

# Renewable Integration

## DC MicroGrids for Commercial Buildings

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- Who we are
  - Manufacture Track Busway
  - 160,000 sf Canonsburg, PA
  - Family owned
  - Employ 320 people (office + manufacturing)
  - Sell products globally
- Markets
  - Data Center
  - Industrial/Commercial Buildings
  - Retail



# Agenda

- Building Scale MicroGrids
- On-Site Power Distribution
  - Why use 380VDC?
  - Business Case
- System Integration
- System Design Examples

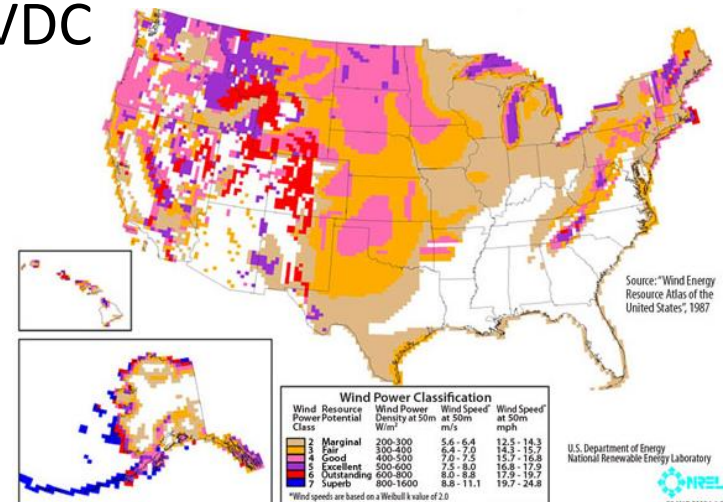
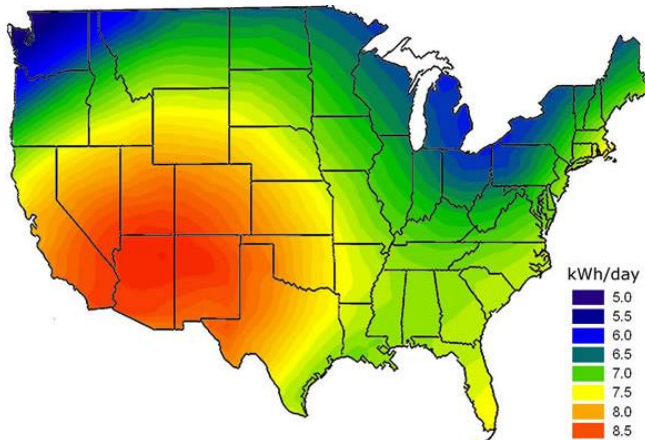
# Building Scale MicroGrids

- What do they consist of?
  - On-site power generation
  - On-site energy storage
  - Powering building loads
  - Tracking efficiency through on-site metering
  - Grid tied supplemental power
- Size
  - 50kW – 300kW total system output is typical
  - Includes all sources – Wind/Solar/Other



# Building Scale MicroGrids

- Why use them?
  - Energy cost savings
  - Reduce grid energy usage
  - Reduce carbon footprint
  - Improve power distribution efficiency
    - From source to load if using HVDC



- What is it?
  - Utilizing 380VDC from renewable sources to load
  - Emerging standard through many industries
  - Renewables and loads can be and are inherently dc
    - Batteries, lights, HVAC, computers, EV charging
- Why use 380VDC?
  - Simplicity
  - Efficiency
  - CAPEX



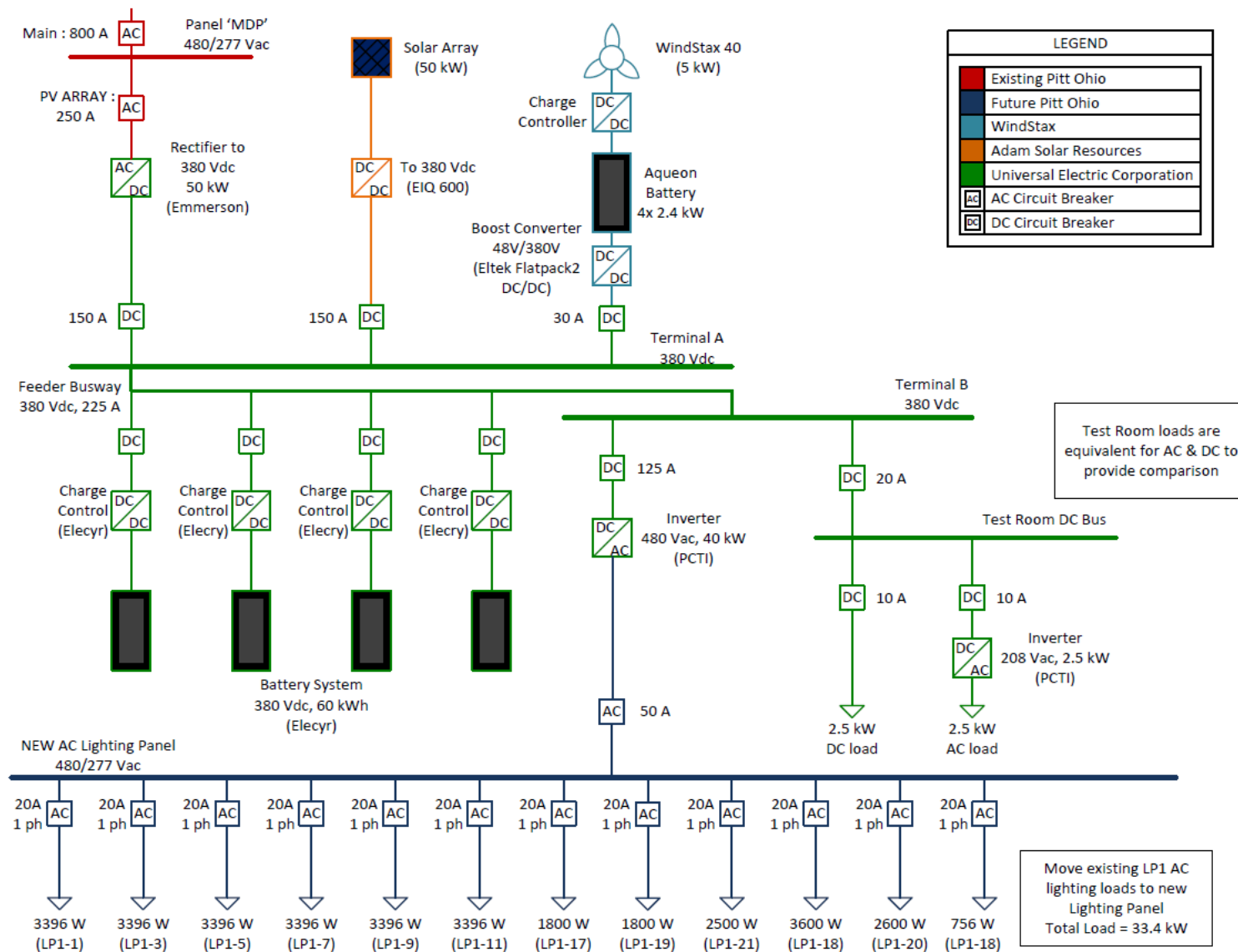
- System Operation
  - Components
  - Communication
  - Hierarchy
    - Highest voltage wins
- Grounding
  - High Resistant Mid-Point Ground
  - Ground fault detection



- Includes Wind, Solar and Storage
  - All outputs onto common 380VDC bus
  - 50kW Solar
  - 5.5kW Wind
  - 75kWh Lithium Iron Phosphate batteries
- Powers ac Lighting Load
- All sources produce 380VDC
- Uses grid power for backup



# Pitt-Ohio System Layout



# Project Collaboration



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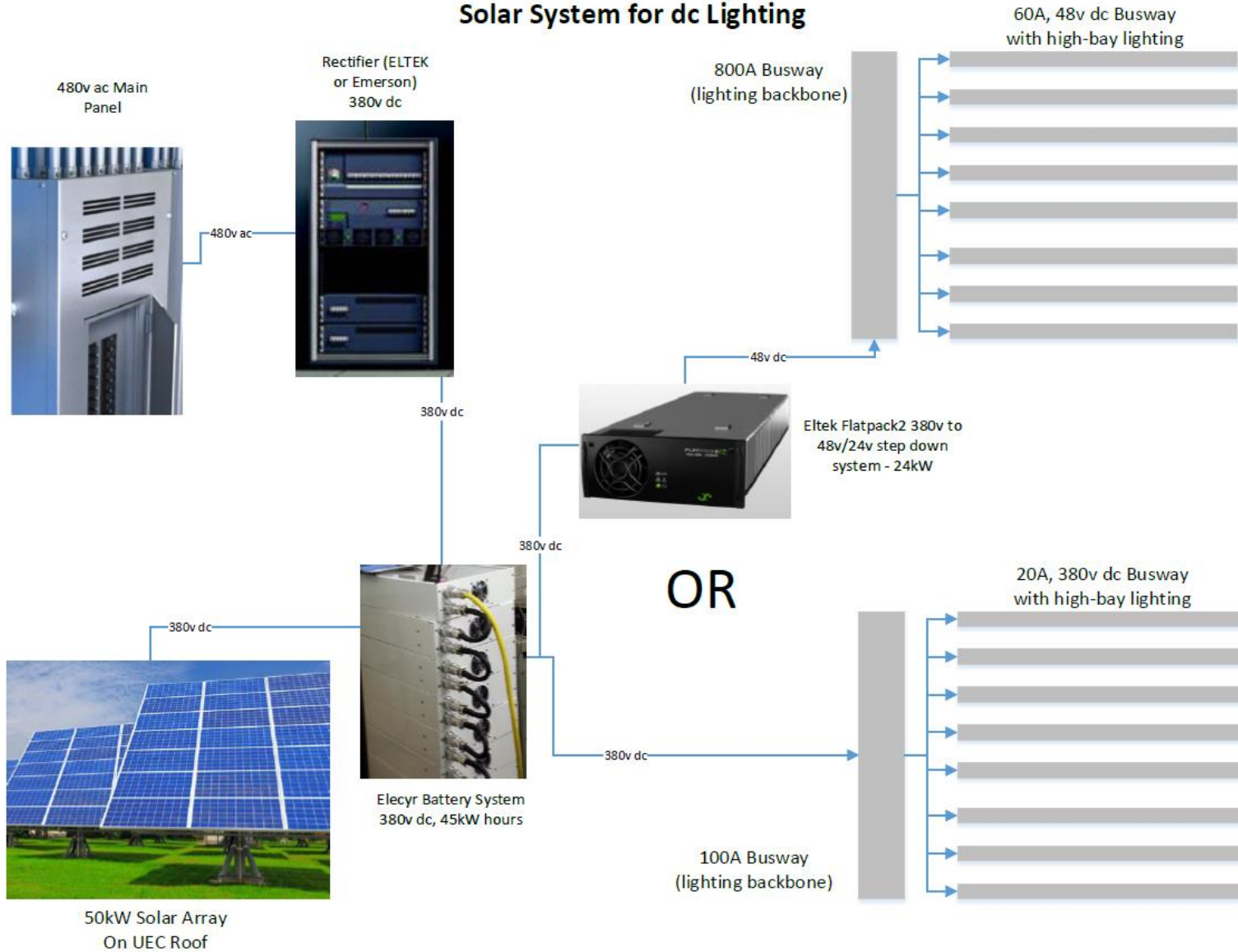


- 50kW Solar array producing 380VDC
- 60kWh Lithium Iron Phosphate Batteries
- Rectified grid power as backup
- 380VDC Lighting Load
  - 21 kW load
  - 72 High Bay, 42 Low Bay fixtures
  - LED lights take 380VDC directly
  - Most efficient power distribution
- Cost & ROI



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## Solar System for dc Lighting



# Questions and Answers



Thank You  
Q&A – 5 Minutes

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