

JAPAN / CANADA RESULTS FORUM

SOLAR ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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CONTEXT



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Demonstrate System Effectiveness

- Behind-the-meter generation
- Storage
- Back-up power
- Peak shift

Demonstrate Technology Benefits

- Grid optimization
- Greenhouse Gas reductions
- Homeowner resilience
- Development of energy prosumers

Define a Business Case

- Utility ownership model
- Software optimization



PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

- 30 homes
- ~6-7 kW solar PV (roughly 20 panels)
- Tri-functioning inverter
- 10 kW Lithium-Ion battery
- Net metering contract – 10 ¢/kWh
- 5 years



OBJECTIVE

Study and Implementation

- Technical diagrams and plans
- Financial simulations
- Contracts with 30 homes

Demonstration and Evaluation

- Installations
- System tests
- Data sharing and analysis

Publish Results

- Share with international community

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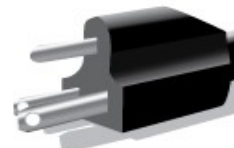
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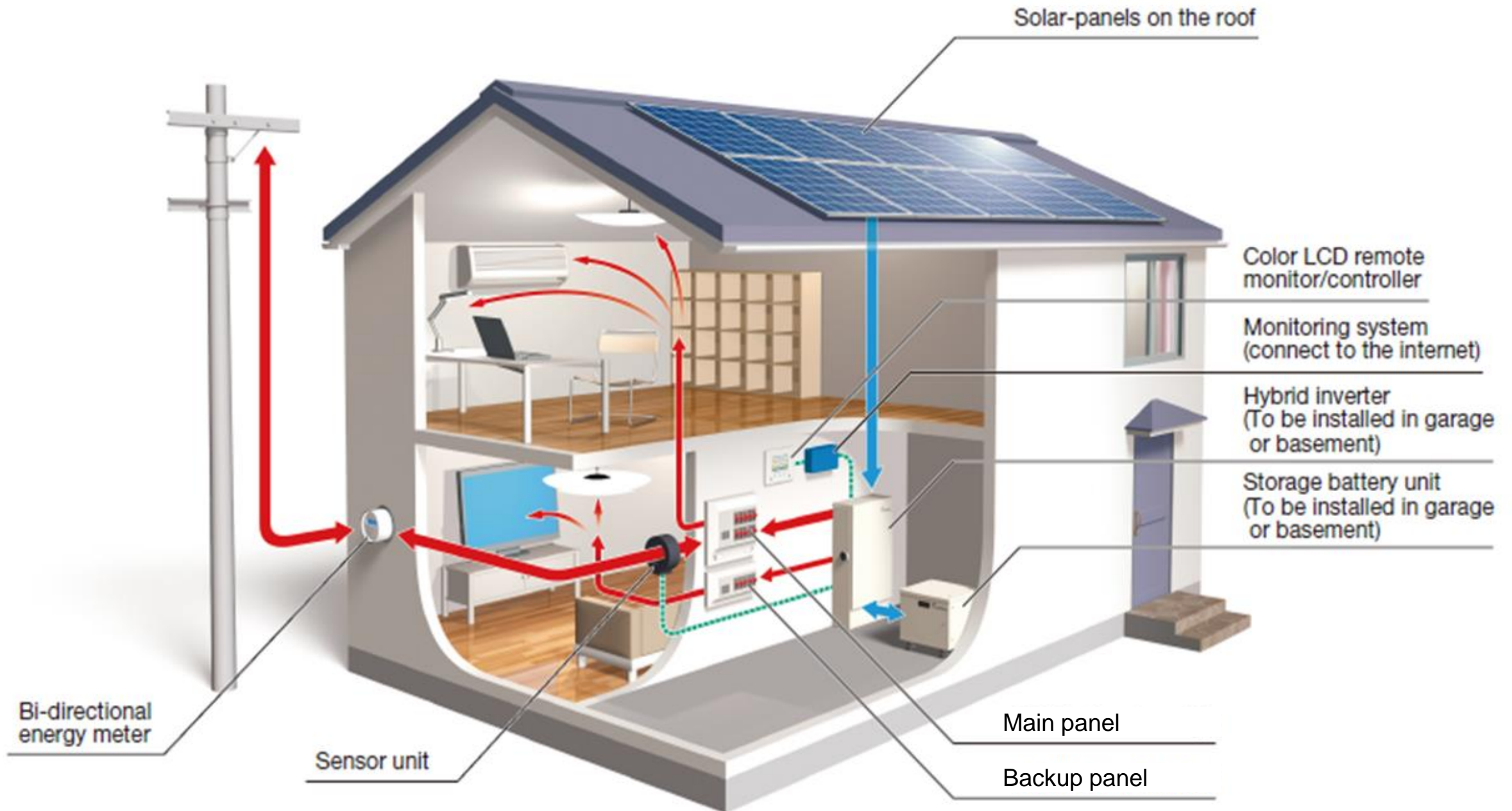
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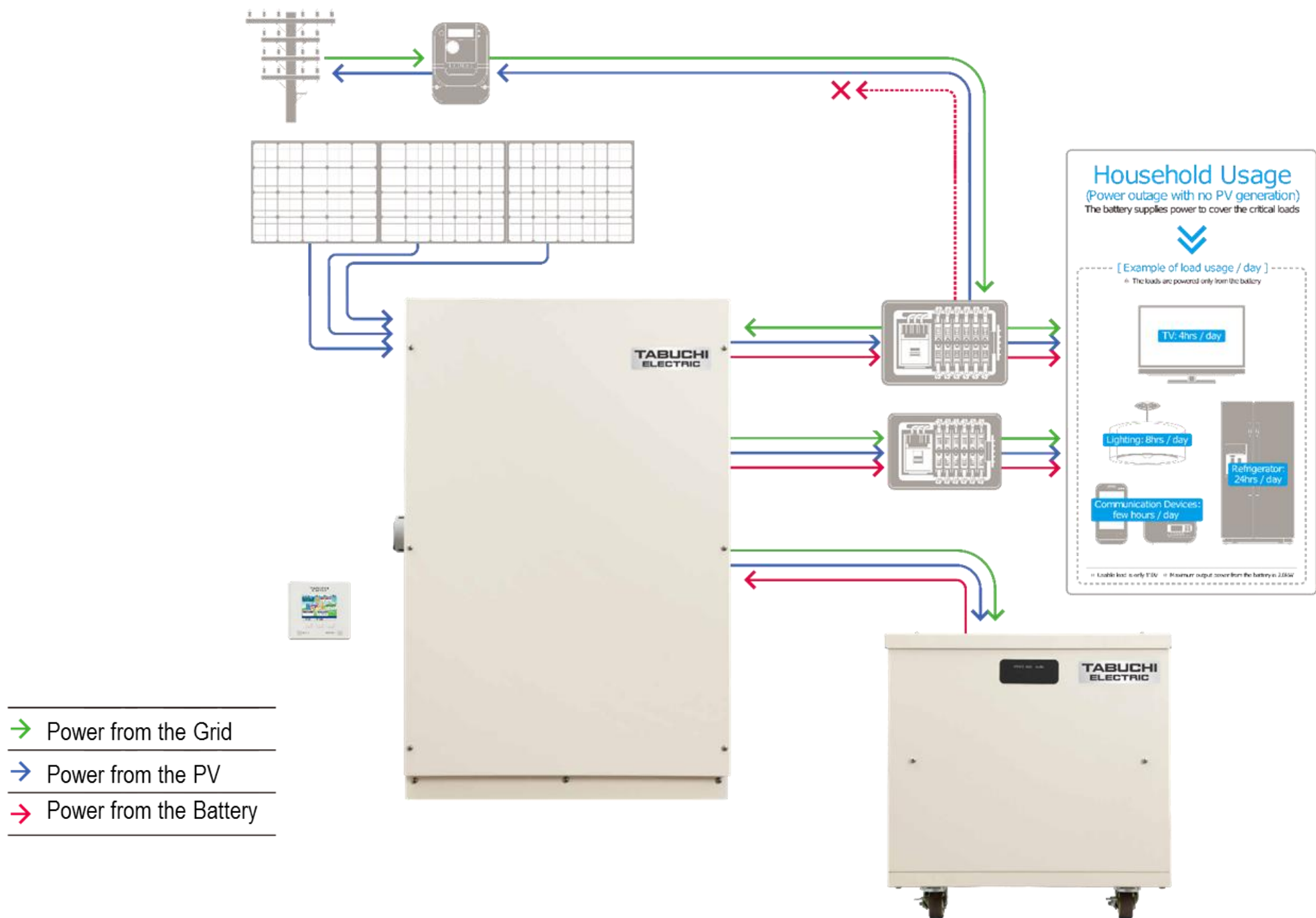
An aerial photograph of a large solar farm. The image shows a vast field of solar panels, each a deep blue color, arranged in a precise grid pattern. Silver-colored metal rails and mounting brackets are visible, creating a series of parallel lines that stretch across the landscape. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the panels, which recede into the distance, creating a strong sense of depth and repetition.

TECHNOLOGY

INSTALLATION DIAGRAM



HYBRID SOLAR INVERTER & BATTERY SYSTEM



- Different charge/discharge controls may be set for the three system operational modes.
- Residents on site can freely control the operational mode.

1. Max power export mode: priority on economic benefits

Power is charged and discharged at preset times. Charging may not occur during solar power generation as priority is placed on the export of photovoltaic power. Electric power is purchased for storage late at night at inexpensive rates and consumed at home during the day.

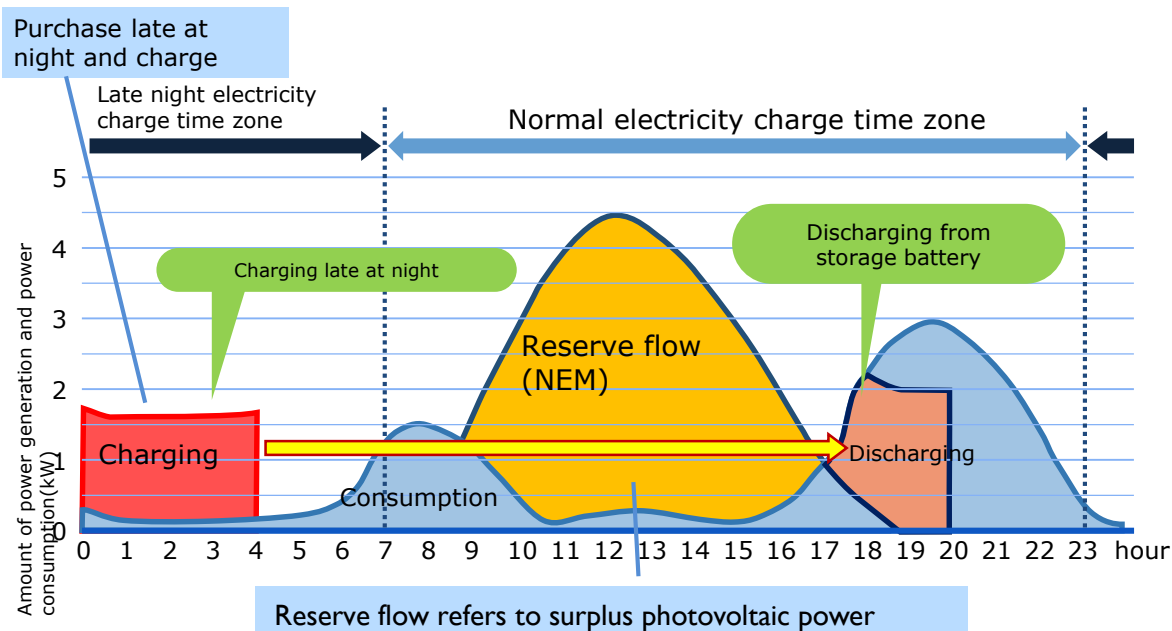
2. Economy mode: priority on self-consumption

Photovoltaic power is generated in the daytime and electricity is consumed during times when photovoltaic power is not generated, such as during the evening and nighttime. This mode aims to store photovoltaic power generated by the system, thereby reducing the amount of electricity purchased and improving the rate of electric power self-sufficiency.

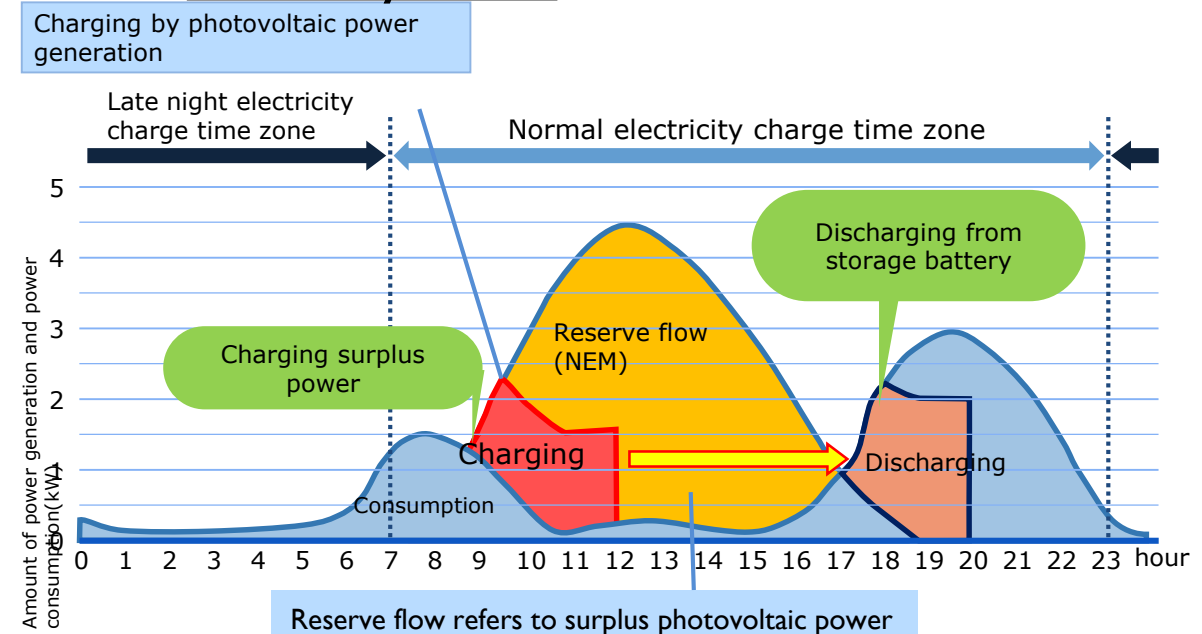
3. Home backup mode: standby for power outages

Storage batteries are kept fully charged in preparation for emergency disasters and power outages.

Max power export mode

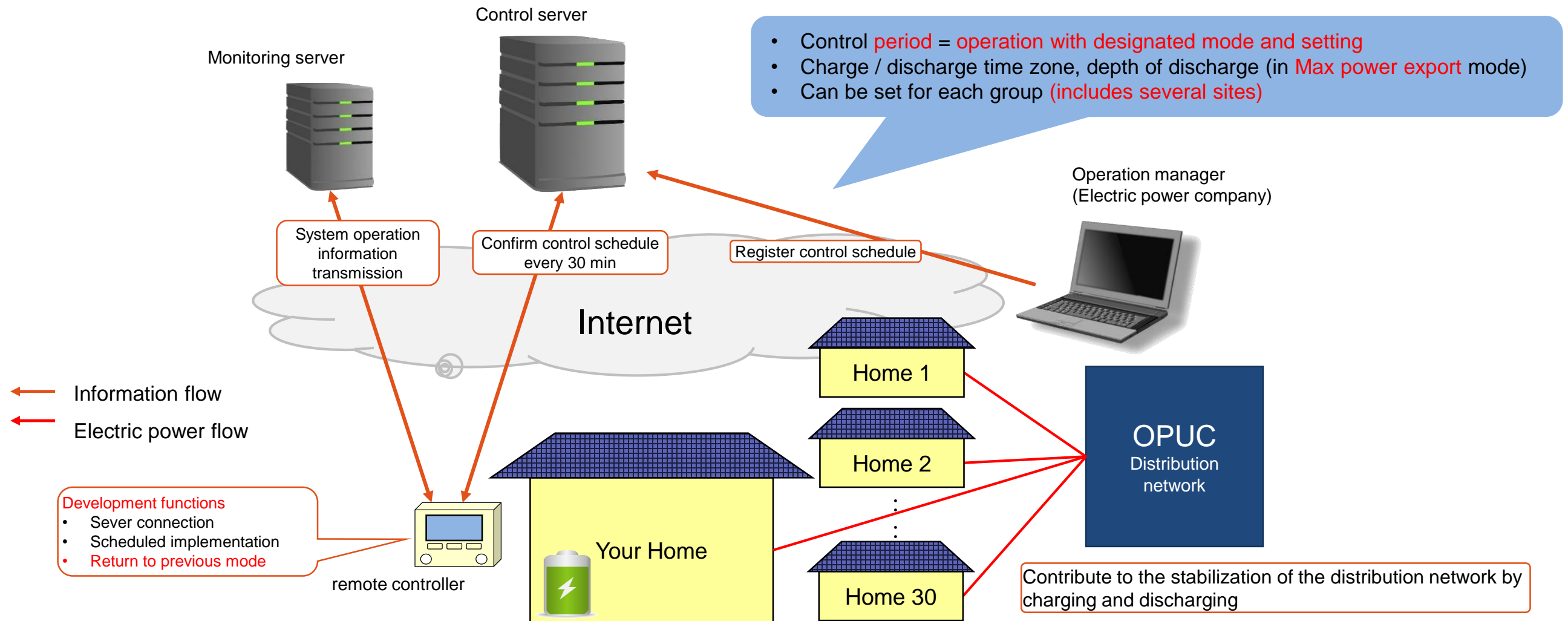


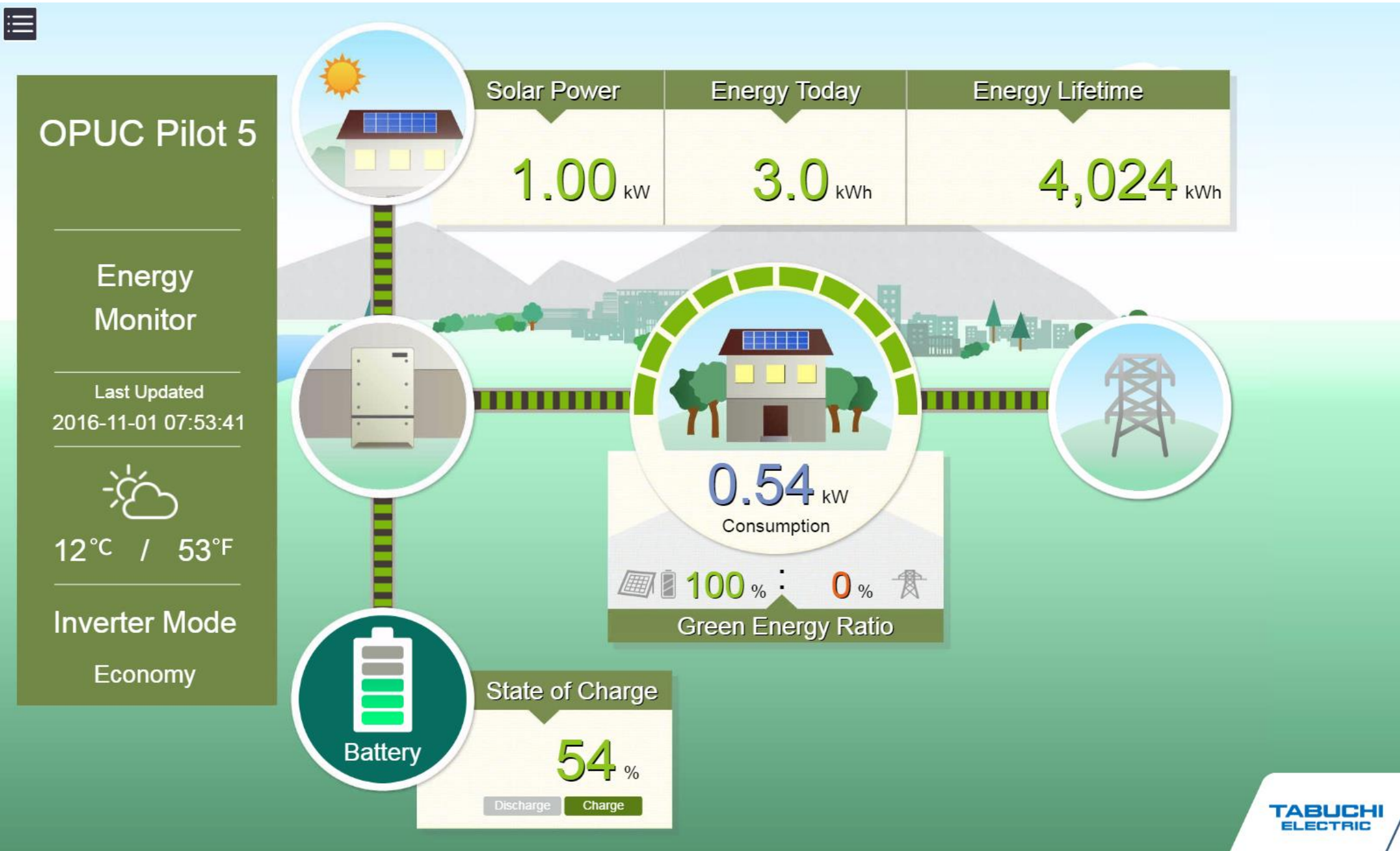
Economy mode



CENTRAL CONTROL FUNCTION

- Add server communication function to the remote controller and change operation mode from remote location via the internet
- Peak control can be realized with Max power export mode + time setting
- Return to the previous operation which owner set with control completion





GRID-FRIENDLY SOLAR + BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM BRIDGES THE GAP

| Benefits for the grid | | Benefits for users | |
|--|--|---|--|
| Grid | | Users | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Handles the “duck curve” and voltage and frequency controls▪ Balances solar integration▪ Saves money through stabilization of the grid▪ Optimizes major investments in upgrading grid infrastructure transmission/distribution/substations▪ Reacts to demand charges | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Uses battery for backup when power is out▪ Contributes to safer communities and lowers business risks▪ Minimizes “time of use” rates▪ Eliminates demand charges▪ Results in lower long-term electricity costs | |

This system is the fastest and least expensive way to implement renewable energy portfolio standards and can be a win-win solution for utilities and users.



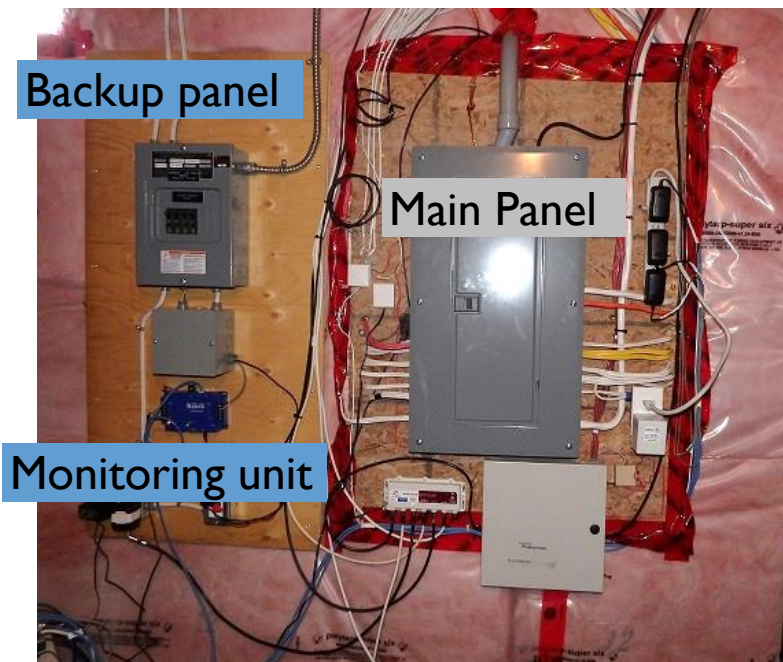
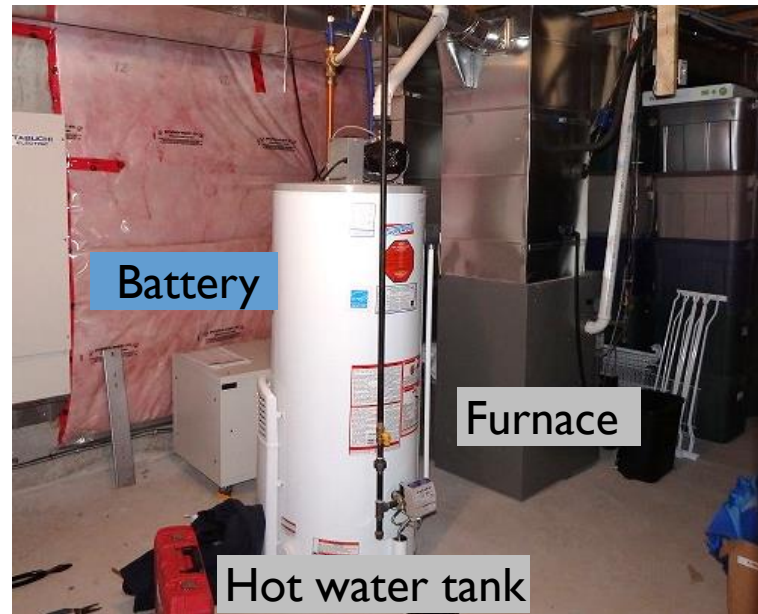
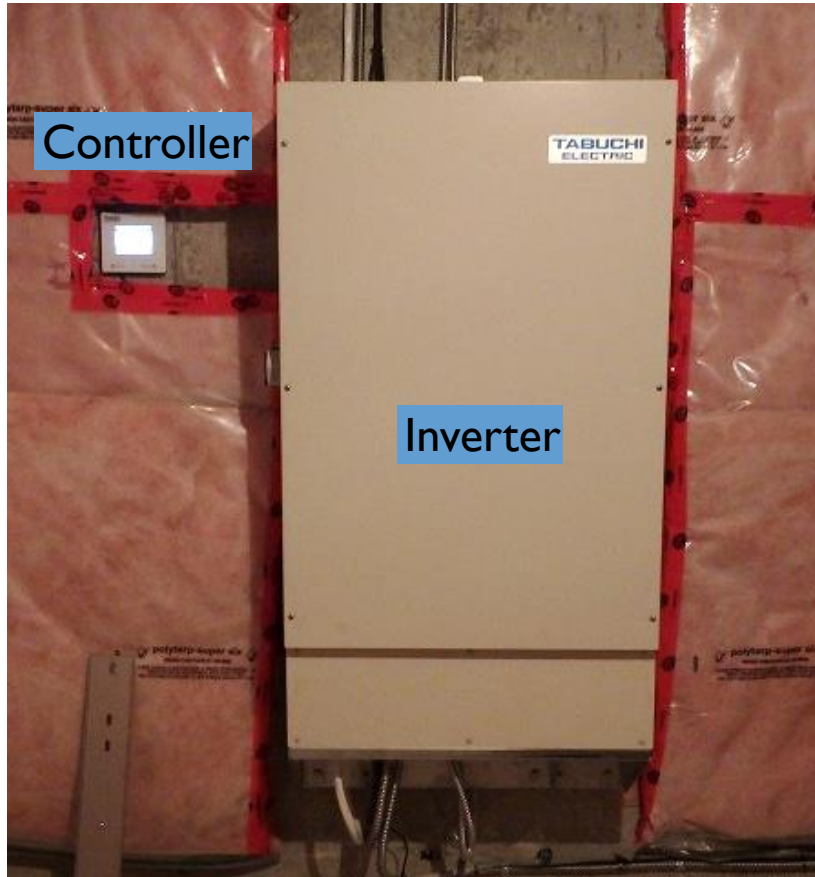
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The image shows a close-up, slightly blurred view of a laptop screen. On the screen, there is a data dashboard. At the top, there is a line graph with two data series: 'New Visitor' (represented by a blue line) and 'Returning Visitor' (represented by a green line). The graph shows fluctuations over time, with the x-axis labeled 'Month' and 'Year'. Below the line graph, there is a pie chart. The pie chart is divided into two segments: a blue segment and a green segment. The green segment is labeled '20%'. The word 'RESULTS' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the screen. The laptop keyboard is visible in the foreground, and the background is a bright, out-of-focus light source.

RESULTS

30 INSTALLATIONS



All of units are installed in basement.



The location of the project's 30 home sites in the city of Oshawa.



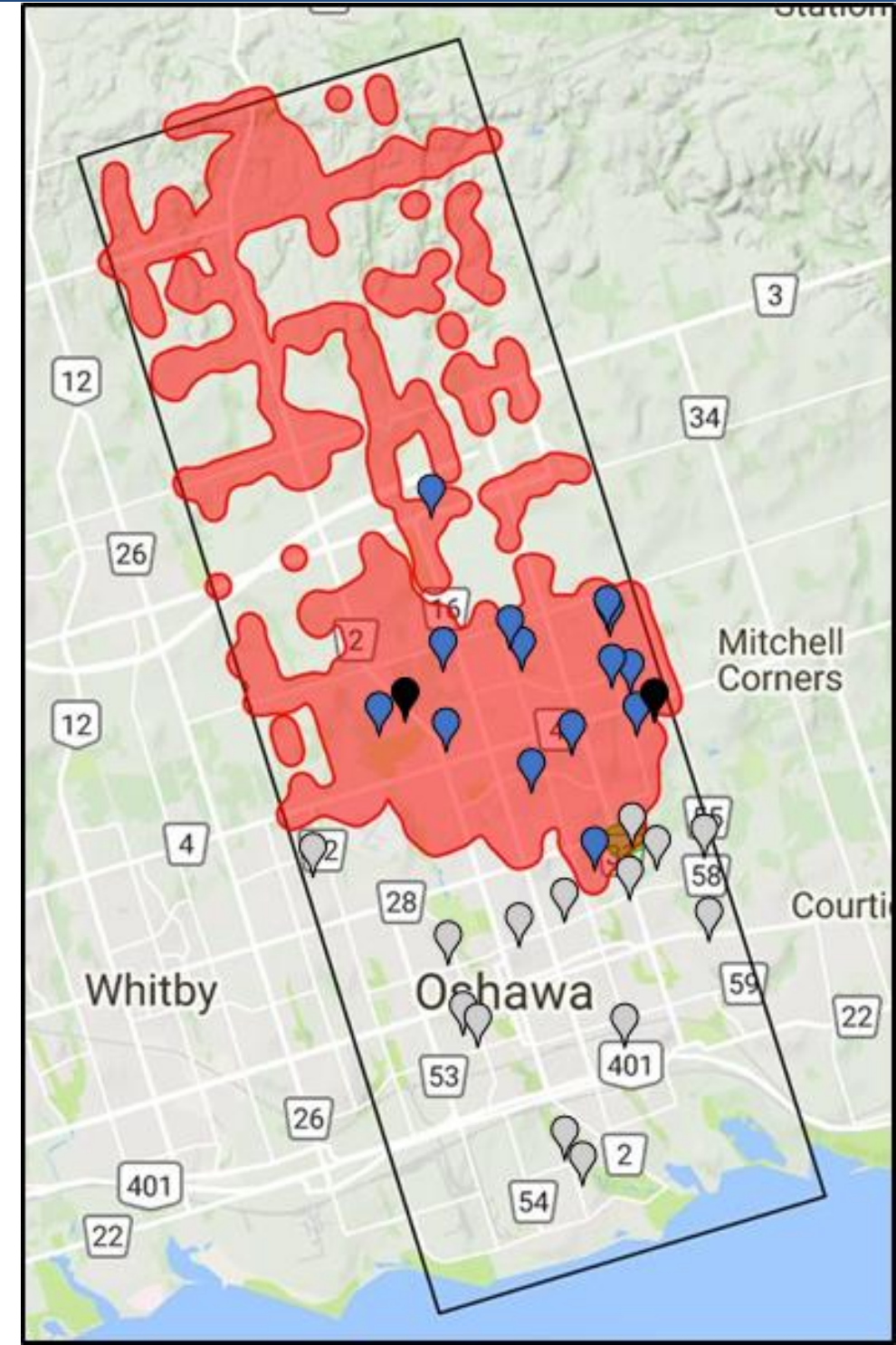
CUSTOMER CHOICES

1. Monitoring / internet (30)
2. Furnace (21)
3. Hot Water (19)
4. Refrigerator (9)
5. Smoke detector (6)
6. Freezer (4)
7. Television (4)
8. Boiler (2)
9. Fan (2)
10. Telephone (1)

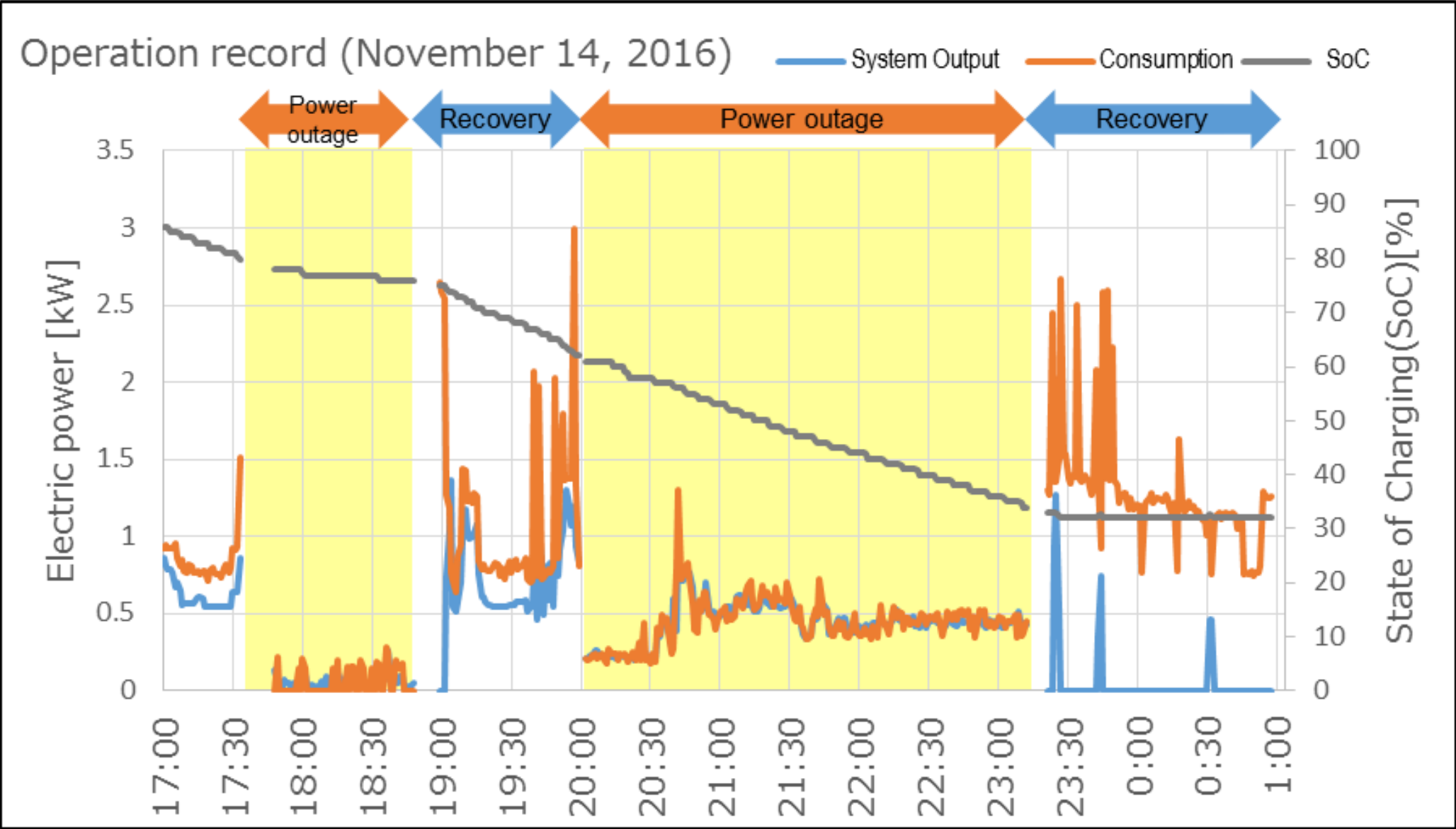
CASE STUDY

November 14, 2016, a power outage occurred in the northern part of Oshawa due to equipment failure (transformer burnout in substation).

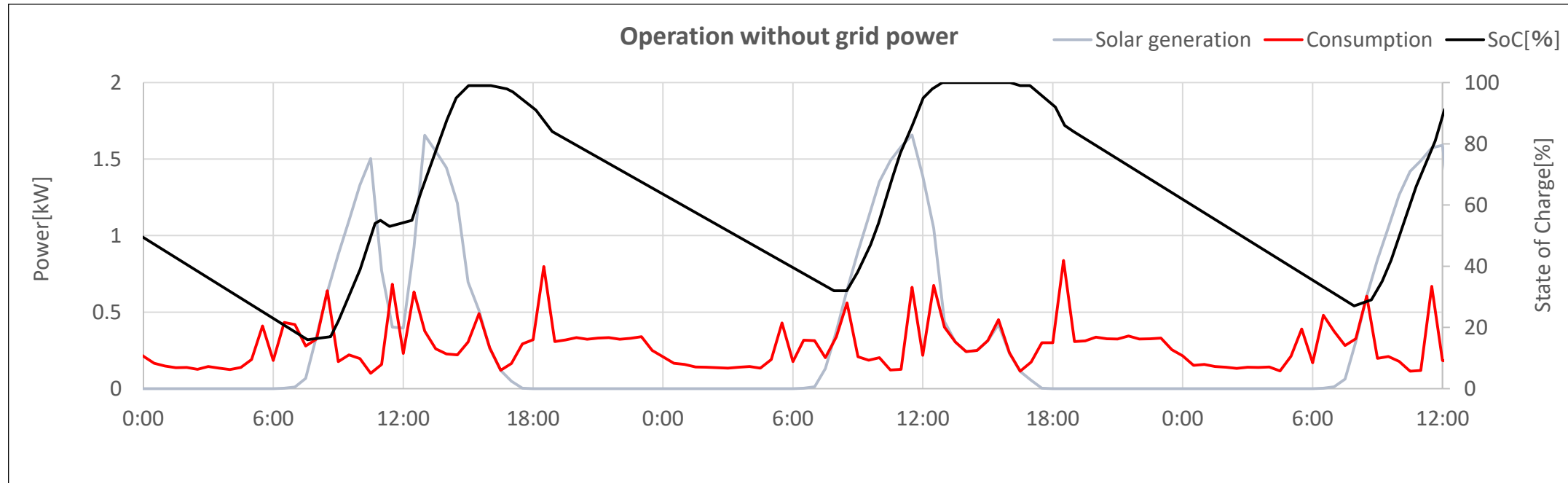
Stand-alone operation was activated for ~3 hours at 14 sites out of the area where power outage occurred, and electric power was supplied during the power outage.



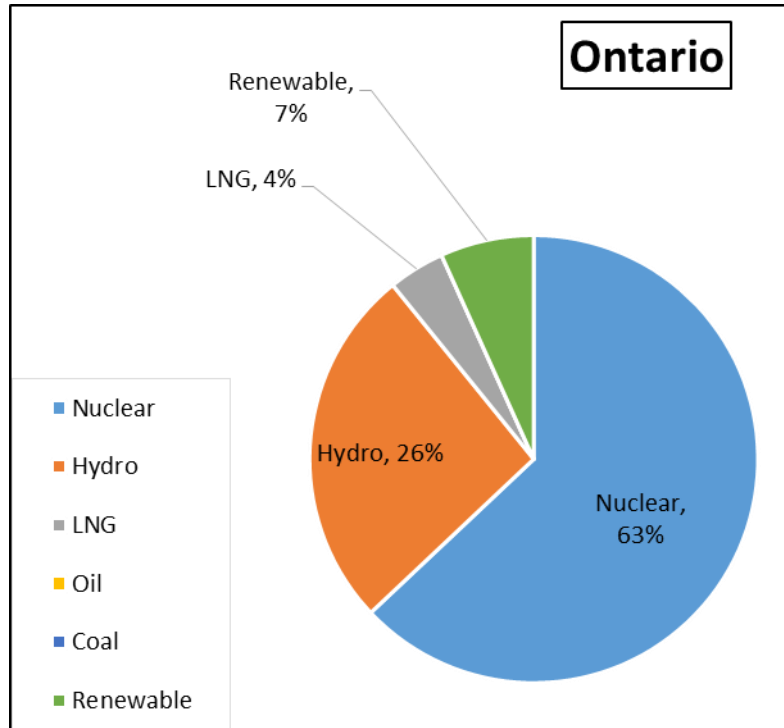
DETAILED ANALYSIS OF OUTAGE PERFORMANCE



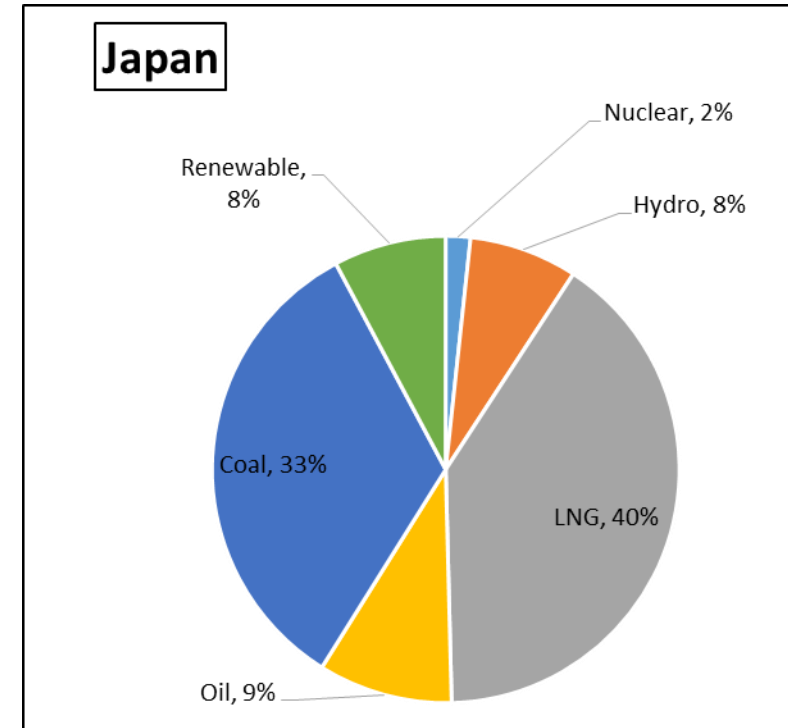
CLIMATE RESILIENCE (JAPAN TRIAL)

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AVERAGE SOLAR GENERATION – 6.28 MWh IN 2017



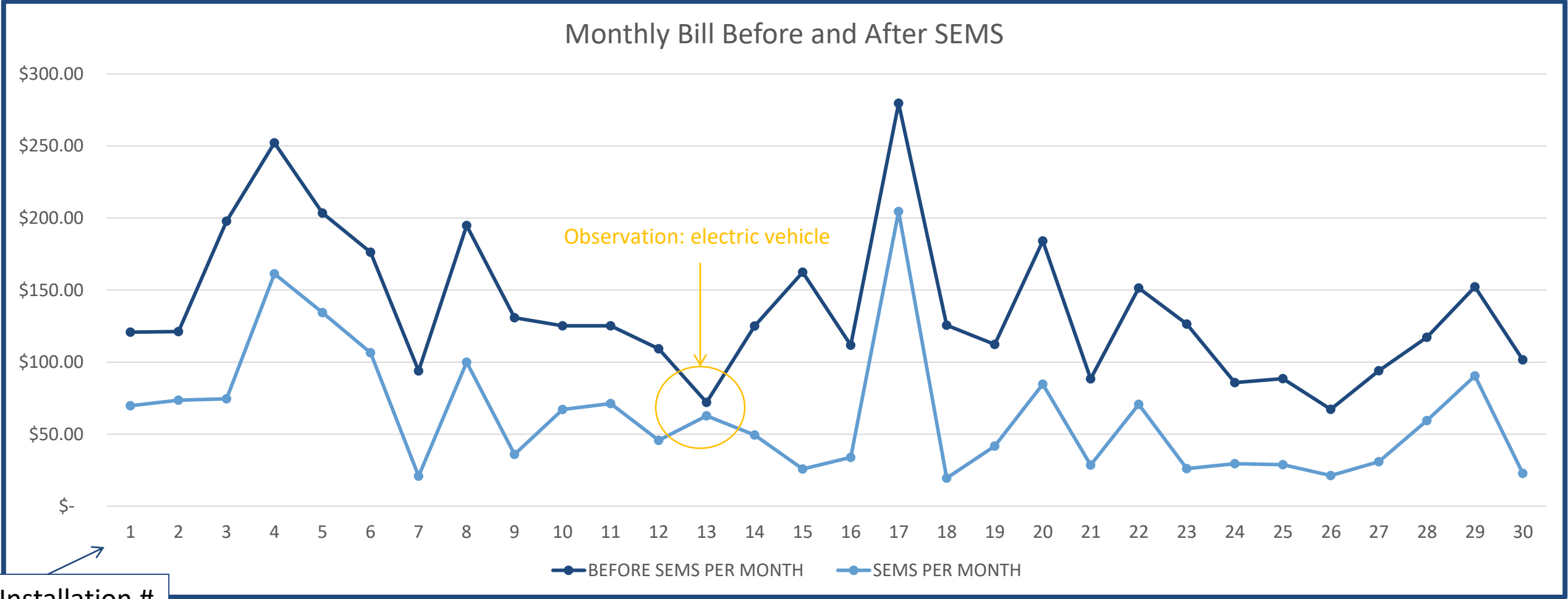
- GHG coefficient : -17.96gCO₂/kWh
- GHG reduced : 3.38tCO₂(Ontario)



- GHG coefficient : -533.5gCO₂/kWh
- GHG reduced : 100.57tCO₂(Japan)

GHG coefficient depends on ratio of power generation sources.

FINANCIAL BENEFIT

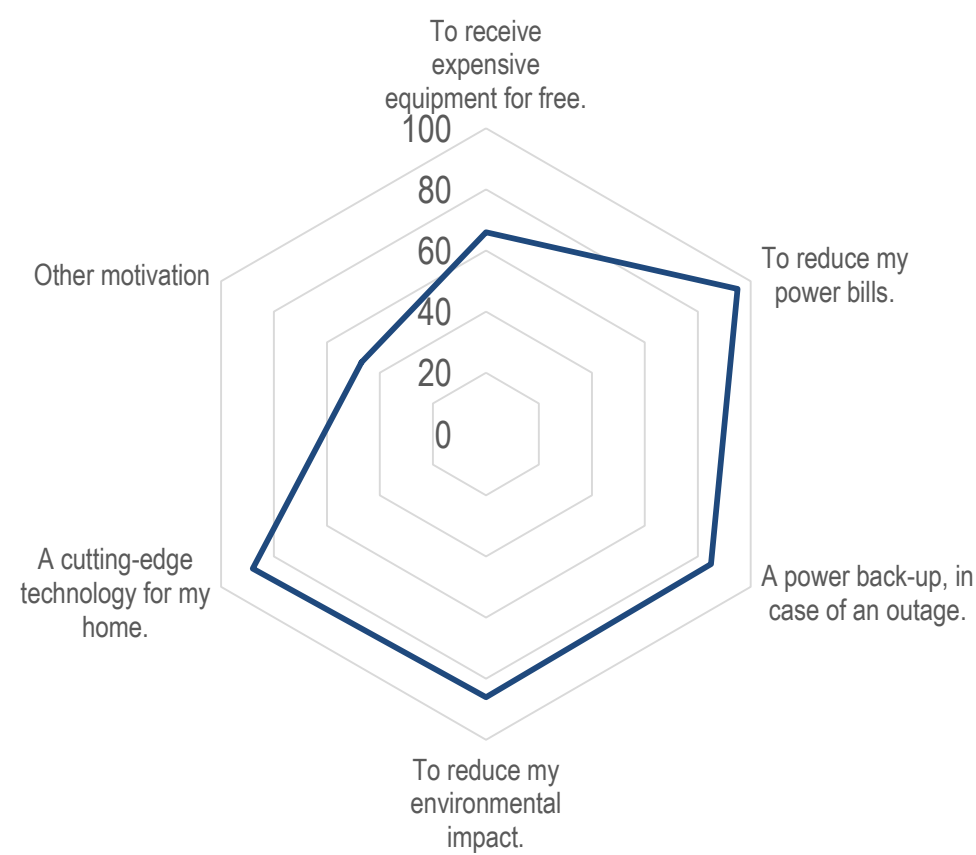


Average saving per month: \$63.07*

Averages calculated by averaging data for 24 months pre-install and approximately 24 months post install.

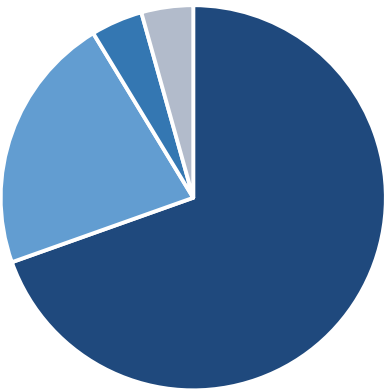
*Note that customers changed from Time-of-Use rates to tiered RPP rates, which may account for a portion of savings.

MOTIVATIONS



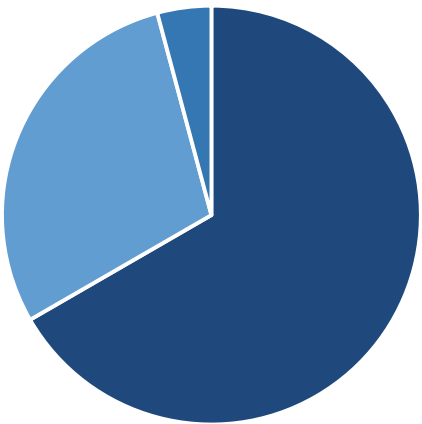
PRODUCT SATISFACTION

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied



LIKEHLIHOOD OF RECOMMENDING TO FRIEND OR FAMILY

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Neither unlikely nor likely





“Our family has become more interested in saving energy.”

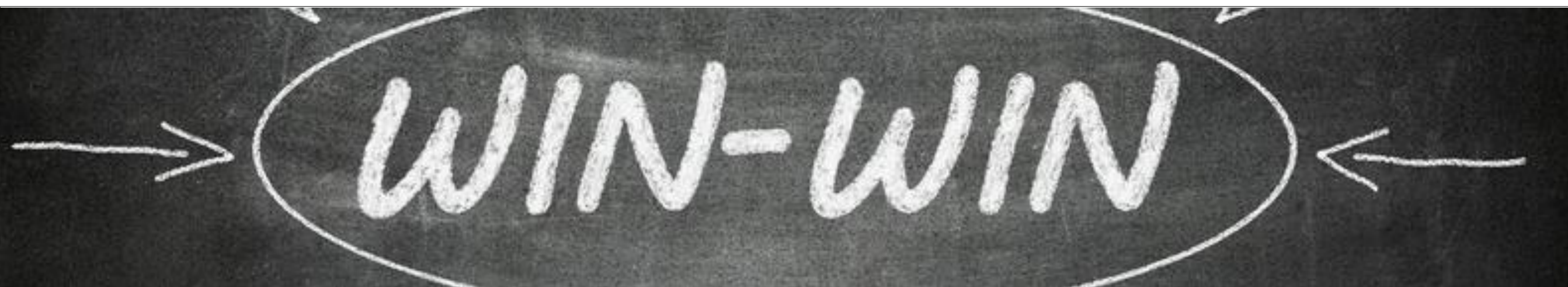
“We can understand the amount of energy we use. We are reducing the number of appliances that waste energy.”

“We paid the minimal rate for our electric bill in April. That is effective for a family with kids and a 3,000 sq. ft. home.”

“If you energy use increases, my husband calls me and asks what we’re doing!”

ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ 84% reported they gained knowledge of energy landscape
- ✓ 58% reported that they actively changed their energy efficiency behaviours
- ✓ 92% satisfied with carbon reductions achieved by system
- ✓ Rating of system performance during outage – 4.23/5



The background of the image is a complex, abstract network visualization. It consists of numerous nodes, represented by circles of varying sizes, in shades of blue and white. These nodes are interconnected by a dense web of thin, light blue lines, creating a sense of a vast, interconnected system. The overall shape of the network is irregular and sprawling, filling most of the frame. In the center, there is a dark, semi-transparent rectangular box that serves as a backdrop for the main text.

VIRTUAL POWER PLANT

The plan

In many home, generation decreasing & consuming increasing in evening.

It will cause of heavy load on distribution line

When system discharge battery power in evening, load balance will be mild on distribution line.

It is the peak-shift effect.

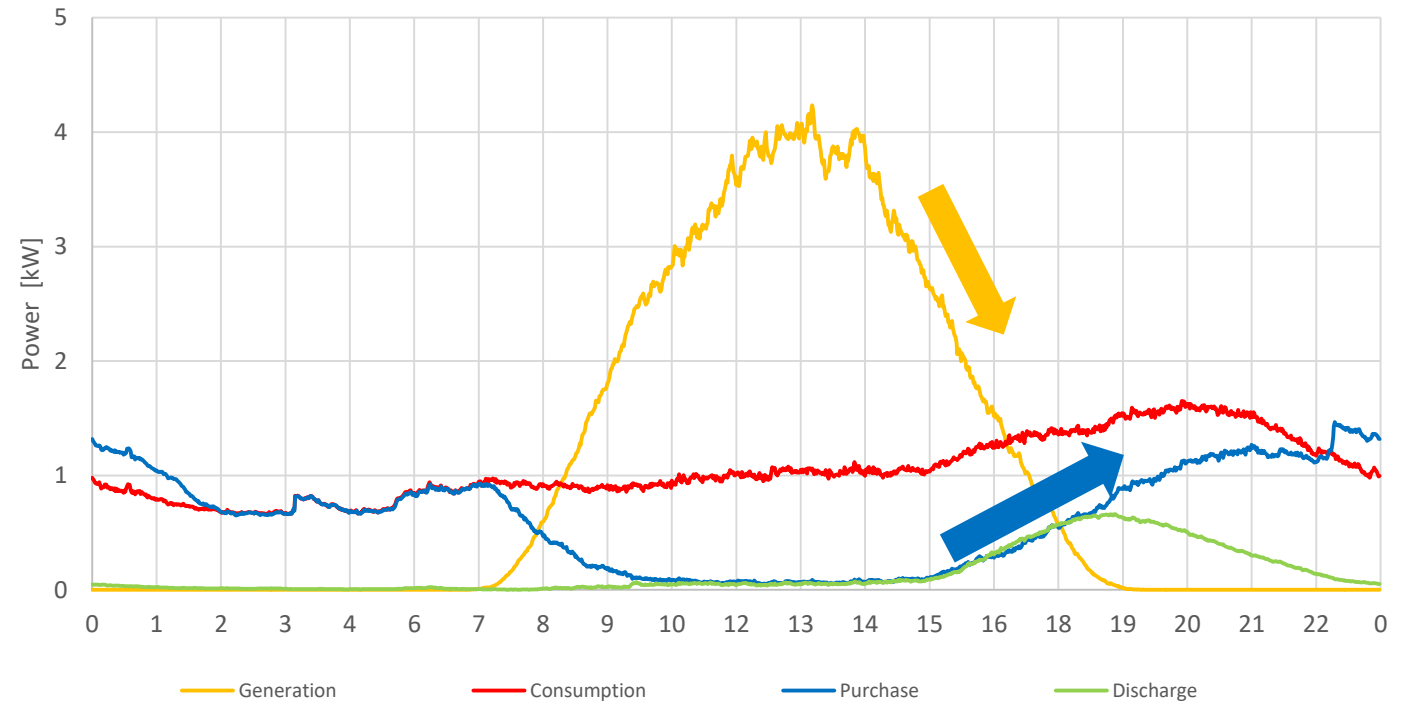
Control setting

Mode: Max Power Export

Charging : 10am-2pm

Discharging : 5pm-9pm

Typical diagram of electricity with solar generation



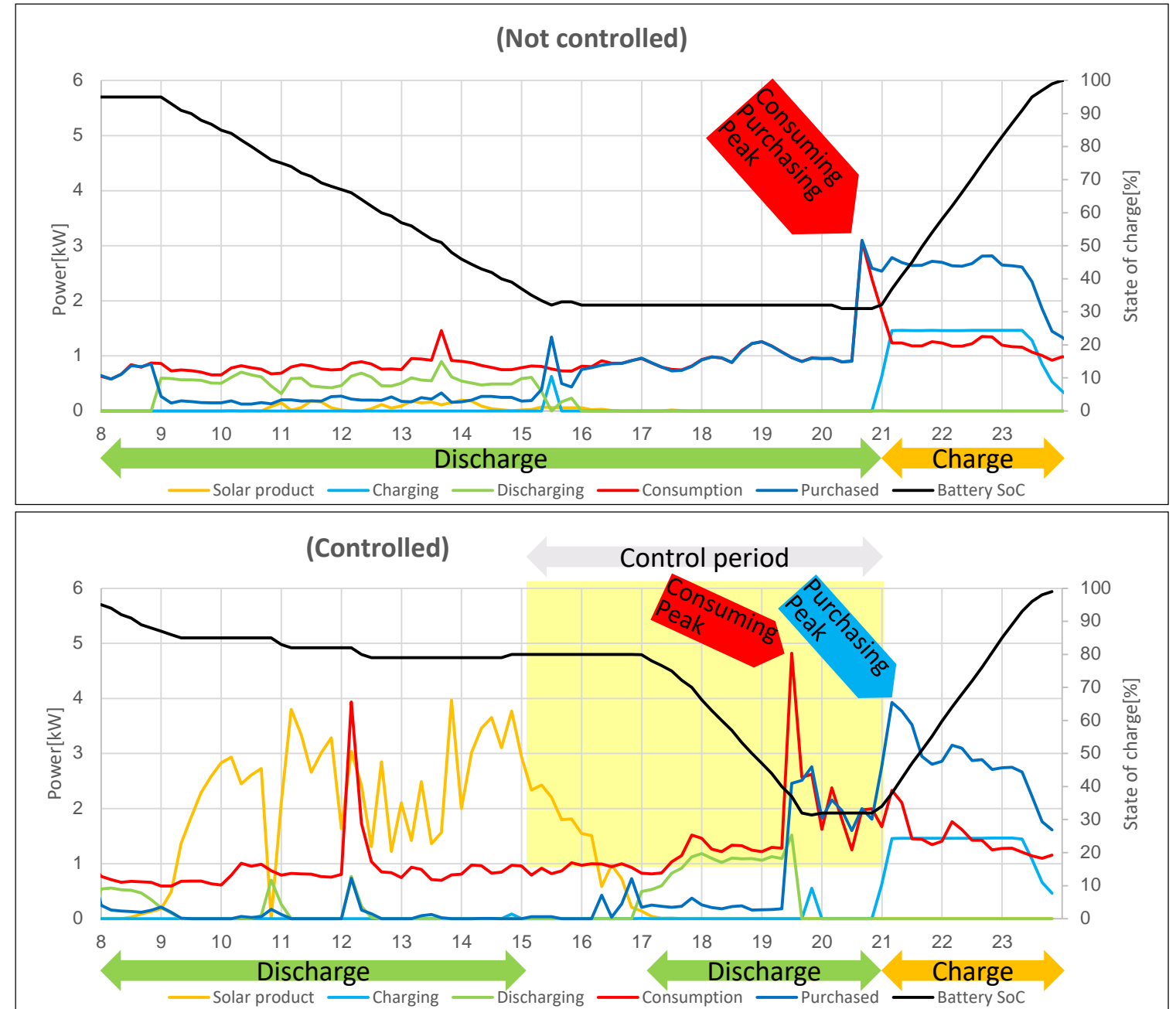
Charging

Discharging

Charging in daytime, Discharging in evening

The result

- The system operated according to scenario and the peak had shifted.
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- In order to operate effectively, we need to consider the stability of the Internet communication environment, the time setting for surely suppressing the peak band, and increased consumption after the controlled period should be considered.



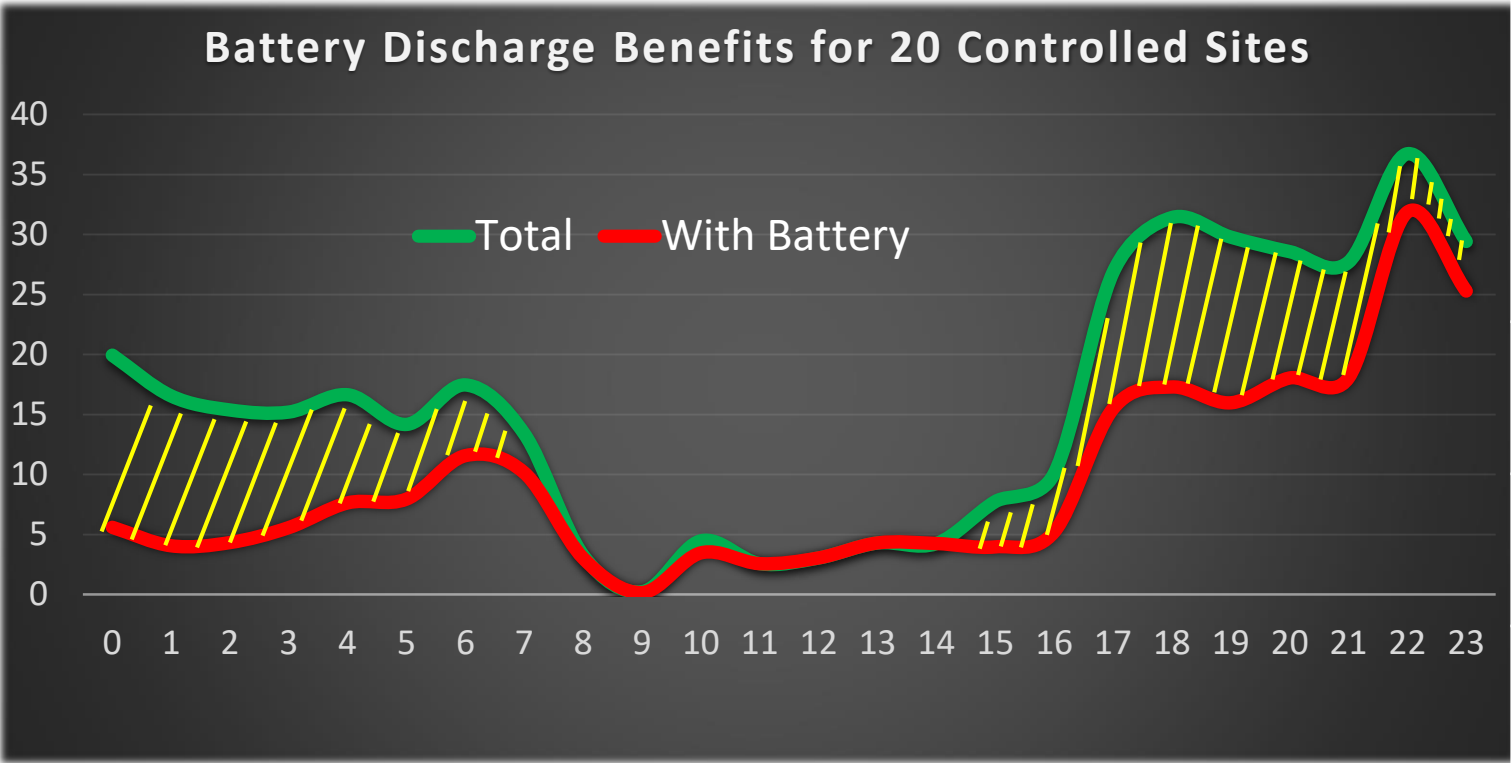


ADDITIONAL 30 TRIALS AT VARIOUS SITES

Goal – To minimize two-way energy flow under 3 battery modes:

- Economy – Reduces consumption from the grid and maximizes the use of PV power
- Home Back-up – Battery remains fully charged in case of power outage
- Max Power – Reduction of electricity cost by charging and discharging

BATTERY DISCHARGE FOR 20 SITES



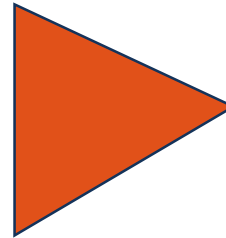
| # of Sites | Peak Shaving (MW) | DR ESTIMATE |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 20 | 0.15 | Actual |
| 100 | 0.75 | Proj. |
| 5000 | 37.58 | Proj. |
| 20,000 | 150.31 | Proj. |

BUSINESS CASE

THE SCOPE AND PROPOSAL FOR THE OSHAWA NEDO PROJECT

Technical Aspect

1. To verify the storage system will increase grid stability.
2. To verify that Solar systems with Battery will make effective use of existing grid resources, will reduce electricity rates.
3. Solar system with Battery **will provide customers with a safer, more stable lifestyle**, peace of mind by knowing they are prepared for future power outages



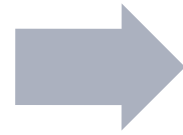
Business Aspect

1. To define the business model where **utilities benefit from increasing distributed Solar generation** and enable use of storage on the grid.
2. To verify the effectiveness of this model where the **Utility owns the entire system and enters into a PPA or leases to the resident.**
3. To implement software to optimize battery and grid usage for a better ROI.

BENEFIT FROM INCREASING DISTRIBUTED SOLAR GENERATION

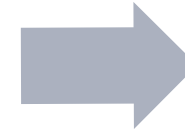
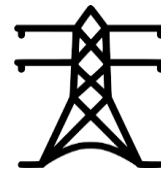
Promote Renewable Energy

- RPS
- State government and Utility need to promote Renewable at BTM (Behind the Meter)



Stabilize the grid

- Peak demand management /demand response
- Frequency and Voltage stabilization



Cost Reduction

- Non Wired Alternative and does not require T/D investment
- Supplemental Charge for ancillary service through battery



UTILITY MODEL (IPP OWN, OR UTILITY OWN)

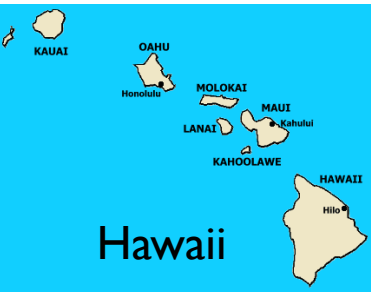
What We Had Proven in
Canada



California and
other States

Utility Own
the Assets

Electricity Bill



IPP Own
the Assets

PPA

Utility Buy
Electricity from
IPP

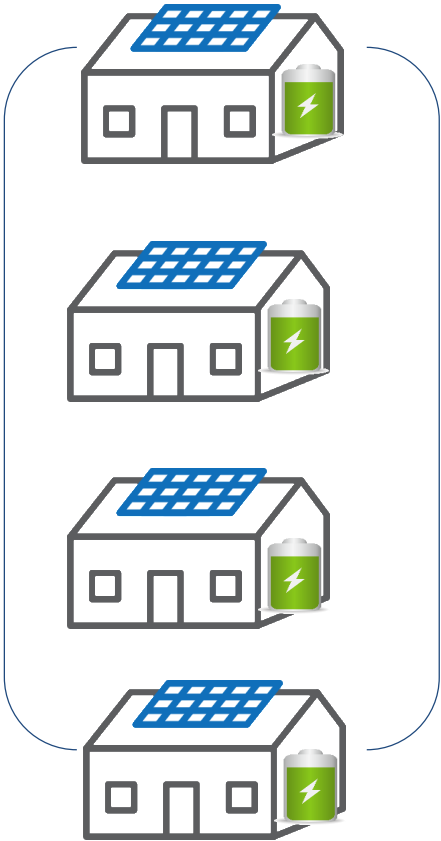
Electricity Bill

(Utility cannot own the assets
at customer site)

New Companies

IPP ->
New Utility

Electricity Bill or
lease or PPA



IT HAS BEEN HAPPENING WITH UTILITIES

Natural disasters



Reduce or eliminate risks associated with blackouts

Use microgrids as an emergency power source

Rate Structure/ Tariff Hike



The lowering of NEM or eliminated

TOU Peak Period are shifting to later in the day

Demand Charges
Additional monthly fees

- **Our energy management system and new business model can serve all Solar + Storage market**

LESSONS + FEEDBACK

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AWARD WINNING PROJECT

QUEST 2017

- Runner-up – Smart Energy Communities Award

EDA 2017

- **Winner** – Environmental Excellence Award

ISGAN 2019

- Nominated – International Smart Grid Association Award of Excellence



LESSONS LEARNED

- Insurance challenges for emerging technologies
- Customer service standards for premium technologies
- Protection of assets from wildlife – a must!
- Effects of pricing variability on business case development
- Prosumer behaviour – thirst for tailoring and options
- Technological advances – leaps and bounds since 2014



MANUFACTURER LESSONS LEARNED



Flexible operational modes
Greater user awareness of solar and grid power

Demonstration of total energy management

Benefits for both the utility and its consumers
(more solar installations)

Stabilization of grid at feeder level

CONCLUSION

- Solar + battery storage systems can be a win-win solution for everybody if managed properly.
- New technical and financial solutions should be implemented instead of using the augmentation approach of traditional grid infrastructure

THE LATEST MODEL

Stand-alone

- Motor, Pump available
- 240V load available
- 4kVA output with Double battery

Expand capacity

- Double battery model
- Expand usable capacity

Interconnection

- Smart Inverter(UL1741SA)
- Applied utility's SRD





THANK YOU

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