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Solar Energy

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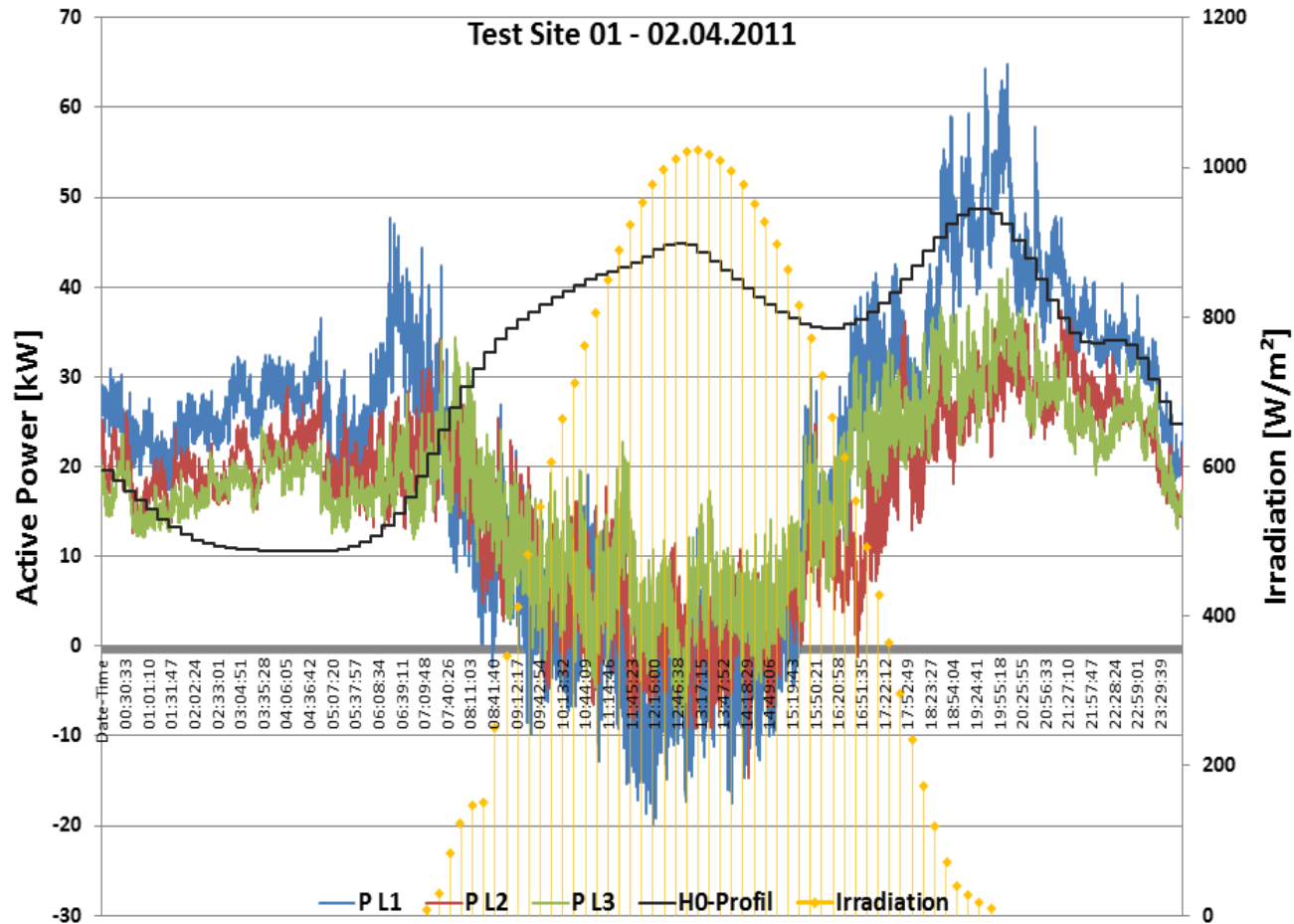
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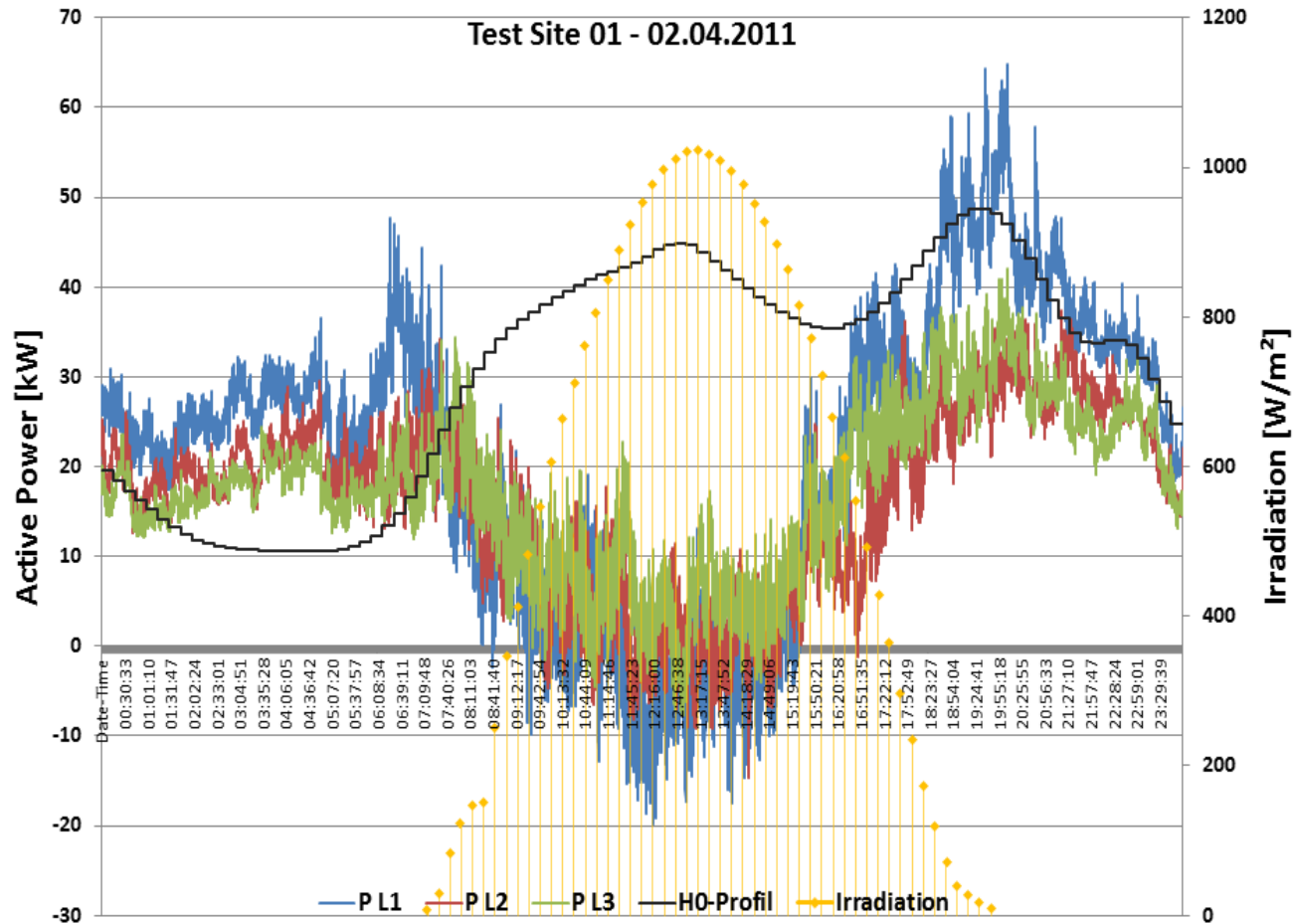


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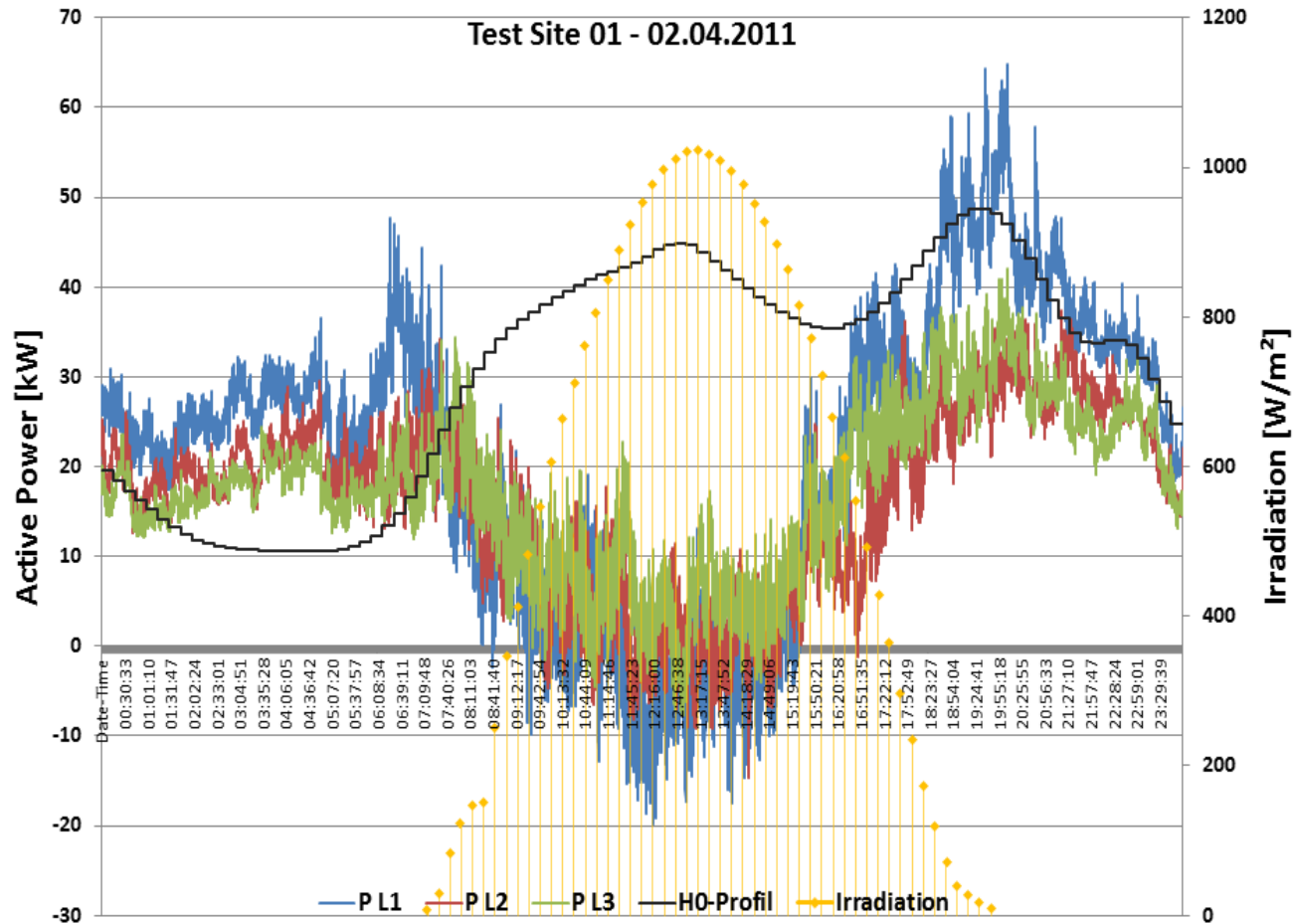


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- Time of **maximum solar generation** does not match typical load profile
- Between 9 AM and 2 PM **load flow is reverse** at the transformer

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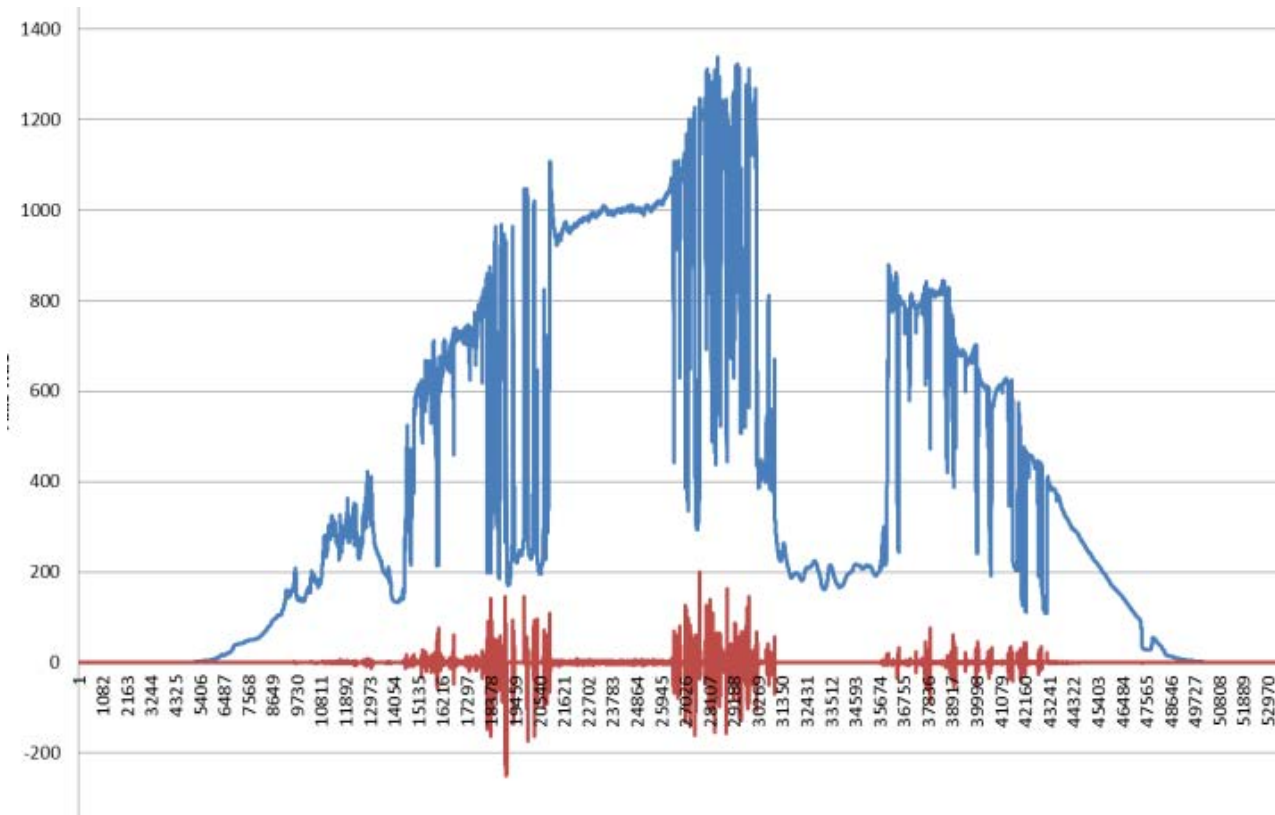
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 - A fast cloud crosses a 10 MW system in about 1 minute
 - *Volatility* must be considered when the penetration level is high to ensure grid resiliency



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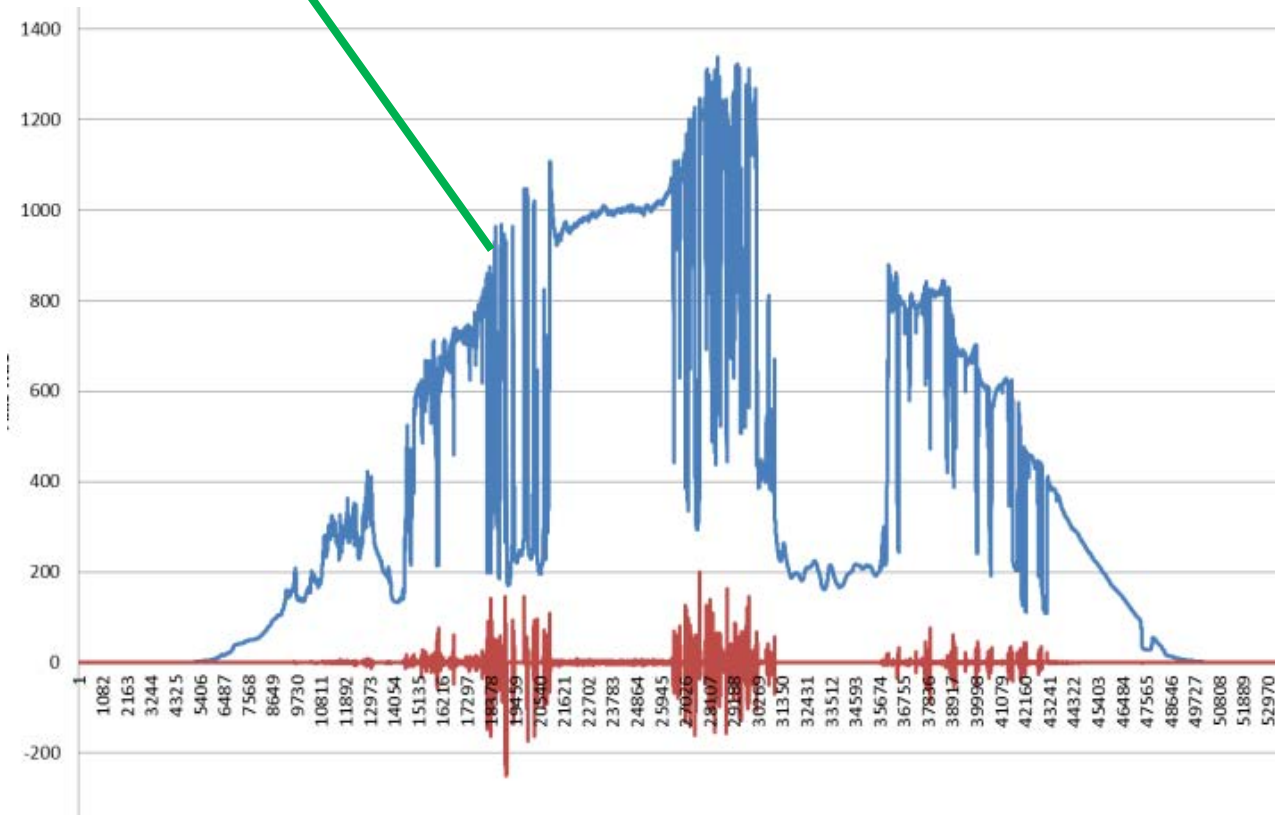


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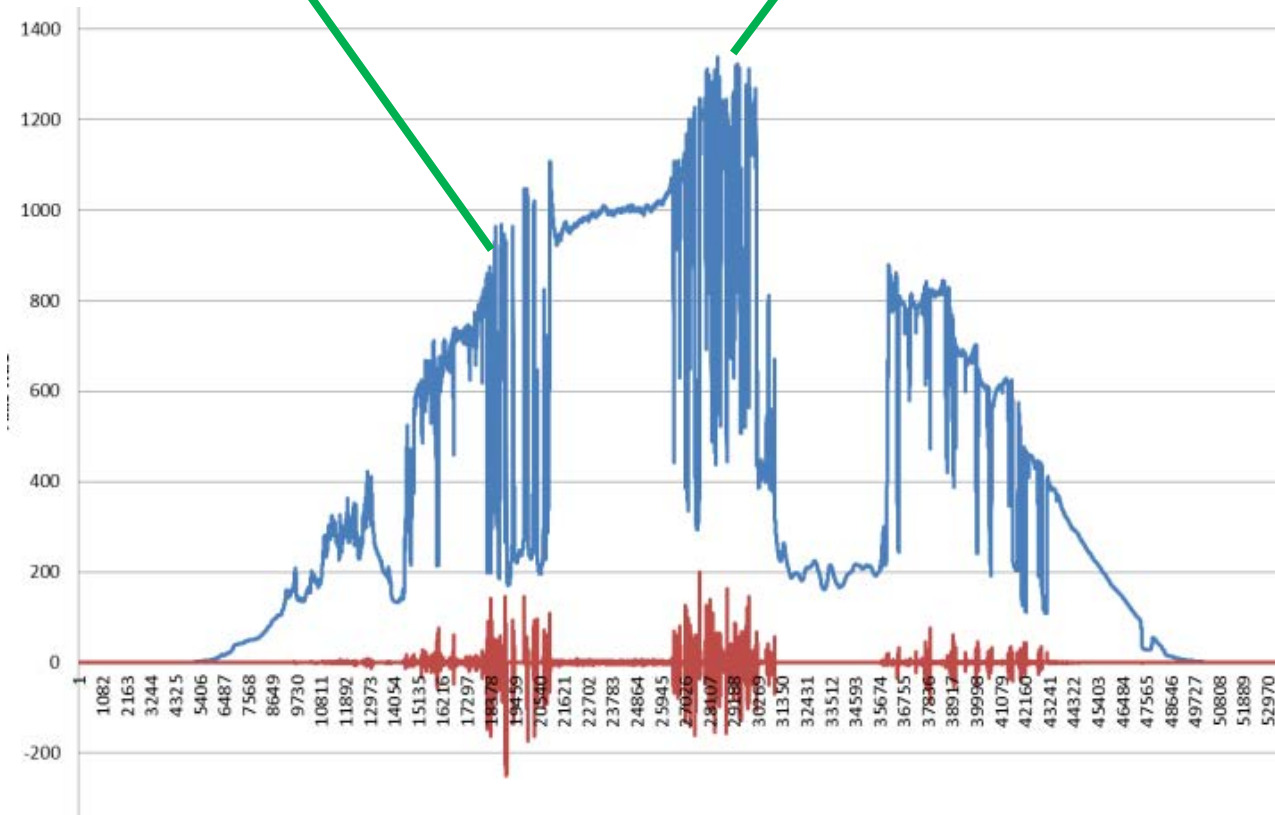
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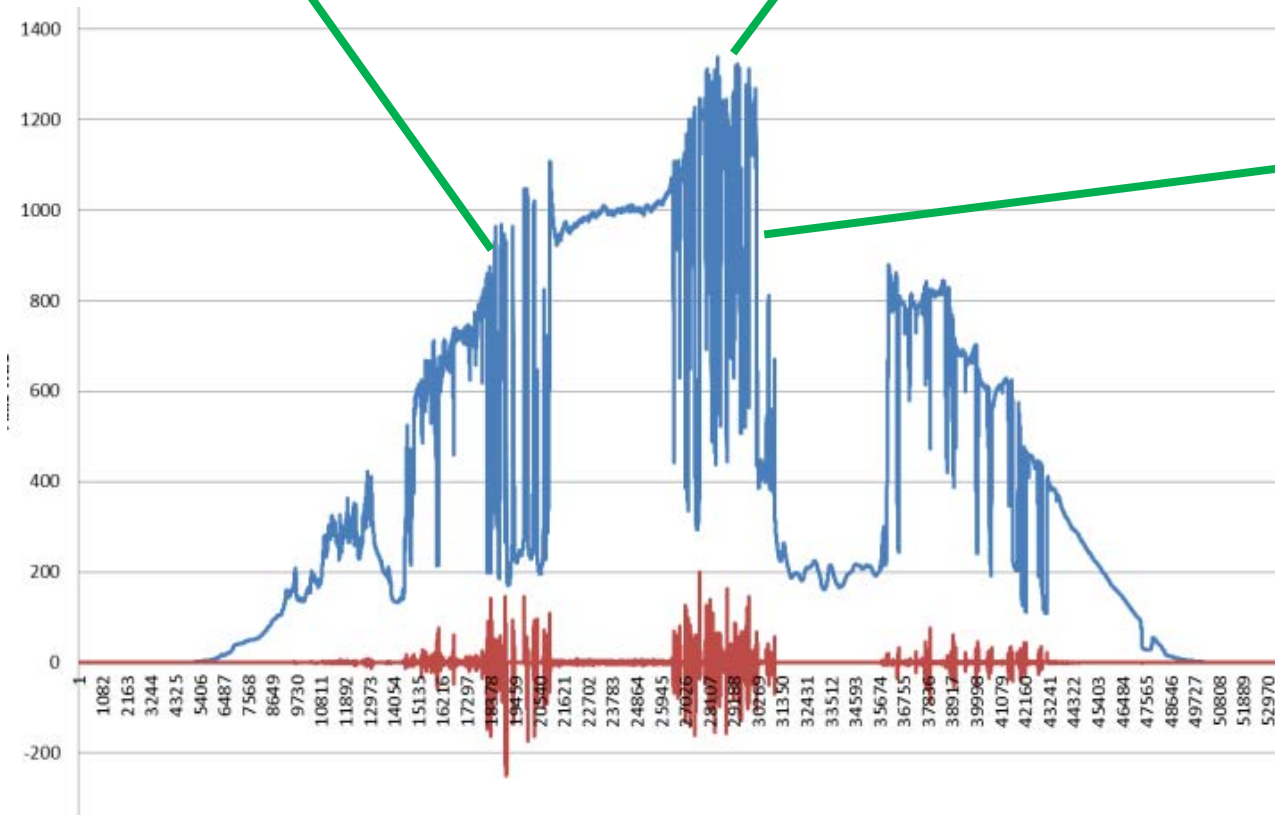
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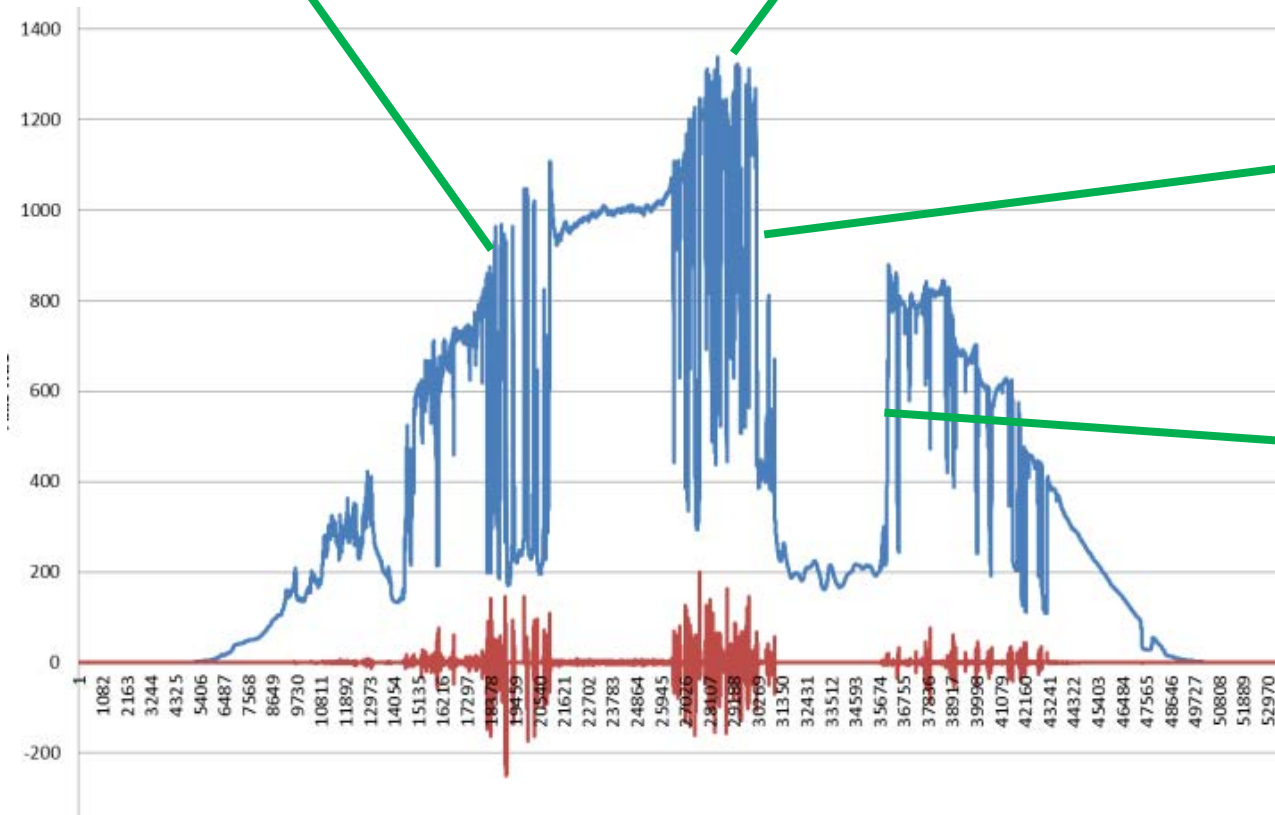
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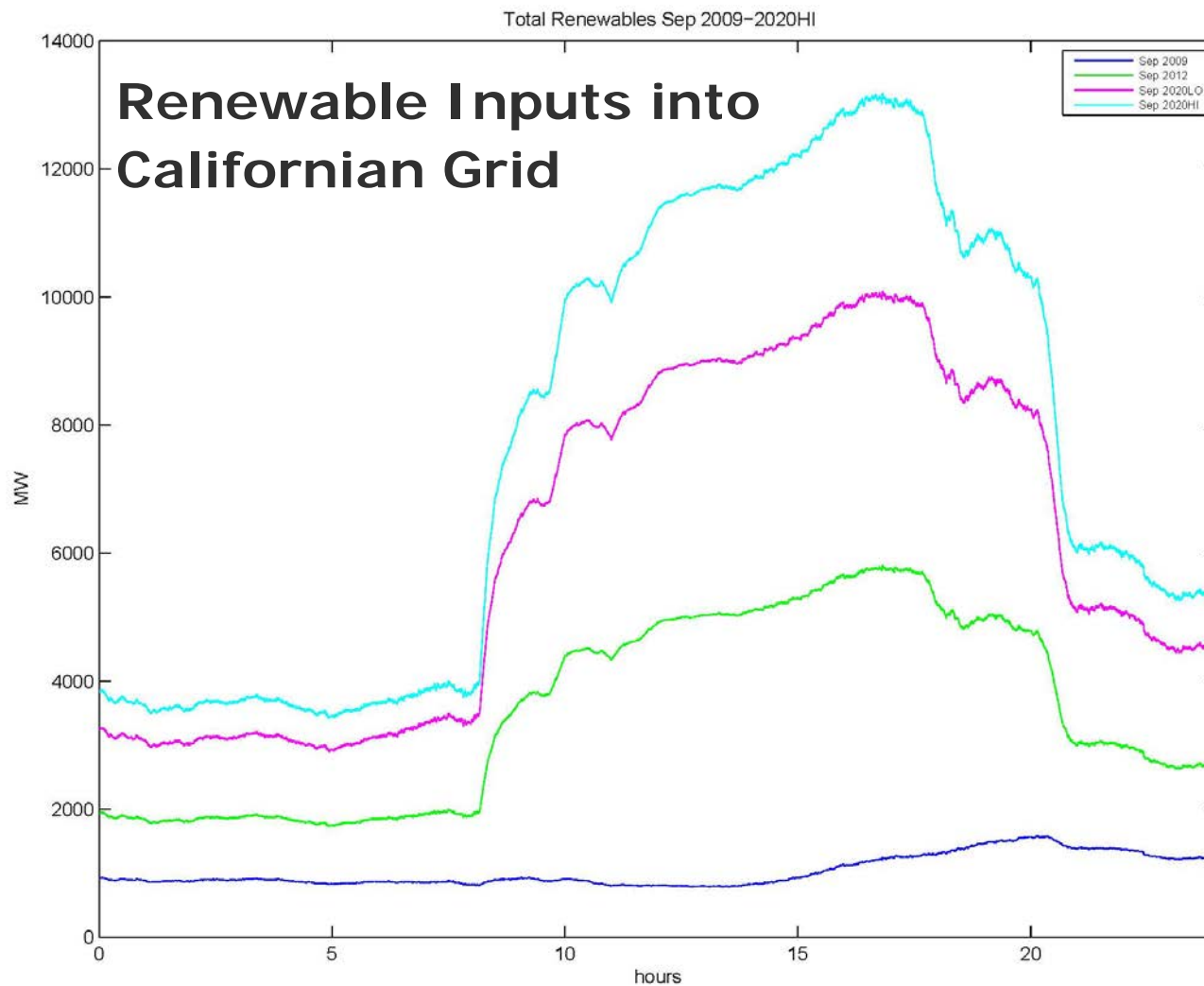
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Investigating Renewable Scenarios



Legend:

2020HI Renewables
2020LO Renewables
2012 Renewables
2009 Renewables

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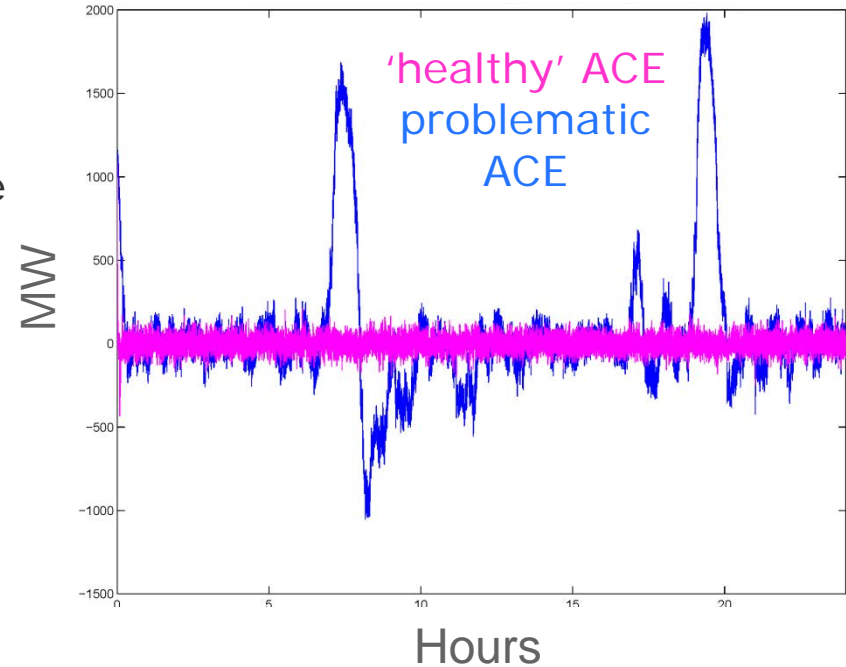
- Diurnal and Short-term
- Wind down in morning and up in evening
- Solar up in morning and down late afternoon
- Ramping severity varies seasonally
- Ramping is much more of a problem than the calmer period variability
- Ramping requires coordination of fast storage with less fast conventional generation

Effect of Variability on Grid

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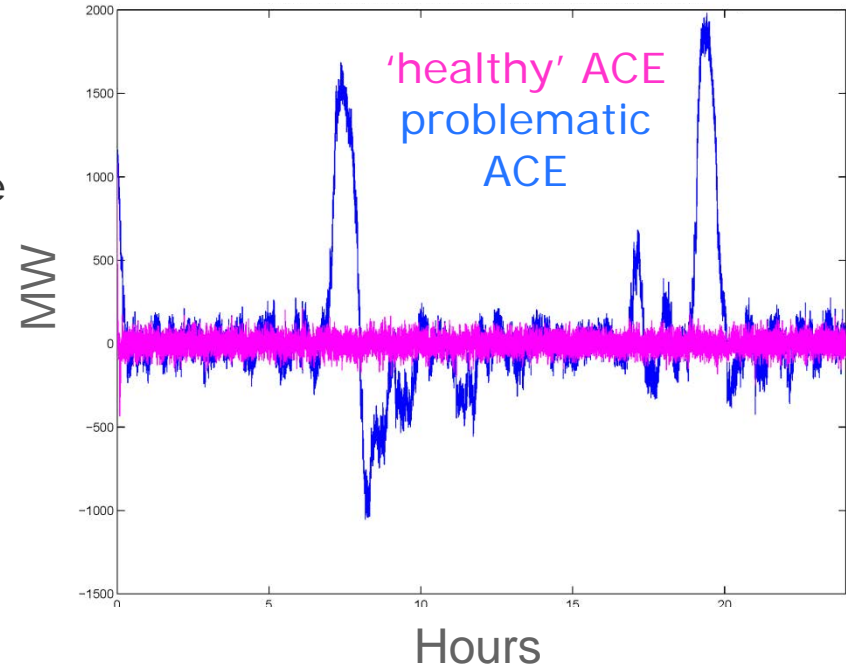


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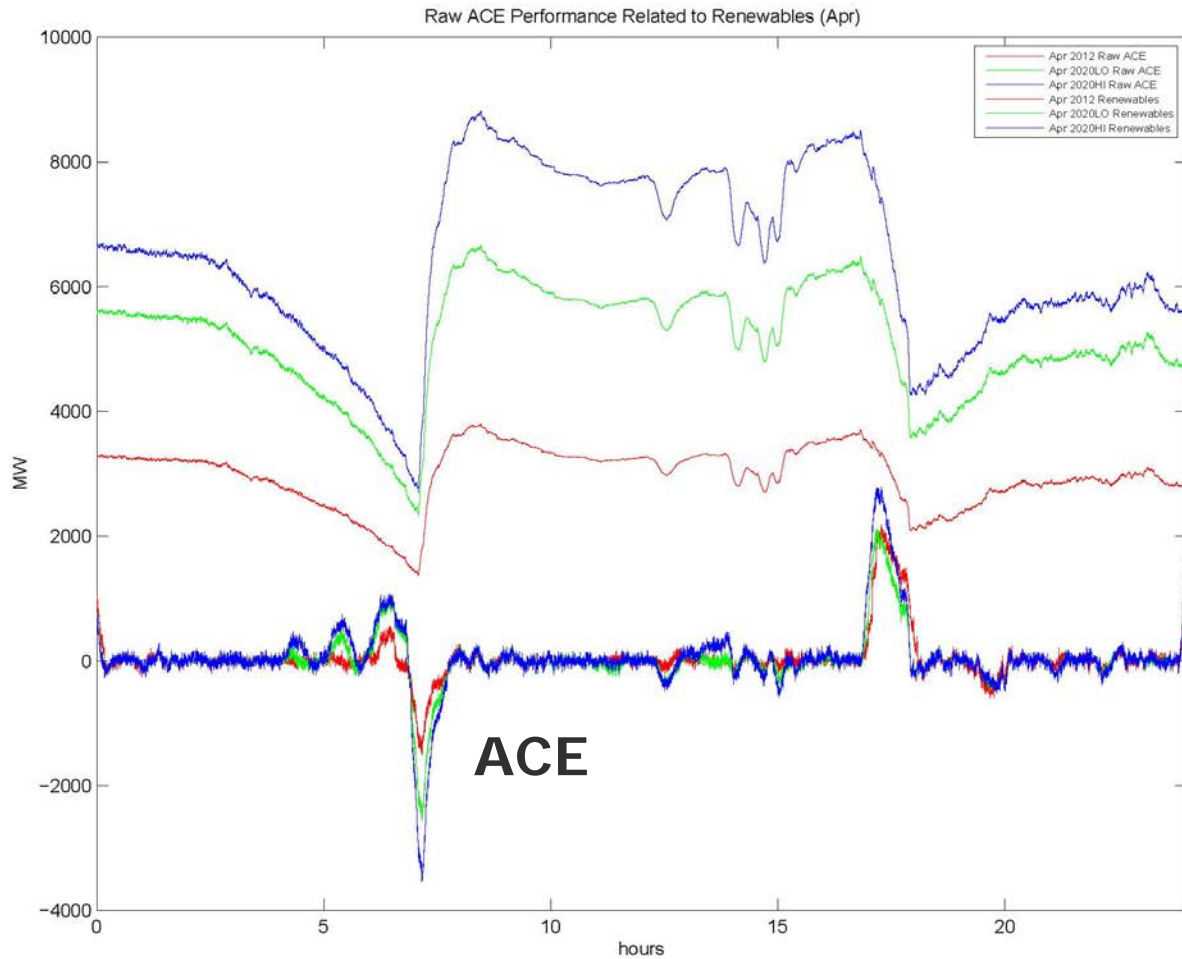
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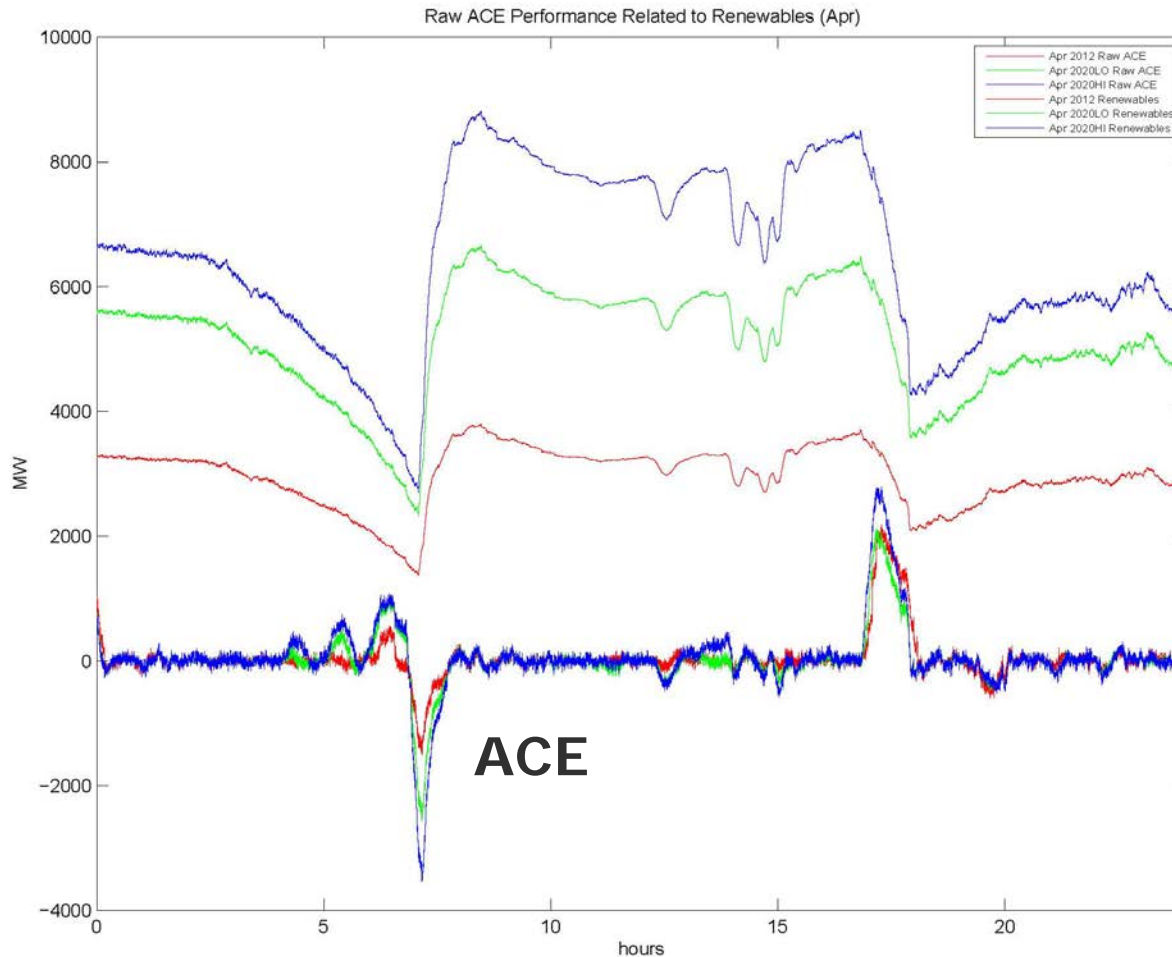


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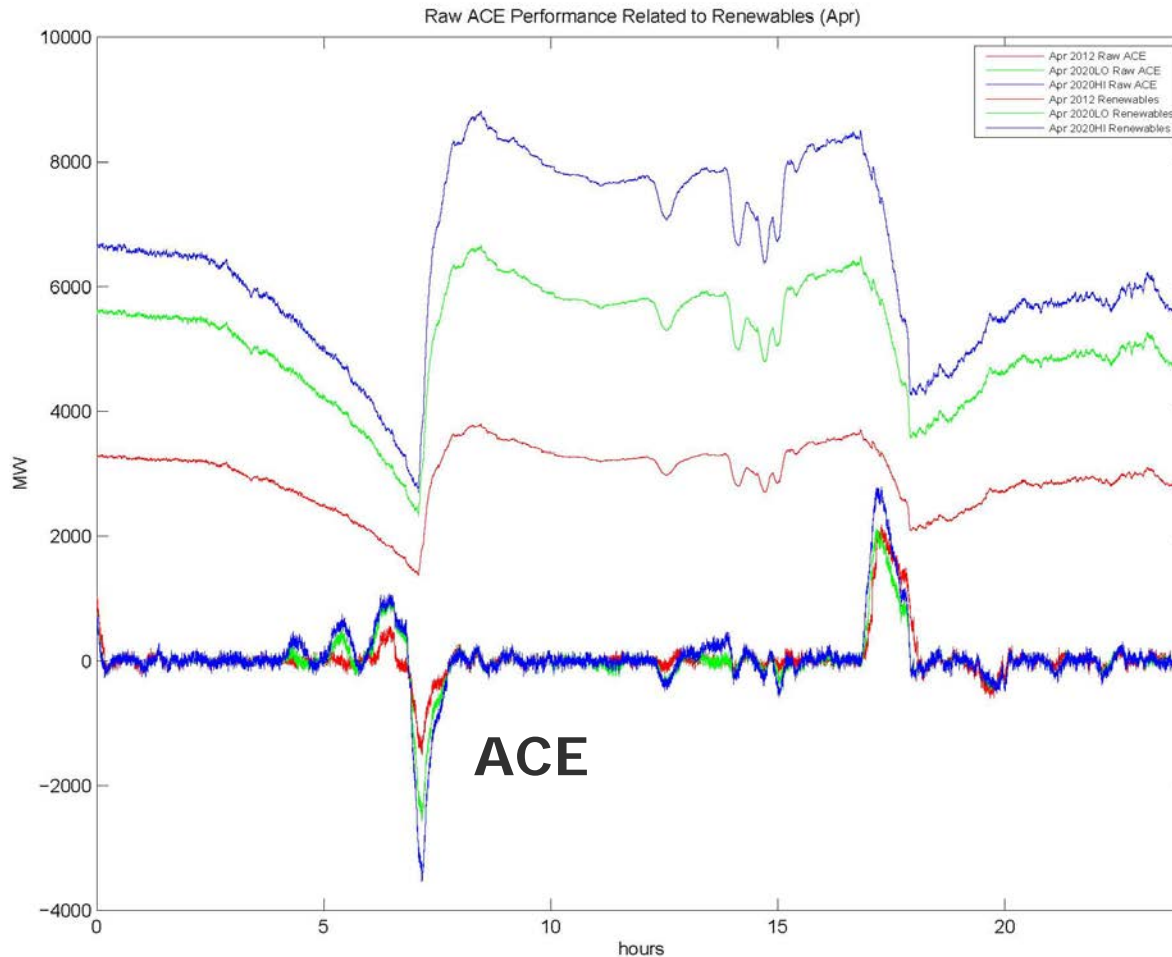
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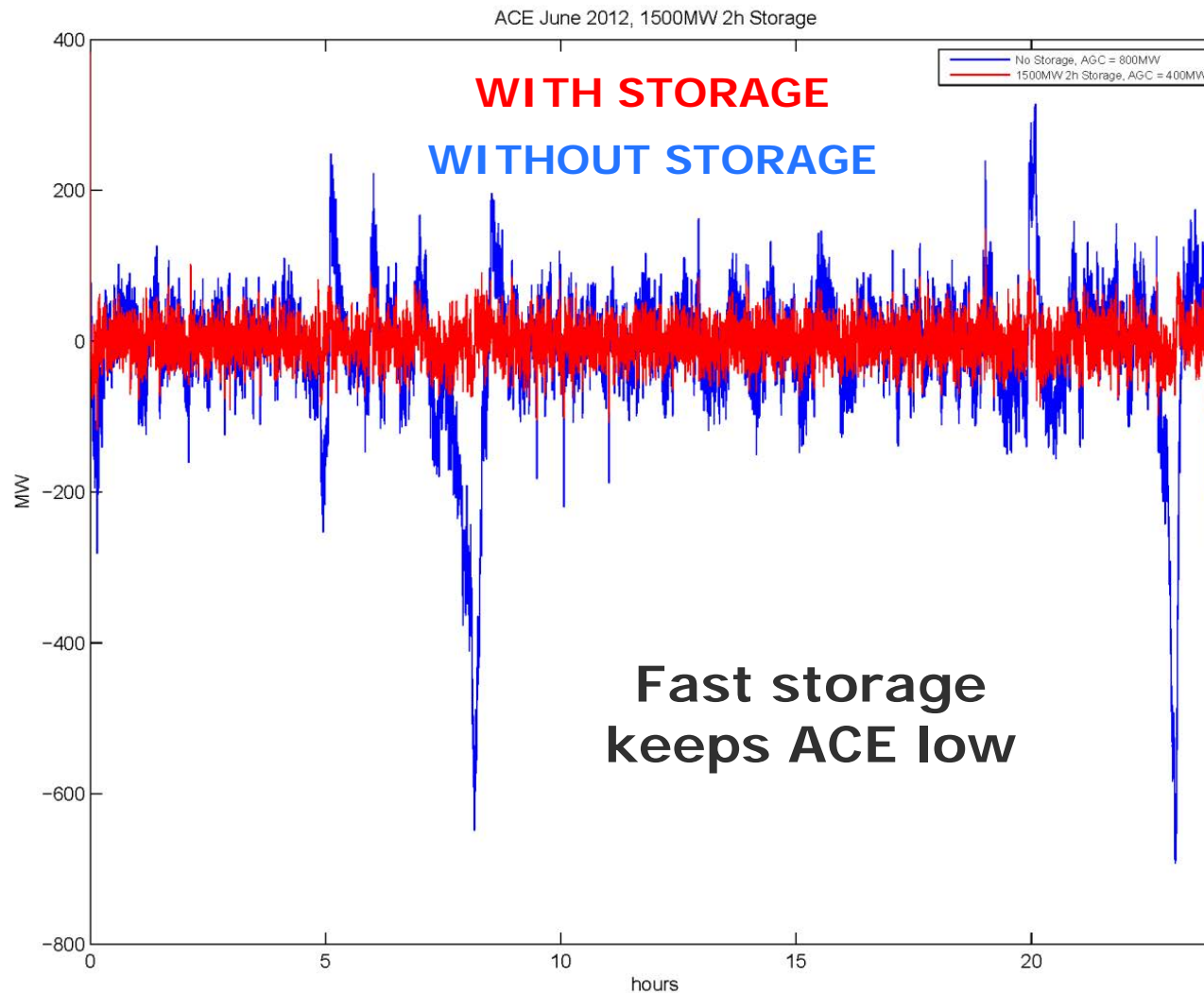
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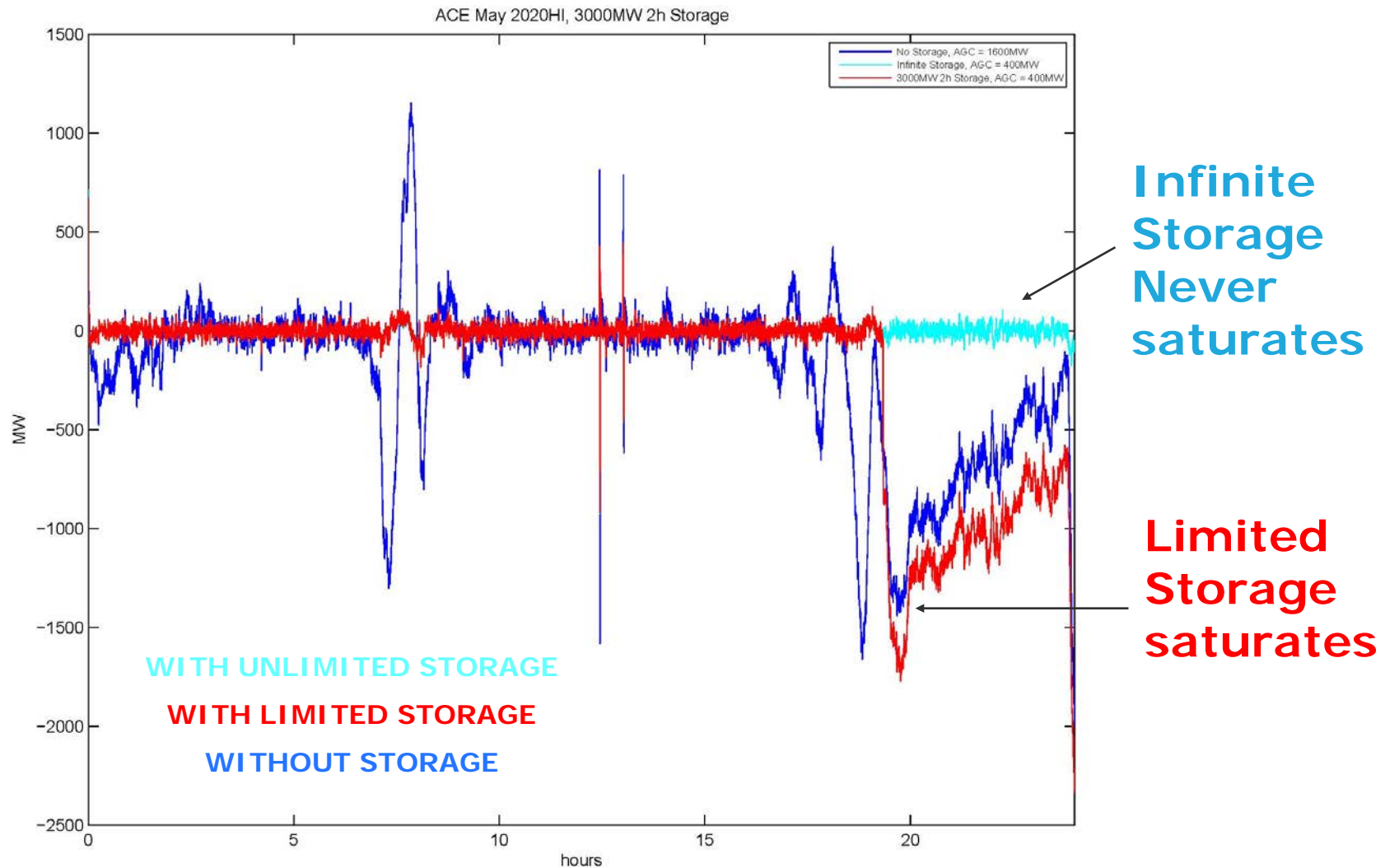
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ACE with Storage



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Sizing and Control of Storage



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Penetration levels

- > 20% are where issues become problematic
- > ~33% storage is essential

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Not all solutions need to be Utility-Scale

- Distributed Bulk storage
- Use of Electric Vehicle Storage Capacity?
- Smart Grids?

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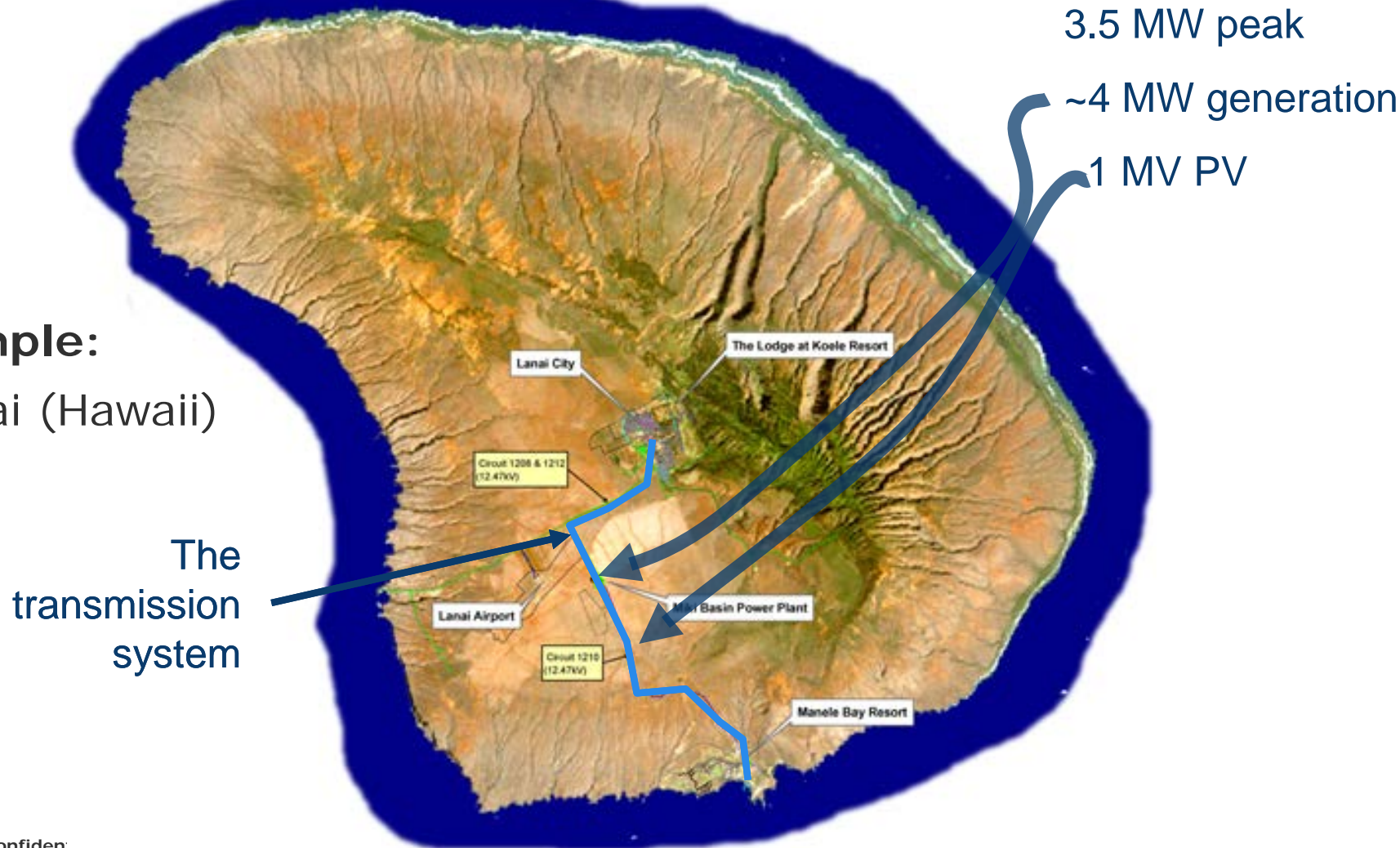
Island Applications

- Isolated grids magnify problems
- Islands rapidly exceed 20% renewable penetration (1 project)
- Cost of electricity is relatively high – helps economics

Island Applications

Example:

- Lanai (Hawaii)



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Benefits for Plant Owners

- Leveling the daily output of the solar system – essentially “locking” in demand savings that can be created by solar and lost by its intermittency
- Energy time shifting – from off-peak to peak periods
- Emergency Back-up

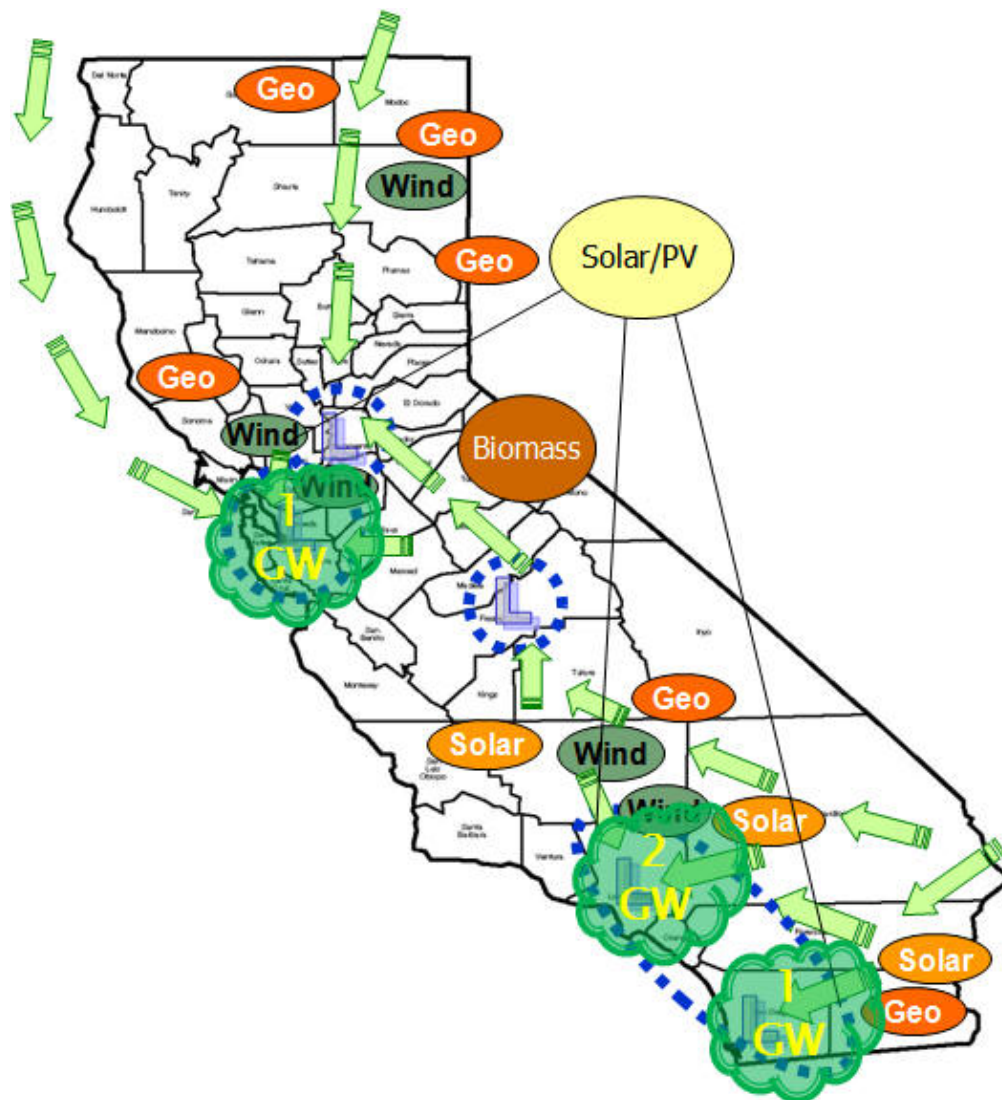


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Overview

- Increased **renewables penetration** will demand storage
- Short-term **ramping volatility**, especially solar, is a big issue – demands fast acting storage solutions
- Eases **variability** and shift supply to peak demand
- Storage applications already in **existence**, especially in isolated grids
- How to **implement**?
 - Centrally vs. Distributed.
 - How to mandate without killing renewable projects?

CASE STUDY: CALIFORNIA



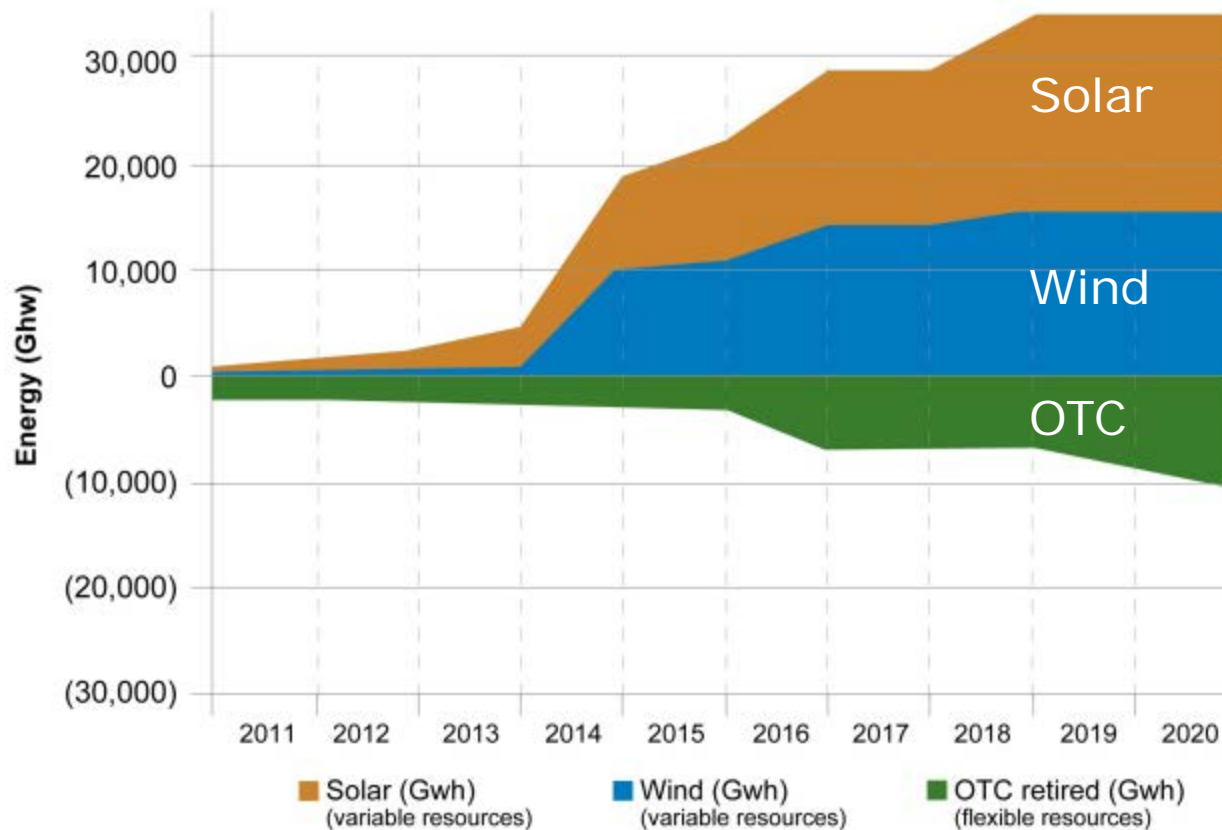
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Flexible Capacity is Decreasing

The mix of generation resources will evolve

Figure 1: Energy changes



- The share of renewables will grow
- Retiring of flexible capacity from once-through cooling (OTC)
- Load growth expected and approximately 1,000 MW of combined heat and power

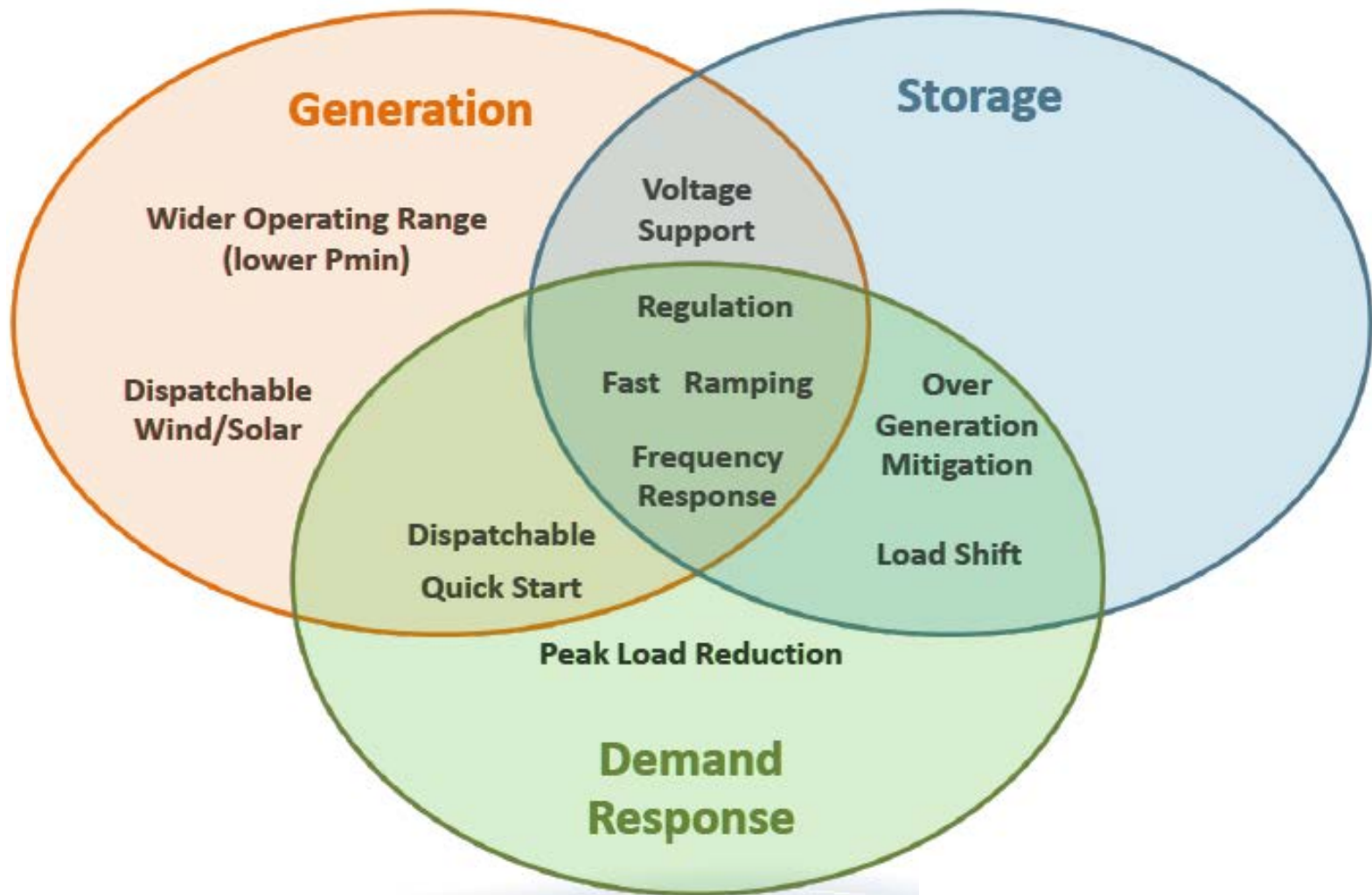
Operational Challenges

Over the next 10 years in California...

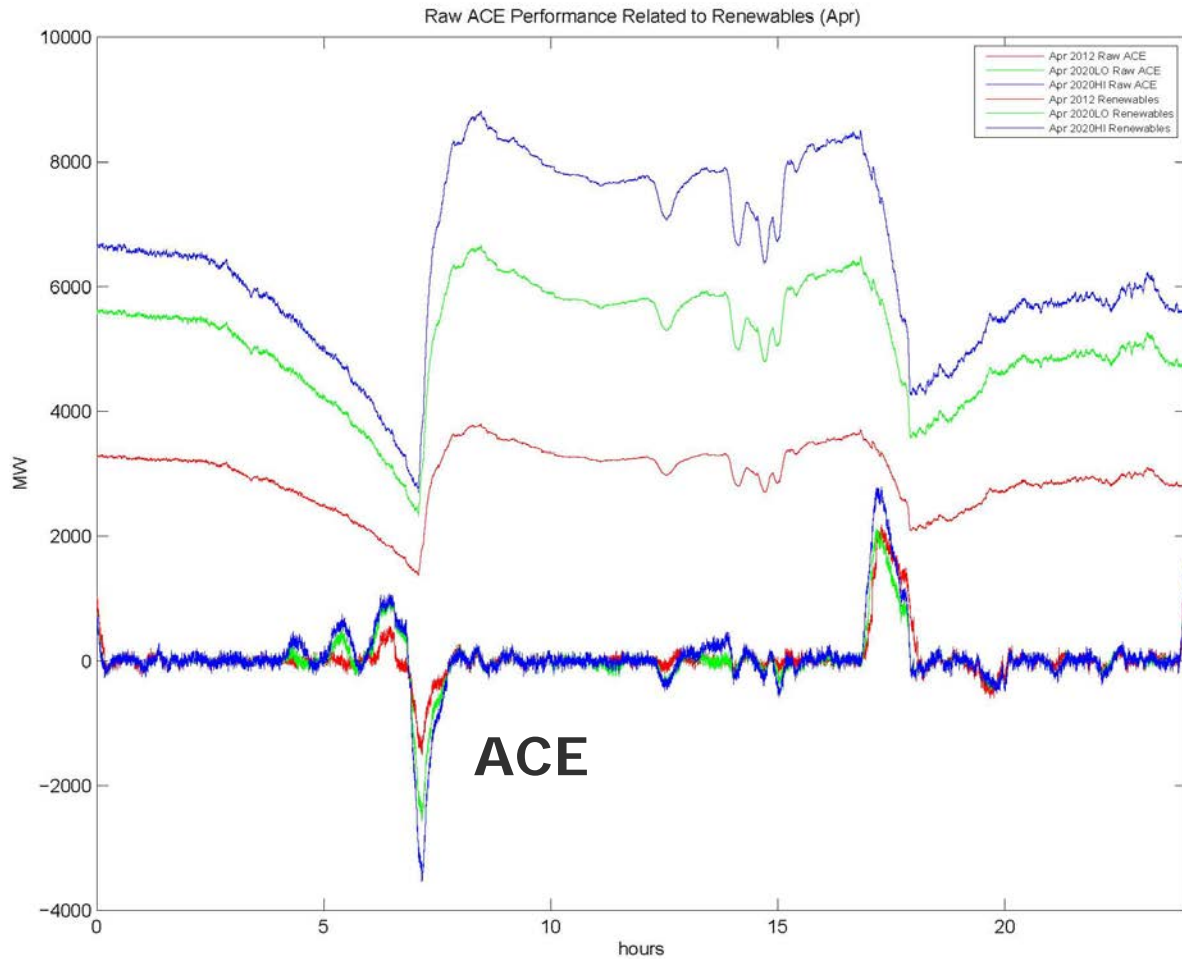
- Greater supply volatility
 - Over 20,000 MW of wind and solar capacity will be added
- Uncertainty surrounding thermal generation resources
 - ~12,000 MW of OTC thermal generation will be repowered or retired
- Less predictable load patterns
 - Changes in load patterns due to distributed energy resources and electric vehicles
- Changing revenue patterns
 - Decreasing marginal prices

* OTC – Once Through Cooling

Meeting Operational Challenges



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California Grid Study

- Undertaken using **KERMIT** tool, simulate grid now and for future scenarios.
- Energy **Ramps** <1 hour are going to be major issues
- Increased renewable capacity will increase **regulation needs** significantly
- Large amounts of regulation alone will **not solve** the problem
- **Fast energy storage** with 2 hours of capacity or more is an (expensive) solution

Required Storage Capacity and Control

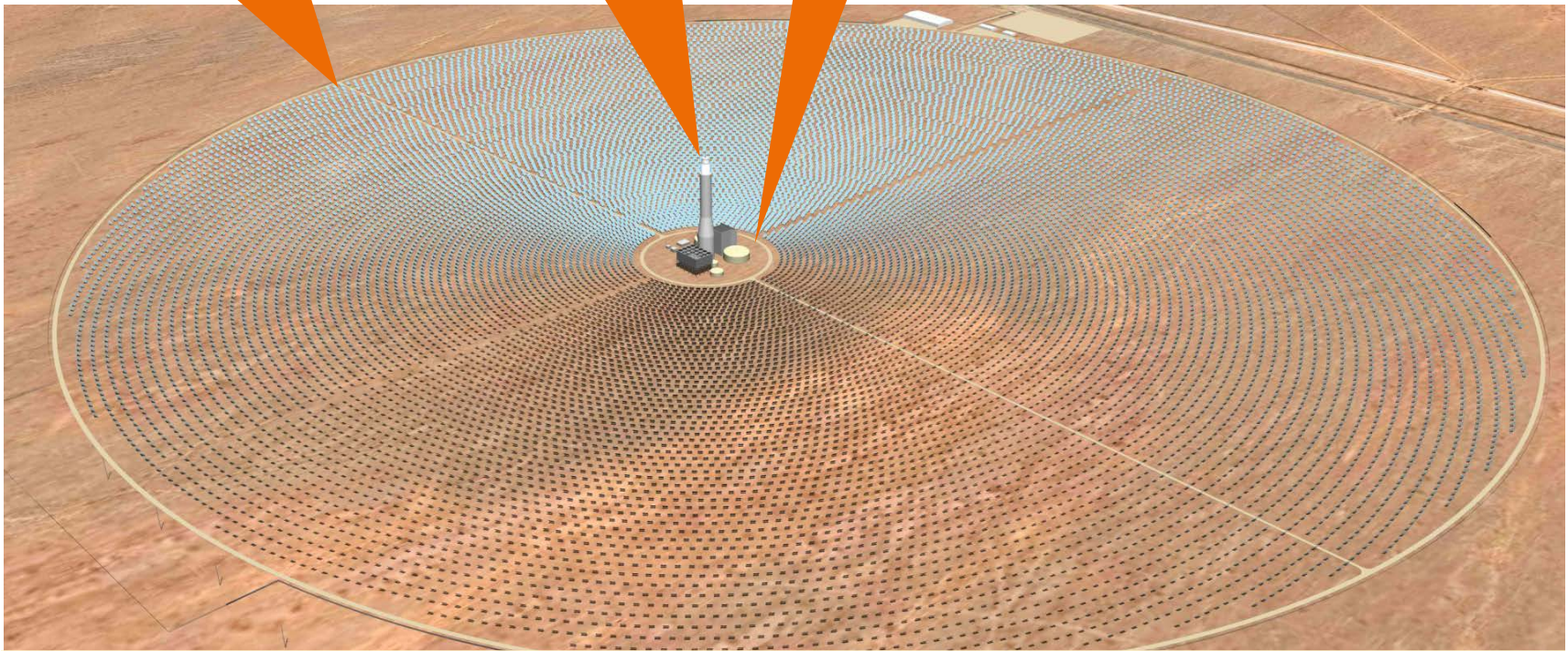
- **Storage capacity** needed
 - 2012 scenario, 1500MW 2h storage enough in most cases
 - In 2020HI scenario, 3000MW 2h storage enough in most cases
 - Even so performance will not be acceptable by today's standards
 - Requires further investigation of renewable scheduling for certainty
 - Performance will be sensitive to 15 – 30 minute errors in renewable forecasting
- 30 – 50 MW storage **equivalent** to 110 MW Conventional Thermal
 - Varies with other system conditions, especially how much regulation is present
- System regulation requirements for non-ramping periods
 - More than 800 MW in 2012
 - Approximately 1600 MW in 2020

Concentrated Solar Storage Solution

Thousands of sun-tracking mirrors

Central tower over 200m tall

Molten salt energy storage and steam power plant generate electricity on demand

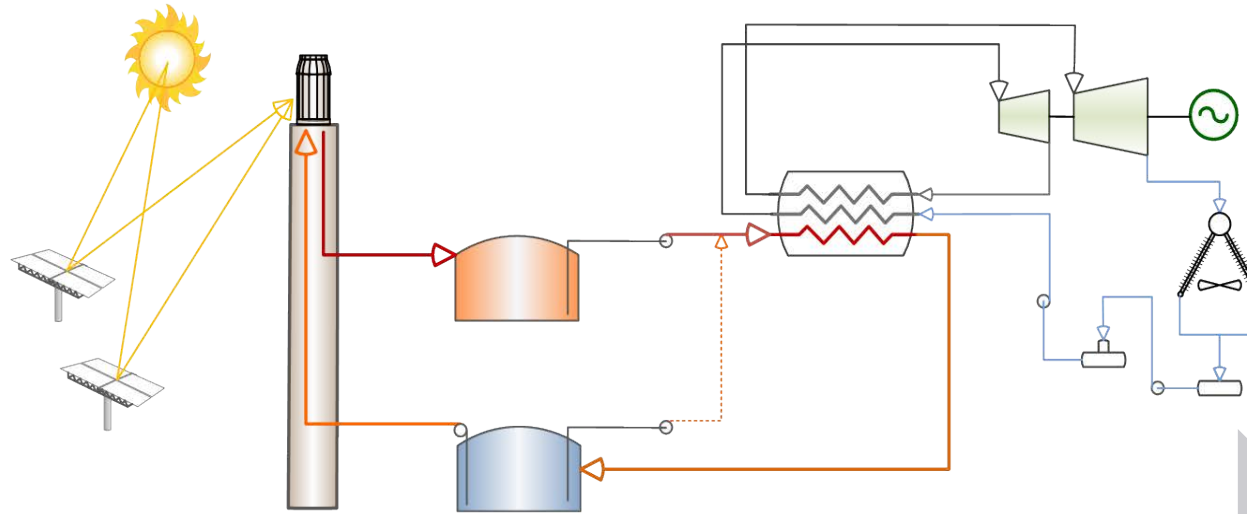


Solar Reserve's Crescent Dunes 110MW Project – with Storage

Courtesy: Solar Reserve

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Concentrated Solar Storage Solution



Sunlight heats the molten salts directly

Molten salt reserve used to power conventional steam turbine

Storage with greater flexibility at lower cost

Benefits of Concentrated Solar Storage

- Renewable resource that can function as a **load-following** plant
- **Dispatchable** renewable generation not tied to fuel prices
- Management of **large ramps**
 - Energy can be stored, not dumped
- **Zero emissions** ancillary services
- Lower **exposure** to fluctuating gas prices
- Will provide **additional value streams** for the plant owner
 - The storage component enables participation in ancillary and real-time markets
 - Power can be sold when prices are most favorable
 - Potential new market rules or products may favour flexible generation
- **Cost of Storage: ~ 15-20%** of project capital costs

Thank-you

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