

BESS revenue maximization in ERCOT: The golden age?

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Introducing Habitat Energy

Habitat Energy provides an end-to-end optimization service for grid scale storage and renewables

- Algorithmic trading platform ("software")
- Route to market/QSE
- Human trader oversight and risk management
- Asset intelligence





Introducing Habitat Energy

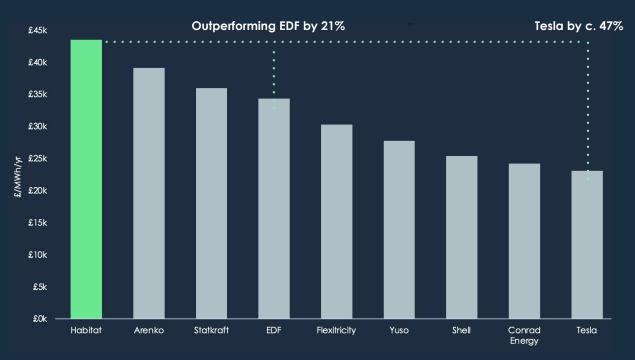
- Founded in Oxford, England in 2017 with offices also in Austin, Texas and Melbourne Australia
- ~90 employees worldwide including power traders, AI/ML data scientists, software engineers
- Over 2.5 GW of capacity coming under management globally in 2024





Habitat is established as a market leader in the UK

UK optimiser performance Feb 2023 - Jan 2024*

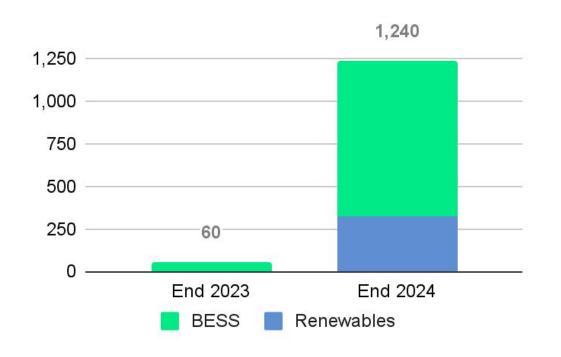


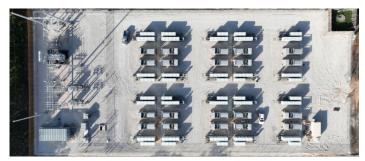
^{*} Top 9 (of 20+) optimization service providers based on independent 3rd party data from LCP Enact UK BESS leaderboard



Habitat's ERCOT portfolio will soon exceed 1.2 GW

Habitat Energy assets under management in ERCOT, MW





Glidepath Energy's 50 MW Byrd Ranch BESS asset, Sweeney, TX, optimized by Habitat Energy



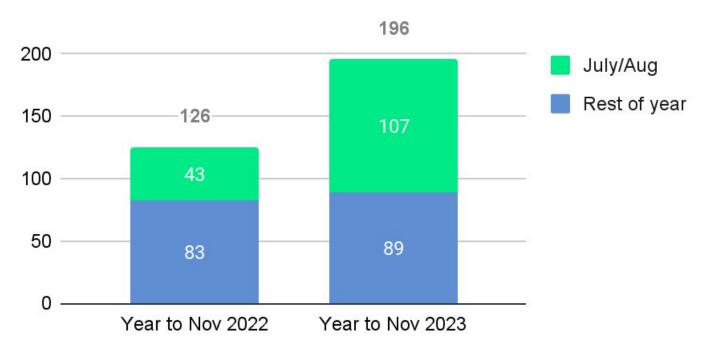
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Across ERCOT, average BESS revenue up 56% over previous year

Revenue per available kW per year

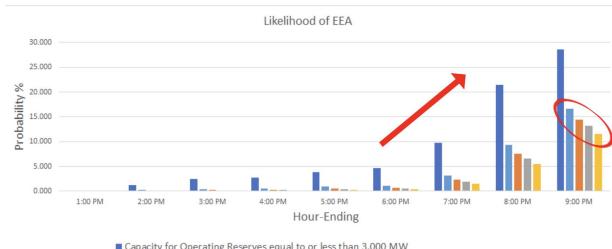




There are good reasons to believe that high volatility and BESS revenue will persist

- '23-'24 load growth in MW (3%) and MWh (6%) suggest strong fundamentals and a flatter demand profile
- New summer gen '23-'24 is 80+% solar (14 GW->20 GW)
- ERCOT Probabilistic Reserve Model (PRM) has net load peaks during sunset
- ORDC curve is ~3GW wide, small error in renewable forecast or gas ramping enough to stress system

EEA / Rotating Load Shed Probabilities by Hour Summer 2023



■ Capacity for Operating Reserves equal to or less than 3,000 MW

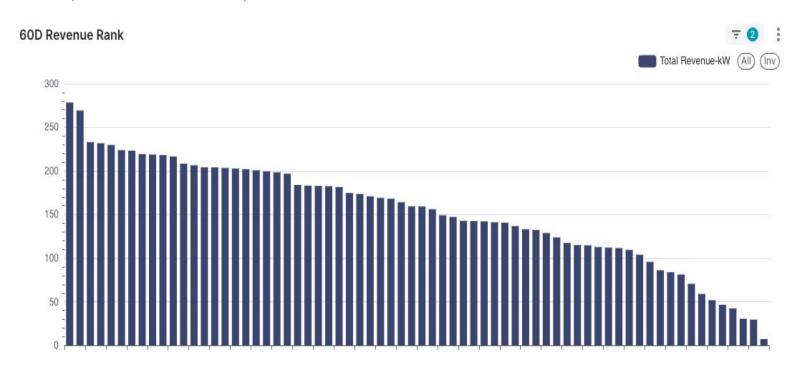
Key Takeaway: Due to higher solar penetration, EEA risk shifts from late afternoon to early evening as solar production diminishes

Source: https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/06/12/7-1-system-planning-and-weatherization-update.pdf



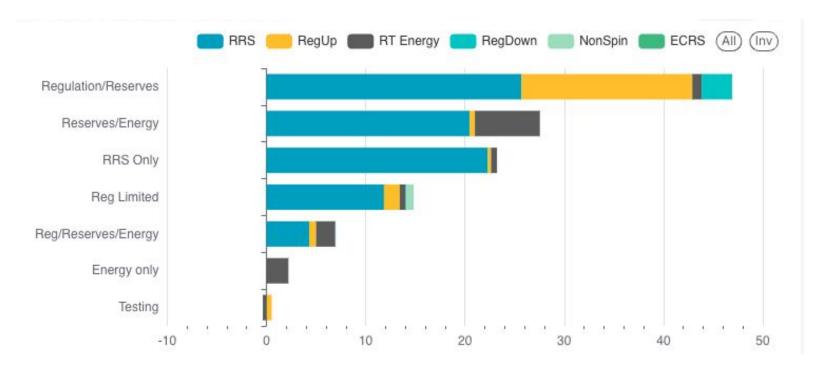
However, there is significant variation in revenue performance across BESS assets

Revenue per available kW by asset, Dec 2022-Nov 2023



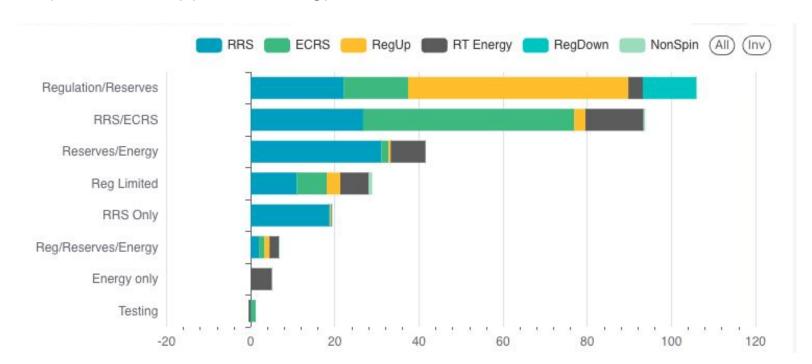
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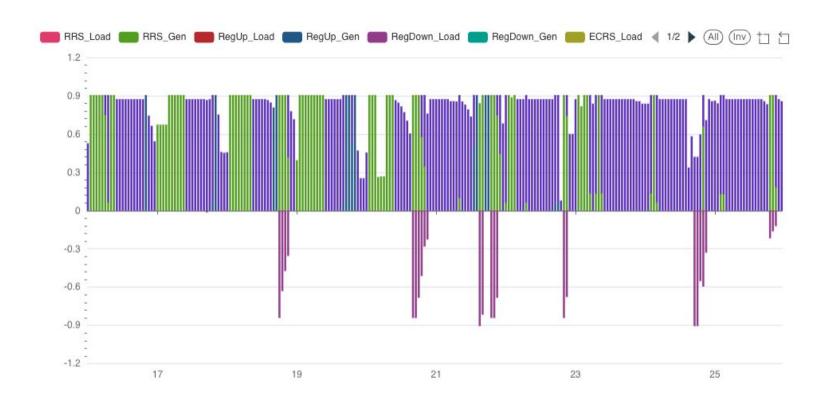


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Habitat stacks all products and balances risk/reward of ancillary vs energy participation





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There are four elements required to monetize a BESS asset in ERCOT

1. Algorithmic trading platform

2. Level 4 QSE

3. Human traders & risk management

4. Asset intelligence

1. Algorithmic Trading Platform - Habitat approach



- AI/ML driven probabilistic forecasting
- Algorithmically-led client bespoke optimization
- Energy offer curves updated on 5 min granularity in RT
- Automated SOC management & updated min / max SoC bounds
- Customized trading and risk policy
- Backtest capability



Algorithmic Trading Platform - Habitat approach



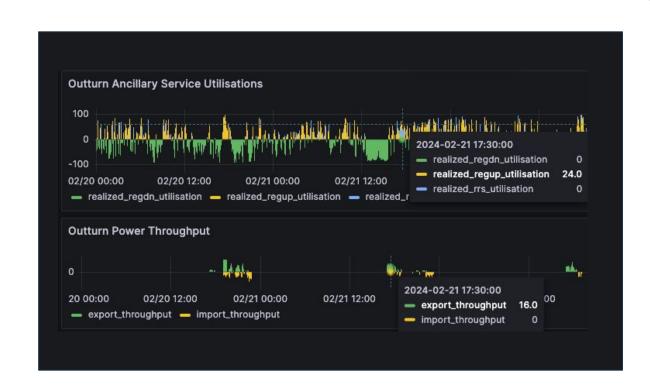
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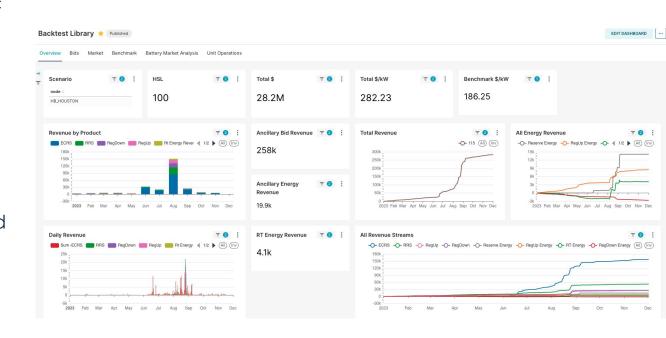
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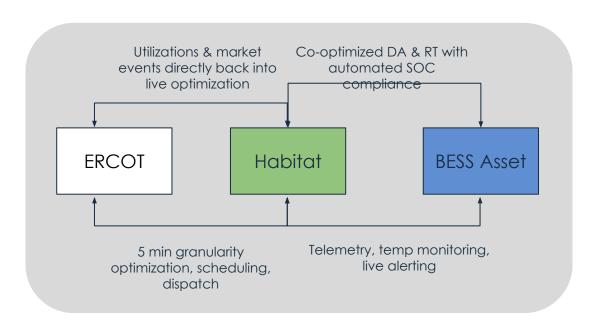
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2. QSE Services - Habitat approach



- Level 4 qualified
- 24/7 operational oversight
- Asset configuration, qualification and registration with ERCOT
- Manage COP & price curve submissions as well as scheduling & dispatch
- Bilateral trades to cover SASM events
- Dynamic credit management
- Comprehensive settlement and operational reporting





3. Human Traders & Risk Management - Habitat approach

- Enhance value capture by overseeing and steering algorithmic tools
- Visibility into software 'black box', two way feedback
- Create RT flexibility and access to vital liquidity
- Short term hedging to capture full value of asset
- Long term risk management eg tolls/floors structuring and origination



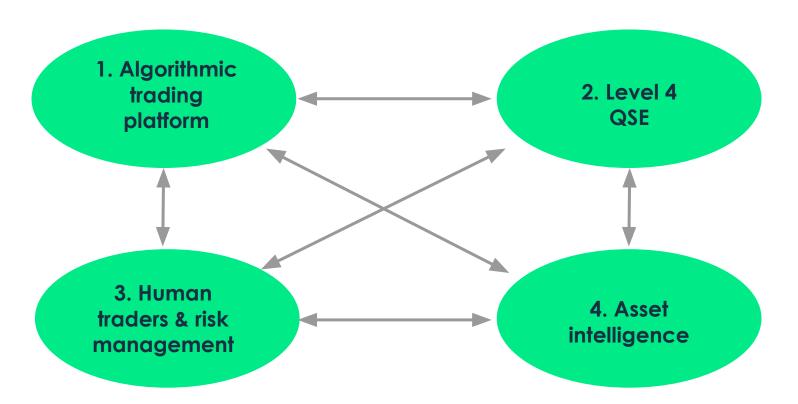
4. Asset Intelligence - Habitat approach

- Alerting & alarming based on live telemetry'
- Integrated with site SCADA for SoC bounds, temperature limits, market events (e.g., AS deployments)
- Outage management
- Full alignment of operational capabilities with trading & dispatch
- Coordination between market conditions and O&M
- Predictive thermal models, dynamic degradation mgmt

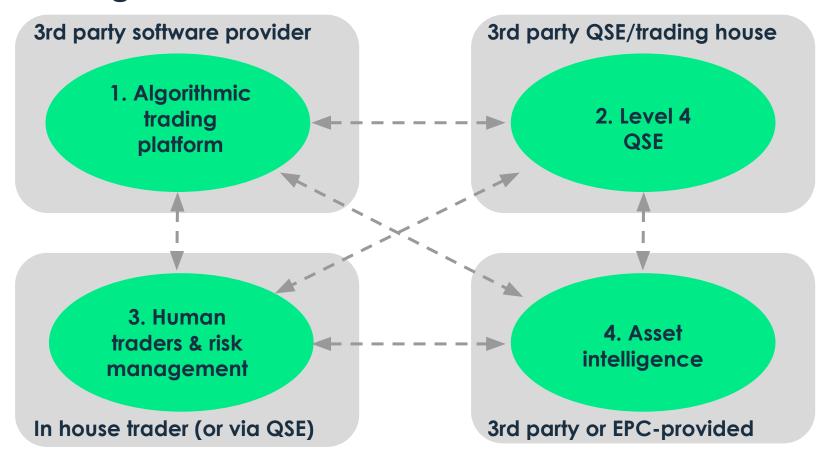




The four elements of revenue generation are closely interlinked

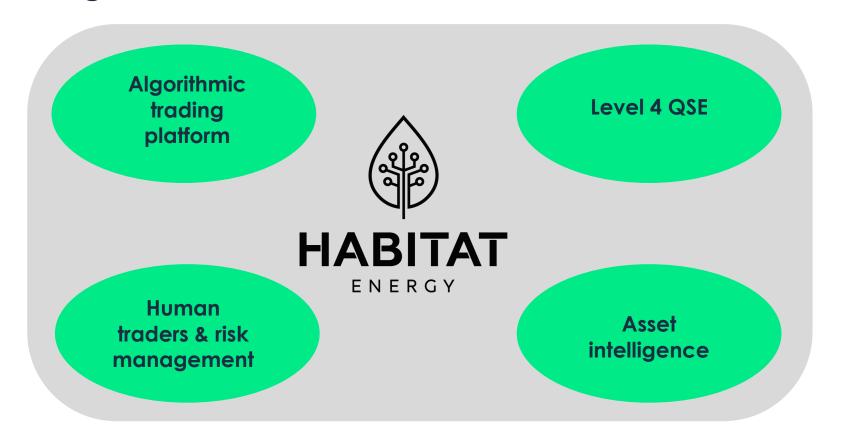


A piecemeal approach to sourcing can cause misalignment and leak value at interfaces





The Habitat approach: a single, fully integrated service covers all four elements





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