

An aerial photograph of the Tees Renewable Energy Plant. The plant features a large central building, a tall chimney, and a cluster of white cylindrical storage tanks. It is situated on a riverbank with several large green barges moored nearby. In the background, there are industrial areas and a parking lot. A small inset in the top right corner shows a view of Earth from space.

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Tees Renewable Energy Plant and the long term need for grid scale biomass

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Introduction

The 299MW Tees Renewable Energy Plant (Tees REP) will be one of the UK's largest producers of renewable energy

Capacity	299MW
Location	Teesport, UK
Technology	Circulating fluidised bed
Fuel	Wood pellets / wood chips

- World's largest dedicated biomass CHP plant
- Fuelled with wood pellets and wood chips
 - mainly imported from US and Europe
 - doors are open to local suppliers
- Enough to power to supply about 600,000 homes, as well as heat for new businesses
- Construction cost £650m

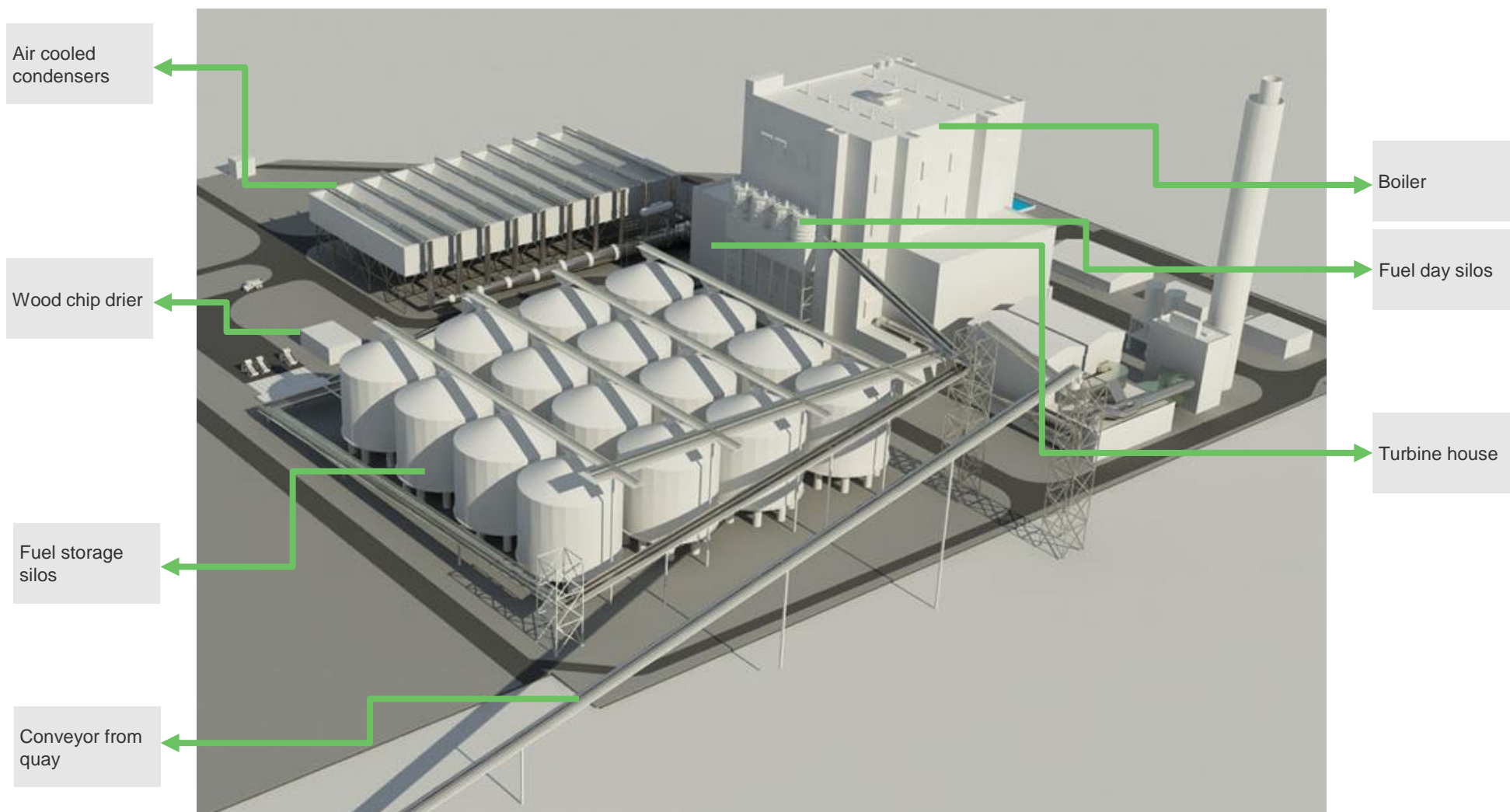


Tees REP Overview

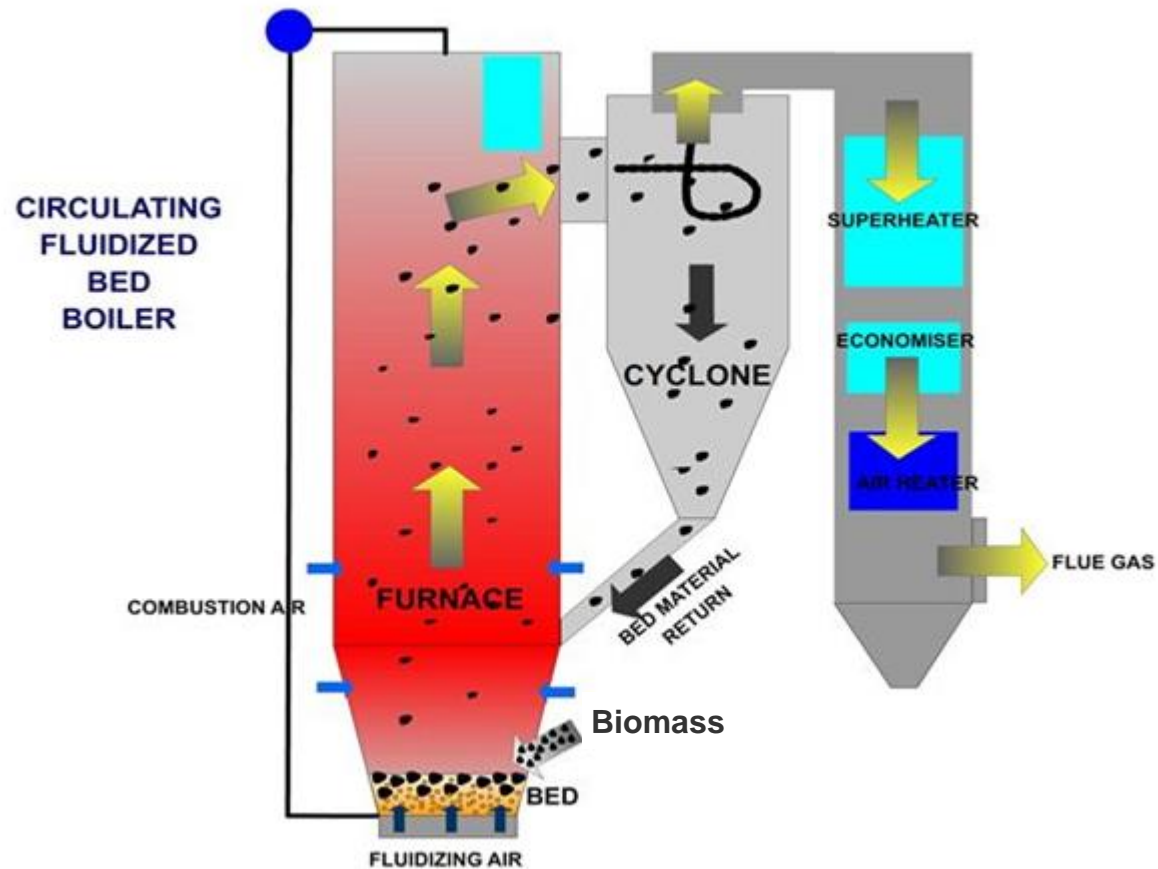
Advanced stage of development: Project has been developed since 2008



Expected plant layout



First large Circulating Fluidised Bed in the UK:





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What is the purpose of large-scale grid connected biomass plants?

The old message:



Dependable new
capacity

CFD:£125/MWh

Intermittent production

CFD:£155/MWh

Mission statement:

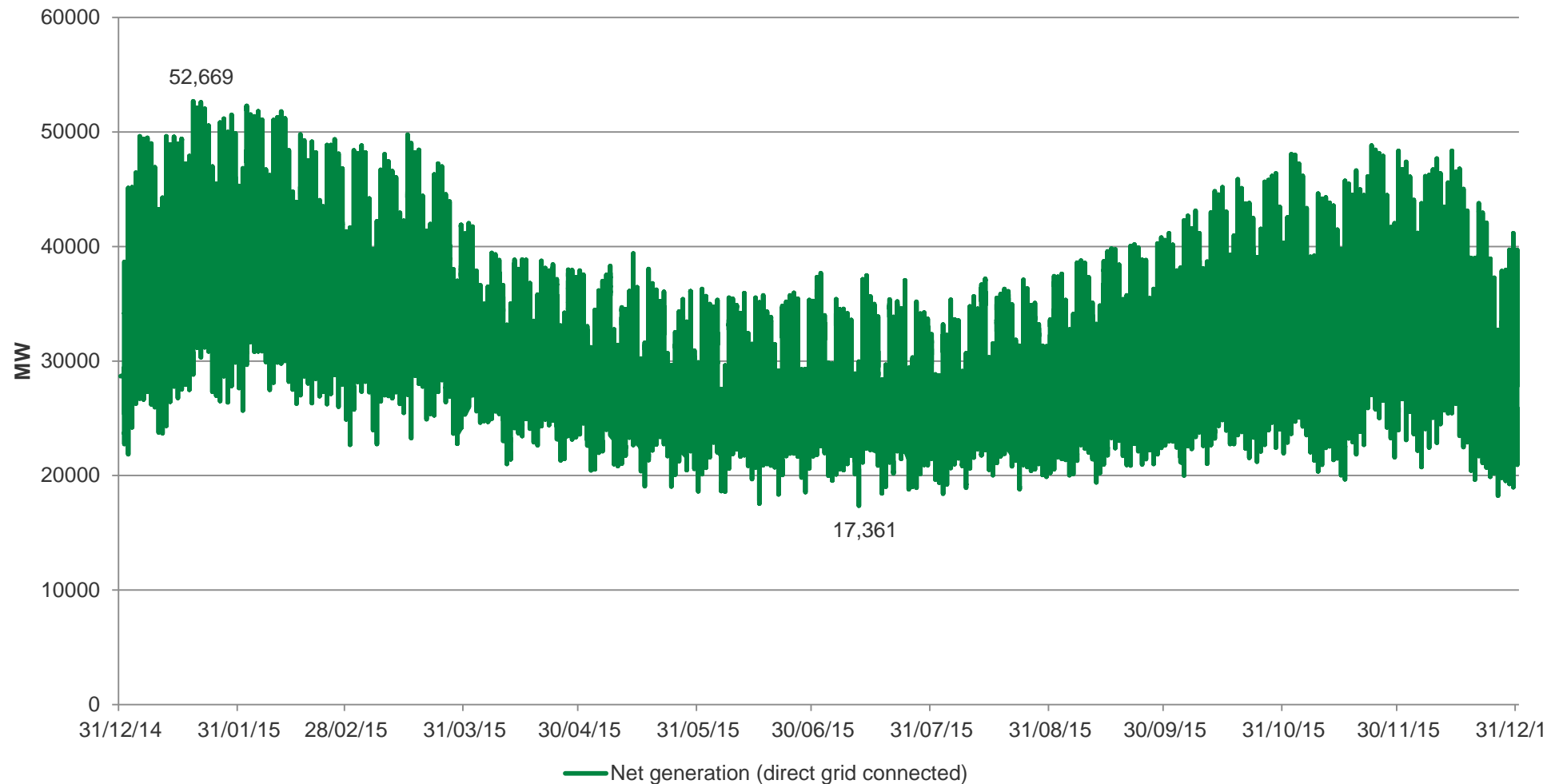
“Near zero” carbon grid by 2050

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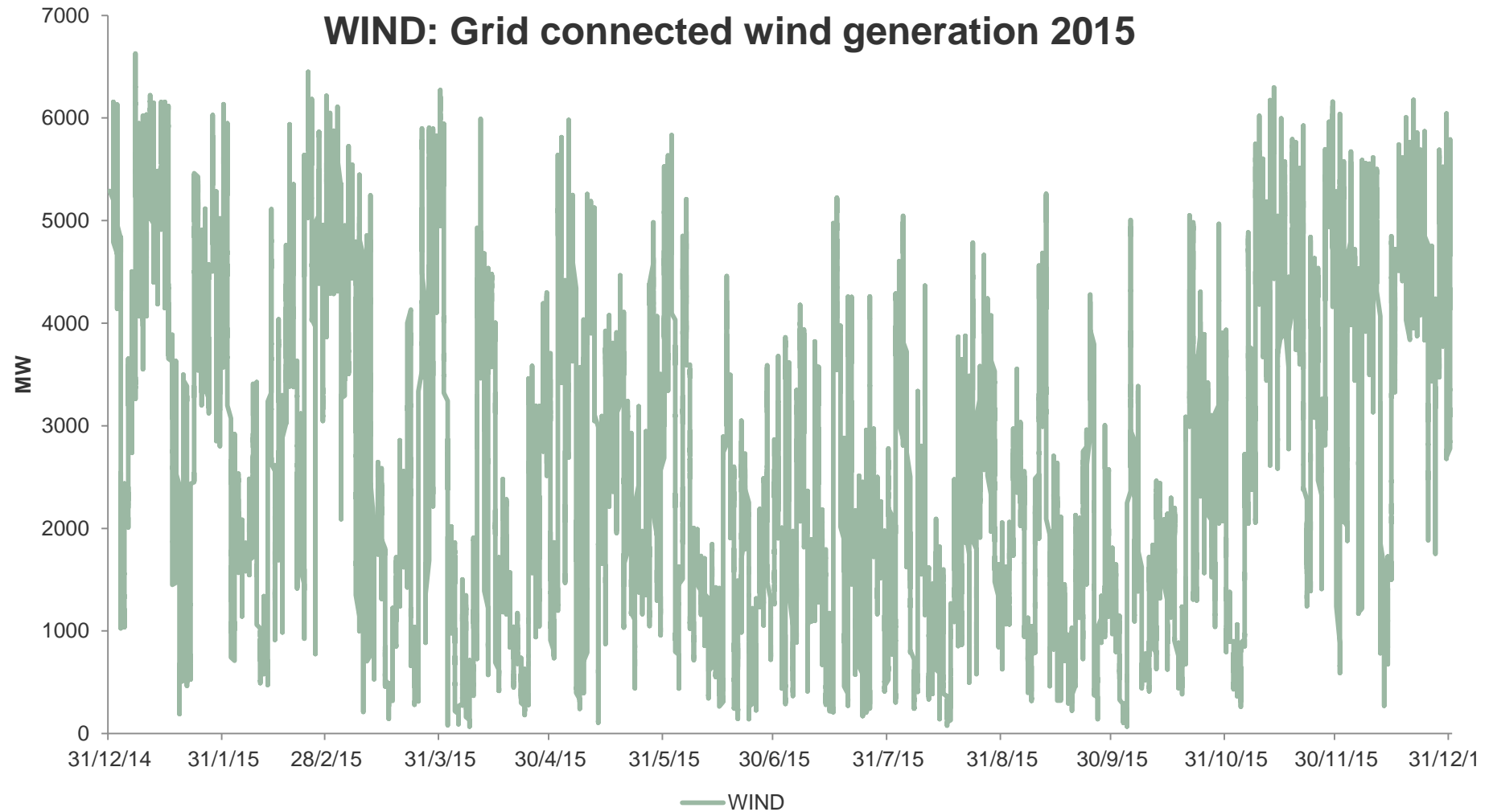
still maintaining reliable and
affordable power supply

Grid Volumes: 2015

Net generation (direct grid connected)

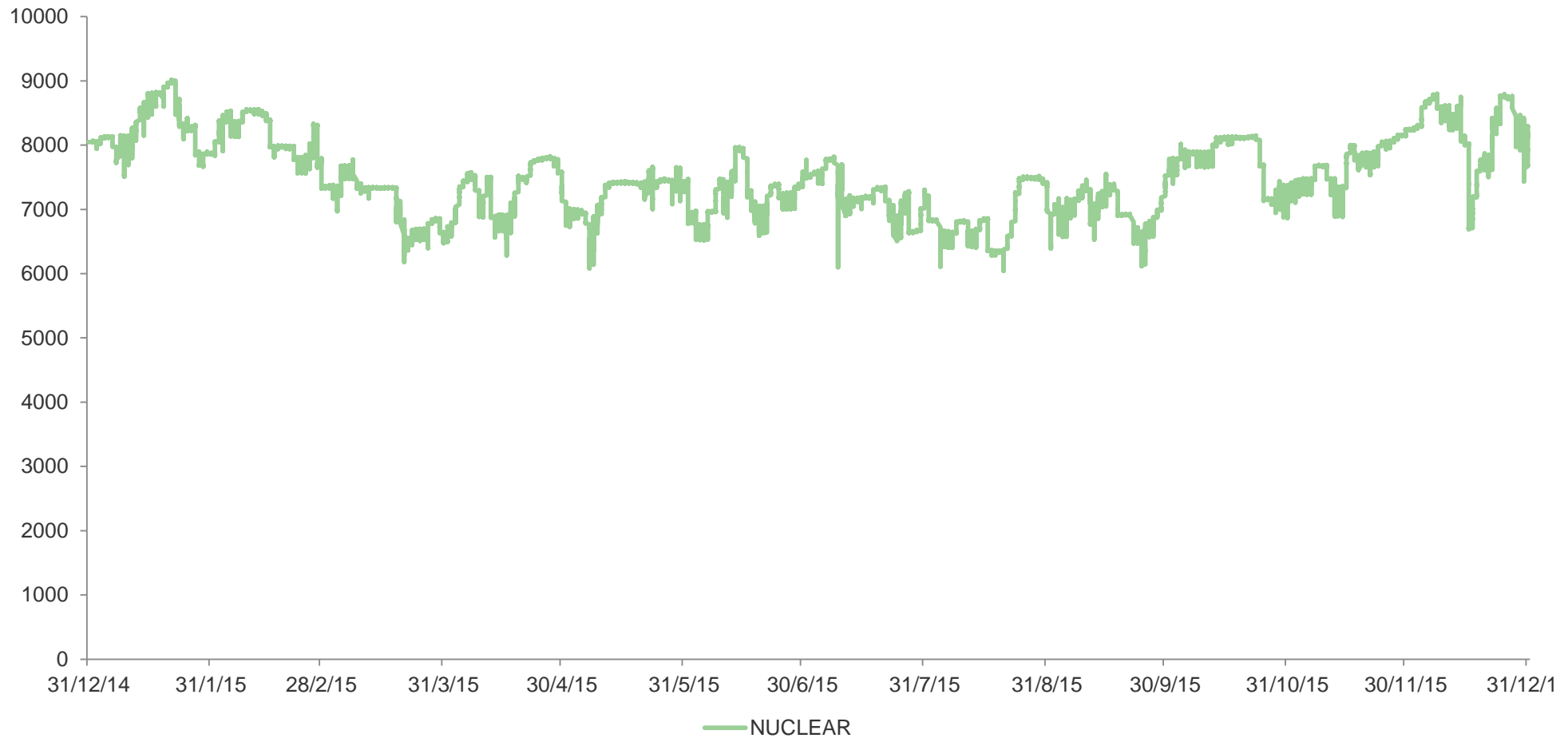


Wind Output: 2015

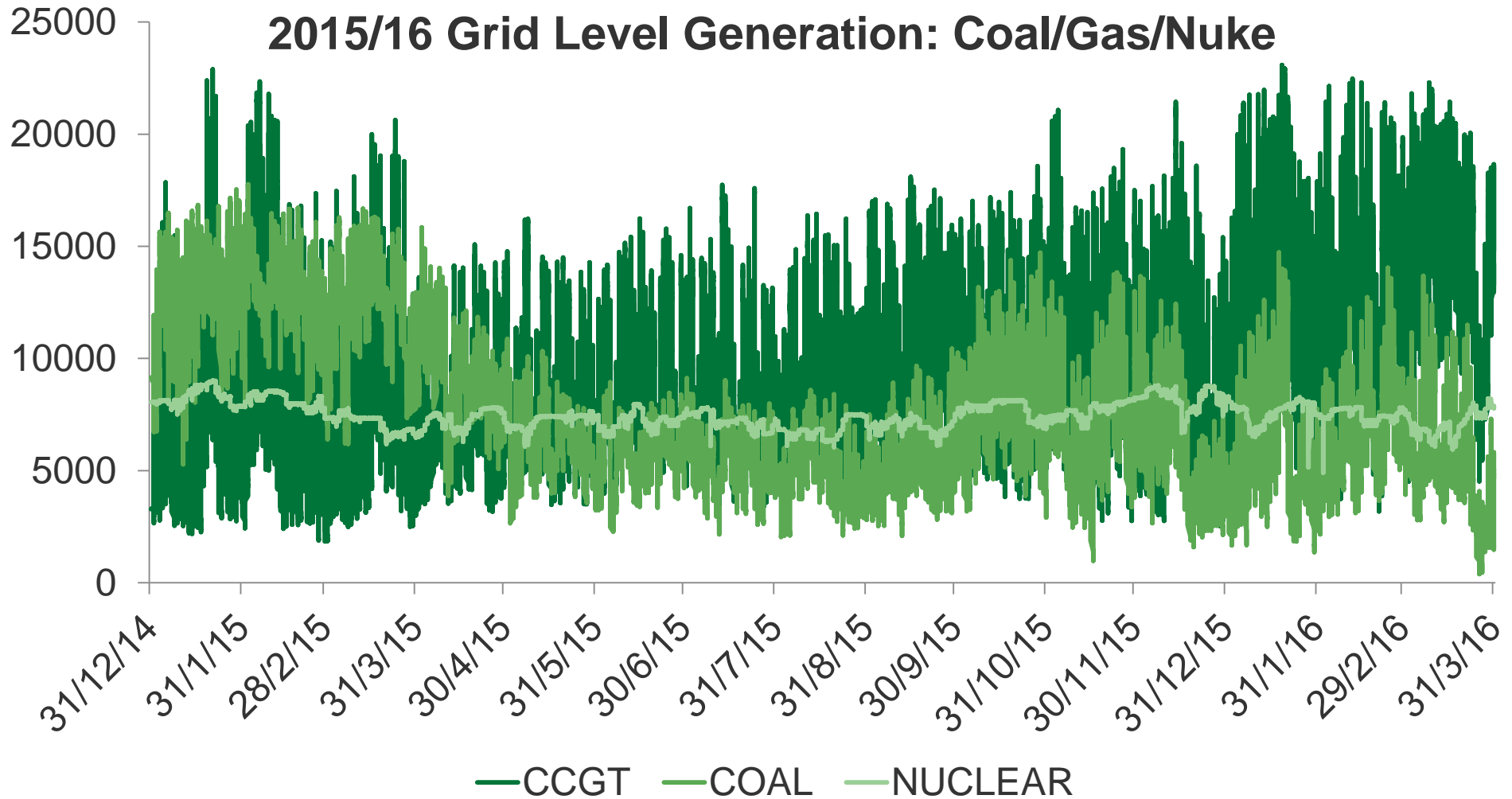


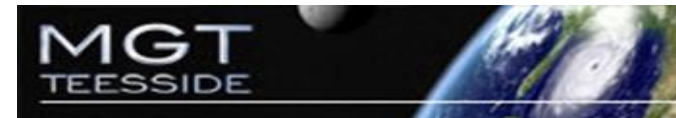
Nuclear: 2015

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Gas and Coal?

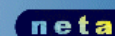




Nuclear: dispatchability

Historic Bid-Offer Data - Google Chrome

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Historic Bid-Offer Data

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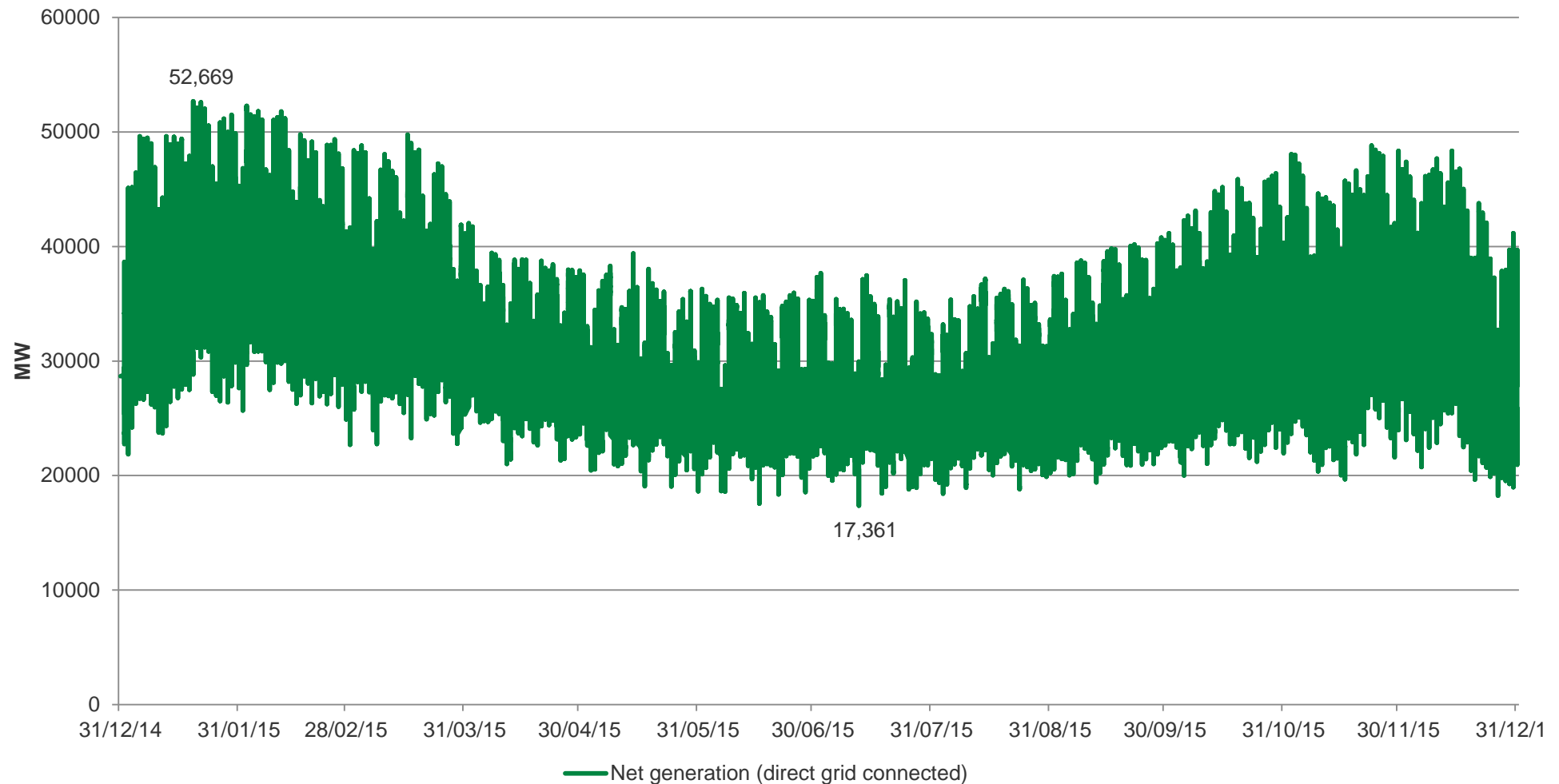
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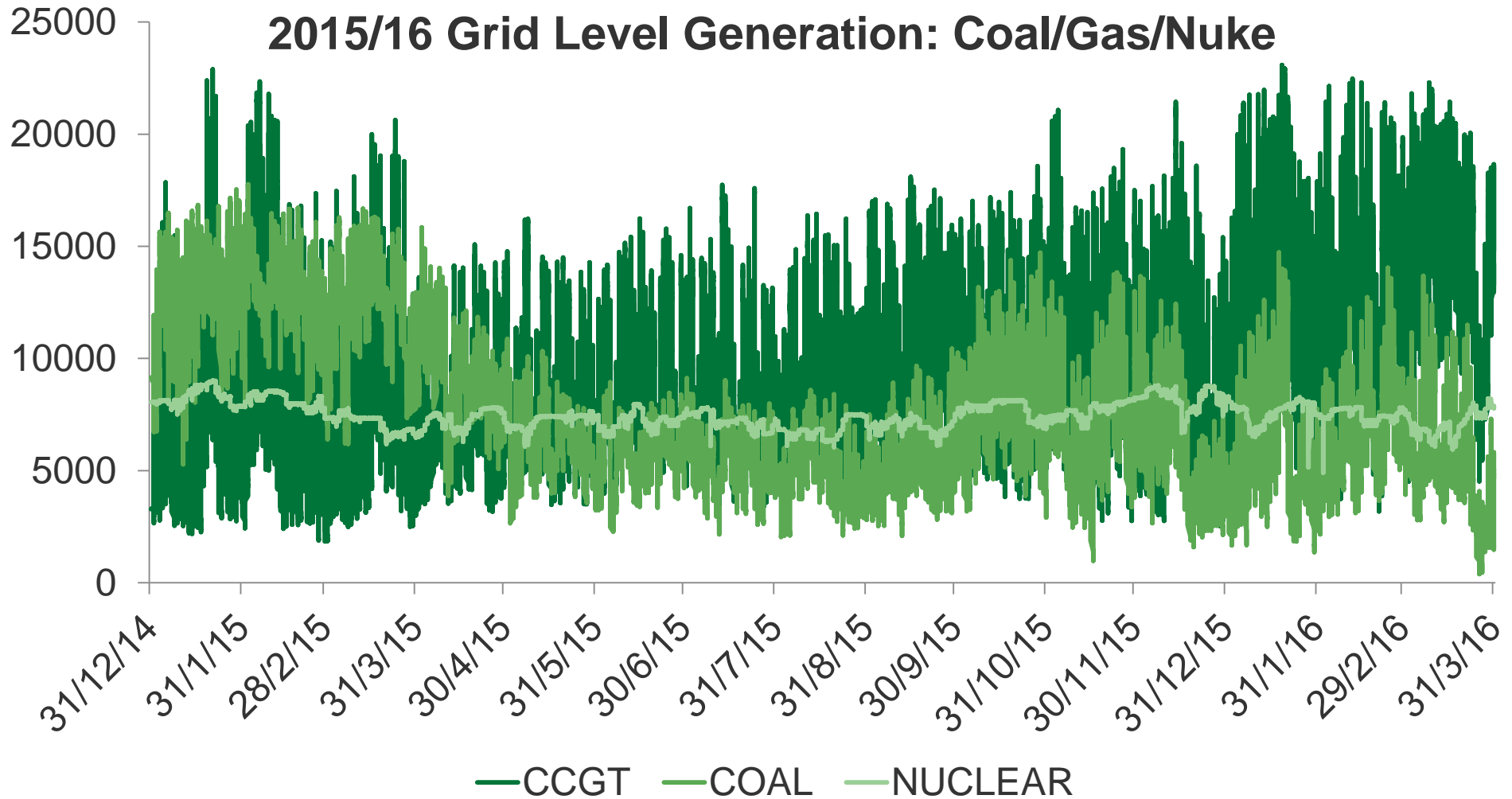
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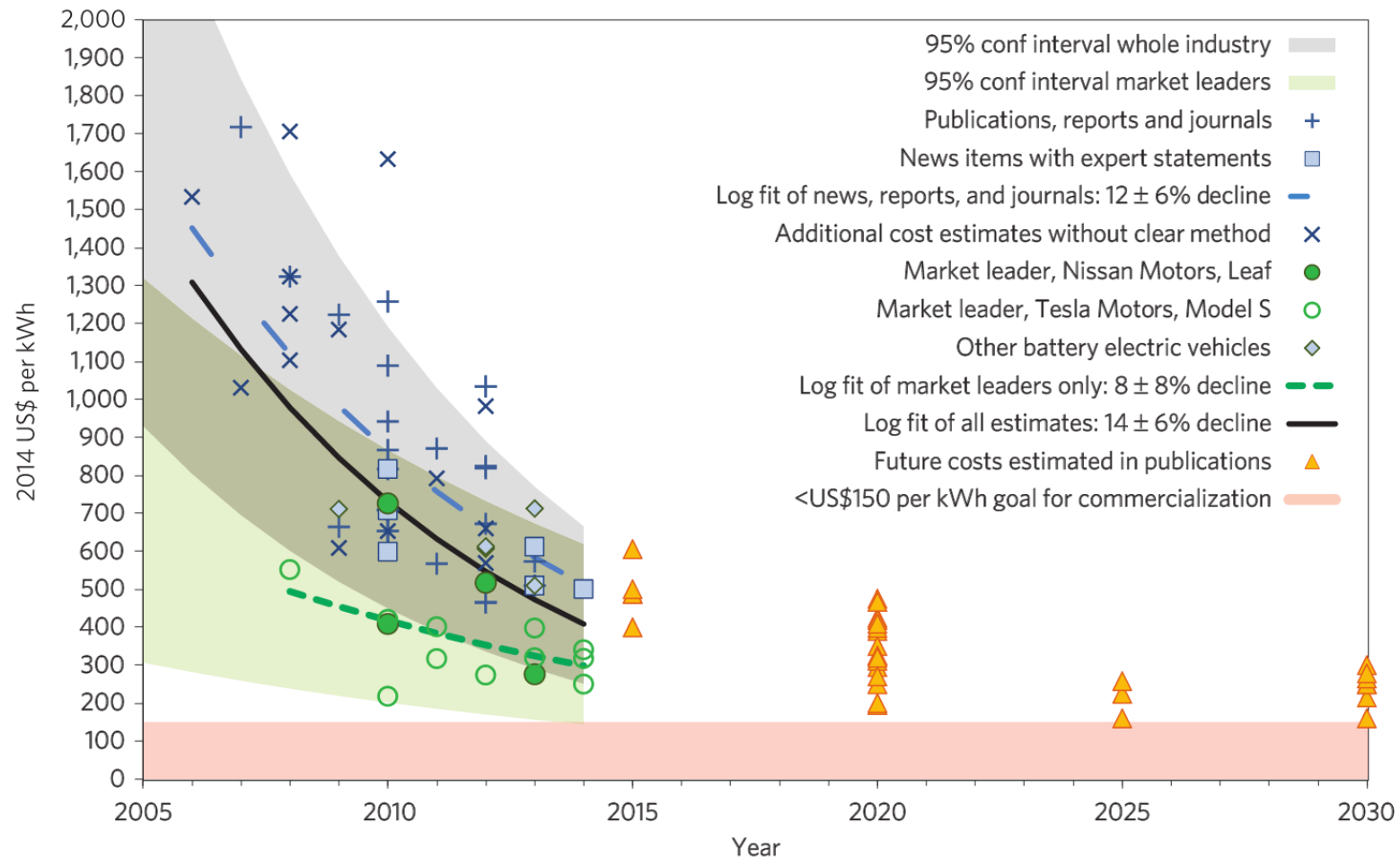
How can we balance our grid
without fossil fuel generation?



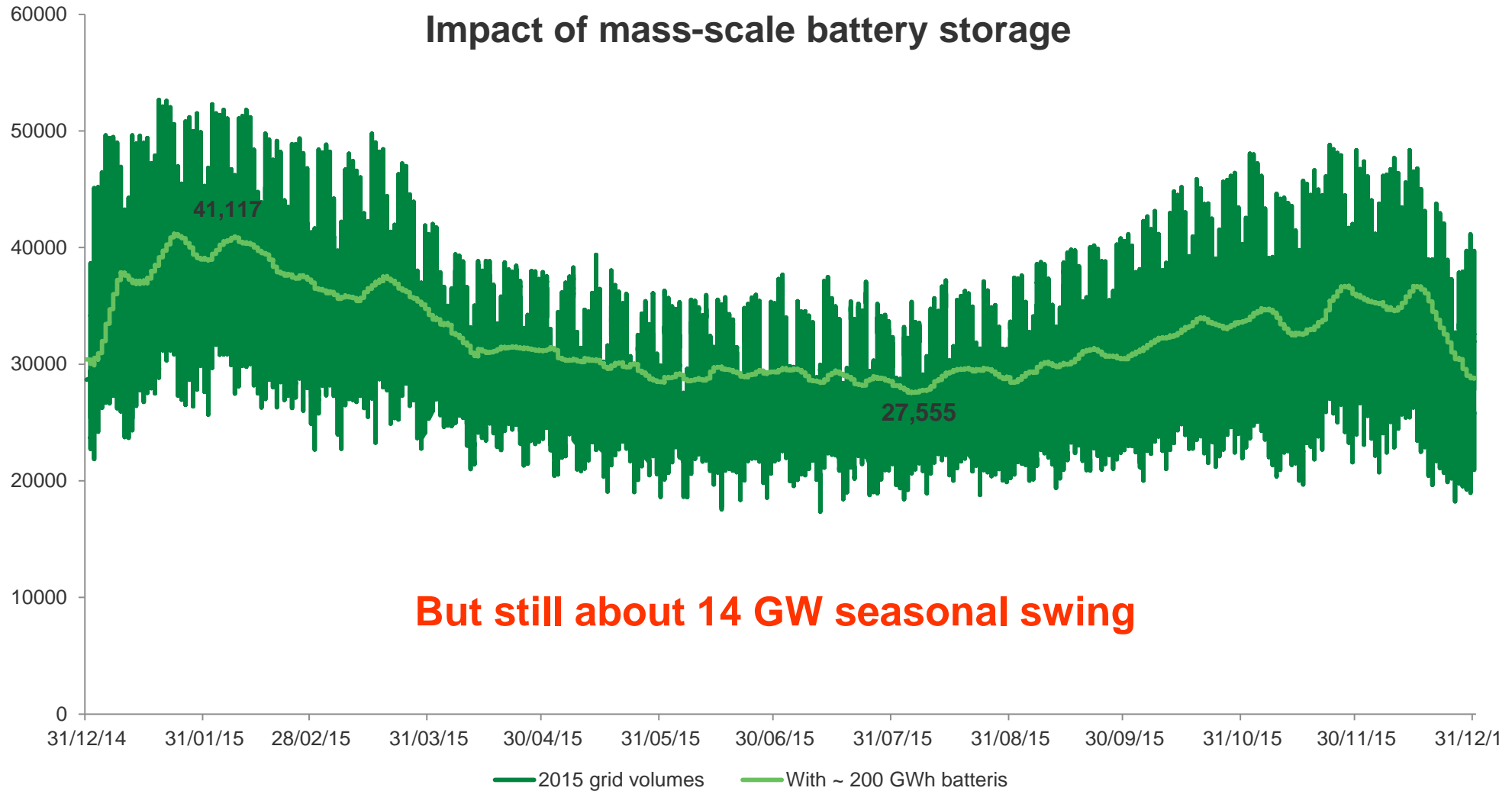
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Will Batteries Solve Our Balancing Problem?

Battery costs falling fast



What if we had 200 GWh of Battery Storage?



Realisation:

Even with a huge amount of battery storage,
the grid will need at least 10 GW of
“dispatchable” generation

Grid-scale biomass is the closest thing* to a
proven technology that can meet this need
economically, without emitting fossilised carbon

* Other than Hydro

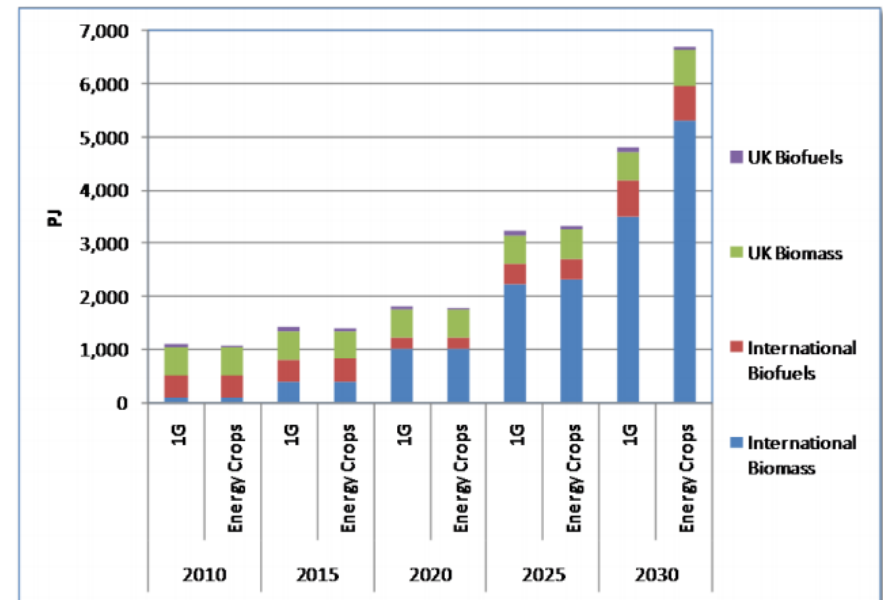
Large scale CCS might be an alternative, but
needs to build momentum and prove model

Is 10 GW of grid scale biomass feasible?

We already have 2 GW operating (Drax), and another 700 MW in construction (MGT/Lynemouth) all operating near to baseload

- Assuming a 50% load-factor, and high-efficiency plant (in line with Tees REP), 10 GW of biomass generation would require about **385 PJ** of biomass fuel
- UK Government study by AEA estimates about **4,000 to 6,000 PJ** of biomass available to the UK by 2030*

Figure 1 Biomass resource available to UK at £10/GJ with easy and medium constraints met for land use maximised for first generation biofuels crops (1G) and land use maximised for energy crops



* Assumes the UK can access 10% of surplus internationally traded biomass from other countries

Challenges

- **Show the public that our supply chains are sustainable**
- Continue reducing carbon emissions in the supply chain
- Bring down fuel costs
- Broaden range of fuel-types
- Scale up generating plant and reduce fixed costs
- Improve use of heat
- Manage transition away from direct subsidies to carbon/grid pricing



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