# Role of the Smart Grid in Facilitating the Integration of Renewables

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# What is a Smart Grid

"Smart grid" is a concept with many elements where monitoring and control of each element in the chain of generation, transmission, distribution and end-use allow the electricity delivery and use to be more efficient.

# Electric Power Grid

Source: www.sxc.hu

# Motivation for a Smart Grid

Desire to make the grid smarter, safer, reliable and more cost-effective using advanced sensors, communication technologies and distributed computing.

# Difference Between a Normal Grid And a Smart Grid

Normal Phone

Smart Phone

# Starting and End Points of a Smart Grid

## From Generator to Refrigerator

Power Plant

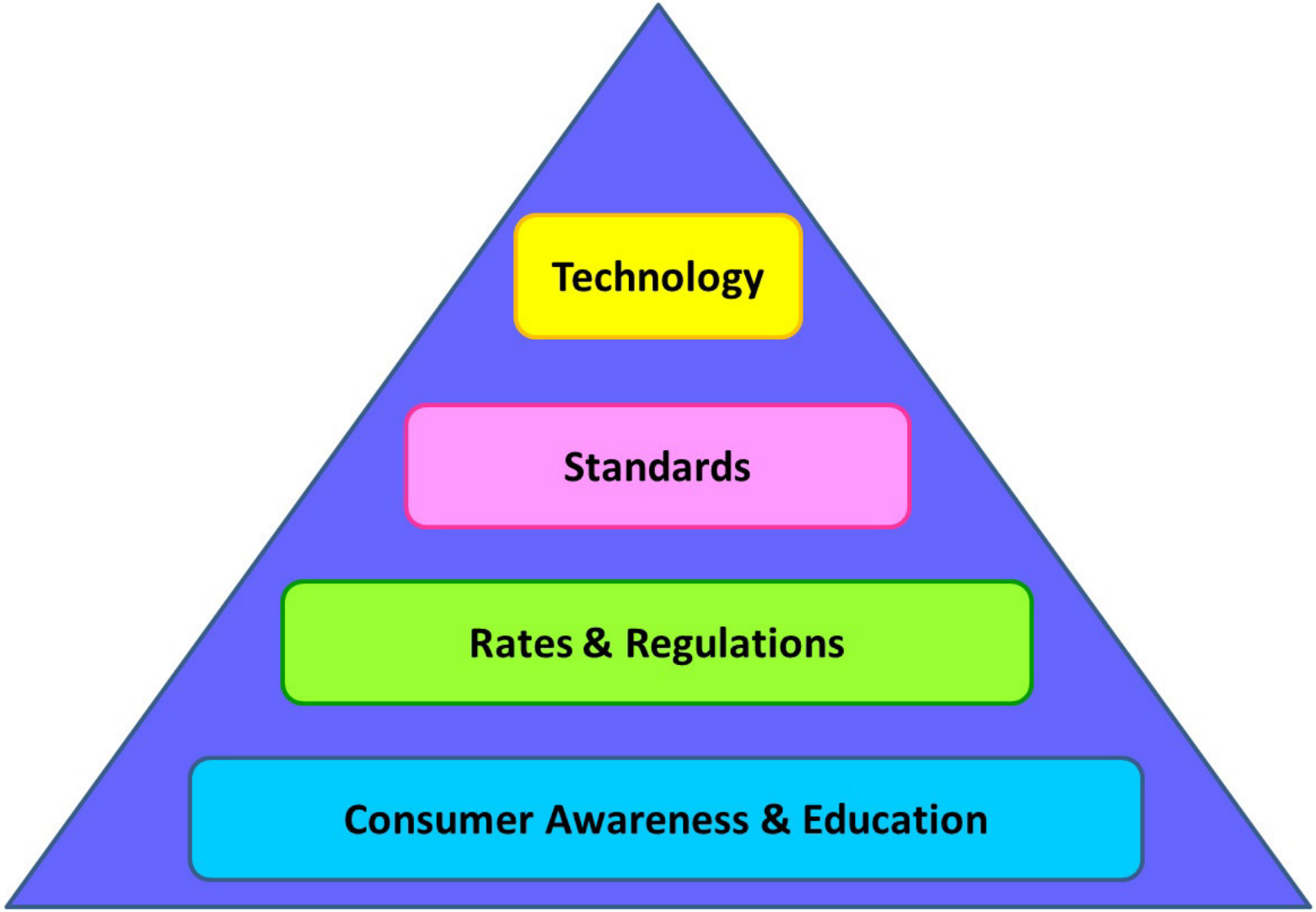
Transmission

Distribution

Home
Business

End-use
Appliances

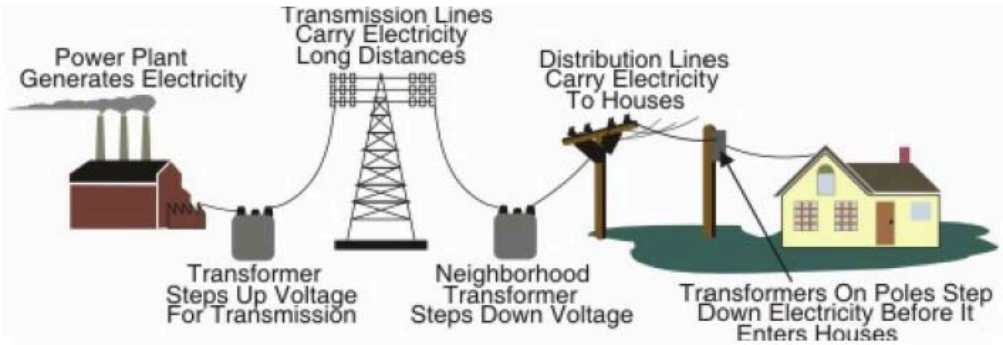
# Smart Grid Building Blocks



# Evolution of the Grid

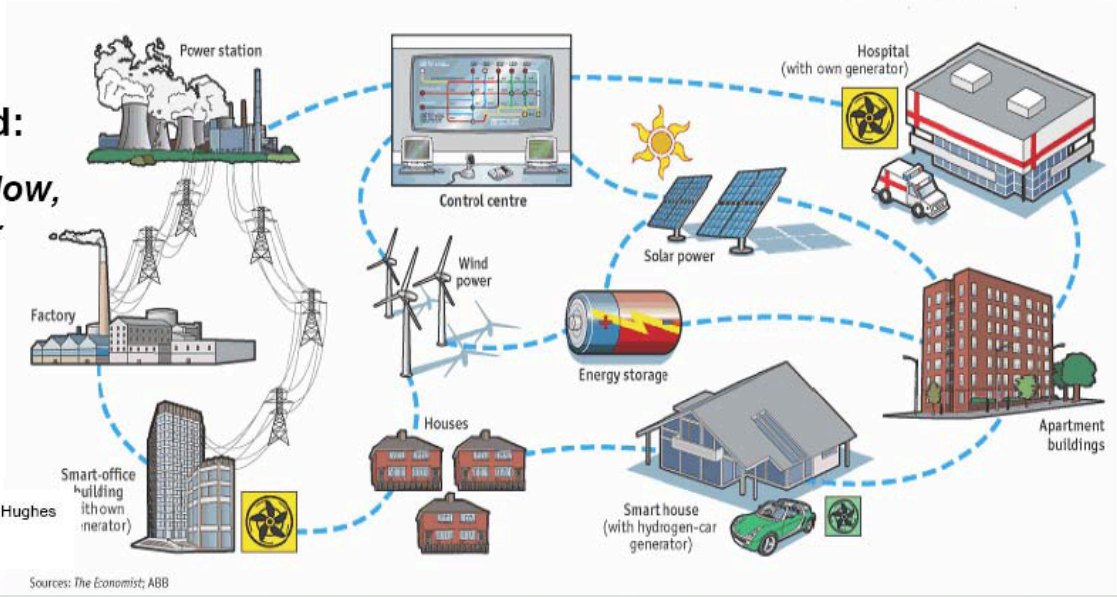
***Before*** **Smart Grid:**

***One-way power flow, simple interactions***




***After*** **Smart Grid:**

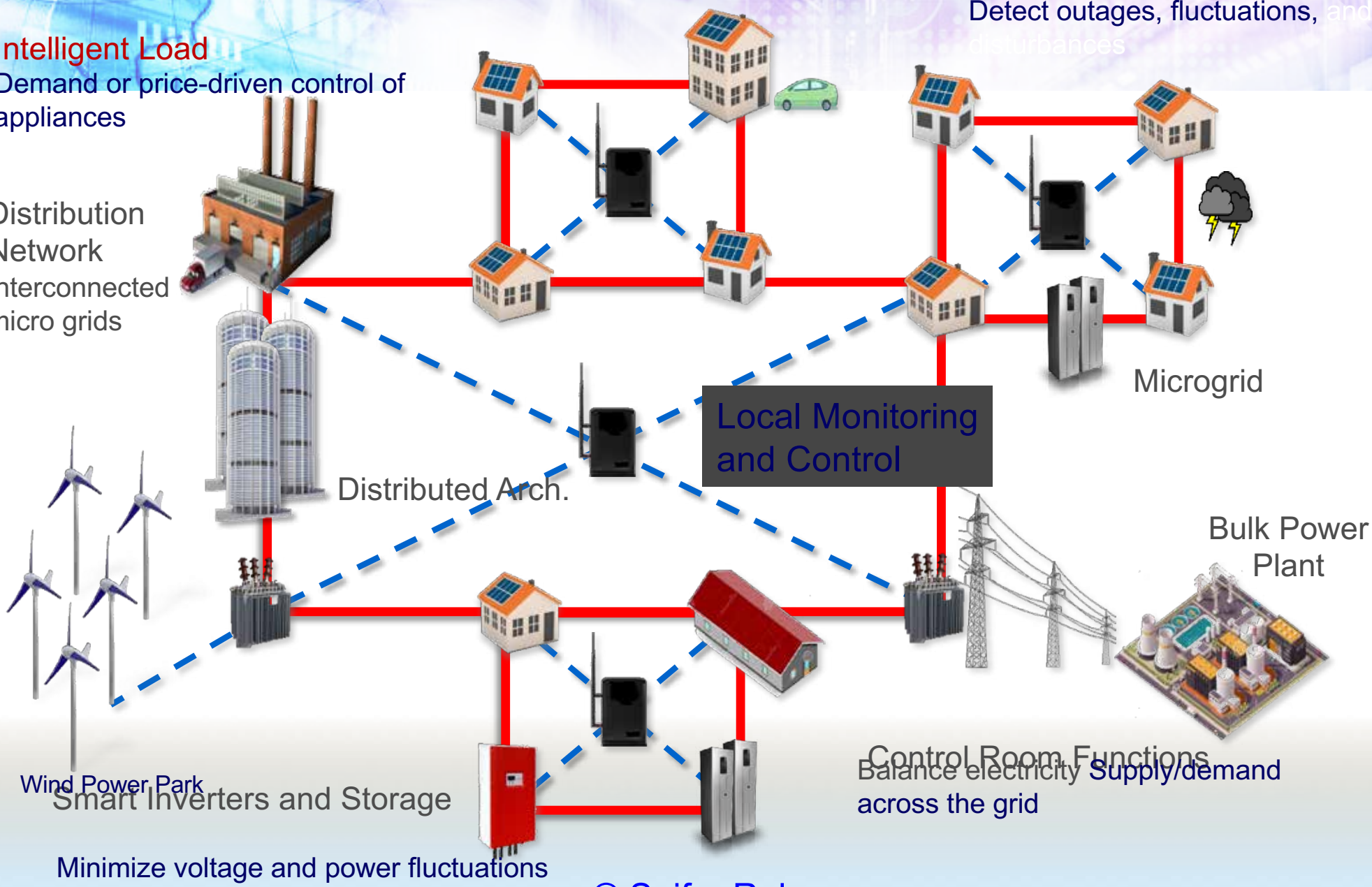
***Two-way power flow, multi-stakeholder interactions***




Adapted from EPRI Presentation by Joe Hughes
NIST Standards Workshop
April 28, 2008

Source: Altalink, Alberta, Canada

# Intelligent Interconnected Microgrids

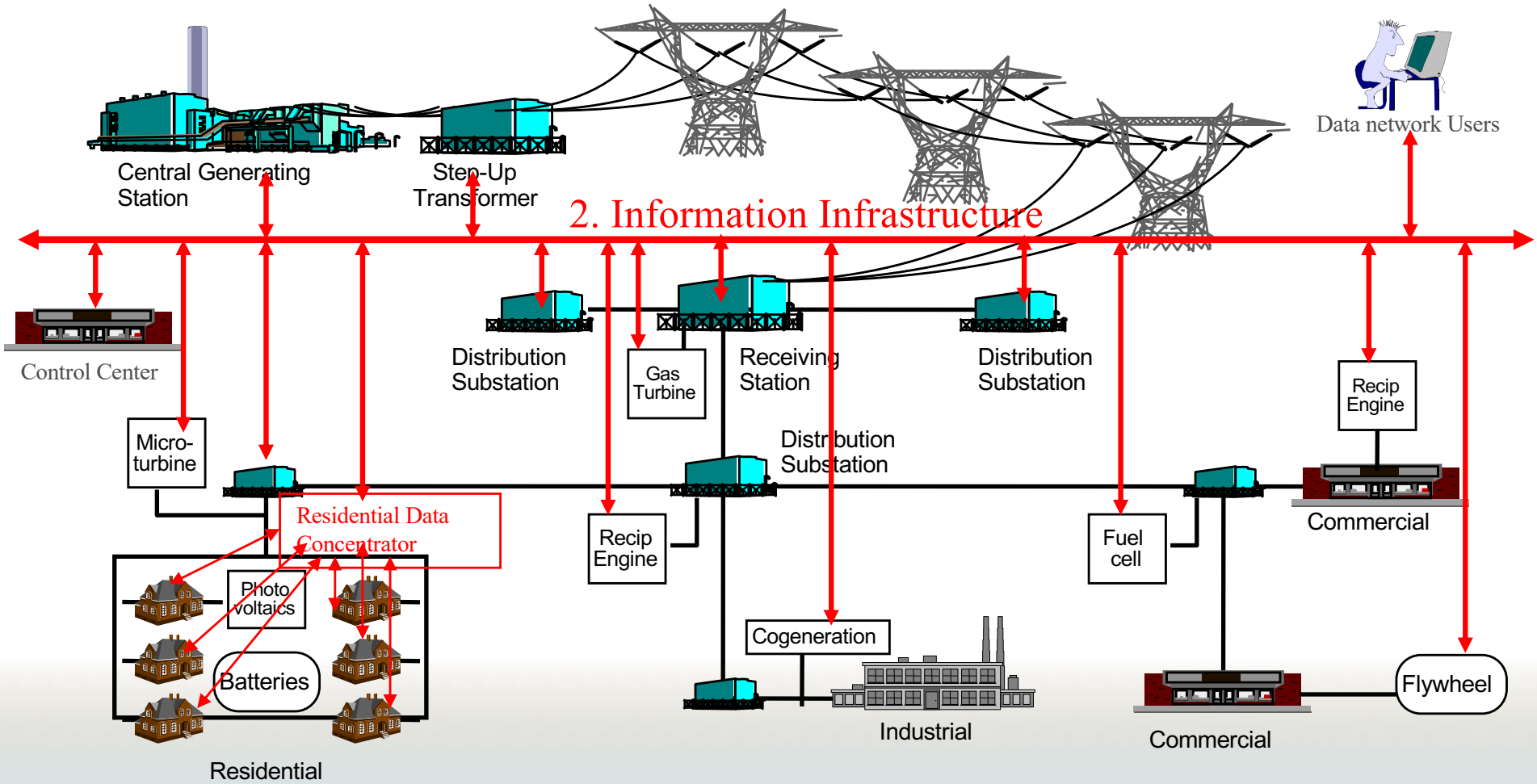


# Merging Power Flow with Information Flow:

# Integrated Communications

# Electric Power & Communication Infrastructures

1.Power Infrastructure

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# Changing Landscape for the Electric Utility

# Issues with Distributed Generation

- Wind and solar are intermittent
- Hydro is space limited
- Resource is free but not always usable

Off-shore Wind turbines, Blyth, U.K.

# Wind Energy

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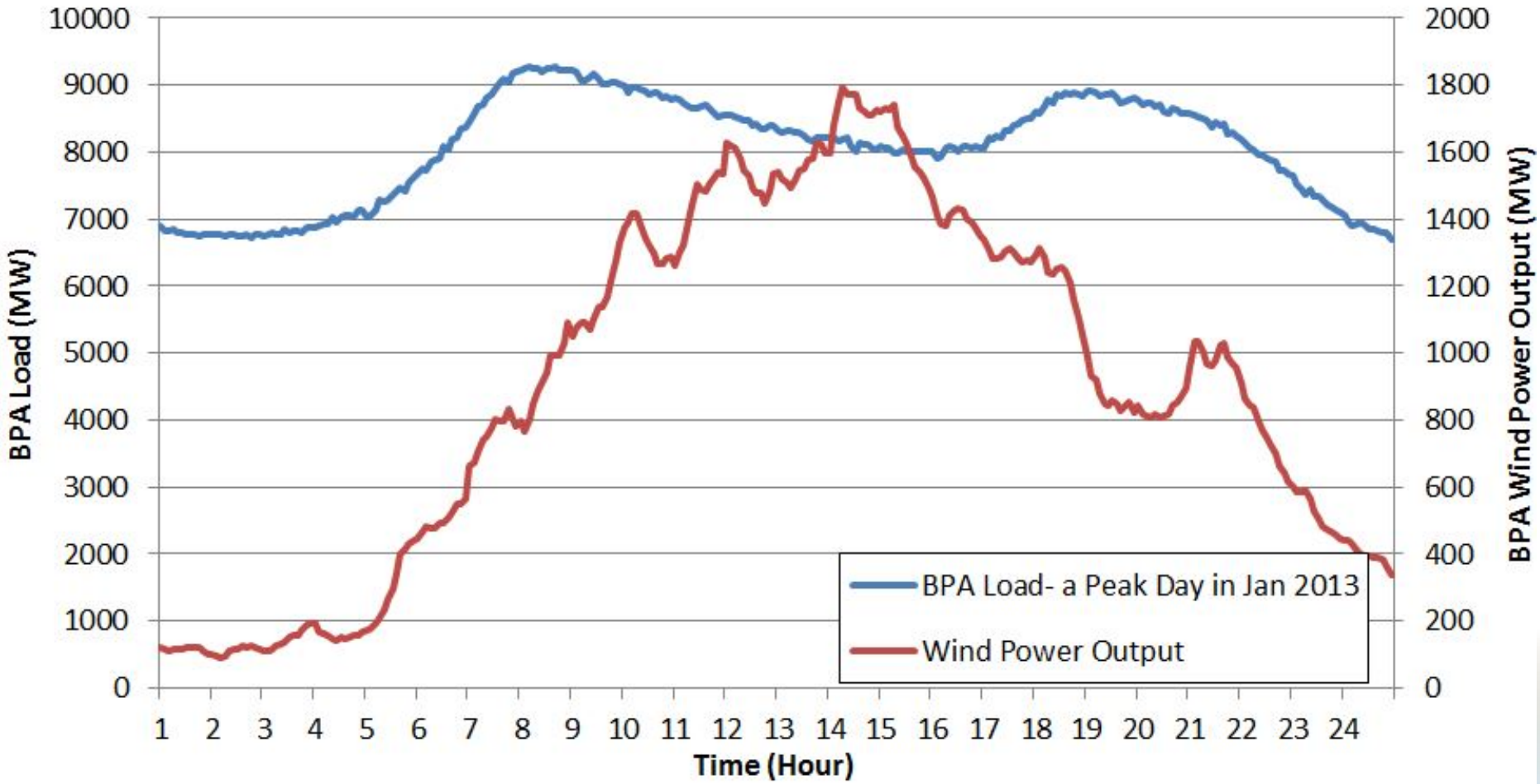

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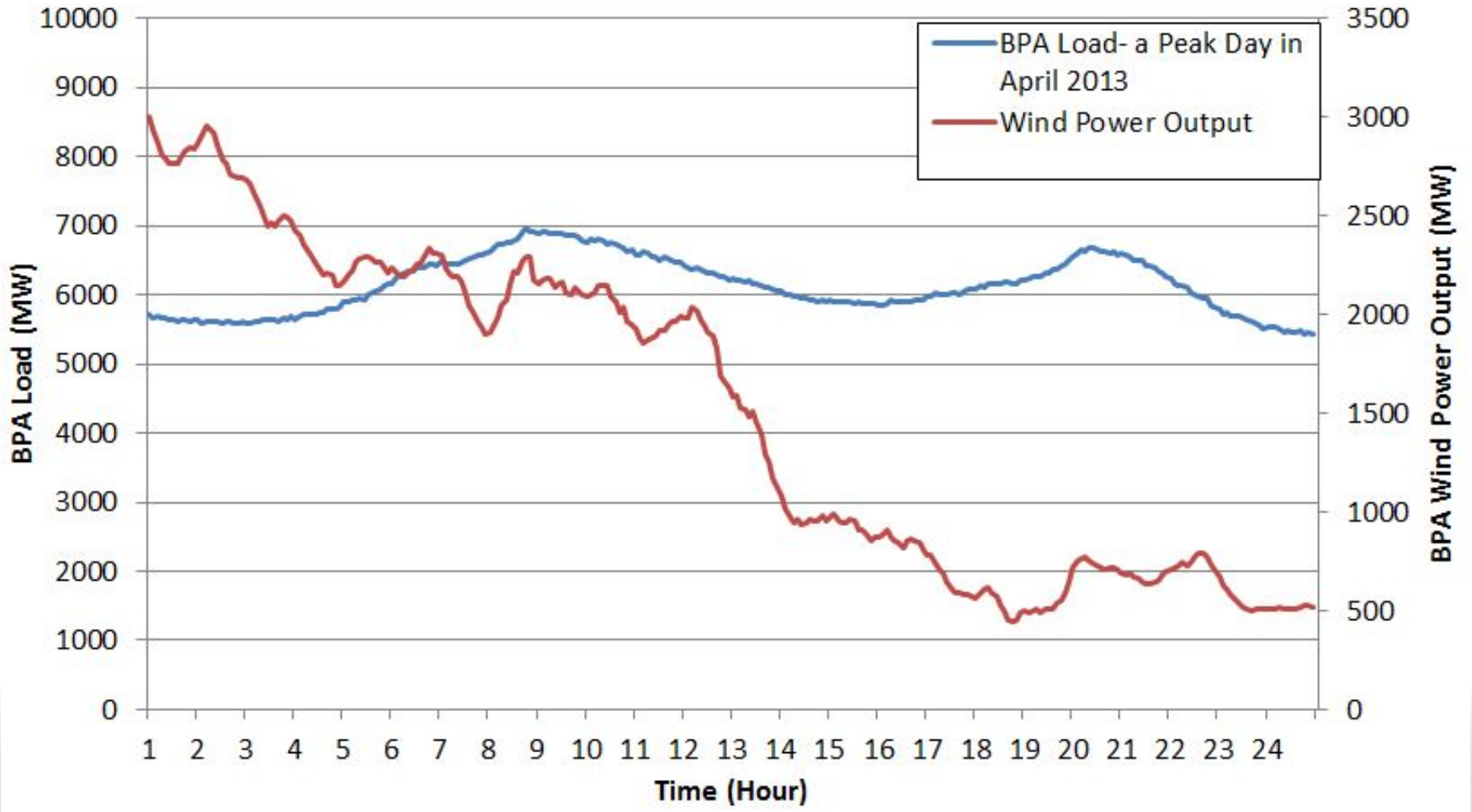

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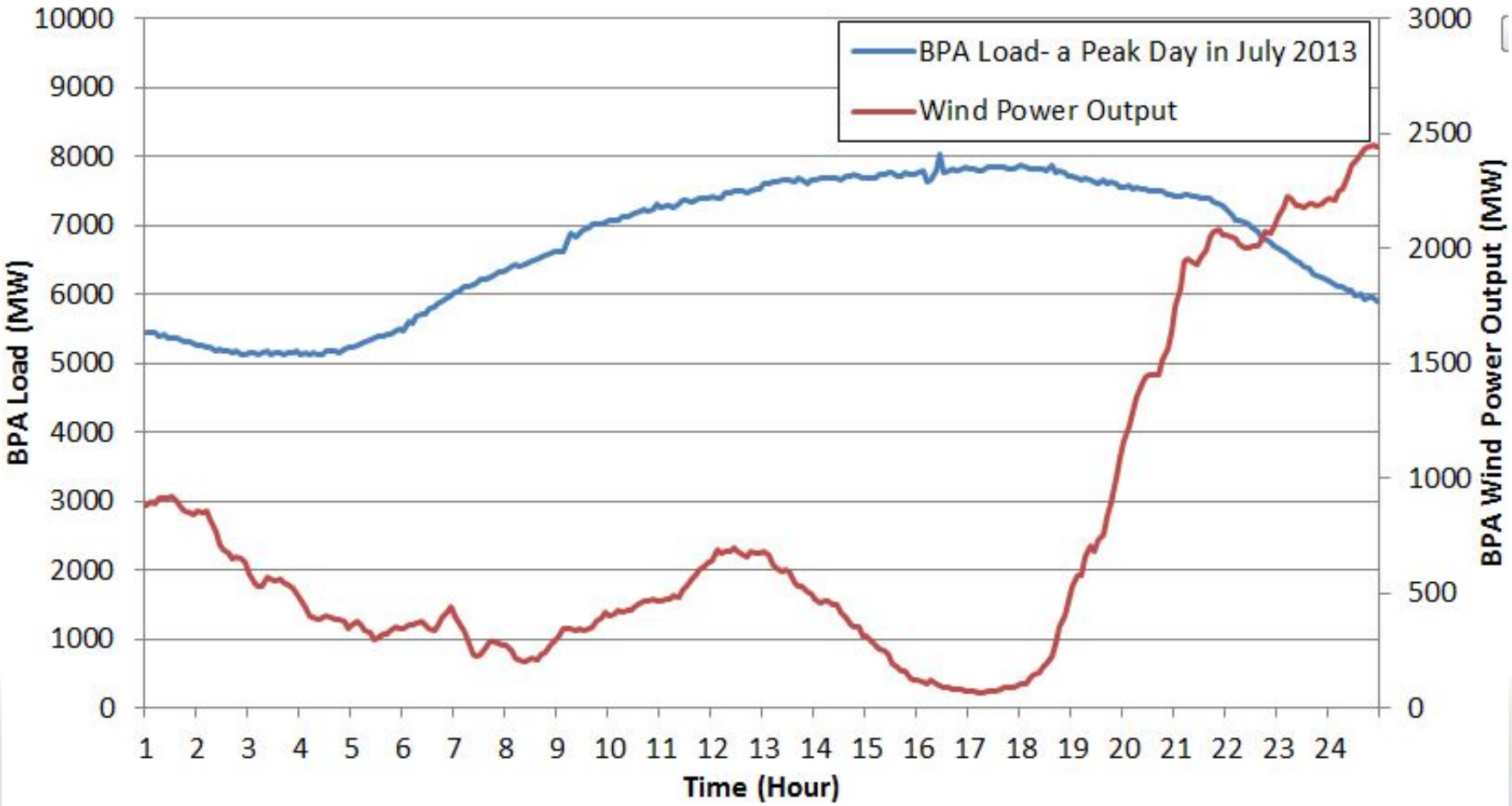

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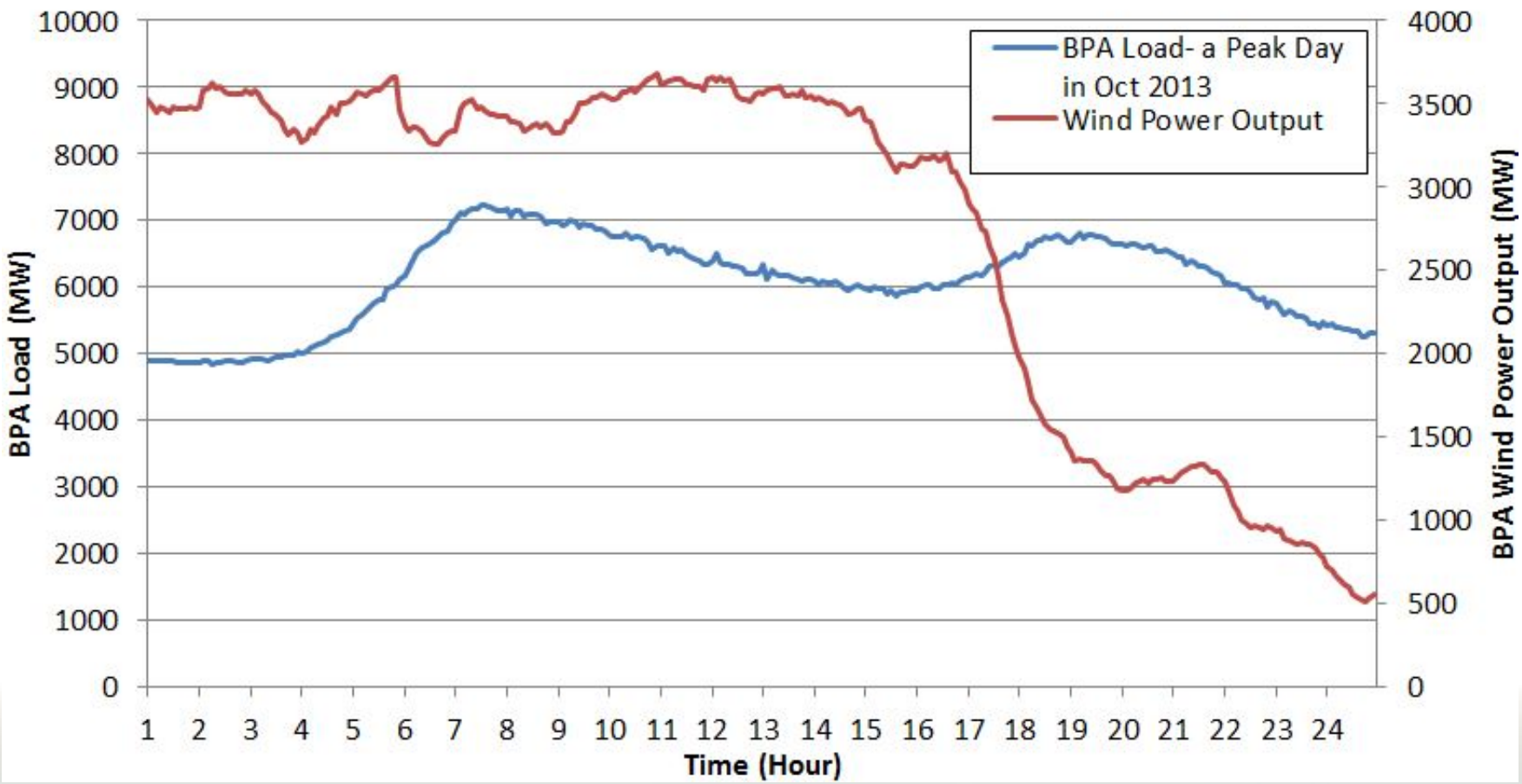

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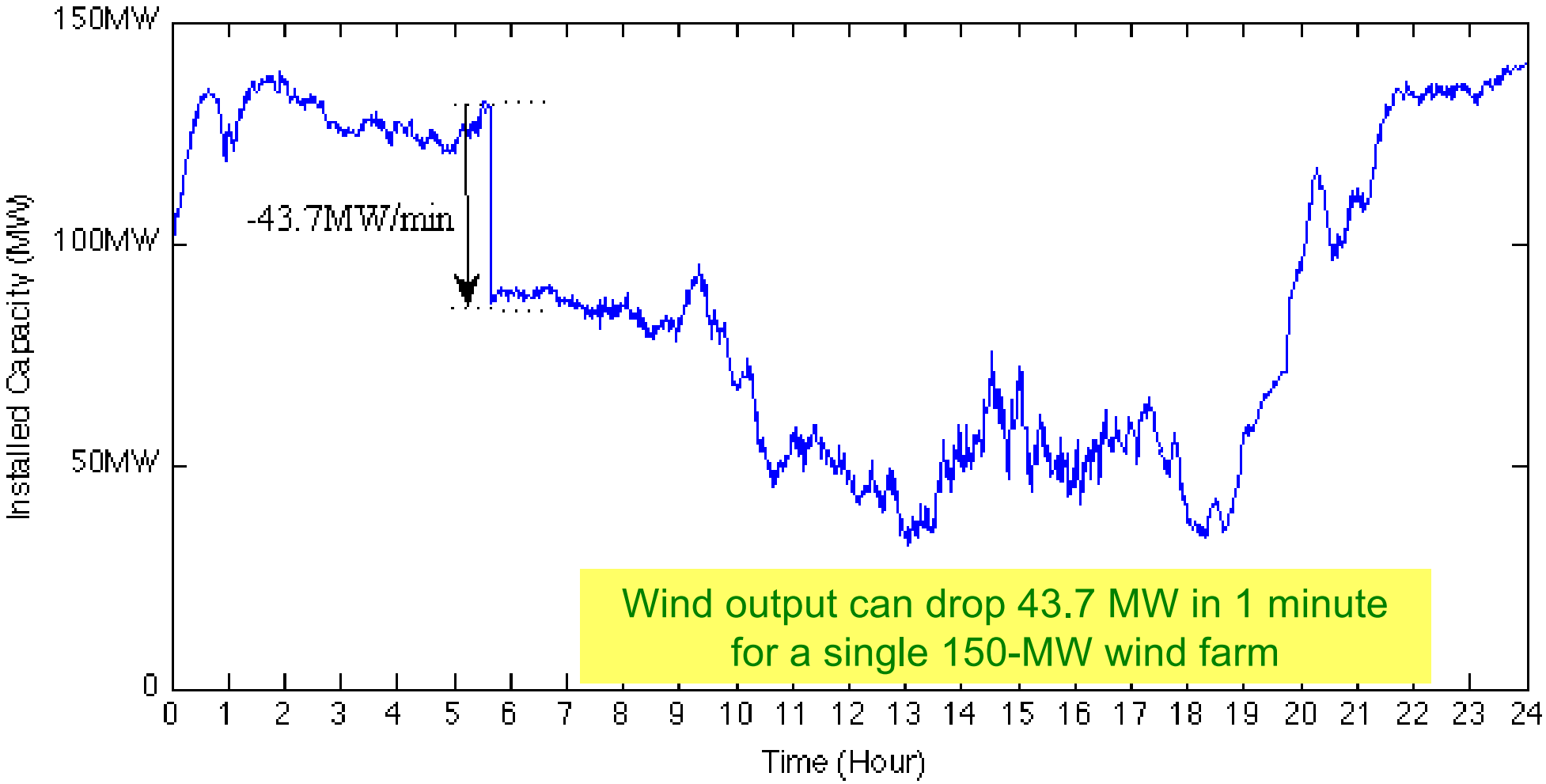
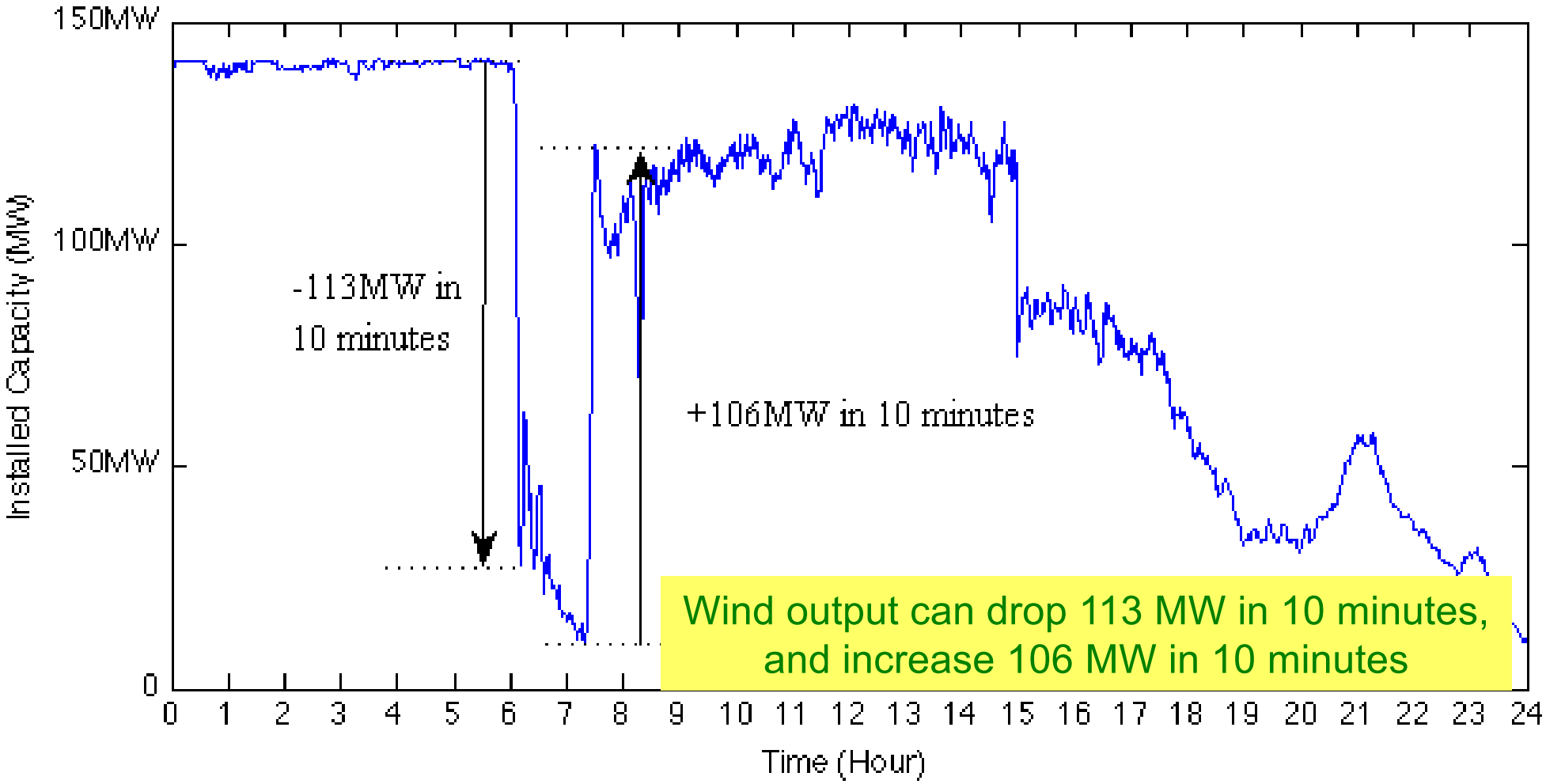



Wind output can drop 43.7 MW in 1 minute for a single 150-MW wind farm

Source: NREL

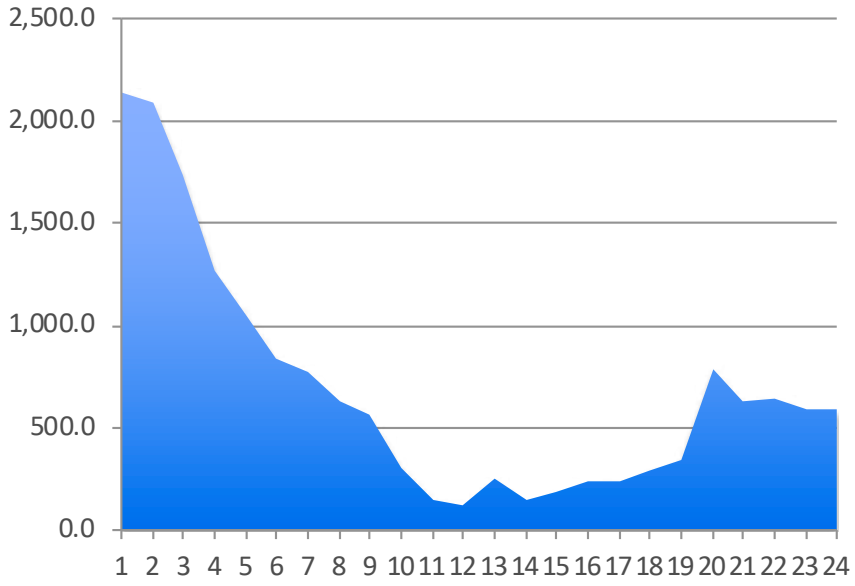
# 10-min Variation of a 150MW Wind Farm Output in Texas, 2008




Wind output can drop 113 MW in 10 minutes, and increase 106 MW in 10 minutes

Source: NREL

# Hourly wind power variation (MW) in Texas, USA (01 and 02 Jan 2008)

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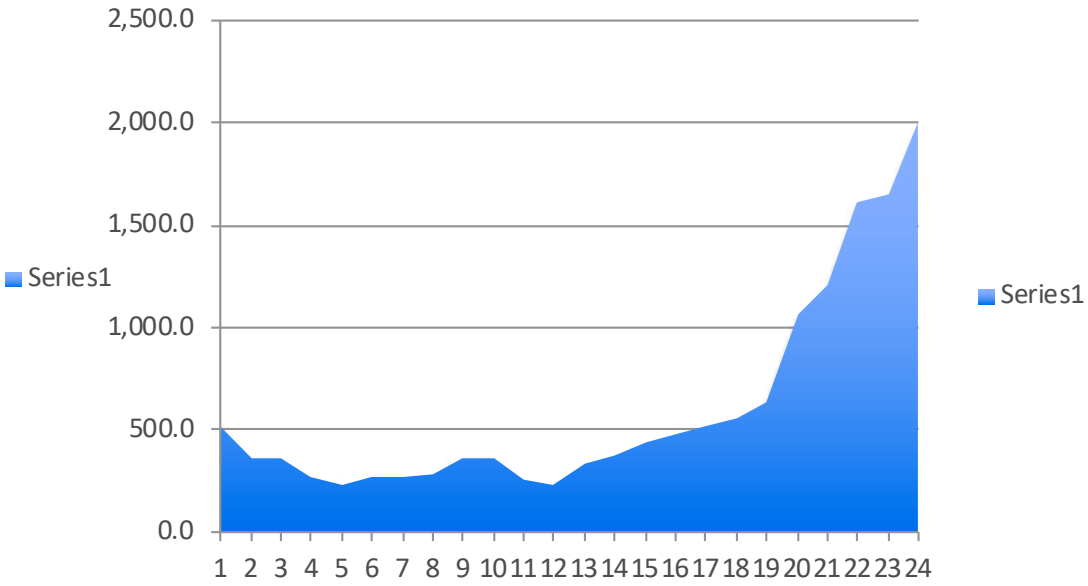


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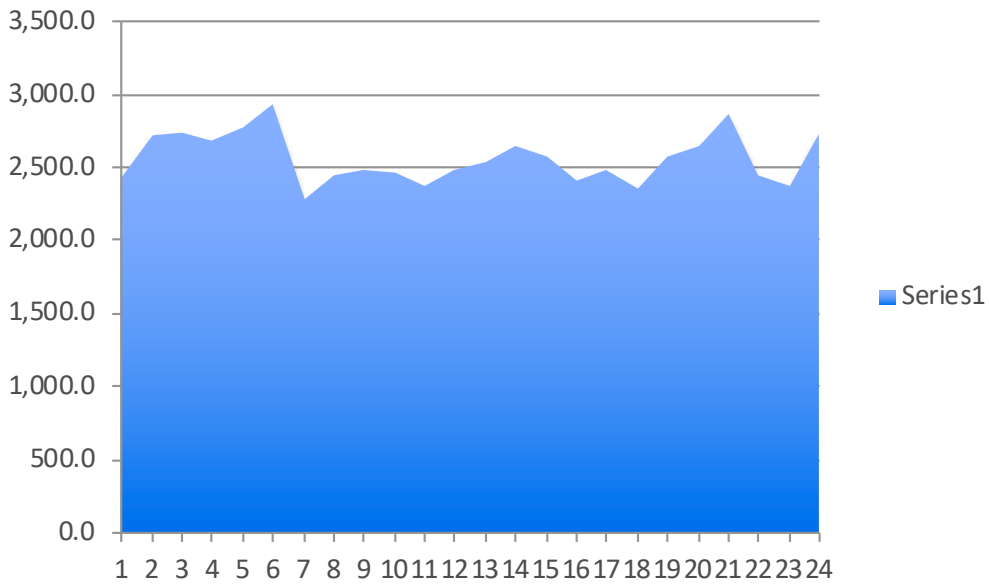


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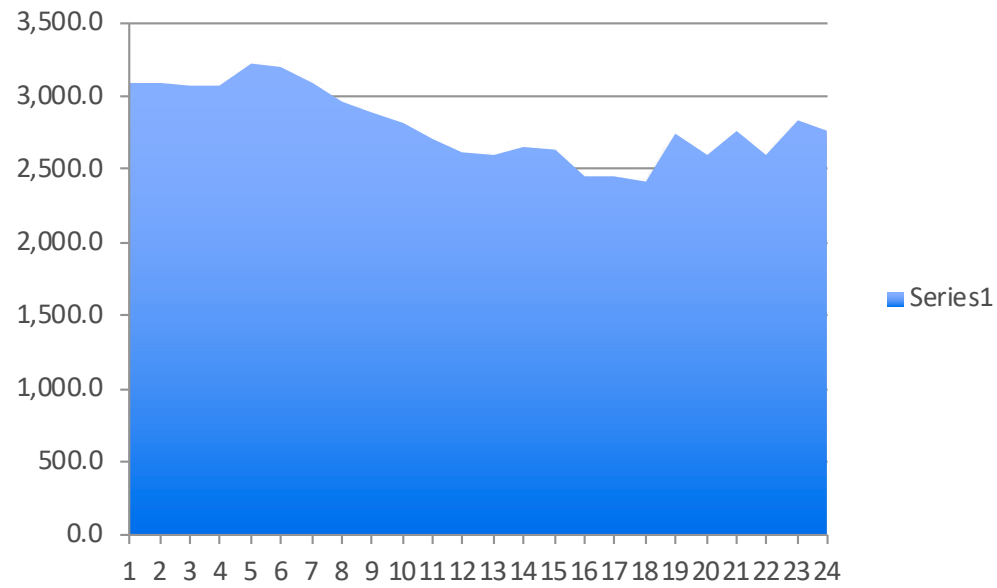


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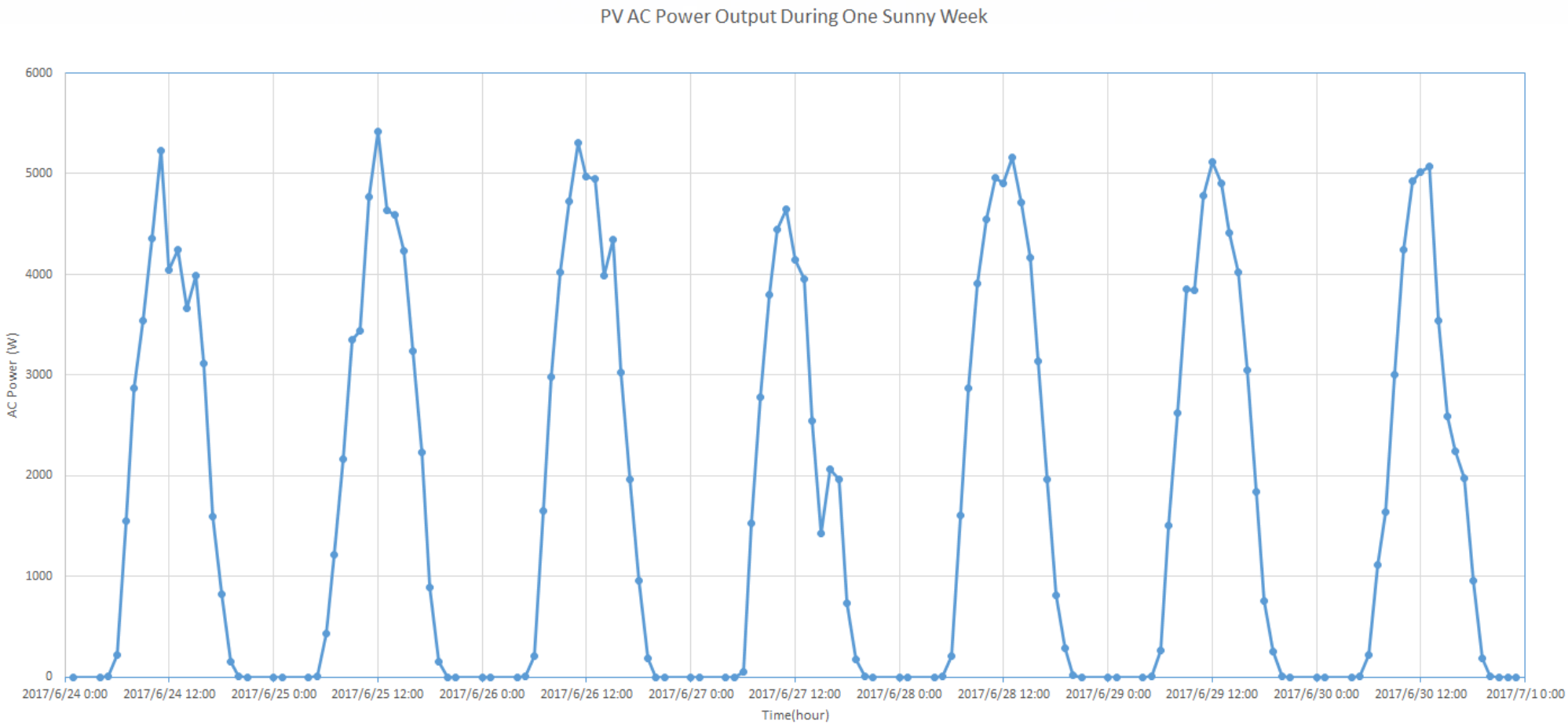
# Roof-top Solar Photovoltaics in Virginia

# Solar Panels in Winter

# 7-Day Solar PV Output

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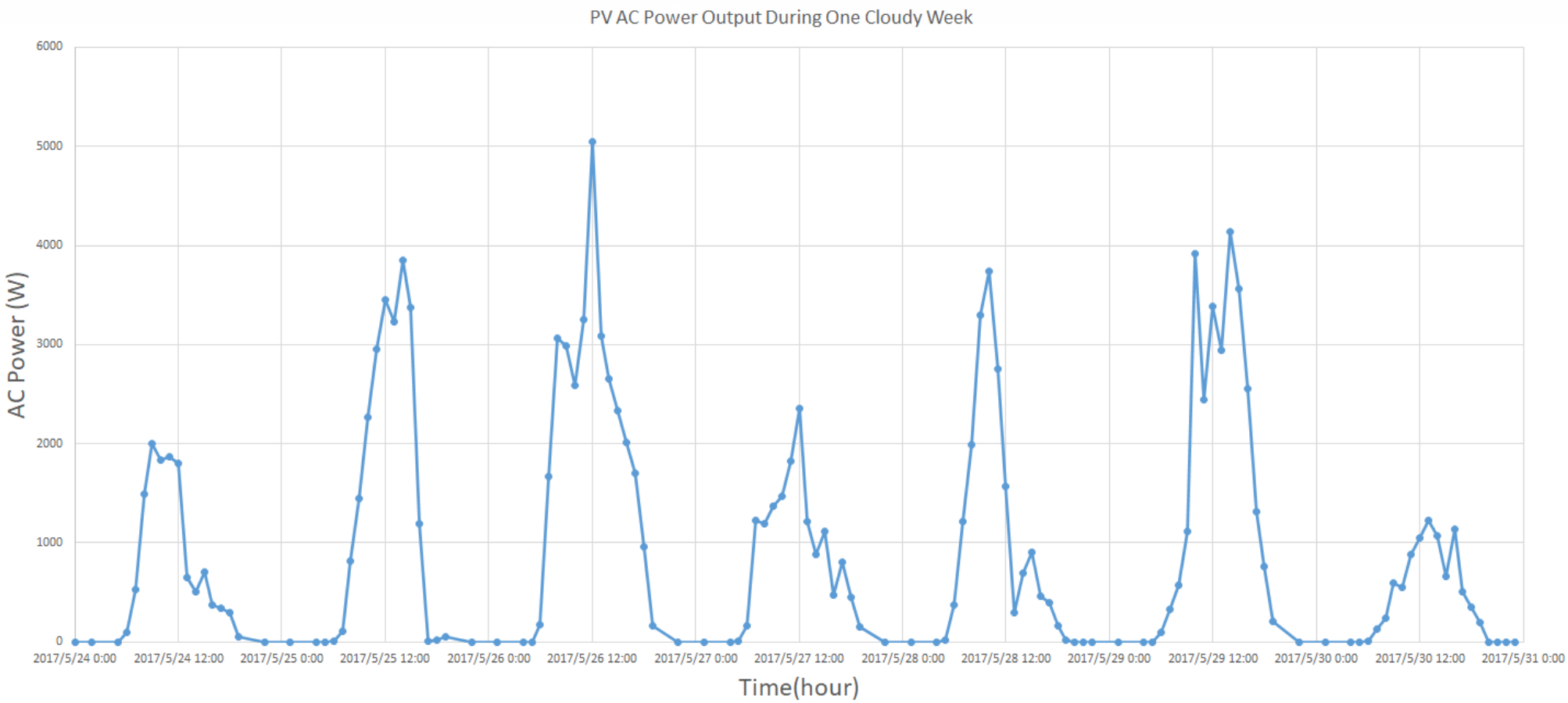
# 7-Day Solar PV Output (intermittent)

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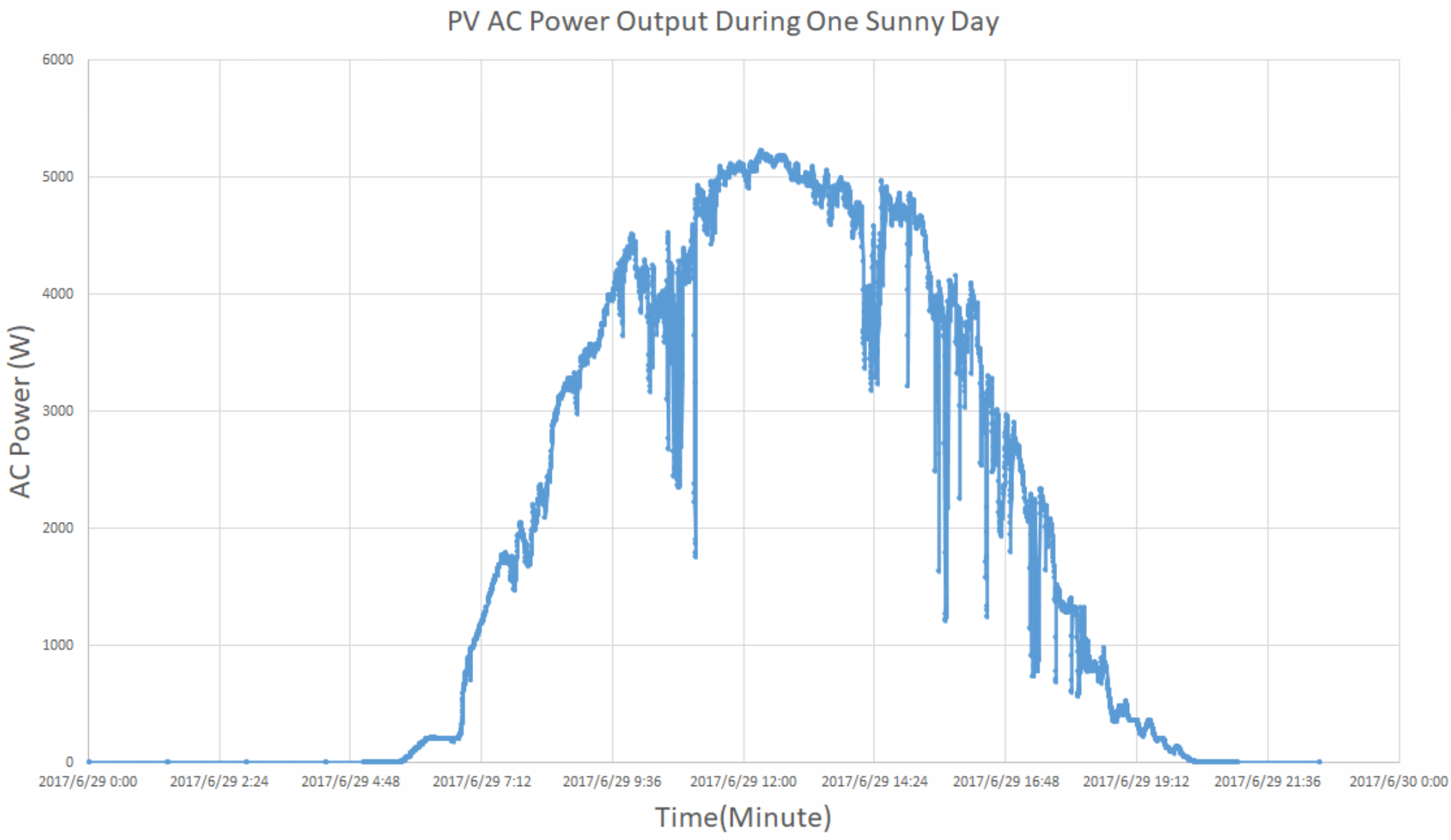

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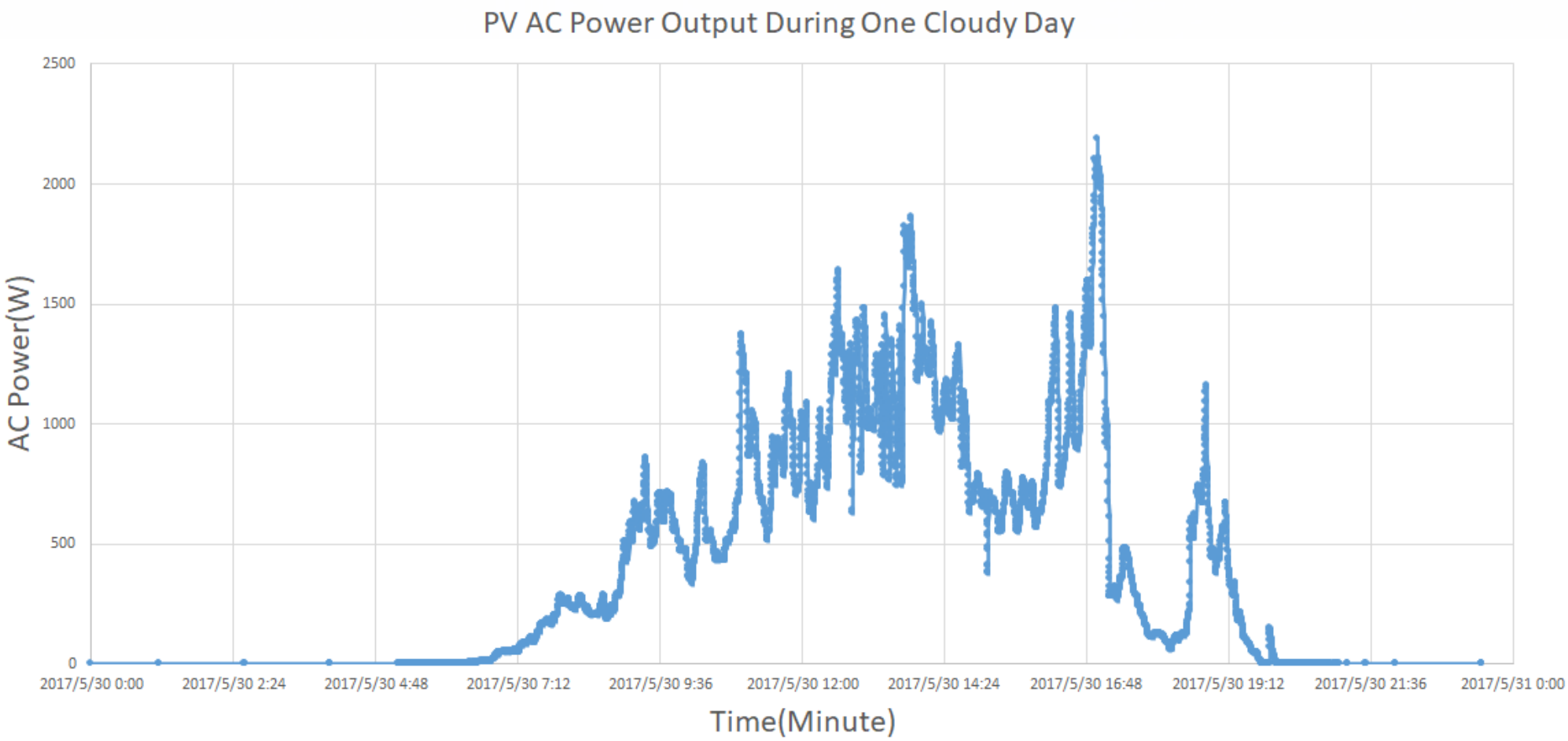


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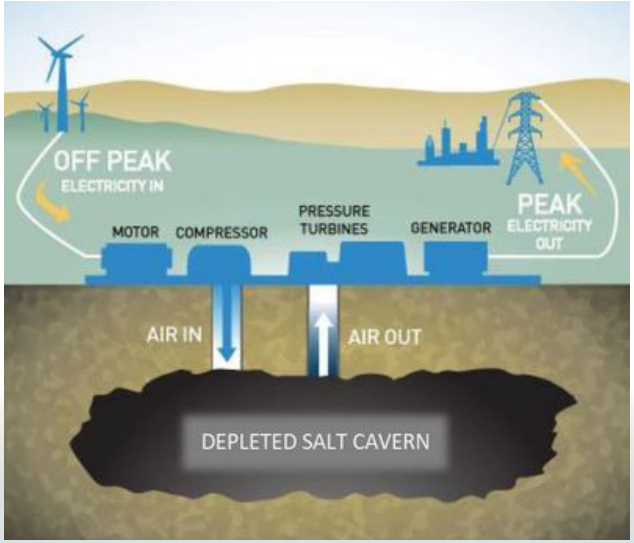
# Can the Intermittency be Absorbed by the Network?

Battery storage

Pumped Storage

Compressed Air Storage



# Demand Response

“Demand Response is a customer action to control load to meet a certain target. Here the customer chooses what load to control and for how long”.

This is different from Demand Side Management (DSM) where the load is controlled by the electric utility and the customer has no control beyond the initial consent.

# New Paradigm for the Power System

- Historically: Demand driven supply
  (supply responds to demand)
- New Reality: Supply driven demand
  (demand needs to adjust to meet fluctuating supply with help from storage)

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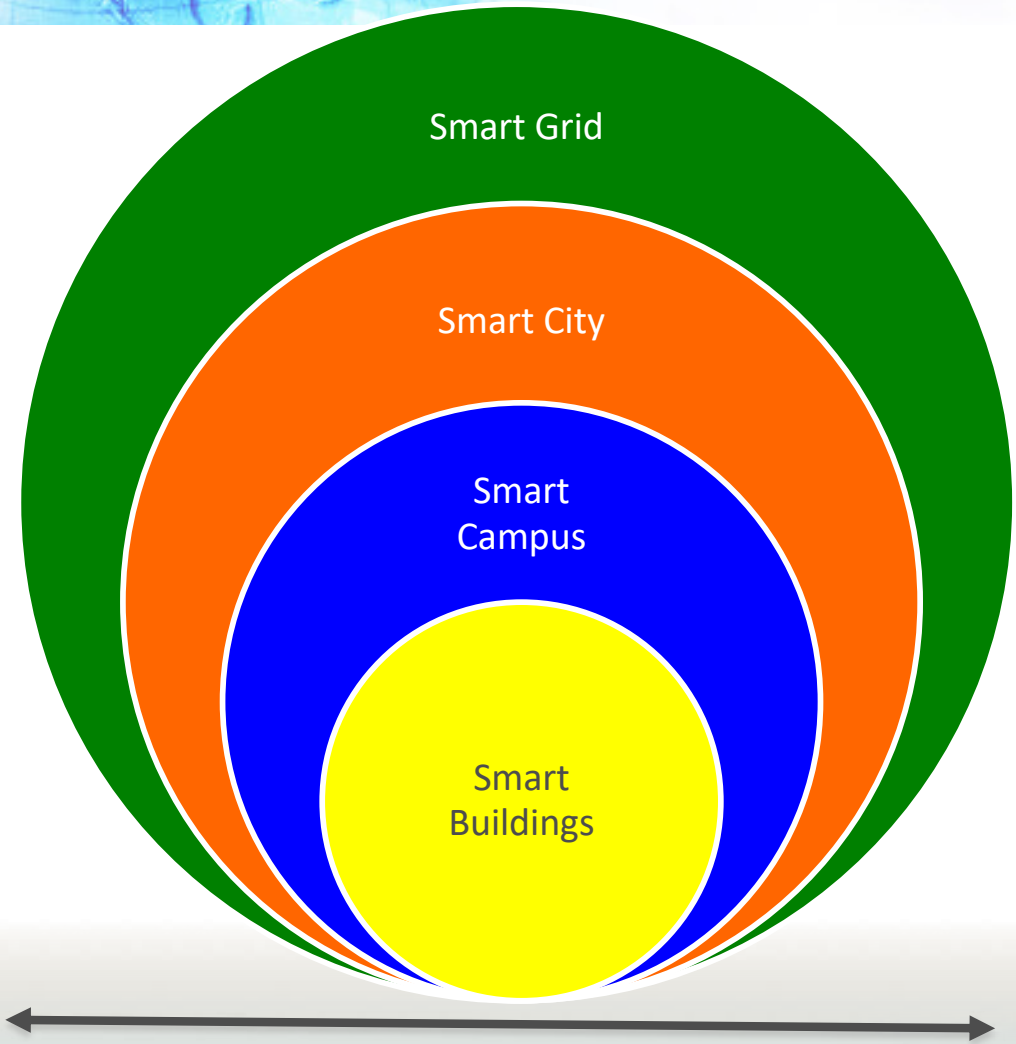


Supported by ICT and distributed networks of intelligent sensors, data centers/clouds

**Smart grid:** Bi-directional flows of energy, remote control/automation of power, integrated distributed energy…

**Smart city:** Complex system of interconnected infrastructures and services…

**Smart Campus:** A collection of buildings managed by the same facility manager…

**Smart buildings:** Intelligent building automation systems, smart devices, productive users, grid integration…

# What makes a Building Smart


A single platform for monitoring and control of HVAC, lighting, water supply, sensor networks, security camera & fire emergency

Source: Smart Building Market To Grow 30% by 2020, http://www.iotsolutionprovider.com/smart-building/smart-building-market-to-grow-30-by-2020, December 2015.

# Cumulative Benefits of Building Load Control

- A large number of buildings can be controlled to absorb large fluctuations of supply in the short term
- Minimal storage is required
- Investment is for monitoring and control

# Addressing the Intermittency in Renewable Generation

- Smart vs. not-so-smart load control

  (adjust temperature set points in an air conditioner or water heater vs. turning the unit off)

- Size the storage to take advantage of demand dynamics
- Control the renewable generation to avoid instability (output control from PV inverters)

# I would like to see a broader IEEE

We need to ensure that we are “READY FOR RECOVERY”, when we get back to the “NEW NORMAL” after COVID-19. Let us enhance cooperation, collaboration and community spirit.

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