

## **Renewables-driven Microgrids for Data Centers**



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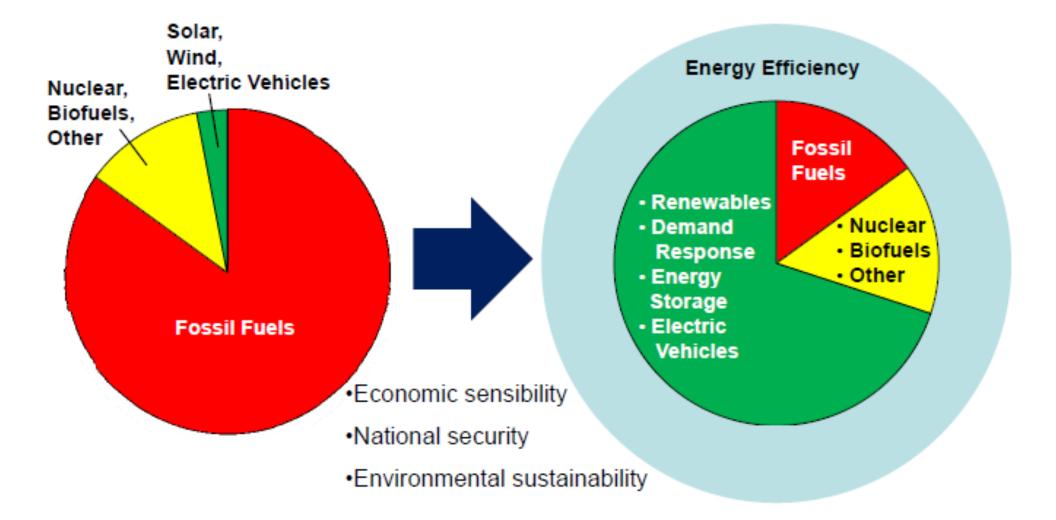
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## To accelerate the transition to renewable energy and a modern grid through technical, policy, and project development expertise

## **Clean Coalition Vision**

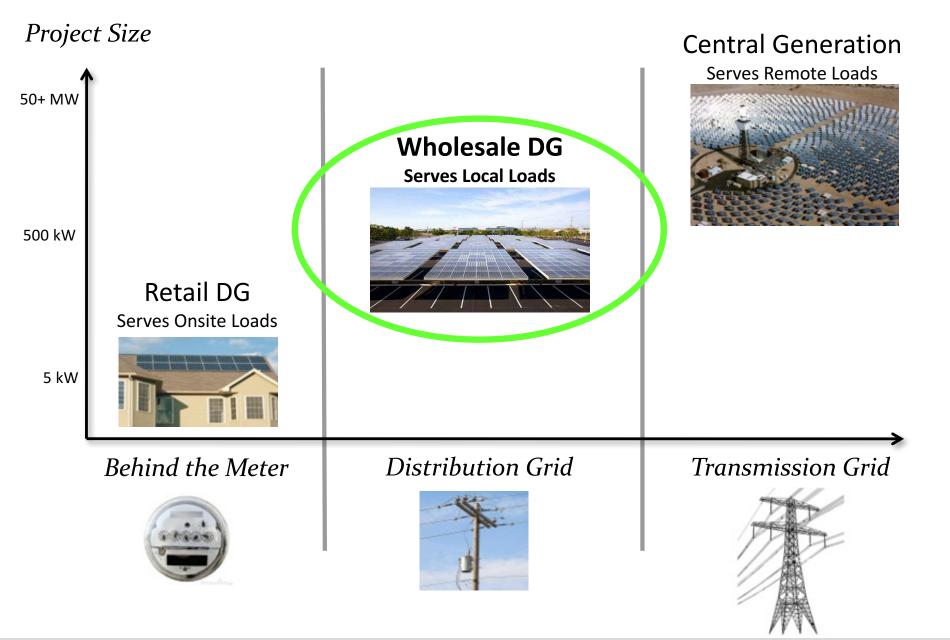




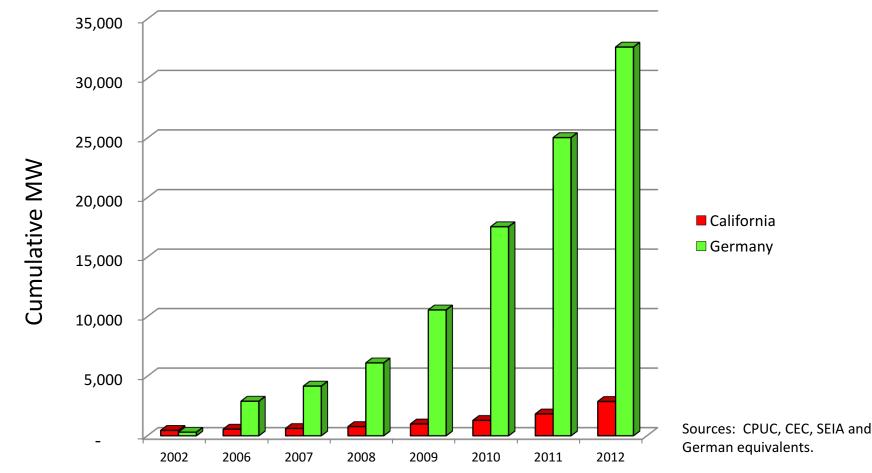
## The \$6 trillion energy market will transition to Smart Energy

#### **WDG Unleashes Renewables**

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## Solar Markets: Germany vs California (RPS + CSI + other)

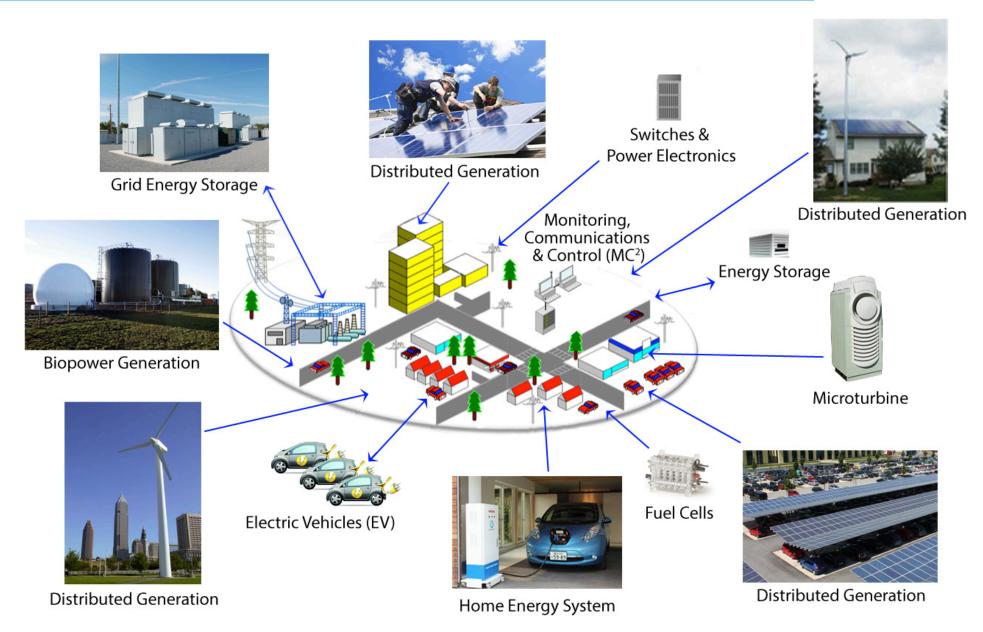


#### Germany deployed over 10 times more solar than California in the decade from 2002 despite California having 70% better solar resource

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## **Community Microgrid Vision**

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A Community Microgrid is a new approach for designing and operating the electric grid, stacked with local renewables.

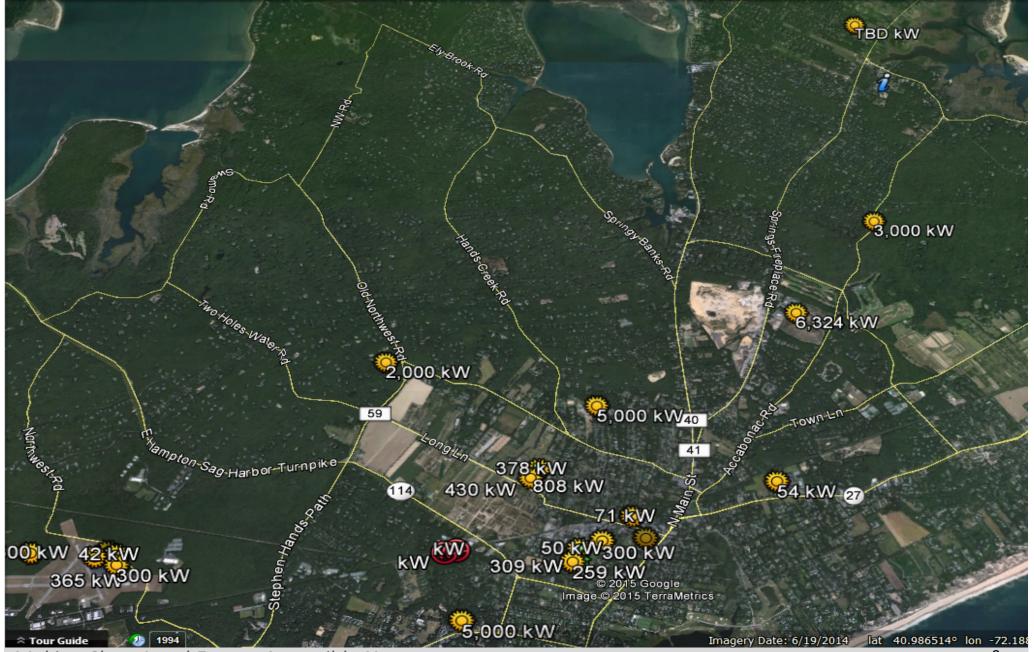
#### **Key features:**

- A targeted and coordinated local grid area served by one or more distribution substations
- High penetrations of local renewables and other Distributed Energy Resources (DER) such as energy storage and demand response
- <u>Staged capability</u> for ongoing renewables-driven power backup for critical and prioritized loads across the grid area
- A solution that can be readily extended throughout a utility service territory – and replicated into any utility service territory around the world



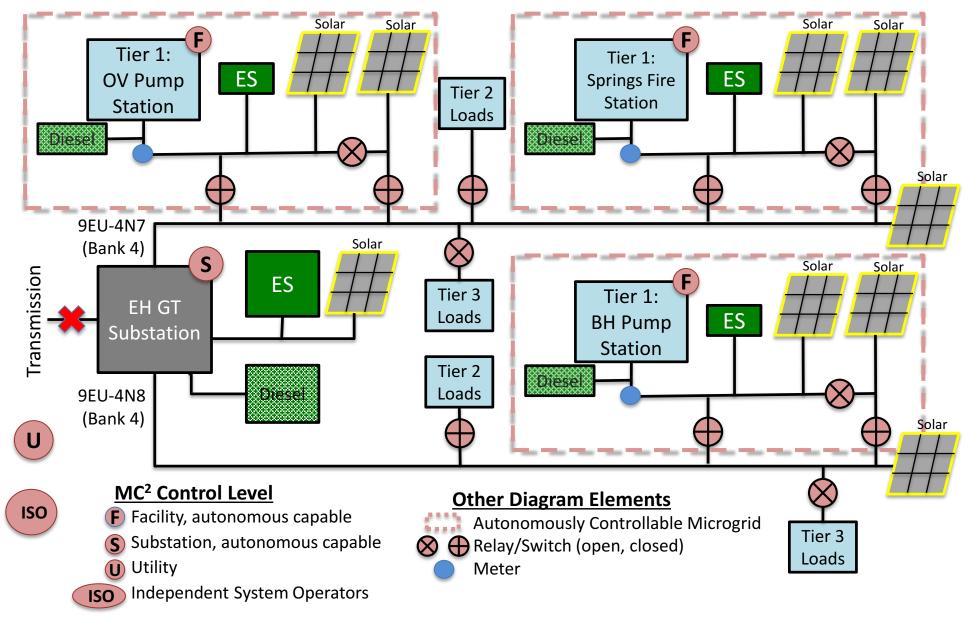
## Long Island Community Microgrid – Map View

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#### Long Island Community Microgrid - Diagram

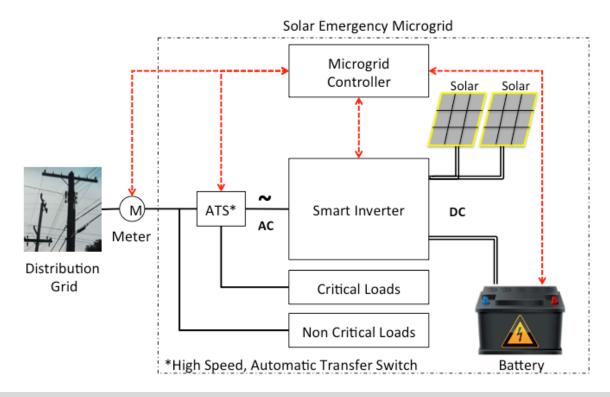
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#### **Solar Emergency Microgrid overview**



- A Solar Emergency Microgrid (SEM) has 3 basic components:
  - Solar; energy storage; and monitoring, communications & control
- A SEM provides <u>indefinite</u> back-up power for critical loads
  - Ideal for police and fire stations, emergency operations centers and shelters, critical communications and water infrastructure, etc
- Displaces dirty, expensive, non-renewable diesel generators



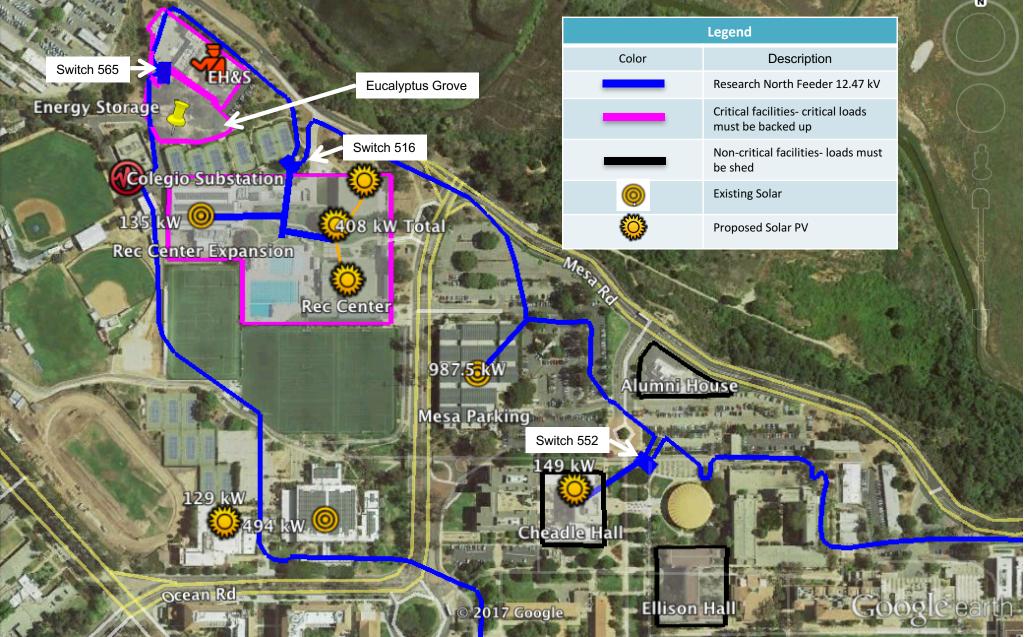
## **UCSB Community Microgrid – Area Map**

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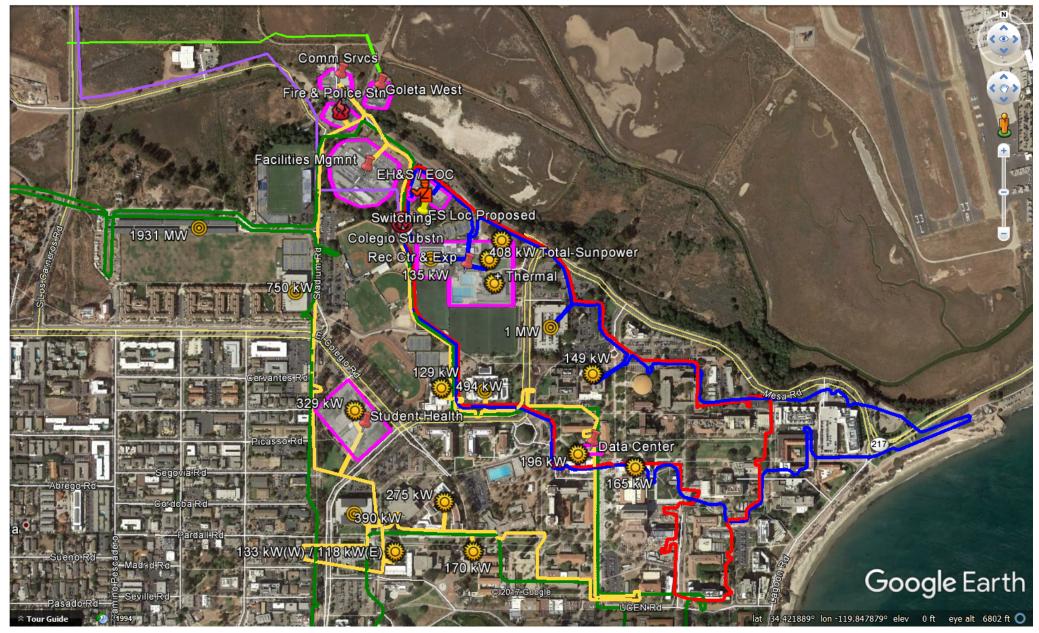
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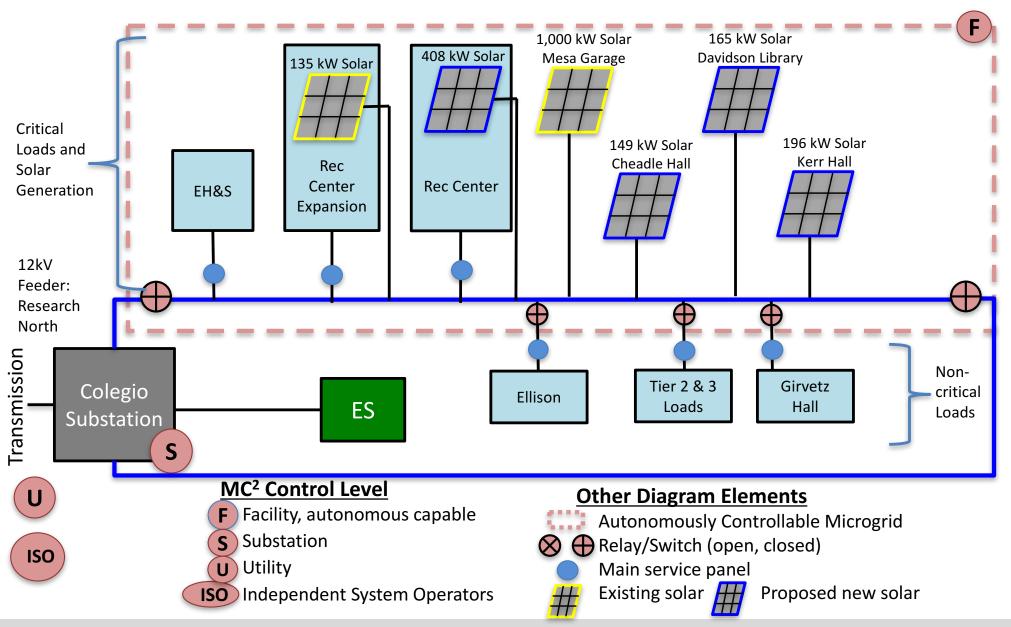
#### UCSB Community Microgrid – Phase 1 + 2

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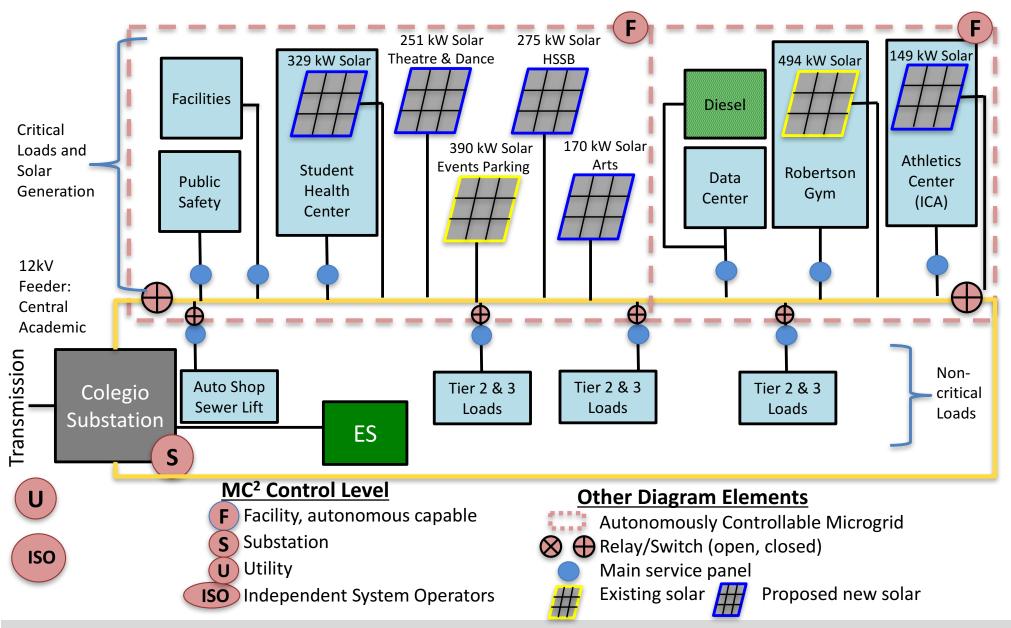
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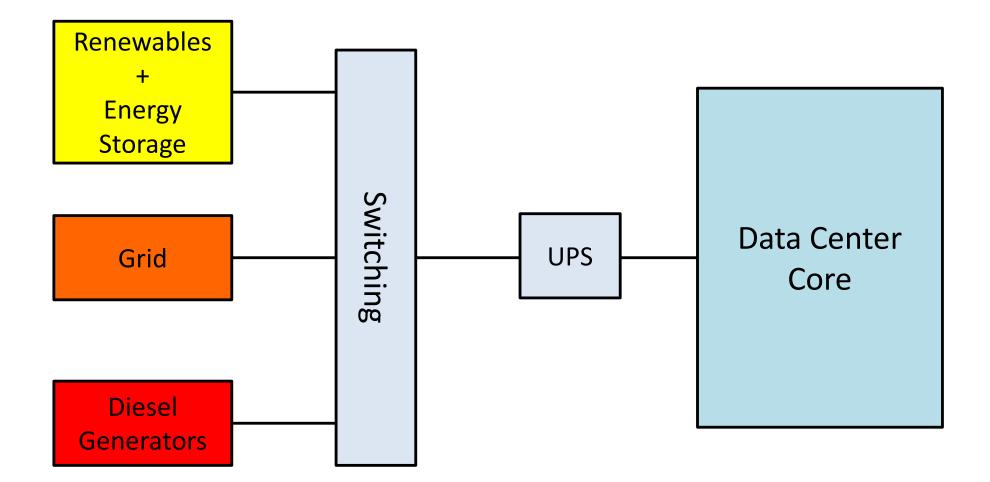
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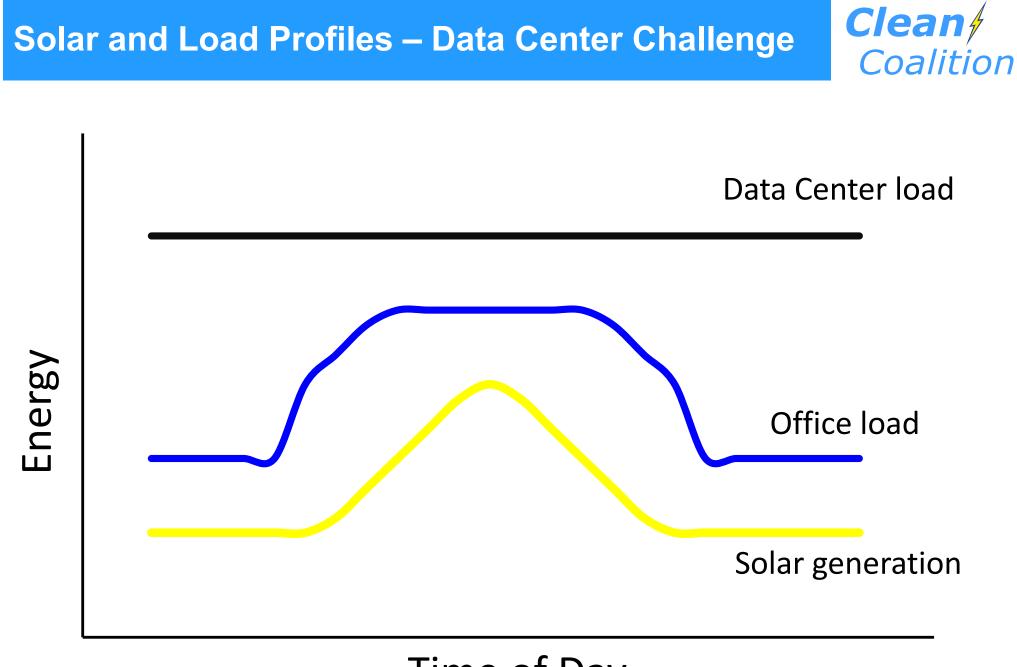
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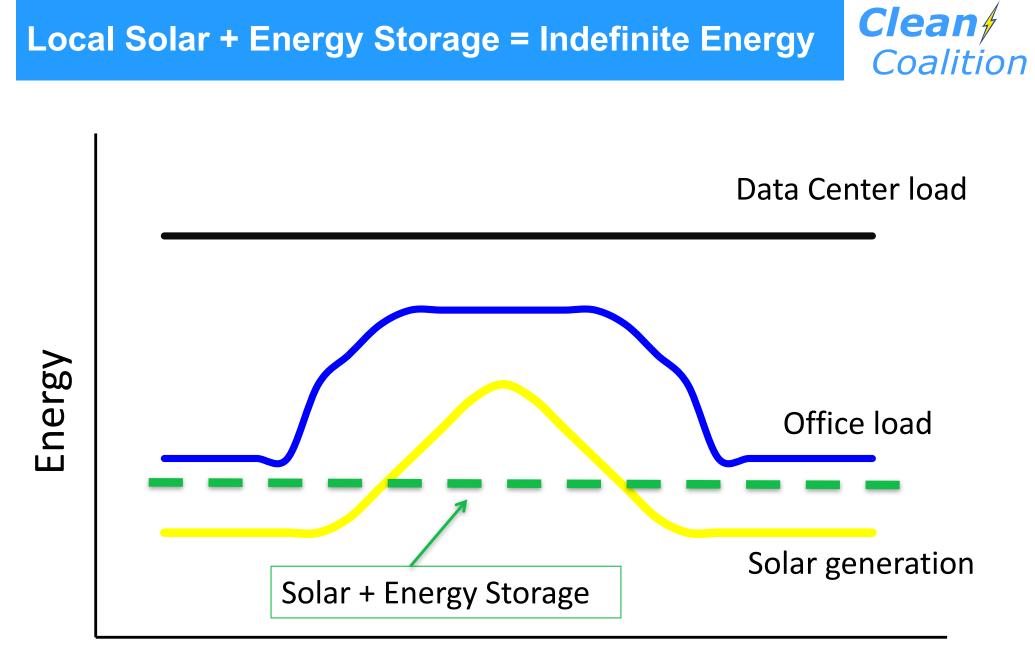




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#### Local Solar + Energy Storage to Replace 1MW of Diesel

- Assumptions
  - Z0% solar capacity factor (typical for MW-scale solar in California)
  - Vorst solar day is 10% of average (ie, 2% capacity factor)
  - 7 2 acres of siting required per 1 MW of solar
  - Requires 24x7x365 performance
- Calculations
  - 7 24 MWh of replenishment solar required daily (1 MW x 24 hr)
  - 50 MW of solar required (50 MW x .02 capacity factor x 24 hr)
  - 7 24 MWh of energy storage required

Opportunity: Local renewables + energy storage can provide indefinite backup power.

Challenge: Data centers have large flat loads; 100% solar is tough.

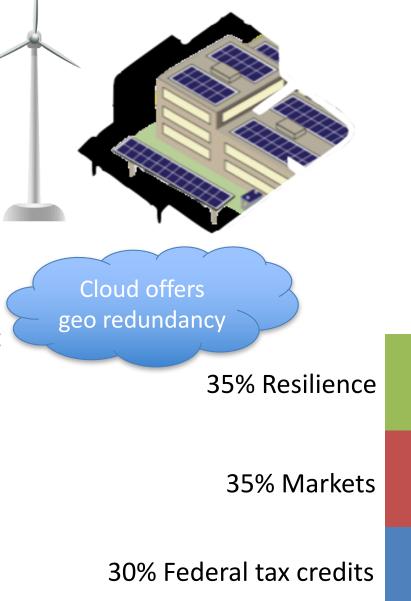
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#### **Other Plays for Local Renewables + Energy Storage**

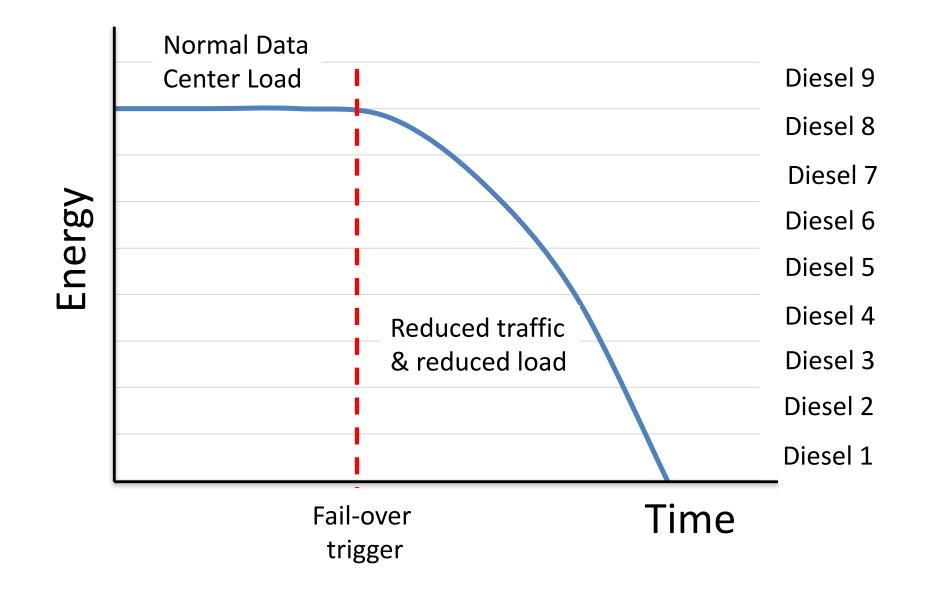
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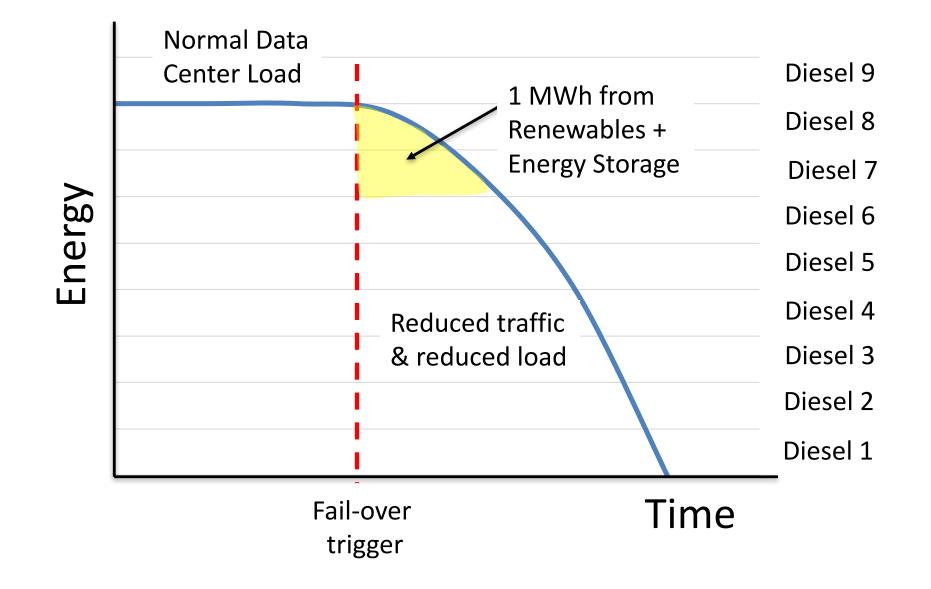
#### Diversify renewables

- Wind & solar generation profiles are highly complementary
- One 3MW wind turbine averages 24 MWh/day
- Diversify geography
  - Demand Response (DR) combined with renewables + energy storage = big UPS
  - Fail-over strategies can allow significant reduction in energy usage
- Monetize energy storage in markets like DR and frequency regulation
  - Markets typically cover 35% of energy storage costs while tax credits cover another 30%

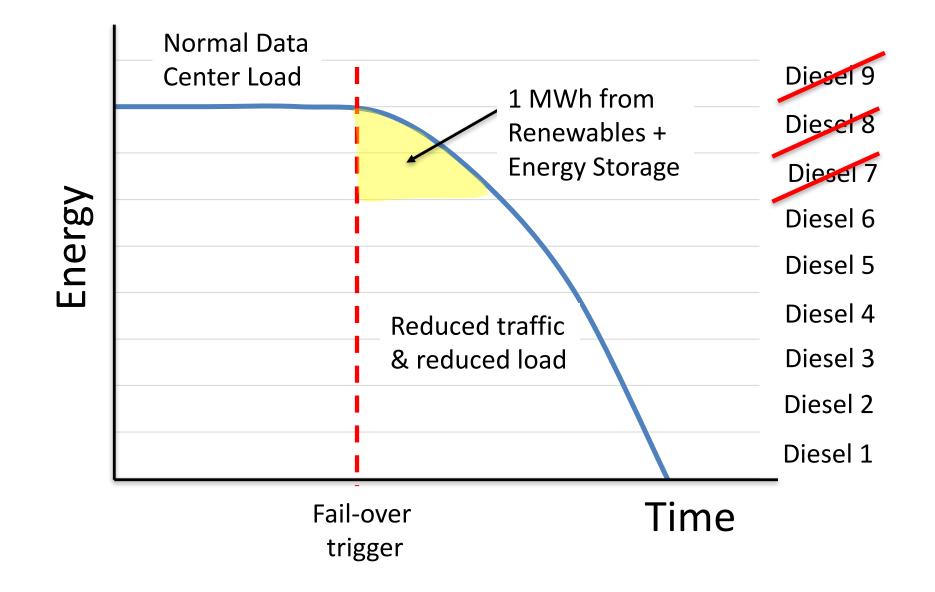








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I MWh of energy storage with small solar or other renewables

7 2 MW of solar supplies 1 MWh of energy on worst weather day in California

> Replacing 1 MWh of Diesel with local renewables + energy storage is easy

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- ✓ Local renewables + energy storage is increasingly viable, including for a portion of data center requirements
- Challenges exist for data center pioneers to help overcome

The Clean Coalition is seeking data center pioneers to conquer the next renewables frontier!



## Backup

# LYNC DR<sup>®</sup>+: Energy Resiliency for Datacenters

**LYNC DR+** = Uninterruptible

Power

- Ensures critical loads stay operating when the grid goes down
- Enables revenue from demand response and savings from peak shaving
- Reduces power penalty from traditional double conversion UPS

Transform a cost center into a revenue-earning and cost-reducing asset

Energy

Efficiency

+

**Demand Response** 

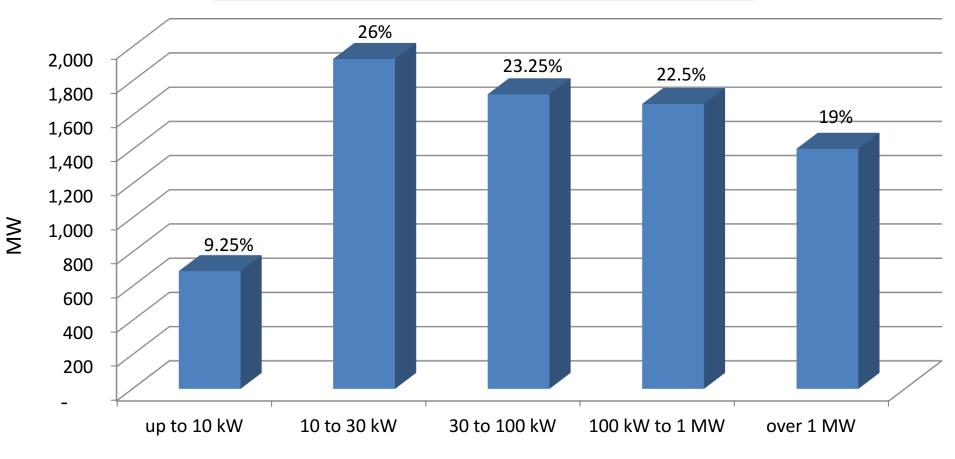
Revenue

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Example Case Study: Replacement of a 1 MW diesel generator with LYNC DR+

- New construction in CA
- 1 MW / 2 MWh battery energy storage: Estimated Capex -\$2,750,000
- Provides 1 MW of UPS power during an outage and carries load during migration of datacenter traffic to a redundant site
- SGIP Incentives and ITC will reduce Capex: Up to 50%
- When grid is operating normally, can further monetize the asset:
  - Utility demand response
  - CAISO wholesale markets
  - Peak shaving

#### German solar is mostly local (on rooftops)



**German Solar Capacity Installed through 2012** 

Source: Paul Gipe, March 2011

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Germany's solar deployments are almost entirely sub-2 MW projects on builtenvironments and interconnected to the distribution grid (not behind-the-meter)



Project Size	Euros/kWh	USD/kWh	California Effective Rate \$/kWh
Under 10 kW	0.1270	0.1359	0.0628
10 kW to 40 kW	0.1236	0.1323	0.0611
40.1 kW to 750 kW	0.1109	0.1187	0.0548
Other projects up to 750 kW*	0.0891	0.0953	0.0440

- Conversion rate for Euros to Dollars is €1:\$1.07
- California's effective rate is reduced 40% due to tax incentives and then an additional 33% due to the superior solar resource

Replicating German scale and efficiencies would yield rooftop solar today at only between 4 and 6 cents/kWh to California ratepayers

\* For projects that are not sited on residential structures or sound barriers.