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# SUNDIAL

An Integrated SHINES System Enabling  
High Penetration Feeder-Level PV



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# A Vision for Integrating Hundreds of GW of Solar

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## SHINES Solicitation Goals:

“develop and demonstrate integrated, scalable, and cost-effective technologies for solar that combine PV generation and energy storage and work seamlessly to meet both consumer needs and the needs of the electricity grid.”

## SunDial Objectives:

- An extensible framework for readily and cost-effectively integrating loads, storage, and PV
- Test and pilot business models and market mechanisms to enable high penetration of PV

**Market Transformation: *A transparent, low-friction market for storage / solar integration on the feeder level***

- Flexible with respect to markets: multiple use cases, vendors, and business models
- Flexible with respect to asset location, ownership, and type

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## *Fraunhofer CSE Mission:* Dedicated to building tomorrow's energy future today

- Non-profit, applied R&D laboratory
- Located in Boston (MA), Southwest Test Center in Albuquerque (NM)
- Project Types
  - Product/Technology Development
  - Field Testing & Evaluation
  - Technology Assessment
- Focus Areas
  - Grid integration of renewables
  - Energy management & behavior
  - PV module and system technologies
  - Building enclosures

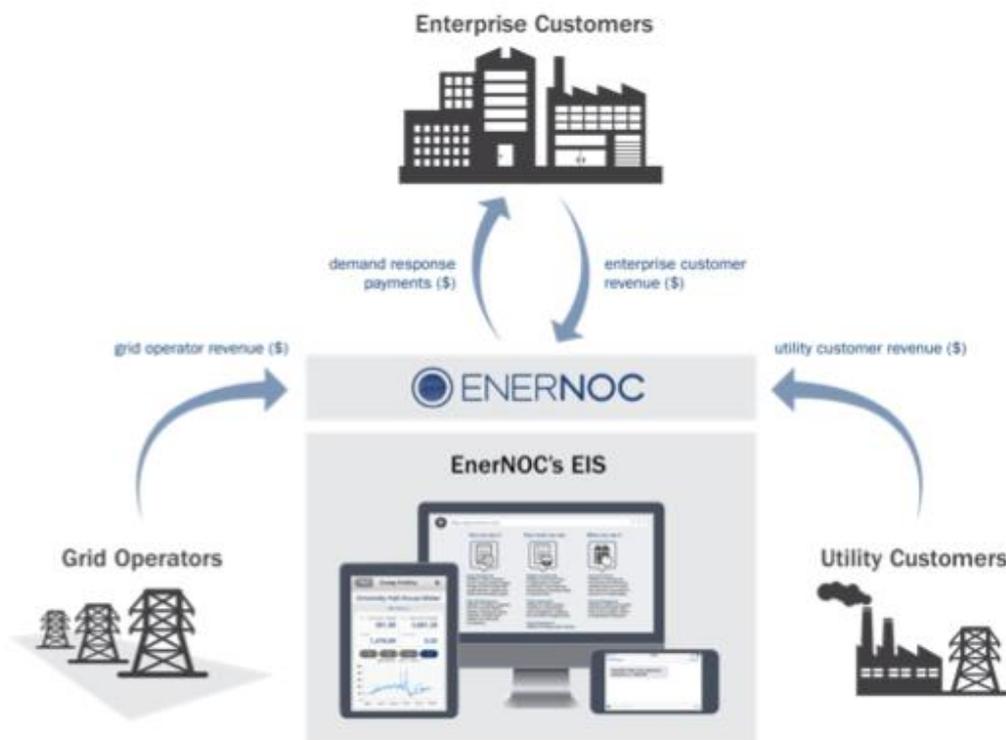
Source: Fraunhofer.

# EnerNOC's Energy Intelligence Software (EIS)

Helping Enterprise and Utility customers manage energy intelligently

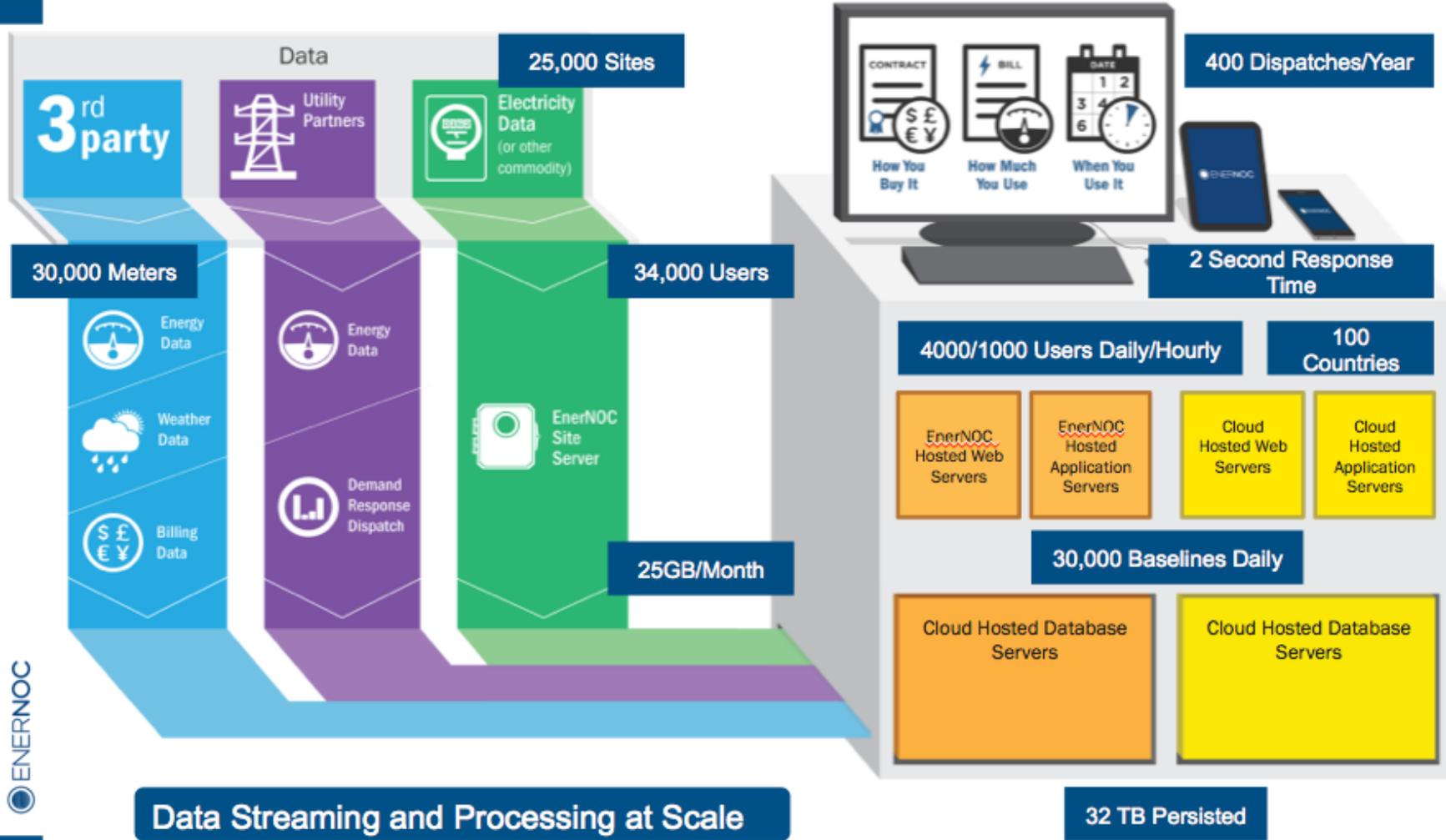
**Enterprises** leverage our software manage major cost drivers of their energy spend.

**Utilities** work with EnerNOC to manage end-user demand and procure additional capacity through virtual power plants



Source: EnerNOC.

# EnerNOC Platform



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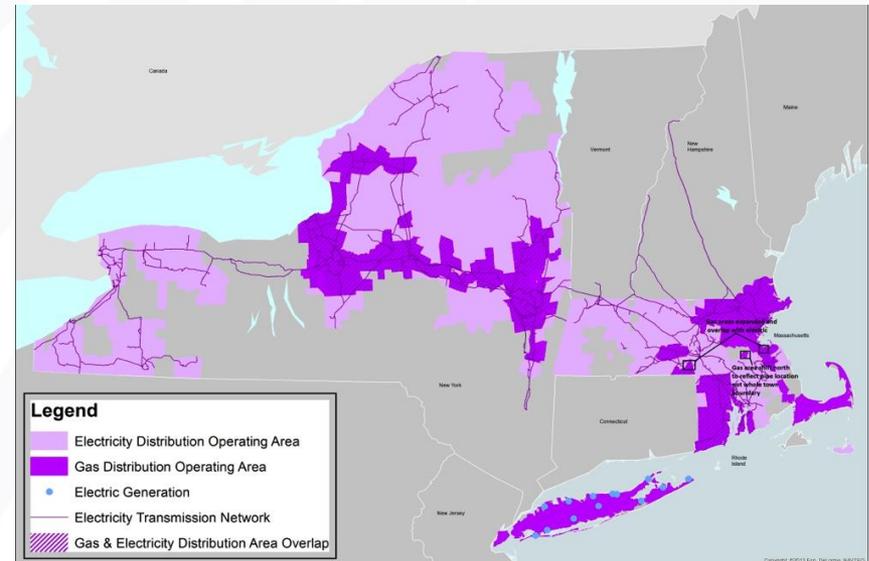
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- One of the largest investor-owned electrical and gas utilities in the Northeast
- 3.4 million customers
- Multiple projects to explore the “Utility of the Future” including demand management, smart grid, microgrids, and renewables
- Innovation in renewable energy generation and energy efficiency programs.
  - Phase 1 Solar: 4.8MW of Utility-Owned Solar
  - Phase 2 Solar: up to 20MW of Utility-owned solar

## Electricity Distribution, Transmission & Generation - US



Source: National Grid.

## Phase II Solar

Purchase up to 20 MW's of turn-key solar sites, implemented with advanced inverters

National Grid's goal is to use these sites to further solar development in the Commonwealth through advanced technologies

- Lower interconnection costs
- Increase penetration of PV per Feeder
- Lessons Learned

Learn more about impacts of solar on areas by pre-selecting towns with:

- High PV penetration feeders
- Lightly loaded feeders
- Heavy loaded feeders



Source: National Grid.

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# The Concept

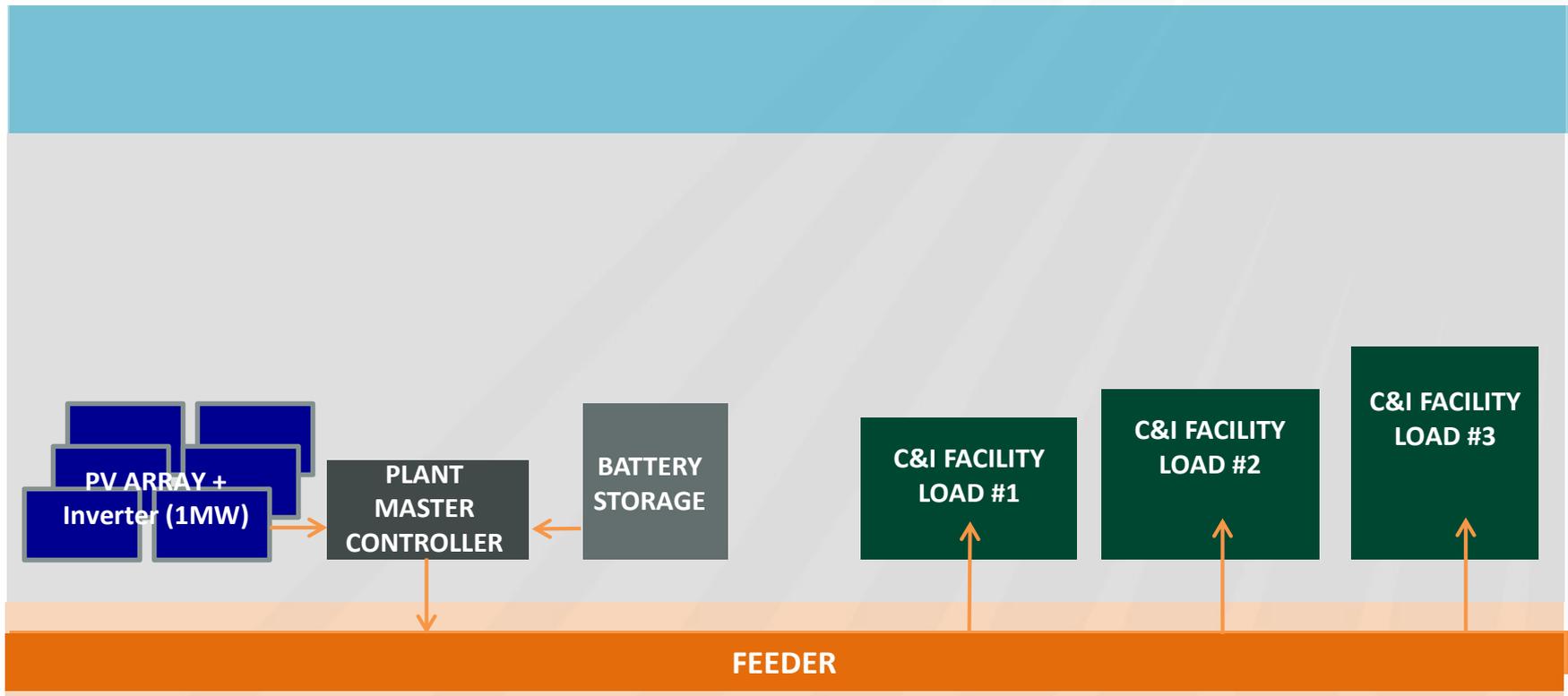
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## Physically decouple storage, PV, and load management

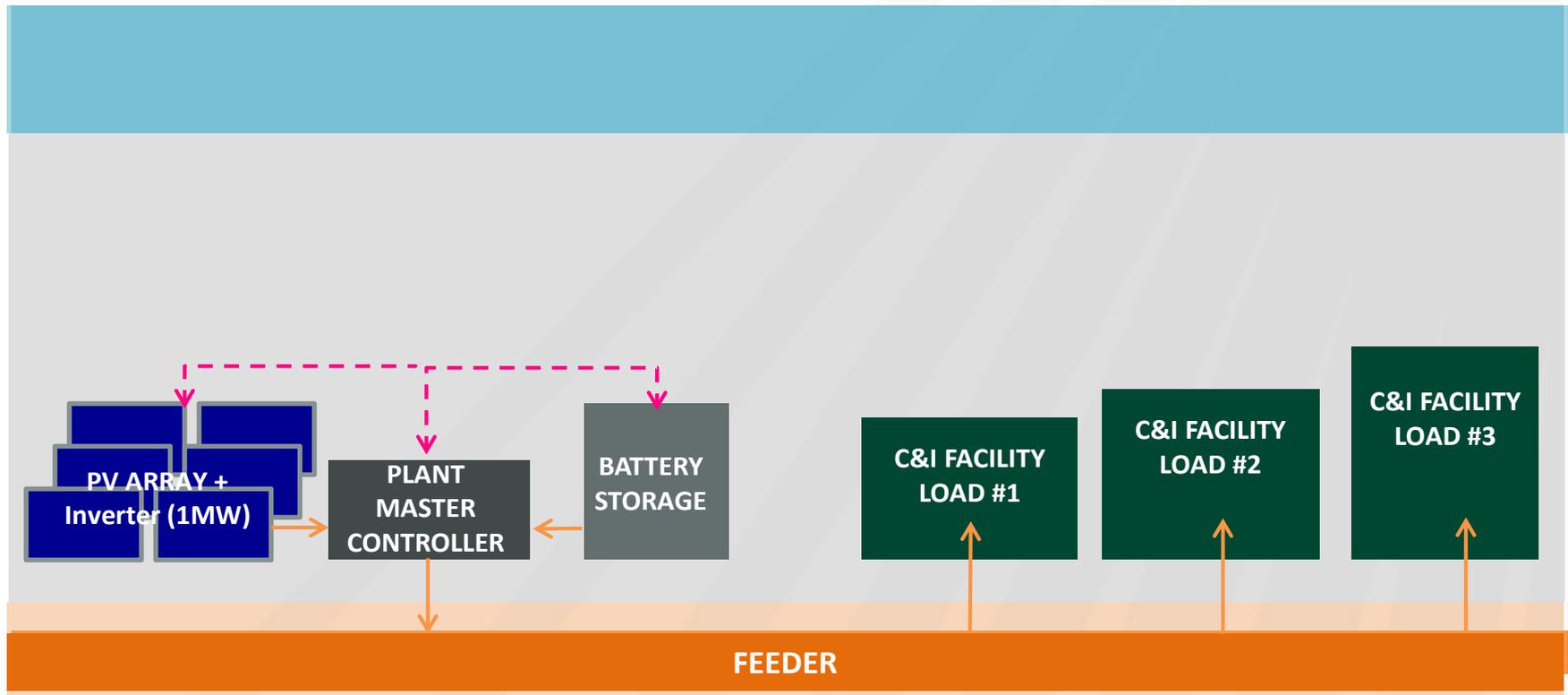
- **Global Scheduler:** Feeder-scale global optimization engine
  - Optimization over varying timescales and use cases
  - Leveraging PV, storage, AND aggregated load management resources
- **FLAME:** Facility load aggregation and management engine
  - Based on an existing, proven demand response aggregation business model
- **Plant Master Controller:** Local, fast, site-level control of PV and storage
  - Utilizing standard utility-scale PV/Storage control and integration capability
- Newly developed **interoperability interfaces**

*Enables a transparent, broadly scalable mechanism to achieve and simplify feeder-scale integration of PV, loads, and battery storage*

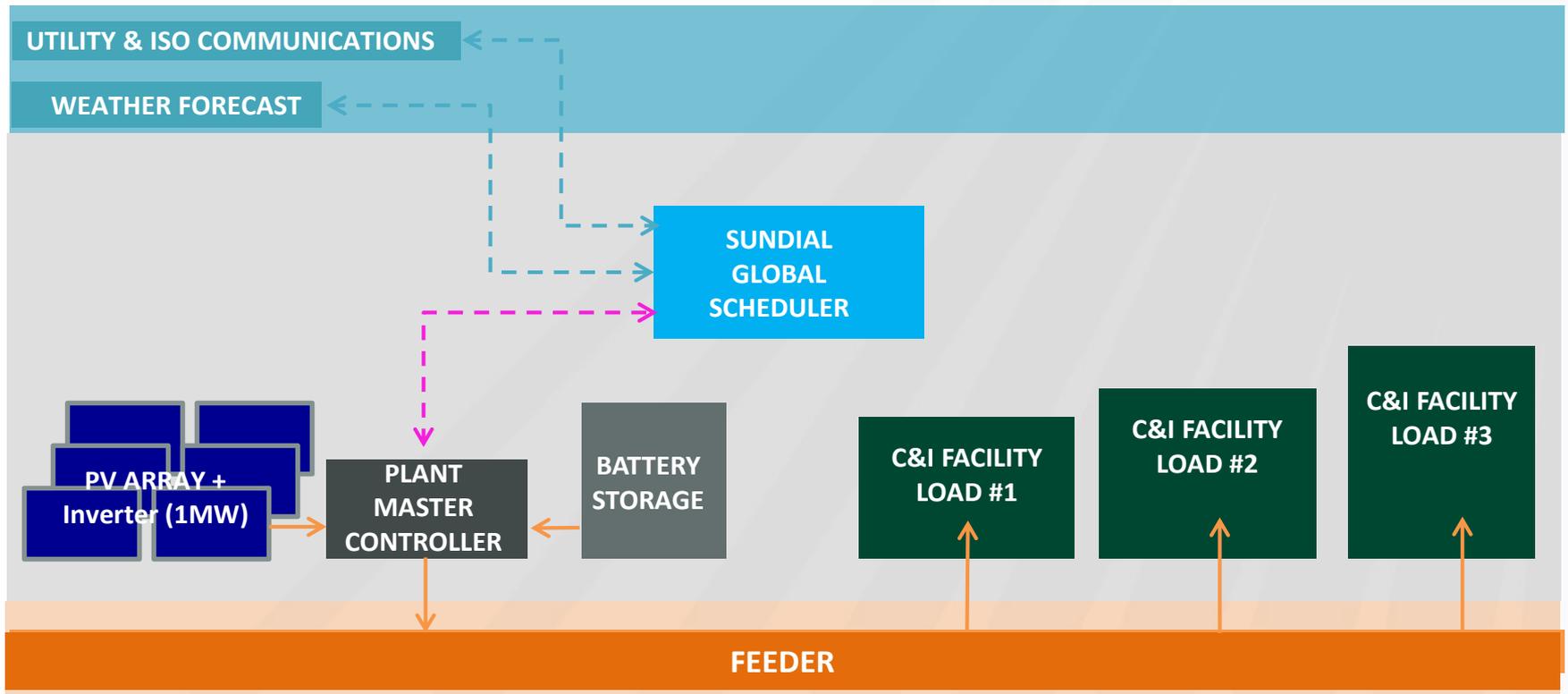
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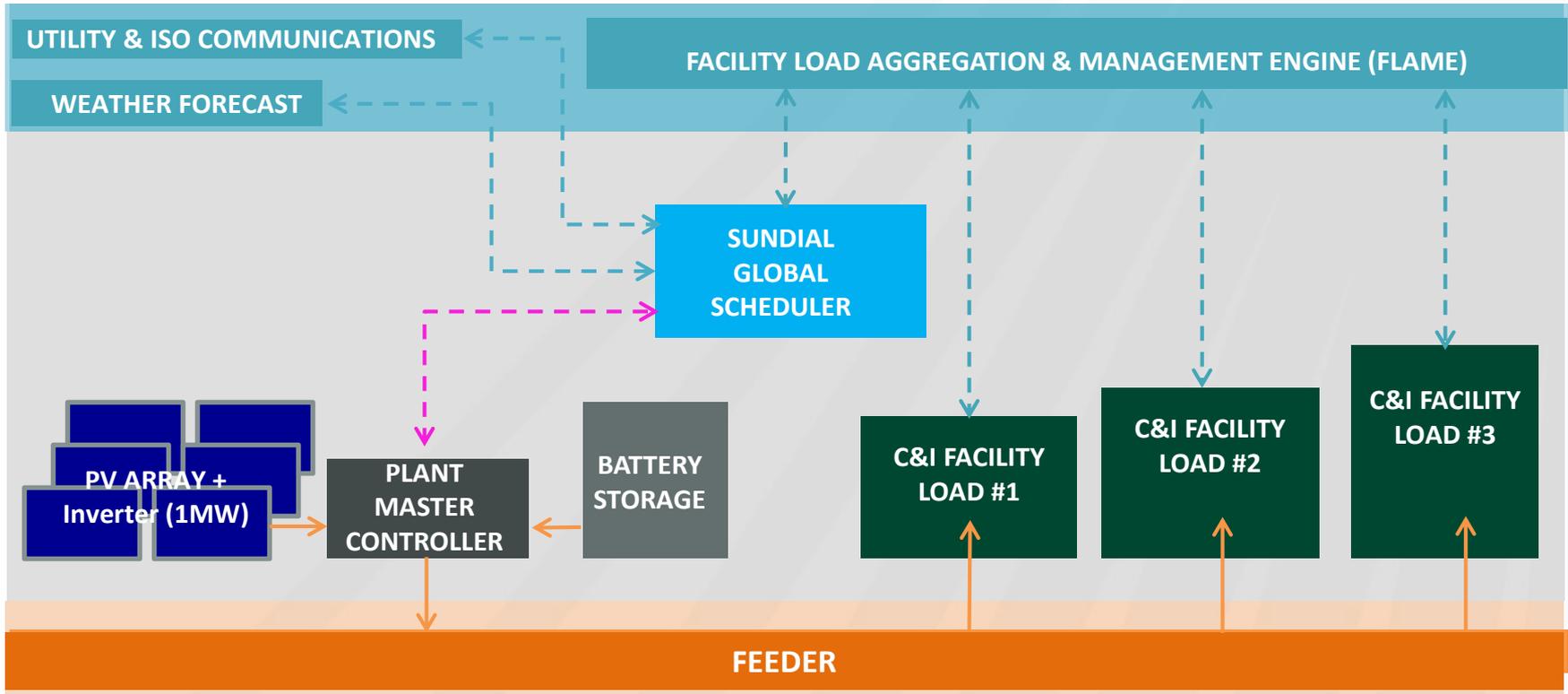
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# SunDial Global Scheduler

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## Works for Different Use Cases

- PV intermittency mitigation
- Load Shaping
- Peak Load Reduction
- And more...

## Determines System State (Current & Predicted Future)

- Solar resource
- Battery
- Loads and Load Sink/Shed Potentials
- Grid Constraints, Pricing

## Performs Optimization

- Minimize cost based on objective function defined by the current use case
- Shrinking horizon scheduling approach
- Updated according to new information at subsequent scheduling steps.

## Generates Control Signals

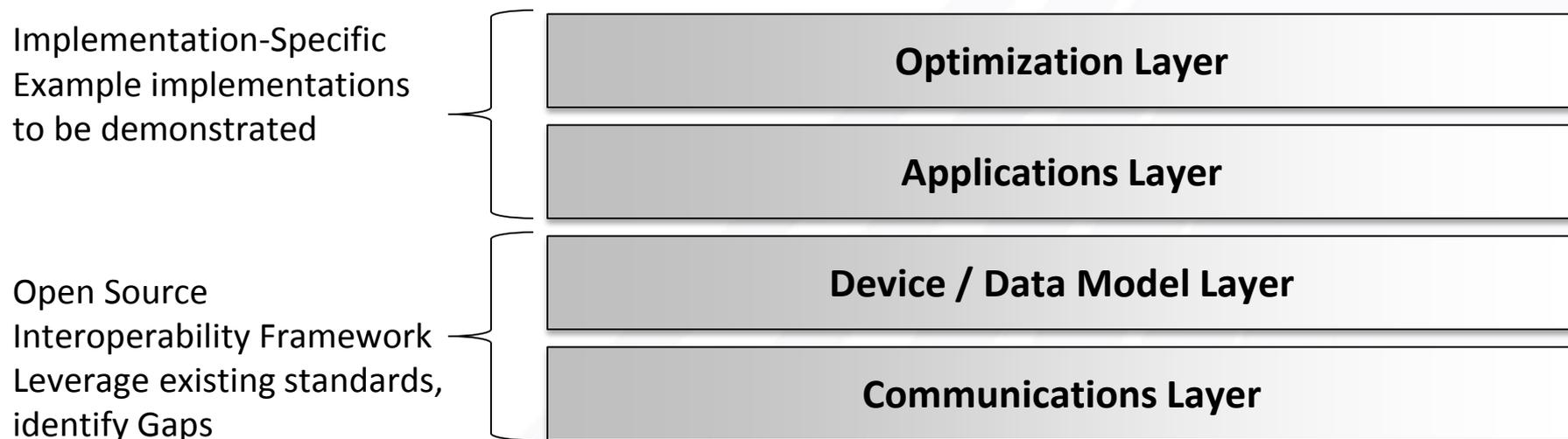
- PMC, FLAME, Battery

**Implemented as an extension of, e.g., PNNL's VOLTTRON distributed control and sensing platform**

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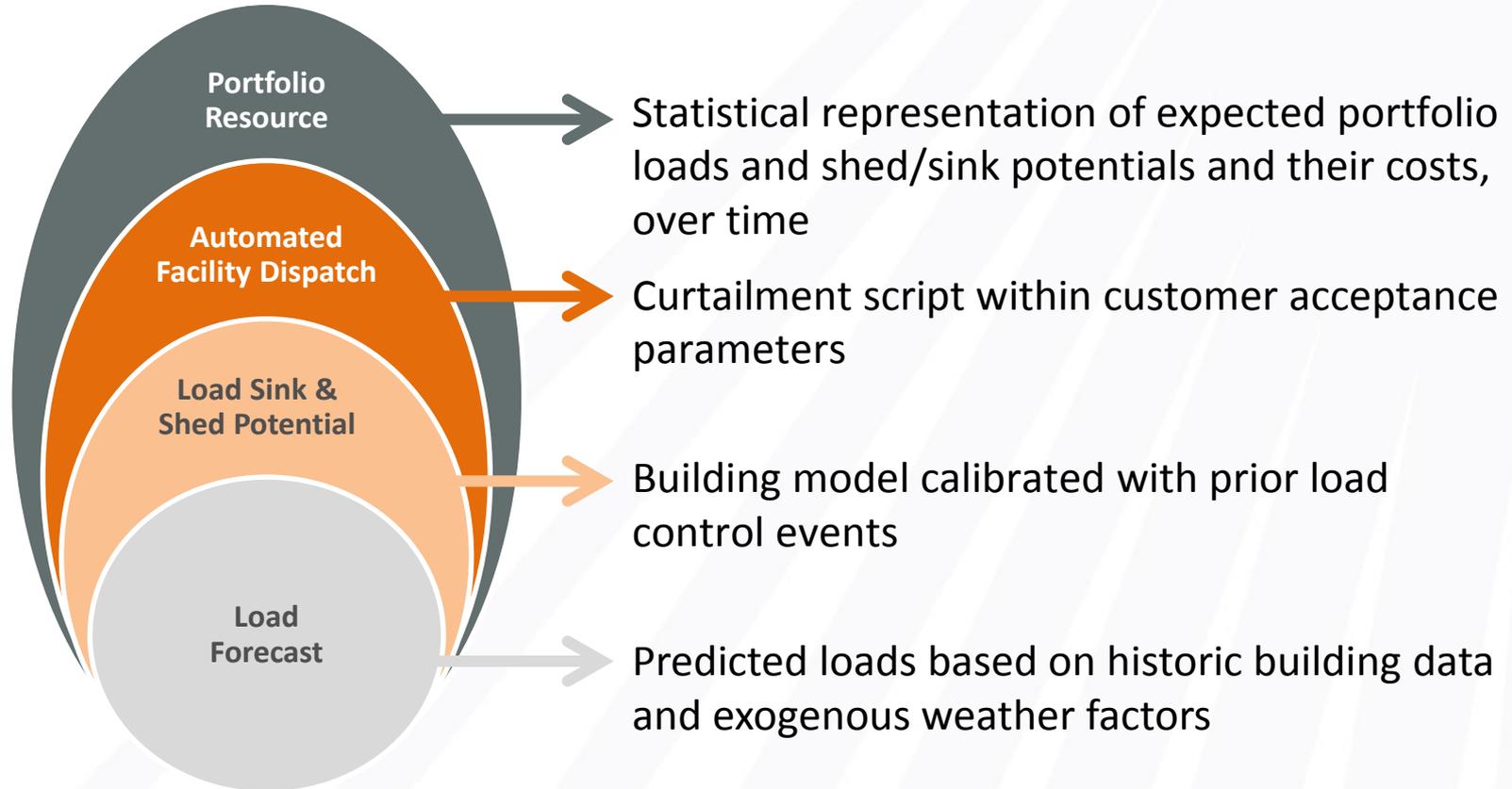
# Global Scheduler Platform



Extend existing platform, e.g., VOLTTRON, to incorporate...

- Supply-side interoperability interfaces
- Expanded applications layer and global optimization tools
- Extension of existing interoperability standards

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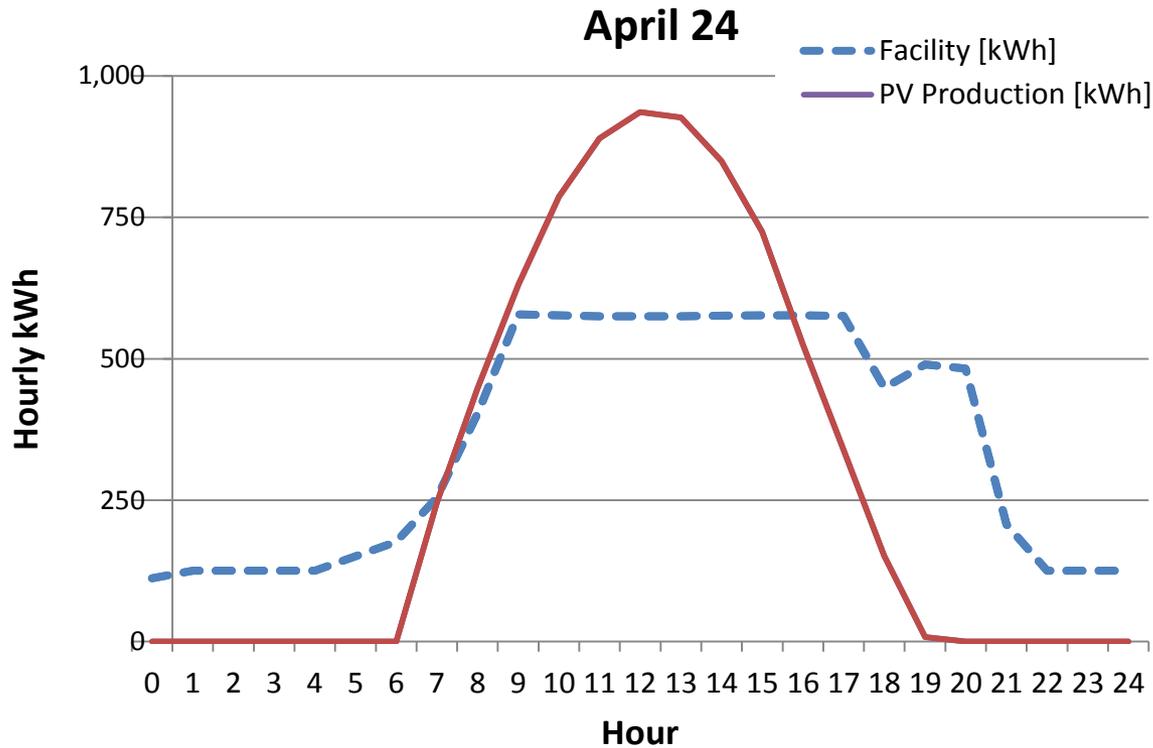
- Cloud-based aggregation and control
- Local EnerNOC Site Servers to implement load management, transfer data to and from Global Scheduler
- Readily extensible – can integrate additional facilities as needed/desirable
- Manages complexity locally so Global Scheduler doesn't have to
  - Limits data flows to Global Scheduler

# Different Use Cases

## Illustrative Examples

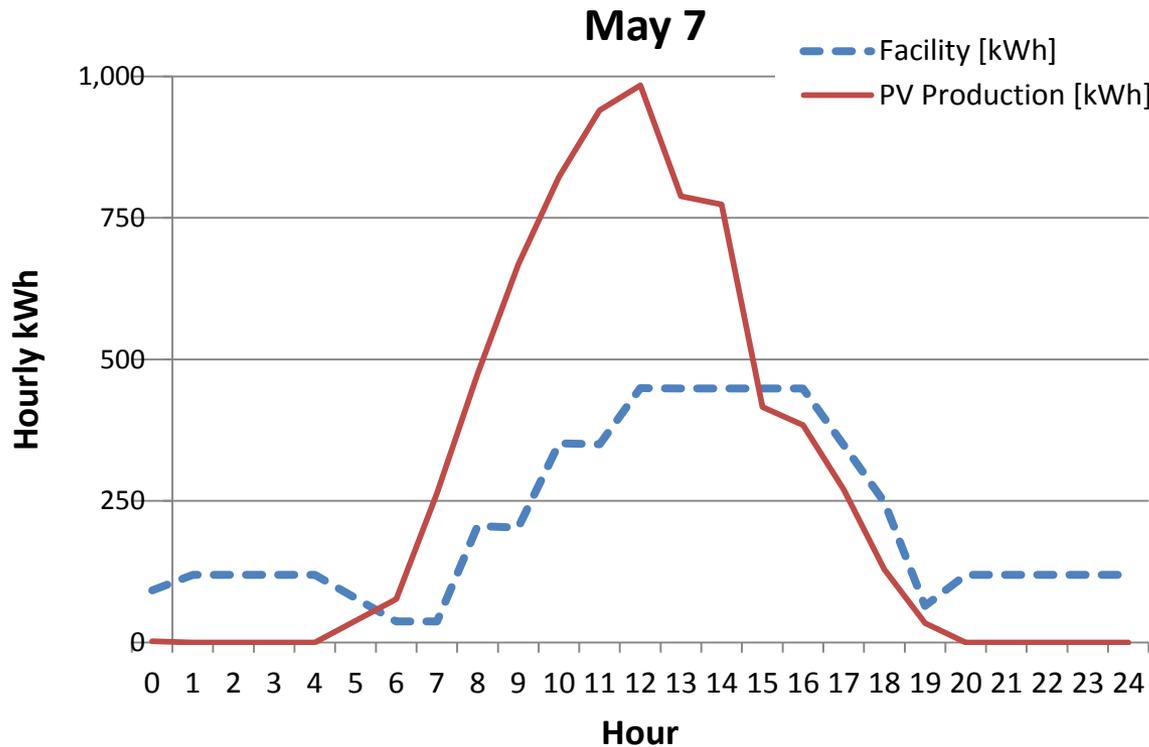
Use Case	Goal	Battery Storage	FLAME
PV Intermittency	Limit max. rate of change to <10%/min	Seconds to minutes	~5-15 minutes (fans, pumps, lighting)
Feeder-scale Load Shaping	Limit net power flow and morning/evening ramps	15 min to 4+ hours	15 min to 4 hours (pre-cooling, HVAC)
Peak Load Shaving / Demand charge reduction	Match generation and loads	15 min to 4+ hours	15 min to 4 hours (pre-cooling, HVAC)
Volt-Var	Optimize voltage	Real/Reactive power	n/a

# Challenge: Sunny Spring Days



- “Typical” April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Big Box Retail
- PV = 1,000 kW
- Building Peak = 1,000 kW
- $T_{\text{high}} = 73^{\circ}\text{F}$

# Challenge: Cooler Sunny Spring Days



- “Typical” May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Big Box Retail
- PV = 1,000 kW
- Building Peak = 1,000 kW
- $T_{\text{high}} = 56^{\circ}\text{F}$

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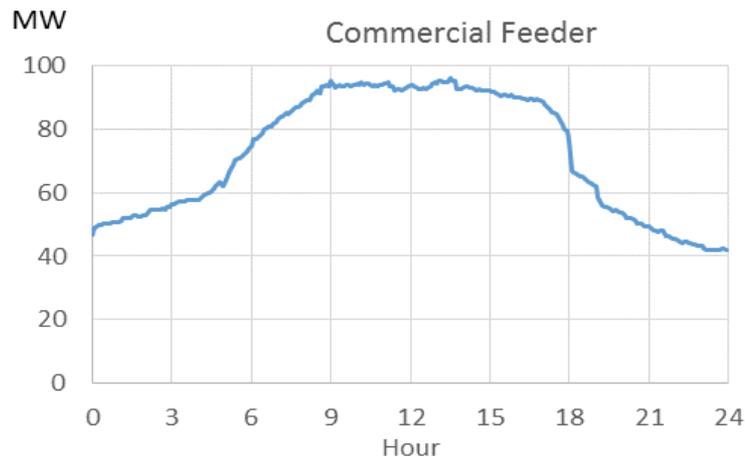
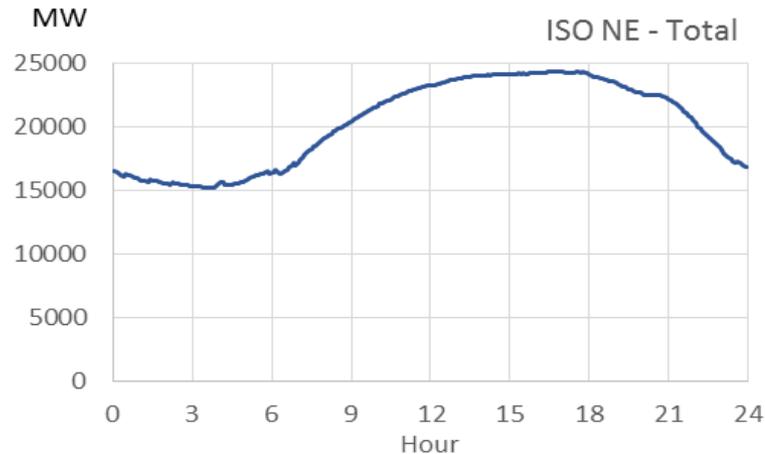
Sources: DOE/OpenEI, Fraunhofer calculations.

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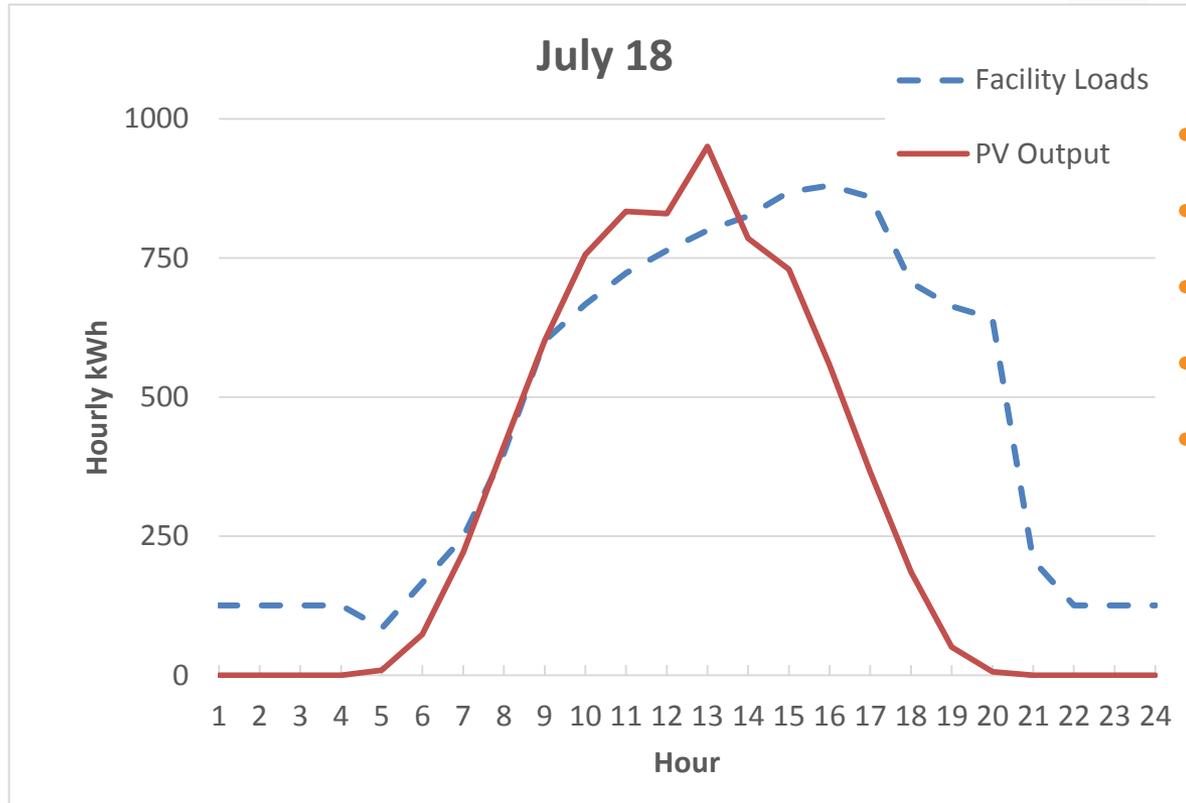
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# ISO New England – Summer Peak: An unforgiving context



- System peak continues to increase
- Electricity consumption flat-decreasing due to EE

# Challenge: Summer Peak Day



- “Typical” July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Big Box Retail
- PV = 1,000 kW
- Building Peak = 1,000 kW
- $T_{\text{high}} = 93^{\circ}\text{F}$

# A Market for Aggregated, Feeder-Scale Demand-Side PV Support

## Multiple *potential* business models accessible to multiple participants

- Potential T&D deferral
- Avoided system upgrades for storage- and load-aggregated PV
- Virtual Power Plant
  - Robust alternative to net metering
  - Multiple markets: day ahead, real time, demand response, capacity
  - Bid into markets as a single controllable aggregated resource
  - Future localized market for grid support

SunDial enables assets...

...from different owners...

...at different locations...

...to engage in cooperative business models

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# Meeting SHINES FOA Technical Targets

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- **LCOE:** \$0.14/kWh with \$1.55/W solar; \$0.10/kWh with \$1.00/W solar in MA
- **Efficiency:** 90% RT efficiency achievable
  - Displace ~25% of electrochemical storage throughput with load management
    - approaches or exceeds 100% RT efficiency
  - Co-located storage on the primary side of the MV transformer
- **Component lifetimes:**
  - Limit cycling on battery through load management
  - Account for replacement in lifetime LCOE calculations

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# Project Execution Plan

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- **Year 1:** System Modeling and Algorithm Development, Customer Recruitment, PV Commissioning & Storage procurement
- **Year 2:** FLAME deployment, Storage deployment, Global scheduler deployment, field test plan; Demonstration starts near end of Year 2
- **Year 3:** Field testing, demonstration, and evaluation, synthesize lessons learned



# National Grid Phase 2 PV Site

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Source: National Grid.



# Facility Recruitment



## Feeder Comprises:

- ~7MW of load
- 18 50kW+ customers
- 3 customer ~50% of load
- Mix of C&I
- Recruitment building on National Grid's energy efficiency program

Sources: Steward Health Care, Thermofab, Wikimedia Commons.

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# Project Outcomes

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- Standardized interoperability interface for integration of aggregated loads with DG
- Develop new, low-friction market mechanism for localized PV support services
- Leverage aggregated resources to reduce interconnection complexity
- Commercial implementation of distribution-scale DSM aggregation engine for integration with solar
- Demonstrate technical and commercial feasibility of scalable approach for decoupled solar, storage, and load management