



Planning the Grid

To Optimize Distributed Energy Resources



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- From 2020 onward, all new electricity generated in the U.S. will come from at least:
 - 80% renewable sources**
 - 25% local renewable sources**
- By 2020, policies and programs will ensure the successful fulfillment of the above while reflecting the full value of local renewable energy including economic, environmental, and resilience benefits.



A Modern Power System: Smarter, More Distributed



Objectives

1

Reach 25% or more of total energy consumed as local renewables while improving grid reliability

2

Achieve technical and economic viability with cost-effective outcomes for communities and ratepayers

3

Accelerate and scale deployments by partnering with utilities, utility commissions, and technology providers

4

Strengthen local economies through increased community investment, stable energy prices, and reduced system costs



Result: A smarter distribution grid featuring more clean energy now, improved grid performance, and stronger long-term economics

Overview



- Innovative project in the Bayview-Hunters Point area of San Francisco, in collaboration with PG&E
- Showcase location demonstrating the value of Community Microgrids, including “DER Optimization”
- Scalable approach using existing tools that can be replicated easily by any utility, for any community area

**The Hunters Point substation serves
~20,000 customers (about 90%
residential, 10% commercial &
industrial)**



Hunters Point Substation & Served Communities

Legend

-  Redev Zone
-  Substation boundary





1. 6AM:
 - No PV impact
2. Noon:
 - 20MW PV causes overvoltage
3. Noon:
 - 20MW PV with advanced inverters set at 0.9 power factor stabilizes voltage

Methodology, DER Optimization: 4 Steps



Utility Data

- Customer & transformer loads
- Network model & circuit map
- Equipment list & upgrade plans
- O&M schedule

Other data

- Solar insolation
- Weather forecasting
- Assumptions for DR/EE/EV charging, etc.
- Performance specs, e.g. storage



4. Higher DG + DER Capacity

- Increase storage & local reserves (e.g. CHP) to flatten peaks and island essential services. Include system deferrals.
- Optimize via locations, sizes, types & costs

3. Medium DG + DER Capacity

- Add lower-cost DER options such as DR/EE, EV charging, & cost-effective storage. Include system deferrals.
- Optimize via locations, sizes, types & costs

2. Baseline DG Capacity

- Vary locations & sizes of DG to define existing substation(s) capacity w/no upgrades. Include system deferrals.
- Use load tap changers, advanced inverters, etc. to manage voltage issues

1. Baseline Powerflow

- Acquire all data sets, validate data accuracy
- Model existing powerflow, including existing DG

• Validate with utility & technology vendors
• Maintain or improve grid reliability & power quality

Higher Cost
DG + DER
capacity

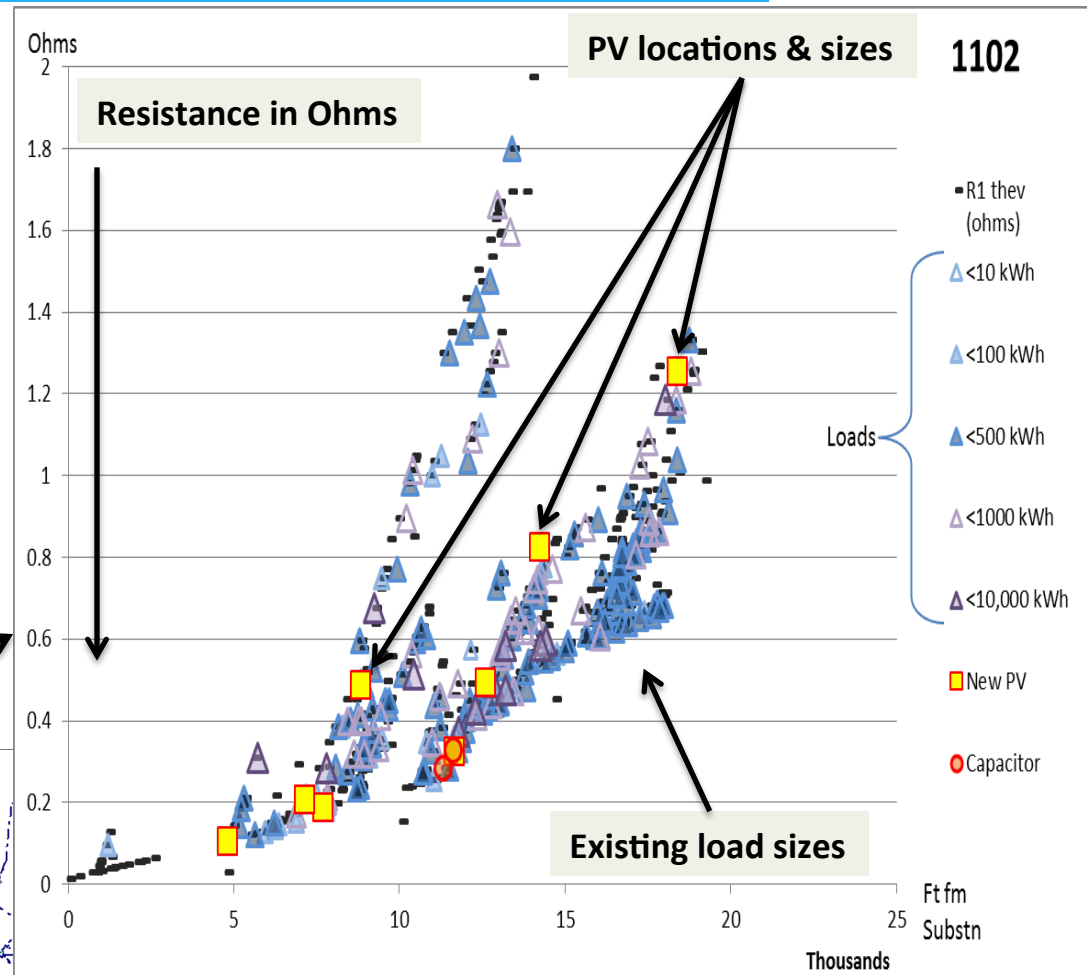
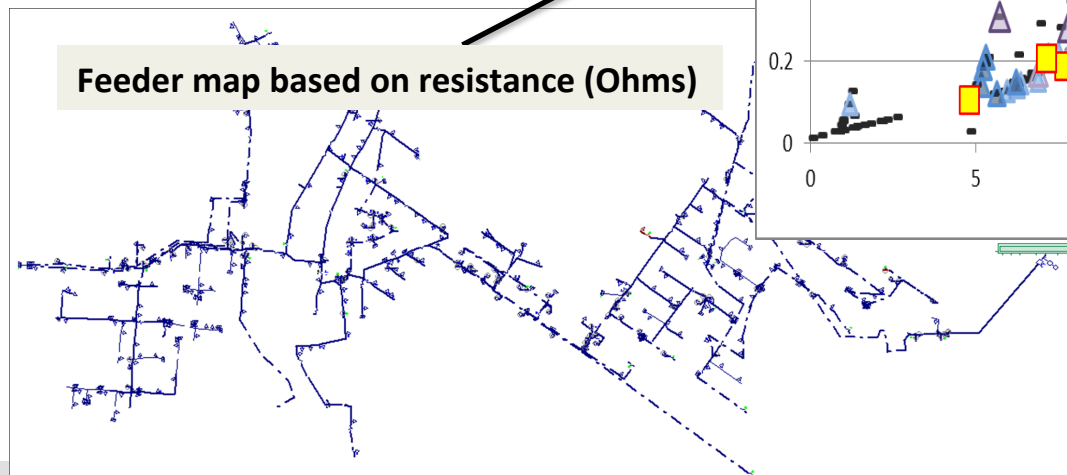
Medium Cost
DG + DER
capacity

Low Cost
DG capacity

Baseline DG Capacity: Optimal Locations

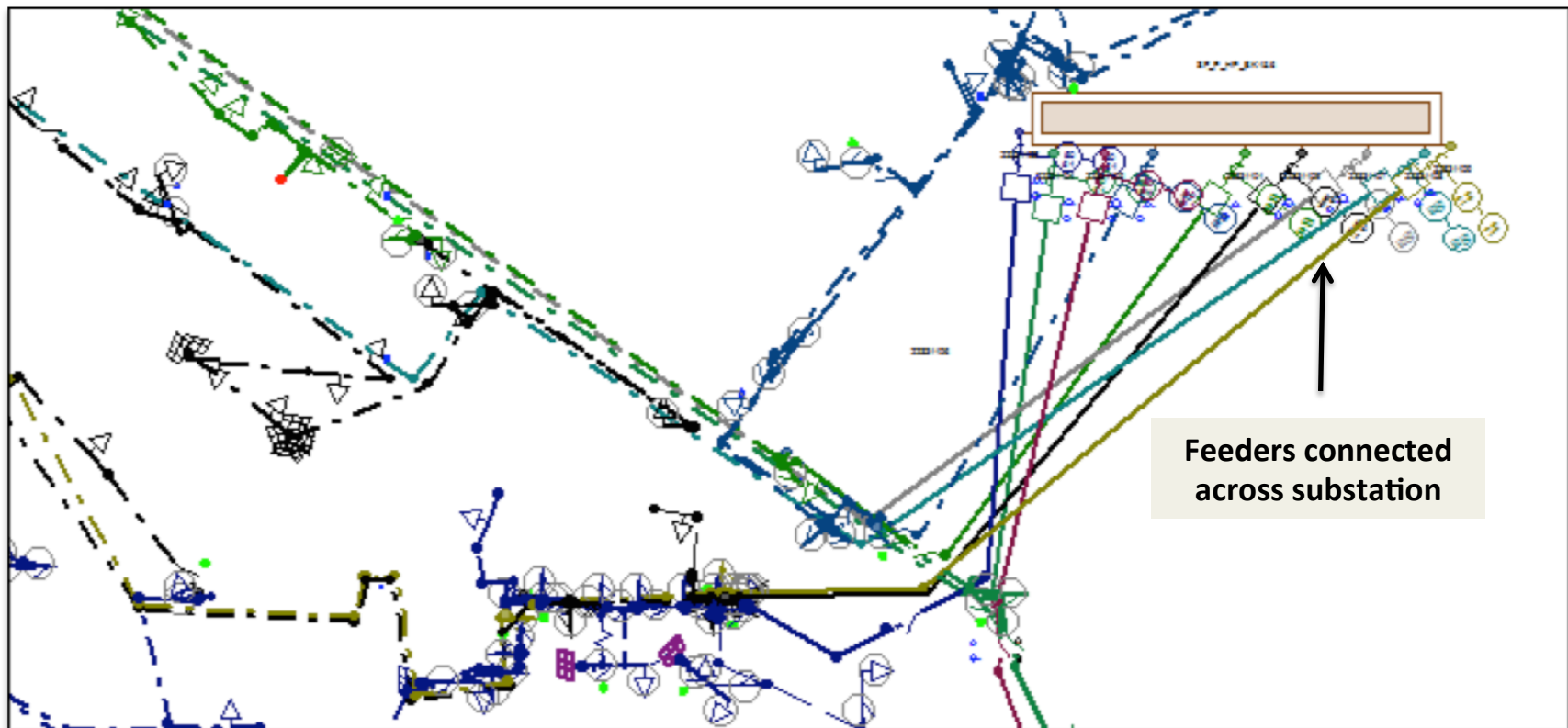
Two criteria for finding optimal PV locations and sizes:

1. Robust feeder locations: less resistance (lower Ohms) means more capacity for local generation
2. Matching load types: higher loads during daytime means better match for PV generation



Connected feeders enables substation-wide optimizations, such as:

1. Local Balancing: e.g. over-generation on certain feeders consumed by load on other feeders connected at the substation
2. Optimizing DER such as storage and demand response across the substation feeders
3. Optimizing settings, e.g. load tap changers, across the substation feeders



- **Reached 30 MW of new PV, or 25% of total energy**

- 20 MW added to select Commercial & Industrial sites matching low resistance locations with higher daytime loads
- 10 MW added to select Residential sites (multiple dwelling units) matching more robust feeder locations
- Excludes Redev Zone (feeders, expected loads, etc.)

- **No negative impacts**

- No Out-of-Range voltages. Voltage regulation achieved using existing Load Tap Changers (advanced inverters not needed yet).
- No backfeeding to Transmission. Some “crossfeeding” between connected feeders in the same bank.

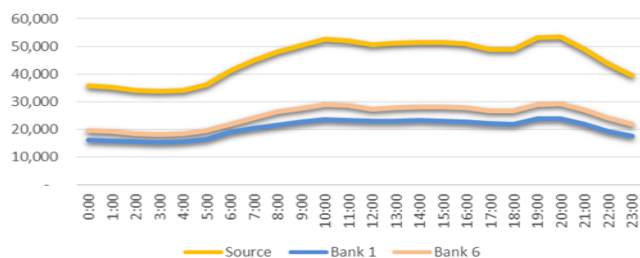
Baseline DG Capacity: Voltages & Major Power Flows, Weekdays (no PV vs. PV)

PV: None

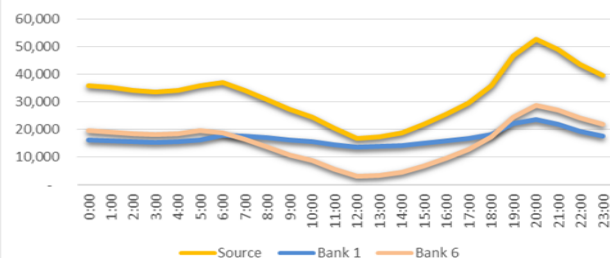
PV: 20 C&I + 10 Res

No PV					Sep PV 20+10+1.5				
Sep WkDay Max Load Profiles					Sep WkDay Max Load Profiles				
Voltage Summary	Min	Avg	Max		Min	Avg	Max		
	V_Base, all monitored pts				V_Base, all monitored pts				
22331101	121.6	122.9	123.9		121.0	122.7	123.7		
22331102	117.5	119.6	122.8		116.6	119.8	122.7		
22331107	115.5	118.4	123.0		114.5	118.5	122.9		
22331108	117.0	119.1	123.1		116.0	119.1	123.0		
22331109	116.6	119.8	123.0		115.7	119.8	122.9		
22331106	121.2	122.6	124.6		120.8	122.7	123.7		
22331105	121.9	123.3	125.3		121.6	123.3	124.4		
22331104	123.0	124.7	126.5		122.7	124.6	125.6		
22331103	118.2	122.4	124.7		117.7	122.4	123.8		
22490401	118.1	121.7	125.2		117.6	122.2	124.7		
22490402	121.6	123.6	125.3		120.7	123.6	124.7		
Bus Rpt	kW Thru Pwr				kW Thru Pwr				
	Min	Avg	Max	Noon	Min	Avg	Max	Noon	NoonDif
Source [47]	33,680	45,431	53,435	50,534	16,844	32,501	52,657	16,844	(33,690)
Bank 1 [51]	15,359	20,461	23,888	22,951	13,729	16,927	23,678	13,729	(9,222)
Bank 6 [52]	18,216	24,793	29,312	27,373	3,049	15,458	28,749	3,049	(24,324)
Yosemite [96]	1,052	1,492	2,128	1,464	838	1,255	2,114	848	(616)

Thru Power [kW] by Bank
Sep Max WeekDay, No PV, Ser React



Thru Power [kW] by Bank
Sep Max WeekDay, 31.5 MW PV



Baseline DG Capacity: LTC action, Per Feeder Power, Weekdays (no PV vs. PV)

PV: None

PV: 20 C&I + 10 Res

<u>Tap Change Summary</u>	Tap Changes	Min Tap	Max Tap	Average Tap
Yosemite [96]	1	13	14	13
Bank 1 [51]	2	9	11	9
Bank 6 [52]	1	9	10	9

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3	8	10	8

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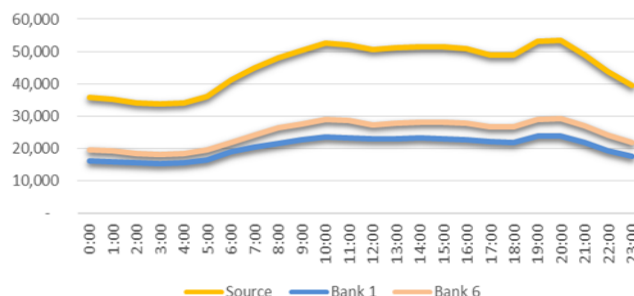
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Feeder		kW Thru Pwr			
		Min	Avg	Max	Noon
1101	Bank 6 [52]	3,548	5,046	6,541	6,236
1102		4,227	5,946	7,290	6,559
1107		2,918	4,079	4,965	4,493
1108		2,718	3,933	5,527	3,969
1109		4,797	5,779	6,890	6,106
1106	Bank 1 [51]	4,406	5,892	7,047	6,925
1105		3,484	4,799	5,689	5,447
1104		3,678	4,729	5,503	5,256
1103		3,788	5,038	6,405	5,319
401	Yos [96]	646	889	1,212	893
402		406	602	914	571

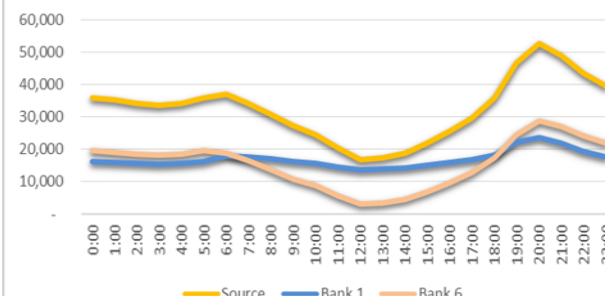
kW Thru Pwr			
Min	Avg	Max	Noon
1,756	3,330	4,953	1,756
757	3,716	7,155	757
832	2,674	4,880	832
(440)	2,259	5,426	(397)
98	3,472	6,321	98
3,929	4,744	6,355	3,929
1,368	3,236	5,456	1,368
3,678	4,535	5,492	4,749
3,660	4,410	6,370	3,681
343	679	1,199	347
406	575	913	501

Feeder
"Crossfeeding"

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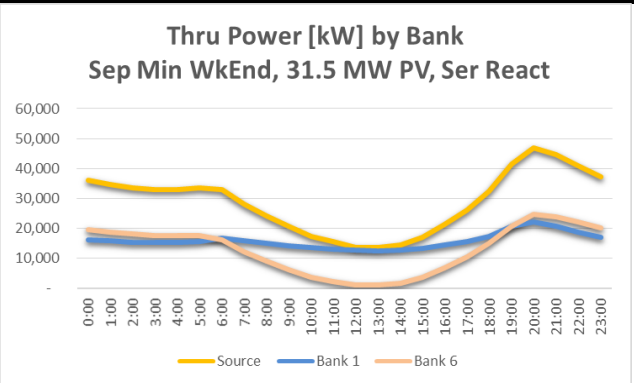
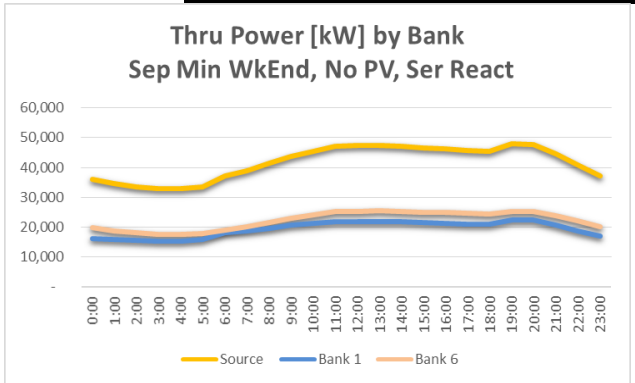
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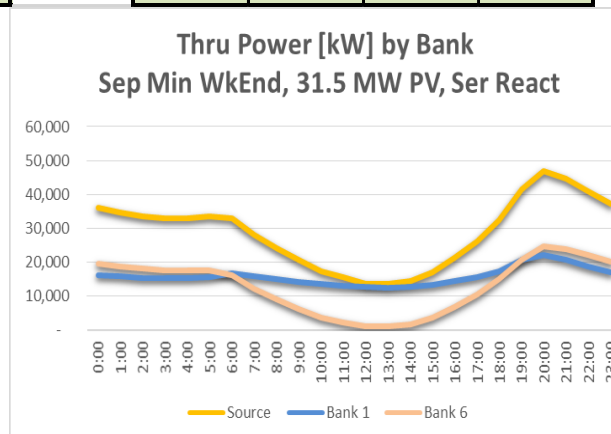
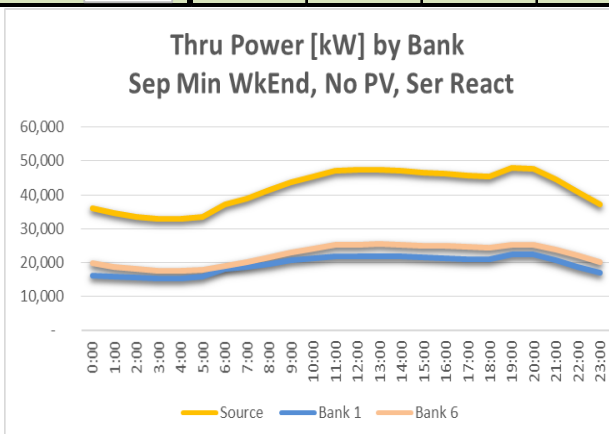
kW Thru Pwr					kW Thru Pwr				
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32,850	41,741	47,846	47,342		13,597	28,846	47,014	13,704	(33,638)
15,195	19,370	22,421	21,875		12,597	15,841	22,210	12,662	(9,213)
17,545	22,218	25,461	25,281		944	12,904	24,611	985	(24,296)
1,042	1,439	1,957	1,542		921	1,202	1,942	925	(617)



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Bank 6 [52]	1	9	10	9		2	8	9	8
Sep WkEnd Min Load Profiles, no PV					Sep WkEnd Min Load Profiles				
Feeders	kW Thru Pwr				kW Thru Pwr				
	Min	Avg	Max	Noon	Min	Avg	Max	Noon	
1101	3,417	4,387	5,367	5,304	828	2,673	4,310	828	
1102	4,114	5,381	6,459	6,090	271	3,157	6,324	295	
1107	2,820	3,644	4,304	4,133	473	2,245	4,220	482	
1108	2,700	3,765	5,119	4,076	(327)	2,091	5,018	(292)	
1109	4,469	5,033	5,745	5,668	(331)	2,732	4,793	(331)	
1106	4,331	5,484	6,333	6,327	3,314	4,337	5,987	3,335	
1105	3,377	4,292	4,953	4,927	842	2,732	4,771	853	
1104	3,675	4,668	5,417	5,209	3,675	4,474	5,405	4,703	
1103	3,776	4,922	6,078	5,407	3,752	4,295	6,043	3,769	
401	636	851	1,104	921	372	641	1,092	375	
402	405	587	851	620	405	560	849	550	

Feeder
Backfeeding



Lowest Hanging Fruit

1. Most Generation

Larger rooftop spaces generate more energy

2. Lowest System Costs

Larger systems reduce overall costs

3. Best Grid Locations

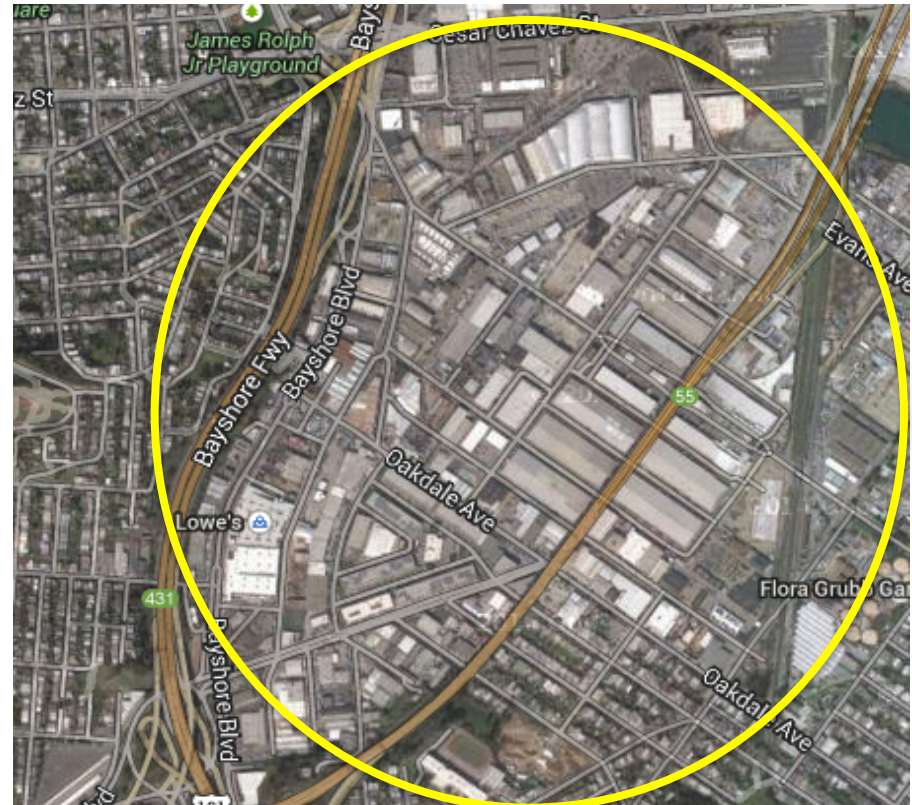
Large loads served by robust feeder segments

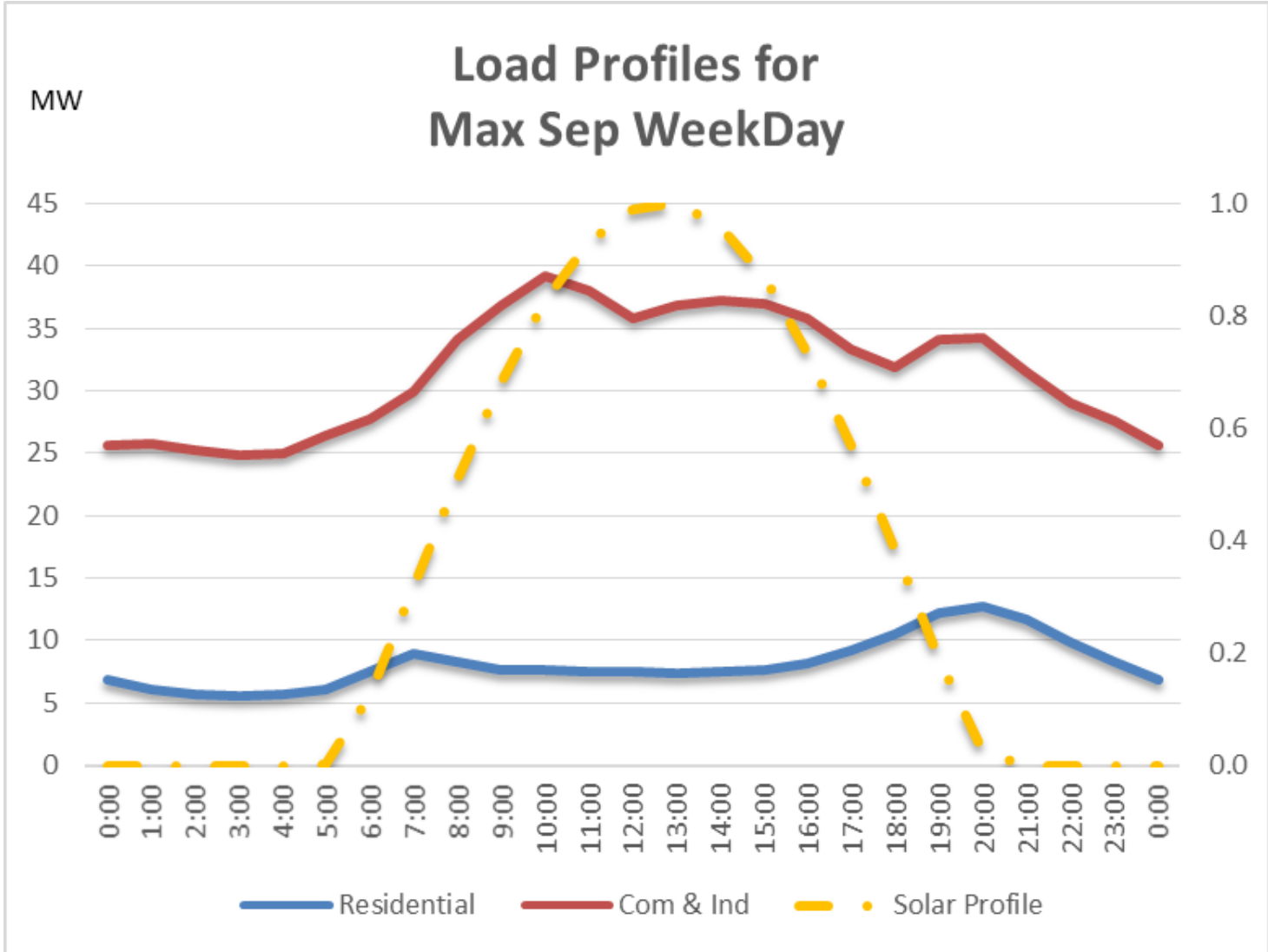
4. Matching Load Profiles

Larger daytime loads match solar generation

5. Financially Motivated

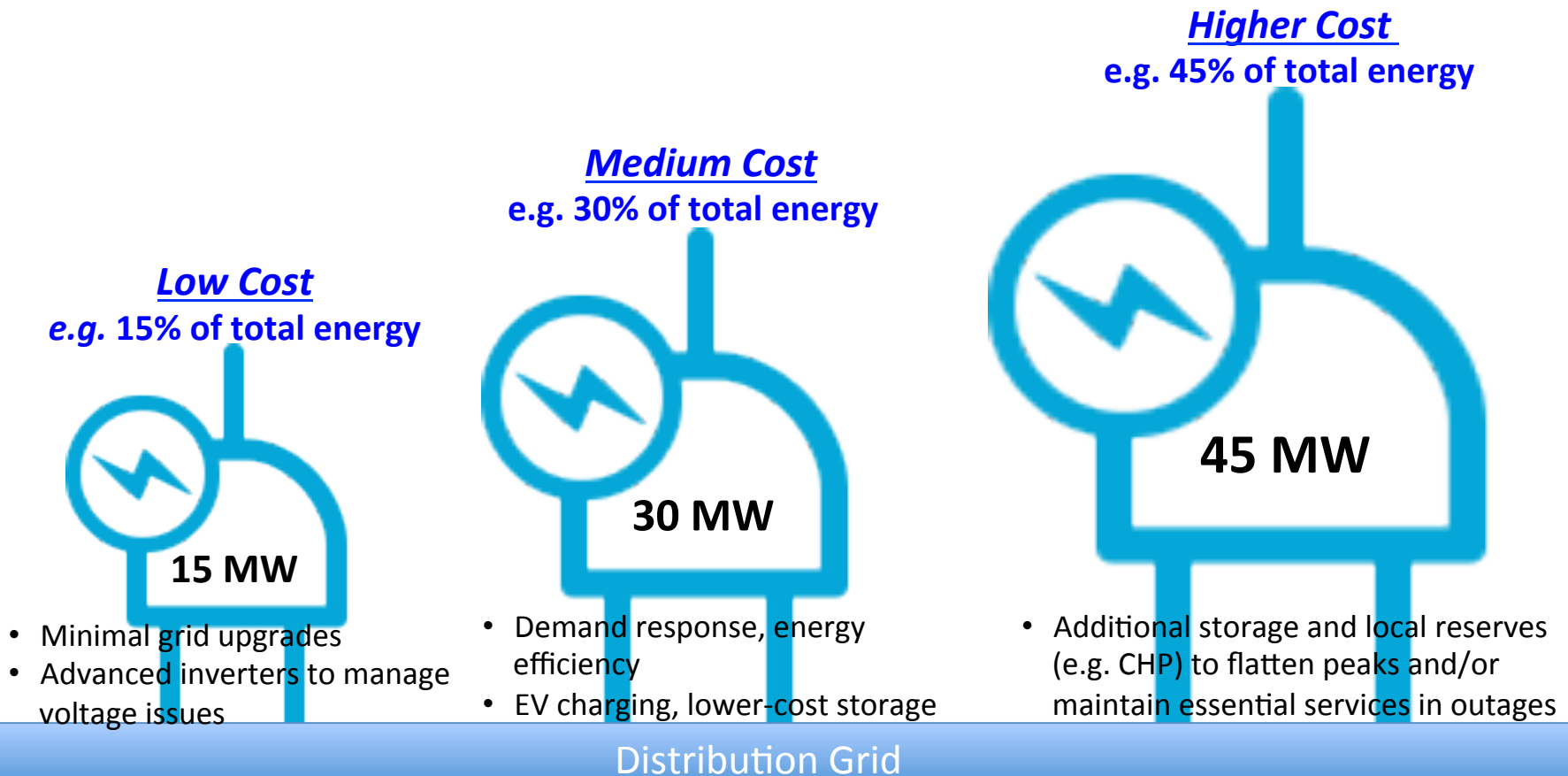
Larger bills w/demand response charges, plus rooftop leasing opportunity





Scalability: Capacity Modeling Enables “Plug-n-Play”

Connecting “one rooftop at a time” is expensive and disruptive. The industry can achieve scale and simplicity by planning for cost-effective local renewable capacity. This “Capacity Planning” enables renewables to connect in bulk – a “Plug-n-Play” model – and is analogous to how the industry plans for transmission capacity. Examples:



➤ **Medium DG + DER Capacity**

- Add lower-cost DER solutions including DR, EE, EV charging, and cost-effective storage to reduce evening ramp, for example
- Run cost analysis including equipment/T&D deferrals
- Adjust (increase) local renewables if optimal

➤ **Higher DG + DER Capacity**

- Add more storage plus local reserves (e.g. CHP) to further flatten load shapes, simplify transmission needs, and maintain essential services in case of outages
- Run cost analysis including equipment/T&D deferrals
- Adjust (increase) local renewables if optimal

- Leading to final reports, including methodology spec and recommendations for scalable and accelerated procurement & interconnection

Peek at the Future of Bayview-Hunters Point



Ecoplexus project at the Valencia Gardens Apartments in SF. ~800 kW serving ~80% of the total annual load.

- ▶ Thanks for listening
- ▶ Questions, thoughts, ideas?