

# Energy, GHG, and User Behavior Nexus with Plug Loads: Looking Forward thru 2030



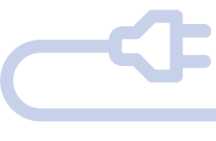
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# Discussion Outline

- COVID-19 and energy usage: are we flattening the “Duck” Curve?
- CA GHG progress and goals check-in
- Strategic device GHG evaluation methodology
- Behavioral considerations in plug load GHG targeting
- Applications and feasibility bounds for residential battery storage

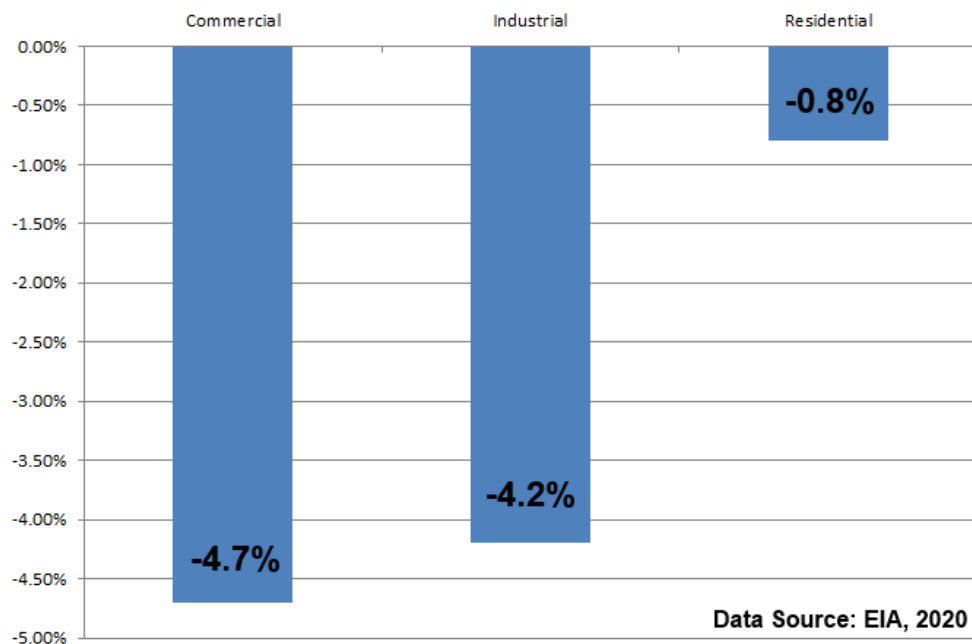


# 2020 Updated EIA Projection

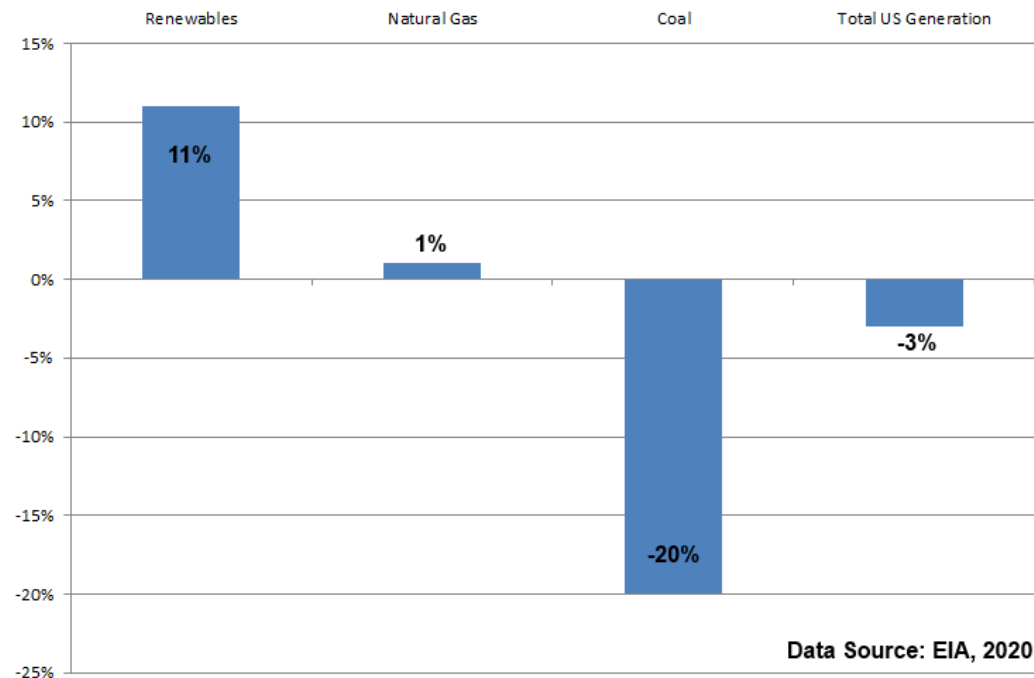
## US EIA short-term energy forecast (April 7, 2020) in light of COVID-19:

- US GHG reduction will accelerate to -7.5% in 2020 (-2.7% in 2019), largely due to economic contraction and mild weather.
- Electrical energy generation will be affected -3% from decreased demand

US Energy Sector 2020 Projections



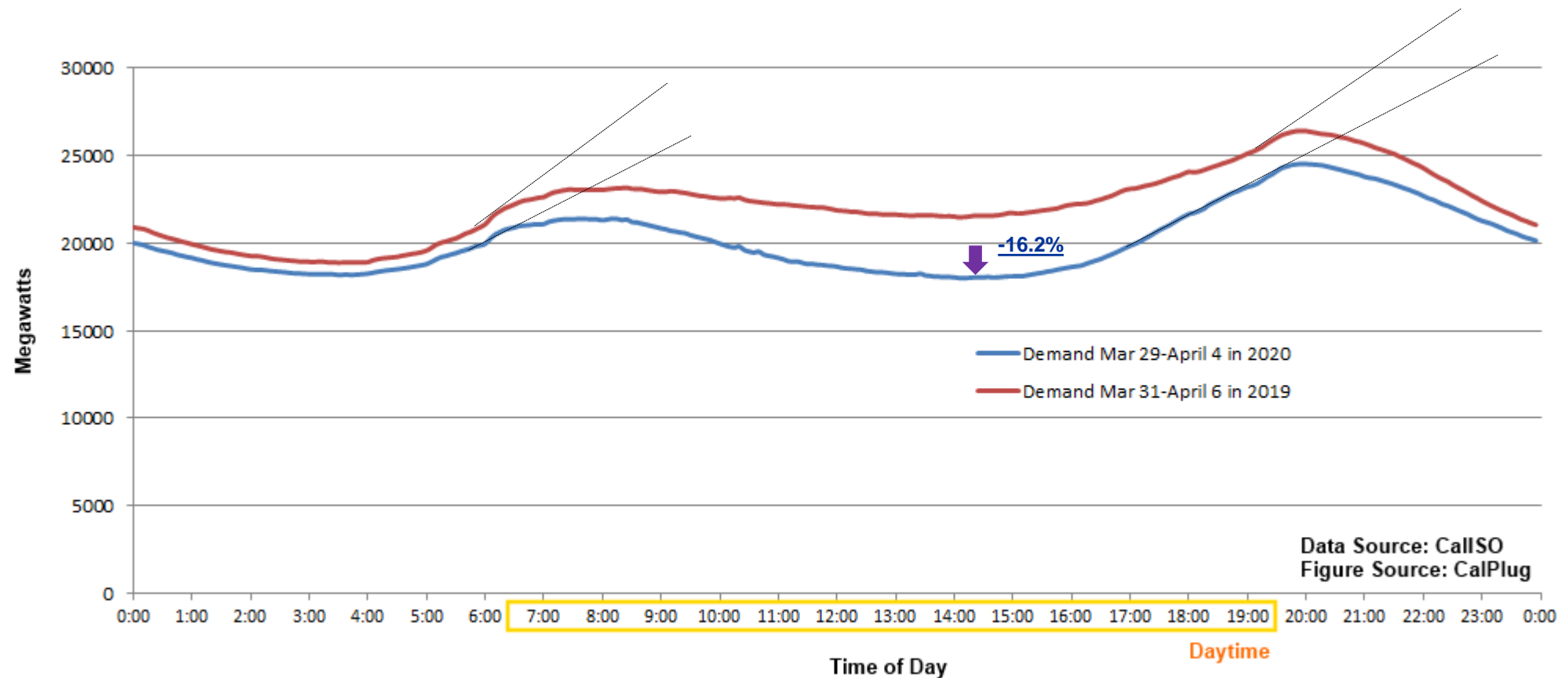
US Energy Generation Source Change 2020 Projections



# Power Usage Comparison in California during CA Gov. Stay at Home Order for COVID-19

## Energy demand average hour by hour across a week

- Substantially reduced midday demand, reduced evening demand
- Peak ramping changes



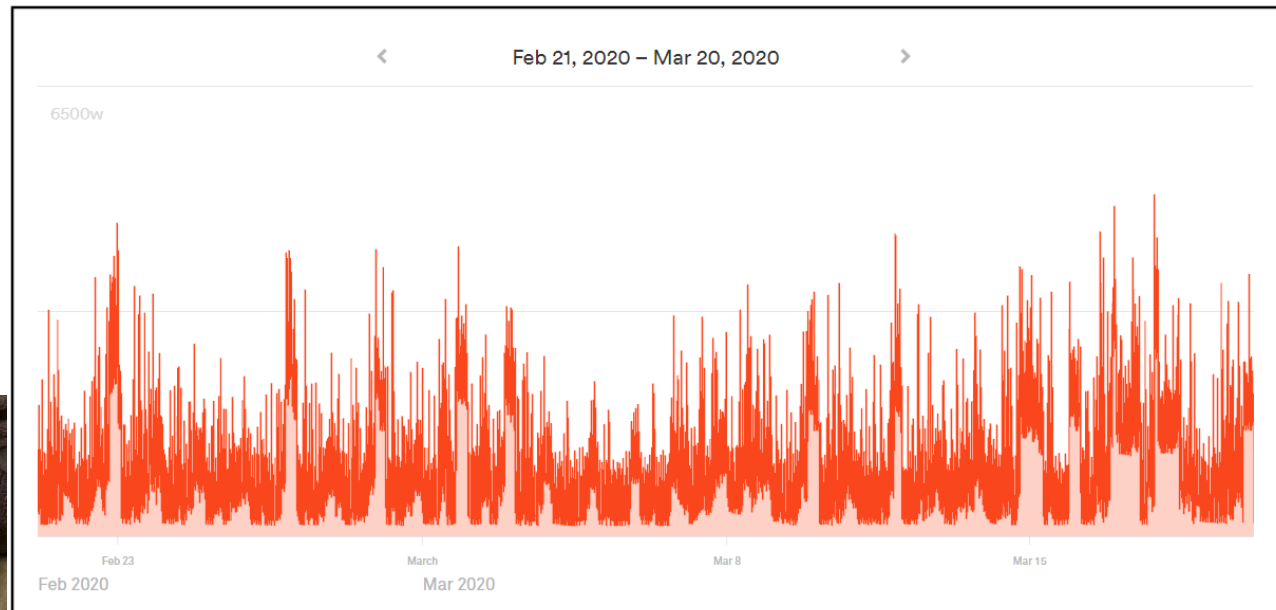
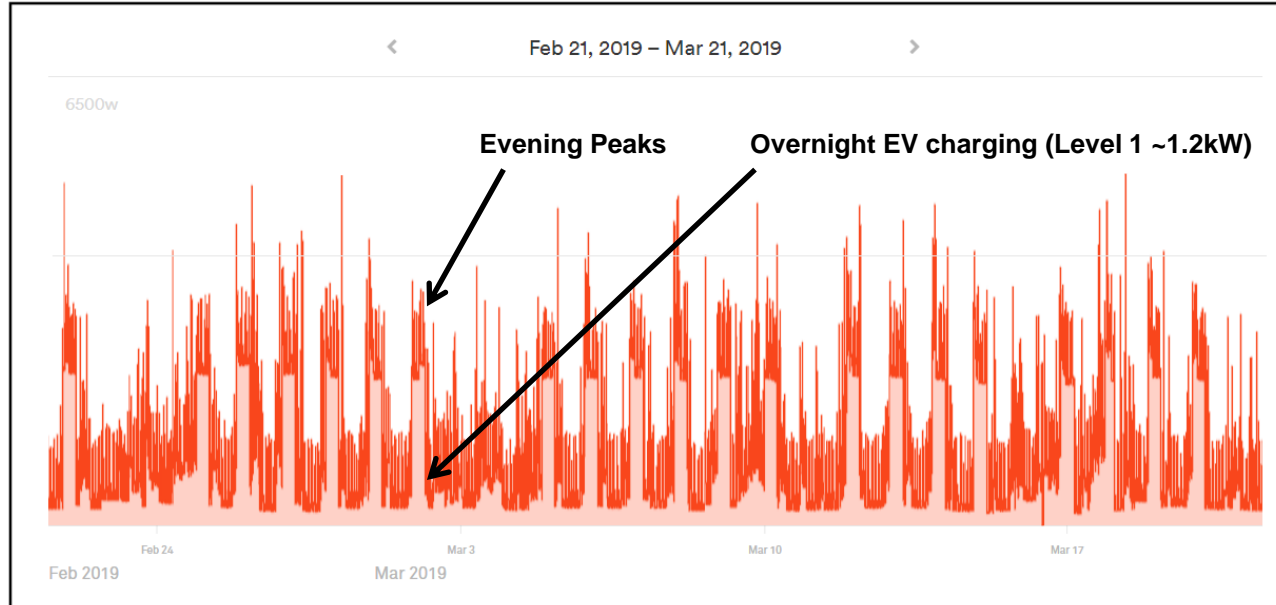
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# Mike's Antidotal COVID-19 Quarantine Residential Power Study (n=1)

## Observed Changes:

- Substantial screen time increase: PC, television, mobile devices, etc.
- Power tool increase (repairs & work)
- Extra freezer purchase & use
- EV usage decrease (all vehicles)
- Cooking at home (gas), electric cookers, BBQ (gas), distiller
- Small kitchen appliance increase, increase in food storage and prep devices (8% sales increase)
- Less daily structure, dinner earlier in evenings, less rushed for daily tasks before bedtime.
- Increased clothes washing and hot water (gas)
- Space-heating increase (gas)

Y-Y non-controlled factor →



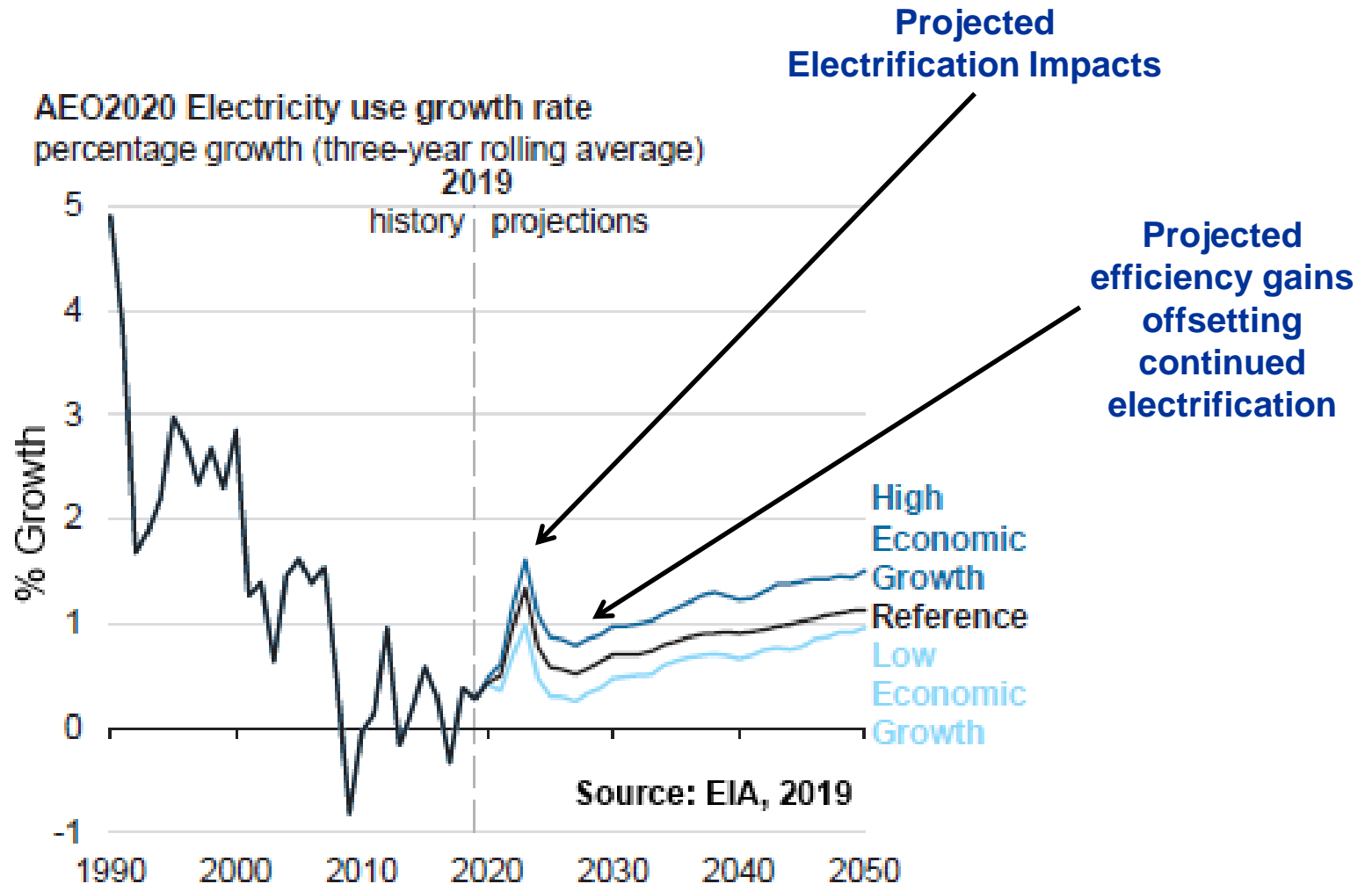
# Section Conclusions

- Screen time increase consistent with other localized disasters
- Specific increases largely offset by contractions
  - Residential: Reduced EV usage, reduced peak usage, changes in patterns of use
  - Commercial: Reduced operational hours, standby loads consistent
  - Transportation: Reduced total driving miles, vehicle substitution
  - Medical: Reduction in elective procedures, increase in specific aspects of COVID-19 treatment
- GHG reduction largely due to economic contraction, projections for renewable deployment reduced for 2020
- Dispatched renewable loads used during period versus consumption focused alternates.
- Shock to system – short and long-term effects (connectivity, remote usage), indirect effects to PLs



# US Projected Electrical Energy Use

## Setting the stage: Energy use drives emissions considerations



# California GHG Goals and Progress

- Acceleration in yearly GHG reductions per year required to meet 2030 goals!
- Almost 30 years late to 3030 on present trajectory
- Transportation, Natural events (wildfires), landfill emissions lagging contributors
- CARB plan relies heavily on cap and trade/carbon offsets
- Electric power sector is a leader, but electrification will increase demand, a major source of GHG reduction along with blend

California greenhouse gas emissions by sector and targets through 2050

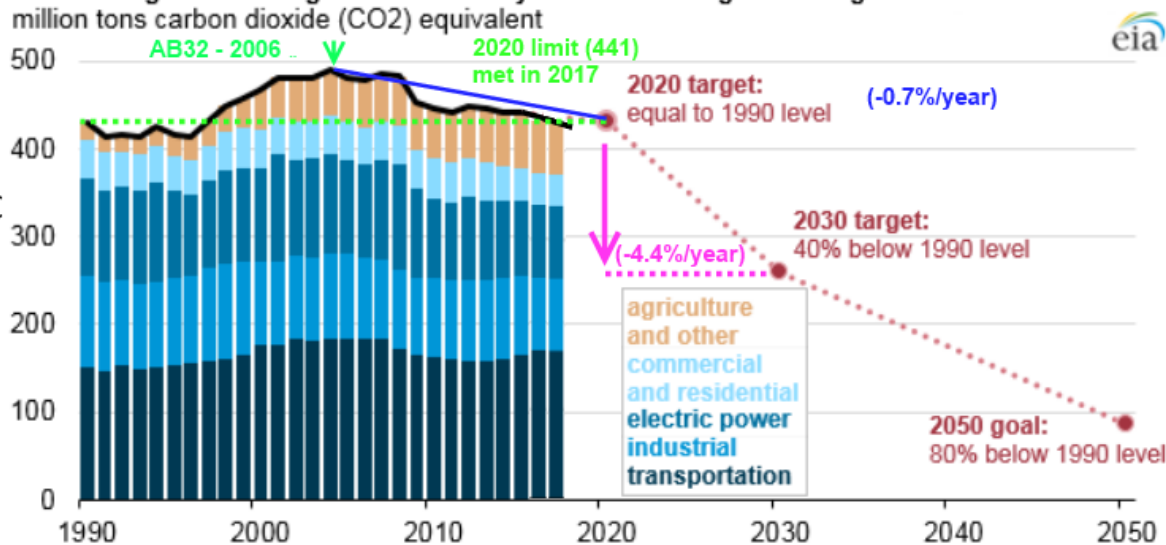
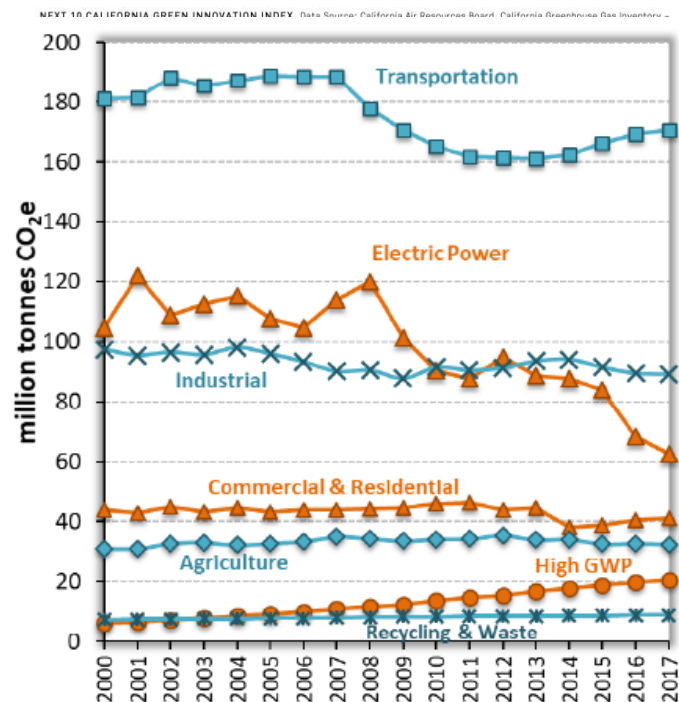
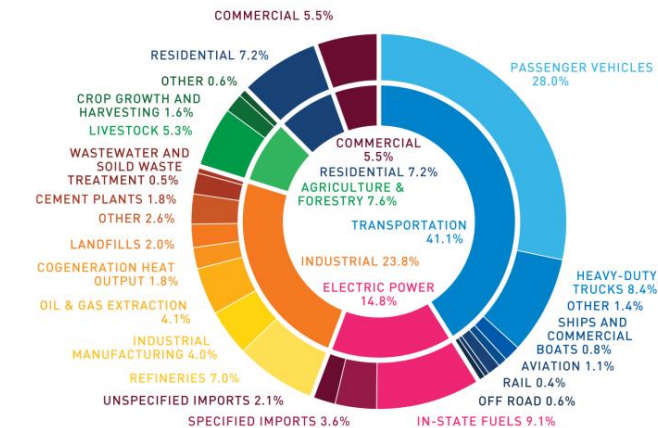


Figure 2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source

CALIFORNIA, 2017



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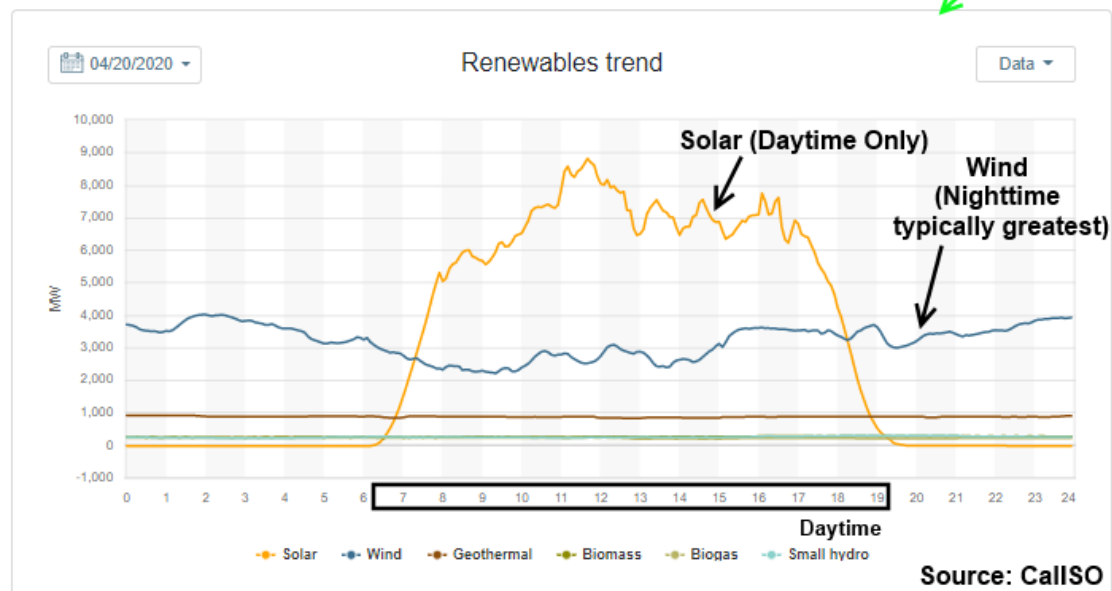
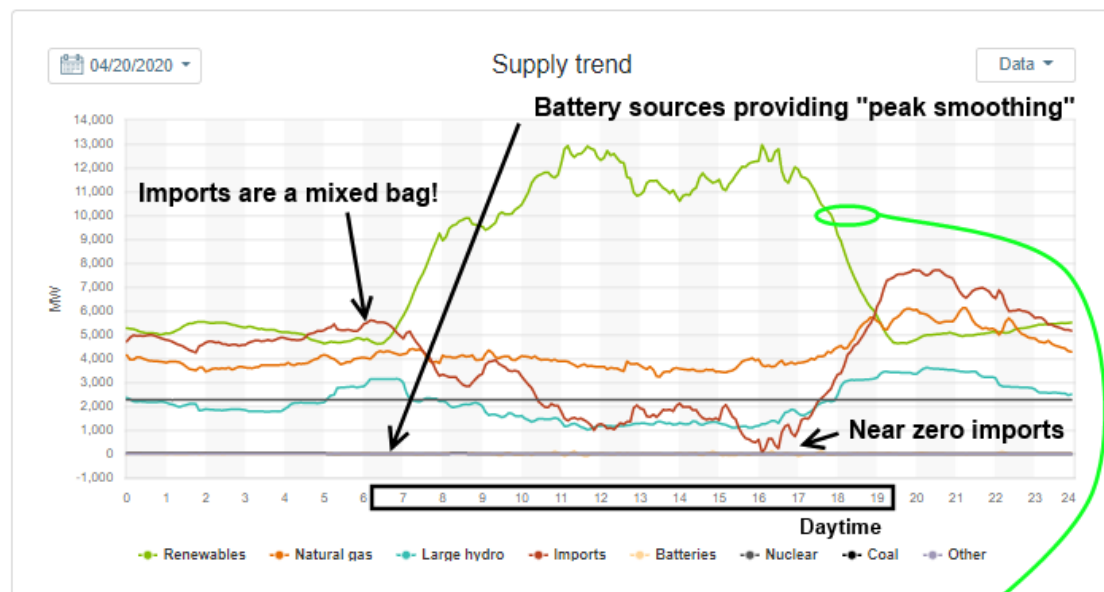
# GHE Estimation for Energy Supply

GHG per kWh proportional to source blend + embodied carbon for generation and transport (an estimation wide span!)

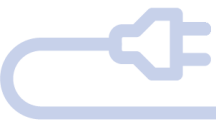
Note: March and April are typically mild months in CA with ample generation and low demand

Source	Median g CO2/eq. KWh
Coal (PC, Combined Cycle)	820
Gas (combined cycle)	490
Biomass – Dedicated	230
Solar PV – Utility scale	48
Solar PV – rooftop	41
Geothermal	38
Concentrated solar power	27
Hydropower	24
Wind (Onshore)	11
Nuclear	12
Battery	3* (added factor)

Data Source: Krey,V, et. al., IPCC, Annex III, 2014; Baumann,2017

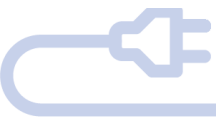
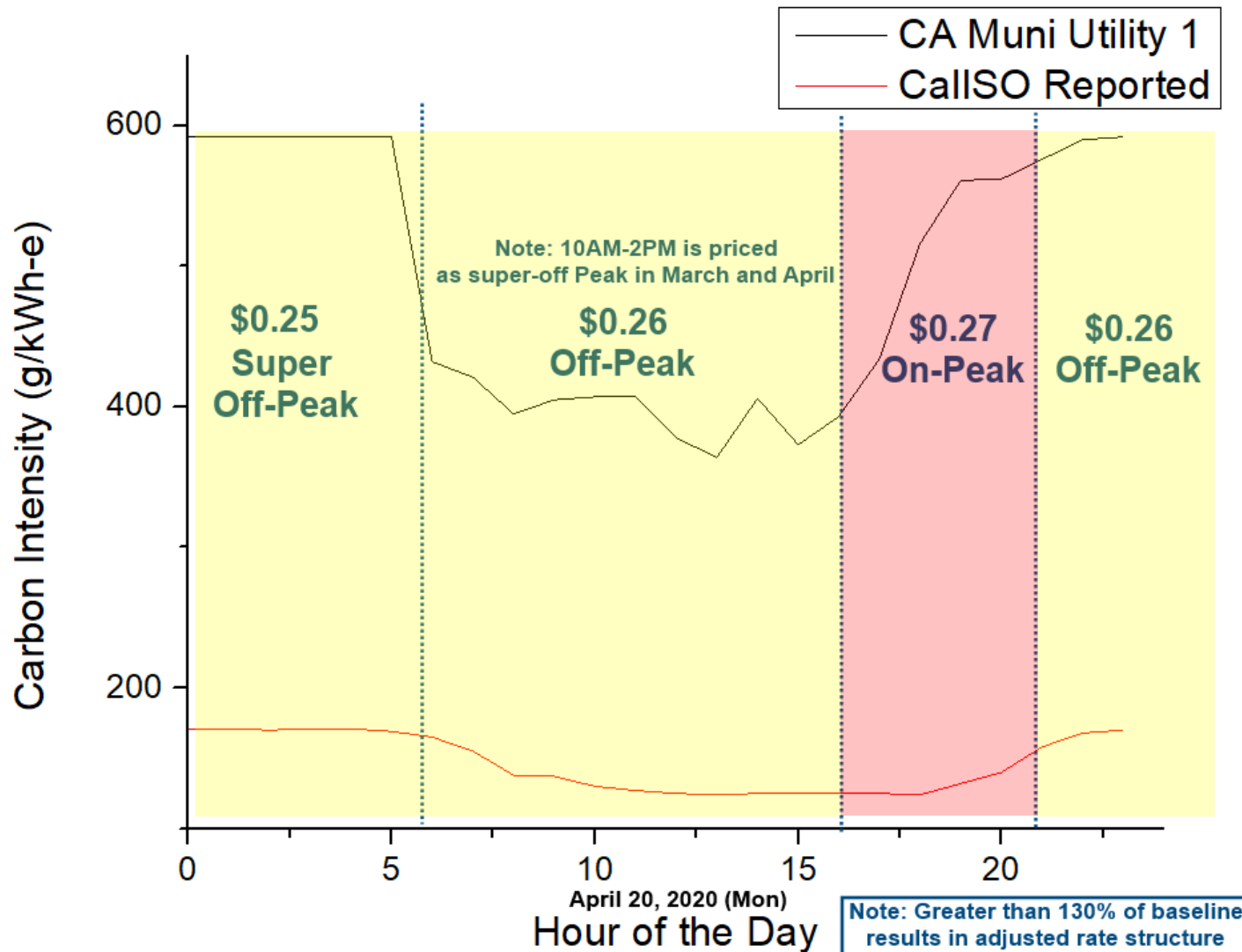


Source: CalISO



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# Energy Supply Cost and GHG Comparison

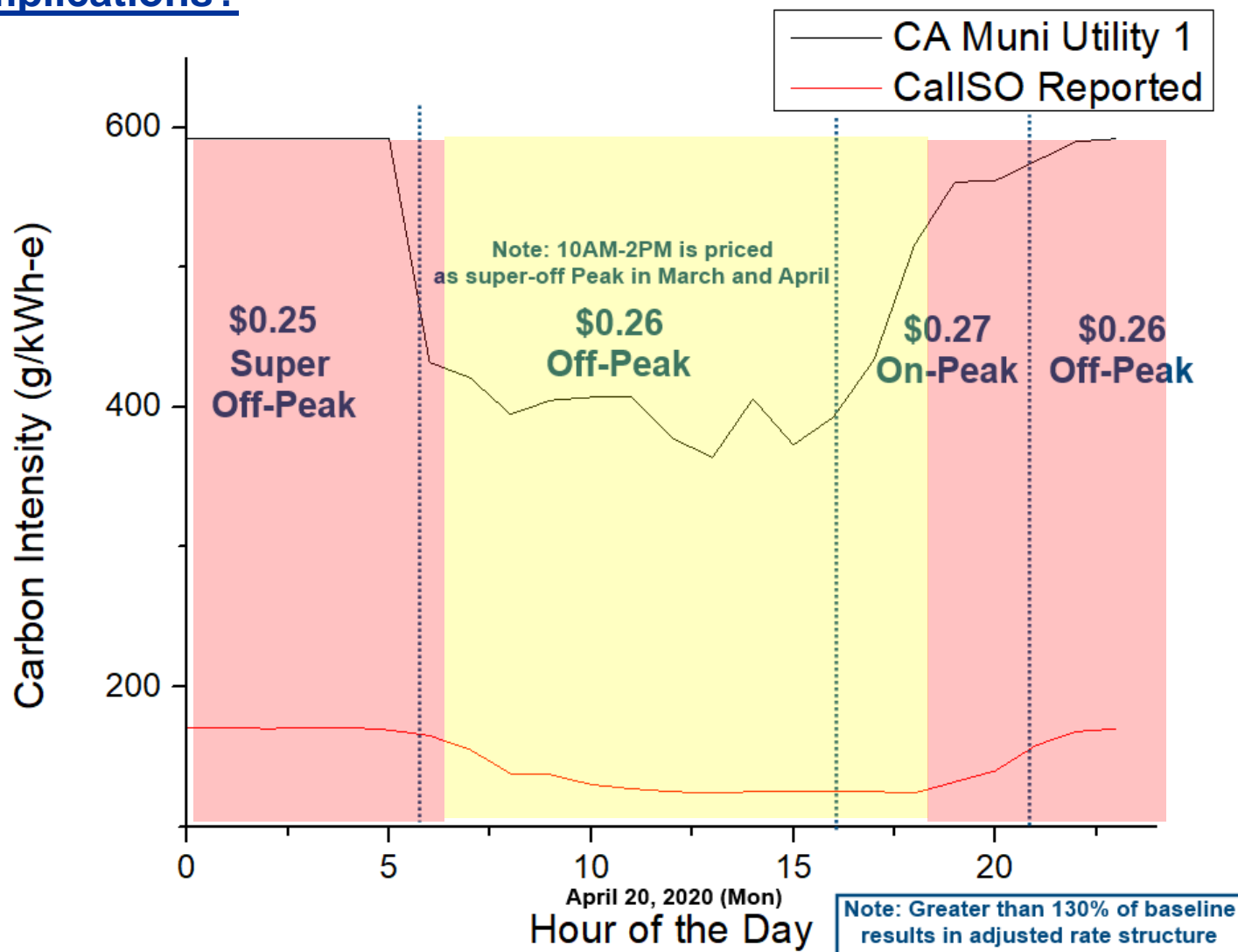


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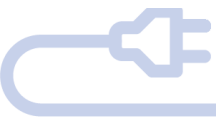
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What are the carbon impacts of shifting versus reduction and load flexibility and cost implications?



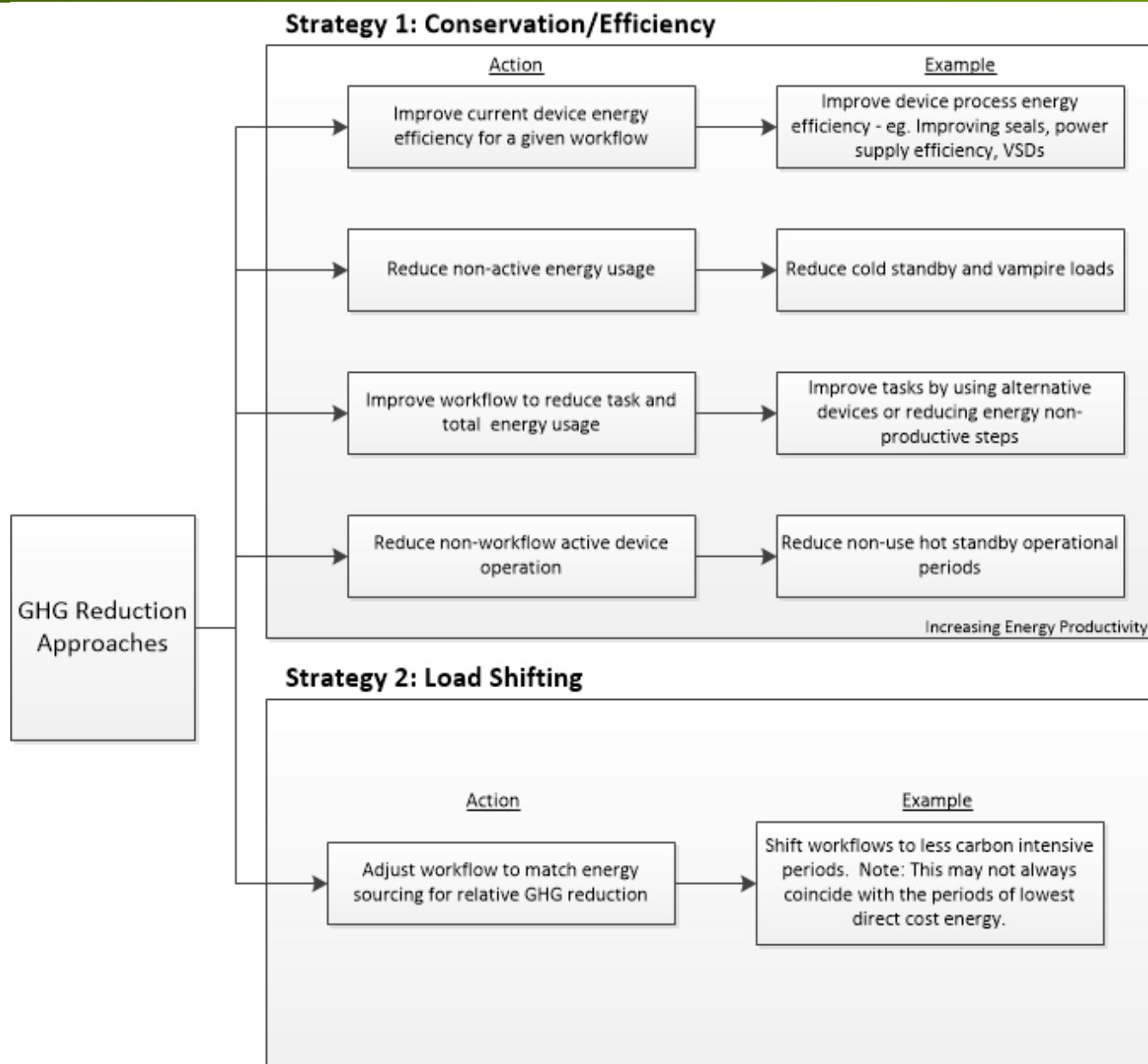
GHG Peak Categories



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# Targeting GHG Reduction in Devices and Processes



# Equivalency with Load Shifting for GHG Emissions

## EE/EC versus Load Shifting comparison for GHG Emissions:

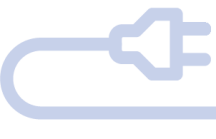
A relationship can be made between EE/EC and GHG efforts for a given usage schedule and daily/seasonal generation blend

1KW load, 24 hour operation, constant energy use (e.g. resistive pool heater)  
2 GHG periods 120g/kWh for 6 hours/day, 180g/kWh for 18 hours/day  
2 Price periods: Low- \$0.20/kWh for 16 hours/day, High-\$0.30/kWh for 8 hours/day  
3 hour overlap with \$ on-peak and carbon on-peak (assume start on overlap)

<u>Daily Energy Reduction</u>	<u>Daily Usage Shift</u>	<u>Daily Price Penalty</u>
1%	3.12%	\$0.08
10%	28%	\$0.66

CalPlug's PLSIM 2 (pre-release) will include this model calculation with an arbitrary schedule

- As the GHG blend is more consistent, diminishing returns occur
- Pricing is largely set around peak demand management not direct GHG management. Evening base load considerations –supply/demand mismatch.
- GHG assessment metrics limited at current time in CA workpapers: analysis figure of merit does not strongly assess GHG impact directly versus peak and total yearly consumption.



# Strategy Behavioral Considerations

Coordinated control strategies can be effective for both load shifting and EE efforts for GHG reduction. Considerations for strategy effectiveness, user (preference) tolerance / process tolerance, solution stability, and financial incentive/price impact

## Example EE/EC versus Load Shifting Strategies for Selected Residential Plug Loads:

- **Refrigerator**  
Shifted Load – Defrost cycle, set-point/hysteresis band adjustment (minor)  
EE/EC – User alerts/encouragement, insulation improvement, mechanical improvement
- **Television**  
Shifted Load- Limited without user action  
EE/EC – Reduction of active and standby load, engagement sensing for wasteful use reduction
- **Water Heating**  
Shifted Load - Triggered set-point/hysteresis band adjustment, recirculation  
EE/EC – On demand Set-point/hysteresis band adjustment, recirculation, insulation, technology implementation, tank design, storage capacity  
Note the hybrid overlap in this category for some approaches



# Section Conclusions

- Metric of GHG reduction does not fully align with energy reduction and cost of energy reduction.
- Matching operation with time required for peak load reduction or GHG reduction (load shifting) thru control signals and load shifting implies connectivity/system control/integration
- The operation of many residential small plug loads (at the current technology state) do not benefit greatly from connectivity enabled features (directly) for energy/GHG reduction without substantial user impact. (See CalPlug's 2020 report for SDG&E and Fraunhofer/CTA's 2015 connected devices report)
- Still plenty of non-connected EE/EC opportunities in residential plug loads.
- Some classes of major appliances can benefit from connectivity, especially for scheduling automatic maintenance features, cycle delays, or processes that permit abbreviated or paused cycles.



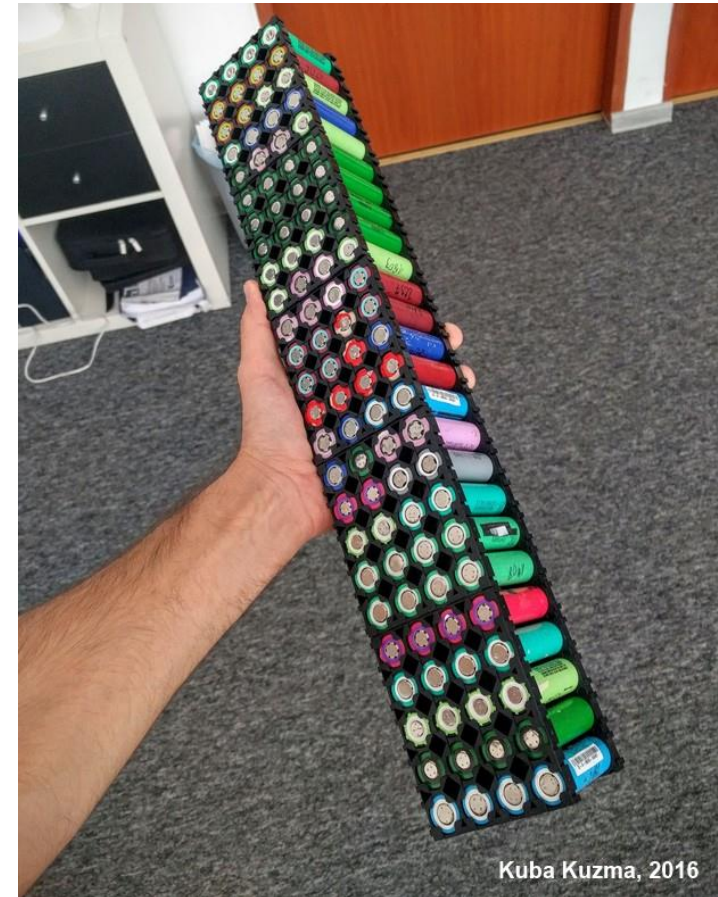
# Section Conclusions (contd.)

- Generally, commercial plug and process loads (office, building, specialized process) have substantially more connected and coordinated application potential
- Workflow driven, clear process/policy, clear(er) ownership and responsibility
- Consistent device management
- Gap considerations: common/shared use devices



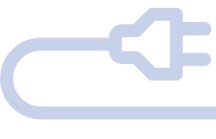
# Useful Range of Function/Feasibility for Residential Battery Storage

- Purpose/Application: Solar overproduction capture / islanded-microgrid, structure power backup, peak load reduction
- Scope: Whole home, dedicated power bus/breaker, dedicated and scalable circuit(s), individual device (e.g. UPS, garage door backup)
- Scale/Cost/Installability: “Computer” UPS (low cost, low capacity, user installable) to whole home panel level (high cost, high capacity, specialized tech/electrician), or even an integrated V2G system (mid. cost, high cap.)
- Efficiency/Transfer Rate: Variable based on size, application, and cost. Intelligent frequency/waveform control output
- Lifetime: Consumables and device longevity



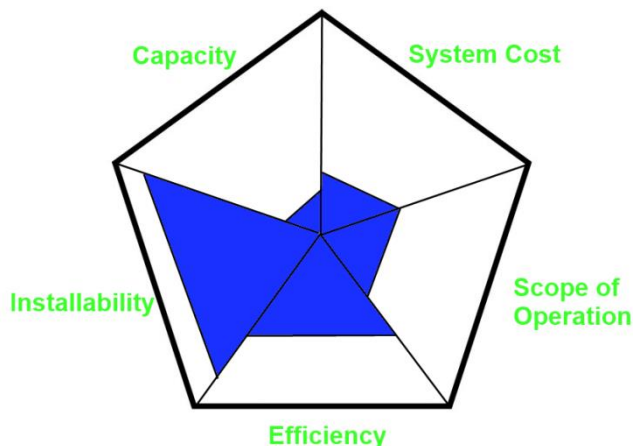
Kuba Kuzma, 2016

1kWh of 18650 Lithium-ion cells

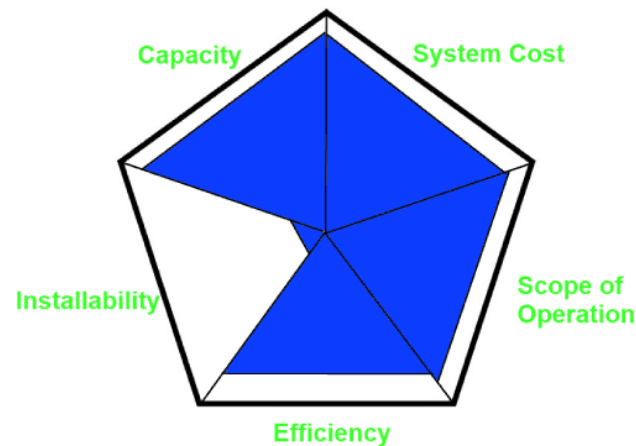


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# Battery Application Optimization



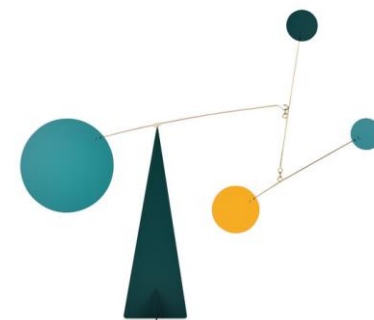
Single Circuit/Device Battery



Whole-home Battery

A 3-5 year payback period (~50% lifetime) for 1-2 kWh user-install/replaceable system possible with substantial peak load and substantial rate difference

- Small scoped system for a single or set of managed or circuit-connected devices
- Payback period highly dependent on cell cost/lifetime and system efficiency
- Peak and cost management applications with utility sourced energy are not necessarily GHG focused
- GHG impact is highly dependent on GHG intensity of charging energy and displaced energy that would have been sourced



A question of balance



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# Conclusions

- Shocks to the system provide opportunities, much more to see for short and long term impacts due to COVID-19. Short term plug load impact is minor considering other impacts. Keeping low efficiency devices out during purchases of new devices (especially with low supply – panic purchases) as well factory preconfigured devices favoring early and continued efficient use.
- Major work is required for California to reach 2030 GHG goals, especially with changes due to electrification.
- Evaluation metrics and goals must be established to lead the discussion for GHG focused utility programs, codes and standards, and manufacturer best practices for plug loads.
- EE/EC and load shifting can play complimentary roles GHG reduction strategies.



# Conclusions (contd.)

- Targeting EE/EC approaches can keep goals and strategies to achieve them in perspective.
- Different plug load device categories and sector (residential vs. commercial) have different usage requirements that may change most cost effective approaches for GHG reduction.
- Home battery systems have varied targeted uses and should be viewed as a continuum with commercial optimization points, many strategies may be feasible targeting microgrids (esp. in post solar net-metering age), power backup, and peak management.



# Thank You!



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