

Virtual EPB

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Overview

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A 21st Century Crossroads

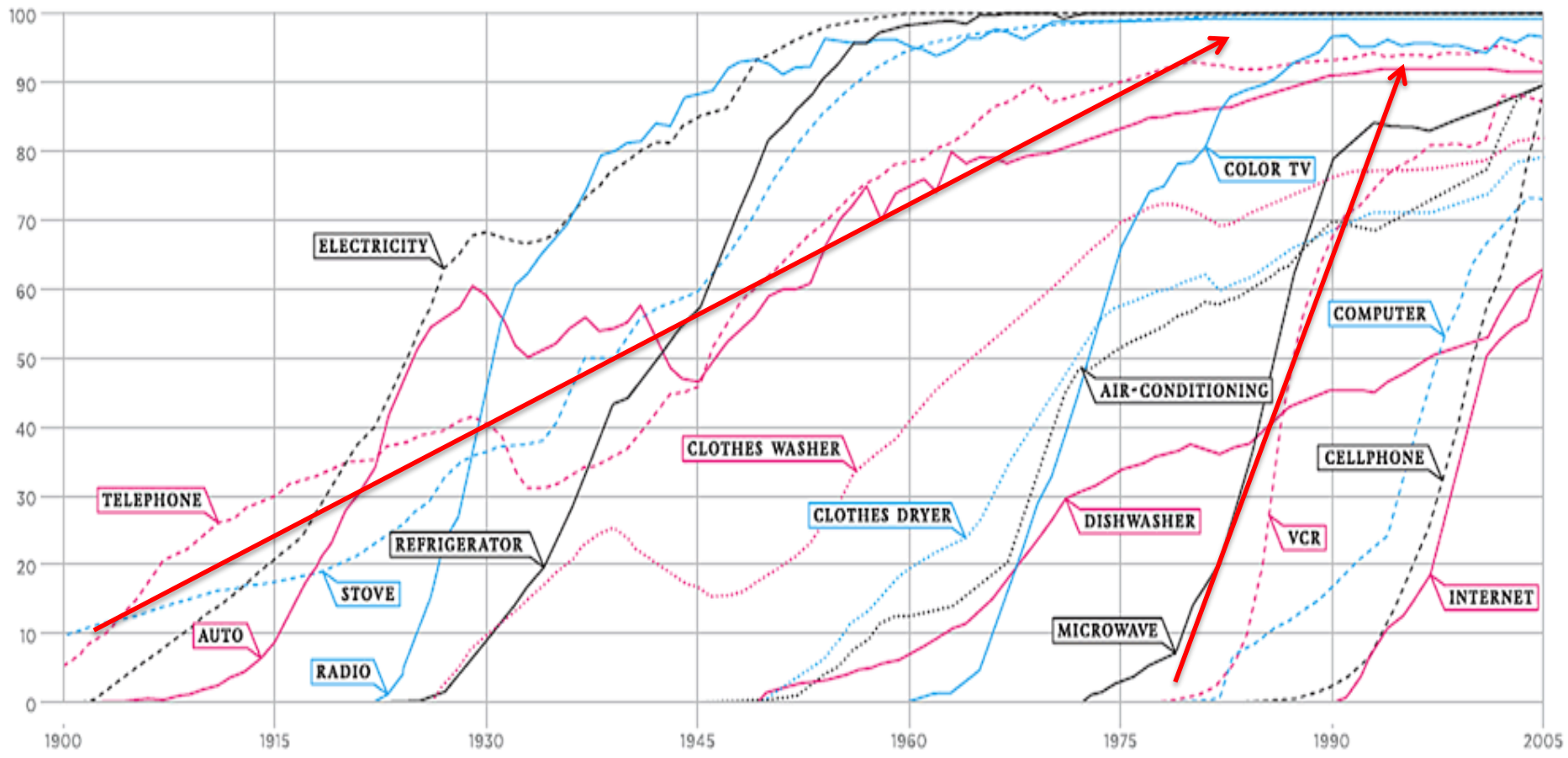


Globalization
Technological Innovation
Climate Change

Technology Adoption Rates Accelerate

PERCENT OF J.S. HOUSEHOLDS

CONSUMPTION SPREADS FASTER TODAY



Wireless Broadband IoT Age Is Upon Us



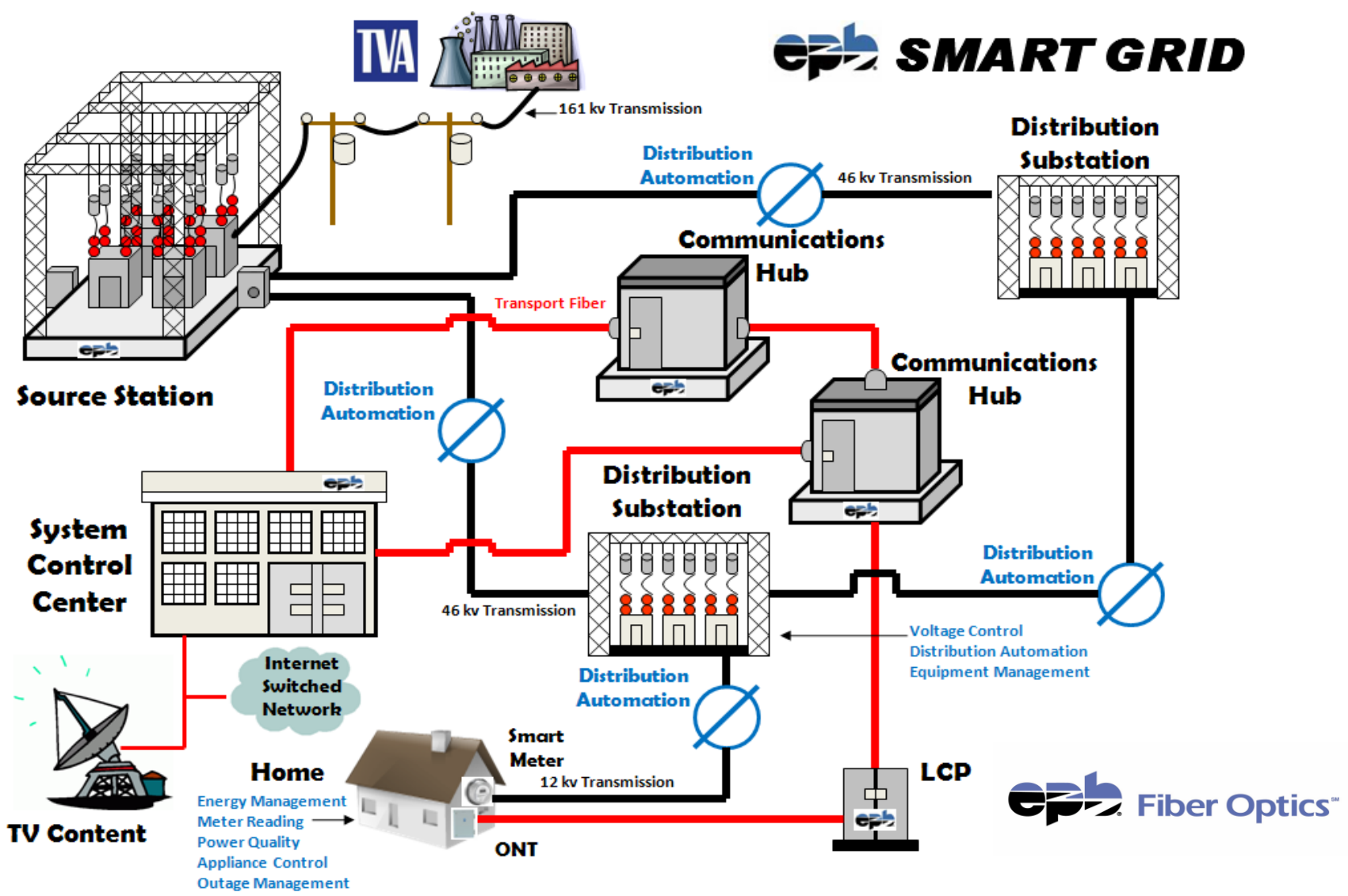
Papal Conclave 2005

Gigabit Speed Wireless Broadband Coming Soon in 2018-2019



Papal Conclave 2013

ENERGY and INTERNET NETWORKS



A New Generation of Smart Energy Appliances

2011



\$250

Artificial Intelligence

2015

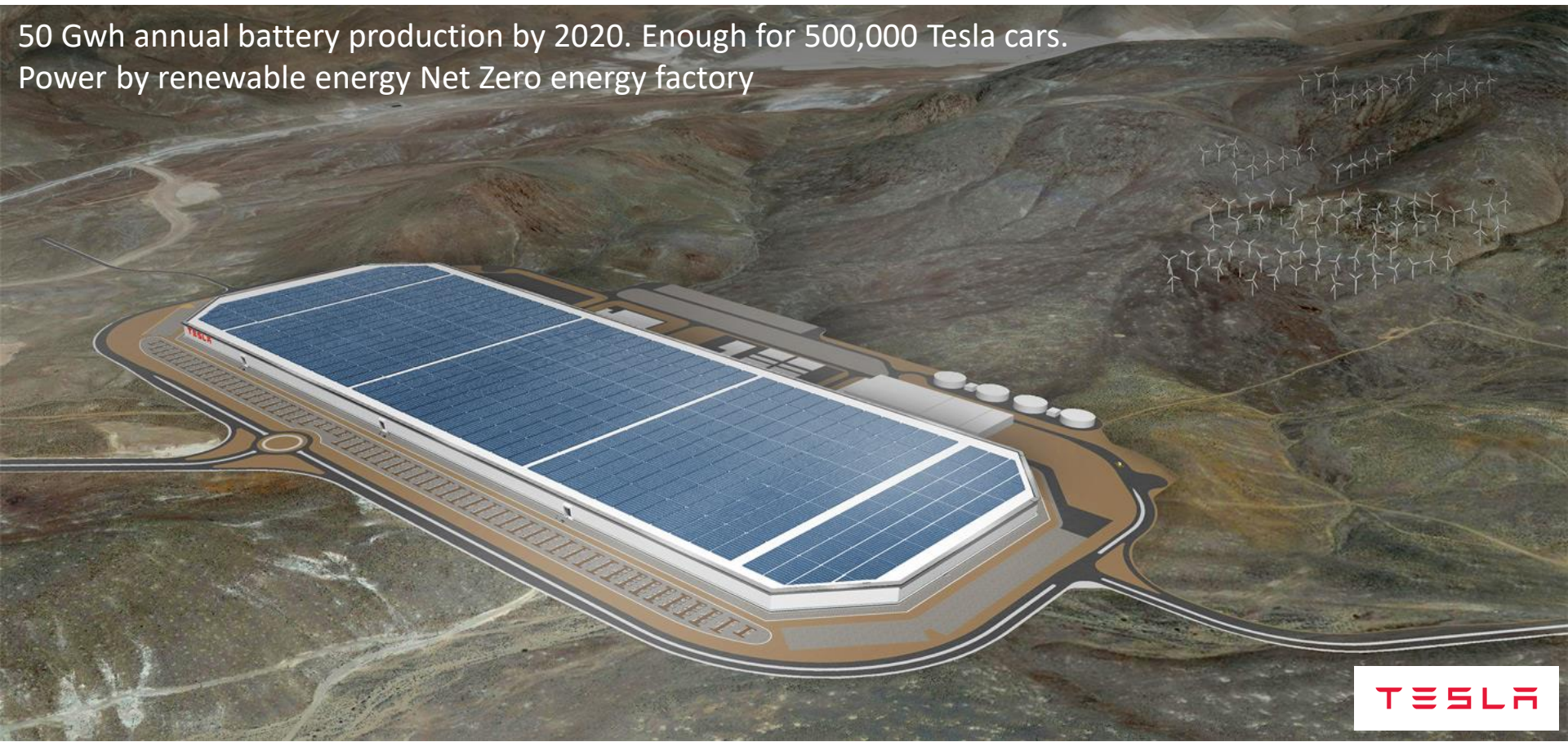


\$5000

5KWh

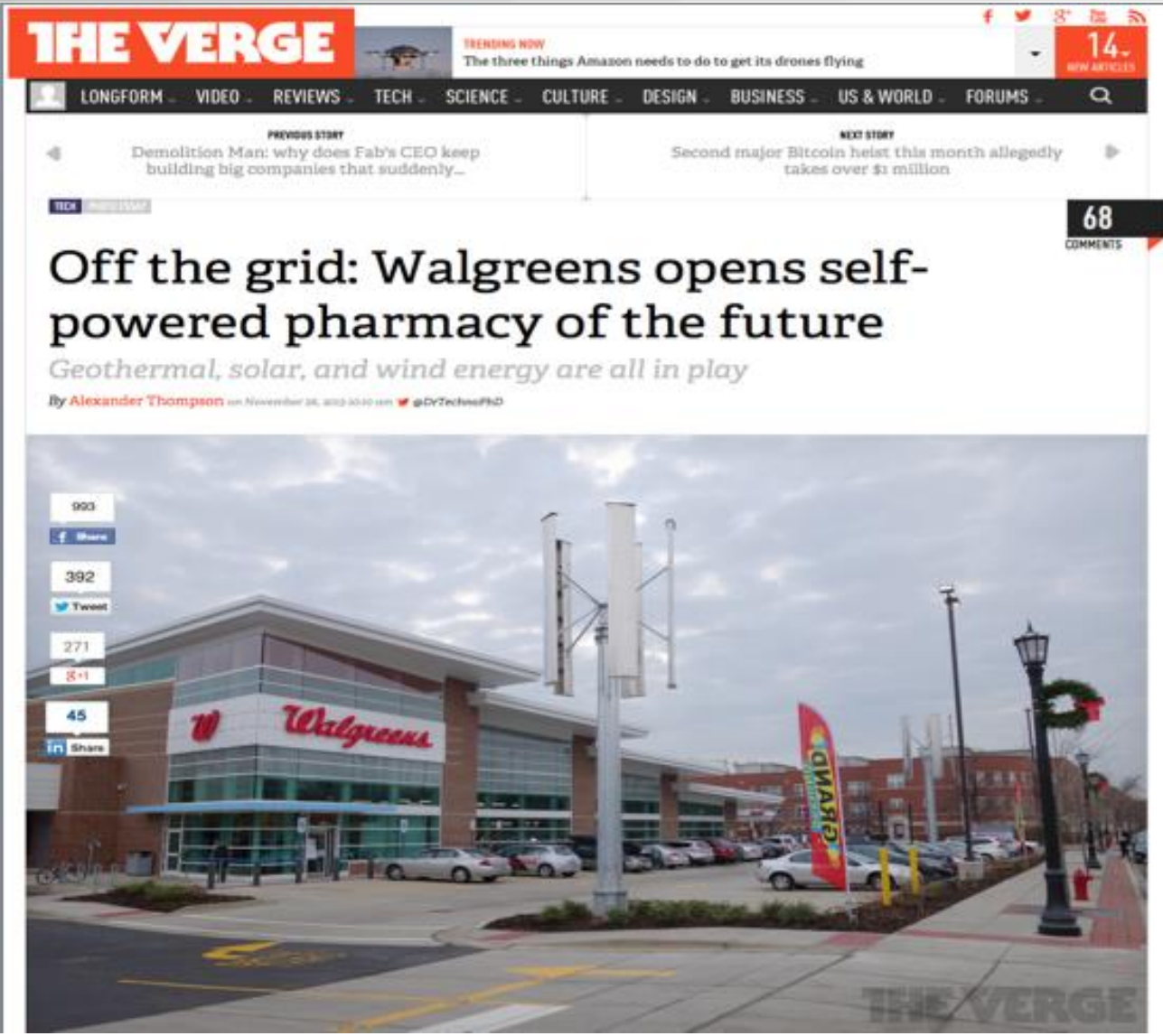
The New Industrial Customer

50 Gwh annual battery production by 2020. Enough for 500,000 Tesla cars.
Power by renewable energy Net Zero energy factory



If It Works It's A Game Changer?





THE VERGE TRENDING NOW The three things Amazon needs to do to get its drones flying 14 NEW ARTICLES

LONGFORM VIDEO REVIEWS TECH SCIENCE CULTURE DESIGN BUSINESS US & WORLD FORUMS

PREVIOUS STORY Demolition Man: why does Fab's CEO keep building big companies that suddenly... NEXT STORY Second major Bitcoin heist this month allegedly takes over \$1 million


68 COMMENTS

Off the grid: Walgreens opens self-powered pharmacy of the future

Geothermal, solar, and wind energy are all in play

By Alexander Thompson on November 26, 2013 10:10 am @DrTectonPHD

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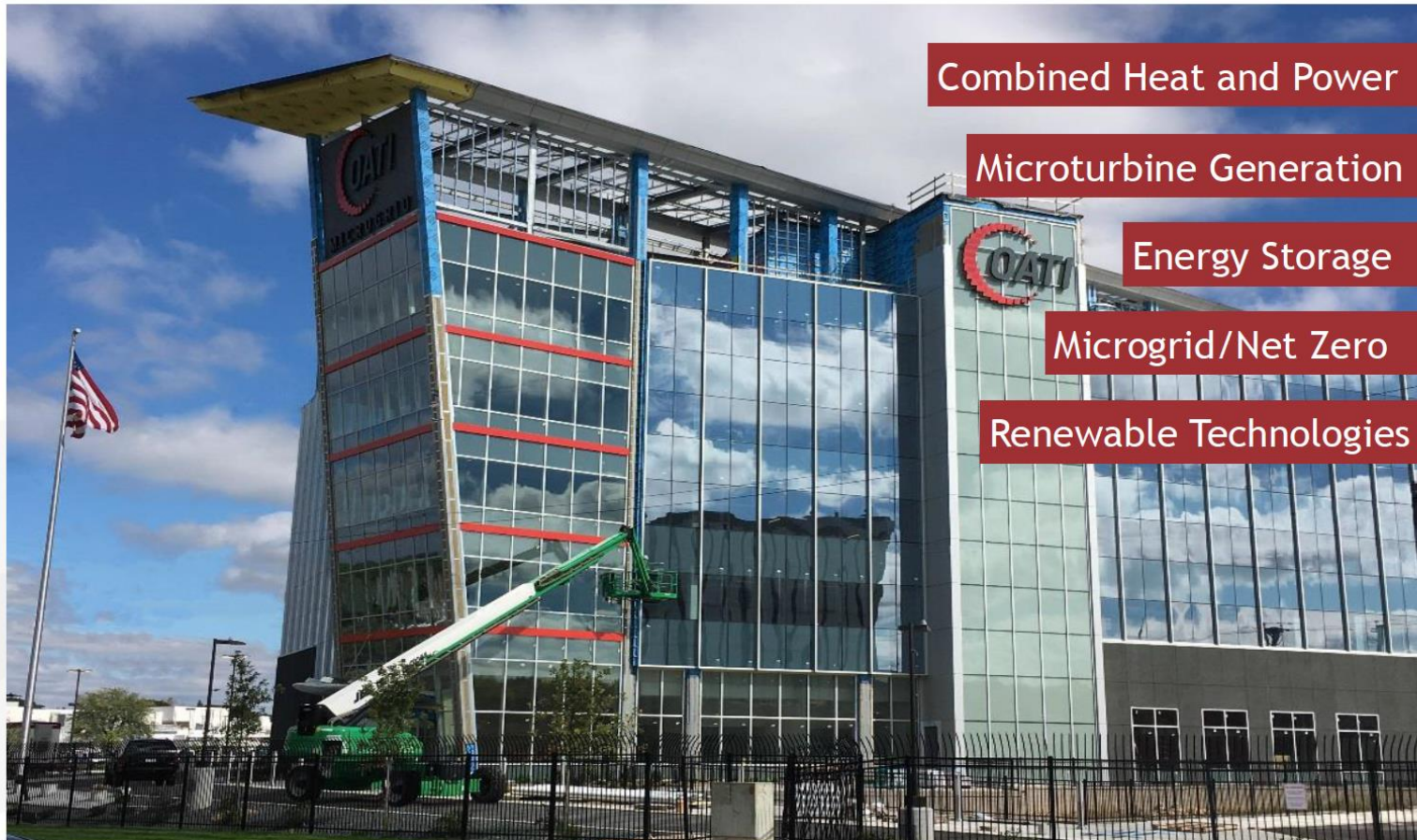
THE VERGE

New Commercial Customers Rising

Open 2013 Awards 2014 No FB Post 2015 



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Why Tesla's new solar roof tiles and home battery are such a big deal



New Residential Customers Rising

CORPORATE RENEWABLE ENERGY BUYERS' PRINCIPLES: INCREASING ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

65 COMPANIES

48 MILLION MWH OF DEMAND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

\$5 TRILLION IN MARKET CAP



Some Partner With The Electric Company



Some Do It On Their Own



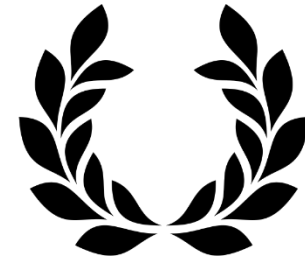
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Or Hire An Energy Service Company



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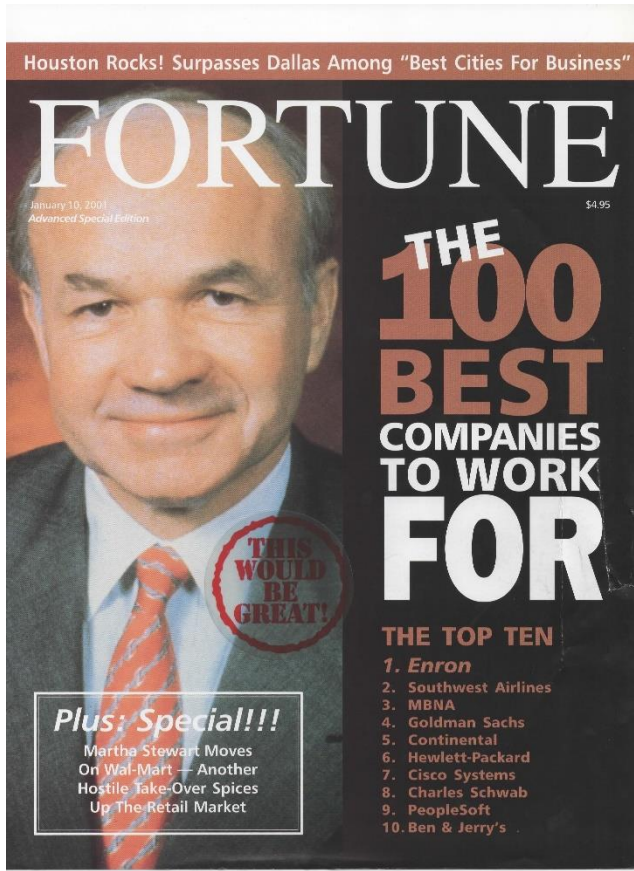
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RESORT AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS

An MGM Resorts Luxury Destination

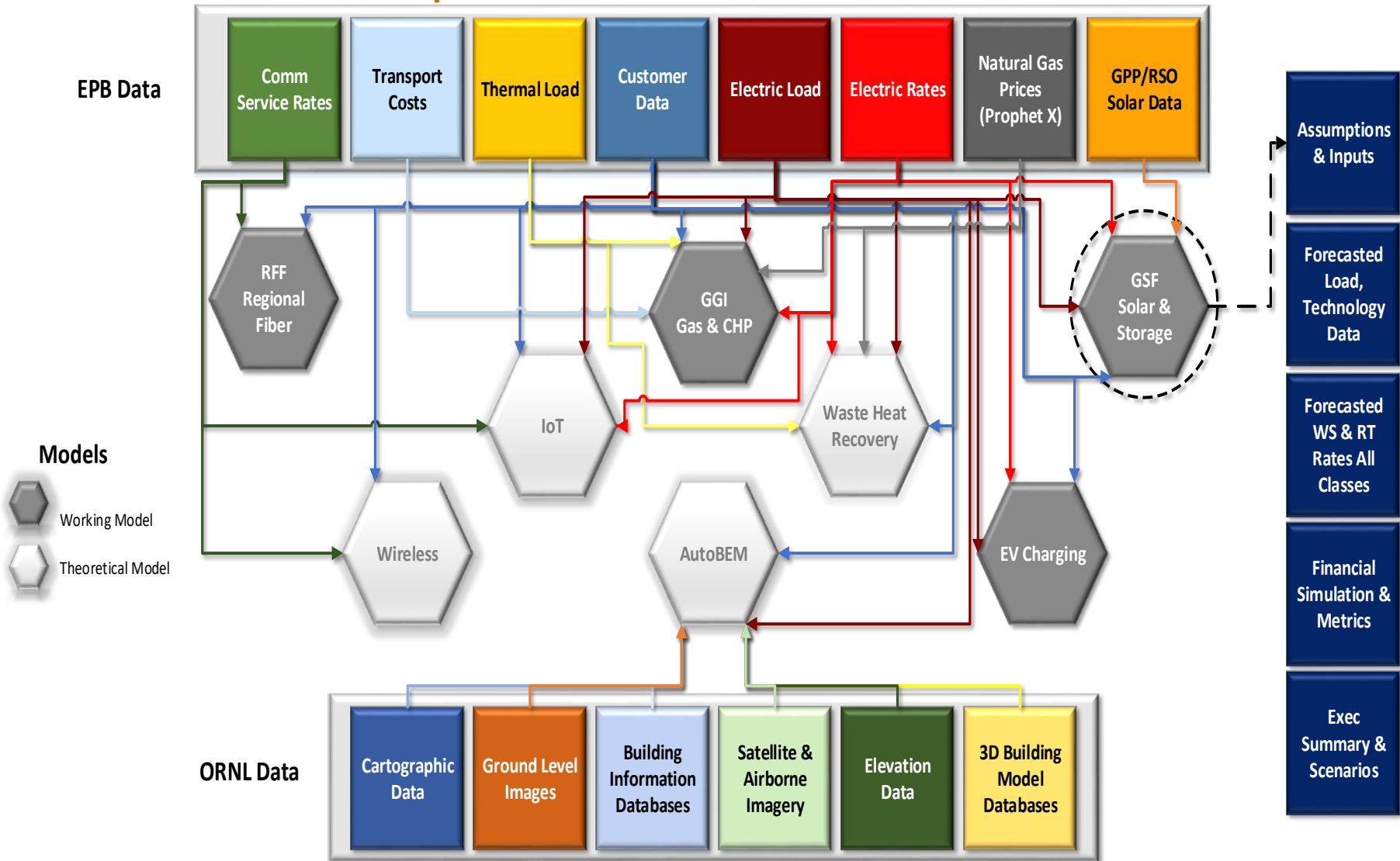




Who Can You Trust? DOE BTO AUTOBEM Can Be an Answer



Power Heat Optimization & Electric Network Investment Model X



TESLA
POWERWALL
CERTIFIED INSTALLER



amazon echo



Where do Americans turn
for answers we can
trust?



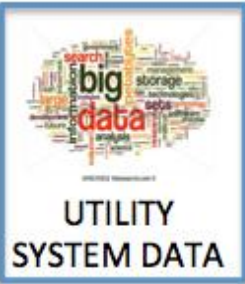
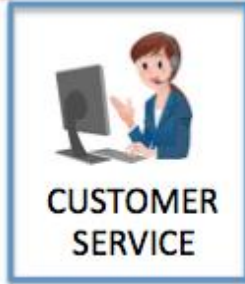
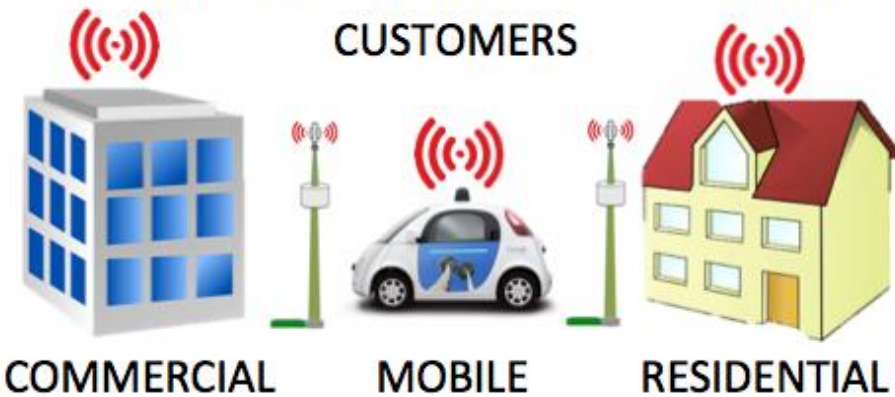
Who Will Die



THE UTILITY OF THE FUTURE AT THE CUSTOMER PREMISE



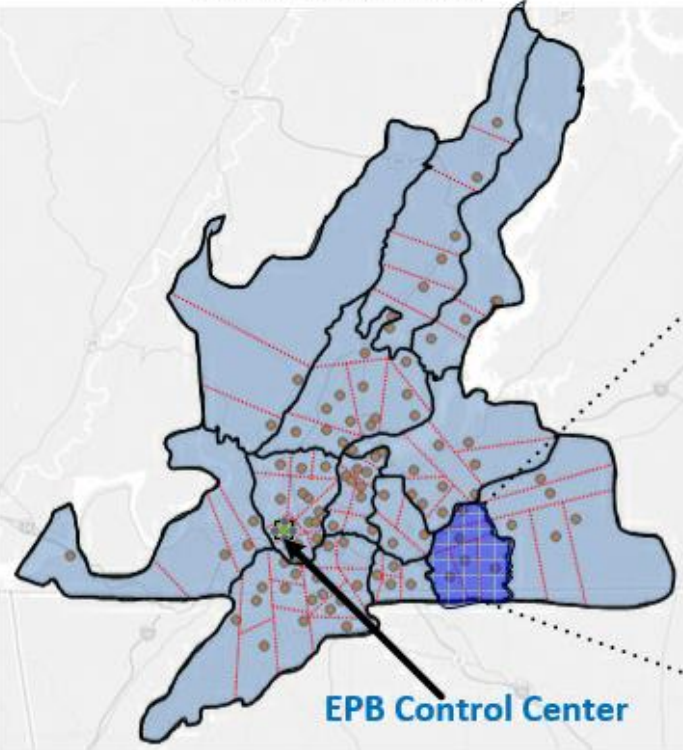
COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE SERVICE MODEL CUSTOMERS



Control and Manage Load Factor Is The Key

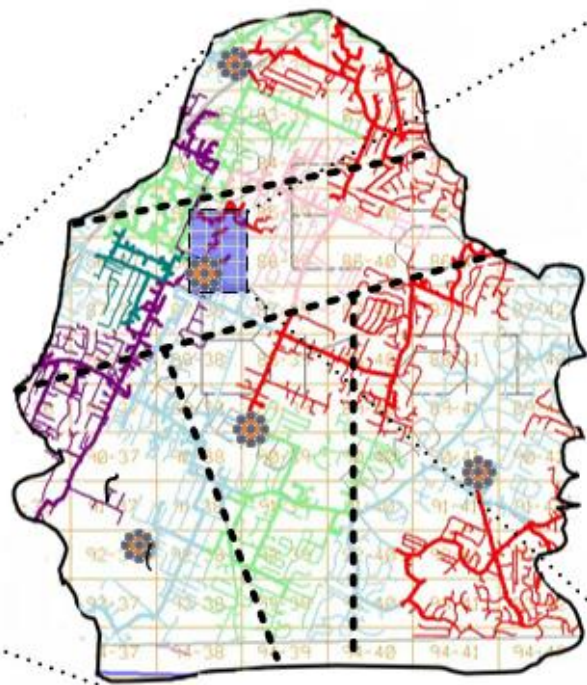
AUTOBEM = MANAGE LOAD FACTOR

ELECTRIC SYSTEM



**111 SUBSTATIONS
336 FEEDERS
166,000 BUILDINGS**

CIRCUITS

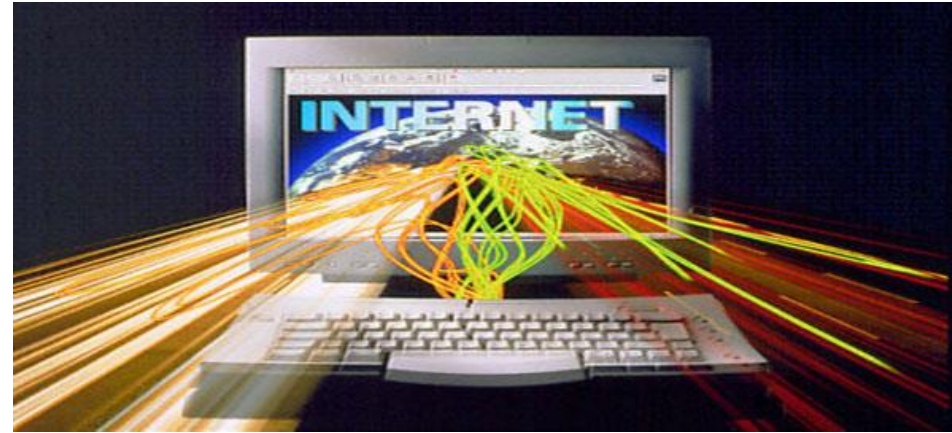


**MICROGRID
UTILITY SCALE
GENERATION/STORAGE/
ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

CUSTOMER



DARPA'S INTERNET CHANGED THE WORLD



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY



AUTOBEM COULD BE THE NEXT GAME CHANGER

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• Career

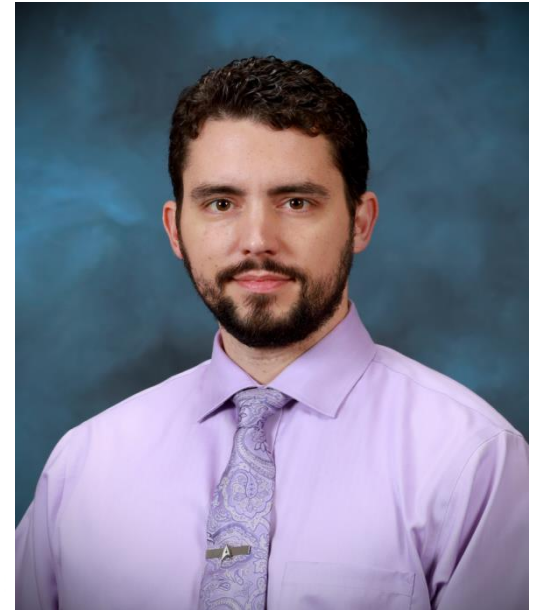
- 2009+ Oak Ridge National Laboratory, R&D staff
 - ETSD, Building Technology Research & Integration Center (BTRIC), Building Envelope & Urban Systems Research Group (BEUSR)
- 2012+ The University of Tennessee, Joint Faculty

• Education

- The University of TN, (2004-2009), Knoxville; Ph.D. Comp. Sci.
- Jacksonville State University, AL (1997-2001, 2001-2004)
M.S. Systems&Software Design, double-B.S. Computer Science and Mathematics, Physics minor

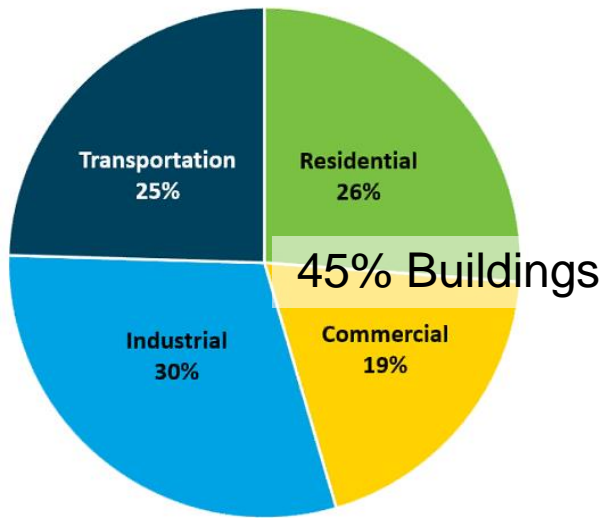
• Professional Involvement

- IEEE, Senior Member
- ASHRAE, defines international building codes
 - TC1.5, Computer Applications, Voting member and officer
 - TC4.7, Energy Calculations, Voting member and officer
 - TC4.2, Climatic Information, Voting member and officer
 - SSPC169, Weather Data for Building Design Standards (24% of page count of building code), Voting member
 - SSPC140 and ASHRAE Guideline 14 involvement

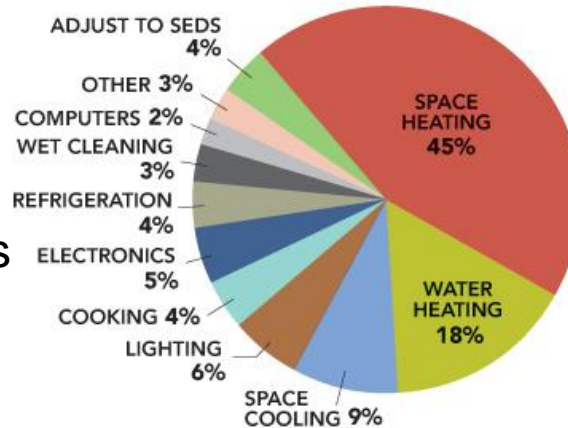


Energy Consumption and Production

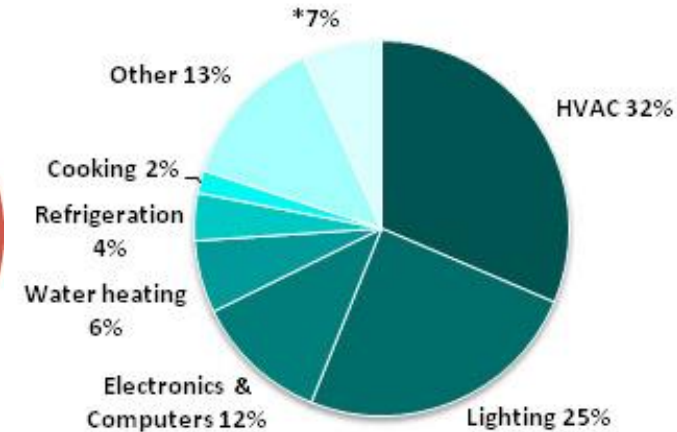
U.S. Energy Consumption by Sector



RESIDENTIAL SITE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY END USE



Commercial Site Energy Consumption by End Use



Buildings consume 73% of the nation's electricity

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, January 2016 to January 2017, [Monthly Energy Review – Table 2.1.](#)

124 million U.S. buildings
\$385 billion/yr energy bills

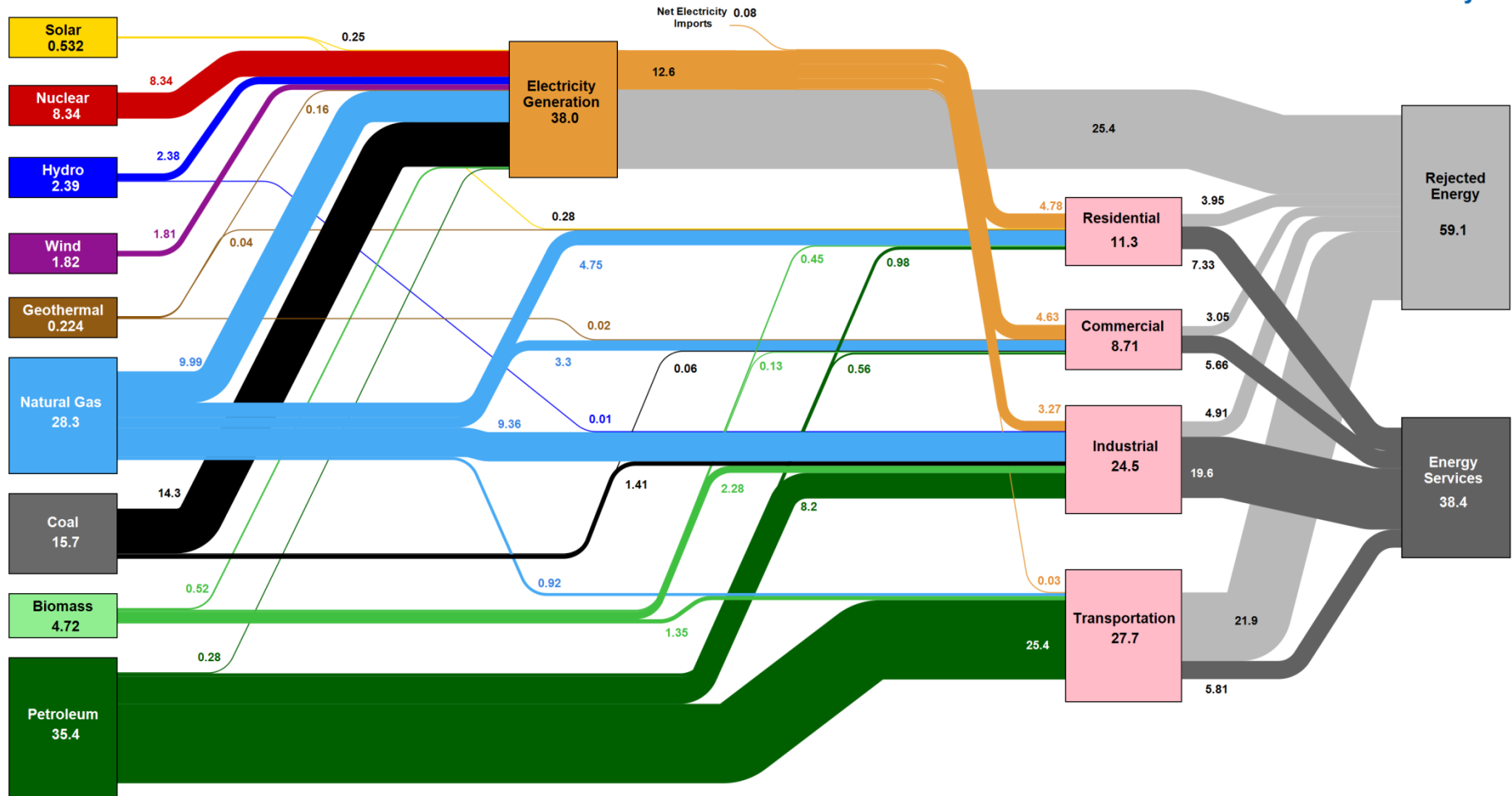
Goal of the DOE
Building Technologies Office:
45% energy reduction per sq. ft.
by 2030 compared to 2010 baseline

Building Energy Modeling – building descriptions + weather = estimated building energy consumption

\$9B/yr – ESCO; \$7B/yr – utility EE
\$14B/yr – DR management systems
0.3% modified, BEM < 10% of those

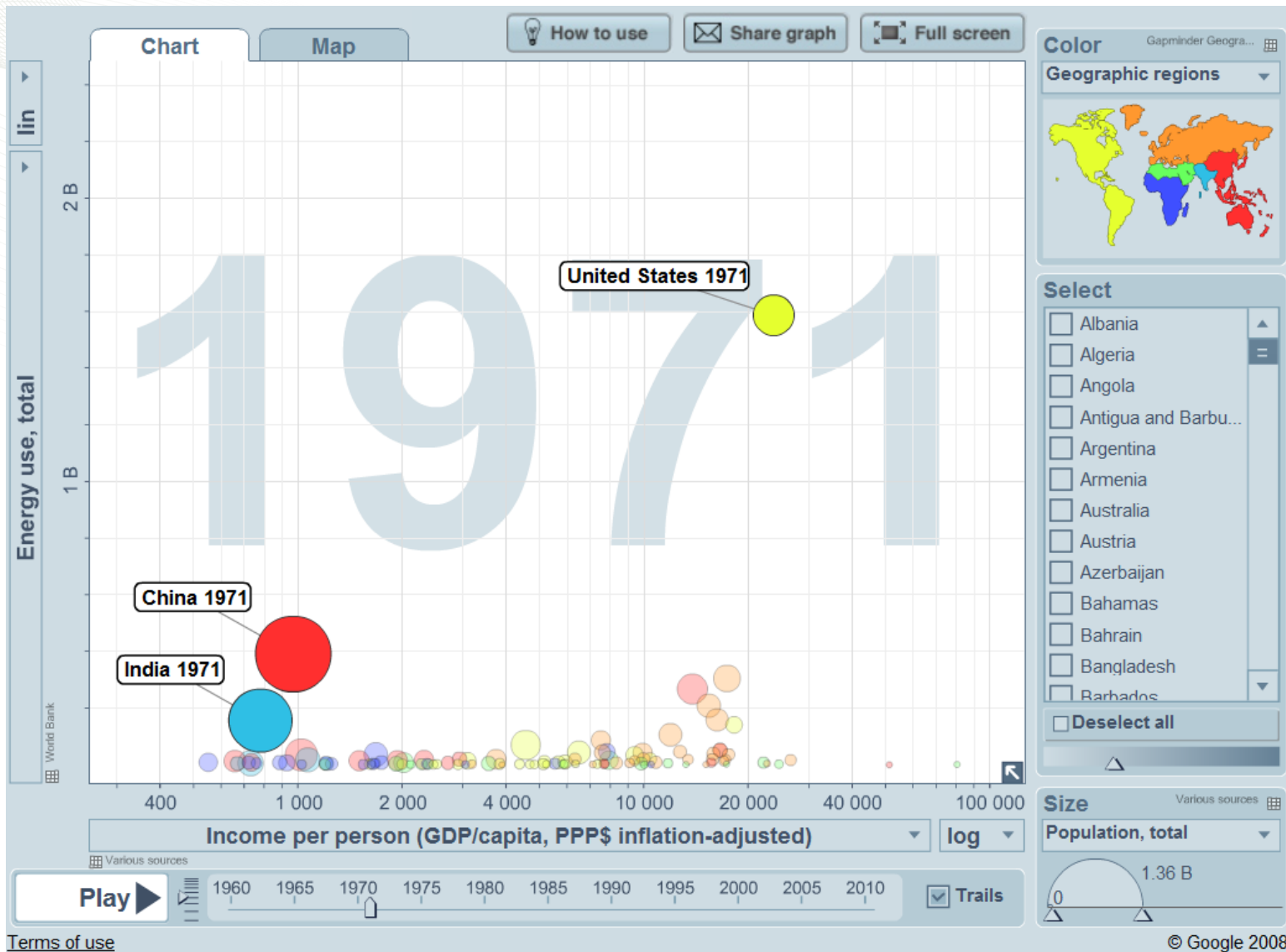
US Energy Consumption

Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2015: 97.5 Quads



Source: LLNL March, 2016. Data is based on DOE/EIA MER (2015). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 80% for the industrial sector, and 21% for the transportation sector. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent Rounding. LLNL-MI-410527

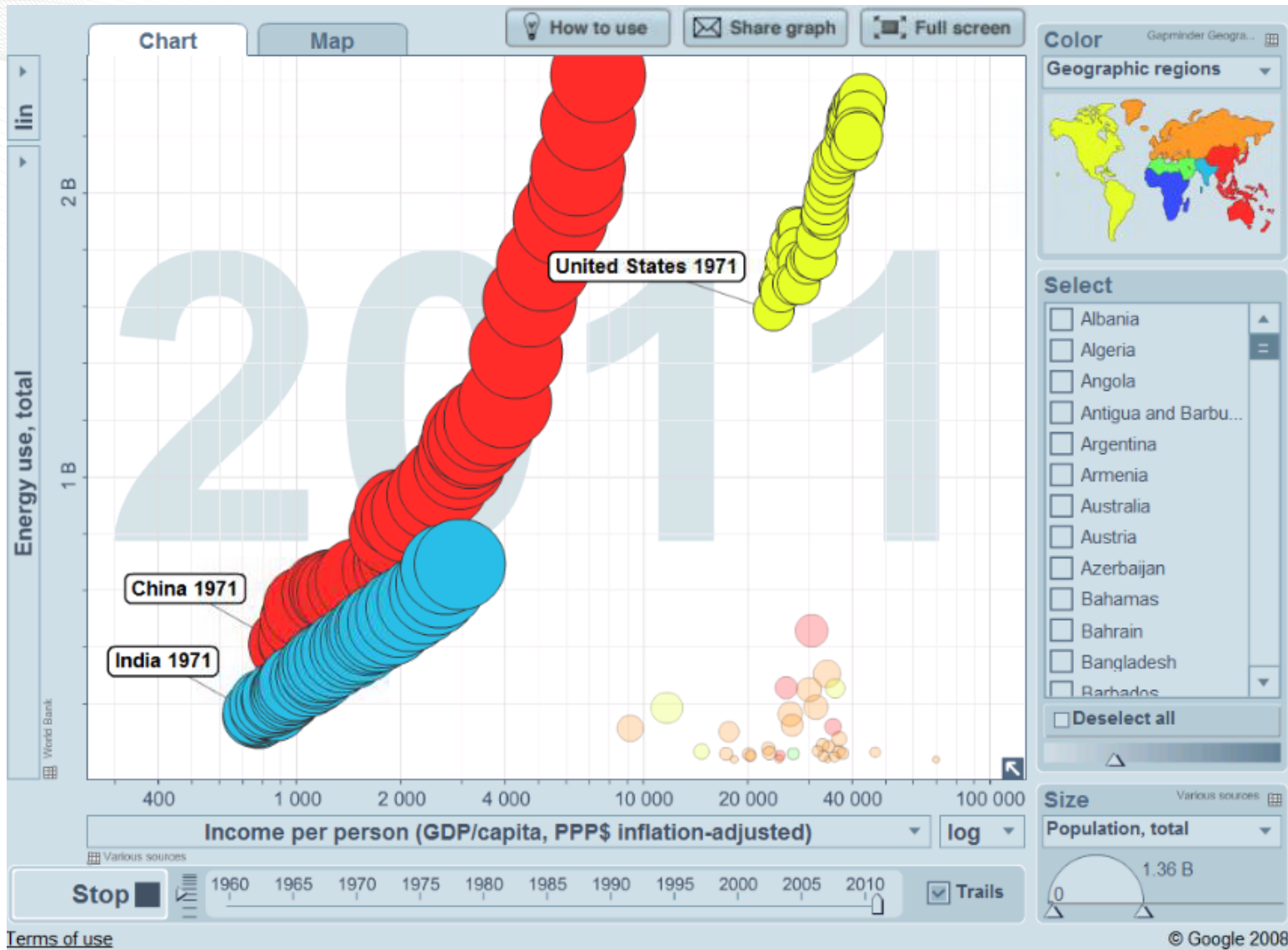
40 Years: Energy and Quality of Life



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A brief history of energy and life quality

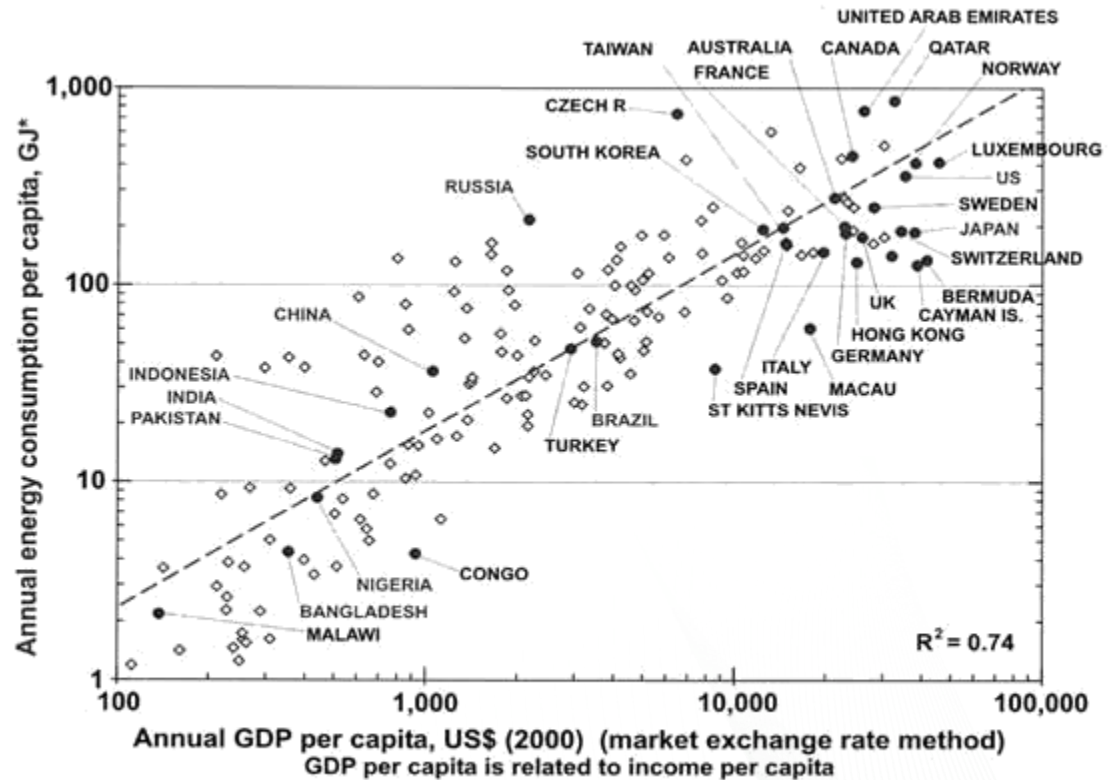


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Energy Efficiency and Sustainability - global

- Buildings in U.S.
 - 45% of primary energy & CO₂;
74% of electricity
- Buildings in China
 - 60% of building floor space in 2030 has yet to be built
- Buildings in India
 - 67% of building floor space in 2030 has yet to be built



*1,000,000,000 GJ = 1 EJ
1 GJ = 1,000,000,000 J

Source: Energy Information Administration
International Energy Annual 2003
July 8, 2005

Building Energy Modeling + Resilience of the Electric Grid + ASHRAE's Changing Climate Zones



ASHRAE Climate Zones

- Based on weather stations, most w/ 18+ yrs of quality data (1961-1990)

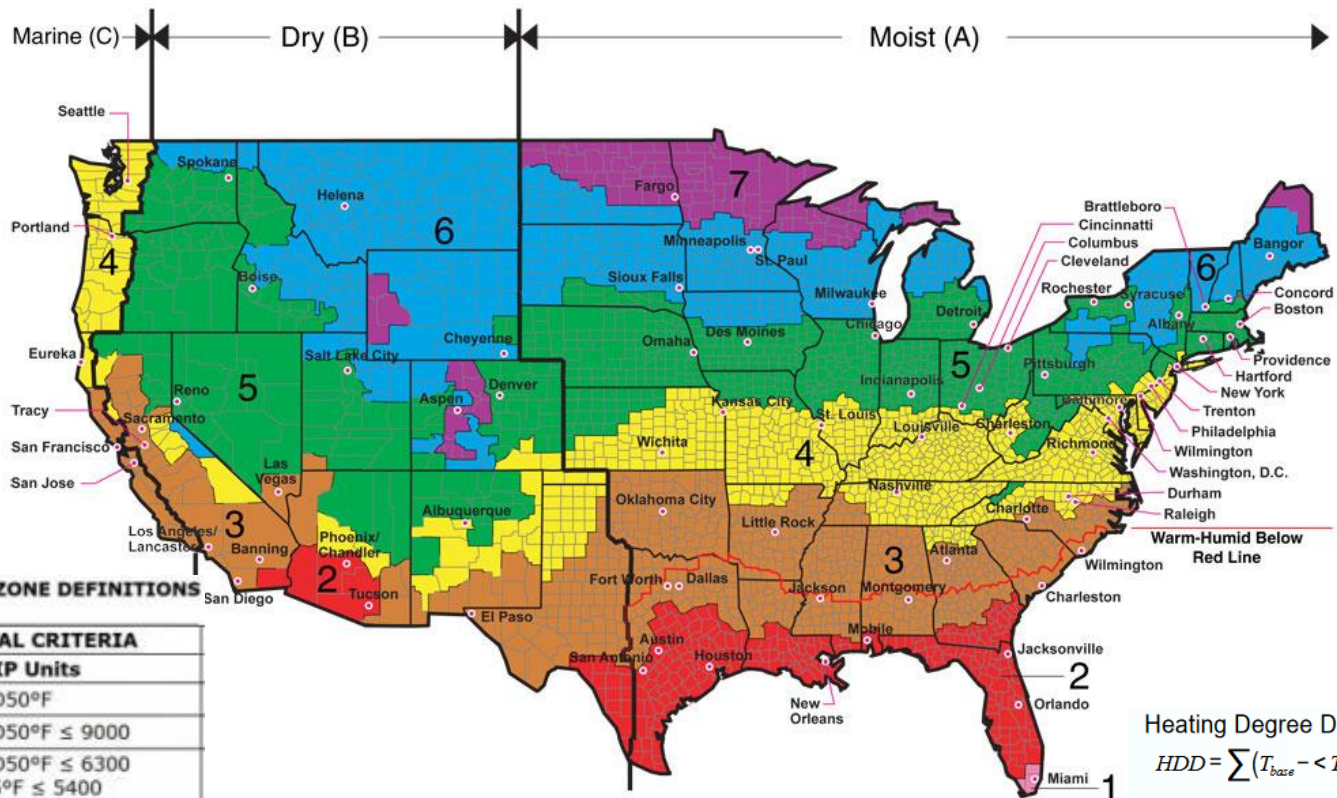


TABLE 301.3(2) INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS

ZONE NUMBER	THERMAL CRITERIA
	IP Units
1	9000 < CDD50°F
2	6300 < CDD50°F ≤ 9000
3A and 3B	4500 < CDD50°F ≤ 6300 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400
4A and 4B	CDD50°F ≤ 4500 AND HDD65°F ≤ 5400
3C	HDD65°F ≤ 3600
4C	3600 < HDD65°F ≤ 5400
5	5400 < HDD65°F ≤ 7200
6	7200 < HDD65°F ≤ 9000
7	9000 < HDD65°F ≤ 12600
8	12600 < HDD65°F

Updated every 4 years (2021)

Climate Zone 0 (extremely hot):
10,800 < CDD 50°F

Int'l Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
adopts for 2018 code

Heating Degree Days:

$$HDD = \sum (T_{base} - <T_i >)^+$$

$$T_{base} = 18^\circ\text{C} (65^\circ\text{F})$$

Cooling Degree Days:

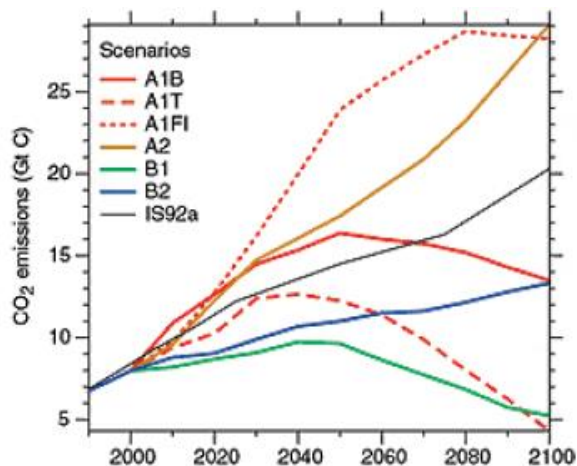
$$CDD = \sum (<T_i > - T_{base})^+$$

$$T_{base} = 10^\circ\text{C} (50^\circ\text{F})$$

Redefine CZs using model data

- Resolution: 2 km x 2 km grid cells
- Extent: Continental United States
- Present Conditions (1950-2000): WorldClim
- Future conditions (2050, 2100): PCM and Hadley GCMs; for multiple scenarios (IPCC AR4 A1FI, B1)

1. Precipitation during the hottest quarter
2. Precipitation during the coldest quarter
3. Precipitation during the driest quarter
4. Precipitation during the wettest quarter
5. Ratio of precipitation to potential evapotranspiration
6. Temperature during the coldest quarter
7. Temperature during the hottest quarter
8. Sum of monthly Tavg where Tavg \geq 5 deg C
9. Integer number of consecutive months where Tavg \geq 5 deg C (Length of potential growing season)
10. Solar interception
11. Day/night diurnal temperature difference
12. Elevation



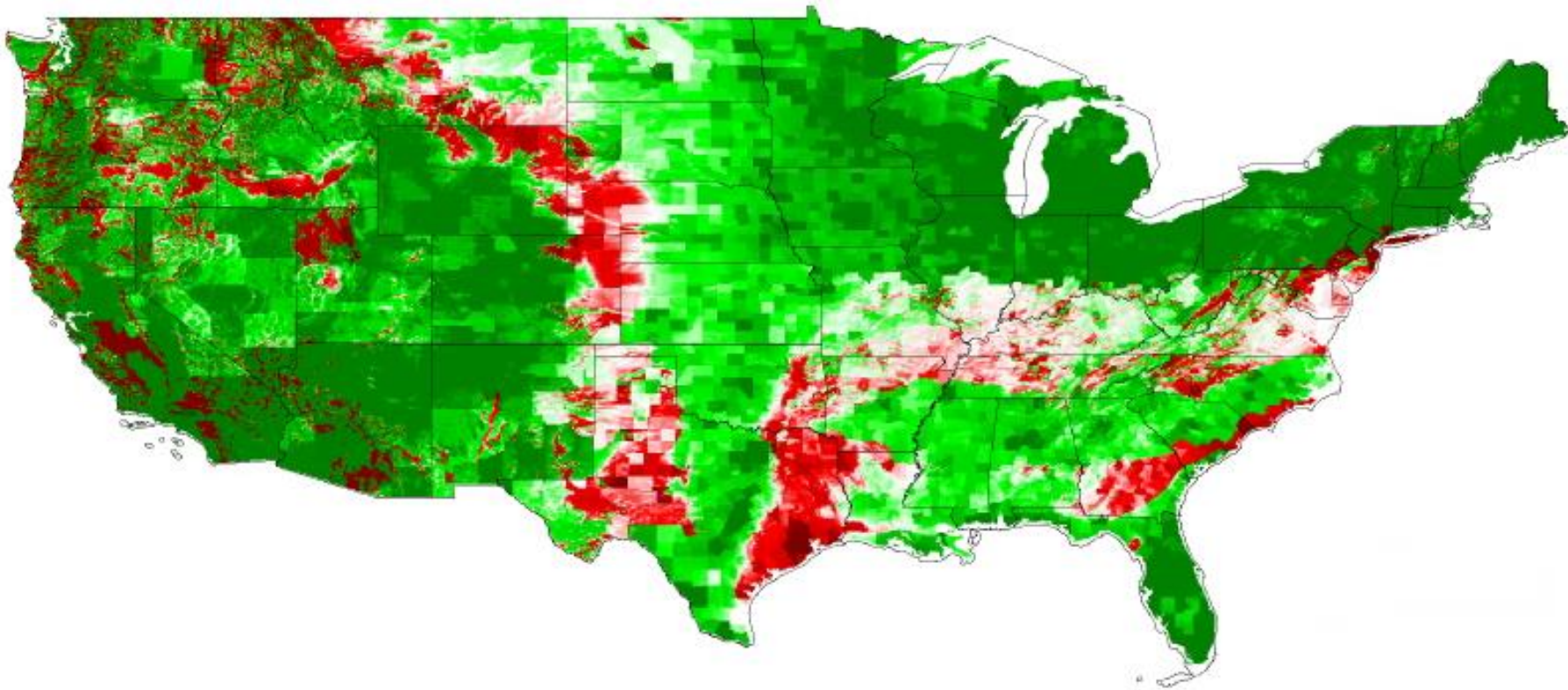
- 12 energy-related variables
 - Temperature
 - Humidity
 - Radiation
 - Elevation

Contemporary period (WorldClim)



Building-adjusted CZ improvement

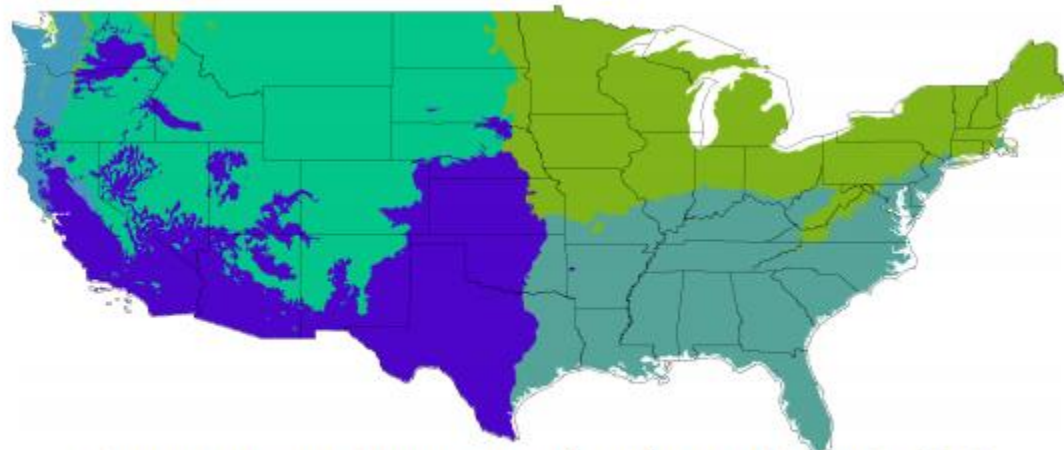
- What other (e.g. political) variables should be included?
- How could the nation's energy security and critical infrastructure resiliency be improved by incorporating future scenarios into the built environment?
- **How much energy and \$ could be saved by having a forward-looking climate-aware building code?**



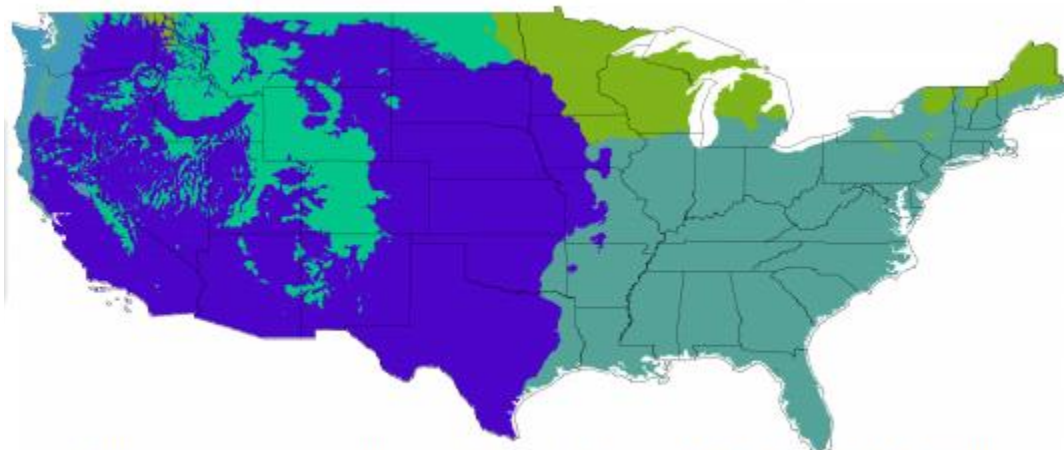
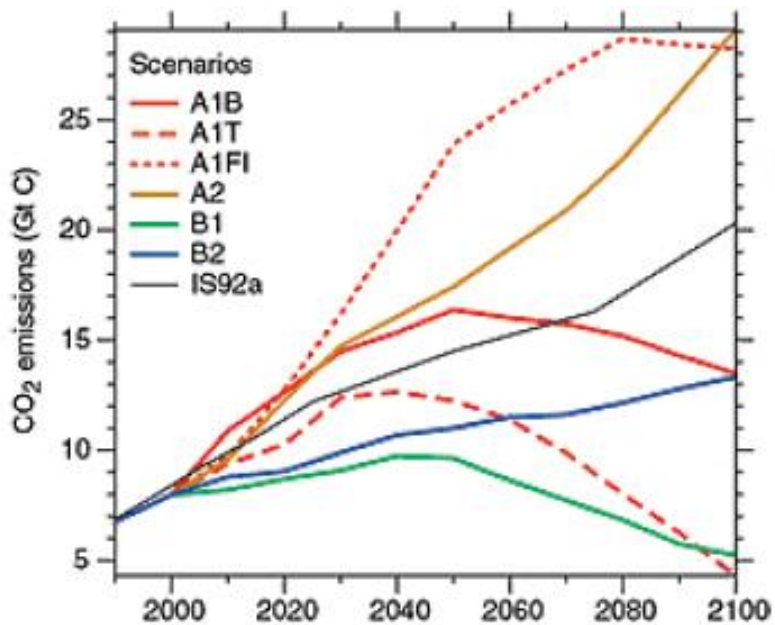
Climate Change Impacts



Contemporary Period



Clustering-based Climate Zones (K=5): HadGCM A1FI 2050



Clustering-based Climate Zones (K=5): HadGCM A1FI 2100

Building Energy Modeling

+
Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings

+
New Energy Market
(save $x \pm y$ at confidence level of z ,
time-sensitive value trades)



HPC scalability for desktop software

Titan is the world's fastest buildings energy model (BEM) simulator

>500k building simulations in <1 hour

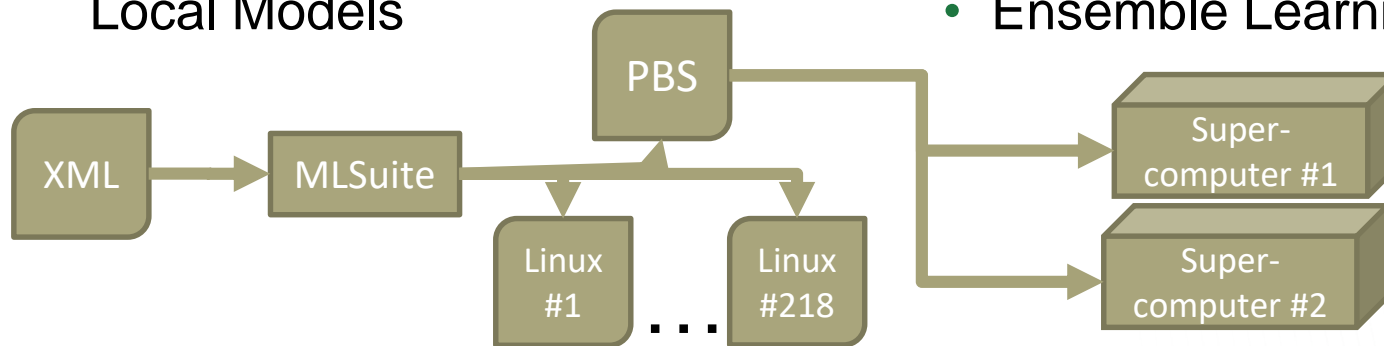
130M US buildings could be simulated in 2 weeks

8M simulations of DOE prototypes (270 TB)

CPU Cores	Wall-clock Time (mm:ss)	Data Size	EnergyPlus Simulations
16	18:14	5 GB	64
32	18:19	11 GB	128
64	18:34	22 GB	256
128	18:22	44 GB	512
256	20:30	88 GB	1,024
512	20:43	176 GB	2,048
1,024	21:03	351 GB	4,096
2,048	21:11	703 GB	8,192
4,096	20:00	1.4 TB	16,384
8,192	26:14	2.8 TB	32,768
16,384	26:11	5.6 TB	65,536
32,768	31:29	11.5 TB	131,072
65,536	44:52	23 TB	262,144
131,072	68:08	45 TB	524,288

MLSuite: HPC-enabled suite of Artificial Intel.

- Linear Regression
- Feedforward Neural Network
- Support Vector Machine Regression
- Non-Linear Regression
- K-Means with Local Models
- Gaussian Mixture Model with Local Models
- Self-Organizing Map with Local Models
- Regression Tree (using Information Gain)
- Time Modeling with Local Models
- Recurrent Neural Networks
- Genetic Algorithms
- Ensemble Learning



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Dr. Richard Edwards (doctoral student, now Amazon's ad analytics)***

Calibration Performance – automated M&V

National HPC Resources

Applied Research

Industry and building owners



High Performance Computing

- Different calibration algorithms
- Machine learning – big data mining
- Large-scale calibration tests



Features

- Calibrate any model to data
- Calibrates to the data you have (monthly utility bills to submetering)
- Runs on a laptop and in the cloud
- 35 Publications:
http://bit.ly/autotune_science
- Open source (GitHub):
http://bit.ly/autotune_code

Results

		ASHRAE G14 Requires	Autotune Results
Monthly utility data	CVR	15%	1.20%
	NMBE	5%	0.35%
Hourly utility data	CVR	30%	3.65%
	NMBE	10%	0.35%

Results of 20,000+ Autotune calibrations
(15 types, 47-282 tuned inputs each)

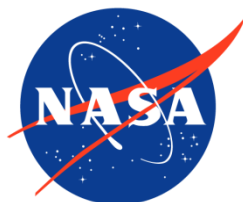
Other error metrics

Residential home	Tuned input avg. error
Within 30¢/day (actual use \$4.97/day)	Hourly – 8% Monthly – 15%
	3 bldgs, 8-79 inputs

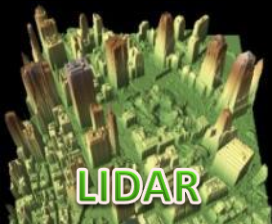
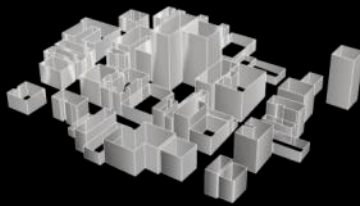
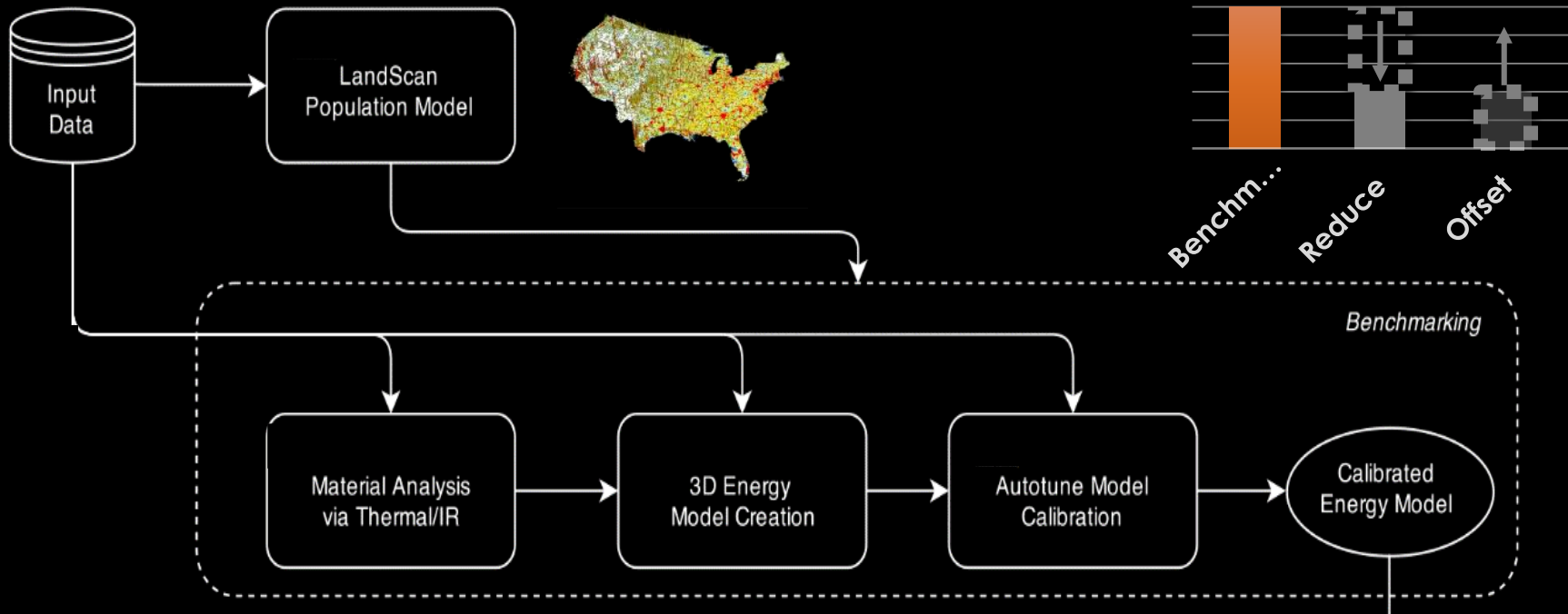
Leveraging HPC resources to calibrate models for optimized building efficiency decisions

Energy I-Corps/Lab-Corps

- Multiple organizations and countries using Autotune
- 6-week training program, commercialization of calibration software
 - Scientific method applied to the business model canvas
 - 115 interviews, evolve business model
 - Customer Segments: ESCOs and Utilities
 - Key technical gap: Utilities need a building energy model for every building in their service area



Model America 2020 – calibrated BEM for every U.S. building

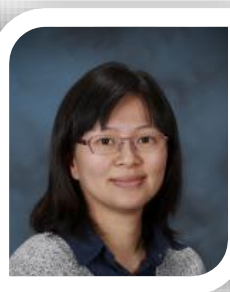
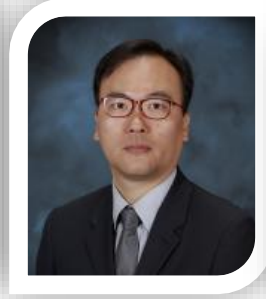
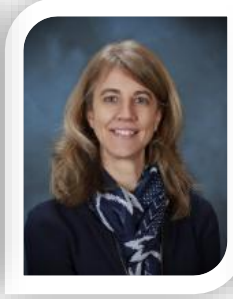
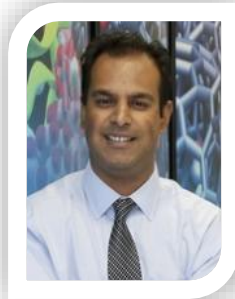


Building Energy Modeling + Automatic Building Energy Model creation (AutoBEM): Reimagining BEM in a world with HPC, Imagery, and Advanced Metering Infrastructure



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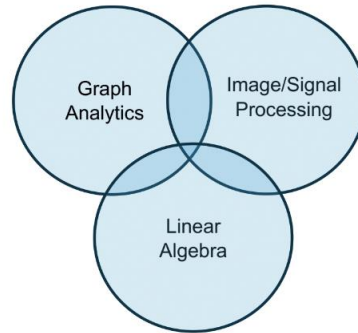
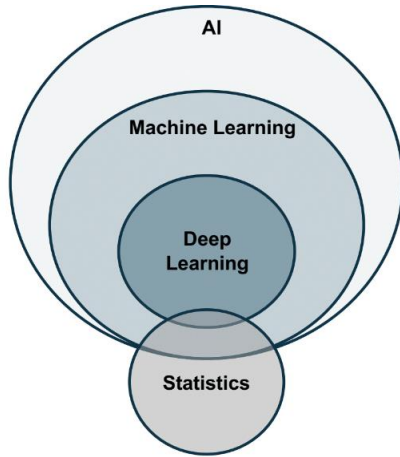


Data Sources

- Database and image sources for urban model generation
 - Satellite and airborne imagery
 - Cartographic data
 - Ground level images
 - Elevation data
 - Building information databases
 - 3D building model databases

	Short Title
Summary	Satellite imagery, including panchromatic and multispectral images
Data type	Image
Company	
Website	
Temporal resolution	Cities - 3-11 times per week
Spatial resolution	0.3 m
Measure accuracy	
Cost	\$11 per sq. km
Format	GeoTiff
Mapping to building input variables	Building footprints
Mapping to area properties	Vegetated areas, road surface, buildings, parking lots
Mapping to material properties	Road pavement materials (e.g., concrete, asphalt), parking lots (e.g., gravel, soil)
Coverage of US	Over 10 million km ² of coverage of the contiguous US
Orientation	Aerial
Existing internal software	N/A
Existing expertise	Remote sensing data analysis tool
Restrictions	N/A
Comments	

Computer Vision Overview



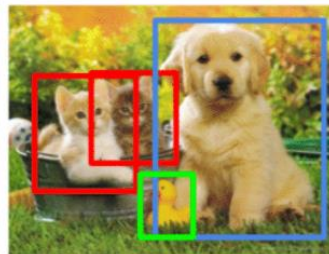
Classification



Classification + Localization



Object Detection



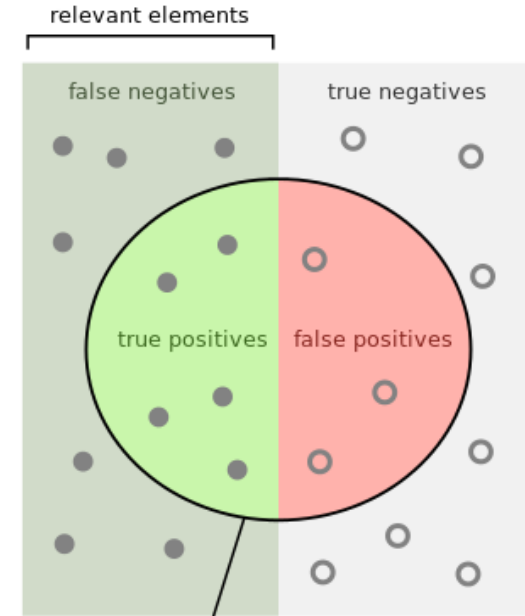
Instance Segmentation



precision: TP/cancer diagnoses

		Diagnosis	
		No cancer	Cancer
True state	No cancer	TN	FP
	Cancer	FN	TP

recall: TP/cancer true states



selected elements

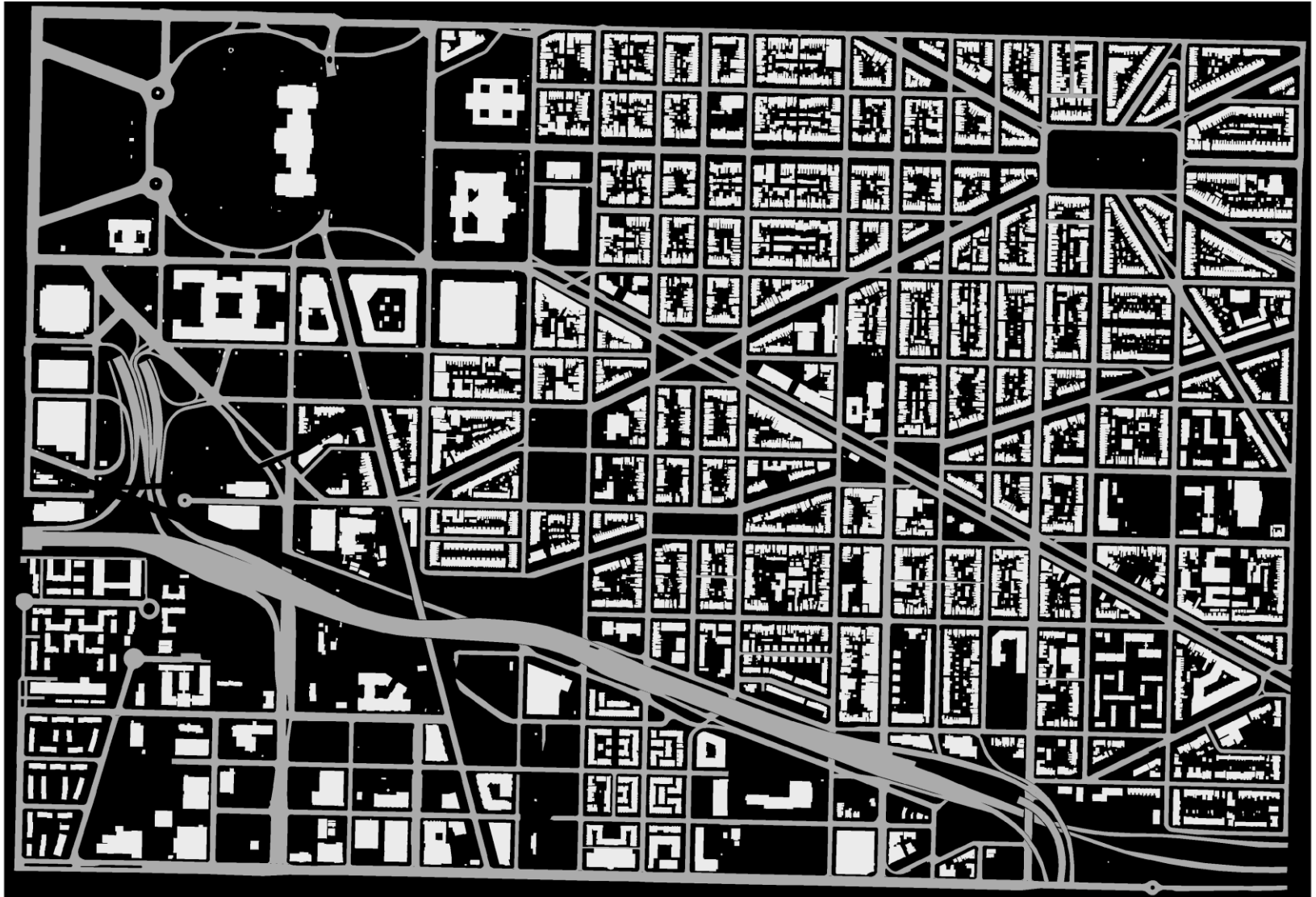
How many selected items are relevant?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{Green}}{\text{Green} + \text{Red}}$$

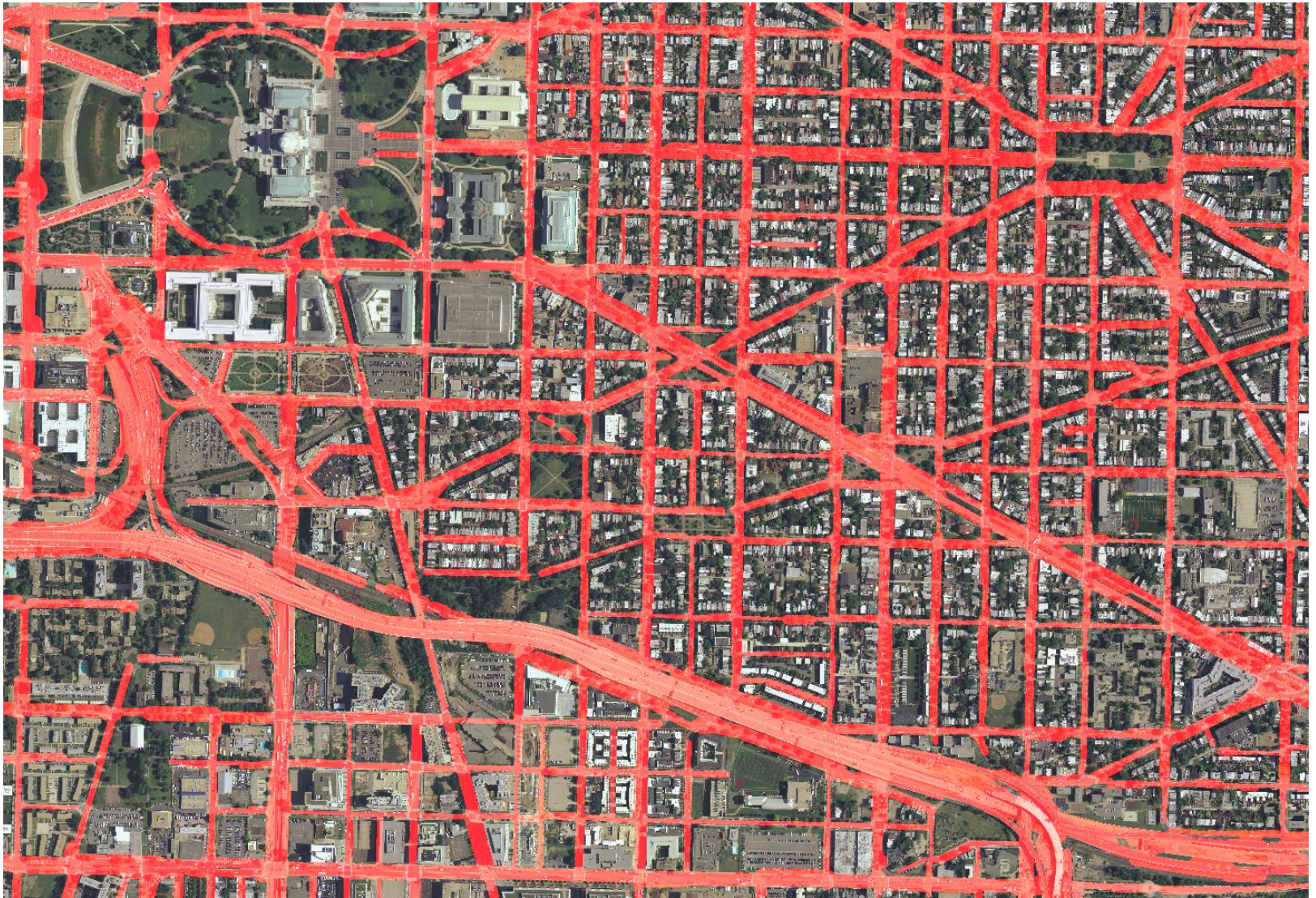
How many relevant items are selected?

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Green}}{\text{Green} + \text{Grey}}$$

Manual Segmentation of DC



Automatic Road Extraction



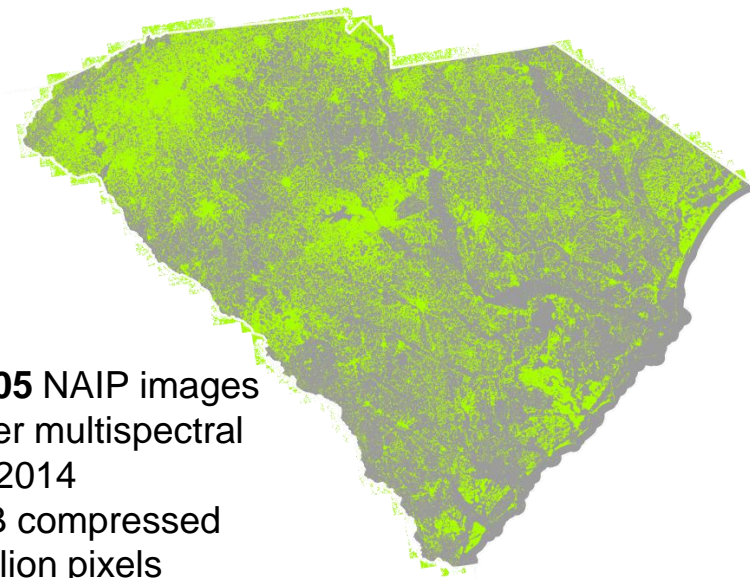
Automatic Building Footprint Extraction

Algorithm: Deep Learning extended and using GPUs for fast building footprint and area extraction over large geographical areas.



Multi-company Competition Precision/Recall – 30/35; Current Precision/Recall – 60+/60+

Automatic Building Footprint Extraction



- **220,005** NAIP images
- 1 meter multispectral
- 2012-2014
- 5.8 TB compressed
- 9.8 trillion pixels



Portland, OR (25,393 m²)
Imagery: June – July 2012
Lidar: September 2010





Frankfort, KY (14,801 m²)
Imagery: June 2012
Lidar: June 2011

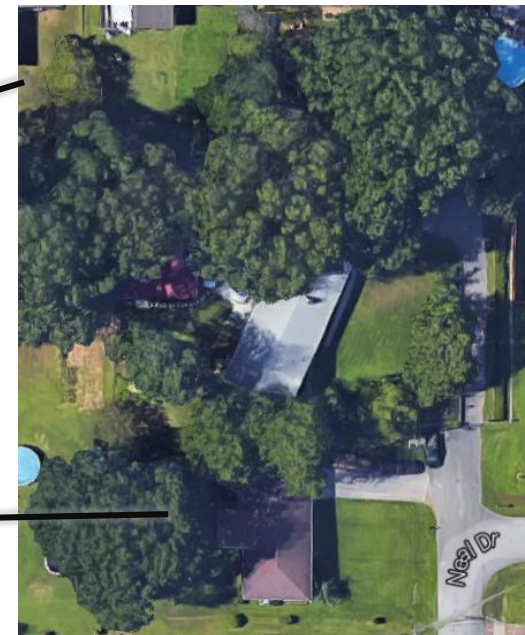


Part of Knox County, TN (18,527 m²)
Imagery: June 2012
Lidar: October 2014

Comparison to canonical data sets



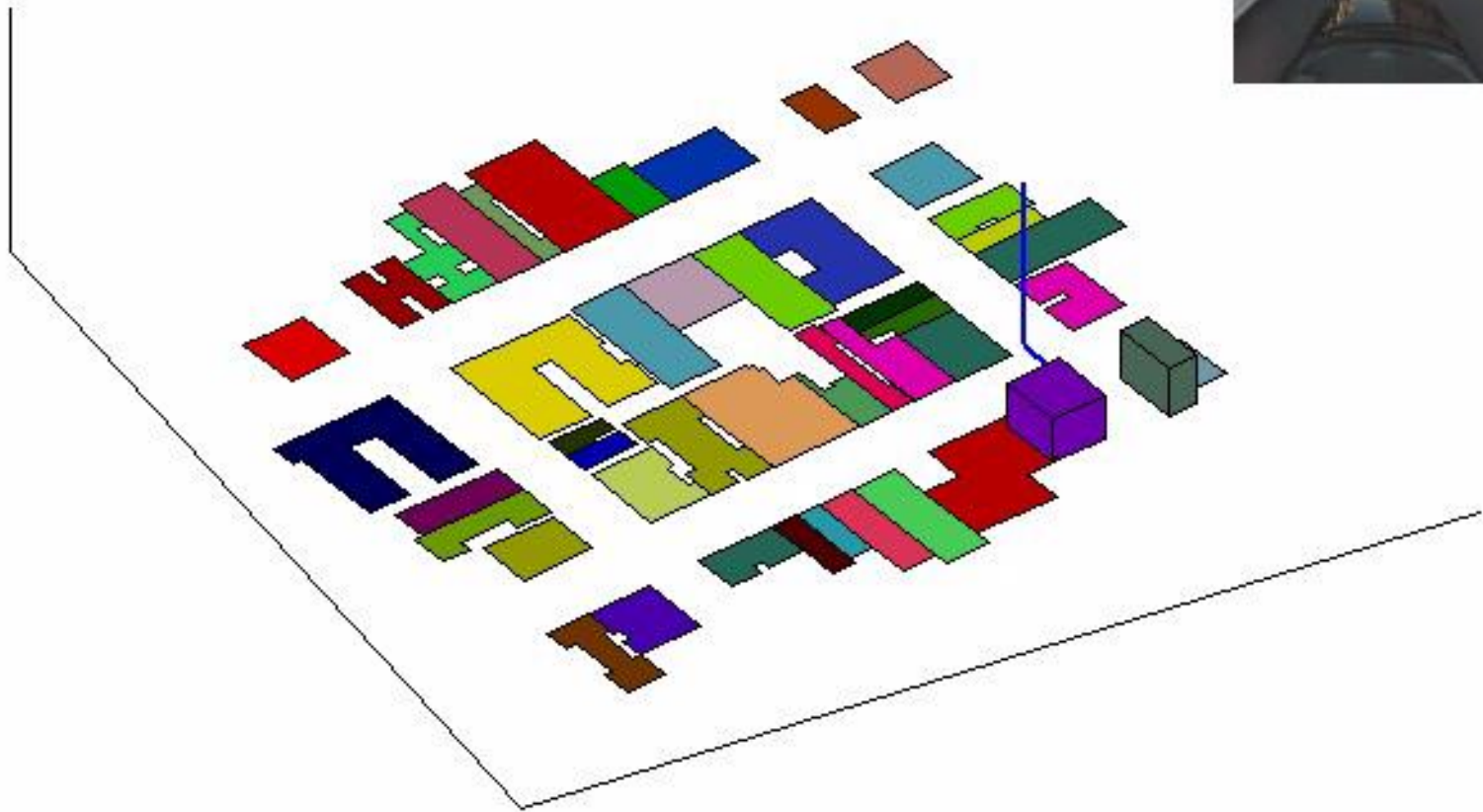
-  TNGIS Building Data
-  Lidar to Polygon



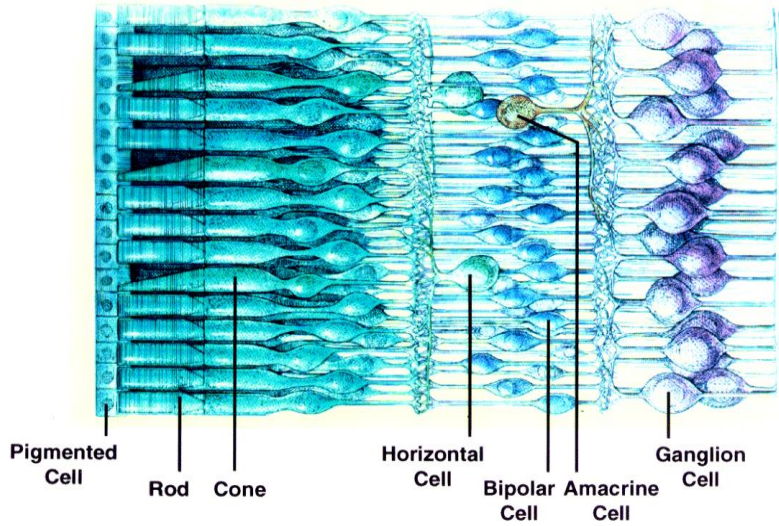
- Shapes are irregular.
- Trees block return hindering building classification by shape.

Processing Street-Level Imagery

3D Building Model Generation



Neurophysiologically-based imaged fusion



Multiband and Broadband Imagery
 Contrast Enhancement Adaptive Normalization ON & OFF Channels
 Single-Opponent Color-Contrast Temporal Change

$$x'_{ij} = -Ax_{ij} + (B - x_{ij})[CI^c]_{ij}$$

$$\text{Where: } -(D + x_{ij})[G_s * I^S]_{ij}$$

A – decay rate
 B – maximum activation level (set to 1)
 D – minimum activation level (set to 1)
 I^c – excitatory input
 I^s – lateral inhibitory input
 C and G_s are as follows:

$$G_{(x,y)} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

2D Shunt Operator Symbol



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$$\text{Where: } -(D + x_{ijk})[G_s * I^S]_{ijk}$$

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 C, G_c and G_s are as follows:

$$G_{(x,y,z)} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

3D Shunt Operator Symbol

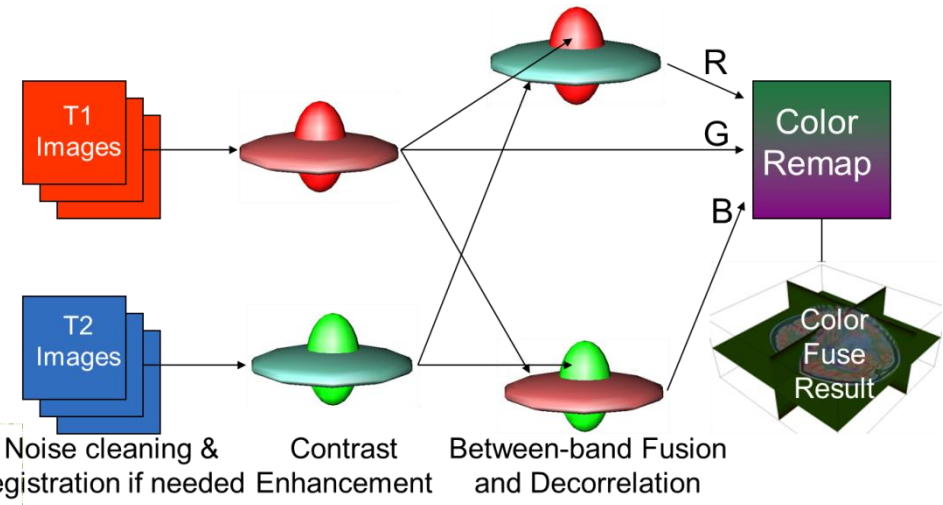
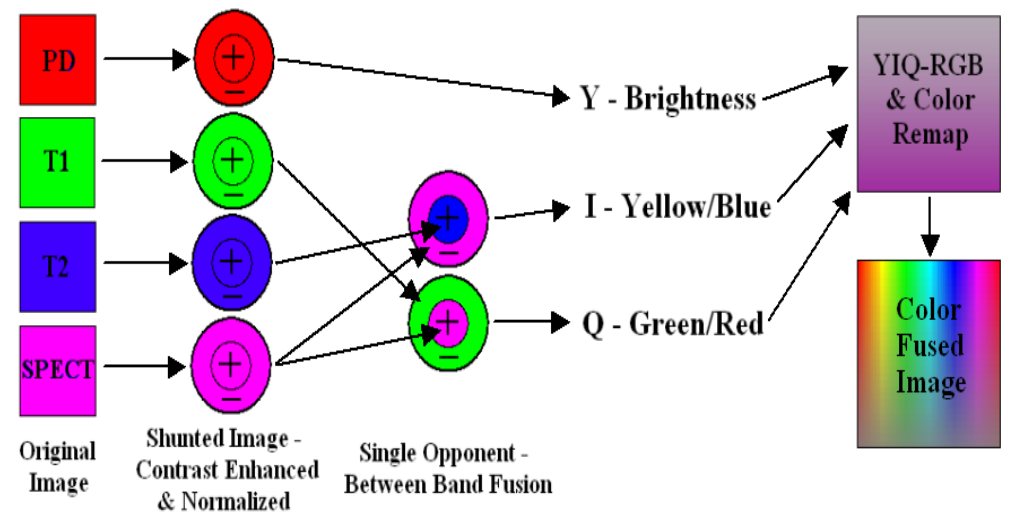
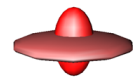
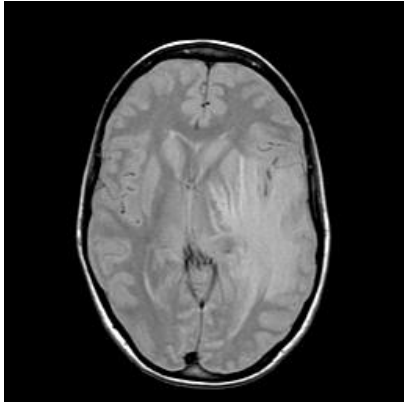
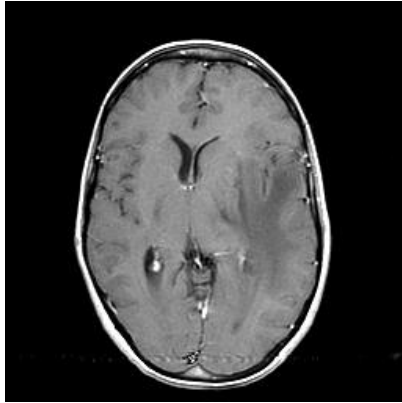


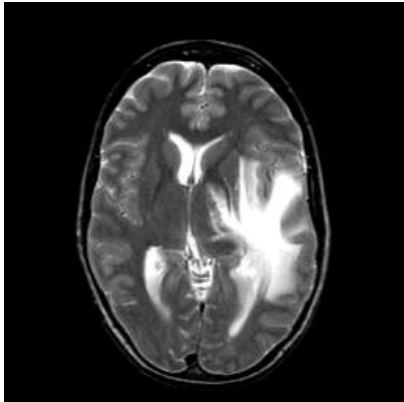
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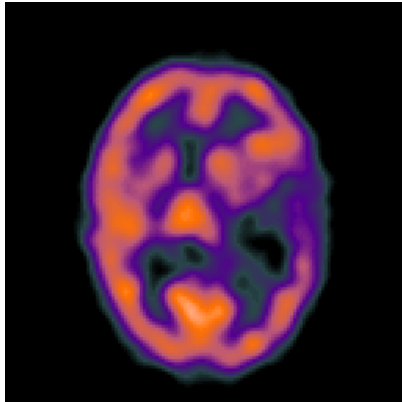
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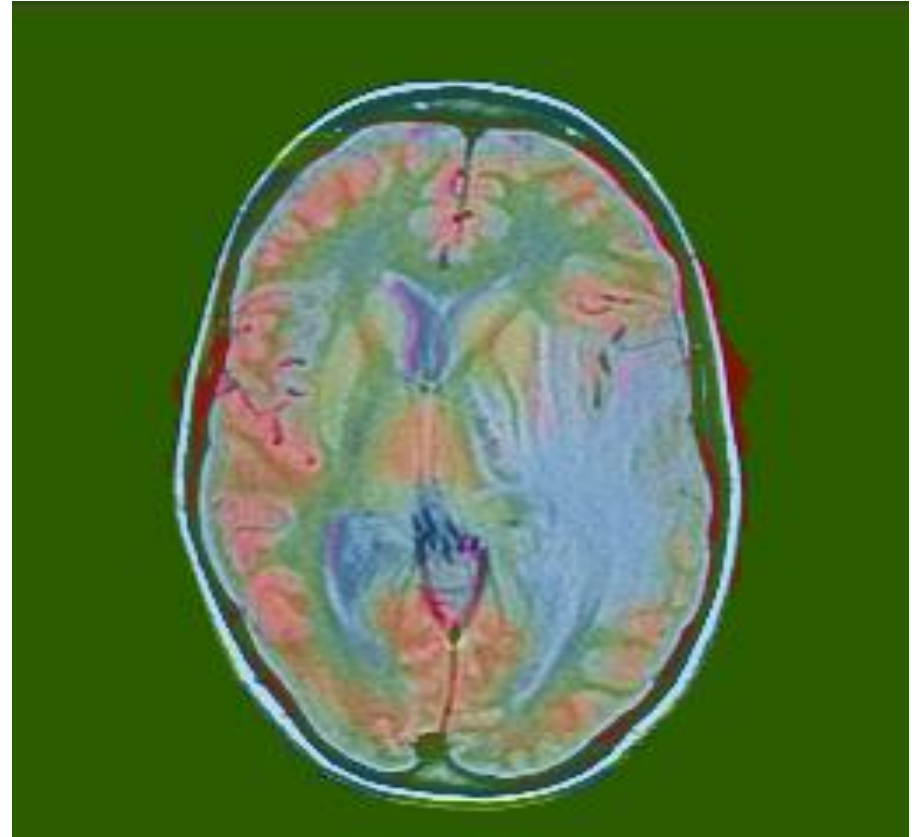
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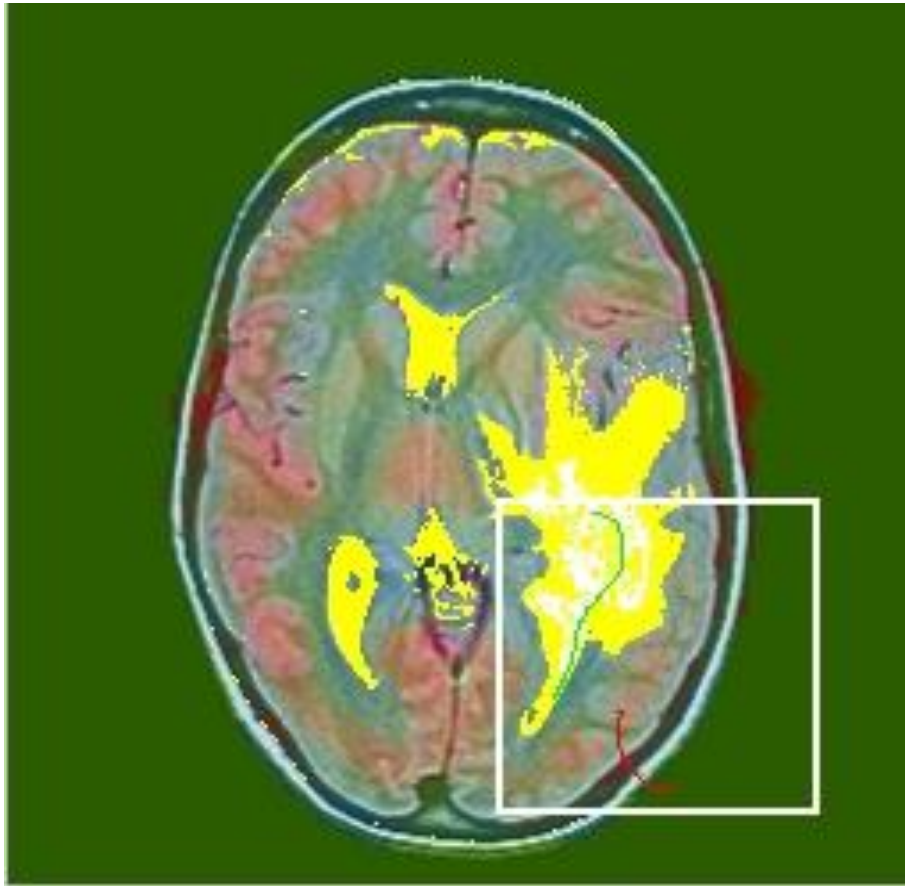


SPECT



Color Fuse Result

Retinal Fusion and Human/Computer Training (armored tank detection in satellite imagery)

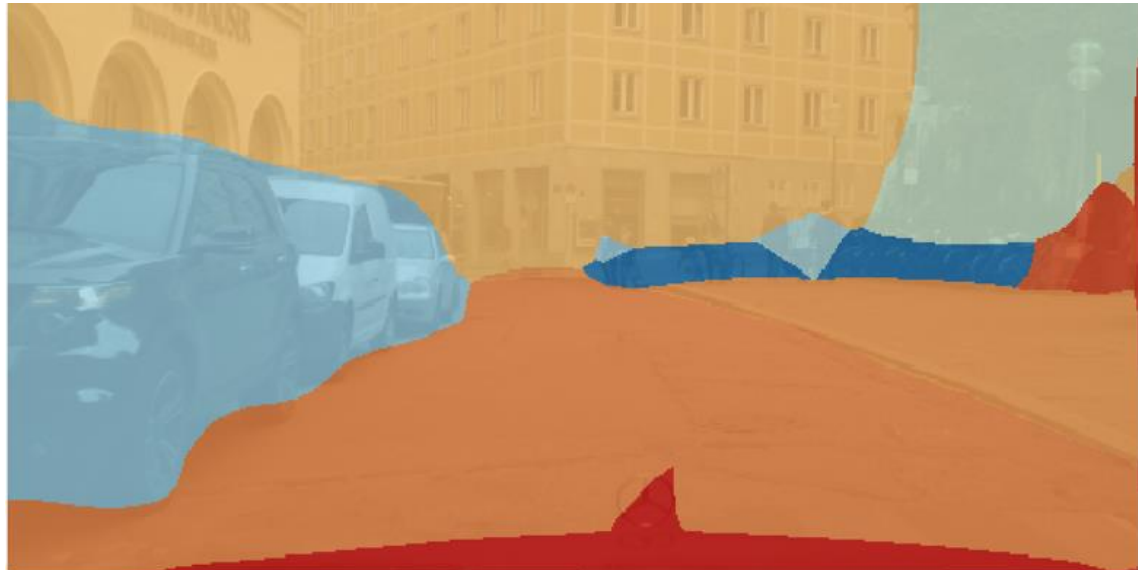


Full Results



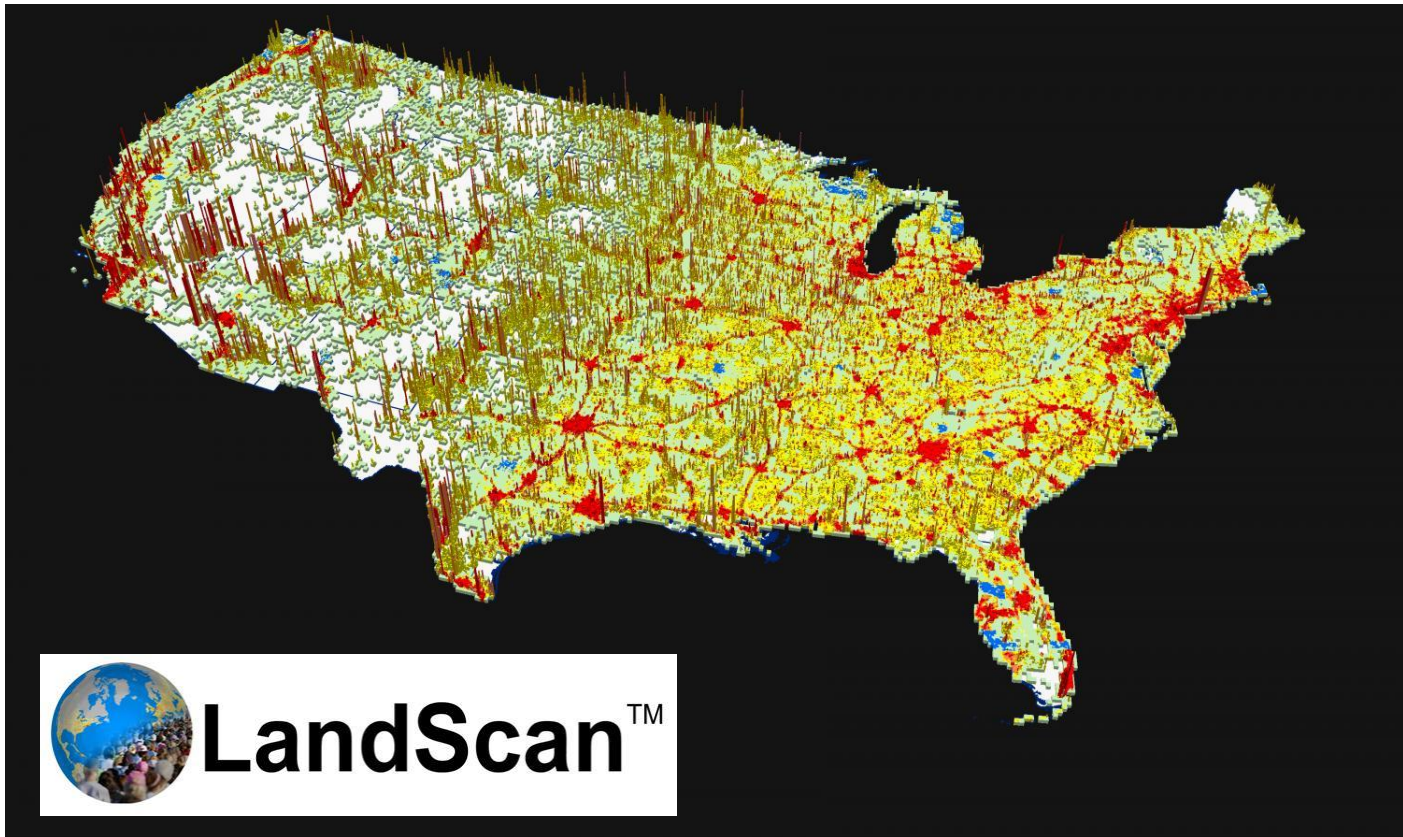
Detailed Results

Detection of Buildings (and properties) from StreetView imagery



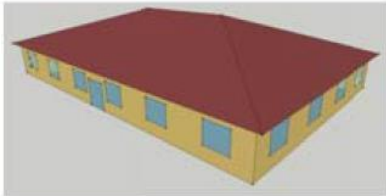
LandScan USA

- 90-meter grid of daytime (commercial) and night time (residential) population
 - ~14 different data sources (e.g. anonymized cell phone GPS)
 - Building occupancy and schedule adaptation

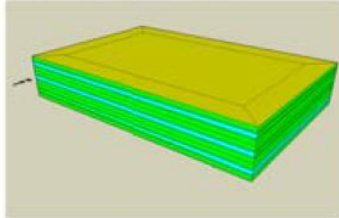


Prototype Buildings

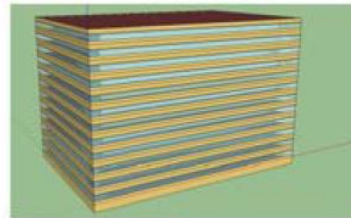
Small Office



Medium Office



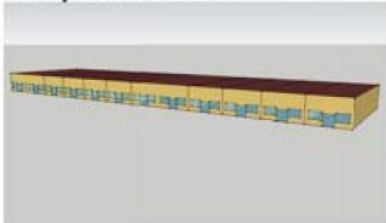
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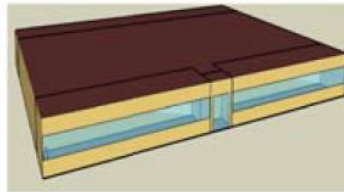
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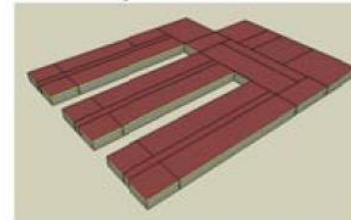
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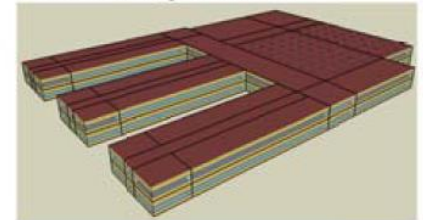
Standalone Retail



Primary School



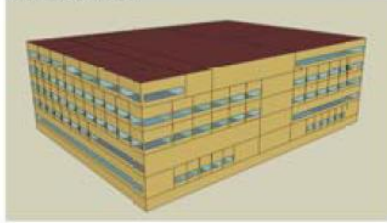
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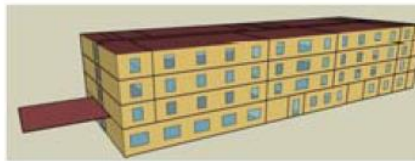
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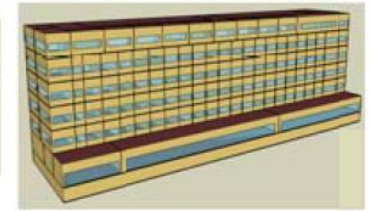
Hospital



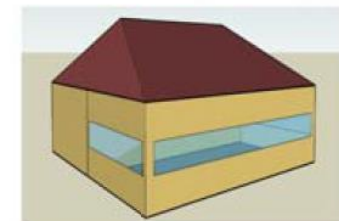
Small Hotel



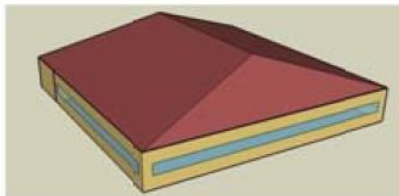
Large Hotel



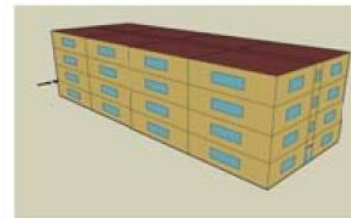
Quick-service Restaurant



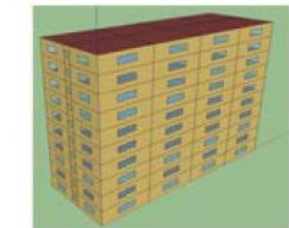
Full-service Restaurant



Mid-rise Apartment



High-rise Apartment



Prototype and Reference Building Updates

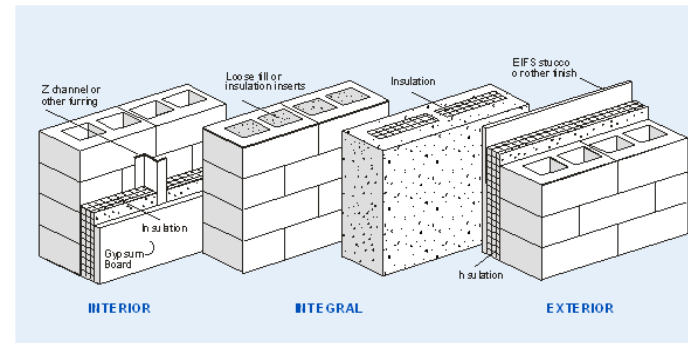
- 70, 80 → 90% of U.S. commercial floor space
- 16 types, 16 climate zones, 3 vintages = 768 buildings
 - 17-19+ types, 16-17 climate zones, 5-16+ vintages = 1,360-5,168 models
- ~3,000 avg. parameters per building
 - Square footage, HVAC layout, infiltration (i.e. airflow)
 - Construction (e.g. wall, layers of envelope)
 - Material properties (ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals)
 - Equipment and occupancy schedules

Physical Properties of Materials

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Table 3 Properties of Solids

Material Description	Specific Heat, Btu/lb·°F	Density, lb/ft ³	Thermal Conductivity, Btu/h·ft·°F	Emissivity	
				Ratio	Surface Condition
Aluminum (alloy 1100)	0.214 ^b	171 ^u	128 ^u	0.09 ^a 0.20 ^a	Commercial sheet Heavily oxidized
Aluminum bronze (76% Cu, 22% Zn, 2% Al)	0.09 ^a	517 ^a	58 ^u		
Asbestos: Fiber	0.25 ^b	150 ^a	0.097 ^a		
Insulation	0.20 ^l	36 ^b	0.092 ^b	0.93 ^b	"Paper"
Ashes, wood	0.20 ^l	40 ^b	0.041 ^b (122)		
Asphalt	0.22 ^b	132 ^b	0.43 ^b		
Bakelite	0.35 ^b	81 ^u	9.7 ^u		
Bell metal	0.086 ^l (122)				
Bismuth tin	0.040 ^a		37.6 ^a		
Brick, building	0.2 ^b	123 ^u	0.4 ^b	0.93 ^a	



AutoBEM – Automatic Building detection and Energy Model creation

- 19 underlying Intellectual Properties (granted or in process)
 - Range from classified to open-source
 - AutoBEM-LiDAR
 - AutoBEM-Aerial – world's best building footprint extractor
 - AutoBEM-Street
 - AutoBEM-3D DB
 - AutoBEM-Type
 - AutoBEM-Gen – world's fastest BEM creator
 - AutoSIM – world's fastest buildings simulator
 - AutoDoEGen
 - AutoSTAT
 - Autotune – world's best calibration algorithm

AutoBEM – ongoing work

- AutoBEM-Aerial/HVAC
- AutoBEM-Aerial/Chiller
- AutoBEM-scrape

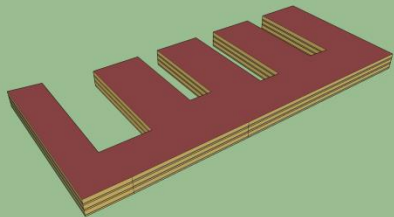
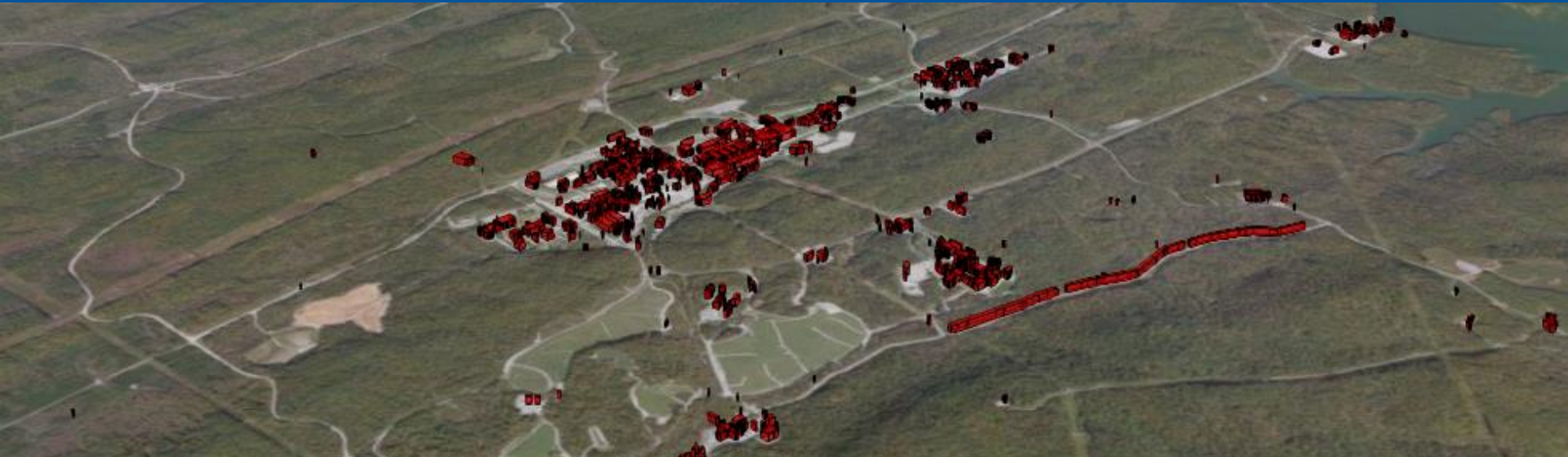
AutoBEM Façade



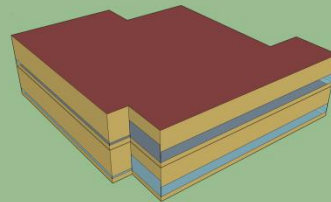
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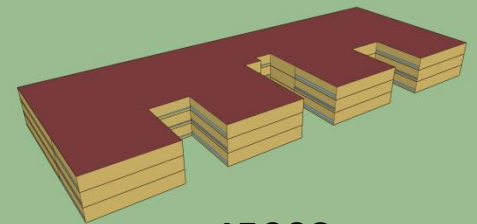
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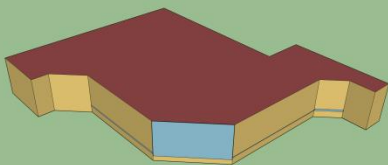
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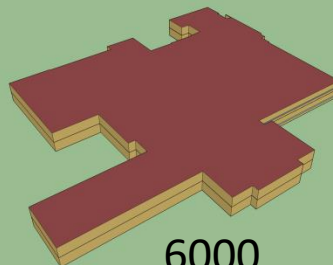
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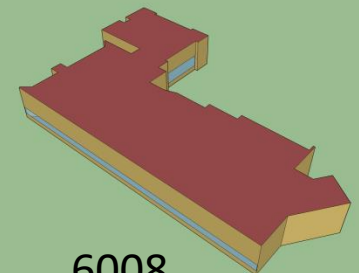
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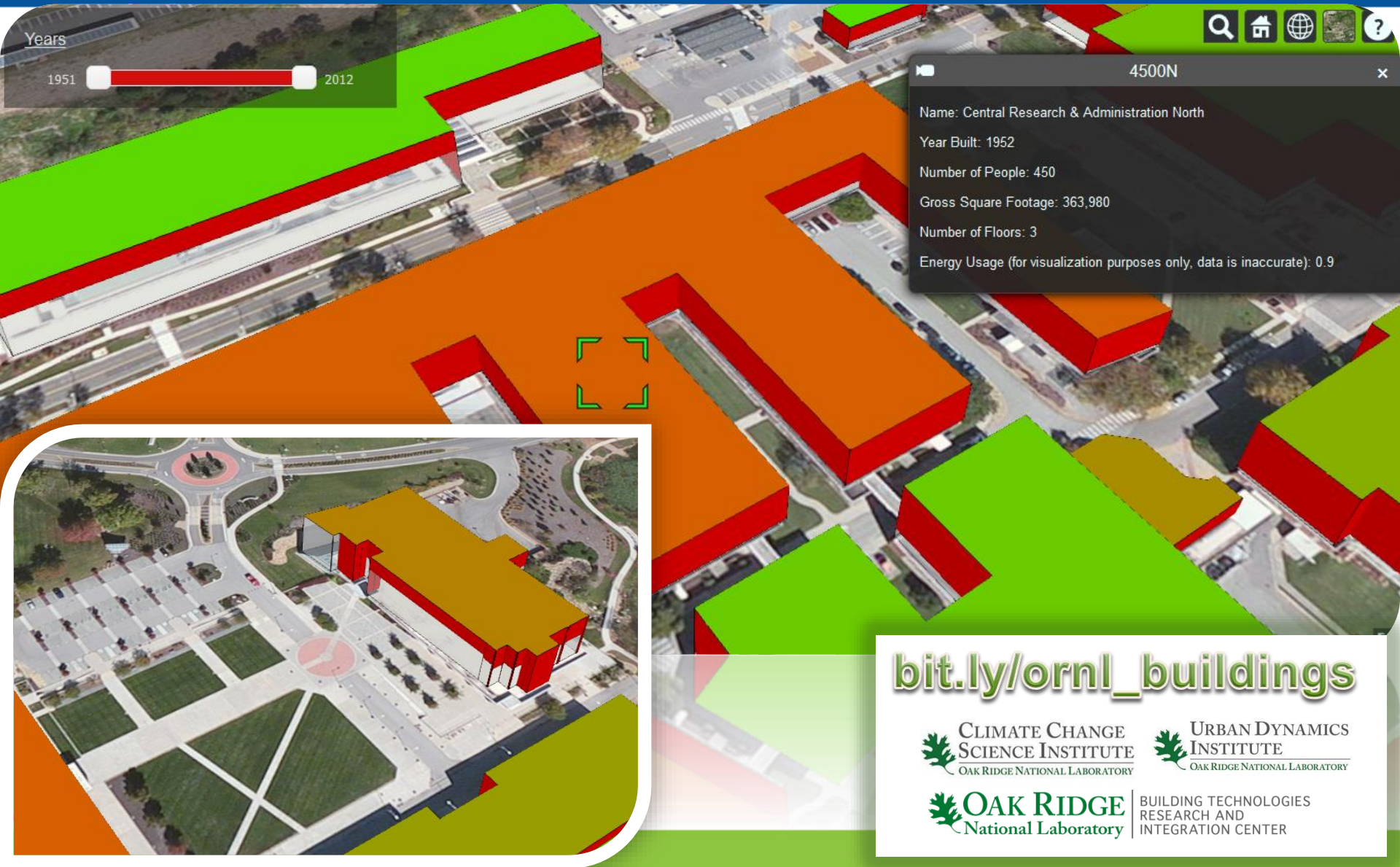


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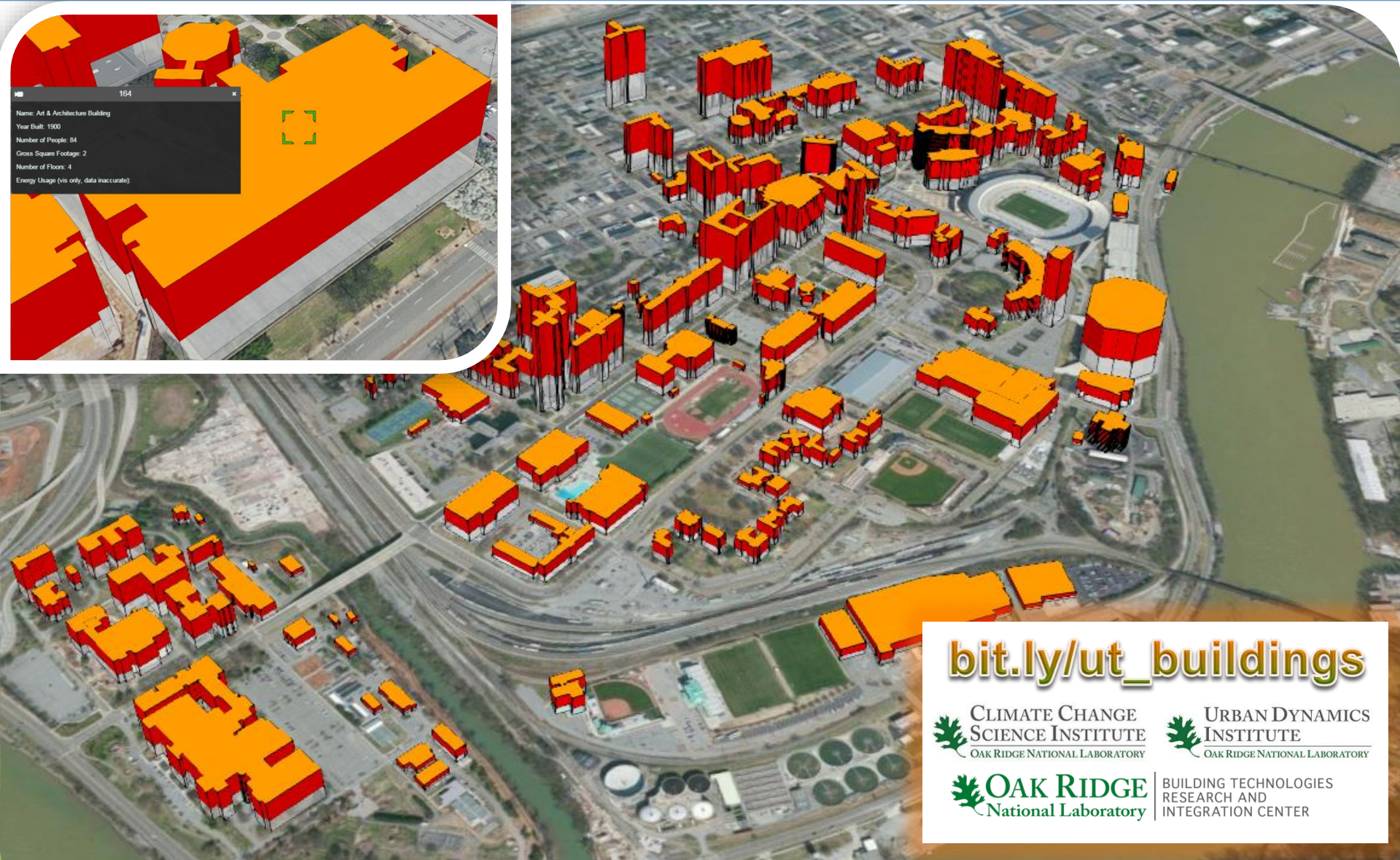
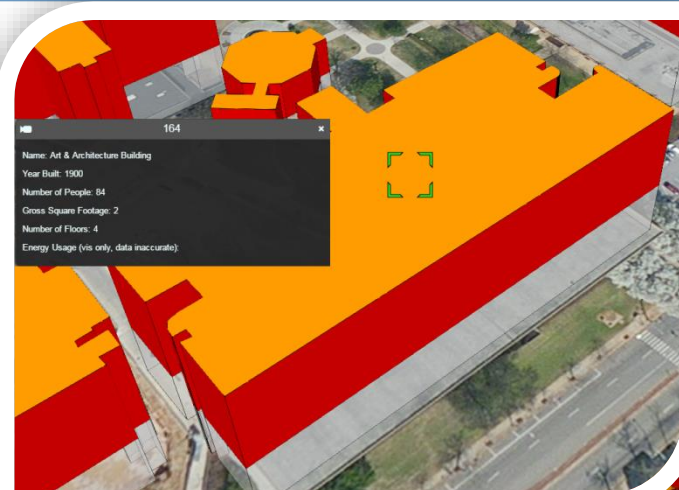


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The University of Tennessee (2 days)



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Uses: Grid Modernization Load Models, Transactive Energy, Actionable Sustainability Plan, Carbon Neutrality, EE programs, Utility/Distributor Business Models (EaaS)

1) Demand-Side Building Efficiency

2) Distribution and Supply-Side Infrastructure Enhancements

3) Responsible Renewables Implementation



Virtual EPB – bios



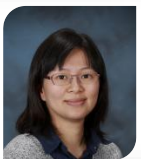
- Joshua New, Ph.D., C.E.M., PMP
 - BTRIC “Software Tools & Models” responsible for development of DOE’s building simulation tools, HPC, and AI for big data mining.
 - Led 62 projects (9.4/year) totaling \$10M/\$28M (\$1.3M/yr)
 - 133/133 deliverables (44/yr) on-time and on-budget; 100+ publications (13.8/yr)



- James (Jim) Ingraham, B.S. Finance
 - EPB, VP of Strategic Research; electric utility and broadband communications; market research and data modeling



- William (Bill) Copeland, B.S. Economics, MBA
 - EPB, Director of Business Intelligence, EPB business systems, visual analytics



- Hsiuhan (Lexie) Yang, Ph.D. Civil Engineering
 - Computer vision specializing in aerial imagery
 - Machine learning for large data: NASA, AIST, NSF, DOE



- Mark Adams, M.S. Ag&Bio, Mechanical Engineering
 - Building simulation expert, EnergyPlus/OpenStudio developer

Virtual EPB Summary

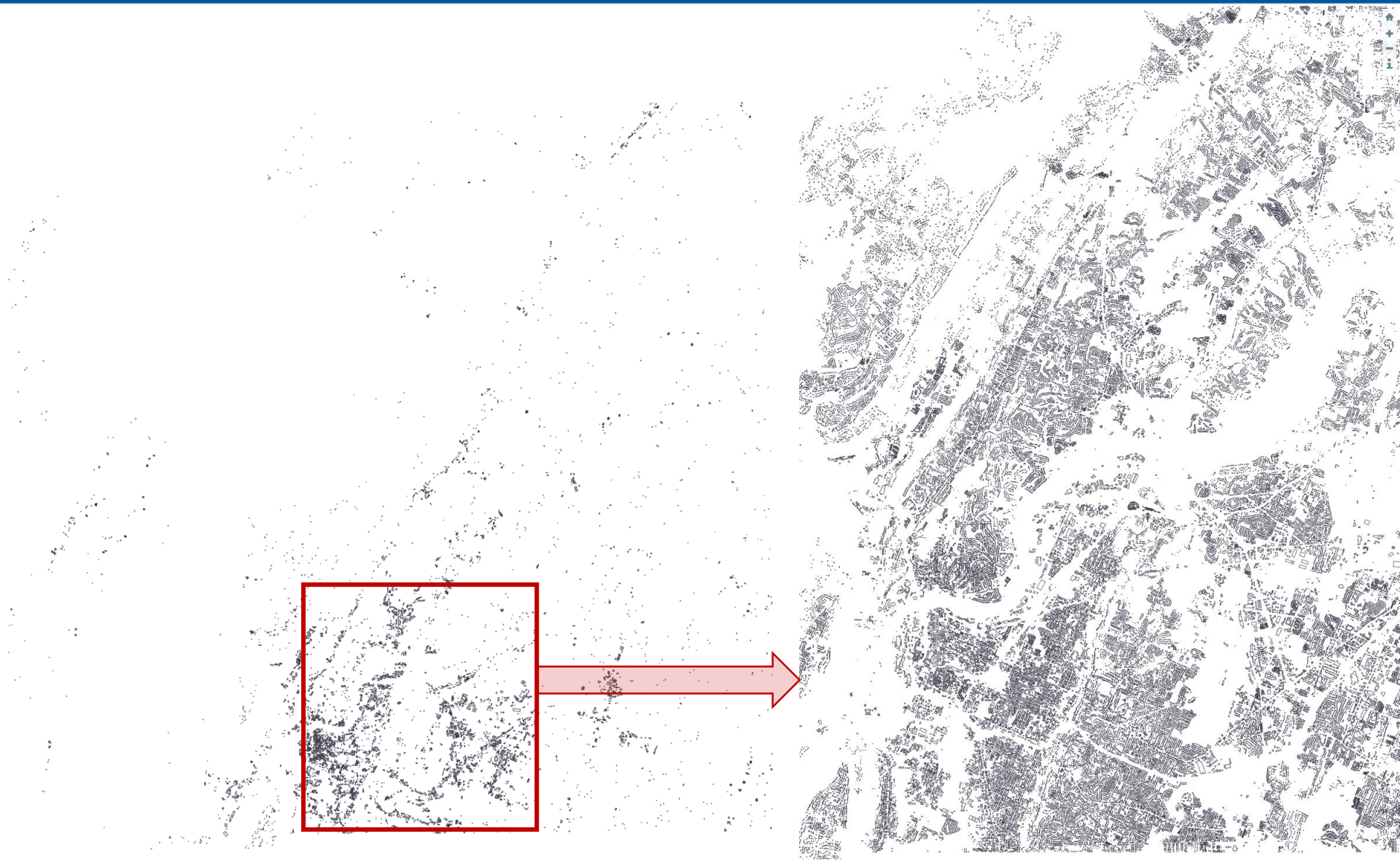
- Total - \$700k (OE-\$450k, 41 tasks; BTO-\$250k, 15 tasks)
 - Final Deliverable: Simulation-informed data and valuation report for energy, demand, emissions, and \$ impact to EPB for each building in EPB's service area for 5 prioritized use cases covering 9 monetization scenarios
- BTO ends 9/30/18 (WBS 2.5.1.31 "ORNL – OpenStudio – Virtual EPB")
 - FY18: 8 tasks, 6 quarterly milestones, 1 Go/No-Go (passed)
 - 7% ahead of schedule (SPI-1.07): 5 of 15 tasks completed (10 remaining)
 - 6% over budget (CPI-1.06)
- OE ends 4/1/19 ("Virtual EPB - Scalable Approach to Improve Load Models via Automated Building Creation and Autotune Calibration")
 - FY17: 10/10 tasks complete; 3 publications, 3 presentations
 - FY18+: 25 tasks, 6 milestones (10 remaining)
 - 100% on schedule (SPI-1.0): 15 of 18 tasks completed (3 remaining)
 - 1% over budget (CPI-1.01)

Utility Use Cases for Virtual EPB

- **Peak Rate Structure** - model peak segment customers in aggregate as disproportionate contributors to electric utilities' wholesale demand charges for more equitable rate structures.
- **Demand Side Management** – identify DSM products and grid services for better distribution grid management that allow both utilities and rate-payers to share in peak reduction
- **Grid stability services** – quantify improved load models
- **Emissions** – accurately account for emissions contributed by each building, providing enhanced abilities for utilities to best comply with national emission policies.
- **Energy Efficiency** – accurate modeling/forecasting of every building energy profile virtually in a scalable fashion allows better follow-up and more targeted energy audits/retrofits.
- **Customer Education** - better understand building's energy usage as a function of weather to provide better information during customer billing enquiries.

Energy, Demand, Emissions, and \$ for 9 scenarios (Customer->EPB, EPB->TVA)

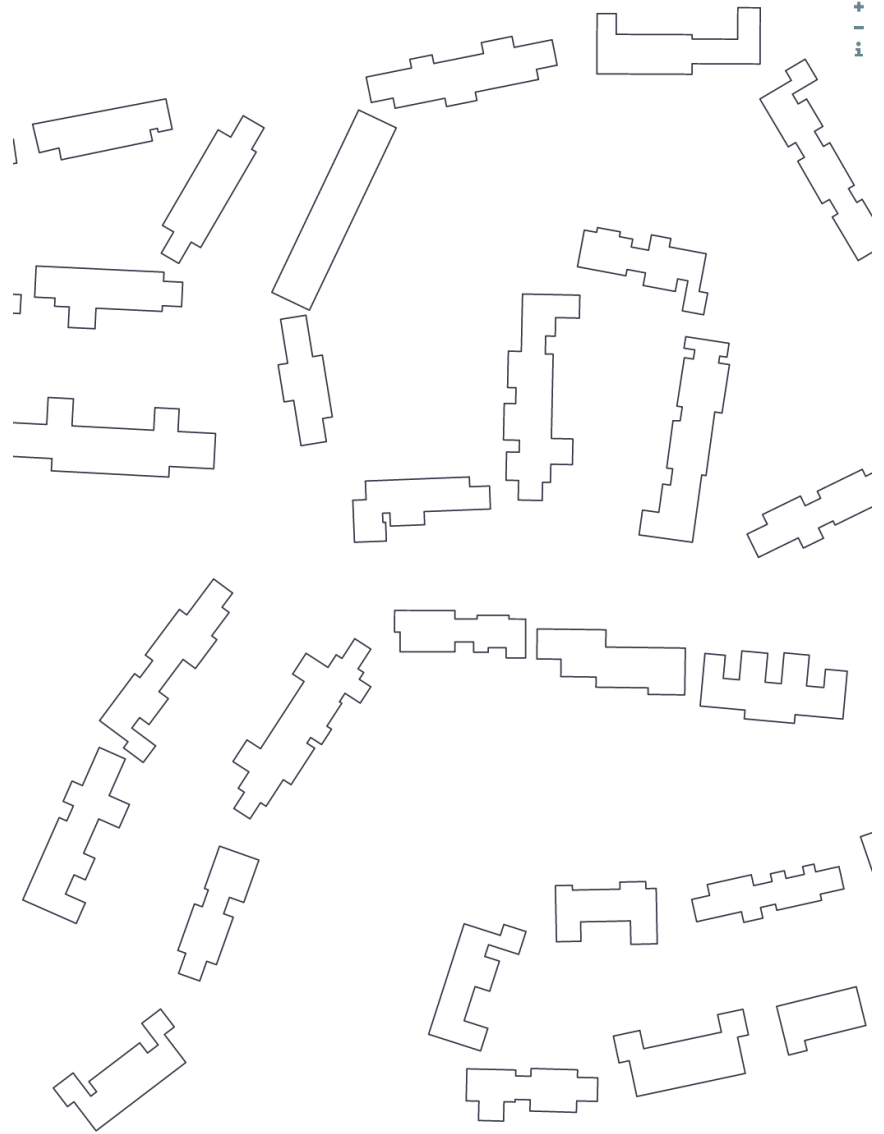
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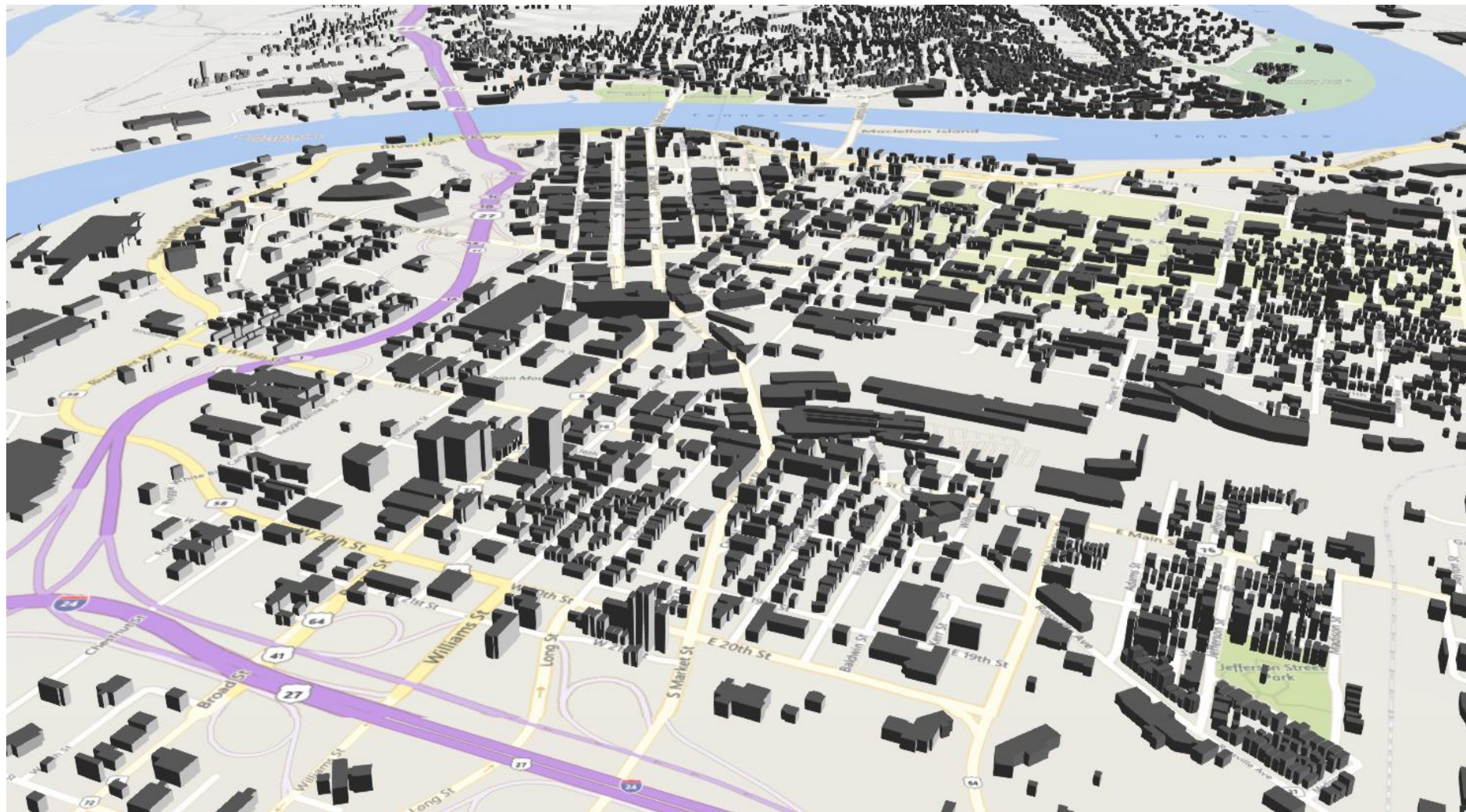
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Chattanooga, TN (100,000+ buildings)



Completed Deliverables (Q1)

- 100+ page internal report NDA/OUO
 - New, Joshua R., Hambrick, Joshua, and Copeland, William A. (2017). "Assessment of Value Propositions for Virtual Utility Districts: Case Study for the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, TN." ORNL internal report ORNL/TM-2017/512, December 15, 2017, 107 pages.
- Sensitivity analysis for all building types
 - 80% of commercial buildings - 16 climate zones, 16 building types, averaging 5.75 vintages
 - 281-4,617 building descriptors (e.g. thermostat, insulation level) were modified

	Small Office	Outpatient	Large Office	Medium Office	Hospital	Warehouse	Small Hotel	Large hotel
Inputs	458	3483	1072	760	1955	333	1823	887
	Strip Mall	Retail	Quick Service Restaurant	Full Service Restaurant	Mid Rise Apt	High Rise Apt	Secondary School	Primary School
Inputs	800	438	281	286	1464	4617	1621	1051

- Fractional Factorial (FrF2) resolution IV statistical design of experiments
- Summarize 768 lists of impactful variables
 - 254,544 annual simulations were completed on the nation's fastest supercomputer (Titan)
 - 216 Excel spreadsheets were created listing the energy and demand impacts of each building property
- Quantify Most Important Building Parameters
 - Top 10 annual energy (kWh) and demand/peak-shaving (kW) variables for each of the 16 building types

The AutoBEM technology “axe”

135,481 building models have been created and matched to EPB’s PremiseID

Limitations: limited building types, not calibrated, will improve quarterly

QA/QC: will show how close our simulations are to 15-min data

1.9 million EnergyPlus building energy models using AutoBEM technology, Titan, cloud, and local servers to produce and analyze 10.7 TB of simulation data.

1. Generate baseline building – OpenStudio (1.5-3h Amazon, 30h internal)
2. Run ECM measures – OS Measure (30 mins AWS, 2h internal), Custom (1m AWS, 5m intl.)
3. Copy data to Titan – 1 min (1.2GB tar.gz)
4. Submit to Titan – 0-2 hours in queue
5. EnergyPlus simulation time – 30-45 mins (5mins/sim = 1.4 years to simulate EPB on 1 core)
6. Data transfer – 40 mins (160GB tar.gz)
7. Uncompress – 10-15 mins
8. Reformat data – 20-30 mins
9. Analysis – 5-10 mins

**Time for creation, annual simulation, and analyzing “all” EPB buildings
6.5 hours (6.1h –36.5h)**

Use Case - Scenarios

- **Preliminary** building-specific estimates of energy, demand, and cost savings totaling **\$11-\$35 million per year** based on 9 scenarios prioritized by EPB.
 - 1. Peak Rate Structure**
 1. Scenario #1a, Peak contributions for each building
 2. Scenario #1b, Cost difference, in terms of dollars per year, for all building
 - 2. Demand Side Management**
 1. Scenario #2a, Monthly peak demand savings, annual energy savings, and dollar savings based on rate structure for all buildings.
 2. Scenario #2b, Location-specific deferral of infrastructure cost savings potential
 - 3. Emissions**
 1. Scenario #3a, Emissions footprints for each building
 - 4. Energy Efficiency**
 1. Scenario #4a, Optimal retrofit list of independent ECMs
 2. Scenario #4b, Optimal retrofit package of dependent ECMs
 - 5. Customer Education**
 1. Scenario #5a, Percentile ranking of each building's EUI by building type and vintage
 2. Scenario #5b, Monthly peak demand savings, annual energy savings, and dollar savings based on rate structure for all buildings compared to AMY weather file scenario.

1a – Peak contribution percentile by type



- Building ID
- Area (m²)
- Number of Floors
- **Color:** Energy Use Intensity (kWh/m²) by building type
- Min/Avg/Max by building type

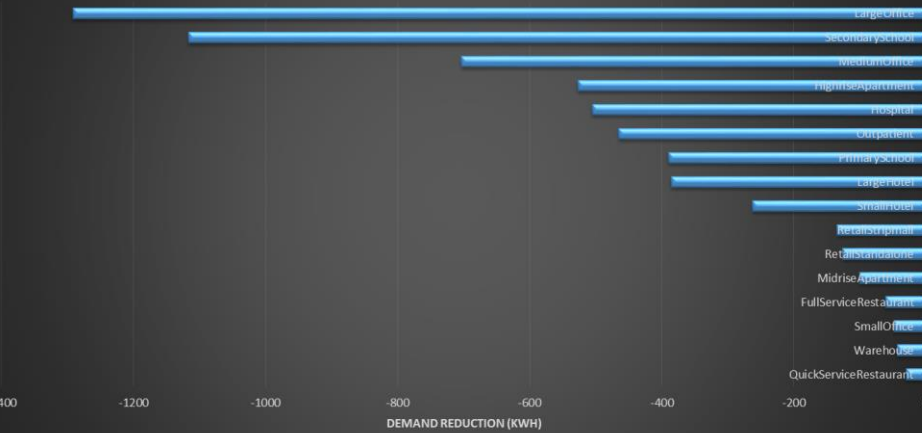
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1	building_id	cost_diffe	annual_energy (kWh)	retail_energy_cost (\$)	wholesale_energy_cost (\$)	annual_demand (kW)	retail_demand_cost (\$)	wholesale_demand_cost (\$)	
2	74861	5597.552	129749.1048	12157.49112		409.1261424	6501.014402		
3	113092	5415.594	127559.3297	11952.30919		383.8685745	6099.671648		
4	64129	5129.817	119339.2912	11182.09158		372.3913263	5917.298174		
5	103236	5572.164	129294.5828	12114.90241		406.4806789	6458.977987		
6	31936	4810.198	111343.3805	10432.87475		352.4933801	5601.11981		
7	82416	3269.327	76298.73286	7149.191269		235.9072173	3748.565684		
8	60724	3228.218	75268.60281	7052.668083		233.3579747	3708.058218		
9	54787	3592.691	82729.37285	7751.742236		265.8210192	4223.895994		
10	103004	3642.78	84572.18239	7924.41349		265.4617199	4218.18673		
11	33125	3450.992	80583.79881	7550.701949		248.7478345	3952.603091		
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2a - Smart Thermostat

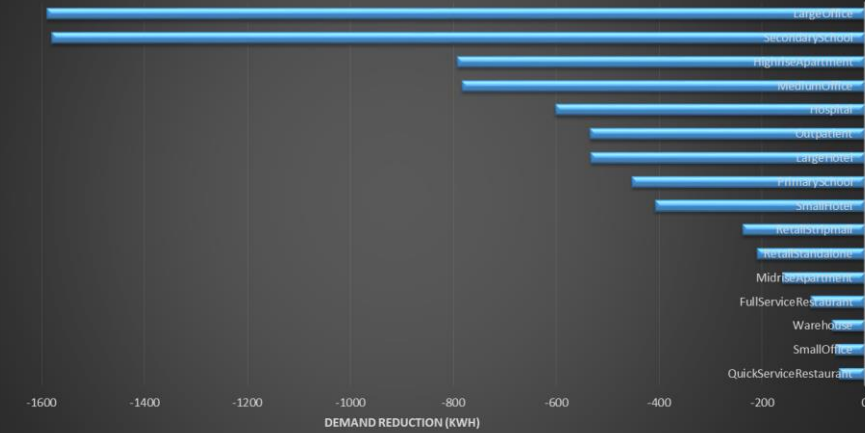
- Pre-heat/pre-cool 2 or 4 hours prior to peak demand hour each month
 - Single Heating or Single Cooling thermostat – up or down 4°F and 8°F
 - Dual Setpoint Thermostat – Average of baseline cooling and heating setpoints with a 0.5°C deadband
- Setback thermostat setpoint by 4°F or 8°F for peak demand hour and 4 hours after peak for each month
- Altered thermostat values affects 38 (1-4 per building type) thermostat schedules in 518 (3-118 per building type) thermal zones for 16 different building types
- The 4°F and 8°F runs are compared to baseline, unaltered simulation to determine demand reduction and energy savings potential

2a - Smart Thermostat: Maximum Demand and Energy Reduction Potential

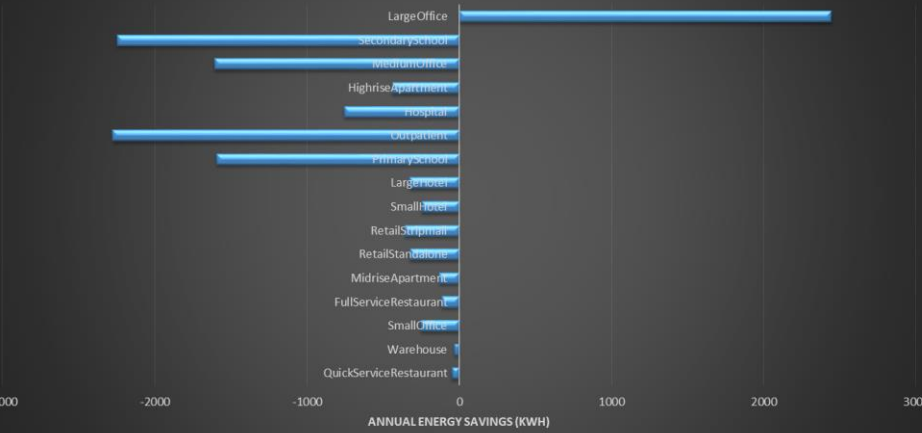
Maximum Demand Reduction Potential - 4F Change



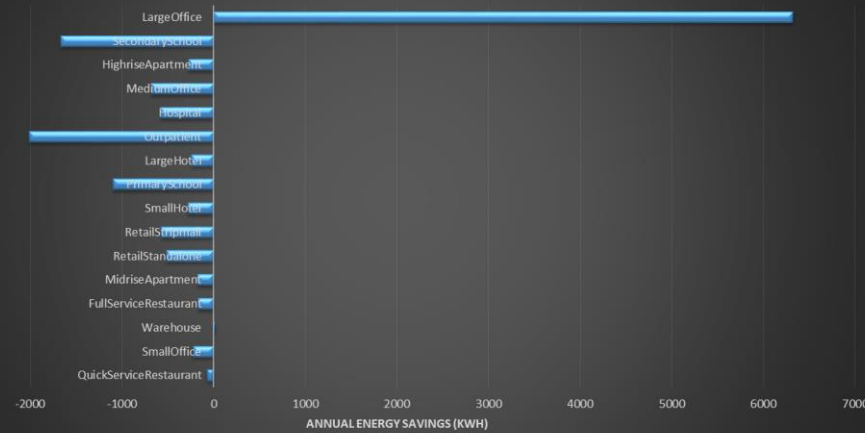
Maximum Demand Reduction Potential - 8F Change



Maximum Annual Energy Savings - 4F Change



Maximum Annual Energy Savings - 8F Change



Resiliency and Emissions Footprints

- **2b: Demand Side Management**
 - Resiliency of critically-loaded feeders and substations

Circuit: Customer Information

Circuit: Circuit Count:1
As of Date: XFMR Count: 146
 Meter Count: 703

Circuit ID	Xfmr Structure Number - Compressed	Premise Number	Account Number - Formatted	Premise Service Address	Meter Number
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- **3a: Emission Footprint for each building**
 - Carbon footprint (CO₂)
 - Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
 - Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)
 - *Methane (CH₄)*
 - *Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)*

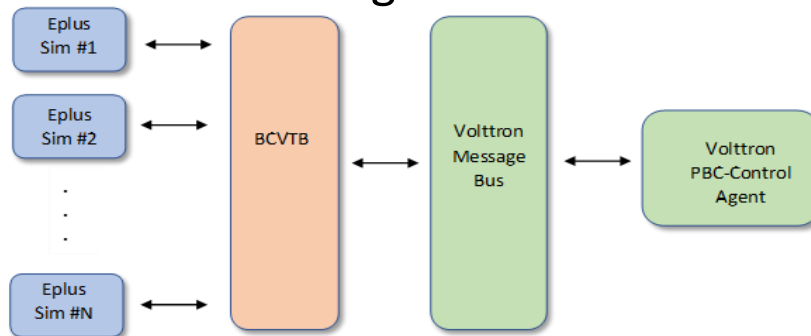
Demand and EE opportunities

- Energy, demand, emissions, savings (customer and utility) for every building every 15 minutes

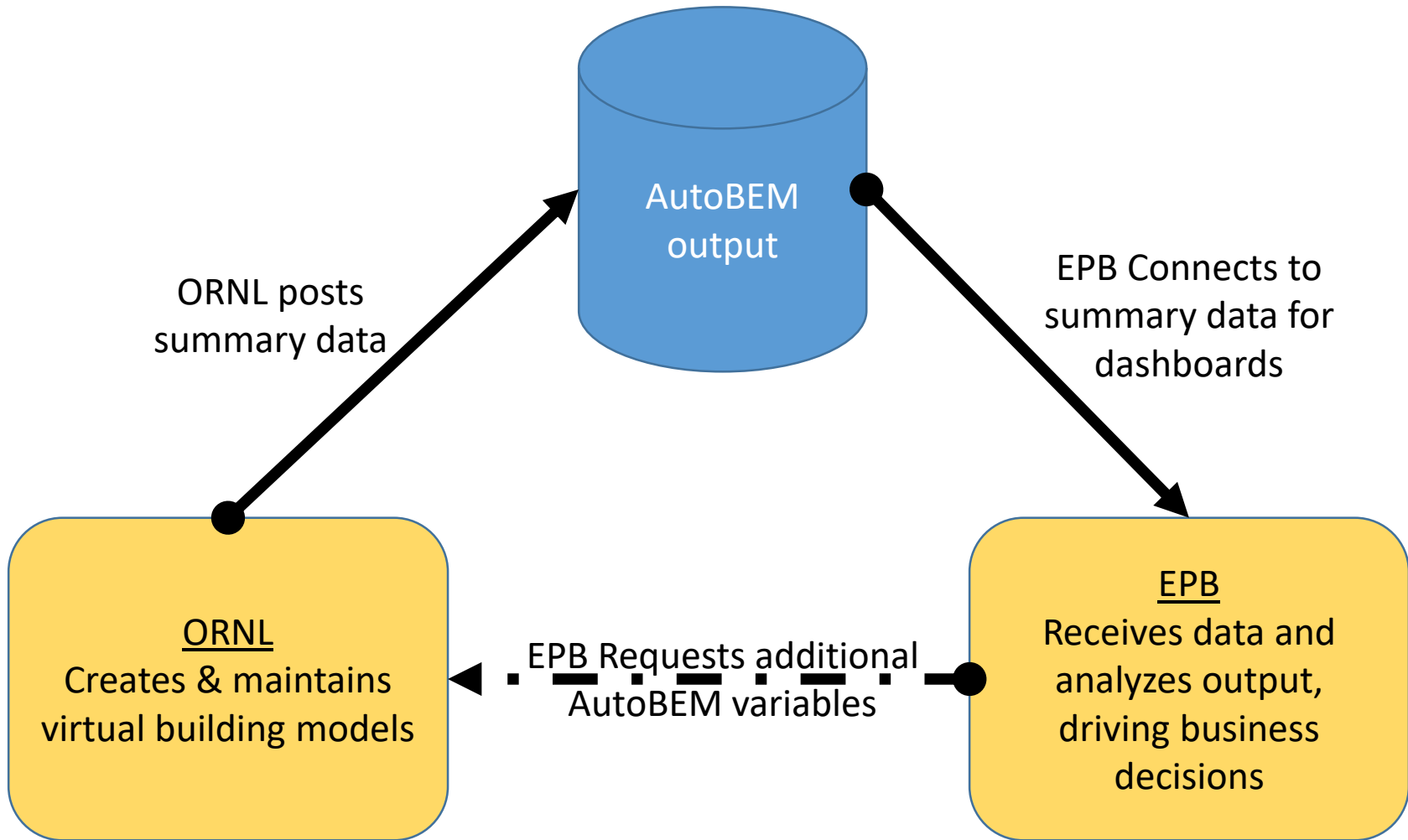
ECMs	Different Fields Calculated for Each ECM							
HVAC	Total	Annual	Energy	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Total
Lighting	Cost	Electric	Cost	Electric	Demand	Demand	Demand	Cost
Infiltration	Savings	Savings	Savings		Savings	Cost		Savings
8F setback						Savings		
HVAC Efficiency	\$	kWh	\$	kWh	kW	\$	kW	\$
4F setback								
Insulation	Annual	Energy	Annual	Percent	Annual	Annual		
Water heater	Electric	Cost	Electric	Savings	Demand	Demand		
Heat pump	Savings	Savings			Cost Savings			
Smart WH	kWh	\$	kWh	\$	\$	kW		

Related Work

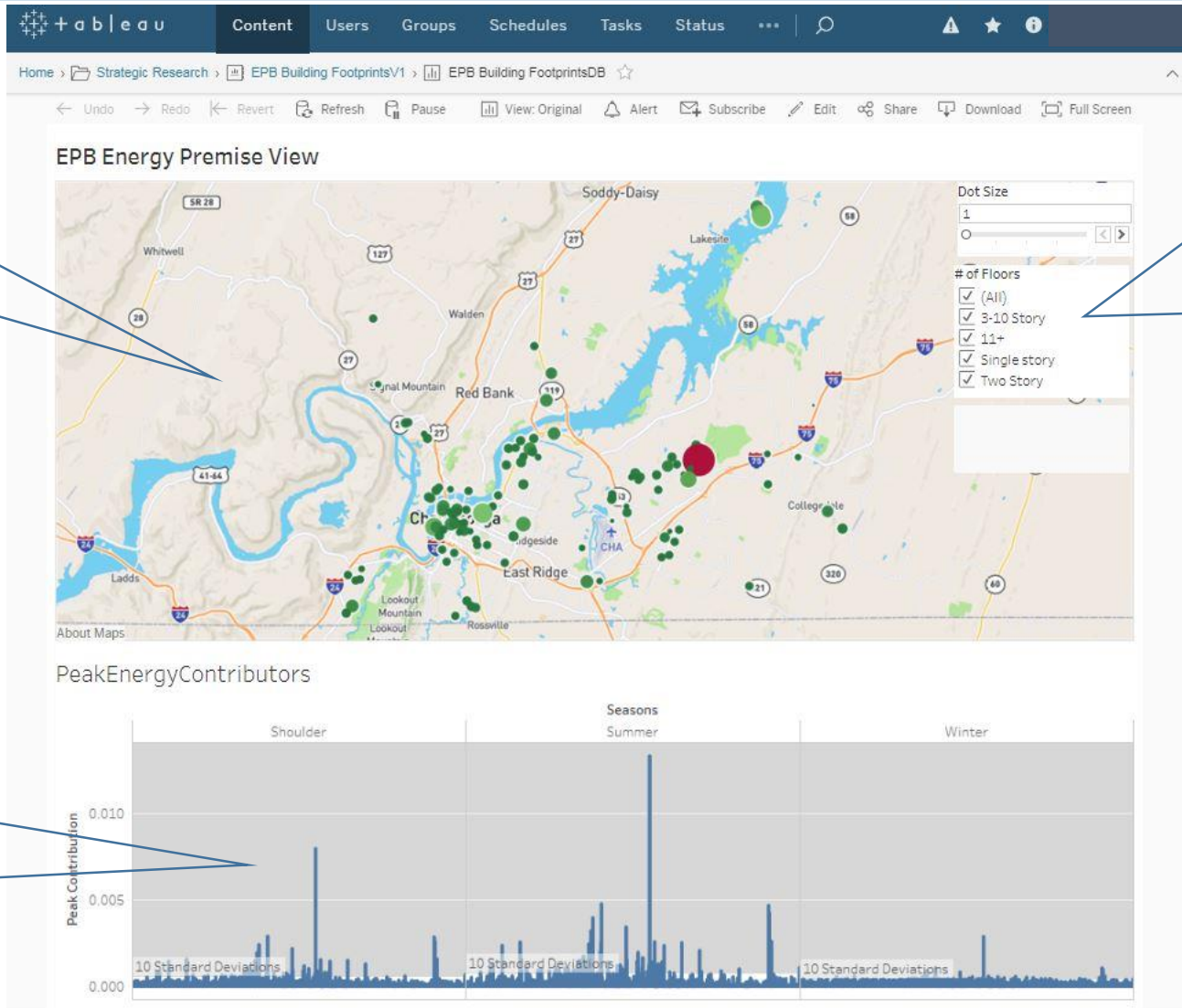
- **Combined Heat and Power (CHP)**
 - Sizing micro-CHP based on heating, cooling, and electrical demands
- **Transactive HVAC Control**
 - EnergyPlus models for transactive control
- **Microgrid**
 - Simplified model replaced with EnergyPlus
 - Run for area within EPB for considering microgrid
- **VOLTRON Deployment**
 - B2G services deployment of hardware and control strategies



ORNL/EPB Coordination



EPB's operational systems



Map showing premises, colored by AutoBEM attribute

Use of filters create an interactive experience for business users, driving business decisions

Chart showing same data, in time series format

Virtual EPB – interactive results



60246	
ID	60246
DOE Building Type	SmallOffice
Num Floors	3
Percentile	87.70 %
Estimated wholesale vs retail cost	\$ 9797.07
CO2 emissions	222052.32 lbs/year
Smart Thermostat - 4F cost savings	\$ 1316.61
Smart Thermostat - 8F cost savings	\$ 2325.84
TMY->AMY Smart Thermostat - 4F cost savings	\$ 204.99
TMY->AMY Smart Thermostat - 8F cost savings	\$ 103.41
HVAC Efficiency ECM	\$ 1291.79
Gas HVAC ECM	\$ 4276.69
Gas Water Heater ECM	\$ 725.58
Heat Pump Water Heater ECM	\$ 476.95
Insulation ECM	\$ 736.27
Infiltration ECM	\$ 1577.50
Lighting ECM	\$ 2898.95

Exascale Computing Project

- Coupling:
 - Transportation (CommuterSim)
 - Weather (WRF, Nek5000)
 - Buildings (OpenStudio/EnergyPlus)
 - Population (LandScan)
 - Socio-economics
- Individual-person, agent-based models, fully-coupled simulations running on the fastest computers in the world



EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

Titan (ORNL), nation's fastest,
27 petaflops

Summit (ORNL), expected to
be world's fastest, 207 PF

Aurora (ANL)

Exascale...



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**HPC Tools for
Modeling and Simulation**
Capturing building energy consumption

