



BLUE PLANET  
RESEARCH

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BATTERIES AND HYDROGEN

$\text{LiFePO}_4$  &  $\text{H}_2$

(The Perfect Marriage)



# BPR ENERGY LAB

85 kW PV Array





# BATTERY STORAGE





# HYDROGEN STORAGE





# MICROGRID EXAMPLE

## Assumptions

- Modular Physical Storage - ISO Containers 8'x8'x20'
- Environmentally Safe, Sustainable and Recyclable - Fossil Fuel Free
- Project Power/Energy Requirement- 50 kW ac / 1,200 kWh /day
- Design represents daily use with 4 days Energy Reserves (4 MWh Autonomy)
- AC PCS (Inverter) sized larger than peak load, or redundant array (90-100 kW)
- Electrolyzer output 12-60 kg/day depending on hydrogen application
- Electrical Energy for charging or electrolysis provided by solar PV



# MICROGRID EXAMPLE

## Battery Energy Storage System

- Blue Ion M Class One Megawatt Hour LFP Battery
- Battery Efficiency 95%
- Total Energy Storage- 1,000 kWh (One Megawatt Hour)
- Energy is coupled to Power
- Total Component Cost: \$650,000
- Cost per kWh: **\$650/kWh**





# MICROGRID EXAMPLE

## Compressed H2 Storage System

- Kelley GTM Containerized Gas Storage  
220 kg of H<sub>2</sub> @ 3,250 psi (\$130K)
- 80 kW H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Cell- 18 kWh net / kg  
of H<sub>2</sub> continuous output (\$140K)
- FC Efficiency 60%
- Total Energy Storage- 3,960 kWh (4  
Megawatt Hours)
- Energy is decoupled from Power
- Total Component Cost: \$270,000
- Cost per kWh: **\$68/kWh**





# BEST SOLUTION

## Hi-Performance LFP and Economical H2



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- Blue Ion M Class One Megawatt Hour LFP Battery for daily cycling of energy
- Continuous Output-50 kW AC
- Battery Efficiency >95%
- Total Energy Storage- 1,000 kWh (1 Megawatt Hour)

- Kelley GTM Containerized Gas Storage 220 kg of H2 for long term backup energy
- 80 kW H2 Fuel Cell- 18 kWh net / kg of H2 continuous output
- FC Efficiency 60%
- Total Energy Storage- 3,960 kWh (4 Megawatt Hours)



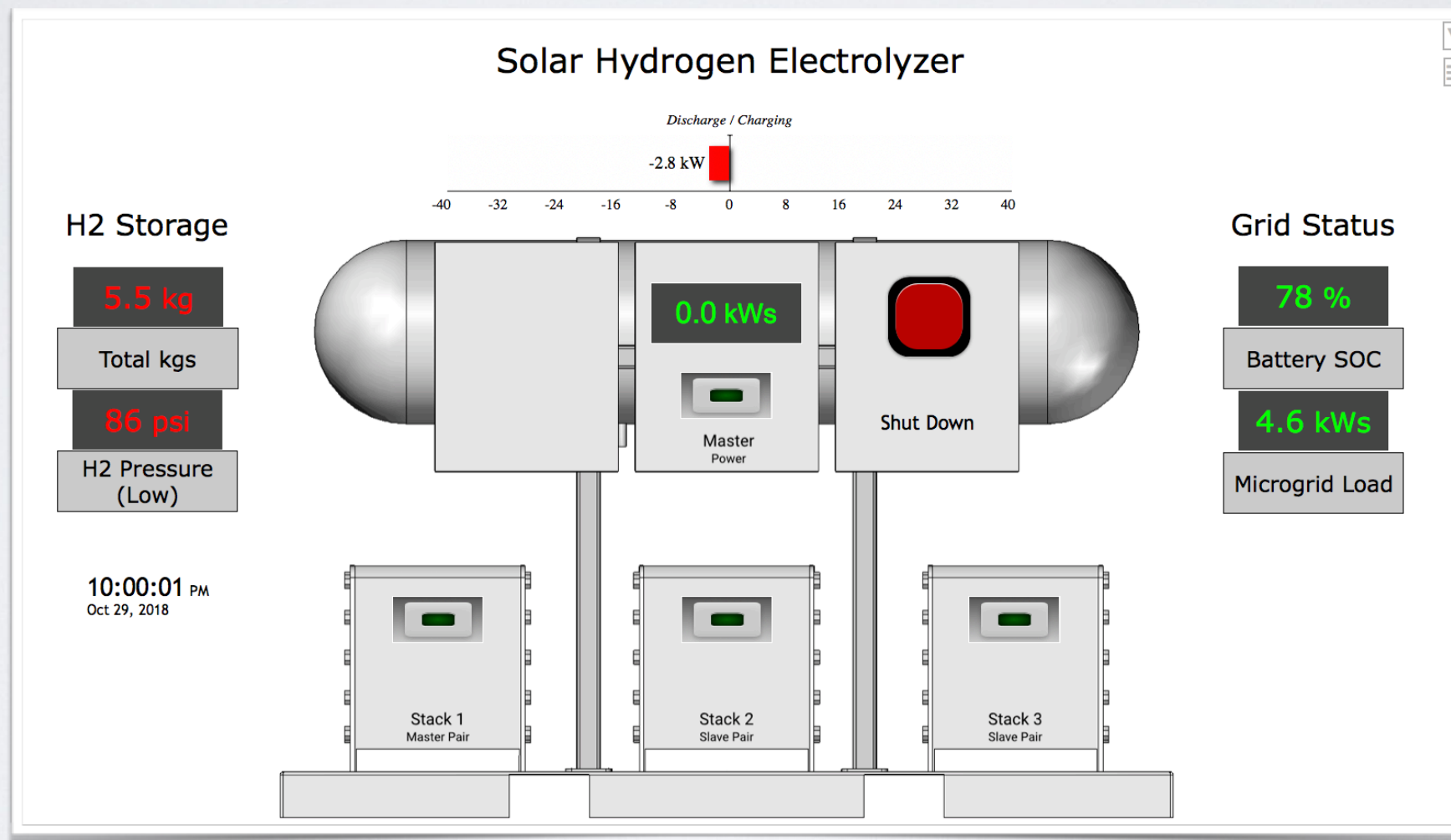
# MICROGRID CASE STUDY

## Conclusions

- ISO Containers are modular and easily transportable
- Environmentally Safe, Sustainable and Recyclable
- Batteries can provide daily turnover of energy with fast response
- Hydrogen can provide long term affordable backup power
- The combination of BESS and H<sub>2</sub>/FCs provide a fossil fuel free solution
- Hydrogen can be accumulated from excess energy that would be wasted
- Once backup storage is full, H<sub>2</sub> can be used for other applications

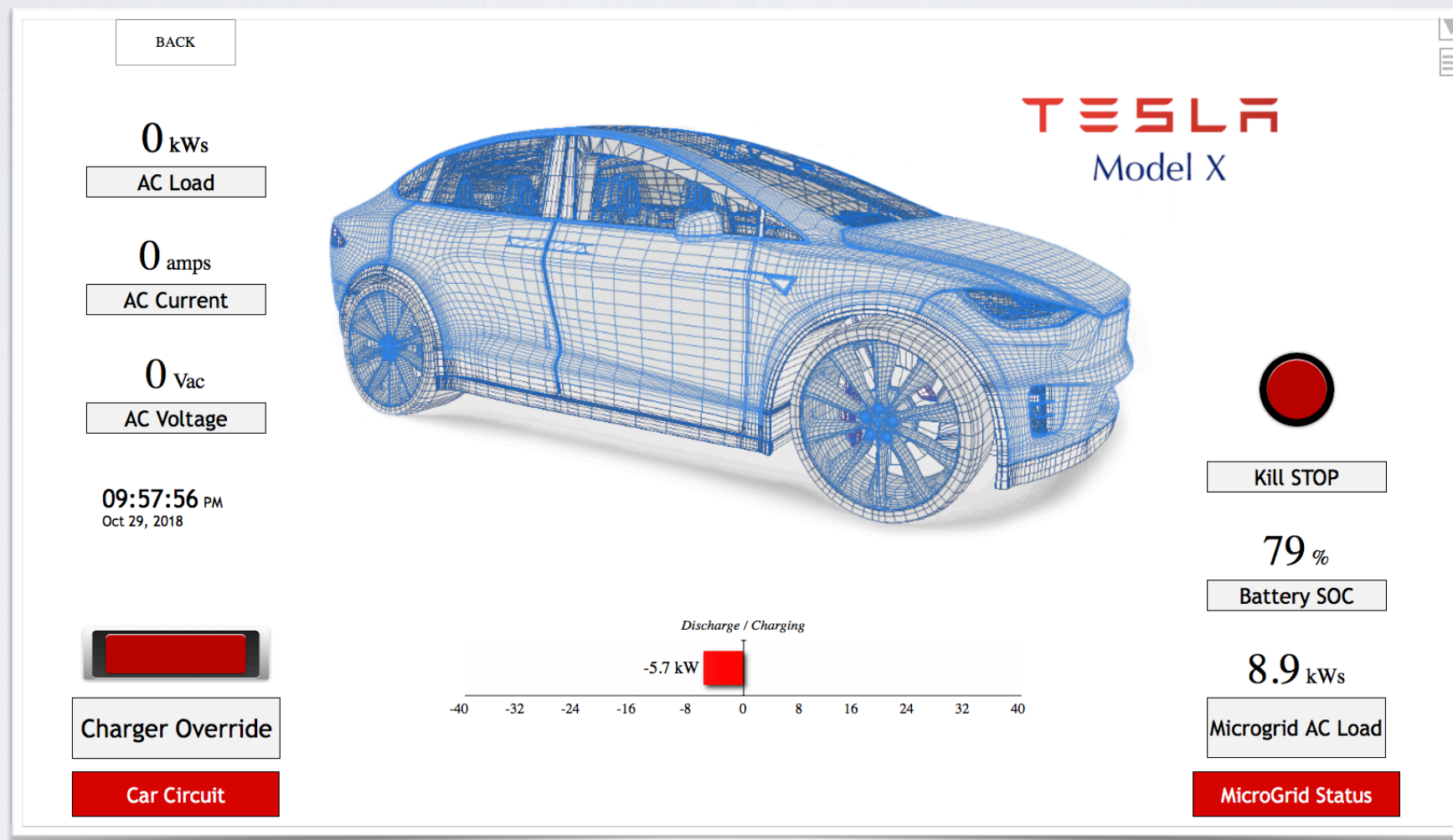


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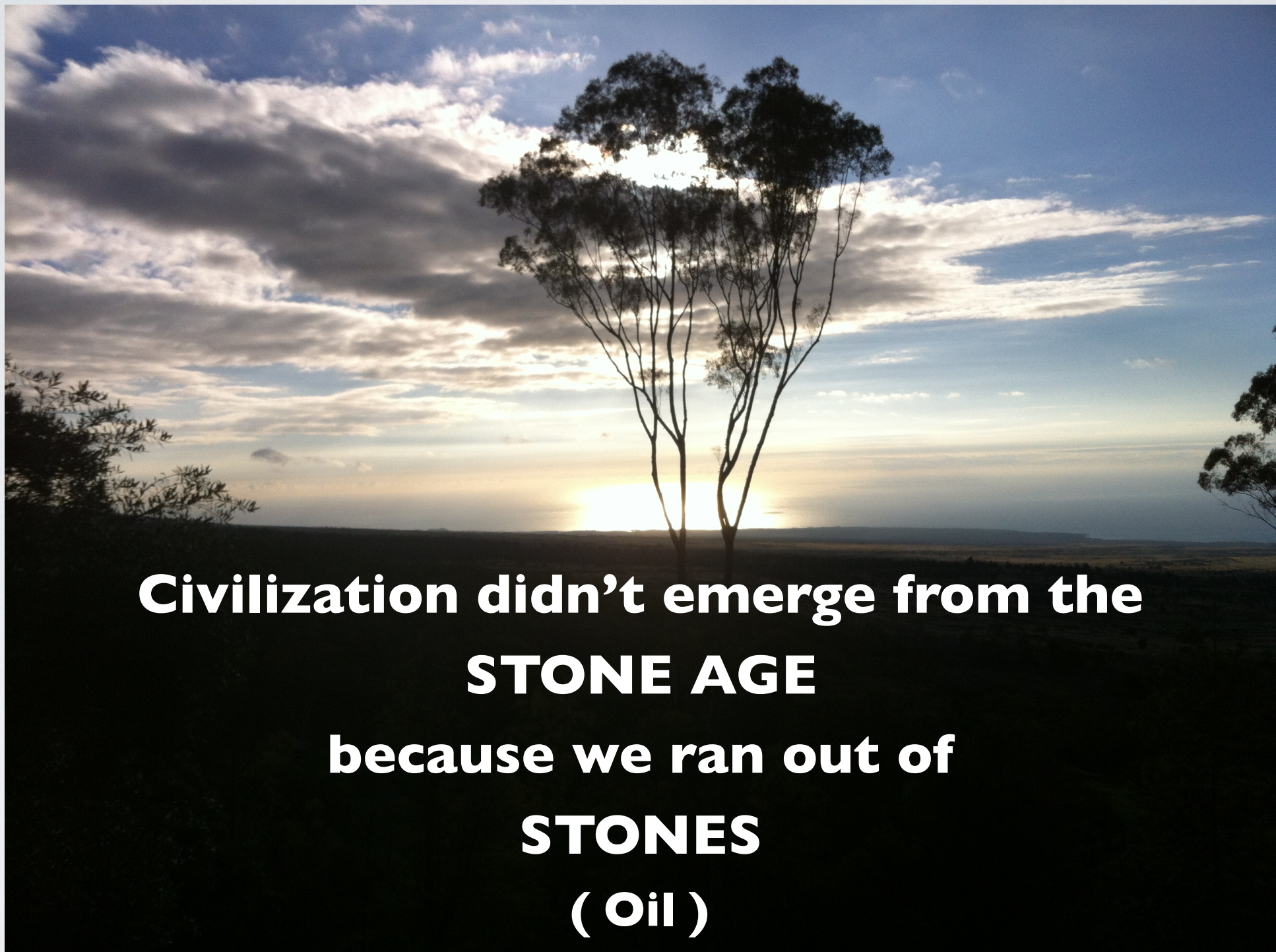
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## Bi-Partisan Civic Responsibility

Last August when Hurricane Lane threatened the Big Island, BPR came to the aid of HELCO by supplying cylinders of Solar Renewable H<sub>2</sub> to allow startup of their generator that had just come out of maintenance.







**Civilization didn't emerge from the  
STONE AGE  
because we ran out of  
STONES  
( Oil )**