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AN OVERVIEW OF U.S. HYDROPOWER AND PUMPED STORAGE POTENTIAL

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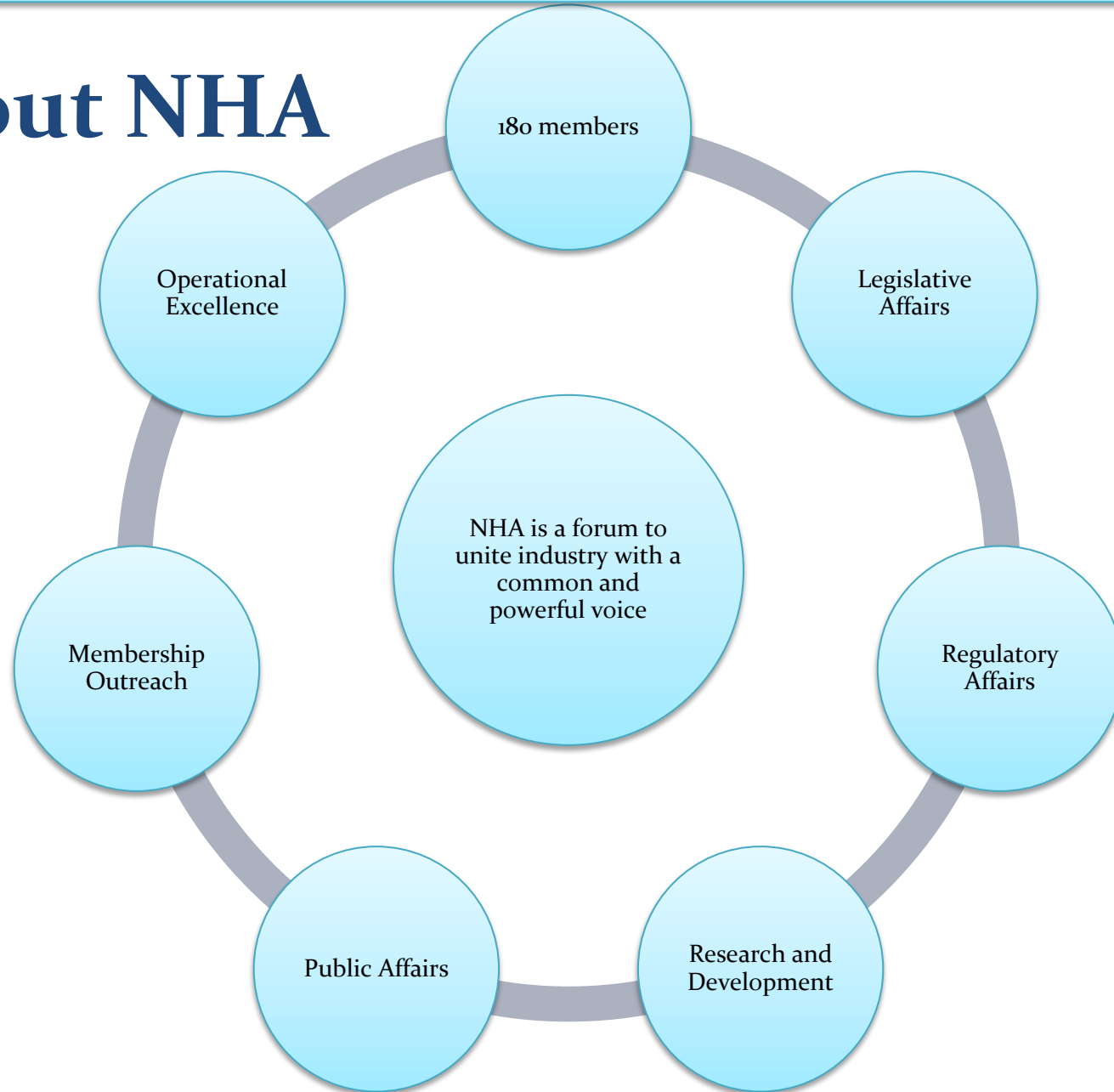
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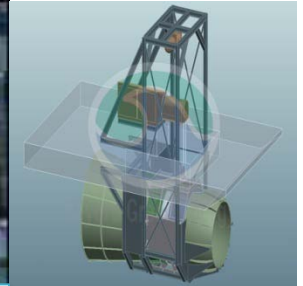


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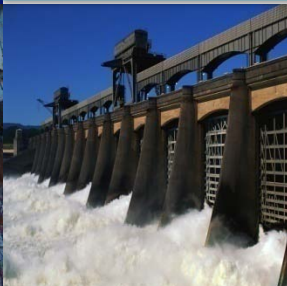
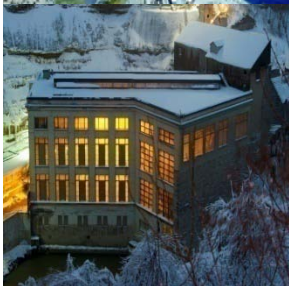
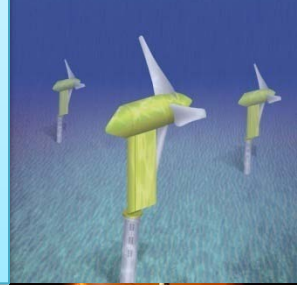
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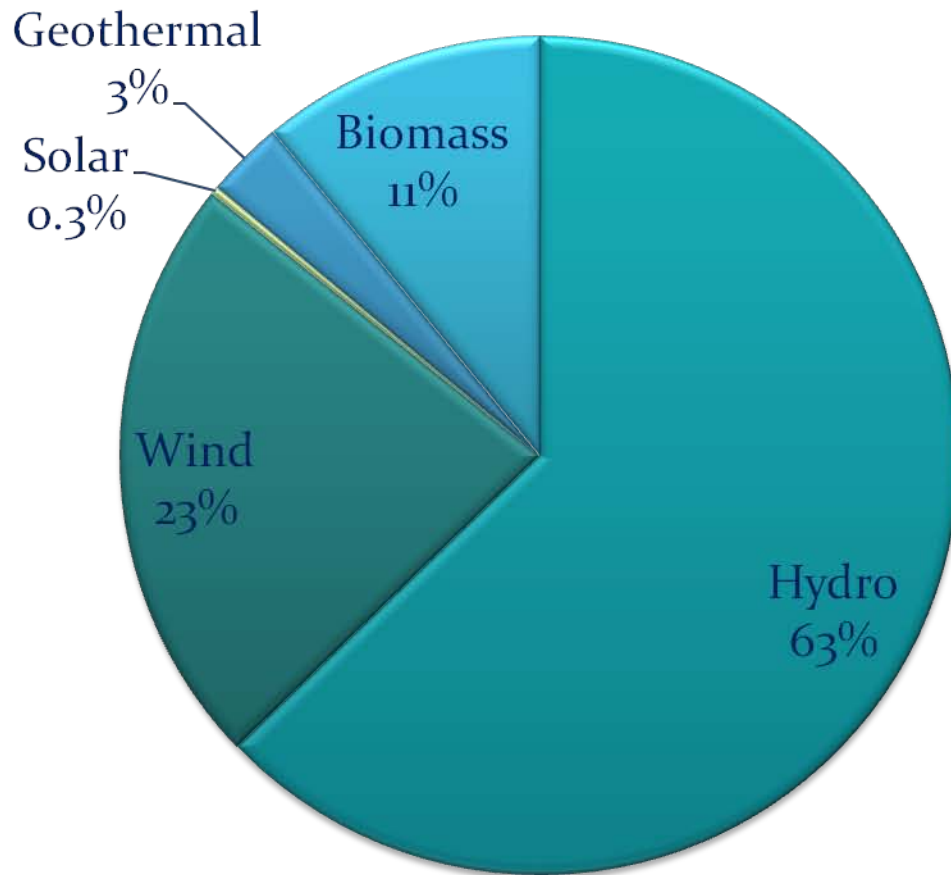


Vision

Double America's largest renewable energy resource – hydropower – in support of a sustainable and secure energy future.

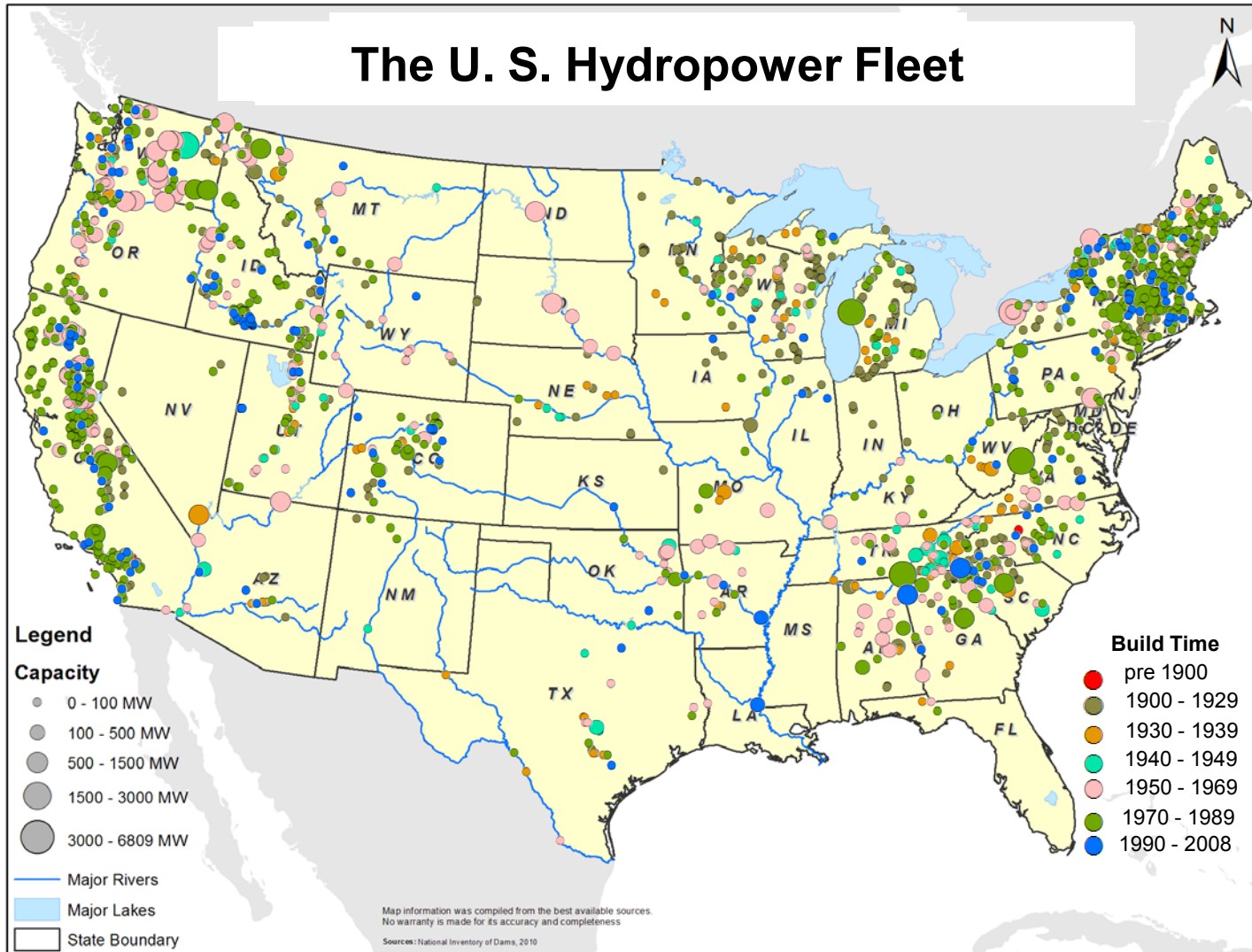


U.S. Renewable Electricity Generation
2011



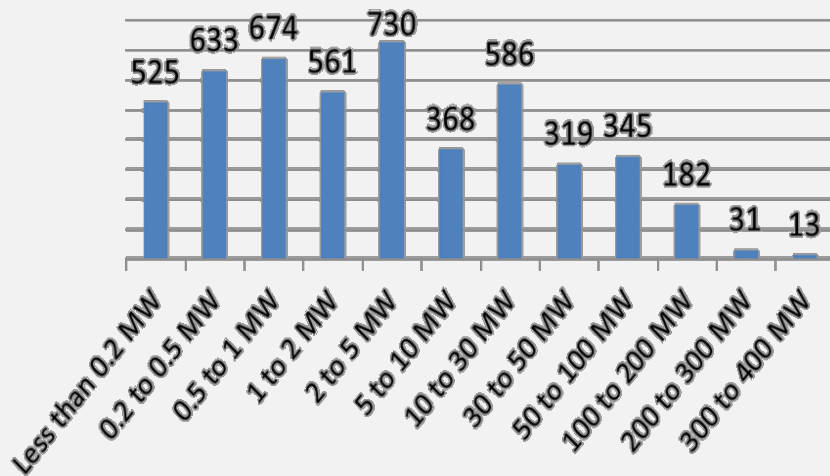
Hydropower is available .

It is the largest source of renewable electricity in the U.S., and made up 7% of overall electricity generation and close to two thirds of renewable electricity in 2009.



Key Characteristics of the Hydro Fleet

Size (Capacity) Distribution of Currently Operating Units



Only 3% of the 80,000 U.S. dams generate electricity – there is significant room for growth.

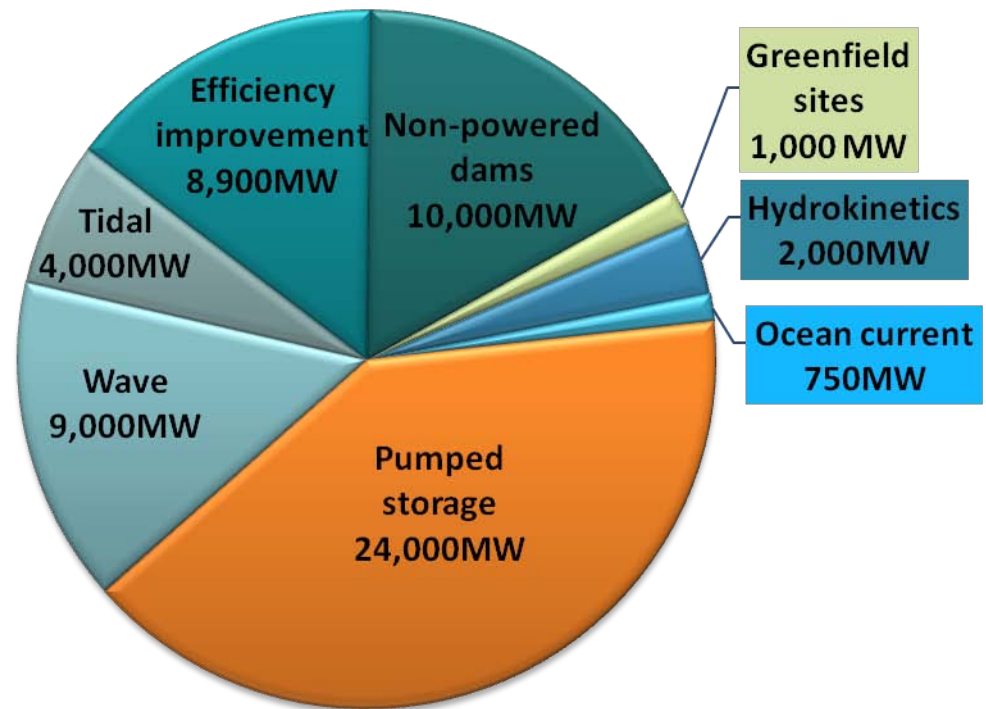
Hydropower is generated in every region and benefits every state, employing up to 300,000 workers around the U.S.

Future availability

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Hydro Capacity Growth by Technology



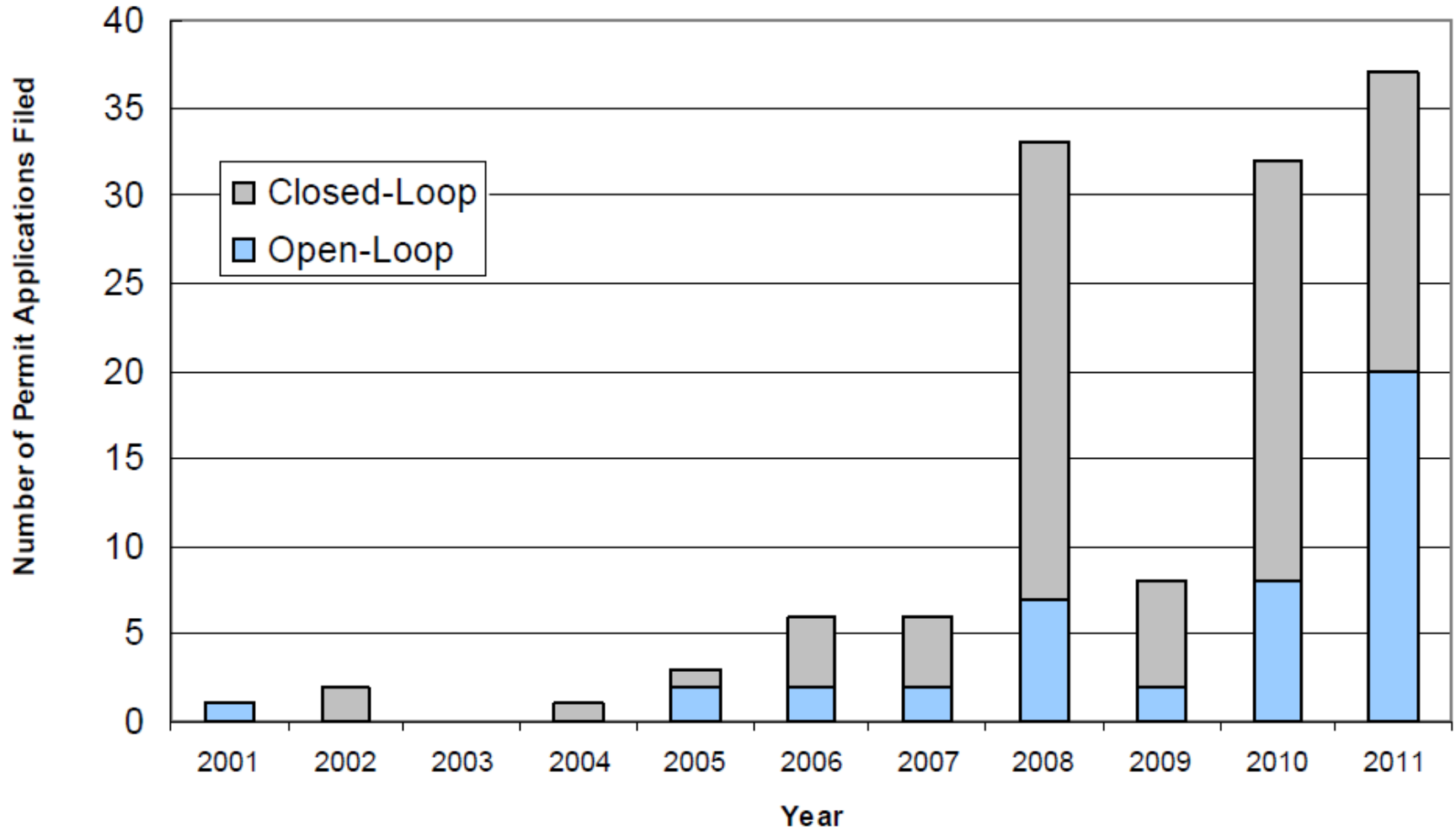
Navigant Consulting Study, 2009

Hydro Projects In Line

**The FERC
pipeline tops
87,500 MW
across 593
projects**

- **Pending Licenses/Relicenses / Exemptions: 113 projects, 14,500+ MW, 42 states**
- **Preliminary Permits Issued: 413 projects, 62,200+ MW, 44 states**
- **Preliminary Permits Pending: 67 projects, 10,700+ MW, 17 states**

Preliminary Permit Application Trends for Open- and Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Projects



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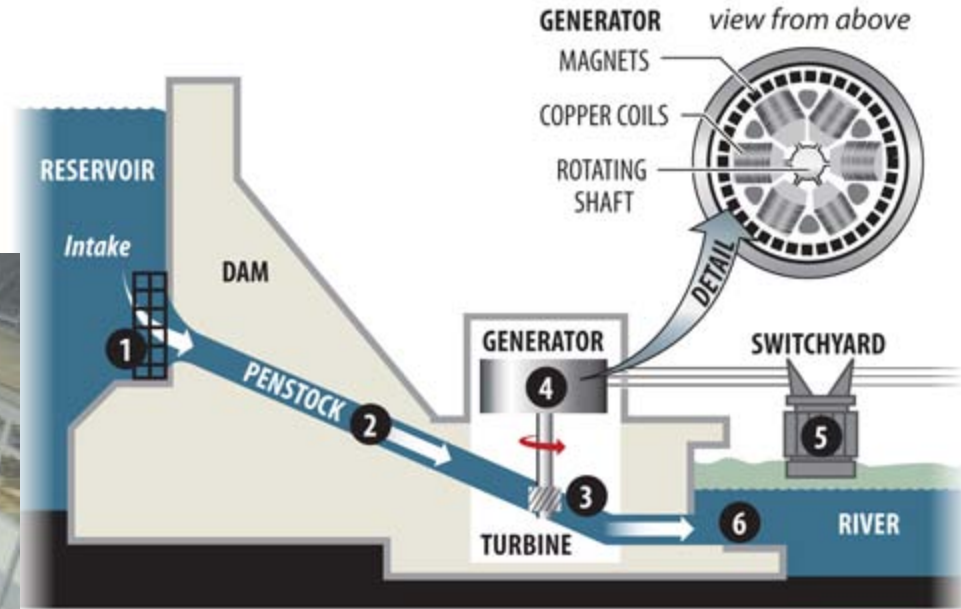
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Other hydropower technologies



Conduit power



Conventional hydro

Ocean wave and tidal

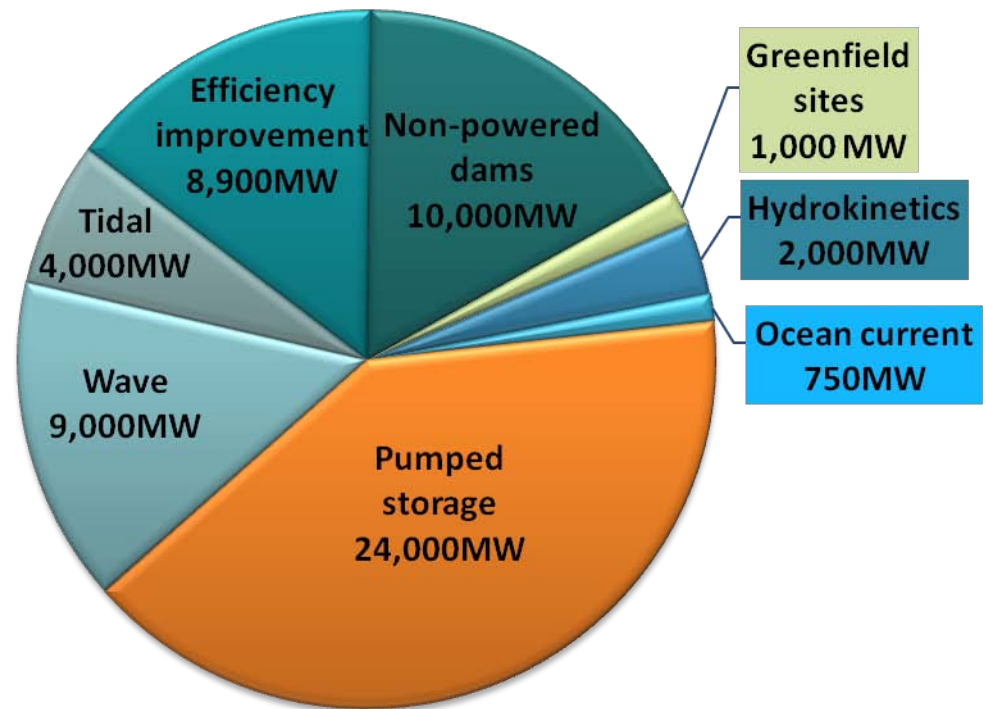


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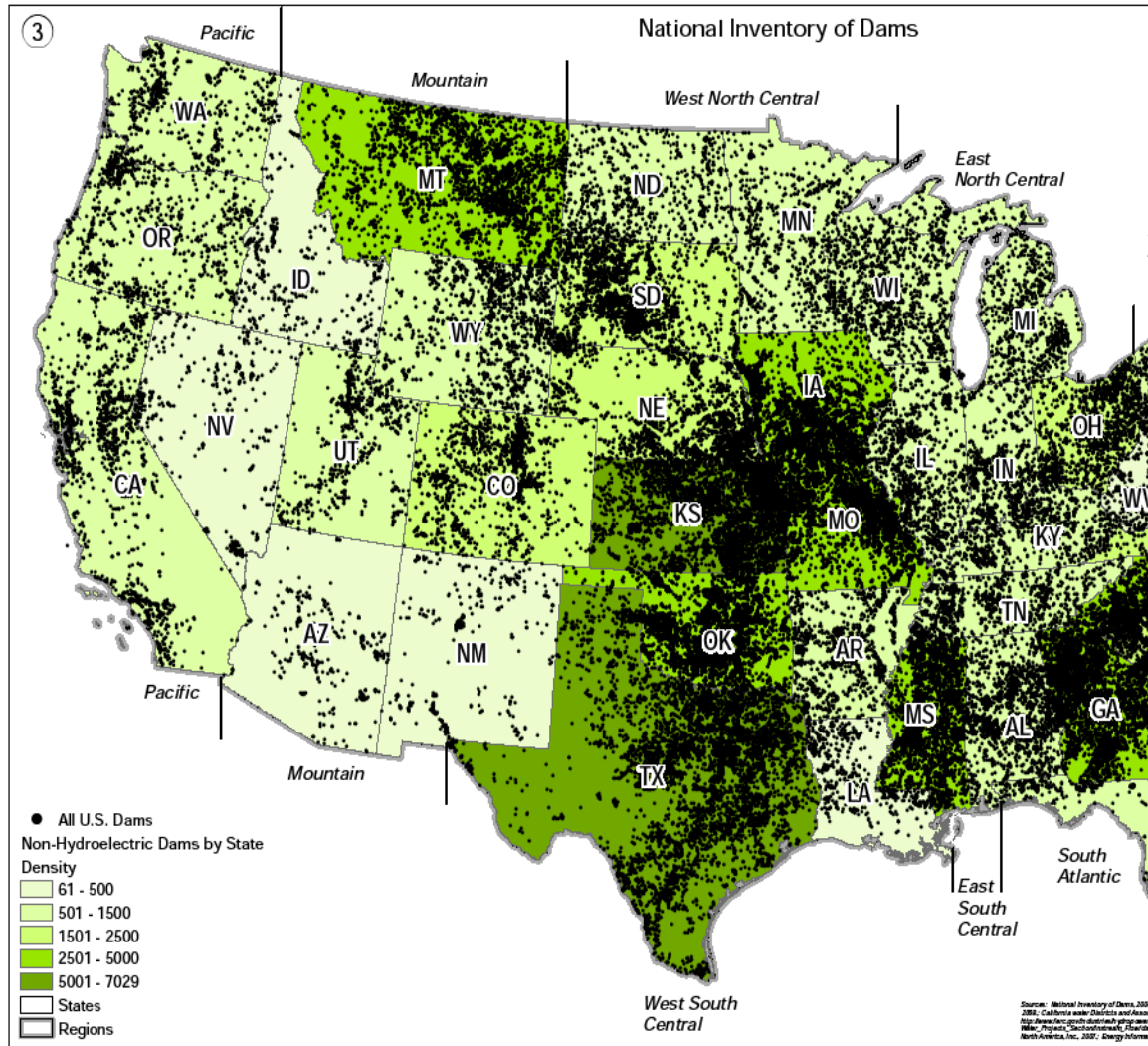
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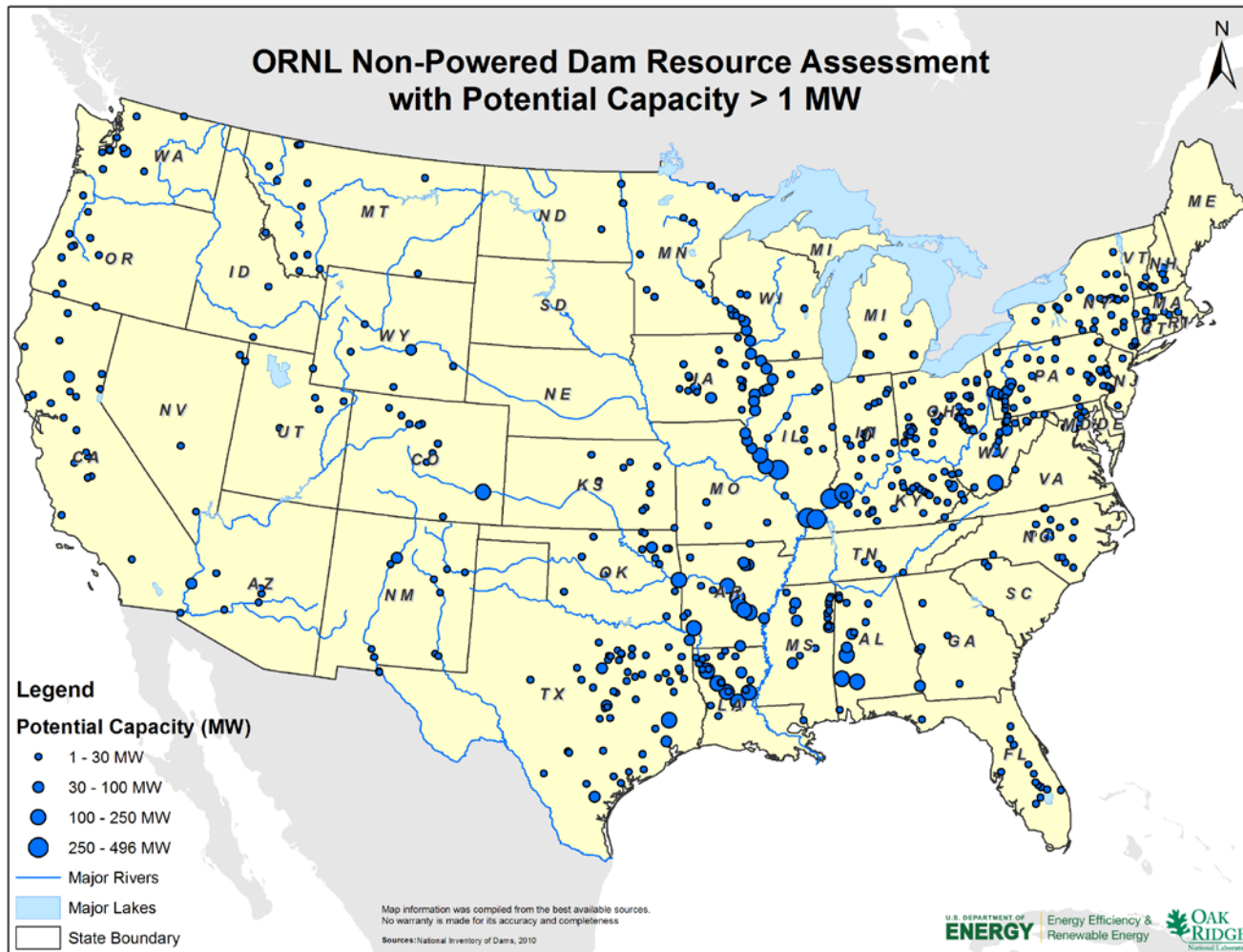
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80,000 Dams Across the U.S.



Source: USACE, ORNL

DOE/ORNL: 12+ GW at over 54,000 sites



Source: ORNL

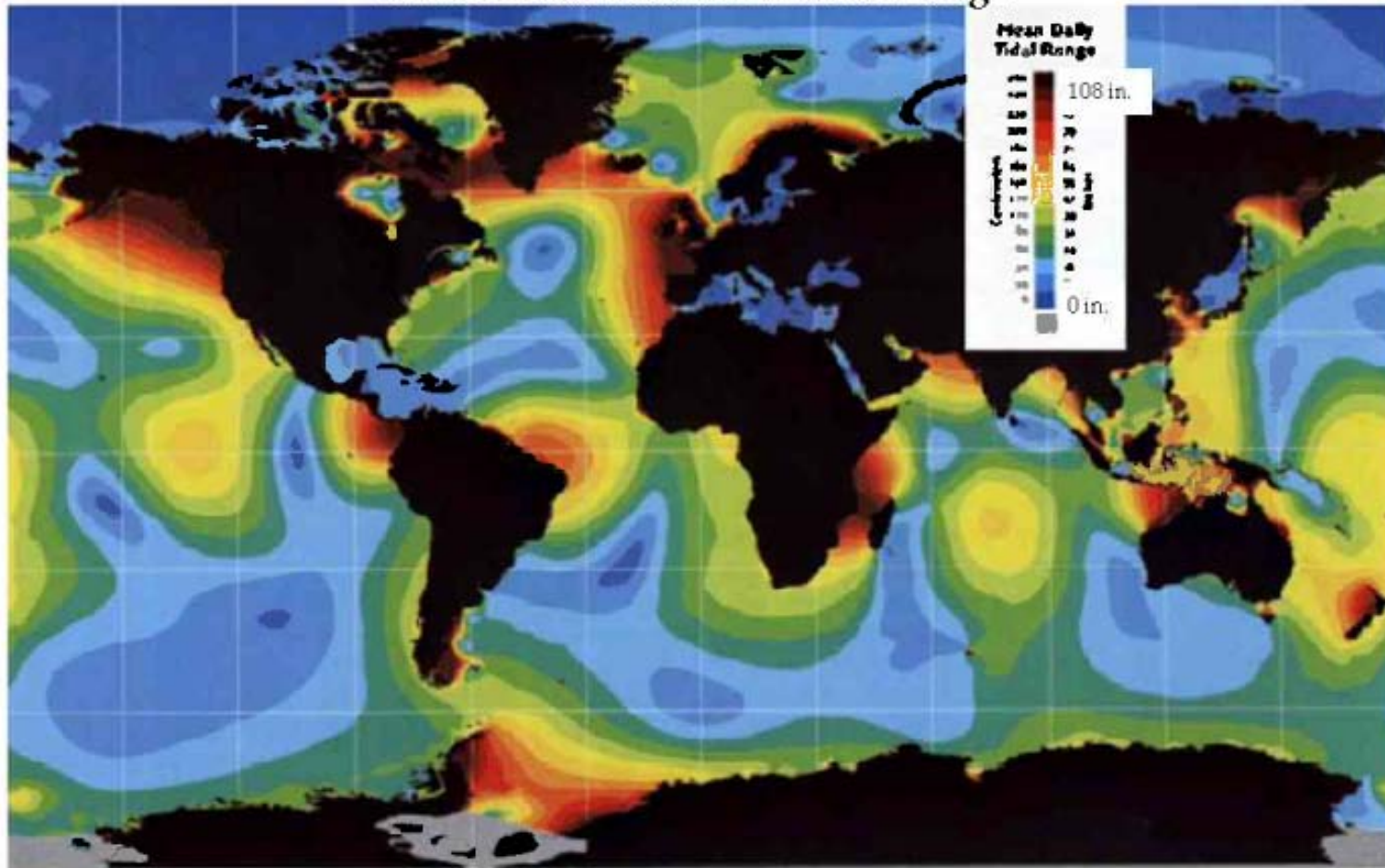
BuRec: Conduit Opportunities

Region	Canal Sites	Potential Installed Capacity (kW)	Potential Annual Energy (kWh)
GP	175	38,525	122,204,196
LC	28	5,239	29,283,867
MP	39	4,392	17,550,289
PN	74	22,755	85,385,703
UC	57	32,717	110,794,792
Total	373	103,628	365,218,846

U.S. Technical Potential for Tidal (Tidal Barrage and TISEC)

An assessment of technical potential has not been undertaken. EPRI has conducted a TISEC study of 5 states, finding 300 MW of feasible technical potential, and an estimated 3,800 MW of theoretical potential in Alaska.¹

Global Distribution of Tidal Range



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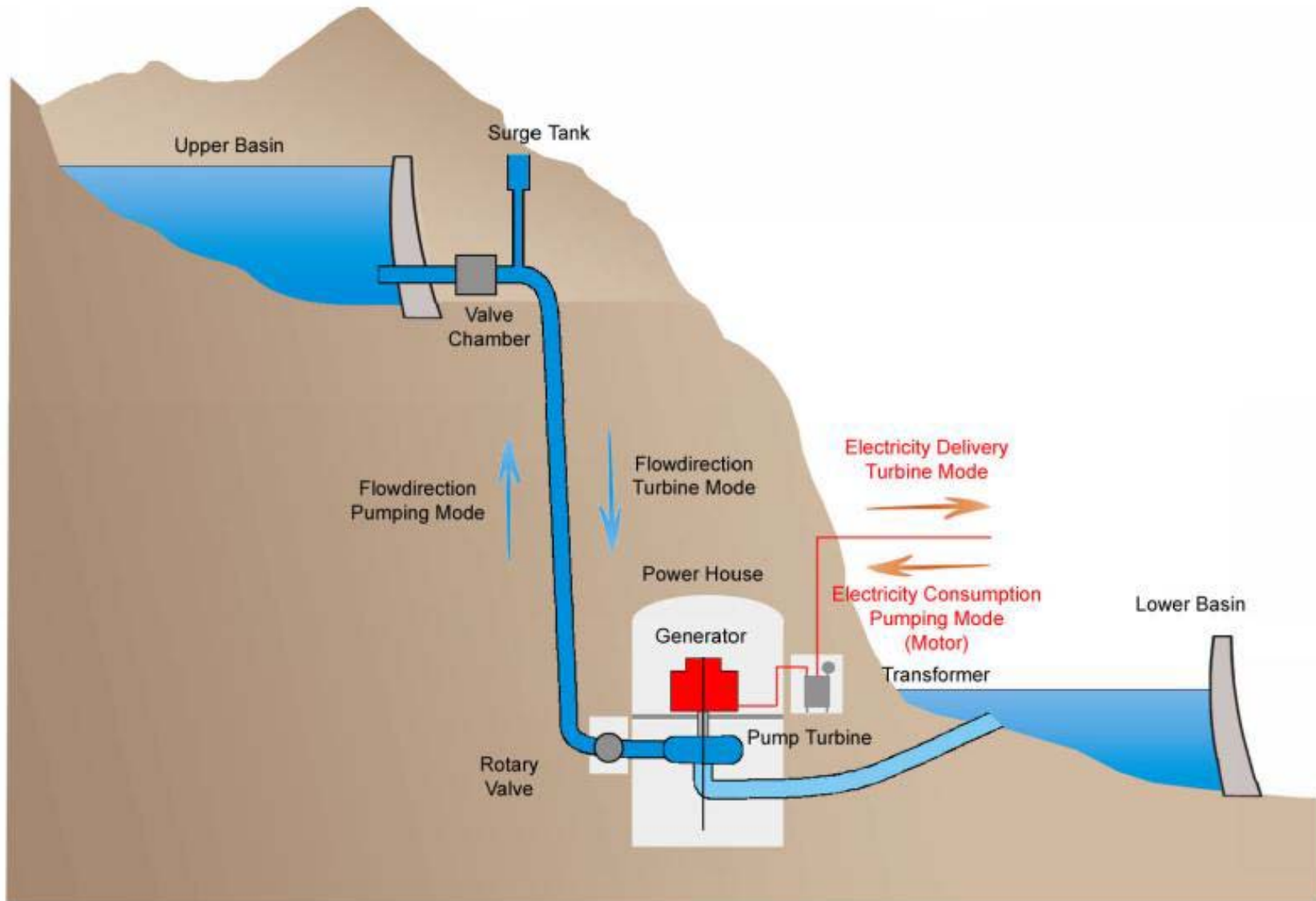
Pumped storage projects move water between two reservoirs located at different elevations (i.e., an upper and lower reservoir) to store energy and generate electricity.

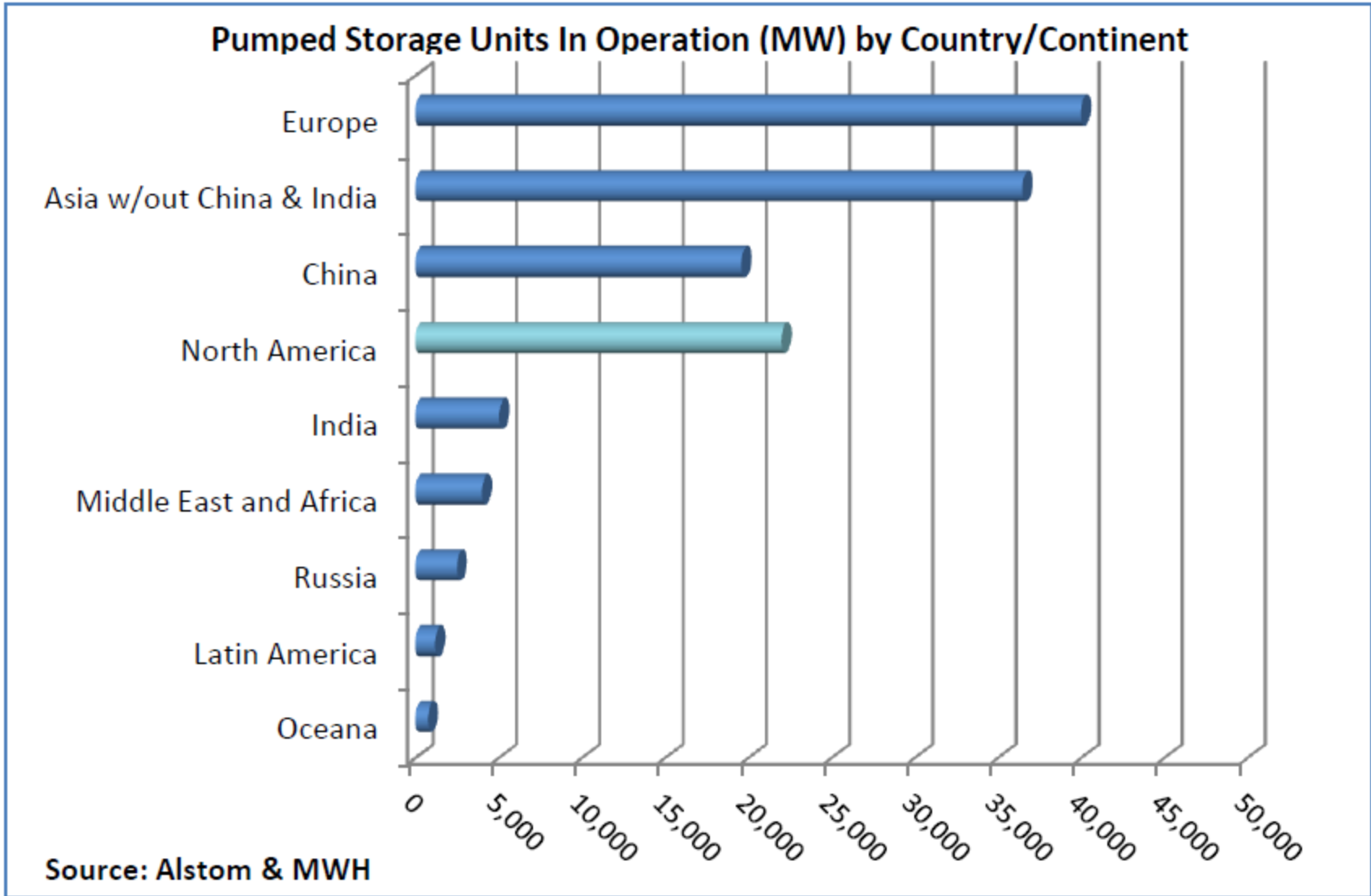
Generally, when electricity demand is low (e.g., at night), excess electric generation capacity is used to pump water from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir.

When electricity demand is high, the stored water is released from the upper reservoir to the lower reservoir through a turbine to generate electricity.

Pumped storage projects are also capable of providing a range of ancillary services to support the integration of renewable resources and the reliable and efficient functioning of the electric grid.

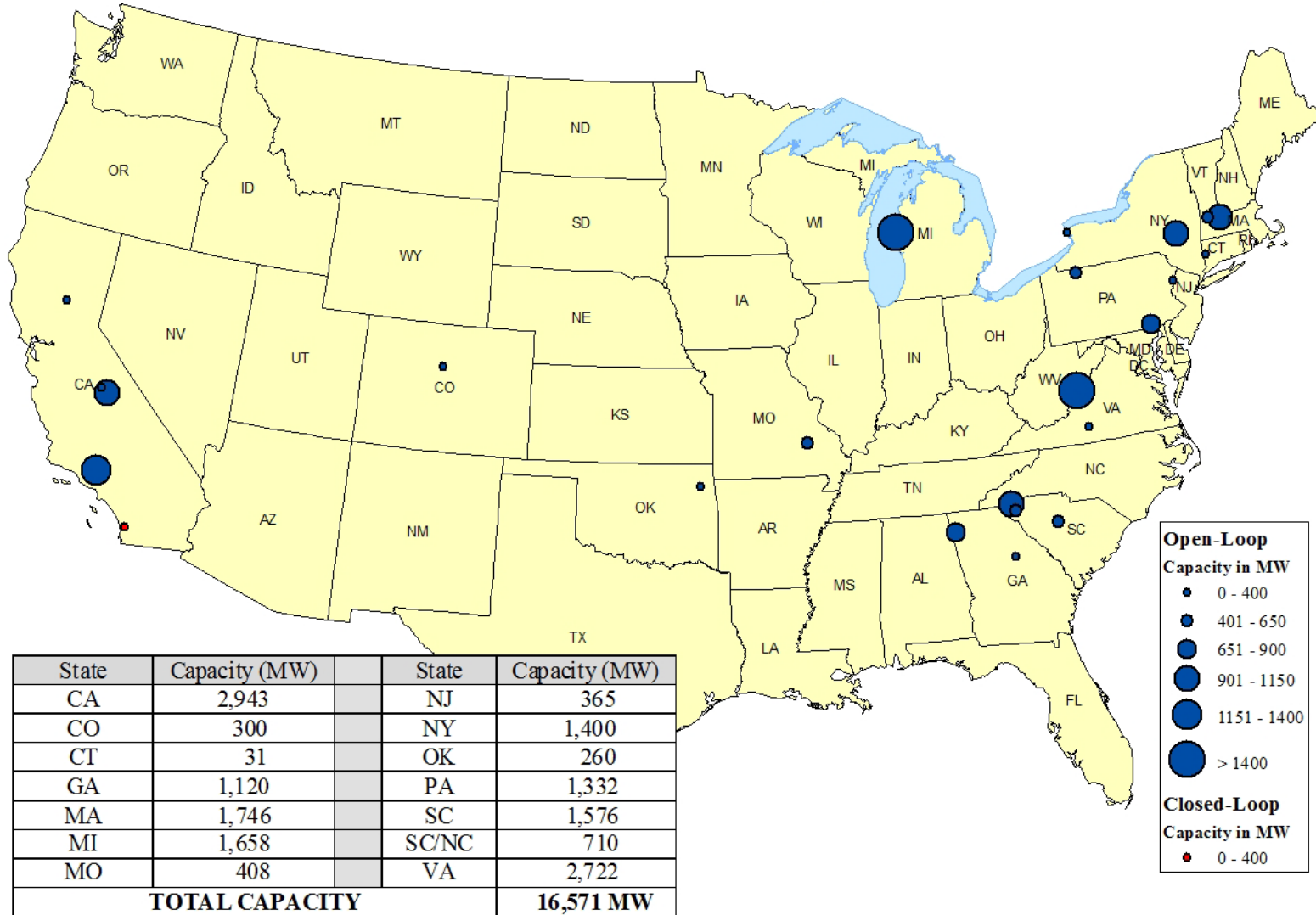
Typical Pumped Storage Plant Arrangement (Source: Alstom Power)

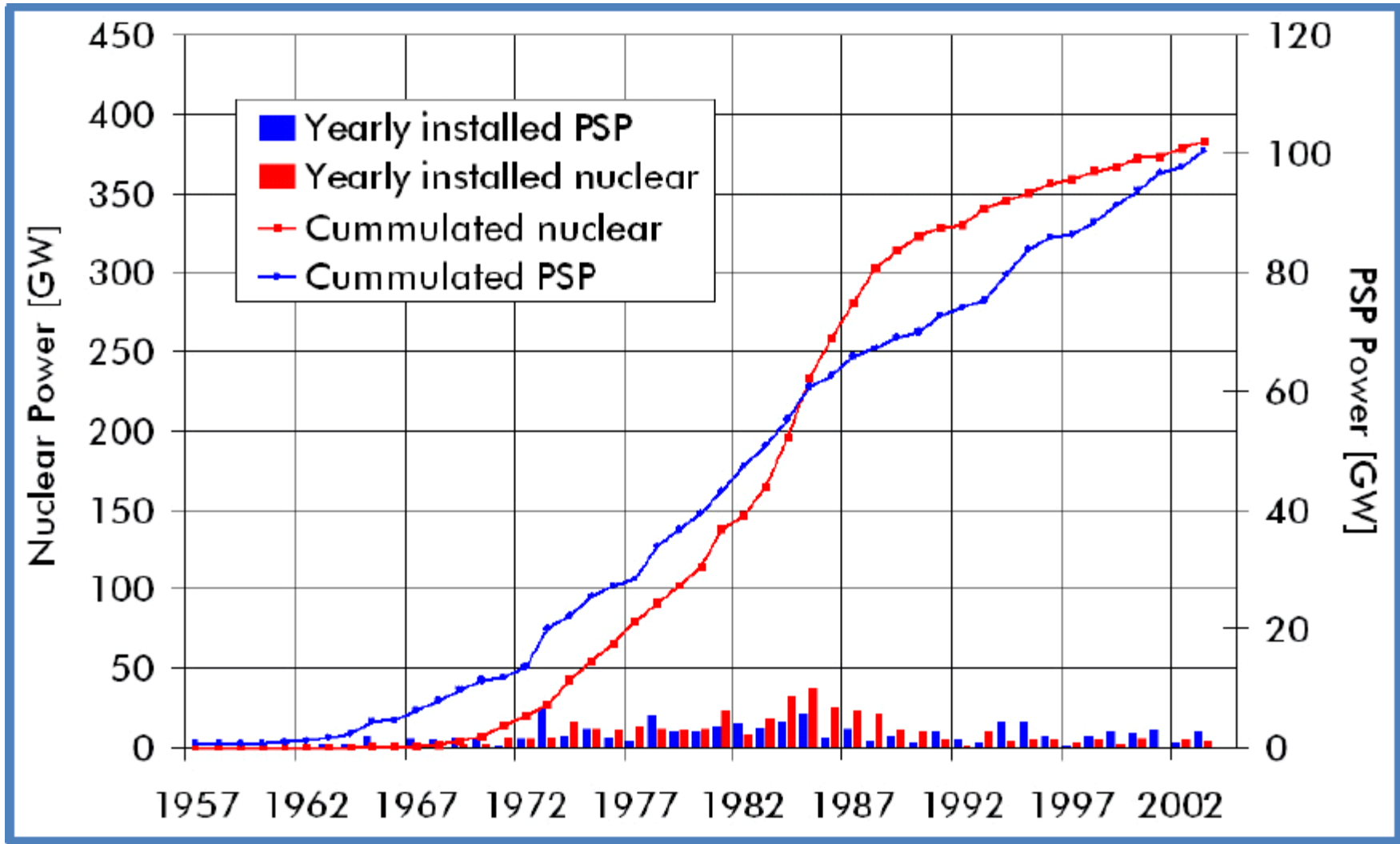




International Distribution of Pumped Storage by Country/Continent

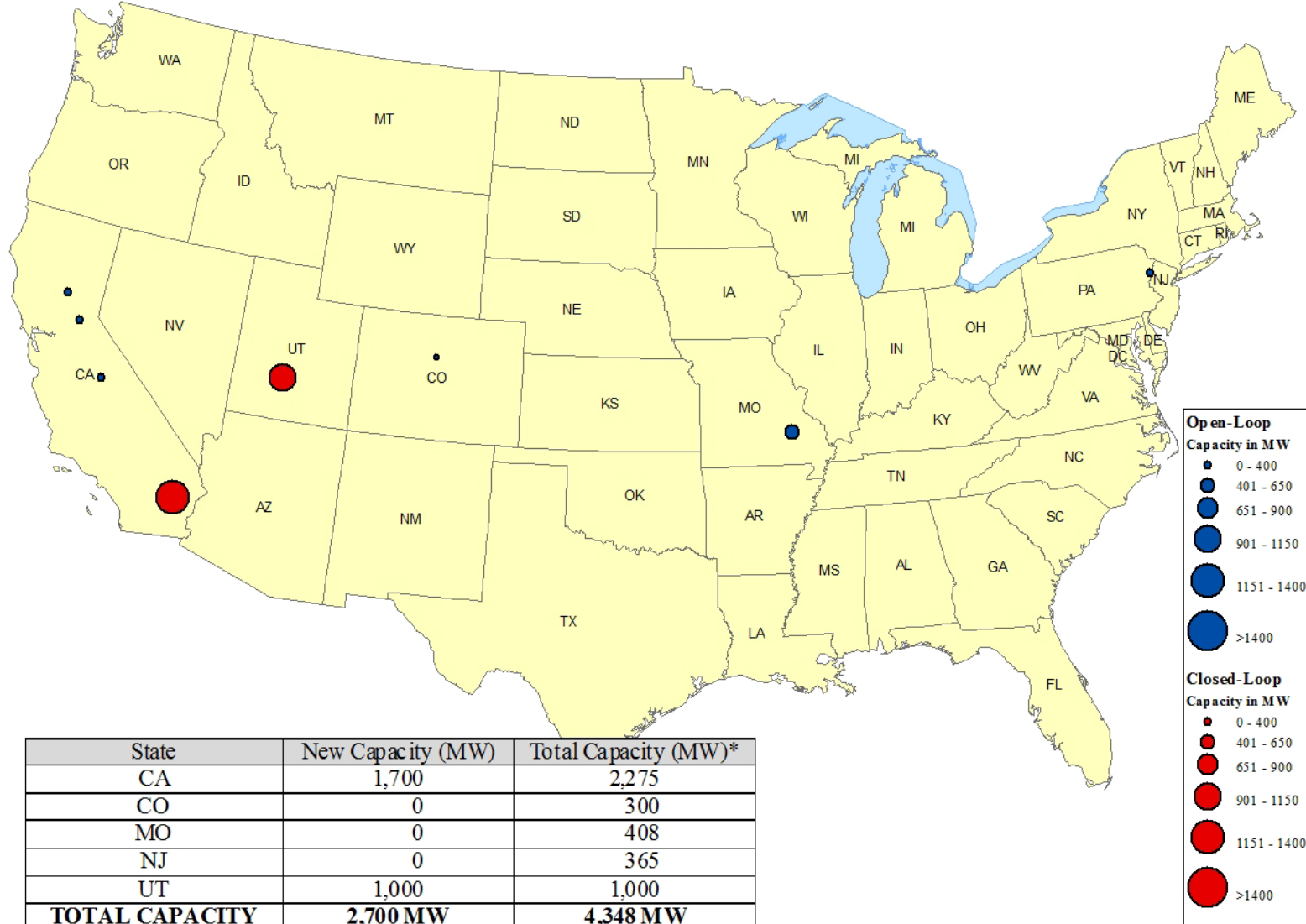
Licensed Pumped Storage Projects





Worldwide Installed Nuclear and Pumped Storage Project Development History (Source: Alstom Power and UDI database).

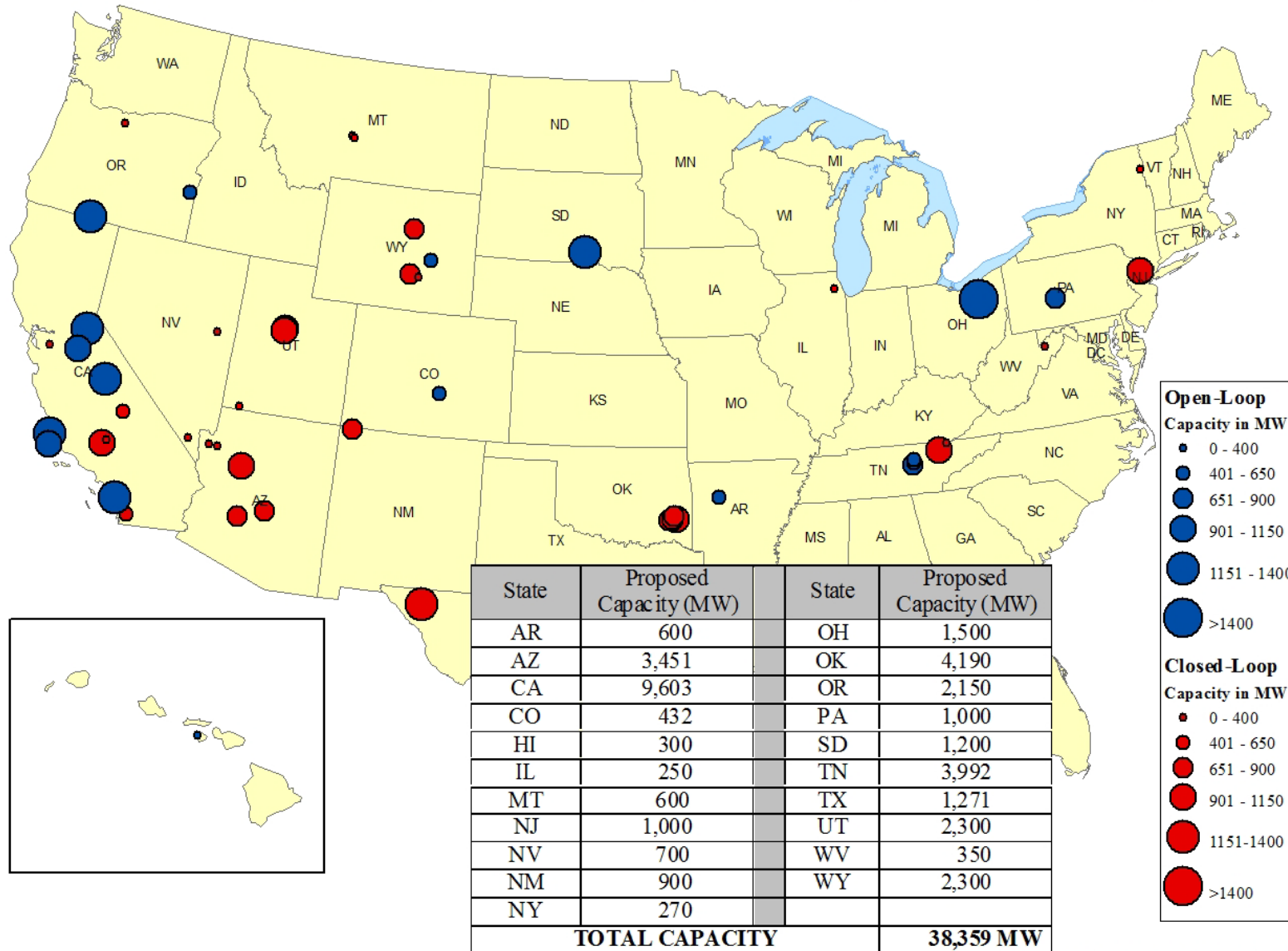
Pending Licenses and Relicenses for Pumped Storage Projects



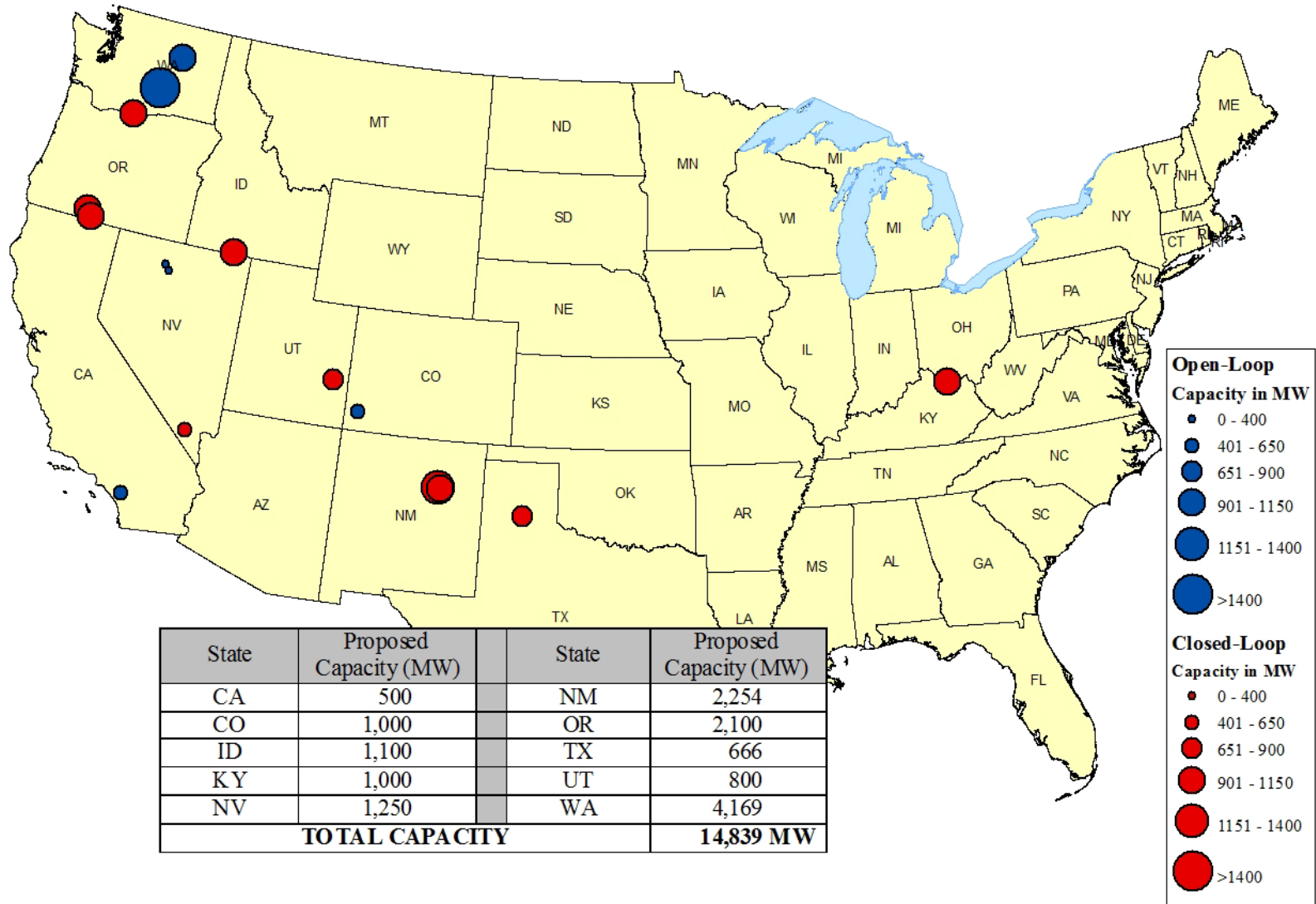
*Includes 1,648 MW of existing pumped storage capacity being relicensed.

Source: FERC Staff, July 1, 2012

Issued Preliminary Permits for Pumped Storage Projects

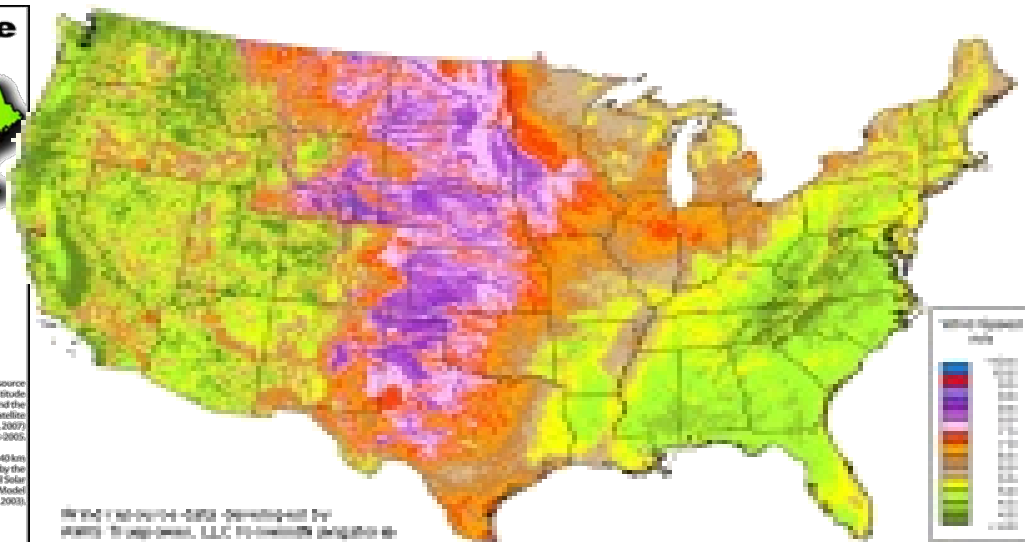
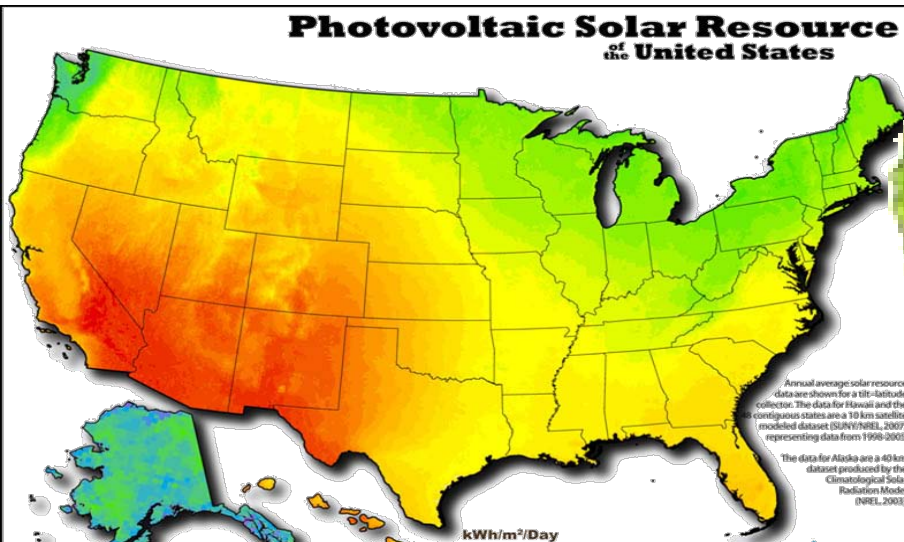


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Question: Why pumped storage and why now?



Answer: Integration of variable renewable resource potential and grid reliability

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