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

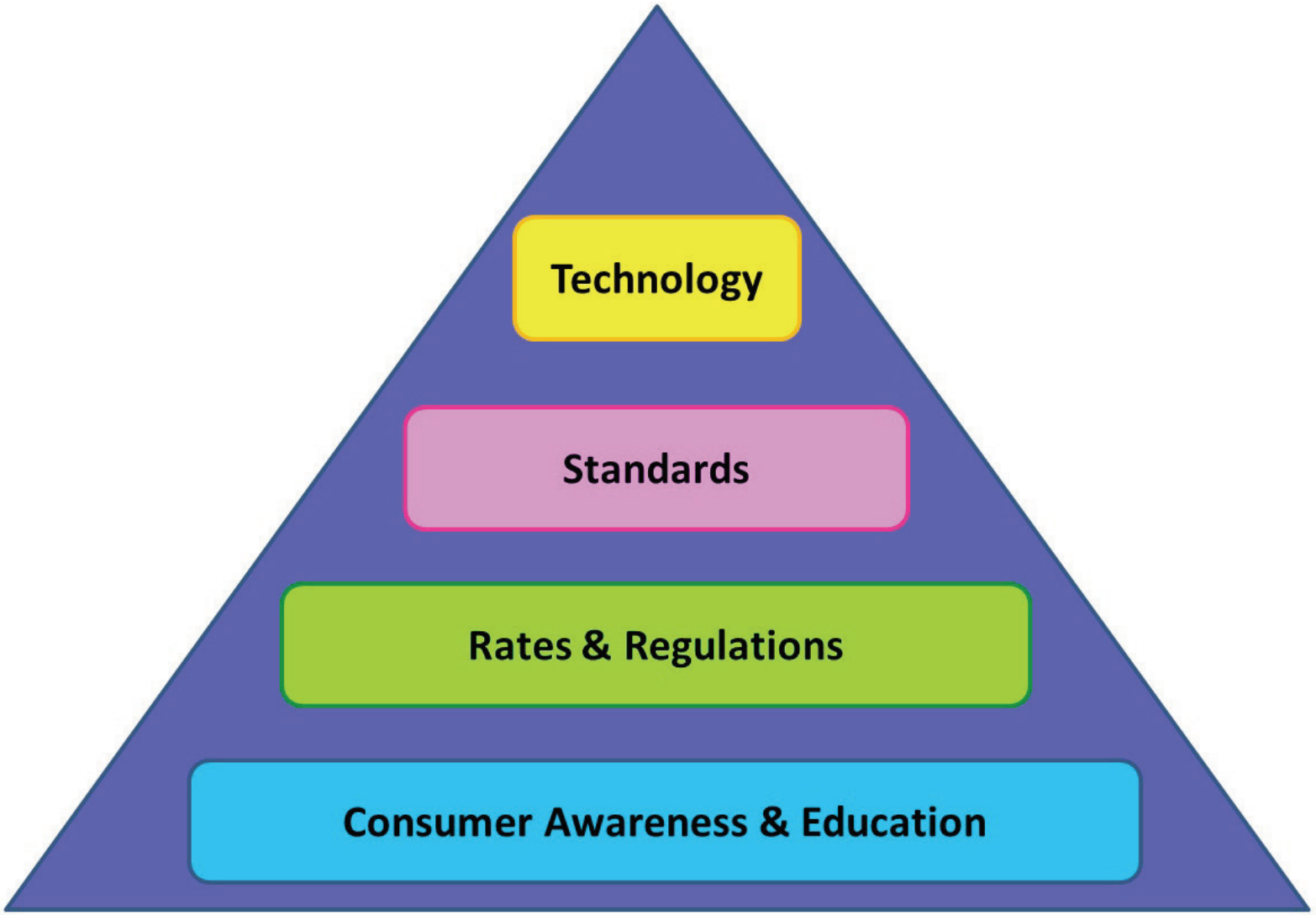
Transmission

Distribution

Home
Business

End-use
Appliances

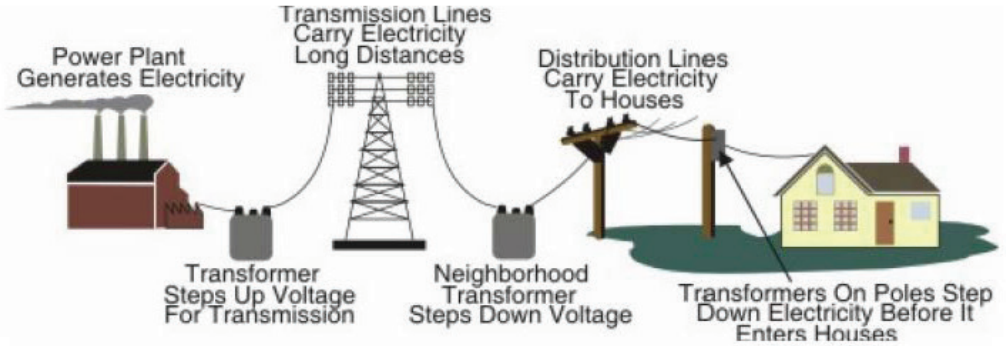
Smart Grid Building Blocks



Evolution of the Grid

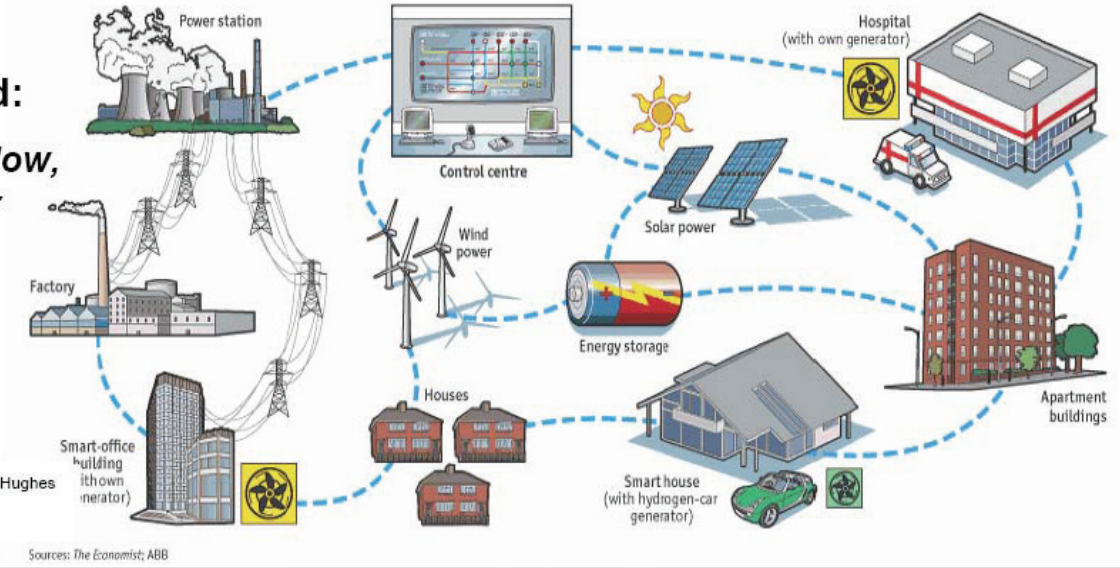
Before Smart Grid:

One-way power flow, simple interactions



After Smart Grid:

Two-way power flow, multi-stakeholder interactions



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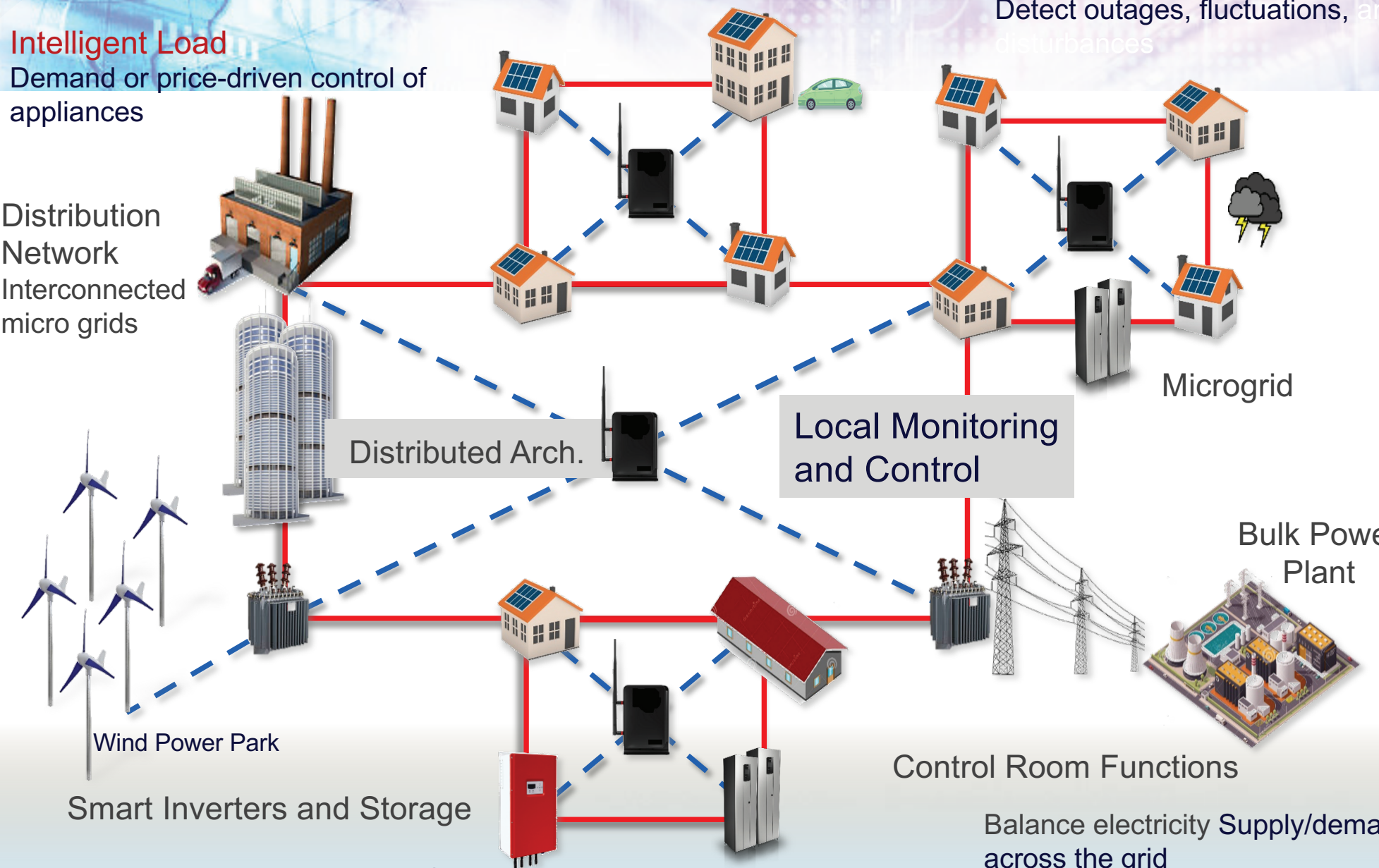
NIST Standards Workshop
April 28, 2008

Source: Altalink, Alberta, Canada

Intelligent Interconnected Microgrids

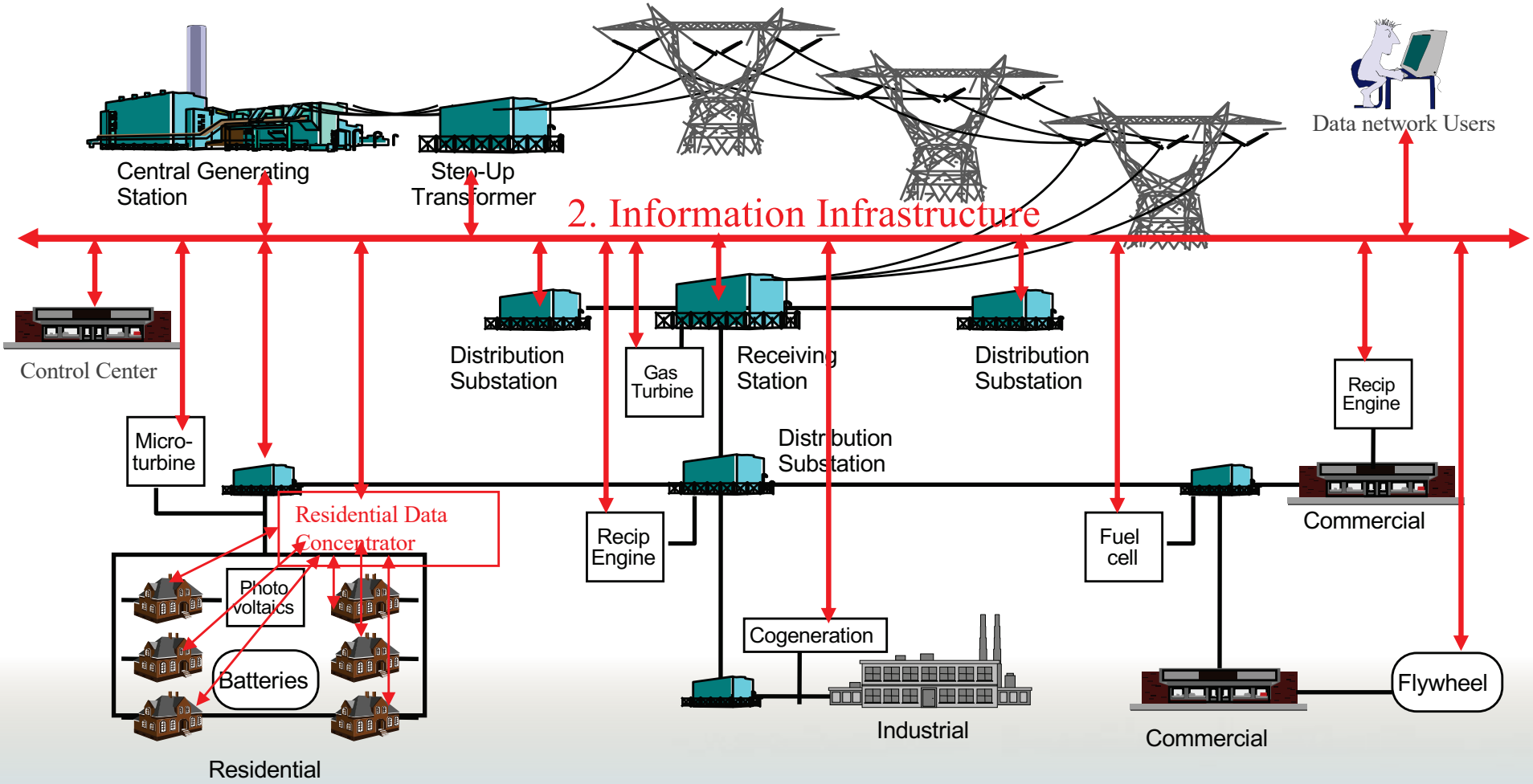


Merging Power Flow with Information Flow:

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

Wind Energy

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

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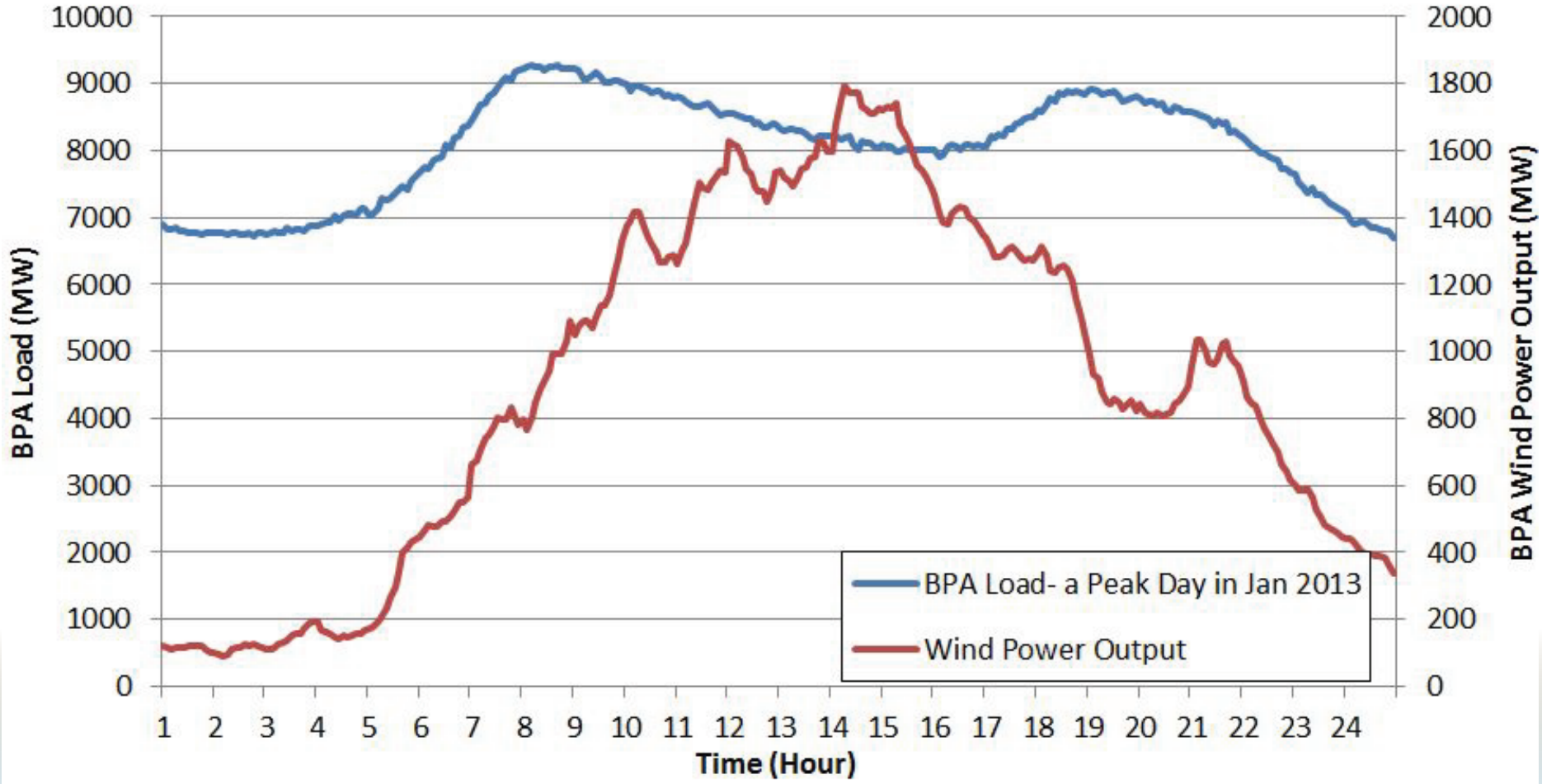

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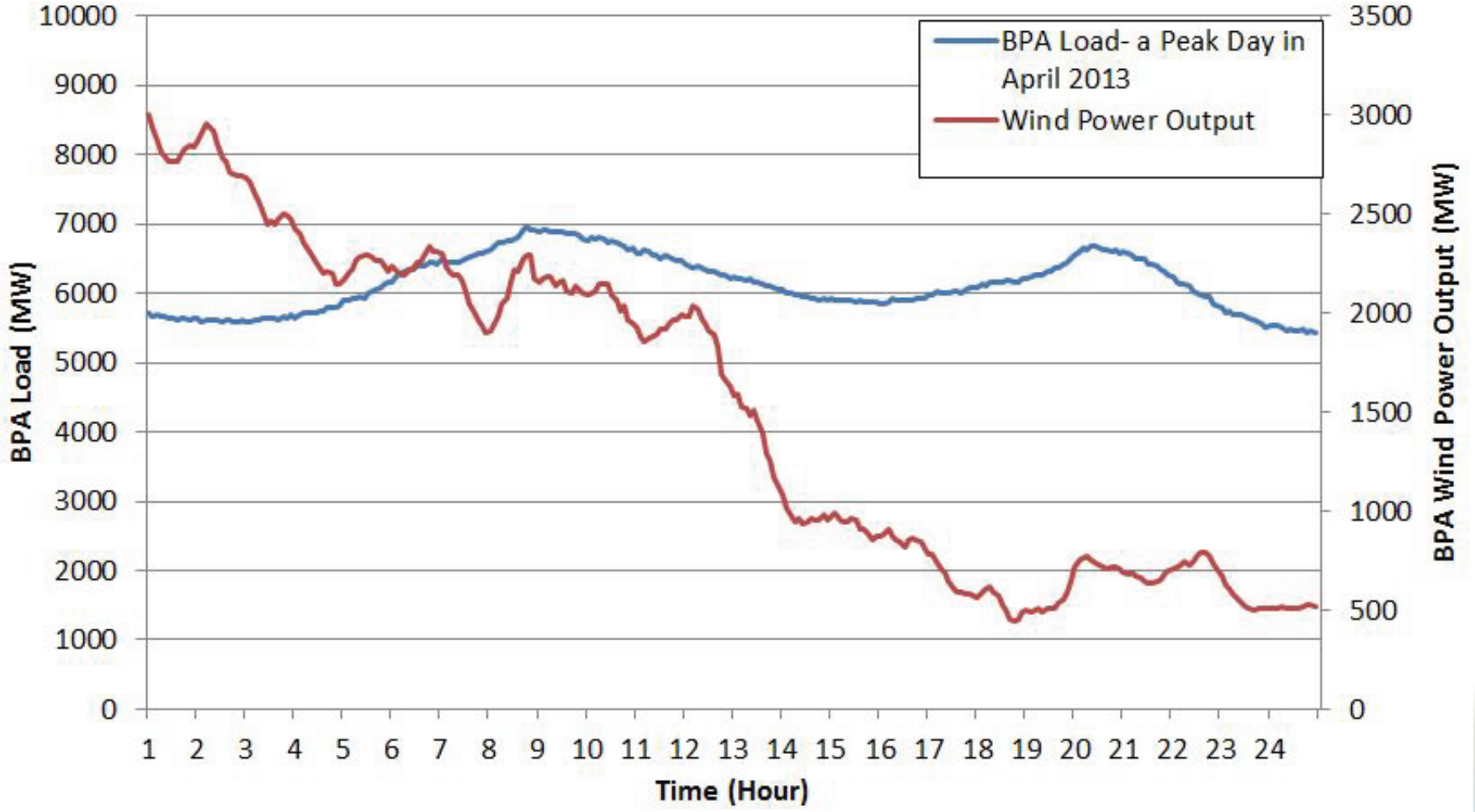

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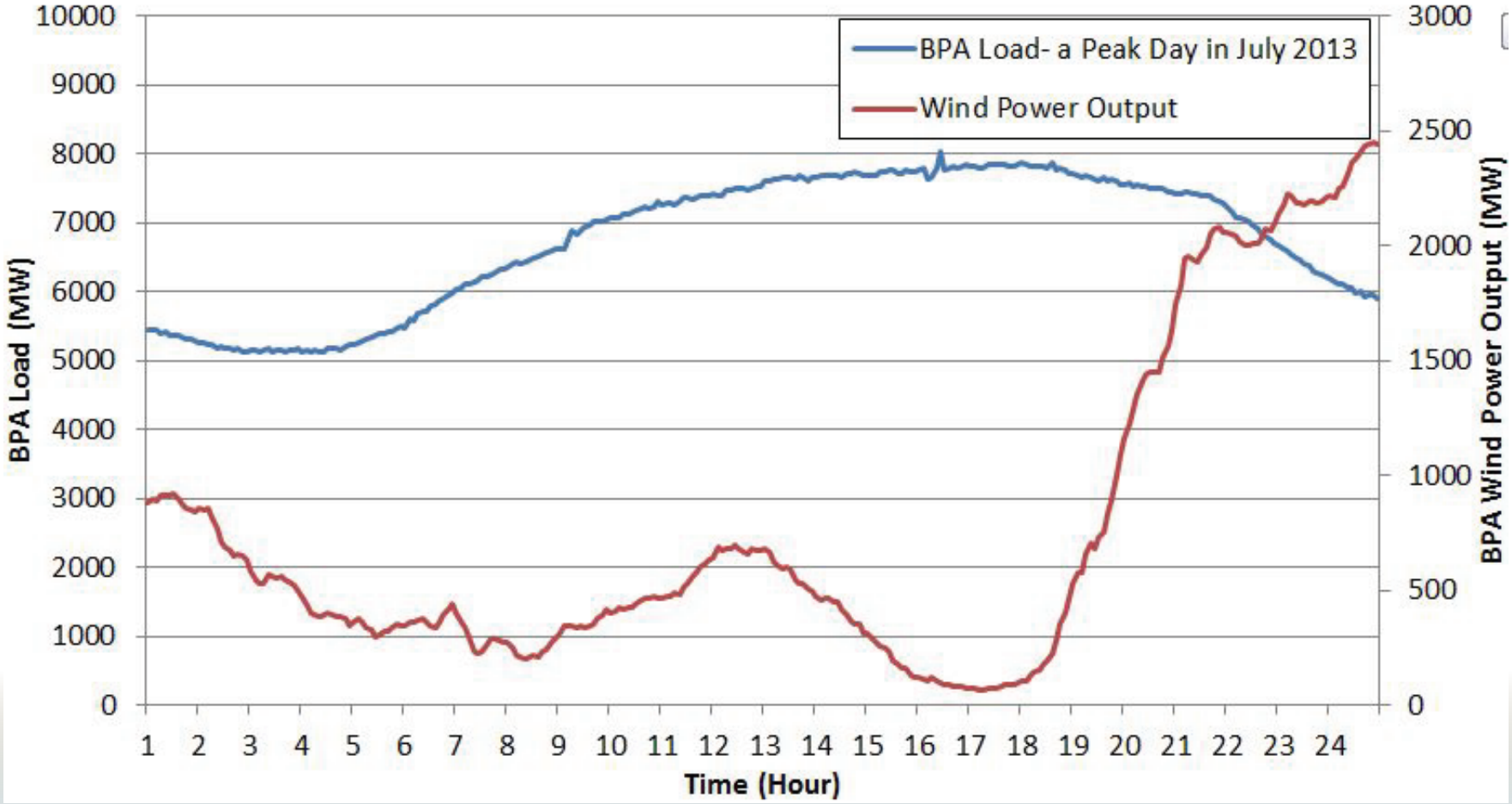

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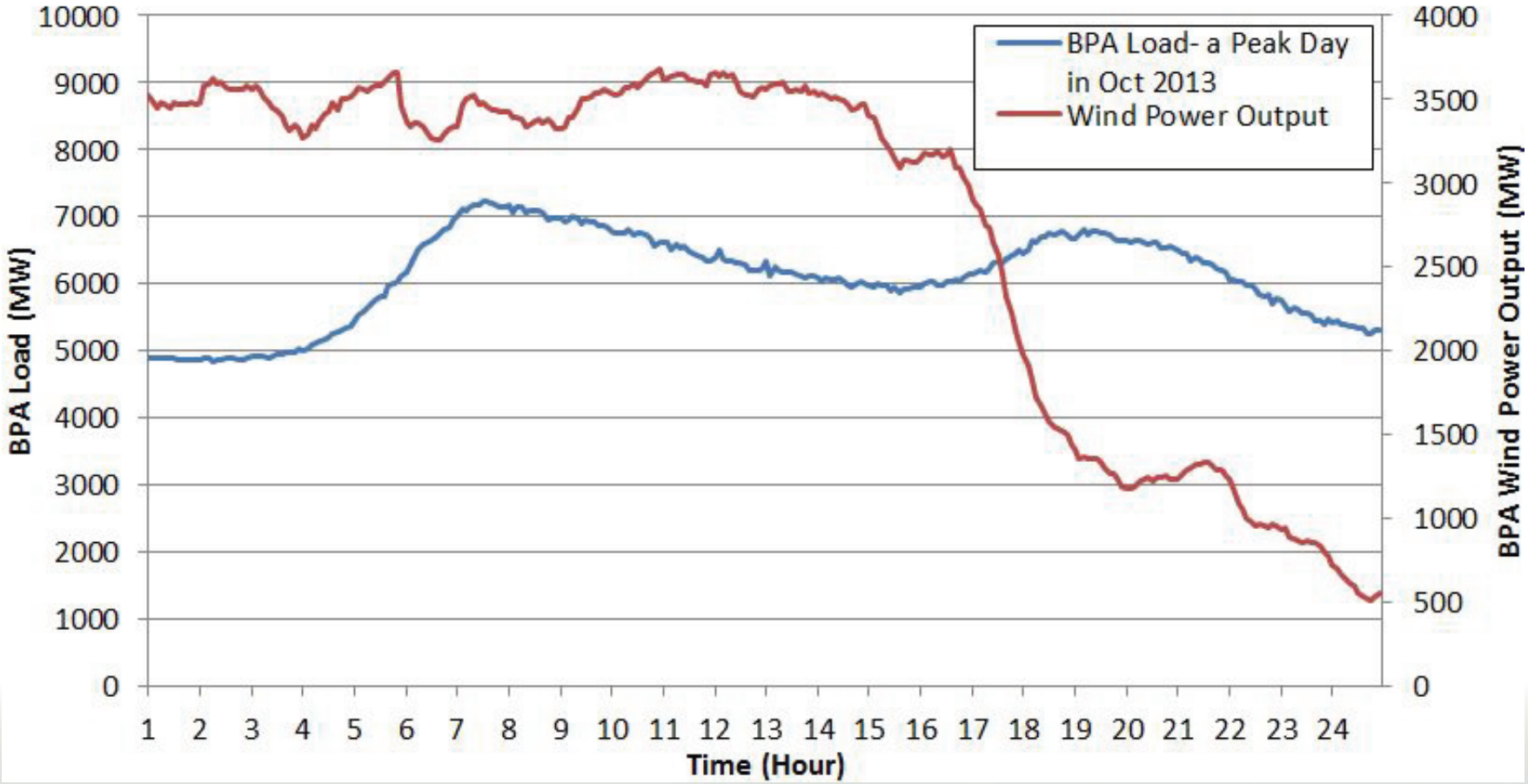

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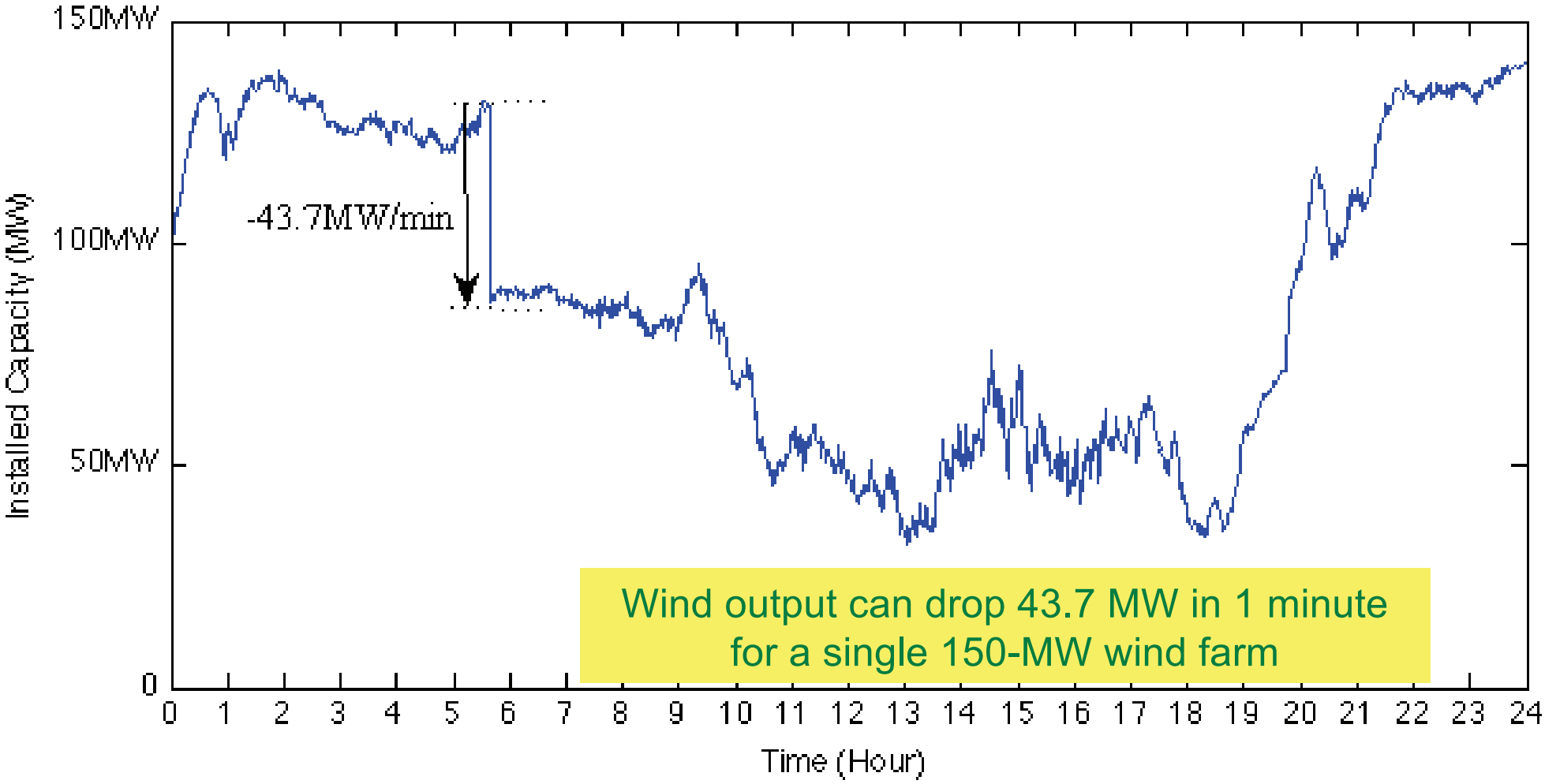

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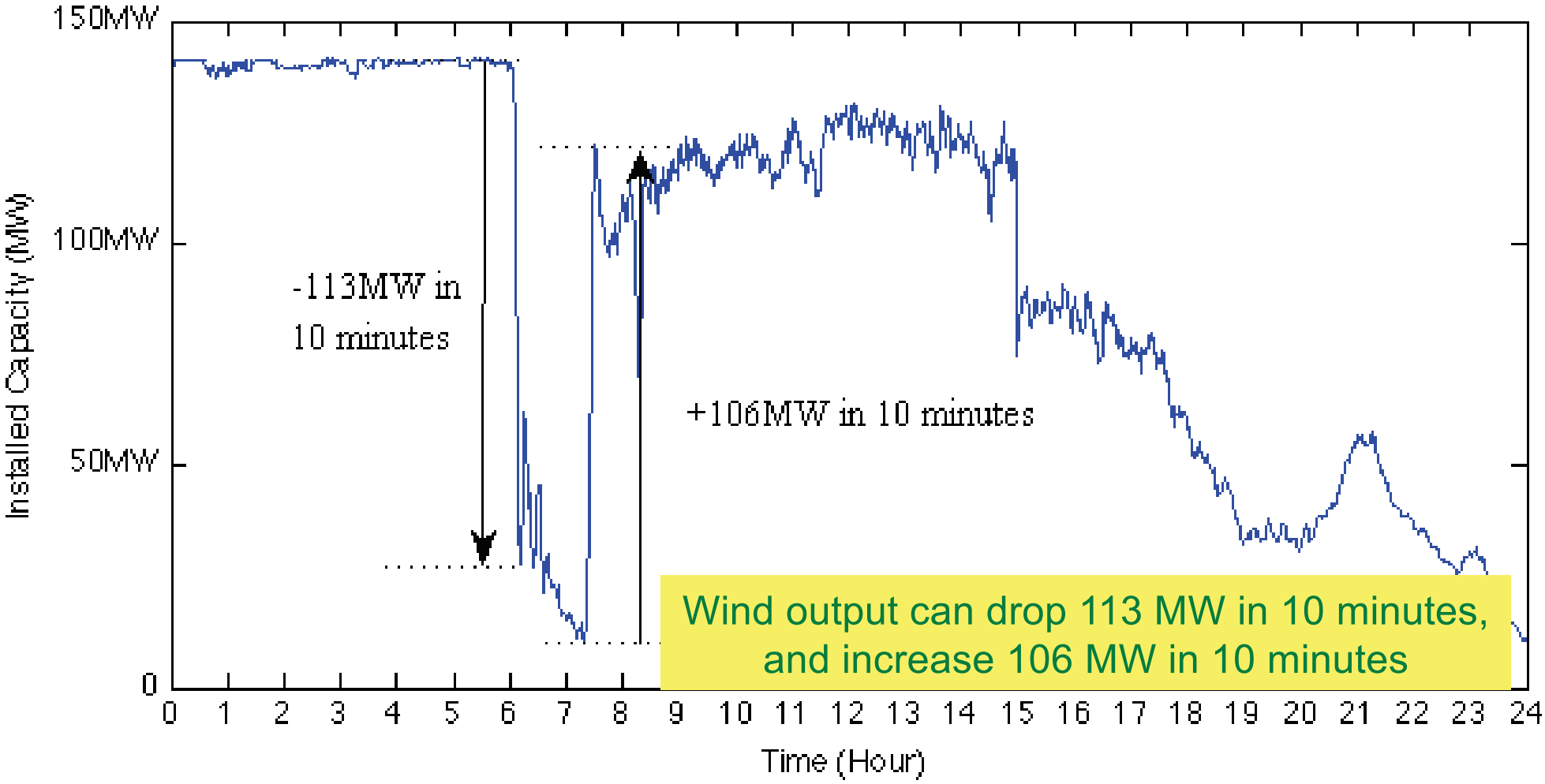
10-min Variation of a 150MW Wind Farm Output in Texas



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

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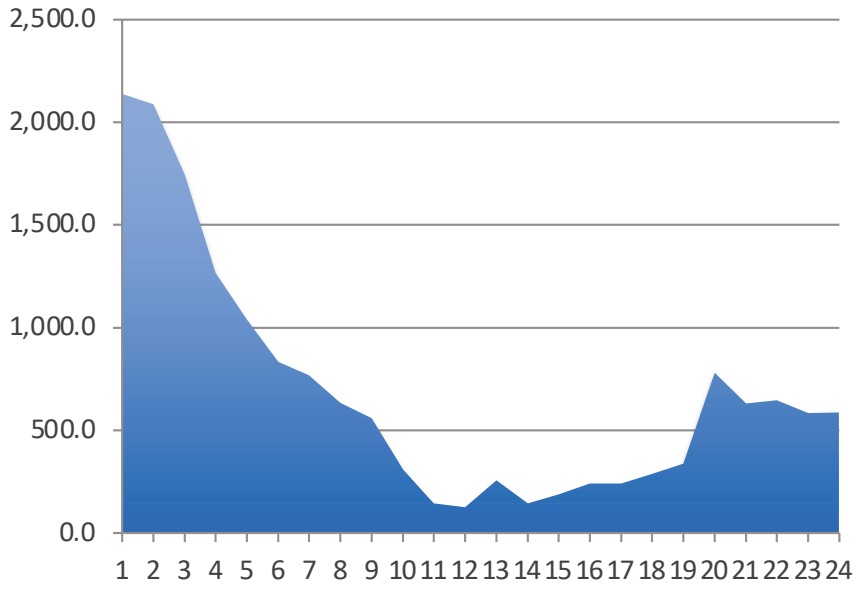
Hourly wind power variation (MW) in Texas, USA (01 and 02 Jan)



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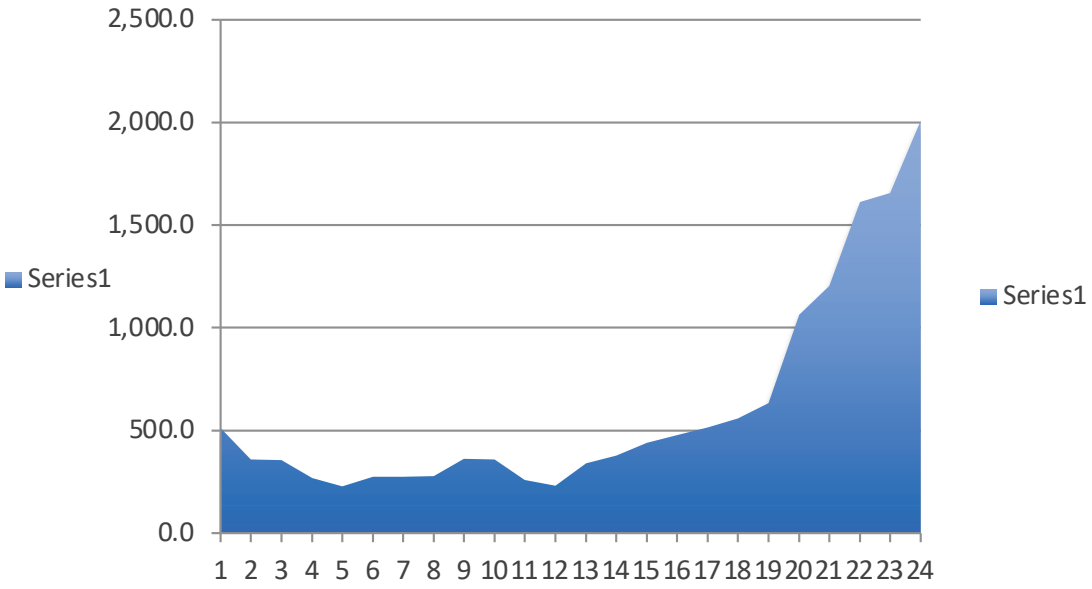

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Installed Capacity 4,541 MW

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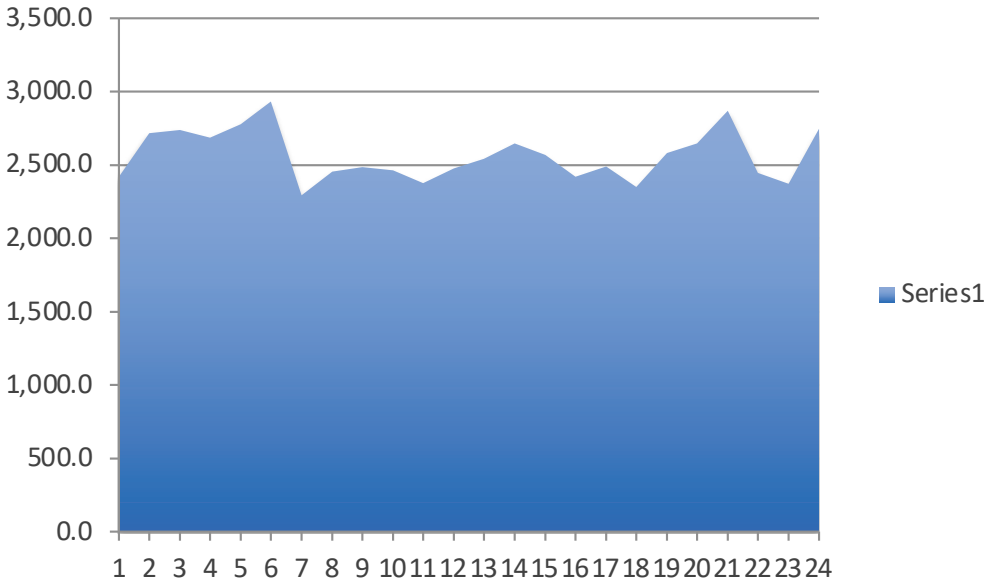

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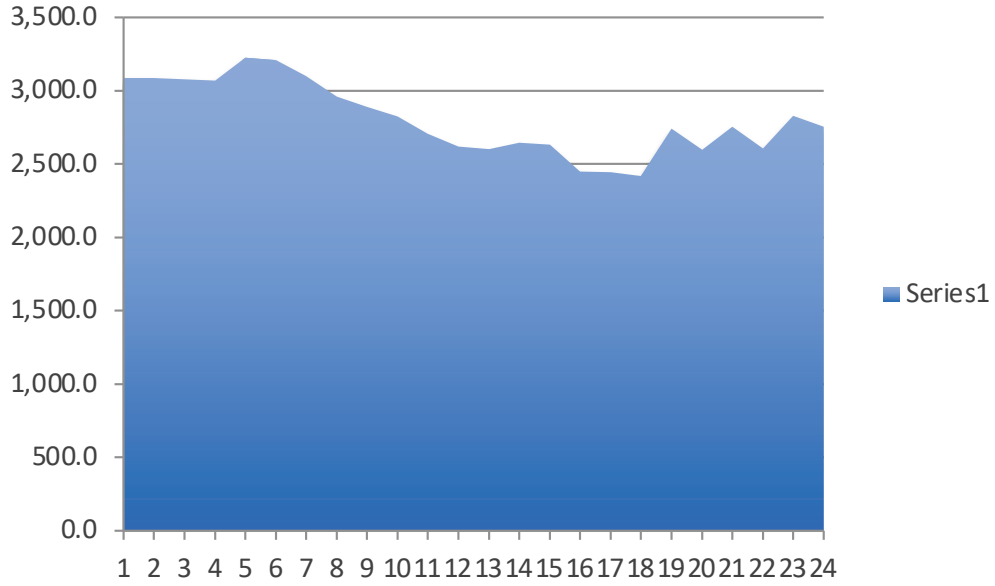

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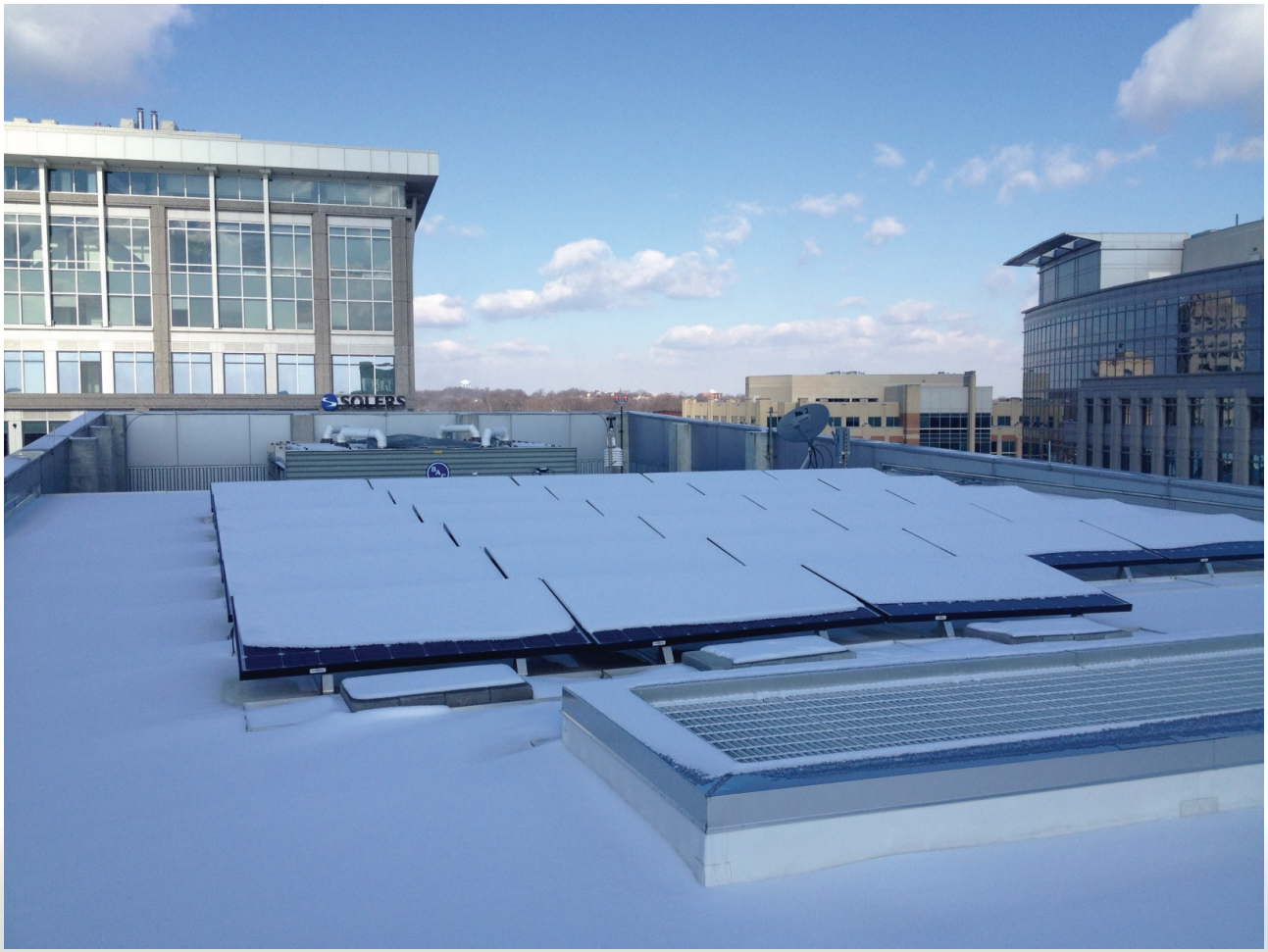
Roof-top Solar Photovoltaics in Virginia

Solar Panels in Winter



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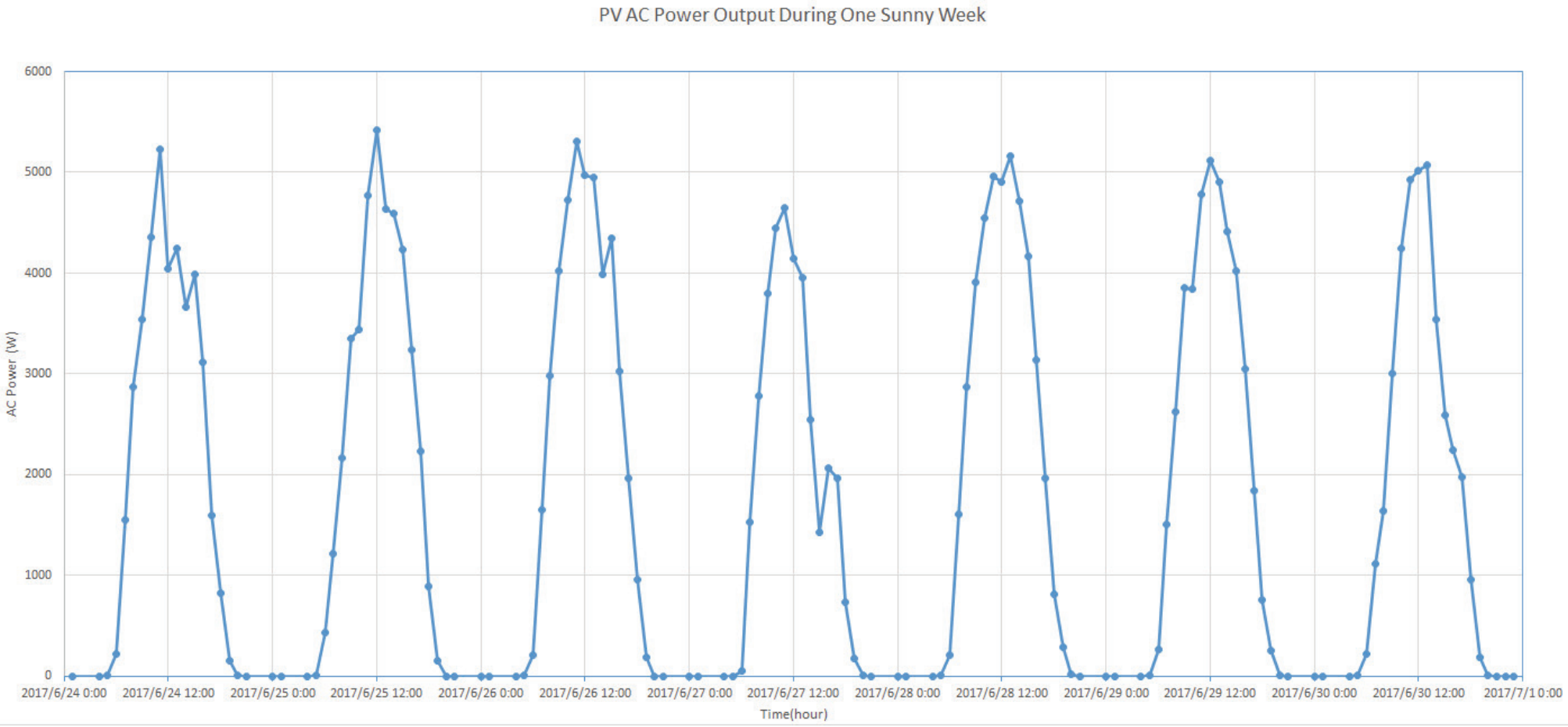

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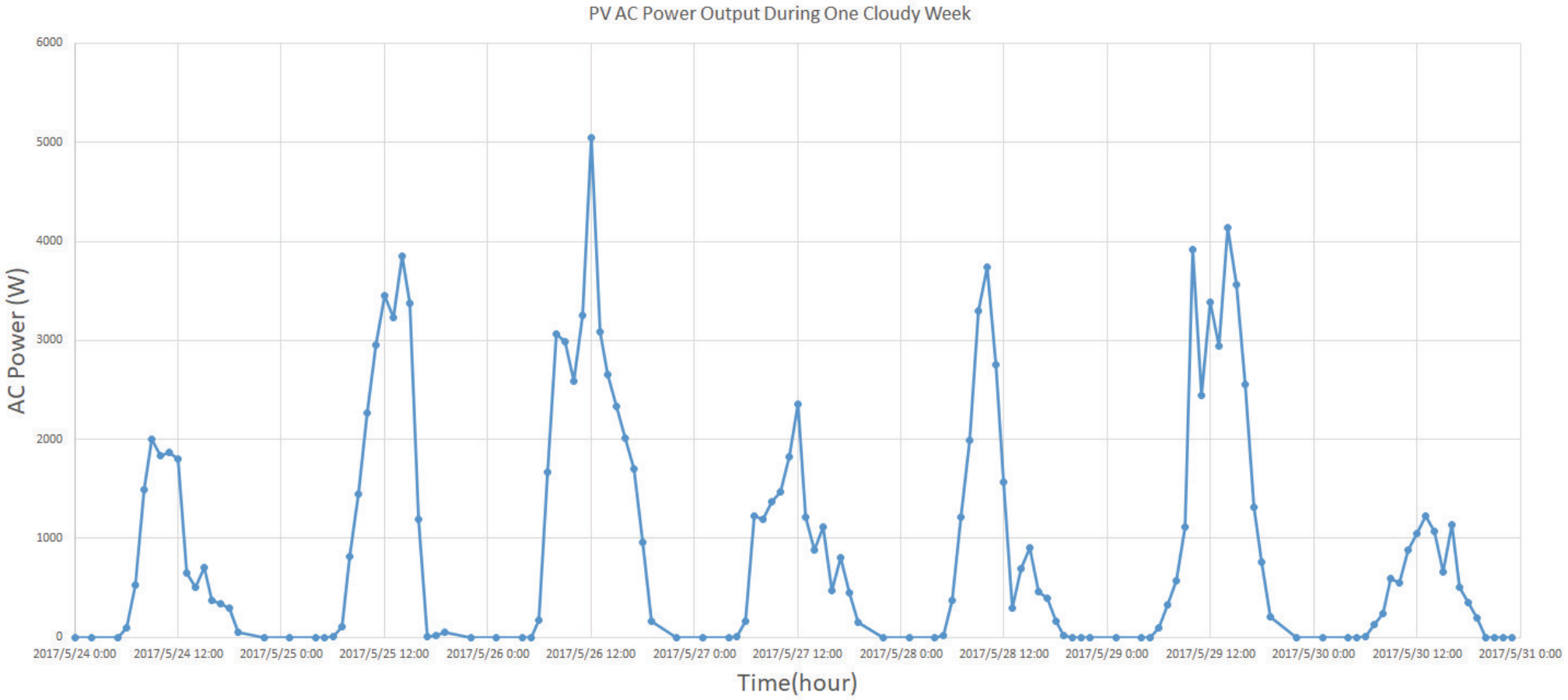

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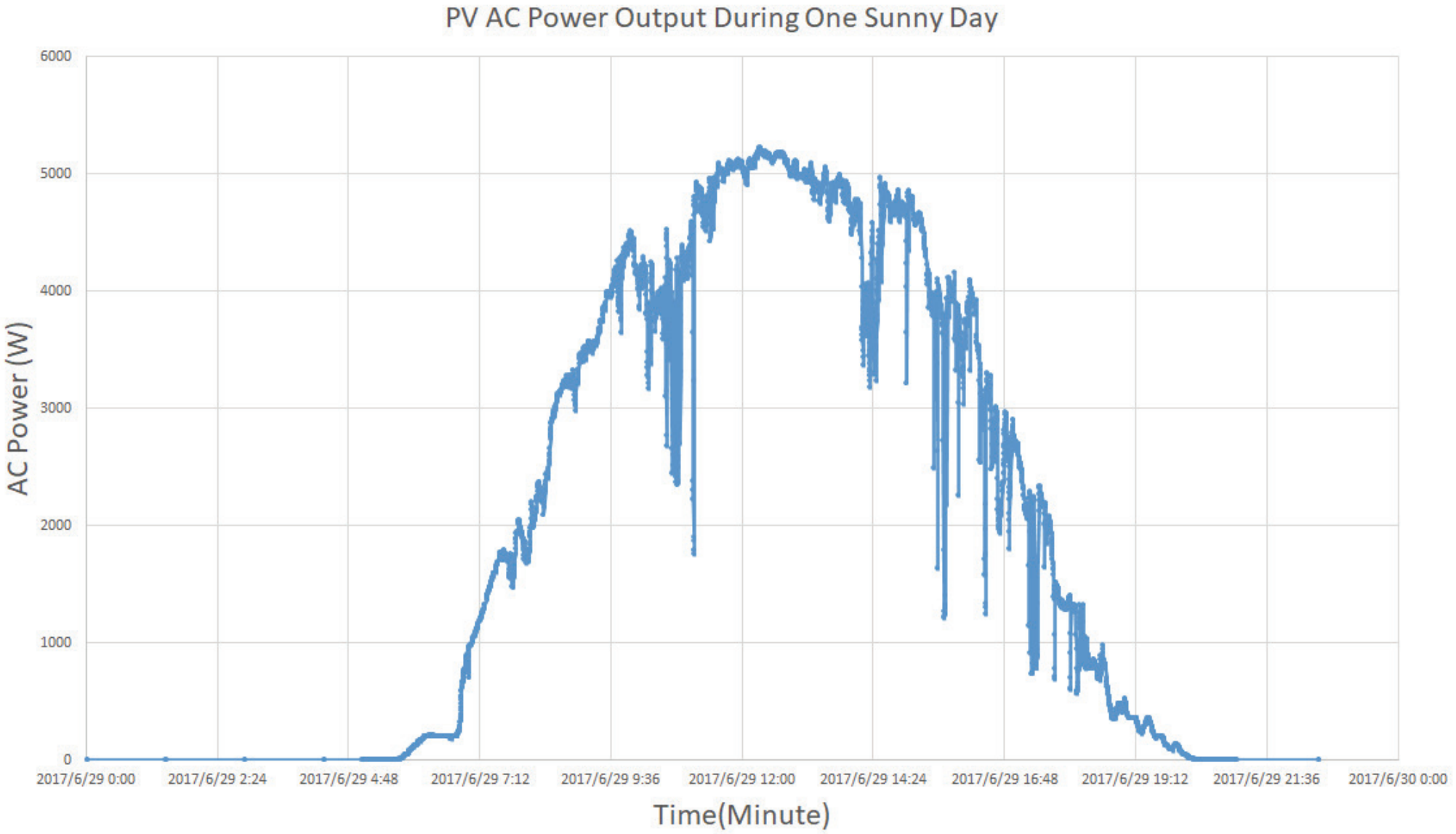

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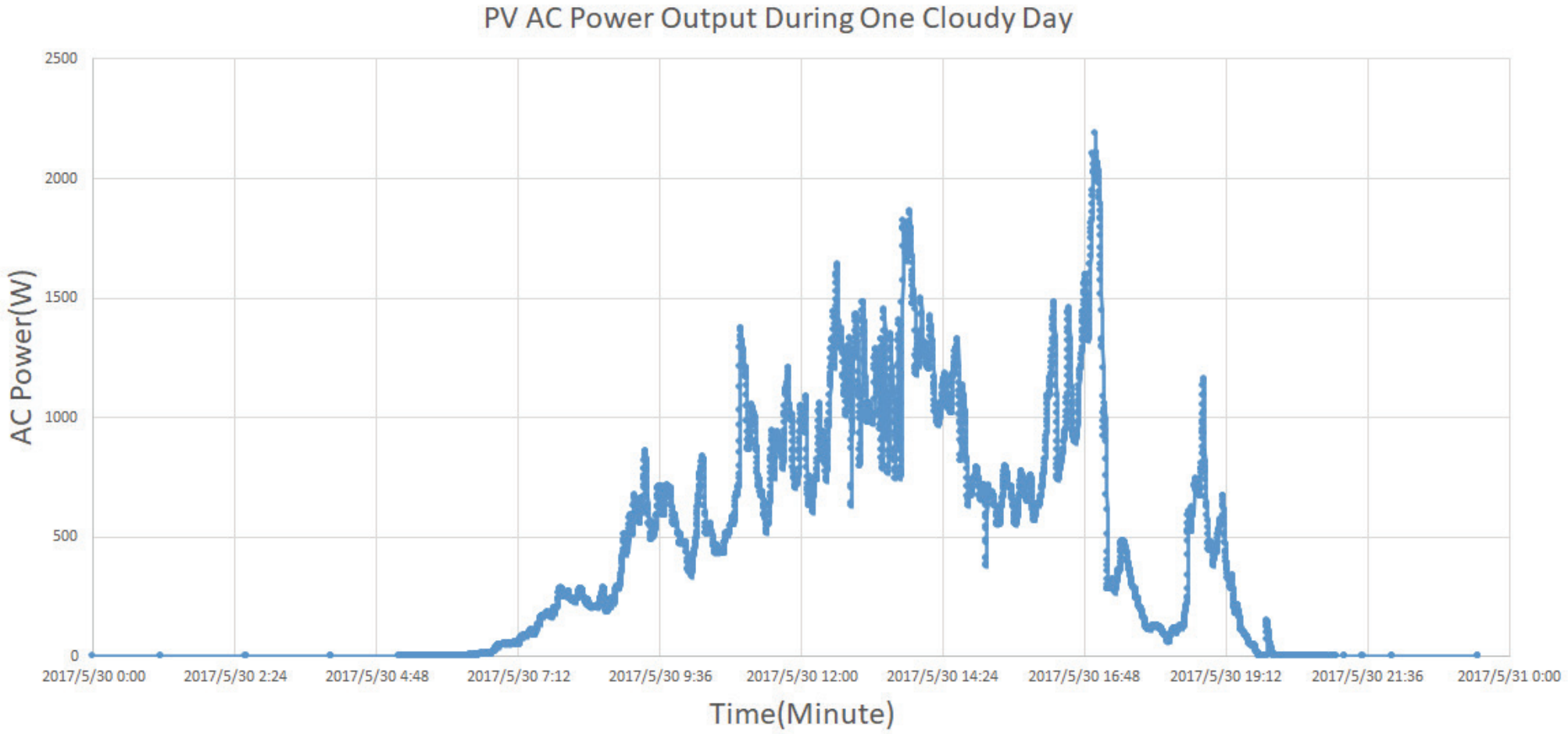
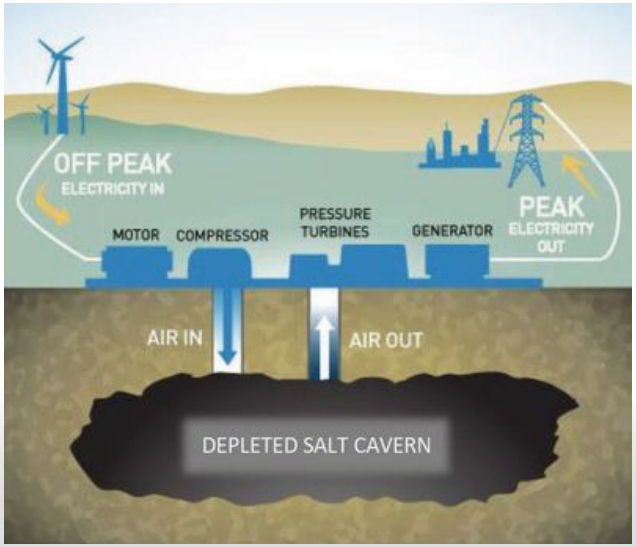


Can the Intermittency be Absorbed by the Network?

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.

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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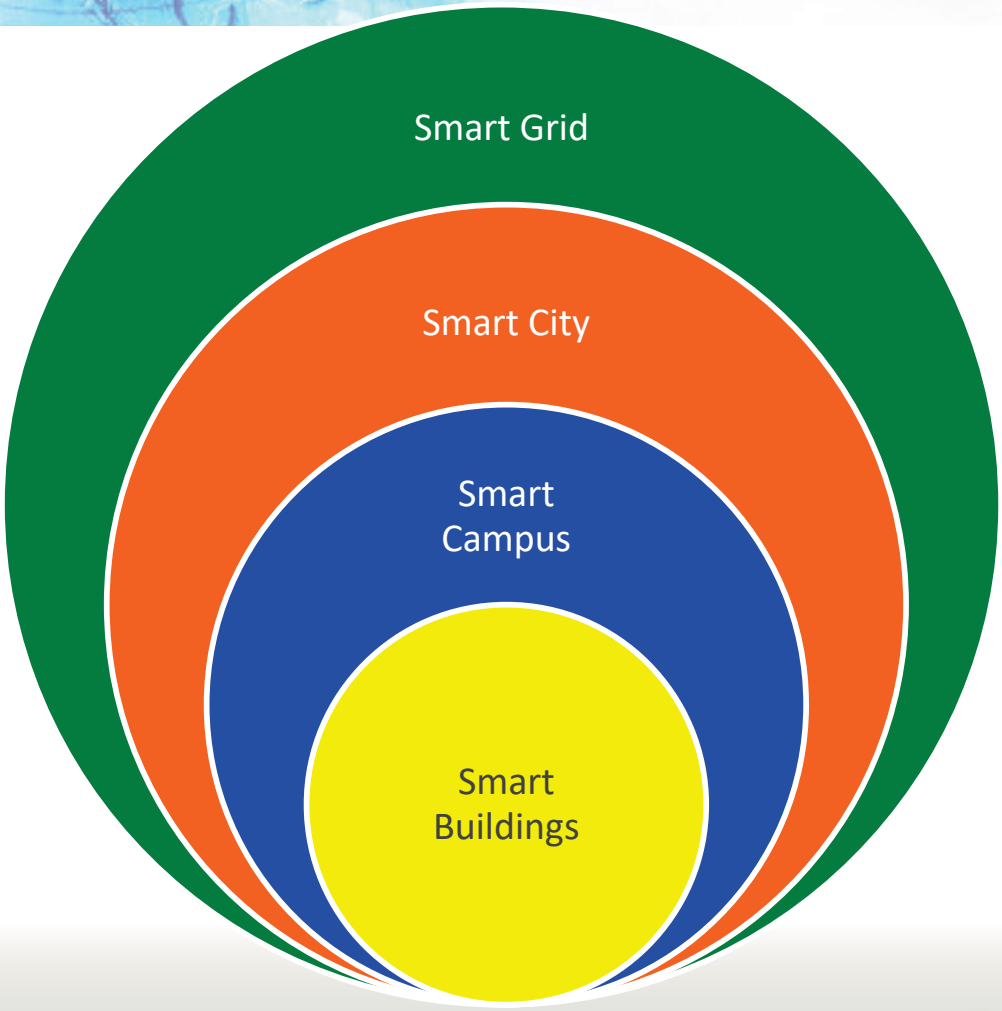

Smart grid: Bi-directional flows of energy, remote control/automation of power, integrated distributed energy…

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…

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

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)

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