



# End-use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock

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- **Please use the chat box to send us clarifying questions** during presentations. You can chat or unmute yourself to ask a question during our designated discussion time.
- Links to the slides are in the chat box.

# Today's agenda

	Mountain Time
Welcome	10:00 - 10:05
Calibration progress summary	10:05 - 10:25
Residential calibration update	10:25 - 11:10
Breakout room 1: Deep dive on residential calibration Breakout room 2: Project recap	11:10 – 11:45
Break	11:45 – 11:50
Breakout room 1: A method for developing general load profiles for industry Breakout room 2: Cambium: a public dataset of hourly marginal carbon emissions and avoided cost metrics for the electric sector through 2050.	11:50 - 12:25
Breakout room 1: Building electrification load modeling panel Breakout room 2: Distributed PV Adoption Modeling with dGen	12:25 - 1:00

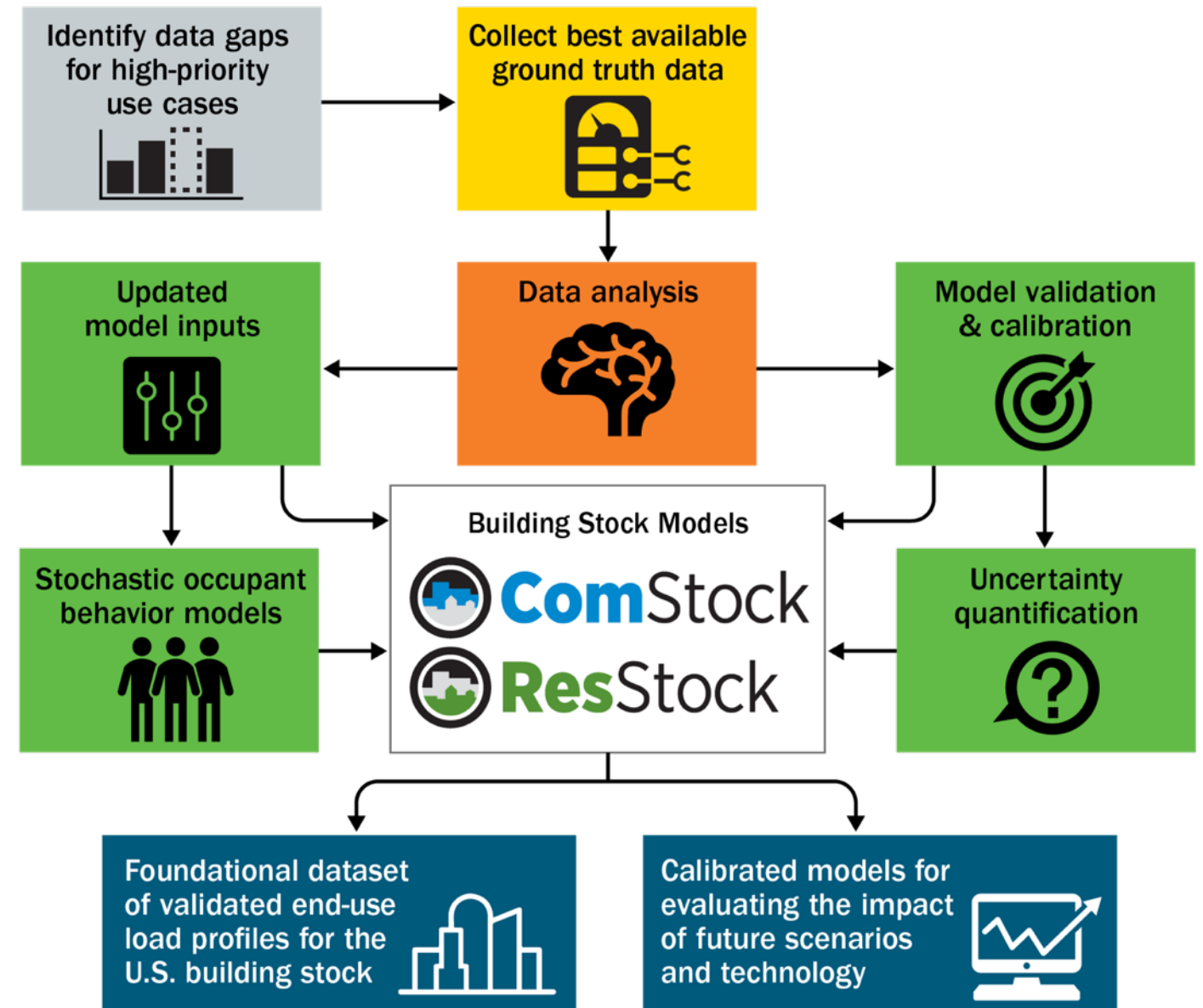
# Project Overview

Hybrid approach combines best-available ground-truth data—

- submetering studies,
- whole-building interval meter data, and
- other emerging data sources

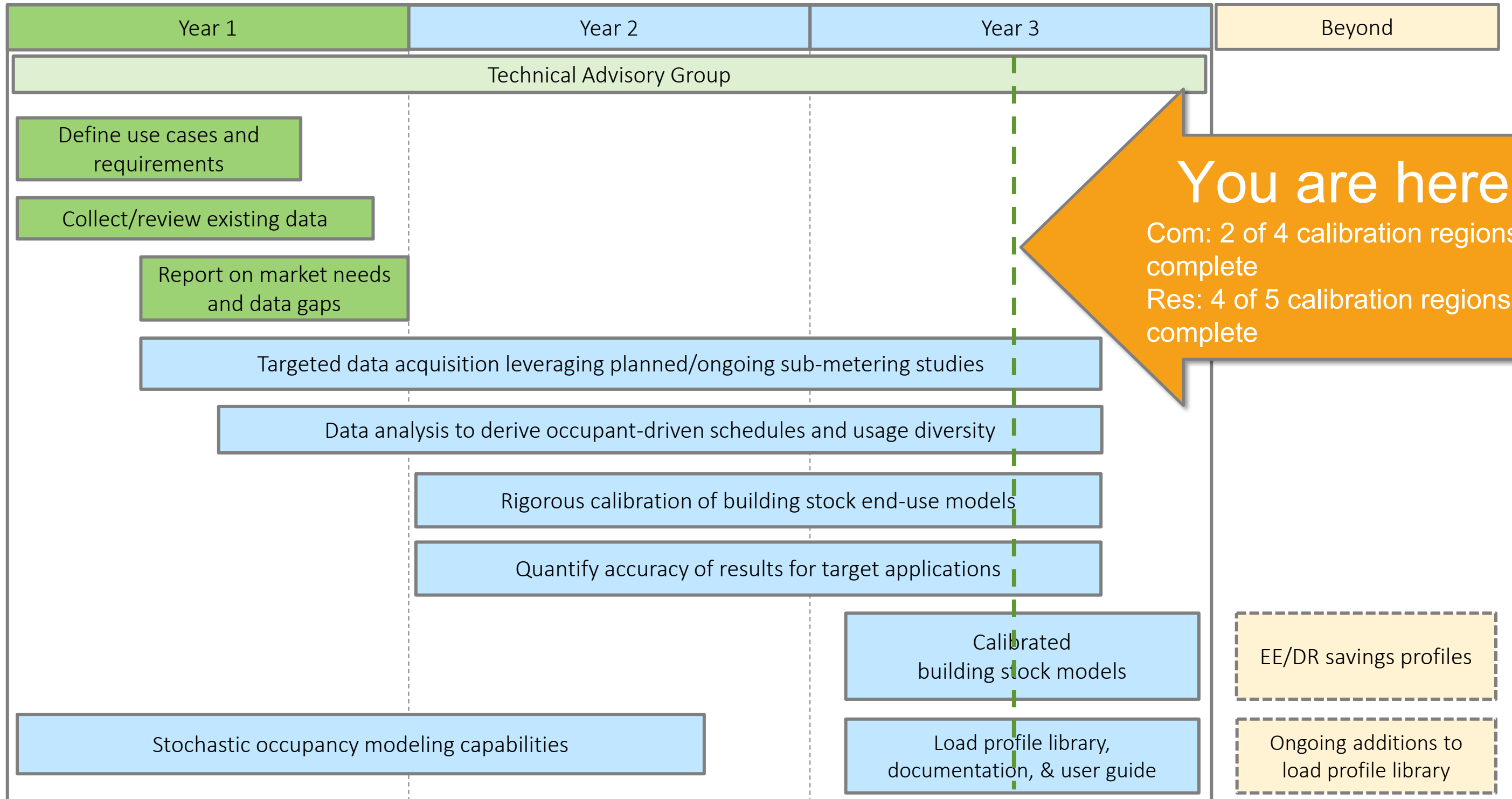
—with the reach, cost-effectiveness, and granularity of physics-based and data-driven building stock modeling capabilities

The novel approach delivers a nationally-comprehensive dataset at a fraction of the historical cost.





# Project Timeline



# Summary of FY21 Final Products for End-Use Load Profiles

Published by  
9/30/2021

## Public Datasets

- VizStock Web Interface
- Pre-aggregated Load Profiles
- Raw Individual Building Load Profiles
- Raw Individual Building Models

## Dataset Access Instructions

The project website will provide instructions on how to access and download the various dataset formats

Completed by  
9/30/2021

## Webinar

Conduct public outreach webinar to TAG and other stakeholders to present project outcomes

Drafts to  
DOE & TAG by  
9/30/2021

Final reports  
published by  
12/31/2021

## EERE or NREL report

*End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Methodology and Results of Model Calibration, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification*

- Content: Detailed description of model improvements made for calibration; detailed explanation of validation and uncertainty of results
- Audience: Dataset and model users interested in technical details
- NREL lead; LBNL and ANL co-authors

## EERE or LBNL report

*End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Applications and Opportunities*

- Content: Example applications and opportunities for using the dataset  
Audience: General users of datasets
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# Resources

## Publications

- Li et al. Characterizing Patterns and Variability of Building Electric Load Profiles in Time and Frequency Domain (forthcoming)
- [Bianchi et al. 2020. Modeling occupancy-driven building loads for large and diversified building stocks through the use of parametric schedules](#)
- [Parker et al. 2020. Framework for Extracting and Characterizing Load Profile Variability Based on a Comparative Study of Different Wavelet Functions](#)
- [Present et al. 2020. Putting our Industry's Data to Work: A Case Study of Large Scale Data Aggregation](#)
- [Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership \(NEEP\). 2020. Sharing Load Profile Data: Best Practices and Examples](#)
- [Frick et al. 2019. End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Market Needs, Use Cases, and Data Gaps](#)
- [N. Frick. 2019. End Use Load Profile Inventory](#)
- E. Present and E. Wilson. 2019. [End use load profiles for the U.S. Building Stock](#)

## Presentations and Slides

- Technical Advisory Group slides
  - [LBNL](#) and [NREL](#) site
- E. Wilson. 2020. [EFX webinar](#)
- [E. Wilson. 2019. E Source interview](#)
- [E. Wilson. 2019. Peer Review presentation](#)
- E. Present. 2019. [NEEP presentation](#).

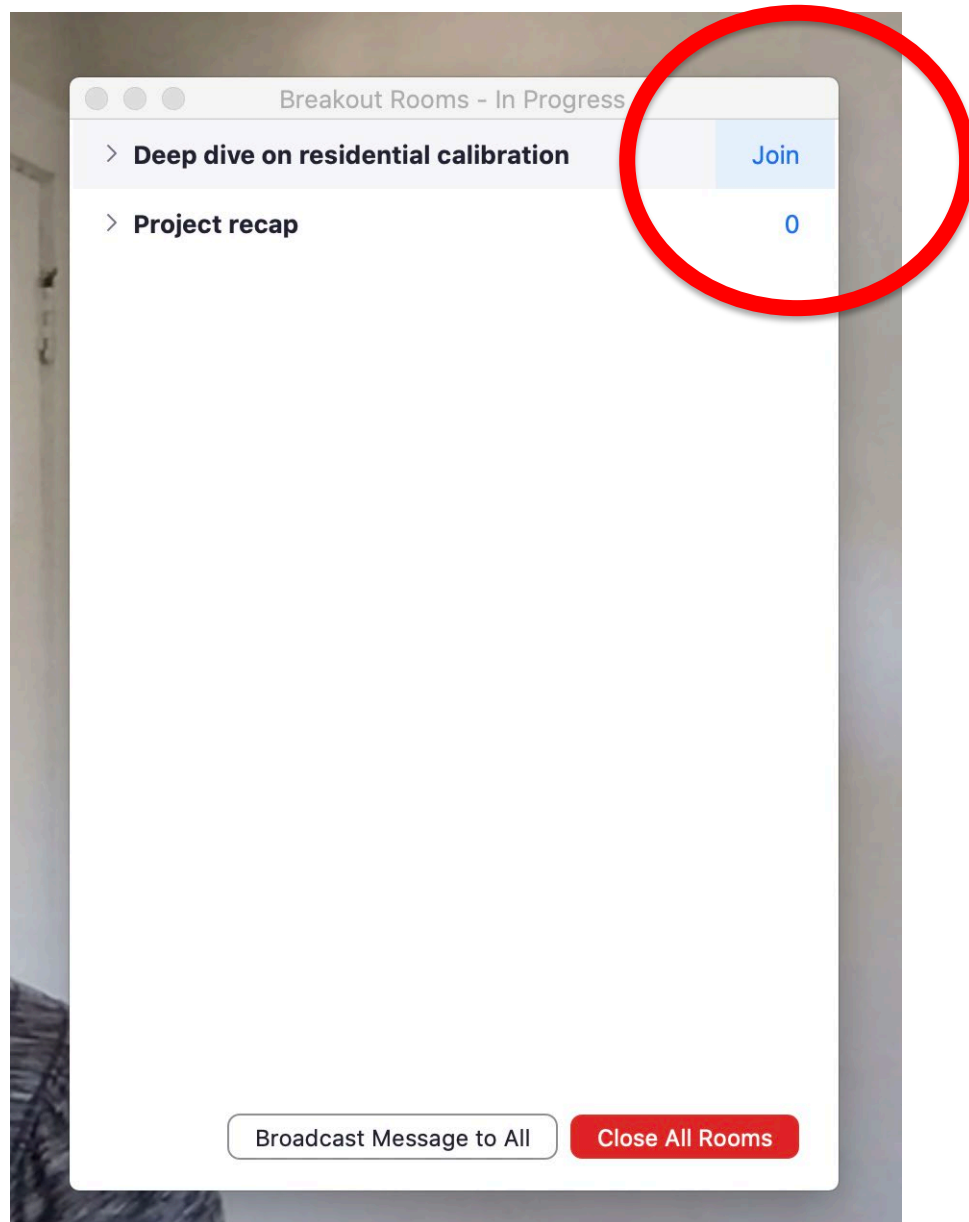
## Software

- [OpenStudio Occupant Variability Gem](#) and [Non Routine Variability Gem](#) (more info at [IBPSA newsletter](#))

## Data

- First year of 15-min NEEA HEMS data available: <https://neea.org/data/end-use-load-research/energy-metering-study-data>

# Breakout group #1: Selecting your breakout room



**Room 1:** *Deep dive on residential calibration.* In this breakout session we will answer questions that members have on our residential calibration. We can discuss questions pertaining to the results from our fourth residential region, past calibration results or other aspects of our residential calibration process.

**Room 2.** *Project recap.* Members of the End Use Load Profile team will provide an overview of the project, our work to date and our final load profiles and models. We are offering this breakout group for members who have not been in the Technical Advisory Group for the entire project or anyone who would like a refresher on the project status and goals.

Breakout rooms will be recorded.

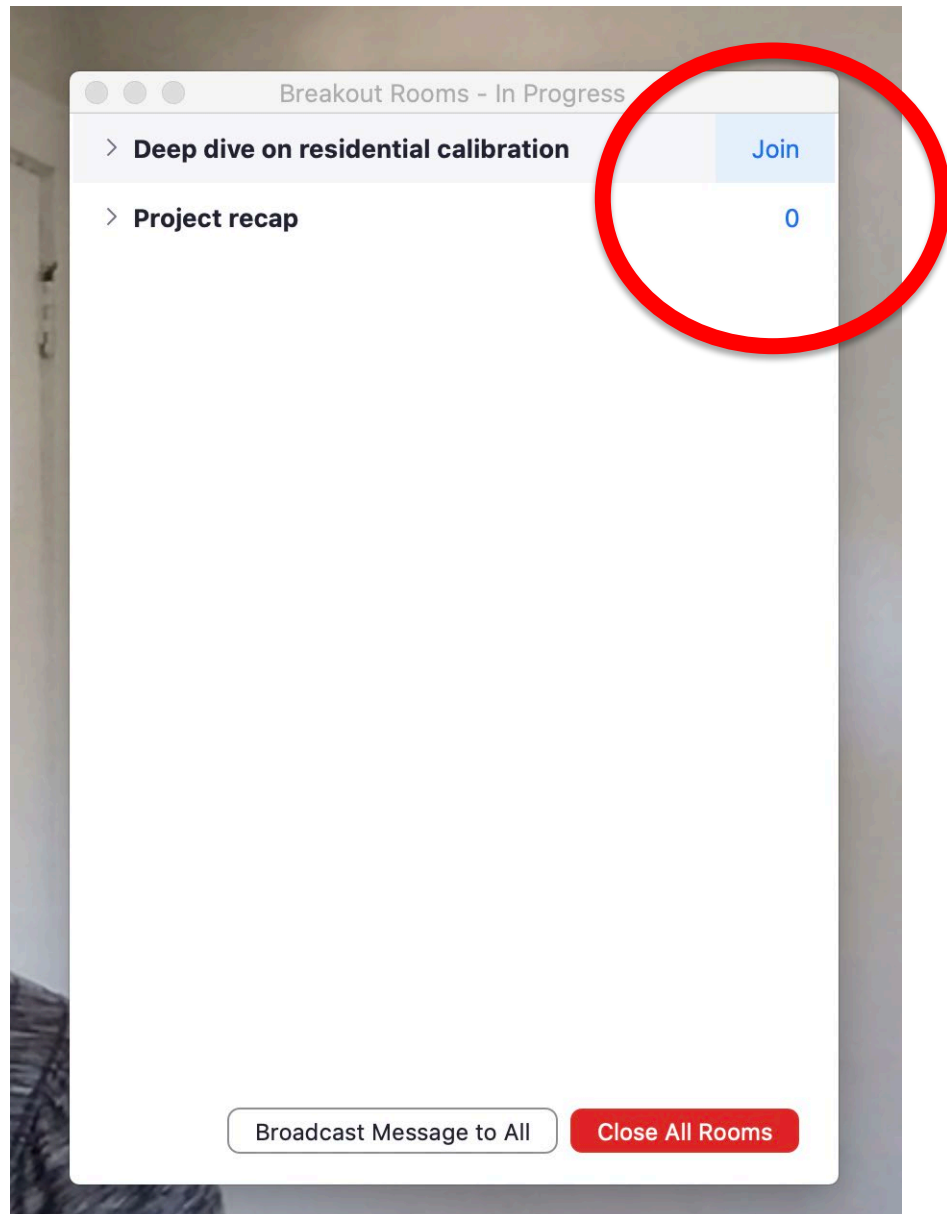


Break 11:45 -11:50 MT

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Please rejoin us at 11:50 MT to participate in breakout group #2

# Breakout group #2: Selecting your breakout room

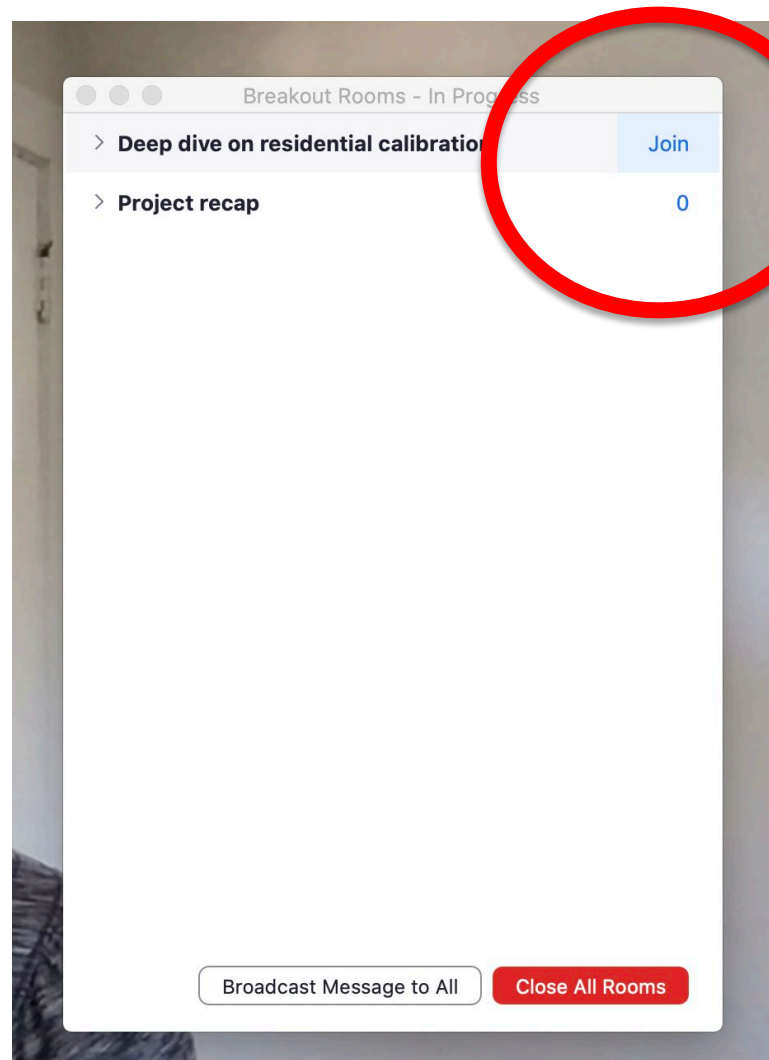


**Room 1:** *A method for developing general load profiles for industry.* There are no publicly-available data sources that adequately capture the variability of energy load profiles across industries. In this breakout, NREL researcher Colin McMillan will describe a method for generating general load profiles using public data on weekly, seasonal, and other operational characteristics of industry.

**Room 2:** *Cambium: a public dataset of hourly marginal carbon emissions and avoided cost metrics for the electric sector through 2050.* During this breakout, NREL researcher Pieter Gagnon will introduce [Cambium](#), a newly released data product from NREL that contains highly detailed projections of the electric grid through 2050, including cost, emission, and operational metrics that are specifically designed to be useful for supporting demand-side decision-making and research.

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# Breakout group #3: Selecting your breakout room



**Room 1:** *Building electrification load modeling panel.* Join a panel of researchers from NREL to learn about past and ongoing laboratory and field studies being used to characterize and model the performance of building electrification technologies such as variable speed heat pumps and heat pump water heaters.

**Room 2:** *Distributed PV Adoption Modeling with dGen.* During this breakout NREL researcher Paritosh Das will discuss NREL's [dGen](#) model, an open source tool used to forecast technical and economic potential and adoption of DERs. He will provide an overview of how to use dGen and the role DERs play in an evolving power system.

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**Join us again tomorrow for Day 2 starting at 10 am MT!**

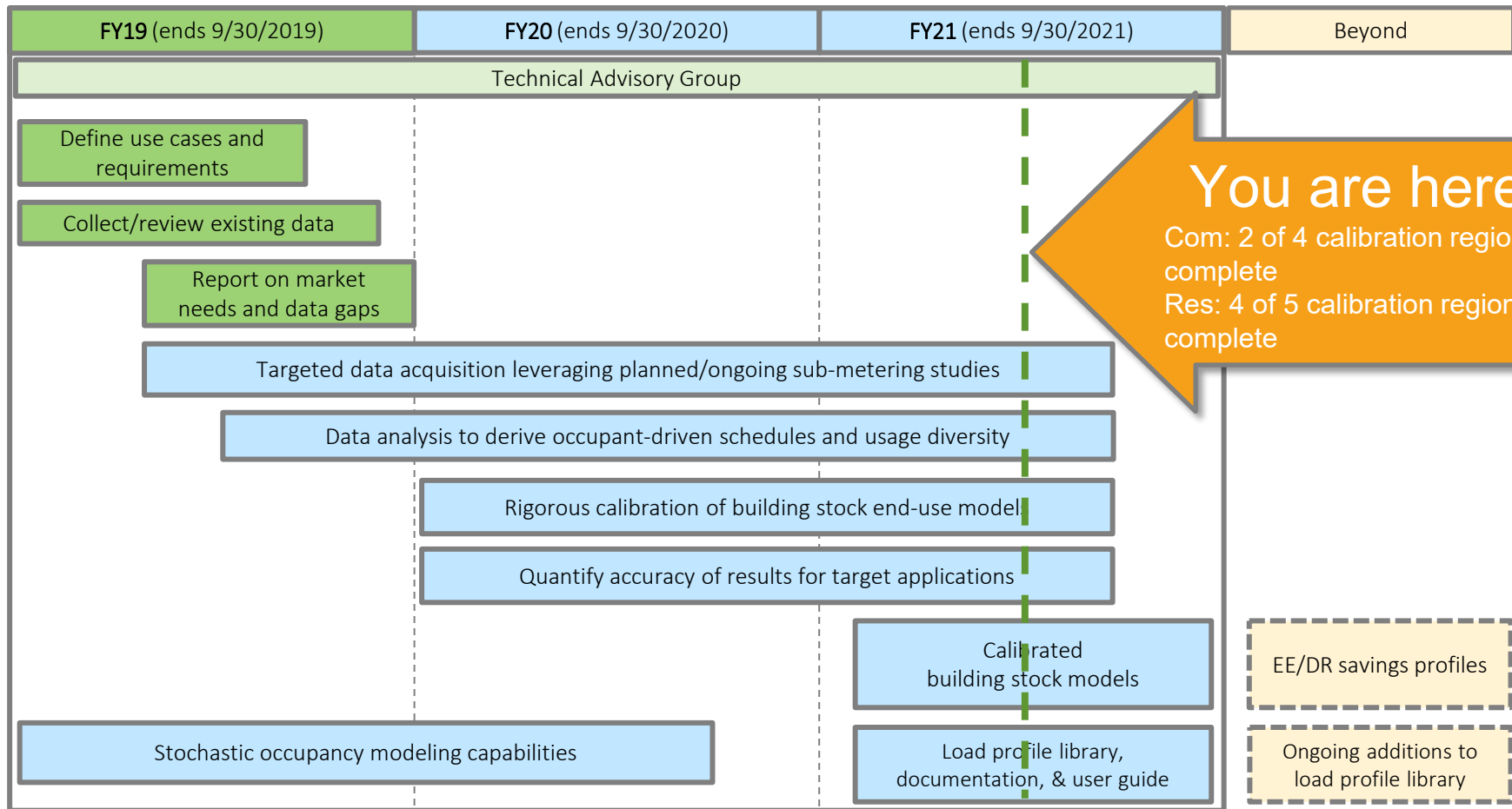


# End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Calibration Progress Summary

Eric Wilson, Andrew Parker  
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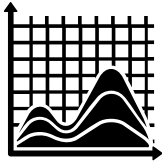
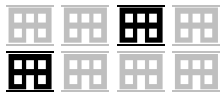


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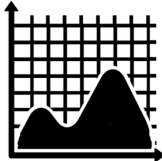
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End-use data for  
sampled buildings



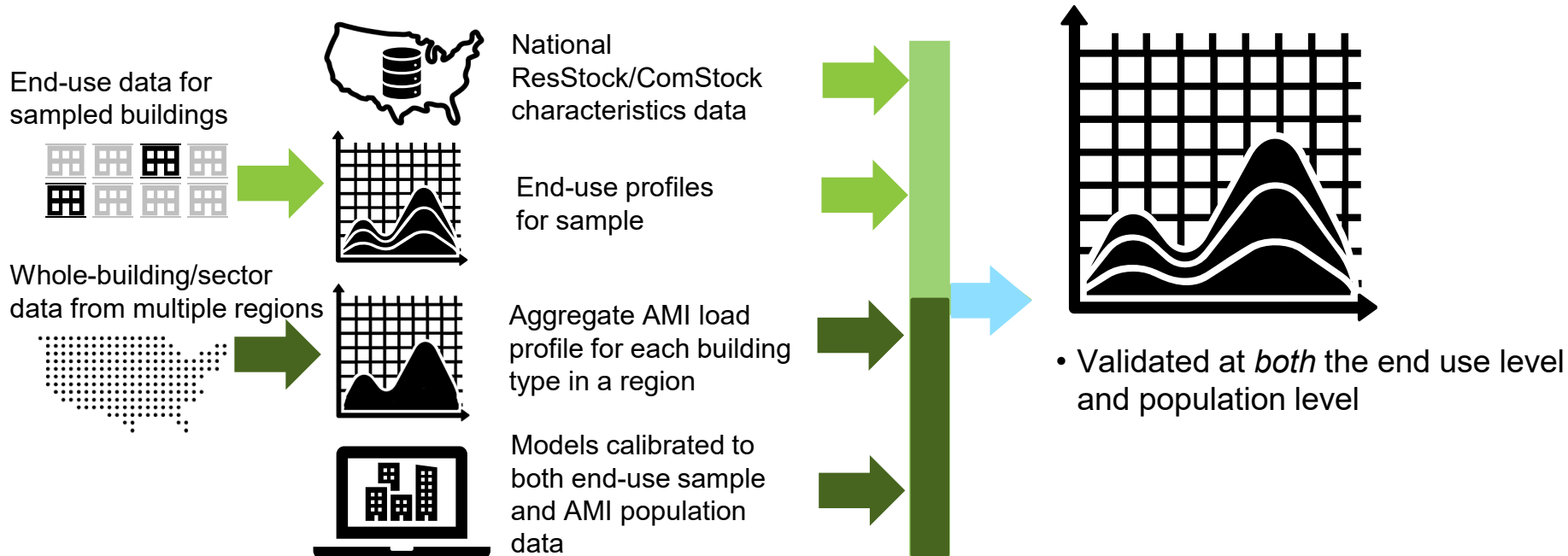
End-use profiles  
for sample

Whole-building/sector  
data from multiple regions

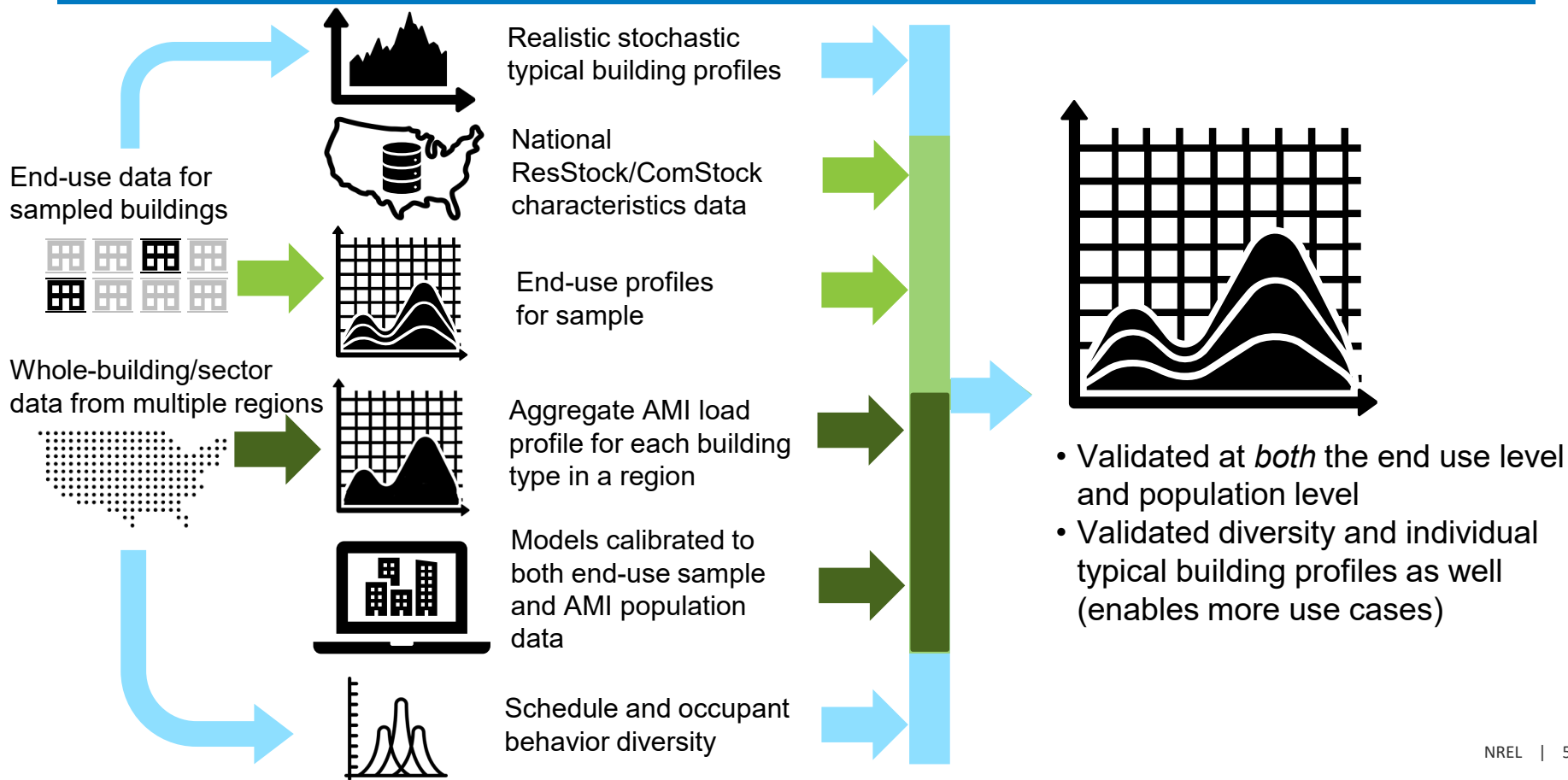


Aggregate AMI load  
profile for each building  
type in a region

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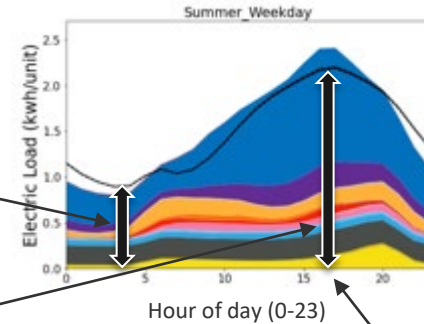
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- Report out accuracy and uncertainty so users can decide if they want to use

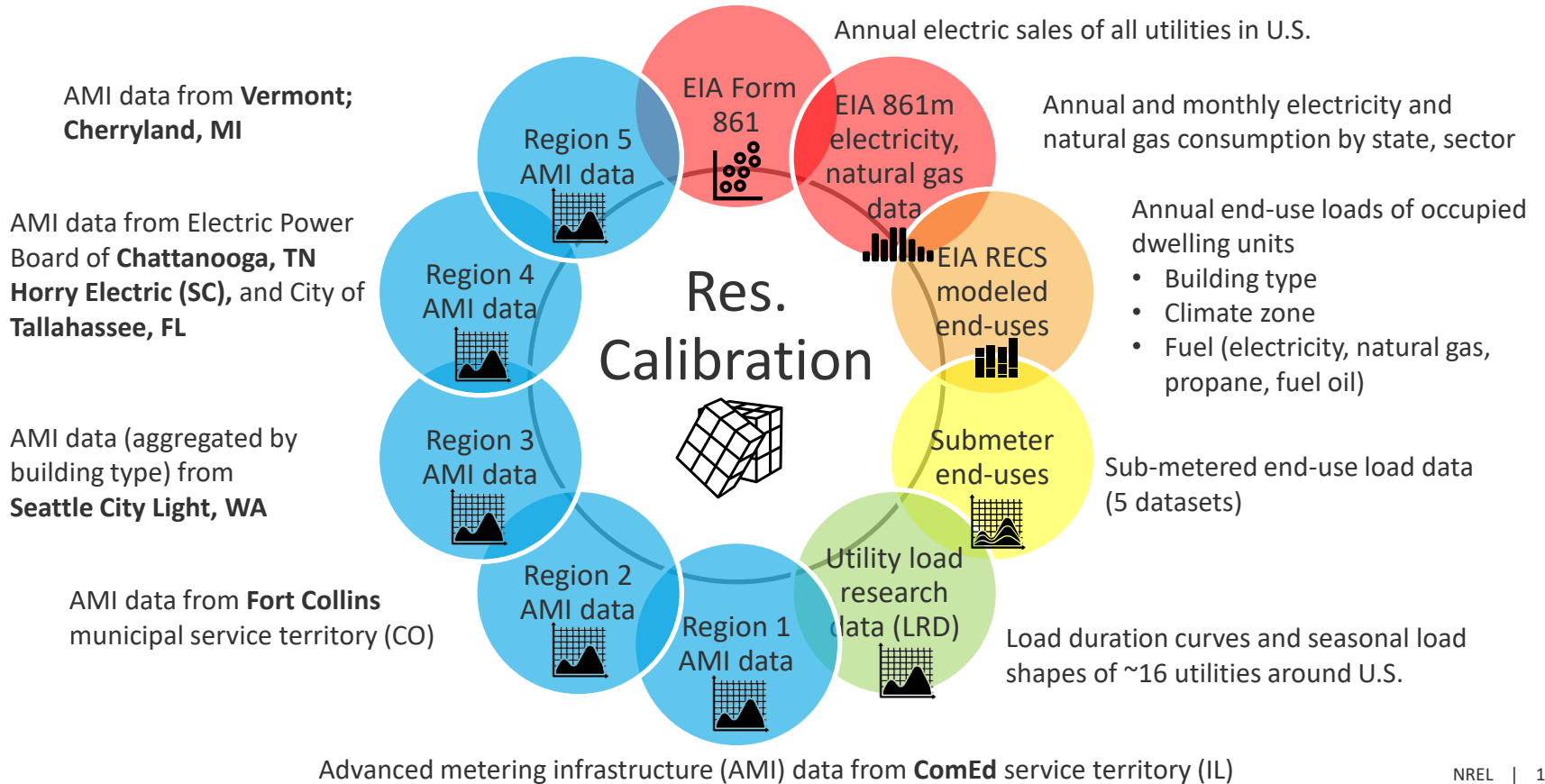
# Quantities of Interest (QOI) by building type and region

- Annual energy use (MWh)
- Average daily minimum magnitude (MW)
  - Summer, All days
  - Winter, All days
  - Shoulder, All days
- Average daily maximum magnitude (MW)
  - Summer, All days
  - Summer, Top 10 days
  - Winter, All days
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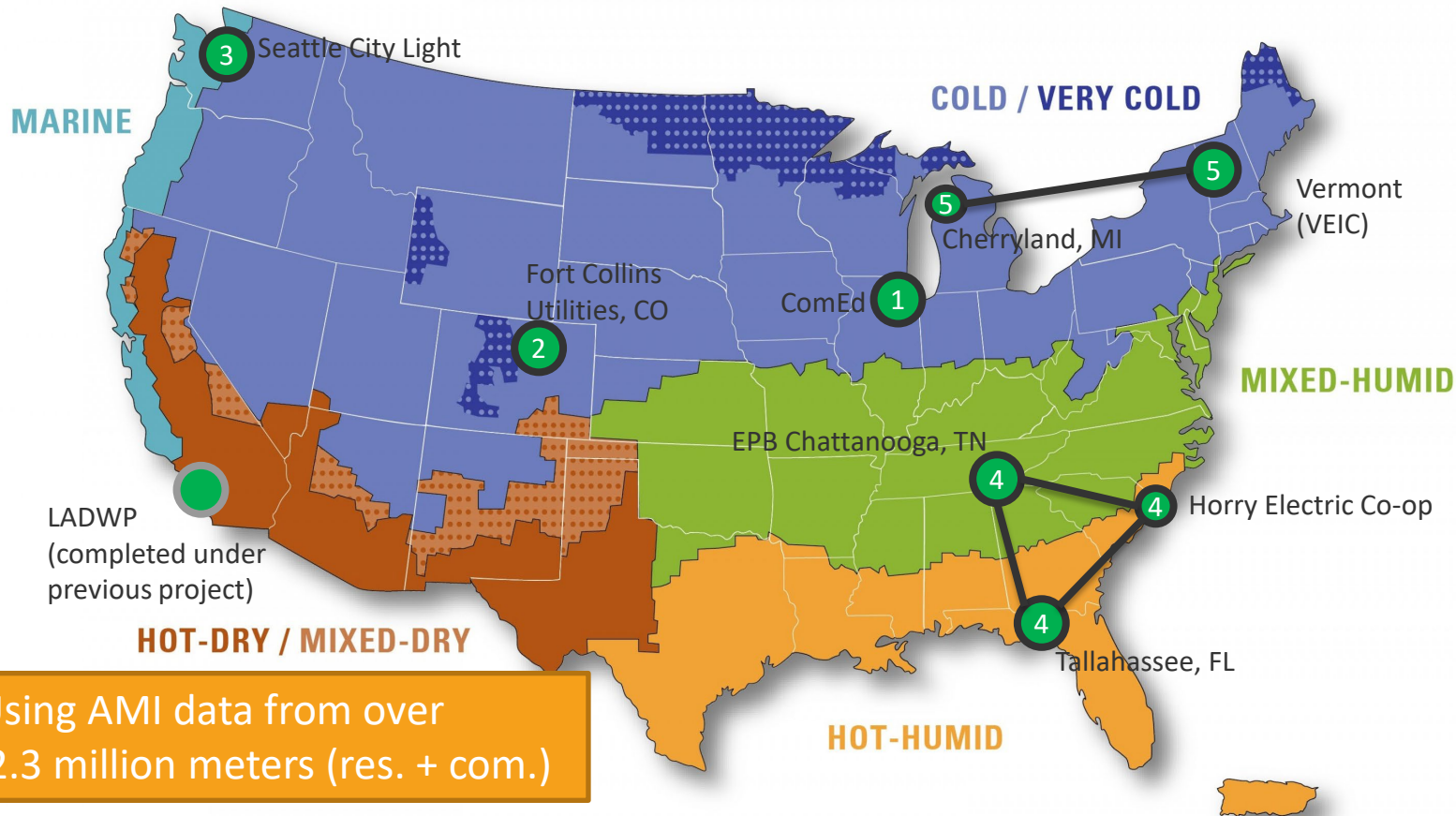




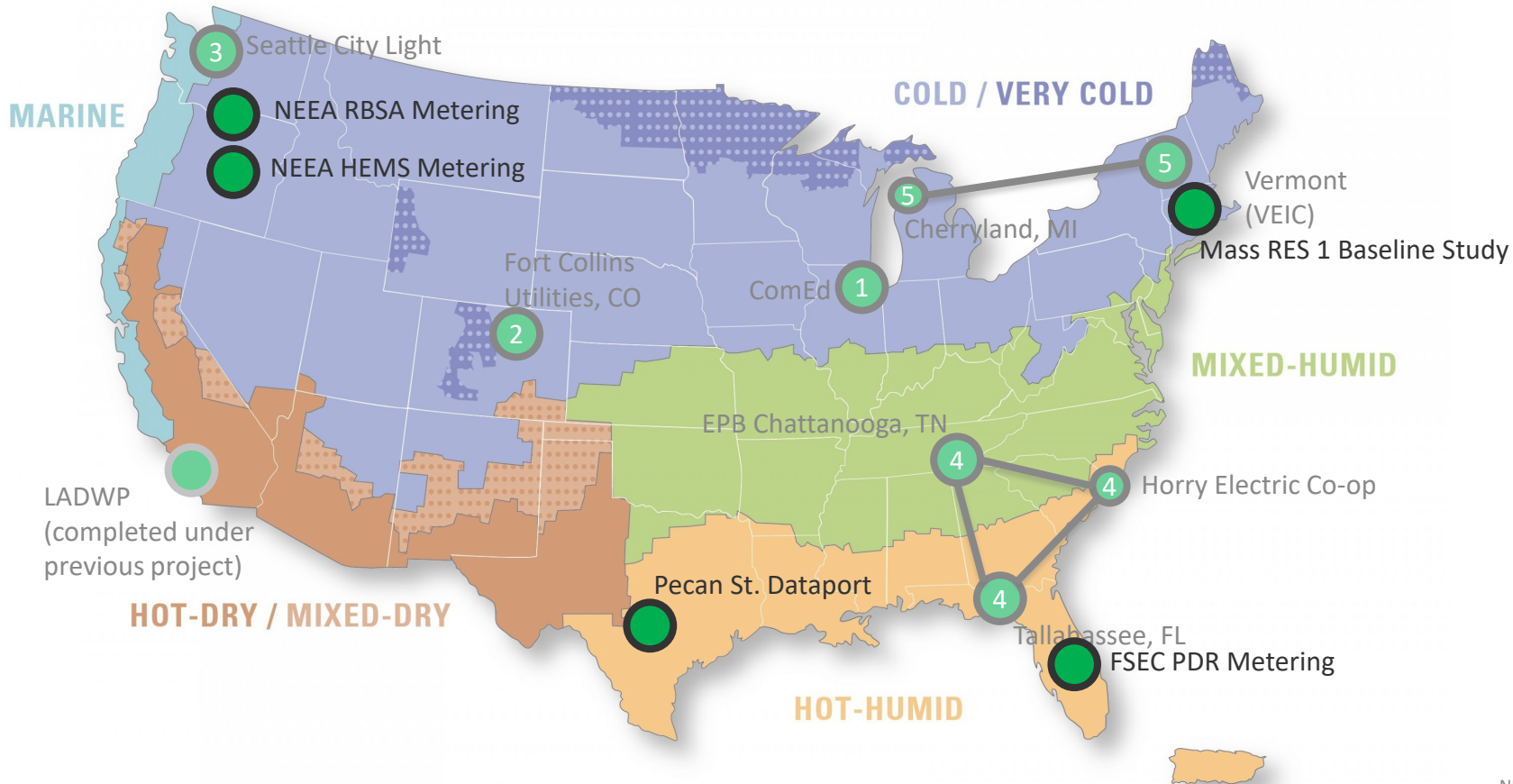
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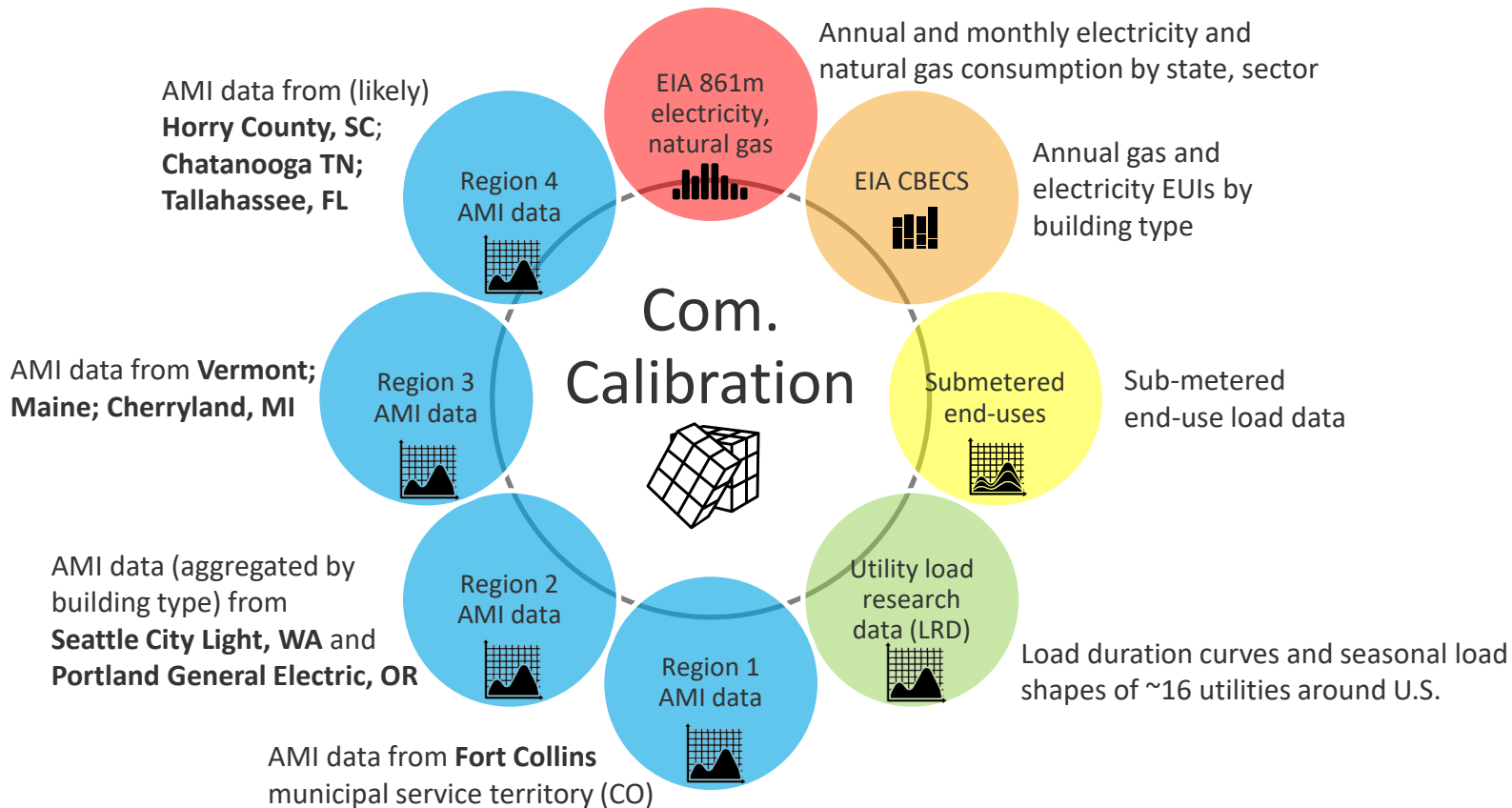


# Summary of Residential Submeter Datasets

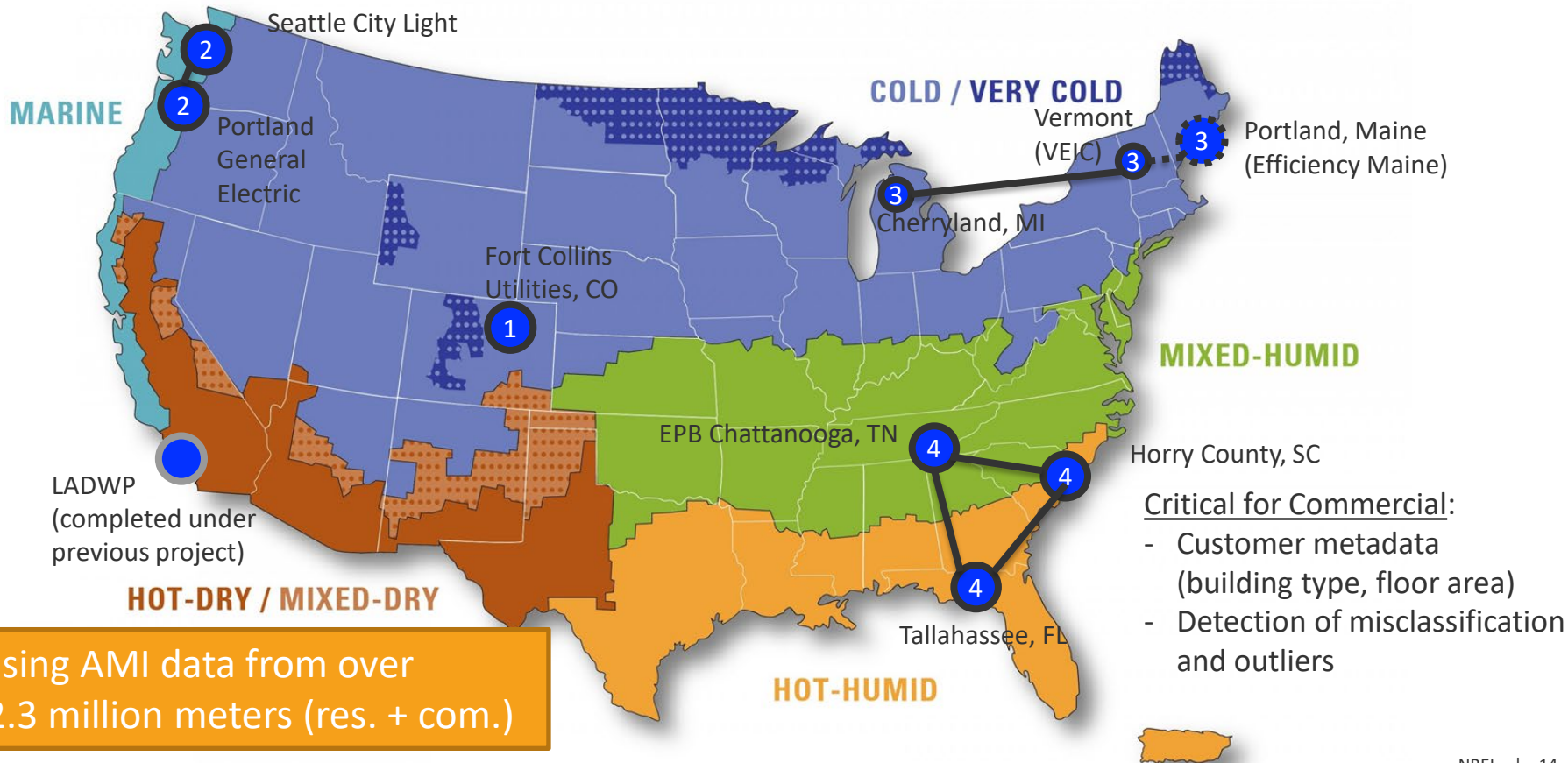


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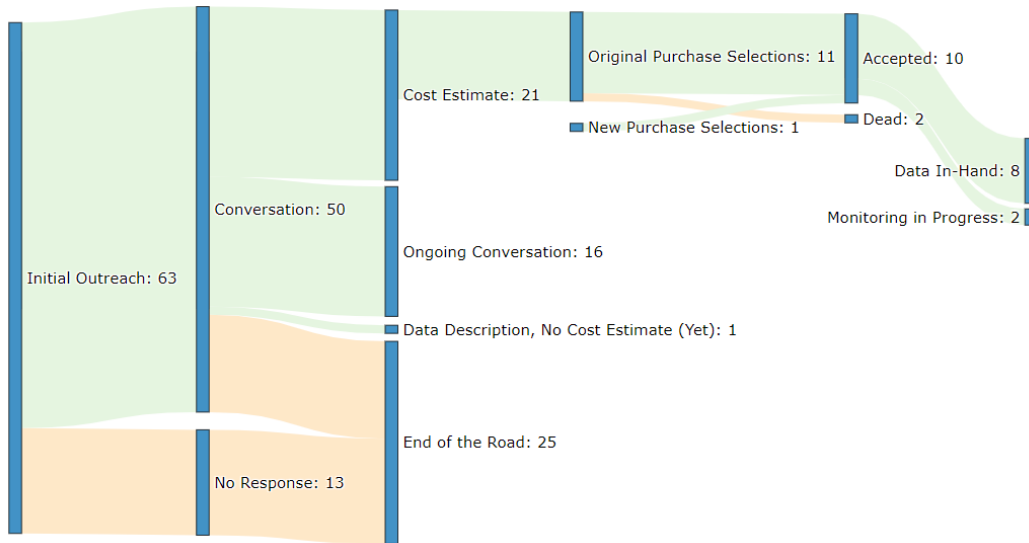


# Summary of Commercial AMI Calibration Regions



# Commercial End-Use Data Procurement

- Summary
  - Major outreach effort, >700 hours
  - 10 datasets purchased



## Putting Our Industry's Data to Work: A Case Study of Large-Scale Data Aggregation

### Preprint

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- 3 Elevate Energy
- 4 Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

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So how's it going?

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- Region 3 of 4 to finish in May 2021, Region 4 of 4 to finish in August 2021

# Looking Ahead

- Quantitative accuracy assessments will be presented:
  - Residential Calibration Update (up next)
  - Commercial Calibration Update (tomorrow)
- Final calibration updates presented to TAG in August 2021
- Final assessments will be published in the *Methodology and Results* report (draft in Sept.)



# Residential Region 4 Calibration

Anthony D. Fontanini, Ph.D.  
Eric Wilson  
April 21, 2021

# Calibration Strategy

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# Residential Calibration Dimensions

Adjusted for PV generation and billing periods

Annual electric sales of all utilities in U.S.

Annual and monthly electricity and natural gas consumption by state, sector

Annual end-use loads of occupied dwelling units

- Building type
- Climate zone
- Fuel (electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil)

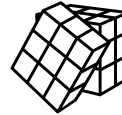
Sub-metered end-use load data (5 datasets)

Updated from 2012 to 2018

Load duration curves and seasonal load shapes of ~16 utilities around U.S.

Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data from **ComEd** service territory (IL)

## Res. Calibration



Region 5 AMI data



EIA Form 861



EIA 861m electricity, natural gas data



EIA RECS modeled end-uses



Submeter end-uses



Utility load research data (LRD)



Region 1 AMI data



Region 2 AMI data



Region 3 AMI data



Region 4 AMI data



AMI data from **Vermont; Cherryland, MI**

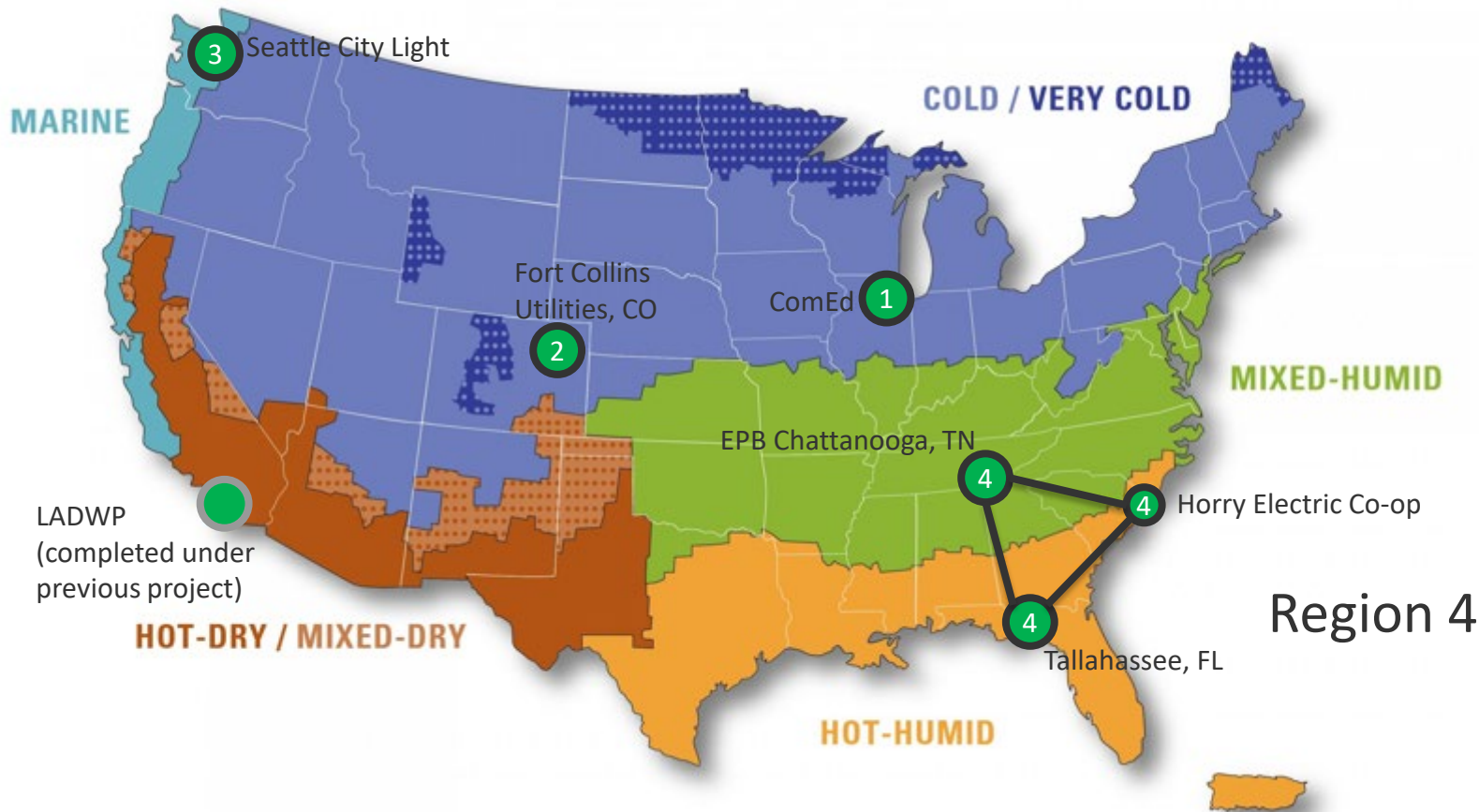
New

AMI data from Electric Power Board of **Chattanooga, TN**, **Horry Electric (SC)**, and City of **Tallahassee, FL**

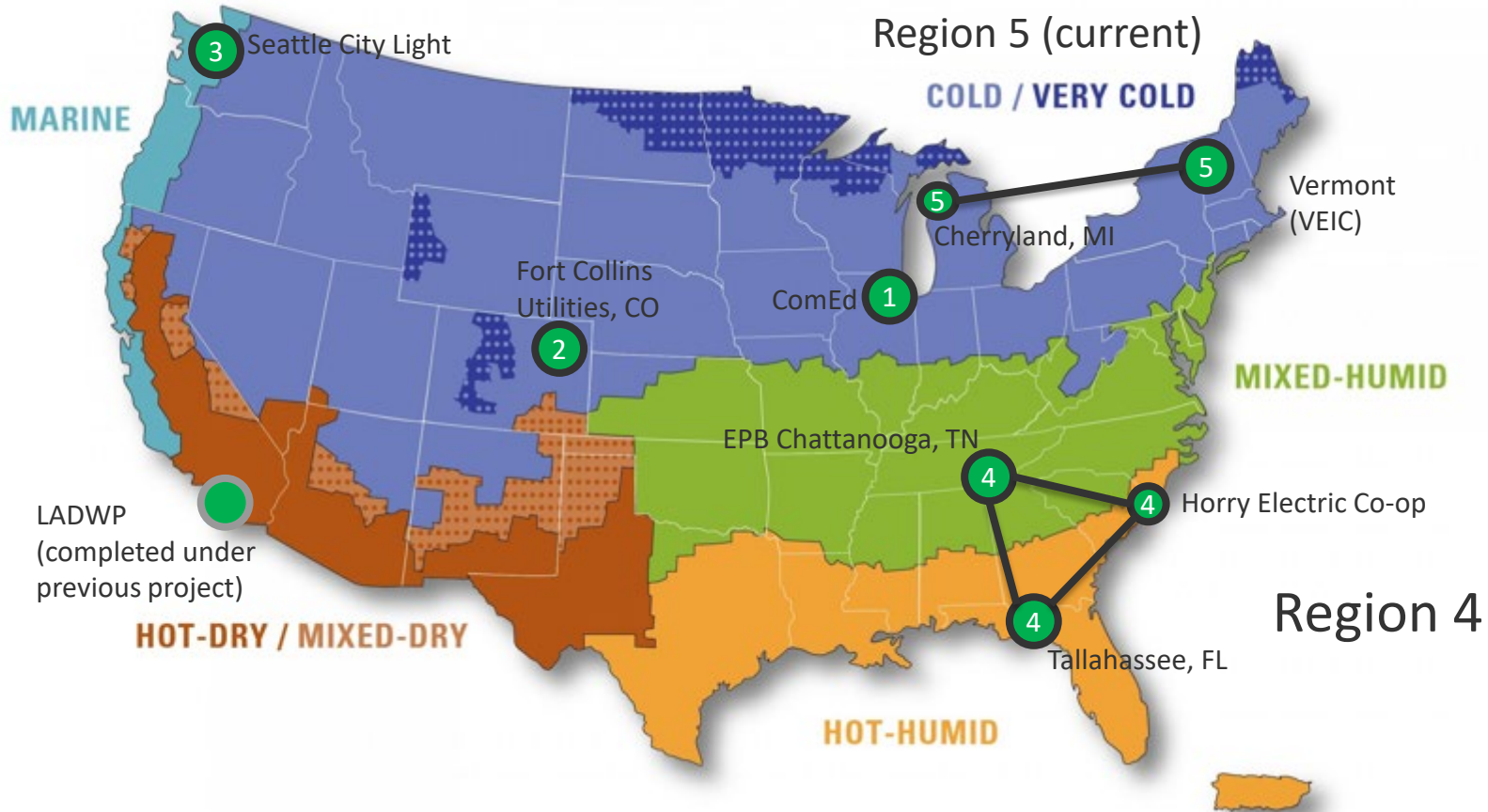
AMI data (aggregated by building type) from **Seattle City Light, WA**

AMI data from **Fort Collins** municipal service territory (CO)

# Summary of Residential AMI Calibration Regions



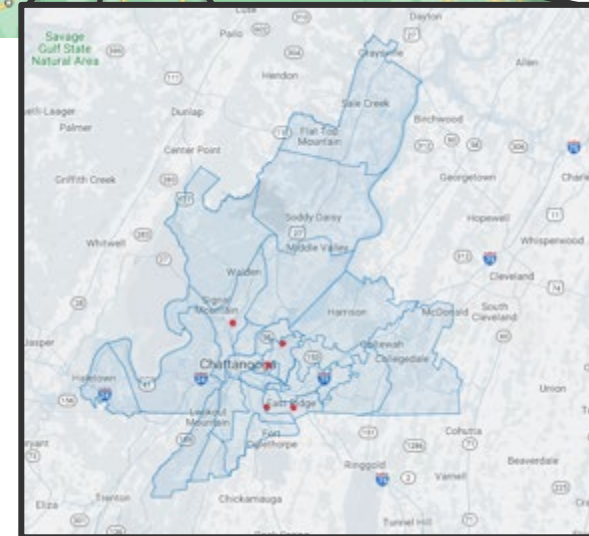
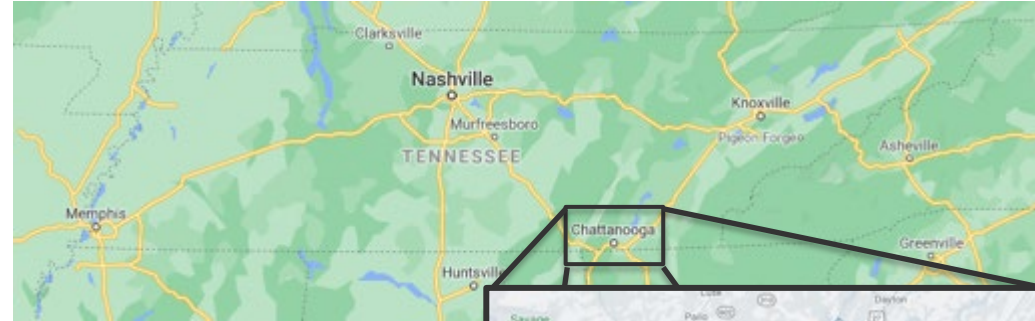
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# Region 4 – Electric Power Board (EPB) of Chattanooga

- Serves ~158,000 customers in TN and GA
- Municipal utility
- Used AMI data from 2019
- Compared to previous regions:
  - Higher % electric heating

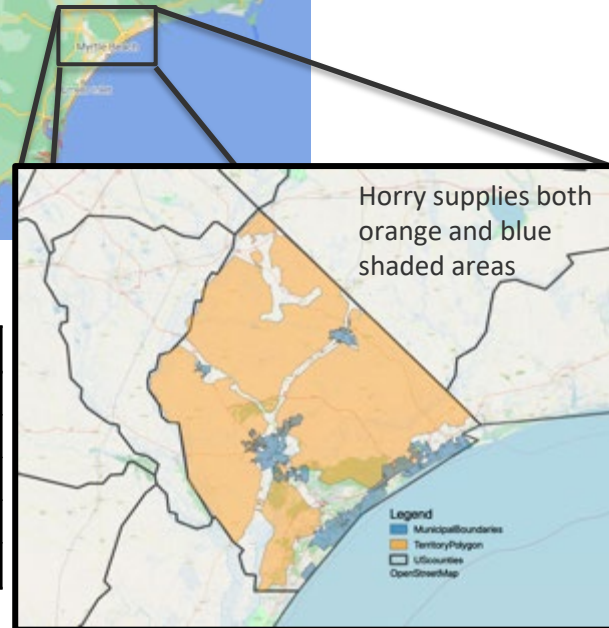
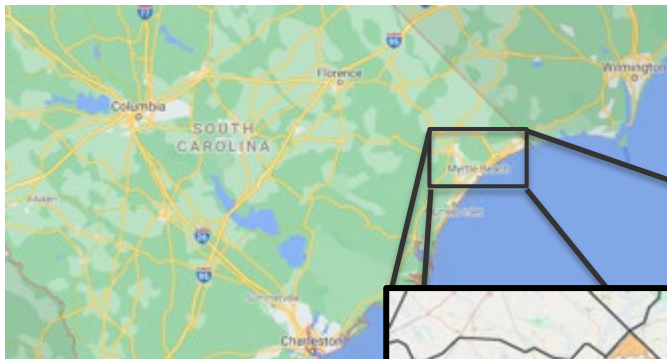


Building Type RECS	Saturation
Mobile Home	9.8%
Multi-Family with 2 - 4 Units	7.3%
Multi-Family with 5+ Units	10.0%
Single-Family Attached	2.3%
Single-Family Detached	70.7%

Heating Fuel	Saturation
Electricity	70.3%
Fuel Oil	0.2%
Natural Gas	22.2%
Other Fuel	1.8%
Propane	5.5%

# Region 4 – Horry Electric Cooperative

- Serves ~68,000 customers in SC
- Serves most of Horry County, including several municipalities via franchise agreements
- Used AMI data from 2018
- Compared to previous regions:
  - Higher % electric heating
  - Higher % of vacant/vacation units
  - Large fraction of population is near the coast



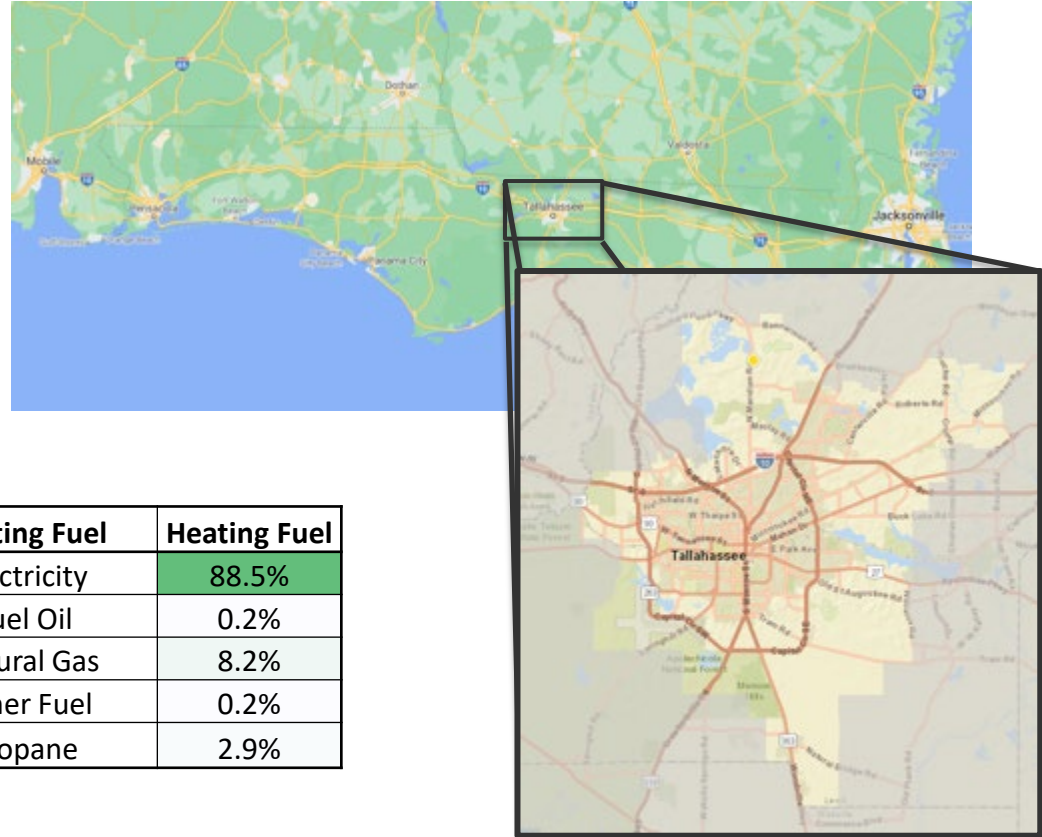
Building Type RECS	Saturation
Mobile Home	15.0%
Multi-Family with 2 - 4 Units	5.0%
Multi-Family with 5+ Units	18.0%
Single-Family Attached	4.5%
Single-Family Detached	57.4%

Building Type RECS	Percent Vacant
Mobile Home	27.7%
Multi-Family with 2 - 4 Units	37.5%
Multi-Family with 5+ Units	66.4%
Single-Family Attached	38.9%
Single-Family Detached	20.6%

Heating Fuel	Electricity	Fuel Oil	Natural Gas	None	Propane
Saturation	94.5%	0.1%	3.0%	0.1%	2.3%

# Region 4 – City of Tallahassee

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Natural Gas	8.2%
Other Fuel	0.2%
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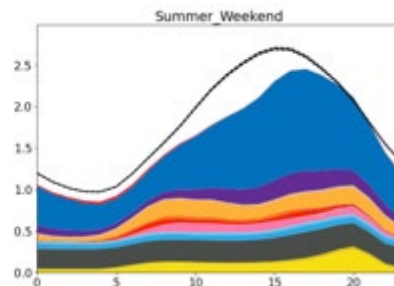
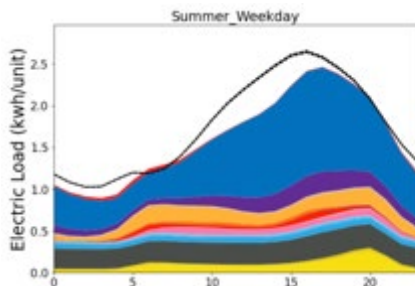
# Where did we end up?

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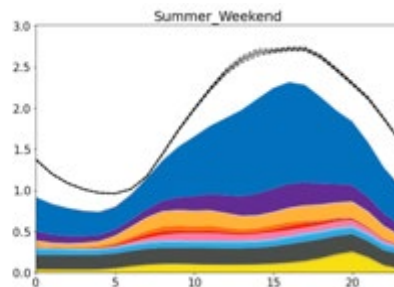
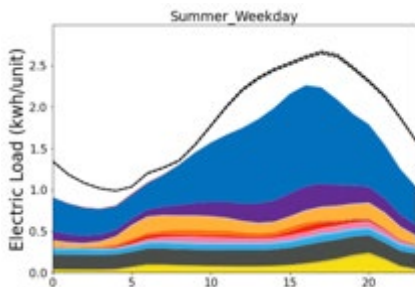
Calibration improvements and load  
shape status

# Seasonal end-use loads by day type

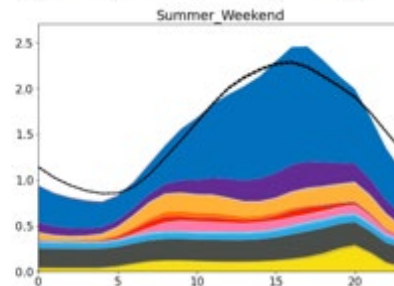
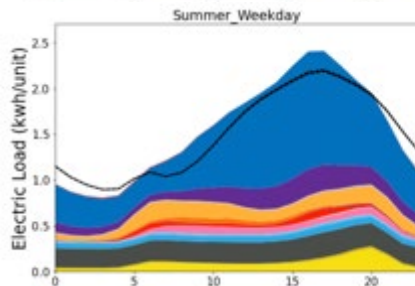
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City of Tallahassee  
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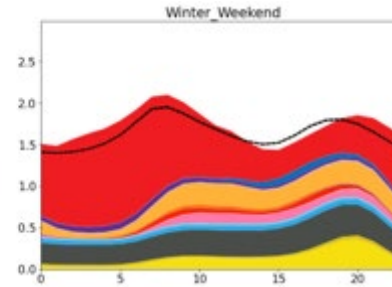
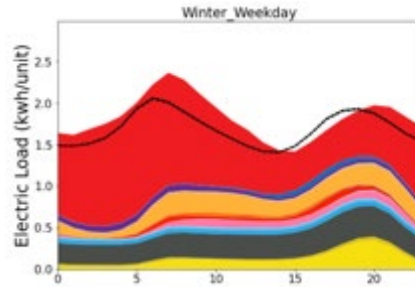


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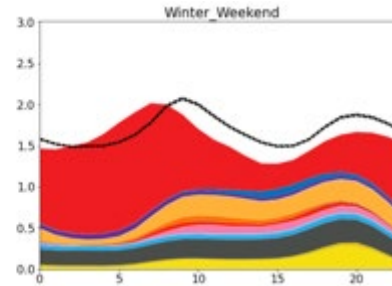
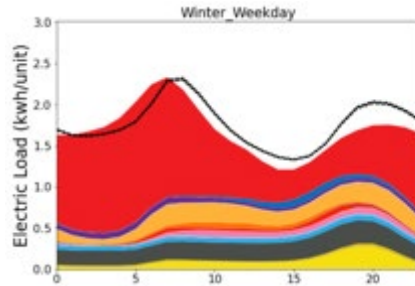


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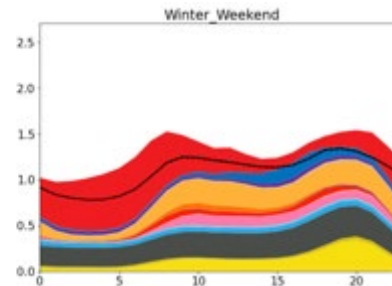
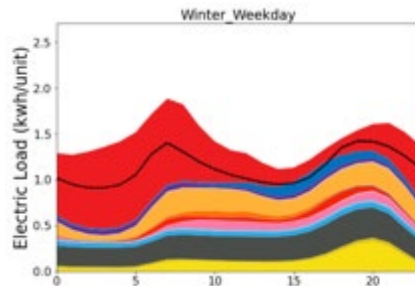
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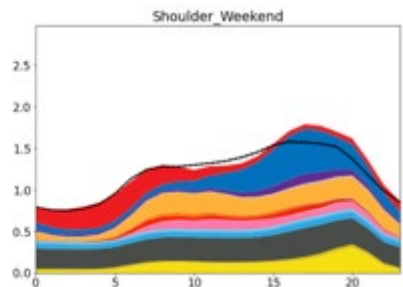
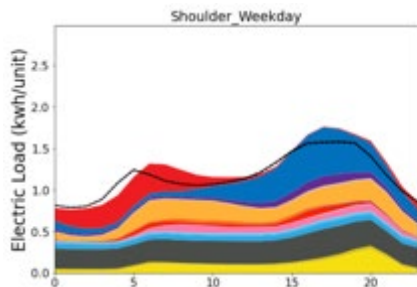
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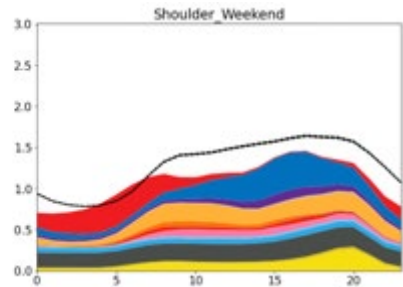
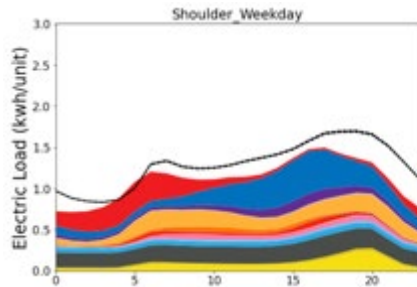
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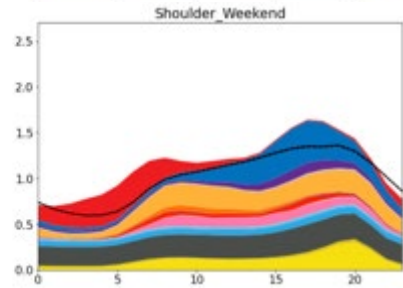
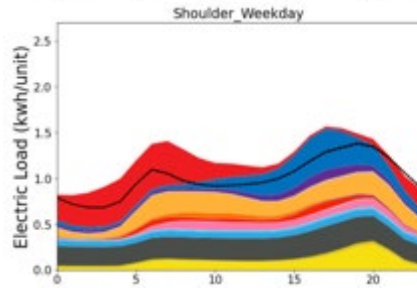
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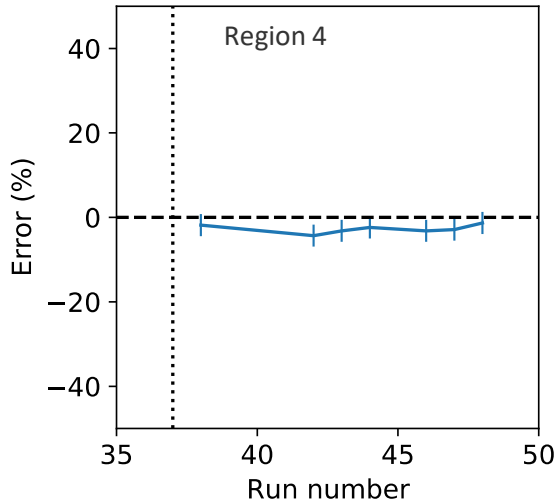


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# Annual Error For Region 4 AMI datasets

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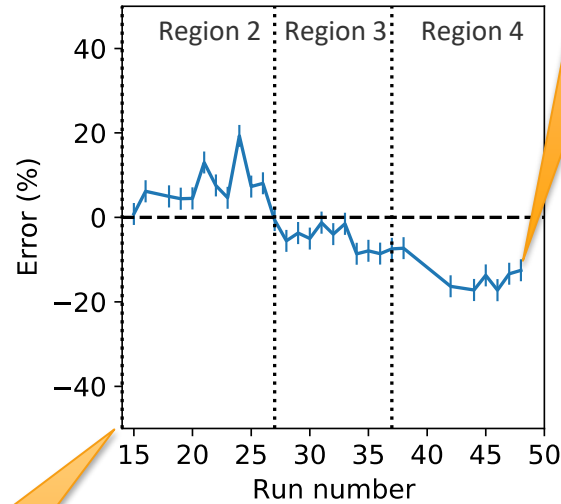
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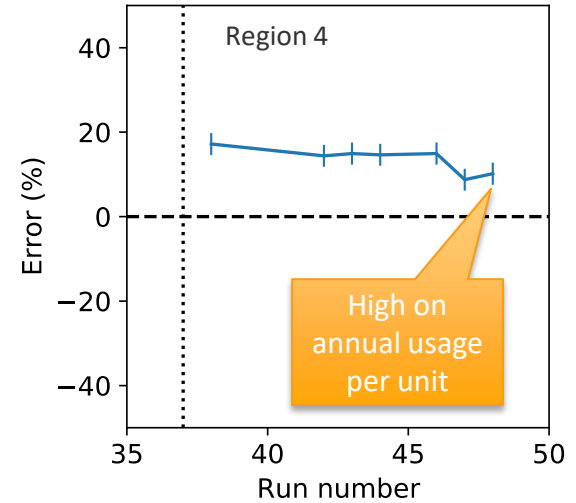


Low on annual usage per unit

QOIs calculated for previous 2018 runs

## City of Tallahassee

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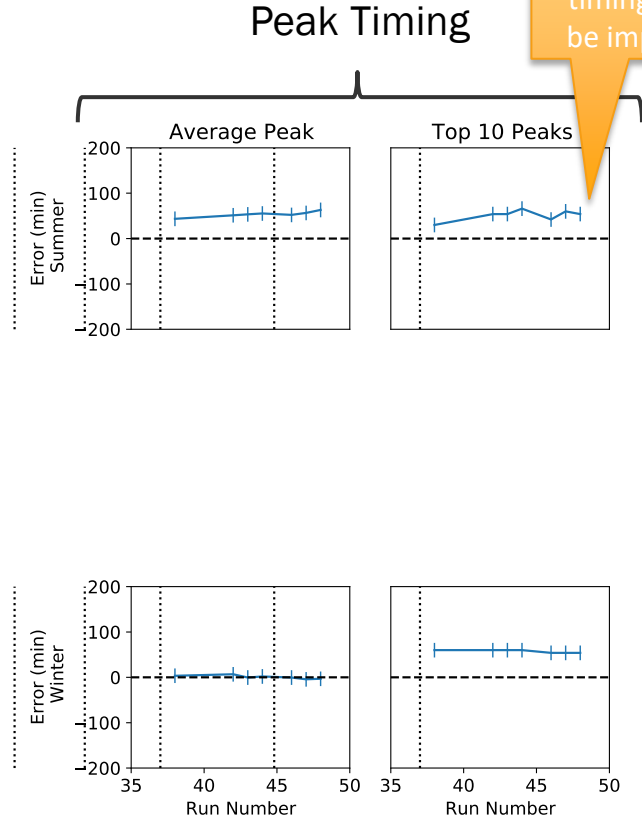
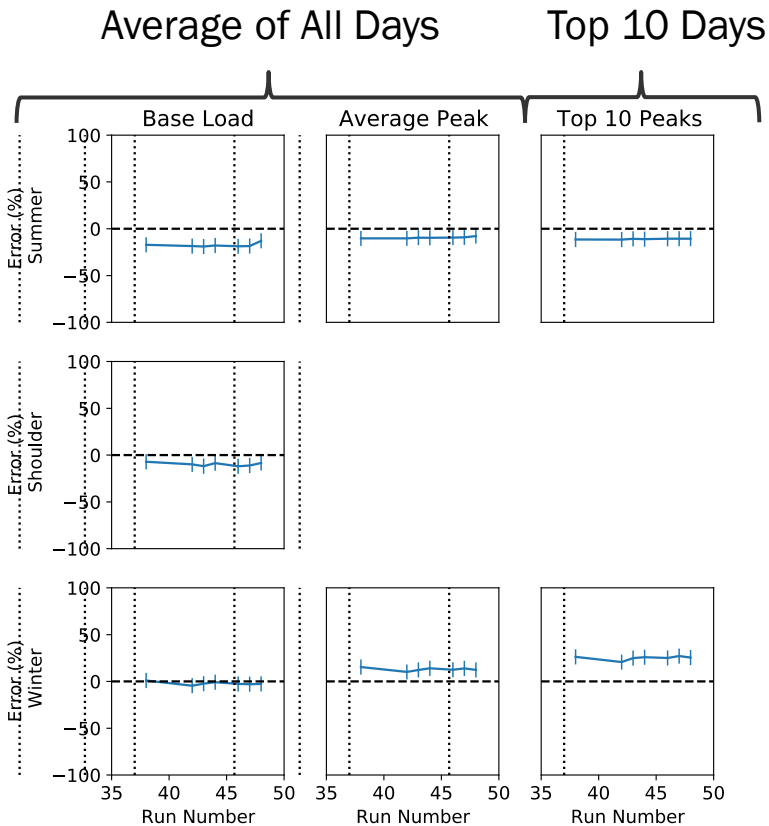
## Reasons for discrepancies

- Horry: Cooling load too low
- Tallahassee: SFD load too high



# EPB, Chattanooga, TN service territory: shape error metrics

Summer peak timing could be improved



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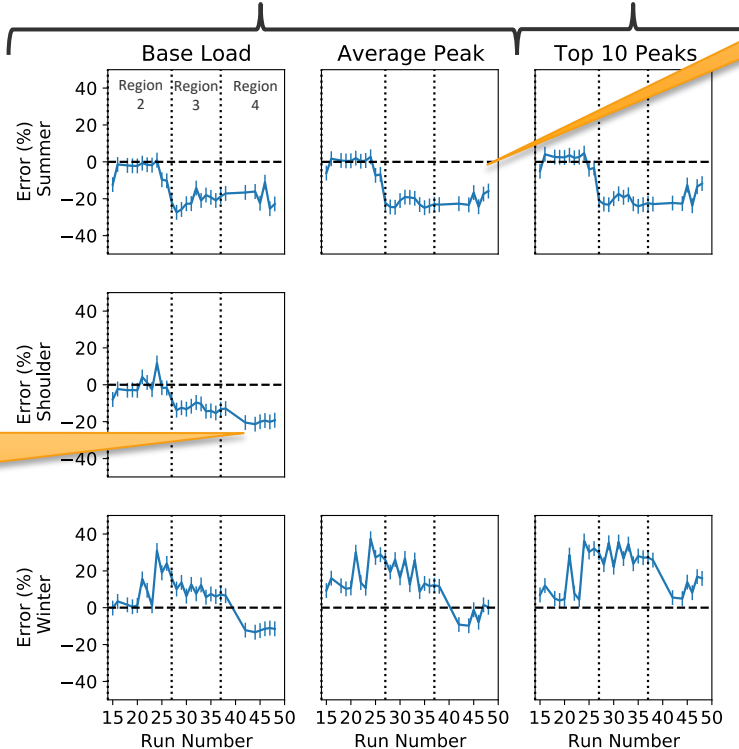


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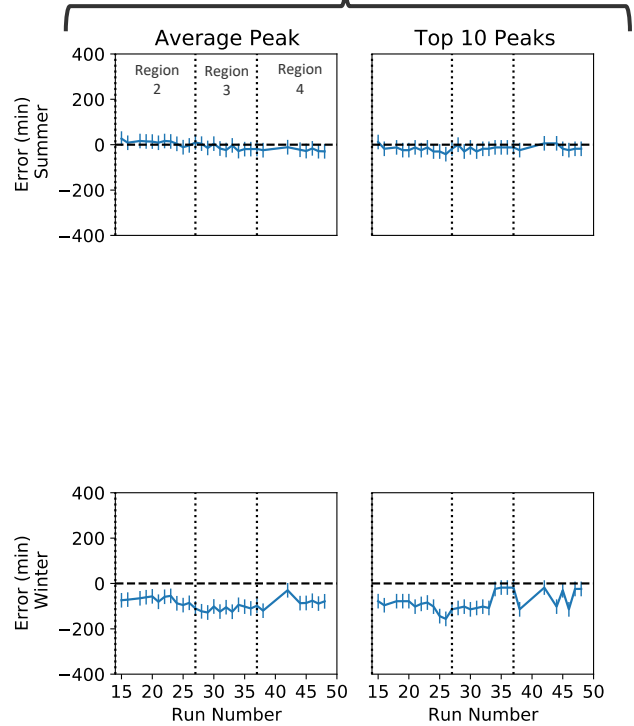
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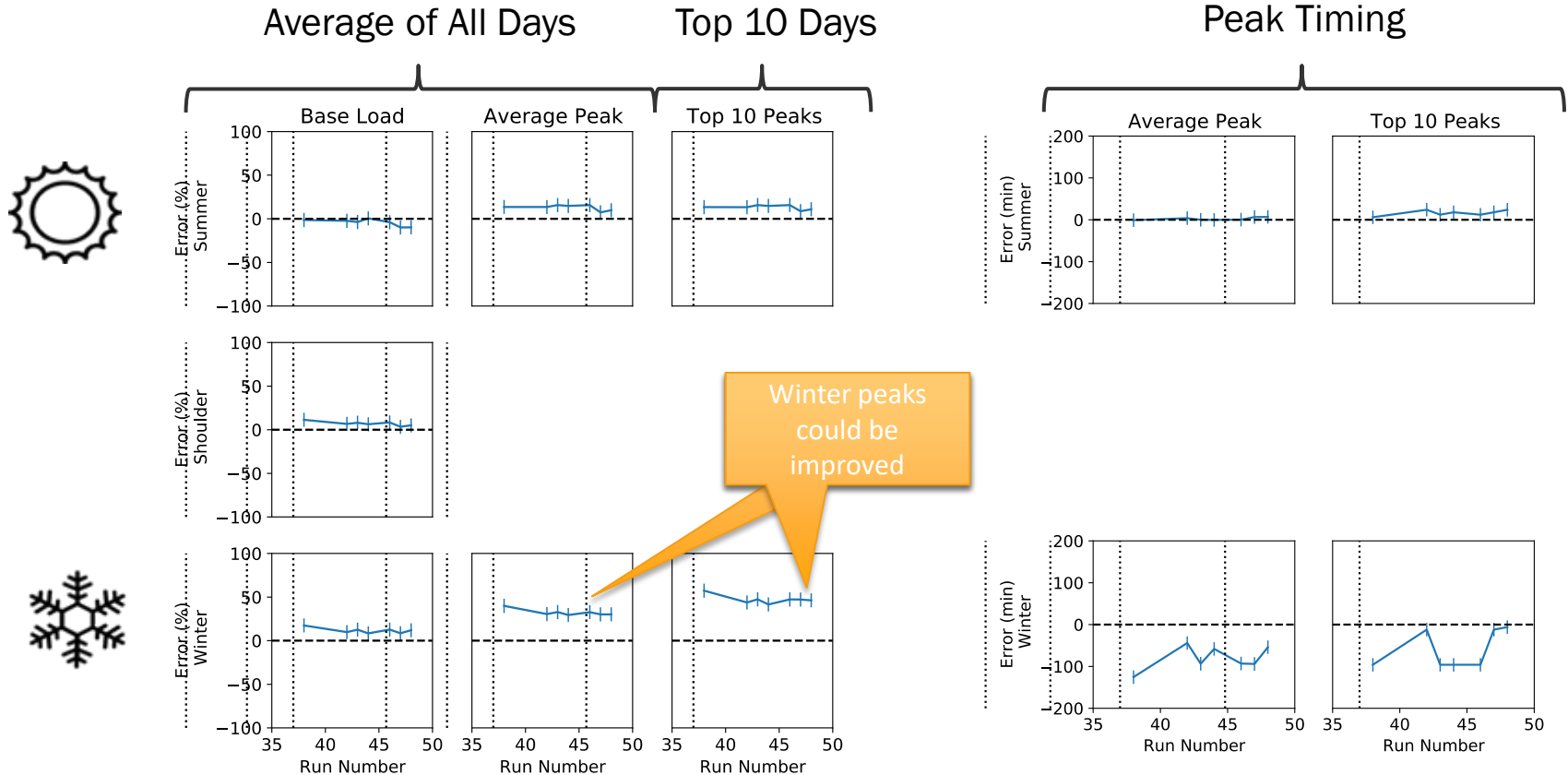
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# City of Tallahassee service territory: shape error metrics



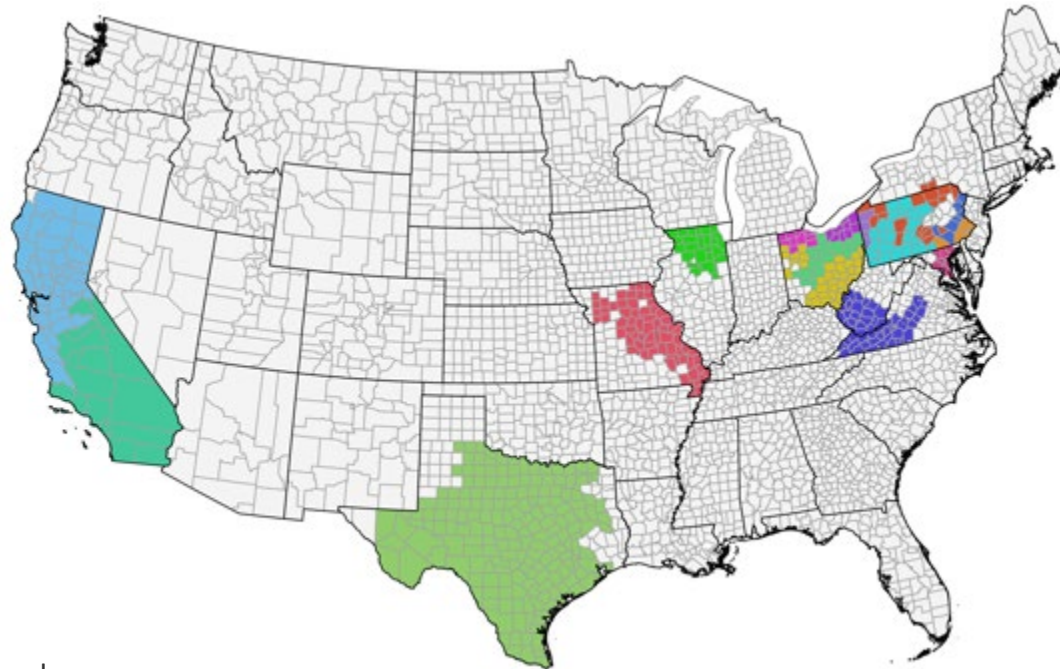
New/updated validation  
comparisons

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# 2018 Load Research Data Comparisons

Load research data comparison updated from 2012 to 2018

2018 utility service territory according to EIA Form 861



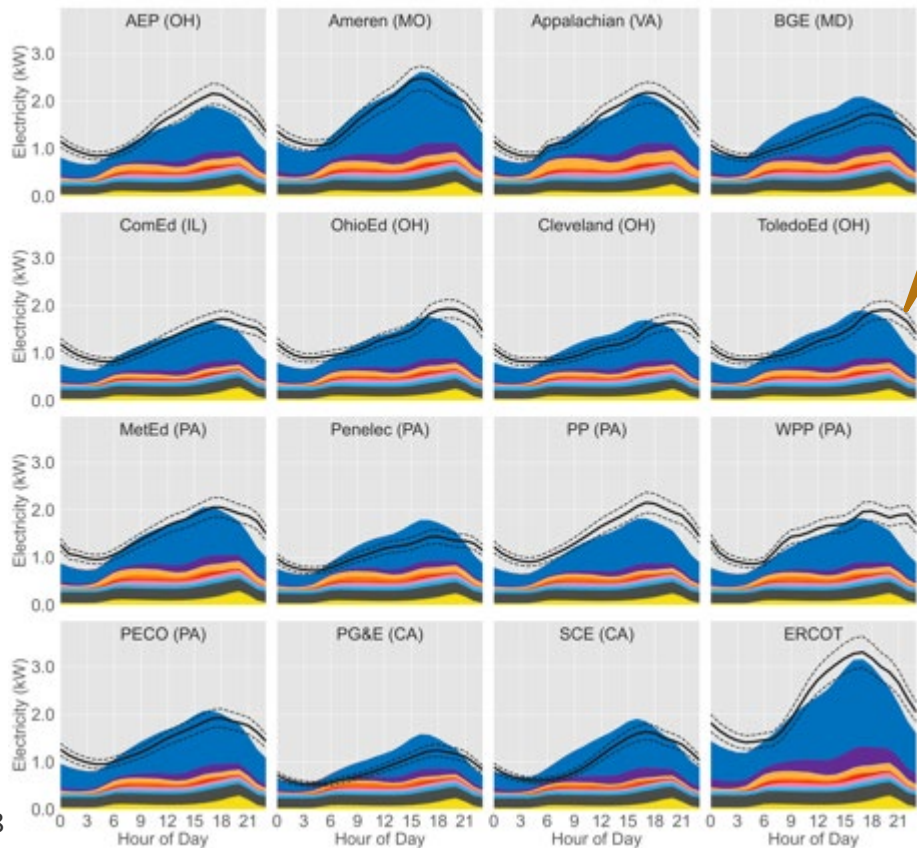
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\*Service territories may overlap

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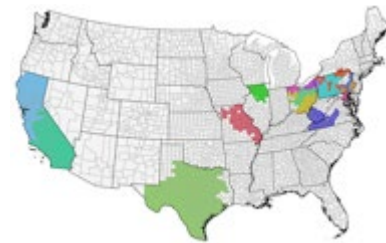
2018 Residential Summer  
Average Diurnal Load - per Meter



Time shift in  
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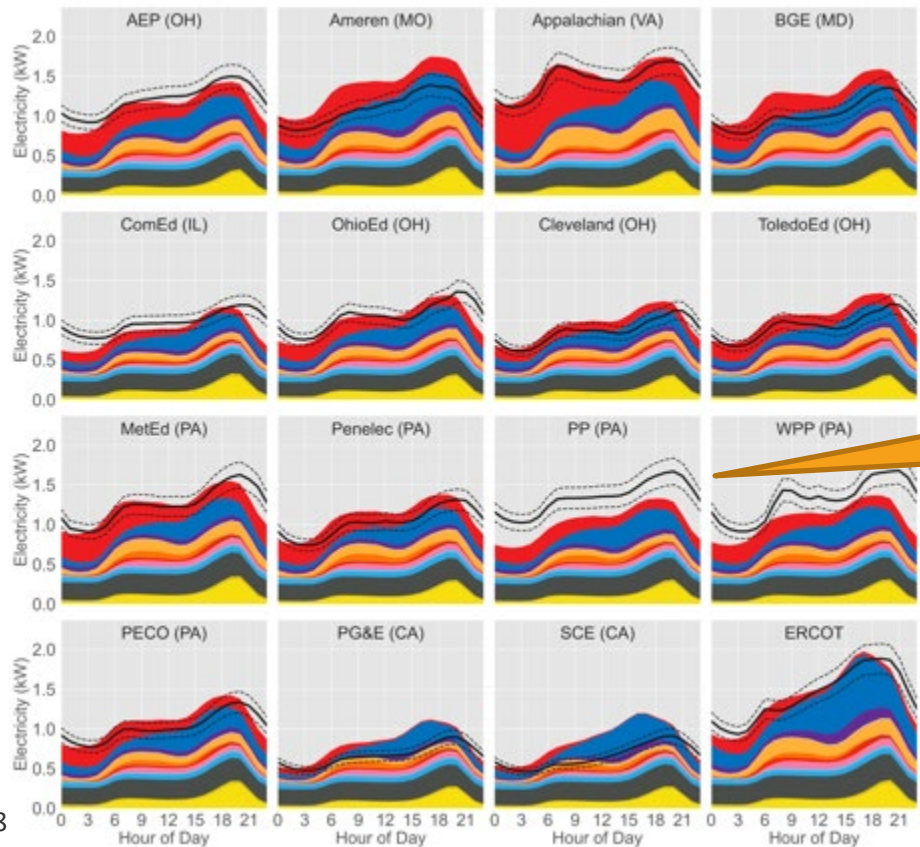
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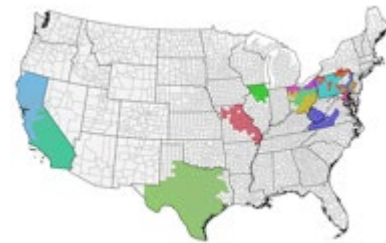


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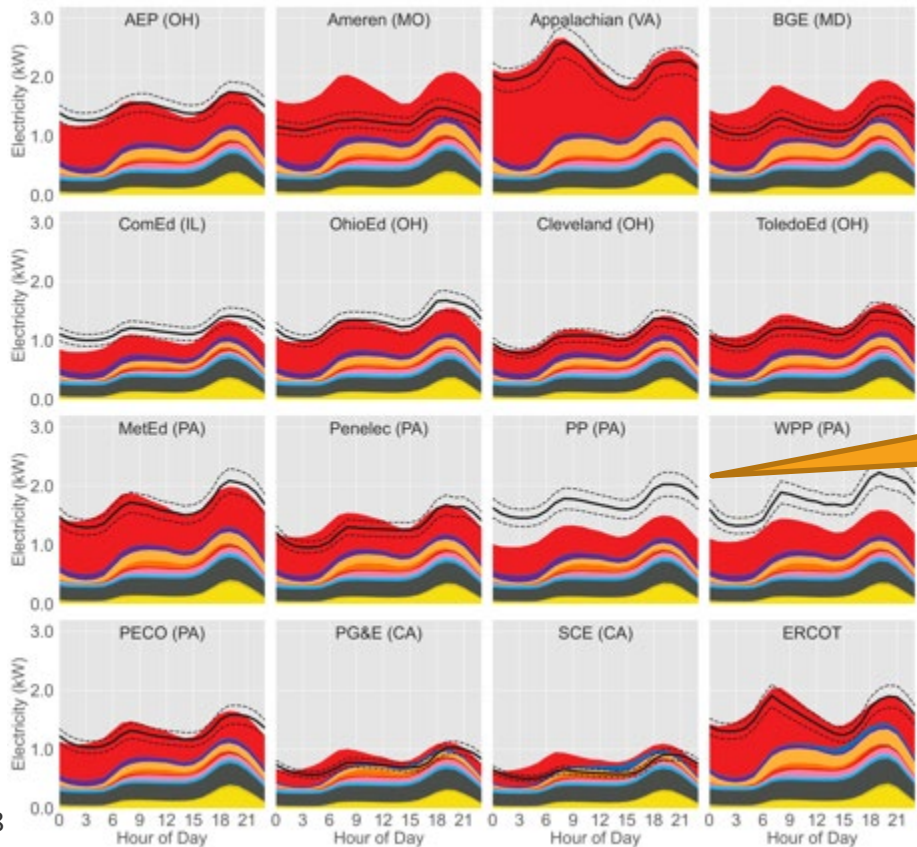
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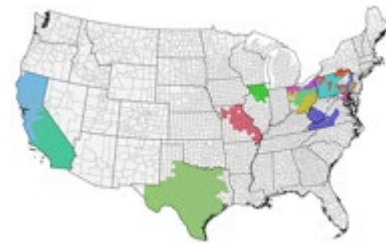
2018 Residential Winter  
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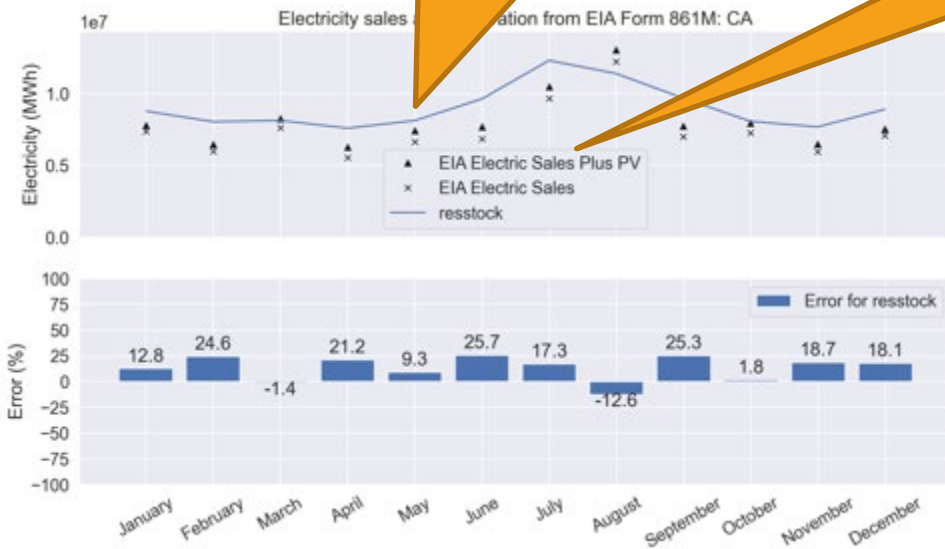
# Residential monthly EIA electricity adjusted for PV generation

- **TAG Feedback:** Behind-the-meter PV generation may be non-negligible in some states
- Introduced residential small-scale PV generation (EIA Form 861) into monthly comparisons

Significant increase in load especially in summer

Calibration target EIA Electric Sales Plus PV

Most states do not have significant PV generation



# Residential monthly EIA electricity adjusted billing reporting periods

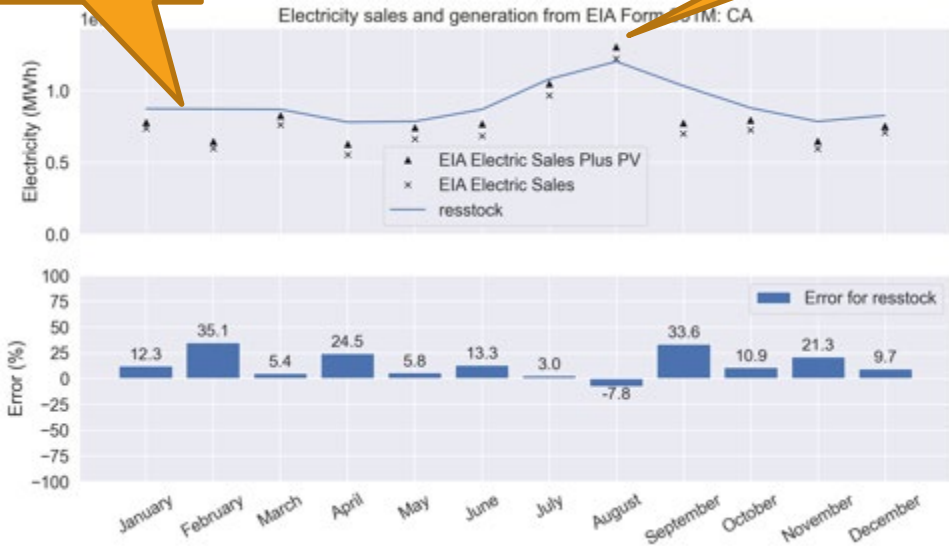
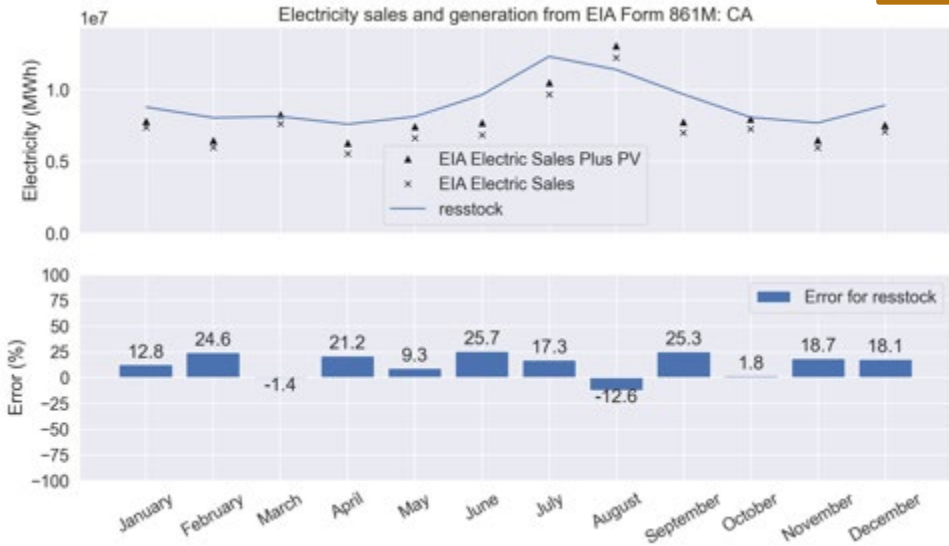
- **Not all states seem to be affected**
- TAG member used California as an example for and verified analysis by using CEC data

Before weighting function applied

CA most likely uses billing months

After weighting function applied

Summer peak shifted



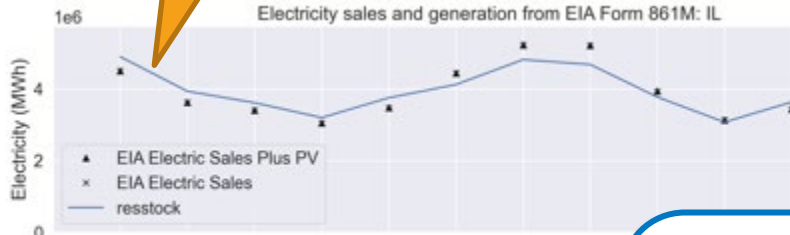
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The winter, spring, and fall over prediction seems unlikely when using LRD

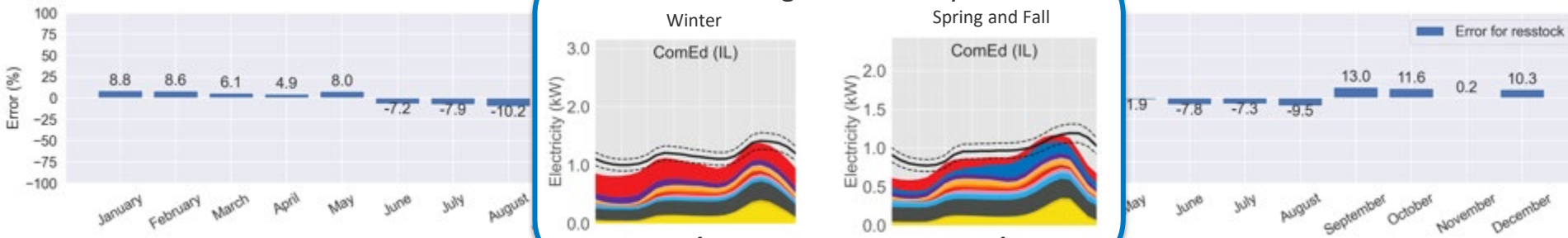
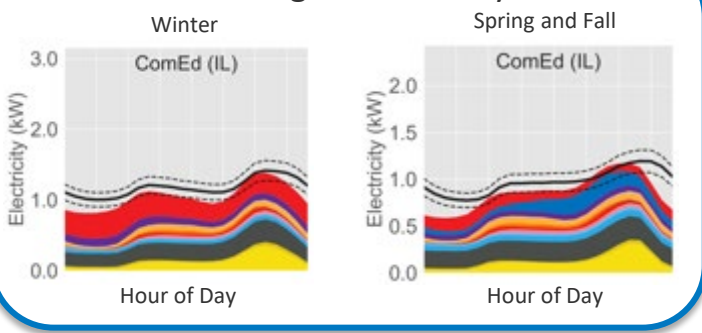
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Using LRD to verify



# Residential stock end-use summary

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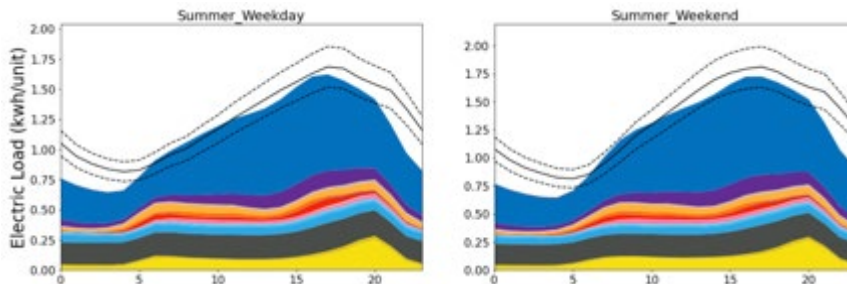
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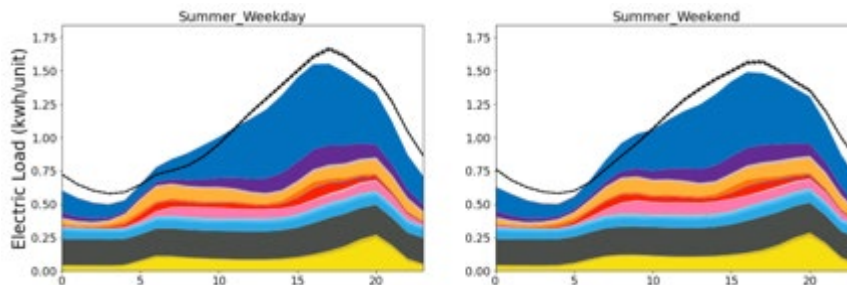
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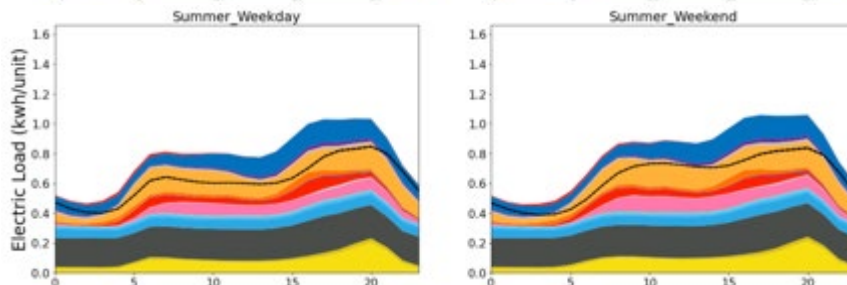
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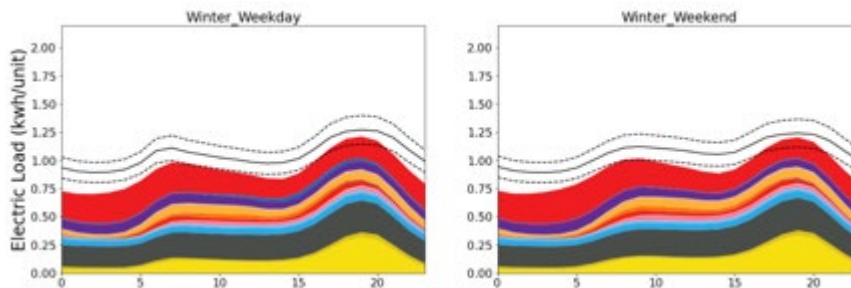


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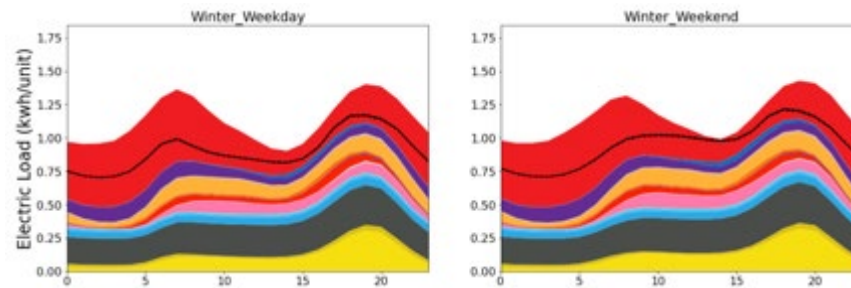
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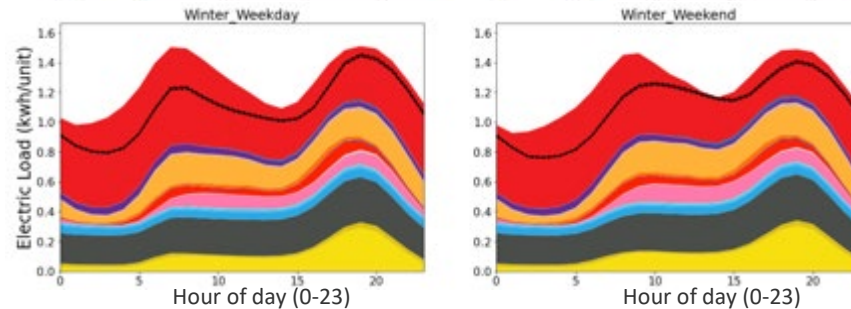
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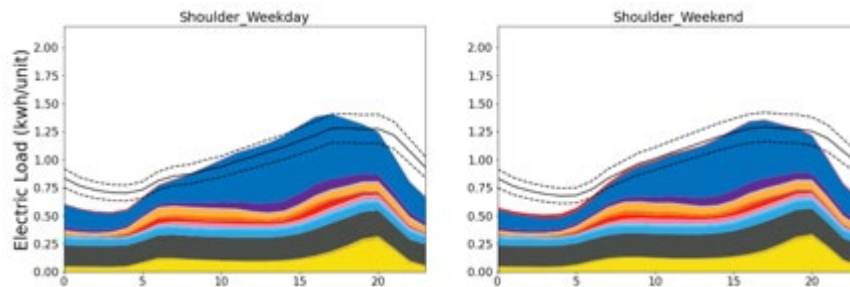
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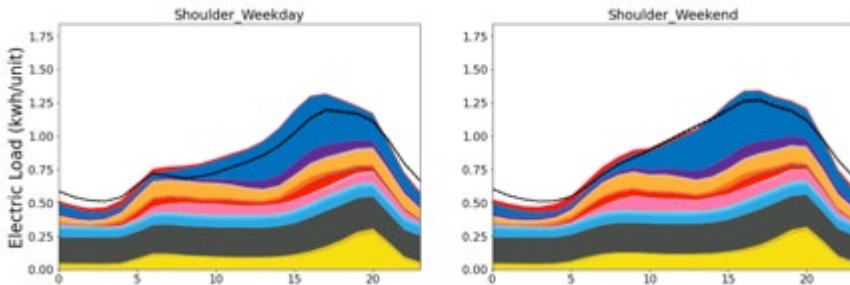


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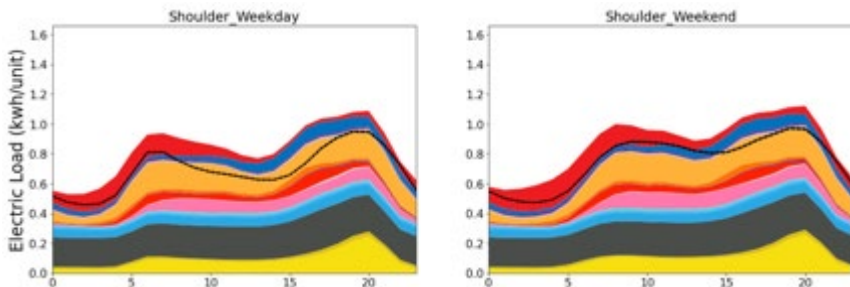
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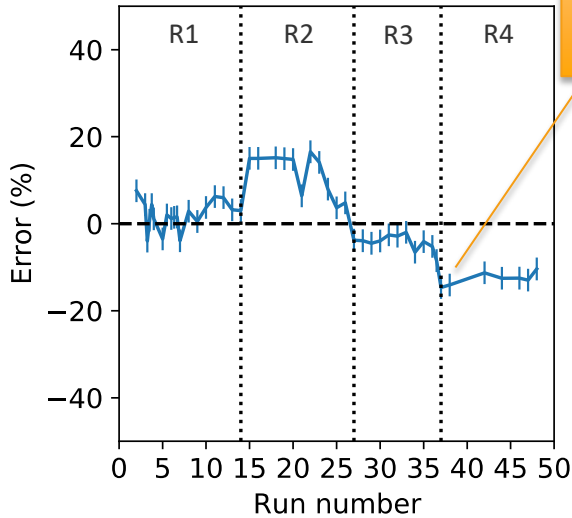
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# Annual error: previous calibration regions

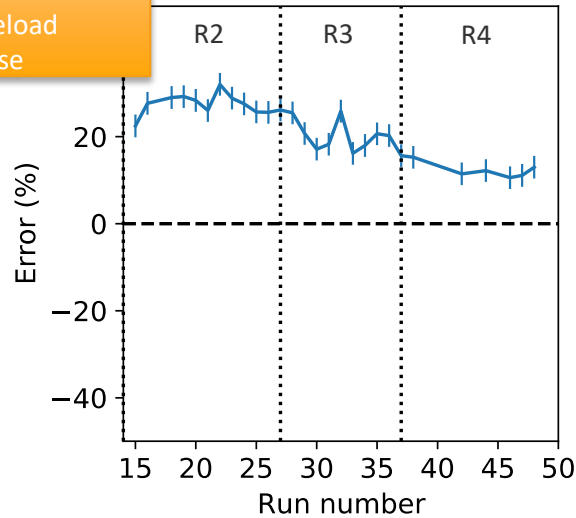
## ComEd

Relative error: annual electricity use per unit



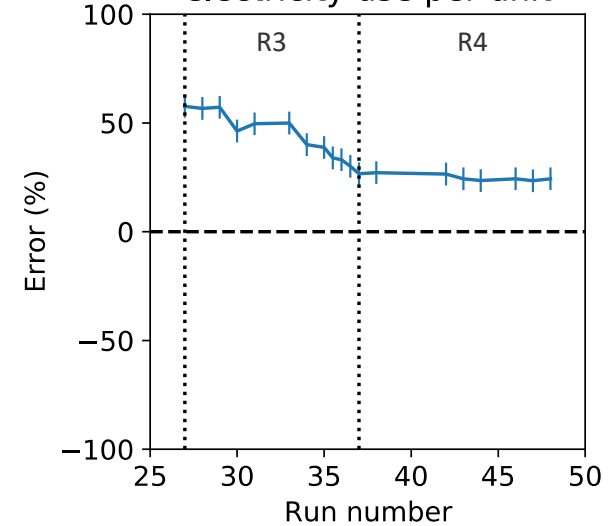
## City of Fort Collins

Relative error: annual electricity use per unit



## Seattle City Light

Relative error: annual electricity use per unit



## Reasons

- Fort Collins and Seattle: Electric heating load too high
- ComEd: Low evening and early morning load

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R3 = calibration region 3  
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# ComEd service territory: shape error metrics

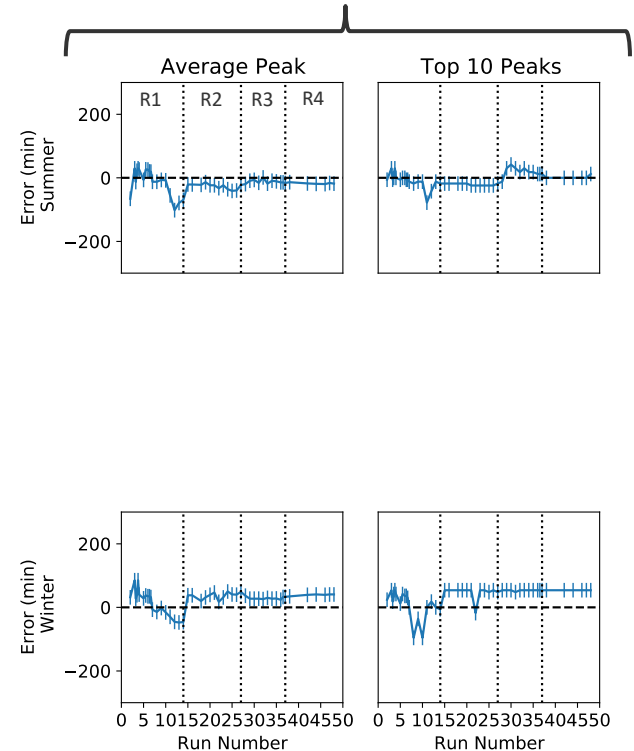
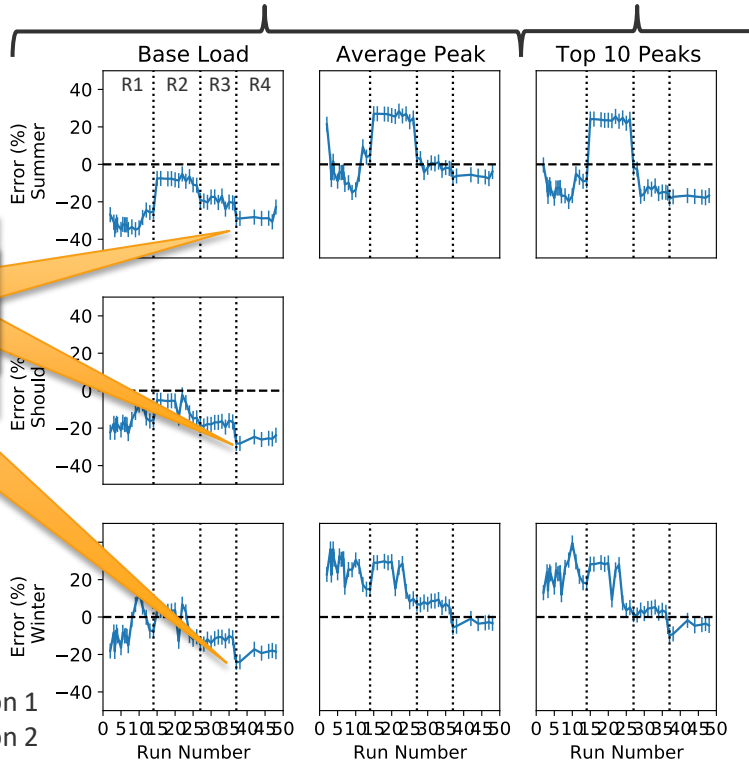
Average of All Days

Top 10 Days

Peak Timing



Regional plug load multiplier made ComEd baseload worse



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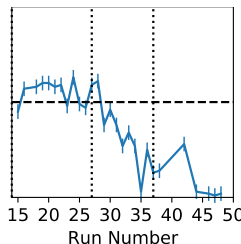
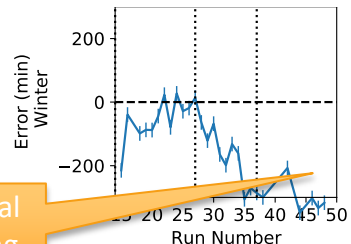
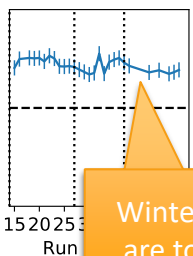
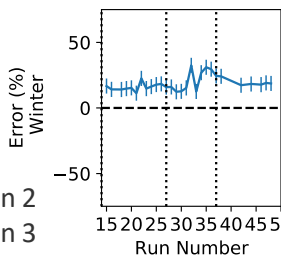
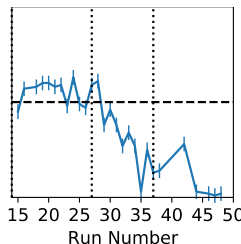
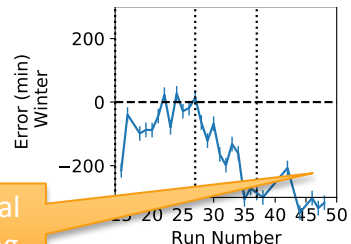
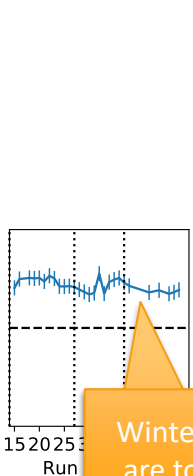
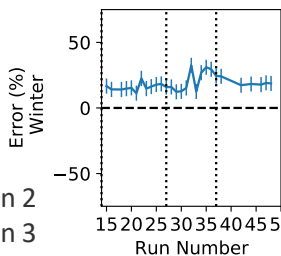
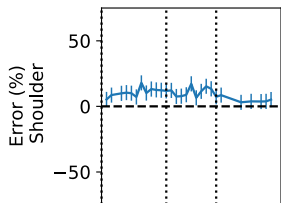
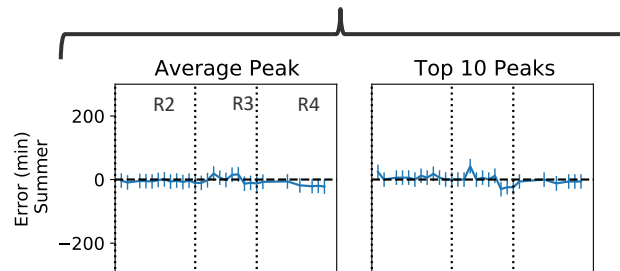
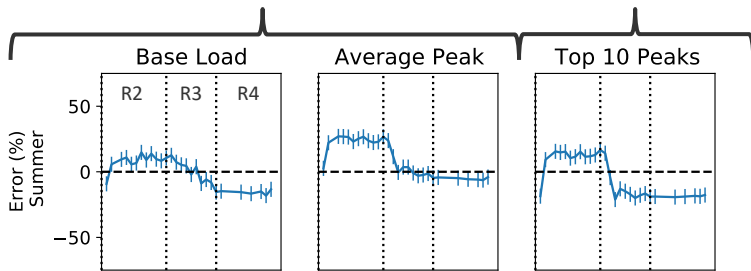
# City of Fort Collins service territory: shape error metrics



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Winter peaks are too high

Roughly equal peaks causing timing issue

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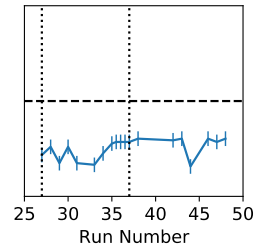
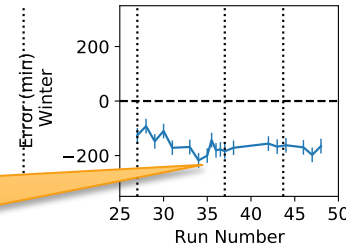
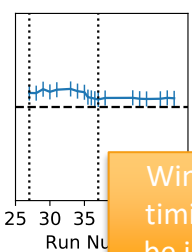
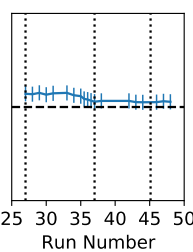
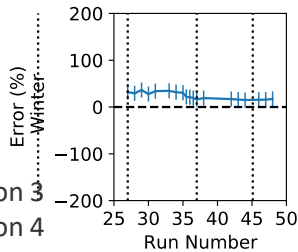
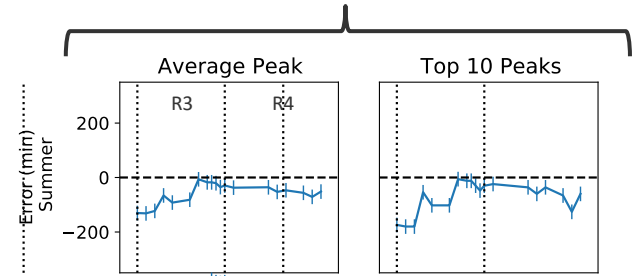
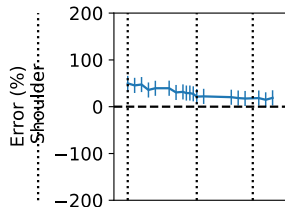
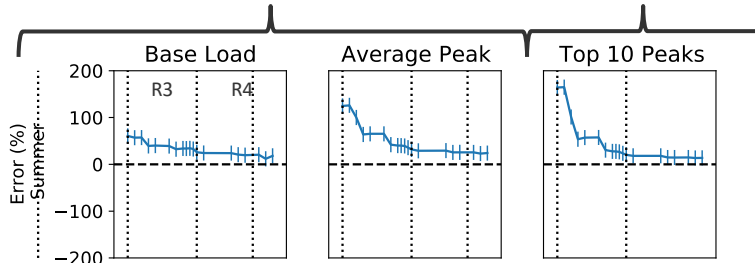
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Average of All Days

Top 10 Days

Peak Timing



Winter peak timing could be improved

R3 = calibration region 3  
R4 = calibration region 4

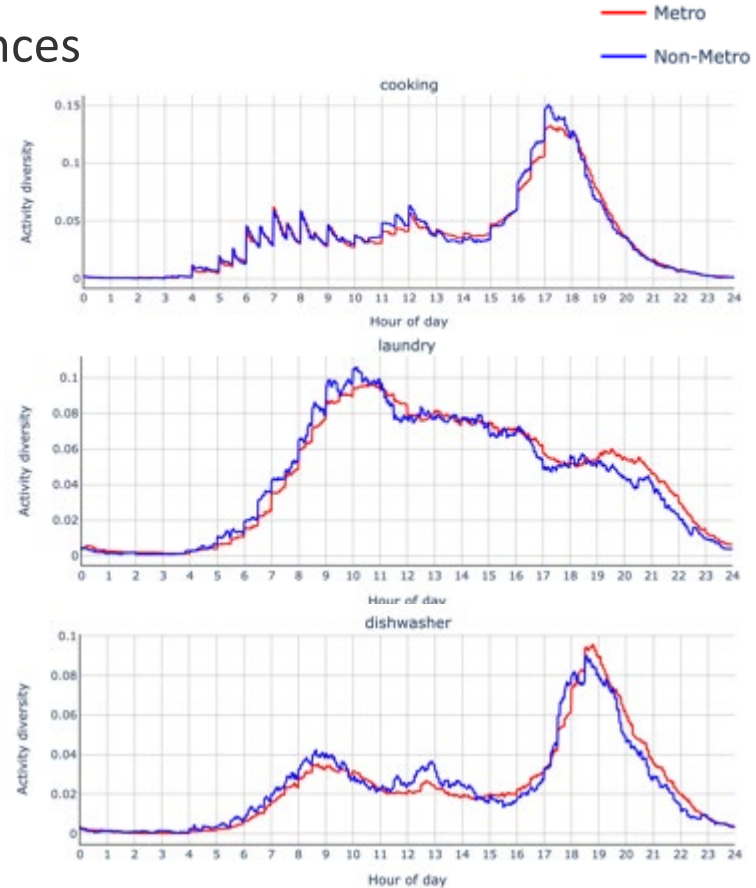
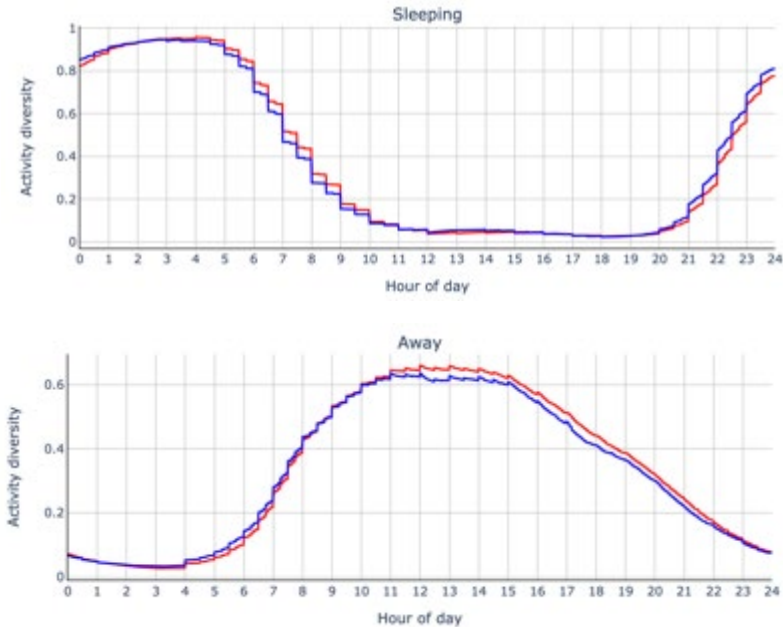
# Baseload Updates

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# Update: Baseload schedule shifting using American Time Use Survey (ATUS)

- Investigated urban vs. rural schedule differences

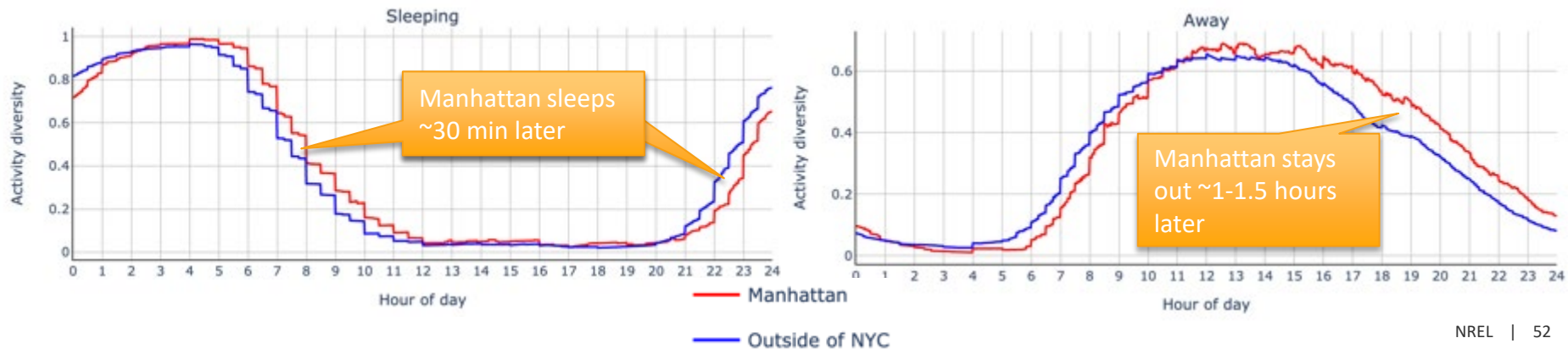
No significant difference in schedules between MSA and non-MSAs



*Metro: All counties belonging to an MSA in the U.S.  
Non-Metro: All counties not belonging to an MSA in the U.S.*

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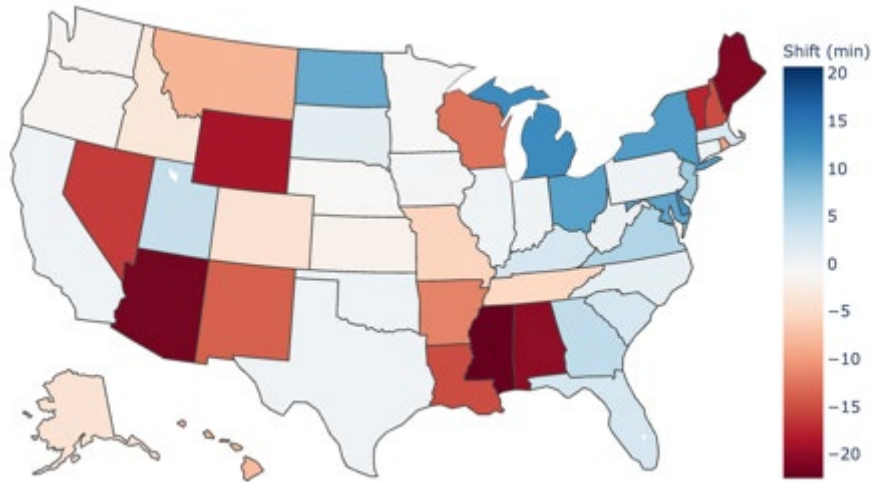
- Investigated urban vs. rural schedule differences
  - Manhattan vs. New York state outside of New York City
- Downtown areas may have different schedule than the rest of the MSA
- MSAs are counties or multiple counties which may dilute behavior with suburban or even rural areas
- Low samples sizes in ATUS makes other activity comparisons difficult



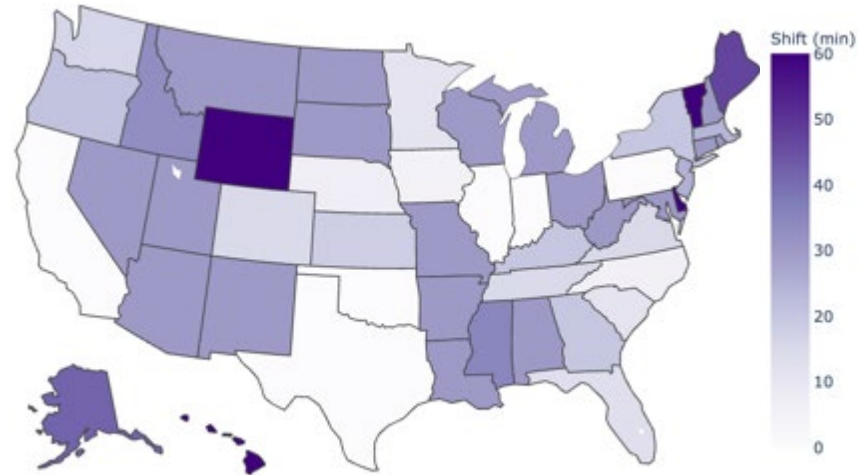
# Update: Baseload schedule shifting using American Time Use Survey (ATUS)

- State and month schedule lead/lags from national average
- Calculated cross-correlation with the national average schedule

Average weekday baseload shift



Maximum weekday baseload shift

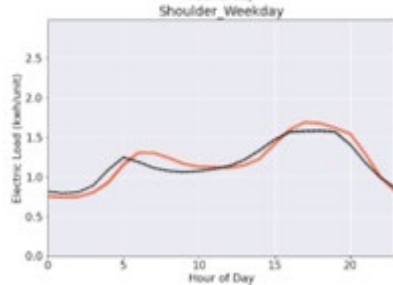
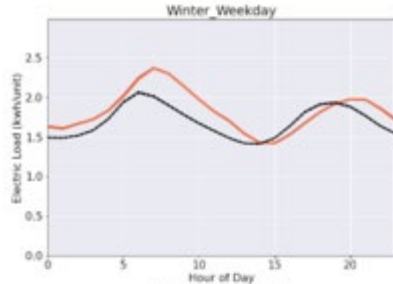
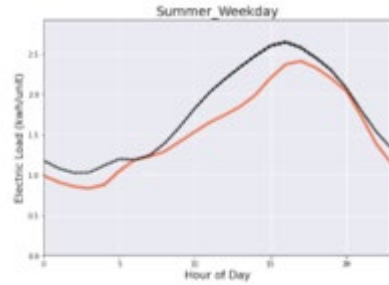


\* All shifts are relative to the national average baseload schedule  
\* Positive shift (forward in time), negative shift (backward in time)

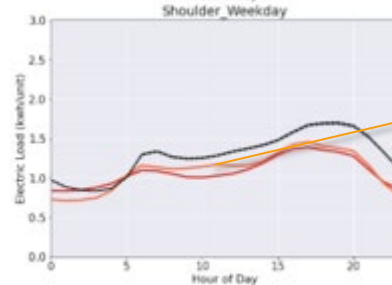
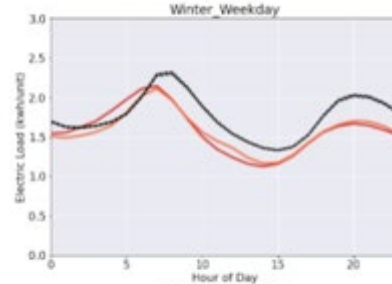
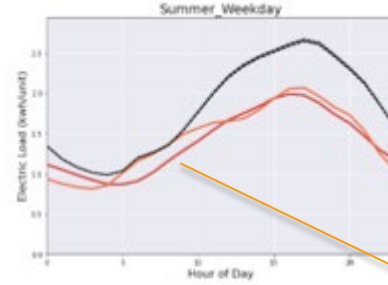


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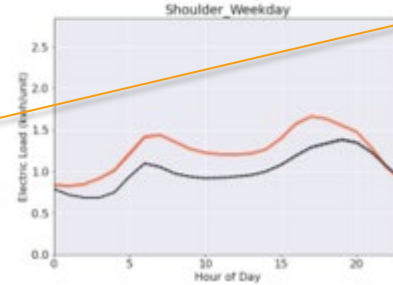
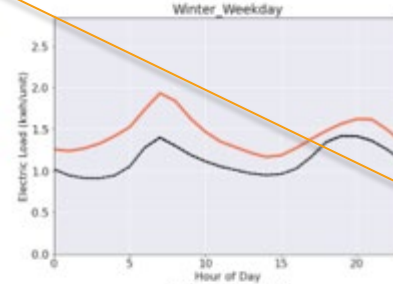
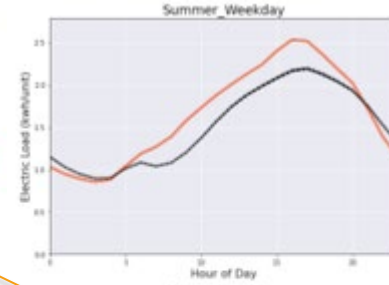
EPB, Chattanooga, TN



Horry Electric



City of Tallahassee



- After baseload shifts
- Before change
- - - AMI uncertainty (standard error)
- AMI average

Little impact due to most shifts being less than 30 min

Minor shape improvements

# HVAC Updates

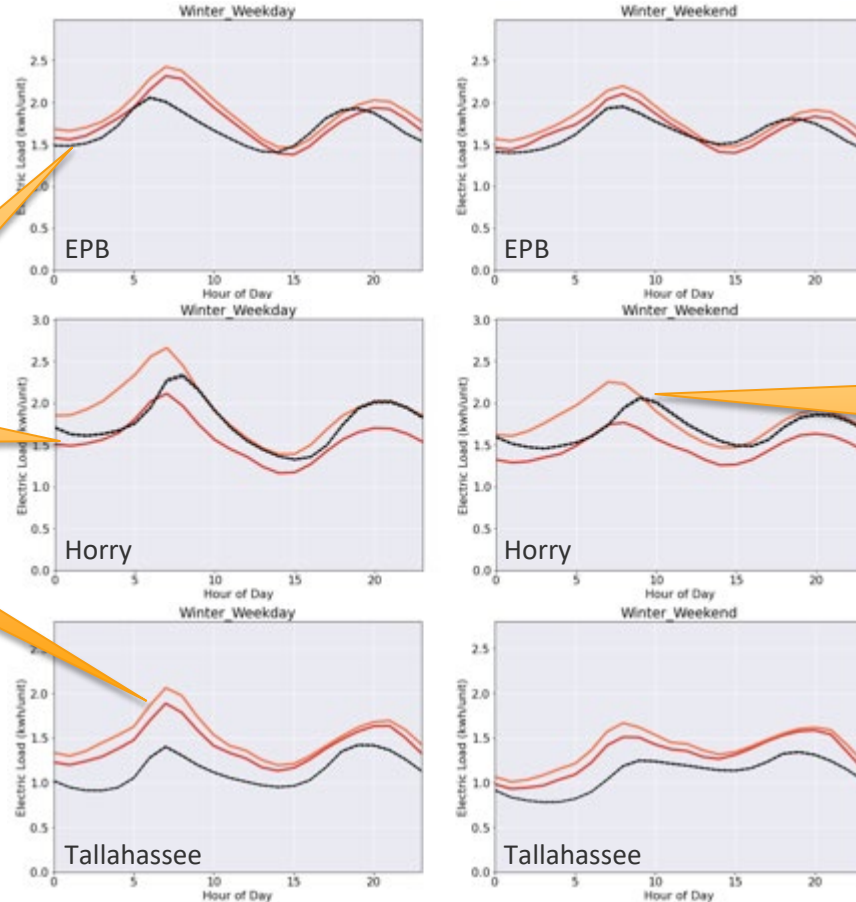
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# Update: Vacant Unit Heating Setpoints

- Vacant units are empty
- Heating is largest modeled electric load for vacant units
- New Assumption
  - Reduce vacant unit heating setpoints to 55 °F
  - Approach is “don't freeze the pipes” instead of using occupied setpoints.



# Impact: Vacant Unit Heating Setpoints



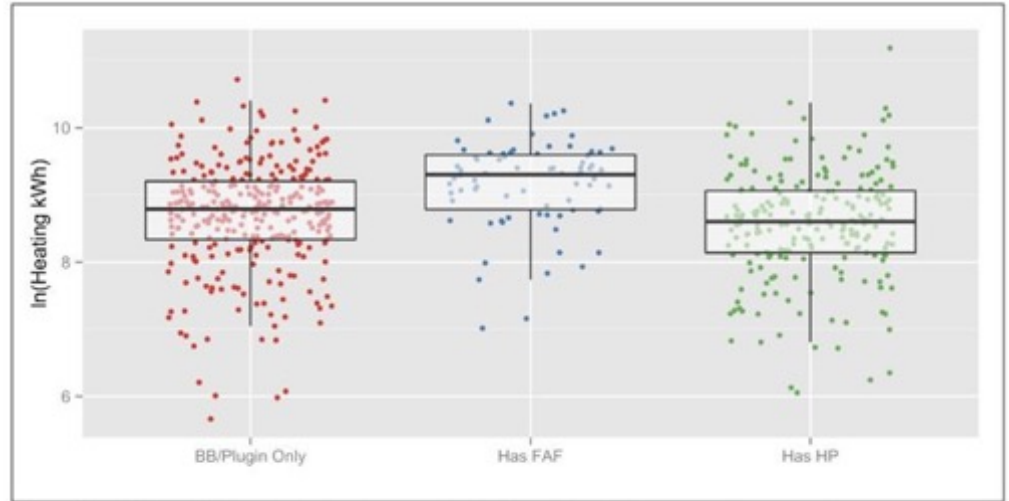
- Reduced vacant unit setpoints
- Baseline
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- AMI average

Decrease in all regions

Largest difference in Horry

# Update: Zonal Electric Heating Setpoints

- NEEA's 2011 Residential Building Stock Assessment has evidence that homes with **baseboard or plug-in electric heaters** use less heating energy than homes with electric furnaces.
- This could be explained by lack of duct losses for baseboard/plug-in heating, but modeling in the region has overpredicted baseboard/plug-in heating, which suggests a different cause, such as “zonal” temperature control in different rooms.
- *Source:* “SEEM RBSA Calibration, Phase II – Electric Heating Energy Adjustments due to Supplemental Heat, Program Eligibility, and Related Factors.” RTF Staff Technical Report. 2013.  
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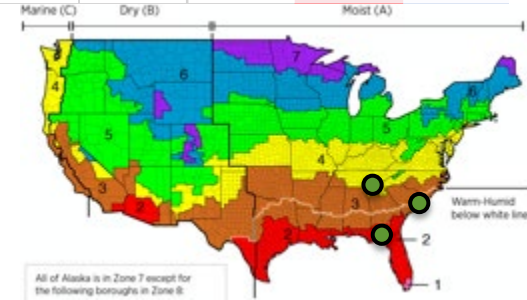


**Figure 3.** Distribution of heating kWh by heat source. The dark bars inside the boxes represent group medians; group means are very close to the medians for this data.

# Update: Zonal Electric Heating Setpoints

We found that RECS 2009 data on heating setpoints for zonal electric heating are **lower on average** than ducted electric furnaces/heat pumps

IECC Climate Zone	% of electric heat that is zonal	Avg. heating temp. when home					Avg. heating temp. at night					Avg. heating temp. when gone				
		Before	After		Difference		Before	After		Difference		Before	After		Difference	
			Zonal electric	All others	Zonal electric	All others		Zonal electric	All others	Zonal electric	All others		Zonal electric	All others	Zonal electric	All others
1A-2A	10%	71.5	69.7	71.6	-1.8	0.1	70.3	68.0	70.5	-2.3	0.2	68.8	65.3	69.1	-3.5	0.3
2B	10%	71.3	73.7	71.1	2.4	-0.2	69.8	67.5	69.9	-2.3	0.1	69.0	70.8	68.8	1.8	-0.2
3A	8%	71.1	71.3	71.0	0.2	-0.1	69.5	68.1	69.6	-1.4	0.1	68.0	65.2	68.1	-2.8	0.1
3B-4B	31%	69.7	67.3	70.0	-2.4	0.3	67.2	65.0	67.4	-2.2	0.2	65.0	62.7	65.2	-2.3	0.2
3C	55%	66.7	65.8	66.8	-0.9	0.1	63.2	63.8	63.1	0.6	-0.1	60.8	61.4	60.7	0.6	-0.1
4A	20%	69.8	68.5	69.9	-1.3	0.1	68.1	67.5	68.2	-0.6	0.1	67.0	63.6	67.2	-3.4	0.2
4C	64%	67.3	65.9	68.3	-1.4	1.0	63.8	63.3	64.2	-0.5	0.4	62.5	60.1	64.1	-2.4	1.6
5A	54%	68.9	68.2	68.9	-0.7	0.0	66.9	66.7	66.9	-0.2	0.0	66.0	63.9	66.2	-2.1	0.2
5B-5C	34%	69.0	67.0	69.1	-2.0	0.1	66.5	65.8	66.6	-0.7	0.1	65.1	60.2	65.4	-4.9	0.3
6A-6B	52%	68.8	68.6	68.8	-0.2	0.0	66.6	67.4	66.6	0.8	0.0	65.9	65.1	65.9	-0.8	0.0



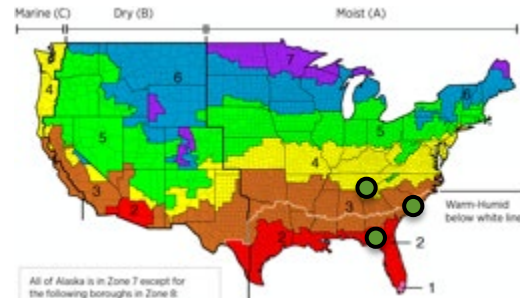
2A, 3A, and 4A are the IECC climate zones corresponding to Tallahassee, Horry, and Chattanooga

# Update: Zonal Electric Heating Setpoints

We added a dependency on zonal electric heating to our heating setpoint and setback distributions queried from RECS 2009.

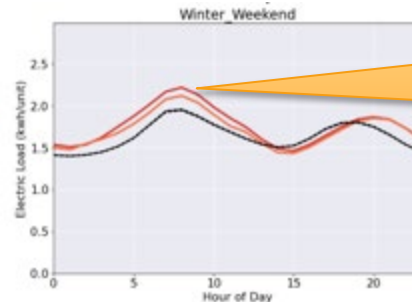
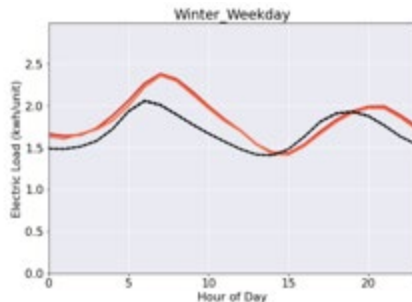
Base at-home heating setpoint distribution

Dependency	IECC	Climate	Building	Zonal	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	sample_weight	sample_count	
Status	Zone 2004	Type RECS	Electric		=55F	=60F	=62F	=65F	=67F	=68F	=70F	=72F	=75F	=76F	=78F	=80F		
Occupied	2A	Single-Famil	No		0%	2%	1%	5%	3%	20%	23%	17%	15%	5%	7%	1%	9527435.45	1090
Occupied	3A	Single-Famil	No		0%	2%	0%	7%	3%	24%	22%	17%	13%	4%	6%	2%	10269769.4	901
Occupied	4A	Single-Famil	No		0%	2%	2%	8%	6%	28%	24%	19%	8%	1%	1%	1%	15959650.5	1716
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Occupied	3A	Single-Famil	Yes		0%	2%	0%	9%	0%	7%	33%	23%	14%	2%	6%	4%	369640.28	31
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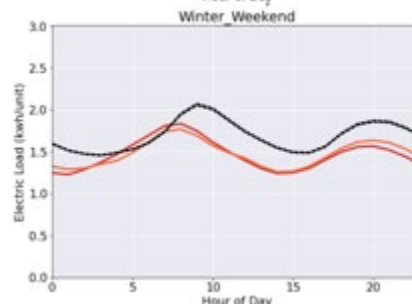
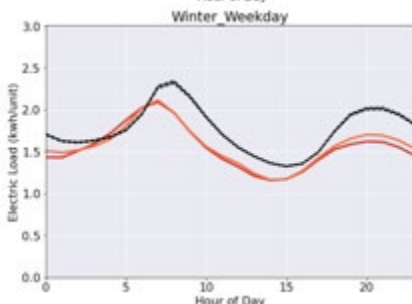
# Impact: Zonal Baseboard Heating Setpoints

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EPB, Chattanooga, TN



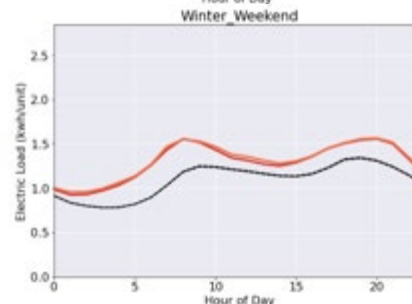
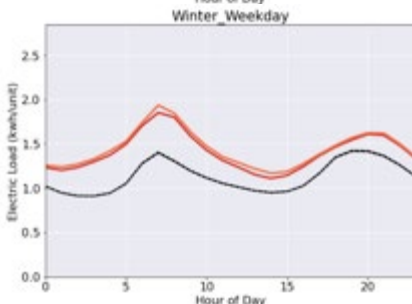
Some locations are slightly worse, but minor impact

Total Stock  
Horry Electric



Minor impact may be due to higher central setpoints with lower baseboard setpoints

Total Stock  
Tallahassee, FL



- After change
- Before change
- - - AMI uncertainty (standard error)
- AMI average



# Update: Room AC Cooling Setpoints

- California's 2009 Residential Appliance Saturation Study (RASS) breaks out Room AC setpoints from other cooling types

Non-room AC systems have approximately the same setpoints

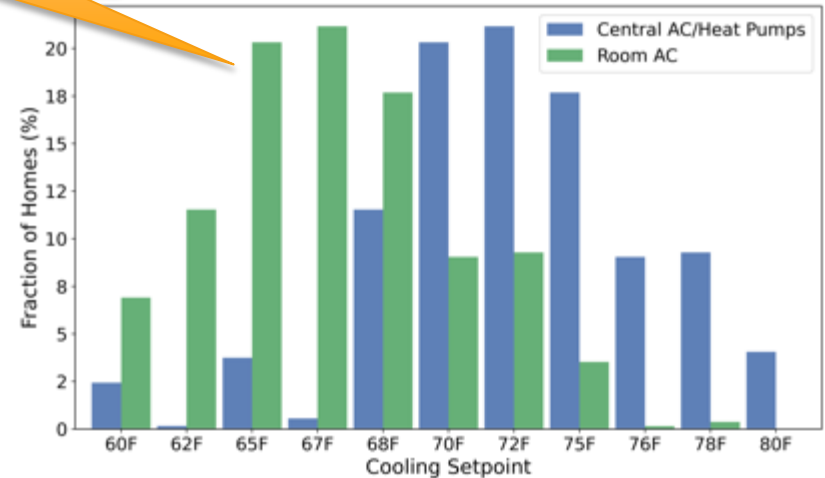
ResStock now accounts for lower room AC setpoints

Cooling Setpoint (9am – 5pm): RASS 2009

Main HVAC System Cooling Type	<70F	70F-73F	74F-76F	77F-80F	>80F
Central AC	8.0%	19.0%	25.5%	36.4%	11.1%
Evaporative Cooler	13.2%	16.5%	25.9%	35.1%	9.2%
Heat Pump	11.6%	29.2%	20.4%	33.4%	5.4%
Room AC	41.4%	53.0%	4.4%	1.3%	0.0%

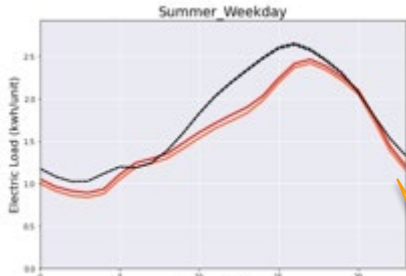
Room AC setpoints ~6F cooler than other systems

Integrating lower room AC setpoints in ResStock

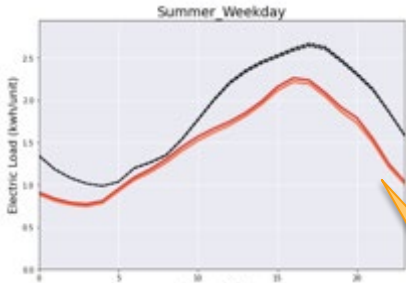


# Impact: Room AC Cooling Setpoints

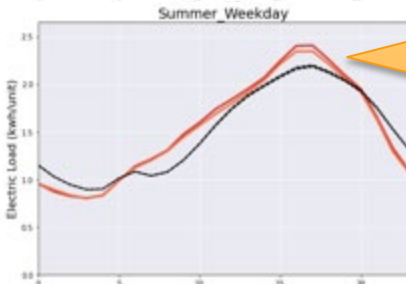
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Total Stock  
Horry Electric, SC

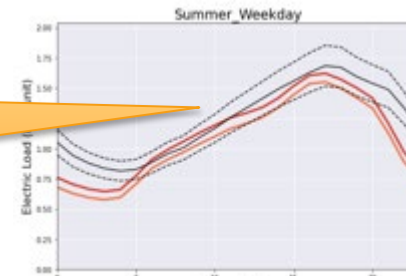


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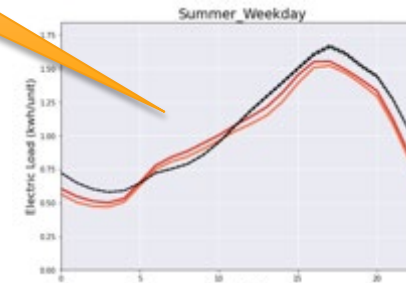


Hour of day (0-23)

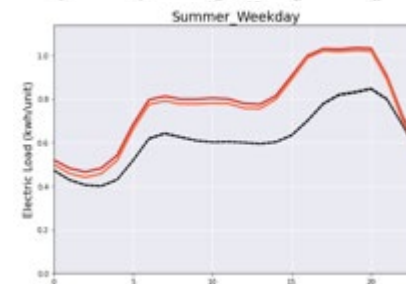
Larger impact in  
ComEd and City  
of Fort Collins



Total Stock  
ComEd, IL



Total Stock  
City of Fort Collins, CO



Total Stock  
Seattle City Light, WA

Hour of day (0-23)

Little change in  
Southeast due  
to high  
saturation of  
central AC  
systems

# Areas for Improvement

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# Next Region: Likely Areas for Improvement

## Changes underway

- Continue improving correction model
- Improve data on multifamily building heights
- Improve data source for masonry vs. wood framed walls (esp. important for Northeast)
- Incorporate on-site PV generation in models

## Potential areas for Region 5 (may not get to all items on list)

- Introduce partial space heating to reduce electric heating loads
- Incorporate saturation of existing ductless heat pumps (esp. important for Northeast)
- Improve data source for duct leakage
- Improve geographic resolution for 1980s-2000s insulation data
- Investigate how setpoints change seasonally (using Ecobee data)

# Residential Poll Questions

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# End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Project Recap

Eric Wilson  
April 21, 2021

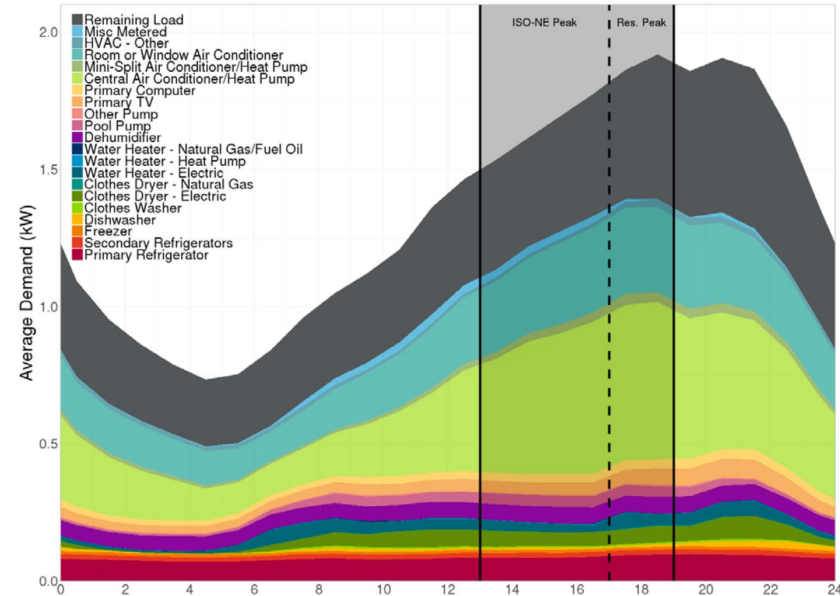
# What is an End-Use Load Profile?

End-use load profiles...

- describe *how* and *when* energy is used

End-use load/savings profiles are...

- the **most essential data resource currently missing** for Time-Sensitive Valuation of Energy Efficiency
- needed for R&D prioritization, utility resource and distribution system planning, state and local energy planning and regulation
- **critical for widespread adoption** of grid-interactive and efficient buildings.

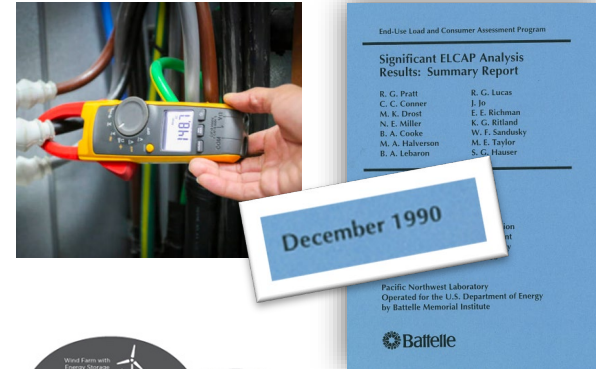


Source: Navigant Massachusetts RES 1 Baseline Load Shape Study

# Challenge & Opportunity

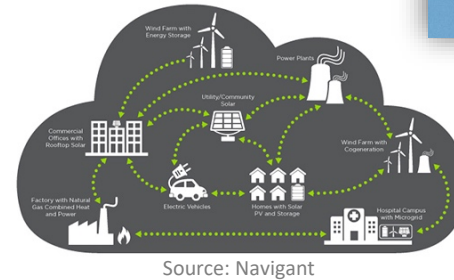
## Challenge

- Existing end-use load profiles are often outdated and limited to certain regions and building types because of the high cost of traditional end-use sub-metering.
- They are insufficient for accurate evaluation of numerous emerging use cases of grid-interactive and efficient buildings.



## Opportunity

- New ResStock™ and ComStock™ models statistically represent energy use of U.S. buildings.
- Models produce hourly end-use load profiles, but prior calibration efforts focused on annual energy use.





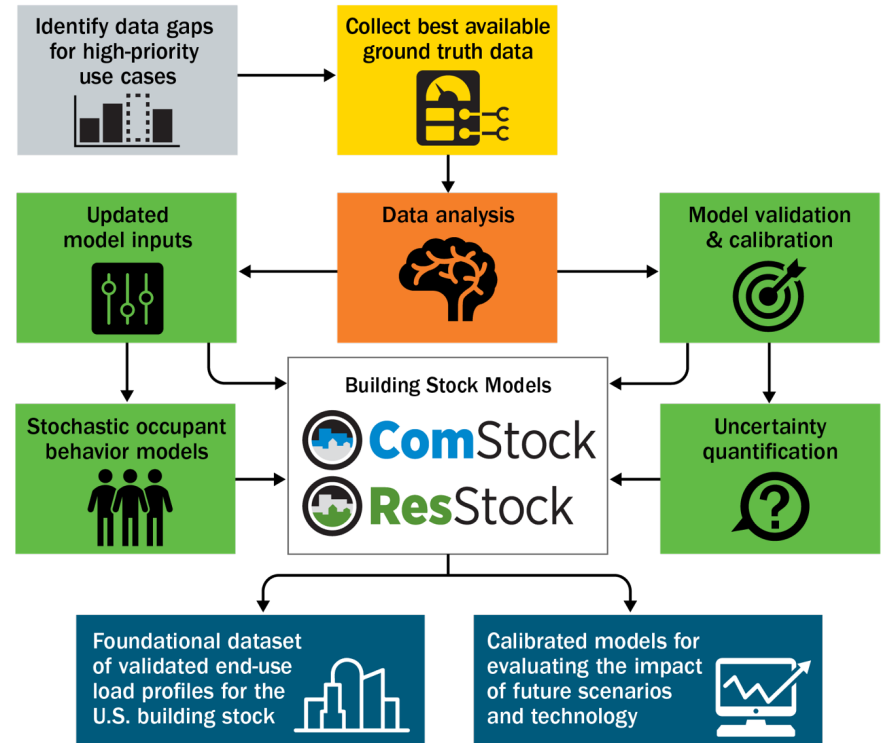
# Solution: A Hybrid Approach (1)

Hybrid approach combines best-available ground-truth data—

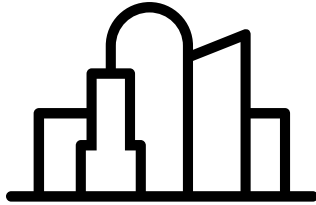
- submetering studies,
- whole-building interval meter data, and
- other emerging data sources

—with the reach, cost-effectiveness, and granularity of physics-based and data-driven building stock modeling capabilities

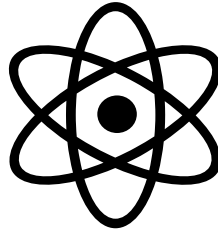
The novel approach delivers a nationally-comprehensive dataset at a fraction of the historical cost.



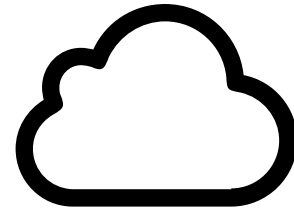
# Project Outcomes | Calibrated Building Stock Models



Building stock  
characteristics  
database



Physics-based  
computer modeling



High-performance  
computing

- DOE-funded, NREL-developed models of the U.S. building stock
- 100,000s of statistically representative physics-based building energy models (BEM)
- Use DOE's BEM tools [OpenStudio](#) and [EnergyPlus](#)
- Produce hourly load profiles, but calibration to-date has focused on annual energy consumption

# Project Outcomes | Working List of End Uses

## Commercial

- HVAC
  - Heating
  - Cooling
  - Fans
  - Pumps
  - Heat rejection
  - Humidification
  - Heat recovery
- Service water heating
- Refrigeration
- Plug and process loads
- Lighting
  - Interior
  - Exterior

## Residential

- HVAC
  - Heating
  - Cooling
  - Furnace/Air-conditioning
  - Boiler pumps
  - Ventilation fans
- Domestic water heating
- Major appliances
  - Refrigerator
  - Clothes washer
  - Clothes dryer
  - Dishwasher
  - Cooking range
  - Pool/spa pumps & heaters
- Miscellaneous plug loads
- Lighting
  - Interior
  - Exterior

# Project Outcomes | Working List of Building Types

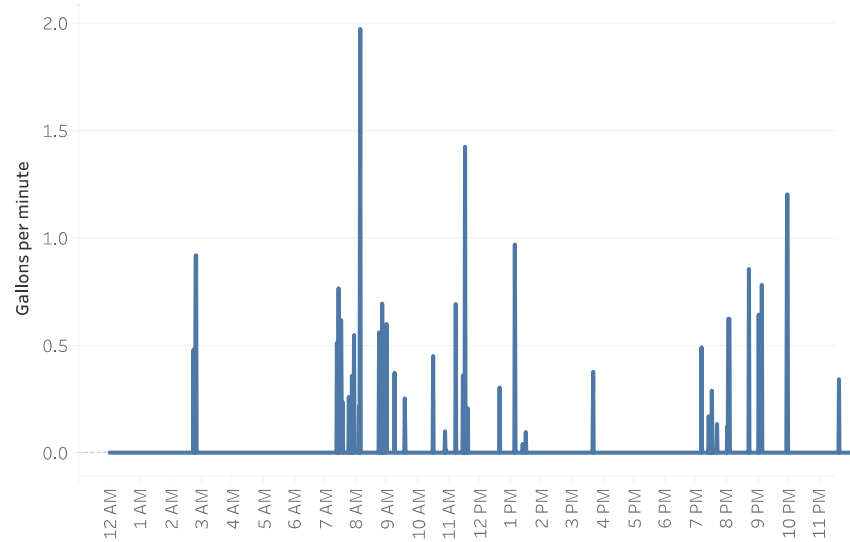
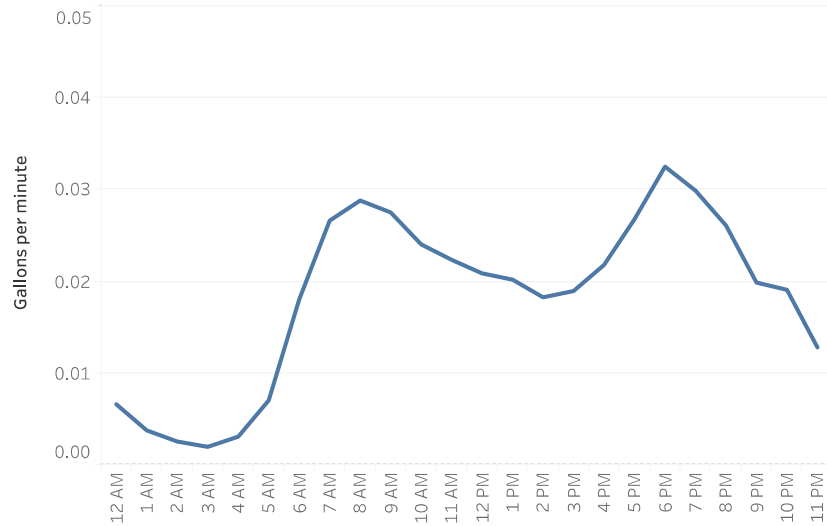
## Commercial

- Small Office
- Medium Office
- Large Office
- Stand-alone Retail
- Strip Mall
- Primary School
- Secondary School
- Outpatient Healthcare
- Hospital
- Small Hotel
- Large Hotel
- Warehouse (non-ref.)
- Quick Service Restaurant
- Full Service Restaurant
- Supermarket

## Residential

- Single-Family Detached
- Single-Family Attached
- Multifamily low-rise
- Multifamily mid-rise
- Multifamily high-rise

# Project Outcomes| Aggregate and Individual Load Profiles



Example aggregate versus individual EULP concept demonstration using water draws

# Project Team

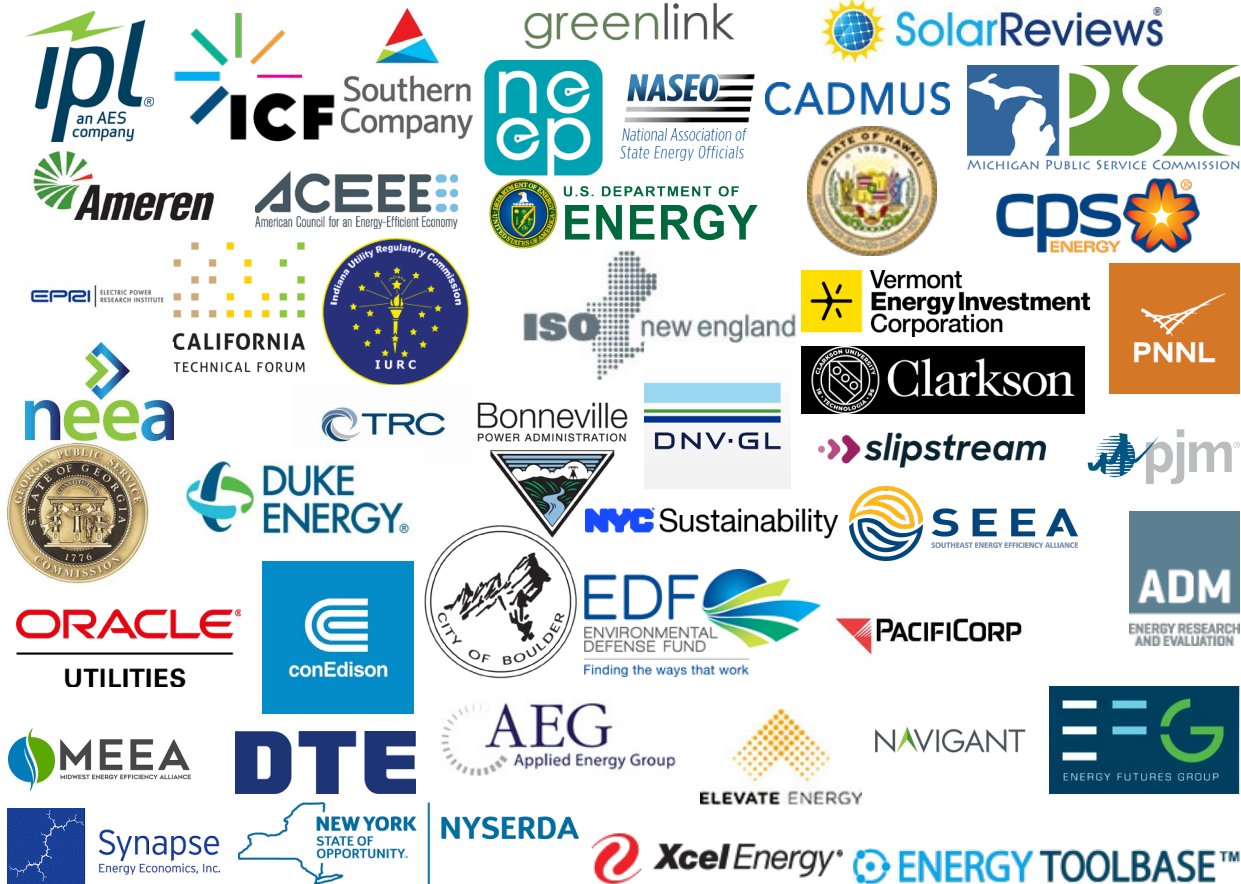


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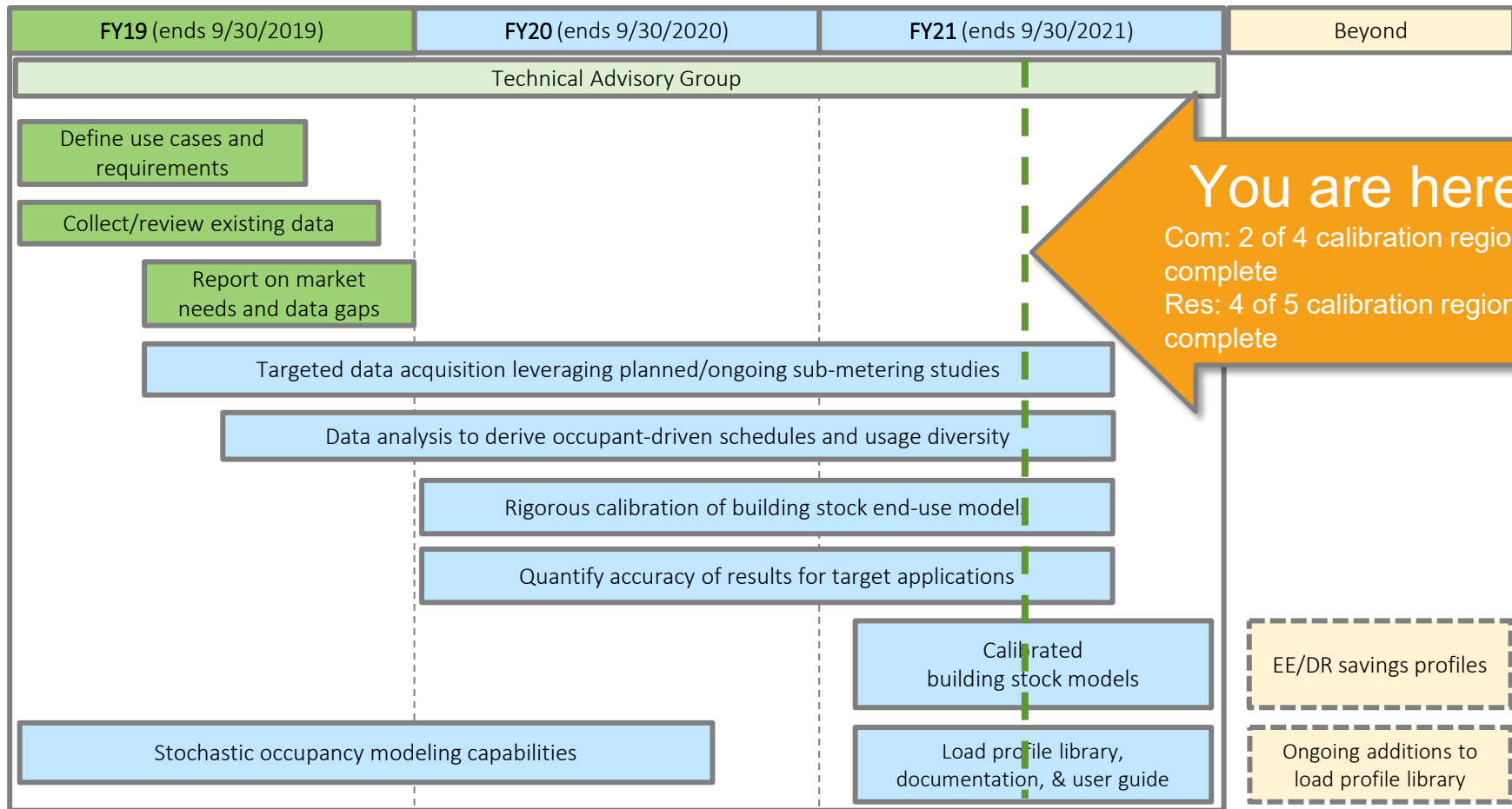


# Stakeholder Engagement

In-kind participation by 65 advisory group members



# Project Timeline





# Market Needs and Use Cases

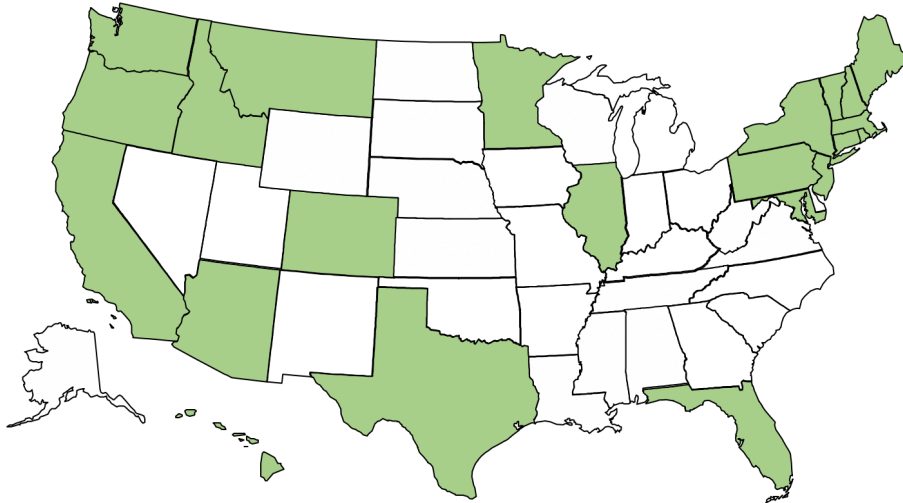
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# Year One Report is Available

[End Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Market Needs, Use Cases and Data Gaps](#) is available now



# Market Needs | Existing Publicly Available End Use Load Profiles



States with Publicly Available End-Use Load Profile Data\*

- We developed an inventory of publicly available end-use load profiles.
- The inventory is now available on LBNL's website: <https://emp.lbl.gov/publications/end-use-load-profile-inventory>

\*There are significant differences in the number of load profiles available in each state. See the inventory for more detail.

# Market Needs | Use Case Identification

- Use cases: type of process or analysis that utilize end-use load profiles
- The project team and technical advisory group brainstormed and prioritized use cases
- 10 most mentioned use cases are presented in the report
  - Electricity Resource Planning
  - Energy Efficiency Planning
  - Policy and Rate Design
  - Transmission and Distribution System Planning
  - Program Impact Evaluation
  - Demand-Response Planning
  - Improved Building Energy Modeling
  - Electrification Planning
  - Emissions Analysis
  - PV Planning
- Use cases informed data requirements for modeling

# Use Cases | Data Fidelity Requirements

## Use Case Data Requirements

Use Case	Time Resolution	Geographic Resolution	Electrical Characteristics
Electricity Resource Planning	Hourly or peak day	Service territory	Real power
Energy Efficiency Planning	Hourly or peak day	Service territory	Real power
Policy and Rate Design	15 min to hourly	City, climate zone, or state	Depends on application
Transmission and Distribution System Planning	15 min or smaller	Distribution feeder	Real and reactive power
Program Impact Evaluation	Hourly	Service territory	Real power
Demand-Response Planning	15 min to hourly	Service territory	Real power
Improved Building Energy Modeling	15 min	Region	Real power
Electrification Planning	Hourly	Service territory or smaller	Real power
Emissions Analysis	Hourly	Service territory or larger	Real power
PV Planning	1 min	Weather station	Real power

# Use Cases | Data Fidelity Requirements

## Time Resolution

### 15-minute

- Highest impact cases require only hourly results
- PV Planning is the only top use case that requires less than 15-minute data

## Geographic Resolution

### ~~Utility territory~~ County

- Distribution System Planning requires feeder-level data
- A “mix-and-match” approach from a bank of load profiles could help build specific utility and feeder level information

## Electrical Characteristics

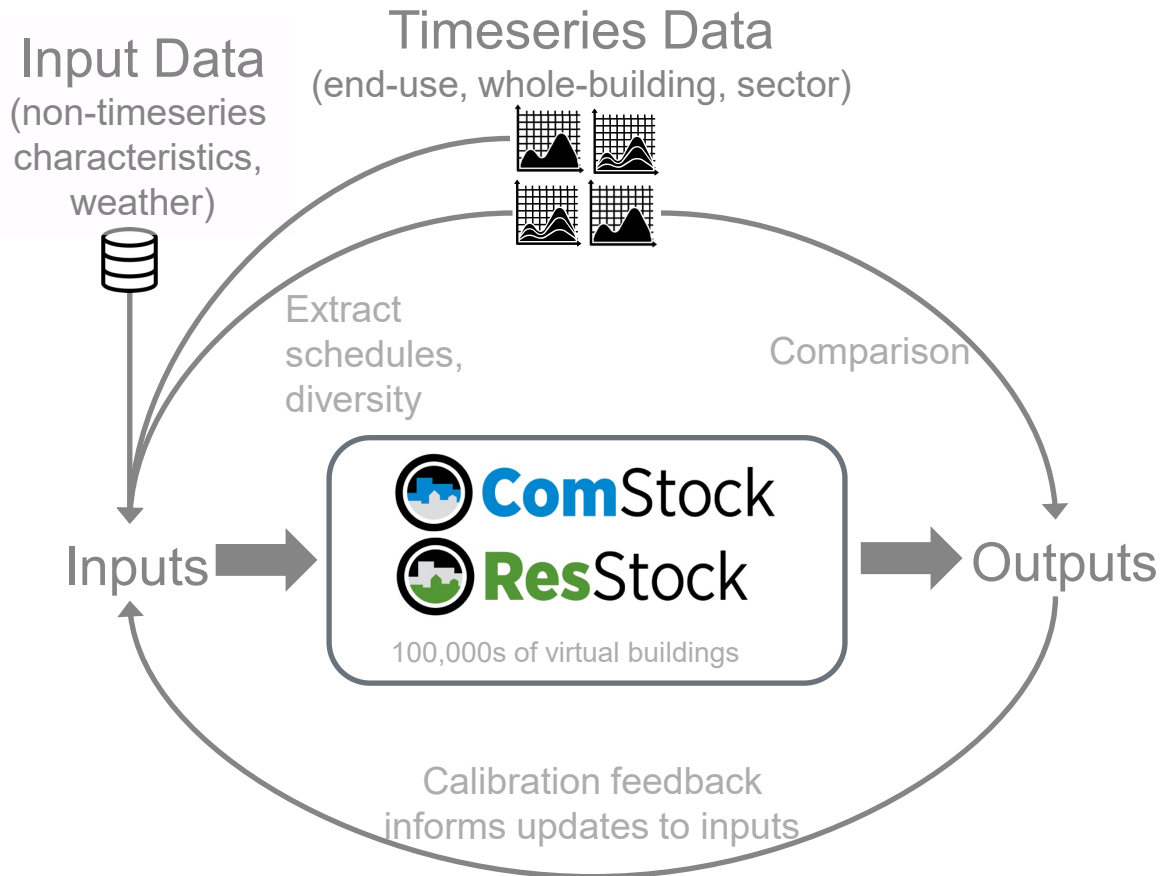
### Real power

- Some distribution system planning use cases might benefit from reactive power
- Data requirements for some use cases are not well understood

# Data Needs and Identified Gaps

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# How are we using data?





# Model Calibration Data

## Summary of Calibration Data Classes

Type of Calibration Data	Summary of Availability
<b>Utility Sales:</b> Annual sales/consumption data by sector by utility	Universally available from U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)
<b>Load research data:</b> Utility customer class aggregate load shapes	Acquired for ~20 utility companies and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas
<b>Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI):</b> Whole-building AMI data joined with building characteristic metadata	Acquiring in multiple census divisions, via nondisclosure agreements with utility companies
<b>Submetered:</b> End-use metering data, including smart thermostat data	Multiple (3+) strong data sets available for residential; few data sets available for commercial buildings

# Addressing Data Gaps

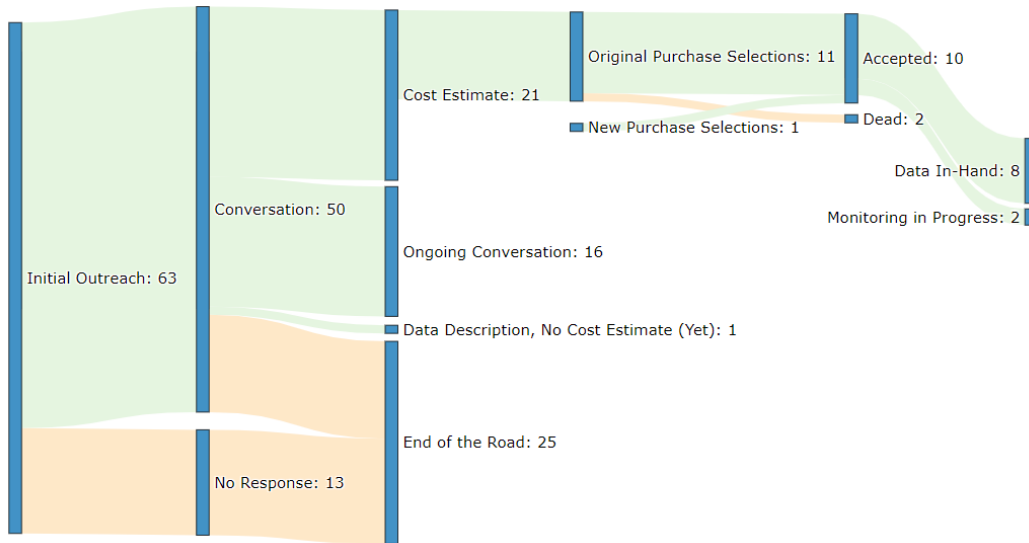
From the initial data collection, the largest identified gap was submetered data for commercial buildings

To address this gap, we:

1. Conducted a targeted market research effort to identify data sets for potential purchase (BAS data, EM&V studies, etc.)
2. Are studying transferability between building types and regions

# Commercial End-Use Data Procurement

- Summary
  - Major outreach effort, >700 hours
  - 10 datasets purchased



## Putting Our Industry's Data to Work: A Case Study of Large-Scale Data Aggregation

### Preprint

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# Sample Sizes: Weather-driven End Uses

Weather-driven	Proposed Minimum Sample Size <sup>1</sup>	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> Package Sample Size <sup>2</sup>	Procured Sample Size <sup>3</sup>
Heating	48	6218	<b>5176</b>
Cooling	48	6598	<b>5351</b>
Fans	21	2497	<b>328</b>
Pumps	21	500	<b>83</b>
Heat Rejection	21	21	<b>41</b>
Humidification	21	27	<b>22</b>
Heat Recovery	21	22	<b>36</b>
Refrigeration	21	1076	<b>1010</b>
Exterior Lighting	21	846	<b>846</b>

No gaps identified

<sup>1</sup>Minimum sample size targets presented at subject matter expert webinar on 8/28/2019.

<sup>2</sup>Counts based on vendor rough estimates obtained during market outreach

<sup>3</sup>Procured Sample Size includes data in hand and data that is being contracted for procurement

# Sample Sizes: Schedule-driven End Uses

Schedule-driven		Hospital	Outpatient	Primary School	Secondary School	Full-Service Restaurant	Quick Service Restaurant	Retail	Strip Mall	Supermarket	Small Hotel	Large Hotel	Warehouse	Multifamily	Small Office	Medium Office	Large Office
<b>Proposed Minimum Sample Size<sup>1</sup></b>	Interior Lighting	21		21		21		21		21	21		21	n/a		21	
	Interior Equipment	21		21		21		21		21	21		21	n/a		21	
	Service Water Heating	0		0		0		0		0	0		0	n/a		0	
	Cooking	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	
<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Package Sample Size<sup>2</sup></b>	Interior Lighting	103		281		760		1046		137	53		270	20		337	
	Interior Equipment	2		285		196		214		4	5		25	22		270	
	Service Water Heating	0		0		316		106		0	0		0	0		1	
	Cooking	0		2		2618		0		0	1		0	0		0	
<b>Procured Sample Size<sup>3</sup></b>	Interior Lighting	76		162		710		800		71	42		131	65		118	
	Interior Equipment	4		284		200		196		3	2		50	367		53	
	Service Water Heating	0		0		317		107		1	0		15	98		1	
	Cooking	0		0		2620		1		1	0		0	0		0	

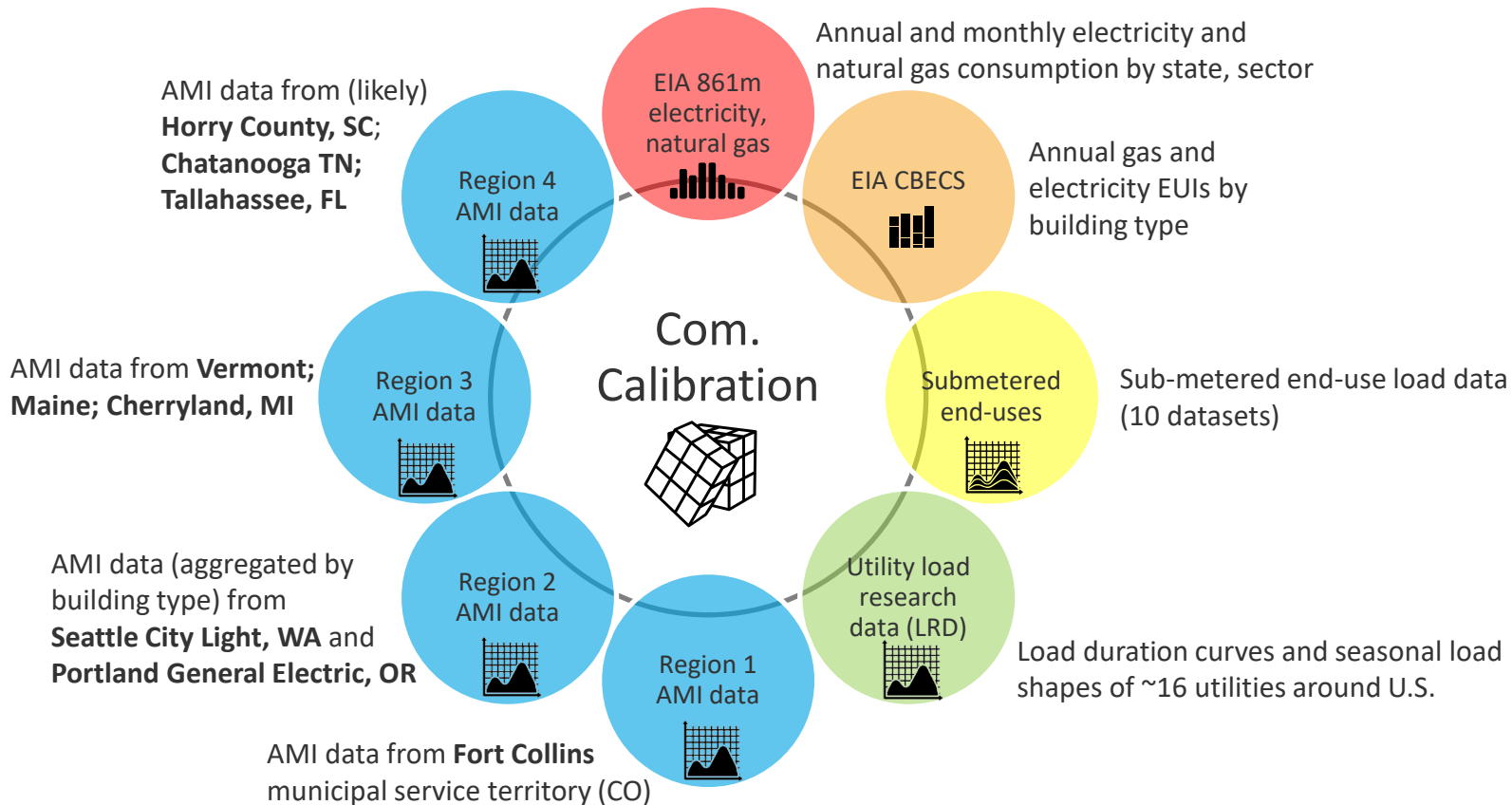
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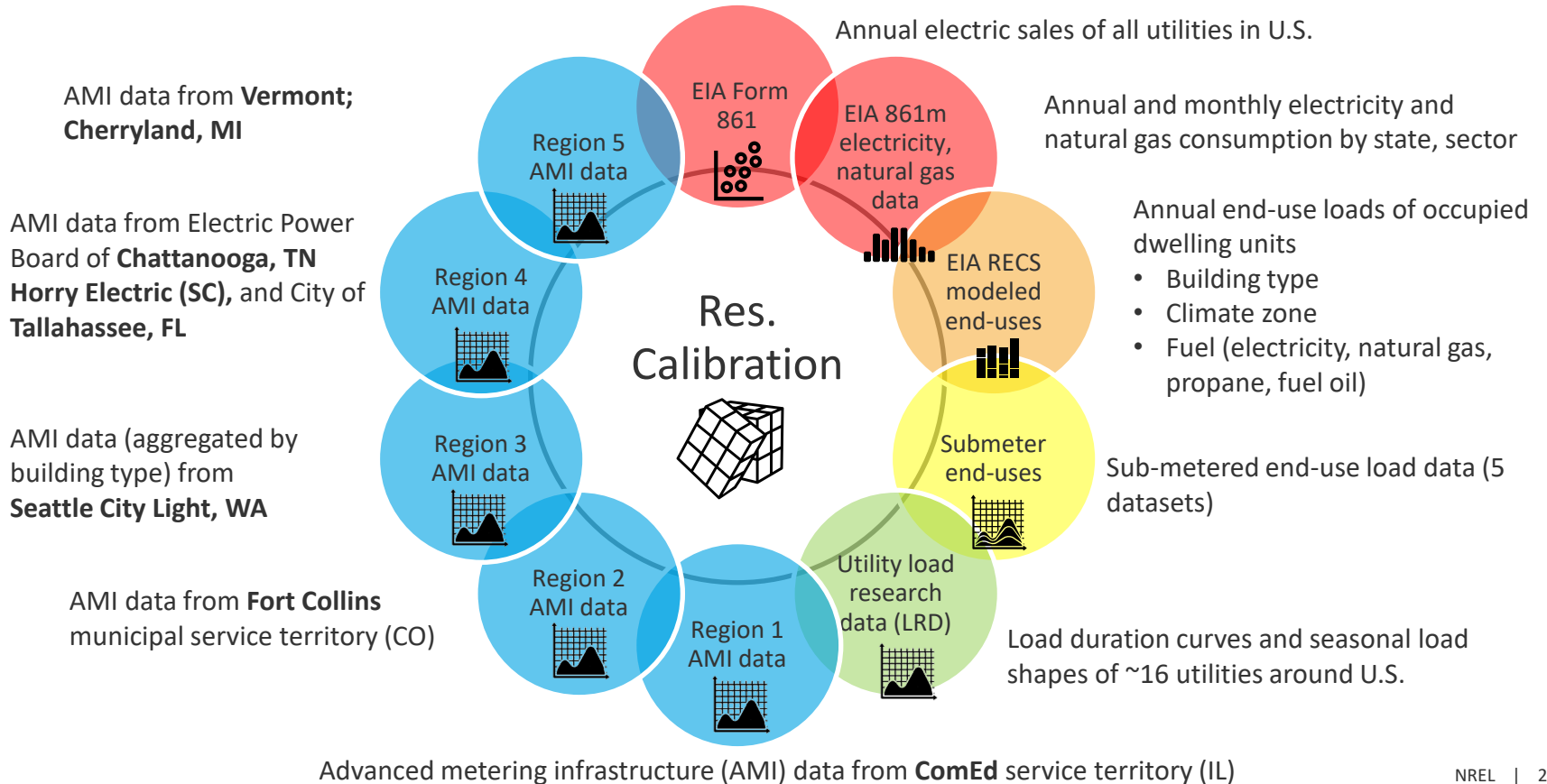
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=gap

# Commercial Calibration Dimensions



# Residential Calibration Dimensions



# Uncertainty quantification framework

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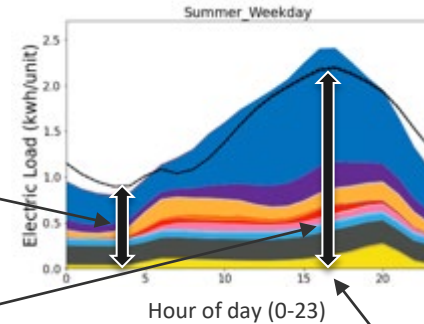


# “Quantities of Interest” = Key Model Outputs

- Quantities to be primary focus for calibration
- Outputs that will contain uncertainty bounds

# Quantities of Interest (QOI) by building type and region

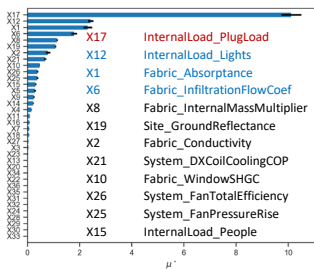
- Annual energy use (MWh)
- Average daily minimum magnitude (MW)
  - Summer, All days
  - Winter, All days
  - Shoulder, All days
- Average daily maximum magnitude (MW)
  - Summer, All days
  - Summer, Top 10 days
  - Winter, All days
  - Winter, Top 10 days
  - Shoulder, All days
- Average daily maximum load timing (hour of day)
  - Summer, All days
  - Summer, Top 10 days
  - Winter, All days
  - Winter, Top 10 days
  - Shoulder, All days



# Sensitivity Analyses

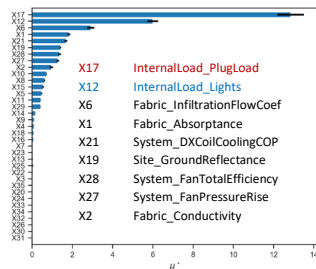
## Ranking of Critical EnergyPlus Inputs

LA



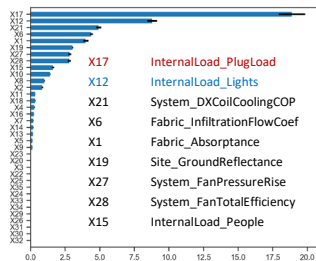
Stock average: 33.34GJ

Chicago



Stock average: 100.00GJ

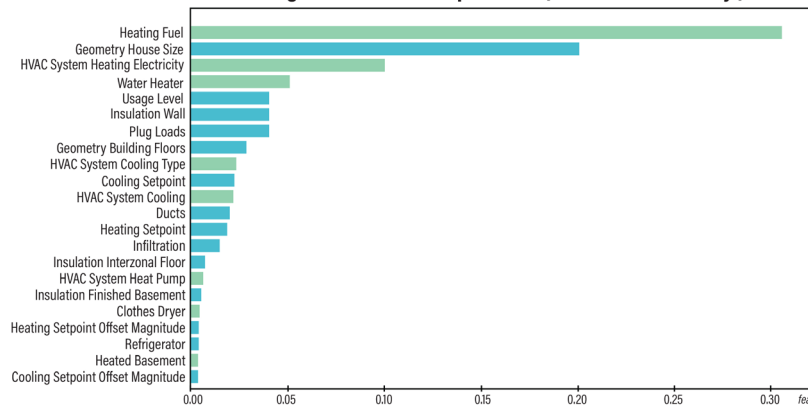
Miami



Stock average: 162.09GJ

## Ranking of ResStock / ComStock Inputs

### Housing Characteristic Importance ( Total Site Electricity )

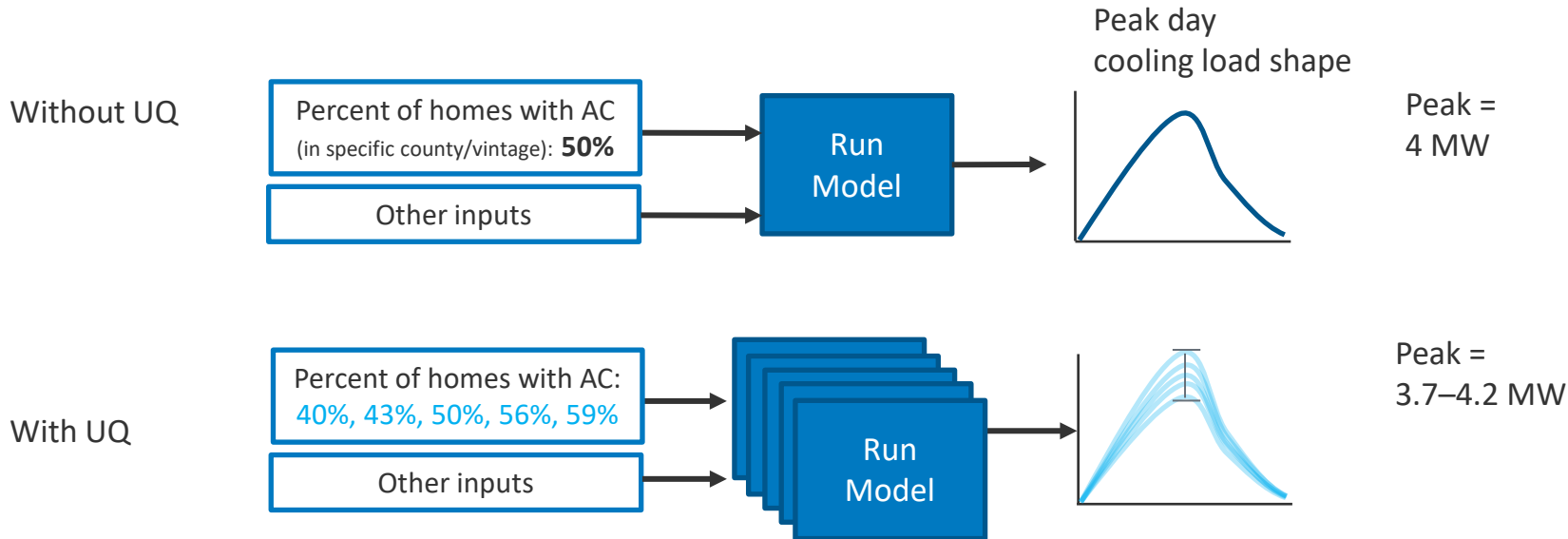


**Model Info:**  
Type = RandomForest  
n\_estimator = 400

**Model accuracy:**  
Test Accuracy = 93%

**Legend:**  
■ saturation inputs  
■ continuous inputs

# Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)



The uncertainty range is propagated through the model to determine uncertainty of outputs

# Residential end-use transferability study

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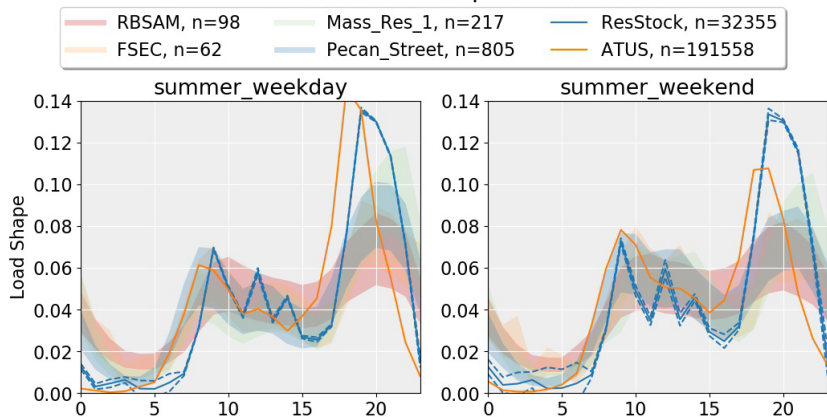
# Residential end use transferability

Question: Are residential end use patterns the same across regions?

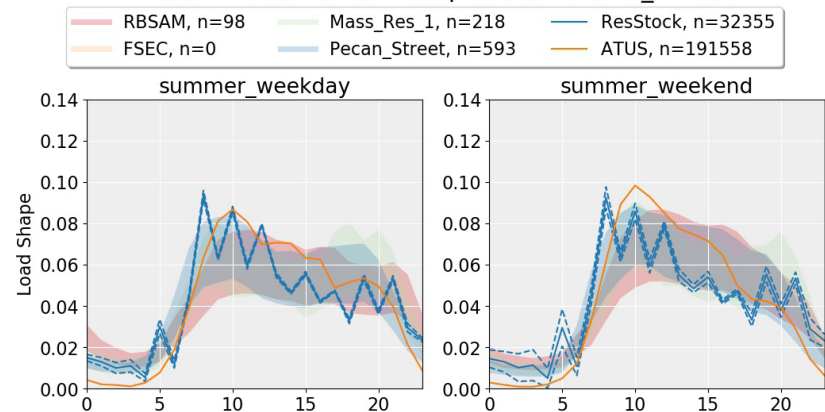
- Navigant Massachusetts Residential Baseline Study (**Mass Res 1**)
  - **356 sites**, metered between May 2017 and April 2018
  - **Massachusetts**, representative sample
- NEEA Residential Building Stock Assessment: Metering Study (**RBSAM**)
  - **101 homes**, metered from 2012-04-01 to 2014-07-31
  - **Pacific Northwest**, representative sample
- Florida Solar Energy Center - Phased Deep Retrofit Study (**FSEC**)
  - **56 homes**, metered from 2012 to 2016
  - Central Florida, biased sample
- Pecan Street Dataport (**Pecan Street**)
  - **998 homes**, metered between 2011 to 2014
  - **Texas** (97%), biased sample
- American Time Use Survey (**ATUS**)
  - **~55,000** respondents from 2013–2017 (one day of activities per respondent)
  - National, representative sample

# Comparing ATUS to end-use datasets

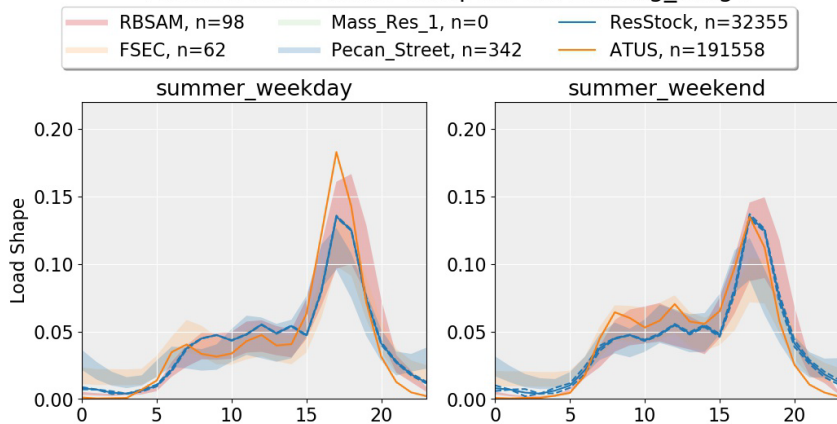
## Enduse Load Profile Comparison: dishwasher



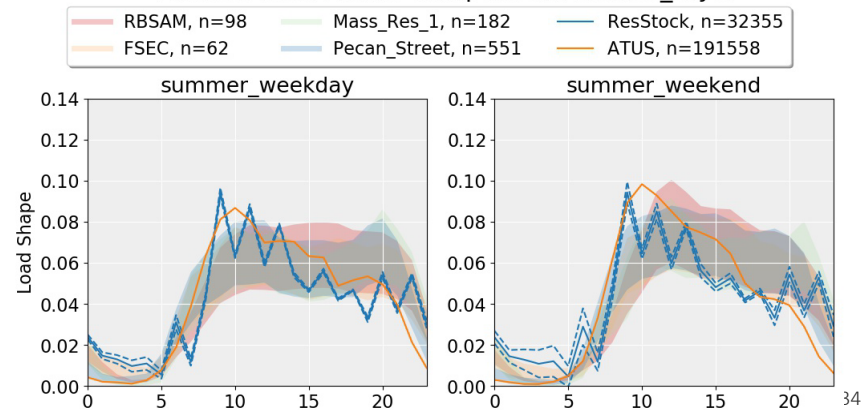
## Enduse Load Profile Comparison: clothes\_washer



## Enduse Load Profile Comparison: cooking\_range



## Enduse Load Profile Comparison: clothes\_dryer



# New Residential Stochastic Occupant Behavior Model

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# Summary of Changes

Activity	2019 Status		March 2020 Status		Type	Data sources		
	Schedule Heterogeneity	Schedule Stochasticity	Schedule Heterogeneity	Schedule Stochasticity	Occupants/ Household	Start time	Duration	Magnitude (Power, Flow)
Occupant (heat gain)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	ATUS	ATUS
Sinks HW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Household	DHWESG	DHWESG	DHWESG
Showers/Baths HW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	DHWESG	DHWESG
Dishwasher HW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	ATUS	DHWESG
Dishwasher kW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	ATUS	End-use datasets
Clothes Washer HW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	End-use datasets	DHWESG
Clothes Washer kW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	DHWESG	End-use datasets
Clothes Dryer kW	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	End-use datasets	End-use datasets
Cooking Range	No	No	Yes	Yes	Occupants	ATUS	ATUS	End-use datasets
Misc. Electric Loads	No	No	Yes	Yes*	Household	Modify avg. schedule based on occupancy		
Lighting	No	No	Yes	Yes*	Household	Modify avg. schedule based on occupancy		
Thermostat setpoints	No	No	Yes	No	Household	RECS, ecobee		
Bath exhaust fan	No	No	Yes	No	Household	Modify schedule based on occupancy		
Kitchen exhaust fan	No	No	Yes	No	Household	Modify schedule based on occupancy		

\* = Some degree of heterogeneity or stochasticity, but could be improved

ATUS = American Time Use Survey

DHWESG = NREL Domestic Hot Water Event Schedule Generator (based on data from the American Water Works Association)

End-use datasets = Pecan St., RBSAM, FSEC, etc.

# 1 home

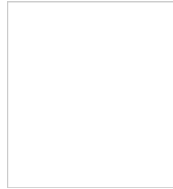
## Typical week

Variable | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Time / Hour of Time | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |

Occupancy now changes day to day

Plug loads and lighting are lower when occupants are away or sleeping

Previously, cooking range was identical day-to-day



1000 homes  
Typical week  
10-minute  
resolution

Variable | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Time / HourMinute | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |



Previously, using subhourly resolution exacerbated spikiness dramatically, due to insufficient diversity

# Questions?

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[www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.gov)

<https://www.nrel.gov/buildings/end-use-load-profiles.html>





# End-use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock

Technical Advisory Group Meeting #10  
April 22, 2021

Natalie Mims Frick, LBNL

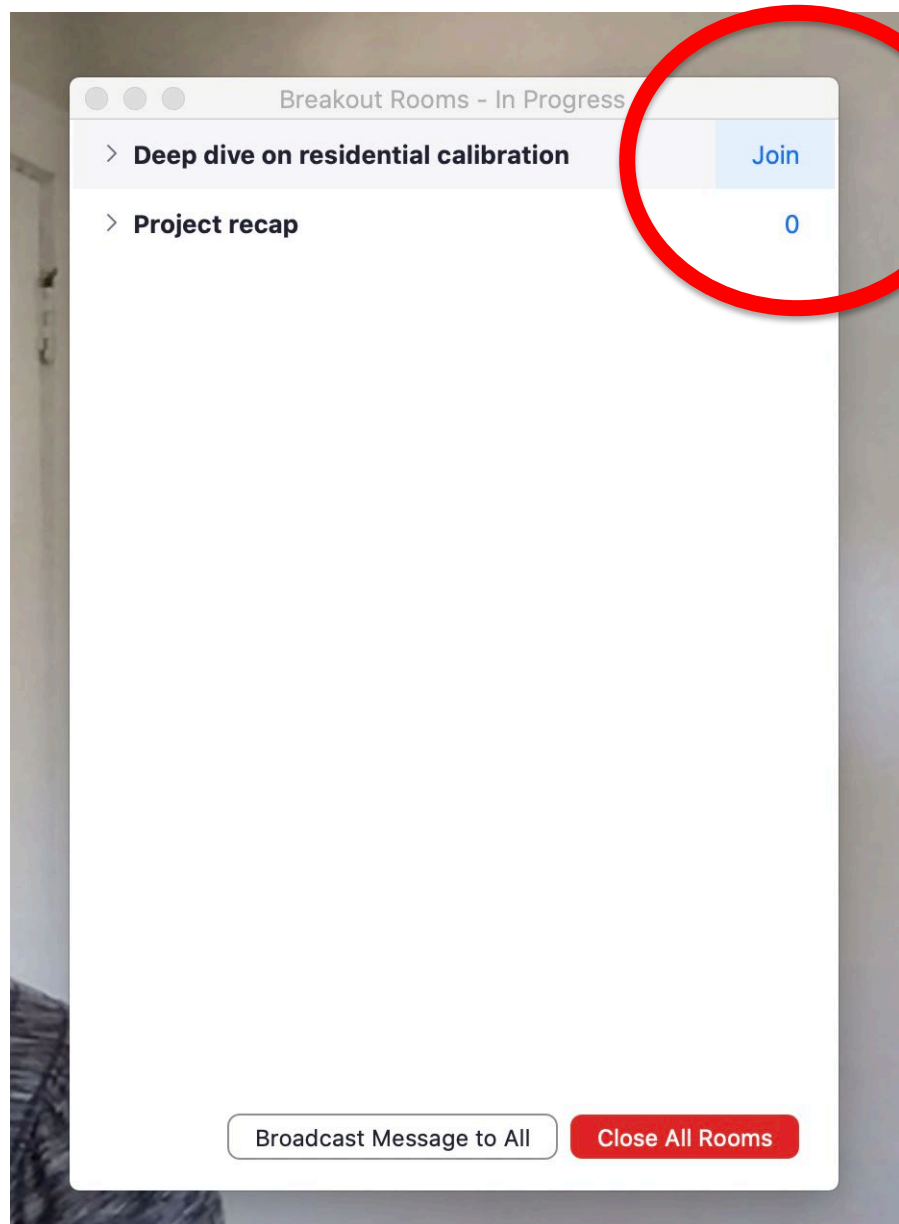
# Logistics

- We are recording the webinar and breakout groups.
- Because of the large number of participants on the phone, **please keep yourself muted during presentations.**
- **Please use the chat box to send us clarifying questions** during presentations. You can chat or unmute yourself to ask a question during our designated discussion time.
- Links to the slides are in the chat box.

# Today's agenda

	Mountain Time
Welcome	10:00 - 10:05
Data publication plan overview	10:05 - 10:25
Commercial calibration update	10:25 - 11:10
Breakout Room 1: Deep dive on commercial calibration Breakout Room 2: Electric vehicle infrastructure projection and charging load profile tool	11:10 - 11:50
Plenary 3 - What's next	11:50 - 12:25
Wrap up	12:25 - 12:30

# Selecting your breakout room



**Room 1:** *Deep dive on commercial calibration.* In this breakout session we will answer questions that members have on our commercial calibration. We can discuss questions pertaining to plenary presentation, past calibration results or other aspects of our commercial calibration process.

**Room 2:** *Electric vehicle infrastructure projection and charging load profile tool.* NREL researcher Eric Wood will present [EVI-Pro Lite](#), which is a tool that provides a simple way to estimate how much electric vehicle charging a state or city might need and how the mix of vehicle types and charging infrastructure types affects the charging load profile.

Breakout rooms will be recorded.



# What's next?

- What additional resources or effort is of most interest to you or your organization?
- What additional data or functionality would be most useful for our *residential* end use load shapes?
- What additional data or functionality would be most useful for our *commercial* end use load shapes?
- What additional model functionality would be useful?
- What topics do you hope we will cover in our final two TAG meetings?



# EULP Data Publication

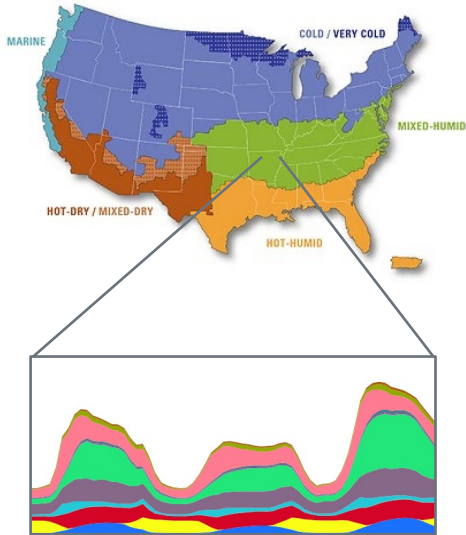
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# Same Data, Multiple Scales

Aggregates

Web Viewer

Individual Buildings



Added Filters

in.building\_type: Hospital  in.building\_type: MediumOffice

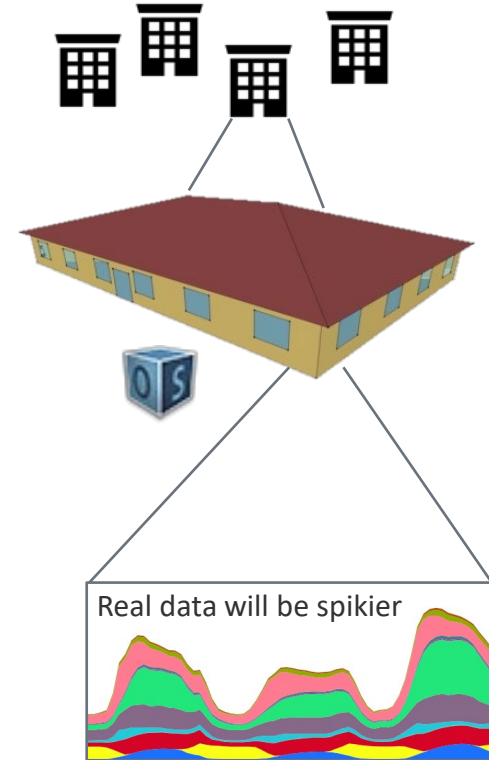
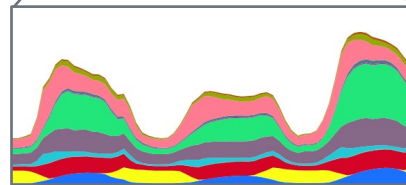
Filters

in.sqft  
in.rotation  
in.applicable  
in.aspect\_ratio  
in.climate\_zone  
**in.building\_type**  
in.code\_when\_built  
in.weather\_station  
in.hvac\_system\_type  
in.current\_hvac\_code  
in.number\_of\_stories  
in.water\_systems\_fuel

Filter Options

FullServiceRestaurant  
**Hospital**  
LargeHotel  
LargeOffice  
**MediumOffice**  
Outpatient  
PrimarySchool

Cancel



# Pre-aggregated Load Profiles

Aggregates

Web Viewer

Individual Buildings

## Pre-aggregated EULPs by building type for:

- U.S. States (contiguous)
- ASHRAE Climate Zones
- DOE Building America Climate Zones
- Electric System ISOs
- U.S. Census Public Use Microdata Area\*
- U.S. Counties



## Format:

- CSV files (for Excel, etc. ease of use)

## Additional Data:

- Count of models included per aggregation
- List of model IDs per aggregation
- Model characteristics by ID
- Timeseries mean, stdev, and range

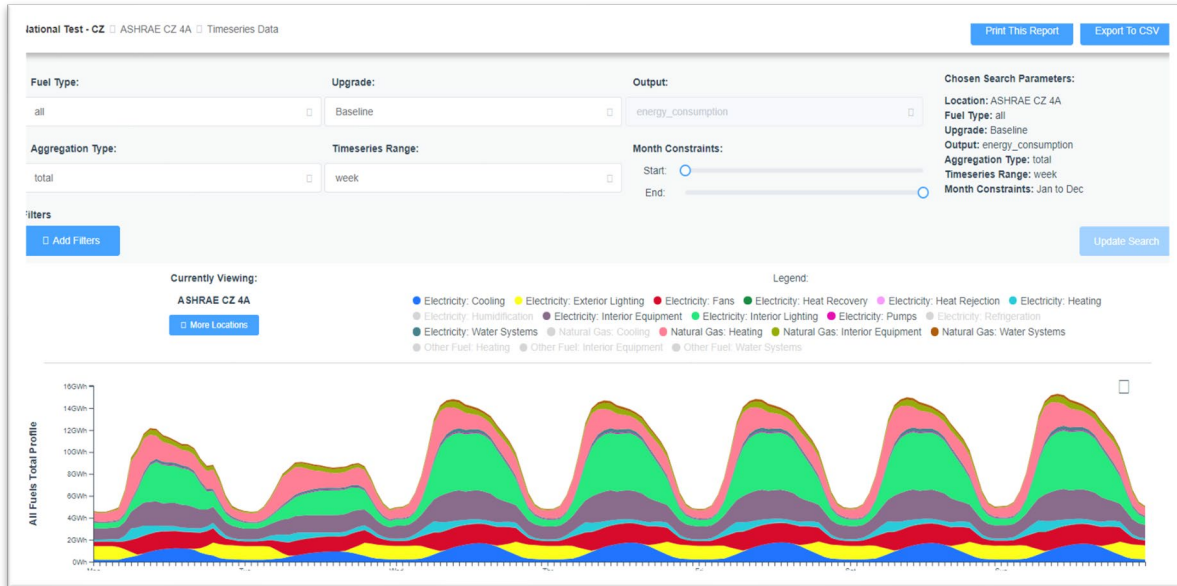
\*PUMA is an area with ~200k people; ~2,400 in U.S.

# VizStock Web Interface

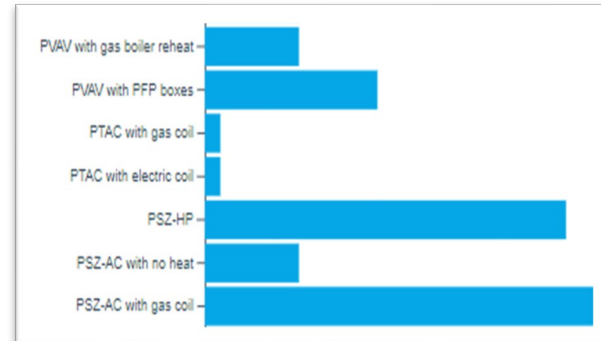
Aggregates

Web Viewer

Individual Buildings



- View End Use Load Profiles
- View distributions of building characteristics
- Filter by building characteristic
- Filter by geography
- Select time window
- Download CSV of results



# Individual Buildings – Load Profiles & Models

Aggregates

Web Viewer

Individual Buildings

## Individual Building End Use Load Profiles

- ~450,000 residential
- ~350,000 commercial
- Full dataset will be 10's of terabytes
- Plan to include high-level instructions for loading this dataset using one cloud-based big-data analysis tool

## Format:

- Folders with a series of Apache parquet\* files
  - Likely 1 file per building, with IDs in names
- In Amazon S3 bucket or similar

## Additional Data:

- Model characteristics by ID
- Model in OpenStudio (.osm) format

\*<https://parquet.apache.org/>

# 2 Sets of Weather Data = 2 Sets of EULPs

## Typical Meteorological Year (TMY3)

- Widely accepted/expected by utilities, regulators, etc.
- Weather is not coordinated across regions

	Weather Data from Year	
Month	Denver, CO	Boulder, CO
January	1995	1987
February	1994	1990
March	1991	1981
April	1999	1986

## Actual Meteorological Year (AMY)

- Using 2018 NOAA data

## Format:

- CSV timeseries data for each location used
  - Dry bulb temperature
  - Relative humidity
  - Solar direct normal irradiation
  - Solar diffuse horizontal irradiation
  - Wind speed
  - Building characteristics
- Location used for each Model

2 locations 40 miles apart use data from different years for the same month

# Time Stamps & Time Zones

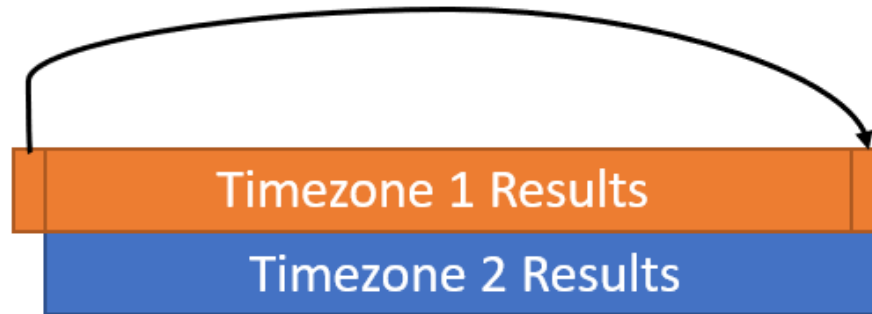
## Time Zones:

- Data will be provided in UTC

## Time Stamps:

- Wrap data from first few hours of year back to the end
- Creates a single, aligned 1 year worth of data

Last few  
hours of  
the year





# Questions & Discussion

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# Residential Building Types & End Uses

<b>Residential Building Types</b>	<b>Residential End Uses</b>
Single-Family Detached	Heating
Single-Family Attached	Cooling
Multifamily 2–4 Units	Furnace/AC fan
Multifamily 5+ Units (1-3 stories)	Boiler pumps
Multifamily 5+ Units (4-7 stories)	Vent. fans
Multifamily 5+ Units (8+ stories)	Water heating
	Interior Lights
	Exterior Lights
	Misc. plug loads
	Refrigerator
	Clothes washer
	Clothes dryer
	Dishwasher
	Cooking Range

# Commercial Building Types & End Uses

<b>Commercial Building Types</b>	<b>Commercial End Uses</b>
Small Office	Heating
Medium Office	Cooling
Large Office	Interior Lighting
Stand-alone Retail	Exterior Lighting
Strip Mall	Interior Equipment
Primary School	Exterior Equipment
Secondary School	Fans
Outpatient Healthcare	Pumps
Hospital	Heat Rejection
Small Hotel	Humidification
Large Hotel	Heat Recovery
Warehouse (non-refrigerated)	Water Systems
Quick Service Restaurant	Refrigeration
Full Service Restaurant	

# Residential Building Characteristics

Residential Model Characteristics	(continued)	(continued)
ahs_region	heating_fuel	location_latitude
applicable	heating_setpoint	location_longitude
ashrae_iecc_climate_zone_2004	heating_setpoint_has_offset	location_region
bathroom_spot_vent_hour	heating_setpoint_offset_magnitude	location_state
bedrooms	heating_setpoint_offset_period	mechanical_ventilation
building_america_climate_zone	holiday_lighting	misc_extra_refrigerator
ceiling_fan	hot_water_distribution	misc_freezer
census_division	hot_water_fixtures	misc_gas_fireplace
census_region	hvac_system_cooling	misc_gas_grill
climate_zone_ba	hvac_system_cooling_type	misc_gas_lighting
climate_zone_iecc	hvac_system_heat_pump	misc_hot_tub_spa
clothes_dryer	hvac_system_heating_electricity	misc_pool
clothes_washer	hvac_system_heating_fuel_oil	misc_pool_heater
clothes_washer_presence	hvac_system_heating_natural_gas	misc_pool_pump
cooking_range	hvac_system_heating_none	misc_pool_schedule
cooking_range_schedule	hvac_system_heating_other_fuel	misc_well_pump
cooling_setpoint	hvac_system_heating_propane	natural_ventilation
cooling_setpoint_has_offset	hvac_system_is_heat_pump	neighbors
cooling_setpoint_offset_magnitude	hvac_system_is_shared	occupants
cooling_setpoint_offset_period	hvac_system_shared_electricity	orientation
corridor	hvac_system_shared_fuel_oil	overhangs
county	hvac_system_shared_natural_gas	plug_loads
days_shifted	hvac_system_shared_none	plug_loads_schedule
dehumidifier	hvac_system_shared_other_fuel	puma
dishwasher	hvac_system_shared_propane	pv
door_area	infiltration	radiant_barrier
doors	insulation_crawlspace	range_spot_vent_hour
ducts	insulation_finished_basement	refrigeration_schedule
eaves	insulation_finished_roof	refrigerator
electric_vehicle	insulation_interzonal_floor	roof_material_finished_roof
geometry_building_number_units_hl	insulation_pier_beam	roof_material_unfinished_attic
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geometry_floor_area	interior_shading	units_represented
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geometry_perimeter_footprint_ratio	lighting_other_use	water_heater
geometry_stories	location	window_areas
geometry_wall_type	location_city	windows

# Commercial Building Characteristics

Commercial Model Characteristics	(continued)
building_type	cooling_source_fuel
climate_zone	heating_source_fuel
weather_file_name	hvac_delivery_type
rentable_area	service_water_heating_source_fuel
number_stories	kitchen_makeup
aspect_ratio	exterior_lighting_zone
total_bldg_floor_area	onsite_parking_fraction
bottom_story_ground_exposed_floor	energy_code_when_built
building_height_relative_to_neighbors	energy_code_when_envelope_last_updated
building_rotation	energy_code_when_exterior_lighting_last_updated
floor_to_floor_height	energy_code_when_hvac_last_updated
party_wall_stories_west	party_wall_fraction
single_floor_area	party_wall_stories_east
story_multiplier	party_wall_stories_north
top_story_exterior_exposed_roof	party_wall_stories_south
window_to_wall_ratio	energy_code_when_interior_equipment_last_updated
hvac_system_type	energy_code_when_interior_lighting_last_updated
energy_code_when_service_water_heating_last_updated	
weekday_operation_start_time	
weekday_operation_duration	
weekend_operation_start_time	
weekend_operation_duration	



# Commercial Calibration Update Region 2 & Overall Status

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# Calibration Progress

About 60% through the commercial calibration timeline

- Finished Region 1 of 4 (Ft. Collins) in Fall 2020
  - Paused commercial calibration while awaiting AMI data
- Finished Region 2 of 4 (Seattle, Portland) in February 2021 - today's focus
- Halfway through Region 3 of 4 (Cold/Very Cold) today
- Region 4 of 4 (Southeast) June-August 2021



# Commercial AMI Data Challenges

- ✓ Misclassification of buildings (outlier removal technique, see previous TAG presentation)
- ✓ Partially-occupied buildings (outlier removal)
- ✓ Knowingly/unknowingly missing large fraction of meters for a building (outlier removal)
- ✓ Missing some timesteps for some meters (new method, described in later slides)
- ? Knowingly missing a small fraction of the meters for a building
  - Reason may vary between utilities (meters not all AMI, meters defunct, oversight)
  - Current crude correction: assume equal area served by all meters, scale floor area
  - Investigating prevalence of this situation and impact of this correction now
- ✗ Unknowingly missing a small fraction of the meters for a building
  - EUI likely within 3x median, load shape still reasonable... undetectable error?

**For utilities, fundamental unit of reporting one meter, not buildings or sqft**

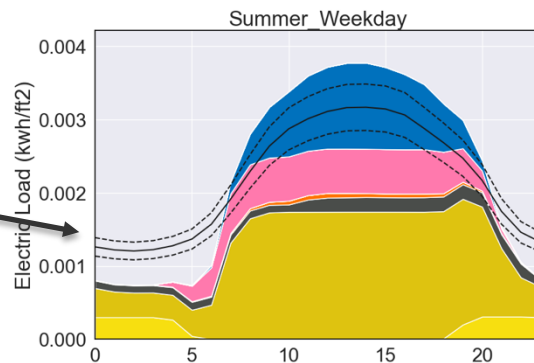
# Commercial AMI Confidence

## Current Situation (all graphs in this slide deck)

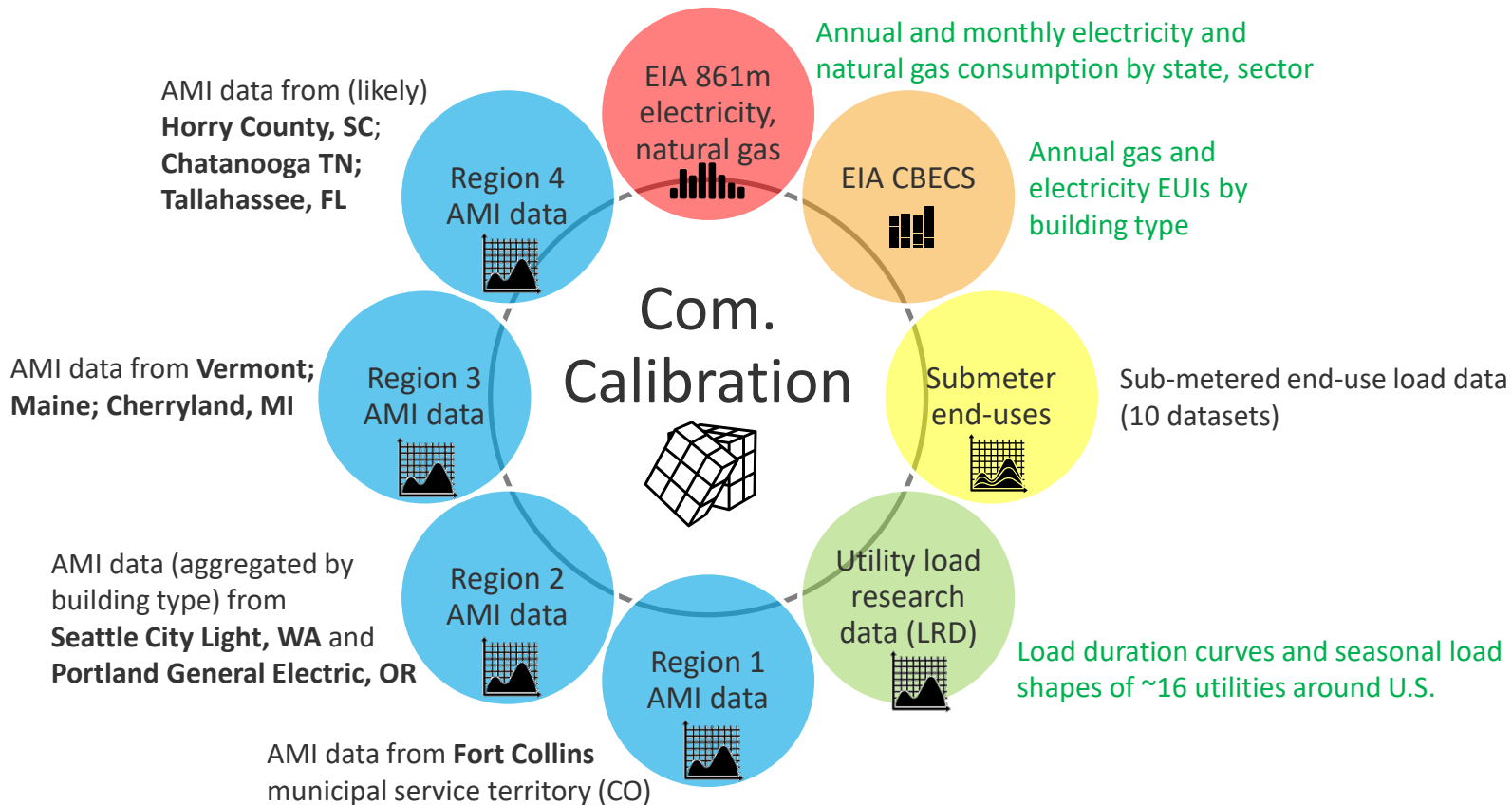
- Graphs show mean AMI (kWh/sqft per hr)
- Dashed lines show mean +/- 10%
- Overstates confidence in the mean of the AMI

## Plan to Address:

1. Adjust AMI confidence bands based on sample size
  - Realistic depiction of confidence in AMI mean
  - Ranges likely large for building types and datasets with smaller sample sizes. Sometimes too large to inform model changes?
2. (Maybe) Focus on AMI for load shape comparison, use CBECS for load magnitude comparison
  - **Upside:** don't drive model changes with uncertain data
  - **Downside:** CBECS data from different year, less geographically condensed
3. Other? – discuss during breakout



# Commercial Calibration Dimensions

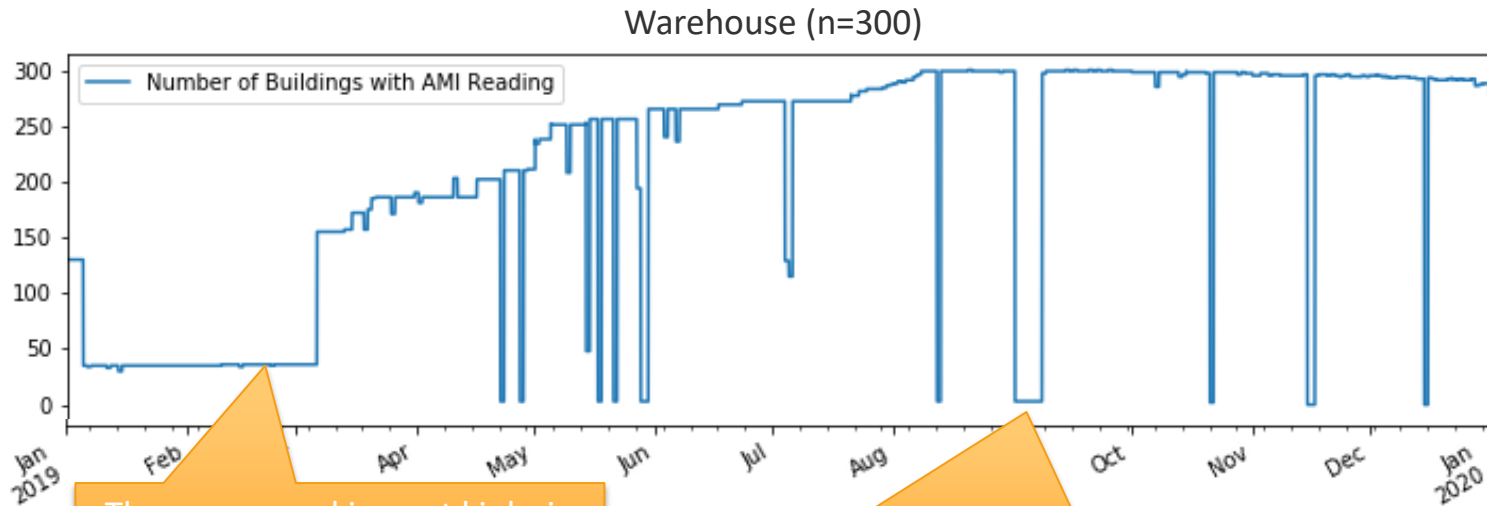


# Addressing Gaps in AMI Data

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# Seattle AMI Challenges

- Seattle has two separate AMI recording systems
  - One for smaller customers rolled out in 2018
  - One for larger customers rolled out earlier
- Many building types only have data from larger customers for some periods

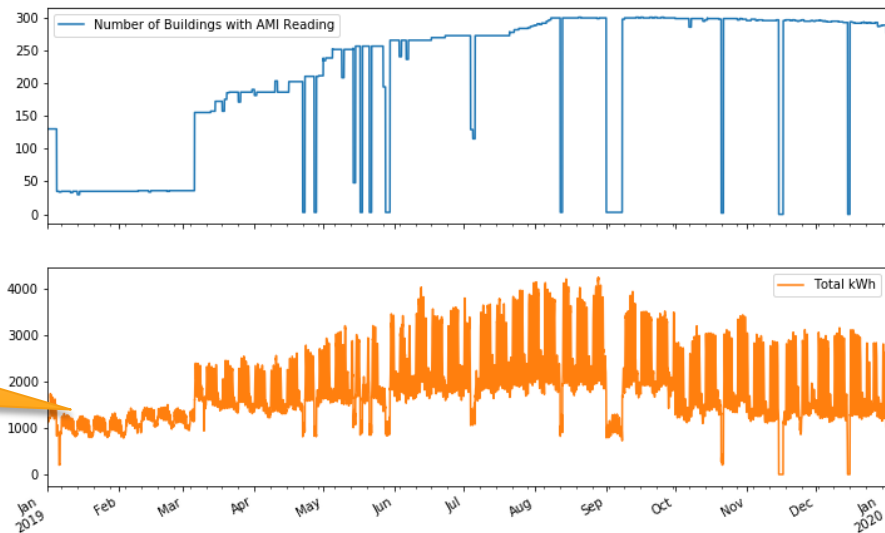


They were working out kinks in smaller customer AMI rollout; only larger customers reading

More short outages in smaller customer AMI system; remaining data from large customers only

# Seattle AMI Challenges

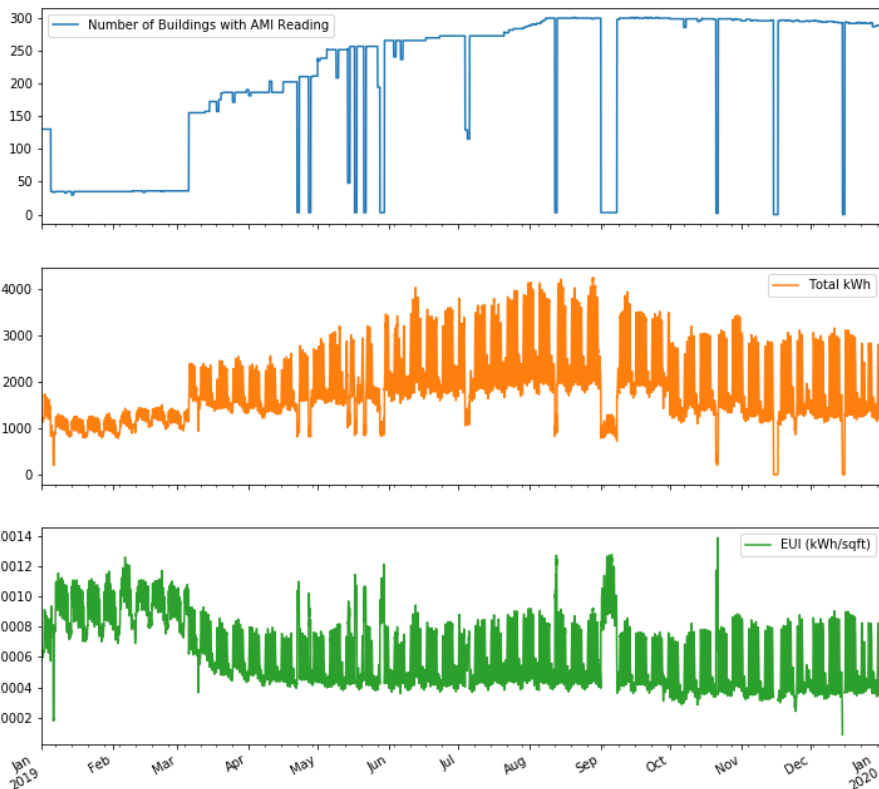
Warehouse (n=300)



As expected, fewer buildings means less energy for those timesteps

# Seattle AMI Challenges

Warehouse (n=300)



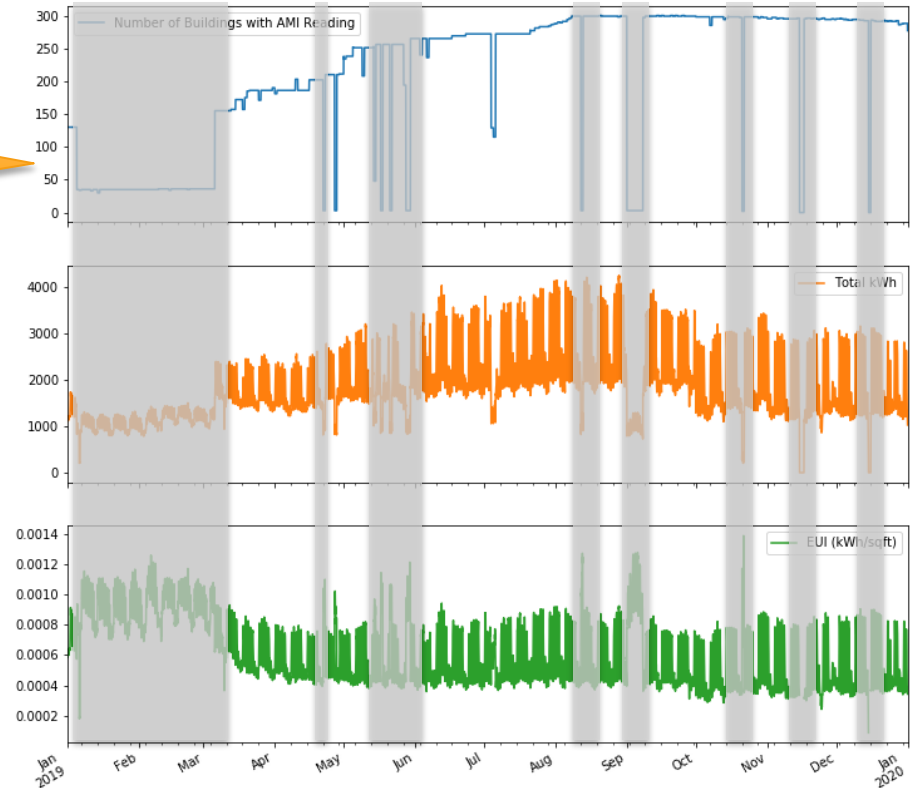
The meters that remain on are in the larger-customer AMI system.

This skews the EUI toward those buildings (higher) during meter outages

# Seattle AMI Solution

For calibration, drop data from timesteps where  
# buildings < 30%

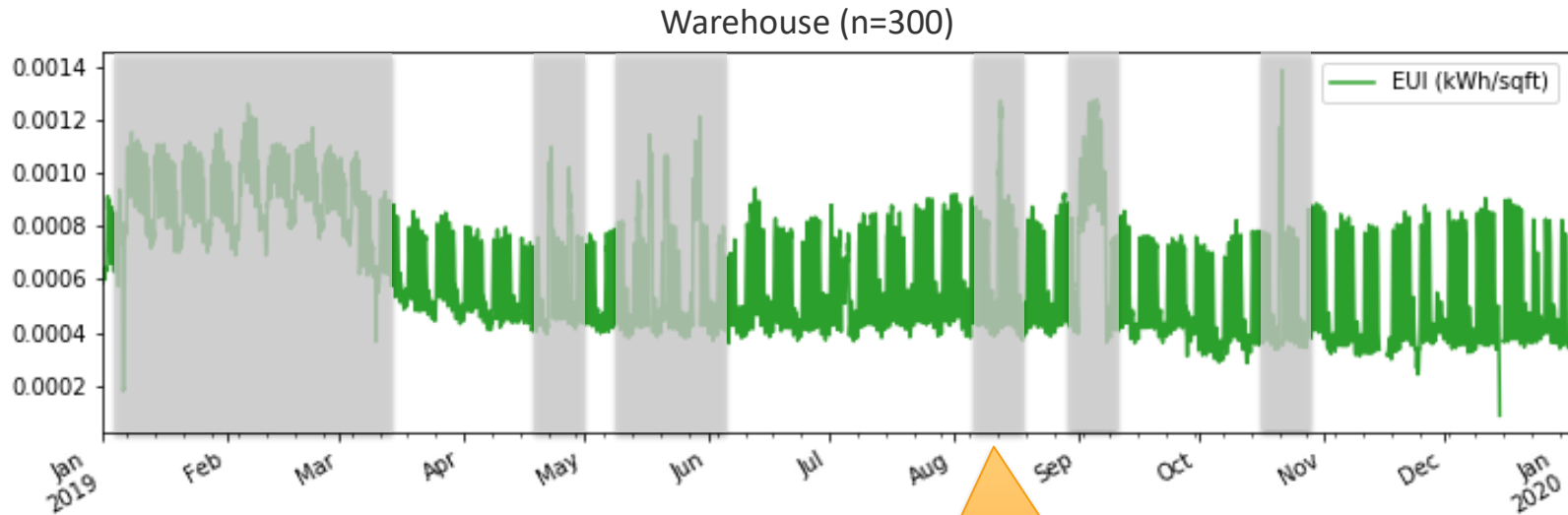
## Warehouse (n=300)





# Seattle AMI Solution (Implemented)

- For calibration, drop data from timesteps where # buildings < 30%
- Not all building type have same outage periods
- Not all building types show as noticeable EUI bias during outage periods



In practice, filters are narrow and cover the outage periods exactly

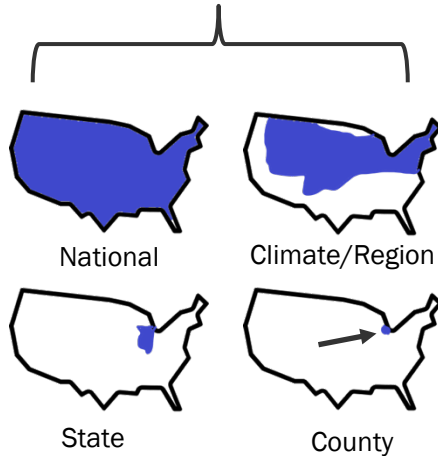
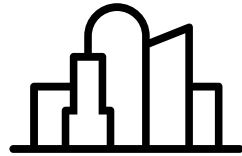
# Calibration Strategy

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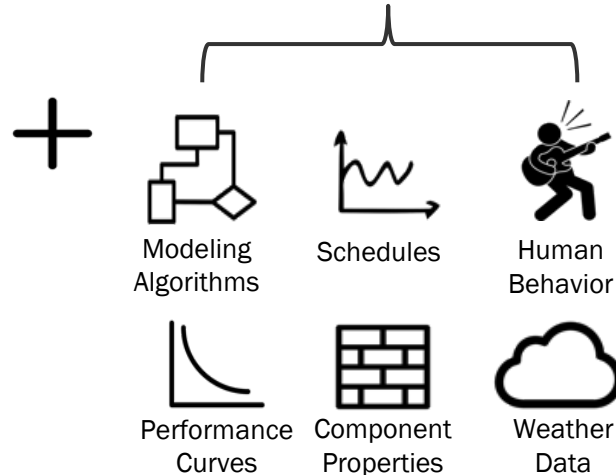
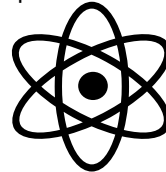
# Model Architecture



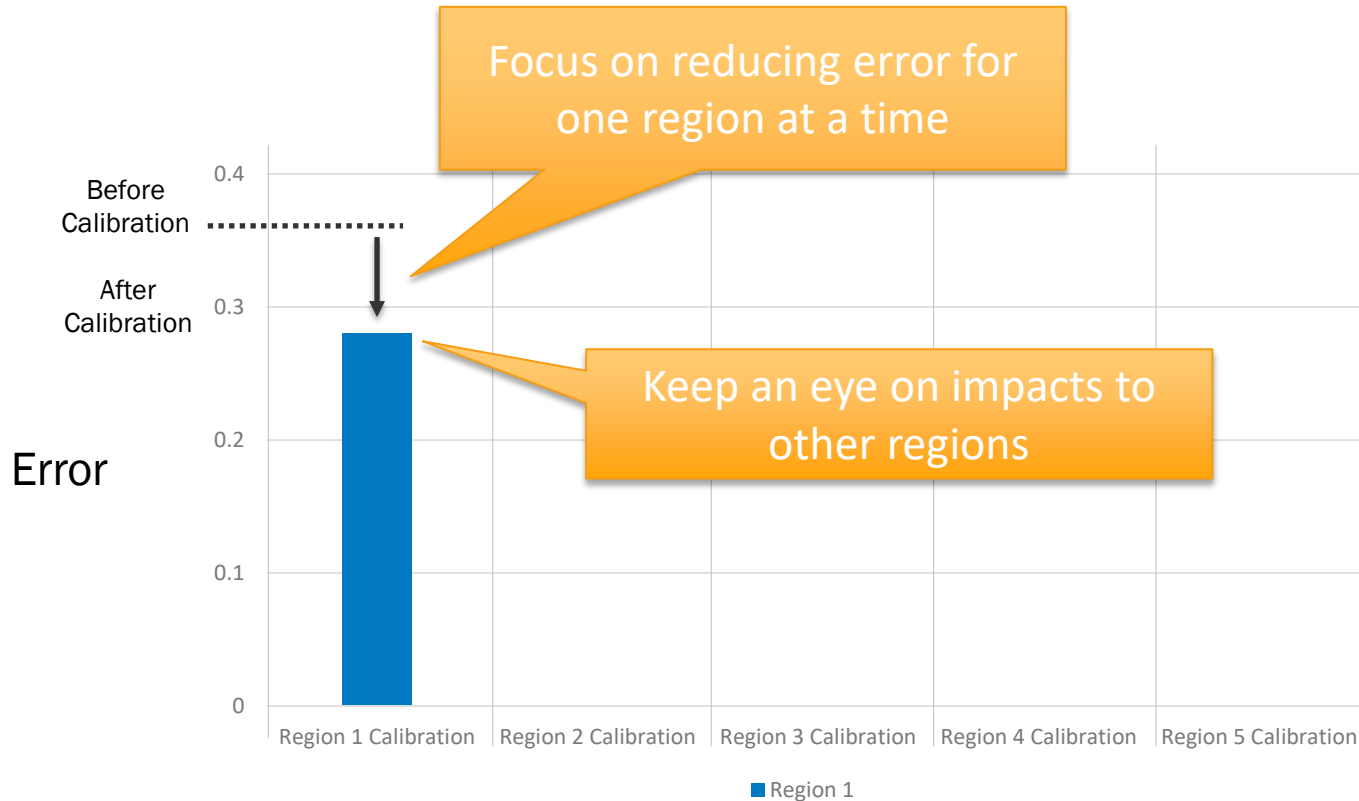
Building stock  
characteristics database



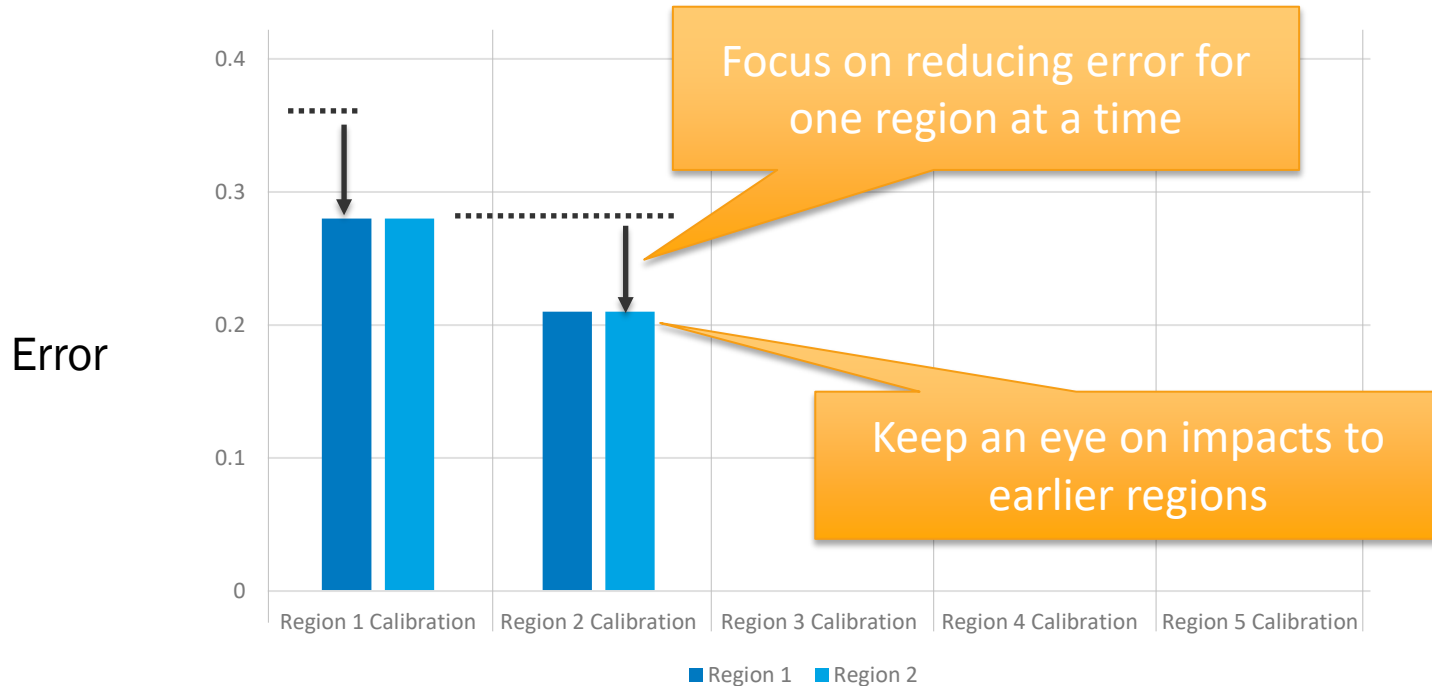
Physics-based  
computer modeling



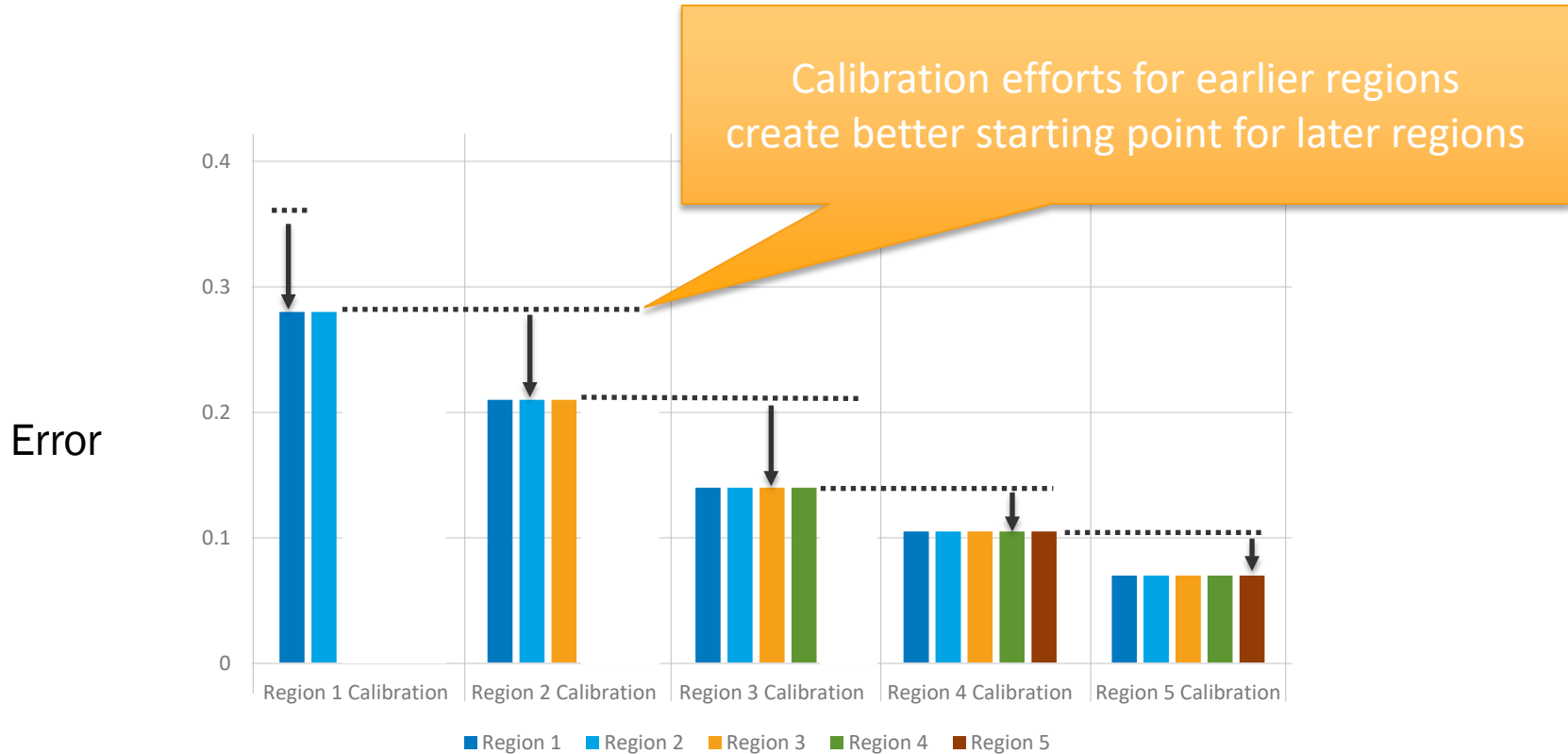
# Calibration Process for One Region



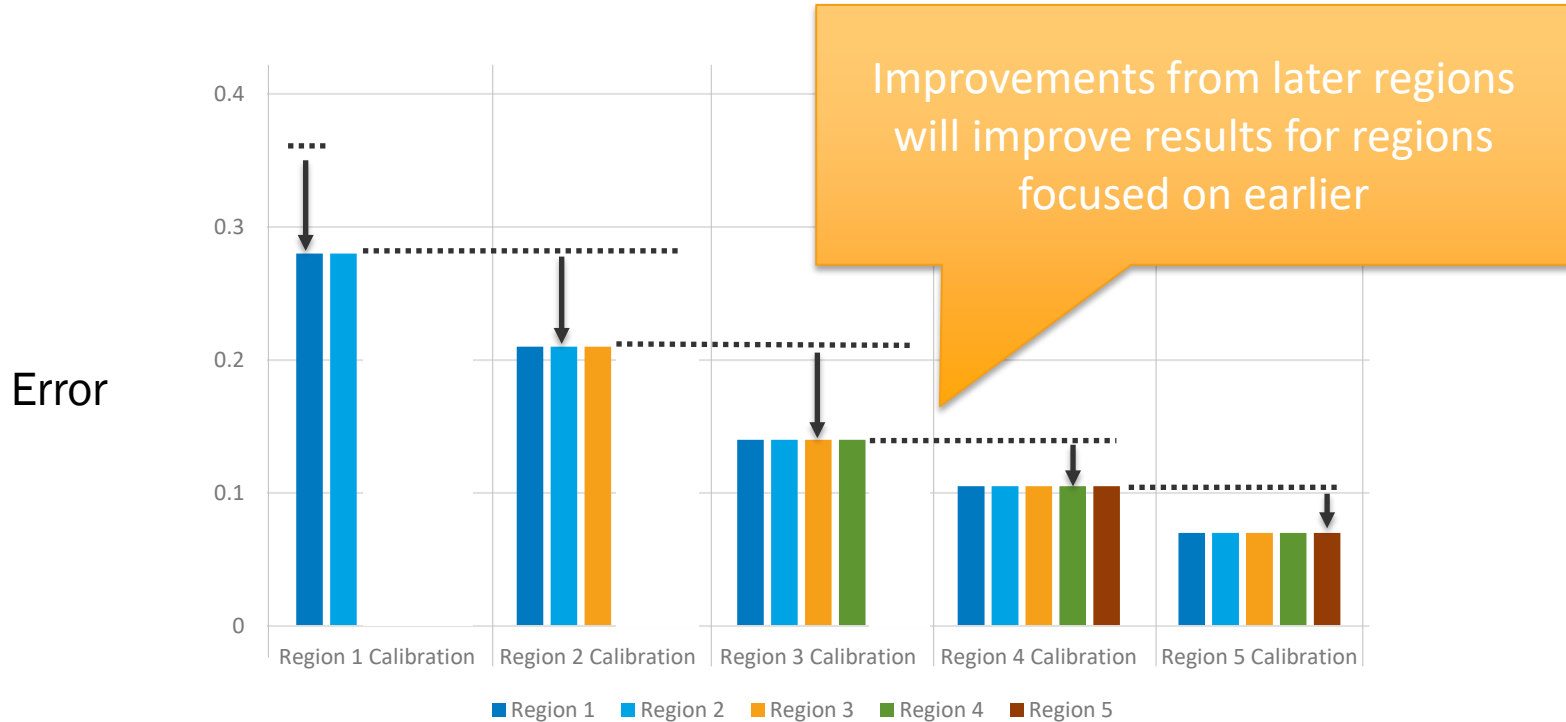
# Calibration Process Over Time



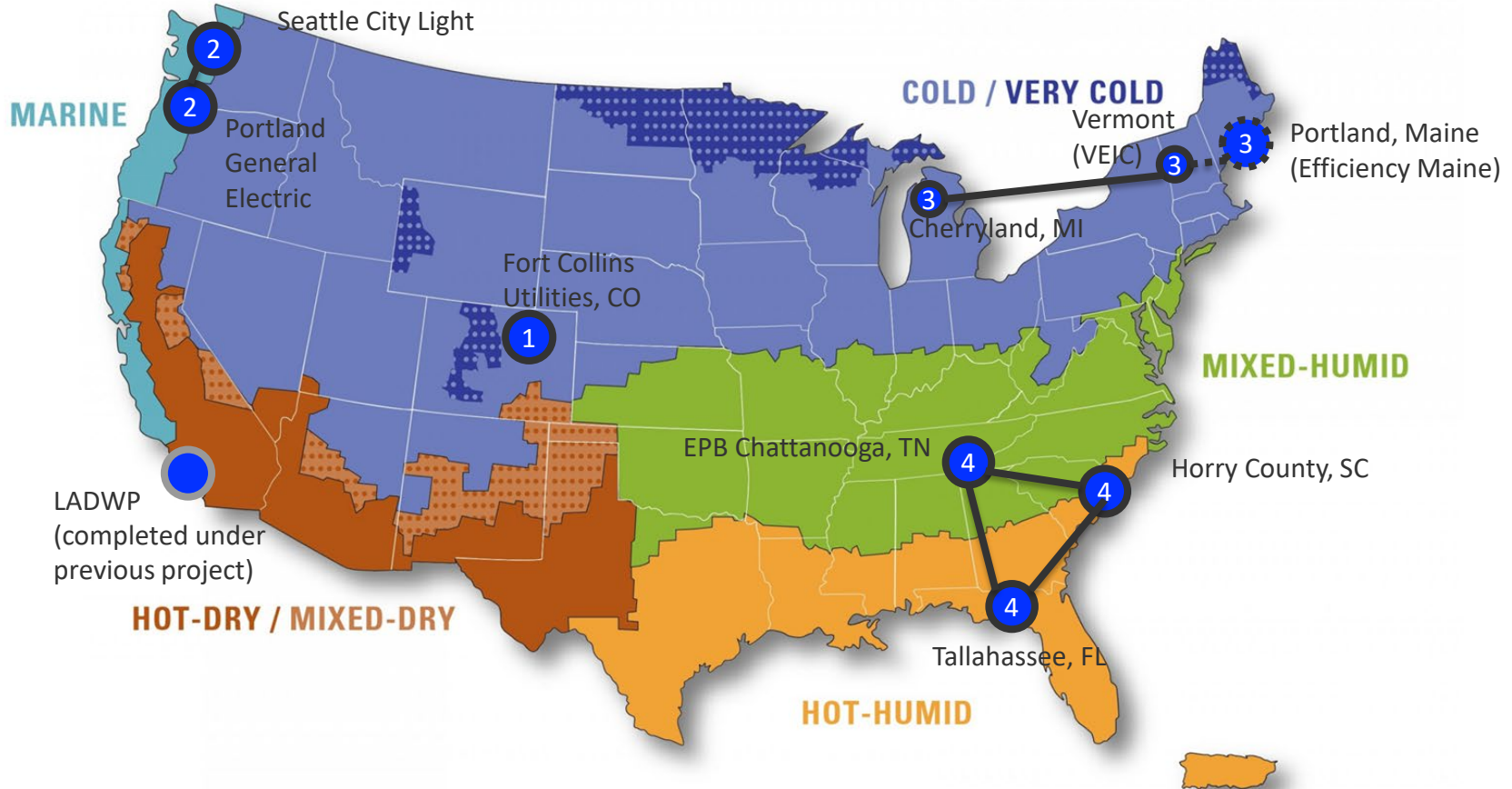
# Calibration Process Over Time



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# Summary of Commercial AMI Calibration Regions



Background colors are DOE Building America Climate Regions



# Region 2 Focus: Major Schedules



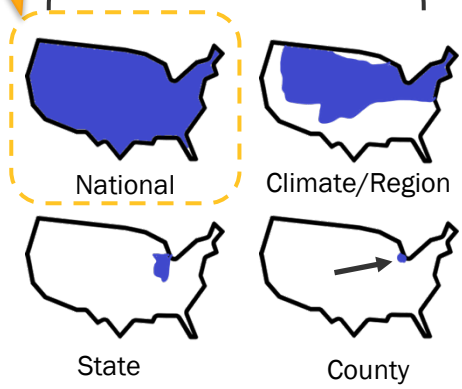
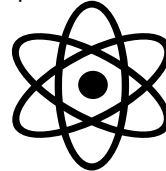
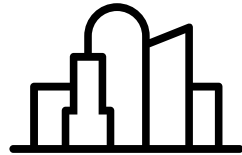
Building stock characteristics database

Physics-based computer modeling

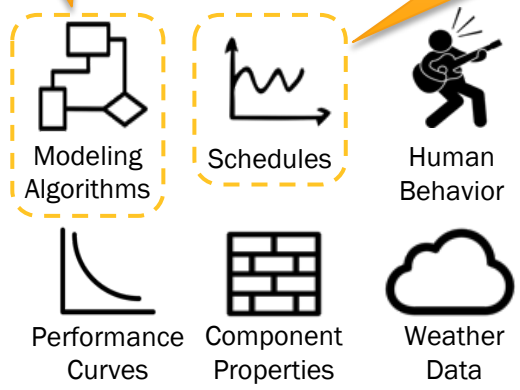
Exterior Lighting

HVAC Operation

Lighting schedules  
Plug load schedules  
Operation schedules



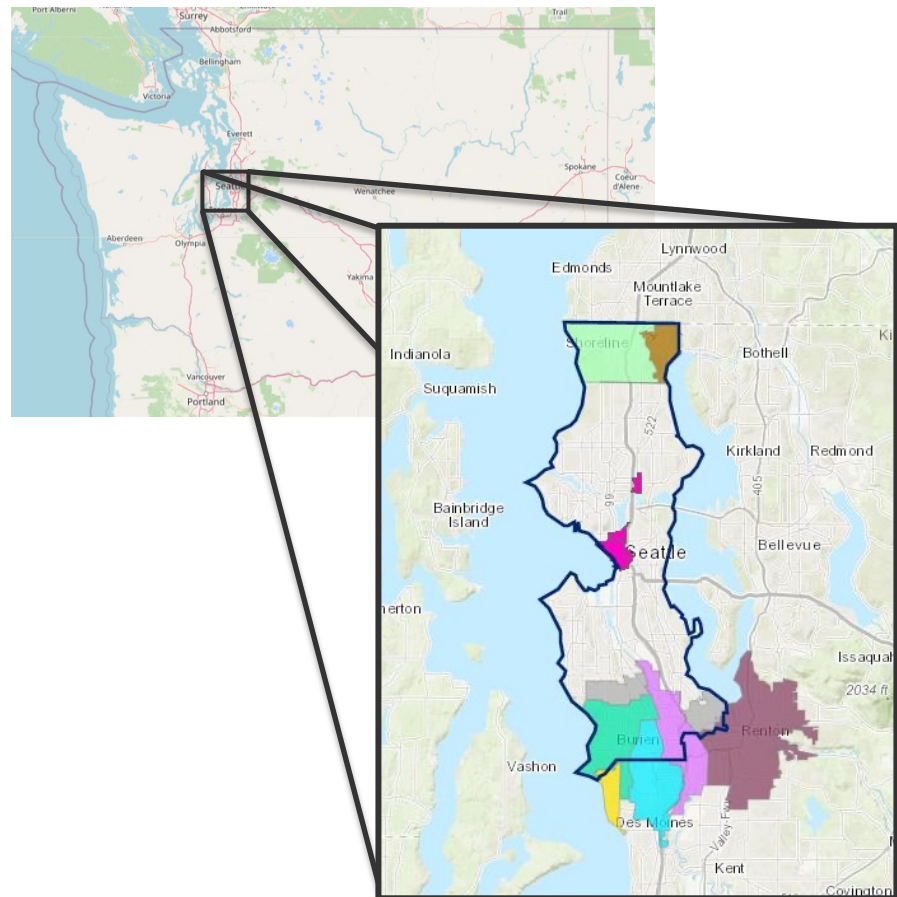
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# Region 2a – Seattle, WA

- Seattle, WA (pop. ~745k)  
plus parts of adjacent suburbs
- Municipal utility
- AMI data from 2019  
(aggregated by building type)

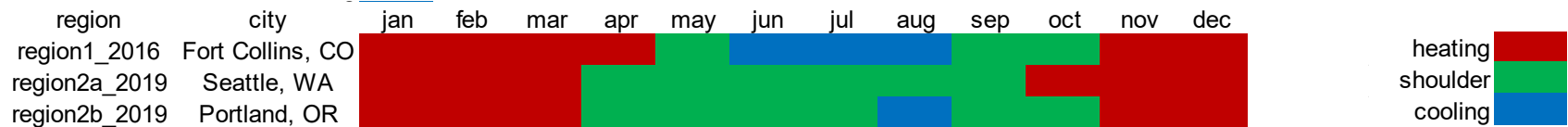
building_type	count
full_service_restaurant	167
hospital	12
large_hotel	39
large_office	137
medium_office	109
outpatient	162
primary_school	43
quick_service_restaurant	40
retail	485
small_hotel	25
small_office	693
strip_mall	941
warehouse	633



# Region 2a – Seattle, WA – No Summer

- Assign “season” to each month to enable comparison across regions
  - Based on average daily temperatures in each month for weather used
    - Winter/heating  $< 55^{\circ}$
    - $> 55^{\circ}$  Shoulder  $< 70^{\circ}$ F
    - Summer/cooling  $> 70^{\circ}$ F
  - May not match what residents think of as seasons
  - Therefore, “Summer” is missing in the Seattle graphs

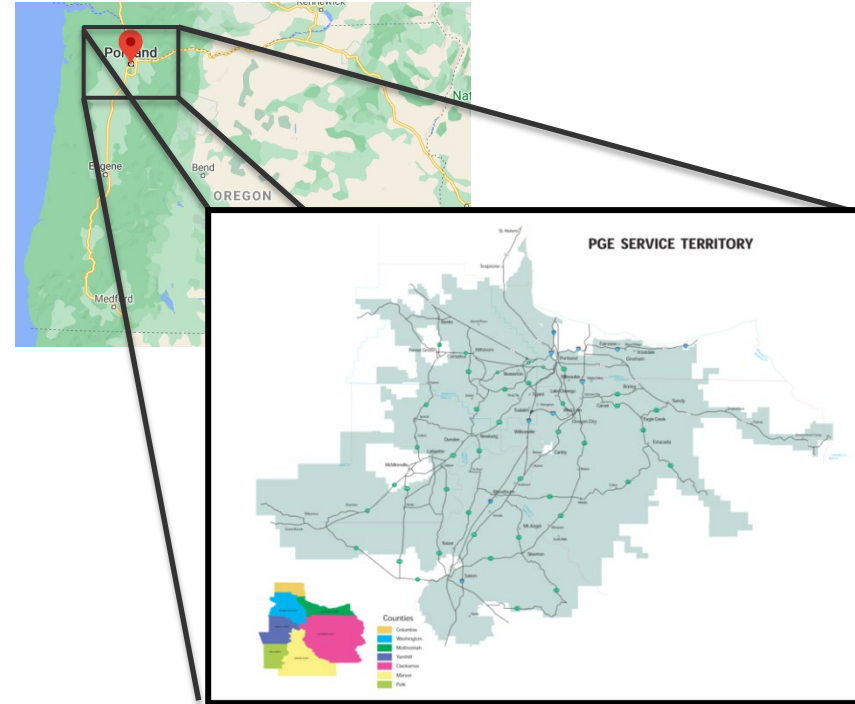
## Monthly Season Definitions



# Region 2b – Portland, OR

- Portland (Portland General Electric)
- Publicly-traded Utility
- AMI data from 2019

building_type	count
full_service_restaurant	391
hospital	13
large_hotel	92
medium_office	13
outpatient	530
primary_school	105
quick_service_restaurant	119
retail	1,193
small_hotel	59
small_office	303
strip_mall	1,215
warehouse	2,511



# List of updates

## Misclassification/Outlier Detection

- Comparison of approaches w/ large Xcel dataset (presented in detail at TAG meeting)

## New validation comparisons

- AMI data from Seattle City Light (aggregated by building type)
- AMI data from Portland General Electric

## New capabilities

- None

## Baseload updates

- Interior lighting schedule magnitude variability
- Plug load schedule magnitude variability
- Exterior lighting power density
- Warehouse operation schedules (lighting, plug load, occupancy)

## HVAC updates

- Off cycle controls for packaged single-zone systems

# Baseload Updates

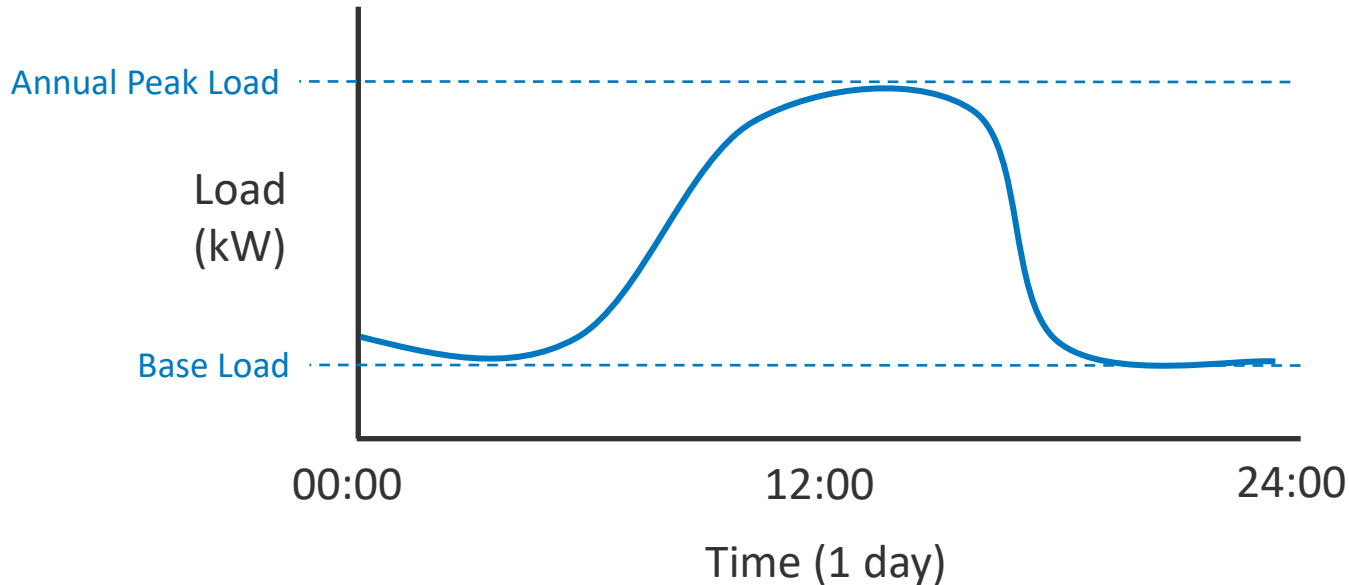
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# Update: Variability in Lighting & Plug-load Schedules

Task	Affected Building Type	Considerations
Interior lighting schedule magnitude variability	retail, food service, school, office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Magnitude variability (base-to-peak ratio) in schedules are captured from end-use (lighting &amp; plug load) data.</li><li>• Standardized workflow added in ComStock to incorporate variability captured from end-use data.</li><li>• Lighting/Plug-load schedule variability improved.</li></ul>
Plug load schedule magnitude variability		

# Base-to-Peak Ratio

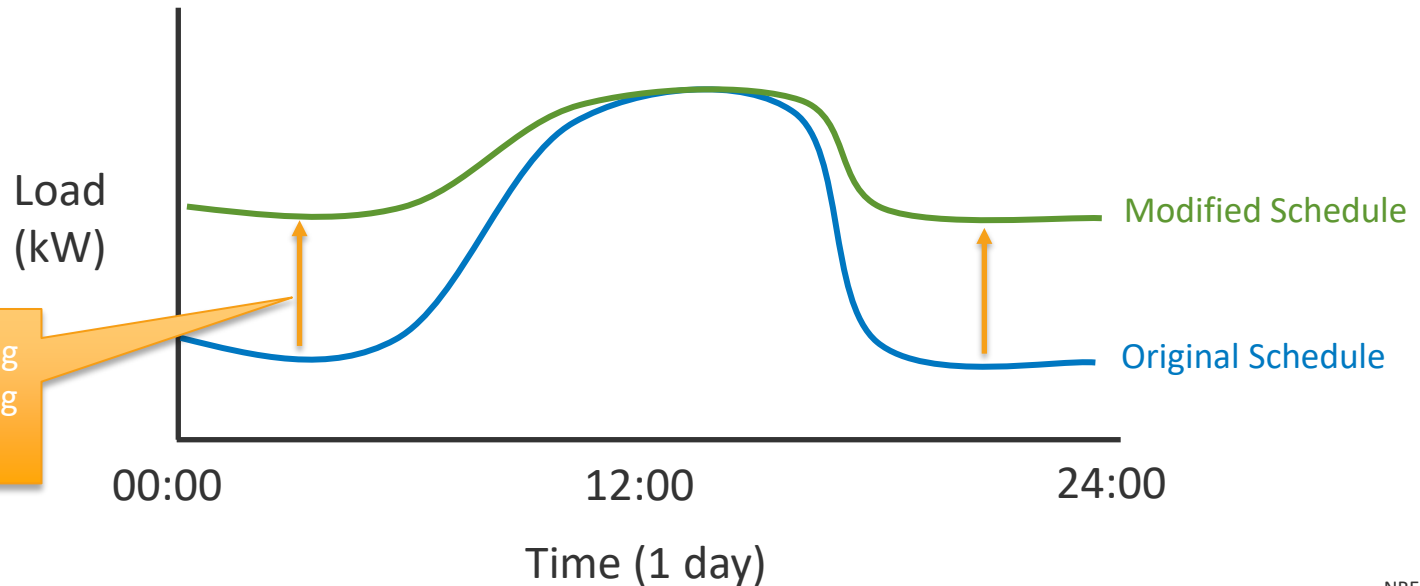
- Base-to-Peak Ratio (BPR) = Base Load / Annual Peak Load
- A way to describe to what degree loads are reduced at night





# Base-to-Peak Ratio

- Base-to-Peak Ratio (BPR) = Base Load / Peak Load
- A way to describe to what degree loads are reduced at night



Modify BPR of existing schedules by changing the base load.

# Update: Lighting & Plug-load Base-to-Peak Variability

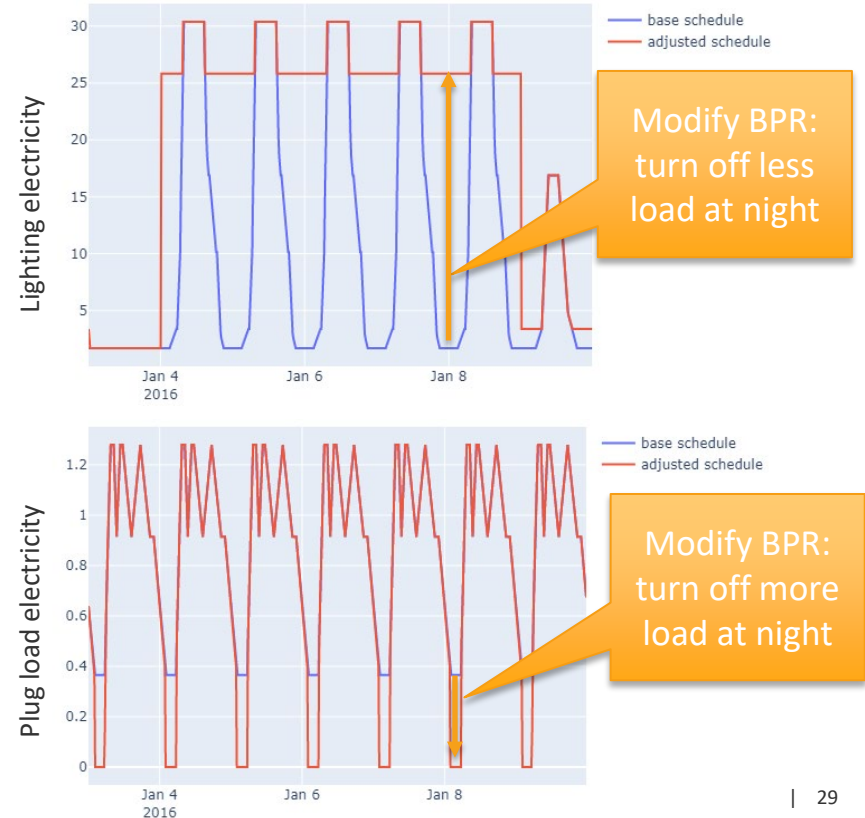
## Creating base-to-peak ratio (BPR) distributions

- Lighting and plug load schedules were pulled from two commercial end use datasets that we procured.
- A data clustering analysis was performed to group the schedules based on various BPR distributions resulting in 6 different cluster types covering all considered building types.
- Distributions were calculated based on these clusters and implemented in the ComStock sampling approach as *wkdy\_bpr* and *wknd\_bpr* values.

## Measure implementation

- The measure sets the base period of interior lighting and equipment (plug load) schedules within a model to a BPR.
- Two arguments: *wkdy\_bpr* modifies weekday schedules, and *wknd\_bpr* modifies weekend schedules.

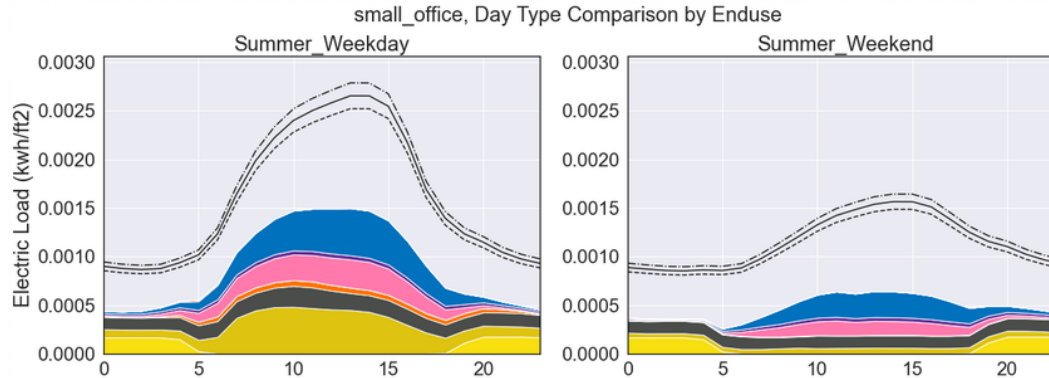
## Example measure results



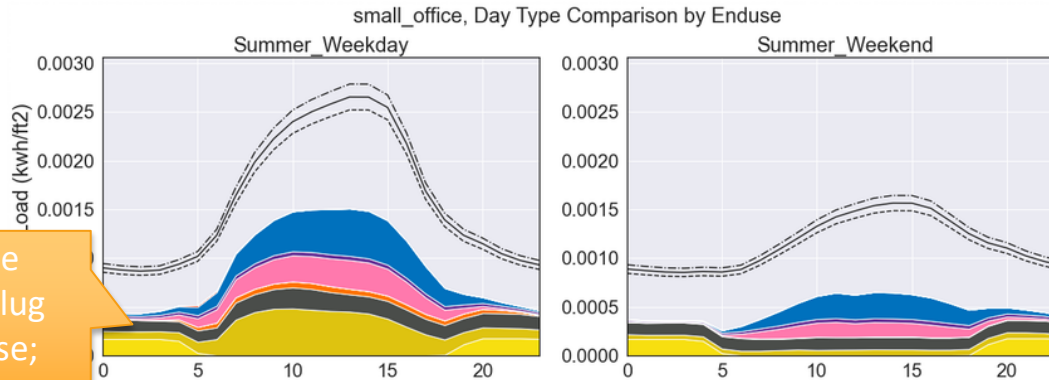


# Impact: Plug Load Base-to-Peak Variability

Before



After



No noticeable difference in plug load energy use; mostly adds diversity to stock

Small Office

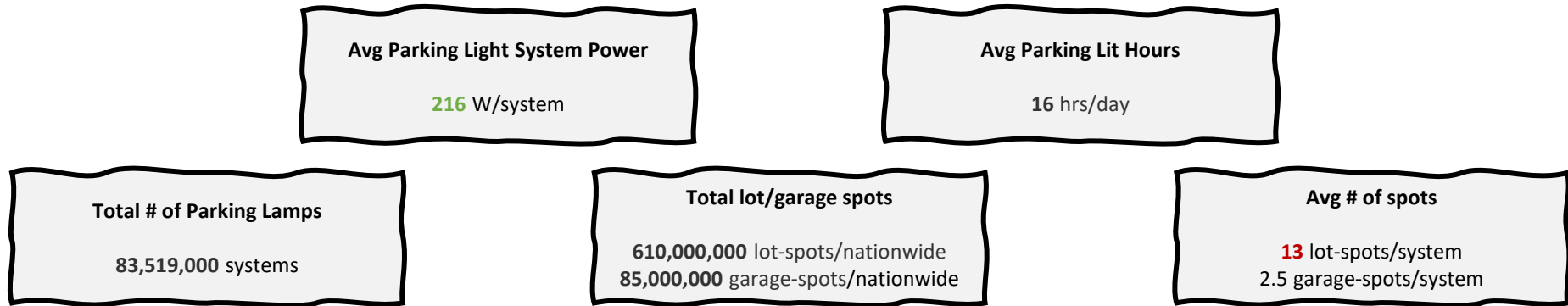
Region 1 – Ft. Collins

# Update: Exterior Lighting Power Density

Task	Affected Building Type	Considerations
Exterior lighting power density	buildings where exterior lighting is defined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lighting power density in two sub-categories (parking and entry canopy) of exterior lighting are updated.</li><li>• Based on 2015 U.S. Lighting Market Characterization report.</li></ul>

# Update: Exterior Lighting Power Density

- ❖ Various information from 2015 U.S. Lighting Market Characterization (LMC) report
- ❖ For parking applications (about 50% of total exterior lighting nationally)



Possible to derive,

$$216 \text{ W/system} \div 13 \text{ lot-spots/system} = 16.615 \text{ W/lots-spots}$$

$$16.615 \text{ W/lots-spots} \div \underline{405 \text{ sqft/lot-spots}} = \mathbf{0.041 \text{ W/sqft (national average for parking lots only)}}$$



Thornton, B. A., Wang, W., Lane, M. D., Rosenberg, M. I., & Liu, B. (2009). *Technical support document: 50% energy savings design technology packages for medium office buildings* (No. PNNL-19004). Pacific Northwest National Lab.(PNNL), Richland, WA (United States).

# Update: Exterior Lighting Power Density

- ComStock (ASHRAE Standard) generally has much higher LPD definitions compared to LMC report.
- LPD definitions updated for each template based on weighted average.

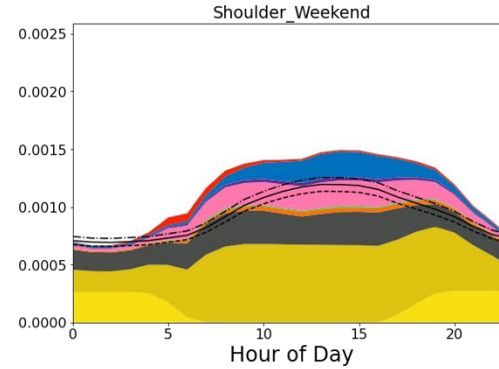
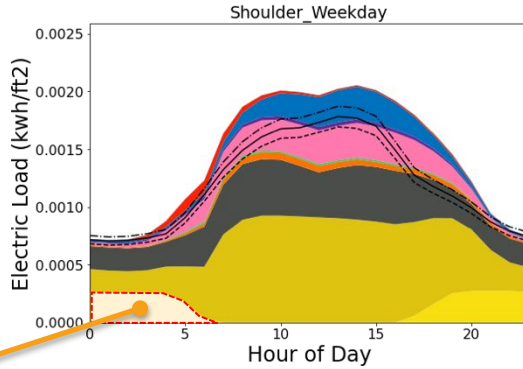
LMC's weighted  
average  
= 0.041 W/ft<sup>2</sup>

<b>Standard</b>	90.1 – 2004	90.1 – 2007	90.1 – 2010	90.1 – 2013	DOE Ref 1980-2004
<b># of Buildings</b>	85652	96278	98128	28707	41235
<b>Portion</b>	24%	28%	28%	8%	12%
<b>Original LPD (W/ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	0.15	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.18
<b>Revised LPD (W/ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	0.045	0.045	0.030	0.030	0.055

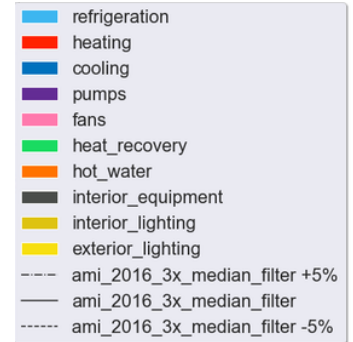
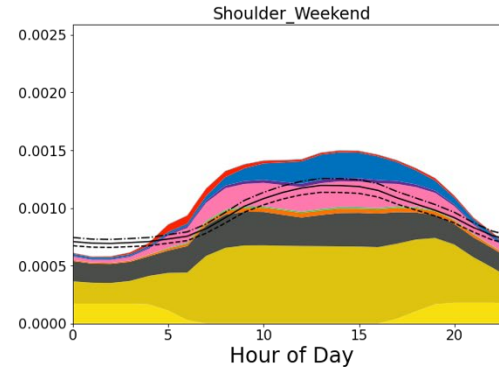
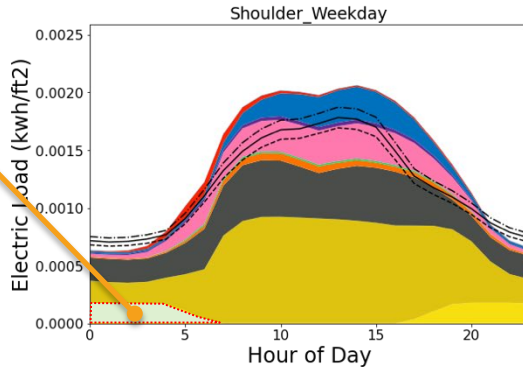


# Update: Exterior Lighting Power Density

Before



After



Region 1 – Ft. Collins

Exterior lighting  
power reduction

Total – All Building Types



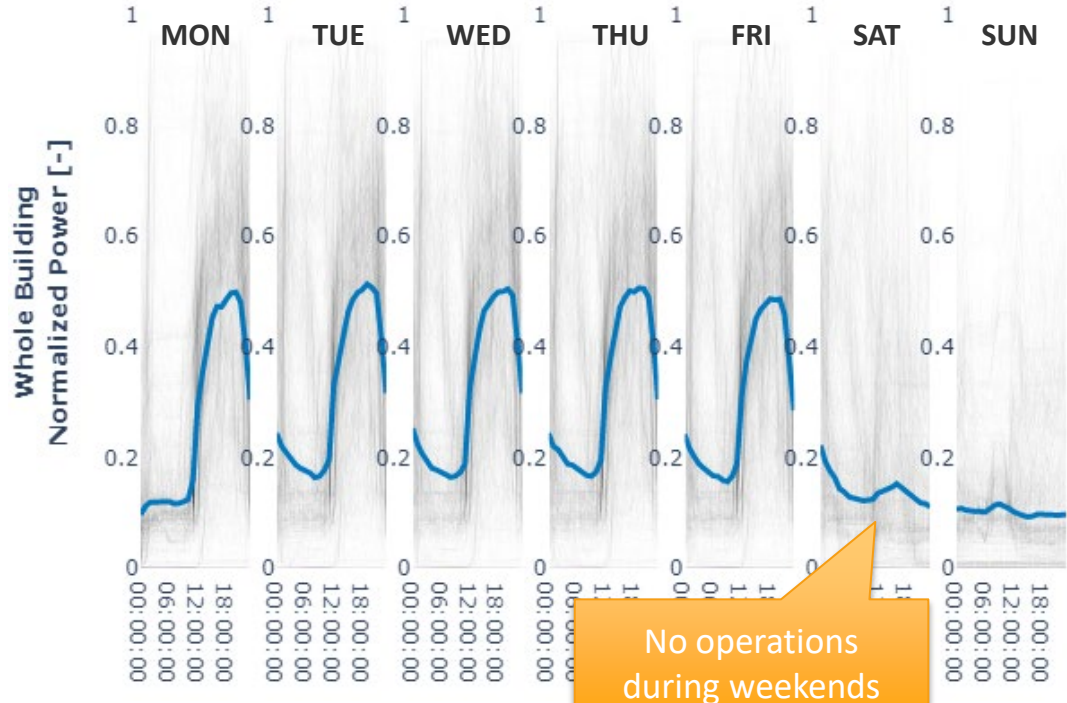
# Update: Warehouse Operation Schedules

Task	Affected Building Type	Considerations
Warehouse schedules (lighting, plug load, occupancy)	warehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operations of warehouses were reviewed and reconsidered in terms of day types between weekdays and weekends.</li></ul>

# Update: Warehouse Operation Schedules

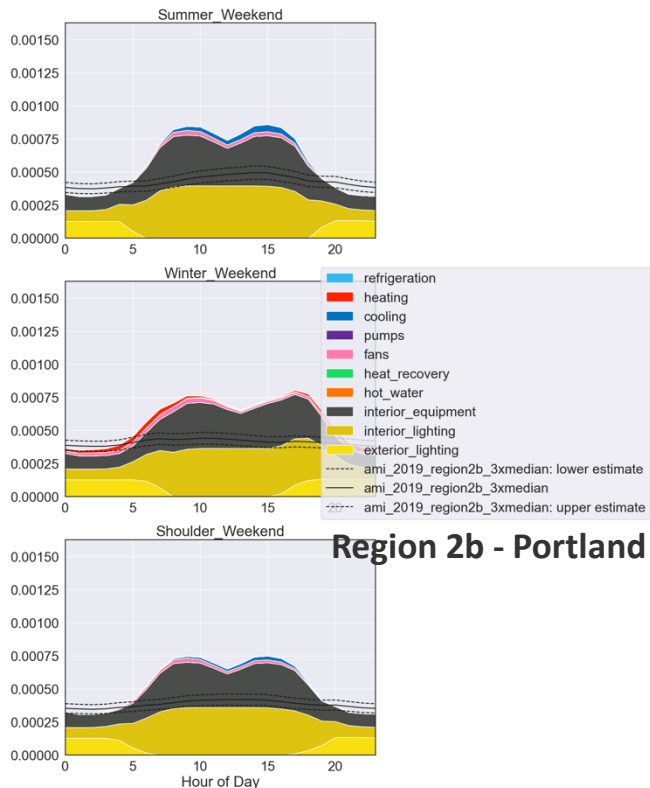
- Based on end-use data (shown below) and AMI data (Fort Collins, Seattle, Portland), weekend warehouse operation assumptions in models disagreed with findings from utility data.

Warehouses in end-use data		
Census Division	US State	Counts
EastNorthCentral	IL	2
MidAtlantic	PA	3
Mountain	CO	2
Pacific	CA	11
	OR	1
SouthAtlantic	MD	1
WestSouthCentral	LA	3
	TX	2

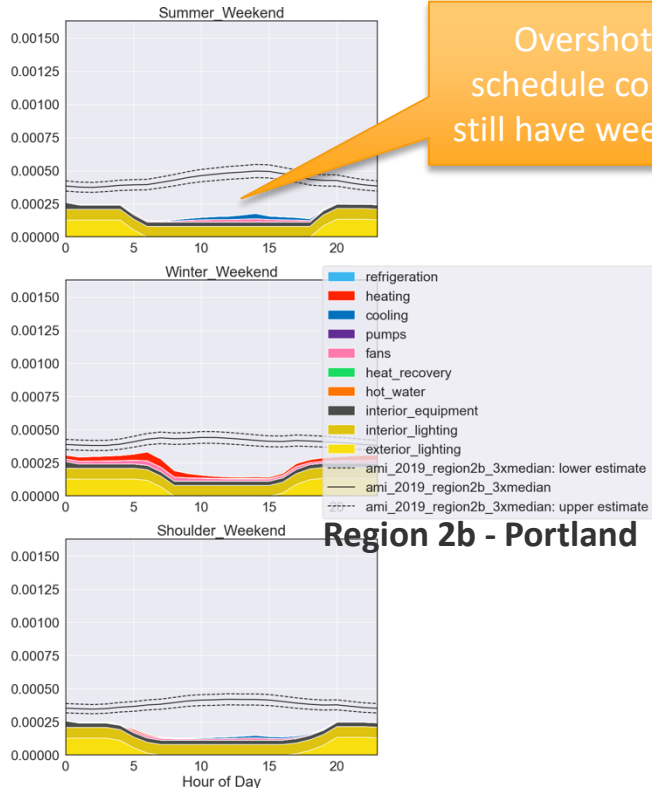


# Update: Warehouse Operation Schedules

Before



After



Overshot warehouse schedule correction; some still have weekend operation

# HVAC Updates

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# Update: HVAC Controls

Task	Affected Building Type	Methods
Updated fan cycling controls for PSZ systems	All buildings with PSZ systems	Before, systems were always on following HVAC operating hours, now fan are adjusted to provide ventilation only when occupied
DCV bug fix	Buildings with VAV systems that use 90.1-2010 or 2013	DCV controls were not enabled and are now enabled per 90.1 standards

Minimal changes to loads because of limited applicability of control changes

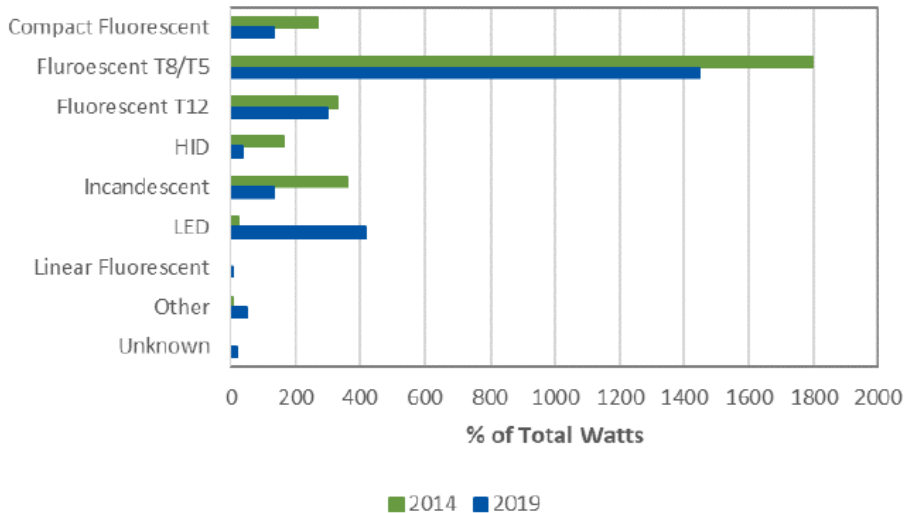
# Lighting Power Density Analysis

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# Lighting Power Density Comparison

- Lighting constitutes the majority of energy use
- Lighting technologies have changed much faster than the rest of commercial building technologies
- ComStock uses a technology rollover model, but only has standards up to 90.1-2013

Figure 28. Indoor Lighting Wattage by Lamp Type



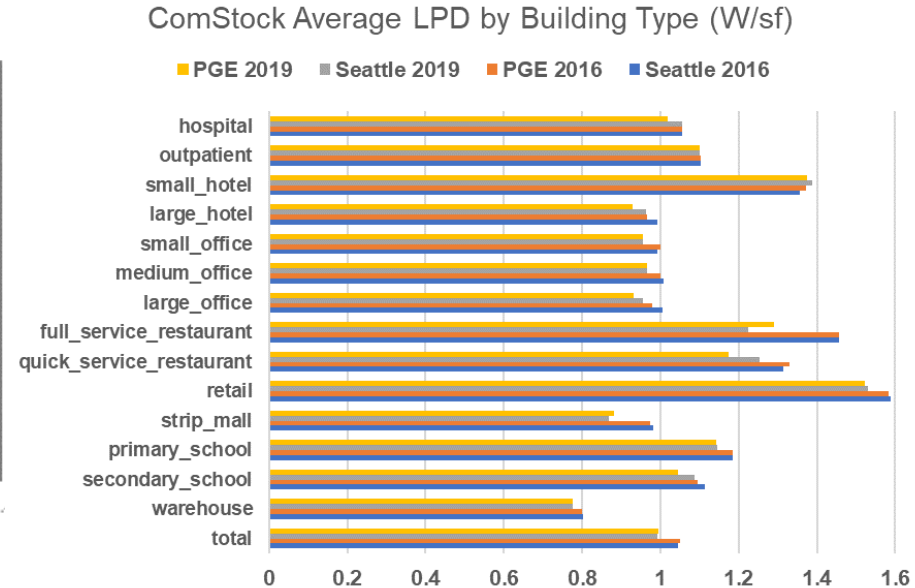
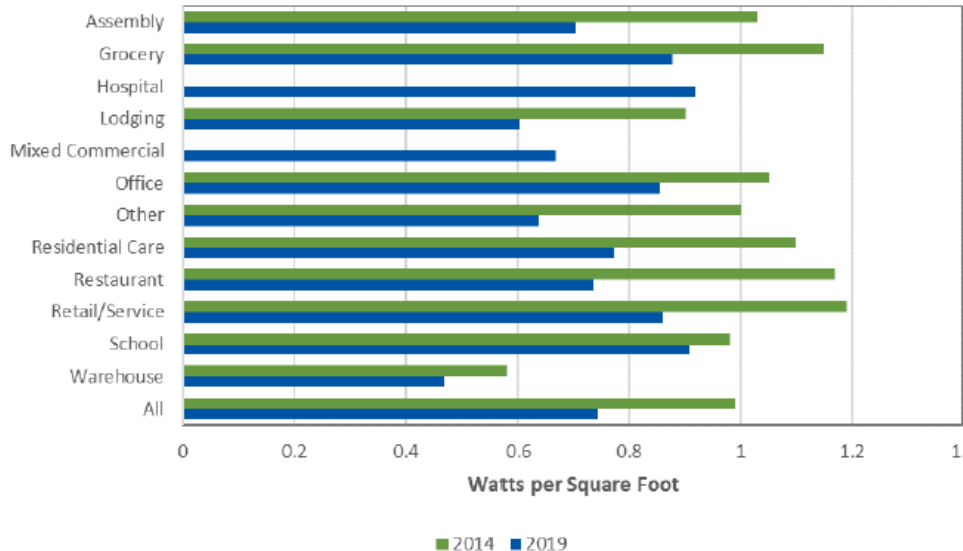
“...the major change over time involved a significant transition to LED lighting power, which only represented 20 MW in 2014 (1% of regional commercial indoor lighting power). By 2019, that value had increased **by more than 20 times** to 419 MW, or 16% of the regional total.”

Source: NEEA Commercial Building Stock Assessment (CBSA) 2019

# Lighting Power Density – To Be Implemented

- CBSA shows a 0.24 W/ft<sup>2</sup> decrease (0.99 → 0.74 W/ft<sup>2</sup>) between 2014 and 2019
- ComStock values, in 2019, show a <0.1 W/ft<sup>2</sup> decrease between 2016 and 2019
- ComStock LPDs are substantially higher than CBSA in key building types (warehouse, retail)
- Will address by adding 90.1-2016, 90.1-2019 and a more aggressive rollover model

Figure 31. Lighting Power Density Reduction Between 2014 and 2019<sup>a</sup>



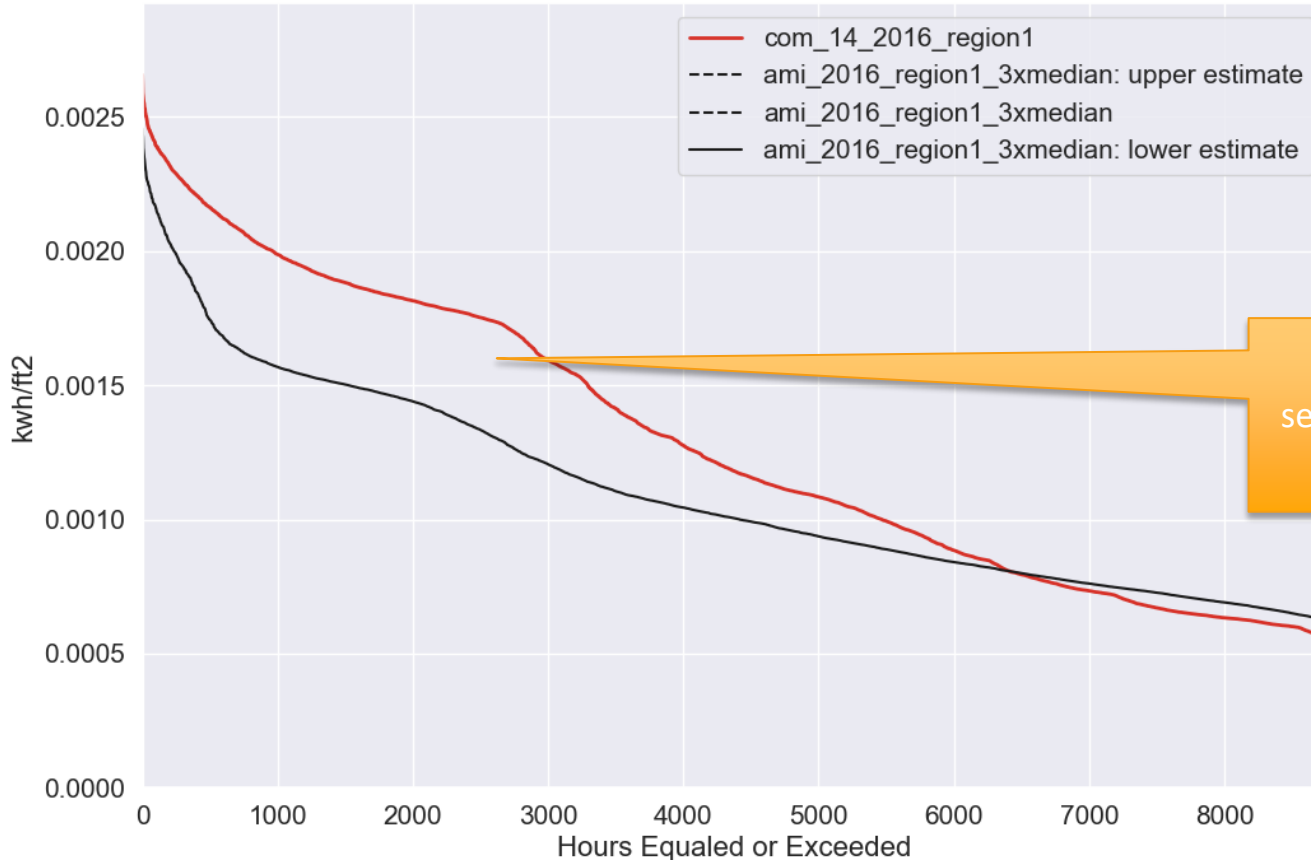


# Total Commercial Stock Status

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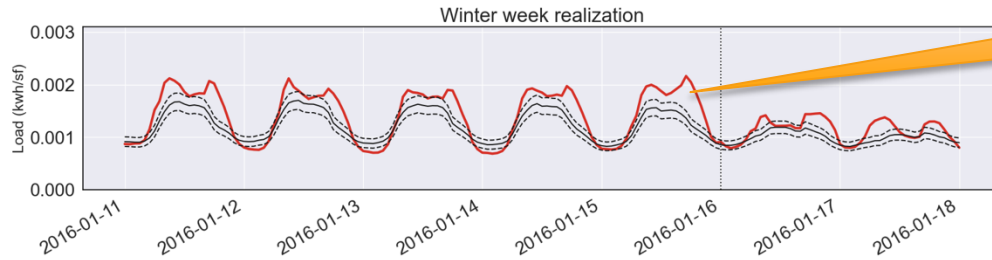
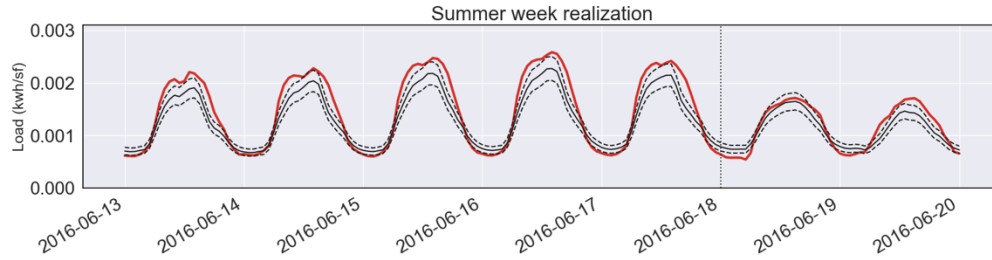
# Region 1 – Fort Collins

total, Load Duration Curve: 8760 hours

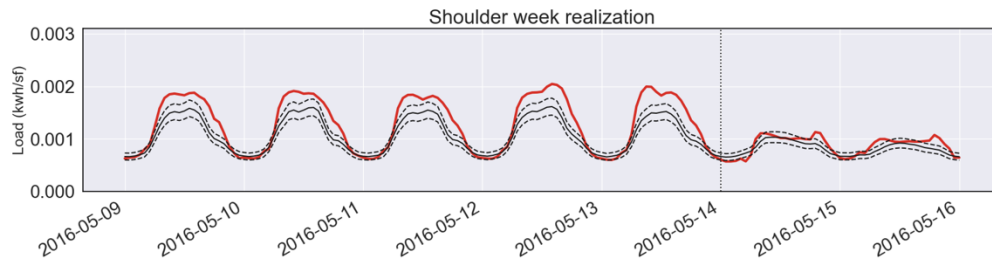


Overestimating in all seasons, but potentially not all for the same reason

# Region 1 – Fort Collins



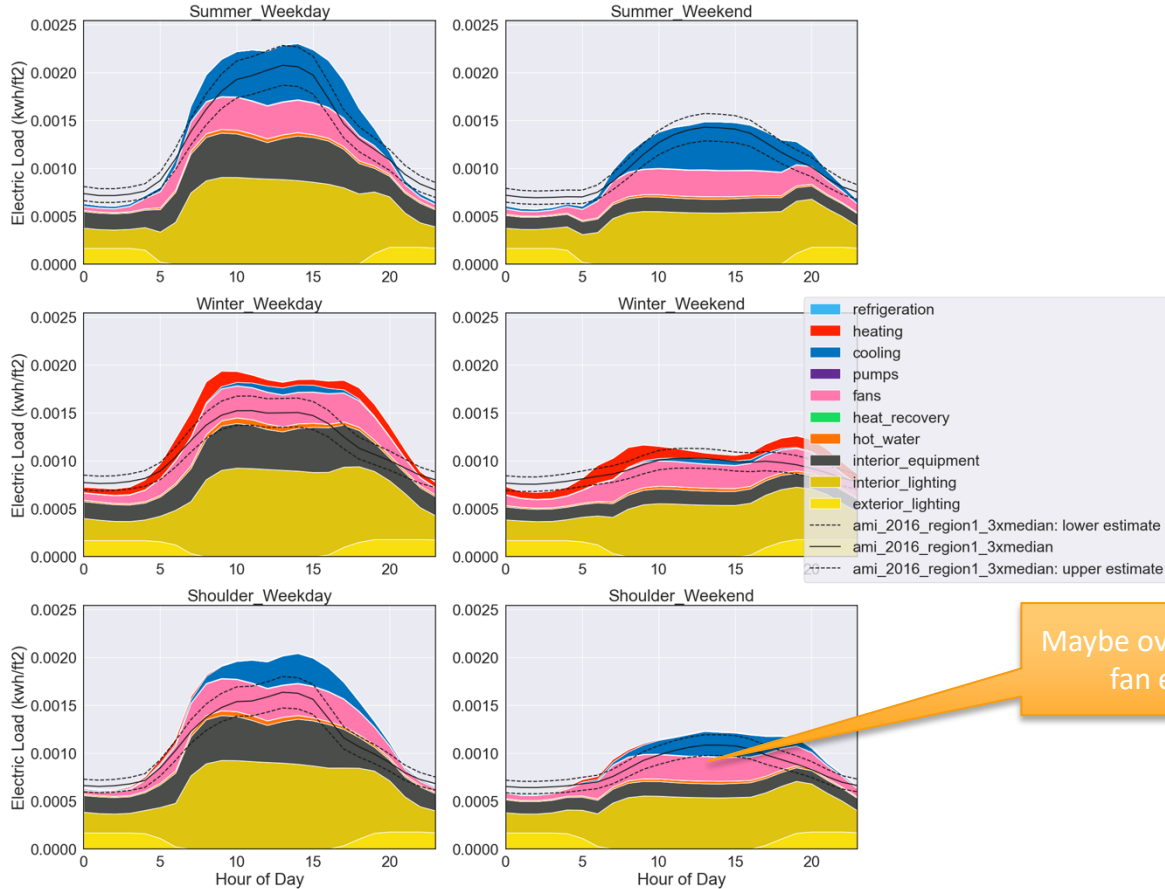
Need to review shape to understand main drivers



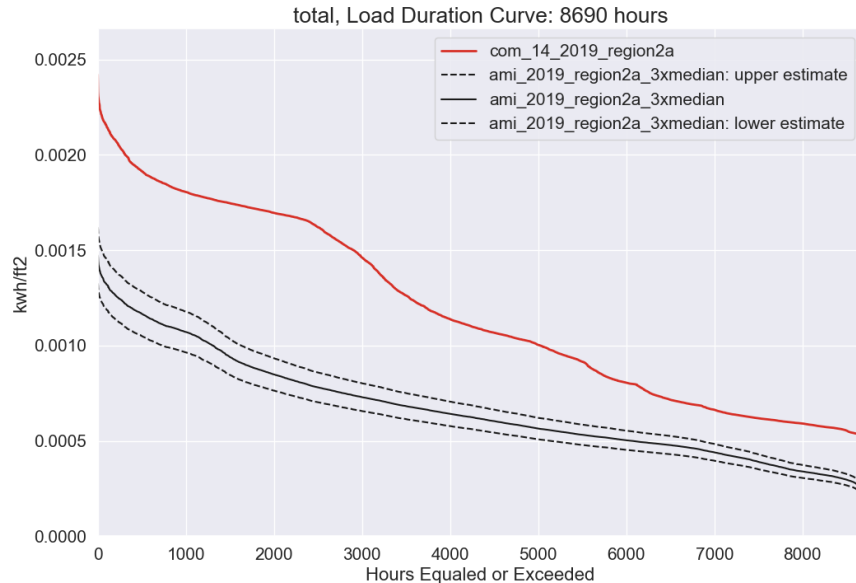
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# Region 1 – Fort Collins

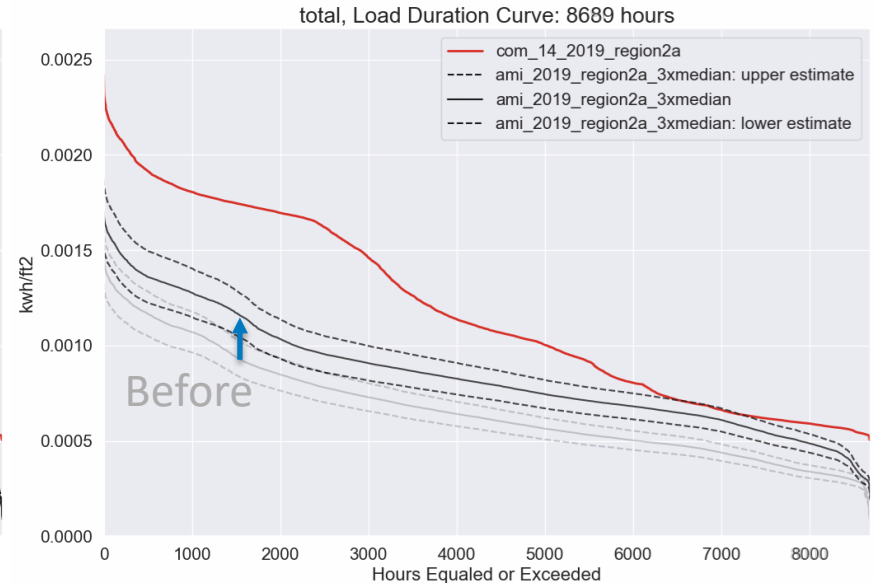
total, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



# Region 2a – Seattle – Correction Since 2/28



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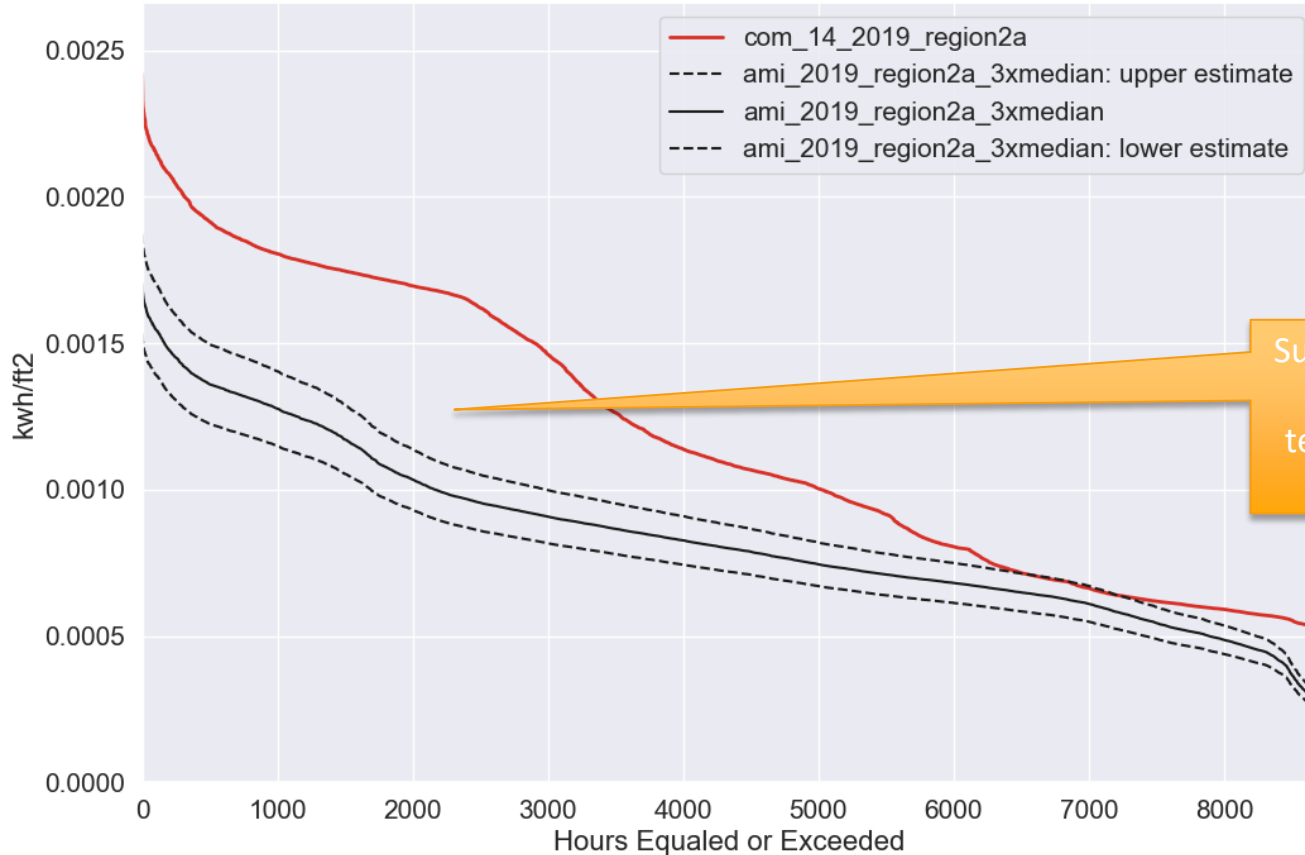


After correction

- Suspicions about AMI EUIs led to additional investigation of building type mapping
- Seattle was able to identify issue and correct mapping
- AMI aggregations make more sense alone and compared to PGE

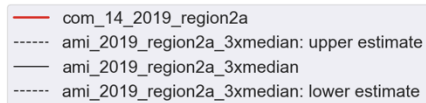
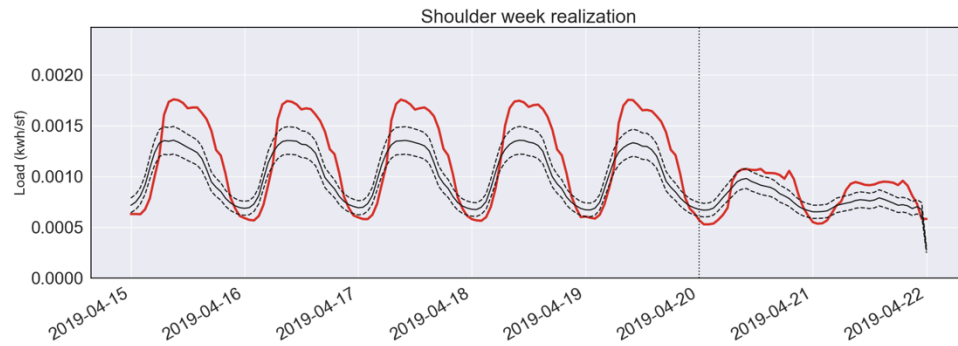
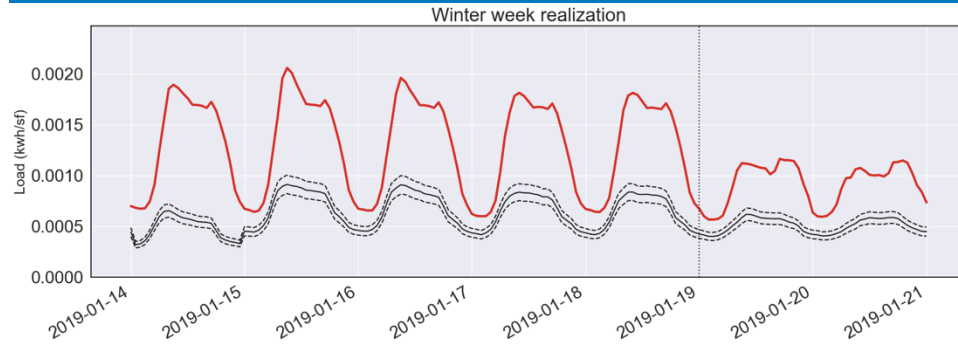
# Region 2a - Seattle

total, Load Duration Curve: 8689 hours



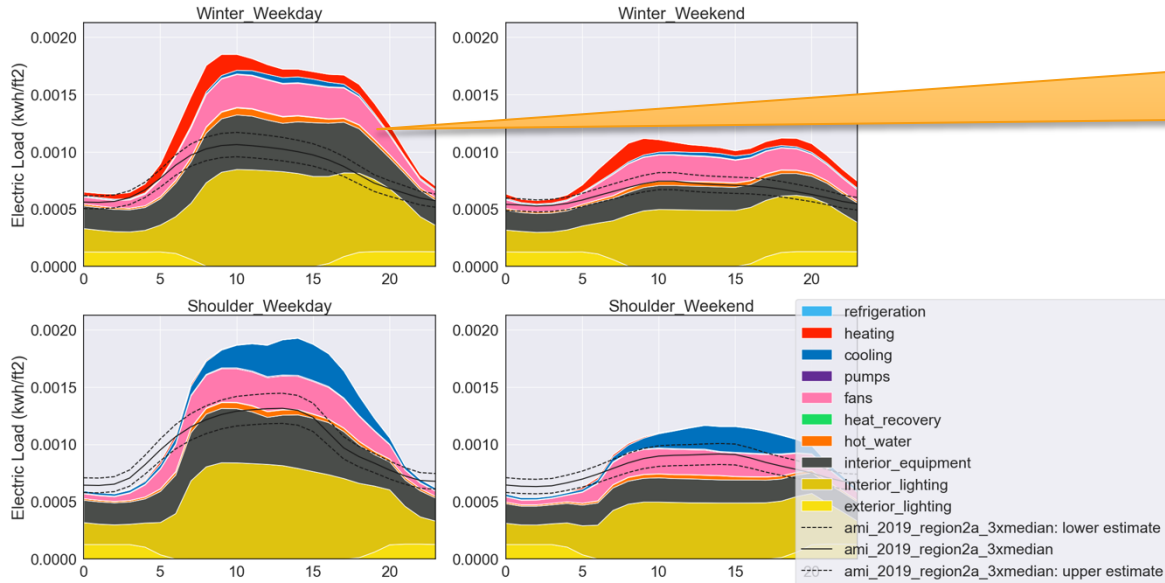
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# Region 2a - Seattle



# Region 2a - Seattle

total, Day Type Comparison by Enduse

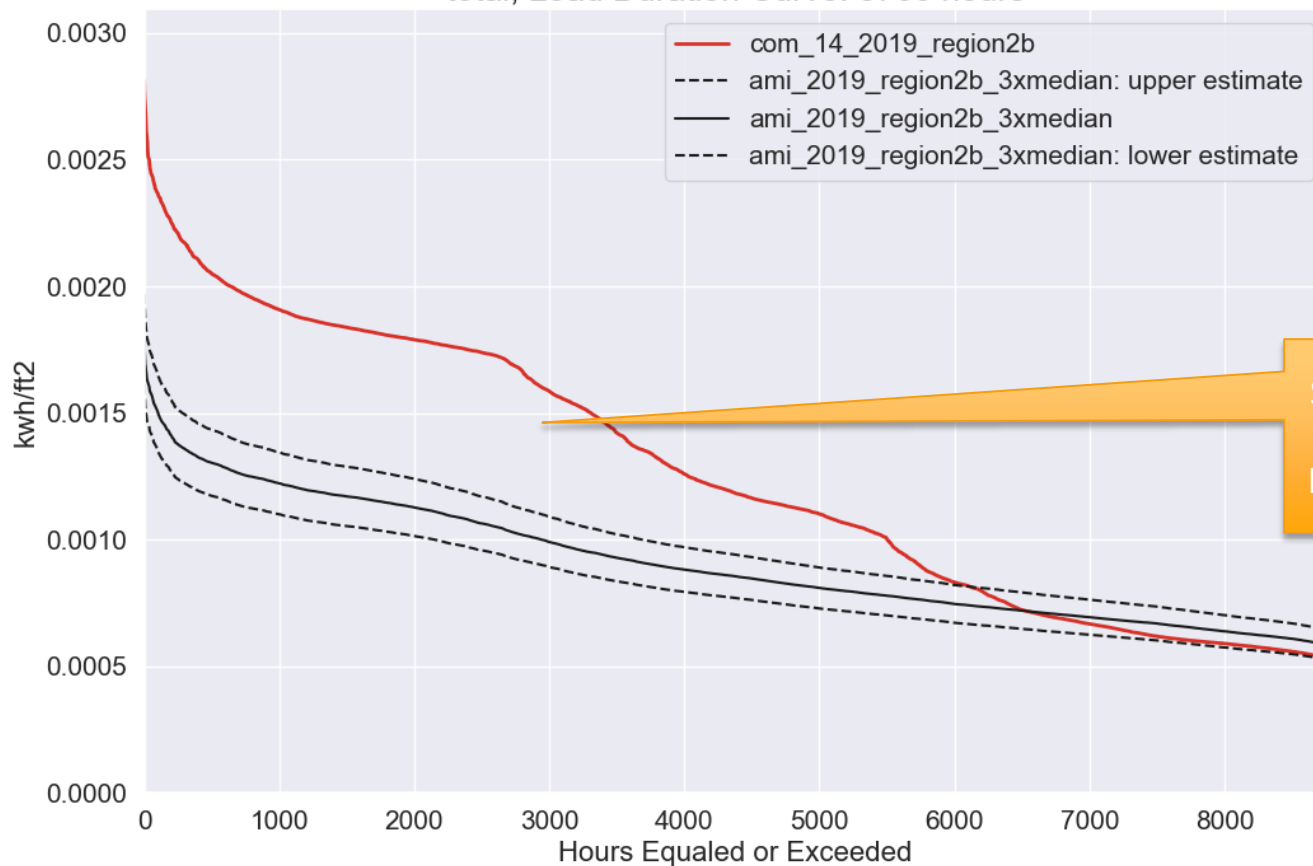


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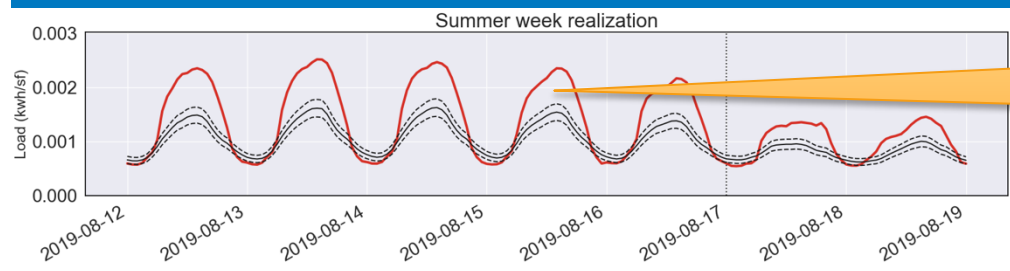
# Region 2b - Portland

total, Load Duration Curve: 8760 hours

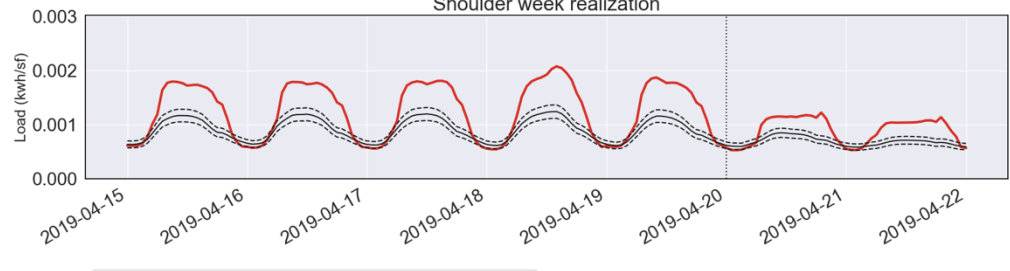
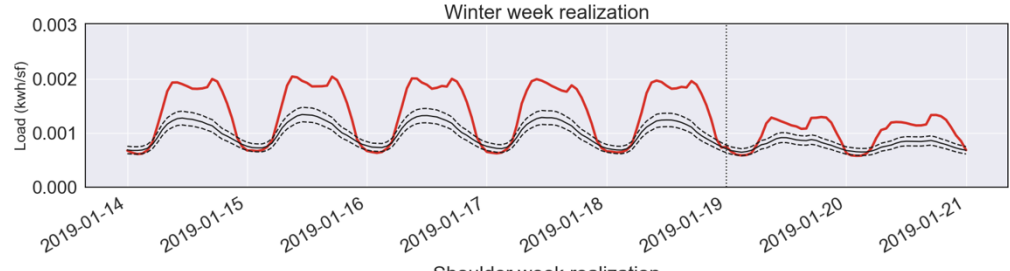


Same as Seattle; likely overestimating lighting power density

# Region 2b - Portland



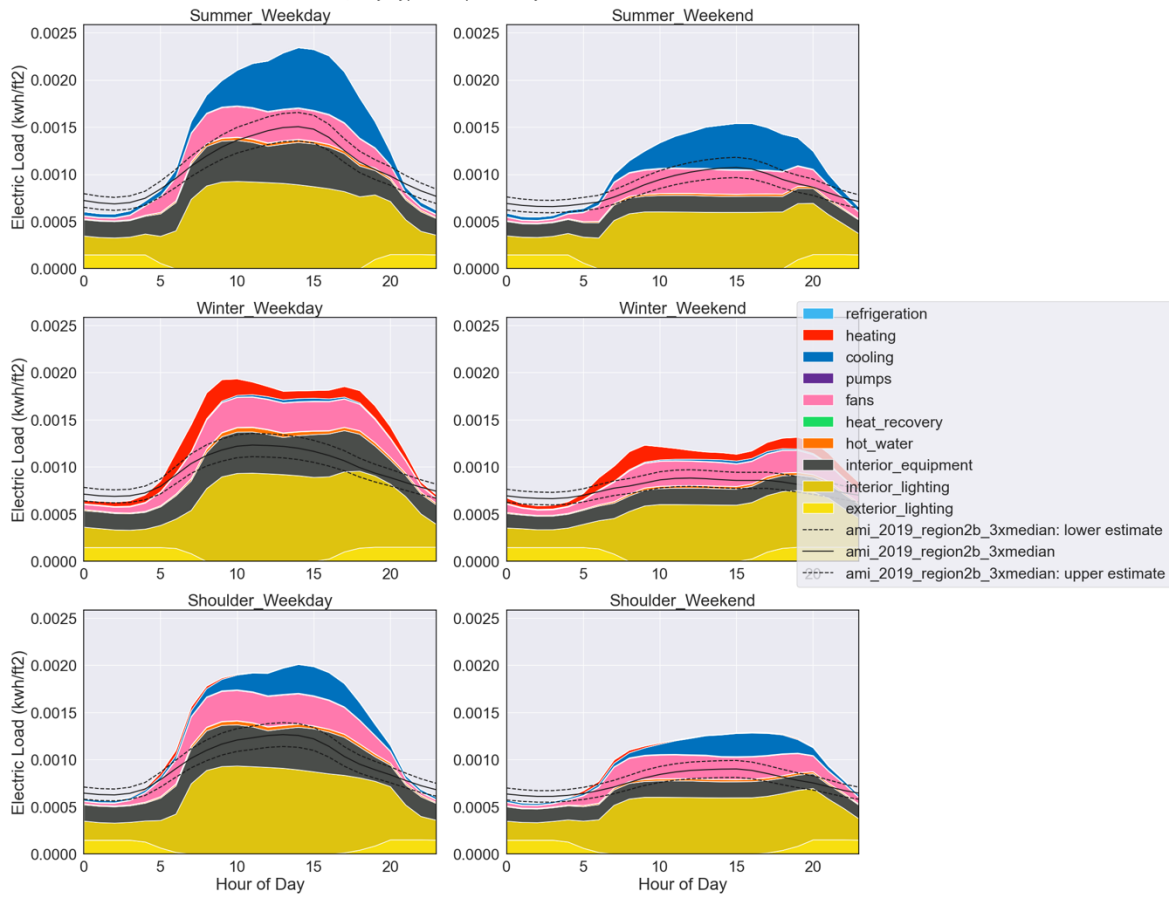
Likely overestimating lighting power density



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# Region 2b - Portland

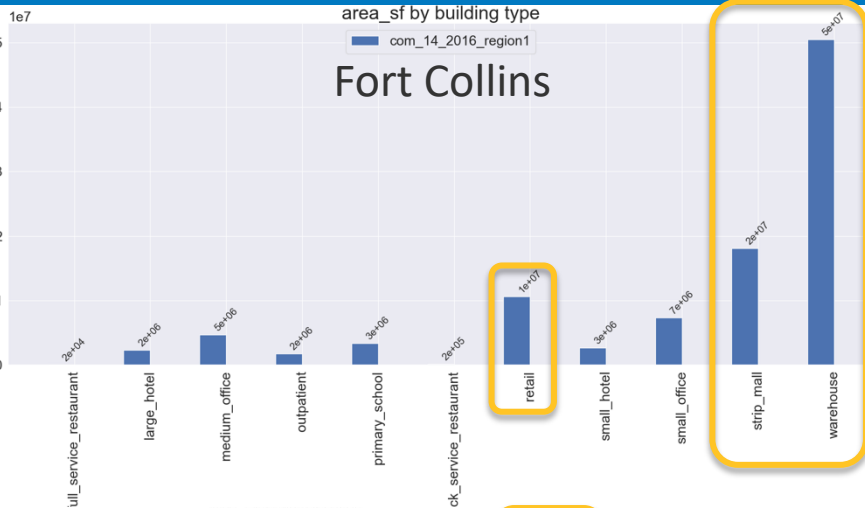
total, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



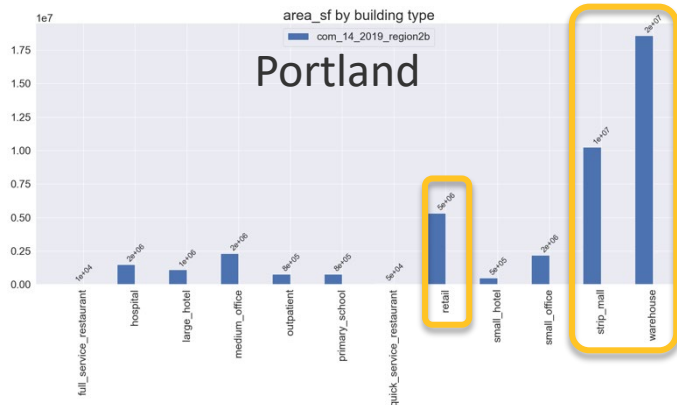
# Building Type Focus

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# Dominant Building Types by Area



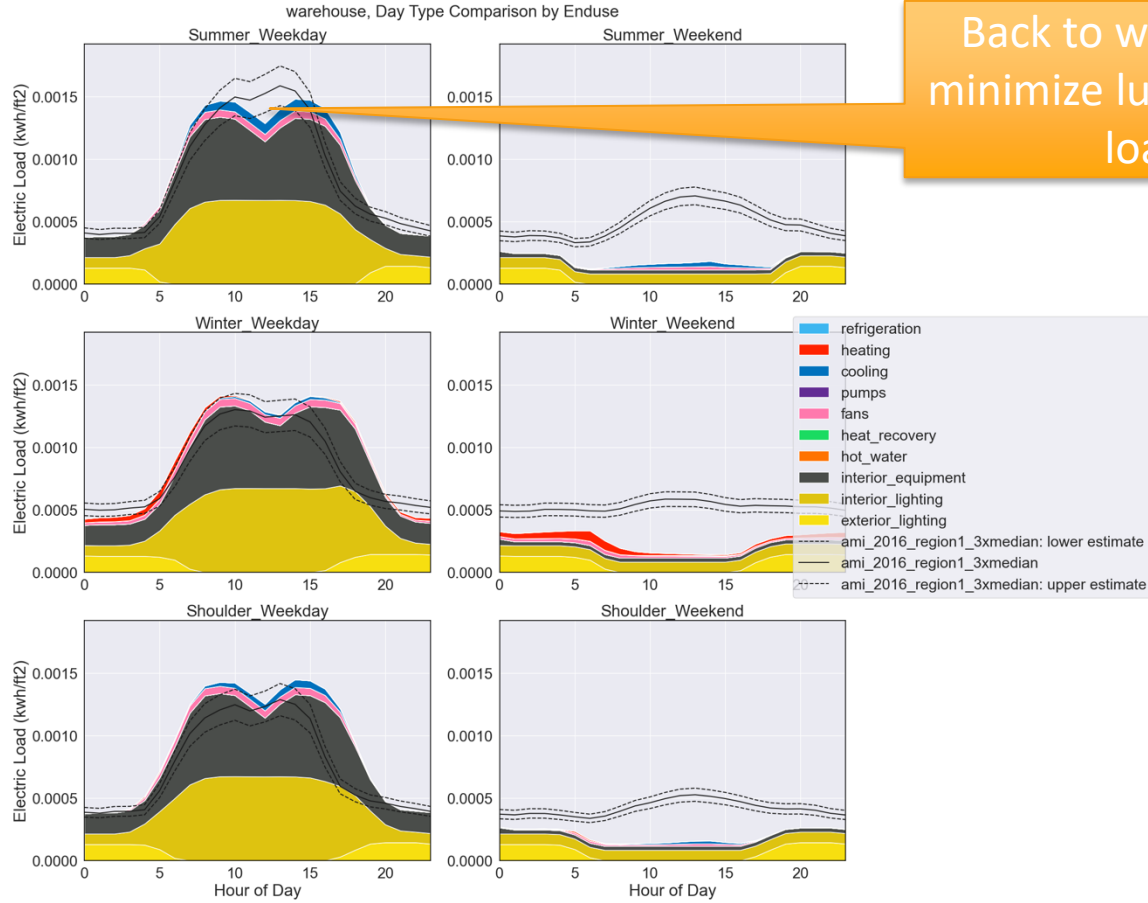
Warehouse, Strip Mall & Retail dominate building area for all 3 datasets



# Warehouse

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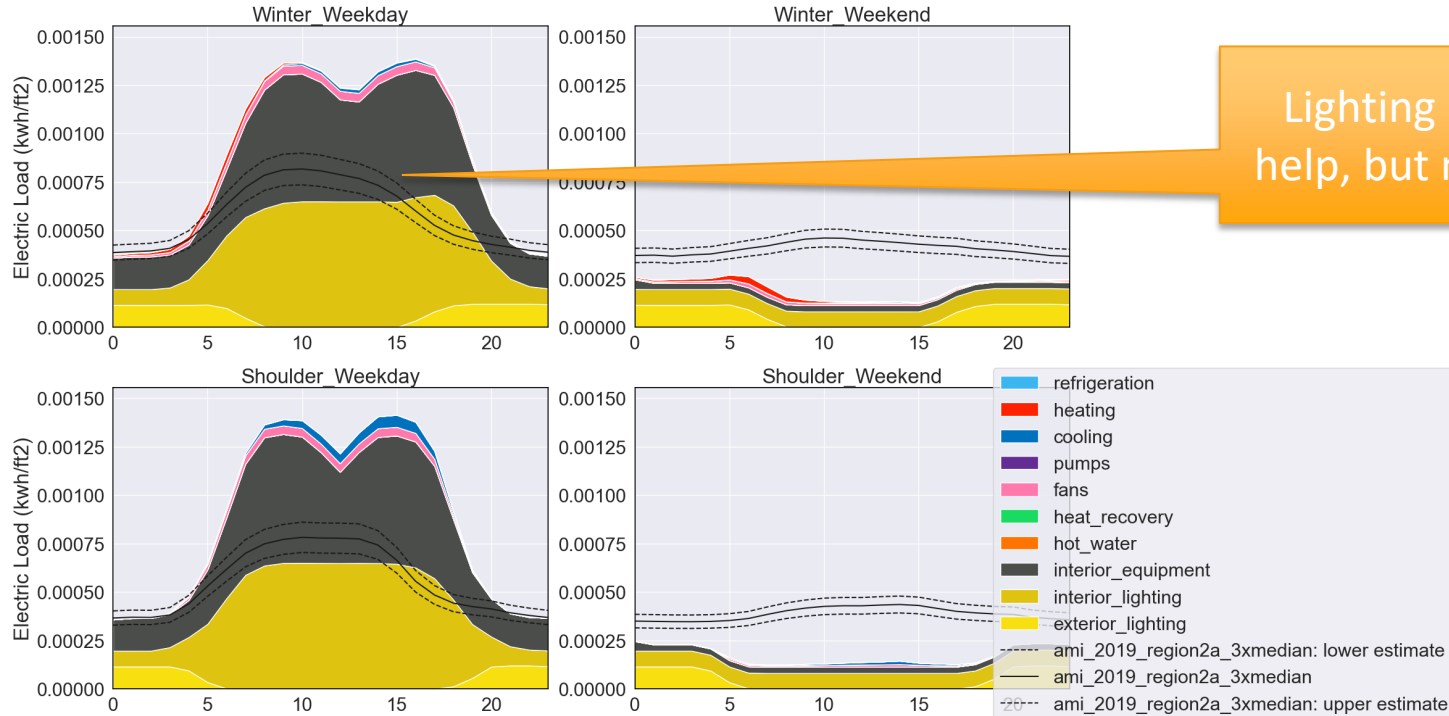
# Warehouse – 1 Fort Collins



Back to work! Need to minimize lunch break plug load dip

# Warehouse – 2A Seattle

warehouse, Day Type Comparison by Enduse

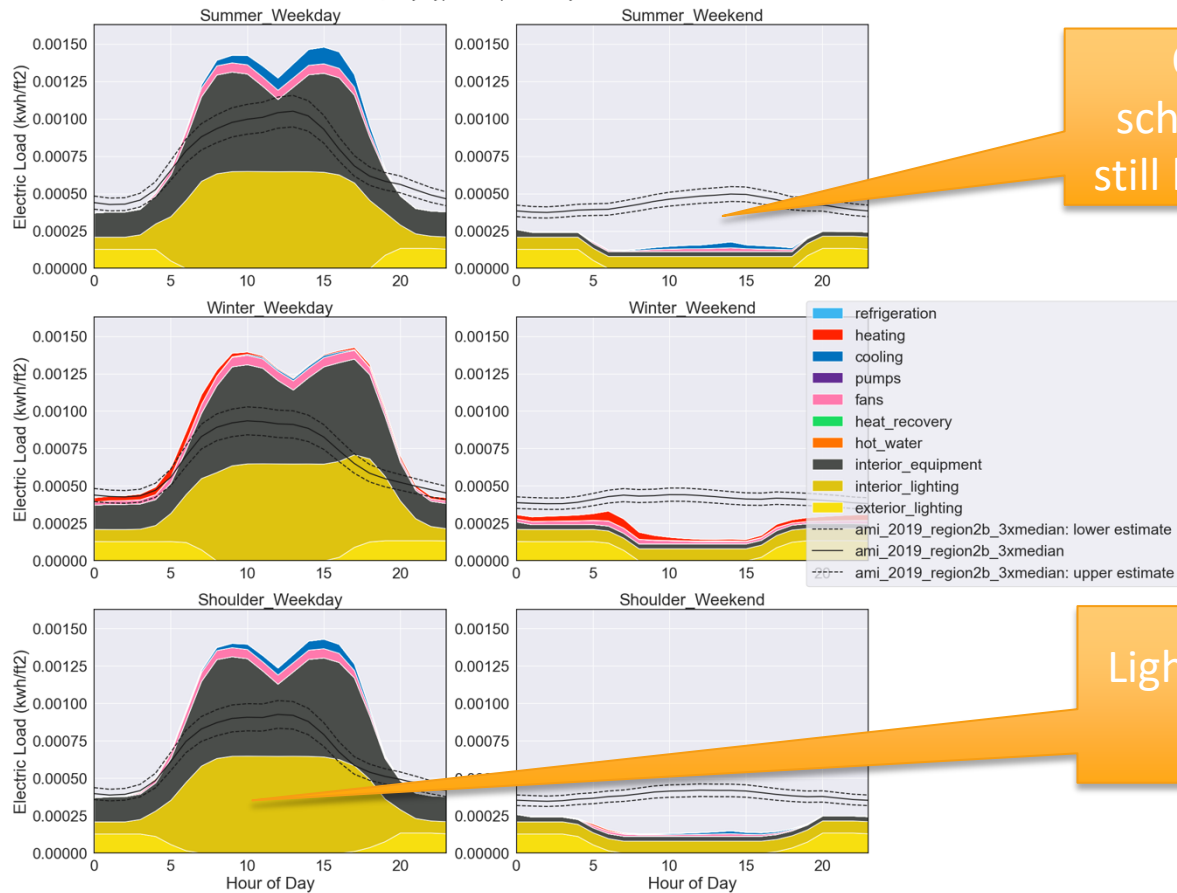


Lighting reduction will help, but not completely.



# Warehouse – 2B Portland

warehouse, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



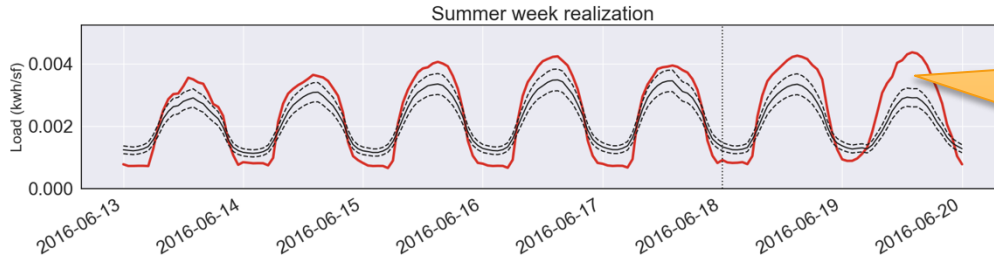
Overshot warehouse schedule correction; some still have weekend operation

Lighting power density reduction should help significantly

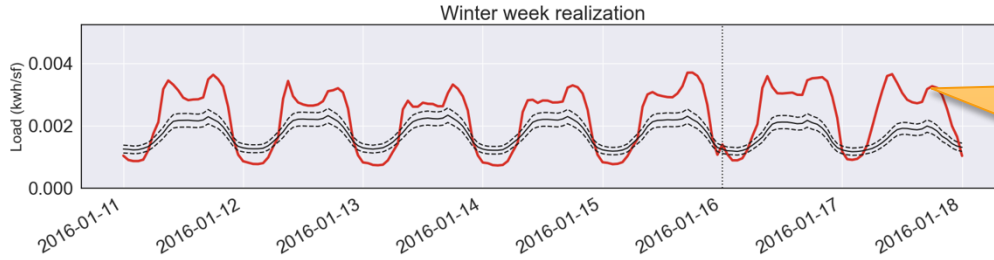
# Strip Mall

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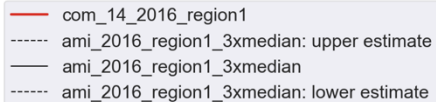
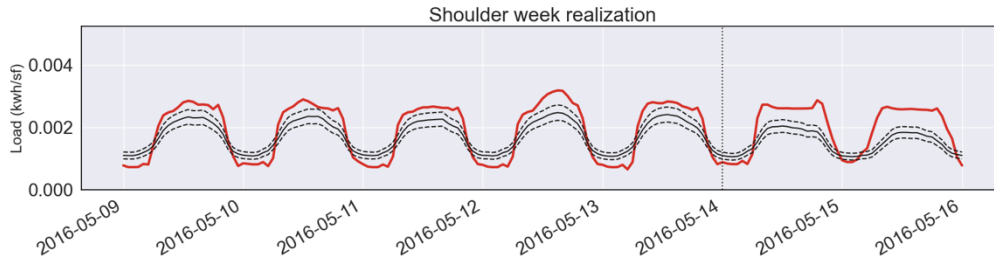
# Strip Mall – 1 Fort Collins



Seems like we're getting weekend operating hours correct, but we're overstating what is happening during those hours, especially Sundays.

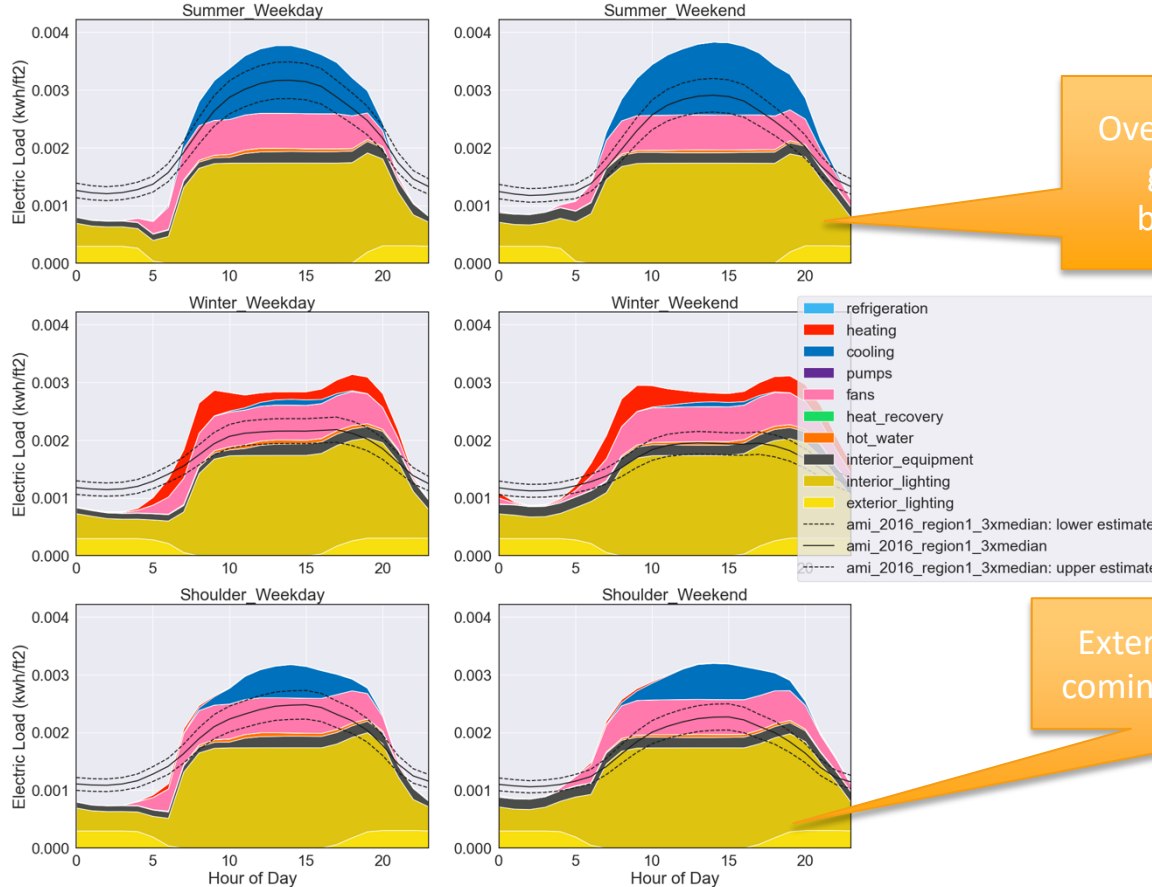


Overshooting by quite a bit (more so than other seasons and retail winter). More pronounced "dog ears." Similar thing happening on weekends as in summer.



# Strip Mall – 1 Fort Collins

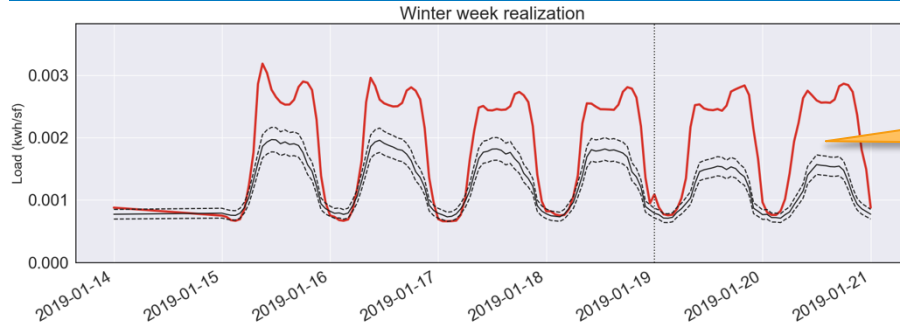
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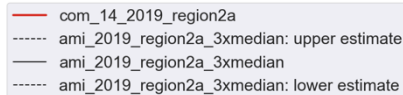
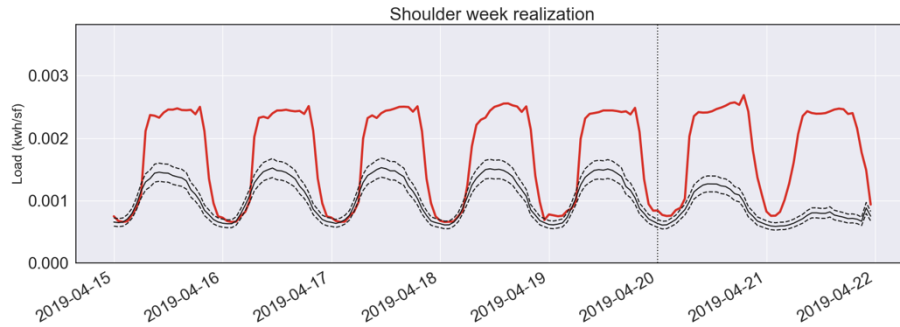
Overshooting, but shape looks good. Still missing some baseload. Check lighting?

Exterior lighting still looks like it's coming on too early in the evening.

# Strip Mall – 2A Seattle

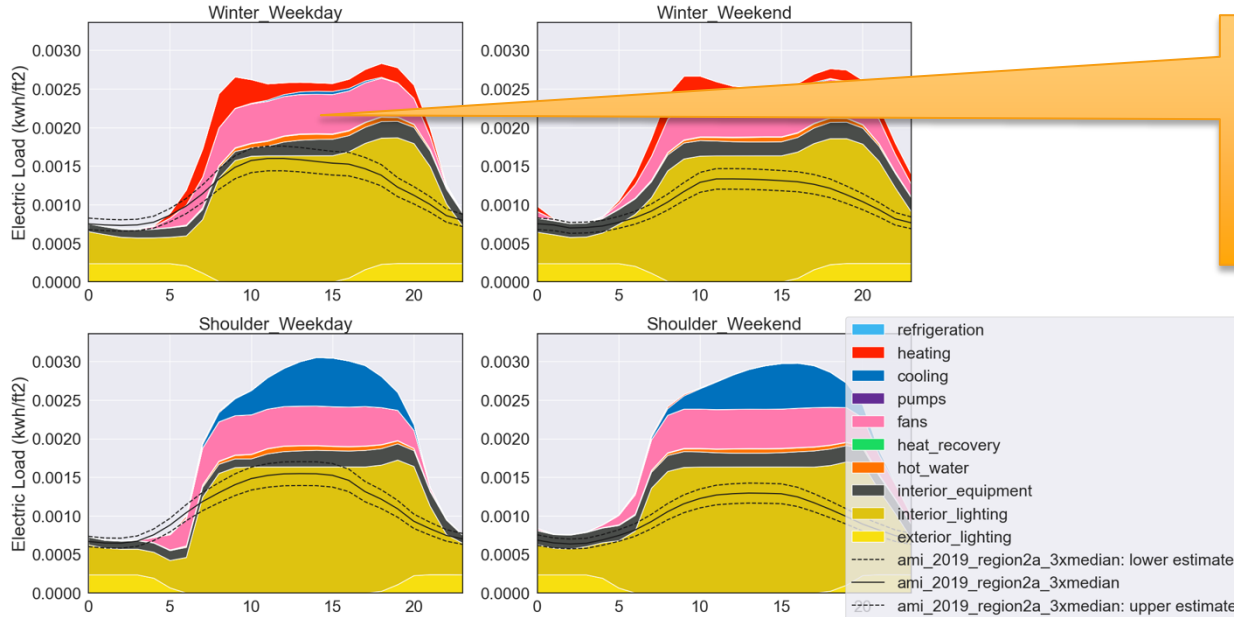


Lighting reduction will help, but not completely. Need to look at HVAC operation as well.



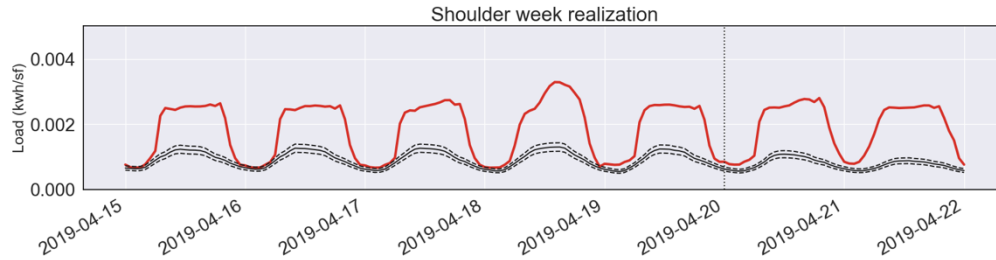
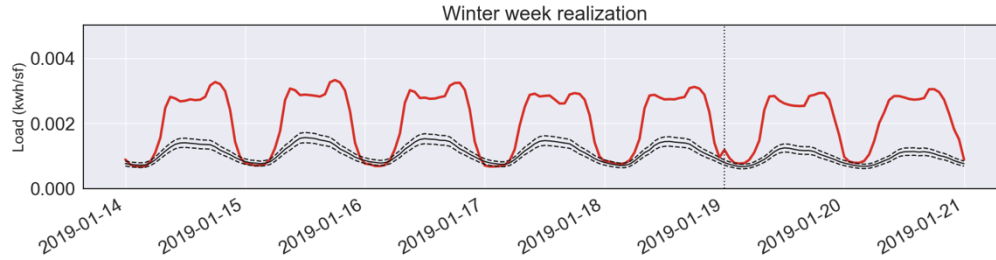
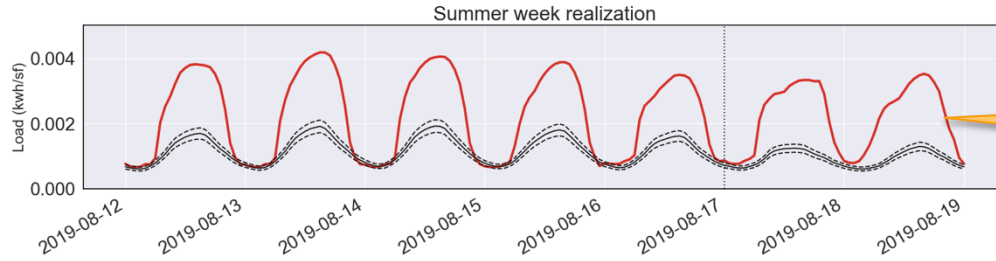
# Strip Mall – 2A Seattle

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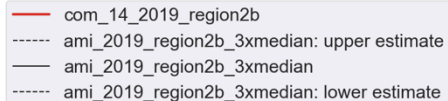


Lighting reduction will help, but not completely. Need to look at HVAC operation as well.

# Strip Mall – 2B Portland

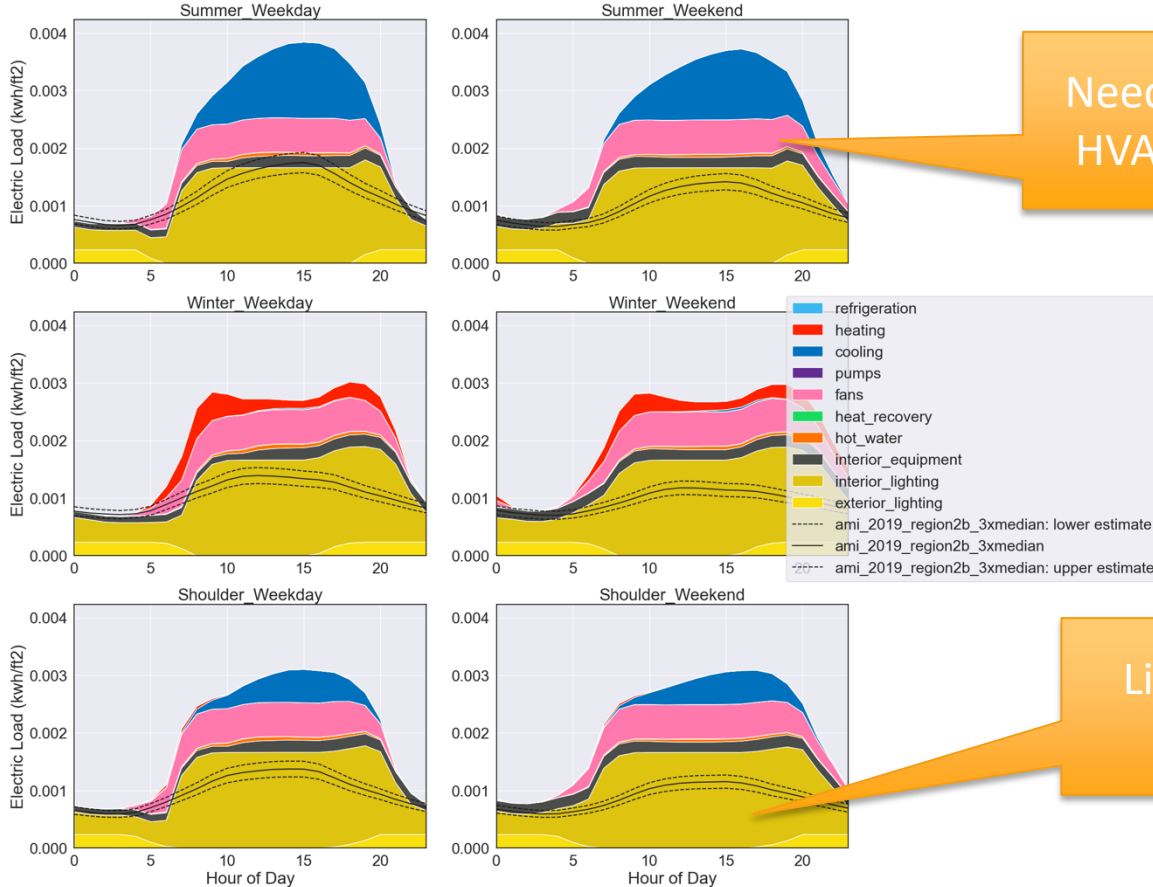


Lighting reduction will help, but not completely



# Strip Mall – 2B Portland

strip\_mall, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



Need to investigate fan and HVAC operation schedules

Lighting reduction should help, but not entirely.

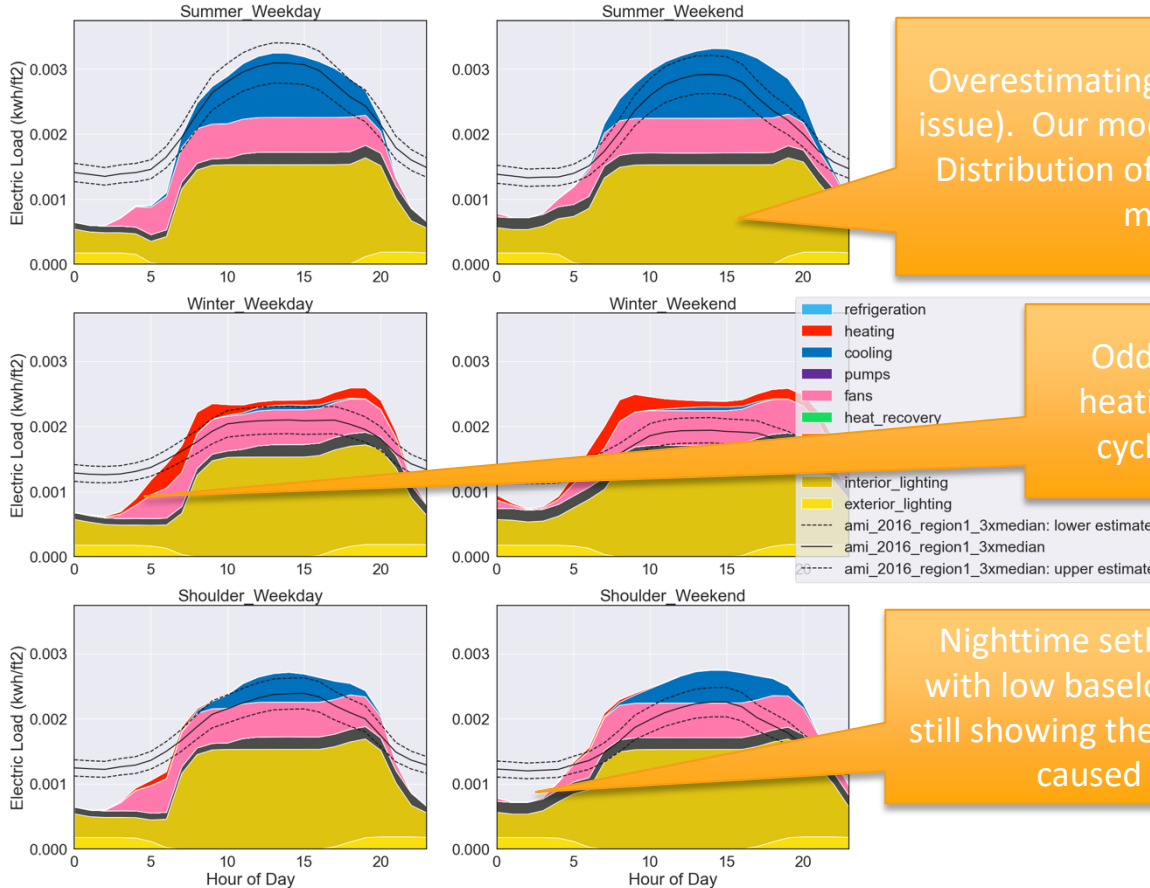


Retail

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# Retail – 1 Fort Collins

retail, Day Type Comparison by Enduse

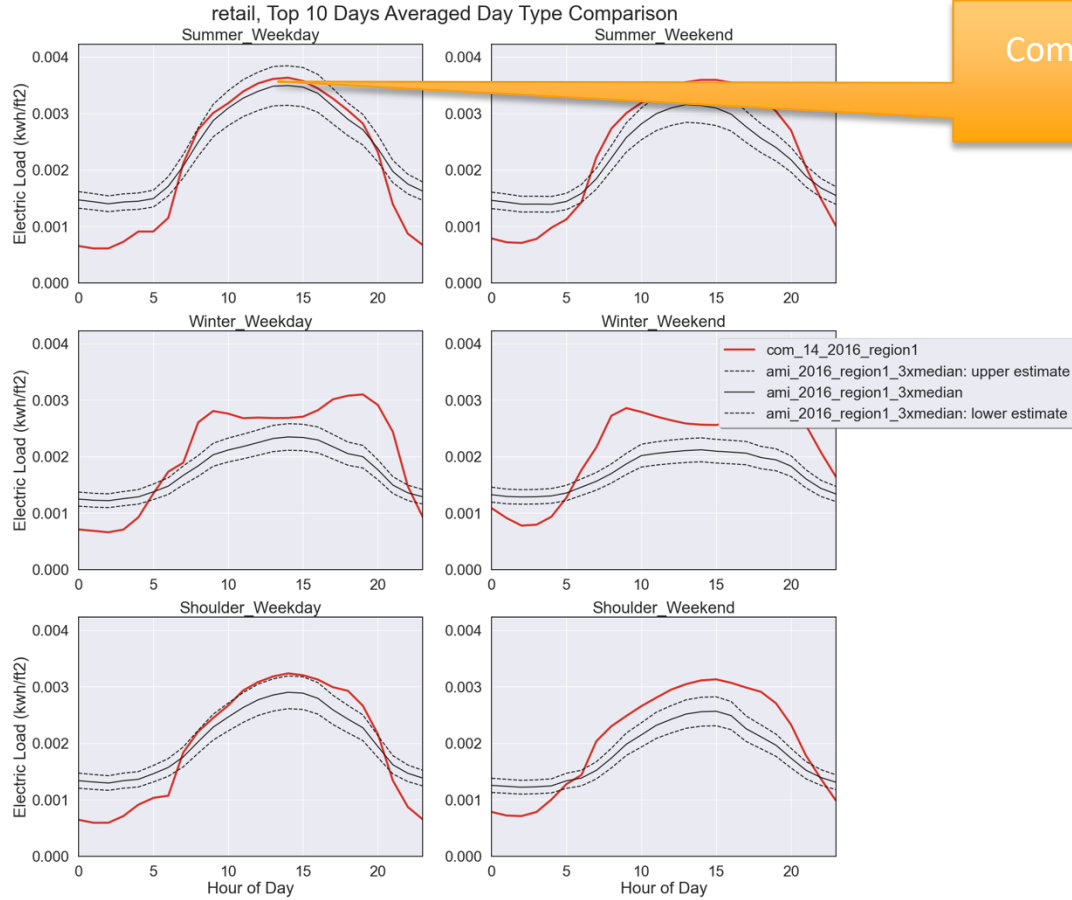


Overestimating on weekends (may be lighting issue). Our models have more weekend usage. Distribution of weekend operating schedules may need updating.

Odd nighttime trend with heating and fans. Could be cycling or truck unloads?

Nighttime setbacks could be causing the issue with low baseload. In the daytime, ComStock is still showing the bimodal peaks. This seems to be caused by the lighting schedules.

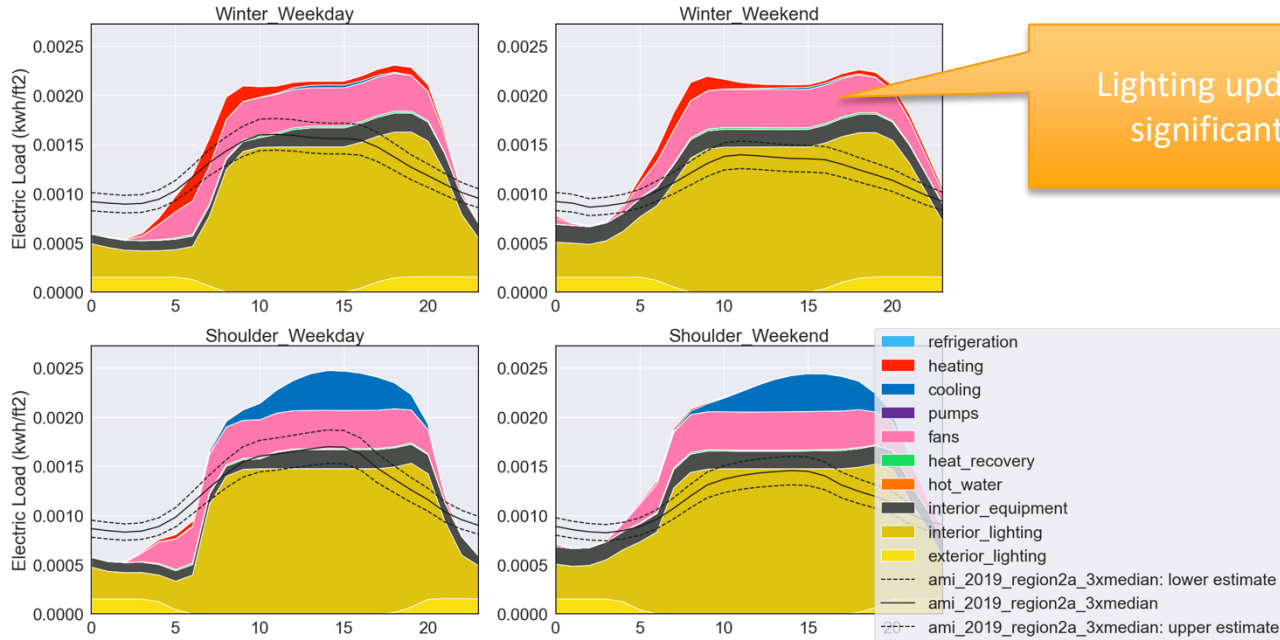
# Retail – 1 Fort Collins



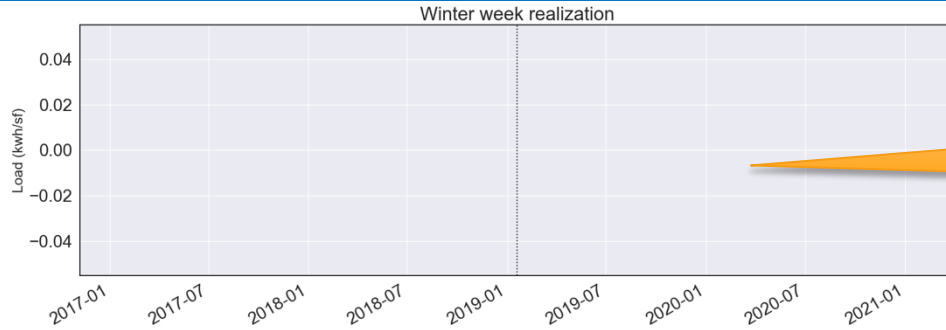
ComStock closer to AMI on peak days with higher load

# Retail – 2a Seattle

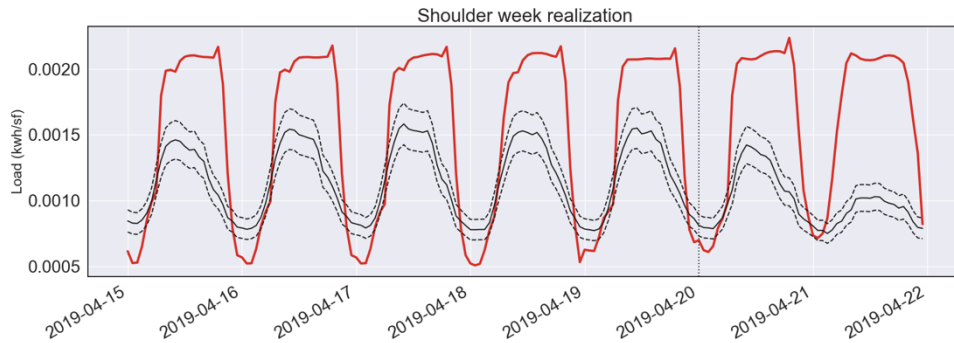
retail, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



# Retail – 2a Seattle

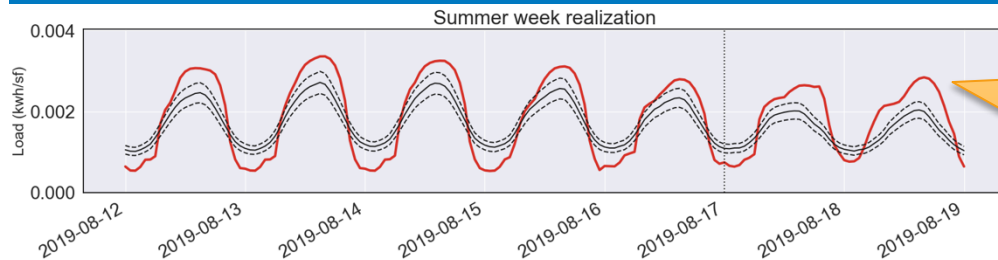


No Seattle AMI for Retail during this week b/c of meter outages

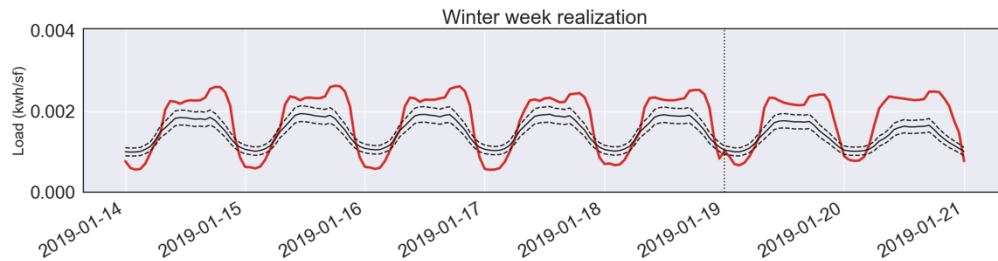


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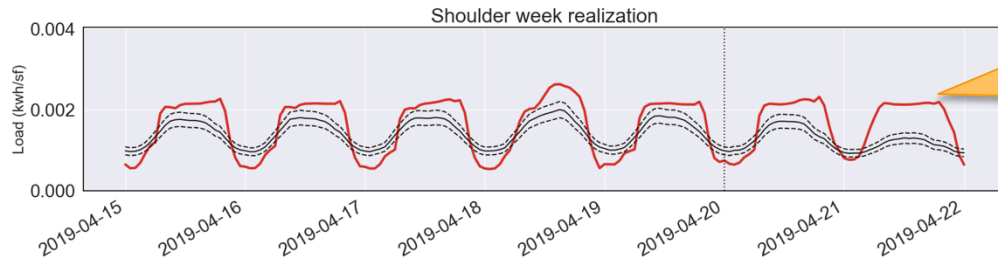
# Retail – 2B Portland



Overshooting all days and missing some baseload. Model weekends show afternoon bump, that we don't see in Region 1 models or AMI data.



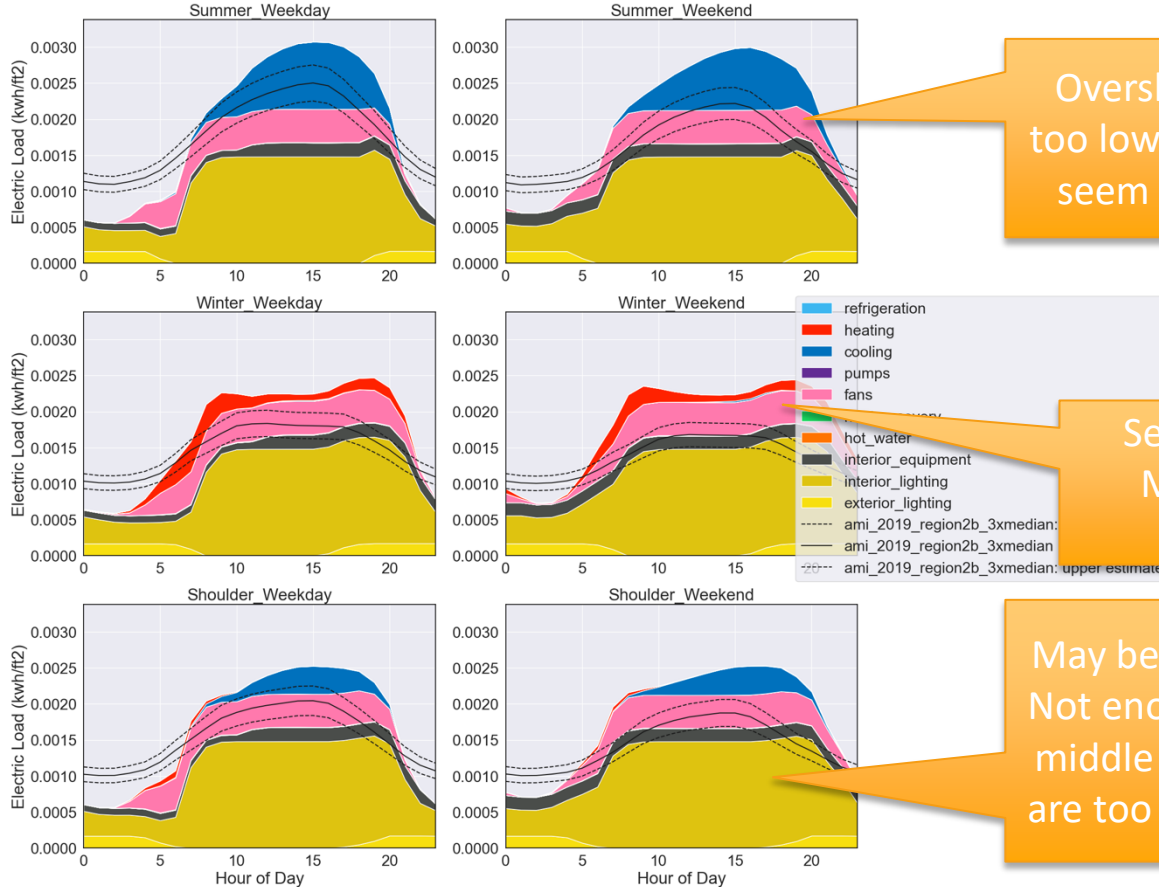
Seeing flat shape on most days, which AMI data does not support. We are especially overestimating on the weekends. Might be missing cooling end use?



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# Retail – 2B Portland

retail, Day Type Comparison by Enduse



Overshooting and baseloads are too low. Weekend operating hours seem too long (esp. in evening).

Seems like lighting is the culprit. May need more buildings that shutoff earlier

Maybe missing cooling from shoulder. Not enough base load, overshooting in middle of the day. Hours of operation are too square, check sch. distribution.

# Tracking Quantities of Interest

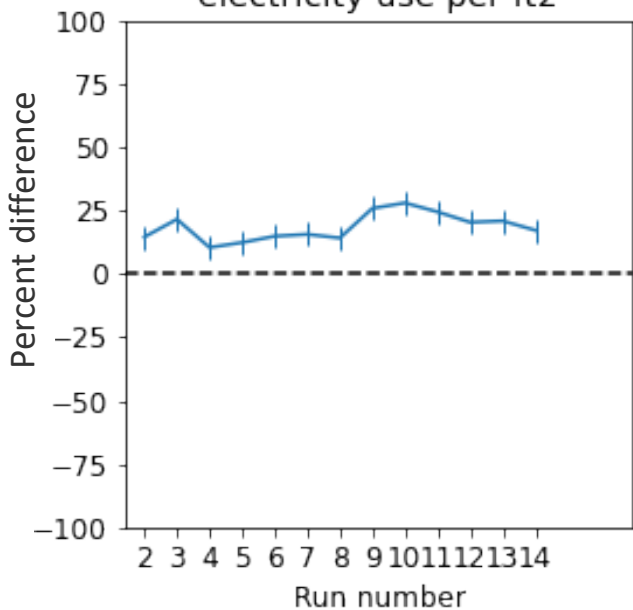
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# All Regions: Annual Error

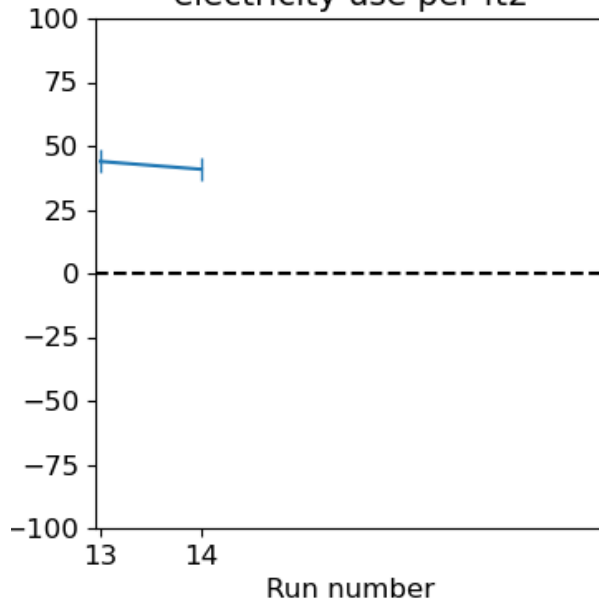
## Region 1

Relative error: annual electricity use per ft2



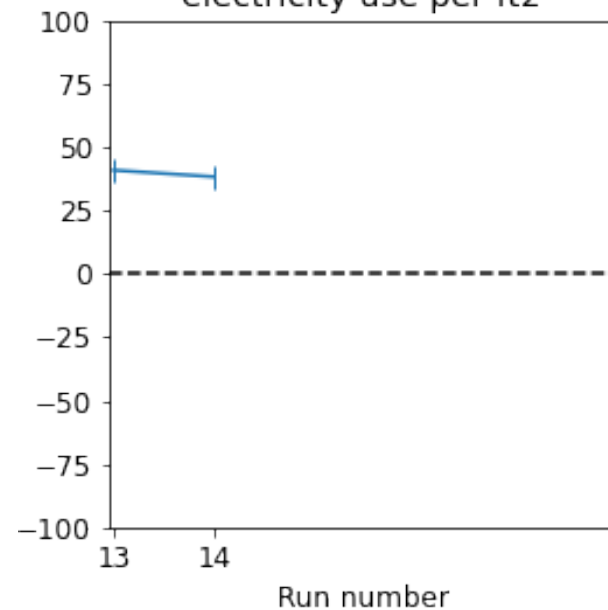
## Region 2a

Relative error: annual electricity use per ft2



## Region 2b

Relative error: annual electricity use per ft2



# Region 1 Focus: Total Error Metrics

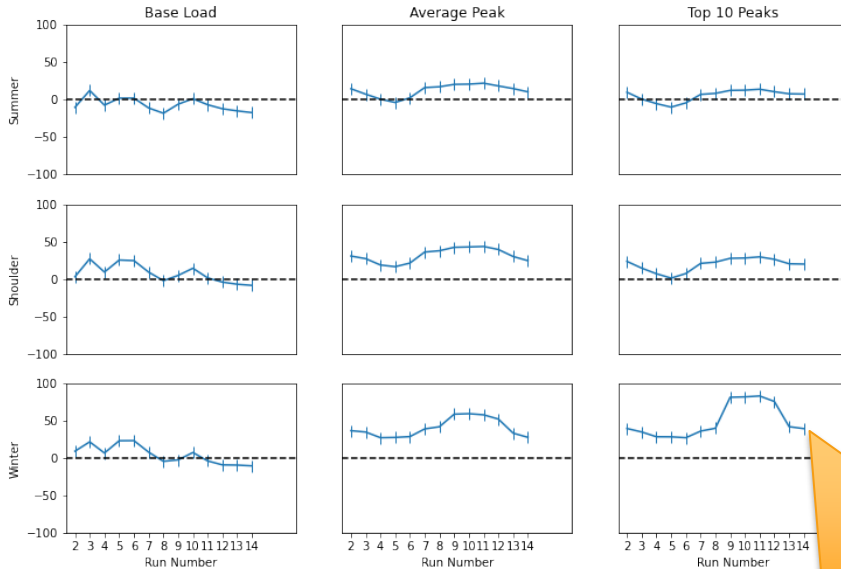
Average of All Days

Top 10 Days

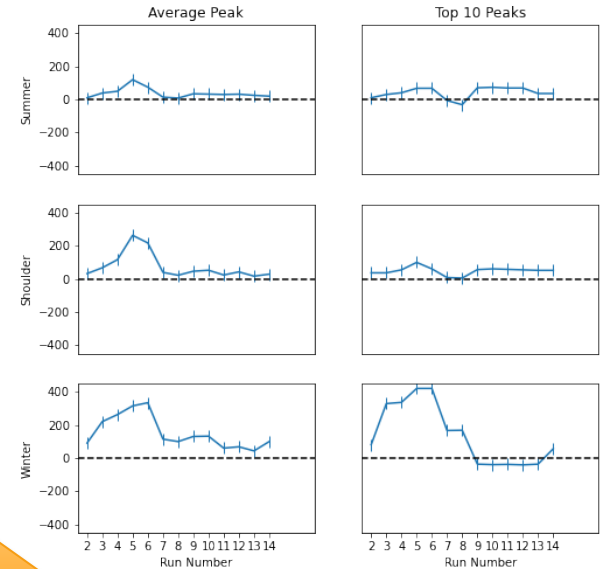
Peak Timing



Percent difference



Minutes difference



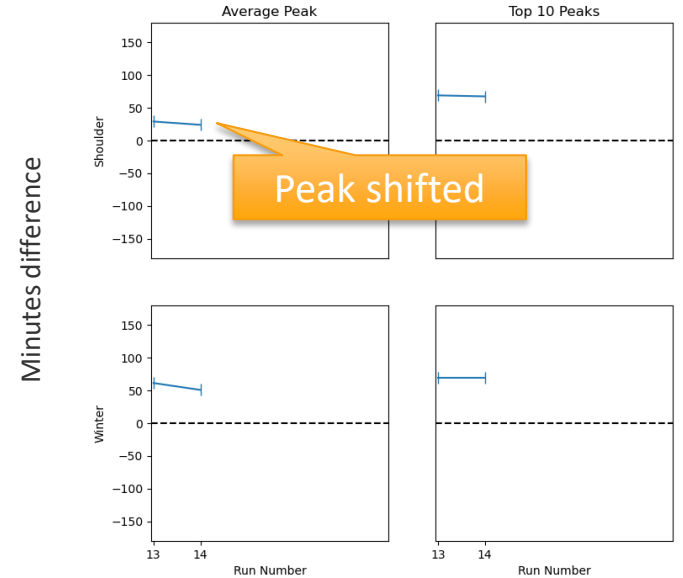
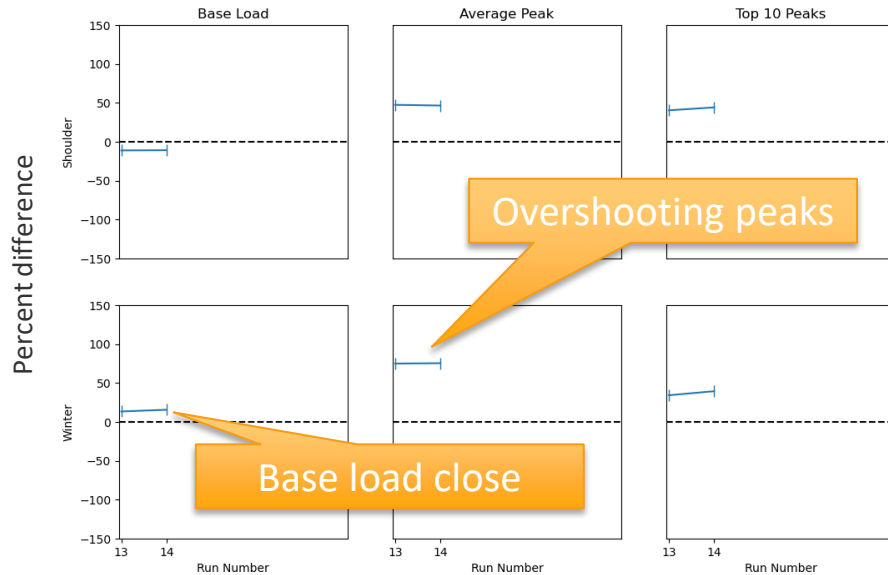
Overshooting winter & shoulder peaks

# Region 2a Focus: Total Error Metrics

Average of All Days

Top 10 Days

Peak Timing

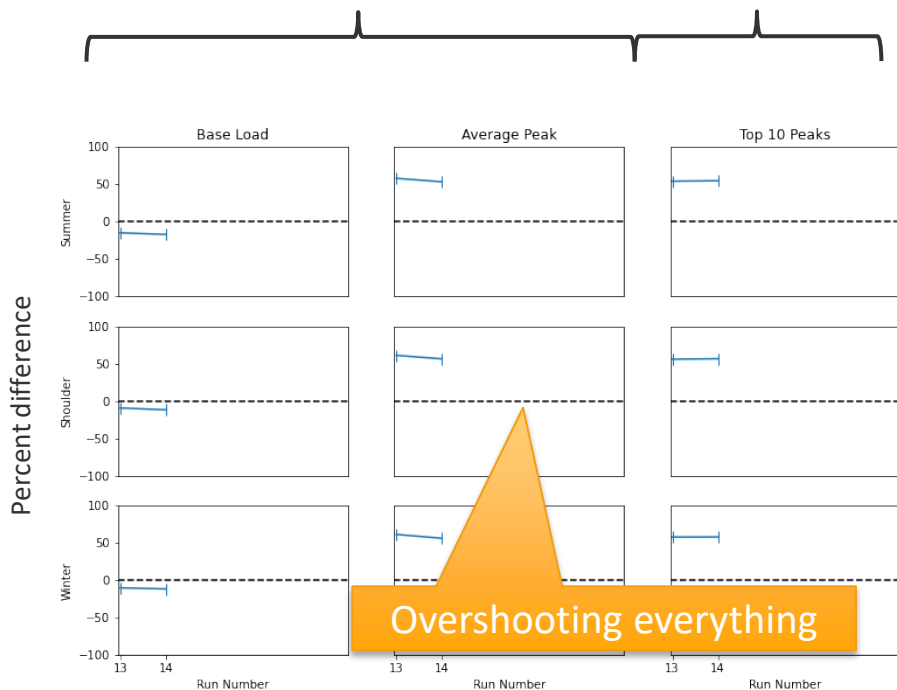


# Region 2b Focus: Total Error Metrics

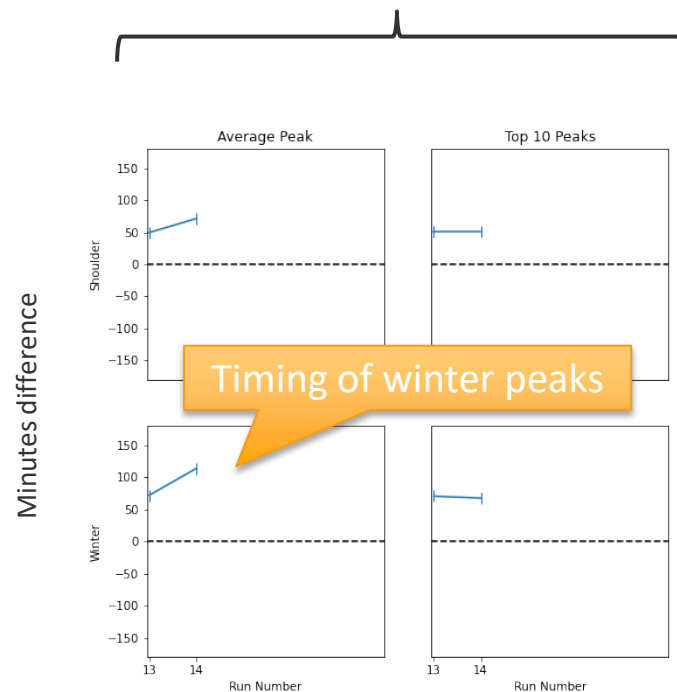


Average of All Days

Top 10 Days



Peak Timing



# Areas for Improvement

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# Next Steps: Model Improvements

- Adjust space type ratios to create building subtypes (e.g., different kinds of warehouse buildings)
- Adjust lighting power density by updating energy code adoption and technology rollover by state/year
- Review distributions of schedule start & duration by building types
- Review datasets of HVAC nighttime operation, especially RTUs
- Continue emphasis on building types with biggest area/energy

# Conclusions

- Spent much time and effort of misclassification/outliers
  - Used monthly Xcel Energy data from 500,000 meters spanning 8 states (presented in detail at TAG meeting)
  - Was necessary to get improve ground-truth data for calibration
- Ran 4 iterations of ComStock incorporating 4 discrete changes (2 before getting Region 2 data)
  - Saw general improvements in QOI metrics, but still overpredicting in Region 2
  - Most of the improvements made will carry over to the entire U.S.
- New/Updated visualizations
  - AMI data from Seattle City Light (aggregated by building type)
  - AMI data from Portland General Electric
- Priority areas for improvement for next region
  - Adjust lighting power density by updating energy code adoption and tech. rollover
  - Review distributions of schedule start & duration by building types
- Moving on to Region 3 (Vermont, Maine, and Cherryland, MI), but will continue tracking Region 1, 2a, 2b metrics

# Questions for Breakout

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# First Impressions?

Given what we just showed, what are your gut reactions/impressions?

**Will start at 11:15 Mountain Time**

# Seed Questions

1. Are we missing something obvious in thinking about the confidence in the AMI data?
  1. What confidence interval to use? HEMS/CEMS samples targeted 80% CI I believe.
2. Given the confidence ranges, does the idea to 0-1 normalize mean shapes make sense?
  1. Obviously need to pair this with comparison of EUI distributions to CBECS
3. ComStock is modeling ~70-80% of the commercial stock
  1. EIA data represents 100% of commercial sector
  2. Issues with commercial vs. industrial classification in reporting by utilities, per EIA team
4. Given these limitations on the quality of the truth data, do you recommend any changes to our approach to reporting, prioritizing, etc.?
5. If you had to choose, would you focus more on getting individual end-use shapes correct than on matching utility overall load shapes?
6. If you had to choose, would you focus more on buildings that represent most of the stock (retail, strip mall, warehouse) or spread focus more evenly across types?