

California Load Flexibility Research and Deployment Hub

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CalFlexHub seeks to

Advance the capability of buildings to provide a flexible electricity load for the State of California.

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- Identify, evaluate, develop, and demonstrate pre-commercial, load-flexible pre-commercial technologies
 - Standardize the signals used to communicate dynamic price and GHG information to these technologies
 - Emphasis is Load Shaping DR but CalFlexHub will also evaluate supply-side DR



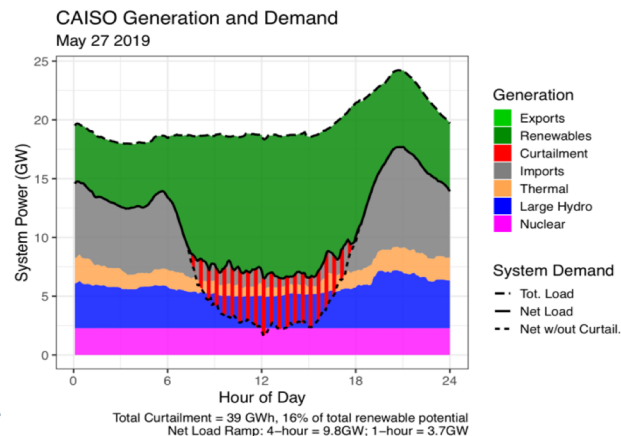
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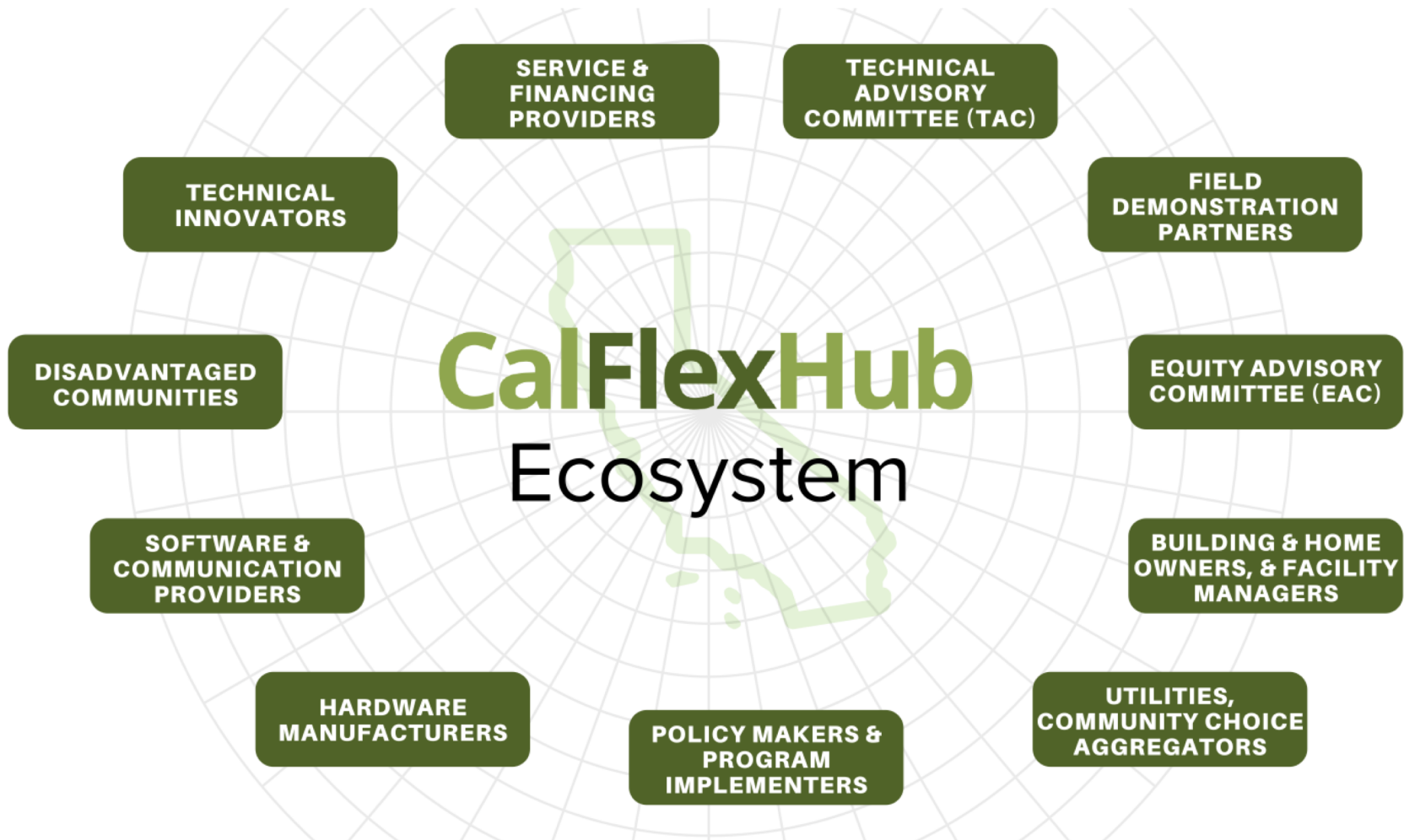
Prices To Devices

A future where building loads receive continuous price information and adjust their electricity consumption automatically for maximum affordability, reduced carbon content, or a mixture of both.

Signals will include Watt Time signals.

Assume the future will include grid-informed tariffs:
TOU, CPP, RTO







Equity

CalFlexHub seeks to benefit all Californians, including those from disadvantaged communities.

Target technologies will be practical, affordable, and reliable.

Signals will be broadcast over the internet and via FM radio waves—accessible to virtually every household and business in California.



Funded and Cost Share Partners



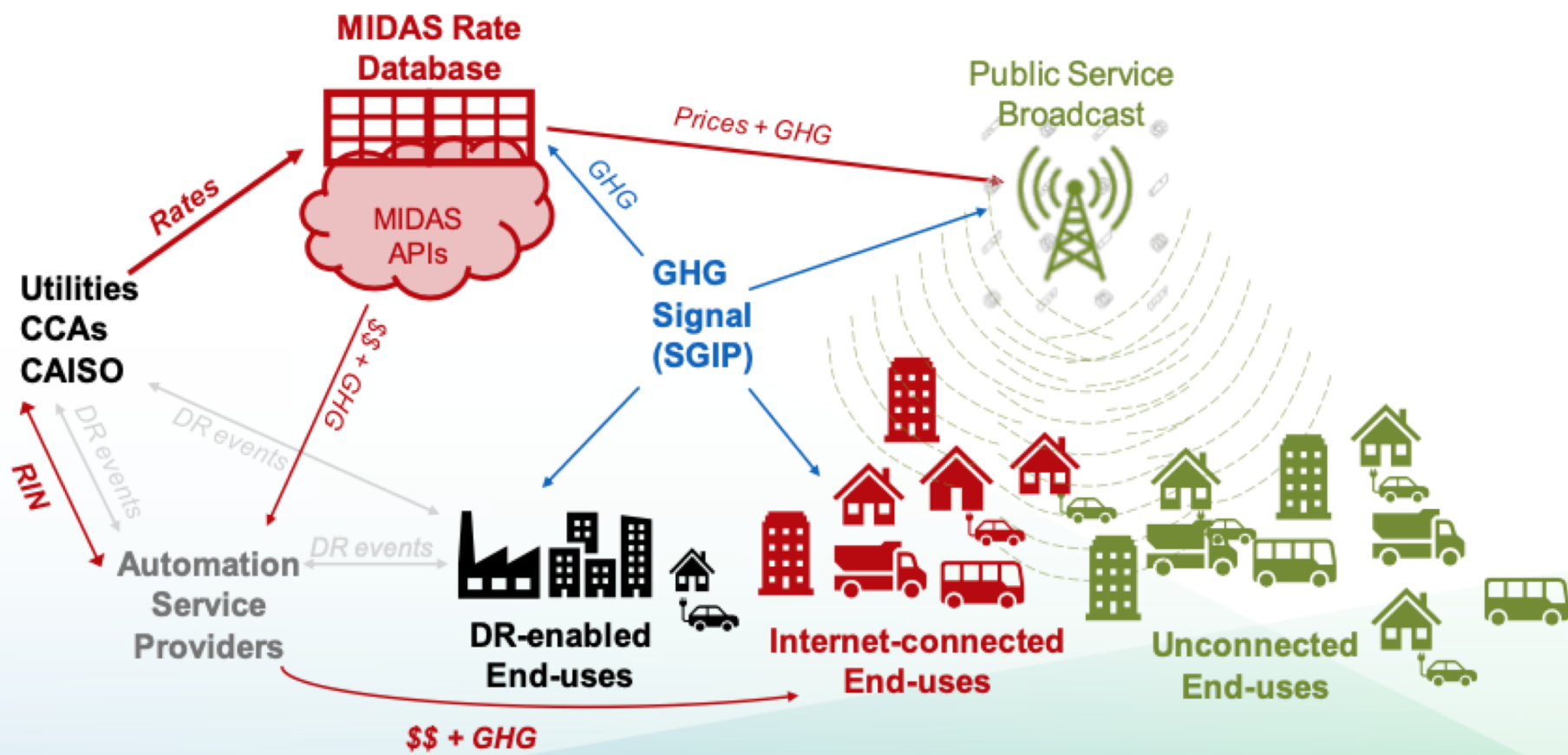
CalFlexHub includes 23 other partners, industry, building owners





Long-term Vision: Public Broadcast

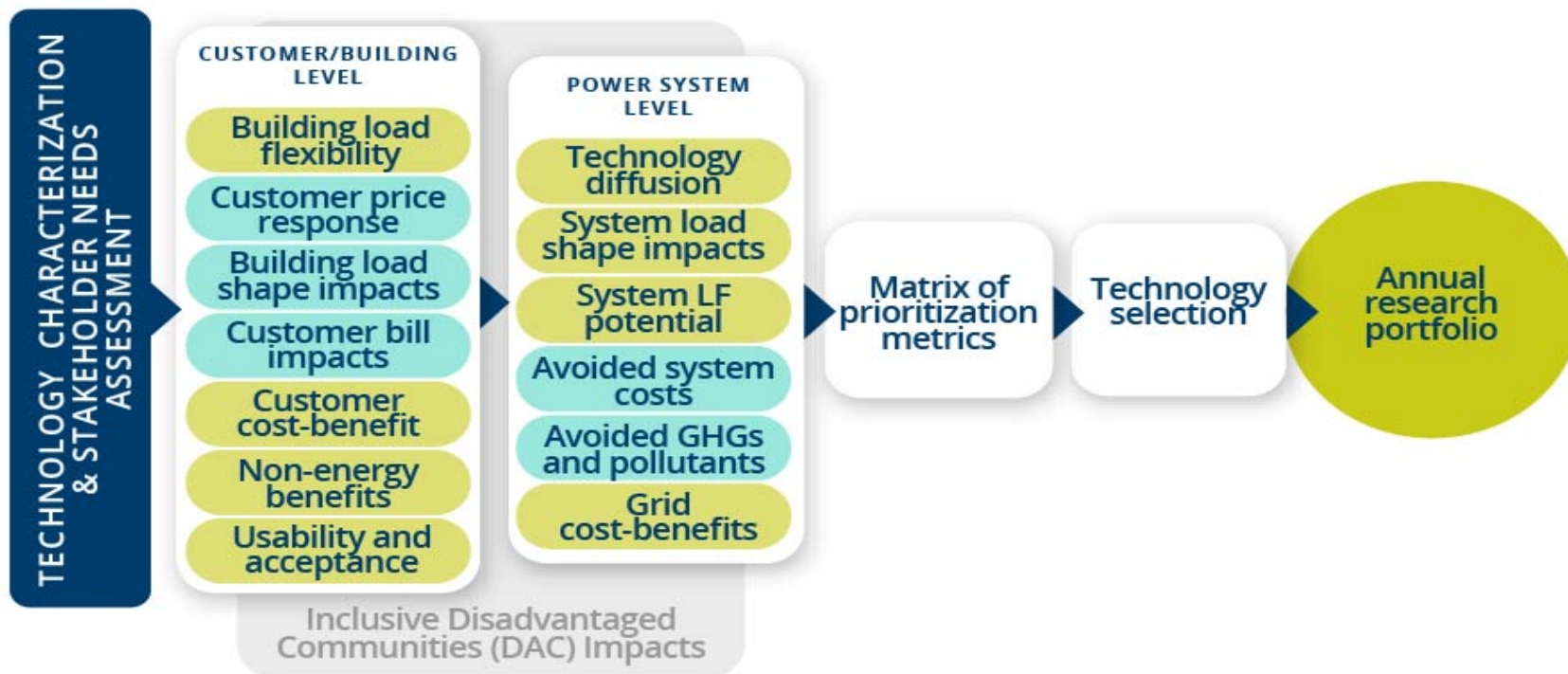
Time-varying rates and greenhouse gas (GHG) signals



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MIDAS - Market Informed Demand Automation Server

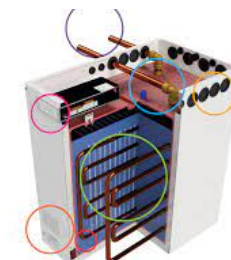
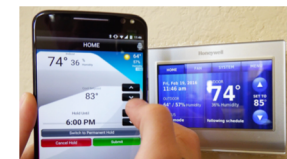
Annual Technology Assessment Process



Portfolio management framework for valuation of impacts of CalFlexHub technology portfolios and development of annual research portfolio. Berkeley Lab models (green); E3 models (turquoise).

Six Applied R&D Projects – Lab and Initial Demo Sites

		Funded Partners	Other Partners	Location/Sites
A1	Residential Smart Fan with Integrated Thermostat	UCB	Big Ass Fans	UCB, Stockton Senior Center
A2	Dynamic Heat Pump for Residential Space Heat and DHW	UCD	Ecobee, Rheem, Carrier	UCD, Future Multi-Family Site
A3	Dynamic Space Heat for Small Commercial HVAC	LBLN	Melrok	LBLN FlexLab, EPIC HP-Flex Sites
A4	Integrated Heat Pump and Cold Storage for Small Commercial HVAC	LBLN	Sunamp, Aermec, UCD Facilities	UCD
A5	Model Predictive Control for Dynamic Large Commercial and District Energy Systems	LBLN, UCSD	UC Merced Facilities	LBLN, UCSD, UC Merced
A6	Home Energy Management System to Maximize Electrical Panels with Electric Storage	LBLN	Orison, Heila, Span.io	LBLN

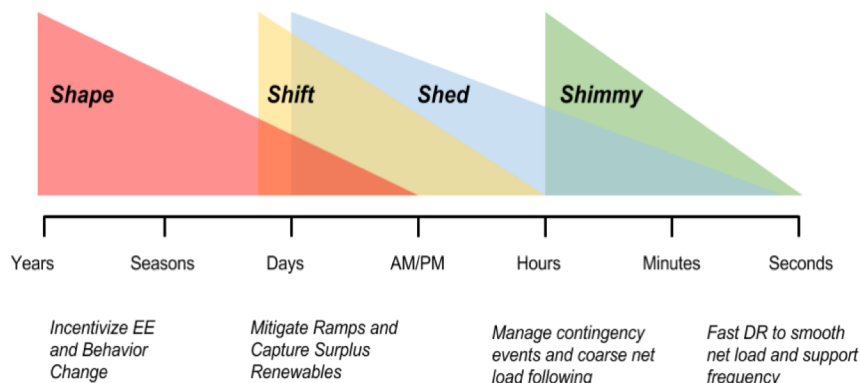


Six Technology Demonstration and Deployment Projects – Field Sites

		Funded Partners	Other Partners	Location/Sites
T7	Integrated Small Commercial Energy Management with DERs	UCD, Extensible Energy	Gridpoint	UCD
T8	Integrated Heat Pump with Storage for DHW and Space Conditioning	UCD	Villara	Nor Cal Homes
T9	Residential HVAC and Hot Water Using Integrated Storage	LBNL, Harvest Thermal		East Bay Homes
T10	Household Flexible EV Charging	UCB	BMW	California Homes
T11	Bi-Directional EV Charging	UCD	Honda	UCD and UCSD
T12	Control and Coordination of Distributed Flexible Loads	Olivine, SkyCentrics	Ecobee, Pentair, Sonoma Clean Power, Belmont Redwood Shores Schools, Richmond MSH Properties, City of Pittsburg Unified Schools, UCB Richmond Field Station	Belmont, Richmond, Pittsburg, Sonoma, LA County, and others



CPUC Demand Response Potential Studies Explore Size and Value of GEBs

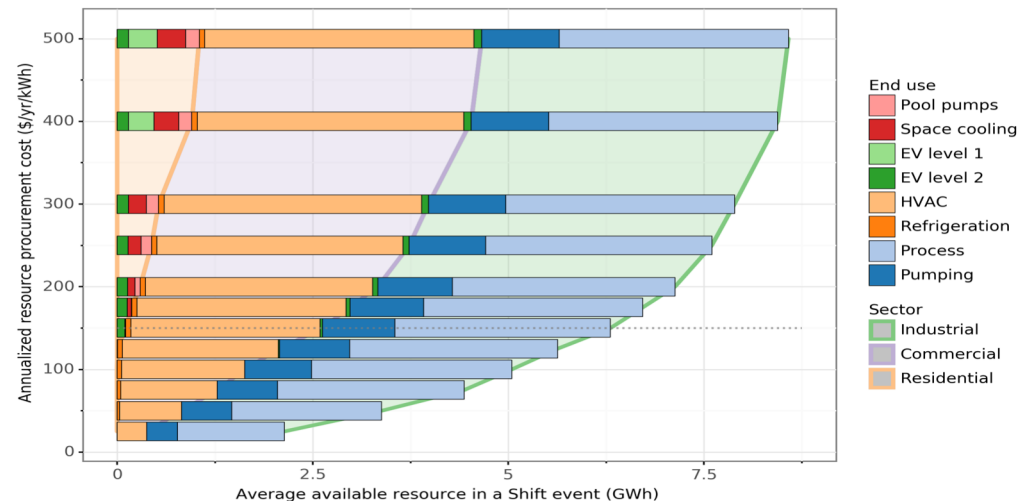


- **Shape:** persistent daily load modifications
- **Shed:** acts like virtual **generation** capacity
- **Shift:** acts like a virtual **storage** resource
- **Shimmy:** acts like a virtual **regulation/ancillary services** resource

- Phases 1, 2 and 3 provided the shed capacity (GW) and shift (GWh) from GEBs. Buildings could provide about 2 GW at \$200/kW-yr Levelized cost for 2025.
- Current modeling (Phase 4) will cover new end-uses and update customer data.
- Key questions: **How large** is Shed and Shift resource, **where** are resources and **when** is it available, and at **what cost**?
- **Key takaway:** Shift can play important role in California's renewable grid, but it will need to grow. We can explore ways to bring down costs and drive participation.

Shift Supply Curve for 2030

Battery threshold
(reference price)



- **Shift DR** in California: 4-6 GWh of *virtual storage* cheaper than BTM batteries (~\$150/yr/kWh), about 40% from buildings, a significant portion of current grid challenges.
- **Electrification** will introduce a new Shift resource, modeled in new Phase 4.
- Shift resource will be **much larger** if customer participation is higher than observed historically for Shed DR.
- With ~1 percent of load shifted in 2017, ~150 GWh of total curtailment could have been avoided (~ 50 % of curtailment), replacing non-renewable generation with zero-carbon renewable energy.


End-Uses Considered in Cluster Load Shapes

Recent updated AMI data analysis expands scope of buildings and end uses

Residential Sector		Commercial Sector	
Building Types	End Uses	Building Types	End Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-family • Multi-family • Master meter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooling • Heating • Ventilation • Indoor Lighting • Outdoor lighting • Cooking • Dishwasher • Clothes Washer • Clothes Dryer • Refrigerator • Freezer • Pool pump • Spa heater • Spa pump • Television • Office equipment • PCs • Water heating • EV level 1 • EV level 2 • Rooftop PV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office • Retail-food • Retail-other • Dining • Lodging • Medical • Education • Assembly • Datacenter • Warehouse • Refrigerated warehouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooling • Heating • Ventilation • Indoor lighting • Outdoor lighting • Office equipment • Refrigeration • Water heating • Datacenter IT • Misc. • EV charging • Rooftop PV

Entries in **red** under development in Phase 4

Green where new in Phase 3


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Summary

CalFlexHub will support state goals in advancing demand flexibility and decarbonization in buildings

- **Evaluate capability** of building end-use systems load systems to respond to price signals
- **Identify** new technology that can deepen response
- **Understand** value of price vs carbon signal
- **Evaluate how to overcome barriers to deployment** such as usability, costs, tech capabilities

