

# Renewables-driven Data Centers



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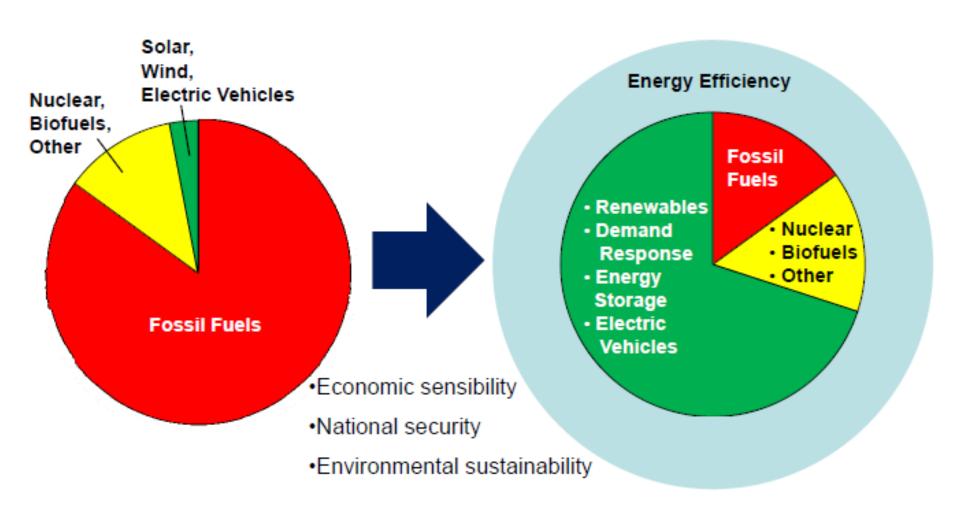
# Clean Coalition (non-profit) Mission



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

#### **Clean Coalition Vision**

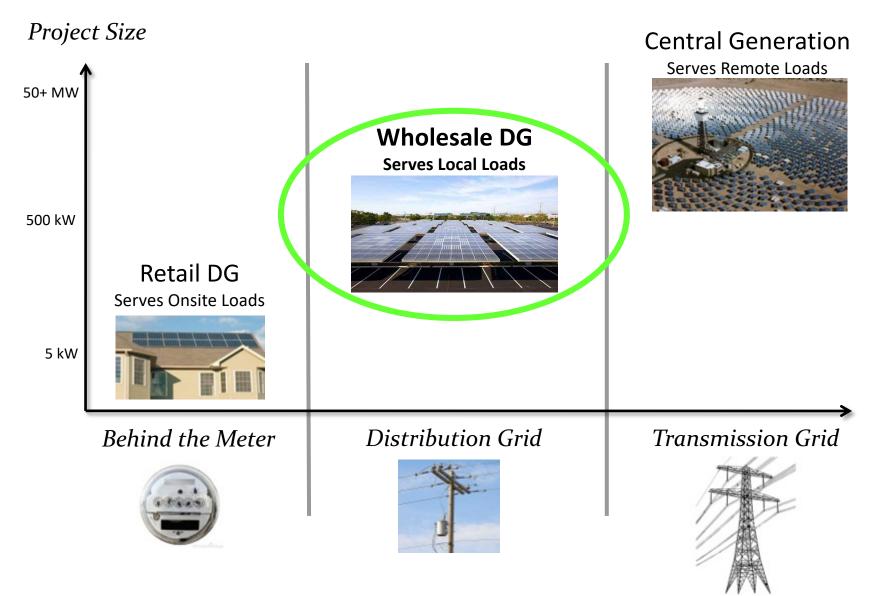




The \$6 trillion energy market will transition to Smart Energy

#### **WDG Unleashes Renewables**

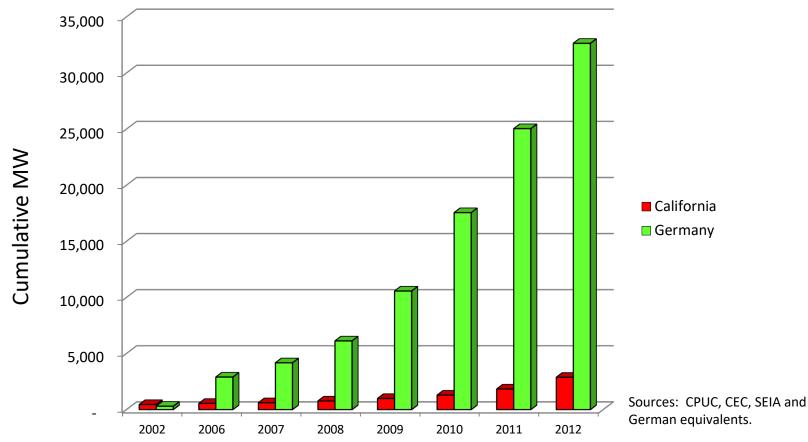




#### **WDG Unleashed Solar in Germany**



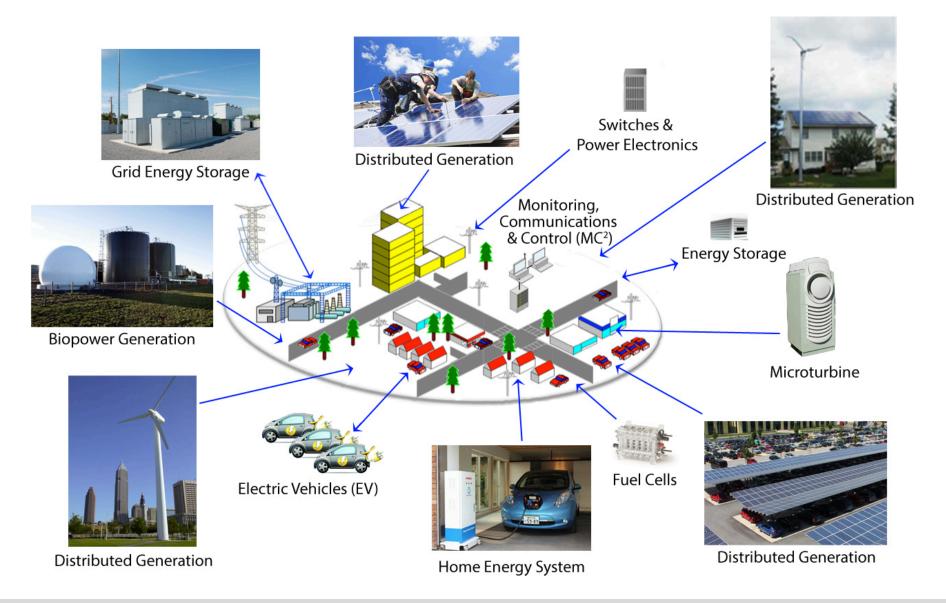
# Solar Markets: Germany vs California (RPS + CSI + other)



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

# **Community Microgrid Vision**





# What is a Community Microgrid?



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

#### **Key features:**

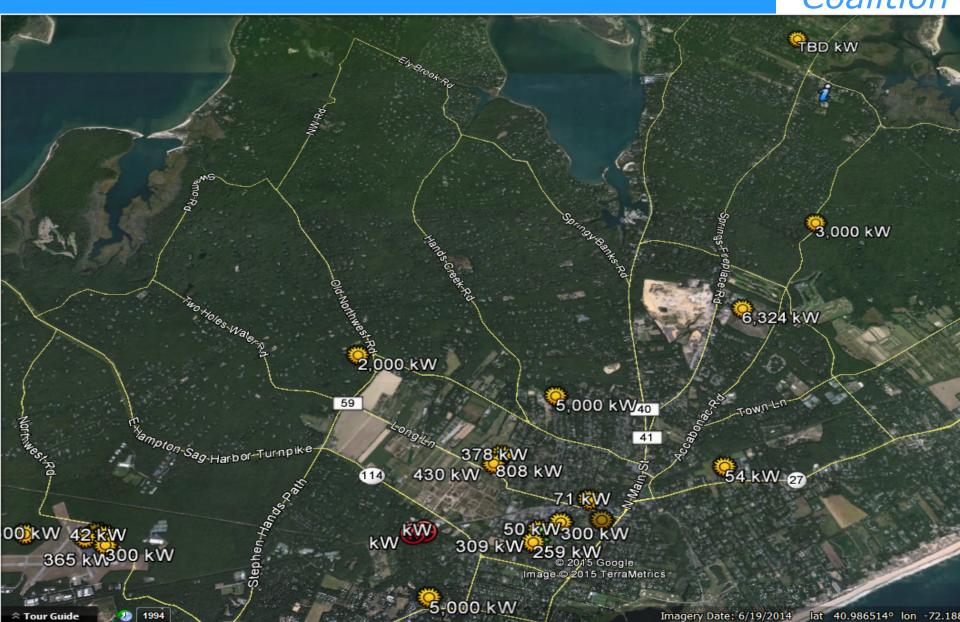
 A targeted and coordinated local grid area served by one or more distribution substations

- 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



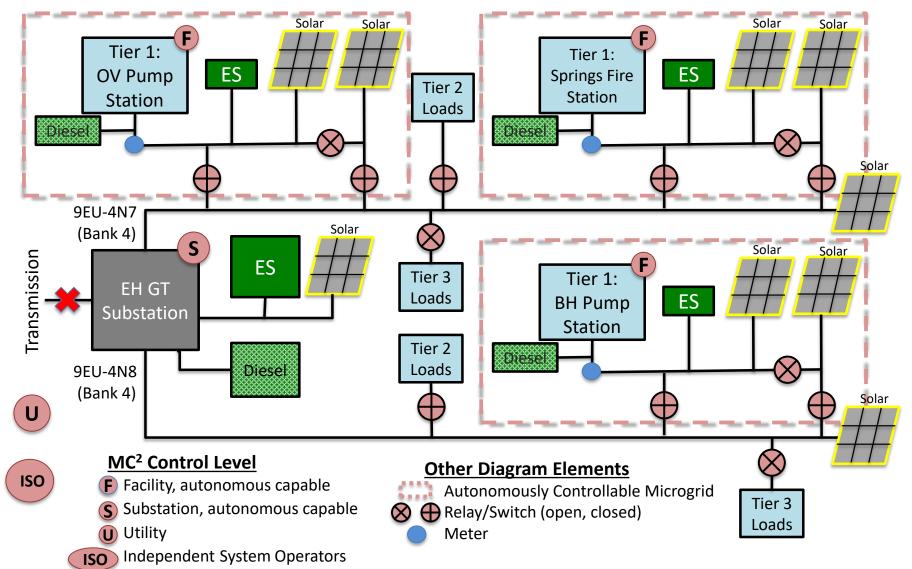
# **Long Island Community Microgrid – Map View**





#### **Long Island Community Microgrid - Diagram**

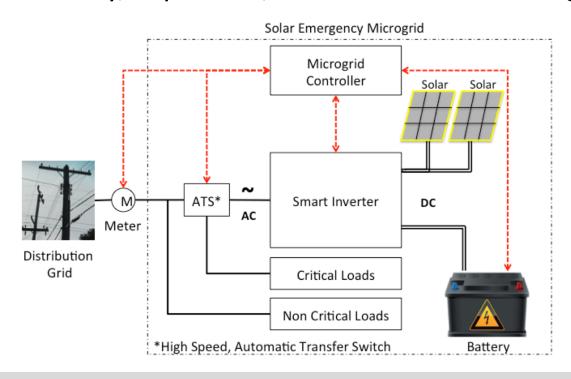




# **Solar Emergency Microgrid overview**

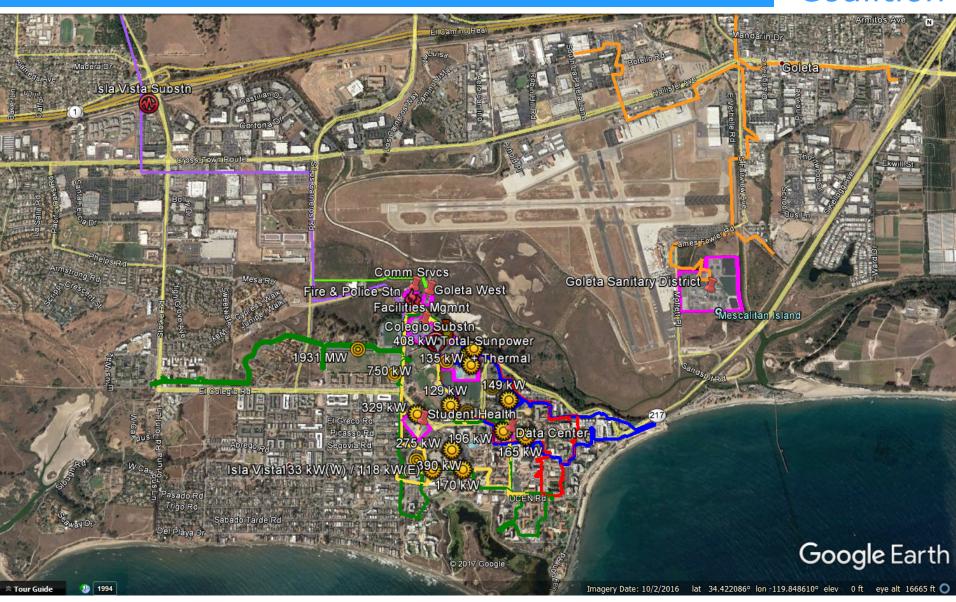


- A Solar Emergency Microgrid (SEM) has 3 basic components:
  - Solar; energy storage; and monitoring, communications & control
- A SEM provides <u>indefinite</u> back-up power for critical loads
  - Ideal for police and fire stations, emergency operations centers and shelters, critical communications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



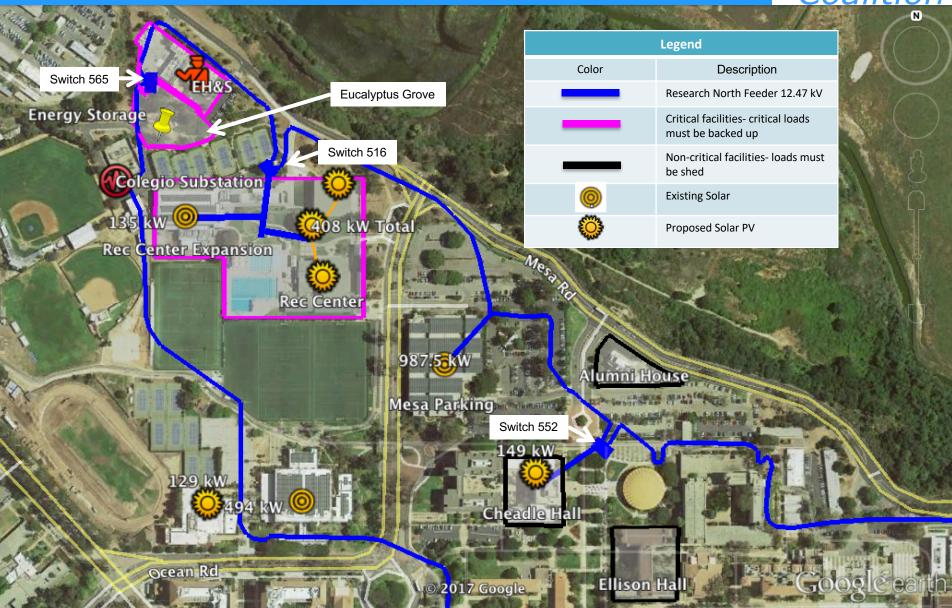
# **UCSB Community Microgrid – Area Map**





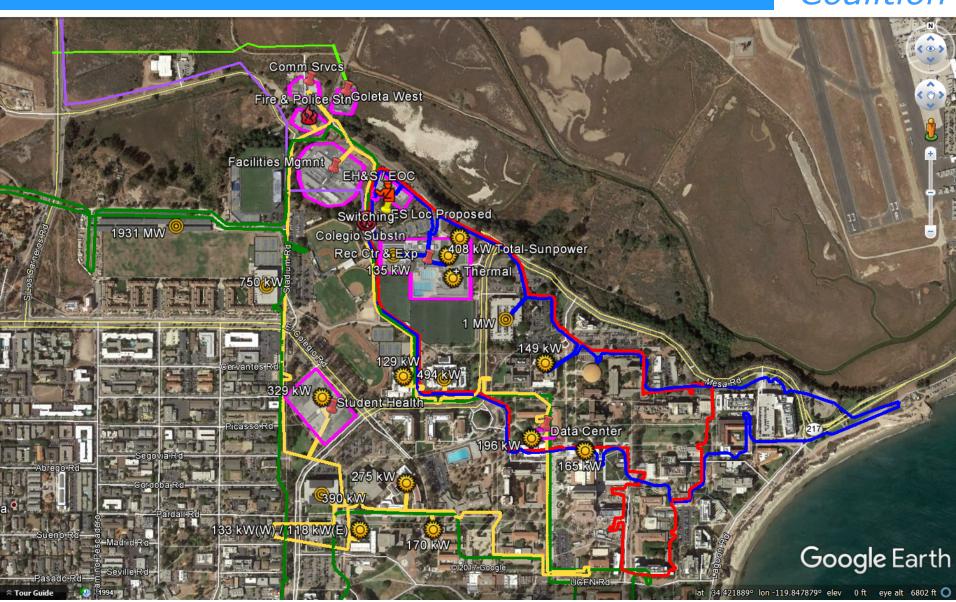
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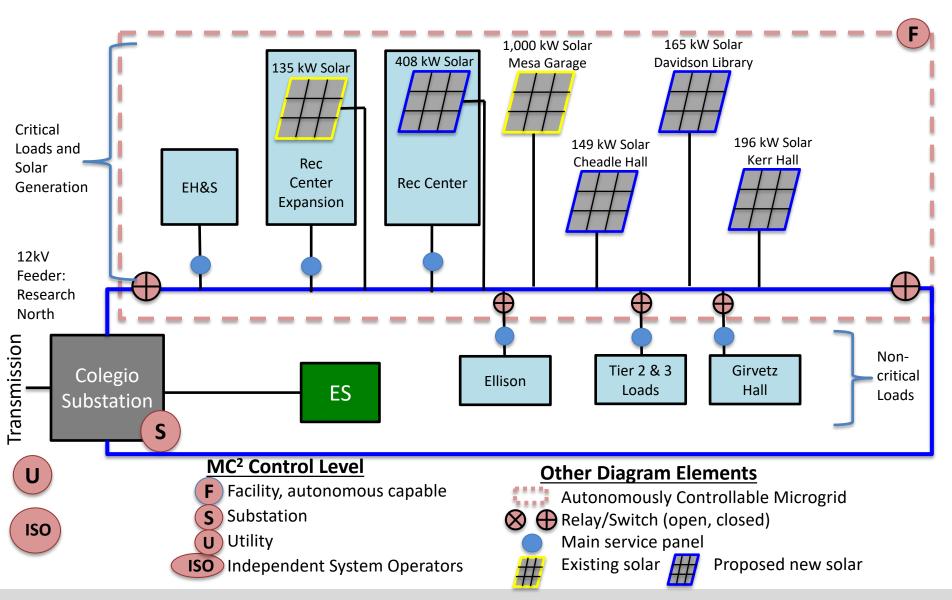
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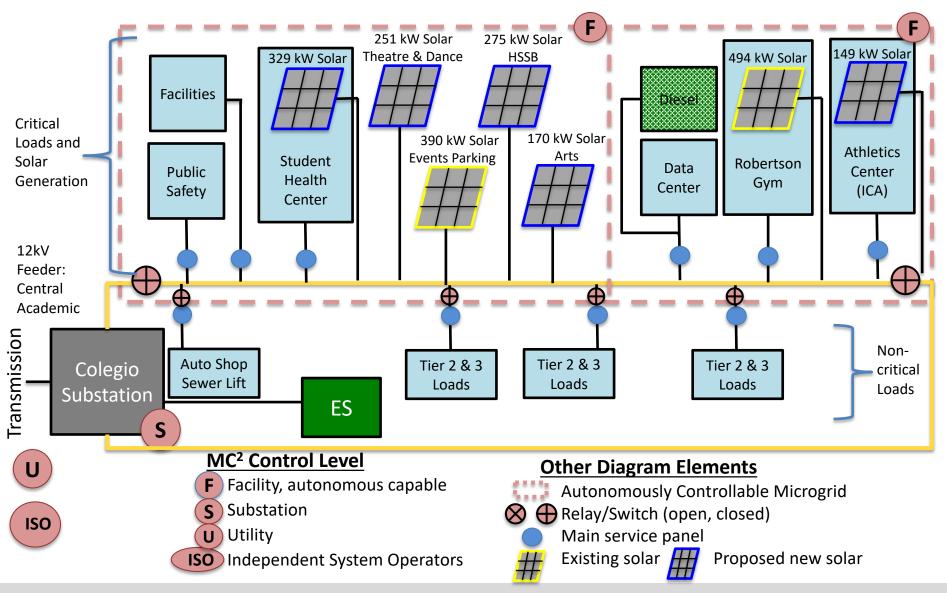
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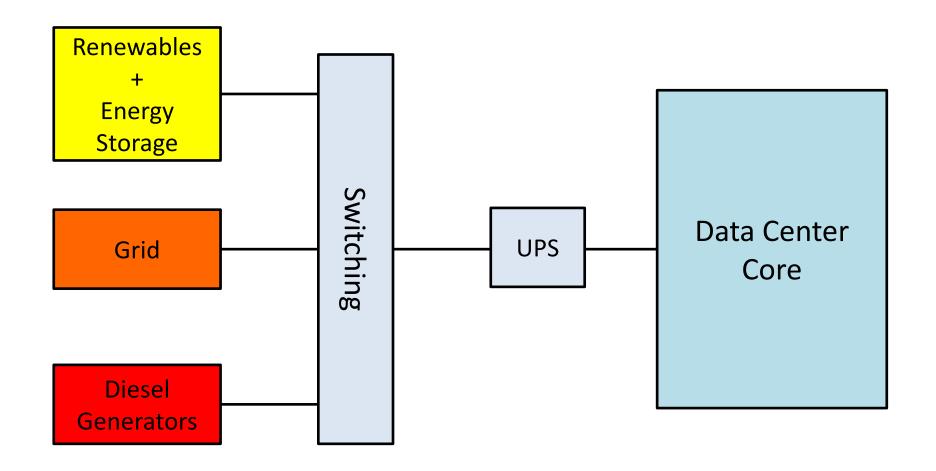
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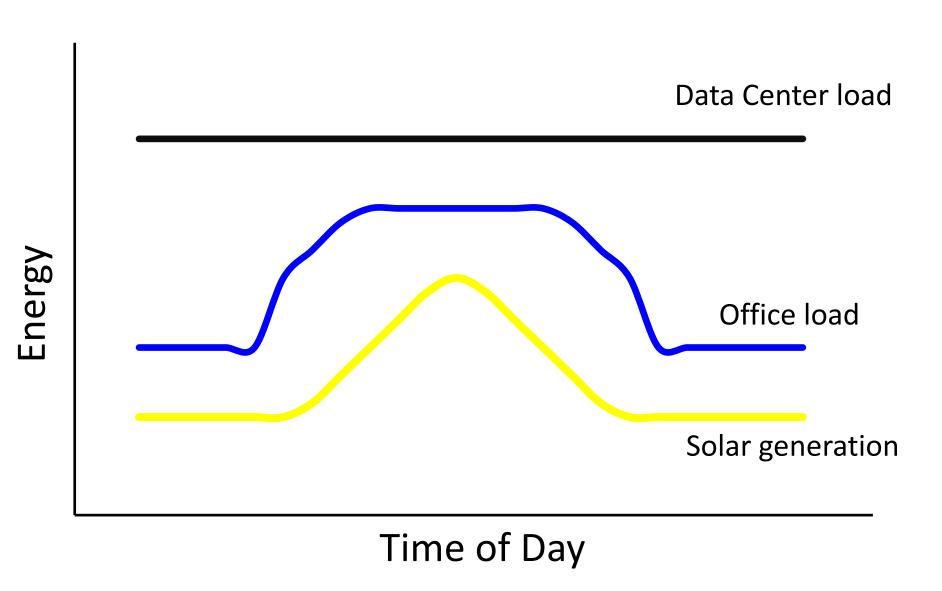
#### Renewables for Data Center Energy & Resilience





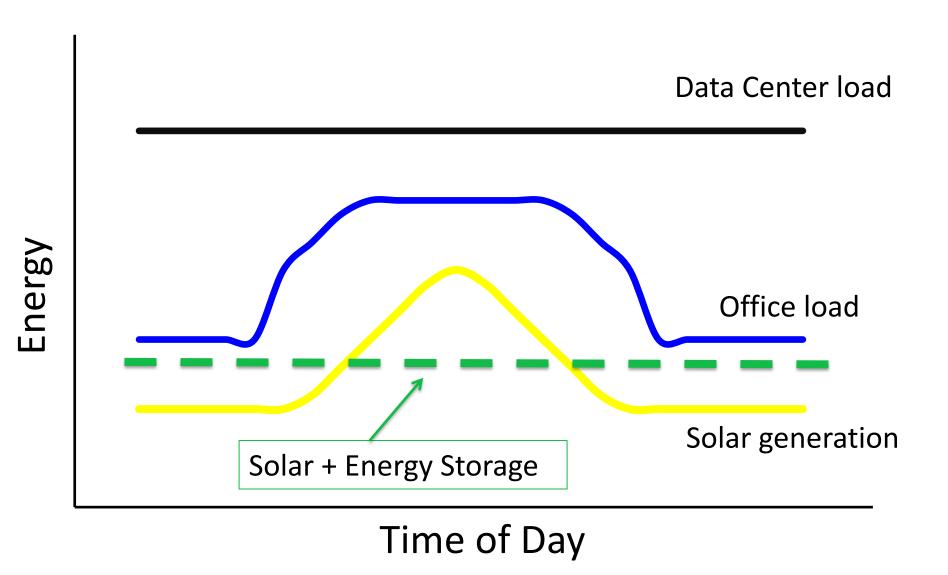
# Solar and Load Profiles – Data Center Challenge





# **Local Solar + Energy Storage = Indefinite Energy**





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



- Assumptions
  - 20% solar capacity factor (typical for MW-scale solar in California)
  - Worst solar day is 10% of average (ie, 2% capacity factor)
  - 2 acres of siting required per 1 MW of solar
  - Requires 24x7x365 performance
- Calculations
  - 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)
  - 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.

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



- Diversify renewables
  - Wind & solar generation profiles are highly complementary
  - One 3MW wind turbine averages 24 MWh/day



- 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%

Cloud offers geo redundancy

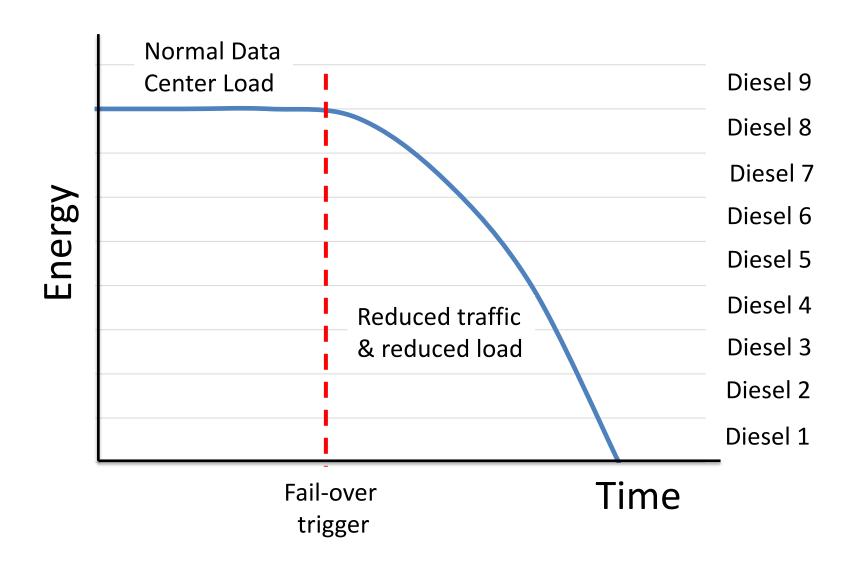
35% Resilience

35% Markets

30% Federal tax credits

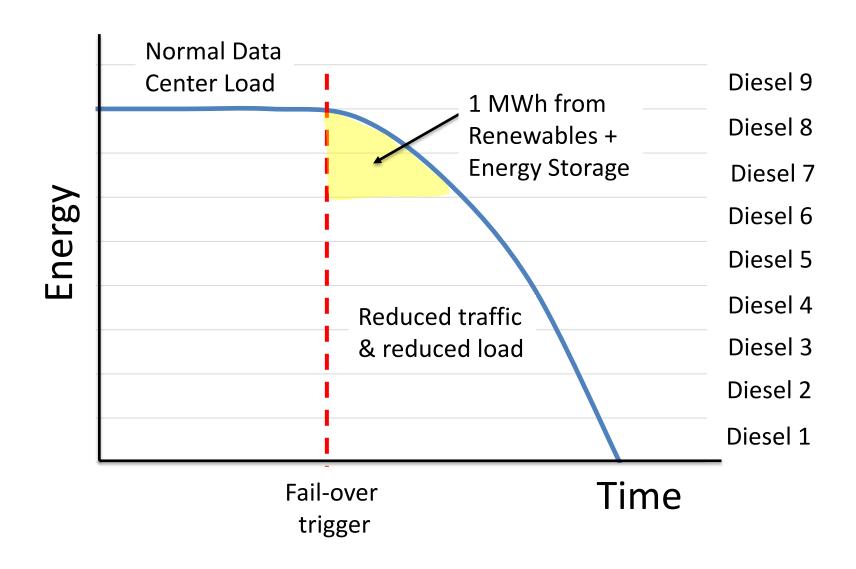
# **Demand Response (DR) Opportunity**





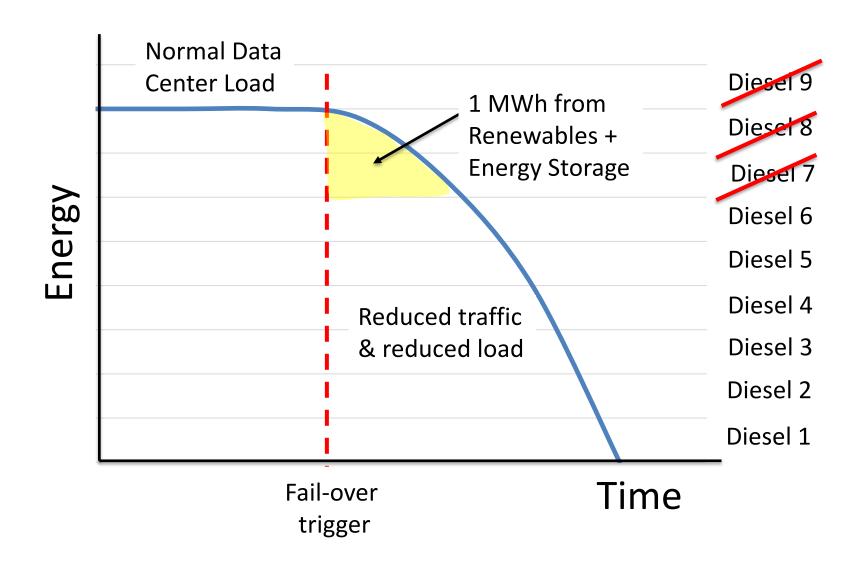
#### DR + Renewables + Energy Storage = Big UPS





#### DR + Renewables + Energy Storage = Success





# Multiple Pathways to Replacing 1MWh of Diesel



1 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

# **Seeking Data Center Pioneers**



- 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!

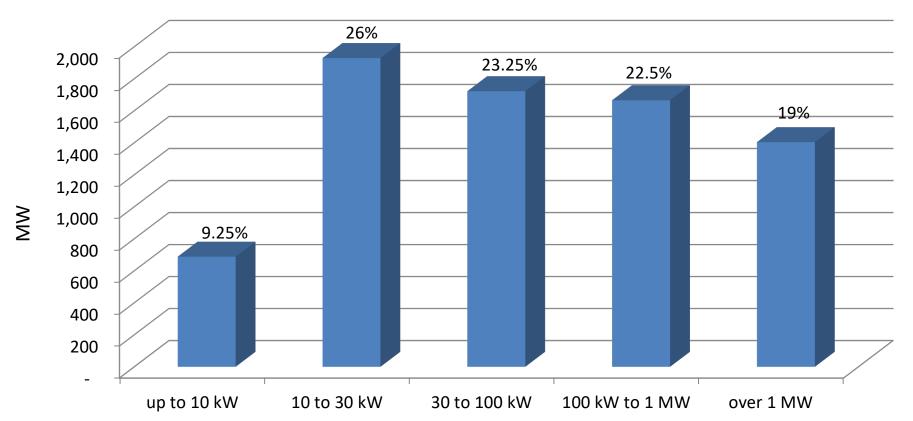


# Backup

# German solar is mostly local (on rooftops)



#### **German Solar Capacity Installed through 2012**



Source: Paul Gipe, March 2011

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

# German rooftop solar is 4 to 6 cents/kWh today



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

<sup>\*</sup> For projects that are not sited on residential structures or sound barriers.