

# Making Microgrids Easy

Revolutionising Diesel  
Generation

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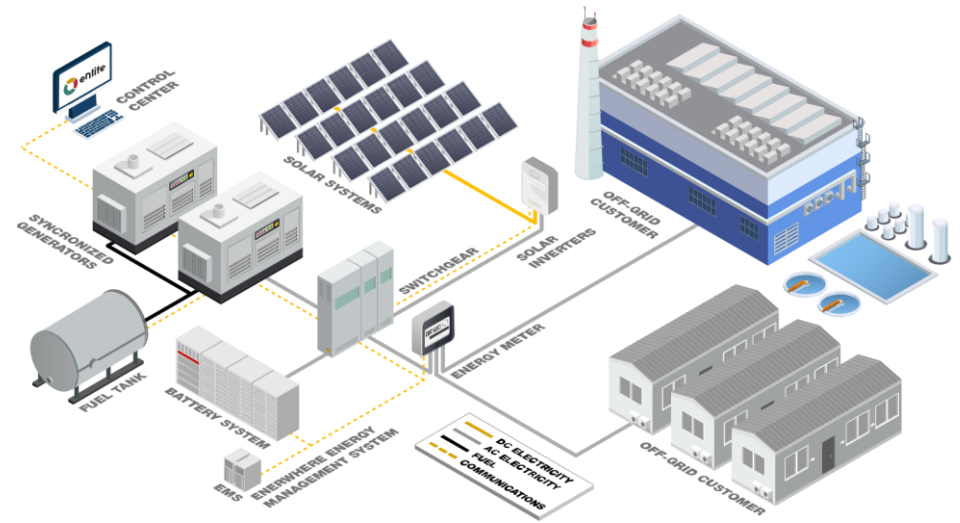


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Microgrids Made Easy

# A large number of systems currently running on diesel generators can be transitioned to hybrid systems

## What is a microgrid?

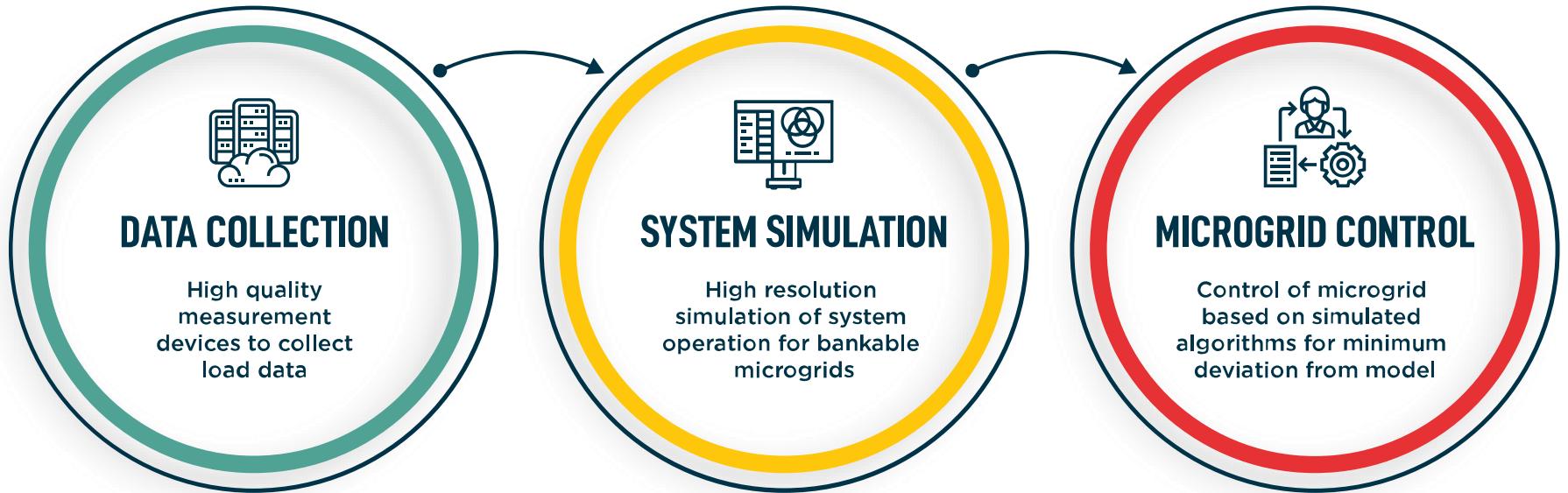
- A microgrid is a **self-sufficient energy system** that serves a particular area from a building site to commercial & industrial sector to neighbourhood.
- It is a group of interconnected loads and distributed Energy Systems (typically fossil fuel generators but that is starting to change).



## Enlite eases the process of hybridizing microgrids

- Existing operators of diesel microgrids often struggle to understand how renewable energy can save them money and don't want to engage expensive consultants to do that analysis. **Inaccurate excel based simulations** related to poor data have ensured **distrust of new technologies** in many of these markets.
- Enlite offers a range of solutions enabling clients to understand their running systems and choose the right energy solution

# There are three major steps to the process of setting up a microgrid



## Data Acquisition

Enlite data loggers are easy to install and enables clients to understand their load patterns

## System Design and Modelling

With available data, Enlite's team of engineers will run simulations for different scenarios and suggests optimal configuration of solar and batteries

## Control and Operations

Once the client builds the hybrid system, Enlite provides controllers to run the system

# The software supply chain for microgrids is fragmented and there are limitations with many of the products

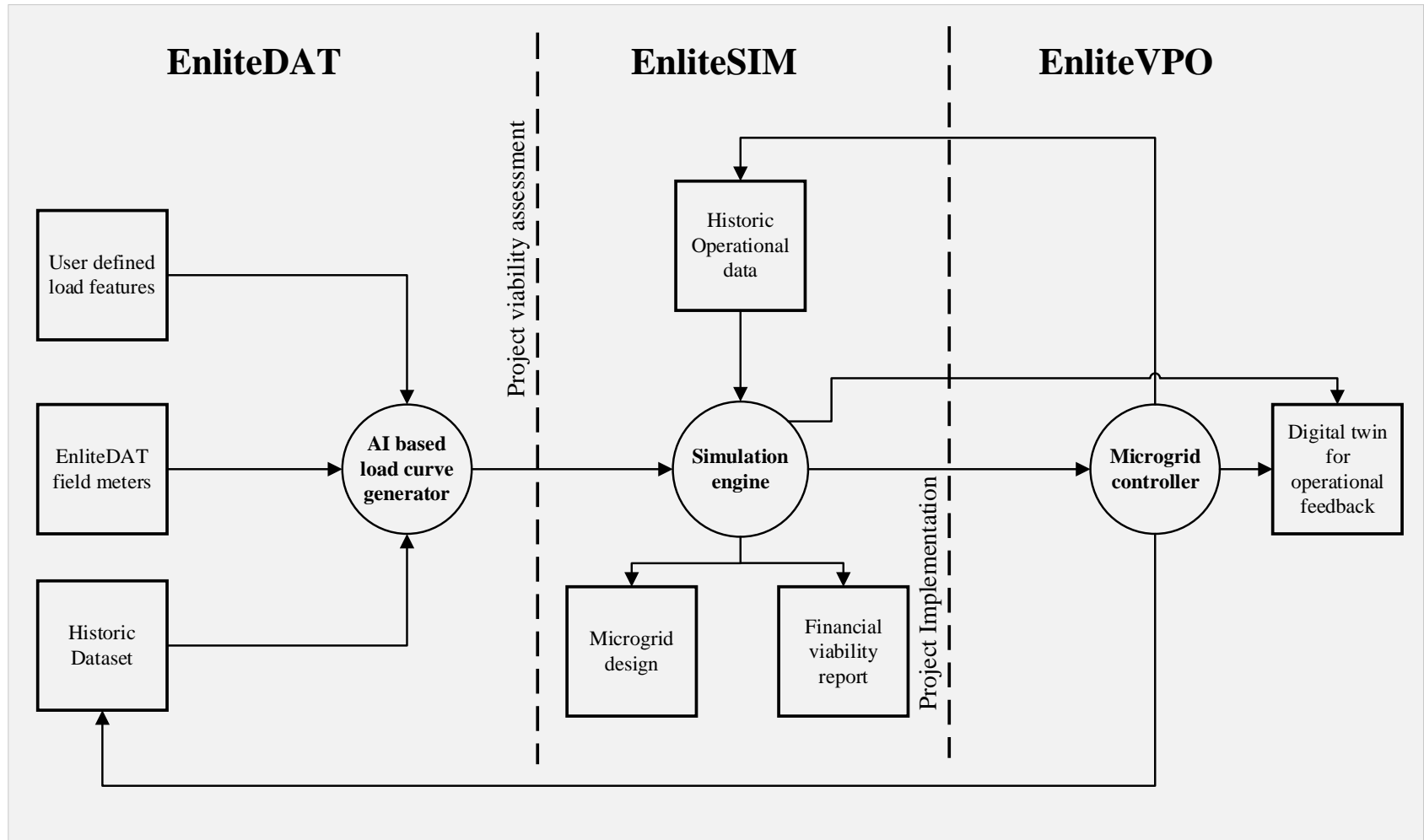
Data Acquisition

System Design

Monitoring & Control

- Data collected manually
  - Technology & Product-specific
  - Site/project-specific
  - In many cases, only historical data, instead of real-time
  - Understanding of the types of load being simulated is required
- Only as good as the input data
  - More historical data than real-time
  - Limited info on how different systems fit together
  - Not User Friendly – require expert engineering support
  - No feedback from operational sites
- Microgrid controllers often product-specific (e.g. Tesla, DEIF)
  - Most products aimed at grid-connected/large-scale utility space
  - No virtual operator marketed for smaller off-grid sites
  - Digital twin is not possible
  - Feedback to owners on deviation from estimated values is an issue

# A software ecosystem that brings together three components and provides a single portal for microgrid design and operation

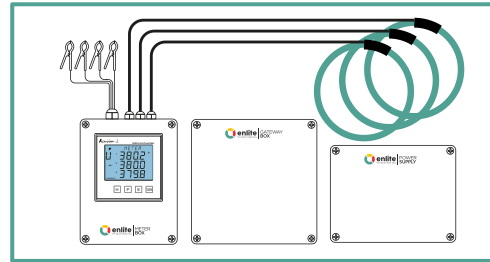


# It all starts with better data - Enlite's data collection service is easy to use and gives immediate energy insights

## DATA COLLECTION



Client sends Enlite basic information about existing plant or monitoring requirements (Plant info, monitoring points, etc.)



Enlite **sends robust and easy to install metering equipment** to client with clear instructions for installation



Enlite dashboard **displays the load information** along with basic data analytics showing key parameters like fuel efficiency

- » The installation is designed to **be easy for any electrician to carry out**
- » Client needs to do **minimal setup work** once the meter is installed. Information can be viewed with login information provided by Enlite
- » Once connected the monitoring system provides **KPI analytics** which already improve the ability to operate the microgrid (Plant efficiency, load characteristics etc.)

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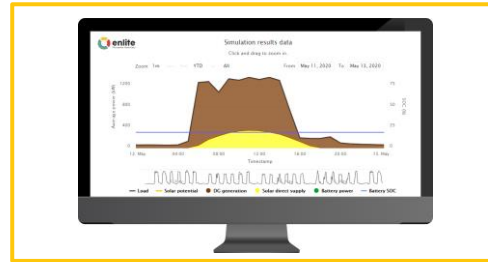
**Better data insights means potential for immediate savings and better technology decisions**

# Enlite's design and simulation service provides clients with different options for hybridization and expected returns

## SYSTEM SIMULATION



Data from Enlite's meters or the client are taken as an input along with site's physical constraints



Enlite's engineers use our **proprietary design tool to simulate** different system configurations



Client is presented a **range of system design options** with different investment requirements

- » Enlite's system design software is **built taking into consideration real-world measured solar data, battery operations and real-time diesel generator efficiencies** which vary greatly from data sheets
- » Enlite's experienced **engineers who have designed and operated over 60 microgrids** simulate different system scenarios using a proprietary design tool and present the client with different system design options
- » Results are presented in a simple-to-read manner for **quick decision making**

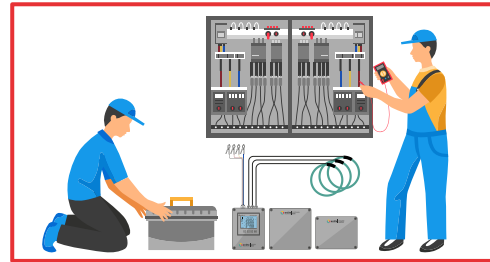
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## MICROGRID CONTROL



Enlite controller **module is built based on chosen system design** and shipped to client



Client installs and **connects all generation assets and loads** to Enlite controller

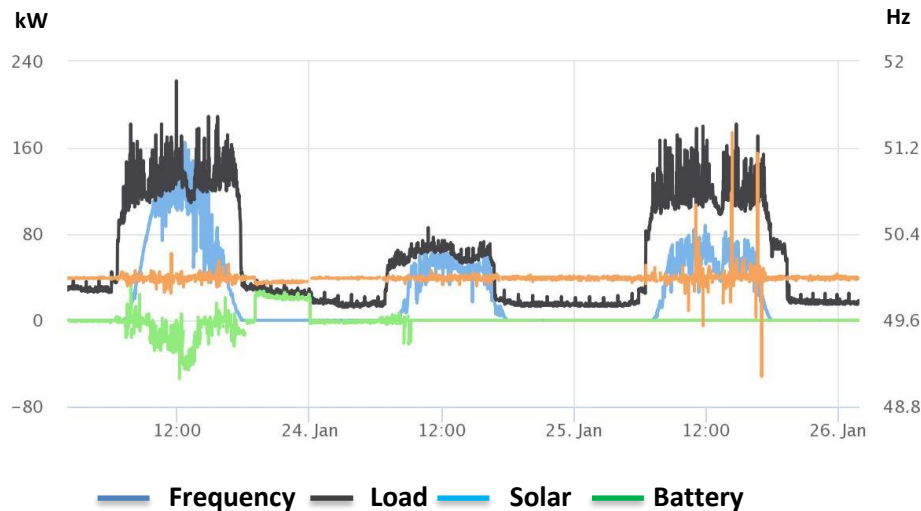


Enlite controller **optimizes performance of the plant** maximizing renewable penetration.

- » **Enlite's controller is technology agnostic** and can integrate a range of diesel generator controllers, solar inverters and battery providers
- » Operational logic is presented to the client before starting operations in **an easy-to-read flowchart**. Specific client requests can be accommodated
- » **Enlite's dashboard keeps the client up to date** on the plant operations
- » **Operational alerts and alarms to client are part of the Enlite controller**, including alerts for sub-optimal performance of assets
- » Features, like demand response and advanced control, **can be added on request**



# Enlite controllers are currently operating at multiple microgrids globally

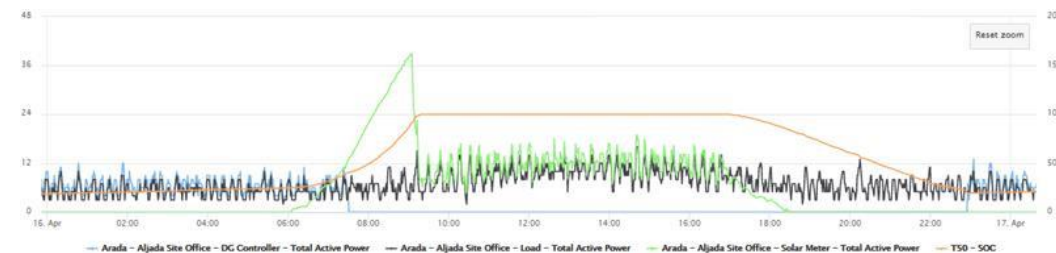
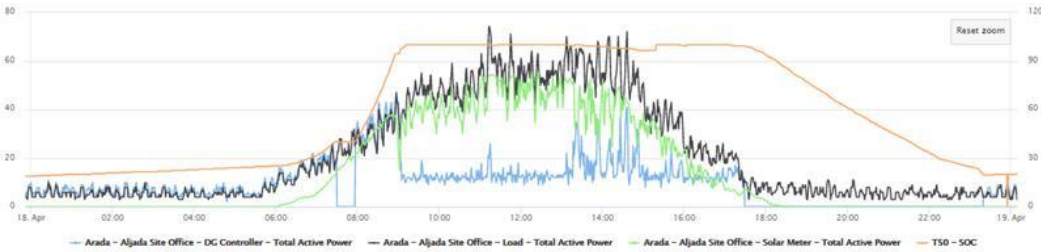


- ▶ An industrial off-grid facility in Sharjah is operating on an advance microgrid
- ▶ The system consists of 1MVA DGs, 300 kWp solar and 100kW/200 kWh storage
- ▶ The site has extremely peaky loads; 100 kW jumps in a matter of seconds
- ▶ Batteries help to take the excess solar when available and reduce curtailment
- ▶ They also help improve the power quality and reduce reliance on DGs
- ▶ The battery has allowed us to achieve 82 I/MWh on weekends. Previously, we were forced to curtail most of the solar on weekends
- ▶ For weekdays, we have achieved 115 I/MWh. This translates to 44% reduction in diesel consumption
- ▶ Consistent solar penetration of higher than 50% in terms of monthly energy

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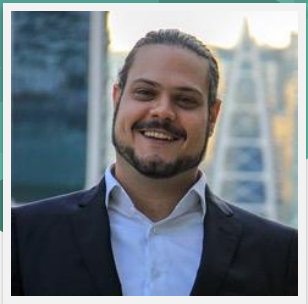
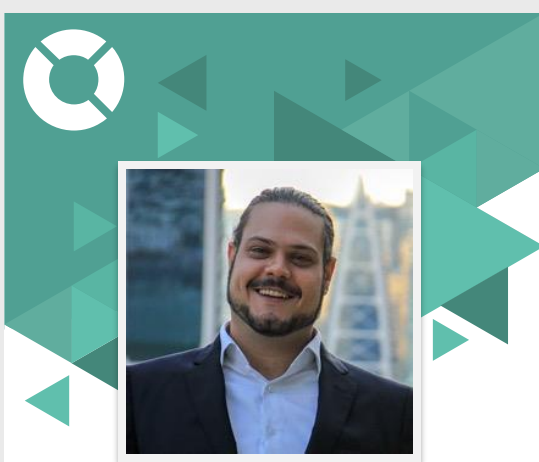


- ▶ Enerwhere built a pilot of a 50 kW/50 kWh system locally integrated
- ▶ The system is one of the first locally integrated storage units in the region
- ▶ The storage system is part of a microgrid that consists of solar and diesel generators supplying a site office
- ▶ The primary purpose of the battery is to store excess solar energy and enable switching off the generators at night
- ▶ This results in lower diesel consumption as well as lesser running hours on the generators
- ▶ Some operational graphs are shown for reference





# Enlite' services are now available for clients across the globe

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