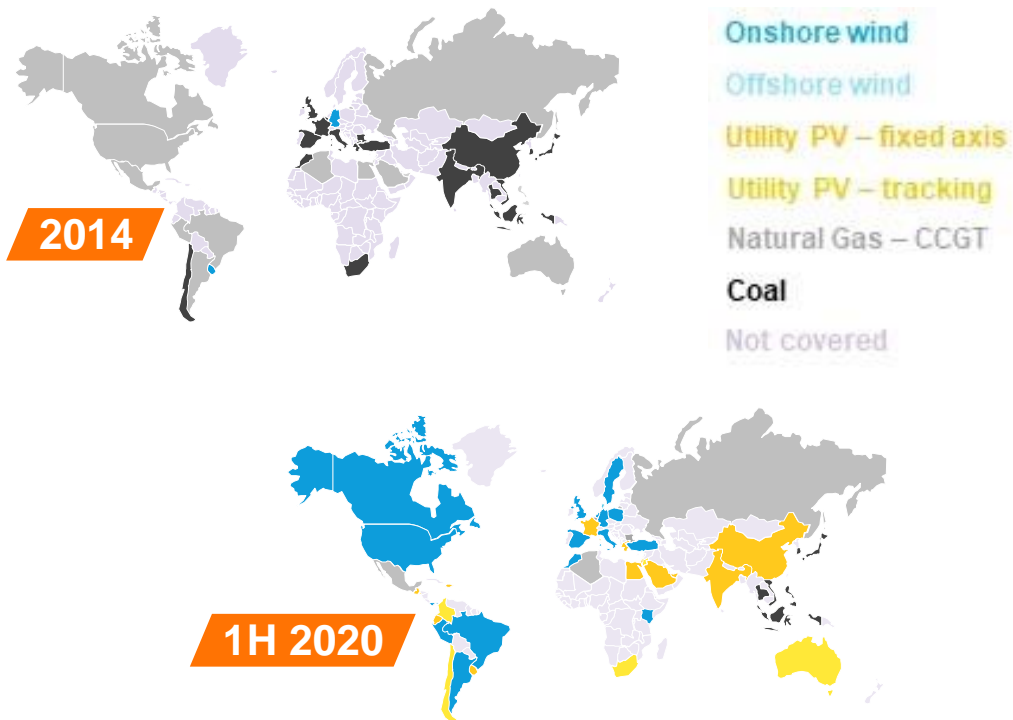
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- Renewables Market Drivers
- Island Grids – Utility reality
- Possible Solutions
- Can you make it work?
- Is it real?
- Q&A

Energy market in transition

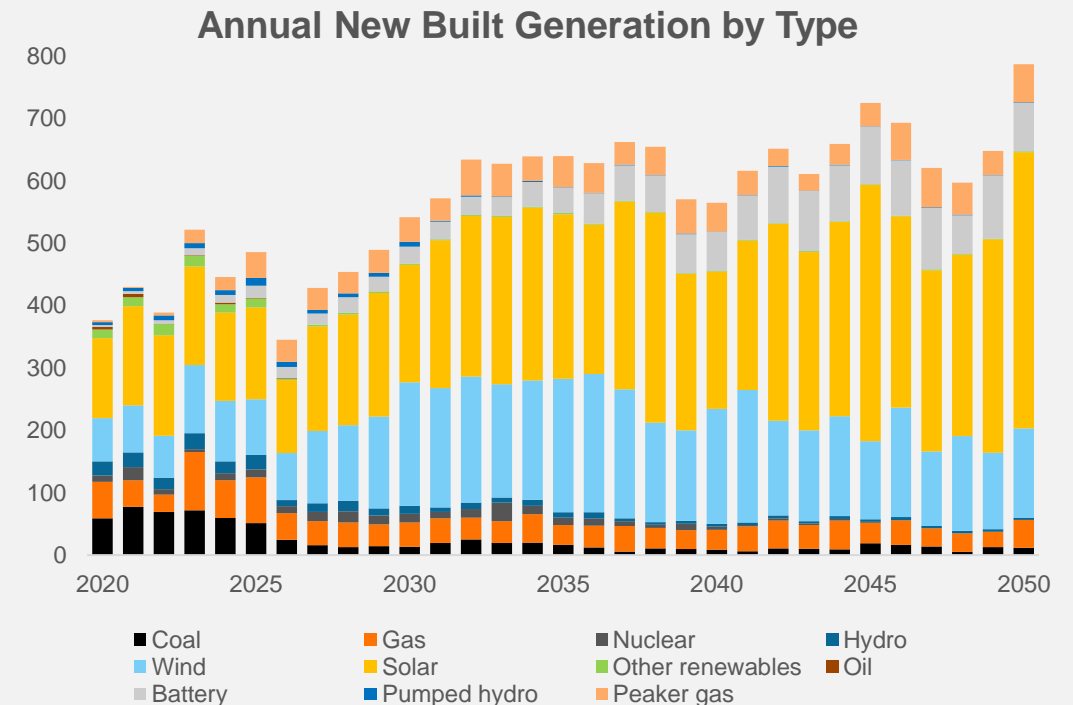
Renewables now the **lowest cost** source of electricity

Over the past decade, renewables have become the lowest cost source of new generation in countries representing over **82% of world GDP**.



Source: BloombergNEF New Energy Outlook 2020

Capital has flowed to renewables; **in 2020, renewables energy projects captured nearly 50%** of all new generation built. By 2030, analysts estimate that to rise to 67%.



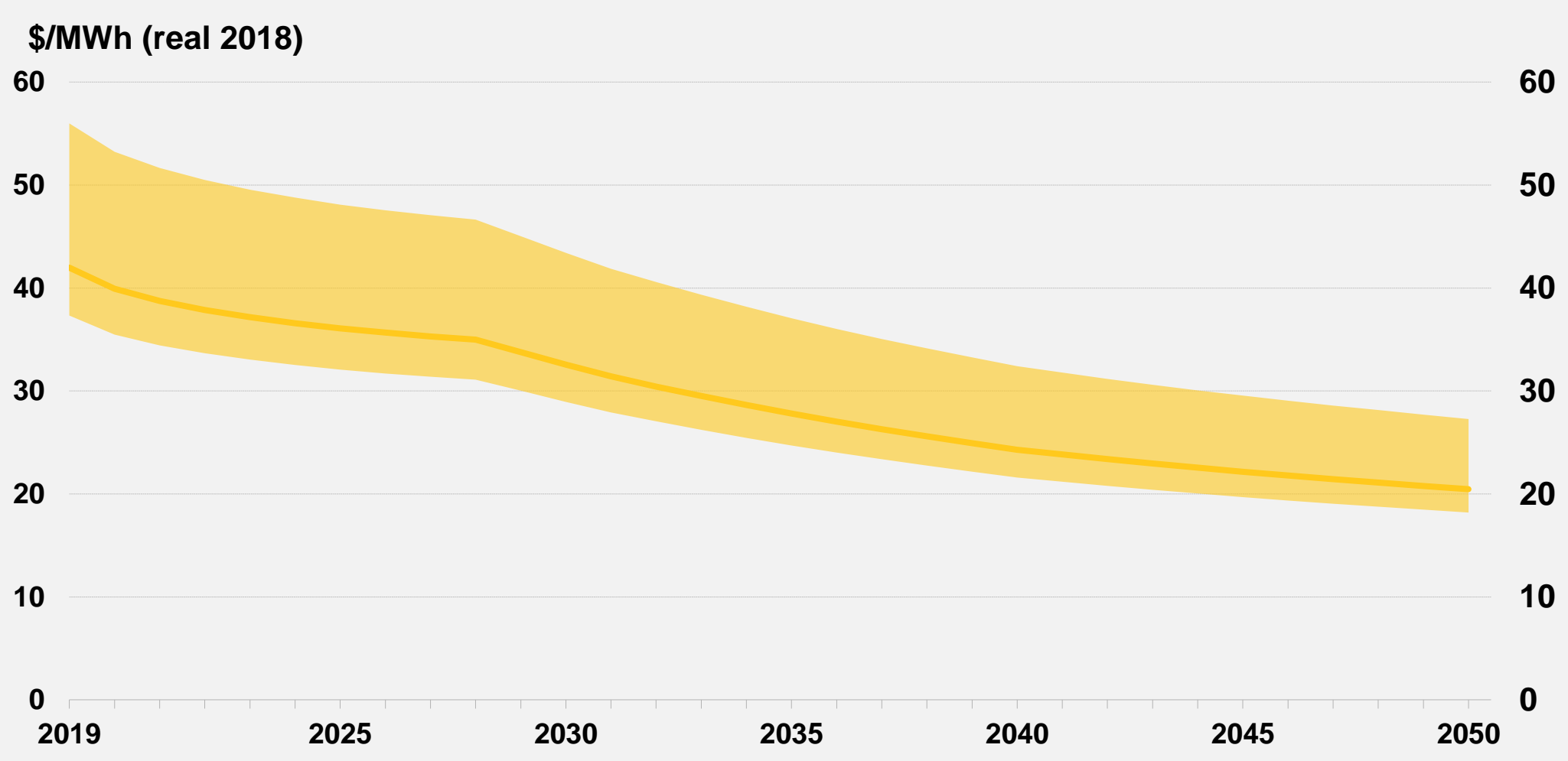
1. KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

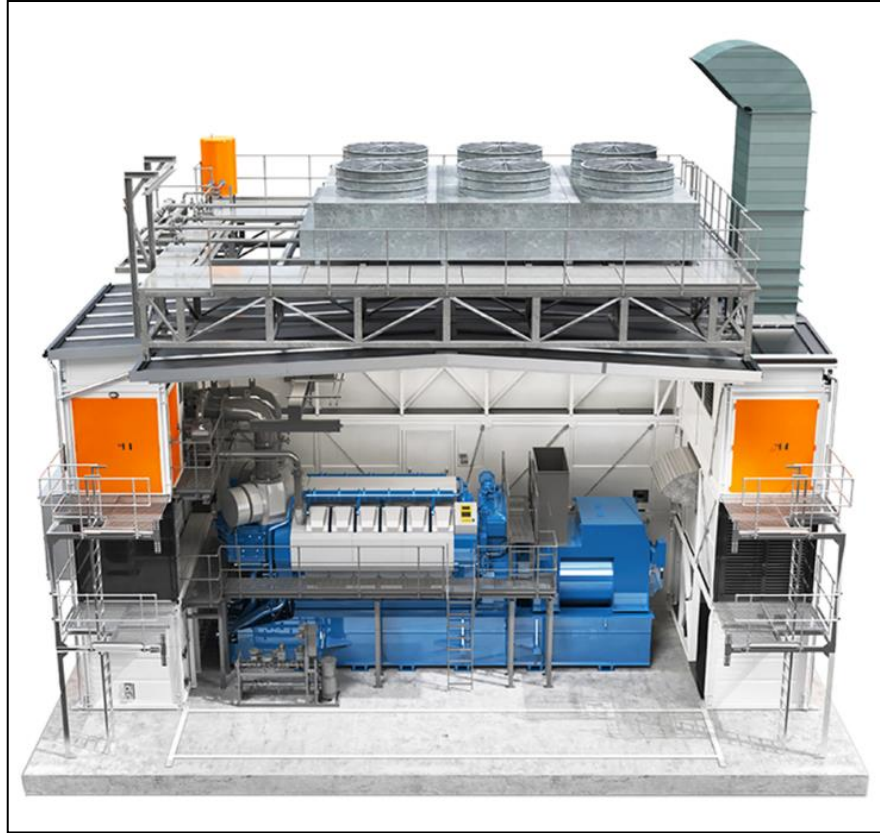
2. LOWER THE RUNNING COSTS

3. FUTURE INVESTMENTS

- **DECARBONIZE**







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**LOWER GENERATION COSTS (LCOE)
&
LOWER EMISSIONS**

ADDING SOLAR

- **Increases spinning reserve requirement**
- **Decreases system stability**

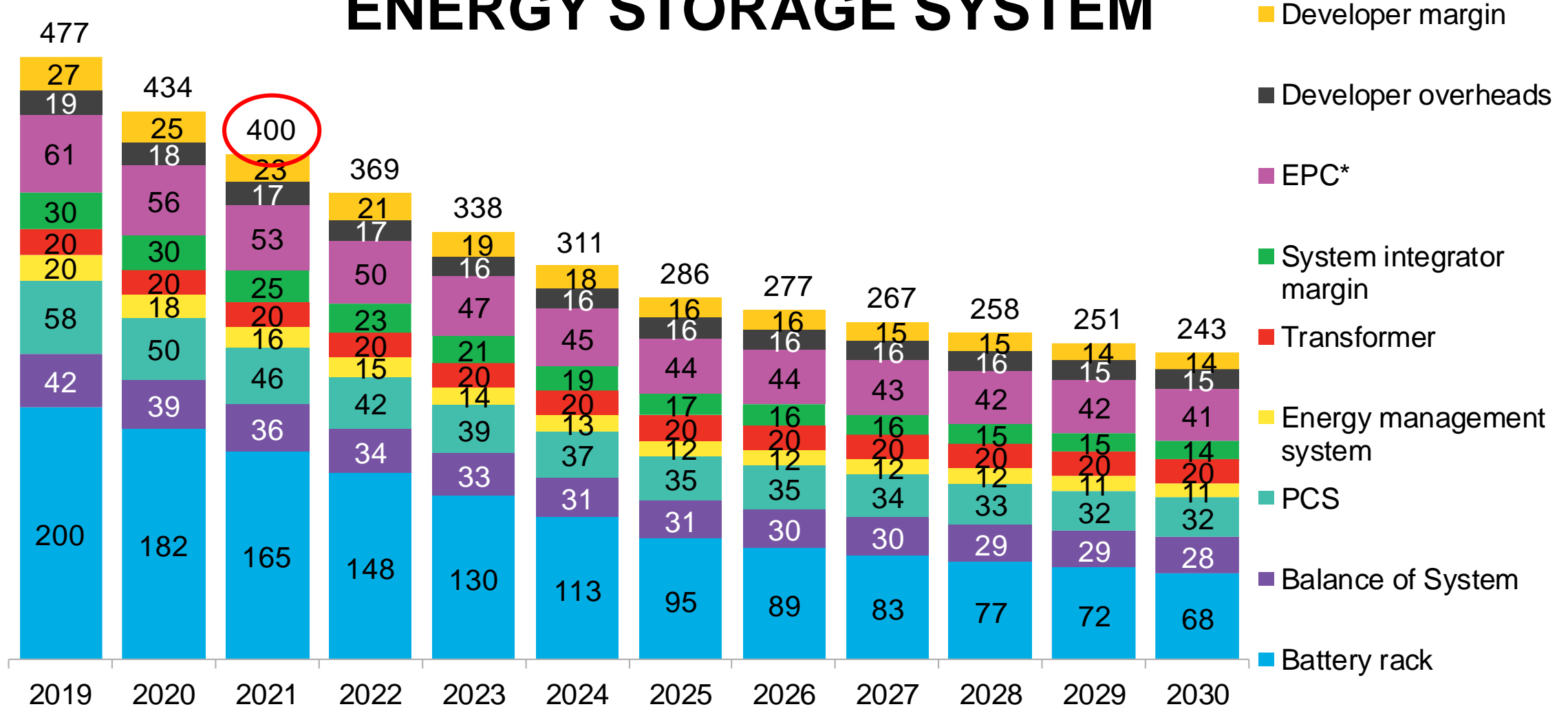
OPTIMISING GENSET OPERATION

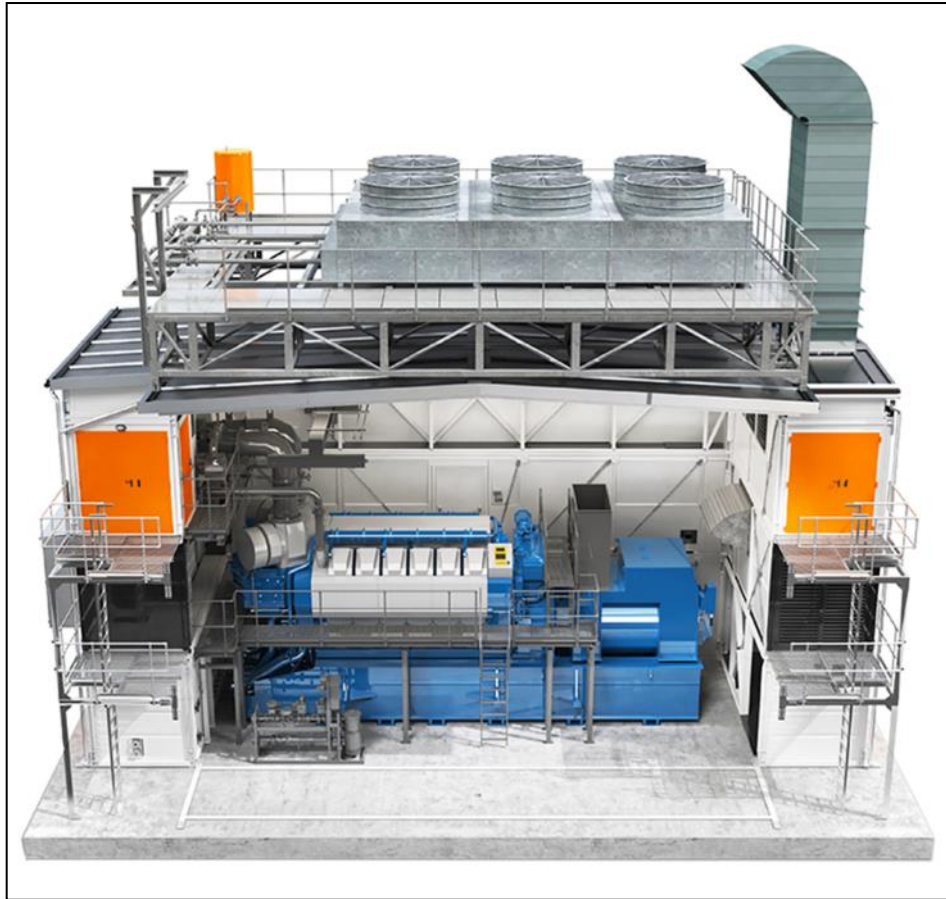
- **Less or more engines running?**
 - Maintenance cost reduction?
- **Sufficient GenSet load step capability?**
- **GenSet minimum load requirement?**

→ Curtailment of “free” solar.. ?

Real 2019 \$/kWh

ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM



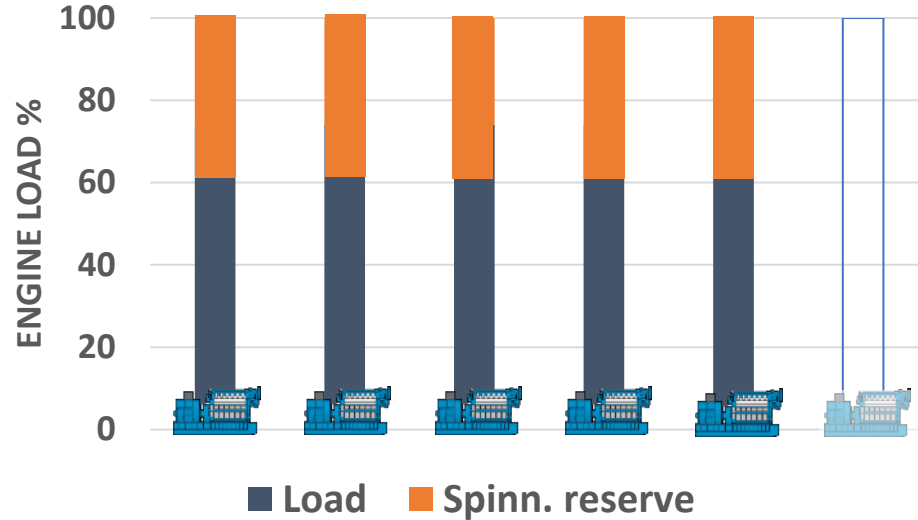


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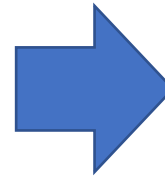


**OPTIMISED ENGINE OPERATION
LOWER EMISSIONS & GRID STABILITY**

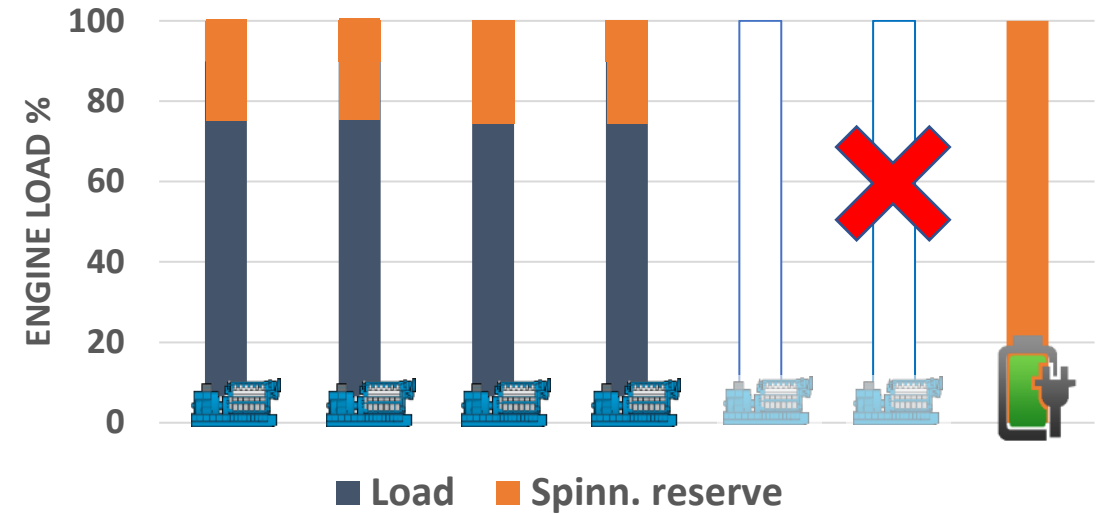
ENGINES (n+1)



- Average load point **62%**
- Average efficiency **41.7%**
- Engine running hours **7 300h**
- Transient load capacity **G2**

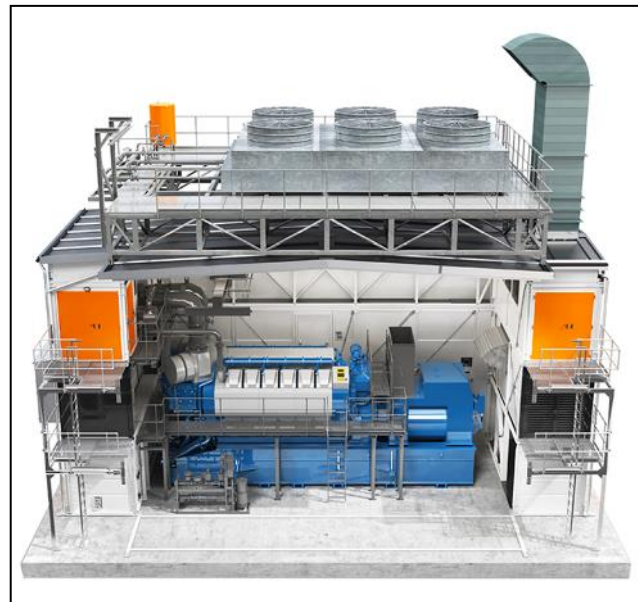


ENGINES & ESS



- Average load point **78%**
- Average efficiency **42.7%**
- Engine running hours **5 840h**
- Transient load capacity **G3**
- **Lower emissions**

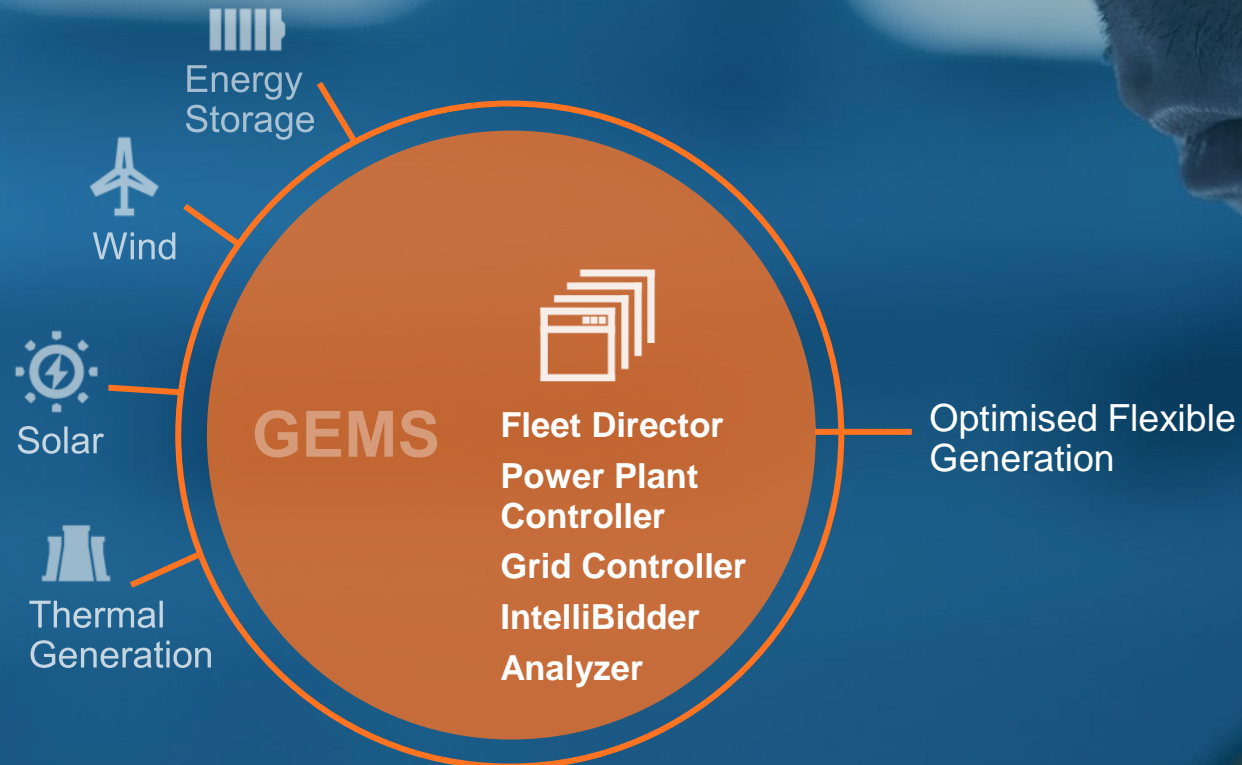
PAYBACK TIMES can be 2-3 yrs !



GEMS Digital Energy Platform

What is GEMS?

A suite of proprietary software products developed for building, monitoring and intelligently operating power plants and energy resources



GEMS Solutions Suite

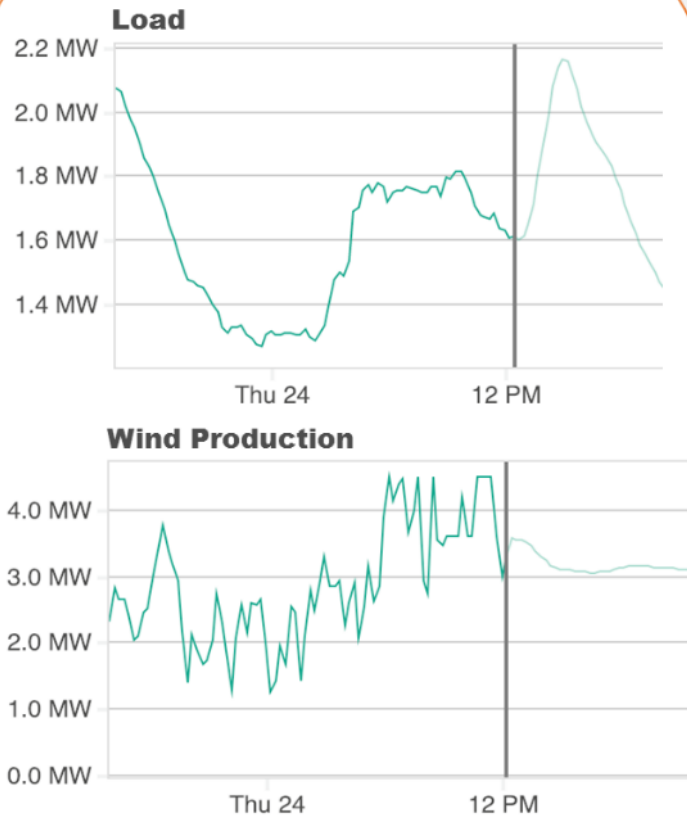
GEMS: The leading energy system management platform

Optimises all generation assets

Secure, flexible, scalable

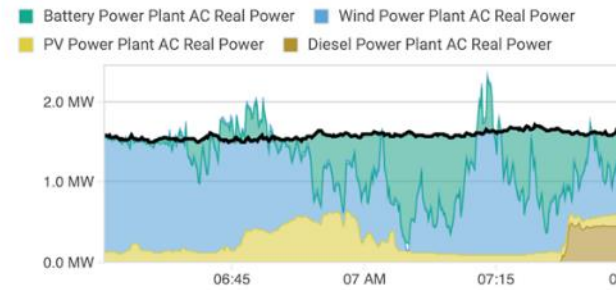
Deployed in **70+** projects globally

Forecasting 15mins

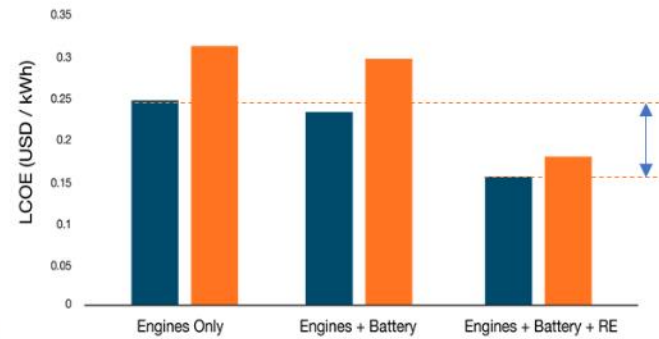


Rolling Dispatch Optimisation 5mins

Generation Dispatch

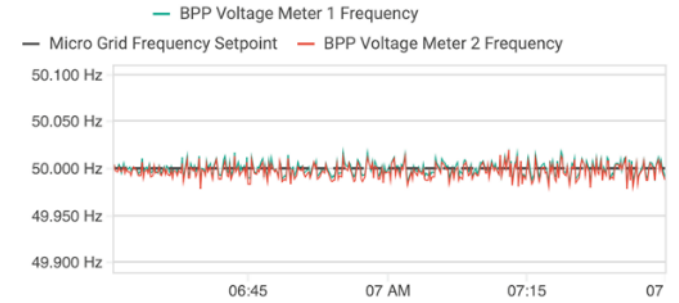


Energy Cost

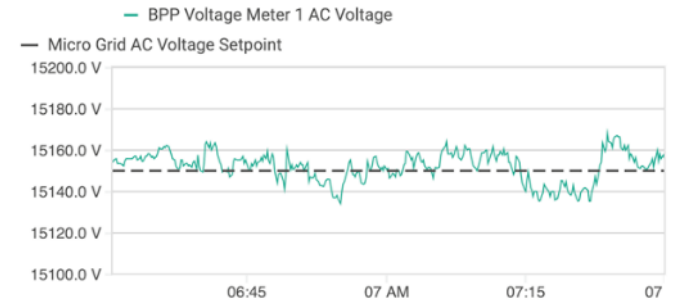


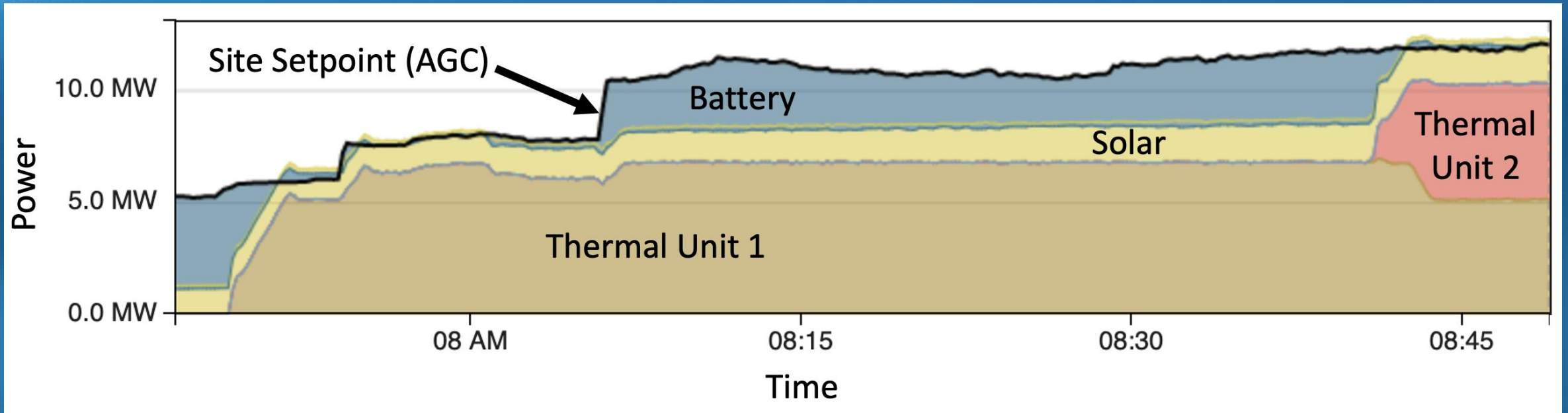
Real-time Controls 150ms

Frequency



Voltage





IS THIS REALITY TODAY?

Flexibility to improve island grid stability

Engine+ hybrid solution will address VIWAPA’s need for a power generating facility that can burn both propane and light fuel oil, as well as deliver **improved system reliability** with state-of-the-art energy management technology—**GEMS**

First dual-fuel hybrid power plant contract, the Randolph Harley Power Plant Project

GEMS will use **weather and load forecast** to optimally dispatch all assets

St. Thomas peak load: 65 MW

GEMS and storage will improve grid reliability, and reduce fuel consumption, engine run hours, and LCOE

The plant is expected to be in full operation by Spring 2022



GEMS to integrate all assets in the island (installed capacity ~200 MW), including distributed solar located on neighbouring St. John island.



A **36MW** of **Wärtsilä engines** and a **9MW/18MWh energy storage** system to be delivered to the U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (VIWAPA) on the island of St. Thomas



First installation of Wärtsilä LG engines with the capability to burn **both liquid petroleum gas (LPG)** and **light fuel oil (LFO)**

Grid control, integration and optimisation

Boosts wind penetration from ~20% to 33% with addition of energy storage and GEMS control system

Eliminates the dependency on HFO; **fuel consumption decreased by 5%**

Delivers both economic and environmental benefits; **CO₂ emission decreased by 8%**

Dispatch optimisation, solving unit commitment

Tertiary control, **secondary control**

Spinning reserves compliance (N-1)

Load forecasting, **renewable forecasts**

Grid forming **battery inverters**

ESS rated power **less than average island load**



The **existing power plant** is running on 5 HFO engines, 3 back up diesel engines



The **6 MW/6 MWh energy storage** system includes batteries, inverters and power electronics



Integrates 13 wind turbines while simultaneously optimising multiple generation assets

Spinning reserve, frequency regulation and black-start for a Central American island

GEMS will control the utility's energy system, including earlier delivered Wärtsilä **engines**, and **solar PV**

The addition of storage and GEMS to RECO's generation resources will provide additional **flexibility** to integrate renewables

The storage system will provide **virtual spinning reserve** capacity needed to maintain stability of the grid and **black-start capabilities**—particularly important for the **energy security** of an island

The solution will be delivered on a fast-track basis, expected to be operational before the end of 2020



Wärtsilä's total installed power capacity in Honduras is approximately 500 MW



10 MW/26 MWh energy storage solution to a power plant on the Caribbean island of Roatán



The existing **28 MW** plant was delivered on an EPC contract by Wärtsilä in 2017

Grid control, integration and optimisation

Boosts renewable energy consumption

Eliminates the dependency on 17,000 liters of diesel per month

Delivers both **economic and environmental benefits**

Dispatch optimisation, solving unit commitment

Tertiary control, secondary control

Spinning reserves compliance (N-1)

Load forecasting, **renewable forecasts**

Grid forming **battery inverters**

Capable of operating grid **without diesel gensets running**



Enabling 100% renewables for the island of Graciosa, population ~4,000



The Graciosa Hybrid Renewable Power Plant will enable **1 MW of solar, 4.5 MW of wind power and 6 MW/3.2 MWh energy storage**



Integrates renewable energy sources while simultaneously optimising multiple generation assets



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