Integration of distributed energy resources and demand response in energy systems

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Power Systems Engineering Center (PSEC) - Leads research in integrating high levels of clean energy technologies into electric power systems

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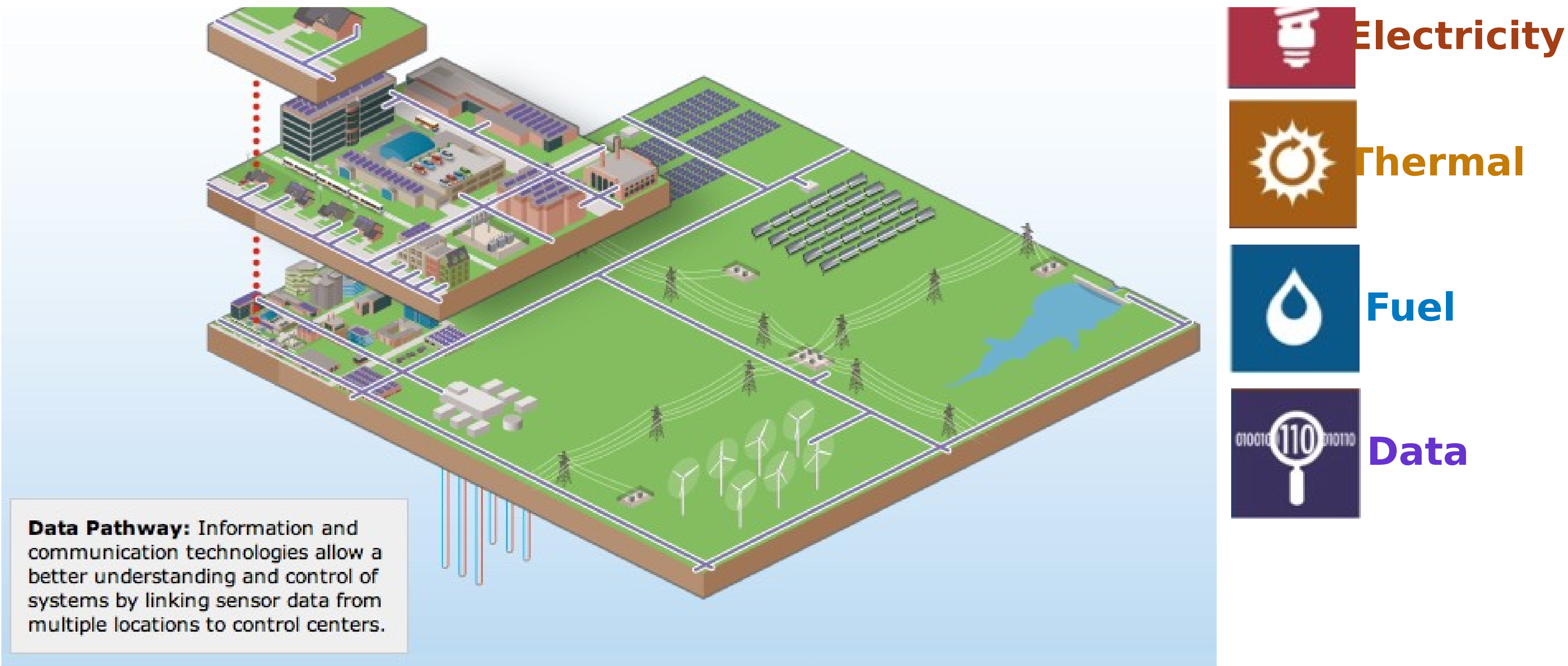
Energy Systems Integration (ESI) - Optimizes energy systems across multiple domains (electricity, thermal, fuels, water, communication) and physical scales (local to regional)

Energy system integration (ESI) = the process of optimizing energy systems across multiple pathways and scales



ESI at all Scales

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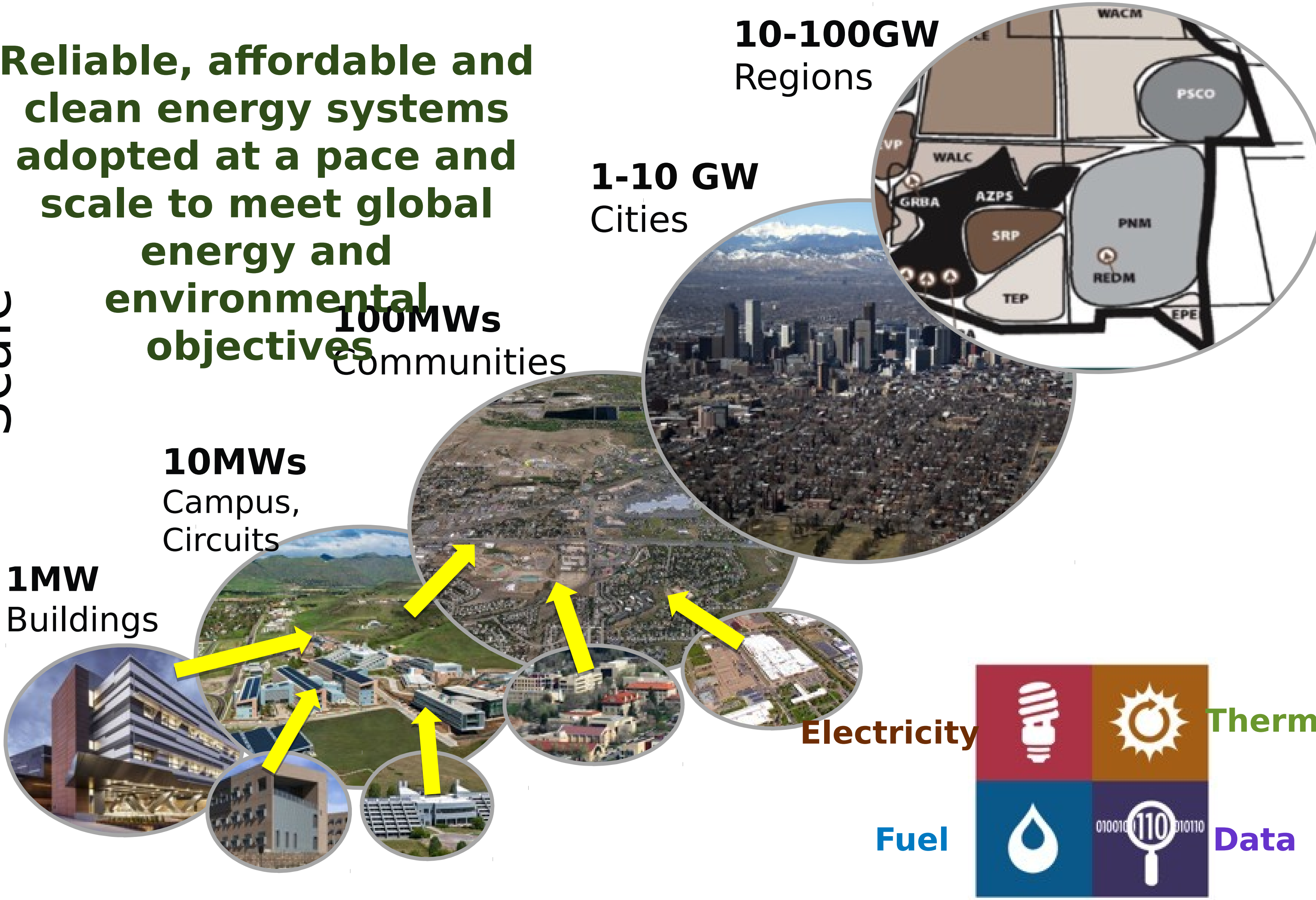
Scale

Reliable, affordable and clean energy systems adopted at a pace and scale to meet global energy and environmental objectives



Evolution of the Power System

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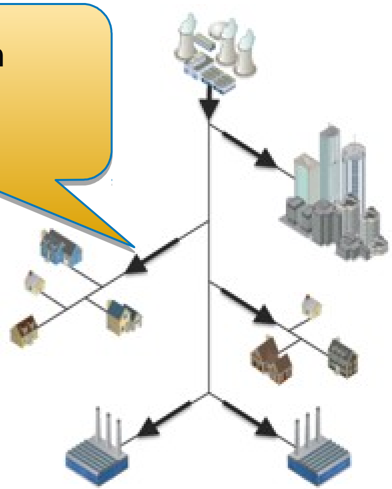
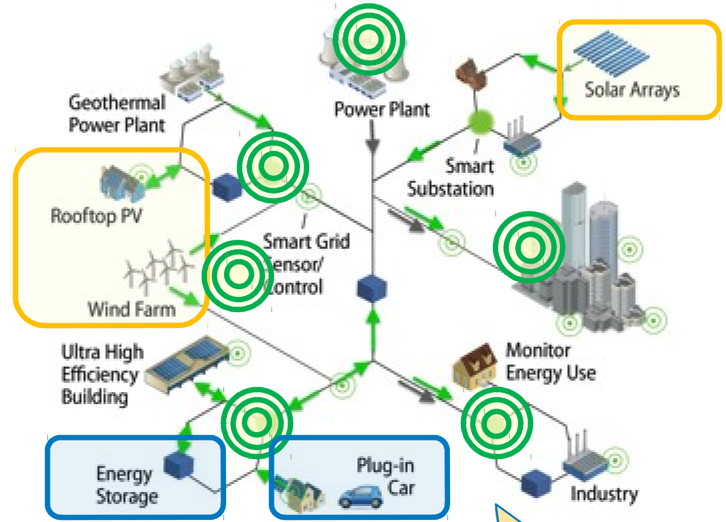
Current Power System

- Central Control
- Large Generation
- Carbon Intensive
- Highly Regulated



Future Power Systems



DRIVERS
- Increased variable gen
- More bi-directional flow at distribution level
- Increased number of smart/active devices
- Evolving institutional environment

New Challenges in a Modern Grid

- Increasing penetration of variable renewables in grid
- Increasing energy efficient buildings and controllable loads
- New communications and controls (including DR)
- Electrification of transportation
- Integrating distributed energy storage
- A modern grid needs increased system flexibility
- Capitalize on interactions between electricity/thermal/fuel systems

PSEC Provides Solutions

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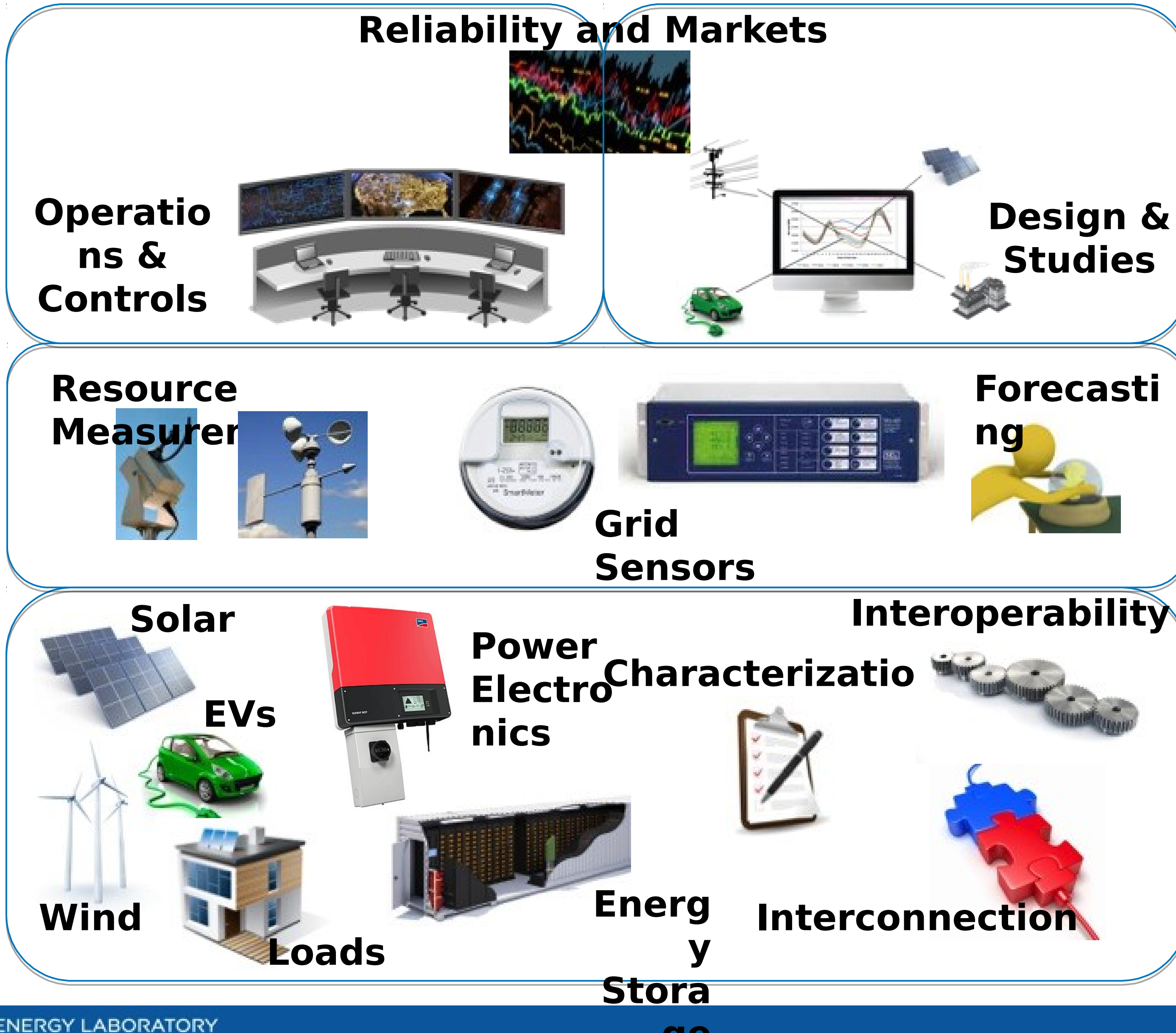
Design & Studies

Operations & Controls

Sensing, Measurements, and Forecasting

Integrated Devices and Systems

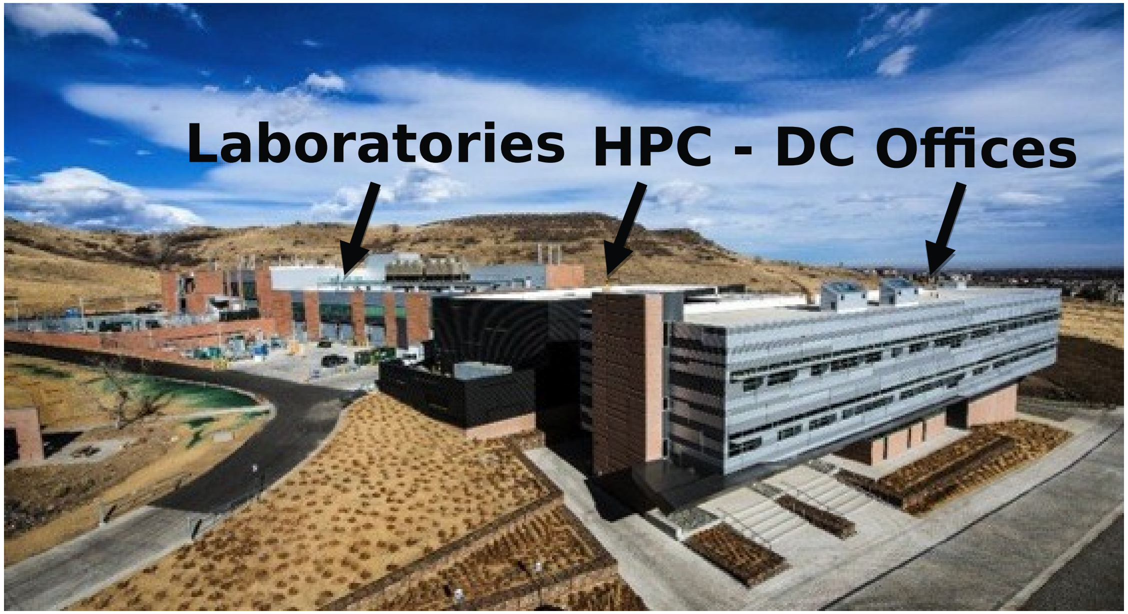


Physical and Cyber Security

Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF)

Energy Systems Integration

http://www.nrel.gov/esif



NREL NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY | ENERGY SYSTEMS INTEGRATION FACILITY

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Unique Capabilities

- Multiple parallel AC and DC experimental busses (MW power level) with grid simulation and loads
- Flexible interconnection points for electricity, thermal, and fuels
- Medium voltage (15kV) microgrid test bed
- Virtual utility operations center and visualization rooms
- Smart grid testing lab for advanced communications and control
- Interconnectivity to external field sites for data feeds and model validation
- Petascale HPC and data mgmt system in showcase energy efficient data center
- MW-scale Power hardware-in-the-loop (PHIL) simulation capability to test grid scenarios with high penetrations of clean energy technologies

Shortening the time between innovation and practice

ESIF – HPC/DC

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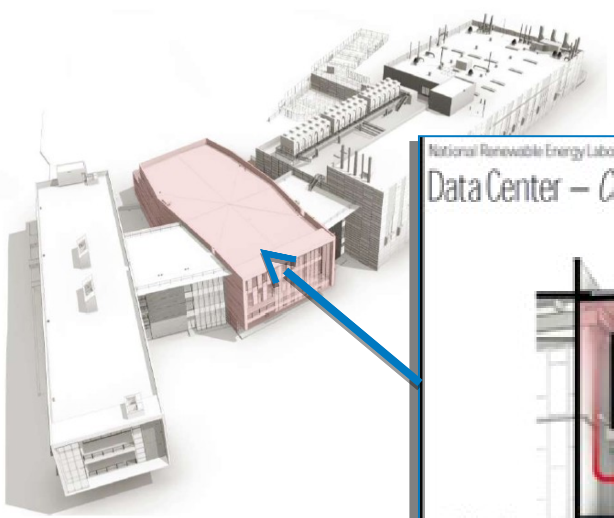
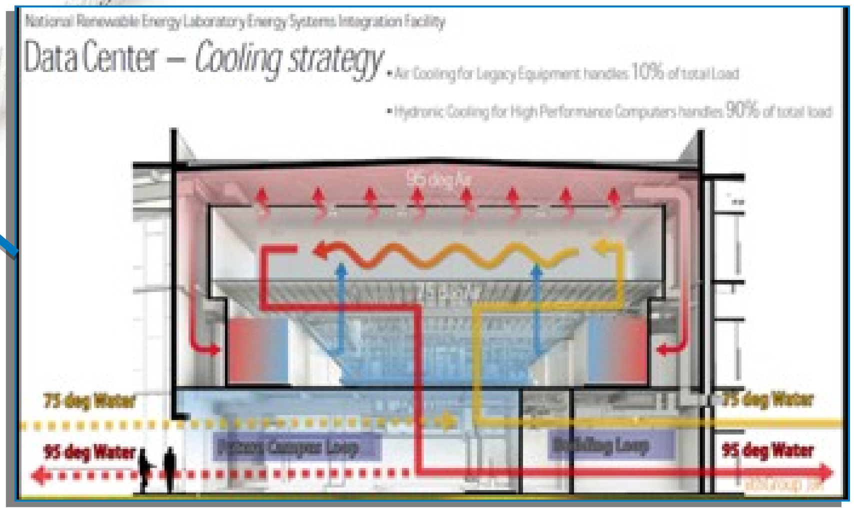


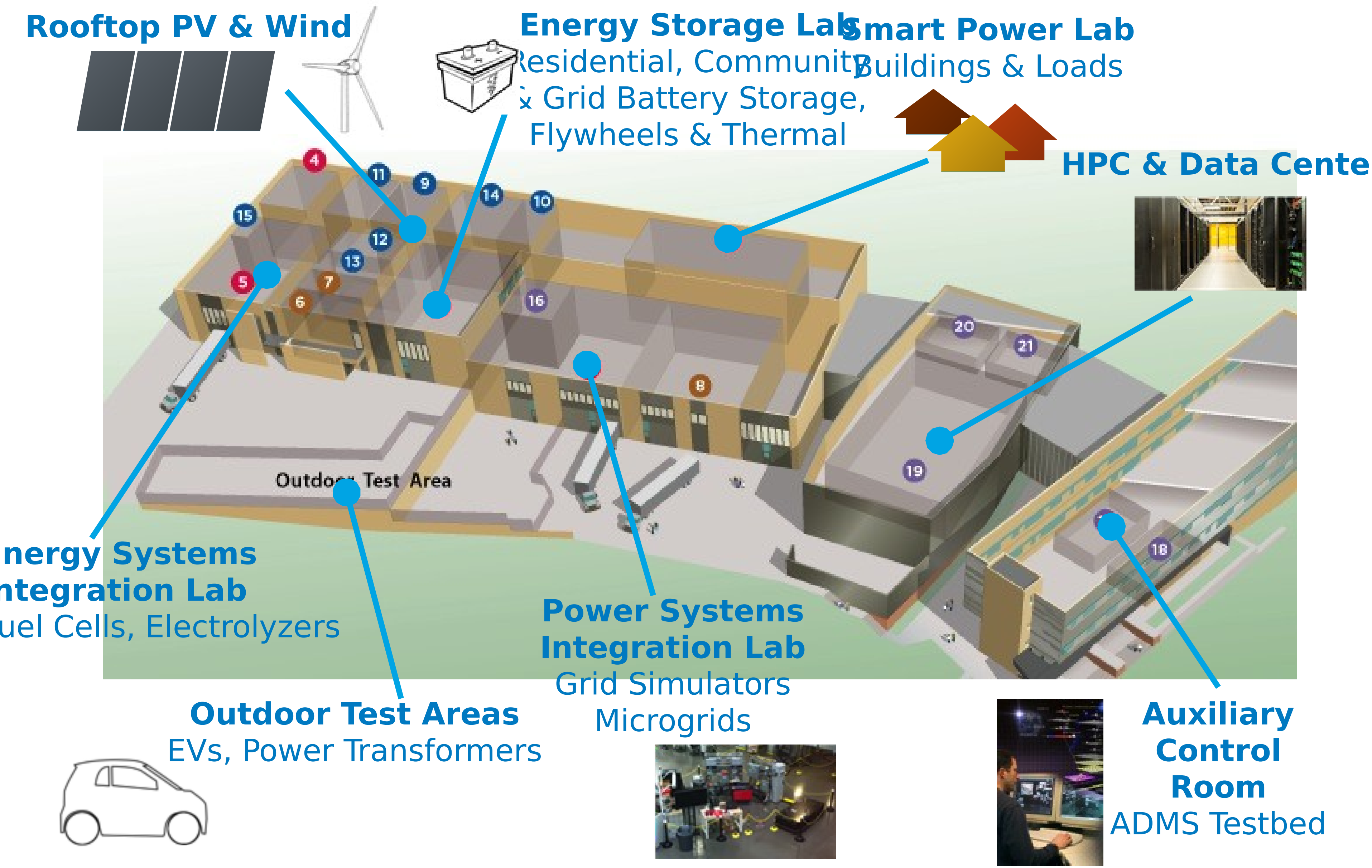


HPC – DC Showcase Facility

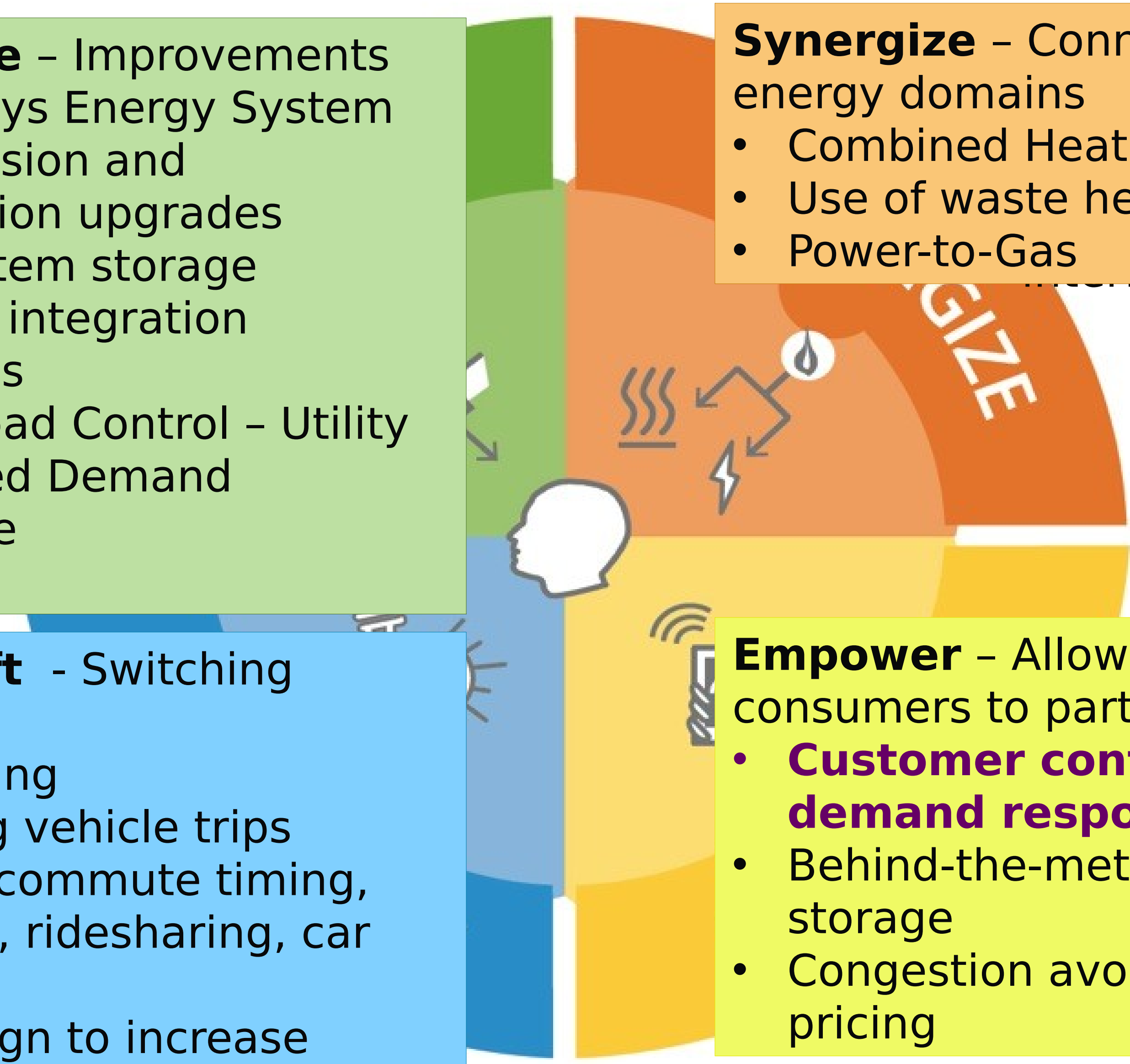
- Use evaporative rather mechanical cooling.
- Waste heat captured and used to heat labs & offices.
- World’s most energy efficient HPC - data center, PUE 1.06!

UE = Power Usage Effectiveness

ESIF Laboratories



ESI Opportunity Areas



Streamline – Improvements within Todays Energy System
- Transmission and Distribution upgrades
- Bulk-system storage
- Updated integration standards
- Direct Load Control – Utility Controlled Demand Response

Synergize – Connecting energy domains
- Combined Heat and Power
- Use of waste heat
- Power-to-Gas

domains

Mode-Shift - Switching Sources
- Daylighting
- Reducing vehicle trips through commute timing, telework, ridesharing, car sharing
- City design to increase walking and use of public

Empower – Allowing consumers to participate
- **Customer controlled demand response**
- Behind-the-meter energy storage
- Congestion avoidance and pricing

Inclusion of Energy-Shifting Demand Response in Production Cost Models

Super Market Refrigeration

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Understanding Load Shifting Appliances – Supermarket Refrigeration

Thermal mass in refrigeration display cases facilitates the adjustment of power consumption while maintaining acceptable temperatures for food.

Supermarkets operate at a low profit margin, incentivizing them to pursue opportunities for cost savings.

Energy costs account for 1% of the operating costs of a supermarket, but if demand response can offer easily accessible cost savings.

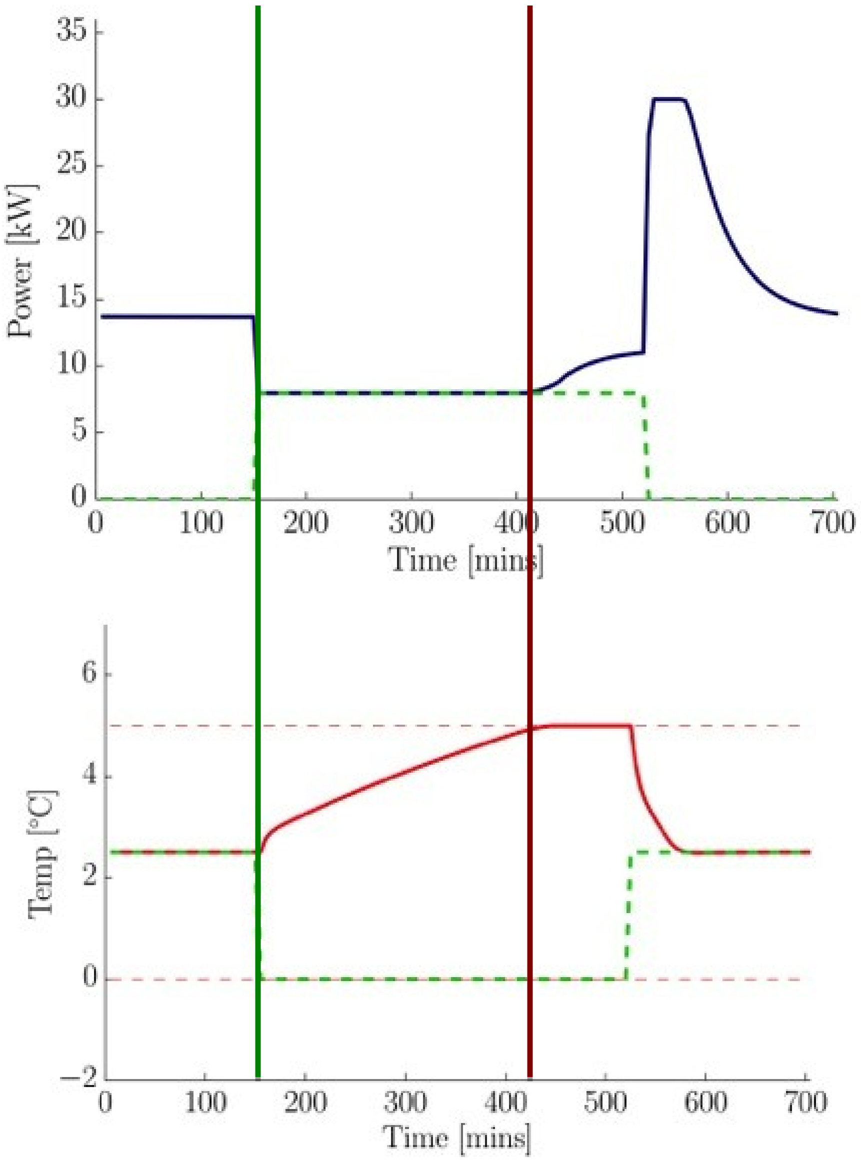
The structure of a supermarket chain lends itself to the formation of an aggregator.

While individual supermarkets are considered large commercial loads, the flexibility they offer is likely below the threshold for participation on many electricity markets. By aggregating a number of supermarkets and offering their combined flexibility as a single product, this

- **Characterizing Demand Response through the Saturation Curve**
- **Resource Efficiency**
- **Seasonality in the Demand Response Resource**

Response Saturation in Refrigerator

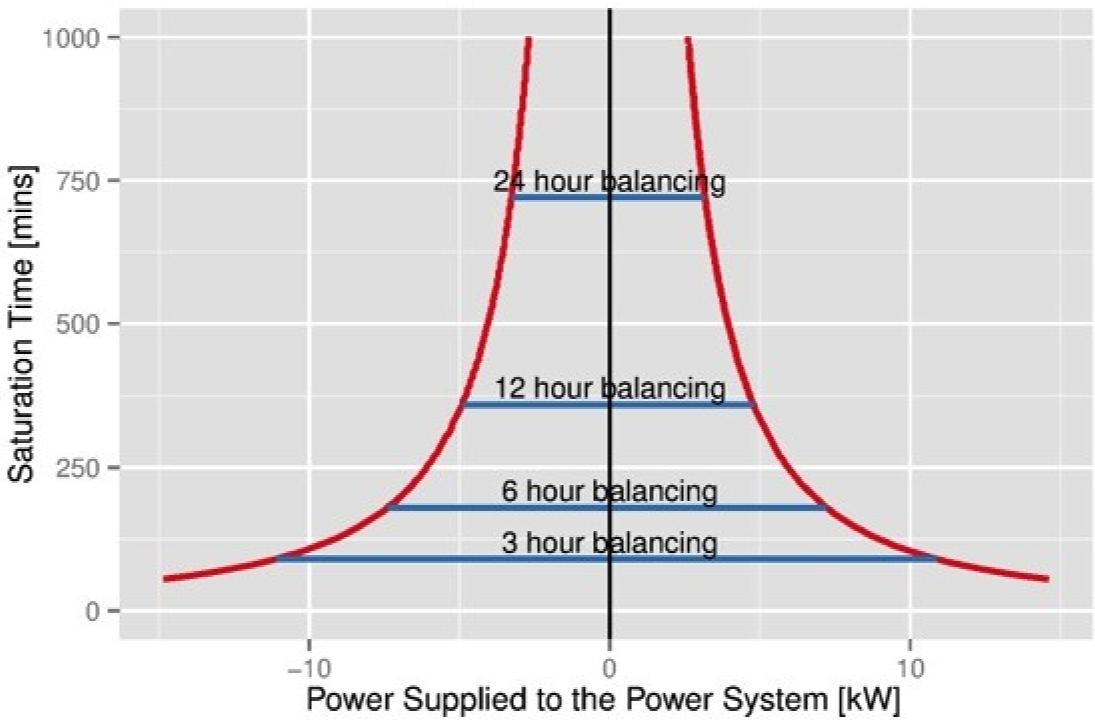
- **Top figure shows that the power consumption is steady until it is reduced from 14kW to 8kW.**
- **The reduction of 6kW can be maintained until the temperature in the refrigeration system reaches its upper bound (as seen in Bottom Figure).**
- **Once the upper temperature limit is reached the prescribed reduction can no longer be maintained, at this point it is said that the response has saturated.**
- **When the power reference is no longer active, the system will recover the**



Maximum flexibility of a load shifting device

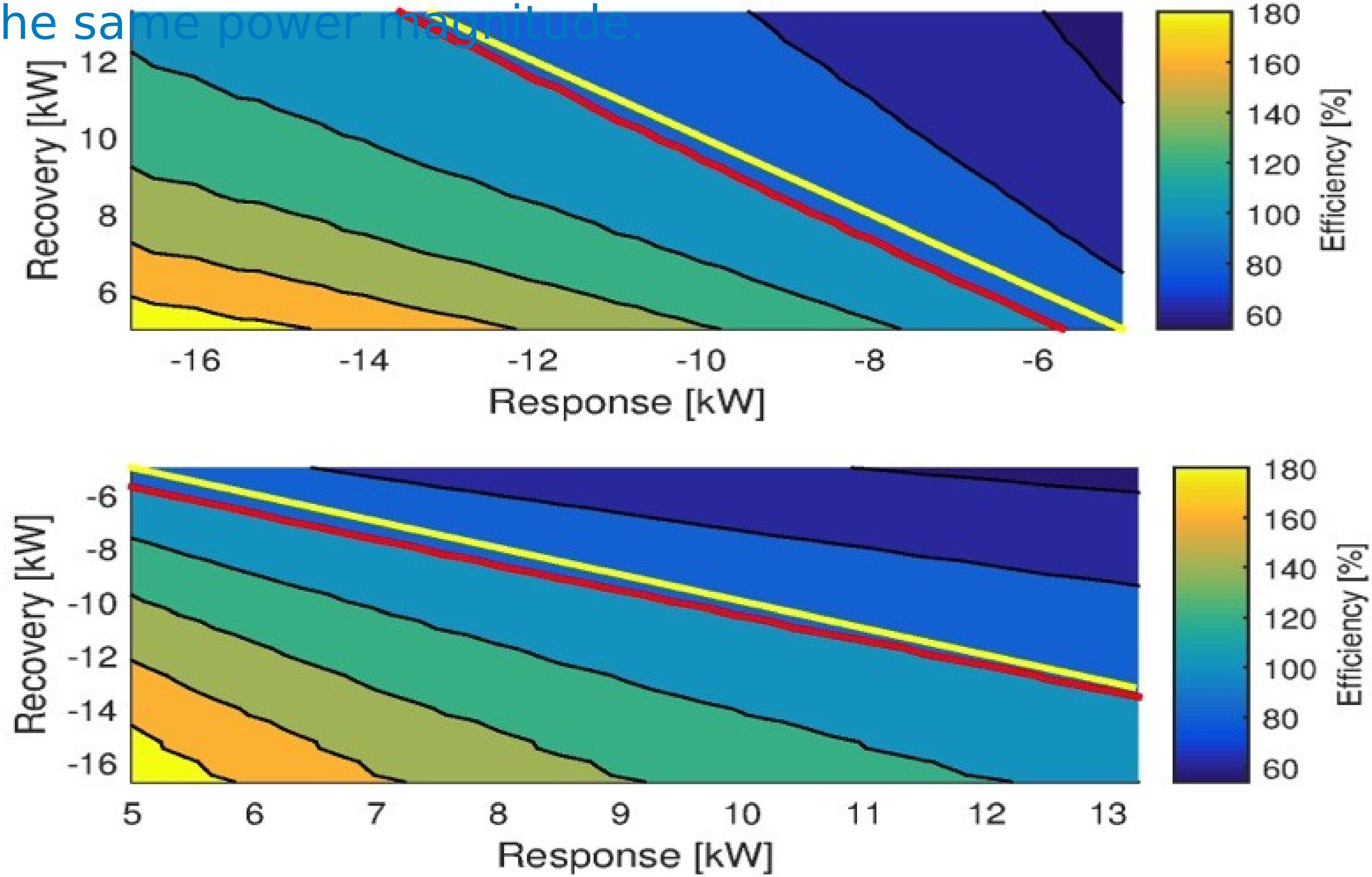
- **Saturation Curve - ** The relationship between a power adjustment in a flexible load and the duration for which the adjustment can be maintained

- It is not suitable for direct inclusion in a power system model or market clearing algorithm because it is non-linear

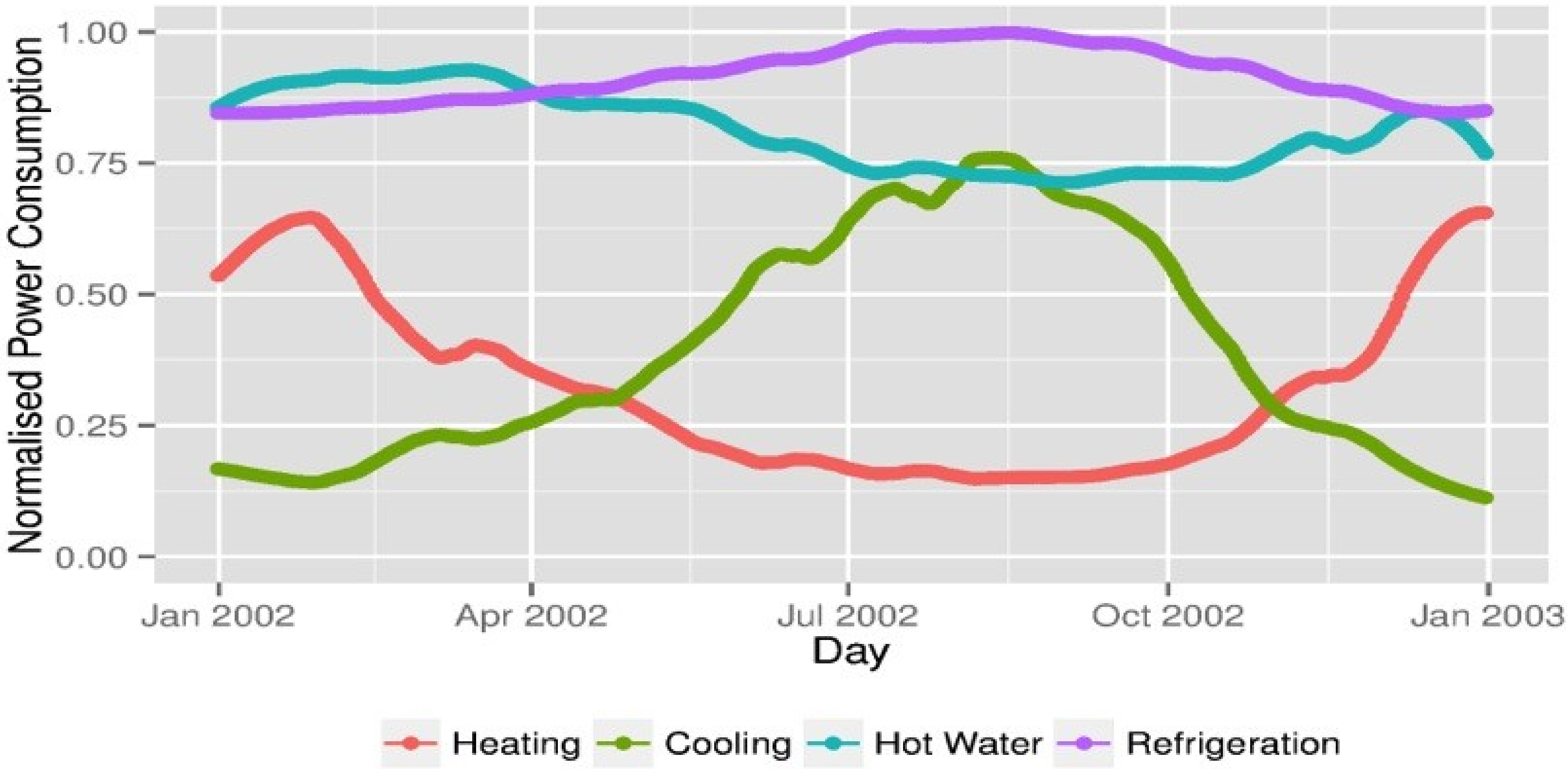


Round-Trip Efficiency of DR

Round trip efficiency of a demand response event. The red lines show the 100% efficiency contours, and the yellow lines show the efficiency of symmetric events, i.e. a response and recovery of the same power magnitude.



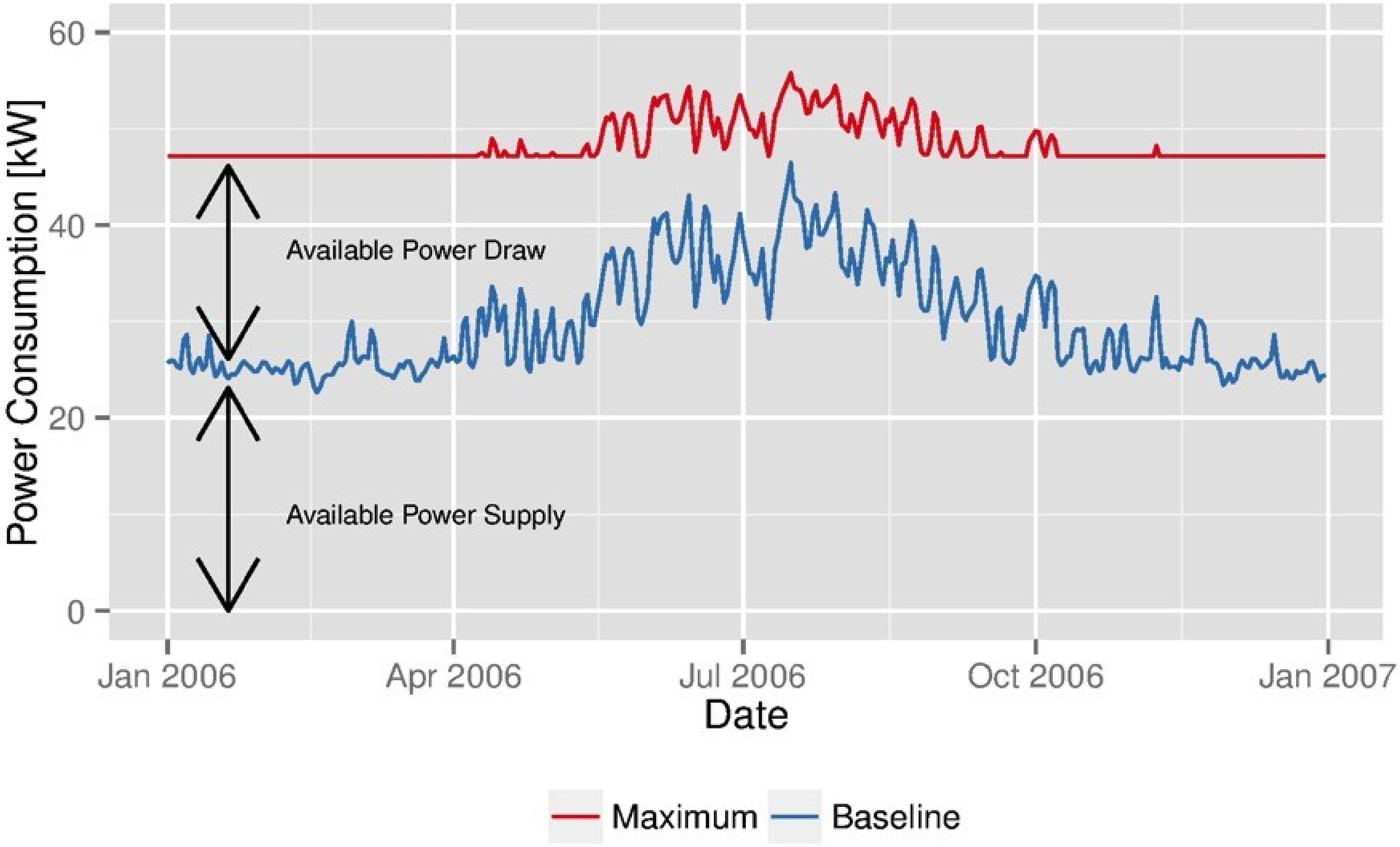
Seasonality of Loads



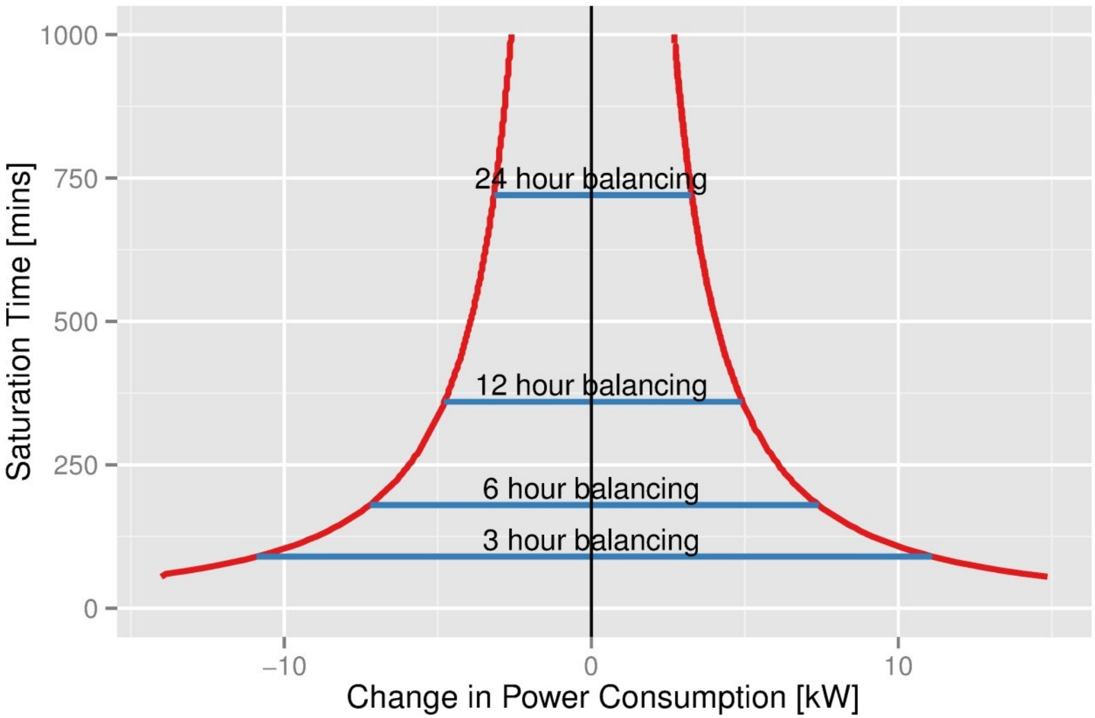
When considering thermal end-end uses for the provision of load shifting demand response, there are three key characteristics to consider:

- baseline power consumption
- maximum possible power consumption
- energy required to achieve a given temperature change

Variations in available flexibility at the device level



Representation of DR for use in Power System Models

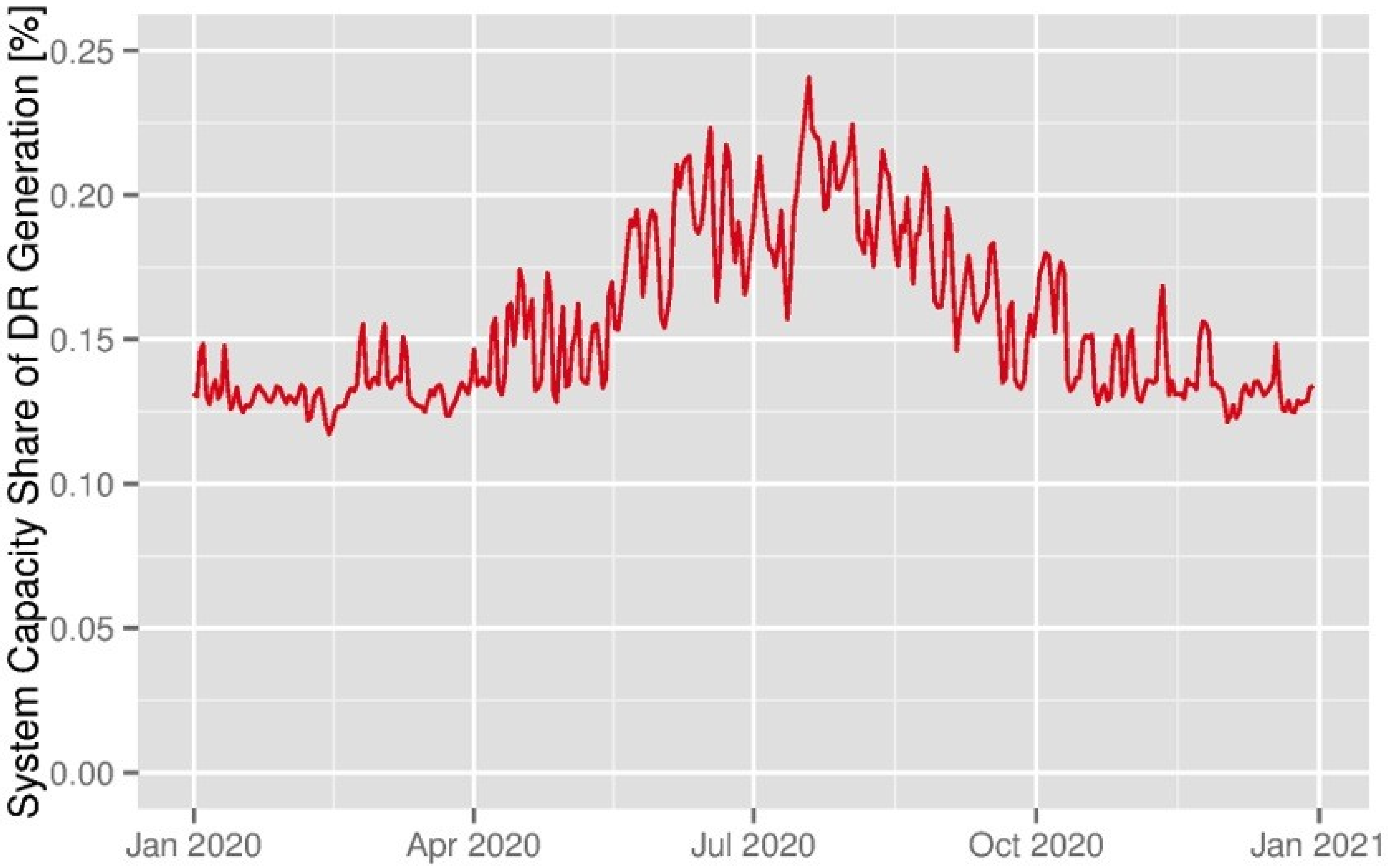


- Each population of flexible devices can offer a number of demand response products
- Each product resembles a battery sufficiently to use this description in a power system model, subject to some additions
- Each product has a defined maximum power supply to and draw from the grid, and a period within which the response and recovery must balance.
- Products are mutually exclusive
- Possible extensions include

Case Study – Rocky Mt. Power Pool

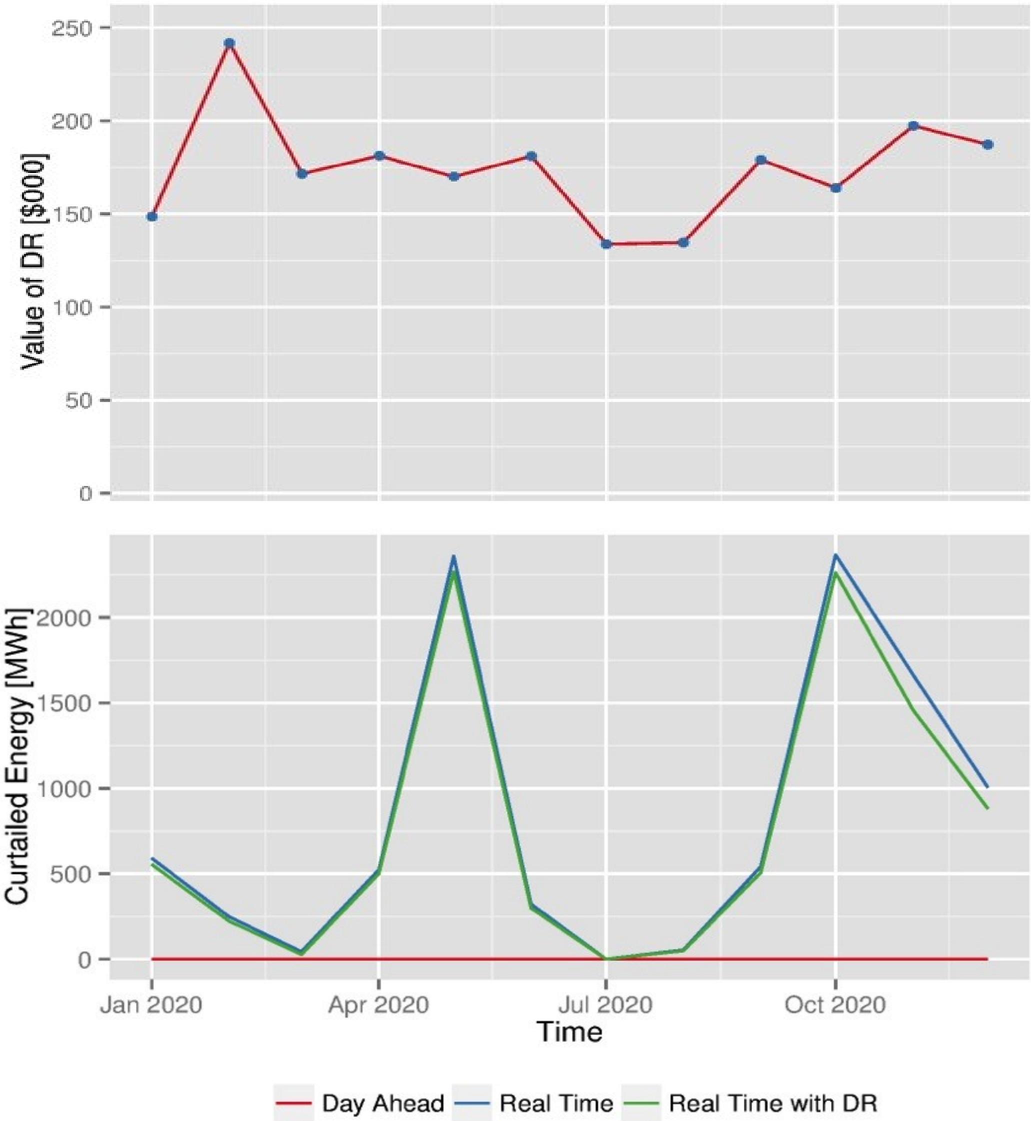
- **DR Model framework is suitable for large scale power system studies spanning substantial geographic and temporal scales**
- **RMPP test system (Colorado and Wyoming) is employed for a demonstration of the DR model capabilities**
- **The value of DR is assessed through the reductions is brings about in power system operational costs.**
- **DR is considered a flexible resource and dispatched at real-time to aid the balance of forecast errors in load and renewables**
- **The DR resource represent the population of all supermarkets located in Colorado, and are clustered according to supermarket size: small (482, 30kW), medium (178, 50kW) and large (140,**

DR Capacity



System Capacity Share of DR Generation [%]
0.25
0.20
0.15
0.10
0.05
0.00
Jan 2020
Apr 2020
Jul 2020
Oct 2020
Jan 2021

The Value of DR

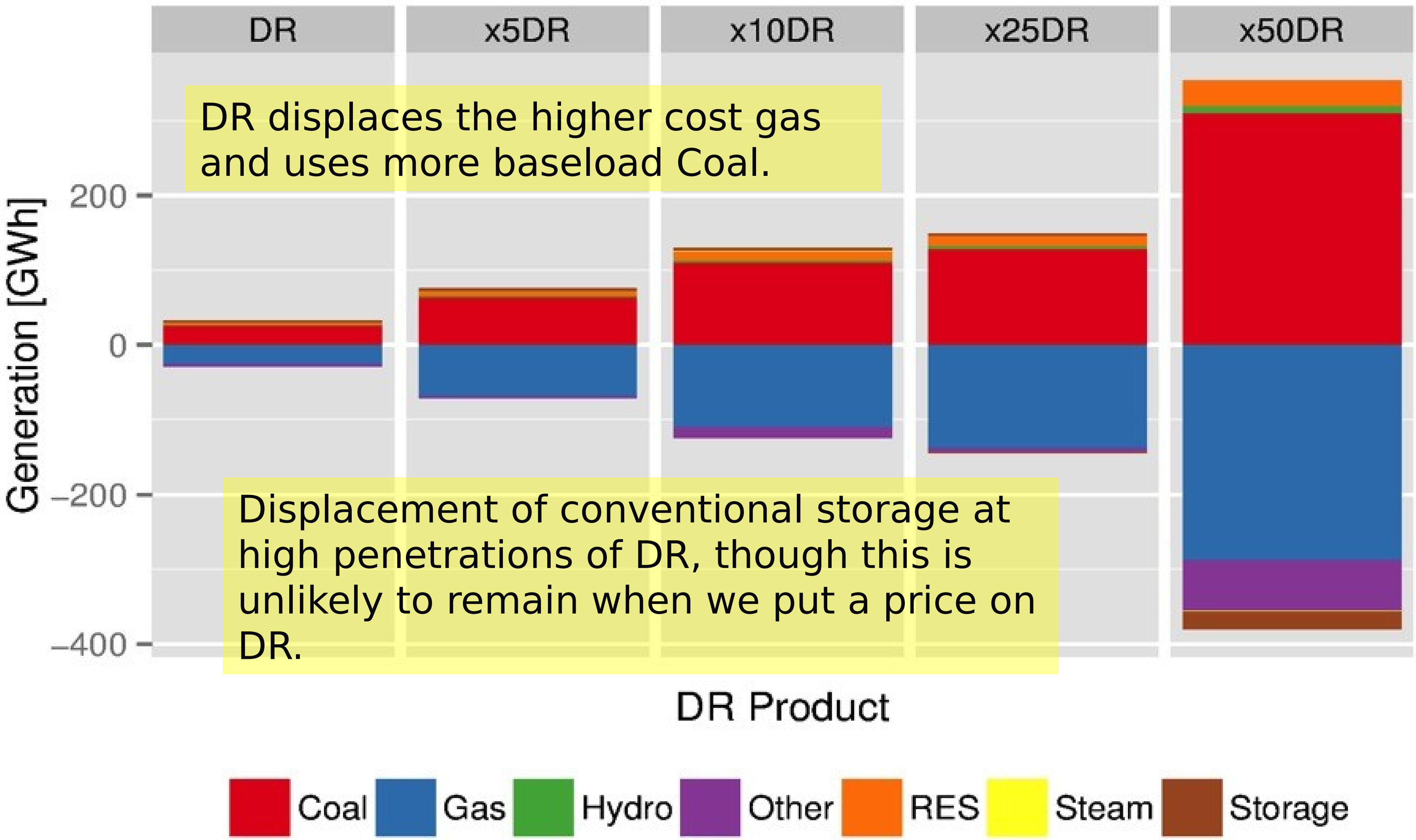


- DR Value:
  - $2.089M/year
  - $32.85/kW-year
  - $4980 per large supermarket
  - Reduces total system cost by 0.0144%.

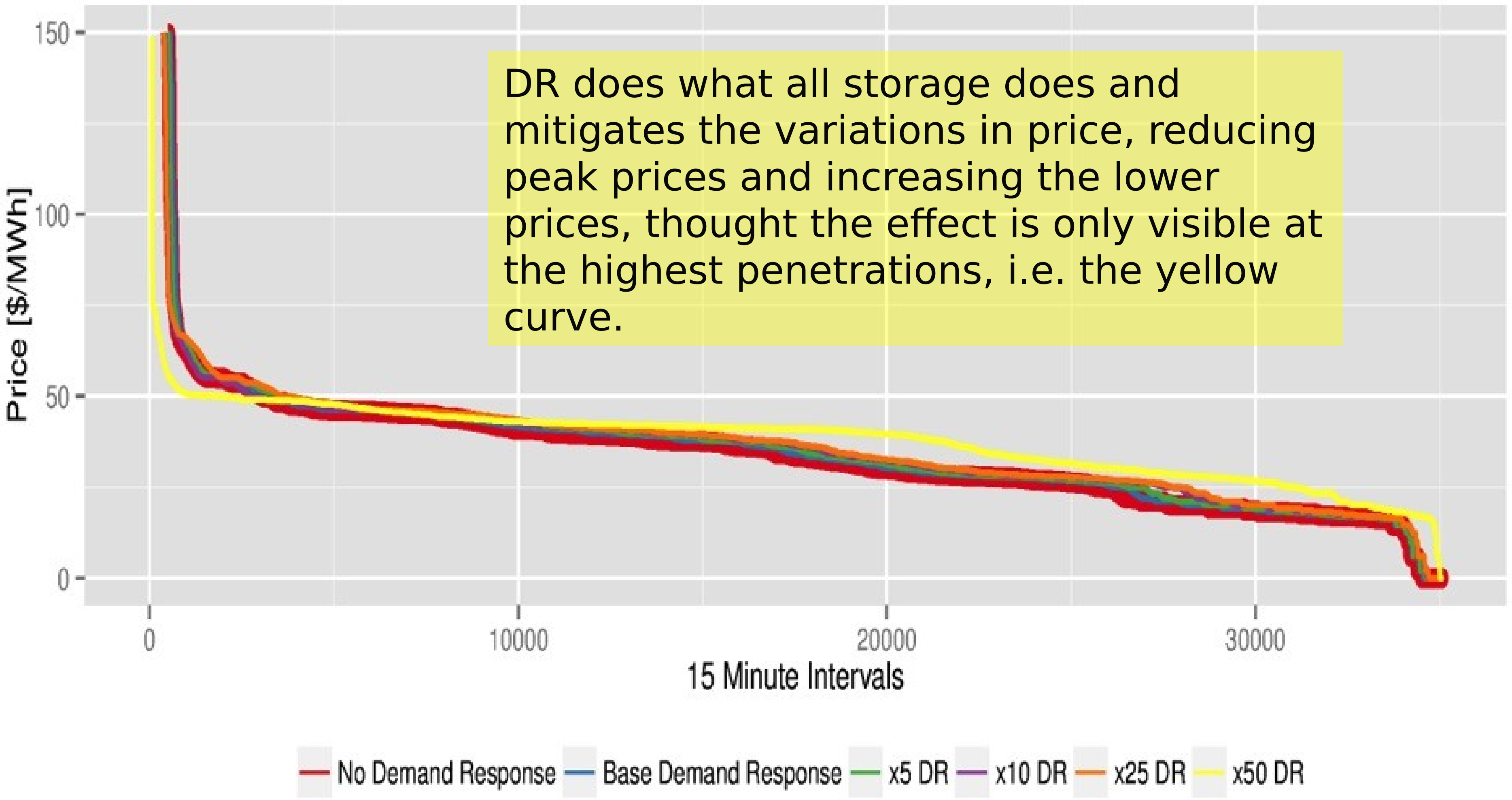
- There is a seasonal trend in the value of DR, with lowest value during the warmer months, though it is not as extreme as could be expected.

- Much of the value that DR offers is due to its ability to avoid the curtailment of renewables. Despite being a tiny resource on the system, its impact on curtailment is not

Impact of More DR



New Load Curves



Conclusions

- **A bottom-up model was developed for use in power system analysis**
- **Facilitates an assessment of the power system operational cost reductions offered by DR over a year time period**
- **A case study was conducted on supermarket refrigerators in the Rocky Mountain Power Pool and was found to have a value of $32.85/kW-year.**
- **The capacity of the population of supermarkets modelled was very small, representing a maximum of 0.02% of the generation capacity on the system. Consequently the absolute value it offers per year is very low, at $2.089M, or $4890 for each large supermarket providing demand**

Thank You

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