



# Other Energy Storage Devices

Water, Compressed Air, Ice, Thermal,  
Rotating, Flow Batteries, Hydrogen, etc.

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# Theme:

There are many devices that store energy besides capacitors and batteries.

Some store energy in an intermediate form, then convert it back to electric power.

Most store energy non-electrically for later use so that the electric power demand is better matched to supply.

Although not a classical energy storage mechanism, they can provide controls that synchronize loads to the peaks and sags of the Grid and can perform an equivalent function for regulation services / peak shaving / load shifting at a much lower cost.





# The other players:

Thermal Storage: heat can be stored in

- solids like salt, phase changing materials
- liquids like water, coolant material

Pressure Storage: pressurized storage can be found in many places

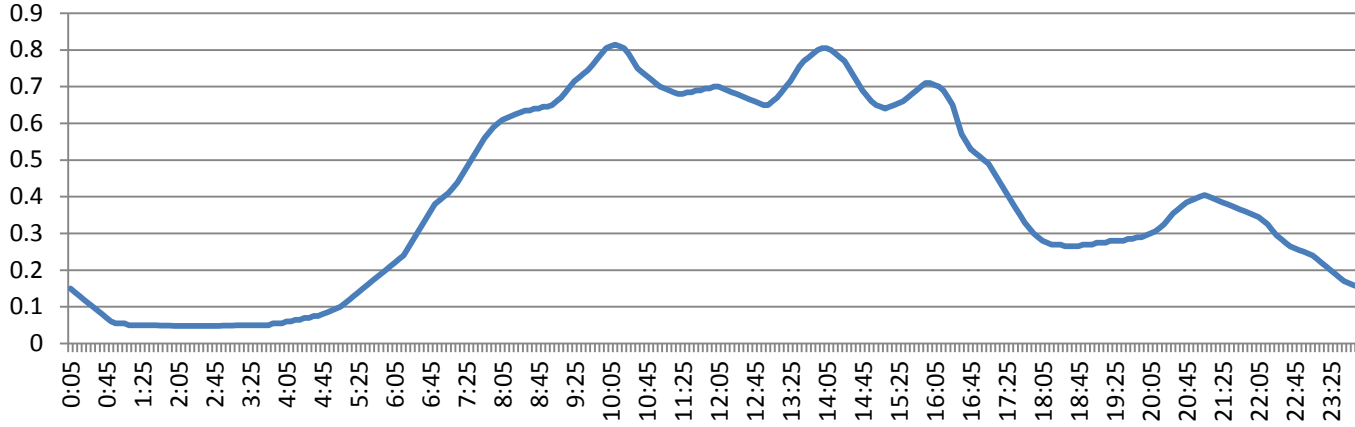
- natural gas, air in caves, balloons
- hydrogen for fuel cells
- LNG for transportation

Phase changing Storage: water to ice, water to steam, solids to liquid

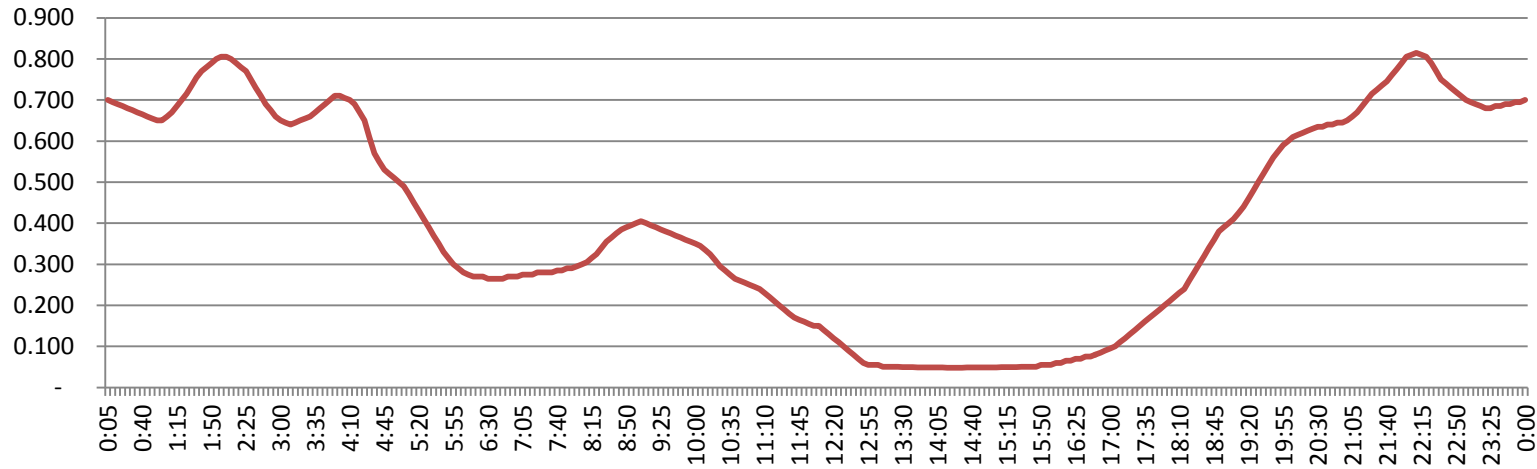
Mechanical Energy Storage: flywheel, pumped hydro



# Typical Load Curve



Time shift by 12 hrs. = Load shifting → STORAGE DEVICE



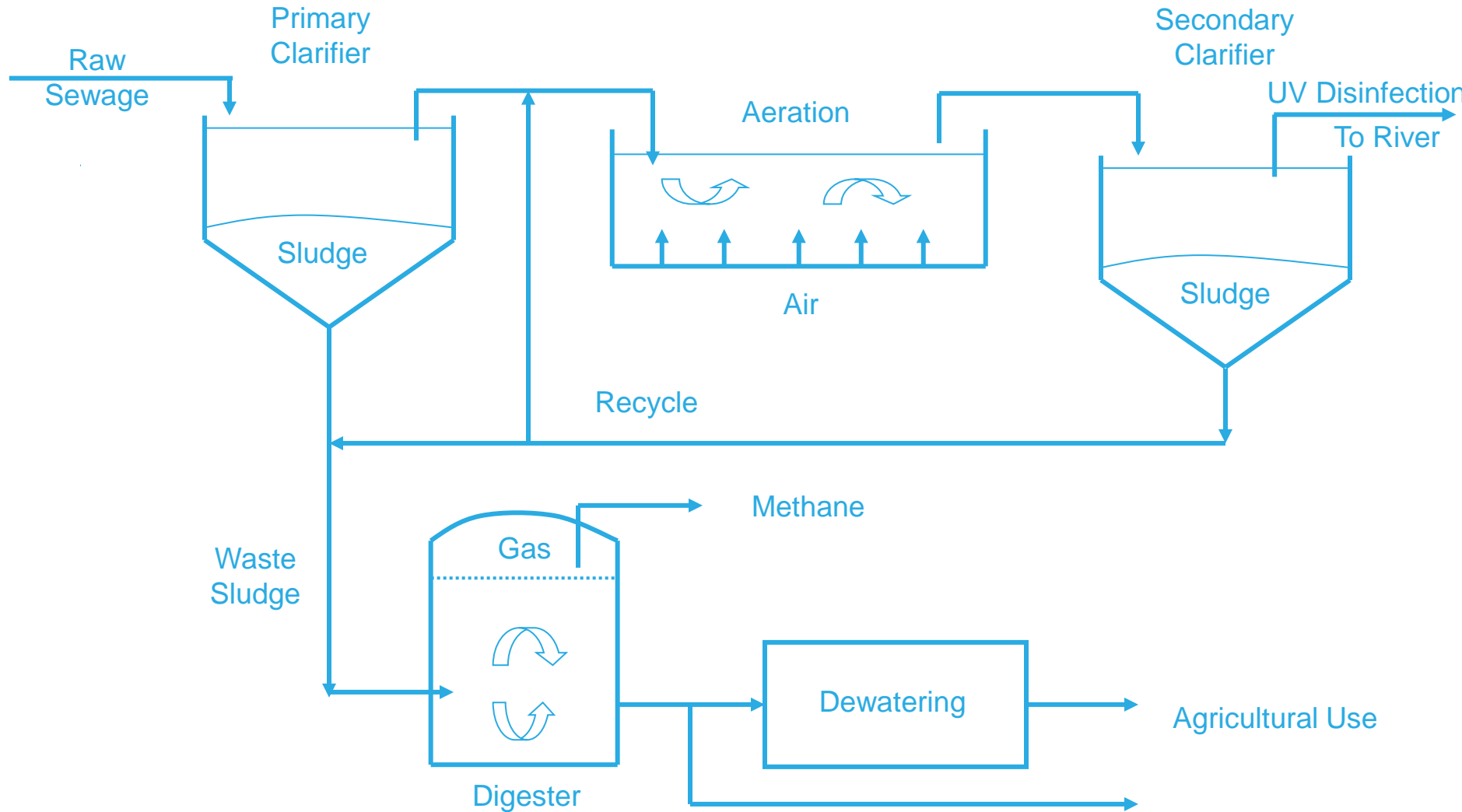
# Municipal Water Usage (Circa 2010)



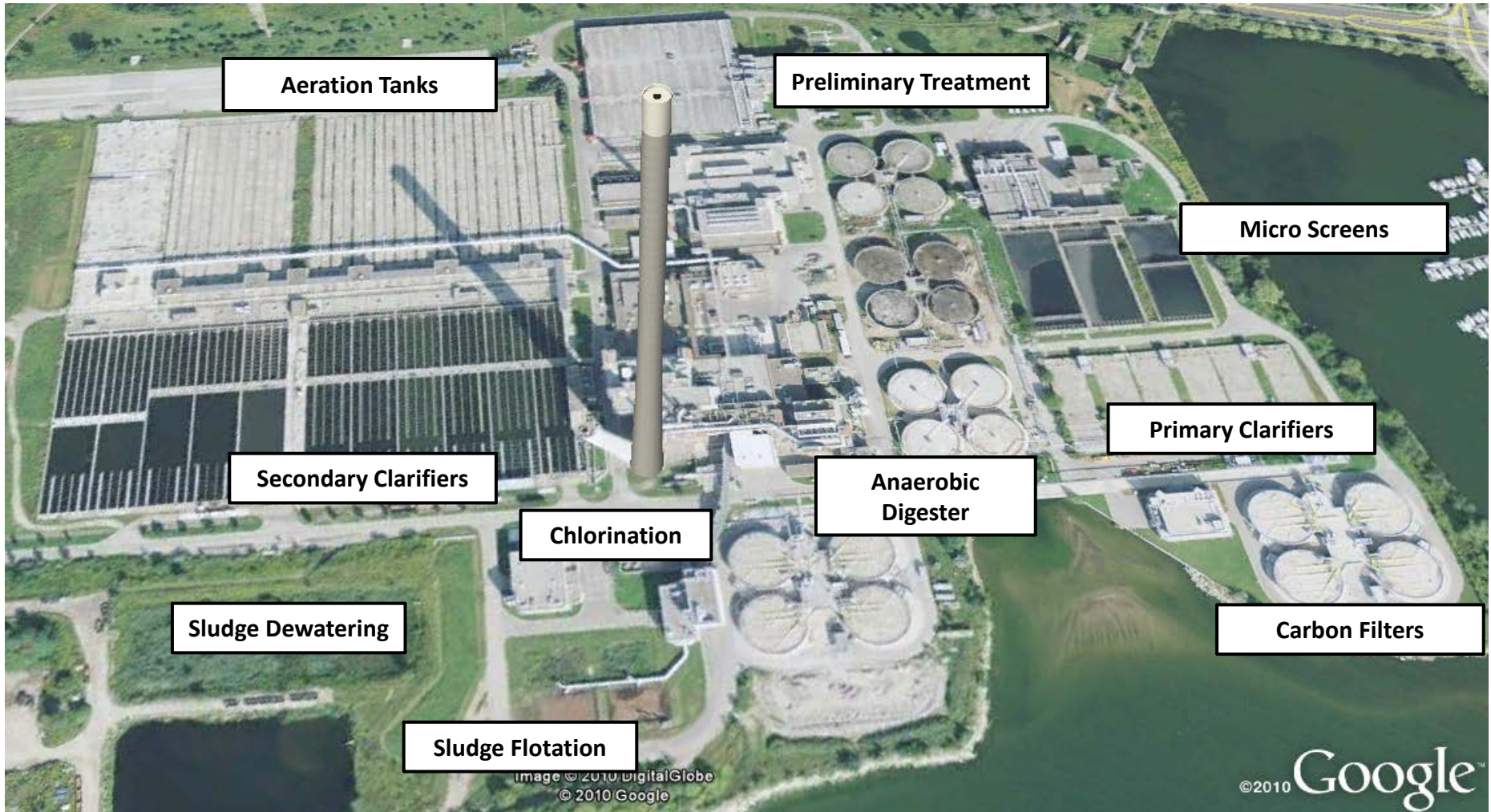
- **Example Cities: Singapore, Dallas (DFW+Arlington), Toronto (GTA): approx. 4-6M people**
  - **8 - 10 Billion Litres of water pumped per day**
  - **14 - 22 pumping stations-each approx. 550-850 Million litres/day capacity**
  - **Approx. 200kWh per million litres is used or 1.8GWh / day**
  - **10 – 14 reservoirs**
  - **5,000-6,000 km (3000 – 3600 miles) of pipeline infrastructure**
  - **4 – 6 waste water treatment & re-use facilities, w. 1.0 Billion Litres/day processed and 2.5 – 3 Billion Litres/day capacity**
  - **Each water treatment facility uses 3 - 6 MWh per day per Million Litres or**
  - **Between 3 - 6GWh / day of total electricity used**
  - **Average daily power usage for the water process per city is: 7.8 GWh**
  - **At \$0.10/kWh this is \$780k / day, with 365 days full operation per year**



# Conventional Biological Treatment



# Conventional WWT – 820,000m<sup>3</sup> capacity (Ashbridges Bay – built in 1912, 4.1Mft<sup>2</sup>)



- Waste water storage capacity = 7 days
- 1 + 1 system redundancy

- Operational Life = 40 yrs.
- Multiple MV grid fed

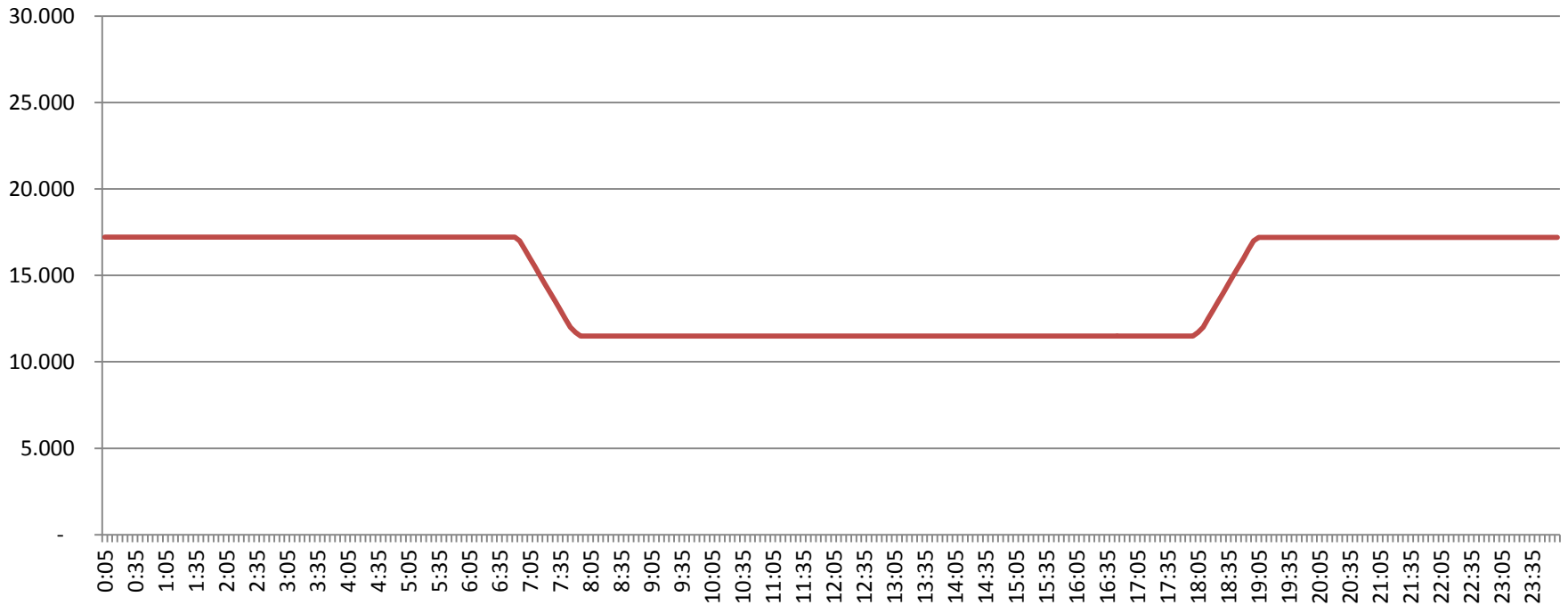




# Typical Municipal WWT Load Curve



- Daily average usage is: 344.40MWh; at a cost of \$23,780; or 7cents/kWh
- Annualized costs: \$8.68M



# Technologies Available



- Conventional Biological Treatment → 6 – 8 hrs. per batch
- Electrolysis Treatment → 1 – 3 hrs. per batch
- UV Treatment → 1 – 3 hrs. per batch
- Ozone Treatment → 1 – 3 hrs. per batch

**KEY here is not what technology to select!**

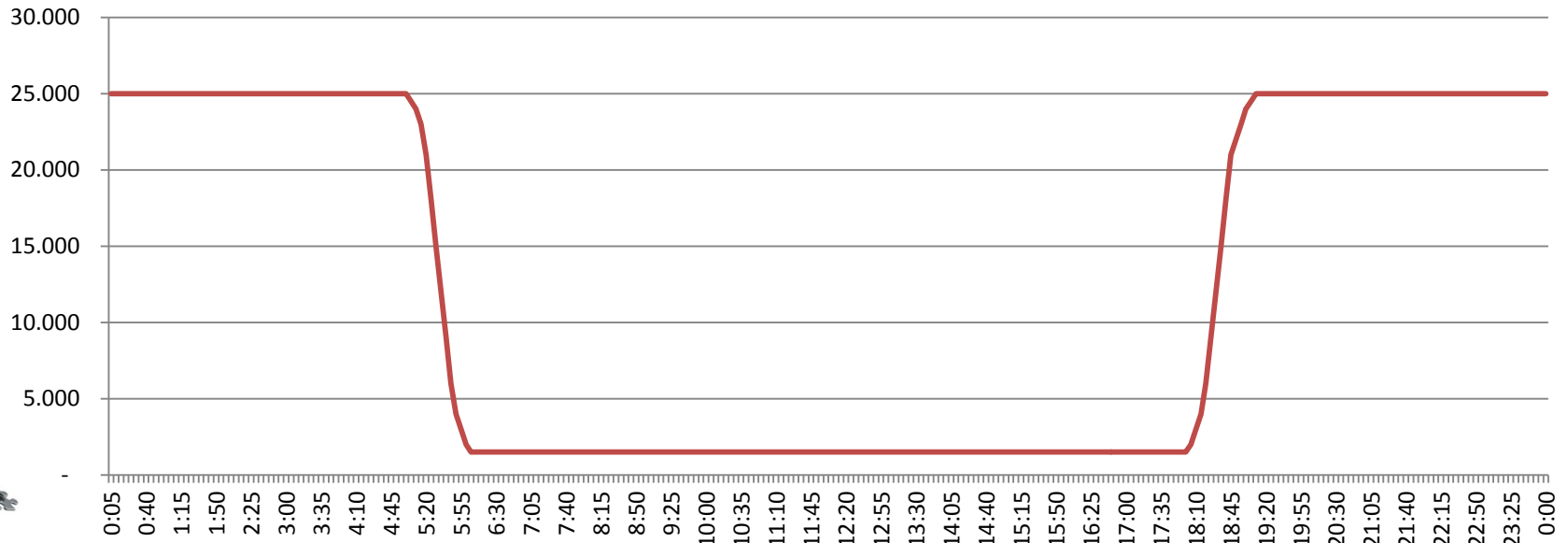
→ the opportunity of reducing treatment time, yields a bi-product  
of being able to shift the treatment load



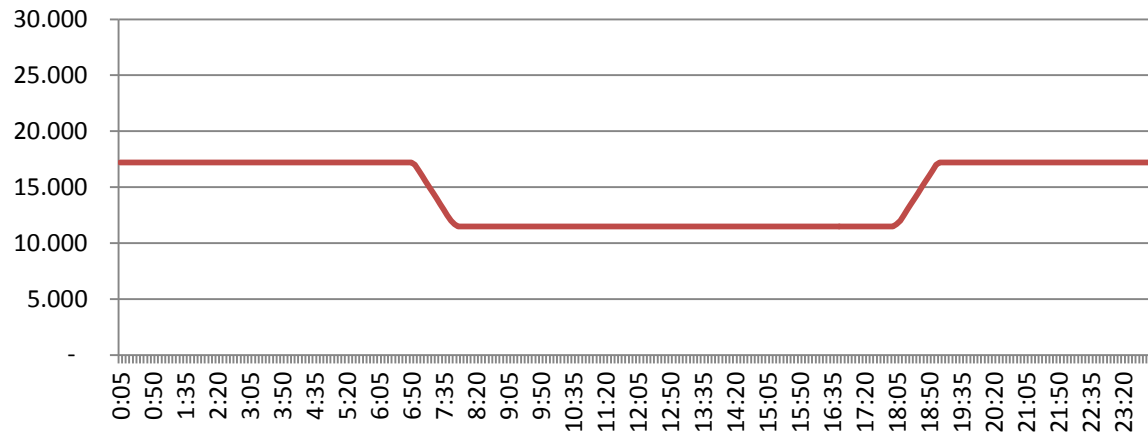
# New Load Profile



- Aeration + Digesters  $\approx$  55% of the load
- Pumps for filtration and Dewatering  $\approx$  30% of the load
- Admin, office, security etc.  $\approx$  15% of the load
  
- Variable: 85% or in this case 120MWh during critical peak time ( 6am – 6pm )
  - Aeration + Digesters
  - Pumps for filtration and Dewatering

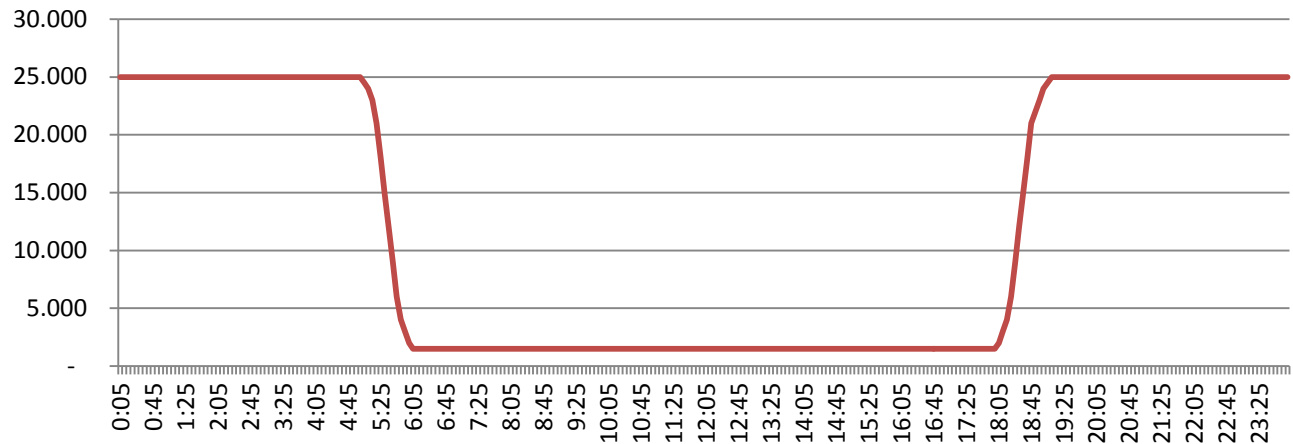


# Load Curves



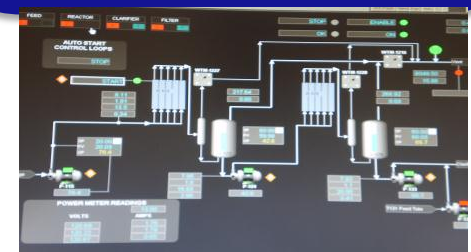
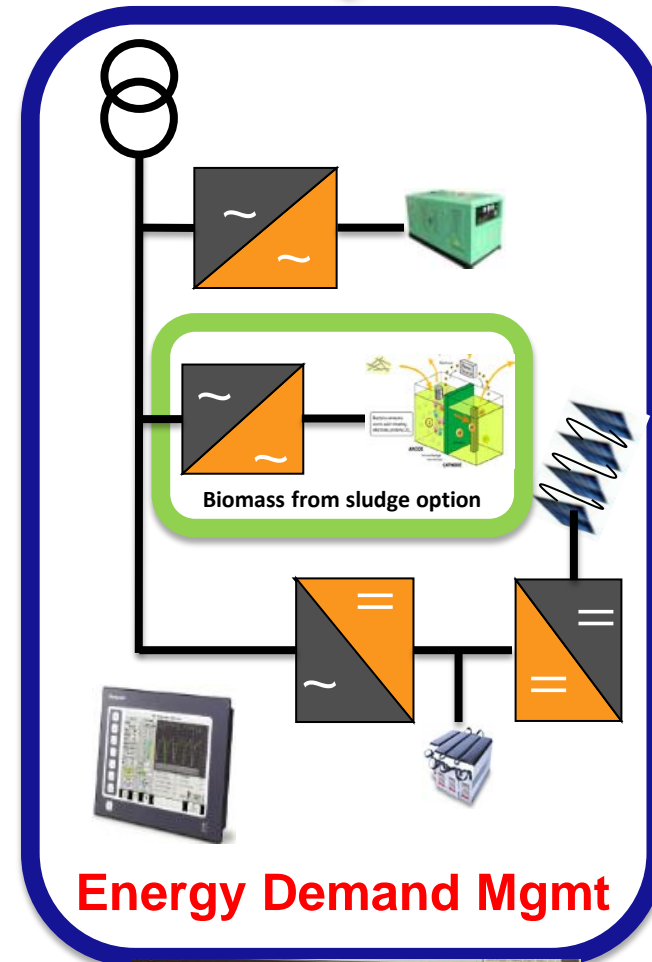
Time shift by 12 hrs. = Load shift 120MWh / day = save \$3.5M / yr. on TOU  
**CAPEX ≈ \$100M → less than 3 cents/kWh**

Note: example uses electrolysis process, 2011 COGS, interest, TOU etc.



# Sustainable 35m<sup>3</sup> / hr., 50kW WWT demo $\mu$ Grid

- Solar PV size is 45% of the load or 450kWh
- Process Gas handling using CHP  $\approx$  30% of the load
- Biomass from sludge (BOD/COD > 75%)  $\rightarrow$  25% of the load
- EDM controls the various sources and loading to match WWT flow
- Enabling technology  $\rightarrow$  < 1hr. Treatment time
- Key design criteria:
  - Input buffer tank sized for 3 days to cover cloudy days
  - Battery to handle 15 min. intermittence only
- Benefit for local utility:
  - Load shifting, V, f and pf correction (from PV inverter)





Q & A

