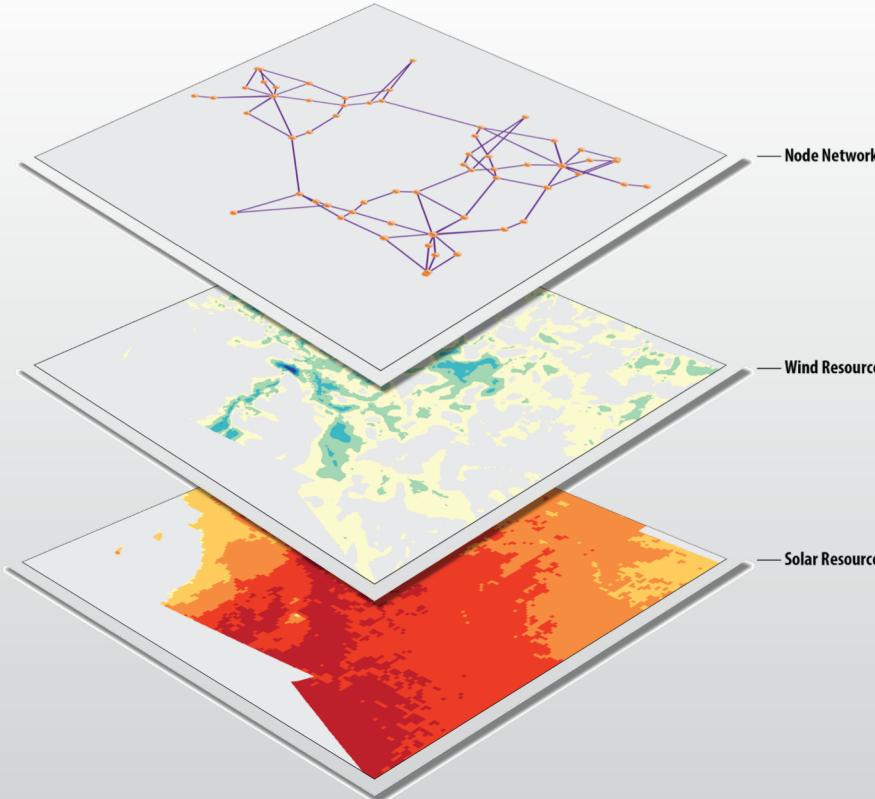


# Reliability Test System of the Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium (RTS-GMLC)



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<https://github.com/GridMod/RTS-GMLC>

# 1979 Reliability Test System



- ▶ RTS-79 "IEEE Reliability Test System", *IEEE PAS*, vol. 98, no. 6, pp. 2047-2054, Nov/Dec. 1979.

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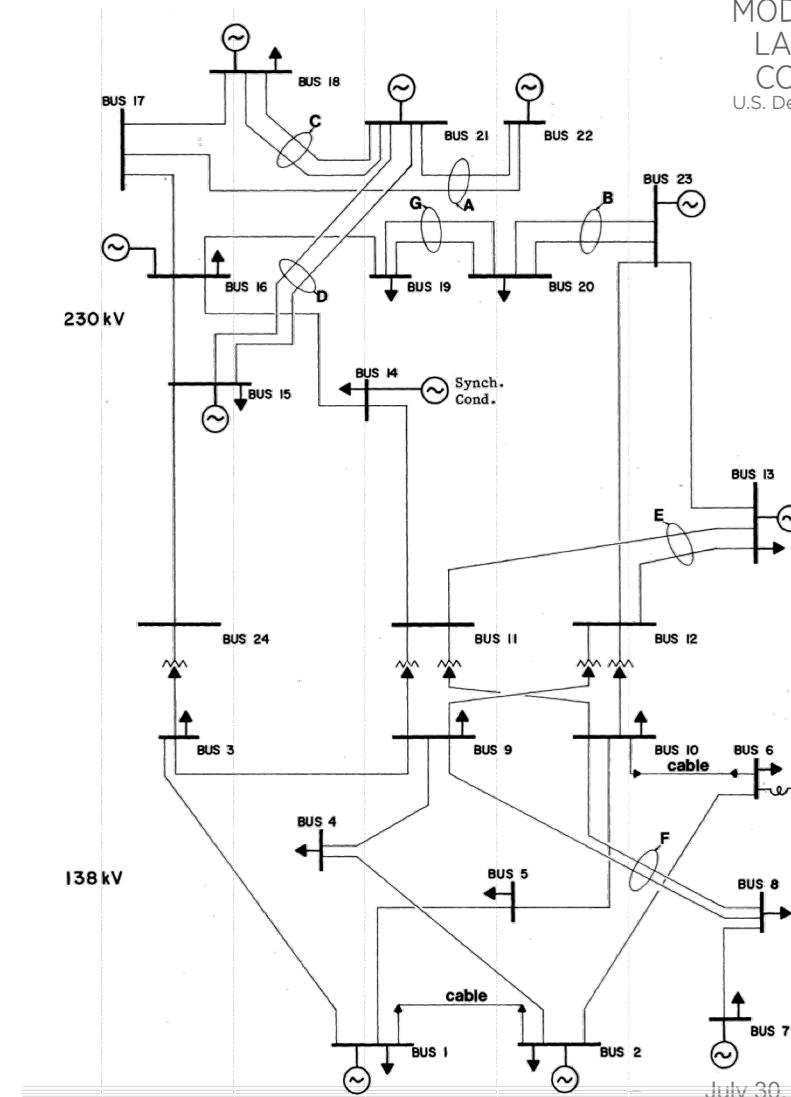


Figure 1 - IEEE Reliability Test System

# 1996 Reliability Test System



- RTS-96 “The IEEE Reliability Test System-1996. A report prepared by the Reliability Test System Task Force of the Application of Probability Methods Subcommittee”, *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 1010-1020, Aug. 2002.

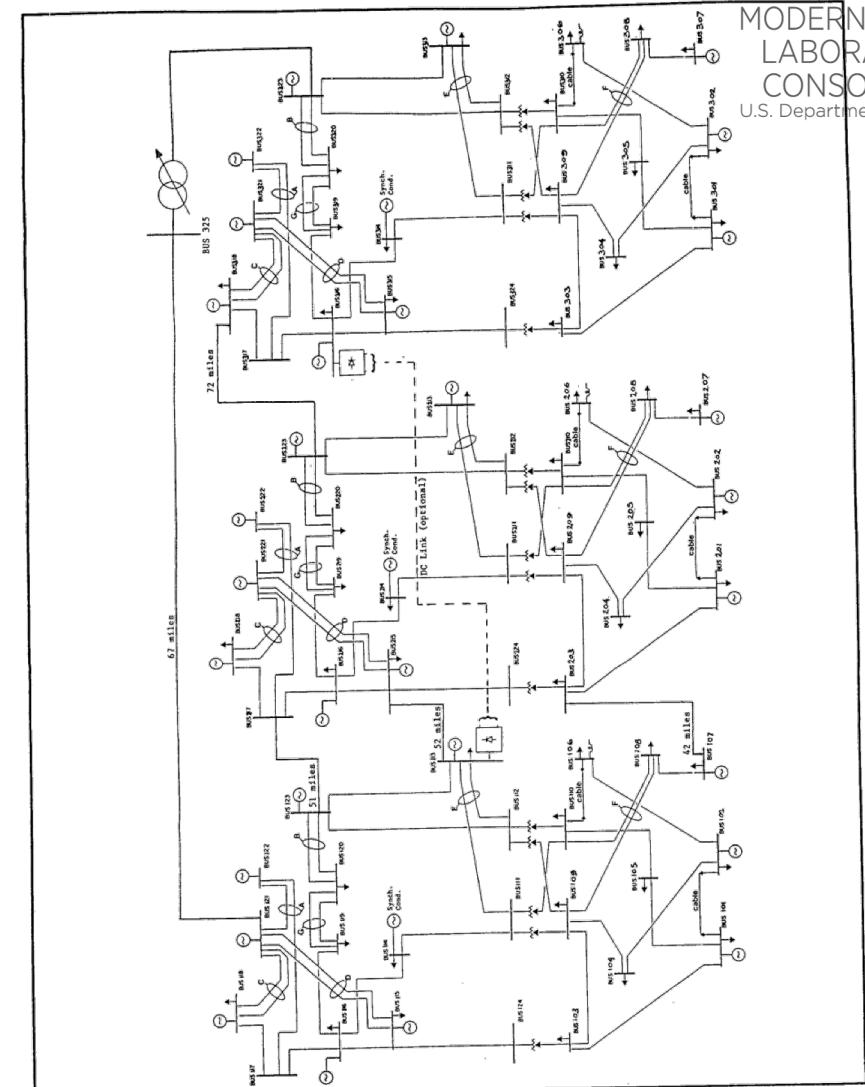
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Data available from UW Test Case Archive

- [http://www2.ee.washington.edu/research/pstca/rts/pg\\_tcarts.htm](http://www2.ee.washington.edu/research/pstca/rts/pg_tcarts.htm)

## Shortcomings:

- Data errors
  - Intra-hourly information
  - Congestion
  - Outdated generation fleet (no Gas generation)



**Figure 4 - IEEE Three Area RTS-9**

# NESTA

## ► The NICTA Energy Systems Test Case Archive (NESTA)

<https://github.com/NICTA/nesta>

Fixes some data errors

Introduces some congestion via the changes documented in Hedman et.al  
[\(http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/ratc/web/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/J7.pdf\)](http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/ratc/web/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/J7.pdf)

- Remove the following transmission lines: 111-113, 211-213, and 311-313
- Reduce the capacity of lines 114-116, 214-216, and 314-316 to 350 MW, each
- The bus load for nodes 13, 14, 15 ,19, and 20 should be changed to the following in each region:
- Add the following generating units in each region:

Bus	Demand
13	745 MW
14	80 MW
15	132 MW
19	75 MW
20	53 MW

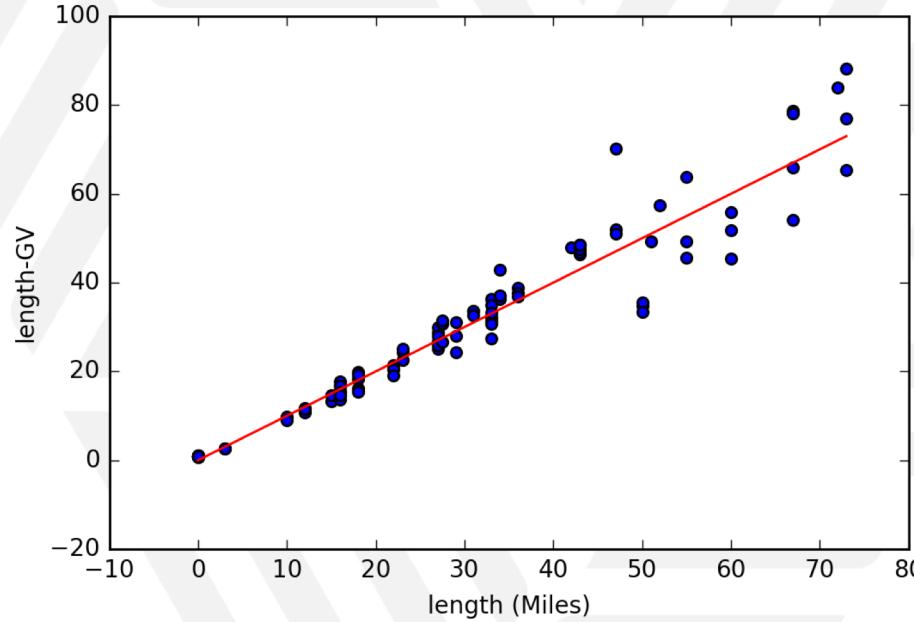
Bus	Gen Capacity
1	100 MW
7	100 MW
15	100 MW
15	155 MW
23	155 MW

# Line distances used to create relative node locations

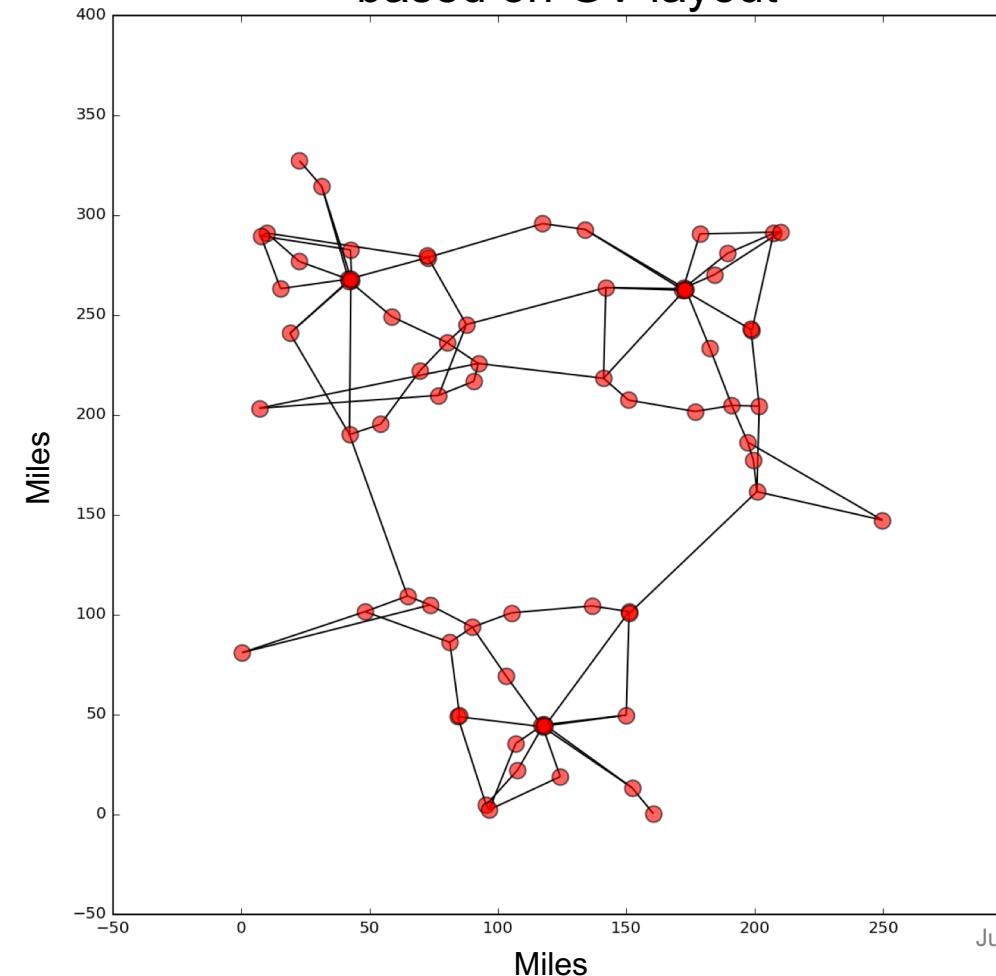
- ▶ RTS-96 has published line lengths

Use GraphViz and networkx (python package) to determine relative node locations while attempting to respect line lengths.

RTS-96 Published line length vs. GV output line length



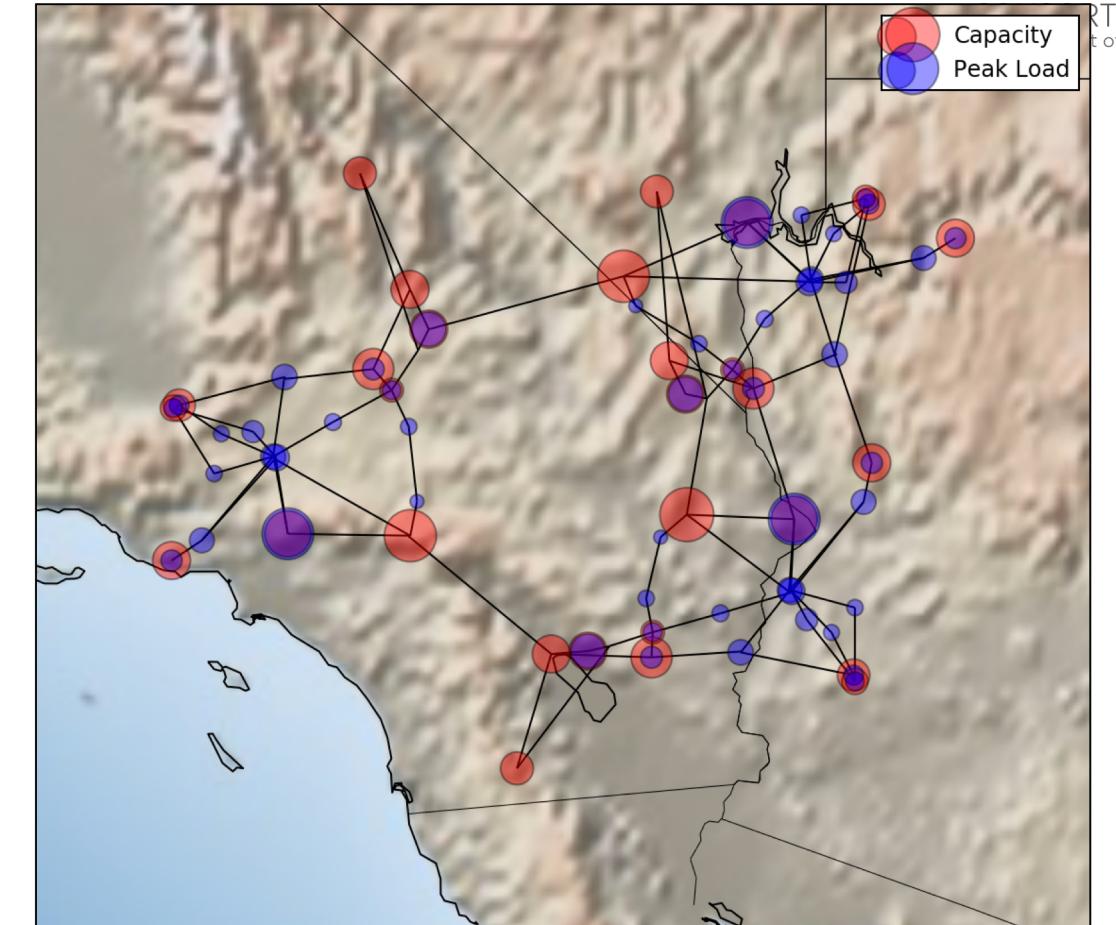
Relative RTS-GMLC node locations based on GV layout



# Ensure geographic and temporal coincidence of weather driven data



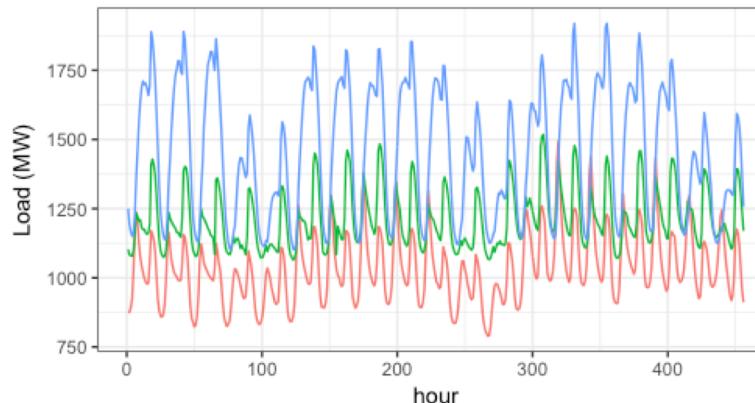
- ▶ Use RTS-GMLC relative node locations from GraphViz
- ▶ Arbitrary choice: geographic region in SW United States that roughly covers L.A. to L.V.
  - Good solar resource
  - Good wind resource
  - Available demand and hydro data profiles



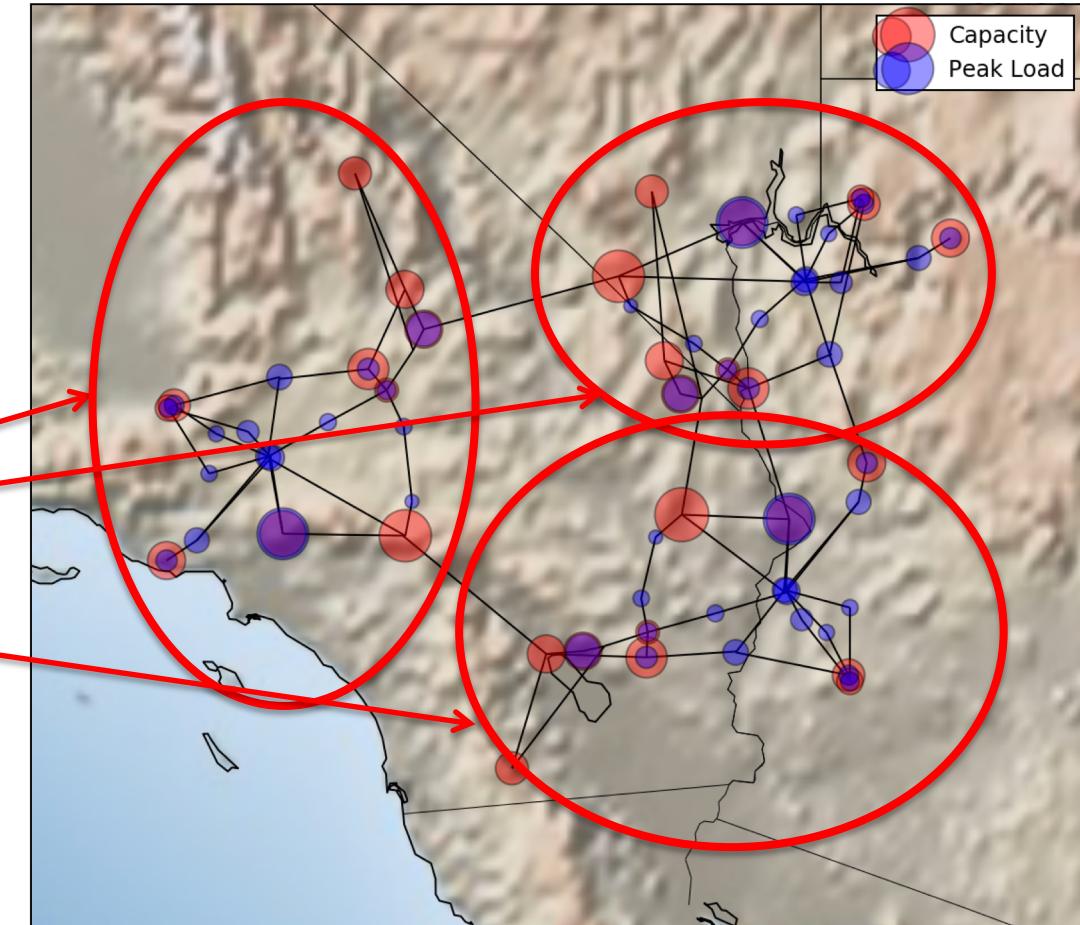
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# Ensure geographic and temporal coincidence of weather driven data

- ▶ Regional load profiles (hourly and 5-minute)
  - Load profile data from WECC TEPPC 2024 case used for the “Low Carbon Grid Study”
    - <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/64884.pdf>
  - Profiles normalized to peak regional RTS demand values
- ▶ LA Division of Water and Power – Region 3
- ▶ Nevada Energy – Region 2
- ▶ Arizona Public Service Company – Region 1



— Region 1  
 — Region 2  
 — Region 3



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# Ensure geographic and temporal coincidence of weather driven data



## ► Hourly hydro energy profiles

Hydro profile data from WECC TEPPC 2024 case used for the “Low Carbon Grid Study”

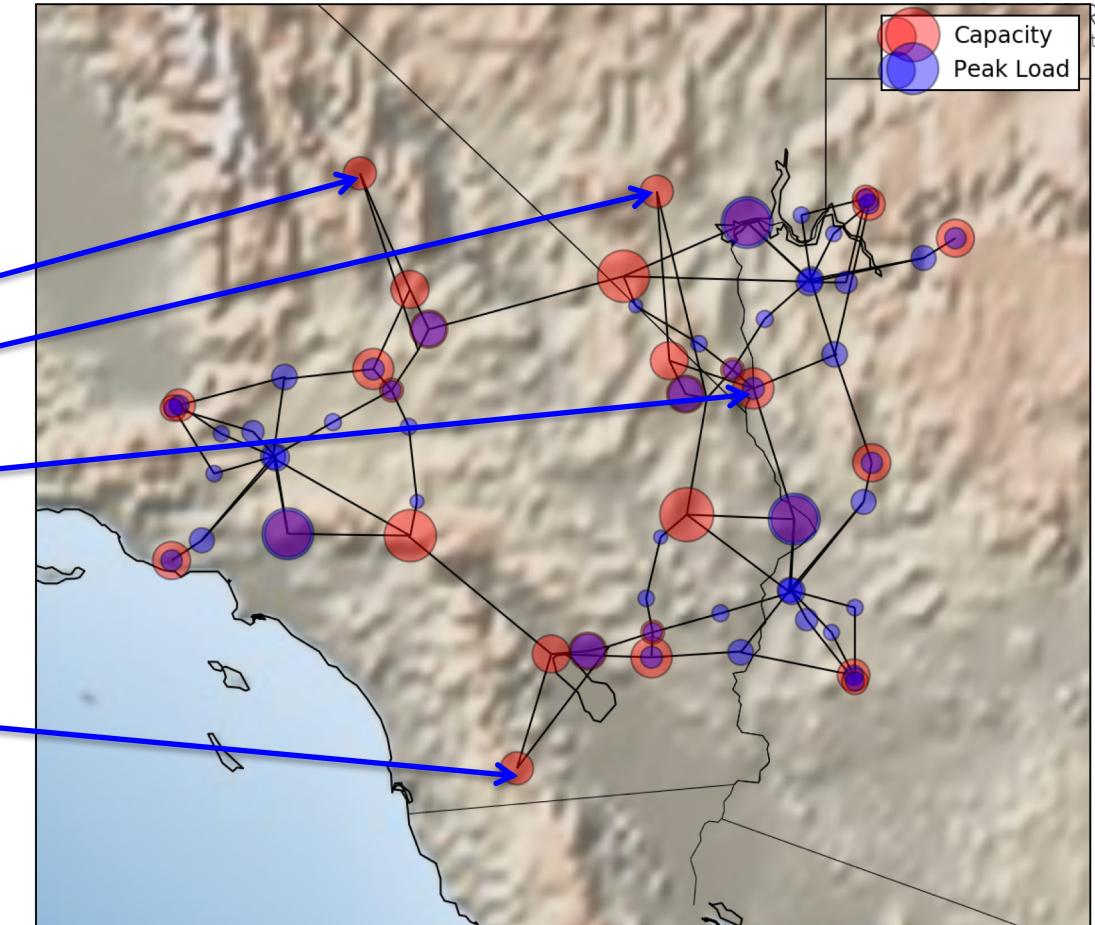
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Profiles normalized to RTS hydro generator capacities

## ► Devil Canyon Dam

## ► Davis Dam

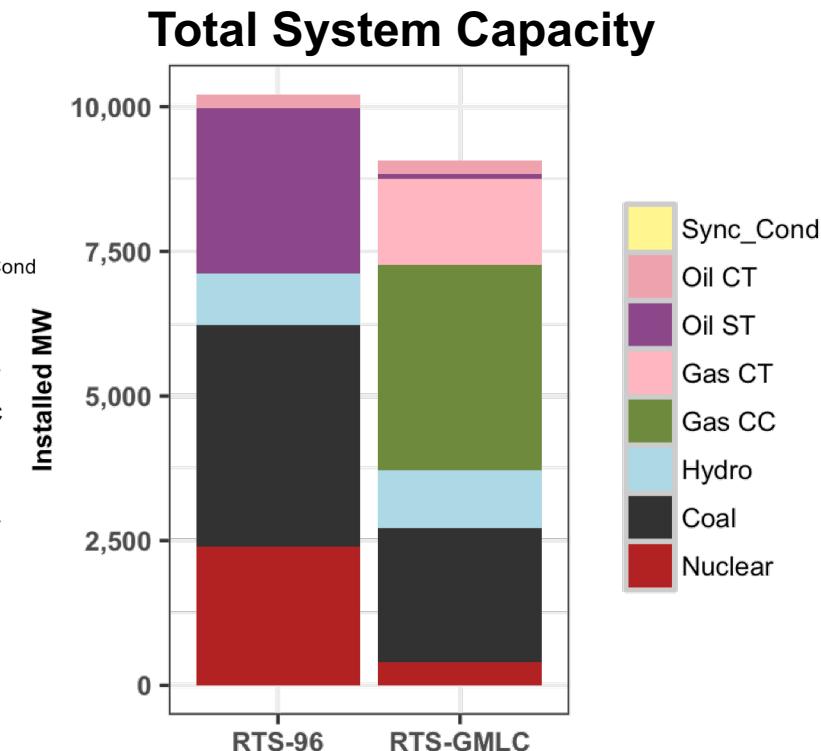
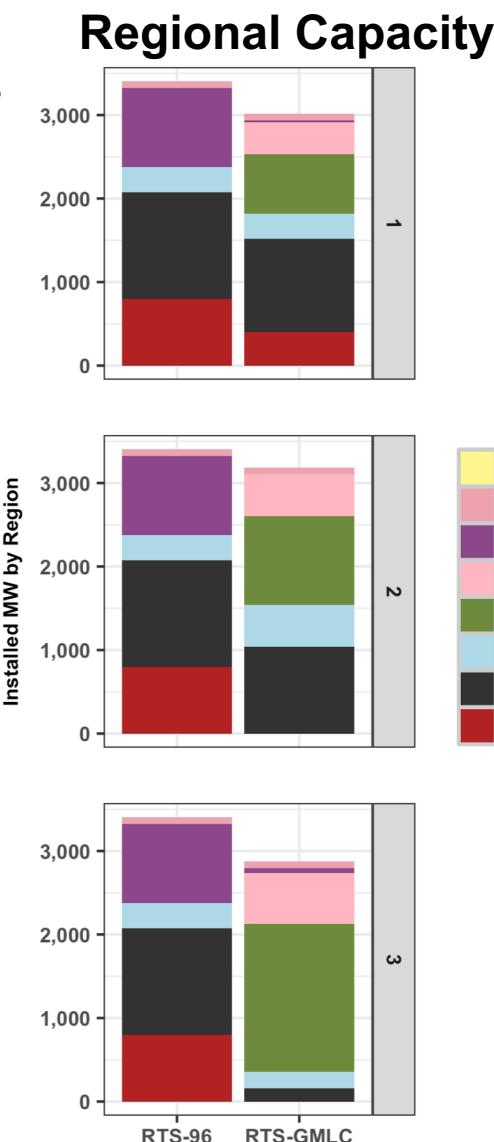
## ► Parker Dam



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# Updated conventional generation fleet

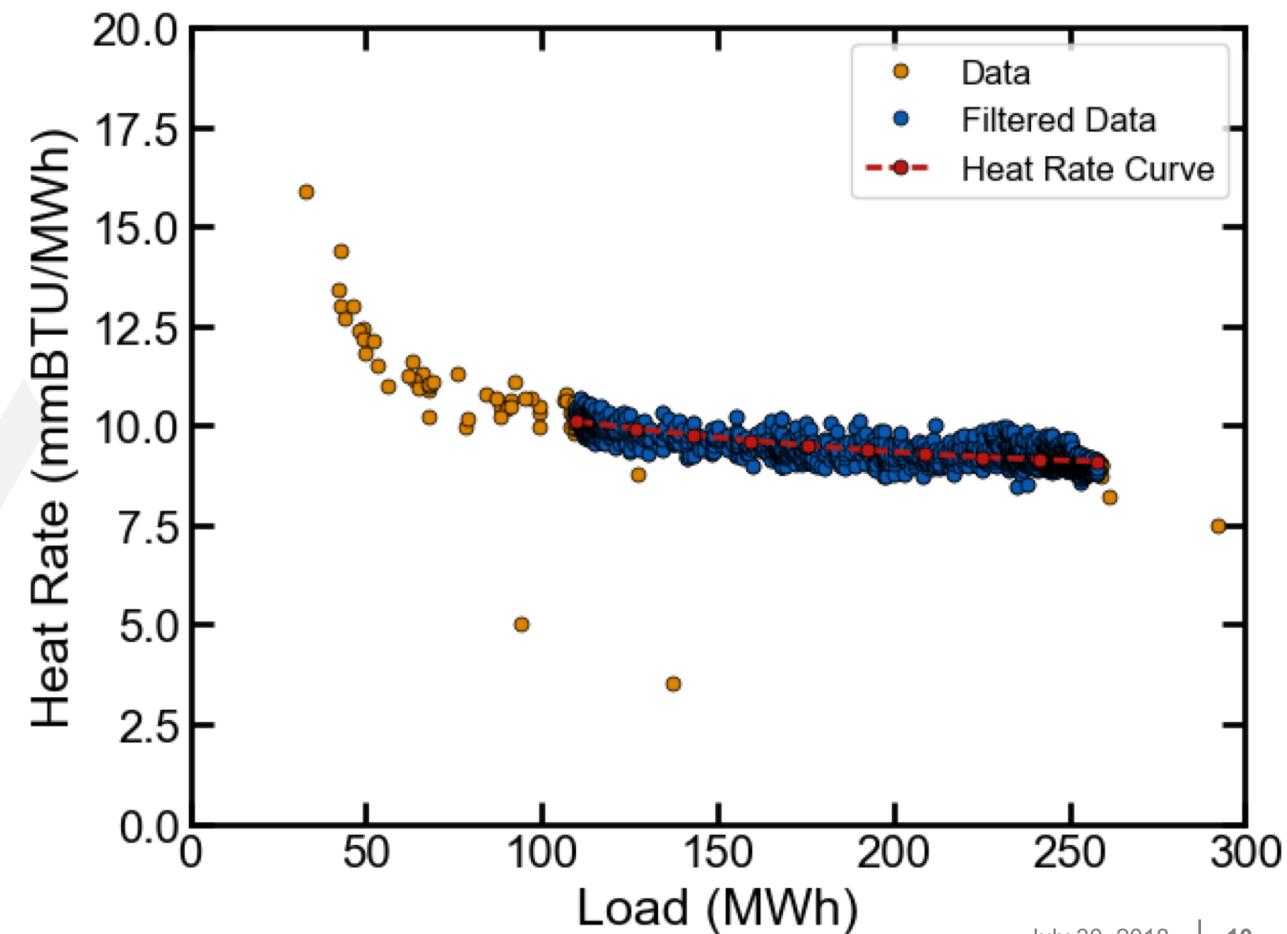
- ▶ Added two new generator types to the RTS dataset:
  - 25 MW NG-CT
  - 125 MW NG-CC
- ▶ New generator parameters are based on:
  - Average values from WECC TEPPC 2024 case
    - Heat rates, FOR, POR, MTTR, MUT, MDT, Ramp rates, MSL
    - Wartsilla, Gas Power Journal, Siemens, GE:
      - Startup parameters
- ▶ Replaced some existing oil and coal generation with NG-CC and NG-CT generators



# Updated heat rates from U.S. fleet operating information

- U.S. EPA Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) data

Generator Type	Fuel Type	Heat Rate Samples
Boiler	Coal	718
	Diesel Oil	35
	Natural Gas	224
	Wood	8
Combined Cycle	Coal	2
	Diesel Oil	6
	Natural Gas	710
Combustion Turbine	Diesel Oil	123
	Natural Gas	1006
Stoker	Wood	8



# Updated Heat Rates

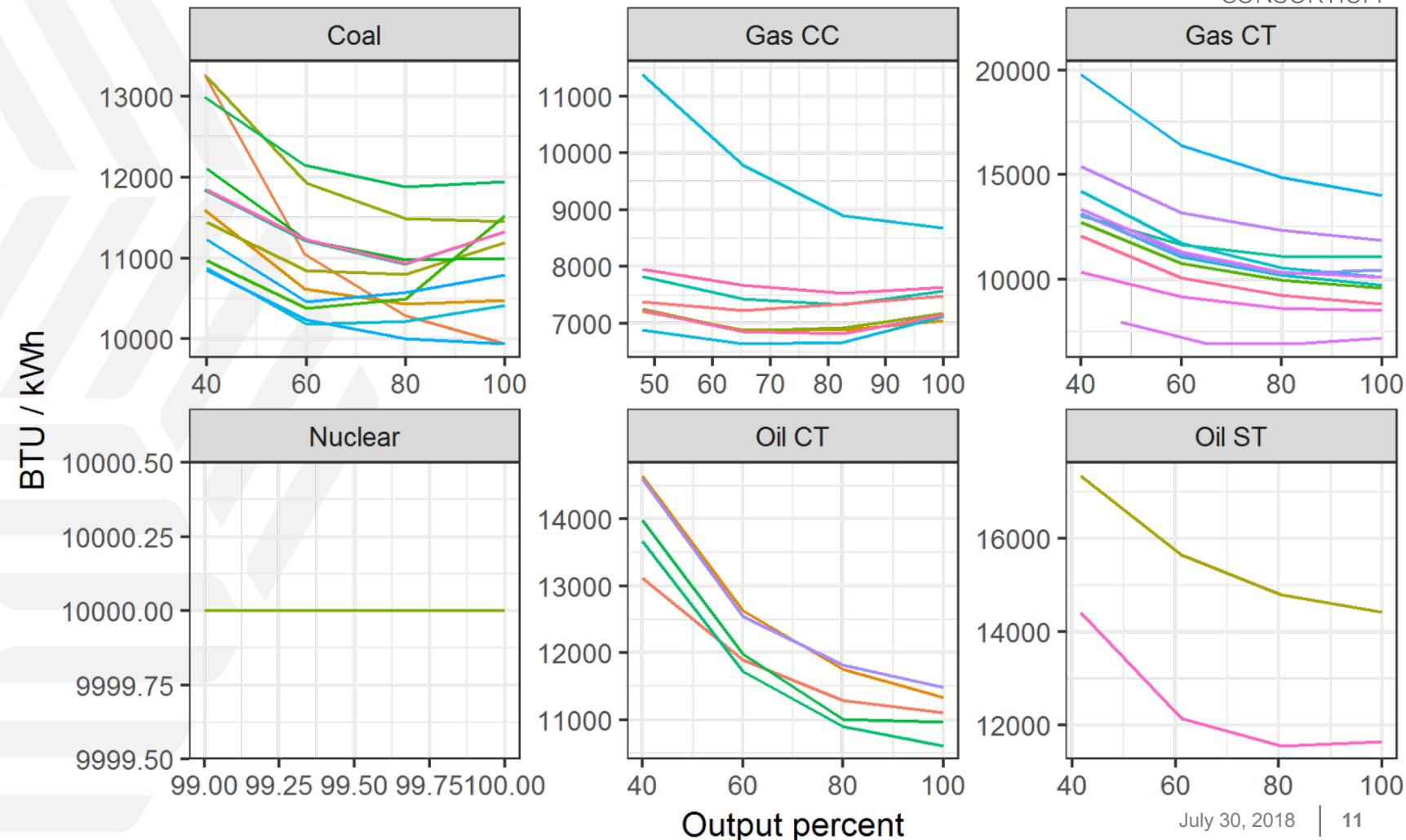
- New heat rates improve optimization performance

## Convex

- Eliminates binary variables and constraints required to represent non-convex cost curves

## Diverse

- Reduces degeneracy and improves solver efficiency



# Wind and Solar data

- Western Wind and Solar Integration Study phase 2

<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy13osti/55588.pdf>

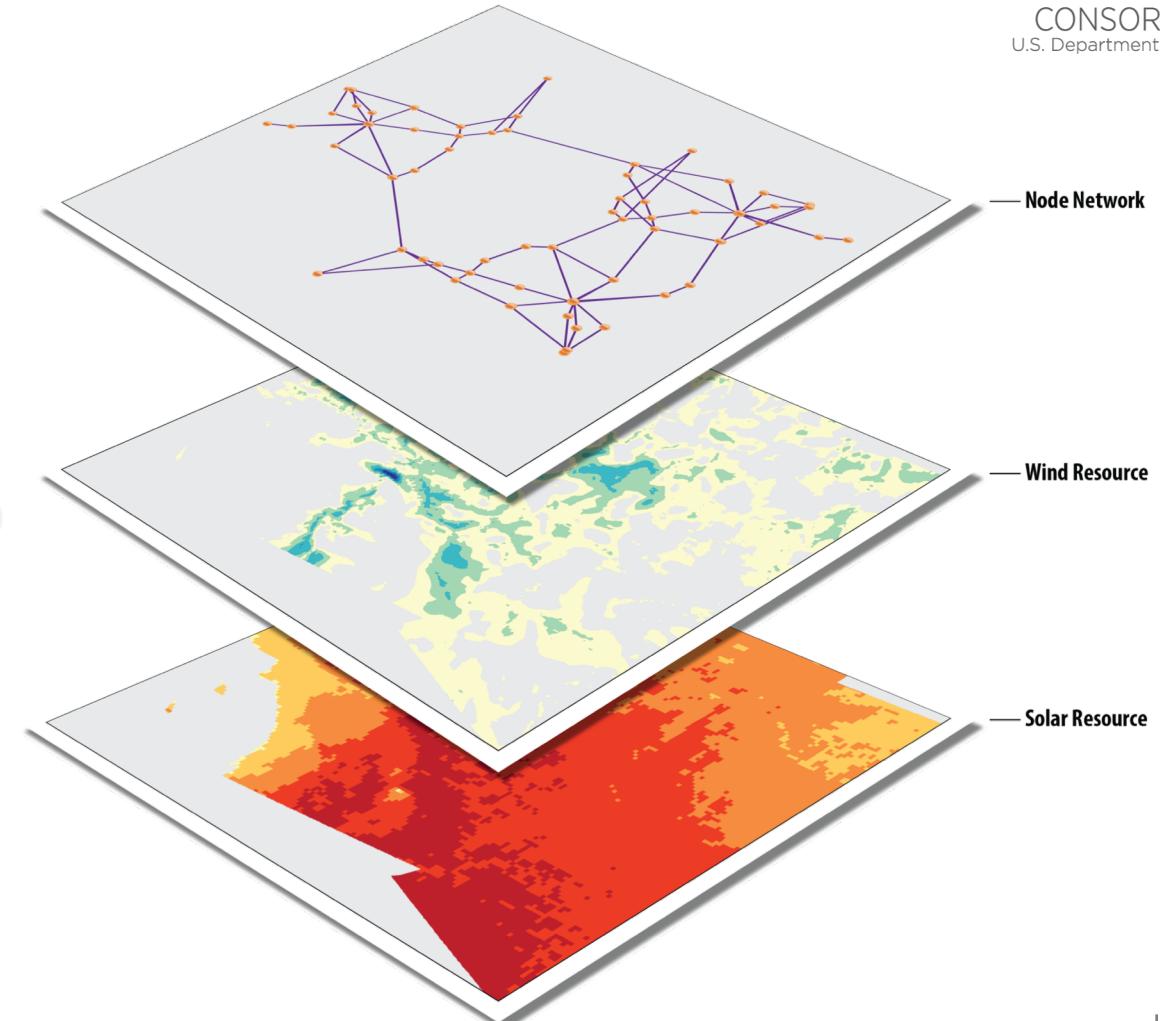
Hourly Day Ahead forecasts representing “best available” 24-hour ahead forecast

5-minute Real Time “actual” profiles

80 m hub height adjusted wind turbine outputs

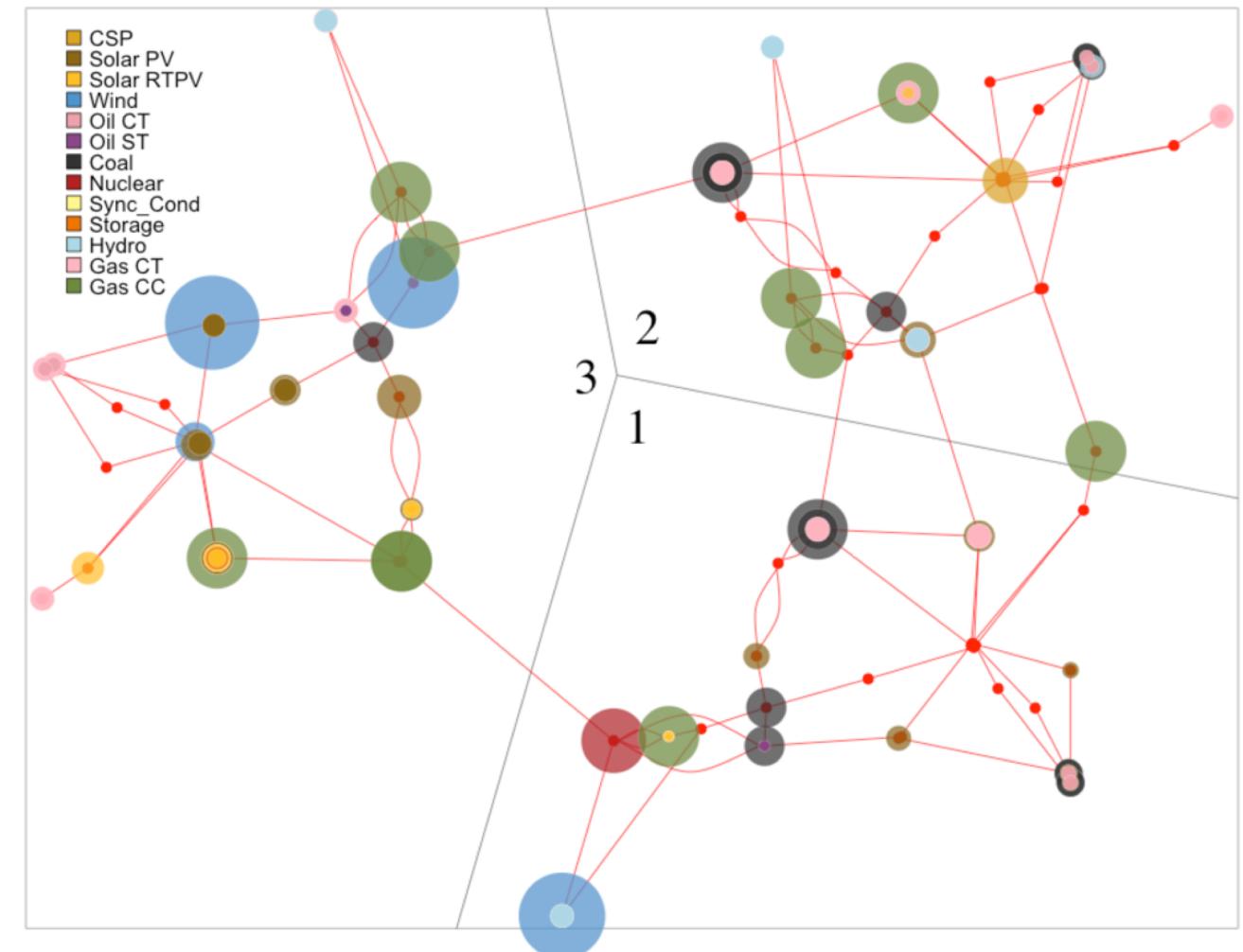
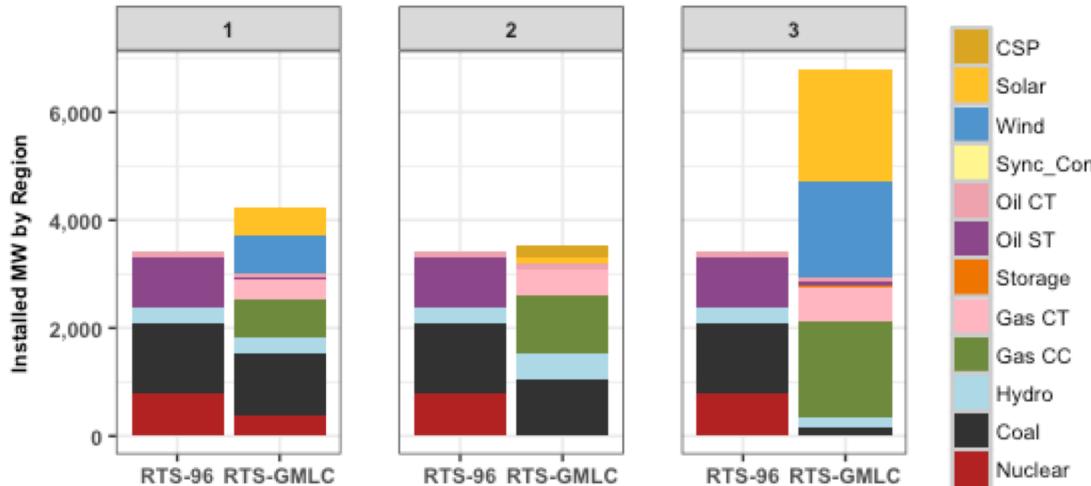
WRF re-analysis wind and DA solar profiles

Satellite RT solar profiles



# Wind and Solar data

- ▶ Random sampling of WWSIS-2 Wind, Utility-PV, and Rooftop-PV sites to achieve desired capacity
- ▶ Connection to closest RTS node location:  
Rooftop-PV only connected to load buses



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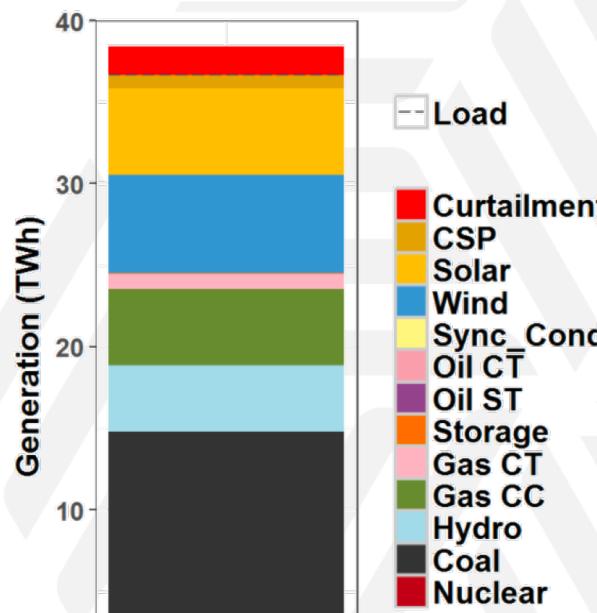
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- Production cost models approach scheduling problems with a variety of methods.
- By defining the basic parameters of the RTS production cost simulations, we can provide a concrete benchmarking case for new methods and approaches.

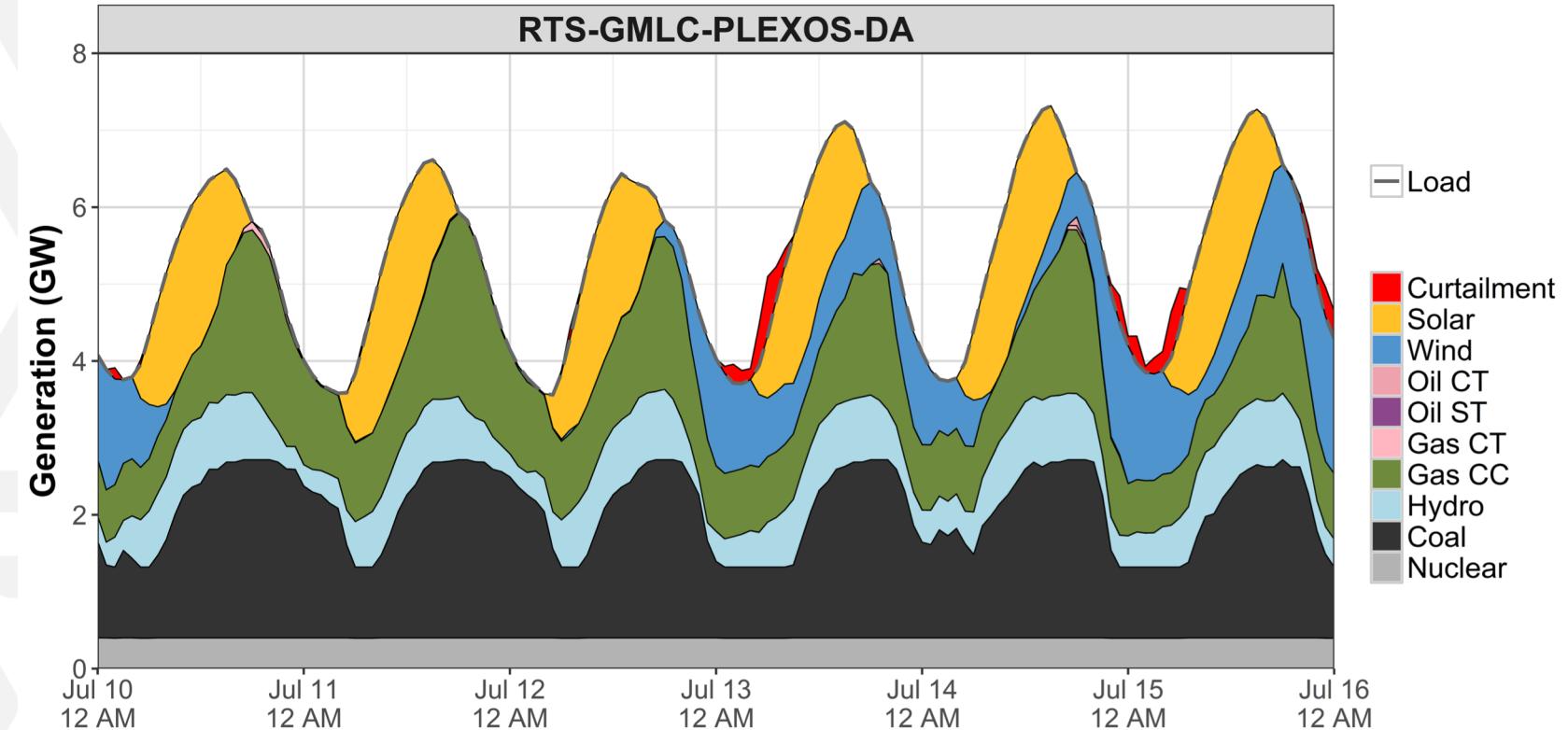
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Look Ahead Resolution	3600	300
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# Day-Ahead Results

Total Generation



RTS Day Ahead

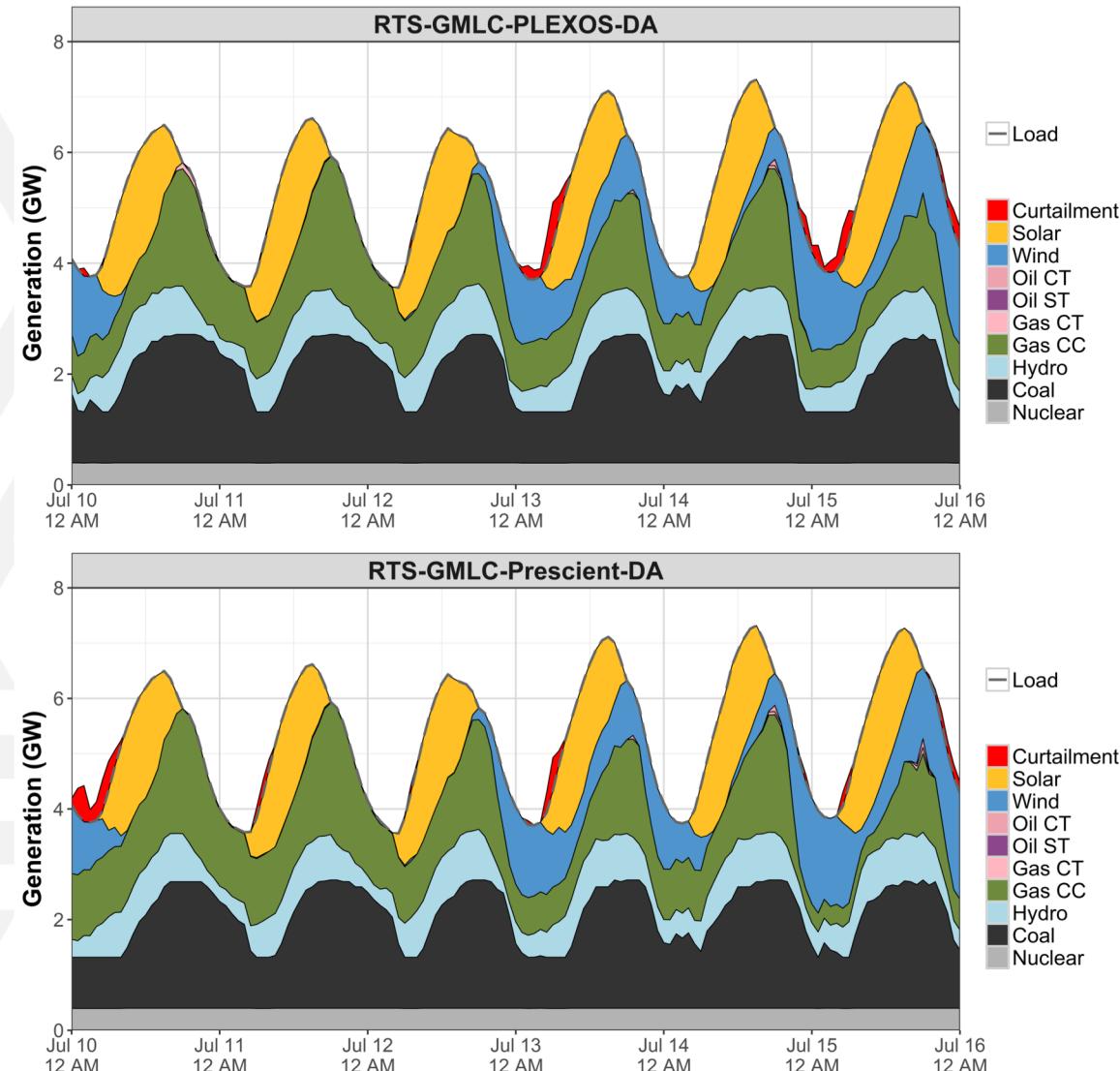


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# Versions and Benchmarking

RTS-GMLC contains system data in **eight** different formats:

- MATPOWER
- PowerWorld
- PSS/E v31 and v33
- PLEXOS
- Prescient
- RTS3 (Gene Preston)
- CDM (SourceData/\*.csv)



# Clayton.barrows@nrel.gov - <https://Github.com/GridMod/RTS-GMLC>

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