

Capacity Credit for Energy-Limited Resources

Use of ELCC in the PSCo ERP

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What We Are Discussing

2021 Effective Load Carrying Capability Study of Existing and
Incremental Renewable Generation and Storage Resources
on the
Public Service Company of Colorado System
in support of its
2021 Electric Resource Plan Filing

aka “The ELCC Study”

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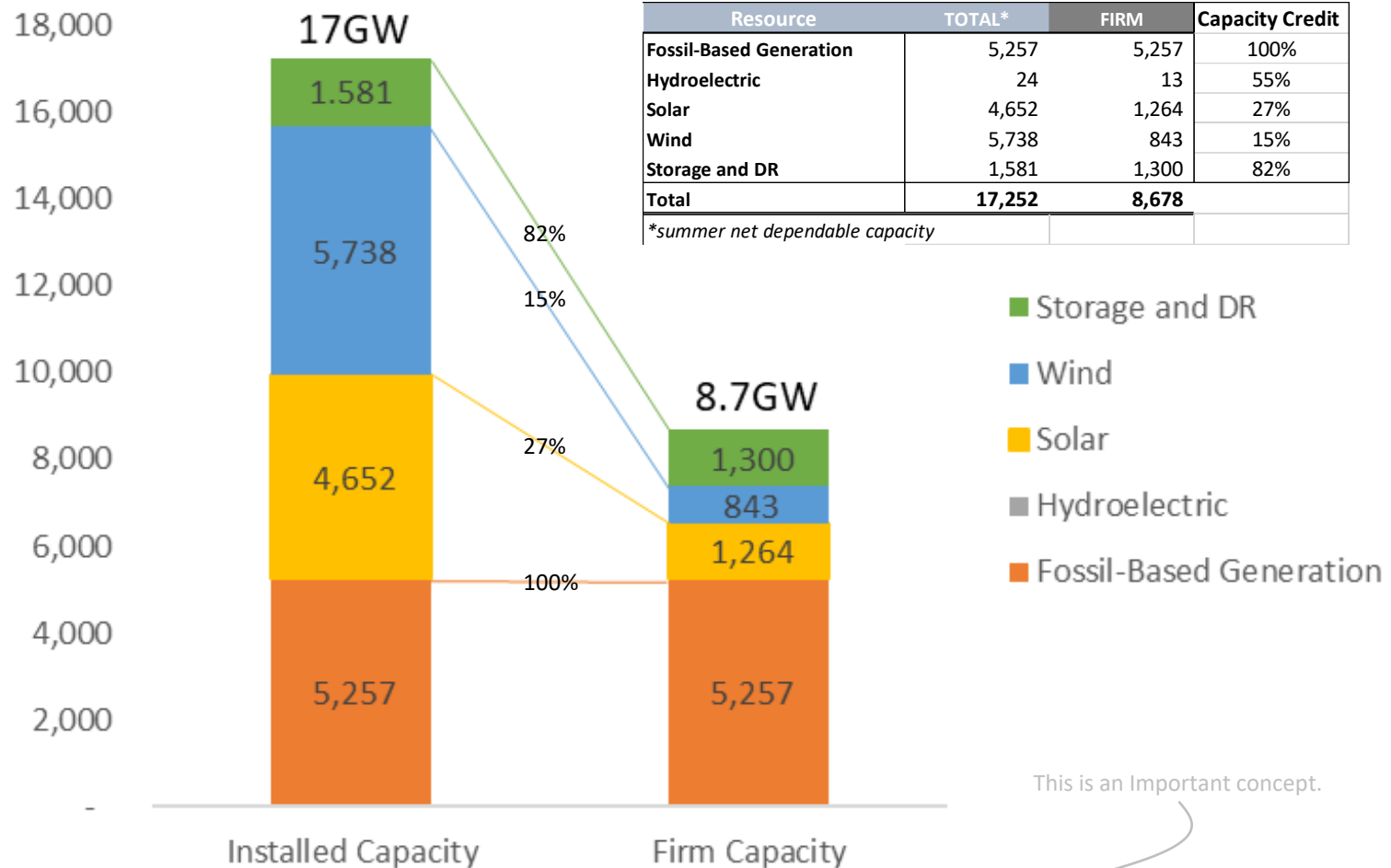
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A Primer: Firm Capacity

PSCo 2030 Preferred Plan



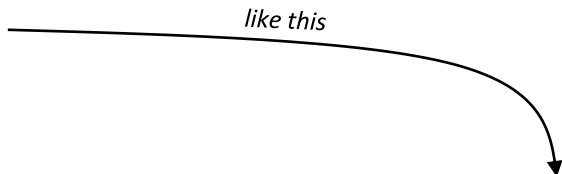
This is an Important concept.

$$\text{Installed Capacity} \times \text{Capacity Credit} = \text{Firm Capacity}$$

Capacity Credit

- The amount of the installed capacity that counts as firm capacity, often expressed as a percentage (firm/installed) *like this*

- Could be a rule of thumb (4hrs = 100%)
- Regulatory designation
- Approximate Generation Method
- **Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC)**
 - This is the gold standard



Resource	TOTAL*	FIRM	Capacity Credit
Fossil-Based Generation	5,257	5,257	100%
Hydroelectric	24	13	55%
Solar	4,652	1,264	27%
Wind	5,738	843	15%
Storage and DR	1,581	1,300	82%
Total	17,252	8,678	
*summer net dependable capacity			

ELCC is a mathematical method for determining a *reliability-based* capacity credit

The Dataset

- Effective Load Carrying Capacity...
 - 2023 thermal generation capacity, scheduled outages, Hx EFORs
 - Hourly load and renewable generation for six annual periods (2014-2019) carefully grown to 2023 levels and beyond
 - Hourly DR and storage dispatch to maximize LOLP reduction.
 - Calculations are for *incremental* resources of a system flush with wind, solar, and dispatchable energy-limited resources (ie DR, ES)
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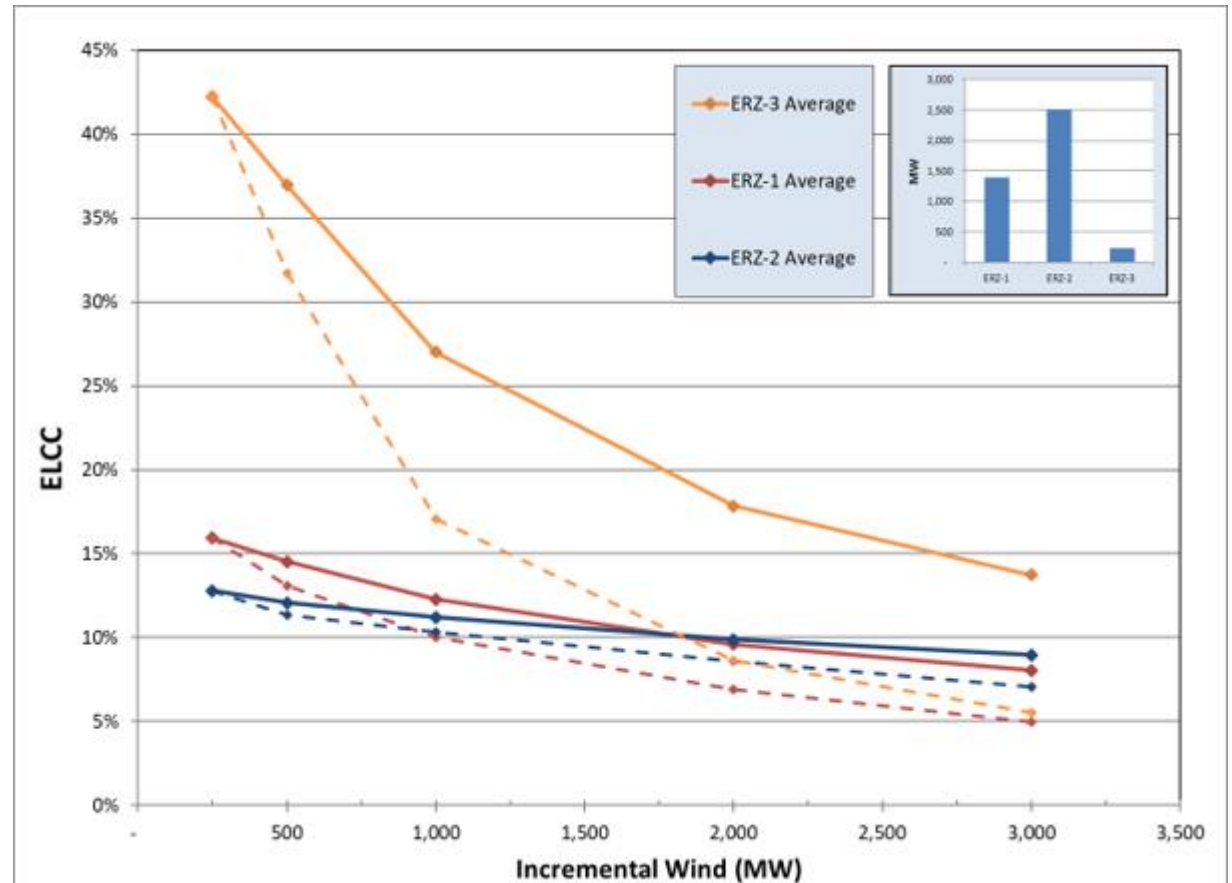
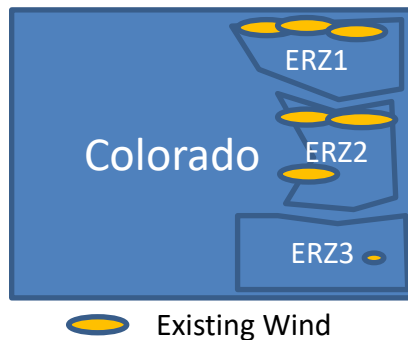
What you will learn...

ELCC changes with increasing penetration of like resource

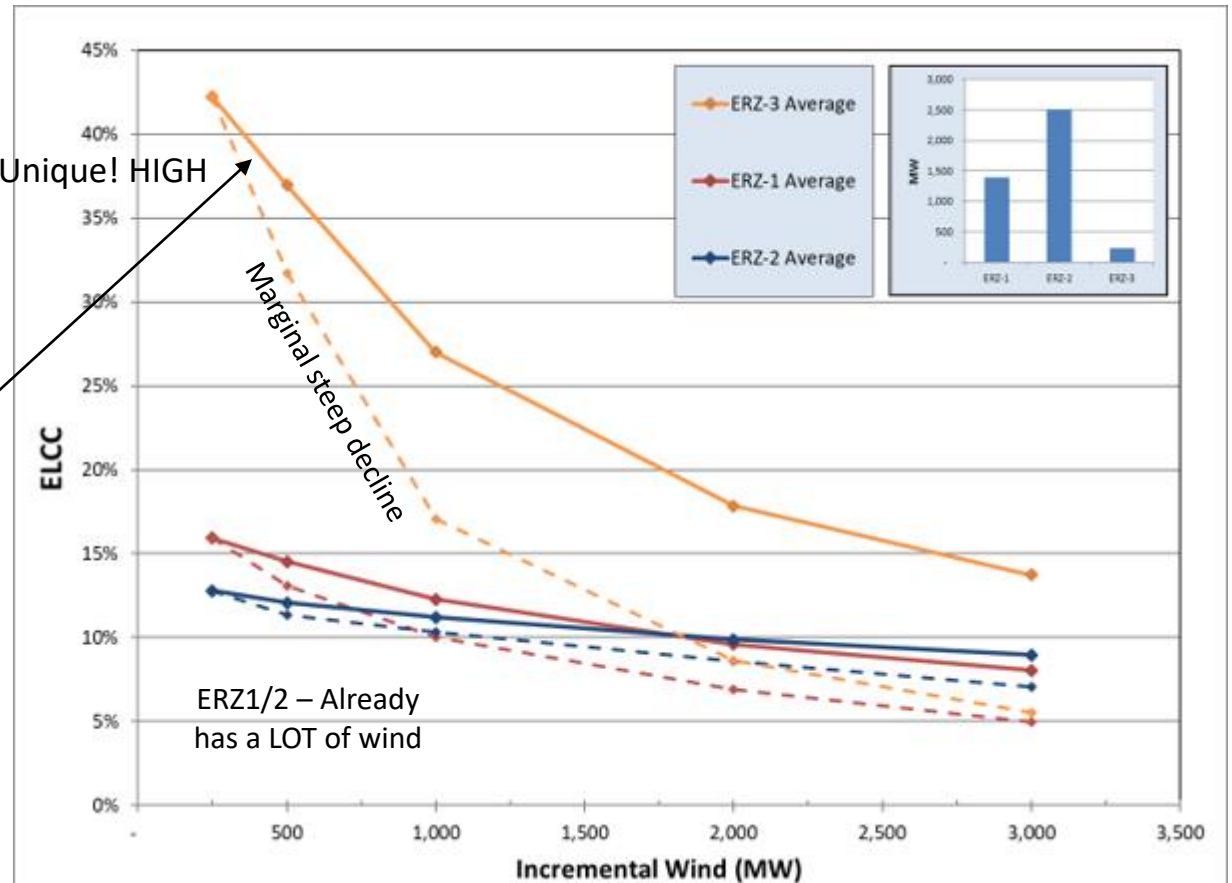
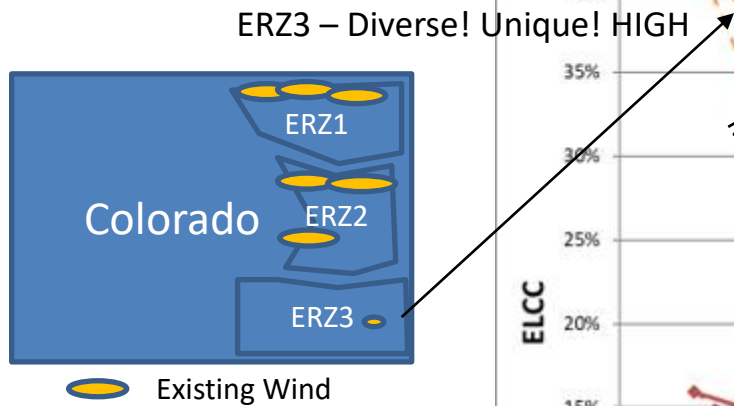
Diversity Matters

RE sited in the same location drives down ELCC faster than a geographically diverse portfolio.

Incremental Wind

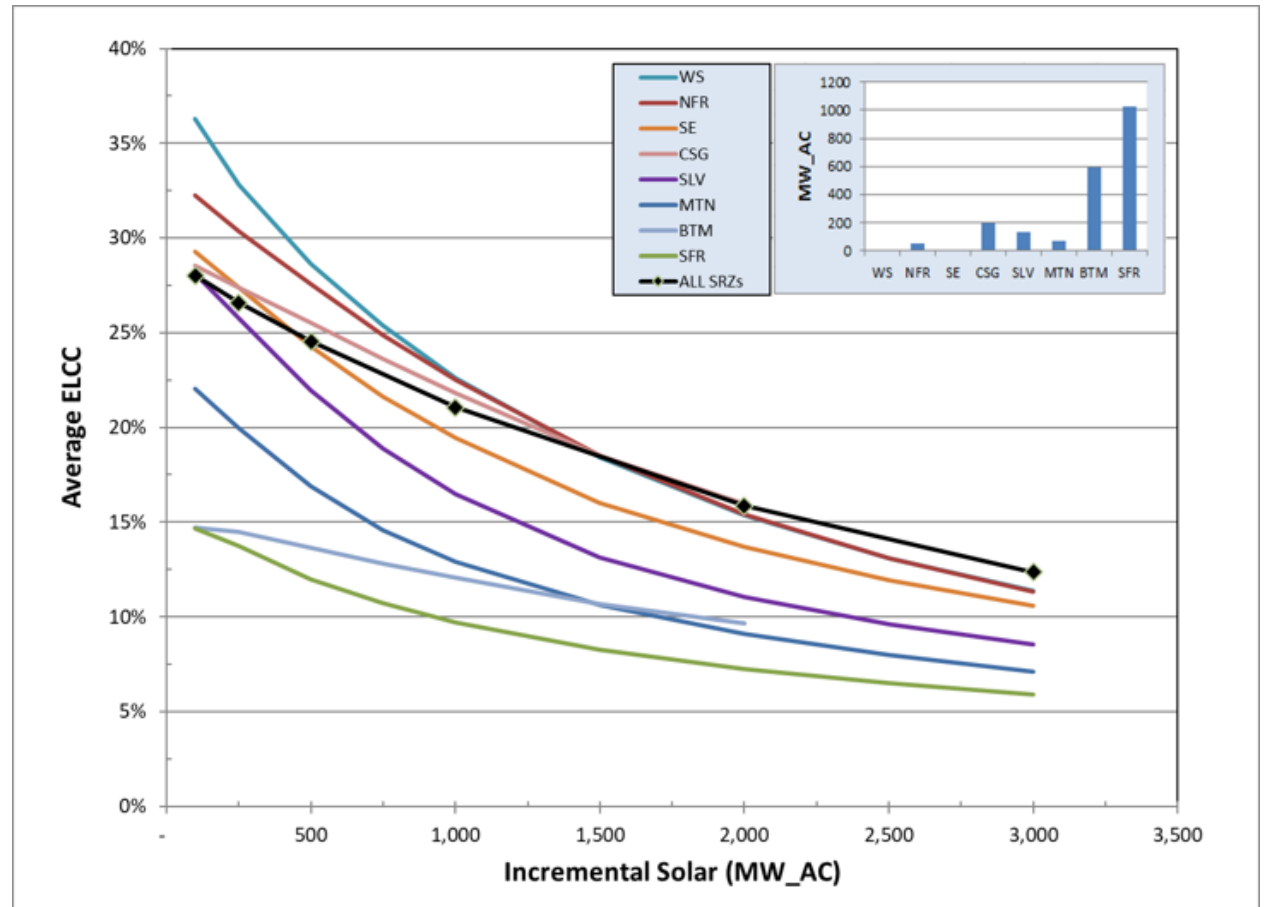
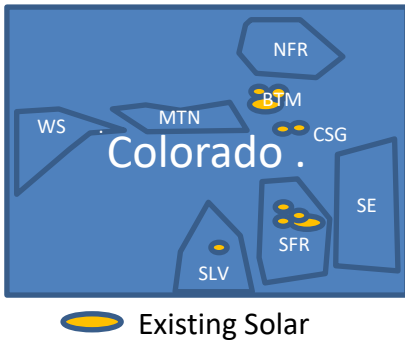


Incremental Wind



More Wind = Declining ELCC →

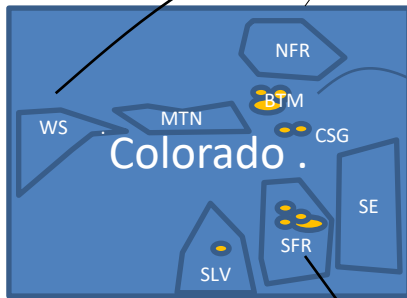
Incremental Solar



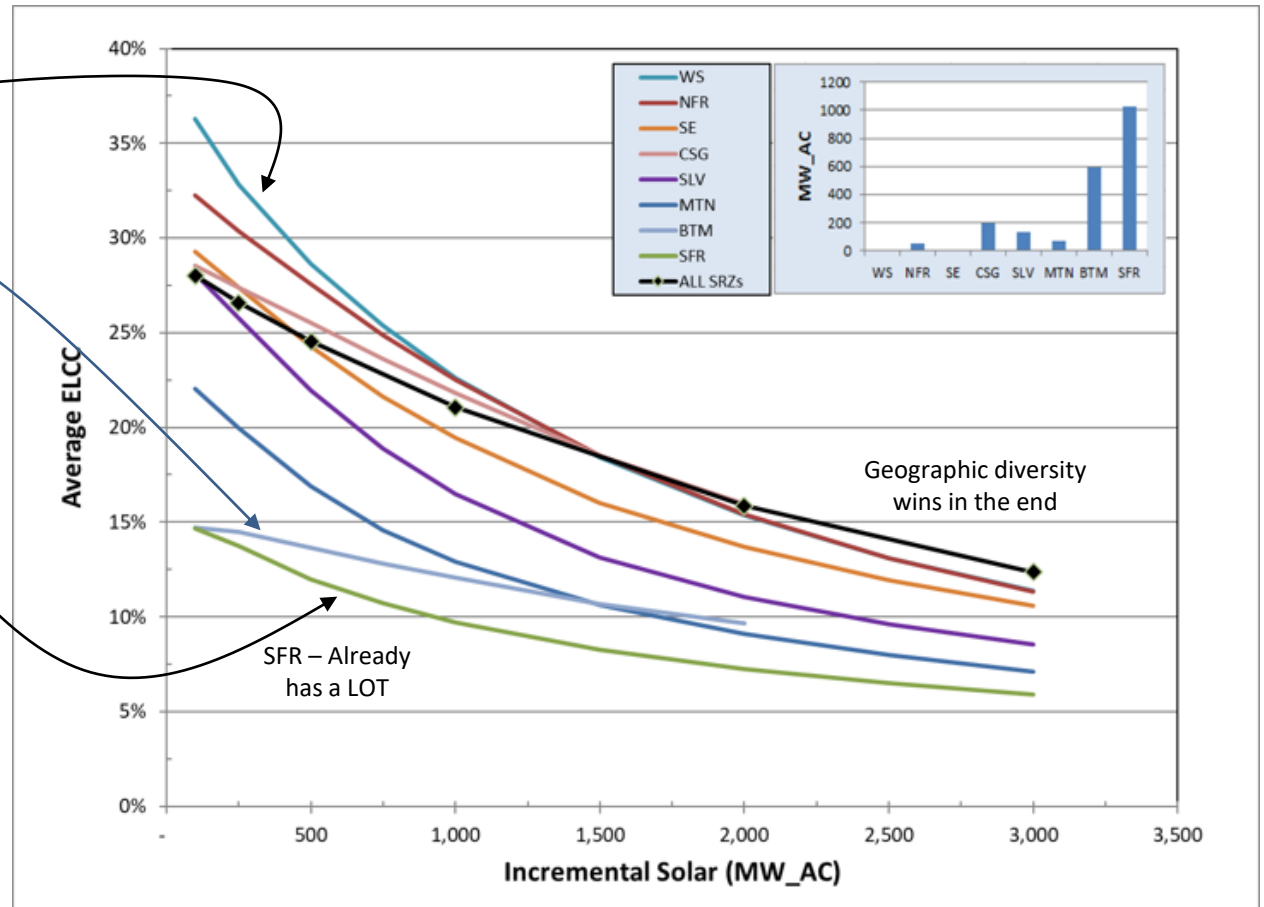
Incremental Solar

WS/NFR – Diverse! Unique!

HIGH

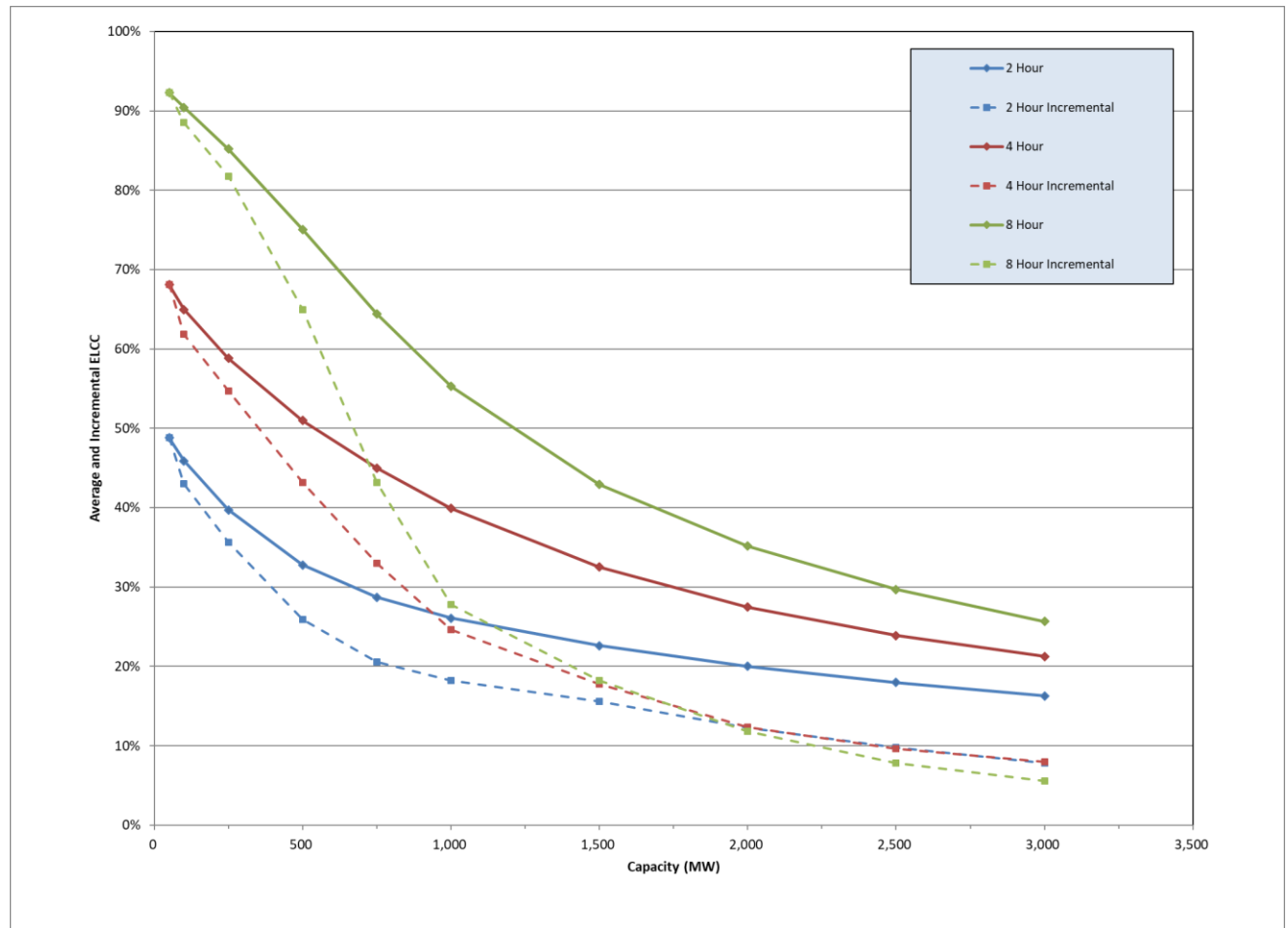


BTM (behind the meter) –
Concentrated in Denver
Metro area; technology
disadvantage (fixed pane)



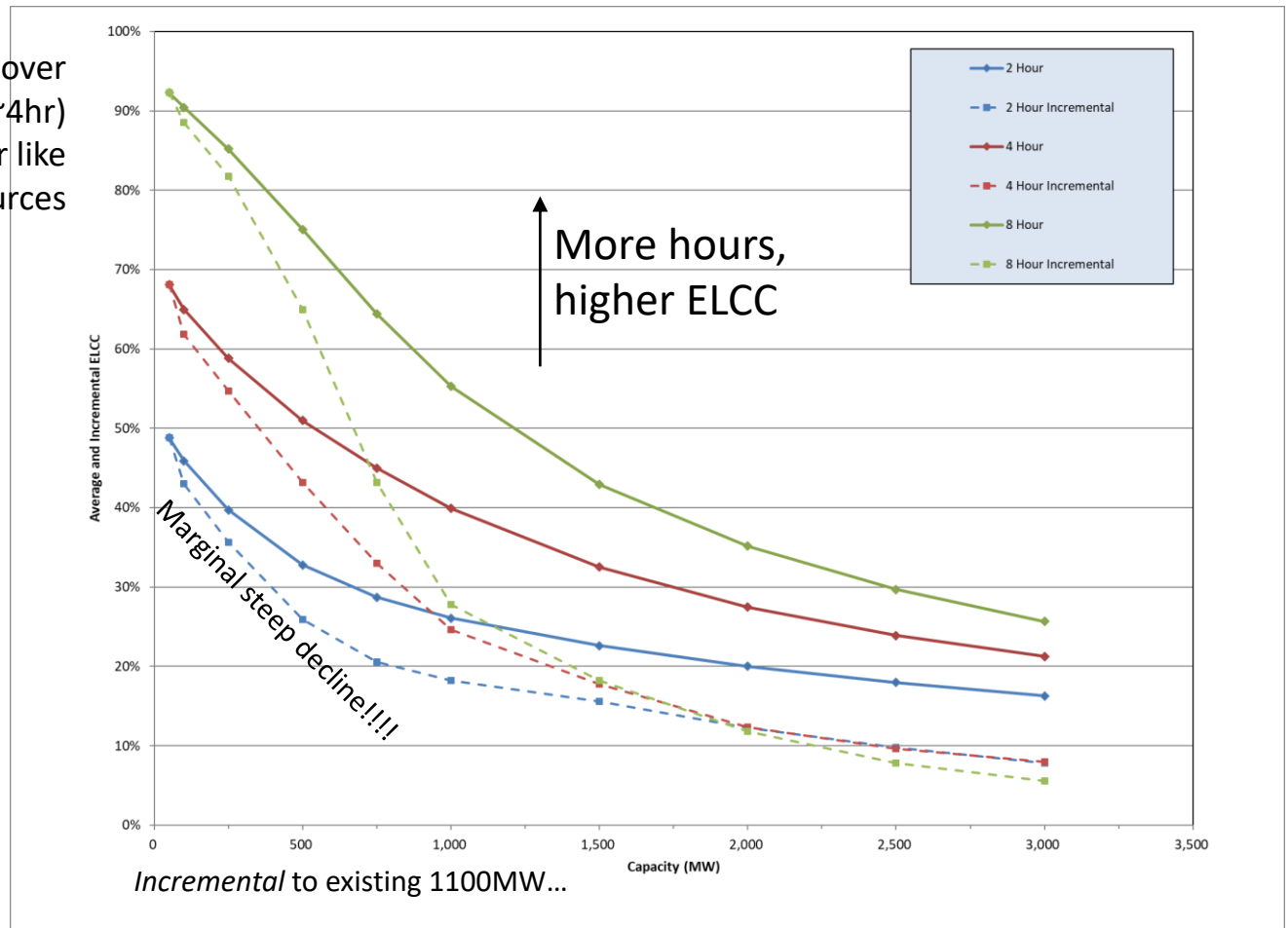
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Incremental Storage



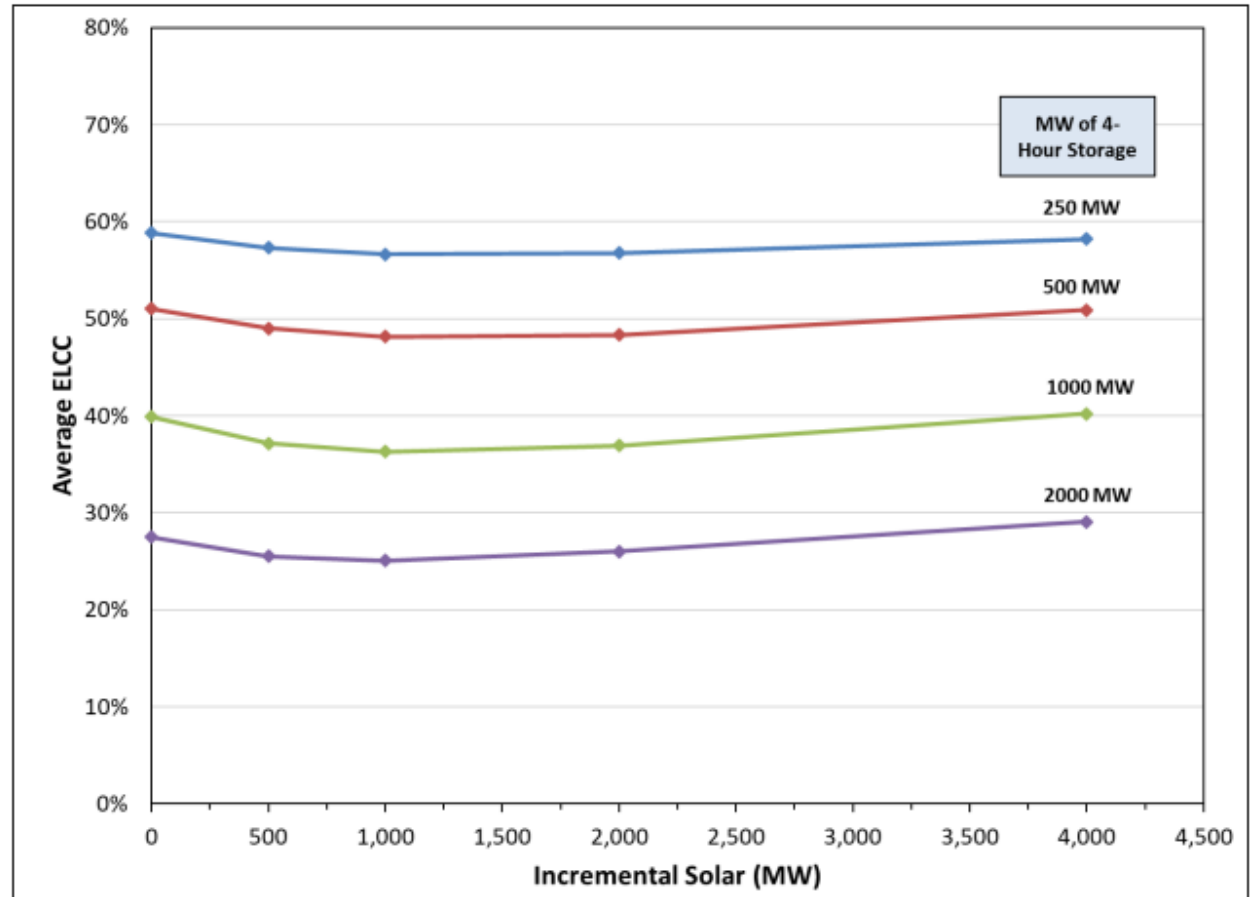
Incremental Storage

Already have over
1100MW of (~4hr)
energy storage or like
resources

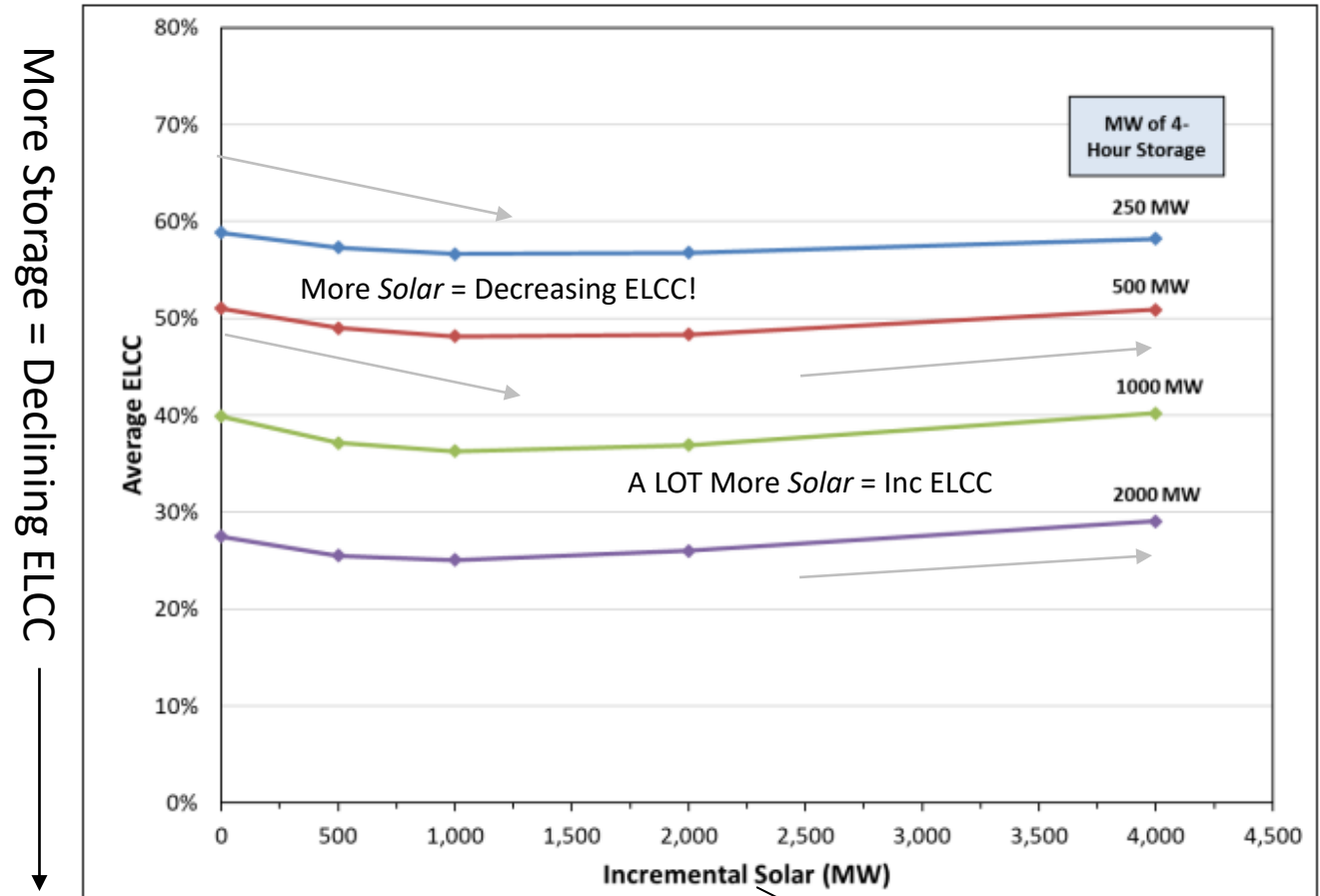


More Storage = Declining ELCC →

Storage and Solar



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