Enhancing Monitoring and Reporting of Residential Renewable Energy Systems on the Navajo Nation

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Navajo Tribal Utility Authority



To be a leader within Indian Country in:

- Renewable energy through creative, state-of-the-art construction designs and legislation, working together with Navajo Nation citizens, government, business, and private & public educational groups
- Creating positive relationships to renewable energy issues



NTUA Off-Grid Electrification

- 1998 240/260 Watt PV Systems (40)
- 2001 640 Watt PV Systems (200)
- 2003 880 Watt Hybrid Systems (44) (Phase I)*
- 2004 880 Watt Hybrid Systems (63) (Phase II)*

*enabled with Data Acquisition System (DAS)



NTUA Installations



Klagetoh, AZ

Monument Valley, UT





Goulding Trading Post, UT



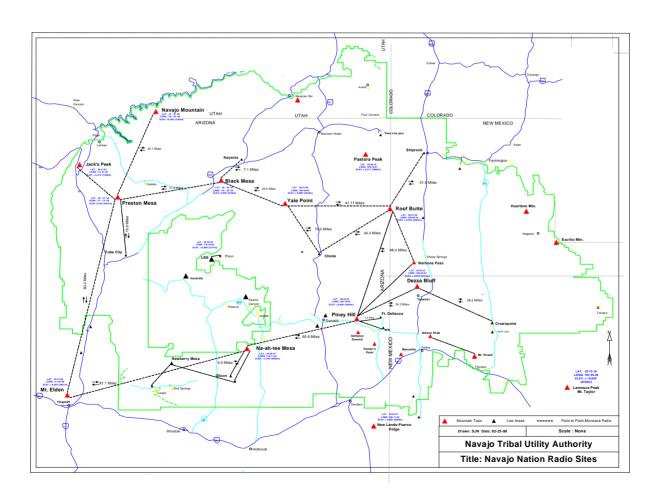
Current DAS Retrieval



Manual - On-Site - Real Time Information



NTUA Communication Infrastructure





Raw DAS Output: Flat File

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Year	Jda	Time	Vbat	lbat	IPV	lload	Tbat	VBatMax	VBatMin	IBatMax	IBatMin
2006	72	100	24.57	-160.48	0.21	160.68	1.21	24.59	24.34	-100	-160.48
2006	72	200	24.48	-160.48	0.22	160.68	1.1	24.53	24.31	-100	-160.48
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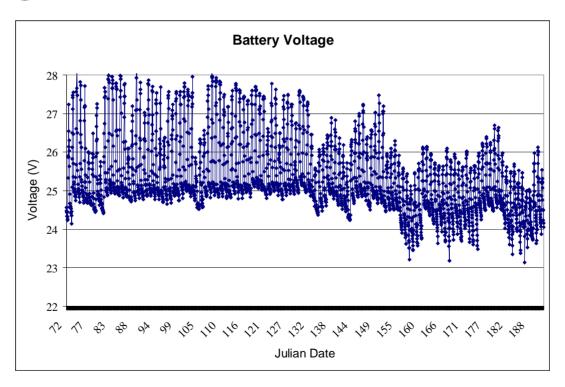


DAS Data Legend

- Twelve fields per record
 - 1) Year
 - 2) Julian Day
 - 3) Time
 - 4) Average Vbat
 - 5) Average Ibat
 - 6) Average Ipv
 - 7) Average Iload
 - 8) Average Tbat
 - 9) Maximun Vbat
 - 10) Minimum Vbat
 - 11) Maximum Ibat
 - 12) Minimum Ibat

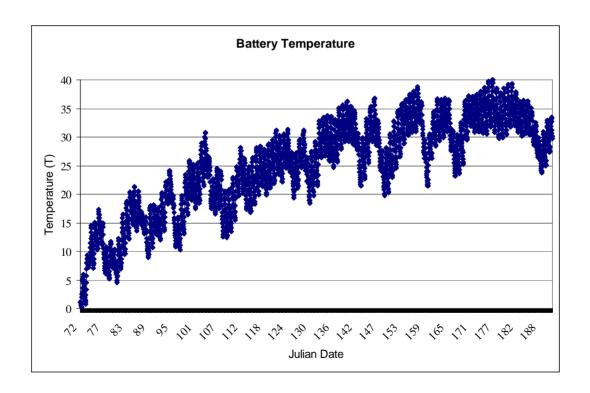


4) Avg Vbat





8) Tbat





Project Plan

- Integrate Polling with Existing Infrastructure
 - Communication Team to research/implement
 - SCADA Team has on-hold
 - Renewable Energy Team commitment to fund
- Second Option: Erect Dedicated Polling System -- tie in to Infrastructure
 - Communications/SCADA to consider after First Option failure
- Satellite Communication is not an option



Internship Experience

- Excellent Learning Experience Matched to Academic Interest
- Opportunity to work with Commercial, Federal and Tribal Entities
- Interdisciplinary Opportunity
- Contribution to a Real-World Solution for Tribes



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