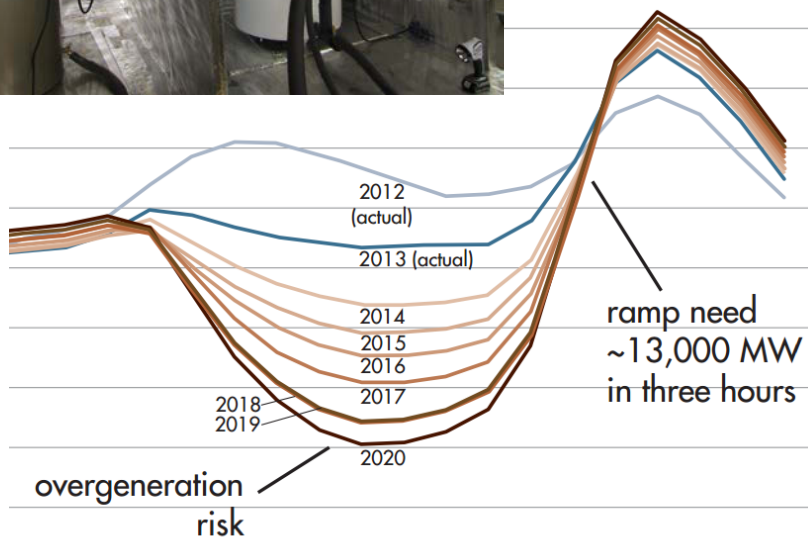


# The demand-side grid (dsgrid) model

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# 20<sup>th</sup> century energy perspectives





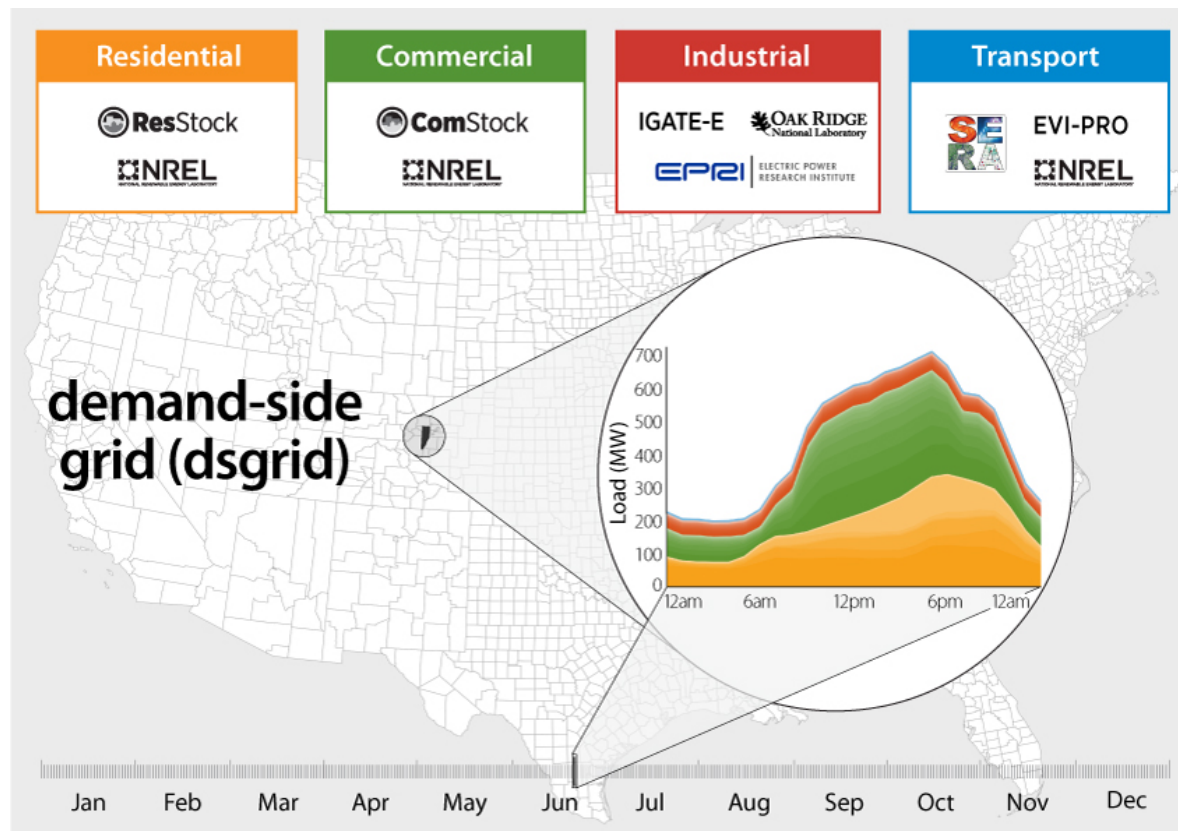
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# Emerging 21<sup>st</sup> century perspectives

# The demand-side grid (dsgrid) model creates highly resolved time-synchronous load data by leveraging sector-specific modeling expertise

Bottom-up modeling of buildings, industry, and electric vehicles to enable:

- Future projections and what-if scenarios **for load shape** in addition to magnitude
- Realistic estimates of potential **load flexibility** (i.e., demand response)
- Understand **interactions** between energy efficiency and demand response potential (also renewables and DERs)



## Residential



## Commercial



## Industrial



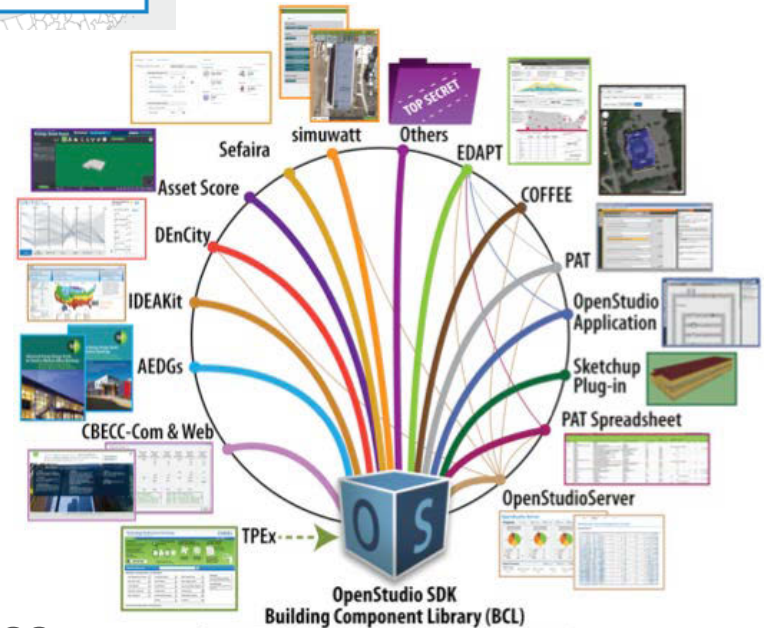
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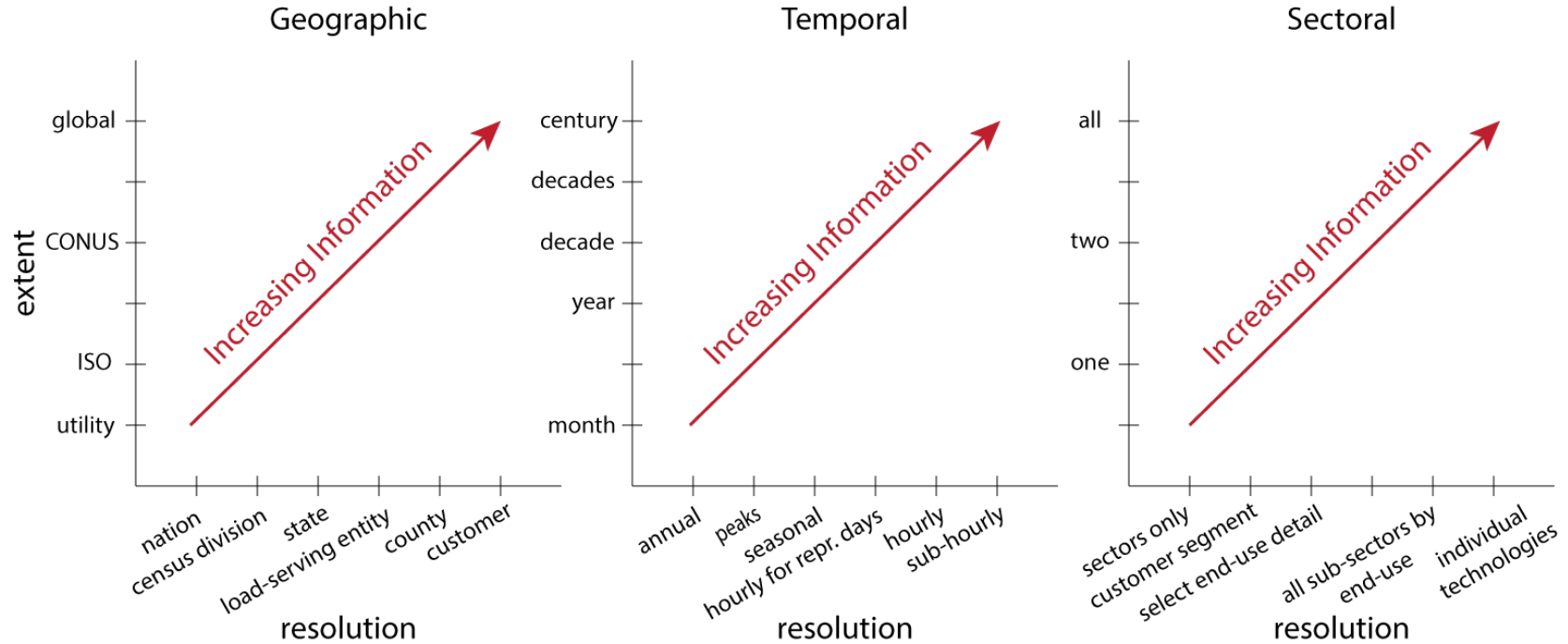
## dsgrid leverages decades of sector-specific energy modeling

- High-quality modeling of each sector
- Breaks down energy-sector silos to enable cross-disciplinary understanding and holistic design

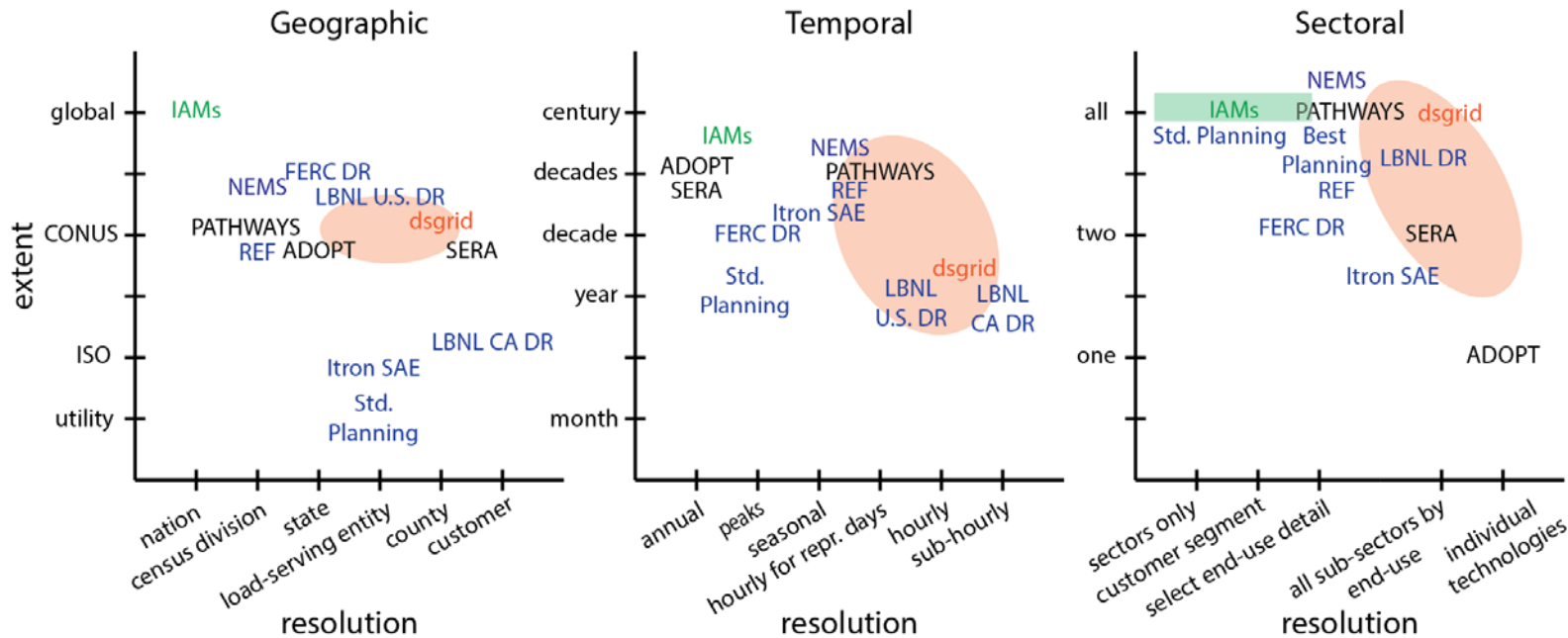
**Buildings represent 71% of U.S. electricity use, and building energy modeling is a particularly mature field**



# Load models vary in extent, resolution, data, and methods



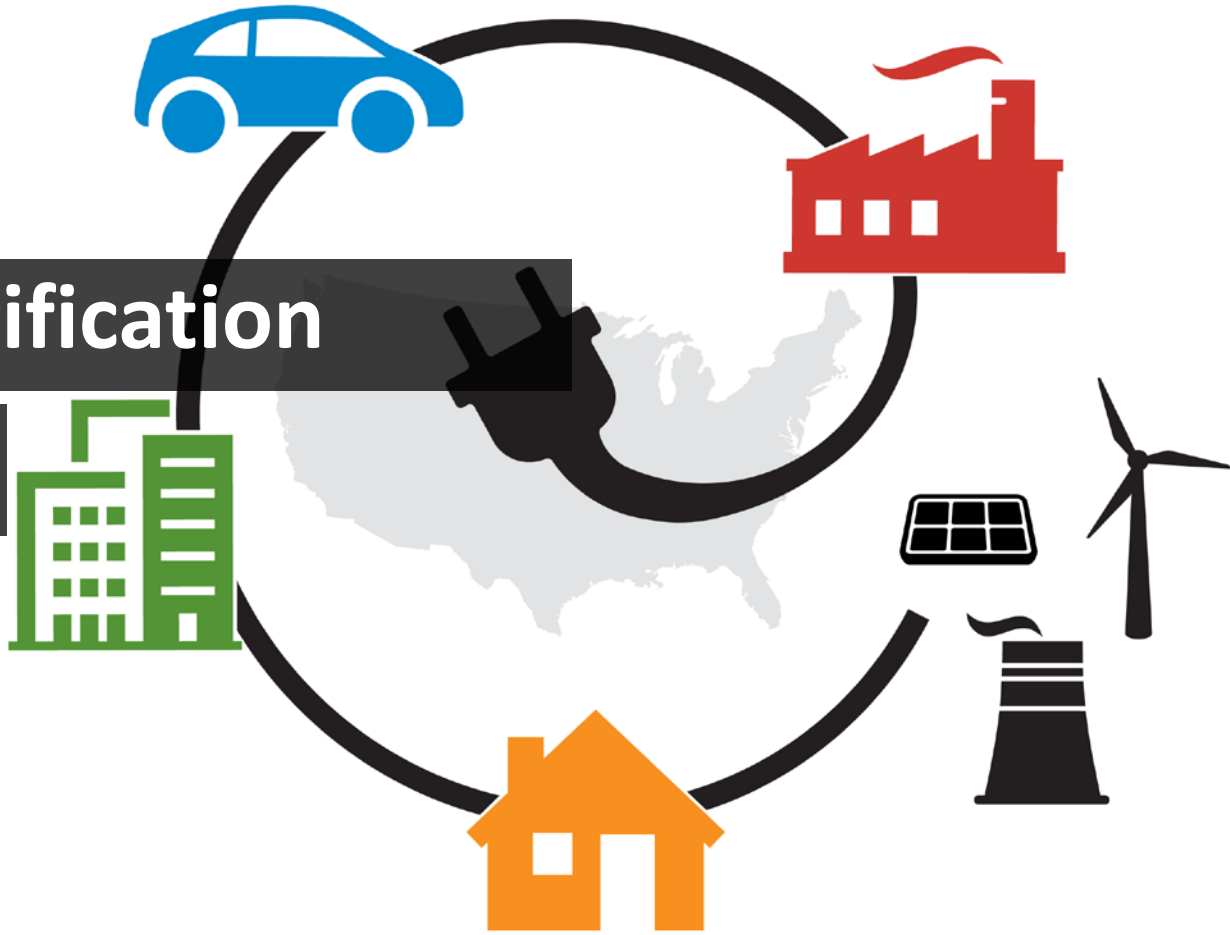
# dsgrid provides high resolution for large geographic and temporal extents



<b>DR</b>	Demand Response (Potential Studies)	<b>NEMS</b>	National Energy Modeling System
<b>FERC</b>	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	<b>Planning</b>	Refers to utility/ISO/PUC planning efforts
<b>IAM</b>	Integrated Assessment Model	<b>REF</b>	Renewable Electricity Futures (Study)
<b>LBNL</b>	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	<b>SAE</b>	Statistically Adjusted End-Use (Model)

This graphic only shows load model resolution. The modeling resolution for other energy system components (e.g., electricity supply) modeled by the referenced tools (e.g., IAMs or NEMS) may differ.

# EFS: The Electrification Futures Study

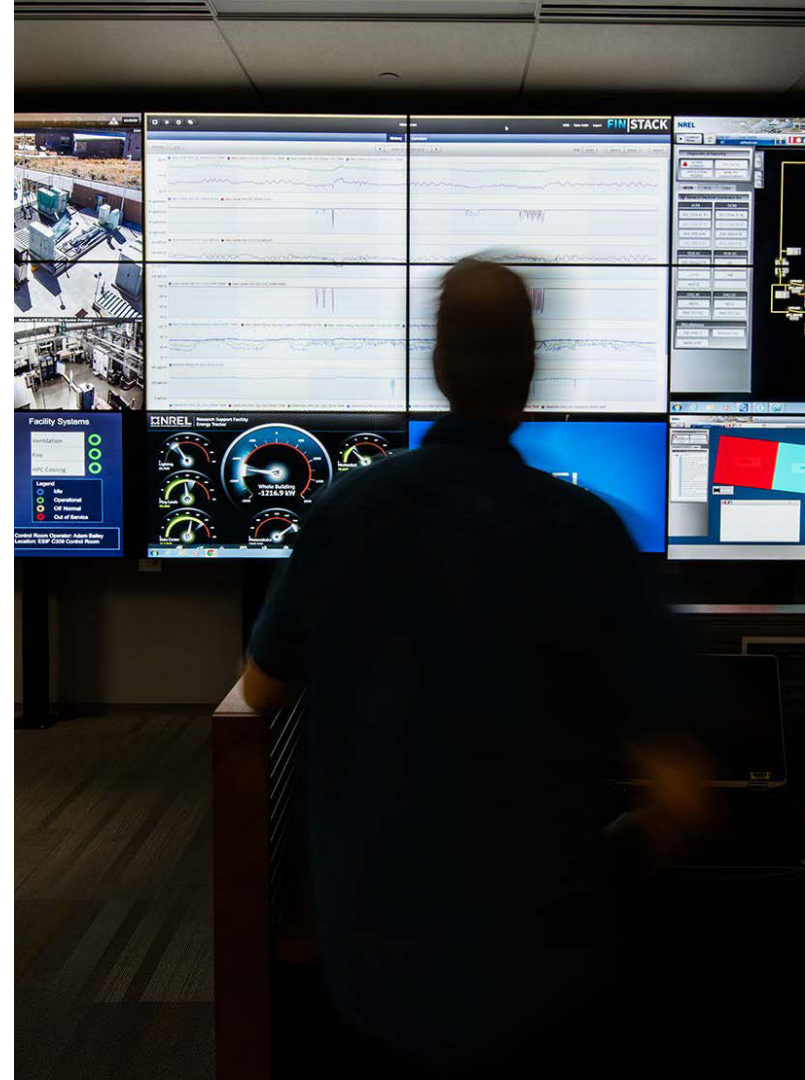


[nrel.gov/EFS](https://nrel.gov/EFS)



How do we plan for  
**widespread electrification?**

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# NREL-led collaboration, multi-year study

## Collaborators from:

- EPRI
- Evolved Energy Research
- Northern Arizona University
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- U.S. Department of Energy



- Strategic Energy Analysis
- Transportation and Hydrogen Systems
- Buildings and Thermal Systems

**+ Technical Review  
Committee of 19 experts  
from industry and  
consultants, labs,  
government, NGOs**

Study sponsored by U.S. DOE-EERE Office of Strategic Programs

# Answering crucial questions about:



## Technologies

What electric technologies are available now, and how might they **advance**?



## Consumption

How might electrification impact electricity **demand** and **use patterns**?



## System Change

How would the electricity system need to **transform** to meet changes in demand?



## Flexibility

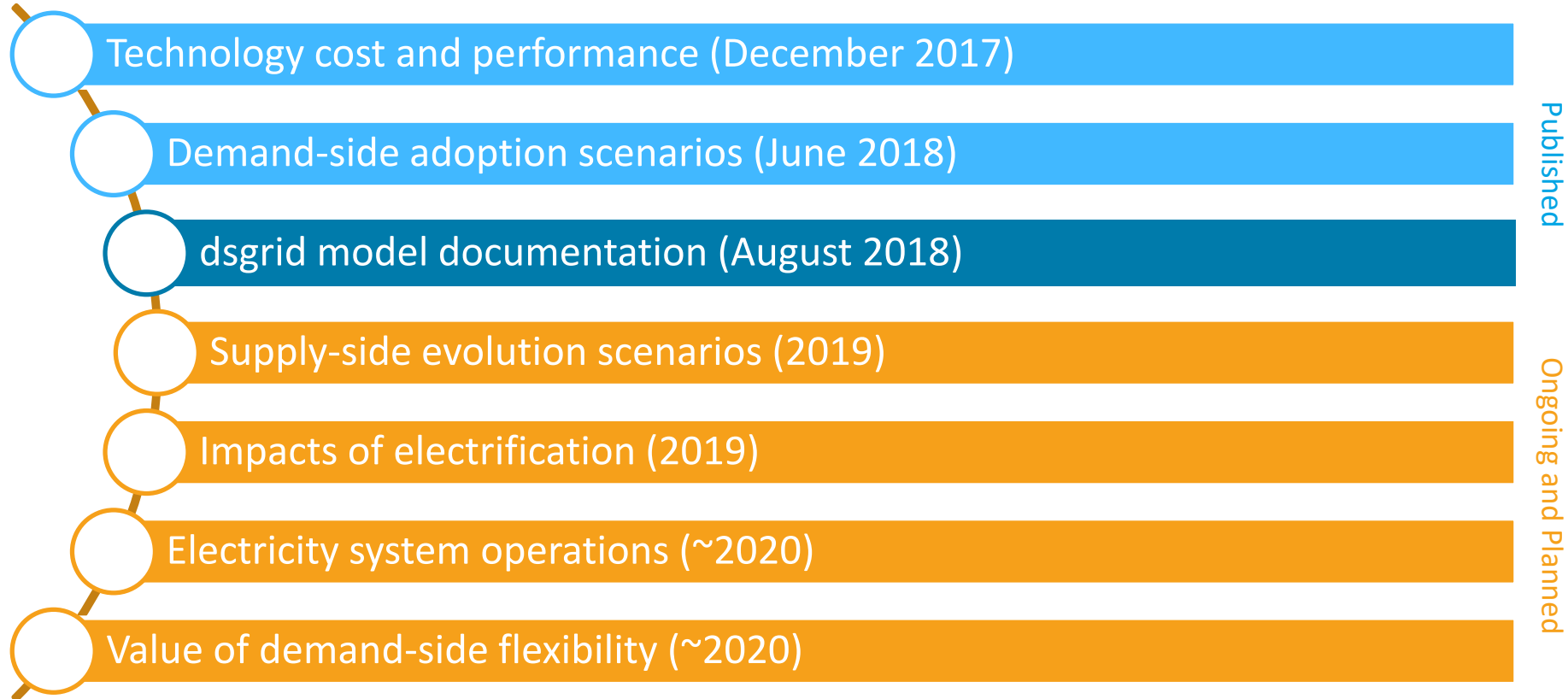
What role might **demand-side flexibility** play to support reliable operations?



## Impacts

What are the potential **costs, benefits, and impacts** of widespread electrification?

# Progress to date



Published

Ongoing and Planned

**Note:** Future work scope is tentative

# dsgrid model architecture

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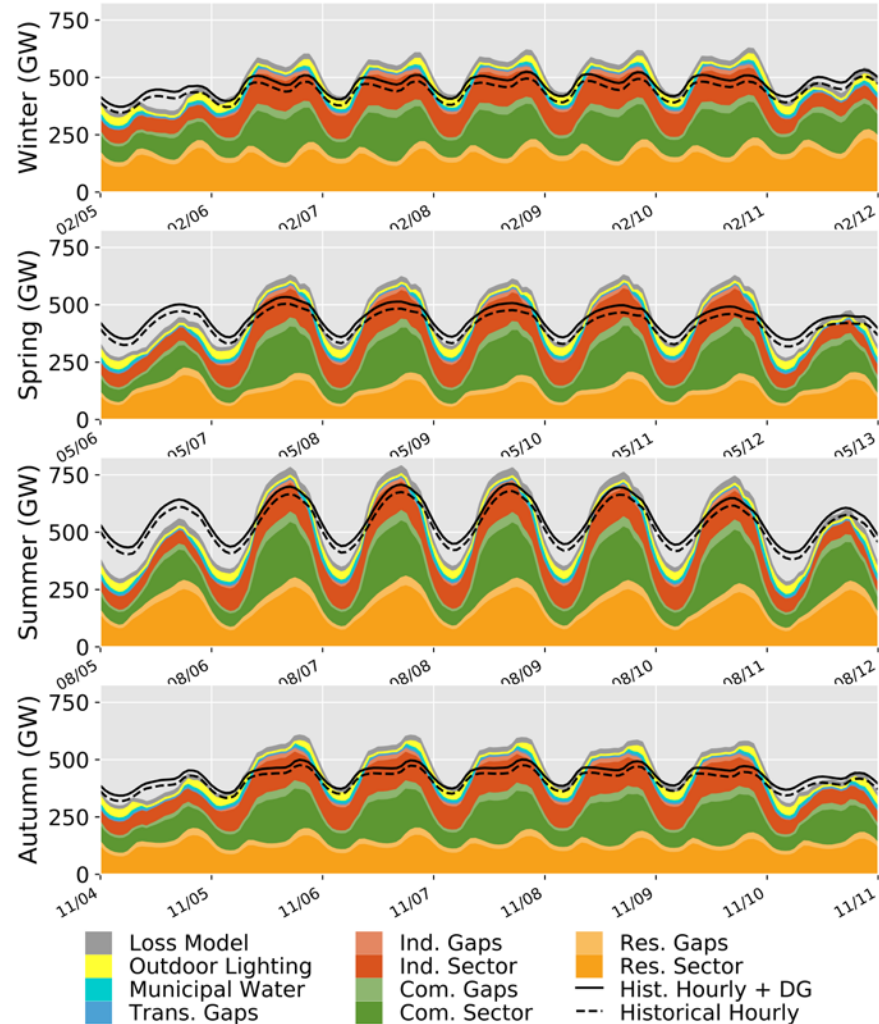
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<b>Data Resolution</b>		<b>Sector</b>				

# dsgrid model documentation: methods and 2012 U.S. electricity demand

Hourly data for the contiguous United States (CONUS) for four representative weeks, aggregated by model component



# dsgrid model architecture

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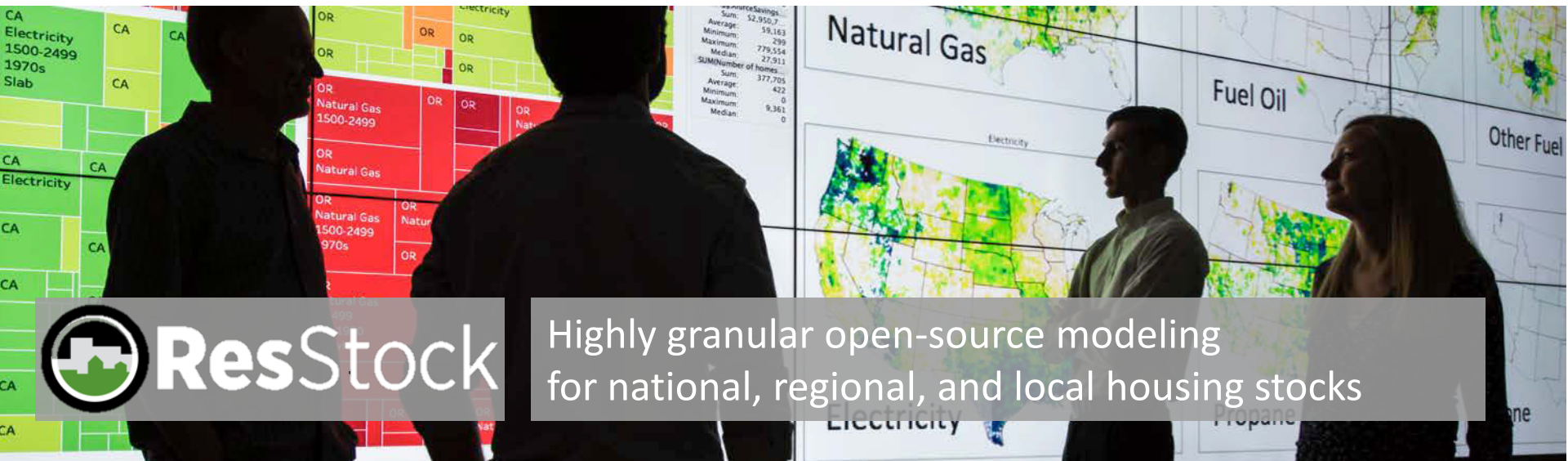


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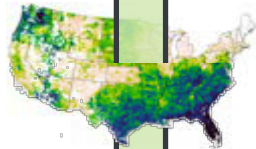
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Historical Energy Codes**

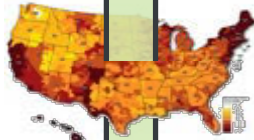
**Census Data**



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**Electricity and fuel costs  
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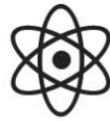
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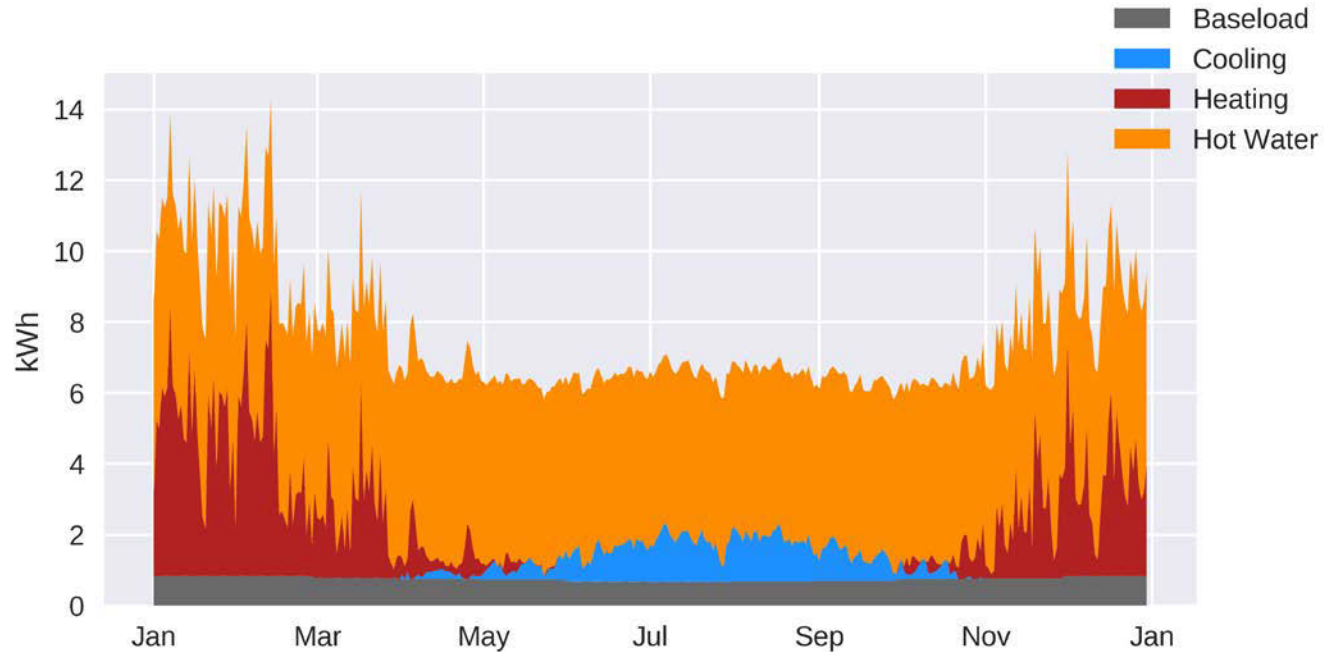


OpenStudio



EnergyPlus

## Detailed sub-hourly energy simulations





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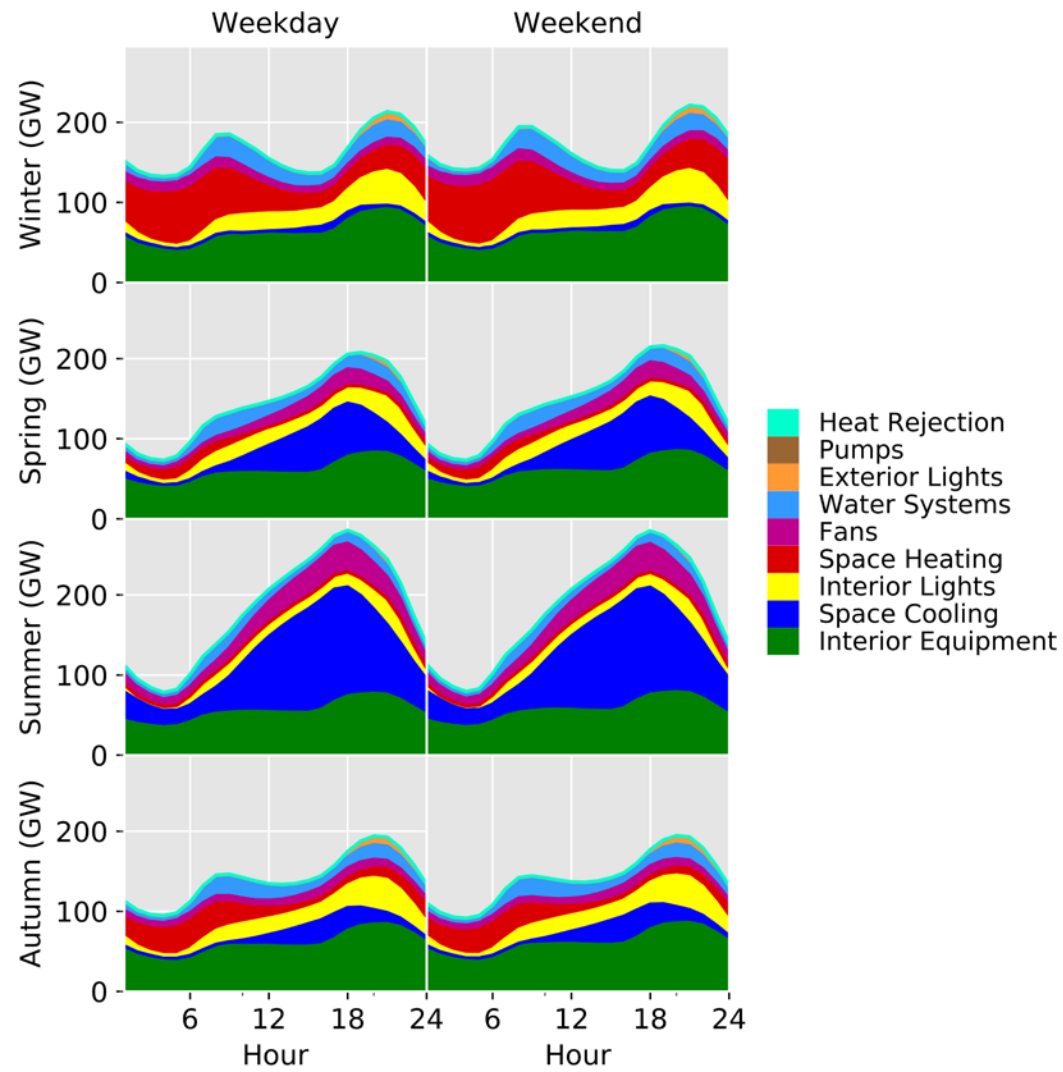
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simulations for baseline  
U.S. single-family housing stock

# Residential electricity load shapes by season

- Interior equipment is the largest end use, comprising 33% to 48% of electricity depending on census division
- Importance of space cooling, interior lighting, and space heating varies more by season and region



## Hierarchical conditional probability tables of building parameters

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Empirical commercial building data for contiguous U.S.

Sample of building characteristic values (x350,000)

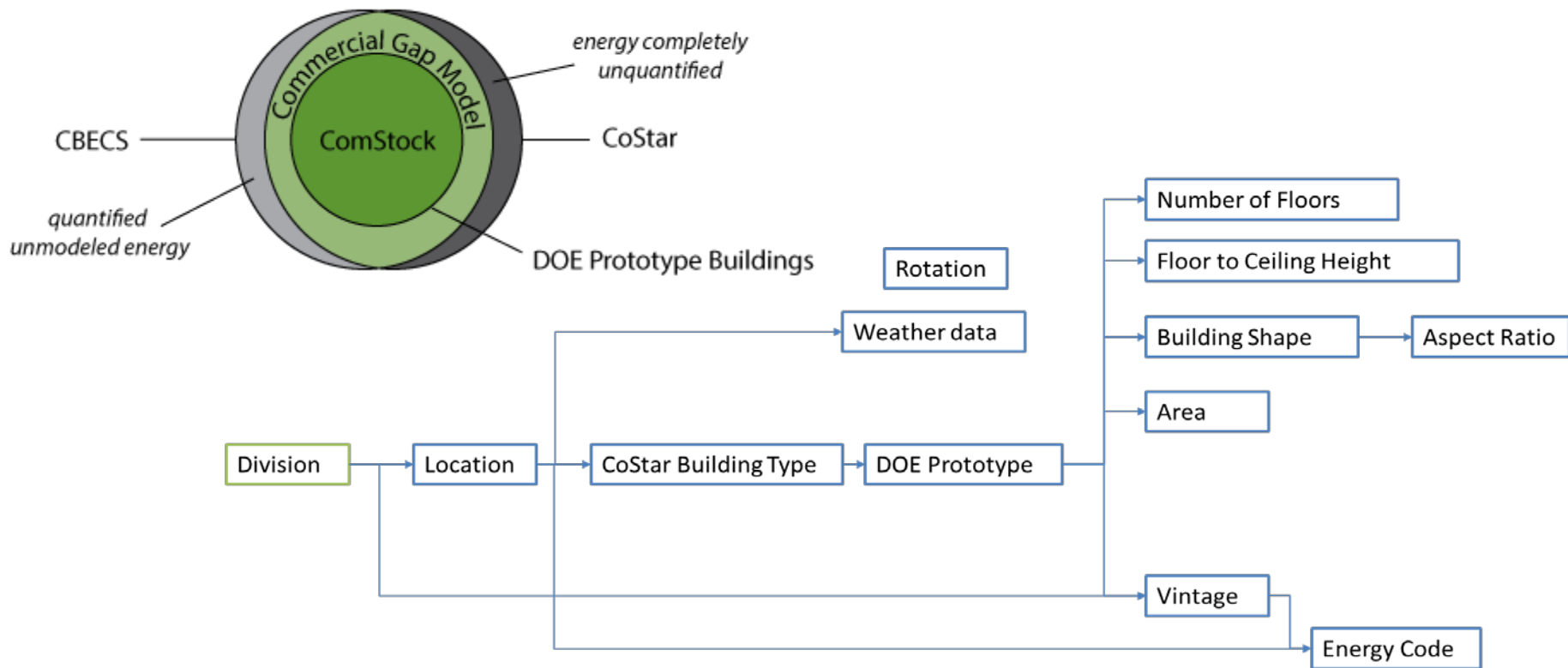
EnergyPlus Building Simulations (x350,000)

Per-county scaling with weighting factor

County-level aggregate load profiles with end-use breakdowns

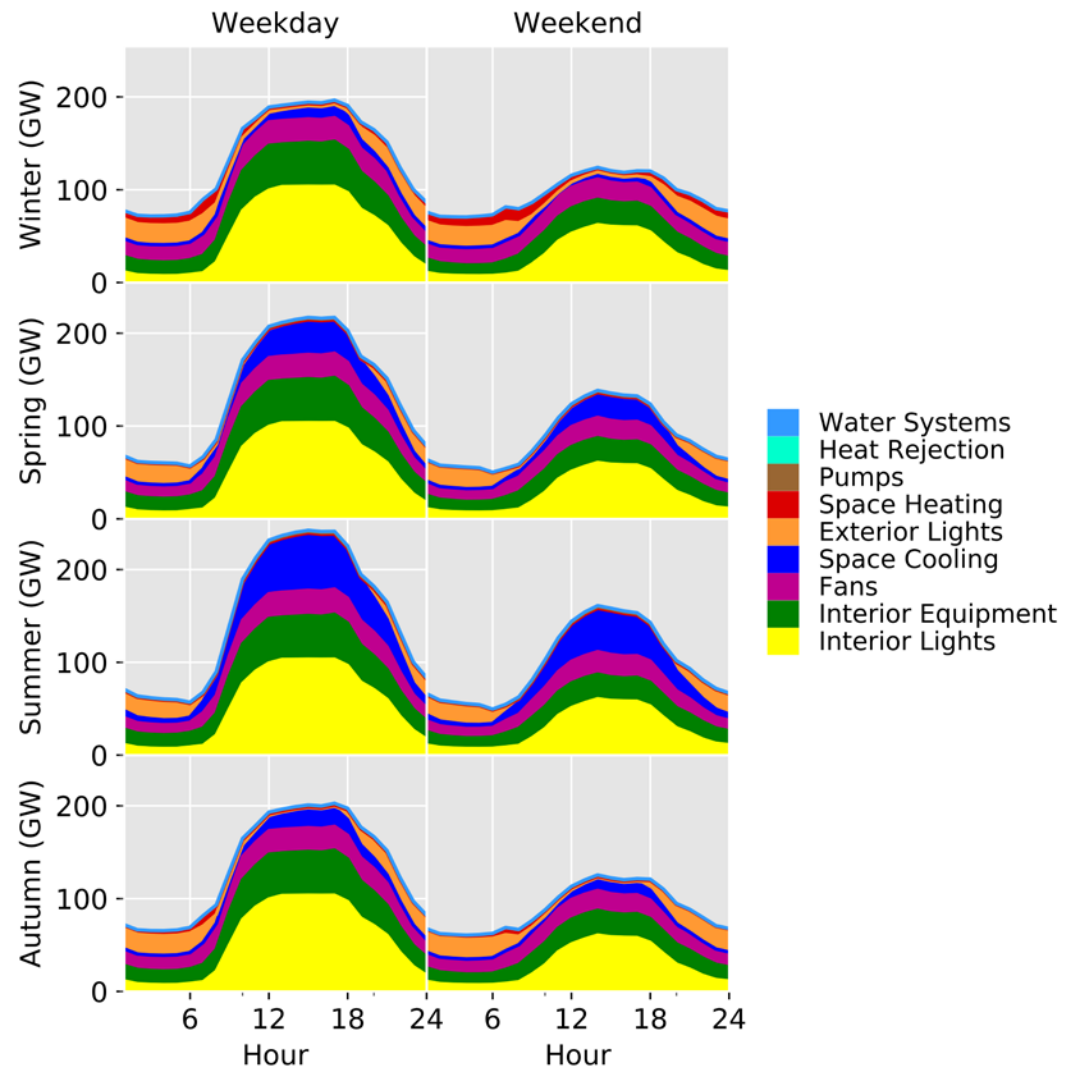
ComStock: commercial building modeling approach

# Commercial building data relationships



# Commercial electricity load shapes by season

- More prominent role for lighting and fans, compared to residential buildings
- End use proportions vary by building type/subsector:
  - Interior equipment is prominent in offices
  - Interior lighting is prominent in retail buildings

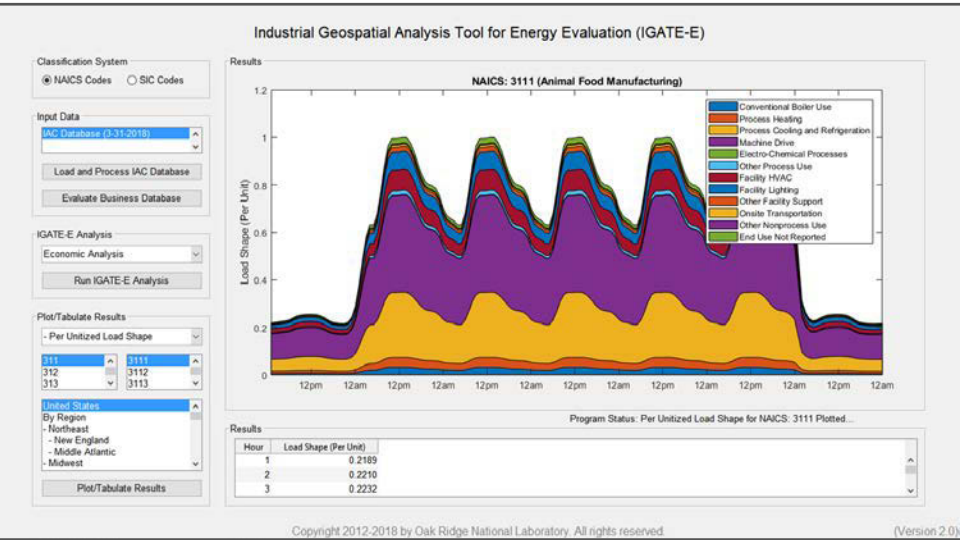
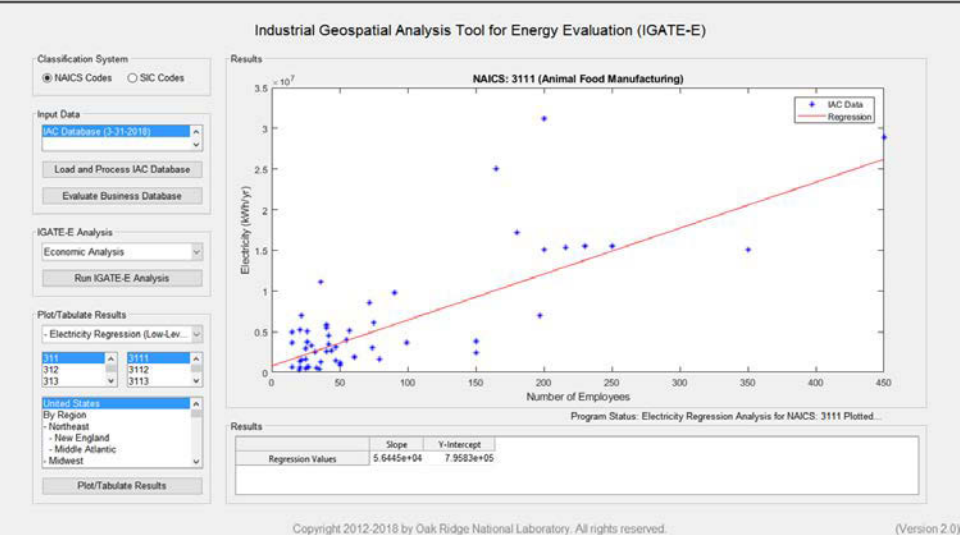


# Industrial manufacturing modeling approach

IGATE-E developed by ORNL and EPRI

Characteristics	Methods					Data Sources			
	Regression Analysis	Energy Analysis (Initial)	Energy Analysis (Optimized)	Load Factor Analysis	Load Shape Analysis	IAC Database	MNI EZ Select Database	2014 EIA MECS	EPRI Load Shape Library
Location (State/County/Zip Code)		X					X		
Industry Code (NAICS/SIC)	X	X	X			X	X		
Energy Consumption (kWh or MMBtu/yr)	X			X		X			
Electricity Demand (kW/month)				X		X			
Number of Employees	X	X				X	X		
Industry Code (NAICS/SIC)			X	X				X	
Energy Consumption (kWh or MMBtu/yr)			X					X	
End-Use Energy Consumption (kWh/yr)					X			X	
Load Shapes by End-Use					X				X

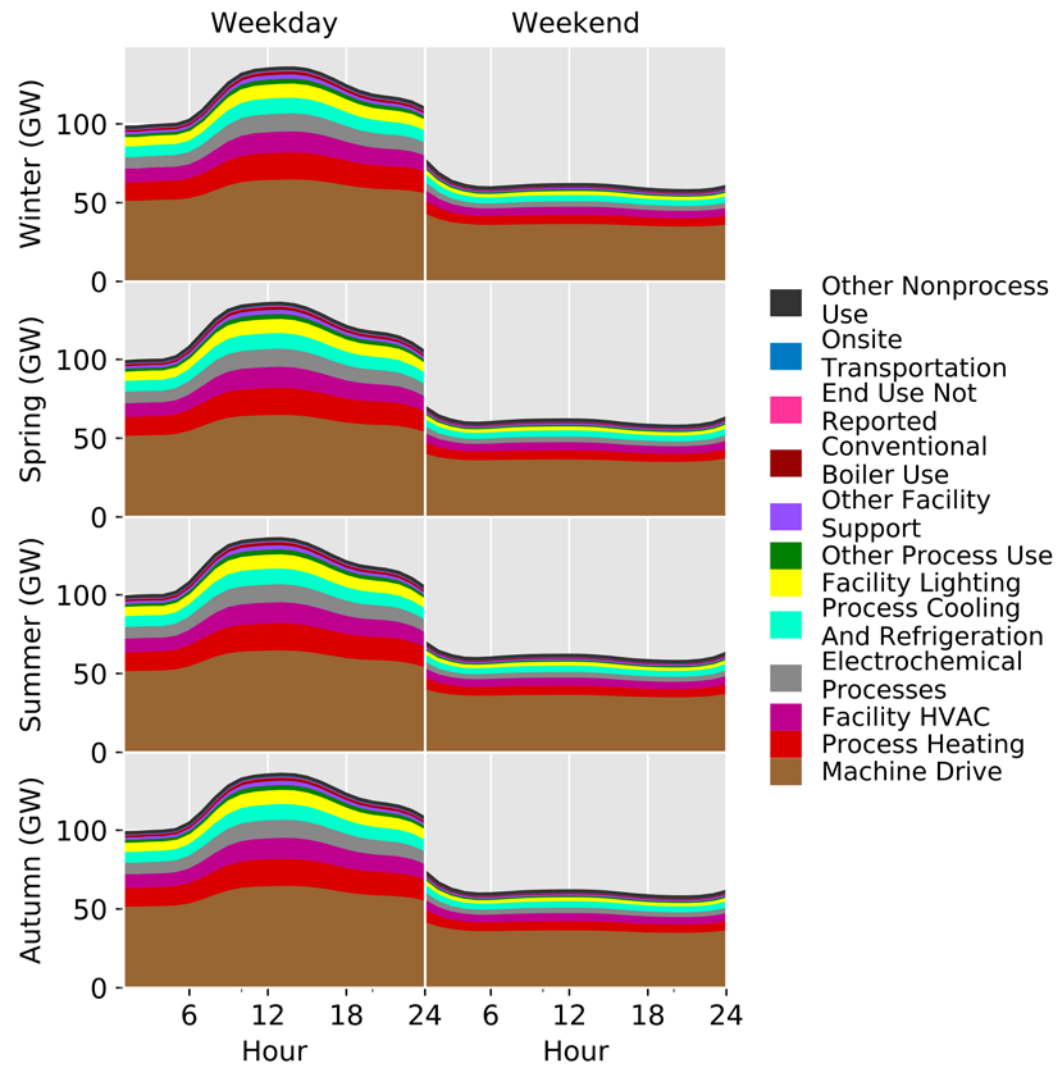
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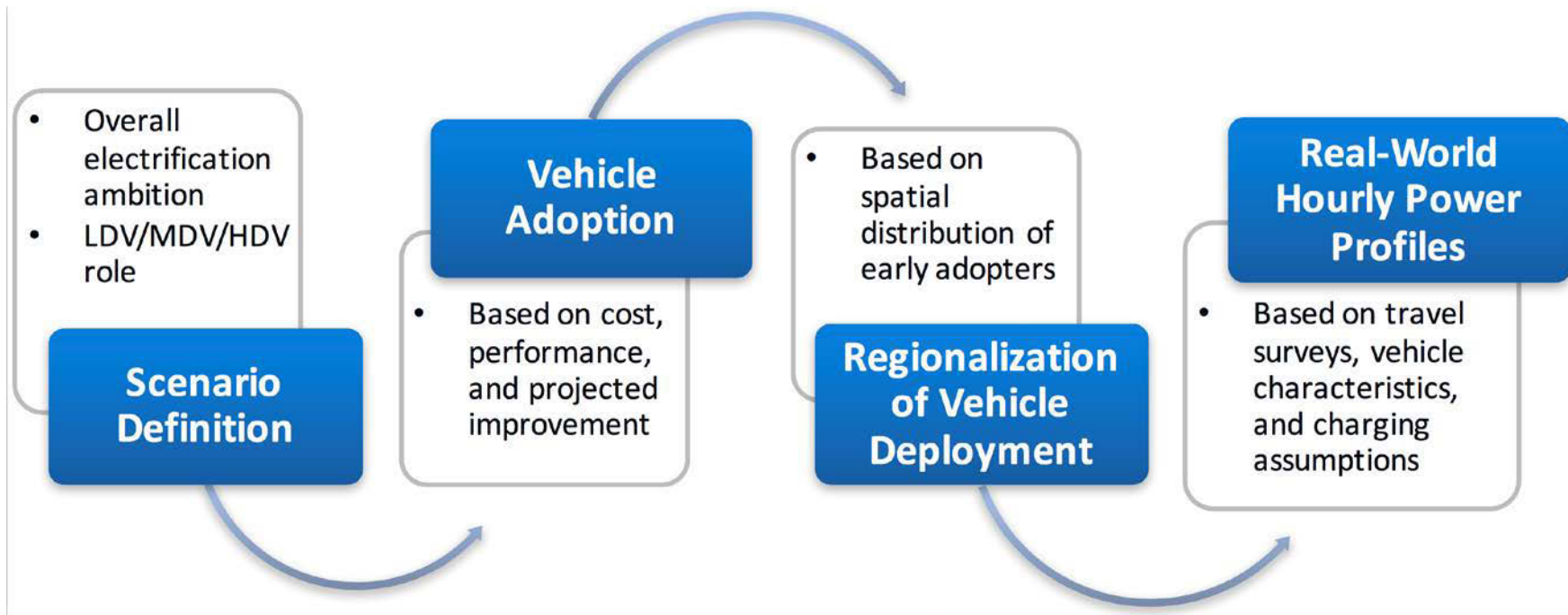


# Manufacturing electricity load shapes by season

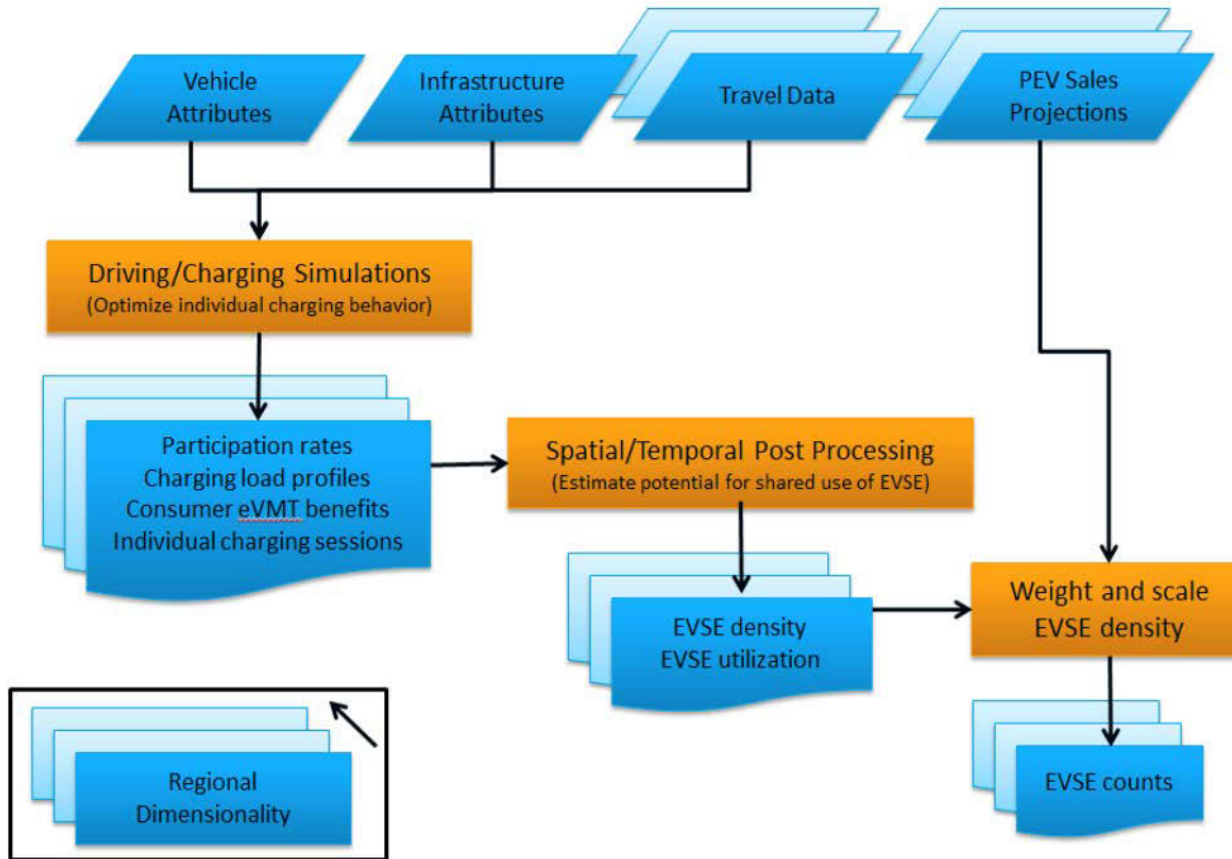
- Energy modeling is less developed in part because of industry / manufacturing heterogeneity
- IGATE-E/dsgrid models 86 different subsectors
- Electricity use is dominated by machine drive, process heating, and facility HVAC, with considerable subsector variation



# Transportation – electric vehicle modeling approach



# Transportation – charging profiles from EVI-Pro



# dsgrid model architecture

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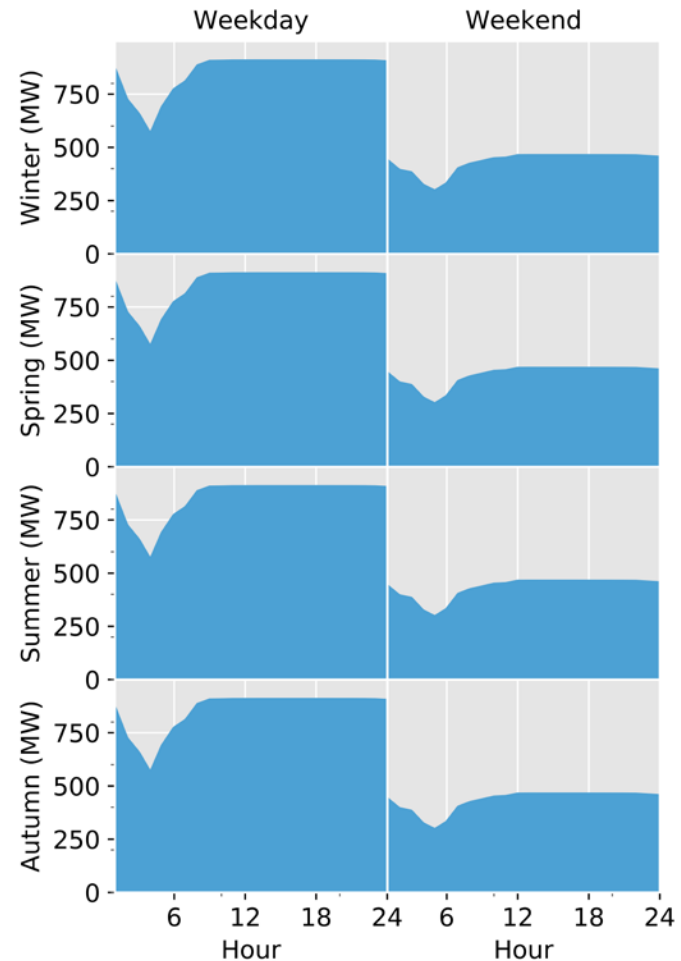
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# Transportation gap model of electricity used by passenger trains

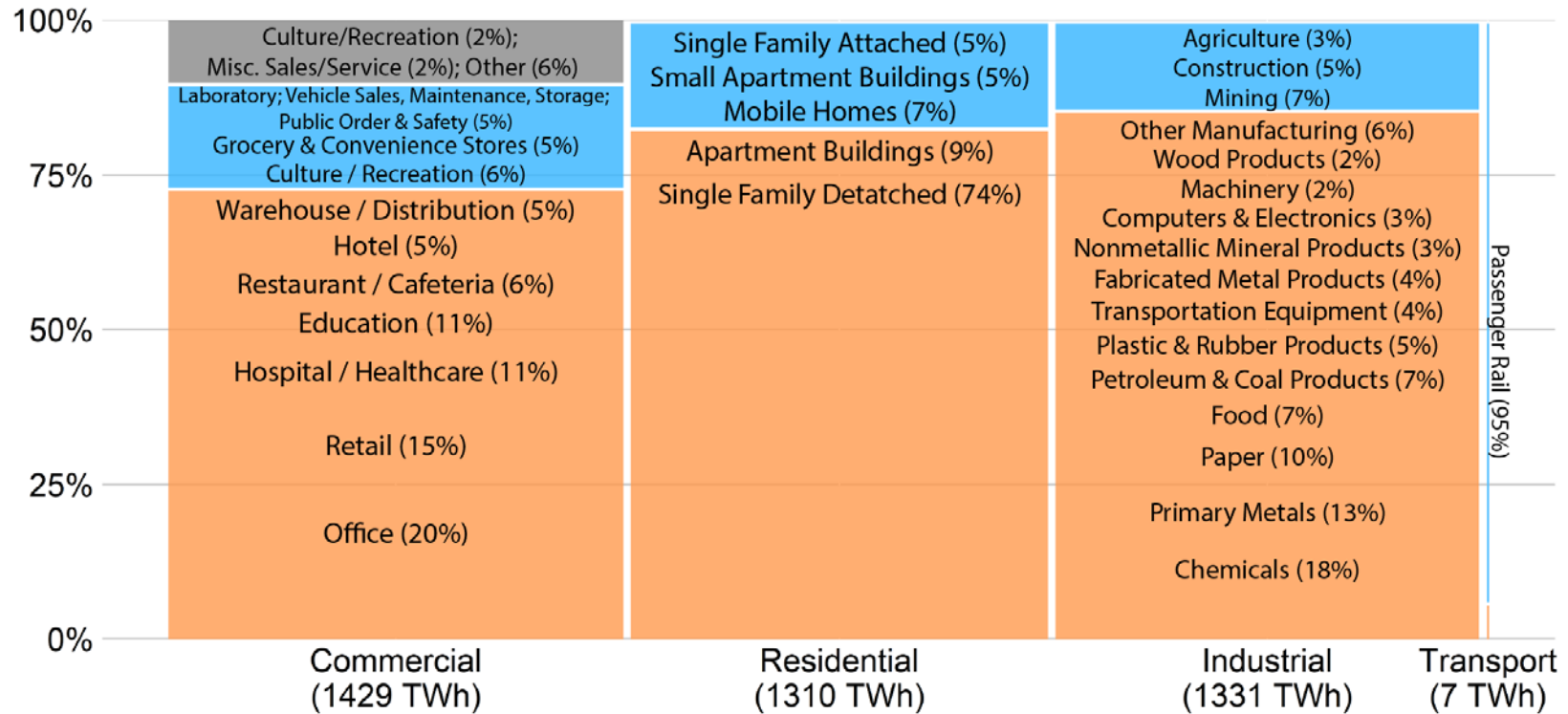
## Seasonal, weekday/weekend load shapes for CONUS

Census Division	Total GWh	Total (%)
Mid Atlantic	3,304	51.5
South Atlantic	793	12.4
New England	709	11.0
Pacific	706	11.0
East North Central	623	9.7
Mountain	124	1.9
West South Central	114	1.8
West North Central	43	0.7
East South Central	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Electric vehicles not modeled in the 2012 data set because deployment at that time was small and regionally concentrated



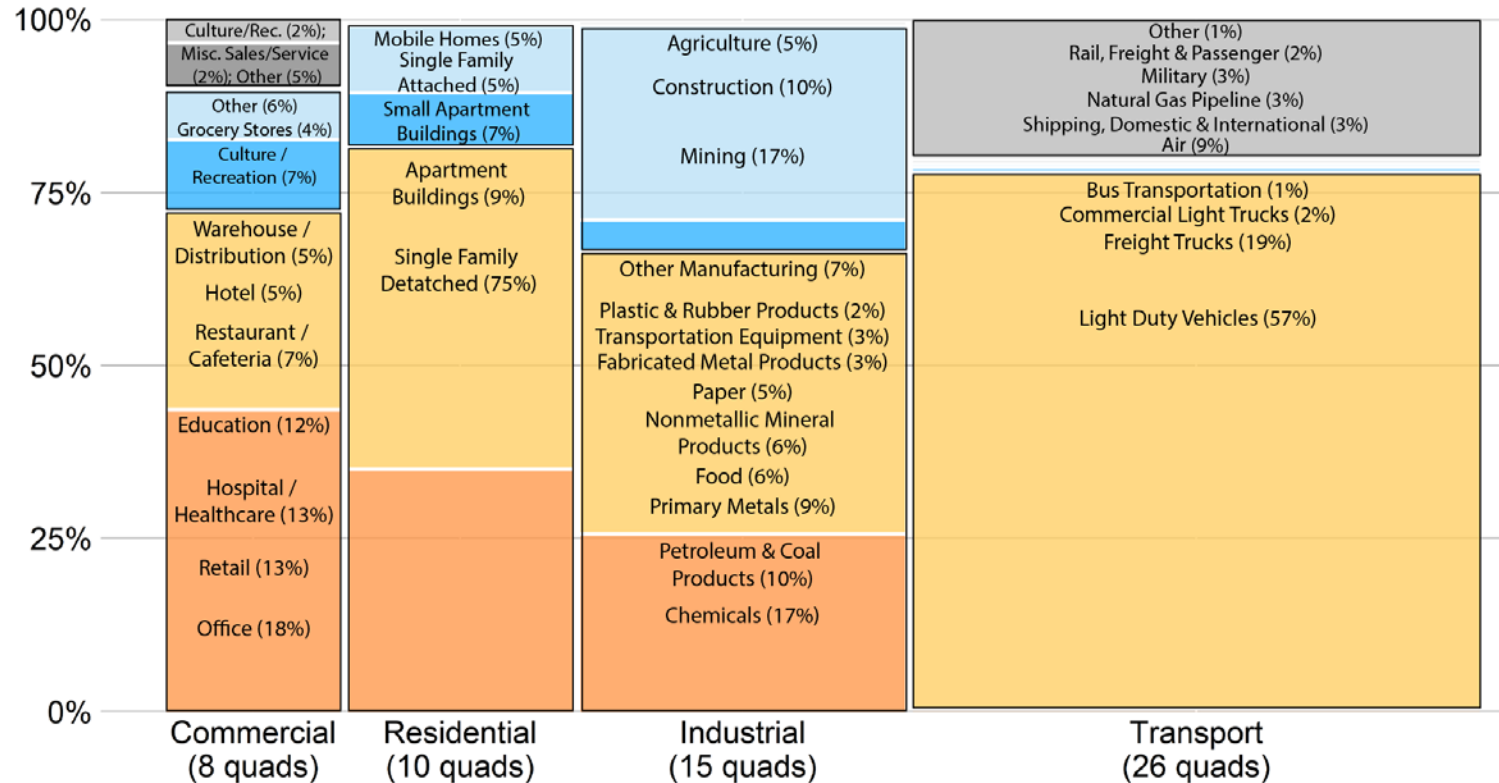
# dsgrid models about 80% of 2012 U.S. electricity use in detail



Subsectors in each category are listed with the percentage of electricity they use relative to the sector's electricity use.

■ Detailed 
 ■ Gap 
 ■ Unmodeled

# dsgrid models about 76% of 2012 U.S. site energy use in detail



Subsectors in each category are listed with the percentage of all energy they use relative to the sector's overall energy use.

■ Detailed Electricity    ■ Gap Electricity    ■ Unmodeled Electricity  
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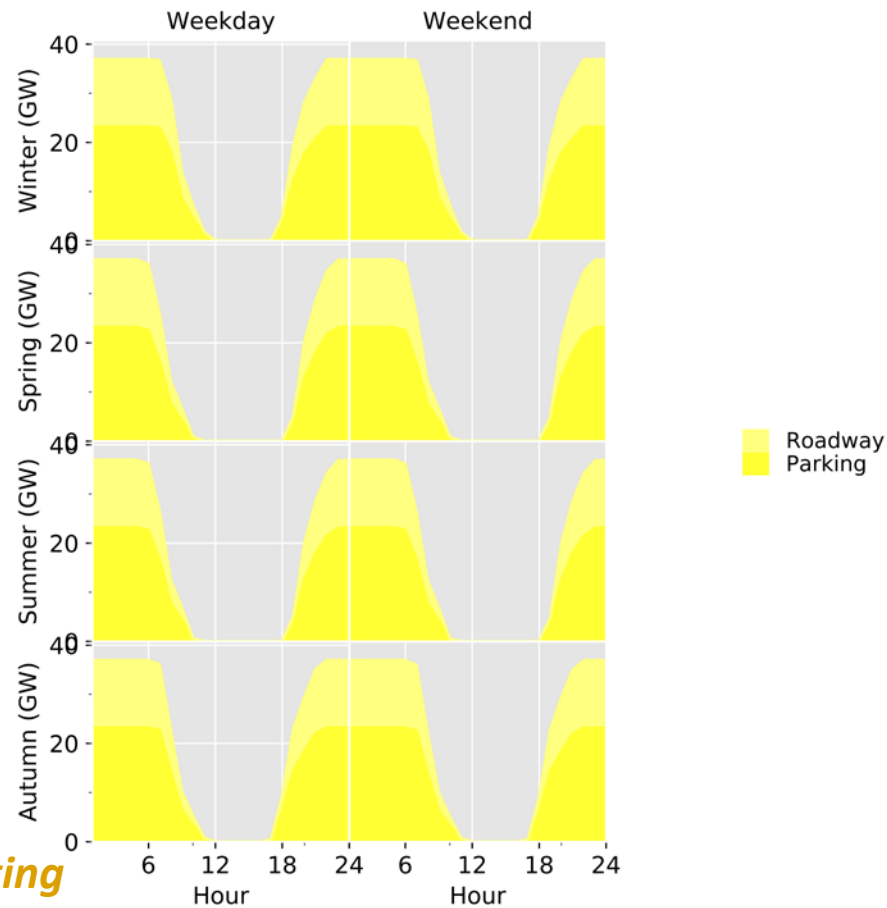
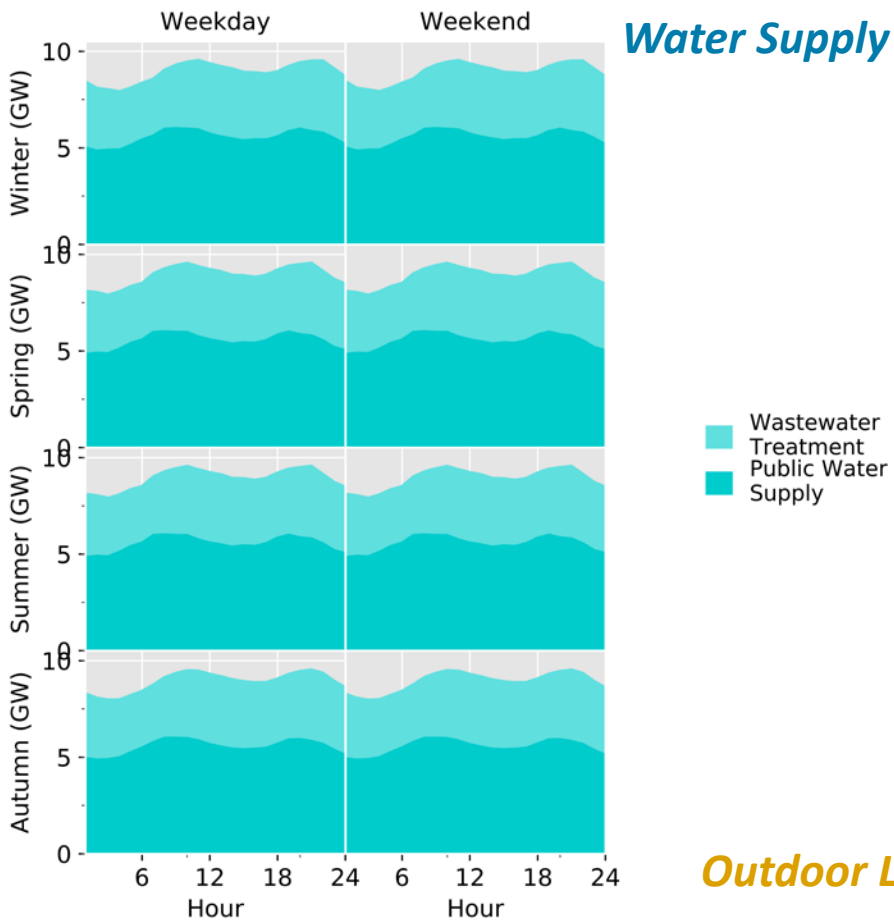
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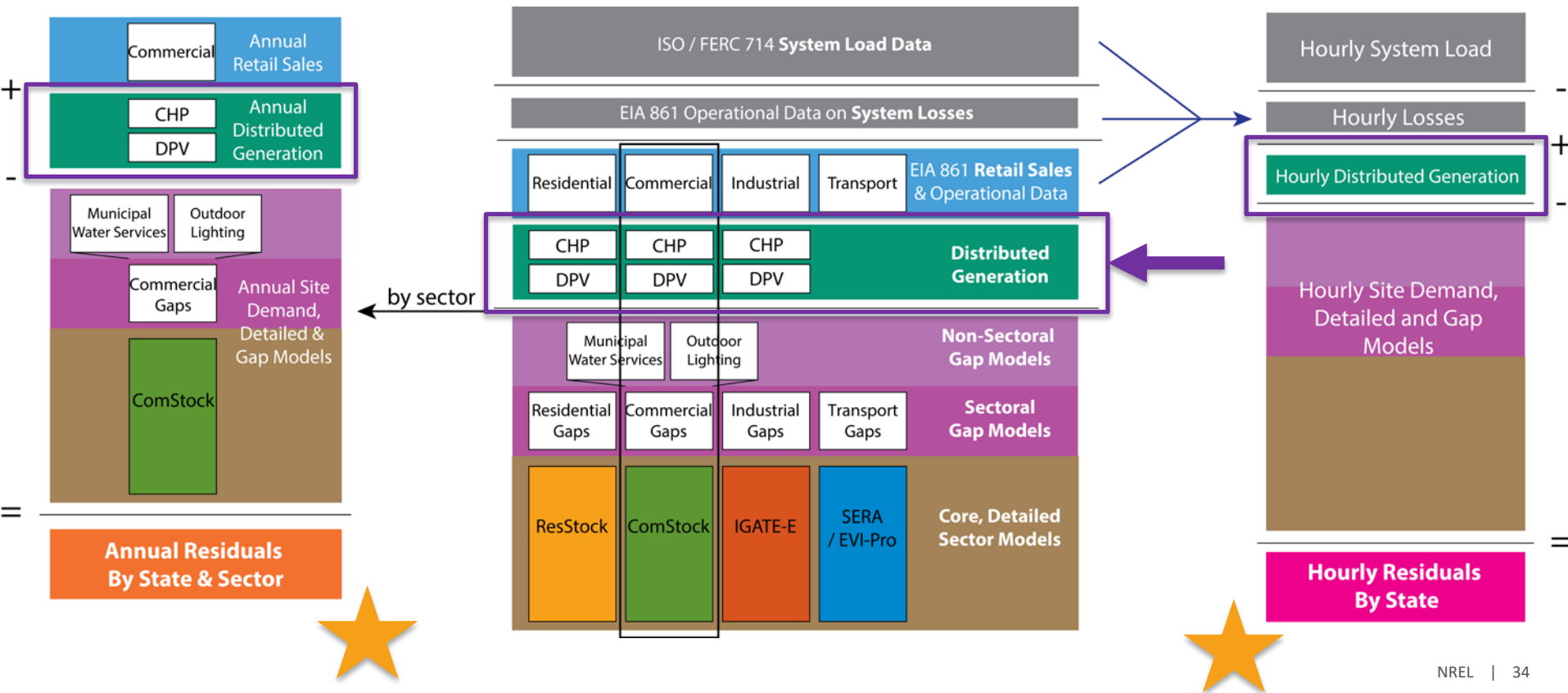
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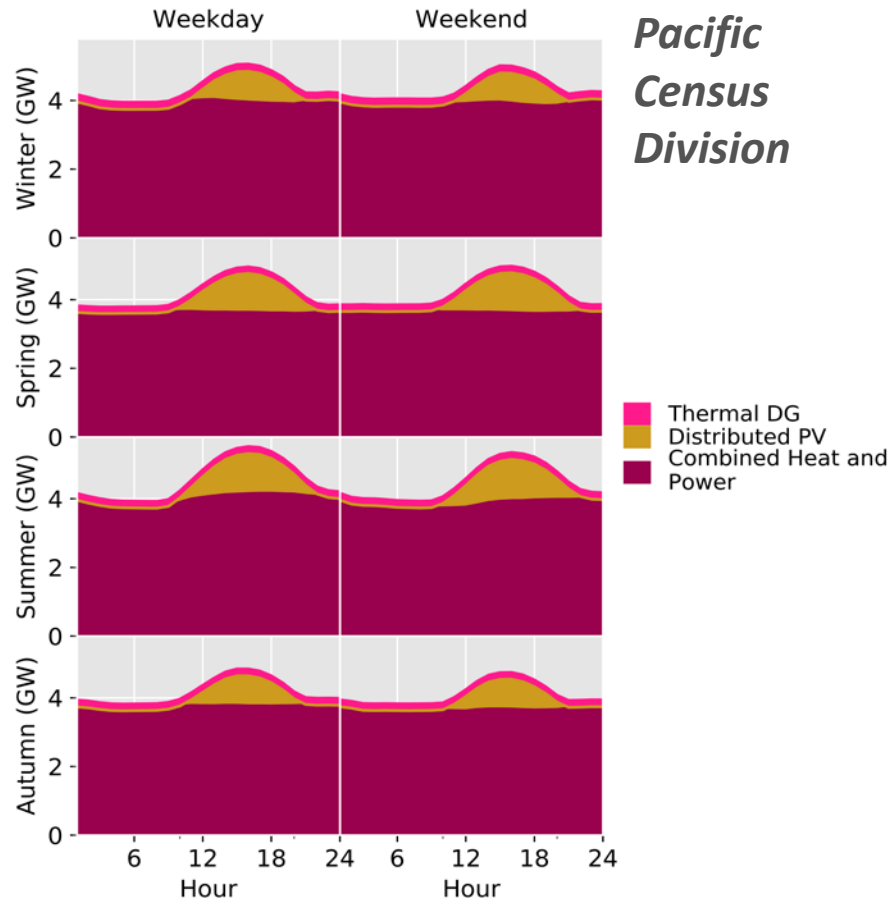
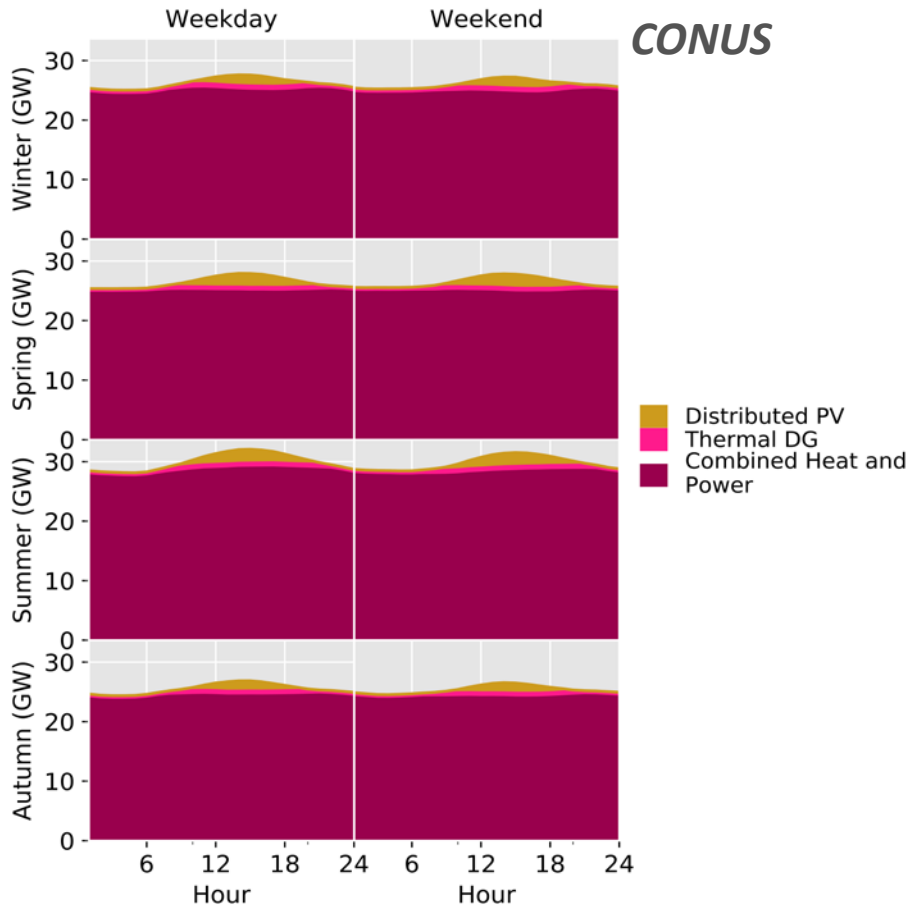
# Municipal services not captured in the sector models



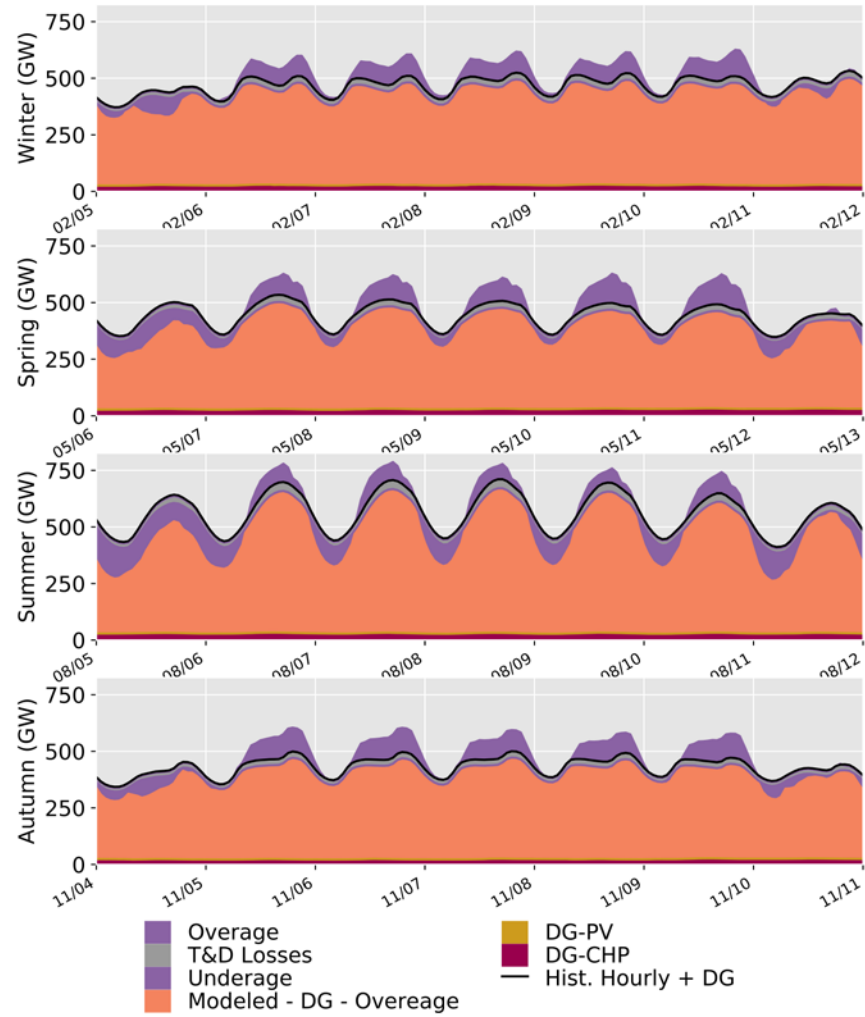
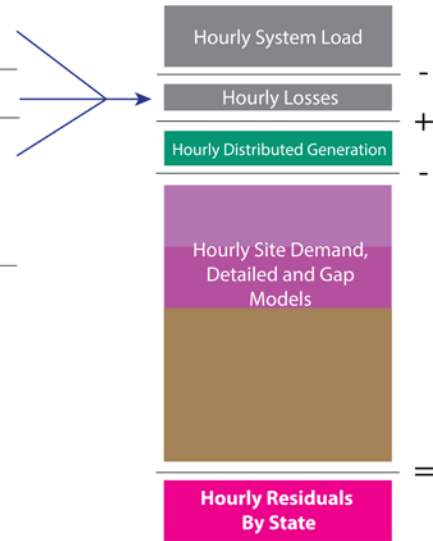
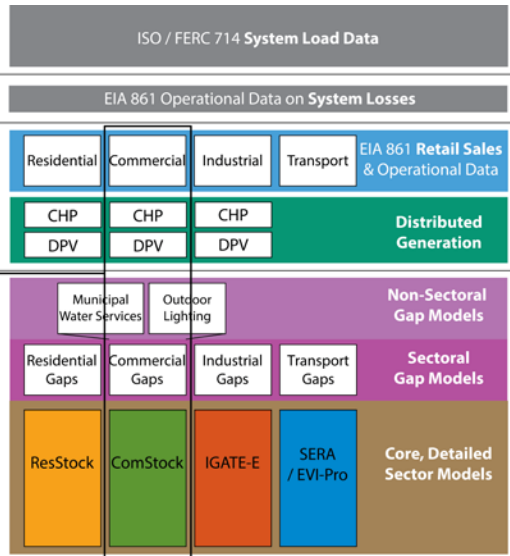
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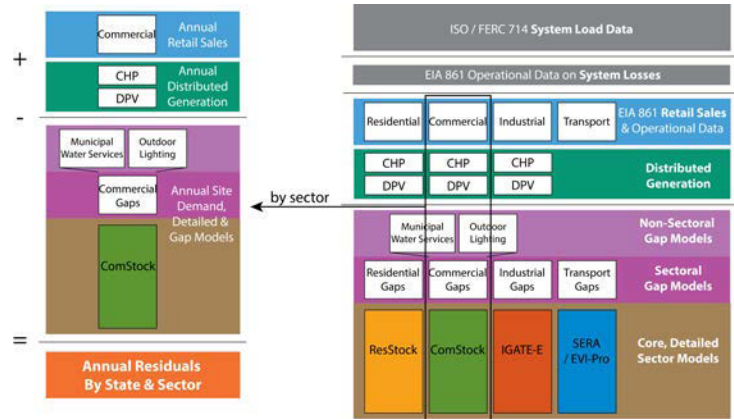
# Distributed solar and combined heat and power



# Hourly data roughly validates, but also reveals need for additional calibration



# Annual sector-level residuals reveal a similar story

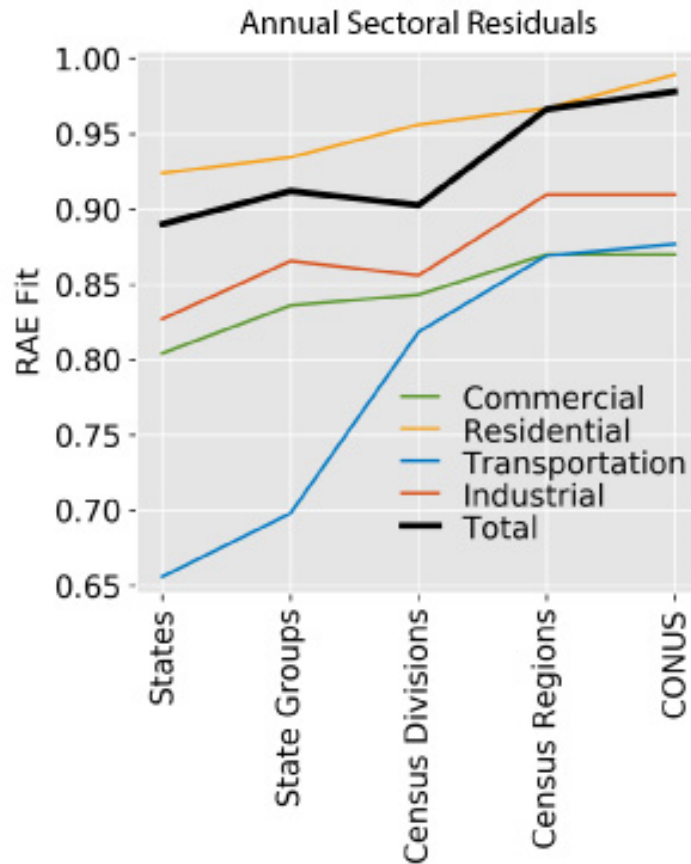
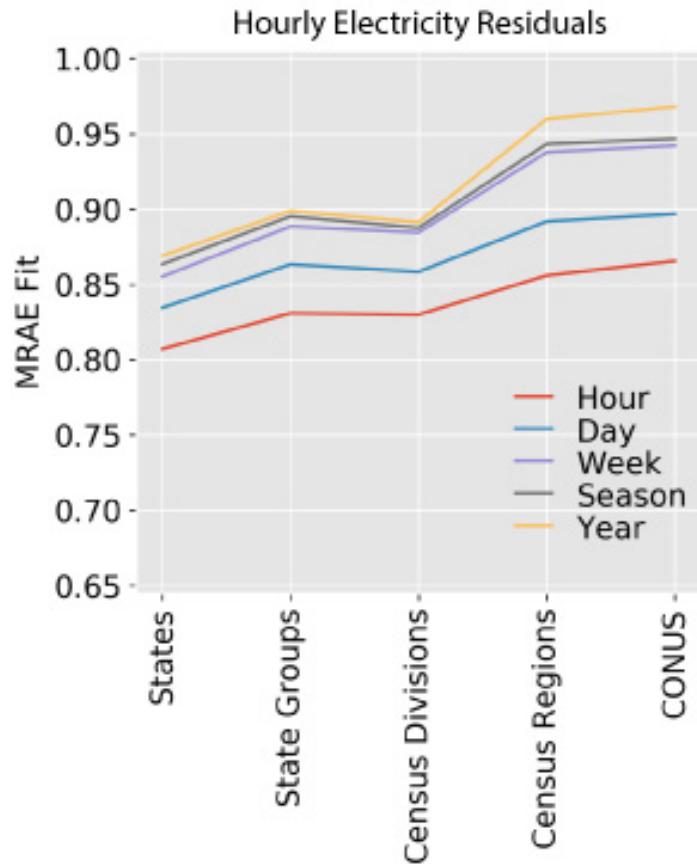


Component Type	Component Name	Residential (TWh)	Commercial (TWh)	Industrial (TWh)	Transport (TWh)	Total (TWh)
Top-down	Hourly load					3,910
Derived	T&D losses					199
Top-down	Annual energy	1,370	1,350	981	7	3,708
dsgrid	Distributed generation	3	31	204	—	237
dsgrid-core	Gap models	218	454	184	6	862
dsgrid-core	Detailed sector models	1,169	1,107	893	—	3,170
Derived	Total site energy <sup>a</sup>	1,372	1,381	1,184	7	3,945
Derived	Annual sector residuals <sup>b</sup>	-15	-180	107	1	-87
Derived	Hourly residuals					-126

<sup>a</sup> Total site energy is the top-down annual energy plus distributed generation. This is all the load we are expecting to model with the bottom-up detailed sector and gap models.

<sup>b</sup> The sector level residuals are equal to the total site energy minus the gap and detailed sector model components.

# Summary model fit statistics

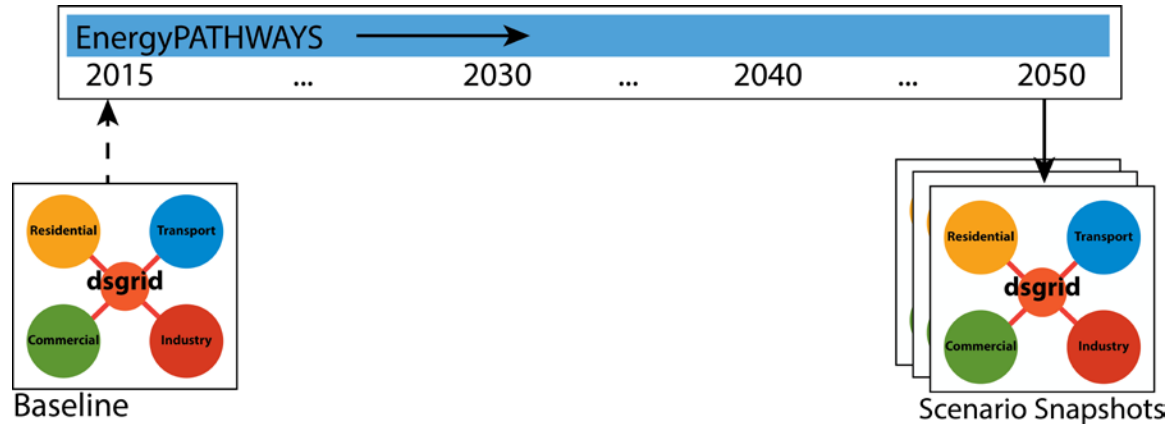


# Next steps

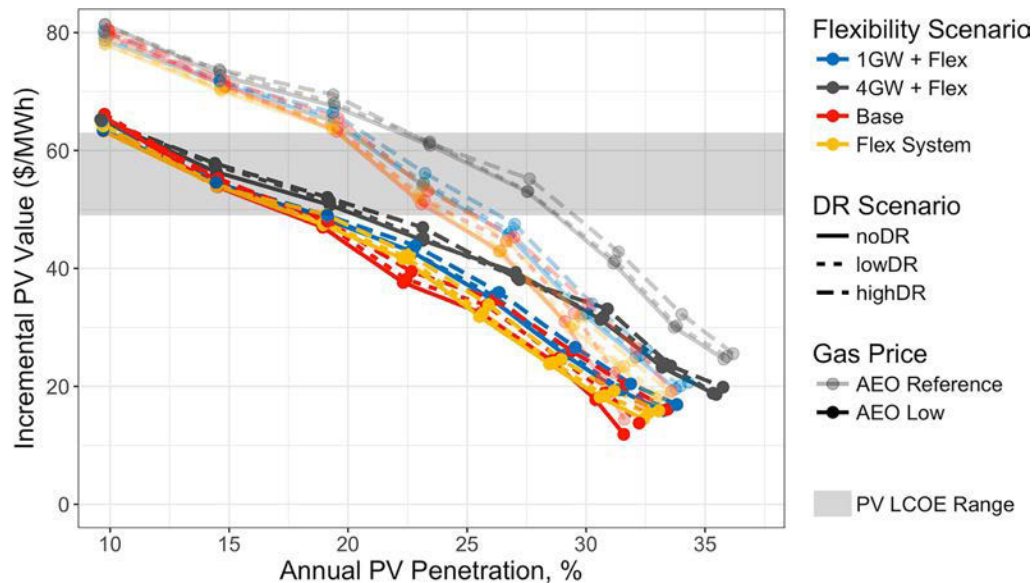
Ongoing and planned work to:

- Create future load data sets (electrification, load modernization)
- Estimate flexibility potential
- Model demand response resource/programs in grid models

**Electrification Futures Study** plan to develop future load scenario snapshots for production cost modeling

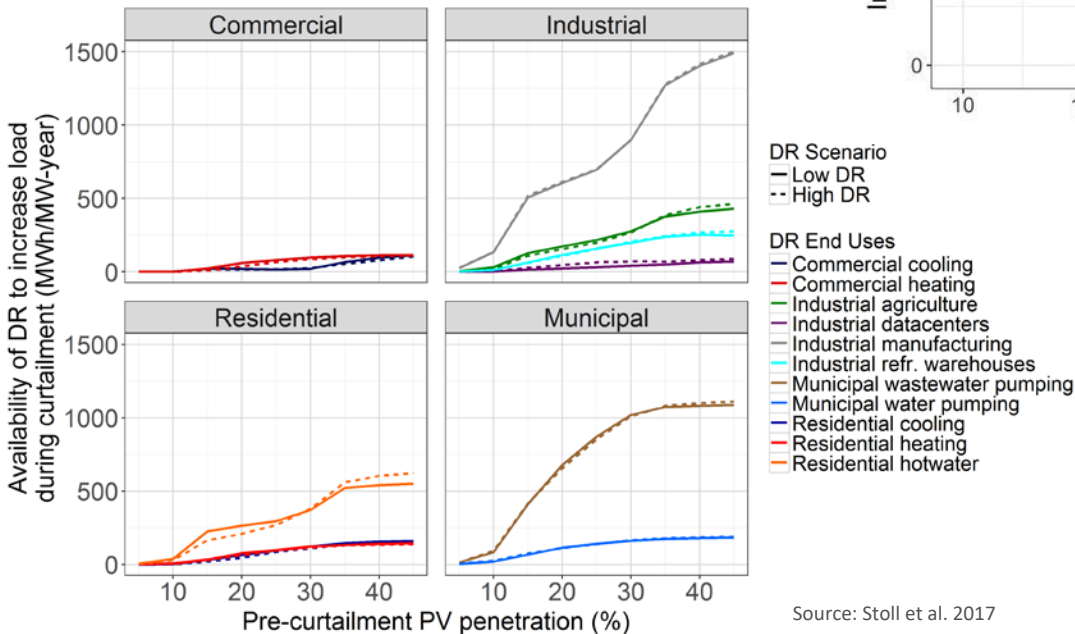


# Related work: value of flexibility, including demand response



Source: Hale et al. 2018







*Ability of flexible resources to preserve the value of solar photovoltaics (PV) at high penetrations depends on time of availability and operational constraints.*



Source: Stoll et al. 2017



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