

Land-Based Wind Market Report: 2022 Edition

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Purpose and Scope:

- Summarize data on key trends in the U.S. wind power sector
- Focus on land-based wind turbines over 100 kW in size
 - Separate DOE-funded data collection efforts on distributed and offshore wind
 - Note that the *Installation Trends*, *Industry Trends*, and *Future Outlook* sections include data on both land-based and offshore wind; other chapters focus solely on land-based
- Focus on historical data, with some emphasis on the previous year

Funding:

- U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Energy Technologies Office

Products and Availability:

- This briefing is complemented with underlying report, data file, and visualizations
- All products available at: windreport.lbl.gov

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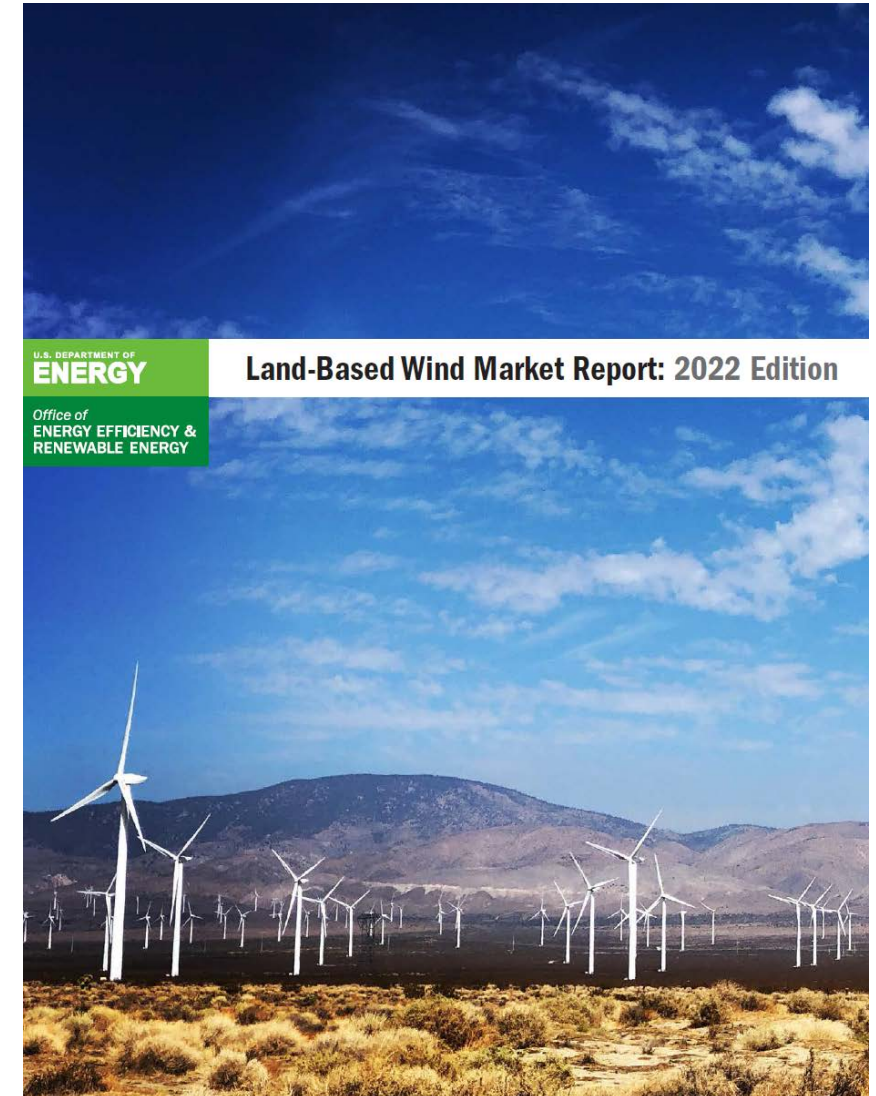
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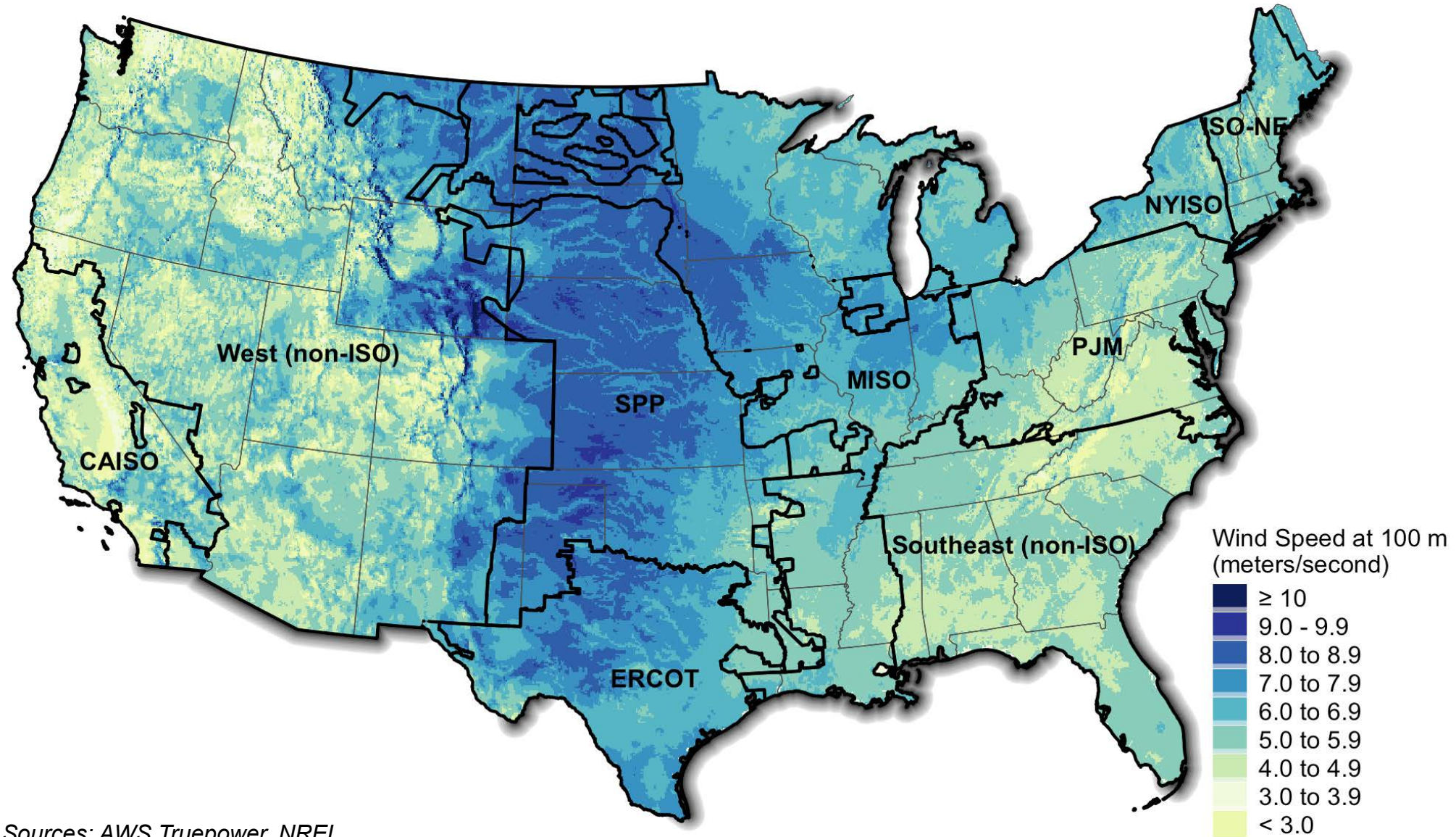
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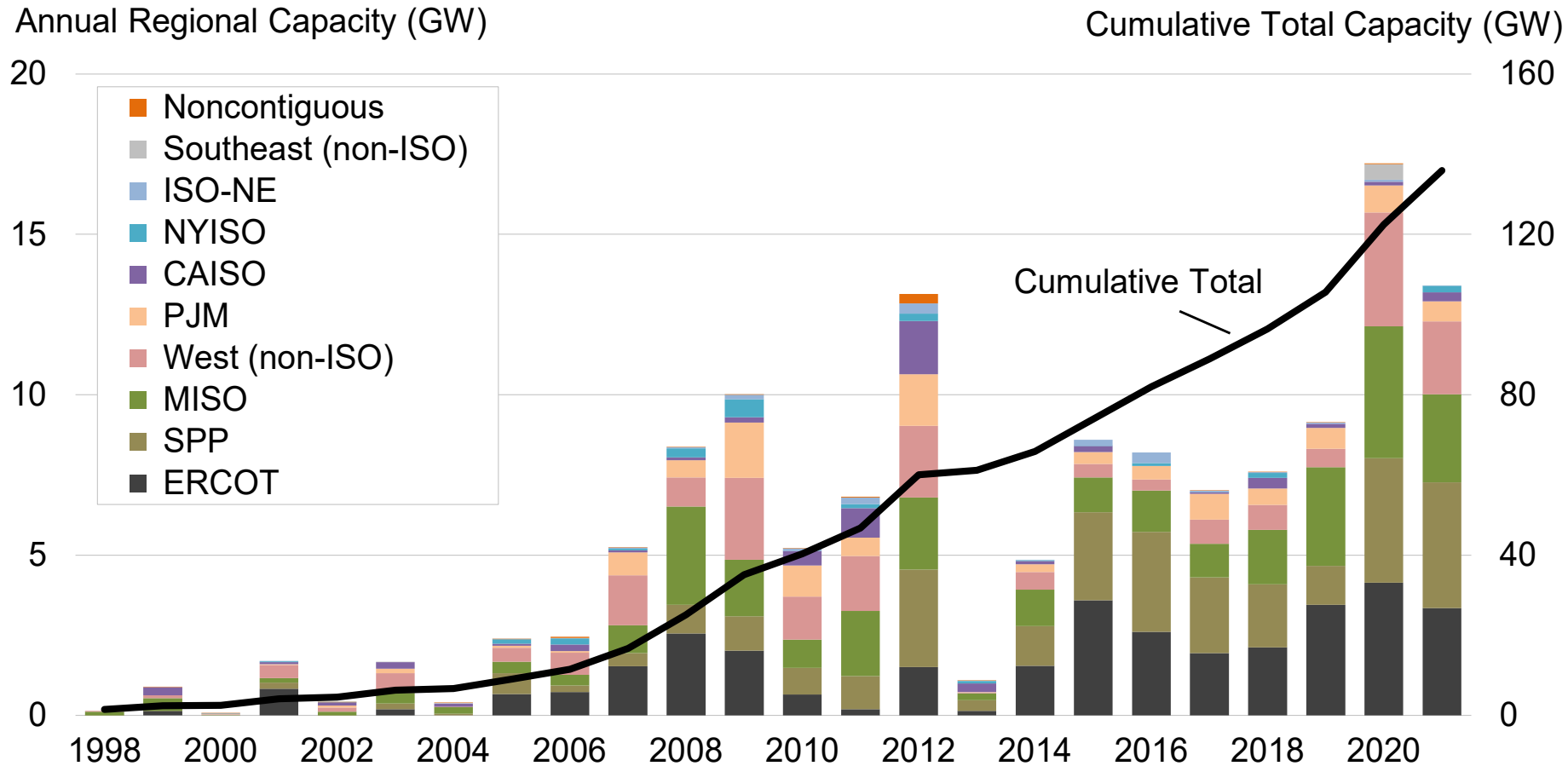
Regional boundaries applied in this analysis include the seven independent system operators (ISO) and two non-ISO regions



Sources: AWS Truepower, NREL

Installation Trends

Wind power capacity grew at a strong pace in 2021, with 13.4 GW of new capacity added and \$20 billion invested



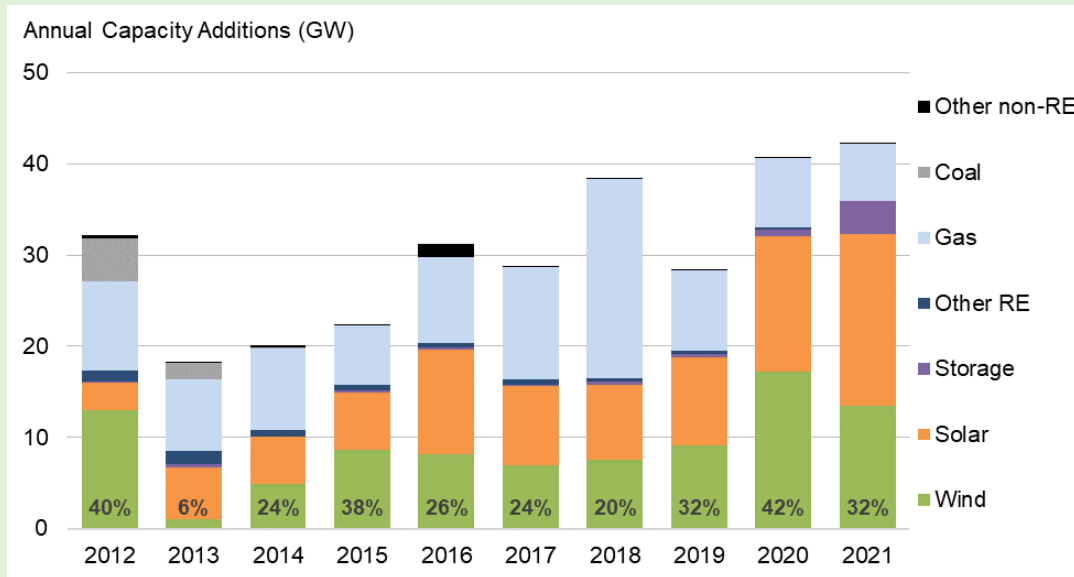
- ~75% of new capacity in ERCOT, MISO, SPP
- Partial repowering: 1.6 GW of turbines retrofitted in 2021

Source: ACP

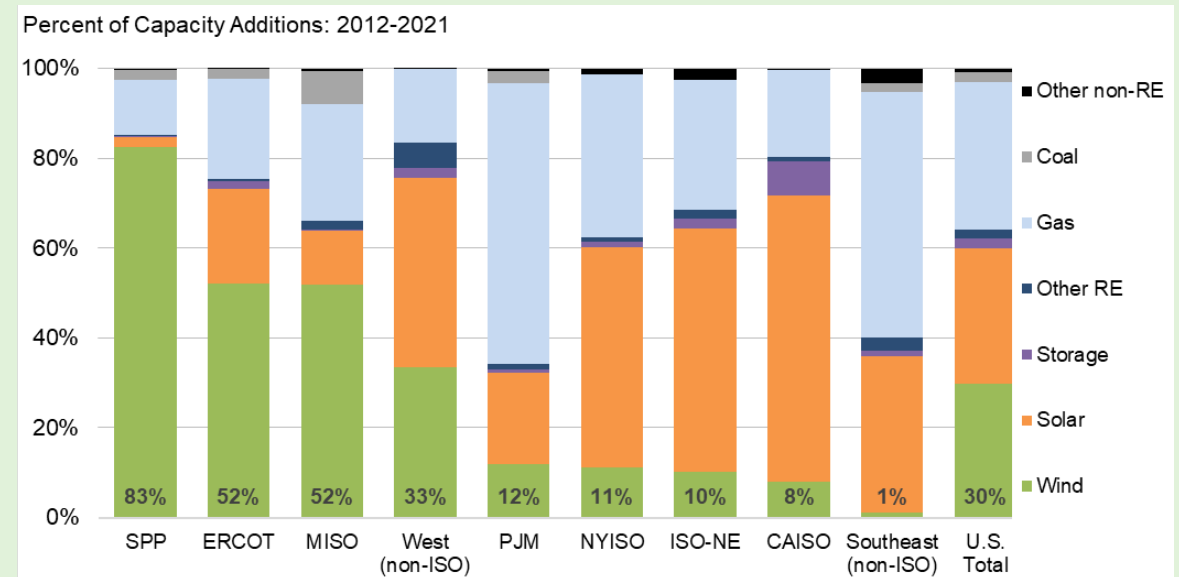
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Wind power represented the second largest source of U.S. electric-capacity additions in 2021, at 32%, behind solar's 45%

Relative contribution of resource types in annual capacity additions



Resource capacity additions by region: 2012-2021



Sources: Hitachi, ACP, EIA, Berkeley Lab

Over the last decade, wind has comprised 30% of total capacity additions, and a much higher proportion in SPP, ERCOT, and MISO

Globally, the United States ranked 2nd in annual and cumulative total wind power capacity additions in 2021

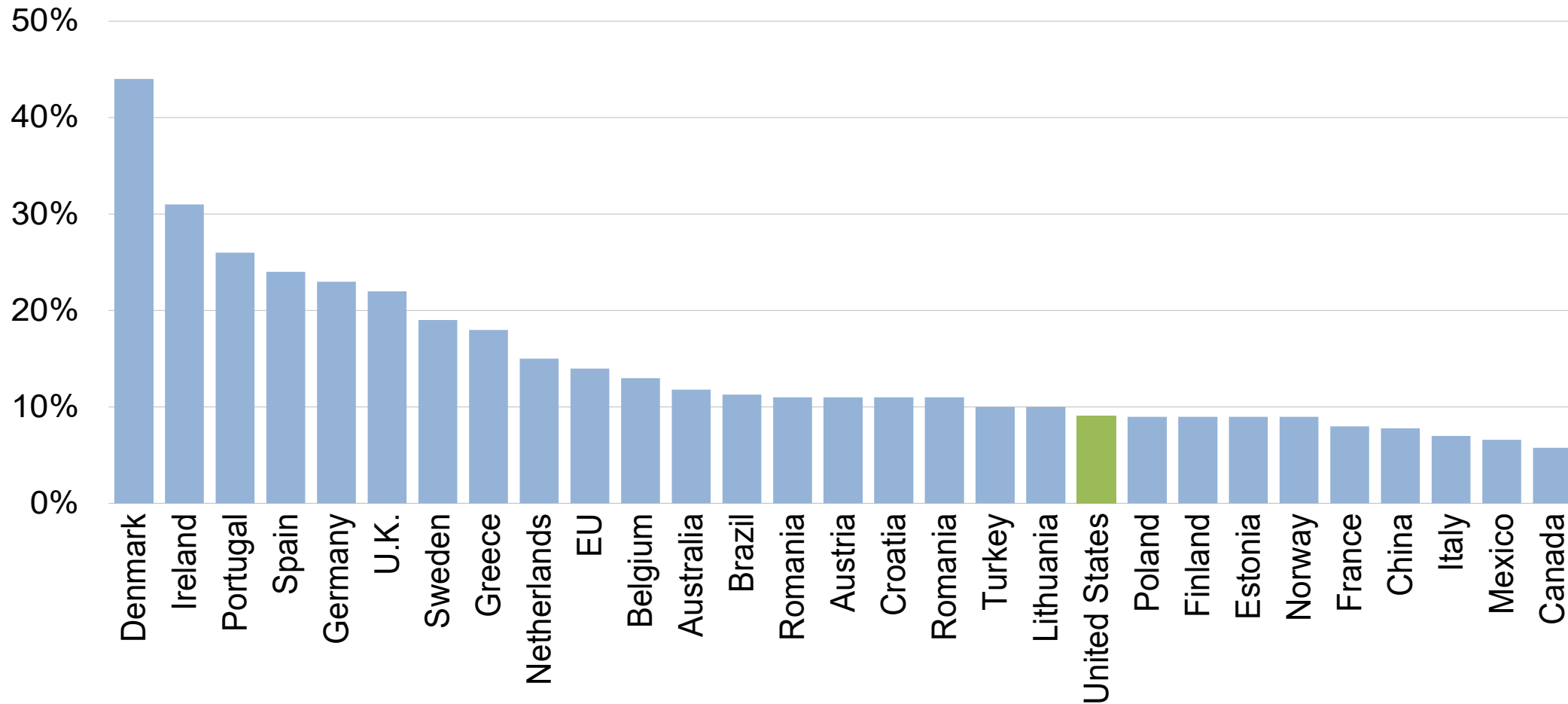
| Annual Capacity (2021, GW) | | Cumulative Capacity (end of 2021, GW) | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| China | 47.6 | China | 338.3 |
| United States | 13.4 | United States | 135.9 |
| Brazil | 3.8 | Germany | 64.5 |
| Vietnam | 3.5 | India | 40.1 |
| United Kingdom | 2.6 | Spain | 28.3 |
| Sweden | 2.1 | United Kingdom | 26.6 |
| Germany | 1.9 | Brazil | 21.6 |
| Australia | 1.7 | France | 19.1 |
| India | 1.5 | Canada | 14.3 |
| Turkey | 1.4 | Sweden | 12.1 |
| <i>Rest of World</i> | 14.7 | <i>Rest of World</i> | 138.1 |
| TOTAL | 94.3 | TOTAL | 838.9 |

- Global wind additions totaled over 94 GW of newly added capacity
- U.S. remains a distant second to China in annual and cumulative capacity

Sources: GWEC, ACP

The United States ranks lower than many other countries in terms of wind energy as a share of total generation

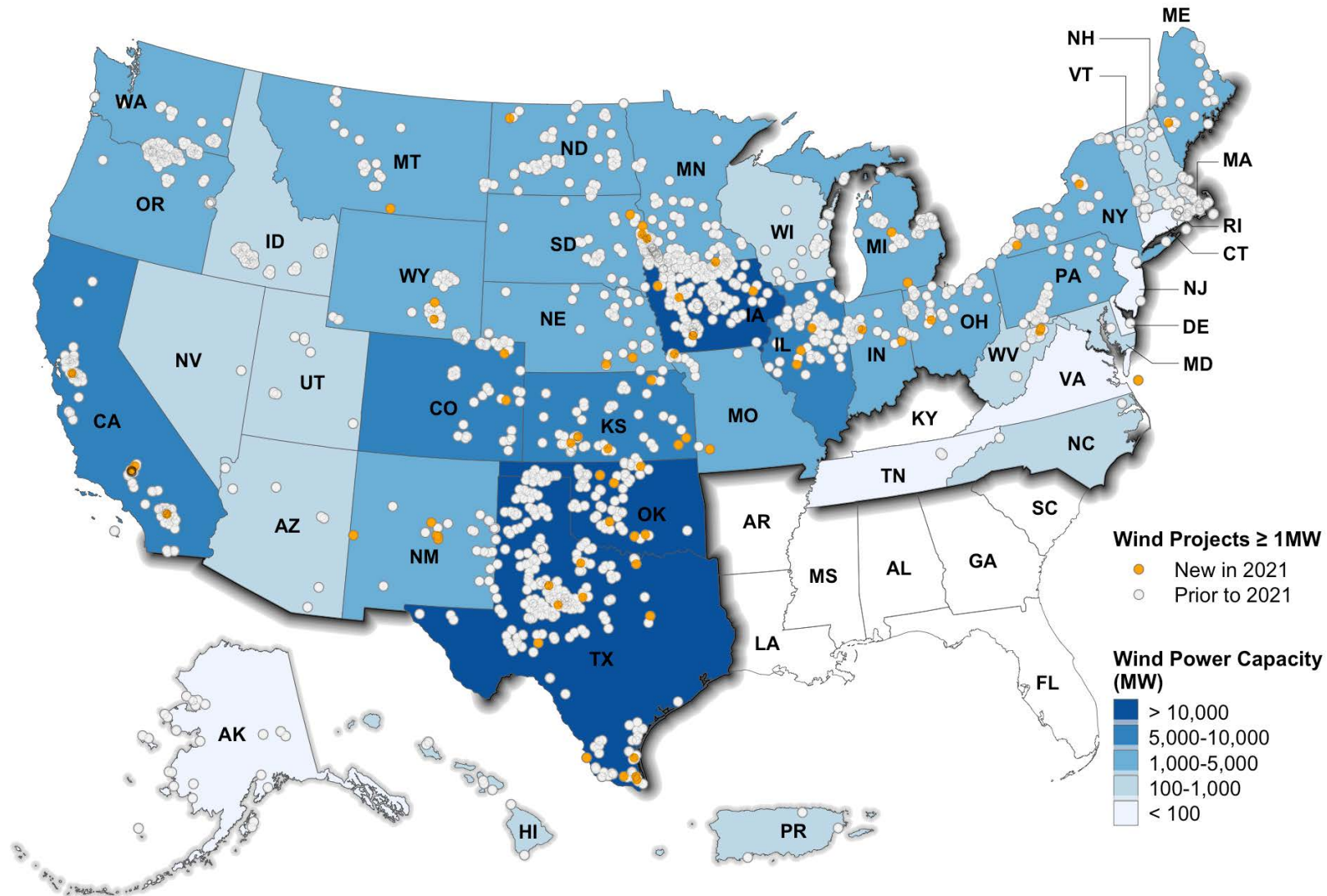
Wind as Percentage of Total Generation in 2021



Source: ACP

Note: Figure includes a subset of the top global wind markets

The geographic spread of wind power projects across the United States is broad, with the exception of the Southeast



Source: ACP, Berkeley Lab

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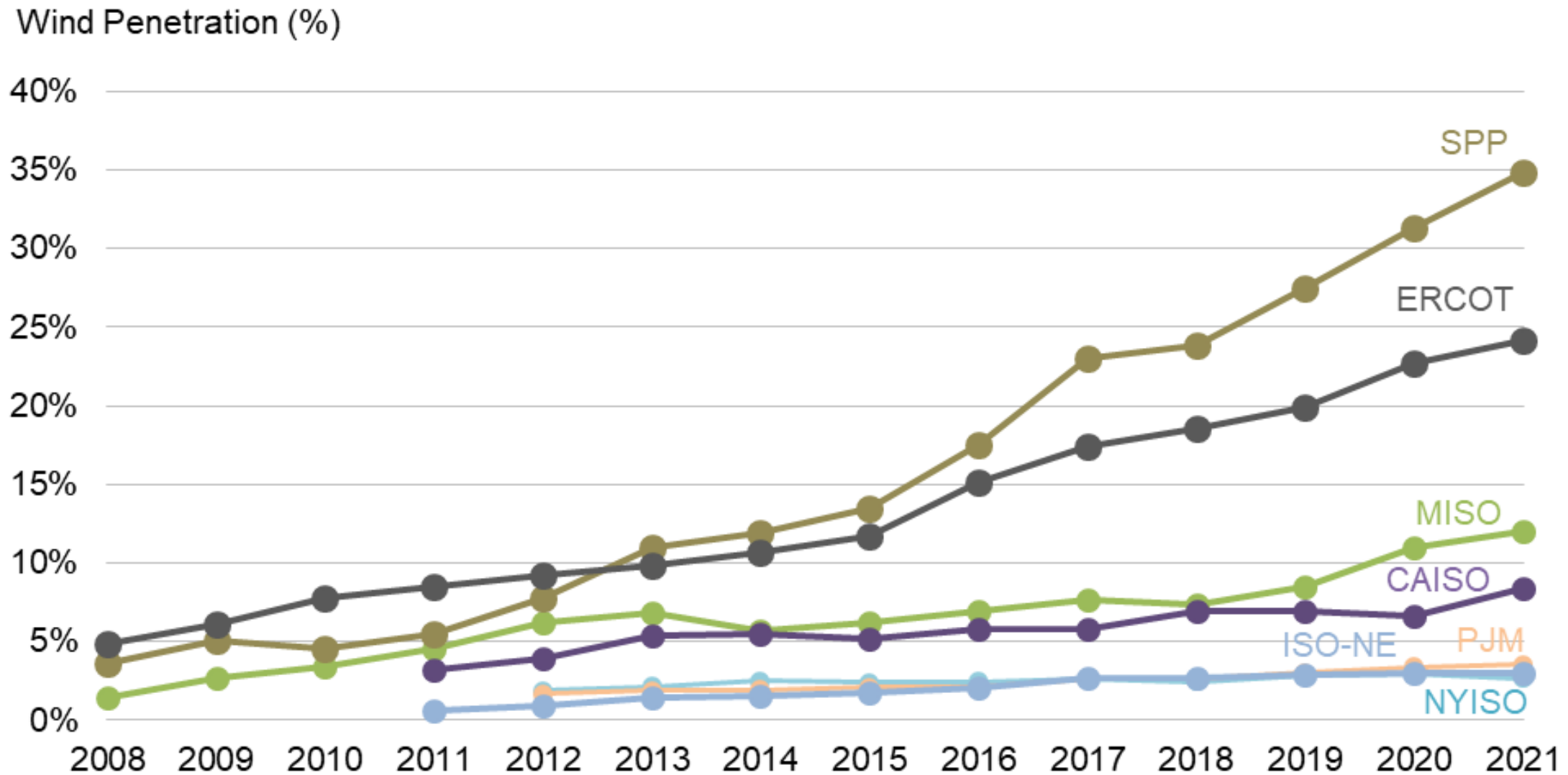
Texas installed the most wind power capacity in 2021; 11 states exceeded 20% wind as a fraction of in-state generation

| Installed Capacity (MW) | | | | 2021 Wind Generation as a Percentage of: | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Annual (2021) | | Cumulative (end of 2021) | | In-State Generation | | In-State Sales | |
| Texas | 3,343 | Texas | 35,969 | Iowa | 55.1% | South Dakota | 71.6% |
| Oklahoma | 1,403 | Iowa | 12,219 | South Dakota | 52.3% | Iowa | 69.1% |
| New Mexico | 1,368 | Oklahoma | 10,994 | Kansas | 45.1% | North Dakota | 63.3% |
| Kansas | 1,228 | Kansas | 8,245 | Oklahoma | 41.4% | Kansas | 63.0% |
| South Dakota | 610 | Illinois | 6,997 | North Dakota | 34.0% | Wyoming | 53.3% |
| Iowa | 600 | California | 6,142 | New Mexico | 29.8% | Oklahoma | 51.5% |
| Illinois | 580 | Colorado | 5,035 | Colorado | 26.0% | New Mexico | 41.4% |
| Michigan | 550 | Minnesota | 4,591 | Nebraska | 25.1% | Nebraska | 30.5% |
| Indiana | 500 | North Dakota | 4,302 | Maine | 23.0% | Colorado | 26.4% |
| Missouri | 448 | New Mexico | 4,001 | Minnesota | 21.6% | Texas | 23.5% |
| Nebraska | 388 | Oregon | 3,842 | Texas | 20.6% | Maine | 22.2% |
| Wyoming | 349 | Indiana | 3,468 | Wyoming | 19.3% | Minnesota | 19.6% |
| Colorado | 305 | Washington | 3,396 | Oregon | 15.6% | Montana | 18.9% |
| North Dakota | 299 | Wyoming | 3,178 | Idaho | 15.6% | Oregon | 18.5% |
| California | 288 | Michigan | 3,159 | Vermont | 14.5% | Illinois | 13.8% |
| Minnesota | 266 | Nebraska | 2,942 | Montana | 11.5% | Washington | 10.8% |
| Ohio | 247 | South Dakota | 2,915 | Illinois | 10.2% | Idaho | 10.5% |
| Montana | 240 | Missouri | 2,435 | Washington | 8.7% | Missouri | 8.4% |
| New York | 205 | New York | 2,191 | Missouri | 8.4% | Indiana | 7.9% |
| West Virginia | 169 | Pennsylvania | 1,459 | Indiana | 8.3% | Michigan | 7.9% |
| Rest of U.S. | 27 | Rest of U.S. | 8,405 | Rest of U.S. | 1.6% | Rest of U.S. | 1.5% |
| TOTAL | 13,413 | TOTAL | 135,886 | TOTAL | 9.1% | TOTAL | 10.0% |

Source: ACP, EIA

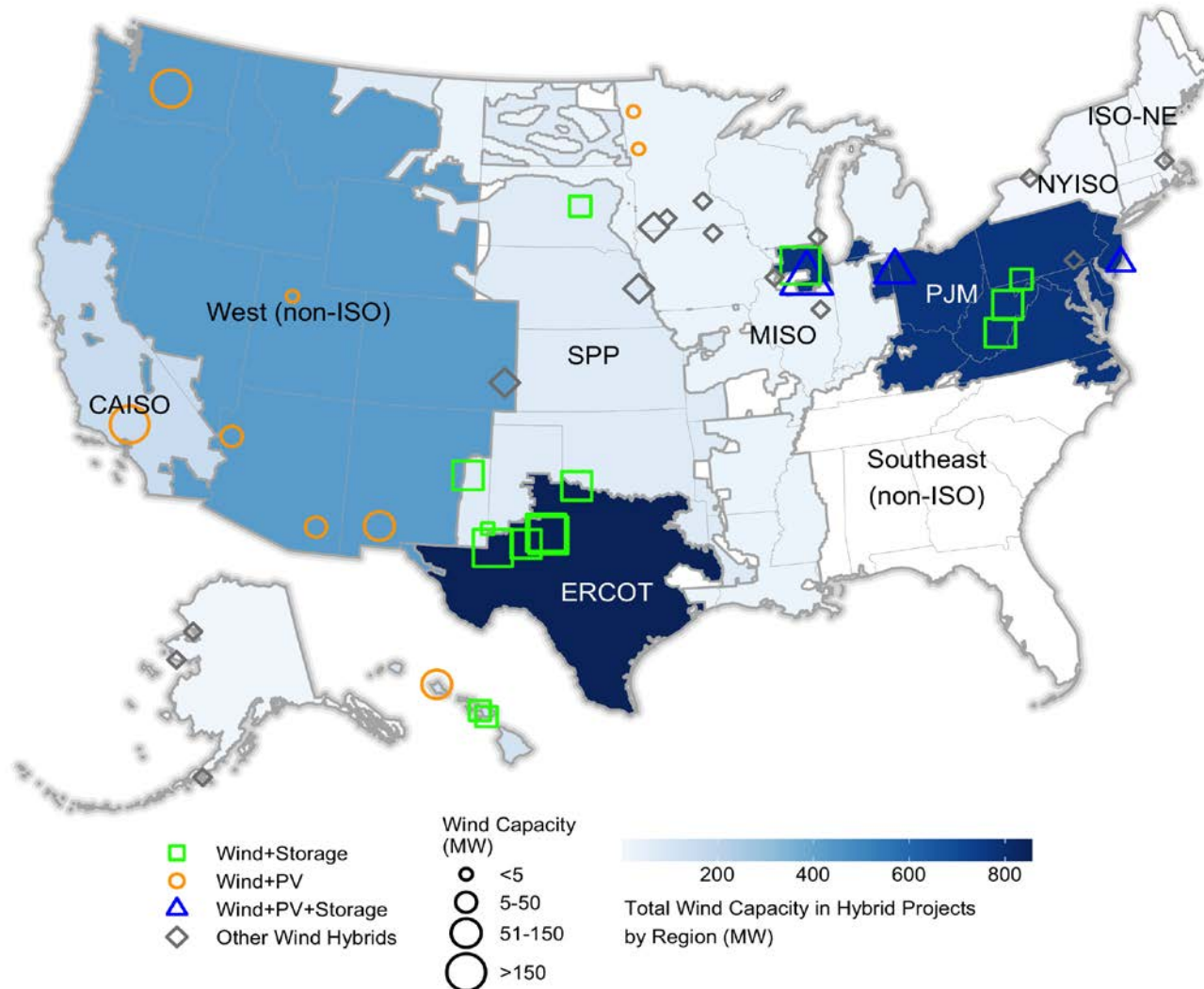
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Wind penetration by ISO/RTO is highly variable; in 2021, it was highest in SPP at 35% and ERCOT at 24%



Hybrid wind plants that pair wind with storage, solar, or other resources saw limited growth in 2021; only two new projects

Online Wind Hybrid / Co-located Projects

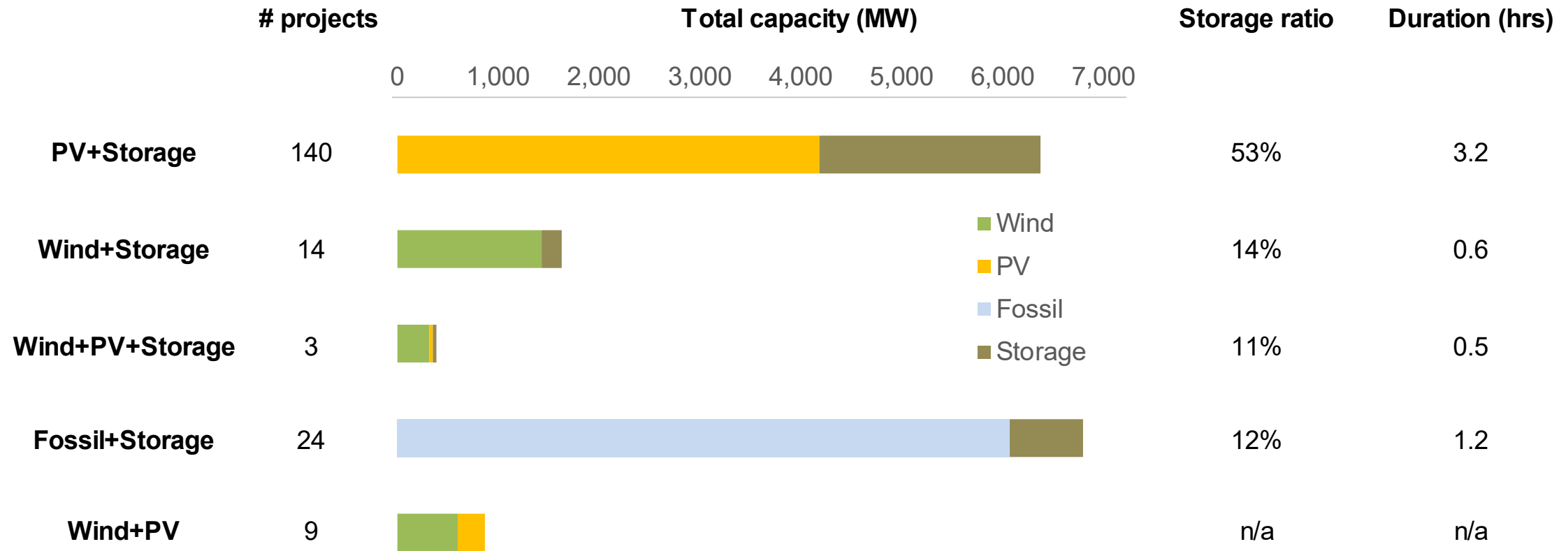


- 41 hybrid wind power plants in operation at the end of 2021
- Represent 2.4 GW of wind power and 0.9 GW of co-located resources
- Most common wind hybrid project combines wind+storage; other combinations include wind+PV; wind+PV+storage; wind+fossil
- ERCOT, PJM, non-ISO West host largest amount of wind hybrid capacity

Interactive data visualization:
<https://emp.lbl.gov/online-hybrid-and-energy-storage-projects>

Sources: EIA-860 Early Release, Berkeley Lab

Comparing the frequency and design of a subset of the hybrid / co-located project configurations: end of 2021



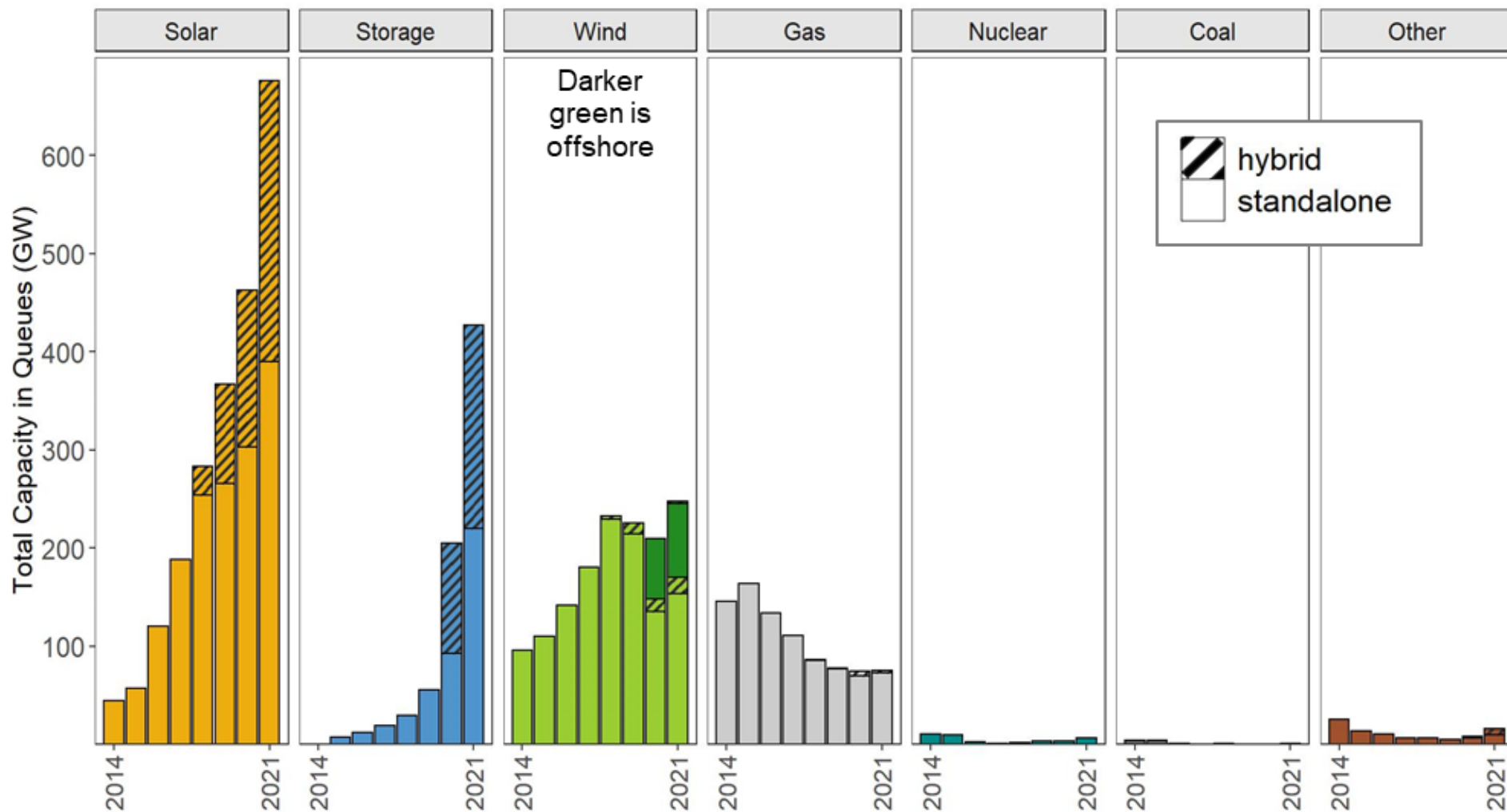
Notes: Not included in the figure are 108 hybrid projects with other configurations. Storage ratio defined as total storage capacity divided by total generator capacity for a given project type.

Sources: EIA 860 Early Release, Berkeley Lab

Most wind hybrids are Wind+Storage, with limited storage duration to serve ancillary services markets

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A record 247 GW of wind exists in transmission interconnection queues, but solar and storage are expanding more rapidly

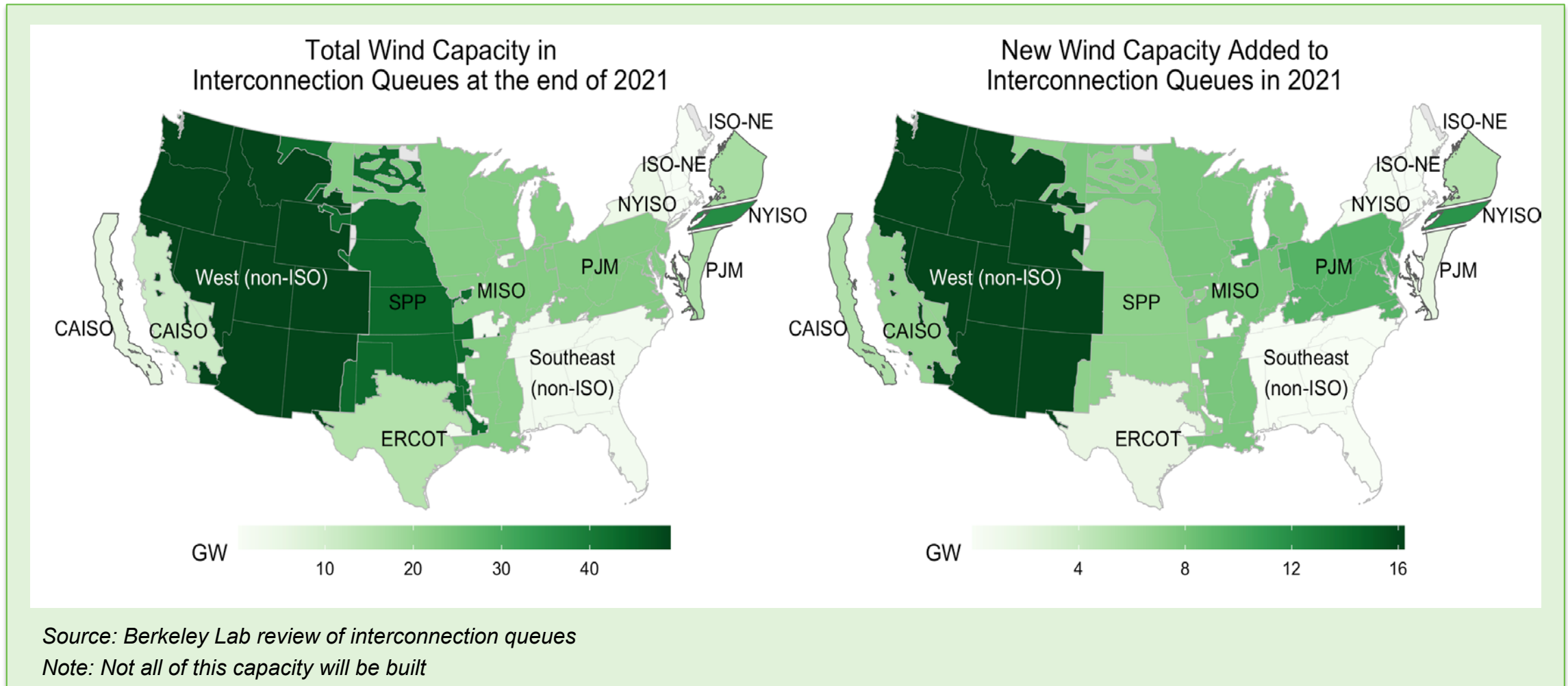


Not all of this capacity will be built: <25% completion rate

Note: Storage capacity in hybrids was not estimated for years prior to 2020; offshore wind was not separately identified prior to 2020
 Source: Berkeley Lab review of interconnection queues

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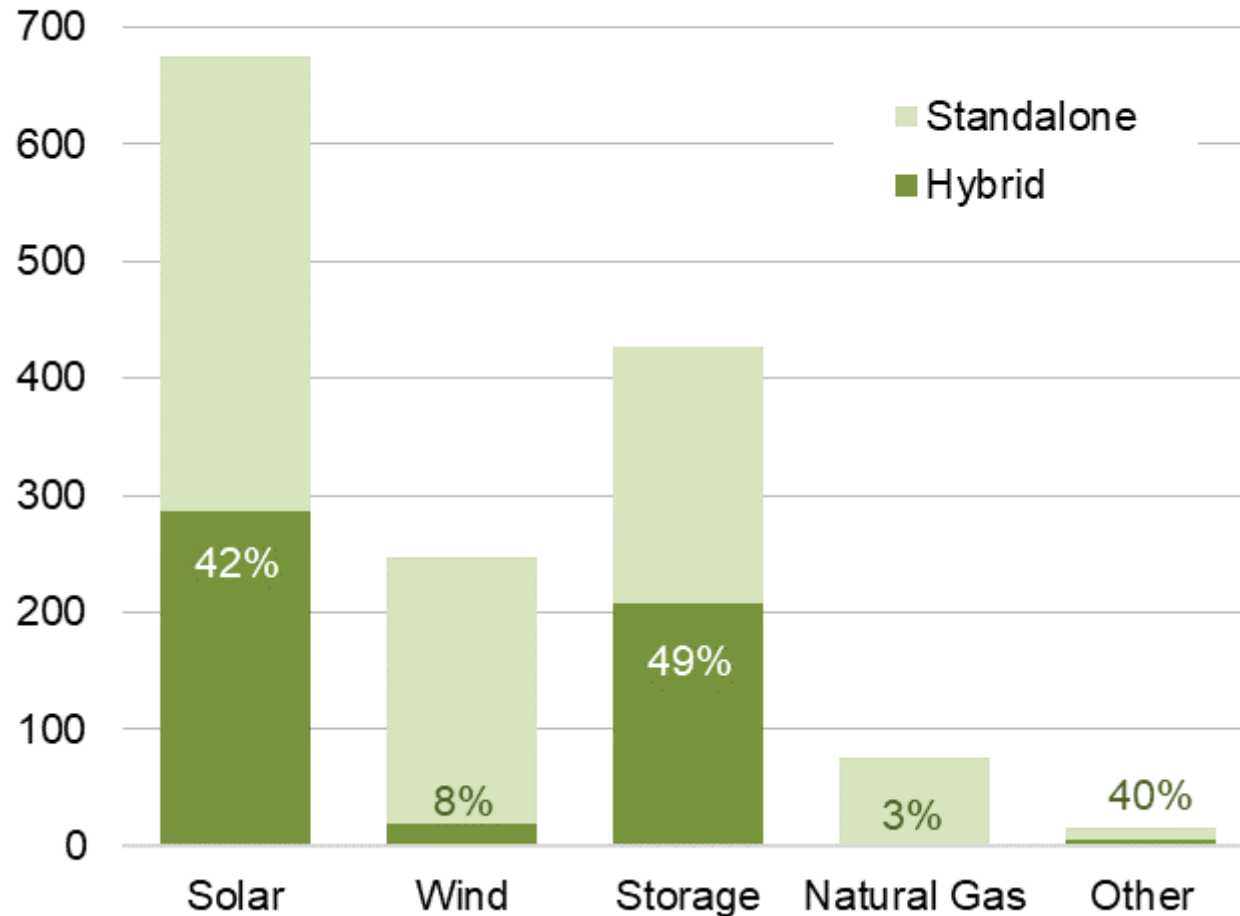
Larger amounts of wind capacity in non-ISO West, SPP, NYISO, and PJM queues; 31% (77 GW) of wind capacity in queues is offshore



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Interest in hybrid plants has increased: 8% of wind proposed as hybrids (19 GW); larger fraction of 42% of solar proposed as hybrids

Capacity in Queues at end of 2021 (GW)



Source: Berkeley Lab review of interconnection queues

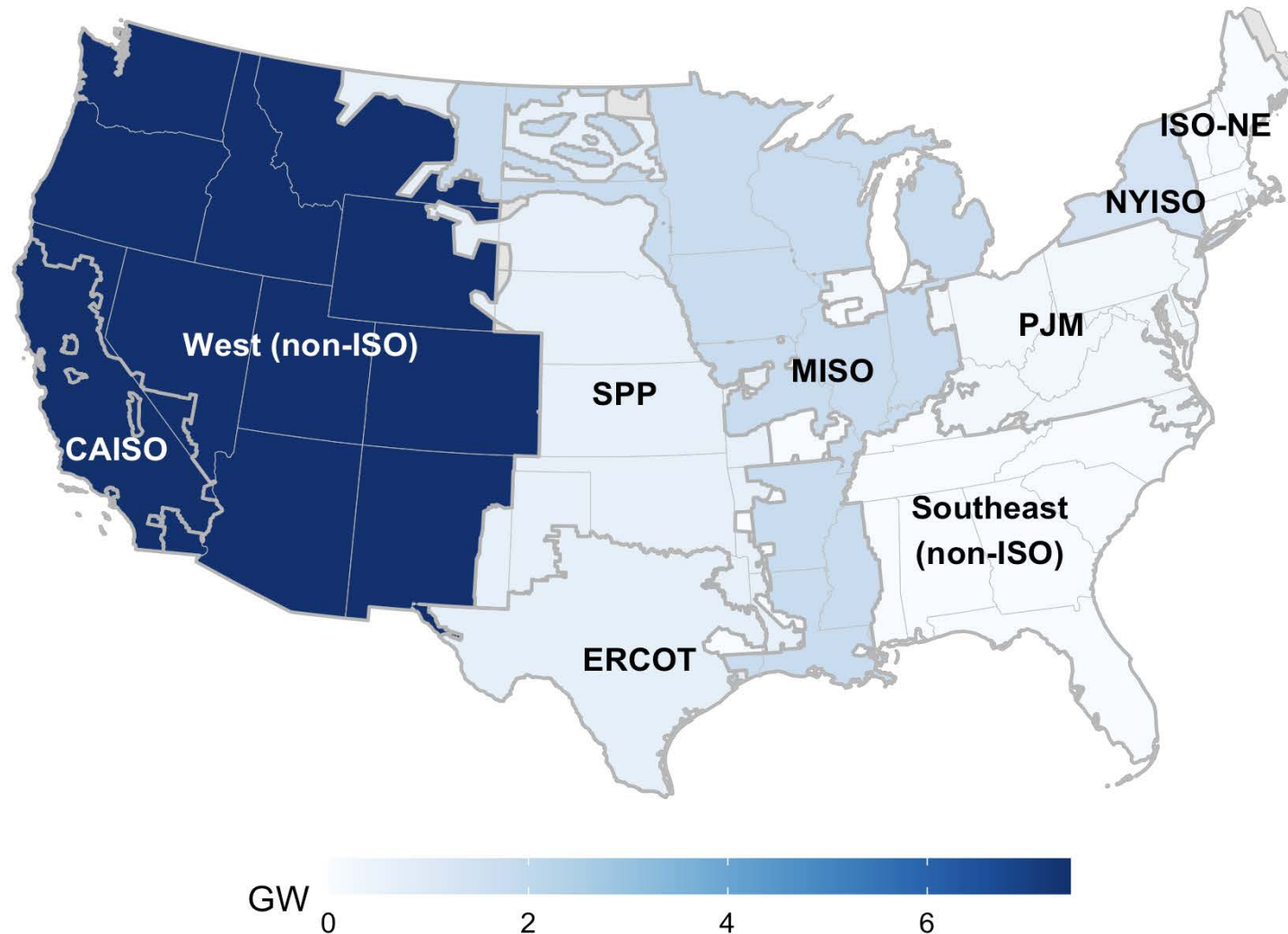
Greater commercial interest in solar hybrids is partly due to policy design—the investment tax credit for solar can also be used for paired storage, whereas the production tax credit regularly used by wind plants has no such storage allowance

Notes: (1) Not all of this capacity will be built; (2) Hybrid plants involving multiple generator types (e.g., wind+PV+ storage, wind+PV) show up in all generator categories, presuming the capacity is known for each type.

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Proposed wind hybrids are primarily located in California and the non-ISO Western regions

Wind Hybrid Capacity in Queues at the end of 2021



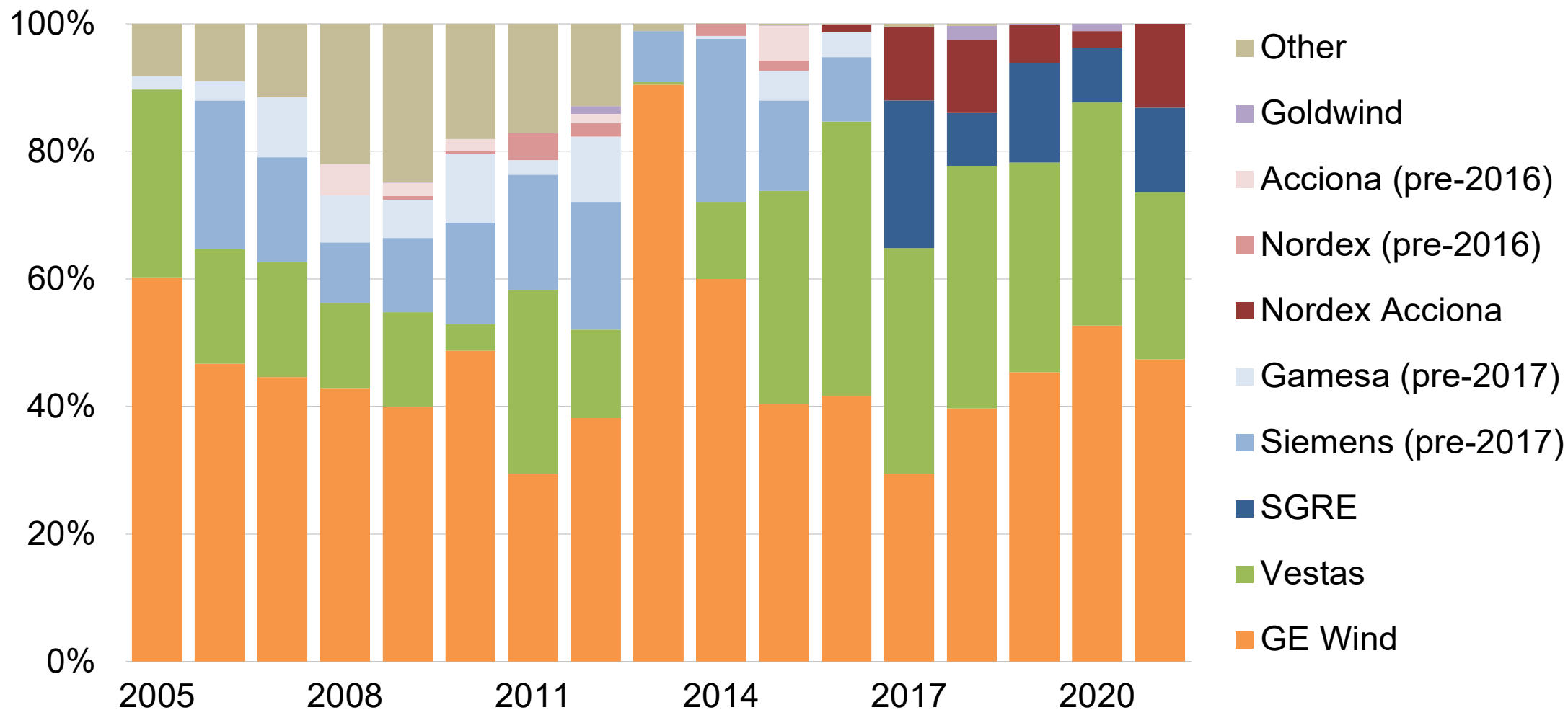
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Industry Trends

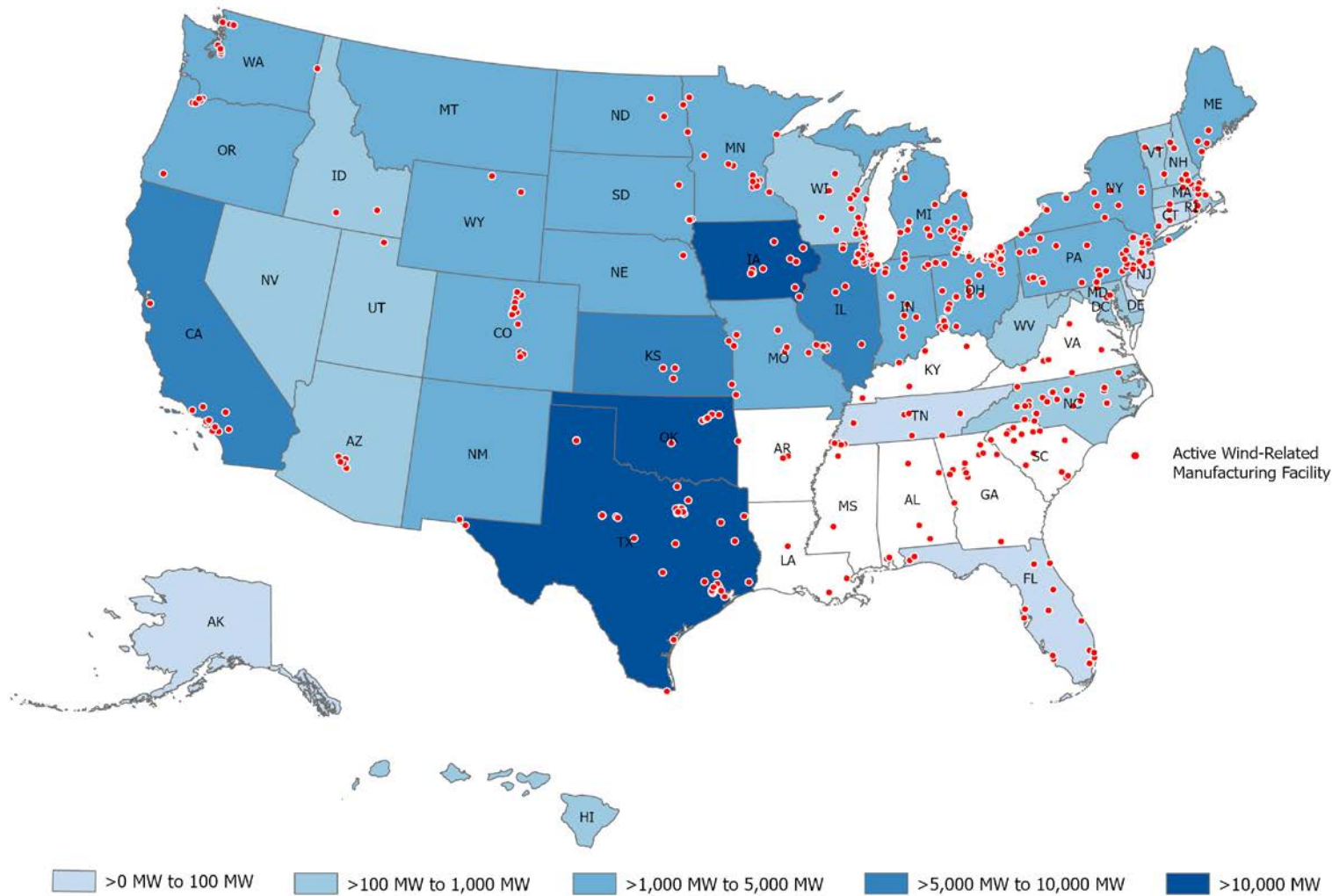
Four turbine manufacturers, led by GE, supplied all of the U.S. wind power capacity installed in 2021

U.S. Market Share by MW



Source: ACP

The domestic supply chain for wind equipment is diverse, with manufacturing facilities located in all regions of the country

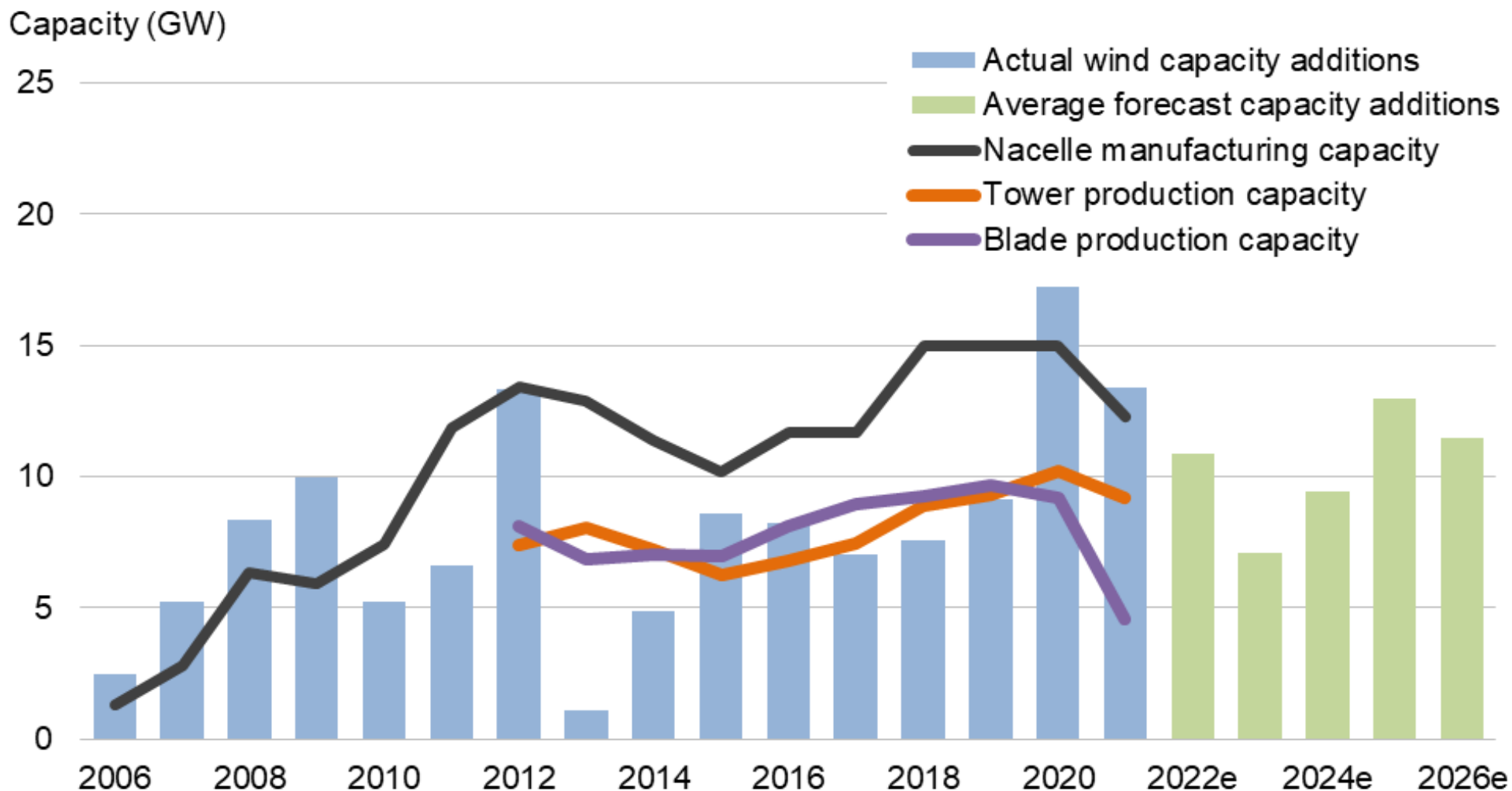


Wind-related job totals in the United States increased by 2.9% in 2021, 120,164 full-time workers

These jobs include, among others, those in construction (43,371) and manufacturing (23,644)

Source: ACP

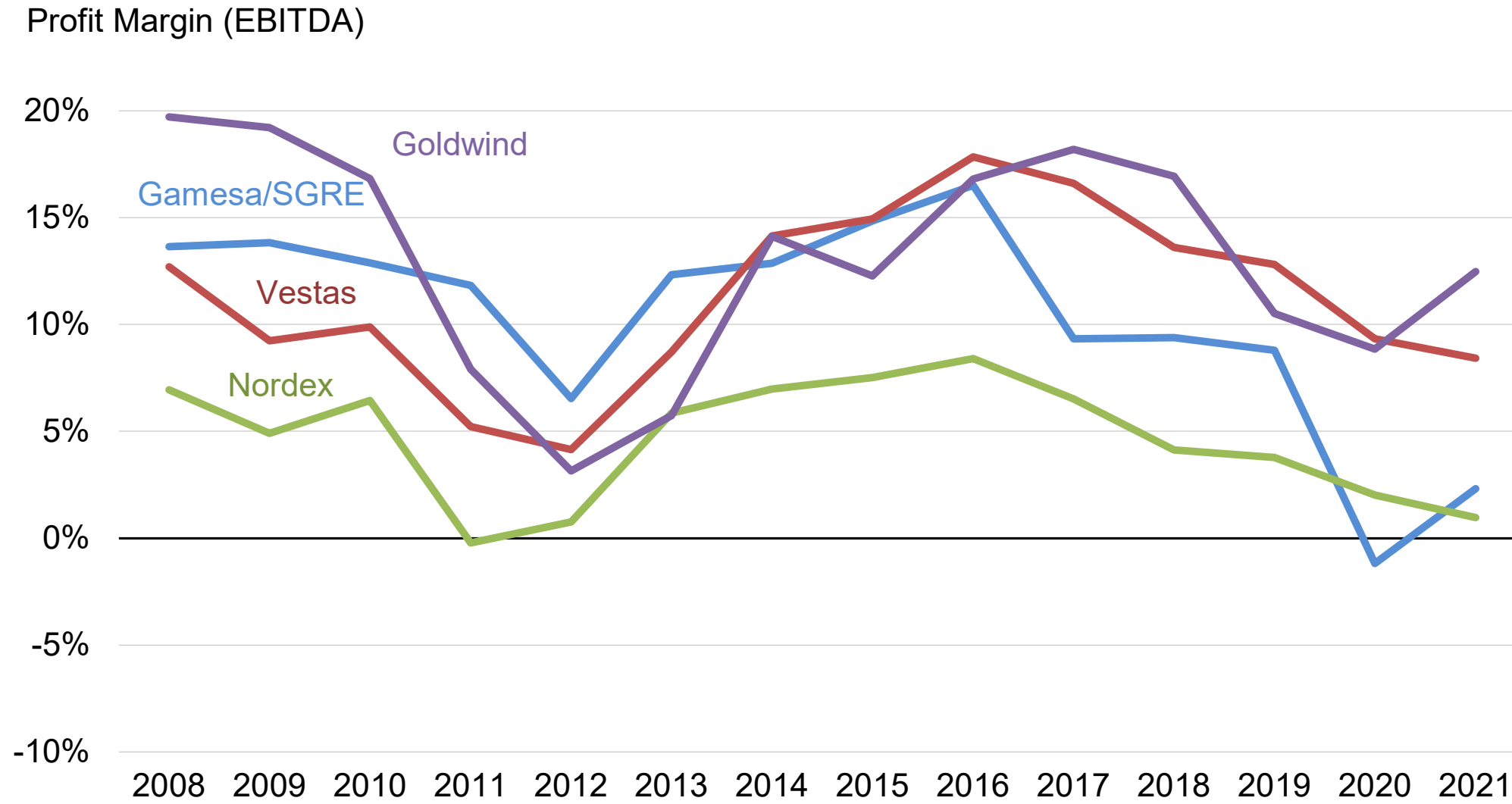
The domestic wind industry supply chain contracted in 2021, with a 50% decline in blade manufacturing as three facilities closed



Sources: ACP, independent analyst projections, Berkeley Lab

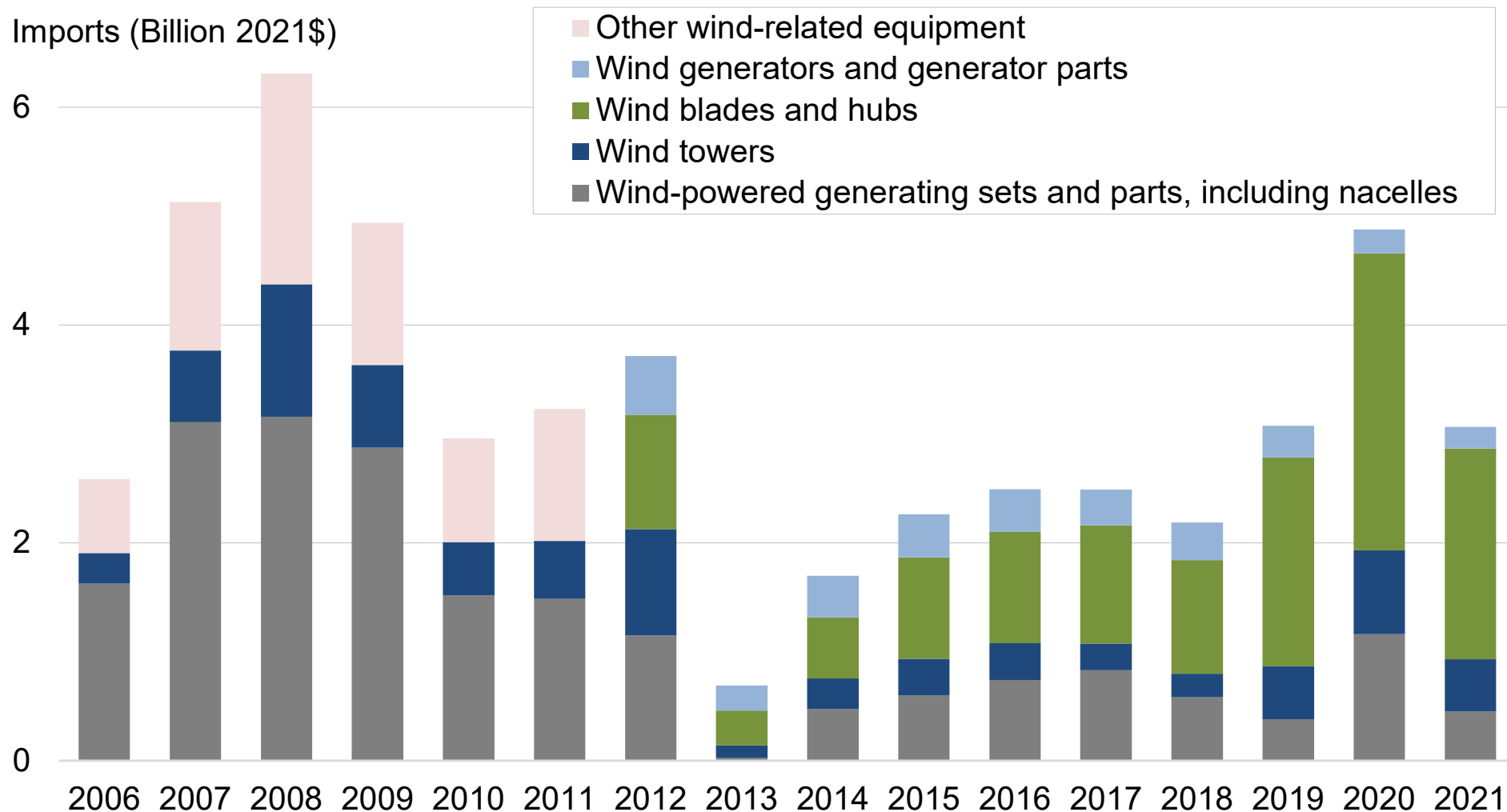
Note: Actual nacelle assembly, tower production, and blades production would be expected to be below maximum production capacity.

The profitability of global wind turbine manufacturers has generally declined over the last several years



Sources: OEM annual reports and financial statements

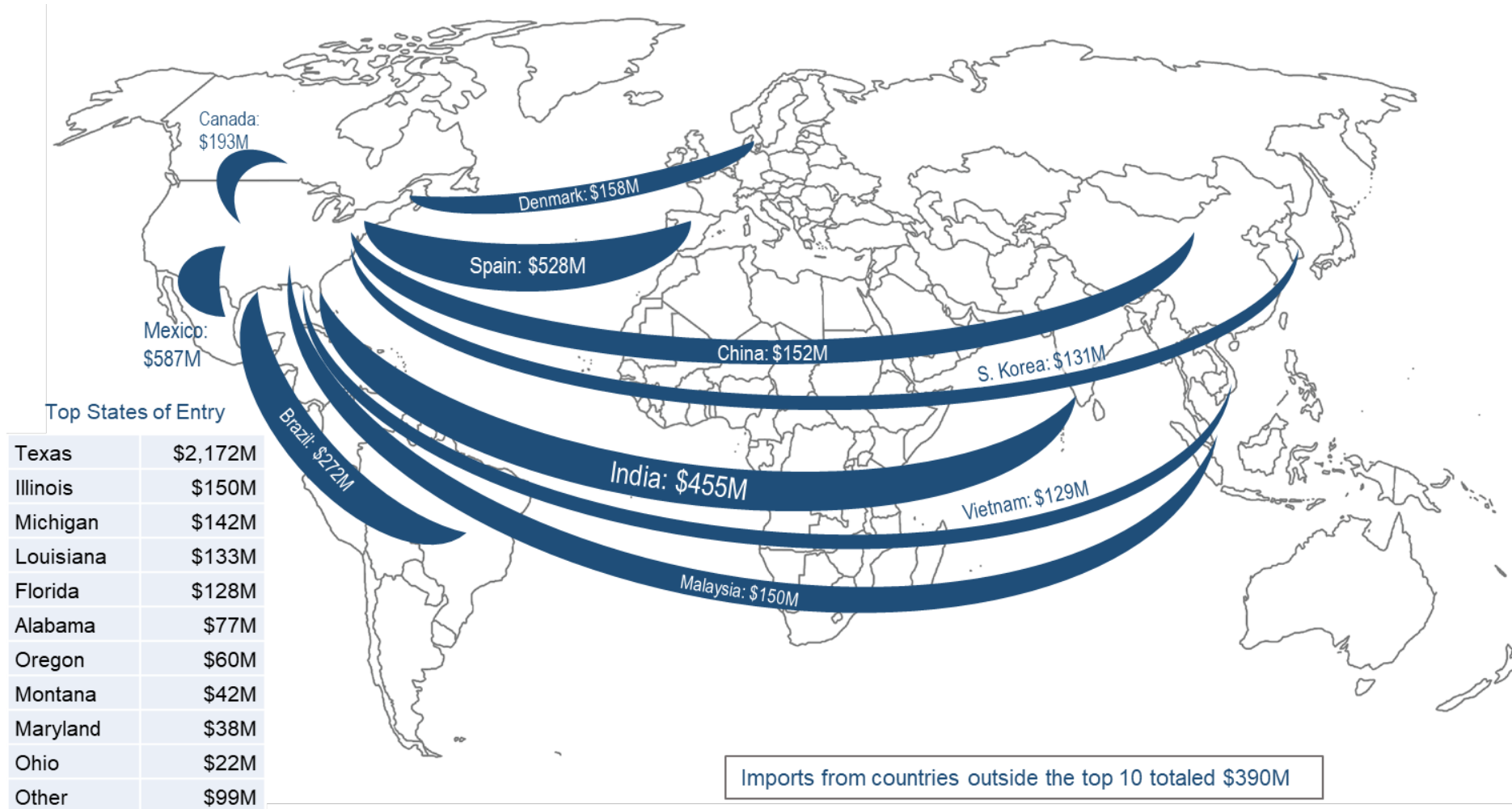
Imports of wind equipment into the United States are sizable, at \$3.1 billion in 2021



Source: Berkeley Lab analysis of data from USA Trade Online, <https://usatrade.census.gov>

Notes: Figure only includes tracked trade categories, misses other wind-related imports; wind-related trade codes and definitions are not consistent over the full time period; see full report for the assumptions used to generate the figure.

Tracked wind equipment imports into the United States in 2021 came from multiple regions of the world

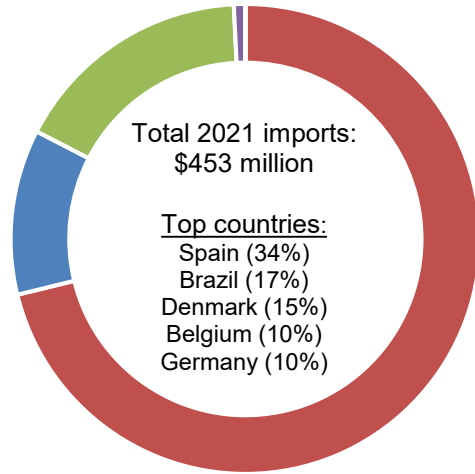


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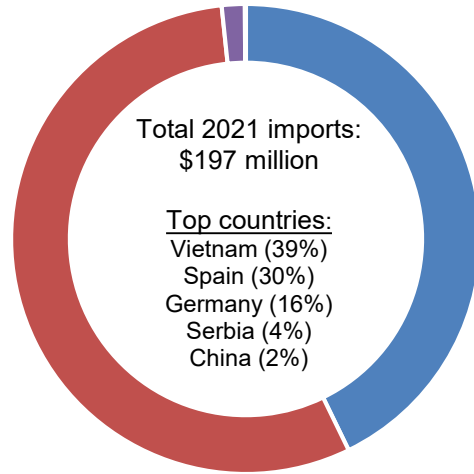
Notes: Line widths are proportional to amount of imports, by country. Figure does not intend to depict the destination of these imports, by state. Tracked wind-specific equipment includes: wind-powered generating sets and parts, towers, generators and generator parts, blades and hubs, and nacelles

Source markets for 2021 wind equipment imports vary by type of wind equipment

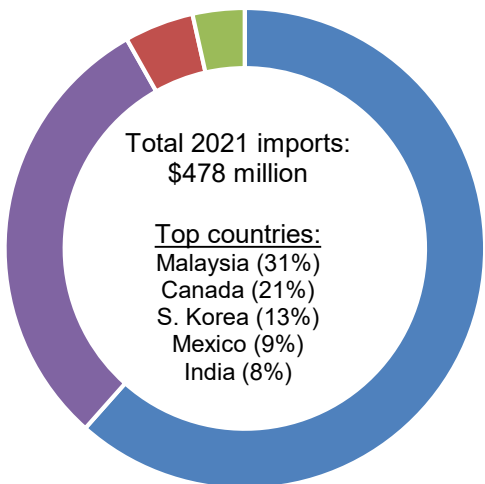
Wind-powered generating sets and parts, including nacelles



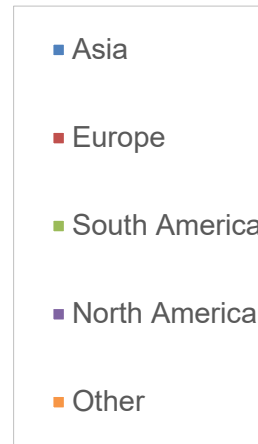
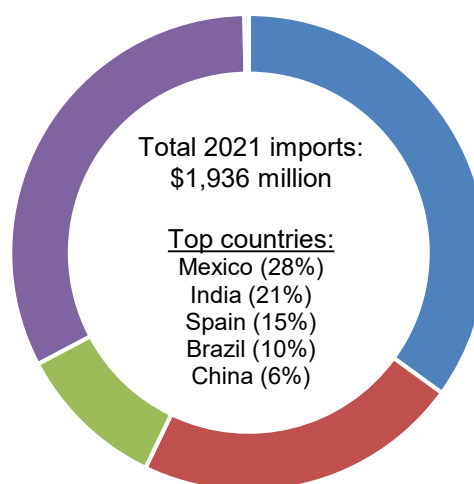
Wind generators and parts



Wind towers



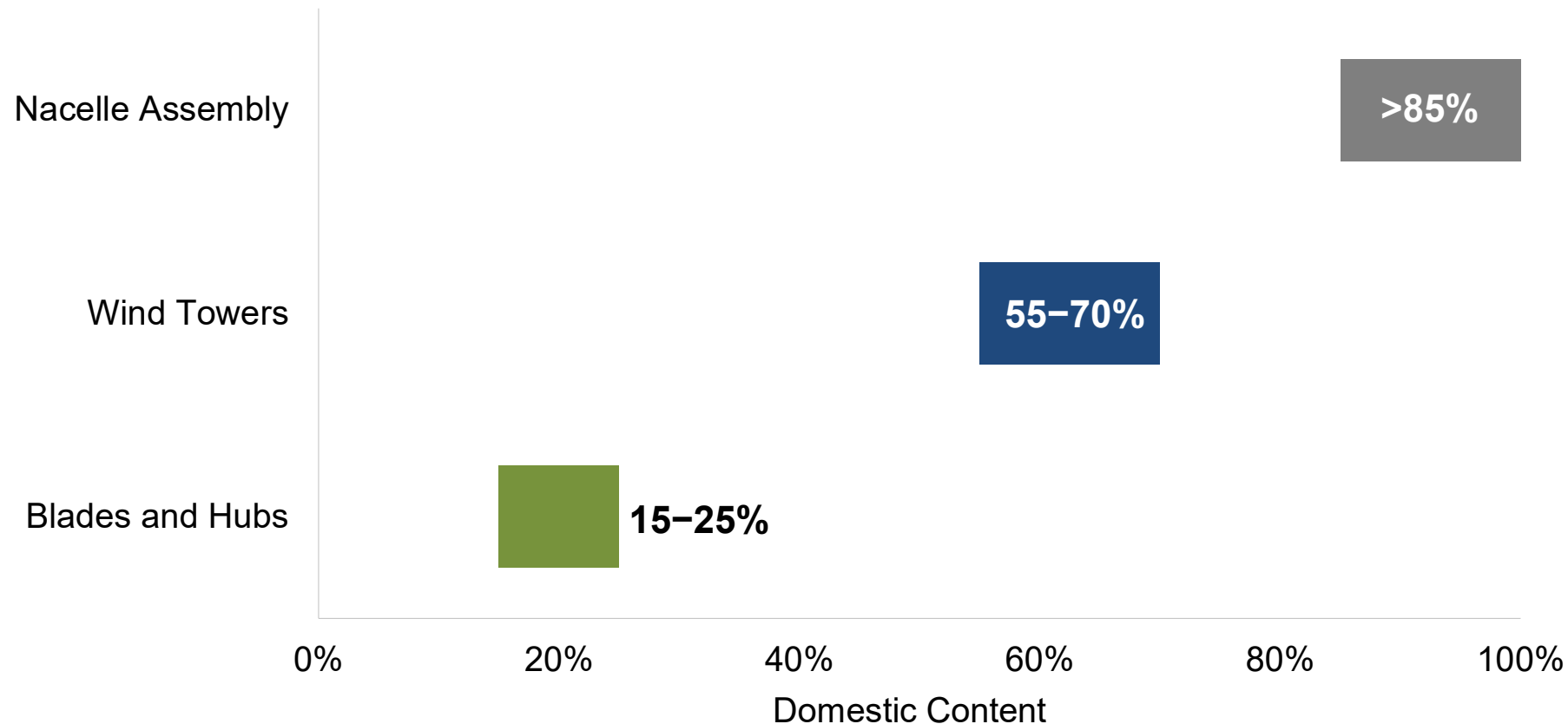
Wind blades and hubs



- Spain, followed by Brazil, Denmark, Belgium, and Germany, were the primary source countries for wind-powered generating sets and parts, including nacelles, in 2021
- Tower imports came from a mix of countries near and far—Malaysia, Canada, South Korea, Mexico, and India
- With regard to blades and hubs, Mexico and India accounted for almost 50% of imports, with Spain, Brazil, and China the next largest source countries
- Over two thirds of wind-related generators and generator parts came from Vietnam and Spain, the rest primarily from Germany, Serbia, and China

Source: Berkeley Lab analysis of data from USA Trade Online, <https://usatrade.census.gov>

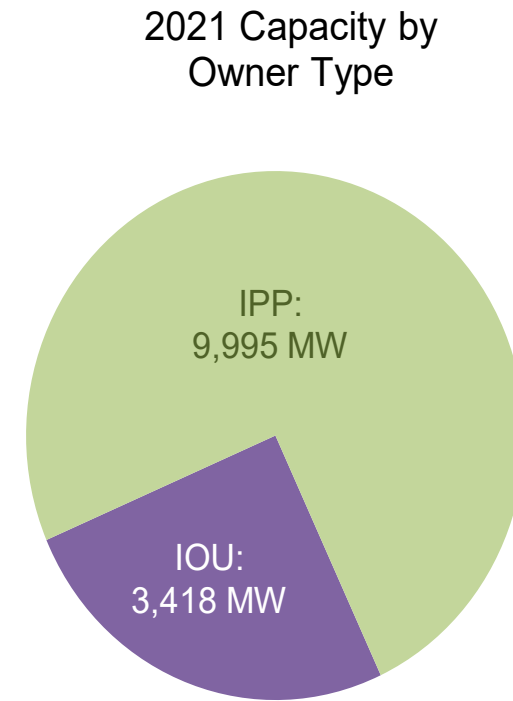
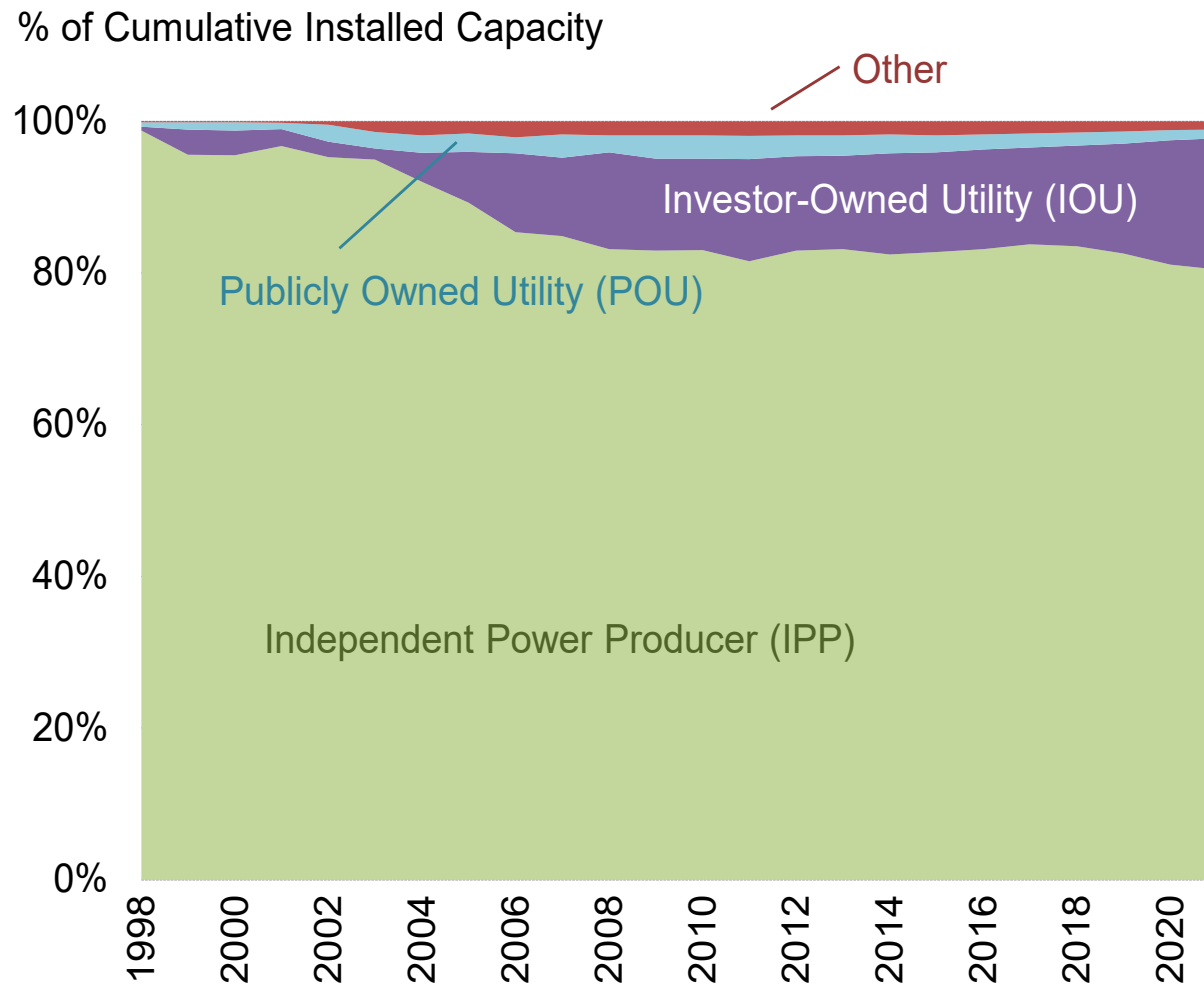
Domestic manufacturing content in 2021 was relatively strong for nacelle assembly and towers, with blade production declining rapidly



Source: Berkeley Lab

Imports occur in untracked trade categories not included above, including many nacelle internals. Blade domestic content has declined in recent years. BloombergNEF (2021) has recently estimated that a typical onshore wind project in the U.S. sources 57% of its components (by dollar value) domestically.

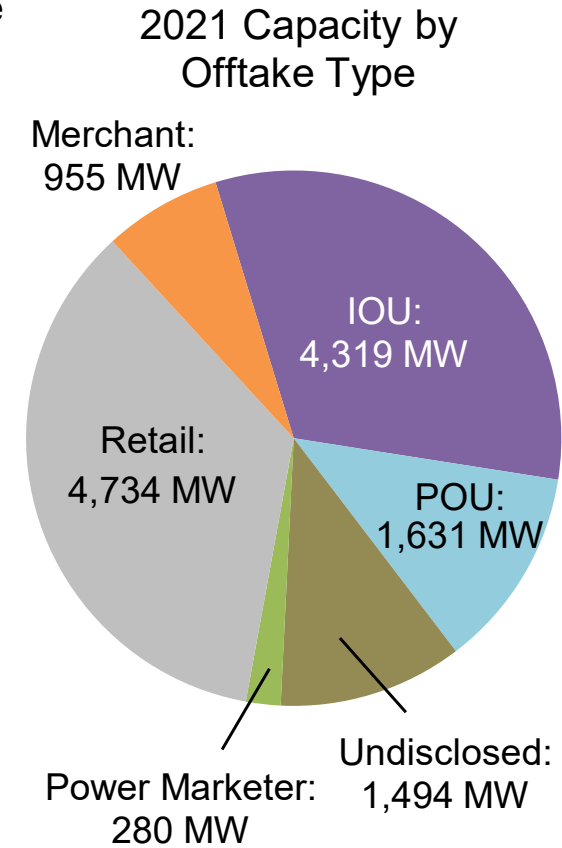
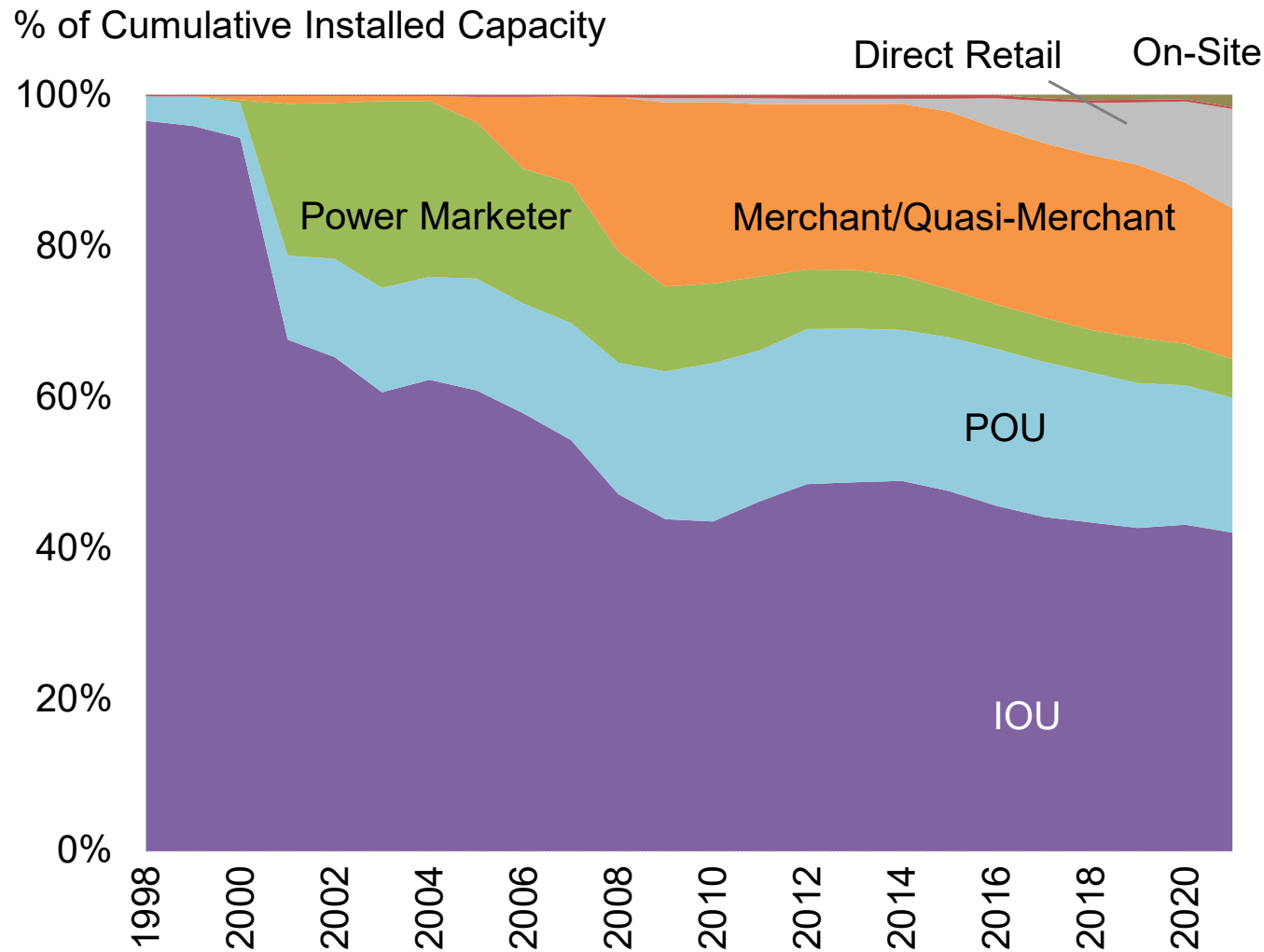
Independent Power Producers own the majority of wind assets built in 2021, but Investor-Owned Utilities own a sizable share



Source: Berkeley Lab estimates based on ACP

Note: Graphic on left shows distribution among growing cumulative fleet of projects installed. Pie chart shows distribution only among those projects built in 2021.

Direct retail sales and merchant wind projects, in combination, matched or surpassed long-term contracted sales to utilities in 2021

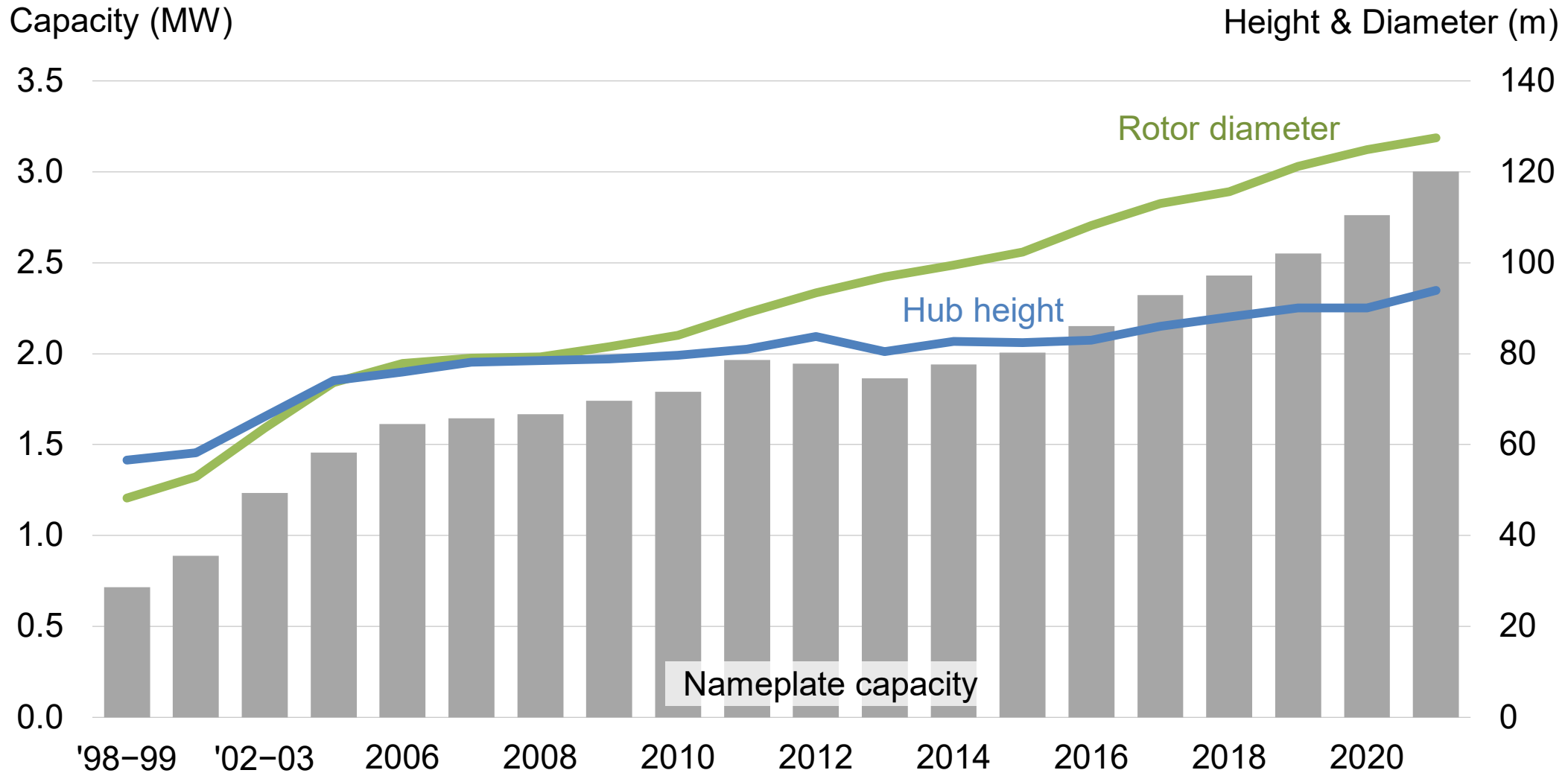


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Technology Trends

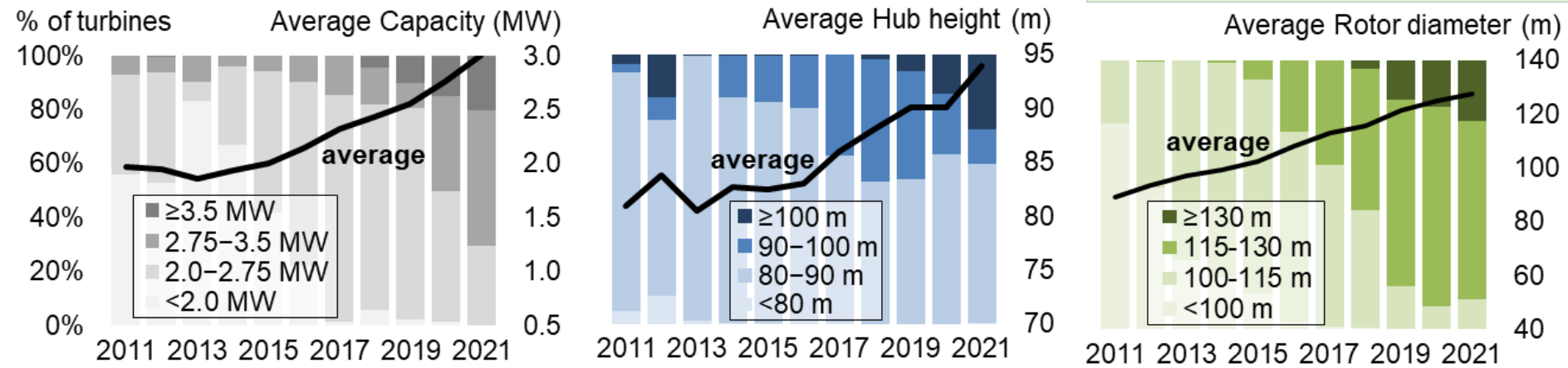
Turbine capacity, rotor diameter, and hub height have all increased significantly over the long term



Sources: ACP, Berkeley Lab

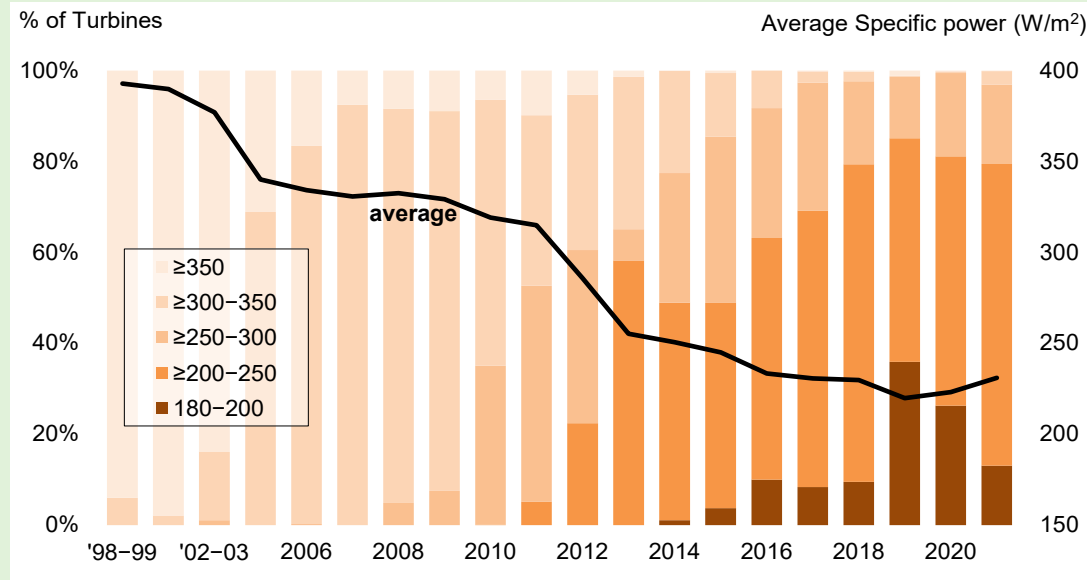
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Turbine size maintains upward trajectory; turbines originally designed for lower wind speeds dominate the market



Specific power: turbine capacity divided by swept rotor area; lower specific power leads to higher capacity factors, as shown later

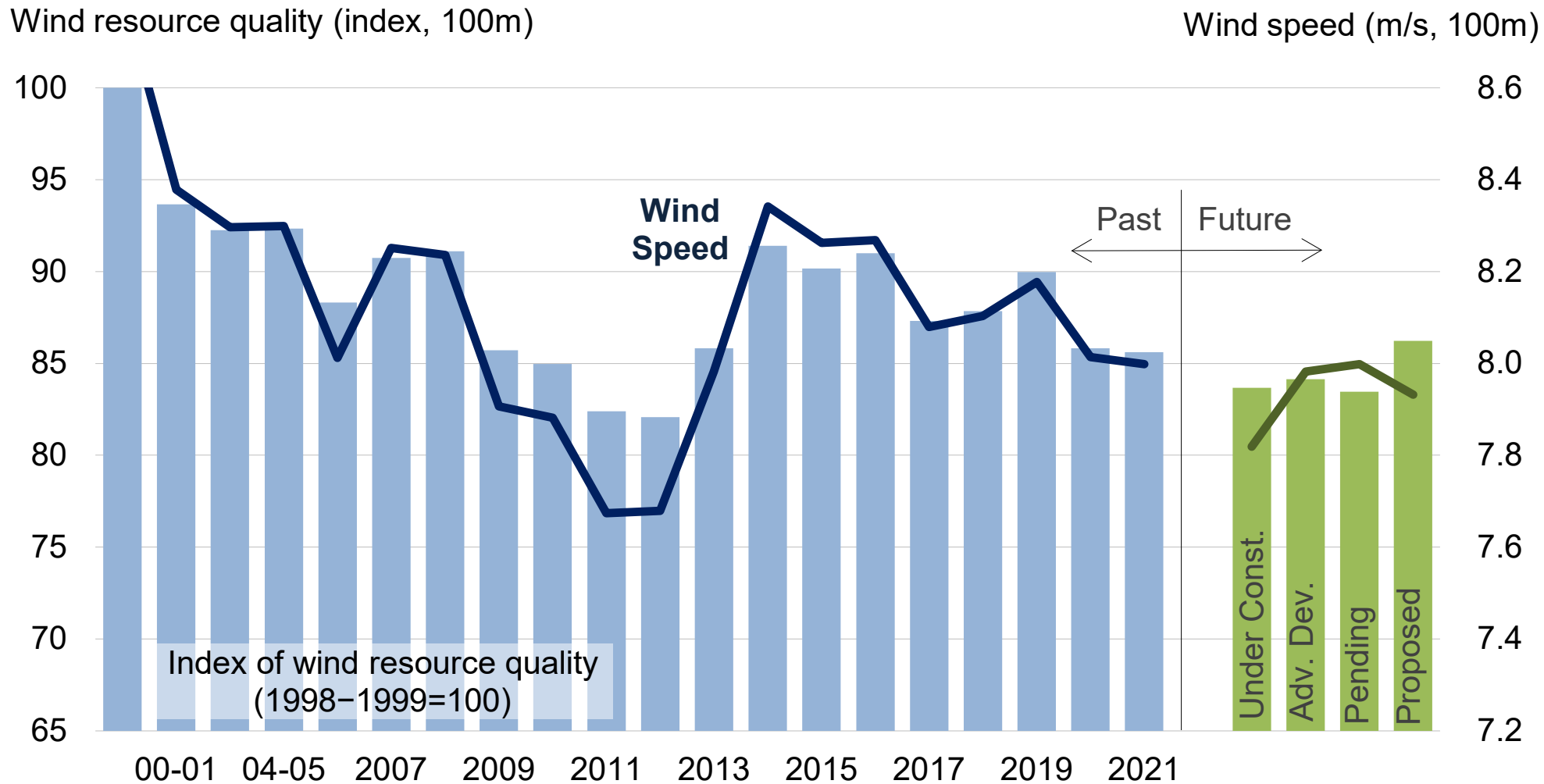
2021 average = 231 W/m^2



Sources: ACP, Berkeley Lab

Interactive data visualization:
<https://emp.lbl.gov/specific-power>

Wind turbines were deployed in somewhat lower wind-speed sites in 2021 than in the previous seven years

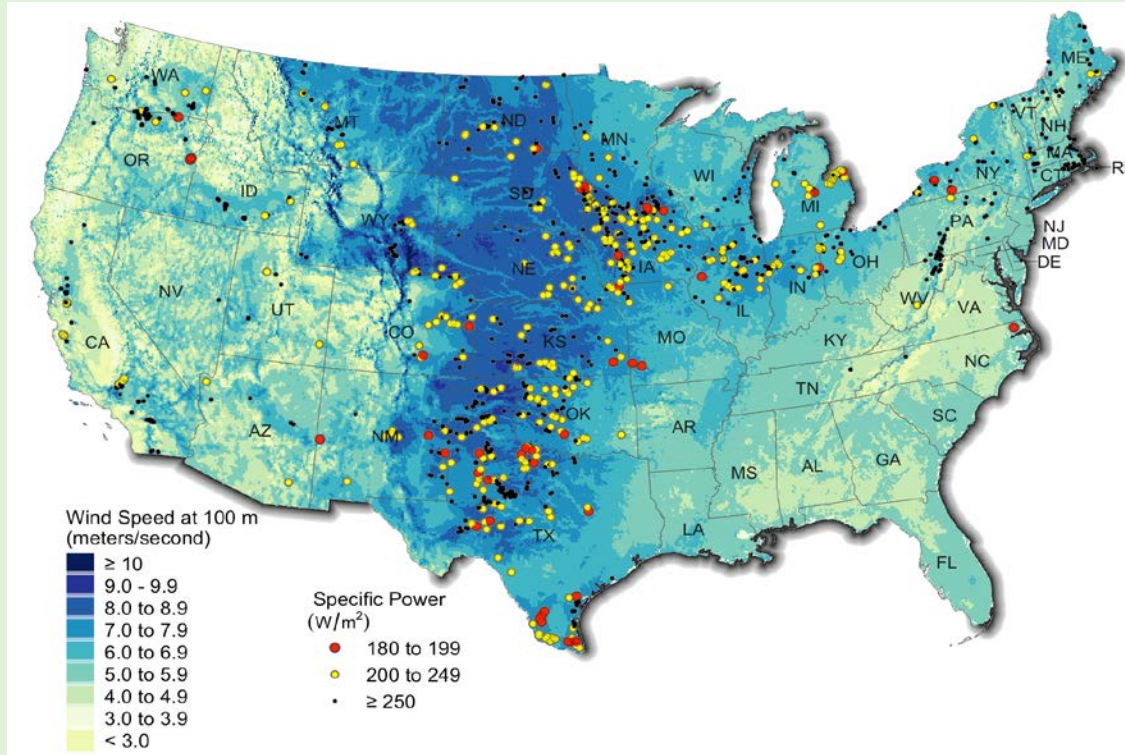


Sources: ACP, Berkeley Lab, AWS Truepower, FAA files

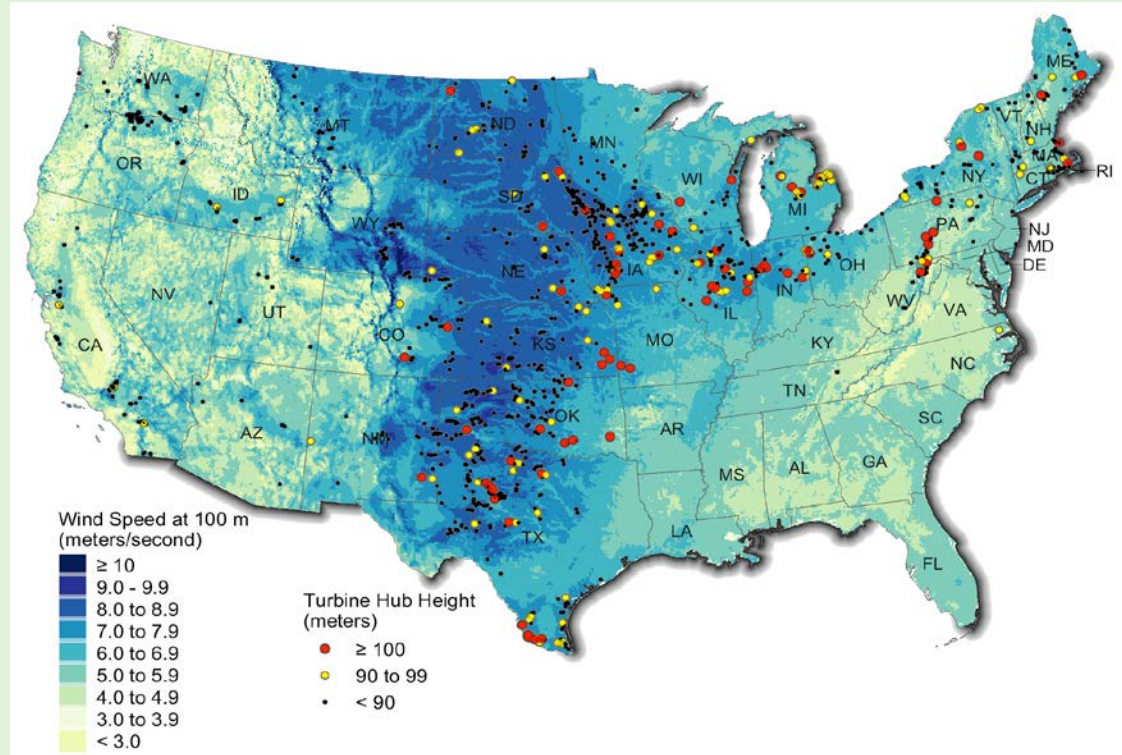
Note: Wind resource quality index is based on site estimates of gross capacity factor at 100 meters by AWS Truepower. A single, common wind-turbine power curve is used across all sites and timeframes, and no losses are assumed. Values are indexed to those projects built in 1998–1999.

Low specific power turbines are deployed on widespread basis; taller towers are seeing increased use in wider variety of sites

Specific Power



Hub Height

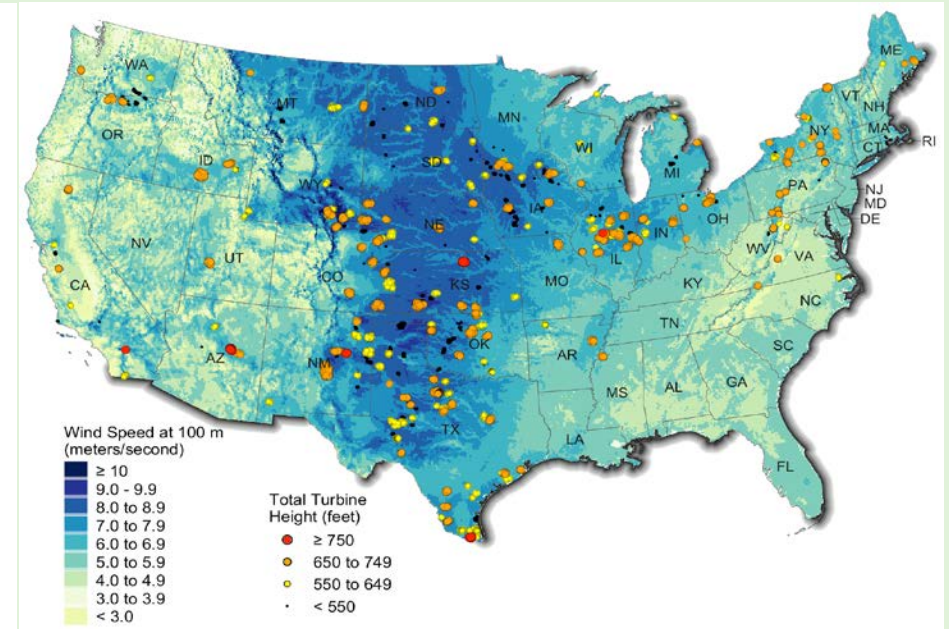
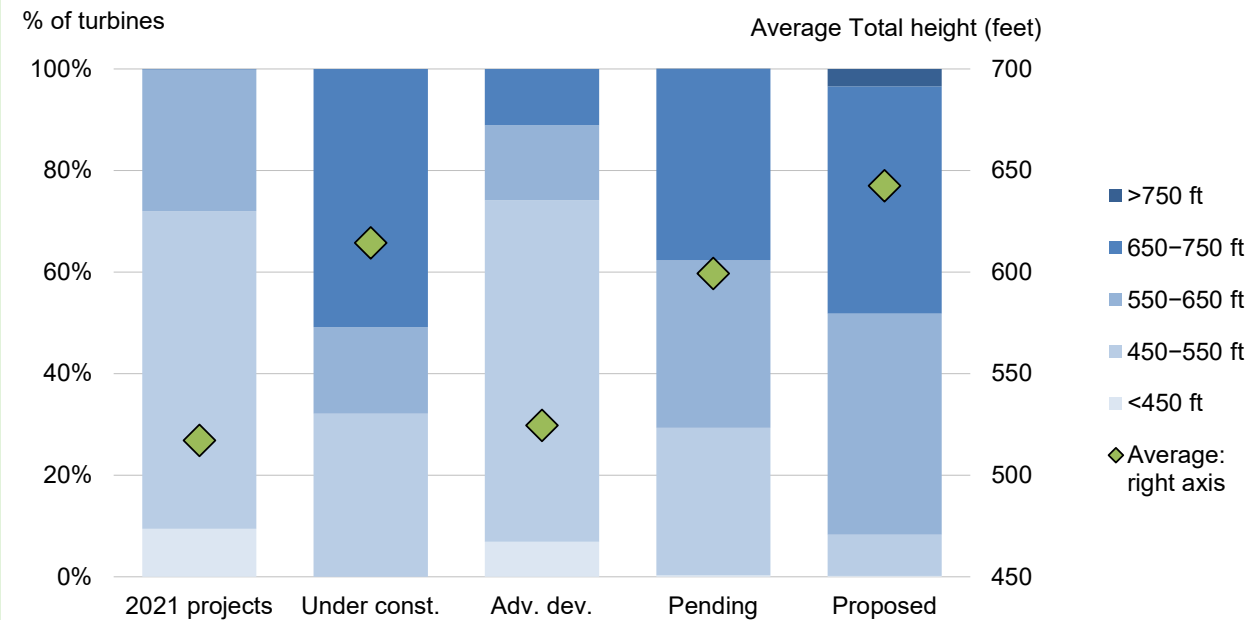


Sources: ACP, U.S. Wind Turbine Database, AWS Truepower, Berkeley Lab

Interactive data visualization: <https://emp.lbl.gov/wind-power-technology-trends>

Wind projects planned for the near future are poised to continue the trend of ever-taller turbines

Proposed turbines show significant growth in total turbine height, compared to 2021 projects



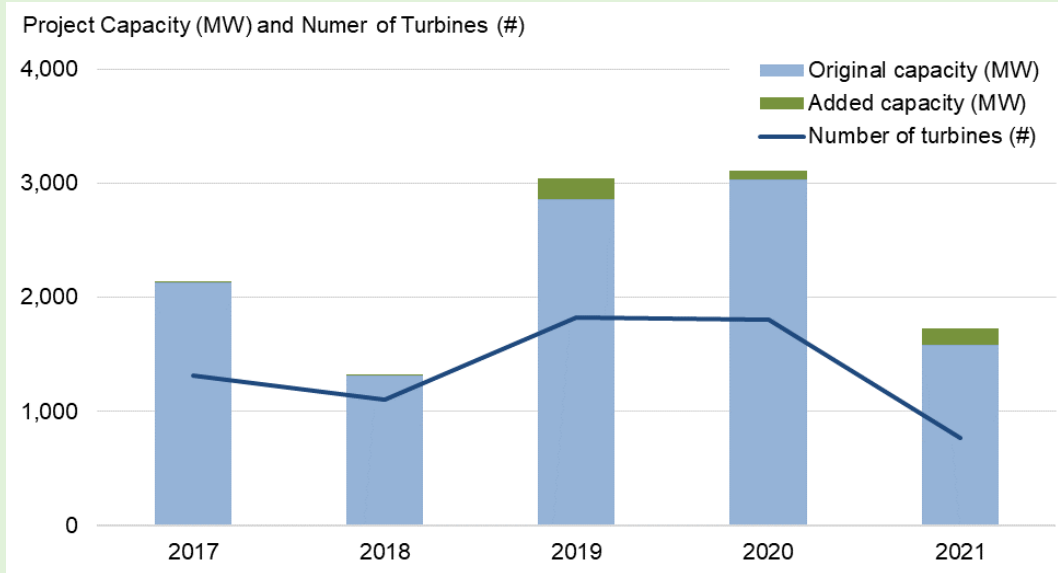
FAA = Federal Aviation Administration

Sources: ACP, FAA files, AWS Truepower, Berkeley Lab

In 2021, 12 wind projects were partially repowered, most of which now feature significantly larger rotors and lower specific power ratings

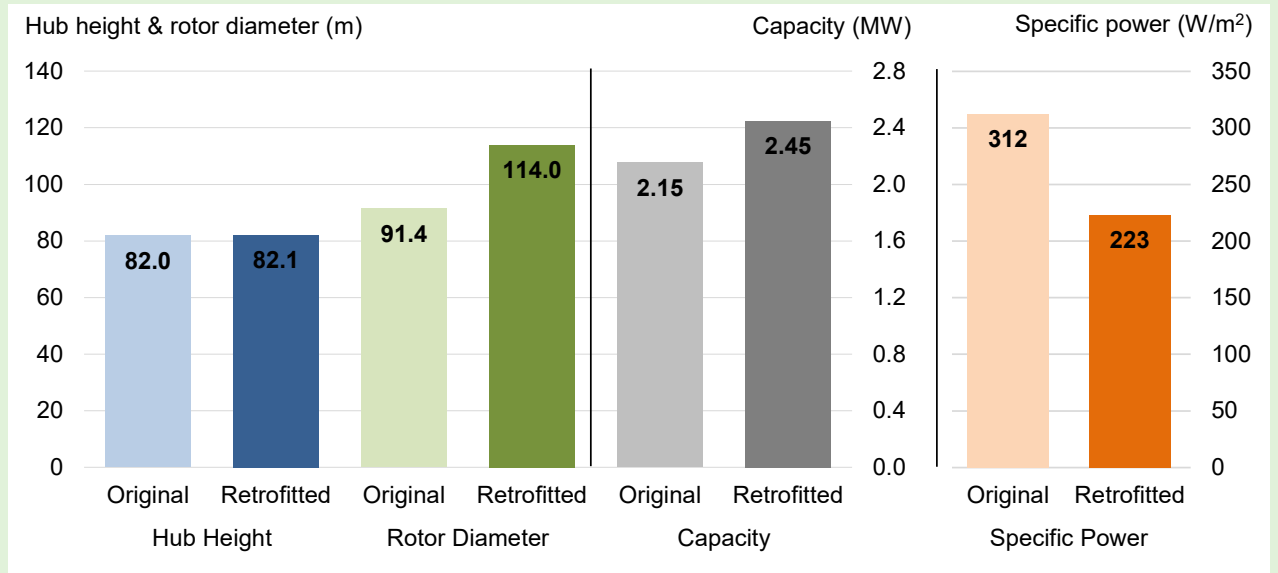
Partial Repowering by Year

(Figure shows wind project capacity repowered each year)



Technology Change with Partial Repowering

(Figure shows average technology change for wind turbines repowered in 2021)



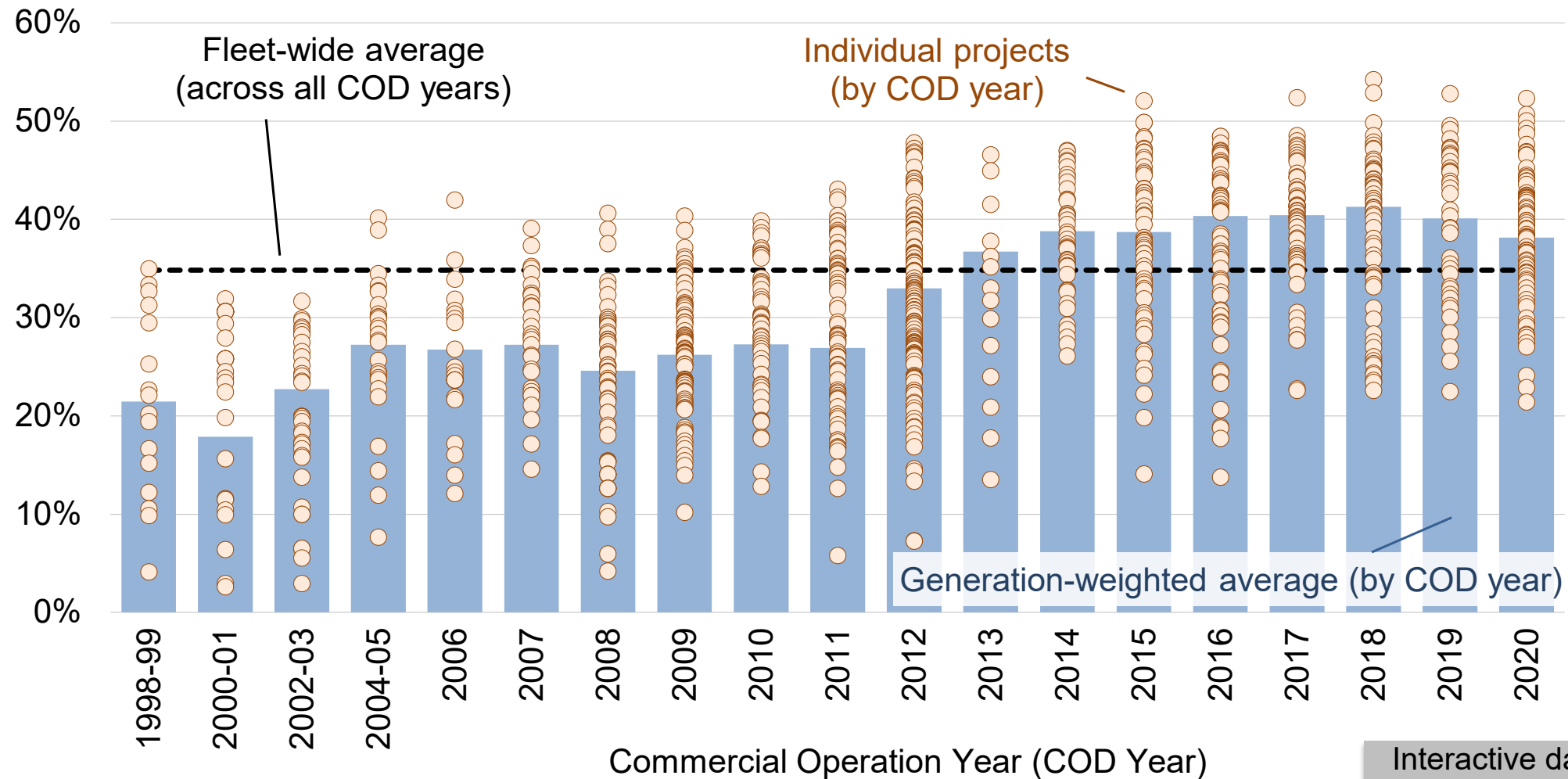
Sources: ACP, Berkeley Lab, turbine manufacturers

The mean age of turbines retrofitted in 2021 was just 10 years

Performance Trends

Average capacity factor 35% on a fleet-wide basis and 39% among projects built more recently; trending lower in most recent years

Capacity Factor in 2021

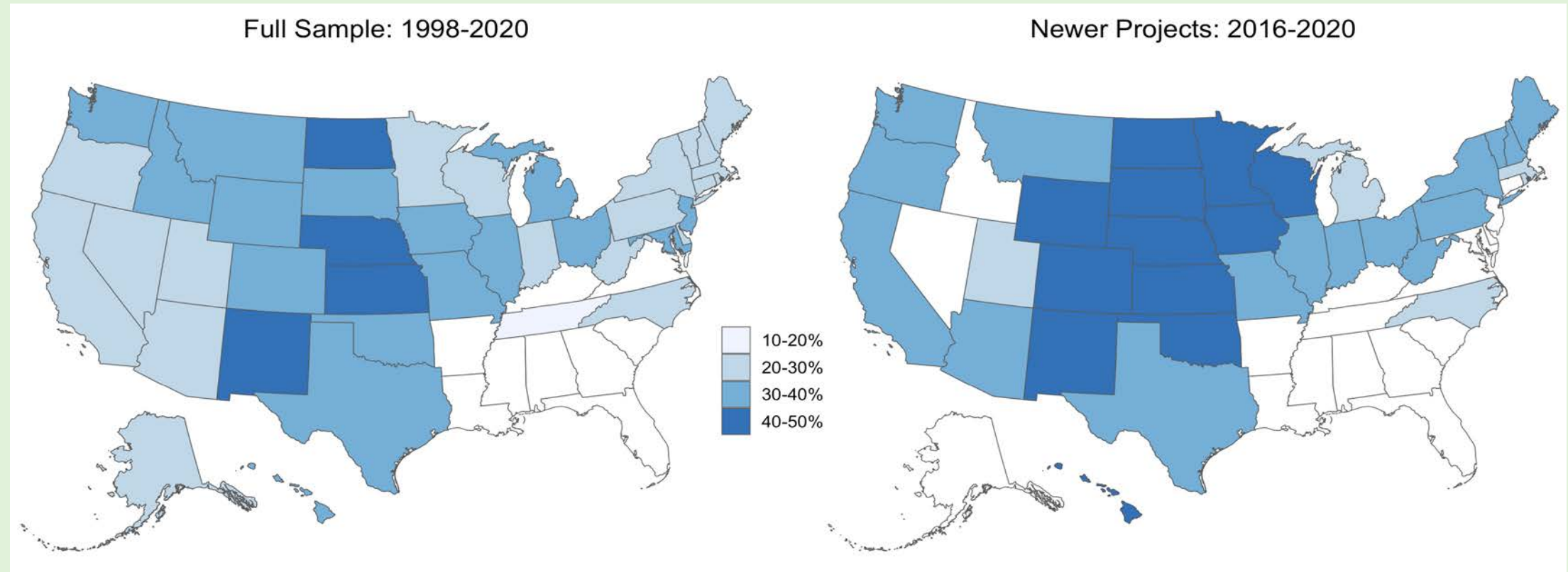


Source: EIA, FERC, Berkeley Lab

Interactive data visualization:
<https://emp.lbl.gov/wind-power-performance>

The central part of the country features the highest capacity factors, in part reflecting the strength of the wind resource

Newer projects (right figure) have considerably higher capacity factors than the full sample of 1998–2030 projects (left figure)

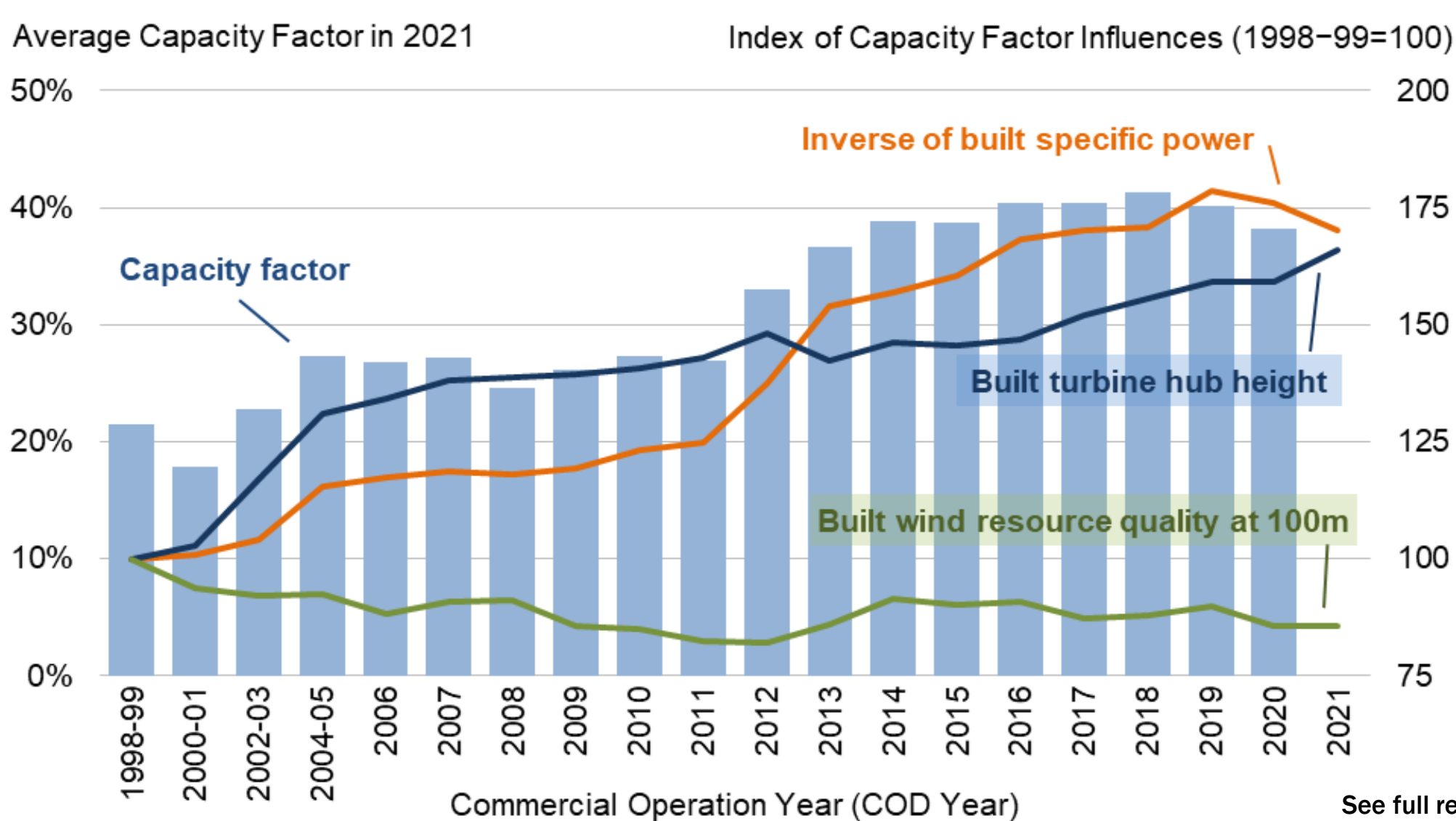


Source: EIA, FERC, Berkeley Lab

Note: States shaded in white have no projects in full sample (left) or in newer sample (right)

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Turbine design and site characteristics influence performance; 2021 projects impacted by recent specific power and resource quality trends

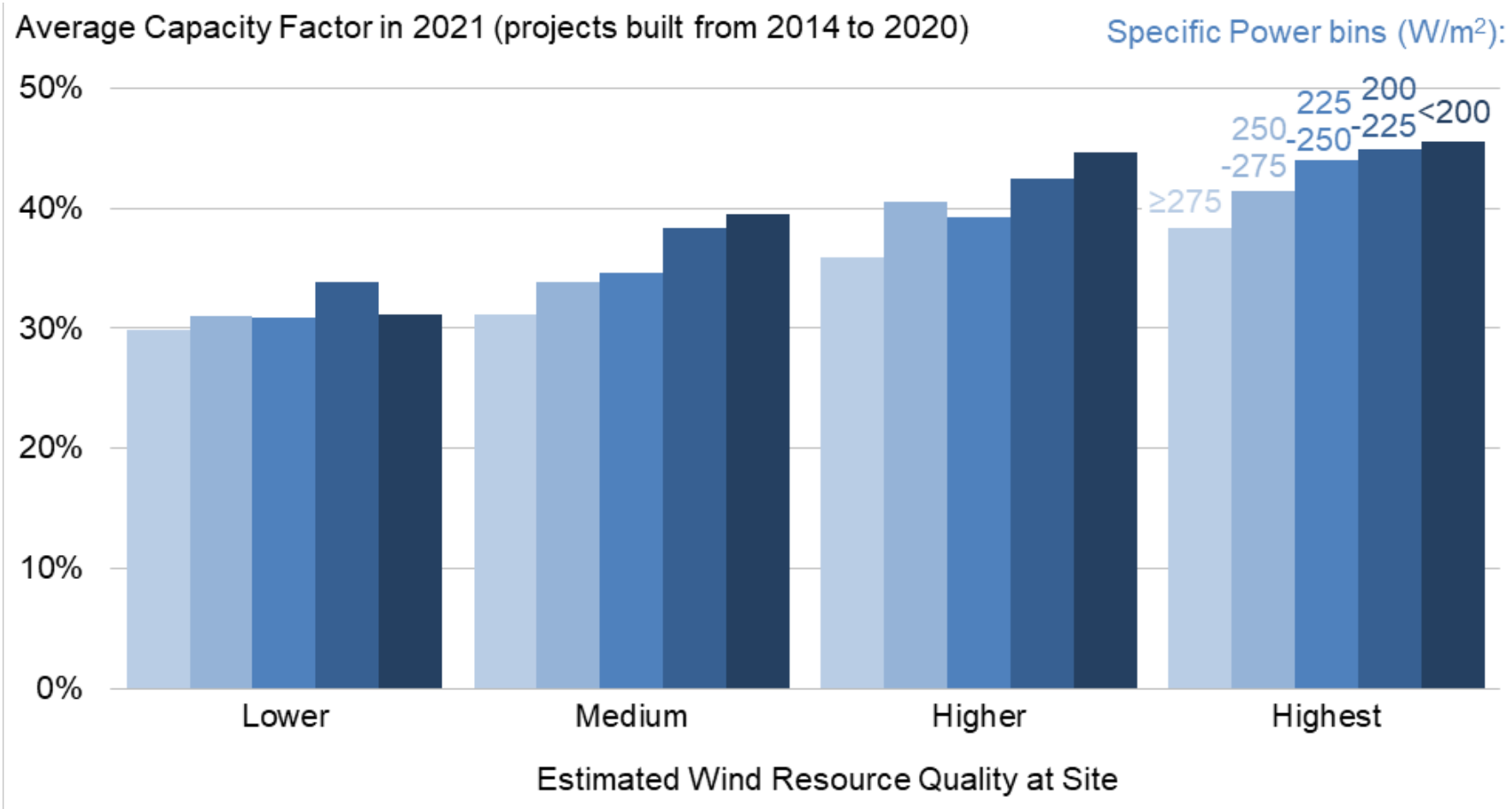


Source: EIA, FERC, Berkeley Lab

See full report for details on and interpretation of figure

Controlling for wind resource quality and specific power demonstrates impact of turbine evolution

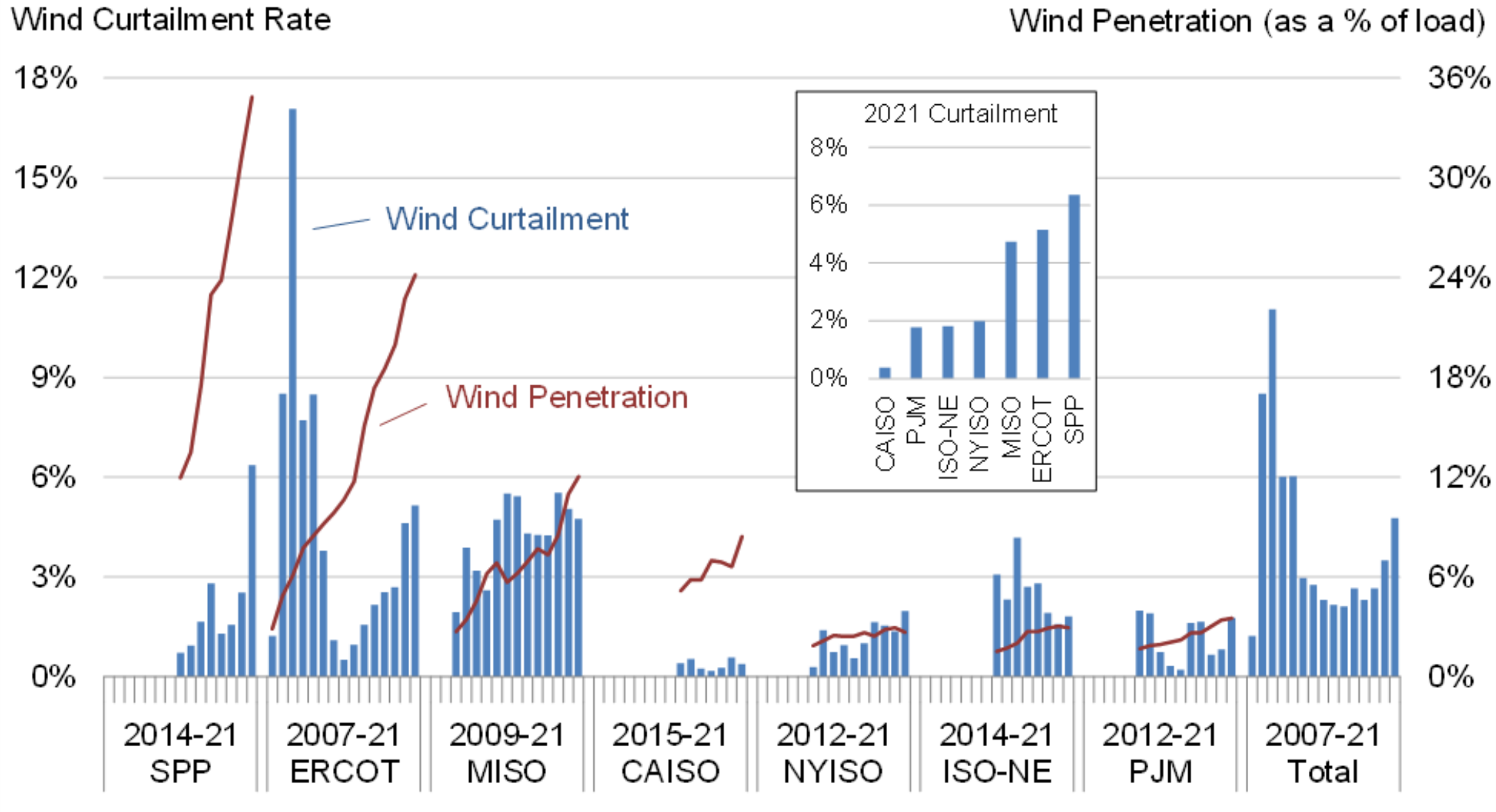
Low specific power turbines have driven capacity factors higher for projects located in given wind resource regimes



Note: See full report for a description of this categorization of wind resource quality

Source: EIA, FERC, Berkeley Lab

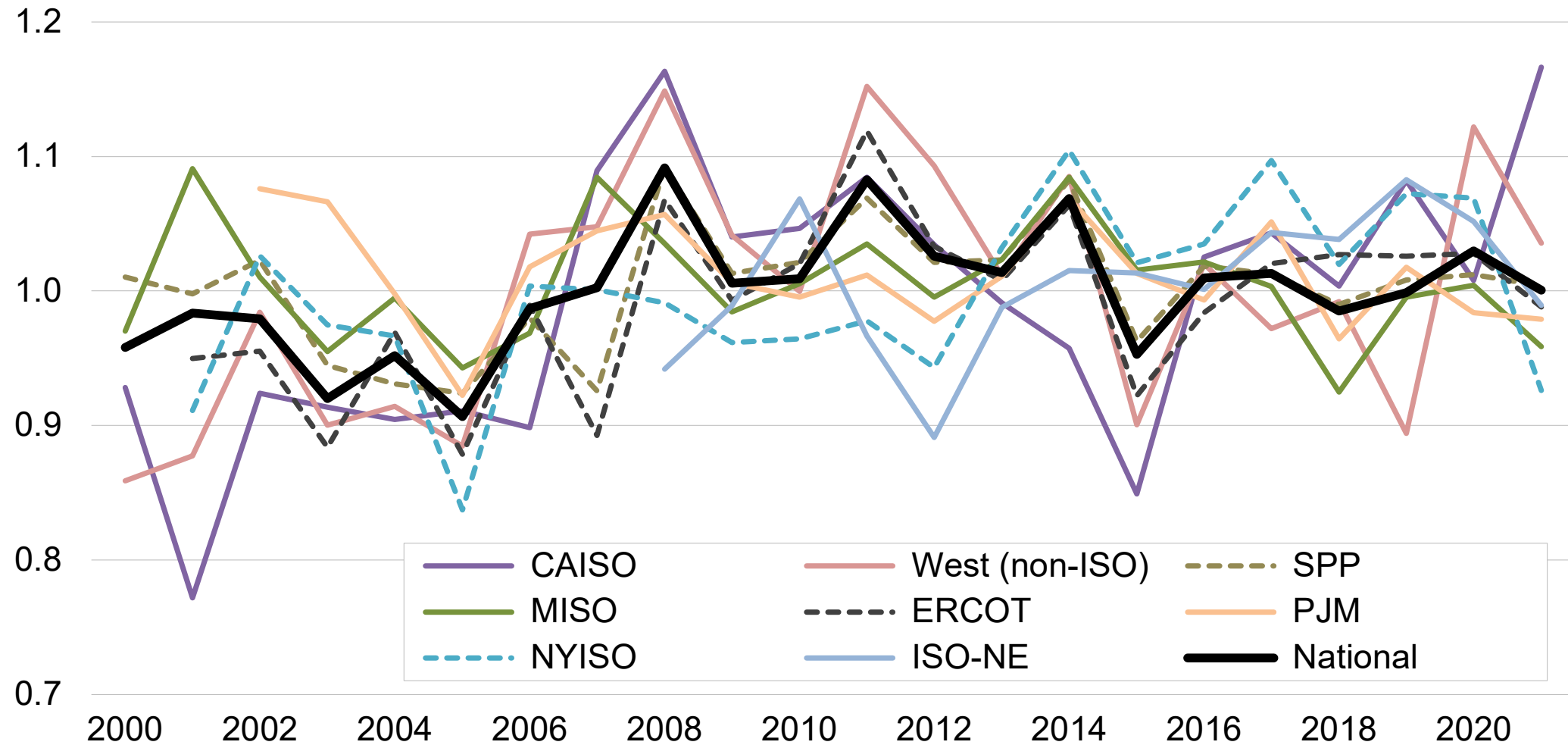
Wind power curtailment in 2021 across seven regions averaged 4.8%, up from a low of 2.1% in 2016



Sources: ERCOT, MISO, CAISO, NYISO, PJM, ISO-NE, SPP

Yearly variations in average wind speed impact project performance; 2021 wind speeds were near the long-term average for most regions

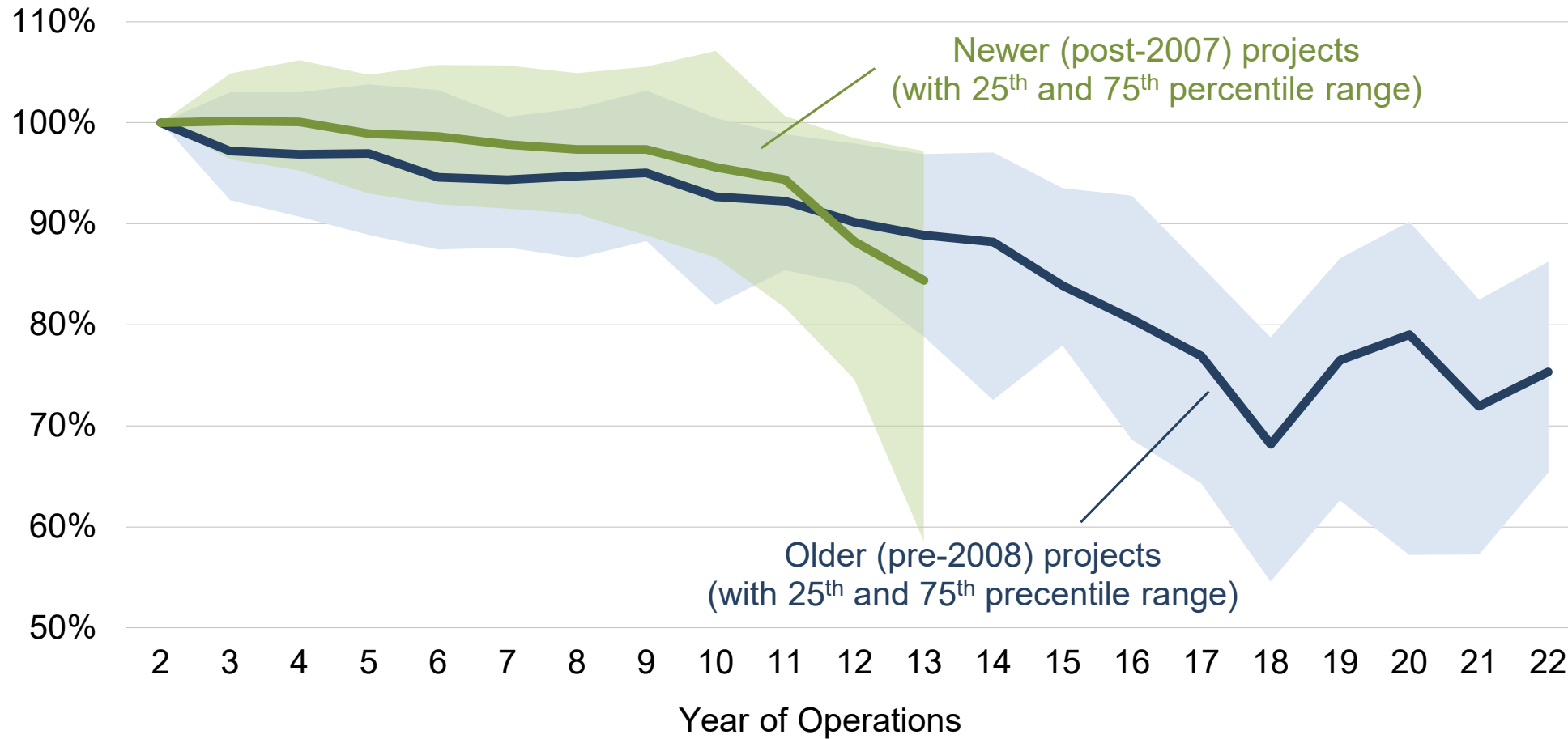
Average Annual Wind Resource Indices (Long-Term Average = 1.0)



Source: ERA, Berkeley Lab; methodology behind the index of inter-annual variability is explained in report appendix

Wind project performance degradation with project age also explains why older projects did not perform as well in 2021

Indexed Capacity Factor (Year 2 = 100%)



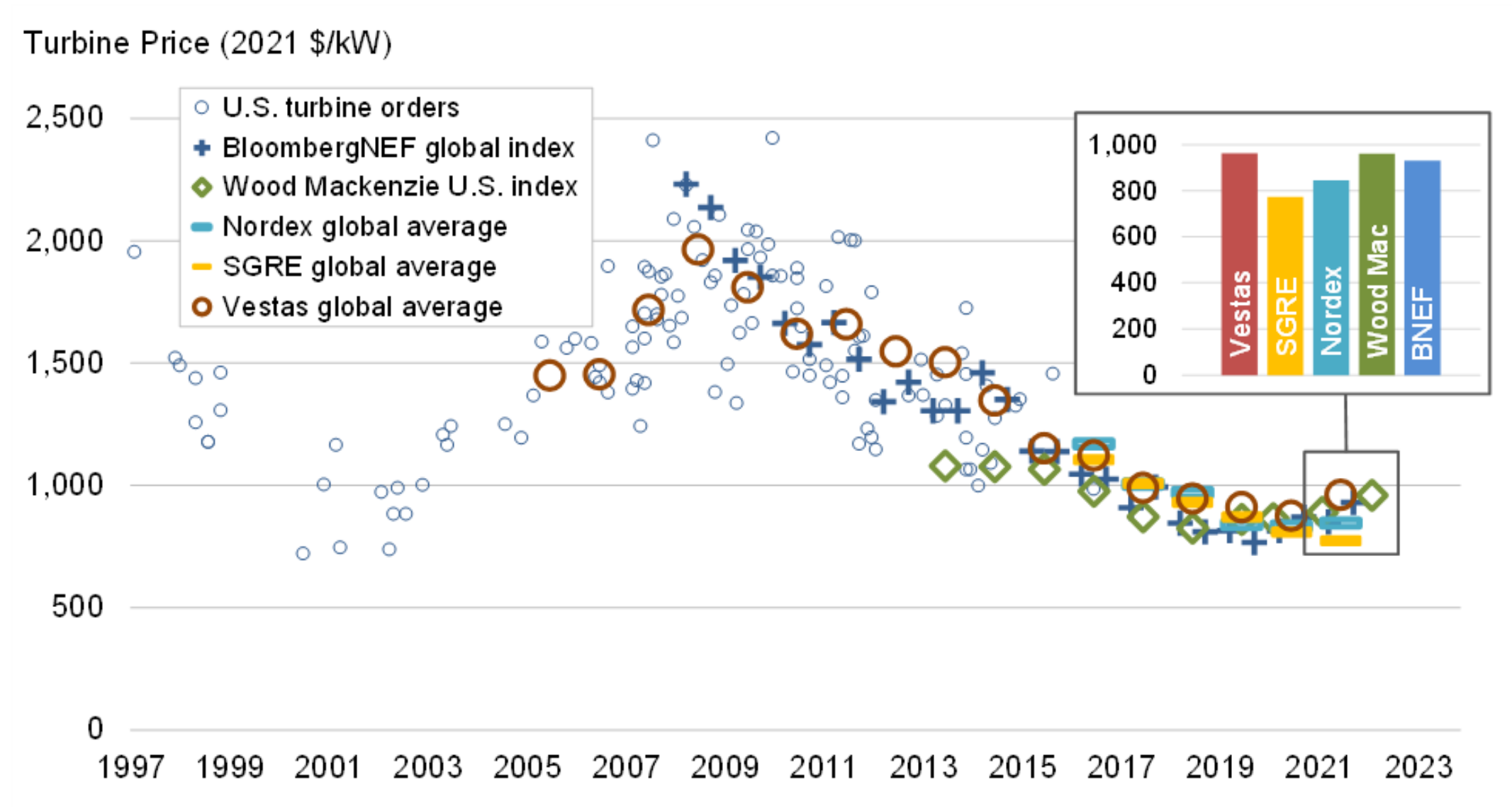
Performance decline after year 10 may, in part, reflect operational choices impacted by the federal PTC

Source: EIA, FERC, Berkeley Lab

For more analysis on wind project performance with plant age, see: <https://emp.lbl.gov/publications/how-does-wind-project-performance>

Cost Trends

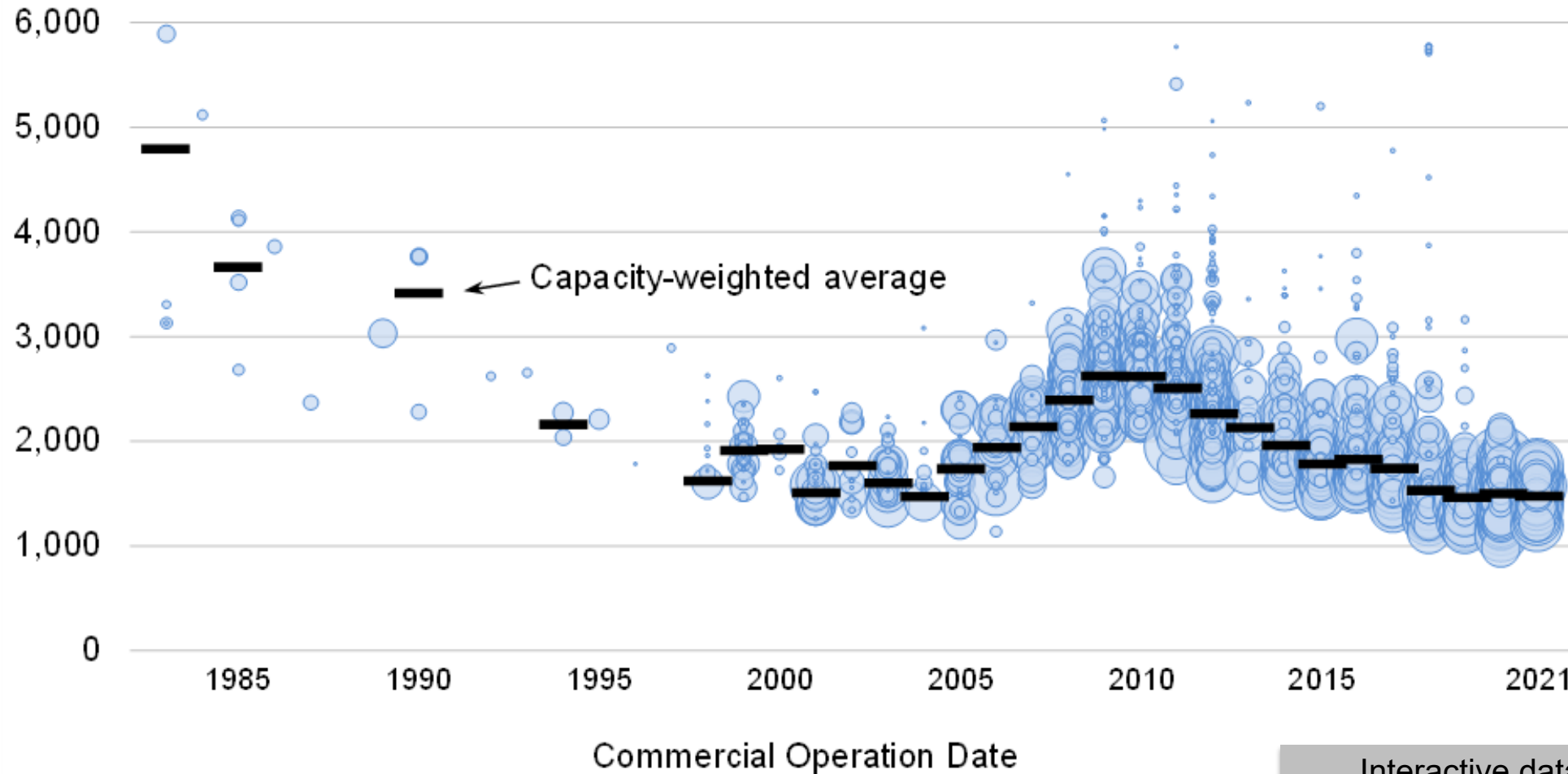
Wind turbine prices increased by an average of 5% to 10% in 2021 given supply chain pressures: ~\$800-950/kW in 2021



Sources: Berkeley Lab, annual financial reports, forecast providers

Installed project costs in 2021 held steady at an average of \$1,500/kW even as turbine prices rose

Installed Project Cost (2021 \$/kW)

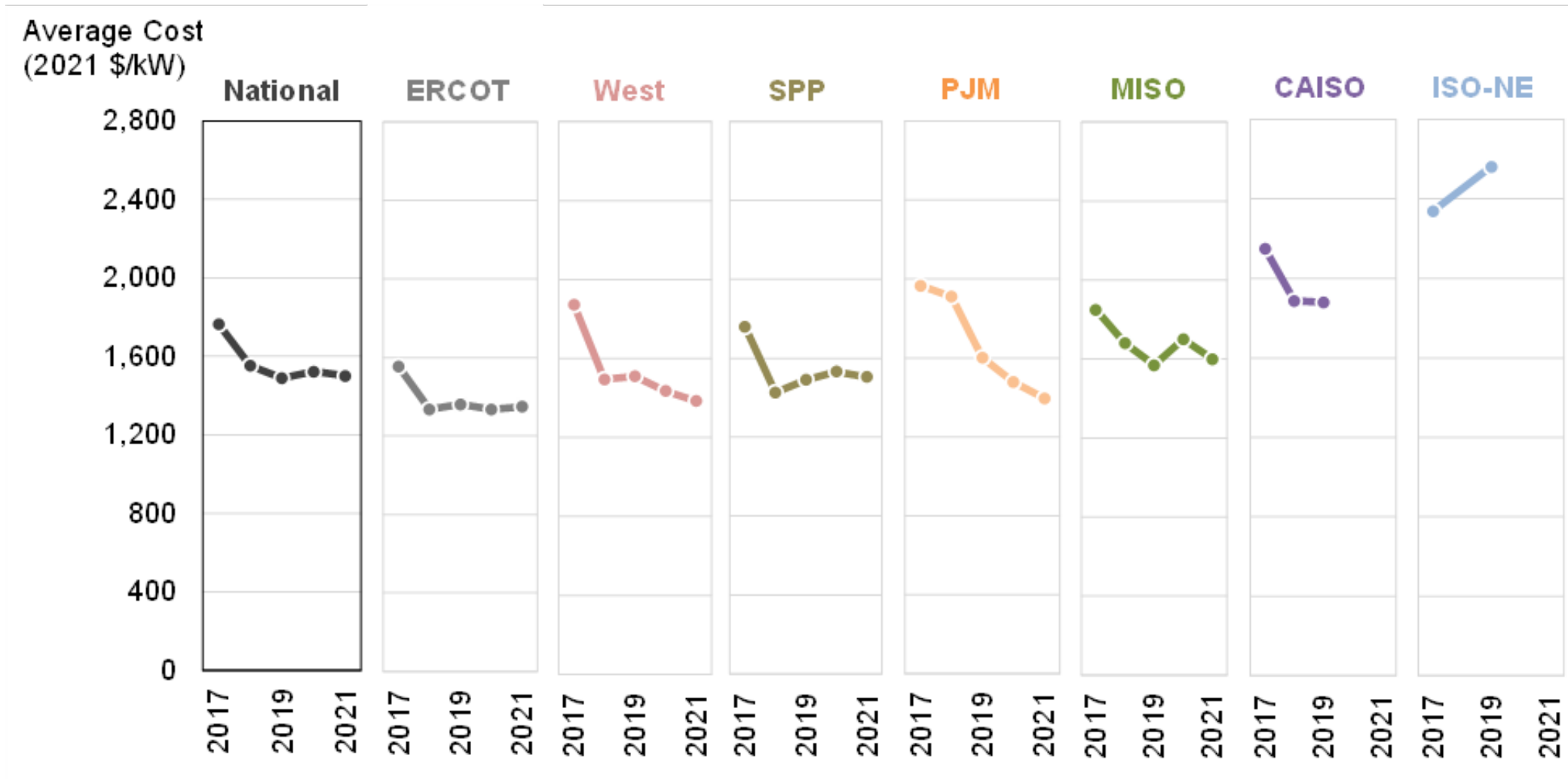


Note: Size of "bubble" reflects project capacity

Sources: Berkeley Lab, EIA (some data points suppressed to protect confidentiality)

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General five-year trend towards lower installed project costs exists across most regions of the United States



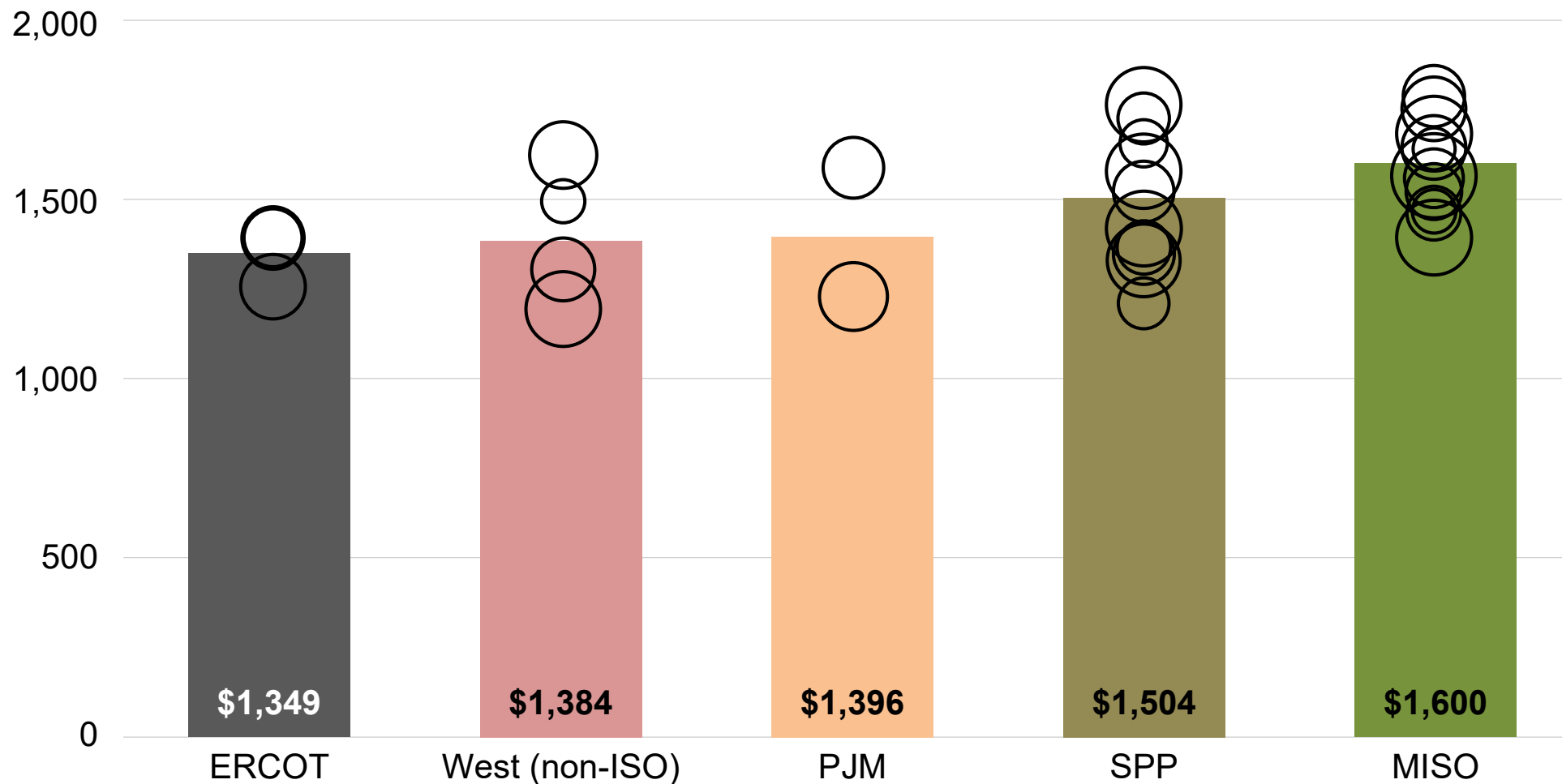
Sources: Berkeley Lab, EIA

Note: NYISO data are not available over this period. For other regions, data for specific years are missing.

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Regional differences in average wind project costs in 2021 are apparent, but sample size is limited in some regions

Installed Cost of 2021 Projects (2021 \$/kW)

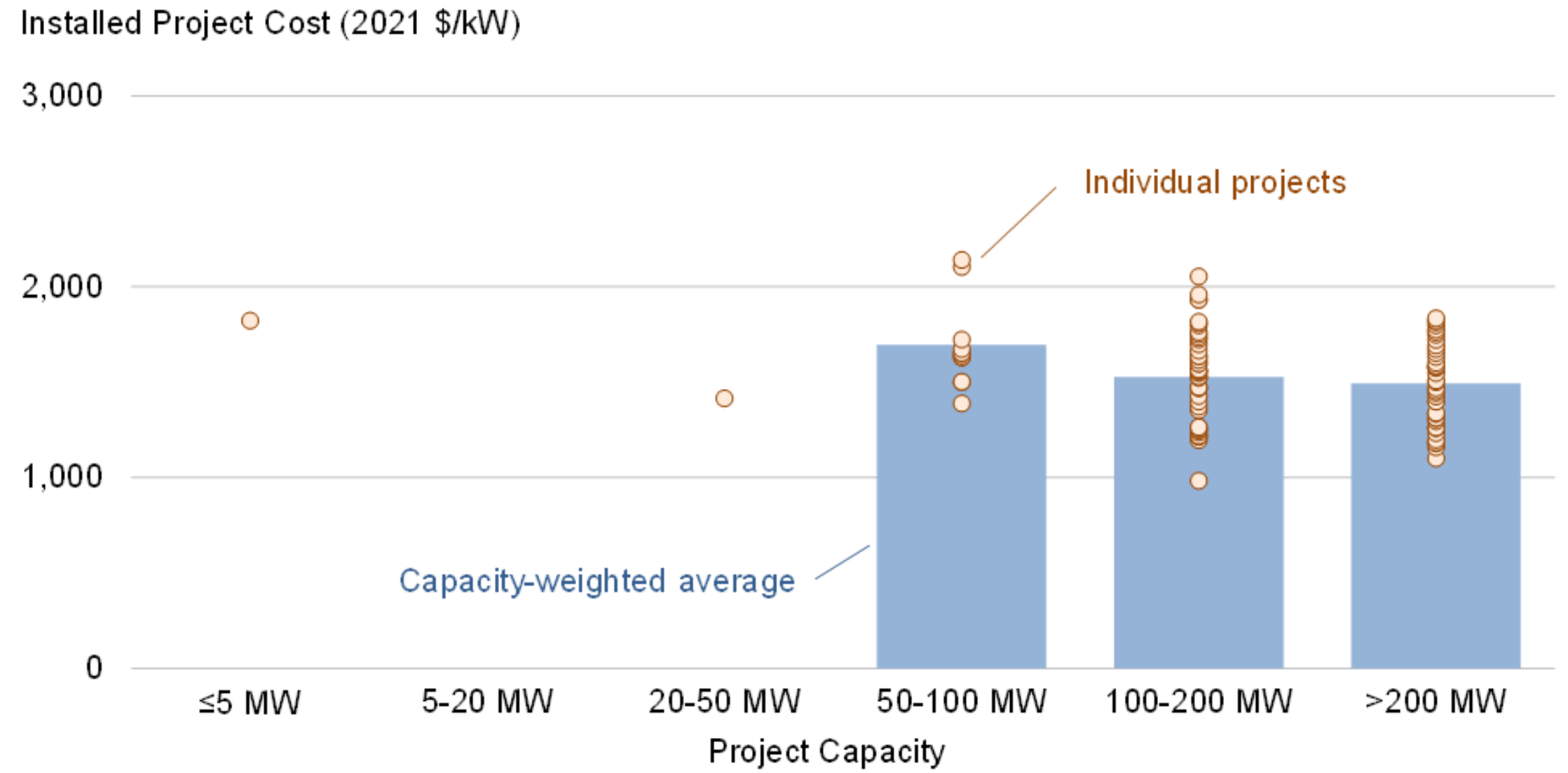


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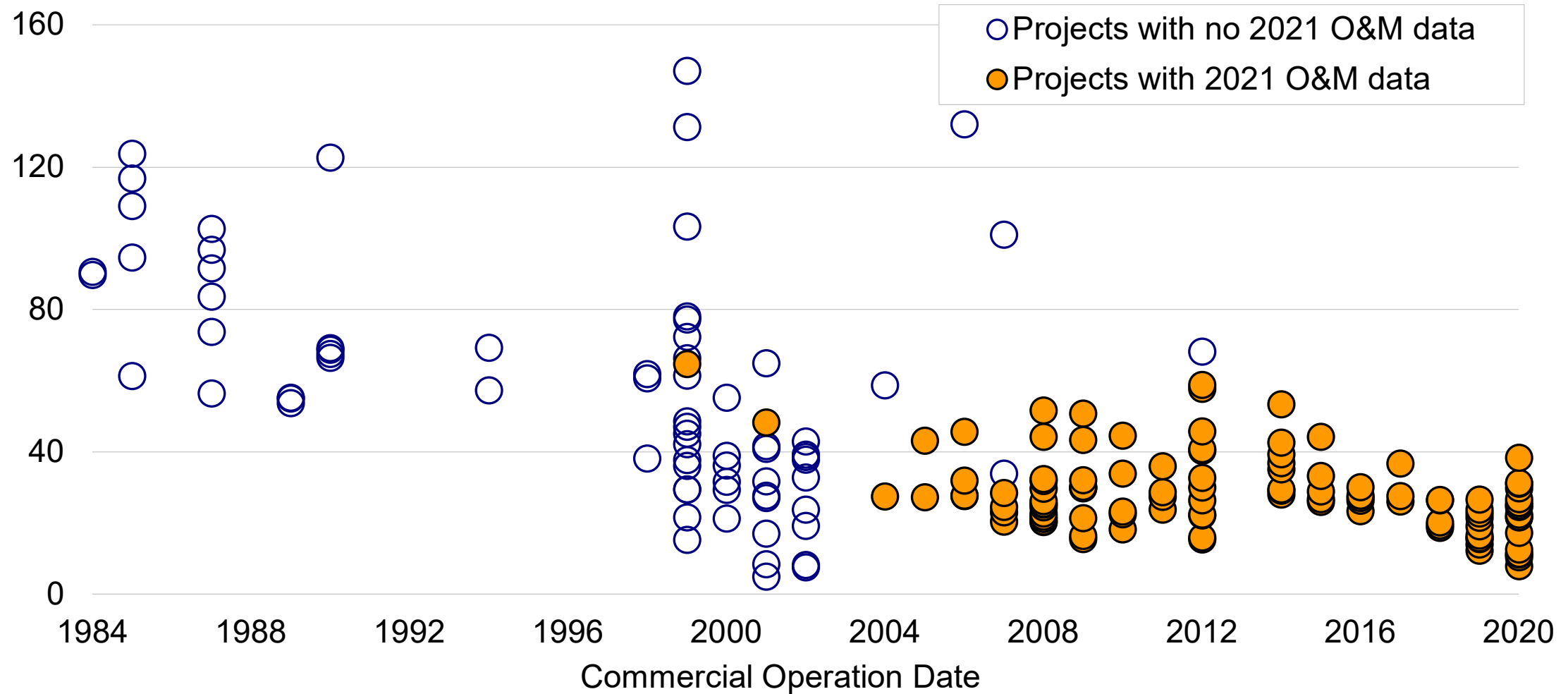
Installed costs generally decline with project size; are lowest for projects over 200 MW among 2020 and 2021 projects



Source: Berkeley Lab

Operations and maintenance (O&M) costs vary by commercial operations date and project age

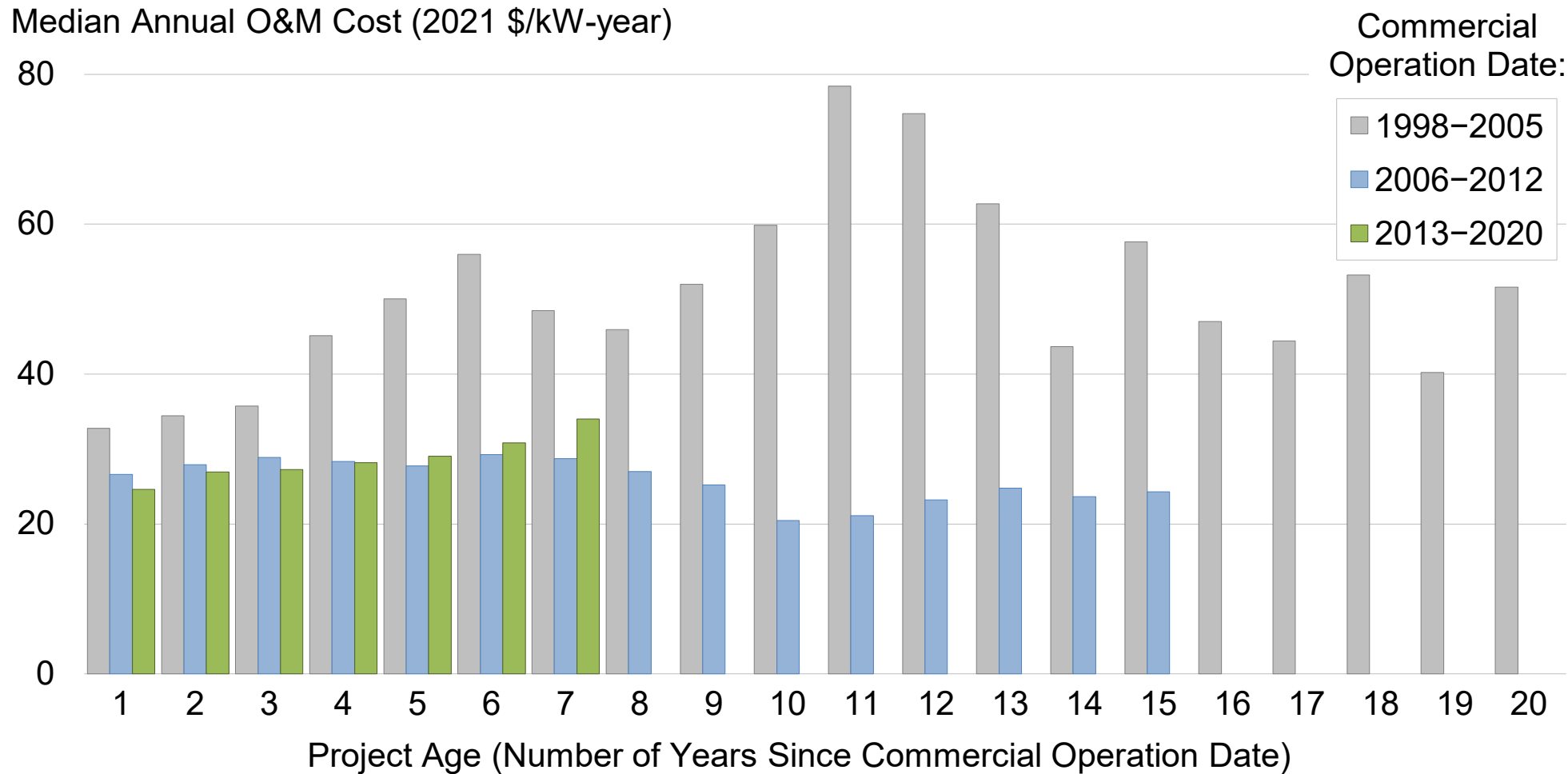
Average Annual O&M Cost, 2000–2021 (2021 \$/kW-yr)



Source: Berkeley Lab; some data points suppressed to protect confidentiality

Note: Sample is limited; few projects in sample have complete records of O&M costs from 2000-20; O&M costs reported here do not include all operating costs.

O&M costs are lower for more-recently built projects, but cost trends as projects age do not follow consistent patterns



O&M reported here does not include all operating costs: all-in operating costs for the most recent wind projects average >\$40/kW-year

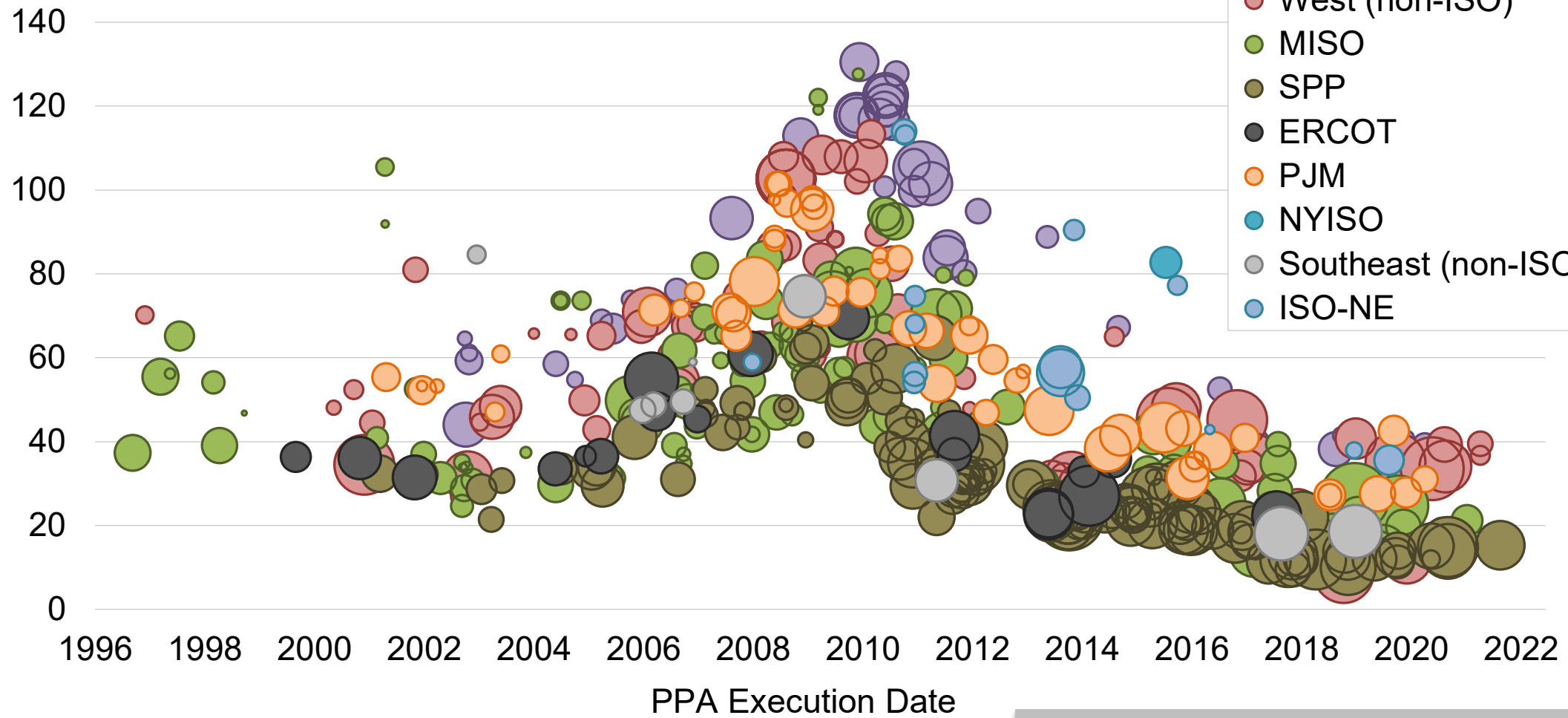
Source: Berkeley Lab; medians shown only for groups of two or more projects, and only projects >5 MW are included

Note: Sample size is limited, especially in years 15-20

Power Sales Price and Levelized Cost Trends

Wind power purchase agreement (PPA) prices have been drifting higher, following turbine price trends, but generally remain low

Levelized PPA Price (2021 \$/MWh)

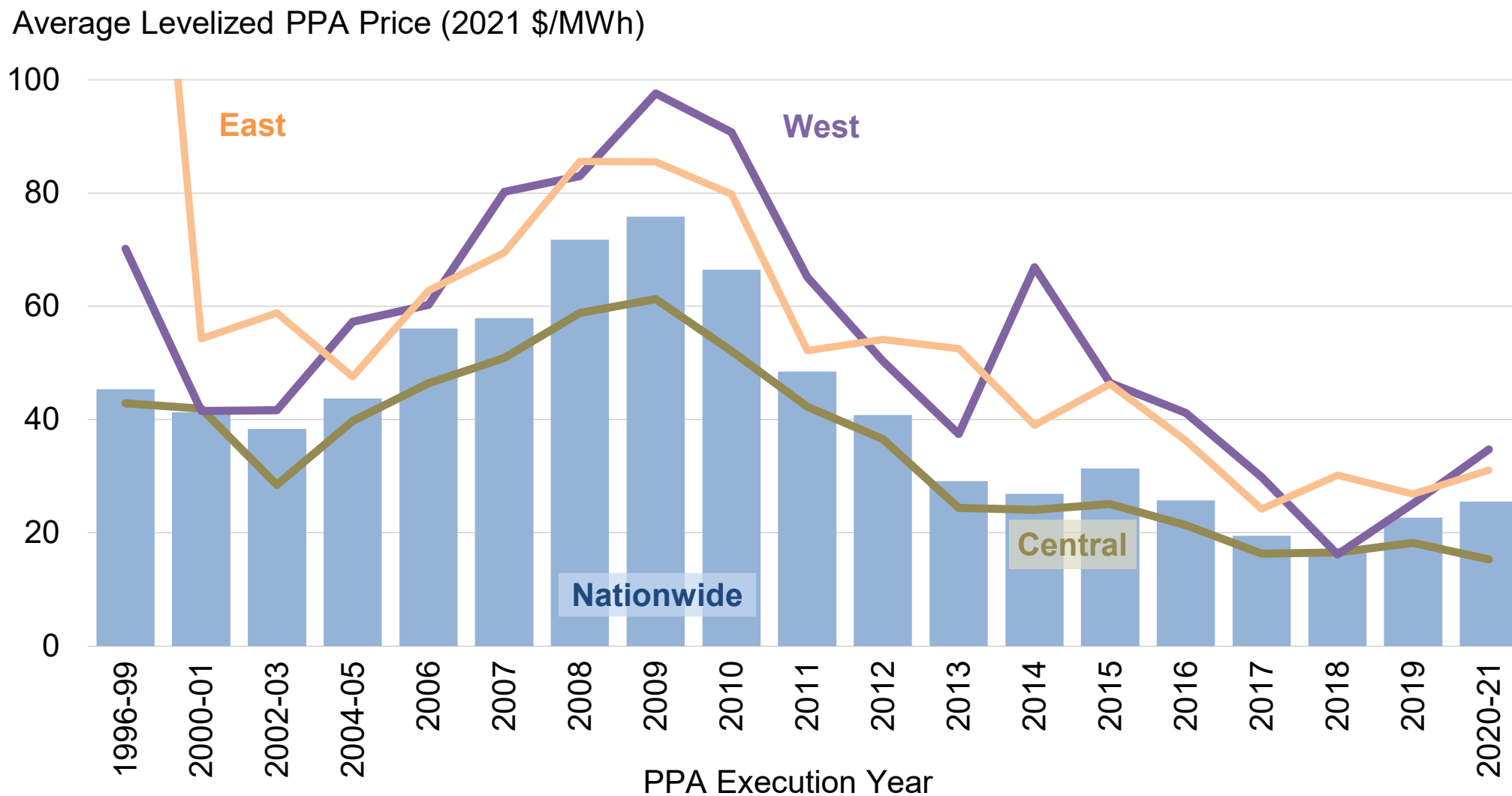


Note: Size of bubble reflects contract capacity

Source: Berkeley Lab, FERC

Interactive data visualization: <https://emp.lbl.gov/wind-power-purchase-agreement-ppa-prices>

Average PPA prices have steeply declined since 2009; prices below \$20/MWh in central region, but have been flat or risen in recent years

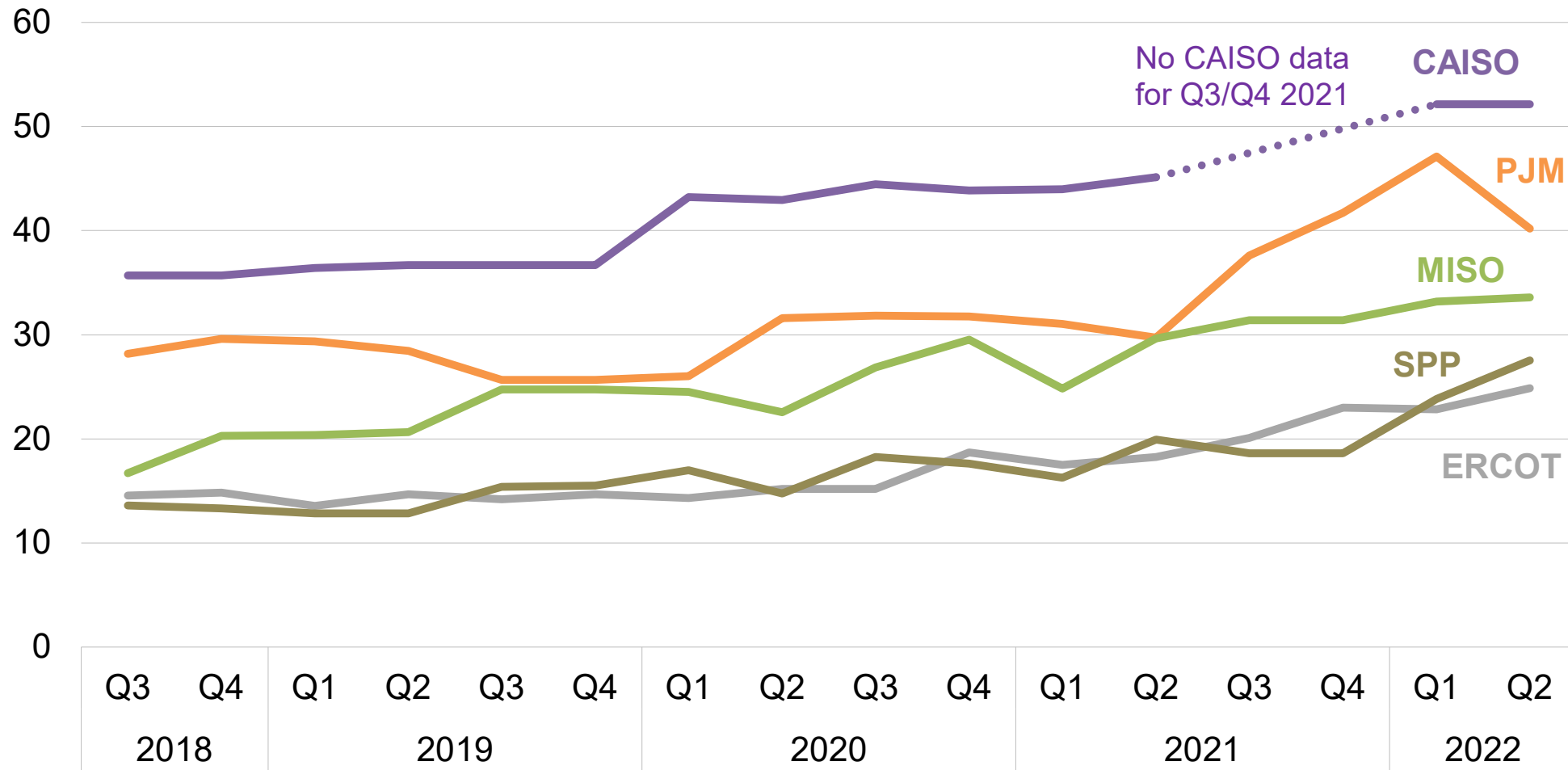


Source: Berkeley Lab, FERC

Note: West = CAISO, West (non-ISO); Central = MISO, SPP, ERCOT; East = PJM, NYISO, ISO-NE, Southeast (non-ISO)

LevelTen Energy price indices confirm rising PPA prices, and regional variations in wind energy prices

Level10 PPA Price Index (2021 \$/MWh, 25th percentile of offers)

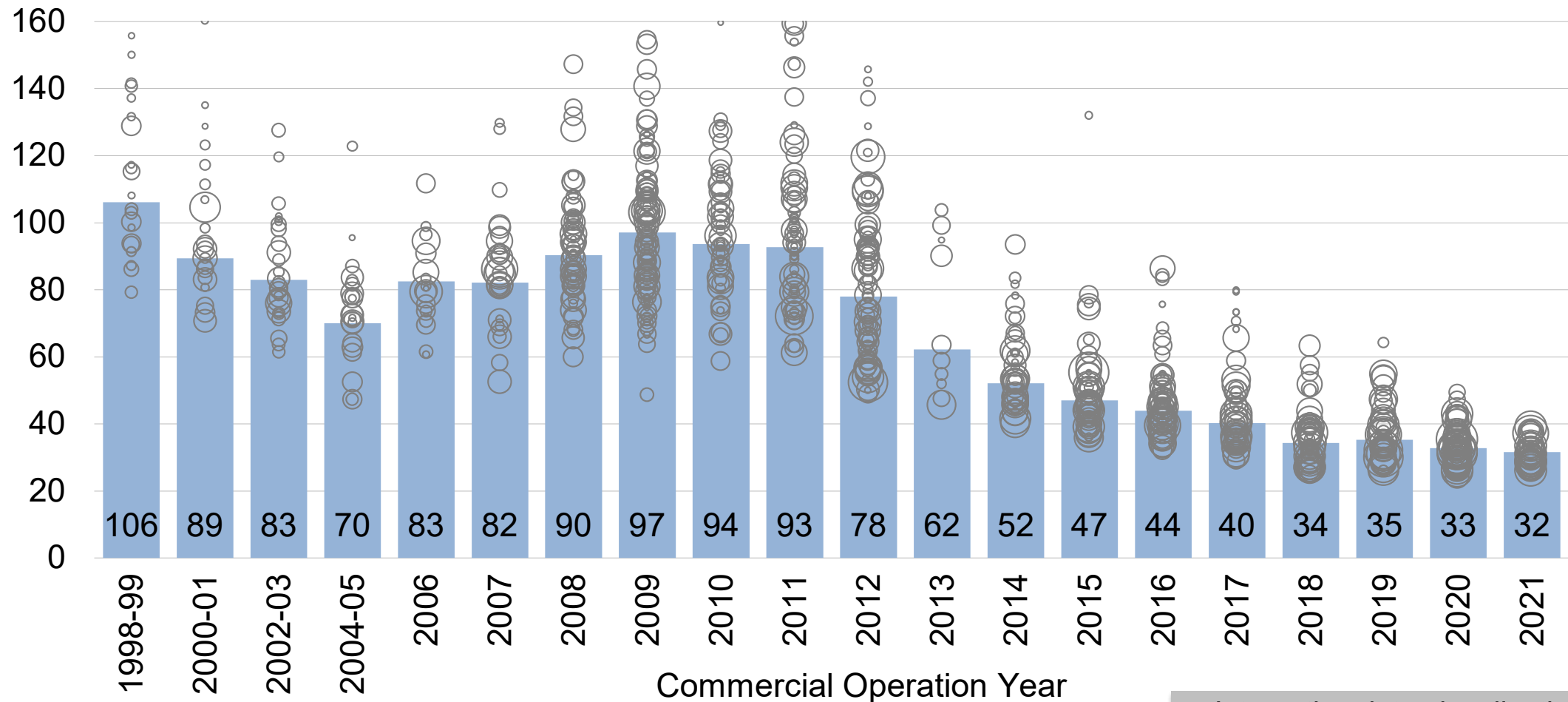


Source: LevelTen Energy

Note: See full report for approach to converting nominal dollar LevelTen data to levelized real 2021\$ as reported in figure above.

Levelized cost of wind energy (LCOE) has generally declined: nationwide average of \$32/MWh for projects installed in 2021

Average and Project-level LCOE (2021 \$/MWh)

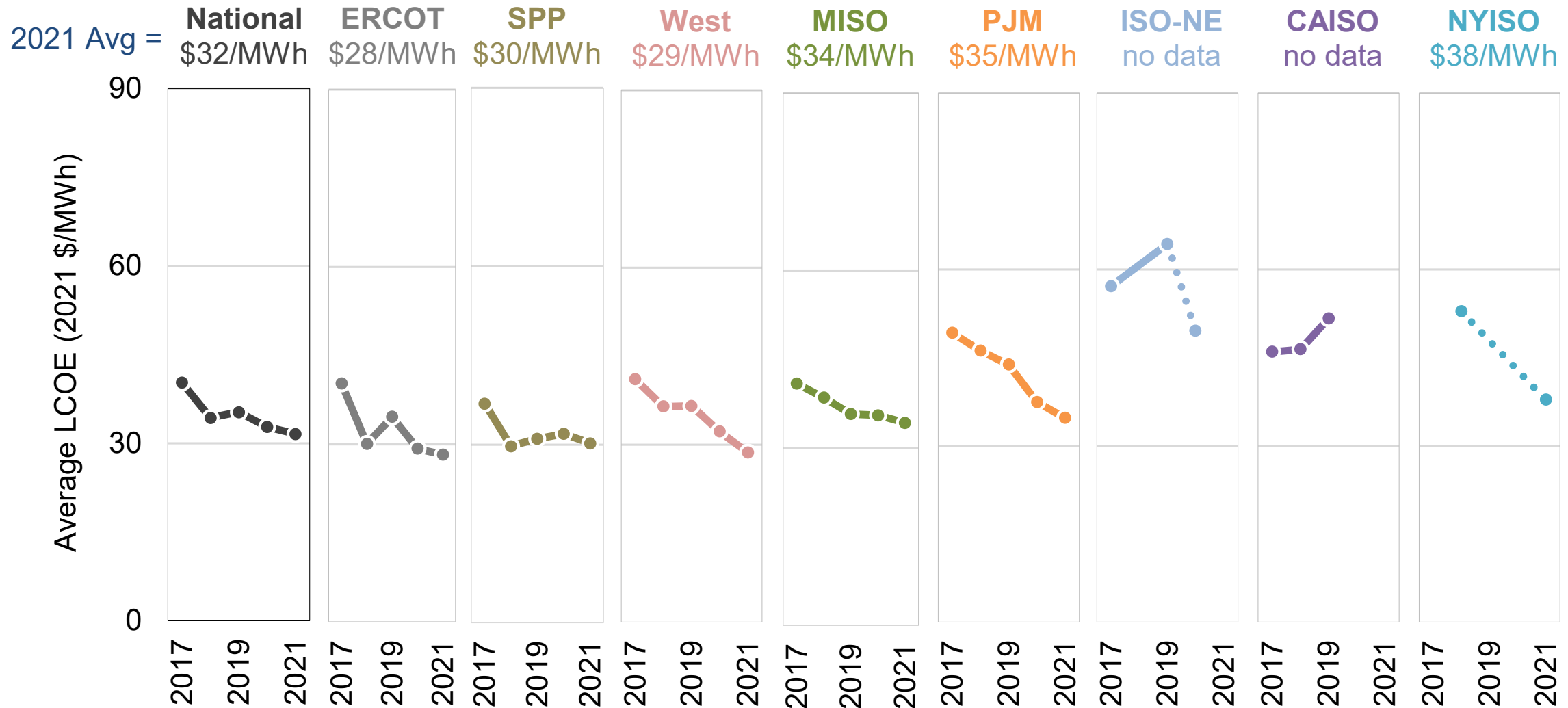


Source: Berkeley Lab

Note: Yearly estimates reflect variations in installed cost, capacity factors, operational costs, cost of financing, and project life; includes accelerated depreciation but exclude PTC. See full report for details.

Interactive data visualization:
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Levelized costs vary by region, with the lowest costs in ERCOT, SPP, and the non-ISO West

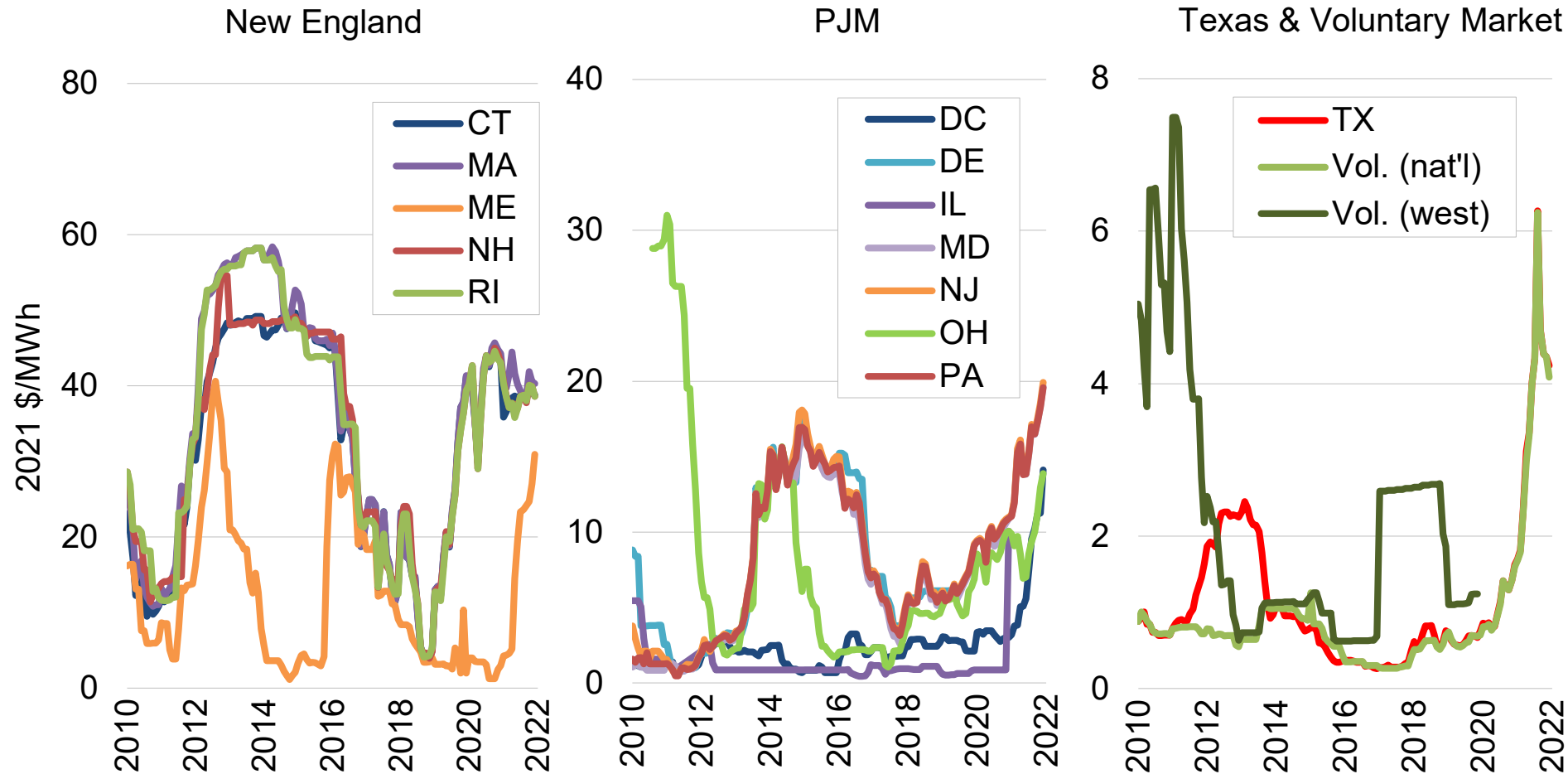


Source: Berkeley Lab

Note: Regional sample is limited in some regions and years

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Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) prices continue to vary substantially across markets and time



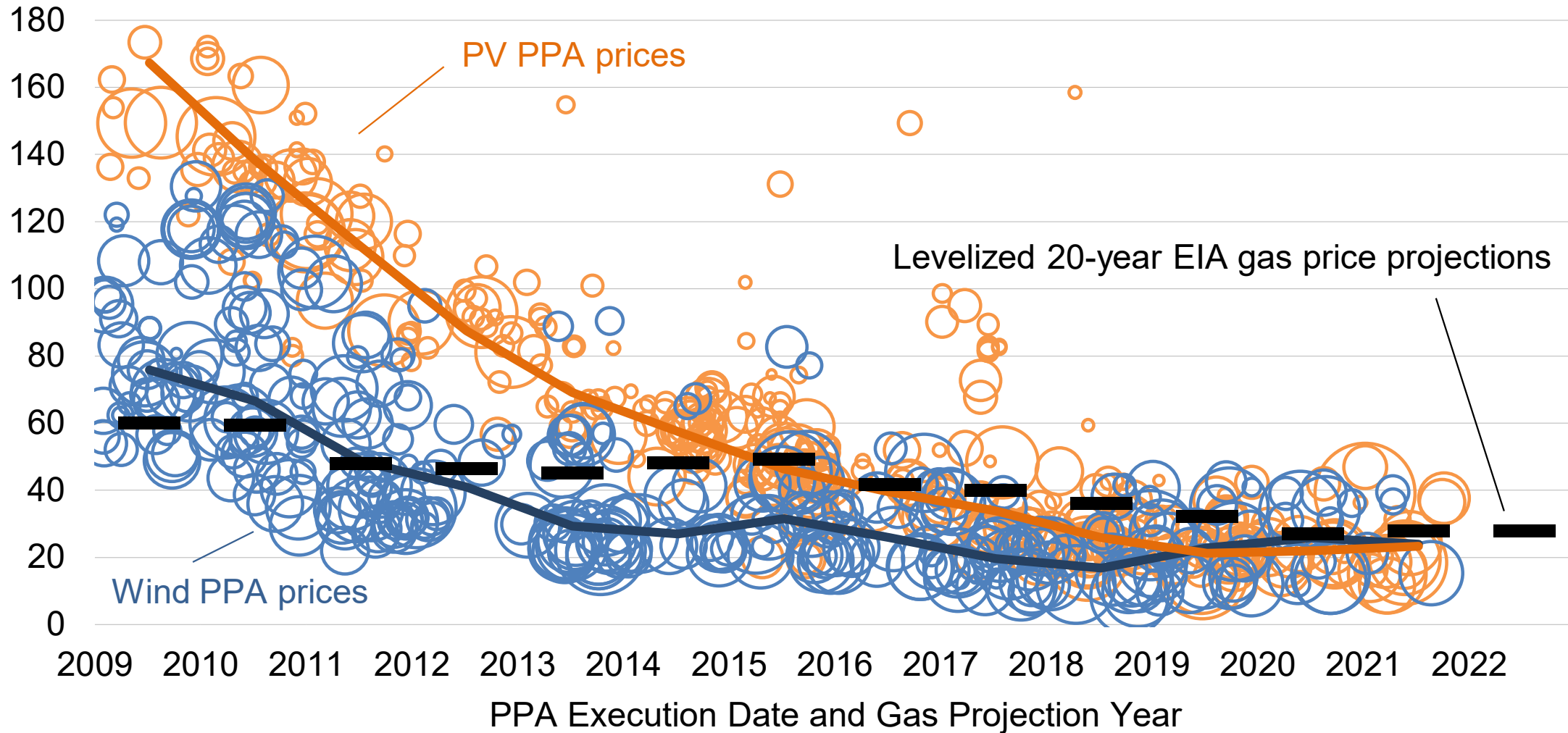
Source: *Marex Spectron*

REC prices vary by: market type (compliance vs. voluntary); geographic region; specific design of state RPS policies.

Cost and Value Comparisons

Despite low wind PPA prices, wind faces competition from solar and natural gas

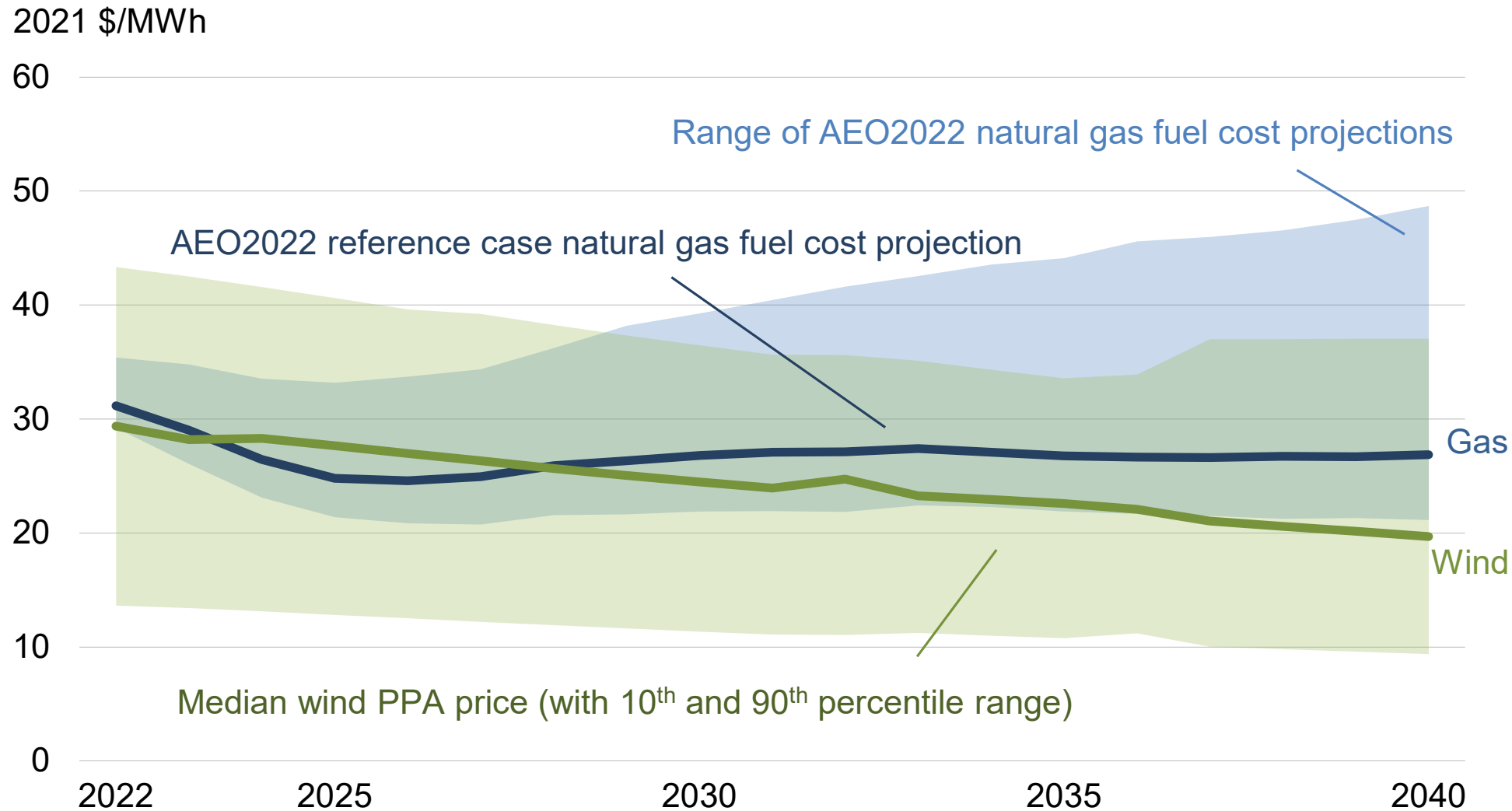
Levelized PPA and Gas Price (2021 \$/MWh)



Source: Berkeley Lab, FERC, EIA

Note: Smallest bubble sizes reflect smallest-volume PPAs (<5 MW), whereas largest reflect largest-volume PPAs (>500 MW).

Recent wind prices are competitive with the expected future cost of burning fuel in natural gas plants

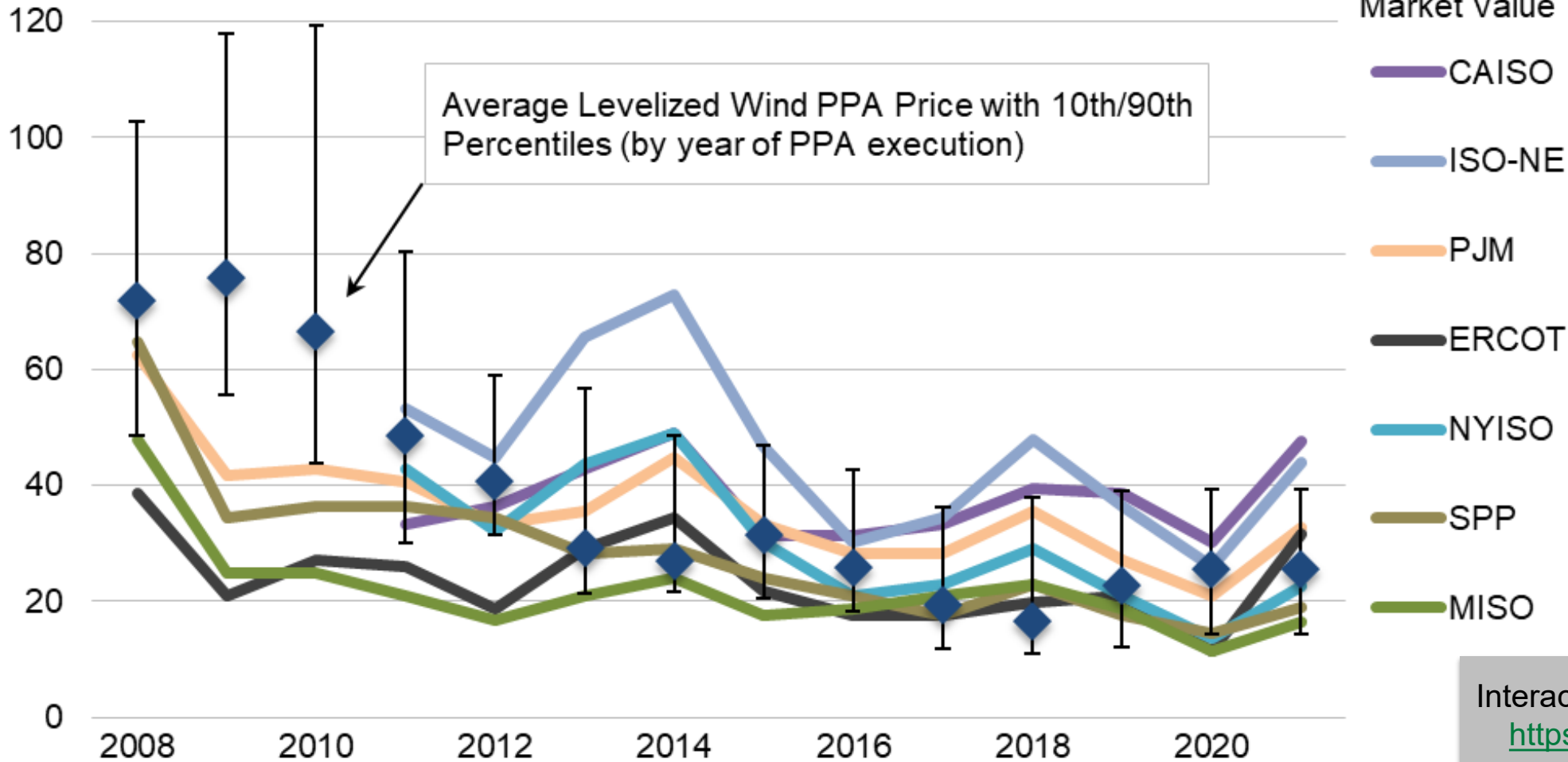


Source: Berkeley Lab, FERC, EIA

Notes: Price comparisons shown are far from perfect—see full report for details

The grid-system value of wind rebounded in 2021; roughly consistent with recent PPA prices of under \$20/MWh to \$40/MWh

Wholesale Market Value and PPA Prices (2021 \$/MWh)



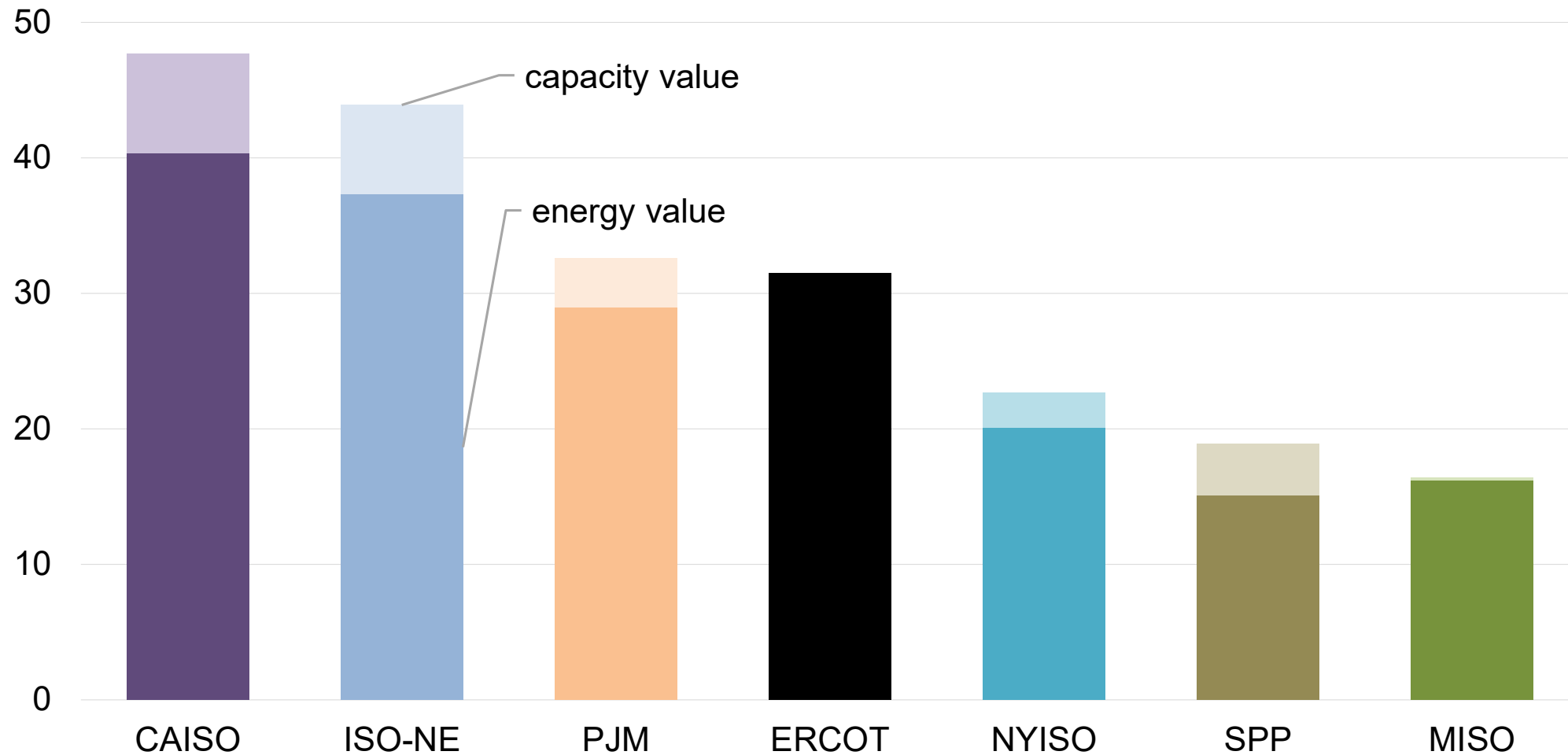
Wholesale market value considers hourly local wholesale energy price and hourly wind output, along with capacity value where available

Interactive data visualization:
<https://emp.lbl.gov/wind-energy-market-value>

Sources: Berkeley Lab, ABB, ISOs

The wholesale market value of wind energy in 2021 varied by region: lowest in MISO, SPP, and NYISO; highest in CAISO

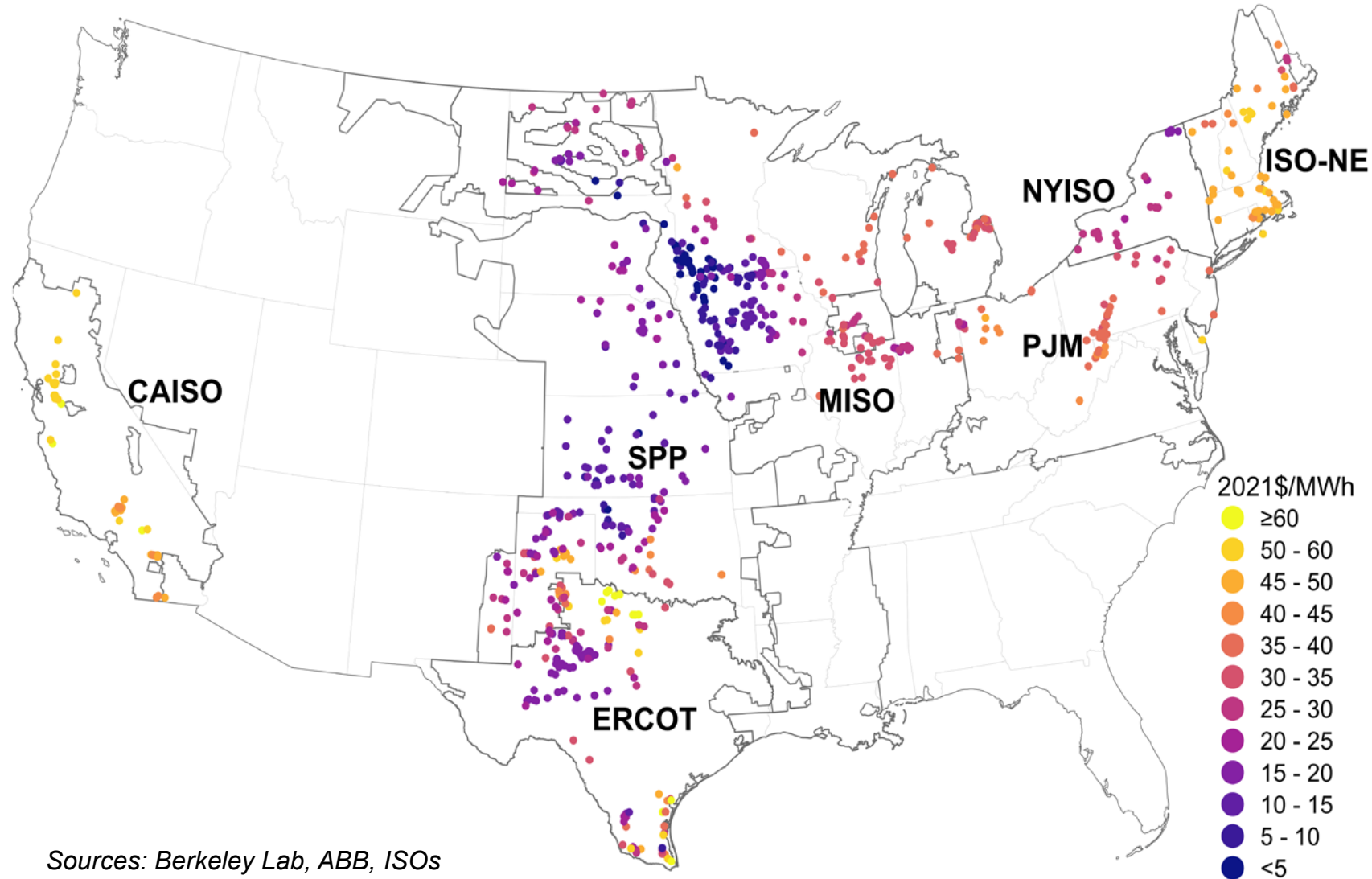
Wholesale Market Value in 2021 (2021 \$/MWh)



Sources: Berkeley Lab, ABB, ISOs

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The grid-system market value of wind varies substantially by project location

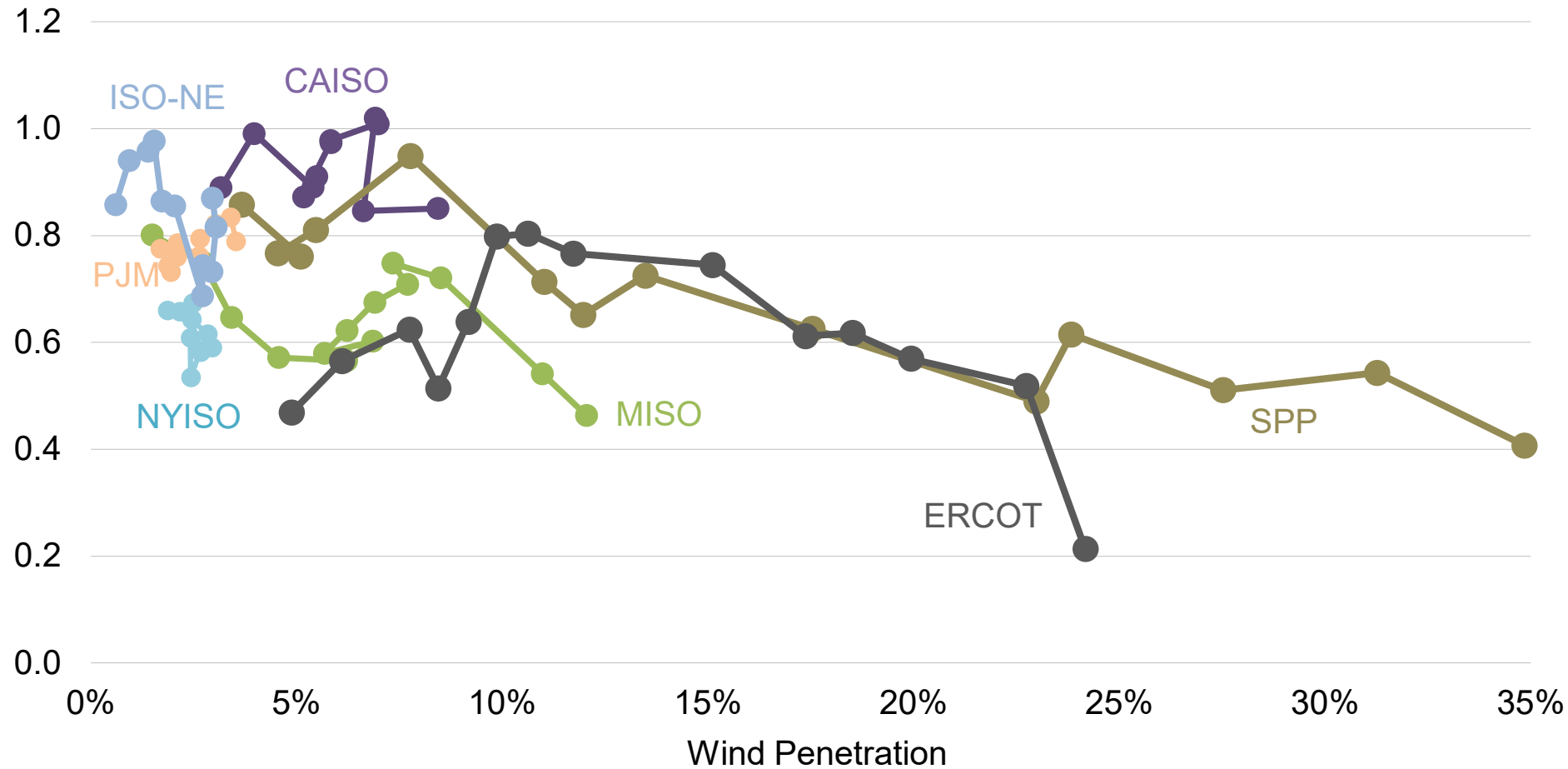


Sources: Berkeley Lab, ABB, ISOs

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Average “value factor” of wind (value relative to flat block) is highly variable across regions, tends to decline with penetration

Wind Value Factor



Sources: Berkeley Lab, ABB, ISOs

Value factor = wholesale market value of wind relative to generalized flat block of power in region; generalized flat block is 24x7 average price across all pricing nodes in region

Grid-system market value of wind tends to decline with penetration, impacted by output profile, transmission congestion, and curtailment

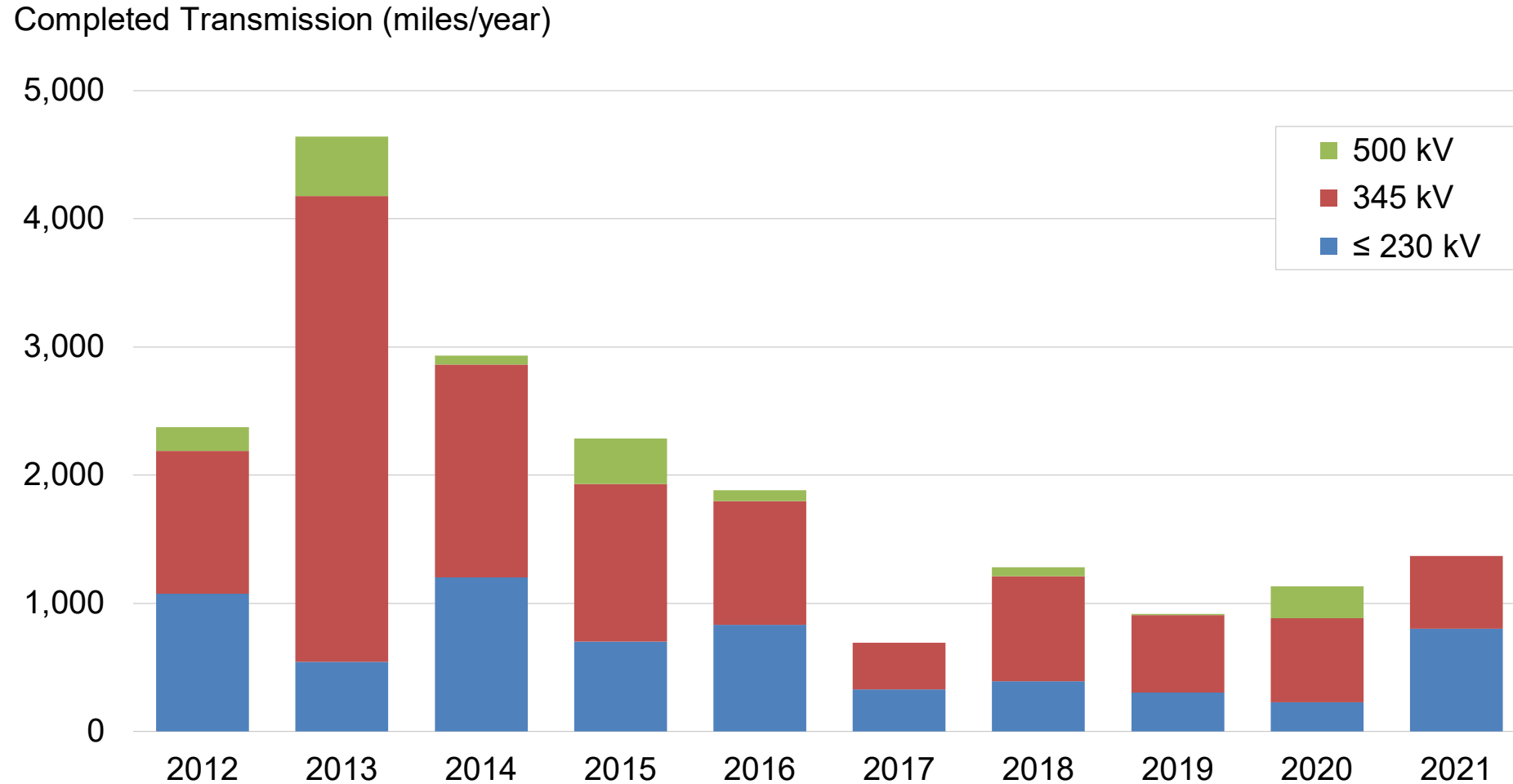
Average market value de-rate of wind in 2021 relative to a flat block varied by region: dominated by wind's output profile in some regions (ERCOT, SPP, PJM, CAISO), and congestion in others (MISO, NYISO, ISO-NE)



Sources: Berkeley Lab, ABB, ISOs

As a location-dependent resource, wind power often requires or benefits from new transmission

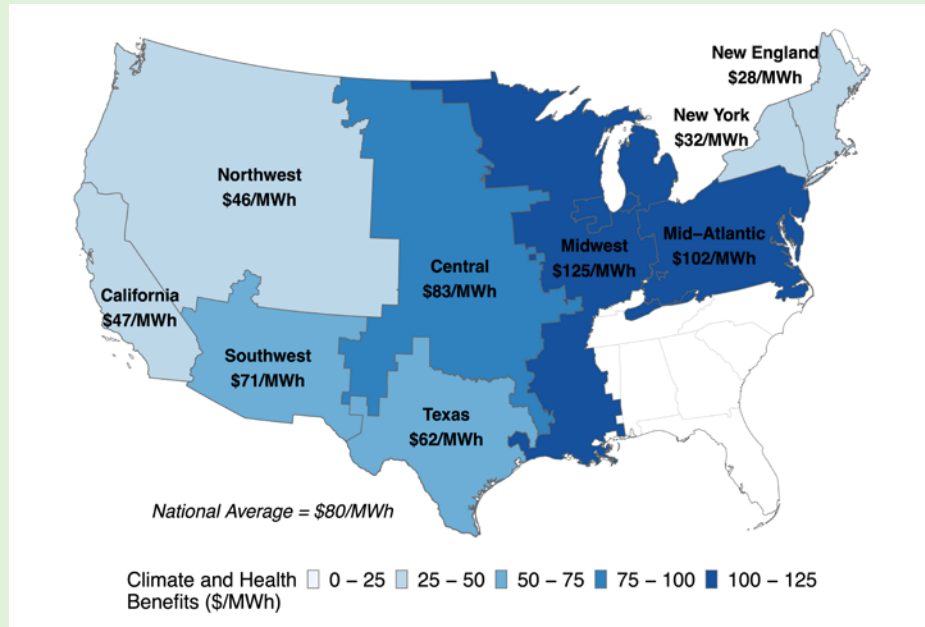
New transmission build has been relatively modest in recent years



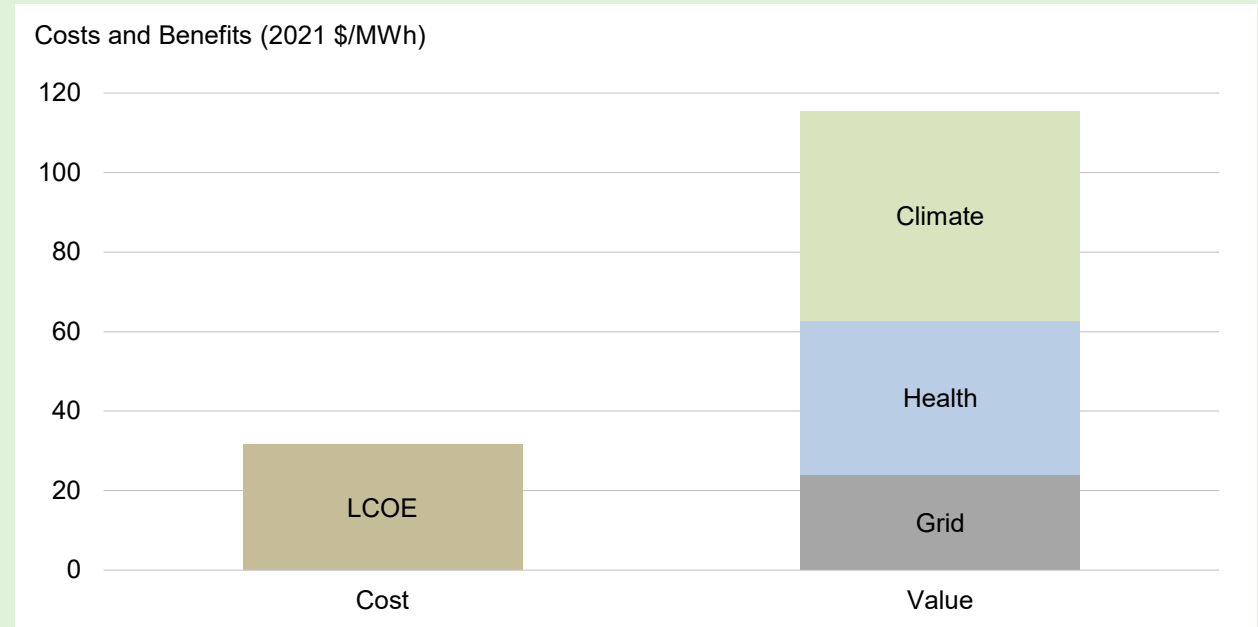
Source: FERC

The health and climate benefits of wind dwarf its grid-system value, and the combination of all three far exceeds the levelized cost of wind

Health and Climate Benefits of Wind in 2021 Vary Regionally, Average \$80/MWh Nationally



Grid, Health, and Climate Benefits of New Wind Plants in 2021 Exceed LCOE

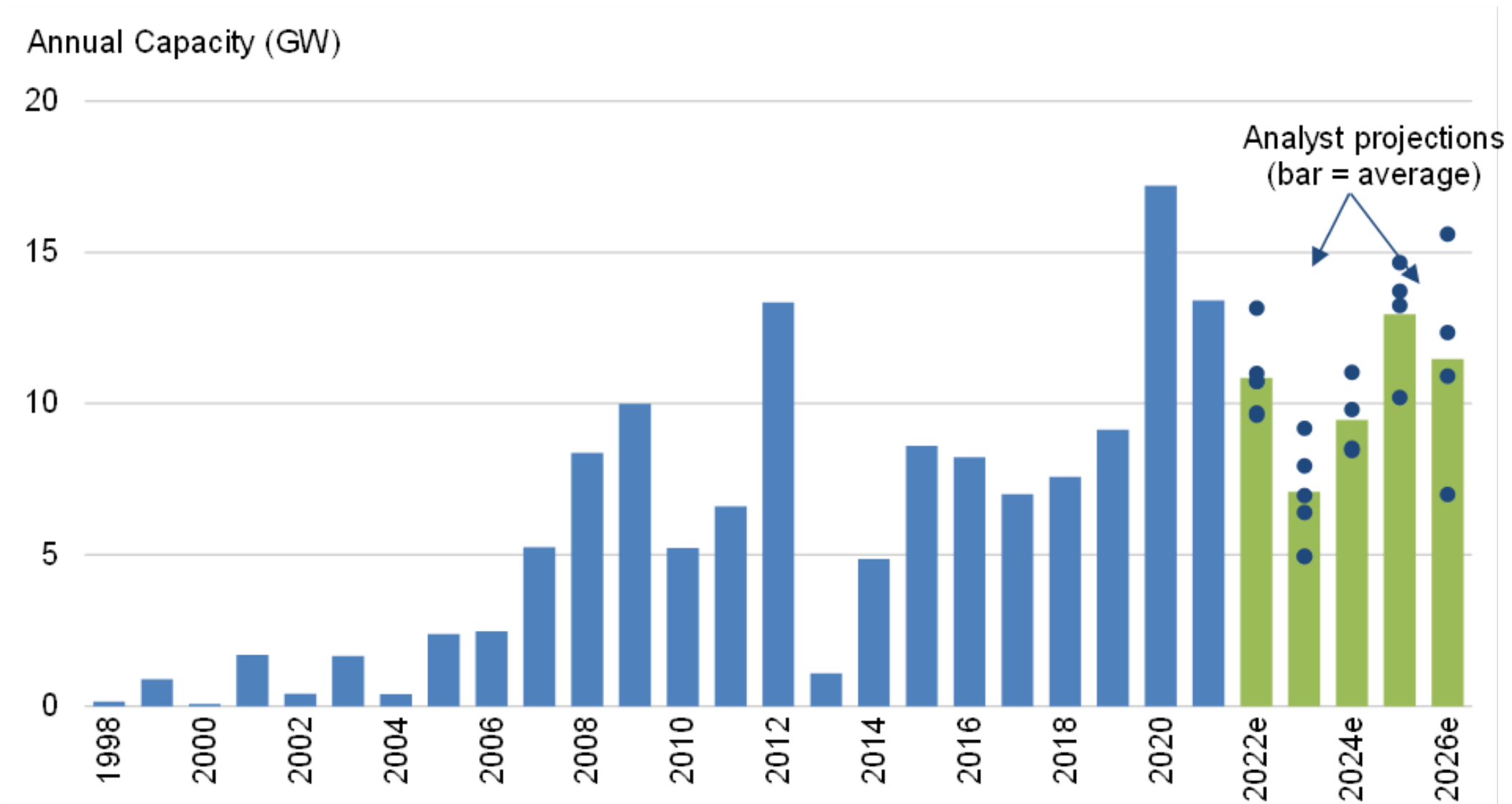


Note: Estimates not provided for Southeast due to small number of wind plants in that region.

Sources: Berkeley Lab, EIA Form 930, Fell and Johnson (2021)

Future Outlook

Independent analysts anticipate a decline in wind additions over the next couple years, but with a rebound starting in 2024



Sources: ACP, independent analyst projections



The underlying report, an accessible data file, and multiple visualizations can be found at:

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