

How Tucson Electric Power uses the PI System to balance Reliability and Variable Generation

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Tucson Electric Power History

- Founded in 1892, TEPC is the principal subsidiary of UNS Energy Corporation.
 - Serve over 400,000 customers in the Tucson metro area.
 - More than 2,200 megawatts of generating capacity
 - Approximately 1,100 miles of EHV (345 kV and 500 kV) lines and 8 EHV substations
 - Estimated variable energy 280 MW and counting...

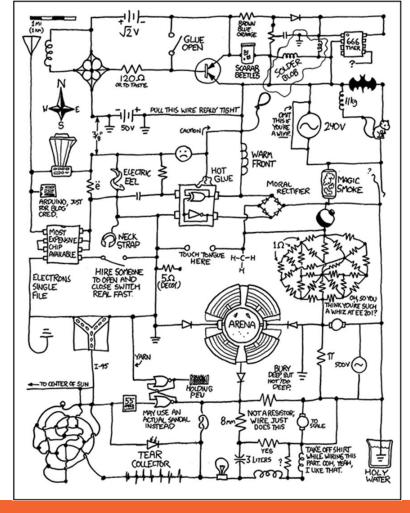
The good..... the bad..... and the swag!

THE GOOD – Renewable energy and variable generation.

 THE BAD - How much variable generation is installed and what is the impact to the system?

 THE SWAG - Forecasting solar weather patterns?!?!?!

Weather



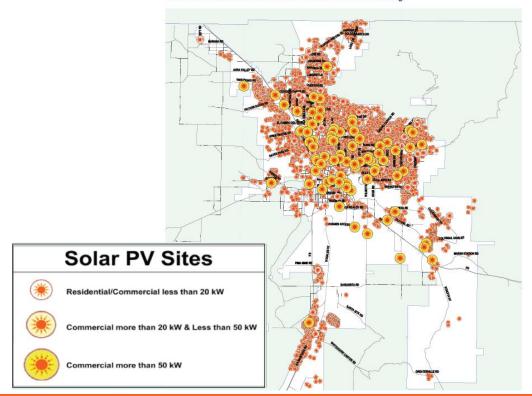
THE GOOD

- Renewable energy and variable generation
- Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST), approved in 2008 by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) requiring 15 percent of total power sales by 2025.
- Estimated variable energy 280 MW



The GOOD - Solar PV Sites

Tucson Electric Power Service Territory

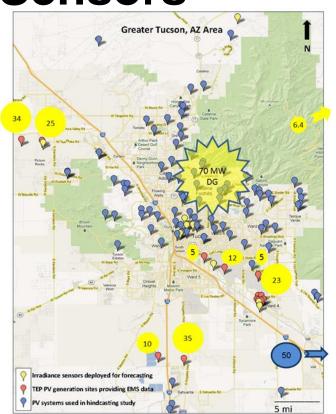


The GOOD - Solar Sensors

 Irradiance sensors deployed for forecasting.

 TEP PV generation sites providing EMS data.

PV system used in hindcasting study.



The BAD – Safety and Reliability impact

- How much variable generation is installed and what is the impact to the system?
 - Type of variable energy
 - Solar
 - Wind
 - Type of construction of technology
 - Dual Axis
 - Single Axis
 - Fixed
 - Communication method
 - Real-time
 - Monthly

The BAD – Safety and Reliability impact

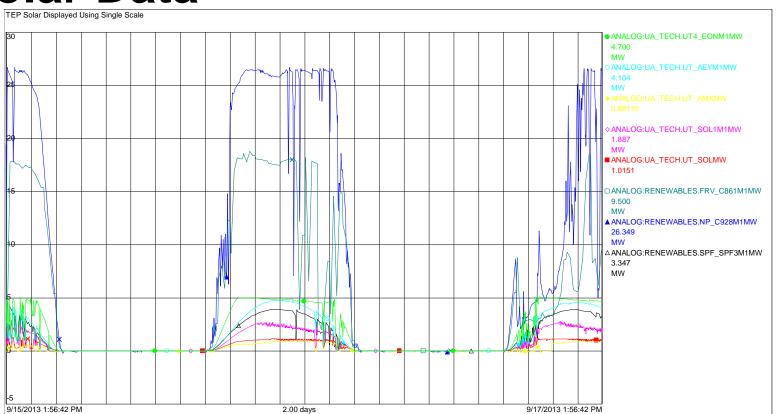
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- Type of solar technology
 - Double axis
 - Single axis
 - Fixed or rooftop
- Solar
 - Utility Scale EMS, real time telemetry and MDM validated
 - Commercial EMS estimated and MDM validated
 - Residential EMS estimated and MDM validated

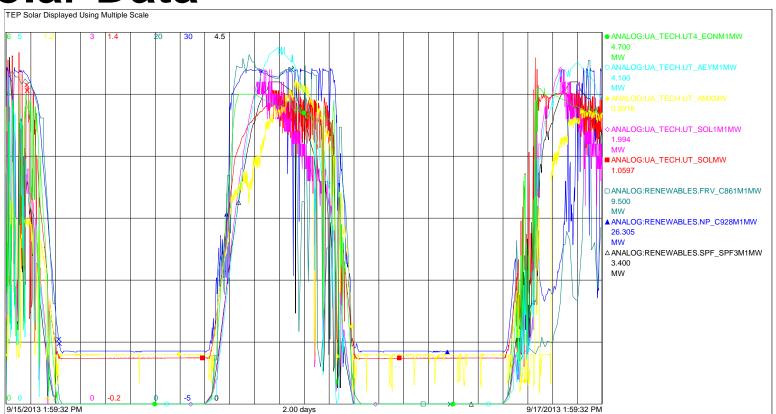
Ramp Rates

- Observed Ramp Rates:
 - From a 34 MW system we see 20 MW / 120 sec
 - From a 1.6 MW system we see 1.2 MW / 8 sec
 - From a 2 kW system we see 1.6 kW / 5 sec

Solar Data



Solar Data



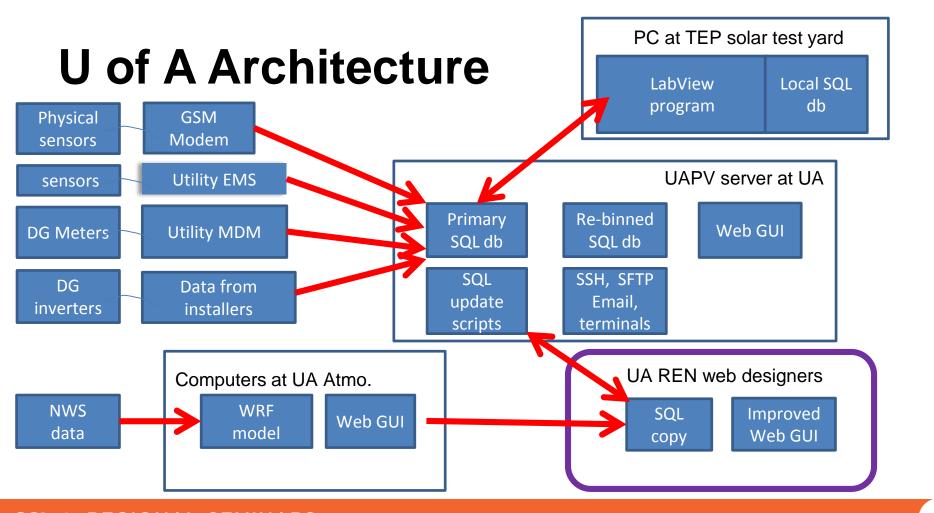
The SWAG?!?!?!

Forecasting solar weather patterns?!?!?!

– How does PV generation compare to total load?

 How does geographic diversity smooth aggregate ramp rates?

– Can we use PV data to forecast output?



Tools used to create data file

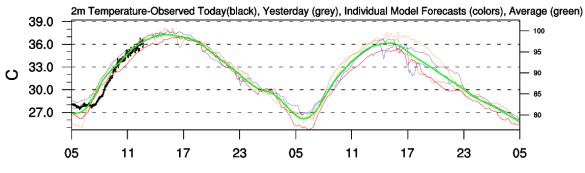
- PI OLEDB data access method
- VBScript
 program code to make calls to PI archive and create data file
- Perl used to substitute meter names in data file to ID #'s
- VisualCron
 excellent scheduler, run tasks and ftp the file

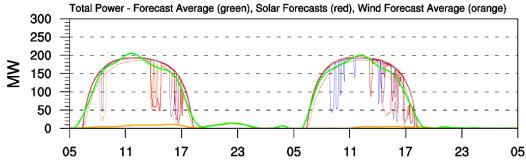
TEP PI System Data and U of A forecast

TEP Realtime Page

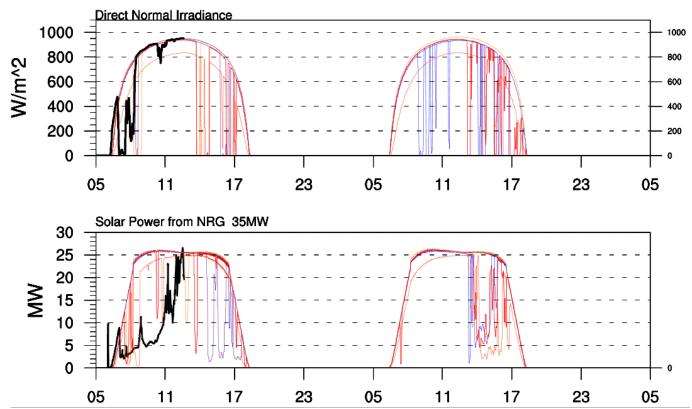
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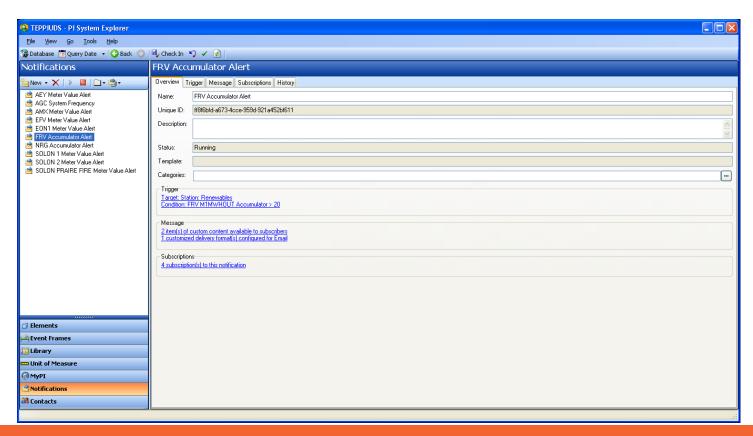




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PI Notifications



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From: PI_ALERTS@utility.corp [mailto:PI_ALERTS@utility.corp]

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 9:00 AM

To: Arocho, Carlos

Subject: EMS METERS\Station: Renewables\Notifications[FRV Accumulator Alert] generated a new

notification event.

Name: FRV Accumulator Alert

Database: TEPPIUDS

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Target: EMS METERS\Station: Renewables

State: OutsideControl

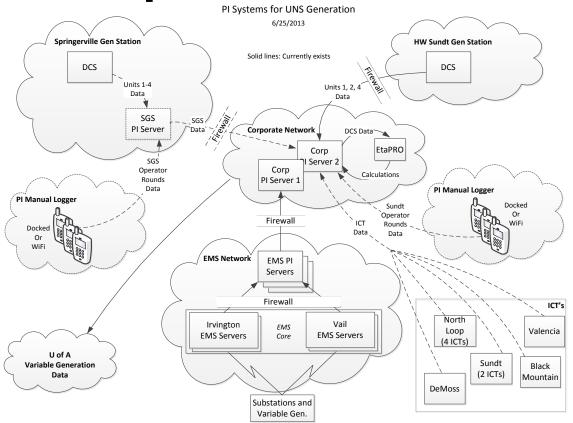
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Actions:

<u>Acknowledge</u>

Acknowledge With Comment

PI System Expansion



Summary

- Benefits of PI System
 - Innovative Product Line
 - Data Consolidation
 - Diversity of Data Exchange
 - Flexible Reporting
 - Application Development
 - Excellent Technical Support

Questions?

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