

# Temporary Solar-Hybrid Power Solutions for the Off-grid Market

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#### **OUR SERVICES**

### **EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MAINTENANCE**



- Solar-diesel hybrid
- Solar-battery hybrid
- Solar only

### **POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)**



Power supply on a per kWh basis

### **APPLICATIONS**

TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION



**OIL & GAS** 



**HOSPITALITY** 



CONSTRUCTION



**MINING** 

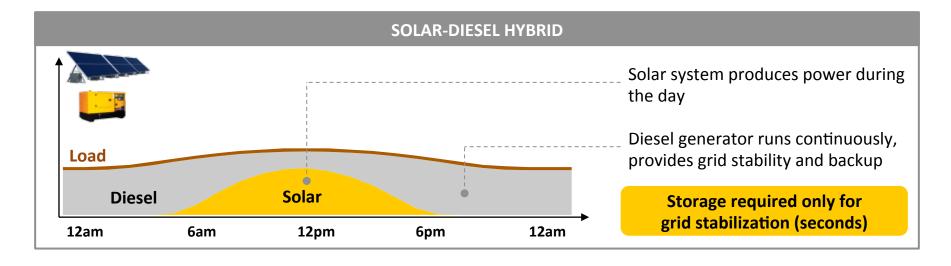


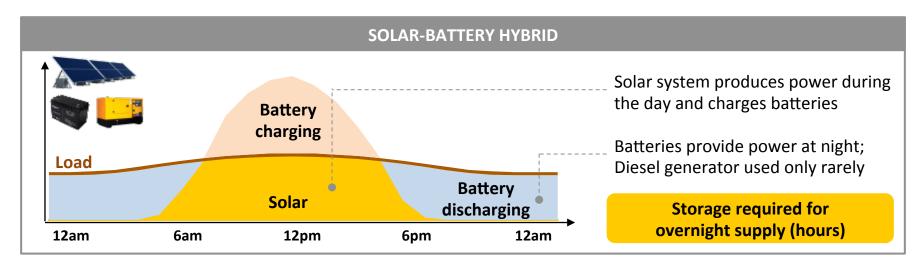
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# In off-grid solar systems there are two very different configurations, requiring different types of storage





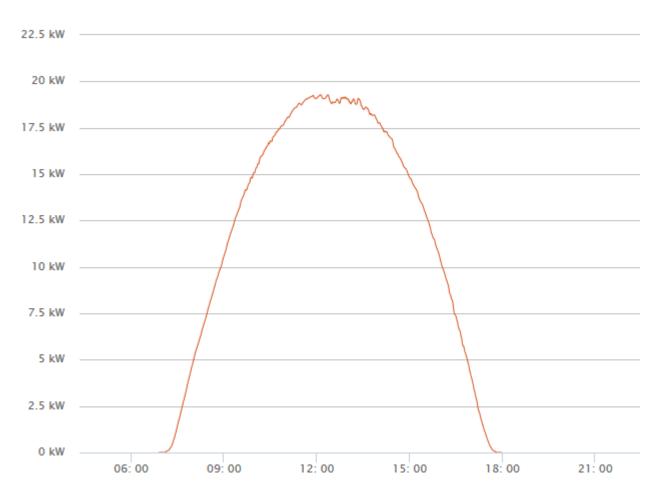


# On clear days, the solar generation curve is smooth and very predictable



### Enerwhere plant on Saadiyat Island, 26 December 2014

Solar generation curve, inverter #8



#### **Comments**

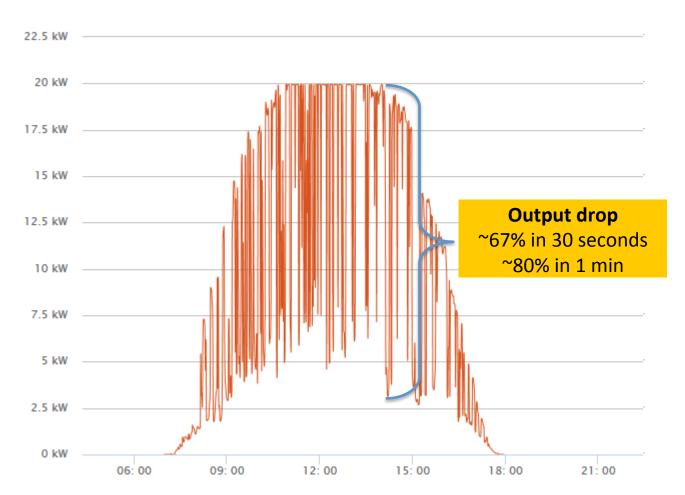
- The UAE has >320 clear days per year
- On those days, intra-day variation is minimal
- Solar availability in summer is >95% probably better than conventional (thermal) plants

# However, not all days are clear, so short-term storage can limit spinning reserve requirements



### Enerwhere plant on Saadiyat Island, 25 December 2014

Solar generation curve, inverter #8



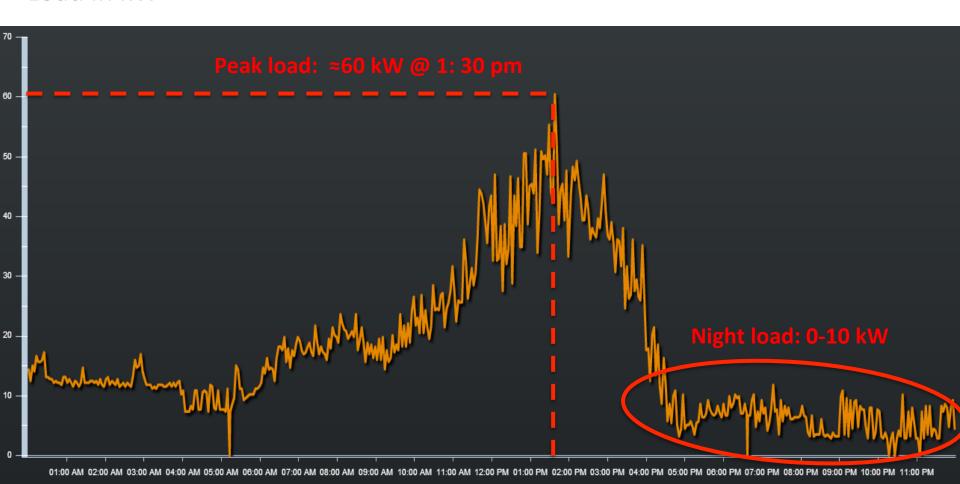
#### **Comments**

- Cloudy days are concentrated in the winter season
- Passing clouds can drop solar radiation dramatically in a short time
- Short-term storage dramatically lowers spinning reserve requirements

# Many applications in the Middle East are air-conditioning & activity-driven, leading to dramatic load variations



Construction site office Load in kW

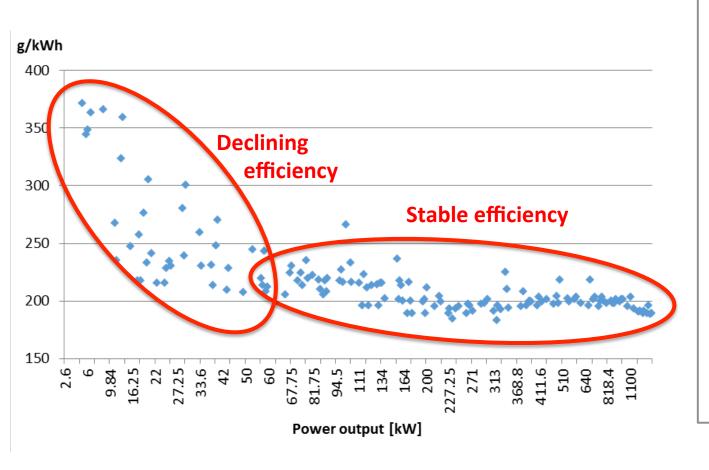


# For smaller loads (<50 kW load), solar + storage can already compete with diesel generators today



### Diesel generator efficiency

Fuel consumption in g/kWh



#### **Comments**

- Above 50 kW load, efficiency of standard diesel generators doesn't change much
- Below 50 kW load, standard diesel generator efficiency deteriorates rapidly
- Assuming a sufficiently long project duration,, battery storage starts to make sense
  kW load

## In summary, storage has benefits but requires a clear understanding of the application



### **Short-term storage**



### **High Power**

Short-term storage requires high power batteries, to deliver maximum power in a short time



### Low cost per kW

The key metric for short-term storage is cost per kW peak output (e.g. for 30 seconds)



### Inverter costs are key

Because the required battery capacity is small, inverter costs make up a large share of the total

### **Long-duration storage**



### **High Energy**

Long-duration storage requires highenergy batteries with enough power to last a long time (hours)



### Low cost per kWh

Key performance metric for longduration storage is cost per kWh per cycle



### **Battery costs & round-trip** efficiency are key

Batteries and electrical losses make up the majority of costs

