

Sizing Behind-the-Meter Energy Storage and Solar for Electric Vehicle Fast-Charging Stations*



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Introduction

Mass adoption of Electric Vehicles (EV) is under way

- Current EV fleet: 0.5%

Projections in 2040

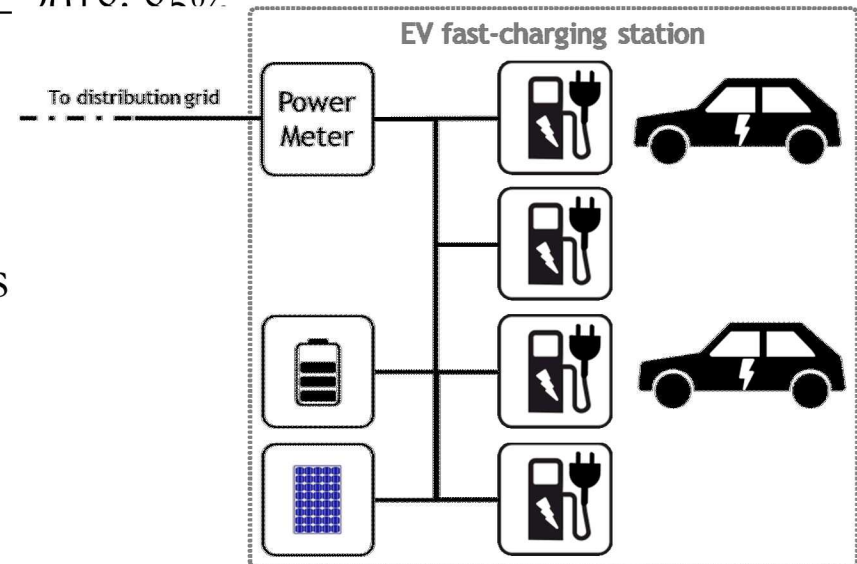
- 57% of passenger vehicles sold
- 30% of world's fleet

Reducing cost of electricity in EV fast charging stations

- Net energy metering (NEM)
 - Opportunities for behind-the-meter (BTM) resources
- Battery energy storage systems (BESS)
 - Declining cost of Lithium-ion in 2010 – 2010. 050%
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) generation

This presentation

- Optimal sizing of PV + BESS
- Evaluation of potential cost savings



Goal: maximize net present value (NPV) of investment

- Optimal sizing of PV and BESS
- Optimal dispatch of BESS
- Maximize cost savings
- Perfect load forecast – provide upper bound on NPV

$$\max_{q_t^c, q_t^d, \overline{q^m}, \overline{q_{PV}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_y} \frac{R_k}{(1 + i_r)^k} - C_{in}, \forall t \in \Omega^t \quad (1)$$

s.t. (2) – (24)

q_t^c, q_t^d ESS charging, discharging power in time t , kW .

$\overline{q^m}$ ESS rated charge and discharge power, in kW .

$\overline{q_{PV}}$ Rated PV power output, in kW .

R_k Total cost-saving in year k , in \$.

C_{in} Total amount invested in PV and ESS, in \$.

i_r Interest rate for payback.

Cost savings: baseline (yearly) electricity costs minus cost with BESS and cost of degradation

$$R_k = \sum_{j \in \Omega_k^m} (\overline{C}_j - C_j - C_j^b), \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_y\} \quad (2)$$

Costs can include tariffs that feature

- Time-of-use (TOU) charges
- NEM
- Service cost
- Demand charges
- Energy charges

$$C_j = \underline{C} + D_j + E_j, \forall j \in \Omega_k^m \quad (4)$$

TOU demand costs

- High peak, low peak and facility charges (last 12 months)

$$D_j = D_j^h + D_j^l + D_j^f, \forall j \in \Omega_k^m \quad (5)$$

TOU energy costs

- High peak, low peak and base rates

$$E_j = p_e^b \cdot e_j^b + p_e^l \cdot e_j^l + p_e^h \cdot e_j^h, \forall j \in \Omega_k^m \quad (17)$$

Degradation costs

- Throughput under warranty
- p_{th} is the ratio between cost of BESS warranty and throughput under warranty

$$C_j^b = p_{th} \cdot \sum_{i \in \Omega_k^t} q_t^d \cdot \Delta t \quad (13)$$

NEM Policy – utility does not pay for surplus net energy

Battery Operation Constraints

- State-of-Energy (SoE) , maximum charging/discharging

$$0 \leq q_t^c \leq \overline{q^m}, \forall t \in \Omega^t \quad (20)$$

$$0 \leq q_t^d \leq \overline{q^m}, \forall t \in \Omega^t \quad (21)$$

$$0 \leq S_t \leq \overline{S}, \forall t \in \Omega^t \quad (22)$$

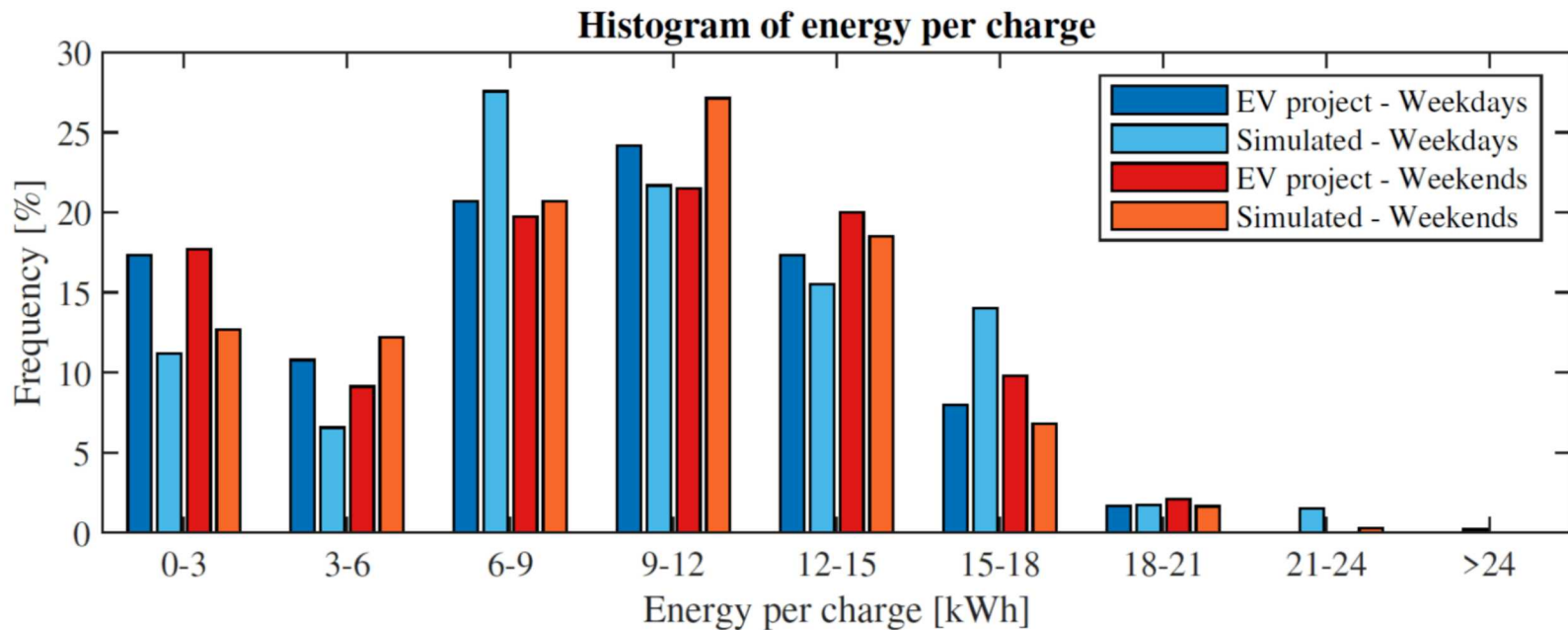
$$S_{t+1} = \Delta t \cdot \left(\gamma_s \cdot S_t + \gamma_c \cdot q_t^c - \frac{q_t^d}{\gamma_d} \right), \forall t \in \Omega^t \quad (23)$$

SoE in start of month

$$S_{t_0} = 0.5 \cdot \overline{S}, \forall t_0 \in \Omega^{t_0} \quad (24)$$

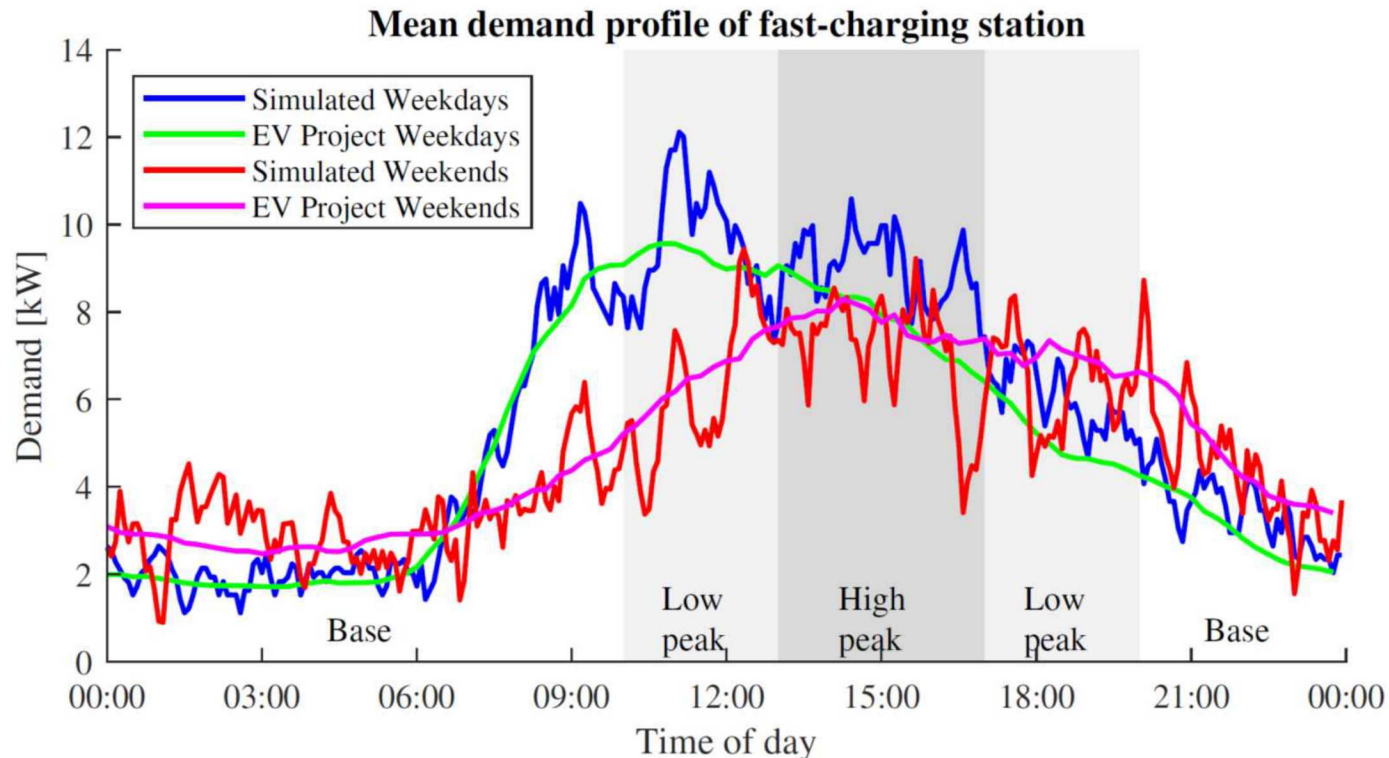
Load profiles

- Based on EV Project data Los Angeles – 2013
- 4x type 2 chargers in station
 - 26.58kW constant load each



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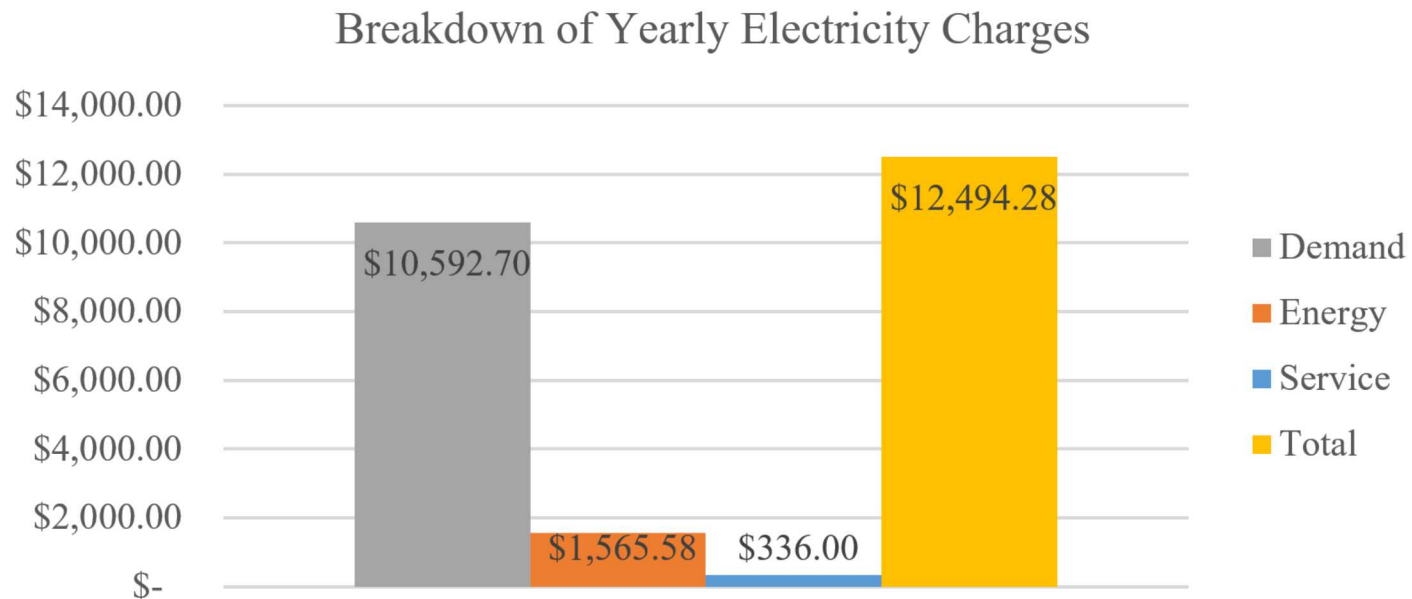
- Zero reactive power costs
- Data synthesized based on statistics of charging
- Distributions of time spent per charging session, energy used in each charging session



Case Study

Cost savings:

- Baseline vs costs with PV and ESS
- Following data, most costs are due to demand-related charges



Resulting optimization problem is a Linear Program
Solution using Pyomo, a python-based optimization toolbox

Time resolution of 15 minutes

- It is the same used to calculate demand and energy by meters

Solar profile created using PVWatts

Analysis over 10 years

- Solve for 1 year, assume similar results for coming years
- Assumed constant prices of electricity
- Assumed constant load

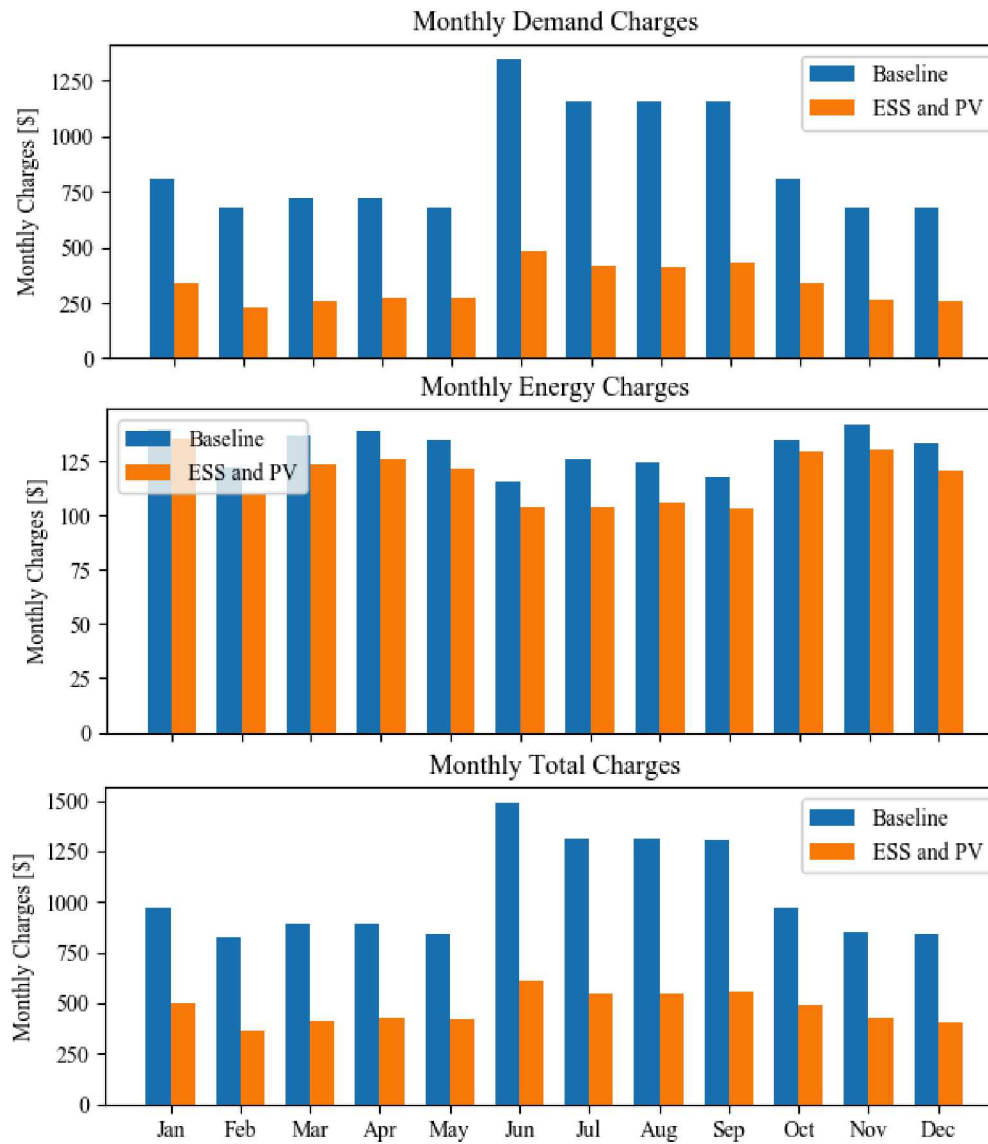
Solution of the LP: 298 seconds (GLPK solver)

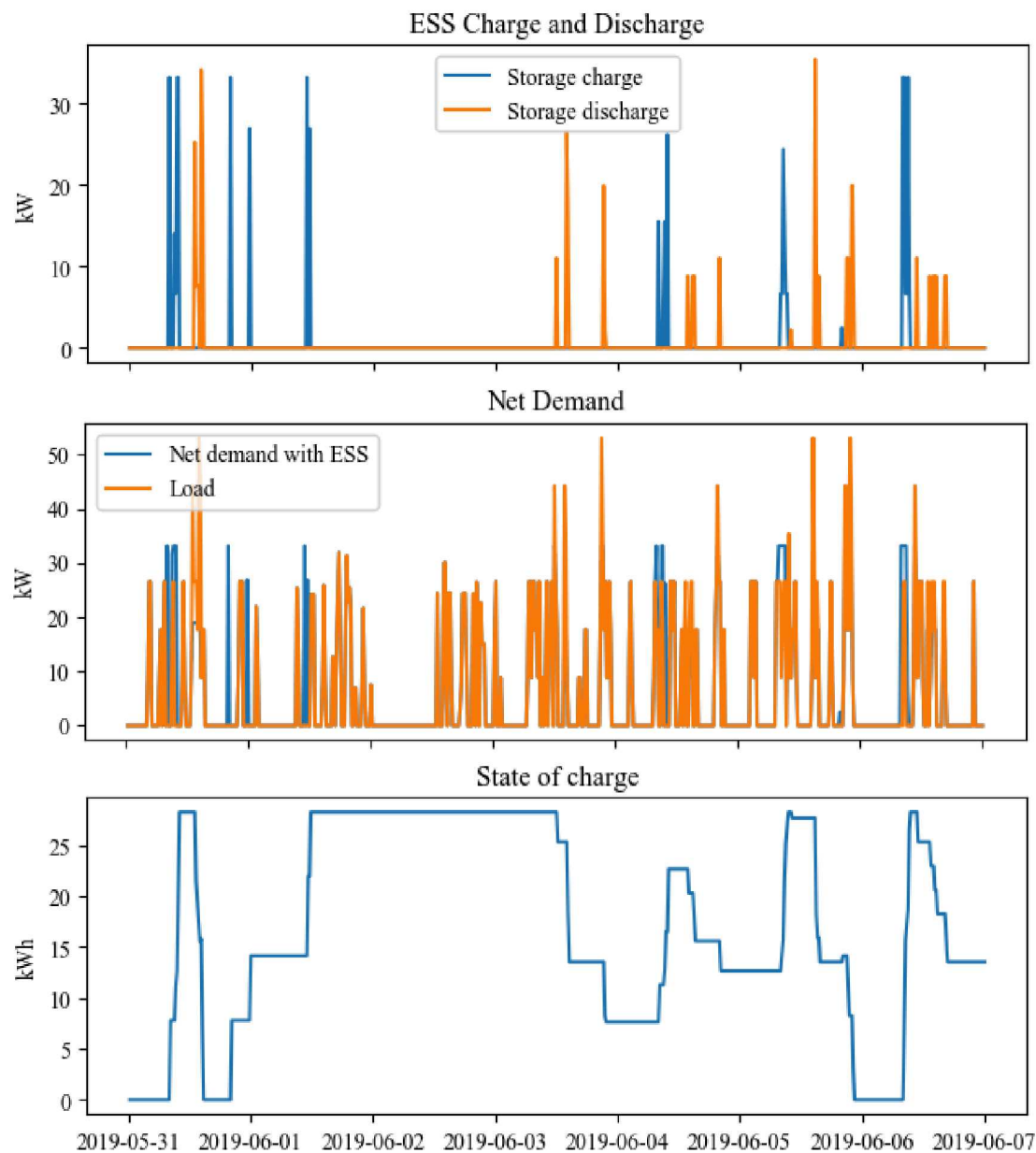
Energy equivalent of 170 cycles/year

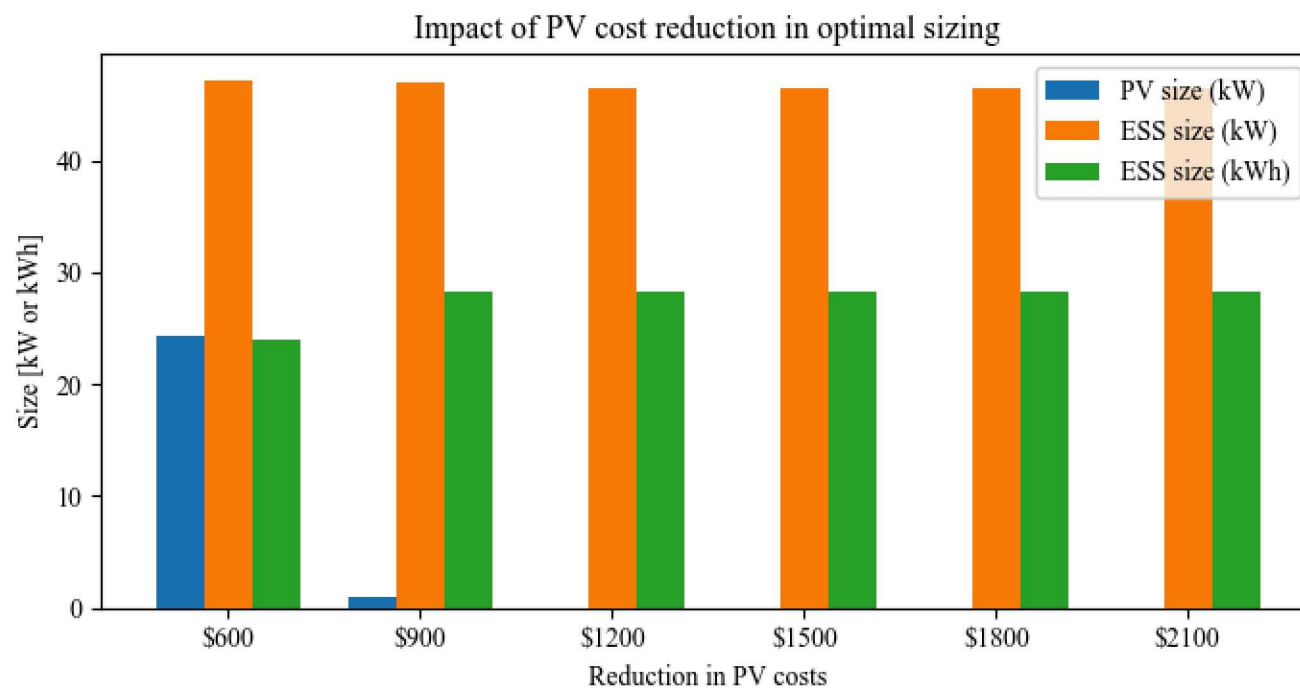
No PV!

SUMMARY OF OPTIMIZATION RESULTS

	Variable	Value	Variable	Value
	PV cost	\$0.00	ESS cost	\$28551
	ROI	\$22374.50	n_y	10 yrs
	i_r	5%/yr	PV size	0.0kW
	ESS power	46.49 kW	ESS energy	28.26kWh
Base	Max demand	79.70kW	Energy	46.7MWh/yr
	Demand cost	\$10592.70/yr	Energy cost	\$1565.58/yr
	Service	\$336.0/yr	Total cost	\$12494.28/yr
ESS	Max demand	33.21kW	Energy	47.4MWh/yr
	Demand cost	\$3958.35/yr	Energy cost	\$1413.82/yr
	Throughput	4.8MWh/yr	Degradation	\$504.80/yr
	Total electr.	\$5708.17/yr	Total cost	\$6212.97/yr







BESS was able to provide significant cost savings

- Baseline costs dominated by demand charges (85%)

PV could not contribute

- PV can reduce energy charges, which are marginal in this problem

PV only makes sense if:

- Cost is reduced
- Charging/occupation rate of chargers increase
- Tariff of energy (kWh) increases significantly

Degradation results in significant reductions in ESS operations

Optimal sizing

- Enough energy to supply for a mean charge
- Enough power capacity to supply 2 chargers

Optimal operation

- Charge battery to restore SoE when demand for chargers and energy costs are low - night/early morning
- Discharge BESS when two or more chargers are being used

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