

# Redefining Resource Adequacy Metrics for Modern Power Systems

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# EPRI Resource Adequacy Initiative

## Address Industry Needs

### RA Process



- Recommended Metrics and Criteria
- Consistent Approach to Developing Scenarios

### Models and Data



- Approaches to Modelling Power System Resources
- Developing Guidance on Data Requirements

### Analysis Tools



- Understand Existing RA Tool Capabilities
- Application of New Approaches in Tools

## Case Studies

Develop evidence base for main questions through comparative case studies across multiple tools: ERCOT, North-East, South-East, Western Interconnect, SPP, MISO

## Engage

**External Advisory group:** NARUC, RROs, DOE, ESIG, EEI, ISO/RTOs, G-PST, et. al.  
**R&D Partners:** Consultants, Universities



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## Timeline

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# Metrics and Criteria for Resource Adequacy

## Motivation

The metrics traditionally used to assess adequacy risk and the criteria established for planners to adhere to may not perform as expected in the future

## Objective

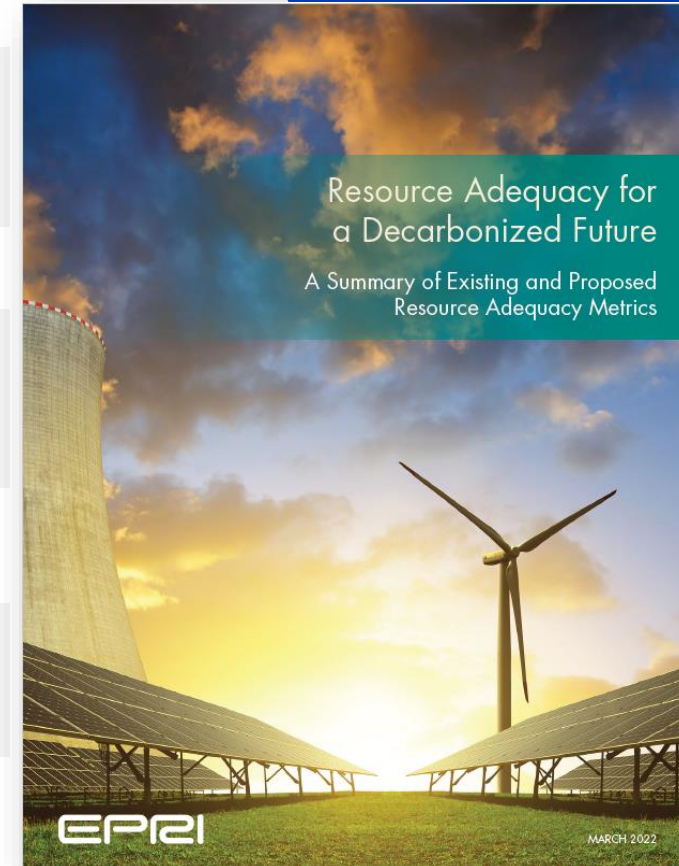
Identify appropriate adequacy assessment metrics and minimum criteria for low carbon systems in changing climate/weather extremes.

## Work to date

- » White paper published in April 2022 summarizes existing and proposed RA metrics (visit <https://www.epri.com/resource-adequacy> to download)

## Future work

- » Complementary “Resource Adequacy Philosophy” document to be publicly released by EPRI team in Q4 2022
- » A suite of RA risk and capacity valuation metrics to be evaluated through case studies
- » A second white paper published in Q1 2023 will propose recommendations for metrics use and minimum criteria setting, based on system characteristics and intended study uses.



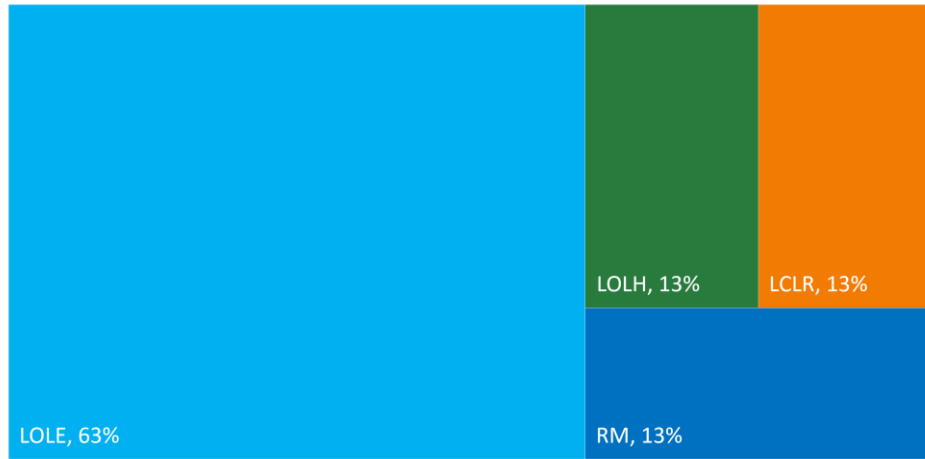
# Survey of Existing and Proposed Metrics

- Categorizes as probabilistic and deterministic, with some additional indices that may be considered related to RA
  - Probabilistic tend to give the more detailed results
  - Deterministic used in resource planning or markets
- Metrics for resource contribution also important

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# Metrics currently used for RA



| Metric                              | Abbreviation | Units               | Definition  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|
| Loss-of-load expectation            | LOLE         | Time periods/year*  | Average number of event-periods per year* across all of the random samples simulated. The LOLE metric can be applied to any time period length, and must be clearly defined by the user.                                  |
| Loss-of-load hours                  | LOLH         | Hours/year*         | Average event-hours per year* across all of the random samples simulated.   |
| Loss-of-load days                   | LOLD         | Days/year*          | Average event-days per year* across all of the random samples simulated.  |
| Loss-of-load years                  | LOLY         | Years/study horizon | Average event-years per study horizon across all of the random samples simulated.   |
| Loss-of-Load probability            | LOLP         | %                   | Calculated as the total number of event-periods divided by the total number of time periods sampled. The LOLP metric can be applied to any time period length and study horizon, and must be clearly defined by the user. |
| Loss-of-load events                 | LOLEv        | Events/year*        | Average count of events per year* across all of the random samples simulated.   |
| Expected unserved energy            | EUE          | MWh/year*           | Average load not served per year* due to shortfall events across all of the random samples simulated.   |
| Normalized expected unserved energy | nEUE         | %                   | Average load not served per year* due to shortfall events across all of the random samples simulated, calculated as a percentage of system load.  |

\*Alternative study horizons can be defined for this metric, although an annual study horizon is most common.

## Survey of 20+ US utilities and ISOs

- Many respondents indicated LOLE as their main metric
- Minimum reliability criteria varies, but 0.1 day per year is most common

Also could have combination metrics, e.g. EUE/LOLH, full distribution of events and time of day/year

# Resource Contribution Metrics

- Other approaches also being examined, including both retrospective and prospective analysis and looking at tight conditions

| Method                             | Type          | Computational Burden | Data Requirements |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Effective Load Carrying Capability | Probabilistic | +++                  | +++               |
| Equivalent Firm Capacity           | Probabilistic | +++                  | +++               |
| Equivalent Conventional Power      | Probabilistic | +++                  | +++               |
| Installed Capacity                 | Approximation | +                    | +                 |
| Unforced Capacity                  | Approximation | +                    | +                 |
| Generation Over Peak Load          | Approximation | +                    | ++                |
| Generation Over Net Peak Road      | Approximation | +                    | ++                |
| Generation Over Peak LOLP Hours    | Approximation | ++                   | ++                |

+ = low, ++ = medium, +++ = high

# Metrics in use around the world

| Country or Region              | Metrics/Criteria                            | Responsible Entity                |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>North America [19] [20]</b> |   |                                   |
| MISO                           | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | MISO                              |
| MRO-Manitoba Hydro             | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Manitoba Public Utilities Board   |
| NPCC-Maritimes                 | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Maritimes Sub-areas and NPCC      |
| NPCC-New England               | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | ISO-NE and NPCC                   |
| NPCC-New York                  | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | NYSRC and NPCC                    |
| NPCC-Ontario                   | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | IESO and NPCC                     |
| NPCC-Québec                    | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Hydro-Québec and NPCC             |
| PJM                            | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | PJM Board of Managers             |
| SERC-C                         | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Member Utilities                  |
| SERC-E                         | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Member Utilities                  |
| SERC-FP                        | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Florida Public Service Commission |
| SERC-SE                        | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | Member Utilities                  |
| SPP                            | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | SPP RTO Staff and Stakeholders    |
| TRE-ERCOT <sup>1</sup>         | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | ERCOT Board of Directors          |
| WECC-AB                        | LOLP <sup>2</sup> $\leq$ 0.02%              | WECC                              |
| WECC-BC                        | LOLP <sup>2</sup> $\leq$ 0.02%              | WECC                              |
| WECC-NWPP-US & RMRG [21]       | LOLE $\leq$ 0.1 days/year                   | WECC                              |
| WECC-SRSG                      | LOLP <sup>2</sup> $\leq$ 0.02%              | WECC                              |
| WECC-CAMX [22]                 | PRM $\geq$ 15%                              | WECC                              |
| Hawaii [23]                    | ERM $\geq$ 30% (3 islands), 60% (2 islands) | HECO                              |

<sup>[1]</sup> LOLE is reported as a guideline metric not a requirement in the ERCOT system which relies on energy only and scarcity pricing to meet resource adequacy needs.

<sup>[2]</sup> The LOLP metric represents an event-period of 1 day and a horizon of 10 years.

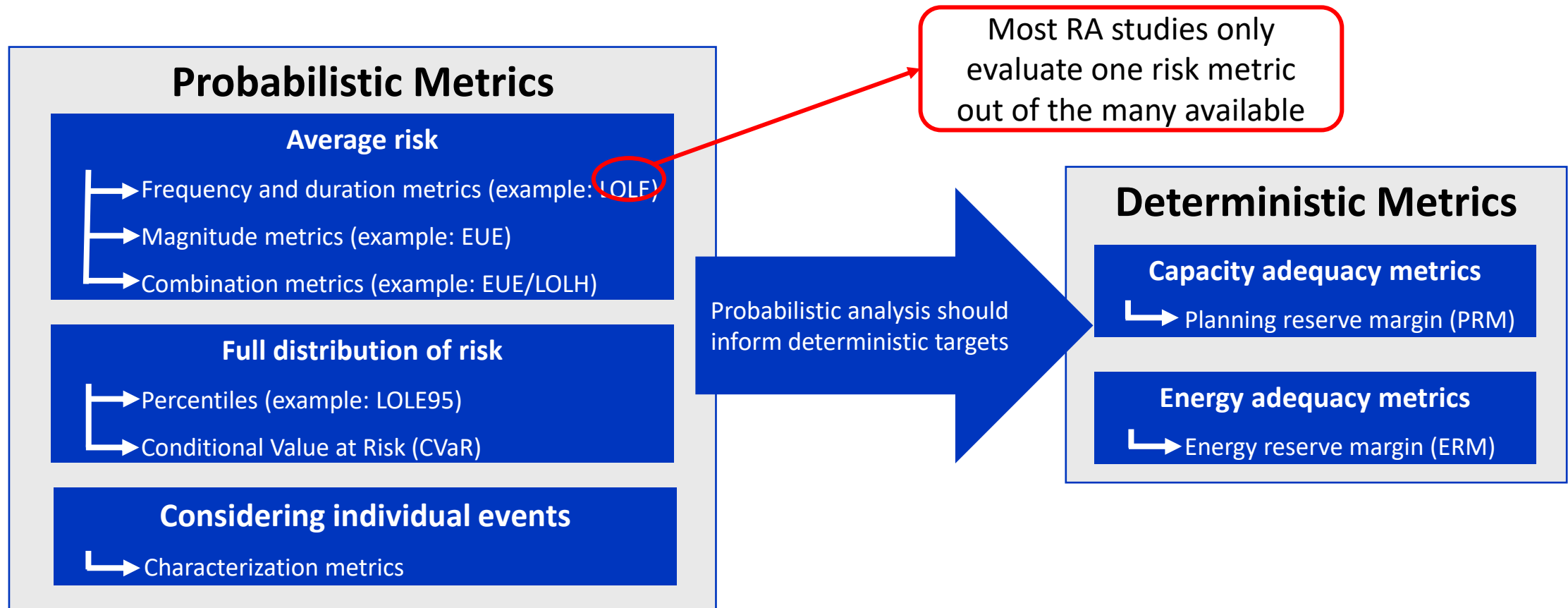
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|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Europe</i> [17] [24]           |   |  |
| Belgium [25]                      | LOLH $\leq$ 3 hours/year; LOLH95 $\leq$ 20 hours/year   | Elia Group                               |
| France [26]                       | LOLH $\leq$ 3 hours/year  | RTE                                      |
| Great Britain [27]                | LOLH $\leq$ 3 hours/year  | National Grid ESO                        |
| Ireland and Northern Ireland [28] | LOLH $\leq$ 8 hours/year (Ireland)<br>LOLH $\leq$ 4.9 hours/year (Northern Ireland)                       | EirGrid and SONI                         |
| Netherlands [29]                  | LOLH $\leq$ 4 hours/year  | TenneT                                   |
| Poland [30]                       | LOLH $\leq$ 3 hours/year  | PSE                                      |
| Portugal [26]                     | LOLH $\leq$ 5 hours/year  | REN                                      |
| Spain [26] [31]                   | PRM $\geq$ 10% (Mainland); LOLE $\leq$ 1 day in 10 years (Island grids)                                   | REE                                      |
| <i>Oceania</i>                    |   |  |
| Australia-NEM [32]                | NEUE $\leq$ 0.002% per region   | AEMO                                     |
| Australia-NT [33]                 | NEUE $\leq$ 0.002%  | AEMO                                     |
| Australia-WEM [34]                | PRM $\geq$ WEM metric; NEUE $\leq$ 0.002%   | AEMO                                     |
| New Zealand [35] [36]             | WEM $\geq$ 14-16% (New Zealand); WEM $\geq$ 25.5-30% (South Island); WCM $\geq$ 630-780 MW (North Island) | Transpower                               |
| <i>Africa</i>                     |   |  |
| South Africa [37]                 | EUE < 20 GWh/year; OCGT capacity factor < 6%/year; Baseload stations capacity factor < 50%/year           | Eskom                                    |
| <i>Asia</i>                       |   |  |
| India [38]                        | LOLP $\leq$ 0.2%; NEUE $\leq$ 0.05%   | CEA                                      |
| Indonesia [39]                    | PRM (2019-2028) $\geq$ 30% (National)   | Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources |
| Japan [40]                        | PRM (2020-2029) $\geq$ 8% per region  | OCCTO                                    |
| Laos [41]                         | PRM (2020-2030) $\geq$ 15%  | Ministry of Energy and Mines             |
| Malaysia [42]                     | LOLE $\leq$ 1 days/year   | TNB                                      |
| Philippines [43]                  | PRM (2017-2040) $\geq$ 25%  | DOE                                      |
| Singapore [44] [45]               | LOLH $\leq$ 3 hours/year  | EMA                                      |
| Thailand [46] [47]                | PRM (2015-2036) $\geq$ 15%  | EGAT                                     |
| Vietnam [48]                      | LOLH $\leq$ 12 hours/year per region  | MOIT                                     |
| <i>Middle East</i>                |   |  |
| Saudi Arabia [49]                 | PRM (2016) $\geq$ 8-10%   | SEC                                      |
| Oman [50]                         | LOLH $\leq$ 24 hours/year   | OPWP                                     |
| Qatar [51]                        | PRM (2019) $\geq$ 6%  | KAHRAMAA                                 |



# Metrics and Criteria for RA – Key Insights

1. Avoid relying on a single metric
2. Better leverage existing metrics
3. Ensure metrics are appropriate for intended uses and systems studied



# Avoid relying on a single metric

Example from ERCOT case study  
Draft results, likely to change,  
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|      | Samples | Shortfall | LOLE    | LOLEv     | LOLH     | LOLP      | EUE    | NEUE | EUE/LOLE  | LOLH/LOLE   |
|------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|------|-----------|-------------|
|      | Years   | Days      | Days/yr | Events/yr | Hours/yr | % of Days | MWh/yr | ppm* | MWh/event | Hours/event |
| 2023 | 600     | 57        | 0.095   | 0.098     | 0.34     | 0.03%     | 526    | 1.3  | 5,539     | 3.6         |
| 2026 | 600     | 56        | 0.093   | 0.120     | 0.31     | 0.03%     | 502    | 1.1  | 5,379     | 3.3         |
| 2030 | 600     | 60        | 0.100   | 0.117     | 0.38     | 0.03%     | 701    | 1.4  | 7,010     | 3.8         |



\*ppm = parts per million,  
Also expressed as 0.0001%  
For reference, AEMO RA criteria = 0.002%

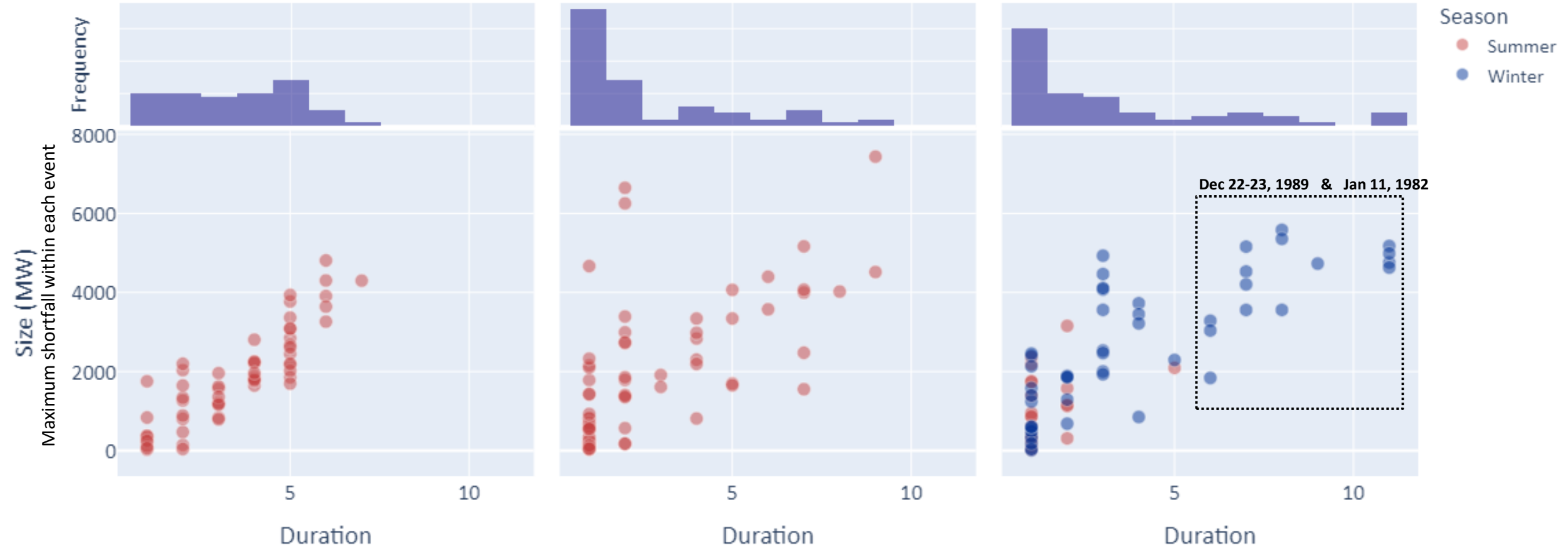
- Three future portfolios were developed to bring the system to a ~0.1 days/year LOLE criteria
  - Note: ERCOT does not have a stated reliability criterion
  - Allows different portfolios to be compared against one another consistently
  - 2023 had lower than 0.1 days/year LOLE, additional 684 MW was retired
  - 2026 and 2030 were higher than 0.1 days/year, so additional firm capacity was added (700 MW, and 2250 MW respectively)
- 2030 portfolio has slightly higher EUE, suggesting larger event sizes
- Normalized EUE ~1.1 – 1.4 ppm, or 0.0001%

# Better leverage exiting metrics

2023

2026

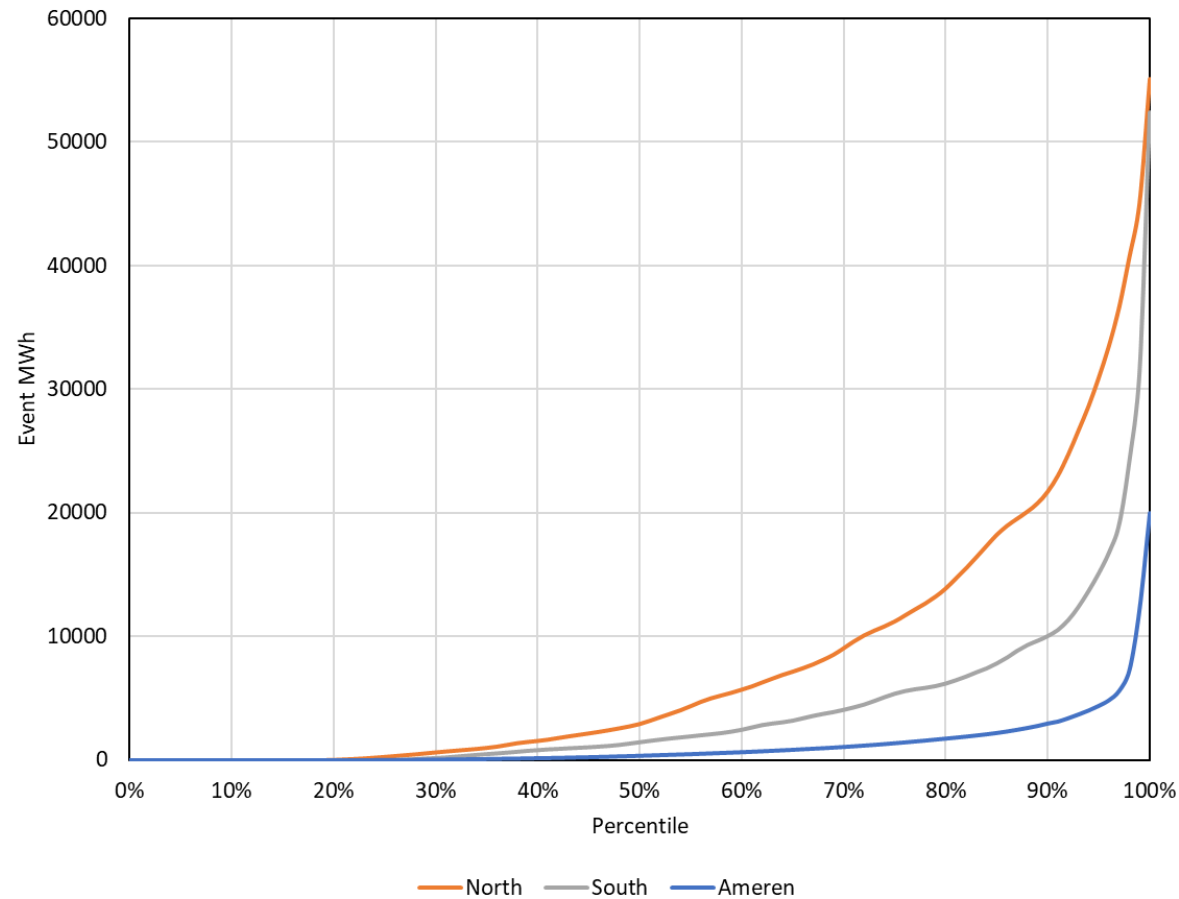
2030



30% of events occur on  
June 25-26, Weather Year 2012

47% of events occur on  
Dec 22-23, Weather Year 1989  
& Jan 11, Weather Year 1982

# May need to think about extremes and what happens there



| Region      | MWh Shed |                             | Multiplier (99 <sup>th</sup> /50 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|
|             | Median   | 99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile |  |
| North       | 2,940    | 45,119                      | 15   |
| South       | 1,469    | 15,132                      | 21   |
| Single zone | 396      | 4,862                       | 50   |

**Example from MISO case study  
Draft results, likely to change,  
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# Ongoing work – case studies

| Risk Metric                                | Definition   | Calculated in case studies   |
|--|--|--|
| LOLE (days/year)                           | Average number of event-days per year across all of the random samples simulated   | Calculated in all regions, often by month/weather year, zone and at different percentiles  |
| LOLP (%)                                   | Defined as LOLE/365  | Calculated for some regions and in some level of detail (weather year, zone, etc.)         |
| LOLH (hours/year)                          | Average number of event-hours per year across all of the random samples simulated  | Calculated in most regions, often by month/weather year, zone and at different percentiles |
| LOLEv (events/year)                        | Average count of events per year across all of the random samples simulated  | Calculated for some regions and in some level of detail (weather year, zone, etc.)         |
| EUE (MWh/year)                             | Average load not served per year due to shortfall events across all of the random samples simulated  | Calculated in all regions, often by month/weather year, zone and at different percentiles  |
| NEUE (%)                                   | Average load not served per year due to shortfall events across the random samples simulated, calculated as a percentage of system load  | Calculated for some regions and in some level of detail (weather year, zone, etc.)         |
| LOLH/LOLE (hours/day)                      | average number of unserved load hours per loss-of-load day across all of the random samples simulated  | Calculated for some regions for expected values  |
| average event duration (hours)             | average duration of a loss of load event across all of the random samples simulated  | Calculated for some regions for expected values  |
| histogram of shortfall events by duration  | across all random samples simulated, events are categorized into buckets based on the duration of the shortfall event (e.g., x shortfall events between 0-1 hr duration, y shortfall events between 1-2 hour duration, etc)        | Calculated for some regions for expected values  |
| histogram of shortfall events by magnitude | across all random samples simulated, events are categorized into buckets based on the magnitude of the shortfall event (e.g., x shortfall events between 0-50 MWh magnitude, y shortfall events between 50-100 MWh magnitude, etc) | Calculated for some regions for expected values  |

# Challenges and Next Steps

- Which metrics provide a complete picture of the risk profile?
- Are metrics straightforward to use and understand?
- How to capture high-impact low probability events?
- What counts as a loss of load event?
- Do metrics appropriately capture insufficiencies in capacity, energy and flexibility?
- Are accreditation metrics coherent between one another and appropriate to the nature of the resources dispatched?
- How to set minimum reliability criteria based on economic considerations?
  
- Next Steps
- Recommendations on what metrics are best to use (individual or combination), as well as how to set criteria
- Visualization tools developed to illustrate different type of metrics and how they can be calculated
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