

# **New Mexico Chapter Association of Energy Engineers**

## **Renewable Energy and the Need for Energy Storage**

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# Renewable Energy and the Need for Energy Storage

- Rules for operating the grid- what utilities have to do to keep the grid operating in the face of increasing renewables
- Impacts of Renewables
- Need for Storage
- Solutions - What's available - Whats being done

# Rules of the Game – Accommodating Renewables is not easy

- Resources have to match load – always  
(24/7/365/525600/31536000/1892160000) - down to 60Hz
  - Transmission Level – High Voltage – Federal (NERC) Jurisdiction
  - Mistakes can cascade and cause very big problems – refer to the interconnected Transmission Network
  - Straying from this invokes serious penalties (\$M enforced by Federal Regulators)
- Customer Loads are very sensitive (and growing more sensitive) and have to be served with quality power
  - Distribution Level – Lower Voltages - NMPRC Jurisdiction polices
  - Voltage variances directly affect customer loads/equipment

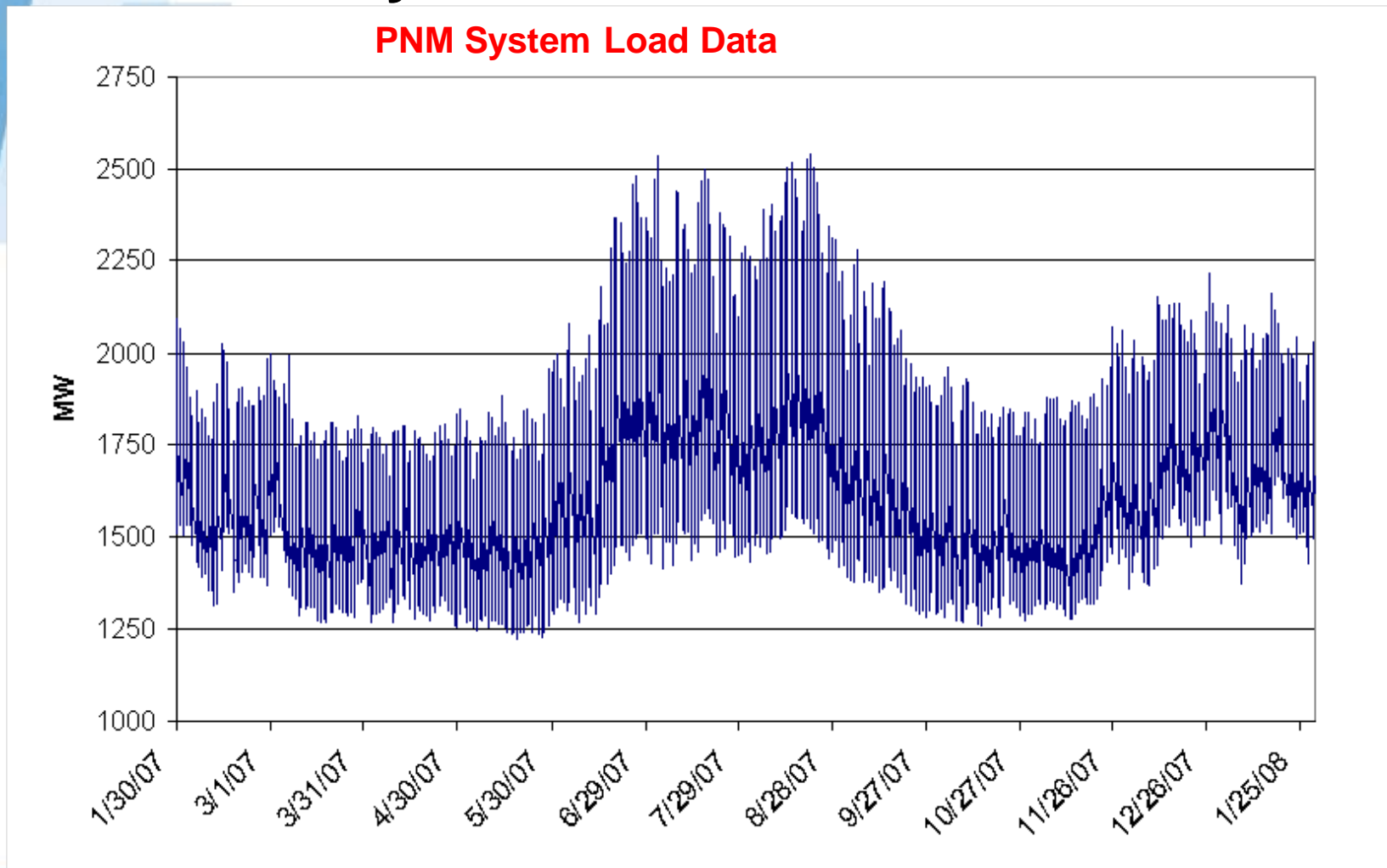
# Current Net Electricity Generation by Energy

Energy Source	Net Electricity Generation (GWh)	Percent of Total Net Generation
Coal	2,000,000	48.5
Petroleum liquids <sup>a</sup>	31,200	0.8
Petroleum coke	14,200	0.4
Natural gas	877,000	21.3
Other gases <sup>b</sup>	11,600	0.3
Nuclear	806,000	19.6
Hydroelectric	248,000	6.0
Other renewables <sup>c</sup>	124,000	3.0

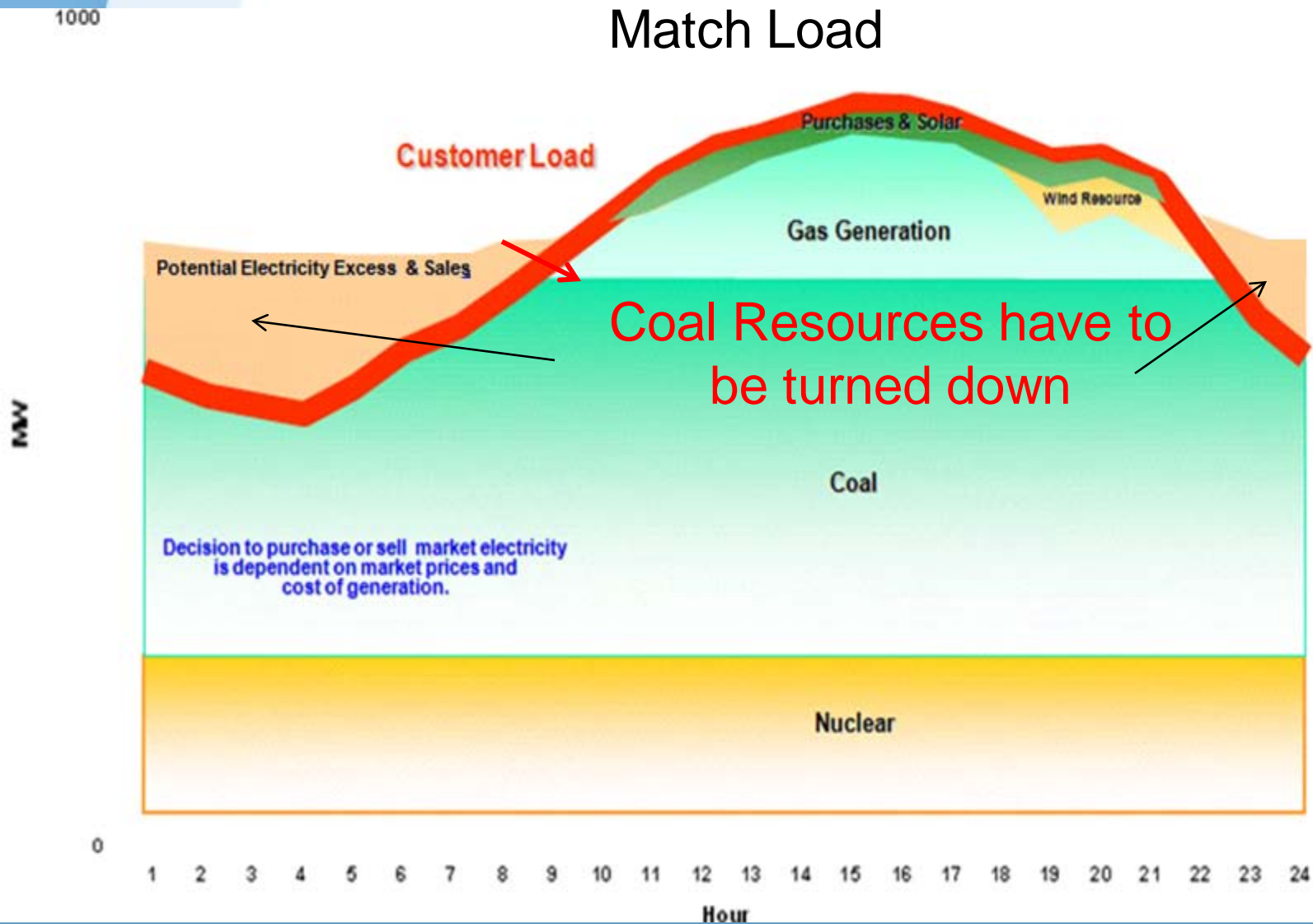
[Hidden Costs of Energy: Unpriced Consequences of Energy Production and Use](#) (2010), National Academies Press

In a general sense this has to change to 20% by 2020

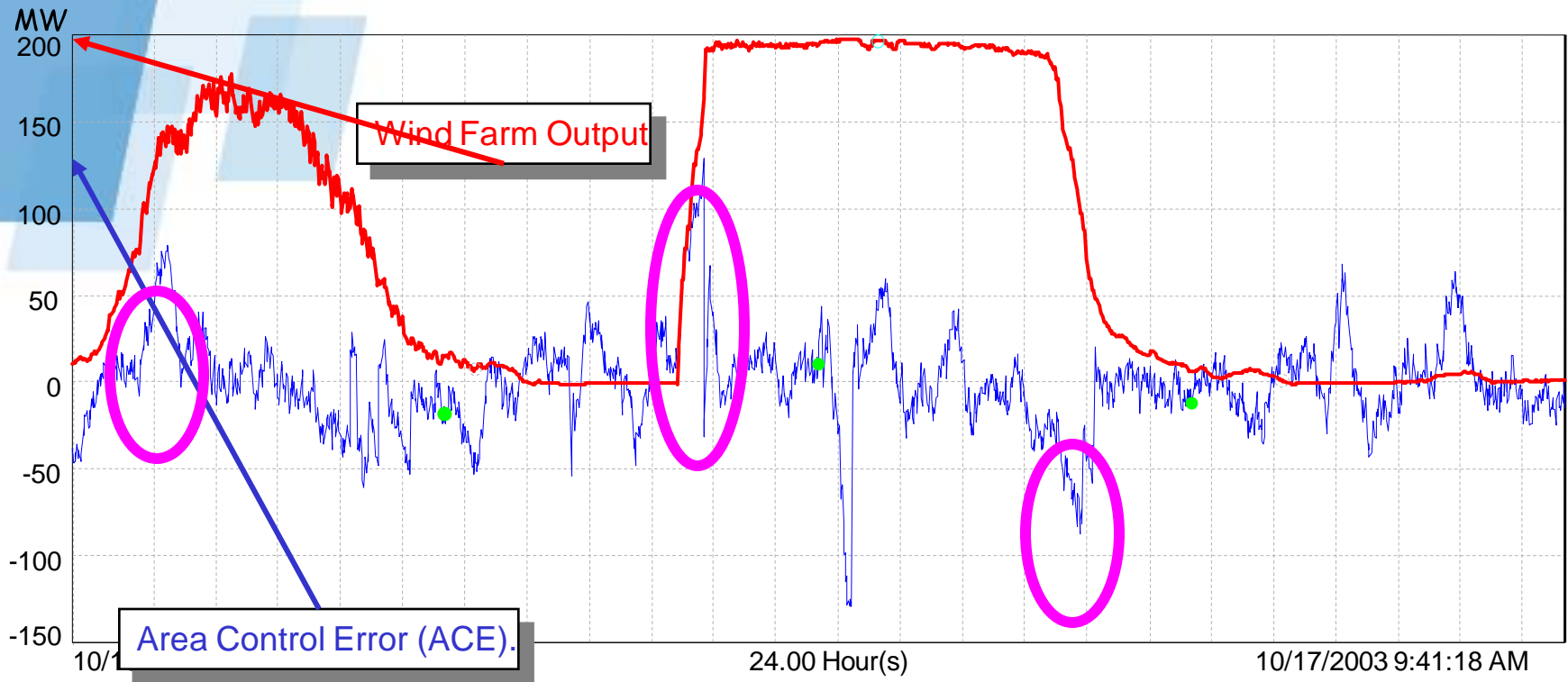
# Key Rule – Load must match output of generation resources – always



# How the Match is Made – Resources Used to Match Load



# Wind Variability – Transmission and Generation Level Impacts



➤ NERC CPS-2: The average ACE for at least 90% of a clock-ten-minute periods during a calendar month must be within a specific limit. *PNM's current limit is  $\pm 38$  MW.*

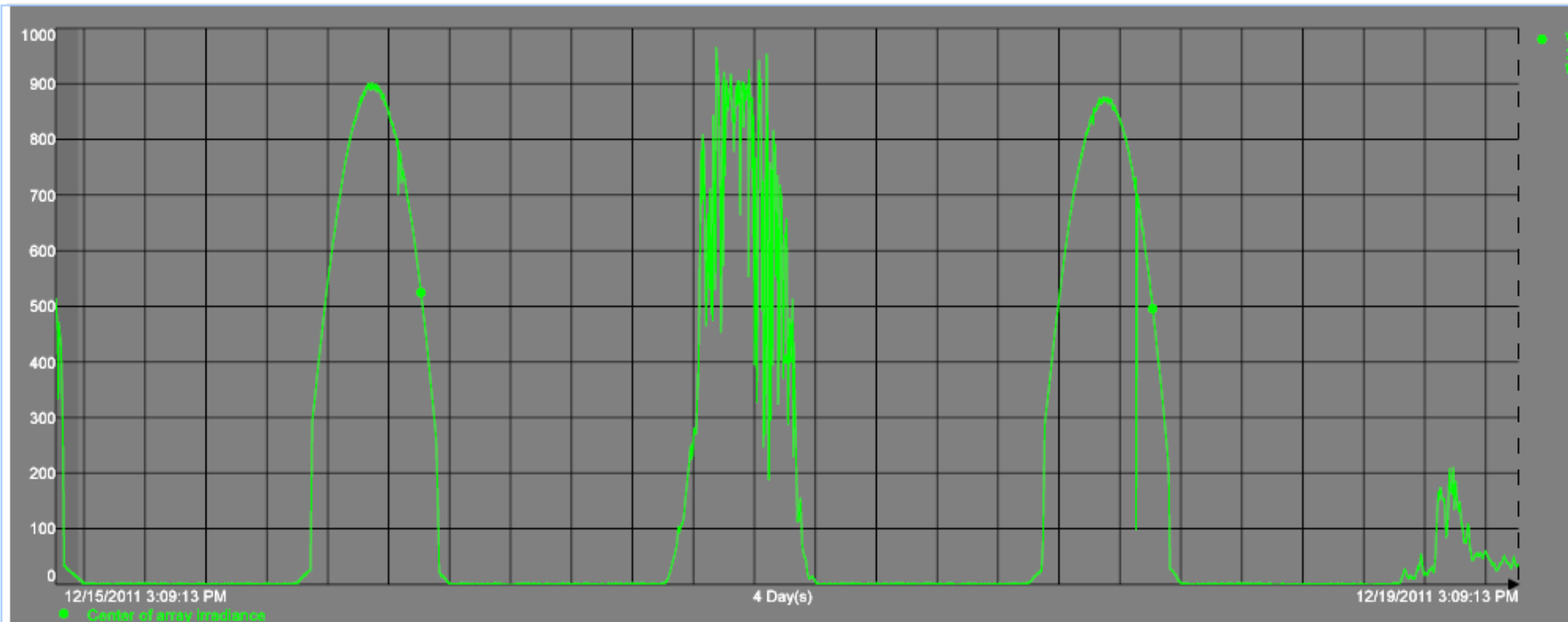
➤ ACE deviates by more than 40 MW as a result of rapid changes in wind power output, affecting CPS-2 for this sample month (average CPS-2 was still above 90%)



# Solar PV Variability - Distribution Level Impacts Prosperity Energy Storage 12/16 -19/2011

1 second interval PV output data  
from PNM Prosperity Energy  
Storage Site

IRRADIANCE W/M\*2





# Potential Solutions to Renewable Intermittency

- Energy vs. Power
  - Power – fast acting (seconds to minutes) – Regulation
  - Energy – slower (minutes to hours)
- Shape the Load to Resource
  - Load Modification - Invoke Real Time Pricing (Smart Grid)
  - Load Reduction
- Shape the Resource to the Load
  - Curtail Renewables
  - Energy Storage

# Storage Types

**Batteries - Power and Energy**

Multiple types of chemistries

**Thermal - Energy**

**Flywheels - Power**

**Supercapacitors/  
Ultracapacitors -  
Power**

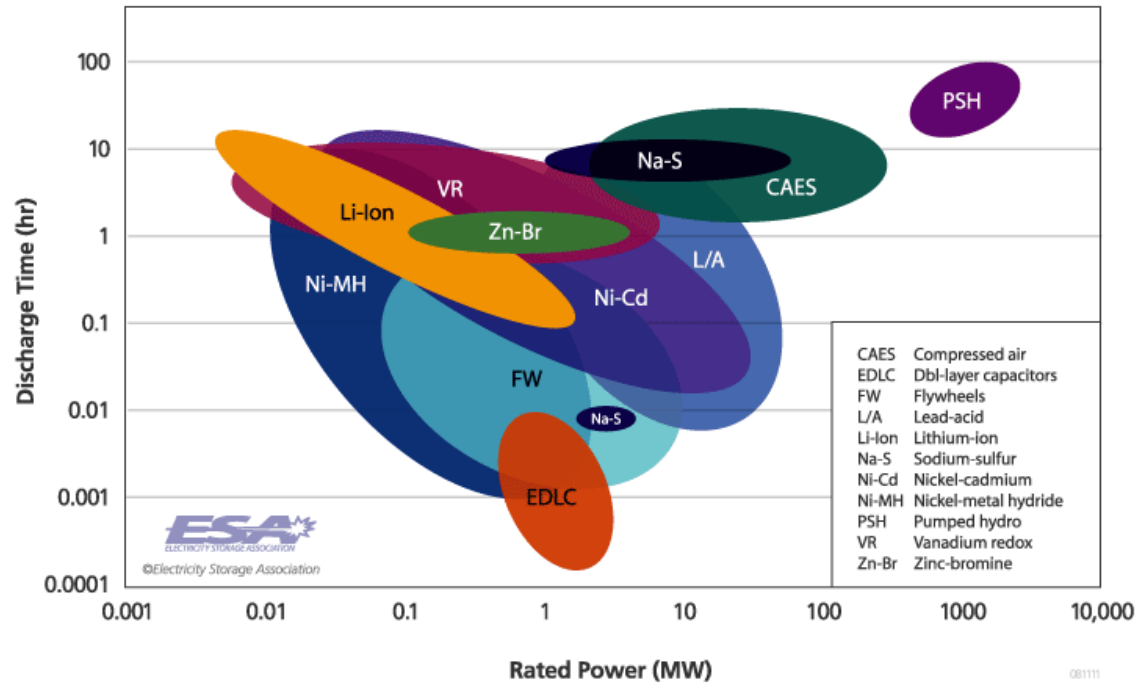
**Compressed Air Energy**

**Storage (CAES) \_  
Energy**

**Pumped Hydro – Energy**

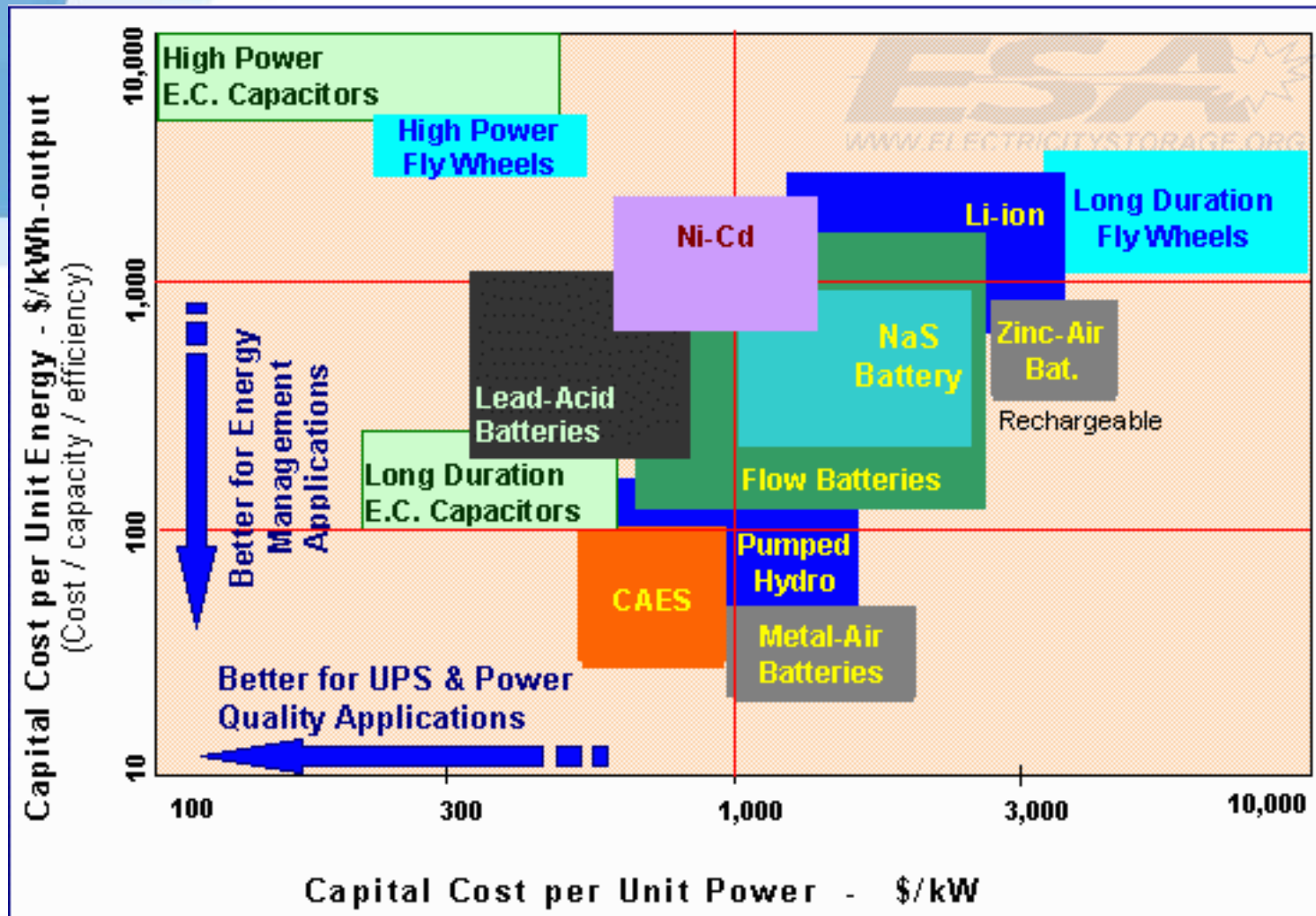
## System Ratings

Installed systems as of November 2008



See Electricity Storage Association

# Storage Costs

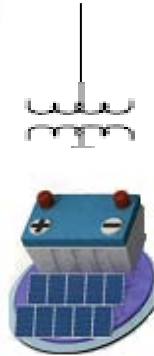


# What's being done?

- PNM/EPRI Smart Grid Demo
  - Feeder Modeling
  - Communication/control system architecture development
  - Started 2008
- PNM/DOE – Prosperity Energy Storage
  - Utility side Project
  - One of 16 DOE Smart Grid Storage Demonstration Projects
  - First to come on-line on budget on-time
- NEDO/Mesa del Sol Project –
  - Implementing various customer side technologies
- NIST Cybersecurity
  - PNM actively participating in Stakeholder Process

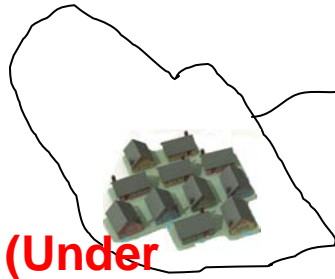
# Collaboration with Numerous Proximate Efforts

**PNM  
installed  
PV +  
Battery  
Storage**



Phase 1 Residential

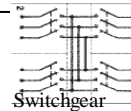
**Residential (Under  
Construction)**



Fraunhofer  
Solar Test  
Facility



Town  
Center



To Studio Substation-  
Feeder 14

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**Albuquerque  
Studios**

**Site for MdS/NEDO commercial  
Energy Efficient building**

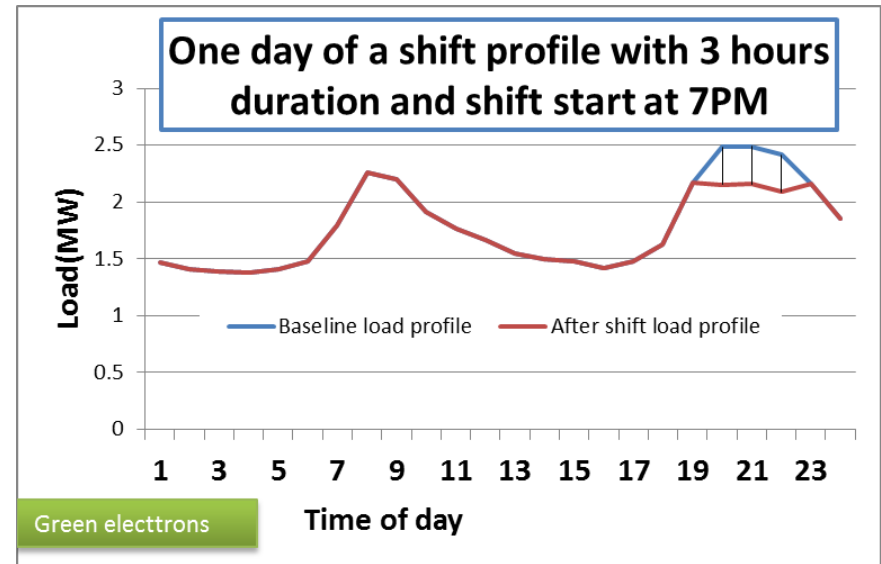
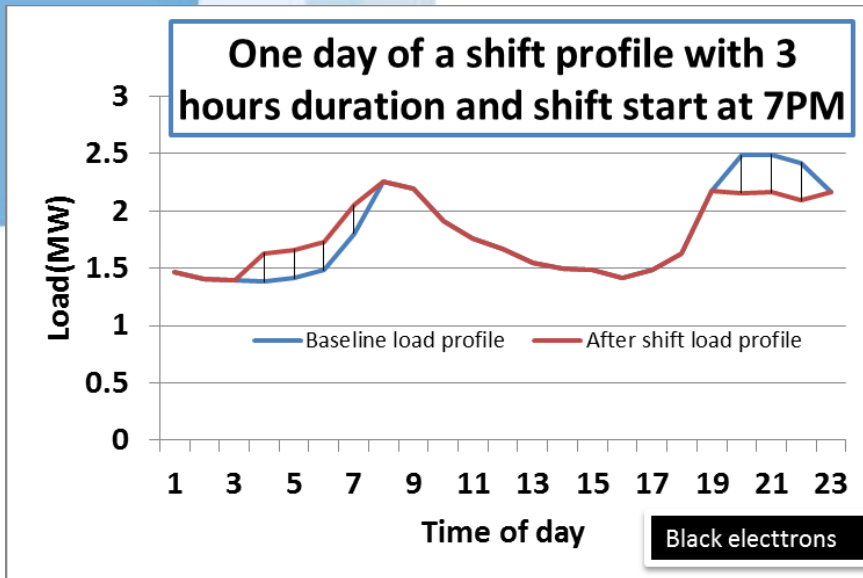
# PNM/DOE Smart Grid Storage Demonstration Objectives

- Prove a battery system can achieve multiple Benefits – simultaneous Smoothing and Shifting (Power and Energy)
- Create a dispatchable, renewables-based peaking resource
- Combine PV and storage at a substation to achieve a minimum of 15% peak-load reduction on an associated distribution feeder
- Demonstrate that this combination can mitigate voltage-level fluctuations as well as enable load shifting
- Quantify and refine the associated performance requirements, operating practices, and cost:benefit, particularly for regions well-suited for distributed generation
- Generate, collect, analyze and share resultant data
- Enable distributed solutions that reduce GHG emissions through the expanded use of renewables

# Modeling – Key to Field Success

- UNM Based Effort
- Utilizing Leading Edge Distribution System Models
  - OpenDSS (EPRI)
  - GRIDLAB-D (PNNL)
- Allows understanding and quick development of control methodologies
- Allows system wide assessment of benefits
- Allows results to be transferable to the Utility Industry

# Modeling: Shifting algorithm



- Previous models incapable of modeling storage
- Current Models calibrated to PNM feeder data
- Currently testing algorithm effectiveness for both Shifting and Smoothing



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# Prosperity Energy Storage Project Features

# Prosperity Energy Storage Project Hi Value Renewable Intermittency - Utility Scale Storage

## Project

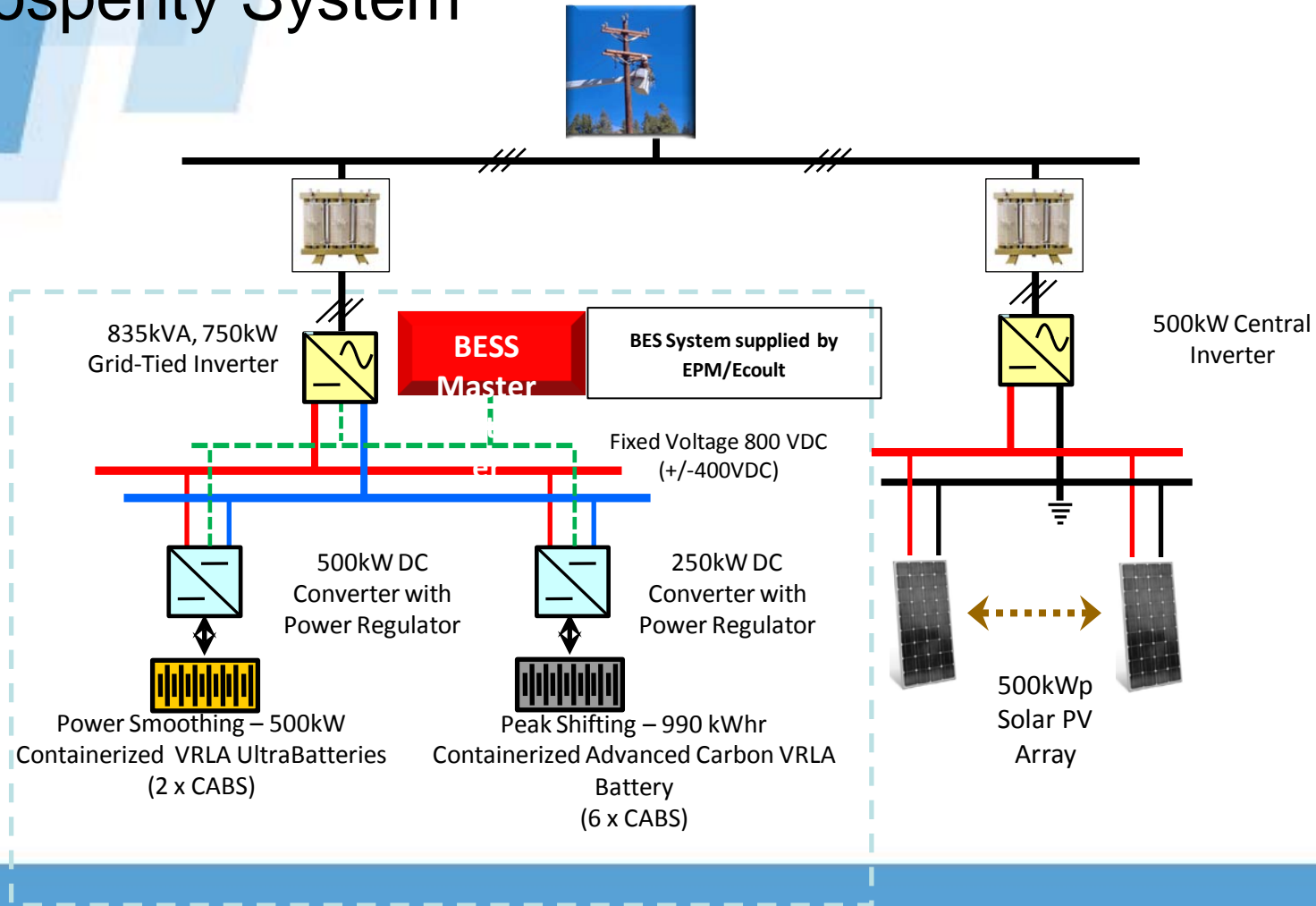
- Is designed to both smooth intermittency and store energy for later usage
- Development of control algorithms is key to this project

## Equipment

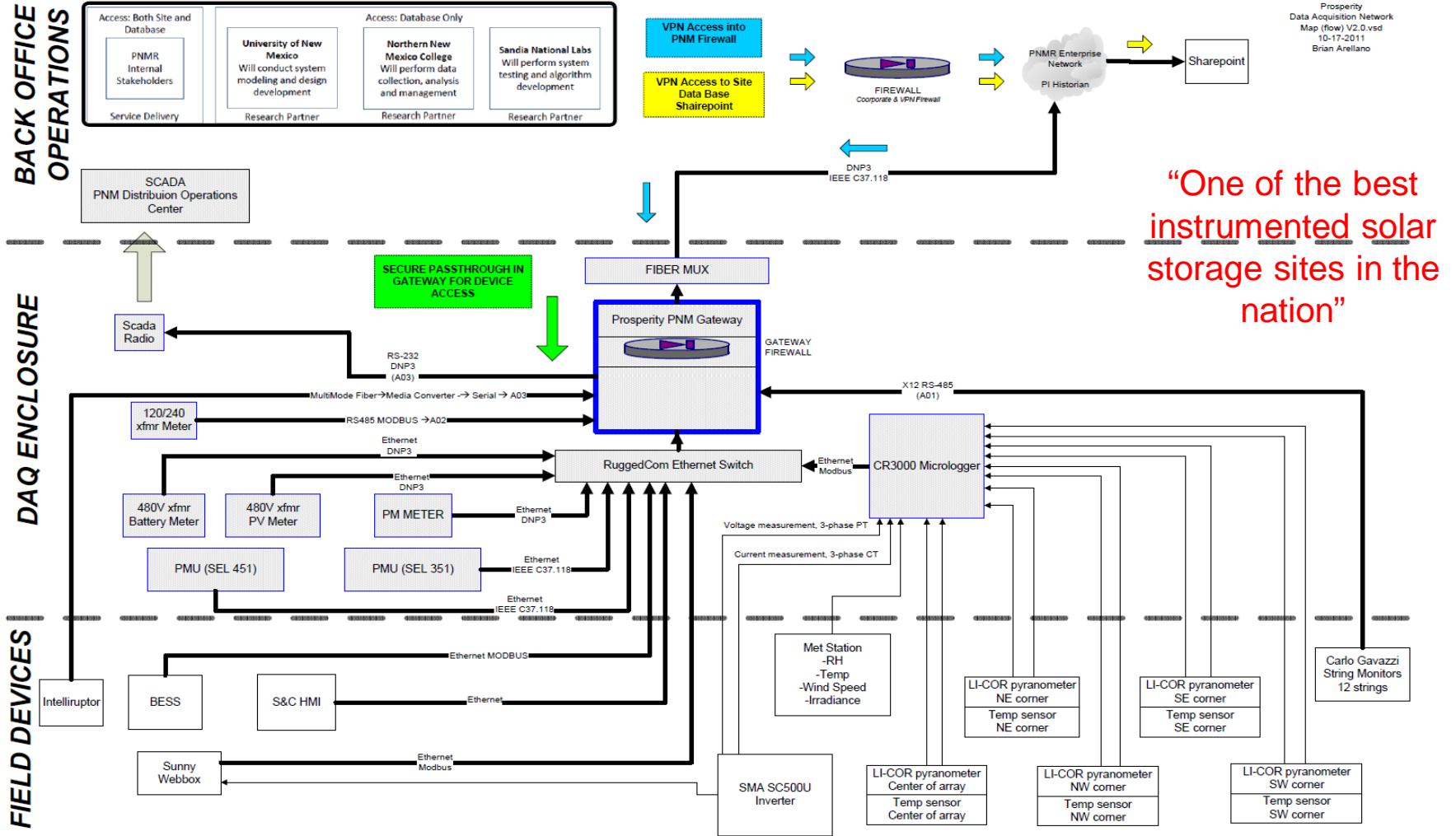
- 500 kW PV (energy for about 100 homes)
- Battery system for “shifting”
- Battery system for “smoothing”
- Cyber Secure , High Resolution Data Acquisition



# Schematic of the Prosperity System



# Details – Data Acquisition System Specification/Engineering Architecture Diagram

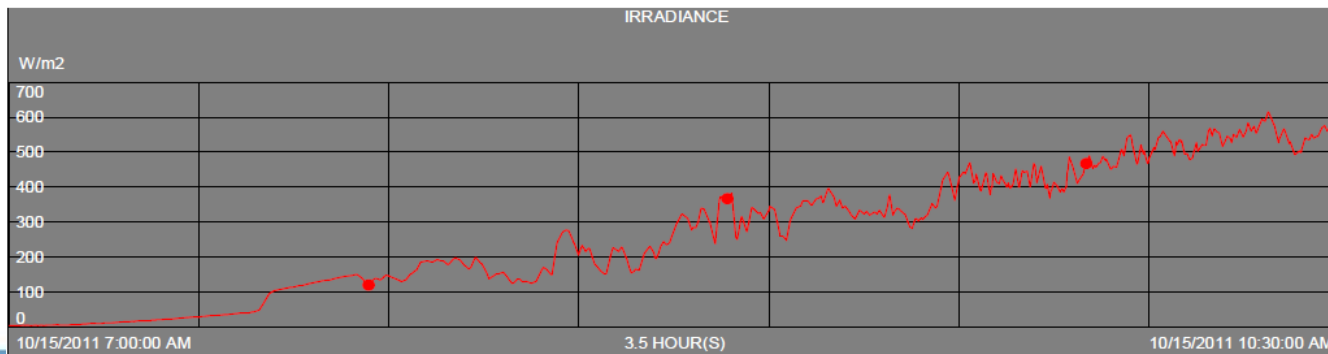
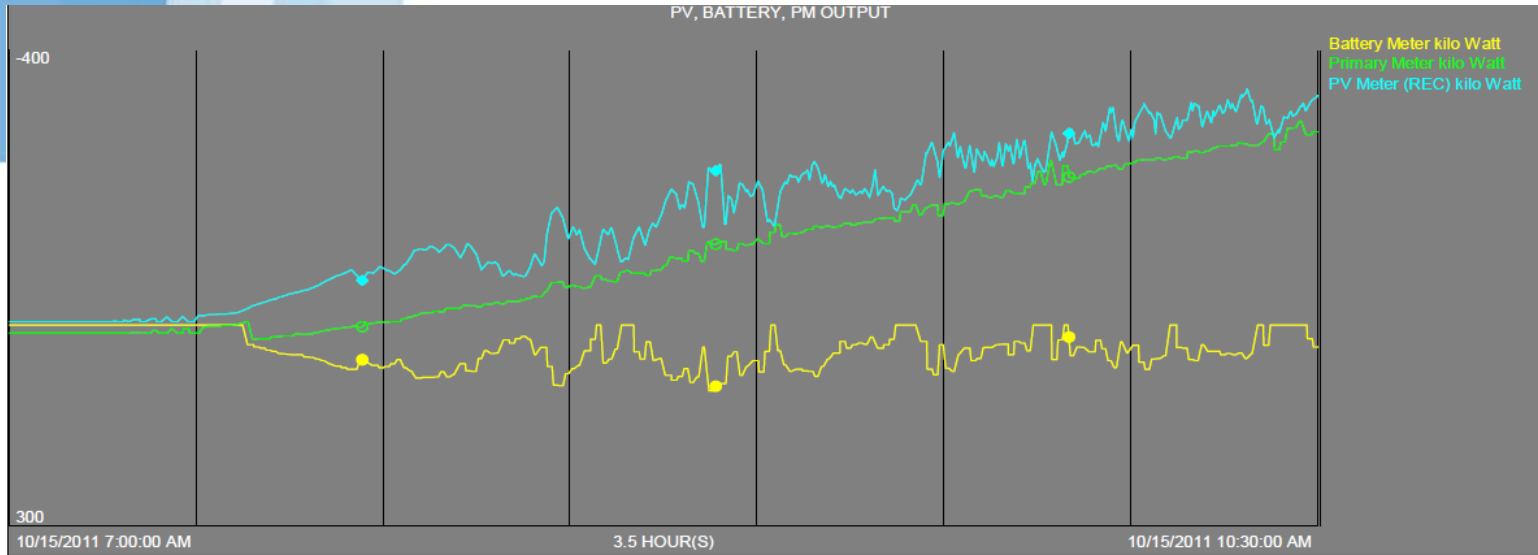


“One of the best instrumented solar storage sites in the nation”

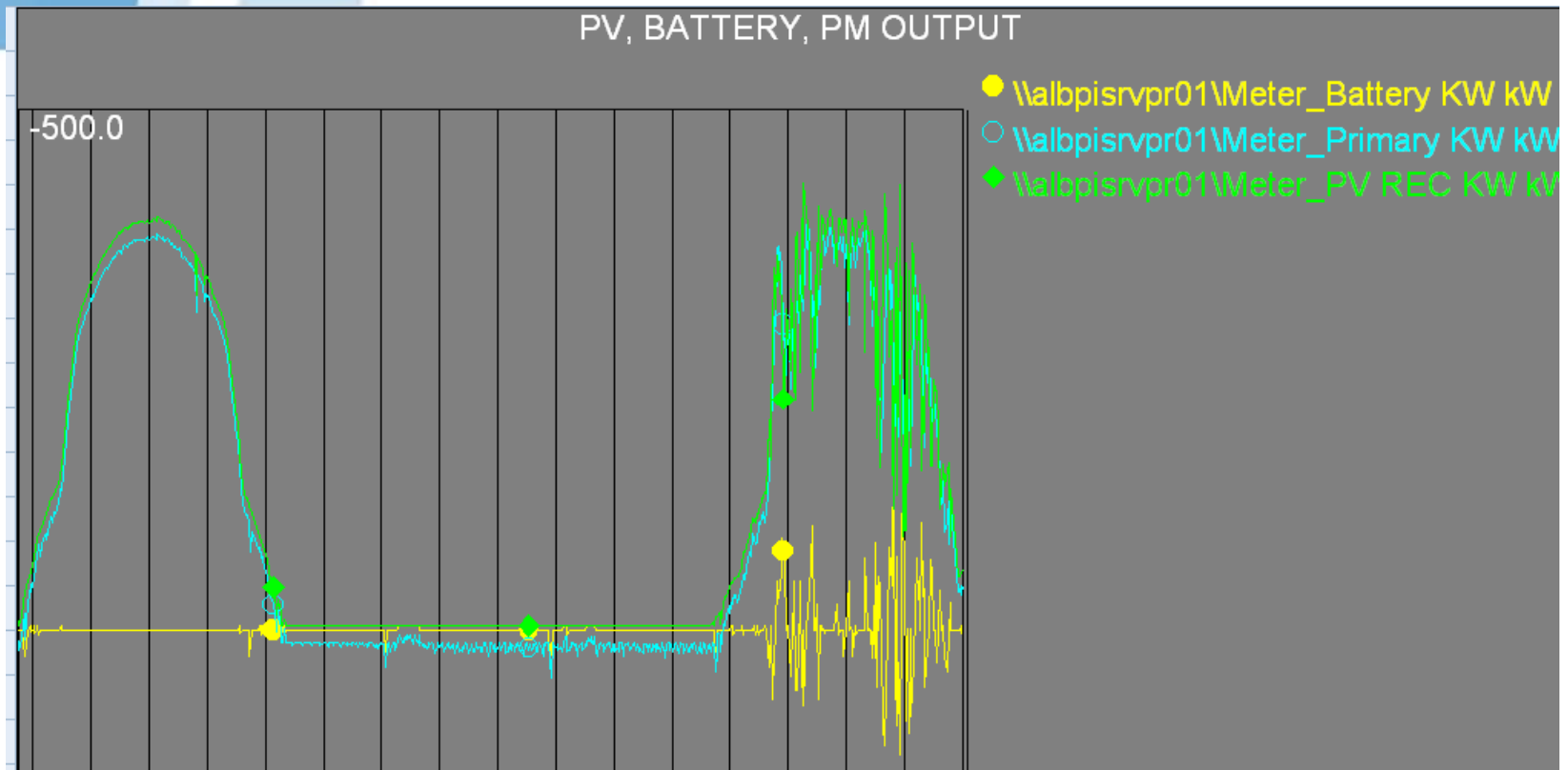
Prosperity  
Data Acquisition Network  
Map (flow) V2.0.vsd  
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# Applying Storage – Commissioning Data

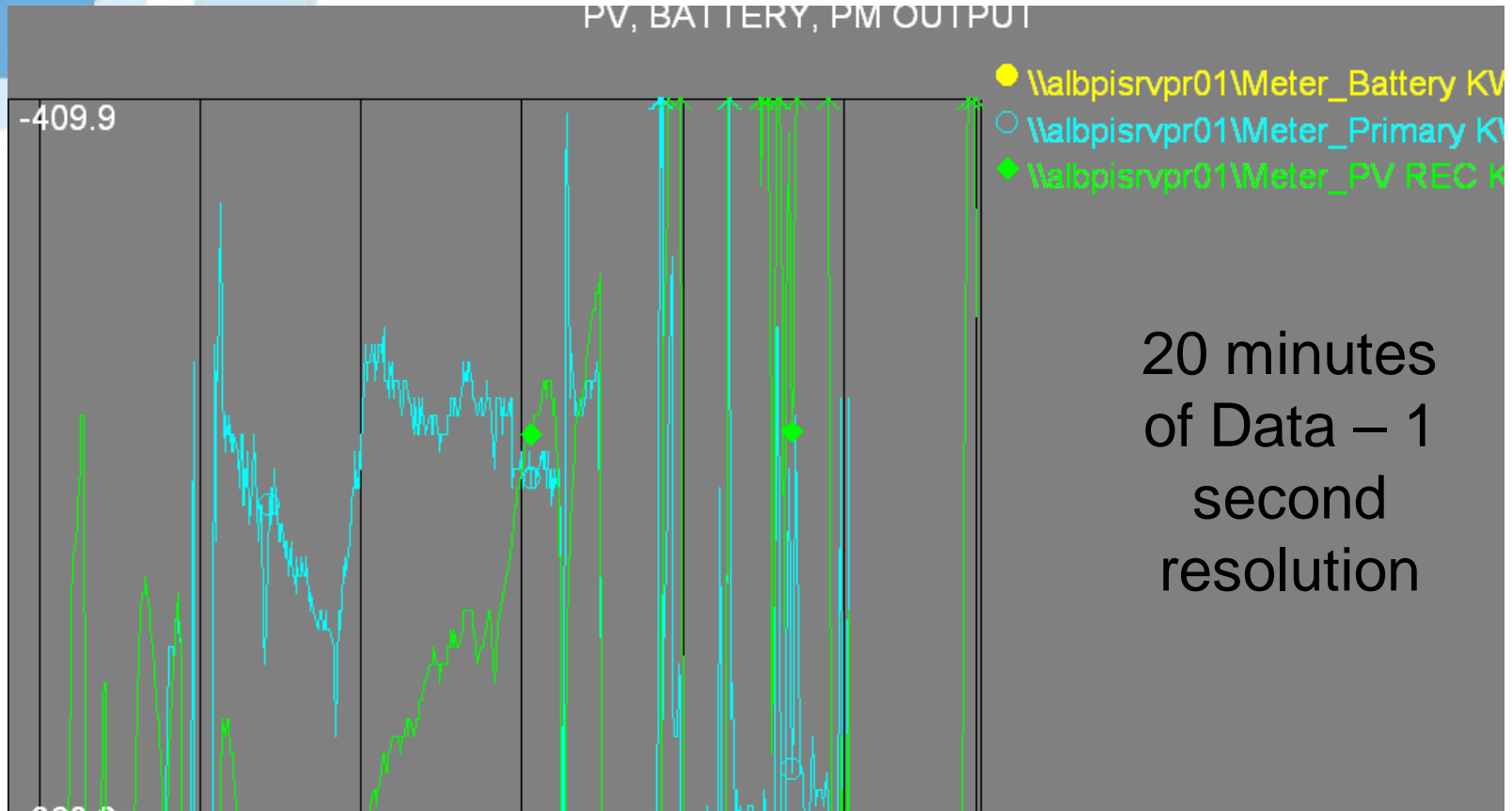
Shifting and Smoothing Batteries Commissioned and dispatching to grid - data from Saturday 10/15/11



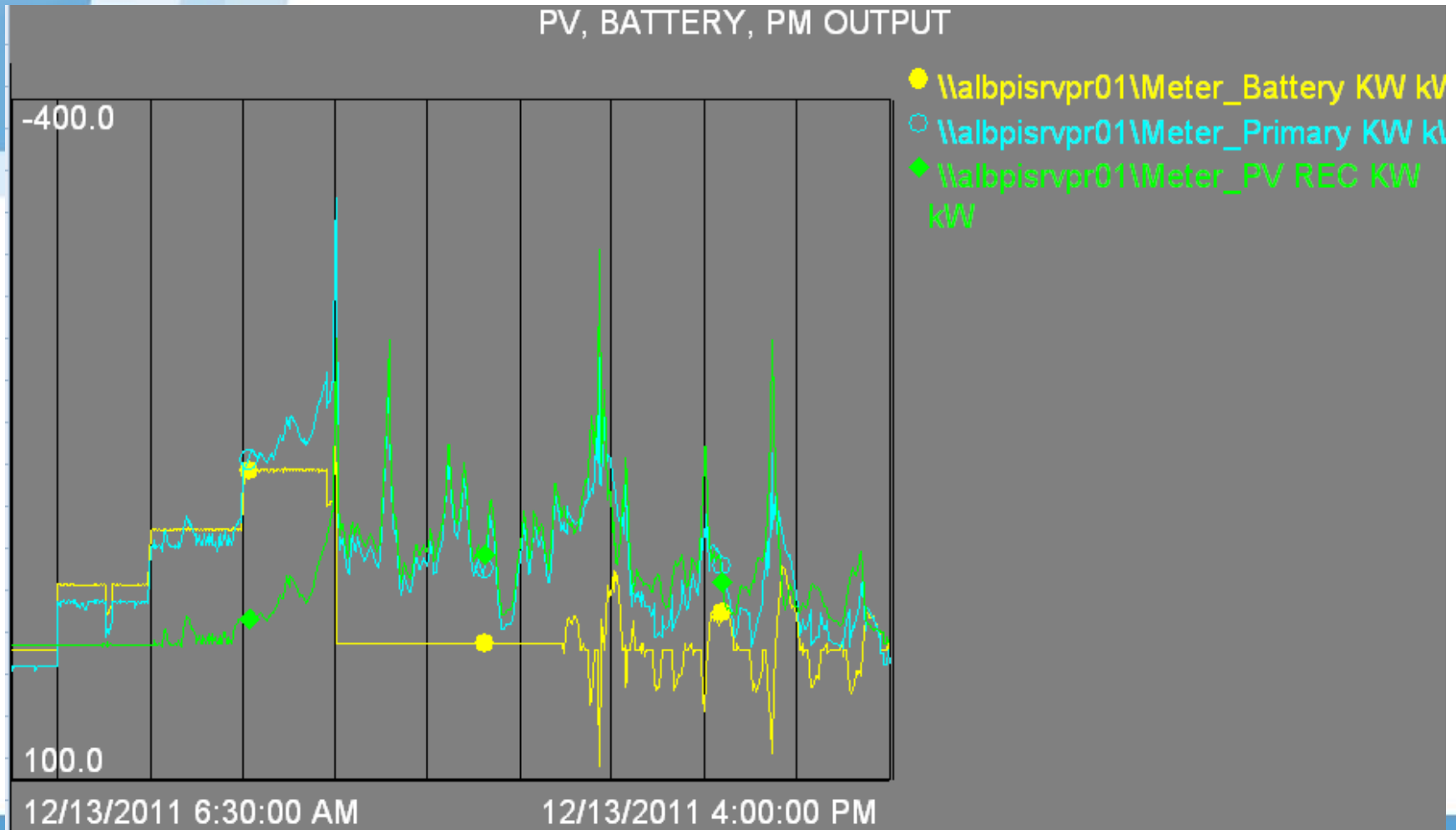
# Smoothing Results 12/16/11



# Granular Look at Smoothing 12/17/2011 – Configuration at 70% of ramp rate input into algorithm



# Smoothing Data 12/13/2011







# Next Steps - Implementing Test Plans

- **Algorithm Development**
  - Shifting – coded V1 in place – will test various inputs and filters throughout test period
  - Smoothing – data structure assembled to align next day forecast with historical load/price history
    - extensive data correlation of historical price/load history completed
    - Result forecasted to be multi-variant /optimization based algorithm – extensive effort – start simple and grow in complexity
- **Test Plans Aligned to seasonal load and PV output**
- **First of five test plans being initiated**
  - Smoothing – Oct through Dec 2013
  - Peak Shaving – winter and summer peaking period 2012-2013
  - Firming – winter and summer 2012
  - Arbitrage – Shoulder periods throughout test period
  - All of the above – summer 2013