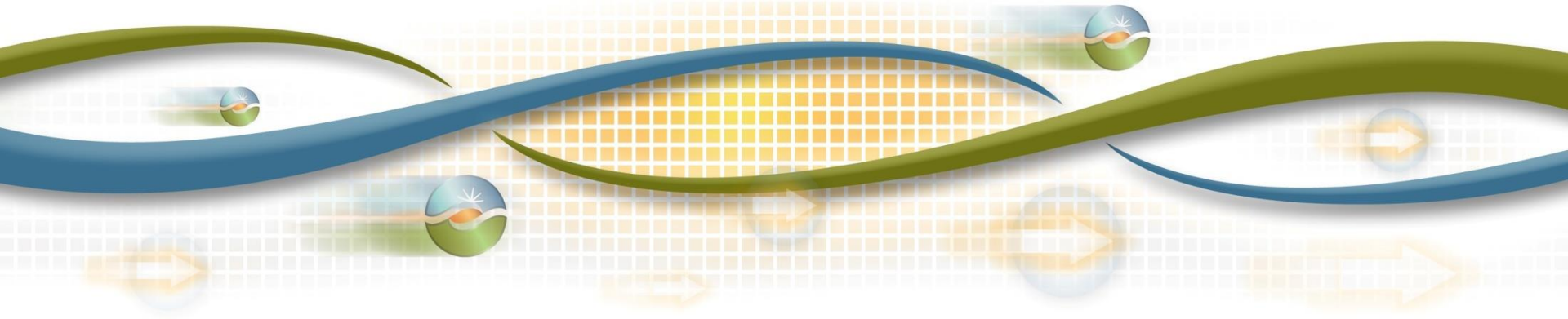


# Forecasting and Scheduling Renewable Generation for Operating a Reliable Grid

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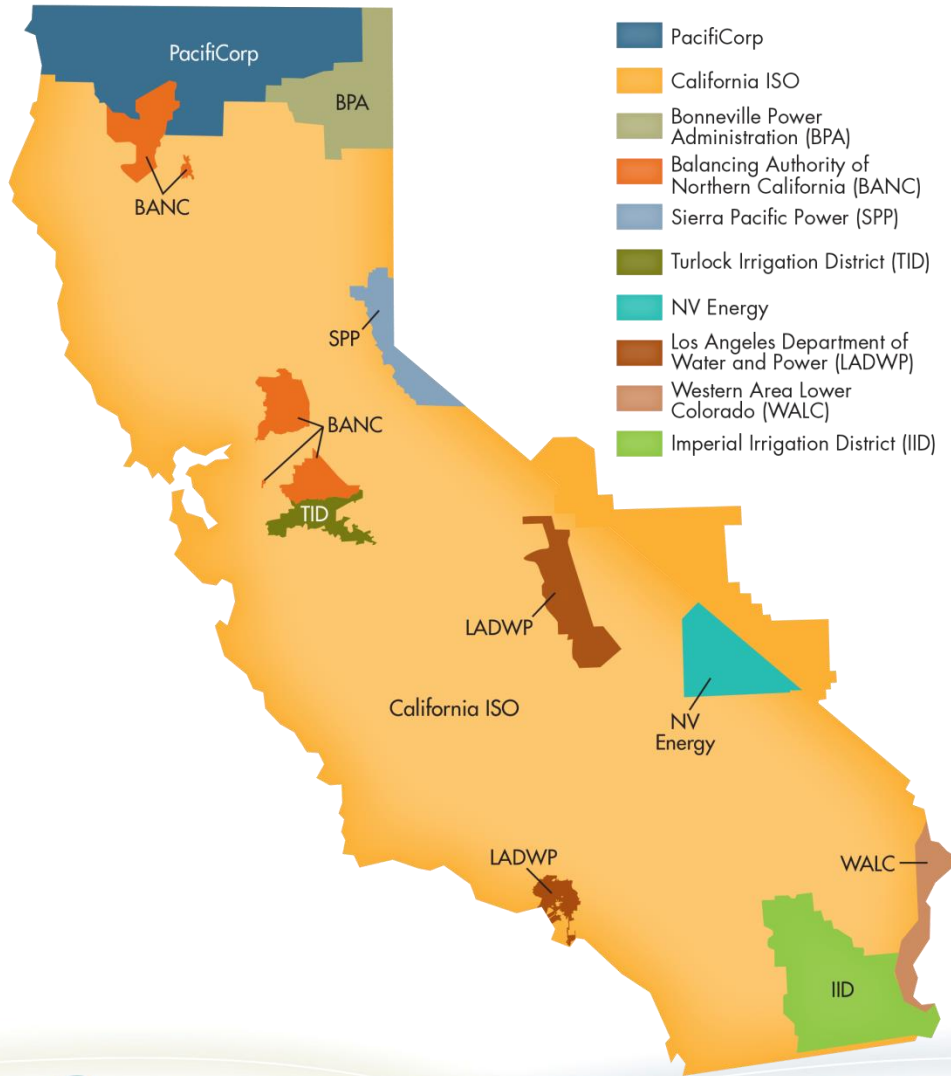
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# Agenda

- Getting to know the California ISO
- Knowing the plan for renewable
- Operations challenges with renewables
- Understanding the new paradigm
- Considerations
- Summary

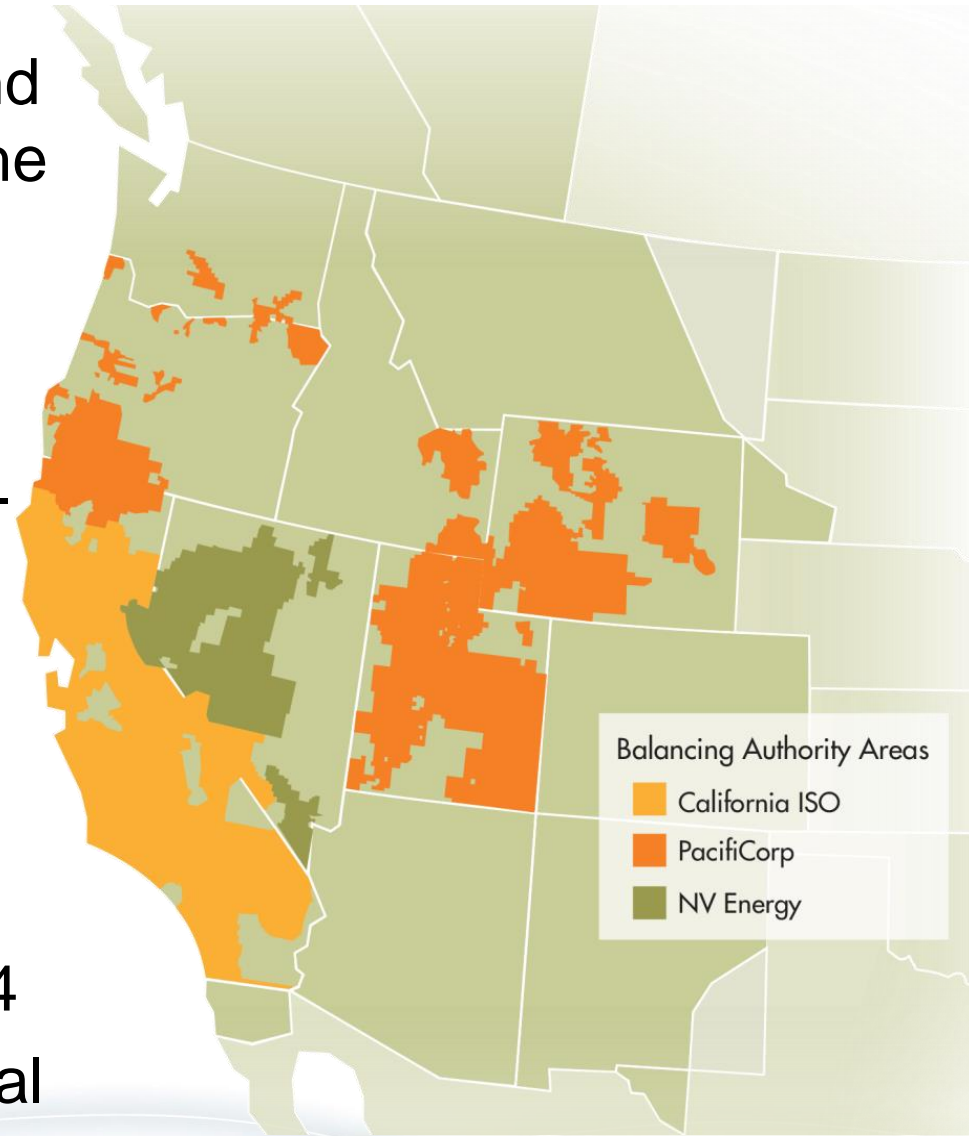
# California ISO by the numbers



- **65,225** MW of power plant capacity (net dependable capacity)
- **50,270** MW record peak demand (July 24, 2006)
- **27,076** market transactions per day
- **26,024** circuit-miles of transmission lines
- **30 million** people served
- **244 million** megawatt-hours of electricity delivered annually

# Energy Imbalance Market

- extends real-time market and 5-minute dispatch outside the ISO
- builds on existing market platform
- easily scalable, offering low-cost, low risk option to new entities
- provides integration, economic, and reliability benefits.
- PacifiCorp go-live Nov. 2014
- NVE seeking PUCN approval



# California ISO Building



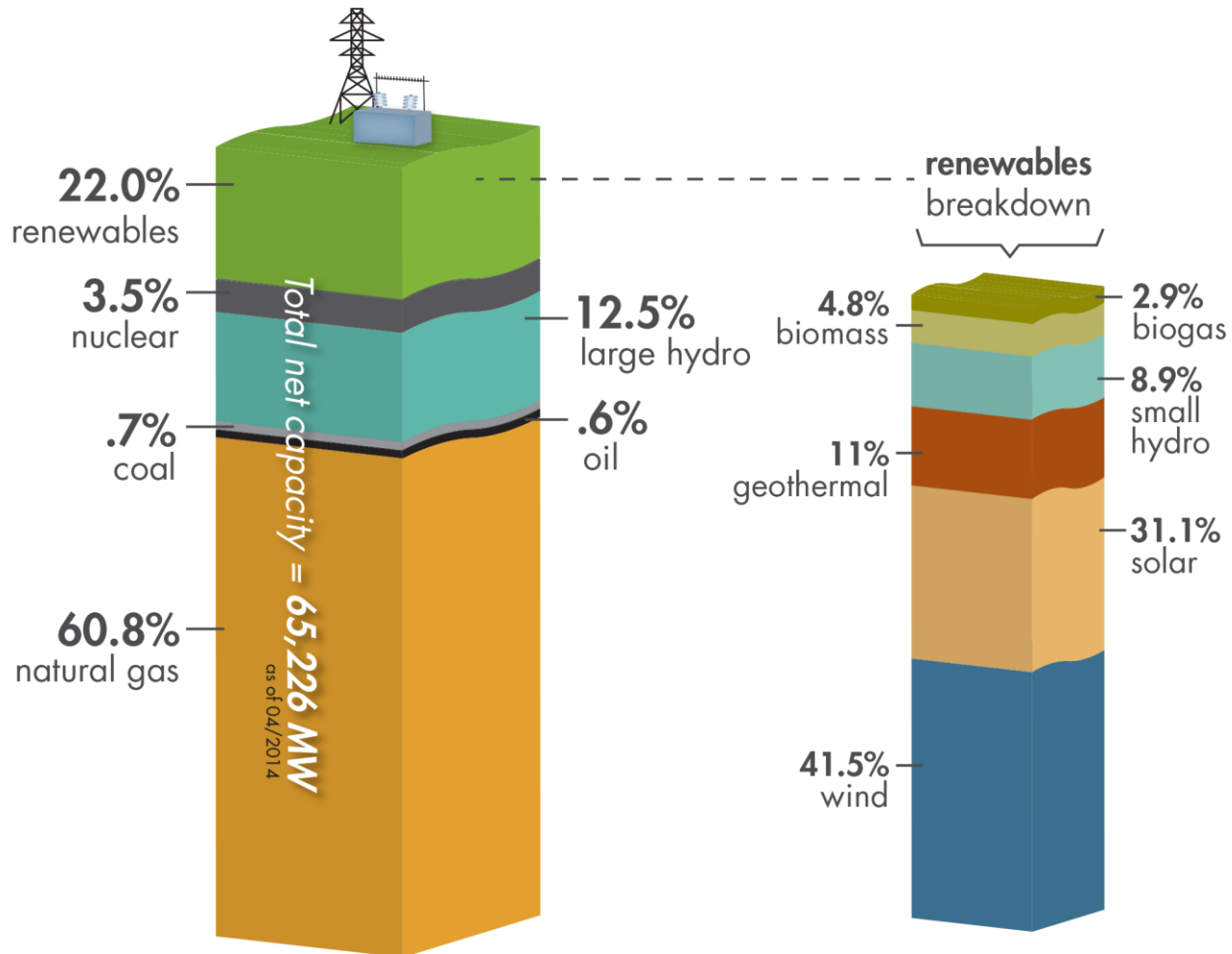
# California ISO Building



# Folsom, CA – Control Room



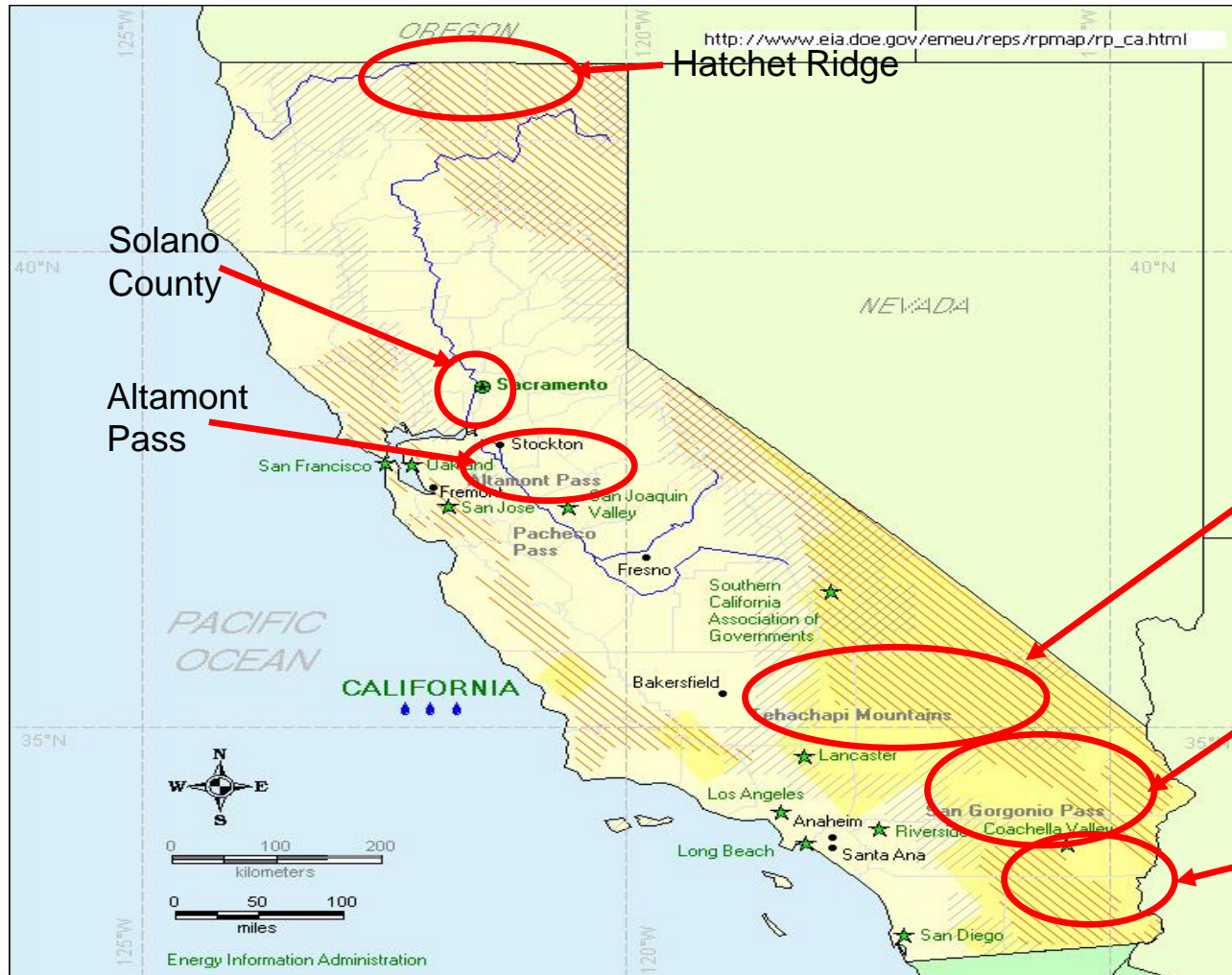
# Generating resource mix



**17,486 MW** = Maximum import capacity for the ISO



# California's growing wind/solar resources



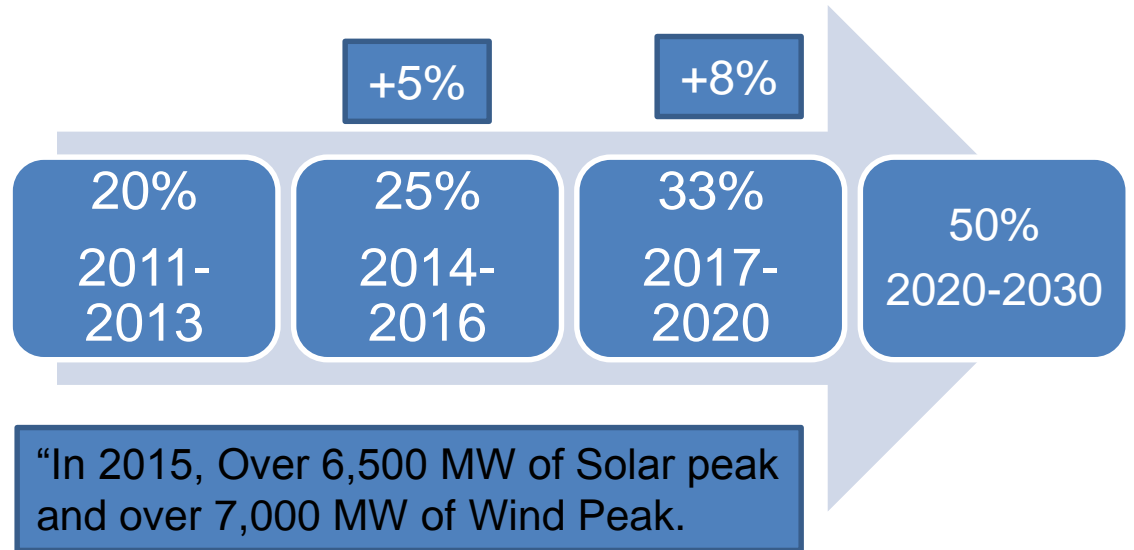
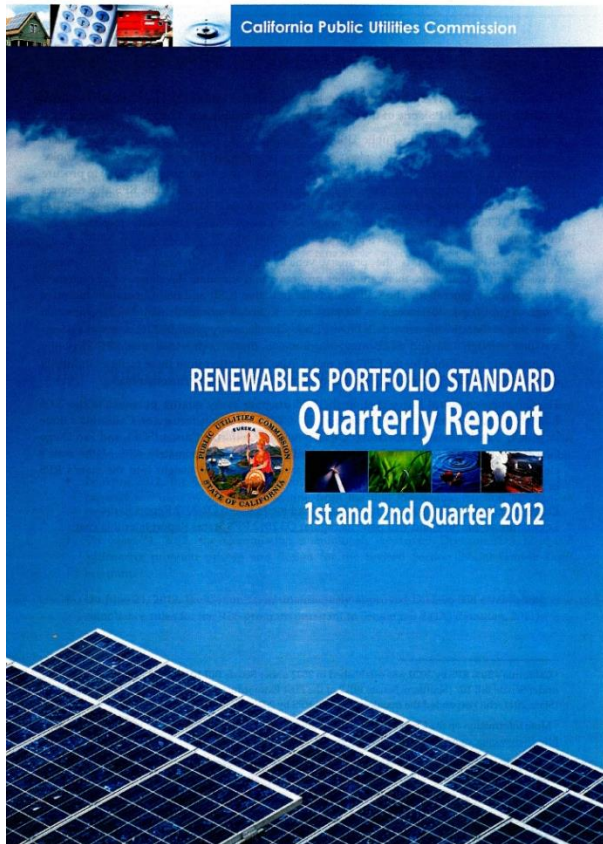
Net Dependable Capacity  
**Solar (all): 5,560 MW**  
**Wind: 5,900 MW**

**Tehachapi/  
Mojave Desert**

**San Gorgonio  
Pass**

**Kumeyaay**

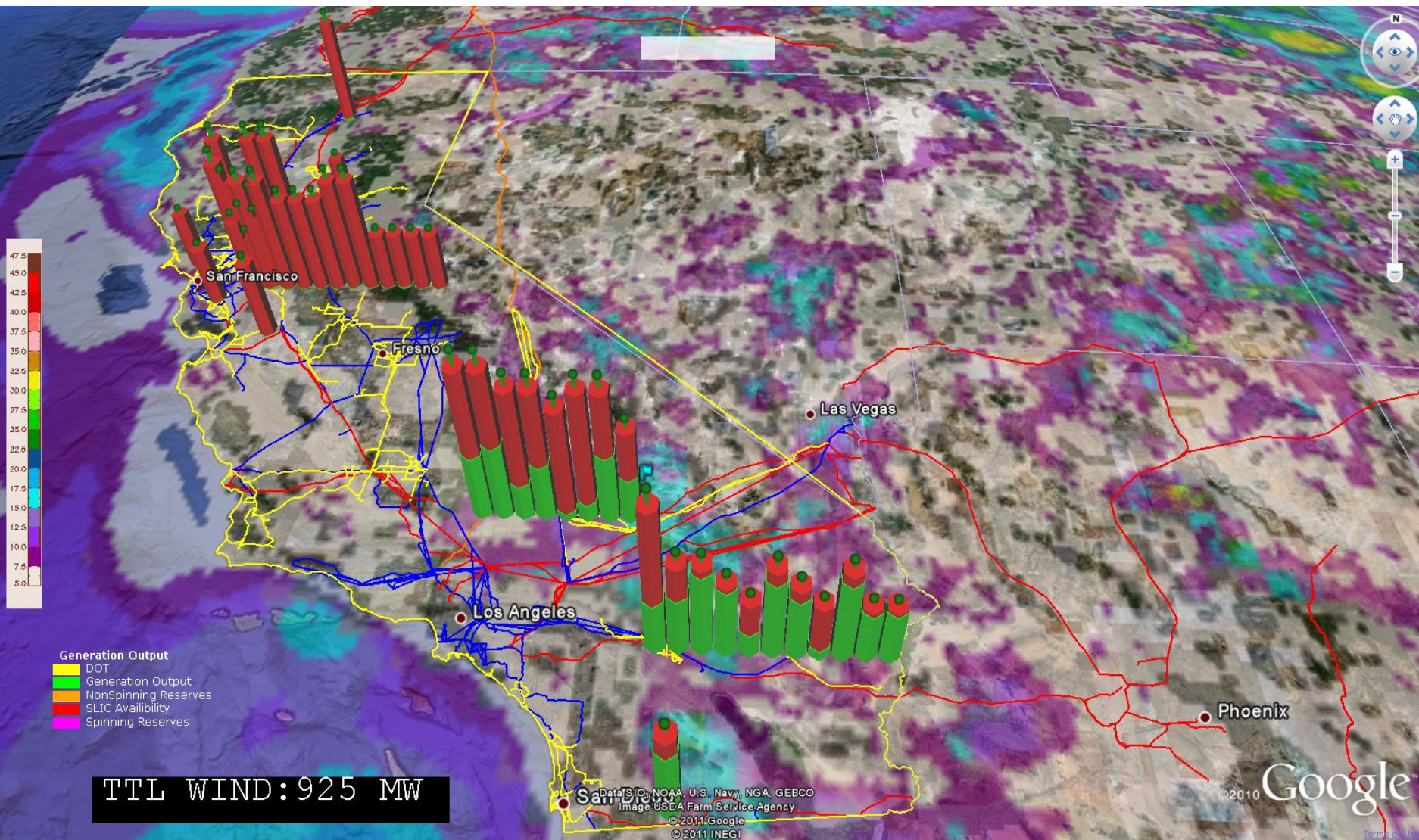
# California has the highest renewables portfolio standard in the continental United States



## Variable renewable generation

- what was “load following” is now “energy imbalance following”
- regulation is leaned on to meet energy imbalance
- forecast uncertainty for both load and generation
- system flexibility with wider operating range and higher ramp rate is needed
- increase in the occurrence and magnitude of overgeneration and undergeneration
- more unit cycling
- overgeneration during the day

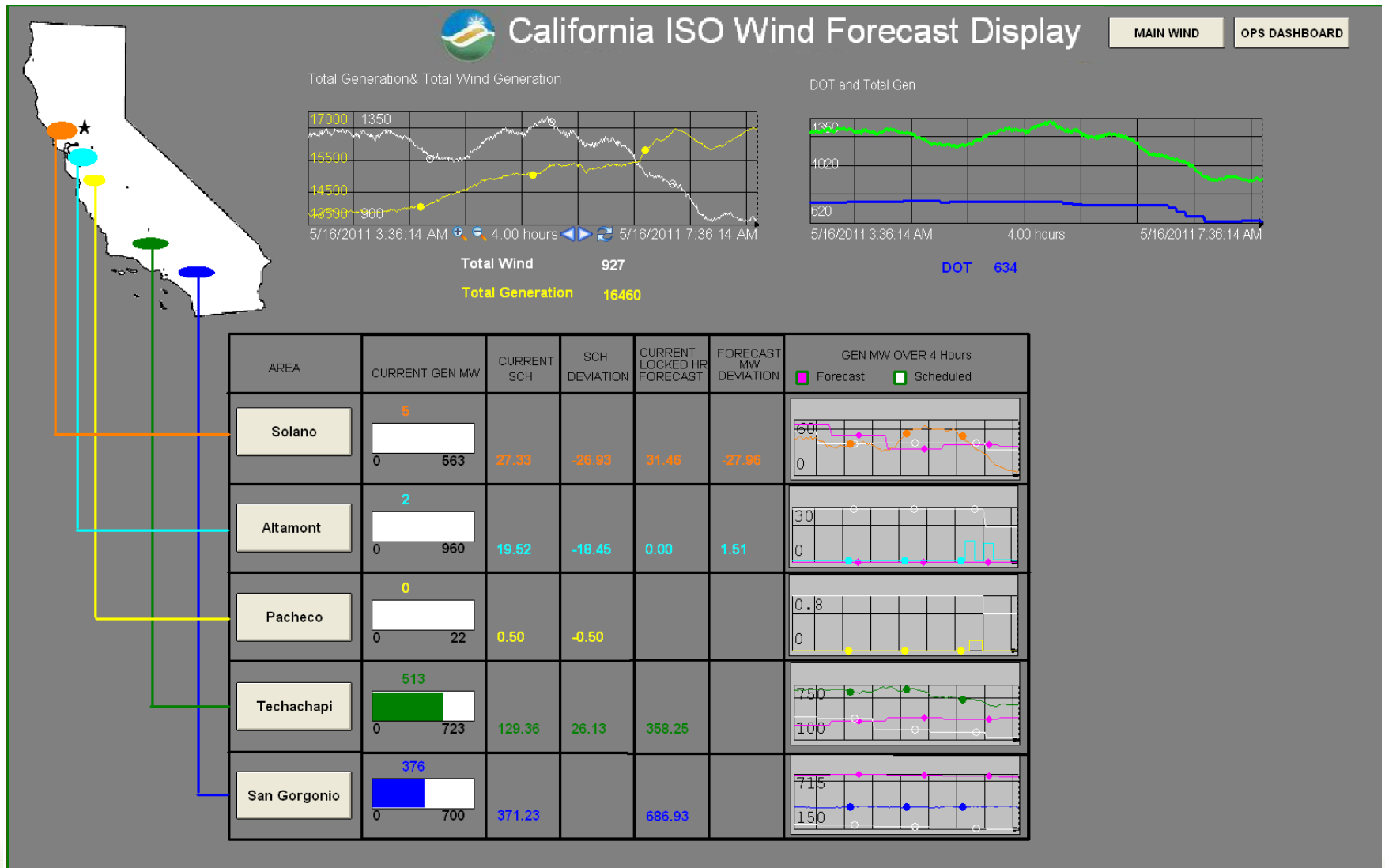
# Wind Summary Visualization



# Key Elements of Future Integration of Renewables

- interconnection and transmission upgrades inside the balancing authority
- well-functioning market providing the right granularity range of scheduling periods
- improve system operational tools through improved forecasting
- increase system flexibility through demand response and storage options
- define policies and capabilities dealing with system issues such as transient stability, voltage collapse, and reactive power support

# Wind forecast and generation summary

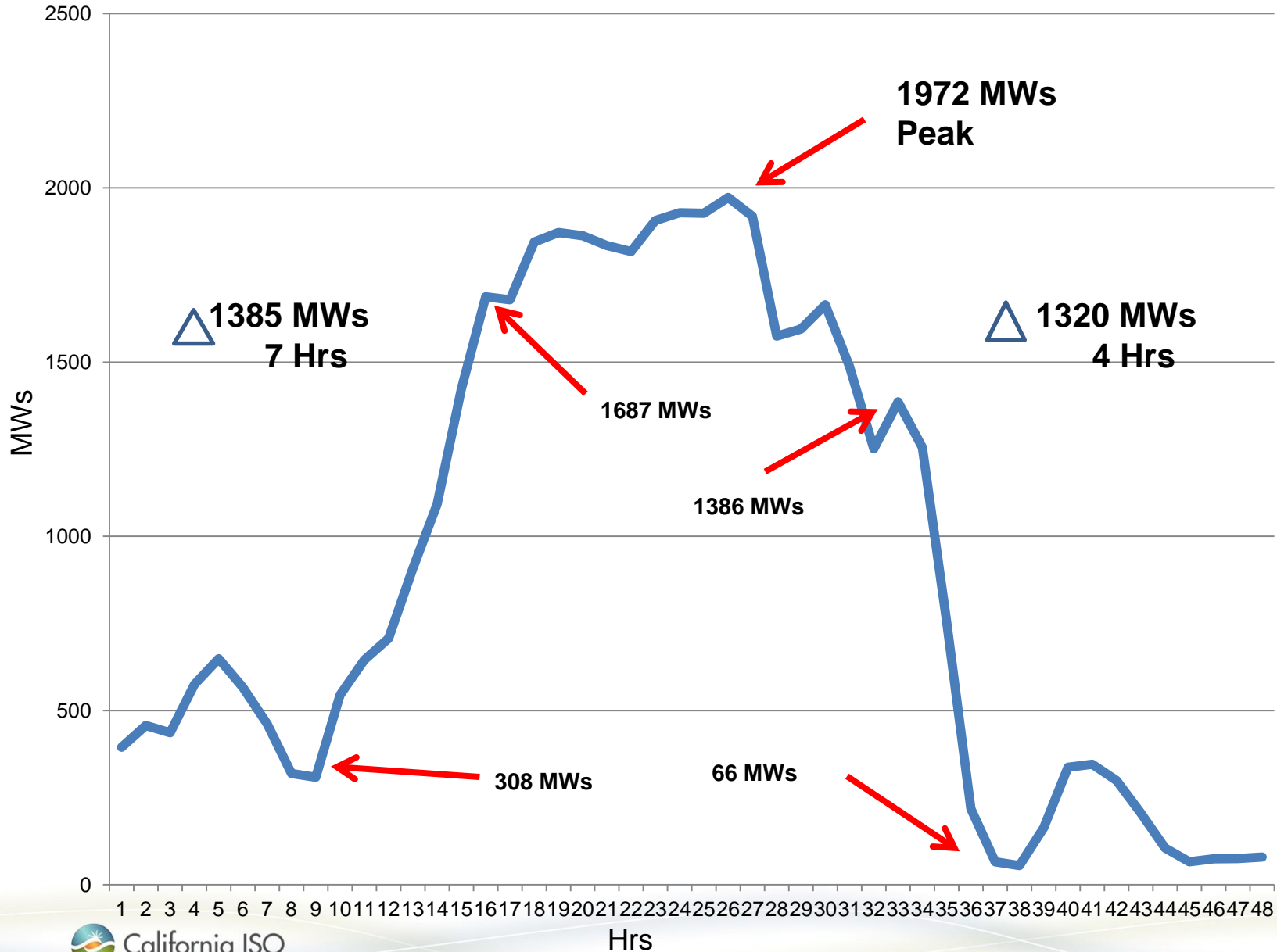


# Wind Generation and System Reliability

Modern wind turbines can now contribute to the grid reliability and efficiency

- Voltage/Var control and regulation of power factor
- Fault ride-through low and high voltages or low and high frequency ranges
- Real power control, ramping, and curtailment using unit set-point control on wind turbines with blade pitch-control
- Primary frequency regulation using unit set-point control (active-stall, pitch-control)
- Inertia response through special control mechanism
- Short-circuit duty control to limit magnitude of fault current

# Nov 24-25 2011 Wind Event





# Variable Energy Generation Forecast at ISO

- in one year the wind peak went from under 1600 MW to above 3300 MW — and now is 4769 MW
- in one year solar peak went from around 500 MW to almost 1000 MW — and now is 4903 MW
- photo voltaic (PV) rooftops have grown at similar pace but no telemetry or solid numbers that are affecting the load (estimate 2,300 MW)
- the growth is not linear
- more than 1200 MW drop caused by wind

# Variables/Drivers for Renewables

- wind speed
- wind direction
- humidity
- sun irradiance minutes
- cloud coverage
- turbine type and characteristics/ efficiency
- MW capacity
- cut-off speed
- pressure gradient

## Other Variables/Drivers for Renewables affecting the system

- LMP prices
- adjacent LMP prices
- dynamic scheduling
- pseudo ties
- location
- outages
- new turbines

# Detailed information needed for renewables

- geographic center of the wind power plant such as latitude, longitude, and height
- metered power output of the wind power plant at 5-min intervals
- number of wind turbines available to generate now and type
- number of wind turbines expected to be available tomorrow and type
- curtailment instructions historical data
- wind speed and direction actual and forecasted at each full turbine-level data
- off-site meteorological data such as temperature, wind speed, wind direction, humidity, and air pressure. This constitutes the ultimate level of granularity that could be considered.

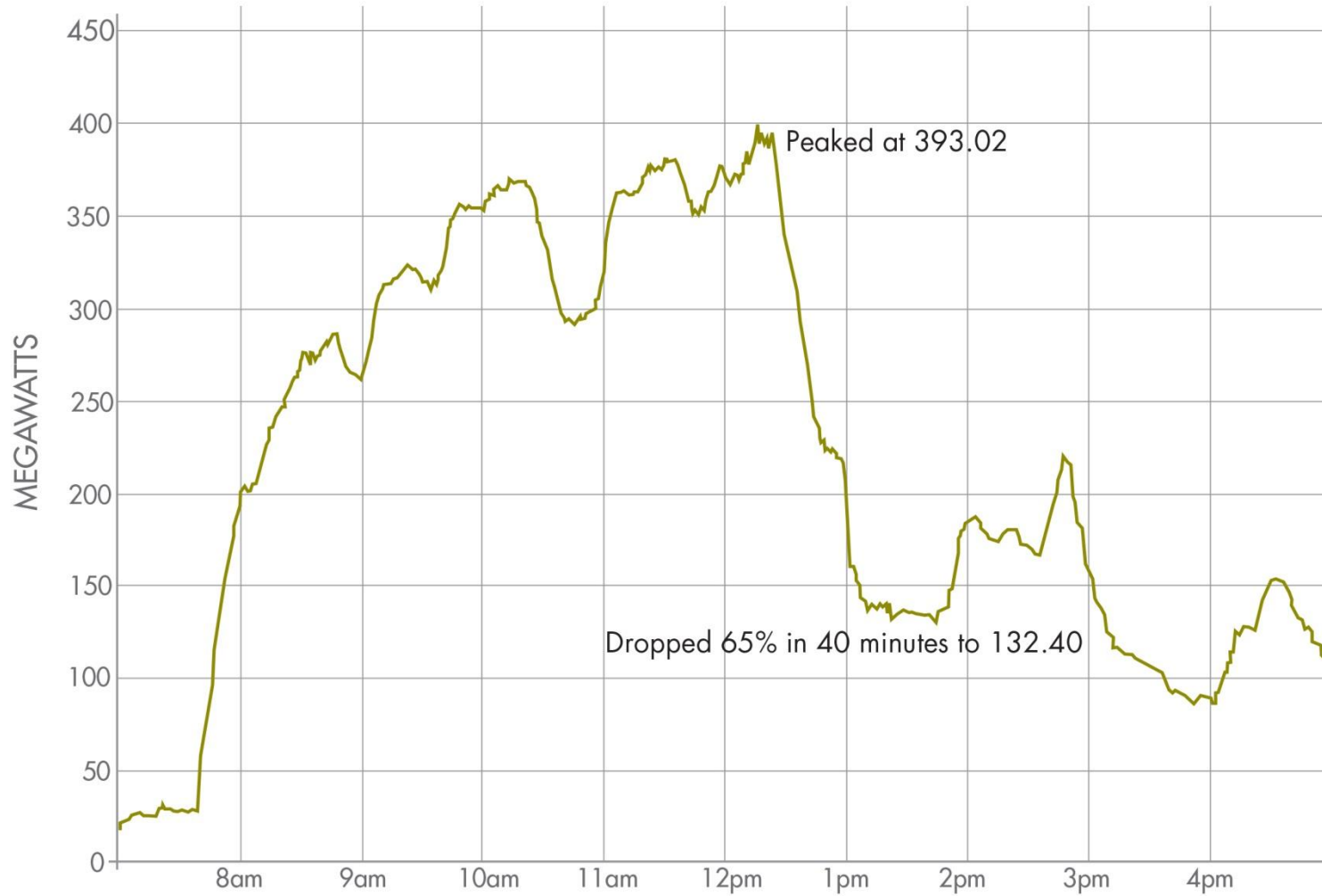
# Forecast methods for renewables and their limitations

- Persistency – does not predict the turns
- Autoregressive – not as accurate
- Weather sensitive – weather forecast accuracy
- Blend/Ramp – good to blend between methods
- Forecast the confidence band

# Future Challenges

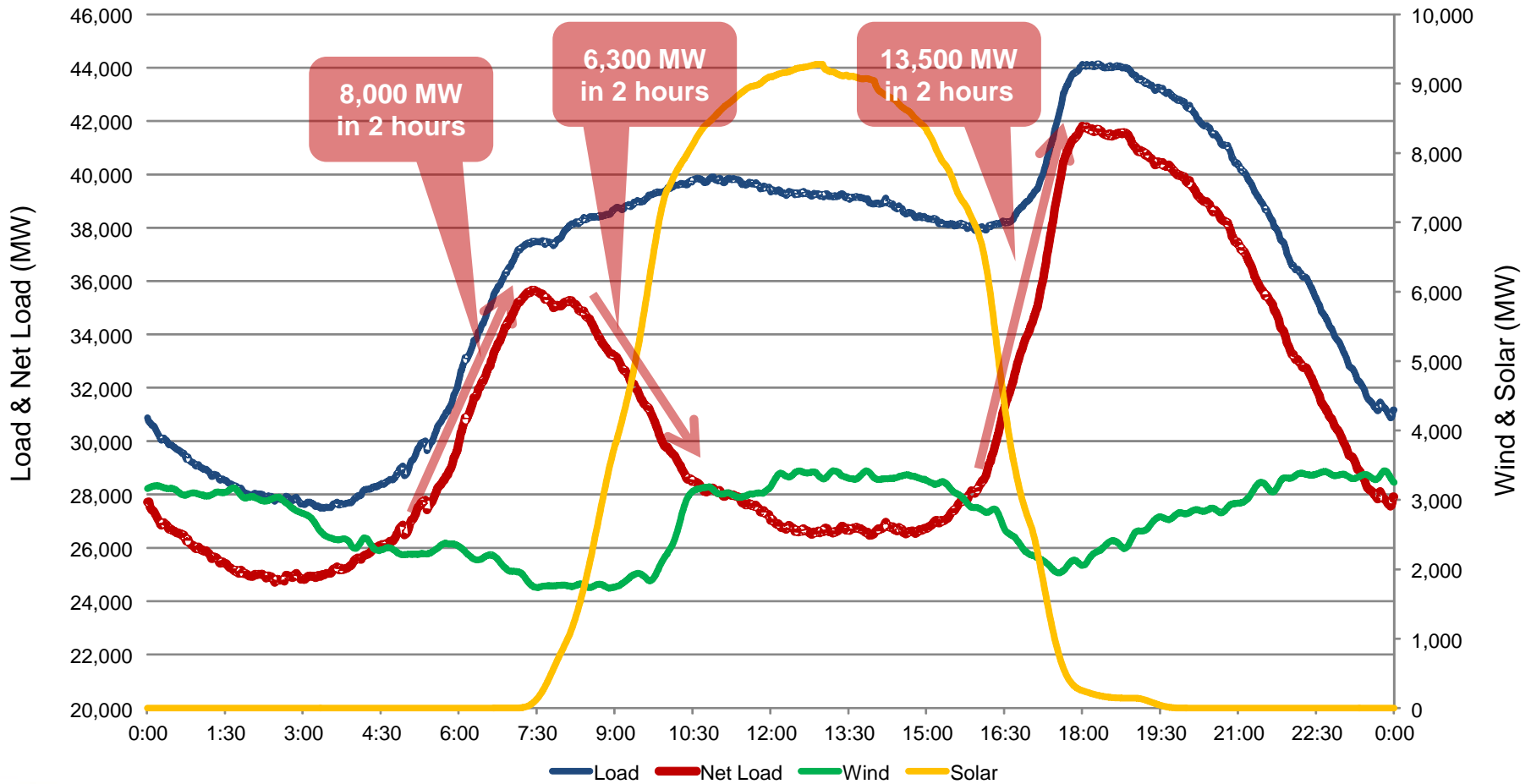
- Reliability Requirements Forecast
  - load
  - generation
  - flexramp
  - operating reserve (spin and non-spin)
  - regulation
- Predictive Market – using the prediction of the future imbalance instead of the adaptive rear view mirror
- Advance Application
- Intelligent Agents
- Visualizations — tools, tools and more tools

# July 3, 2011 Solar Event – 65% production drop



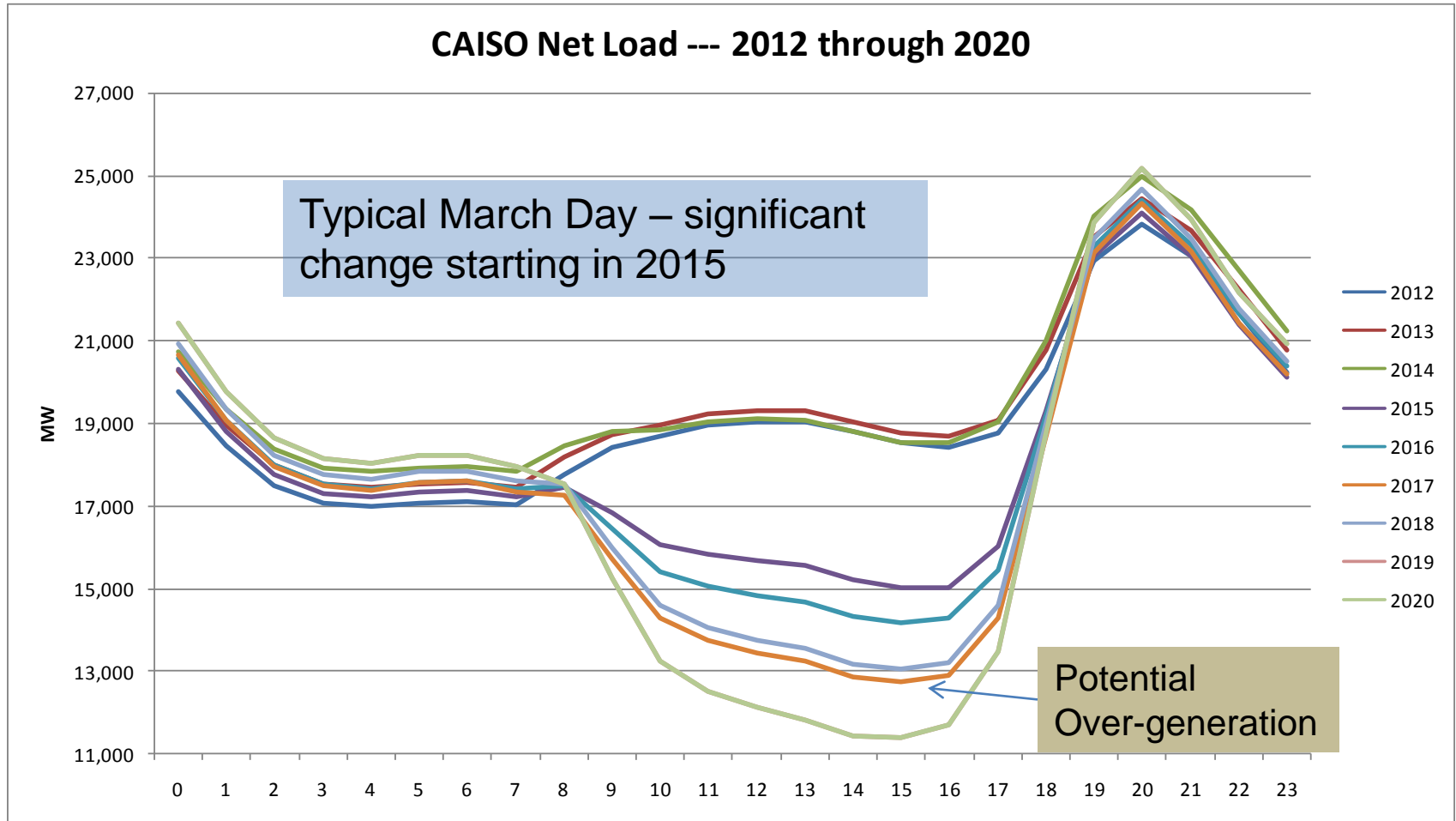
# What the future holds for ISO to follow net load

A typical day in winter/spring 2020

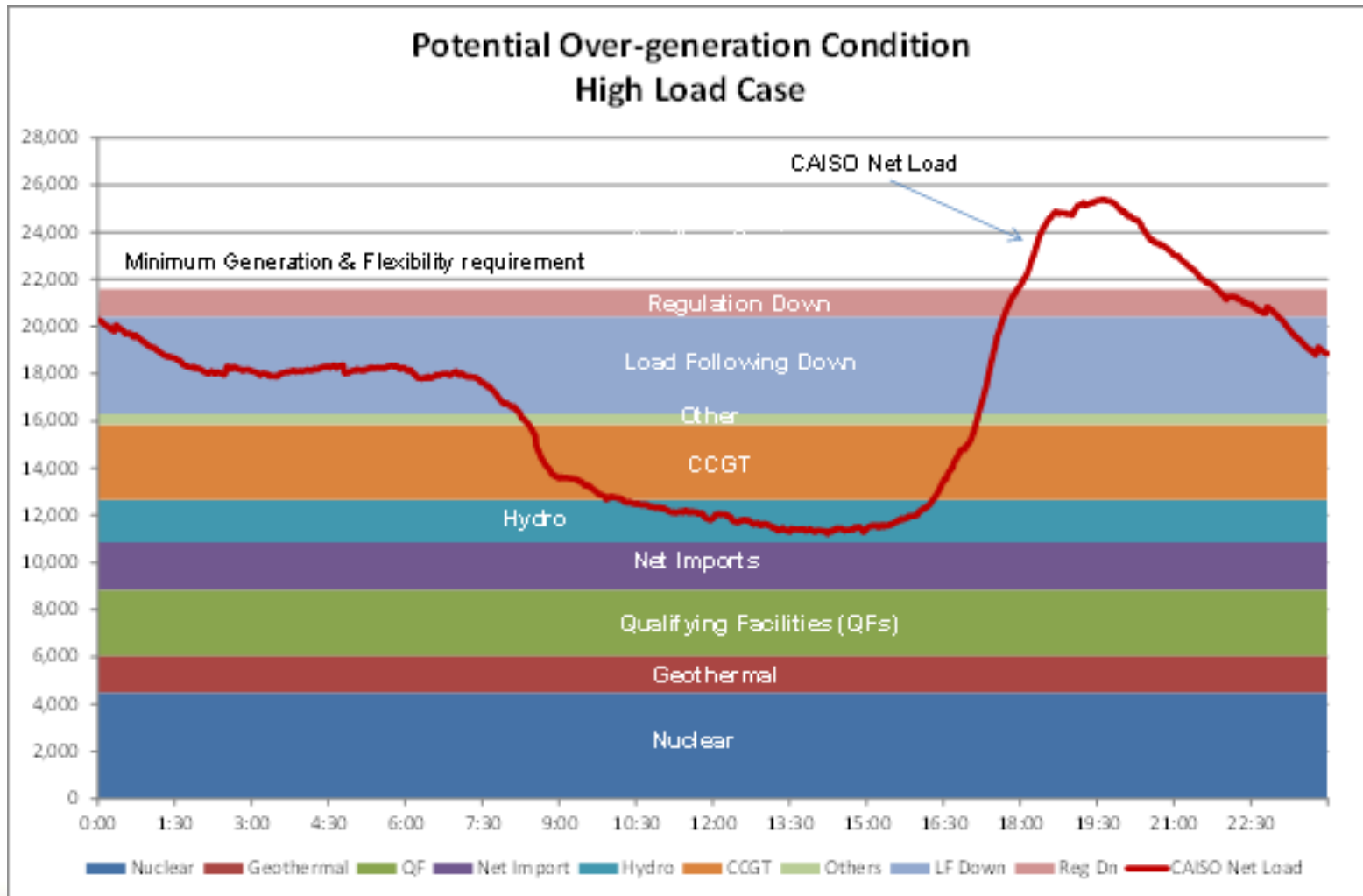




# Net load pattern changes significantly starting in 2015



# Non-flexible supply creates dispatch issues and potential overgeneration conditions



# Solar Production Rate of Increase in California

(eia.gov Energy Watch June 2014)

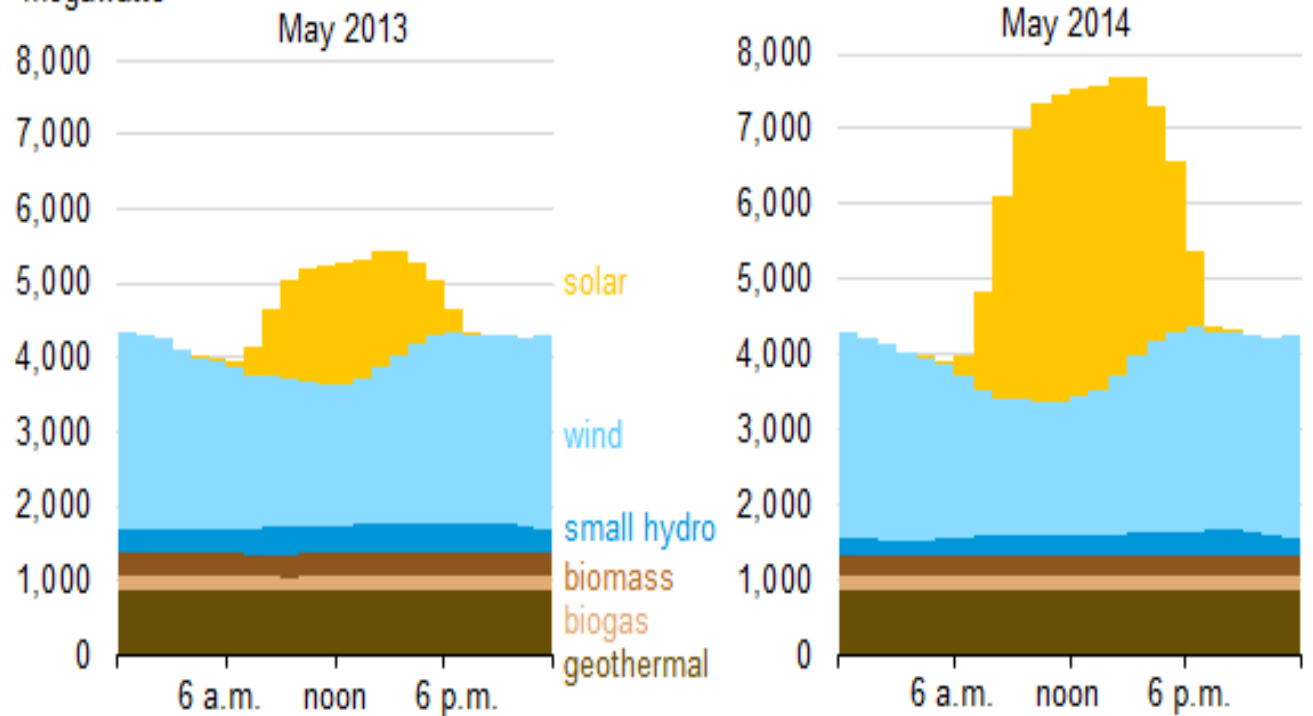
CA 5/2014: Solar production: 4,100 MW (12% of demand)

variability risk managed for grid reliability



TX 03/2014: 10,000+ MW from wind on several days

Average hourly California renewable electricity production profile megawatts



# Changes in the industry on the horizon affecting the grid

- renewable generation – consistently setting new peaks wind unpredictable output (>4,768 MW peak)
  - solar unpredictable output for telemetry generation (4,903 MW peak)
  - photo voltaic (PV) on rooftops without telemetry (2,300 MW estimate)
- NERC CIP/ security requirements
- Accurate power flow at the seams and intra-zones in real-time
- inter-ties limited to hourly changes
- many small generations than few big ones
- demand response and storage devices
- visualization and situational awareness

# Challenges for the grid in the horizon

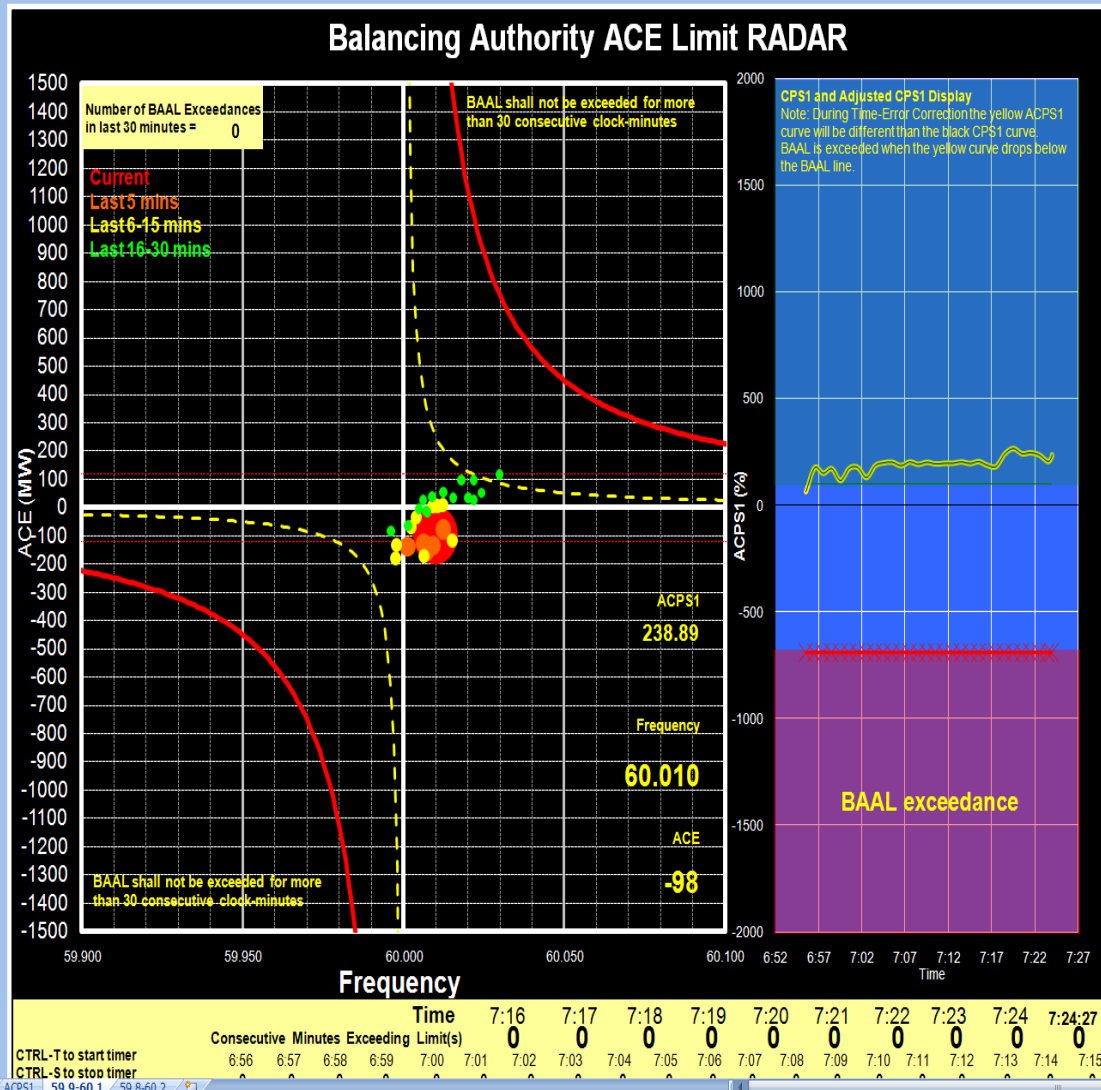
- unpredictable generation in the horizon depending on weather forecast
- more ramp rate is required to meet sudden changes in weather
- true actual load is deformed by PV roof tops
- need to know accurate and immediate power flow as it is becoming more dynamic
- implemented inter-ties schedule 15 minutes market instead of only hourly
- need to know the sequence of event immediately during important events (Sep 8, 2011 outage)
- handle negative generations, storage devices, and demand response

# New paradigm to view grid operations




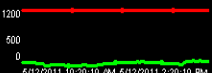






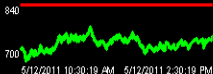






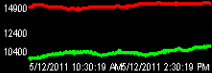

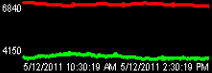
- To view the **Past**: Use a historian with displays – EMS with History
- To view the **Present**: Use the EMS current telemetry and State Estimator
- To view the **Future**: Use the market — the market is the best forecast of the reality to come from current time up to several days in the future
- We are working to provide operators visualization to tie the past, present and the future
- Operators' confidence is increased as we provide the visualizations and accuracy of the forecast

**Visualization is the method for operators to see and analyze the past, operate the present, and proactively make decisions by preventing a negative future**

# Focus on true reliability and not just rules of reliability – reliability balancing authority ACE (area control error) limit radar



# Transmission Path Monitoring

California ISO Shaping a Renewed Future		<b>TRANSMISSION PATH MONITOR</b>							California ISO Shaping a Renewed Future						
PATH	DIR	ACT	LIM	▲	ACT VS. LIM	ALM	TIMER	PATH	DIR	ACT	LIM	▲	ACT VS. LIM	ALM	TIMER
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P-24 + MARBLE	→	67	100	33				P-58 ELD-MEAD	←	91	1140	1049			
P-15 LBN	↓	-1037	1881	859				P-15 IRAS	↓	946	2400	1454			
P-26 MID-VIN	↓	1591	2000	409				P-17 W. BORAH	←	572	2557	1985			
SDG&E IMPORTS	↓	2072	2650	578				SDG&E + CFE	↓	2078	2650	572			
P-23 FCORN	←	772	840	75				P-45 SDGE/CFE	↑	-1	800	799			
P-46 WOR	←	5219	9426	4207				P-49 EOR	←	-4241	9300	5059			
P-43 N.SONGS	↑	1467	2440	973				P-44 S.SONGS	↓	803	2200	1397			
P-61 VIC-LUGO	↓	-1934	2400	466				SCIT	↓	11563	14829	3608			
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## Solutions are helped if you think this way

- EMS provides reality and history of the reality
- EMS is the system used to operate reality
- the market is the forecast of the reality to come
- improve the forecast of reality
- provide operators visualization of the future, current, and the past
- operators' confidence is increased as you provide the visualizations and accuracy of the forecast

# Solutions the future must provide

- Better forecast beyond load forecast
  - forecast wind generation
  - forecast solar generation
  - forecast PV and use it a variable into the load forecast
  - forecast ancillary services required and not the minimum that NERC requires
  - forecast the amount of ramp rate required
  - forecast system stability
    - voltage stability
    - dynamic stability
    - system inertia
    - handling a DCS

## Solutions the future must provide (continue 1)

- improve NERC CIP security to always be way ahead of the requirements
- document it – if it is not documented you don't get credit for doing it
- bigger footprint of the network model with more accurate details
- control area scheduling should be fully designed to handle 15 minutes schedule changes including hourly details for integrated and instantaneous
- simplified interfaces, protocols, and telecommunications to EMS to accommodate tiny generators, electric storage devices, and demand response

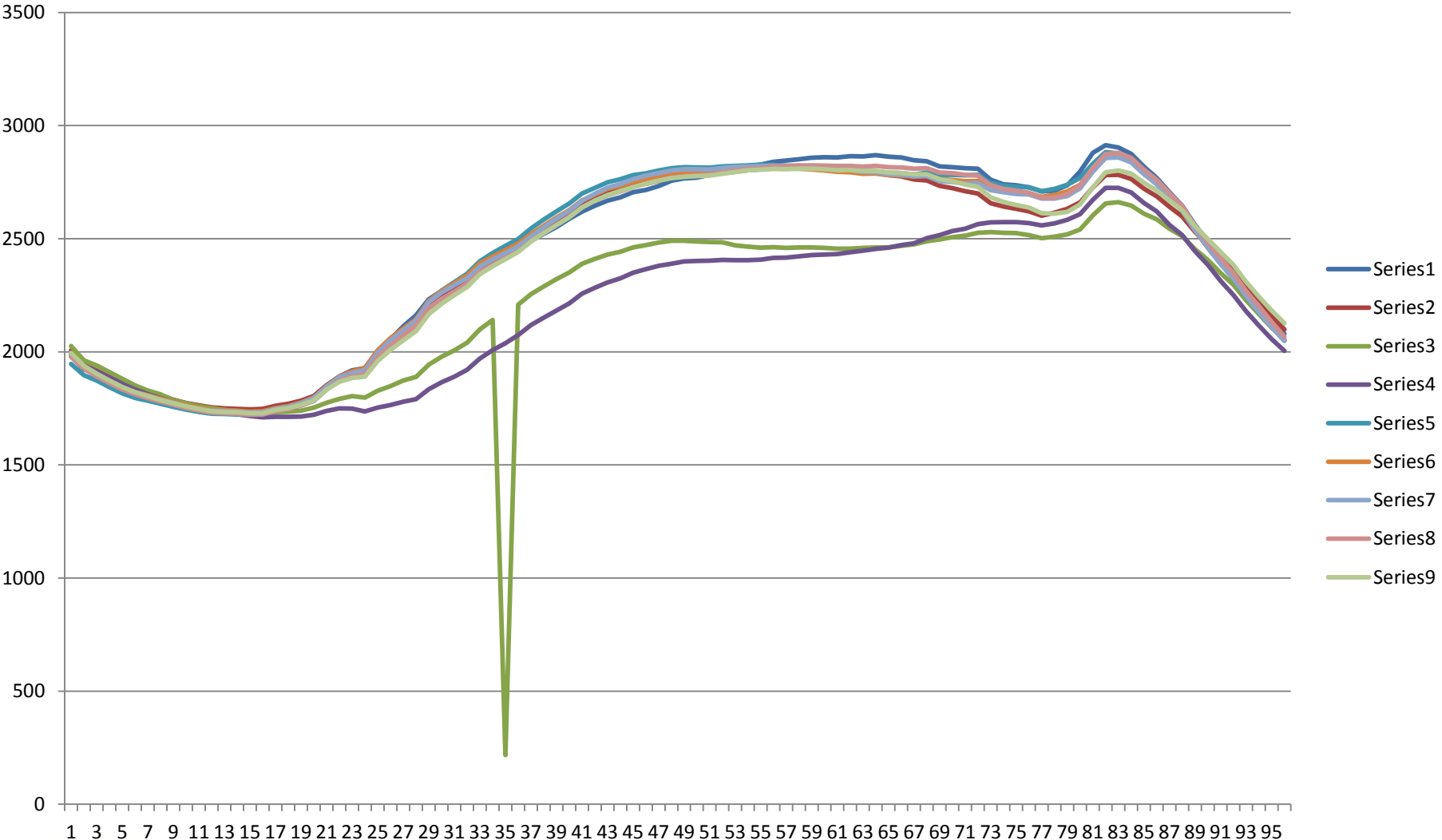
## Solutions the future must provide (continue 2)

- allow regulation for demand the same as generations
- separate regulation up and down as demand wants to regulate only up (down for the demand) while renewable resources want to only regulate down
- SE must do topology processor estimation
- telemetry coming to the EMS must accommodate lower cost solutions
- contingency analysis accuracy of the future must be as good as the current situation all the time
- synchrophasor and PMU need to be part of the advanced applications

# Example in numbers only 6 hours of 24 – can you find the mistake?

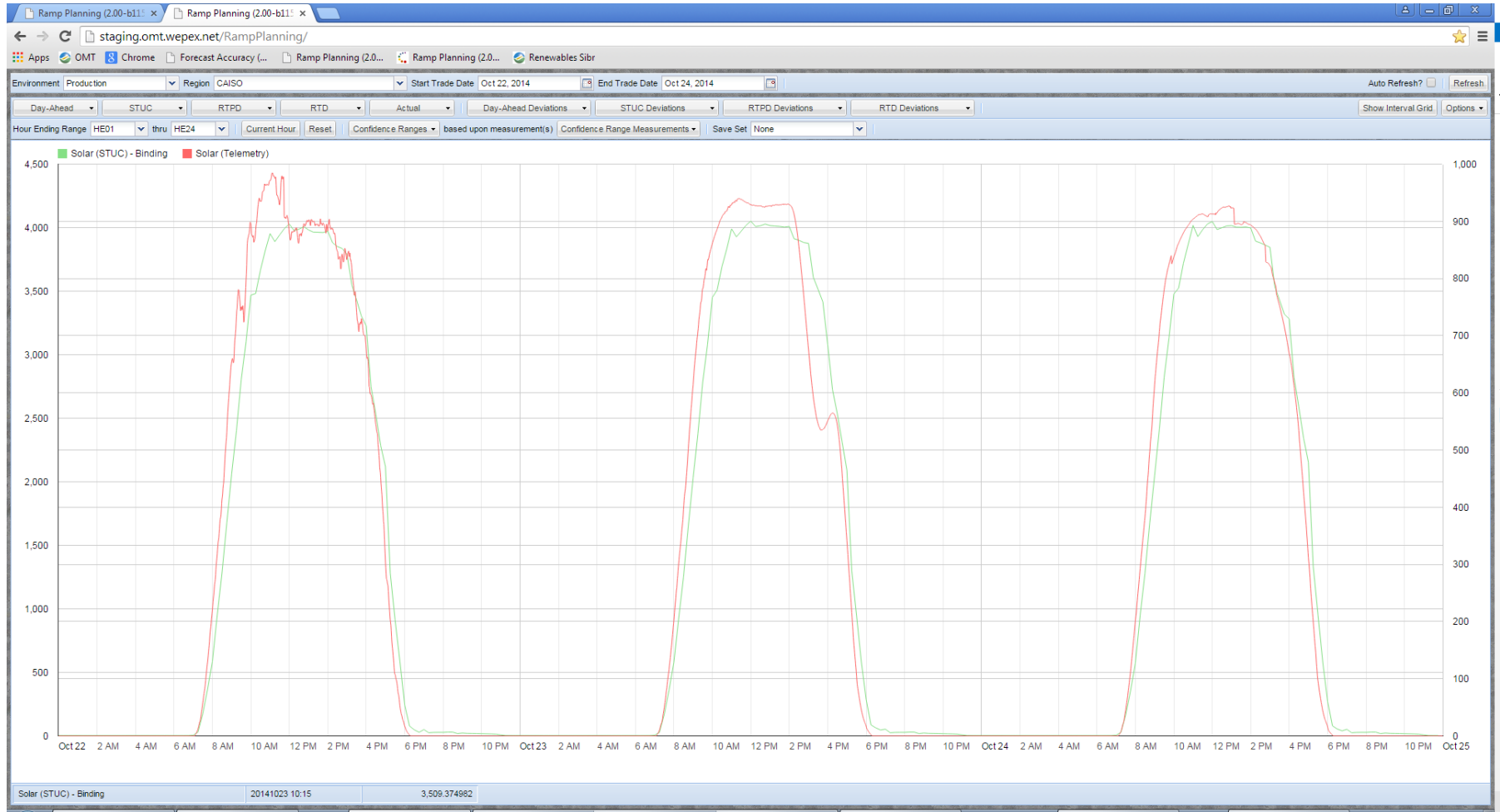
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11:00	2682.564	2718.079	2442.608	2324.405	2763.242	2733.837	2741.958	2709.303	2710.661
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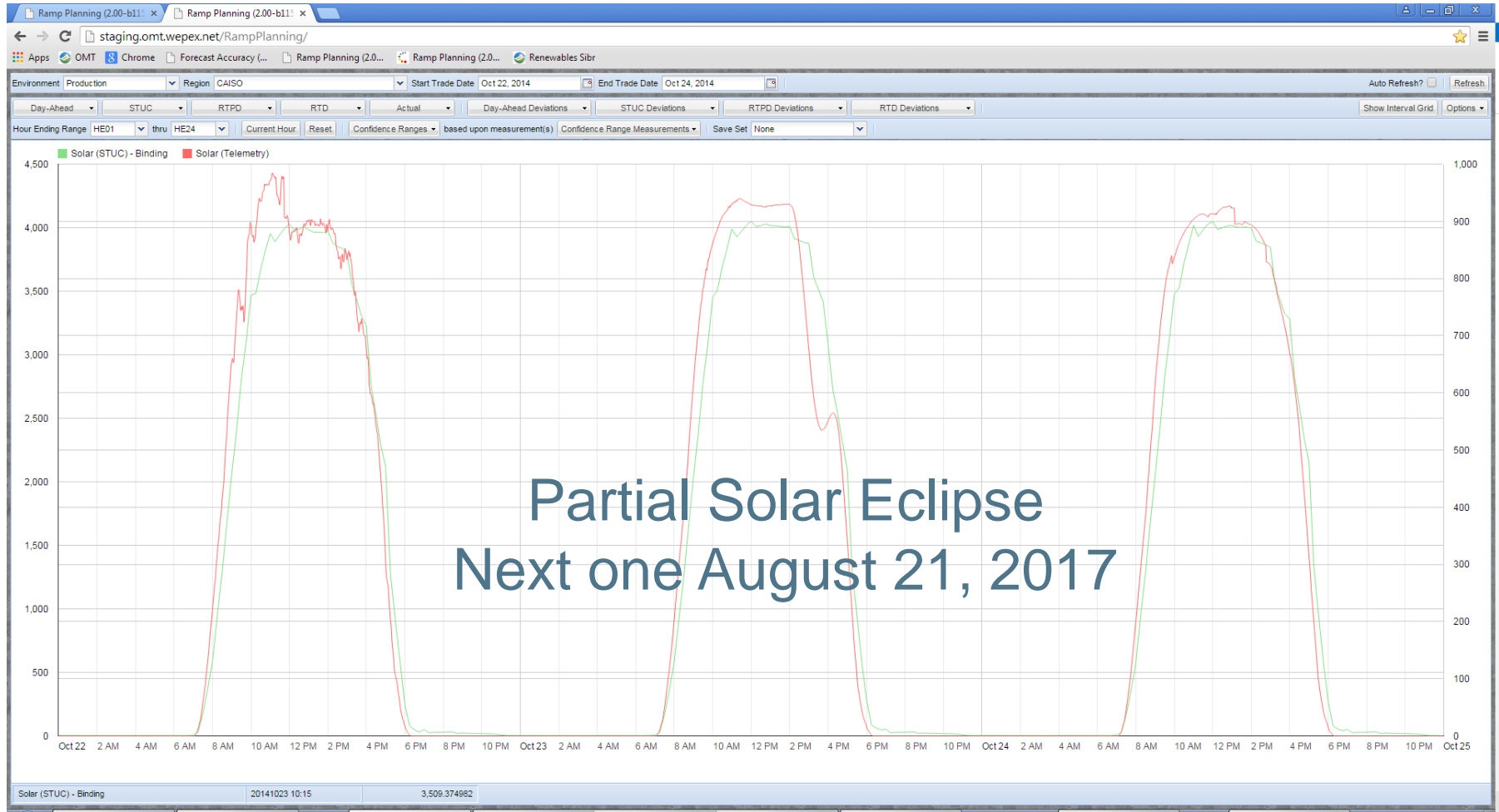
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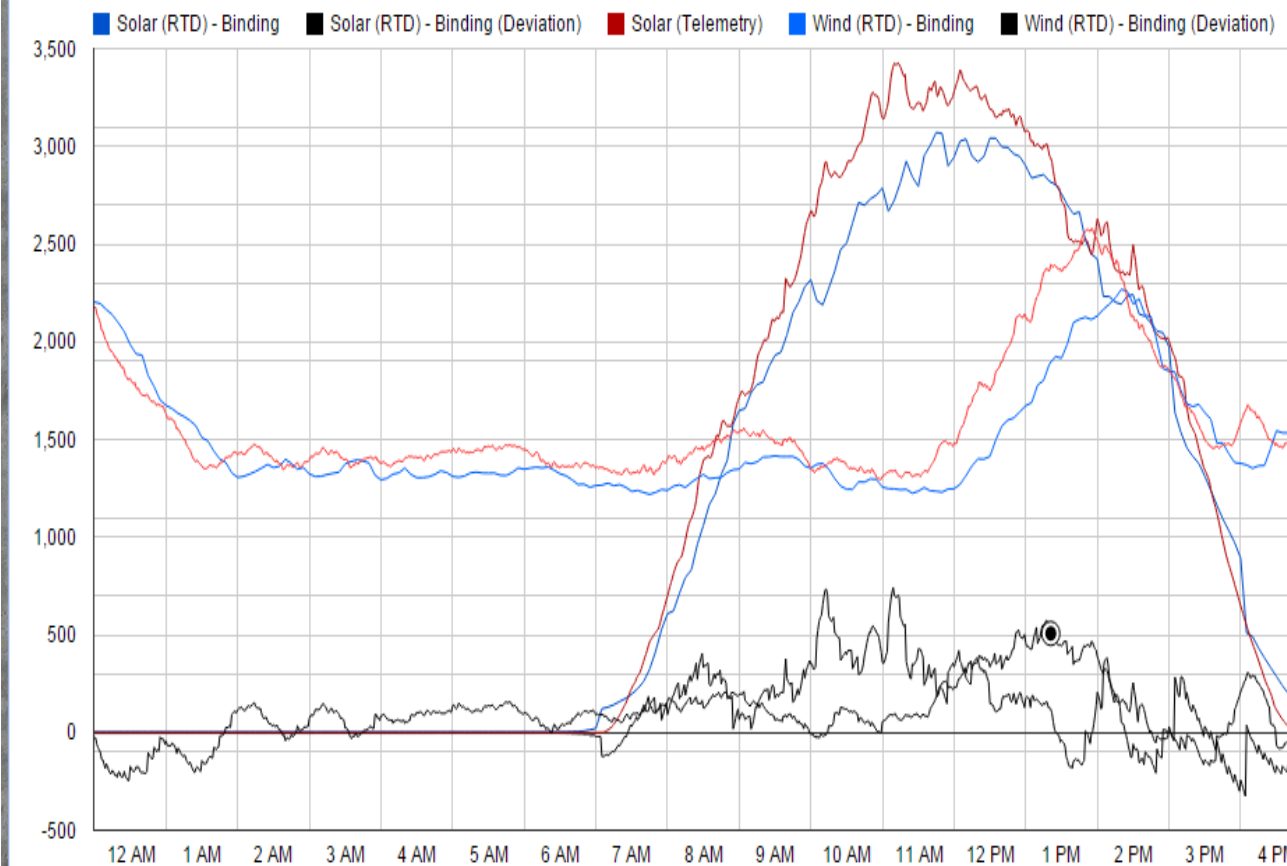
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# Considerations

- Expect technology to improve
- Accept that the future is not a perfect forecast
- Plan on constantly improving
- Evaluate and adopt new good ideas
- Demand Response will play an important role
- Storage devices should be part of the solution
- Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEV) is in the future
- Do not assume current solutions or current technologies are the only option



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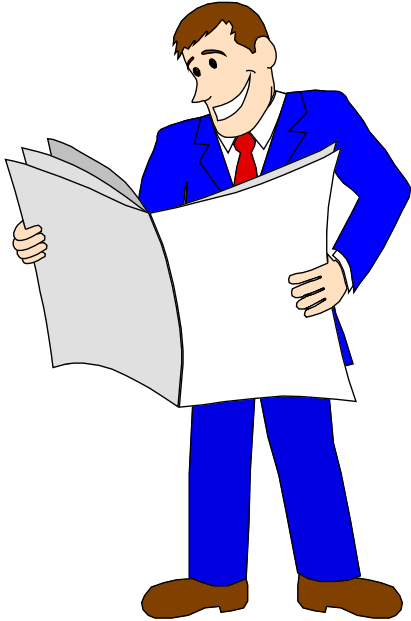
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Solar (Telemetry) 20141231 13:19 2,981.307129

# Summary

- data must be timely in real time
- Do not put limitations on yourself based on the past
- systems must be thought of as continuum for the past, current, and the future
- if your forecast is not accurate reliability suffers
- you cannot evaluate or trust forecast if not compared to actual
- operators must trust the forecast
- forecast must be based on visualization and not based on numbers
- situational awareness is reliability
- system must be nimble and accommodating to many smalls instead of few big ones

## Questions and Comments



# Thank you Your turn

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