

# OVERVIEW OF U.S. ELECTRICITY MARKETS



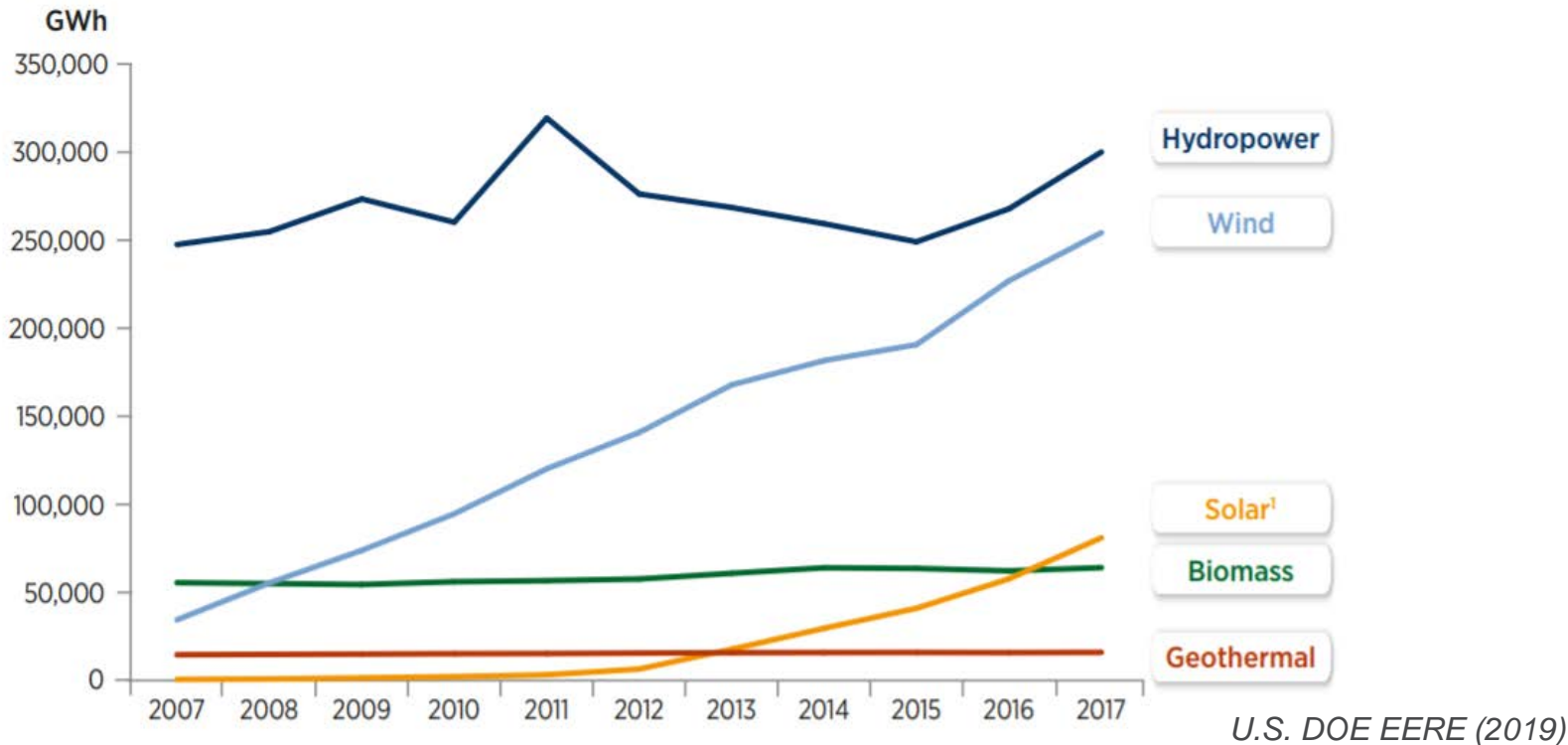
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# U.S. ELECTRICITY GENERATION BY SOURCE

	Coal	Petroleum Liquids	Petroleum Coke	Natural Gas	Other Gases	Nuclear	Renewables <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total Generation (GWh)
2007	48.4%	1.2%	0.4%	21.5%	0.3%	19.4%	8.5%	0.3%	4,163,642
2008	48.1%	0.8%	0.3%	21.4%	0.3%	19.5%	9.2%	0.3%	4,125,675
2009	44.4%	0.7%	0.3%	23.3%	0.3%	20.2%	10.6%	0.3%	3,955,540
2010	44.7%	0.6%	0.3%	23.9%	0.3%	19.5%	10.4%	0.3%	4,131,520
2011	42.2%	0.4%	0.3%	24.7%	0.3%	19.2%	12.5%	0.3%	4,107,981
2012	37.3%	0.3%	0.2%	30.2%	0.3%	19.0%	12.3%	0.3%	4,054,880
2013	38.8%	0.3%	0.3%	27.6%	0.3%	19.3%	13.0%	0.3%	4,079,349
2014	38.5%	0.4%	0.3%	27.4%	0.3%	19.4%	13.4%	0.3%	4,111,724
2015	33.0%	0.4%	0.3%	32.5%	0.3%	19.4%	13.7%	0.3%	4,098,815
2016	30.2%	0.3%	0.6%	33.6%	0.3%	19.6%	15.4%	0.3%	4,104,518
2017	29.8%	0.3%	0.5%	31.4%	0.3%	19.9%	17.7%	0.3%	4,049,365

# U.S. RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION



2018: Hydro/wind/solar 6.9%/6.5%/2.3% of total U.S. electricity generation

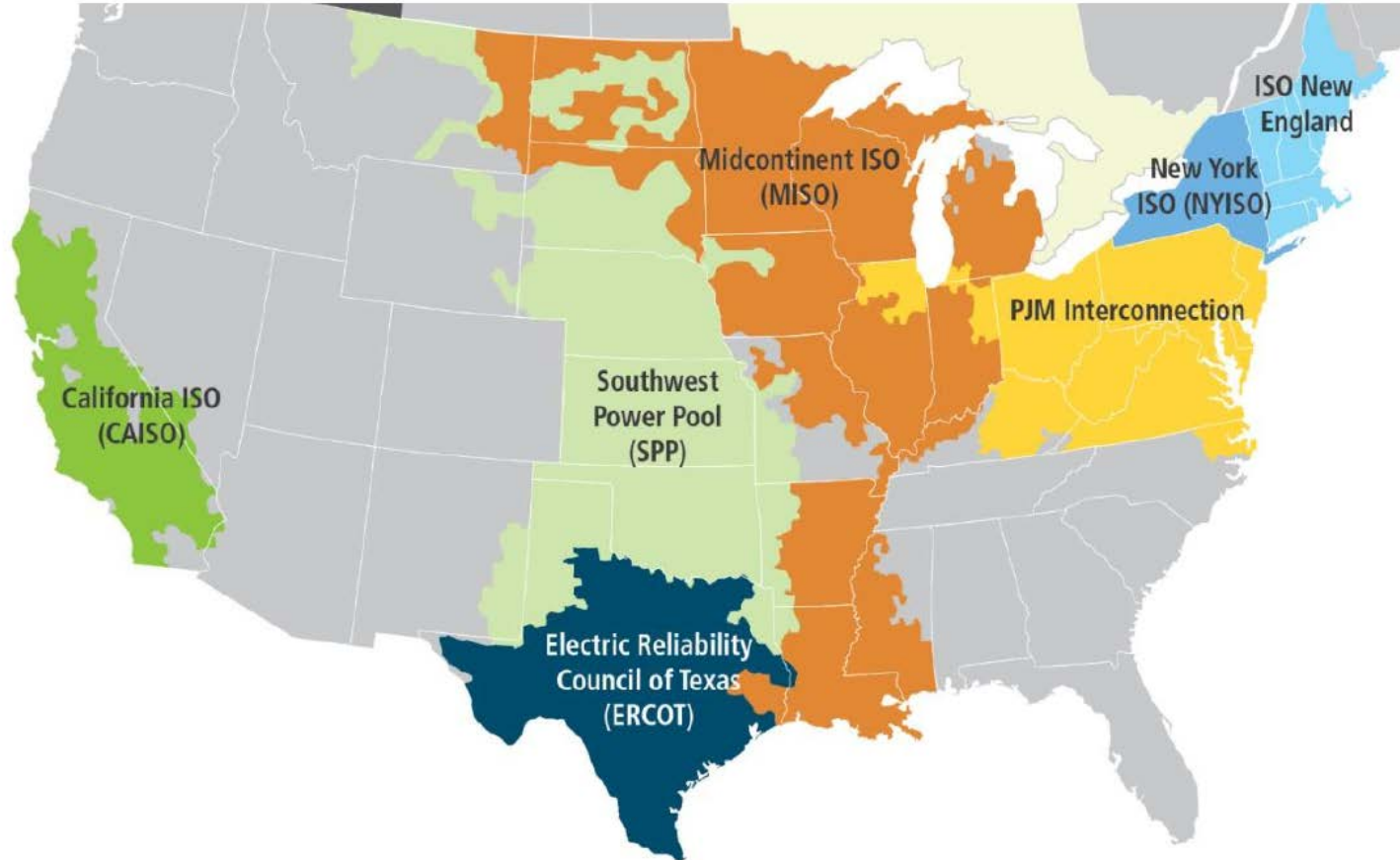
# RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY IN U.S. AND EUROPE

Technology	United States		Europe (EU-28)	
	2005	2016	2005	2016
Hydro [%]	6.7	6.5	10.4	10.8
Wind [%]	0.4	5.5	2.1	9.6
Solar [%]	0.0	1.7	0.0	3.4
Biomass [%]	1.3	1.5	1.3	2.8
Other [%]	0.4	0.4	1.0	3.0
<b>Total [%]</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>Total [TWh]</b>	358.2	640.3	490.3	959.4

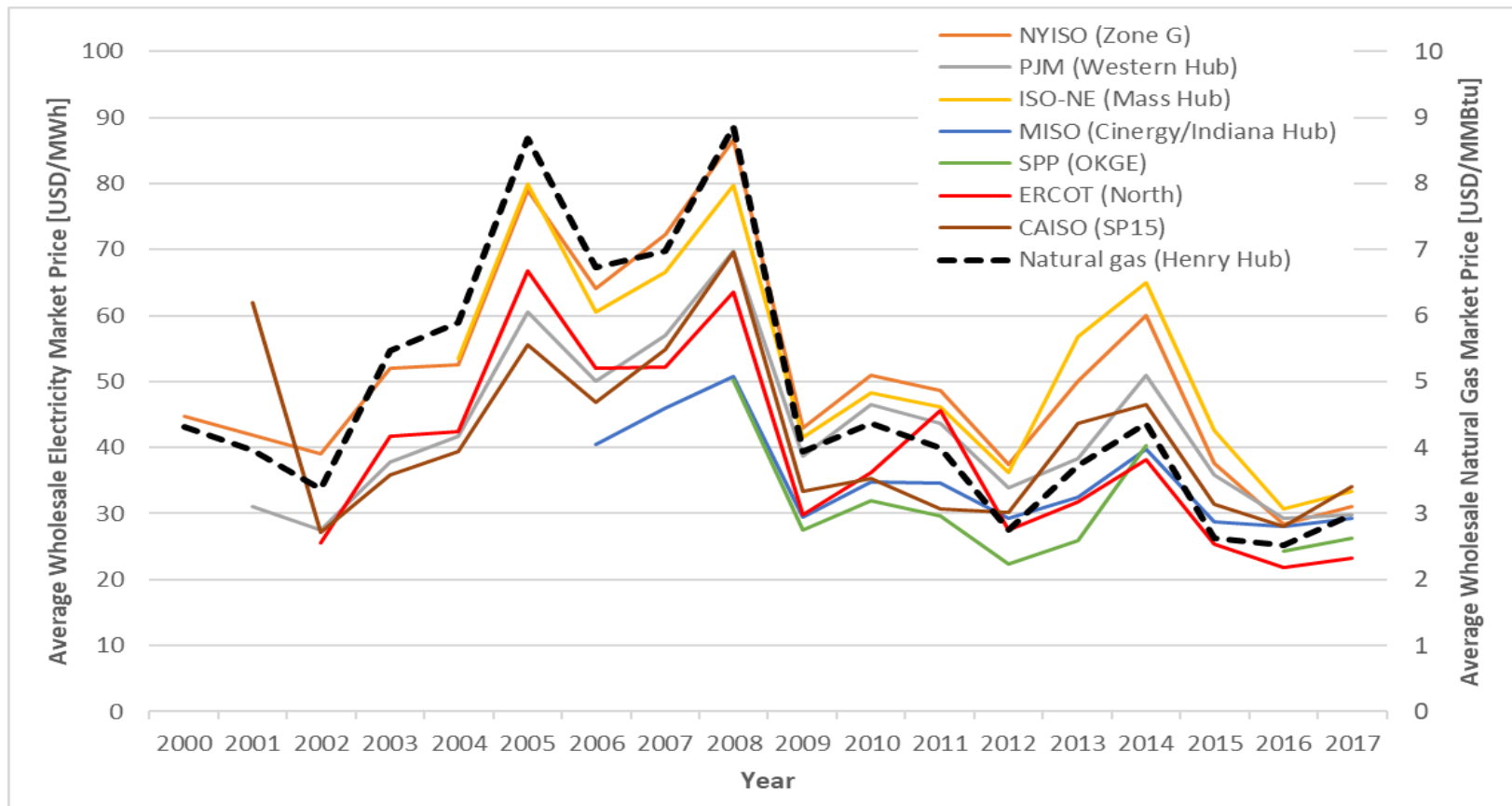
Sources: U.S. DOE (2018) and Eurostat (2018).

- About twice as much renewables in Europe compared to U.S.; similar growth rates
- Hydropower still the largest renewable electricity resource, followed by wind power

# U.S. REGIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKETS

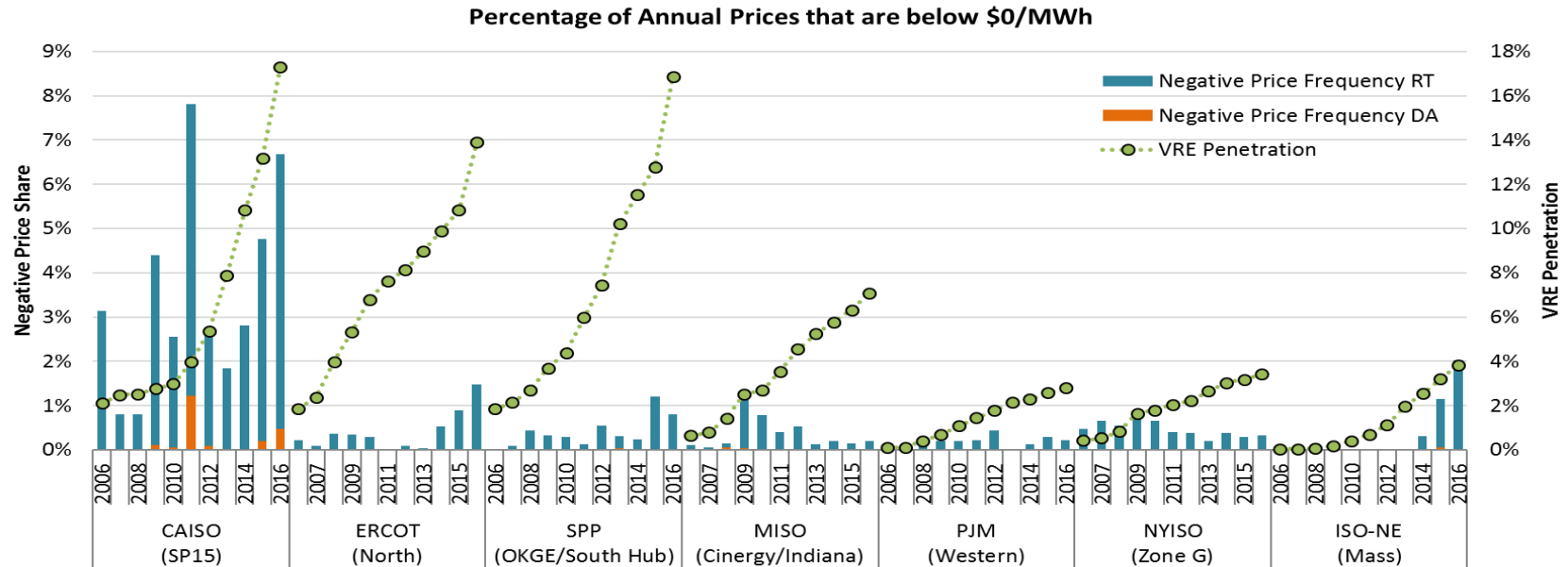


# ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS PRICES IN U.S.



# VARIABLE RENEWABLES INFLUENCE MARKET PRICES

- The merit order effect reduces electricity prices
  - Empirical literature indicates a larger effect in Europe than the U.S.
  - Lower natural gas price main reason for lower electricity prices in U.S.
- The occurrence of negative prices has increased with higher VRE penetration



# ELECTRICITY MARKET OPERATIONS: U.S. VS. EUROPE

## ■ United States

- Build into existing system operators (ISOs)
  - Short-term system operation
  - ISOs do not own transmission system
  - **Emphasize physics of the power system**
- Short-term market operations
  - Day-ahead market (ISO - hourly)
  - **Real-time market (ISO - 5 min)**
  - Complex bids/ISO UC
  - **Locational marginal prices**
  - Co-optimization of energy and operating reserves
  - **More centralized control through ISO**
- Variable renewable energy
  - Intermittent policy support
  - Tax credits, renewable portfolio standards
  - **“Dispatchable” VRE**
- Retail competition
  - Retail choice in some states

## ■ Europe

- Introduced new power exchanges (PXs)
  - Include long-term contracts
  - TSOs typically own transmission system
  - **Emphasize markets and economics**
- Short-term market operations
  - Day-ahead and intraday markets (PX)
  - Real-time balancing markets (TSO)
  - Simple bids/generator UC
  - **Zonal pricing/market coupling**
  - Sequential reserve and energy markets
  - **Market based, decentralized balancing through balance responsible parties**
- Variable renewable energy
  - Strong policy support
  - Feed-in tariffs - premiums, tenders/auctions
  - **VRE as “must-take”**
- Retail competition
  - Retail choice in all countries

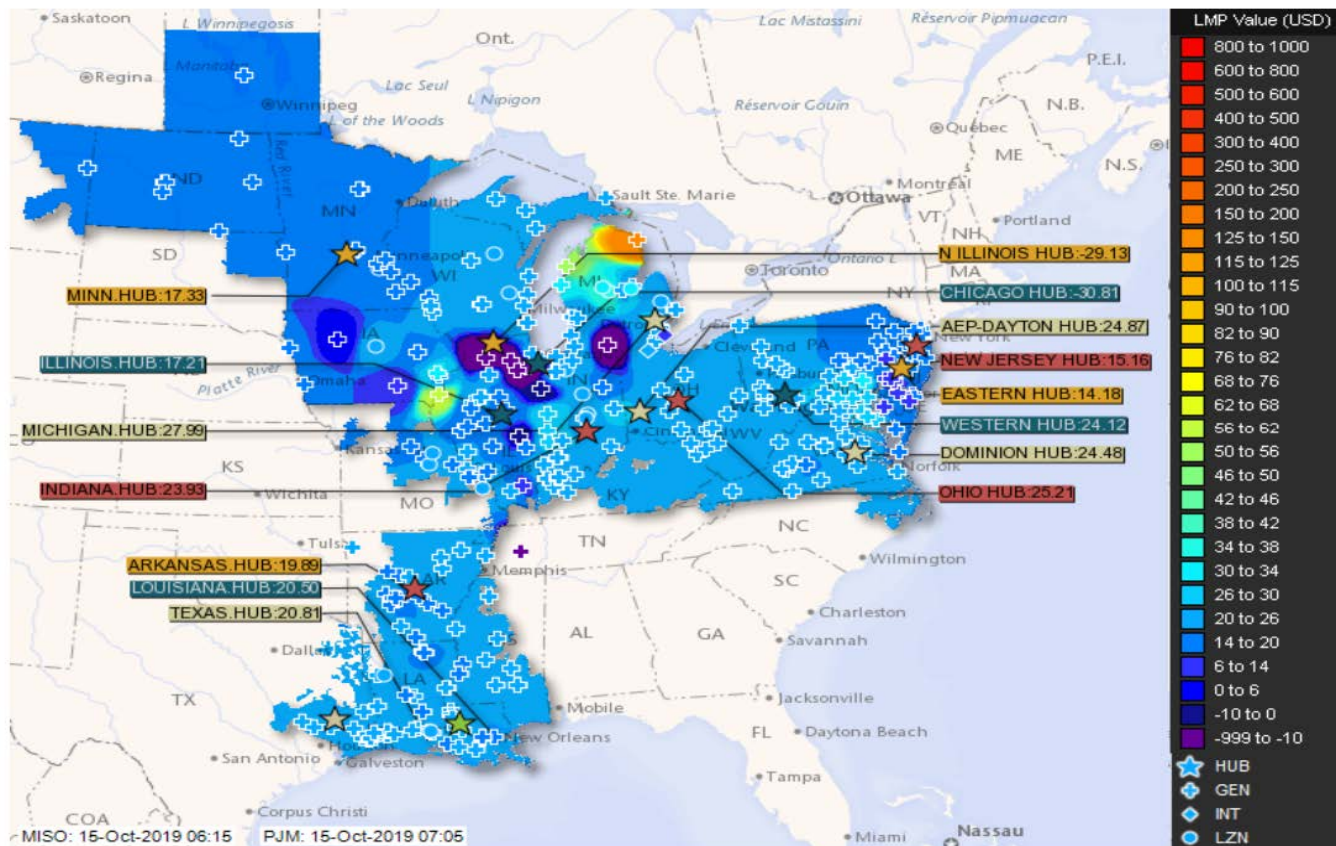


# LOCATIONAL MARGINAL PRICES (LMPS)

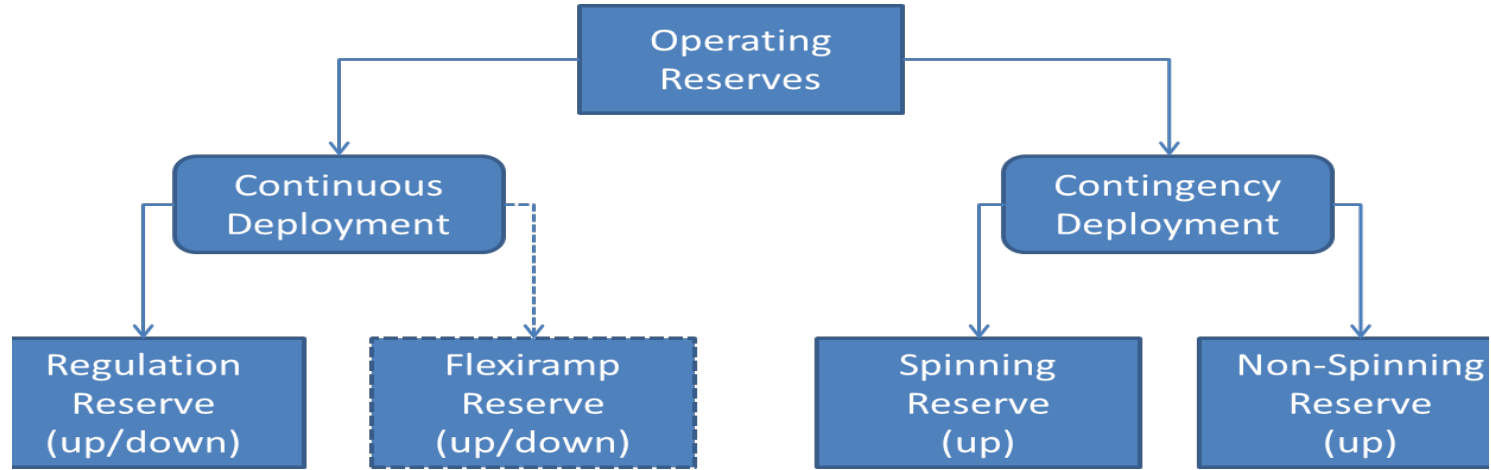
Real-time  
prices (Oct  
15, 2019,  
7:05):

PJM (11,600  
price nodes)

MISO (2,200  
price nodes)



# EVOLVING ANCILLARY SERVICES MARKETS

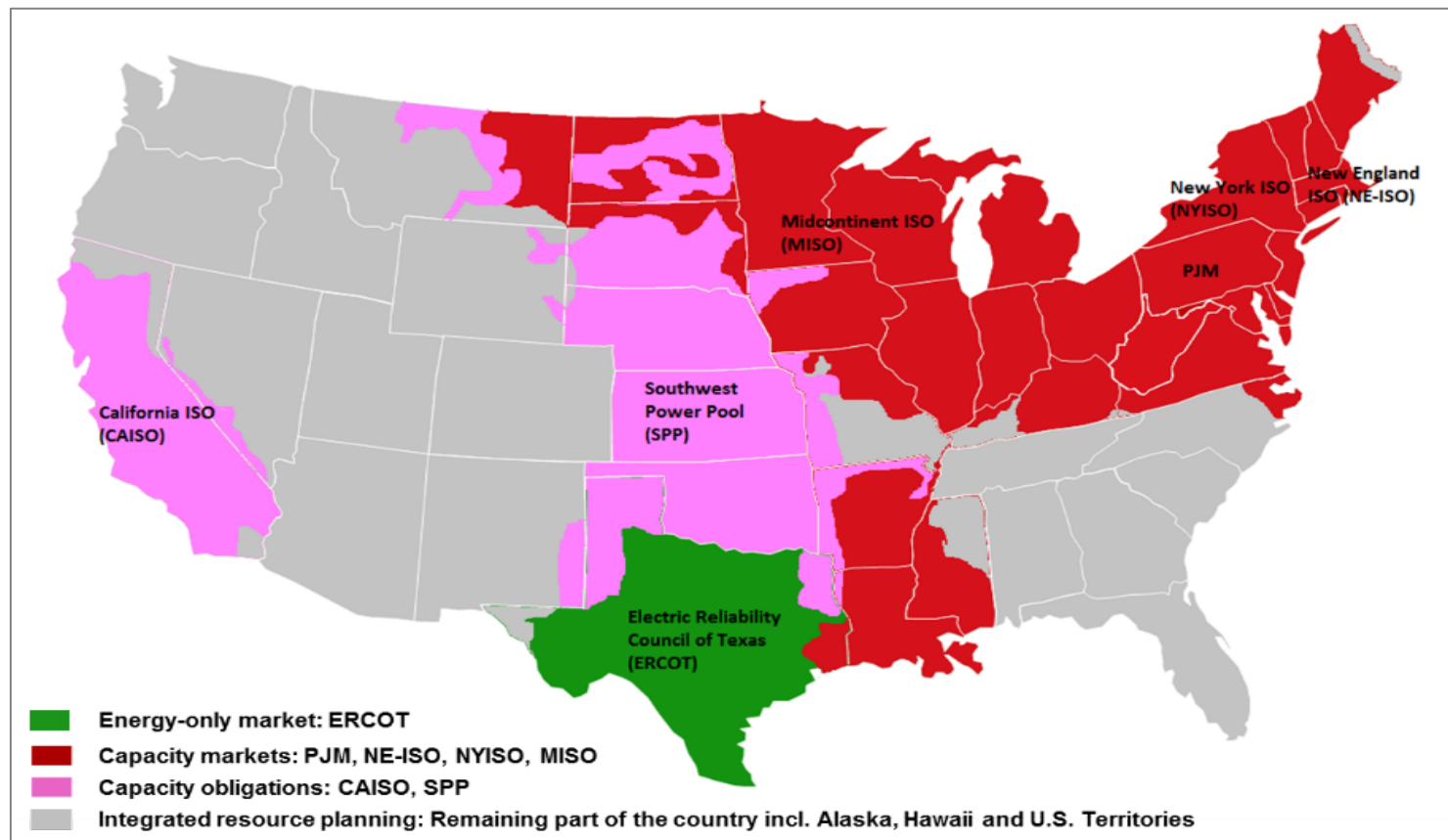


## ■ Recent developments

- More dynamic assessment of reserve requirements
- Regulation reserve: Pay for performance incentives
- “Flexi-ramp reserves” to ensure sufficient ramping capability available in real-time
  - California ISO (CAISO)
  - Midcontinent ISO (MISO)

## ■ No compensation for primary frequency response

# CAPACITY REMUNERATION MECHANISMS IN U.S.



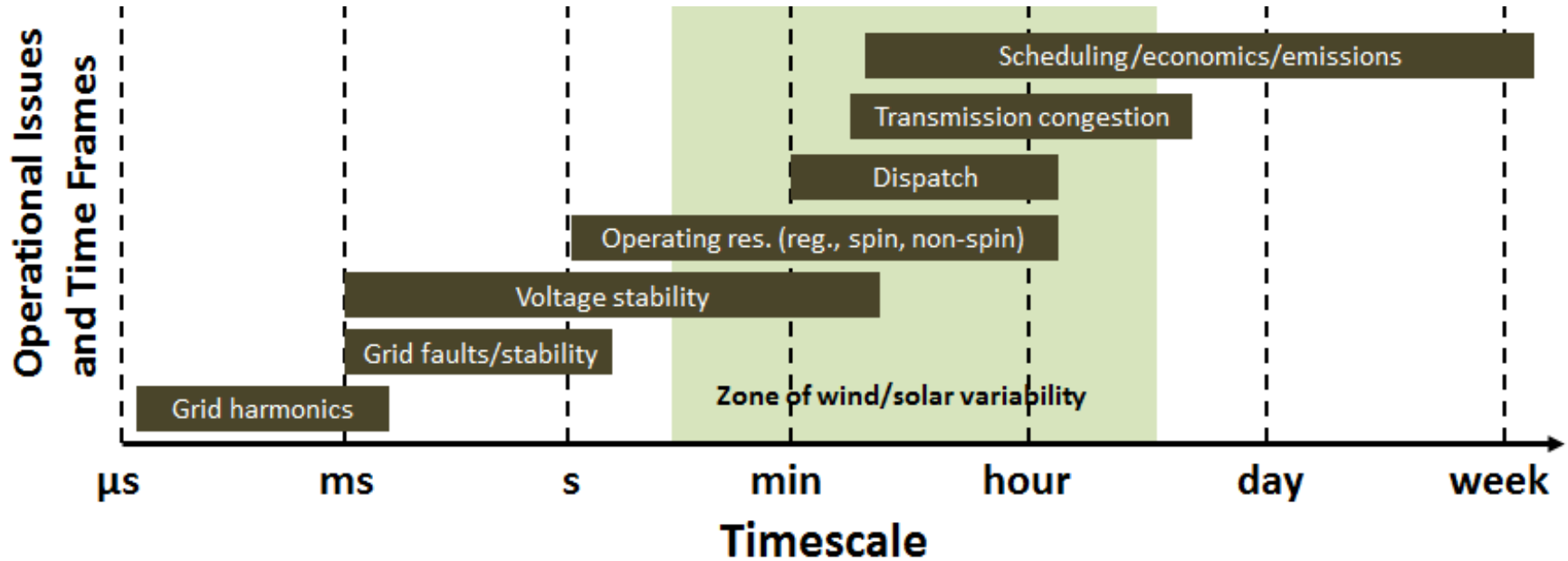
# MARKET ACCESS FOR PUMPED STORAGE HYDRO

ISO/RTO	Participation Model	Capacity	Energy	Regulation	Operating reserves
CAISO	Pumped storage hydro	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
ISO-NE	Dispatchable-asset-related demand pump	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MISO	Long-term storage resource	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NYISO	Energy limited resource	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PJM	Pumped hydro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SPP	-	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Kwon and Botterud, forthcoming.*

Other energy storage technologies use different market participation models that do not necessarily provide access to all relevant markets (FERC Order 841)

# OPERATING THE POWER GRID IS COMPLEX

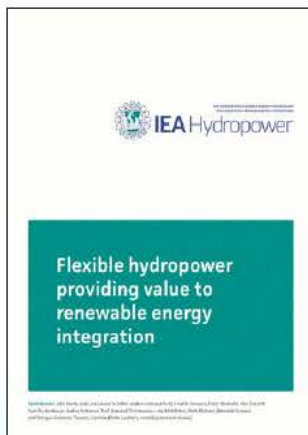


*Adapted from Fisher et al. 2012*

***Handling uncertainty and variability in a cost-effective manner is a key challenge.***



# Flexible hydropower providing value to renewable energy integration



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# CONCLUSIONS

- U.S electricity markets
  - Evolving resource mix
  - Market design reflects the physics of the power grid
  - High precision pricing (high-resolution LMPs) do incentivize flexibility
  - Challenges include adequate compensation for all grid services
- Hydropower in electricity markets
  - Large-scale provider of flexibility at different timescales
  - Enabler of variable renewable energy
  - Important to assess operational flexibility, including constraints and costs
- Research interests
  - Operations and planning under uncertainty
  - Electricity markets for the future power grid
  - Flexibility provisions: software vs. hardware solutions
  - Energy systems integration



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