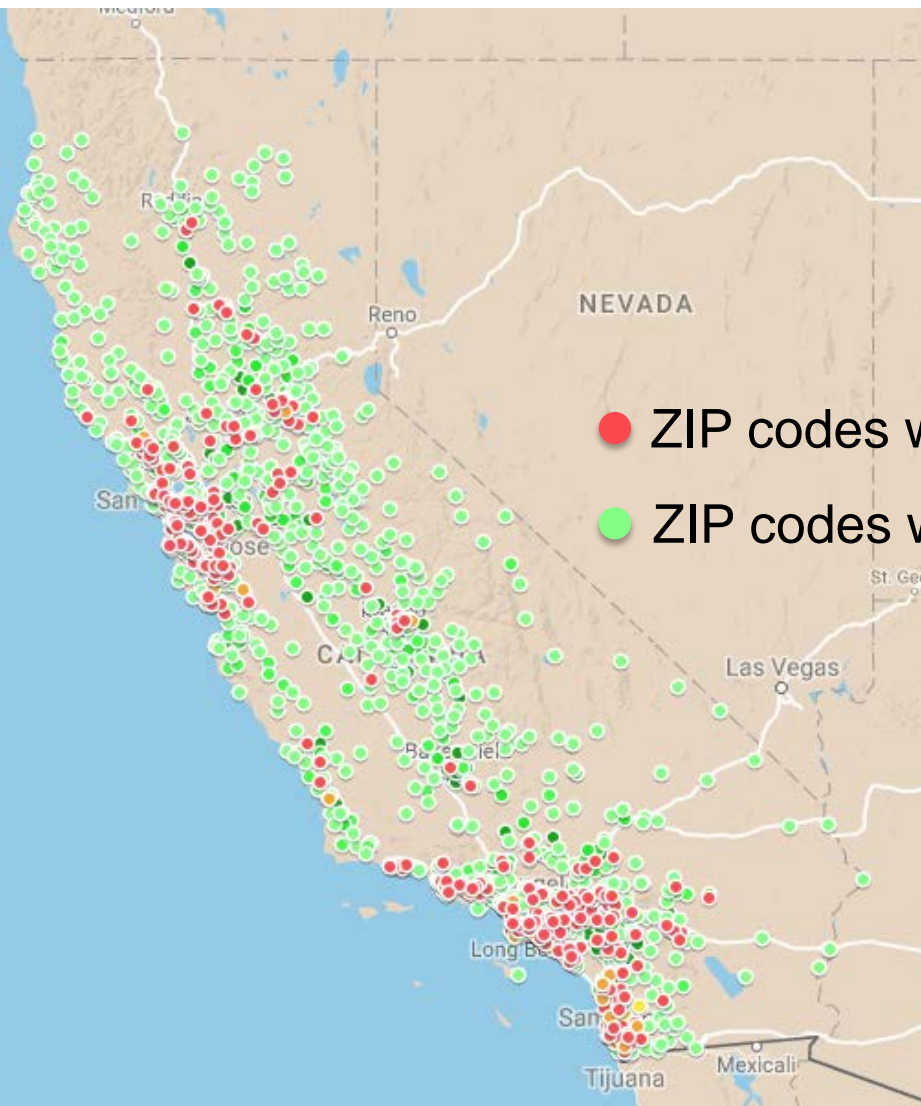




# Task 4: Develop DER Production Database

- Create database of aggregated BTM PV production by zip code
  - Based on 15-minute interval data from 504 Itron meters since 2010
- Improve database using simulated data
  - Use CSI reported system specifications
  - Use CPR's "*Inference Engine*" to obtain system specifications
  - Validate using error analysis (simulated versus measured production)
- Normalize data for easier scaling
- Refine growth projections for PV adoption in the DRPs

# System Locations



414 sites in 292 different ZIP codes (California has approximately 2,589 ZIP codes)

- ZIP codes with measured data sites
- ZIP codes with PV Systems<sup>1</sup>

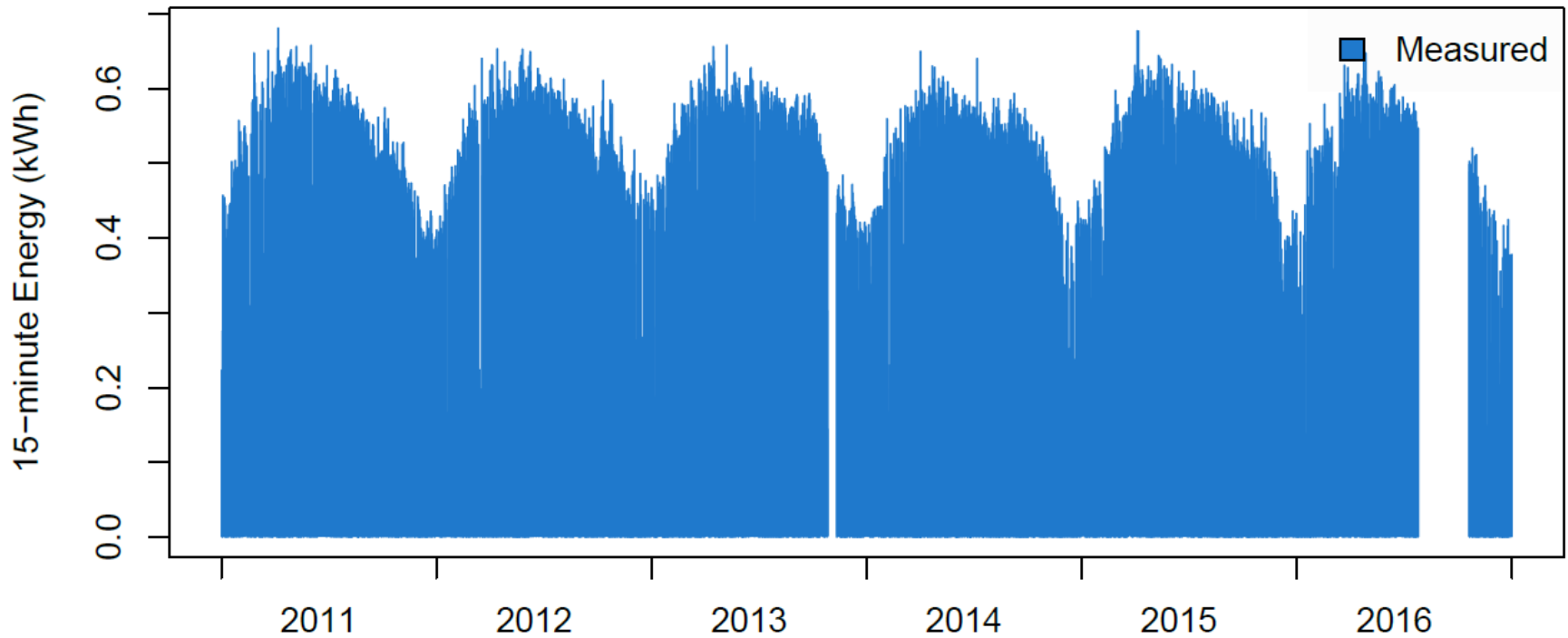
<sup>1</sup> NEM Currently Interconnected Data Set,  
<https://www.californiadgstats.ca.gov>



# Inference Engine: “Reverse Engineer” PV Specs from Measured Time-Series Data

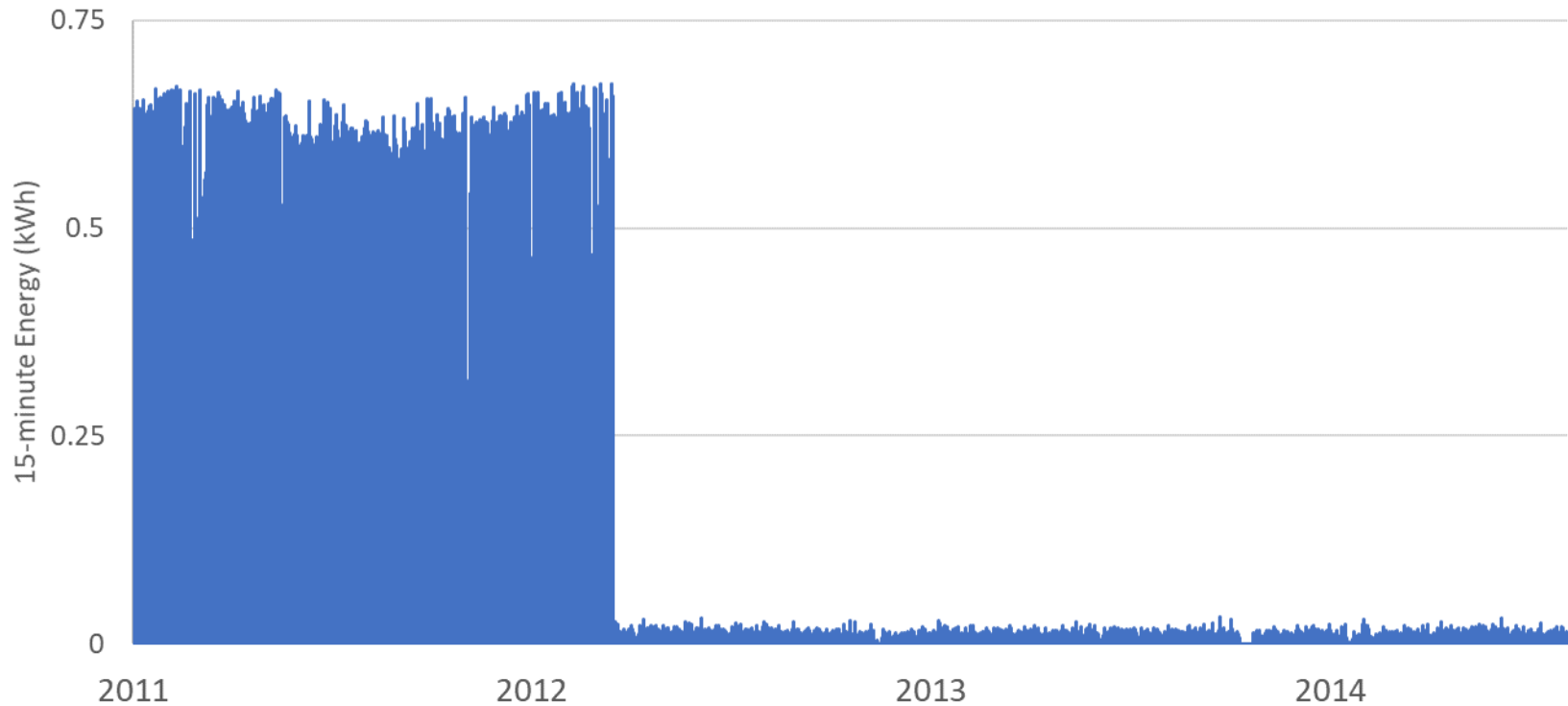
- PV rating
- Azimuth angle
- Tilt angle
- Obstruction elevation angles in multiple azimuth directions
- PV power temperature coefficient
- Inverter maximum power rating
- System PTC rating
- Fixed mount, single-axis or dual axis tracking

# Example of “Good” Measured Data



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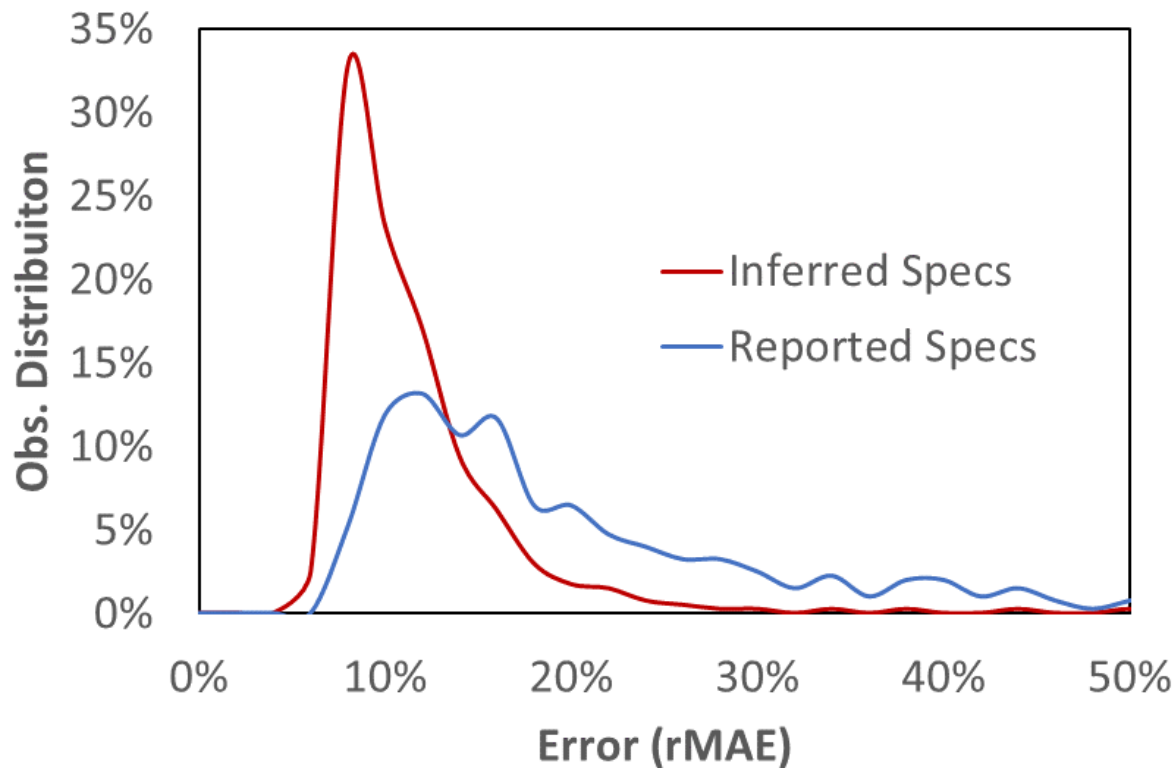
# Example of Data Quality Issues



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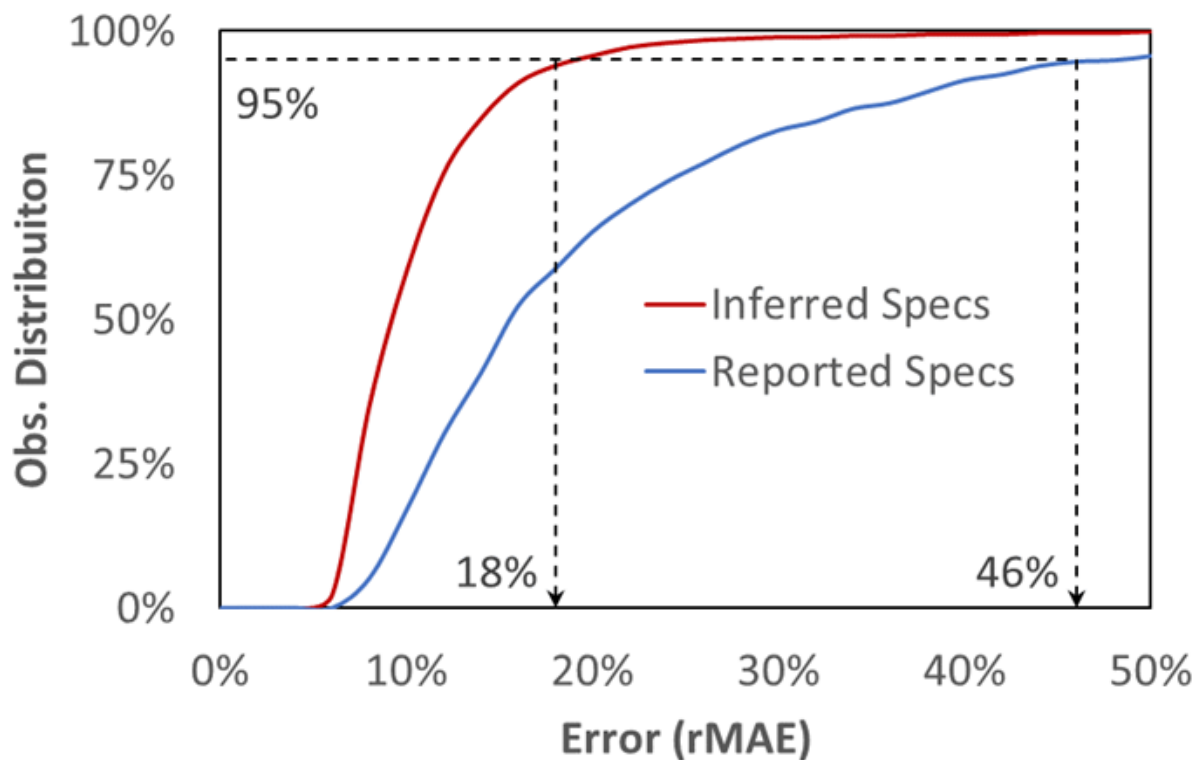
# Error in Measured vs. Simulated

Compared to measured data, simulations using system specs inferred from measured data had lower error than simulations that used the specs reported by installers.



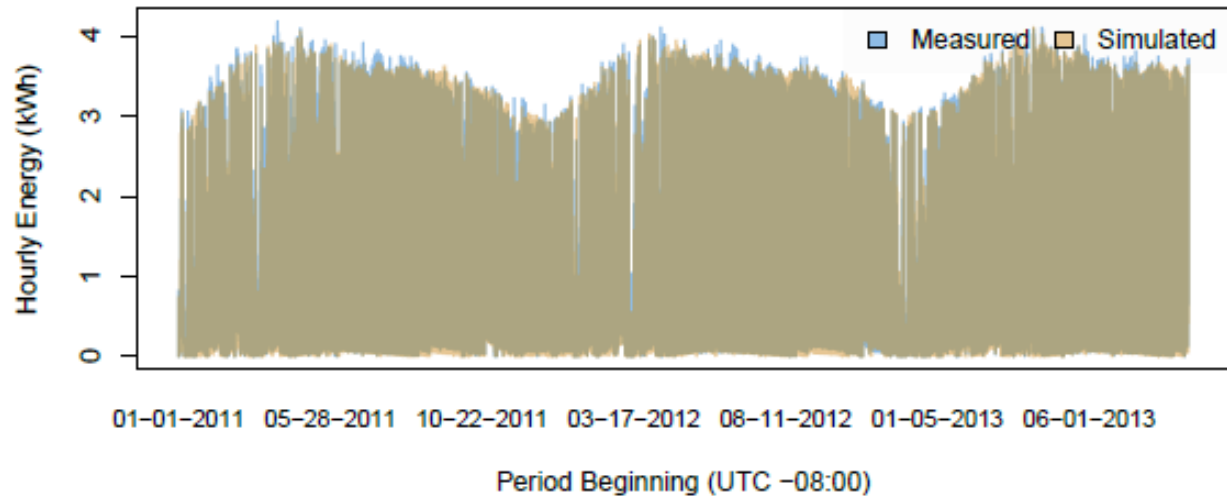
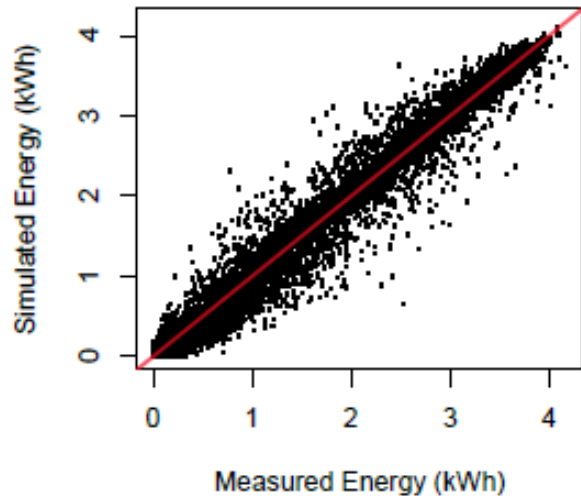
# Error in Measured vs. Simulated

95% of the systems using the inferred specs approach have less than 18% error, while 95% of the systems using the reported specs have less than 46% error.



# System with Lowest Error (Best Result)

PGE-CSI-24017

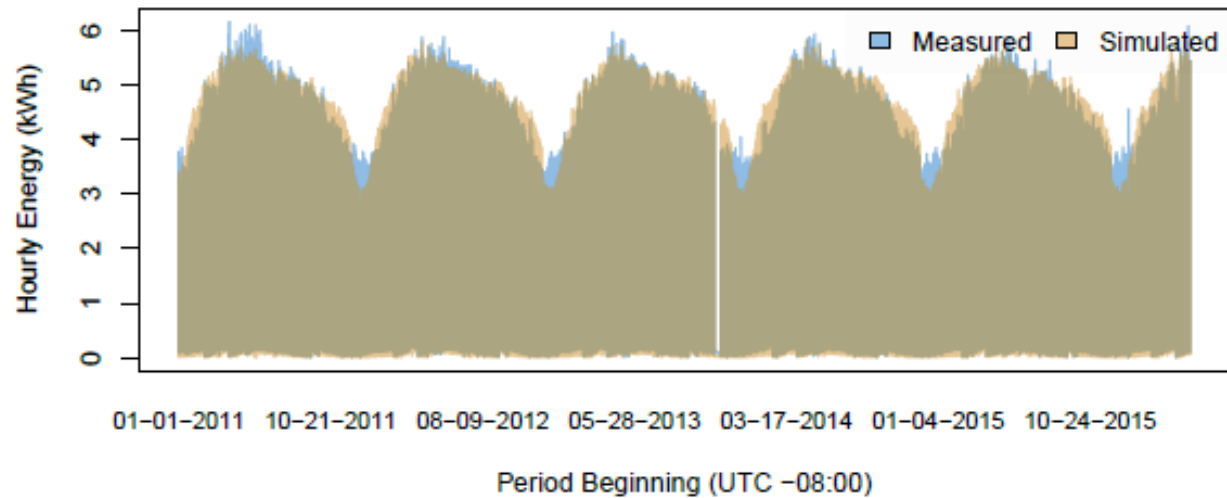
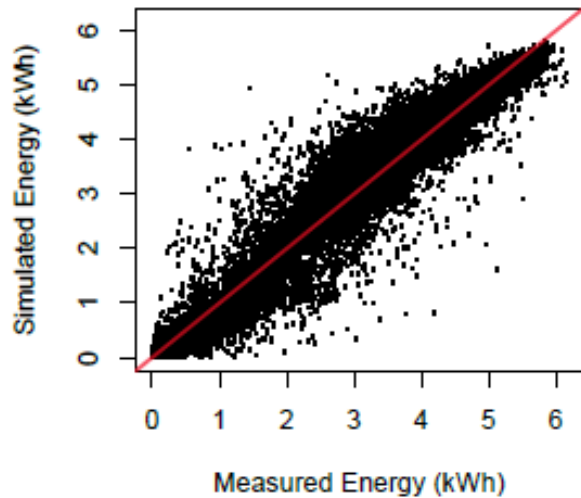


Simulated output using inferred specs, 6.3% hourly rMAE



# System with Typical Error

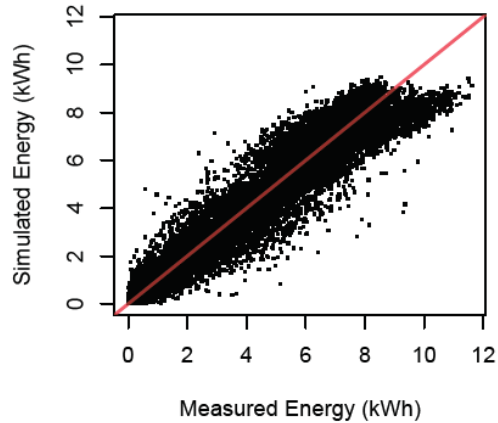
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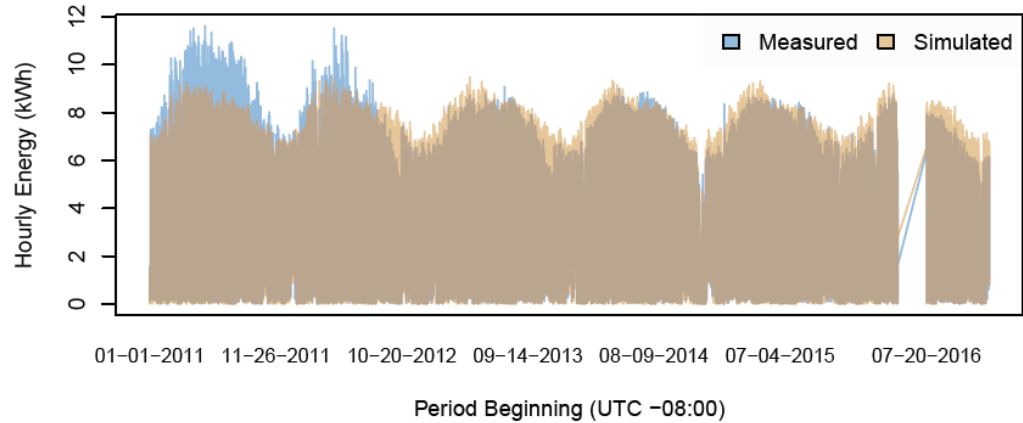
Simulated output using inferred specs,  
system with median error, 10.1% hourly  
rMAE

# System Degradation

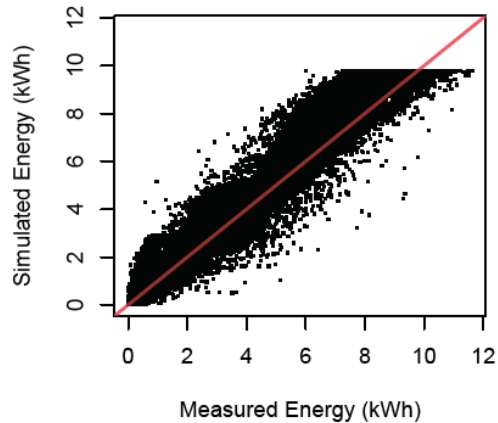
**PGE-CSI-00086 (Inferred Specs)**



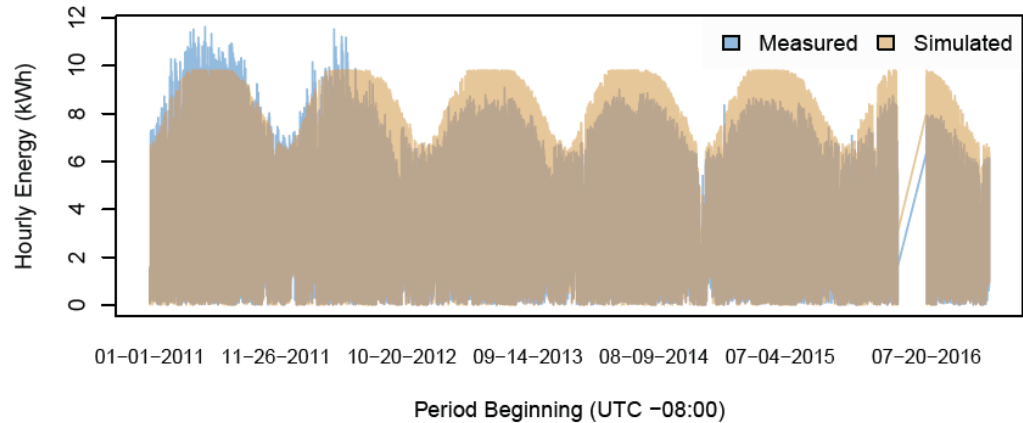
**Inferred Specs Hourly rMAE: 12.6%**



**PGE-CSI-00086 (CSI Reported Specs)**

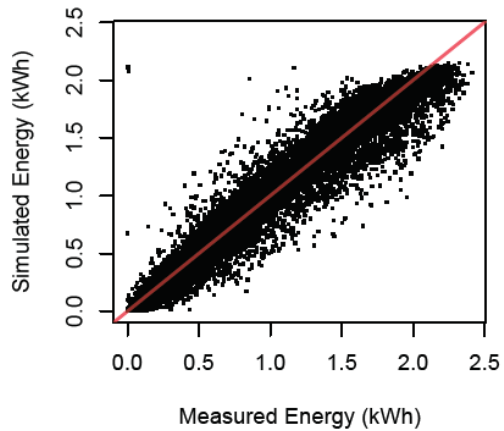


**CSI Reported specs Hourly rMAE: 17.1%**

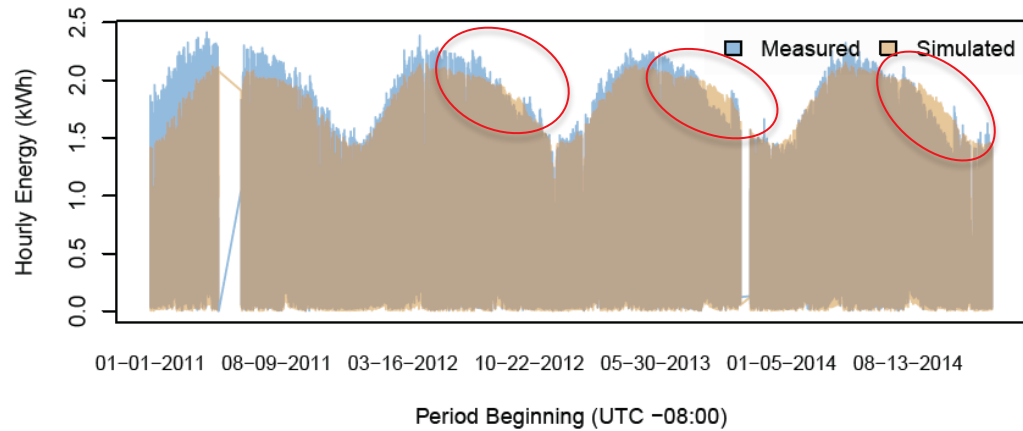


# Soiling and Precipitation?

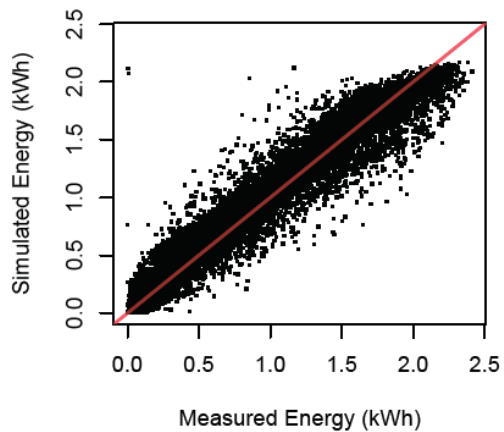
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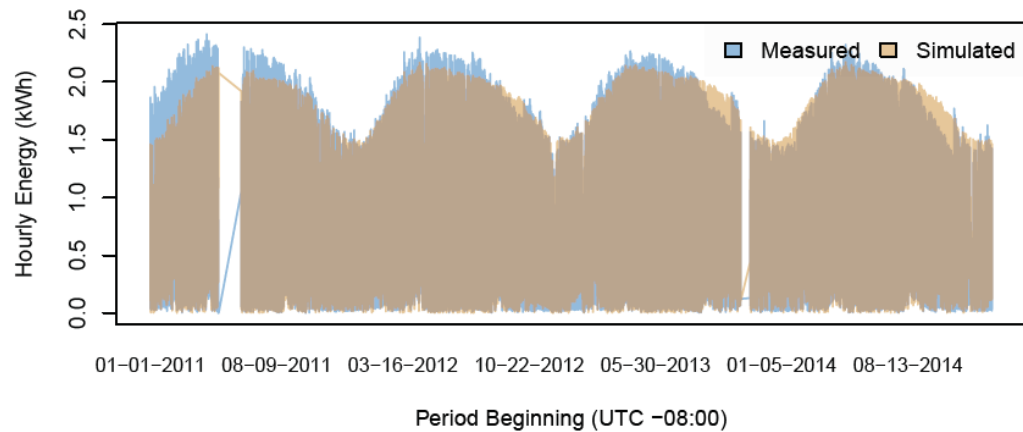
**Inferred Specs Hourly rMAE: 10.1%**



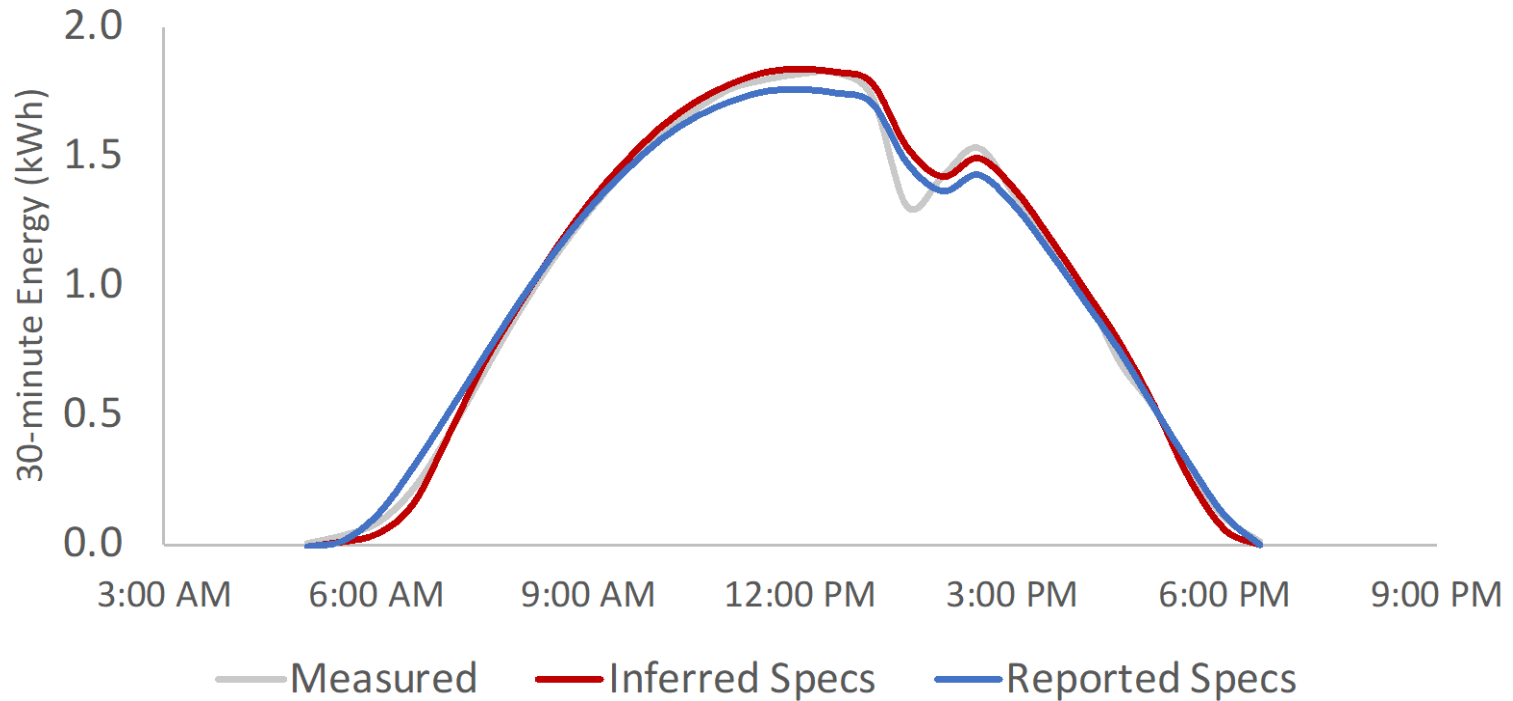
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**CSI Reported specs Hourly rMAE: 11.0%**

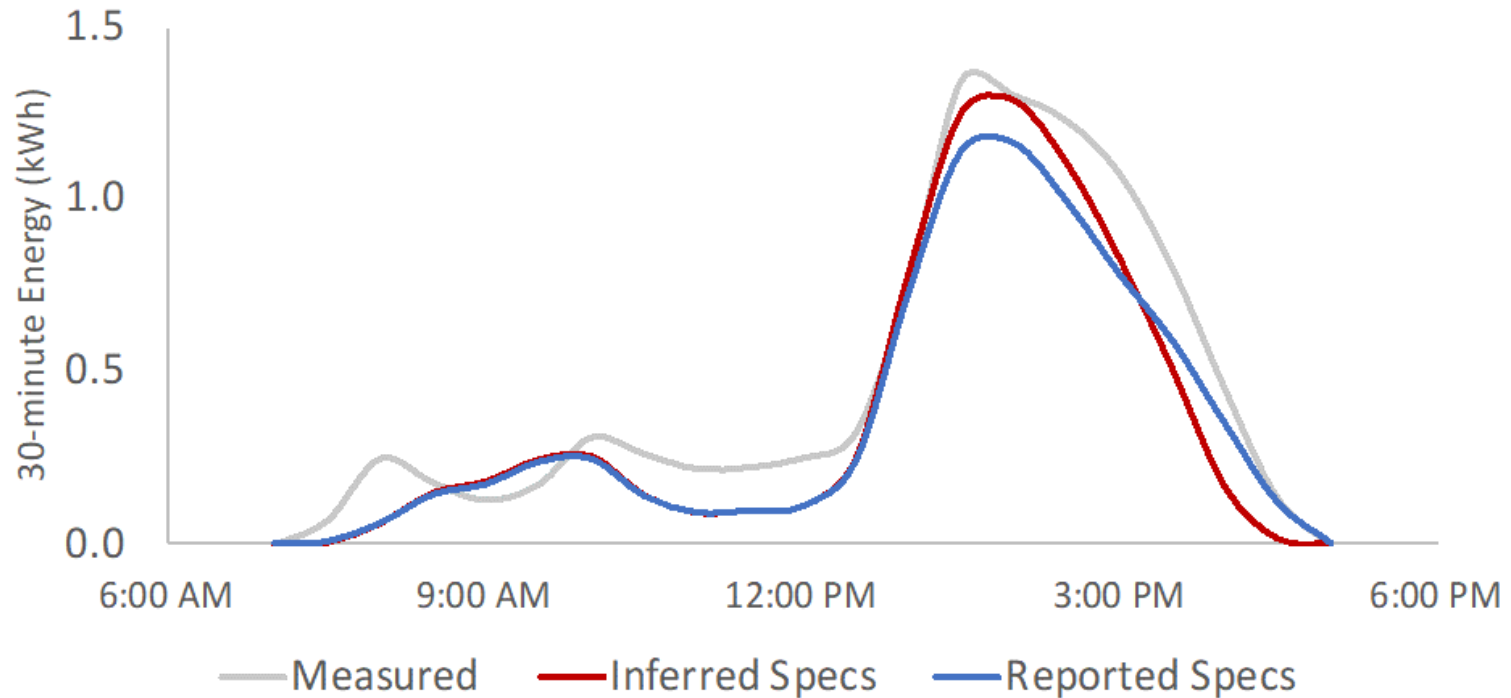


# Single System, Single Day Production



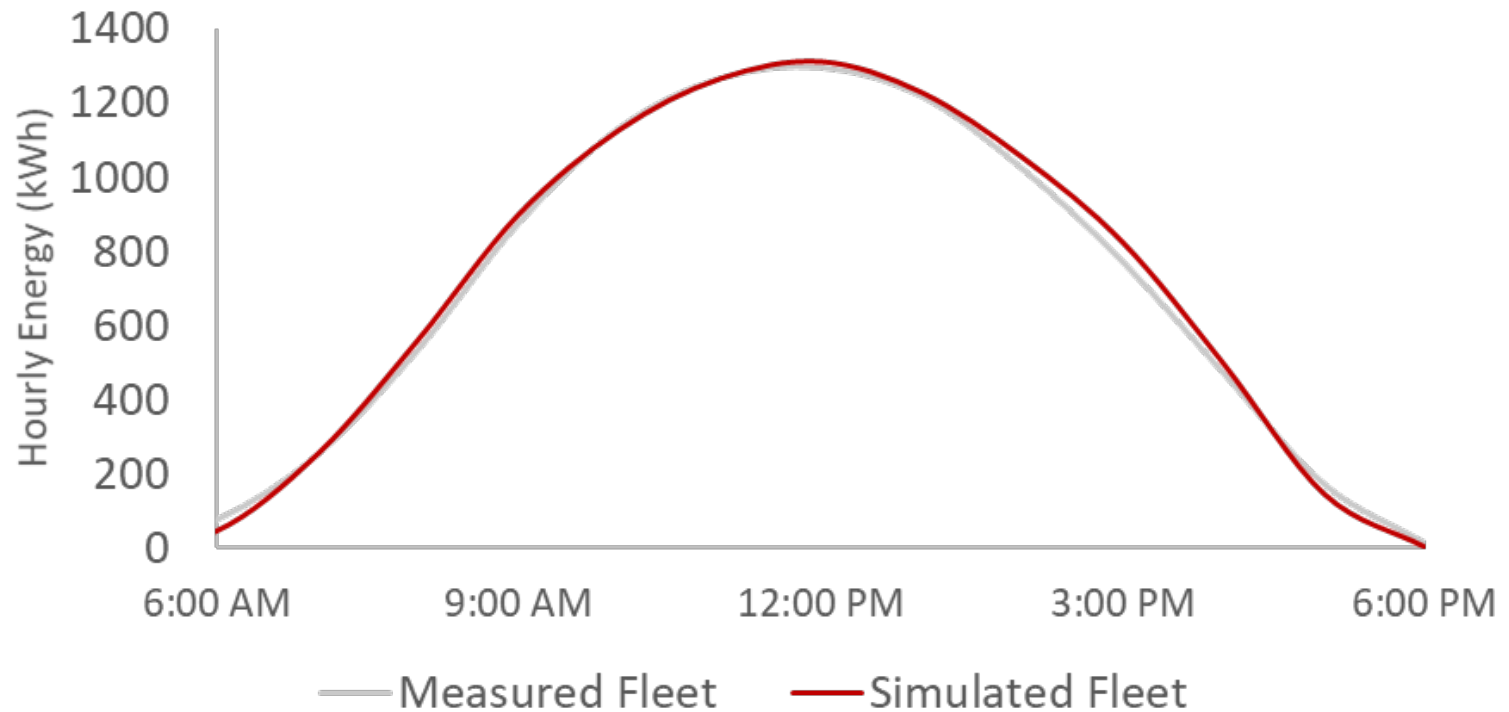
PGE-CSI-24017 production comparison for May 5, 2011

# Single System, Single Day Production



PGE-CSI-24017 production comparison for January 19, 2011

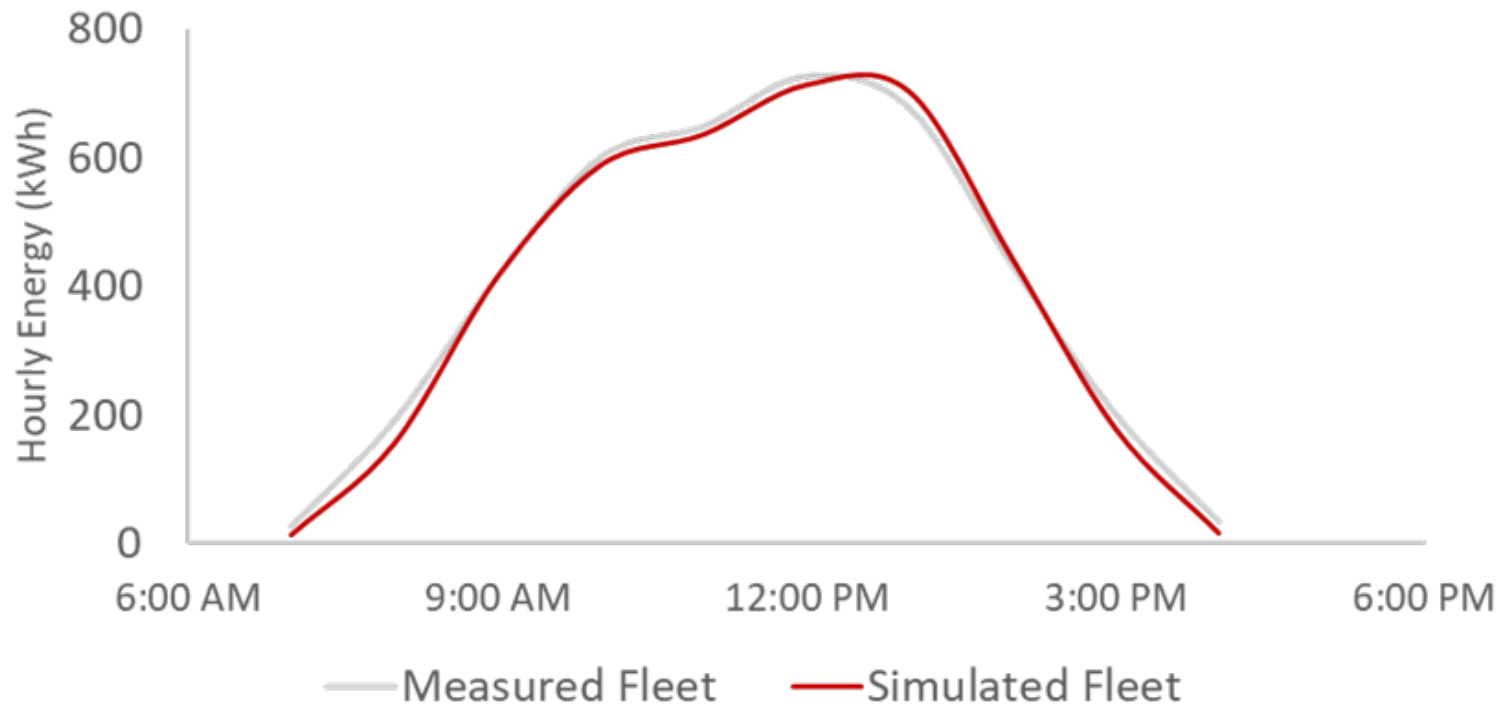
# All Systems, Single Day



Fleet Production August 23, 2015

# All Systems, Single Day

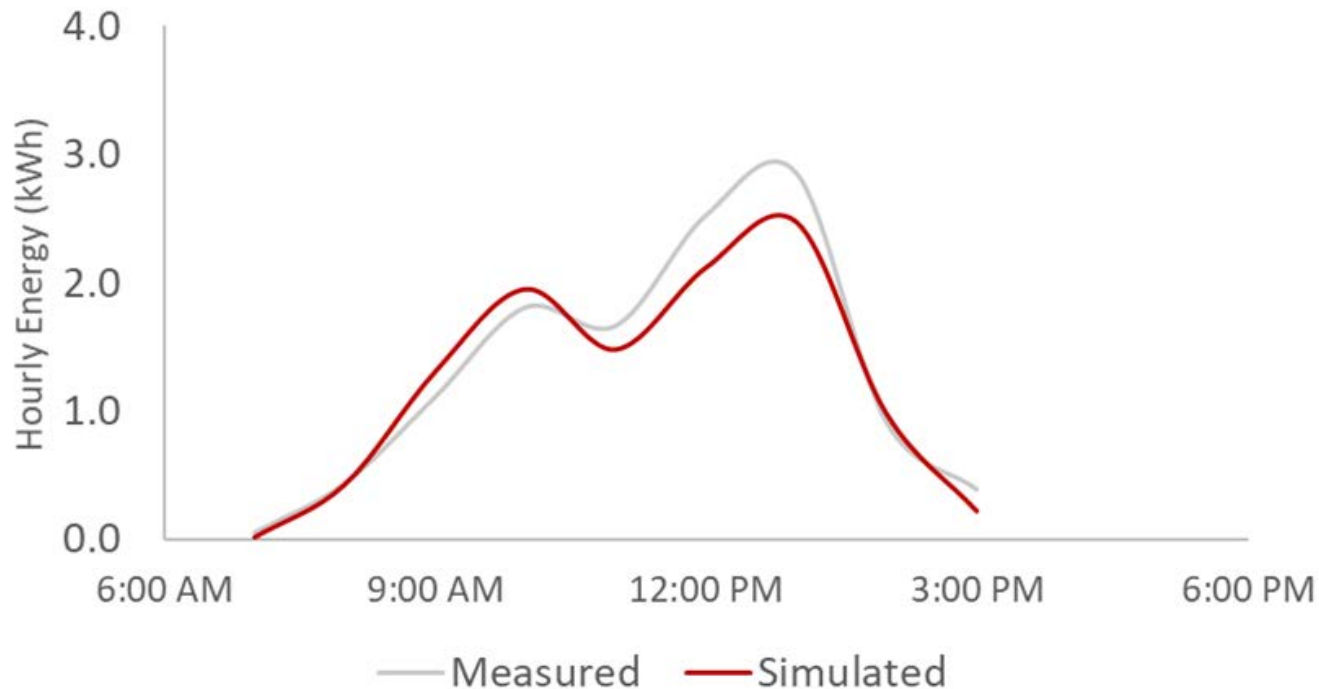
Fleet output on a day with variable cloudiness



Fleet Production January 8, 2016

# Single System, Single Day Production

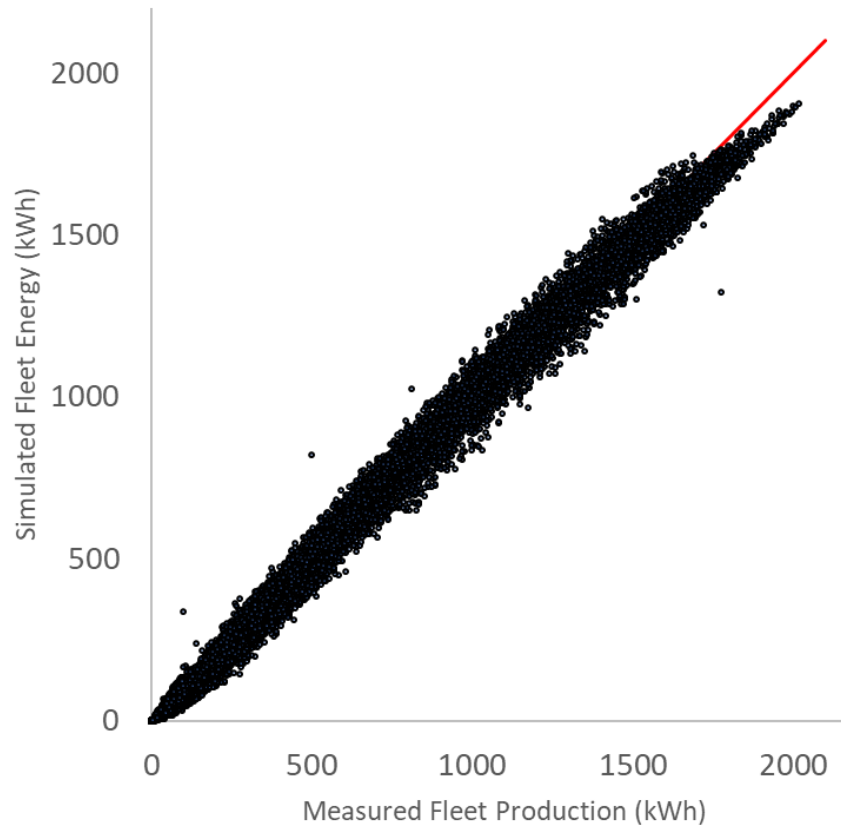
Variability in single-system production is greater than fleet variability on the same day



PGE-CSI-00221 Production January 8, 2016



# Fleetwide Error



With an hourly rMAE of just 4.3%, the fleet output begins to approach the error in the underlying satellite-derived irradiance data

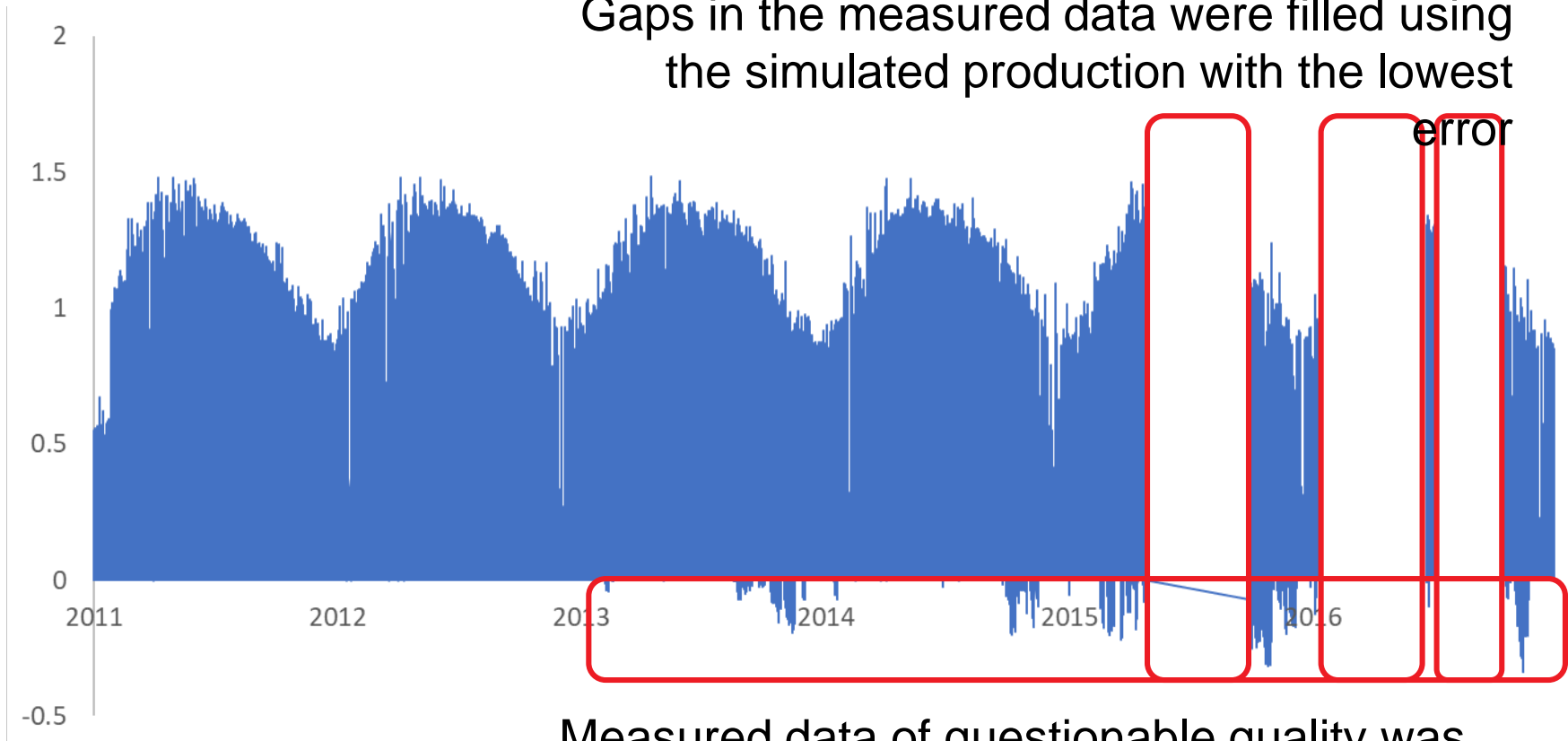


# PV System Specs inferred from Measured Production Data

- All PV production data modeling used SolarAnywhere® satellite-derived irradiance data
- Using system specifications inferred from measured production data resulted in lower error than using reported specifications 96% of the time
- Median hourly relative MAE for individual system data from inferred specs was 10.1% versus 16.7% for reported specs

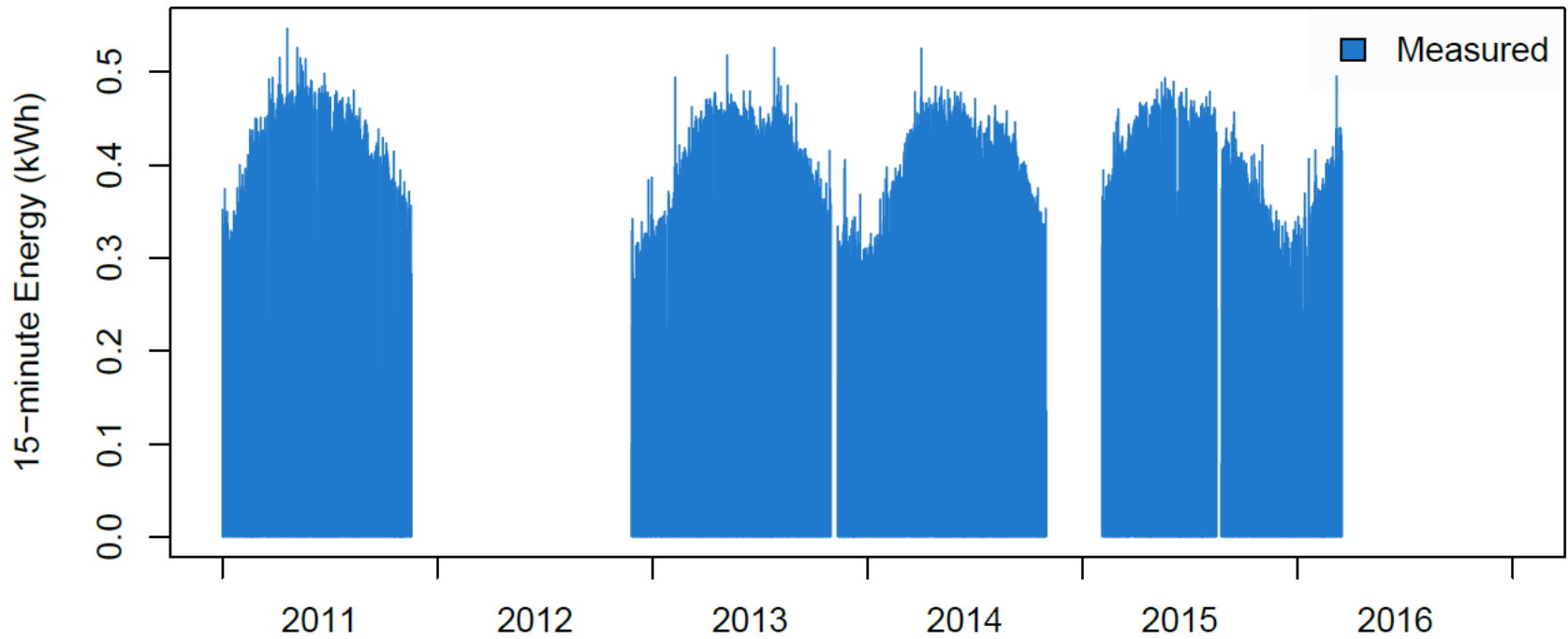
# Measured Data Missing or Bad

Gaps in the measured data were filled using the simulated production with the lowest error



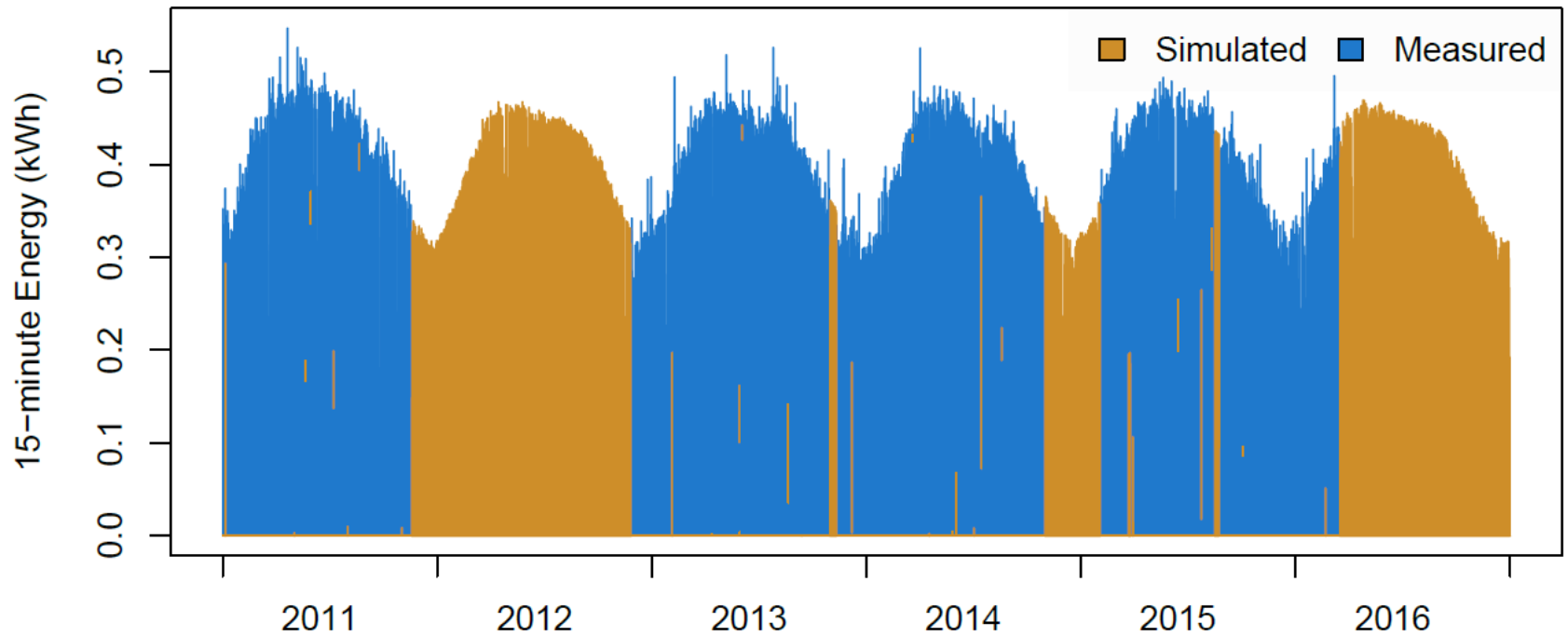
Measured data of questionable quality was removed

# Filtered Measured Data



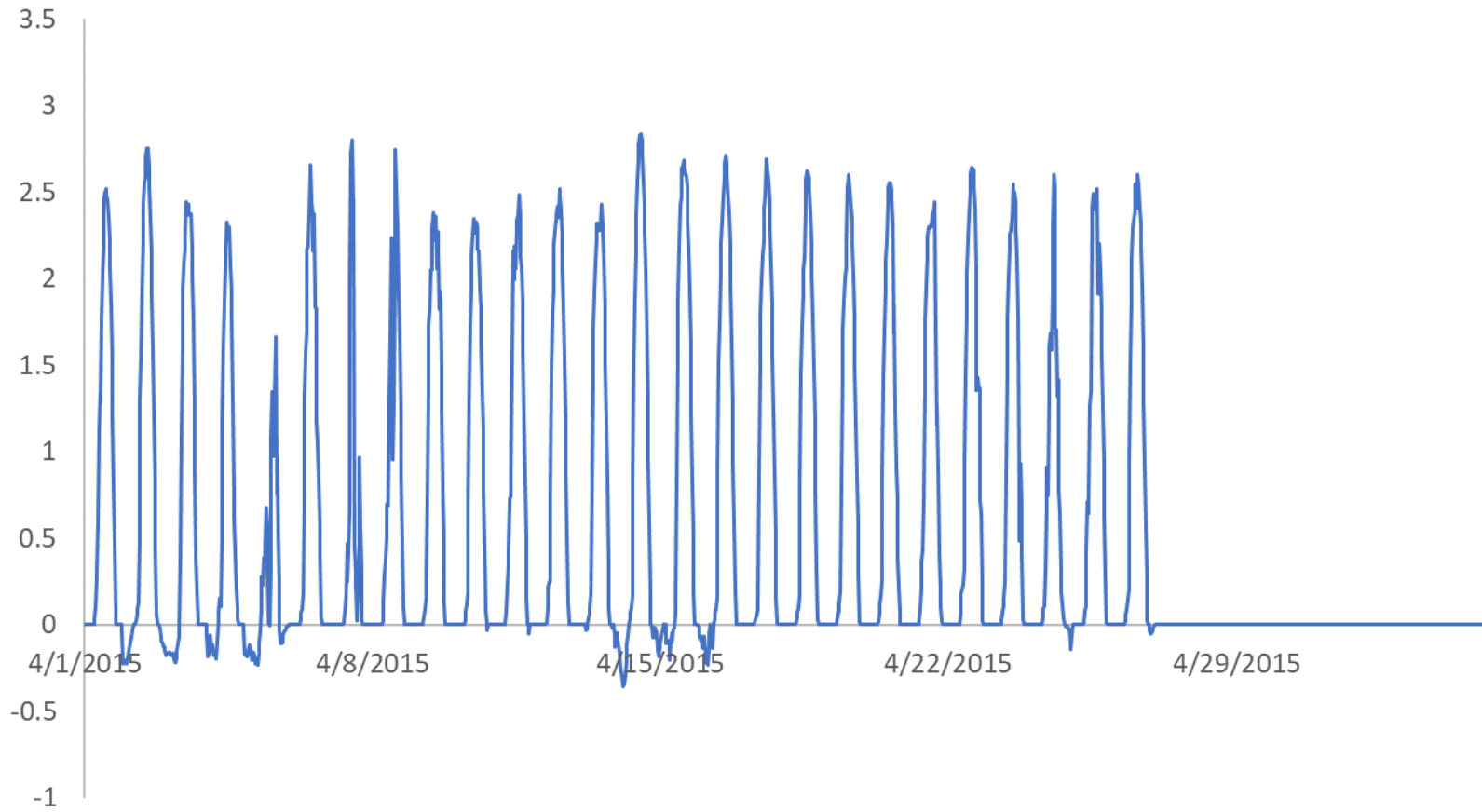
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# Measured Data Merged with Simulated

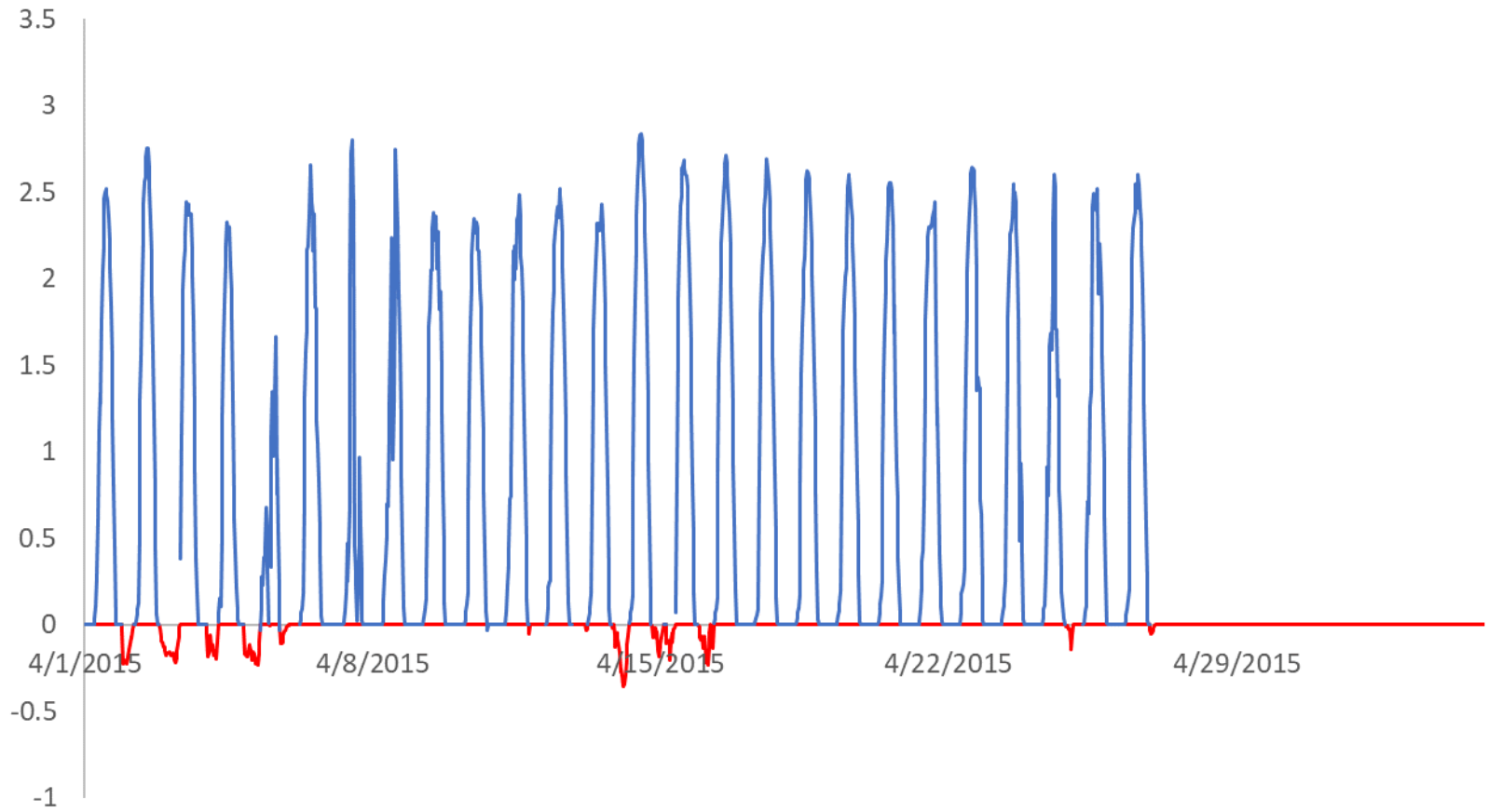


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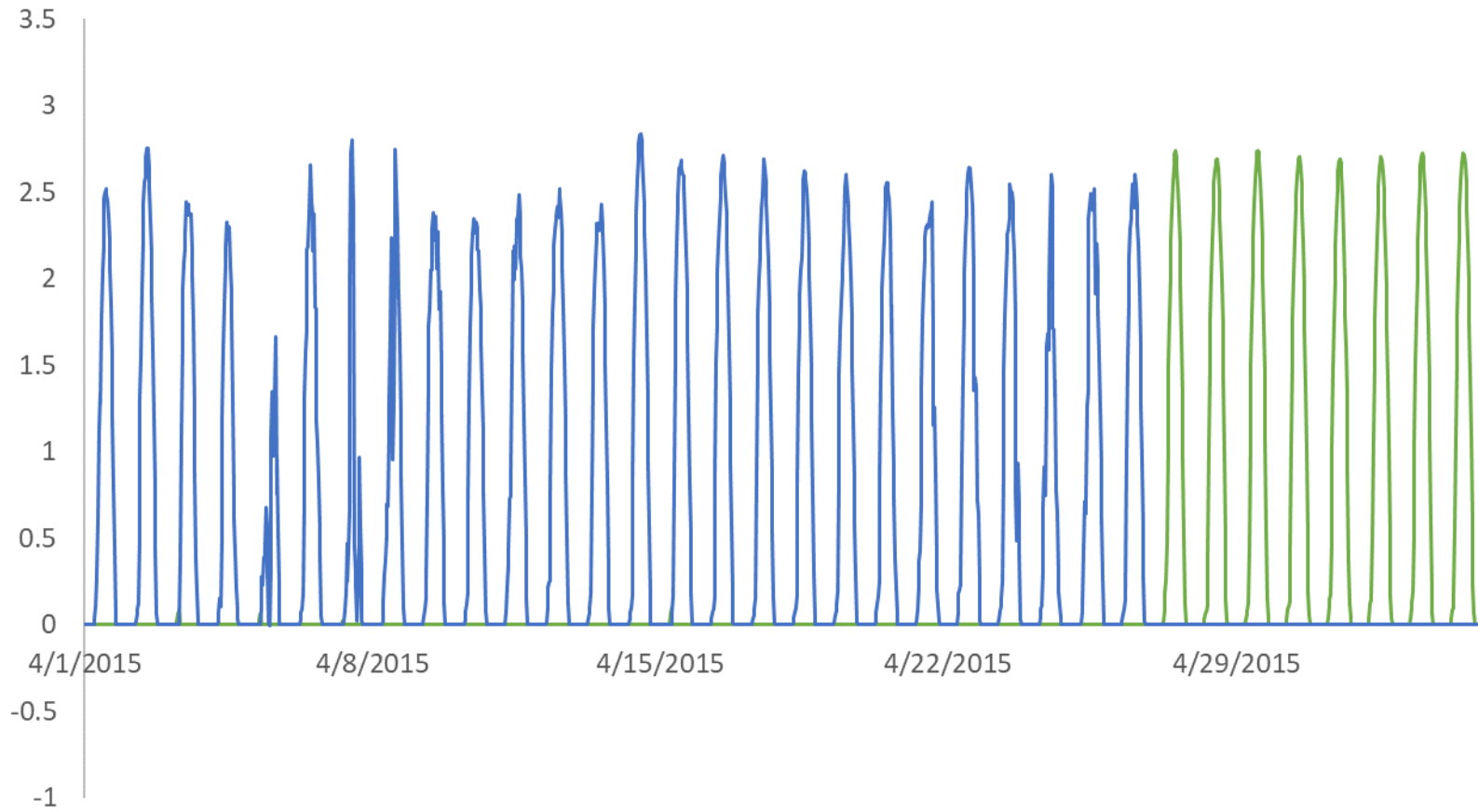
# Zooming in...



# Missing or Bad Data Identified

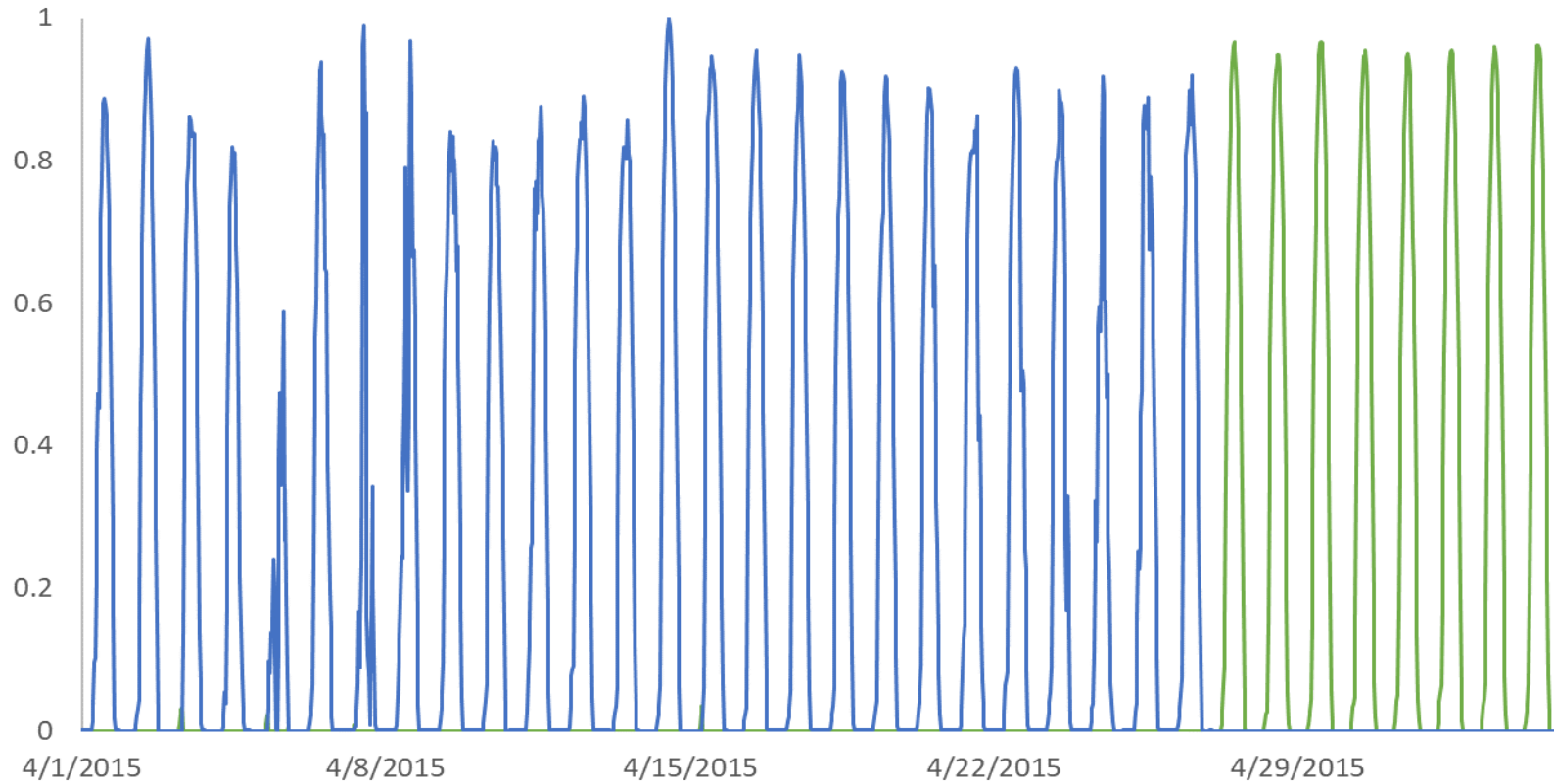


# Missing or Bad Data Replaced by Simulated





# Normalized Data (kWh per kW)





# DER Production Database

- Measured 15-minute interval production data from 414 selected PV systems augmented by simulated production data for those same systems
- Individual system production data was aggregated by ZIP code and normalized using  $AC_{CEC}$  ratings to produce 292 CSV files
- Most ZIP codes contain only one system
- Fleet production exhibits a significantly different shape with less variability than single-system production
- Production in ZIP code level files is not representative of actual production of all systems in that ZIP code



# DRP Mid-Term Growth Projections

- Installed PV capacity growth follows a consistent pattern for all three California IOUs
- This behavior follows a logistic function, sometimes described as the Bass Diffusion Model
- NEM Currently Interconnected Data Set could be used in conjunction with this model to project installed PV capacity

# Diffusion Model Fitted to Historical Adoption (CIDS, PV)

