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# Connecting the Dots

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# Energy vs Emissions



ENERGY (EUI)



EMISSIONS (TONS OF CARBON)

# Utility Power Source Mix & Policy

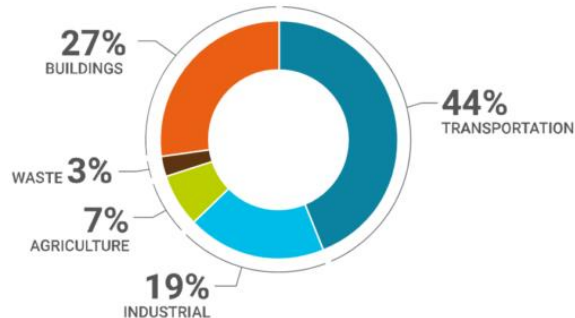
## HOUSE BILL 1257 (2019)

Compliance Dates	gsf threshold
June 2026	220,000
June 2027	90,000
June 2028	50,000

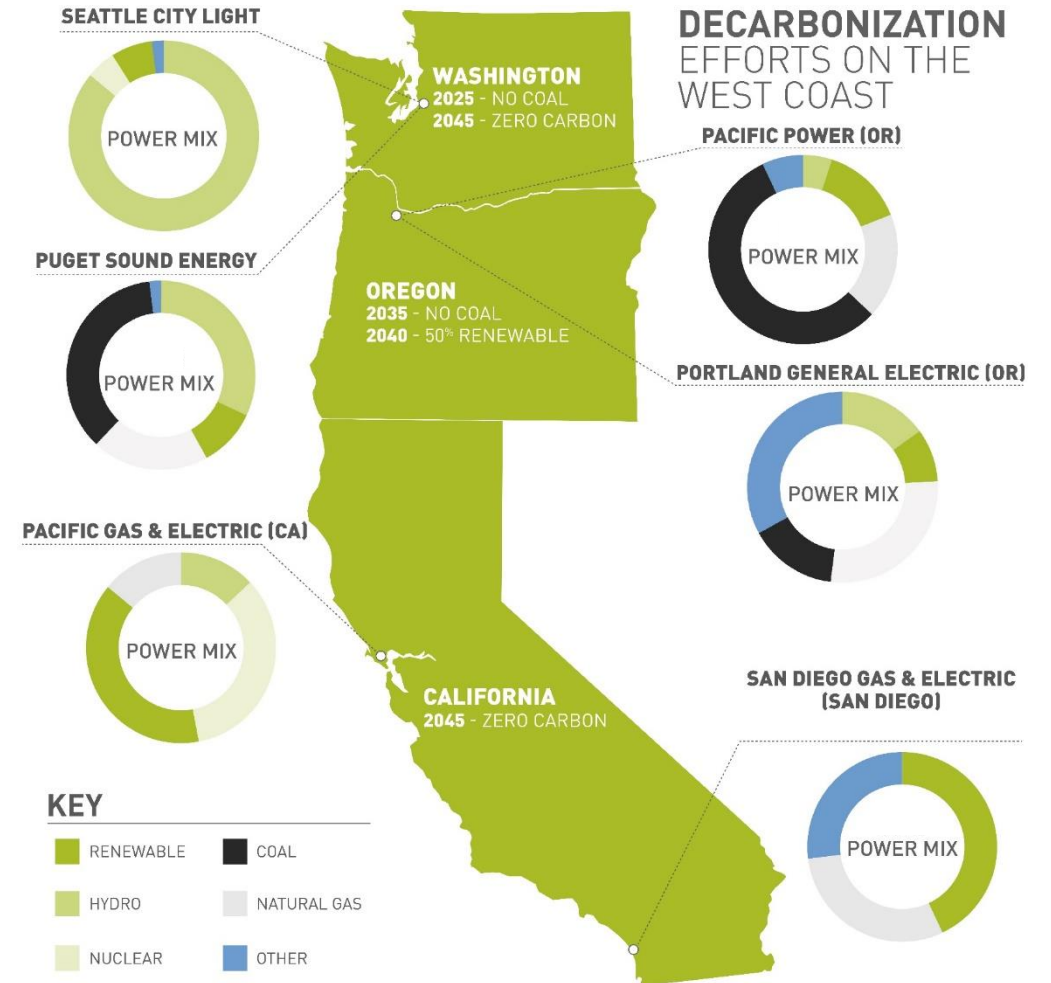
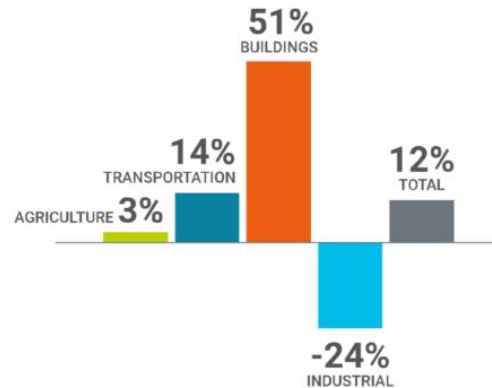
## ALL-ELECTRIC REQUIREMENTS

### Washington State Energy Code

Buildings are the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington (2015)



As Washington's population has grown, greenhouse gas emissions from buildings jumped significantly from 1990-2015



# Building Location Matter

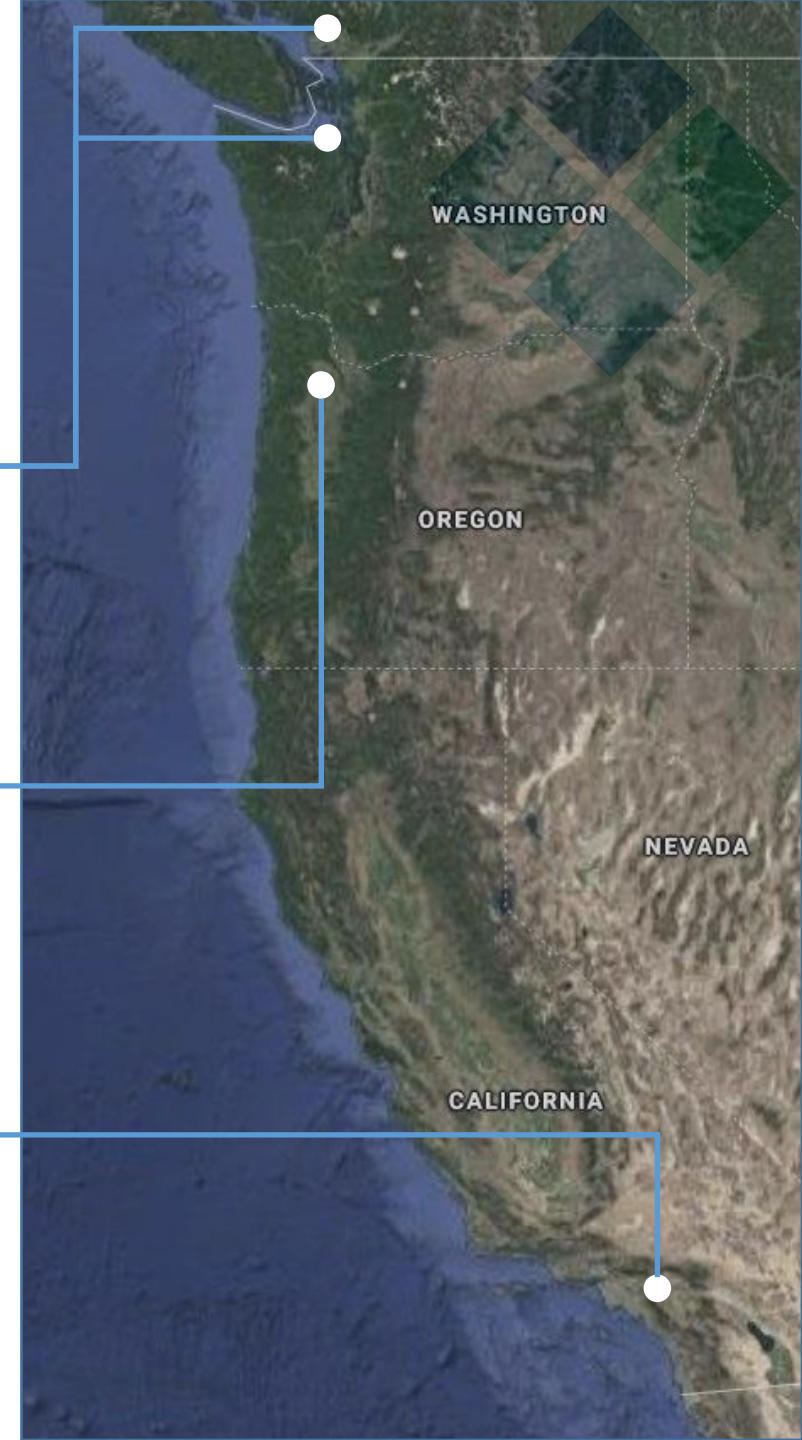


OFFICE BUILDING  
EUI = 30  
200,000 sf

SEATTLE/VANCOUVER  
= 50 TONS CO<sub>2</sub>e

PORTLAND  
= 1,100 TONS CO<sub>2</sub>e

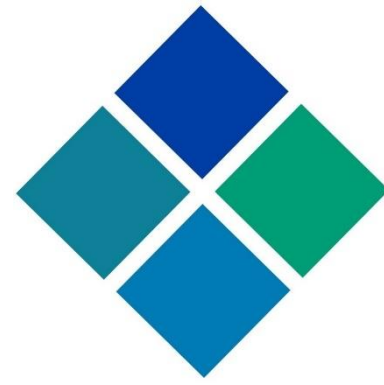
LOS ANGELES  
= 700 TONS CO<sub>2</sub>e



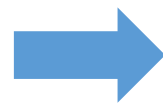


# Approaching Carbon Neutrality

# Carbon Neutrality Partnering with the Utilities



**220** lbs CO<sub>2</sub>/  
MMBtu



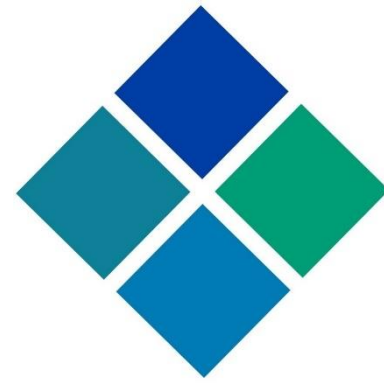
**117** lbs CO<sub>2</sub>/  
MMBtu



**0** lbs CO<sub>2</sub>/  
MMBtu

Source: [U.S. Energy Information Administration](https://www.eia.gov)

# Carbon Neutrality Planning is NOT



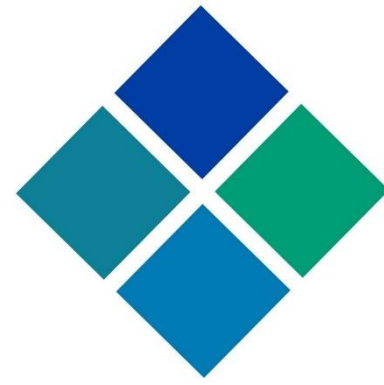
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Unless you want it to be



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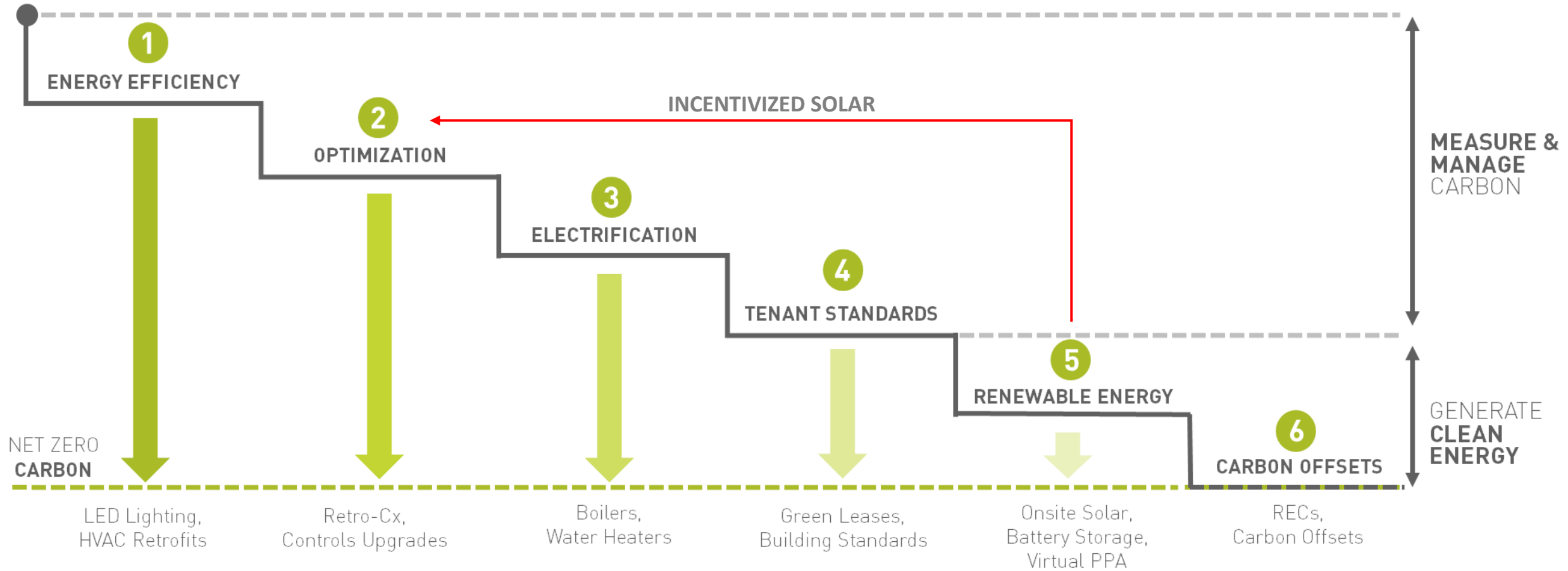
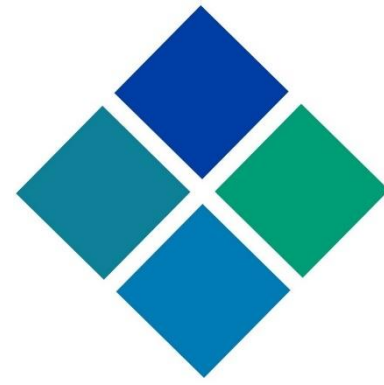


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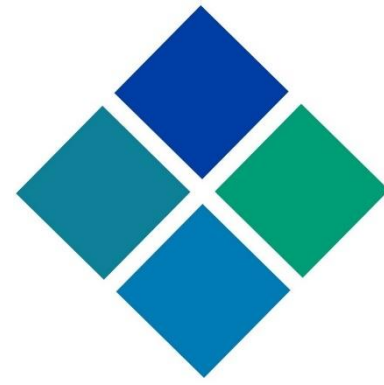




# Carbon Neutrality Planning



# Planning Approach



## MEASURE & PLAN

0-3 MONTHS

- Determine Goals
- Develop KPIs
- Identify Data Sources
- Collect Data



## ASSESS STRATEGIES

3-12 MONTHS

- Energy Efficiency
- RCx / Optimization
- Electrification
- Tenant Standards
- Renewable Energy
- Carbon Offsets



## DEVELOP ACTION PLAN

5 YEARS

- Cost Estimates
- Procurement
- CapEx Planning
- Financial Modeling



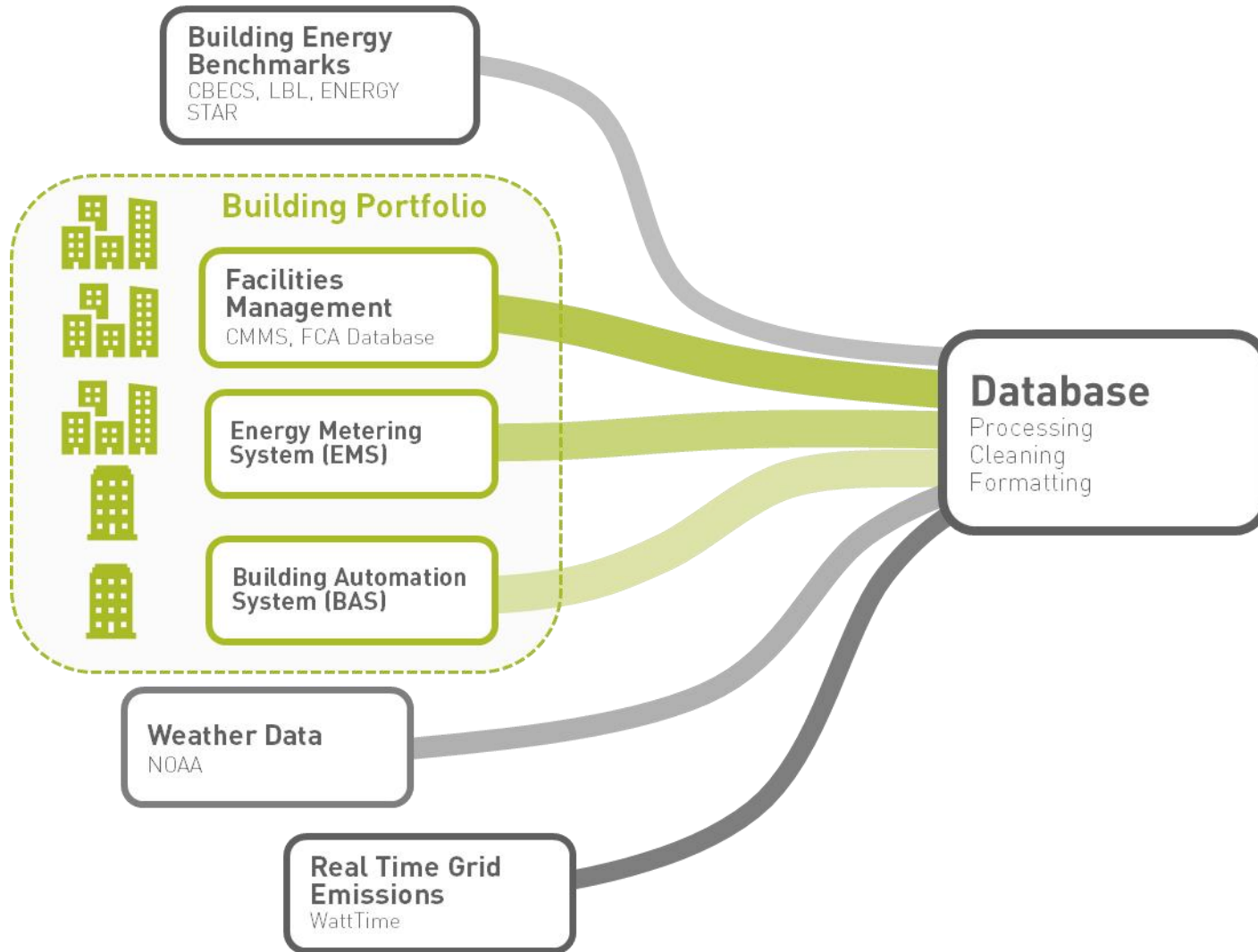
## MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION

5-30 YEARS

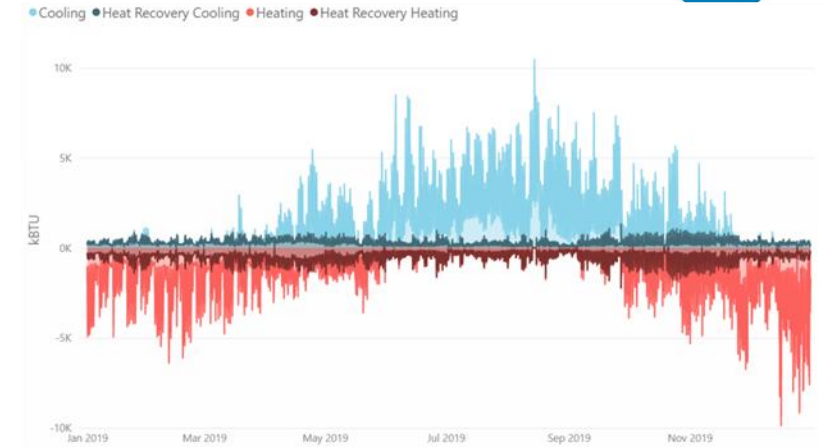
- End of Life Equipment Replacement Plans
- Monitor KPIs
- Reevaluate Action Plans



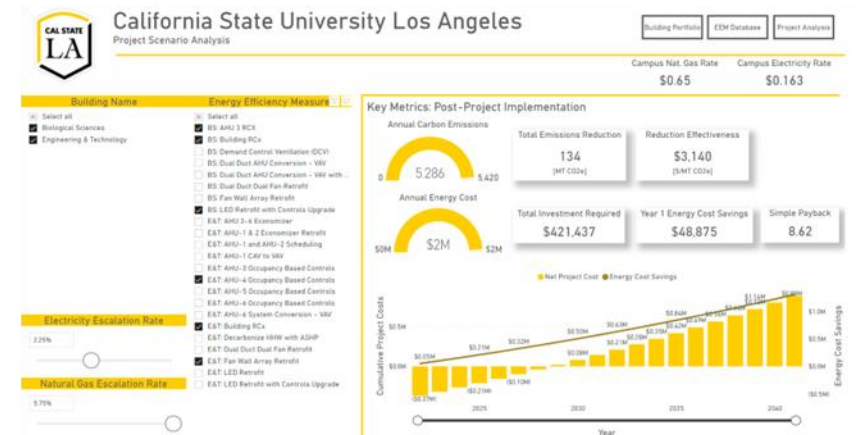
# Data-Informed Approach



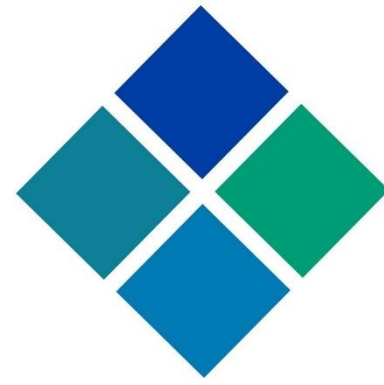
## NET ZERO CARBON ASSESSMENTS



## FINANCIAL MODELING



# Capex Planning



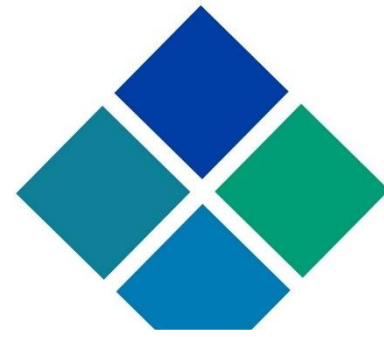
- Re-assess existing CapEx plans
- Identify projects with energy implications
- Infrastructure assessment & identify EUL for high carbon intensive equipment

- Ready buildings for net zero carbon operations
- Review & update building standards
- Implement green leases with new / existing tenants

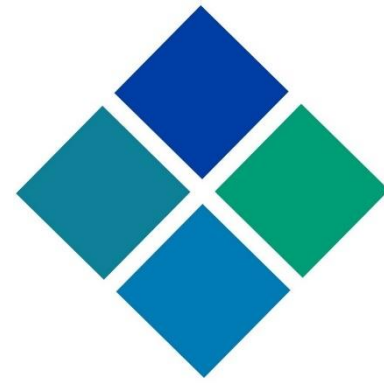
- Electrified equipment
- Renewable energy
- Carbon offsets



# Capex Planning



<b>CAPEX PROJECT</b>	<b>CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<b>BAU APPROACH</b>	<b>NET ZERO APPROACH</b>
Boiler Replacement	What is existing peak load?	Like for like boiler replacement	Heat recovery chiller
HHW Riser Replacement	What is existing HHW loop dT? What would the dT of an electrified system be?	Replace riser with same pipe sizes	Replace riser sized for future HHW dT after conversion to electrified system
Restroom Renovation	Does the restroom need recirculating hot water?	Maintain connection to central DHW loop	Install point of use electric water heater
Electrical Panel Upgrade	Is the panel at maximum capacity? Will the panel potential serve additional electrical equipment?	Replace panel with same capacity	Replace with upsized panel to support future electrification measures
Elevator Modernization	How often is elevator used? Are there long lines at elevators often?	Motor replacement, cab renovations	Smart elevator control systems, regenerative elevators
Office Floor TI	Does the building plan to electrify the heating system in the future?	Size HW coils to existing HW temperature (180F)	Size HW coils to lower HW temperature (130F)



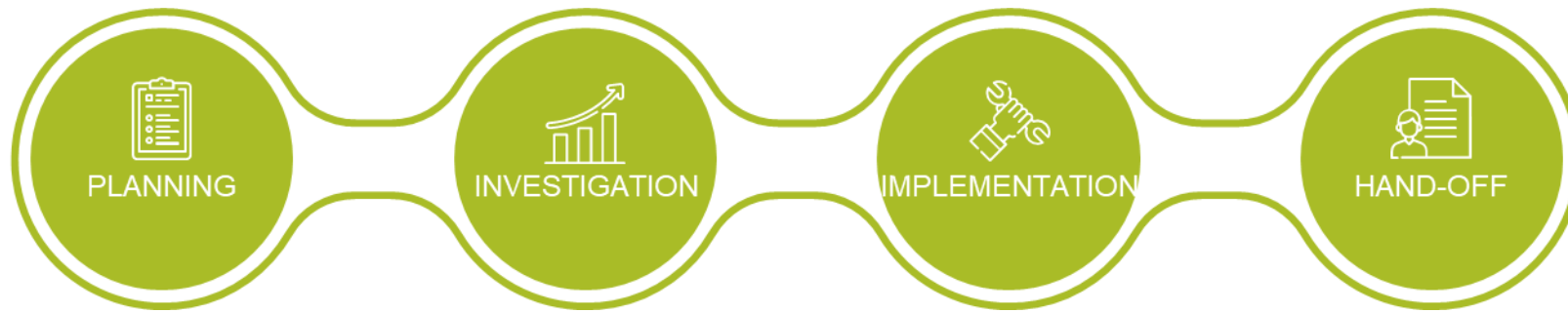
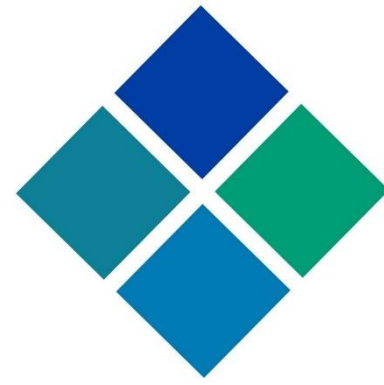
# Strategies Impact on Financials

	First Cost	Payback	Operating Cost Reductions	Climate Impact
Efficiency	Moderate	Less than 10 years	High	High
Electrification	High	Varies	Moderate	High
On-Site Solar + Storage	High	Less than 20 years	High	High
Virtual PPA	None	Immediate	Small	Moderate
Offsets/RECs/ Green Power	None	No payback	None	Low



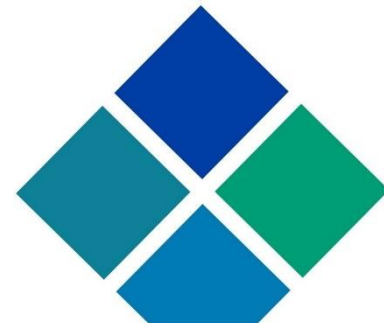
# Building Decarbonization Strategies

# Building Audits



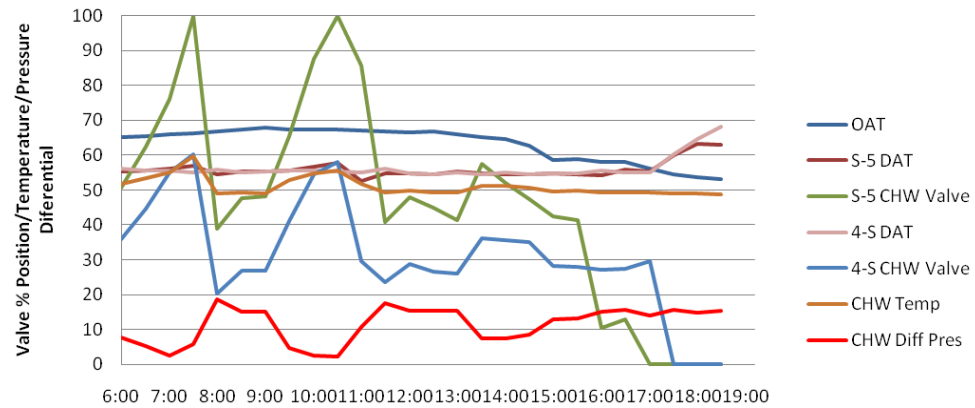
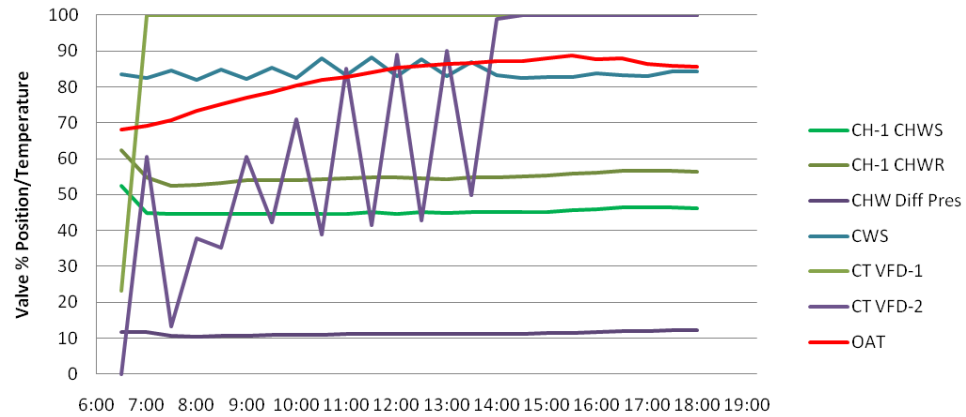
- A platform to verify and get feedback on your ideas
- Access to a list of opportunities, their impact, and potential funding sources from experts



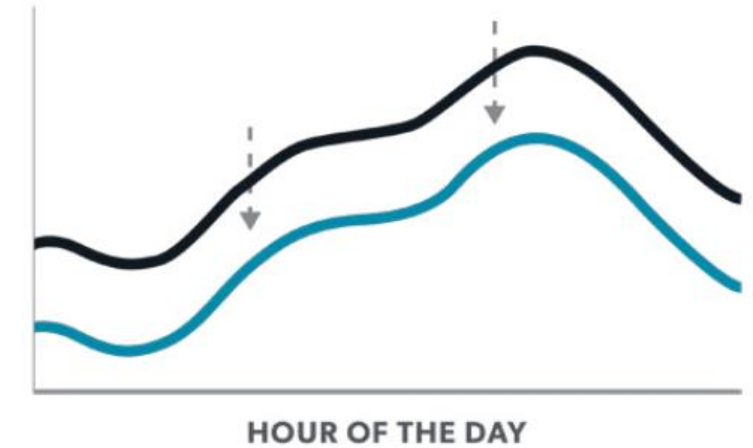


# Strategy: Optimization

## CONTROLS SYSTEMS



## POWER DEMAND



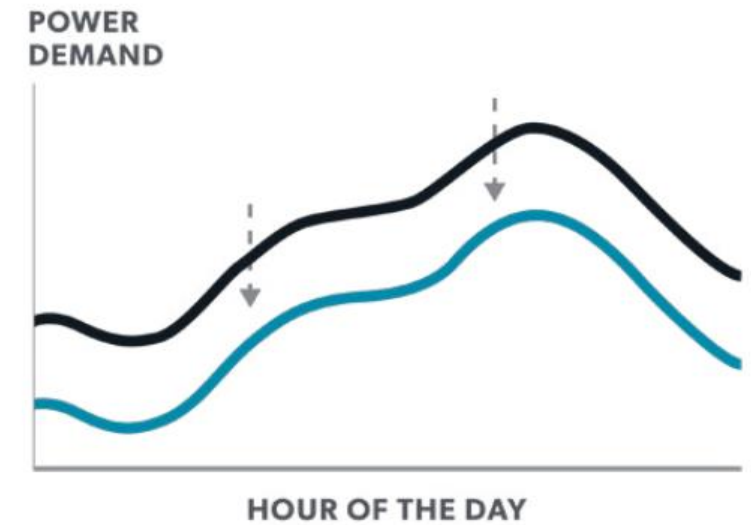
## STRATEGIES

- FDD Software
- BMS Data Analytics
- Existing Building Commissioning
- Energy Audits

# Strategy: Optimization



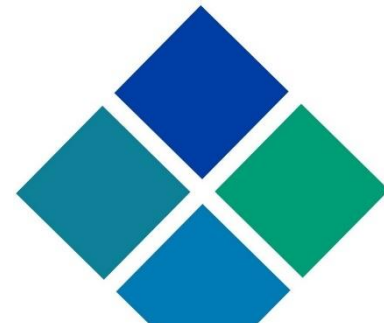
## WORKING WITH FACILITIES TEAMS



## STRATEGIES

- Training
- Providing energy tracking tools & resources
- Participating in Facility Optimization Programs

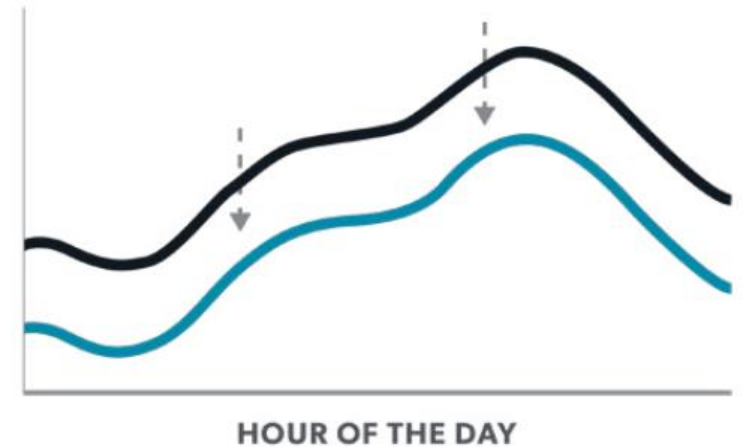
# Strategy: Optimization



## TENANTS



## POWER DEMAND



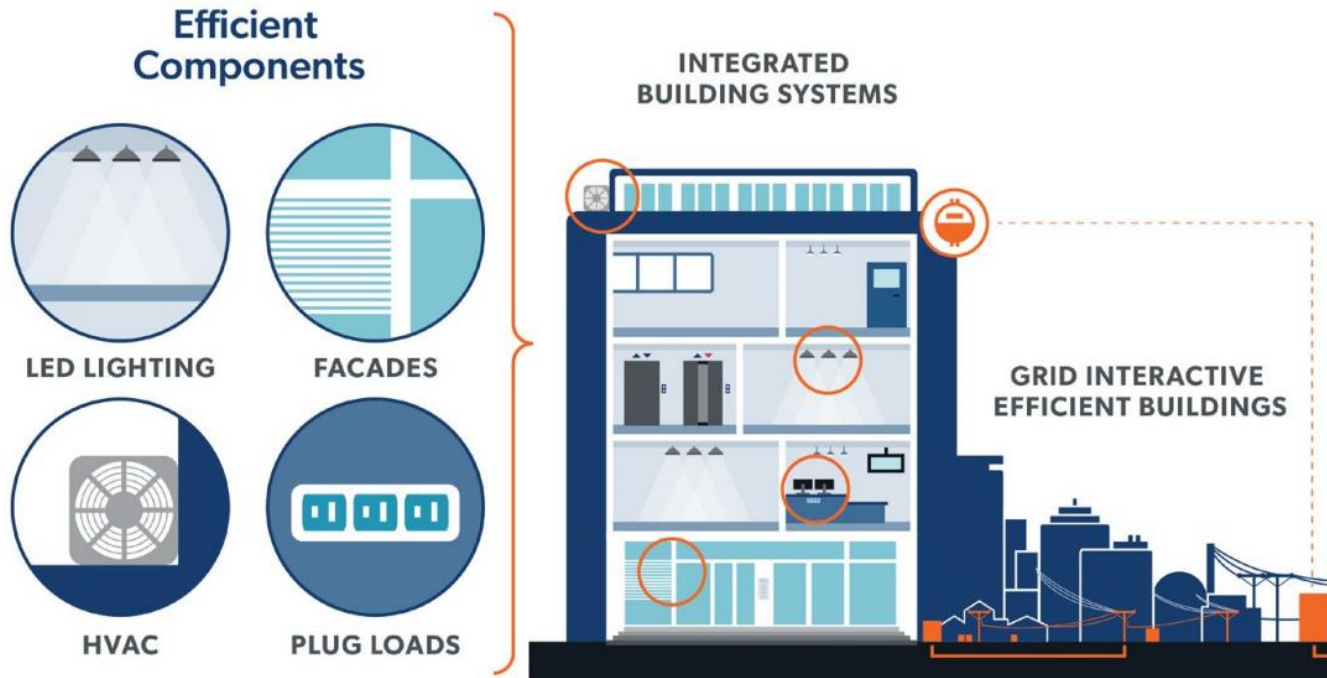
## STRATEGIES

- Green Leases
- Consolidate Electrical Equipment
- Common Amenities (Print centers, break rooms, meeting rooms)
- Hours of Operation vs Occupancy
- Vertical Transport

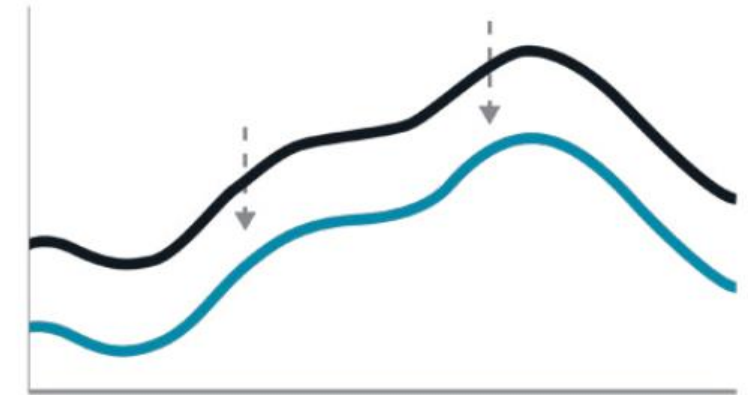


# Strategy: Efficiency

## SMART BUILDINGS



POWER DEMAND



HOUR OF THE DAY

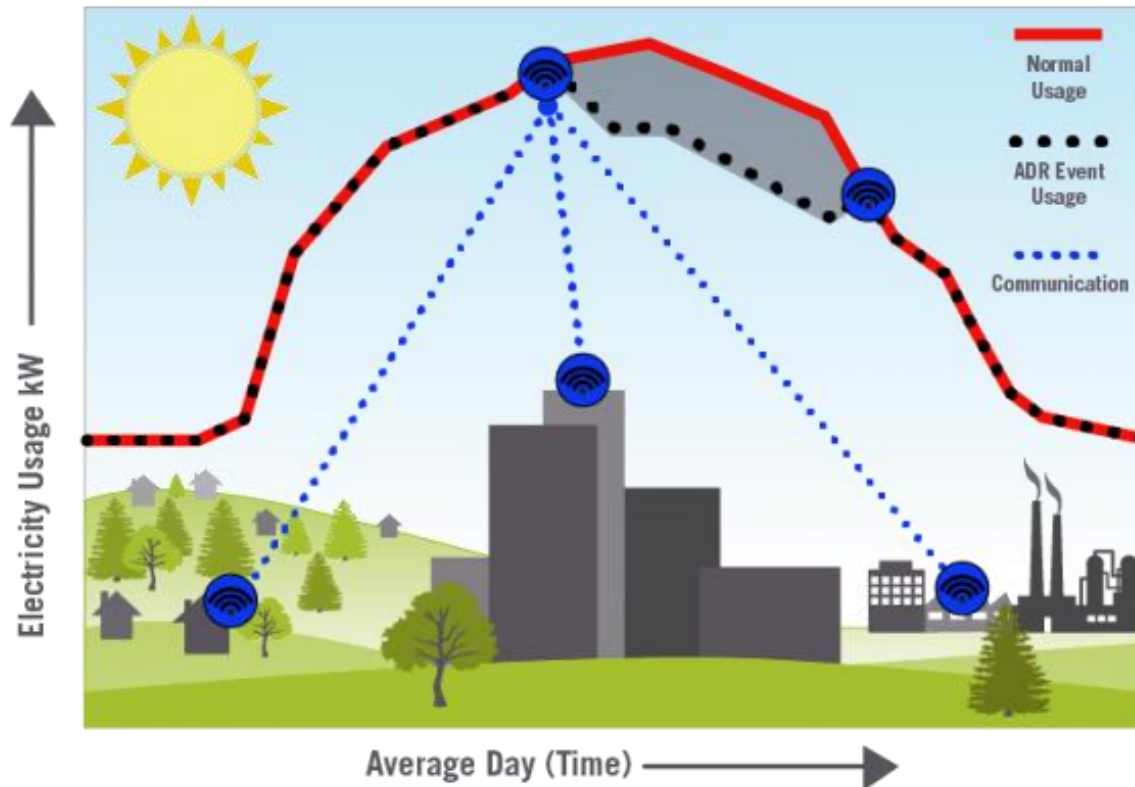
## DESIGN STRATEGIES

- Glazing Upgrades
- Facades maintenance/leakage
- LED Lighting
- Efficient Electrified HVAC
- Plug Load Management

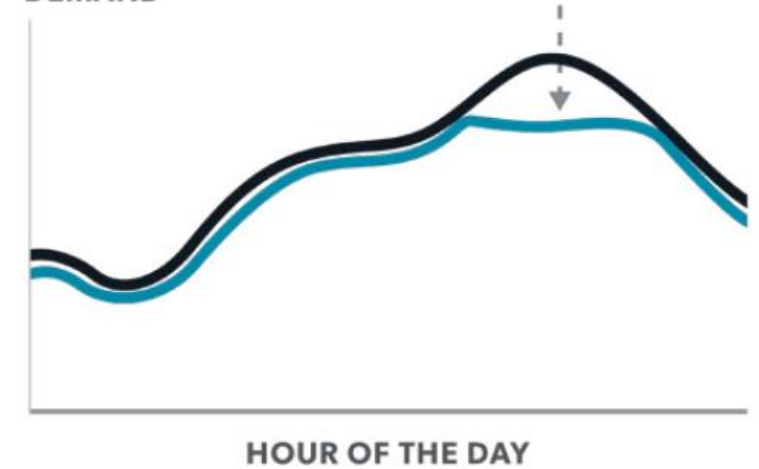
# Strategy: Shed Load



## DEMAND RESPONSE



## POWER DEMAND



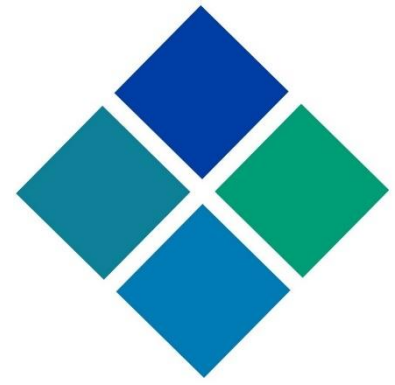
## DESIGN STRATEGIES

- Demand Response
  - Dim Lighting
  - Reduce Room Setpoints
  - Limit Elevator Operation



# Building Electrification

# Application Tiers - HVAC



## Tier 0

- Electric Resistance

## Tier 1

- Split Systems/Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)

## Tier 2

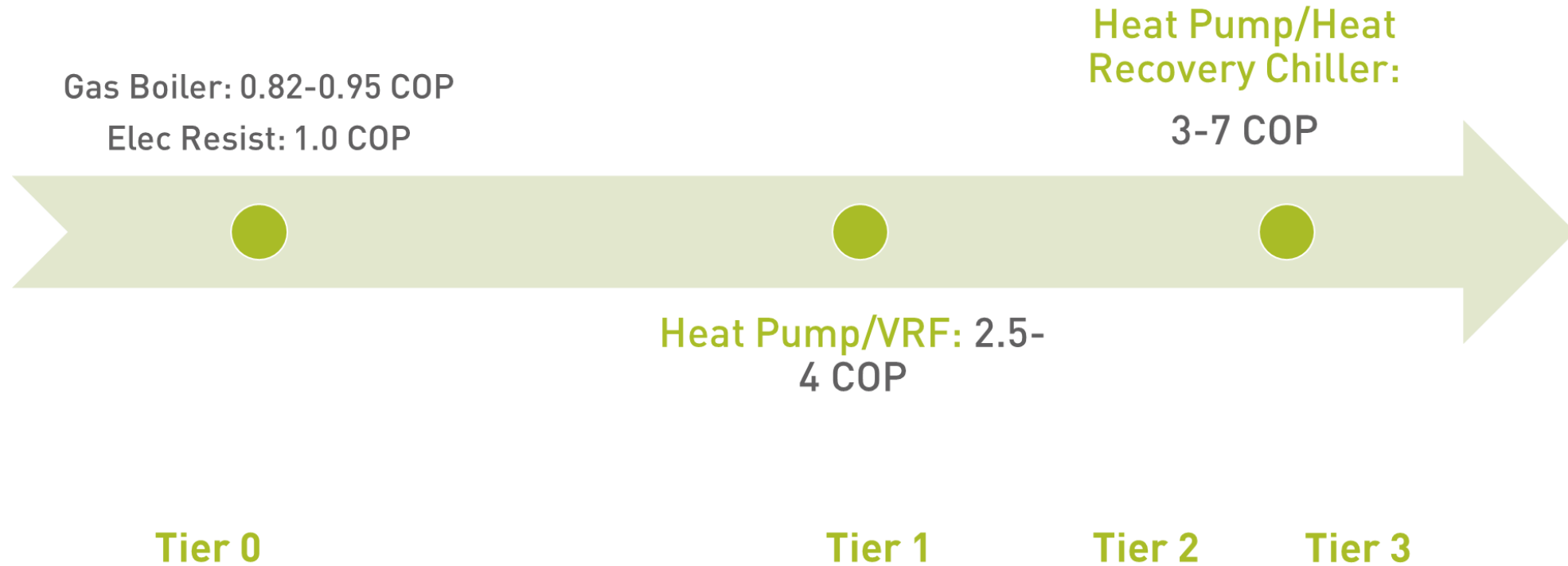
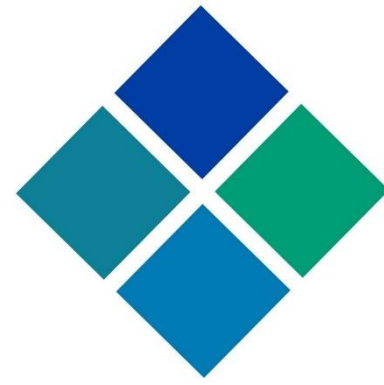
- Air-Source Hydronic Heat Pumps

## Tier 3

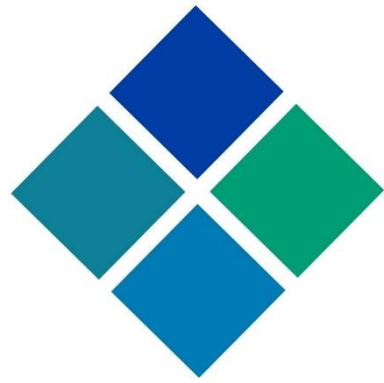
- Water-Source Hydronic Heat Pumps



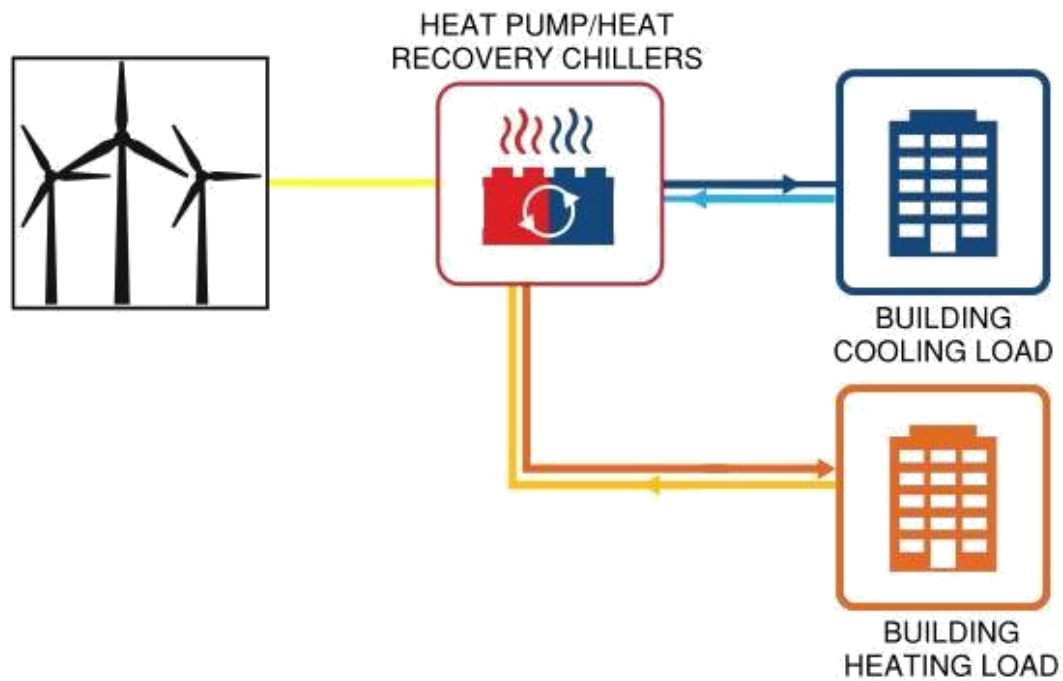
# Efficiency Comparison



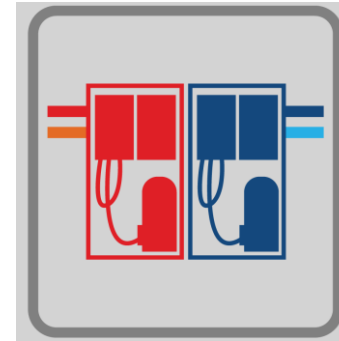




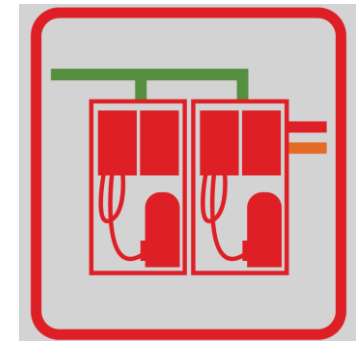
# Heat Pumps



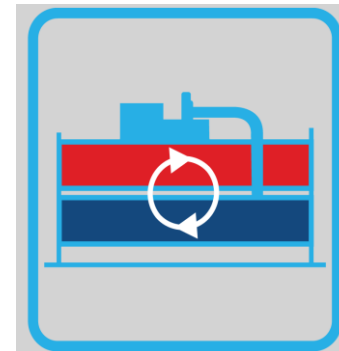
## Modes of Operation



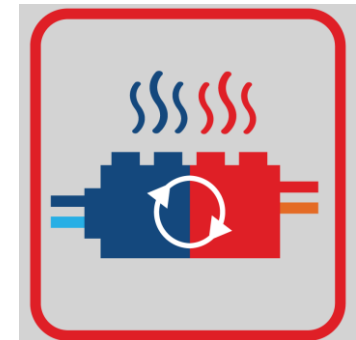
heating and cooling



heating only

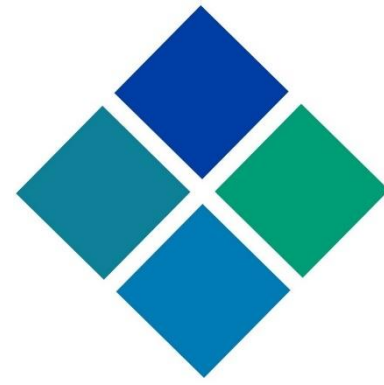


full heat recovery



heat recovery + air source

# Building Electrification



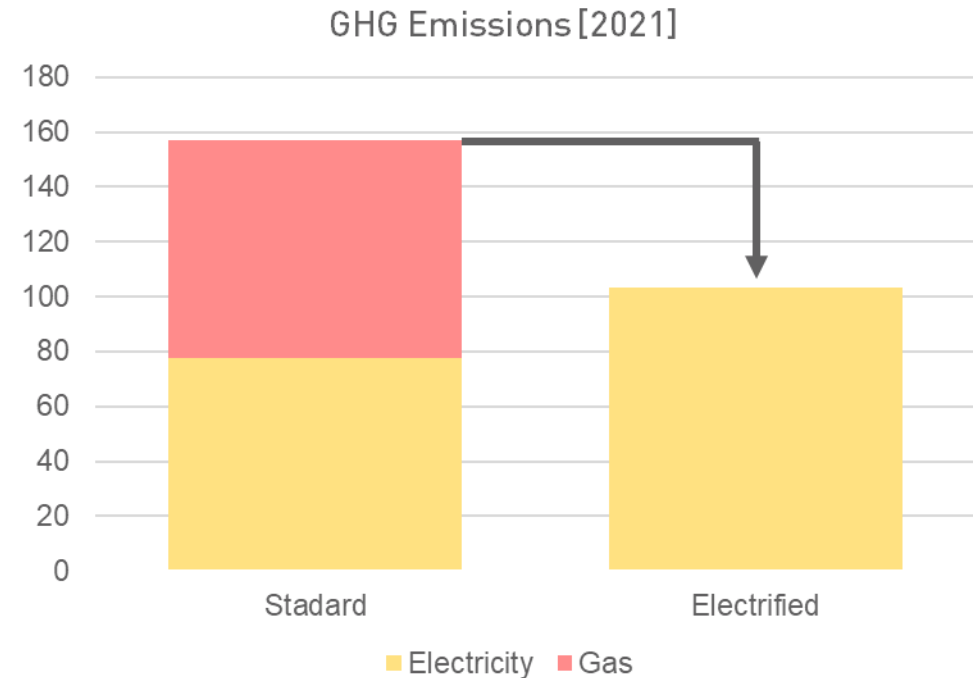
## TYPICAL 200,000 SF OFFICE BUILDING

### Standard building system

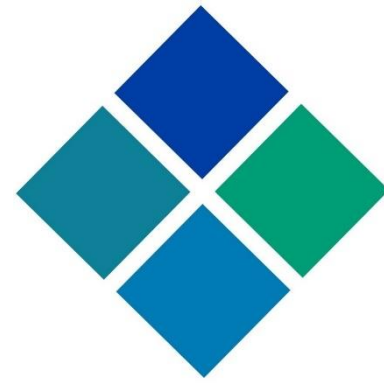
- Chillers + Boilers
- Gas or Point of Use Electric Water Heaters
- Gas Appliances (cafe)

### Fully electric building design

- Heat Pumps / Heat Recovery Chillers
- Heat Pump Water Heaters / Point of Use Electric Water Heaters
- Electric Appliances (cafe)

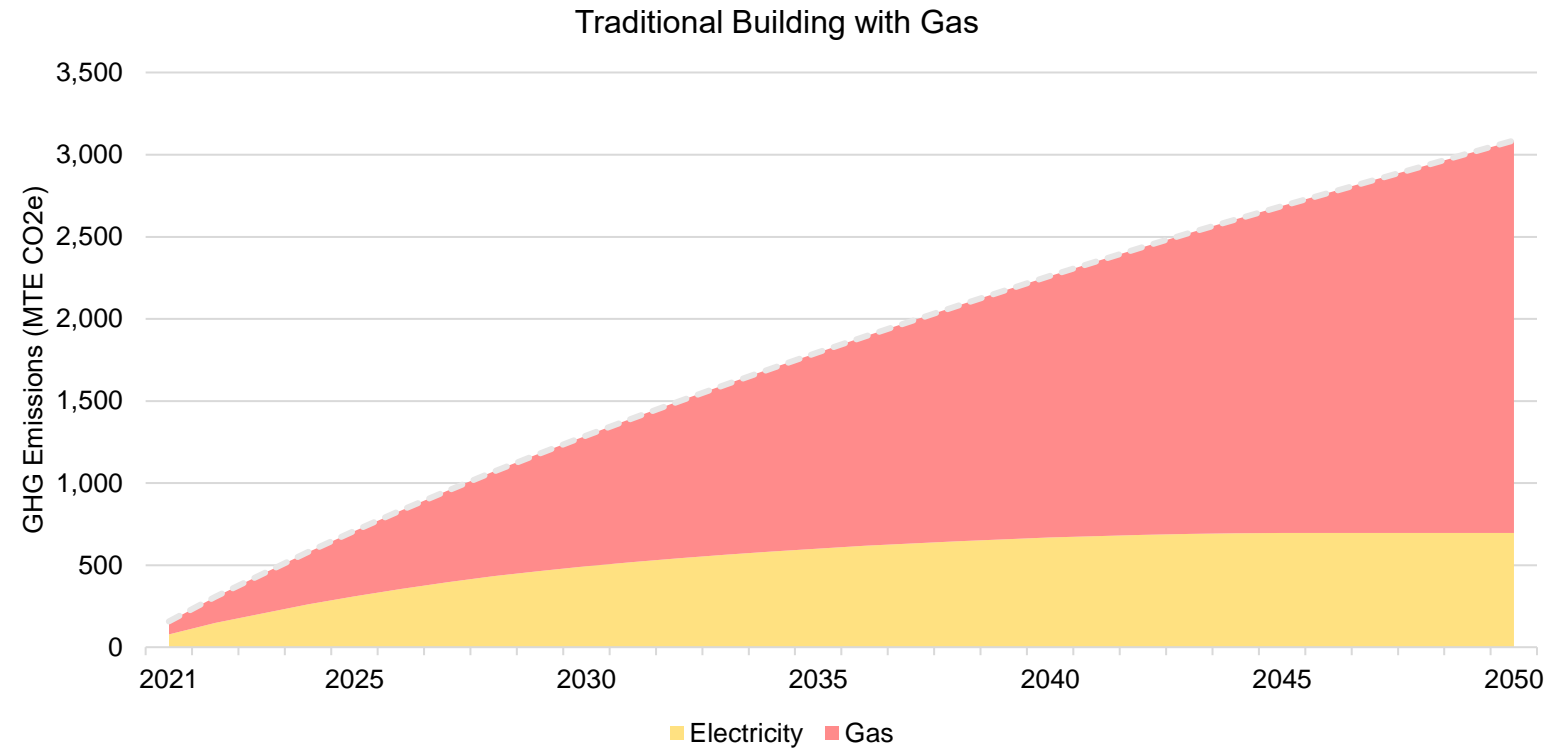
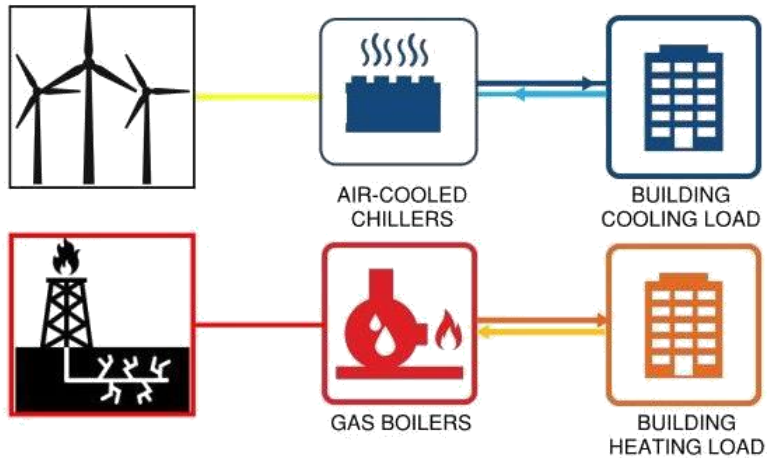


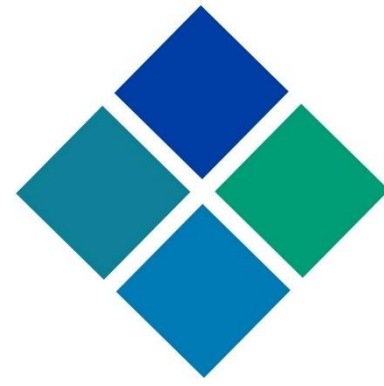
**34% REDUCTION**  
in GHG Emissions (2021)



# Standard Building Systems

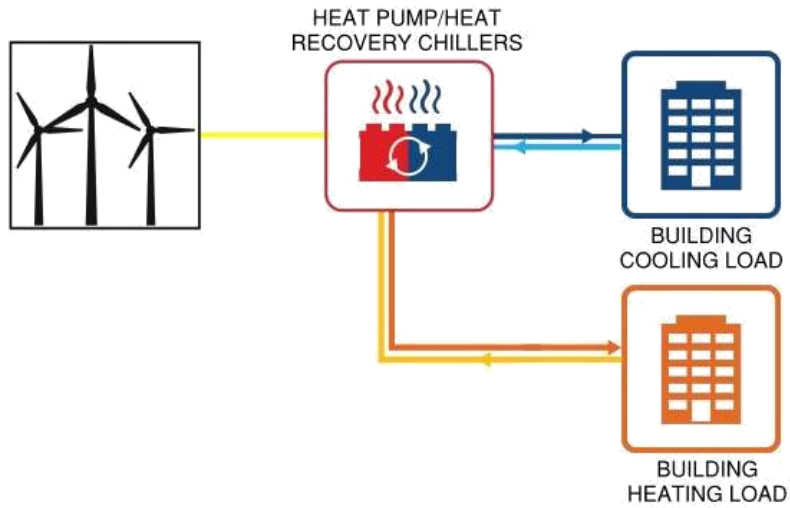
## AIR-COOLED CHILLERS & GAS BOILERS



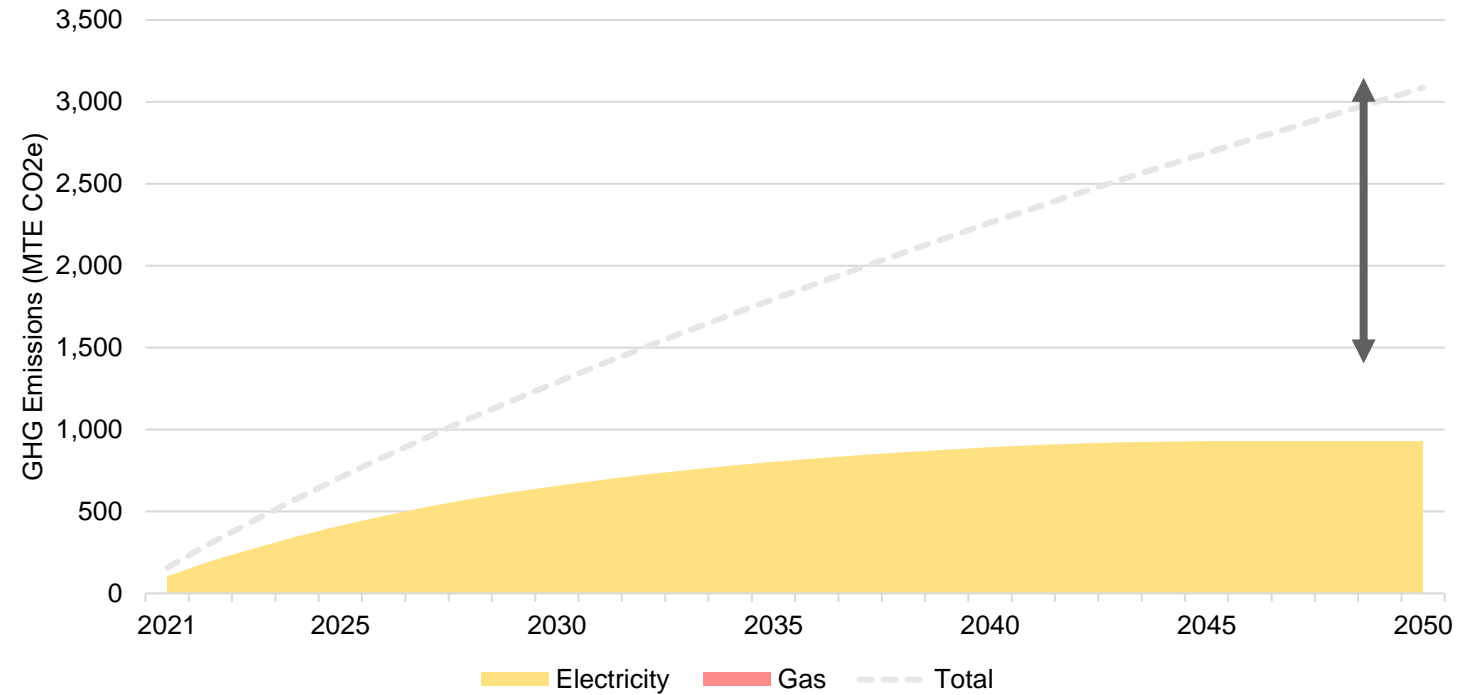


# All-Electric Building Systems

## HEAT-RECOVERY HEAT PUMP CHILLERS



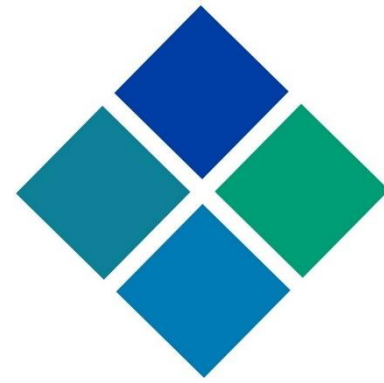
## Electrified Building



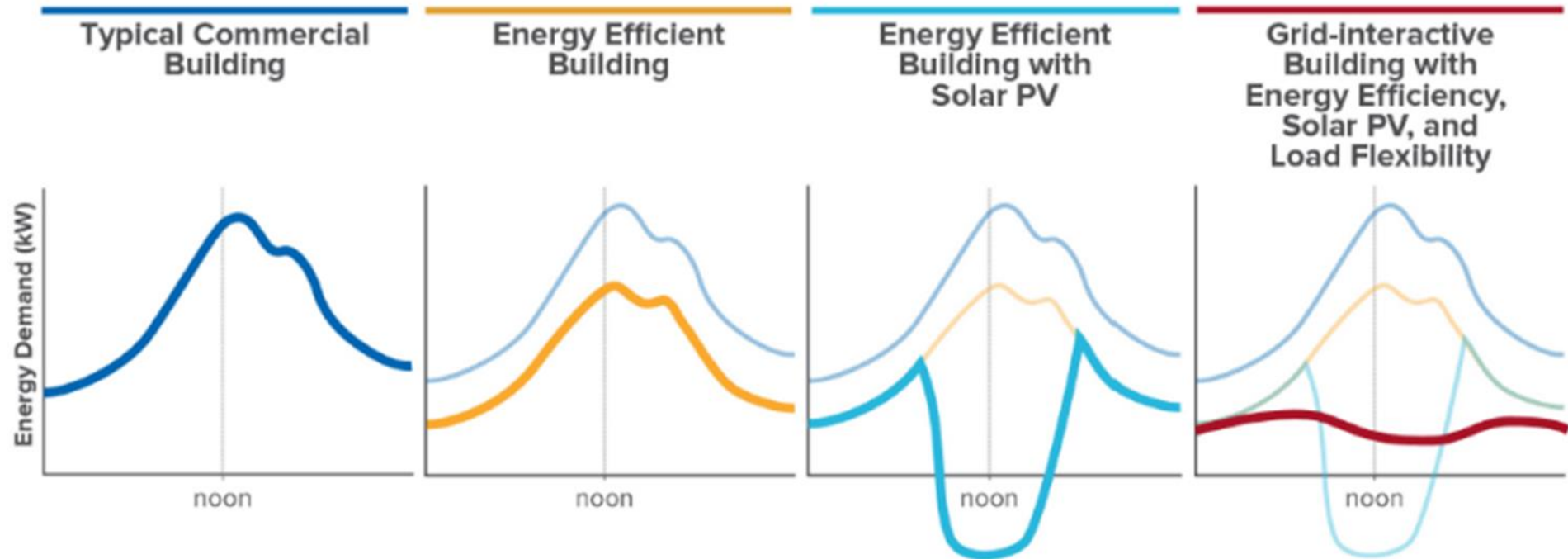
**70% REDUCTION**  
in GHG Emissions (2021-2050)



# What's Next



# Building Load Flexibility



Typical Commercial Building

Energy Efficient Building

Energy Efficient Building with Solar PV

Grid-interactive Building with Energy Efficiency, Solar PV, and Load Flexibility

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Reduces and flattens electrical demand

**RENEWABLE ENERGY**

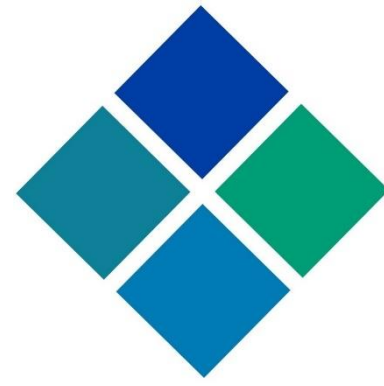
Reduces energy use and peak demand

**DEMAND FLEXIBILITY**

Optimizes electrical loads to reduce demand charges

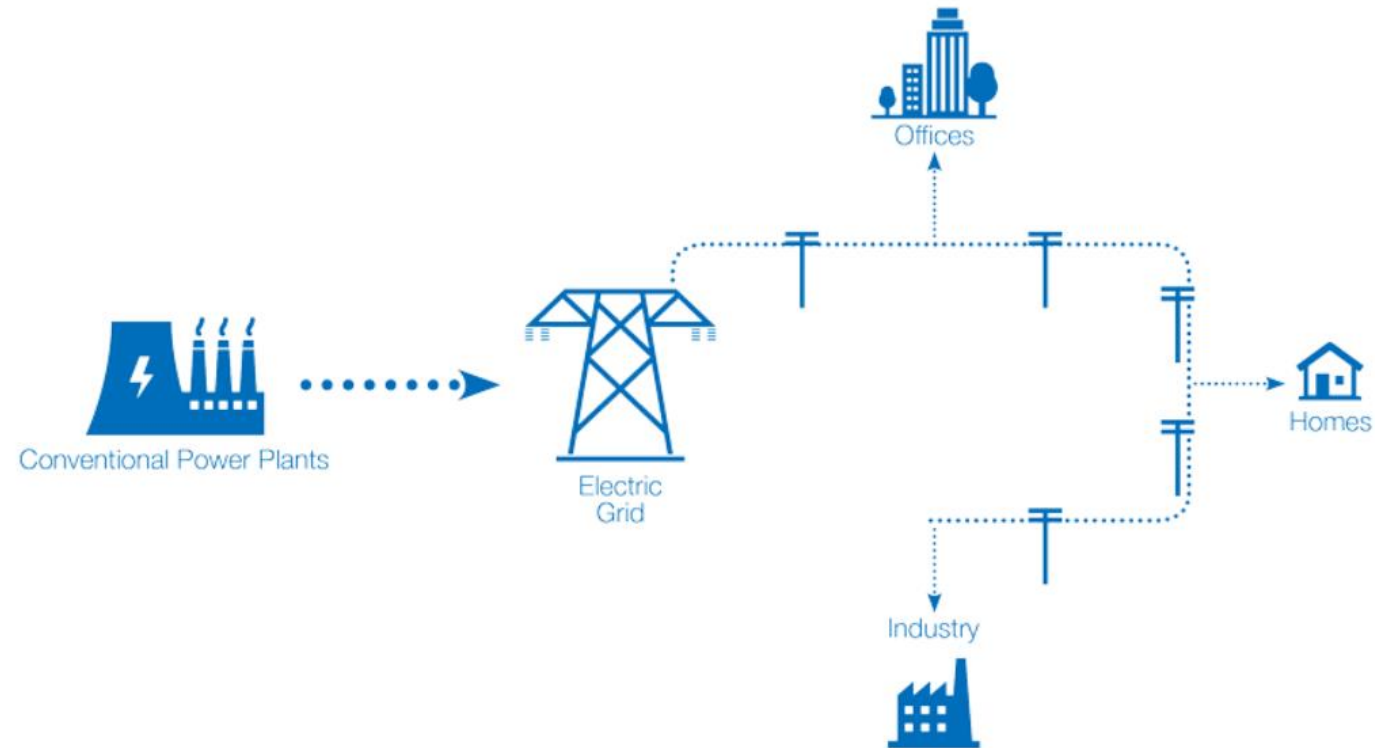
Cause steep ramp up of electrical loads

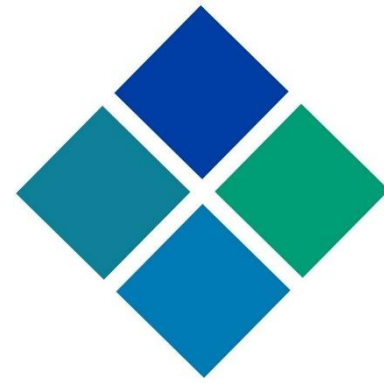
Supports grid stability and reliability



# Grid-interactive Buildings

The one-way  
electricity grid  
of the past



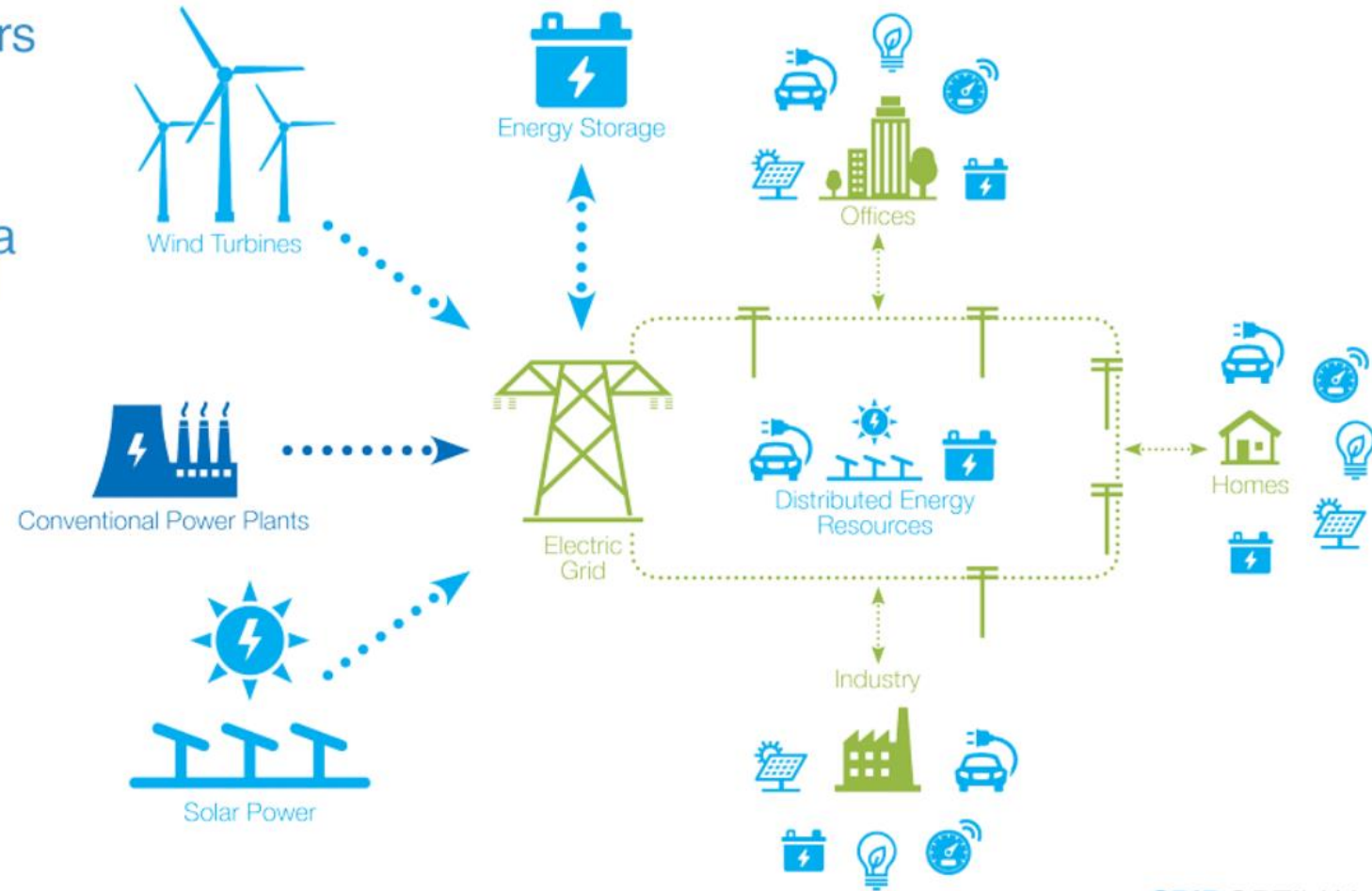


# Grid-interactive Buildings

GridOptimal empowers players on both sides of the meter to actively support the transition to a carbon free grid

## GridOptimal Technologies and Strategies:

-  renewable energy
-  energy efficiency
-  electric vehicle
-  energy storage
-  smart connected controls



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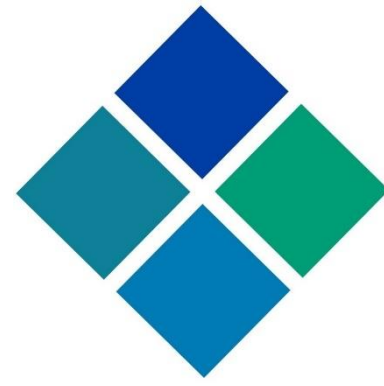
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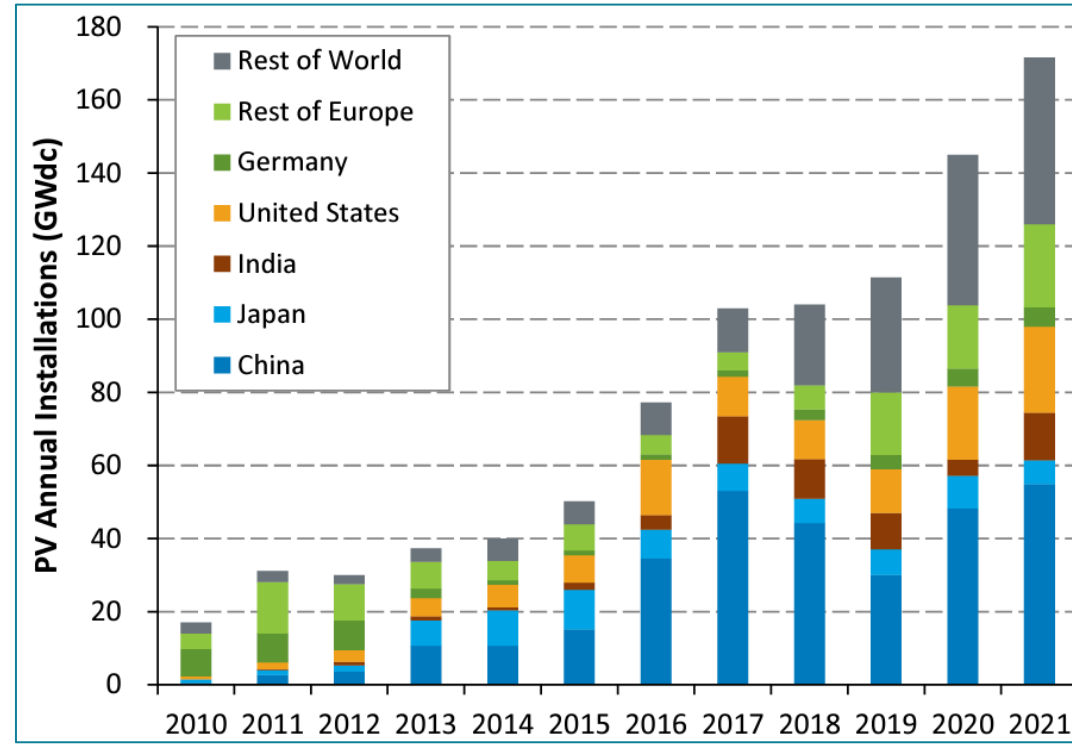


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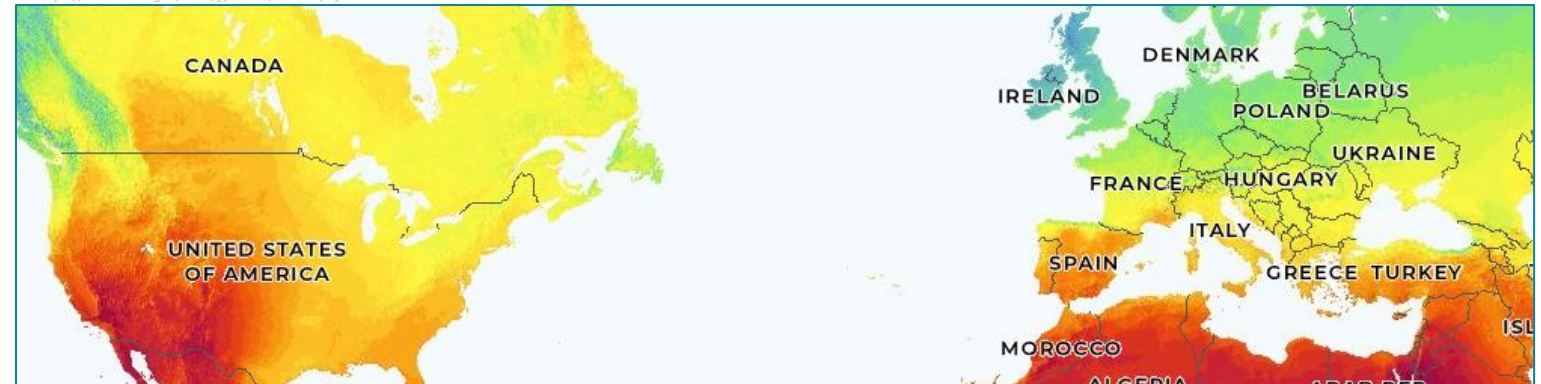
❖ Same irradiation as early leaders

❖ Cool climate benefits

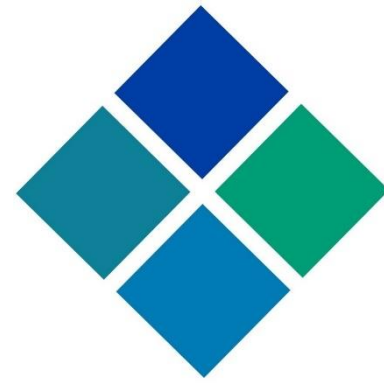
❖ Rain Benefits



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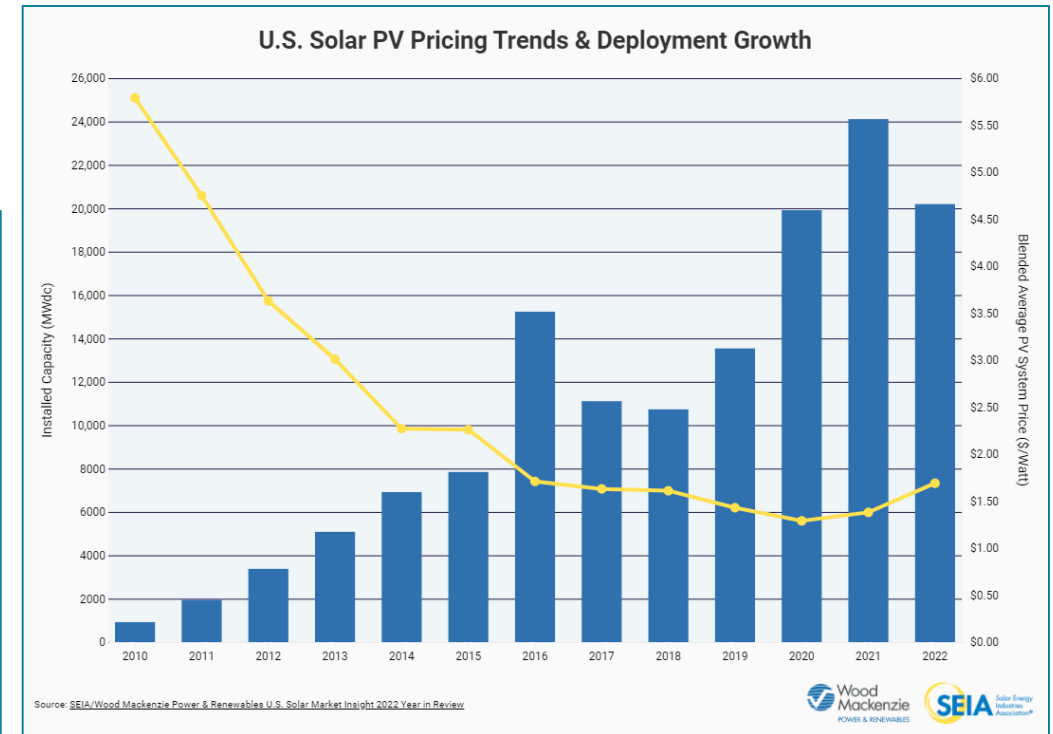
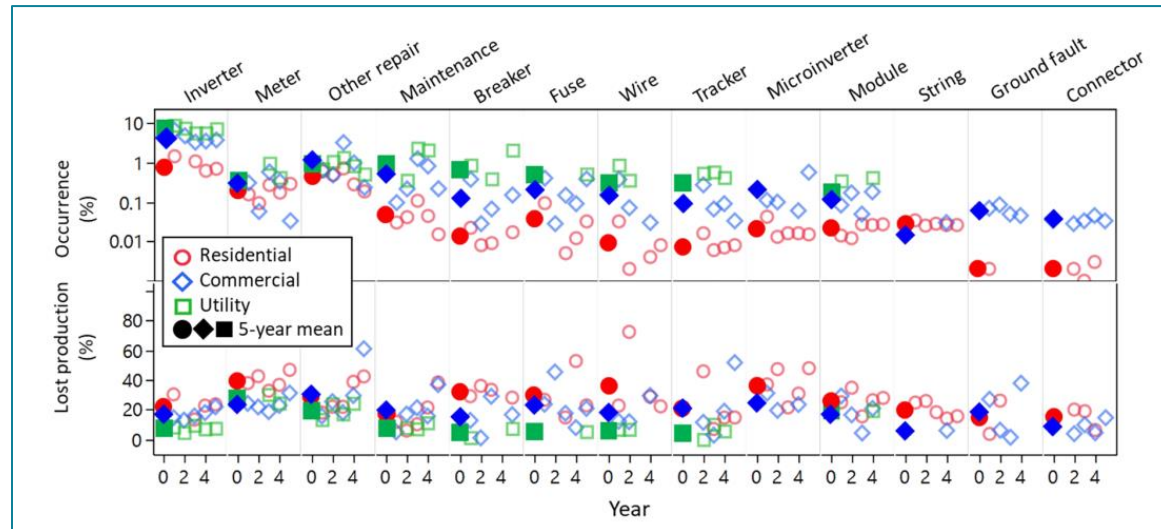


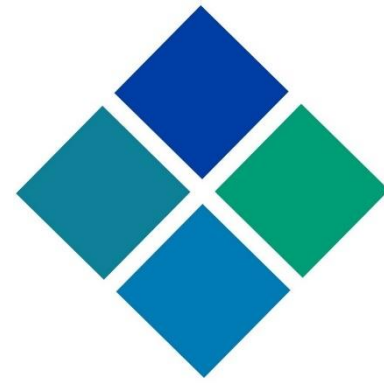
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# Improvements

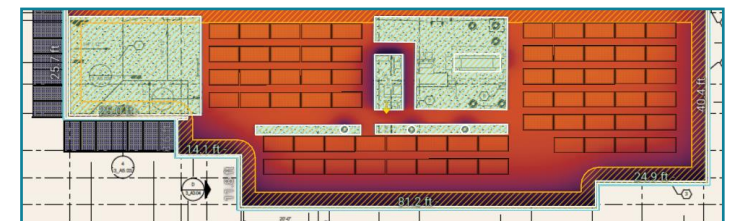
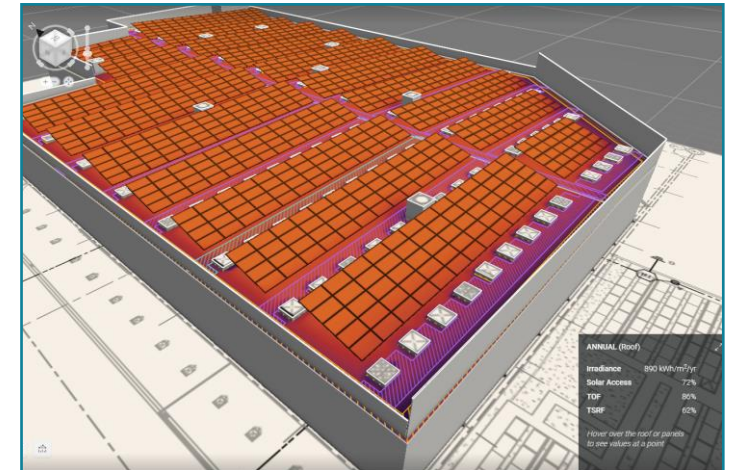
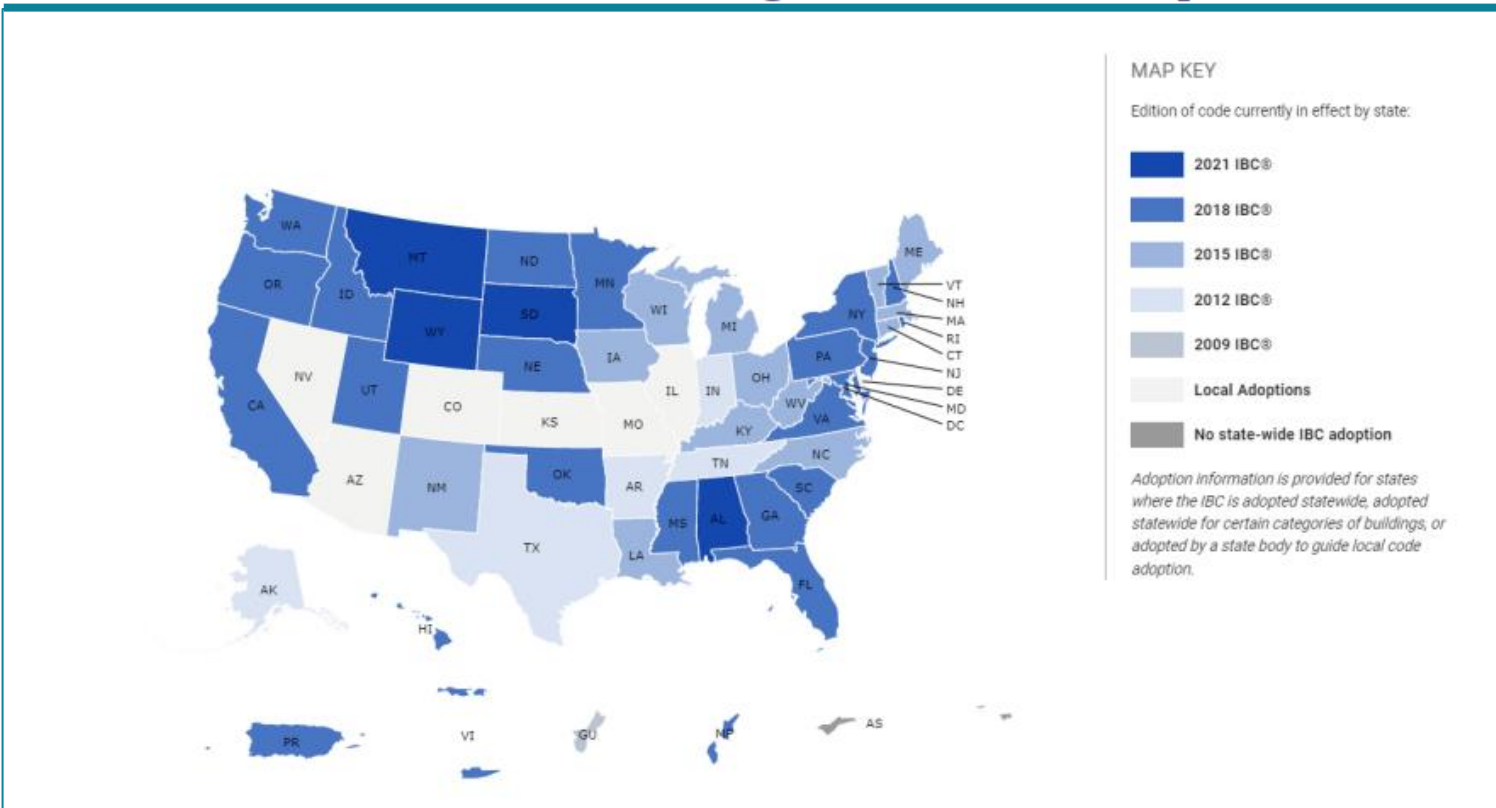
- ❖ Cost decreases
- ❖ Failure rates low
- ❖ Incentives

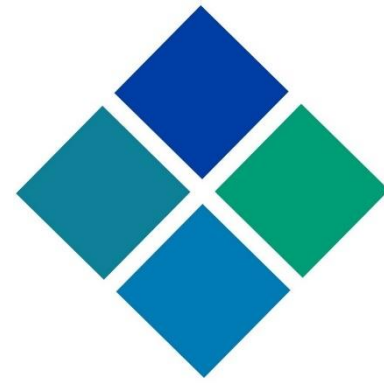




# Codes & Considerations

## International Building Code Adoption



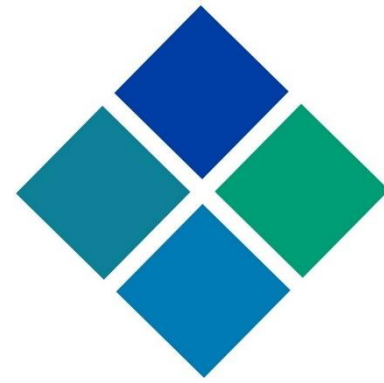


# Rebates

- ❖ Net metering
- ❖ Sales Tax Exception
- ❖ Federal Income Tax Credit
- ❖ MARCS Depreciation

Summary of Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and Production Tax Credit (PTC) Values Over Time

			Start of Construction						
			2006 to 2019	2020 to 2021	2022	2023 to 2033	The later of 2034 (or two years after applicable year <sup>a</sup> )	The later of 2035 (or three years after applicable year <sup>a</sup> )	The later of 2036 (or four years after applicable year <sup>a</sup> )
ITC	Full rate (if project meets labor requirements <sup>b</sup> )	Base Credit	30%	26%	30%	30%	22.5%	15%	0%
		Domestic Content Bonus				10%	7.5%	5%	0%
		Energy Community Bonus				10%	7.5%	5%	0%
	Base rate (if project does not meet labor requirements <sup>b</sup> )	Base Credit	30%	26%	6%	6%	4.5%	3%	0%
		Domestic Content Bonus				2%	1.5%	1%	0%
		Energy Community Bonus				2%	1.5%	1%	0%
	Low-income bonus (1.8 GW/yr cap)	<5 MW projects in LMI communities or Indian land				10%	10%	10%	10%
		Qualified low-income residential building project / Qualified low-income economic benefit project				20%	20%	20%	20%

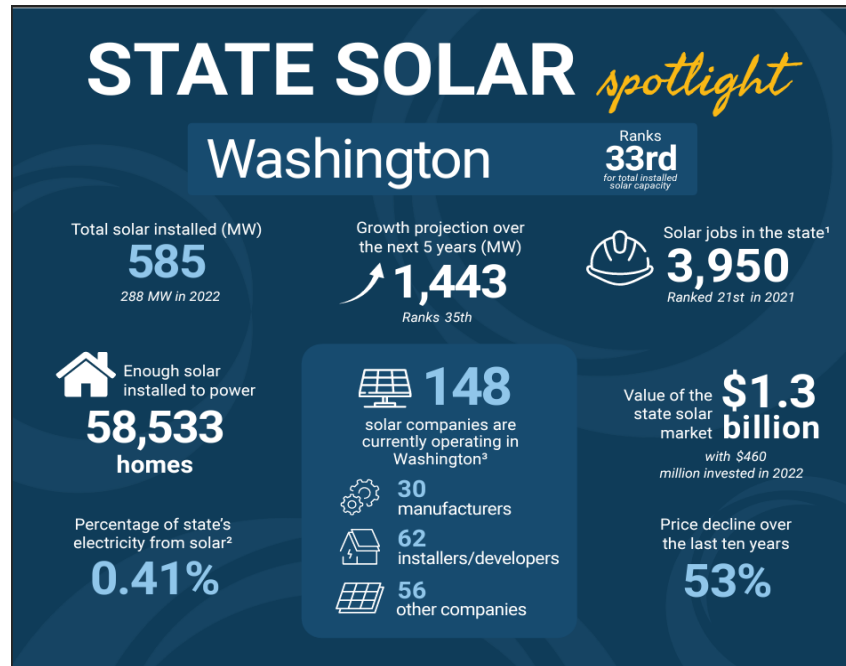
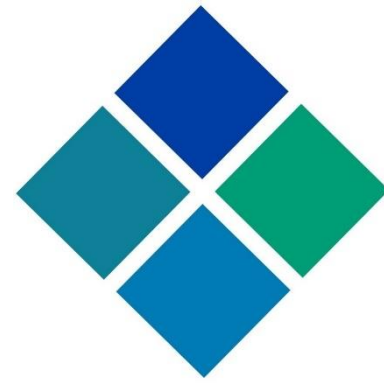


# Grants and Funding

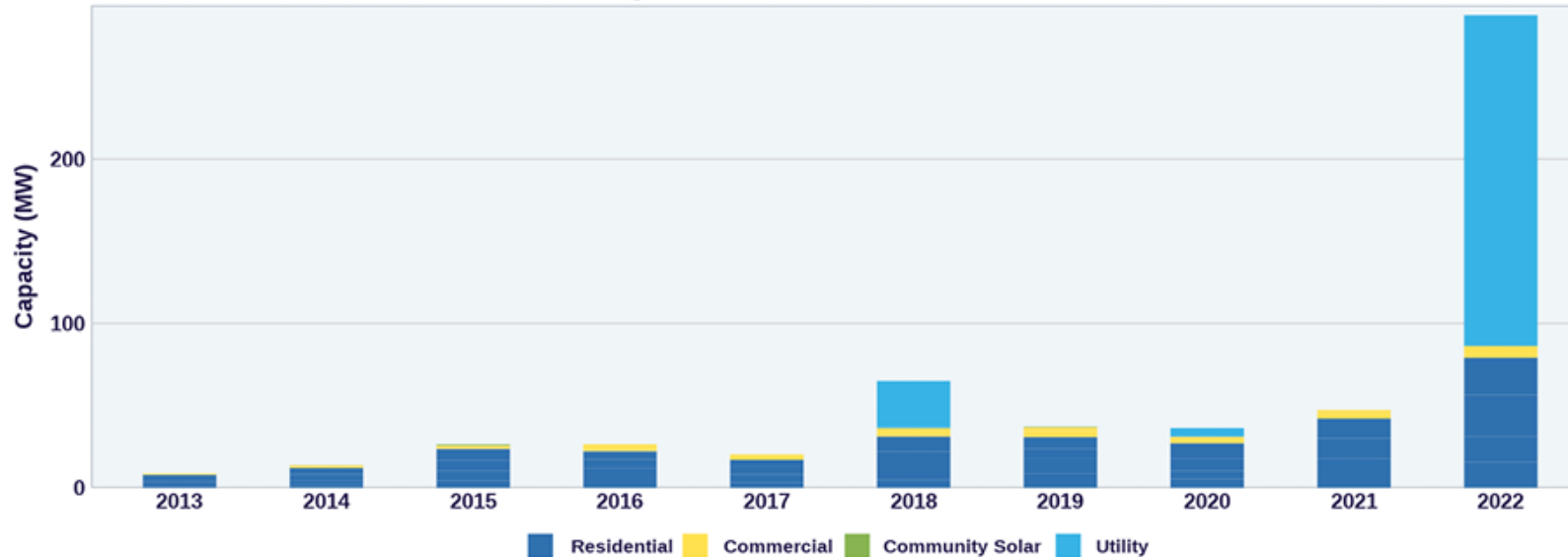
- ❖ Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
- ❖ WA State Commerce - Green Power Solar Grant program
- ❖ WA State Commerce - Solar Plus Storage for Resilient Communities
- ❖ Department of Energy: Photovoltaics Research and Development
- ❖ WSU: Community Solar Expansion Program
- ❖ Clean Energies to Communities' Program
- ❖ **Community Solar opportunities**

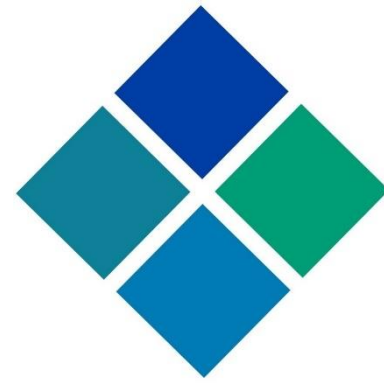


# WA Spotlight



### Washington Annual Solar Installations



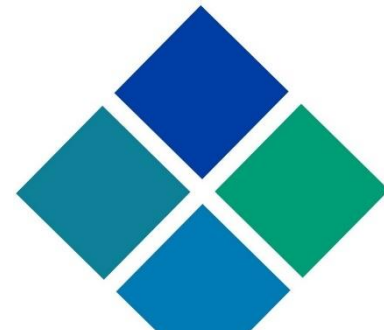


# Current 2018 Codes

- ❖ C406.1 -Additional energy efficiency credit requirements
- ❖ C406.5 -Energy credits (Table) - On-site renewable energy
- ❖ C411 -Solar Readiness
- ❖ E101.1 -On-site renewable energy systems.
  - ❖ Each new commercial building or addition larger than 5,000 square feet of gross conditioned floor area shall include a renewable energy generation system consisting of at least 70 watts rated peak photovoltaic energy production per 1,000 sqft of conditioned sqft
- ❖ C412 -Seattle Energy Code - Same as E101.1



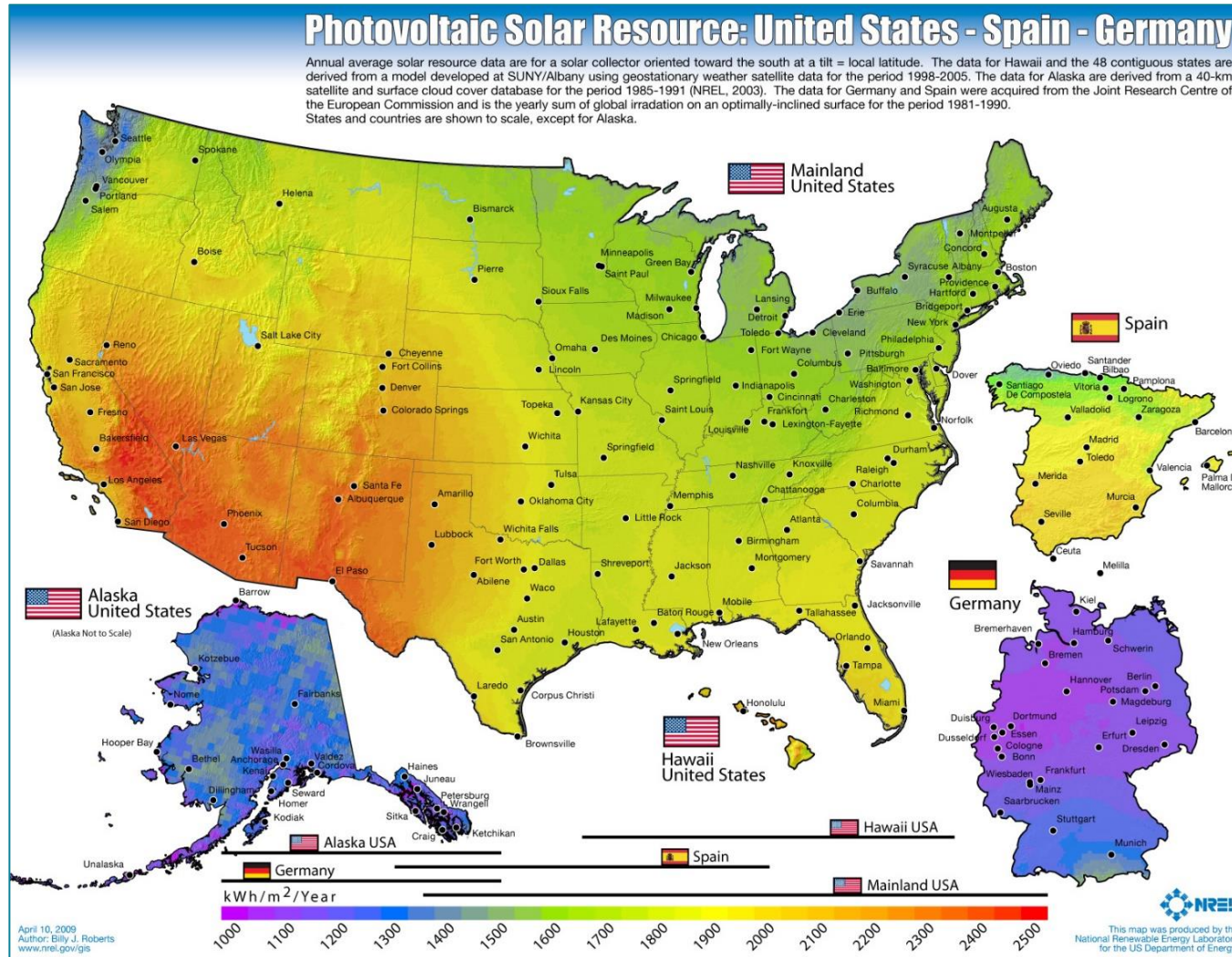
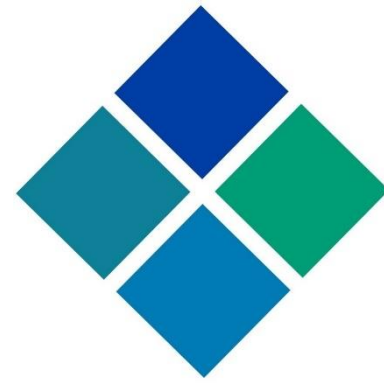
# 2021 Codes Cont'd



- ❖ C411: Renewable energy requiring each new building or addition larger than 10000 sqft of condition floor area shall include a renewable energy generation system consisting of not less than .5 W/sqft (10000 sqft x .5 W = 5000 Watts)
  - ❖ There are 3 exceptions to void C411.1 ***BUT*** if you qualify for the exceptions. An additional 18 credits will be required in C406.2 to comply
- ❖ C411.2.2 Documentation requirements for off-site renewable energy systems
- ❖ C411.2.3 Renewable energy certificate (REC) tracking



# Annual Average of Solar exposure



Source: <https://www.nrel.gov/gis/solar-resource-maps.html>

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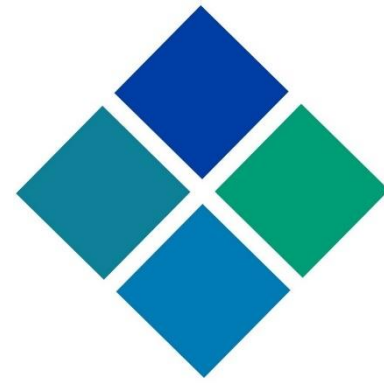
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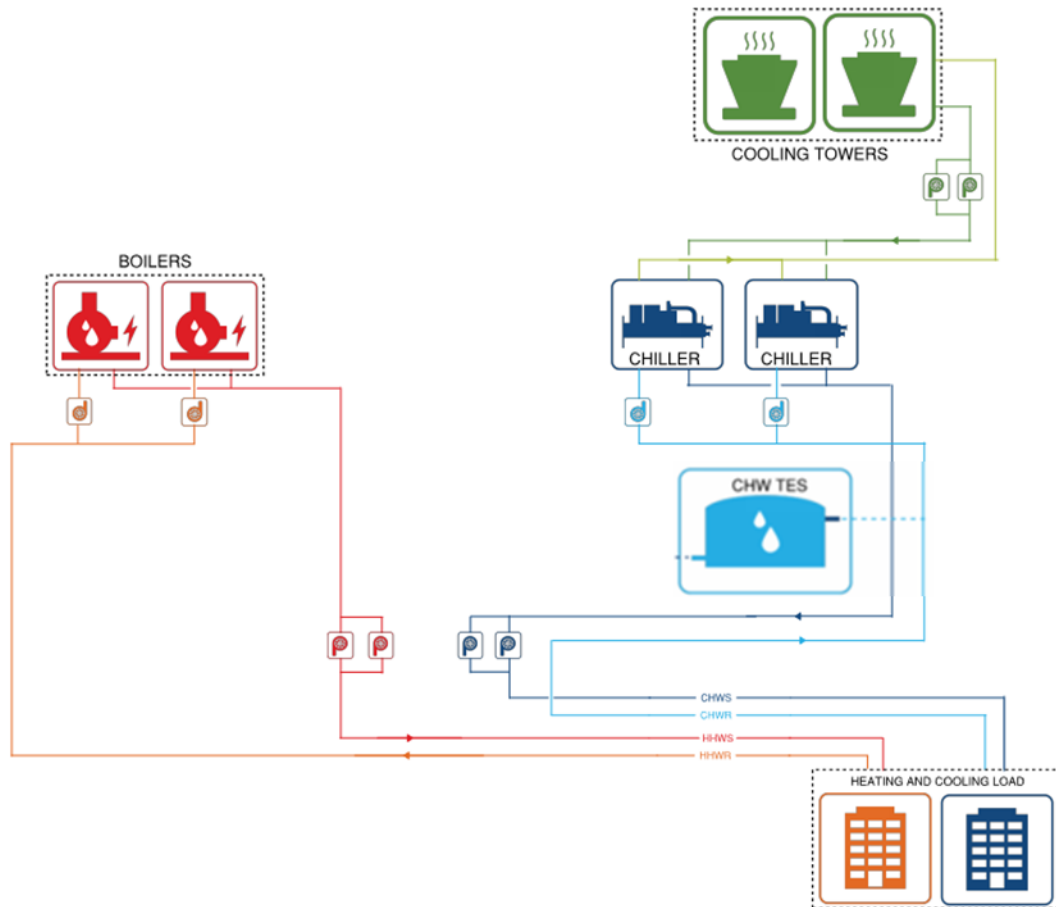
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# SMUD HQ OFFICE CENTRAL PLANT

## EXISTING CENTRAL PLANT

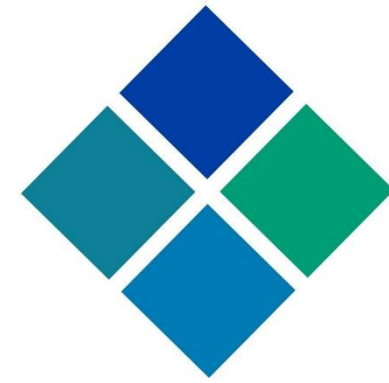


## SMUD HEADQUARTERS CAMPUS

- 2x Buildings – 335,000 SF
- 2030 Net Zero Carbon Goal

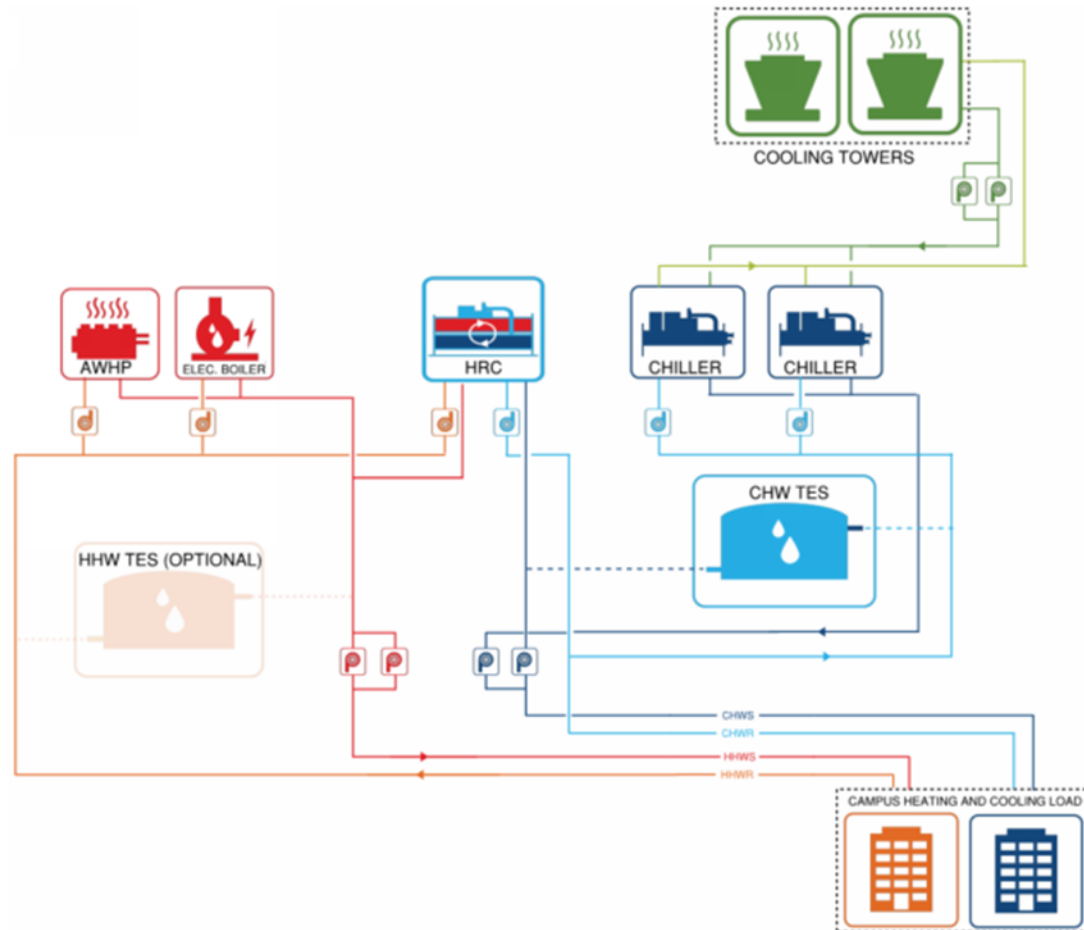
## EXISTING EQUIPMENT

- 1,300 tons Chilled Water Plant
  - 500-ton (2012)
  - 600-ton (1993)
  - 200-ton (1993)
  - 700,000-gallon TES
- 7,500 MBH Hot Water Plant
  - 3x 2,500 MBH condensing boilers (2012)
  - 160F max supply temp (180F original design)



# SMUD HQ OFFICE CENTRAL PLANT

## HEAT RECOVERY RETROFIT



## NEW EQUIPMENT

- 150-ton Heat Recovery Chiller
  - Leverages Heat Recovery
  - Replace 200-ton pony chiller

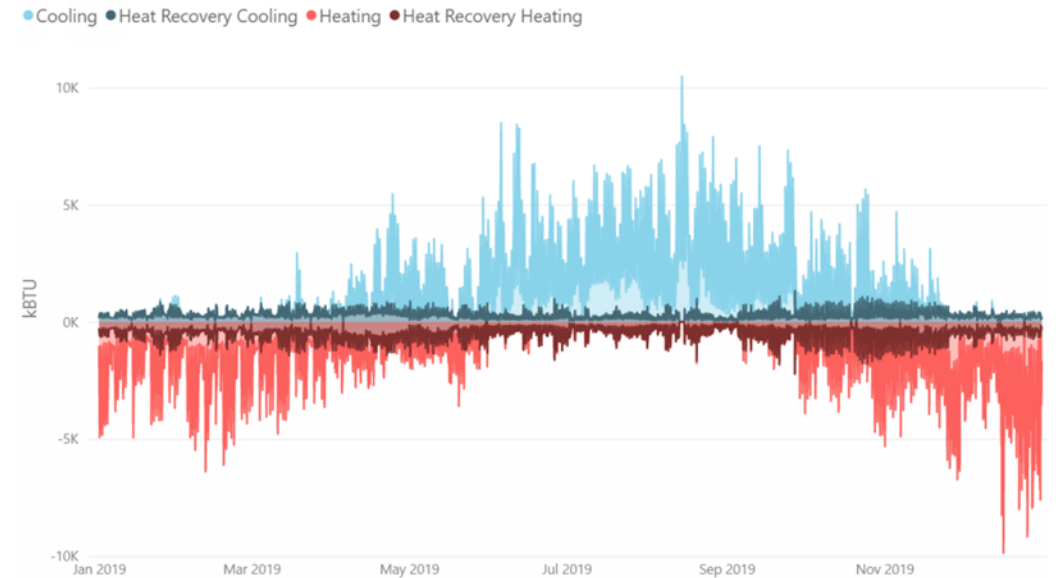
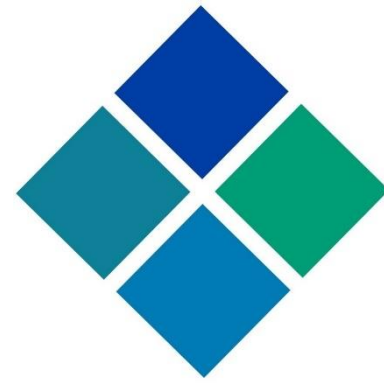


Figure 1: SMUD CHW/HHW Hourly Load Profile 2019

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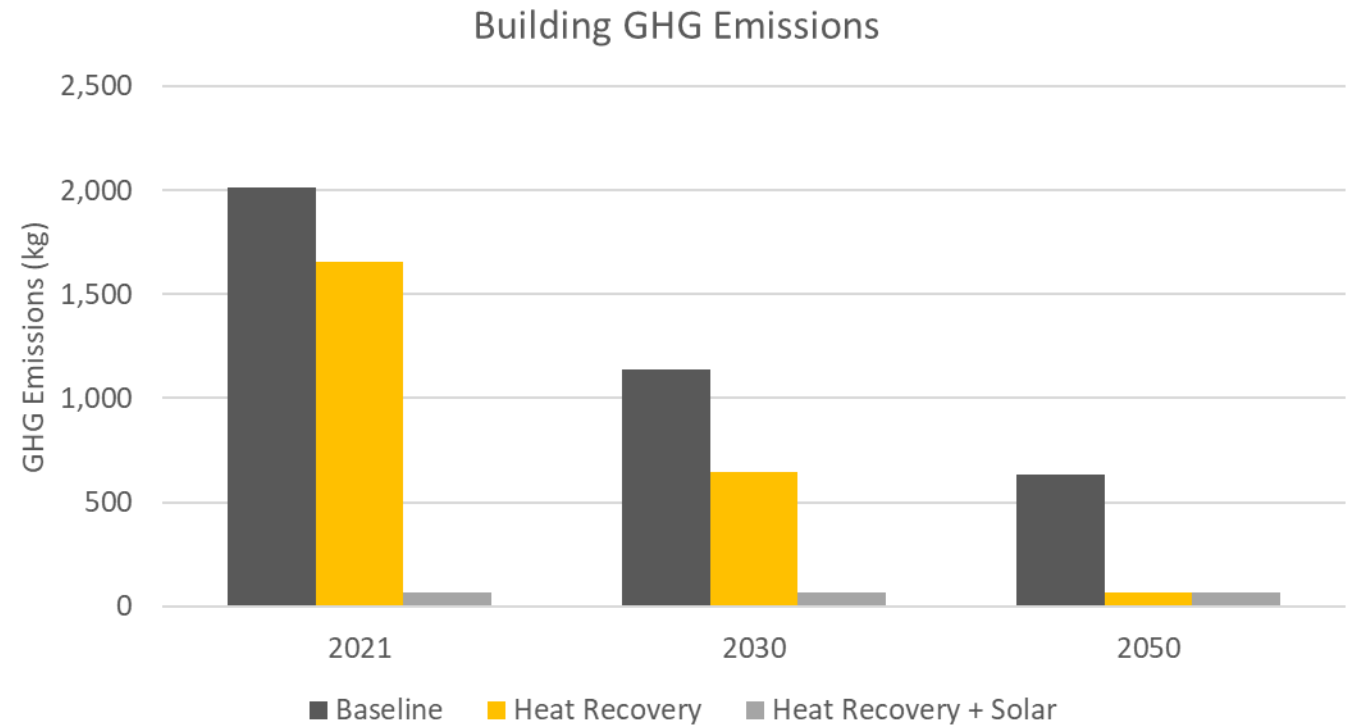


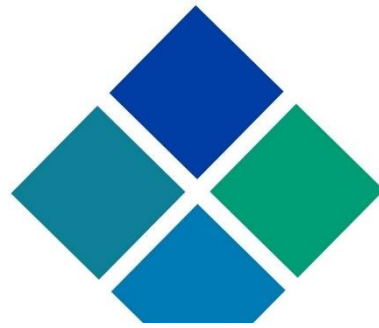
## Add Heat Recovery Chiller

- Replaces spare chiller
- HW temperature reset
- Positive return on investment

## Signiant GHG Reduction

- 50% natural gas savings
- 88% with TES control optimization





# Strategy: Shift Load

## THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE



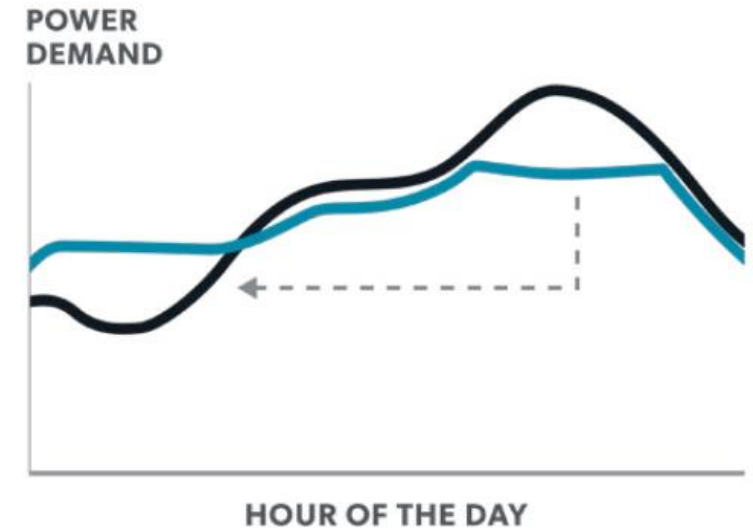
TES WATER TANK



TES PHASE CHANGE



DOMESTIC WATER



POOL



THERMAL MASS

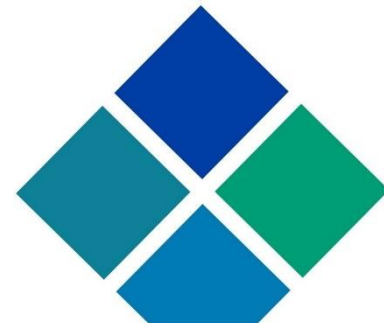


PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL

## DESIGN STRATEGIES

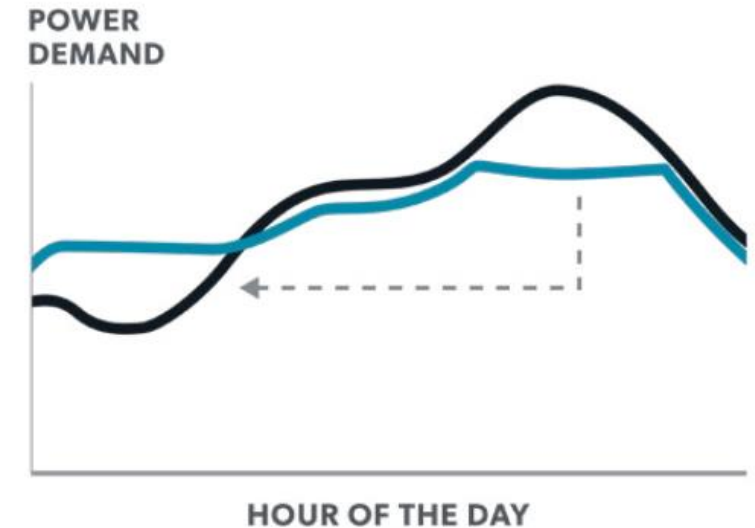
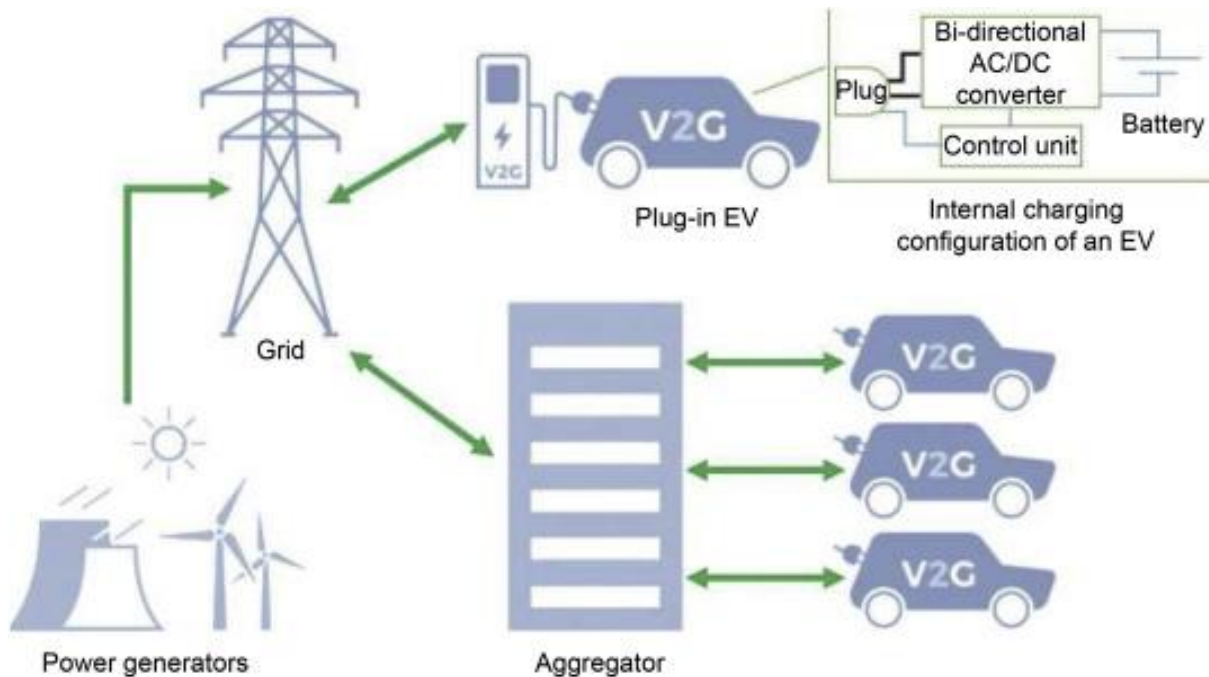
- Battery Energy Storage
- Smart EV Charging
- Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Thermal Mass
- Pre Cooling / Heating Building





# Strategy: Shift Load

## VEHICLE-TO-GRID (V2G)



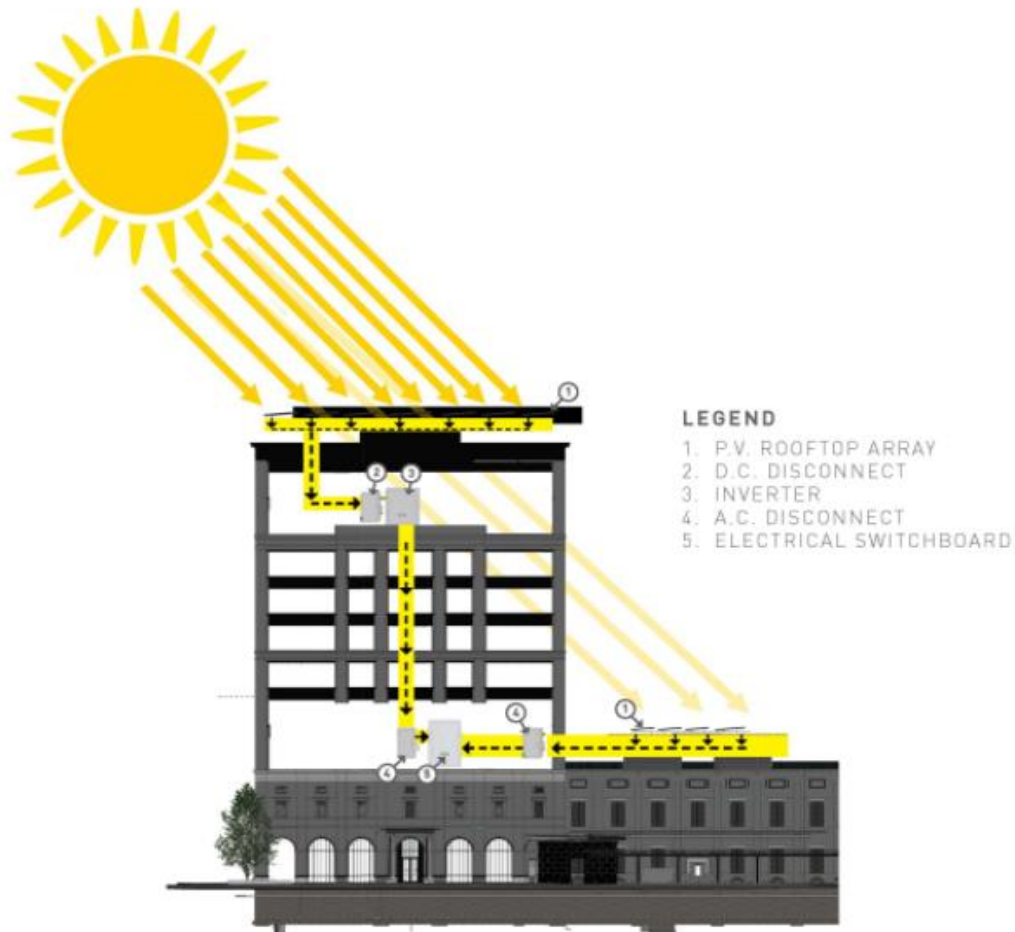
## STRATEGIES

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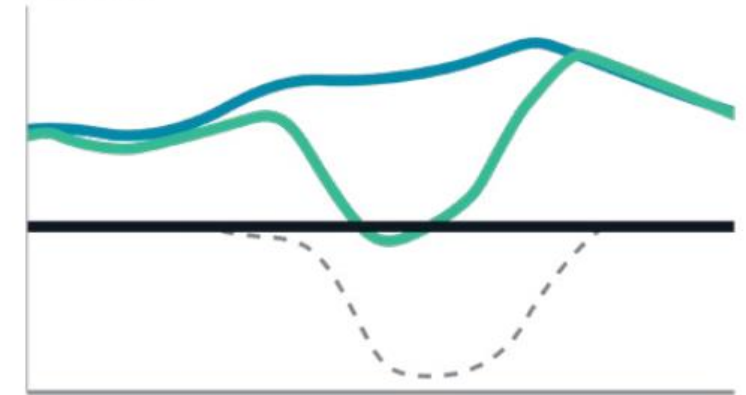


# Strategy: Generation

## ROOFTOP & CARPORT SOLAR



POWER  
DEMAND



HOUR OF THE DAY

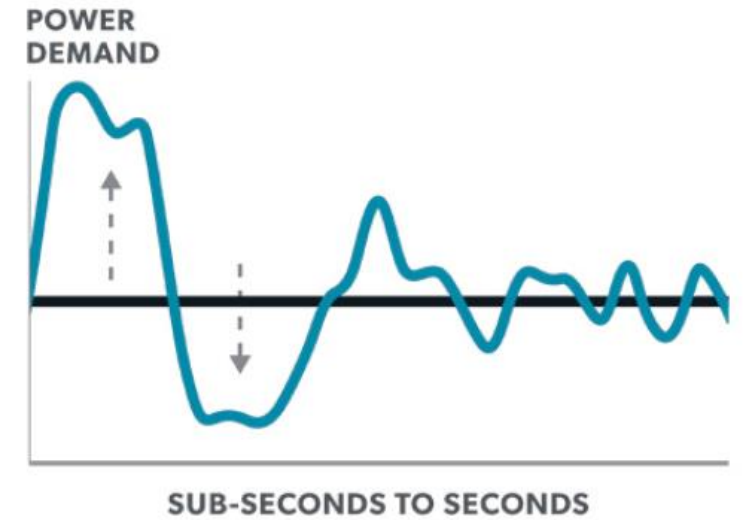
## STRATEGIES

- Rooftop Solar
- Carport / Canopy Solar
- Building Integrated Solar (BIPV)
- *Wind (Rural Areas)*



# Strategy: Dynamic Load Control

## BATTERY STORAGE



## STRATEGIES

- Battery Energy Storage

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