

# Optimizing Your Commercial Business

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# Why Optimise?



#### **Strong Company**

SolarEdge is a financially strong and bankable company

- Profitable
- Publicly traded on the NASDAQ
- Substantial track-record in commercial PV



#### **Better Bottom Line**

The lifetime benefits of the SolarEdge solution offset the slightly higher inverter cost

- Reduced BoS costs
- Reduced O&M costs
- Increased energy production



#### **Improved Asset Management**

System owners enjoy enhanced lifetime system performance

- Higher system uptime
- Risk mitigation and long-term investment protection
- Superior safety



#### **Complete Service Suite**

EPCs and installers enjoy enhanced support from SolarEdge's local service team

- Pre-sale and post-sale support
- Installation & commissioning support
- Advanced O&M tools and capabilities



#### SolarEdge in Numbers

49.9M

Power Optimizers
Shipped

Solar Inverter Company

28
Countries
Presence

348 Awarded Patents and 266 Additional Patent Applications

>1.38M

Monitored systems around the world

\$418.2M Q4 2019 revenue

16.2GW

of our systems shipped worldwide

employees

in in in in in

2,431

2.1M

Inverters Shipped

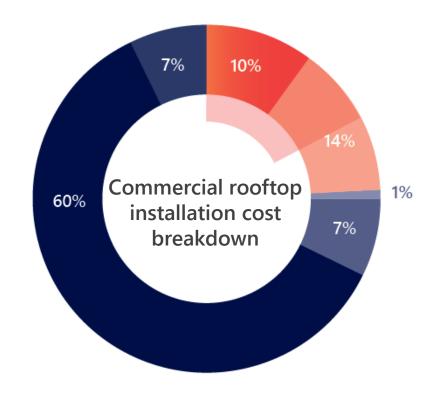


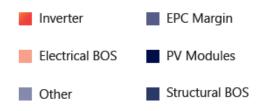


# Inverter's Significance

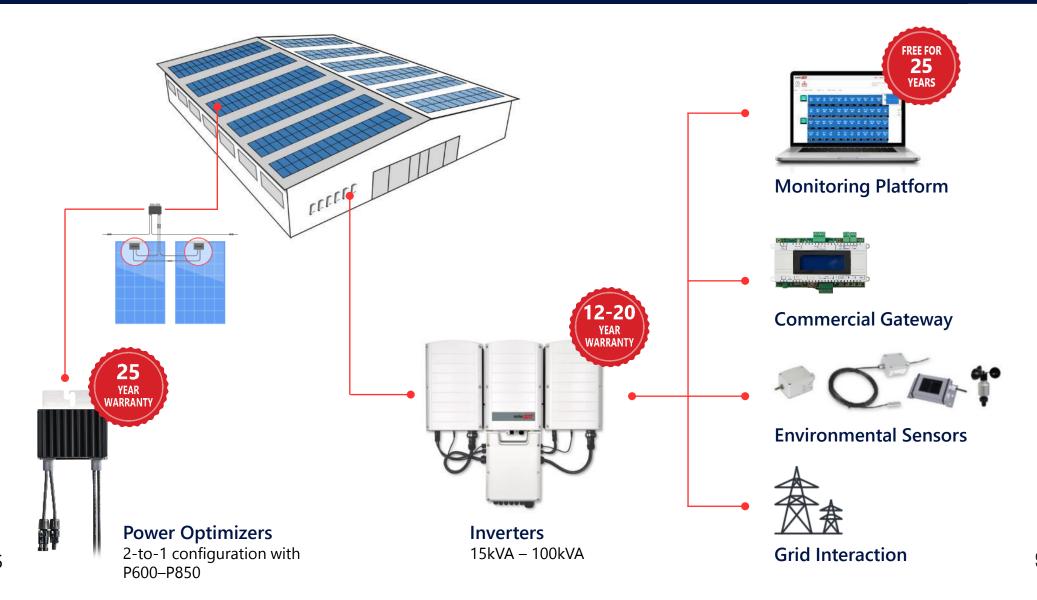
- Inverters account for <10% of the system cost but,</p>
  - Influence up to 20% of system cost
  - Manage 100% of system production
  - Are the "brains" of the system
  - Mitigate O&M expenses through PV asset management solutions

Inverter selection is critical for the long term financial performance of a PV system





# The SolarEdge Commercial Solution





# SolarEdge Offers Four Key Benefits

#### **More Energy**



Increased energy yield & faster return on investment through module-level MPPT

#### **Lower O&M Costs**



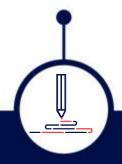
Full visibility of system performance & remote troubleshooting

#### **Enhanced Safety**



Safety during installation, maintenance, firefighting, & other emergencies

#### Flexible Design



Maximum space utilization with minimum design time



#### **BoS Cost Saving**

Up to 60 modules per string

Fewer strings

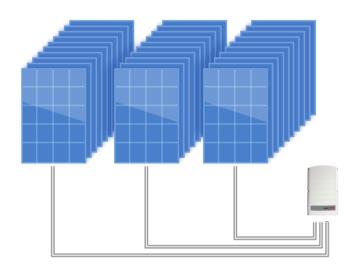
Less wiring, combiner boxes, fuses, etc.

Less onsite self-crimping at string end

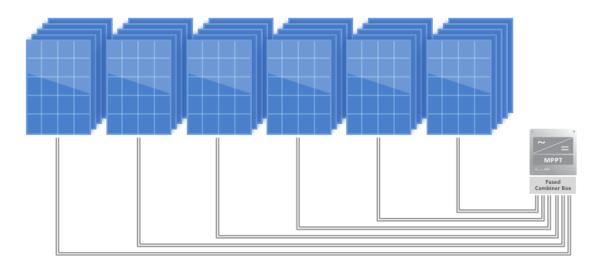
Up to 50% reduction in BoS cost

Reduced risk of failure & fire

SolarEdge DC Optimized Inverter



■ Traditional Inverter





#### **BoS Cost Saving**

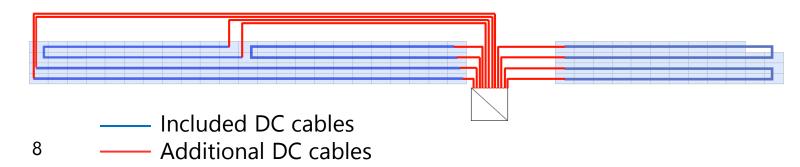
- SolarEdge system: 0.45 m/kW DC
- Traditional 27.6kW string inverter: 4 m/kW DC

In MW-scale systems, the savings can amount to thousands of dollars

SolarEdge: 3 strings per inverter, 44/46 modules per string



Traditional string inverter: 6 strings per inverter, 22/23 modules per string





#### Lifetime Revenue

Power optimizers enable installation of:

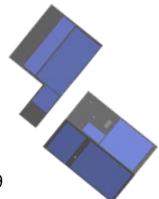
- Modules in partially shaded areas
- Strings of uneven lengths
- Strings in multiple orientations and different roof facets

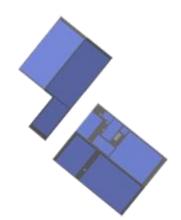
Flexible site design > More modules on the roof > More power

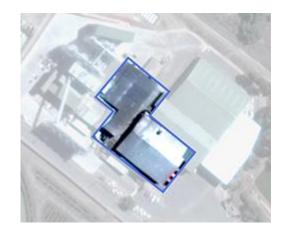
Traditional Inverter: 312 kWp

SolarEdge System: 396 kWp

= 27% added power



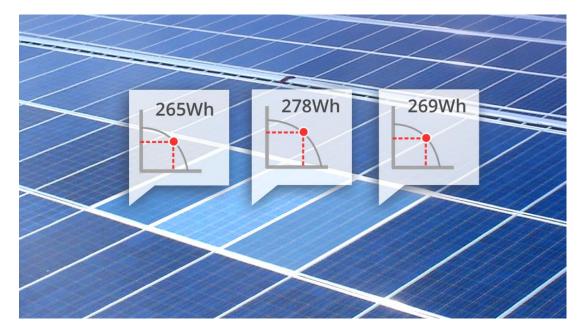






#### Lifetime Revenue

- MPPT per module:
  - SolarEdge is designed for higher energy yield
  - Each module produces maximum power independently of other modules in the string
  - Underperforming modules do not affect the production of the whole string

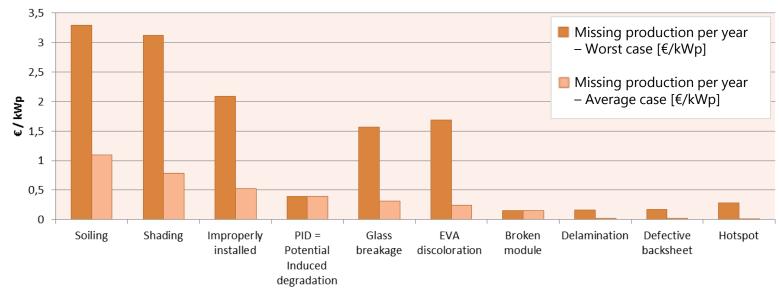


Approximately 3% higher energy yield \*



#### Module Mismatch => Power Losses

A EURAC/TÜV RH report on Technical Risks in PV Projects demonstrates that the economic impact of soiling and shading can be higher than 3€/kWp/year due to missing production



- The SolarEdge solution minimizes power losses by:
  - Optimizing power production per panel
  - Alerting and pinpointing underperforming panels



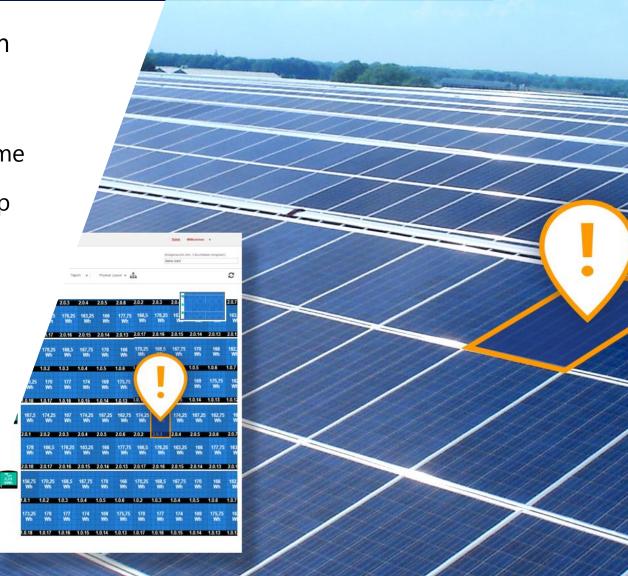
## Asset Management

Protect your asset with full visibility into system performance & remote troubleshooting for reduced O&M costs

Monitoring at the module level – free for lifetime

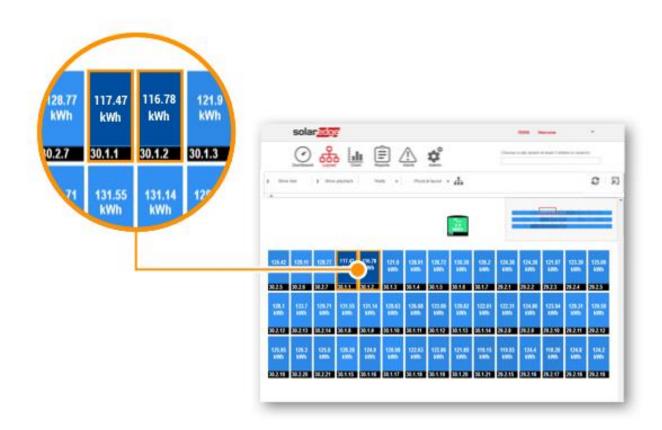
Fault detection pinpointed on a virtual site map

Automatic alerts on system issues



#### Reduced O&M Cost

- Alerts for modules & inverters underperformance
- Know before you go:
  - Identify underperformance
  - Use charts to analyze underperformance
  - Schedule maintenance according to problem severity and effect on system performance
  - Fewer trips to site, less time spent on-site





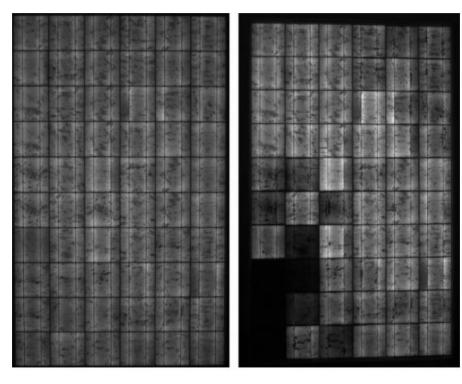
# Increased System Availability

- Bypass diode seems to have short circuited faulty module shows 2/3 of the voltage
- Issue pinpointed to module level
- Installer can proactively provide service at his convenience
- Quick and easy resolution will generate more energy for the owner for system lifetime



## Example: PID Detection

- Potential induced degradation is a physical phenomena in high voltage PV systems, that significantly reduces module power and system production
- Occurs if modules have a negative potential to earth while in operation, and is strongest on modules closest to the inverter's negative pole
- If PID is suspected, technicians are required to climb on the roof, disconnect the modules, and measure their output voltage



Electroluminescence images of a module before (left) and after (right) PID testing. Source: PVTech Photo: © Fraunhofer CSE

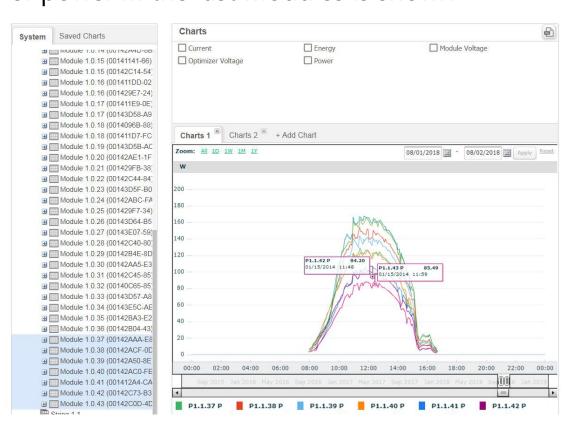


#### Remote PID Detection

Using the SolarEdge monitoring platform, PID problems can be detected in "two clicks"

Looking at the string modules power, degradation of power in the last modules is shown

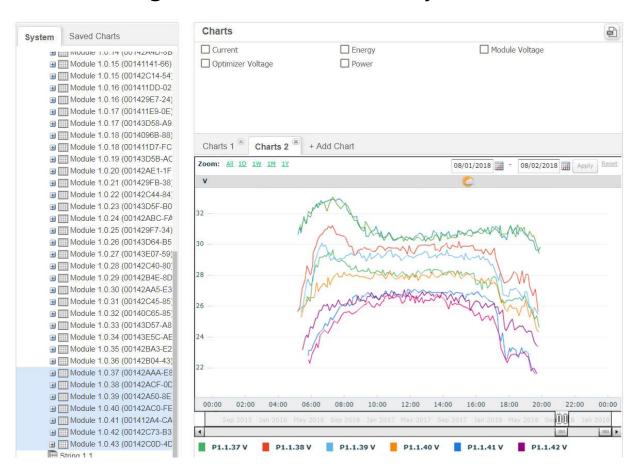
(closest to the negative pole)





#### Remote PID Detection (Cont.)

No need to send technicians to the roof – modules voltage is measured remotely





# Protect Your Investment



# **Future Compatibility**

Be prepared for future costs than can affect your balance sheet:

Lower-cost inverter replacement after warranty

~40% less than traditional inverters

Module replacements – with SolarEdge there is no need to keep module stocks. Any module available in the market would fit

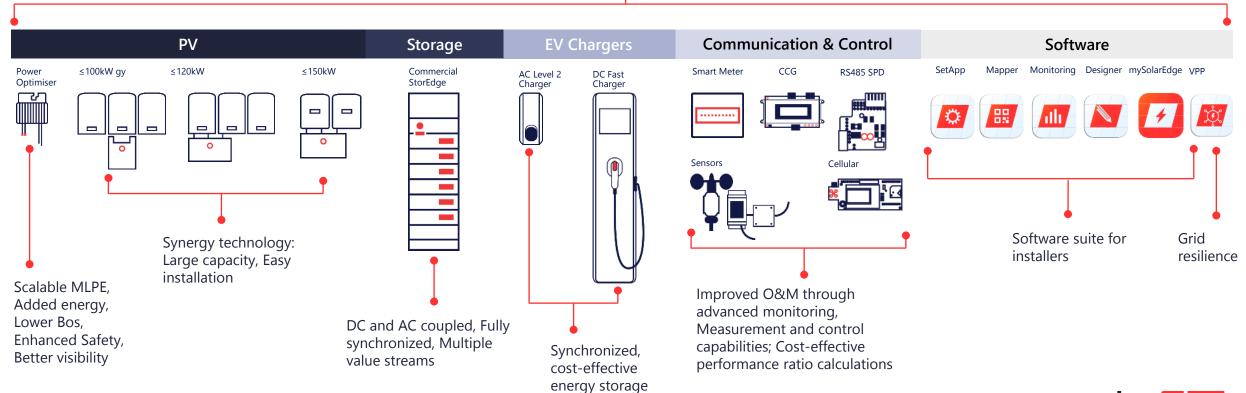
Expansion – new power optimizers and modules can be utilized in the same string with older models

Products are certified as resistant to ammonia corrosion in agricultural areas



# **Future Proofing**

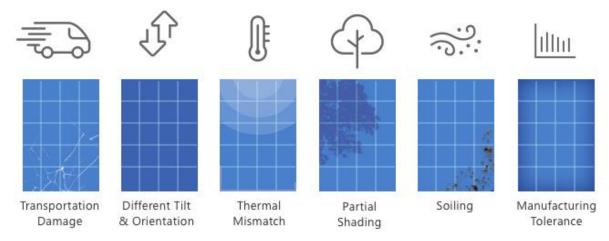






## Expect the Unexpected

- Future proof
  - Mitigate mismatch and aging losses
  - Protect against unpredictable environmental and obstruction changes (e.g. antenna erected, growing trees, etc.)



- Defective modules can be replaced with any module available in the market
- Higher system uptime
  - The monitoring and alerts enable real-time detection and fast response



#### Safe Installation and Maintenance

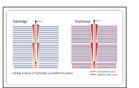
- Remote monitoring instead of diagnostics work at dangerous heights
- SafeDC™ no high VDC during installation or maintenance
  - Power optimizers and DC cables automatically shut down when inverter is off or disconnected
- SolarEdge inverters comply with UL1699B arc detection standard designed to mitigate effects of some arc faults that may pose a risk of fire



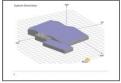
# Comprehensive Service Suite

- SolarEdge supports you throughout your PV project life cycle
- We provide the tools and services to help you grow your business with us

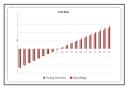




Design optimization



Comparative PV Simulation



LCOE & ROI analysis



**Project Execution** 



Design validation



Hands-on Training



Installation checklist



Onsite support



Remote operations



Automatic commissioning report



Fleet management



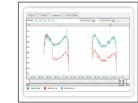
Pinpointed alerts



Performance monitoring



Module-level analysis



Remote troubleshooting



Automatic reporting

# Thank You!

#### Cautionary Note Regarding Market Data & Industry Forecasts

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