

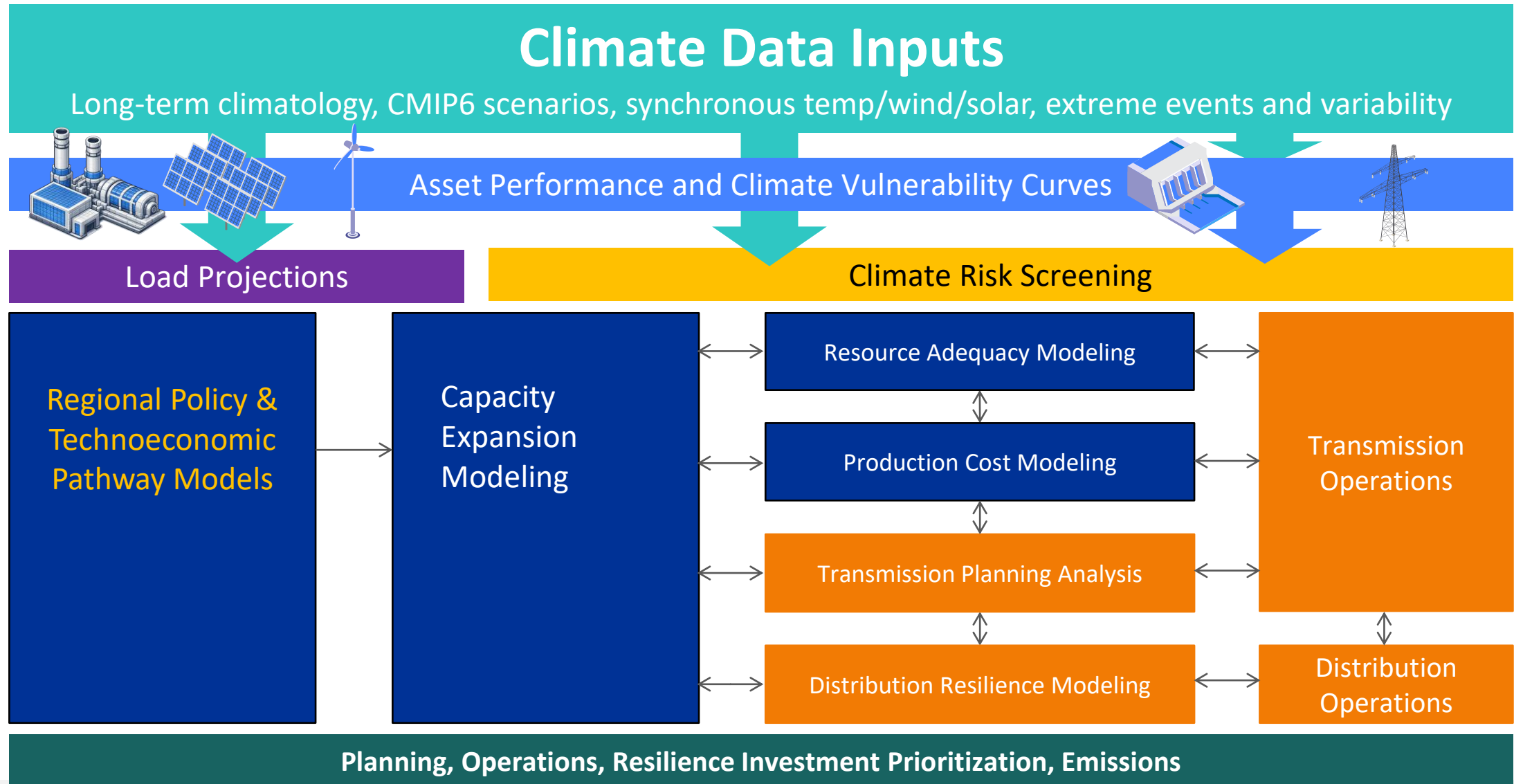
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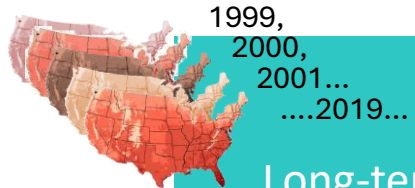
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Climate Data Inputs

Long-term climatology, CMIP6 scenarios, synchronous temp/wind/solar, extreme events and variability

Asset Performance and Climate Vulnerability Curves

Load Projections

Climate Risk Screening



Geospatial End-Use Model GEM

Regional Policy & Technoeconomic Pathway Models

Capacity Expansion Modeling

Stratos

Resource Adequacy Modeling

Production Cost Modeling

Transmission Operations

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Transmission Planning Analysis

Distribution Resilience Modeling

Distribution Operations

Planning, Operations, Resilience Investment Prioritization, Emissions

Risk Screening Tool (RiSc)

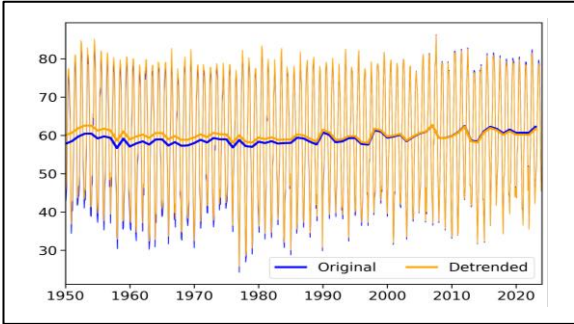
Moving from weather to system stress



RiSc Tool is open-source and available at
<https://github.com/epri-dev/Risk-Screening-Tool/>

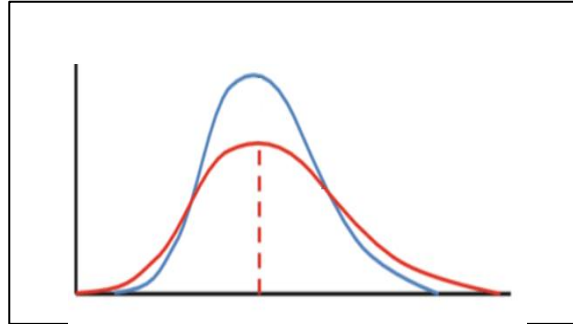
Hourly Future-Climate Weather Timeseries for System Planning

The Quantile Delta Mapping (QDM) method



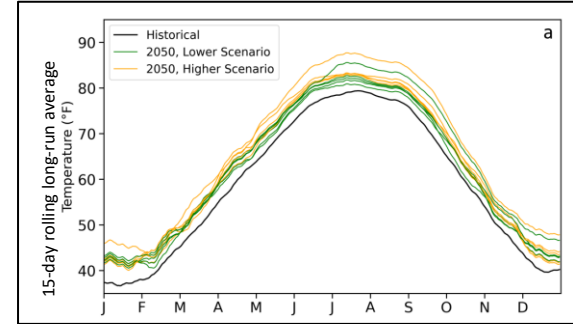
Step 1: Detrend

Expand the set of representative weather years and detrend



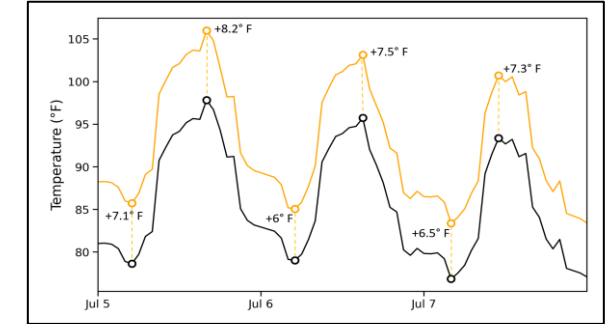
Step 2: Calculate change

Calculate the quantile-specific, monthly “delta” in daily min/max temperatures between baseline and projected



Step 3: Shift reference

Shift historical reference daily max + min temperatures to a future climate year



Step 4: Scale diurnal pattern

Convert the shifted daily min/max T to hourly data based on historical diurnal pattern

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Climate-Informed Approach to Create Hourly Future Weather Timeseries for Power System Planning

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SUCCESS STORY

Forward-Looking Hourly Weather Data for Resource Planning






SRP and EPRI Collaborate to Create a Replicable Approach for Using Hourly Weather Data in Resource Adequacy Studies

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Pass Weather Data through Asset Vulnerability Functions

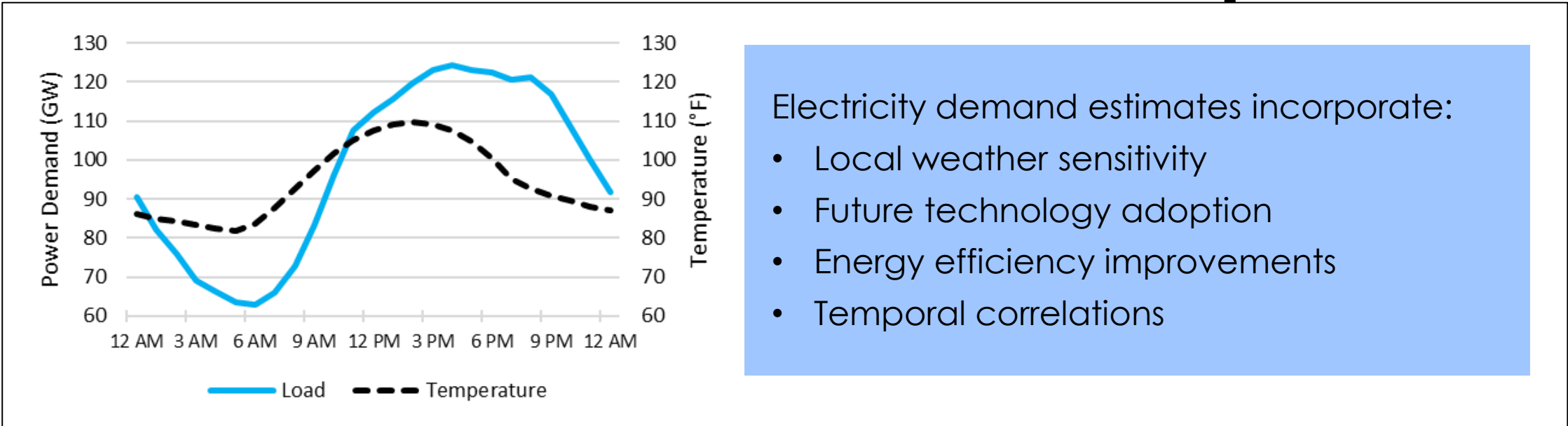


Define asset vulnerability matrix and derating factors as a function of weather variables

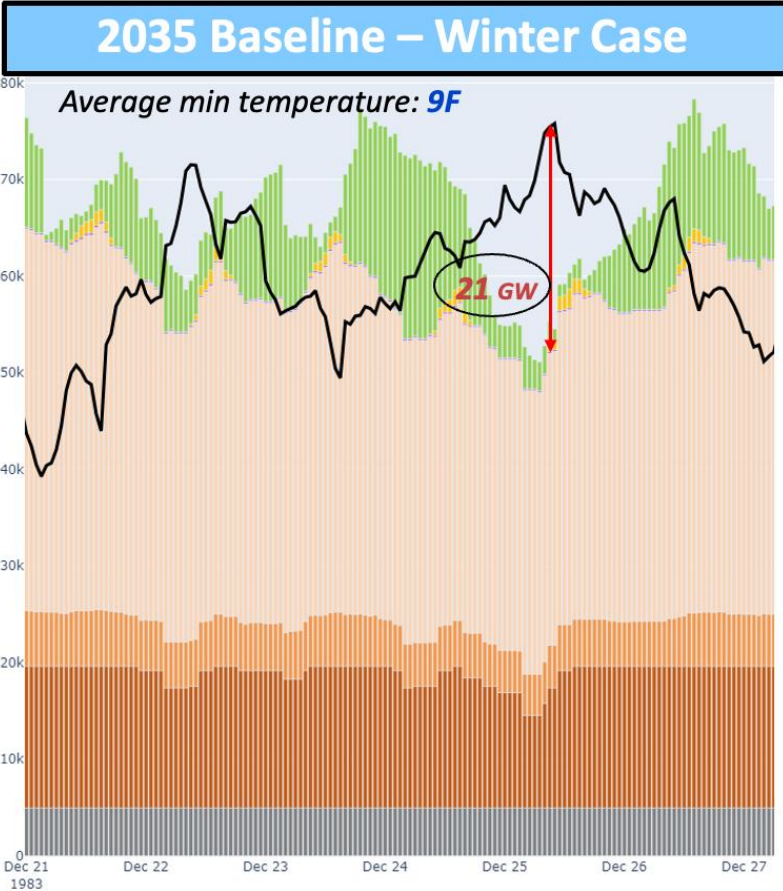
Resource Type	Weather Variable 1	Threshold 1	Weather Variable 2	Threshold 2	Derating	Event
 Onshore Wind	Temperature	< 32 F	Precipitation	> 0 in 	90%	Blade Icing
	Wind Speed	> 25 m/s 			100%	Cutoff Speed
 Gas CC	Temperature	> 105 F 	Temperature	< 123 F	18%	Temp Derate

Note: These are generic examples; Specific asset vulnerabilities may be dependent on the region of study and design standards.

Estimate electricity demand based on weather data



Risk Screening Tool: Moving from Weather to System Stress



Can quickly screen for changing risks based on:

- New system buildouts
- Addition of adaptation measures
- Different climate data inputs
- Adjusted asset vulnerability functions
- New load assumptions

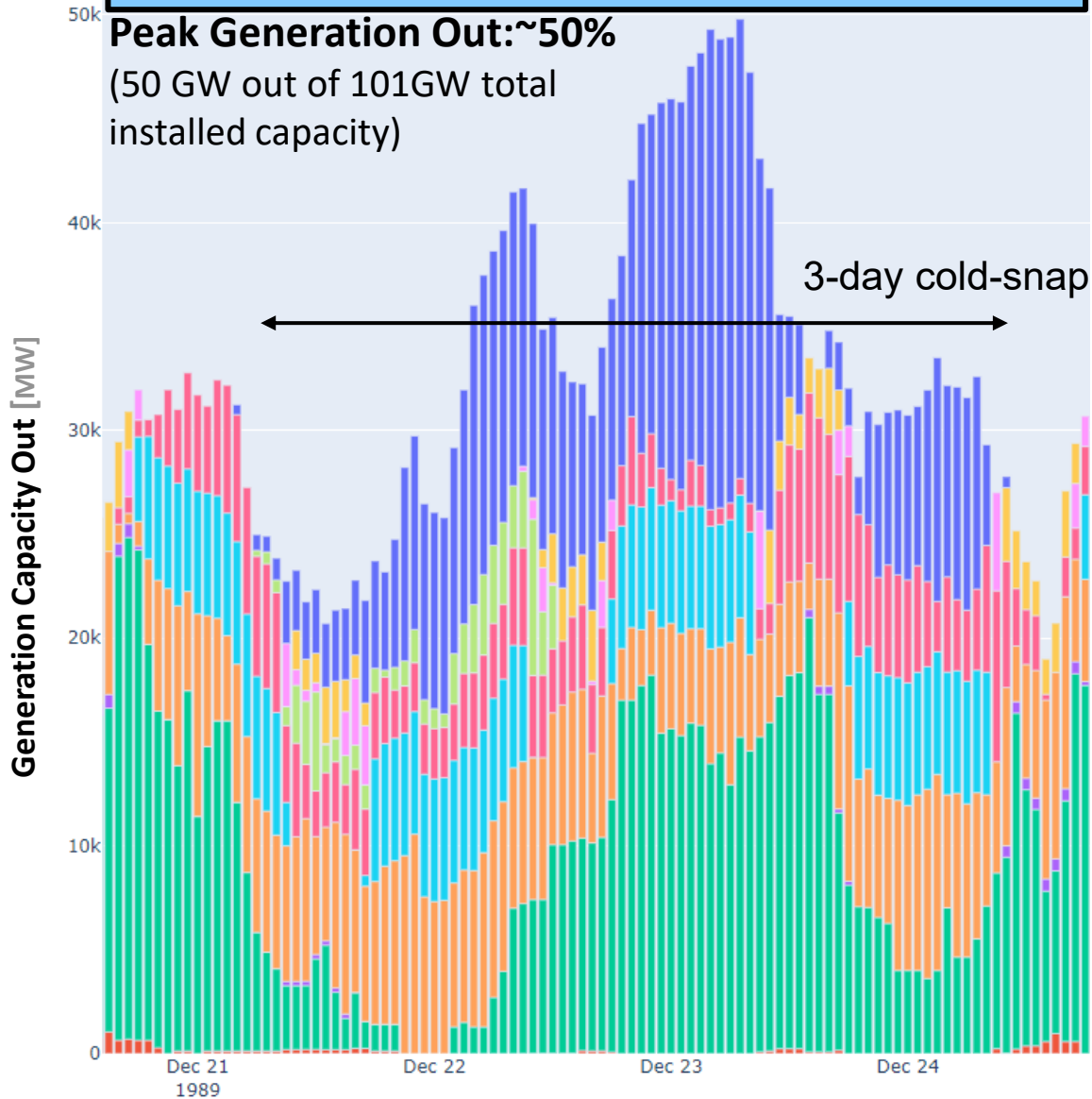
Simplified representation of synchronous meteorology (temperature, wind, solar, etc.)

Understanding system risks: Dec 1989 versus Dec 1983

December 1989

Peak Generation Out: ~50%

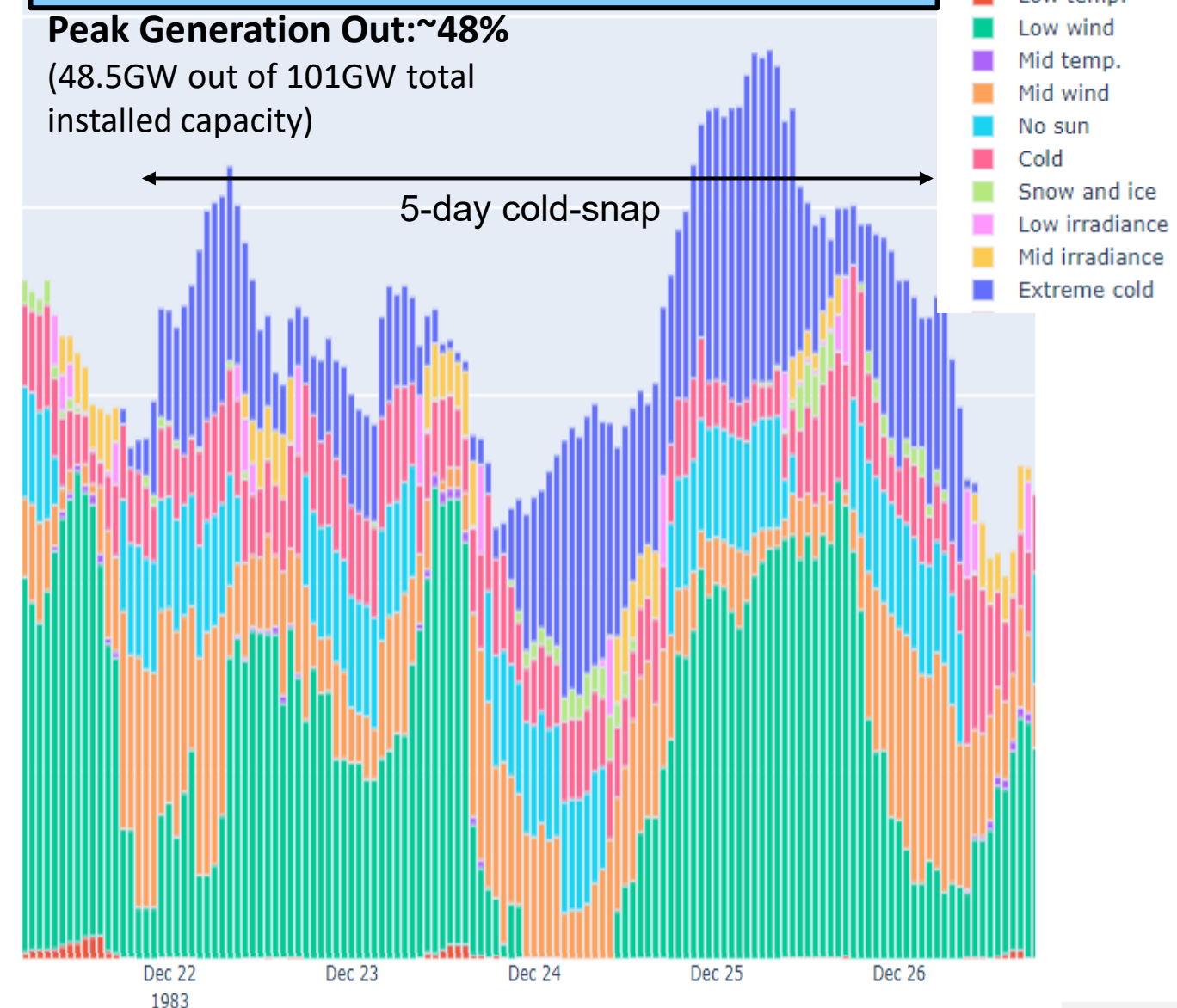
(50 GW out of 101GW total installed capacity)



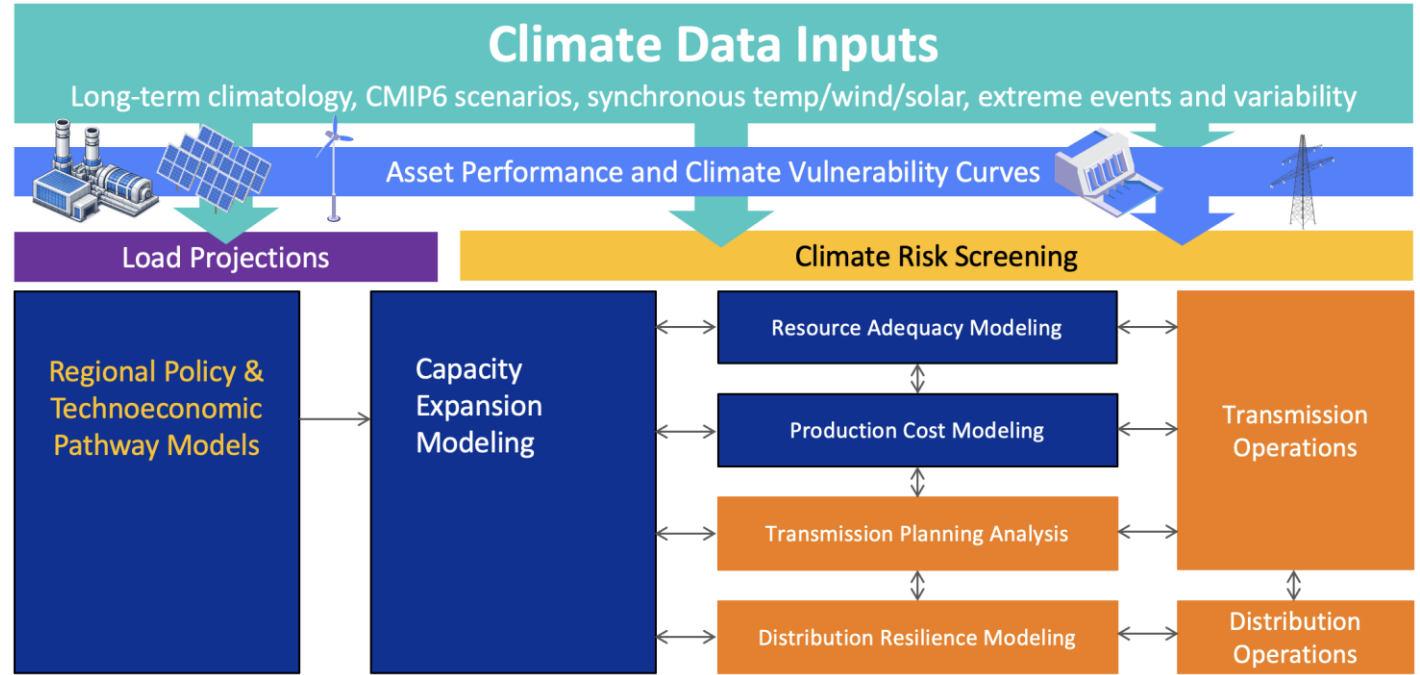
December 1983

Peak Generation Out: ~48%

(48.5GW out of 101GW total installed capacity)



Practices for Representing Climate Impacts in Bulk Electric System Models



Developed to help bulk system planners **understand the passage of climate data and resulting asset impacts into bulk system models**

Walks through **the flow of climate data information across models and processes**, highlighting the data considerations needed to best pair with each model's capabilities



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