

# Introduction to GridSIM

MODELING TO INFORM THE GRID IN TRANSITION

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# Introduction Agenda

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- Introduction to GridSIM and Capacity Expansion Modeling
- Illustrative Analysis
- Overview of Modeling Assumptions
- Feedback and Next Steps

## Introduction

# Project purpose and scope

NYISO has retained Brattle to develop **simulations of NYISO markets through 2040** to inform the **Grid in Transition** effort.

- New York has established aggressive clean energy and decarbonization goals, codified in the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**.
- NYISO's **Grid in Transition** effort seeks to understand the reliability and market implications of the State's plans to transition to clean energy sources.
- NYISO has retained Brattle to **simulate NYISO market operations and investment through 2040** to inform NYISO staff and stakeholders on market evolution.

### Key Questions to Address

- How many and what types of **renewable resources and storage** will be needed to achieve the 70% renewable standard?
- What is the future of **current New York generation** (e.g. nuclear and gas)?
- How might **electrification** affect market operations and investments?
- What is the role of a flexible and market-engaged **demand side**?

*We are requesting stakeholder feedback on Key Questions*

# Introduction

## High-level approach

With stakeholders, over coming weeks **Brattle and NYISO will develop simulations of the future New York power system.**

1.	<b>Model Setup</b> End of March	<b>Develop model inputs and vet assumptions with stakeholders</b>
2.	<b>Benchmarking</b> April	<b>Calibrate and validate model by comparing to recent history (2018)</b>
3.	<b>Base Case</b> April & May	<b>Develop Base Case simulations of NYISO markets through 2040</b>
4.	<b>Alternative Cases</b> May & June	<b>Develop Alternative Cases through 2040, varying assumptions such as resource costs, load growth, and demand-side flexibility.</b>

# Introduction to GridSIM and Capacity Expansion Modeling

# What are “capacity expansion models”?

Capacity expansion models simulate **optimal generation investment and operations** over a **multi-year horizon**.

- **In traditionally regulated areas**, commonly used by utilities for IRP
- **In organized markets with merchant investment**, simulate how investment and market conditions may evolve over time
- **Especially valuable for exploring alternative futures in times of uncertainty and major change** in market fundamentals, policies, and market design, as in New York
- **Example models** include PLEXOS, Aurora, Strategist, and Resource Planning Model (NREL)

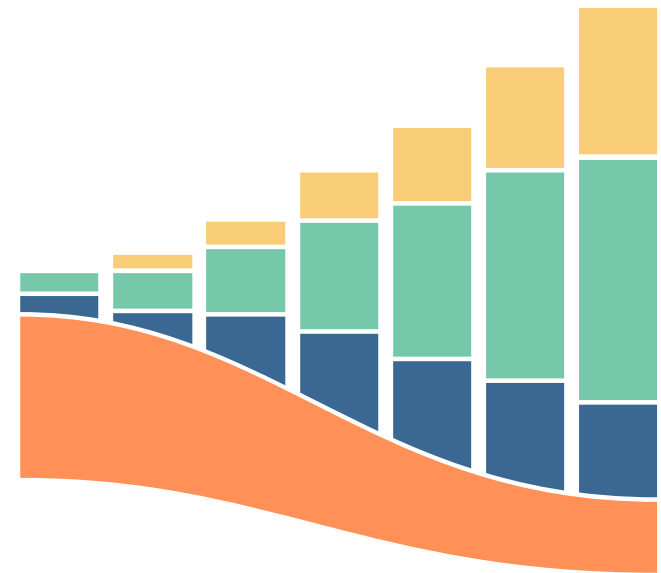
# GridSIM: Brattle's next-gen capacity expansion model

## GridSIM Features

- Designed to simulate **highly-decarbonized systems**
- Implemented with detailed representation of **NY power system** and **NYISO markets**
- **Co-optimized** treatment of energy, ancillary service, and capacity markets
- Chronological commitment and dispatch to robustly model **storage**.

## Example Insights

- How to balance a **100% carbon-free** grid?
- How are **nuclear** revenues affected by 70% renewable energy?
- How does the cost of **offshore wind** influence the future NY resource mix?



# gridSIM



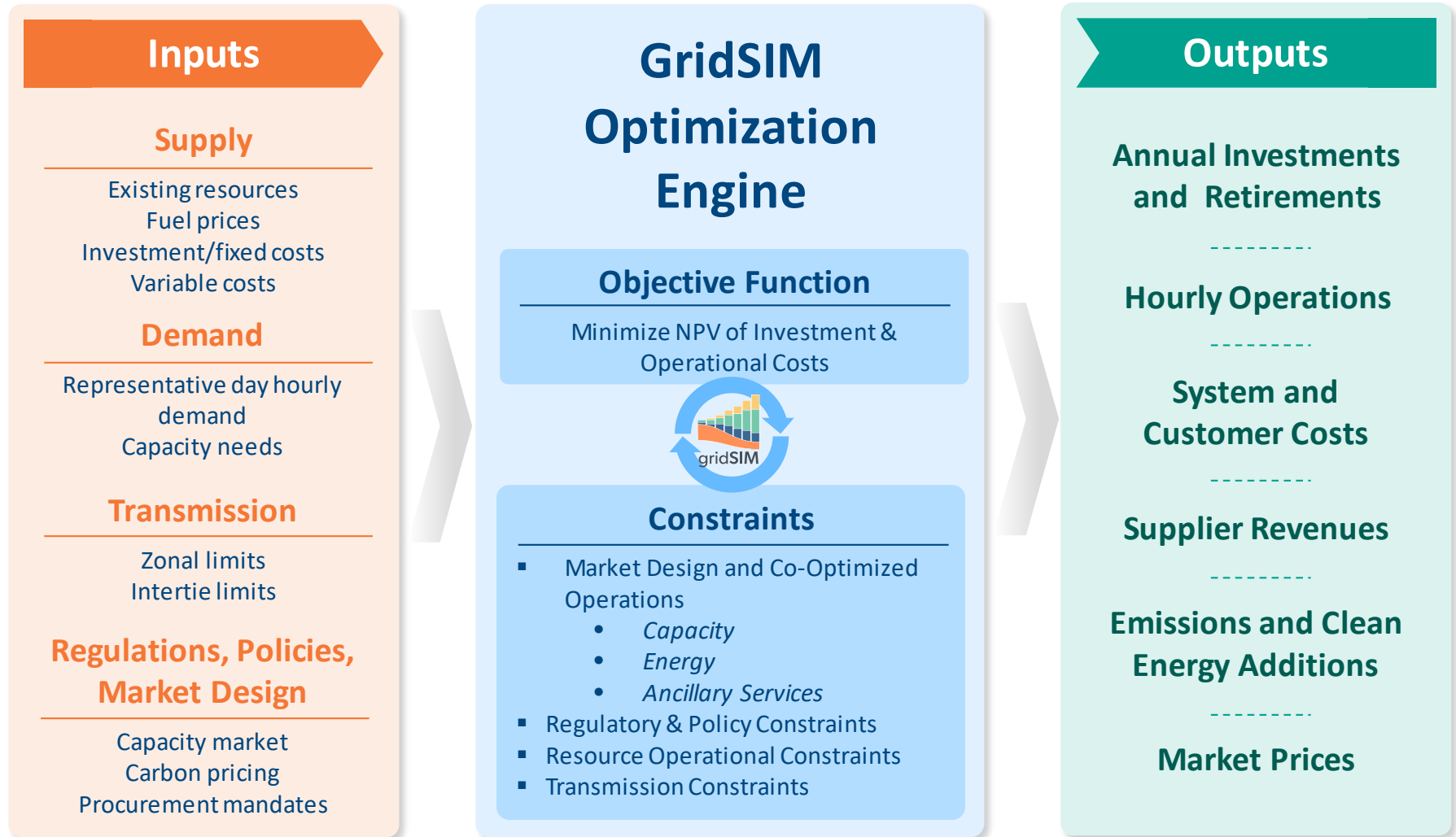
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# Previous uses of GridSIM

- **NYISO Grid in Transition.** For [NYISO](#), supported Grid in Transition effort to understand potential market revenue shifts for the NYISO's recommended market enhancements.
- **Ontario Clean Energy Study.** For [IESO](#), evaluated the costs and benefits of alternative clean energy procurement mechanisms.
- **Clean Energy Attribute Product Design & Procurement.** For [NEPOOL](#), evaluated benefits of a dynamic clean energy market in ISO-NE.
- **Evaluation of Future Flexibility Needs.** For an investor, evaluating the future value of flexible resources within ERCOT.
- **Market Design Enhancement Study.** For an RTO, evaluated the benefits and costs of enhancements to energy and capacity markets.
- **DR and EE Assessment.** For [EPRI](#) and DOE, evaluated the potential benefits of enhanced DR and EE treatment within resource planning models.
- **Nuclear Valuation.** For a Southeast utility, evaluated the value of a nuclear plant within a resource planning context.

# Introduction to GridSIM

## GridSIM model framework



# Introduction to GridSIM

## Objective function

GridSIM minimizes the present value of **total system costs** across a multi-year horizon, subject to **constraints**.

### Components of Total System Cost:

- **Operating costs:** Objective to dispatch its system in a least-cost manner across E&AS markets to minimize **production costs**, including fuel, variable operations and maintenance, startup, and emission costs
- **Investment costs:** A new resource built only when its total revenues exceed its total costs, such that **investment and fixed costs** are minimized

# Introduction to GridSIM

## Constraints considered

GridSIM simulates system operations subject to **technical, market design, and policy constraints.**

### Market Design & Operations

- Must retain sufficient supply to **meet resource adequacy requirements**, per ICAP market
- Each hour, **generation must equal load**

### Regulatory and Policy Constraints

- **Emission caps and carbon pricing**
- **Technology mandates**, e.g. Renewable Portfolio Standards or storage mandates

### Resource Operational Constraints

- Supply resources subject to **technical constraints** that vary by resource type, e.g. ramp rates, unit commitment, min/max gen, hydropower flow limits, lifetime
- Availability of **import supply & exports** can be treated in a variety of ways

### Transmission Constraints

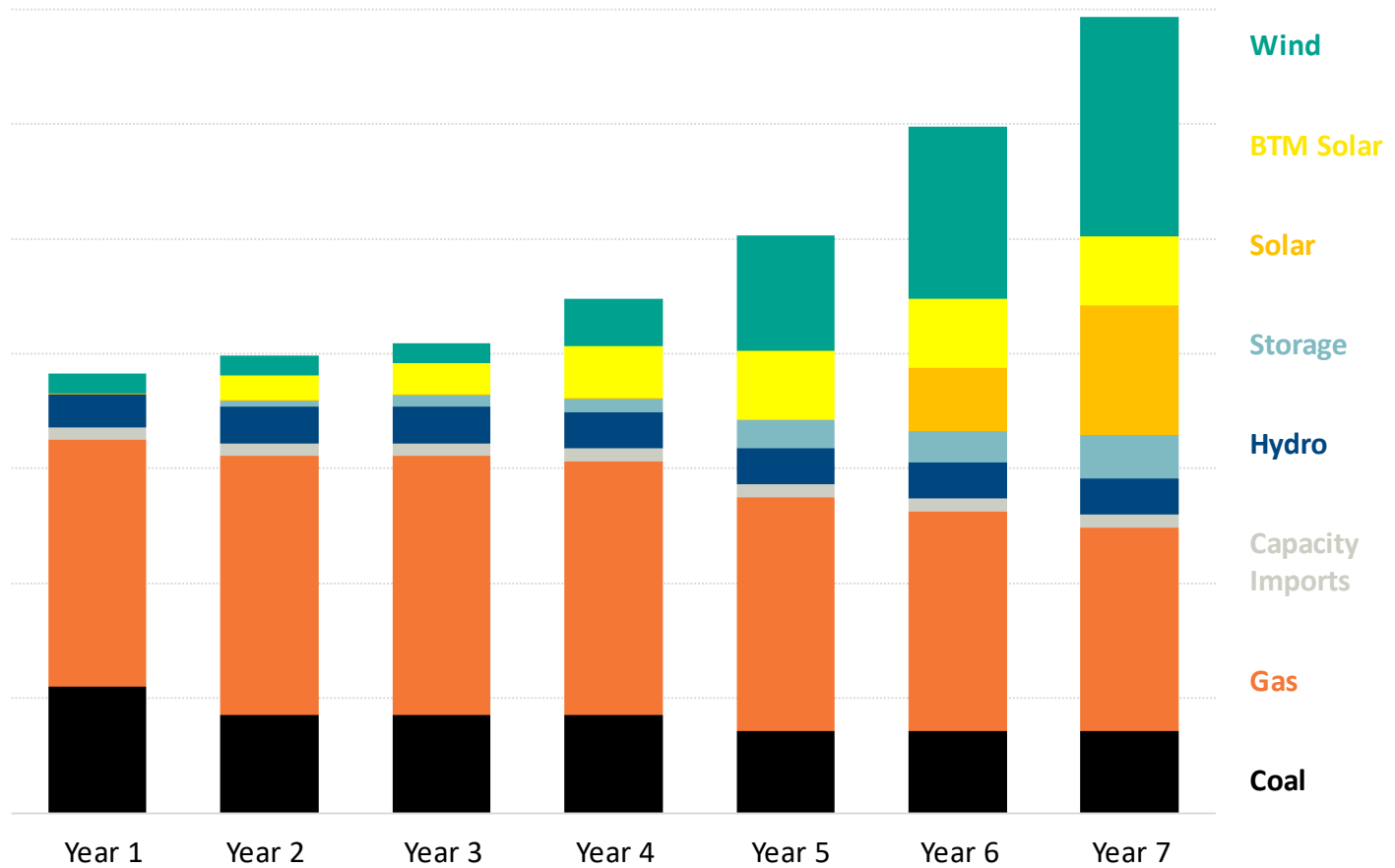
- Internal and external flows limited by pre-specified **transmission limits** (pipe and bubble model)

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## Changes in capacity

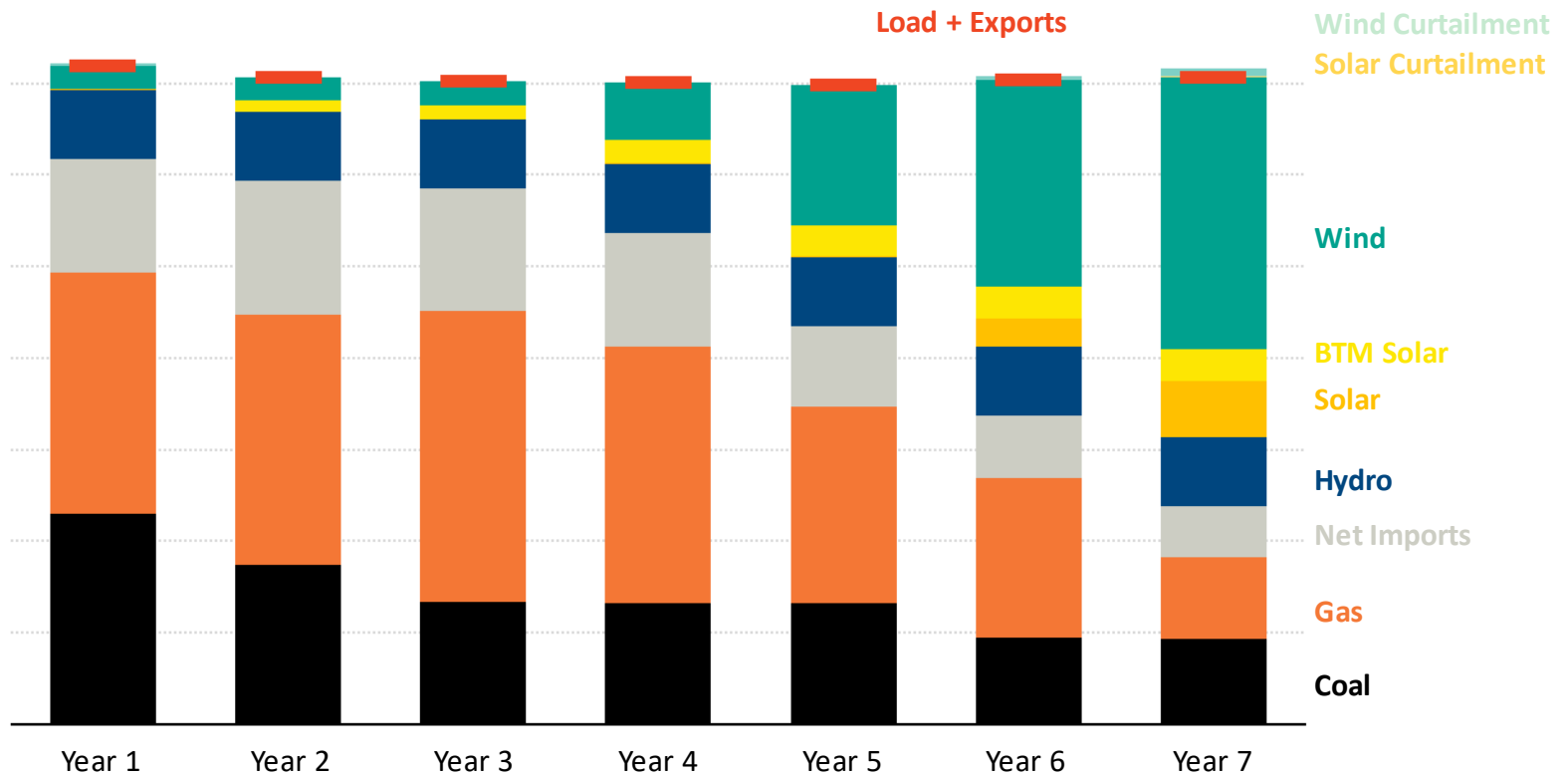
*Installed Capacity (GW)*



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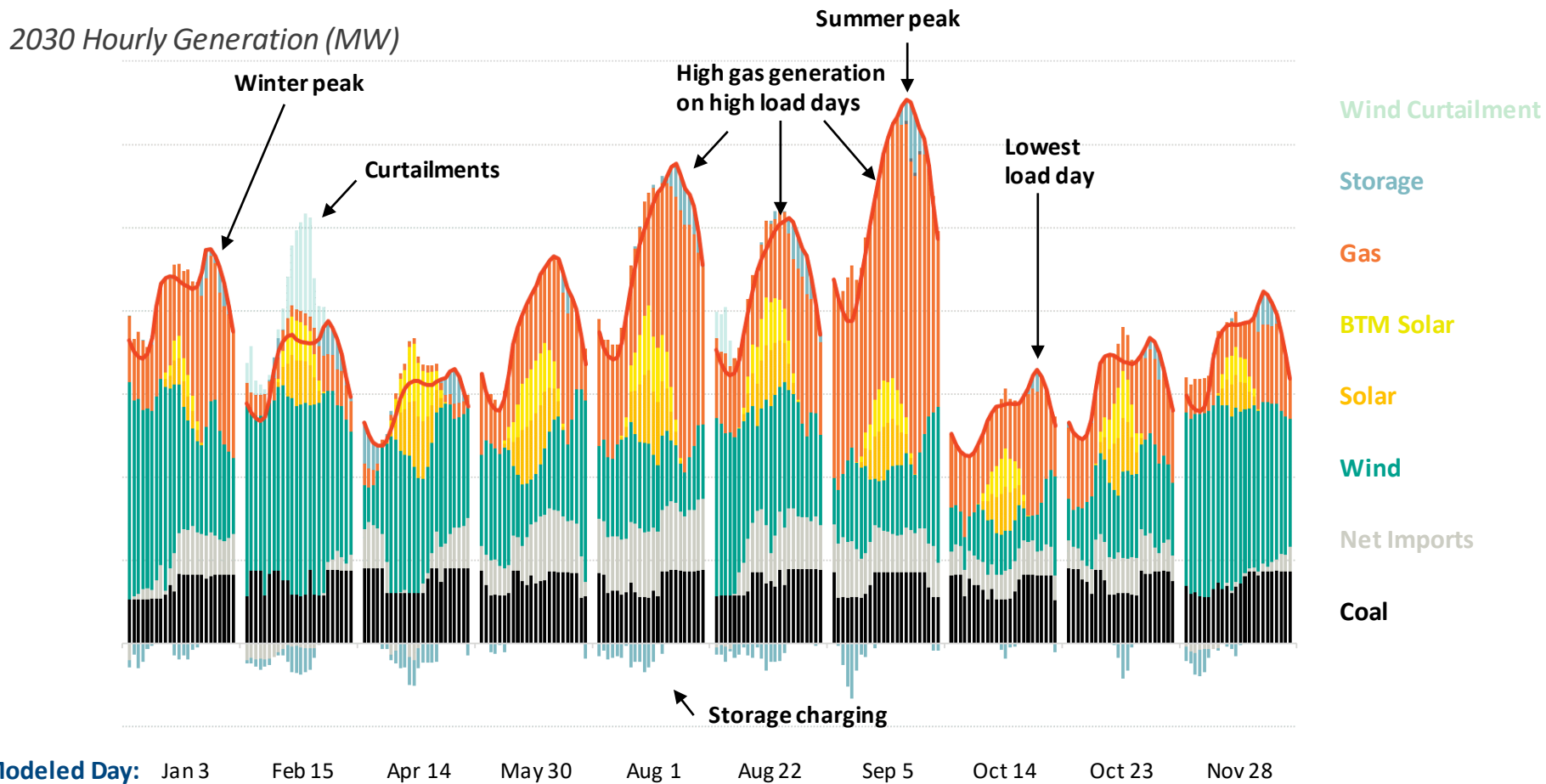
## Changes in generation

Annual Generation (TWh)



# Illustrative Analysis

## Hourly dispatch in 2030

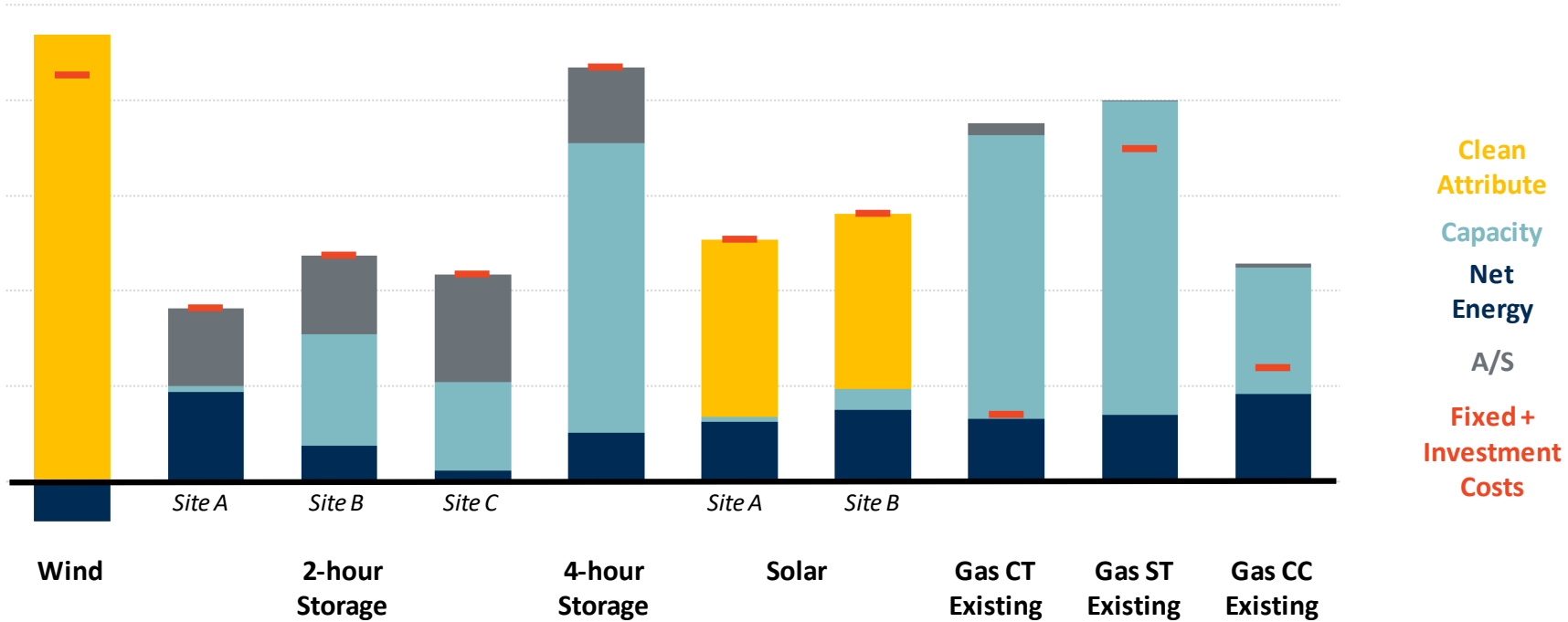




# Illustrative Analysis

## Sources of supplier revenues

Unit Revenues (\$/kW-yr)



# Overview of Modeling Assumptions

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## Key assumptions

Key Input Assumption	
1	<b>System Model</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internal and external transmission constraints (pipe/bubble model)</li></ul>
2	<b>Supply Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All existing supply resources and planned builds/retirements</li><li>• New supply resource costs and technical constraints</li><li>• Available supply from neighbors (can be modeled in several ways)</li></ul>
3	<b>Demand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hourly load shapes</li><li>• Future load forecast, including electrification and climate impacts</li><li>• Flexibility of demand side</li></ul>
4	<b>Temporal Representation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 representative days modeled at hourly granularity, selected and weighted to reflect average annual system conditions</li><li>• 2020 – 2040 time horizon</li></ul>
5	<b>Market Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NYISO ICAP market design</li><li>• Ancillary service requirements &amp; shortage pricing</li></ul>
6	<b>Financial Assumptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost of capital</li></ul>

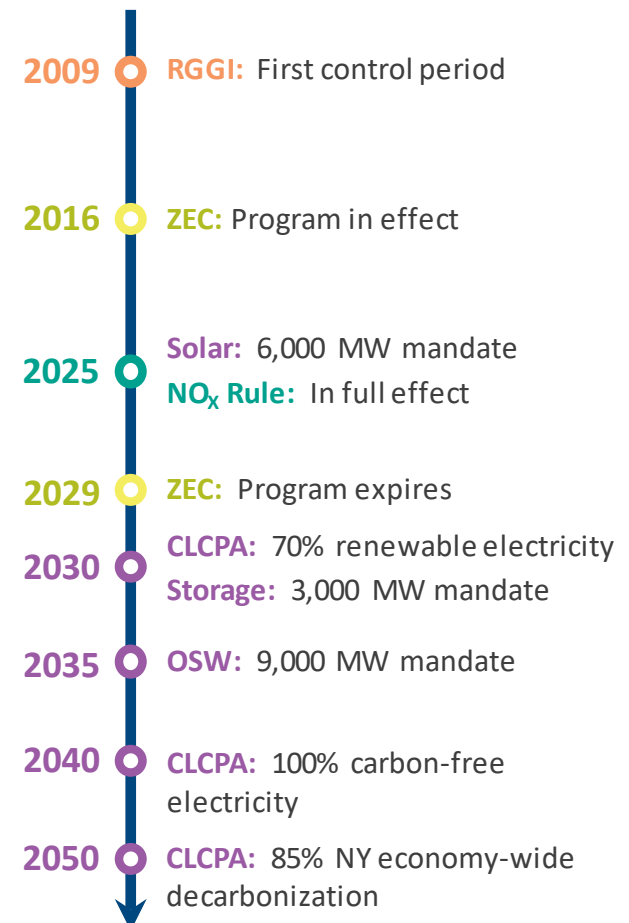
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## Modeled clean energy policies

### Description of Key Policies

<b>CLCPA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Renewable generation:</b> 70% of NY annual electricity supplied from renewables (solar, wind, hydro) by 2030</li> <li>• <b>100% carbon-free electricity</b> by 2040</li> <li>• <b>Solar:</b> 6,000 MW distributed solar by 2025</li> <li>• <b>Offshore wind:</b> 9,000 MW by 2035</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> 3,000 MW by 2030</li> <li>• <b>Economy-wide emissions:</b> 85% reduction by 2050 and 40% reduction by 2030 from 1990 levels</li> </ul>
<b>RGGI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeast regional cap-and-trade program</li> <li>• Avg. 2019 price: \$5.4/ton; expected to reach \$12.6 by 2030</li> </ul>
<b>ZEC Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero emission credit payments to New York nuclear plants</li> <li>• Program expires March 2029</li> </ul>
<b>DEC NO<sub>x</sub> rule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEC rule to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from peakers</li> <li>• Peakers built pre-1986 may retire instead of retrofitting to meet emissions requirements</li> </ul>

### Policy Timeline



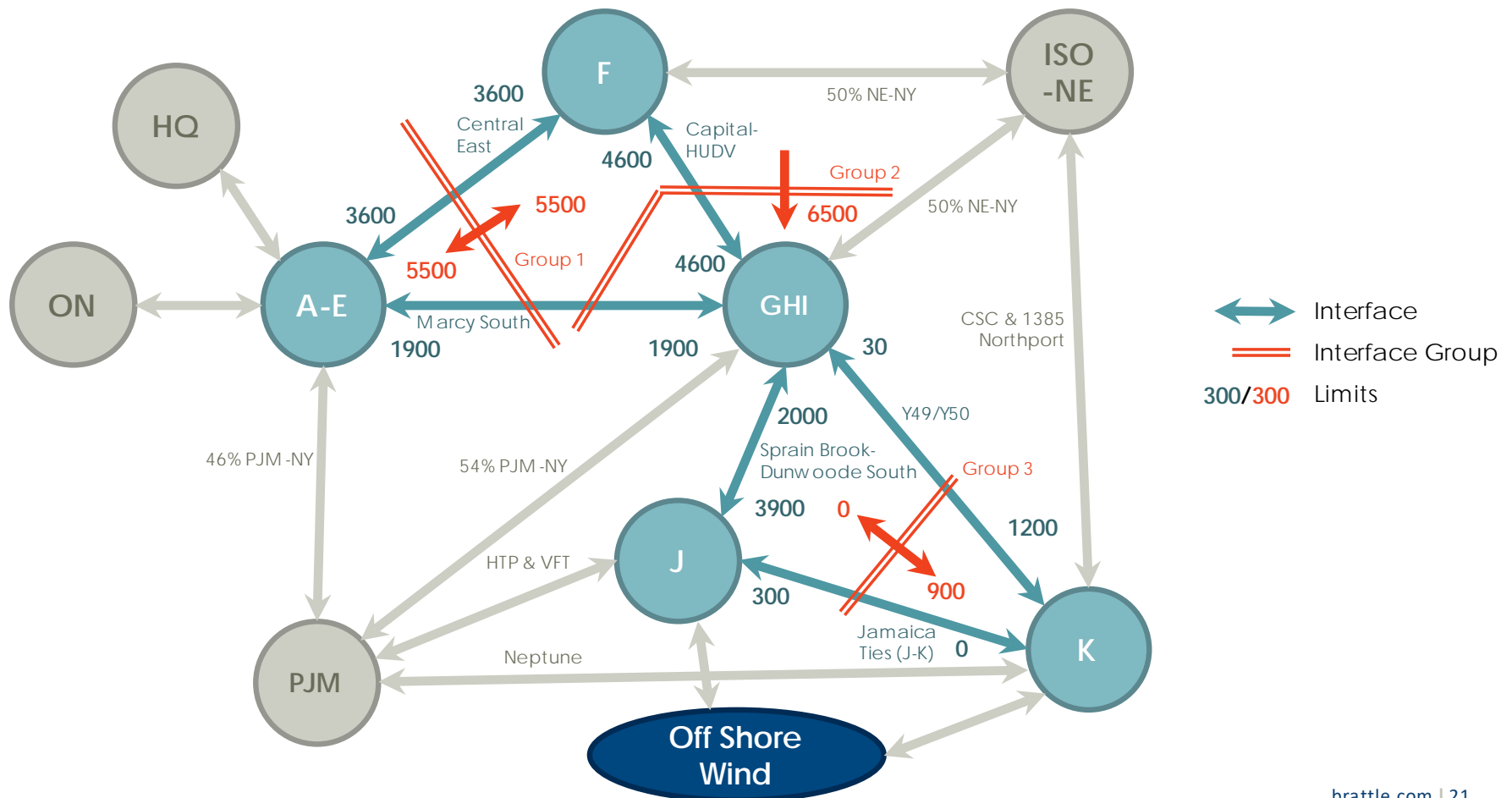
*Sources and Notes:*

- [RGGI Auction Allowance Price and Volumes Results](#)
- [New York Public Service Commission Order Adopting a Clean Energy Standard. August 1, 2016](#)
- [New York DEC Adopted Subpart 227-3](#)
- [New York Senate Bill S6599](#)

# Modeling Assumptions

## Representation of New York grid

In conjunction with NYISO, Brattle developed a 5-zone “pipe-and-bubble” representation of the New York grid.

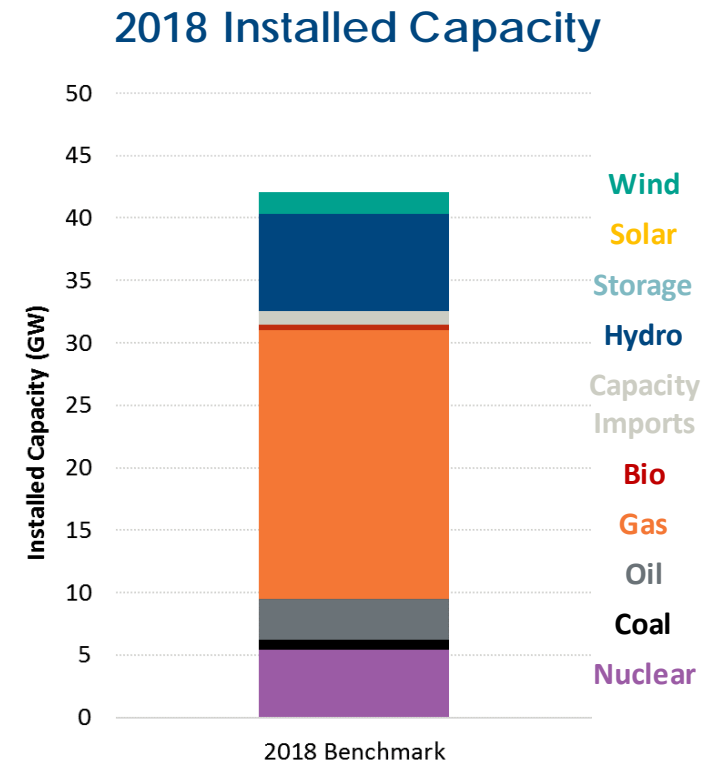


# Modeling Assumptions

## Existing supply resources

We model all existing generators in New York, consistent with the 2018 Gold Book and other sources of data.

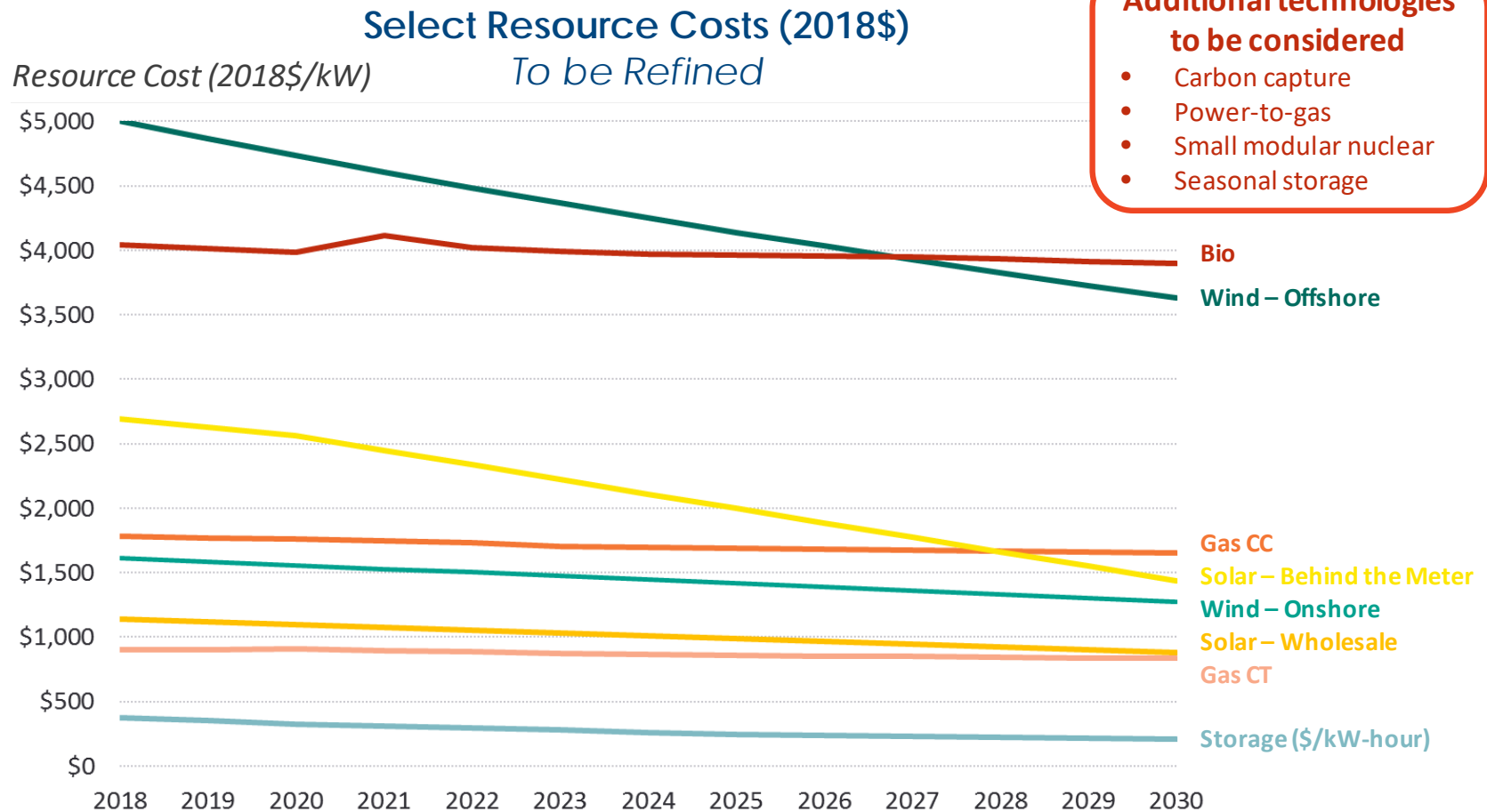
- 2018 Gold Book primary source of generator data
- Most generators aggregated by zone and type (e.g., gas CC & CT, nuclear, OSW)
- Subset of generators modeled independently due to unique characteristics
- Generator characteristics (e.g., heat rate, VOM) developed w/ NYISO input
- UCAP value of renewables modeled dynamically



# Modeling Assumptions

## New supply resources

Future generator investment costs based on review of multiple sources, including NREL, EIA, and NYISO DCR study.



# Modeling Assumptions

## Load Shapes

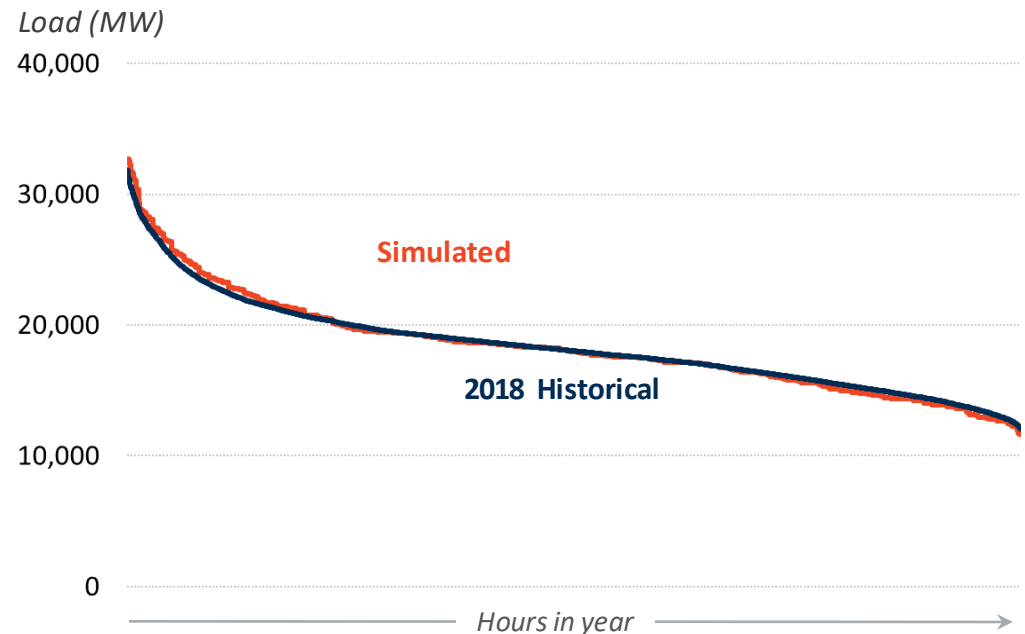
We select and weight representative days to reflect NYISO's 2018 hourly load duration curves.

- Day selection and weighting considers seasonality, gas price, and renewable generation
- Will evaluate how representative load shapes may evolve with electrification

### Representative Days

Day	Weight	
1/3/2018	14	Winter Peak
2/15/2018	76	
4/14/2018	28	
5/30/2018	39	
8/1/2018	27	
8/22/2018	23	Summer Peak
9/5/2018	12	
10/14/2018	6	Low Load Day
10/23/2018	76	
11/28/2018	64	

### 2018 NYISO Load Historical vs. Simulated





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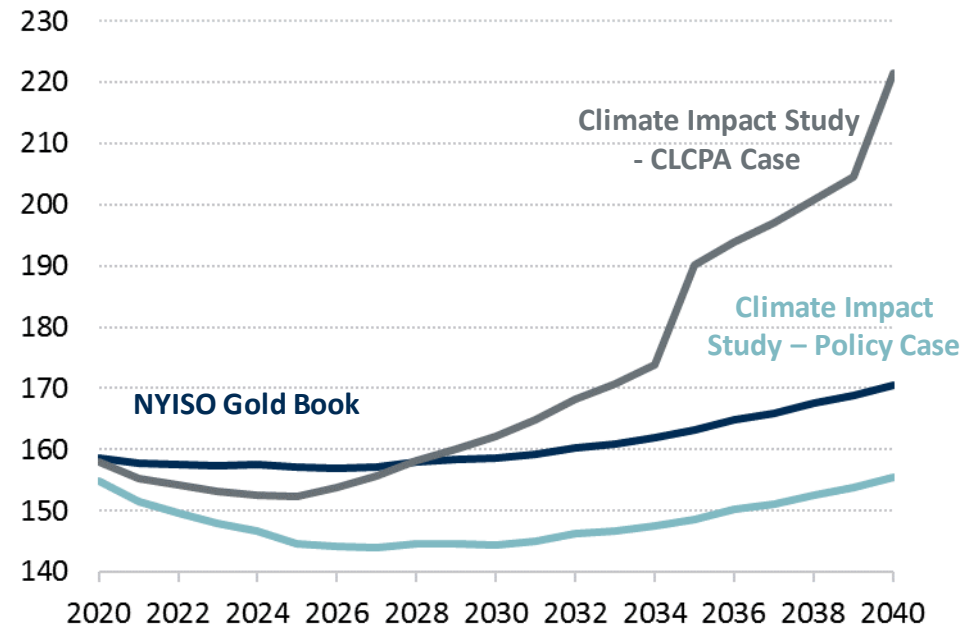
## Load Forecasts

We will utilize load forecasts consistent with current NYISO outlooks.

- Initial modeling utilized load forecasts from 2018 Gold Book
- Will update forecasts to be consistent with most recent NYISO outlook and leverage Climate Change Phase 1 forecast
- Will consider impacts of electrification and climate change

### NYISO Forecasted Load

Total Annual Energy (TWh)



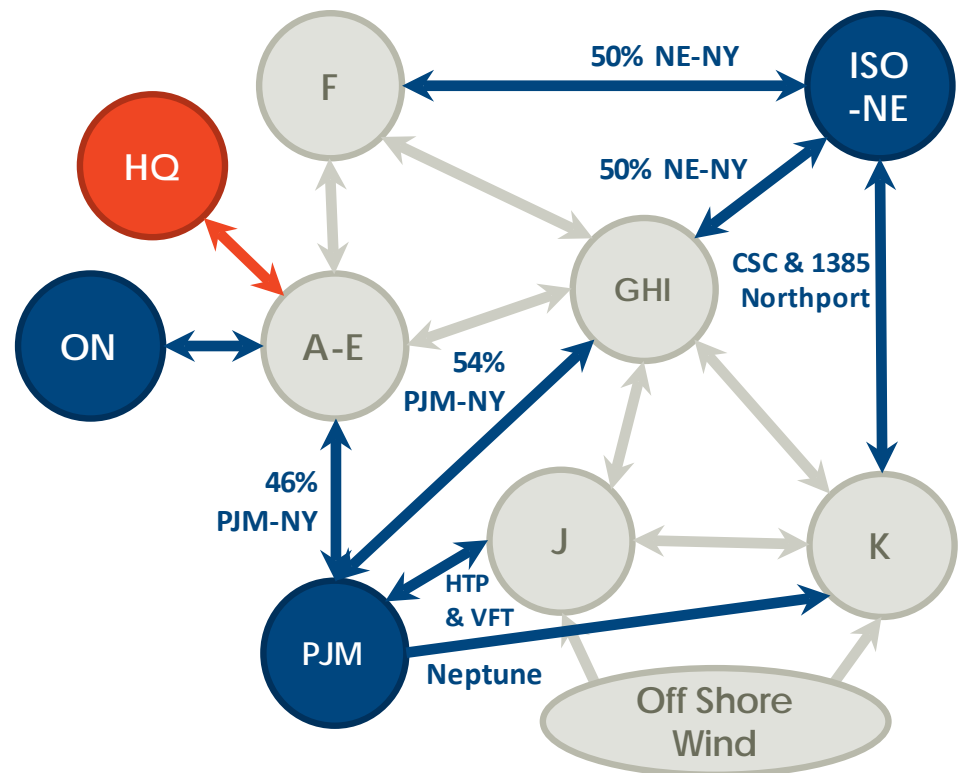
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## Imports and exports

We model New York interties consistent with historical flows, but reflect some ability of neighboring systems to help balance NY renewable generation.

- **Hydro Quebec** modeled as fully flexible
  - Reflects HQ's hydro storage potential
  - In all hours, allow flows up to line limit (1500 MW import, 1000 MW export)
- **All other interties** modeled as less flexible
  - Reflects similar balancing challenges in neighboring systems
  - Lock **hourly exports** at 2018 levels
  - **Hourly imports** allowed to flex between zero and 2018 levels (e.g. model can reduce imports if uneconomic)

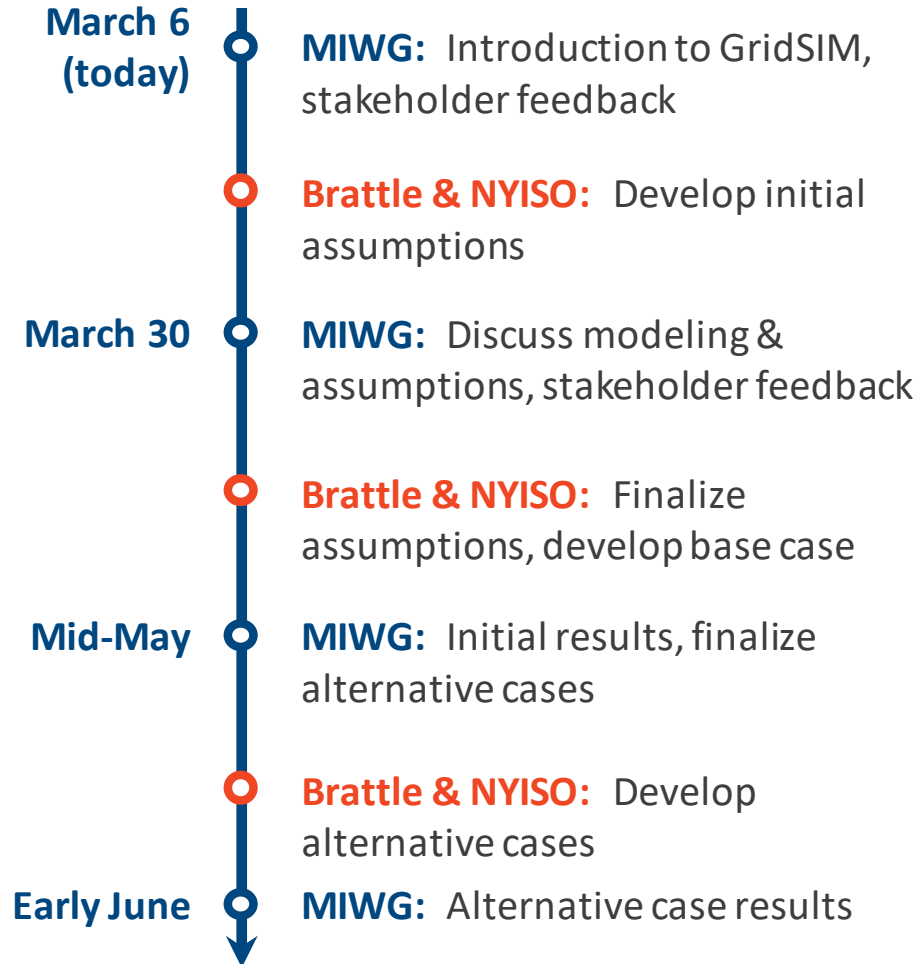
Treatment of New York Interties



# Feedback and Next Steps

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## Study timeline and workplan



## Feedback & Next Steps

# Alternative cases

Brattle and NYISO will develop two alternative cases that vary key assumptions.

### Potential cases:

- **High load growth** due to electrification
- Increased **demand-side flexibility** and market participation
- **Rapid technology improvement** for wind, solar, other clean resources
- **Increased transmission** capacity
- Continued **nuclear support** after expiration of ZEC program in 2029

*What alternative cases would stakeholders find most valuable?*

# Request for stakeholder input

*What questions would be most helpful for this study to answer?*

*What feedback do you have on inputs and assumptions?*

Detailed inputs and assumptions to be presented March 30.

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