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Optimized Hydropower with Integrated Wind Generation on the Mid-Columbia River

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Project Overview

- Sponsor: Oak Ridge National Laboratory – Brennan Smith
- Principal Investigator: Edie Zagona, CADSWES
- Co-P.I.: Tim Magee, CADSWES
- Goal : Develop framework to evaluate impact of wind on hydro with realistic hydro model
- ORNL chose Mid-Columbia system
 - Highly-constrained system
 - High wind potential and existing wind
 - Willing participation from Mid-C utilities
- CADSWES developed Mid-C model and framework
 - Meetings with ORNL and Mid-C utilities to obtain physical and policy info and model validation

Columbia River Basin

Mid-Columbia Projects



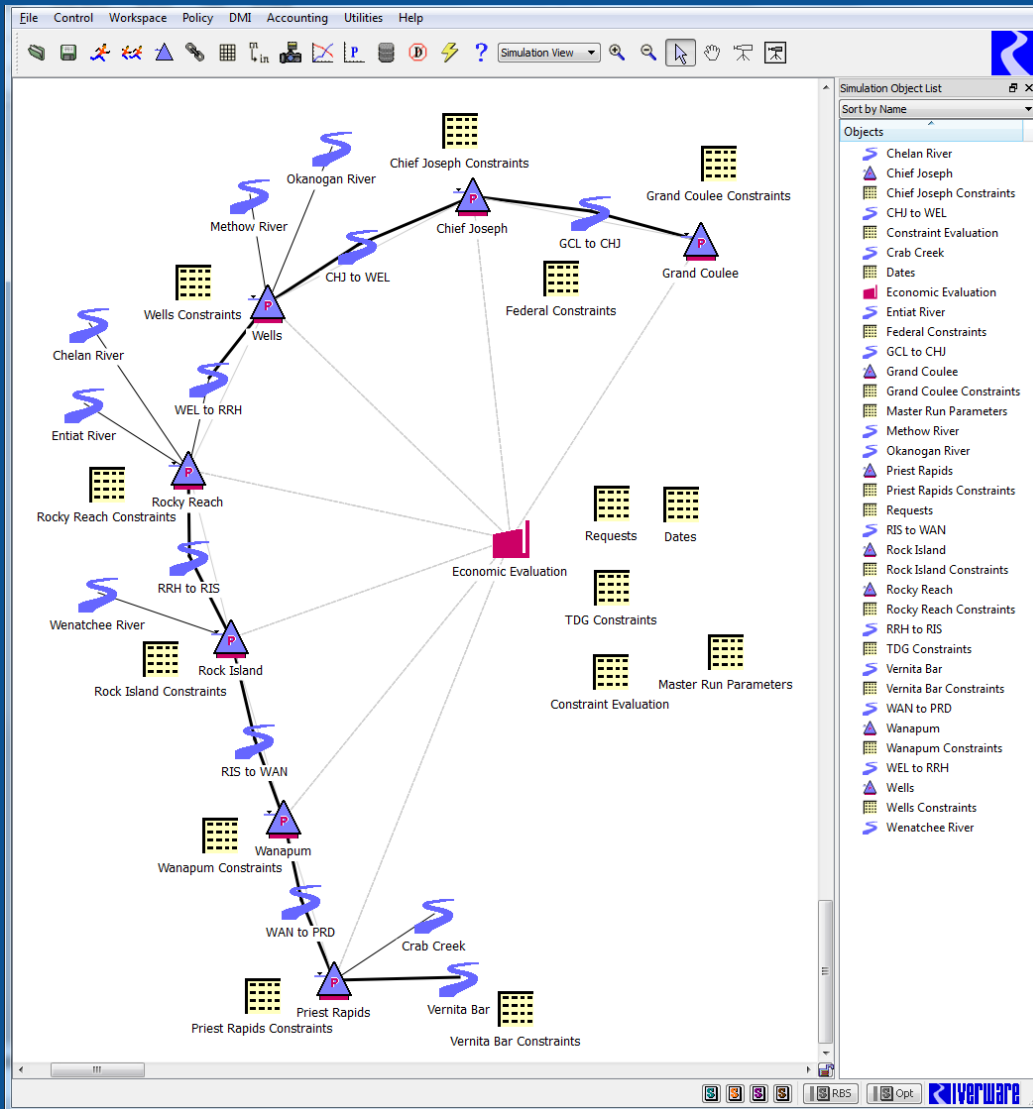
Mid-Columbia Hydro System

- 2 Federal projects
 - Grand Coulee – USBR
 - Chief Joseph - USACE
- 5 Non-fed projects
 - Local PUDs
 - Shares owned by participants
- 14 GW capacity
- Little storage – ROR downstream of Grand Coulee

System Overview – Policy and Constraints

- Major Agreements Affecting Operations
 - Columbia River Treaty
 - Canada provides flood control; U.S. provides power in exchange
 - Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Protection Program
 - Mid-Columbia Hourly Coordination Agreement
 - Coordinated scheduling of non-fed projects by Central
 - Non-feds (Central) coordinate with federal projects through bias
- Significant Environmental Constraints
 - Vernita Bar min/max flows – seasonal
 - Minimum spill for fish passage – Non-fed projects
 - Max total dissolved gas levels – limits spill

Mid-Columbia RiverWare Model



- Plant power tables based on unit data from Mid-C utilities and BPA
- Stage-flow-tailwater tables
 - Fed – equations from BPA
 - Nonfed – tables and curves from utilities or regression from observed data
- Storage and routing from Hourly Coordination Manual
- 6 tributaries included

Mid-Columbia RiverWare Model

- Policy

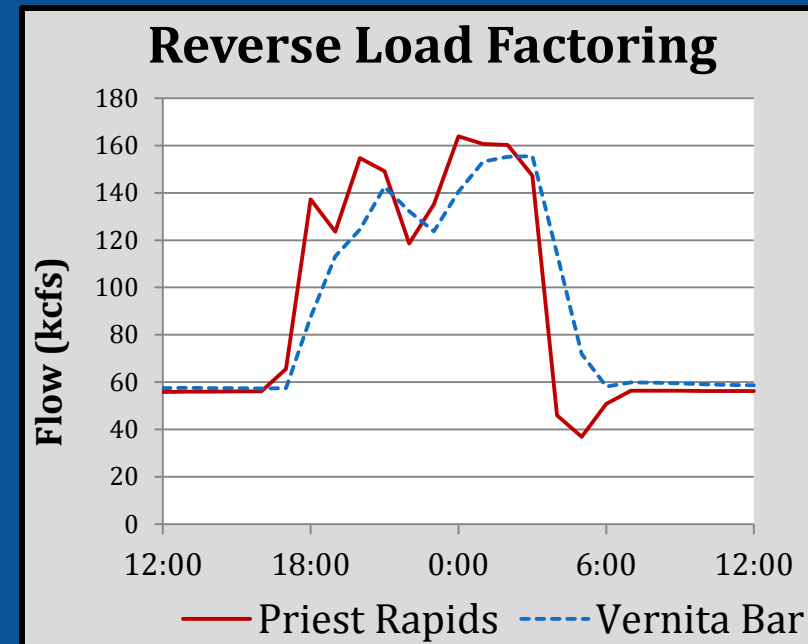
Name	Priority	On	Type
User Defined Variables		✓	Policy Group
Priest Rapids Daily High and Low Flows for Flow Bands	1	✓	Goal
Chief Joseph Revised Request for CJAD	2	✓	Goal
Bias, Accumulated Exchange and Delivered Energy	3	✓	Goal
TDGs	4	✓	Goal
License Min Pool Elevation	5-5	✓	Policy Group
License Max Pool Elev, Pateros Flood Control, VB Min Flow	6-6	✓	Policy Group
Chief Joseph Daily Release	7-7	✓	Policy Group
Grand Coulee TW, Grand Coulee Drawdown, Chief Joseph Cold Weather Gen	8-8	✓	Policy Group
Chief Joseph Accumulated Deficiency	9-12	✓	Policy Group
Federal Generation Requests	13-13	✓	Policy Group
Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph Scheduled Outflow	14-15	✓	Policy Group
Federal Bias Limits, Federal Accumulated Exchange Limits	16-16	✓	Policy Group
Fish Spill and Bypass	17-17	✓	Policy Group
Total Dissolved Gas	18-19	✓	Policy Group
Vernita Bar Protection Level Flows and Drafting	20-27	✓	Policy Group
No Federal Spill	28-28	✓	Policy Group
Priest Rapids Flow Bands	29-30	✓	Policy Group
Spawning Period Flows	31-31	✓	Policy Group
Recreation Levels	32-32	✗	Policy Group
Minimum Generation Requirements	33-37	✓	Policy Group
Nonfed Generation Requests	38-38	✓	Policy Group
Target Bias Limits, Target Accumulated Exchange Limits	39-39	✓	Policy Group
Wells Goose Nesting	40-40	✓	Policy Group
Special Operations	41-41	✗	Policy Group
Spawning Period Target Flow	42-42	✓	Policy Group
Ending Conditions	43-47	✓	Policy Group
Minimize Outflows	48-50	✓	Policy Group
Delta Spill and Delta Turbine Release	51-51	✓	Policy Group
Utility Group		✓	Utility Group

- Federal project constraints at higher priorities
 - Non-fed perspective
- Non-fed power constraints below nearly all environmental constraints
- Complex tracking of drafting and refill when meeting flow constraints
- Objectives balance accumulated exchange (bias) targets with maintaining max water

RiverWare Enhancement – Autoregressive Outflow Adjustment for Reaches

- Motivation: Flow constraints at Vernita Bar during salmon spawning season

- Reverse Load Factoring – high Priest Rapids outflows at night to prepare for low max flow during daylight hours
- Delayed response at Vernita Bar described as something like bank storage



- Multiple linear regression using only Priest Rapids outflow from previous time steps was unsatisfactory
- Regression using routed Priest Rapids outflow and Vernita Bar flow from previous hour fit data well

RiverWare Enhancement – Autoregressive Outflow Adjustment for Reaches

- Autoregressive Outflow method in Outflow Adjustment category

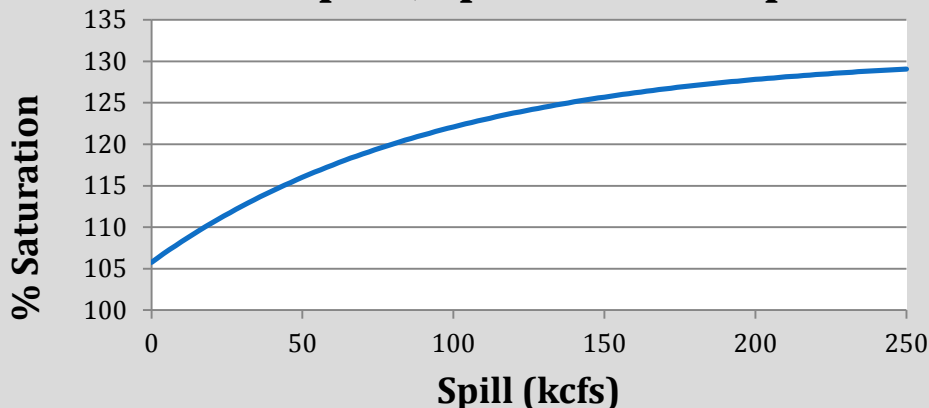
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reach. Outflow}_t &= B_1 \text{Routed Flow}_t + B_2 \text{Reach. Outflow}_{t-1} \\ &+ B_3 \text{Reach. Outflow}_{t-2} + \dots + B_N \text{Reach. Outflow}_{t-N+1} \end{aligned}$$

- RiverWare first calculates Routed Flow (any routing method) then applies weighted average using Reach Outflow from any number of previous time steps – autoregressive terms
- User sets the weighting coefficients

Total Dissolved Gas Modeling

- High TDG levels (nitrogen) cause gas bubble disease – high fish mortality
- Effectively limits spill – controlling constraint in high flow seasons
- Data and equations from existing models
 - Columbia River Salmon Passage (CRiSP) Model– University of Washington
 - SYSTDG – USACE Northwest Division

Priest Rapids, Spill TDGs vs. Spill



- $C_{spill} = b - a e^{-kQ_{spill}}$

Total Dissolved Gas Modeling

- Entrainment – a fraction of turbine release has same concentration as spill
- Compounding effect in cascading reservoir system

$$C_M = \frac{C_S(Q_S + Q_E) + C_{FB}(Q_T - Q_E)}{Q_S + Q_T}$$

- Nonlinear
- Non-separable
- Non-convex – cannot use piecewise linearization for optimization, potential local optima

Total Dissolved Gas Modeling

In Mid-Columbia RiverWare Model:

- $C_M = C_{M,Est} + \Delta C_M$
- $\Delta C_M = \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial Q_S} \Delta Q_S + \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial Q_T} \Delta Q_T + \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial C_{FB}} \Delta C_{FB}$
- First Order Taylor Series Approximation
- Iterative procedure using RiverWare batch mode
 - Partial derivatives calculated pre-run with estimates from previous run – expression slots
 - DMIs export Q_S and Q_T then import as $Q_{S,Est}$ and $Q_{T,Est}$
 - Convergence criteria on $\Delta Q_S, \Delta Q_T$
- Modified successive linear goal programming provides a heuristic solution

Wind Integration Modeling

– General Framework

- Can be used with any wind model or wind level
- Wind incorporated as negative load
- Prevents “perfect forecast knowledge” effects
- One-week “Master” Run composed of 28 individual one-week runs
 - Hours 1-6 use “actual” net load – no forecast error
 - Hours 7-168 use net load forecast – any forecast model
 - Save output from hours 1-6 and move ahead six hours for next individual run
 - Now hours 7-12 use actual net load, updated forecast for hours 13-174; repeat for all 28 six-hour blocks
 - Master run outputs from first six hours of each individual run

Wind Integration Modeling

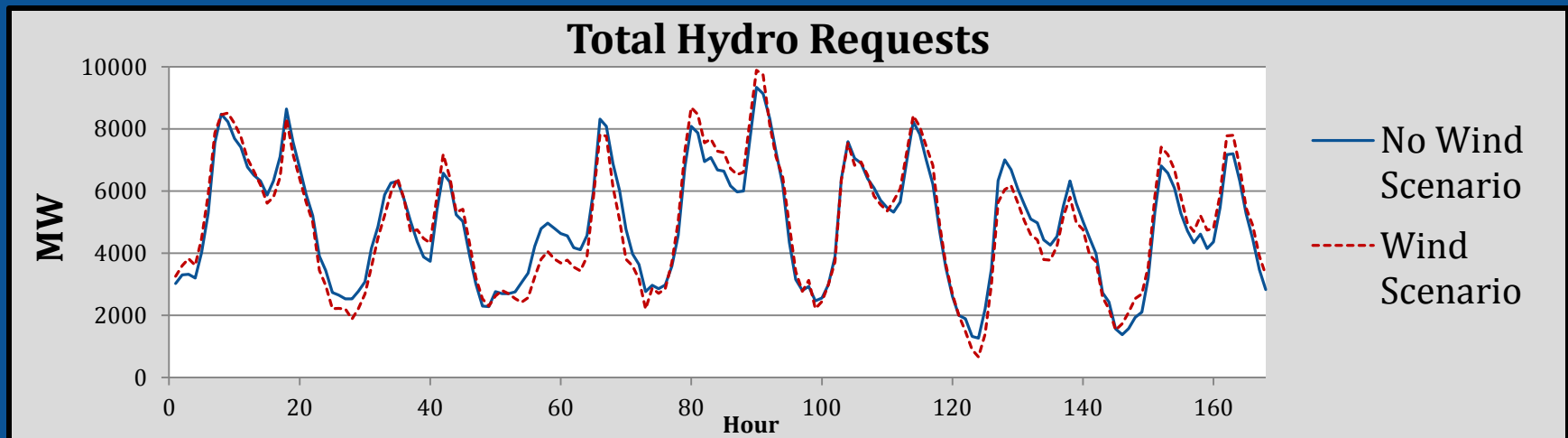
– General Framework

- Batch mode script steps through all 28 individual runs
 - Automated import and export of data by DMIs
 - Incorporates iterative TDG routine
- Metrics of system performance:
 - Constraint satisfaction – calculations from optimization goal set repeated in expression slots to evaluate degree of constraint violations
 - Spill as energy – not all spill is equal
 - Energy in storage – accounts for generation potential from all downstream projects

Wind Integration Modeling

– Synthetic Wind Model for Testing

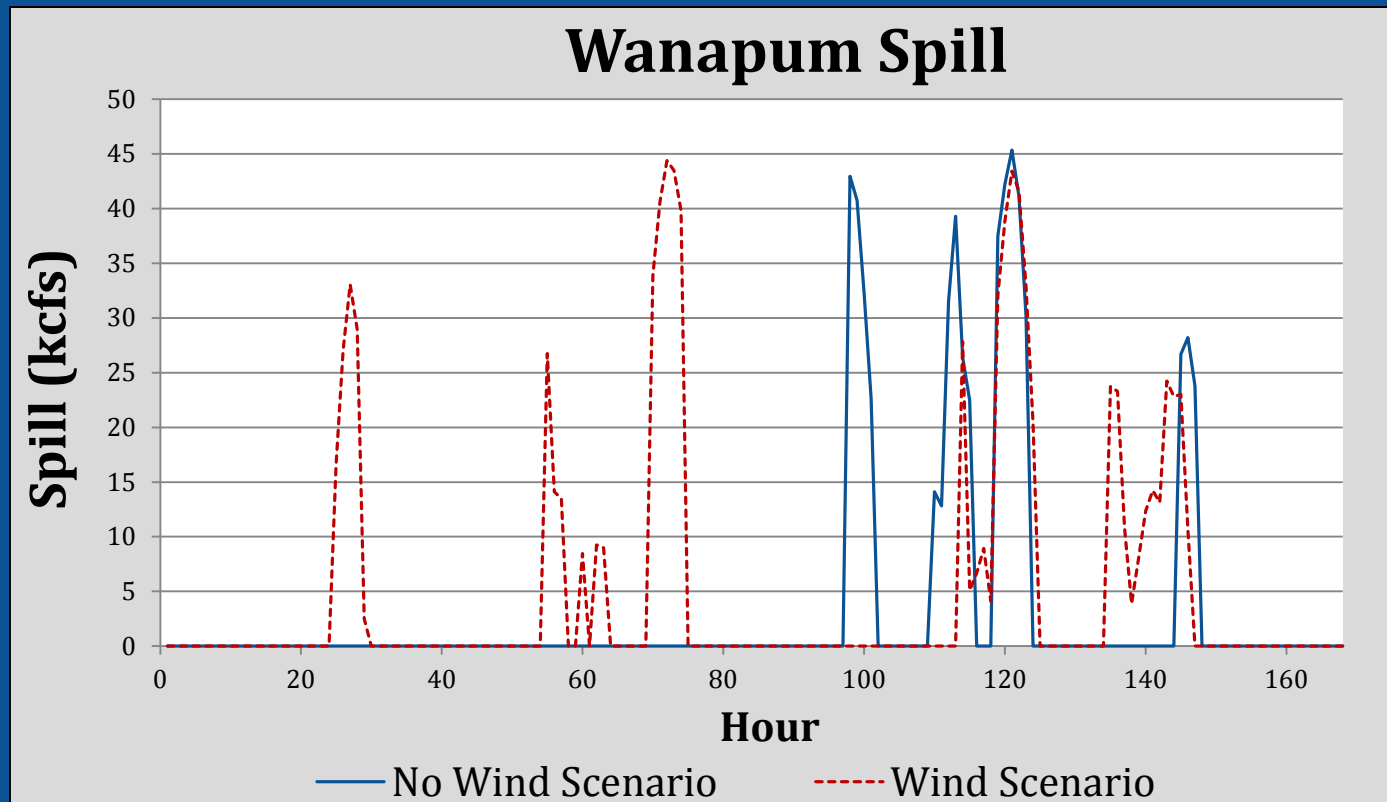
- Wind = $f(\text{previous wind, avg profile, random var})$
 - Daily profile based on observed BPA wind, scaled
- Wind forecast weighted to previous wind for short lead time, tends to average profile for longer lead times
- Assumes wind displaces constant thermal source
 - Total hydro generation approximately equal



Wind Integration Modeling

- Sample Results

- Spill time series - increase in spill events for the wind scenario

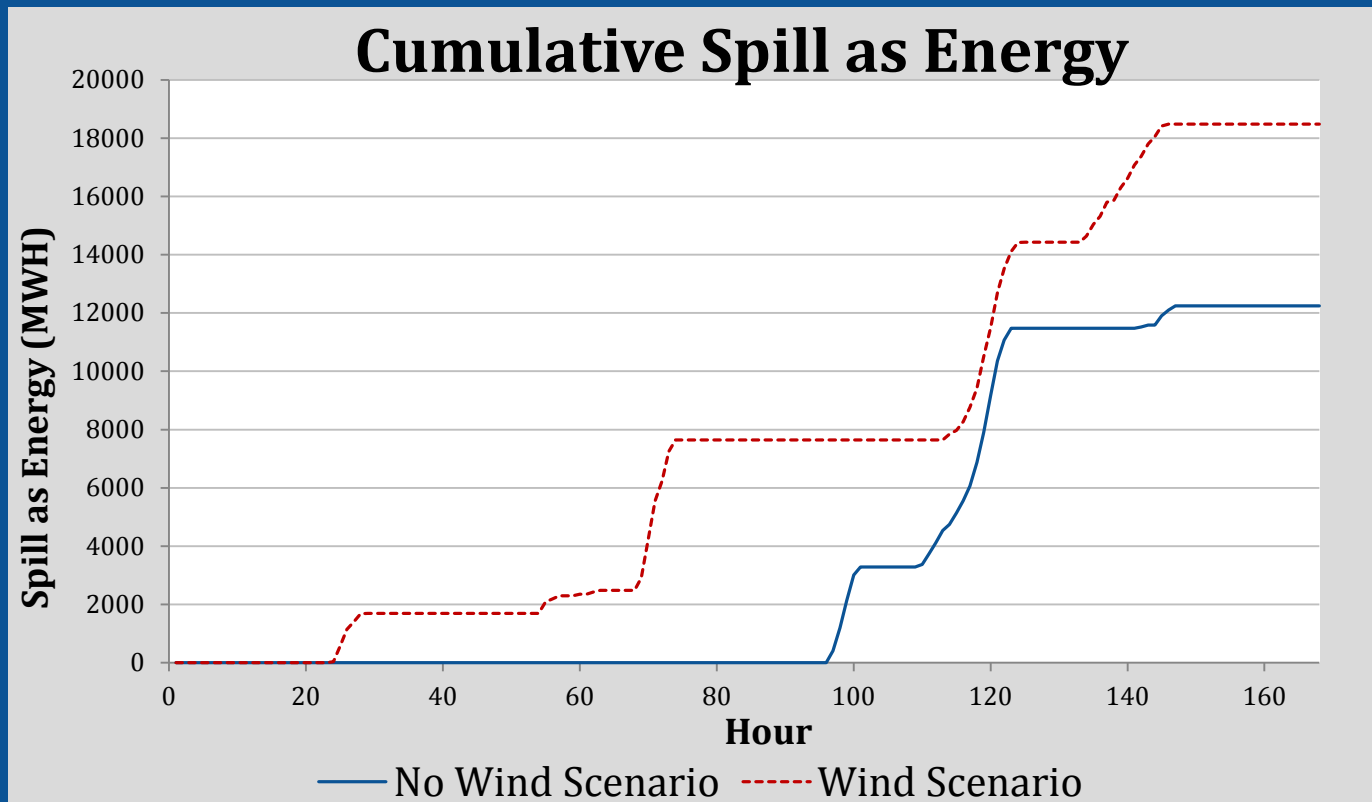


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Wind Integration Modeling

- Sample Results

- Increased spill leads to higher spill as energy

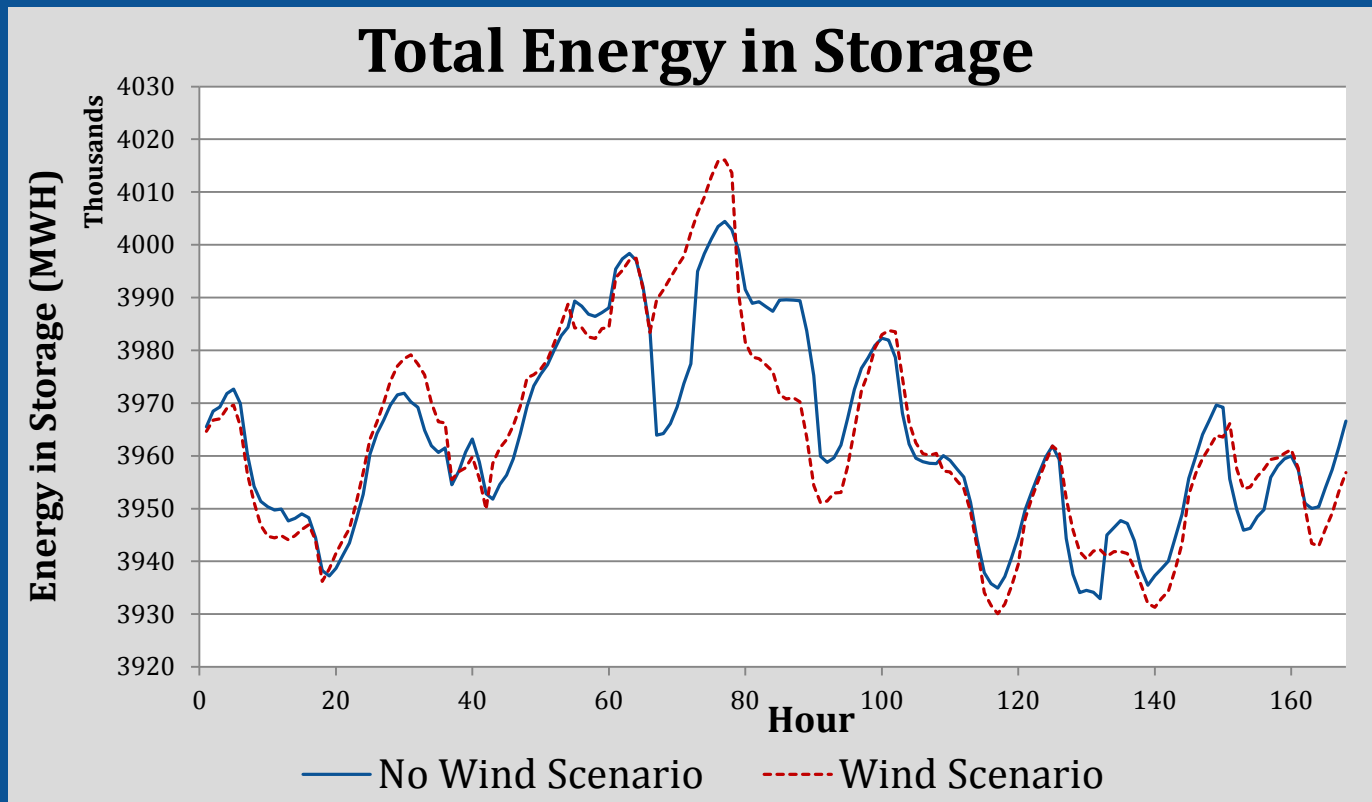


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Wind Integration Modeling

- Sample Results

- Differences in energy in storage



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Project Accomplishments

- Realistic model of Mid-Columbia system, including non-power constraints, to demonstrate effects of wind integration
- Incorporated TDG modeling in optimization
- Advancement in successive linear goal programming in RiverWare

Mid-Columbia Hydropower and Wind Integration

- Final report available
- Next steps:
 - Mid-Columbia Utilities putting model into operational use
 - Use of model and framework for additional studies
 - Extension of components of methodology to other systems, adding explicit economic objectives based on market prices for energy and ancillary services