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TITLE: APPLICATION OF USED ELECTRIC  
VEHICLE BATTERIES TO BUFFER  
PHOTOVOLTAIC OUTPUT TRANSIENTS

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# 1. ABSTRACT

- Methods to mitigate the effects of power transients associated with grid-tied concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) systems due to fast-moving cloud coverage
- Buffering CPV intermittency with used electric vehicle batteries
- Goals :1) to smooth out the intermittent solar power and; 2) to defer part of the peak load to a convenient time
- Real data were utilized to conduct this study
- Results showed 1) Unit was capable of a constant 20 kW; 2) Unit was able to shift the less valuable off-peak electricity to on-peak time

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- ◉ Solar variability affects photovoltaic
- ◉ PV fields have large and frequent ramp events (challenge for grid operators)
- ◉ Cloud coverage is dependent on: system size, shape, transparency, speed, etc.
- ◉ Used electric-vehicle (EV) batteries are proposed

## 2. INTRODUCTION CONT.

- ◉ Ways to reduce peak load
  - Demand Side Management (DSM)
  - Time Of Use pricing (TOU)
  - Energy storage System (ESS)
    - Absorption of surplus power
    - Allowance of energy to be utilized at convenience

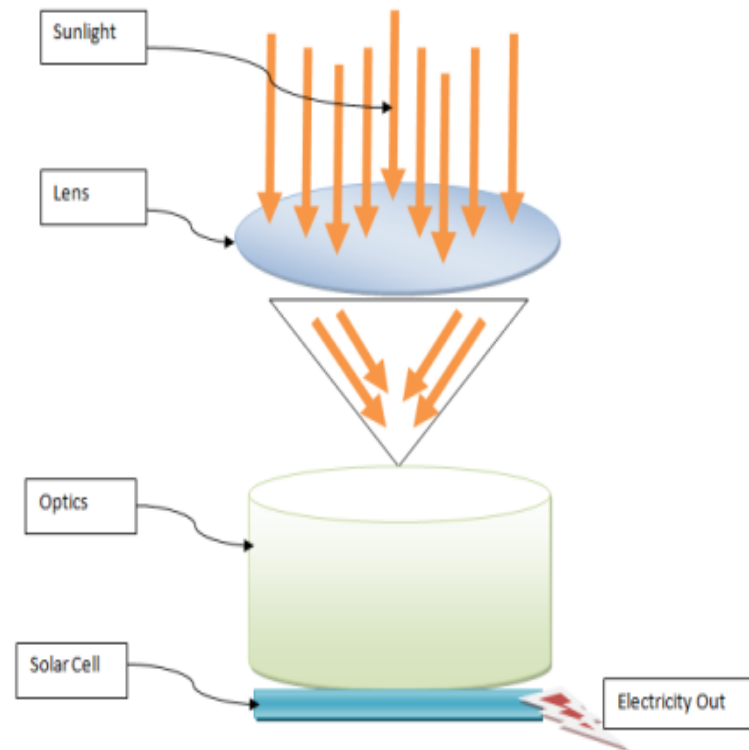
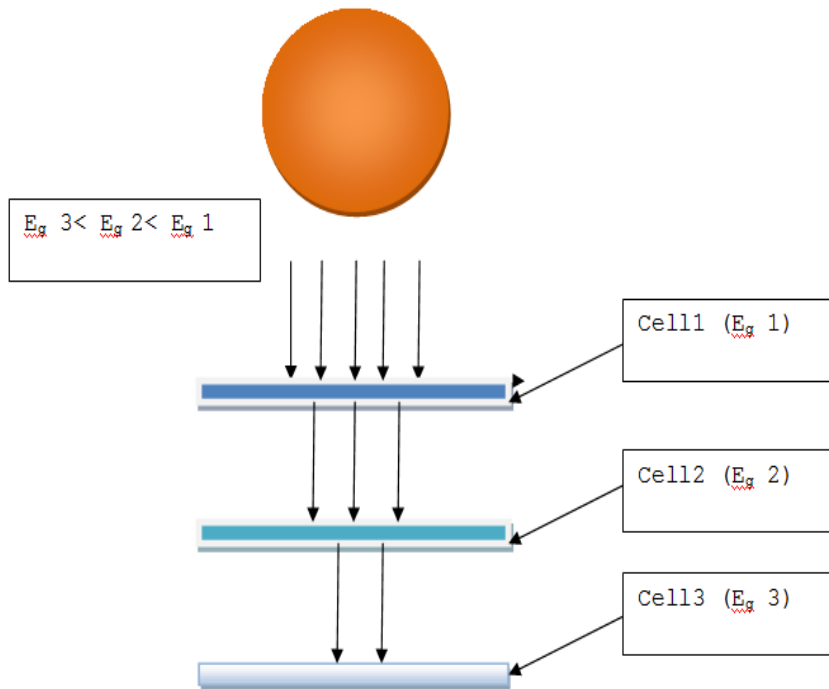
## 2. INTRODUCTION CONT.

### ○ Research focus

- Smoothing the CPV power transients due to cloud coverage with energy storage system, ESS1
- Shifting less expensive power to the peak demand time, with ESS2

# 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE CPV SYSTEM UNDER STUDY

- Highly efficiency
- Triple junction
- Less material used





# 3. DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

- Dual-axis tracking
- Eff. in excess of 29%
- Name plate AC capacity 53kW  $\pm$ 5%
- Op. three phase 480VAC
- Op. Temp -10°C to +50°C



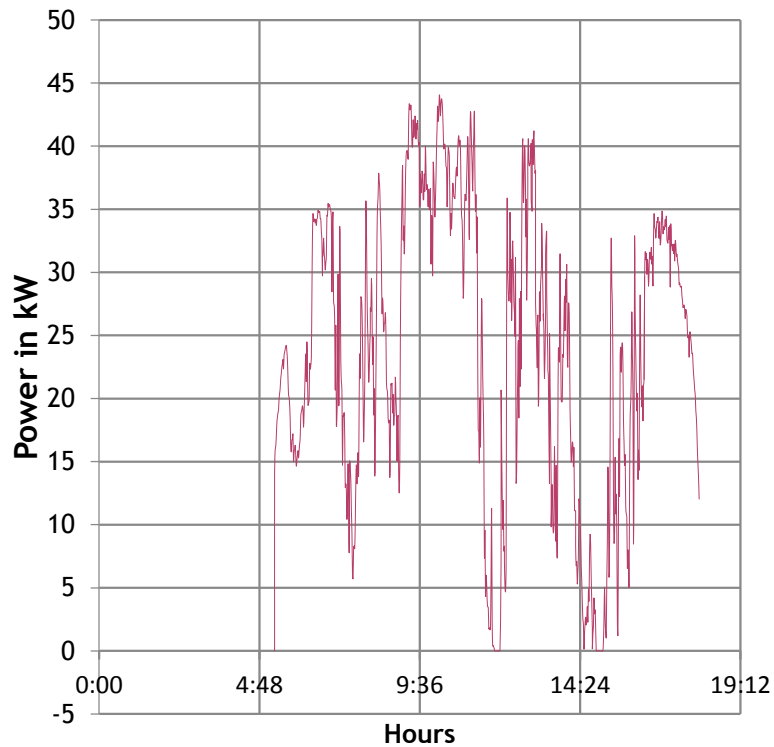
Characteristics

CPV Amonix 7700

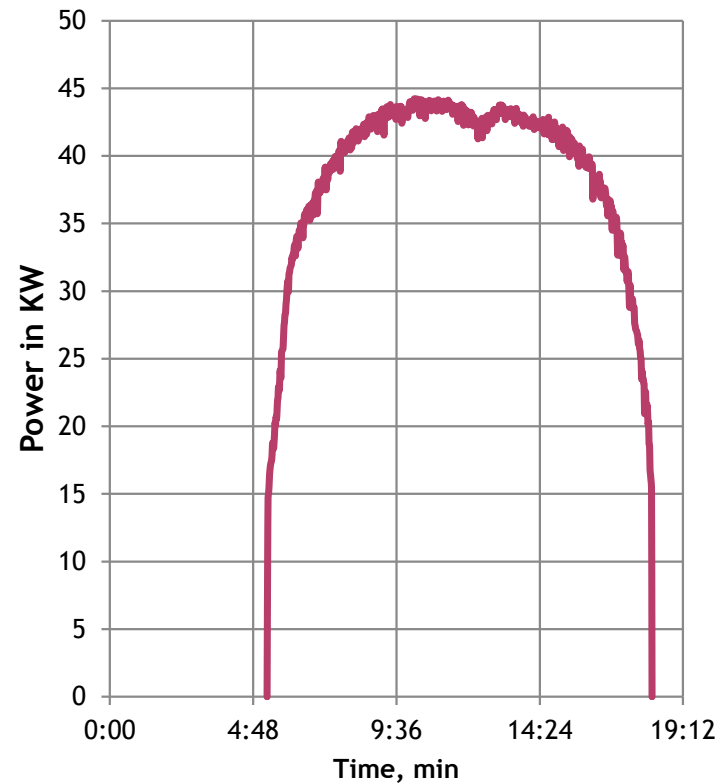


# 3. DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

## Output Cloudy Day



## Output Clear day



## 4. PROCEDURES AND CONTROL STRATEGIES

- ◉ Collected Summer CPV 7700 data
- ◉ Collected NV Energy summer load
- ◉ Checked missing data prior to simulation
- ◉ Built Matlab codes

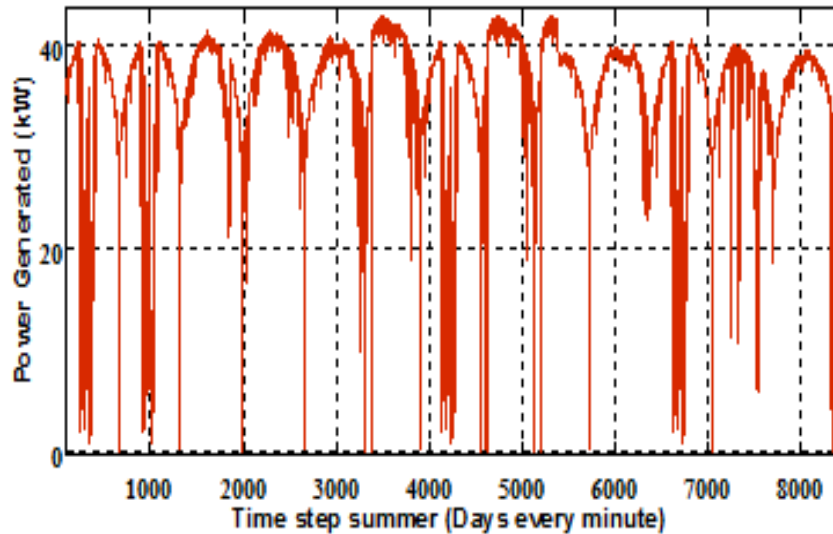
## 4. PROCEDURES AND CONTROL STRATEGIES (CONT.)

### Variables and Assumptions

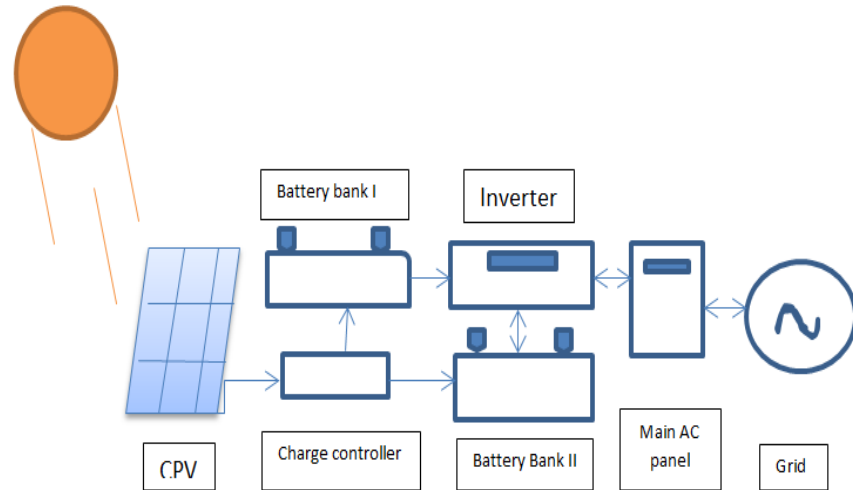
- Variables
  - 15kW Power (ref.)
  - Battery capacity
  
- Assumptions
  - Inv. Output was 38kW
  - Inv. Eff. 88%
  - Discharge time 0.34h for ESS1
  - Discharge time ESS2 6 hours
  - Round trip loss 12%
  - Battery nominal 24V
  
- Final ideal value achieved after few trials

# 4. PROCEDURES AND CONTROL STRATEGIES (CONT.)

## Output without ESS

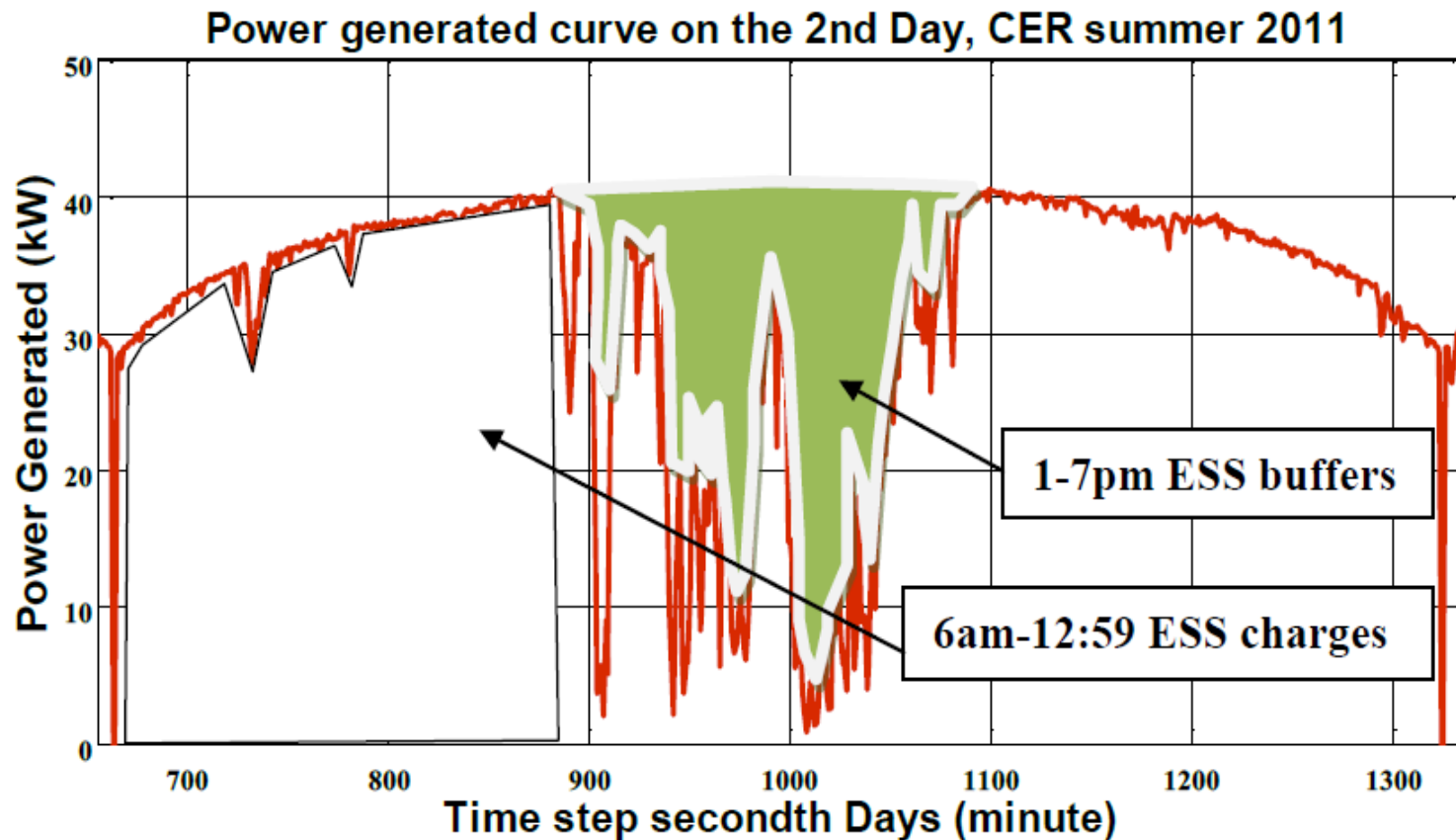


## Diagram of the system



## 4. PROCEDURES AND CONTROL STRATEGIES (CONT.)

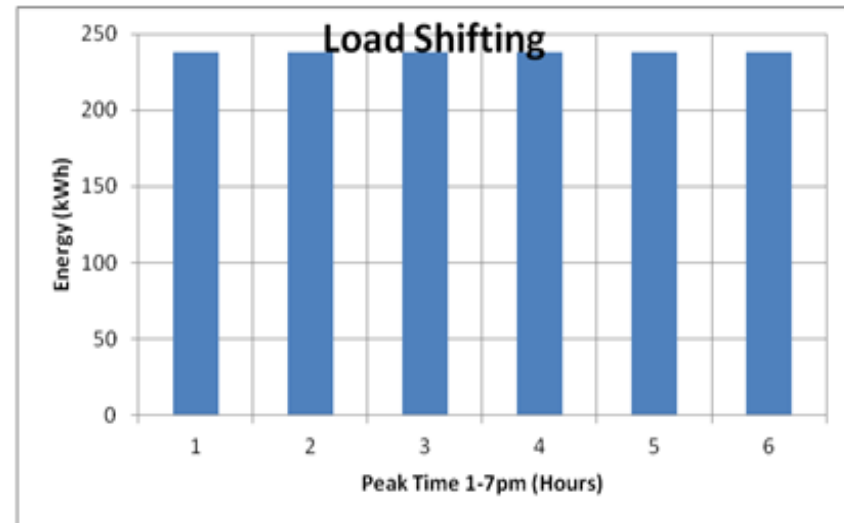
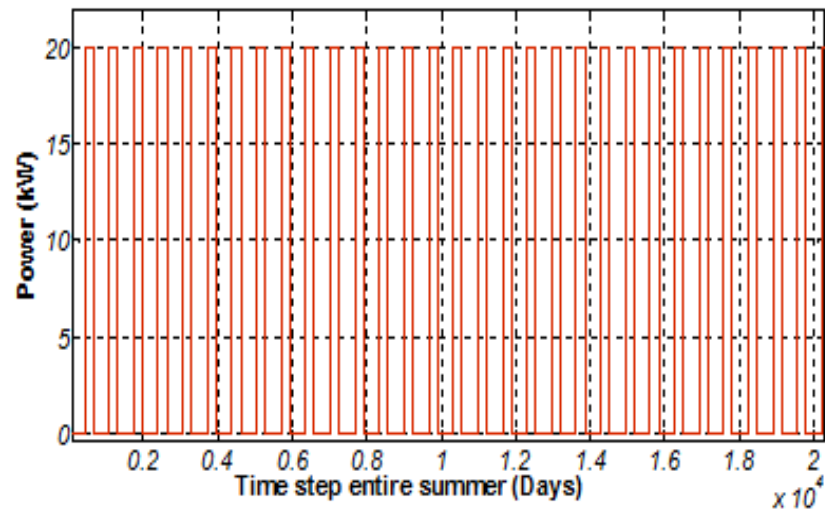
### System's setup



# 5. BATTERY PARAMETERS AND FUNCTIONS

Designation	kWh	Functions
ESS1	20	Power smoothing
ESS2	368	Load shifting
ESS Total	388	Both Functions

# 6. SIMULATION RESULTS AND ANALYSIS



Constant 20kW based on 20.436kWh  
ESS1 for the entire Summer

Constant 238 kWh Load shifted, ESS2



# 7. CONCLUSION

- ◉ Ways to reduce CPV Variability was investigated
- ◉ Power reliability and availability were increased
- ◉ Voltage, frequency, and p.f angle quality increased
- ◉ Proposed Used automotive batteries for Economic and Environmental reasons
- ◉ Intent was to prove the technical feasibility of a grid-tied CPV
- ◉ Study aims to foster a large scale renewable penetration
- ◉ Results show that the proposed size of the partially degraded battery (388kWh) achieves a desired outcome of a constant 258kW of power

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

◎ Thank you,