#### From Denham to Esperance and Ross Island;

Powercorp's Experience in High Penetration Wind Diesel Systems

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#### **Overview**



 High penetration of wind energy into diesel power systems is no longer limited by technology.





#### In this presentation:

- Powercorp's utility standard wind/diesel, wind/hydro/solar/diesel power systems
  - Penetration vs Annual contribution



#### **Overview**

- Powercorp has built multiple commercial wind diesel power systems
  - Up to 100% wind penetration
  - >50% annual energy contribution from the wind
- Located in:
  - Australia
  - the Antarctic and
  - the Azore Islands, North Atlantic



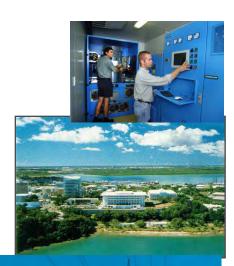
#### **Overview**

- Experienced in turnkey solutions for stand alone power systems
- Focused on
  - innovative control systems and
  - power electronic solutions

to stabilise wind/solar diesel power stations

- More than 21 years experience in utility applications
- Over 100 Systems installed
- Wind farm construction



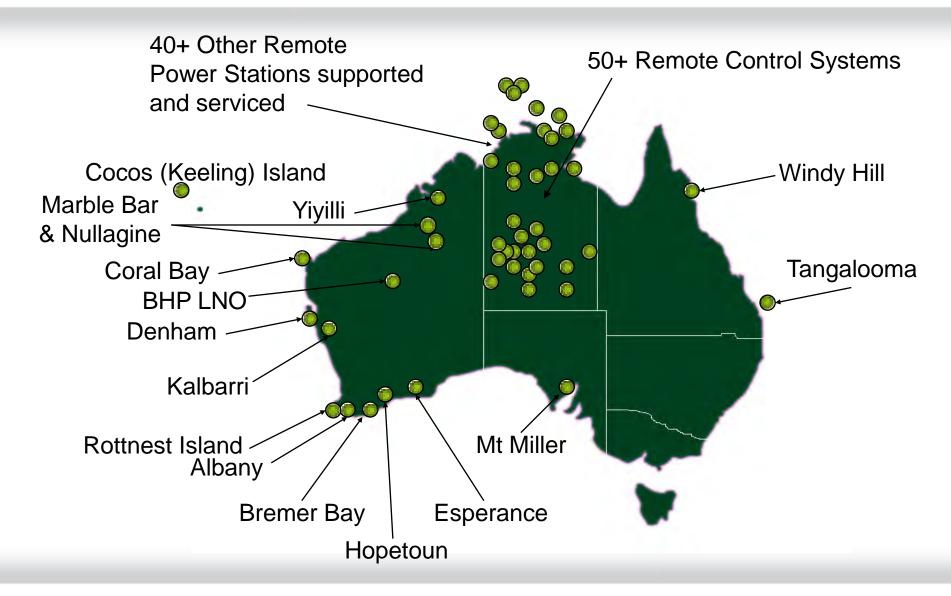


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#### **Overview - Australian Projects**

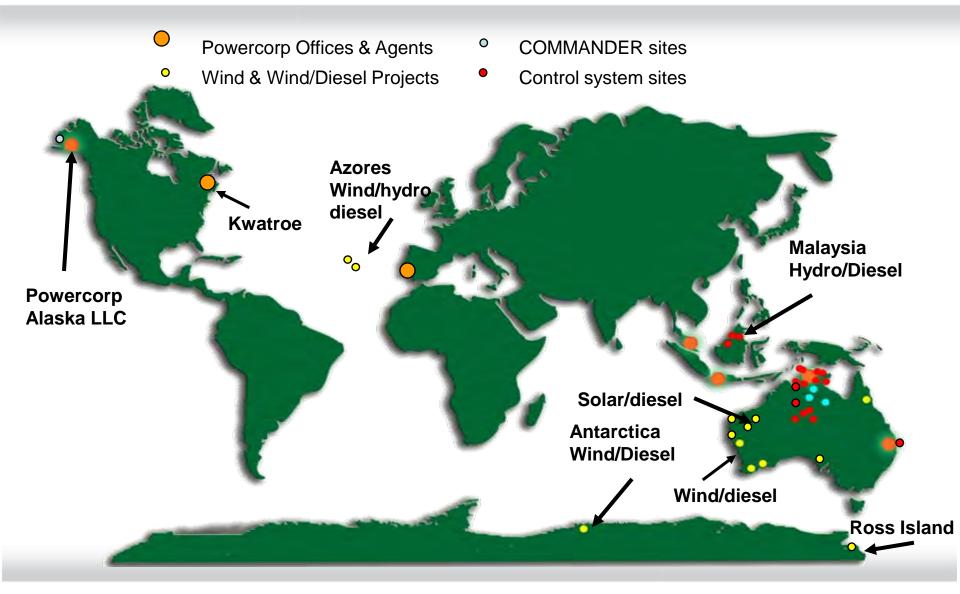






#### **Overview - International Projects**

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#### Definitions

- "Simple Fuel Saving" systems (low penetration)
  - Typically less than 25% wind input at any time
  - Diesel governors compensate for wind gusting
  - Increasing wind energy input causes power fluctuations beyond the capacity of the governors or engines to cope
- Problems are;
  - Flicker/power surges
  - Engine damage
  - Blackouts !



#### Definitions

## There is no middle ground!

- To achieve high Annual Contribution to fuel savings, the network must be stabilised and all available wind energy must/can be captured
  - This means at any time >95% wind input to the network is not only possible but necessary!
  - Such systems are "High Penetration"
  - Powercorp does this using a flywheel inverter system - PowerStore

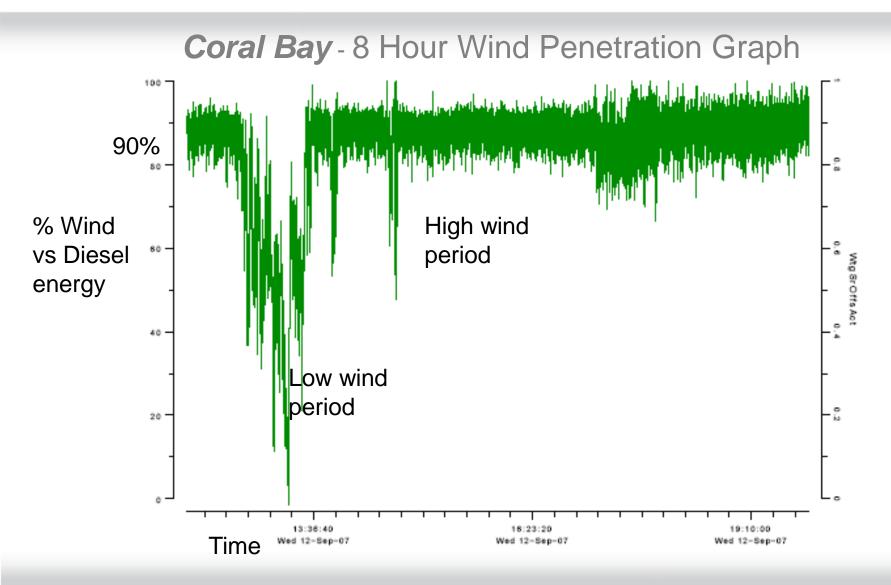


#### **Definitions**

- Typically >50% of the fuel per annum can be saved in such high "Annual Contribution" systems
- To go further
  - Demand Side Management is the lowest cost solution, this can increase fuel savings typically to 60%
- Beyond this
  - long term storage "batteries" are needed
    - Unfortunately, at present, such batteries are very high expensive and it is difficult to justify the additional benefits



#### **Definitions**



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## **Project Experience**



- Q: How did we reach this understanding and achieve these solutions?
- A: Over 21 years of commercial project experience



#### **Project Experience - Automation** engineering innovative power solutions for a better world

### Many Fully Automatic Multiple Diesel Systems



Original multiple diesel automation and control systems

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## Project Experience – Wind/Diesel

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| Station         | Wind/Hydro    | Diesel   |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| Denham          | 990kW         | 1,600 kW |
| Mawson          | 600kW         | 550kW    |
| Esperance       | 5,600kW       | 14,500kW |
| Hopetoun        | 1,200kW       | 2,560 kW |
| Cocos Island    | 100kW         | 950kW    |
| Bremer Bay      | 600kW         | 1,250kW  |
| Rottnest Island | 600kW         | 1,300kW  |
| Coral Bay       | 825kW         | 2,560kW  |
| Graciosa        | 800kW         | 3,200kW  |
| Flores          | 600kW/1,100kW | 4,000kW  |
| Ross Island     | 900kW         | 9,360kW  |

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#### **Project Experience - Denham**

 Powercorp's first high penetration
>90% wind diesel power system at
Denham WA

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#### **Project Experience - Esperance**

Vestas and ENERCON turbines





### **Project Experience - Mawson**

High Penetration Wind/Diesel Power System





#### **Project Experience - Flores**

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• High penetration wind/hydro/diesel power station

 Powercorp's
PowerStore technology makes it possible to run
Flores on Hydro and
Wind alone ("Diesel Off" mode)



#### **Project Experience - Flores**



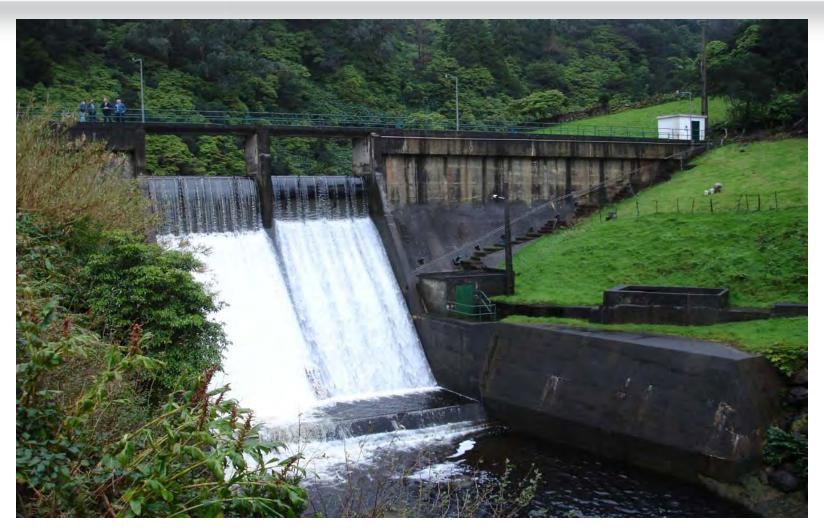
#### ENERCON 2 x E33 300kW and Nordex 2 x 100kW wind turbines

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Limited storage hydro generation

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#### Combined hydro (1,100kW) and diesel power station (4,000kW)

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#### **Ross Island Wind Energy Project** Building the World's Southern Most Wind Farm

"Meridian Energy is building the Ross Island Wind Farm in an Alliance with Antarctica New Zealand and with support from the US

National Science Foundation"

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 New Zealand's Scott Base houses up to 100 people, average load ≈ 150kW.



Scott Base at Midnight - 24hr daylight in Summer



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 US McMurdo Station (3km from Scott Base) houses up to 1250 people. Average load ≈ 1.6 MW

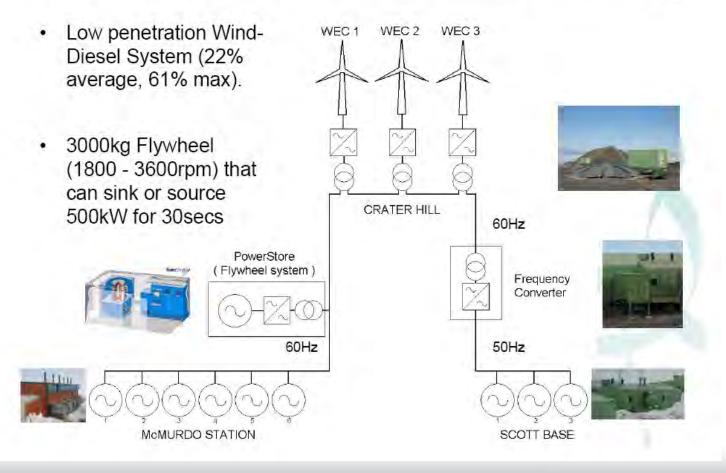




#### Project Experience - Ross Island Antarctica

**RIWE Stage 1 – Crater Hill Wind Farm** 







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## Final Inspection – Commissioned McMurdo Station PowerStore (Flywheel) Building



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#### **Project Experience - Coral Bay**

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#### **Project Experience - Coral Bay**

#### Coral Bay high penetration Wind/Diesel power station (Cyclonic region)



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- Powercorp is a world leader in wind/diesel power generation
- These systems are typically high penetration and offer maximum fuel savings
- Exceptional power quality (often better than city quality)



Summary

- Utility standard power quality is achieved through
  - use of flywheel and high speed, MW scale, power electronic inverters (PowerStore)
  - a Distributed Control System (DCS) and Smart Grid
- All of these projects are
  - in operation today,
  - commercially viable, and
  - saving fuel due to the technical advances made by Powercorp over 21 years of targeted work in this field

## Thank you! Questions welcome.

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