

# Facility integration and thermal batteries

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### Introduction to A2EP





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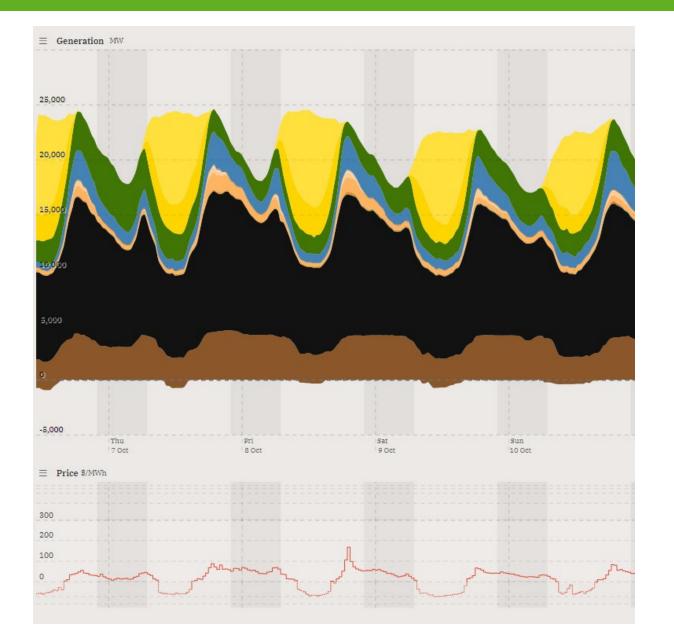


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### Procurement and flexing recap



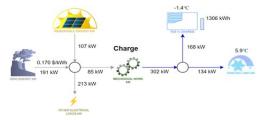
ARENA's load flex study will estimate greater demand flexibility could reduce transition costs by over \$8bn (NPV) due mainly to less battery capex and generator fuel costs.



Comprehensive Portfolio Approach to Energy Sourcing



Pernod Ricard - Roland Flat, SA

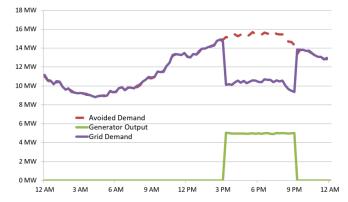




Load Shifting - Demand Response / RERT



 This 6 hour long Demand Response activation reduced grid demand by 5 MW during a Victoria peak electrical day, while not affecting building operations.



# Today's presentations



### Sunshine university – precinct cooling & thermal battery solution



Angela Cooney Sustainable Solutions Manager



Andrew Darr State Manager (Qld), Energy



**Helen Fairweather** Senior Lecturer, Environmental Engineering



### A novel tie-in to trigeneration at UTS



### Jonathan Prendergast

UTS Green Infrastructure Project Manager



# Today's presentations



### Thermal battery and heat pump sizing



Charles Luo Energy Consultant





Combined electric and thermal storage systems



**Florian Naumann** Country Director, Australia



# Today's presentations



### EnergyNest Thermal Storage Systems



**Nick Holmes** General Manager, Australia





**Thomas Palkovich** Vice-President, Project Development

**EnergyNest** 

The Thermal Battery company<sup>™</sup>



### THERMAL BATTERY AND HEAT PUMP SIZING

A2EP Presentation

Charles Luo Engineering Team Leader



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# What are the options for transitioning from diesel use in agriculture as we pursue net zero?

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# Thank you





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# Chat discussion from the webinar



- I wonder the cost comparison between thermal storage and lithium battery storage. I imagine it is a lot cheaper!
  - From my research, costs of water storage is roughly \$6AUD per kWh and phase change materials are around \$150-\$200/kWh.
    Batteries are typically >\$800/kWh. These are capex costs only.
- I imagine there is some residual charging of the TES from the grid. Is there a preference for daytime to soak up low QLD grid prices, and therefore powered by solar?
- Why not put the storage tank underground to improve insulation? Was the heat gain outweighed by the extra cost of excavation?
  - Excellent question. We did consider that but the costs were prohibitive.

- What temperature are you storing at? What is the COP of the chiller for that temperature ?
  - Thanks, I can't recall the specific full load COP but it was between 6 and 7. Part loads over 10. Chilled water is produced at 5 deg C.
- Great Tool! Where can we access it from?
  - Thanks! If you are interested in trialling the tool Charles and Jarrod demonstrated, please email Jarrod: jarrod.leak@a2ep.org.au

# Q&A from the webinar

- Using solar PV for TES charging means that charging cycle of TES coincides with solar, which is also the peak of cooling demand. What is the discharging cycle of TES? Do you have enough cooling demand in the after-hours?
  - Thanks, yes we have a substantial base load across the site.
- An environmentally friendly refrigerant for the cooling plant was mentioned. Do you know which refrigerant that was?
  - 514a was used. Chillers were the Trane CVHM.
- How the chilled water pipeline across the Broadway was constructed? Was that open-cut trenching or directional drilling etc? How much time it took to construct this line?
  - Answered live
- The COP numbers are quite low especially for ammonia. Are they both concurrent? So 1 unit in = COPc + COPh, in which case its a bit better.
  - Yes they are both con-current so combined COP of approx 5-6. Low COP coming from the large temperature lift for the case shown.
- For Azelio: Have you considered using other alloys (e.g. solders) to cater to other low temperature heat applications?
  - I am sure this has been considered by Development but AL turned out to be the best contender.

- Also is Azelio is considering coming to India as a potential business location? Considering renewable energy is rising strongly there?
  - Please send me an email in relation to that to <u>florian.naumann@azelio.com</u>.
- What is the round trip efficiency expected?
  - RTE depends on environmental factors as well as charge and discharge duration and cycle curve. Happy to walk you though it in a meeting. Main design consideration is that if you install 50MWh you will still have 50MWh in year 30 whereas chemical batteries require 1.5-1.7x to be installed to be able to guarantee the usable energy storage for 7-10 years under any temperature condition. If you take that to 30 years chemical batteries are not scalable.
- What is the energy recovery efficiency not including waste heat for TES POD? Power out compared to power in.
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- What is the round trip efficiency of your thermal battery (i.e electricity to electricity)?.
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- Can the hot water from TES.POD be used directly for HVAC (space heating 60-80 degree C)?
  - Yes it can via a heat exchanger.
- What sort of \$/kWh is the storage+ energy generator combo?
  - This is highly dependent on the load curve, the location of the project, size of the project and PV charging costs. We have many projects we work on Australia where it is very competitive. Feel free to send me an email and we will have a look at your project. florian.naumann@azelio.com.au

- Florian, why are individual Stirling engines so small? Can they scale up to 100's of kW or MW for individual engines?
  - it is related to the pressures in the system and the temperature etc. The current size has been trialled and tested. Happy to chat. Just send me an email to <u>florian.naumann@azelio.com.au</u>
- The Stirling engines that powered the overland telegraph line in early last century used concentrated solar collectors to heat the phase change material. A perfect way to operate at a domestic scale to generate hot water and electricity 24 x 7 with sufficient stored heat - no electrical input required. Will domestic scale systems be part of the offering in Australia?
  - Feel free to send me an email to <u>florian.naumann@azelio.com</u> Currently we don't see the domestic sector as a main focus for us due to PV charging requirements and the size and space requirements of the TES.POD.
- Are there any building regulations a hot and cold water storage tank needs to meet?

\*Webinar concluded\*