



Technical Working Group: Meeting 9

Agenda: 8/1/23 Technical Working Group

- Wrapping up CalTRACK 2.1
- Moving on to Hourly Methods
 - Where is CalTRACK 2.0 Hourly limited?
 - What are the opportunities for a refreshed model framework?
- Academic literature review

Wrapping up CalTRACK 2.1

What to Expect



CalTRACK 2.0 Hourly: A Brief Background



CalTRACK 2.0 Hourly: Broad Strokes

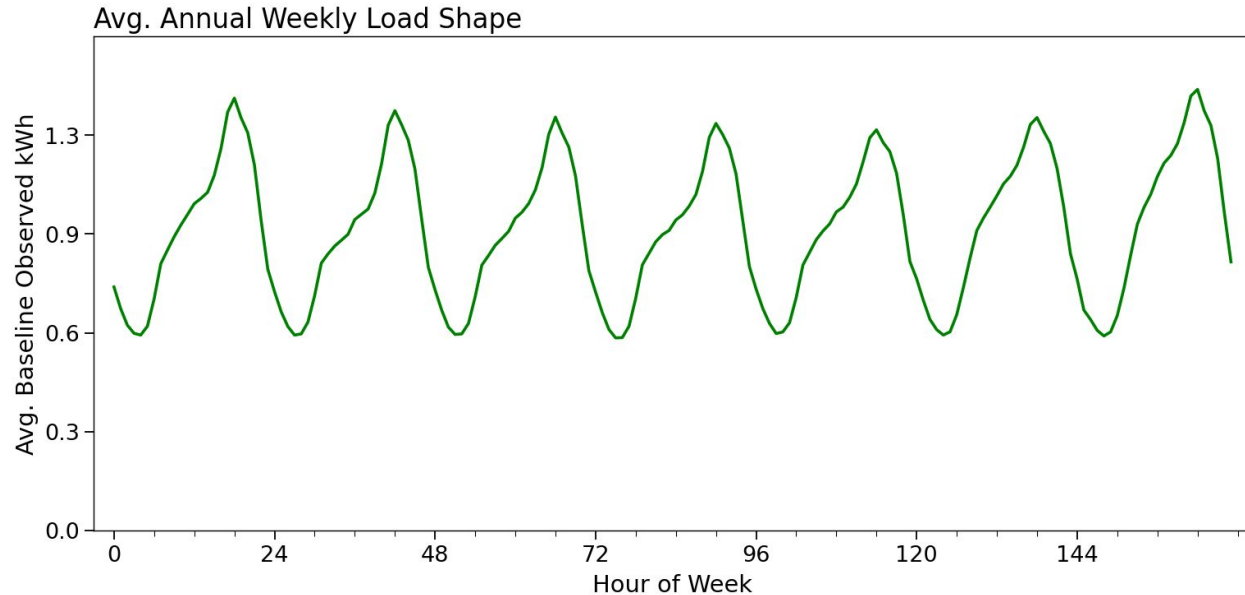
Version of a Time-Of-Week-and-Temperature (TOWT) model

Variables

- Hour of Week
- Temperature

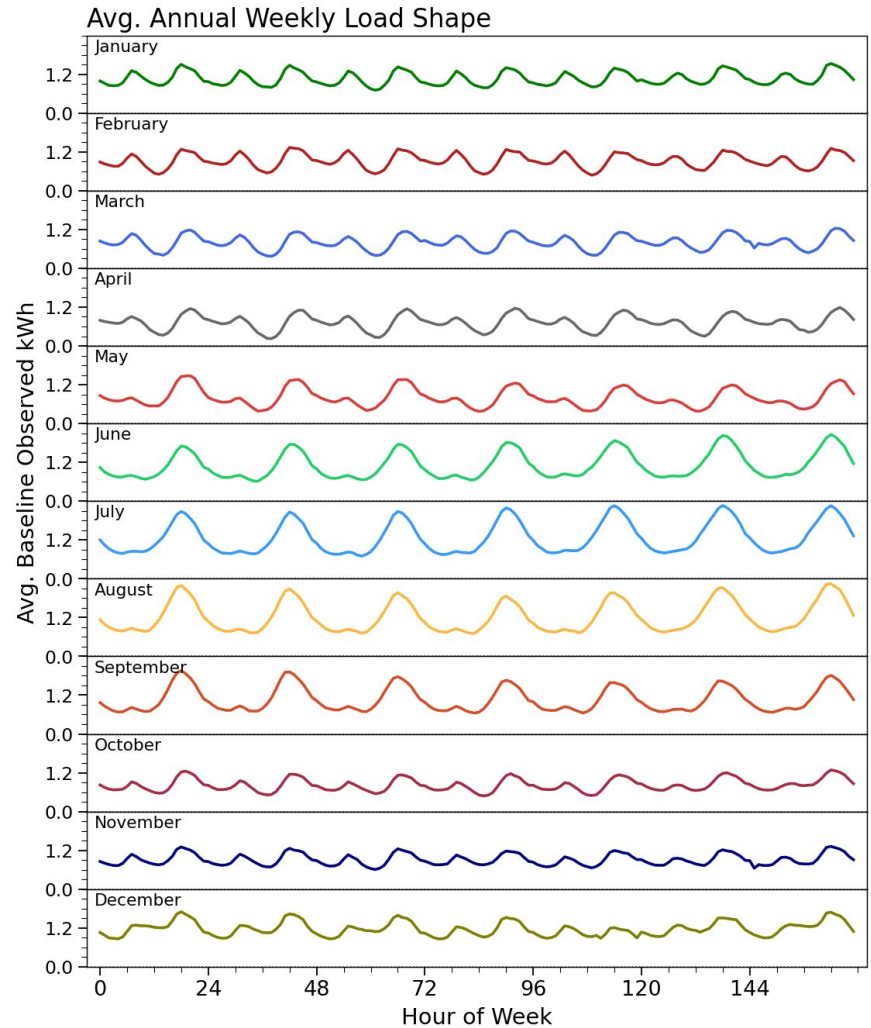
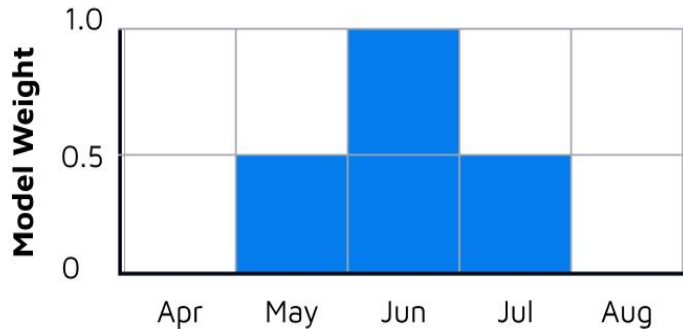
Unique prediction for

- Tuesday, 7 pm
- Sunday, 3 am



But...Energy consumption changes throughout the year

Therefore, a unique CalTRACK 2.0 model is produced for every month



Temperature Binning

Example temps and corresponding parameter multipliers

Bin:	<30	30-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-90	>90
T_p	$T_{1,p}$	$T_{2,p}$	$T_{3,p}$	$T_{4,p}$	$T_{5,p}$	$T_{6,p}$	$T_{7,p}$
20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	30	10	0	0	0	0	0
50	30	15	5	0	0	0	0
60	30	15	10	5	0	0	0
70	30	15	10	10	5	0	0
80	30	15	10	10	10	5	0
100	30	15	10	10	10	15	10

Model includes up to 7 coefficients depending on the presence of a threshold number of data points at preset temperature ranges

Occupancy

Initial fixed balance point regression conducted to determine an occupancy flag.

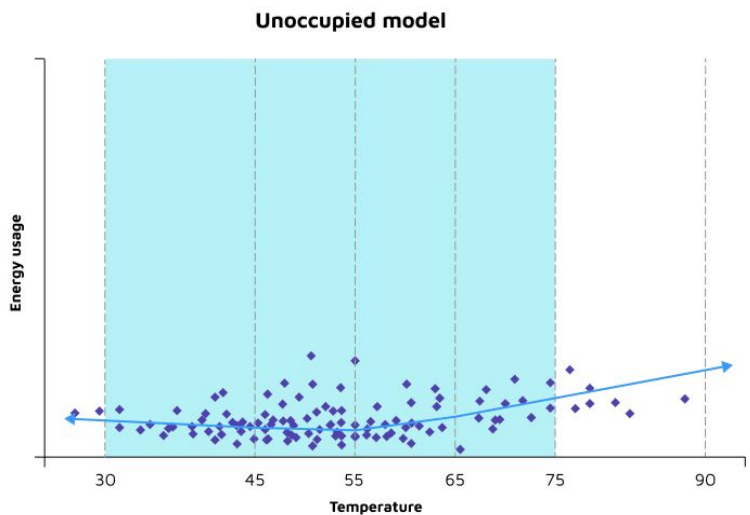
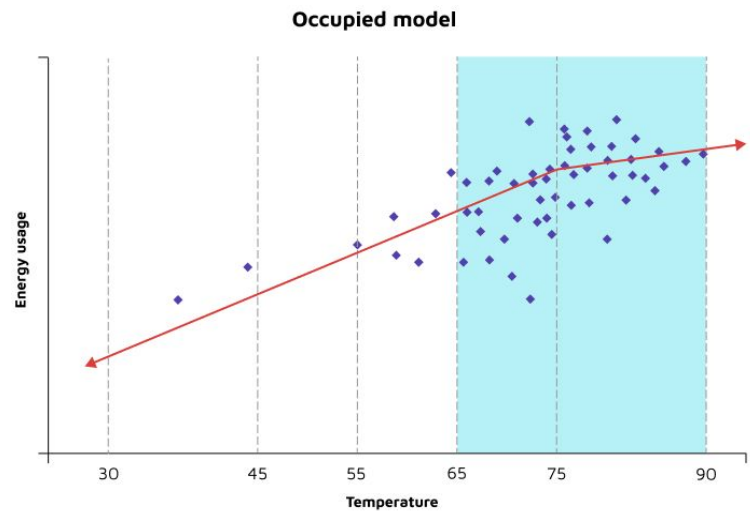
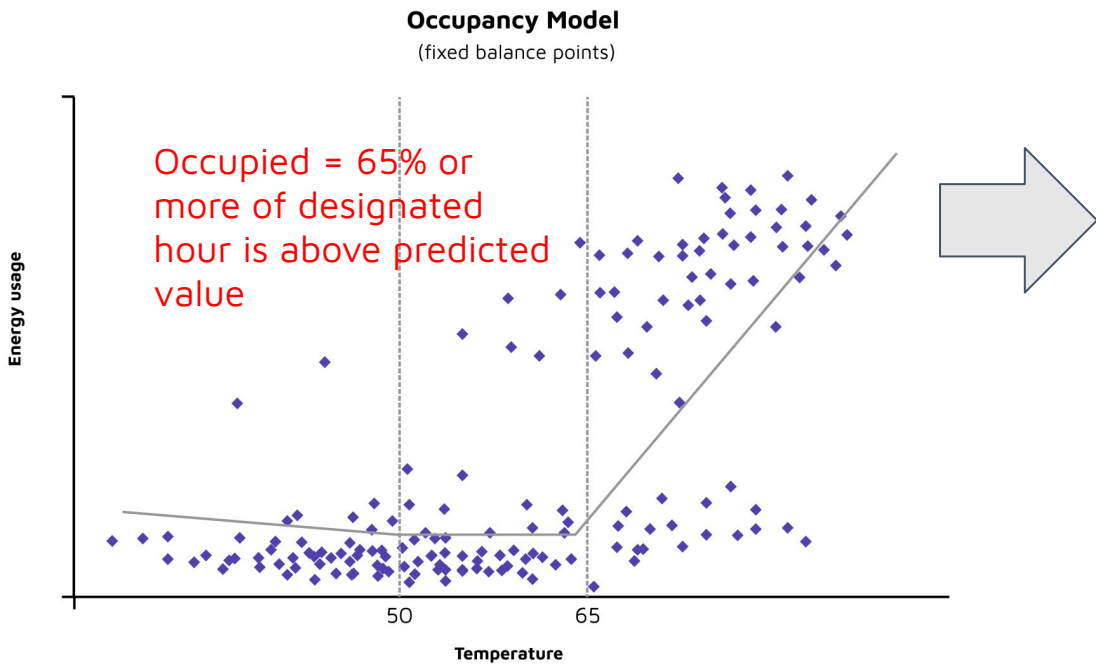
- Regression on all 8760 hours
- CalTRACK Daily-style model (Cooling, Heating, Temp-Independent regions)
- Fixed heating and cooling balance points of 50 and 65 F

$$UPH_{pi} = \mu_i + \beta_{Hi}HDH50_p + \beta_{Ci}CDH65_p + \epsilon_{pi}$$

- Results grouped by hour of week
- If residuals are positive for > 65% of points for any given hour then that hour is determined to be “occupied” otherwise the hour is “unoccupied”

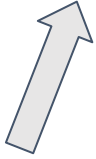
2-Models From Occupancy

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CalTRACK 2.0 Final Model

$$UPH_{pi} = \sum \alpha_t TOW_p + \sum \beta_{T,n} Tc_{n,p} + \sum_{occupied} \alpha_t TOW_p + \sum_{occupied} \beta_{T,n} Tc_{n,p} + \epsilon_{pi}$$



**Non-temp
dependent
term that
varies by hour
of week**



**Temp
dependent
term applied
to all hours**



**Non-temp
dependent term
that varies by
hour of week
applied to only
“occupied” hours**



**Temp
dependent
term applied
to only
“occupied”
hours**

**These terms alone comprise the
“unoccupied” model**

CalTRACK 2.0 Hourly: Model Components

Each model component attempts to capture a distinct “bucket” of energy consumption.

Reminder: annual model stitched together from monthly models

$$\sum_{occupied} \beta_{T,n} T c_{n,p}$$

$$\sum_{occupied} \alpha_t TOW_p$$

$$\sum \beta_{T,n} T c_{n,p}$$

$$\sum \alpha_t TOW_p$$

Additional temp-dependent usage during “occupied” hours

Additional temp-independent usage during “occupied” hours

Temp-dependent usage during “unoccupied” hours

Building baseload (always-on) consumption

CalTRACK 2.0

Primary Issues

- Model is likely prone to overfitting
- DR baselines remain undefined
- Model is incomplete for solar PV customers
- Unclear how readily model is extensible to other technologies/programs beyond energy efficiency

Potential for Overfitting

Take an “occupied” hour...

- Model determined from:
 - A baseload term
 - An additional non-temp dependent term
 - From *effectively* 2 months* of data (~9 data points for each hour of week)
 - Up to 14 temperature parameters (7 “unoccupied, 7 “occupied”)

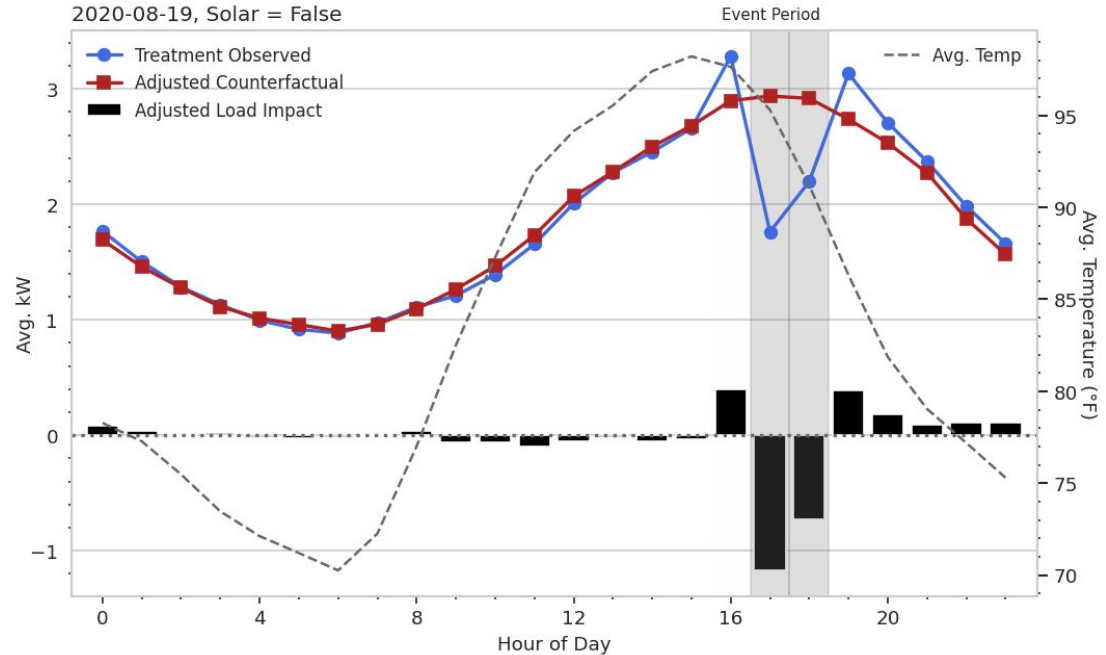
*4 x full weight + 8 x half weight points

Opportunity for the Demand Response use case

Example from Recurve's CAISO DR study

“Long-term” baseline not needed/appropriate for DR

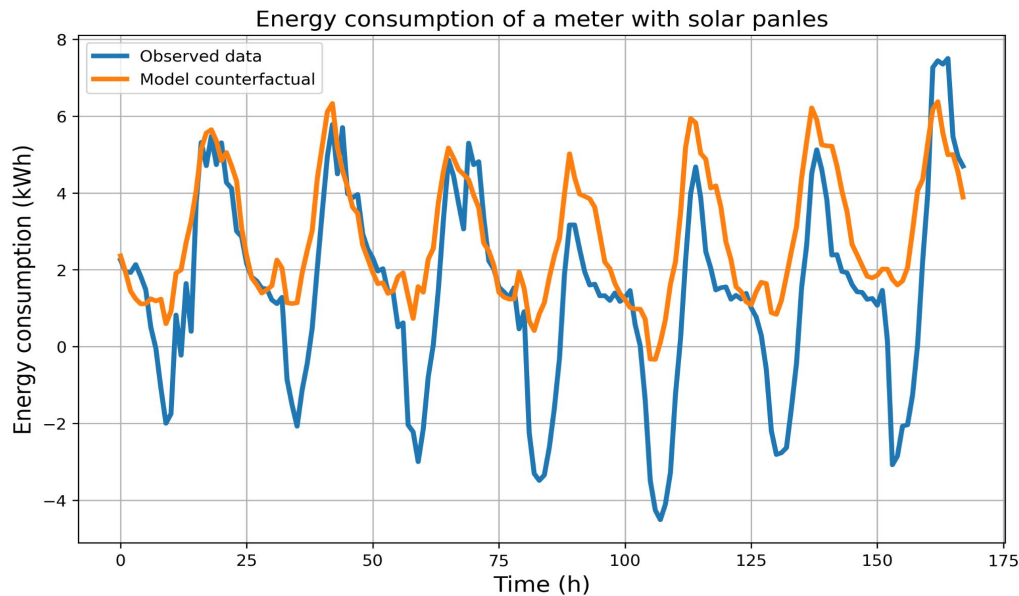
CalTRACK 2.0 Occupancy flag not formulated for DR and may cause problems



Yet..The model is still unaware of *critical* variables

Huge Risk For Solar PV Customers

- October, 2022 = Cloudy
October, 2023 = Sunny
→ Huge false savings



Median Hourly Error from 1000 meter Res sample

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- Non-solar = 0.41 kWh
- Solar = 0.98 kWh

Solar PV Still Growing Fast

Los Angeles Times

Starting in 2020, all new homes in California must come with solar panels. Builders are getting ready



Pew Research Center

OCTOBER 14, 2022

Home solar panel adoption continues to rise in the U.S.

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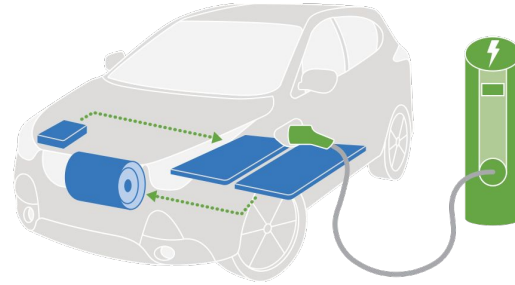
Number of Americans using solar power expected to more than triple by 2030

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Approximately 100 million households rely on rooftop solar PV by 2030

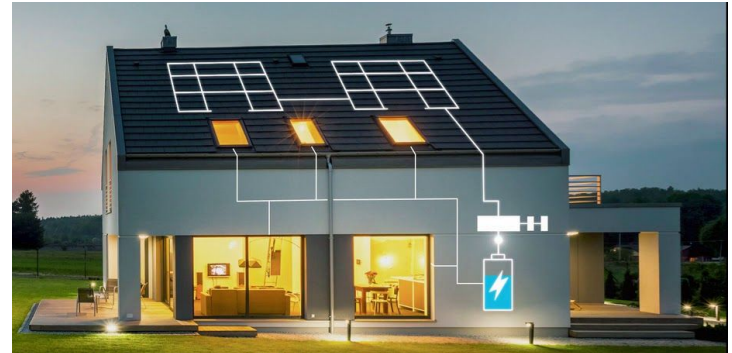
Modern Demand Side Programs

- EVs
- Heat Pumps
- Solar+Storage
- Load Shifting



We need more adaptable modeling approaches given the new mix of technologies and programs

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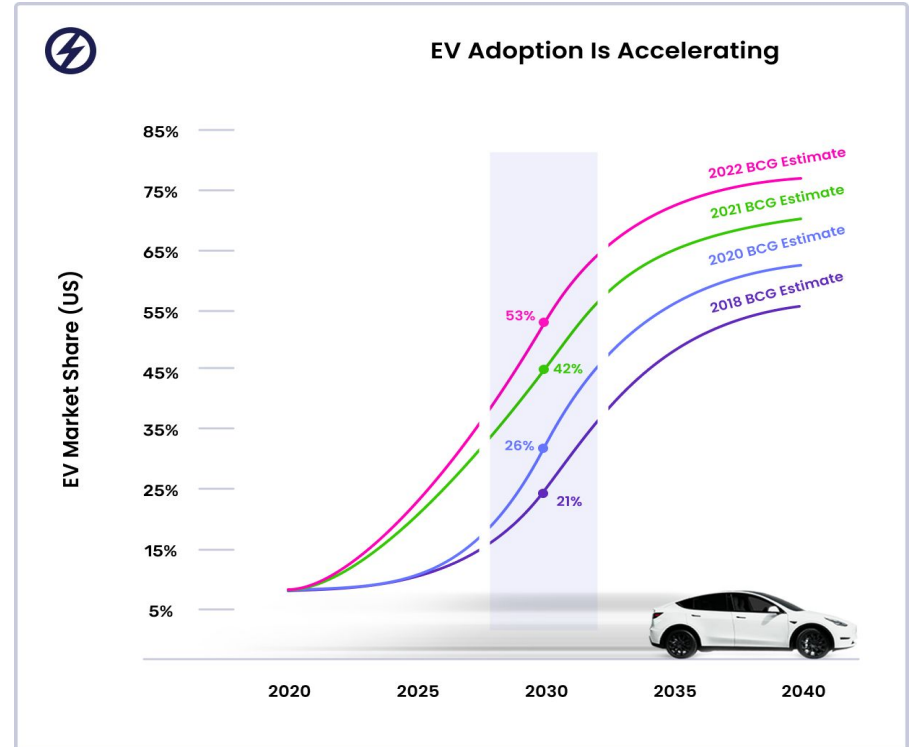


Electric Vehicle Adoption

EEI Projects 26.4 Million Electric Vehicles Will Be on U.S. Roads in 2030

- 30% increase in res electricity
- New peaks, unknown peak demand impacts
- Do utilities know who has an EV?
- How to connect customers to EV programs?

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Hourly Methods: Literature Review



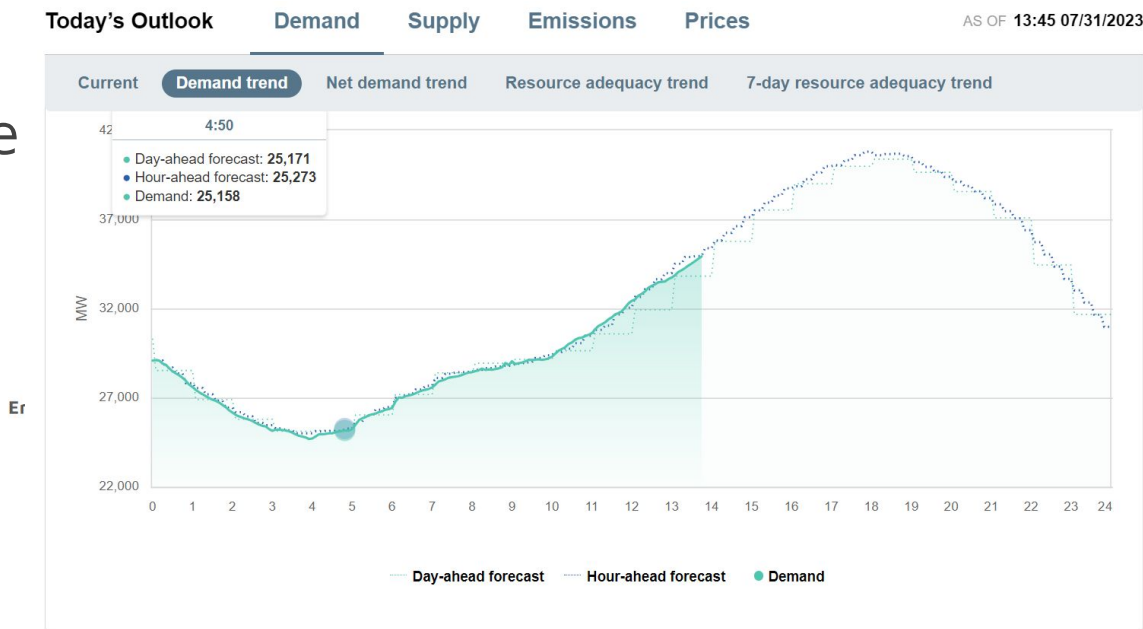
Outline

Literature review for CalTRACK 3.0 Hourly

- Measurement and Evaluation (M&V) → AMI counterfactual
- Solar disaggregation

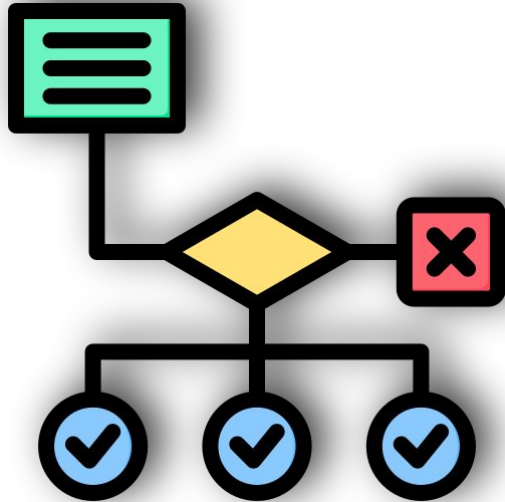
Before We jump into the literature review:

- Load prediction
 - Primary variable
 - Covariates
- M&V
 - Covariates



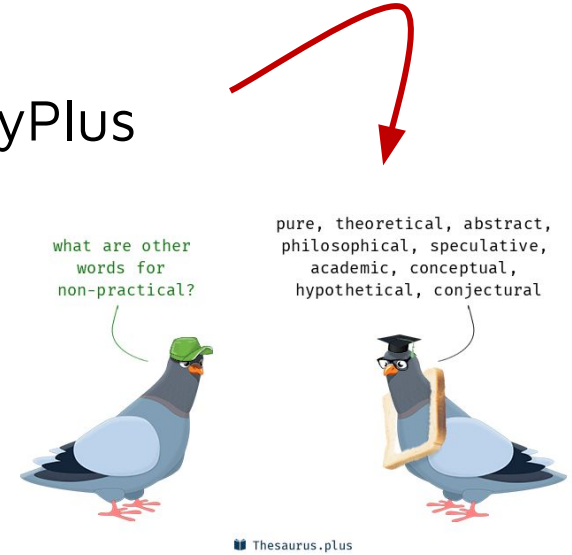
M&V Literature review

- Methodology (Main focus)
- Tools review and industry application: [\[1\]](#)



M&V methodology literature review

- Building load simulation software like EnergyPlus
 - Theoretical savings
- Consumption driven model using AMI data
 - Statistical learning
 - Machine learning
 - Bayesian methods



M&V methodology literature review

- Consumption driven model using AMI data [\[2\]](#)
 - ❖ Statistical learning
 - ❖ Linear regression → CalTRACK hourly
 - ❖ Kernel regression
 - ❖ Transfer functions
 - Machine learning
 - Neural Nets
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
 - Random forest
 - ★ Bayesian methods
 - ★ Bayesian inference
 - ★ Gaussian process
 - ★ Gaussian mixture regression

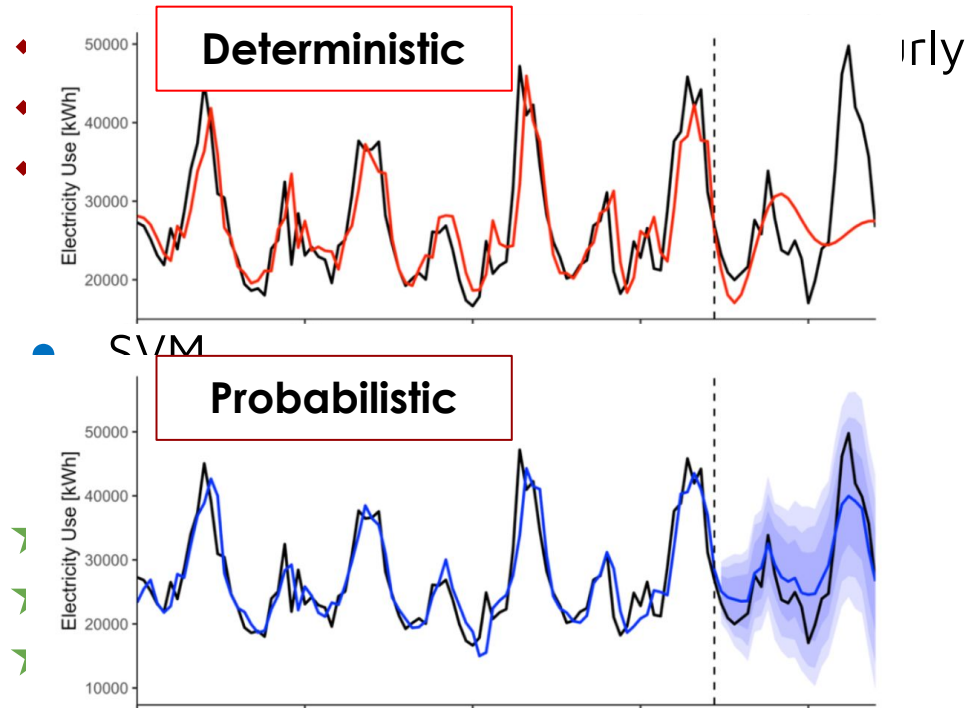
M&V methodology literature review

- Consumption driven model using AMI data [\[2\]](#)

❖ Statistical learning

● Machine learning

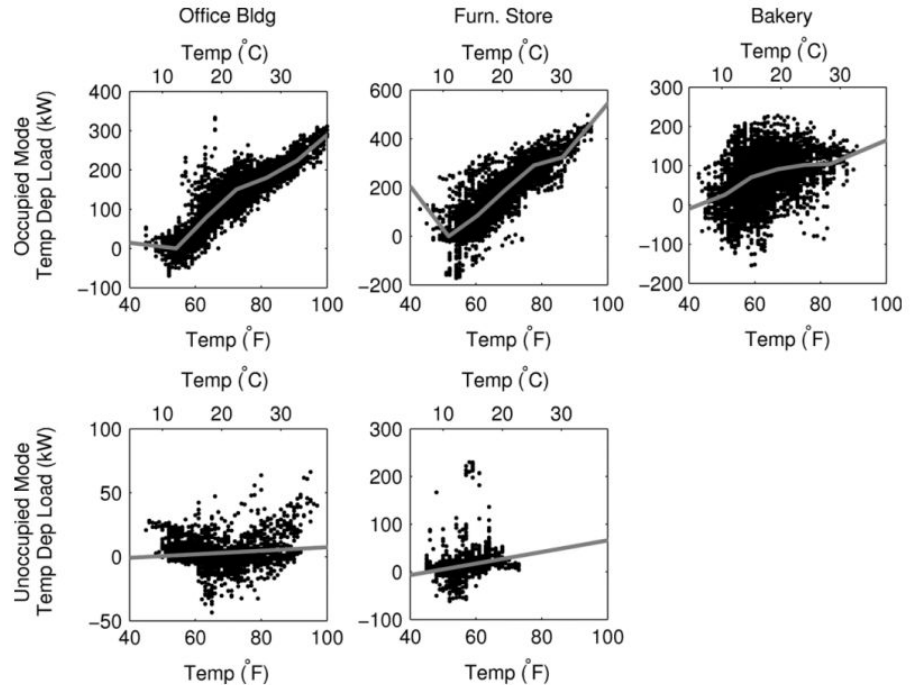
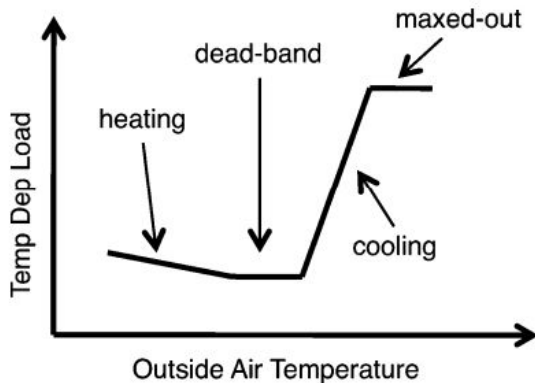
★ Bayesian methods



M&V methodology literature review

Statistical learning [\[2\]](#), [\[4-7\]](#)

[\[4\]](#) Linear regression +
time-of-week +
outdoor air-temperature

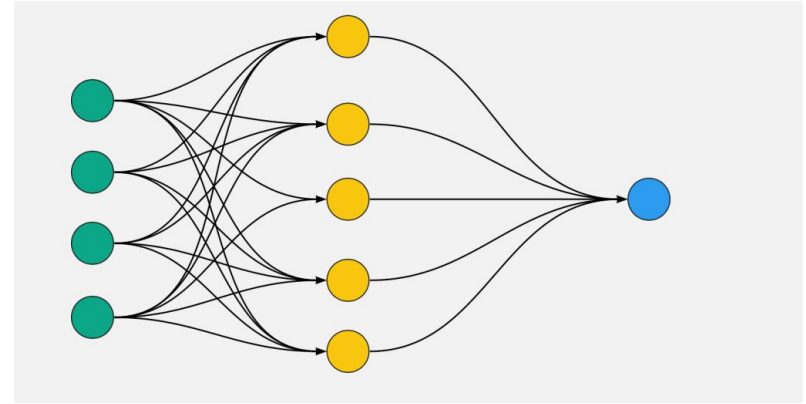


M&V methodology literature review

Machine learning [\[8-10\]](#)

[\[8\]](#) Neural net +
Contextual features +
Temperature +
previous load

DR baseline estimation for an
aggregated load including solar
customers.



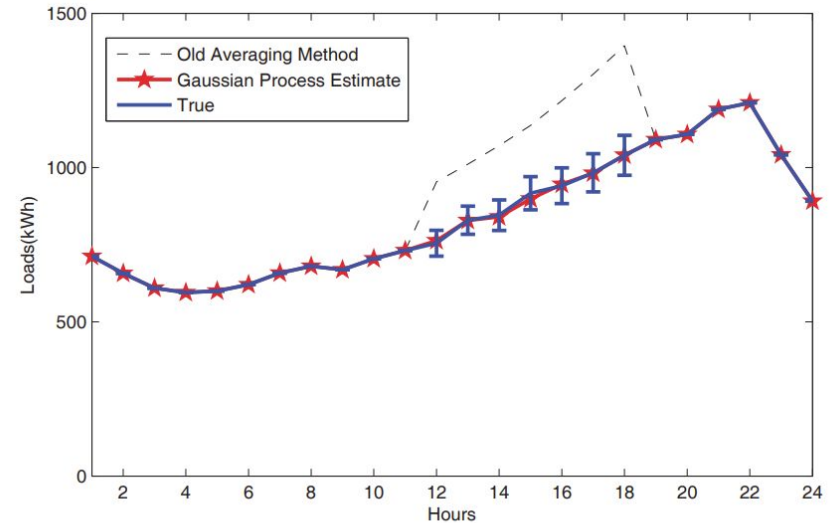
M&V methodology literature review

Bayesian methods [\[3,11,12\]](#)

[\[11\]](#) Prior knowledge
using Bayes rule
update posterior

Contextual features +
Temperature

$$P(y(x)|X, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{y}|y(x), X)P(y(x))}{P(\mathbf{y}|X)}$$

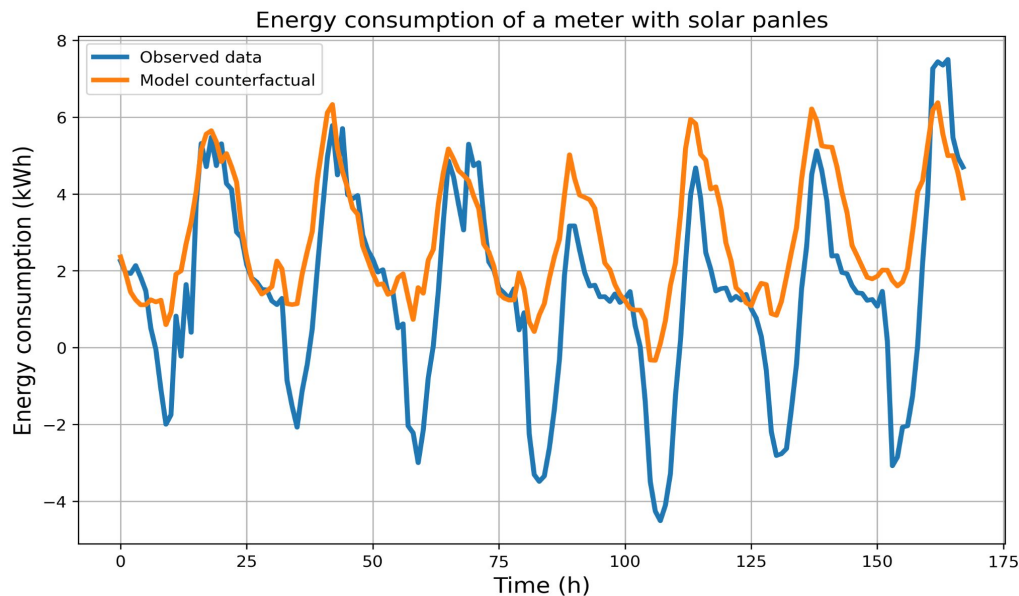


(c) Aggregation of 1000 users

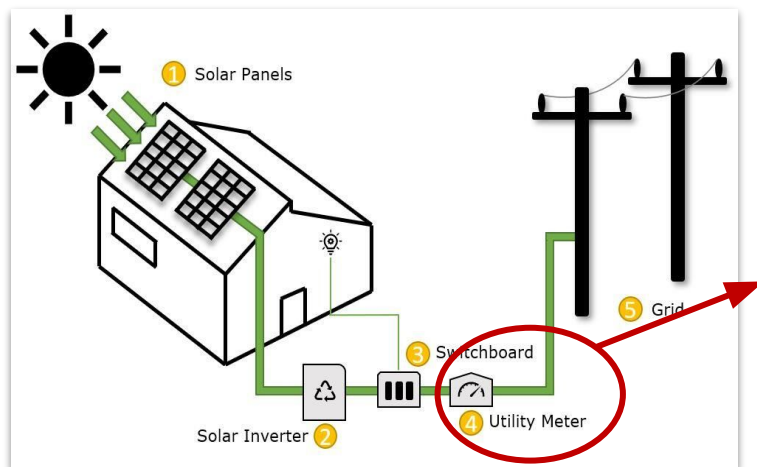
Yet..These models are still unaware of *critical* variables

Two main solutions:

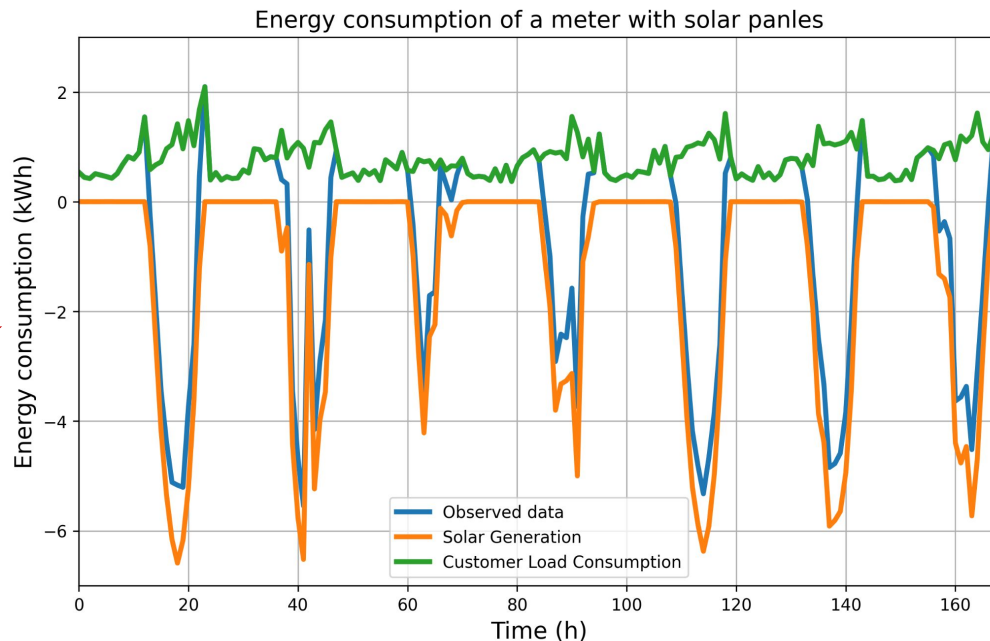
1. Use solar data for more accurate AMI prediction
2. Disaggregate solar generation and use for actual load



What do we mean by solar modeling?



$$\text{AMI} = \text{Load} - \text{Solar}$$

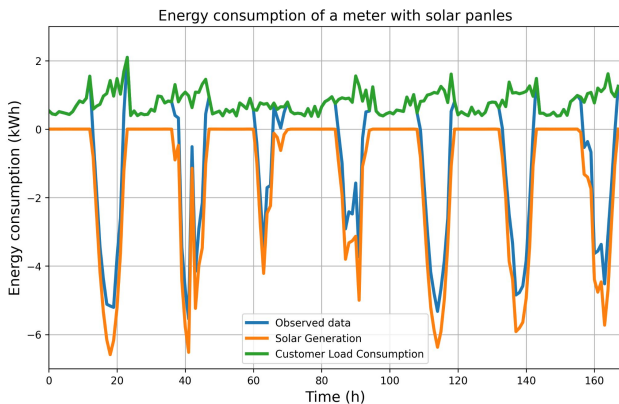


- To do that we need to use solar/weather data as proxy

Solar disaggregation literature review

Different point of views: [\[13-19\]](#)

- Deterministic or probabilistic
- Optimization or machine learning
- Using other smart meters data as proxy
 - Smart meters without solar PV
 - Smart meters with solar PV and sub-meter data
- Using solar data as proxy or using physical model
- Individual smart meter or aggregation



Solar disaggregation literature review

Ref [\[13\]](#):

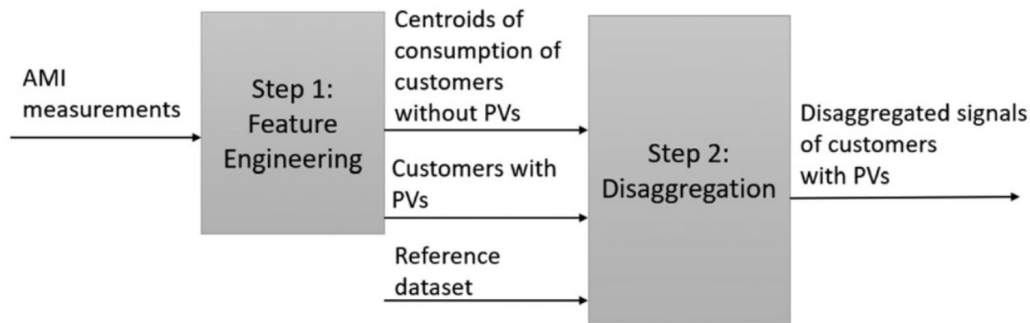
Deterministic +

Convex optimization +

smart meters without solar +

solar data +

Different level of aggregation



Solar disaggregation literature review

Ref [\[14\]](#):

Probabilistic +

Deep learning +

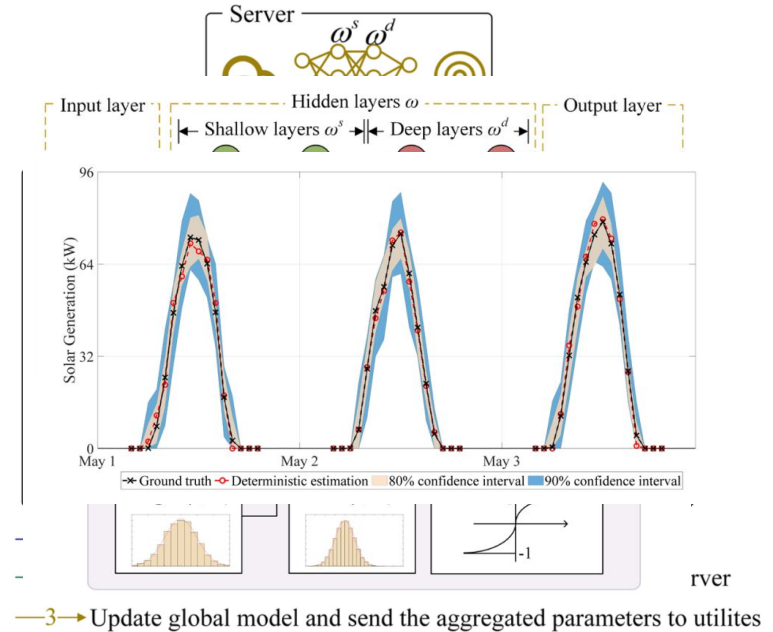
smart meters without solar +

smart meters with solar and

submeter data +

Community level

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Solar disaggregation literature review

Ref [\[15\]](#):

Deterministic +

Optimization + Game theory

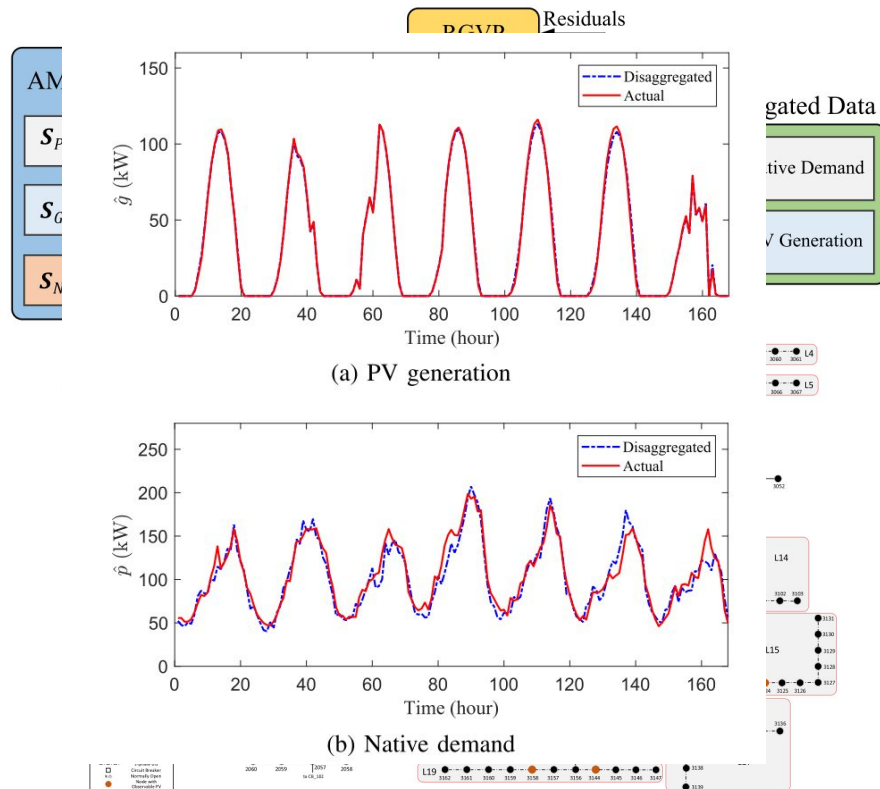
smart meters without solar +

smart meters with solar and

submeter data +

Feeder and lateral level

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Next steps

- Focus on low bias model for AMI baseline prediction
- Models should be implementable at scale
- Explore and implement optimization and machine learning models
- Explore and implement probabilistic models
- Explore and implement solar weather data
- Combine solar disaggregation with AMI modeling
- Focus on individual level solar disaggregation
- Explore and implement solar PV physical model

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