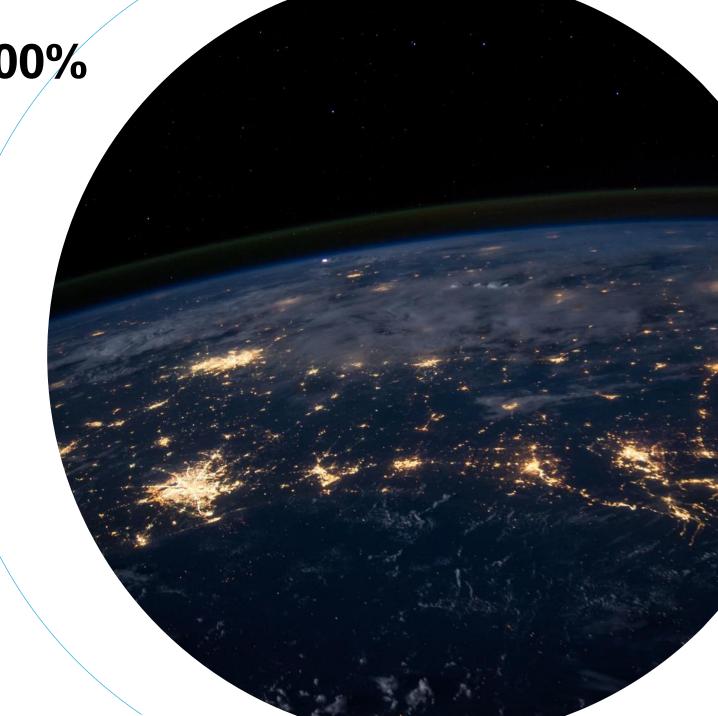
100% Clean Energy or 100% Clean Electricity:
The importance of sector coupling

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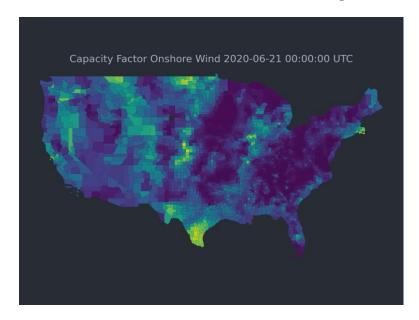
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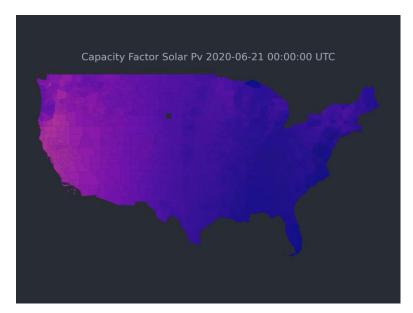
Headquartered in the United States, Pattern has a global portfolio of more than 35 power facilities and transmission assets, serving various customers that provide low-cost clean energy to millions of consumers.

VCE, Pattern, Catalyst & GridLab release open-source dataset



Introducing the Resource Adequacy Renewable Energy (**RARE**) Power Dataset

First release is 2019 through 2023 hourly, county-granularity wind and solar PV capacity factors.



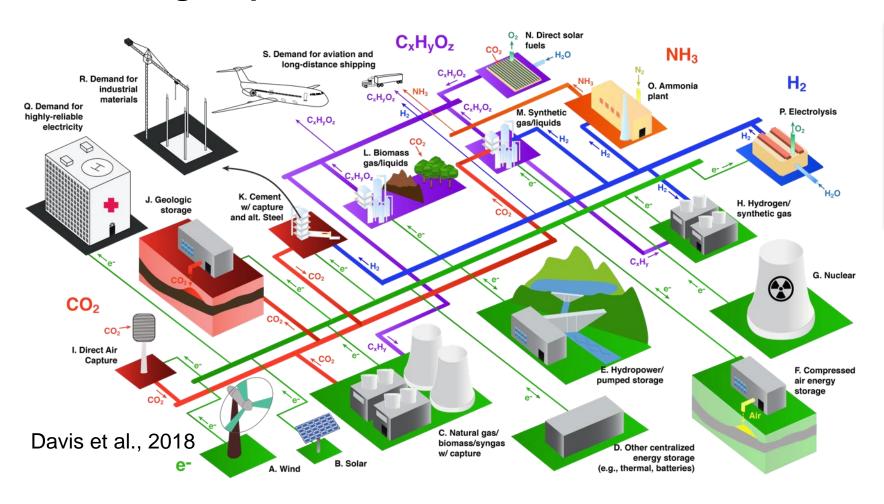
Second release in Q1 2025 will include 2014 through 2018. Annual releases while the HRRR remains operational at NOAA.

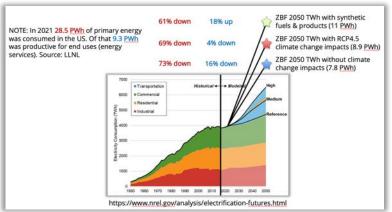
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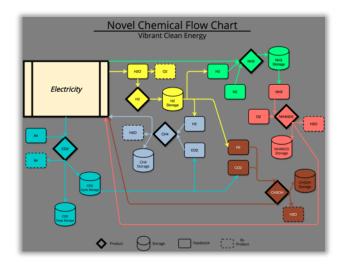
Please visit Catalyst Cooperative to download an exquisitely curated database of the data

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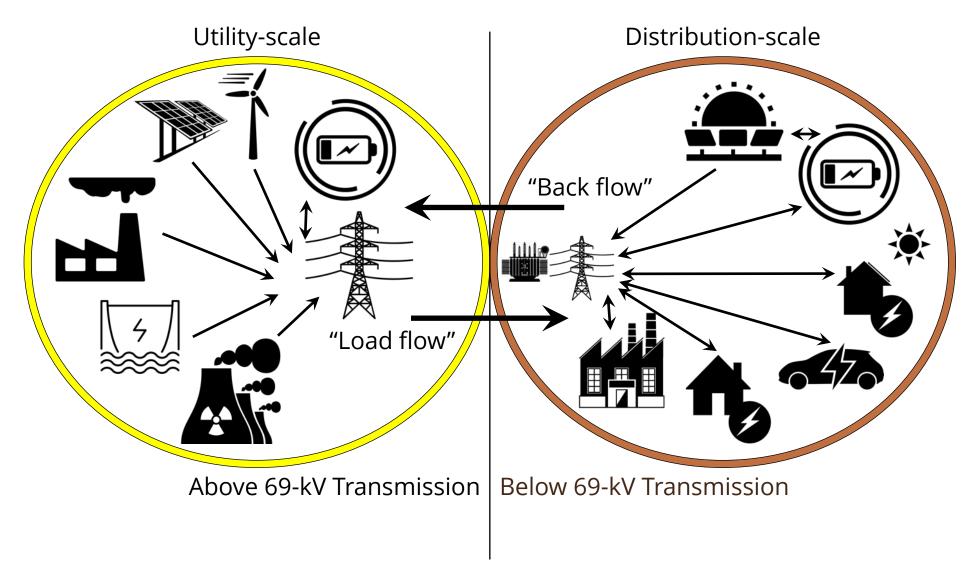




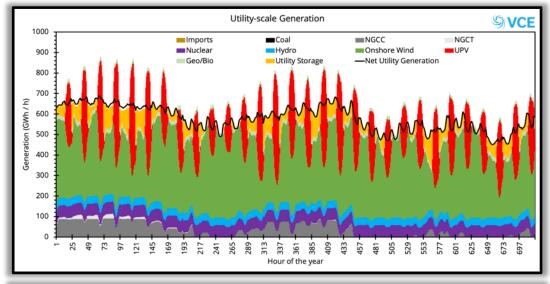


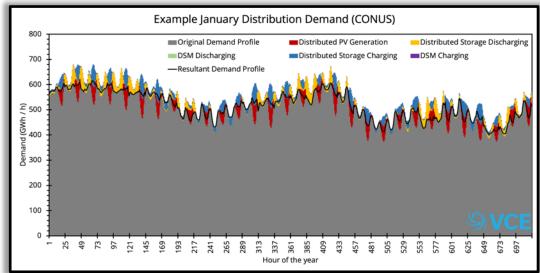
The modeling is designed to encompass as much of the energy economy as possible

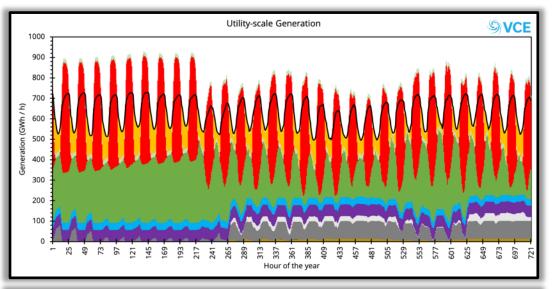
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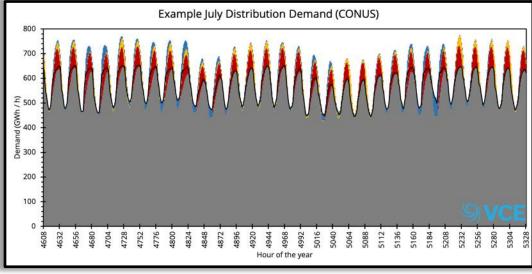


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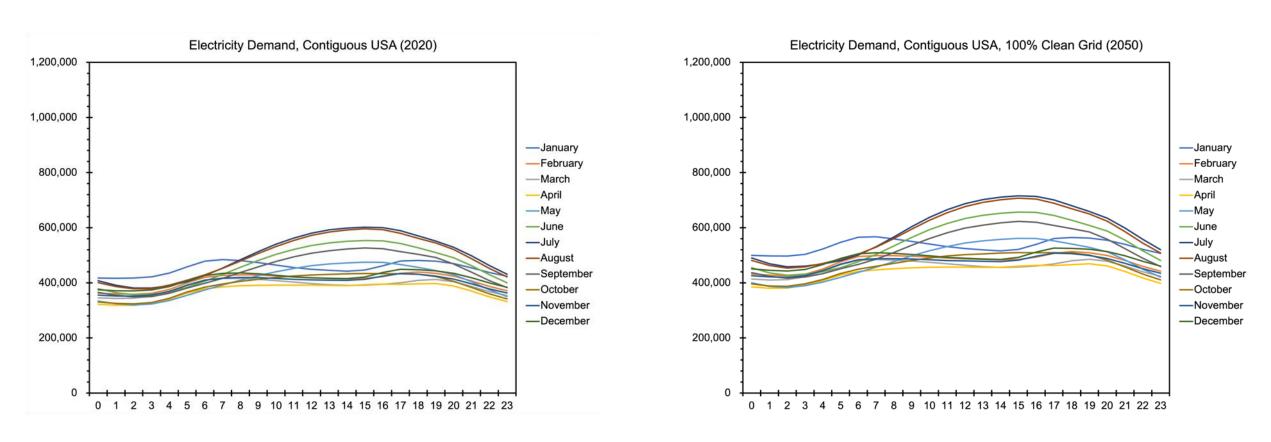






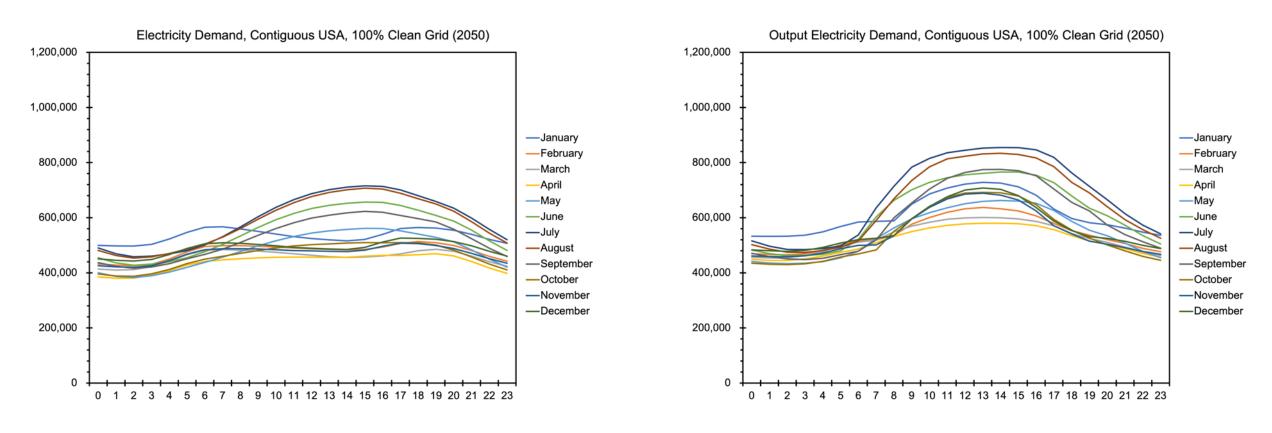


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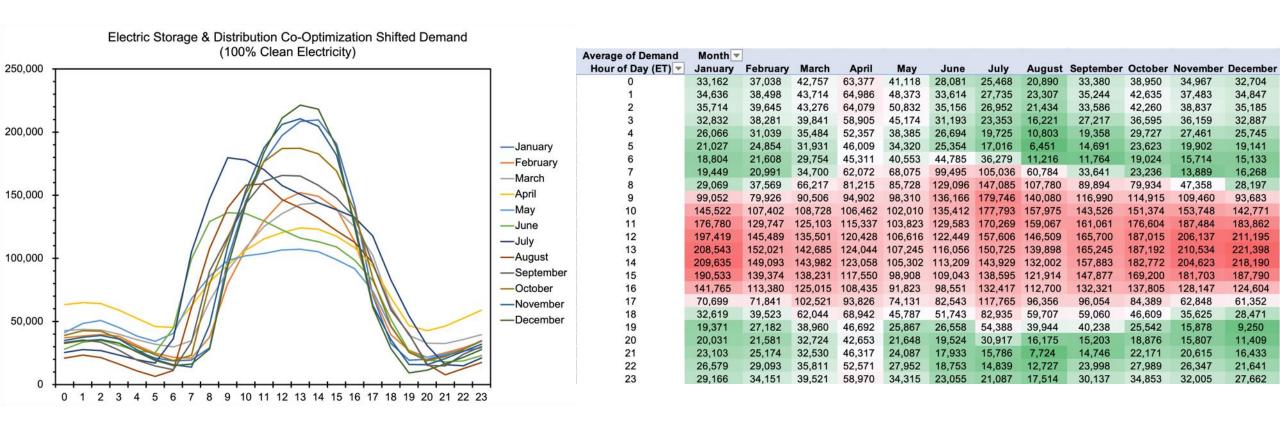
Using weather as a crucial input, demand data is built that is physically correlated to the supply and transmission weather-driven components

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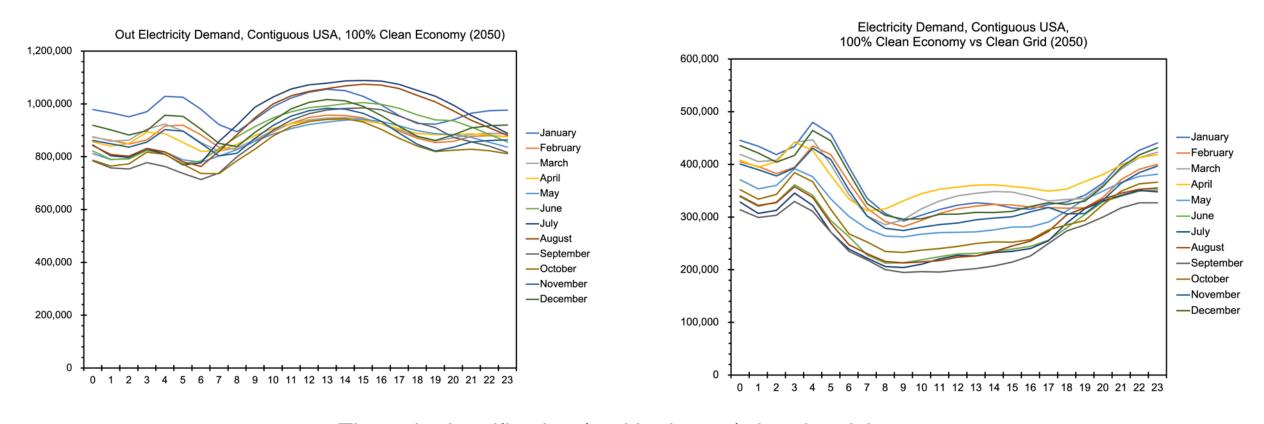
The storage & distribution co-optimization alters the exogenous demand to create a new dynamic (weather-informed) demand

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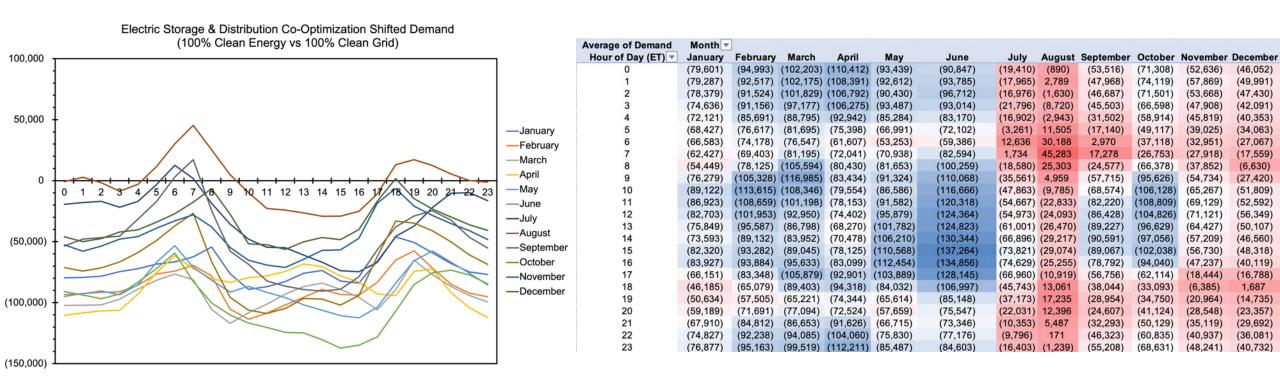
This manifests as additional demand for almost all hours throughout the year; but with the largest increases when there is an abundance of VRE supply

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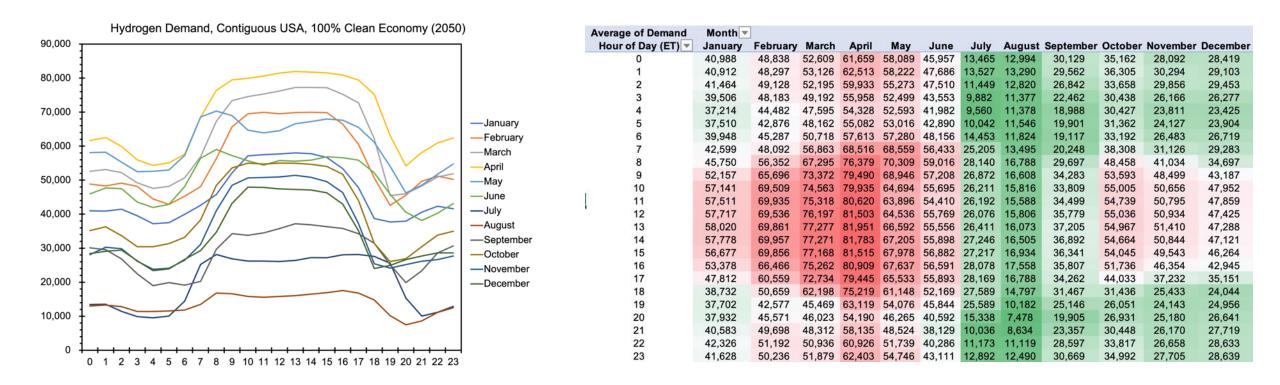
Through electrification (and hydrogen) the electricity demand grows by over 50% compared with the clean electricity goals. Additionally, the timing of those demands also shifts, changing the periods of scarcity.

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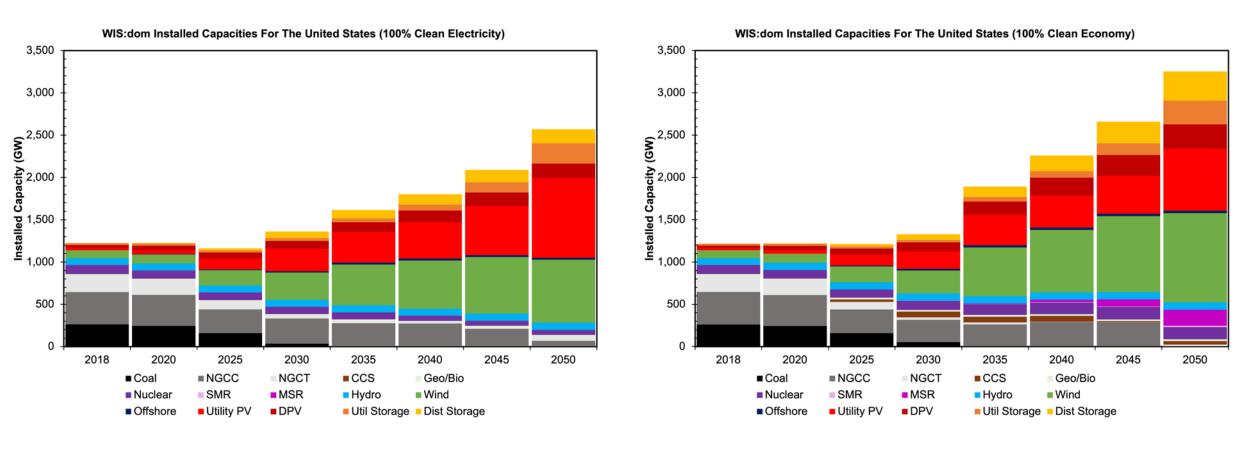
Despite a substantial growth in overall demand, the storage and distribution co-optimization reduces input demand in almost all hours (particularly in summer).

How Clean Economy Changes Demands



A new additional demand for hydrogen appears in the 100% clean economy (the model never selects hydrogen for electricity production).

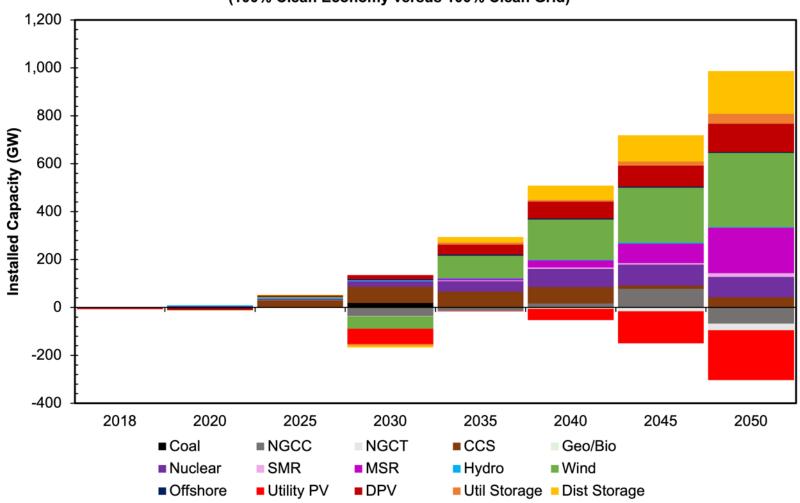
How Clean Economy Changes Supply



The supply of electricity dramatically increases in both 100% clean electricity & clean economy. However, we see a much bigger increase in VREs in the clean economy, as well as a small reliance on dispatchable clean generation.

How Clean Economy Changes Supply

WIS:dom Installed Capacities For The United States (100% Clean Economy versus 100% Clean Grid)

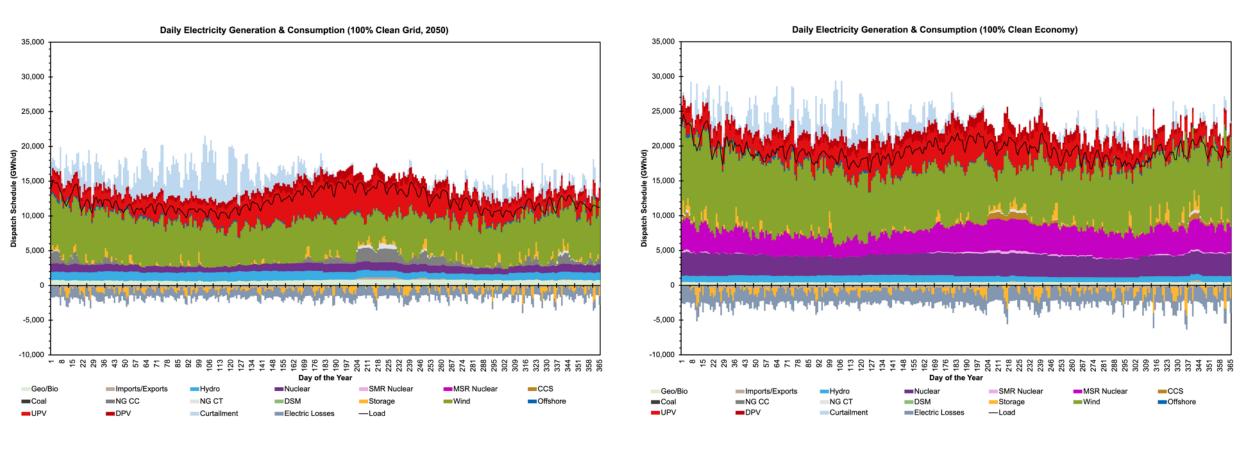


We see a reduction in solar PV (utility-scale) and a big increase in wind as well as distributed solar and storage.

Note we see the model deploying clean dispatchable generation, and keeping/relicensing traditional nuclear assets.

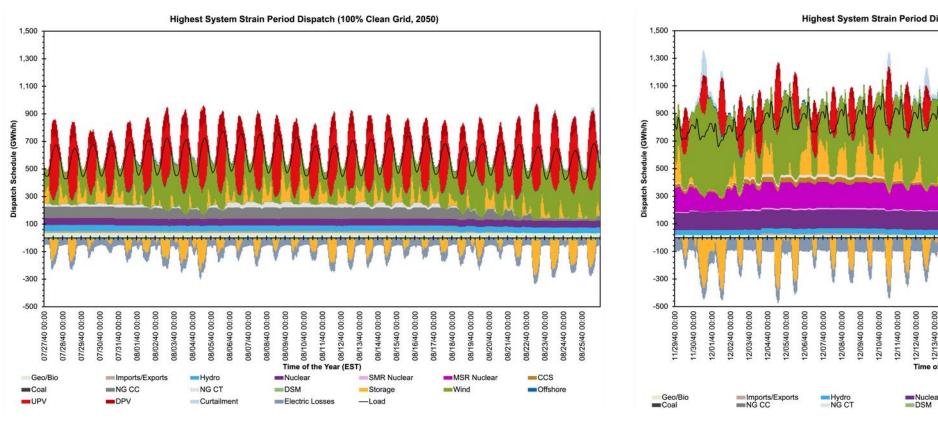
Note, without the distribution co-optimization, we saw significant additional overbuild of firming generation and renewables that increased costs to customers.

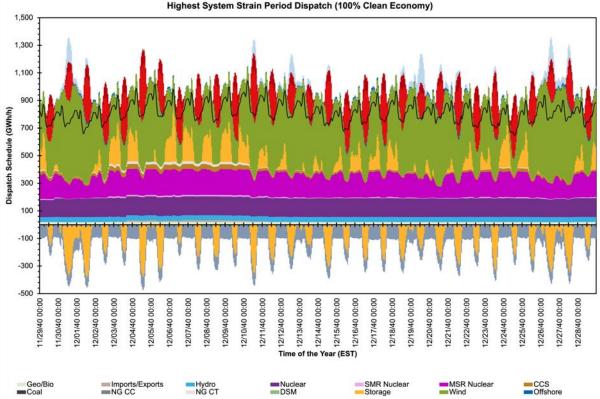
How Clean Economy Changes Supply



More demand that is more flexible allows the 100% clean economy to generate more electricity via VREs, but there is an increase in clean dispatchable generation because of the inter-annual variability of the weather impacting both supply and demand simultaneously

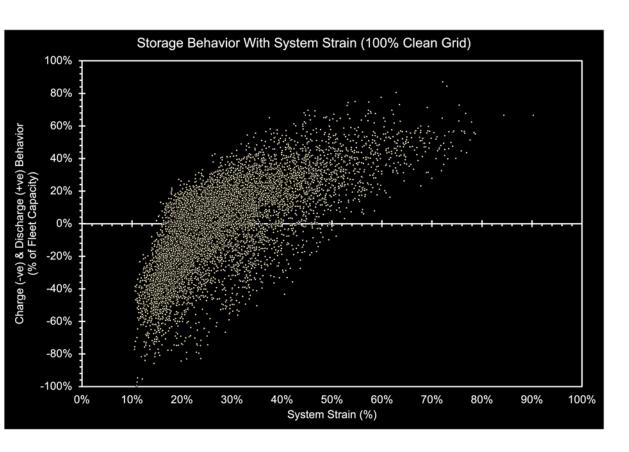
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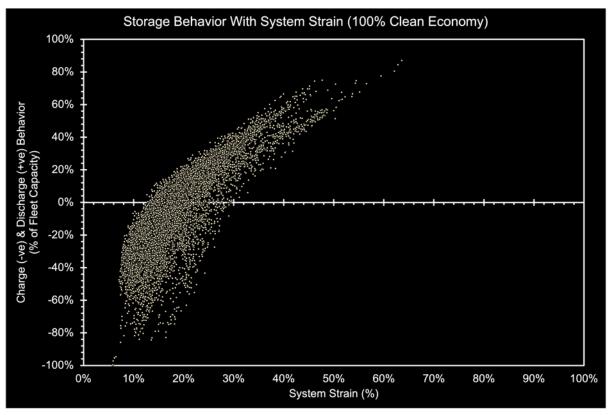




The most scarce/stressed period in 100% Clean Grid in in the height of summer just after sunset, and lasts about a week. For the 100% Clean Economy this happens in early winter (usually) and also lasts about a week. Its typically a combination of low winds following a storm.

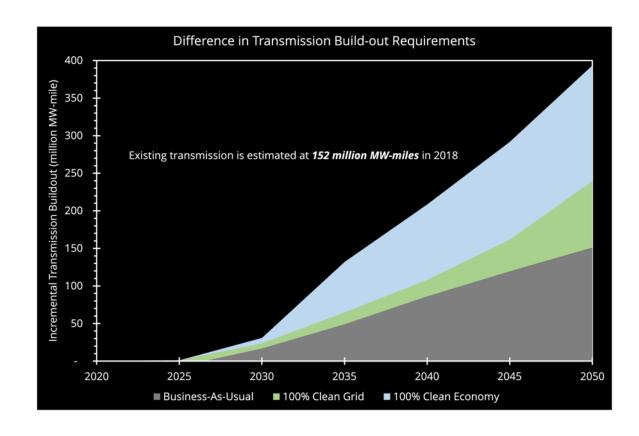
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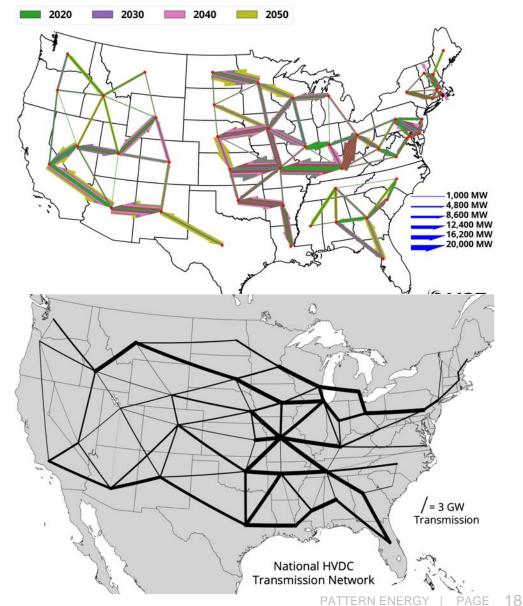




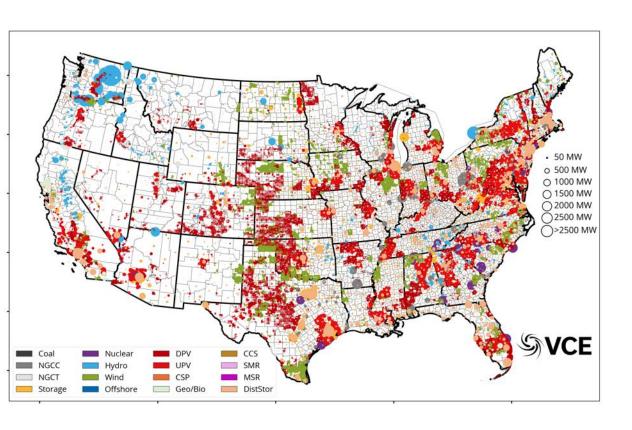
The 100% Clean Economy has much fewer hours when the system is stressed. In fact, on average the system is only over 60% stressed 0.03% of the hours. In contrast, the 100% Clean Grid is over 60% stressed 1.9% of hours.

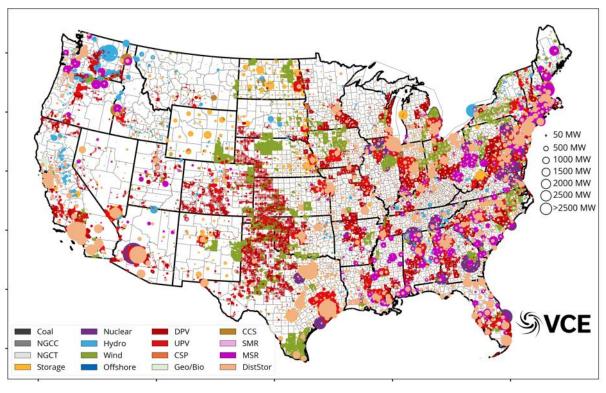
How Does Transmission Compare?





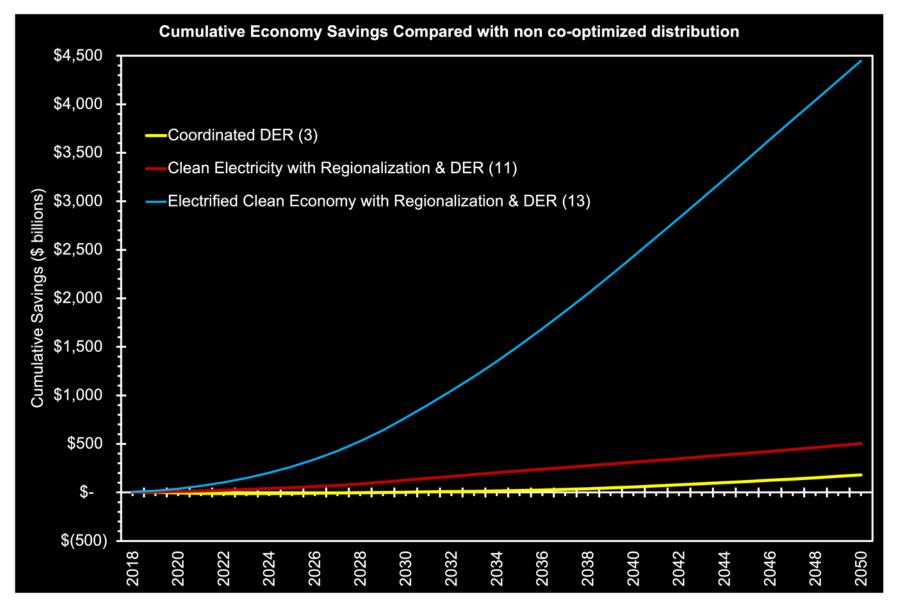
How Does Generator Siting Compare?





There is more wind generation being sited in the 100% Clean Economy, this is primarily placed in the great plains, we do see substantial reductions in solar PV in the populated states, which might reduce public resistance.

How Does System Costs Compare?



By 2050, there is \$30 billion in annual heating cost savings

By 2050, there is \$200 billion in annual transportation cost savings

Through 2050, the average retail rates are lower by 3.23¢/kWh

Thank You

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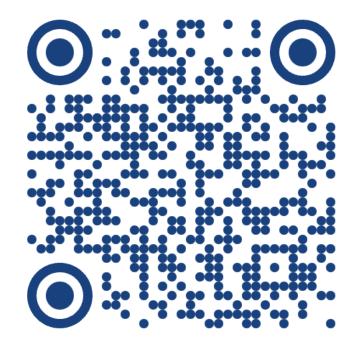
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More Download Options for the RARE Power Dataset



The Resource Adequacy Renewable Energy (RARE) Power Dataset

- Zenodo archive of the input data (CSVs) https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13937522
- Zenodo archive of PUDL v2024.10.0, the first release containing VCE RARE (as Parquet): https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13957372
- Jupyter notebook on Kaggle with some examples of accessing the Parquet data: https://www.kaggle.com/code/catalystcooperative/04-renewable-generation-profiles
- VCE RARE data source documentation page in the PUDL docs:
 https://catalystcoop-pudl.readthedocs.io/en/nightly/data_sources/vcerare.html
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