

The Smart Grid and its Role in a Carbon-Constrained World

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Information: The Virtual Electric Infrastructure

FACT:

In the next 20 years, the U.S. will spend \$450B on electric infrastructure, just to meet load growth.



CHOICE:

Perpetuate a 20th Century solution

OR

Invest in a 21st Century system saving ratepayers \$80B while increasing reliability and flexibility.



Revealing Values +
Communications +
Advanced Controls
≡ Electric infrastructure

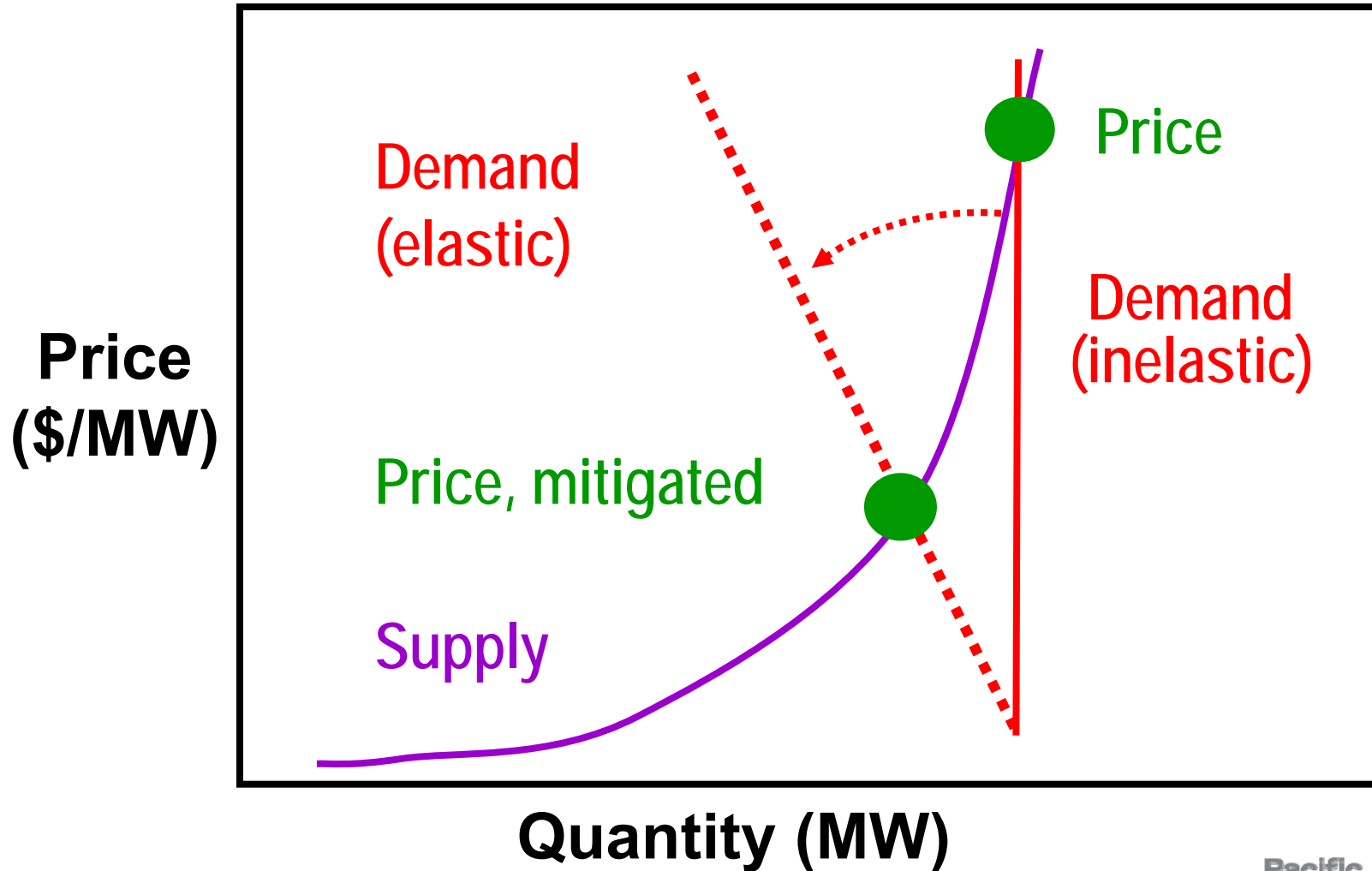
The choice is
easy because...

\$ bits << \$ iron

Some Key Smart Grid Technologies

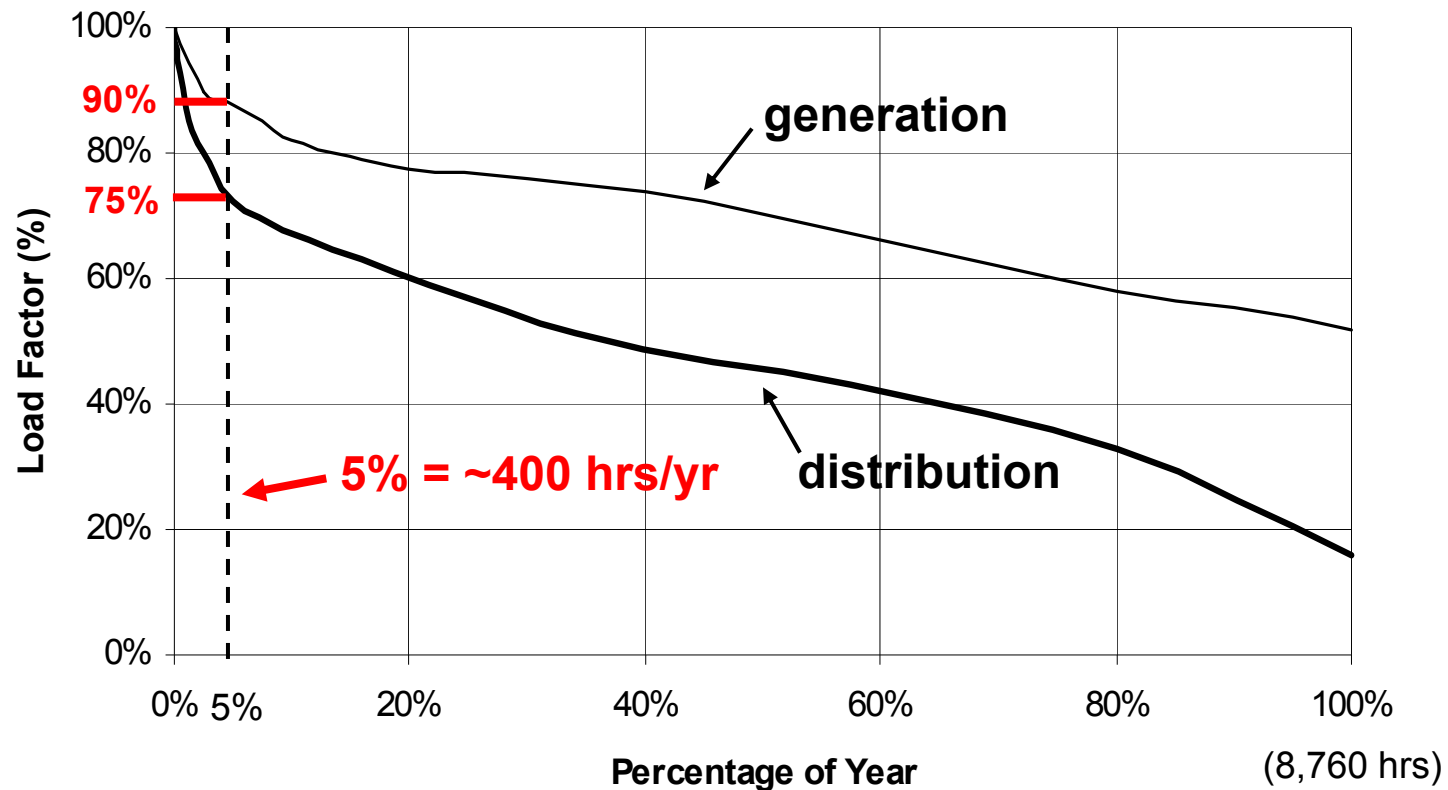
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Smart meters measure consumption at intervals (1 hour → 5 minutes)
- ▶ Demand response (to prices or other incentive signals)
- ▶ Distributed generation
- ▶ Distributed storage
- ▶ Distribution/feeder automation: smart switching of electric distribution system
- ▶ Advanced transmission visualization & control

Value of Demand Elasticity: *Lower Peak Demand & Stabilize Prices*



Value of Demand Response: *Lower Peak Demand Reduces Infrastructure Investments*

Hourly Loads as Fraction of Peak, Sorted from Highest to Lowest

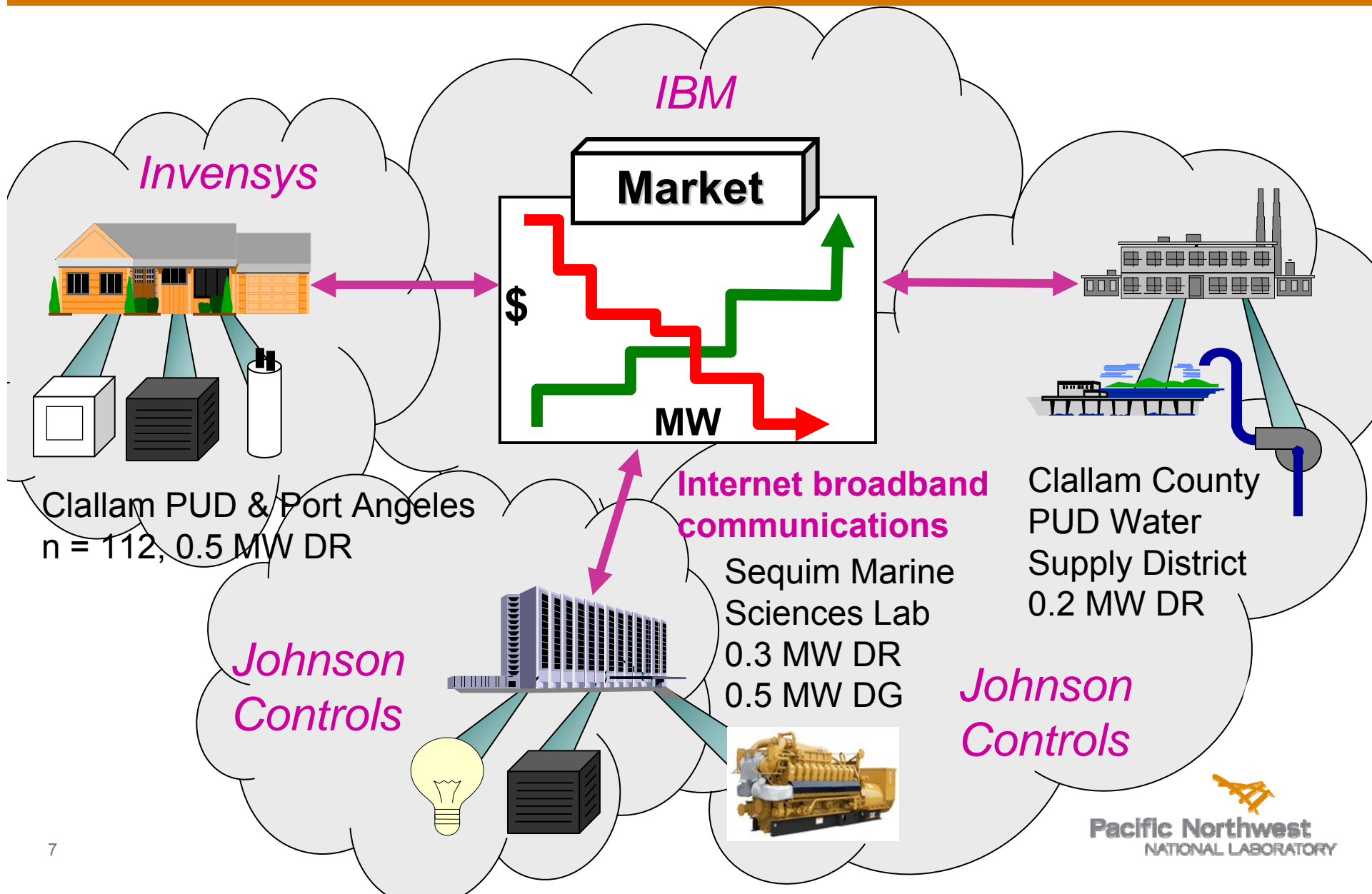


25% of distribution & 10% of generation assets (transmission is similar), worth of 100s of billions of dollars, are needed less than 400 hrs/year!

Fully Engaging Demand: What We've Learned from the Olympic Peninsula Demonstration



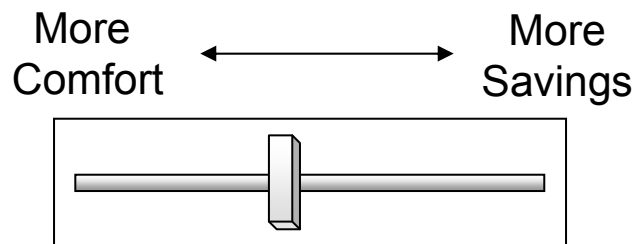
Olympic Peninsula Demonstration



Olympic Peninsula Demo: Key Findings (1)

Customers can be recruited, retained, and will respond to *dynamic pricing* schemes **if they are offered**:

- ▶ Opportunity for significant savings (~10% was suggested)
- ▶ A “no-lose” proposition compared to a fixed rate
- ▶ Control over how much they choose to respond, with which end uses, and a 24-hour override
 - prevents fatigue: reduced participation if called upon too often
- ▶ Technology that automates their desired level of response
- ▶ A simple, intuitive, semantic interface to automate their response



Translates to control parameters:

K, T_{max}, T_{min} (see *Virtual Thermostat*)

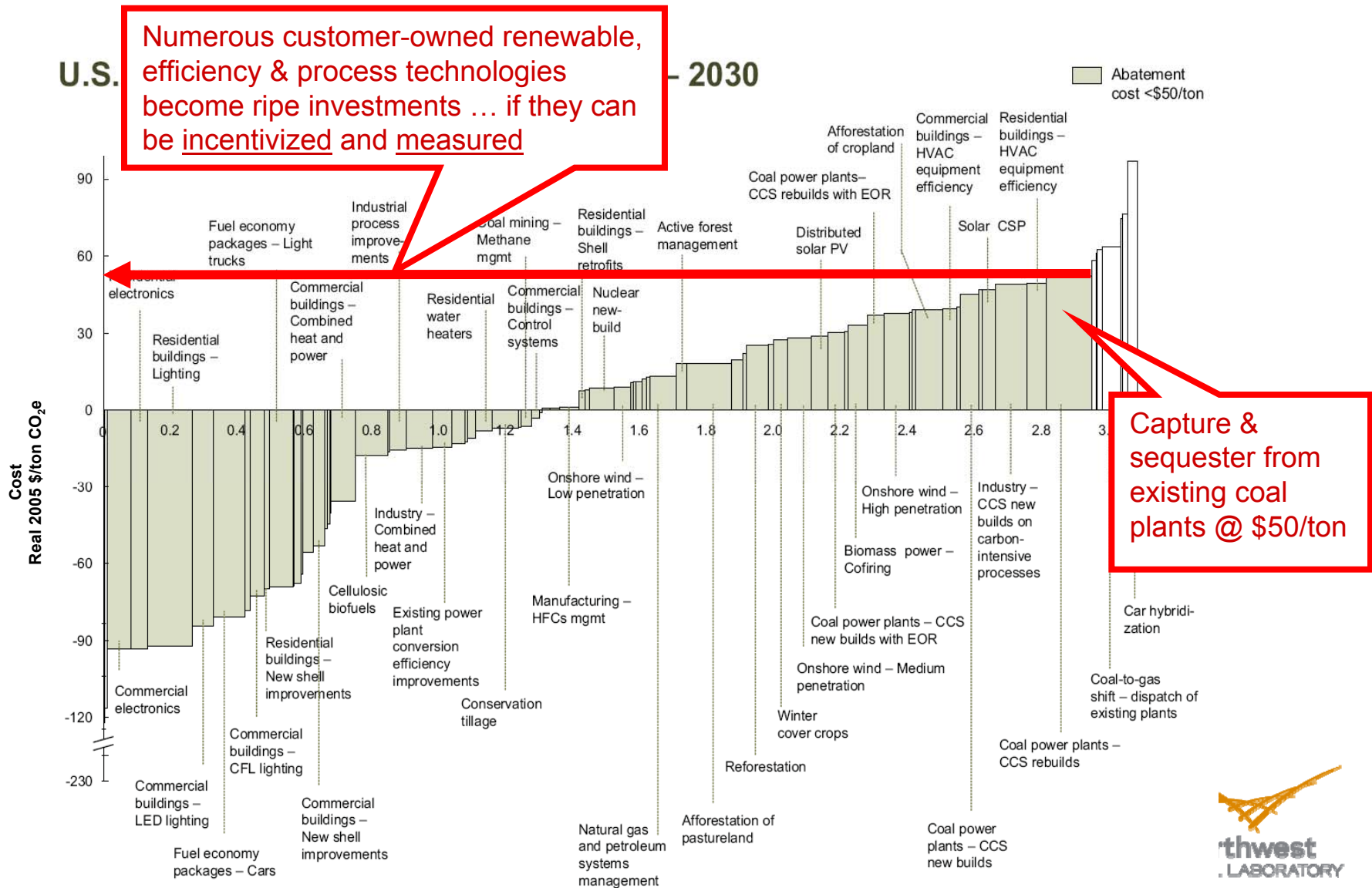
Olympic Peninsula Demo: Key Findings (2)

Significant demand response was obtained:

- ▶ 15% reduction of peak load
- ▶ Up to 50% reduction in total load for several days in a row during shoulder periods
- ▶ Response to wholesale prices + transmission congestion + distribution congestion
- ▶ Able to cap net demand at an arbitrary level to manage local distribution constraint
- ▶ Short-term response capability could provide regulation, other ancillary services adds significant value at very low impact and low cost)
- ▶ Same signals integrated commercial & institutional loads, distributed resources (backup generators)

The Smart Grid and Carbon

Carbon Supply Curve Suggests Massive Investment in Diverse Set of Resources is Coming



Smart Grid Can Deliver and Enable Carbon Savings – *A Sample of Mechanisms*

A smart grid can deliver carbon savings

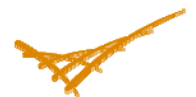
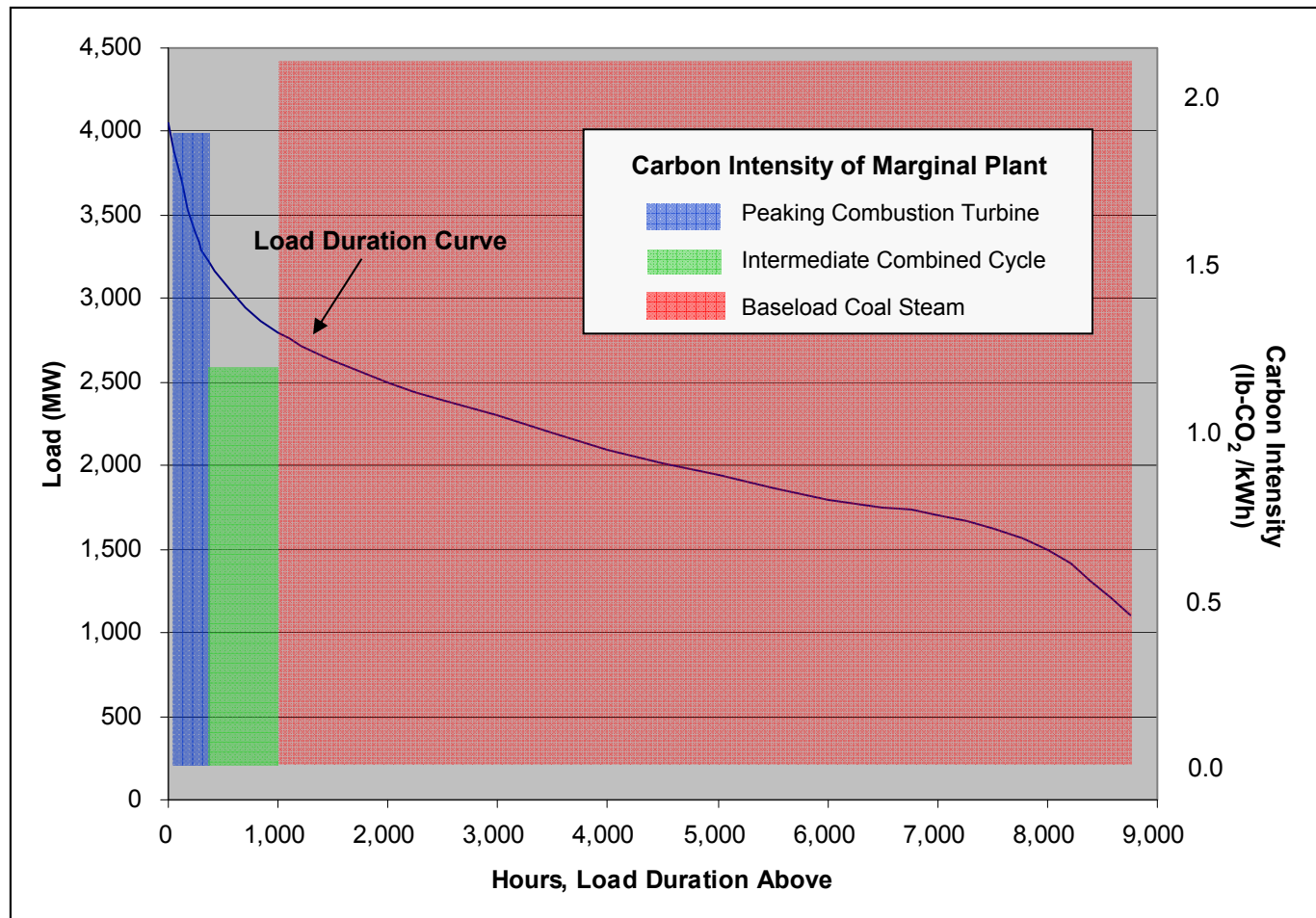
- End-use conservation & efficiency from demand response controls
- Carbon savings from peak load shifting
- Minimize losses & resistive loads by continually optimizing distribution voltage
- Cost effective & increasingly clean energy for electric vehicles
- Improve & sustain end-use efficiency by delivering continuous, remote diagnostic & commissioning services

A smart grid can enable more, lower cost carbon savings

- Lower net cost for wind power by regulating fluctuations with demand response
- Distribution grids capable of safely supporting high penetrations of PV solar
- Lower costs for efficiency programs by leveraging the demand response/AMI network to measure & verifying energy & cost savings – *for each customer, with unprecedented precision, in real-time*
 - Accurate accounting of actual carbon footprint of generation displaced by efficiency & renewables
 - Solid verification enhances value & tradability of carbon offsets (if allowed)

All kWh Are Not Created Equal – DR Load Shifting from Peaking to Intermediate Generation Can Save Carbon

Load Duration Curve and Carbon Dispatch of a Typical Coal-Based Utility

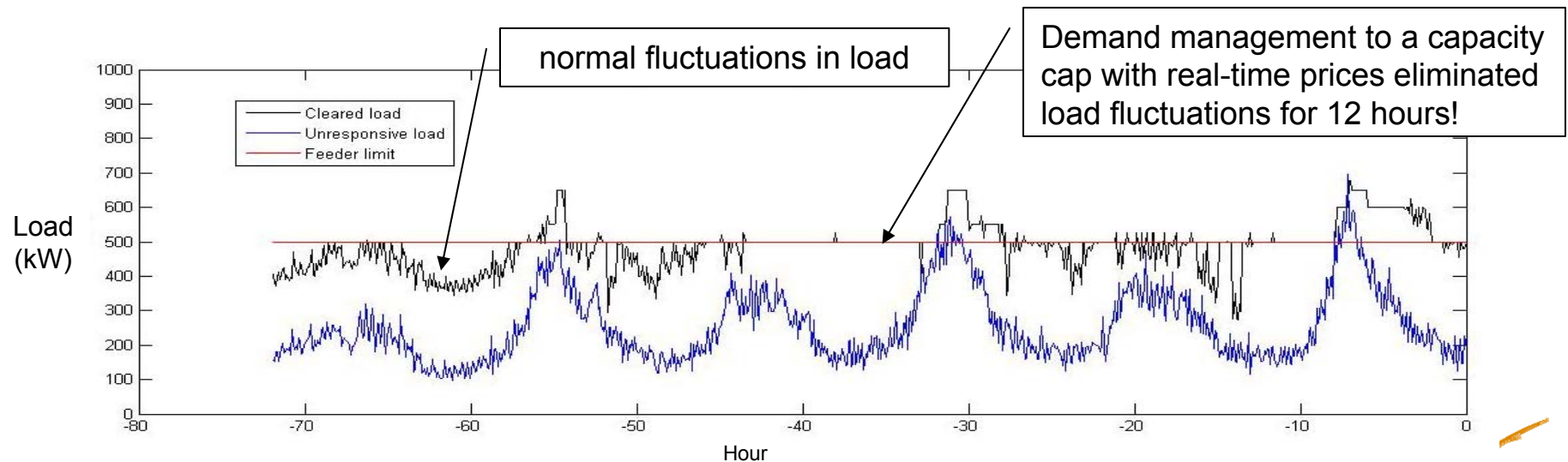


Potential for Demand Response to Help Manage the Large Infusion of Wind Power Implicit in a Carbon Strategy

Regulation: one or more fast-responding power plants continually throttle to match normal fluctuations in load

Highest cost generation in markets (zero energy sales, wear & tear, fuel consumption)

Fluctuations in wind farm output greatly exacerbate need for regulation, reduce cost effectiveness of wind power at high penetrations

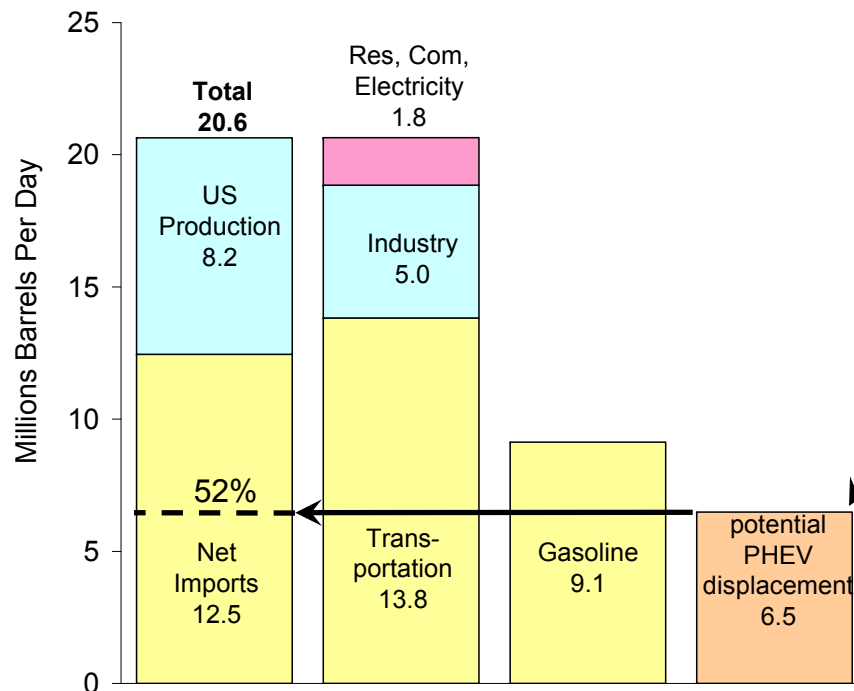
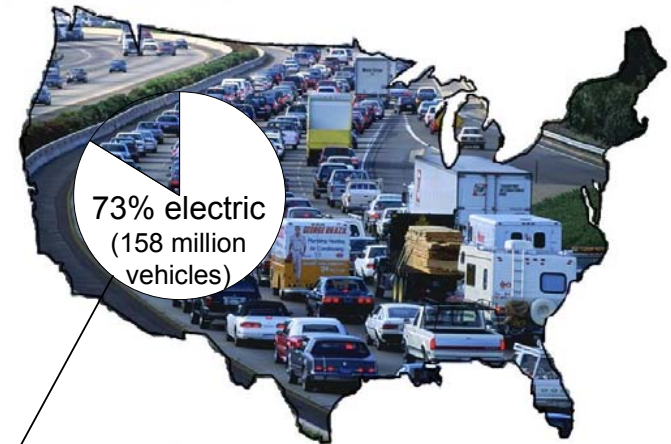


Potential Impacts of High Penetration of Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs) on the U.S. Power Grid*

* PNNL study for DOE Office of Electricity

The **idle capacity** of today's U.S. grid **could supply 73%** of the energy needs of today's cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, and vans...

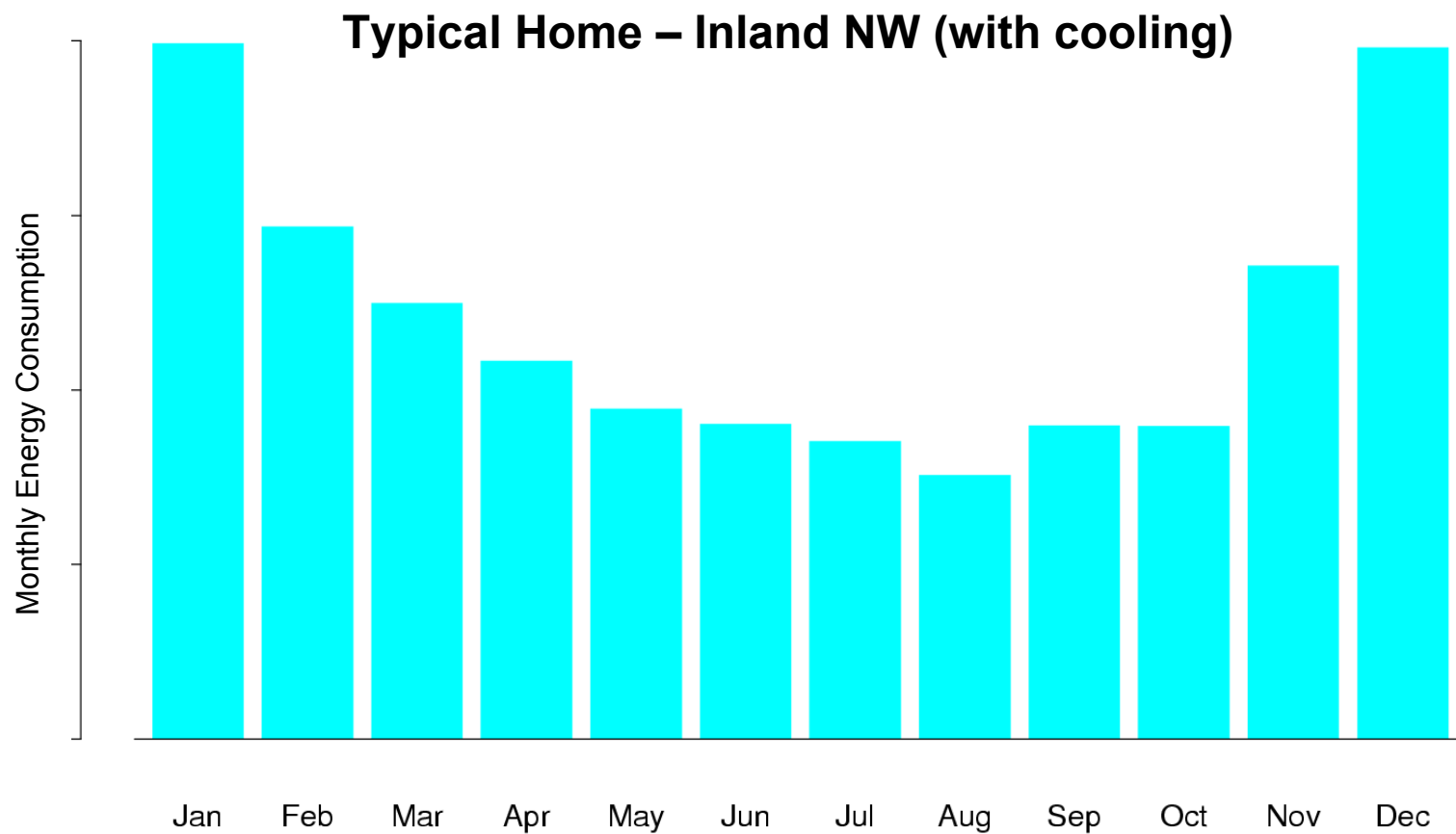
without adding generation or transmission
if vehicles are managed to charge off peak



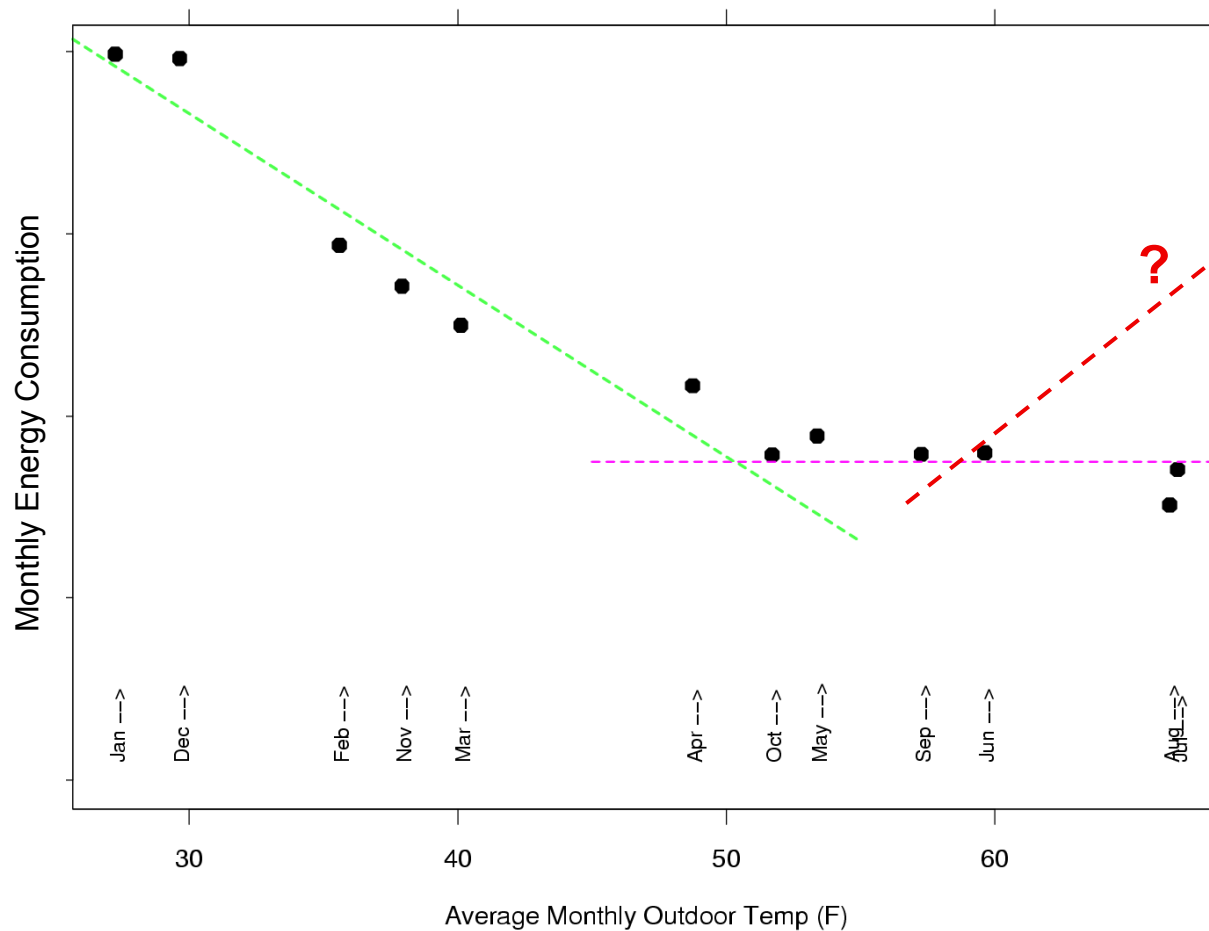
Source: EIA, Annual Energy Review 2005

- ▶ Potential to displace 52% of net oil imports (6.7 MMBpd)
- ▶ More sales + same infrastructure = downward pressure on rates
- ▶ Reduces CO₂ emissions by 27%
- ▶ Emissions move from tailpipes to smokestacks (and base load plants) ... cheaper to clean up
- ▶ Introduces vast electricity storage potential for the grid

Measurement of Efficiency Savings Today: Basis is 12 Monthly Bills

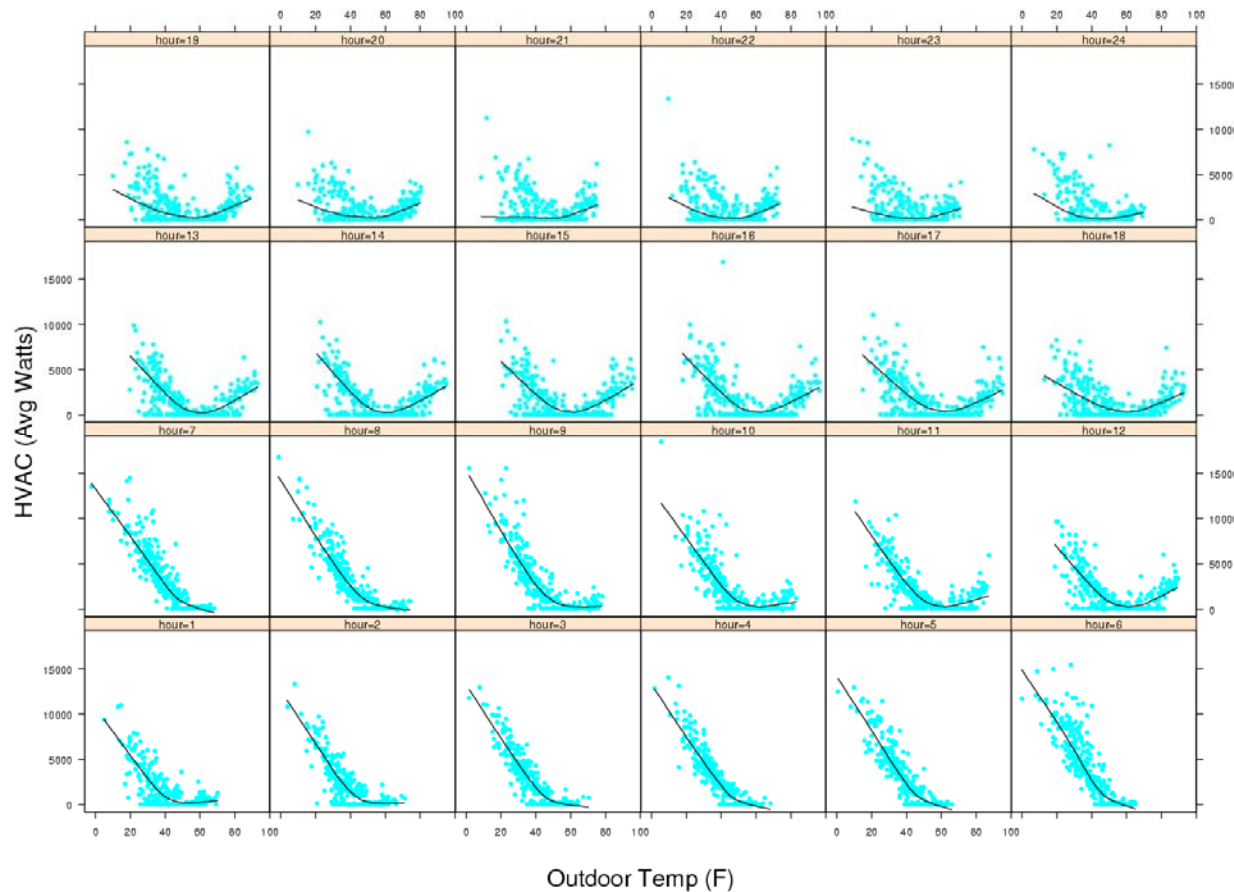


Analysis of Monthly Billing Data vs. Outside Temperature Yields Minimal Information



- ▶ State-of-the-art is 20-yr old PRISM billing data analysis
- ▶ Heating vs. base load is apparent, but with significant uncertainty
- ▶ Note AC is invisible

Smart Grid Provides Time-Series Data with End Use Resolution



- ▶ Vastly improved resolution allows detailed analysis of end-use savings
- ▶ Note AC load is now apparent

DR Networks Can Support Detailed Analysis of Most Types of Efficiency Savings

