Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

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Introduction – What is a Distributed Energy Resource (DER)

A DER is a resource sited close to customers that can provide all or some of their immediate electric and power needs and can also be used by the system to either reduce demand (such as energy efficiency) or provide supply to satisfy the energy, capacity, or ancillary service needs of the distribution grid. The resources, if providing electricity or thermal energy, are small in scale, connected to the distribution system, and close to load.

*Examples of different types of DER include solar photovoltaic (PV), wind, combined heat and power (CHP), energy storage, demand response (DR), electric vehicles (EVs), microgrids, and energy efficiency (EE).**

* IEEE 1547 Standard specifically omits DR and other “loads” as part of the DER definition. It focuses on sources of generation tied to distribution systems.

* NARUC Design Manual (https://www.naruc.org/rate-design/)

DER action is coming…
from NERC and FERC

"NERC and the industry [must] understand DER functionality and develop a set of guidelines to assist in modeling and assessments such that owners/ operators of the [bulk power system] can evaluate and model DER in the electric system."

– NERC DER Task Force, February 2017

FERC is working on rules for market participation of electric storage and aggregated DER, reforming generator interconnection procedures & agreements, and further evolution of PURPA.

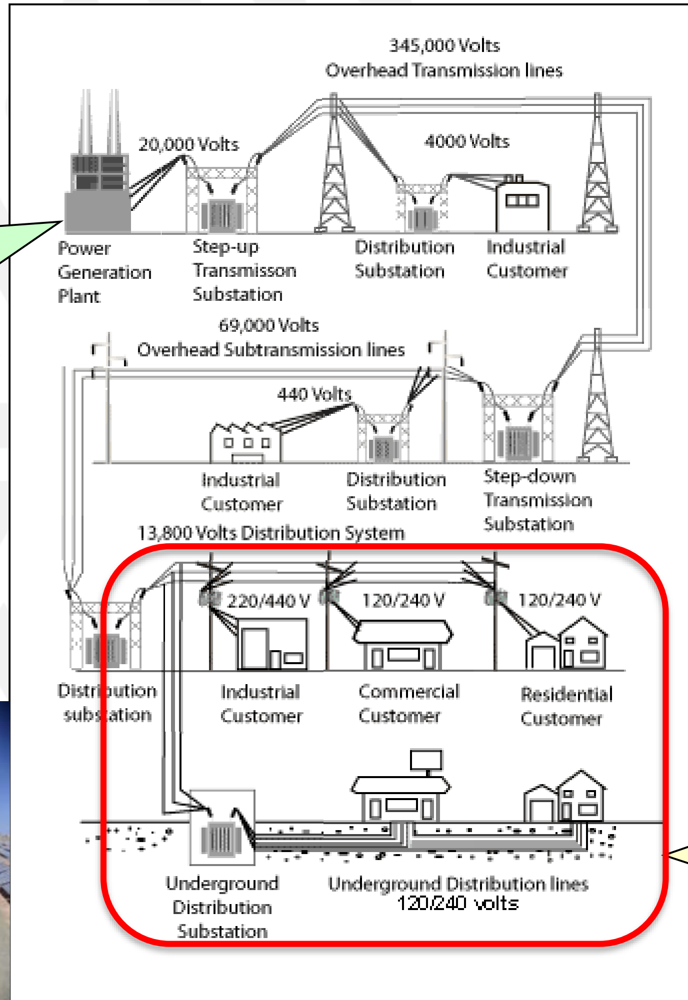
Source: Tom Stanton, NRRI

Where do DER Connect?

Transmission Connected Generation

Large wind farms, CSP, utility-scale PV, biopower, hydro, geothermal, interconnect at transmission level

Electric Power System



Distribution Connected Generation (DER)

Photovoltaic systems, small wind, storage & fuel cells interconnect at the distribution level – Behind the Substation

Photos: NREL PIX Library

Examples of DERs

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- Photovoltaic
- Battery Storage
- Small Hydro
- Small Wind
- Fuel Cells
- Demand Response
- Electric Vehicles & V2G
- Smart Buildings





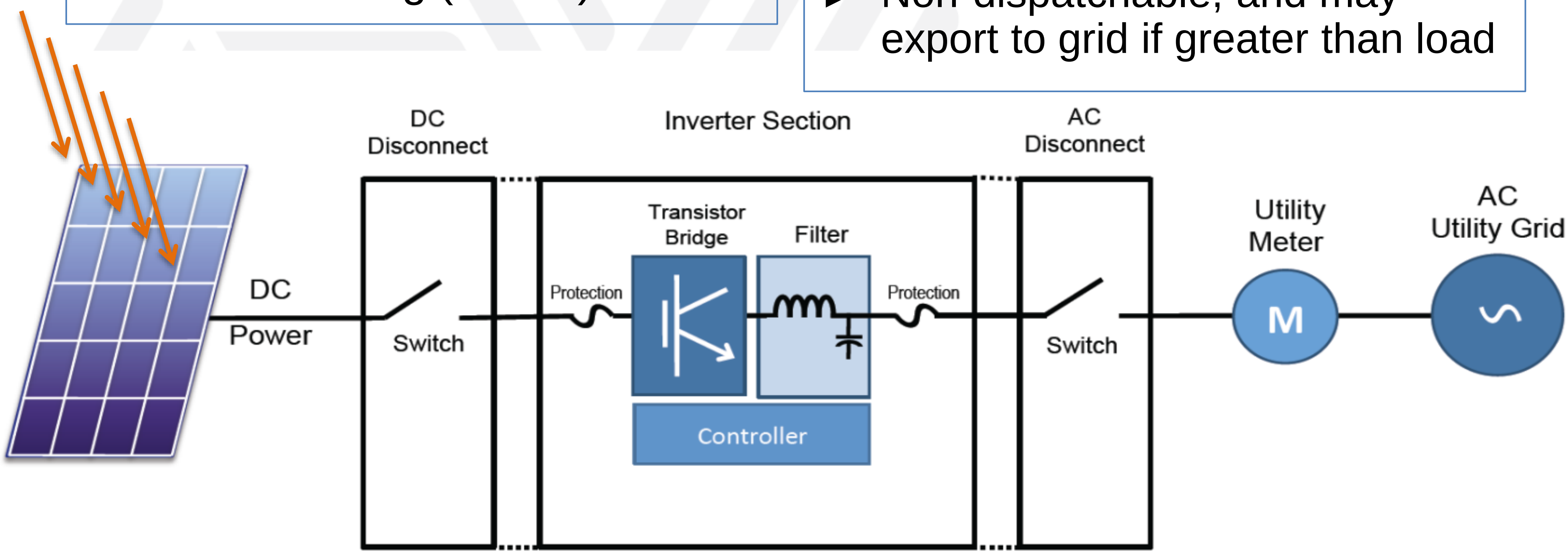

Source: NREL Pix

Photovoltaic Systems (PV)

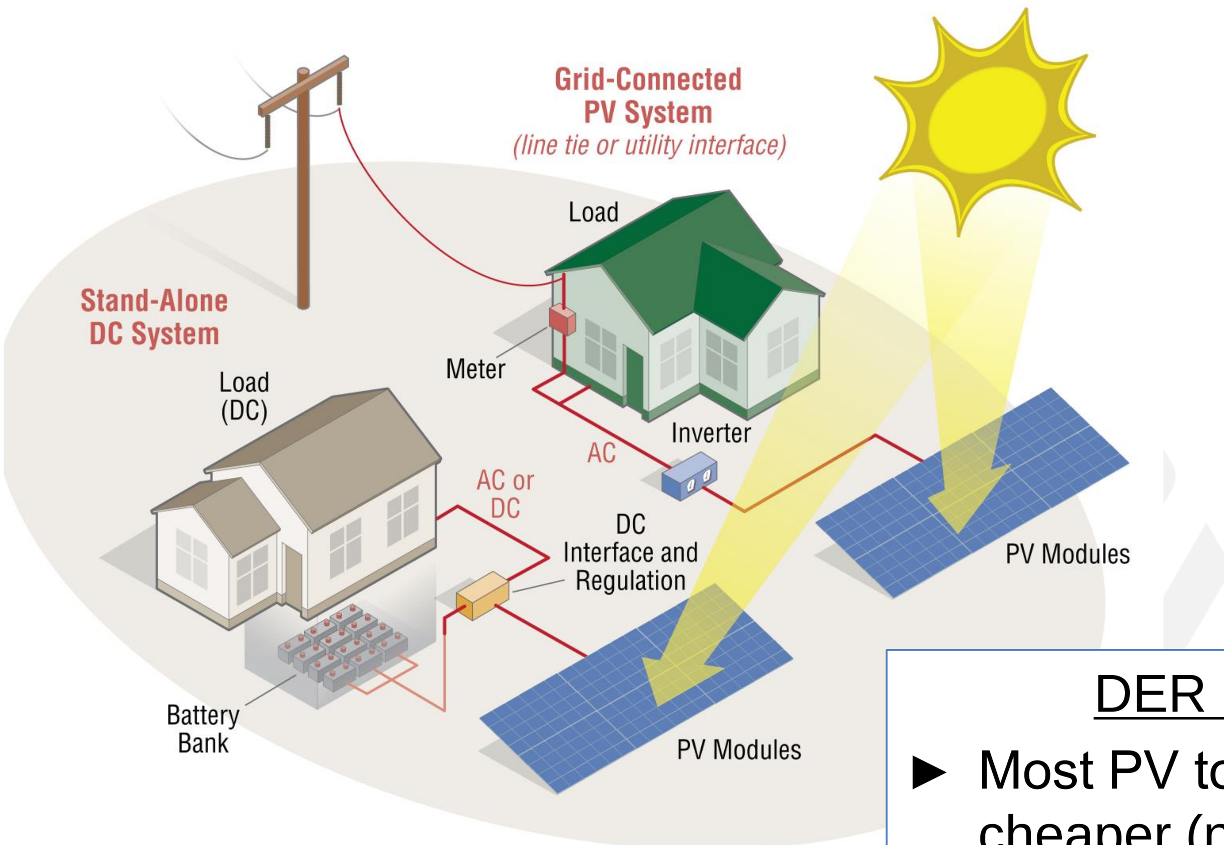
- ❑ Converts direct current (DC) from photovoltaic modules to alternating current (AC) to match the utility grid
- ❑ Implements Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)

<u>DER Characteristics</u>

- ► Provides energy from the sun
- ► Only produces energy when sun is shining (cold is better)
- ► Non-dispatchable, and may export to grid if greater than load



Grid Tie and Stand-Alone PV/Battery



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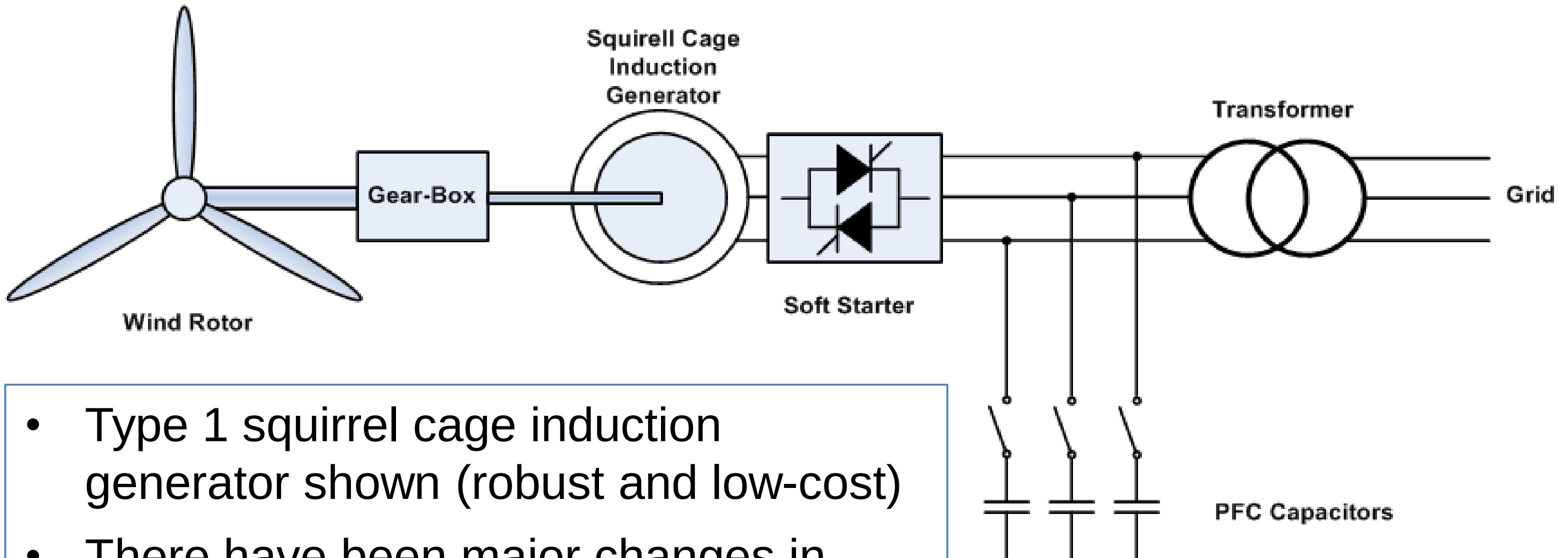
DER Characteristics

- Most PV today is "grid tied" and cheaper (no batteries required)
- Early PV and remote locations are stand-alone systems with batteries, load limits

Wind Generators
Squirrel-cage Induction Generator



- Type 1 squirrel cage induction generator shown (robust and low-cost)
- There have been major changes in wind technologies over past 20 years
- <u>Most wind machines</u> installed today are large (Type IV), and not tied to distribution grid
- Distributed wind generation are now less common

<u>DER Characteristics</u>

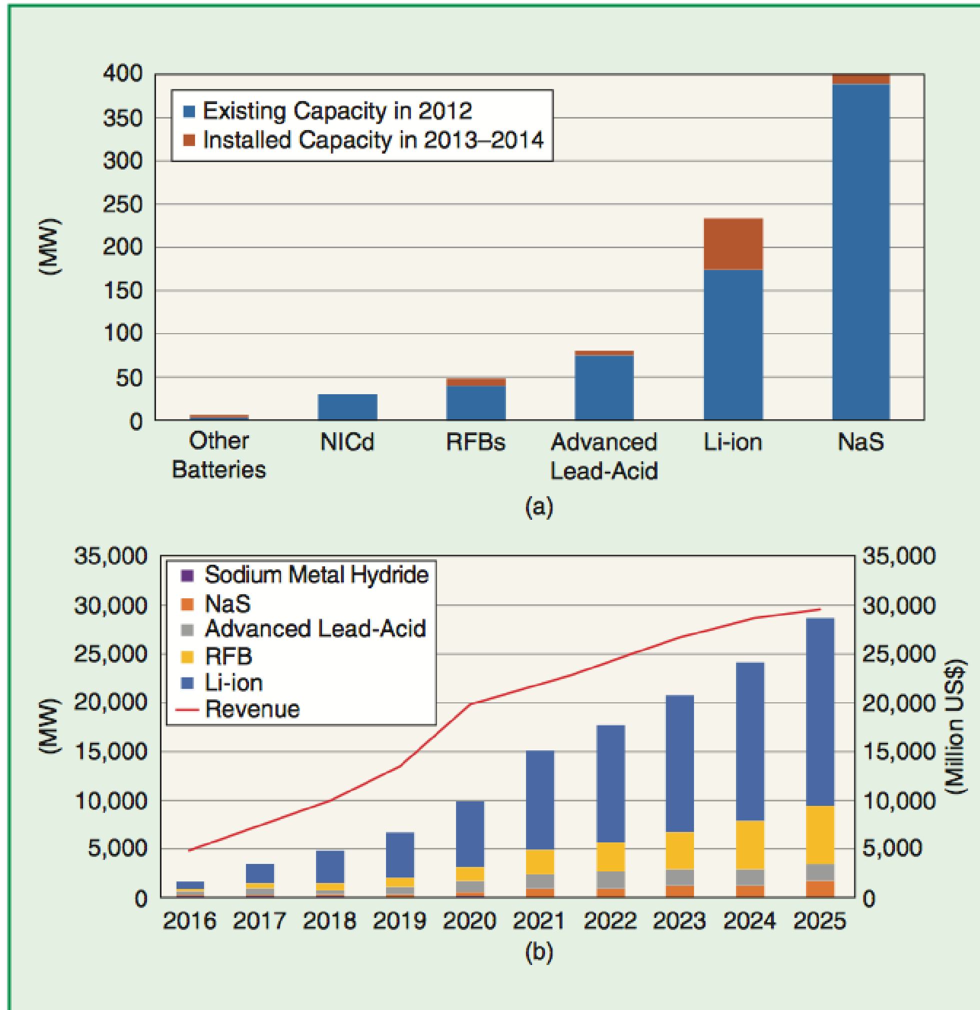
- ► Provides energy from wind
- ► Only produces when wind blows, so variable
- ► Non-dispatchable, so may export if load is low

Source: NREL

Battery Electric Storage Systems (BESS)

- Lead-Acid Battery
- NiMH Battery
- Li-Ion Batteries
  - LMO
  - LFP
  - LNMC
  - LTO
  - Li-S
- Redox Flow Battery
- Sodium Sulfur Battery

Source: NREL



Estimated installed battery capacity

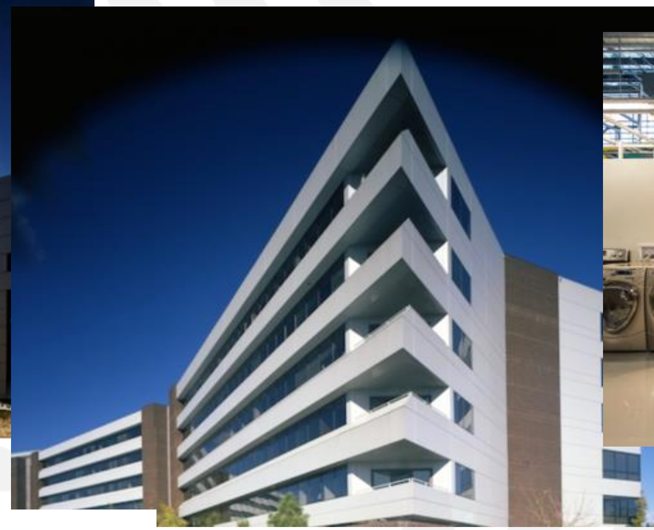
Source: IEEE P&E September/October 2017

Battery Electric Storage Systems (BESS)

DER Characteristics

- Can be both a load and a source of power and energy
- May be configured to provide backup power during emergencies
- High cost per unit of storage energy
- Considered a Key Technology to help stabilize the grid, reduce demand
- Potential to eliminate backfeed in conjunction with other DERs - which may negate the need for NEM metering/policies
- May be configured to be dispatchable, unlike wind and solar technologies

Smart Buildings with Active EMS



DER Characteristics

- Active Energy Management Systems (EMS) are critical to create “smart buildings” that respond to market or utility signals
- May utilize Demand Response (DR) systems
- Leverage Energy Efficiency (EE) components within building
- May leverage generation or computing for heat

Source: NREL Pix

Electric Vehicles (EV or V2G)





Source: NREL Pix

<u>DER Characteristics</u>

- ► Can use clean energy when grid is underutilized (nighttime)
- ► PV may be used to charge EVs during daytime hours
- ► Today EV are only loads, but V2G is a promising technology (BESS)

Micro-Grids

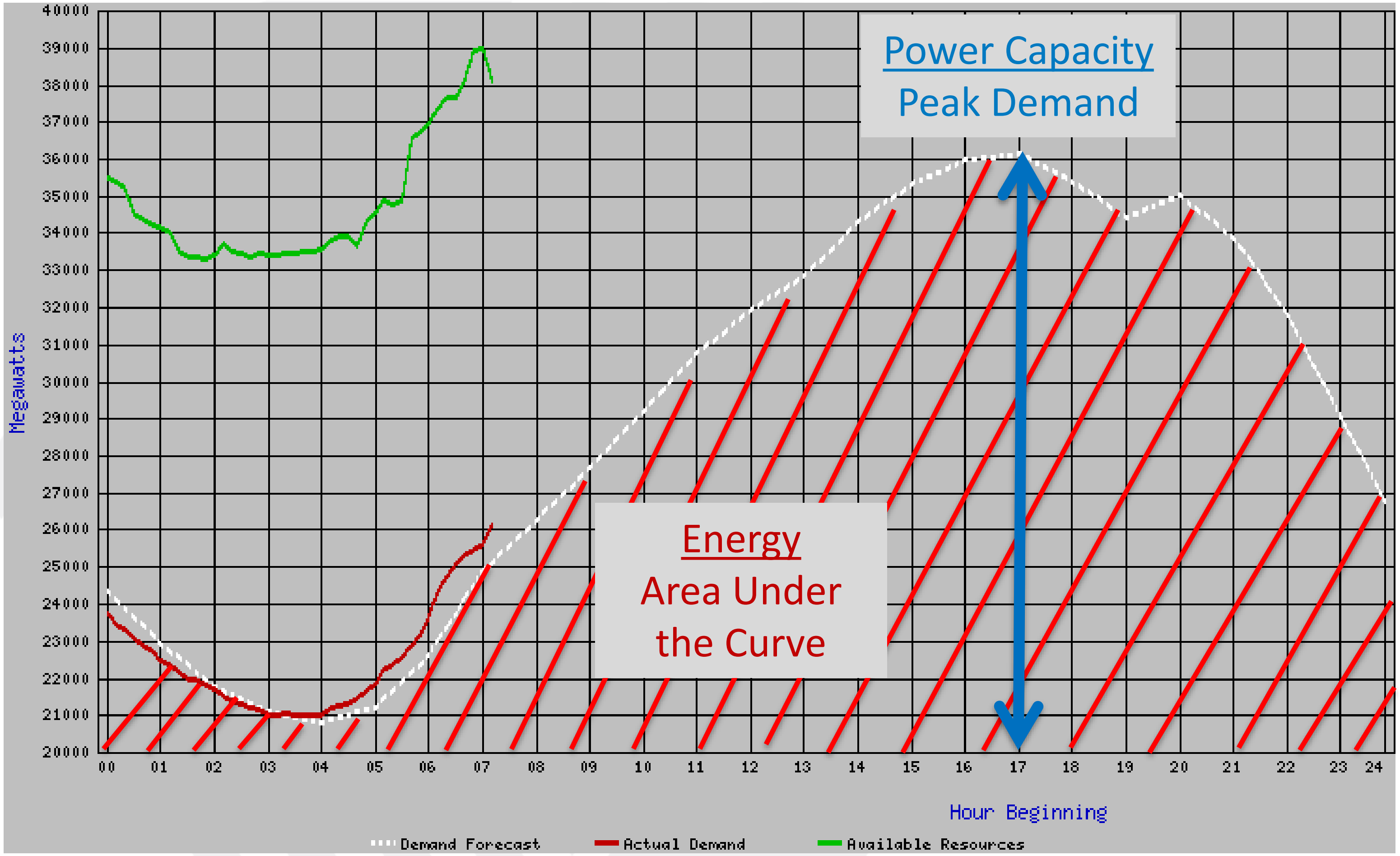
Source: NREL Pix

<u>DER Characteristics</u>

- May combine one or more DER technologies, but must have storage
- Increasingly being used as backup for critical reliability needs
- May stand-alone or be grid-tied
- Controls in infancy today

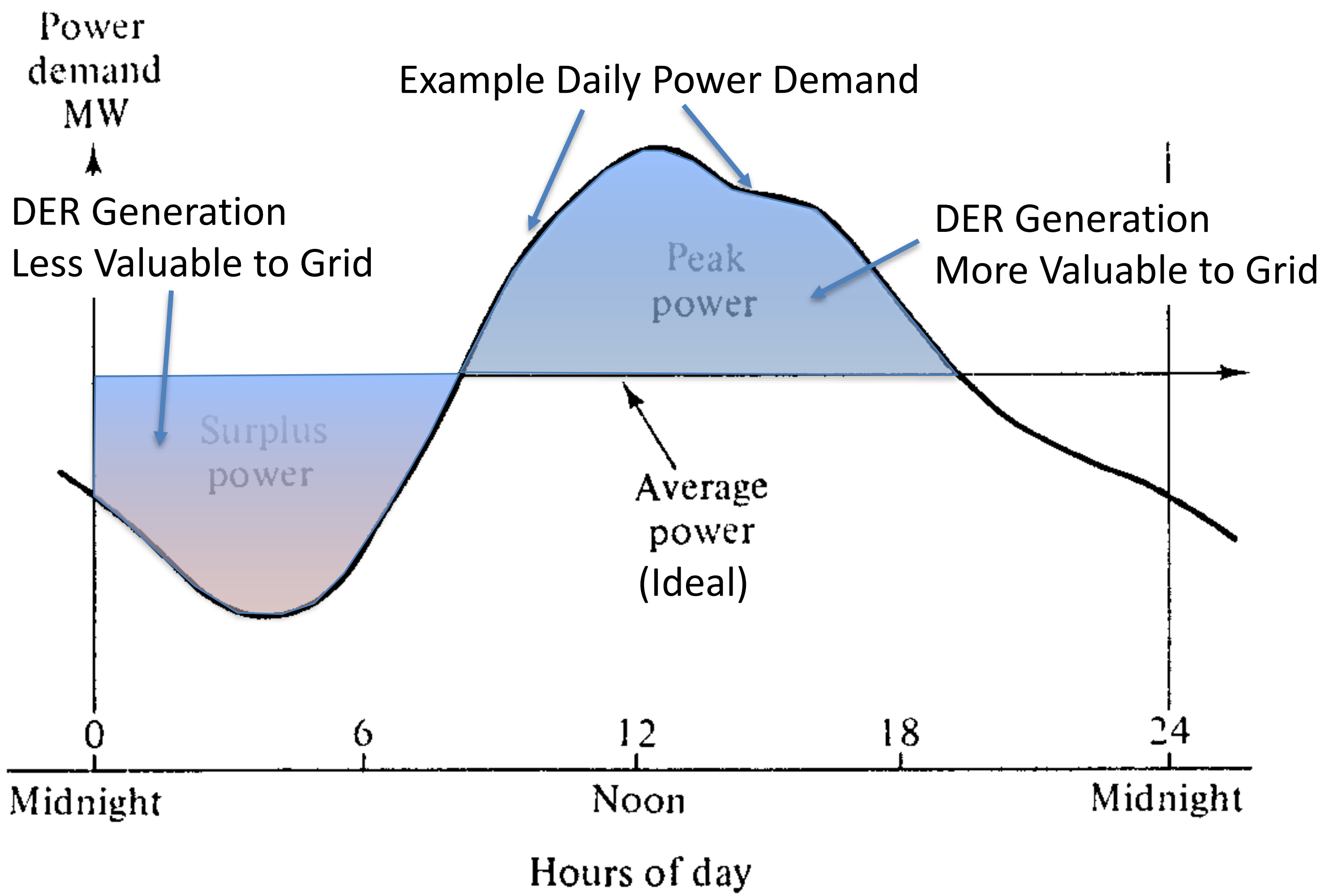
Providing Power & Energy to the Grid (and other functions & support)

Power (MW) vs. Energy (MWh)



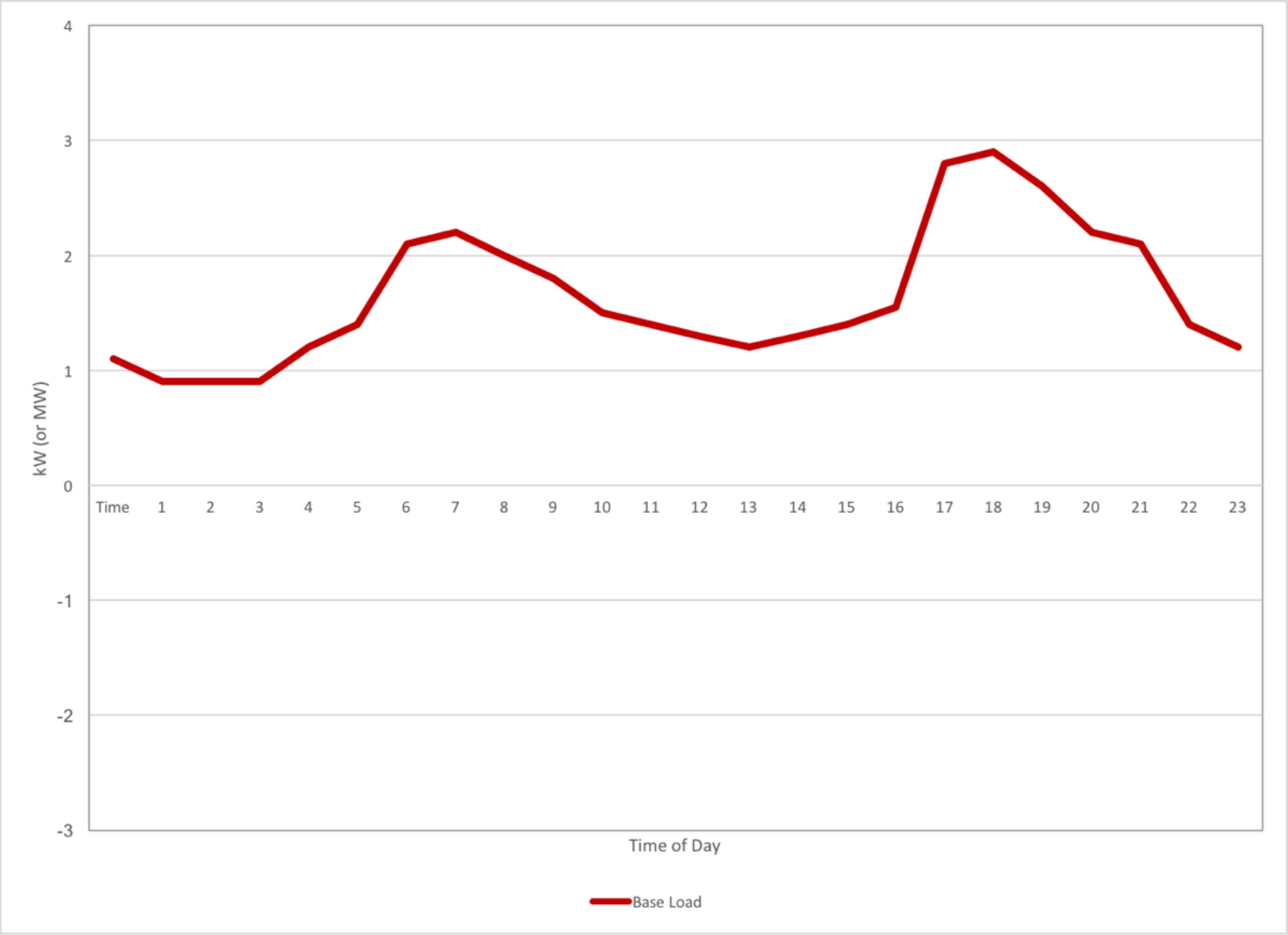
Reference: California ISO (www.caiso.com/outlook)

DER Supporting Power and Energy Needs



Source: Ravel Ammerman

Examples of Load, Generation, Storage, etc.



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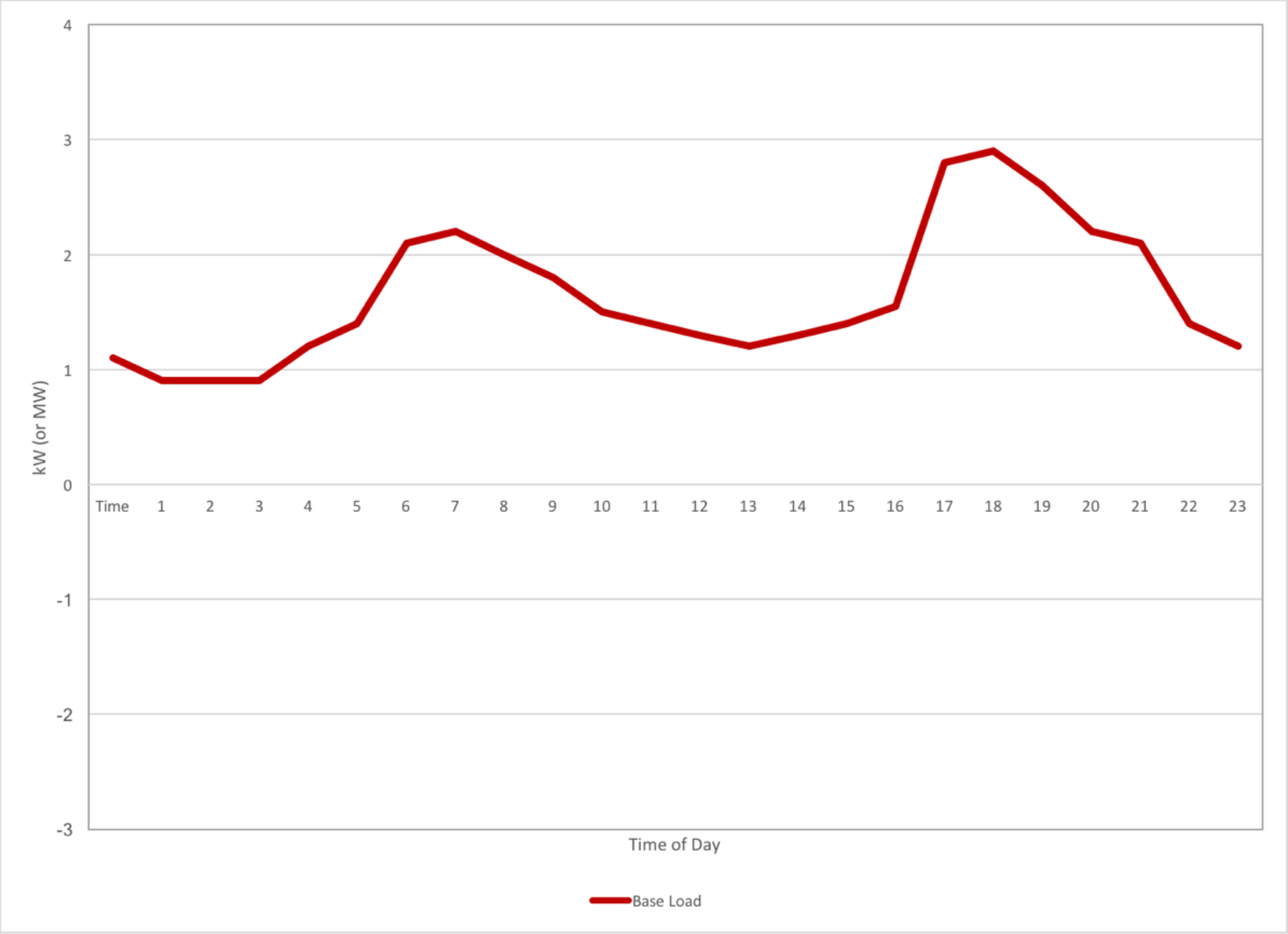
Example Load Profile



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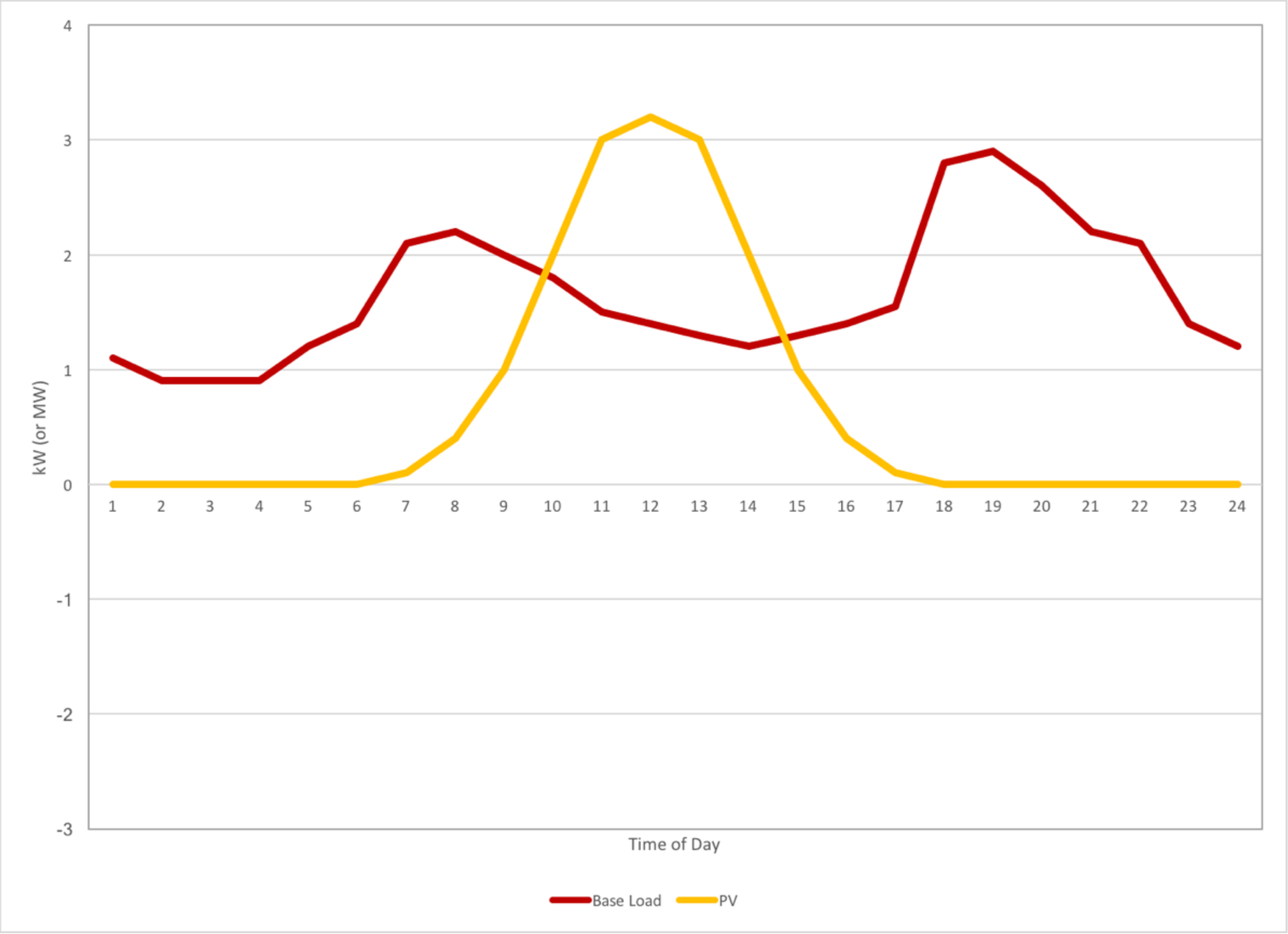

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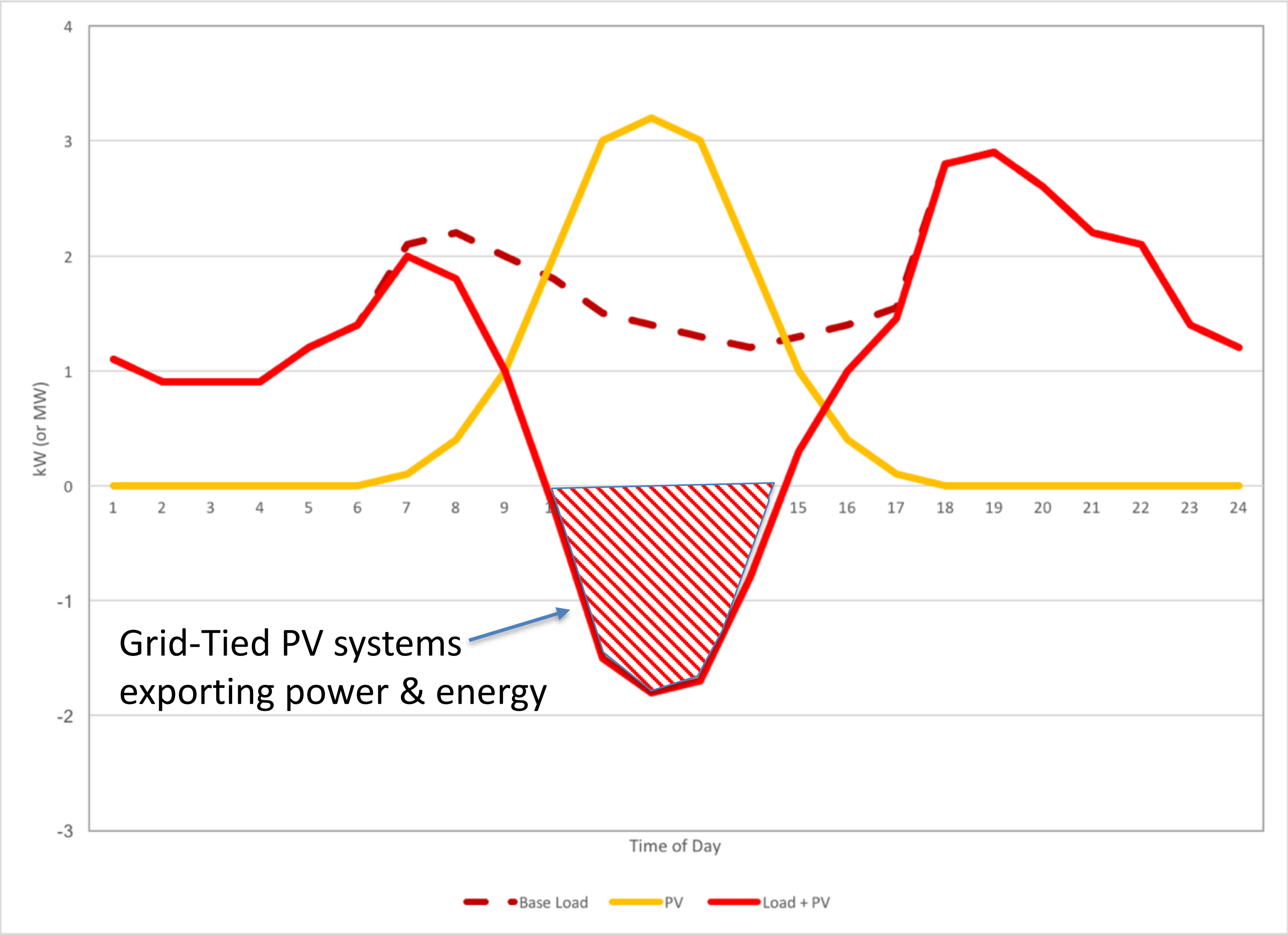

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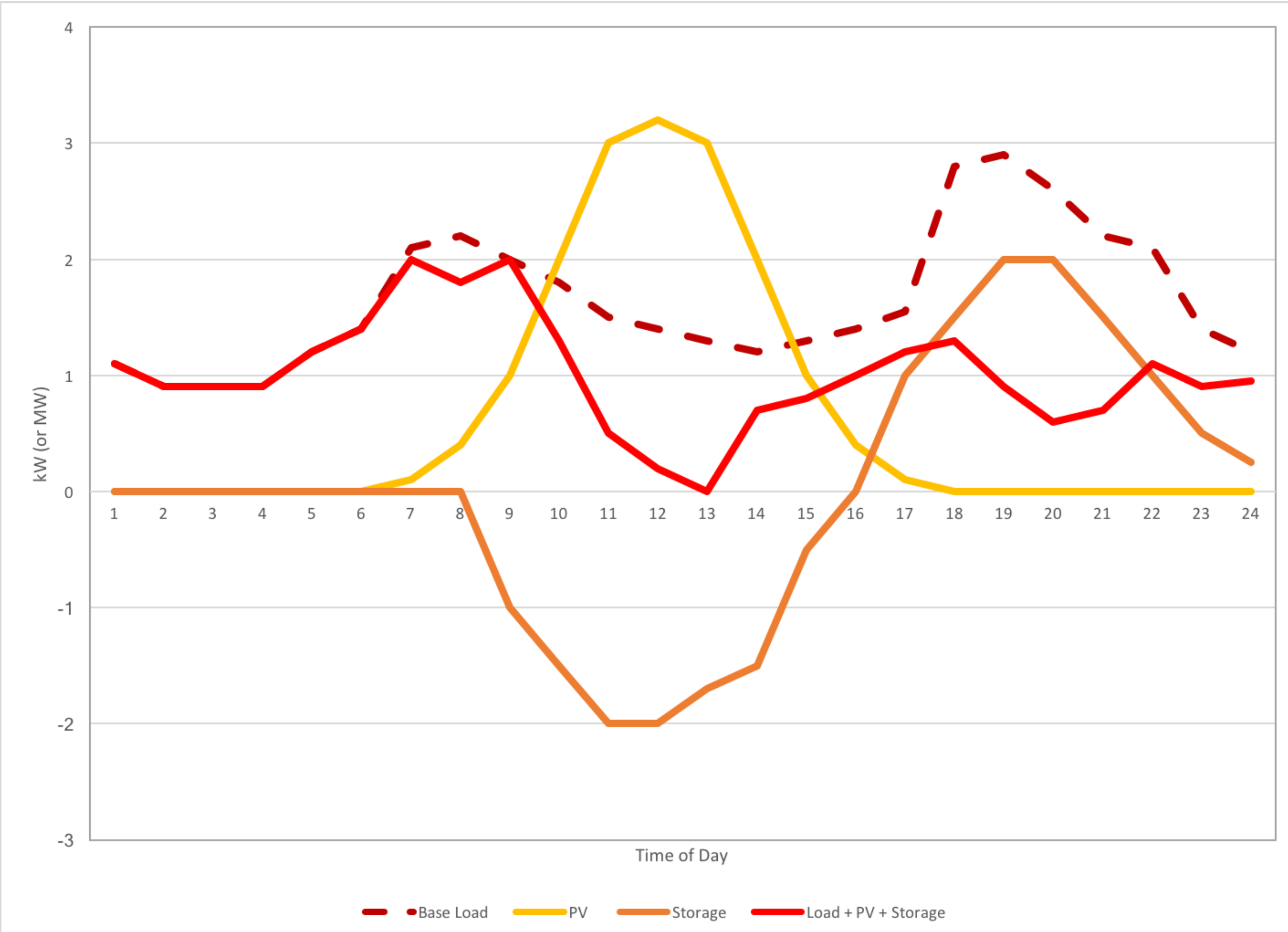
Examples of Load, PV & Batteries



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Penetration of DERs – Important Distinctions

- Capacity Penetration = total nameplate capacity of all distributed resources on the feeder (or line section) divided by peak annual load on feeder (traditional)
  - Normally calculated as capacity of installed PV generation/peak non coincident feeder load
  - Other ways it is calculated is as a function of the minimum non coincident day time load
  - Generally used for technical studies/evaluations/limits/maps
- Energy Penetration = Total energy produced by all DERs on a feeder or utility territory divided by total energy consumed on a feeder or utility territory
  - Mostly used for policy discussions as in Renewable Portfolio Standards

Utility Concerns Regarding DER Impacts on Distribution & Operations

Question: How much DER can a Feeder Host?
Answer: It Depends….

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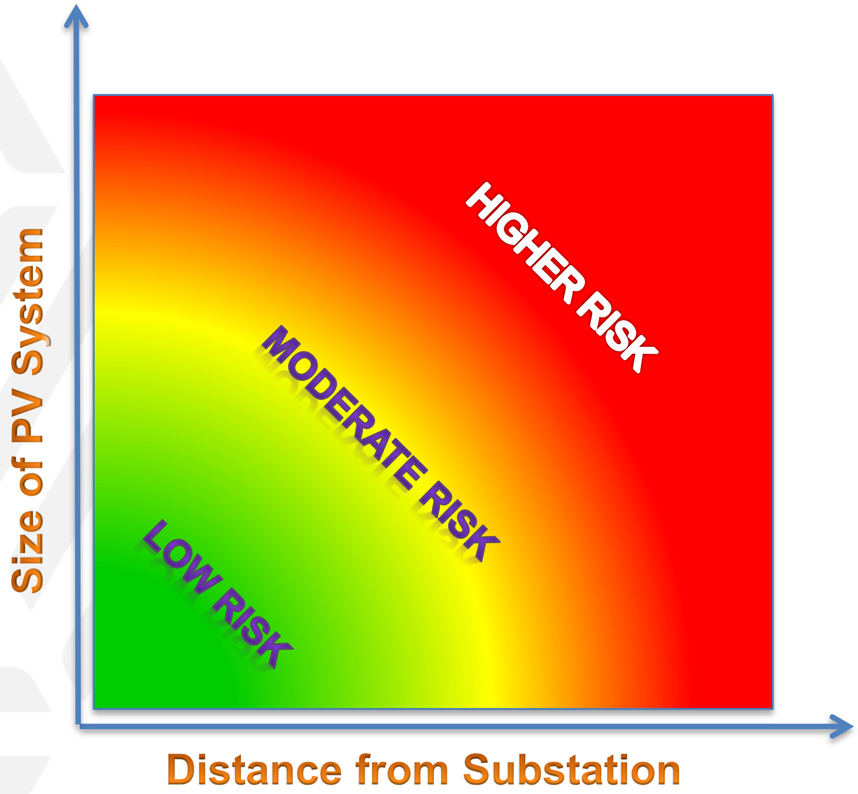
There are many variables……

- Grid Hosting Capacity (GHC) depends on location, but is the maximum size DER that can be installed anywhere on a circuit without electrical upgrades/changes. So a feeder can have a GHC, but a "Locational GHC" is more specific
- The absolute **maximum** limit will depend on the thermal limits of the conductors, circuit breakers, fuses, switches, and traditional electric design criteria
- The GHC can be changed once updates are completed or smart inverters deployed, and varies

Factors Determining Hosting Potential

- ► Size of each PV/DER system
- ► Location of each DER system
- ► Impedance of feeder
- ► Voltage level of distribution system
- ► Size & impedance of substation transformer
- ► Location of capacitor banks
- ► Line regulation configuration
- ► Presence of other DG, Loads
- ► Advanced inverter deployment



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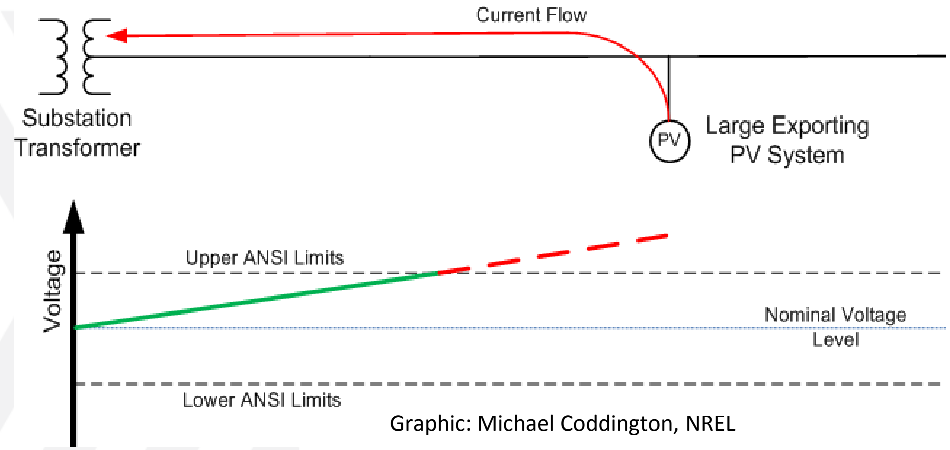
Utility Concerns on High PV Penetration

Identified Issues	Relative Priority	Identified Issues	Relative Priority
Voltage Control	High	Equipment Specs	High
Protection	High	Interconnection Handbook	Medium
System Operations	High	Rule 21 and WDAT	Medium
Power Quality	High	IEEE 1547/ UL 1741	Medium
Monitoring and Control	Medium	Application Review	High
Feeder Loading Criteria	High	Clarification of Responsibilities	High
Transmission Impact	Medium	Integration with Tariffs	Medium
Feeder Design	Medium	Coordination with Other Initiatives	Medium
Planning Models	Medium	Source: Russ Neal, SCE	

Significant Grid Impact Concerns

- **Voltage Regulation**
- **Protection coordination (fuses, circuit breakers, relays)**
- **Reverse power flow**
- Increased duty of line regulation equipment
- Unintentional islanding
- Secondary network reliability
- Variability due to clouds
- Capacitor switching
- System **Inertia** for stability MUST be maintained



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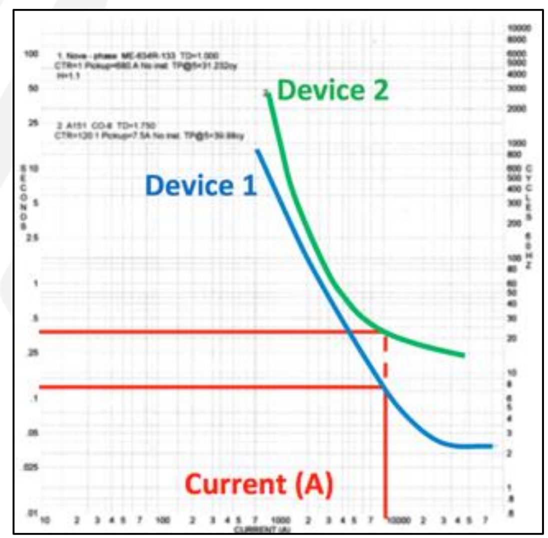
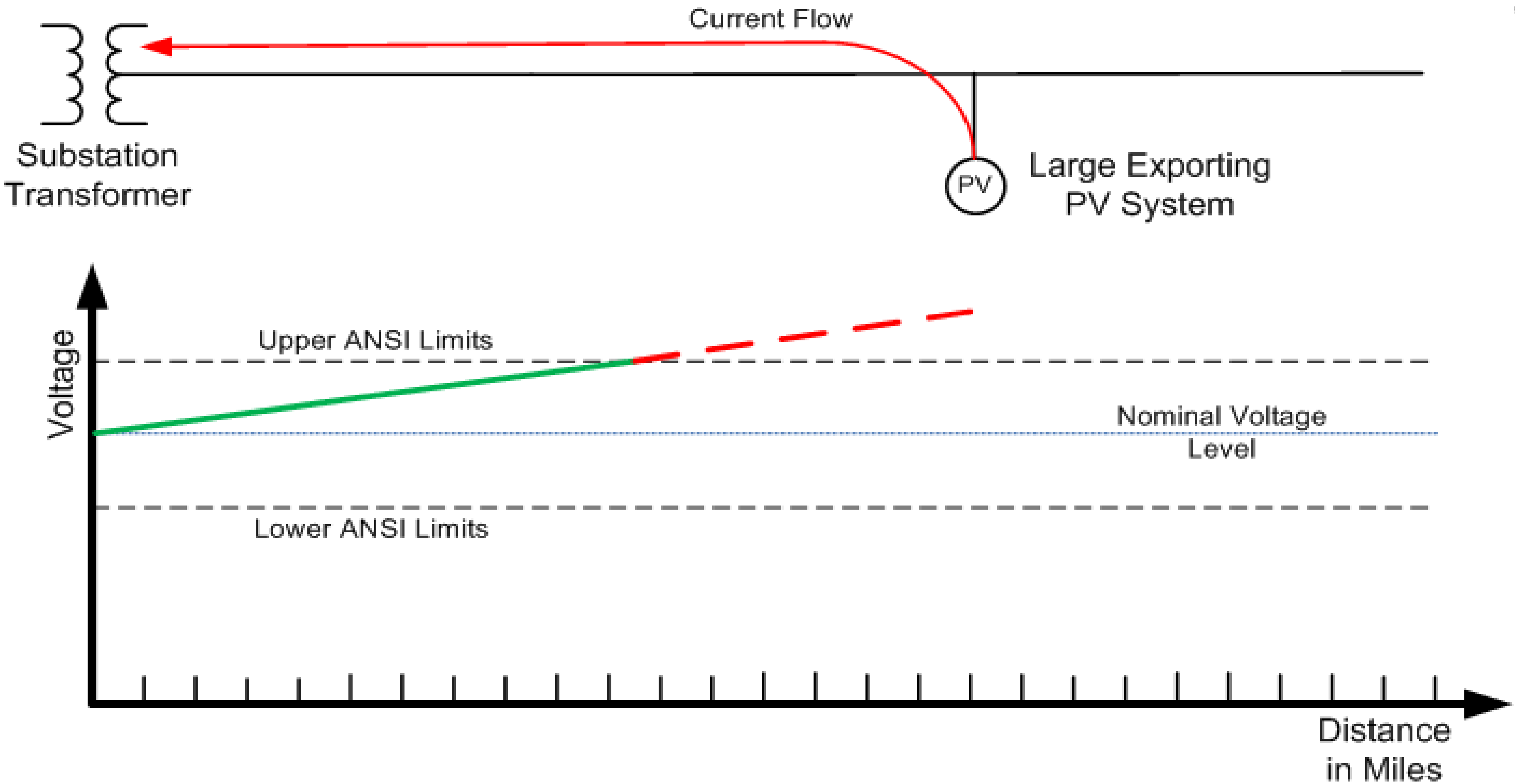


Based on interviews with 21 US electric utilities – 2013 – NREL & EPRI (report available)

Common Challenges
Distribution System Voltage Profile – Large PV



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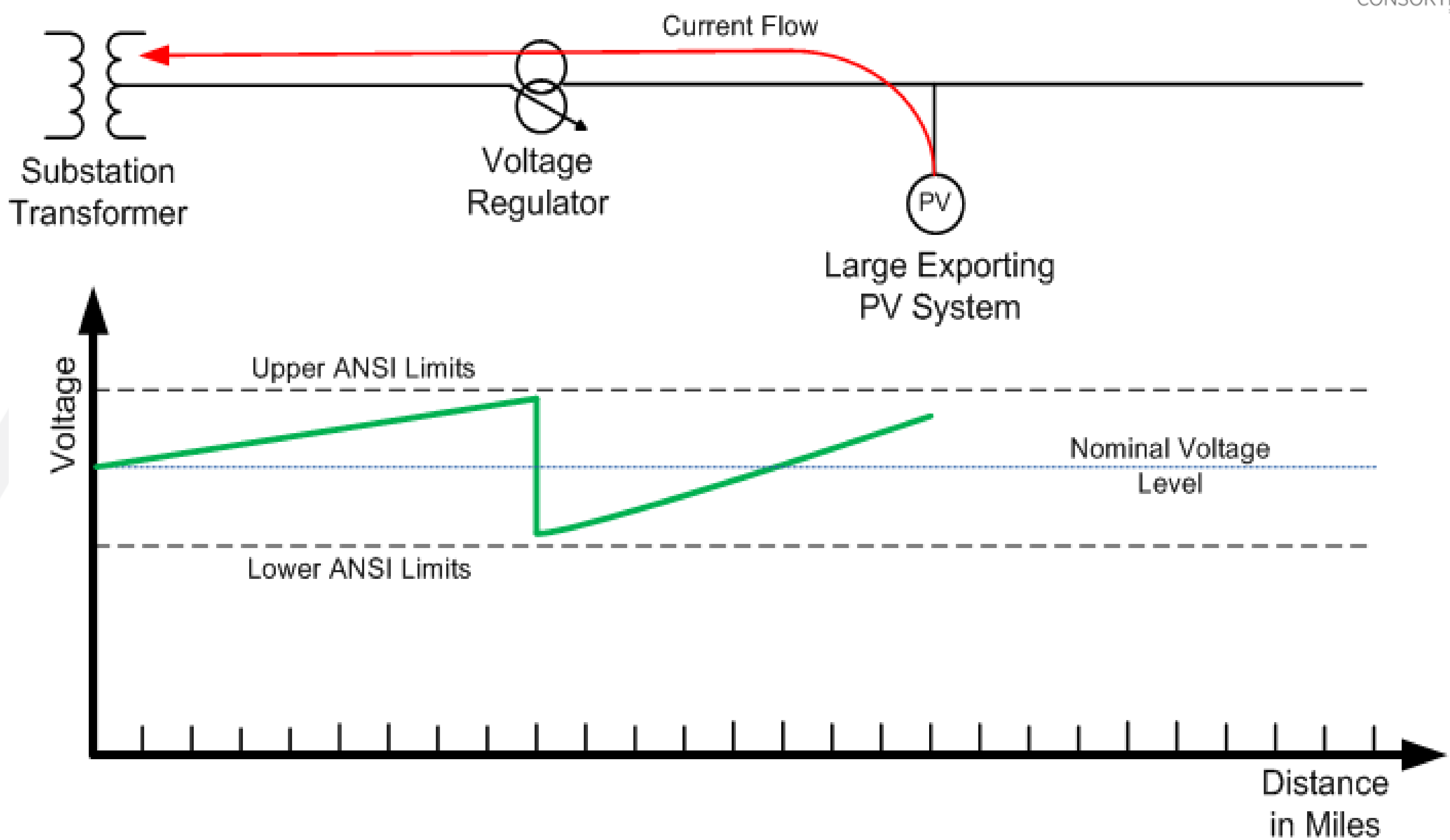

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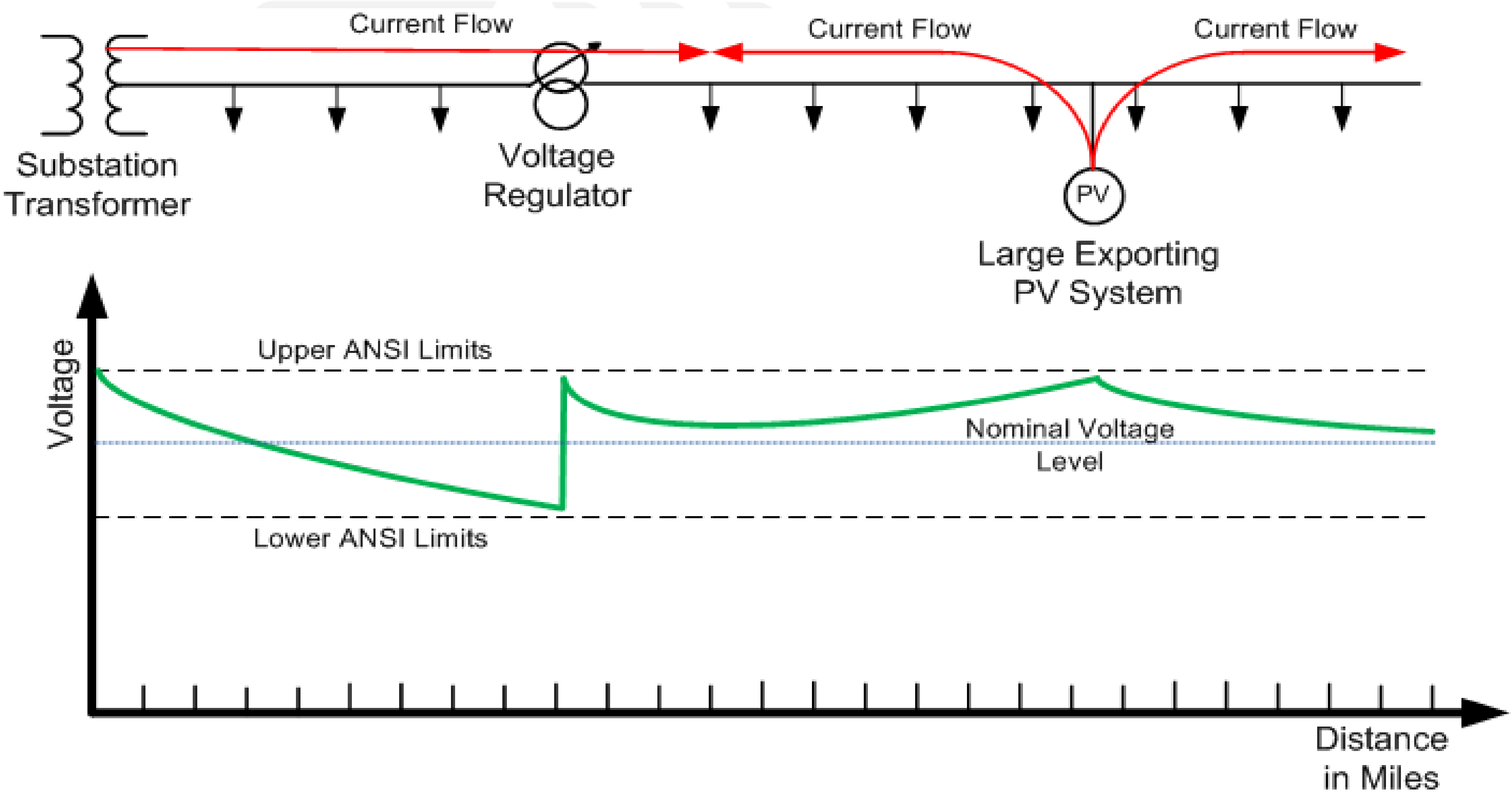
Distribution System Voltage Profile – Large PV with localized load (near PV)



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What Needs to be Mitigated?

Mitigating potentially negative grid impacts

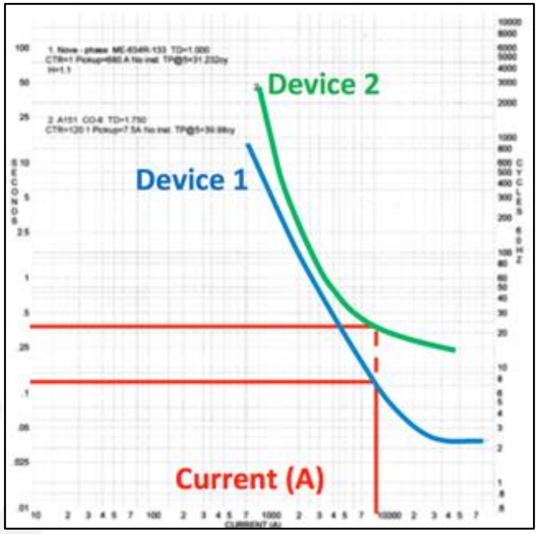
- ► Voltage support / ANCI C84.1
- ► Protection coordination
- ► Reverse power flow (e.g. secondary networks)
- ► Unintentional Island conditions
- ► Flicker effects from cloud variability
- ► Capacitor or voltage regulator switching

Mitigation may be a technical solution, program limit, approved approach, etc. The goal is to avoid any problems.

Mitigation Strategy "Toolbox"

Mitigation Strategy Options
Protection Coordination Mods $
Upgraded Line Sections $--$$$
Voltage Regulation Devices $-$$
Direct Transfer Trip $$$
Communication & Control $-$$$
Advanced Inverters $
Power Factor Controls $
Grounding Transformers $-$$
Capacitor Control Modifications $-$$
Volt / VAR Controls $-$$$
Upgrade Transformer or Secondary conductors $

$-$$-$$$ Denotes ranges of cost for option



From NREL/EPRI "21 Utility Survey on Interconnection"

Technical Limitations that Impact DER Behavior (and Mitigation Strategies)

Can DER Bring Value to the Grid?

Yes, in some cases, absolutely! There are MANY reports and methods to help you understand potential values.

Examples include;

- Deferral of distribution upgrades, substation upgrades, transmission upgrades
- Reduced line losses
- Reduction of emissions near population centers
- Backup power during emergencies
- Time-of-use bill management
- Demand charge reduction
- Energy arbitrage
- Voltage support
- Frequency support
- Increased PV self-consumption (using BESS)
- Spinning/non-spinning reserves
- Black start support
- Etc.

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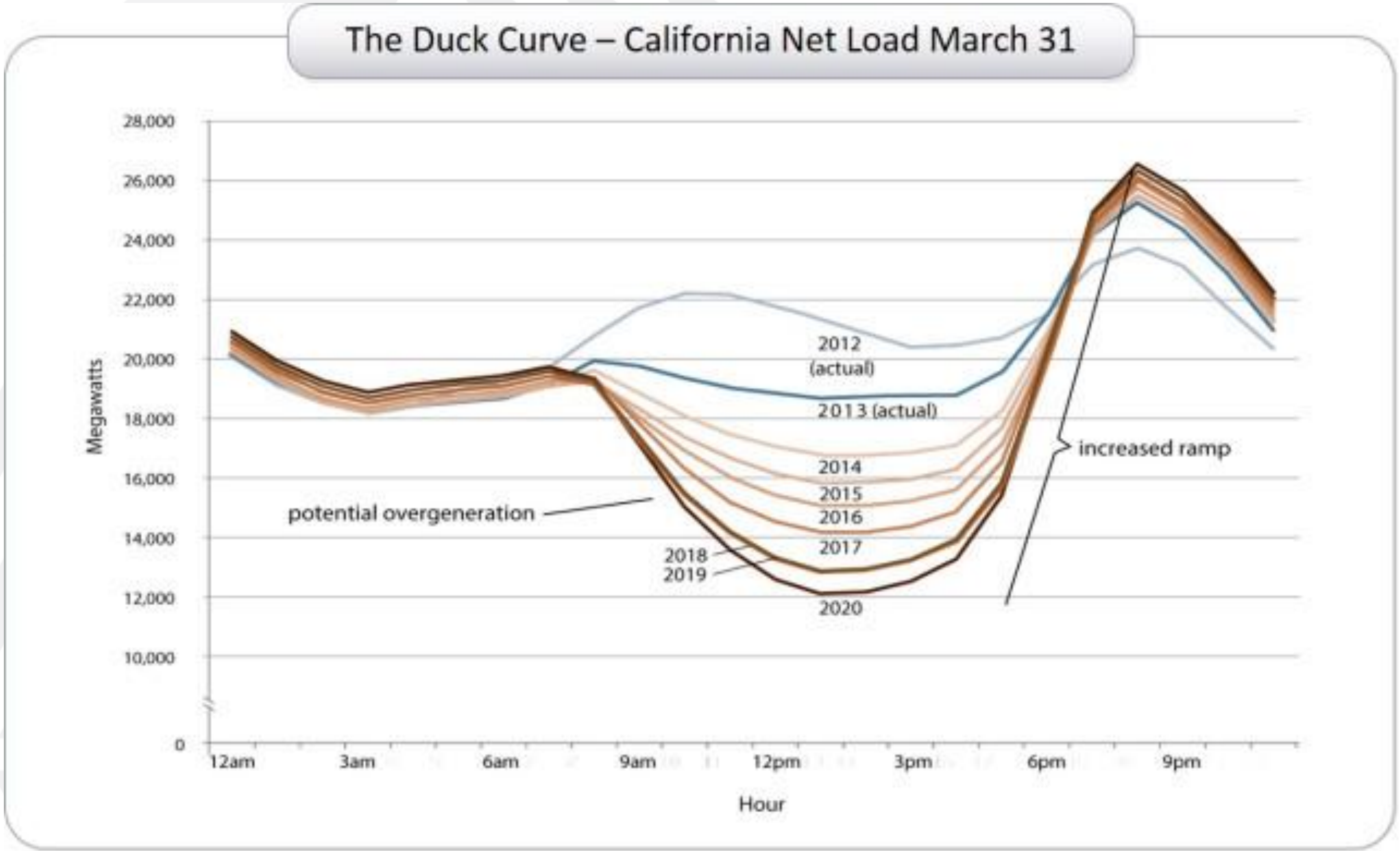
Understanding Intermittency

California Duck Curve



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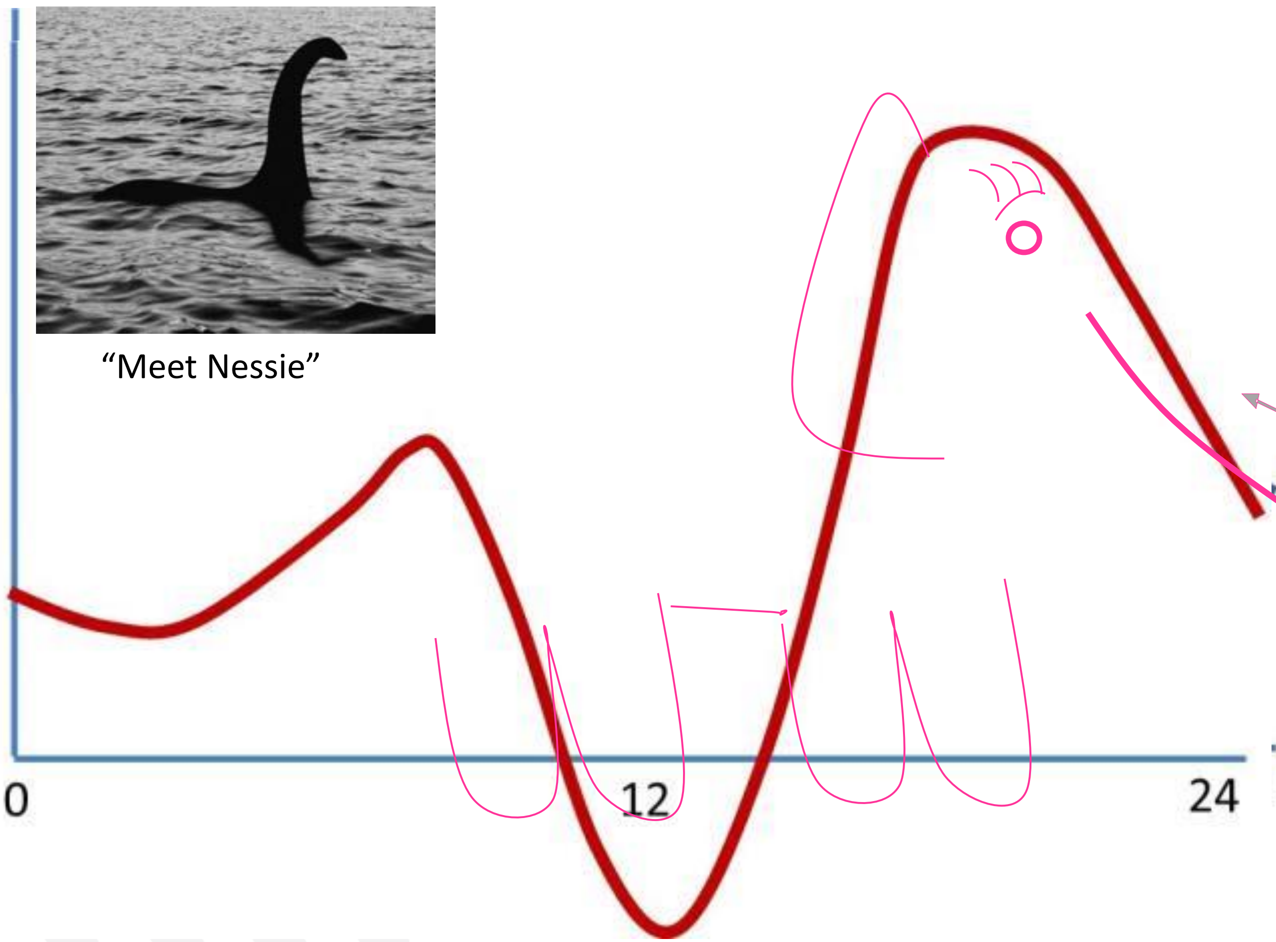
Hawaii – the Nessie Curve



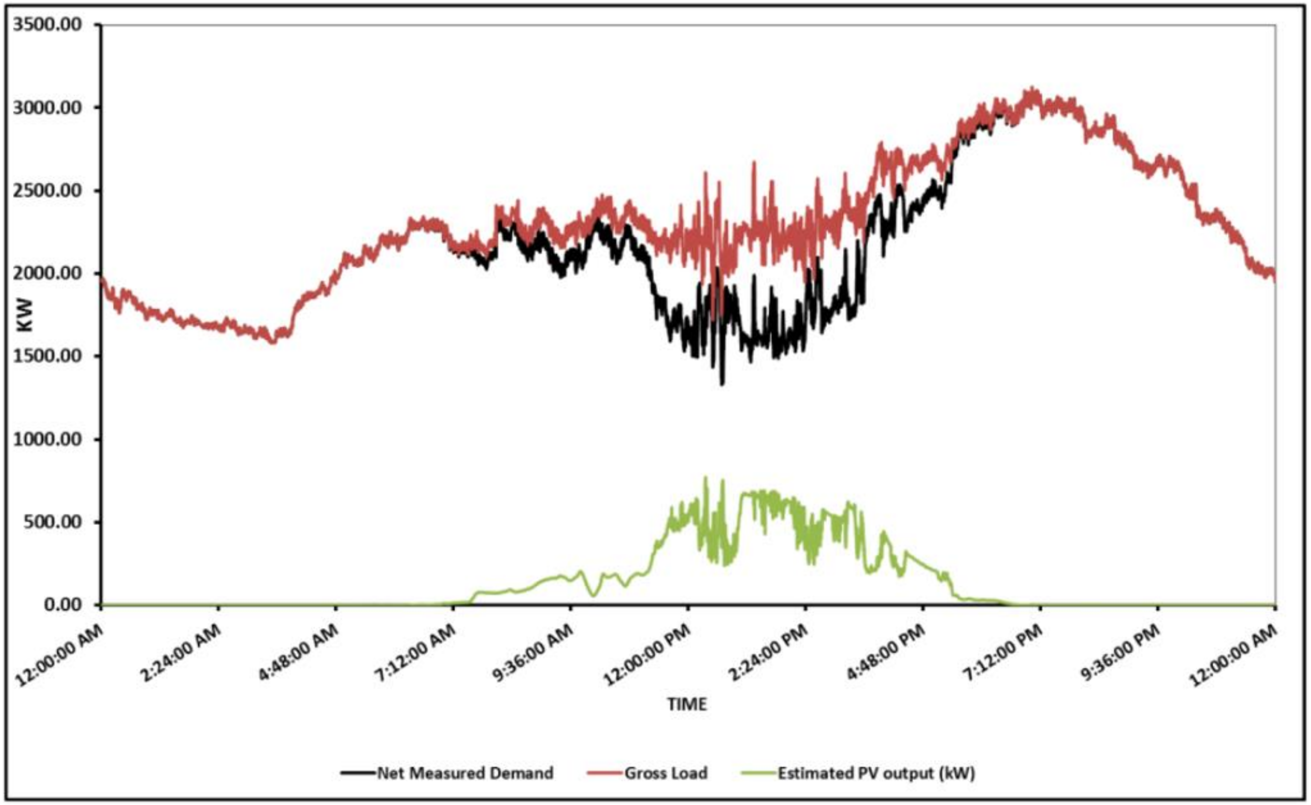
Typical Hawaii load profile – Evening Peaking

“Bessie the Elephant”

Courtesy of Dora Nakafuji, HECO

What’s Our New State?

Distribution feeder peaks are often not coincident…dependent on feeder type



Variability Analysis in Hawaii – smoothing with dispersed generation

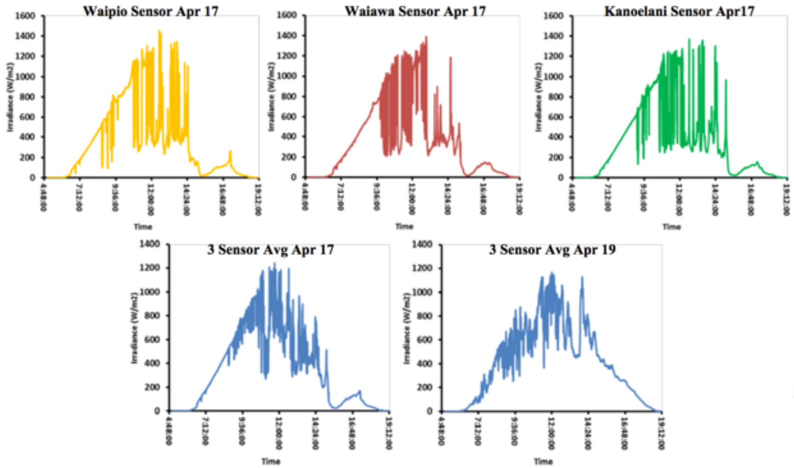
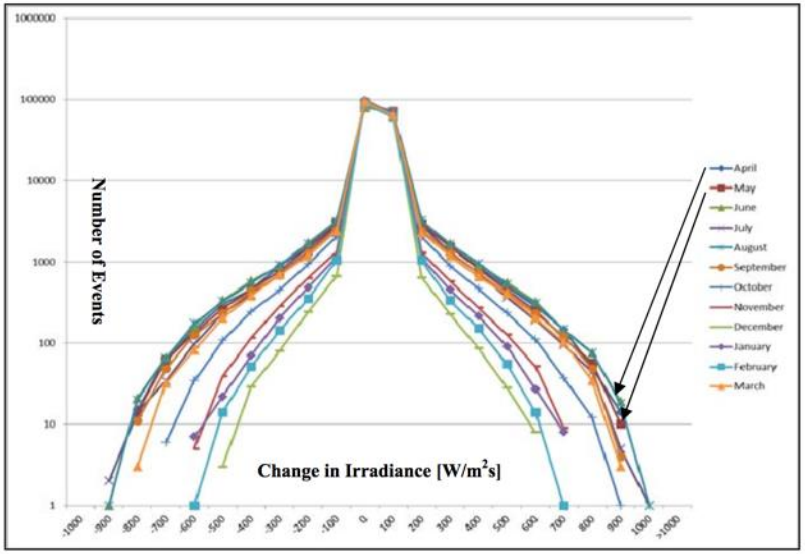


Figure 5: 3 Individual & average irradiance sensor measurements April 17; average irrad

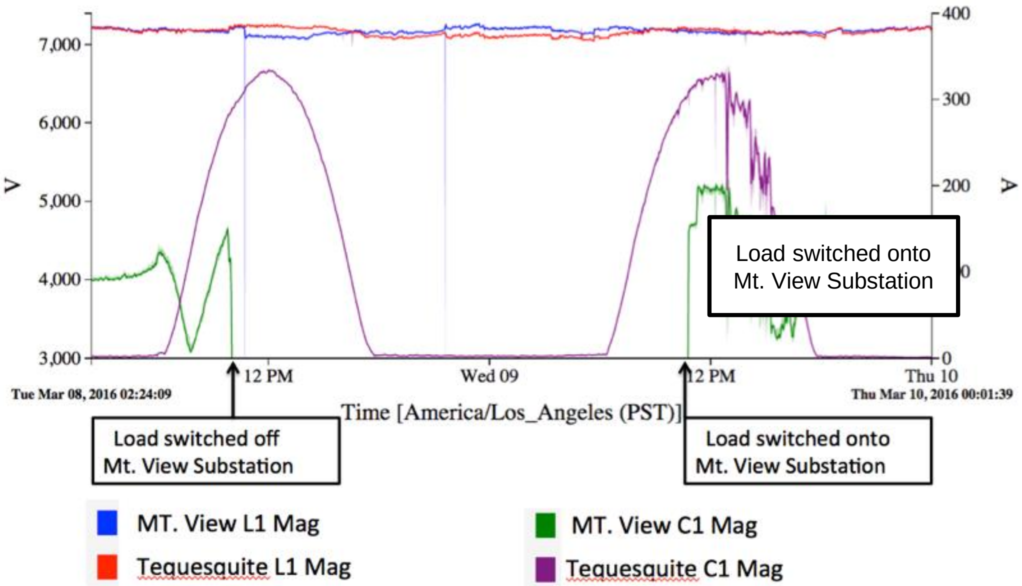
https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy13osti/54494.pdf

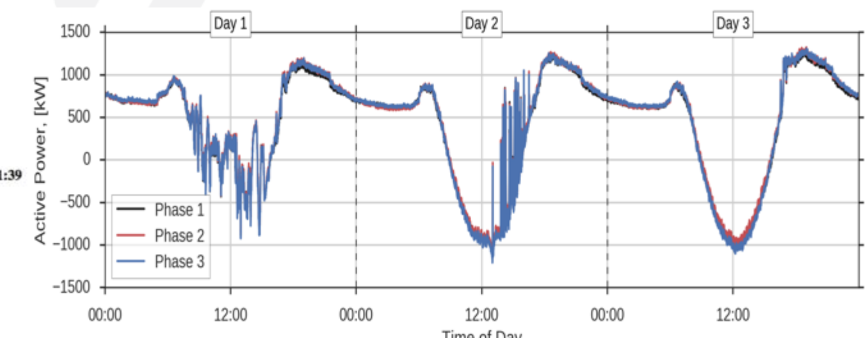


Tracking PV site behavior

- ► Additional things detected
  - ☐ Topology Change Detection & Variability Impact Analysis

- Team Developed State of the PV report
- Daily/weekly report on MwH generated, backfeed hours, max voltage variability, and transients/anomalies





Questions on intermittency – it depends

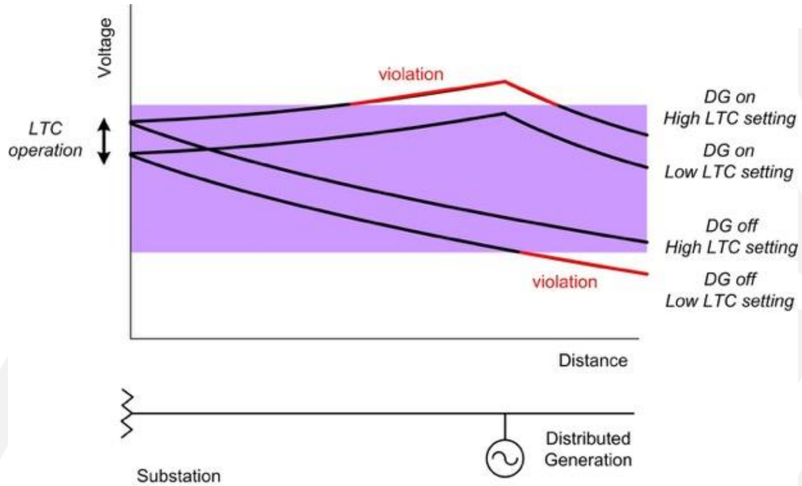
- What happens to load profiles when you combine solar PV with storage? How does storage help you ride out solar PV's intermittency?
  - Depends on the controls
- How can you use storage to reduce a customer's demand and demand charges?
  - Depends on the controls
- What kind of capabilities come with storage products — e.g., fast ramping, island-able?
  - Depends on the product, state and the controls

DG Interconnection Concern: Voltage Regulation and Flicker

- Generators on distribution circuits locally elevate voltage profile while injecting power.
- Their changing operating status increases the range of voltage variation along the circuit (e.g., if suddenly tripping off-line), with potential consequences:
  - may exceed voltage regulation capability on the circuit
  - may cause voltage flicker during lag time before regulator or load tap changer operation, possibly exceeding acceptable level (5%)
  - may cause excessive wear on voltage regulators or load tap changers due to frequent operation

- **Prevention:**
- Careful analysis of voltage profiles and regulation capability

Coordination and control



Coordination Issues

- DG may drive voltage out of range
- DG may wear out legacy equipment "hunting" the voltage
- inverted voltage profile may confuse controls
- voltage status may become even less transparent to operators

DRP's, ICA, and Case Studies

Hosting Capacity and Integrated Analyses

- What is it?
- Why is it different to interconnection?
- Many states making concerted efforts to undertake hosting capacity and integrated resource assessment - examples

What & Why Hosting Capacity: EPRI – Defining a Roadmap for Successful Implementation of a Hosting Capacity Method for NYC

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- Definition:
  - Hosting Capacity is the amount of DER that can be accommodated without adversely impacting power quality or reliability under current configurations and without requiring infrastructure upgrades.
- Hosting Capacity is
  - Location dependent
  - Feeder-specific
  - Time-varying

Hosting Capacity can be used to inform utility interconnection processes and to support DG developer understanding of more favorable locations for interconnection

- Hosting capacity considers DER interconnection without allowing
  - Voltage/flicker violations
  - Protection mis-operation
  - Thermal overloads
  - Decreased safety/reliability/power quality
- Hosting capacity evaluations require precise models of entire distribution system

A feeder's hosting capacity is not a single value, but a range of values

Key Components of an Effective Hosting Capacity Method: EPRI – Defining a Roadmap for Successful Implementation of a Hosting Capacity Method for NYC

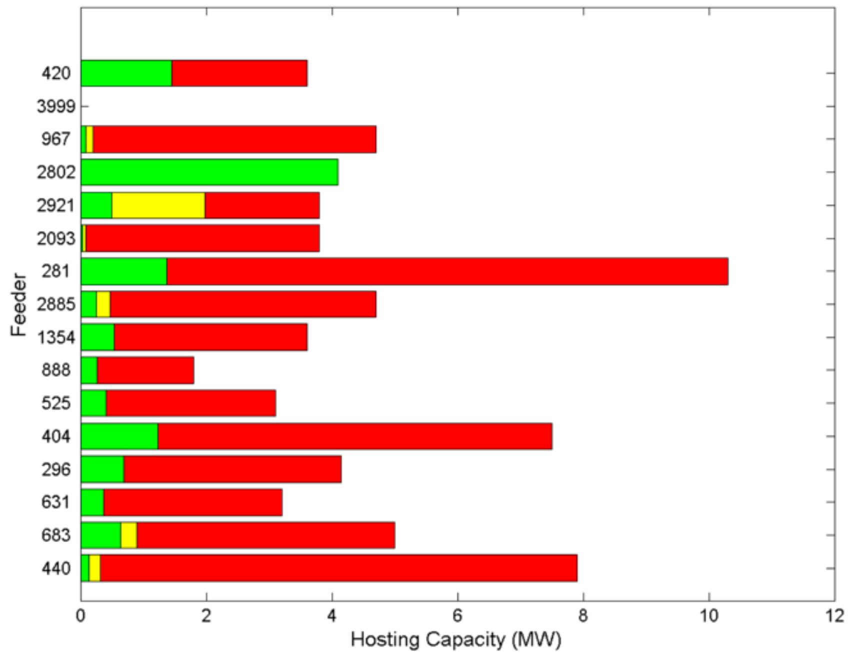
Granular	• Capture unique feeder-specific responses
Repeatable	• As distribution system changes
Scalable	• System-wide assessment
Transparent	• Clear and open methods of analysis
Proven	• Validated techniques
Available	• Using existing planning tools and readily available data

Defining a Roadmap for Successful Implementation of a Hosting Capacity Method for New York State, EPRI, Palo Alto, CA: 2016. 3002008848

Feeder Hosting Capacity and Screening

Feeder Hosting Capacity:
amount of installed PV
(in kW or % of load)
where adverse effects can be ruled out with relative confidence

Problem:
Highly site specific,
requires lots of modeling
but want to have quick, easy rules of thumb



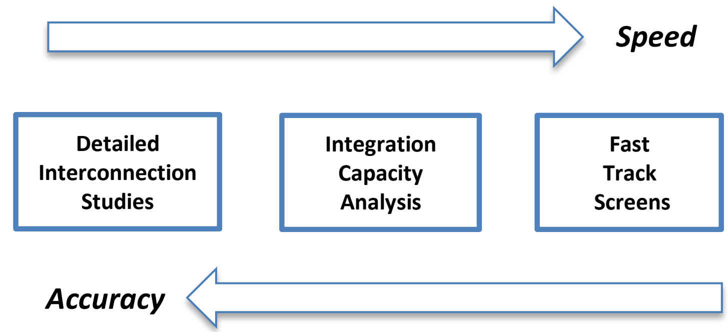
Imperfect Solution:
Apply "Screen" criterion or criteria,
e.g. PV installed capacity < 15% of max feeder load
if YES, then OK
if NO, then perform a detailed, time consuming impact study

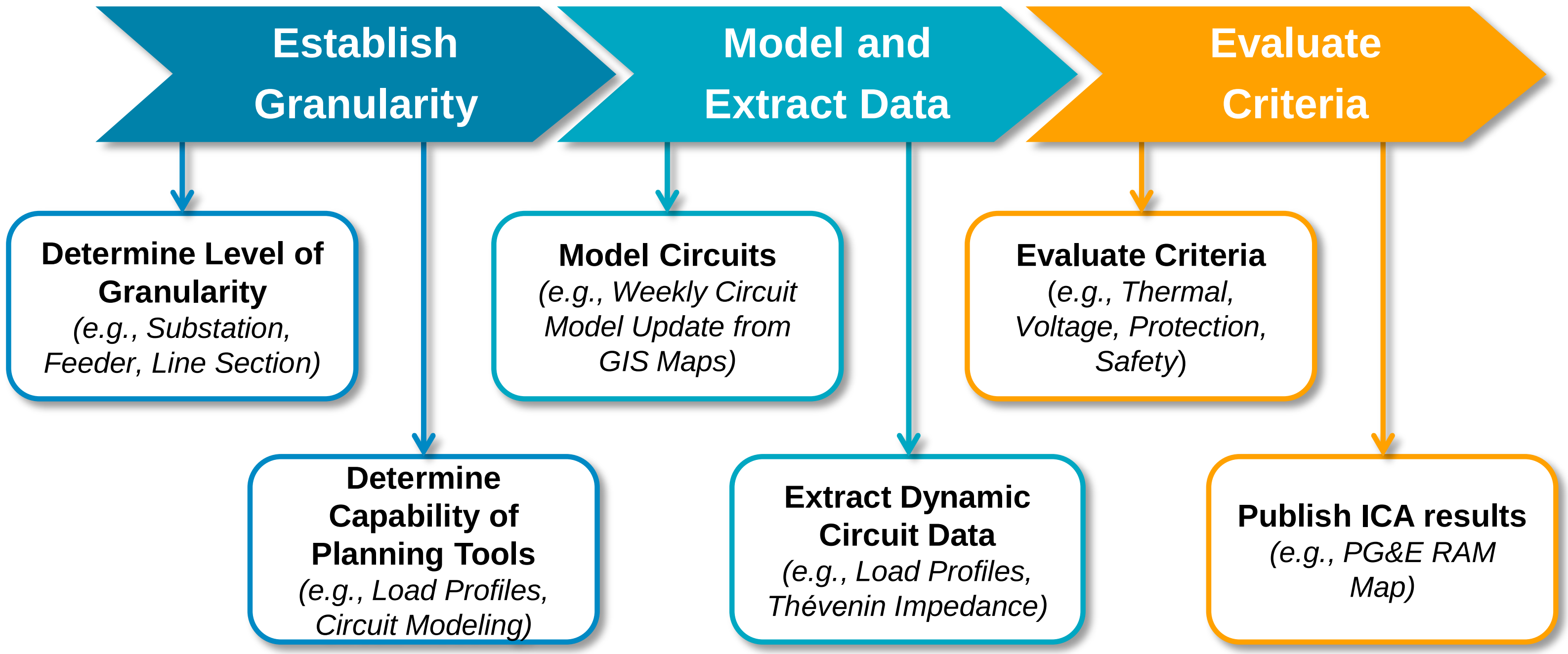
http://calsolarresearch.ca.gov/images/stories/documents/Sol3_funded_proj_docs/EPRI/Modeling-Analysis-16-Feeders_3002005812.pdf

New Methodology to Determine Locational DER Capacity

New methodology was required to be developed to calculate DER Integration Capacity

- PG&E was instructed to develop a new methodology to help determine locational DER capacities that would not require significant upgrades to interconnect
- Methodology considers important criteria and aspects considered in detailed engineering reviews during interconnection
- Result is capacity values that estimate when significant impacts are not expected and detailed review is not necessary

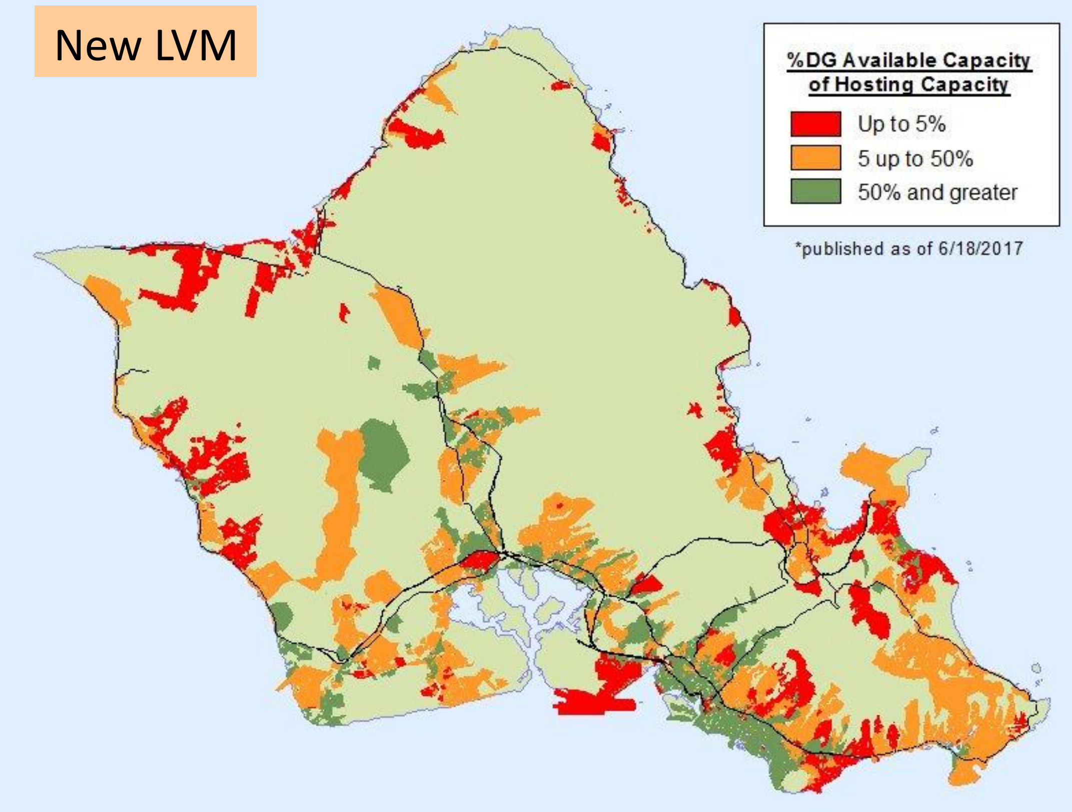




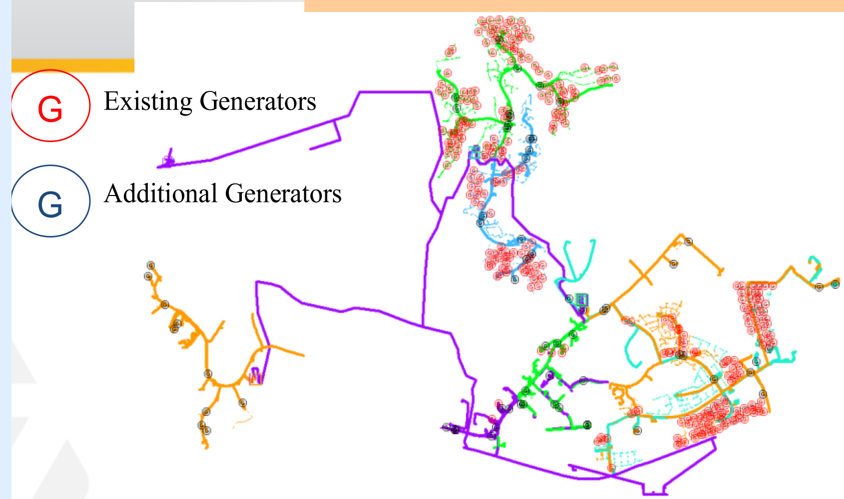
From PG&E DRP webinar

Proactive Approach: Awareness to "See & Inform & Act" Hotspots & Impacts

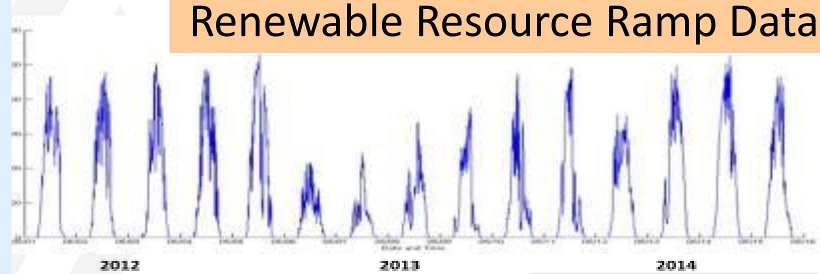
New LVM



DG Integrated into Model

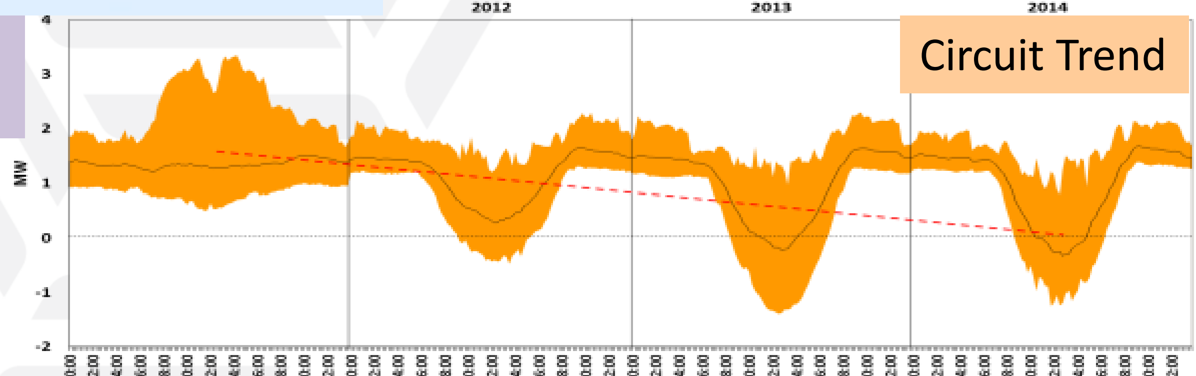


Renewable Resource Ramp Data



Locational Value Maps showing high penetration distribution areas

Circuit Trend



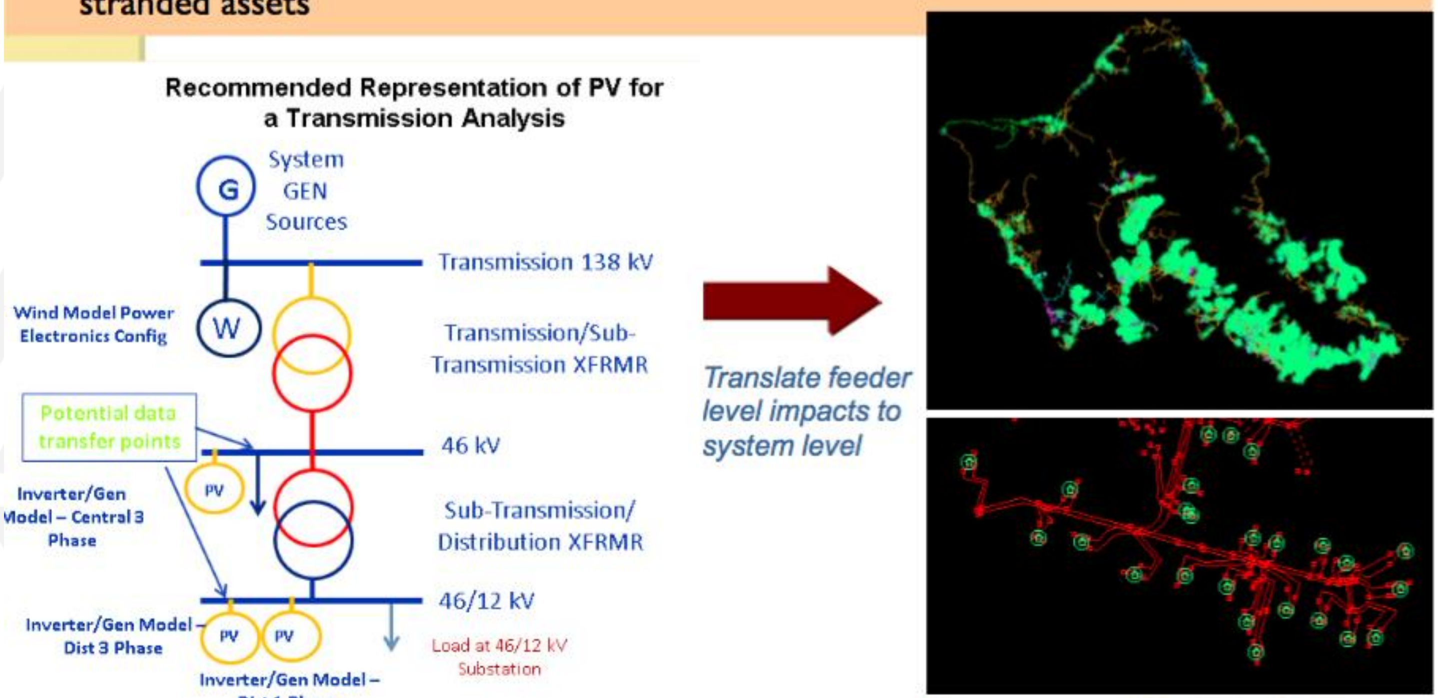
"Look for Leading Indicators of change"

Credit: Dora Nakafuji HECO

Hawaii – Enhancing models for mapping of accurate hosting capacity

Upgraded Models to Account for PV as Generation NOT as Negative Load

- Enables more accurate modeling of DG resources for planning
- Consistent distribution system model expedites modeling and analysis process
- Allows for "what-if" analysis to stay ahead of system change and minimize risks of stranded assets



Source: HECO Hi-PV Study, CSI RD&D 3 Presentation, BEW Engineering

Energy Storage Systems Overview

- ► Terms for size and costs
- ► Utility regulatory environment
- ► Ownership models
- ► State responses
- ► Valuation principles and taxonomy
- ► Additional resources

Storage Terms for Size

- Size is commonly expressed as MW/MWh
- MW – the maximum amount of power that an energy storage system can discharge
- MWh – the maximum amount of energy that a system can discharge from full charge

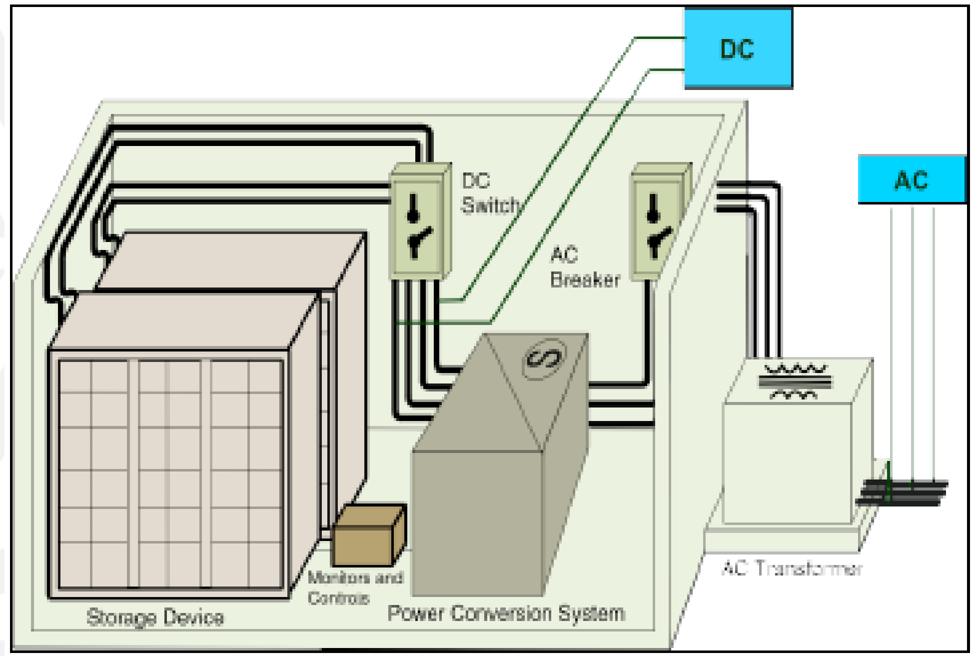


Figure 1. Schematic of a Battery Energy Storage System
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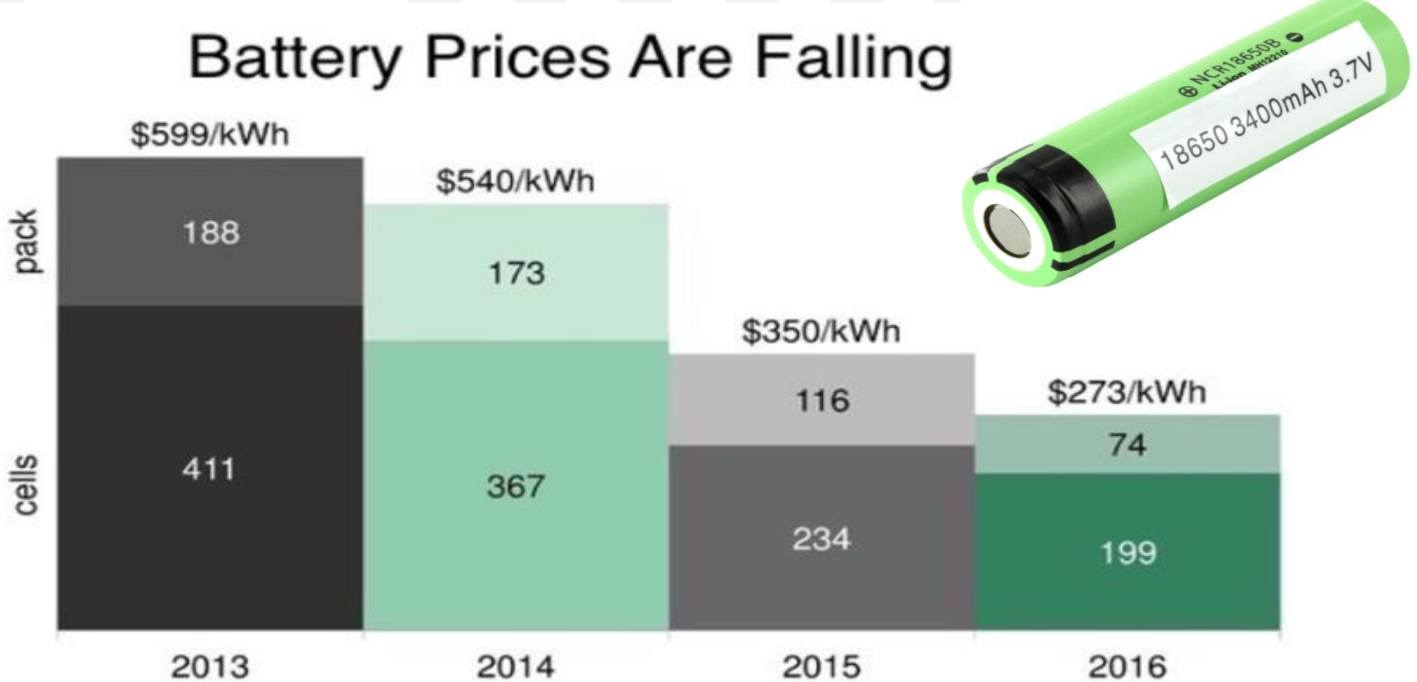

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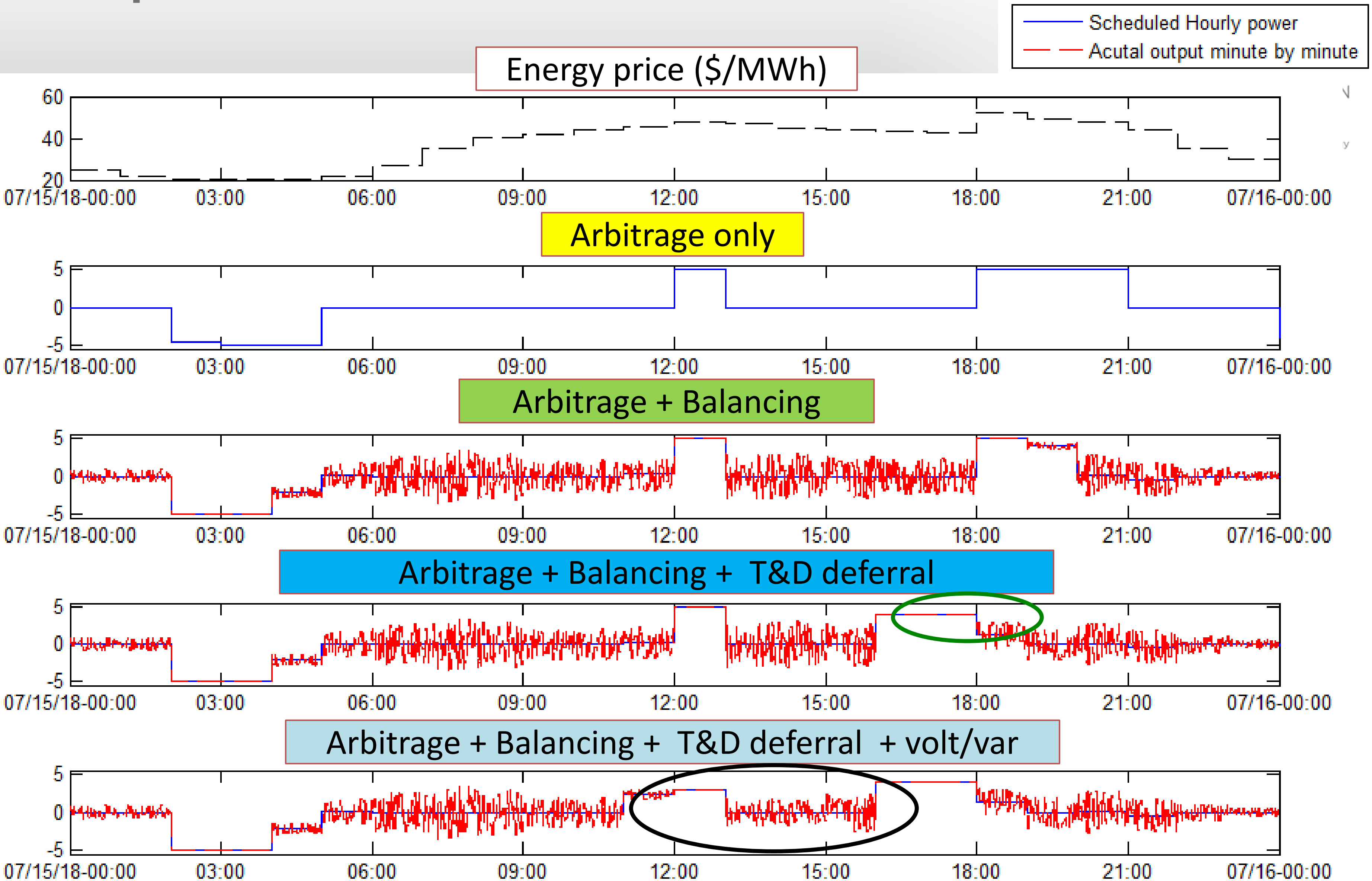

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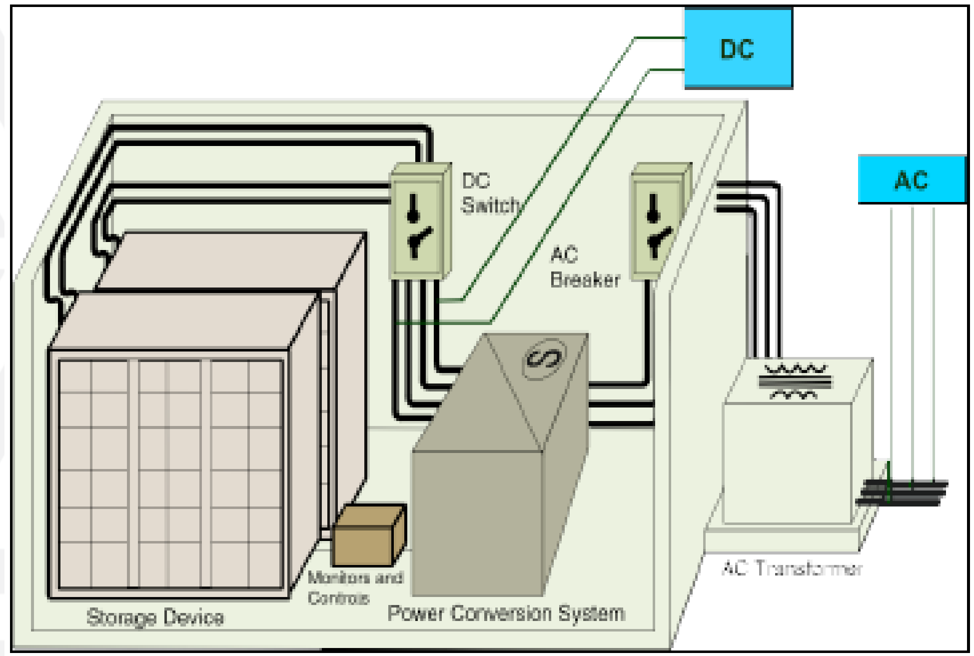

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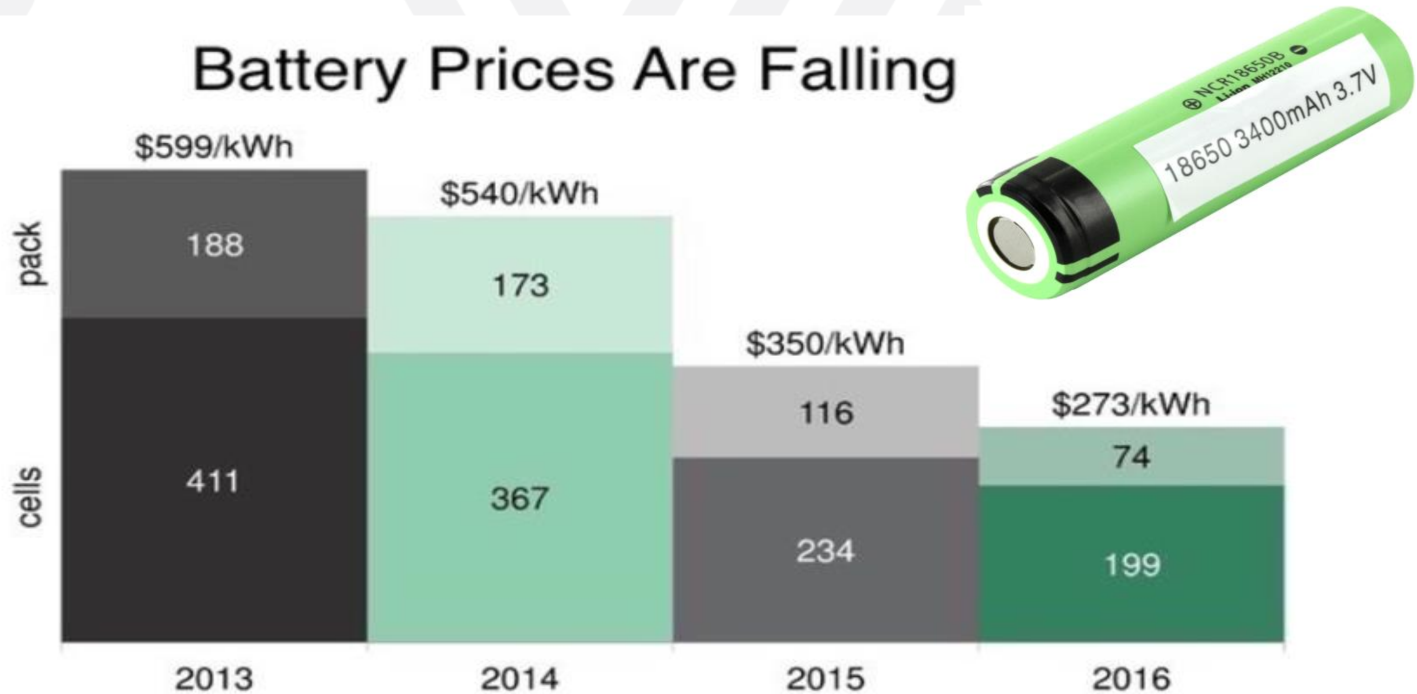

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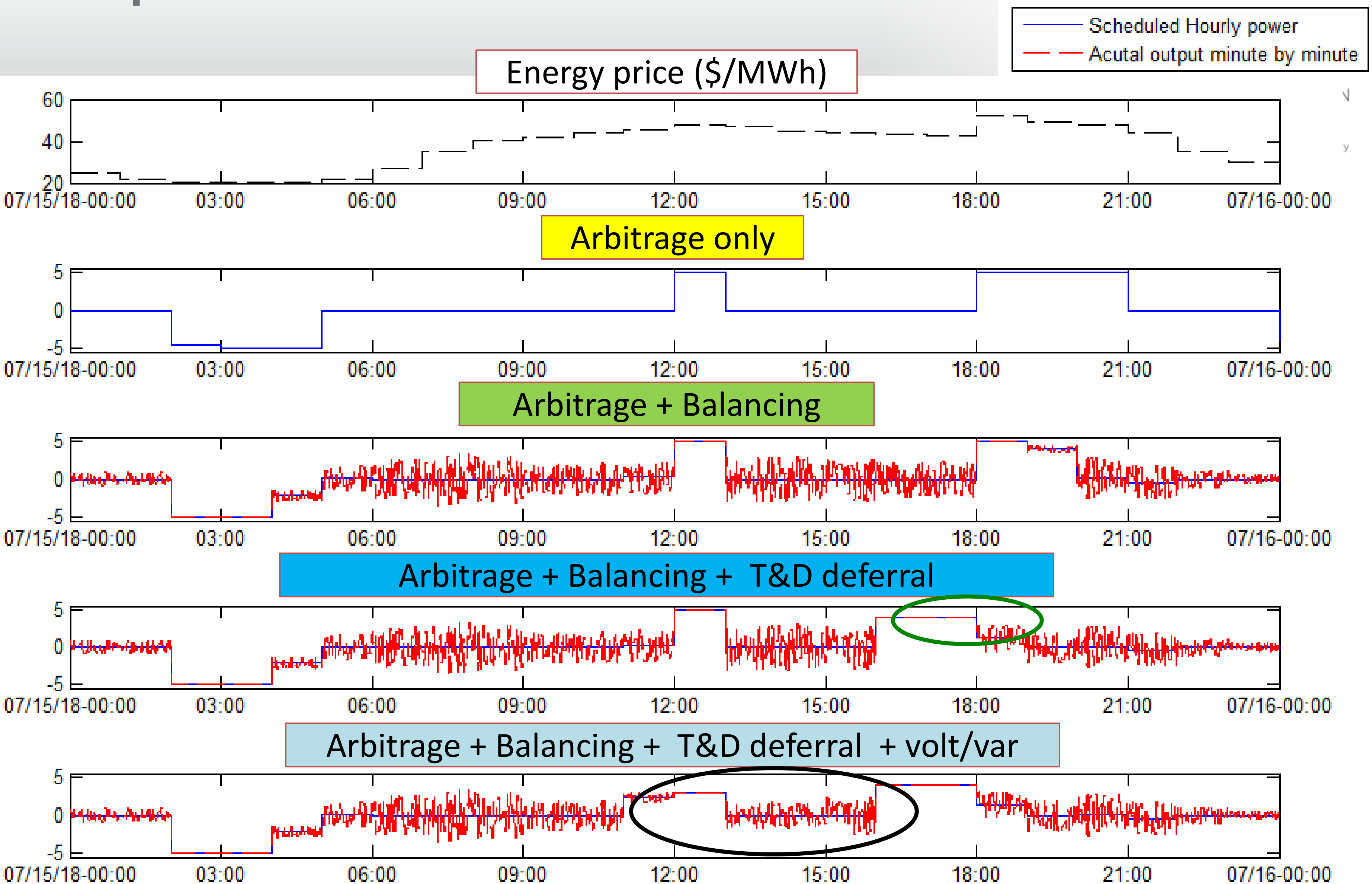

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