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Introductions

The Challenge: Beyond Lights

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Application	Task lighting Phone charging	General lighting Television Fan	Tier 2 AND any medium-power appliances	Tier 3 AND any high-power appliances	Tier 4 AND any very high-power appliances
Power	Min 3W	Min 50W	Min 200W	Min 800W	Min 2kW
Daily supply	Min 12Wh	Min 200Wh	Min 1.0kWh	Min 3.4kWh	Min 8.2kW
Typical source	Solar lanterns	Solar home systems	Generator or mini-grid	Generator or grid	Grid



Moving up the energy ladder is imperative for rural economic development.

* SE4All Tiers of Electricity Access, adapted from the WHO

The Challenge: Energy for Economic Vibrancy

Diesel engines or diesel generators still remain the **primary energy source** for many rural communities.

For example, even in the communities with electricity, there is a **lack of highly efficient electric appliances** for agri-processing.



The Challenge: Minigrid Profitability

A “long tail” of low consuming customers hurt project IRR potential, especially if there are NO IGA or SME (small-medium enterprise) customers.

IGA
>100%

IRR by Customer Type



It only takes 1-2 IGA customers: who will they be?

The Challenge: Minigrid Profitability

Minigrids are often oversized for their predicted demand,

In some case, only **25%** of Predicted Demand

converts to

Actual Demand*

but under-sizing a minigrid can jeopardize reliability.

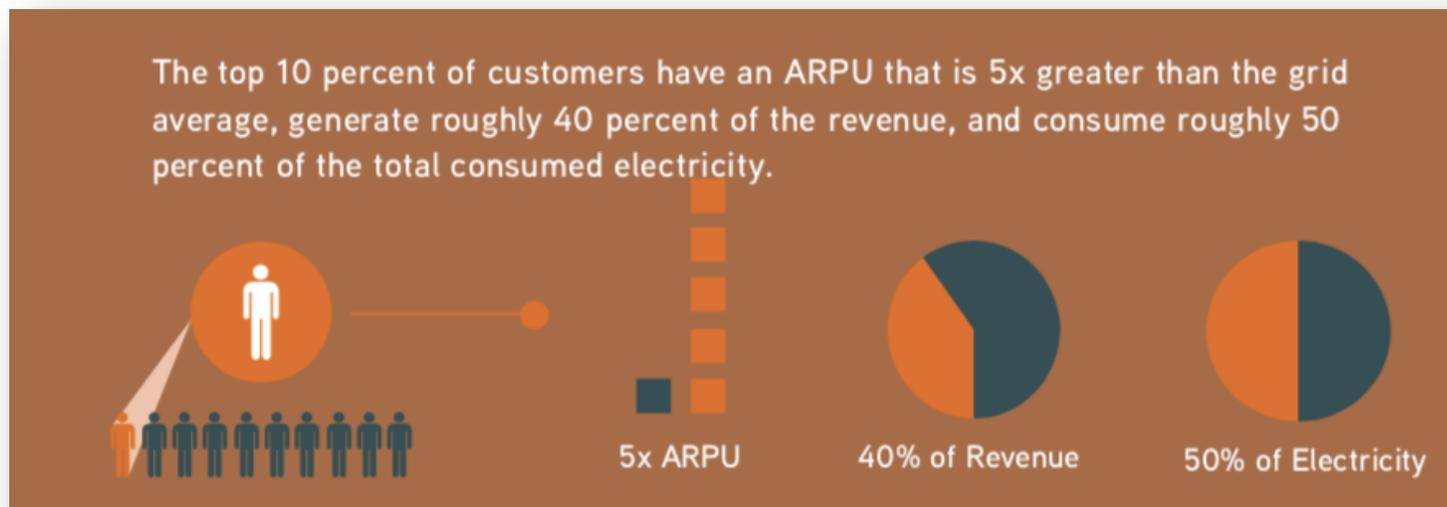
* Blodgett et al. *Vulcan Accuracy of energy-use surveys in predicting rural mini-grid user consumption*

Solution: Connect the Largest Energy Consumers



The largest energy consumers already exist; they own and operate diesel engines when they could be using electricity.

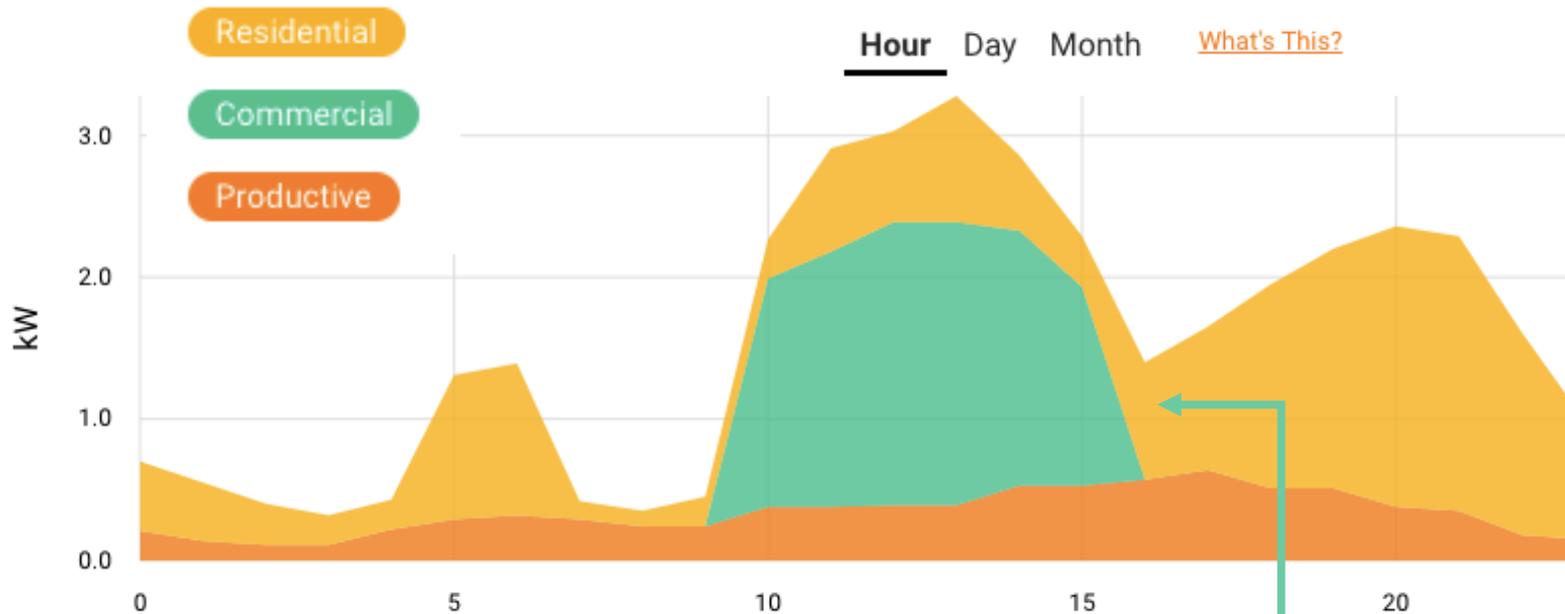
Many are engaged in agriculture-related activities. Capturing this demand captures a meaningful share of the rural economy.



“The top 10 percent of customers generate an annual ARPU almost 5x that of the portfolio annual ARPU”

- Powering Productivity, Vulcan, Inc.

Income Generating Appliance Effect

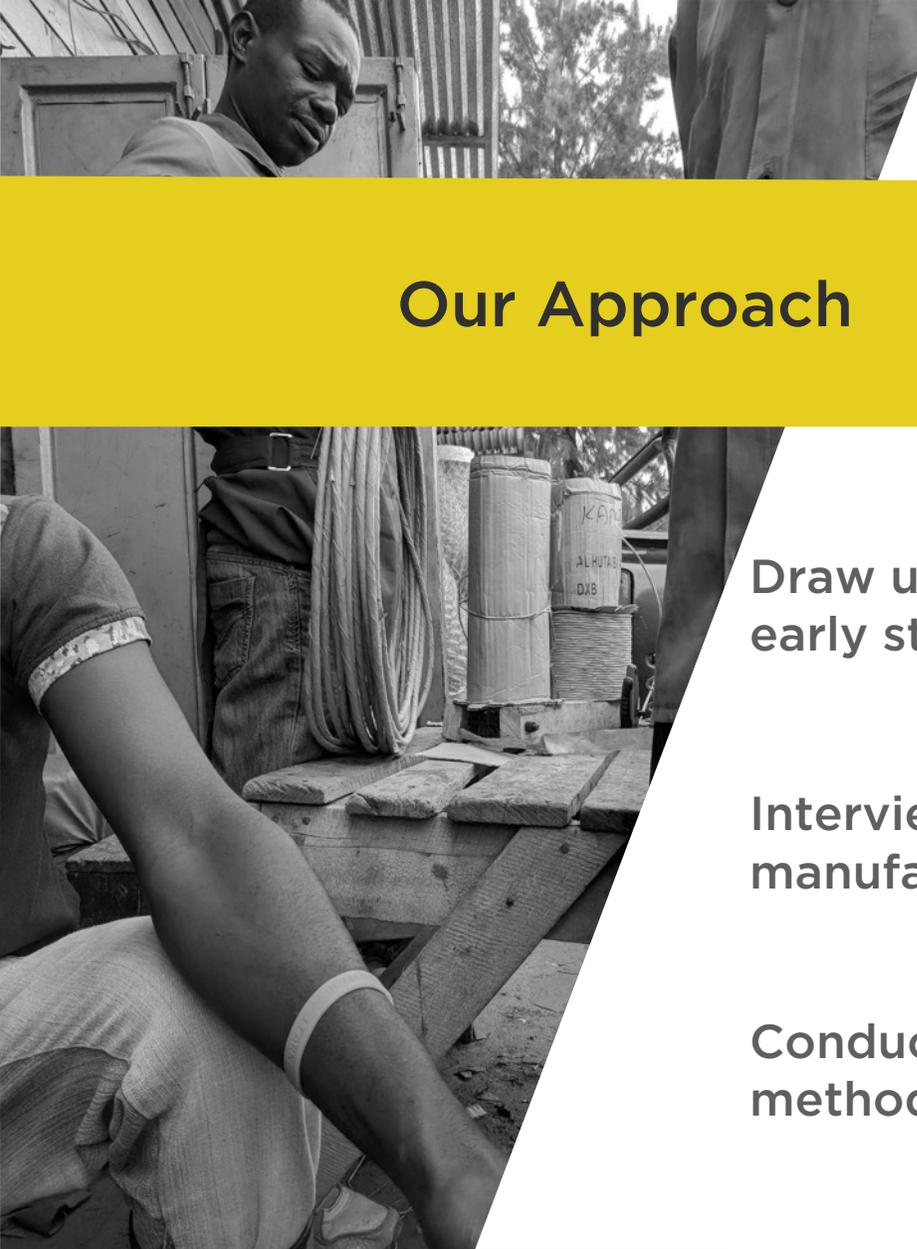


Income generating appliances are already widely used, and could be a predictable source of daytime revenue for minigrids.

Takeaway: business-heavy load profile results in increased IRR, reduced capital expenditures (CAPEX), operating expenditures, and LCOE values.

Project IRR = **2-4 percentage points higher**
with significant daytime-only load

Cost of electricity = **\$0.17/kWh cheaper**
with “business heavy load profiles”



Our Approach

An **informed** and **guided**
approach to appliance selection

Draw upon experience working in-market with early stage companies working related fields



Experience-driven insights

Interviewed stakeholders: appliance manufacturers, minigrid developers, financiers



Identification of needs and gaps

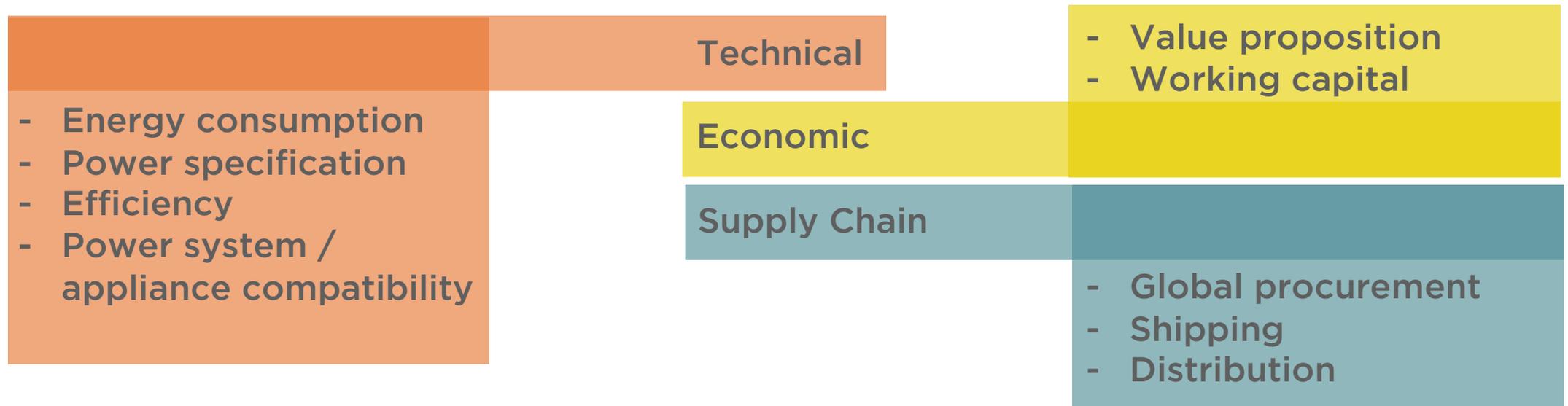
Conducted a literature review for off-grid test methods, productive-use studies, etc.



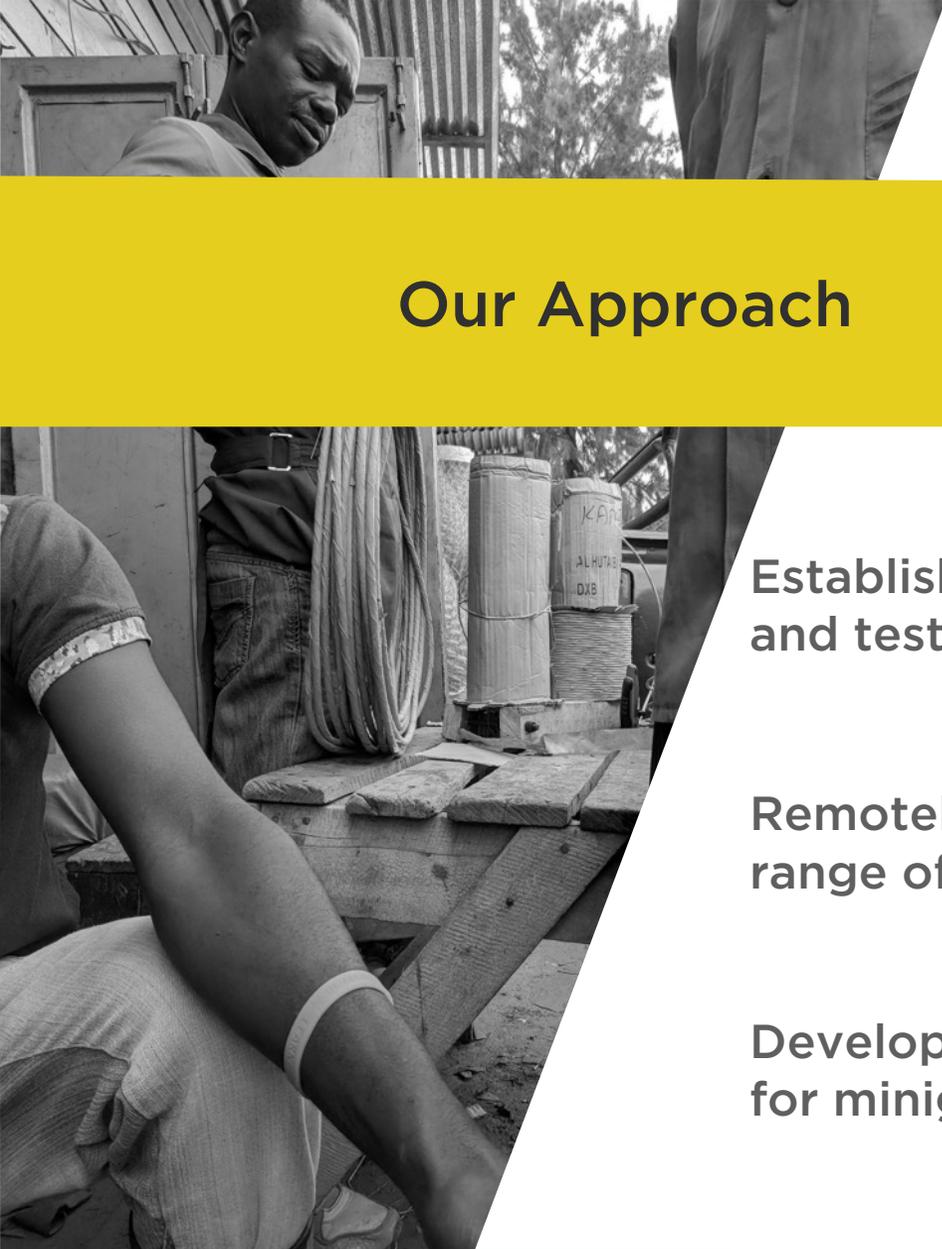
Survey of pre-existing work

Framing the Investigation

Powering **income generating appliances**
with **remote, renewable electric**
power systems is not straight-forward



Prioritize the right appliances and the right approach



Our Approach

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Establish open-access appliance test methods and test representative appliances



High Resolution Laboratory Testing

Remotely monitor appliances operating under a range of conditions



Low Resolution On the Ground Sensing

Develop an interactive appliance selection tool for minigrid operators



Online Decision Making TEA

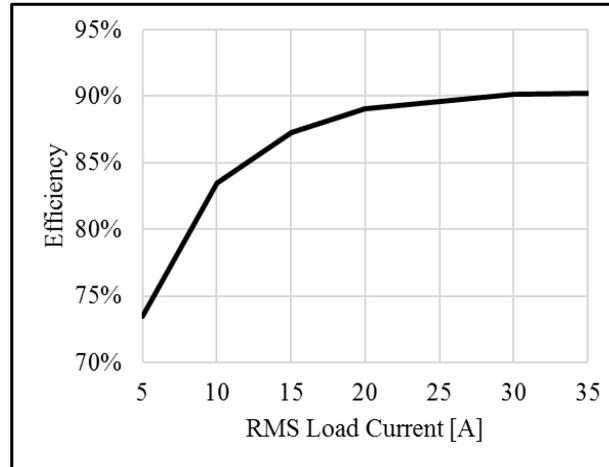
Filling Knowledge Gaps Along the Way

Characteristics

What is the productivity?

What is the Efficiency?

What additional equipment is needed?



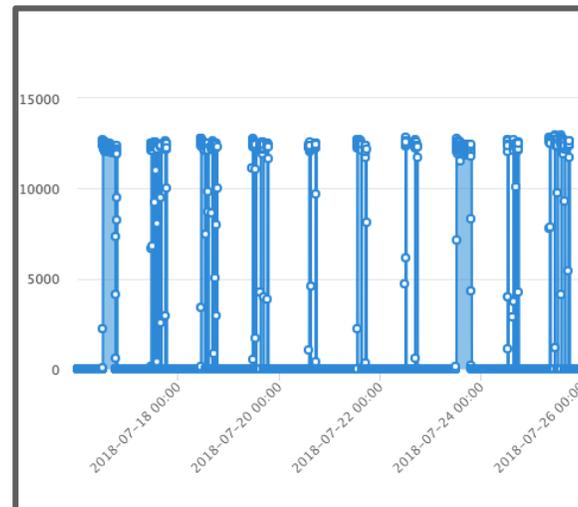
Informed Techno-Economic Analysis

Use-Patterns

How much solar and battery are needed?

What time of day is the appliance active?

What is the utilization?





High Resolution Laboratory Testing

A Partnership with
Colorado State
University



Appliances We Sourced for Testing



**Futurepump Solar
Water Pump:
Made in India**



**Informal Stick
Welder:
Made in Rwanda**



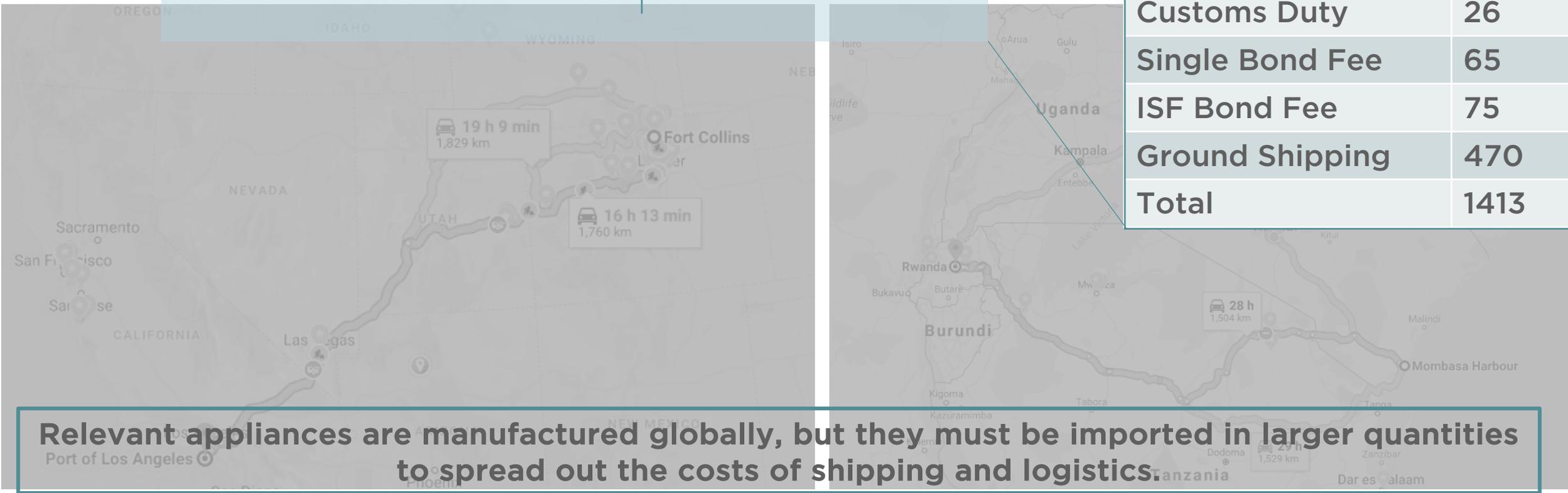
**Multi-Purpose
Agricultural Mill:
Made in China**

Side Note: The Expense of Appliance Sourcing

Shipping & Duties
(percent of total costs)

Mill
85%

Mill	250
Sea Freight	150
Shanghai Charges	312
Destination Charges	315
Customs Duty	26
Single Bond Fee	65
ISF Bond Fee	75
Ground Shipping	470
Total	1413



Shipping to Fort Collins, Colorado (a landlocked state) might be similar to shipping to a remote or landlocked part of East Africa.

Laboratory Methods and Testing



Method: modified IEC 62253 with unique test bench
Variables: flow rate, head, voltage, current, and efficiency over time
Variations: small and large pulley



Method: original to CSU
Variables: grain throughput, voltage, current, efficiency, RPM, harmonic distortion over time
Variations: coarse and fine screen size



Method: original to CSU
Variables: throughput, voltage, current, efficiency and, harmonic distortion over time
Variations: short and long arc

Lab Test Takeaways

Pump



Surface Solar Water Pump

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 Lab Location: Fort Collins, Colorado

Appliance Description

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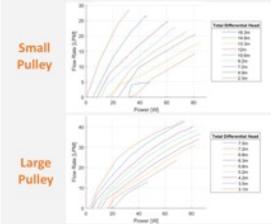
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Model Number:	SF2 - 2 panel	Max total vertical lift, small pulley (m)	15
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Motor Voltage Rating (VDC):	36	Flow rate, small (LPM)	12.5 - 29
Motor Rating (W/hp)	60/0.08	Flow rate, large (LPM)	24.5 - 38
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Modes of Operation Tested (2 panels only)



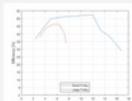
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Demanded power [W]	8 - 85	8 - 87
Total Differential Head [m]	2.3 - 17	3.1 - 8.7
Flow Rate [LPM]	4.9 - 28.6	1.2 - 43.1
Flywheel speed, maximum [RPM]	375	324
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The efficiency at each point along the head curves in the P vs Q graphs was averaged to display mean efficiency over an exhaustive range of irradiance (W/m²). The efficiency values are preliminary and are subject to further method and data instrument validation.



*The data presented was created in a lab with a simulated photo-voltaic power supply and is subject to further validation

Welder



Stick Welder
 (Shielded Metal Arc Welder)

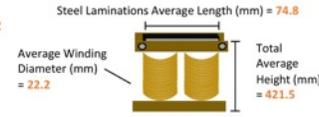
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 Lab Location: Fort Collins, Colorado

Appliance Description

This stick welder is a hand-built, step-down transformer acquired in Kigali, Rwanda, and is commonly found throughout SSA. The primary purpose of the welder is to aid in steel fabrication and assembly. The core consists of thin steel laminations pressed together with two wood blocks at the top and bottom. The windings are insulated using cellulose, such as electrical kraft or crepe paper. The primary winding is copper and the secondary winding is aluminum with a fixed turns ratio. Contrary to commercial stick welders with adjustable voltage and controllable air gap between windings, this welder's fixed turns ratio produces a constant voltage and variable current.

Key Appliance Manufacturer Ratings

List Price (Rwandan Francs/USD):	98,000/112
Input Supply Voltage (VAC):	Unrated
Average/Peak Current (A):	Unrated
Average/Peak Real Power (kW):	Unrated
Duty Cycle:	Unrated
Efficiency (%):	Unrated

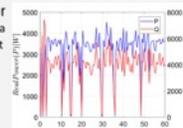


Modes of Operation Tested



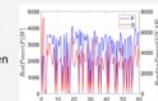
Short Arc Power

A short arc has a more consistent power profile and higher average and peak current. This is due to a stronger connection between the electrode and steel. Compared to longer arc welds, short arc welds demonstrate a more predictable load.



Long Arc Power

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Mill



Multi-Purpose Mill

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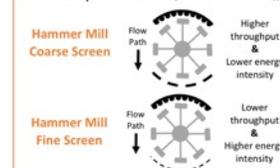
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Key Appliance Manufacturer Ratings

Manufacturer:	Sichuan Jingyan Lianyi	Rated Current (A):	13.7
Model Number:	Machine Factory	Hammer Mill Rated Throughput (kg/hr)	≥300
List Price (USD):	6N40-9FQ21	Rice Huller Rated Throughput (kg/hr)	≥150
Motor Voltage Rating (VAC):	\$253	Rated Speed (RPM)	2800
Motor Rating (kW/hp):	220	Electrical to Mechanical Efficiency (%)	77
	2.2/3	Rated Power Factor	0.95

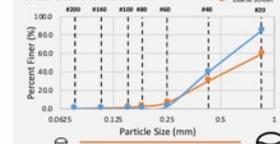
Modes of Operation Tested (hammer mill function only)



Lab Testing Parameters

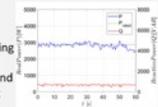
	Coarse	Fine
Supply current, avg. [A _{avg}]	10.9	13.7
Steady state current, peak [A]	13.7	19.2
Transient current, peak [A]	40-60	40-60
Real power, avg [kW]	2.4	2.9
Reactive power, avg [kVAR]	0.57	0.55
Total Harmonic Distortion, supply current [%]	14.3	-
Supply power factor	0.970	0.982
Throughput (kg/hr)	324	231
Energy Intensity [Wh/kg]	7.3	12.7

Grain Size Distribution



Power

The power the mill consumed during testing conformed with the manufacturer rating and produced a consistent and predictable load profile. Inrush current of ~35A was recorded at 100 V and 50 Hz, which needs to be validated at 220V but could be mitigated with ancillary equipment.





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Input Supply Voltage (VAC): Unrated

Average/Peak Current (A): Unrated

Average/Peak Real Power (kW): Unrated

Duty Cycle: Unrated

Efficiency (%): Unrated

Steel Laminations Average Length (mm) = 74.8

Average Winding Diameter (mm) = 22.2



Total Average Height (mm) = 421.5

Modes of Operation Tested

Short Arc

Stronger Penetration



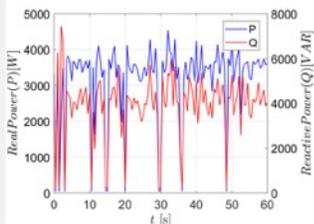
Long Arc

Weaker Penetration



Short Arc Power

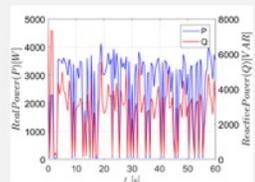
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Lab Test Parameters	Short Arc	Long Arc
Supply voltage, avg [V]	208	208
Supply current, avg. [A _{RMS}]	24.1	18
Supply current peak [A]	62.8	60.1
Real power, avg [kW]	3.2	2.5
Reactive power, avg [kVAR]	3.8	2.6
THD, supply current (%)	8.8	6.5
Supply power factor	0.64	0.69
Throughput (Wh/cm)	3.8	2.7
Efficiency (%)	71.2	75.7
Turns Ratio	4.25	
Duty Cycle (% of 10 mins @ 25A)		25

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Welder Test Overview

- Welders CAN be powered by a minigrid as long as batteries are exporting power to the AC bus and input current does not exceed smart meter breaker ratings
- Welder power consumption varies widely and is influenced by arc strength; better welding technique could smooth out variability
- Power factor and efficiency of informal welders is mediocre; if better power factor is desired, industrially manufactured welders (inverter type) may be used



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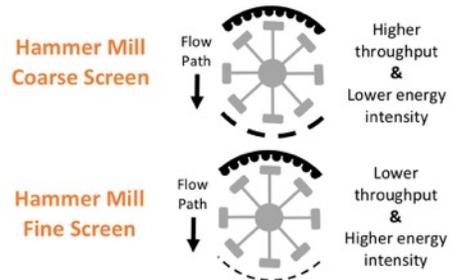
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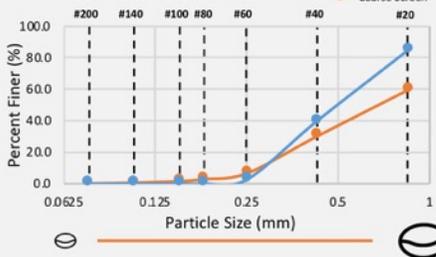
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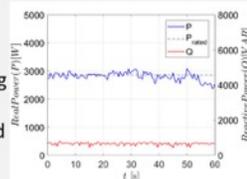
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Mill Test Overview

- Smaller, electrically powered mills CAN be powered by minigrids, and appear to have similar throughput as larger, more inefficient diesel mills
- High in-rush current from 1-phase motors must be mitigated by soft starters or 3-phase motors with a star-delta starter
- Poor motor construction can lead to high THD (as in this case)
- This particular motor exhibited good power factor and mediocre electrical efficiency (70%) but can be switched out for a better motor
- Milling maize into fine flour required 1.7x more energy



Surface Solar Water Pump

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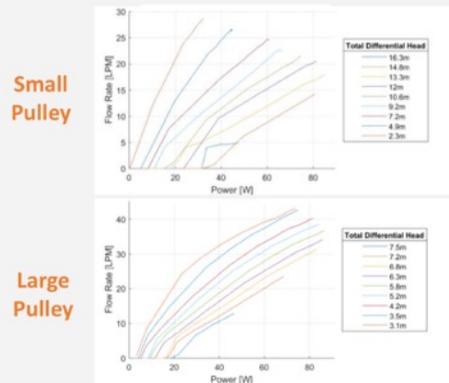
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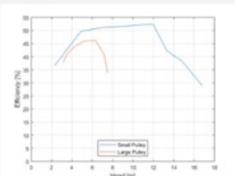
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Pump Test Overview

- Pumps were the most difficult and demanding to test with the most widely varying results
- Technically, a pump of this power draw is a “friendly” load to a minigrid (however, was designed to be solar compatible)
- Small (<500W) solar pumps - if paired with a power converter - CAN operate on an AC minigrid. Value proposition is best without long distribution lines; consider other pump-minigrid business models
- Manufacturer performance test methods vary widely, but CLASP is developing new off-grid testing methods, which will help standardize solar water pump performance ratings

- *We only purchase assets locally, because we don't know the performance or quality of foreign machines.*
- East Africa Minigrad Developer
- *Many thanks for sharing the test results from this Chinese machine, those are some really exciting numbers.*
- East Africa Minigrad Developer

Testimonials

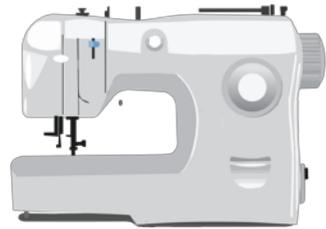
- *As a water pump manufacturer, we are really happy to see 3rd-party testing. It helps us get objective performance results that customers can trust.*
- Appliance manufacturer
- *Our inventor is interested to engage with you further on your test protocols the industry certainly needs more of this, and we will support it if we can.*
- Appliance manufacturer



Low Resolution On the Ground Sensing

A Partnership with
Minigrid Developers

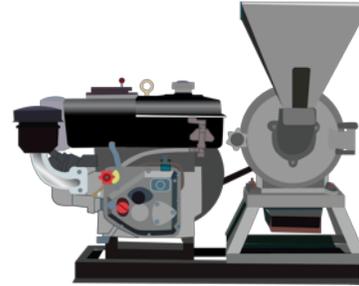
Appliance Selection



**Sewing
Machines**



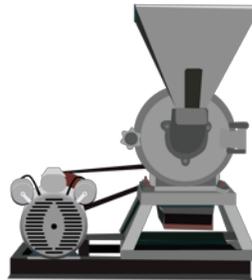
Welders



Diesel Mills



Refrigerators



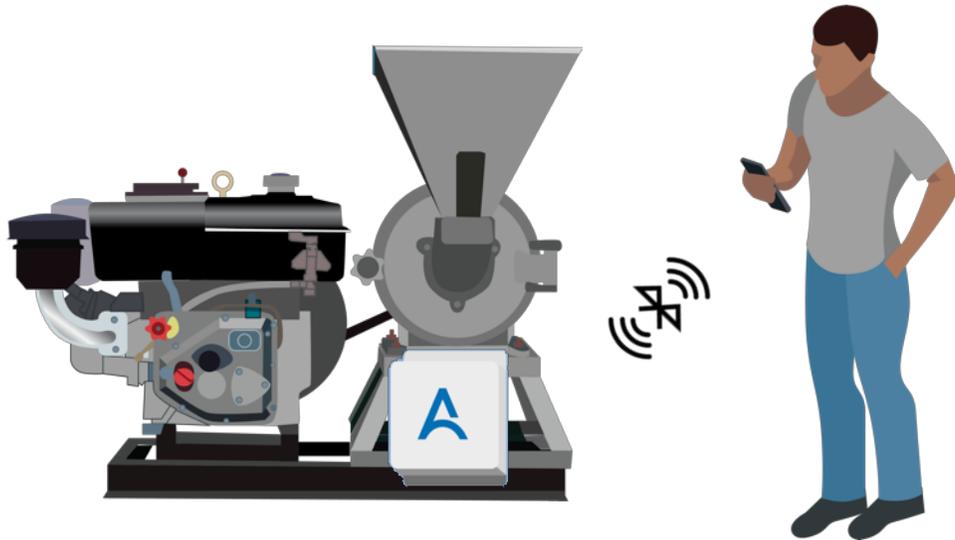
Electric Mills



Chilling Units

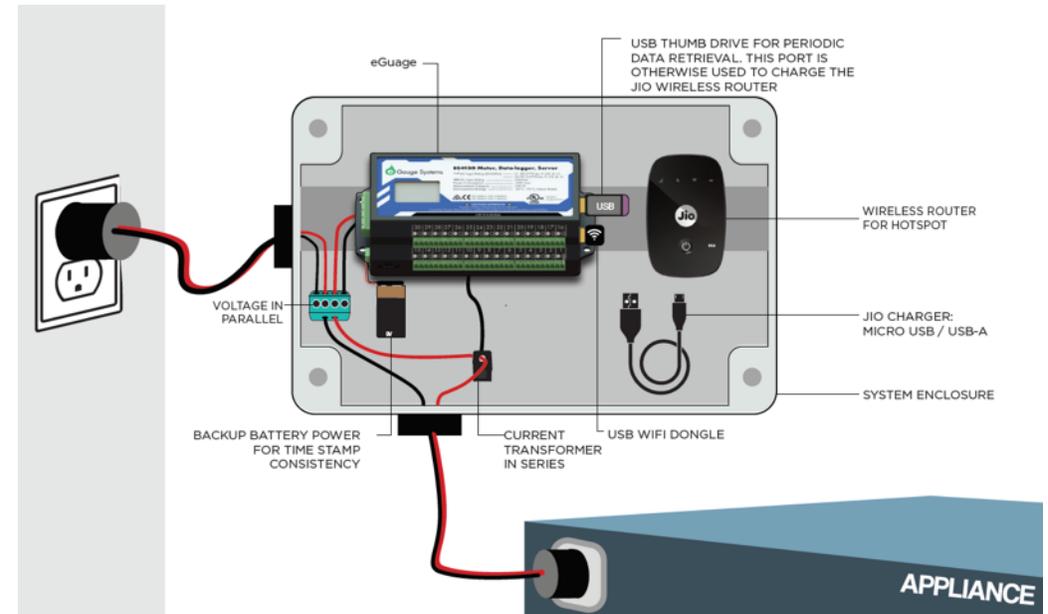
Sensing Approach

Rotational Speed Sensing *Arch Systems, California*



Low energy
Local Bluetooth pickup

Electrical Sensing eGauge, Colorado



Cellular hotspot connectivity
USB thumb drive local pickup

EQuota Energy: Data Disaggregation

Investigating lighter-touch methods of higher-fidelity appliance use-pattern discovery



- 20 smart meters with household and SME appliances
- EQuota uses a trained algorithm to disaggregate loads from an overall smart meter load profile
- End result will be a web-based dashboard and .csv files

Data Gathering - Use Patterns



Diesel Mill RPM Monitoring



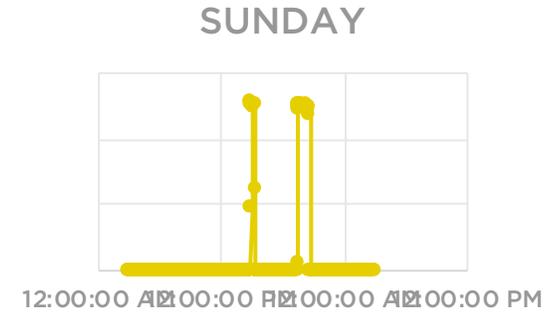
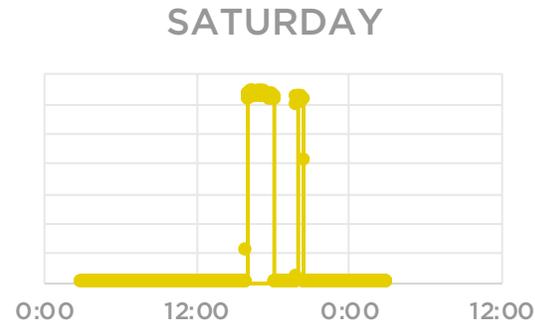
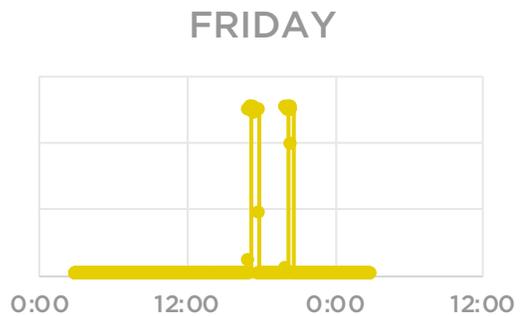
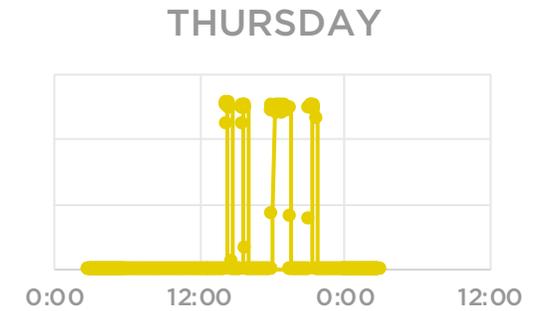
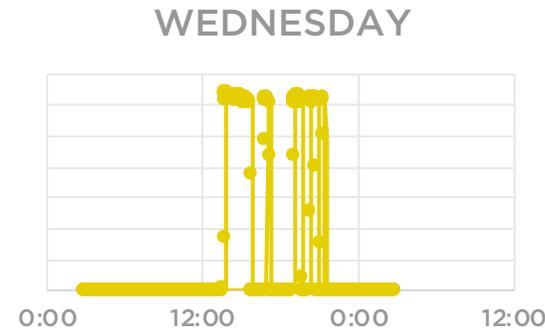
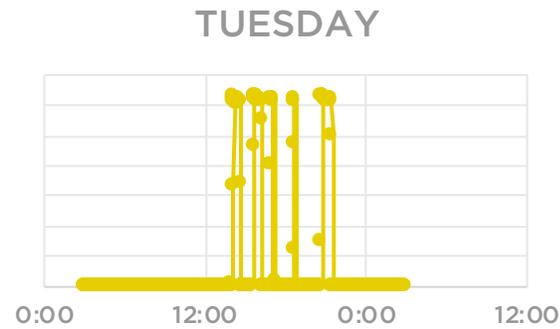
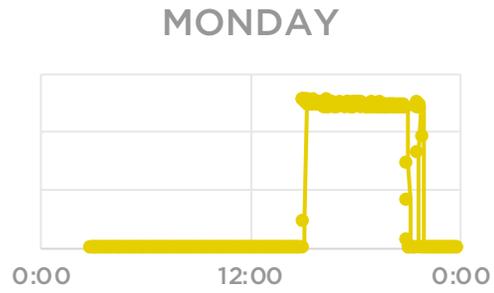
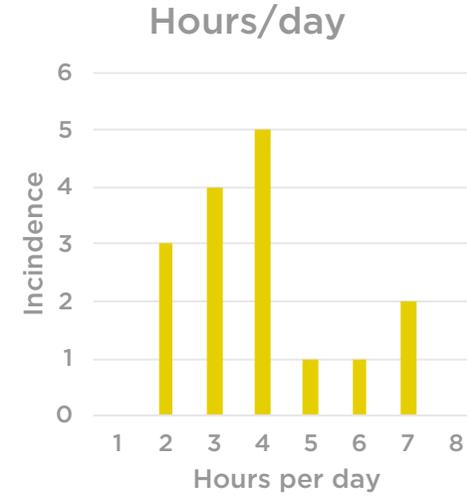
Welder Monitoring



Sewing/Tailoring Monitoring

Data Gathering: Use-Patterns

Sensors quietly pick up the daily habits of people in the community. This community has a market day on Mondays, which is represented in the data.



Data Gathering: Use-Patterns

*Real data illuminates the
real conditions.*

*With surveys, appliance
owners always(20-300%)
overestimated utilization.*



**Maize
Mill #1**

**Maize
Mill #2**

**Rice
Huller**

Welder

Average Hours in Operation
(Daily)



1.4

3.36

2

0.2

Average Utilization
(total waking hrs.)



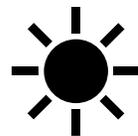
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Daytime Operation



63%

95%

91%

89%

Dusk/Night time Operation



37%

5%

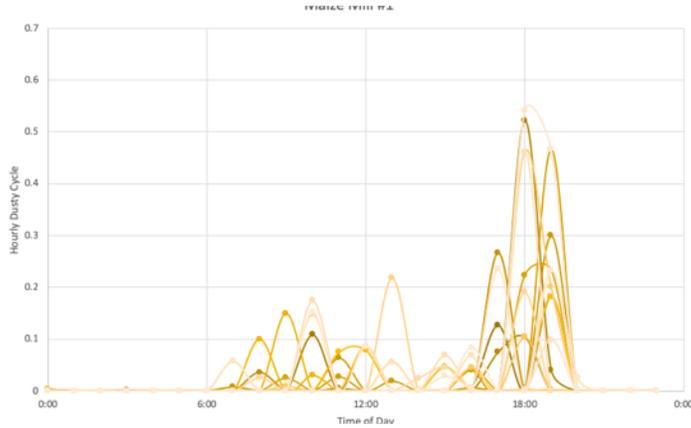
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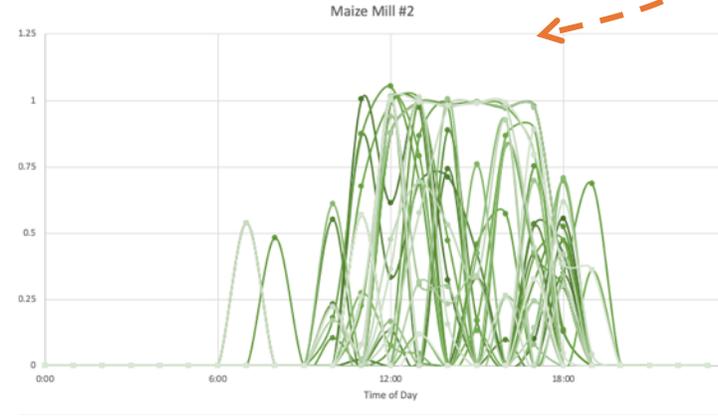
Data Gathering: Use-Patterns

Real data, sampled and extrapolated out to a yearly load profile

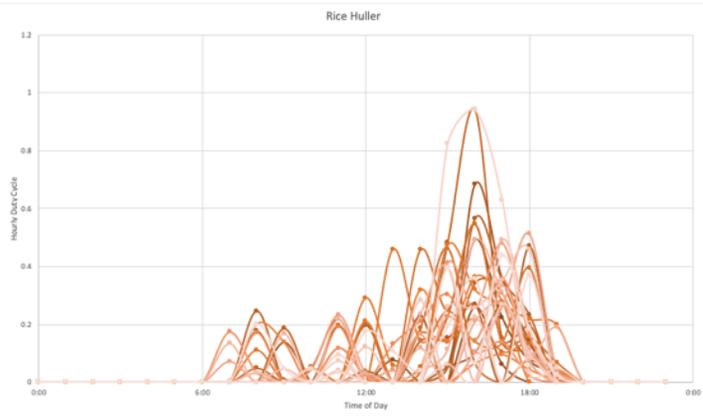
Mill #1



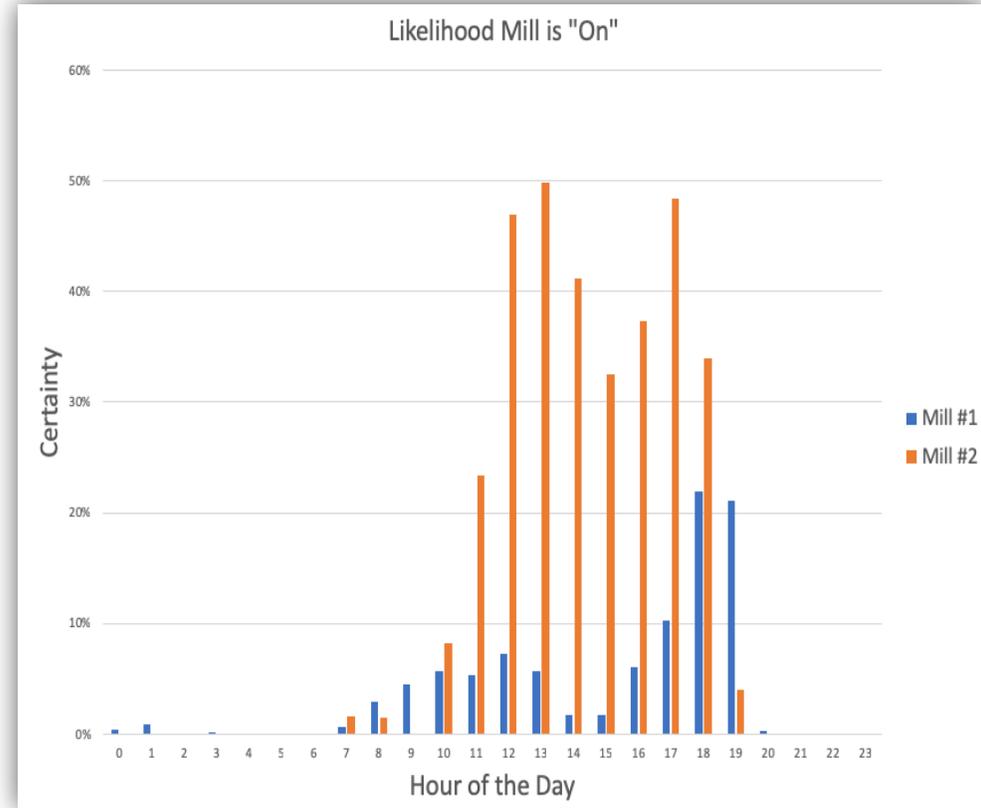
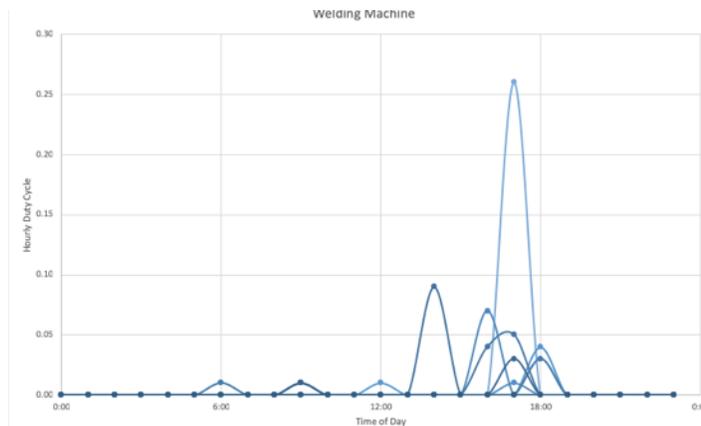
Mill #2



Rice Huller



Welding Machine



- *This sensor would be really helpful, because operators can only state their utilization for the last week, and we need better data fidelity to build our power systems.*
 - India Minigrid Developer
- *This tool would be really valuable to any company or organization that is trying to convince the operator of diesel-powered machine to switch to a solar/hybrid model.*
 - Impact Investor

Testimonials

- *We've met several SMEs who we want to support. For example, there is a local who operates a large (1.5kW) water pump, but we don't have a good way to measure or estimate his energy consumption.*
 - Southeast Asia Minigrid Developer

Select Grid File:
12-50 Oversize 20 ▾

Select Appliance Usage Profile:
Rice Mill (Tanzania) ▾

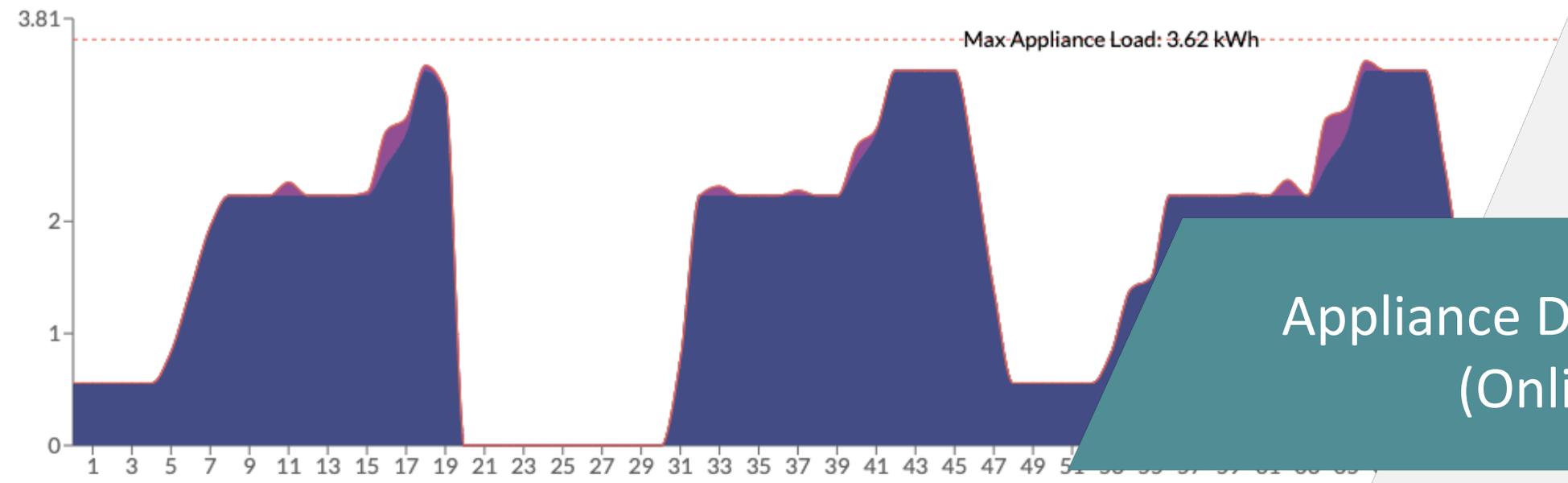
Selected Ancillary Equipment:
Soft Starter

Summary Ancillary Equipment Data **Loads** Time Segments Battery Energy Content Grid Components

Loads by hour of year

Each data point unit is average kW for 1 hour (kWh)

Max Appliance Load	3.62 kWh
First hour of year hitting max load	594



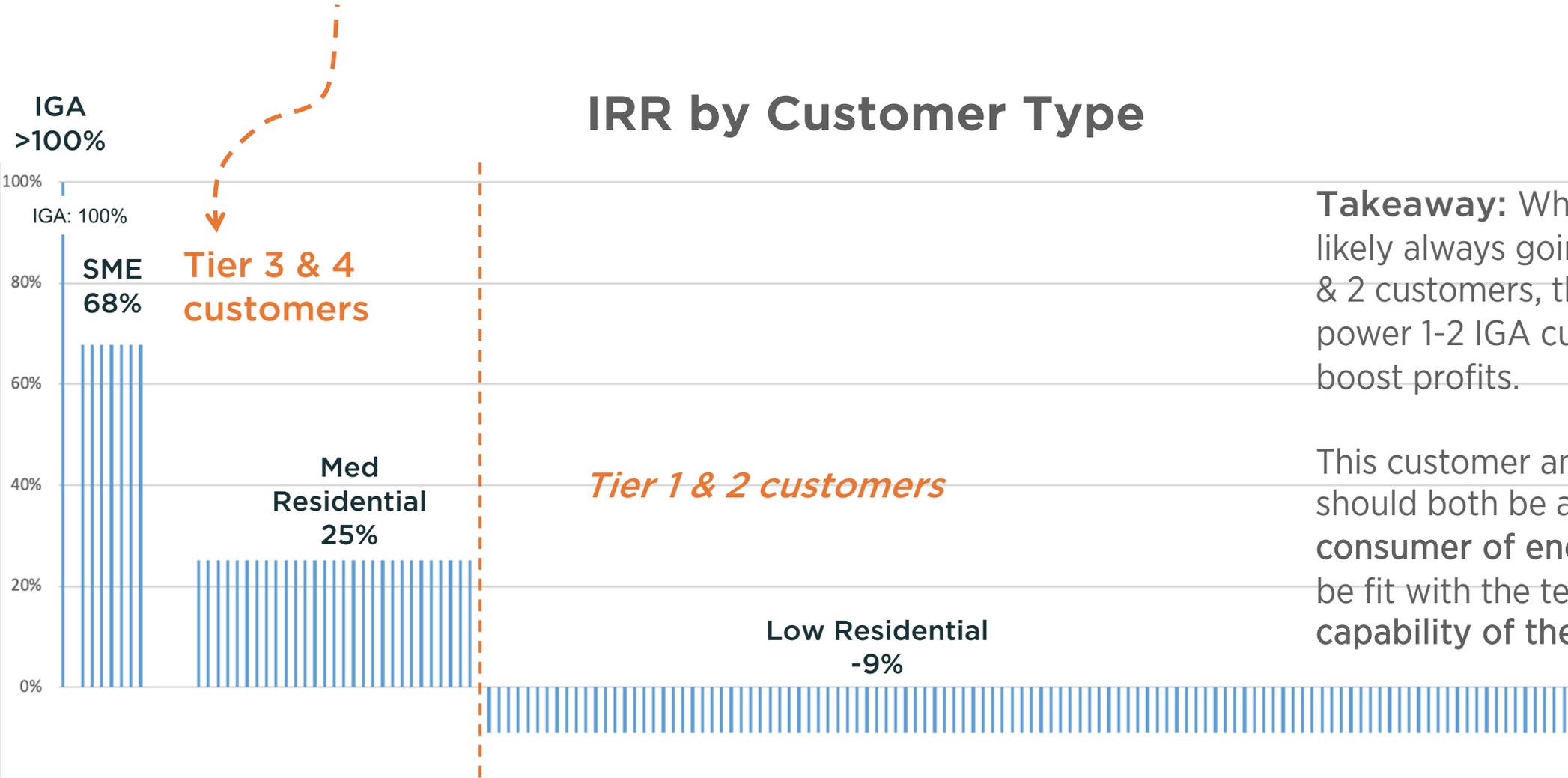
Appliance Decision Making
(Online TEA)

Hour of Year
Hover over chart to see details.
Brush and slide grey handle above to explore more hours

A Partnership with
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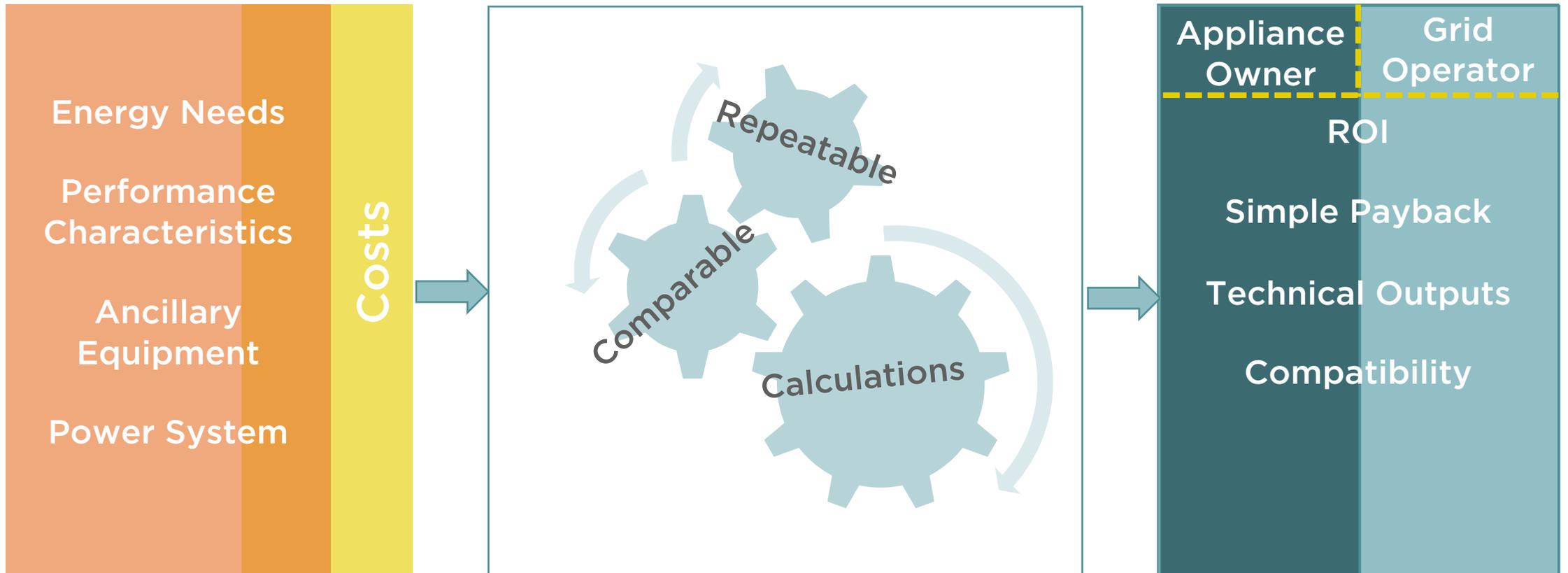
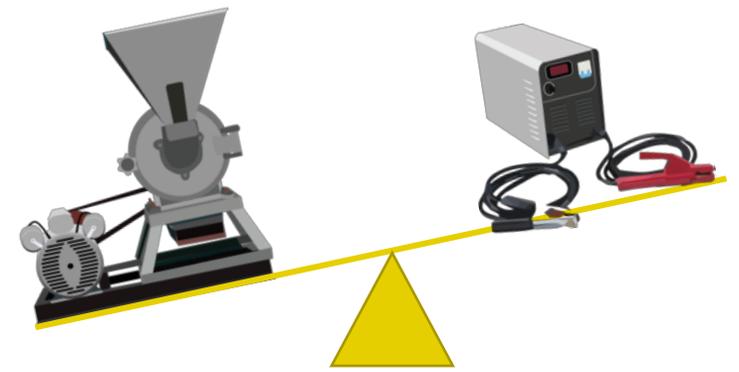
It only takes 1-2 IGA customers: Who will they be?



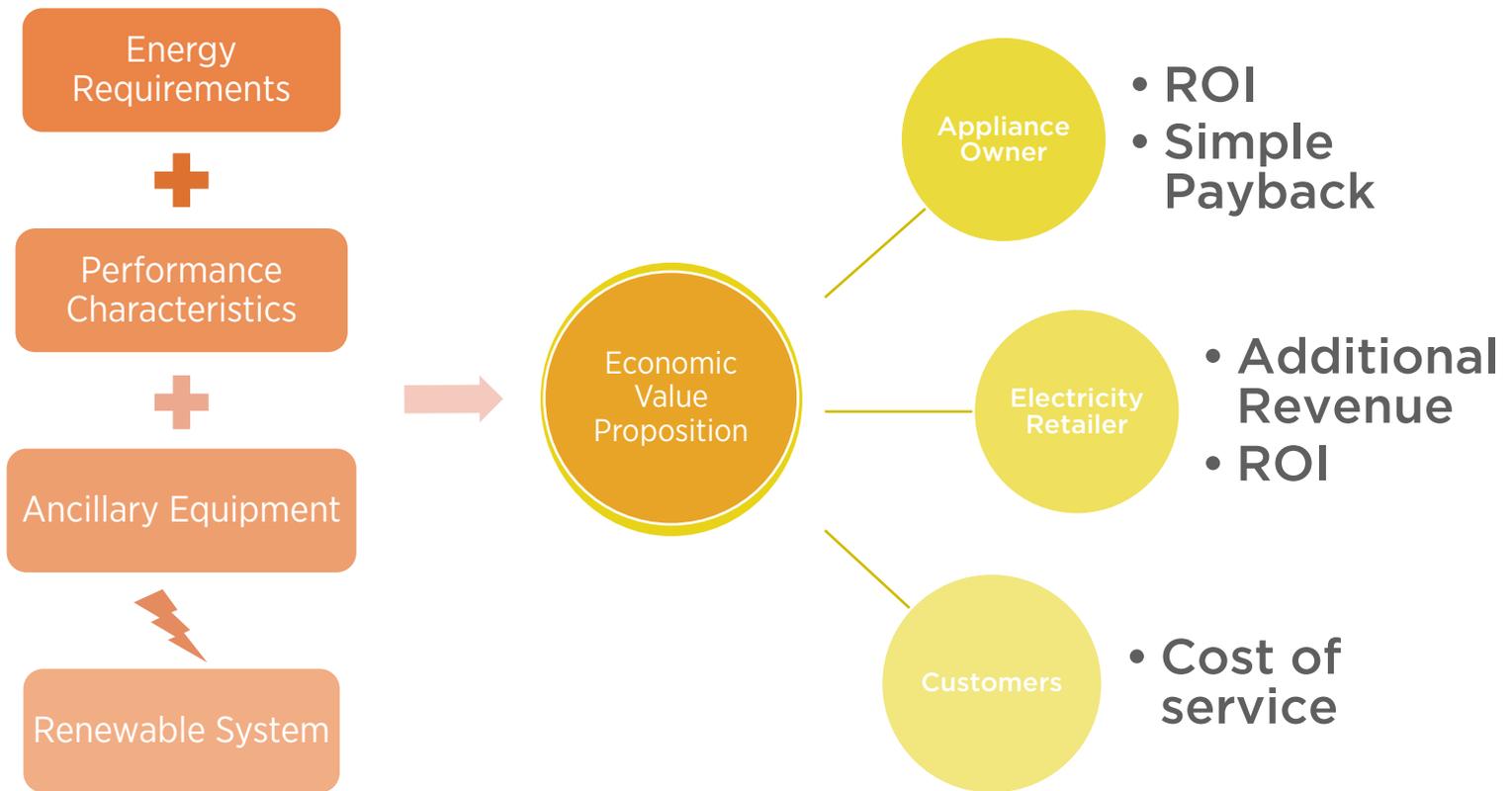
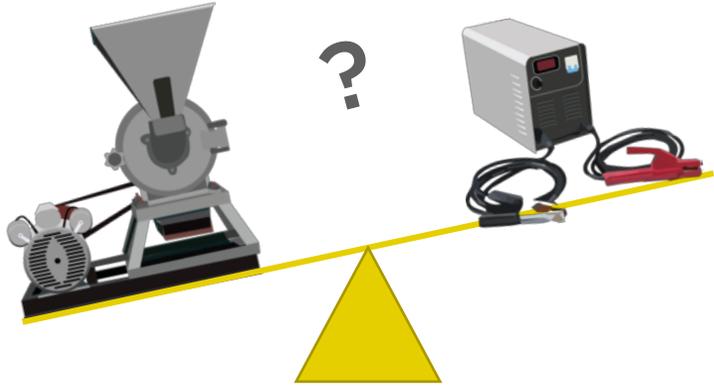
Takeaway: While minigrids are likely always going to serve Tier 1 & 2 customers, they should also power 1-2 IGA customer to help boost profits.

This customer and appliance should both be a steady consumer of energy as well as be fit with the technical capability of the power system.

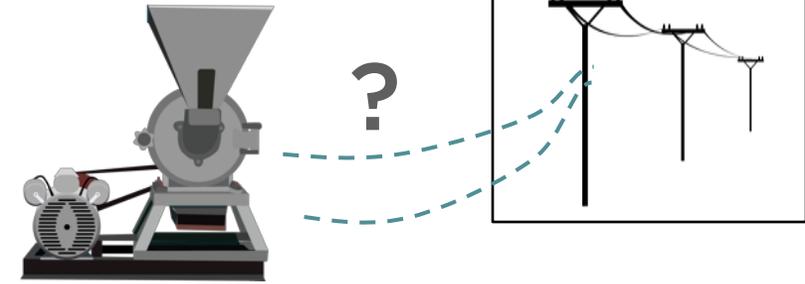
Solving a multi-variable, multi-stakeholder problem



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Incorporating Technically-Advanced Characteristics



Ancillary Equipment

	Overall efficiency	Machine start-up	Safety / Protection	AC/DC Conversion	Cost
Variable Frequency Drive	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$\$\$
Soft Starter		✓	✓		\$
Correction Capacitor	✓				\$\$
Inverter	✓			✓	\$\$

Repeatable Problem-Solving with an Online TEA/calculator

Select Grid Characteristics: 12-50 Baseline ▾

Select Appliance Usage Profile: Maize Mill (Tanzania) ▾

Model Inputs

Full Capacity Usage Factor to kW ⓘ	<input type="text" value="2.2"/>
Duty Cycle Derate Factor ⓘ	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Usage Factor Seasonal Derate Curve	TBD
Wholesale Electricity Cost ⓘ	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Unmet Load Electricity Cost ⓘ	<input type="text" value="0.324"/>
Retail Electricity Price ⓘ	<input type="text" value="0.35"/>
Units of Production per kWh ⓘ	<input type="text" value="136.9"/>
Revenue Per Production Units ⓘ	<input type="text" value="0.0215"/>

Grid Operator Summary

Yearly new appliance kWh	192 kWh
Yearly new appliance revenue	\$67
Yearly new appliance electricity cost	\$0
New appliance unmet load cost	\$13
New appliance net revenue	\$54

	Count ⓘ	hrs/year	Sum kWh	Percent of Year
Original unmet load	572		489	6.5%
Additional unmet load	92		40	1.1%
Total unmet load	616		529	7%

Appliance Operator Summary

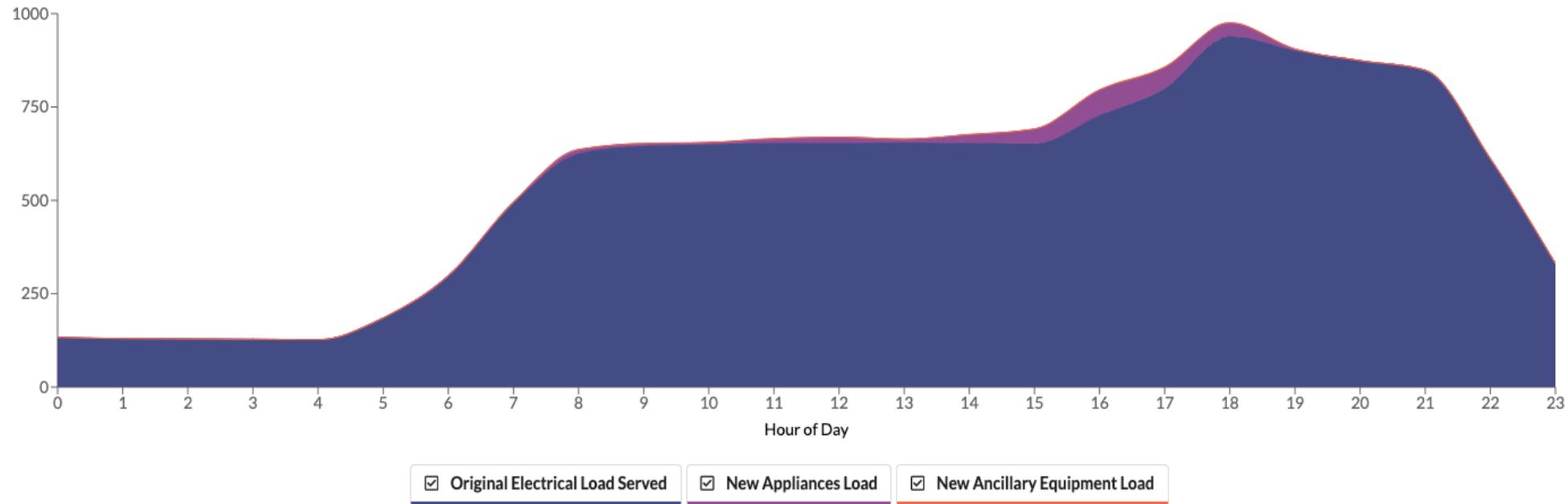
Yearly kWh from new appliance	192 kWh
Yearly Appliance Electricity Cost	\$67
Yearly Units Produced	26351.881 units
Yearly Production Units Revenue	\$567
Net Revenue	\$499

Example: Evaluating an Electric Grain Mill

The tool lets a minigrid developer know how this new, large appliance will likely affect their ability to meet the new demand with their existing power system. Especially, the time of day in which the power system may fall short of meeting demand.

Sum of Load by Hour of Day

For example, hovering over 9am shows you the sum of the load components for every 9am in a year
Adding appliances will increase the load, so in this chart it is stacked on top of the original load



Example: Evaluating an Electric Grain Mill

Takeaway: Mill #2, which has a more active daily use profile, is far more interesting as an IGA customer for a minigrid than Mill #1. Additionally, the appliance owner of Mill #1 likely doesn't have much incentive to switch energy sources because they don't use the machine as frequently as Mill #2.

Inputs		Electricity Retailer Perspective					Appliance Owner Perspective			
Minigrid System Type	Load Profile	New appliance load (kwh)	Net Profit from appliance (USD)	Original Unmet Load (kWh)	Add'l Unmet Load (kWh)	Total Annual Unmet Load (%)	Grain Milled/Hulled (kgs)	Income (USD)	Net Revenue (USD)	Simple Payback (months)
Baseline System	Mill #1	192	\$ 74	489	40	7.0%	26,351	\$ 567	\$ 480	12.5
Baseline System	Rice Huller	1034	\$ 448	489	55	7.1%	141,610	\$ 3,045	\$ 2,579	2.3
Baseline System	Mill #2	2560	\$ 1,127	489	77	7.2%				
Oversized System	Mill #2	2560	\$ 1,140	129	36	2.7%	350,511	\$ 7,536	\$ 6,384	0.9
Undersized System	Mill #2	2560	\$ 1,088	1173	199	14.8%				

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This has been done before

US electric appliance campaigns in the 1930-50



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