

Impact of Energy Efficiency Initiatives

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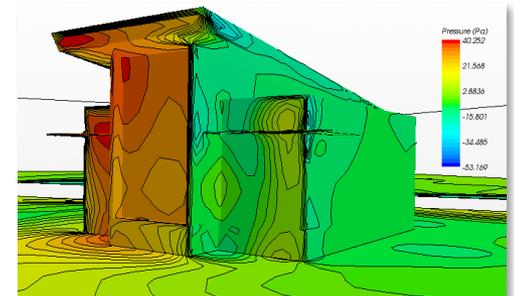


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AGENDA

- Power of Policy and Programs
 - Evolution of Energy Efficiency
 - Direction over next 10 years
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings
 - Example Programs
 - Zero Net Energy Buildings
- HNEI Work in Energy Efficiency
- Future research

Power of EE Policy and Programs

- Power of Policy and Programs
 - Policy will drive future oriented savings
 - Programs drive current and future investments in energy savings
 - Programs drive Grid support and integration of renewable energy

Demand Side Management

Demand-side management (DSM) is the planning and implementation of programs designed to influence electric and gas utility customer uses of energy in ways that will produce desired changes in a utility's or customer's energy profile.

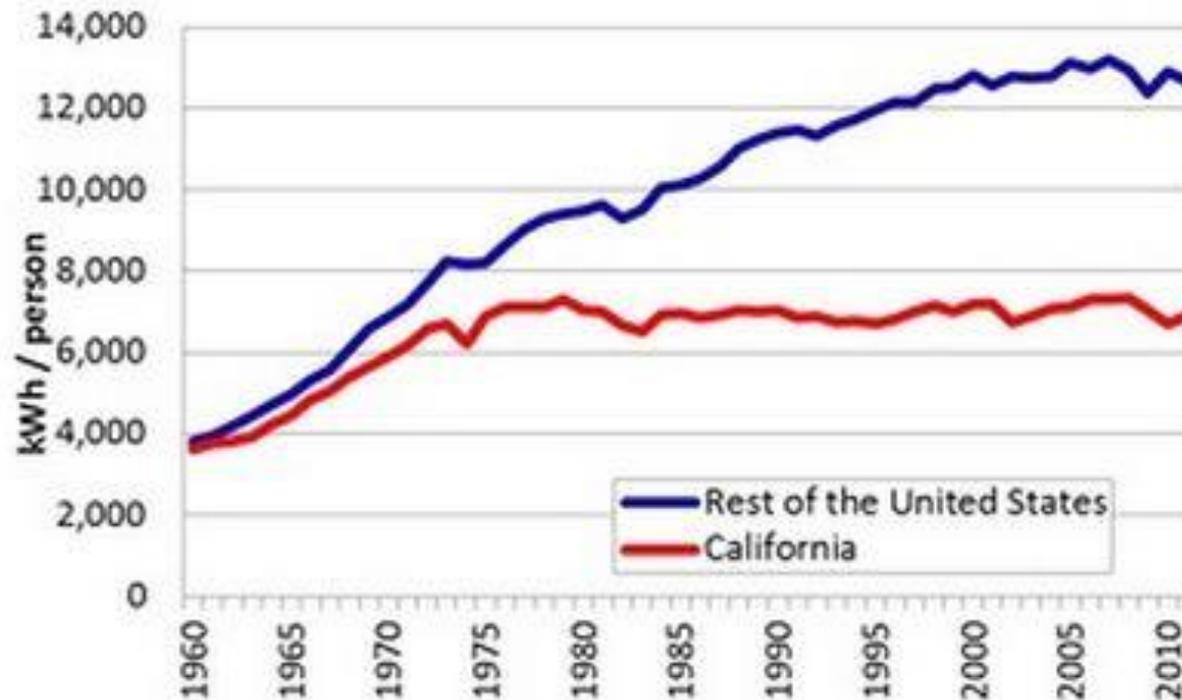
Energy Efficiency bundled under DSM

California Energy Policy: Warren Ahlquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act (1974)

- Calif Energy Commission Regulated all aspects of energy
 - Efficiency and Conservation
 - Electricity and Natural Gas
 - Generation / Power plants
 - Import of fuel
 - Transmission and Distribution
 - Transportation
 - Integrated Energy Policy

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Per Capita Electricity Consumption: California vs. Rest of Nation



Source: Greentechmedia.com

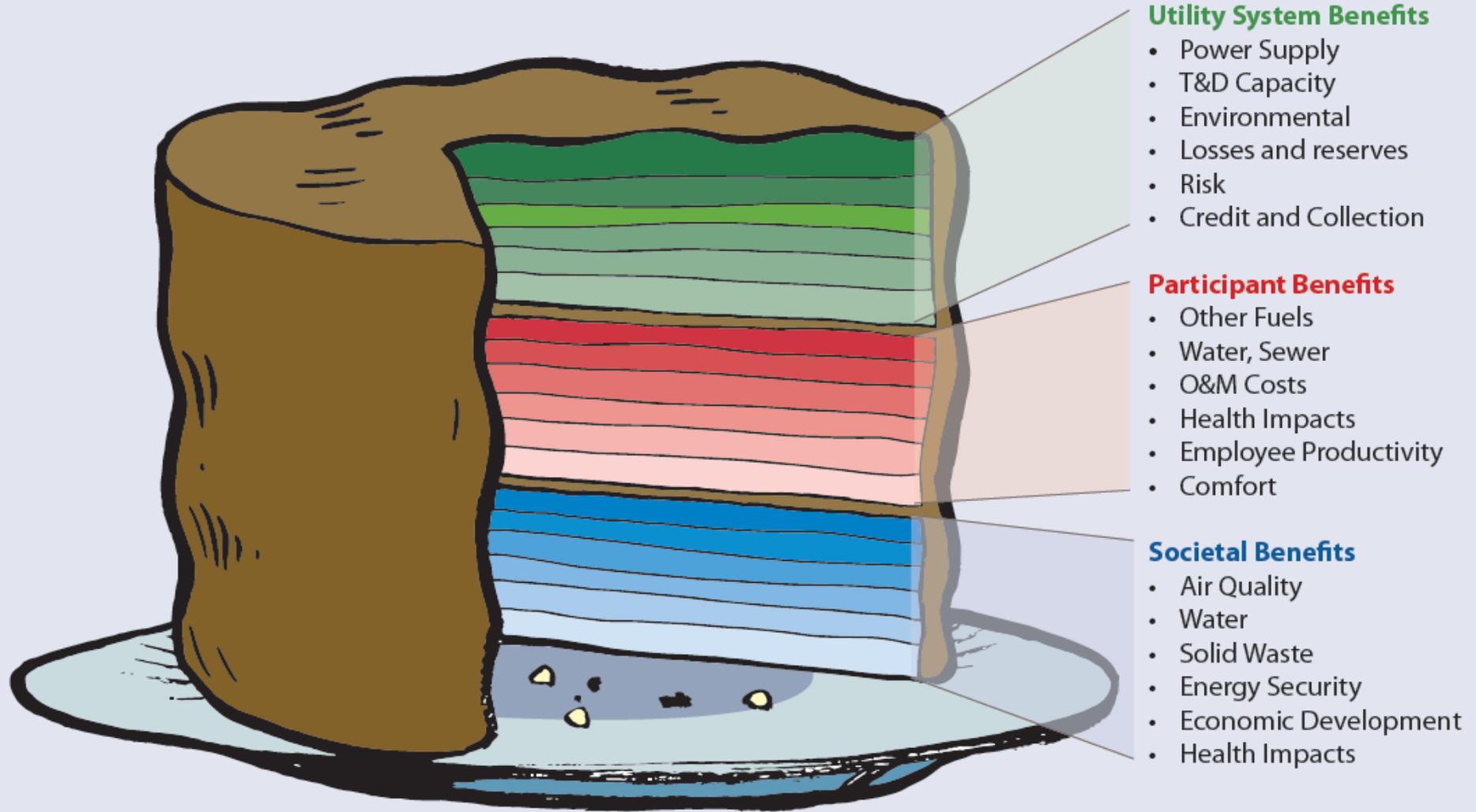
EU's "Efficiency First" model

In February 2015, the principle of Efficiency First was formally endorsed by the European Commission within the framework of the Energy Union.

- Help the Energy Union to deliver on the three goals of **competitiveness, energy security, and decarbonisation**
- Identifies Energy Union governance framework to make Efficiency First work in practice.
- Recommendations include:
 - Use consistent demand projections that assume all of the EU's existing energy and climate goals are met in energy plans and models;
 - Employ a societal perspective (use appropriate discount rates) when assessing the impact of efficiency policies;
 - Make *Efficiency First* a bedrock of national climate and energy plans under the Energy Union;
 - Set a binding 40 percent energy efficiency target for 2030;
 - Extend and tighten up energy efficiency obligations under the Energy Efficiency Directive;
 - Make efficiency a principle of energy system design;
 - Use Efficiency First to guide EU funds; and
 - Get local and regional governments involved.

Source: <http://www.raponline.org/knowledge-center/efficiency-first-new-paradigm-european-energy-system/>

A "Layer Cake" of Benefits from Electric Energy Efficiency



Integrated Demand Side Management

The integration/coordination of delivery for three or more of:

(1) Energy Efficiency,

(2) Demand Response,

(3) Distributed Generation,

(4) Storage,

(5) Electric Vehicle, and

(6) Time-Based Rate programs to residential and commercial electric utility customers.



Barriers and Opportunities to Broader Adoption of Integrated Demand Side Management at Electric Utilities

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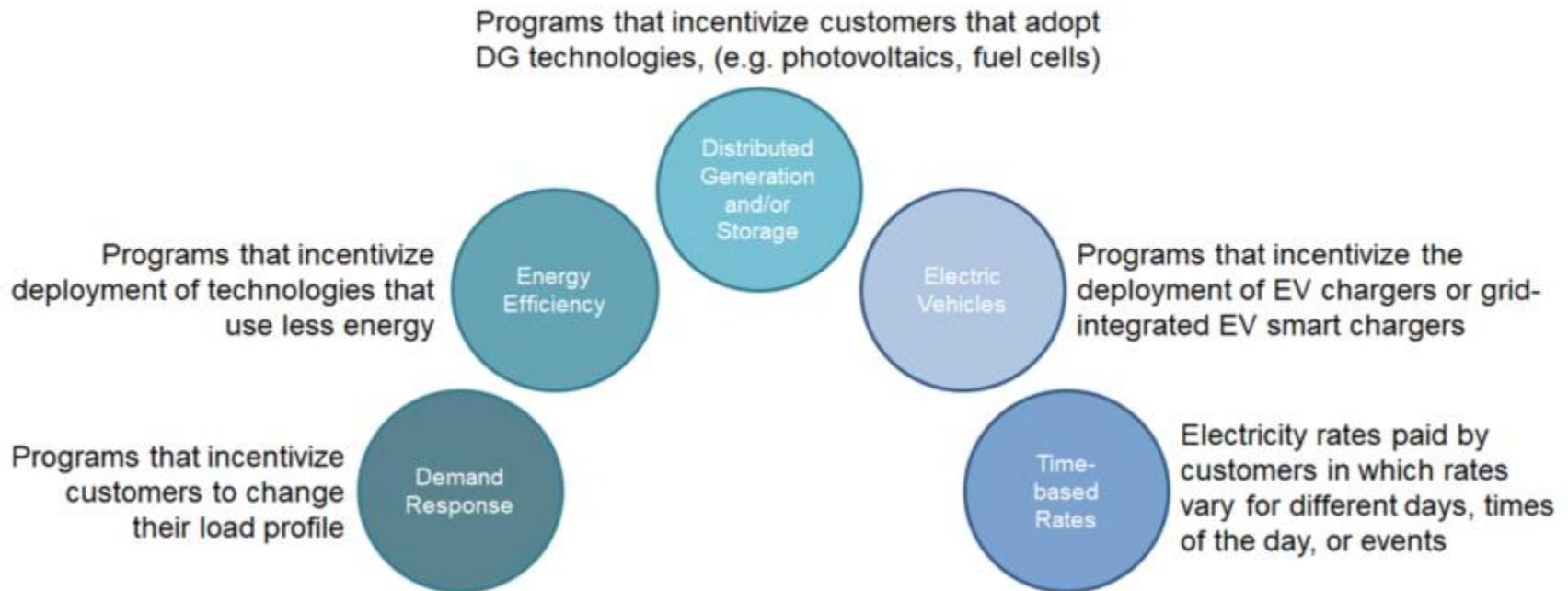


ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AREA



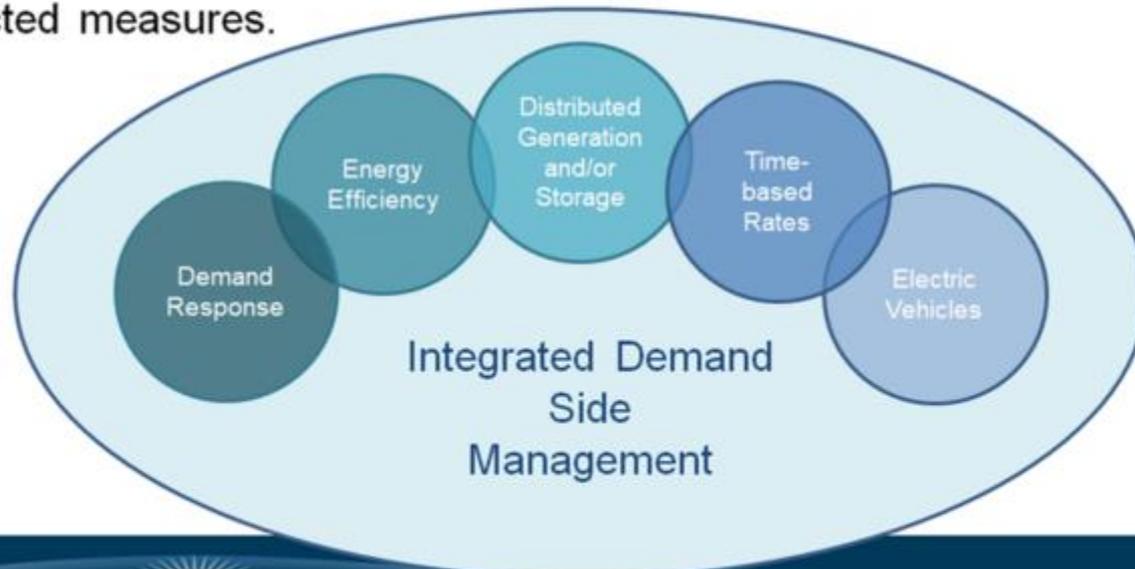
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Current DSM Program Offerings



Current IDSM Program Offerings

In an IDSM program, a customer is offered marketing materials, rebates and incentives, and/or financing for measures that integrate/coordinate with other measures that can be installed together as one package, simultaneously, or as interconnected measures.



Objectives of Scoping Study

by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

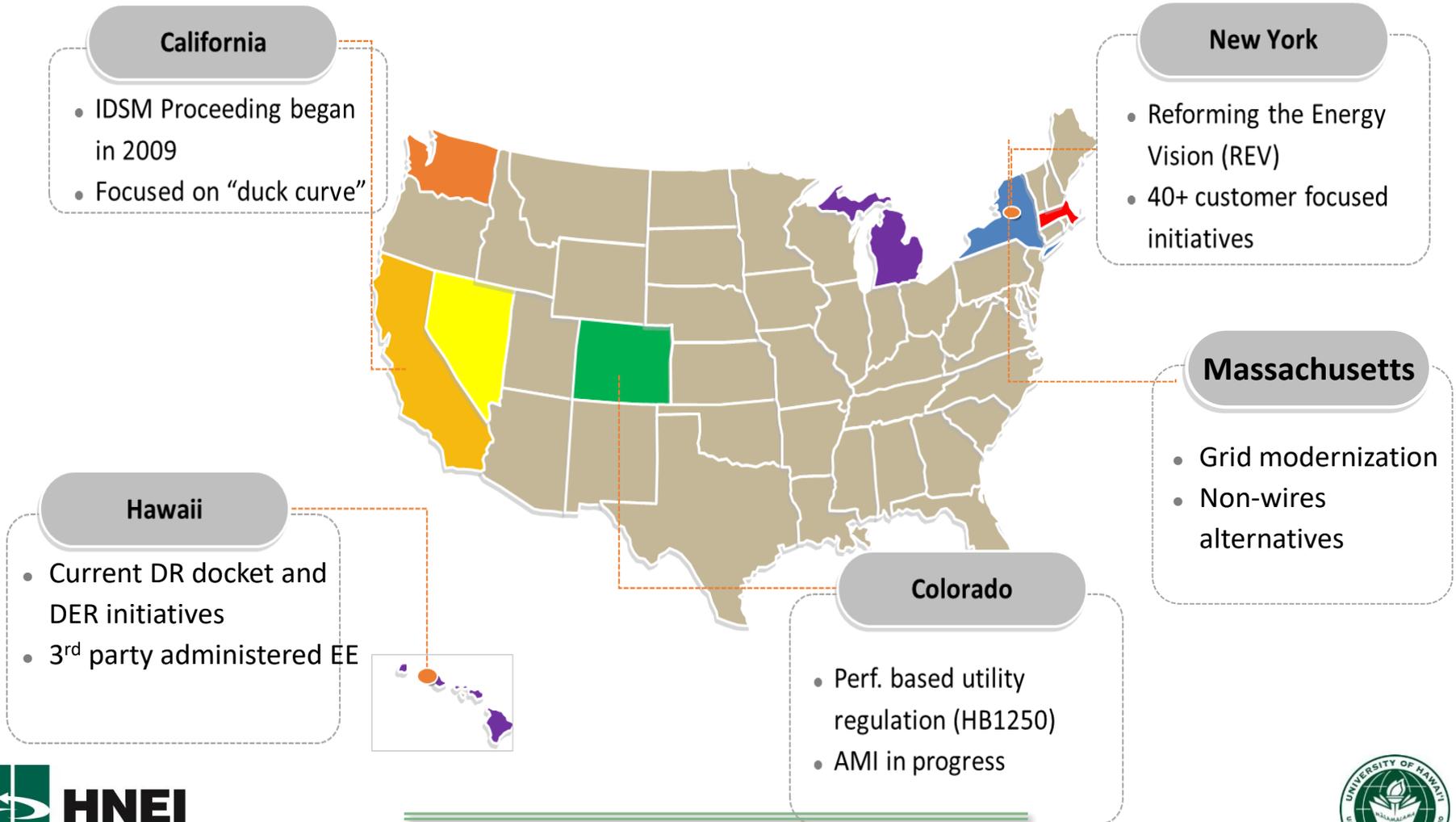
- Identify barriers and opportunities for increasing implementation IDSM programs by:
 - Highlighting examples of programmatic mechanisms that have been or could be deployed for delivering IDSM technologies;
 - Identifying benefits reported by program administrators that IDSM has provided or may provide to the bulk power and distribution system;
 - Identifying a prioritized set of barriers that has been or could be experienced by program administrators to more fully implement IDSM; and
 - Discussing efforts that have been or could be undertaken to overcome these barriers.



Respondents described significant barriers to implementing IDSM

- Separate/Distinct Program Budgets limit funding for IDSM projects
- Lack of Cost Effectiveness Metrics for valuing IDSM portfolios and measures limit implementation
- Separation of responsibilities within organizations for delivering DSM programs can limit or prohibit collaborative marketing, administration, and merging of resources that would improve delivery of IDSM

Limited Industry Experience with IDSM



Utilities are pursuing IDSM because...

- Respondents stated that IDSM offers:
 - The ability to deliver broader range of demand side technology options
 - Services to optimize customers' end use energy consumption and increase customer engagement/satisfaction
 - Compliance with regulatory mandates to offer IDSM or EE and DR programs.
- Over 50% respondents indicated IDSM opportunities may help address distribution, and in some cases bulk power system, needs by providing **targeted, locational and temporal controllability** and/or energy reduction of end-uses.



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Source: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, *Barriers and Opportunities to Broader Adoption of Integrated Demand Side Management*, November, 2017



Residential DSM and IDSM Programs

	SMUD	SCE	PG&E	DTE Energy	Avan Grid	Con Edison	HECO	Hawai'i Energy
Residential								
Appliance Recycling	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
Behavior	●	●	○●	○	○			○
Education	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Home Appliances	○	○	○	○		○		○
Home Retrofit	+	○	○	○		+		
HVAC	●+	●+	○●	○●	○+	○+	●+	+
Lighting	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
Multifamily	○	○	○	○		○		○
New Construction	+	○	+	○				
Water Heating	○	○	○	○		○	+	○
Pool pumps	○	○	○					○
Electric Vehicles	○+	○	○	○		○		

Key:

➕: IDSM Program offered

○: EE program only

●: DR program only

○●: A distinct EE program and a distinct DR program are offered

○+: A distinct EE program and IDSM program are offered

●+: A distinct DR program and IDSM program are offered

Commerical DSM and IDSM Programs

	SMUD	SCE	PG&E	DTE Energy	AvanGrid	Con Edison	HECO	Hawai'i Energy
Commercial								
Agriculture	○	○○●	○					○
Efficient motors	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
HVAC	+	○○●	○○●	○	○	○	●	○
Industrial custom	○	○○●	○○●	○	○	○		○
Business custom	○	○○●	○○●	○	○	○		○
Lighting	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
Lighting systems and controls	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
Retro-commissioning	○	○	○	○		+(targeted) ○(general)		○
Small business custom	○	○○●	○○●	○	○	○		○
Energy Management Control Systems	+	+	○	○		○○●		
New Construction	○	○	○+	○				
Battery Storage	○	○	○+			○		

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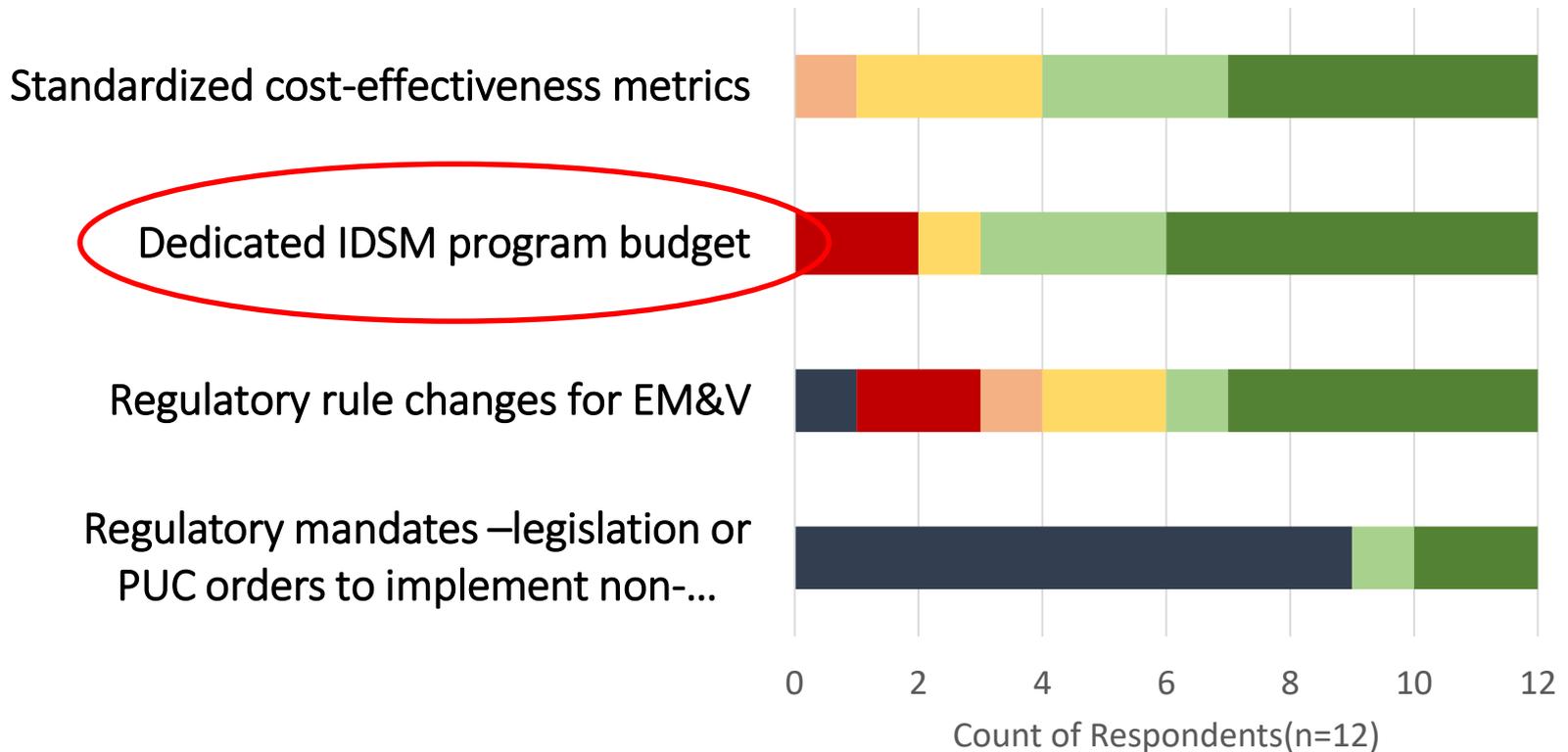
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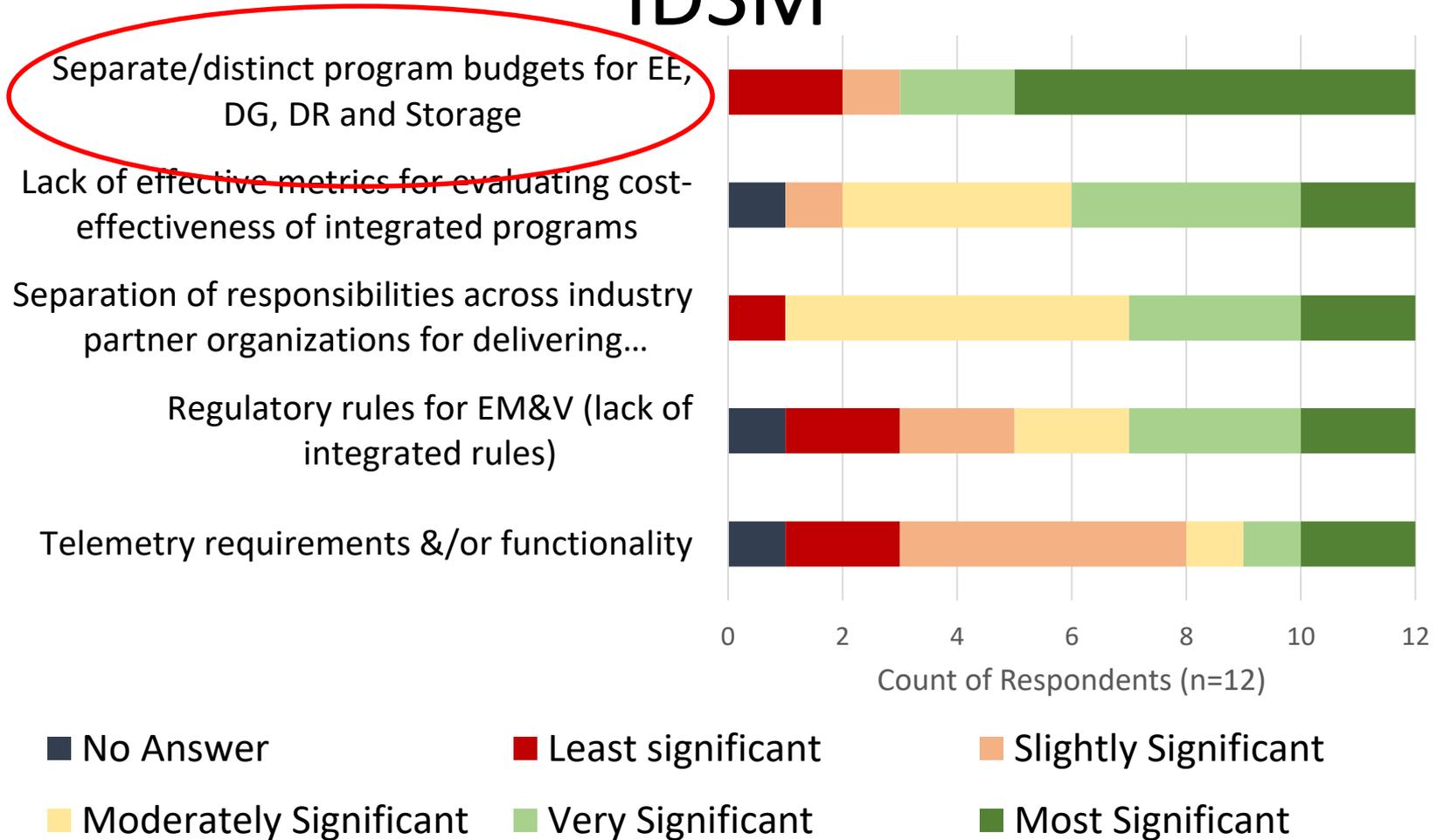
Key Takeaways

Regulatory Opportunities for Expanding IDSM



- No Answer
- Low Importance
- Modest Importance
- Medium Importance
- Significant Importance
- High Importance

Regulatory Barriers to Implementing IDSMS



Promising Residential IDSM Programmatic Opportunities



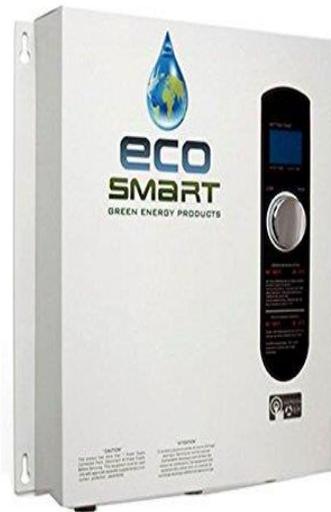
HVAC Controls



Electric Vehicles



Battery Storage



Water Heating

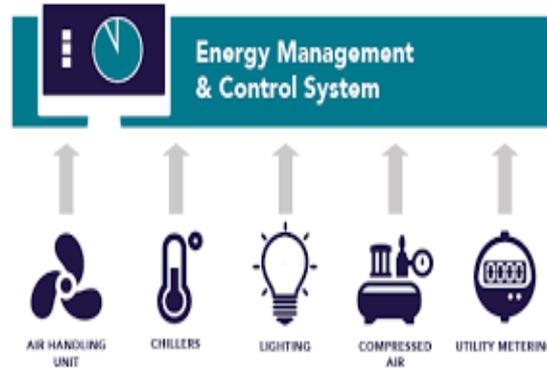


Advanced Solar Inverter

Promising C&I IDSM Programmatic Opportunities



Lighting Systems & Control



Battery Storage



RETRO-COMMISSIONING



Electric Transportation

Conclusions

- Energy Efficiency is evolving, more complex
- Efficiency programs have value far greater than energy savings
- EE is now a portfolio of solutions with flexibility to support dynamic grids and customer needs.
- Integrated DSM is the new Efficiency. Cannot be considered as a stand alone solution.
- Primary consideration in developing energy policies and programs
- Should be budgeted as an IDSM portfolio

Building Technologies

- Zero Net Energy buildings (UH) and communities
- Building simulation and analysis
- Desiccant Dehumidification technology

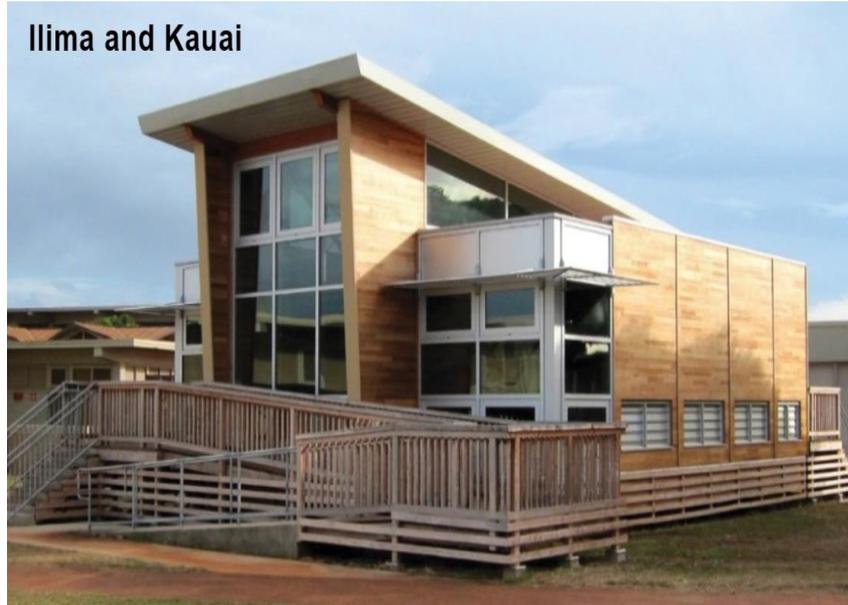
FROG

Flexible
Response to
Ongoing
Growth

Test sites

- 3 locations
- 5 Modular classroom buildings

Ilima and Kauai



First Generation

Location: Lihue, Kauai
and Ewa Beach, Oahu

Year built: 2010-13

UH Manoa, Honolulu



Second Generation

Location: UH Manoa,
Honolulu Oahu

Year built: 2016

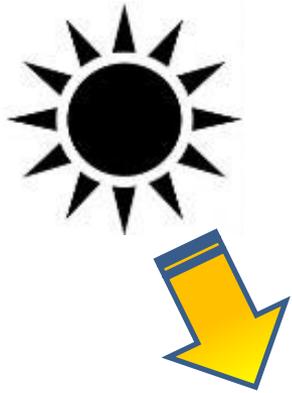


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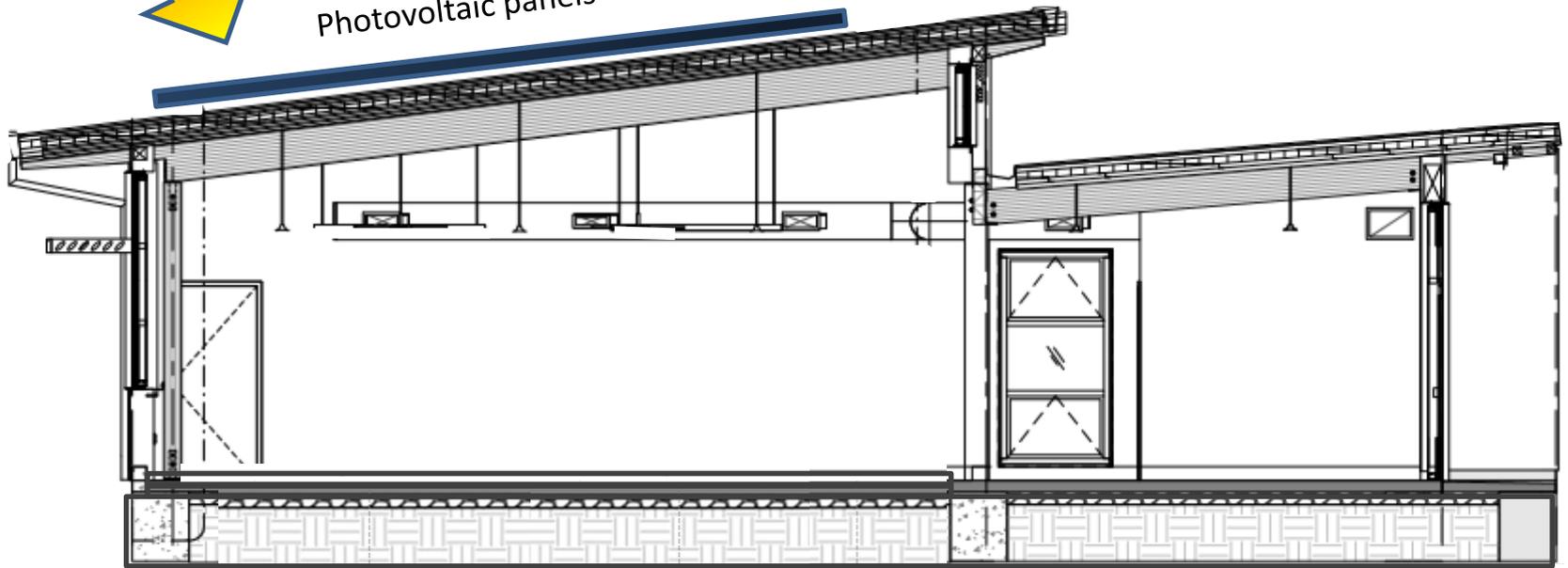


"I'M DONATING MY BODY TO SCIENCE CLASS."

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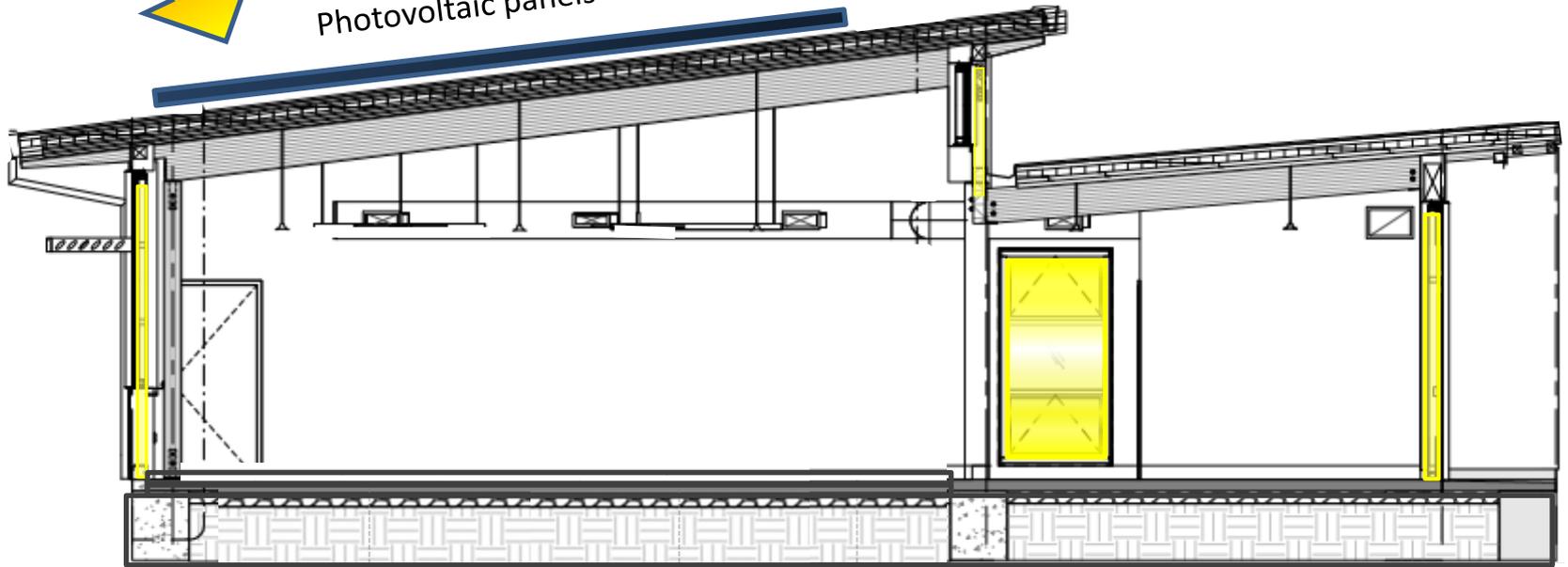
Photovoltaic panels



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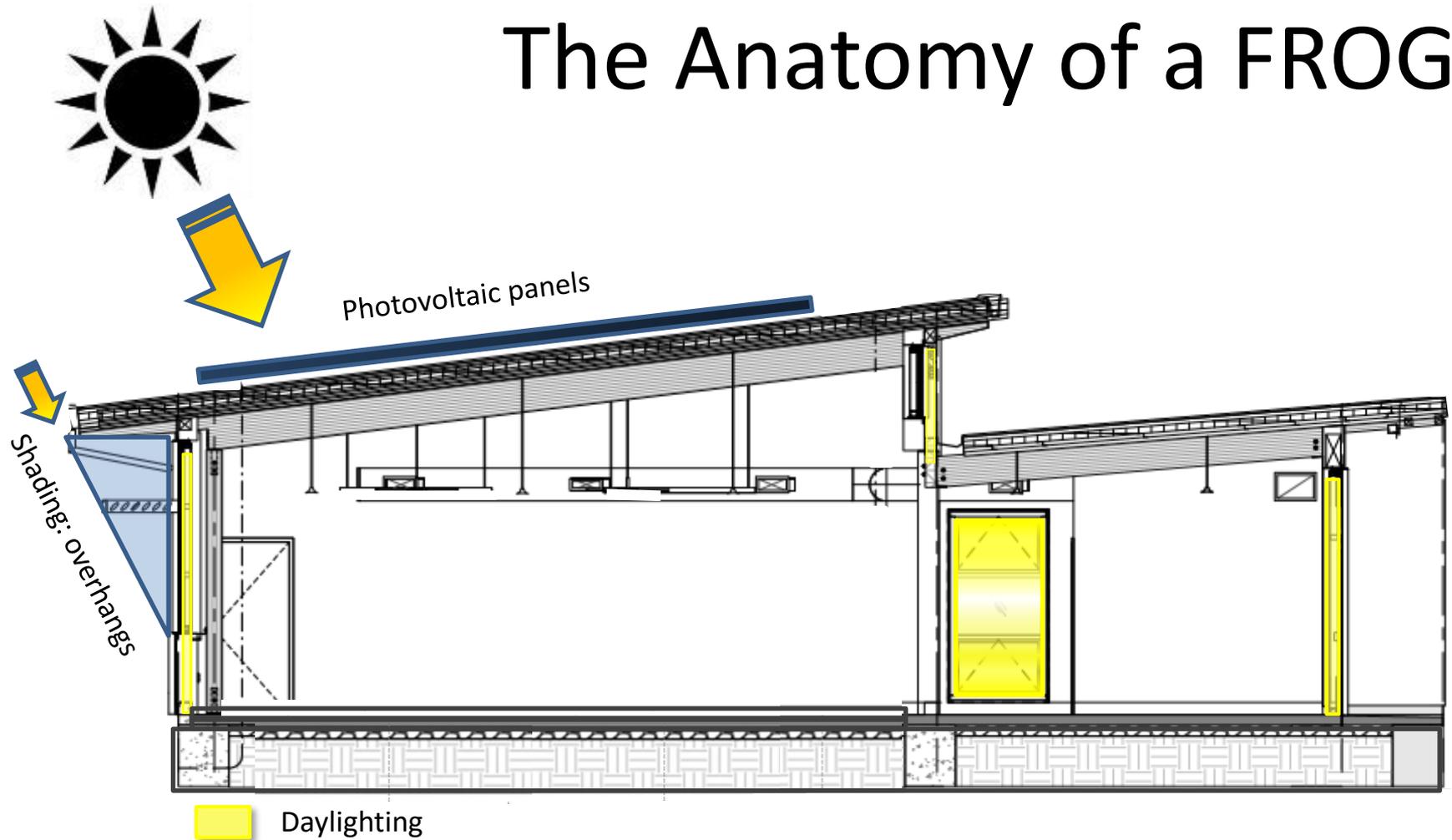


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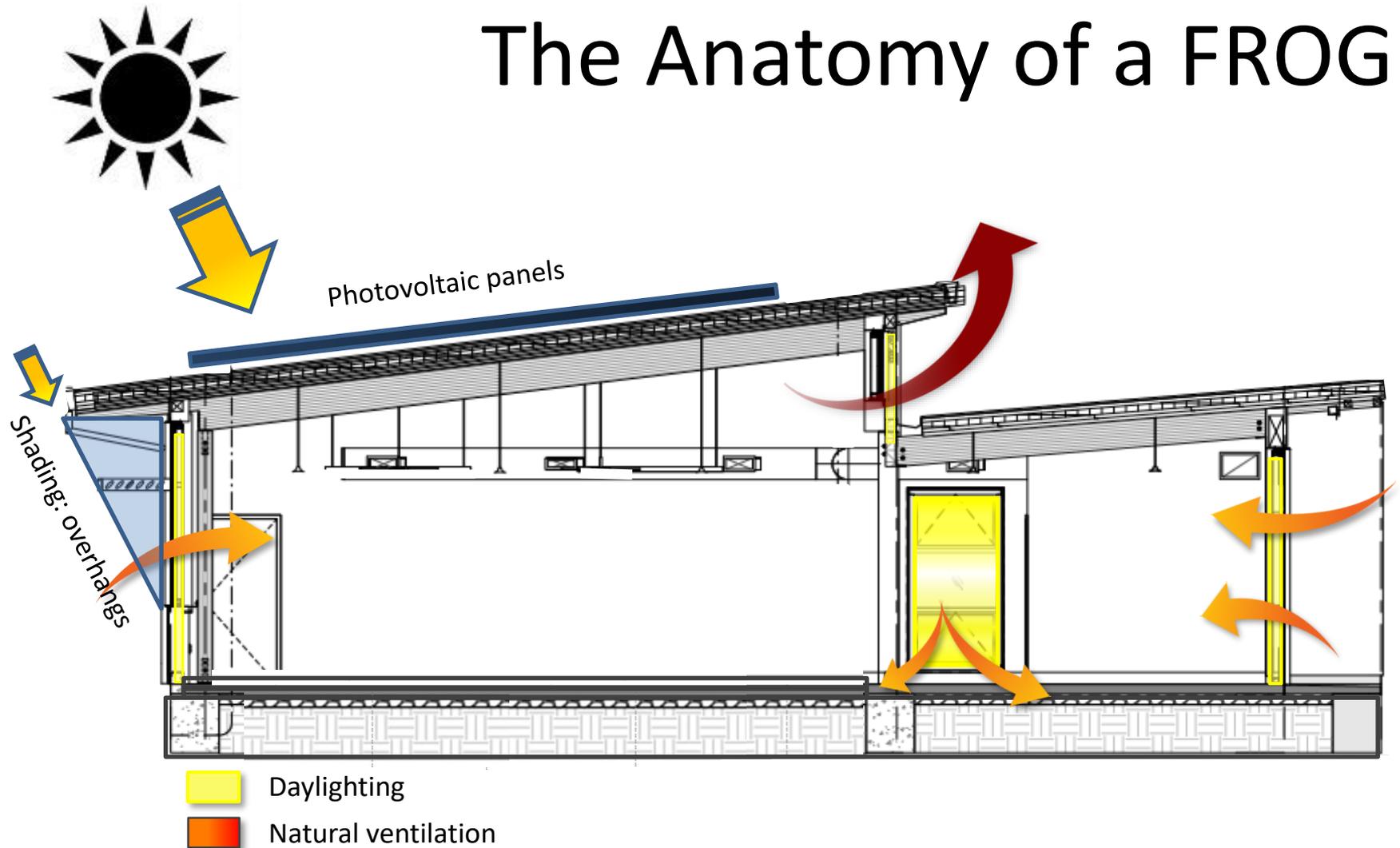


 Daylighting

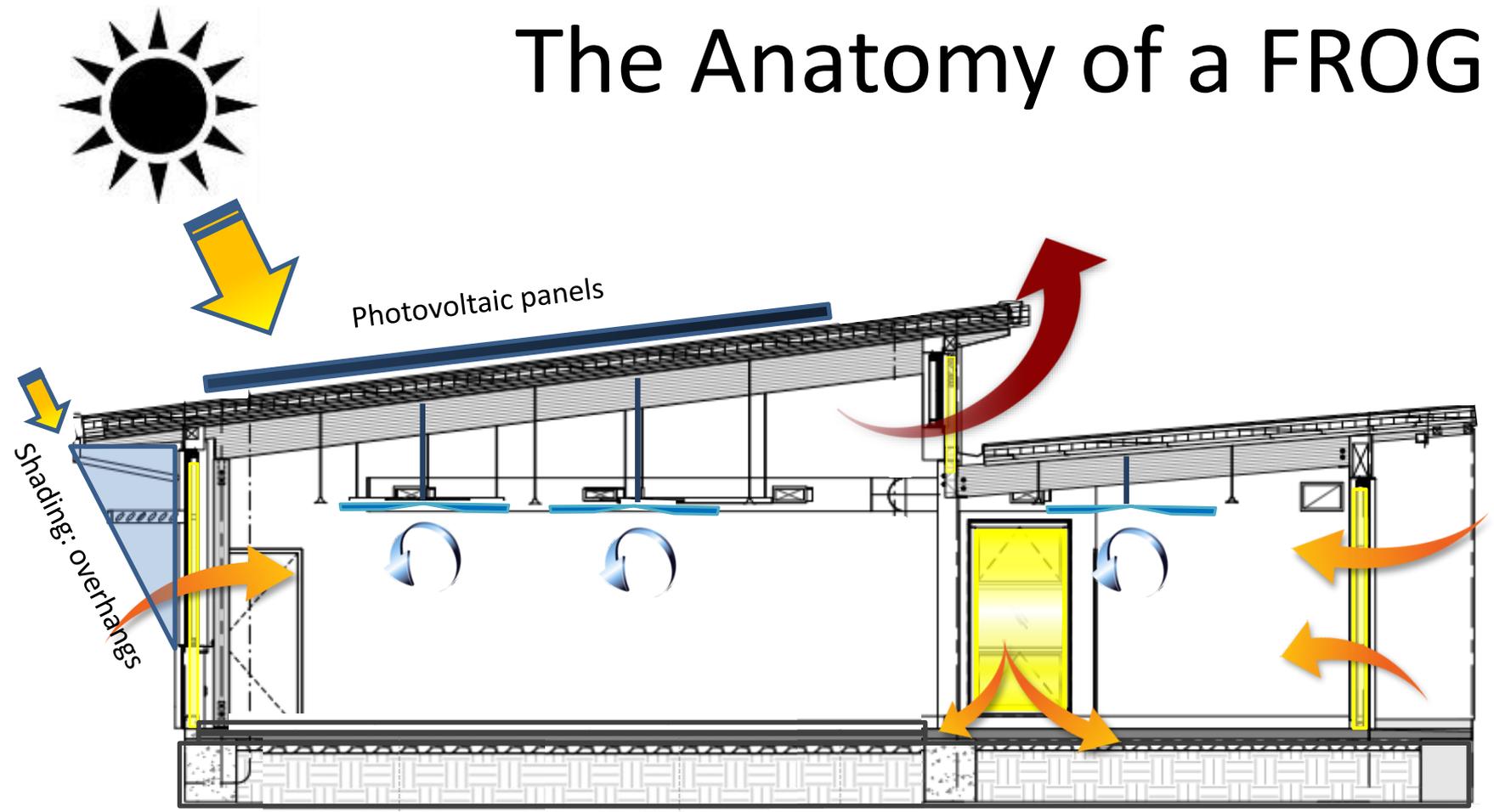
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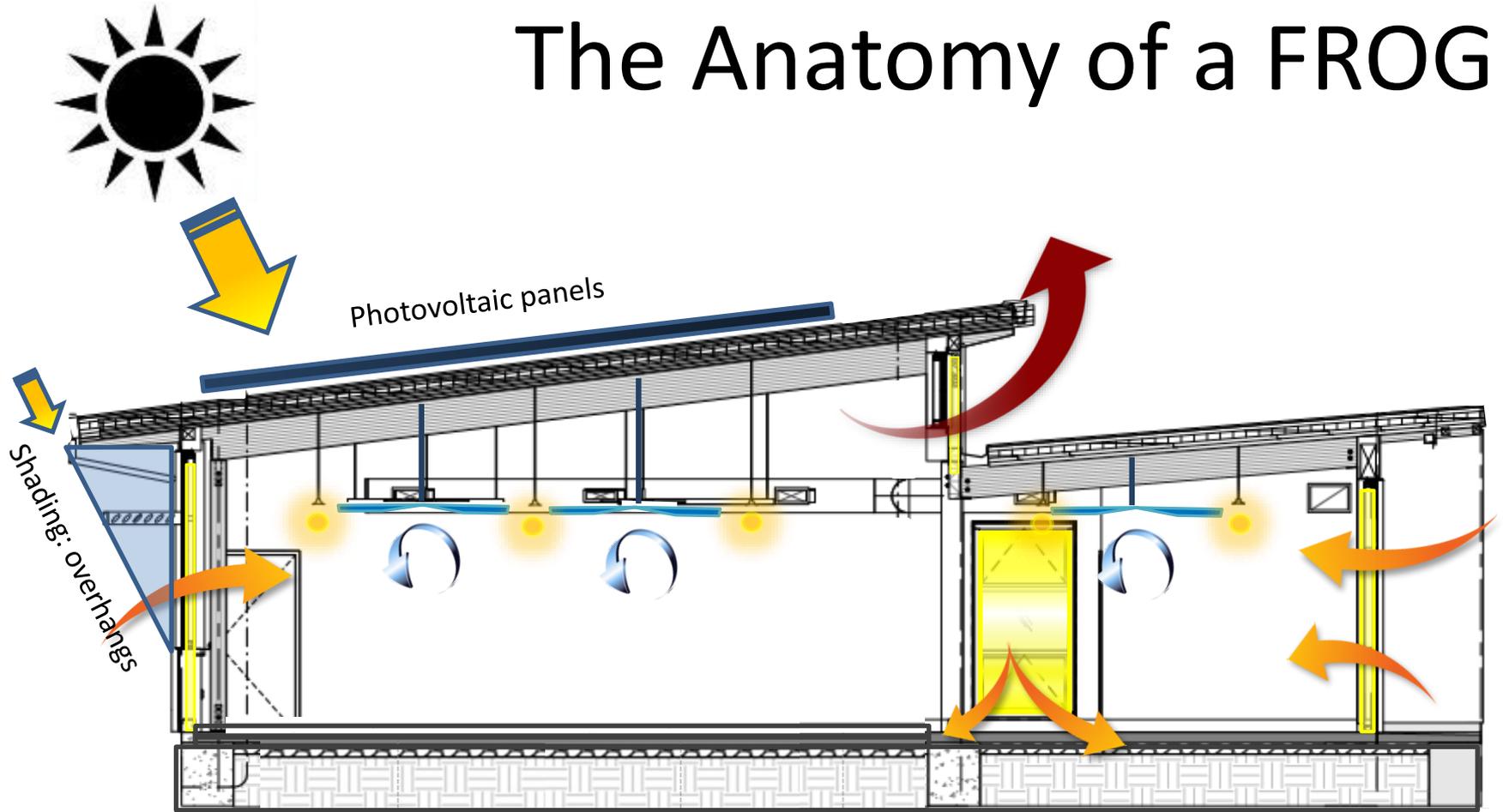


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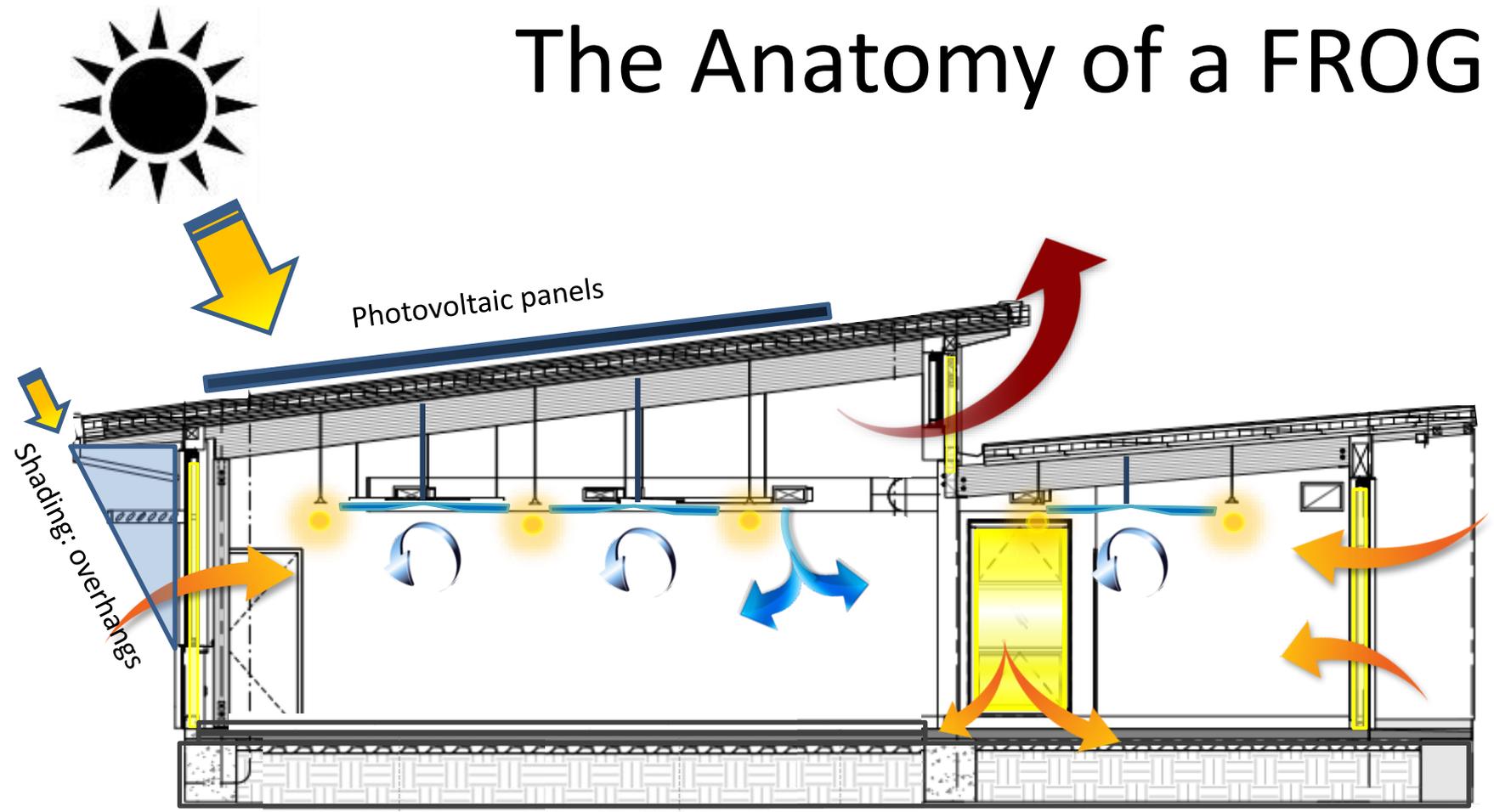
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-  Forced convection (over skin)

The Anatomy of a FROG



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-  Forced convection (over skin)
-  Daylight controlled LED lighting

The Anatomy of a FROG



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-  Natural ventilation
-  Forced convection (over skin)
-  Daylight controlled LED lighting
-  On-Demand HVAC

performance monitoring

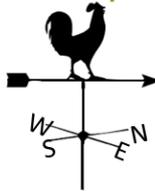
ENERGY SENSORS

- AC condenser
- AC fan coil unit
- Lighting, indoors
- Lighting, outdoors
- Ceiling fans
- Exhaust fan
- Plug loads (all things plugged into sockets)
- Solar photovoltaic energy production



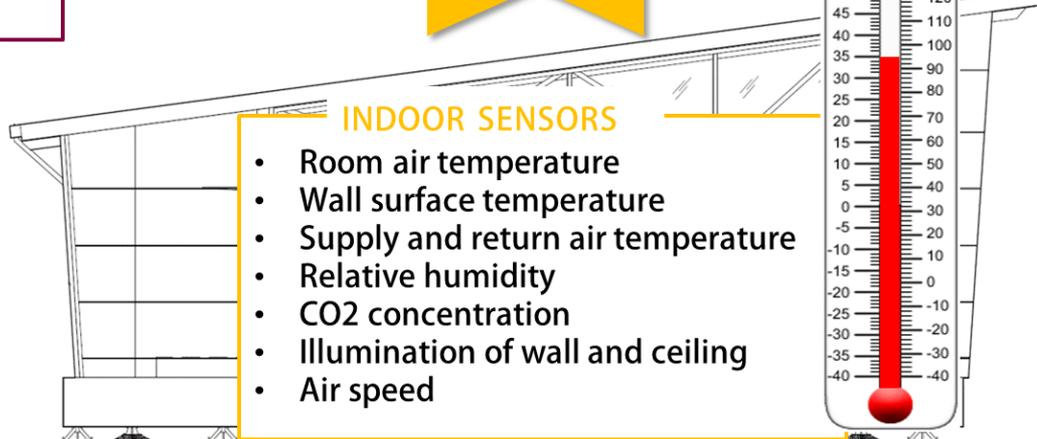
WEATHER SENSORS

- Temperature
- Relative humidity
- Solar radiation
- Wind speed
- Wind direction



INDOOR SENSORS

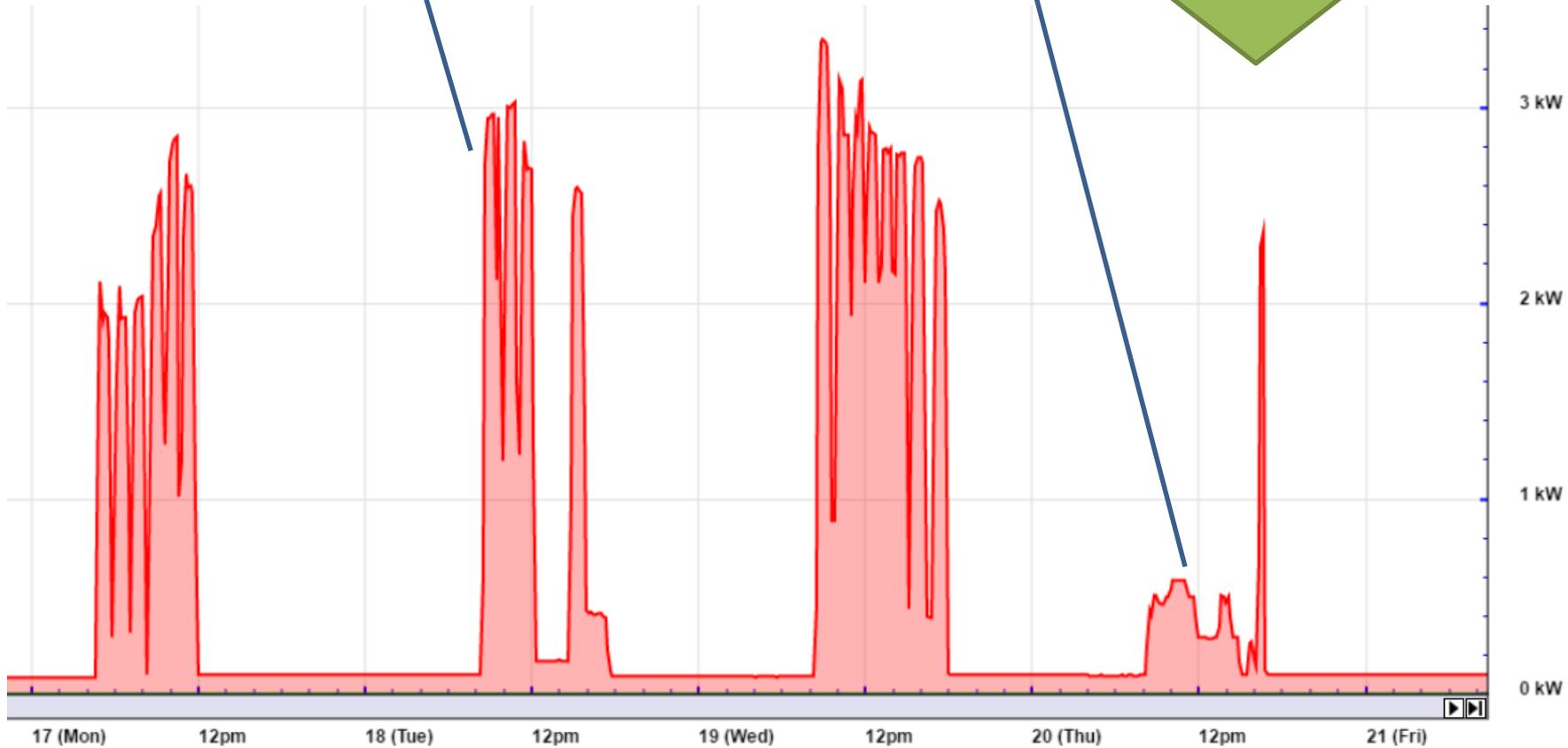
- Room air temperature
- Wall surface temperature
- Supply and return air temperature
- Relative humidity
- CO2 concentration
- Illumination of wall and ceiling
- Air speed



Air conditioning,
clg fans and lights
~3300 W

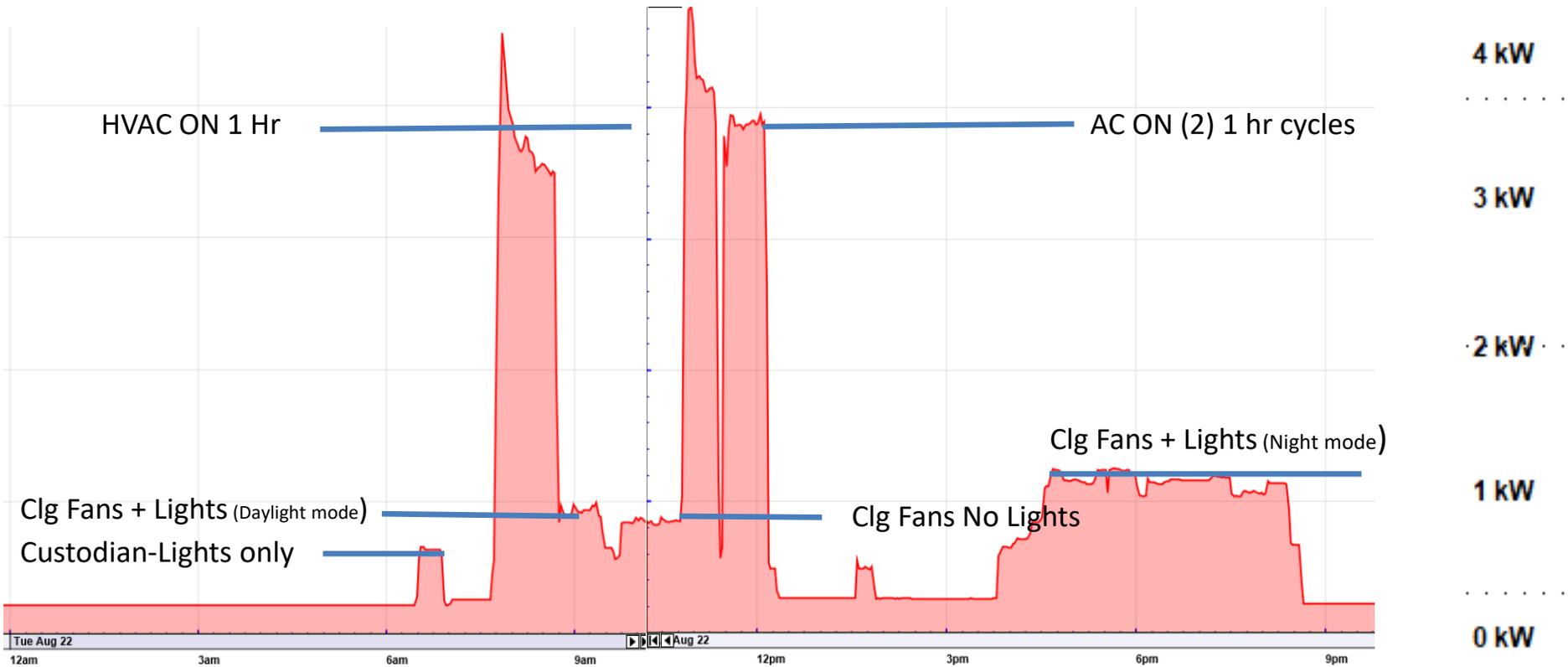
Clg fans and lights
only
~ 400 W

88%
reduction
in energy



Monitoring/Value of Decisions

End-use fingerprints



Dashboard: Interior and Exterior Env. Conditions

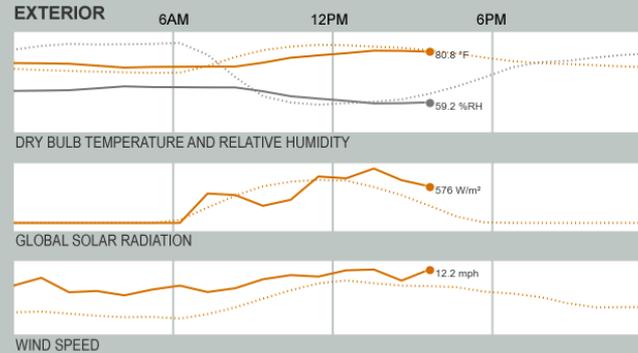
UHM NET ZERO CLASSROOMS ENVIRONMENT FROG 2

ENERGY PERFORMANCE TODAY

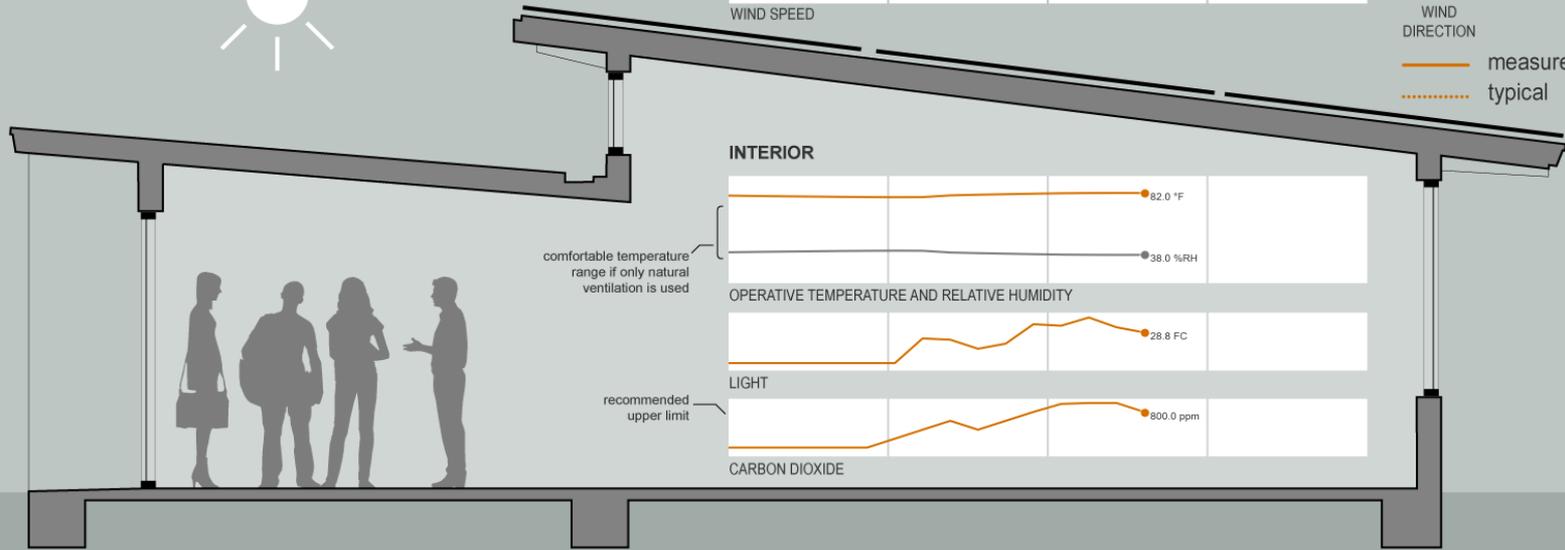
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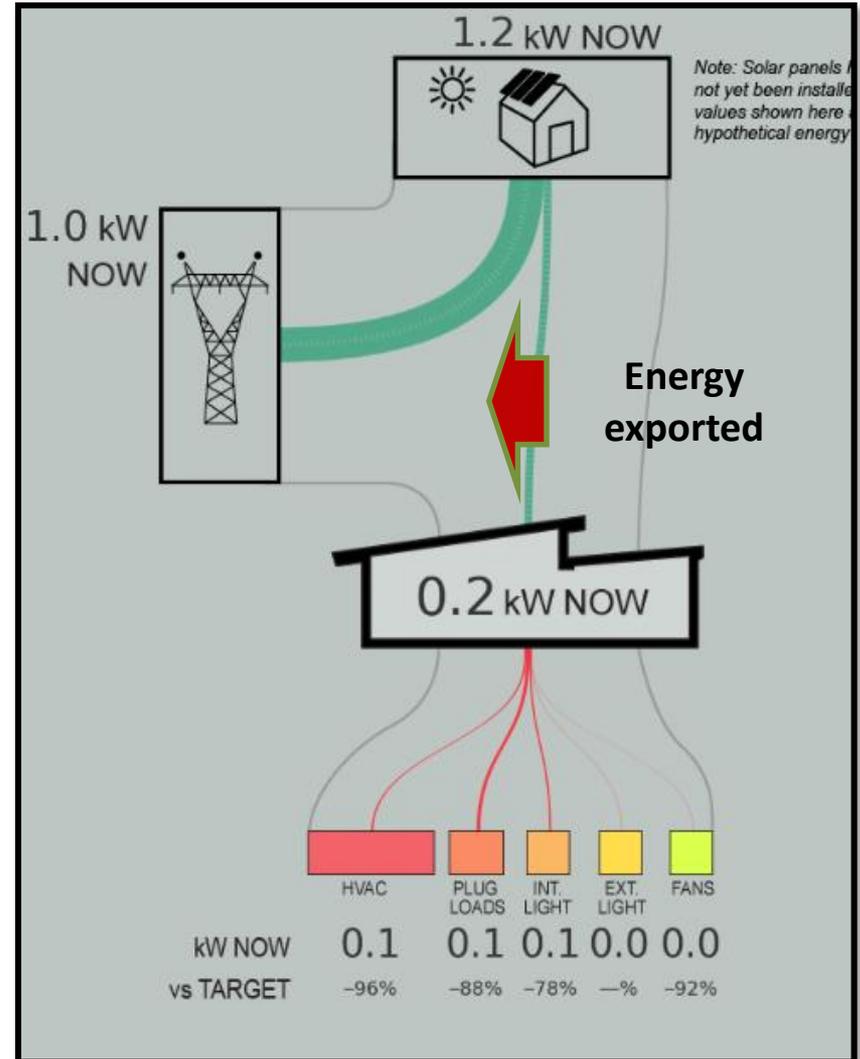
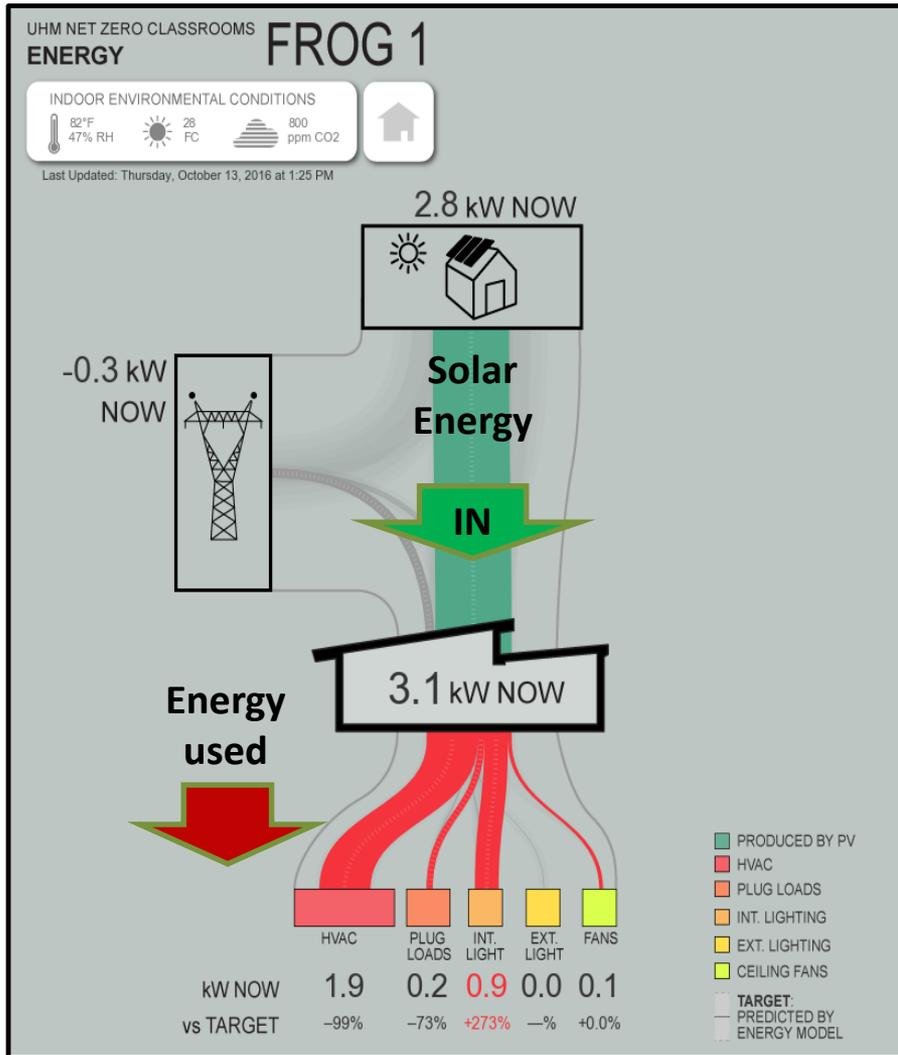
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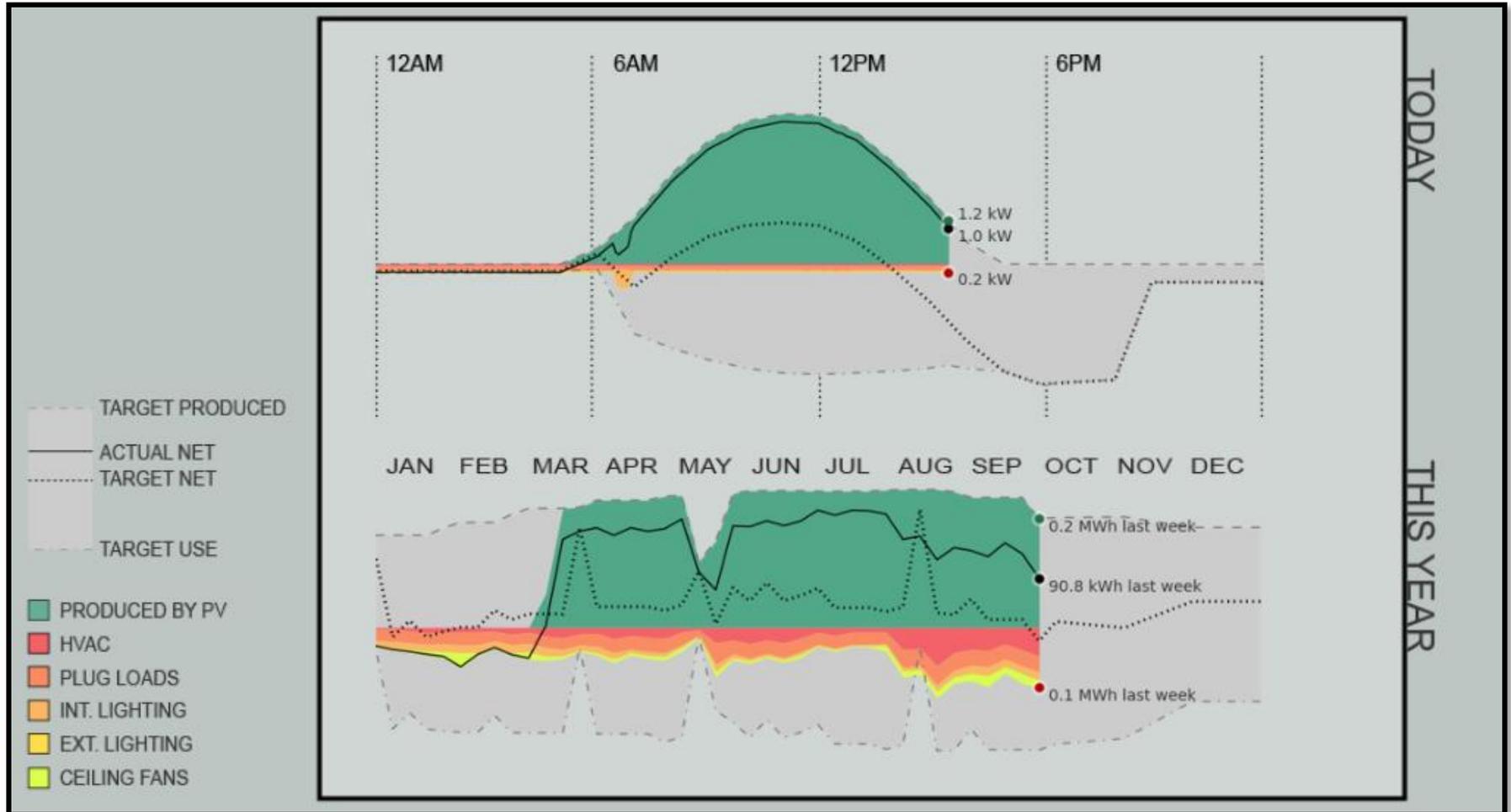
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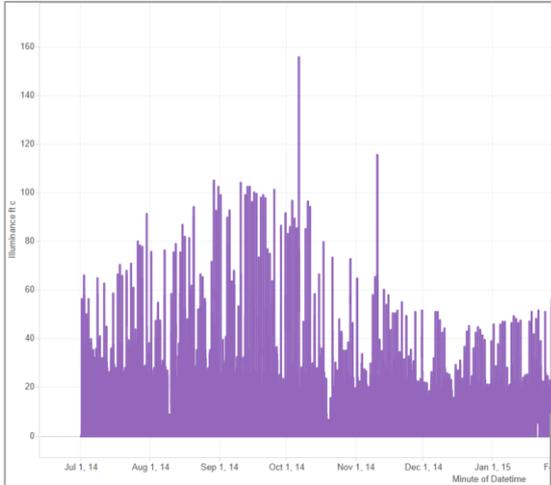
Dashboard: Energy Flows



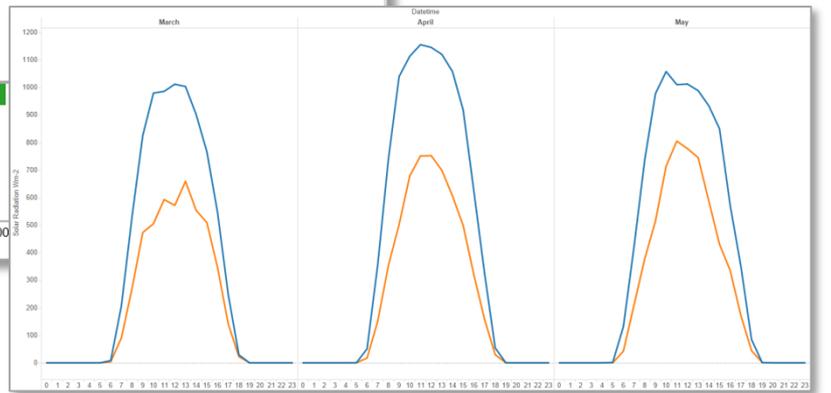
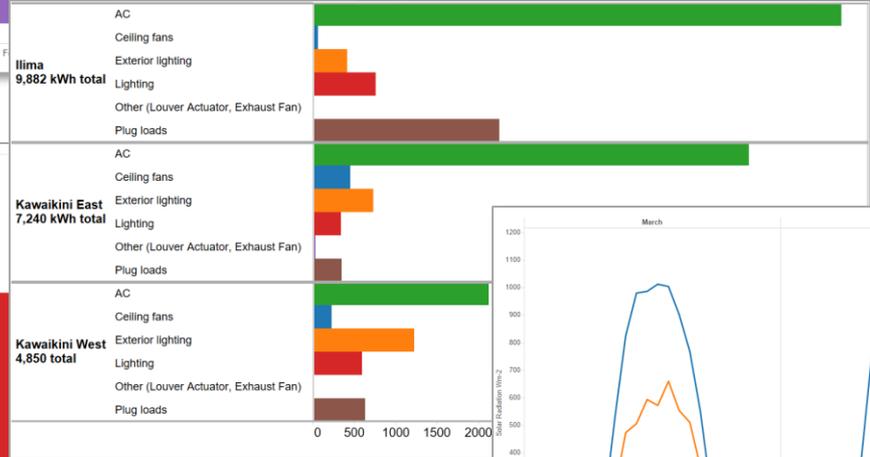
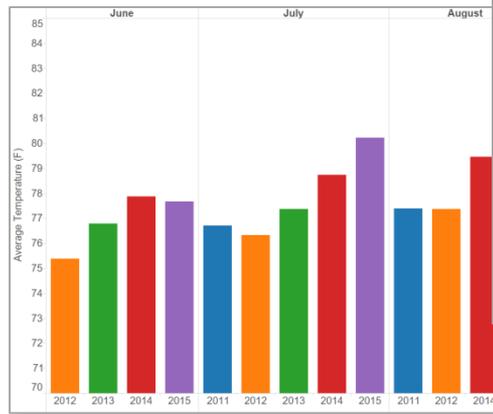
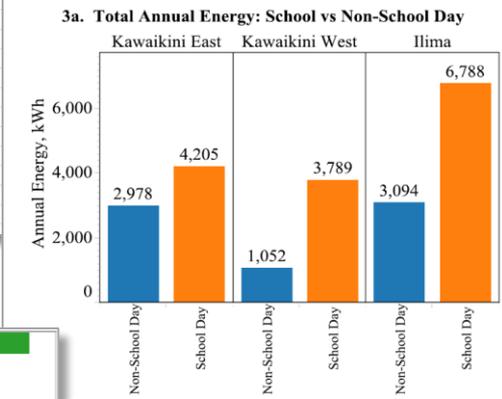
Dashboard: Actual and Forecasted Energy



data analysis and findings



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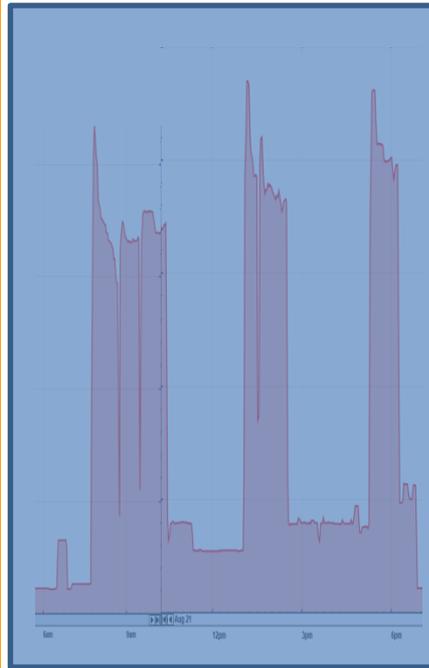


Energy Savings: On-Demand AC



**Actual
Operation**

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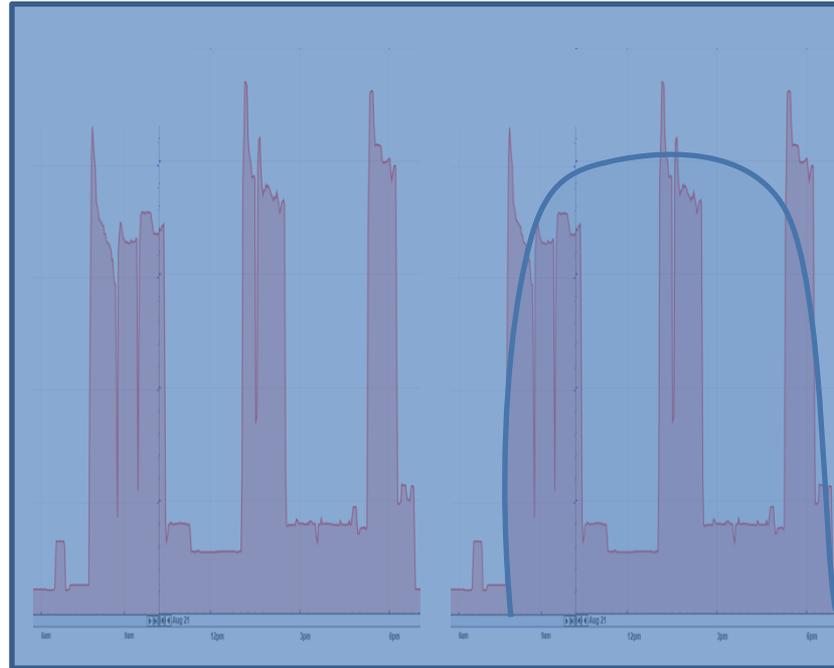


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**Conventional
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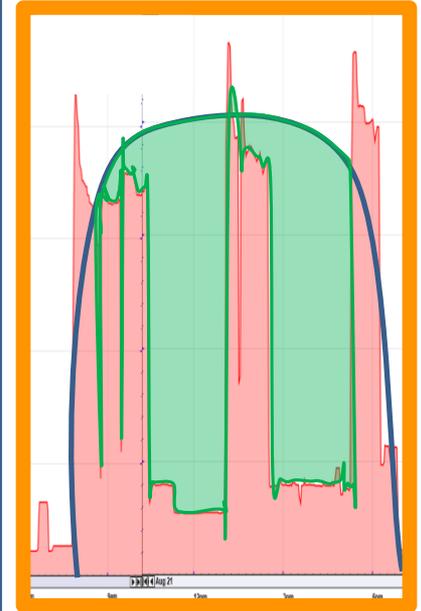
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**Actual
Operation**

**Conventional
HVAC
Operation**

45% Savings



**Energy
Savings due
to FROG AC
controls**

Training and Education

- **User awareness**
- **Real time feedback**
- **Sense of engagement**

Net Zero Energy Classrooms

An energy research collaboration between College of Education and SOEST
Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute



Welcome to UH Mānoa's showcase of building energy efficiency designed by Project Frog. Every element of these structures is designed with energy and sustainability in mind. The classrooms are still in development and will soon be outfitted with photovoltaic energy to provide more power than they consume. A class mounted dashboard will display energy performance of the buildings for real-time feedback on how energy is used (and compared to its twin next door).

OPERATING GUIDELINES

- 1 OPEN operable windows first thing upon entering. Open rear windows and engage clerestory actuator button.
- 2 Turn ON ceiling fans.
- 3 Turn ON lights ONLY if needed for visual tasks at hand.
- 4 CLOSE all windows at the end of the last classroom session of the day, AND when the air conditioning system engages.

THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY DESIGN FEATURES OF THE CLASSROOMS TO MINIMIZE ENERGY CONSUMPTION.

 <p>SPACE COMFORT</p> <p>These buildings utilize "Mixed-Mode" space conditioning. Most days the classrooms are comfortable with the windows open, and ceiling fans on, to offer enough breeze to maintain a comfortable environment. During the most uncomfortable of outdoor conditions, the instructor may opt to temporarily engage the on-demand air conditioning system.</p>	 <p>LIGHTING</p> <p>Natural daylight has been proven to enhance indoor learning environments. With new modes of technology, networking and reference materials (iPad, laptops, etc.) greater flexibility is required, including lower light levels for multi-media based teaching activities. On most days, natural daylight without any artificial lighting will suffice. Should additional light be required for a task, high efficiency LED fixtures can be turned on and photosensors will automatically adjust light levels across the room.</p>	 <p>VENTILATION</p> <p>Airflows provided by operable windows along the south and north walls. High clerestory windows are operated by actuators to open, providing cross-ventilation and allowing warmer air to rise out of the room.</p>	 <p>WINDOW DESIGN</p> <p>The windows are strategically designed to avoid the harsh east and west sun. Direct southern sunlight is shielded by overhangs and sun shades so no direct sunlight penetrates the rooms. Indirect natural daylight enters from the north and the protected south windows. High performance, low-E glass is used to allow light in and keep heat out.</p>	 <p>CEILING FANS</p> <p>Ceiling fans designed for high performance are most effective in providing comfort by moving air across your skin, creating a cooling sensation through evaporation and convection. Air motion is equivalent to 4 to 6 °F reduction in air temperature.</p>
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Sustainable energy design is only achieved when building users such as yourselves actively participate in its operation.

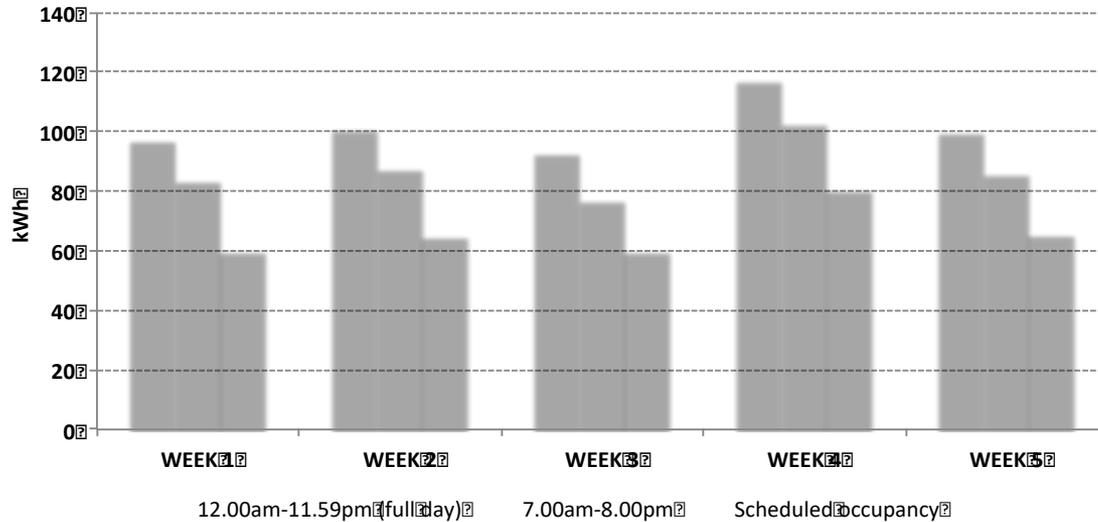


Educational Poster

Simple cues

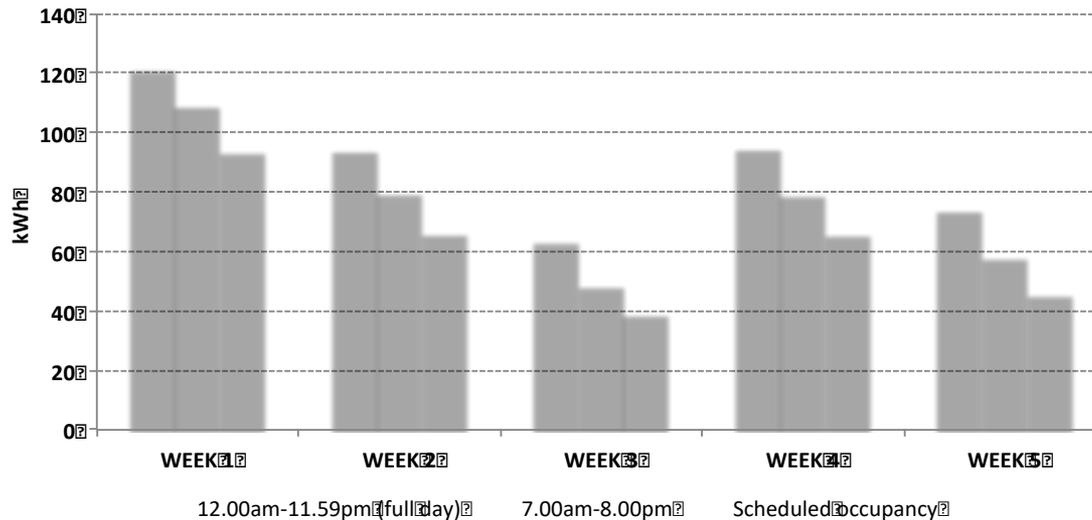
Decision based performance

FROG1 Electricity Consumption (Mo-Fr)

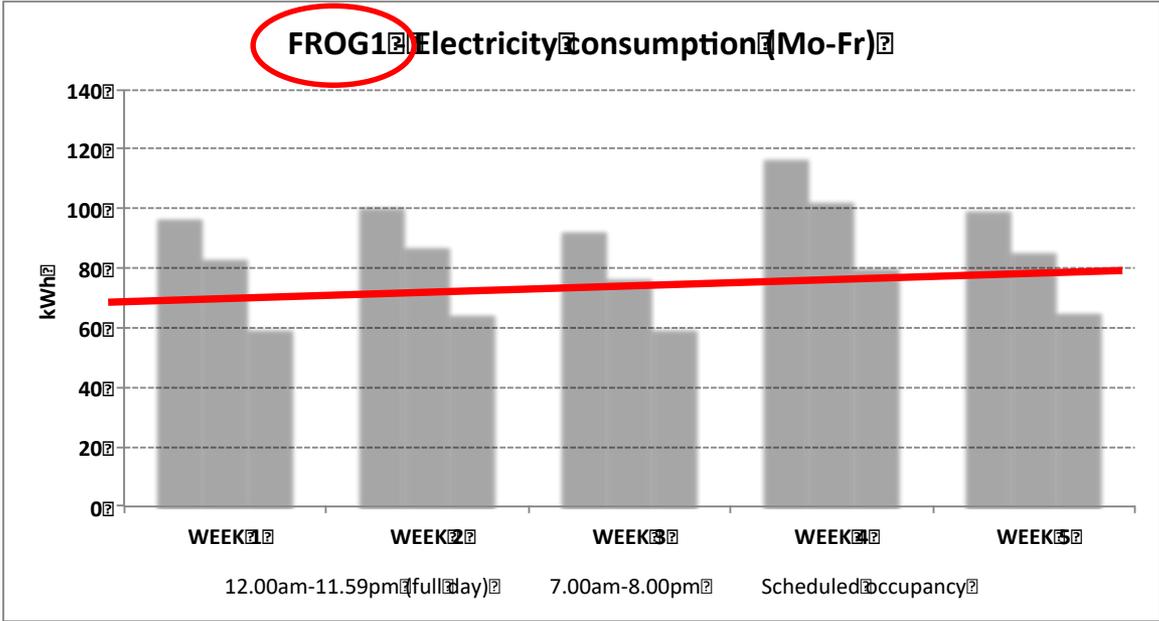


Level and consistent week over week

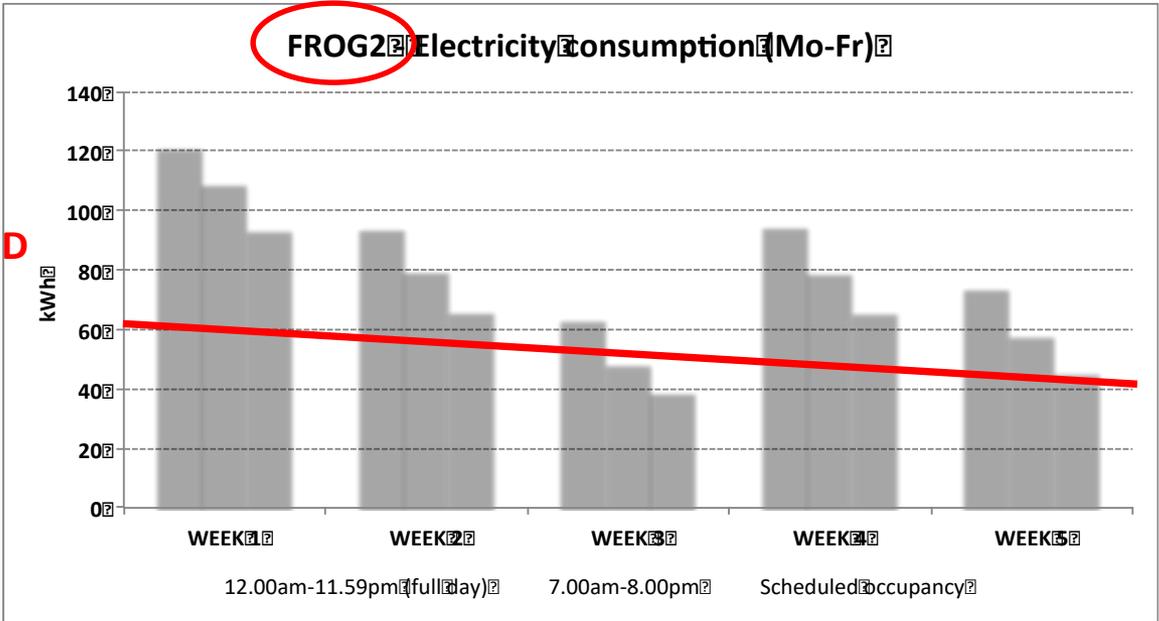
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General trend downward between Weeks 1 and 5.



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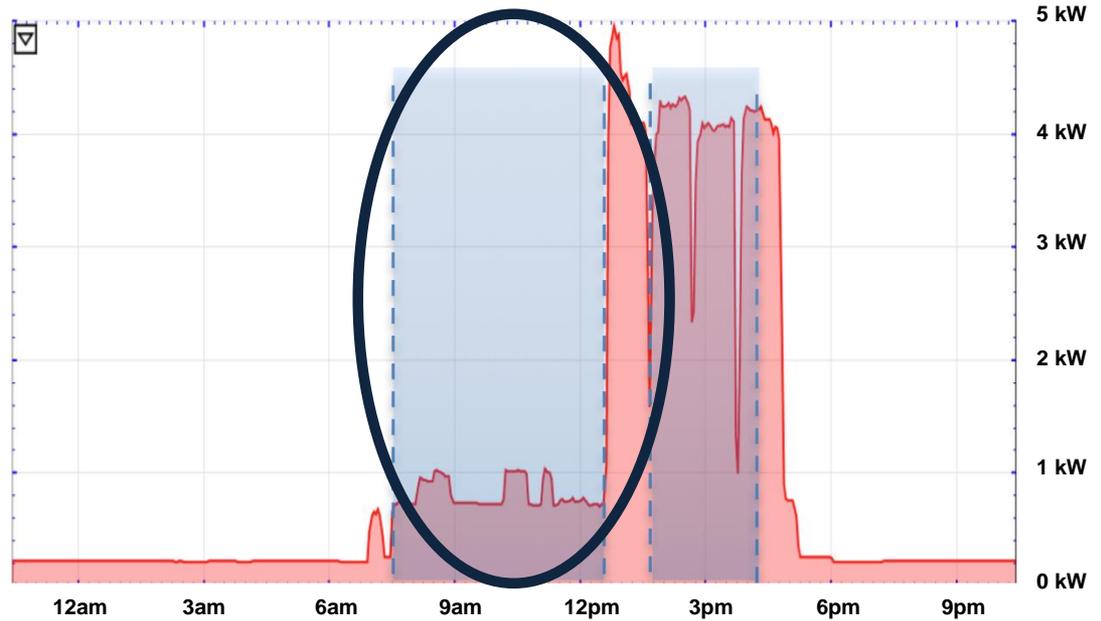
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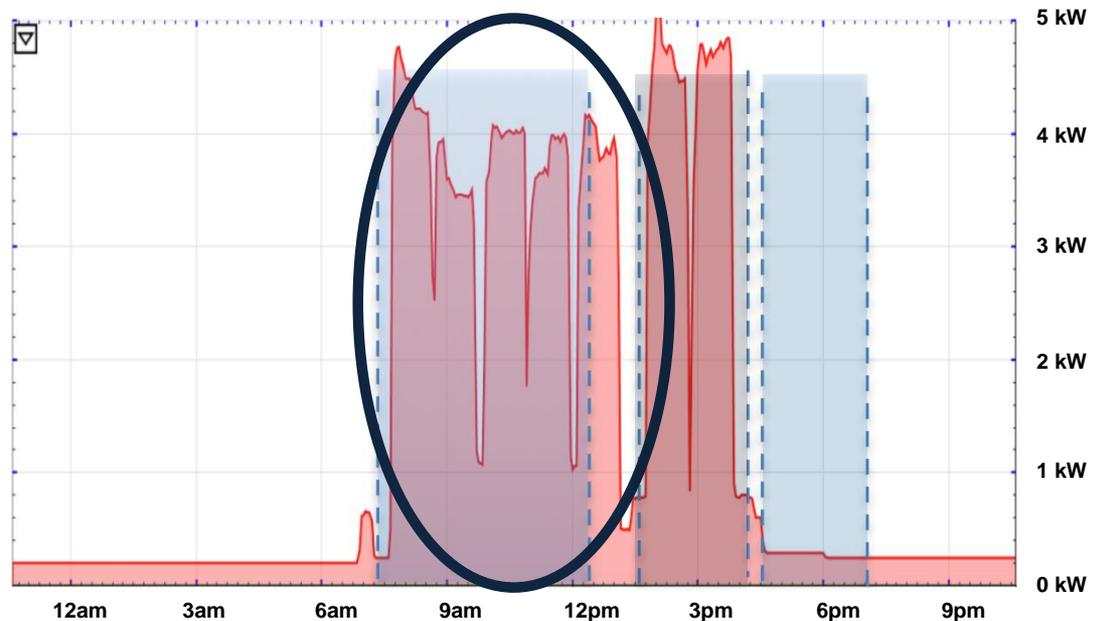
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FROG 2

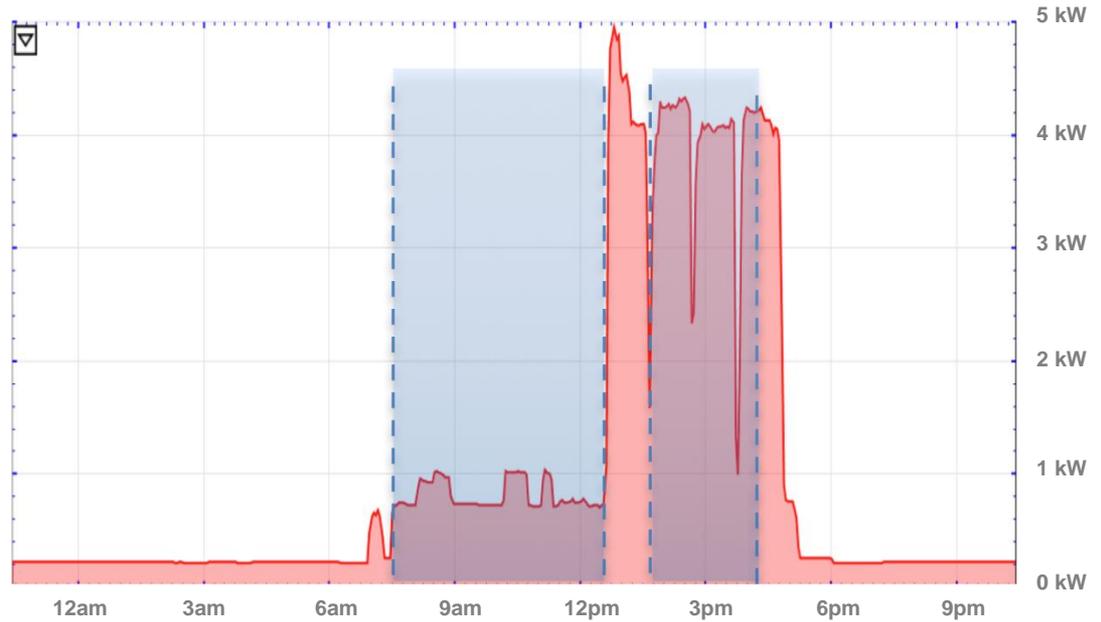
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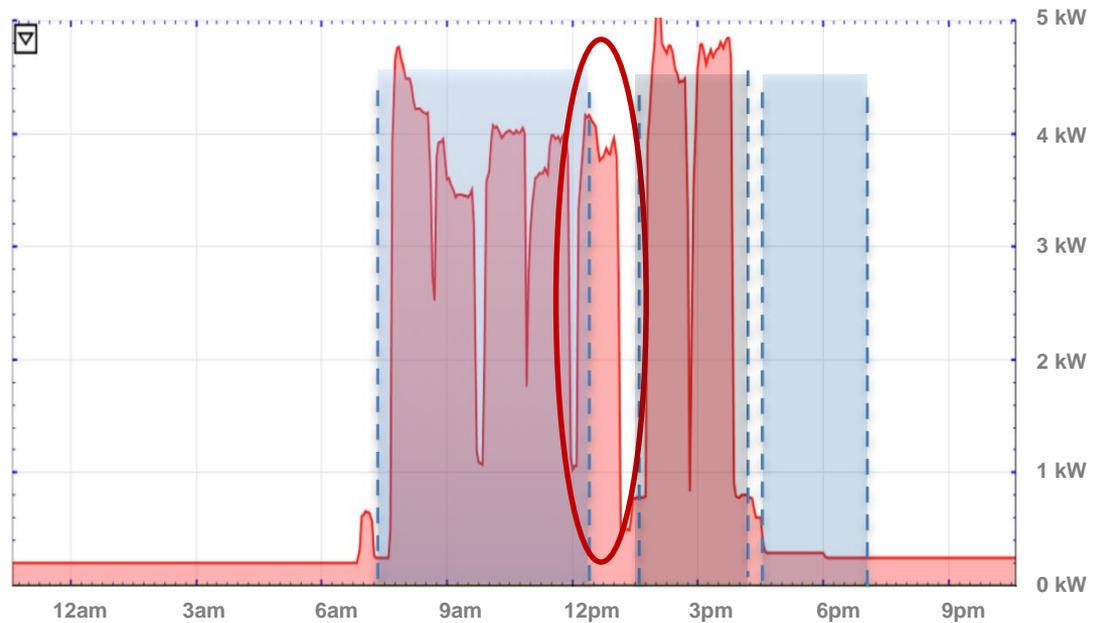
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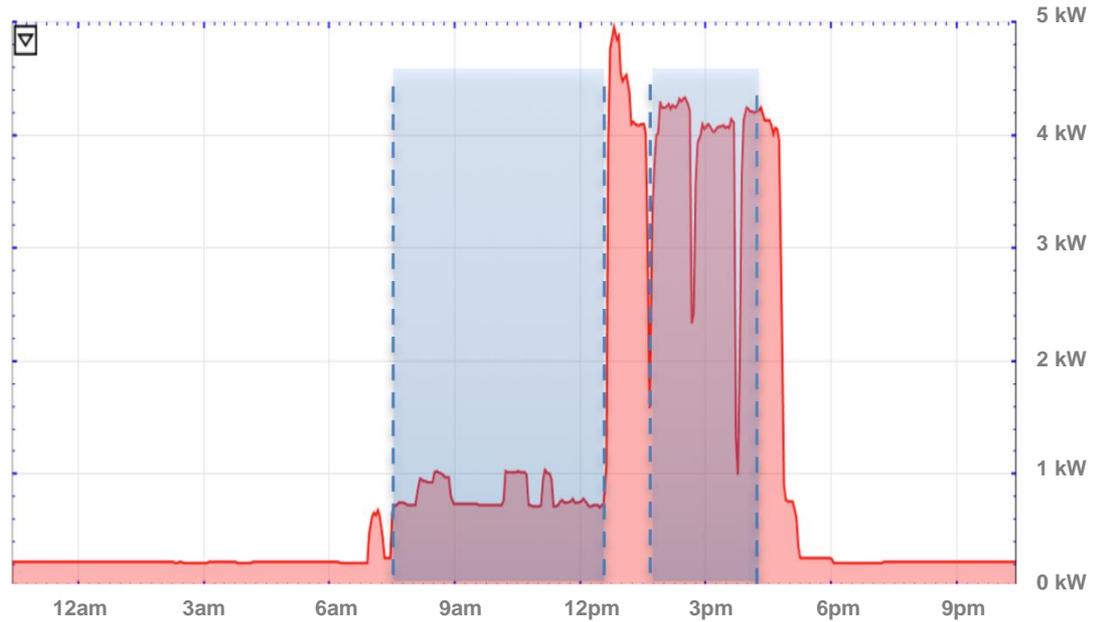
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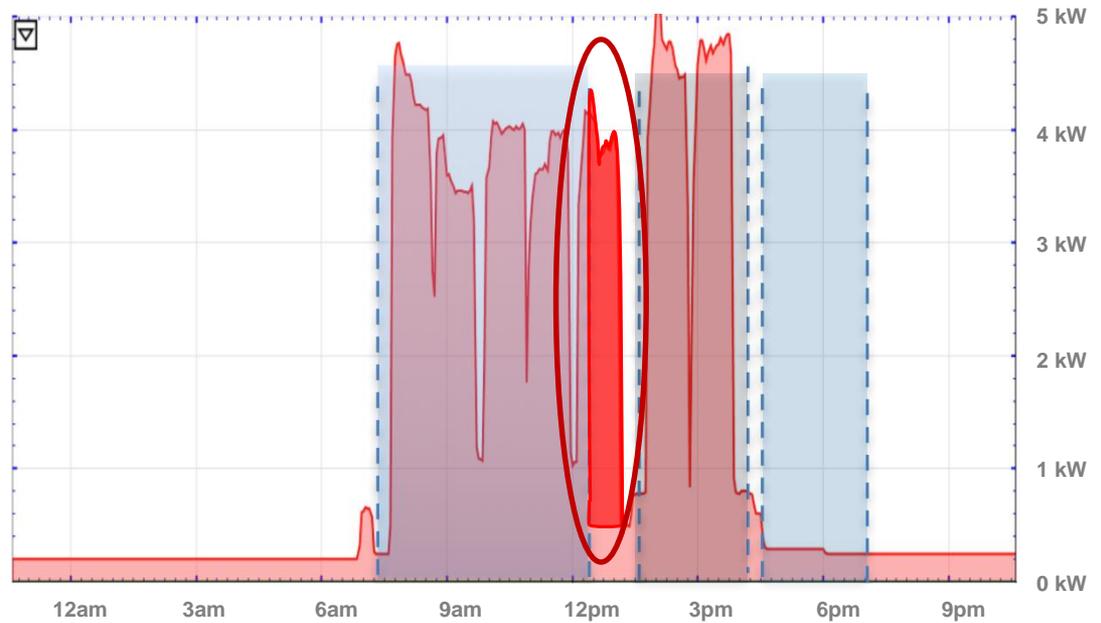
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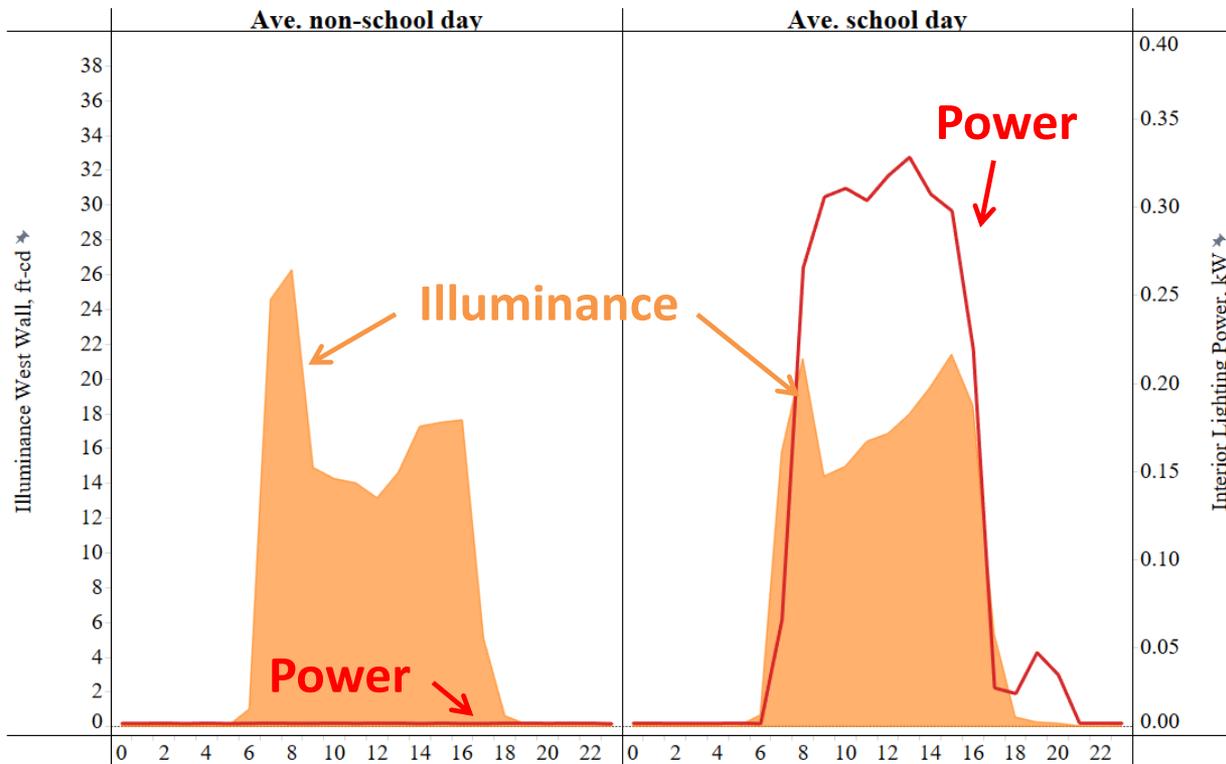
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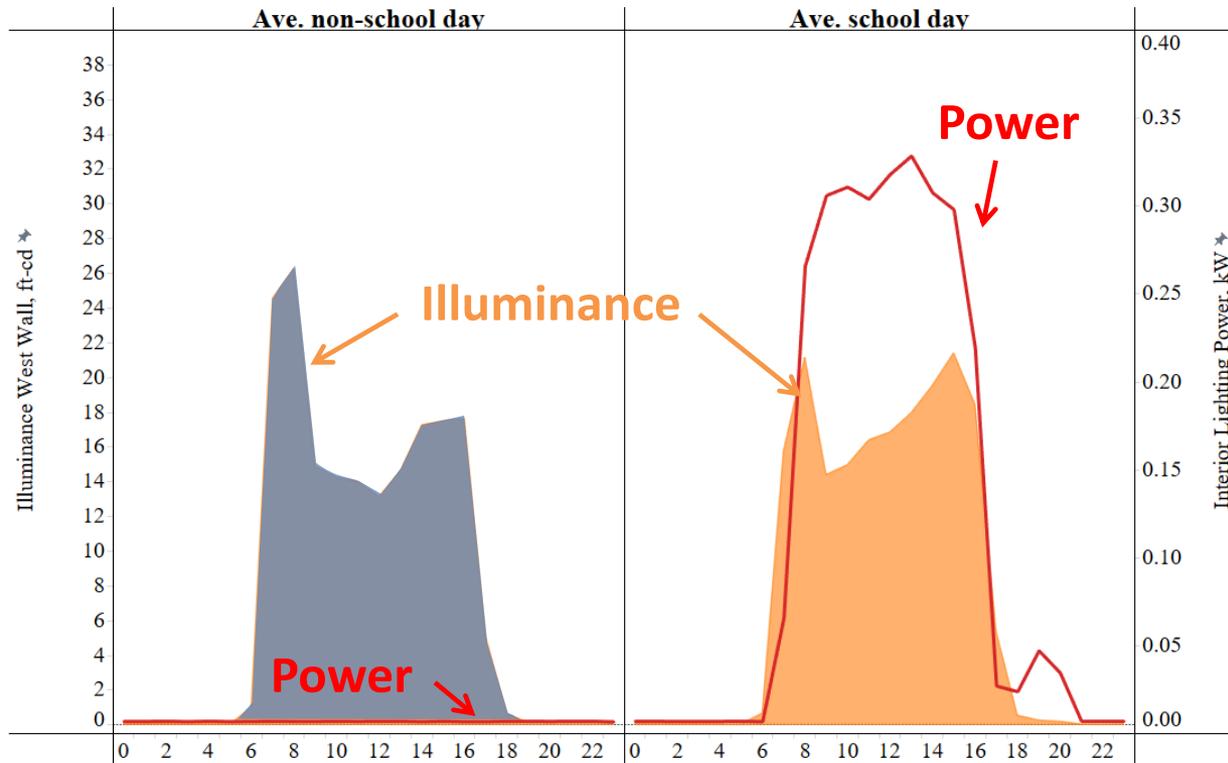


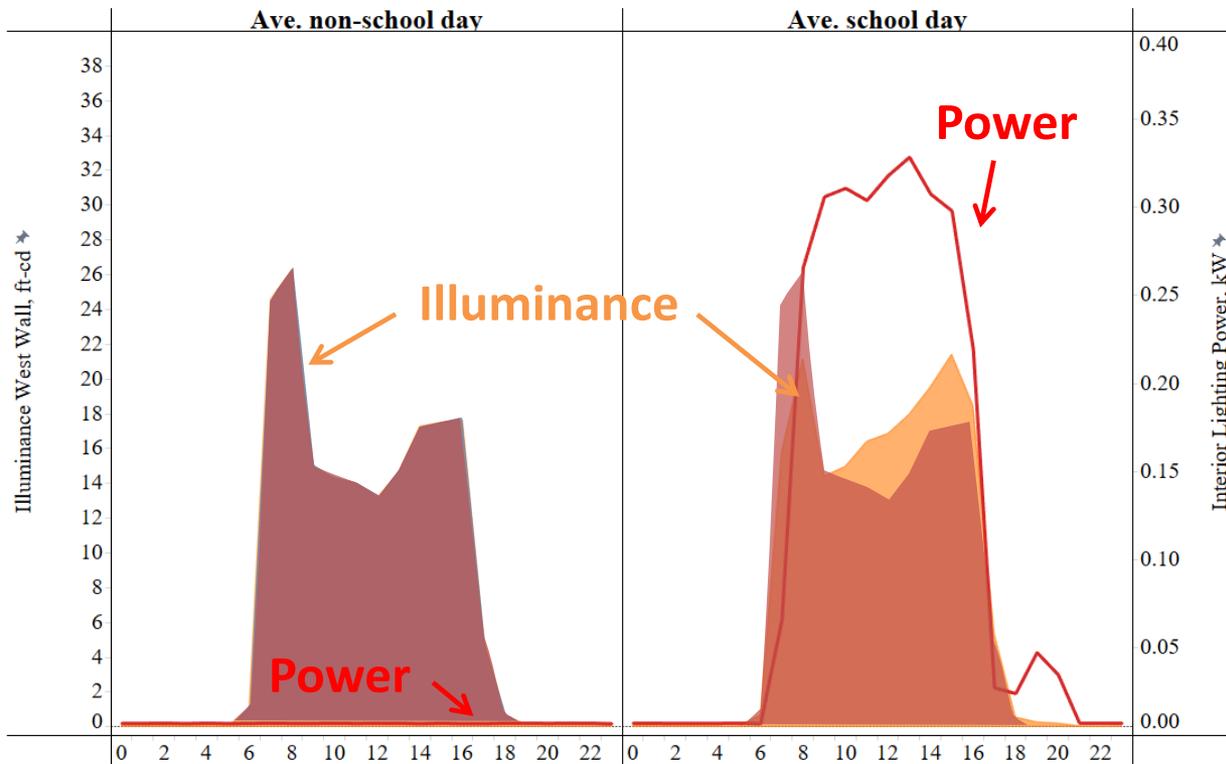
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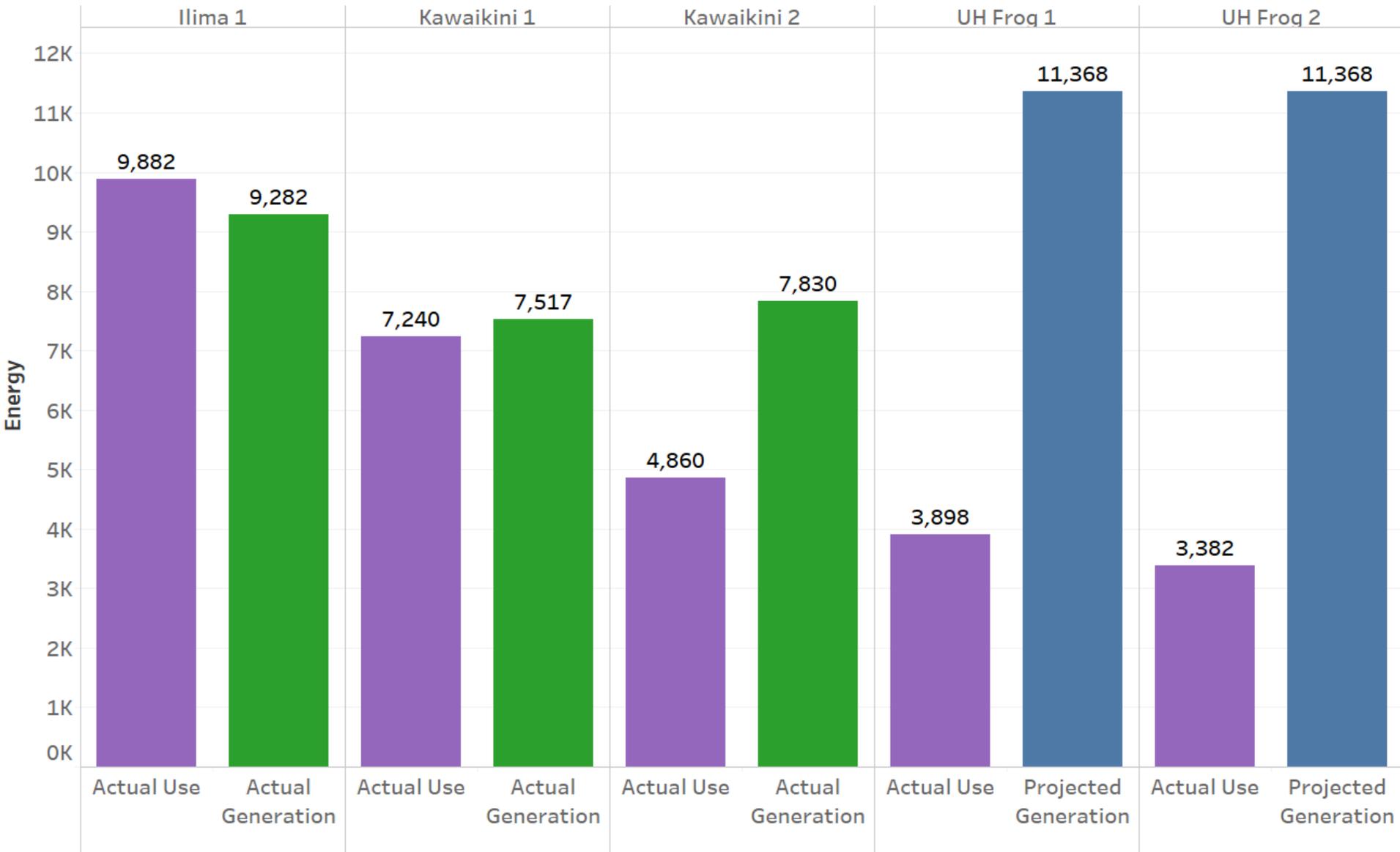








Did we hit net-zero targets?



Lessons Learned:

User engagement and sense of control is important

Train and Educate

Don't make it complicated
Offer cues and clarity

Modeling is useful during design...

And then there is behavior.

Energy Efficient Building Technologies

Past and ongoing applied research at HNEI

Overview

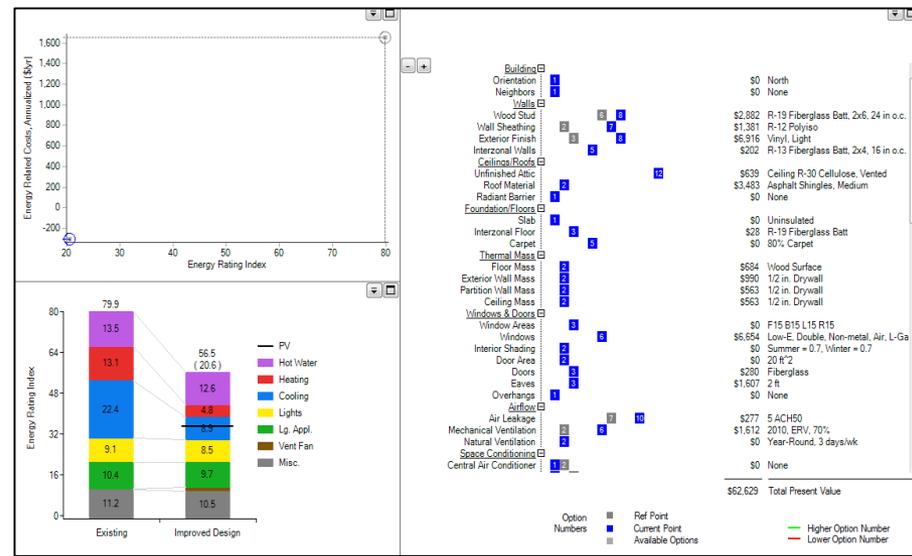
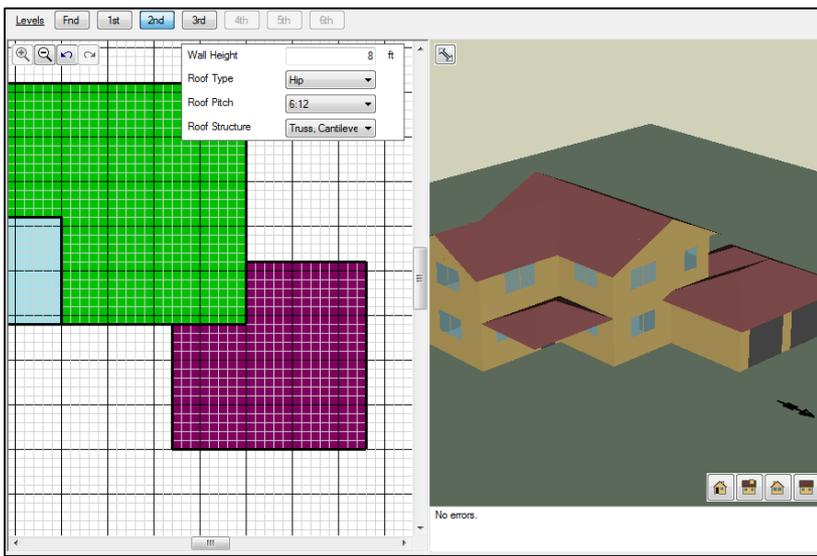
1. Whole-Building Modeling and Performance Simulation
2. Natural / Mixed Mode Ventilation
3. New Approach to HVAC: Separate Temperature and Humidity Controls – Liquid Desiccant Dehumidification

1. Whole-Building Modeling and Performance Simulation

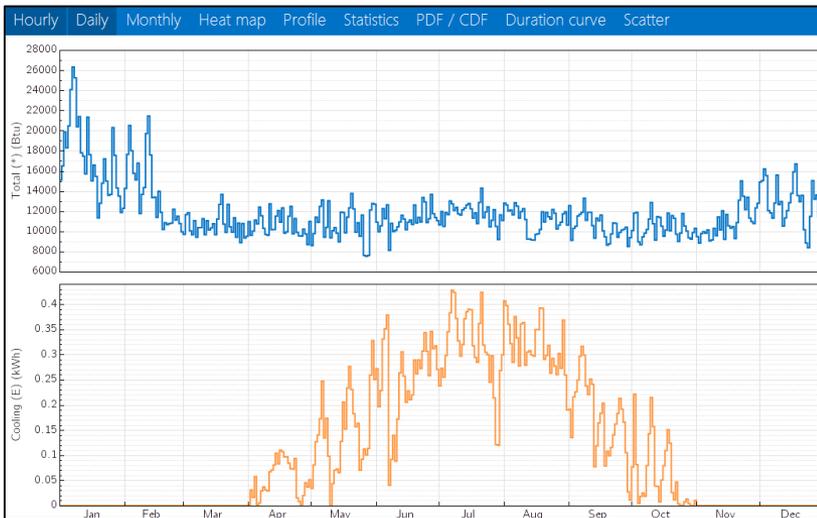
Hawaii adopted the IECC 2015; whole building simulations offers compliance paths through whole house modelling:

Ongoing projects:

- Pilot project to showcase building energy performance simulation to industry and train students
- Using standard DoE2-based software and other advanced commercial software tools to optimize building envelope and performance
- Train industry professionals and students on energy efficiency
- Produce online webinars as introduction to building simulation and code compliance



DoE (NREL) BEopt “Building Energy Optimization” software to model residential structures



BEopt 2.8.0.0

BEopt

Building Energy Optimization
with Hour-by-Hour Simulations

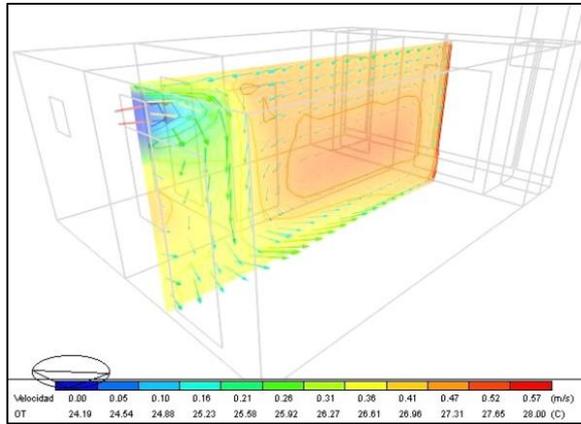
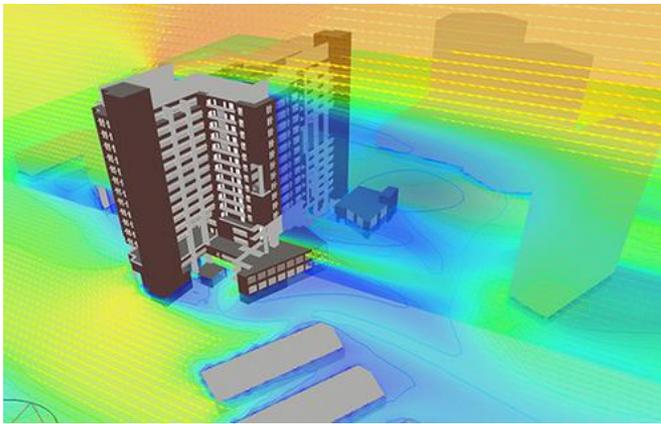
NREL
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
15013 Denver West Parkway
Golden, CO 80401
www.nrel.gov

Project type: Standard Building America California Metrics

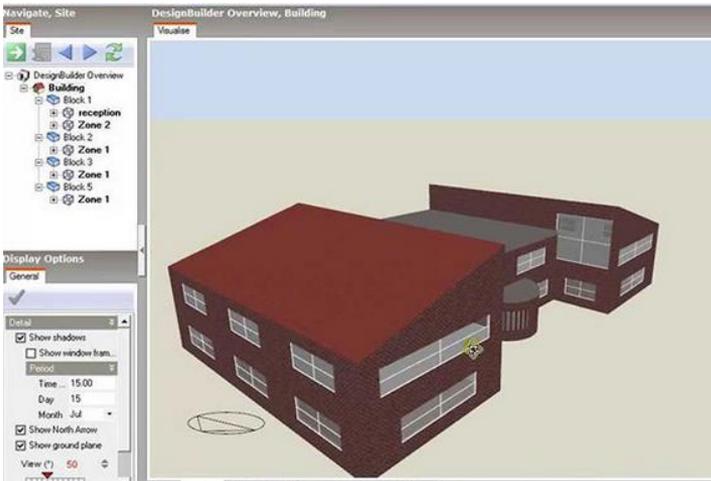
Application type: New Construction Retrofit

Building type: Single-Family Detached Multi-Family

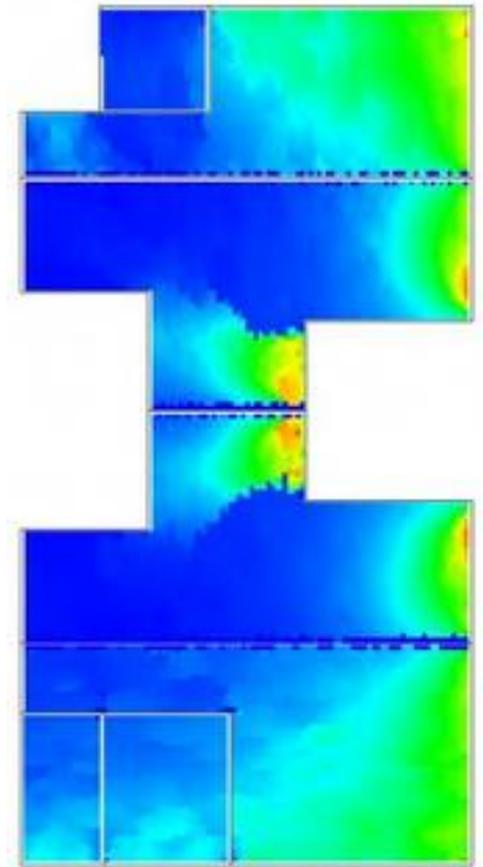
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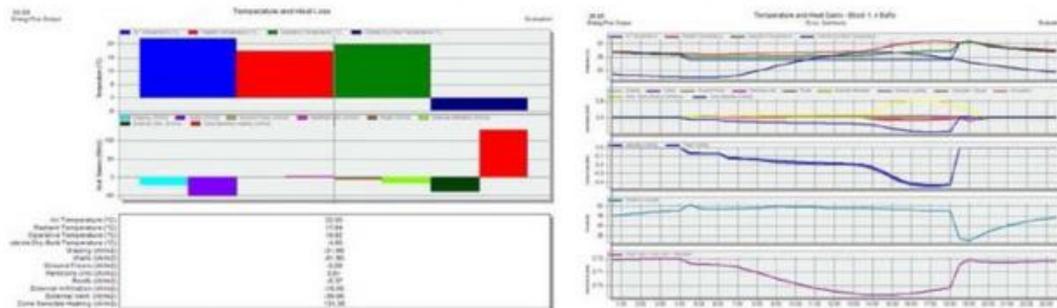
CFD (external and internal)



<<< Complex building geometry



Lighting analysis



Energy analysis



Images shown provided by DB

2. Natural / Mixed Mode Ventilation

HNEI Conducted a 3-year investigation to investigate the use of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) in modelling air flow and occupant comfort in mixed-mode ventilation building ventilation;

Past and ongoing projects:

- External CFD – assessment of air-flow around buildings to assess pressures on envelope
- Internal CFD - assessment of air movement through space
- Verification of air movement
- Thermal comfort – assessment of thermal comfort

External CFD Applications

SHAKE-DOWN TESTING WITH A CAR - “NATURAL WIND TUNNEL”



Site selection for wind consistence



Installation of anemometers and pressure sensors



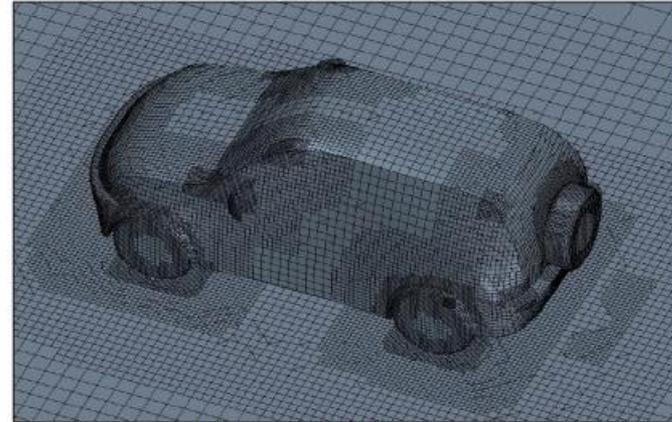
The test site at Hawaii Kai was chosen for quite consistent wind condition and few obstruction

External CFD Applications

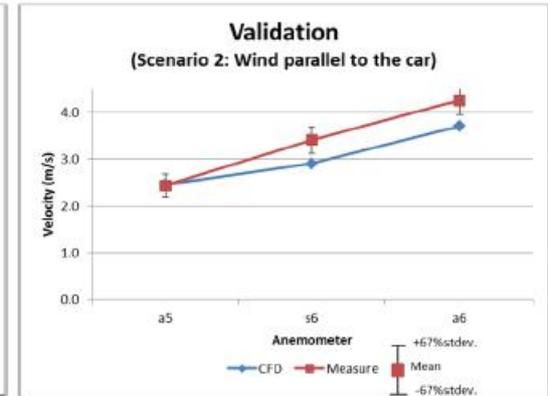
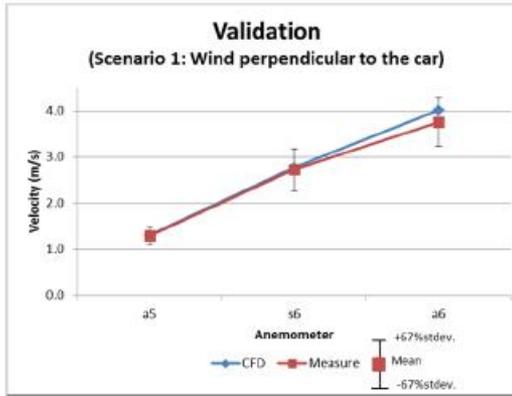
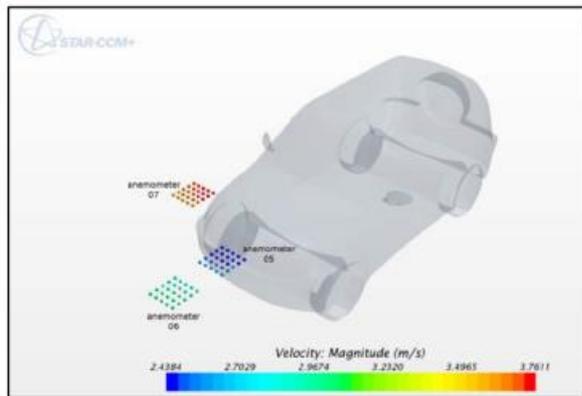
SMALL MODEL – A CAR



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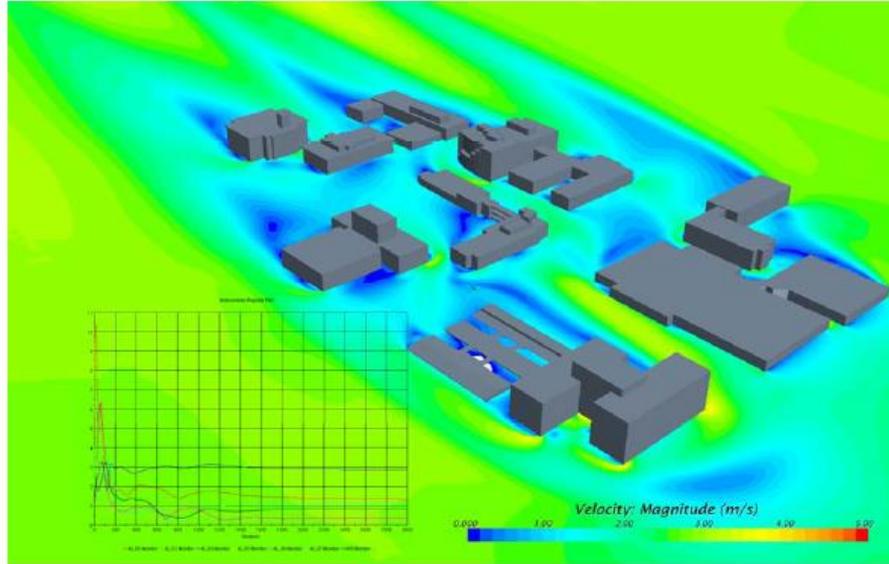
Volume cells of the car



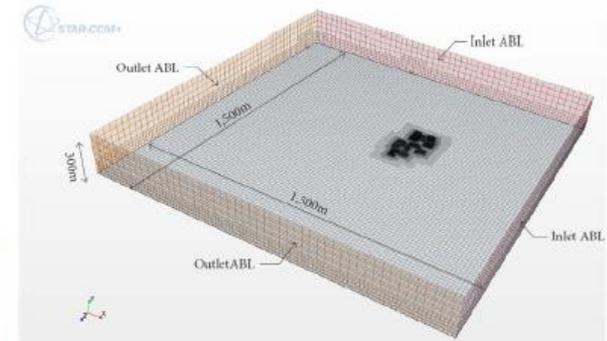
1'x1' presentation grid probes at locations of sensors to extract data for CFD validations (Scenario 2)

External CFD Applications

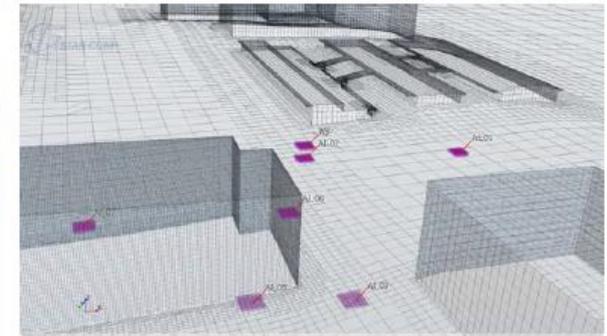
RESULTS



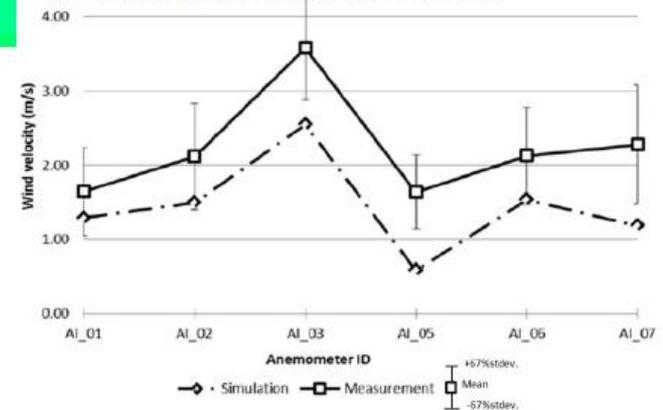
- Rhino3D (CAD) -> Mesher (Remesher/Wrapper)
- Trimmer
- Steady-state, isothermal model
- RANS Realizable k-epsilon turbulence model
- Two layer high y^+ wall treatment with variable sizes for near-wall cells

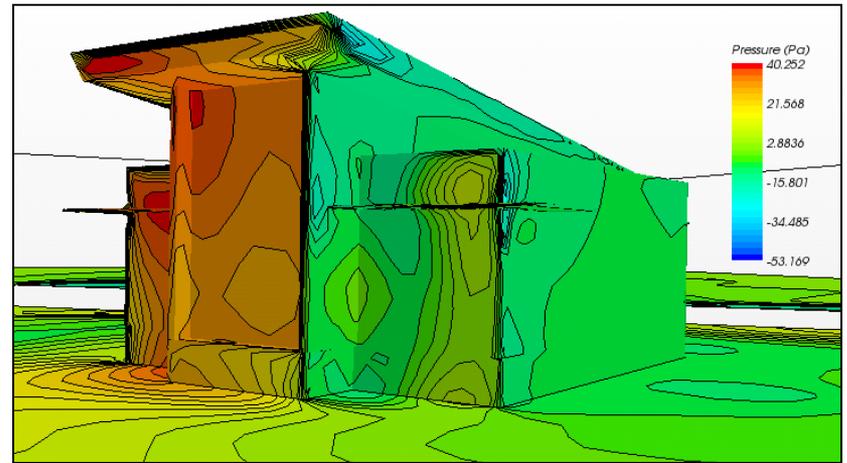
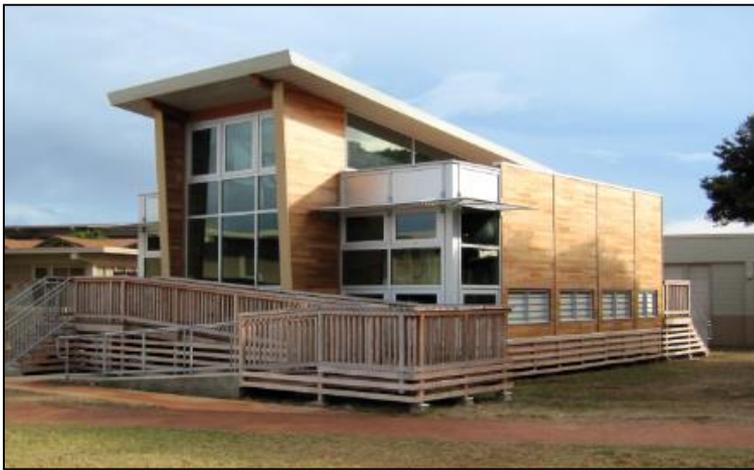


Volume cell meshing of the computational domain

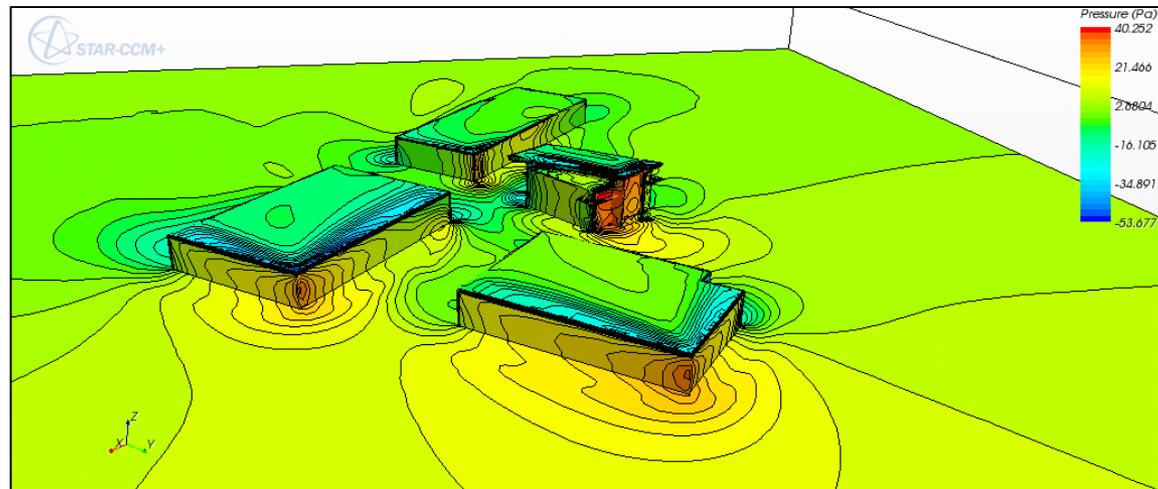


2'x2' presentation grids at anemometers' locations





External Wind pressure study on Classroom Building ILIMA International School EWA Beach, OAHU, Hawaii



Internal CFD Applications

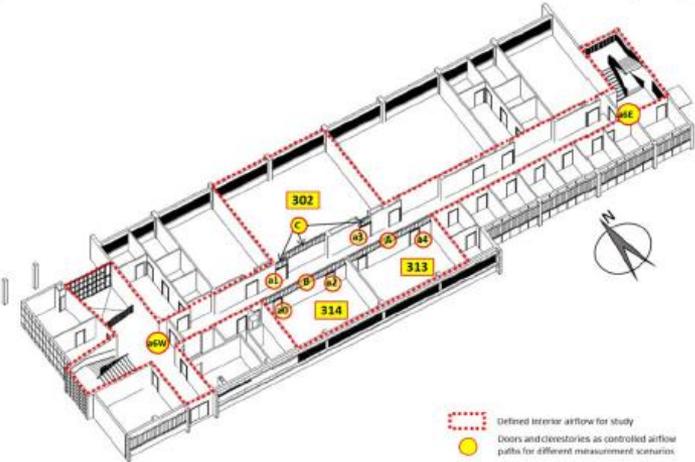
Field validation of CFD model



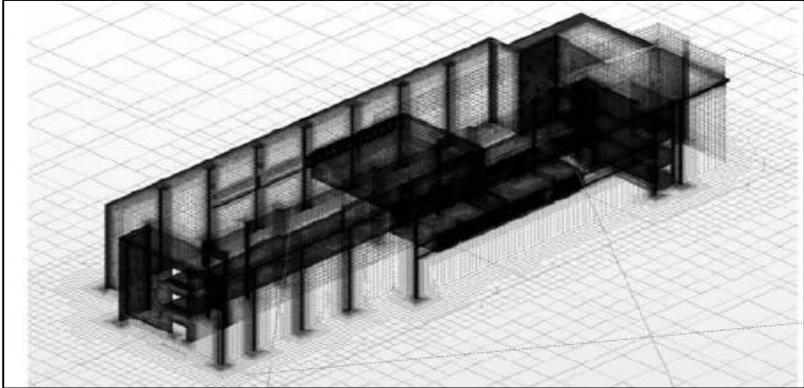
Installation of anemometers at the middle of the door ways



Installing the temporary tarp to seal sections of the louvered openings; seen from classroom 302



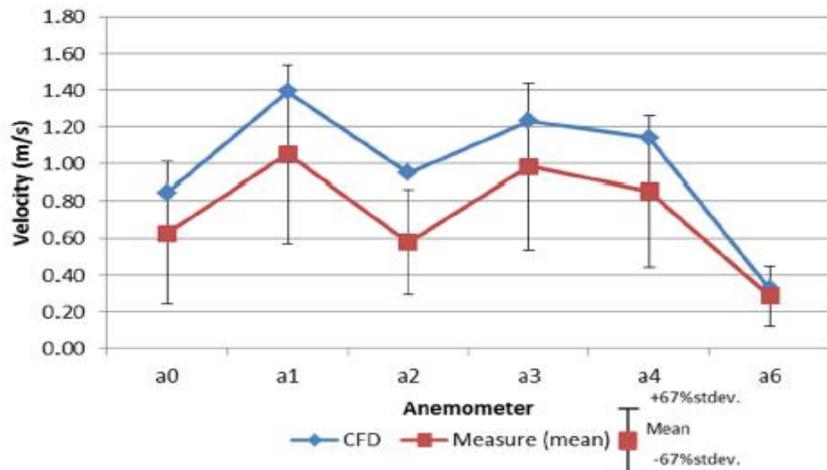
Layout of indoor spaces modelled



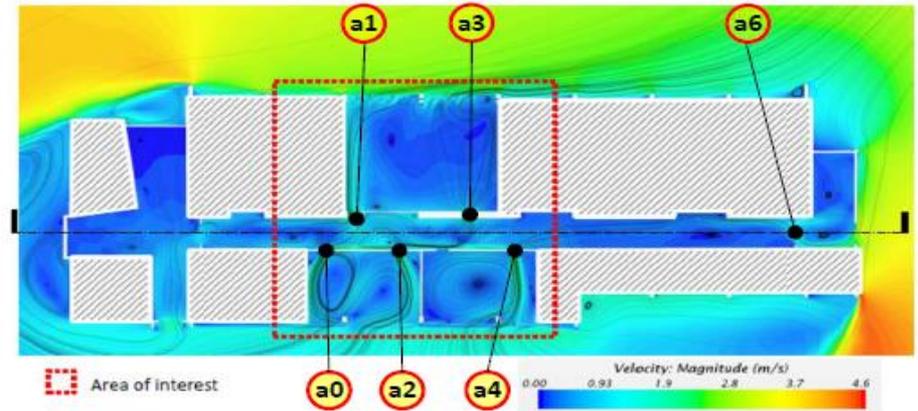
CFD computational mesh including building and indoor spaces modelled

SCENARIO 4 CFD Visualization Analysis

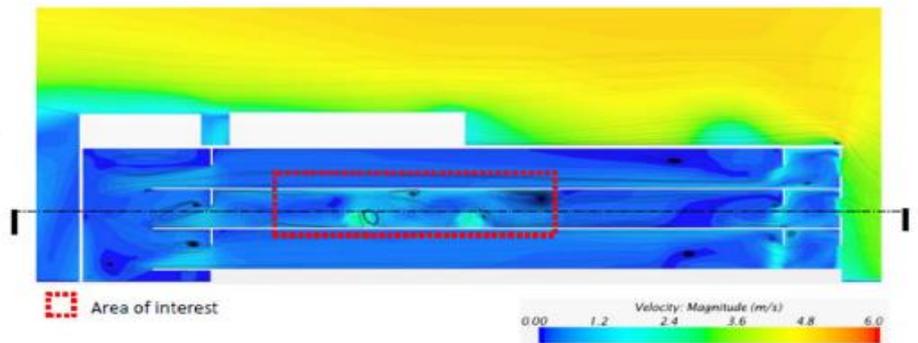
Validation between Measurement and CFD
(Scenario 4)



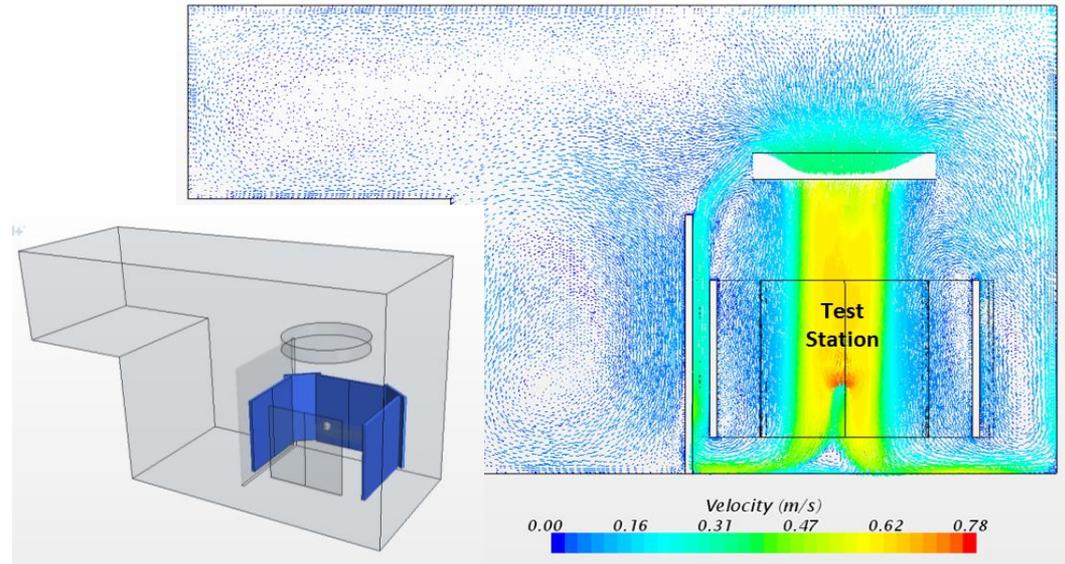
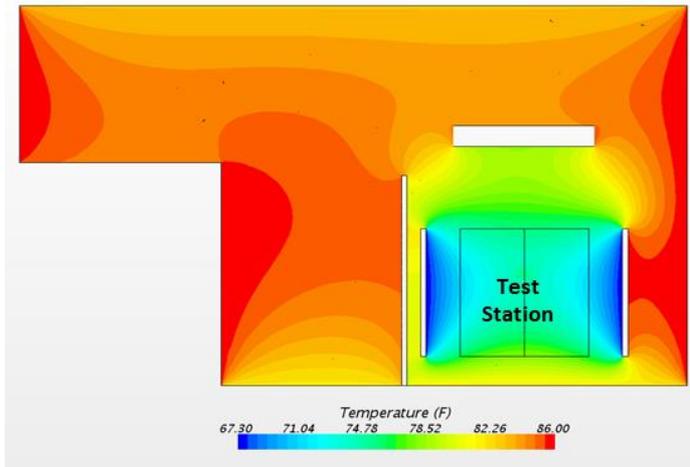
Comparison of air velocities between measurement and CFD for test scenario 4



Streamline overlaid on Velocity Contour Map on the Horizontal Plane



Streamline overlaid on Velocity Contour Map on the Longitudinal Section Plane



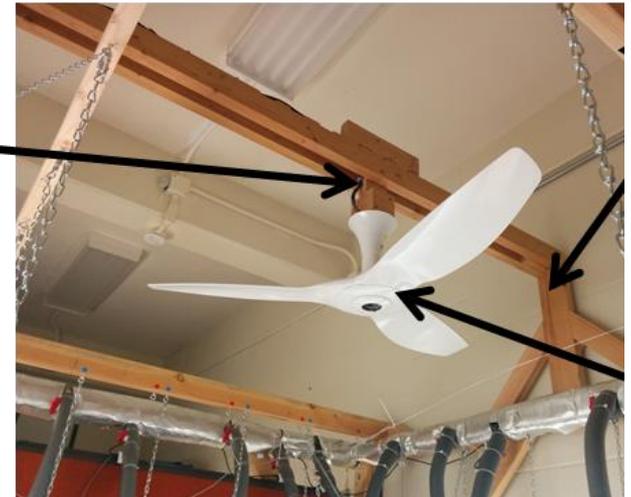
CFD Thermal comfort study and verification

Radiant panels suspended from
wooded support structure



Small desk for test subjects

Movable mount of
ceiling fan on
wooded support
structure



3. New Approach to HVAC: Separate Temperature and Humidity Controls – **Liquid Desiccant Dehumidification**

Problems with conventional HVAC:

- Air temperature and humidity controls are not currently separated
- Dehumidification occurs through cooling air below dew point to condense water vapor (*“cooling based dehumidification”*)
- Air must be reheated if too cold

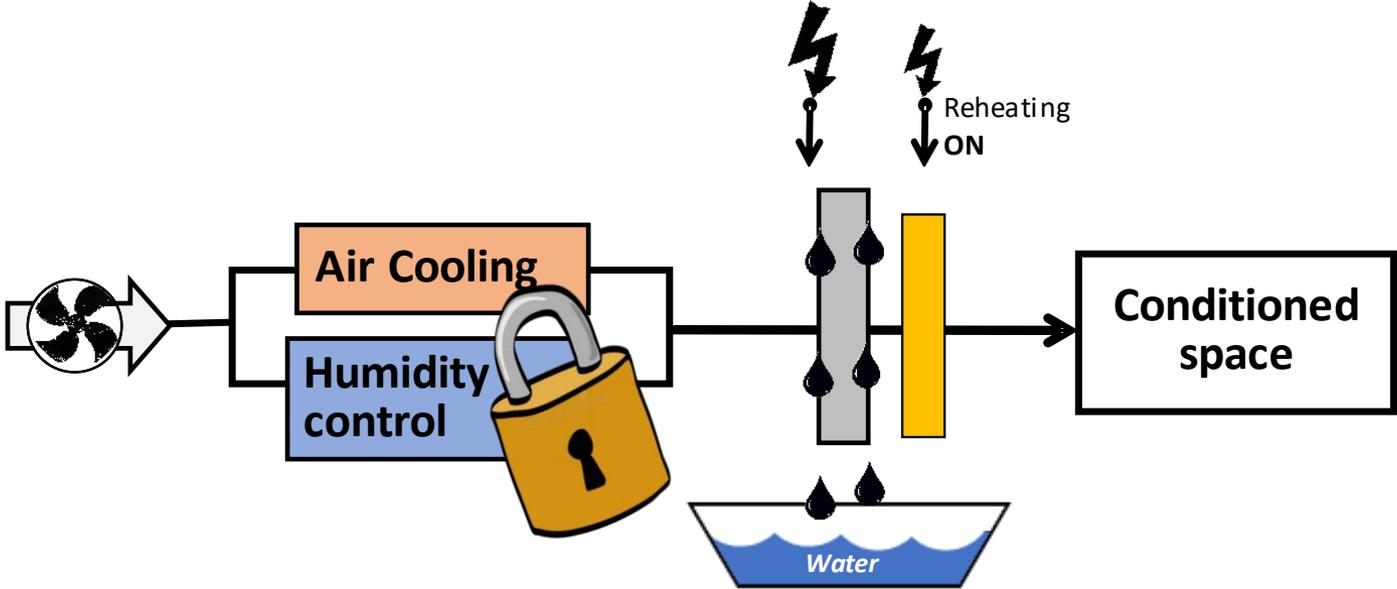
Typical problems with conventional AC: **overcooling and reheat**



Insufficient dehumidification: **Condensation & building damage**

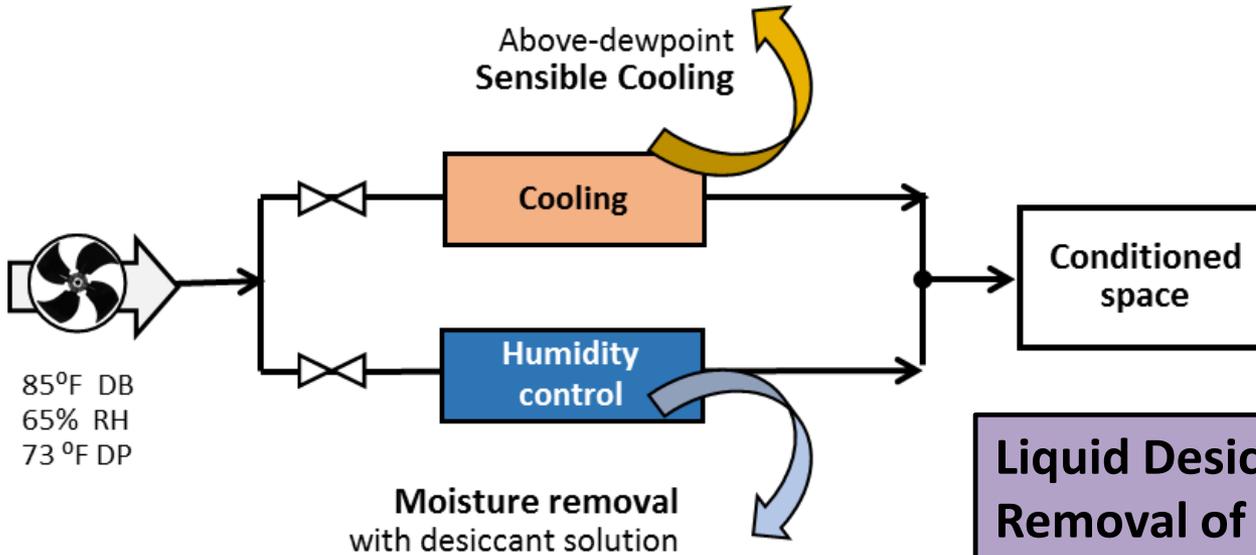


Conventional cooling based dehumidification



Water vapor is removed from air by cooling coils which are held below dew point

Most Effective Approach to Solve the Growing Humidity Problem – “Decouple Cooling Loads”

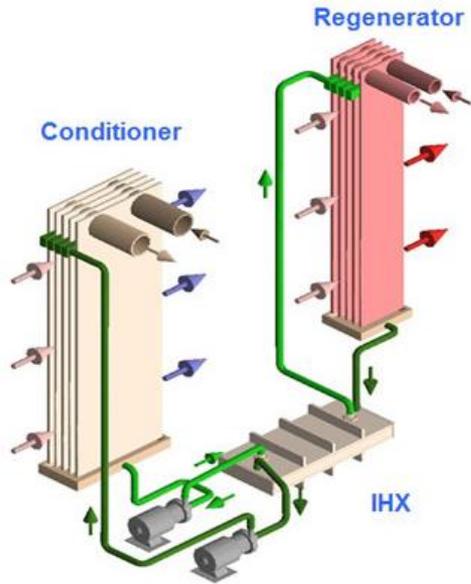


Liquid Desiccant Dehumidification: Removal of humidity at above dewpoint (warmer) temperatures

Advantages:

- Use other than cooling based dehumidification (avoid overcooling)
- Significant energy saving (no reheat)
- Use energy efficient hydronic cooling technologies such as radiant ceiling or radiant beam (without condensation problems)

Innovative “Low-Flow” liquid desiccant dehumidification processes developed by AIL Research for HVAC



Existing Commercial installations

Main components:
Conditioner and
Regenerator

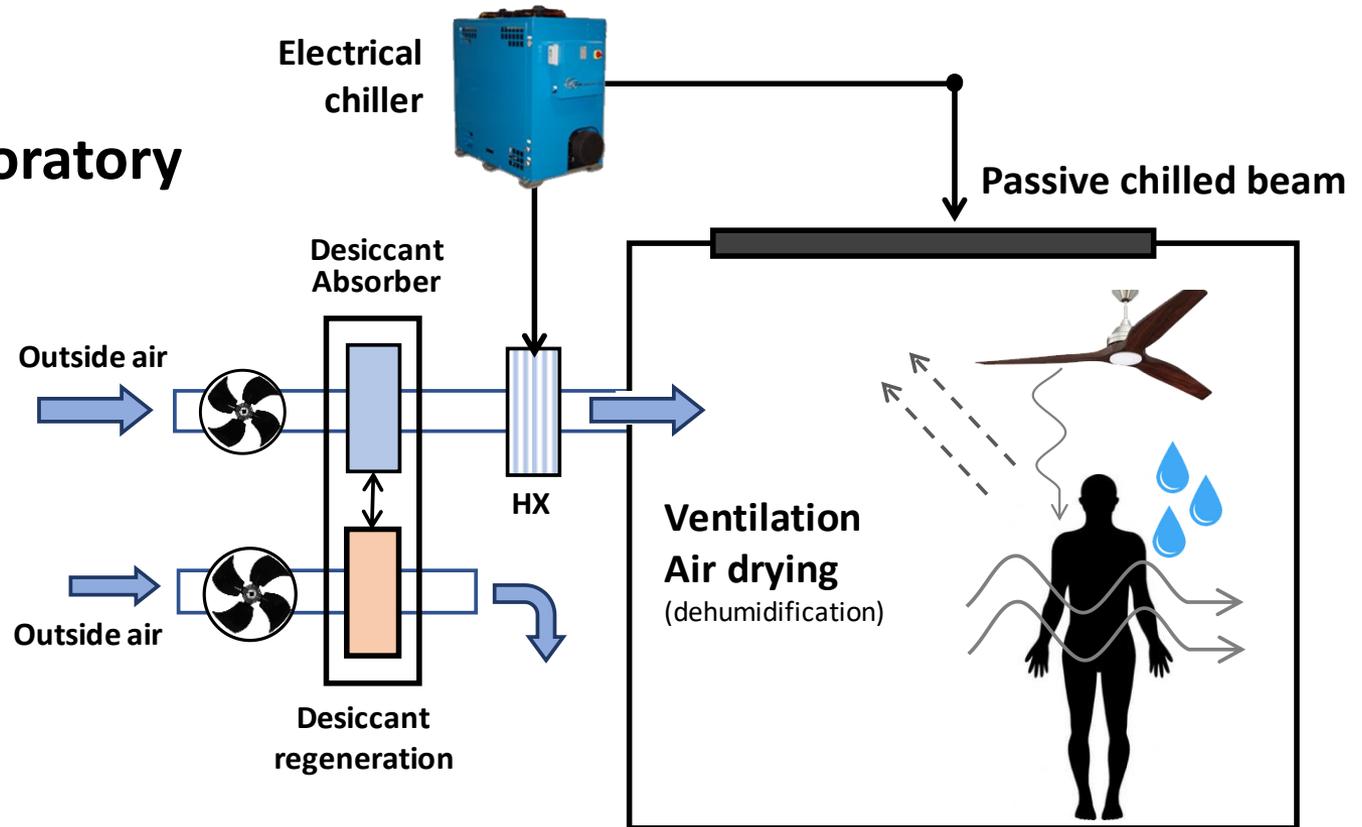


Conditioner and
Regenerator Design >>>

New LDAC Technology to be tested in Hawaii

Decoupled sensible & latent cooling

Design of Laboratory Test Set-up



Latent heat removal =
Dehumidification

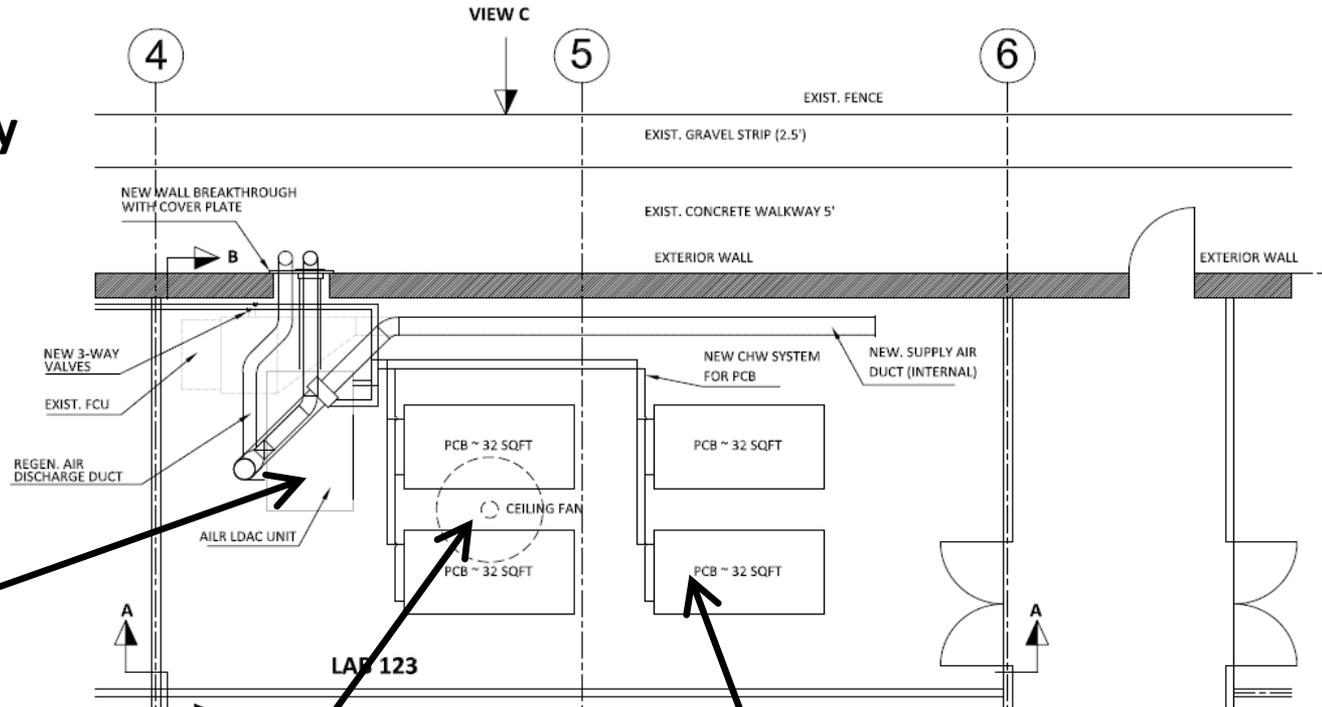
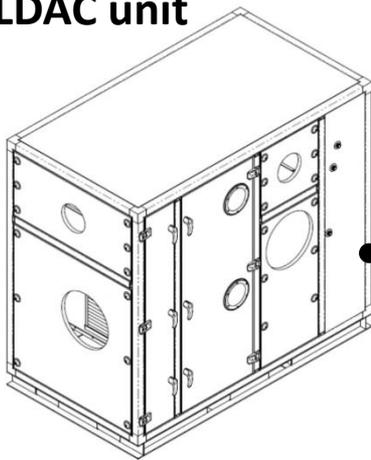
Advanced AC – Desiccant dehumidification &
separate sensible cooling

Pilot Project in Hawaii using two basic (decoupled) HVAC technologies:

- LDAC unit for precise dehumidification
- Passive chilled beam and ceiling fan for energy efficient sensible cooling

Design of Laboratory Test Set-up

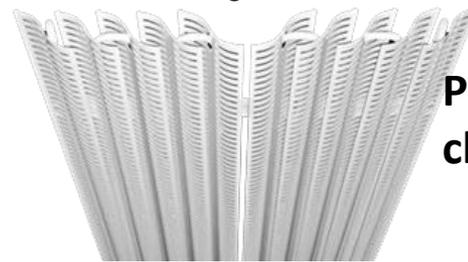
LDAC unit



High performance ceiling fan



Passive chilled beam



4. Future Research: **Proposed and/or Planned Projects**

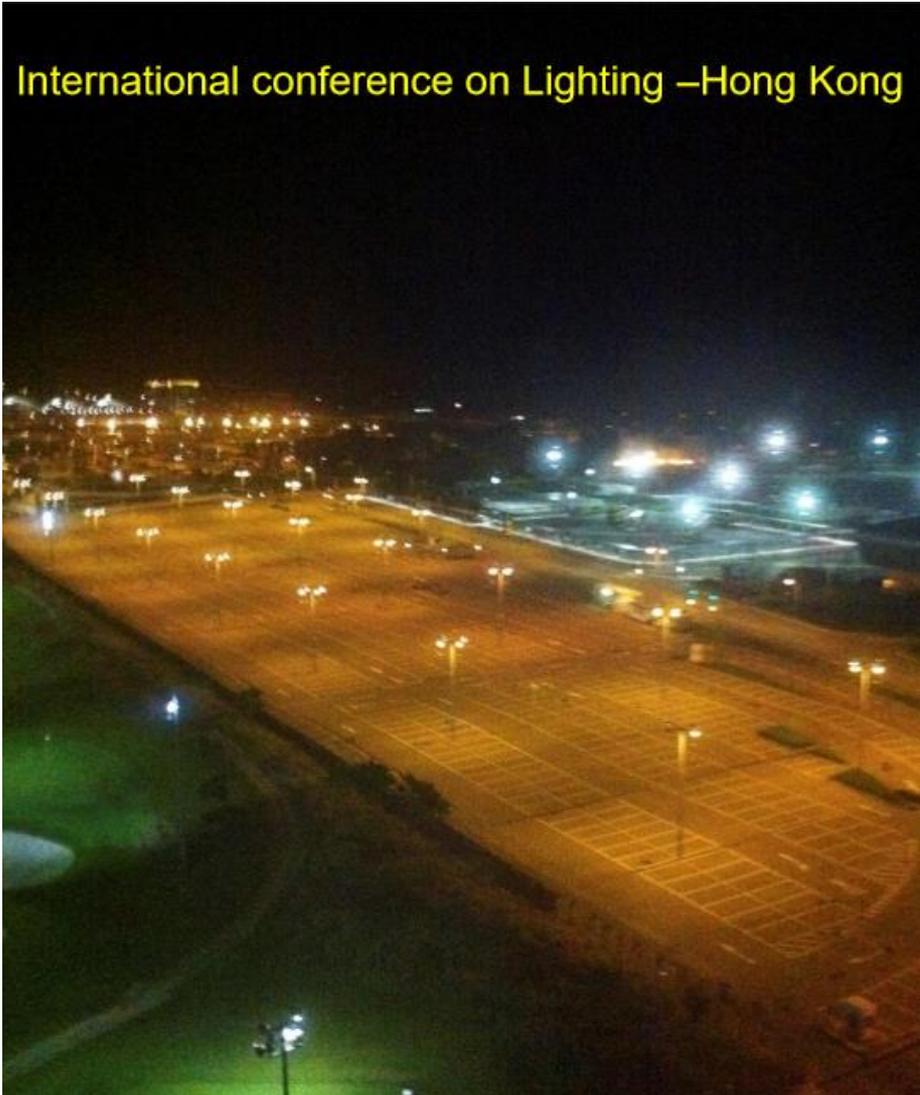
Overview

- 1. Adaptive Lighting and Demand Response**
- 2. Wellness in Buildings** / building healthy buildings and avoiding problems of highly energy efficient buildings
- 3. Humidity problems in “Green Buildings”** - Hygrothermal building simulation to avoid humidity related health risk (i.e. Mold) and humidity related damages to building structure

Adaptive Lighting:

Collaboration with California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC)

International conference on Lighting –Hong Kong

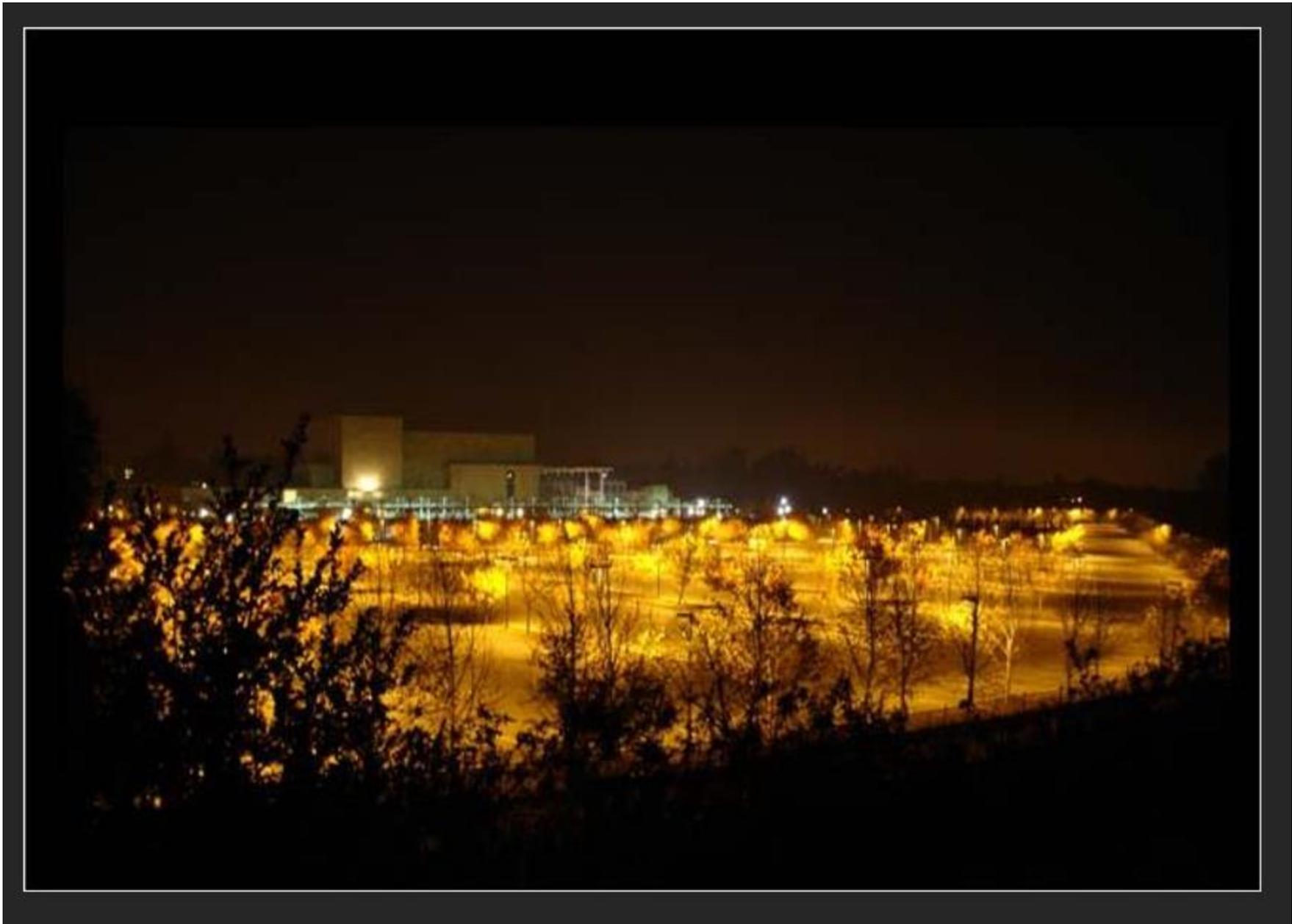


California high school (6am Sunday)
project in jeopardy



Mid-night *six cars in structure*





How Low Can We Go?

- Benefits
 - Security: Lighting serves as visual “alarm”
 - Energy Savings
 - Reduced Night Sky light pollution

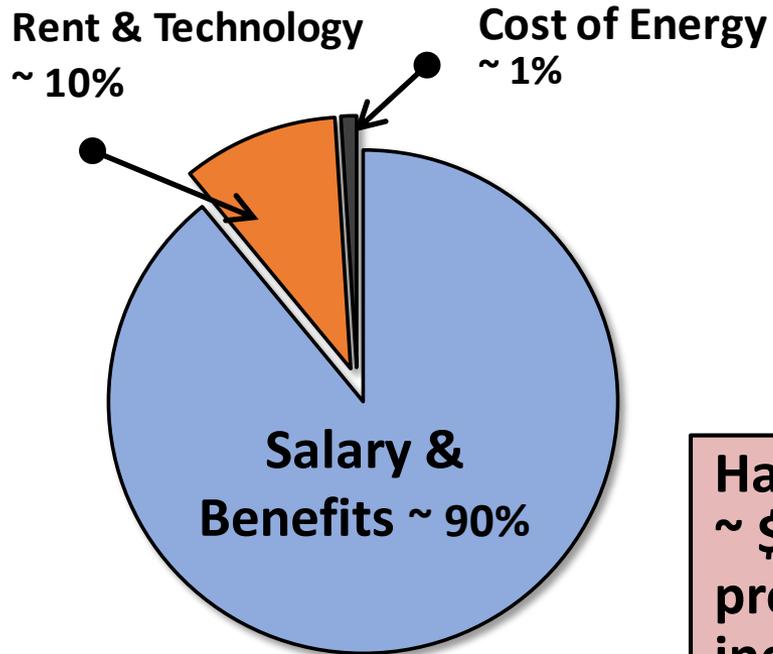
Demand Response for Lighting

- Generally large buildings (>10,000 sf)
- 14-23% Savings
 - (National Research Council Canada-Institute for Research in Construction (NRC-IRC) study)
- Early Stages
 - More companies needed to provide product
 - Standardized signals from utility are needed
 - Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) adoption
- Incentives required
- Drivers: Regulatory, infrastructure reduction, “smart grid”.

2. Wellness in Buildings

Building healthy buildings and avoiding problems with some highly energy efficient buildings

Cost of doing business (typical per employee)



Goal: Develop technologies that provide BOTH good IEQ and energy savings

Personnel costs can be reduced with improved IEQ. Wellness benefits can be significantly higher than energy savings

Harvard Healthy Building Program estimates ~ \$6,500 per employees from increased productivity & lower costs through increased ventilation

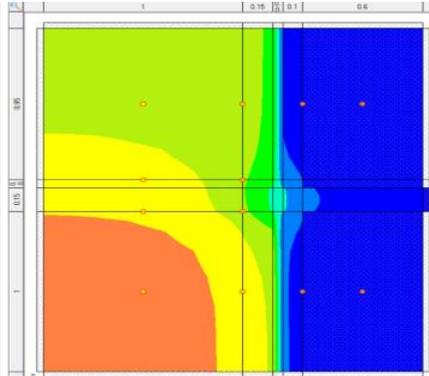
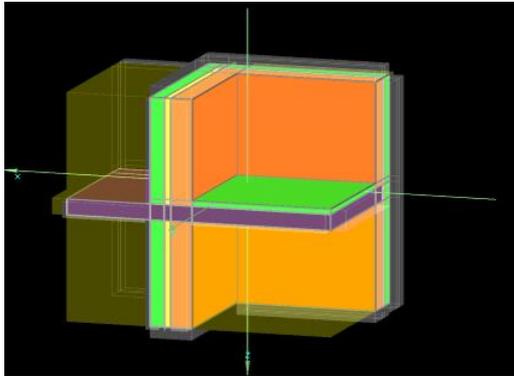
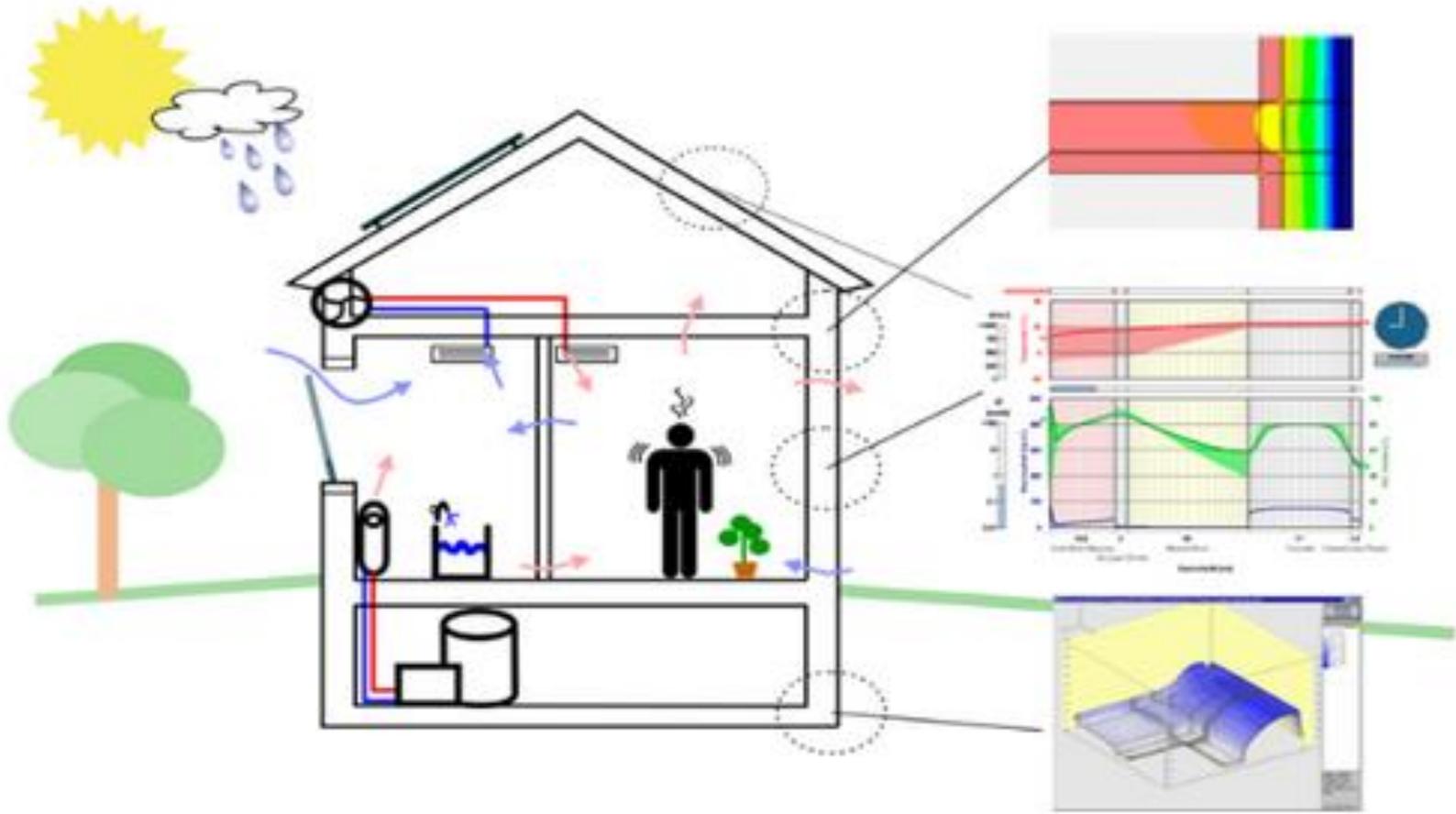
3. Humidity problems in “Green Buildings”

Hygrothermal building simulation to avoid humidity related health risk (i.e. Mold) and humidity related damages to building structure

Fact: More energy efficient (and tighter) building envelopes have potential humidity related problems

“Energy efficient enclosures built in hot-and-humid climate zones often result in reduced dehumidification provided to interior spaces by air conditioning systems-leading to serious hygienic consequences.” (WUFI.de)

Goal: Advance Hygrothermal simulation software application in the design of effective building envelopes for the warm and moist climate – support moisture management in buildings



Hygrothermal analysis of building envelope

Images source: by WUFI software, ORNL

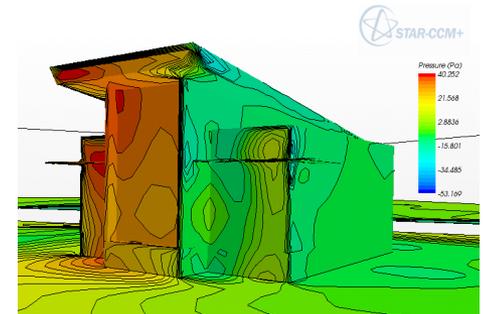
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