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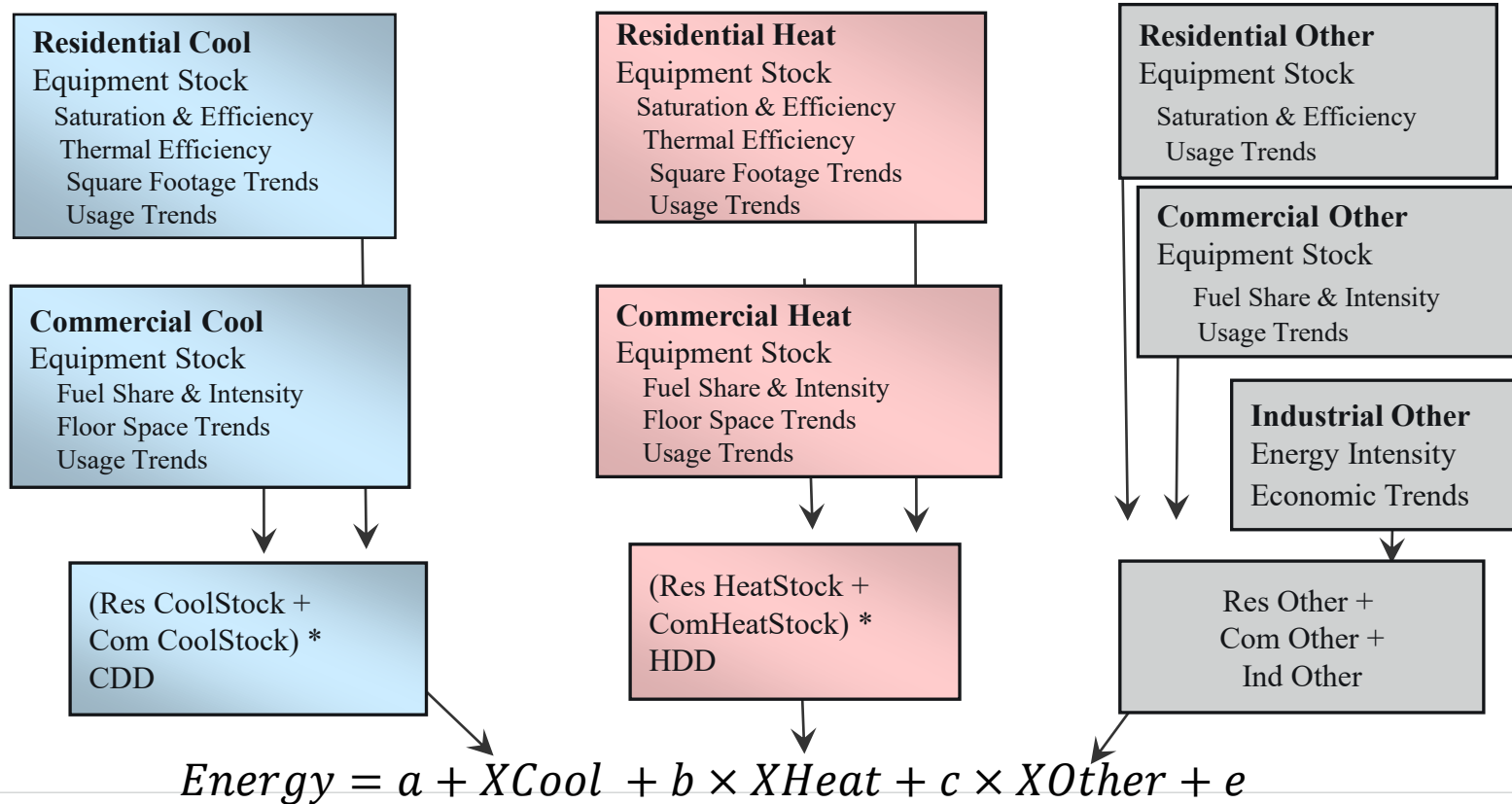
A journey from legacy best practices to modern day challenges

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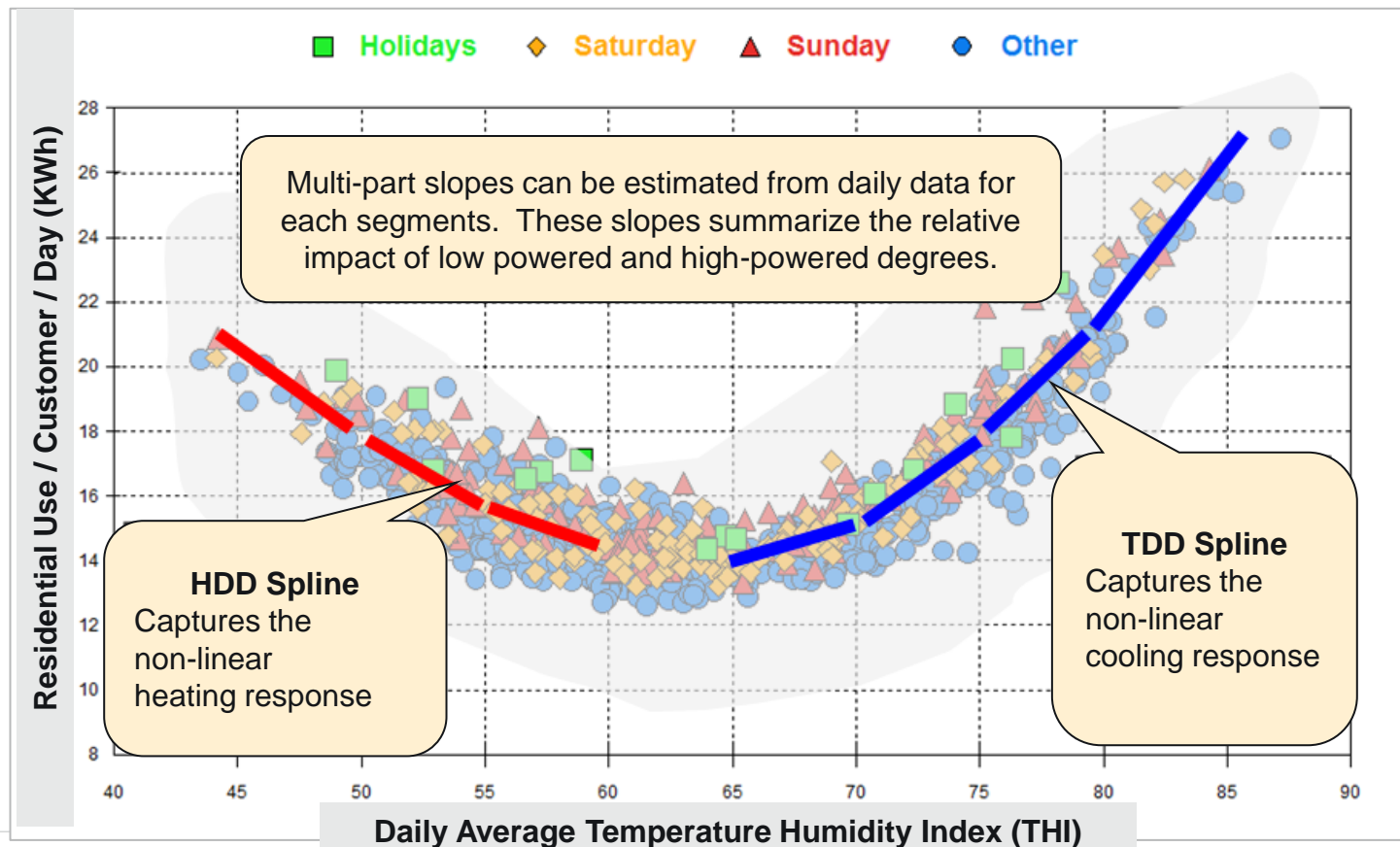
# Legacy Forecasting Best Practice: Statistically Adjusted End Use (SAE) Modeling

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# Legacy SAE Modeling Framework



# Weather Response Functions





# Residential SAE Customization

## » Building Type

- Single Family
- Multi Family
- Mobile Home

## » End-Uses

- Heating
  - resistance, furnace fans, heat-pump
- Cooling
  - central, room, heat-pump
- Water Heating
- Cooking
- Refrigeration
- Dishwasher
- Clothes washer/dryer
- TV
- Lighting
- Miscellaneous
  - Dehumidifiers, pool pumps, misc. plug loads, etc.

## » Stock of Units/Saturations

- Regional EIA estimates
- NREL ResStock state and county level 2018
- Appliance saturation surveys

## » Efficiency

- Regional EIA estimates, average stock efficiency
- Regional EIA estimates, existing and new efficiency
- DSM potential studies

# Commercial SAE Customization

## » Commercial Building Types

- Assembly
- Education
- Food Sales
- Food Services
- Health Care
- Lodging
- Large Office
- Small Office
- Retail
- Warehouse
- Other

## » End-Uses

- Heating
- Cooling
- Ventilation
- Water Heating
- Cooking
- Refrigeration
- Lighting
- Office
- Miscellaneous



## » Starting Mix of Building Sq Ft

- Regional EIA estimates
- NREL ComStock state and county level 2018

## » Employment Projections

- State or county level employment projections by sector
  - Map sectors to building types

# Industrial SAE Customization

Industrial Sectors			
Agriculture	●	Glass	●
Mining	●	Aluminum	●
Construction	●	Iron and Steel	●
Food	●	Fabricated Metals	●
Wood	●	Machinery	●
Paper	●	Computers and Electronics	●
Bulk Chemical	●	Electrical, Appliances, & Components	●
Plastics & Rubber	●	Transportation	●
Cement & Lime	●	Balance of Manufacturing	●

■ Non-Manufacturing  
■ Manufacturing

Forecast intensities by sector.

# Building Electrification:

- » Building Electrification will be managed by changing the Saturation on heating, water heating, and cooking end uses.
- » Building Performance Standards can be addressed by customizing the Thermal Efficiency trend.

Year	HPHeat	GHPHeat	SecHt	CAC	HPCool	GHPCool	RAC	EWHeat	ECook	Ref1	Ref2	F
2010	2.2%	0.6%	21.2%	28.9%	2.2%	0.6%	114.8%	30.8%	51.7%	100.0%	37.4%	33
2011	2.4%	0.7%	21.2%	29.0%	2.4%	0.7%	114.6%	31.2%	51.8%	100.0%	37.5%	33
2012	2.5%	0.7%	21.2%	29.2%	2.5%	0.7%	114.3%	31.5%	51.9%	100.0%	37.6%	33
2013	2.7%	0.8%	21.2%	29.4%	2.7%	0.8%	114.0%	31.9%	52.1%	100.0%	37.7%	33
2014	2.8%	0.8%	21.2%	29.6%	2.8%	0.8%	113.7%	32.1%	52.3%	100.0%	37.9%	33
2015	2.9%	0.8%	21.2%	29.8%	2.9%	0.8%	113.3%	32.3%	52.5%	100.0%	38.0%	33
2016	3.0%	0.9%	21.2%	30.4%	3.0%	0.9%	112.7%	32.3%	52.5%	100.0%	38.0%	33
2017	3.0%	0.9%	21.2%	31.3%	3.0%	0.9%	112.2%	32.3%	52.4%	100.0%	38.0%	33
2018	3.0%	0.9%	21.1%	32.2%	3.0%	0.9%	111.6%	32.4%	52.4%	100.0%	37.9%	33
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End Use Saturations

ref2022.d011222a	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
<b>Building Shell Efficiency Index 3/</b>										
<b>Space Heating</b>										
Pre-2015 Homes	0.952	0.945	0.939	0.934	0.927	0.921	0.914	0.907	0.900	0.892
New Construction	0.891	0.880	0.878	0.876	0.876	0.876	0.877	0.876	0.876	0.875
All Homes	0.945	0.938	0.932	0.926	0.920	0.914	0.908	0.902	0.895	0.889
<b>Space Cooling</b>										
Pre-2015 Homes					0.974	0.972	0.970	0.967	0.965	0.962
New Construction	0.999	0.995	0.994	0.993	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.994
All Homes	0.984	0.982	0.980	0.978	0.976	0.974	0.972	0.970	0.968	0.966

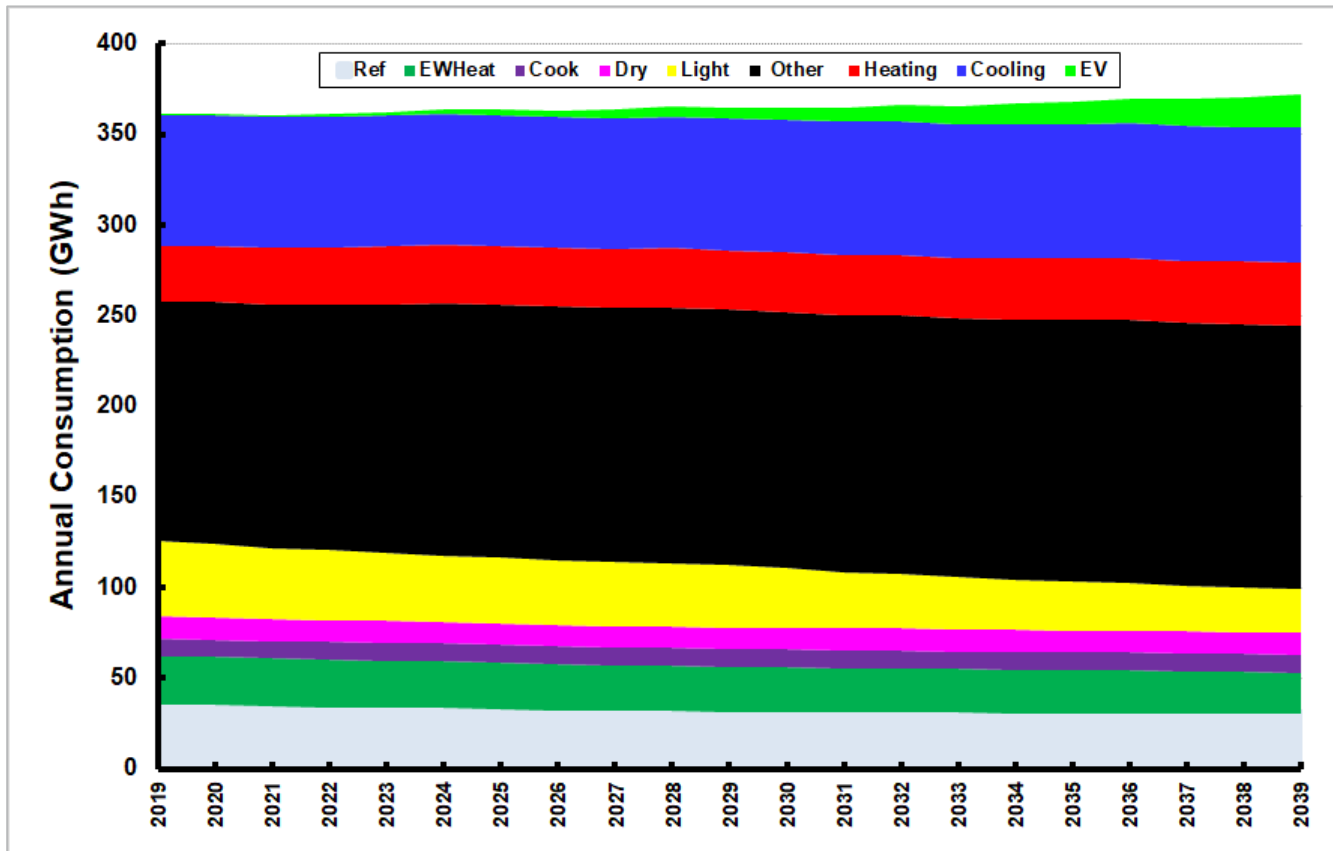
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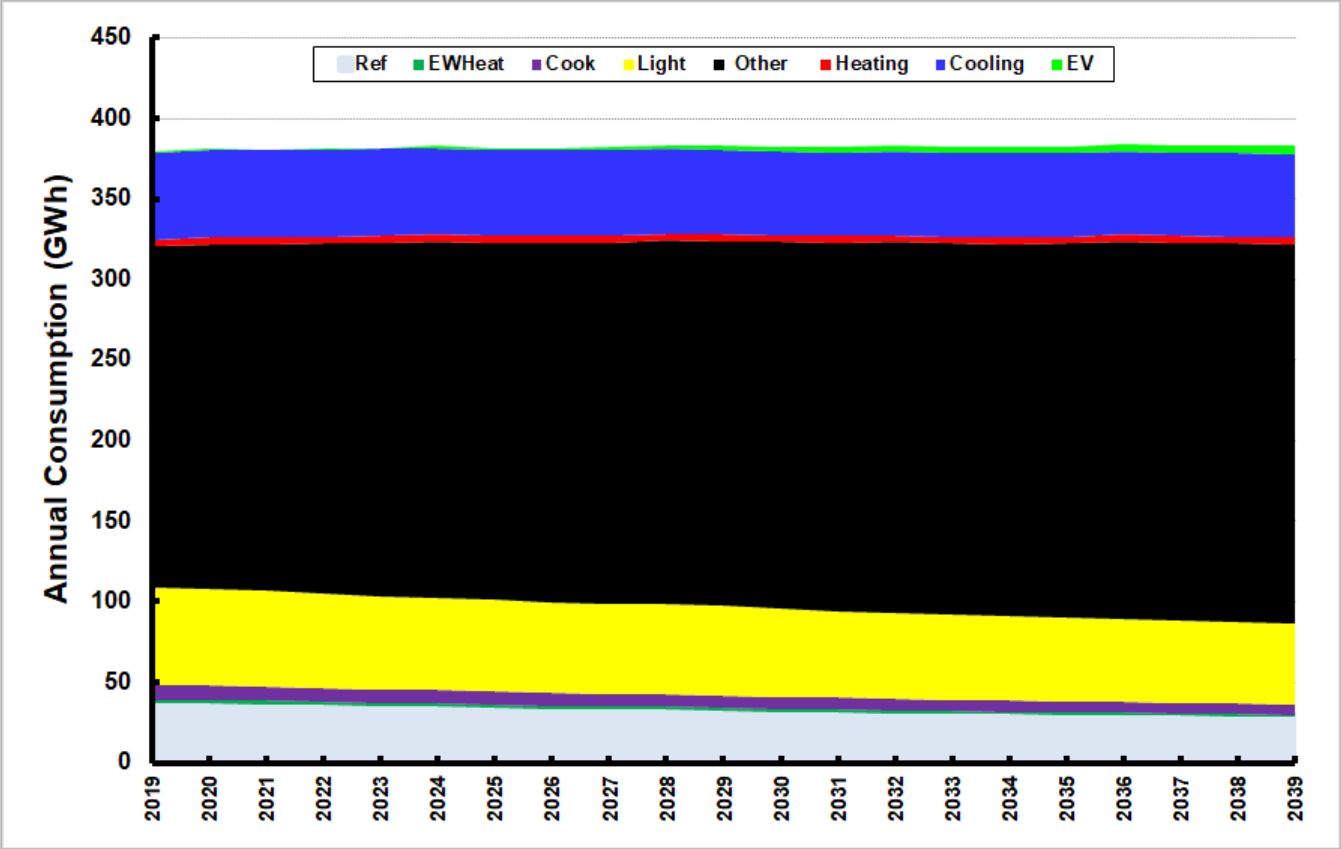
# Integration of Energy Efficiency programs

- » SAE Modeling approach integrates Energy Efficiency Savings from all sources:
  - *Codes & Standards*
  - *Naturally Occurring Market Adoption*
  - *Energy Efficiency Programs*
  
- » There are a variety of approaches to explicitly integrate utility energy efficiency programs:
  - *Add Back*
  - *Wedge Approach*
  - *Adjusted Intensity Approach*
  - *DSM Variable*
  
- » The appropriate method is driven by data availability and forecast requirements

# Residential End Use Forecast



# Commercial End Use Forecast



# Utility Forecasting Landscape



## Corporate Forecasting

- Finance
- Regulatory
- Generation Planning
- Transmission Planning

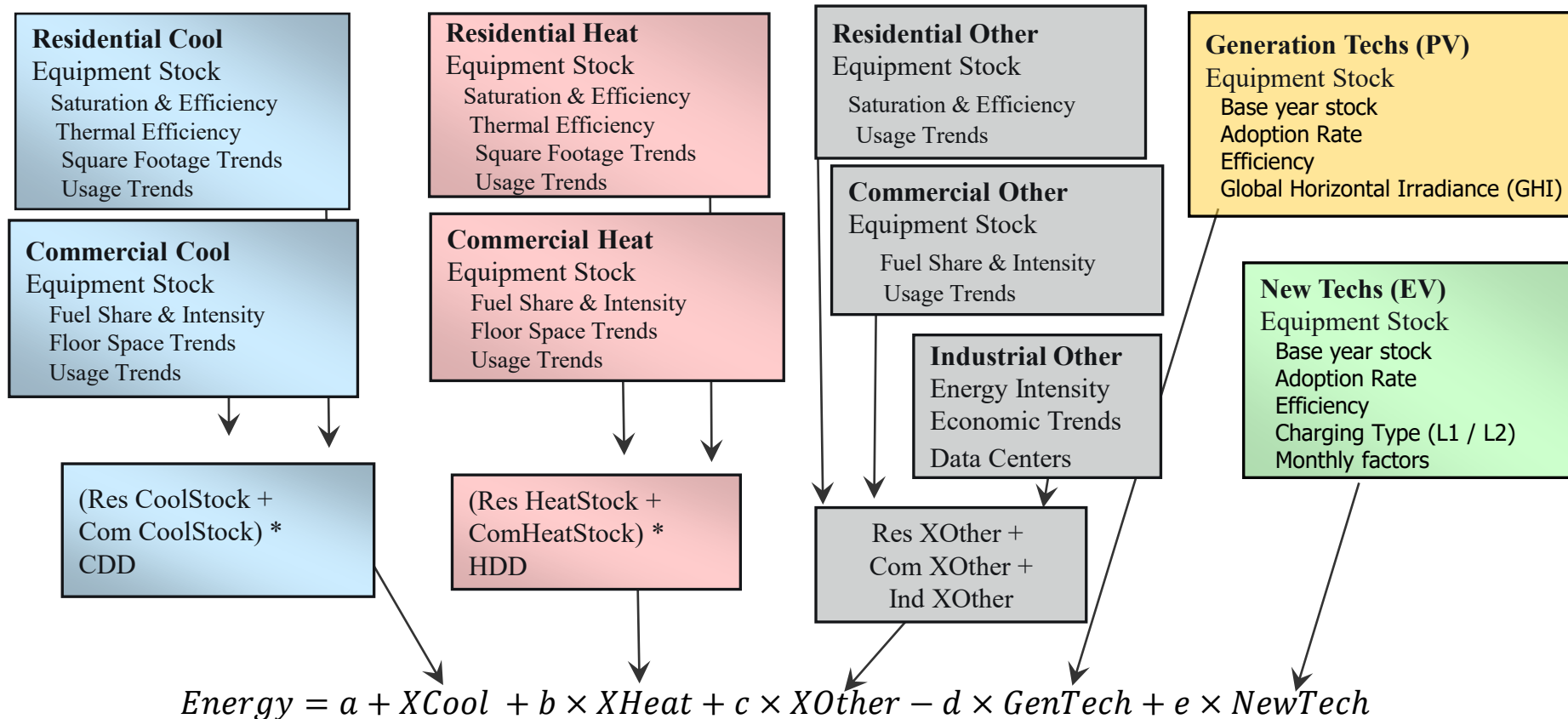
## Distribution Planning Forecasting

- Transformers
- Circuits
- Busbars
- Substations

# Modern Day: Statistically Adjusted End Use (SAE) Modeling

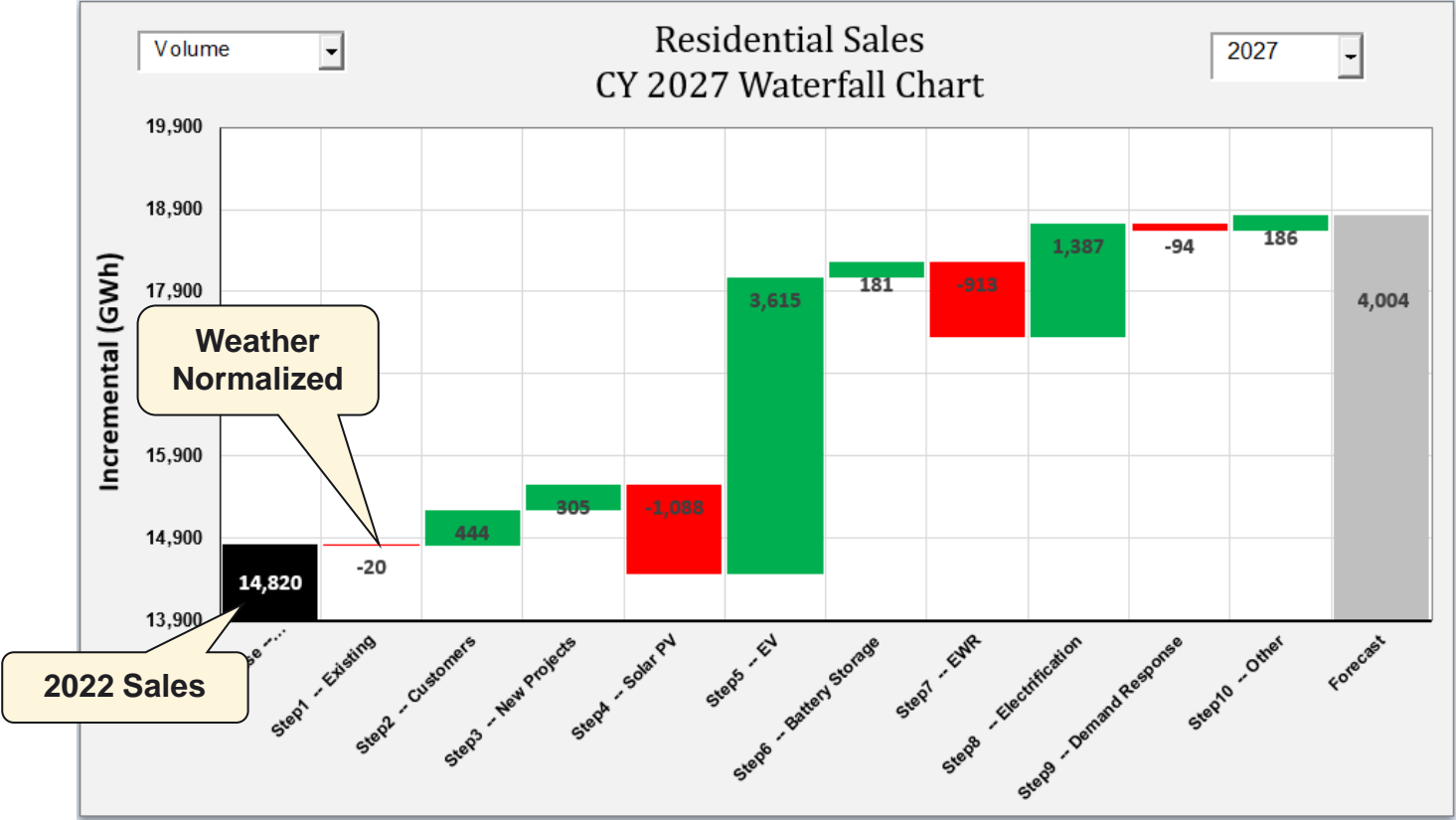
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  - **Additional Weather:** Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI), Climate Change Trends
  - **New Technologies:** Solar PV, Electric Vehicles, Battery Storage.
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# Modern Day SAE Modeling Framework

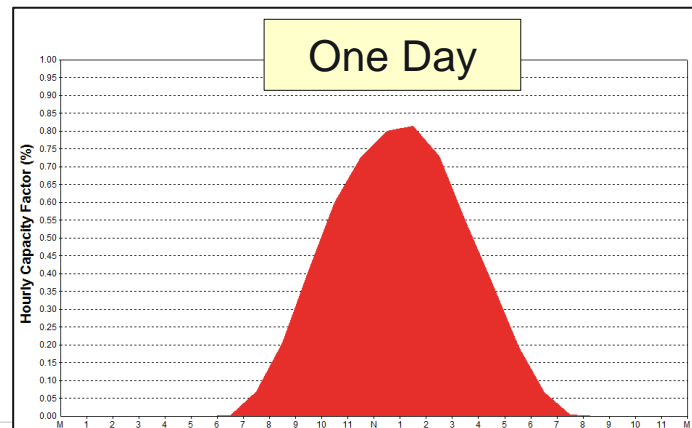
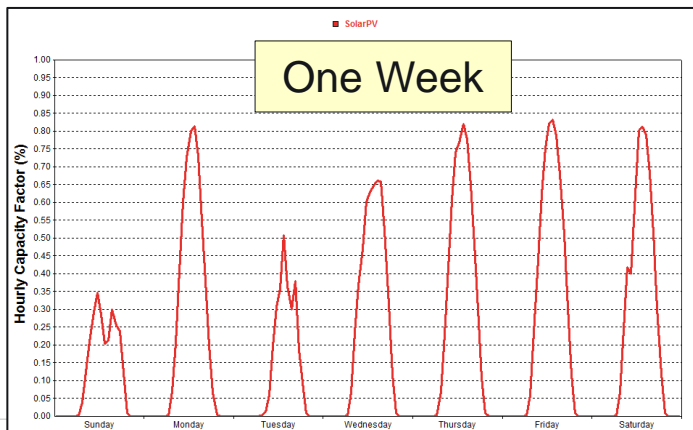
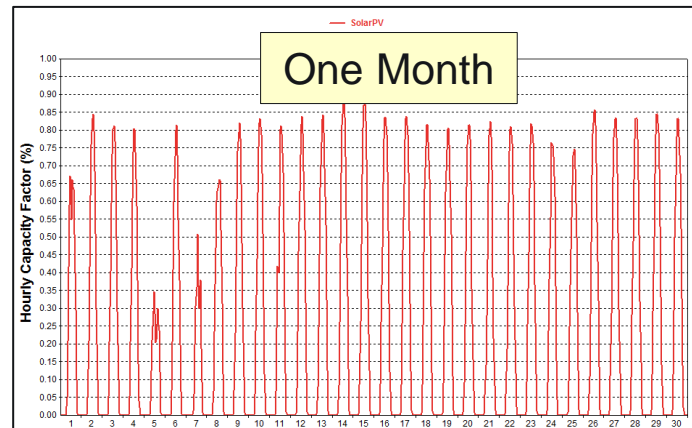
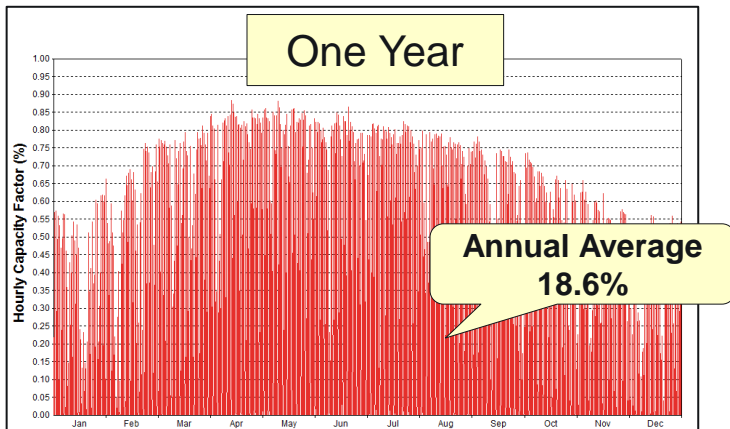




# Load Forecast Waterfall



# BTM Solar PV Shapes



# EV Charging Forecasting Scope

Passenger Vehicle Charging	
Charging Type	Stock Units
Res Level 1	# of Ports
Res Level 2	# of Ports
Workplace Level 2	# of Ports
Public Charging Level 2	# of Ports
Public Charging Direct Current Fast Charger	MW or MVA

**Each passenger vehicle charging category requires forecasts of the following:**

- # of Ports
- Annual KWh / Port
- Hourly Load Shape

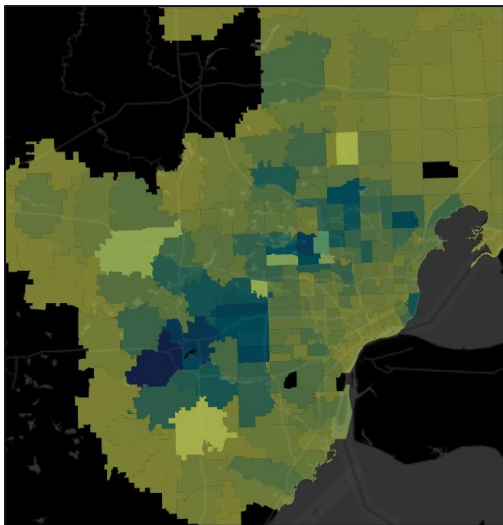
Fleet Vehicle Charging	
Charging Type	Stock Units
Light-Duty Sedan	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Medium-Duty Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Agriculture Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Construction Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Utility Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Tractor-Trailer	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Drayage Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Refuse Truck	Vehicle Miles Traveled
Bus	Vehicle Miles Traveled

**Each fleet vehicle charging category requires forecasts of the following:**

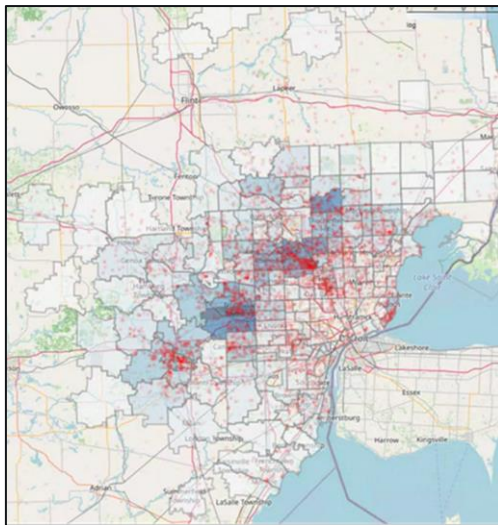
- # of Vehicles
- Vehicles Miles Traveled
- KWh / Mile
- Hourly Load Shape

# DER adoption is concentrated in small pockets on the grid.

Heatmap of EV  
Level 2 Residential  
Charging

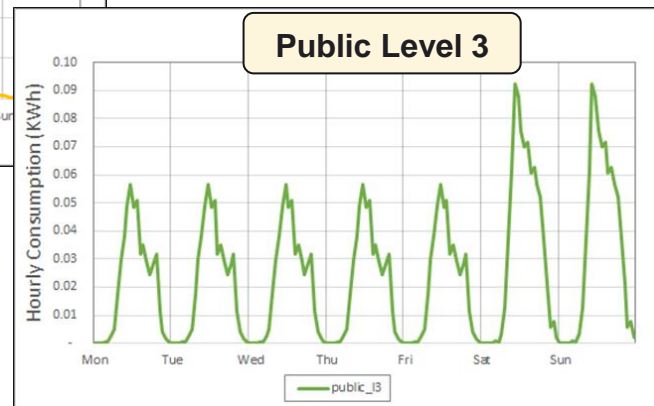
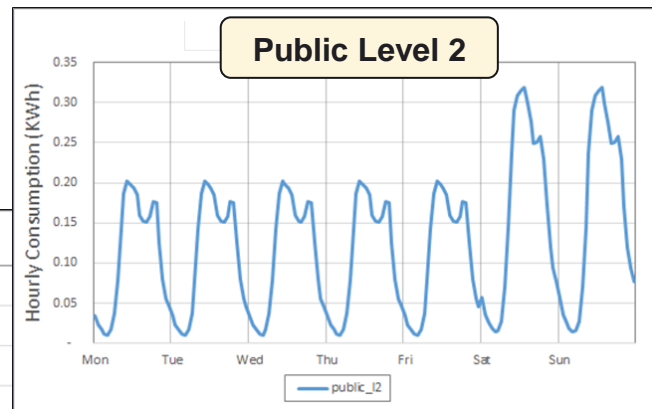
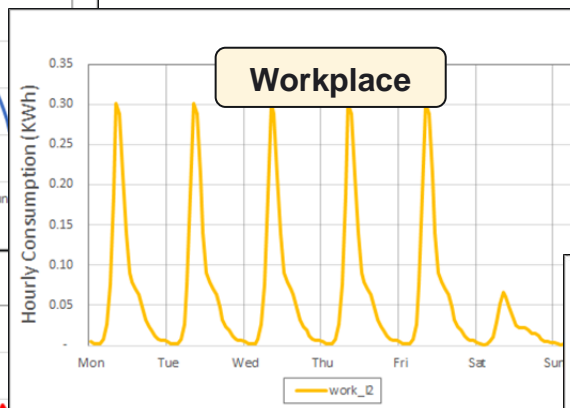
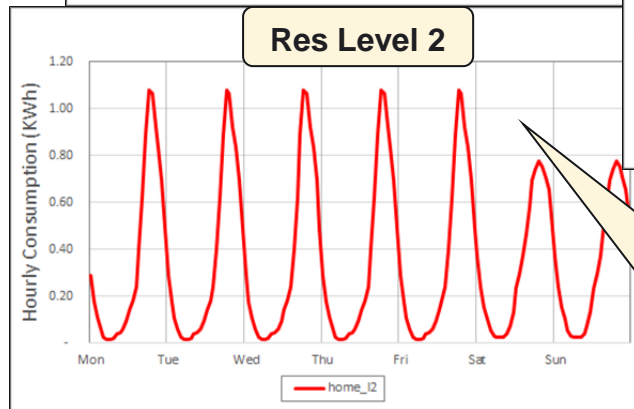
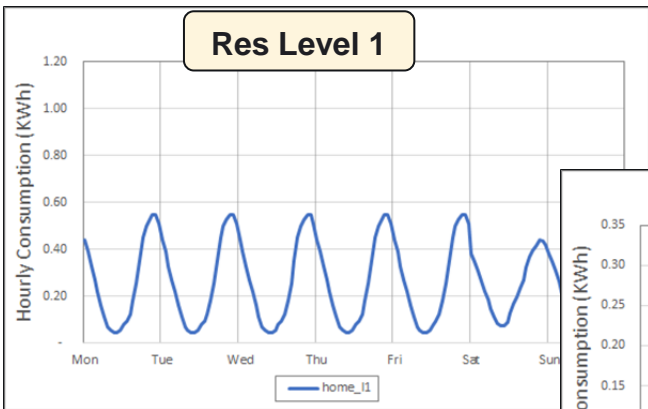


Residential EV  
propensity to adopt models



- Political Affiliation
- Income
- Maximum Education
- Car Sharing Status
- Residence Type
- Home Ownership
- # of Vehicles owned
- Public Charging Stations / Capita
- Distance to City Center

# EV Load Shapes



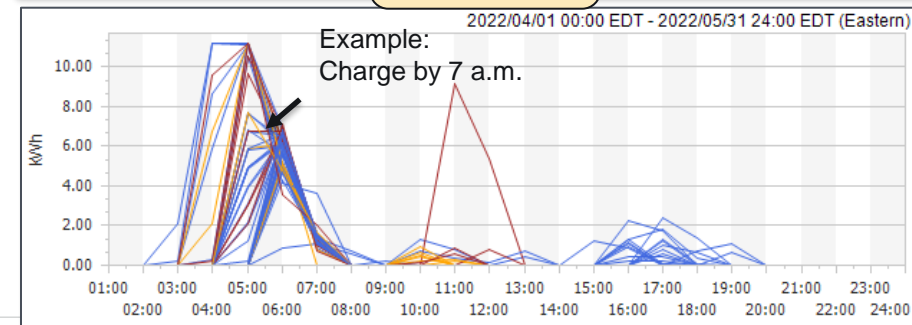
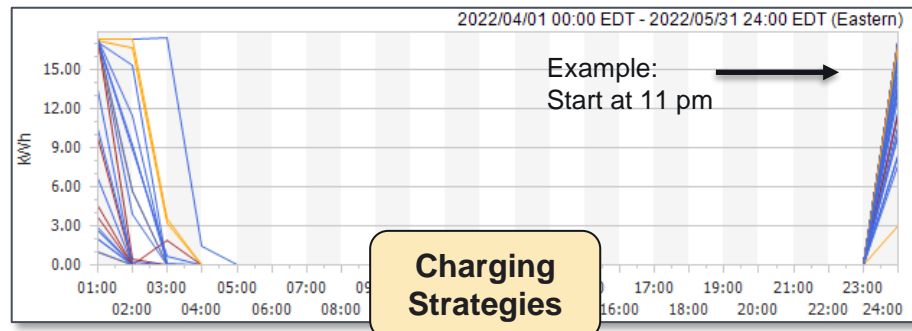
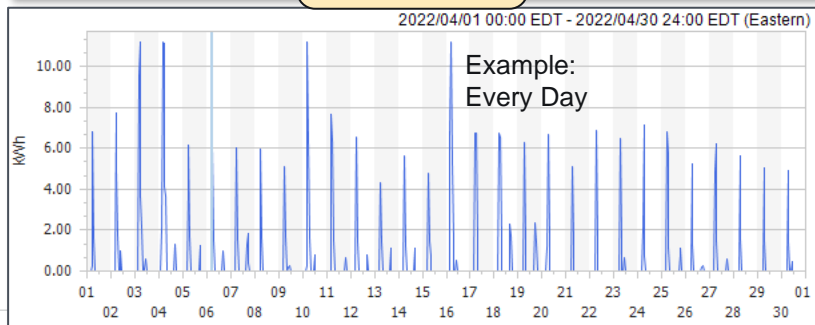
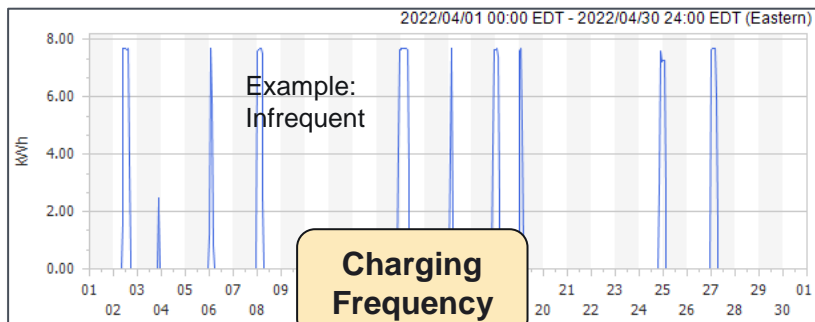
## Charging Strategies

1. Plug in after work
2. Plug in at 11 PM
3. Charge By Morning
4. Slow Charge
5. Random

# Res Level 2 Charging – EV Data

## » Utility sample of 1,200 customers on their EV Rate

- Dedicated meter for EV charging
- 11 pm - 9 am is off peak
- On/Off price ratio: ~ 2 to 1

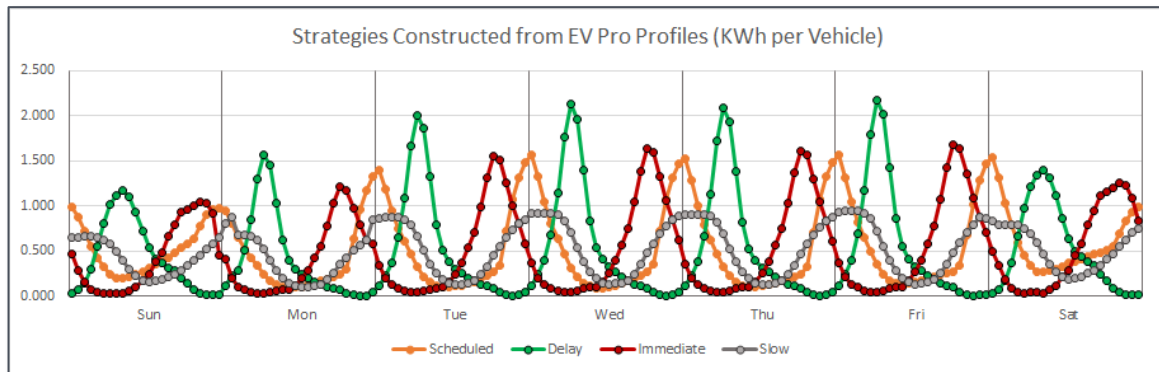




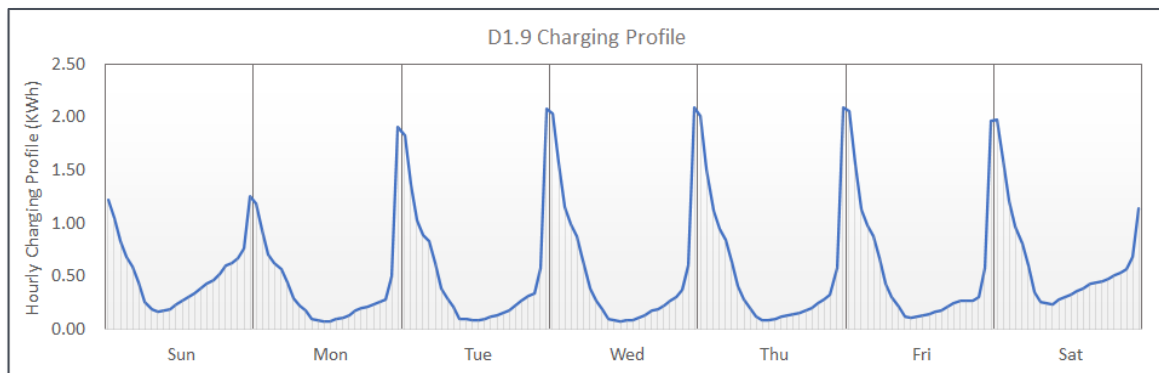
# Residential Level 2: Weighting Charging Strategies

## » Charging Strategies

- **Scheduled**: charge at 11PM
- **Delay**: – charge by 05,06,07,08
- **Immediate**: – charge after work
- **Slow**: – flatter version of immediate



- ## » Final Level 2 profile is a weighted average of the strategy profiles, where the weights vary over time.



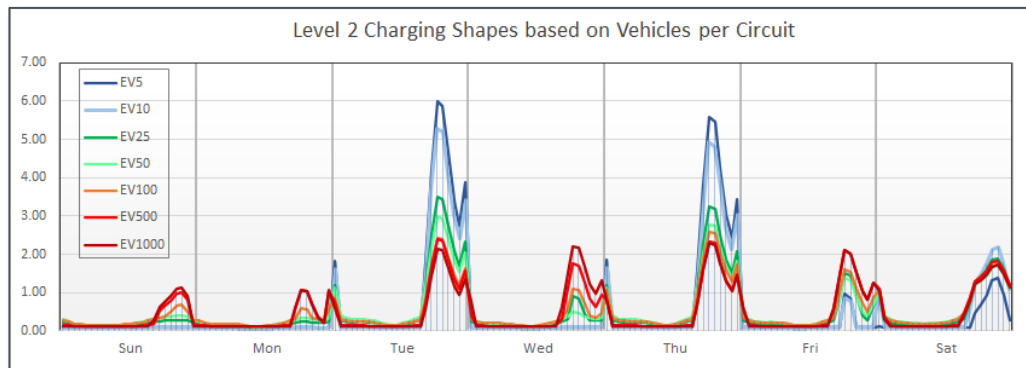
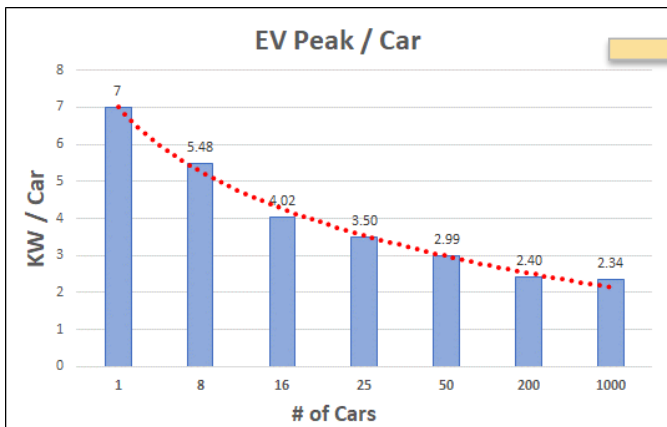
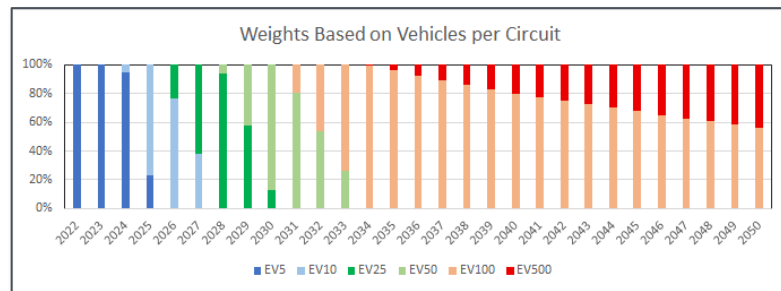
# EV Diversity by Sample Size

## » Diversity Analysis

- Based on number of vehicles
- Max KWH falls as number of vehicles grows

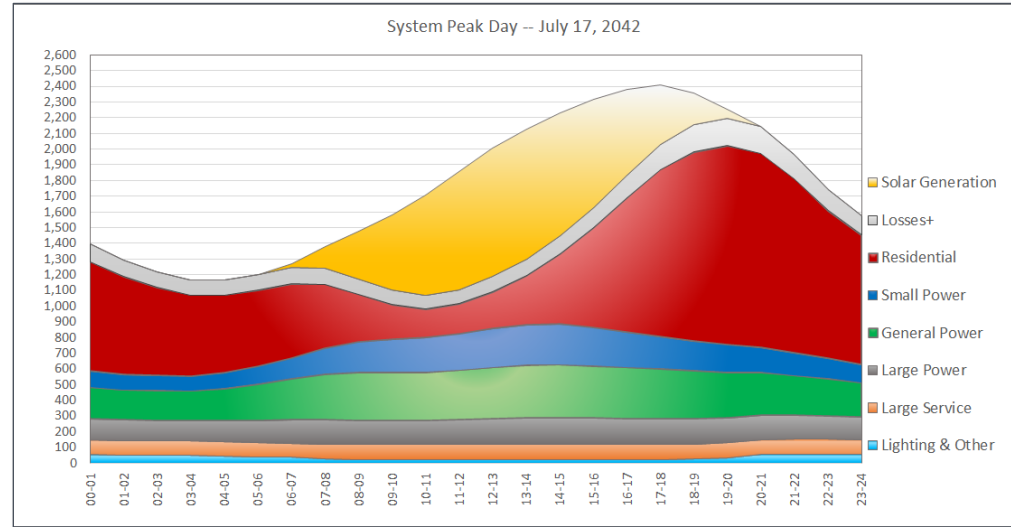
## » Steps to create less diverse shapes

- Modify shape with day of week multipliers
- Calibrate to Target Max kWh
- Weight shapes over time based on vehicles per circuit

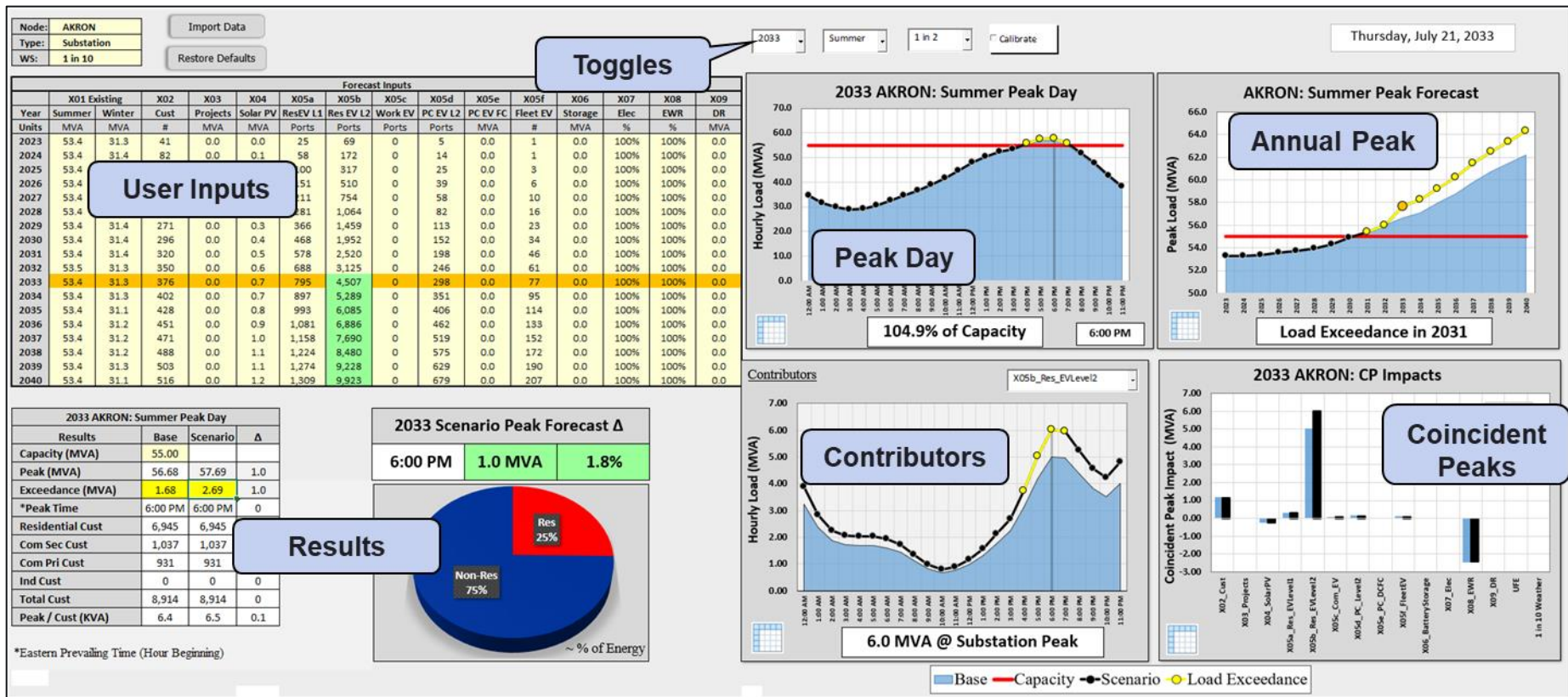


# Future System Peak Day

- » Rapid adoption of new technologies has significant leverage to influence future load shapes.
- » Combining strong end use forecasts with their respective hourly load shapes is essential for facility planning.



# Interactive Forecast Dashboard



# SAE Framework Flexibility

- » The SAE Framework has significant flexibility and can be customized to meet specific load forecasting requirements.
  
- » Output Requirements
  - Monthly Energy & Peak
  - Hourly Loads
  
- » Forecast Segmentation
  - System level
  - By Sector (Res, Com, Ind)
  - By Building Type (Res Single Family, Res Multi Family, Com Office, Com Warehouse, Com Lodging, etc.)
  - By Distribution Node (Substation, Feeder, Transformer)

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