Final 2021 PV Forecast

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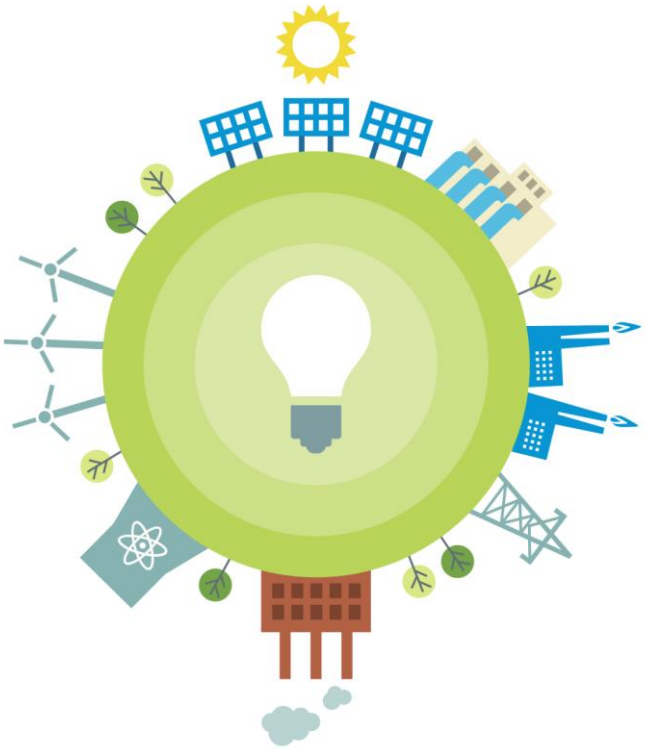
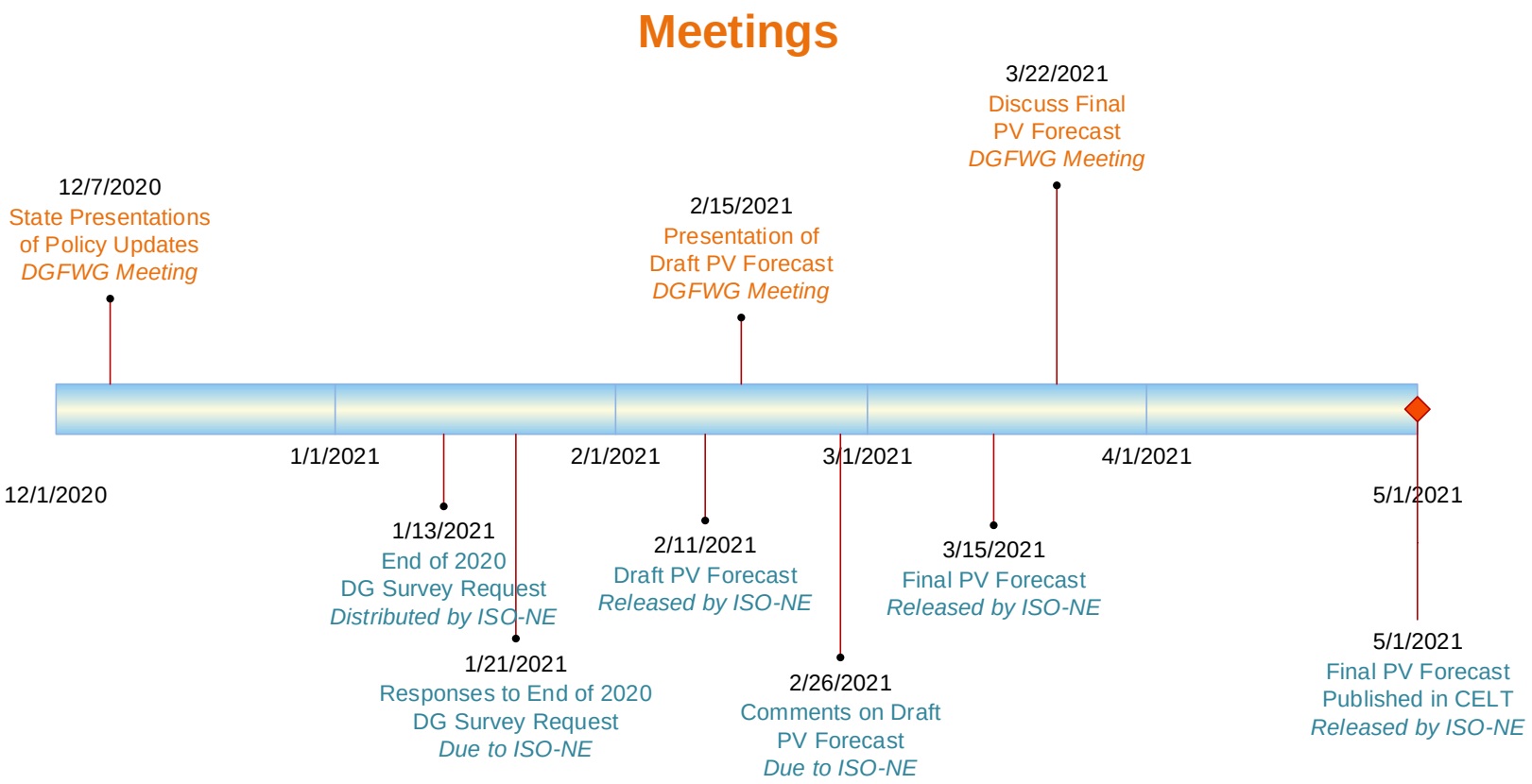


2021 PV Forecast Schedule



BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW

Introduction

- The majority of state-sponsored distributed PV does not participate in wholesale markets, but reduces the system load observed by ISO
- The long-term PV forecast helps the ISO determine future system load characteristics that are important for the reliable planning and operation of the system
- To properly account for PV in long-term planning, the finalized PV forecast will be categorized as follows:
  1. PV as a capacity resource in the Forward Capacity Market (FCM)
  2. Non-FCM Energy Only Resources (EOR) and Generators
  3. Behind-the-meter PV (BTM PV)

Similar to energy efficiency (EE), behind-the-meter PV is reconstituted into historical loads*

The 2021 gross load forecast reflects loads without PV load reductions

**Existing BTM PV decreases the historical loads seen by the ISO, which are an input to the gross load forecast*

Background

- Many factors influence the future commercialization potential of PV resources, some of which include:
  - Policy drivers:
    - Feed-in-tariffs (FITs)/Long-term procurement
    - State RPS programs
    - Net energy metering (NEM)
    - Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC)
  - Other drivers:
    - Role of private investment in PV development
    - PV development occurs using a variety of business/ownership models
    - Future equipment and installation costs
    - Future wholesale and retail electricity costs

Background

PV Forecast Focuses on DG

- The focus of the DGFWG is distributed generation projects:
  - "…defined as those that are typically 5 MW or less in nameplate capacity and are interconnected to the distribution system (typically 69 kV or below) according to state-jurisdictional interconnection standards."
- Therefore, the forecast does not consider policy drivers supporting larger-scale projects (i.e., those >5 MW)
  - E.g., projects planned as part of the three-state Clean Energy RFP
- Large projects are generally accounted for as part of ISO's interconnection process and participate in wholesale markets

The PV Forecast Incorporates State Public Policies and Is Based on Historical Data

- The PV forecast process is informed by ISO analysis and by input from state regulators and other stakeholders through the Distributed Generation Forecast Working Group (DGFWG)
- The forecast is meant to be a reasonable projection of the anticipated growth of out-of-market, distributed PV resources to be used in ISO's System Planning studies, consistent with its role to ensure prudent planning assumptions for the bulk power system
- A policy-based forecasting approach has been chosen to reflect the observation that trends in distributed PV development are in large part the result of policy programs developed and implemented by the New England states
- The ISO makes no judgment regarding state policies, but rather utilizes the state goals as a means of informing the forecast

Background and Forecast Review Process

- The ISO discussed the draft 2021 PV forecast with the DGFWG at the February 22, 2021 meeting
- Stakeholders provided comments on the draft forecast
  - See: https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/planning/distributed-generation/?eventId=144737
- The final PV forecast is published in the 2021 CELT (Section 3):
  - See: https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/system-plans-studies/celt/

2020 PV GROWTH: FORECAST VS. REPORTED

2020 PV Growth

Total Nameplate Capacity

- Comparison of the state-by-state 2020 forecast PV growth and the growth for 2020 reported by utilities is tabulated below
  - Values include FCM, EOR, and BTM PV projects < 5 MW_{ac} in nameplate capacity
- Regionally, 2020 growth reported by utilities totaled 563.4 MW, which is more than 30 MW higher than the forecast growth
  - Results vary by state

State	2020 Reported Growth	2020 Forecast Growth	Difference
CT	115.7	99.8	15.9
MA	321.8	319.6	2.2
ME	12.5	14.2	-1.7
NH	20.1	20.3	-0.2
RI	64.0	49.1	14.9
VT	29.2	29.5	-0.3
Region*	563.4	532.5	30.9

* Sum of state values may not sum to regional value due to rounding

Larger-Scale PV

Projects >5 MW_{ac}

- Tabulated below is a summary of in-service, larger-scale (i.e., non-DG) PV projects included as part of Distribution Owner survey data responses
- These projects are not included in the PV forecast, and are excluded from installed PV totals reported herein

State	# Projects Listed	Total Nameplate (MW_{ac})
CT	3	66.4
MA	-	-
ME	0	0
NH	-	-
RI	9	64.1
VT	-	-
Total	**12**	**130.5**

DISTRIBUTION OWNER SURVEY RESULTS

Installed PV – December 2020

Determining Cumulative PV Totals

December 2020 Distribution Owner Survey Data

- ISO requested distribution owners to provide the total nameplate of all individual PV projects (in MW_{AC}) that is already installed and operational within their respective service territories as of December 31, 2020
  - PV projects include FCM, EOR, and BTM PV projects that are < 5 MW_{AC} in nameplate capacity
- The following Distribution Owners responded:

CT	CL&P, CMEEC, UI
ME	CMP, Emera Maine
MA	Braintree, Chicopee, Reading, National Grid, NSTAR,
	Shrewsbury, Unitil, WMECO
NH	Liberty, NHEC, PSNH, Unitil
RI	National Grid
VT	Burlington, GMP, Stowe, VEC, VPPSA, WEC

- Thank you to all respondents for providing timely information
- Based on respondent submittals, installed and operational PV resource totals by state and distribution owner are listed on the next slides

December 2020 Cumulative PV Totals

State-by-State

The table below reflects statewide aggregated PV data provided to ISO by regional Distribution Owners. The values represent installed nameplate as of 12/31/20.

State	Installed Capacity (MW_{AC})	No. of Installations
Massachusetts*	2,502.28	114,487
Connecticut	682.26	53,758
Vermont*	393.48	15,344
New Hampshire	125.32	10,757
Rhode Island	223.75	9,688
Maine	68.83	5,597
New England	**3,995.93**	**209,631**

* Includes values based on MA SREC data or VT SPEED data

December 2020- Cumulative PV Totals (1 of 2)

Summary of Distribution Owner PV Data

State	Utility	Installed Capacity (MW_{AC})	No. of Installations
CT	Connecticut Light & Power	519.94	38,918
	Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Co-op	13.43	7
	United Illuminating	148.89	14,833
	Total	**682,26**	**53,758**
MA	Braintree Electric Light Department	5.46	34
	Chicopee Electric Light	13.14	35
	Unitil (FG&E)	32.68	1,897
	National Grid	1,316.36	60,108
	NSTAR	689.40	38,217
	Reading Municipal Lighting Plant	7.92	169
	Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Operations	6.32	97
	SREC I	54.21	589
	SREC II	96.60	1,672
	Western Massachusetts Electric Company	280.19	11,669
	Total	**2,502.28**	**114,487**
ME	Central Maine Power	59.67	4,649
	Versant	9.16	948
	Total	**68.83**	**5,597**

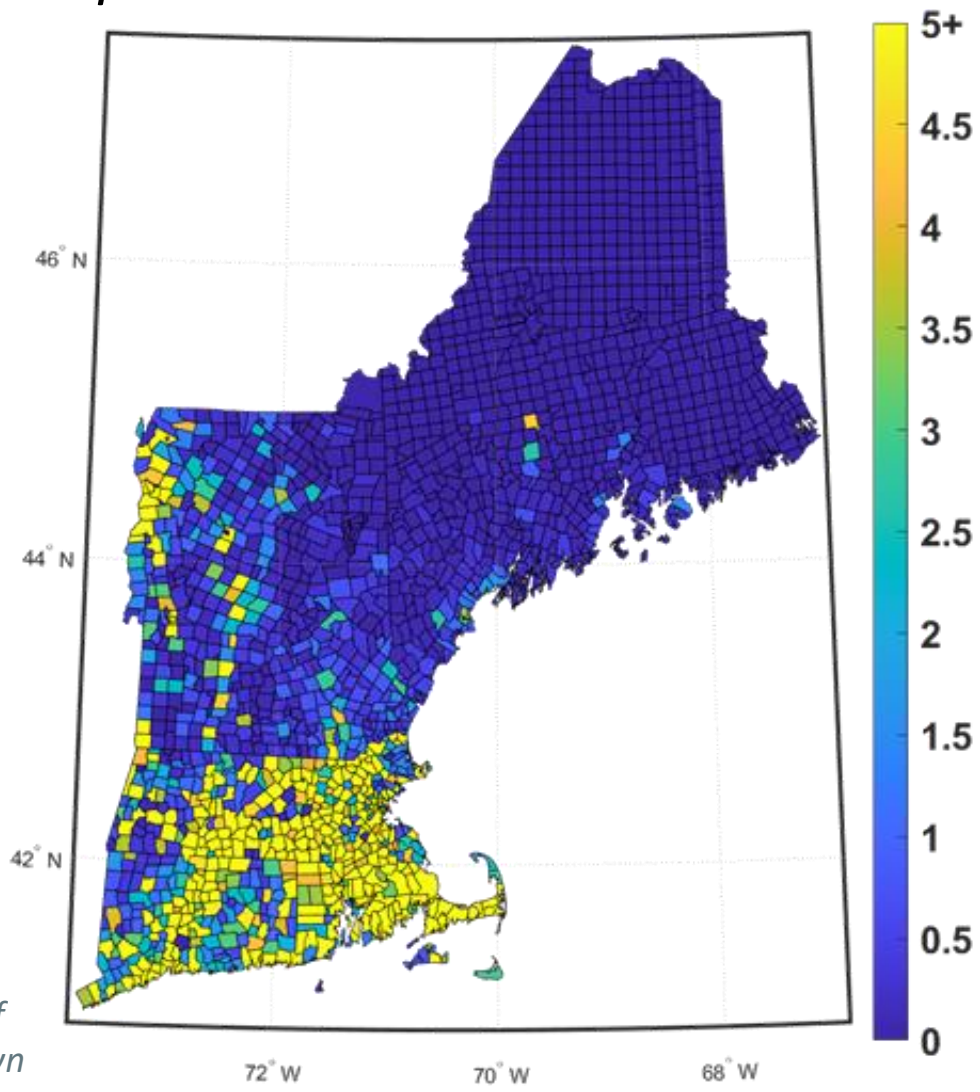
December 2020 Cumulative PV Totals (2 of 2)

Summary of Distribution Owner PV Data

State	Utility	Installed Capacity (MW_{AC})	No. of Installations
NH	Liberty Utilities	10.43	740
	New Hampshire Electric Co-op	13.04	1,238
	Public Service of New Hampshire	90.19	7,743
	Unitil (UES)	11.66	1,036
	Total	**125.32**	**10,757**
RI	National Grid	223.75	9,688
	Total	**223.75**	**9,688**
VT	Burlington Electric Department	8.46	315
	Green Mountain Power	330.09	11,969
	Stowe Electric Department	2.65	105
	Vermont Electric Co-op	33.75	1,750
	Vermont Public Power Supply Authority	11.40	600
	Washington Electric Co-op	7.13	605
	Total	**393.48**	**15,344**
New England		**3,995.93**	**209,631**

Installed PV Capacity as of December 2020

Regional Heat Map

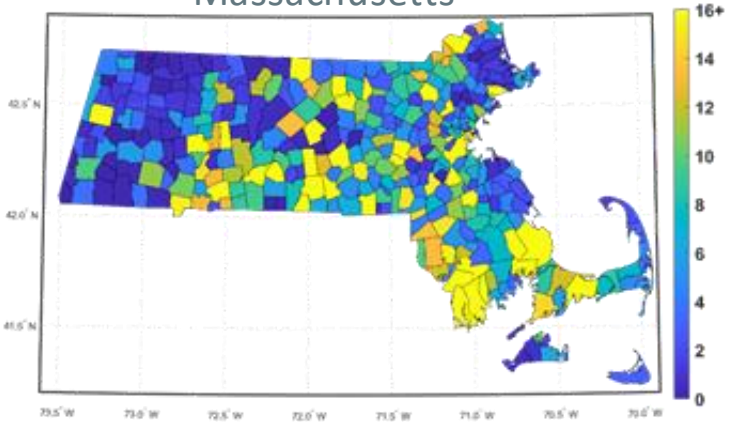


Note: Legend to the right of heat map shows color scale of nameplate megawatts per town

Installed PV Capacity as of December 2020

State Heat Maps

Massachusetts



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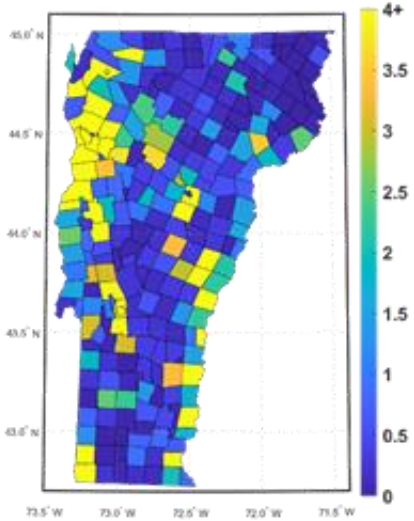

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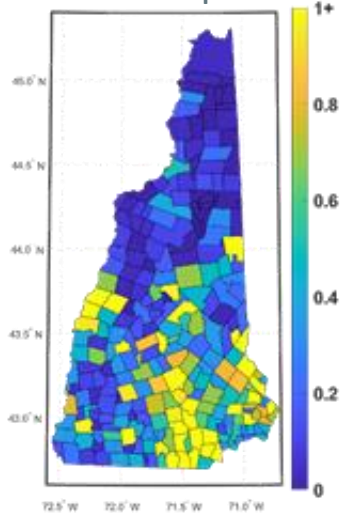

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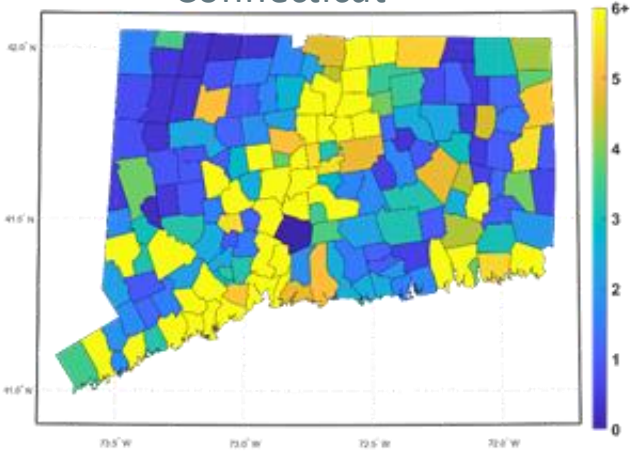

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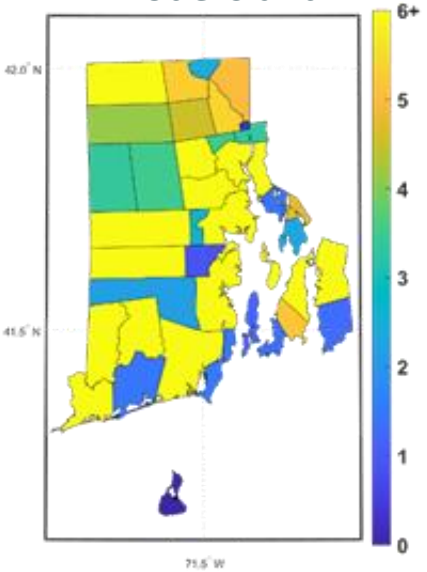

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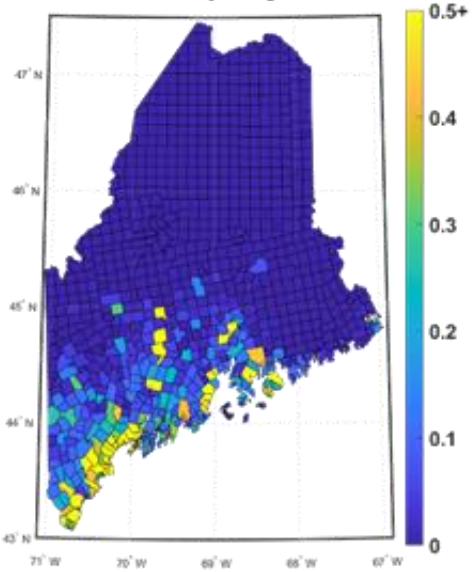


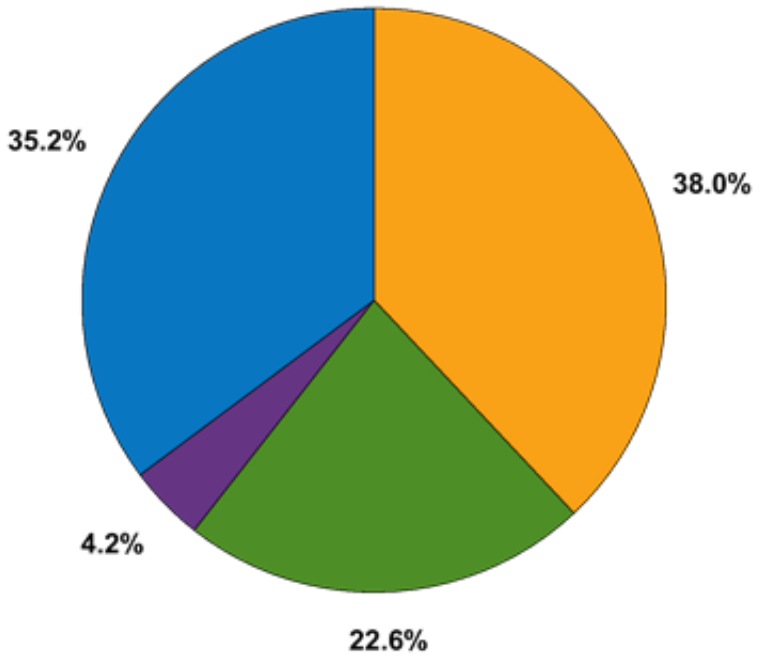
<u>Note</u>: Legend to the right of each state plot shows color scale of nameplate megawatts per town

Installed PV Capacity as of December 2020

ISO-NE by Size Class

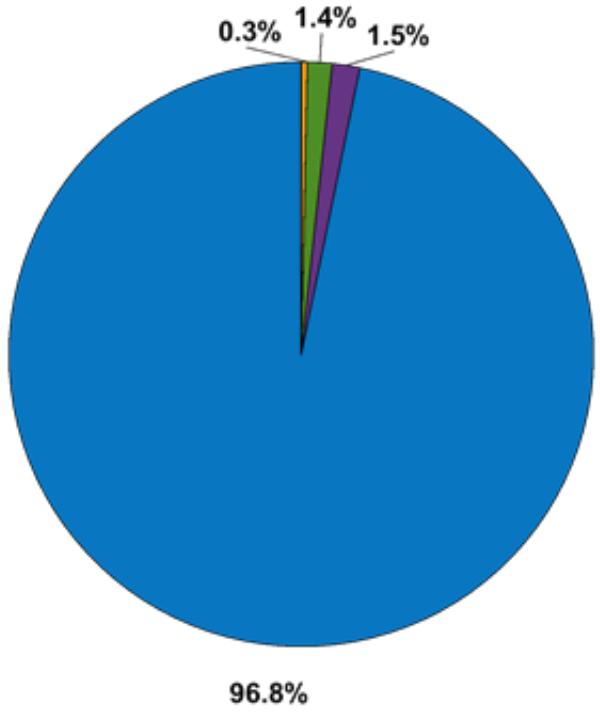
Installed Capacity (MW_{AC})

Total = 3,996 MW_{AC}



Number of Sites

Total = 209,631



TOTAL NAMEPLATE CAPACITY FORECAST ASSUMPTIONS AND INPUTS

Federal Investment Tax Credit

- The federal residential and business Investment Tax Credit (ITC) is a key driver of PV development in New England
  - Congress extended the ITC for two years in December 2020
- Department of Energy guidance is available for both the Residential ITC and Business ITC

Residential ITC

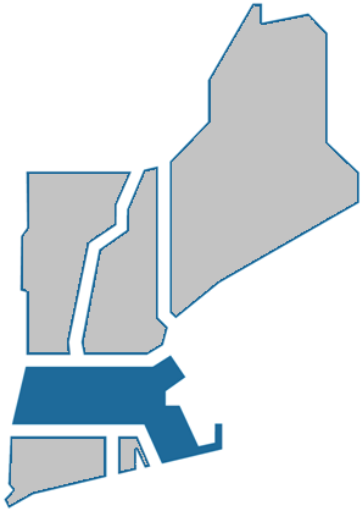
Maximum Allowable Residential ITC	
Year	**Credit**
2020	30%
2021-2022	26%
2023	22%
Future Years	0%

Business ITC

ITC by Date of Construction Start	
Year construction starts	**Credit**
2020-2022	26%
2023	22%
Future Years	10%

Sources: http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/658 and http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/1235

Massachusetts Forecast Assumptions

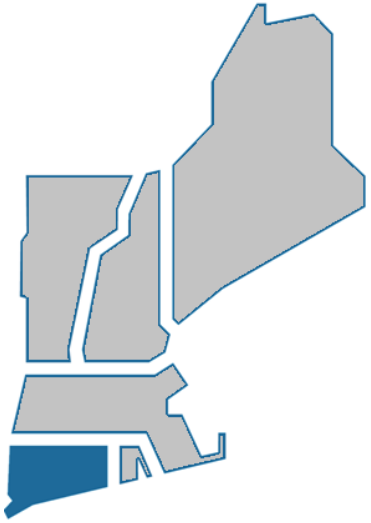


- MA DPU's 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as primary source for MA policy information
- MA Distribution Owners survey results:
  - 2,502.3 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
- Solar Carve-Out Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) program
  - All SREC projects were in service by the end of 2020
- Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program
  - Expanded program goal of 3,200 MW_{AC} goal achieved over the period 2020-2026 (7 years)
  - 386.7 MW_{AC} installed by end of 2020; 2,813.3 MW_{AC} remaining
    - Assume program capacity is divided over years as tabulated below

Year	Thru 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
% Remaining		17	17	17	17	17	15	100
MW	386.7	478.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	422.0	3,200

- Post-policy development assumed to occur such that 422 MW is carried forward from 2027 onward at constant rate throughout the remaining years of the forecast period, and post-policy discount factors are applied

Connecticut Forecast Assumptions



- CT DEEP's 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as primary source for CT policy information
- CT Distribution Owner survey results
  - 682.3 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
- LREC/ZREC program assumptions
  - Assume a total of 196.6 MW divided over 3 years, 2021-2023, as tabulated below
  - LREC/ZREC successor programs will result in 31.2 MW/year over the period 2023-2028

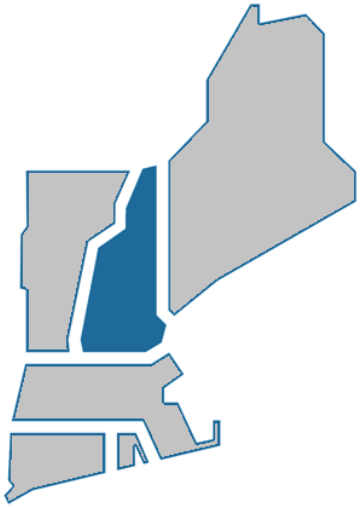
Year	2021	2022	2023
MW	62.7	66.4	66.4

- Combination of Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP) and net-metering extension (Public Act 19-35), and related successor programs, will promote 51 MW/year through year 2028
- Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF)
  - Pilot Program: Two projects totaling 3.8 MW reach commercial operation in 2022
  - Successor SCEF program: Promotes 25 MW/year over the period 2021-2027
- All MWs from successor programs are carried forward until 2030 at a constant rate, and post-policy discount factors are applied

Vermont Forecast Assumptions

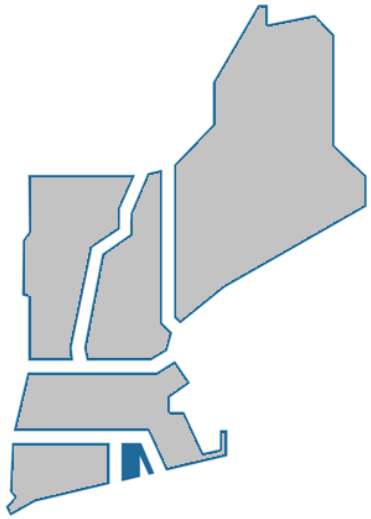
- VT DPS' 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as the primary source for VT policy information
- VT Distribution Owner survey results
  - 393.5 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
- DG carve-out of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES)
  - Assume ~85% of eligible resources will be PV and a total of 26 MW/year will develop
- Standard Offer Program
  - Will promote a total of 110 MW of PV (of the 127.5 MW total goal)
  - All forward-looking renewable energy certificates (RECs) from Standard Offer projects will be sold to utilities and count towards RES DG carve-out]
- Net metering
  - All renewable energy certificates (RECs) from net metered projects will be sold to utilities and count towards RES DG carve-out, resulting in 26 MW/year as stated above
- A total of 26 MW/year is forecast in VT due to the RES DG carve-out and other supporting policies

New Hampshire Forecast Assumptions



- NH PUC's 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as the primary source for NH policy information
- NH Distribution Owners survey results
  - 125.3 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
  - 20.1 MW_{AC} installed in 2020
- Assume the Net Energy Metering Tariff continues to support the 2020 rate of growth throughout the forecast horizon
  - No limit on state-wide aggregate net metered capacity

Rhode Island Forecast Assumptions



- RI OER's 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as the primary source for RI policy information
- RI Distribution Owner survey results
  - 223.8 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
  - 64.1 MW installed in 2020 (not including projects > 5 MW nameplate capacity)
- Renewable Energy Growth Program (REGP)
  - Assume REGP supports 36 MW_{DC}/year of PV throughout forecast horizon
    - Convert: 36 MW_{DC} = 29.88 MW_{AC} (83% AC-to-DC ratio assumed)
  - Approximately 3.6 MW_{AC} of cancelled/terminated from previous program procurements; assumed 50% of capacity goes into service in each of next 2 years
- Renewable Energy Development Fund, Net Metering, and Virtual Net Metering (VNM)
  - No limit on state-wide aggregate net metered capacity
  - Significant VNM project interest activity over recent two years
  - Assumed to yield 20 MW/year of projects < 5 MW in size over the forecast horizon

Maine Forecast Assumptions

- ME PUC's 12/7/20 DGFWG presentation serves as the primary source for ME policy information
- ME Distribution Owner survey results
  - 68.8 MW_{AC} installed by 12/31/20
  - 12.5 MW installed in 2020
- Net Energy Billing (NEB) Rule (per L.D. 1711) assumptions:
  - Of the 1169 MW in the NEB queue (see slide 7 of ME PUC presentation), assume a 50% attrition rate
  - The remaining 584.5 MW will be developed according to the timeline tabulated below
  - NEB will continue to support 15 MW/year of growth starting in 2025

Year	Thru 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
%	1.5	25	25	25	23.5
MW	9	146	146	146	137

- Assume the new incentives established as part of Maine's "Act to Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine" (L.D. 1711) will support a total of 375 MW according to the following tabulated timeline:

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
%	20	26.66	26.66	26.66
MW	75	100	100	100

Discount Factors

- Discount factors are:
  - Developed and incorporated into the forecast to ensure a degree of uncertainty in future PV commercialization is considered
  - Developed for two types of future PV inputs to the forecast, and all discount factors are applied equally in all states
  - Applied to the forecast inputs (see slide 31) to determine total nameplate capacity for each state and forecast year

Policy-Based *PV that results from state policy*	**Post-Policy** *PV that may be installed after existing state policies end*
Discounted by values that increase over the forecast horizon up to a maximum value of 15%	**Discounted by 35-50% due to the high degree of uncertainty associated with possible future expansion of state policies and/or future market conditions required to support PV commercialization in the absence of policy expansion**

Discount Factors Used in 2021 Forecast

Policy-Based

Forecast Year	Discount Factor
2021	5%
2022	10%
2023	15%
2024	15%
2025	15%
2026	15%
2027	15%
2028	15%
2029	15%
2030	15%

Post-Policy

Forecast Year	Discount Factor
2021	35.0%
2022	36.7%
2023	38.3%
2024	40.0%
2025	41.7%
2026	43.3%
2027	45.0%
2028	46.7%
2029	48.3%
2030	50.0%

Final 2021 Forecast Inputs

Pre-Discounted Nameplate Values

States	Pre-Discount Annual Total MW (AC nameplate rating)											Totals
	Thru 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
CT	682.3	113.7	146.2	173.6	107.2	107.2	107.2	107.2	107.2	107.2	107.2	**1,866.1**
MA	2502.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	**7,003.6**
ME	68.8	146.1	221.1	246.1	237.3	115.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	**1,109.5**
NH	125.3	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	20.1	**326.5**
RI	223.8	51.7	51.7	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	**726.1**
VT	393.5	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	**653.5**
Pre-Discount Annual Policy-Based MWs	**3995.9**	**835.9**	**943.4**	**994.0**	**918.8**	**796.4**	**640.2**	**218.2**	**193.2**	**111.0**	**111.0**	**9,758.0**
Pre-Discount Annual Post-Policy MWs	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**422.0**	**447.0**	**529.2**	**529.2**	**1,927.3**
Pre-Discount Annual Total (MW)	**3995.9**	**835.9**	**943.4**	**994.0**	**918.8**	**796.4**	**640.2**	**640.2**	**640.2**	**640.2**	**640.2**	**11,685.3**
Pre-Discount Cumulative Total (MW)	**3995.9**	**4,831.8**	**5,775.2**	**6,769.2**	**7,688.0**	**8,484.4**	**9,124.6**	**9,764.8**	**10,405.0**	**11,045.1**	**11,685.3**	**11,685.3**

Notes:

(1) The above values **<u>are not the forecast</u>**, but rather pre-discounted inputs to the forecast (see slides 22-28 for details)

(2) Yellow highlighted cells indicate that values contain post-policy MWs

(3) All values include FCM Resources, non-FCM Settlement Only Generators and Generators (per OP-14), and load reducing PV resources

(4) All values represent end-of-year installed capacities

FINAL 2021 PV NAMEPLATE FORECAST

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Nameplate Capacity, MW_{ac}

States	Annual Total MW (AC nameplate rating)											Totals
	Thru 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
CT	682.3	108.1	131.6	147.6	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	83.2	55.4	53.6	**1,626.0**
MA	2502.3	454.3	430.4	406.5	406.5	406.5	358.7	232.1	225.1	218.0	211.0	**5,851.5**
ME	68.8	138.8	199.0	209.2	201.7	97.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	**979.1**
NH	125.3	19.1	18.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	**299.4**
RI	223.8	49.1	46.5	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	**658.5**
VT	393.5	24.7	23.4	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	**618.4**
Regional - Annual (MW)	**3995.9**	**794.1**	**849.1**	**844.9**	**781.0**	**677.0**	**544.1**	**417.5**	**402.6**	**367.8**	**358.9**	**10,032.9**
Regional - Cumulative (MW)	**3995.9**	**4790.0**	**5639.1**	**6484.0**	**7264.9**	**7941.9**	**8486.1**	**8903.6**	**9306.2**	**9674.0**	**10032.9**	**10,032.9**

Notes:

(1) Forecast values include FCM Resources, non-FCM Energy Only Generators, and behind-the-meter PV resources

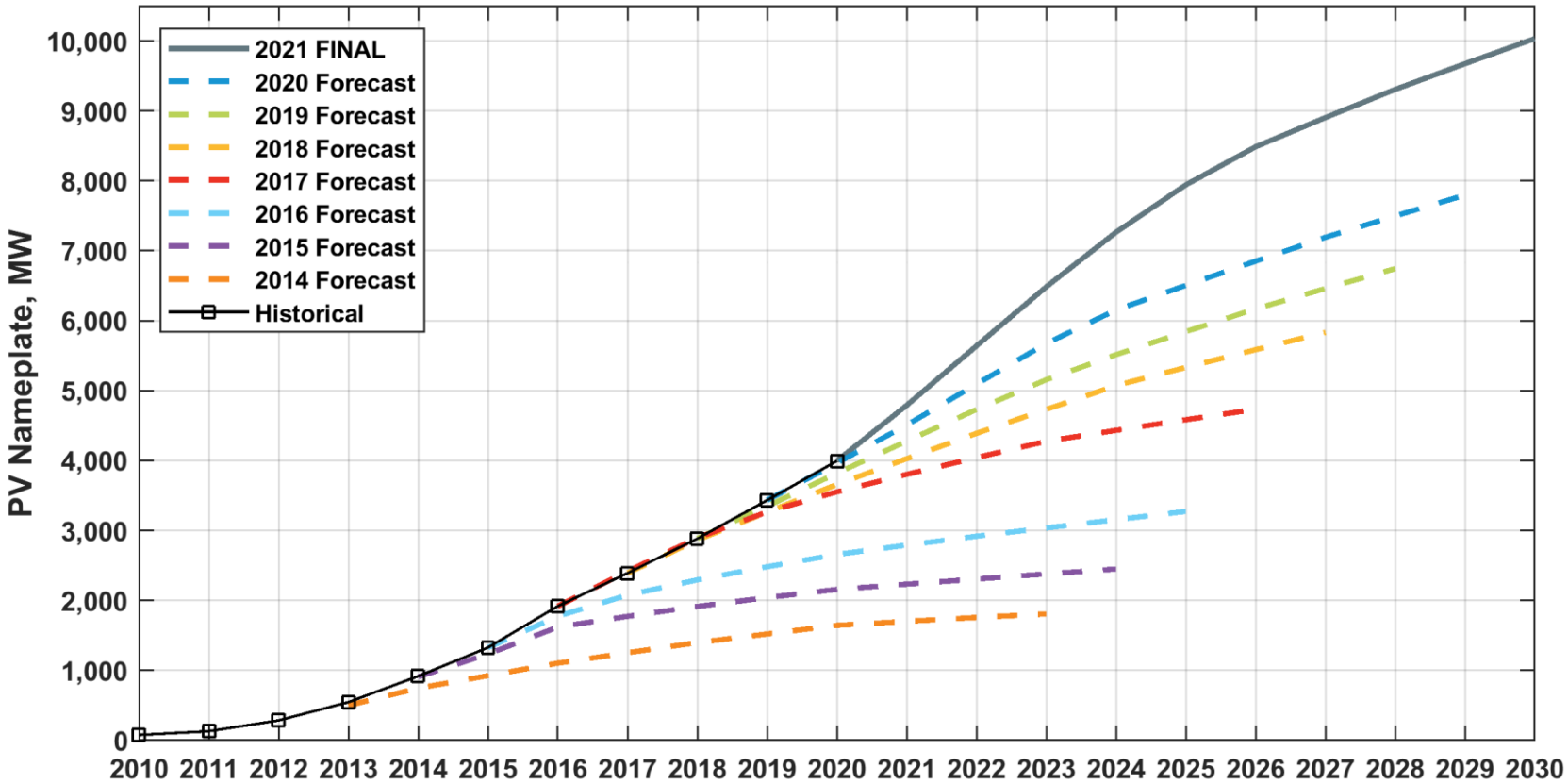
(2) The forecast values are net of the effects of discount factors applied to reflect a degree of uncertainty in the policy-based forecast

(3) All values represent end-of-year installed capacities

(4) Forecast does not include forward-looking PV projects > 5MW in nameplate capacity

Total PV Nameplate Capacity Growth

Reported Historical vs. Forecast (FCM+EOR+BTM), MW_{ac}



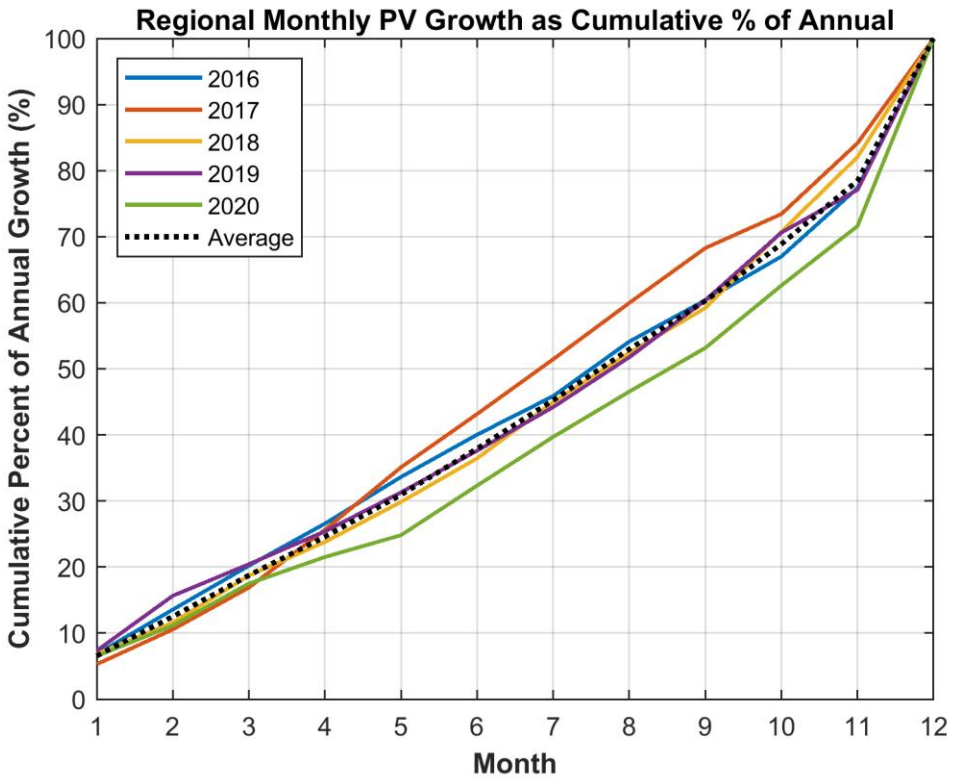
2021 PV ENERGY FORECAST

Development of PV Energy Forecast

- The PV nameplate forecast reflects end-of-year values
- Energy estimates in the PV forecast are inclusive of incremental growth during a given year
- ISO assumed that historical PV growth trends across the region are indicative of future intra-annual growth rates
  - Growth trends between 2016 and 2020 were used to estimate intra-annual incremental growth over the forecast horizon (*see next slide*)
- The PV energy forecast was developed at the state level, using state monthly nameplate forecasts and state average monthly capacity factors (CF) developed from 7 years of PV performance data (2014-2020)
  - Resulting state and regional CFs are tabulated to the right, and plots of individual monthly capacity factors in each state are shown on slide 10

State	Average CF, %
CT	14.7
ME	14.6
NH	14.2
RI	14.8
VT	13.7
MA	14.5
ISO-NE	**14.5**

Historical Monthly PV Growth Trends, 2016-2020



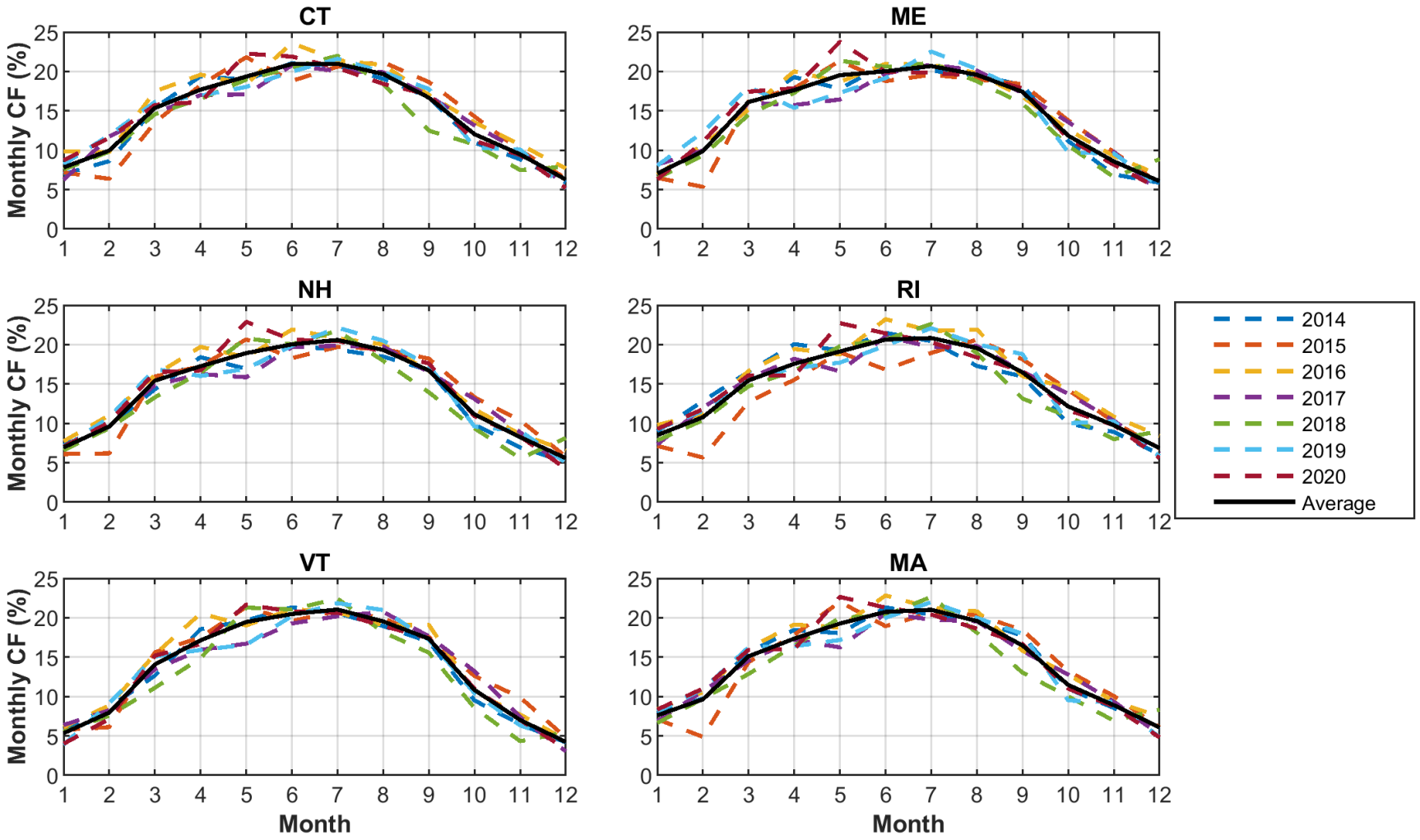
Average Monthly Growth Rates, % of Annual

Month	Monthly PV Growth (% of Annual)	Monthly PV Growth (Cumulative % of Annual)
1	7	6
2	6	12
3	6	19
4	6	25
5	6	31
6	7	38
7	7	45
8	8	53
9	7	60
10	9	69
11	10	78
12	22	100

Note:
Monthly percentages represent end-of-month values, and may not sum to total due to rounding

Monthly PV Capacity Factors by State

PV Production Data, 2014-2020



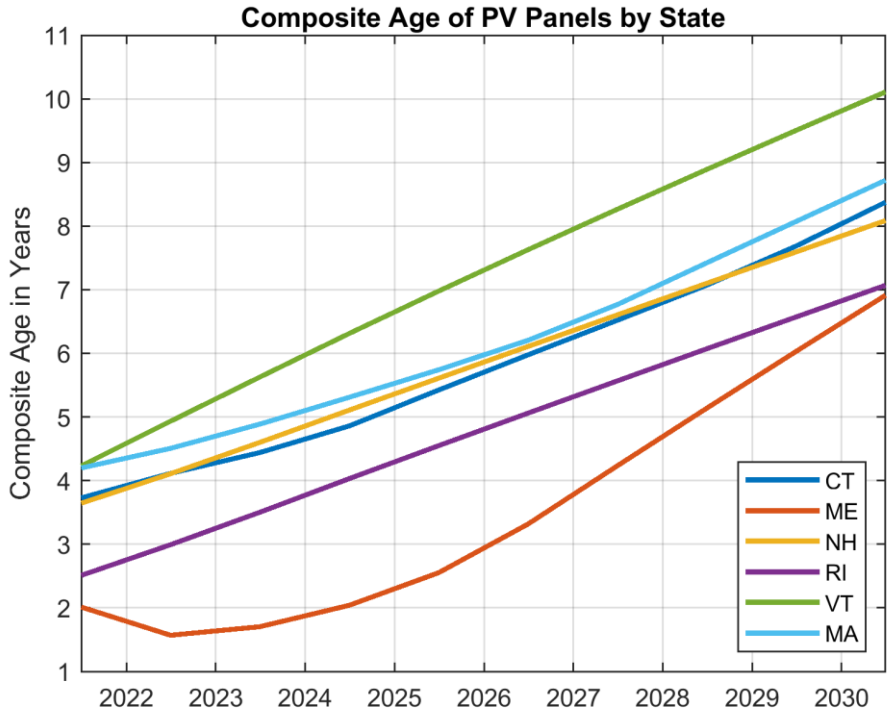
PV Panel Degradation Factors

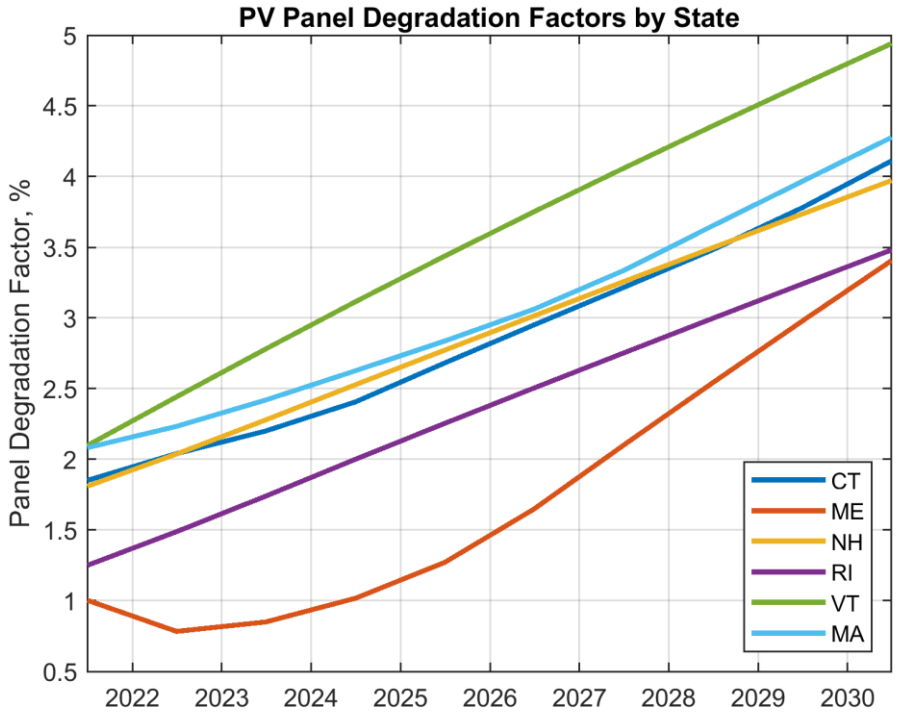
- No changes to the methodology to account for panel degradation were made since last year's forecast
- Forecasts of BTM PV energy and estimated summer peak load reductions include the effects of a 0.5%/year panel degradation rate to account for the expected declining conversion efficiency of solar panels over time
  - Accounting for this degradation becomes more important as the region's PV panels age
- Long-term panel degradation is often caused by:
  - Degradation of silicon or solder joints
  - Problems with the encapsulant that cause delamination, increased opacity, or water ingress
- Based on research by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the median rate of degradation is 0.5%/year, and is assumed to be linear over time
  - More information available here: https://www.nrel.gov/pv/lifetime.html
- The ISO estimated the capacity-weighted composite age of the forecasted PV fleet to develop appropriate degradation factors to use for the forecast

PV Panel Degradation Factors

Composite Age (left) & Degradation Factors (right) by State

- The resulting capacity-weighted, composite age of all PV in each state (left plot) and corresponding degradation factors (right plot) over the forecast horizon are plotted below
- The degradation factors are the assumed percent reduction of PV performance over time that reflect the anticipated degradation of PV panels





Final 2021 PV Energy Forecast

All Forecast PV (FCM+EOR+BTM), GWh

States	Total Estimated Annual Energy (GWh)										
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
CT	838	976	1,132	1,315	1,480	1,594	1,710	1,826	1,940	2,025	2,089
MA	3,026	3,544	4,121	4,664	5,195	5,705	6,194	6,572	6,859	7,111	7,364
ME	82	171	392	664	940	1,146	1,224	1,235	1,249	1,258	1,269
NH	149	172	196	218	240	261	282	303	325	345	366
RI	235	333	397	456	513	568	624	679	735	788	843
VT	468	504	532	559	585	610	635	660	686	709	734
Regional - Annual Energy (GWh)	**4,798**	**5,700**	**6,771**	**7,877**	**8,953**	**9,884**	**10,669**	**11,275**	**11,794**	**12,236**	**12,664**

Notes:

(1) Forecast values include energy from FCM Resources, non-FCM Energy Only Generators, and behind-the-meter PV resources

(2) Monthly in service dates of PV assumed based on historical development

(3) Values include the effects of an assumed 0.5%/year PV panel degradation rate

(4) All values are grossed up by 6% to reflect avoided transmission and distribution losses

CLASSIFICATION OF PV FORECAST: BACKGROUND & METHODS

Classification Needed to Determine BTM PV

- Ultimately, the ISO needs to determine the amount of PV that is not expected to participate in wholesale markets, and instead reduces load
  - This is the amount of BTM PV that is reflected in the long-term load forecast
- In order to properly account for existing and future PV in planning studies and avoid double counting, ISO classifies PV into three distinct categories related to its assumed market participation/non-participation
- Accounting for these market distinctions is performed for both installed nameplate capacity (historical and forecast) and estimates of hourly energy production (historical), and is important for the ISO's use of the PV forecast for load forecasting and a wide range of planning studies

Three Mutually Exclusive Categories

1. **PV as a resource in the Forward Capacity Market (FCM)**
   - Qualified for the FCM and have acquired capacity supply obligations
   - Size and location identified and visible to the ISO
   - May be supply or demand-side resources
2. **Non-FCM Energy Only Resources (EOR) and Generators**
   - ISO collects energy output
   - Participate only in the energy market
3. **Behind-the-Meter (BTM) PV**
   - Not in ISO Market
   - Reduces system load
   - ISO has an incomplete set of information on generator characteristics
   - ISO does not collect energy meter data, but can estimate it using other available data

Nameplate Classification By State

- Classification varies by state
  - Market disposition of PV projects can be influenced state policies (*e.g.*, net metering requirements)
- The following steps were used to determine PV resource types for each state over the forecast horizon:
  1. **FCM**
     - Identify all Generation and Demand Response FCM PV resources for each Capacity Commitment Period (CCP) through FCA 15
  2. **Non-FCM EOR/Gen**
     - Determine the % share of non-FCM PV participating in energy market at the end of 2020
  3. **BTM**
     - Net the values from steps 1 and 2 from the annual state PV forecast according to assumptions detailed on the next slide; the remainder is the BTM PV

PV in ISO New England Markets

Data and Assumptions

- **FCM**
  - ISO identified all PV generators or demand resources (DR) that have Capacity Supply Obligations (CSO) in FCM up through FCA 15
    - Maintain separate accounting for FCM_{supply} and FCM_{DR}
  - Assume aggregate total PV in FCM as of FCA 15 remains constant from 2024-2030
- **Non-FCM Gen/EOR**
  - ISO identified total nameplate capacity of PV in each state registered in the energy market as of 12/31/20
  - Assume the (EOR+FCM_{supply}) share of total PV at the end of 2020 in each state ***except Maine*** remains constant throughout the forecast horizon
    - For Maine, assume (EOR+FCM_{supply}) share is 75% over the forecast horizon to reflect how new policies prompting the majority of future PV growth require participation in wholesale markets
- Other assumptions:
  - FCM_{supply} PV resources operate as EOR/Gen prior to their first FCM commitment period (this has been observed in MA and RI)
  - Planned PV projects known to be > 5 MW_{ac} nameplate are assumed to trigger OP-14 requirement to register in ISO energy market as a Generator

Estimation of Hourly BTM PV For Reconstitution

- Historical BTM PV production estimates are developed at the hourly level for reconstitution in the development of the long-term gross load forecast
  - Estimates cover the historical period starting January 1, 2012
- The ISO estimates historical hourly BTM PV using:
  1. Historical BTM PV performance data
  2. Installed capacity data submitted by utilities
  3. Historical energy production of market-facing PV
- BTM PV data and supporting documentation are available here on the ISO New England website

CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL 2021 PV FORECAST

Final 2021 PV Forecast

Cumulative Nameplate, MW_{ac}

States	Cumulative Total MW (AC nameplate rating)										
	Thru 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
CT	682.3	790.3	921.9	1,069.5	1,160.6	1,251.7	1,342.8	1,433.9	1,517.1	1,572.5	1,626.0
MA	2,502.3	2,956.6	3,387.1	3,793.6	4,200.1	4,606.6	4,965.3	5,197.4	5,422.5	5,640.5	5,851.5
ME	68.8	207.6	406.6	615.8	817.6	915.3	928.1	940.8	953.6	966.3	979.1
NH	125.3	144.4	162.5	179.6	196.7	213.8	231.0	248.1	265.2	282.3	299.4
RI	223.8	272.8	319.3	361.7	404.1	446.5	488.9	531.3	573.7	616.1	658.5
VT	393.5	418.2	441.6	463.7	485.8	507.9	530.0	552.1	574.2	596.3	618.4
Regional - Cumulative (MW)	**3,995.9**	**4,790.0**	**5,639.1**	**6,484.0**	**7,264.9**	**7,941.9**	**8,486.1**	**8,903.6**	**9,306.2**	**9,674.0**	**10,032.9**

Notes:

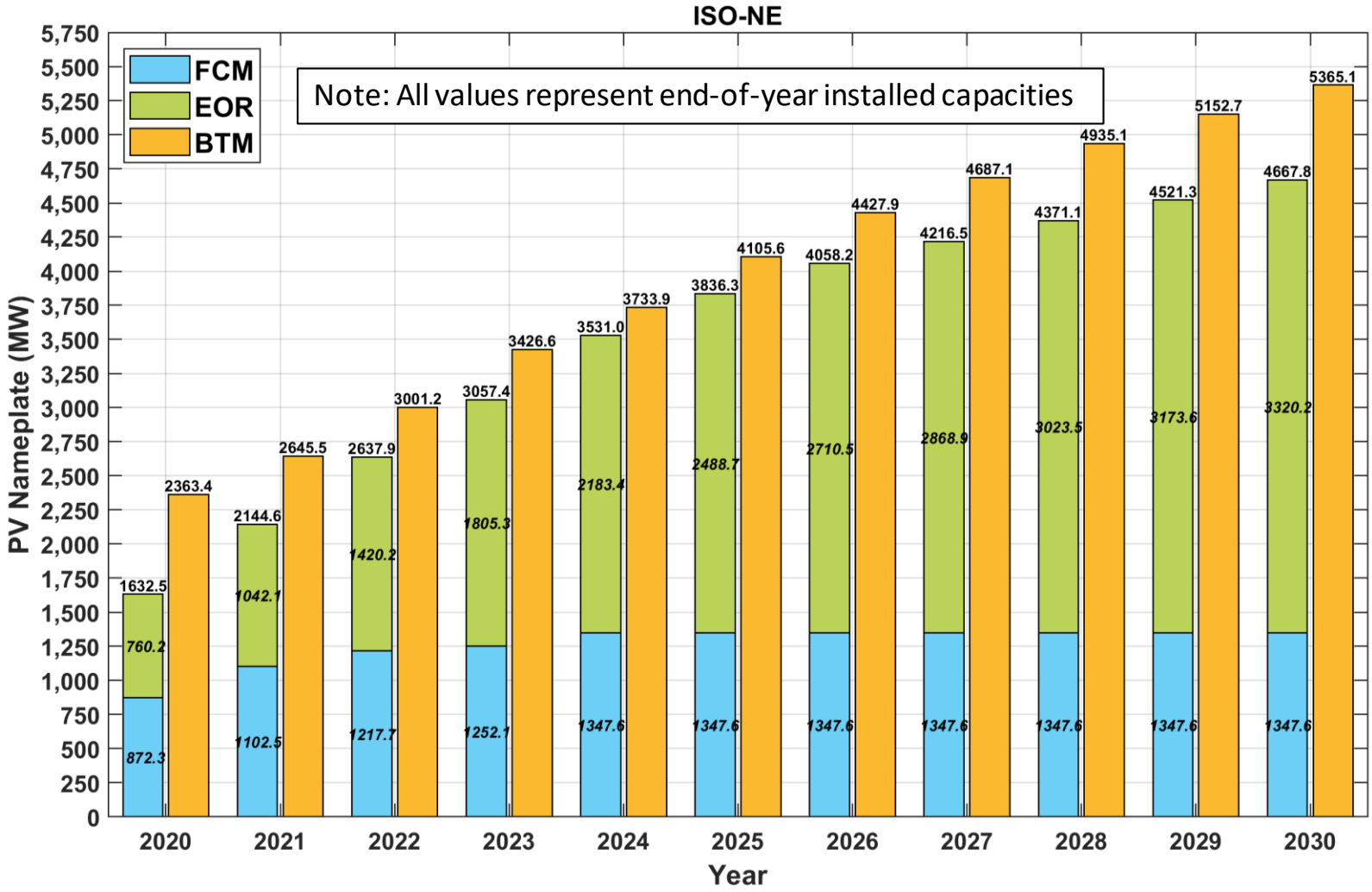
(1) Forecast values include FCM Resources, non-FCM Energy Only Generators, and behind-the-meter PV resources

(2) The forecast reflects discount factors to account for uncertainty in meeting state policy goals

(3) All values represent end-of-year installed capacities

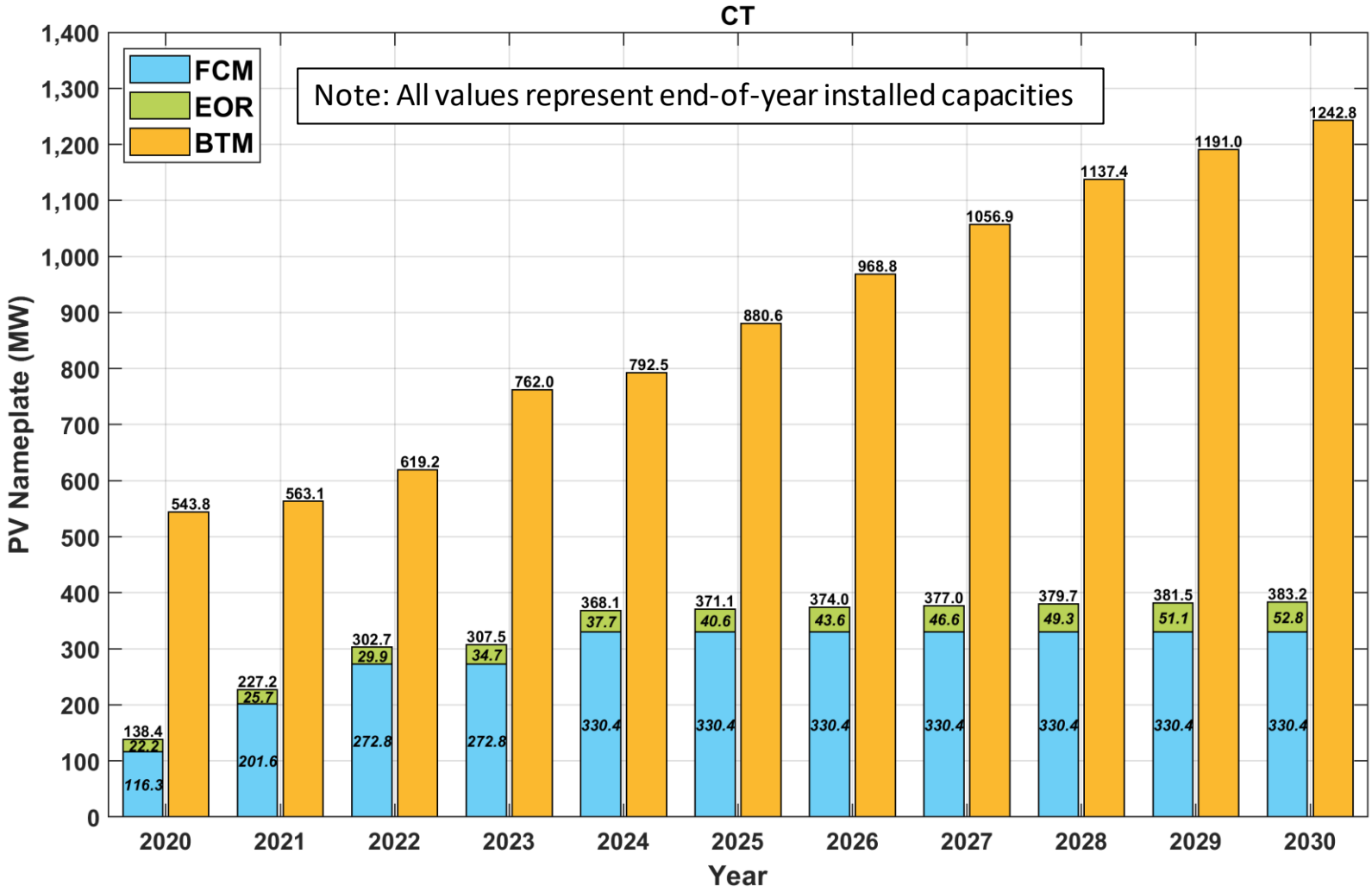
Final 2021 PV Forecast – New England

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



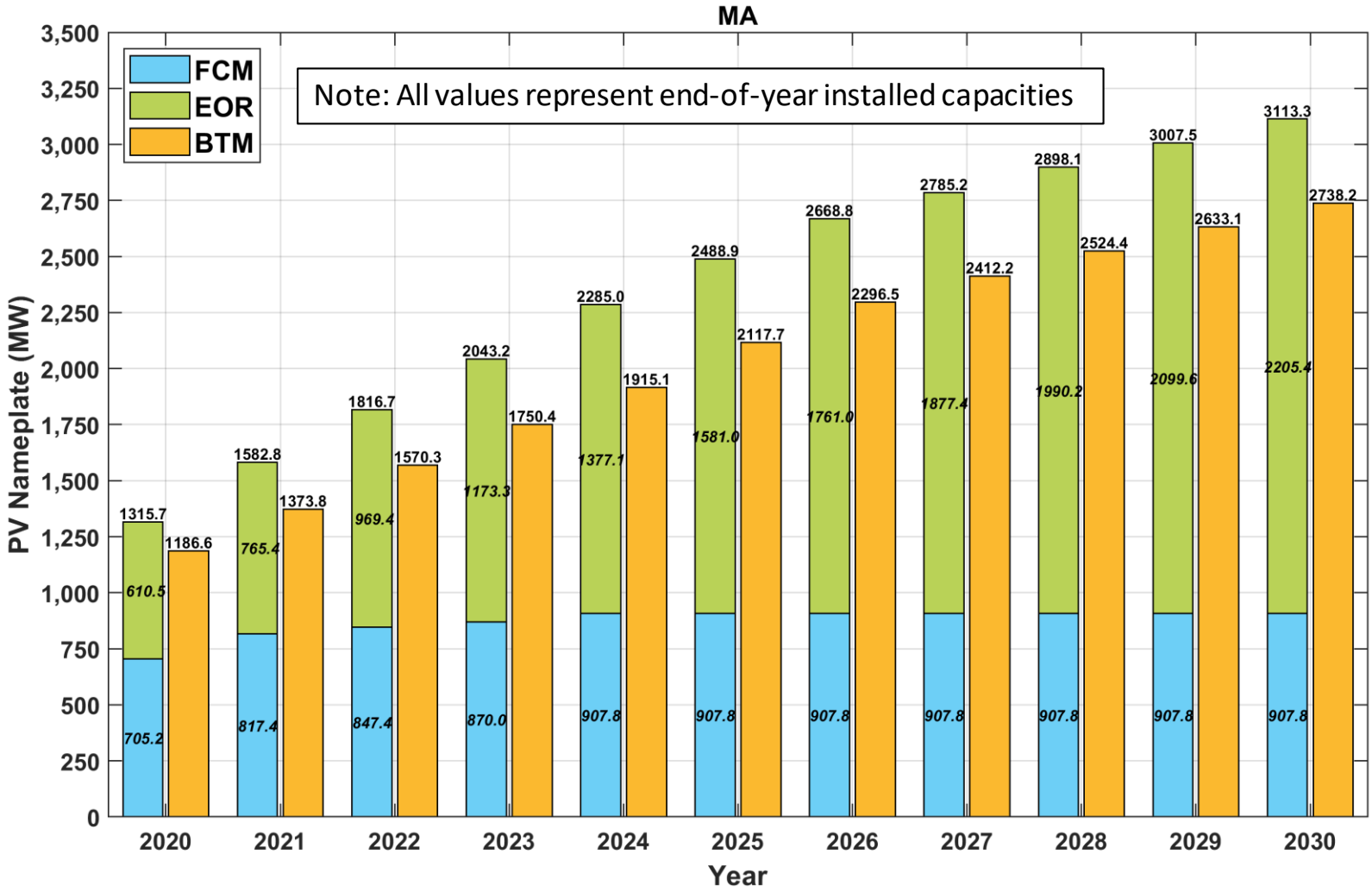
Final 2021 PV Forecast – Connecticut

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



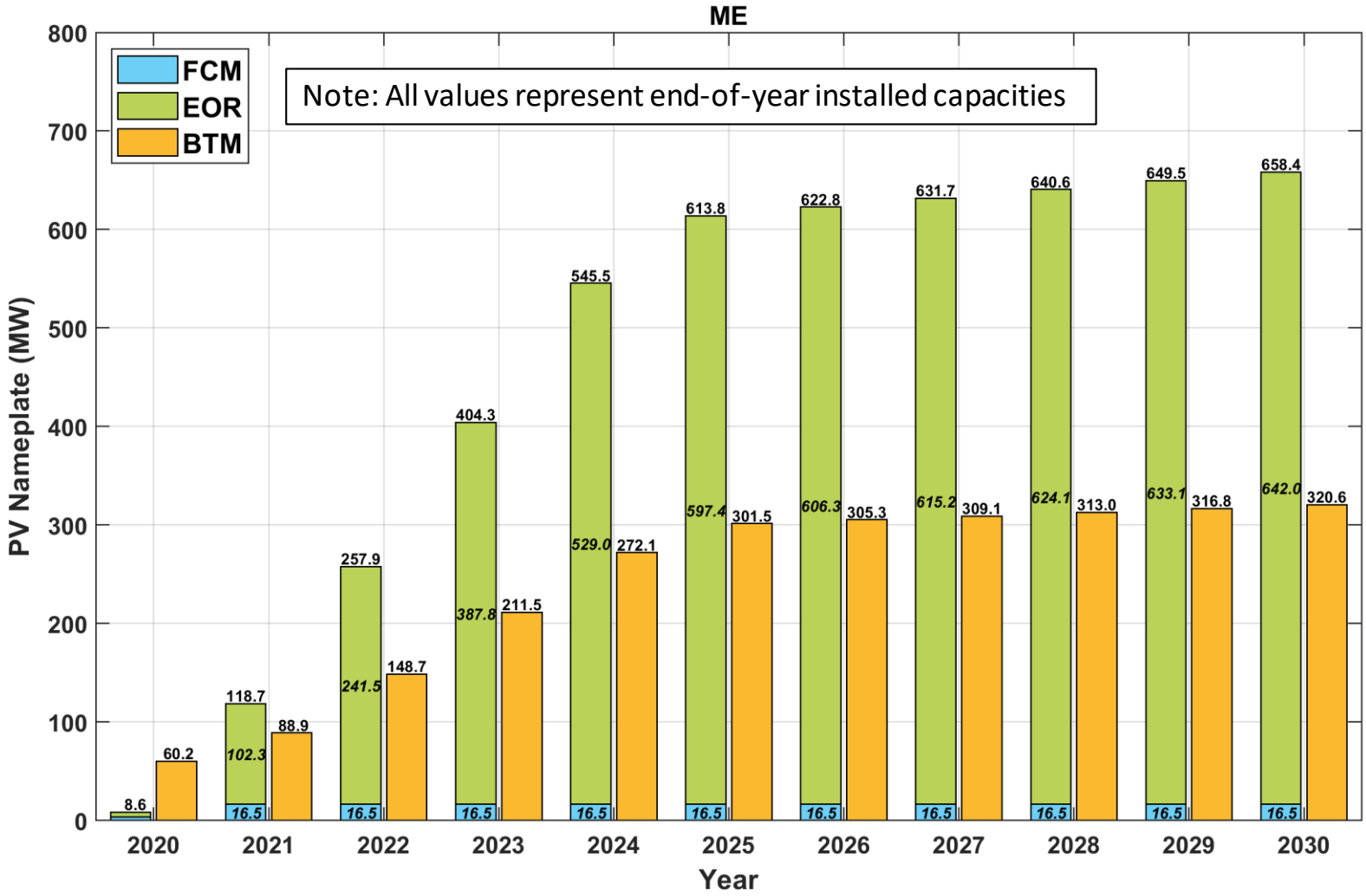
Final 2021 PV Forecast – Massachusetts

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



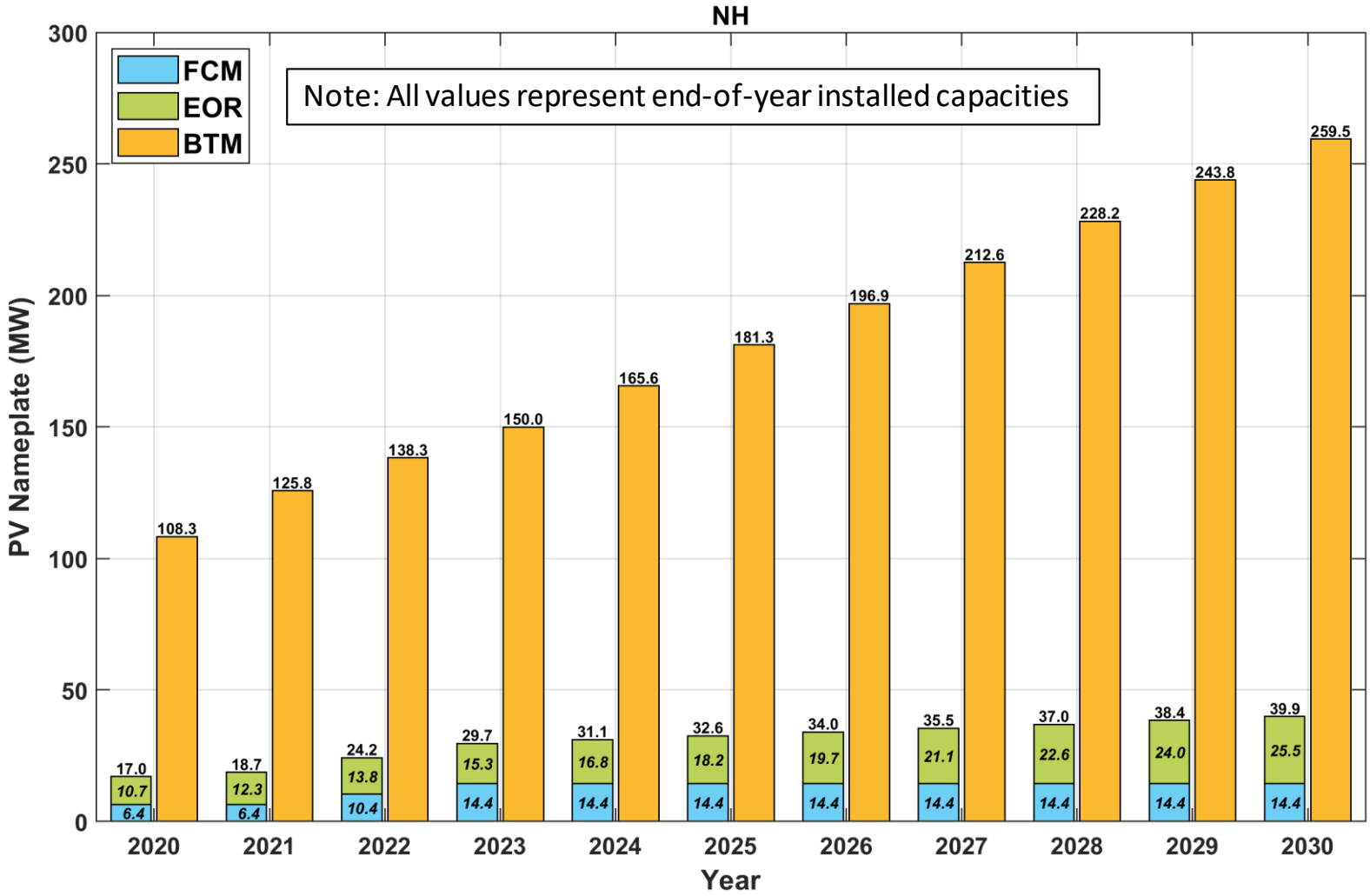
Final 2021 PV Forecast – Maine

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



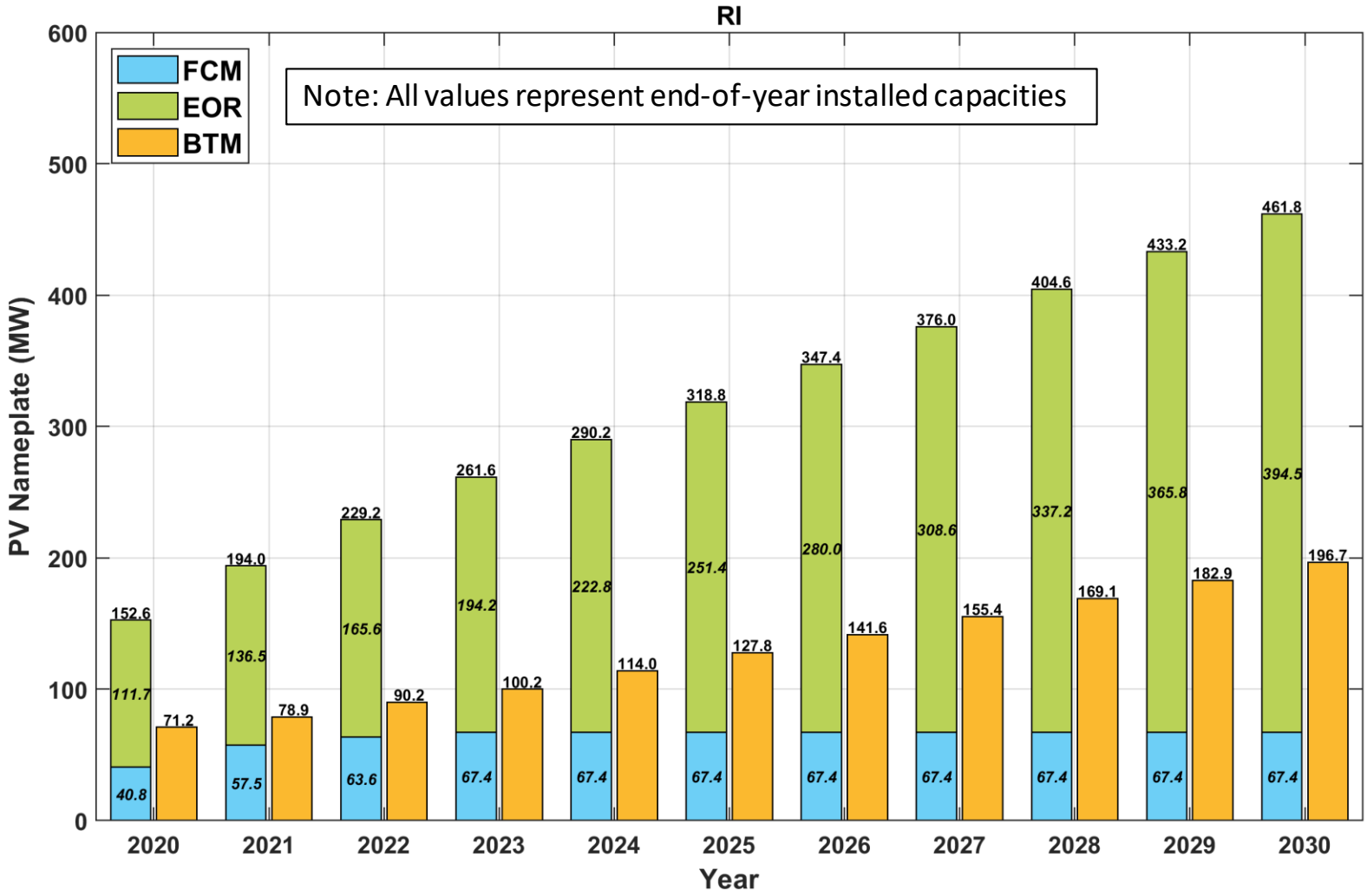
Final 2021 PV Forecast – New Hampshire

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



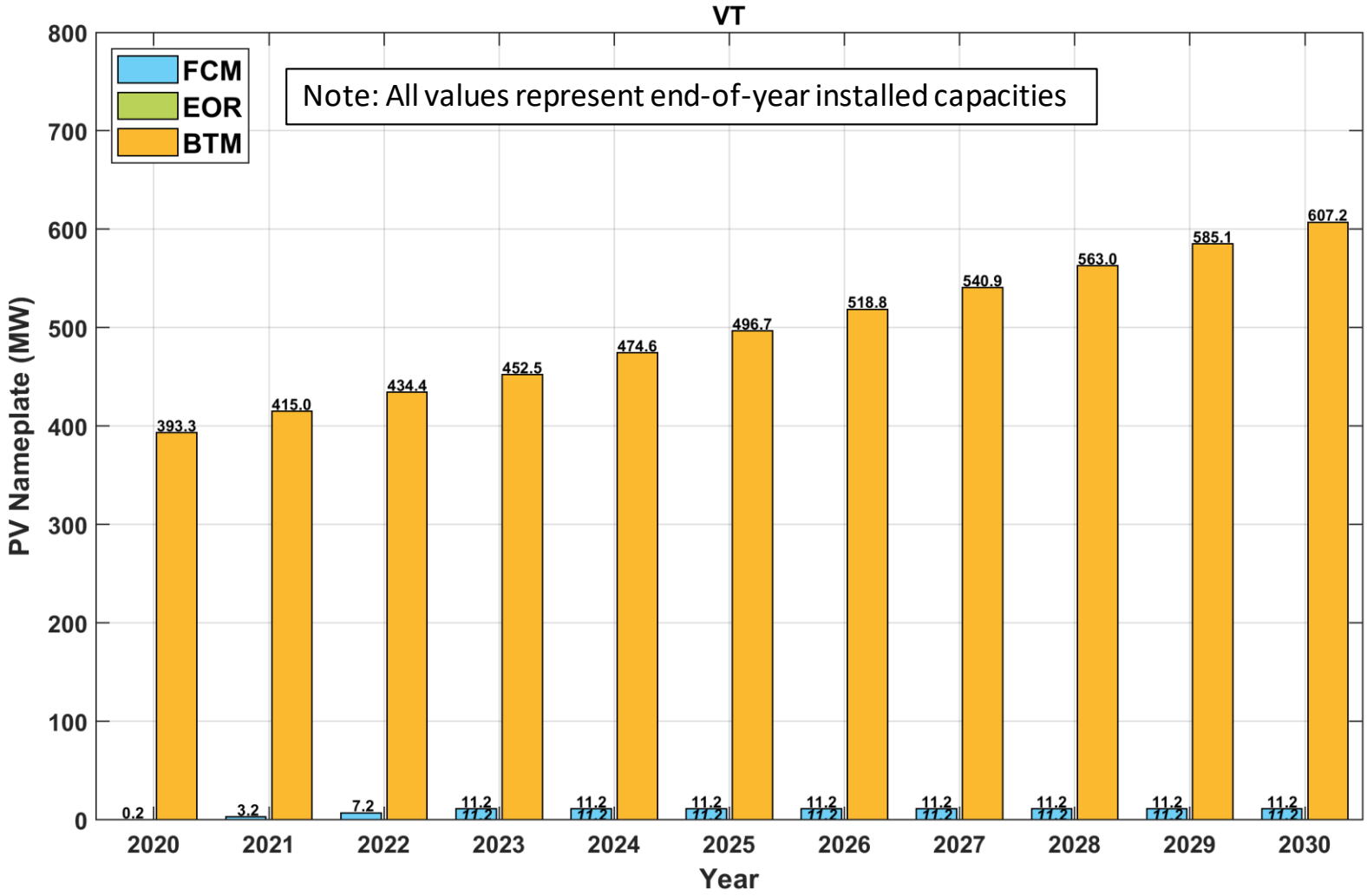
Final 2021 PV Forecast – Rhode Island

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



Final 2021 PV Forecast – Vermont

Cumulative Nameplate by Category, MW_{ac}



BTM PV Forecast Used in CELT Net Load Forecast

- The 2021 CELT net load forecast will reflect deductions associated with the BTM PV portion of the PV forecast
- The following slides show values for annual energy and summer peak load reductions anticipated from BTM PV that will be reflected in the 2021 CELT
  - PV does not reduce winter peak loads, which occur after sunset
- The ISO has maintained the methodology for estimating summer peak load reduction associated with BTM PV over the forecast horizon
    - Discussion of the relevant methodology is available here: https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2020/04/final_btm_pv_peak_reduction.pdf

Final 2021 BTM PV Energy Forecast

GWh

		Estimated Annual Energy (GWh)										
Category	**States**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**
Behind-the-Meter PV	CT	712	755	758	908	1,013	1,103	1,217	1,330	1,441	1,525	1,589
	MA	1,467	1,658	1,906	2,149	2,370	2,611	2,855	3,044	3,188	3,314	3,441
	ME	77	94	153	235	318	380	403	406	410	413	416
	NH	144	149	167	183	201	220	240	259	279	297	316
	RI	55	106	112	126	143	161	179	197	216	233	251
	VT	477	502	525	546	571	596	621	646	672	696	720
Behind-the Meter Total		**2,932**	**3,265**	**3,622**	**4,148**	**4,616**	**5,071**	**5,515**	**5,883**	**6,205**	**6,478**	**6,733**

Notes:

(1) Forecast values include energy from behind-the-meter PV resources only

(2) Monthly in service dates of PV assumed based on historical development

(3) Values include the effects of an assumed 0.5%/year PV panel degradation rate

(4) All values are grossed up by 6% to reflect avoided transmission and distribution losses

Final 2021 BTM PV Forecast

July 1st Estimated Summer Peak Load Reductions

		Cumulative Total MW - Estimated Summer Seasonal Peak Load Reduction										
Category	**States**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**
Behind-the-Meter PV	CT	182.1	188.7	168.3	193.9	197.4	207.8	218.5	230.3	241.4	248.8	251.9
	MA	406.0	423.0	448.6	467.5	478.6	500.9	522.1	537.0	543.7	549.7	554.6
	ME	21.1	22.4	35.2	50.3	63.7	72.3	73.3	71.2	69.5	67.9	66.5
	NH	35.8	39.3	40.1	40.5	41.8	43.2	44.8	46.6	48.5	50.3	52.1
	RI	19.3	26.5	25.4	26.5	28.4	30.2	32.0	33.9	35.8	37.7	39.4
	VT	134.9	136.5	131.1	126.0	122.9	120.9	119.9	120.2	120.9	121.6	122.4
Total	**Cumulative**	799.2	836.3	848.6	904.8	932.7	975.3	1,010.6	1,039.2	1,059.8	1,076.1	1,086.9
% of BTM AC nameplate		34.4%	32.2%	29.6%	27.4%	25.5%	24.0%	22.9%	22.0%	21.3%	20.7%	20.1%

Notes:

(1) Forecast values are for behind-the-meter PV resources only

(2) Values include the effect of diminishing PV production as increasing PV penetrations shift the timing of peaks later in the day; details of the methodology used to determine the estimated peak demand reductions are available at: http://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2020/04/final_btm_pv_peak_reduction.pdf

(3) Values include the effects of an assumed 0.5%/year PV panel degradation rate

(4) All values represent anticipated July 1st installed PV, and are grossed up by 8% to reflect avoided transmission and distribution losses

(5) Different planning studies may use values different that these estimated peak load reductions based on the intent of the study

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF PV FORECAST

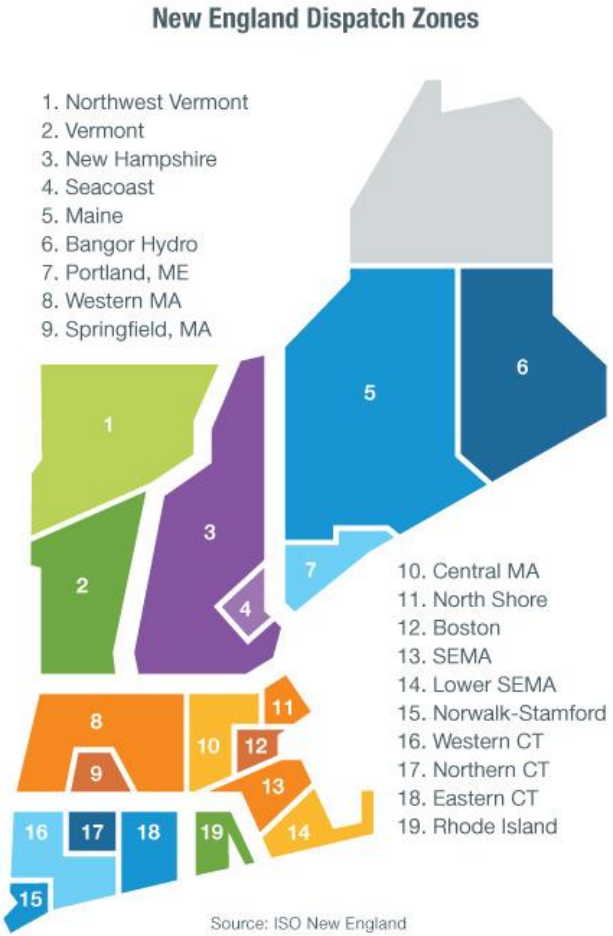
Overview

- A reasonable representation of the locations of existing and future PV resources is required for appropriate modeling
  - The locations of most future PV resources are ultimately unknown
  - Mitigation of some of this uncertainty is possible via analysis of available data
- ISO geographically distributes forecasted PV according to existing geographical distribution at the end of the last historical year of data provided by Distribution Owners for the following sub-regions:
  - Load Zones
  - Dispatch Zones
  - RSP Subareas
- The breakdown of total PV reflected in Distribution Owner data submittals as of 12/31/2020 by Dispatch Zone is included on the next slide
- Beginning with the 2020 forecast, all classification of PV (FCM, EOR, and BTM) is performed uniquely for each sub-region to ensure proper accounting for various system planning studies

Dispatch Zone Distribution of PV

Based on December 31, 2020 Distribution Owner Data Submittals

State	Load Zone	Dispatch Zone	% of State
CT	CT	EasternCT	18.8%
	CT	NorthernCT	18.4%
	CT	Norwalk_Stamford	7.4%
	CT	WesternCT	55.4%
ME	ME	BangorHydro	13.4%
	ME	Maine	49.8%
	ME	PortlandMaine	36.8%
MA	NEMA	Boston	11.3%
	NEMA	NorthShore	5.3%
	SEMA	LowerSEMA	14.0%
	SEMA	SEMA	20.2%
	WCMA	CentralMA	13.3%
	WCMA	SpringfieldMA	8.0%
	WCMA	WesternMA	27.8%
NH	NH	NewHampshire	88.0%
	NH	Seacoast	12.0%
RI	RI	RhodeIsland	100.0%
VT	VT	NorthwestVermont	62.5%
	VT	Vermont	37.5%



APPENDIX

Example Calculation of BTM PV Estimated Summer Peak Load Reduction

Introduction

- The following slides describe an example calculation of estimated summer peak load reductions published in CELT
- The example calculation shown is for Massachusetts in July 2021

Description of Example Calculation Steps & Inputs

Massachusetts BTM PV July 2021 Summer Peak Load Reduction

1. State monthly BTM PV nameplate forecast
   - Find BTM PV share of total end-of-year nameplate forecast based on state accounting for categories (FCM, non-FCM EOR, and BTM) – see slide 52
   - Input uses the conversion of cumulative end-of-year state nameplate forecast (slide 49) into monthly forecast using monthly capacity growth rates (slide 37)
2. % of nameplate contribution to summer peak
   - Value is determined by finding the intersection point of total PV nameplate with sloped line shown on next slide
3. Panel degradation multiplier
   - Assumed annual degradation rate (ADR) = 0.5% per year
   - Based on forecasted composite age (CA) in years using equation below
   - State composite ages are plotted on slide 40

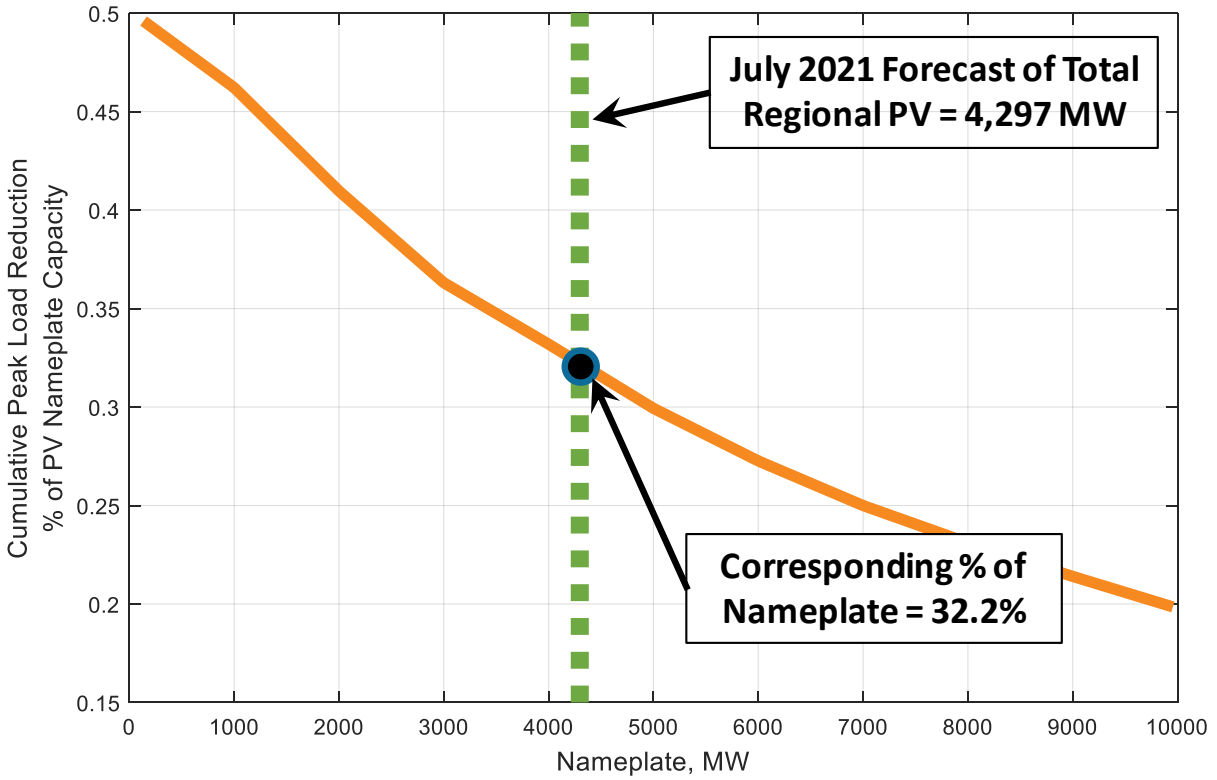
$$DegradeMultiplier = (1 - ADR)^{CA}$$

4. Gross-up for assumed transmission & distribution losses
   - Value of 8% is used

Estimated Summer Peak Load Reductions

July 2021 Example

- The orange line is the load-weighted peak load reduction as a percent of PV nameplate capacity
- These percent values are used to calculate BTM PV peak load reductions according to the equation below
- Details of underlying analysis used to develop the orange line is available at: http://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2020/04/final_btm_pv_peak_reduction.pdf



- Equation to estimate BTM PV summer peak load reductions (in MW) is as follows:

BTM PV Peak Load Reduction, MW = (BTM PV Installed Capacity) * (% PV Nameplate)

Final Calculation

Massachusetts BTM PV July 2021 Summer Peak Load Reduction

Calculation Line Item	Relevant Region	
July 2021 Total Nameplate PV Forecast (MW)	ISO-NE	4297.0
July 2021 BTM PV Nameplate Forecast (MW)	MA	1244.6
% of Nameplate (from previous slide)	ISO-NE	0.3222
Panel Degradation Multiplier	MA	0.9766
Peak Gross Up Factor	ISO-NE	1.08
Final BTM PV Summer Peak Load Reduction (MW)	MA	**423.0**

Final estimated peak load reduction calculated by multiplying all values highlighted in yellow