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## How To Ensure Energy Security Through Improved Reliability

Western States Coal Strategies Forum | November 2019 | Moab, Utah

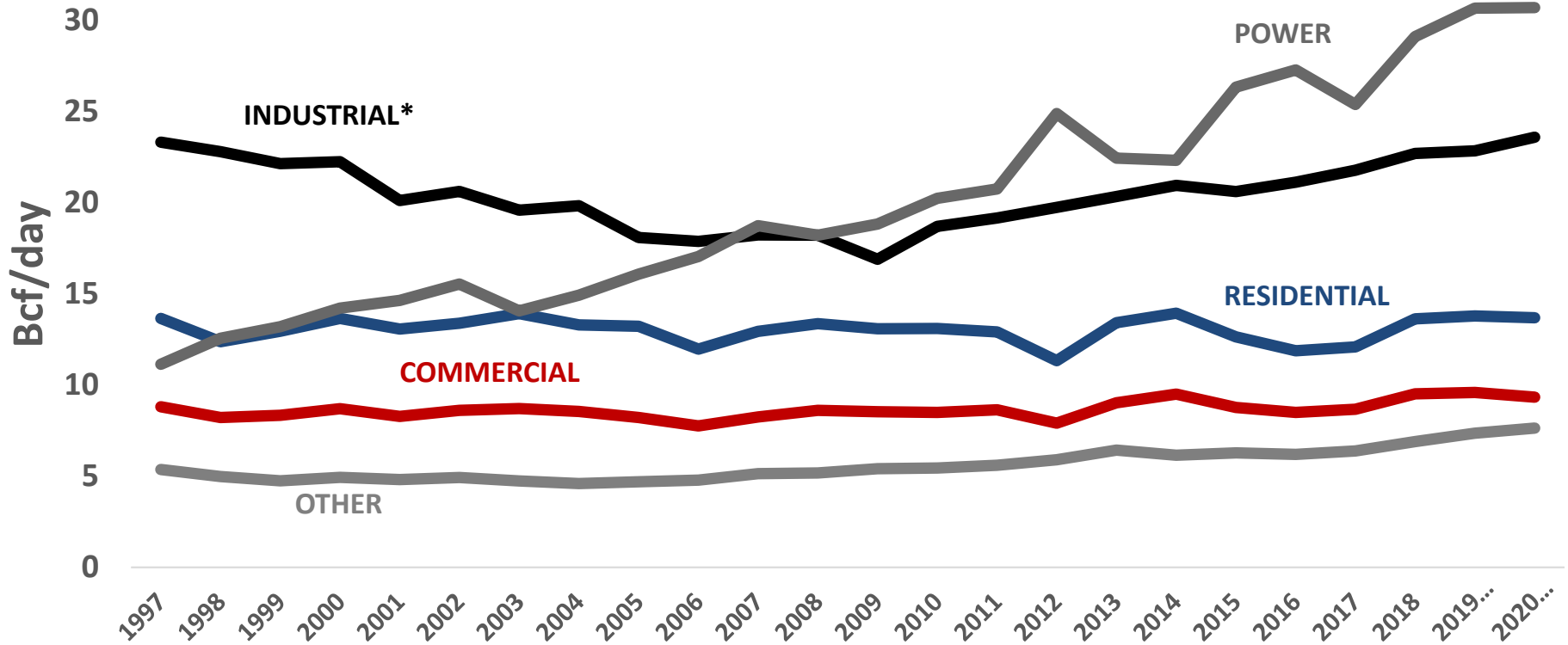
# DECLINE OF FUEL-SECURE ELECTRICITY

## Share of Coal and Nuclear Output and Capacity

Generation	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
PJM ISO	95%	92%	86%	72%	67%
New York ISO	42%	40%	38%	32%	32%
New England ISO	55%	41%	41%	33%	32%
Midcontinent ISO	84%	80%	76%	64%	61%
<b>Total Summer Capacity</b>					
PJM ISO	77%	65%	64%	55%	50%
New York ISO	27%	23%	20%	17%	16%
New England ISO	35%	26%	27%	20%	17%
Midcontinent ISO	69%	55%	52%	49%	45%

Source: [ABB Velocity Suite](#)

# SECTORAL TRENDS IN U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION



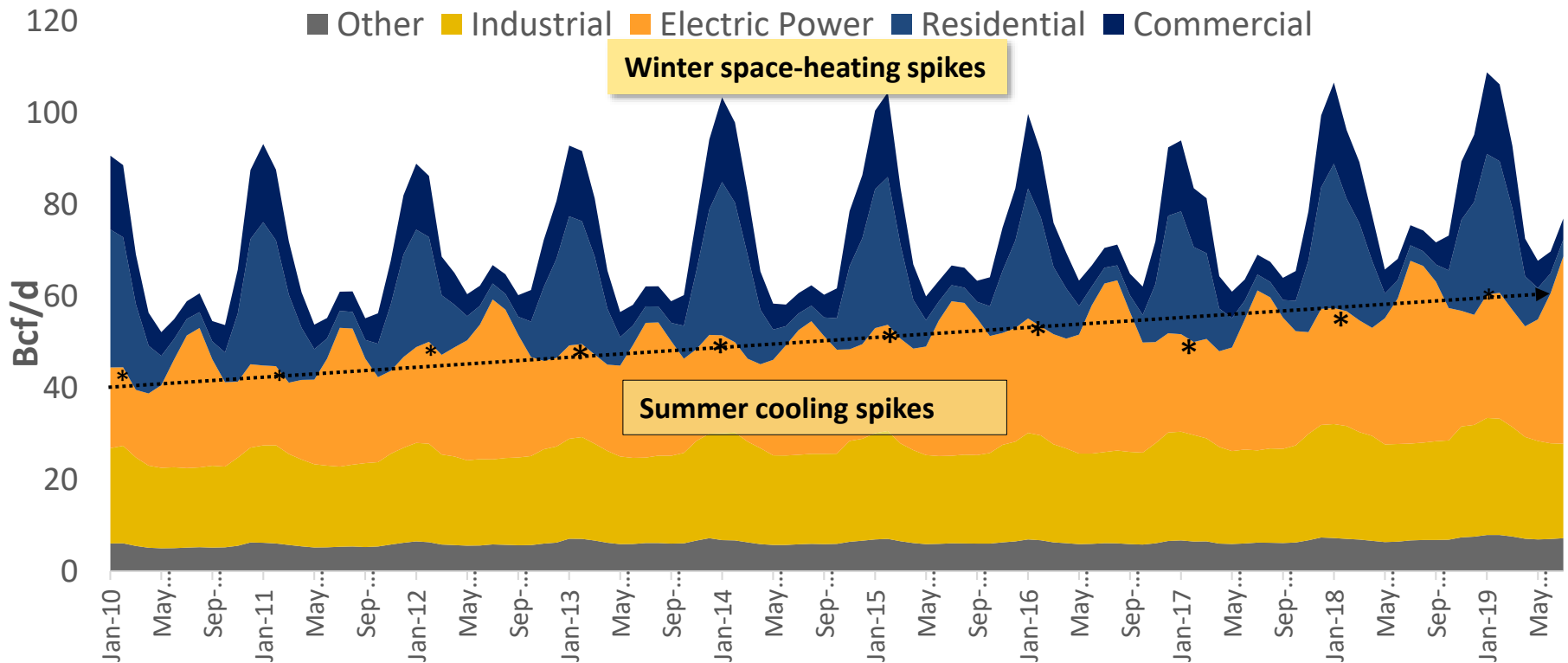
\*Does not include Lease and Plant Fuel

Source: EIA, Short Term Energy Outlook



# U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION SEASONALITY

## Rising winter PowerGen use exacerbating normal spike



Source: EIA, Short Term Energy Outlook (October 8, 2019 edition)

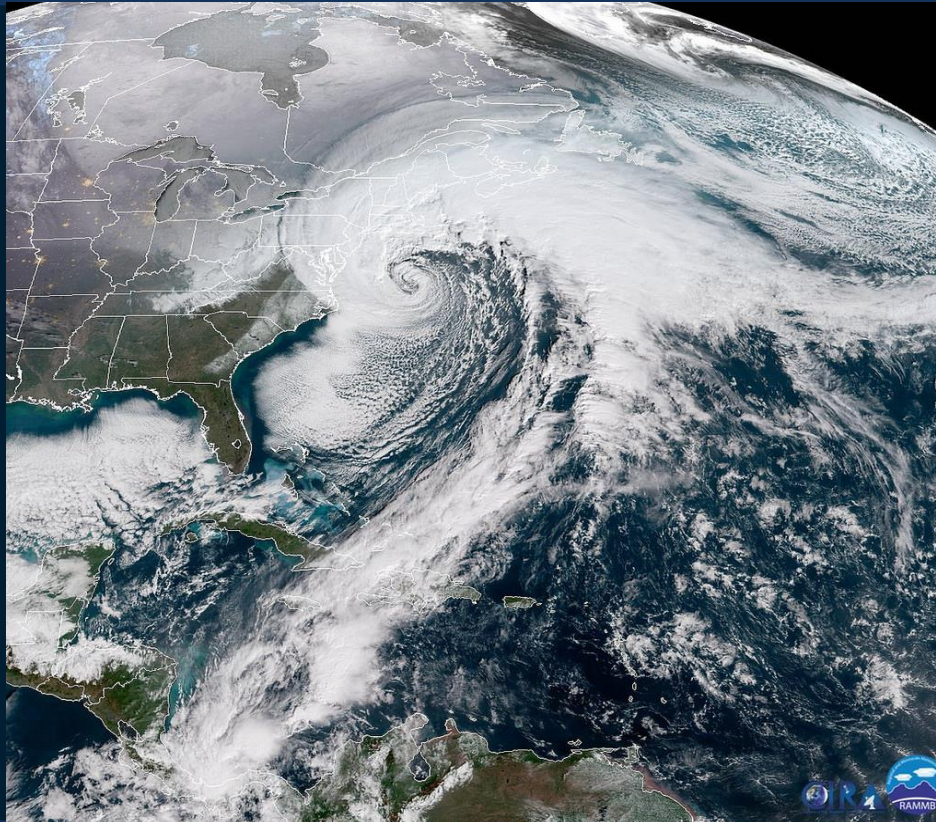
# WHILE US GAS DEMAND FOR POWER HAS DOUBLED, STORAGE HAS CONTRACTED

Estimates of demonstrated peak and design capacity of underground working gas storage,  
November 2018  
(billion cubic feet, unless otherwise noted)

Region	Demonstrated peak capacity <sup>1</sup>			Design capacity <sup>2</sup>			Demonstrated peak capacity share of design capacity <sup>3</sup>	
	(Dec 2012 - Nov 2017)	(Dec 2013 - Nov 2018)	percent change	Nov 2017	Nov 2018	percent change	Nov 2017	Nov 2018
East	990	983	0.6%	1,061	1,062	0.1%	93%	93%
Midwest	1,186	1,181	-0.4%	1,226	1,222	-0.3%	97%	97%
Mountain	270	261	-3.4%	466	471	0.9%	58%	55%
Pacific <sup>4</sup>	411	401	-2.5%	414	414	0.0%	99%	97%
South Central	1,460	1,437	-1.6%	1,558	1,543	-1.0%	94%	93%
Nonsalt	1,025	1,013	-1.2%	1,065	1,062	-0.3%	96%	95%
Salt	435	424	-2.5%	493	481	-2.4%	88%	88%
Lower 48	4,317	4,263	-1.2%	4,725	4,712	-0.3%	91%	90%

EIA [Underground Natural Gas Working Storage Capacity](#)

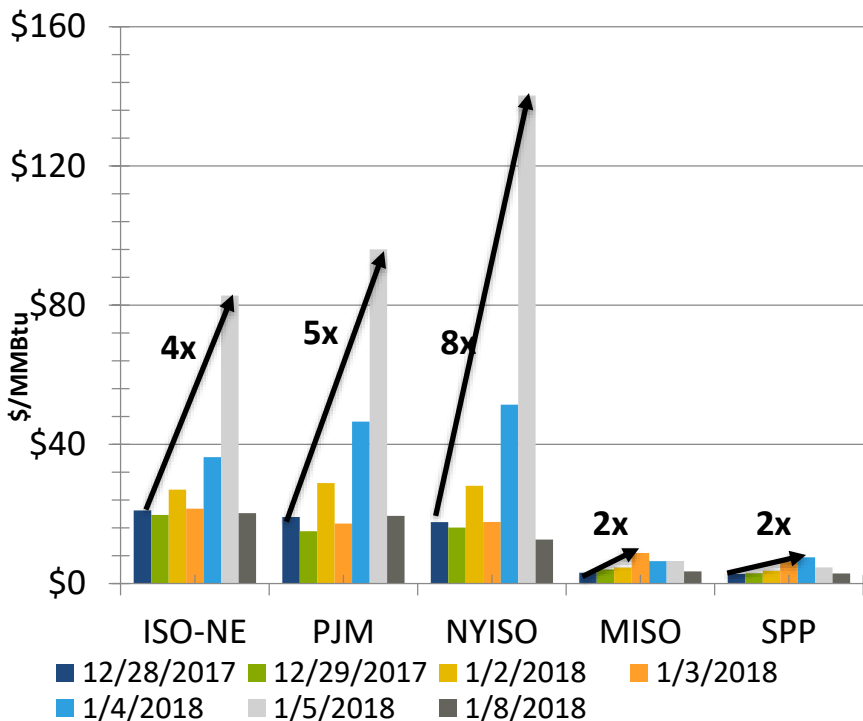
# THE “BOMB CYCLONE”



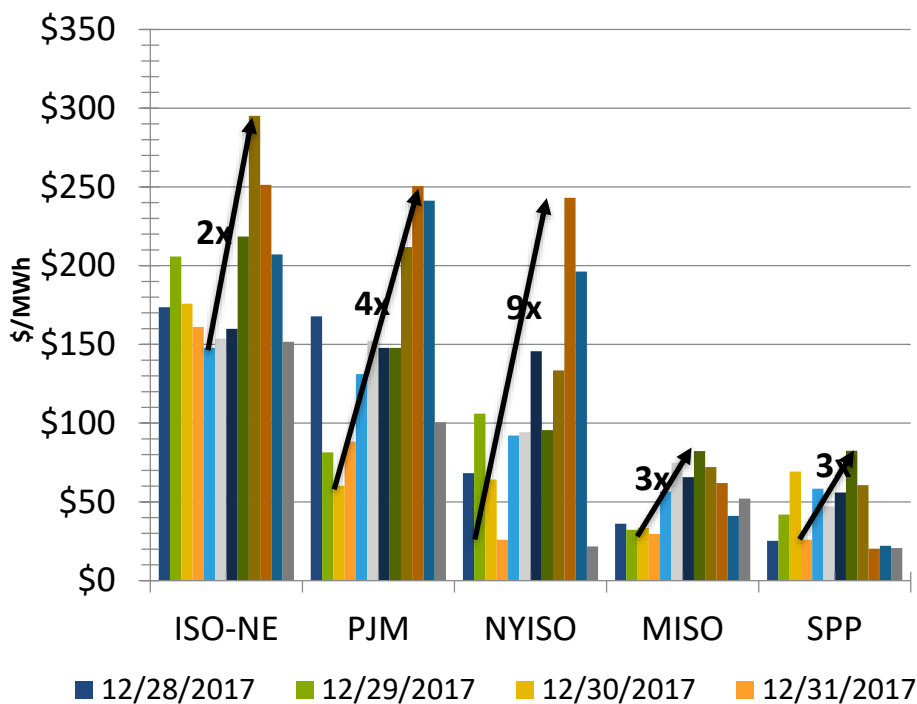
NOAA's GOES-16 (GOES-East) satellite caught a dramatic view of the bomb cyclone moving up the East Coast on January 4, 2018.

# GAS AND POWER PRICE SPIKES

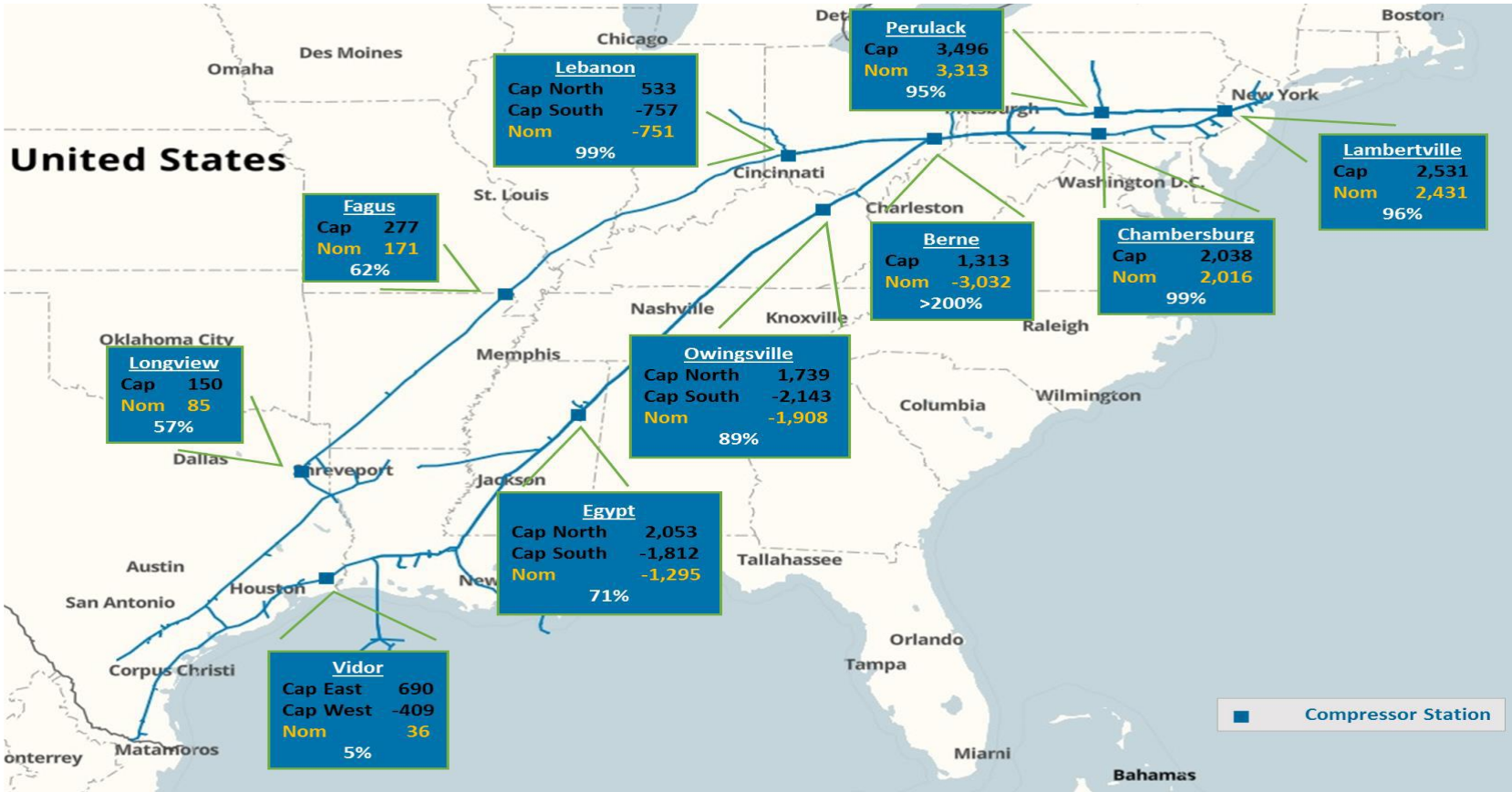
Regional natural gas spot prices, December 28, 2017–January 8, 2018



Daily load weighted average marginal electricity price, December 28, 2017–January 8, 2018



# DELIVERABILITY CONSTRAINTS 1/7/18

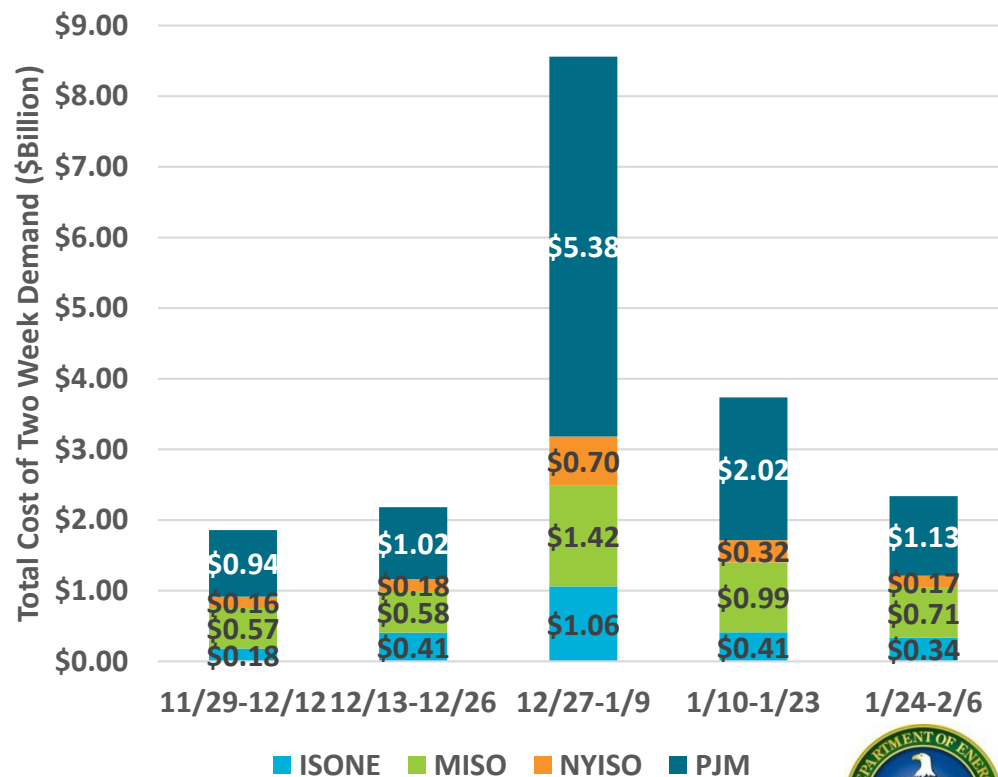




## Electricity Costs for Three Winters with Extreme Events

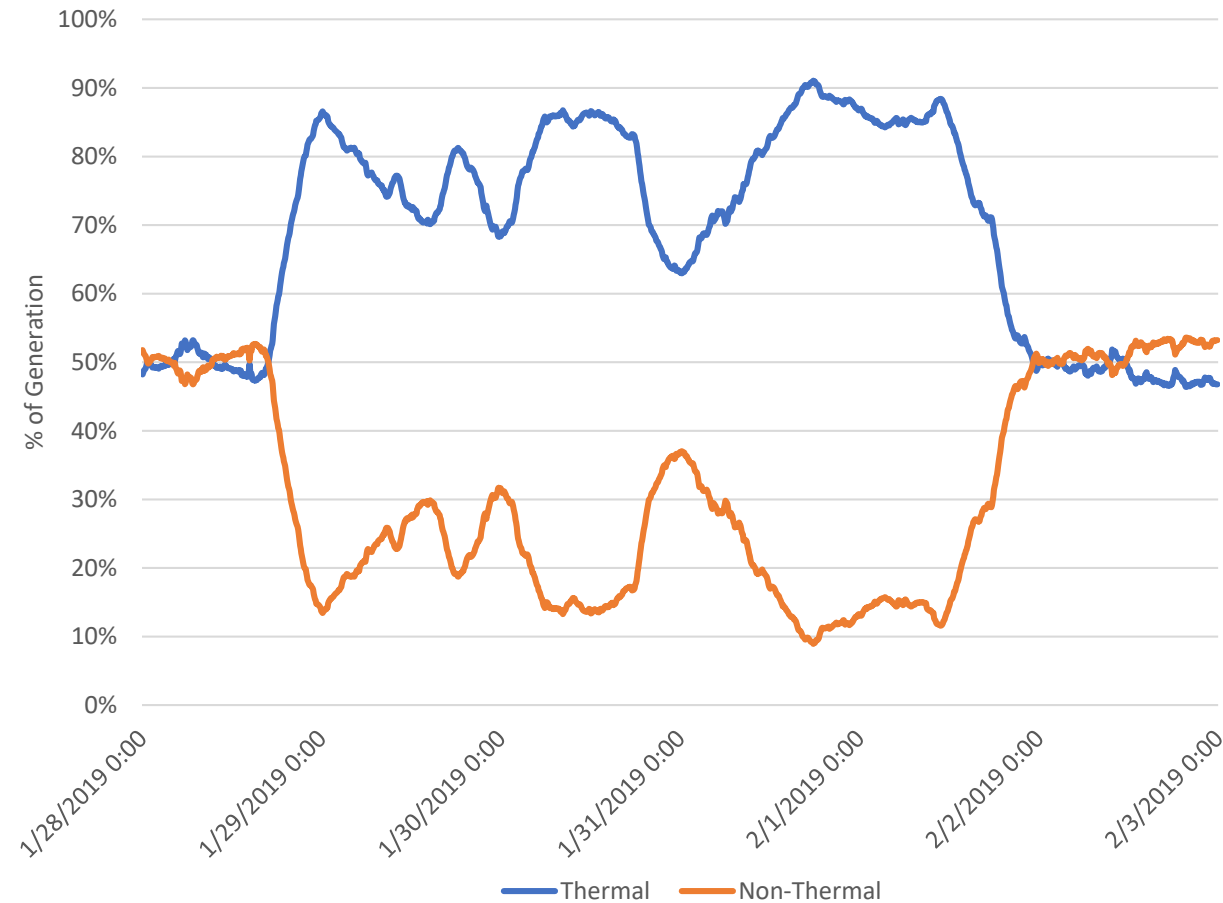
		Billings (\$B)	Delta from 2013-18 Average Quarter (\$B)
PJM (9)	Q1 2014	\$19.6	\$9.4
	Q1 2015	\$12.3	\$2.1
	Q1 2018	\$12.3	\$2.1
	Regional Total	\$44.2	\$13.6
NYISO (10)	Q1 2014	\$6.3	\$4.4
	Q1 2015	\$3.4	\$1.4
	Q1 2018	\$2.4	\$0.4
	Regional Total	\$12.1	\$6.2
ISO-NE (11)	Winter 2014	\$5.0	\$3.5
	Winter 2015	\$2.9	\$1.3
	Winter 2018	\$2.7	\$1.1
	Regional Total	\$10.6	\$5.9
MISO (12)	Q1 2014	\$3.7	\$1.7
	Q1 2015	\$2.0	\$0.1
	Q1 2018	\$2.1	\$0.1
	Regional Total	\$7.8	\$1.9
<b>Northeast U.S. three extreme winter event total cost</b>		<b>\$27.6 Billion</b>	

PJM, ISO-NE and New York, NETL calculates that natural gas price “excursions” led to electricity price increases that cost consumers, ultimately, over \$25 billion since 2014.



# RESOURCE DRIVEN INDUCED POWER SUPPLY VOLATILITY

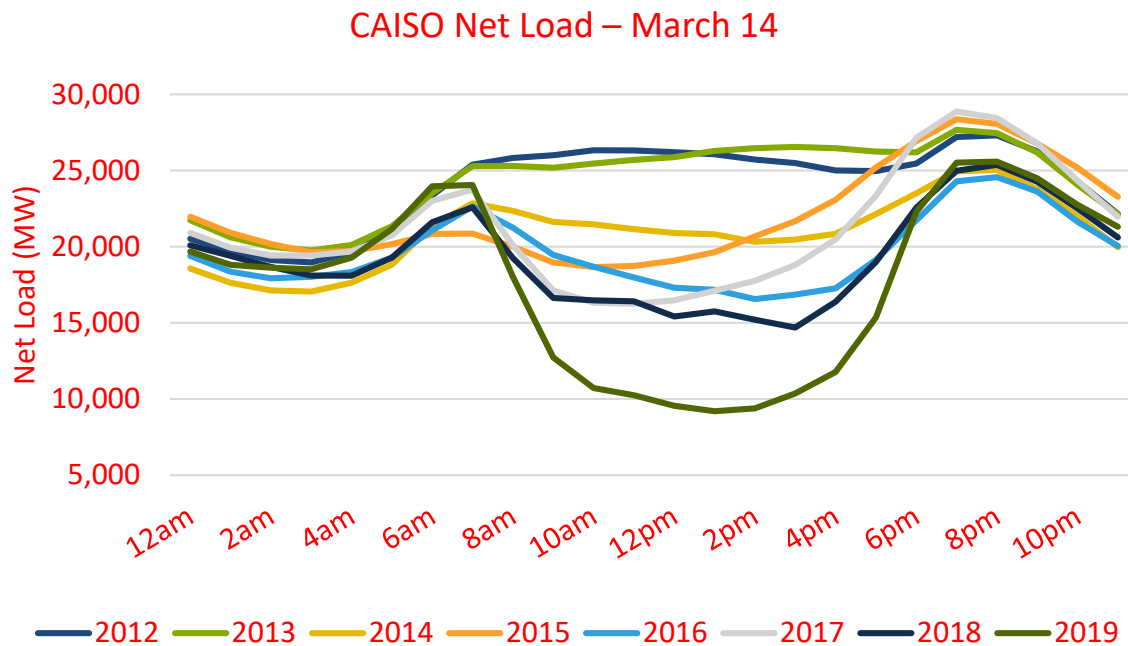
**Variable resources sudden loss in generation led to a spike in thermal generation during 2019 winter storm in SPP**



- **Non-thermal output fell from 50% to below 10% over 12-hour period**
- **Thermal resources in place made up for the sudden loss**
- **Future resources to cover such an event are in doubt**

# OVERSUPPLY OF GENERATION THREATENS GRID STABILITY

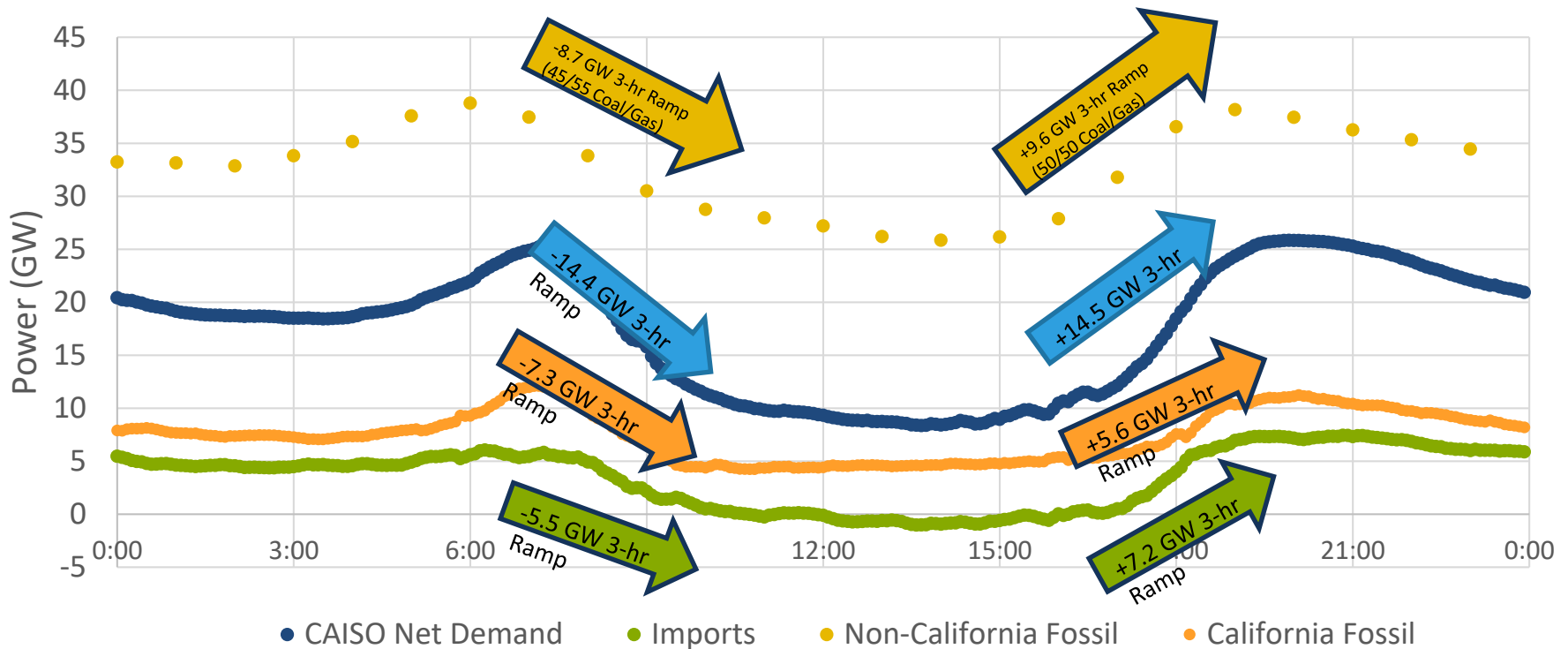
Oversupply of generation from intermittent renewable sources = “need” for flexible generation from elsewhere; is grid stability affected?



Data from CAISO via ABB Velocity Suite

# AT CAISO'S DEEPEST DUCK CURVE OF 2019 (3/14)

Out of state fossil assets bore more than 50% of the ramp response with the balance provided by in-state fossil assets



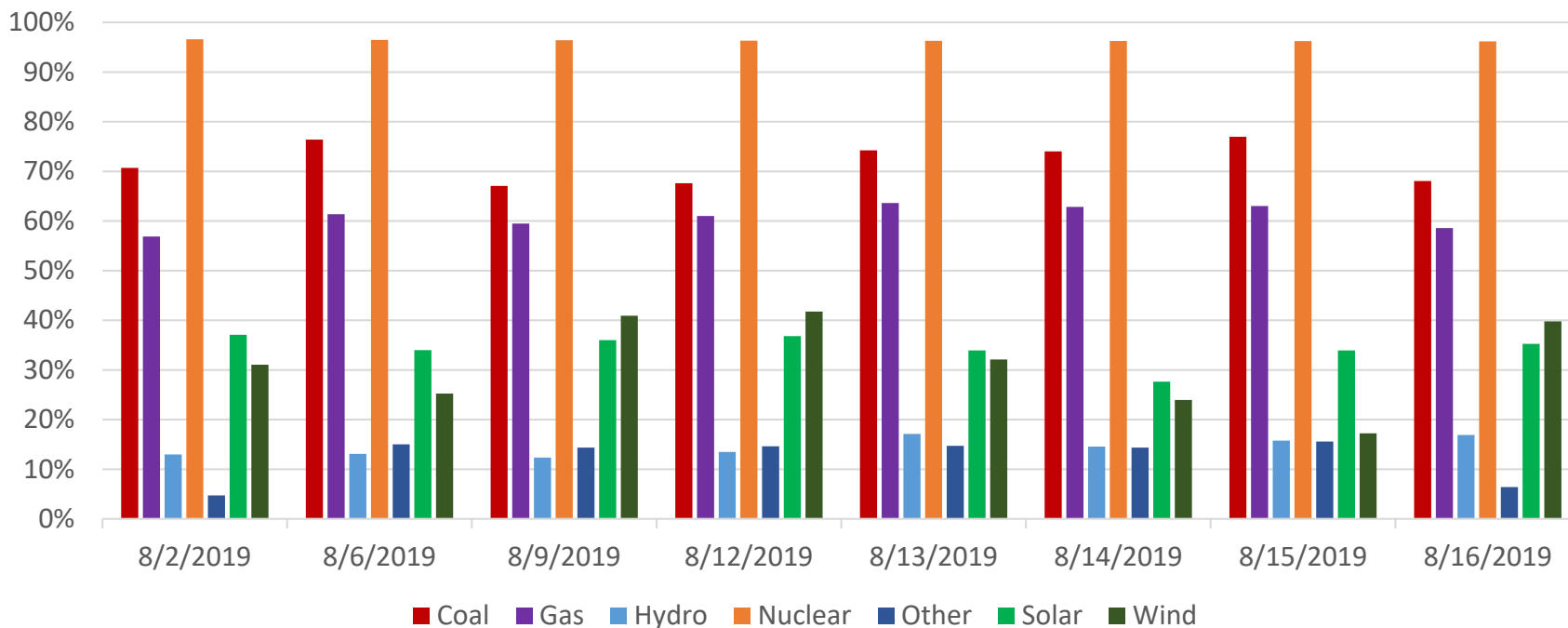
California data from [CAISO Today's Outlook](#) archive  
 Non-California fossil generation data from EPA [Air Markets Program Data](#) (CEMS)



# ERCOT RELIED HEAVILY ON FOSSIL FUELS DURING PEAK SUMMER 2019 DEMAND

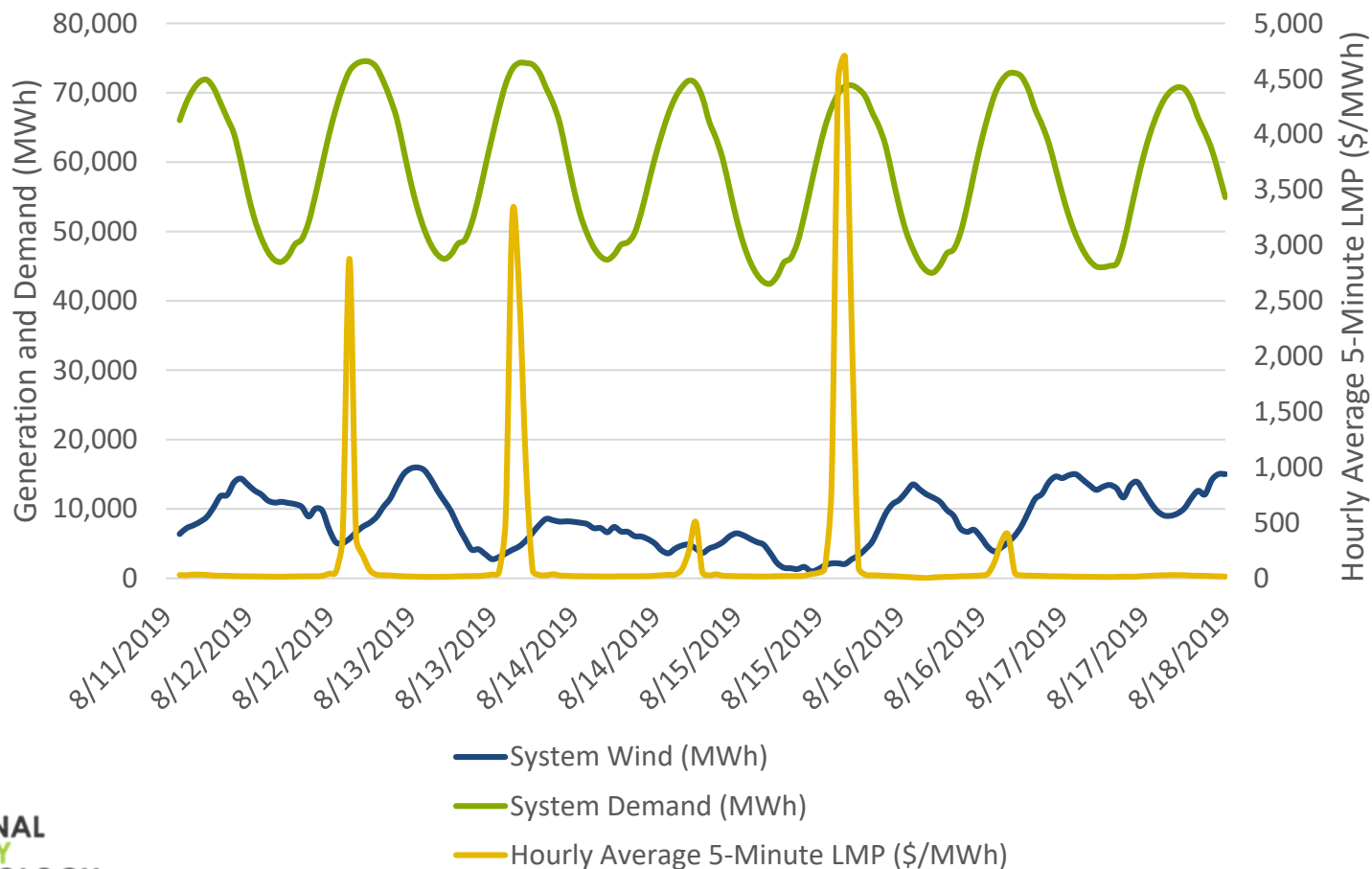
## Coal, nuclear and gas carried ERCOT during 2019 summer peak

### Daily Fleet Utilization by Fuel Type



# WIND GENERATION IN ERCOT WAS NOT RELIABLE DURING THE 2019 SUMMER PEAK

## Lowest wind output at highest system demand

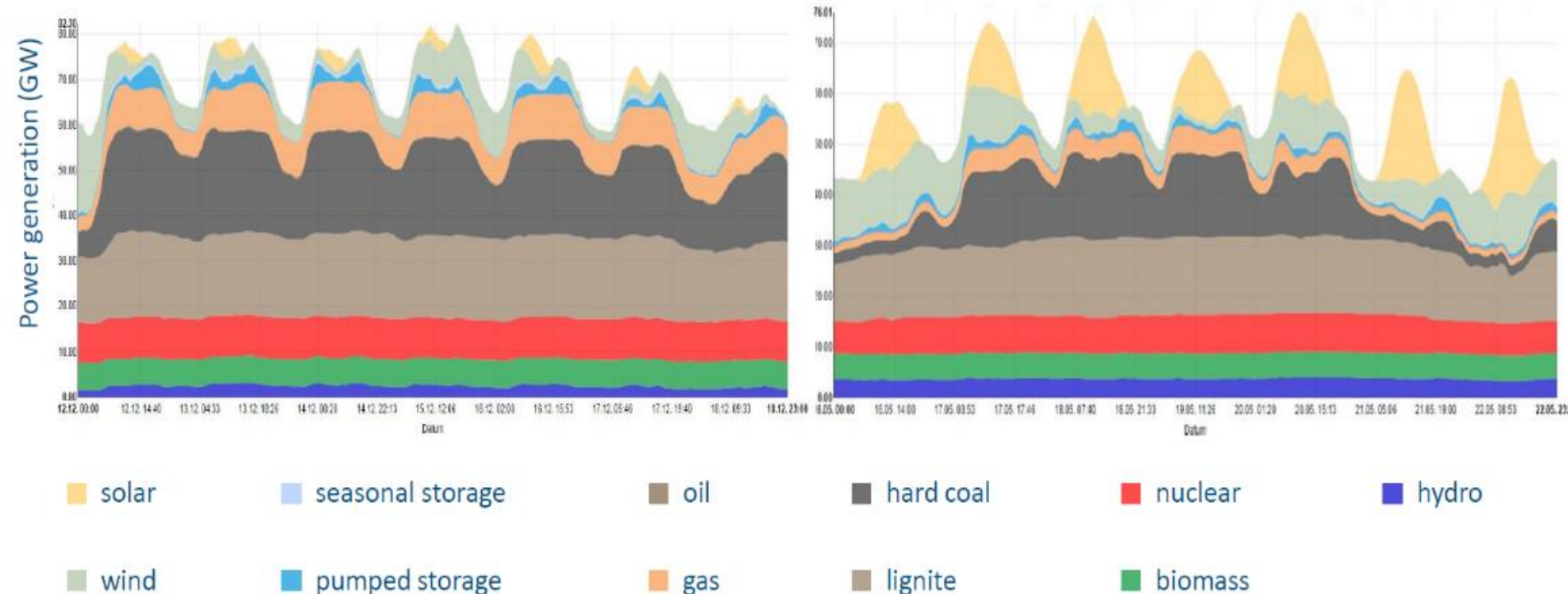


# FLEXIBILITY, RESILIENCY, OF ADVANCED

CCUS SYSTEMS PART OF SOLUTION AND WILL NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE

*Germany – Renewable fluctuation and Gas/Coal backup*  
Winter 2016  
week no. 50 (December)

Summer 2016  
week no. 20 (May)



Source: Energie Wende



Questions?



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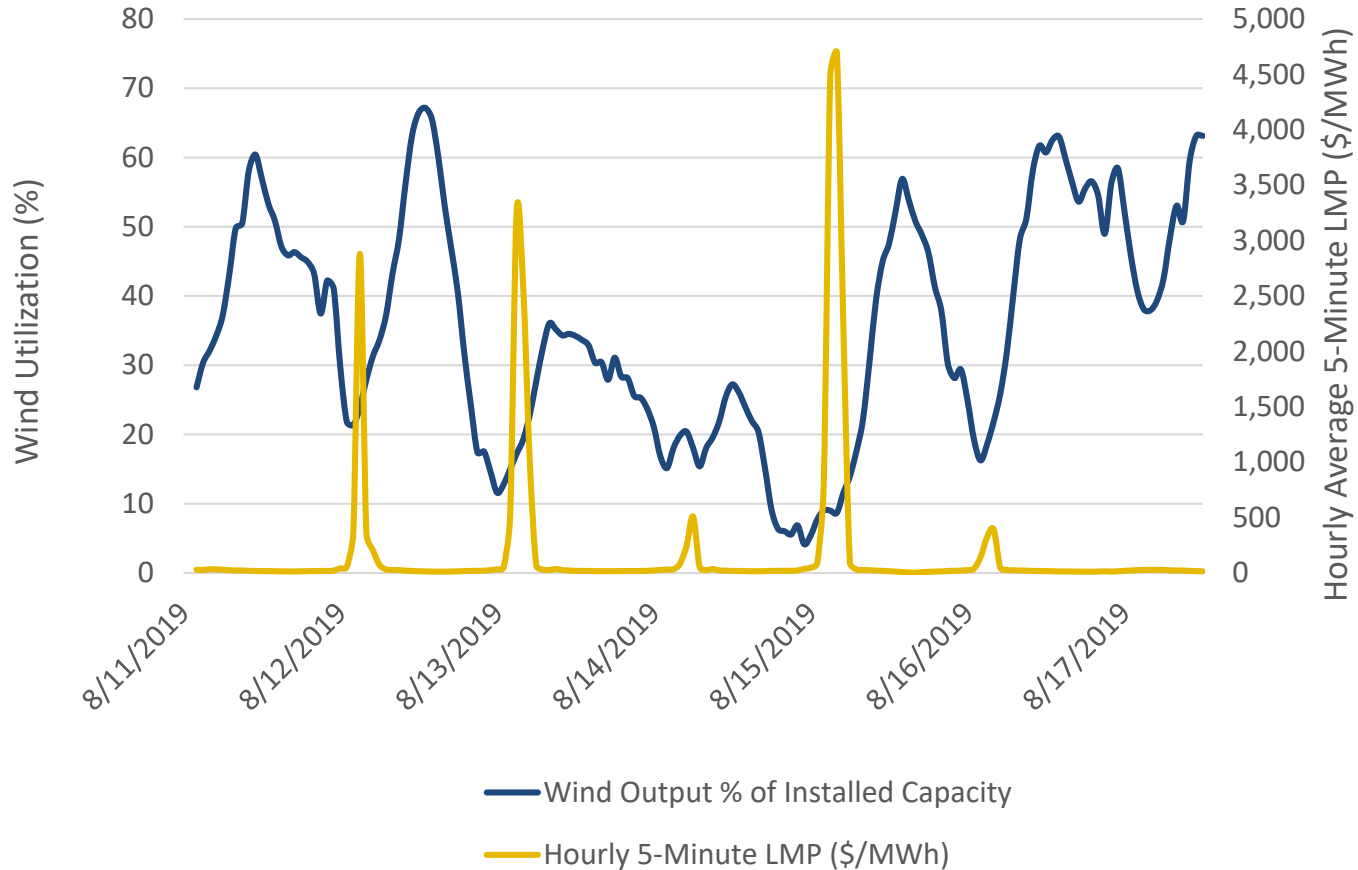
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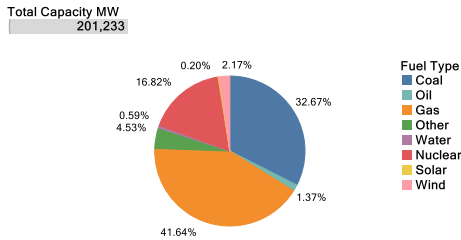
## Wind output and price inversely correlated



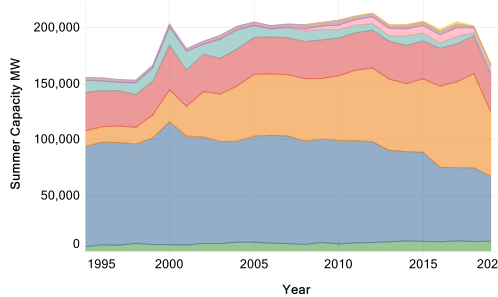
# PJM and MISO have seen significant reductions in coal and nuclear generating capacity

In PJM, lost coal replaced mainly by natural gas, adding significant pressure on just-in-time delivery and pipeline capacity.

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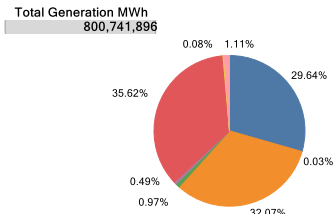
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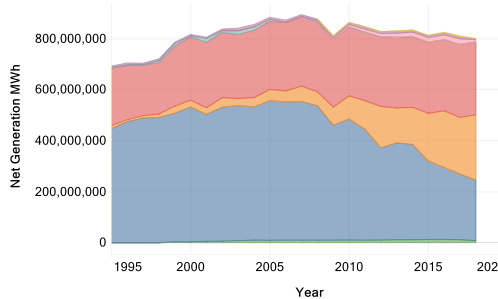
Similarly for MISO but with additional generation coming from wind power.

Coal and nuclear generate electricity at a higher percentage of their capacity than gas, wind and solar

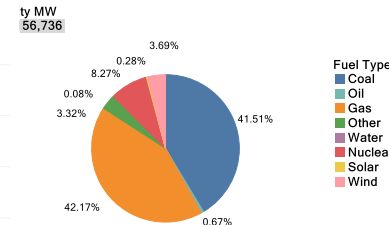
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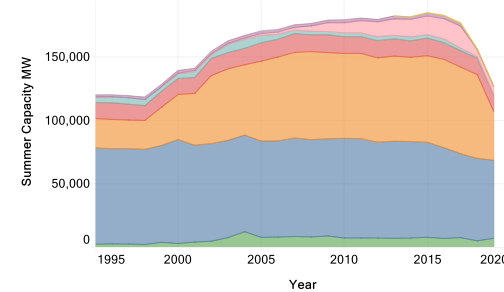
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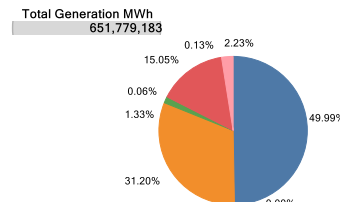
2018 Capacity



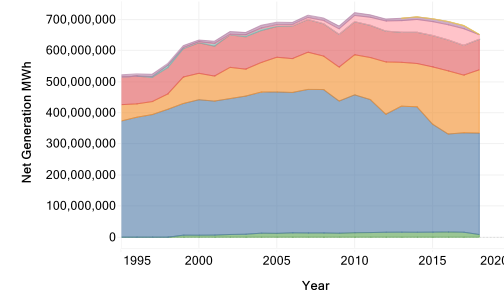
Capacity History



2018 Generation



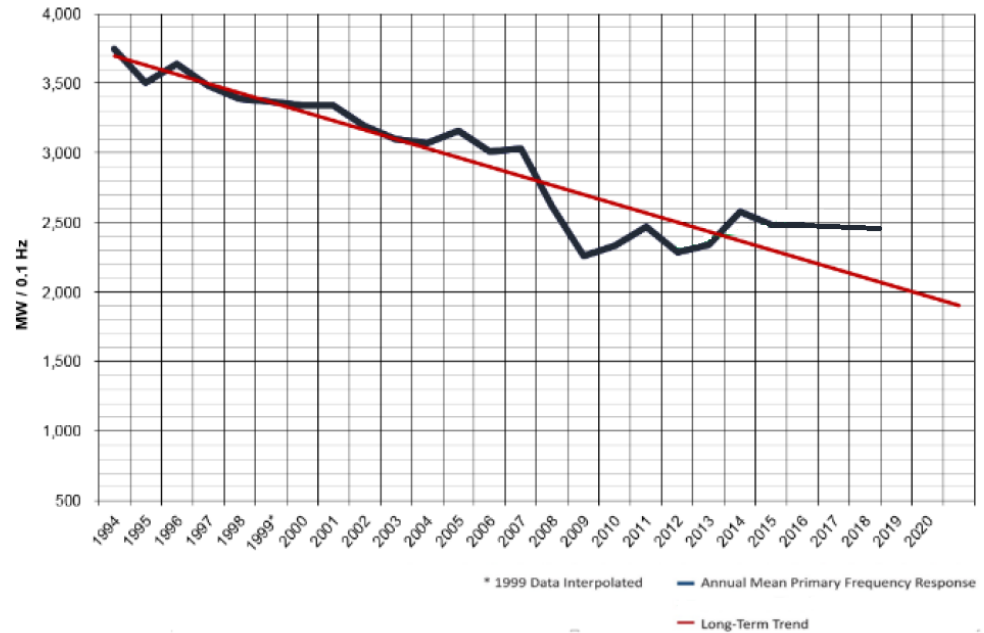
Generation History



## Increased intermittent generation increases the need for frequency response

- Over the past several decades, NERC has observed the development of frequency stability issues
- Several causes of this trend have been identified, including load types, system moments of inertia, generation control practices, types and availability of reserves, and monitoring/regulating practices.
- As the generation fleet transitions to smaller intermittent and distributed generation, the system will have less kinetic energy (system inertia) available to mitigate frequency disruptions, potentially leading to BPS instabilities.

Eastern Interconnection frequency response trend



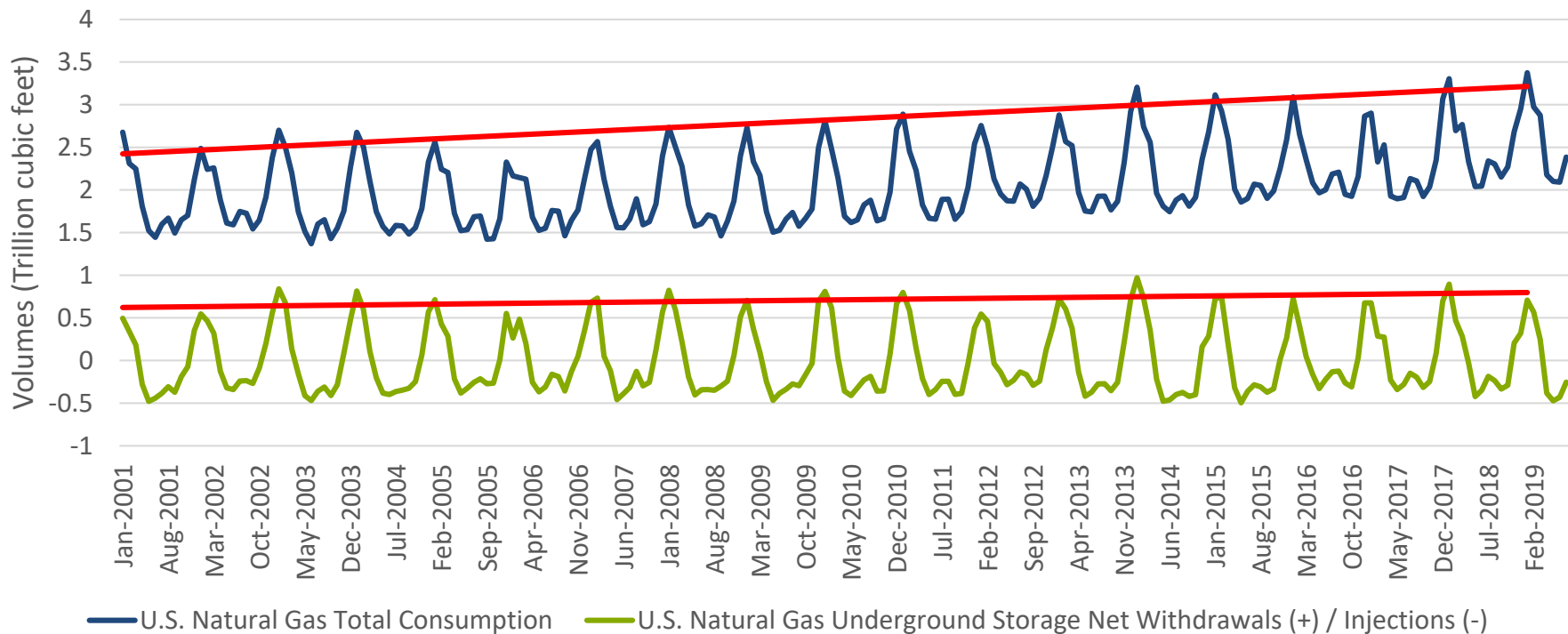
Yearly number of frequency events

Interconnection	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Eastern	25	29	25	12	32	34	36	61	81
Western	44	49	65	28	13	17	21	47	41
ERCOT	51	67	65	63	40	33	34	50	49
Quebec	-	-	20	28	35	33	29	47	73

Frequency values from NERC State of Reliability and Frequency Response Annual Analyses.

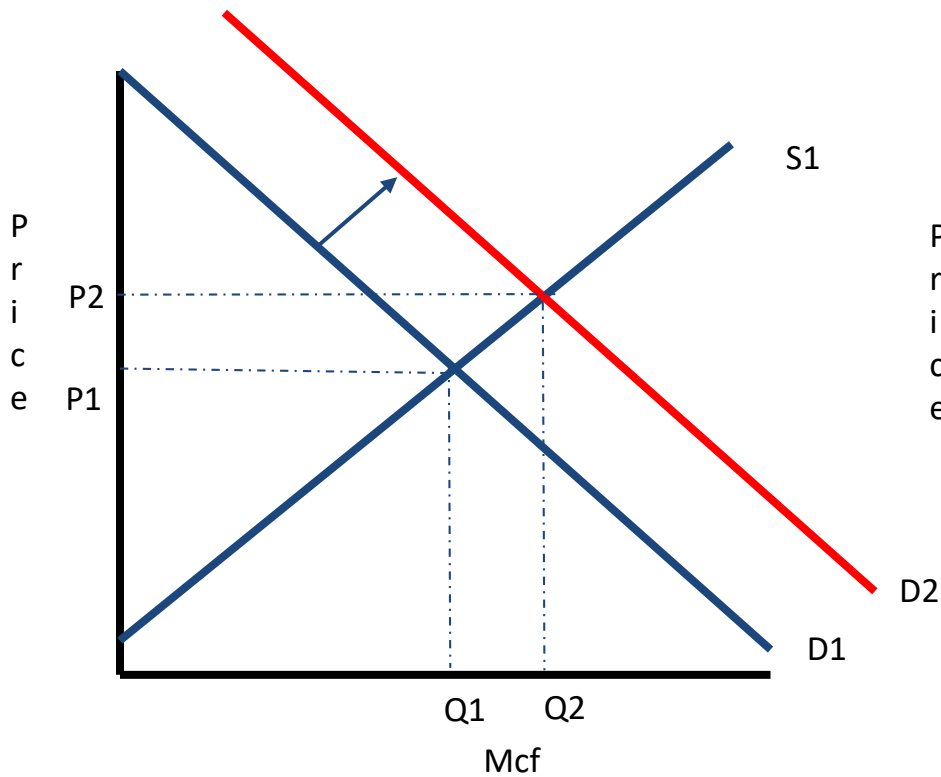


# CURRENT GAS PRODUCTION IS PLAYING A GROWING ROLE IN SUPPLYING PEAK GAS DEMAND



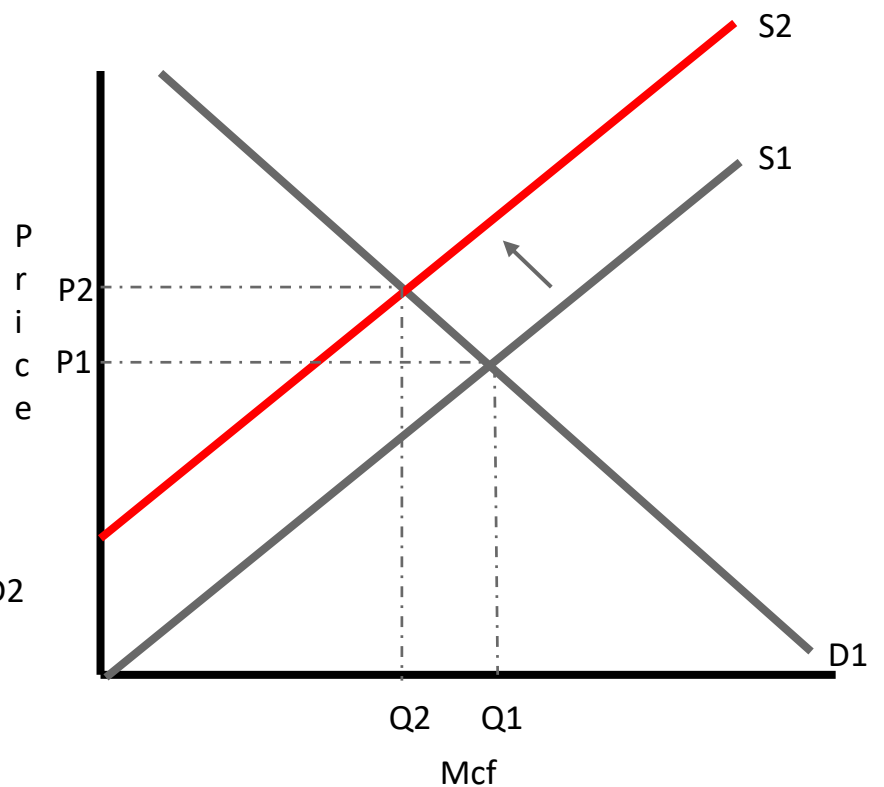
# EFFECT OF A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN HEATING DEGREE DAYS ON NG MARKETS

## NG Market for Space Heating



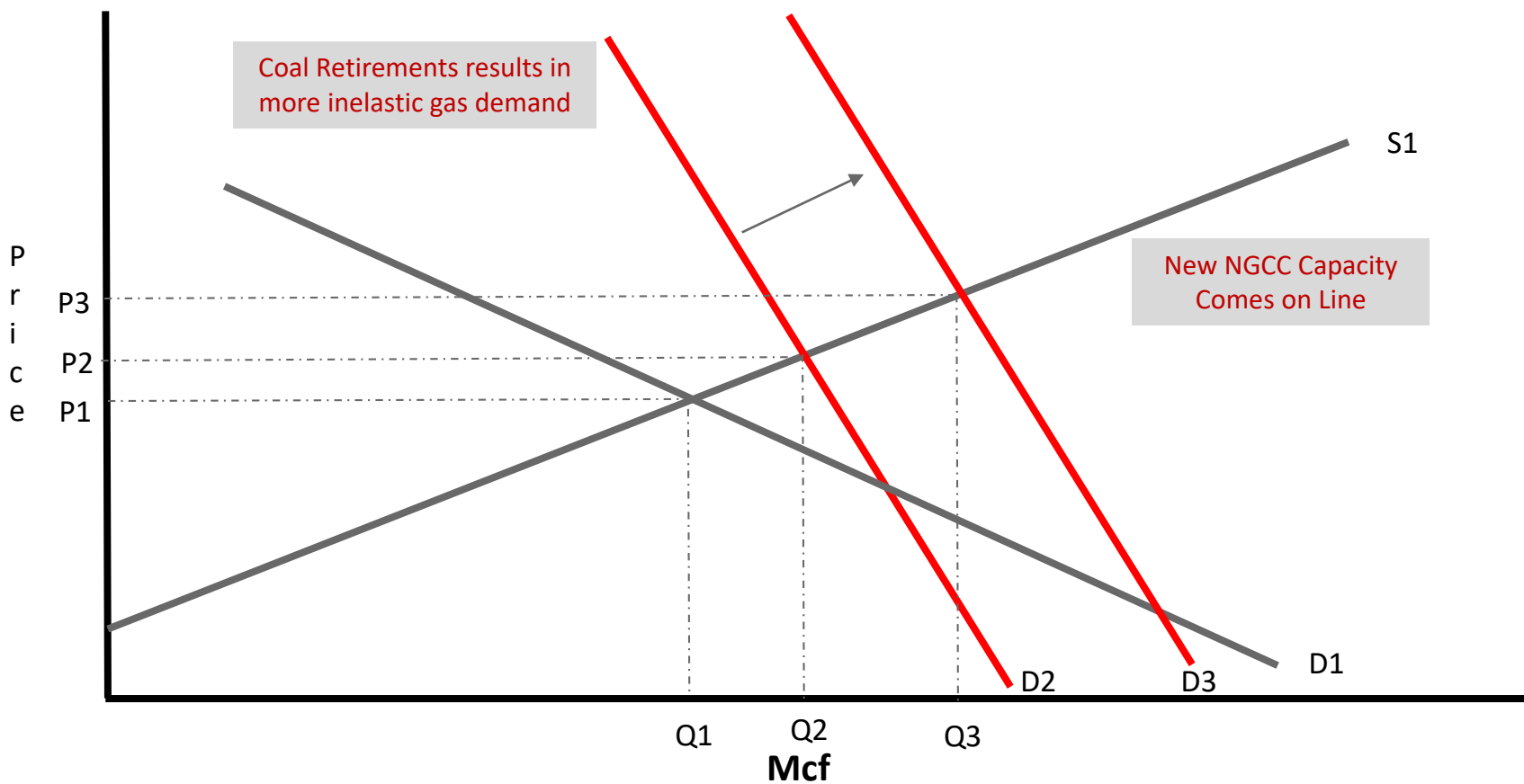
More HDDs shifts NG outward, raising price and consumption

## NG Market for Power Generation

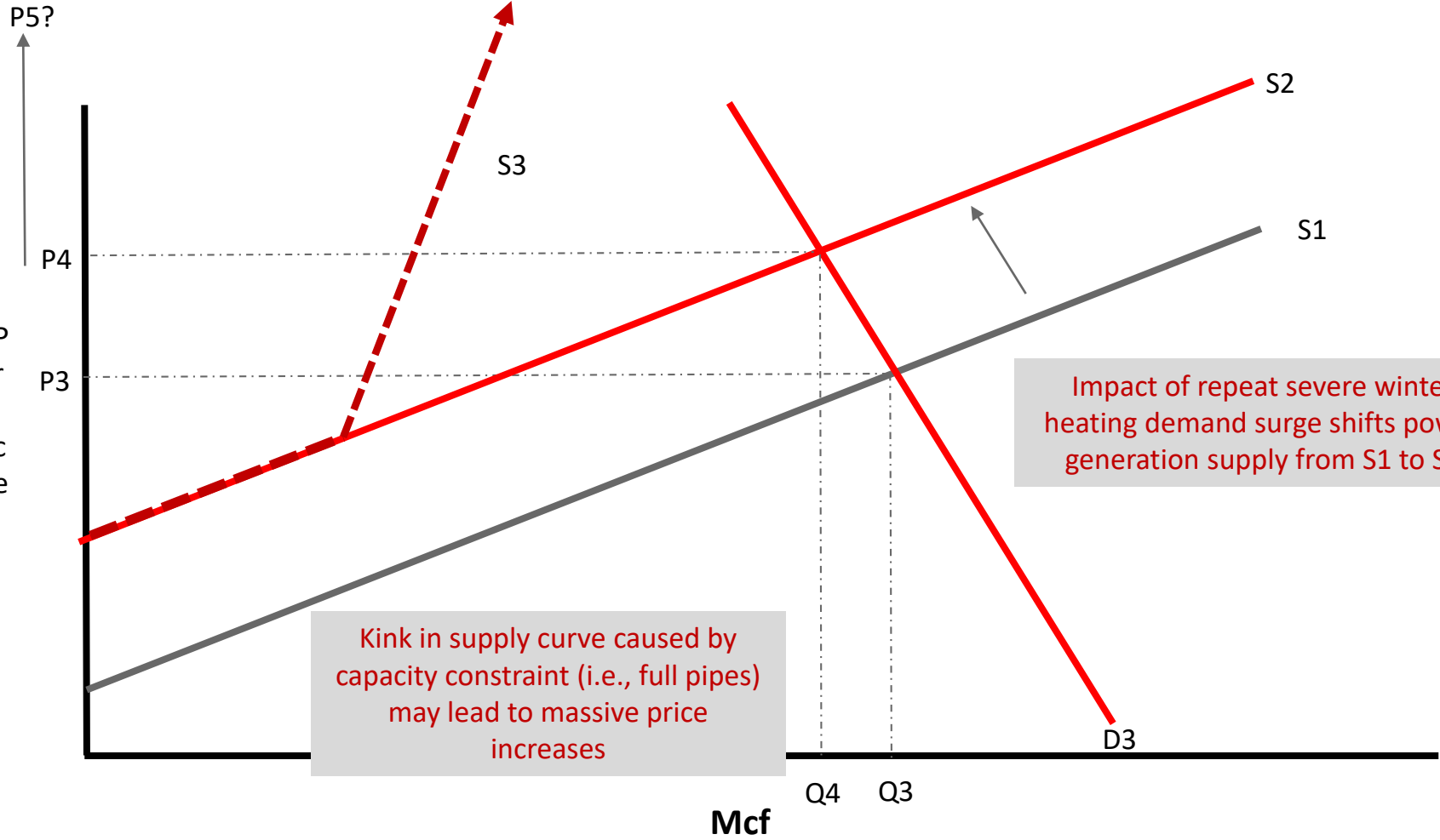


Draw from space heating removes available supply for power generation, reducing consumption

# POWER GENERATION MARKET: DEMAND FOR NG 2019



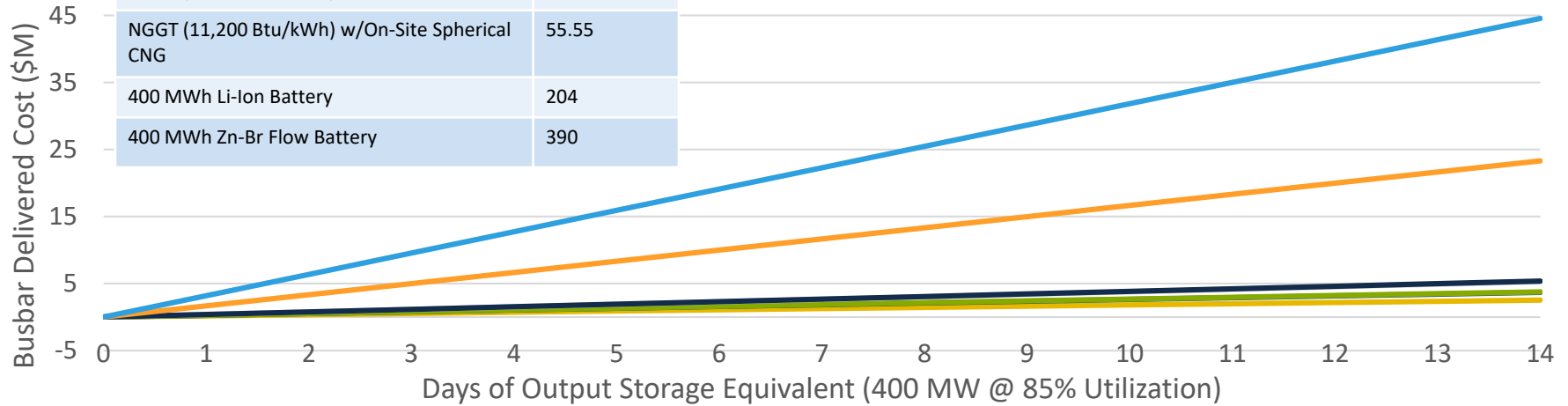
# EXTREME WINTER EVENT



# A COAL PILE IS THE CHEAPEST FORM OF ENERGY STORAGE DELIVERED TO THE BUSBAR



Technology	Cost (\$/MWh)
Coal (10,000 Btu/kWh)	31.15
NGCC (7,700 Btu/kWh) w/Line Pack	35.91
NGCC (7,700 Btu/kWh) w/On-Site Spherical CNG	36.56
NGGT (11,200 Btu/kWh) w/Line Pack	54.90
NGGT (11,200 Btu/kWh) w/On-Site Spherical CNG	55.55
400 MWh Li-Ion Battery	204
400 MWh Zn-Br Flow Battery	390



- Coal
- NGCC Line Pack
- NGCC Spherical CNG
- NGGT Line Pack
- NGGT Spherical CNG
- Battery Li-Ion
- Battery Zn-Br

Storage technology options represent the lowest and highest cost options for gas and battery to show the potential range

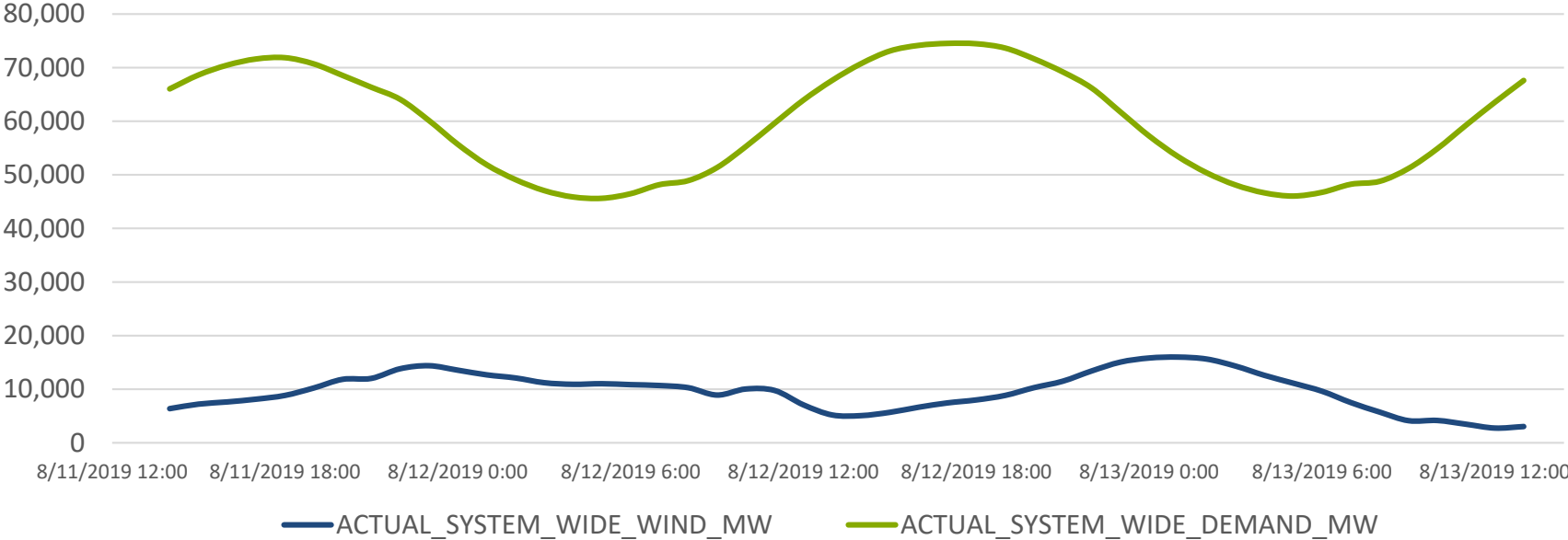
Heat rates and fuel costs from EIA Electric Power Annual  
 NGCC/NGGT/Coal O&M costs from Lazard [Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis 12.0](#)  
 Gas infrastructure costs from [DOE/NETL-2017/1816](#)  
 Coal infrastructure costs from Doyle Trading Consultants  
 Battery costs from [Lazard Levelized Cost of Storage 4.0](#)





# ERCOT SYSTEM DEMAND VS WIND OUTPUT

8/11/2019 1400 CDT to 8/13/2019 1300 CDT



Hour Ending  
<http://ercot.com/gridinfo/generation>



# THE ROLE AND VALUE OF CCS

## PacifiCorp East (PACE)

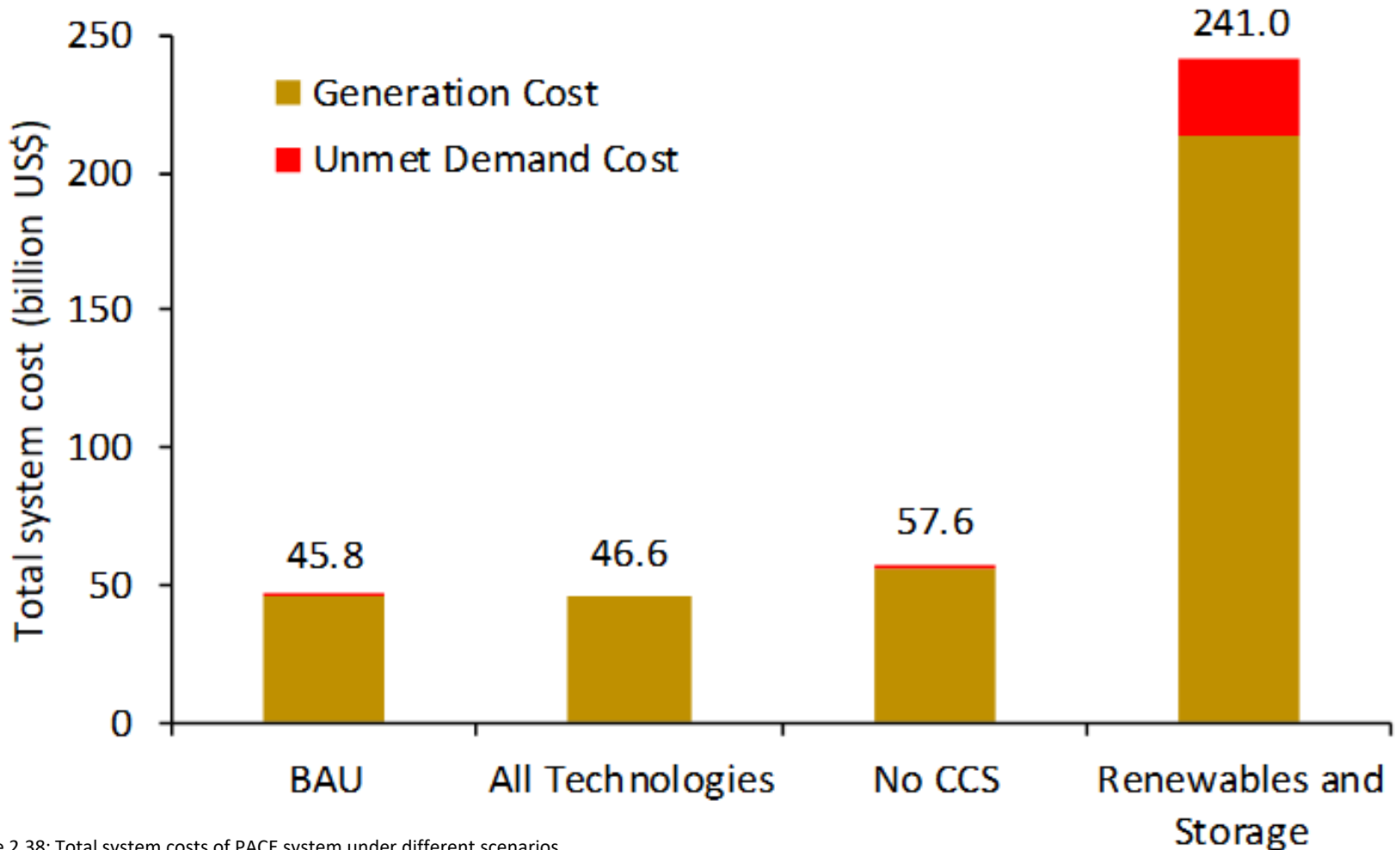
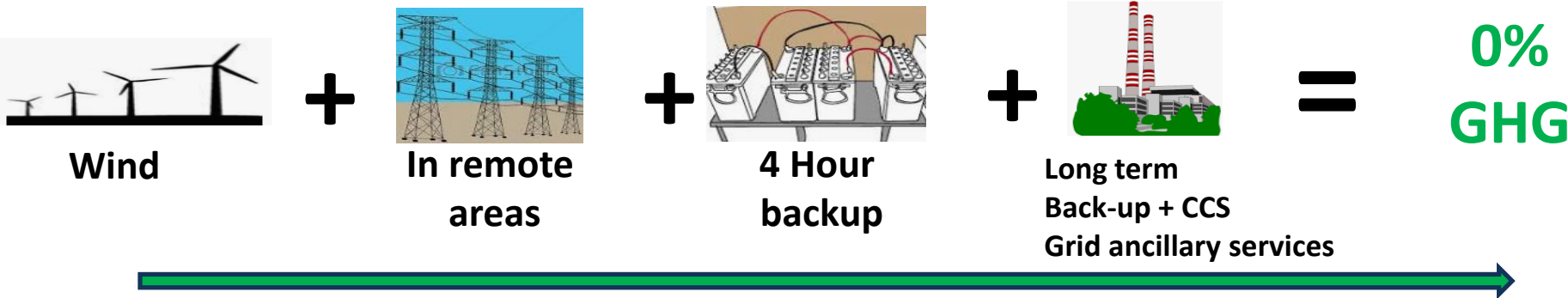
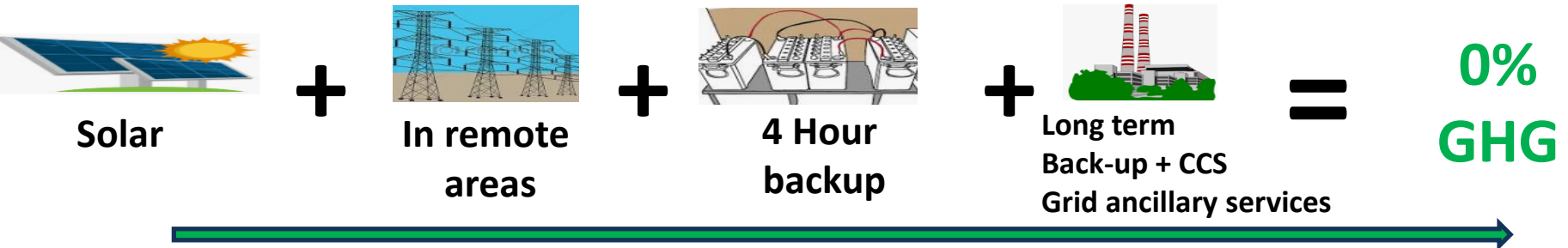


Figure 2.38: Total system costs of PACE system under different scenarios.

Source: Imperial College London, "The role and value of CCS in different national contexts" report for the CIAB



# THE CHALLENGE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY...RELIABILITY AND COST



**Coal First**

**Coal First Less Expensive Option**



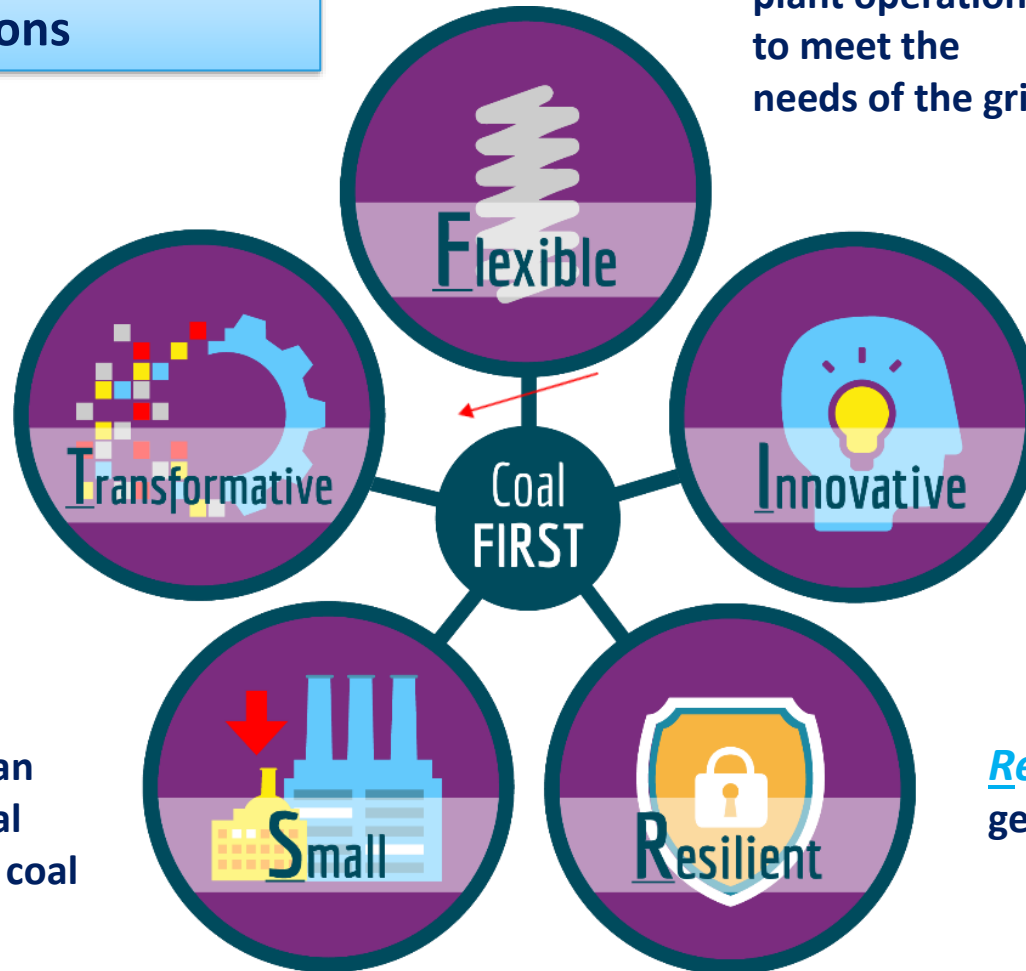
# Coal FIRST: THE FUTURE OF POWER GENERATION

(Flexible, Innovative, Resilient, Small, Transformative)

Secure, Stable, Reliable Power  
Near-Zero Emissions

Transforms how  
coal technologies  
are designed and  
manufactured

Smaller than  
conventional  
utility-scale coal  
plants



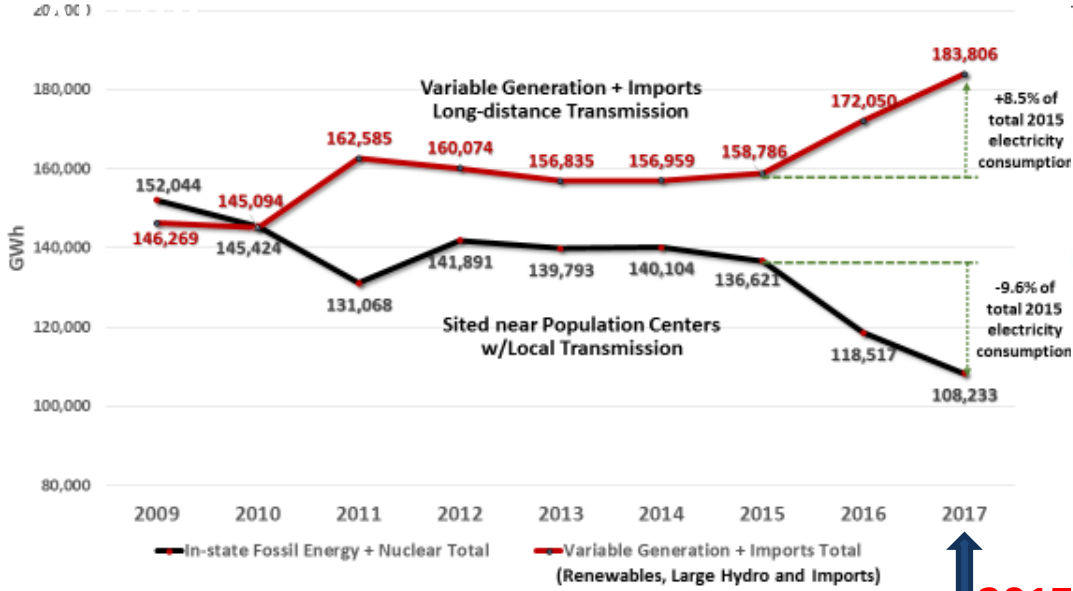
Flexible coal  
plant operations  
to meet the  
needs of the grid

Innovative and  
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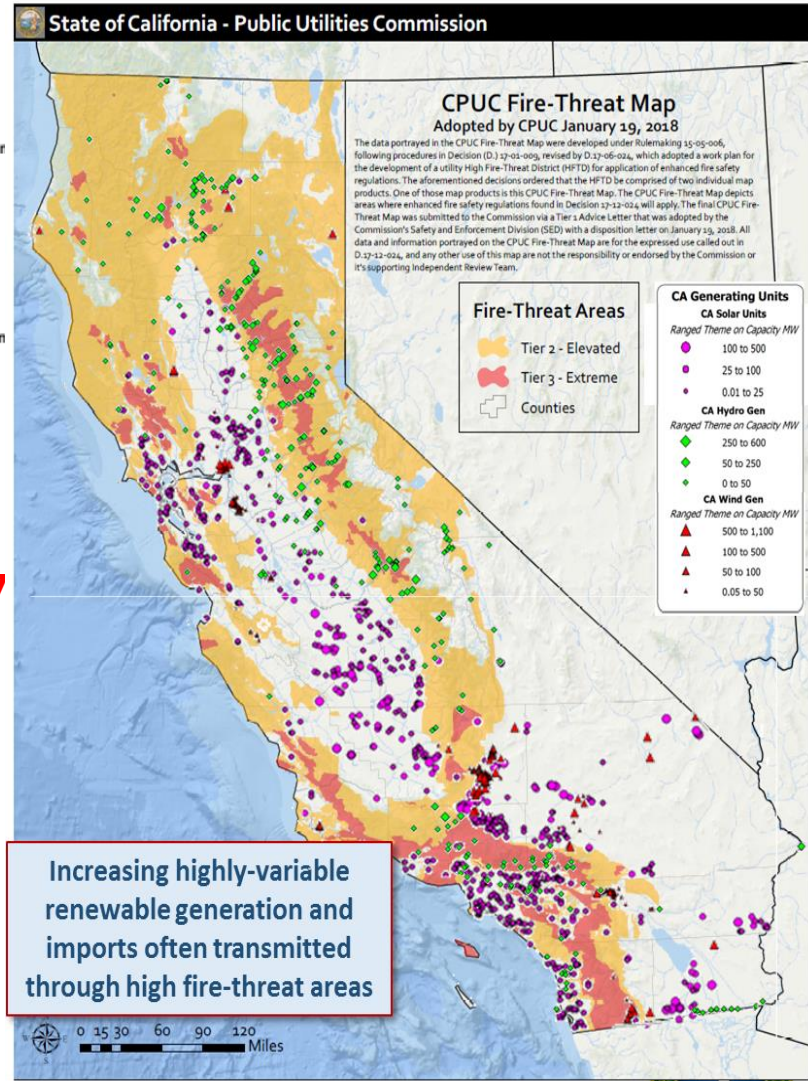
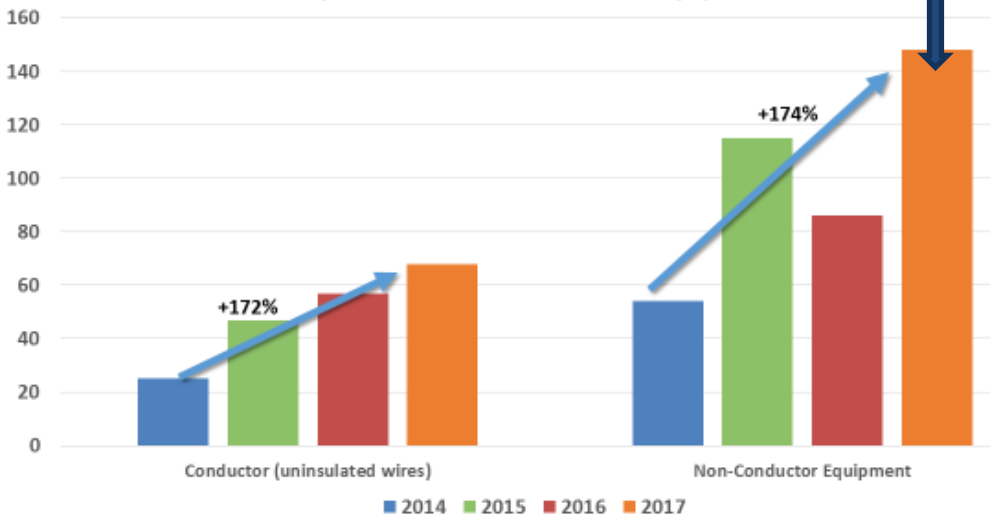
Resilient power  
generation



# LOCATION OF GENERATING SOURCES, GWH OF VARIABLE AND LONG-DISTANCE TRANSMISSION AND EQUIPMENT



Total Number of PG&E Fires Suspected to be Ignited from Equipment Failure Listed by Conductor vs. Non-conductor Equipment



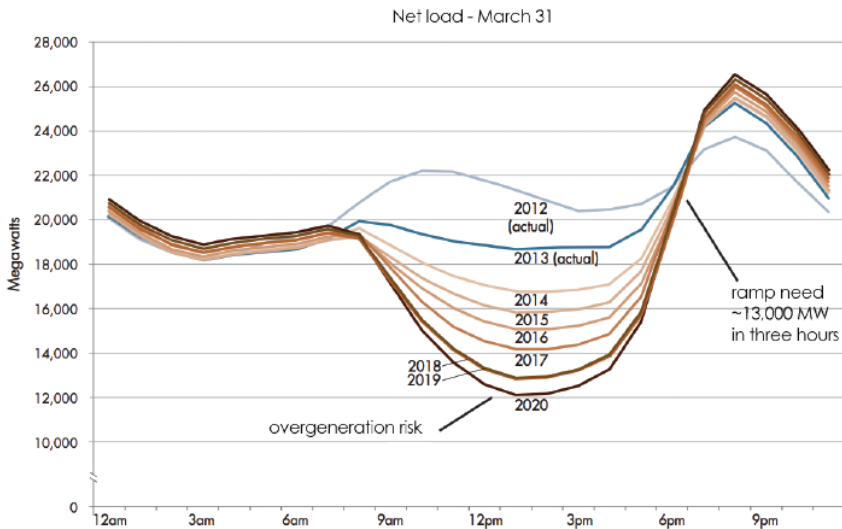
Increasing highly-variable renewable generation and imports often transmitted through high fire-threat areas



# “DUCK CURVE” TIME OF DAY, EXCESSIVE OVER-HEATING

Figure 3.9 California ISO Projected Electricity Supply

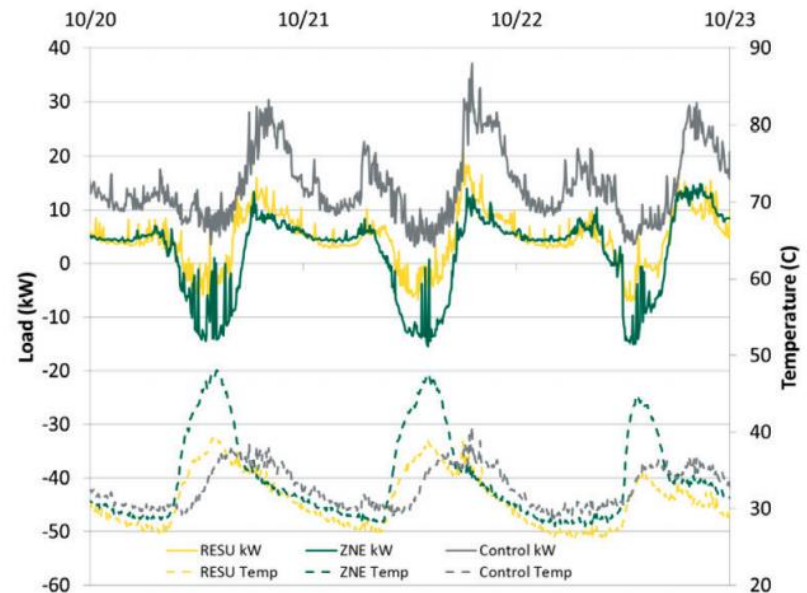
Credit: California Independent System Operator Corporation



In projected scenarios, variable renewable generation is plentiful midday, but decreases just as energy demand spikes in the early evening—requiring increased system flexibility to meet challenges with steep ramps and over-generation risks. Note the offset of the vertical scale.

Figure 3.F.2 Excessive Transformer Heating

Credit: Southern California Edison Company



“Distributed energy resources also introduce new challenges, with reversed power flows, increased harmonics, and potentially larger fault currents on distribution systems. For example, **reverse power flow can result in excessive heating of distribution transformers**”



# GRID RELIABILITY & SECURITY:

WHOLESALE POWER MARKET RECOGNIZES THERE'S A PROBLEM



“the possibility that power plants won’t have or be able to get the fuel they need to run, particularly in winter—is the **foremost challenge to a reliable power grid in New England.**”

**ISO New England**



## Fuel Security

Analyzing Fuel Supply  
Resilience in the PJM Region

“While there is **NO** imminent threat, **Fuel Security is an important component of ensuring reliability** – especially if multiple risks come to fruition. The findings underscore the importance of PJM exploring proactive measures to value fuel security attributes, and PJM believes this is best done through competitive wholesale markets”



**CASIO- Summer 2018-** The continuing decline in gas generation as gas units retire is beginning to challenge the system supply’s ability to meet the net peak demand after sunset



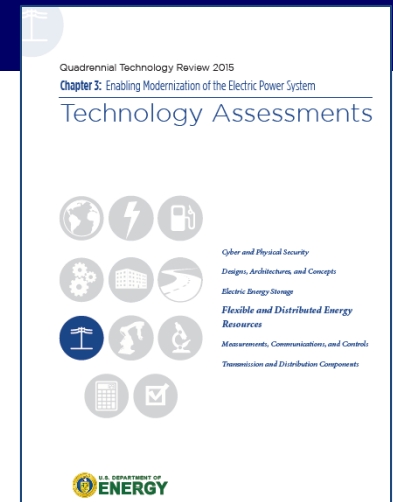
# CALIFORNIA REGULATORS KNEW THE IMPLICATIONS TO THEIR GRID IN 2015

Quadrennial Technology Review 2015

## Transmission and Distribution Components

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**Chapter 3:** Technology Assessments



“The **age of these components degrades their ability to withstand physical stresses and can result in higher failure rates.** Failure of key grid components can lead to widespread outages and long recovery times.”

“The more dynamic operating environment associated with increased penetration of variable renewable resources and distributed energy resources (DERs) present a unique challenge for current grid components”

“Understanding and mitigating the impact of these issues on grid components, old and new, are essential to ensure the future grid can continue to **deliver electricity in a safe, stable, and reliable manner.**”

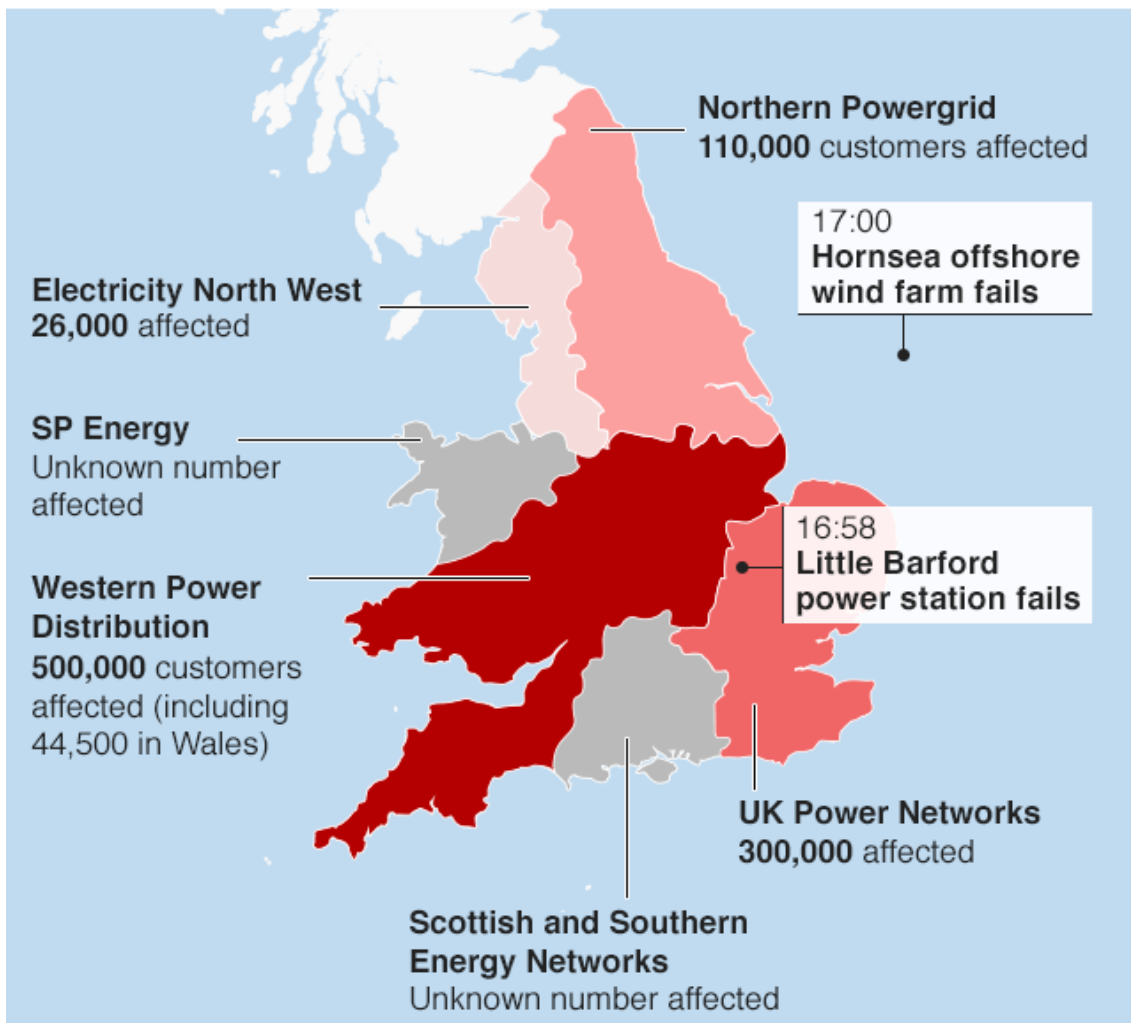




# BLACKOUT: UNITED KINGDOM

## England and Wales power cut

Customers affected in each electricity supply area



Source: Electricity supply companies / National Grid

BBC

August 9, 2019

- Two hour long blackout
- 800k plus consumers affected
- Gas-fired power station at Little Barford, Bedfordshire failed
- Two minutes later, Hornsea offshore wind farm disconnected from the grid
- Prompted automatic safety systems to shut off power to some places



# OFFICE OF CLEAN COAL AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

## Mission:

Discover and develop advanced coal technologies that ensure America's access to resilient, affordable, reliable, and near-zero emitting coal energy resources.

## R&D Priorities:

1. Advancing small-scale modular coal plants of the future, which are highly efficient and flexible, with near-zero emissions
2. Improving the performance, reliability, and efficiency of the existing coal-fired fleet
3. Reducing the cost of carbon capture
4. Creating new market opportunities for coal

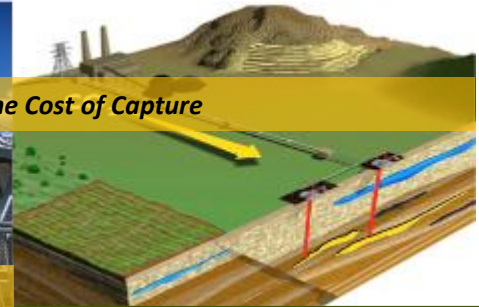


HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ENERGY GENERATION FROM FOSSIL FUELS



# COAL R&D OVERVIEW

Advancing R&D for the Existing Coal Fleet and Plants of the Future



Reducing the Cost of Capture

Creating New Markets for Coal

## Advanced Energy Systems

## Crosscutting Research

## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Utilization

## CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

### Efficiency improvements for new and existing units

- Advanced energy materials
- Advanced gasification
- Solid oxide fuel cells
- Advanced coal processing
- Advanced turbines
- Advanced combustion
- Sensors and controls

### Crosscutting technology development program

- Power generation efficiency
- Supercritical transformational electric power
- Critical minerals
- Coal utilization science
- Transformational coal pilots
- University research
- SBIR/STTR\*
- Technology Commercialization Fund (TCF)\*

### Reducing the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture for new and existing units

- Post-combustion capture
- Pre-combustion capture
- New pathways to utilize captured CO<sub>2</sub>

### Safely and permanently storing CO<sub>2</sub>

- Safe use and permanent storage of CO<sub>2</sub> from power generation and industry
- Minimizing subsurface risks (coordinated with other subsurface offices, e.g., Office of Oil and Natural Gas)
- CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure analysis

Note: Programmatic not necessarily budgetary groupings

\*SBIR/STTR and TCF are managed under the Crosscutting Program but funded by all R&D programs



# FOSSIL ENERGY IS CRITICAL IN ALL SECTORS

CCUS IS A PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY FOR MANY INDUSTRIAL SECTORS



EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2019, Reference Case, <https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/pdf/aeo2019.pdf>

