

# Microgrid Financing in 2023

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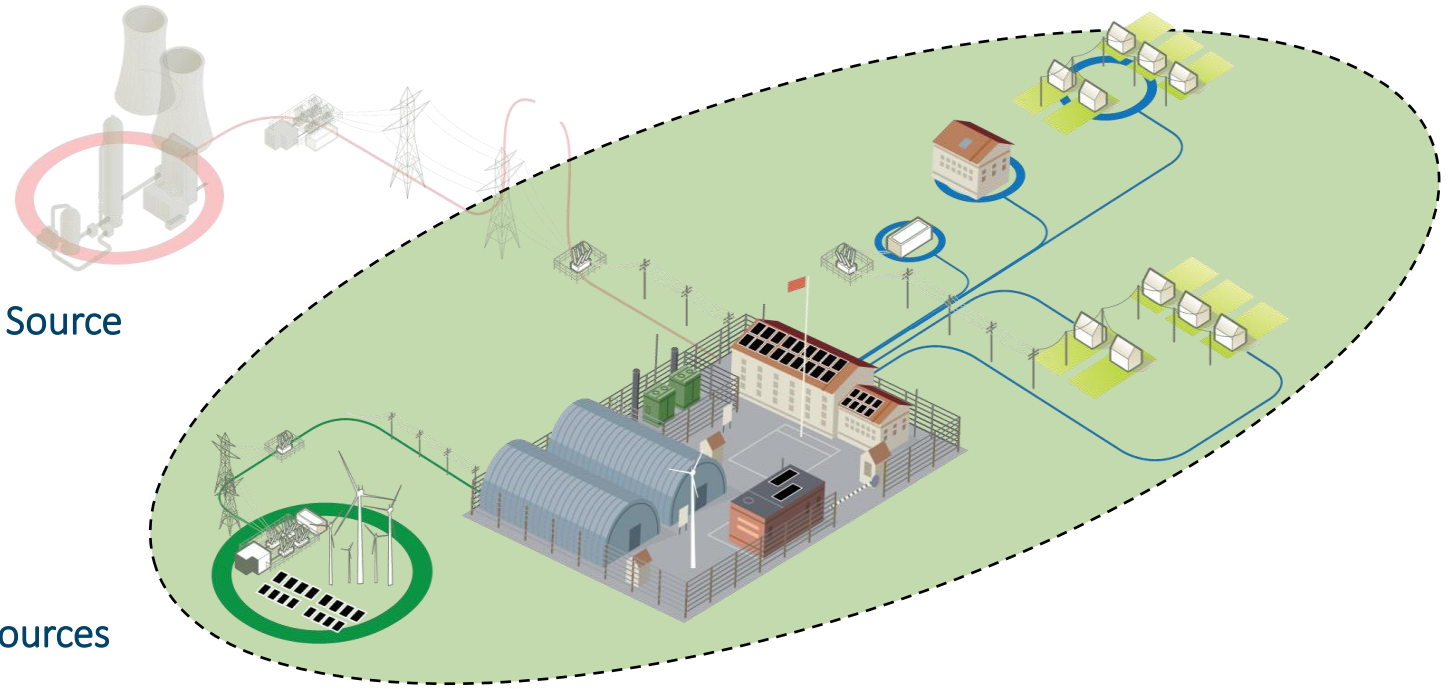
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#### Seattle, WA

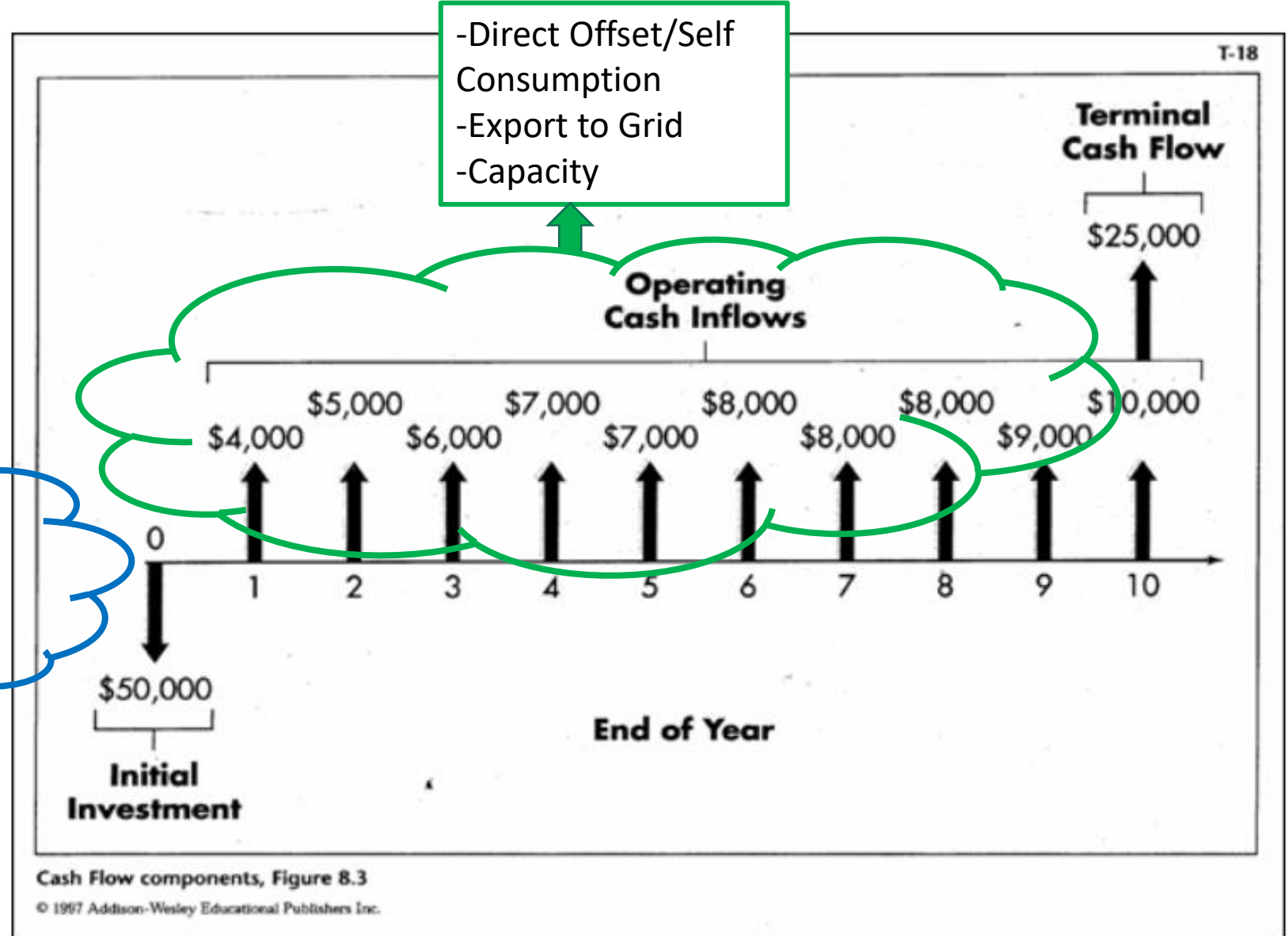
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Primary Energy Source

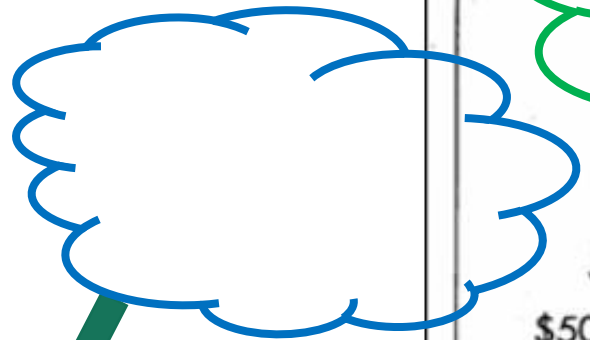
Local Energy Sources



# Simplified Overview of Long-Term Incremental Cash Flows

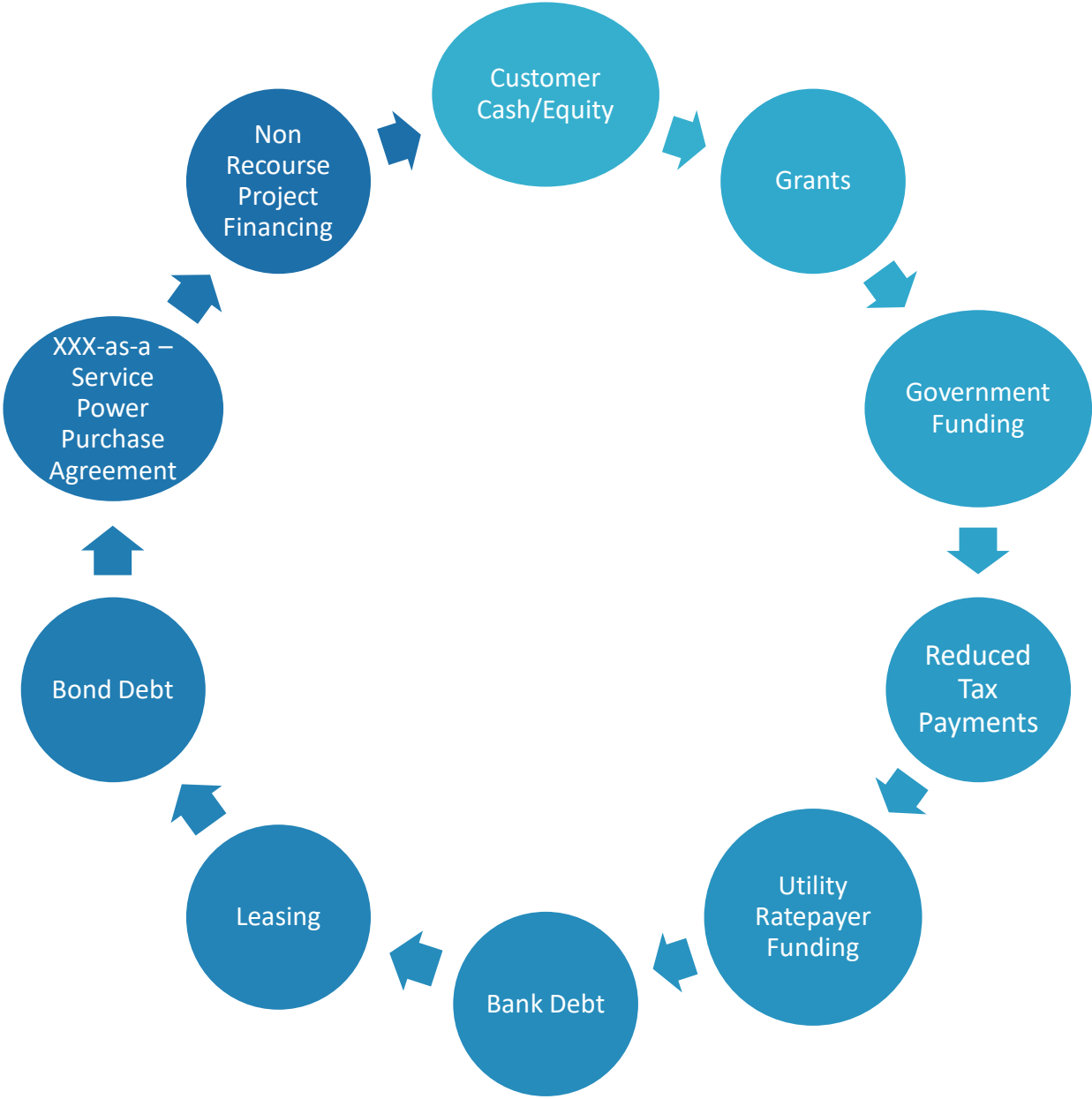


- Direct Offset/Self Consumption
- Export to Grid
- Capacity



- Incentives for Buy-Down
- Tax Credits
- Rebates
- Direct Subsidy

# Different Types of Energy Finance



# Energy Finance depends on Energy Project Type



## North Sea Oil Financing

- Predictable Production
- Known Technology
- Variable Pricing



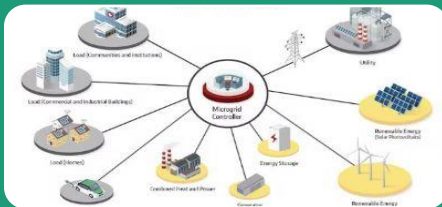
## Cogeneration

- Predictable Production
- Electricity/Heat Interplay
- Variable Fuel Costs
- Known Technology
- Stable Off-Take Pricing



## Offshore Wind Power

- Variable Production
- No Fuel Cost
- Known Technology
- Stable Off-Take Pricing



## Hybrid Microgrid

- Variable Production
- Variable Load
- Variable Fuel Costs
- Stable Off-take Pricing
- Relatively Unknown Technology



Low

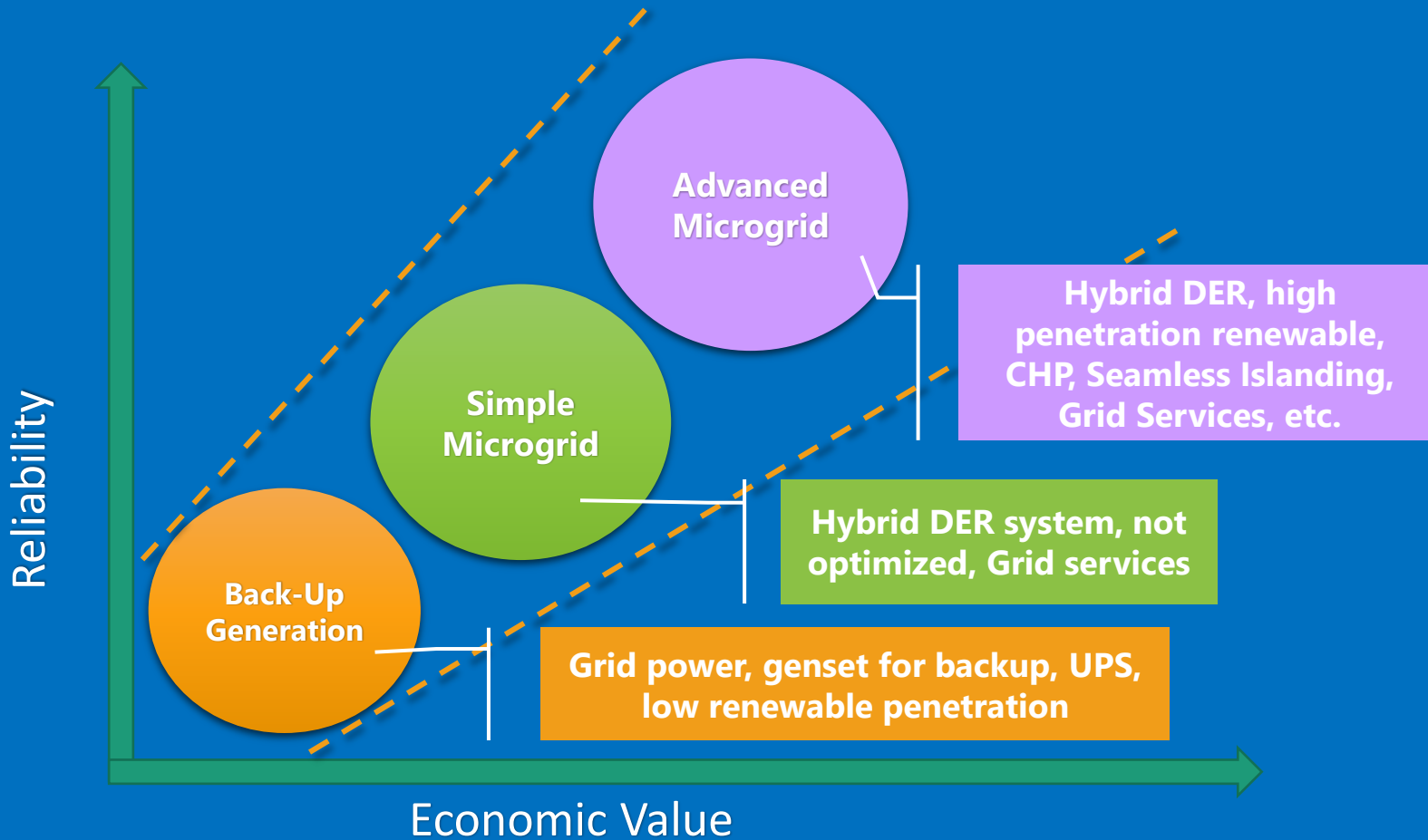
Medium

High

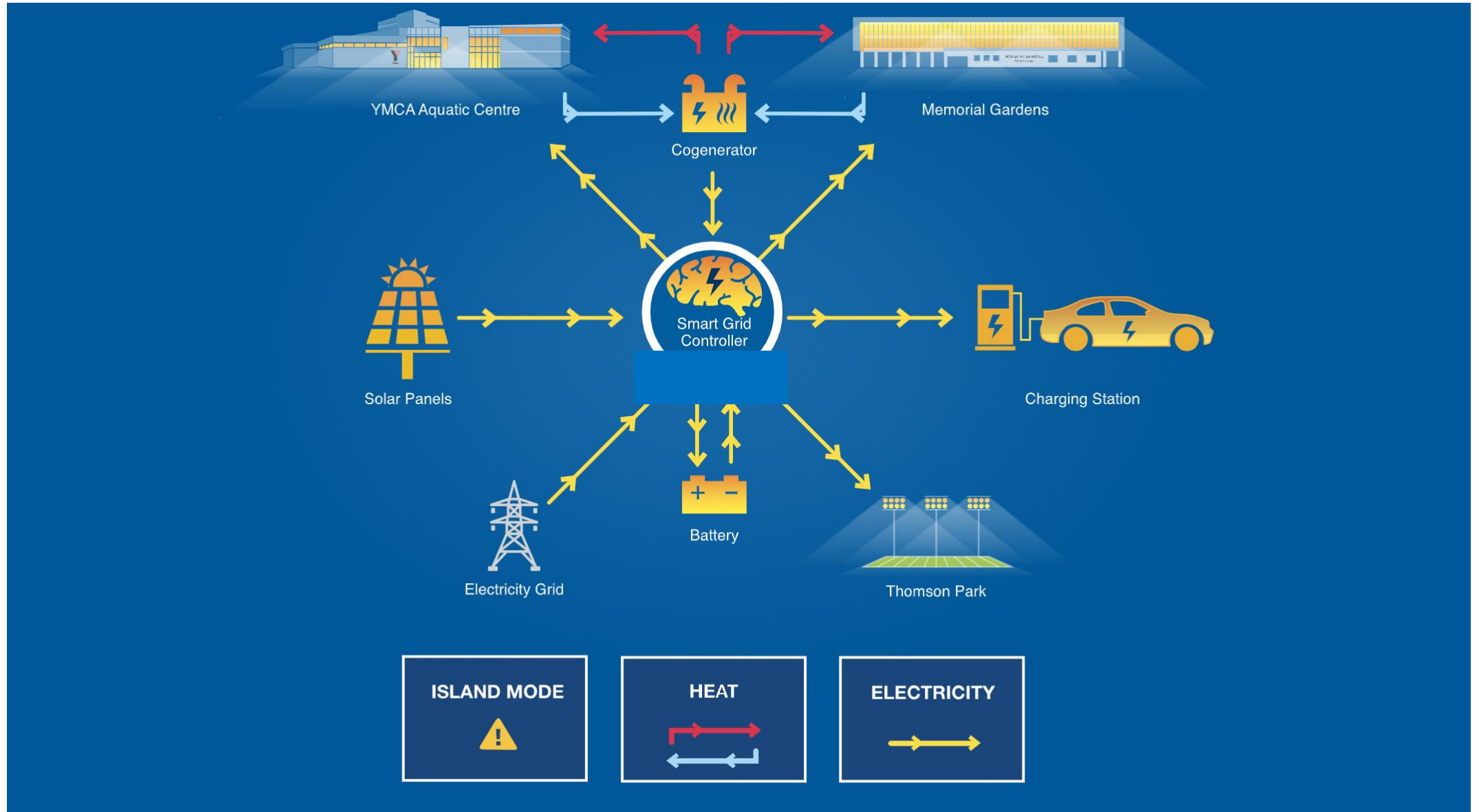
Level of Complexity

# Microgrid Value (from user standpoint) Grows with Complexity

## Microgrid Value (from Financier standpoint) may be diminished by Complexity

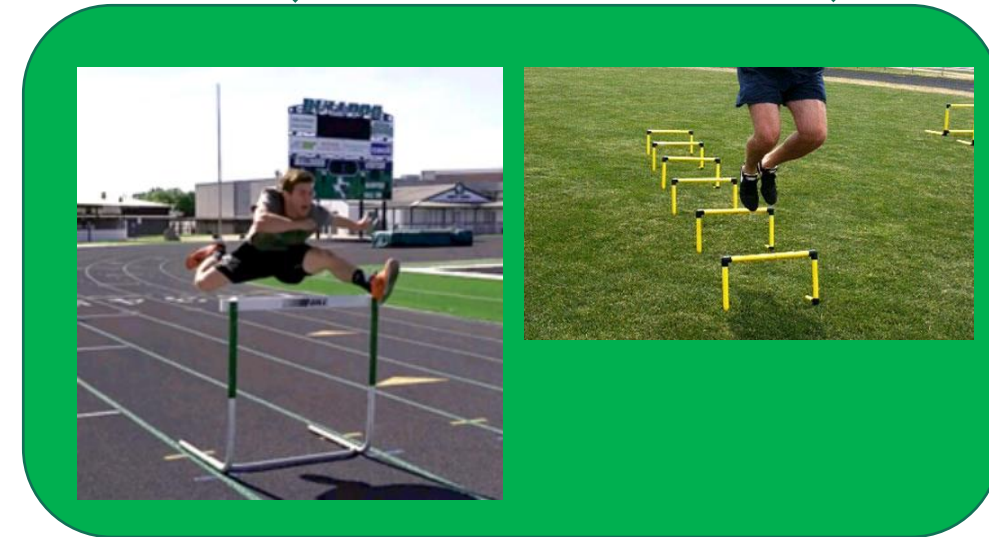
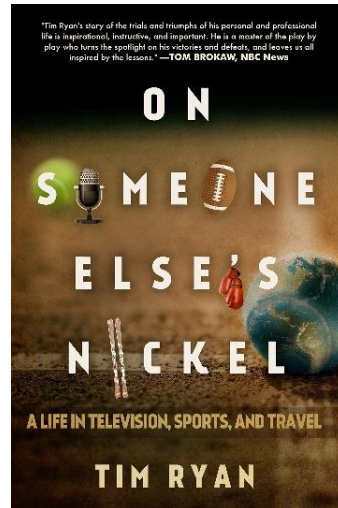
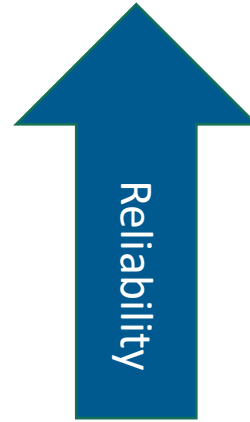


# North Bay Hydro Community Energy Park, Ontario, Canada

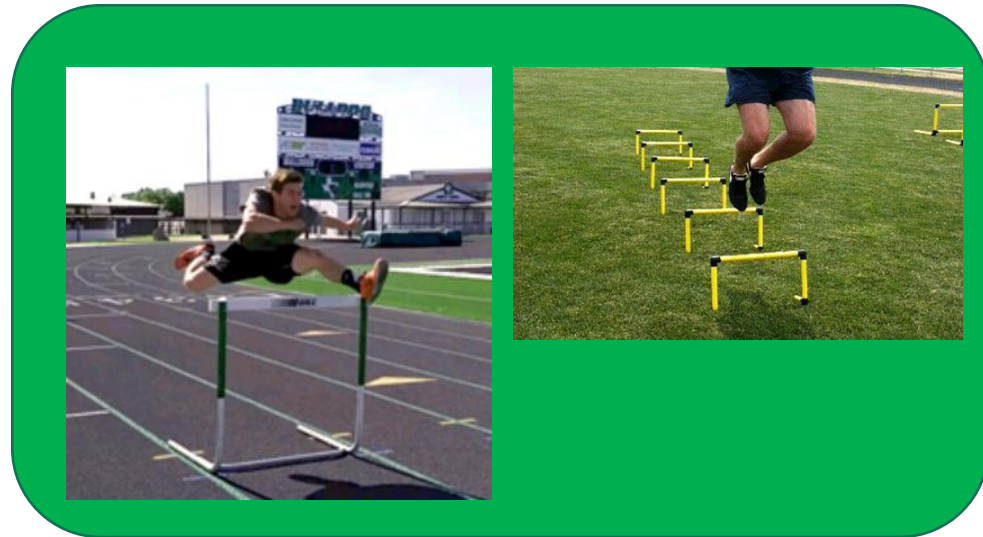
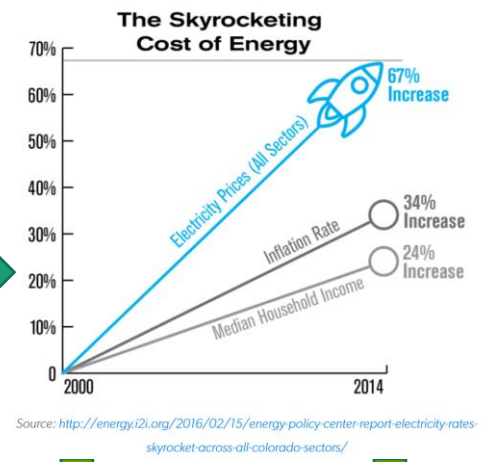
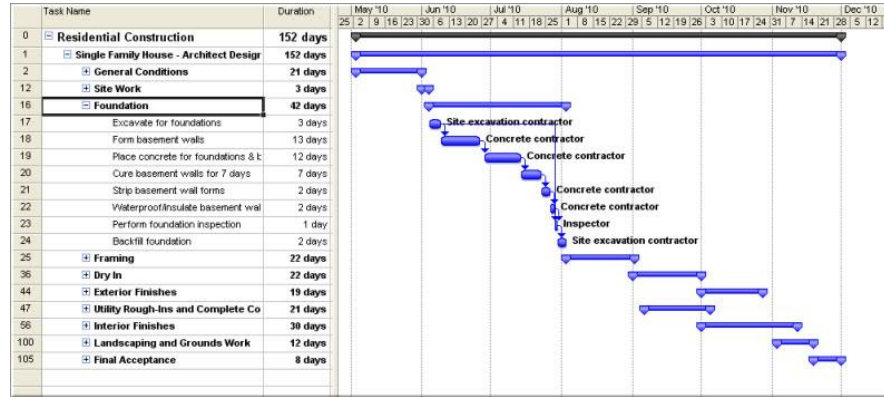


Source: North Bay Hydro Community Energy Park

# Microgrid as a Service Creates Benefits to End User



# Microgrids as a Service Mitigates Risk

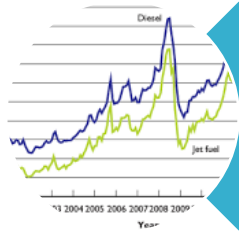




# The MaaS Model incentivizes O&M optimization



Ongoing, Intelligent  
Process Control



Key Variable Changes can result in enhanced  
use cases

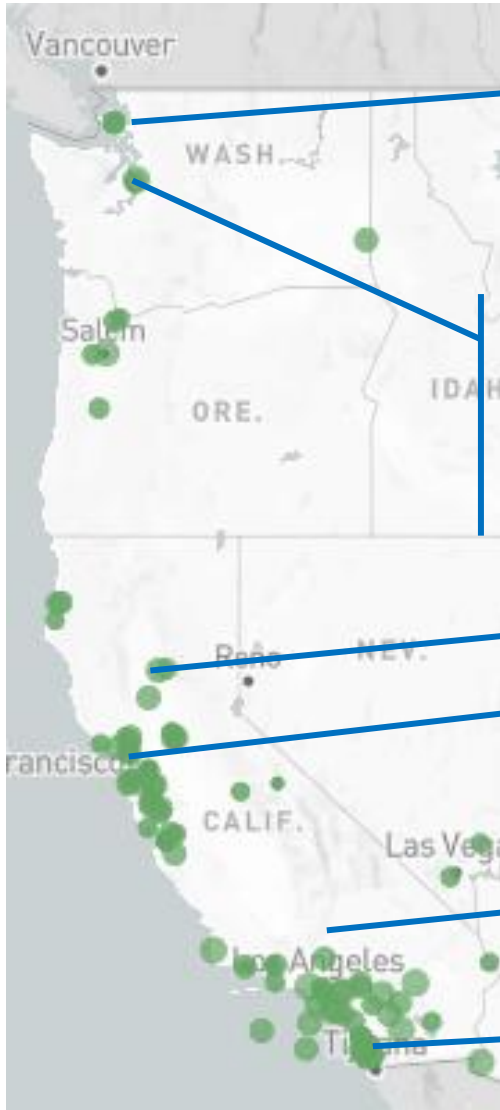


A successful MaaS provider is driven to  
retaining IM



MaaS Contracts can include O&M performance  
metrics with financial kickers and penalties

# Selected Microgrid Finance Models from WA and CA



- 1) OPALCO Decatur Island Community Microgrid, San Juan Islands (2018)
  - Technology: 504 kW, Solar + Storage, 2018;
  - **Funding** via State of WA grant and Utility Investment
  - Grid Connected
- 2) Decatur Island, Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (2020)
  - Technology: 500 kW Generation, 1000 kW Storage
  - **Funding:** Washington State Grant, Utility
  - Remote

**Seattle City Light, Miller Community Center (2021)**

- Technology: Battery Storage, solar panels, and microgrid controls;
- **Funding:** State of WA Grant, Seattle City Light Utility Grid Connected

**Castello di Amorosa Winery**

- Technology: Battery Storage, solar panels, and microgrid controls;
- Funding: Self Funded
- Grid Connected

**UC Berkeley Microgrid (30 MW)**

- Technology: Battery Storage, solar panels, and microgrid controls;
- Funding: Likely Microgrid as a Service
- Grid Connected
- Operational in 10 Years.

**Bluehouse Greenhouse Microgrid (Lancaster, CA)-13 MW**

- Technology: Solar, Wind, CHP, Carbon Recovery
- Funding-Microgrid as a Service (Endurant)
- Not Grid Connected

**City of San Diego Microgrids (8 Microgrids)**

- Technology: 930 kW Solar, 2 MWh of battery storage and EV Charging Stations
- Funding- Shell New Energies under a Microgrid as a Service Model, Gridscape-\$950,000, Grant Funding from the California Energy Commission.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Microgrid operational in March 2023

**Source: U.S. Department of Energy Combined Heat and Power and Microgrid Installation Databases**

# The Outlook for Microgrids and Microgrid Finance

- Global microgrid market size is projected to be worth USD 85.7 billion by 2030 growing at a CAGR of 14.03% between 2022 to 2030 [Precedence Research](#)
- North America will continue to capture largest market share (40% of global share in 2021), primarily in Commercial & Industrial Sector
- Grid Connected Microgrids comprise 60% of total revenue share and will continue to grow as % of total
- Continued movement towards renewables away from fossil-fuel generation within microgrids
- 1-5 MW Project Size will predominate over 2023-2027 timeframe: [Microgrid Market](#)
- Microgrid-As-A-Service expected to grow by 15.7%/yr from 2022-2031 [Transparency Market Research](#)
  - Driven by multi-billion companies that can carry debt burden
  - MAS becomes less expensive (\$/kW) as project size grows
  - More projects, more data, less uncertainty, less risk
  - Higher Interest rates, less 3P Capital, lower interest rates more 3P Capital

# Thank You!

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# Selected Microgrid Capsule Summaries from WA and CA

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- JFK Int'l Airport, 11.4 MW 7.7 MW rooftop solar, 3.7 MW fuel cells, and 2 MW/4 MWh battery storage. Financed by Alphastructure (a Carlyle Group/Schneider JV) using Energy as a Service Model, Grid Connected, Operational Date 2026-2030
- Seattle City Light, Miller Community Center, 680 kW; Battery Storage, solar panels, and microgrid controls; State of WA Grant, Seattle City Light Utility Funding, Grid Connected
- OPALCO Decatur Island Community Microgrid, SanJuan Islands, 504 kW, Solar + Storage, 2018; funded via State of WA grant
- Decatur Island, Orcas Power & Light Cooperative, 500 kW Generation, 1000 kW Storage, 2020
- Arlington Microgrid, Snohomish County Public Utility District; Grid Connected, Storage 1 MW/1.4 MWh, 500 kW AC Solar Array, V2G, 350 kW Emergency Generator, Microgrid Control System; Funding: State of WA Grant, SNOPUD
- Castello di Amorosa Winery, 2022, Grid Connected, 375 kW Storage, 250 kW Storage, Self Funded
- City of San Diego, 8 Microgrids comprising 930 kW Solar, 2 MWh of batter storage and EV Charging Stations, Shell New Energies to Own and Operate under a Microgrid as a Service Model, Gridscape Contributed \$950,000, Shell New Energies \$4 MM, Grant Funding from the California Energy Commission. 1<sup>st</sup> Microgrid operational in March 2023
- Kaiser Permanente Ontario CA Microgrid; 2.2 MW of solar, 1 MW fuel cell, and 9MWh battery, \$8 MM CEC Grant; Grid Connected
- Bluehouse Greenhouse Microgrid, Southern California, 13.2 MW Microgrid, using EAS Model, Endurant is the developer, 4, 3.3 MW Natural Gas fired Ecomax CHP systems, Not Grid Connected,
- UC Berkeley, Campus Microgrid, Carbon Neutral, All Electricity procured to be carbon free, Add of 30 MW Soar to replace On-Campus Co-Gen, Grid Connected, Operational in 10 Years.