



Solar Plus Storage

Focus on Storage Benefits

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Getting to 100% renewables

- We cannot get to 100% renewables without energy storage
- Solar+Storage
- Wind+Storage



Overview storage products

- Lead-acid
- Lithium ion
 - Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM)
 - Nickel Cobalt Aluminum (NCA)
- Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePo)
- Lithium Titanate (LTO)
- Flow Batteries



Lithium Iron Phosphate Batteries

- Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePo)
- 96-98% efficiency
- 3000-10,000 cycle life
- High DOD (80%+)
- 3.2-3.6V/cell
- -20 to 60C operating temperature
- Much lighter weight than lead-acid
- Better fire resistance than Li-ion – they cannot burn
- Tend to allow inverters to operate more efficiently
- Typically can last 10+ years
- Limiting to 80% DOD extends life



Value of Storage Batteries

- To evaluate batteries, calculate the actual lifetime dollars per kWh (\$/kwh)
 - Typical lead-acid – $\$350/\text{kwh} / (1500 \text{ cycles} * 50\% \text{ DOD} * 70\% \text{ RTE}^1) = \$0.67/\text{kwh}$
 - Lithium - $\$500/\text{kwh} / (5000 \text{ cycles} * 80\% \text{ DOD} * 85\% \text{ RTE}^1) = \$0.15/\text{kwh}$
 - Lithium is 4X+ the value of lead-acid

¹ RTE – Round Trip Efficiency = one way efficiency squared



Value of Storage Batteries in Cost Savings

- Arbitrage – moving energy from low rate periods to high rate periods
 - Highest value when high delta off-peak rate vs peak rate
- Demand Reduction – reducing the peaks of energy usage spikes = reducing demand charges
- Backup – prevent loss of assets when grid fails



Storage Markets

- Residential – generally under 10kw
- Small commercial <30kw
- Commercial/Industrial >30kw
- Equity – Disadvantaged Communities & Resiliency
 - Residential
 - Non-residential



CCA Impacts

- East Bay Community Energy
 - New NEM customers can receive up to \$2500/year cash back for excess power
- Marin Clean Energy
 - No limit on cash back for excess power
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 - No limit on cash back for excess power
- Credits can roll over to succeeding years



Some Residential Storage Systems

- BMZ
- Custom Power Solar
- LG Chem
- SimpliPhi
- Sonnen
- Sunrun
- Tesla Powerwall
- Darfon



Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Suppliers cycle life >3000

- Energport
- SimpliPhi
- BYD
- CATL
- Battle Born
- Kilovault
- Renogy



Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Suppliers cycle life >3000 (continued)

- Enphase
- Blue Ion
- Sonnen
- Discover
- Fortress
- Humless
- Iron Edison



Finance Options

- Cash - is king for contractors
- Home owner
- Equity Line Of Credit (HELOC)– 3 - 5% typical rate
- PACE funding – payments go on property taxes, 0% down, terms up to 25 years



Residential Storage Only Systems

- Custom Power Solar
- Outback inverter includes automatic transfer switch (ATS)
- Energport LiFePo batteries
 - 4kw/10kwh - \$14k
 - 8kw/20kwh - \$21k
- \$500/kwh after rebates and Federal Incentive Tax Credit of 26%

¹Typical Installation costs - costs may vary and does not include permitting costs



EV2 SOLAR+STORAGE RATE 2020

EV is NOT required: Solar+storage is required

Summer	Peak	\$0.47861
	Part-Peak	\$0.36812
	Off-Peak	\$0.16611
Winter	Peak	\$0.35150
	Part-Peak	\$0.33480
	Off-Peak	\$0.16611

Peak: 4PM – 9PM, All Days
Part-Peak: 3PM – 4PM & 9PM – 12AM, All Days
Off-Peak: 12AM – 3PM, All Days



Residential EV-A vs new storage EV2 rate - Savings 8kw/20kwh

	Solar only	Solar+Storage	Difference
EVA	\$3,825	\$4,944	129%
EV2	\$2,863	\$4,241	148%
Difference	75%	86%	

All EVA customers will be moved to EV2 rate after grandfathering period



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Typical Residential Solar+Storage Savings - PG&E EV2 Rate

	Solar+Storage Savings	Raw Cost	Final Cost	Simple Payback Years	Payback with EV	kwh generated per year
4kw PV/10kwh	\$2,120	\$32,700	\$21,698	10.2	6.0	6400
6kw PV/10kwh	\$2,863	\$34,500	\$23,030	8.0	5.3	9600
7kw PV/20kwh	\$3,757	\$41,925	\$26,024	6.9	4.9	11200
8kw PV/20kwh	\$4,241	\$45,800	\$28,892	6.8	5.0	12800
12kw PV/20kwh	\$5,725	\$49,200	\$31,408	5.5	4.3	19200

¹Typical Installation costs – systems using Outback Radian or Skybox with LFP batteries & 20%+ efficiency modules at \$0.60/watt. Savings assumes full arbitrage storage mode. Payback with EV assumes gas savings average 31 miles/day \$4/gal compared to 30mpg. Final cost includes ITC (Investment Tax credit of 26%) and SGIP rebate (Self-Generation Incentive Program) at current rate \$0.20/watt-hour



Storage Benefit - Residential Solar+Storage EV2 rate

Savings	Solar Only	Solar+Storage	Storage Benefit
4kw PV/10kwh	\$1,430	\$2,120	48%
6kw PV/10kwh	\$2,147	\$2,863	33%
7kw PV/20kwh	\$2,410	\$3,758	56%
8kw PV/20kwh	\$2,863	\$4,241	48%
12kw PV/20kwh	\$4,295	\$5,725	33%



Vehicle to Home (V2H)

- Current offerings
 - 2kw from 12V auxiliary system fed by traction battery in EV/hybrids
 - All EVs/hybrids have this capability
 - EV must remain on to maintain power
 - Outback Power Generator input supports use
 - Option on Custom Power Solar systems
 - Emergency use to backfill home & battery
- Coming
 - OSSIAACO



EV value

- https://ev.pge.com/compare_vehicles
- http://custompowersolar.com/ev_vs_ICE_GHG.xlsx



EV value vs ICE

Car	Cost after incentives	Lifetime cost	Lifetime cost/mi	Fuel cost	mi/kwh	mi/gal	GHG mTons	GHG Mt/yr
Chevy Bolt	\$32,745	\$42,299.25	\$0.28	\$6,428.57	3.5		7.63	0.575449
Toyota Camry	\$30,000	\$55,836.36	\$0.37	\$17,142.86		35	36.77	2.773985
Tesla 3 standard	\$35,615	\$45,169.25	\$0.30	\$6,428.57	3.5		7.63	0.575449
Hyundai Kona	\$27,995	\$37,549.25	\$0.25	\$6,428.57	3.5		7.63	0.575449
Toyota Prius Prime	\$27,050	\$47,064.26	\$0.31	\$11,320.75		53	24.28	1.831877
Best		\$37,549.25					7.63	
Worst		\$55,836.36					36.77	
Difference		\$18,287.12					29.15	
% improvement							79%	
Lifetime	150,000	miles						
Average use	31	mi/day						
	11,315	mi/yr						
Years lifetime	13							
Cost of electricity	\$0.15	\$/kwh						
Cost of gas	\$4	\$/gal						
GHG gas	0.0085806	mT/gal						
GHG electric off-peak	0.000178	mT/kwh						



Commercial Storage Systems

- Typical in USA 240V/480V 3 phase:
- Range of costs: \$250-\$1000/kwh
- After SGIP rebate and ITC - \$0- \$500/kwh



Some Commercial Storage Systems Providers

- Advanced Microgrid Solutions
- BYD
- Custom Power Solar
- LG Chem
- Sonnen
- STEM
- Tesla Powerpack
- Avalon (Flow batteries)



Battery Size vs Savings Solar+Storage

PV size kw	Storage Multiplier	Storage size kwh	Storage savings per kwh	Solar+Storage Savings	Raw Cost	Final Cost	Simple Payback Years	10 year Total Income	Annual Cost-Savings
143.04	0	0.00	\$0	\$28,172	\$214,564	\$158,778	5.6	\$162,399	\$32,328
143.04	0.5	71.52	\$74	\$33,441	\$239,597	\$156,560	4.7	\$224,684	\$27,059
143.04	1	143.04	\$60	\$36,696	\$264,629	\$154,343	4.2	\$264,009	\$23,804
143.04	2	286.09	\$52	\$43,083	\$314,694	\$149,909	3.5	\$341,257	\$17,417
143.04	4	572.17	\$38	\$50,001	\$414,824	\$141,040	2.8	\$428,988	\$10,499
PV Rate \$/watt	\$1.50		Rate	B-19R					
Storage rate \$/kwh	\$350			Up to 1MW demand					
Savings rate PV	\$197								
SGIP rebate rate \$/wh	\$0.29								
ITC	26%								
PV Size	143.0429 kw								
Storage Only	0	1 if calc for storage only							
Ave Load Rate	\$0.275		\$60,500 Load Cost						
Gen rate	1538	kwh/kw							
Solar percent of load	100%		Enter percentage of load desired to be generated by solar						
Annual gen	220,000	kwh							
Annual Load	220,000	kwh	Enter annual energy usage here						

PG&E B-19R rate. 10 year income includes 3%/yr utility increases, -0.5% solar degradation. Does not include depreciation

http://www.custompowersolar.com/savings_simple_models.xlsx



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Cost Modeling Tools

- Why do cost modeling?
- Determine cost savings using customer load profile and projected solar size
- Compare rates
 - Energy Toolbase
 - Geli
- Developer runs analysis for you
 - Custom Power Solar



Cost Modeling Tools and Financial Modeling

- Model financial returns over time
- Property Assessed Clean Energy
 - HERO
 - Ygrene
 - Renew Financial PACE funding –
- CleanFund
- For Non-Profits – Collective Sun



Cost Modeling Tool Tips

- Get the load profile
 - UtilityAPI – helps with format you need
 - PG&E Green Button
- Calculate solar size
- Best size - at least 100% of the annual energy usage in kwh of customer
- Quick estimate – $\text{Annual Usage(kwh)} / 1500 = \text{PV size in kw}$
- Make sure size fits available space
 - roof
 - ground
 - carport



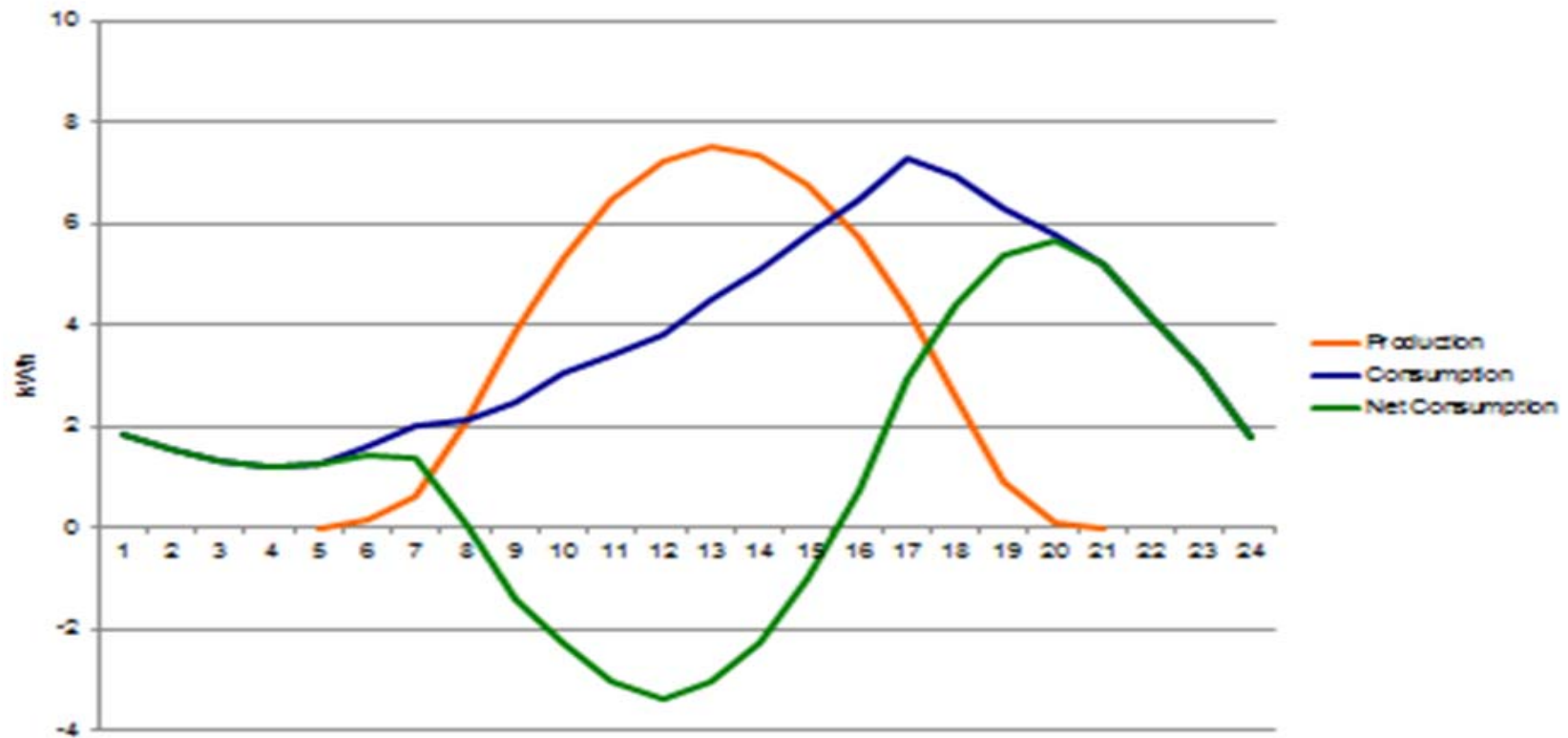
Cost Modeling Tool Tips Cont'd

- Storage size – best SGIP rebate value
- = 2X the solar size
- Example:
 - 5kw solar needed,
 - $5 \times 2 = 10\text{kwh}$ battery best value
- Best customer long term value –
 - >2X, 4X the solar size
- 4X –cost savings double that of 2X battery size (4X savings).

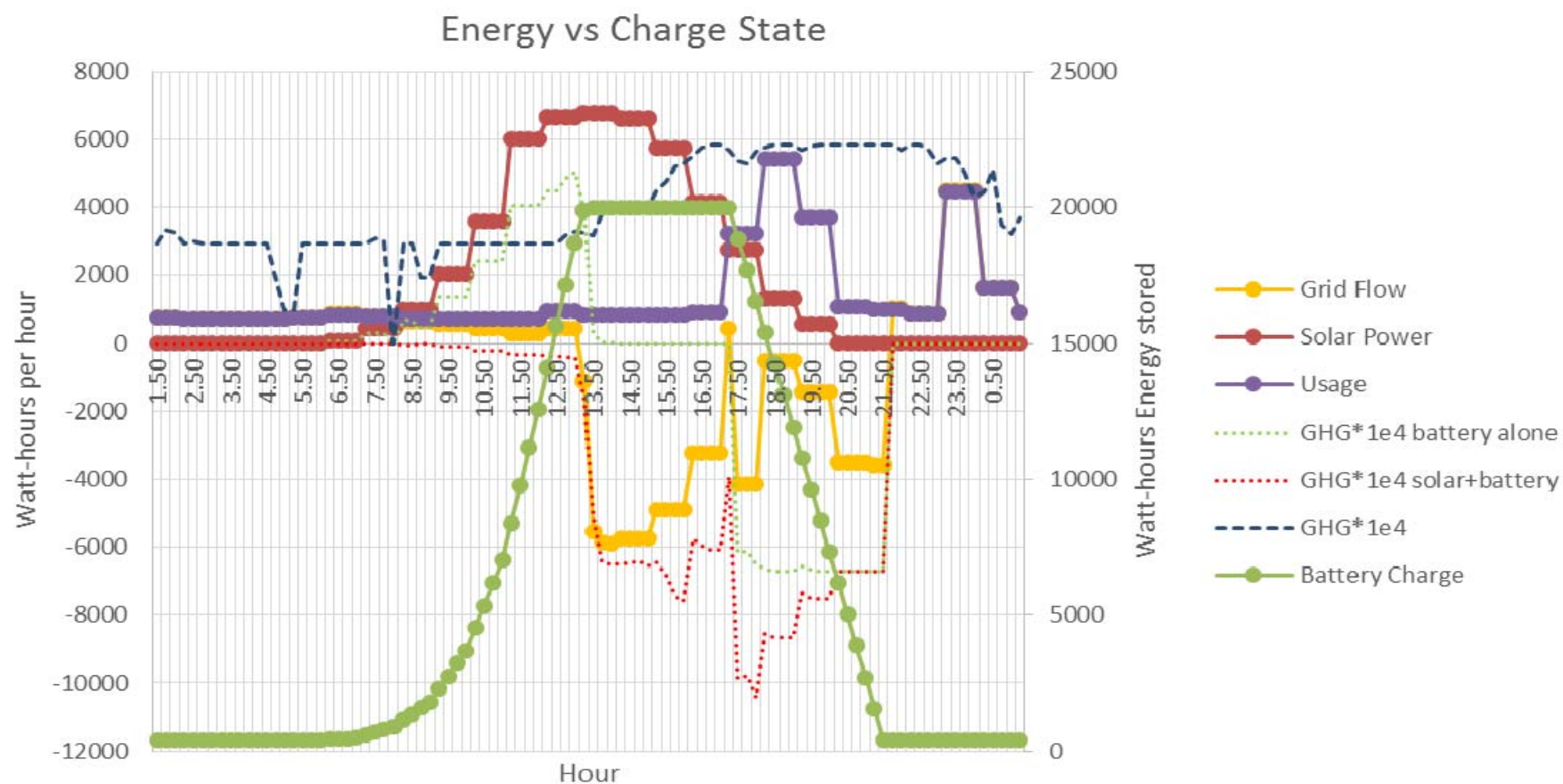


Typical Solar Production and Consumption

Net Load Profile



Residential Solar+Storage+EV – Arbitrage Daily Cycle

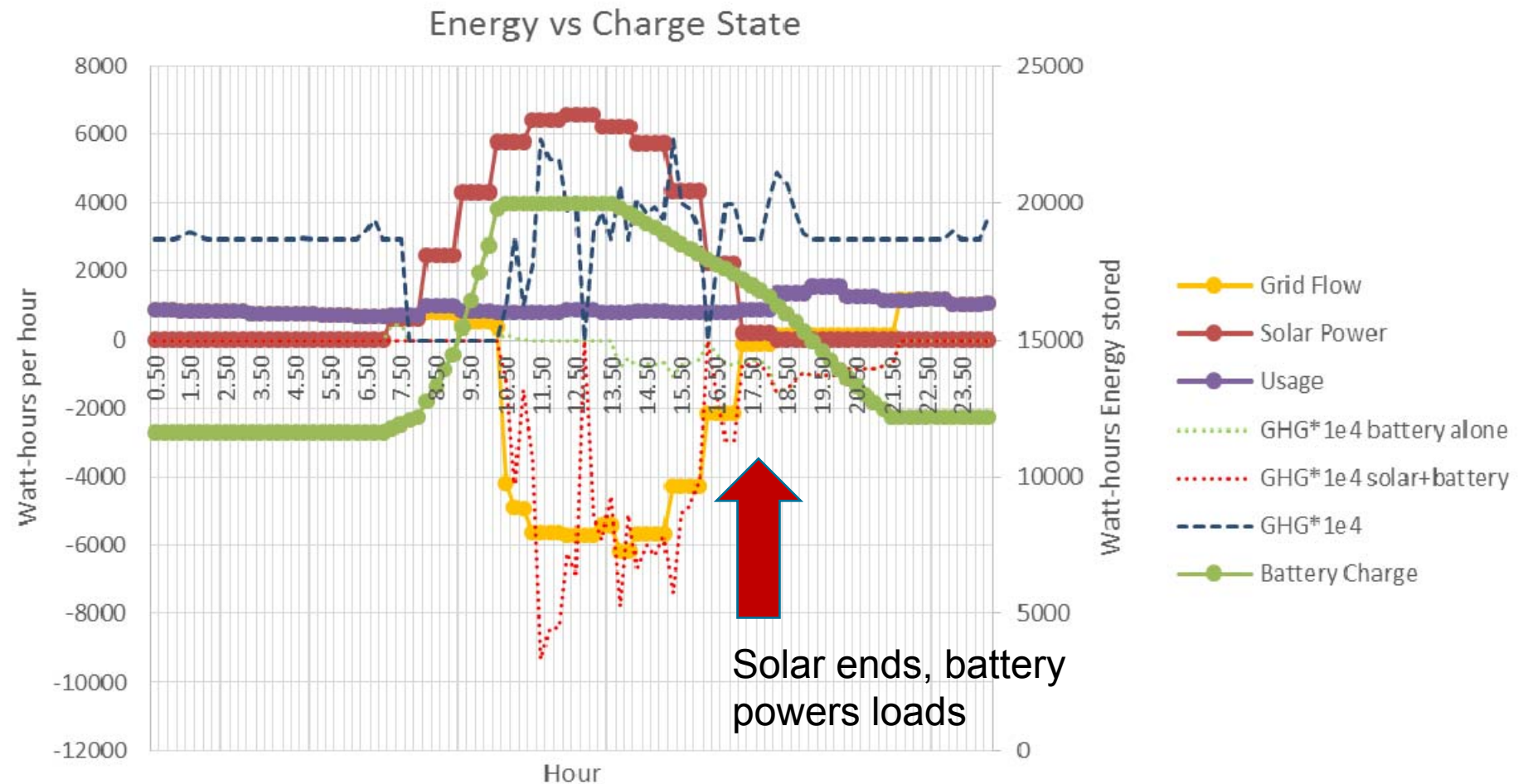


6/21 – cost savings through arbitrage – store solar power in am, discharge during peak



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Resi Solar+Storage+EV Self Supply– Daily Cycle

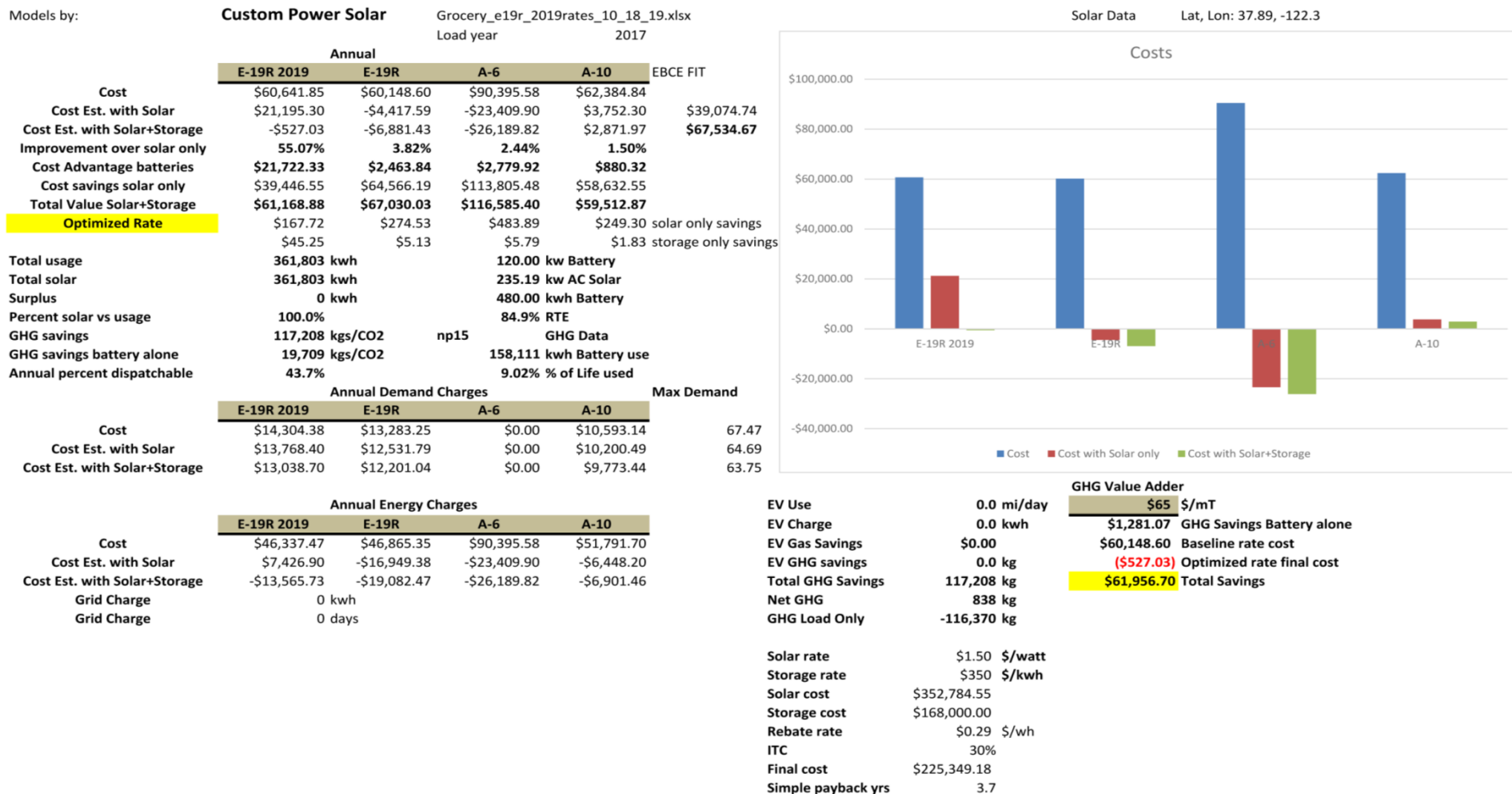


2/4 – cost savings through self supply – store solar power in am, discharge during peak but only power loads



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Commercial Rate Analysis

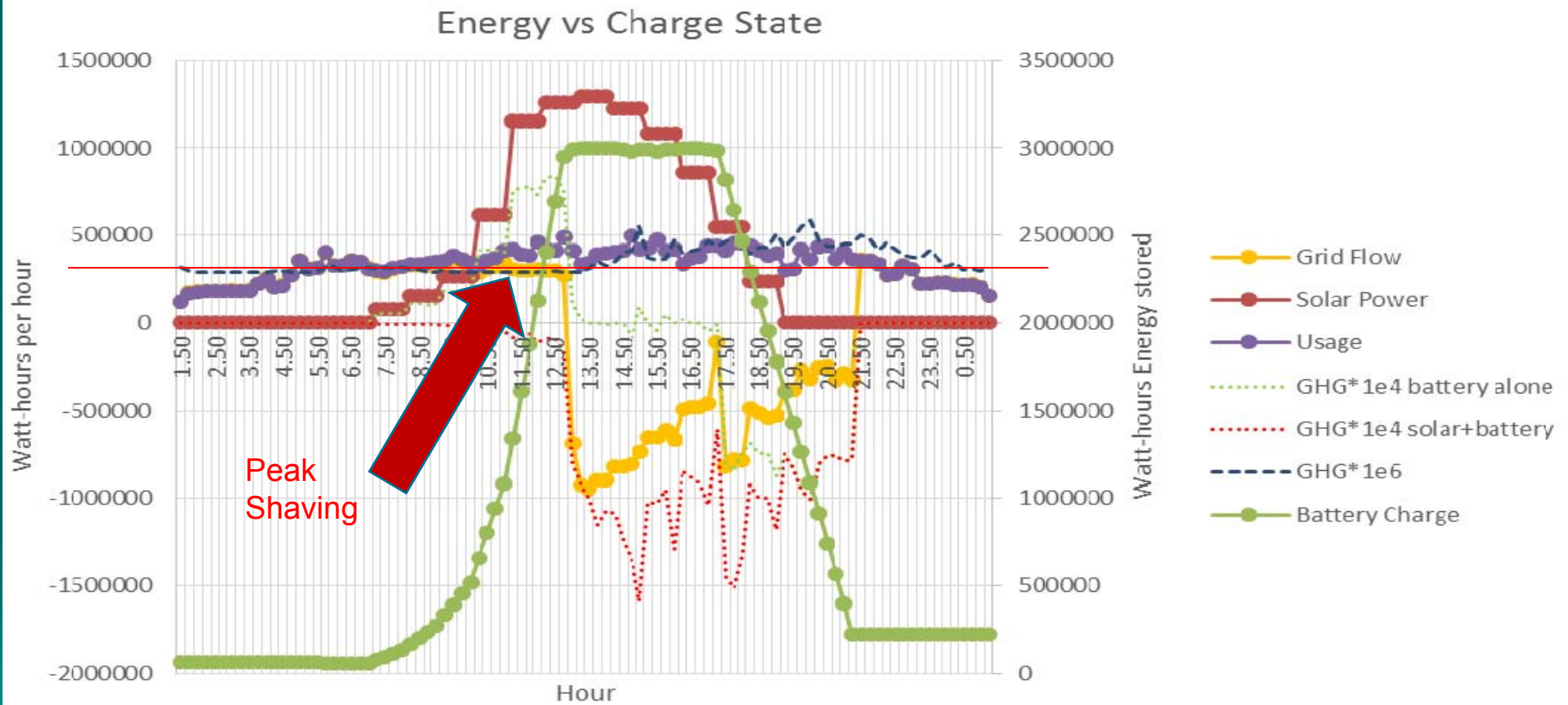


All rates run with same conditions, optimized to first column rate



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Commercial Solar+Storage – Arbitrage & Demand Reduction Daily Cycle



6/21 – cost savings through demand response – peak shaving (red line) and arbitrage – store solar power in am, discharge during peak



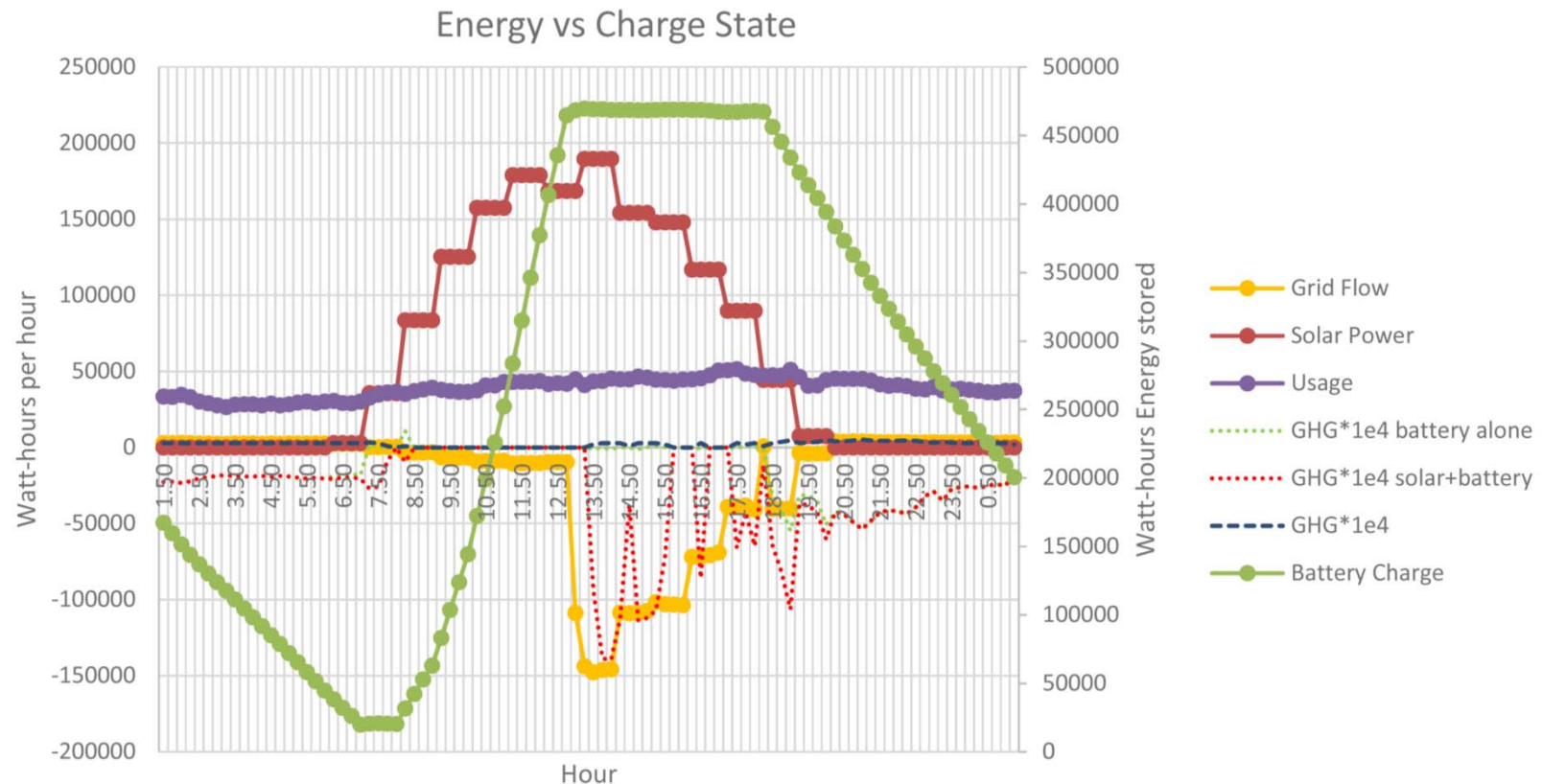
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Best Rates for Solar+Storage Commercial

- PG&E
 - A1STORE
 - B-19R
 - Option S if high demand charges
 - B-20R – very large systems over 1MW demand



Backup



Date: 4/30 Grid flow all negative – only exporting to grid. No export during power outage. Solar sized = 100% of load, 2X battery size



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Conclusions

- Be conservative with storage cost savings projections – nothing worse than customers getting less than they planned on
- Design at least a 20% buffer in the size of the battery system
 - Improves lifetime
 - Reduces impact of day-to-day variations in use



Thank You!

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- 3000-6000 cycle life
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- Tend to allow inverters to operate more efficiently
- Typically can last 10+ years
- Raw cost for cells now only \$110-130/kwh



LFP Safety

- Safest of all battery chemistries
- No Cobalt
- No Flourine in vented gas components if burns

Table 11 – Components measured in vented cell gas

Gas		Measured %
Hydrogen	H ₂	50.73
Carbon Monoxide	CO	11.17
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂	24.86
Methane	CH ₄	6.60
Ethylene	C ₂ H ₄	3.06
Ethane	C ₂ H ₆	1.19
Propene	C ₃ H ₆	1.01
Propane	C ₃ H ₈	0.40
-	C ₄ (Total)	0.88
-	C ₅ (Total)	0.10
Total	-	100

CATL LFP 272Ah cell UL9540A test data from cell heated to destruction



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Lead Acid Batteries

- 80-85% efficiency¹
- 1000-1500 cycle life at best
- Limited Depth of Discharge (DOD) for best lifetime
- Typical DOD only 50%
- Some require maintenance
- Lifetime is typically 6-7 years
- Heavy – 4X as heavy as Lithium batteries
- Lead is a toxin
- Recycling an issue

¹ One way efficiency



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Lithium Ion Batteries

- Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM)
- Nickel Cobalt Aluminum (NCA)
- 96-98% efficiency
- 3000-5000 cycle life
- High DOD (80%+)
- 3.6-4.2V/cell
- 0-45C operating temperature
- Much lighter weight than lead-acid
- Typically can last 10+ years



Lithium Titanate Batteries

- Titanate (LTO)
- 96-98% efficiency
- 3000-30,000 cycle life
- High DOD (80%+)
- 2-2.6V/cell
- -30C to 45C operating temperature
- Lower energy density than other lithium
- Generally very high charge/discharge rate
- Higher cost but longer cycle life
- Typically can last 10+ years



Flow Batteries

- 80-85% efficiency
- 30,000+ cycle life
- Higher Capex
- Heavy
- Long cycles are typical



Storage System Components

- Batteries
 - Cells in parallel
 - Cell groups in series
- Battery Management System (BMS)
 - Required for lithium batteries
 - Maintains cells within 0.02V of each other
- Inverter
 - Moves energy to/from battery
- Automatic Transfer Switch (option)
 - Disconnects solar+storage system from grid
 - Allows on grid or off-grid operation



Storage System Components, cont'd

- Monitoring system - all system functions
 - Voltages
 - Temperatures
 - Current flows
- Typically data stored in cloud and locally
- Control –
 - Network interfaced system operations
- NGOM –
 - Separate Metering for monitoring solar vs battery
 - Not needed in residential systems



Examples - SGIP approved battery systems

- Energport
- BYD
- LG
- SimpliPhi
- Tesla
- Contact your SGIP Program Administrator for specifics



Energport

Features:

- Saves electricity cost by reducing demand charges and shifting load to off-peak period
- System payback in less than 4 years
- Simple modular design, scalable for any size and use
- LFP - Safest Lithium ion battery on the market
- Cloud-based optimization and reporting
- Small footprint
- Connects to existing circuits
- Emergency backup as bonus function
- \$0 down lease available
- Low APR financing available
- California SGIP rebate available
- 30% federal tax credit with Solar PV
- 15-year design life; 10-year warranty
- Fully installed for less than \$0.40/Wh
- CE, UL compliance



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BYD Energy Storage System



240 Kwh in outdoor container
Includes all operational and climate controls



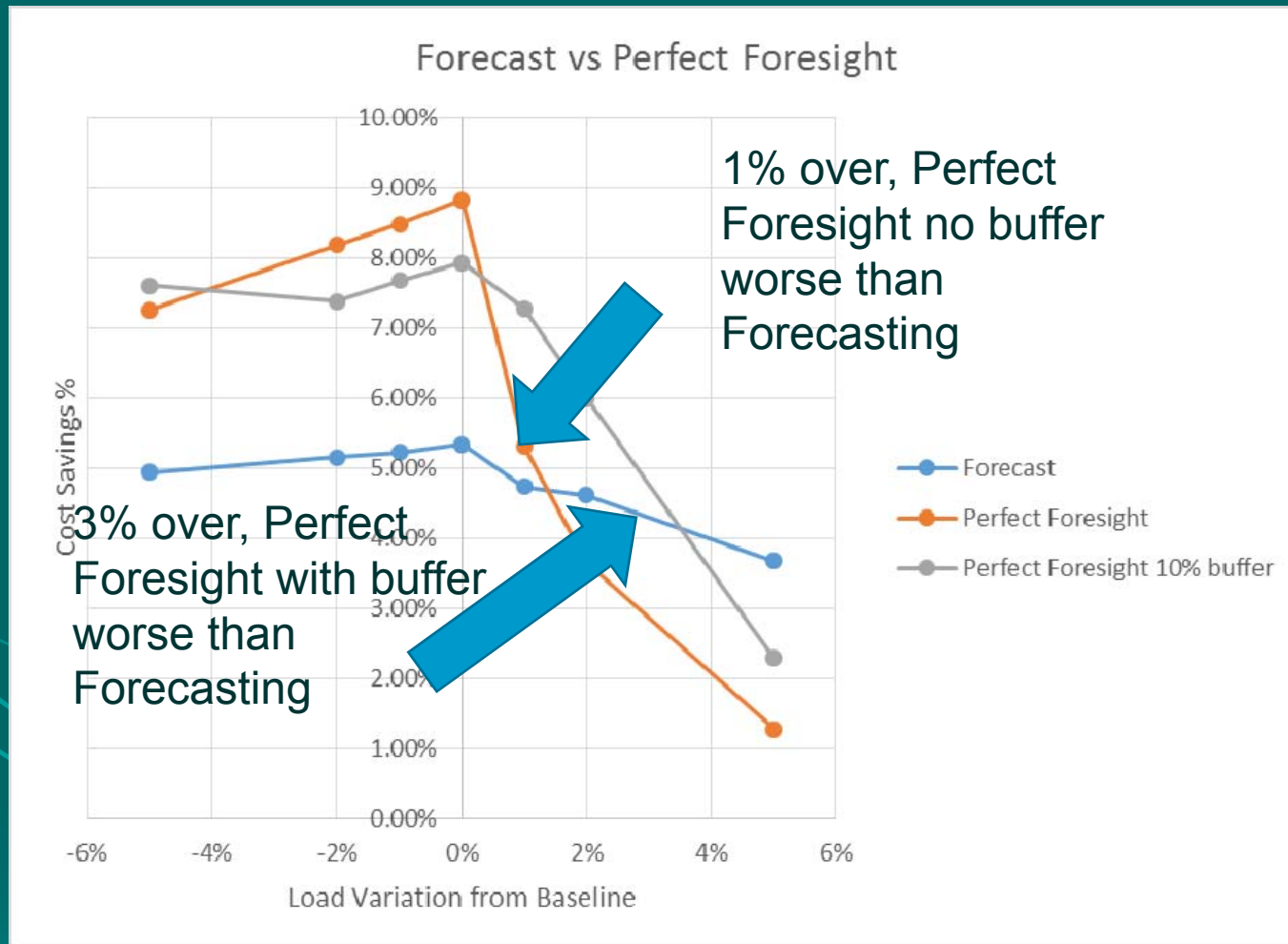
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How Realistic is Perfect Foresight in Real World Storage Operations?

- Many tools (Energy Toolbase, Geli) use a Perfect Foresight model to analyze load profiles+solar with given rate and determine “best case” cost savings –
 - Not realistic in real life use
 - More realistic – Forecasting – used by Custom Power Solar



Forecasting Sensitivity Analysis – Cost Savings



Conditions – C9 load (500kw demand peak), storage only 370kw,870kwh



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Conclusions

- Perfect Foresight is extremely sensitive to real life load conditions – if load exceeds baseline – even slightly, savings are lost
 - 1% over load conditions eliminate all savings from Perfect Foresight vs Forecasting with no buffer
 - 1% over condition virtually certain in real life conditions
- Forecasting method likely produces more consistent, reliable cost savings than perfect foresight

