



*ECE 18-879P: Engineering and Economics
of Electric Power Systems*

***Fossil and Renewable
Generation Dispatch***
***Generation Dynamics, Economics,
Efficiency and Avoided Emissions***

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Unit Dispatch and Duty Cycle

- “Real-life Data” (*Historical/Hourly*)
 - › Fossil Unit Operations (EPA Clean Air Markets)
 - › Regional Power Pool Loads & Prices (NERC Subregions)
 - › Actual or Simulated Renewable Generation
(using hourly weather data - insolation/windspeed)
- Some interesting dynamics and implications
 - › First: Some background...
 - T&D Losses, Cost of Electric Service vs. Electrical Energy
 - › Second: Fossil dispatch is very “state specific”
 - › Third: Avoiding fossil emissions with renewables
 - › Fourth: “What does it all mean?”



What are T&D Losses in the US?

- A Hard Number to Find...

Electricity Supply, Demand & Losses				
Year	NetGen	Sales	Losses	% Losses
1990	3038.0	2712.6	325.4	10.7
1991	3073.8	2762.0	311.8	10.1
1992	3083.9	2763.4	320.5	10.4
1993	3197.2	2861.5	335.7	10.5
1994	3247.5	2934.6	313.0	9.6
1995	3353.5	3013.3	340.2	10.1
1996	3444.2	3101.1	343.1	10.0
1997	3492.2	3145.6	346.6	9.9
1998	3620.3	3264.2	356.1	9.8
1999	3694.8	3312.1	382.7	10.4
2000	3802.1	3421.4	380.7	10.0
2001	3736.6	3369.8	366.9	9.8
2002	3858.5	3462.5	395.9	10.3
2003	3883.2	3488.2	395.0	10.2
2004	3953.4	3550.5	402.9	10.2
	(TWh)	(TWh)	(TWh)	(%)
Averages:				10.1

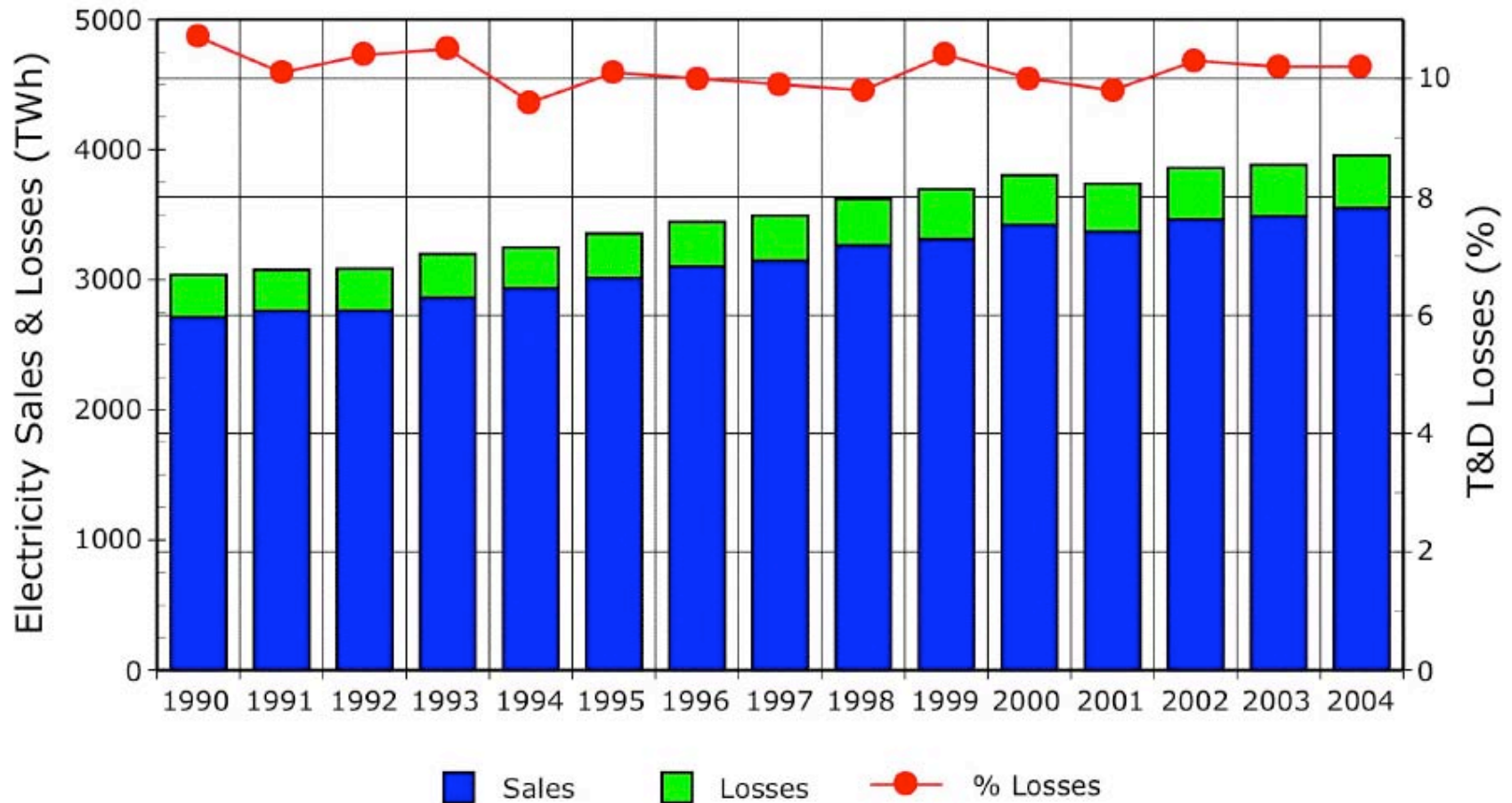
This is a very large amount of energy, fuel, costs & emissions

Source: DOE/EIA Electric Power Monthly-Mar05
Tables 1.1 & 5.1



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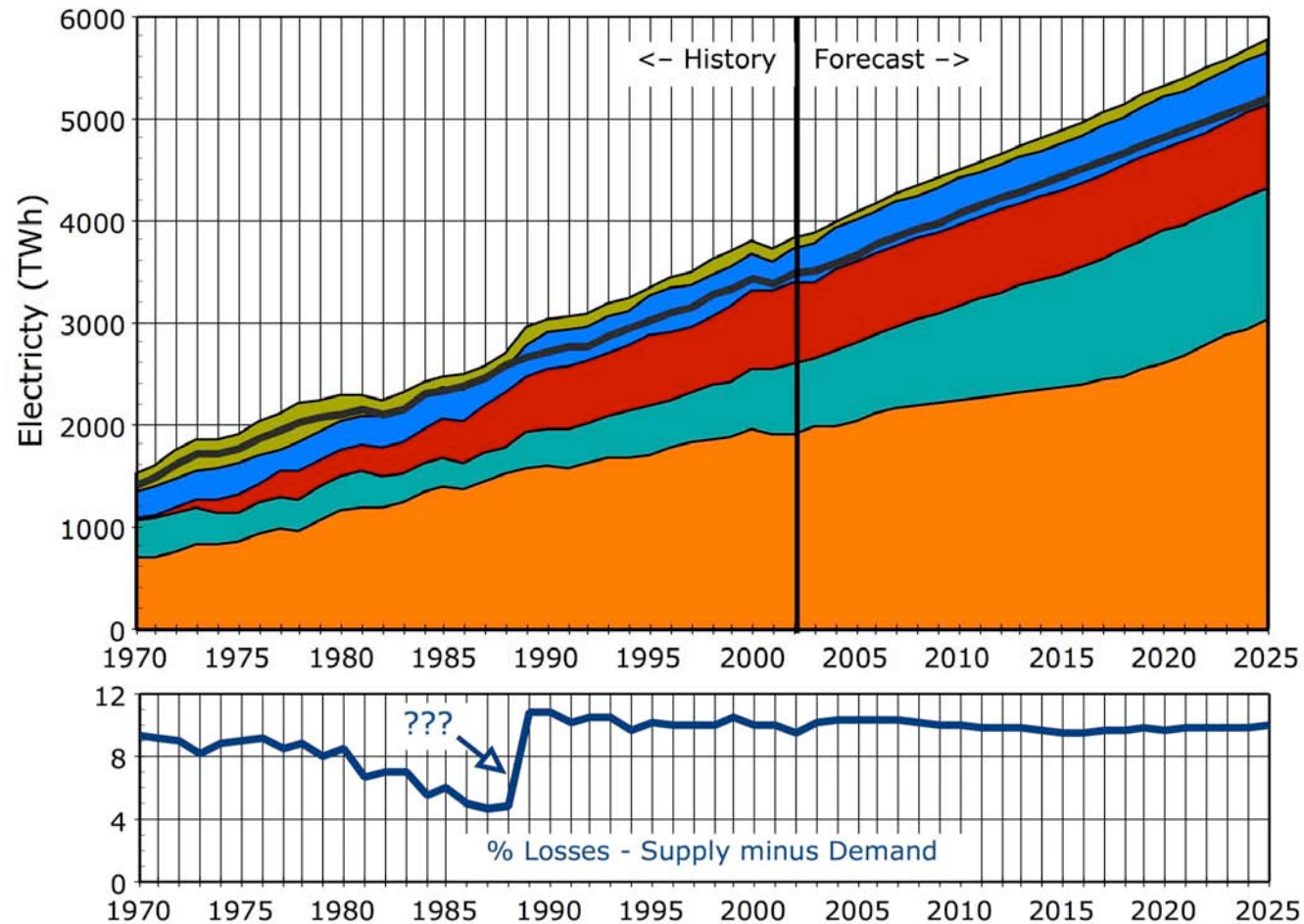
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Where Are We Heading?

- *The Most Recent US Dept. of Energy Forecast...*



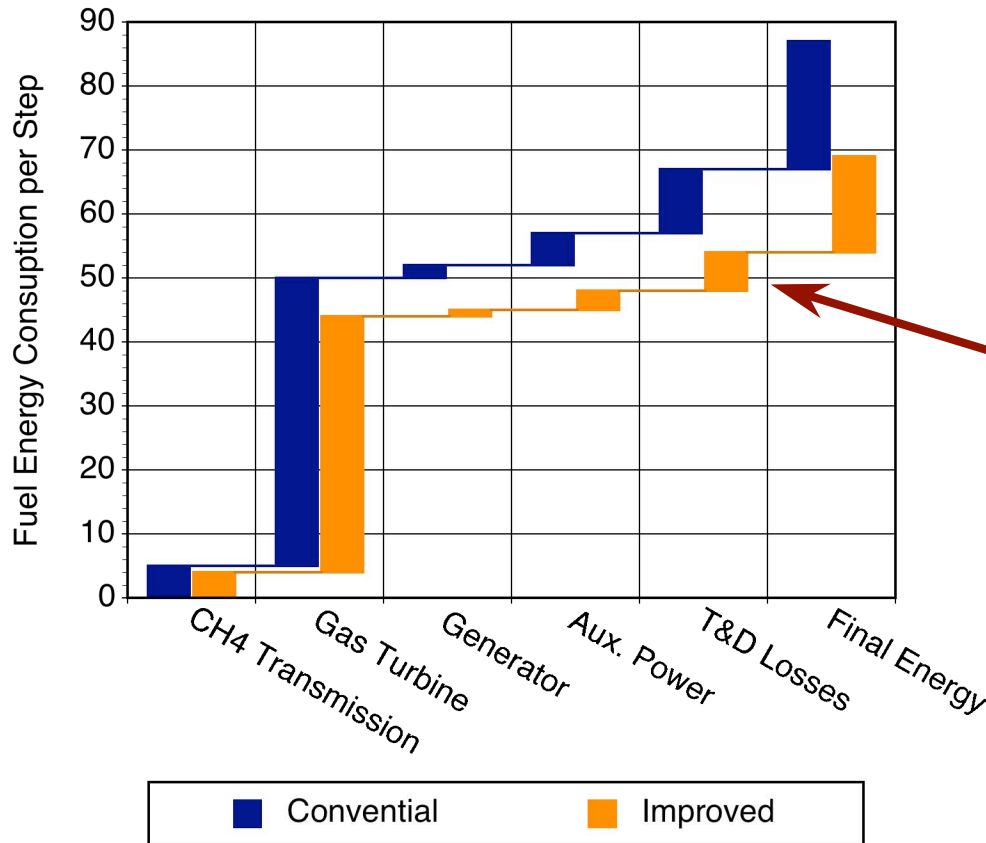
USDOE/EIA Annual Energy Outlook, Jan 2004



Conversion Steps Cost...

- Every "Step" Along the "Supply-Chain" Decreases the Available Energy at the End User.

- Think About Similar Examples Including Hydrogen Vehicles, Biomass Fuel Production, Electronic Equipment etc.



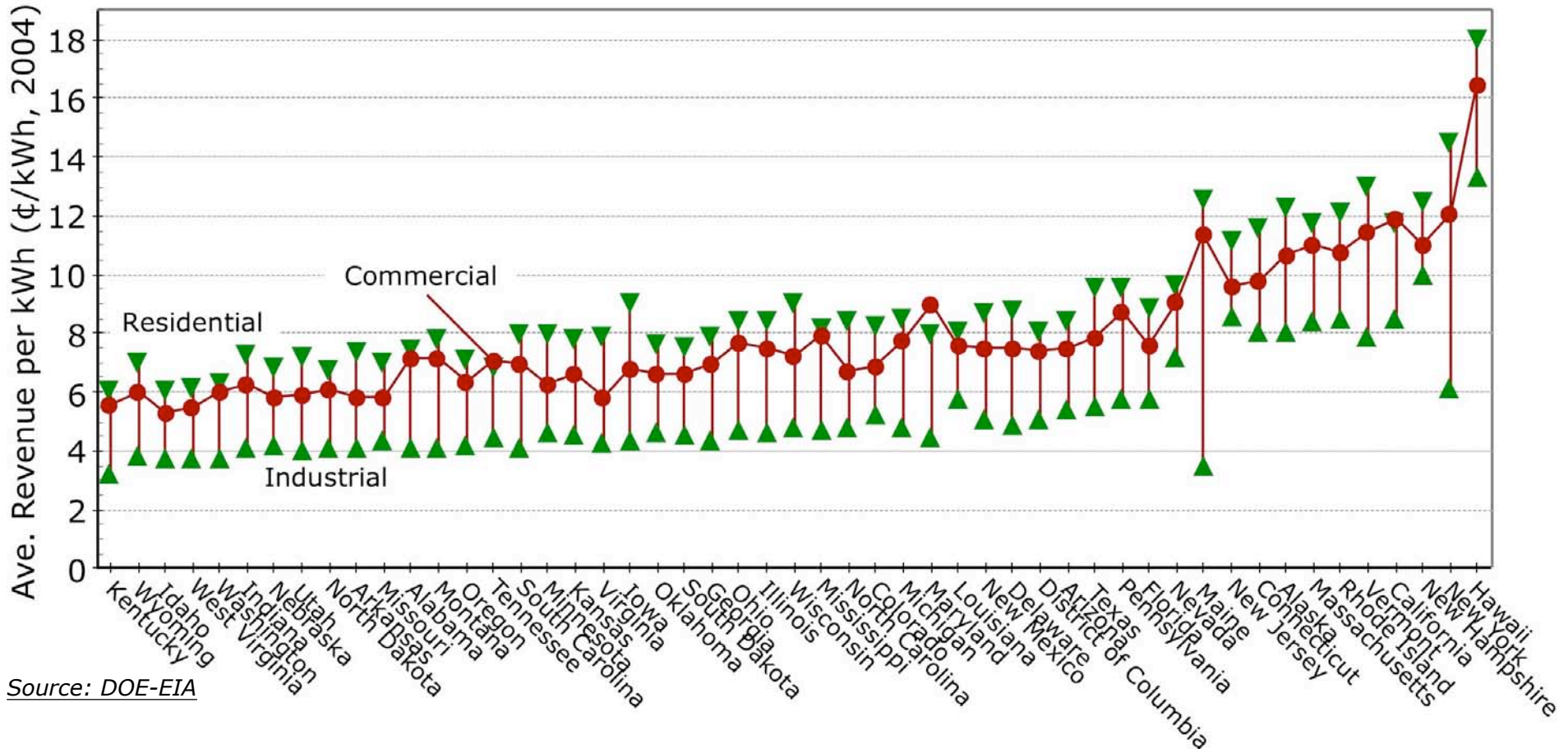
Typical Grid Volatages	Transformer Efficiency		
	Super	Great	Nominal
765.0	99.5	99.0	98.8
500.0	"	"	98.7
▲ 345.0	"	"	98.6
▼ 230.0	"	"	98.5
161.0	"	"	98.3
138.0	"	"	98.3
▼ 115.0	"	"	98.2
▼ 69.0	"	"	98.0
46.0	"	"	97.7
▼ 34.5	"	"	97.5
25.0	"	"	97.5
▼ 15.0	"	"	97.0
7.5	"	"	97.0
▼ 5.0	"	"	97.0
(kV)	<i>(Cumulative Losses - %)</i>		
	3.4	6.8	14.3

Source: ACEEE Online Guide to Energy Efficient Commercial Equipment - Distribution Transformers



What Do You Pay for Power?

- US "Average Revenue per kWh" (2004)



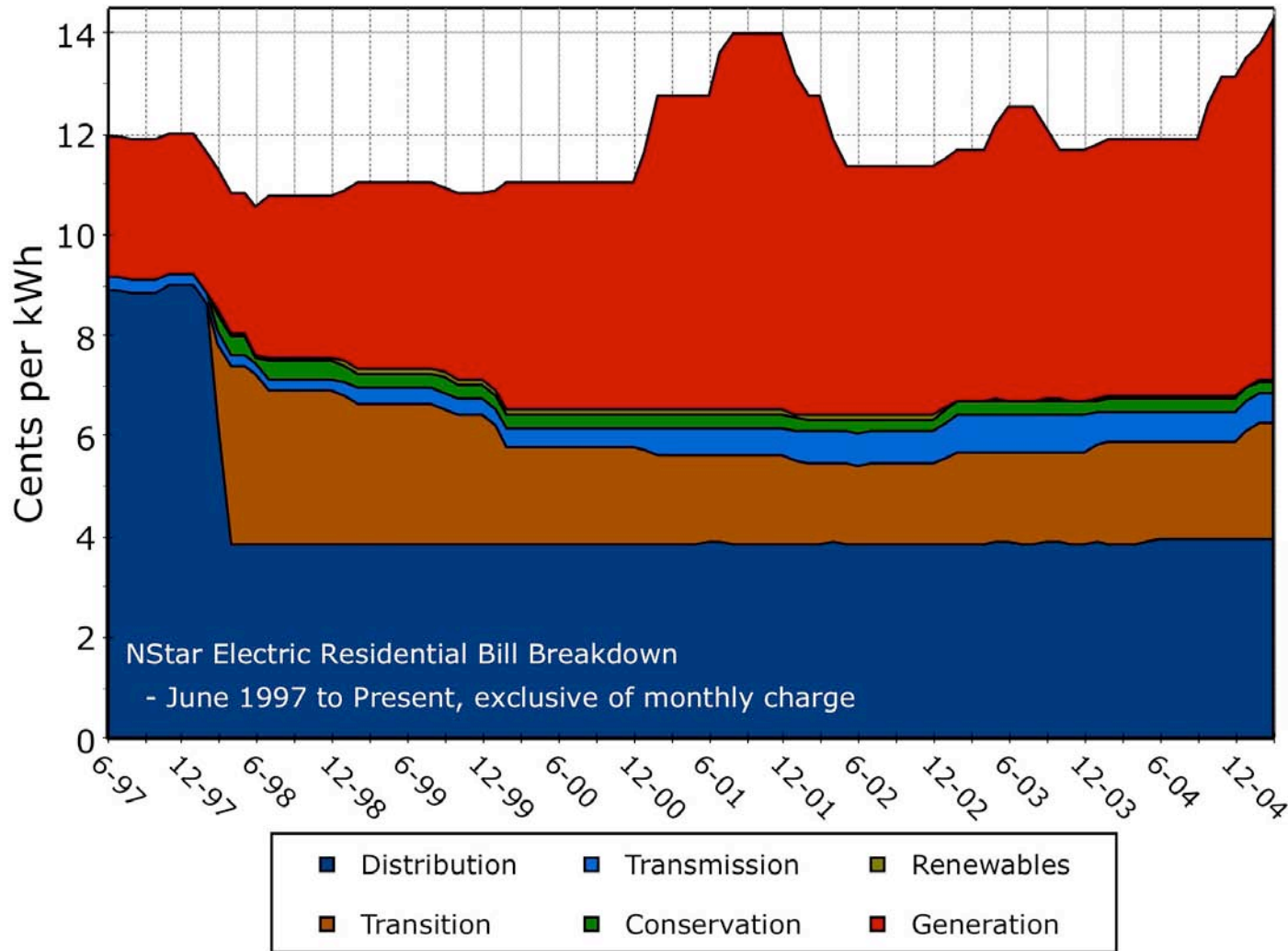
Source: DOE-EIA



Electricity Costs in Boston



- *NStar Electric Residential Rate Component Costs*





Rotating Equipment Rules!

• The Rise of the Turbines

Type of Generation	Combustion Type	Turbine Type				Primary Power	Electrical Conversion
		Gas	Steam	Water	Aero		
◇ Traditional Boiler	External		•			Shaft	Generator
◇ Fluidized Bed Combustion	External		•			Shaft	Generator
Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle	Both	•	•			Shaft	Generator
Combustion Turbine	Internal	•				Shaft	Generator
Combined Cycle	Both	•	•			Shaft	Generator
◇ Nuclear			•			Shaft	Generator
Diesel Genset	Internal					Shaft	Generator
Micro-Turbines	Internal	•				Shaft	Generator
Fuel Cells						Direct	Inverter
Hydropower				•		Shaft	Generator
◇ Biomass & WTE	External		•			Shaft	Generator
Windpower					•	Shaft	Generator
Photovoltaics						Direct	Inverter
◇ Solar Thermal			•			Shaft	Generator
◇ Geothermal			•			Shaft	Generator
Wave Power		•				Shaft	Generator
Tidal Power				•		Shaft	Generator
◇ Ocean Thermal			•			Shaft	Generator



Fossil Unit Operation Modes

- » Generation is generally thought of as “**baseload**,” “**intermediate**,” or “**peaking**”
- » In reality, unit “**dispatch**” is much more complex
- » However, several “**Operation Modes**” have been observed by looking at hourly operations.

Operation Mode	Percent of Net Capacity
Full Load	● > 90%
Spinning Reserve	≤ 90 % ● > 55 %
Standby	≤ 55 % ● > 5 %
Turning On/Off	≤ 5% ●

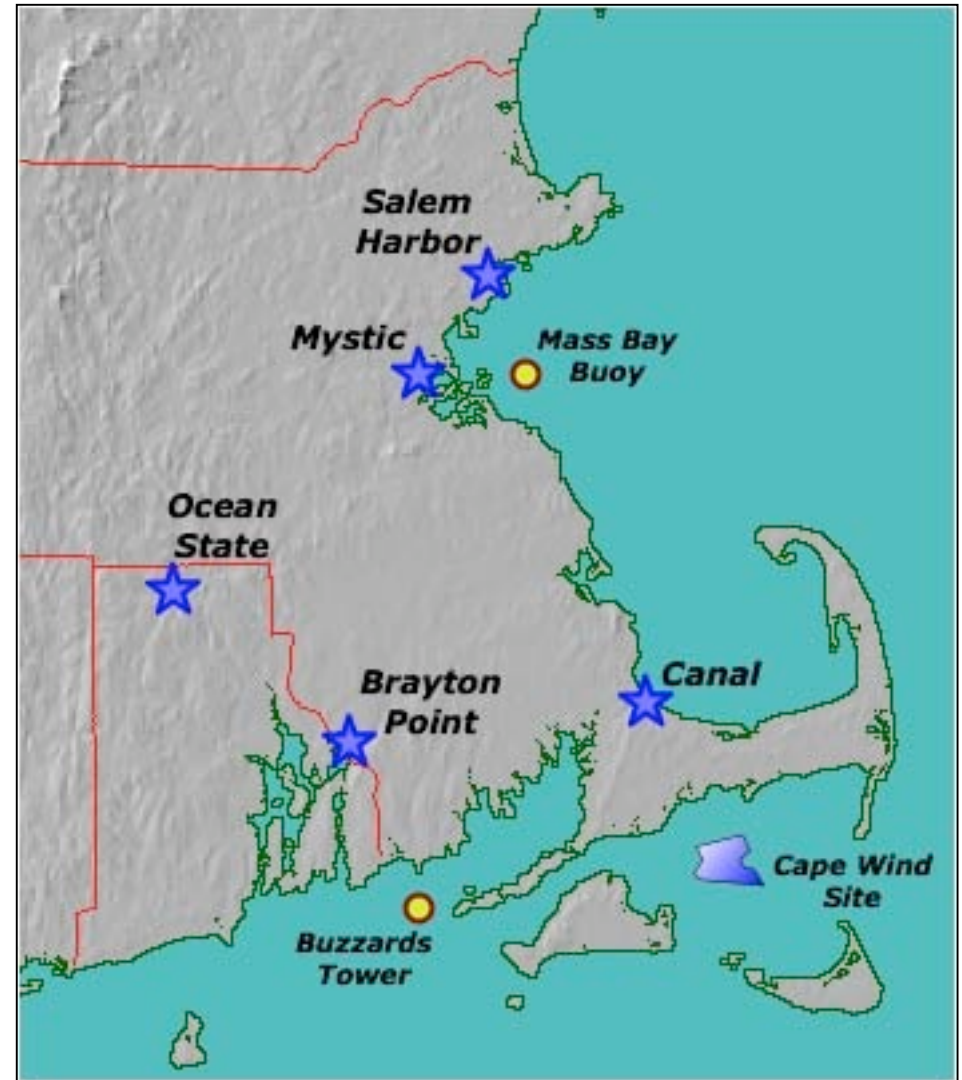
Net Capacity = Seasonally Adjusted Maximum Capacity

- » Even these modes do not, in and of themselves, tell us which units respond to increases in renewable generation, or changes in demand
- » These units we call **Load Shape Following**



Fossil Dispatch Not So Simple

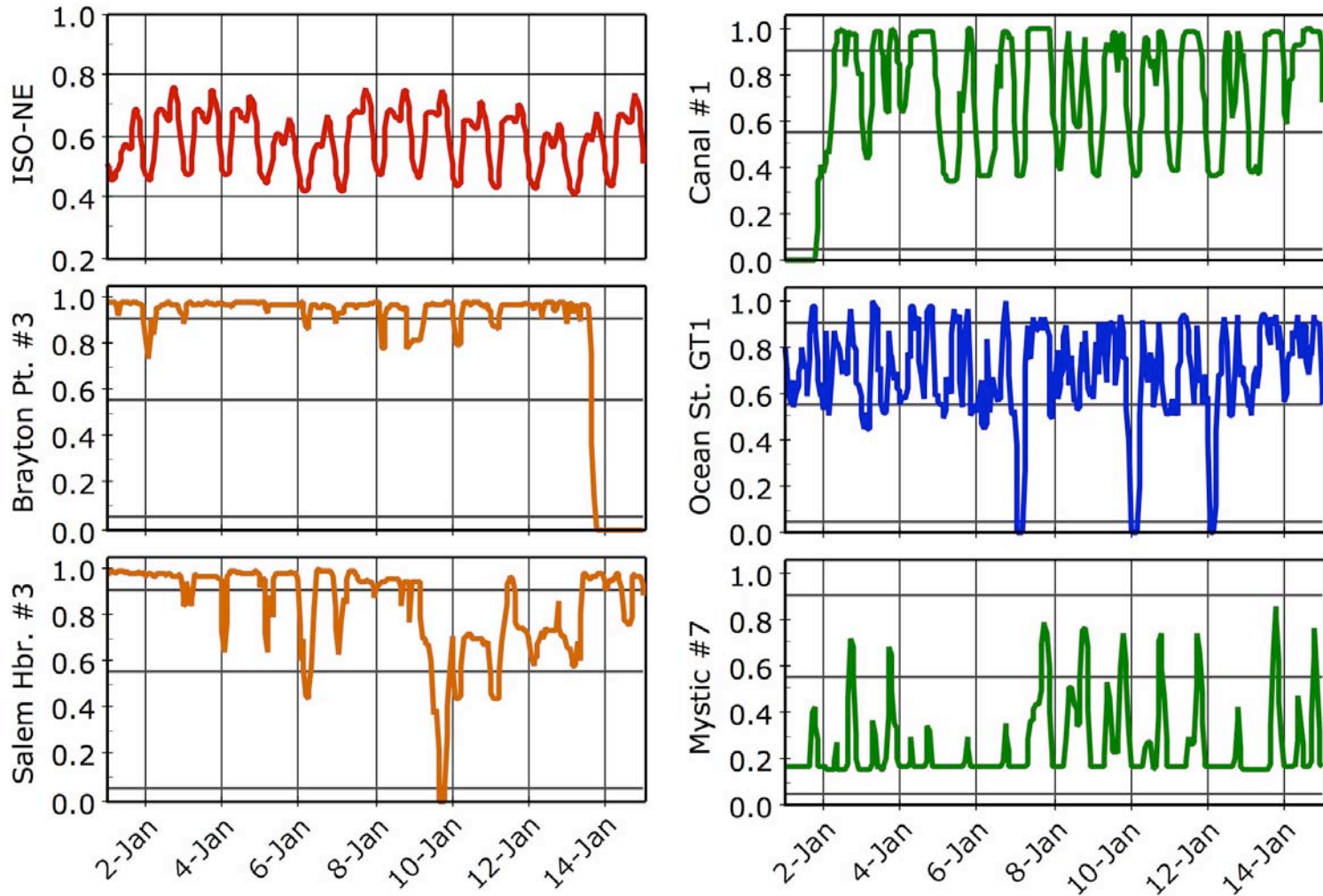
		Size (MW)	Fuel	Year	
Salem Harbor					
1	ST	82	84	Coal	1952
2	ST	80	79	Coal	1952
✓ 3	ST	149	150	Coal	1958
4	ST	400	431	Oil	1972
Mystic					
4	ST	95	90	Oil	1957
5	ST	92	91	Oil	1959
6	ST	28	100	Oil	1961
✓ 7	ST	555	560	Oil	1975
Canal					
✓ 1	ST	559	564	Oil	1968
2	ST	553	562	Oil	1976
Brayton Point					
1	ST	244	255	Coal	1963
2	ST	240	255	Coal	1964
✓ 3	ST	612	633	Coal	1969
4	ST	435	446	Oil	1974
Ocean State					
✓ GT1/GT2/ST1		271	317	Nat. Gas	1991
GT3/GT4/ST2		272	320	Nat. Gas	1991
		(Summer)	(Winter)		





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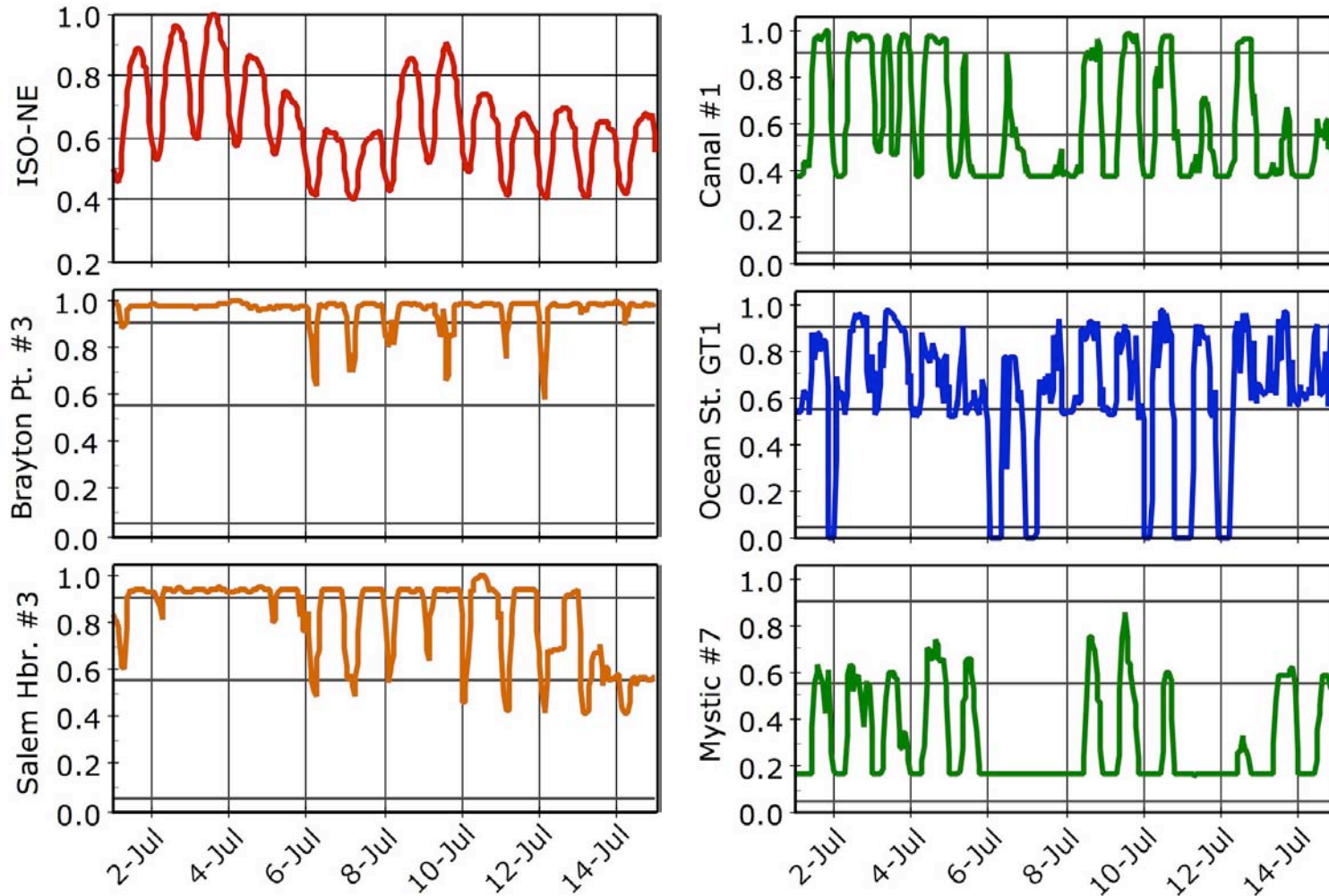
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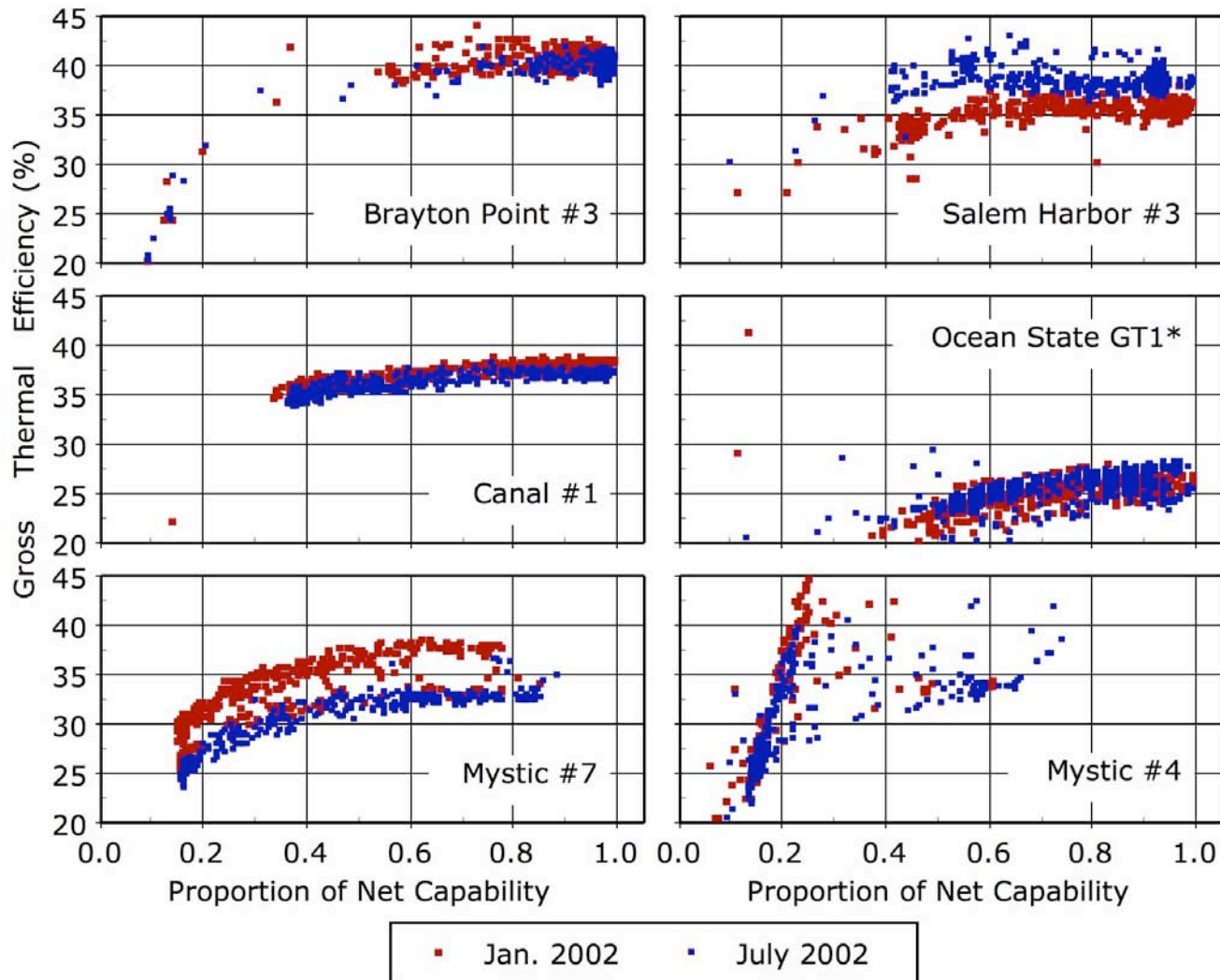
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Hidden Efficiency Penalties...

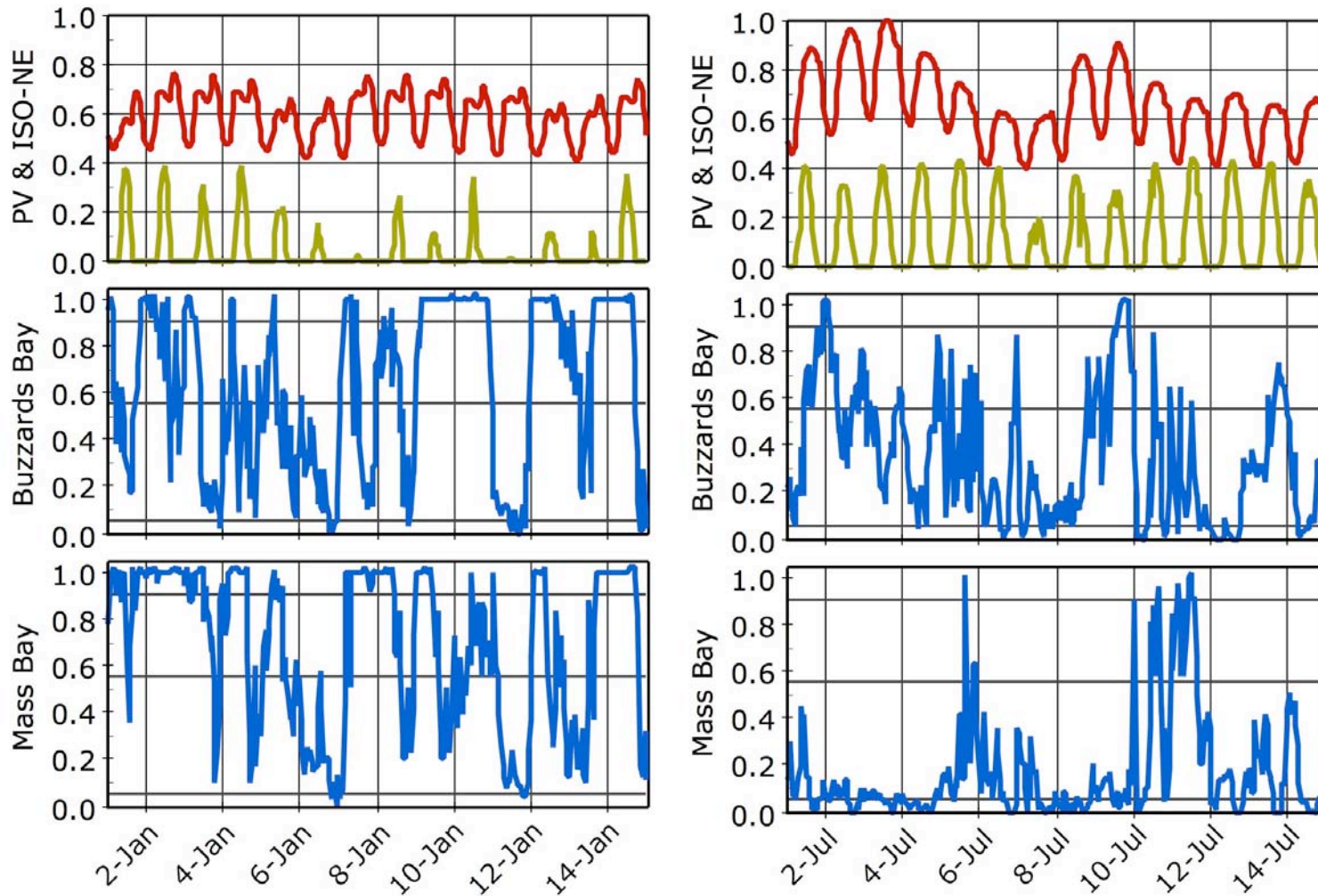
- All Hours in January & July 2002





How Do Renewables Run?

- Fourteen Days in January & July





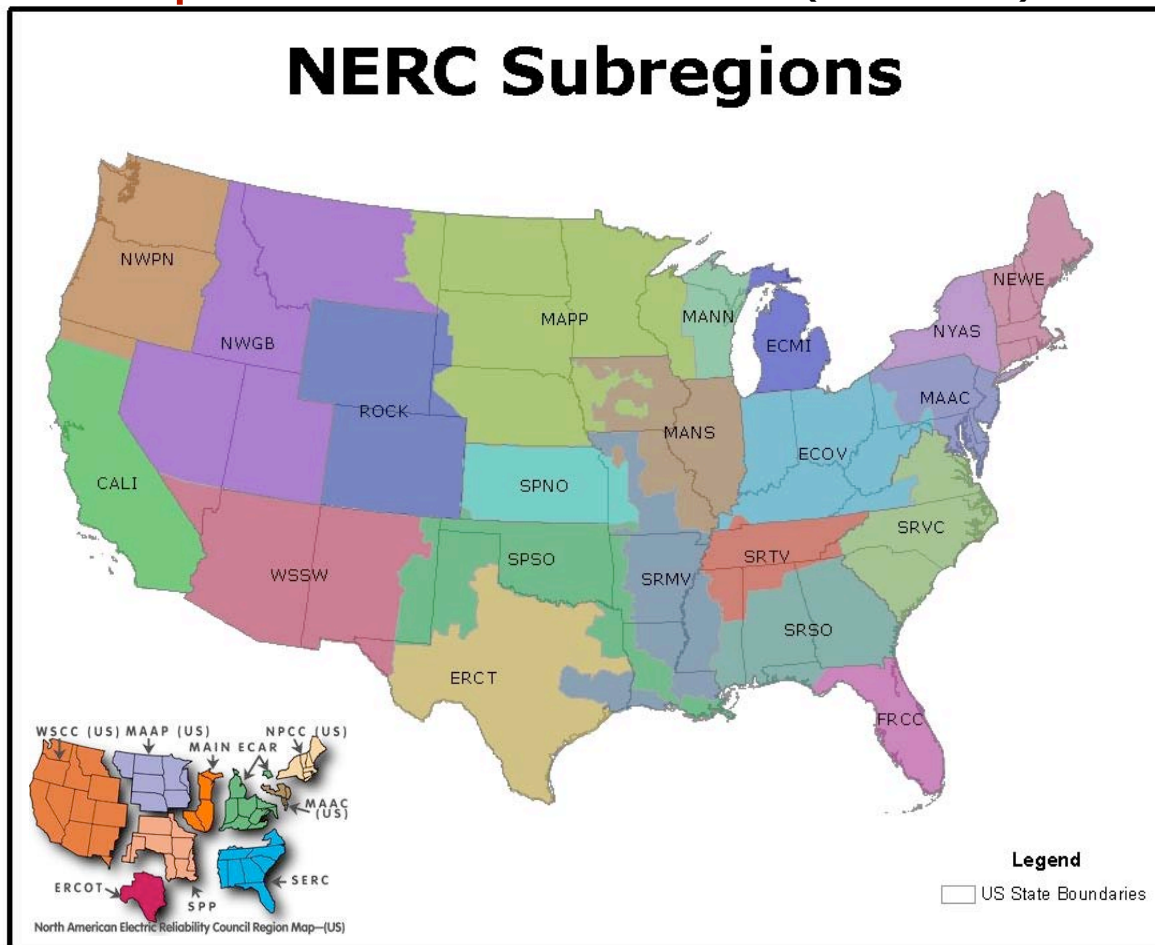
Avoidable Emissions & PV

- How ***much/many emissions*** are avoided from photovoltaic generation?
- We know where it is ***sunny***, but where is it ***dirty***?
- Which kWhs from ***which generation*** units will be displaced?
- PV avoided generation depends on...
 - » Amount of sun (plus temperature, wind, clouds)
 - » What generators are “Load Shape Following?”
 - » How does LSF units change by NERC Sub-Region season to season (load, fuel choice) and year to year (generation mix, competition)?



Look at NERC Subregions

- Better representation of fossil unit dispatch, *including* grid reliability/contingency related **“operational modes.”** (21 vs. 9)

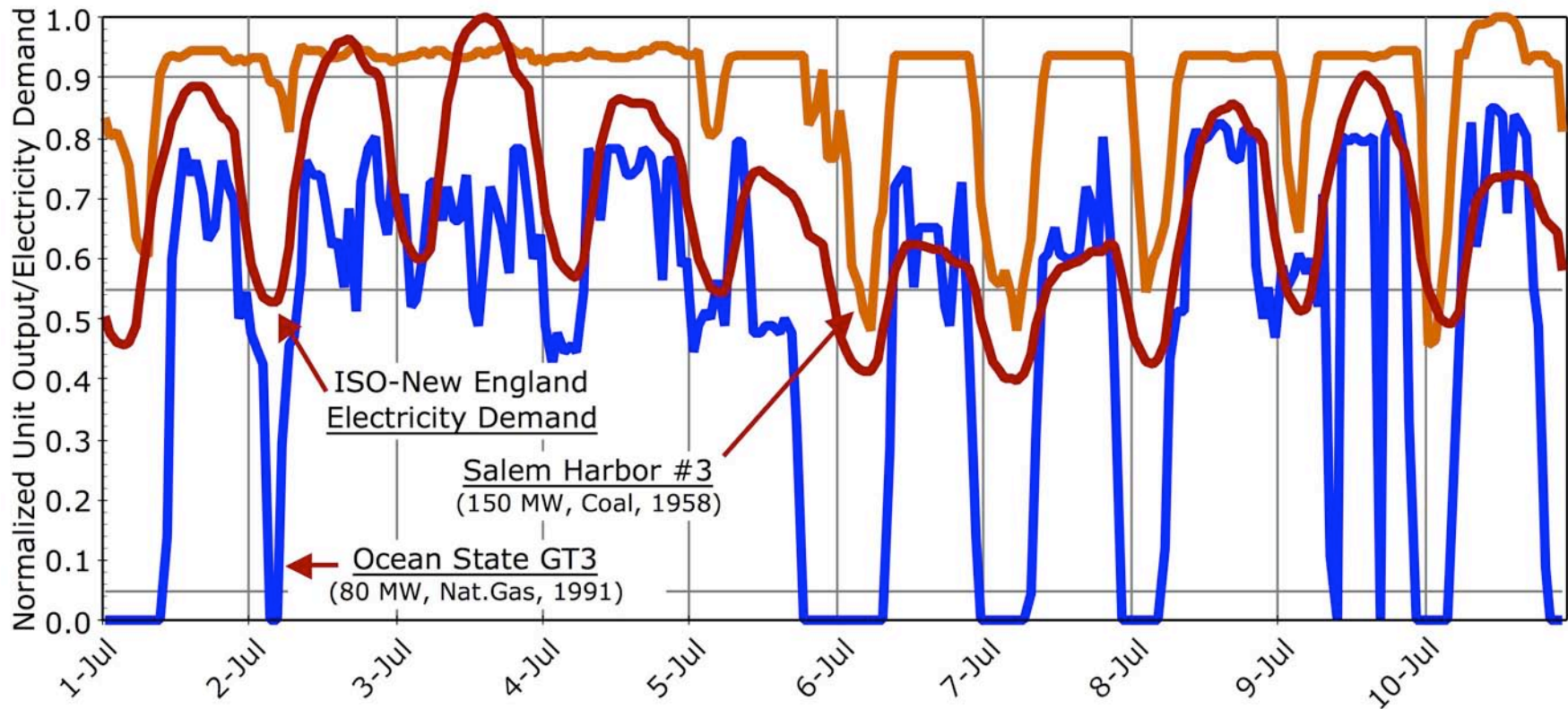


	NSR Code	Region (Descriptive)
(1)	CALI	California
(2)	NWPN	Pacific Northwest
(3)	NWGB	Great Basin
(4)	WSSW	Southwest
(5)	ROCK	Rockies (CO, WY)
(6)	ERCT	ERCOT (Texas)
(7)	MAPP	Northern Plains
(8)	SPNO	Kansas
(9)	SPSO	Oklahoma
(10)	SRMV	Mississippi Valley
(11)	SRTV	Tennessee Valley
(12)	SRVC	Virginia-Carolinas
(13)	SRSO	Southeast
(14)	FRCC	Florida
(15)	MANN	Wisconsin
(16)	MANS	Illinois
(17)	ECMI	Michigan
(18)	ECOV	Ohio Valley
(19)	MAAC	Mid Atlantic (PJM)
(20)	NYAS	New York
(21)	NEWE	New England



Load Shape Following Logic

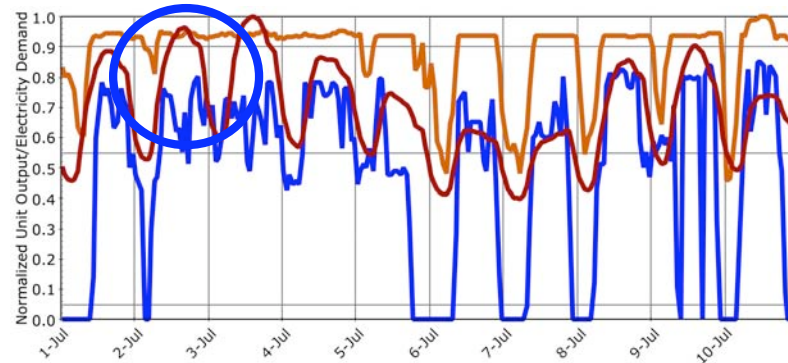
- *Identifying LSF Units for Avoided Emissions Calculations*





Example: Peak Demand

- *Representative Northeast Generators*



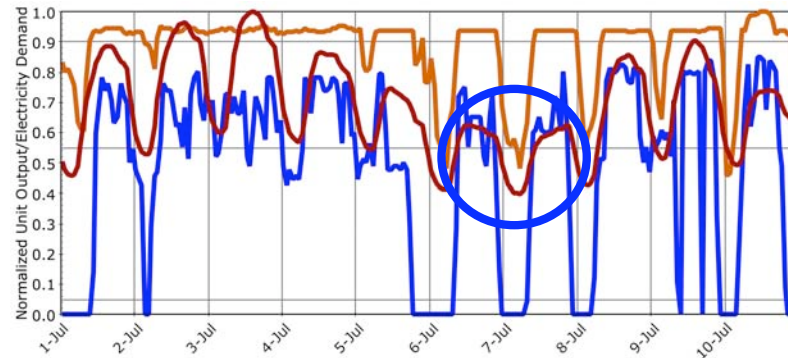
Peak Load Case

LSF Unit	Fuel	Size	Operating Mode	Hourly Output	SO2 Emissions	Δ MW Prev.Hr.	Δ SO2 Emissions
1	Gas	75	Spinning	50	0.5	40	0
2	Gas	75	Spinning	50	0.5	20	0
3	Oil	350	Spinning	250	350	100	140
4	Coal	500	Full Load	475	900	25	47
5	Coal	550	Full Load	525	1400	25	67
		(MW)	Total:	1350	2651	210	255
				(MWh)	(kg)	(MWh)	(kg)
LSF Unweighted Rate:					1.96	Wgt.Rate:	1.21
					(kg/MWh)		(kg/MWh)



Example: Overnight/Off-Peak

- *Representative Northeast Generators*



Overnight Case

LSF Unit	Fuel	Size	Operating Mode	Hourly Output	SO2 Emissions	Δ MW Prev.Hr.	Δ SO2 Emissions
1	Gas	75	Off				
2	Gas	75	Off				
3	Oil	350	Standby	150	450	25	75
4	Coal	500	Spinning	425	1100	25	65
5	Coal	550	Spinning	400	1600	75	300
		(MW)	Total:	975	3150	125	440
				(MWh)	(kg)	(MWh)	(kg)
LSF Unweighted Rate:					3.23	Wgt.Rate:	3.52
					(kg/MWh)		(kg/MWh)

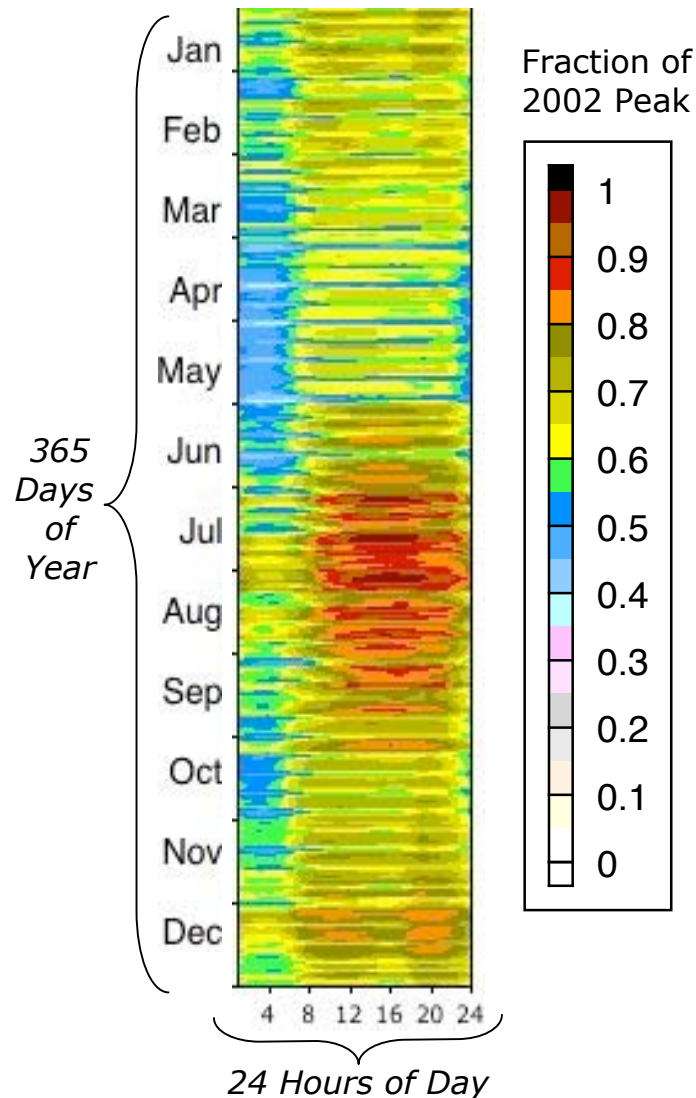


The Role of Resources

- How good is the renewable resource?
- Where (in space and time) is the renewable resource?
- How well does it match your energy service needs (seasonally, daily)?
- What is the “competitive market value” of the energy service?
- An issue of timing...



A Year "At a Glance"

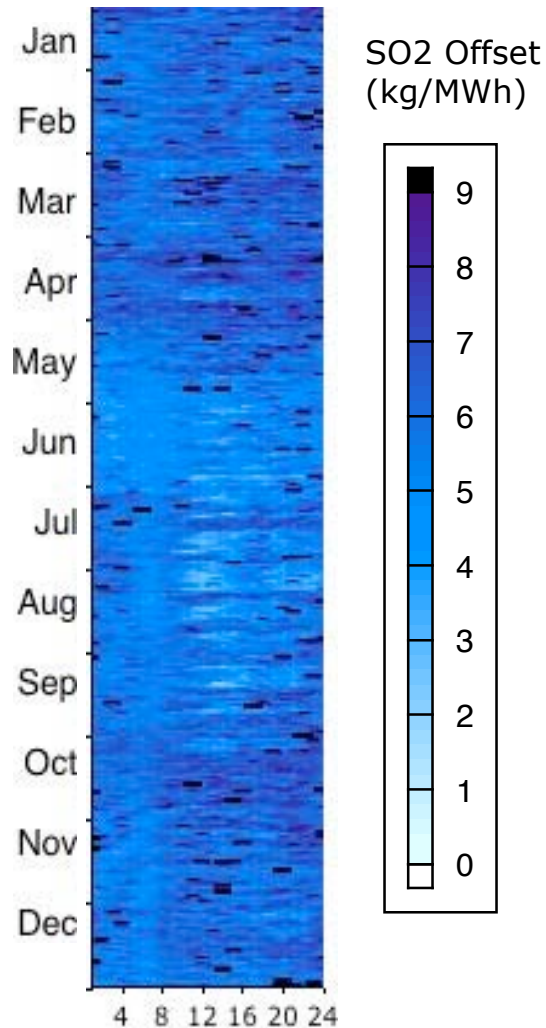


Total Load Profiles are normalized to peak subregion demand in 2002

eGrid Fossil Generation Profiles are normalized to peak subregion eGrid generation in 2002.



LSF Avoided Emissions Rates

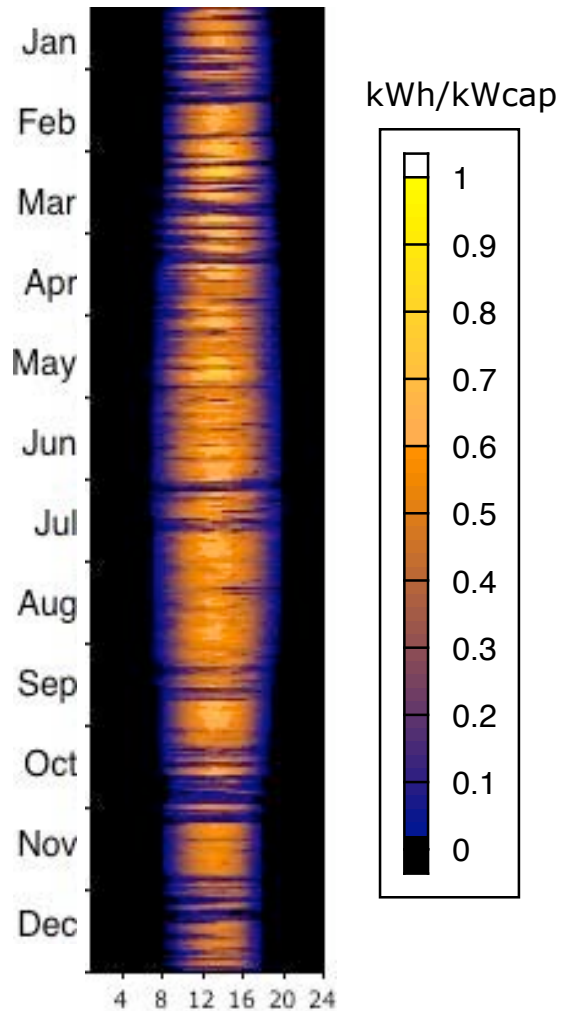


Load Shape Following Emission Rate Profiles represent emissions from 1MWh of load shape following generation in each hour. These are the emissions offset by 1MWh of non-emitting generation applied in each hour of the year.

Units are kg/MWh in each hour.



Generation from Photovoltaics



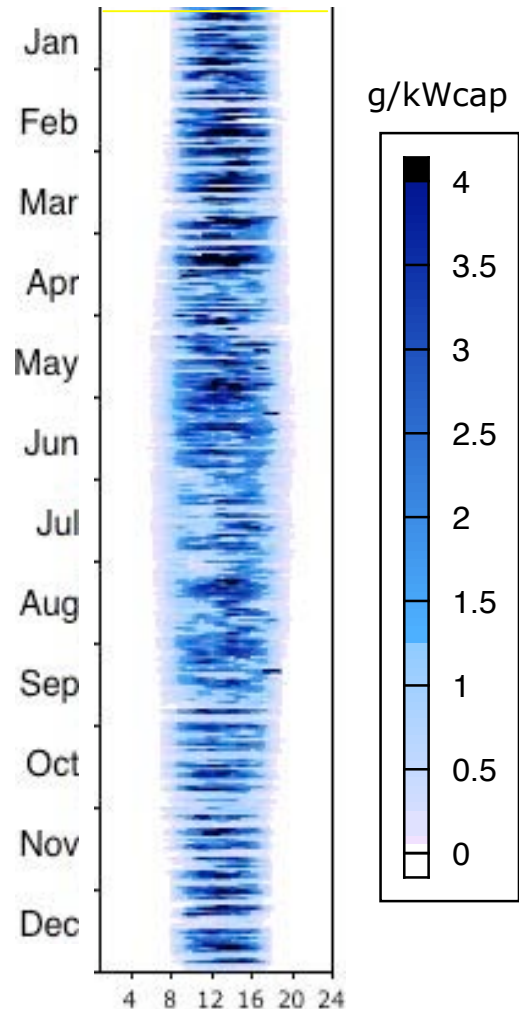
PV Generation Profiles

Show hourly PV generation as a fraction of monitored capacity.

Units are kWh/kWcap in each hour.



Avoided Emissions from PVs



Emissions Offset from PV:

Offsets are the product of hourly PV generation as a fraction of monitored capacity and the hourly load shape following emission rates in the subregion.

Units are g/kWcap in each hour.



Not All kWhs Created Equally

- eGrid kWhs – “Gross” Generation
 - › Less Auxiliary Power Consumption $\approx 2\%$ ->12%
- NERC SR Loads – “Busbar” Generation
 - › Less T&D Losses $\approx 10\%$
- PV kWhs – “Meter” Load
- Auxiliary and T&D Losses Unknown
- So...
 - › Systematically Conservative Avoided Emissions Calculations for **Monitored PV Sites**
 - › Roughly Right for **Simulated PV Sites**



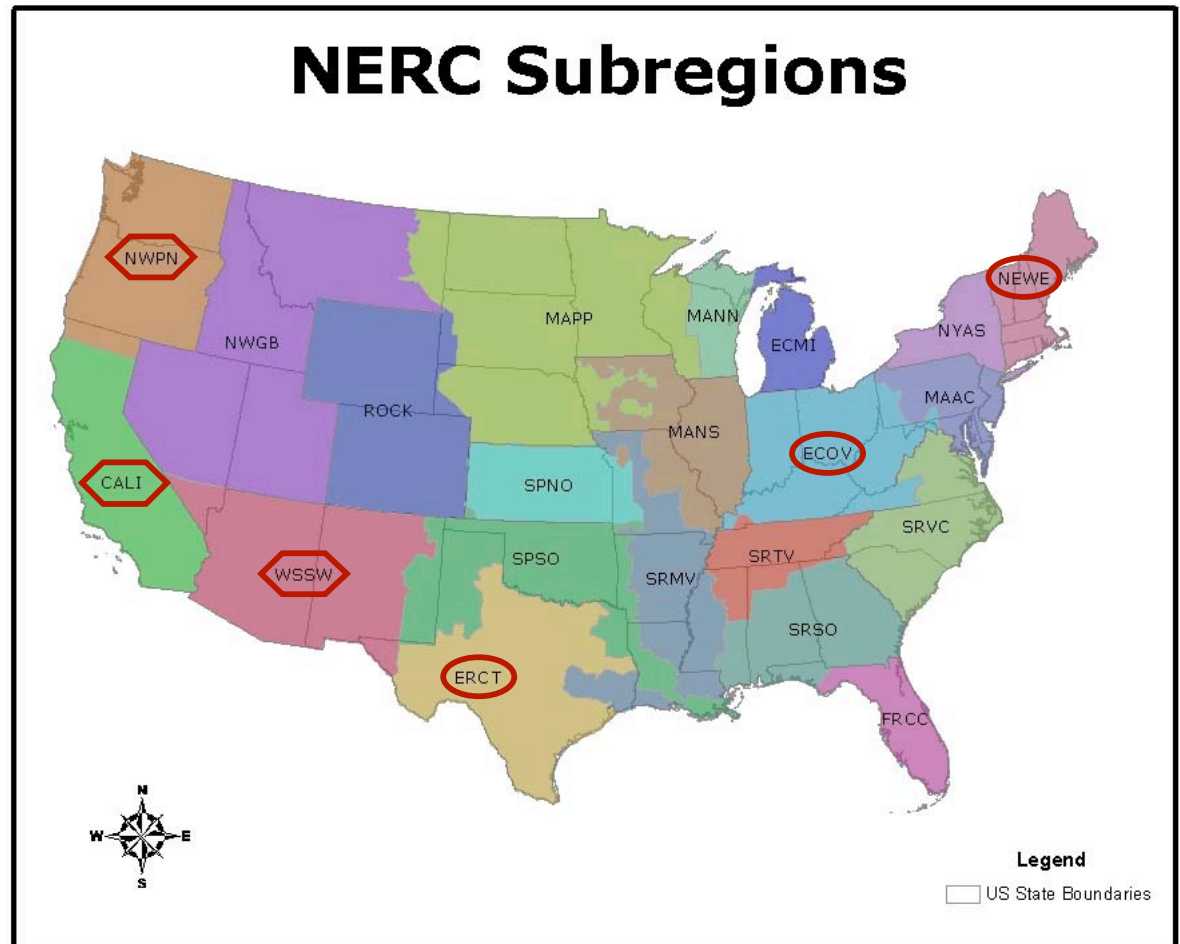
Some Select Subregions

The East

New England (NEWE)
Ohio Valley (ECOV)
Texas (ERCT)

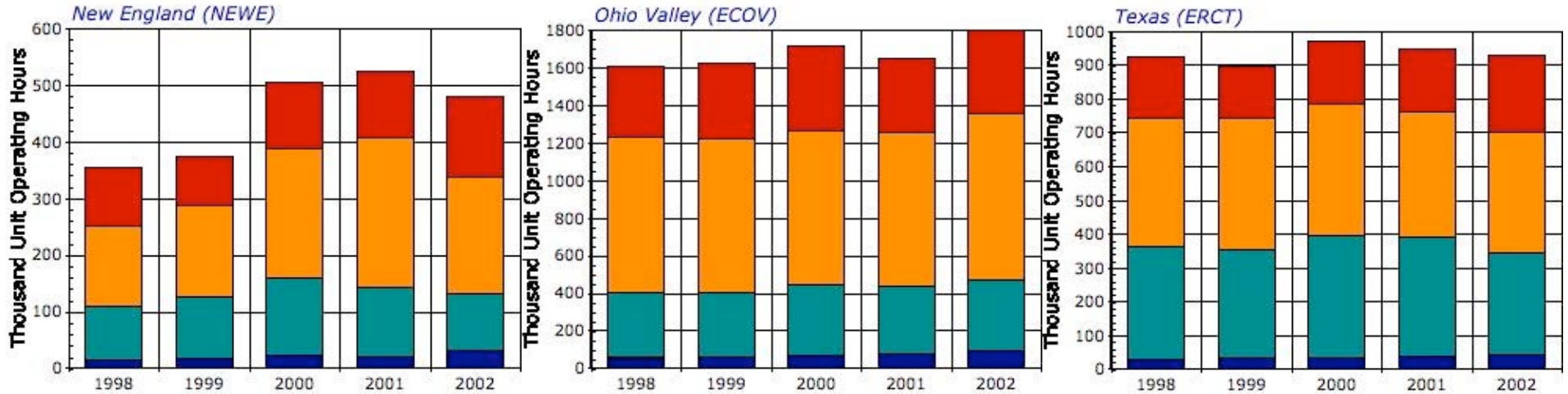
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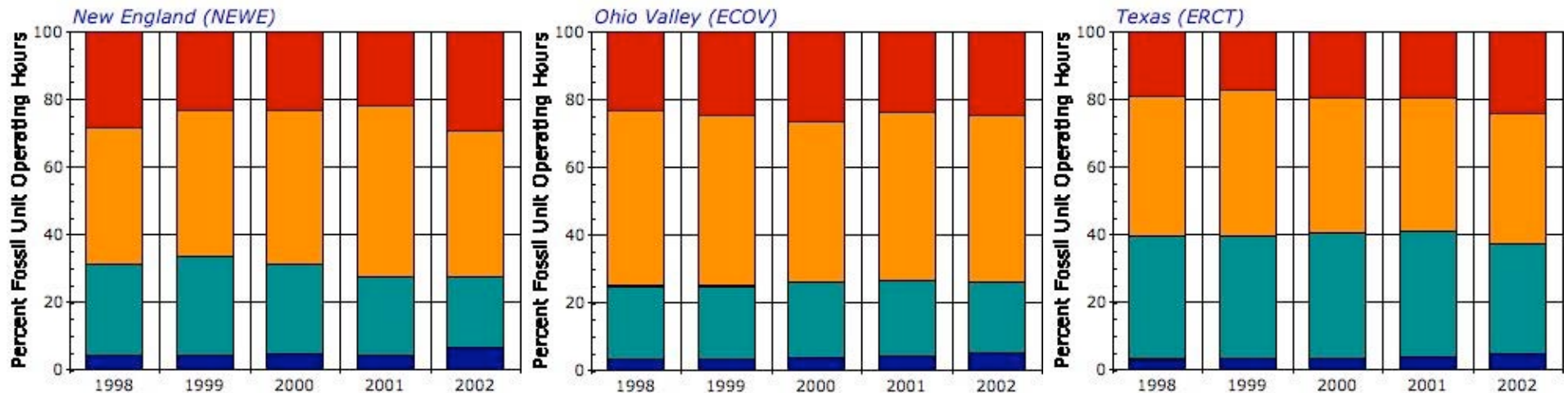




The East: Operating Hours (eGrid Only)

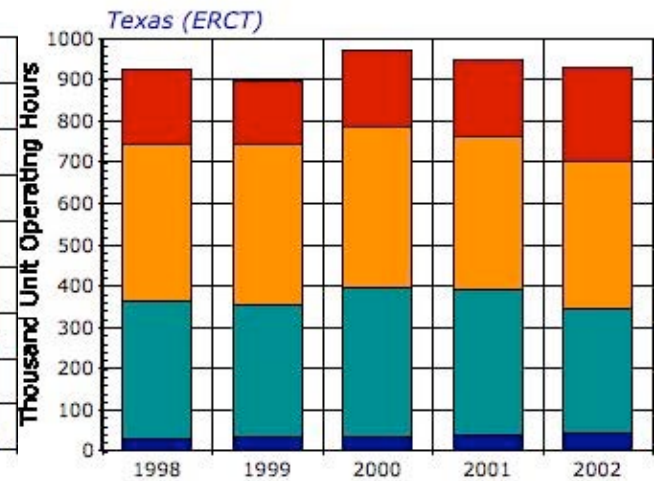
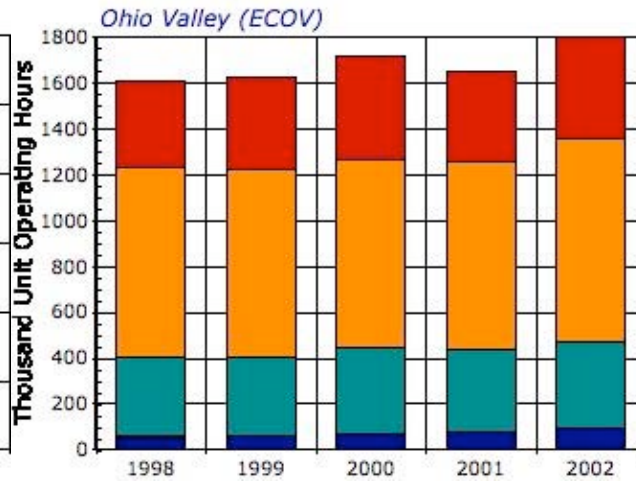
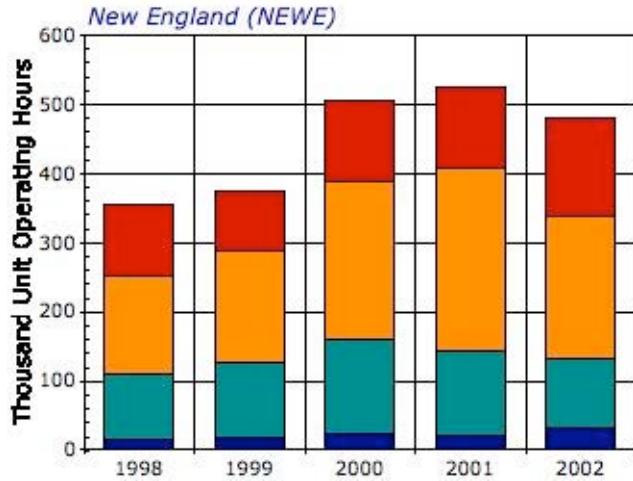


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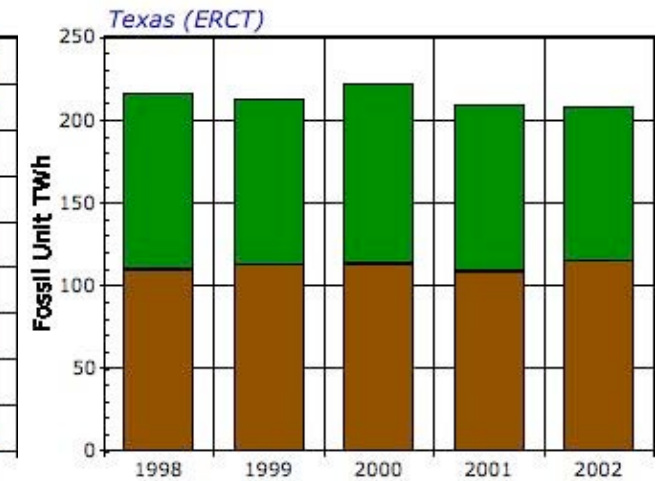
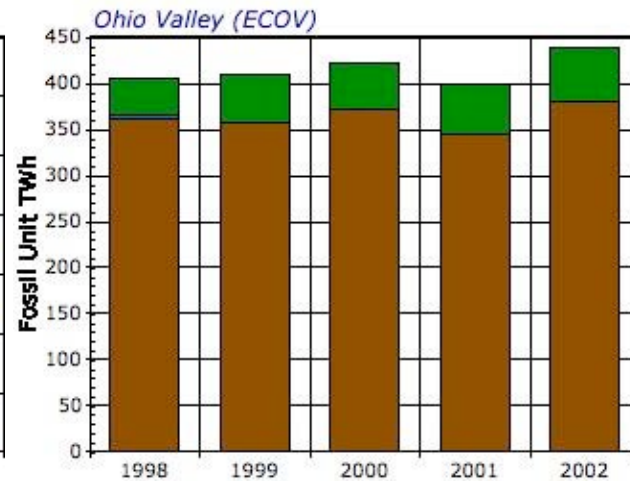
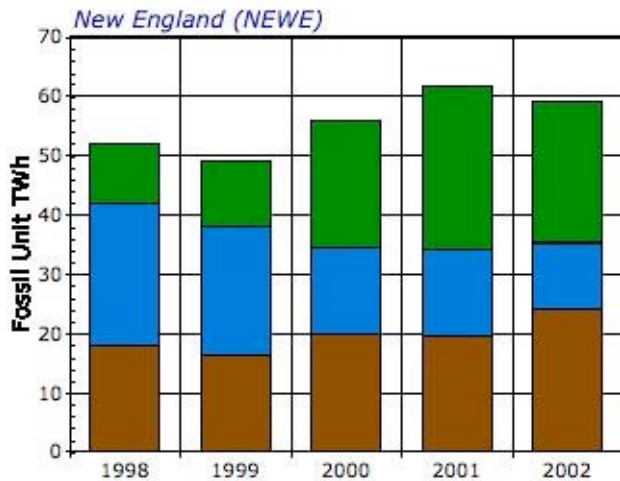




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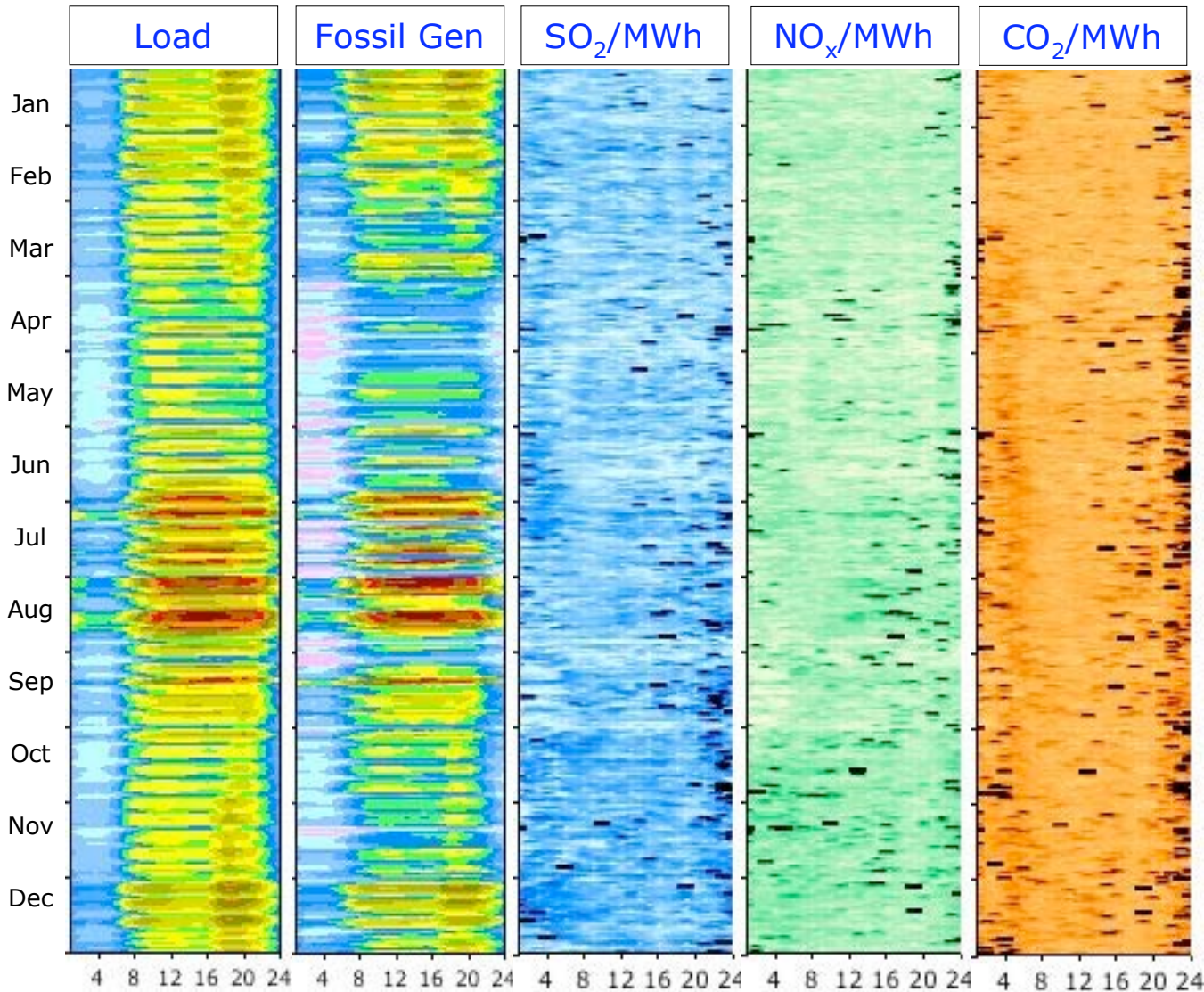
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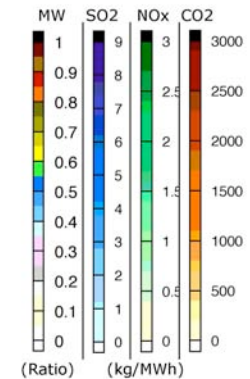


New England-by the hour



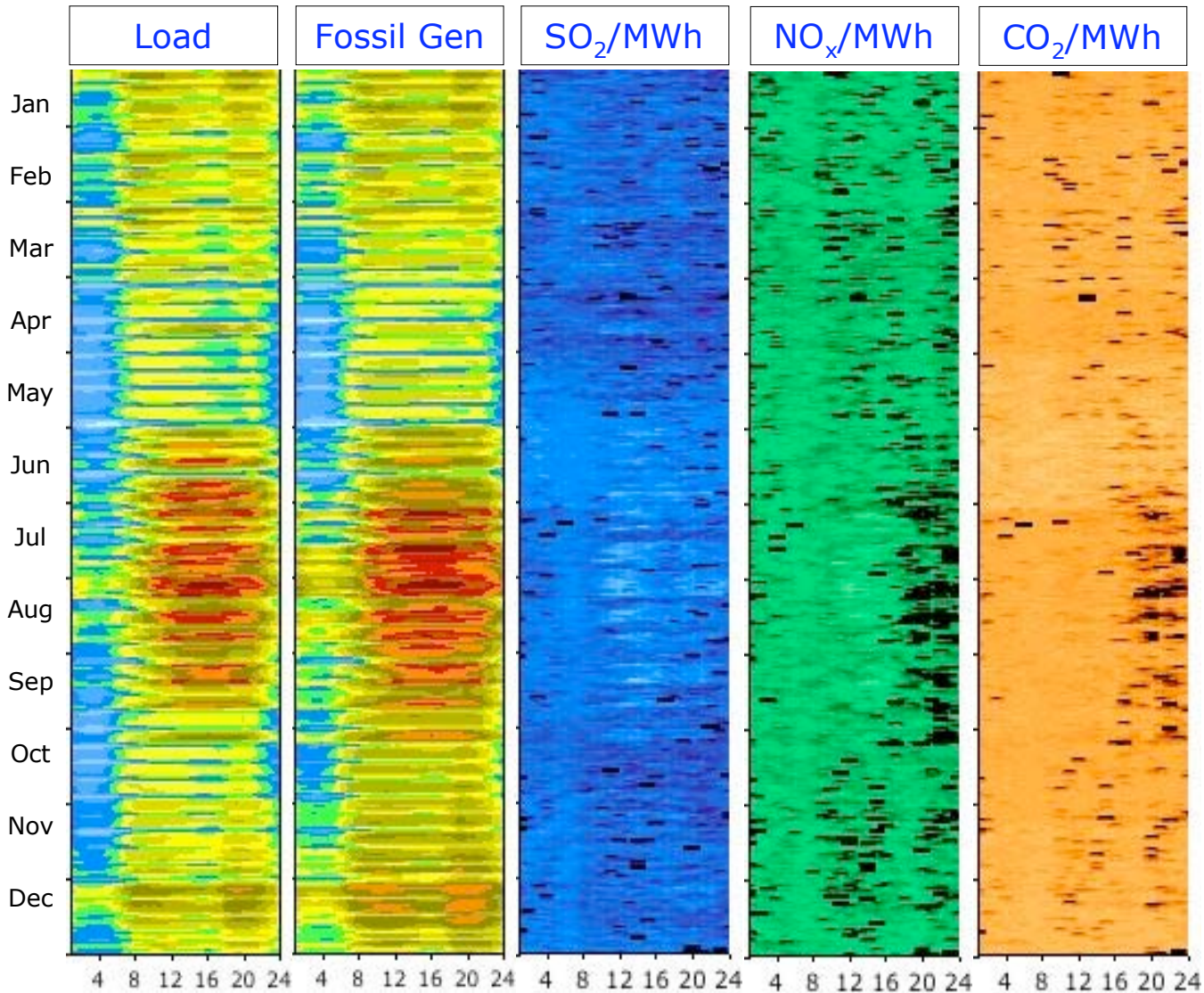
New England (NEW-2002)

- 365 days x 24 Hours
- Total Load/Elec. Demand
- Fossil Generation
(Normalized to 2002 Peak Load)
- + Fossil emissions rates
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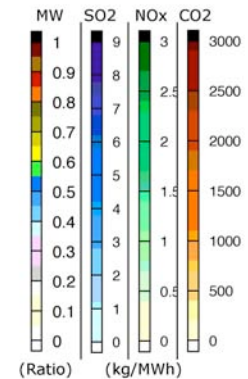


Ohio Valley-by the hour



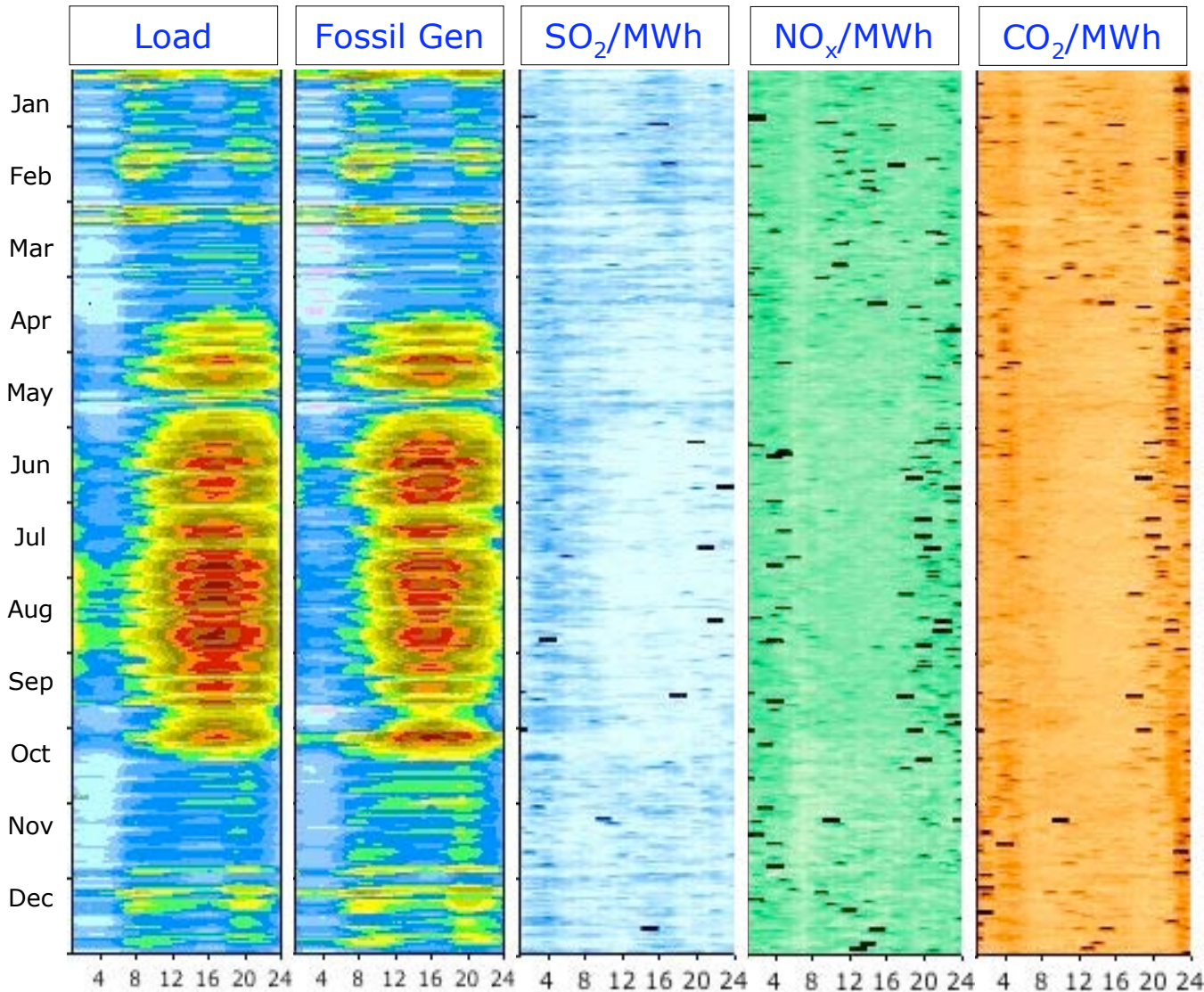
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Texas-by the hour

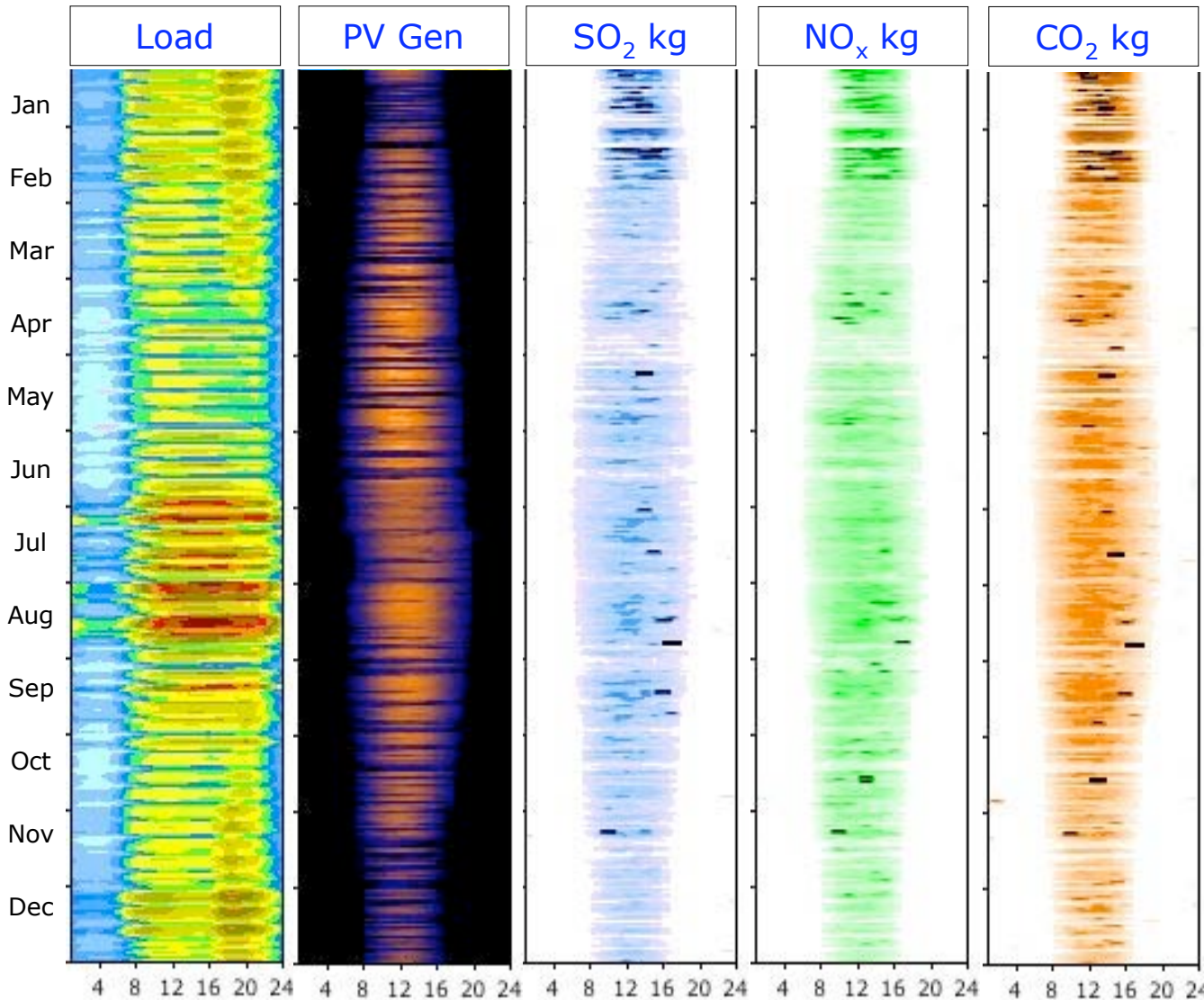


Texas
(ERCT-2002)

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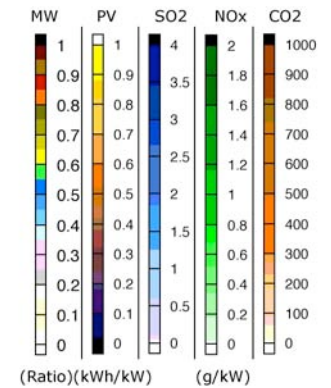


New England–PV by the hour



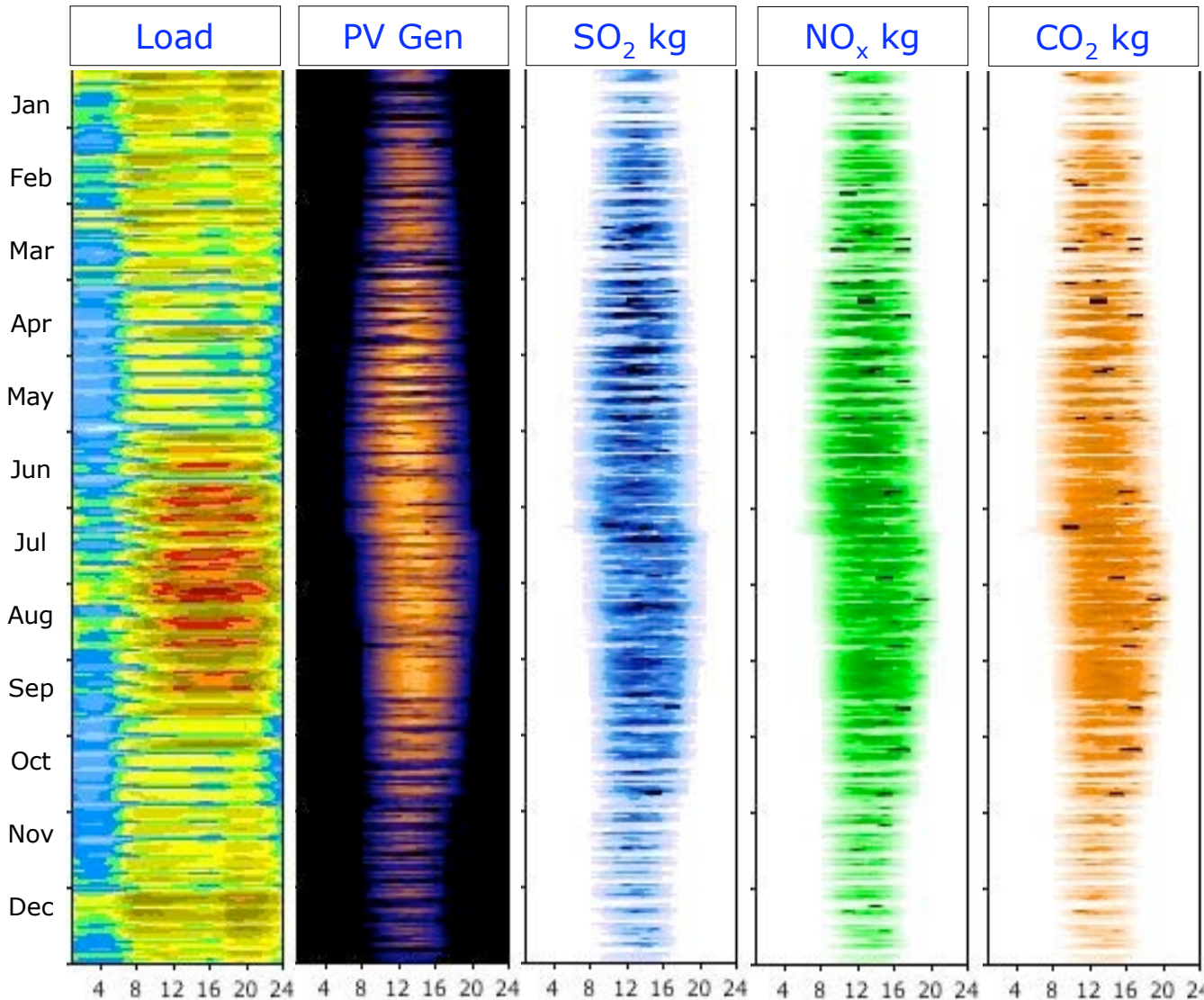
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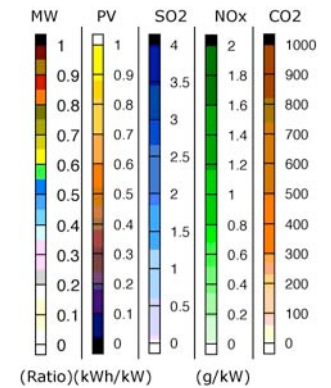


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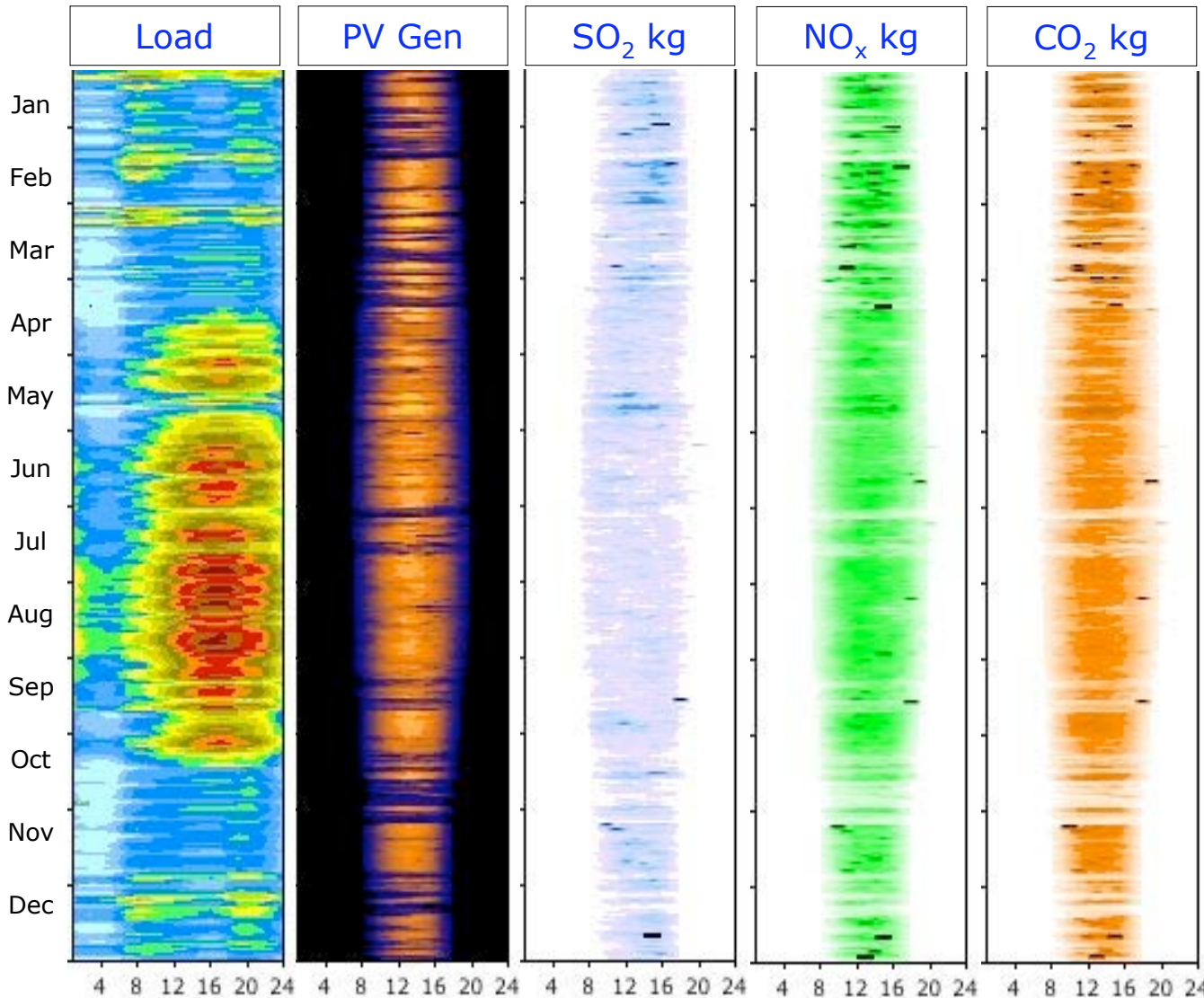
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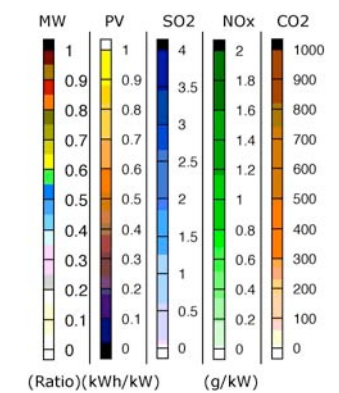


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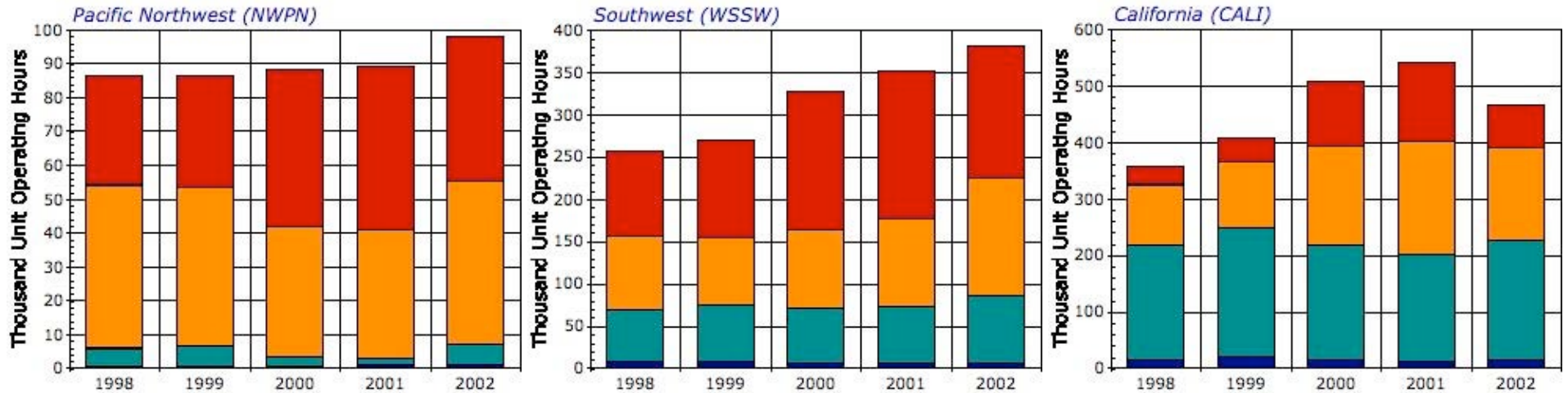
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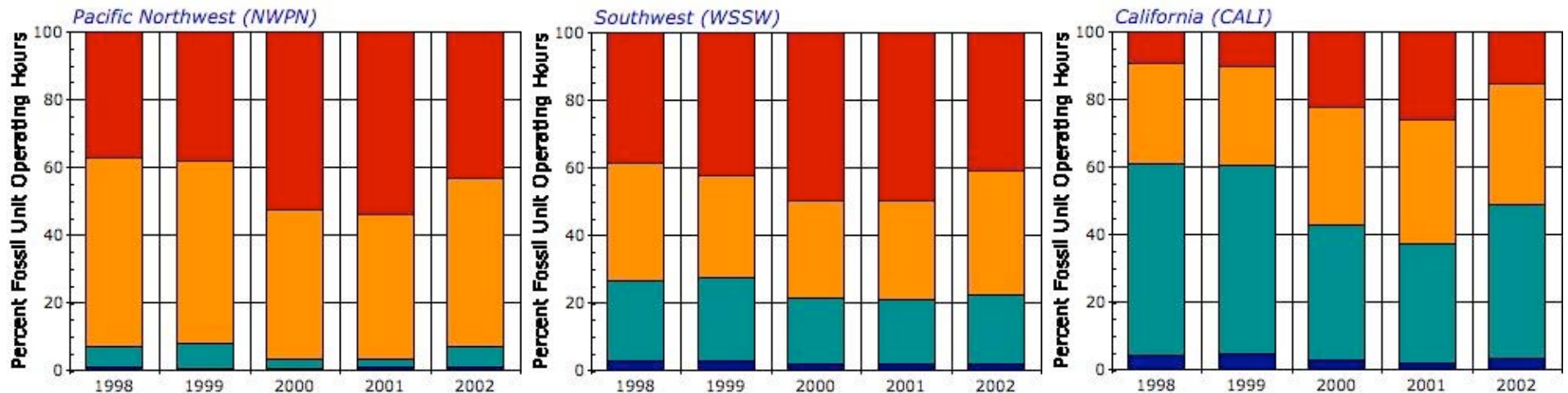




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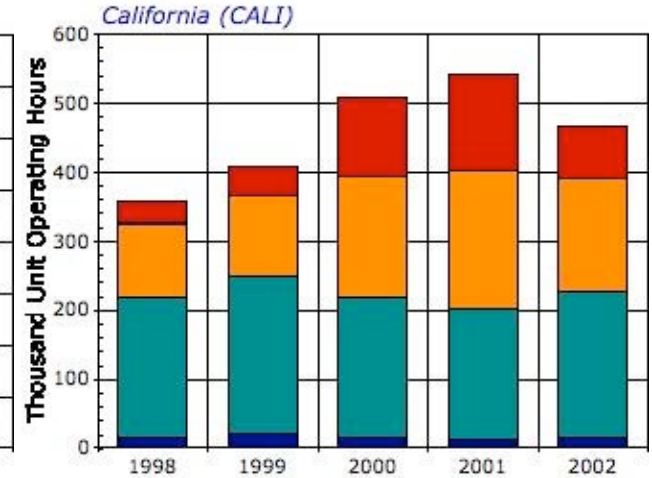
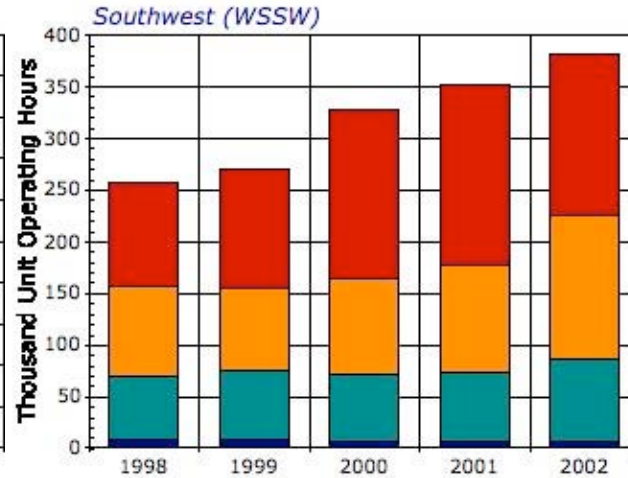
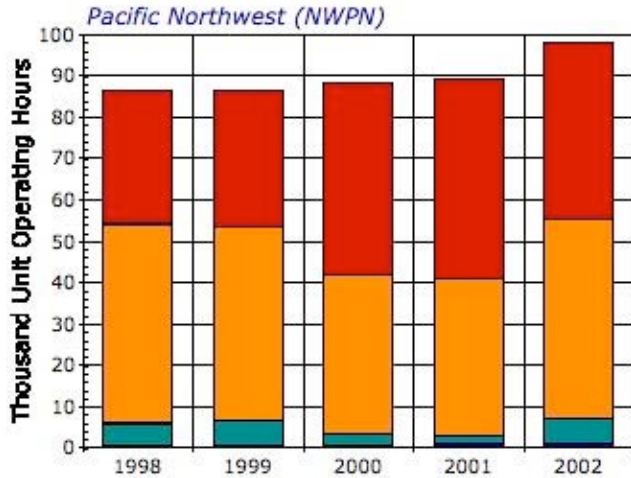
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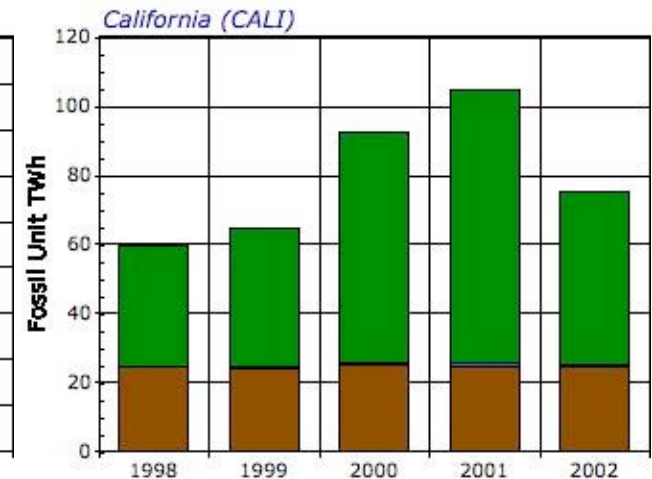
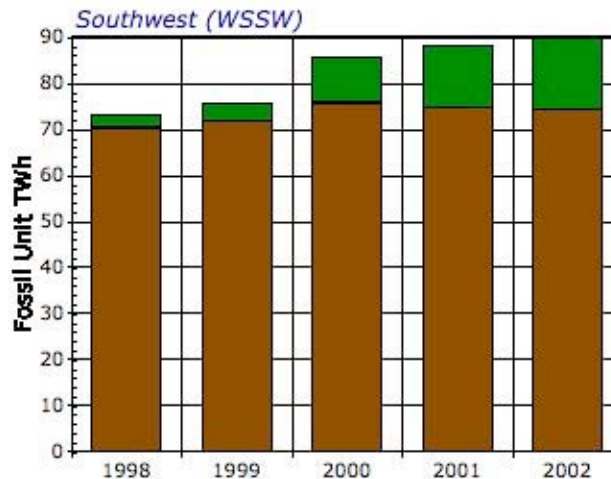
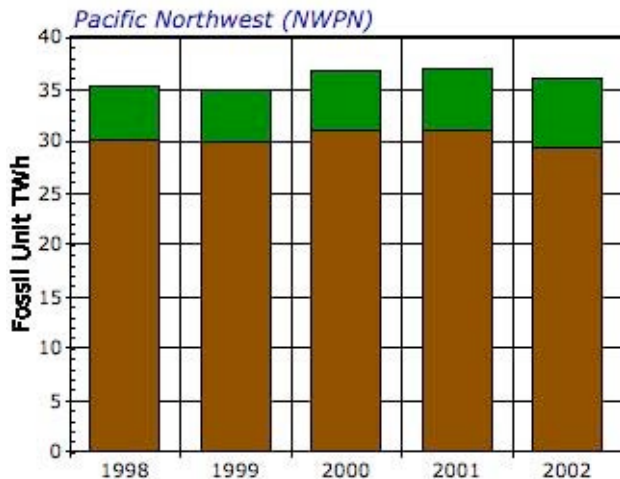


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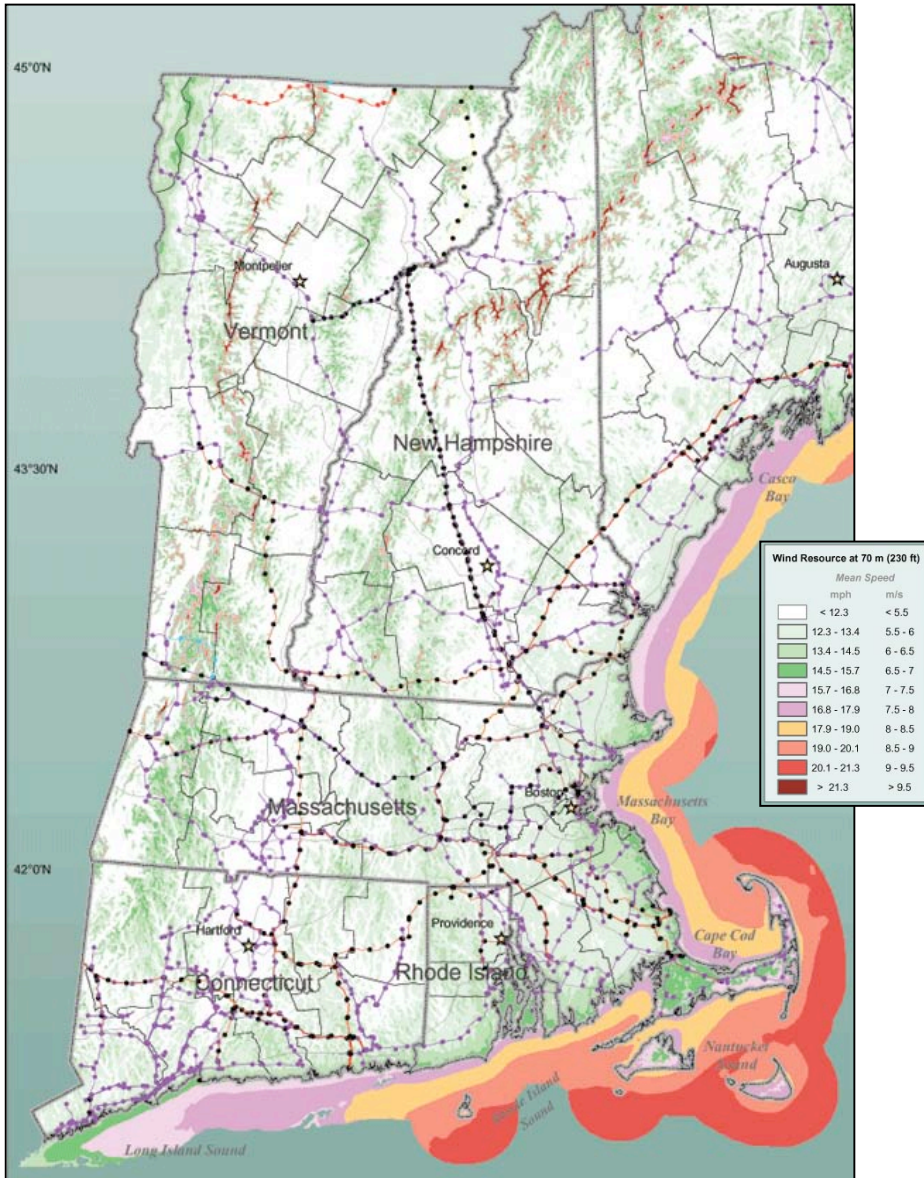


Implications/Opportunities

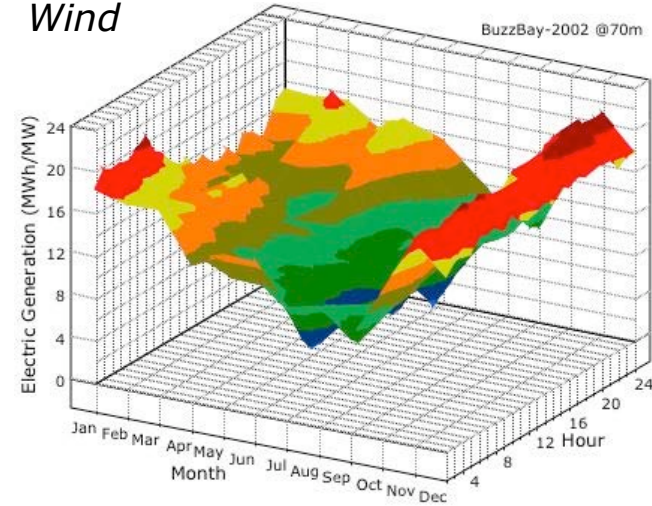
- **What about other Renewables?**
 - > Windpower (Onshore/Offshore)
 - > Hydropower (Integrated/Deferred)
 - > Sustainable Biomass
- **What about Energy Conservation?**
 - > Can We "Target" DSM for Emissions Reductions?
 - > Should Certain Appliances Be Pushed?
(Heat Pumps over Air Conditioners?)
- **What Role Distributed Generation?**
- **What Role T&D & Energy Storage?**



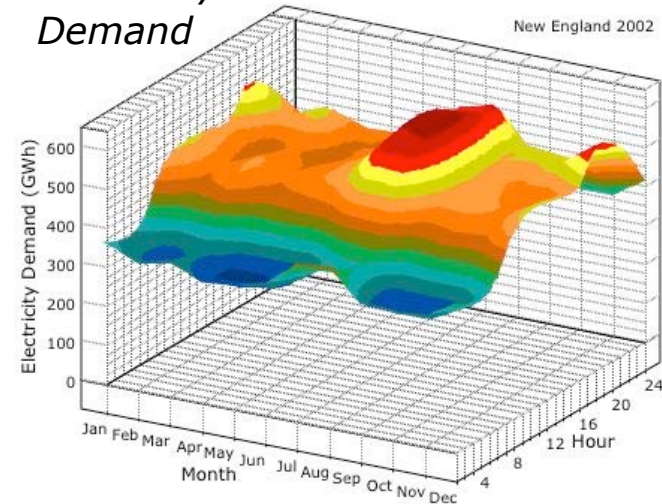
Dynamics in Space and Time



Generation from Wind

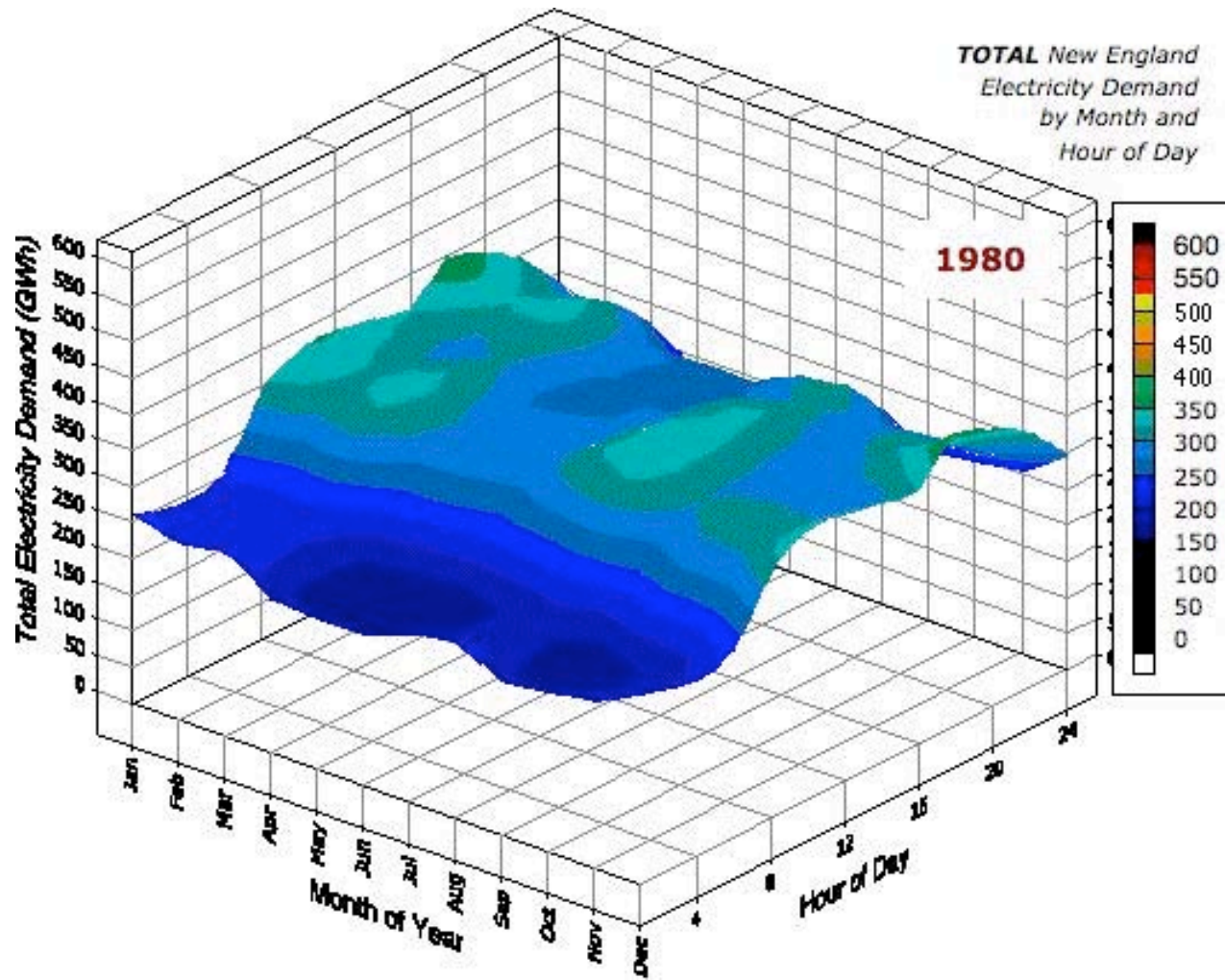


Electricity Demand





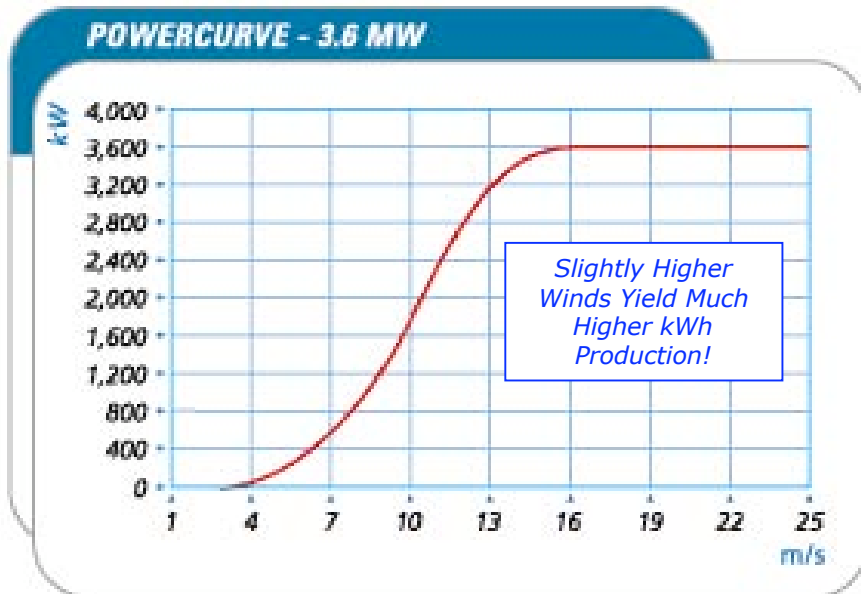
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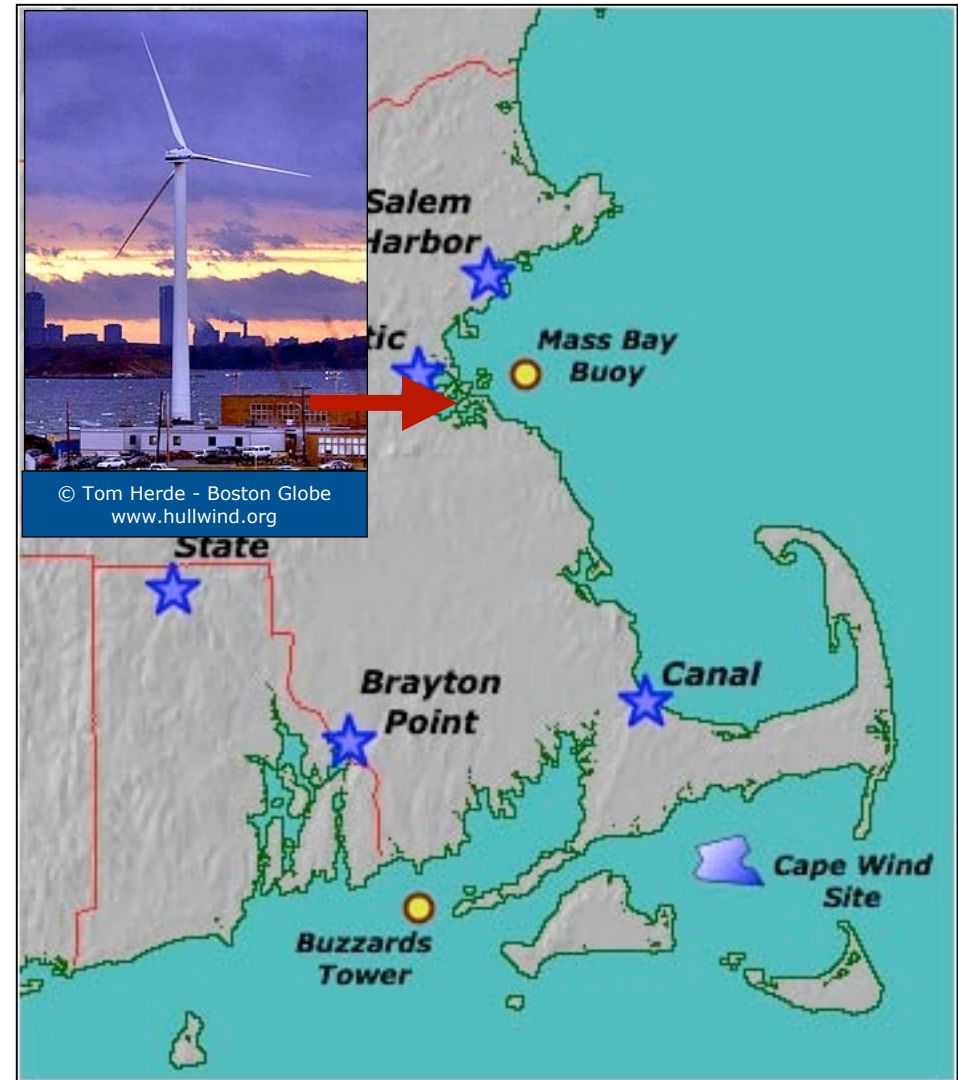


Where & When Is It Windy?

- Look “Near Shore”
(Data from two NOAA Buoys)
- Near Hull Wind Turbine
- “Near” Cape Wind Site
- How Much?
- How Predictable?



(Source: GE Wind)



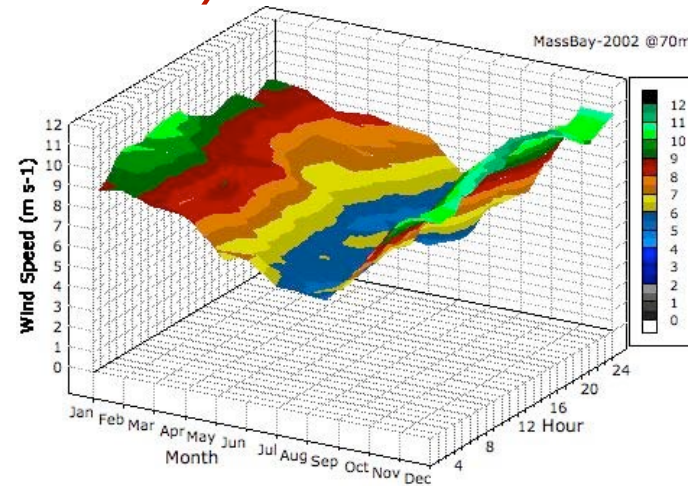
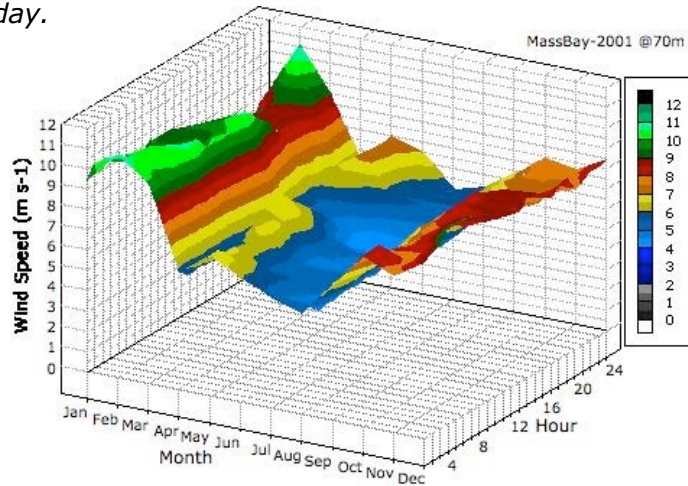


Windspeed by Hour & Month

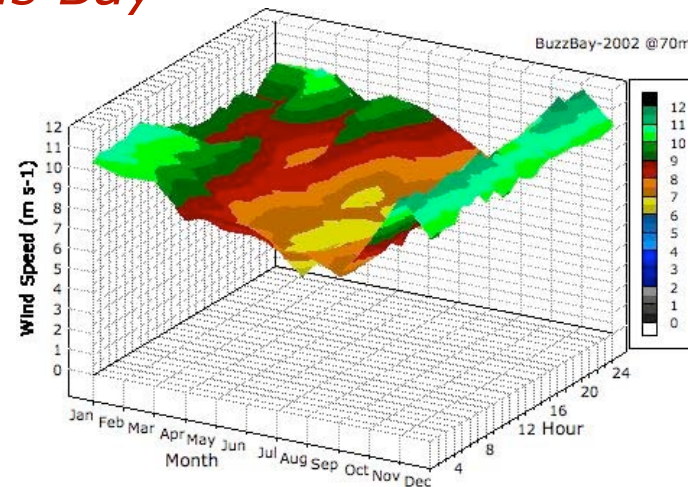
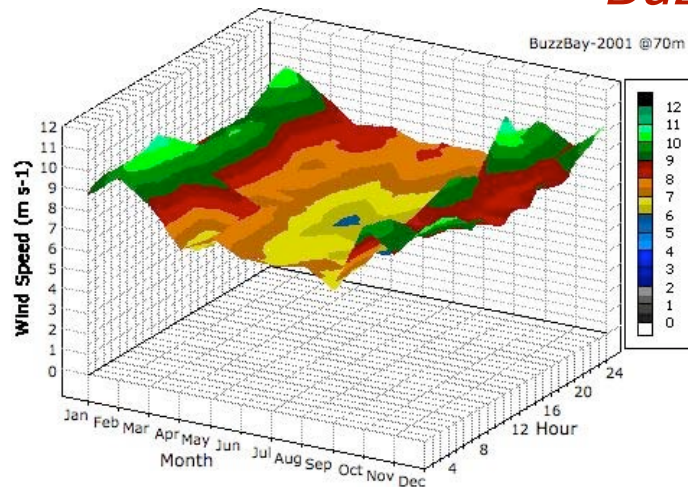
Average windspeed
by month and
hour of day.

Source Data: NOAA
(Windspeeds Scaled to 70m)

Massachusetts Bay



Buzzards Bay



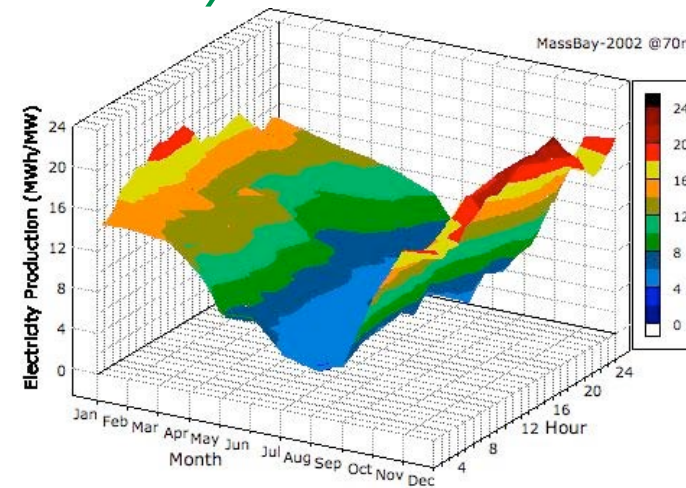
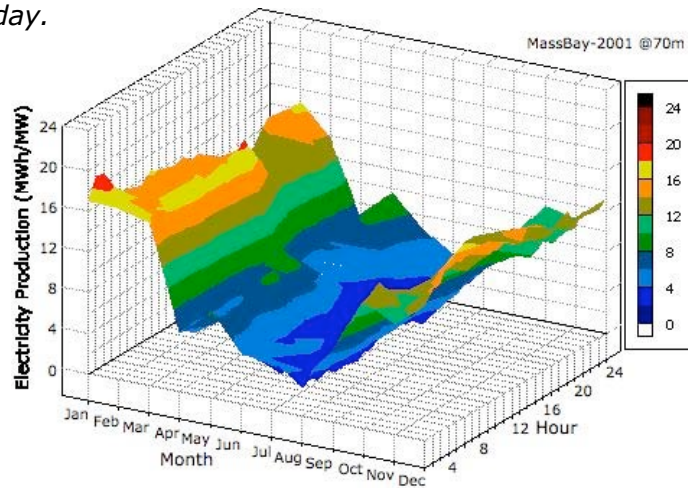


Wind Energy by Hour & Month

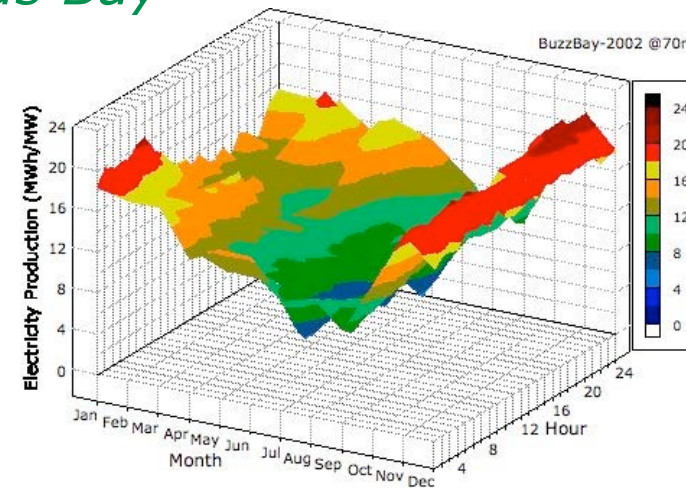
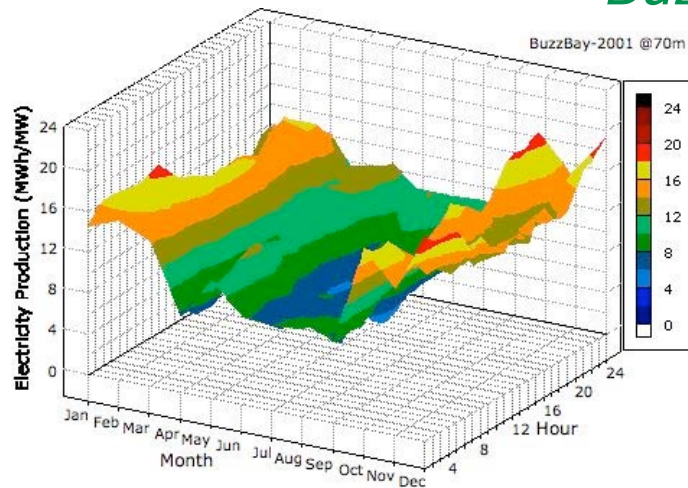
Total Generation
by month and
hour of day.

Source Data: NOAA
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Massachusetts Bay



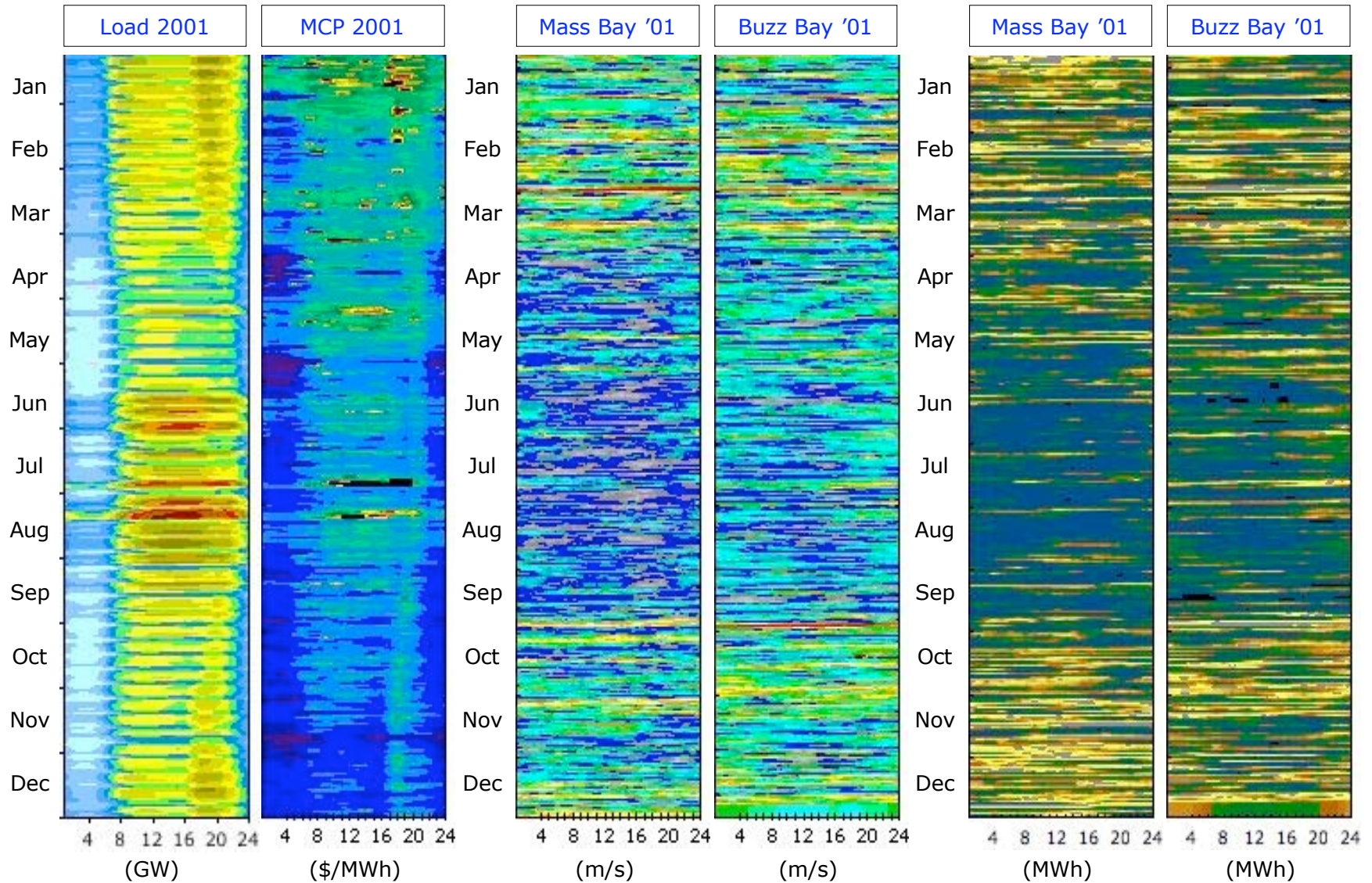
Buzzards Bay





Demand, Price & Revenues '01

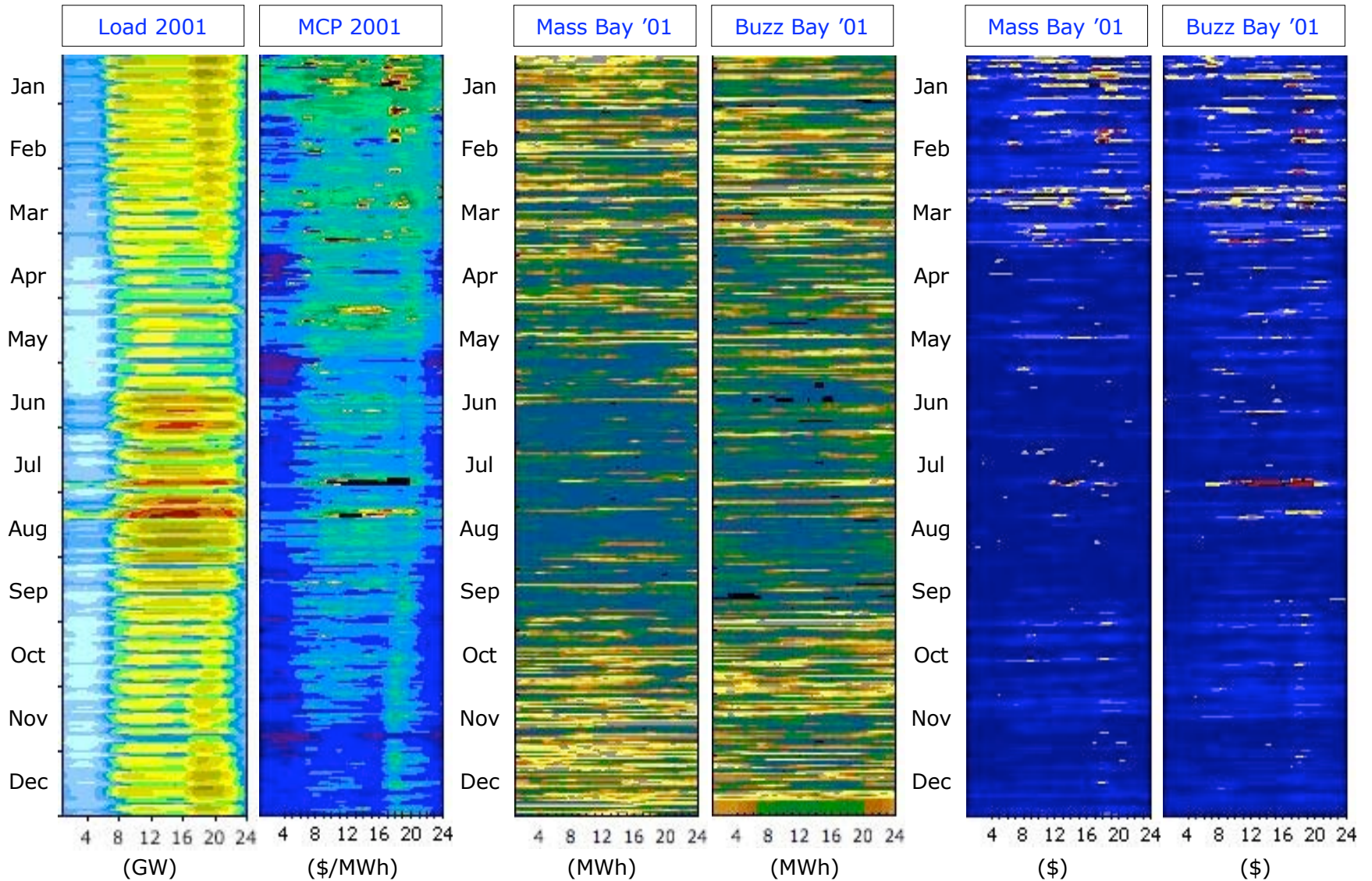
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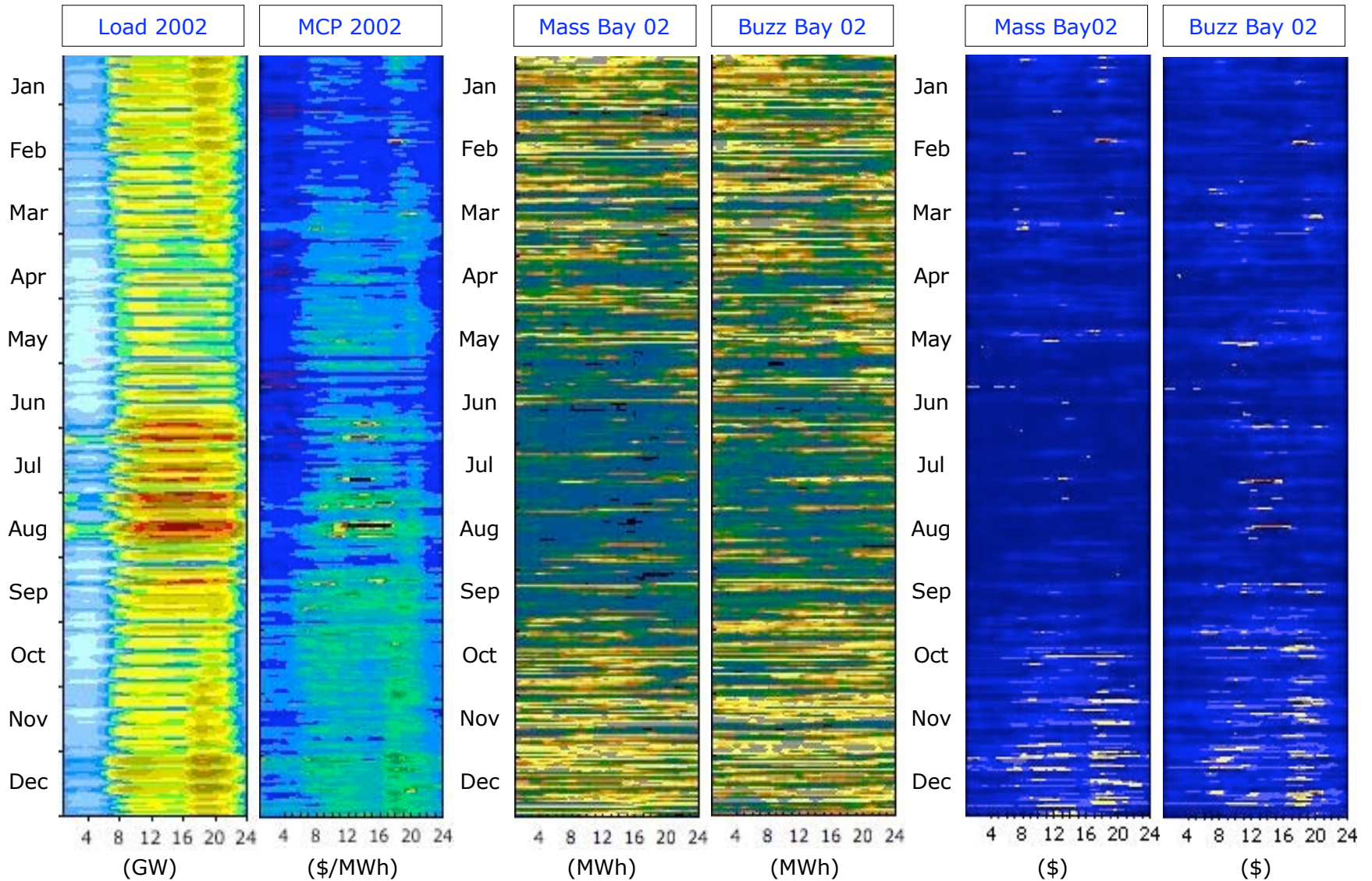
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Demand, Price & Revenues '02

Source Data: ISO-NE, NOAA





Multi-Year Performance

- Highly Variable in Production, Revenues and Avoided Emissions

	<i>Mass. Bay</i>		<i>Buzzards Bay</i>		<i>Solar PV</i>		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
Production & Revenue							
Ave. Windspeed	7.2	7.9	8.2	8.9			(m/s @ 70m) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		9.1		8.0			
Annual Production	2706	3278	3461	3973	912	851	(MWh / MW) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		17.5		12.9		(7.2)	
Capacity Factor	30.9	37.4	39.5	45.4	10.4	9.7	(%) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		17.5		12.9		(7.2)	
Price-Taker Earnings	107.7	115.3	141.0	141.7	38.3	36.3	(1000 USD / MW) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		6.6		0.5		(5.6)	
Ave. Earnings	3.98	3.52	4.07	3.57	4.20	4.26	(¢/kWh) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		(13.2)		(14.2)		1.5	
Avoided Emissions – Load Shape Following Methodology							
SO₂	7.0	7.2	8.8	8.6	2.2	1.7	(tonne) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		1.9		(3.4)		(26.9)	
	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.0	(kg/MWh) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		(18.9)		(18.7)		(18.4)	
NO_x	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.0	0.7	0.6	(tonne) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		9.6		4.0		(16.4)	
	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	(kg/MWh) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		(9.5)		(10.2)		(8.6)	
CO₂	1995	2516	2554	3045	656	630	(tonne) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		20.7		16.1		(4.2)	
	737	768	738	767	719	740	(kg/MWh) (Δ% '01 to '02)
		4.0		3.7		2.8	

For 1 MW of Installed Renewable Capacity



Variability Matters!

- (Renewable) Resource Variability
 - > Wind and Sun (Magnitude and Timing)
 - > Rainfall (Hydropower, Biomass)
- Fuel Markets
 - > Fuel Prices/Price Differentials (esp. Natural Gas)
 - > Infrastructure Investments (Pipelines/Storage/LNG)
- Conventional Generation
 - > Nuclear Availability, Hydro Potential
 - > Power Market Structure (Capacity Markets, Bid Rules)
 - > Power Grid Operations (Reliability/Contingency Practices)
- Energy Demands
 - > Demand Growth – Relative to Supply Growth
 - > Heating Degree Days/Cooling Degree Days



Dynamic Thinking Required!

- Market Dynamics (including fuels)
- Investment Dynamics
- Operational Dynamics
- Duty Cycle/Driving Cycle Analogies
 - > Baseload Nuclear -> Trans-Atlantic Tanker
 - > Large Coal -> Freight Train
 - > Cycling Coal/Oil -> 18 Wheeler
 - > Combustion Turbine -> UPS/FedEx Truck
 - > Diesel Genset -> Courier Service (Taxi)



Put That Knowledge to Use...

- On/Off Generation Better than Up/Down Generation?
 - › Are a “Bank of Diesels” Better Than One Large Fossil Steam Unit Running Many Hours in Standby?
- Environmental Benefits from Power Grid “Modernization?”
 - › Reducing Transmission Bottlenecks May Have (Operational) Environmental Benefits
- Too Much of a “Good” Thing?
 - › More “Standby” Operation with Prodigious Renewable? DSM?
- Too Much of a “Bad” Thing?
 - › Reducing Standby Generation with Electricity Storage. Good or Bad?



Rethinking Energy Policy

- Regarding Energy “Policies”
 - > Use Policy as an *Adjective*
 - > Policy *Options* to promote/dissuade Specific Technology *Options*
- Infrastructure Management
 - > Technology Development, Deployment, and Use
- What Roles Do Markets Play?
 - > New Products & Services?
 - > Better Signaling Through Prices?
- Three I’s: For Infrastructures
 - > Institutions (Industry/Market Structure)
 - > Information (Operations, Planning, Coordination)
 - > Investments (Growth, Replacement, Continuous)



Which Eccentricities?

How Do We Think About Energy Supplies?

- ***Technology Centric?***

- Renewables, Nuclear, Fuel Cells, HVDC

- ***Resource Centric?***

- Renewables, Hydrogen Feedstocks, etc. and their dynamics

- ***Utilization Centric?***

- Energy Services and how to cost-effectively meet them.

- ***Market/Industry Centric?***

- Operation and investments under various regulations

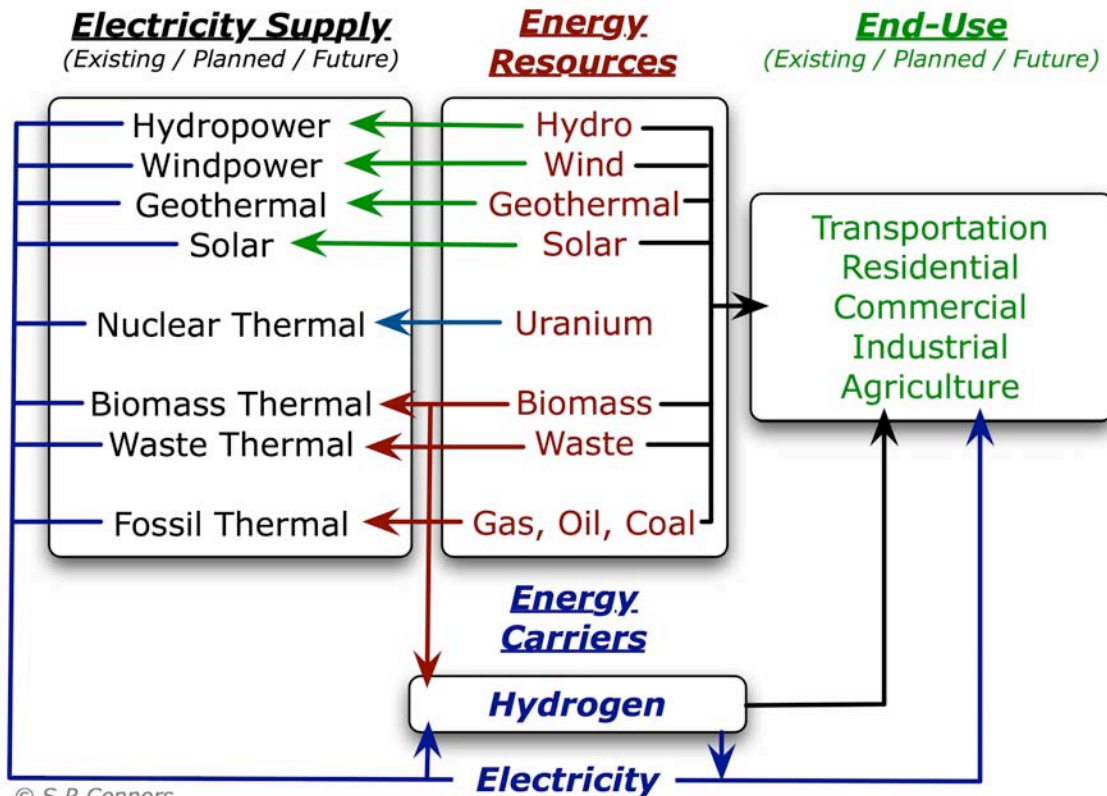
- ***Environmentally Centric?***

- Greenhouse gases (Kyoto, emissions trading), land-use, water-use, etc.



Which Focus? How Much Detail?

Lots of Things



- Time and Spatial Distribution of Energy Resources
- Seasonality and Relative Growth of Energy Demands
- Variability & Covariance of Resources & Demands
- Aspects of the Energy Market, Namely Who Owns and Invests in Which Parts
- Trends in Infrastructure Age Growth and Aging
- Greenhouse Gas "Management" and Other Emissions Controls
- What Else?



Broader Lessons/Insights

- The “Utility” of Such Analysis?
 - » More Realistic “Expectations” for Renewables, DSM, etc. (e.g. Duty Cycles)
 - » Better Understanding of Resource, Demand, Economic and Grid Dynamics
 - » Better Targeted - and Therefore More Cost Effective Deployments (Techs & Policy)
- Challenges and Conspiracies?
 - » Variability of Renewable Resources
 - » Role of External Forces (e.g. Nat.Gas Costs, etc.)
 - » T&D Losses, Auxiliary Power Consumption
 - » Compounding vs. Compensating Risks?



Have We Had It Too Easy?

- What Direction Has Our, Should Our Energy Infrastructures Head?

	<i>Centralized</i>	<i>Decentralized</i>
Fuels & Feedstocks	<i>Petroleum, Coal, Natural Gas</i>	<i>Biofuels, Hydrogen, etc.</i>
Generation & Delivery	<i>Central Station, High Voltage Transmission</i>	<i>Windpower, Solar, Distributed Generation, etc.</i>
End-Use	<i>Large Industry</i>	<i>Everything Else!</i>
	<i>Dispatchable</i>	<i>Non-Dispatchable</i>



The Last Slide... *ifee.mit.edu*

- What Age Do We Want to Live In?
 - > Stone Age / Bronze Age / Iron Age
 - > **Steel-Industrial Age / Silicon-Information Age**

"The Stone Age didn't end because they ran out of stones."

(Jeroen van der Veer, Shell Oil)

- What Your "Favorite Future?"
 - > Non-Carbon - Hydrogen Age? (OHEC)
 - > **Knowledge Age? (World Wide Web?)**

"What Gets Measured, Gets Managed"

(Sir John Browne, BP)