



Western US RA Study

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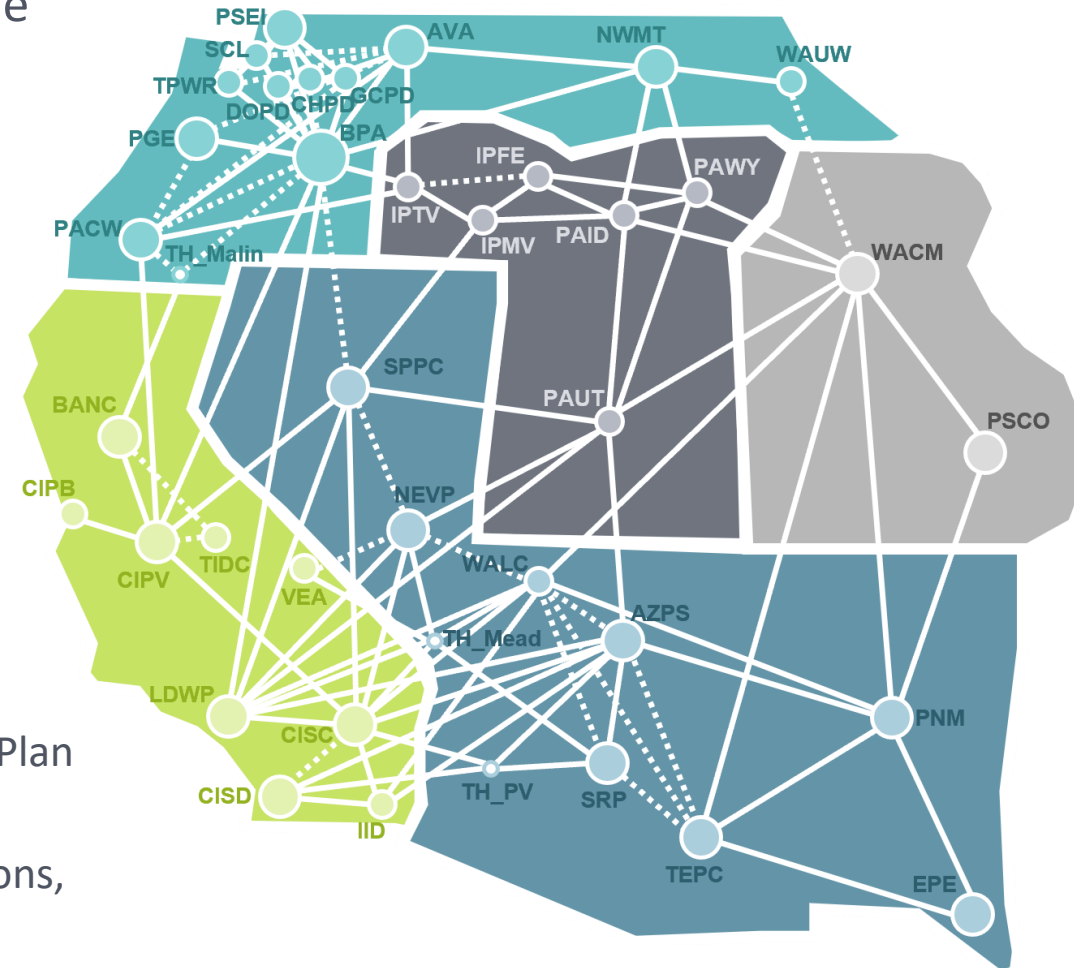
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A modern approach to RA in the West

- Open-source model (GridPath) with publicly available datasets
- Study sponsored by **GridLAB**
- Phase 1 areas of focus and innovation:
 - Transmission flows and regional coordination
 - Weather correlations across the West
 - Dynamic dispatch of energy-limited resources
 - Weather-dependent thermal derates
- Three scenarios for 2026:
 - **Base Scenario** – no planned additions
 - **California Additions Scenario** – CPUC Preferred System Plan additions
 - **Less Coal Scenario** – CPUC Preferred System Plan additions, ~11 GW of additional coal retirements
- Subregional perspectives



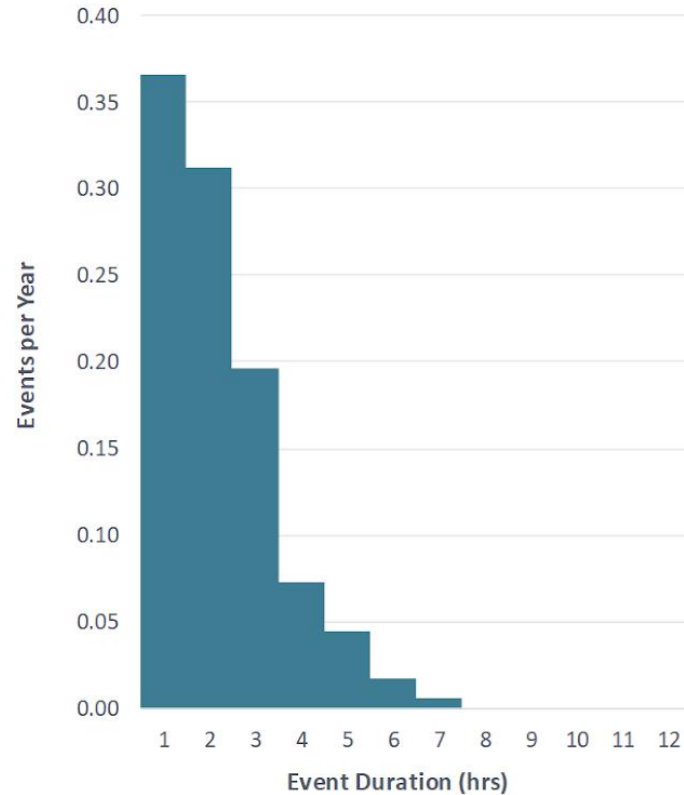
Base Scenario

No planned additions

(a) Loss of Load Hours per Year

Hour Ending (PST)	Month											
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18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.70	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.49	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
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24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(b) Event Duration Distribution



Metric	Value
LOLP _{year}	52%
LOLE (days/10yrs)	10.1
LOLH (hrs/yr)	2.23
EUE (MWh/yr)	6,546
Average Event Duration (hrs)	2.20

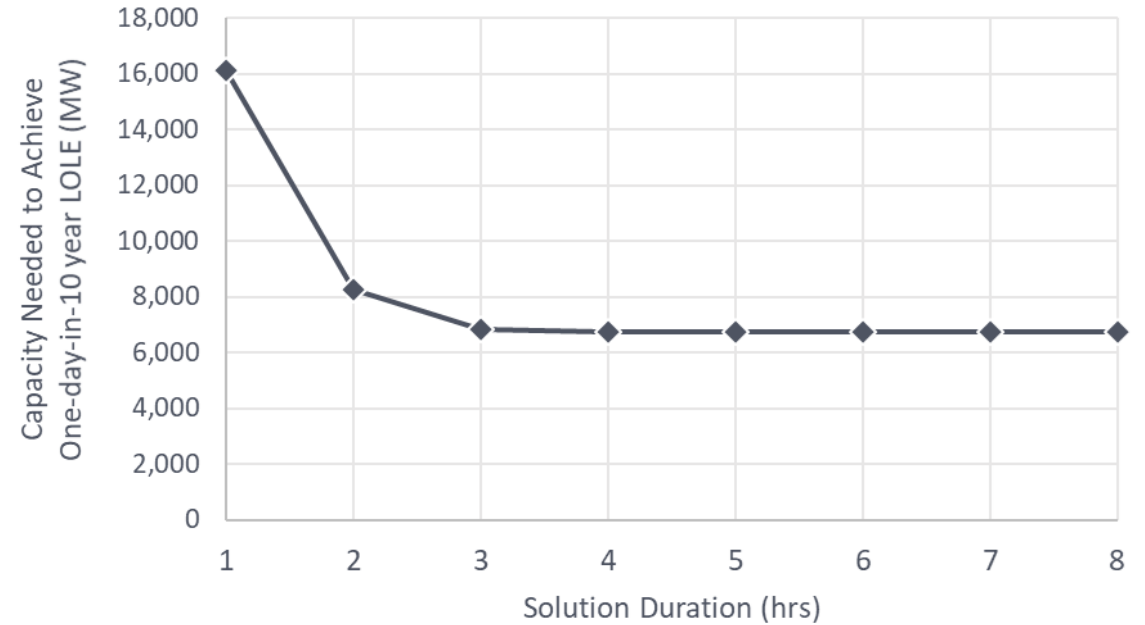
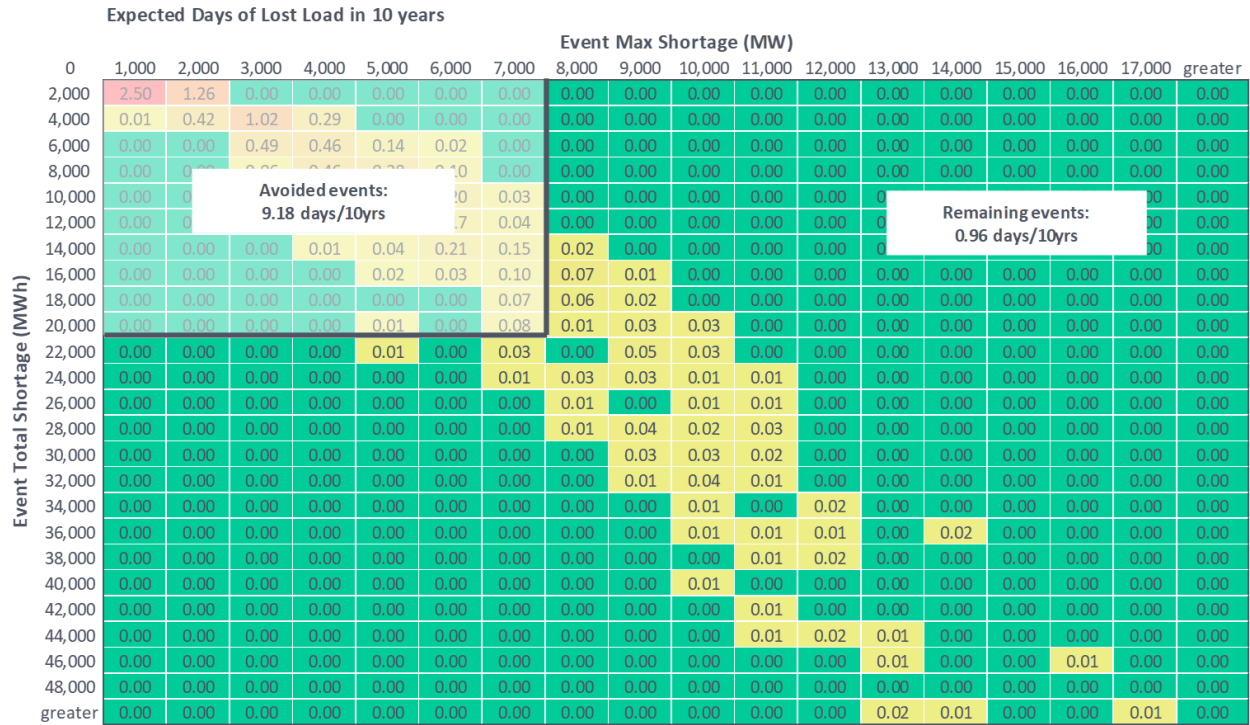
West-wide loss of load events/risk:

- Are concentrated in the evening on hot summer days
- Peaks at HE 18 (7pm PDT) in August
- Are limited to <8 hours in duration

Base Scenario

No planned additions

RA Standard	Perfect Capacity Need
LOLE = One-day-in-10-years	6,758 MW
LOLH = 2.4 hrs per year	0 MW



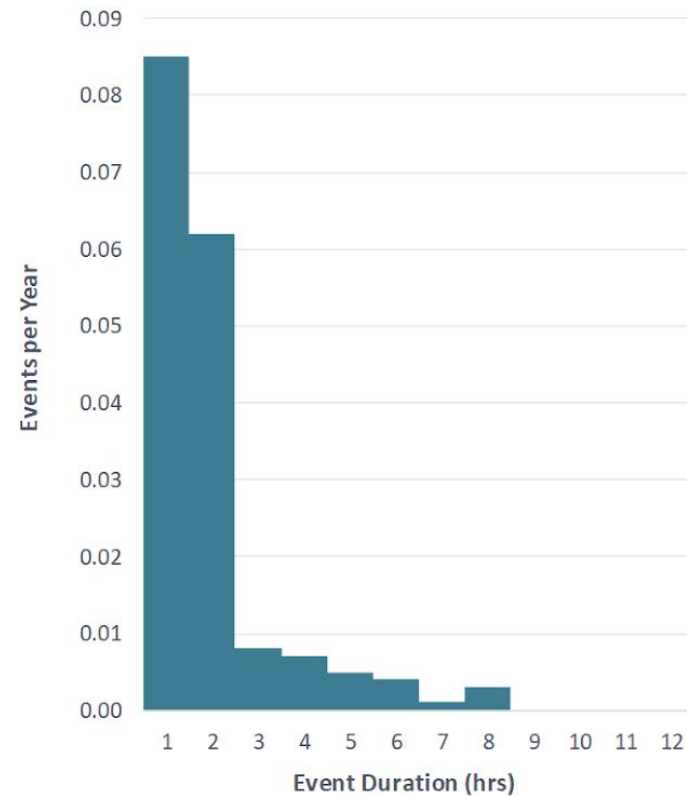
Less Coal Scenario

Swaps clean in CA for coal in WRAP

(a) Loss of Load Hours per Year

Hour Ending (PST)	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(b) Event Duration Distribution



Metric	Less Coal Scenario	Base Scenario
LOLP _{year}	14%	52%
LOLE (days/10yrs)	1.75	10.1
LOLH (hrs/yr)	0.34	2.23
EUE (MWh/yr)	749	6,546
Average Event Duration (hrs)	1.95	2.20
Perfect Capacity Need (MW) One-day-in-10-year standard	1,259	6,758

Adding the CPUC Preferred System Portfolio resources and retiring ~11,000 GW of additional coal (beyond current plans):

- Reduces LOLE, LOLH, and capacity need
- Further concentrates loss of load risk into August HE 18-19
- Limits most events to 2 hours

Less Coal Scenario WRAP subregional analysis

WRAP - Isolated

(a) Loss of Load Hours per Year

		Month											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Hour Ending (PST)	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
2		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
3		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
4		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
5		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
6		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
7		0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32
8		0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43
9		0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33
10		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
11		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
12		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.43	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13
13		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.64	0.93	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.13
14		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	3.98	3.33	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.11
15		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64	6.42	6.22	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.12
16		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	9.03	9.06	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.14
17		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	10.67	11.81	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.29
18		0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.37	13.99	15.78	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.44
19		0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.96	15.17	13.62	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.41
20		0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.62	8.42	4.74	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.32
21		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.29	1.62	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24
22		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13
23		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
24		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09

WRAP – With Imports

(a) Loss of Load Hours per Year

		Month											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Hour Ending (PST)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
15		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
16		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
17		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
18		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.00
19		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
20		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
21		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Metric	WRAP as an Island	WRAP w/ imports
LOLP _{year}	100%	14%
LOLE (days/10yrs)	389	1.75
LOLH (hrs/yr)	158	0.34
EUE (MWh/yr)	186,509	748
Average Event Duration (hrs)	4.05	1.95
Perfect Capacity Need (MW)	9,111 MW	1,259 MW
One-day-in-10-year std		

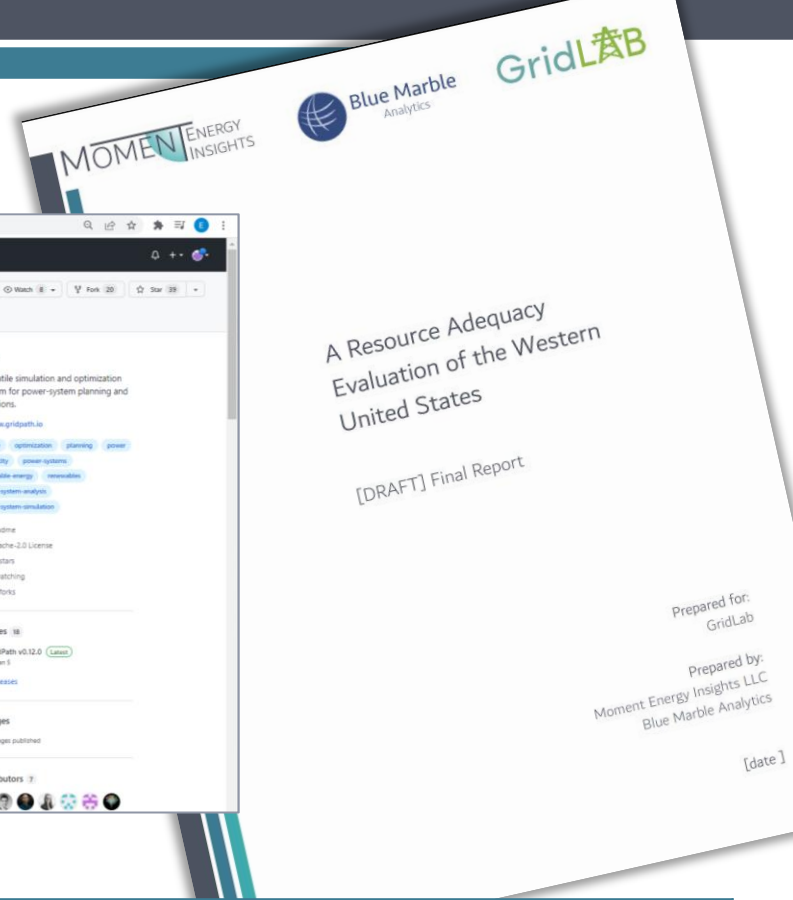
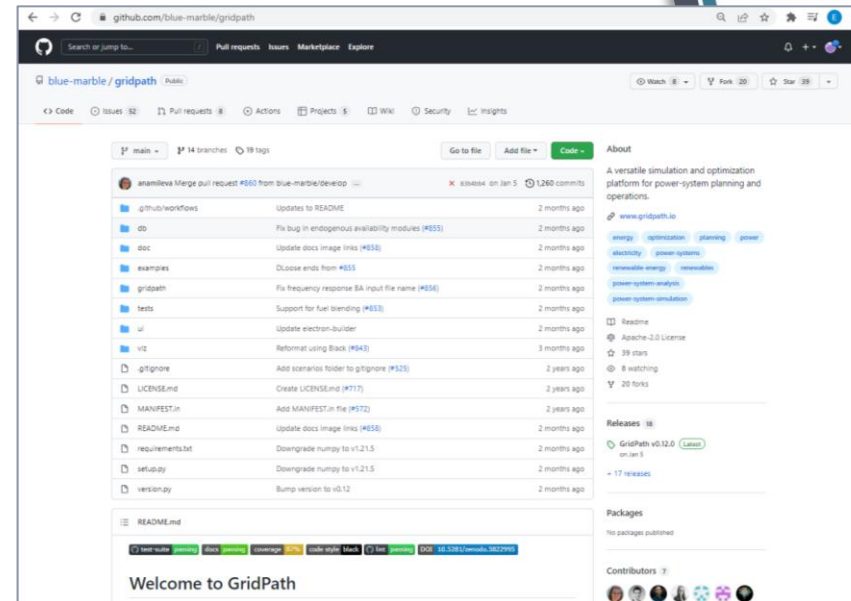
Accounting for imports:

- Significantly reduces LOLE & LOLH
- Reduces perfect capacity need by ~8 GW
- Eliminates identified winter risk and concentrates summer risk into fewer months and hours of the day
- Significantly reduces event durations

Note: This study uses a physical approximation of the WRAP footprint, which includes loads and resources in the following WECC BAs: AVA, AZPS, BANC, BPAT, CHPD, DOPD, GCPD, IPFE, IPMV, IPTV, NEVP, NWMT, PACW, PAID, PAUT, PAWY, PGE, PSEI, SCL, SPPC, SRP, TIDC, TPWR

Final report coming soon!

- GridPath code base available on GitHub (<https://github.com/blue-marble/gridpath>)
- Supporting code and input data to run cases will also be posted on GitHub
- Additional intermediate data will be available upon request



Shapes	Years	Geographical Resolution
Hourly Load	2006-2020 (transformed to study year)	WECC BA
Hourly Wind	2007-2014	EIA Plant
Hourly Solar	1998-2019	EIA Plant
Hourly Thermal Derates	1998-2019	EIA Generator
Monthly Hydro Energy, Pmin, and Pmax	2001-2020	WECC BA



Questions?

For more information about GridPath or this project, please reach out to us:

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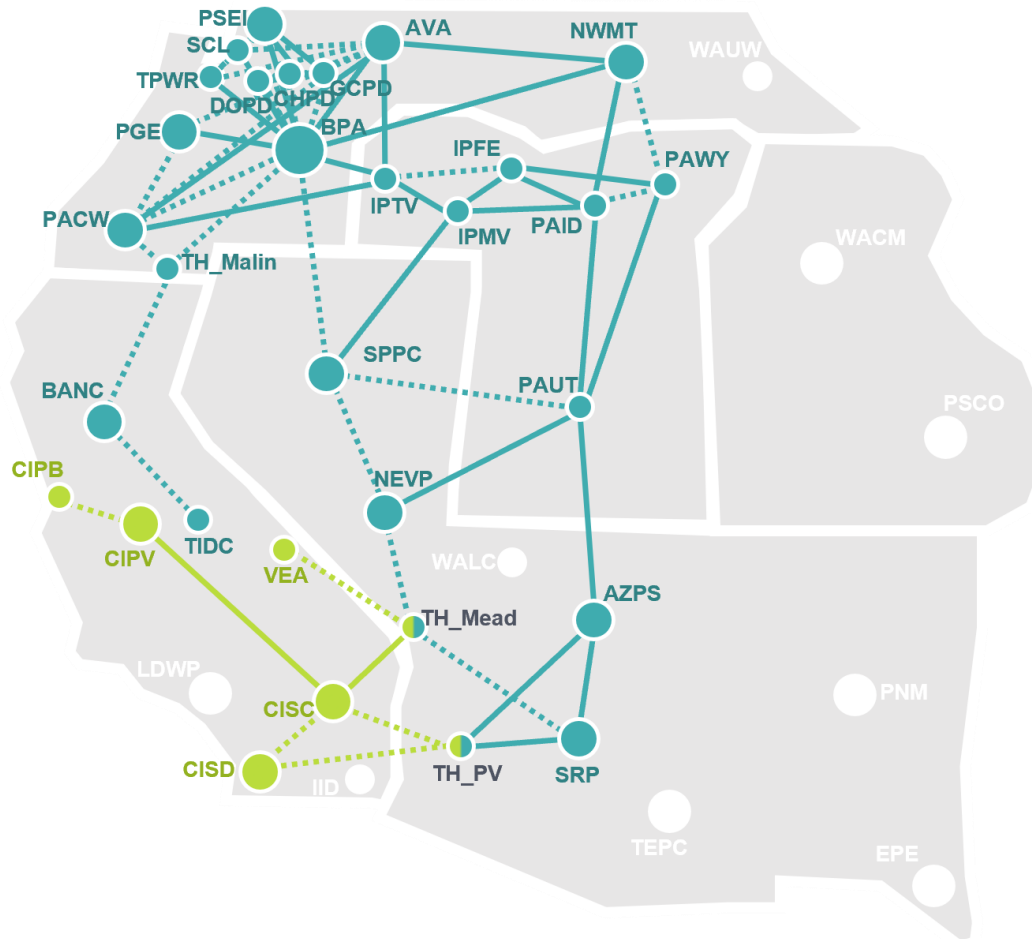
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Additional information

Subregional analysis



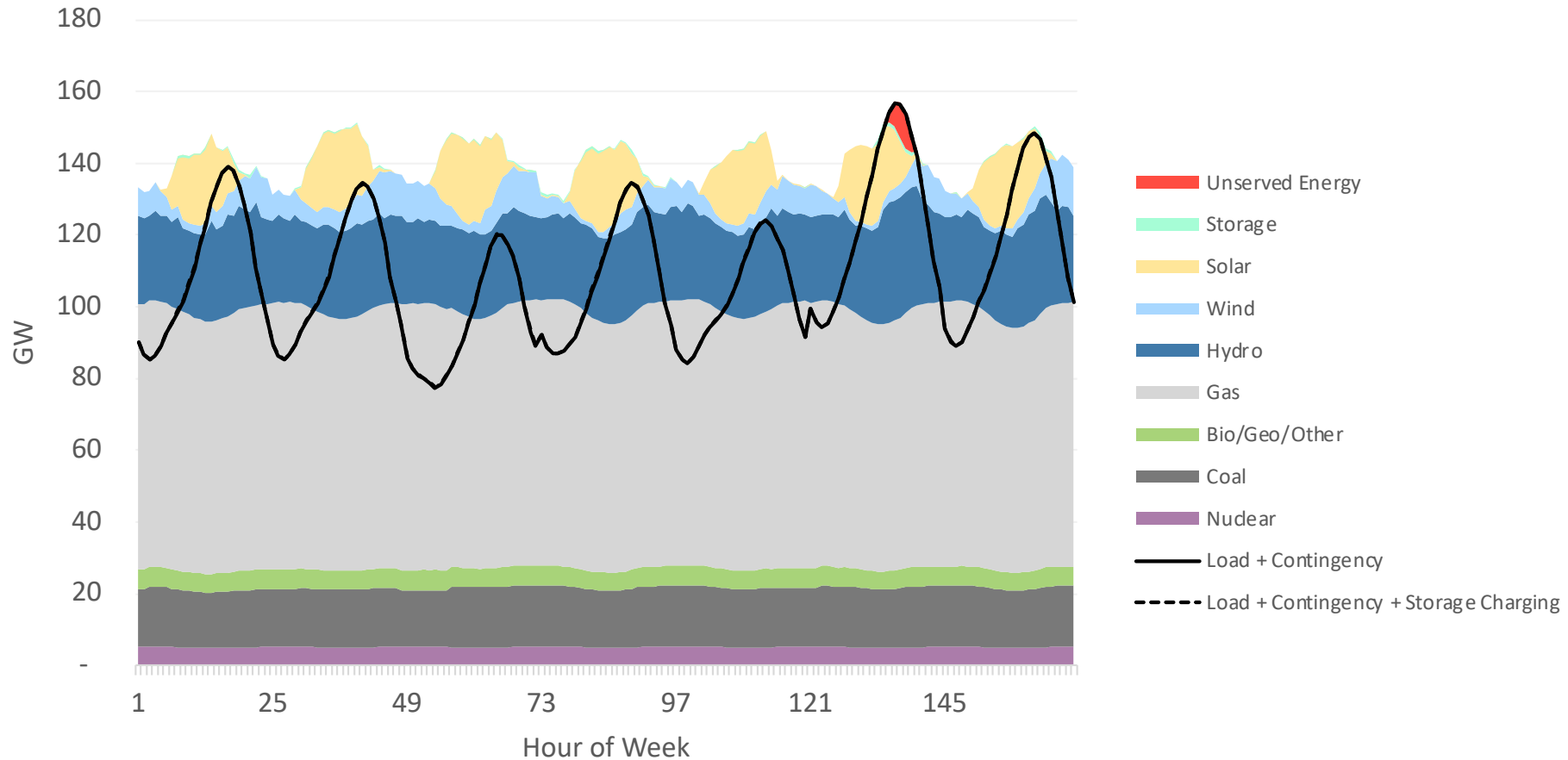
Subarea	WECC BAs/Zones
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WRAP	AVA, AZPS, BANC, BPAT, CHPD, DOPD, GCPD, IPFE, IPMV, IPTV, NEVP, NWMT, PACW, PAID, PAUT, PAWY, PGE, PSEI, SCL, SPPC, SRP, TIDC, TPWR, TH_Malin, TH_Mead (partial), TH_PV (partial)
Excluded	EPE, IID, LDWP, PNM, PSCO, TEPC, WACM, WALC, WAUW

Accounting for imports

- In the “Imports” cases, unserved energy for a given subregion (CAISO or WRAP) is only recorded to the extent that it is observed in the islanded simulation AND in the West-wide simulation. In each hour:
 - Unserved energy w/ Imports = $\min(\text{Islanded unserved energy}, \text{West-wide unserved energy})$
 - If every decision-maker takes this approach, the system will still tend to be somewhat overbuilt because multiple entities could be taking full responsibility for the same West-wide problem in some hours

Additional information

Example resource availability and dispatch



DRAFT OR ILLUSTRATIVE – DO NOT CIRCULATE

Additional information

Example regional flow information

