# High-Performance Microgrids, DERMS, and the Changing Future of Grid Controls





# Recent Natural Disasters Population Affected Jimtown 1 - 49 50 - 499 500 – 4,999 5,000+ St Helena 128 Rutherford Santa Rosa Rohnert Park Penngrove



## Ambitious Campus Goals

Establishing a

Culture of

Sustainability

Zero Net Energy
District Source
by 2030
(across building portfolio)

Carbon Neutral Operations by 2030 Zero Net Non-Potable Water by 2030

## Urban Microgrid Project Objectives

#### GHG Emissions Reductions

 Demonstrate how a microgrid can help drive GHG emissions reductions

# Operational Savings (utility expense & labor)

- Explore and test value streams for microgrids
- Test the business case for advanced microgrids for California Community Colleges

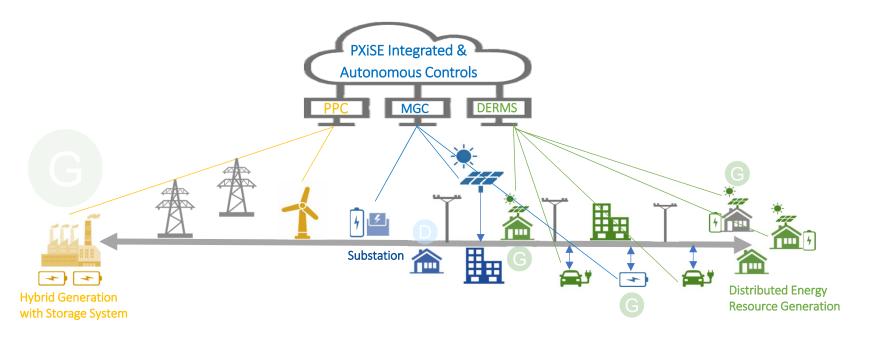
#### Resiliency, Reliability, & Power Quality

- Develop a model for flexible and adaptable systems
- Provide educational resource for future trade education programs
- Improve and support organizational / academic continuance



## A Changing Grid Requires New Solutions

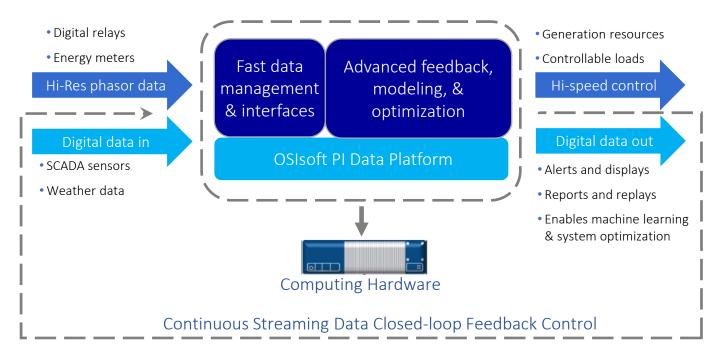
Advanced Controls enable renewable integration and provide resiliency, reliability and cost savings





## The Foundation of PXiSE Control Architecture

#### Orchestration of DER to Deliver Affordable and Reliable Power







## One Platform, Many Solutions

## **PXiSE** Energy Solutions

#### **DER Control**

Realize savings with peak shaving, demand response, and grid services



#### Renewable **Power Plant** Control

Ensure resilience and optimal power quality



#### Microgrid Controller

Reduce integration costs and boost revenue



#### Distributed Energy Resource Management (DERMS)

Maximize system efficiency and reliability









## Microgrid Configuration

#### **Existing Infrastructure**

- 5 Feeders owned by SRJC, single point of interconnection w/ PG&E
- 218kW PV in 2 locations
- Backup DG
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Total site load: 800kW to 2.6MW

#### **Capital Improvements**

- Demo 2 Buildings and unpermitted PV
- Construction of 2 new structures
- New Central Plant with 600kW electric boiler

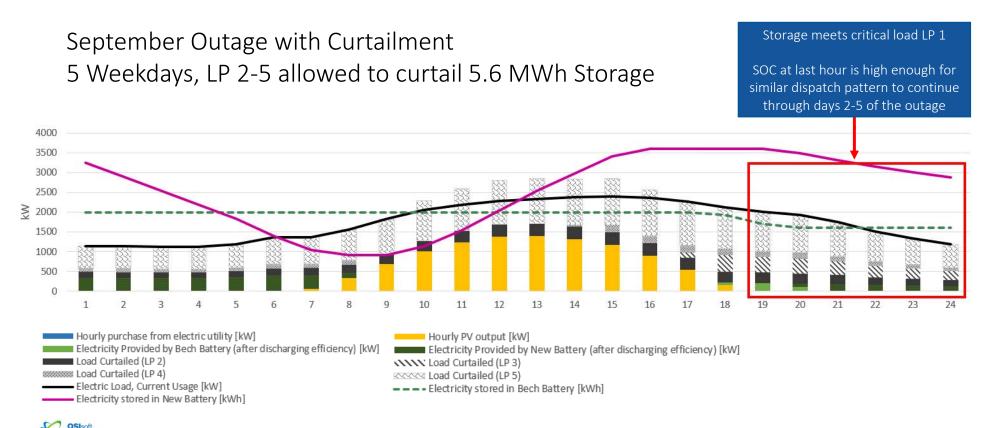
#### **Proposed Grant Additions**

- 2MW, 2MWh additional storage in 2 locations
- Microgrid control (PXiSE) of DERs
- Intelligent load management & submetering
- Active feeder interconnection
- Integration with HVAC EMS for DR and load enable

#### **Installed DERs**

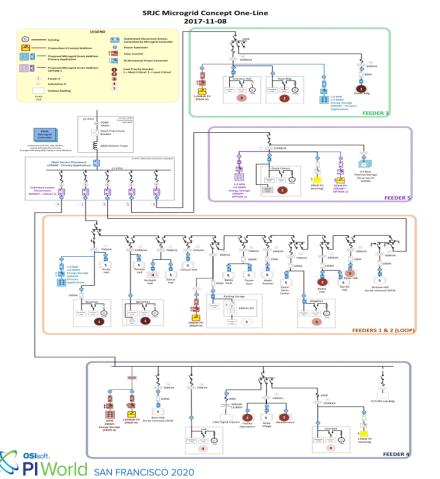
- 2.5MW of PV, distributed on 3 feeders
- 1MW, 2MWh energy storage on feeder 3

## Resiliency Dispatch



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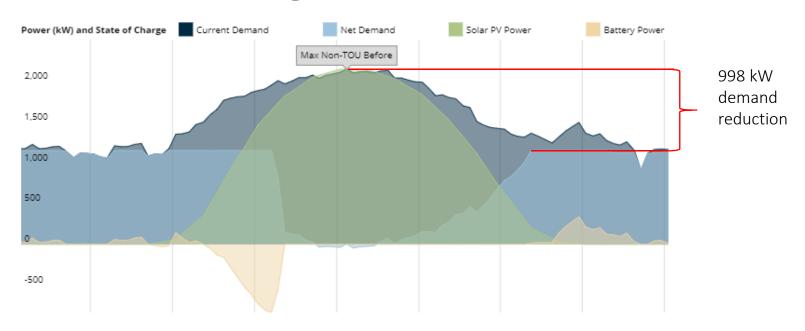
## How We Prioritized Buildings



#### Organizational Continuance Priorities

- 1. Primary level one services
  - Public safety, student support spaces, data center, financial aid, payroll
- 2. Secondary level services
  - Teaching classrooms for in person and online, student support services, basic needs resource center, Student Health Services
- 3. Academic buildings that serve the most classes year round
- 4. Other classroom buildings

## Solar + Storage Solution at SRJC



- Expected Solar Production: ~4 GWh / year
  - ~36% offset of total campus kWh energy use
- Expected Energy Savings: \$330K / year
- Expected Demand Savings: \$170K / year
- Expected Demand Response Revenue: \$50K / year



# The Key to Meeting Ambitious Campus Goals

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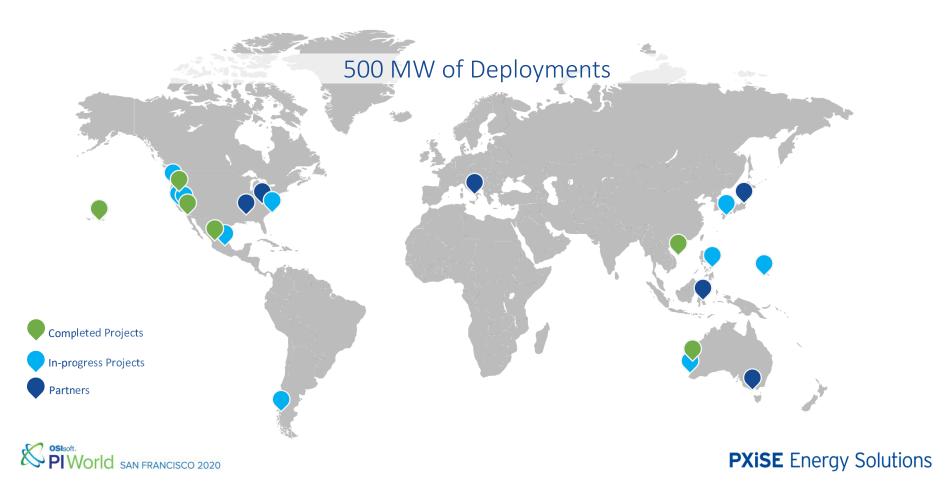
## The Future of Grid Management

Advanced controls are a tool to integrate and orchestrate a diverse set of energy resources while ensuring system balance, power quality, and reliability.





# Global Projects and Partners



## Island Microgrid

500 kW solar

600 kW wind

1.2 MW of battery storage

#### **Technical Objective**

Provides precise ramp control to smooth wind power production

#### **Customer Motivations**

- Increases revenue and maximizes renewable output with energy shifting and peak management
- Be a carbon-free UNESCO World Heritage Site island by 2030







#### Western Australia DERMS

8 1-MW natural gas-fueled generators

1-MW diesel-fueled generator

1-MW solar power generation

2-MW/1.25 MWh battery storage

#### **Technical Objective**

Integrate hundreds of customer DERs with utility assets

#### **Customer Motivations**

- Decrease electricity generation costs and provide more sustainable electricity
- Provide reliability and stability to the grid across the utility's vast territory





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## Summary

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#### **CHALLENGES**

- Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is determined to be resilient when faced with natural disasters that disrupt operations.
- SRJC sought a solution that aligns with ambition carbon-free campus goals.
- Worldwide, operators struggle to find solutions to overcome grid instability and poor power quality.

#### SOLUTION

- PXiSE Energy Solutions partnered with SRJC to deploy a microgrid controller to manage renewable energy generation resources and provide resiliency when faced with grid interruptions
  - PXiSE Microgrid
    Controller will scale to
    allow for campus wide
    integration in project
    phases

#### **BENEFITS**

- SRJC is on the path to meet carbon-free campus goals
- Reduced GHG emissions by integrating high levels of renewables
- Enabling campus-wide resiliency, reliability, and improved power quality
- Operational costs reduced with expected energy savings of \$330,000 per year



"PXiSE is proud to partner with SRJC and many other clients around the world to enable them to meet their energy needs. We strive to support a holistic project design that meets the client's economic and climate goals, and ensure a successful deployment. Our technology will scale with each project to accommodate the addition of more solar, storage, and generation."

- Patrick Lee, CEO, PXiSE Energy Solutions

