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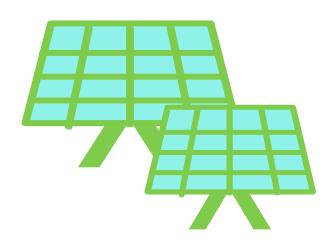
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# **Project Commercial**

## **About This Project**



- A tool that utilizes building consumption metrics and solar intensity data to calculate accurate ROIs
- Helps to determine over/under generation windows and size solar generation solutions accordingly

## The Application

- Web application
- User-friendly form which considers:
  - Location
  - Regular consumption data
  - Multiple panel types
  - Financial factors
- Built-in knowledgebase and information
- Suggests optimal solar panel setup

#### Graphs

- Regular consumption vs. solar power generation
- Value resulting from full-credit generation vs. overgeneration
- Annual cash flows

#### Calculations

- Total return on investment.
- Estimated kWh of solar power generated

## Our Why?

- Fossil fuels are the primary source of energy in Canada
- Solar energy is renewable and sustainable
  - Alternative for fossil fuels

Persuade more people and businesses to install solar generation solutions



#### The Problem



How do you choose the best panel?



How many panels should you use?



How much return will you get?

### **Architecture**





Frontend





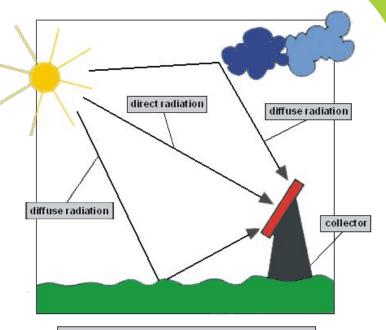
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Data

#### **Solar Model**

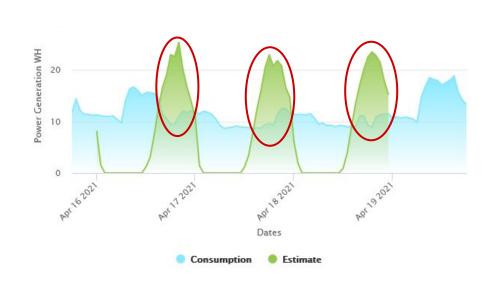
- Calculates estimated power output
- NASA POWER provides global solar irradiation data
- Python converts the global data to direct and diffuse components which are used in the calculations



direct radiation + diffuse radiation = global radiation

## Overgeneration

- Production of solar energy beyond consumption needs
- SaskPower only provides half-credit (7.5¢/kWh) for overgeneration
- This makes overgeneration inherently less valuable, but not valueless



## **Inputs**









Location

Panel Options

Grants

Analysis Dates









Cost of kWh

Roof Area

Loan Rate

**Consumption Data** 

#### **Return on Investment**

- 20 year analysis
- Calculates breakdown of solar power installation:
  - Capital Cost
  - Maintenance Cost
  - Loan Interest
  - Full-credit Value
  - Overgeneration Value
- Determines which setup provides the best financial return

**Capital Cost:** \$46,927.00

**Savings Earned:** \$156,921.00

# ROI and Annual Cash Flow Analysis Calculations

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\frac{Cost}{KW\ Installed}) + Interconnection\ Study\ Fee + Bidirectional\ Meter-Grants
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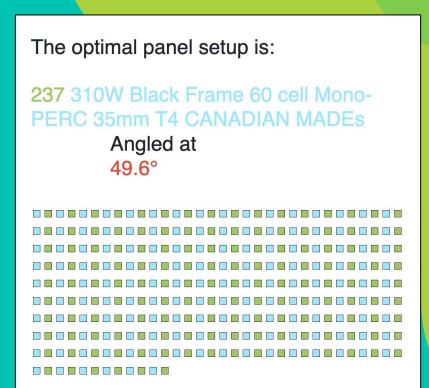
 ${\color{red}Balance\:Remaining}(end\:of\:1st\:year) = Capital\:Cost + Loan\:Interest - Amount\:Sa{\color{blue}ved}$ 

 $Balance Remaining (2nd\ year\ and\ on) = Balance\ Remaining + Loan\ Interest - Amount\ Saved$ 

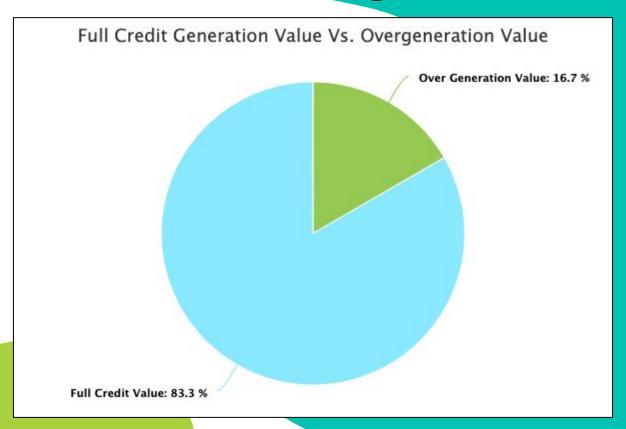
 $Amount \, Saved = (Full \, Credit \, Power \cdot Value \, of Full \, Credit) \\ + (Overgeneration \, Power \cdot Value \, of \, Overgeneration) - Maintenance \, Costs$ 

## **Demo Video**

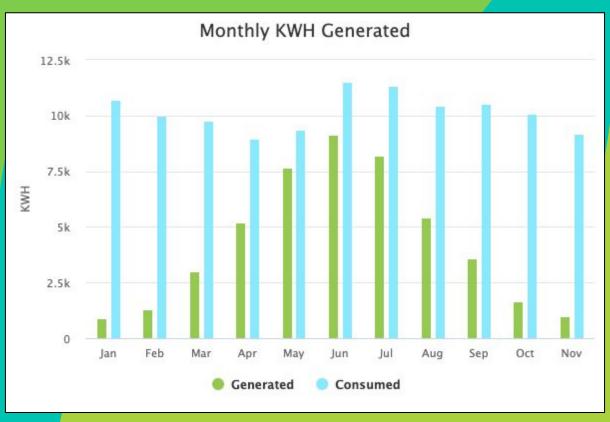
## **Optimal Solar Panel Installation**



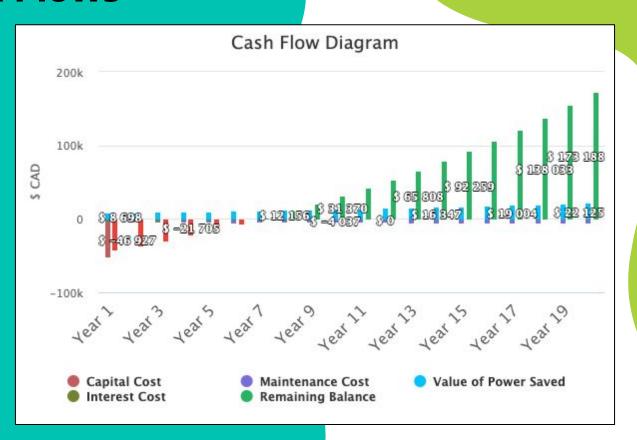
## Full Credit Value Vs. Overgeneration Value



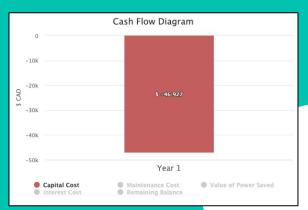
## **Monthly kWh Generated**

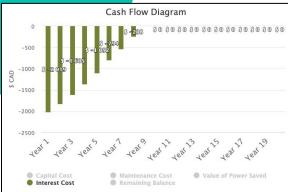


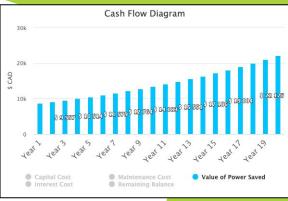
### **Cash Flows**

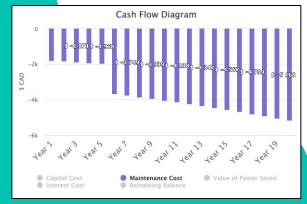


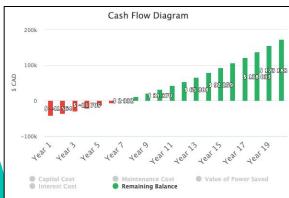
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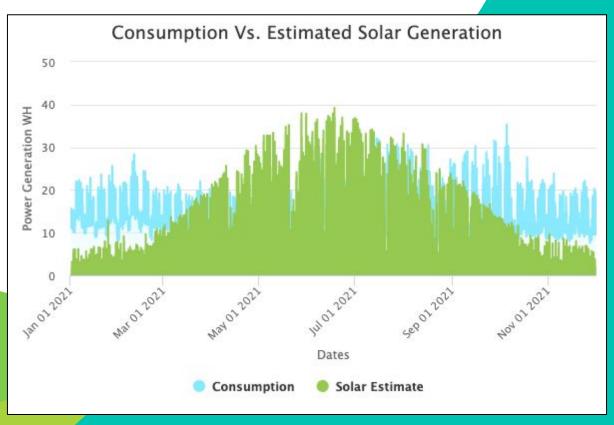




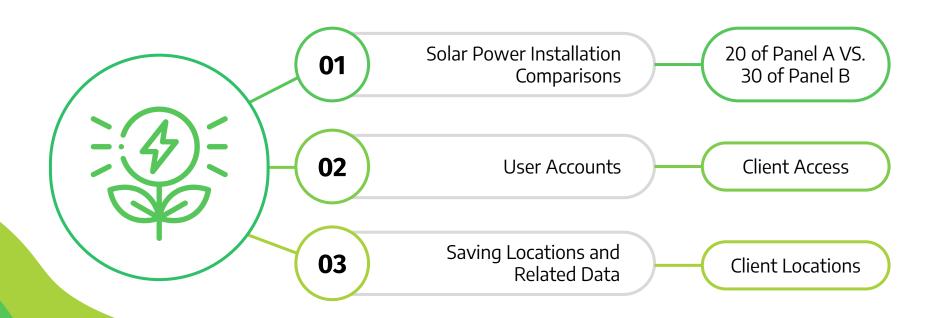
## **Yearly Savings/Balance**



## Consumption Vs. Solar Generation



#### **Future Iterations**



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