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Near Zero Energy Housing at Ft. Campbell

Energy Modeling Results

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Energy Modeling

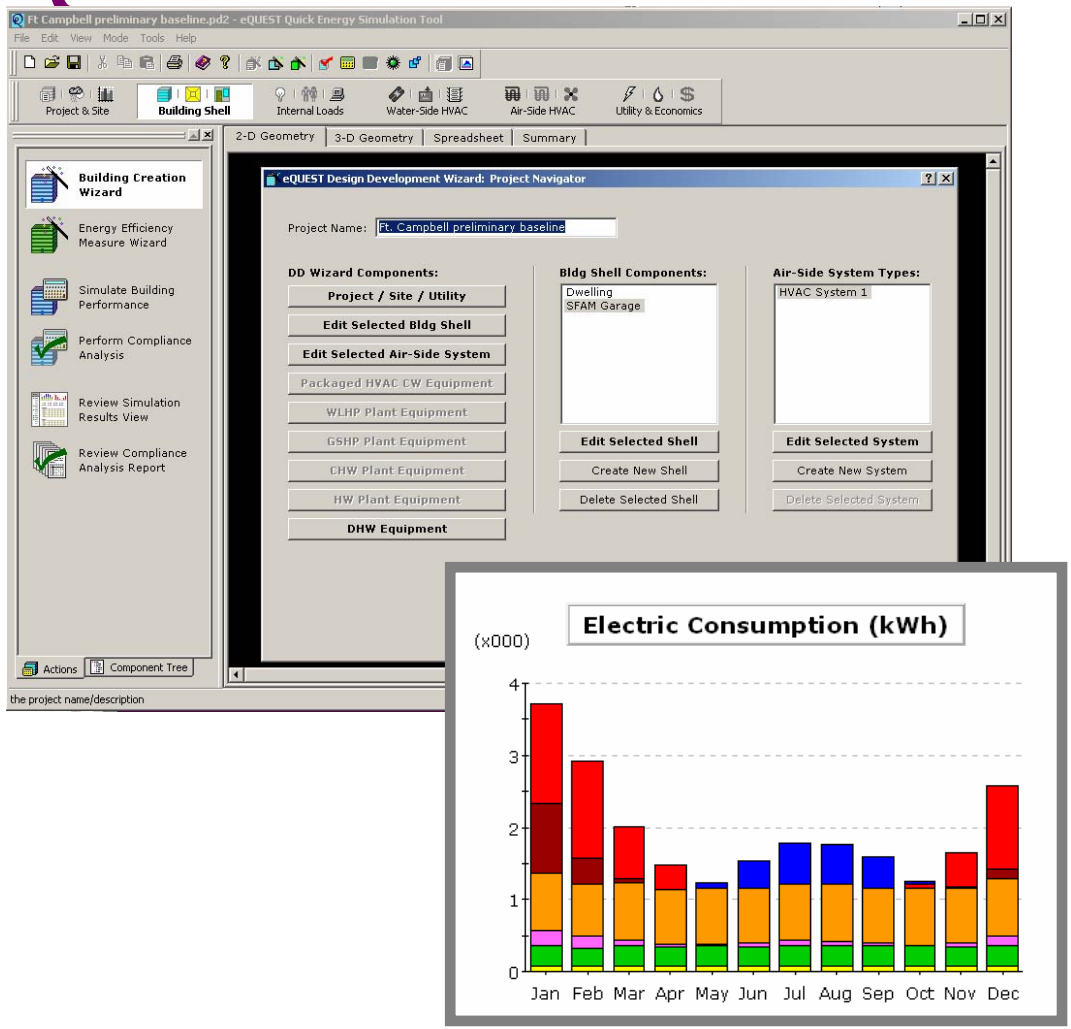
- Purpose
  - Assess the expected energy use of various building features and systems
- Task Application
  - Optimize ZEH design and size photovoltaics
- Software
  - eQUEST (DOE-2)
- Application Focus
  - Energy savings rather than detailed design
  - Comparative results for technologies

ZEH Design Approach

- Team members
  - Ft Campbell Housing
  - Actus Lend Lease
  - NDCEE
  - URS
- Technical Approach
  - Project scoping
  - Identification of Best Available Technologies (BATs)
  - Data collection
  - Develop modeling approach/run initial simulations
  - Evaluate approach/software capabilities/simulation results
  - Refine models and determine ZEH technology portfolio

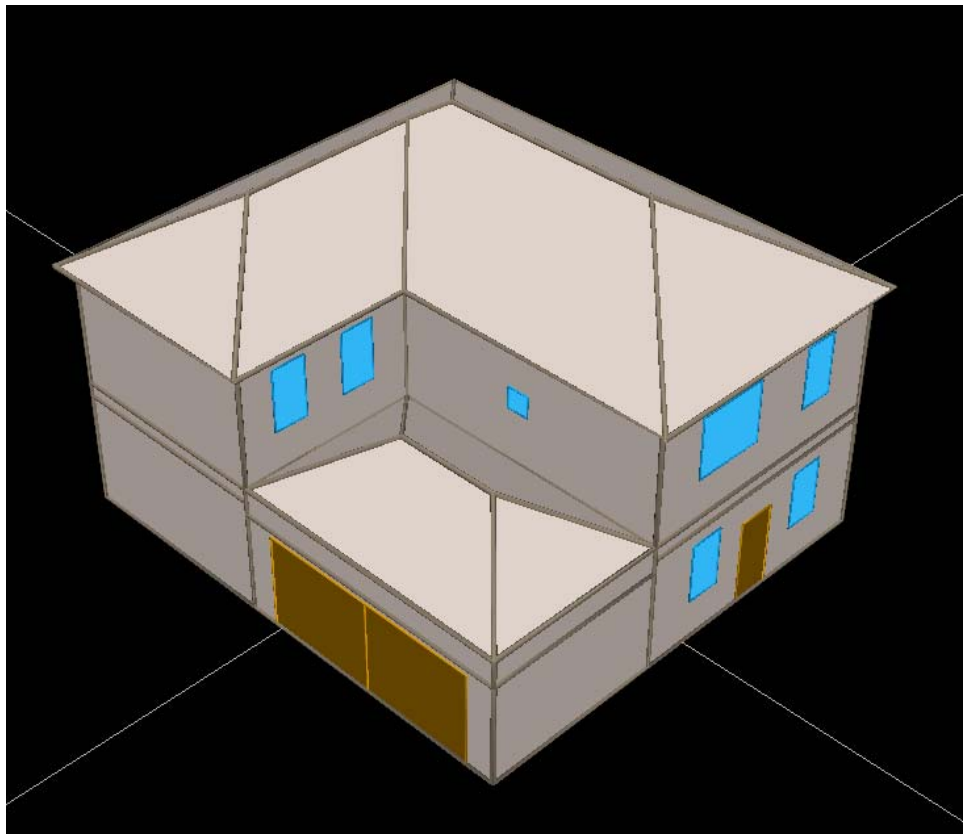
eQUEST

- Comprehensive energy simulation tool
- Publicly available
- Funded by California utility customers
- Administered by California Public Utilities Commission
- Simulation “engine” based on DOE-2 computer programs
- Modeler inputs building, system (HVAC, WH) and weather information
- Predicts hourly energy use and cost
- Building creation wizards
- Graphical reporting



Baseline Ft. Campbell Single Family Home

- 2 Story
- 2,100 ft^2 living space
- 325 ft^2 garage
- 2 x 4 metal frame
- R-13 batt in wall
- Asphalt shingle roof
- R-38 blown in cellulose
- Uninsulated slab foundation
- Double low-e windows
- Air source electric heat pump
- Electric water heater (20 gallons/person/day)
- Incandescent & fluorescent lighting
- West facing (worst case)



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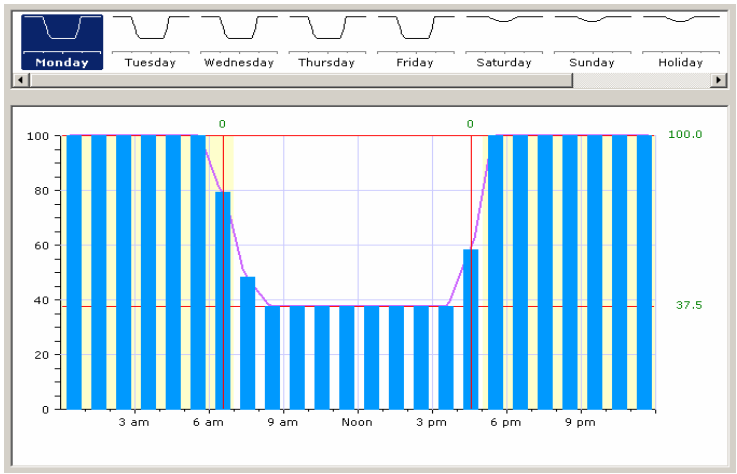

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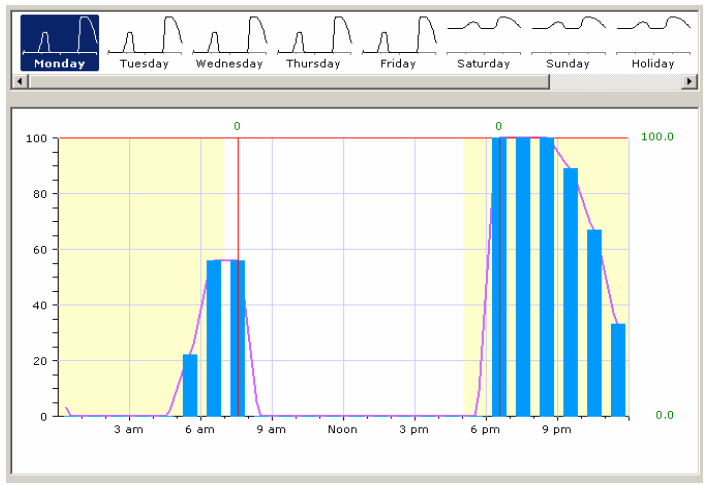

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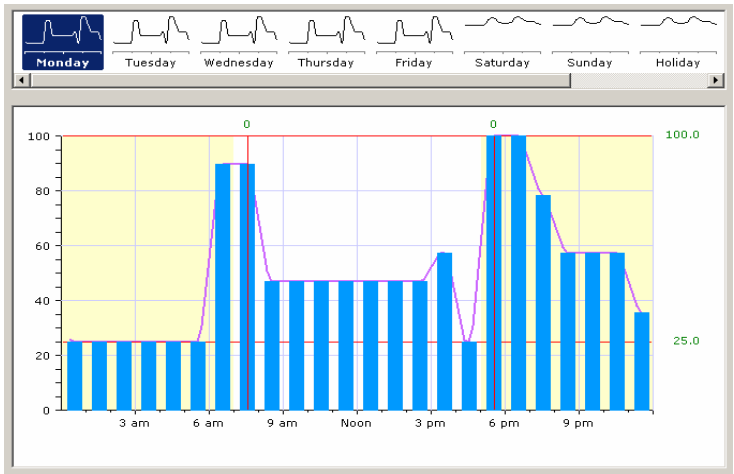
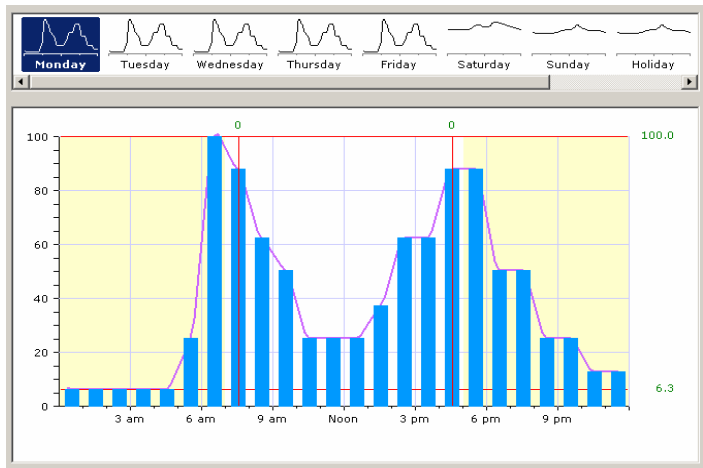
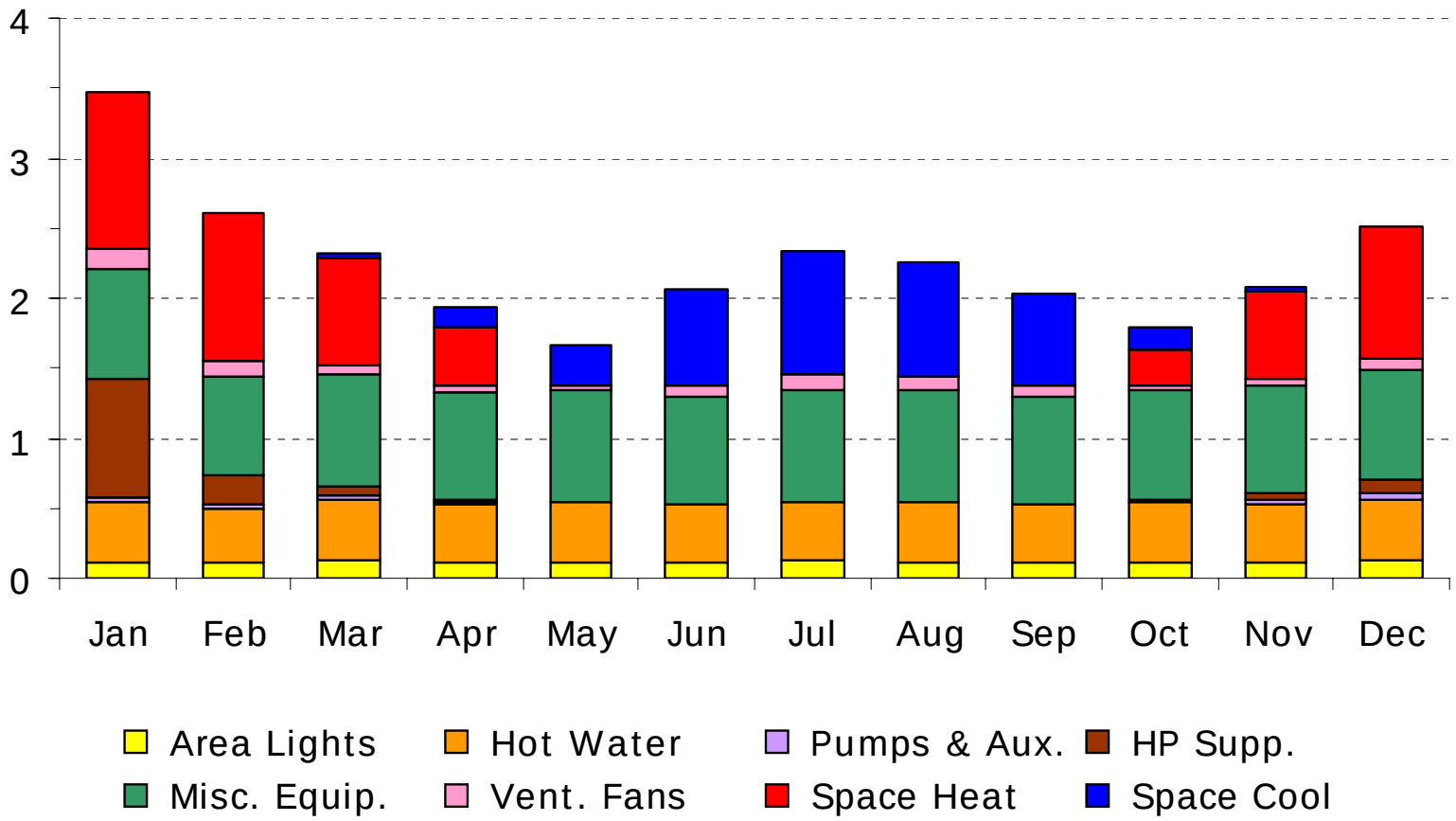


Equipment



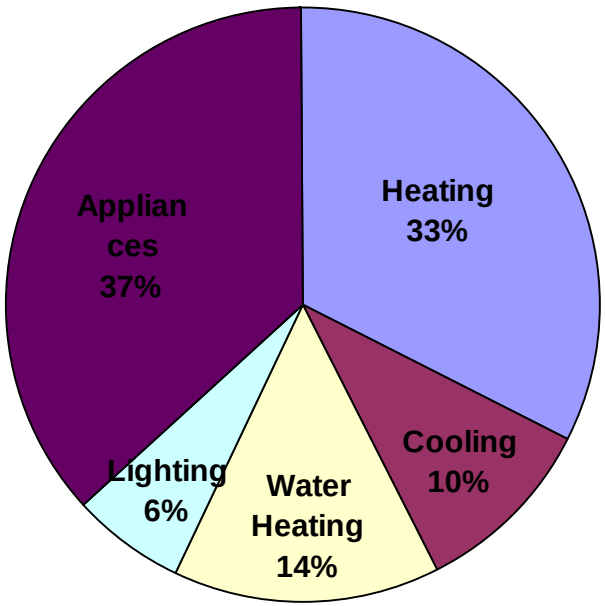
Hot Water

Baseline Electric Consumption (1,000 kWh)

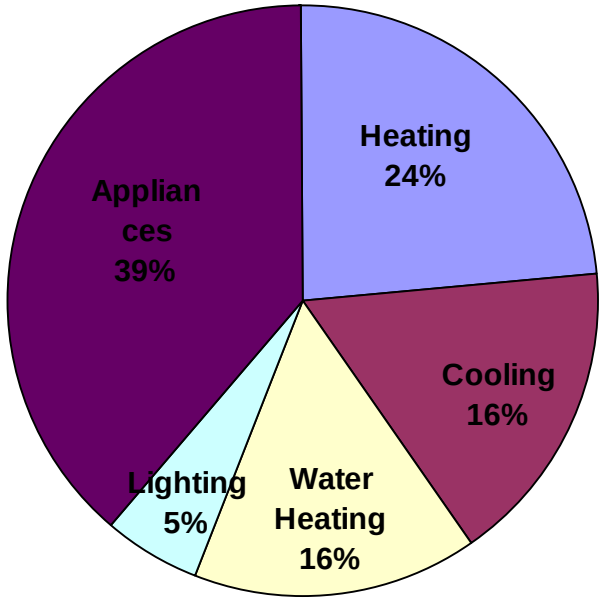


Comparison of Baseline Results to DOE RECS Data
(by Census Division)

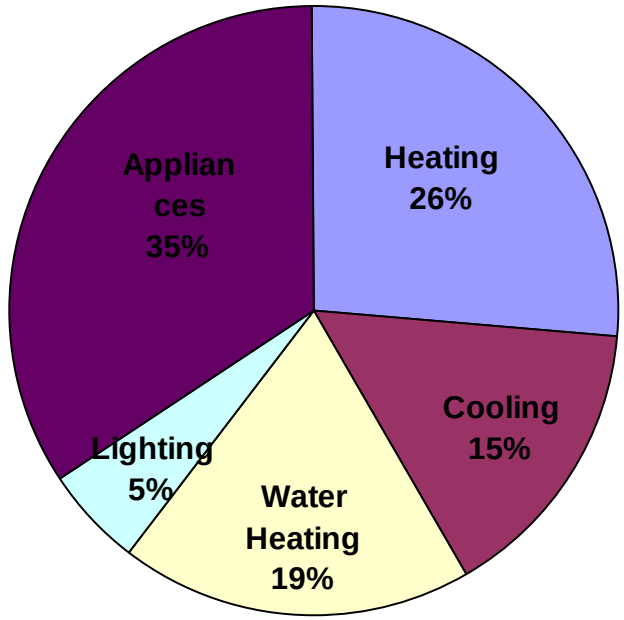
RECS Data
Midwest, East
North Central



RECS Data
South, East
South Central

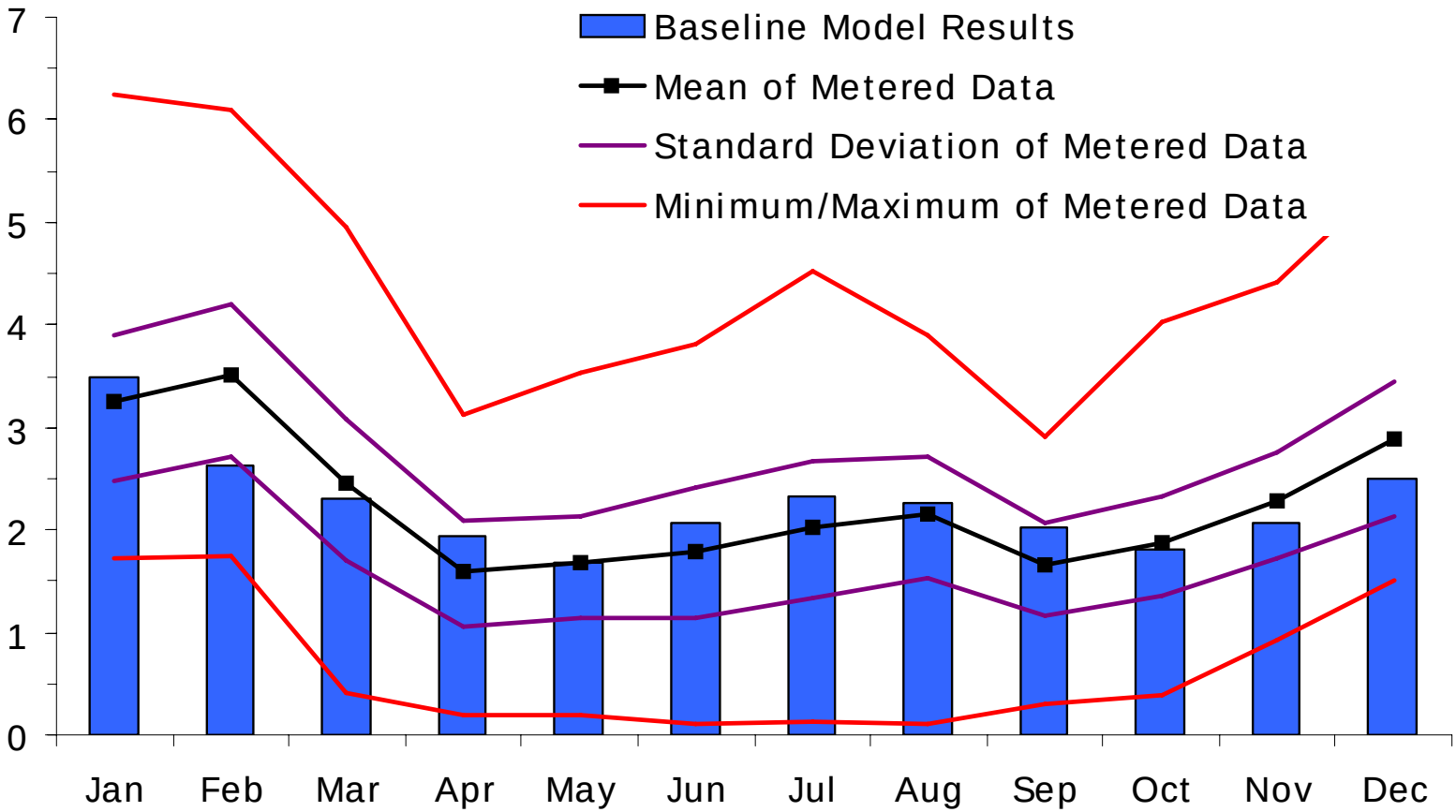


Ft Campbell
Baseline Energy
Model



RECS: Residential Energy Consumption Survey

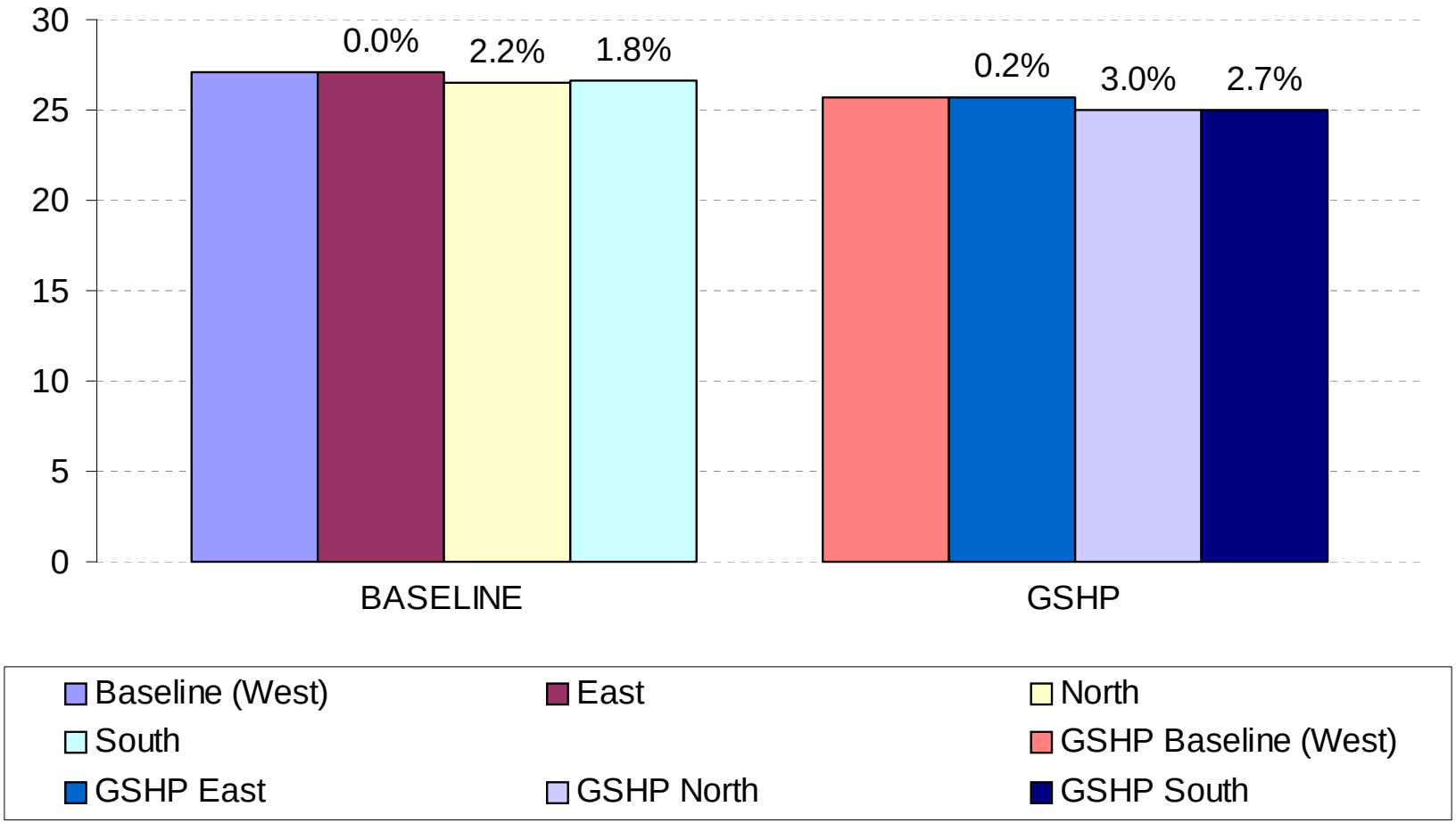
Comparison of Baseline Results to Metering Data



Evaluated Technologies

- Orientation
- Wall Construction: various stud sizes, wood, steel, SIP, ICF
- Insulation: R13 batt, spray foam, ICF, SIP
- Windows: double-glazed, low e vinyl, e film
- Doors: metal insulated, wood frame, removal of French doors, fins
- Overhangs: house, windows
- Roofing: asphalt, rubber, concrete, metal
- Attic Space: R30 blown w/ radiant barrier, vapor retarder, attic fan, radiant barrier drape, R45 blown
- Foundation: slab w/ and w/o insulation, crawl w/ batt, spray and perimeter insulation
- HVAC: heat pump, improved SEER, GSHP, two zone GSHP
- Hot Water: tank, GSHP assist
- Lighting: incandescent, fluorescent, CF, daylighting
- Appliances: Energy Star, high efficiency

Orientation, Annual Energy Consumption
(1,000 kWh)



Lighting, Annual Energy Consumption
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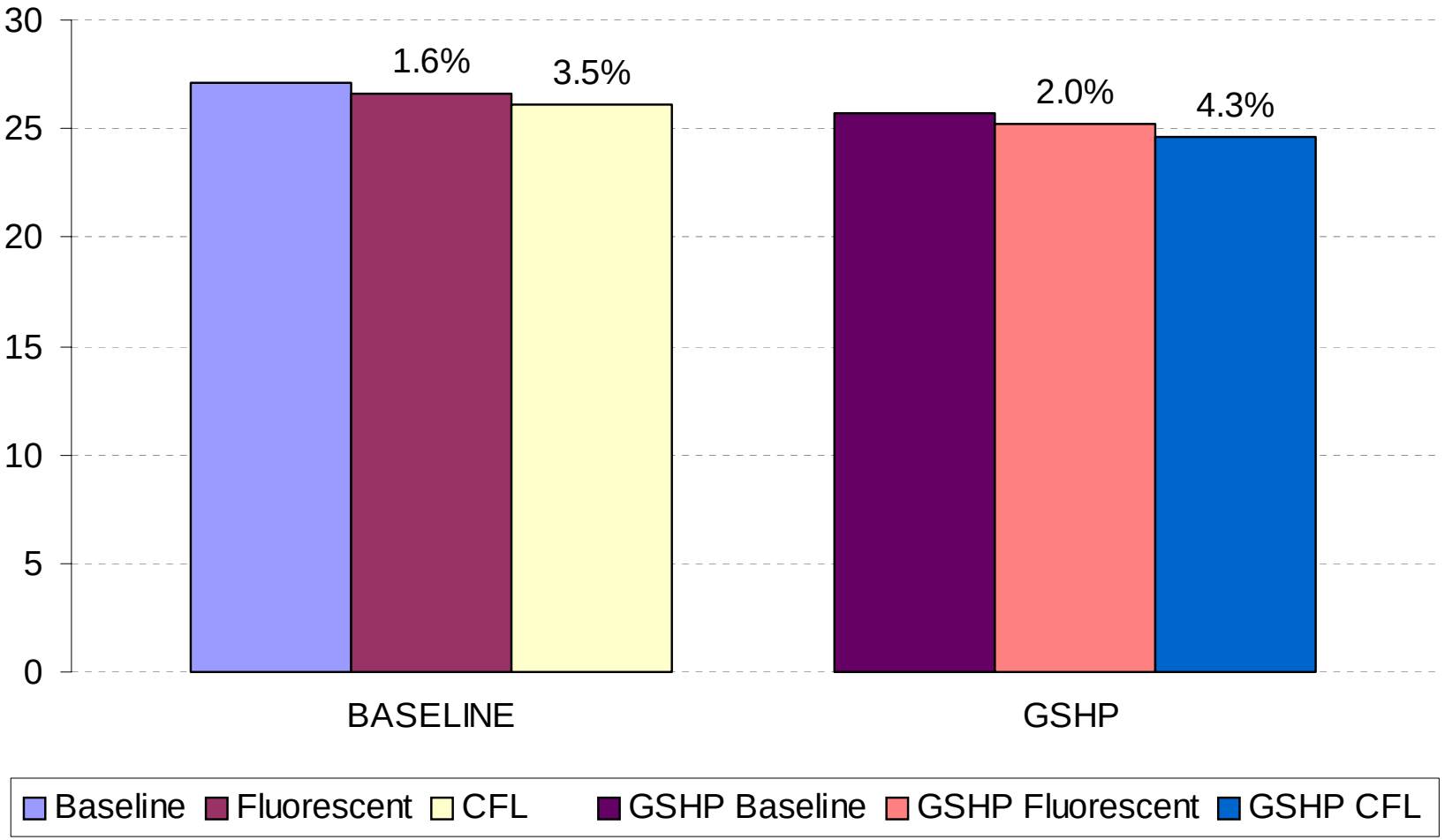

Appliances, Annual Energy Consumption

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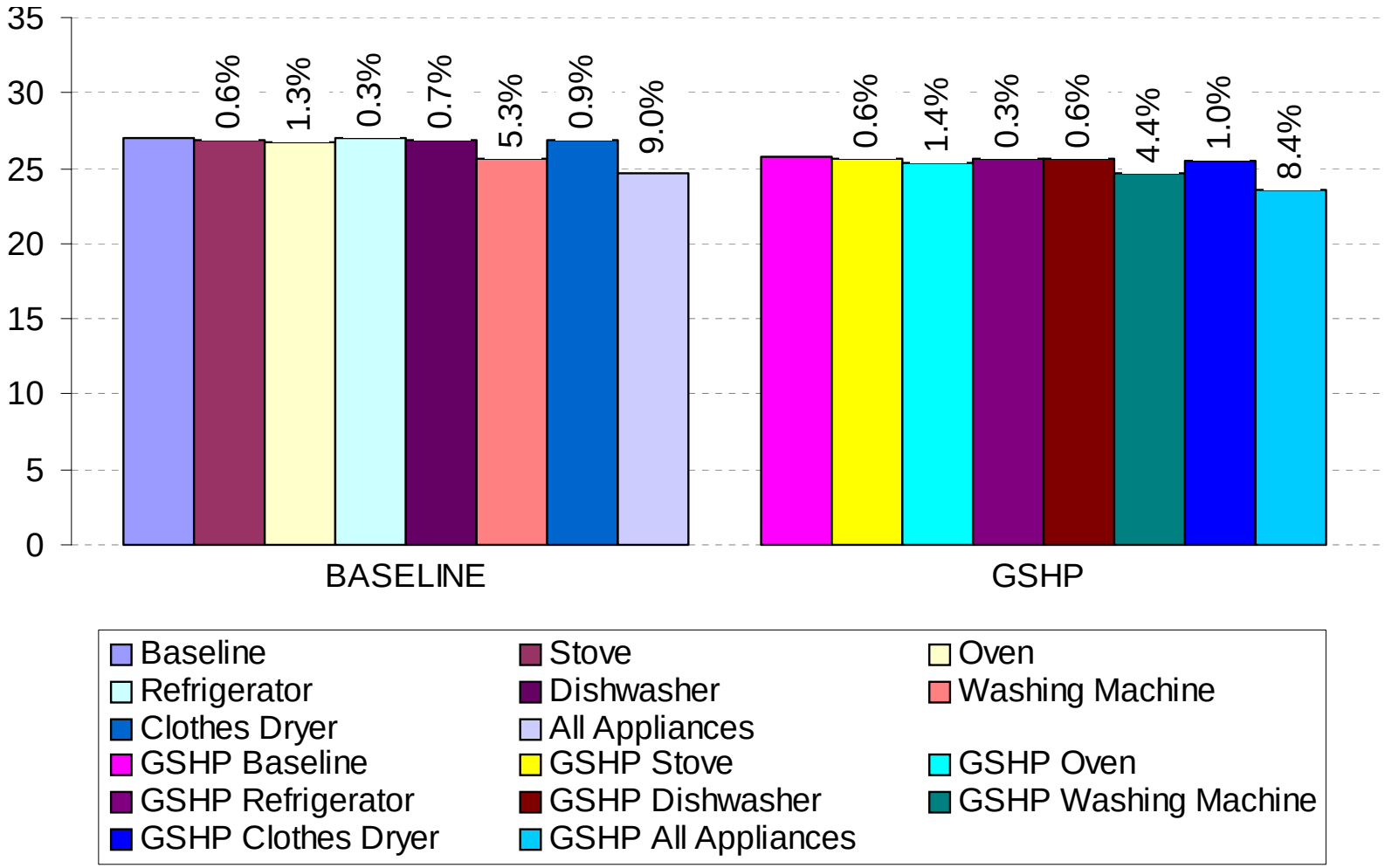
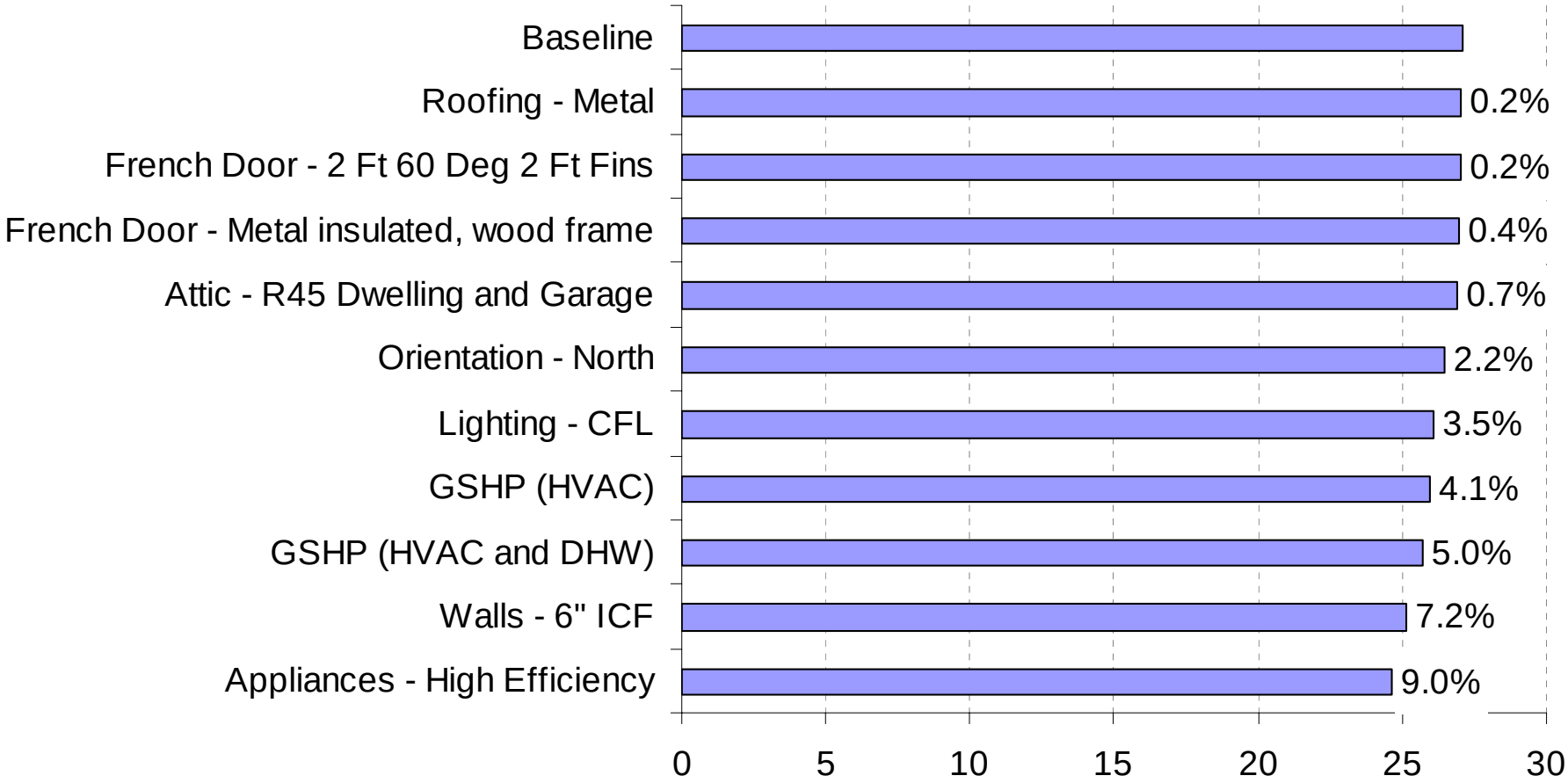


Summary of Parametric Savings



Model Issues/Deficiencies

- Software developed for commercial buildings
- Accuracy associated with specific components and systems uncertain
- Little detailed data available for verifying baseline modeling results
- Energy requirements also dependents on behavior of the occupants
- Modeling all possible design options time consuming

Potential Next Steps

- Integrated design process for developing synergies between architecture and mechanical/electrical systems
- Natural day-lighting options
- Dual loop ground source heat pump
- Model south facing windows with overhangs to take advantage of solar gain in winter, and shading summer sun
- Construction cost estimates for feasibility analysis
- Code review to determine minimum requirements for building envelope and mechanical/electrical systems

Questions

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