

Advanced Modeling of New Energy Systems & New Flexible Resources

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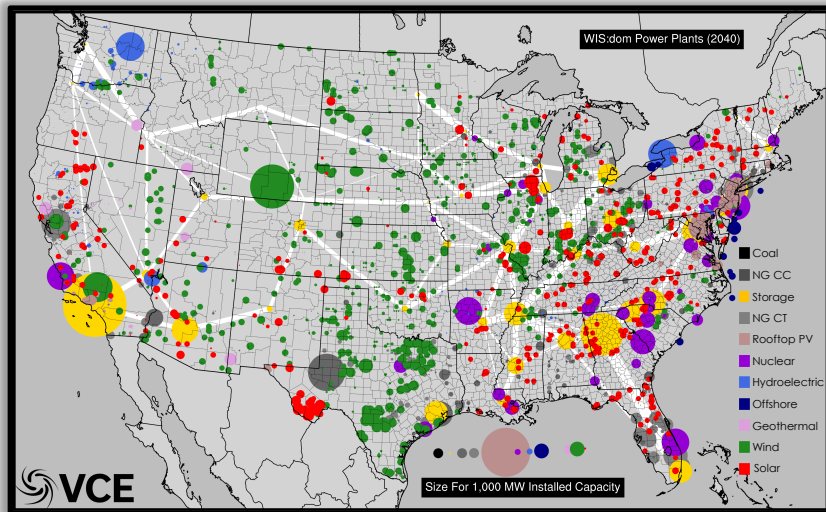
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Who Are We: Vibrant Clean Energy

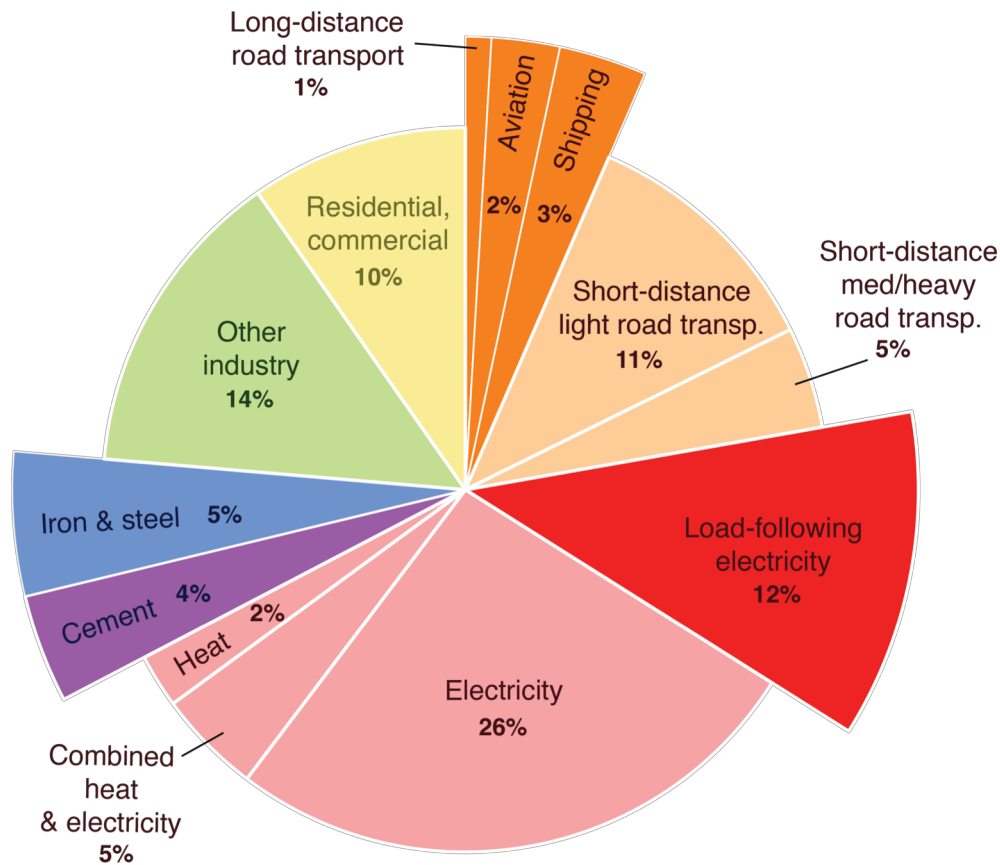


Purpose of Vibrant Clean Energy, LLC:

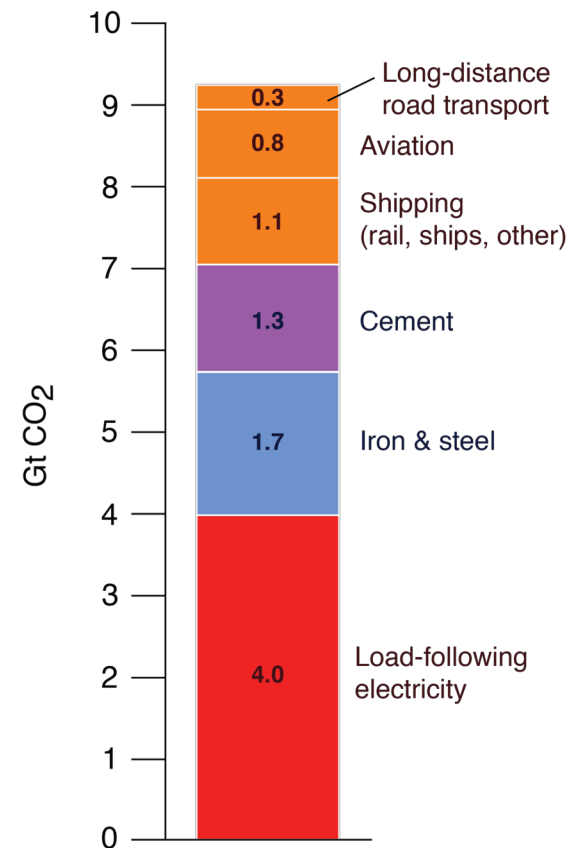
- Reduce the cost of electricity and help evolve economies to near zero emissions;
- Co-optimize transmission, generation, storage, and distributed resources;
- Increase the understanding of how Variable Generation impacts and alters the electricity grid and model it more accurately;
- Agnostically determine the least-cost portfolio of generation that will remove emissions from the economy;
- Determine the optimal mix of VG and other resources for efficient energy sectors;
- Help direct the transition of heating and transportation to electrification;
- License WIS:dom optimization model and/or perform studies using the model;
- Ensure profits for energy companies with a modernized grid;
- Assist clients unlock and understand the potential of high VRE scenarios, as well as zero emission pathways.



Electricity Is Not All Energy



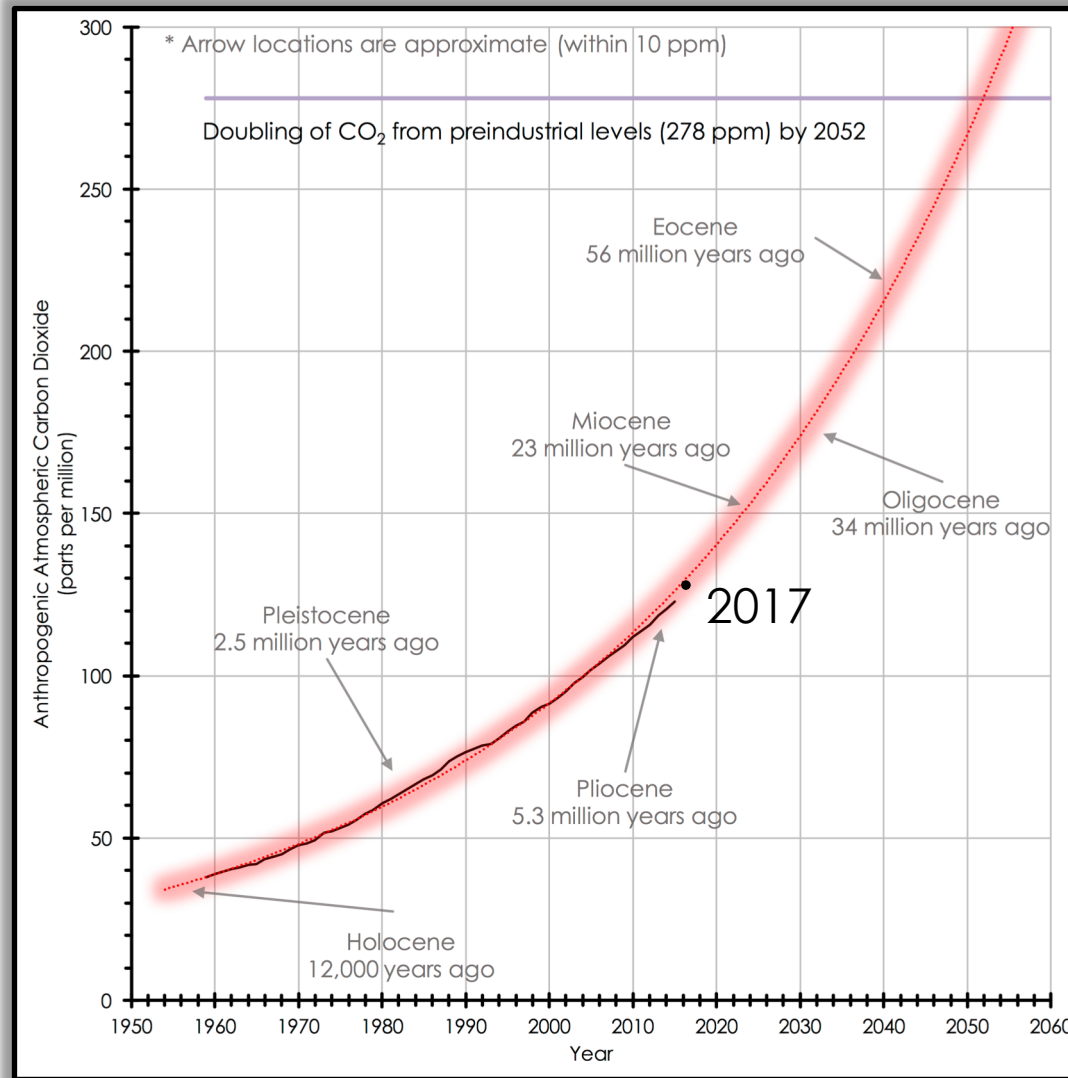
A Global fossil fuel & industry emissions, 2014 (33.9 Gt CO₂)



B Difficult-to-eliminate emissions, 2014 (9.2 Gt CO₂)

Davis et al. *Science*, 2018

Why Consider Electrification & Decarbonization?



Emissions keep rising faster and faster...

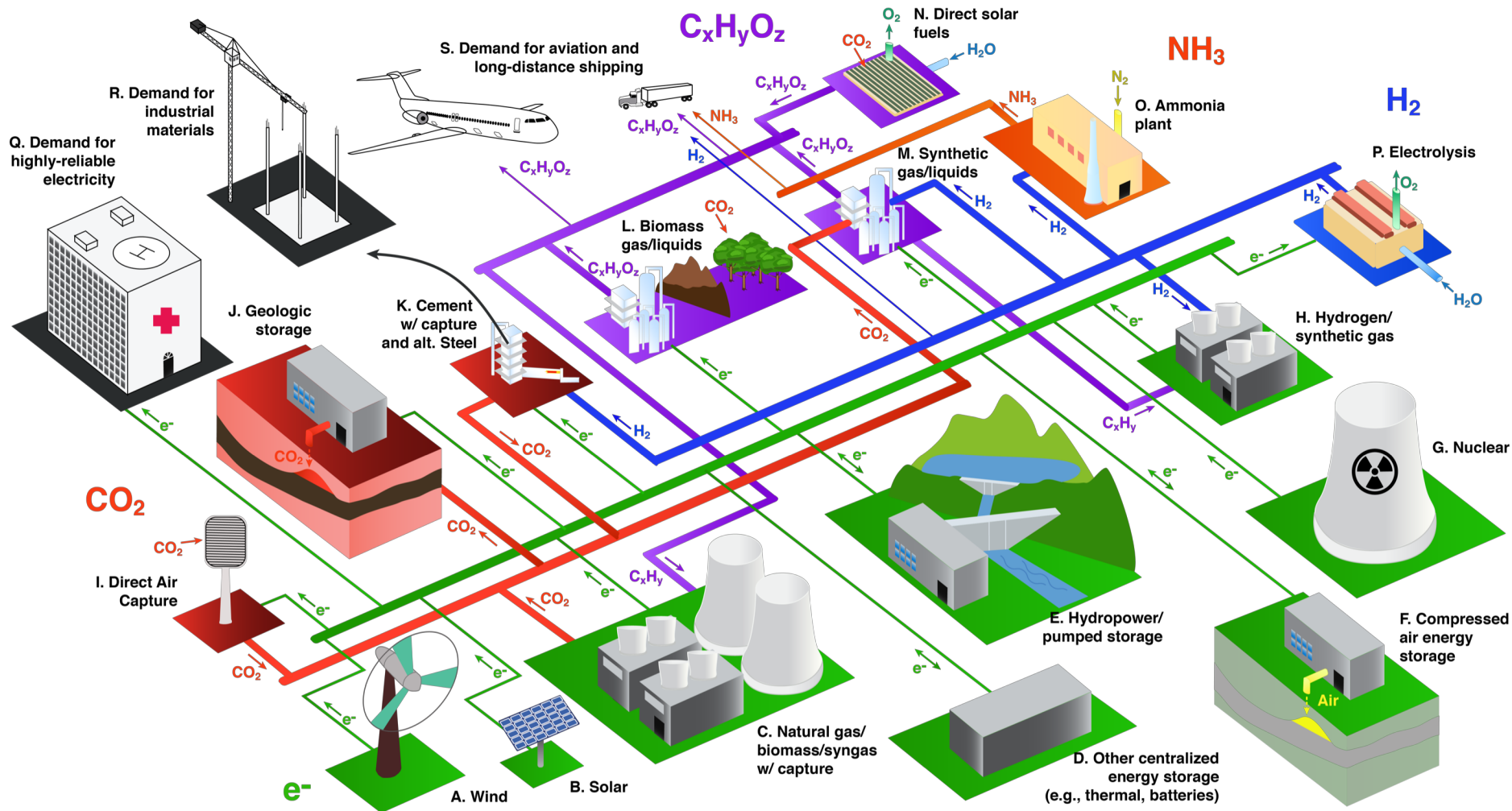
Based on concept by David Hofmann:

https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/publications/annual_meetings/2008/slides/3-Hofmann.ppt.pdf

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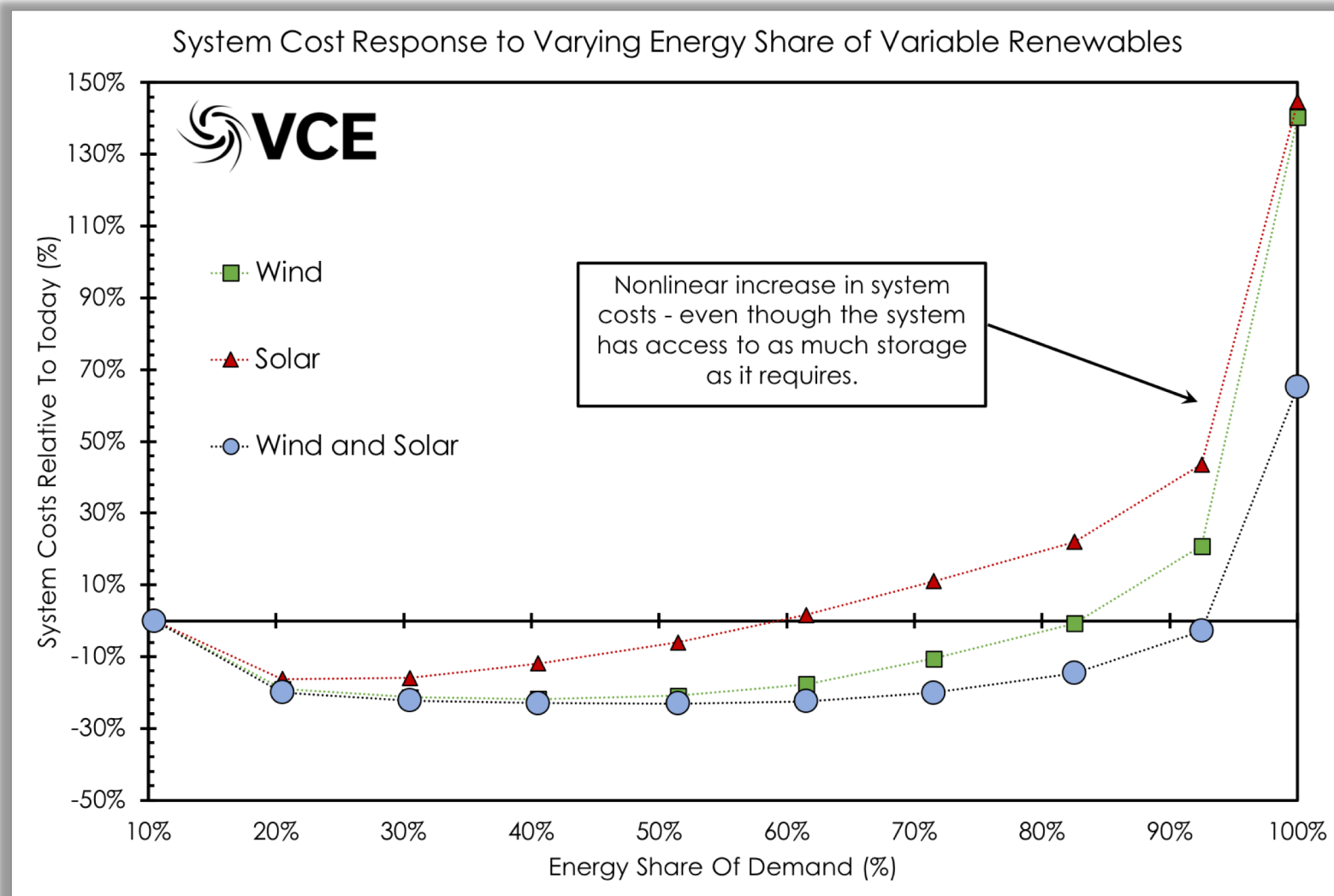


The Whole Economy Needs Energy



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Electrification Is The Opportunity To Avoid Dramatically Increased Costs At High RE Levels

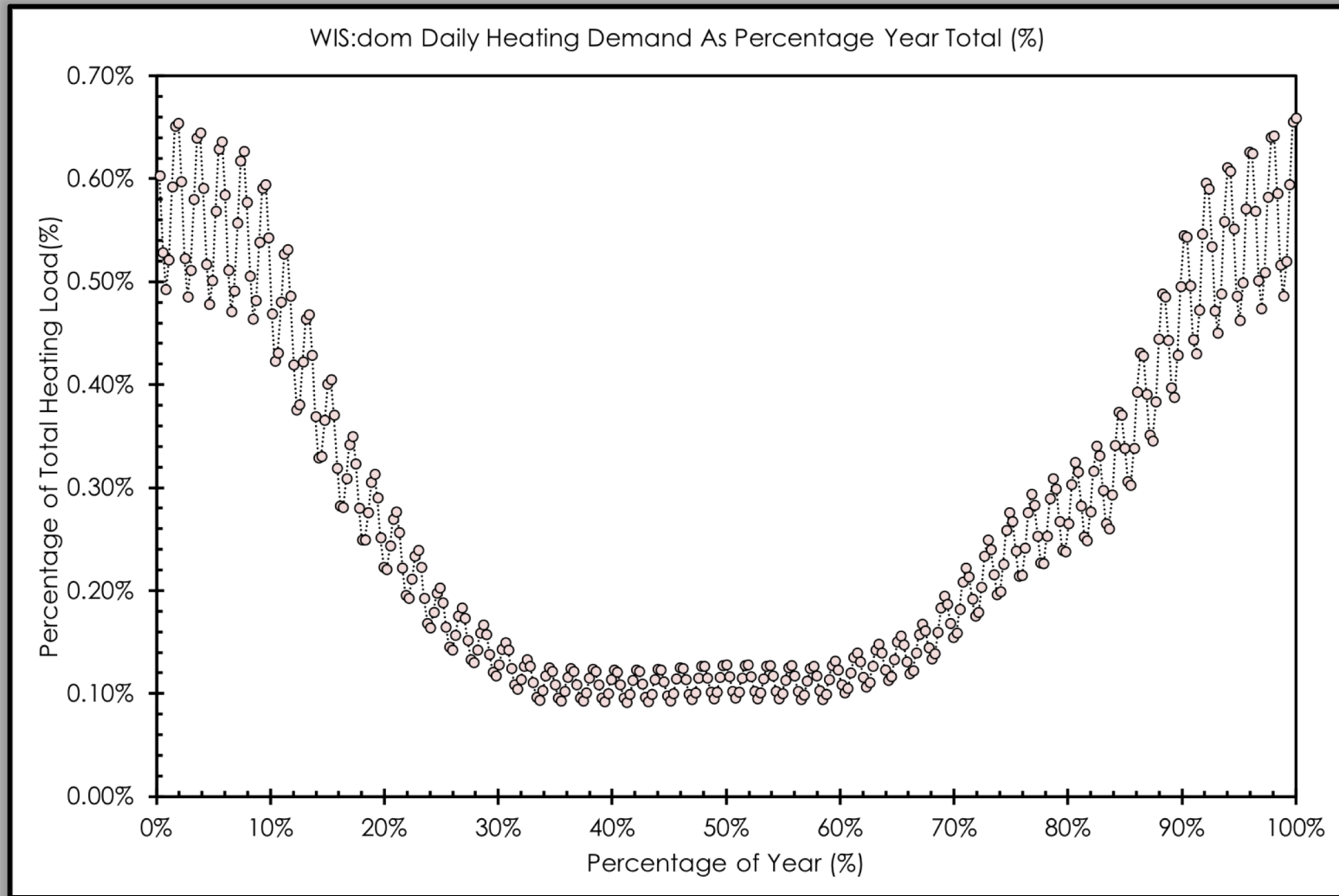


Electrification That WIS:dom Considers

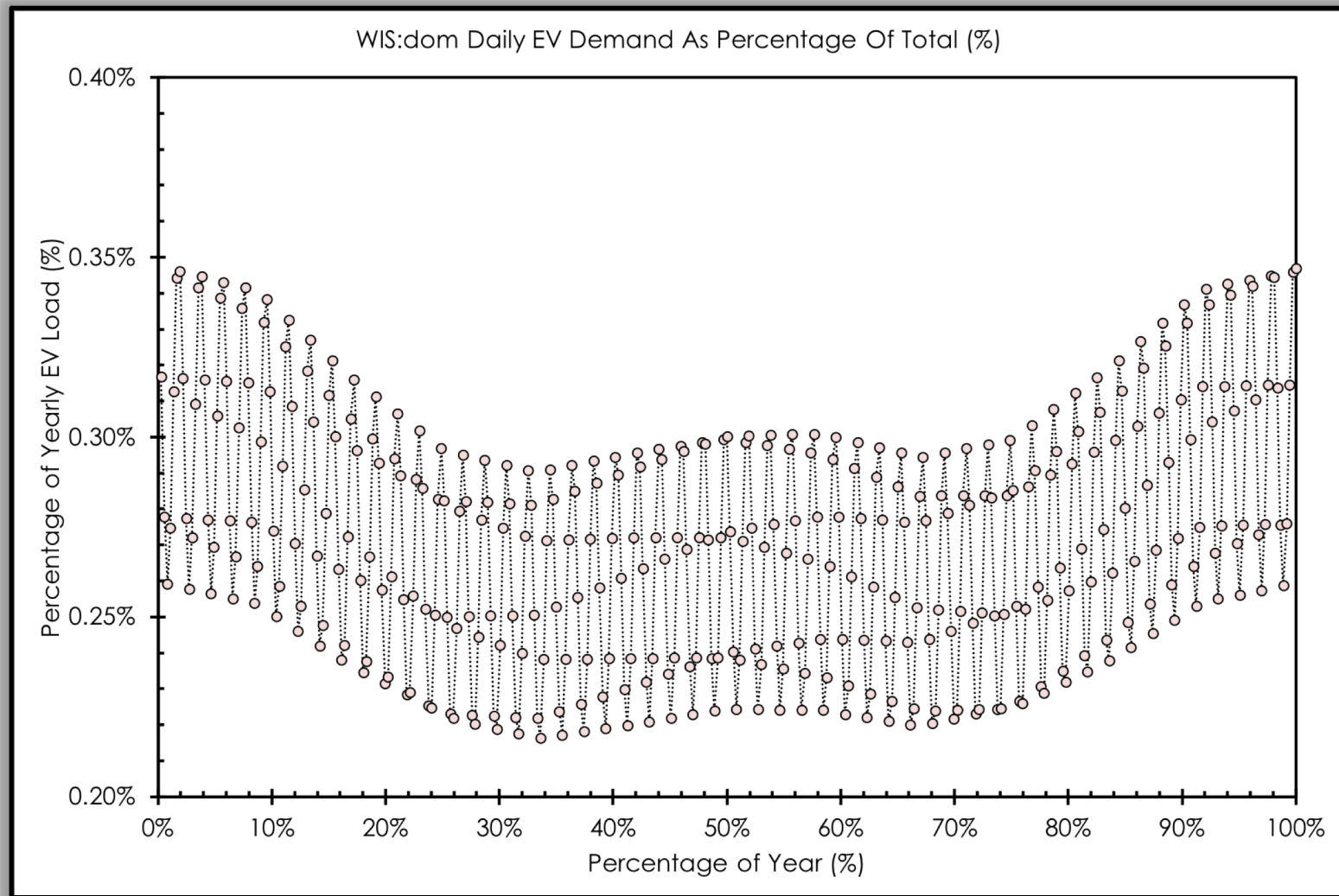
The WIS:dom optimization model considers ***electrification through:***

1. Light Duty Vehicles,
2. Heat pump Water Heaters (residential and commercial),
3. Heat pump space heating (residential and commercial),
4. Light Duty Trucks,
5. H2 production for:
 - *Medium / Heavy Duty Trucking,*
 - *Industrial Demands,*
 - *Space heating (residential and commercial),*
 - *Other transportation (Sabitier to Fischer-Tropsch Processes).*

Addition Heating Demands (Daily)

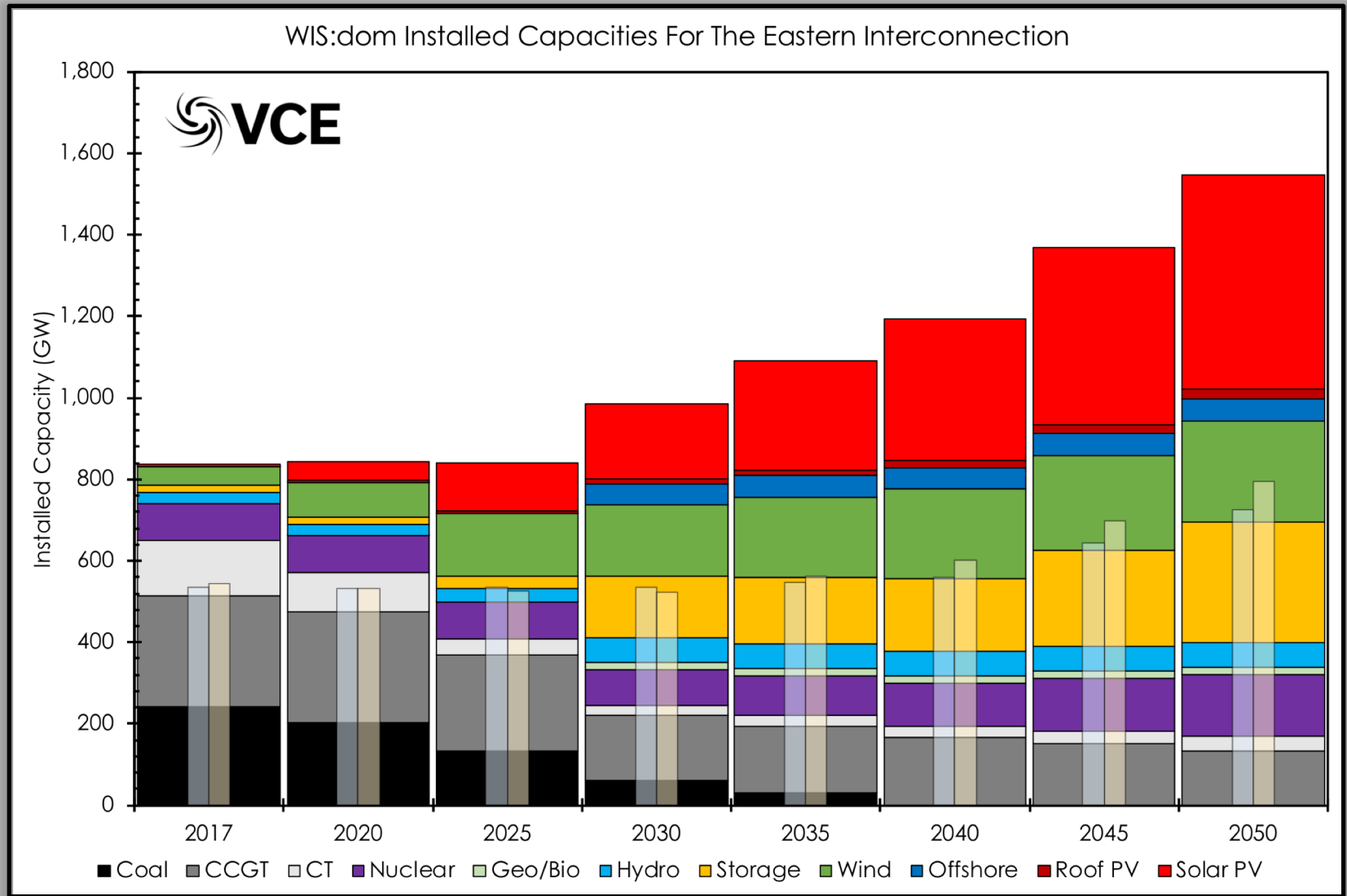


Addition Transportation Demands (Daily)

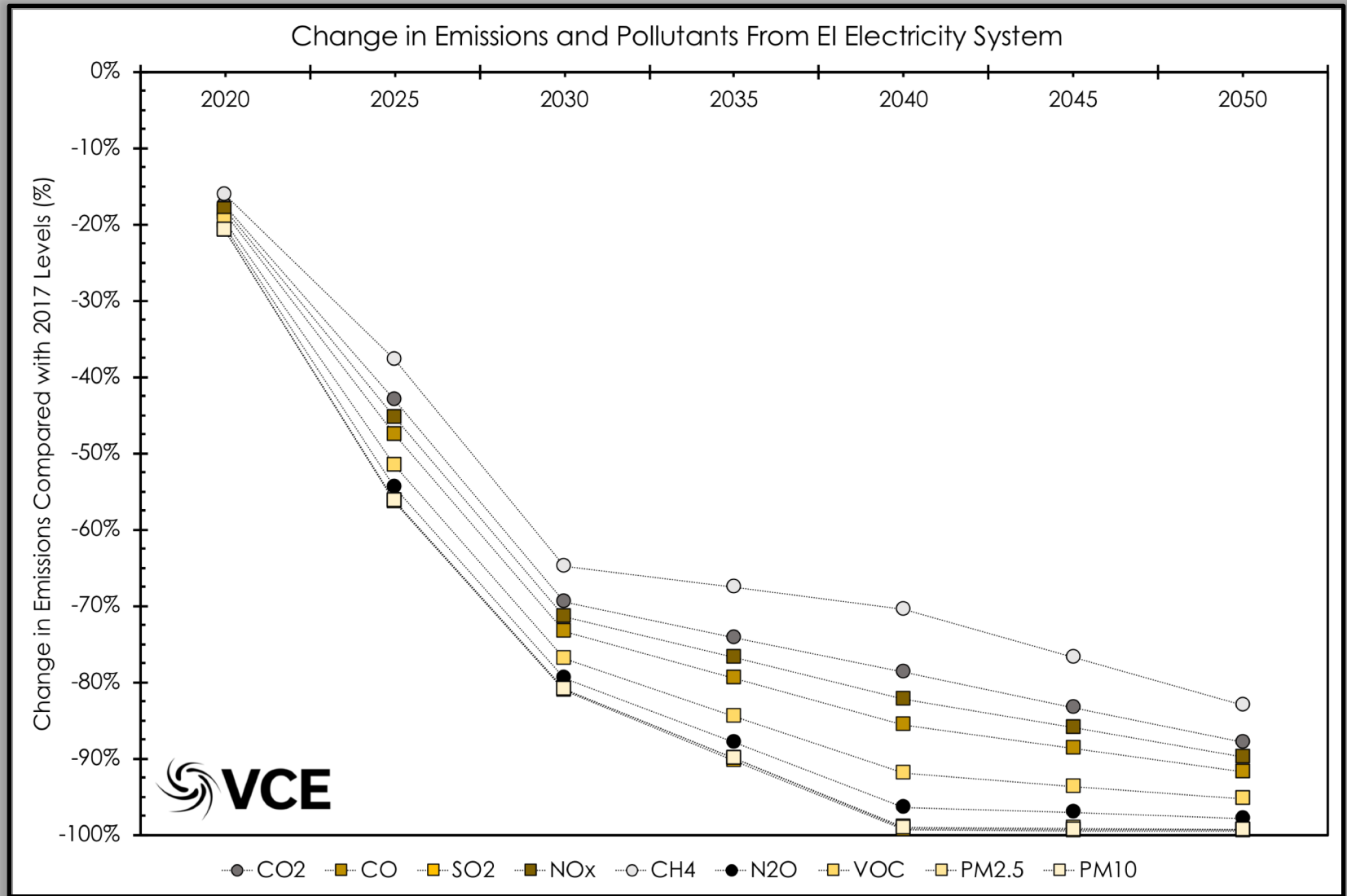


Eastern Interconnect Low-Carbon Grid

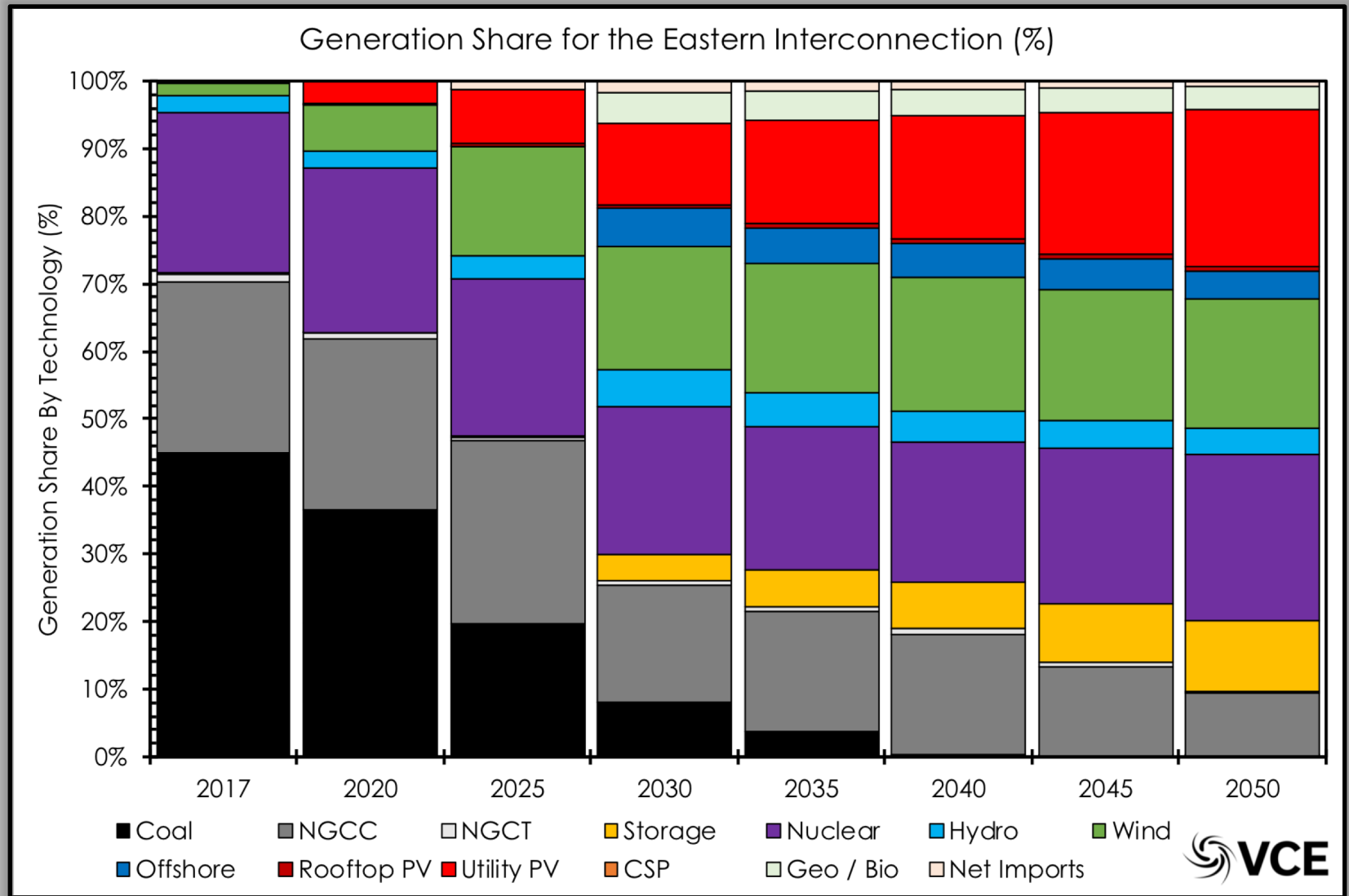
Eastern Interconnection Installed Capacity



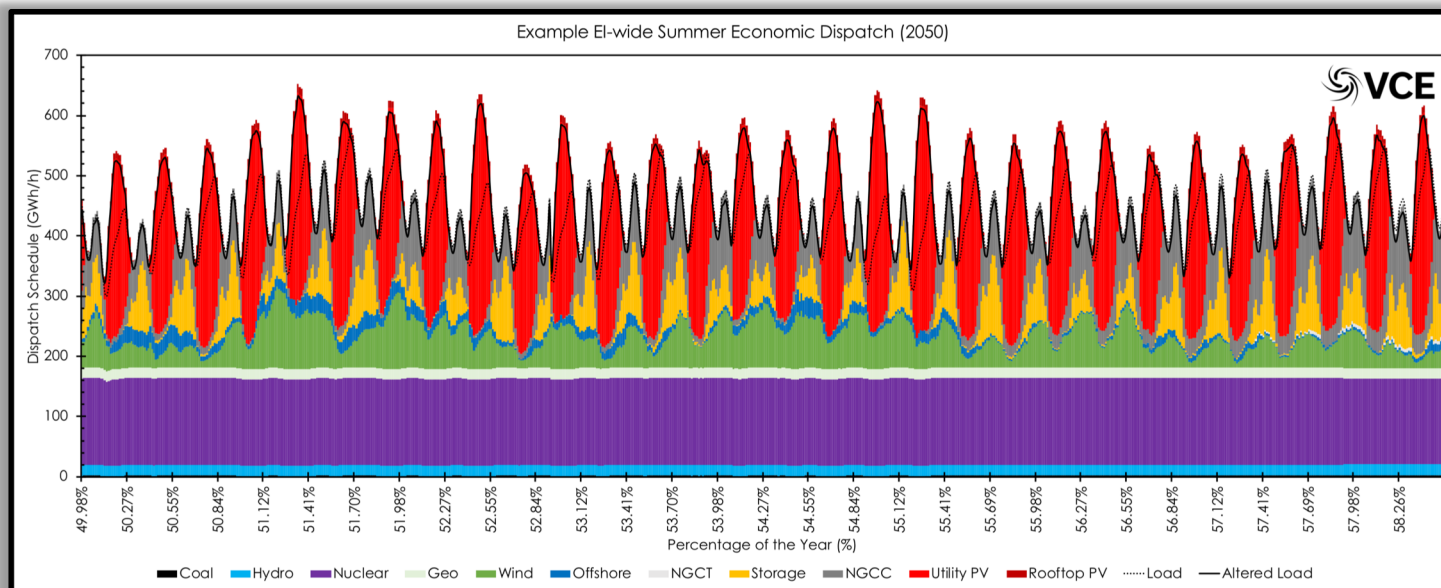
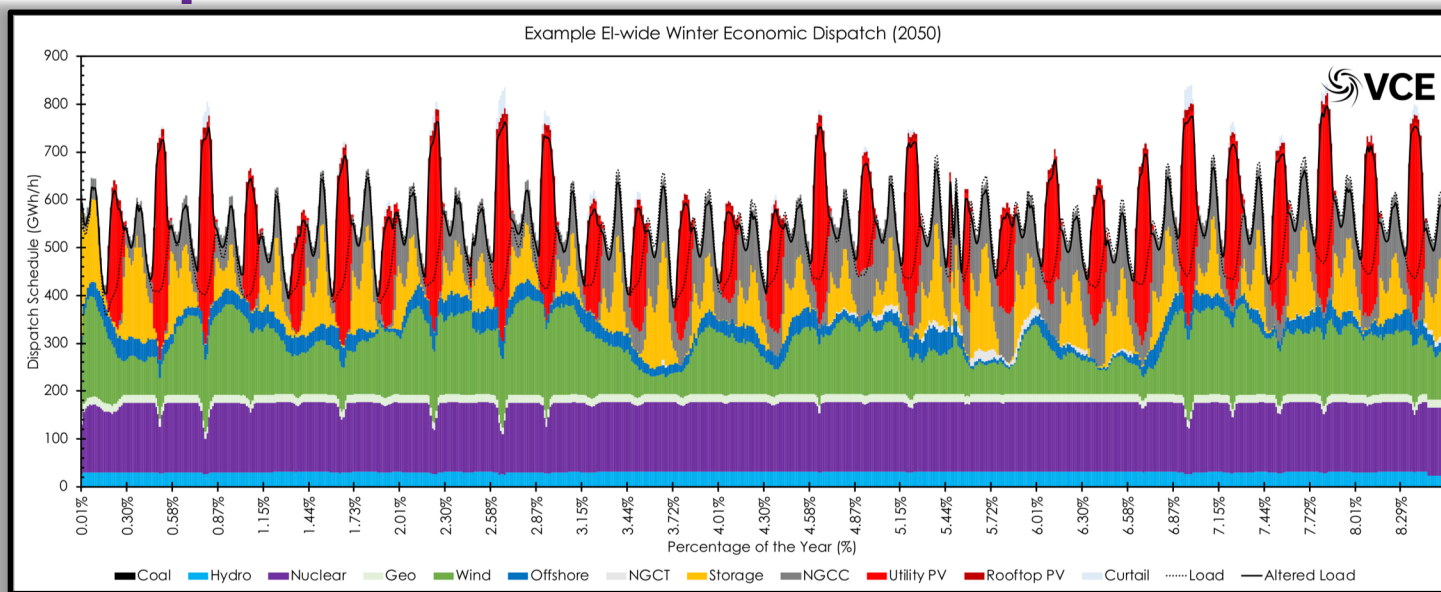
Eastern Interconnection Emissions Change



Generation Share For Eastern Interconnection

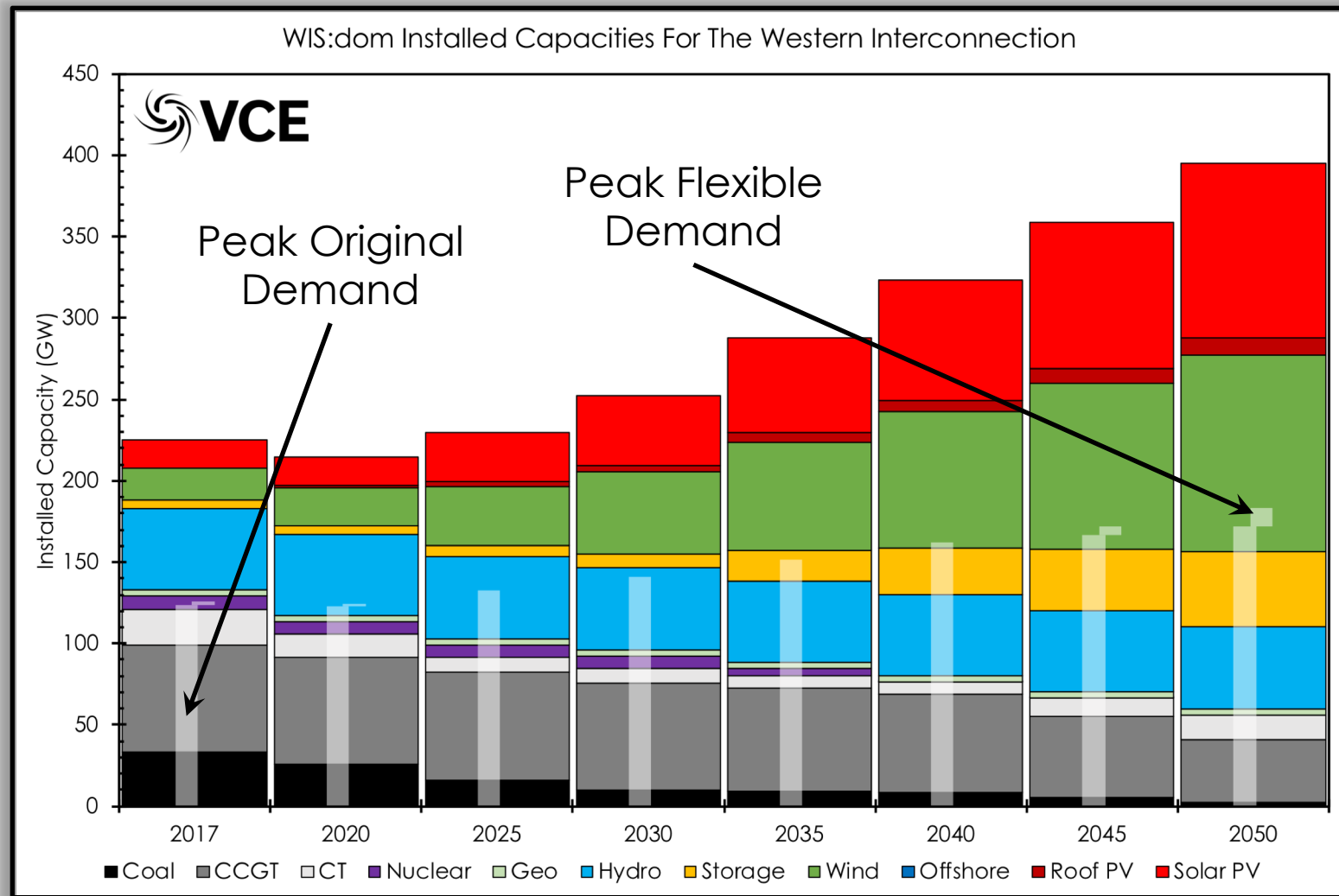


Dispatch For Eastern Interconnection

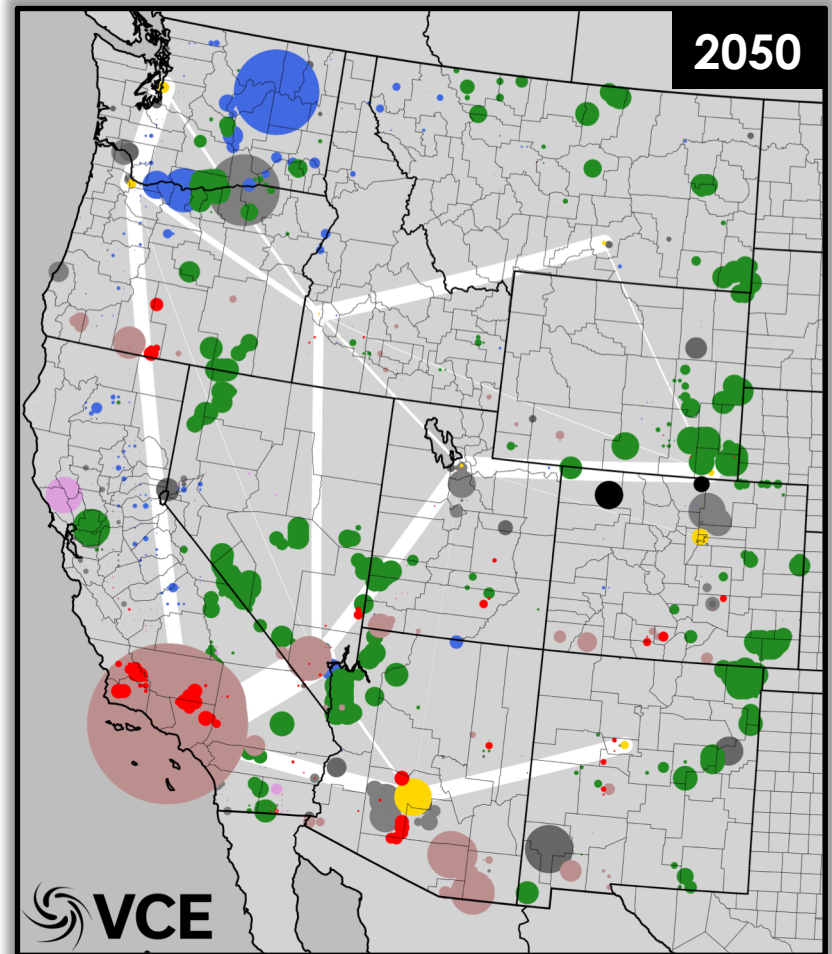
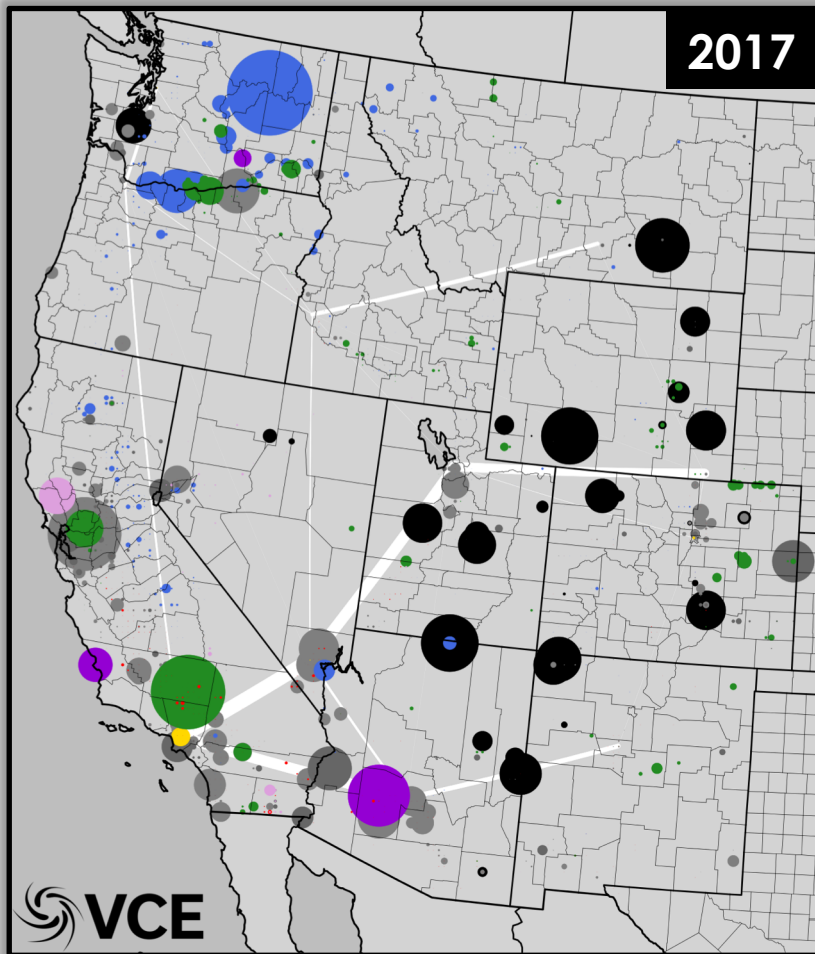


Western Interconnect Low-Carbon Grid

Western Interconnection Installed Capacity

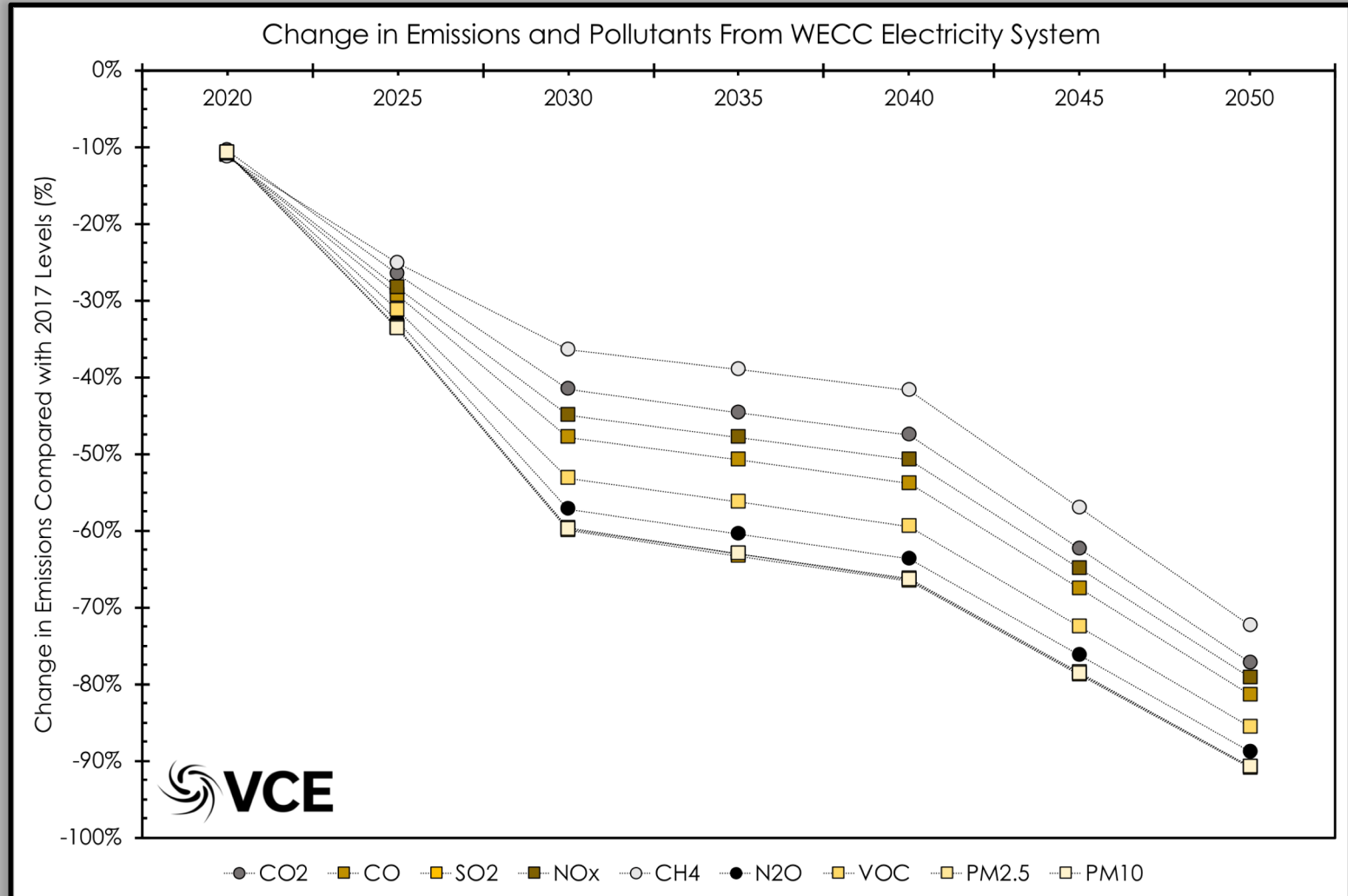


Installed Capacities

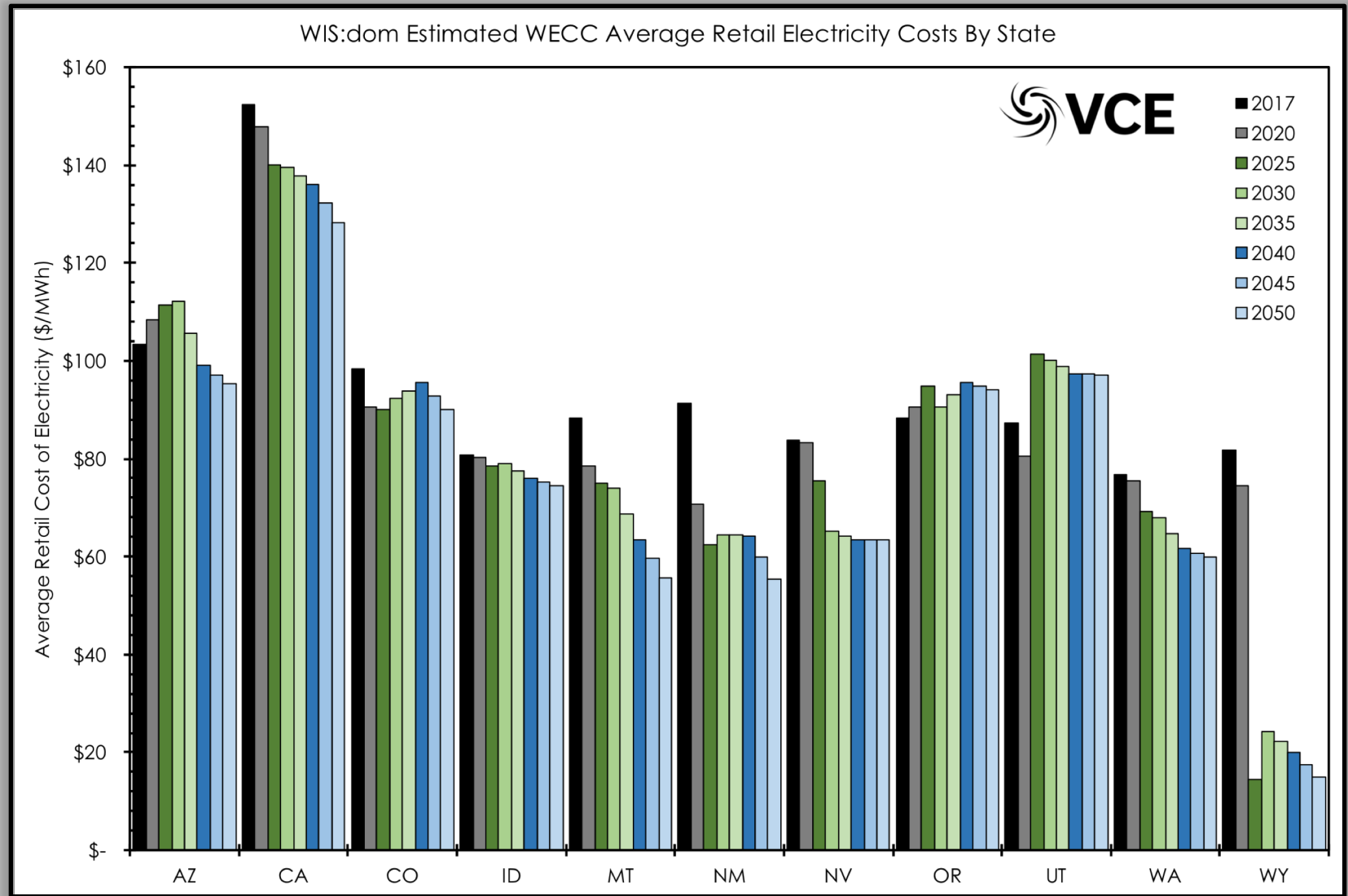


- Interstate transmission capacity is shown in white. Black is coal plants, grey is natural gas, green is wind, red is solar, purple is nuclear, blue is hydroelectric and purple is nuclear.

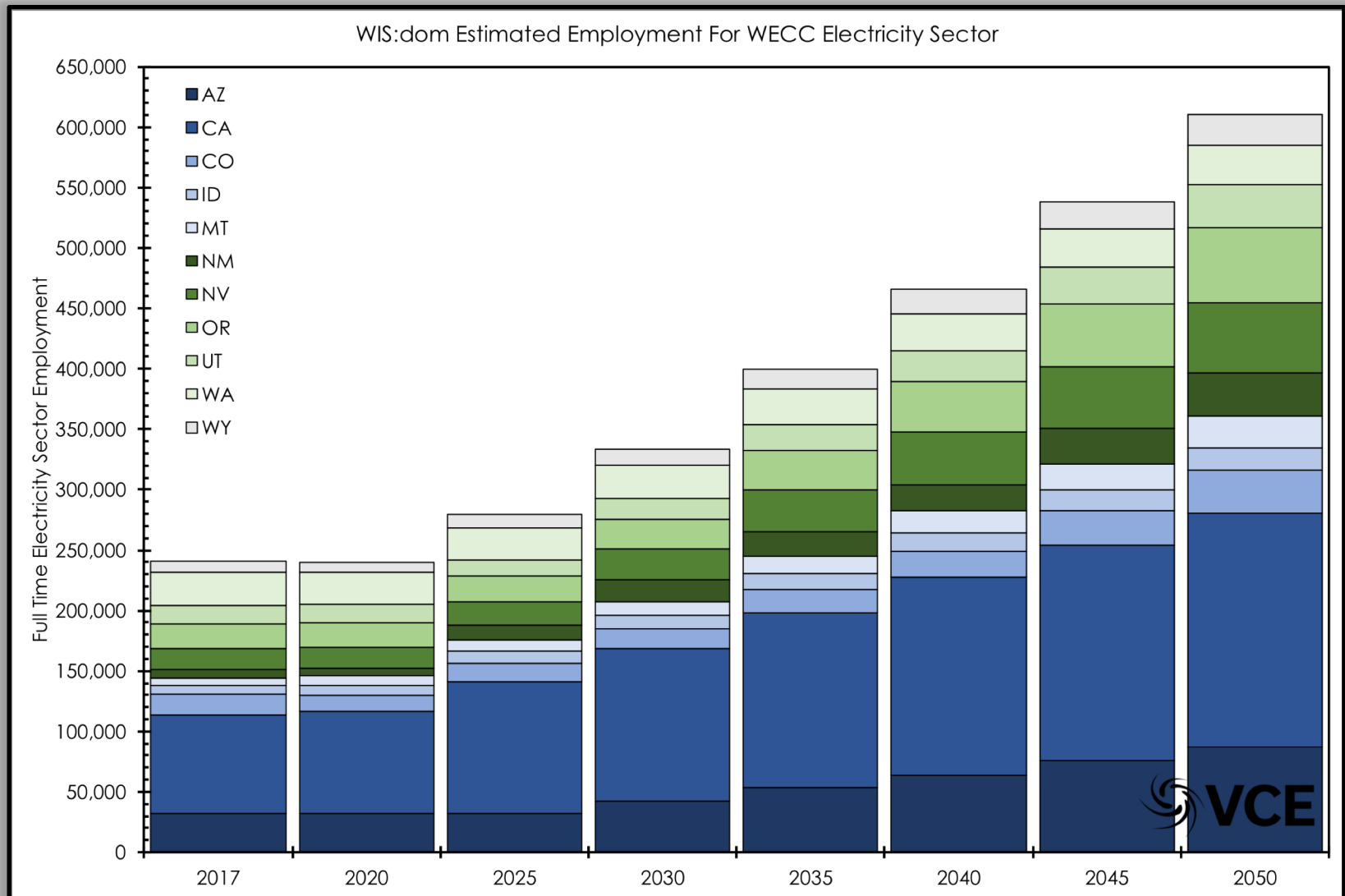
Western Interconnection Emissions Change



WECC-wide Average Retail Electricity Costs

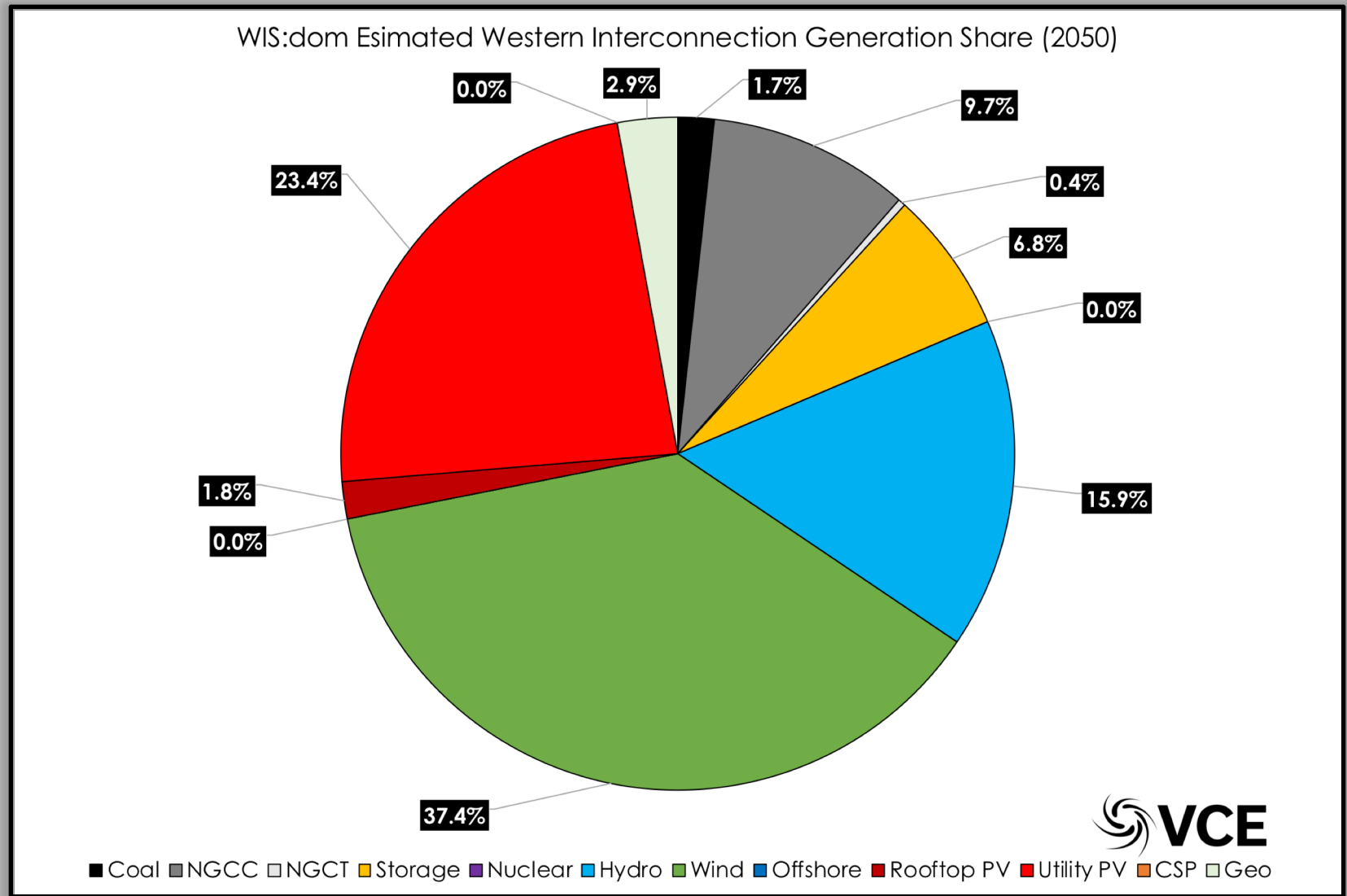


Full-time Jobs In Electricity Over WECC

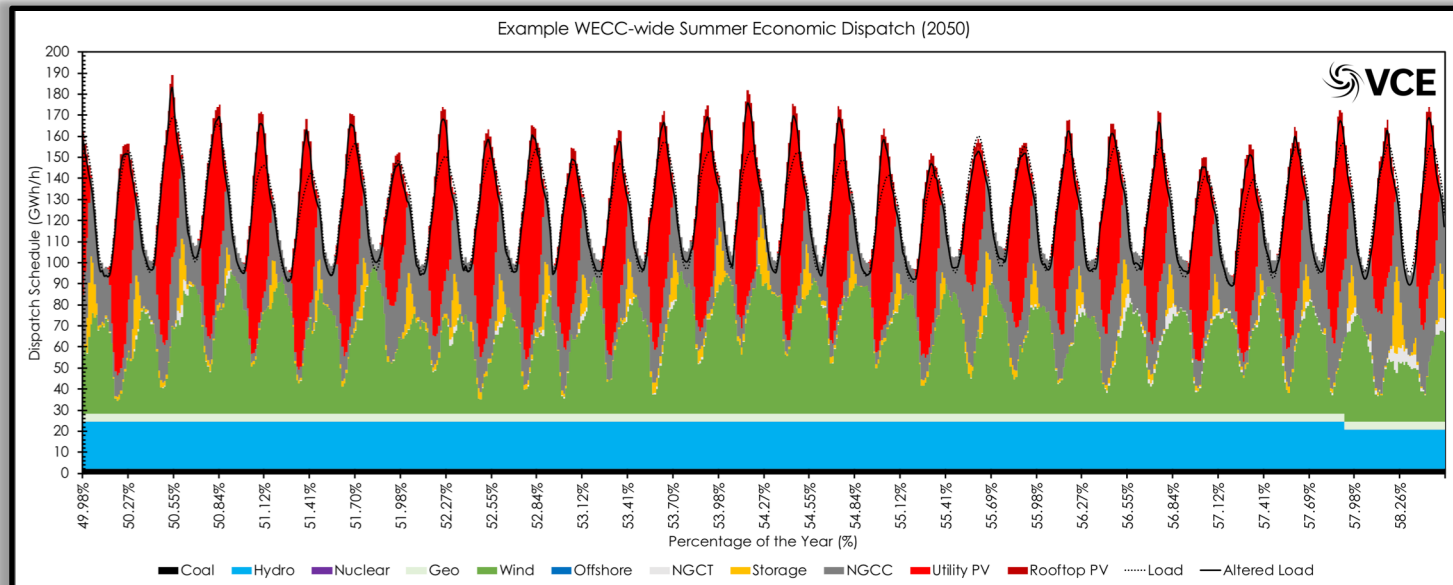
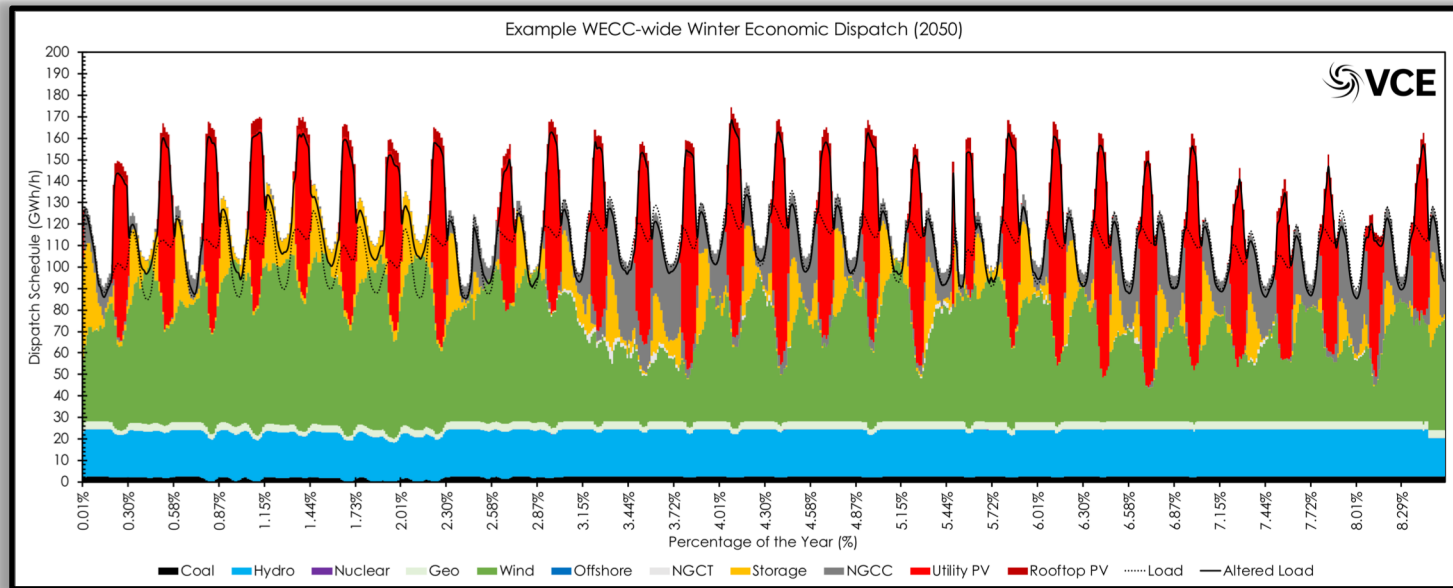


- Under baseline conditions, there are 61% more full time jobs in the electricity sector compared with 2017 numbers.

Generation Share For Western Interconnection



Dispatch For Western Interconnection



Electrification is Key To Low-Cost Decarbonization

- ✓ *Electrification provides increased electricity demand (helping investment);*
- ✓ Electrification provides a pathway for other sectors to decarbonize cost effectively;
- ✓ *Electrification provides flexibility to the electricity sector that reduces the impact of resource variability (but does not eliminate it completely);*
- ✓ Electrification reduces the net-peak issue with VREs while reducing the impact of over-generation periods;
- ✓ *Without electrification, more transmission is required, and decarbonization becomes much more difficult.*

Thank You

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