

Hybrid Microgrid Systems

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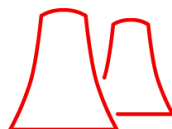


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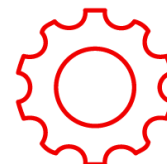
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ComAp's Renewable Energy Centre of Excellence (RCE) is dedicated to developing products and solutions that meet the growing needs of the renewable energy market.

Hybrid Microgrid Systems (HMS)

► What is a hybrid microgrid system?

- *Renewable Generation component* – PV, Wind and/or geo thermal.
- *Thermal Generation component* – Diesel, Gas and/or Biofuel
- *Optional/Essential Storage Component* – BESS, Rotary UPS, Dispatchable Load

► Existing Challenges?

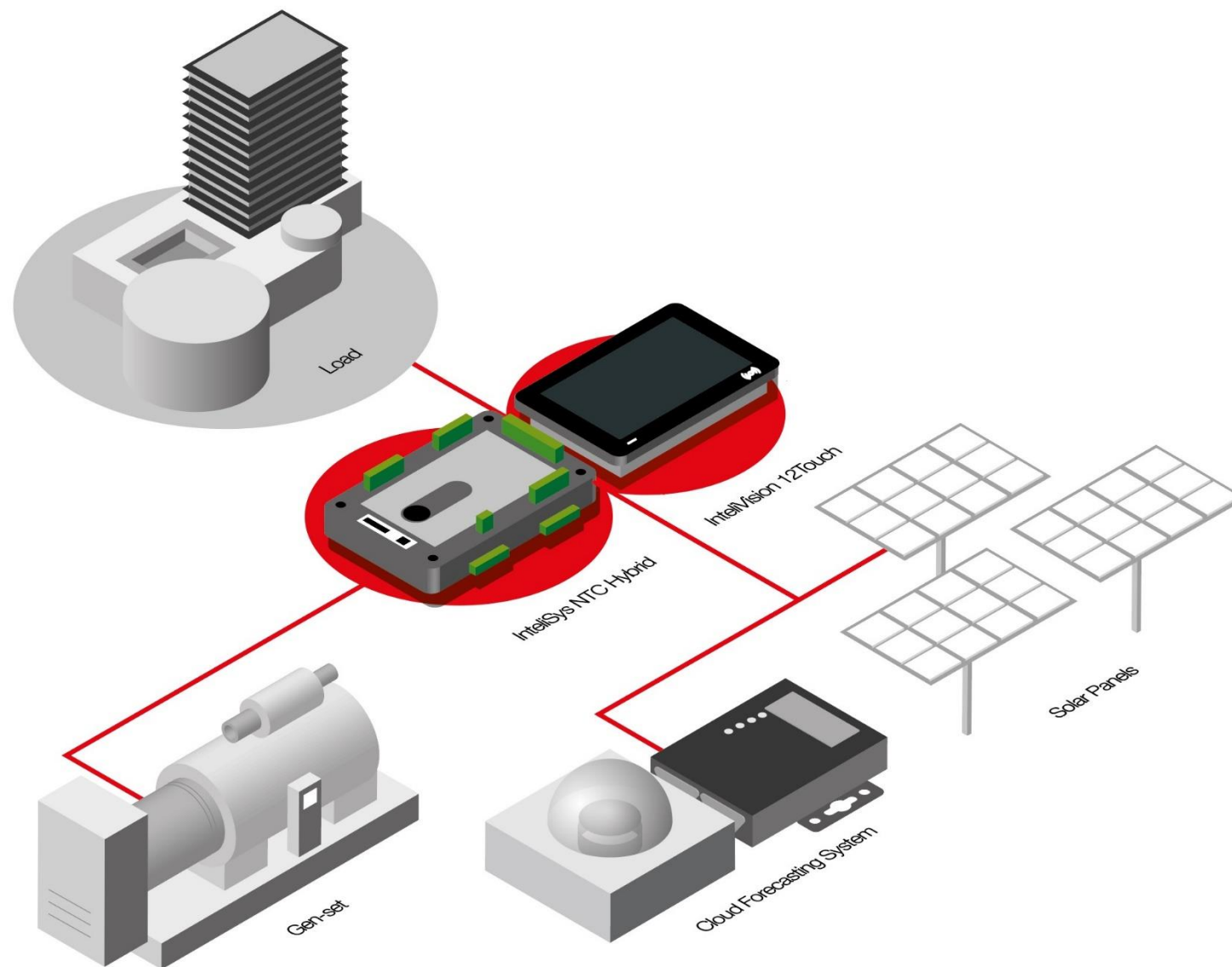
- *Competing Interests* – Performance Guarantees, Cycle rates, minimum loading
- *Commercial Viability & Funding* – Small Scale vs Large Scale, price sensitivity, upfront expenditure and med-long term payoffs vs IPP Model and long term commitments.

- *Technical Challenges for high RE penetration systems* – control complexity, response rates, frequency stability & control and visibility
- *Environment Conditions* – Battery Life, Generation efficiencies, additional maintenance requirements.

► Typical Trade-offs in Today's Systems

- Reliability
- Renewable Penetration
- Cost

An Example Hybrid Microgrid



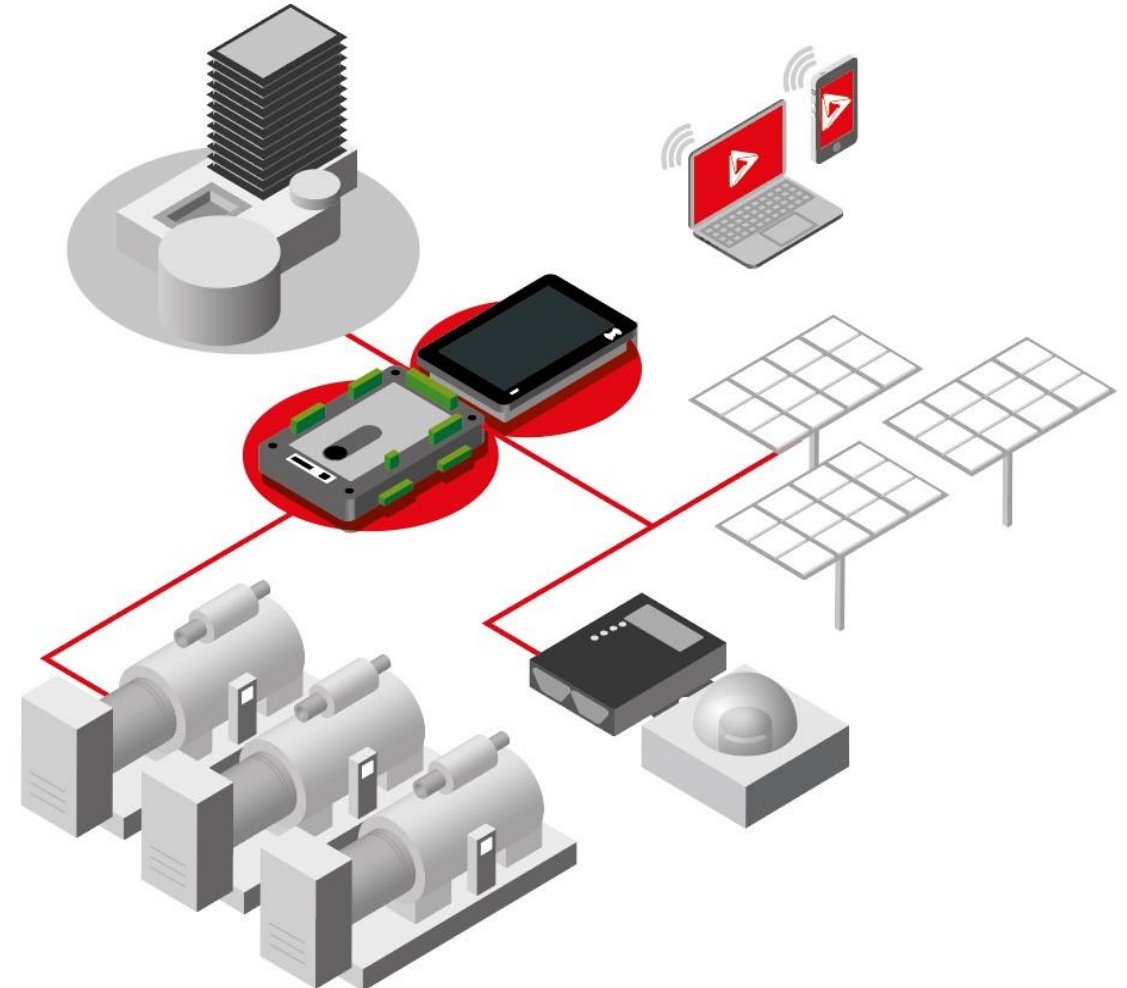
Single Diesel PV Hybrid

- ▶ **Simple cost effective solution (Fuel Offset)**
- ▶ **Typical Application** – Anywhere a generator is running continuously to provide power
- ▶ **Technology Constraints** – Minimal. Most generators & PV inverters are suitable.
- ▶ **Renewable Penetration constrained by Genset**
 - ▶ 50% Mechanically governed generators
 - ▶ 60-70% Electronic governed generators
 - ▶ Up to 90% on low load generators
- ▶ **Direct & Passive control methodologies available**
 - ▶ Direct P/Q Control – PV constrained to maintain minimum loading (Additional complexity)
 - ▶ Passive Droop Control – PV automatically regulated via frequency & voltage droop regulation of the Genset.



Multiple Diesel PV Hybrid

- ▶ **Simple cost effective solution (Fuel Offset)**
- ▶ **Typical Application** – Existing diesel powerhouse operating 24/7.
- ▶ **Technology Constraints** – Minimal. Most generators & PV inverters are suitable.
- ▶ **Renewable Penetration constrained by Genset**
- ▶ **Wholistic Energy Management** – Direct power management of PV contribution and number of gensets required to support load.
- ▶ **Improved Fuel Offset Technology** – Cloud forecasting systems can reduce over capacity and PV spill (Increasing system efficiencies without Battery Storage)
- ▶ **Does not support Diesel Off as an option.**



Diesel, PV & Battery Hybrid

- ▶ **Complexity dependent on functionality**
 - ▶ Grid connected vs Islanded Systems
 - ▶ Prioritisation of Energy sources – Minimisation of LCoE
 - ▶ Scale & Renewable Penetration Targets
- ▶ **Typical Application** – Existing diesel power house with increased reliance on renewables for primary supply
- ▶ **Cost** – C&I Scale cost effective. Utility Scale reliant on either Complex control solutions and/or increased reliance on BESS technology.
- ▶ **Flexibility & Reliability** – The “right” combination of control & BESS technologies ensure generation assets can be utilised to ensure the best overall outcome.



Case Study – Willinga Park



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▶ **World Class Equestrian Centre**

- ▶ Located 4hrs South of Sydney, NSW
- ▶ Stud Farm, Agistment, Show Jumping, Dressage, Camp Drafting etc.
- ▶ Hybrid Microgrid System Installed behind the meter
- ▶ On & Off Grid Capable
- ▶ PV, Diesel Gen & BESS (LI based)

▶ **Main Parties Involved**

- ▶ EPC – Shepherd Electrical
- ▶ Owner's Engineer – Rudds Consulting
- ▶ System Integrators – ComAp

▶ **Key Equipment Suppliers**

- ▶ ComAp Control Systems
- ▶ SMA Inverters
- ▶ Tesla Battery System
- ▶ MTU Diesel Gens

▶ **Other Features**

- ▶ Full balance of plant control & monitoring with 13 distinct hubs being monitored in addition to the power station.
- ▶ WebSupervisor Pro - Remote Monitoring, Reporting and Paging System

Willinga Park - Functionality

► Key Features of the System

- On Grid
- Network Support using BESS & Export of additional PV
- Peak Lopping – Managing on-site demand with 900kVA network constraint
- Seamless transfer to off-grid when network is volatile
- Off Grid
- PV plus Battery System only during non-event days (Gens utilised for battery charging during sustained poor weather events)
- Diesel, PV & Battery during event days. (Load up to 10 times nominal usage)
- Diesel plus PV feature for battery servicing or under fault conditions.



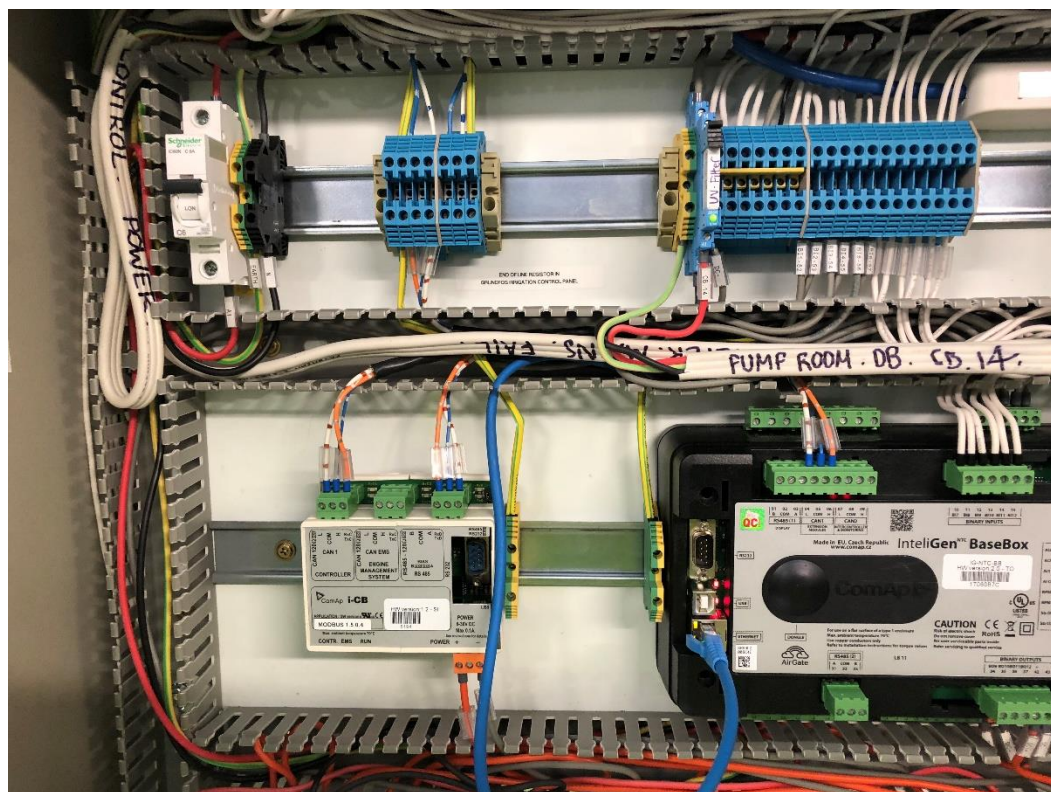
Willinga Park - Outcomes

► Key Outcomes of Willinga Park HMS

- Reduced Costs
- Usage
- Demand Charges
- Network Upgrades
- Export Revenue
- Local DNSP Support
- Energy Security
- Lower Operational Risk
- Improved Environmental Footprint









Willinga Park - Video



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