

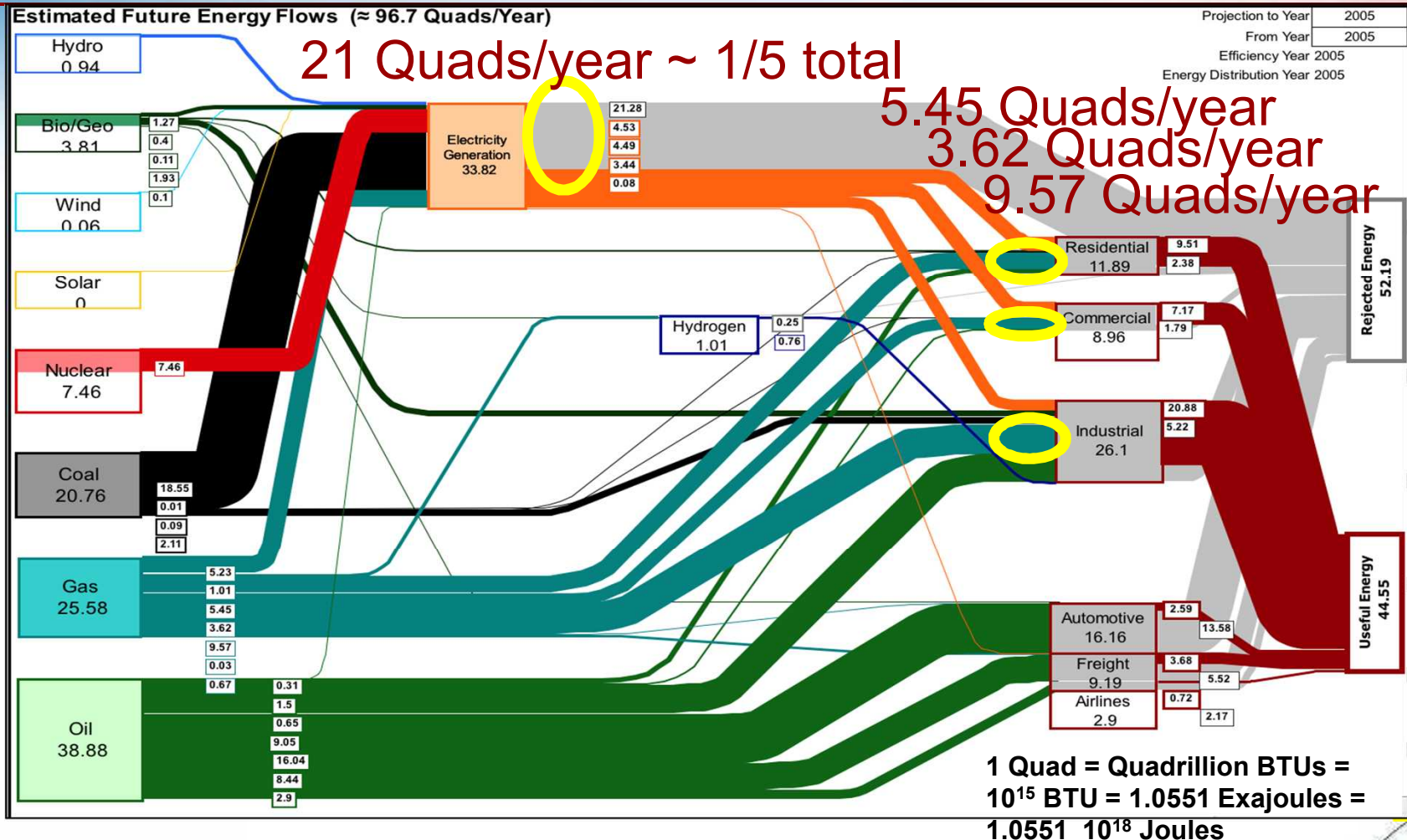
# **Designing Networks of Cogenerative Fuel Cell Systems for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Costs, and Barriers-to-Entry for Manufacturers**

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# Motivation

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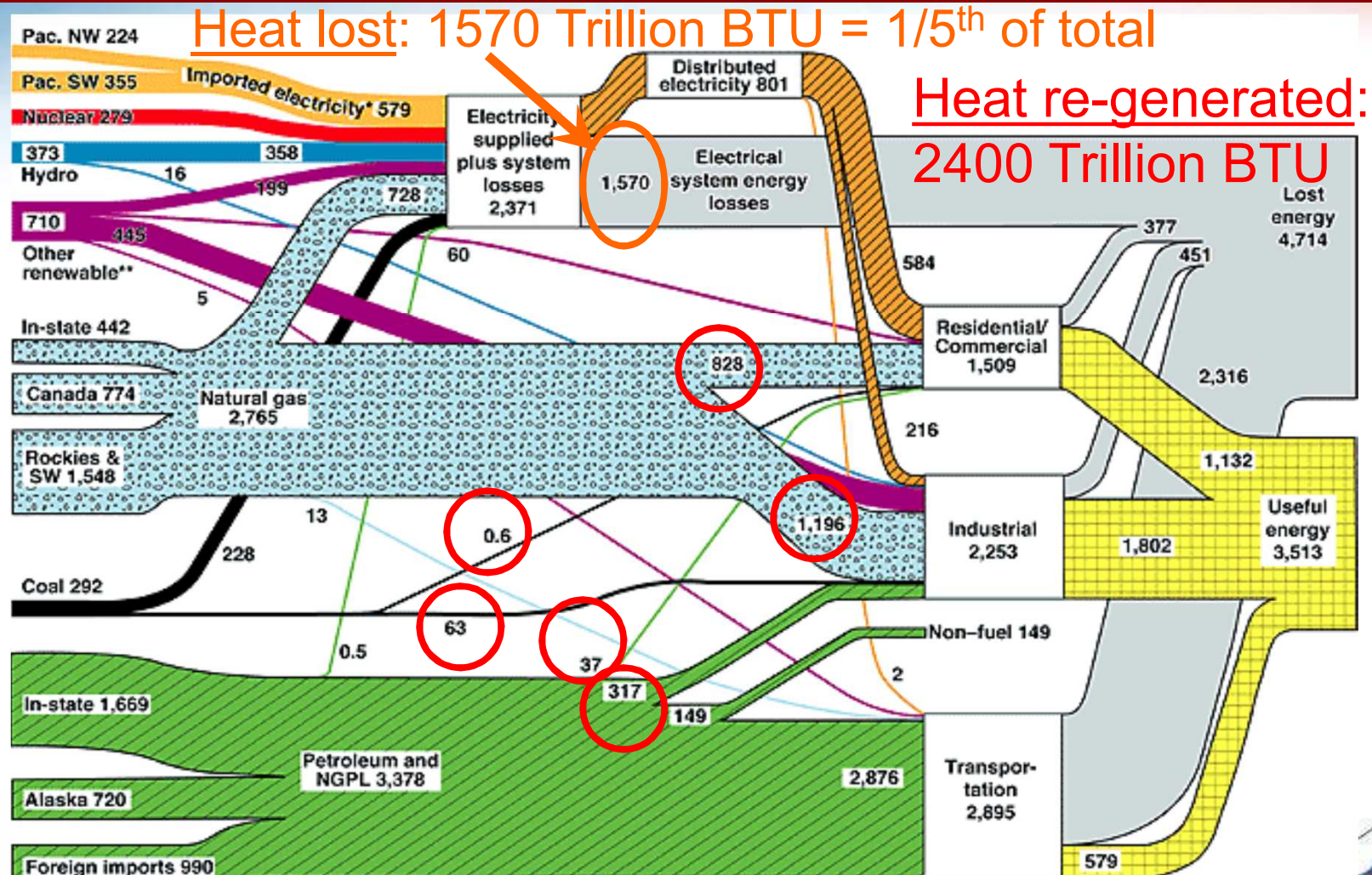
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# Potential Energy Savings of Fuel Cells: 1/5<sup>th</sup> of Consumption in California



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# Cogen or Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

Conservation of Energy (1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics)

$$\Delta U = W_{\text{elec}} + Q_{\text{lost}} + Q_{\text{recov}},$$

$\Delta U$  = total internal energy of the fuel consumed at the power plant

$W_{\text{elec}}$  = electric power output of the plant

$Q_{\text{lost}}$  = heat losses from the plant

$Q_{\text{recov}}$  = heat that is usefully consumed in an end-use application, such as heating an industrial process in a chemical plant, providing space heating for a building, or providing hot water heating.

# Cogenerative Fuel Cell Systems Fueled by Natural Gas Make 1/3rd the CO<sub>2</sub> as Conventional Systems

	Source of Electricity or Heat	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Factor (g/kWh <sub>e</sub> or g/kWh <sub>heat</sub> )	Electricity Production (MWhr)	Heat Production (MWhr)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (kg)
<b>Case 1: Conventional System</b>	Coal Power Plant with Steam Turbine	860	2	0	1720
	Coal Fired Boiler / Furnace	410	0	1	410
	Total		2	1	<b>2130</b>
<b>Case 2: Average System</b>	Mix of 1999 US Electric Generation Plant	600	2	0	1200
	Boiler / Furnace (72% efficient)	280	0	1	280
	Total		2	1	<b>1479</b>
<b>Case 3: Advanced System</b>	Cogenerative Combined Cycle Gas Turbine	380	2	0.71	760
	Boiler / Furnace (92% efficient)	219	0	0.29	64
	Total		2	1	<b>824</b>
<b>Case 4: Fuel Cell System fueled by natural gas</b>	Cogenerative Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell	373	2	1	<b>746</b>
<b>Case 5: Fuel Cell System fueled by renewable hydrogen</b>	Cogenerative Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell	0	2	1	<b>0</b>

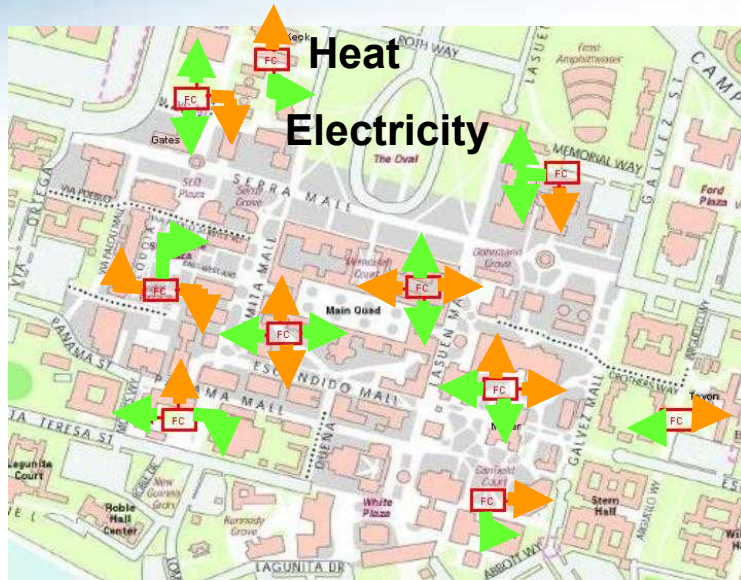
**Greenhouse gas emissions can be greatly reduced with fuel cell systems designed to **recover heat**.**

# Background



# Non-Networked vs. Networked

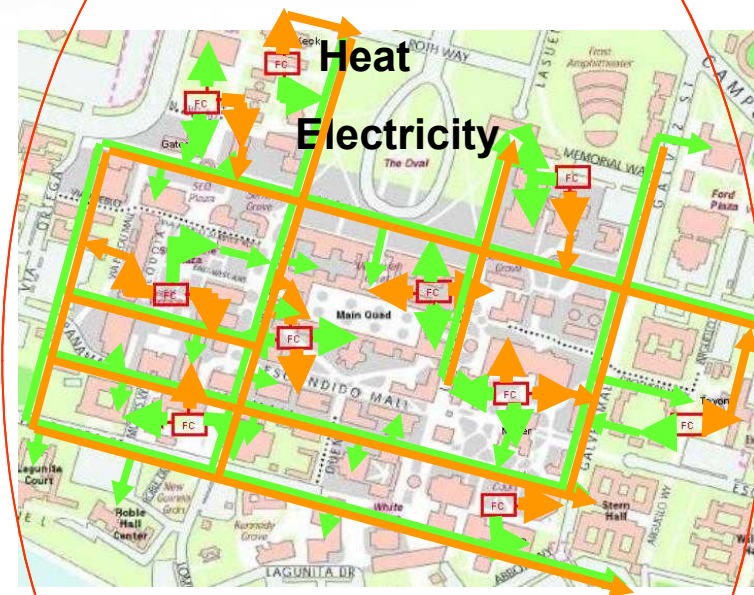
## Non-Networked / Stand Alone



Fuel cells can NOT convey excess heat or electricity into the distribution grid to reach other buildings.

→ Electricity  
→ Heat

## Networked

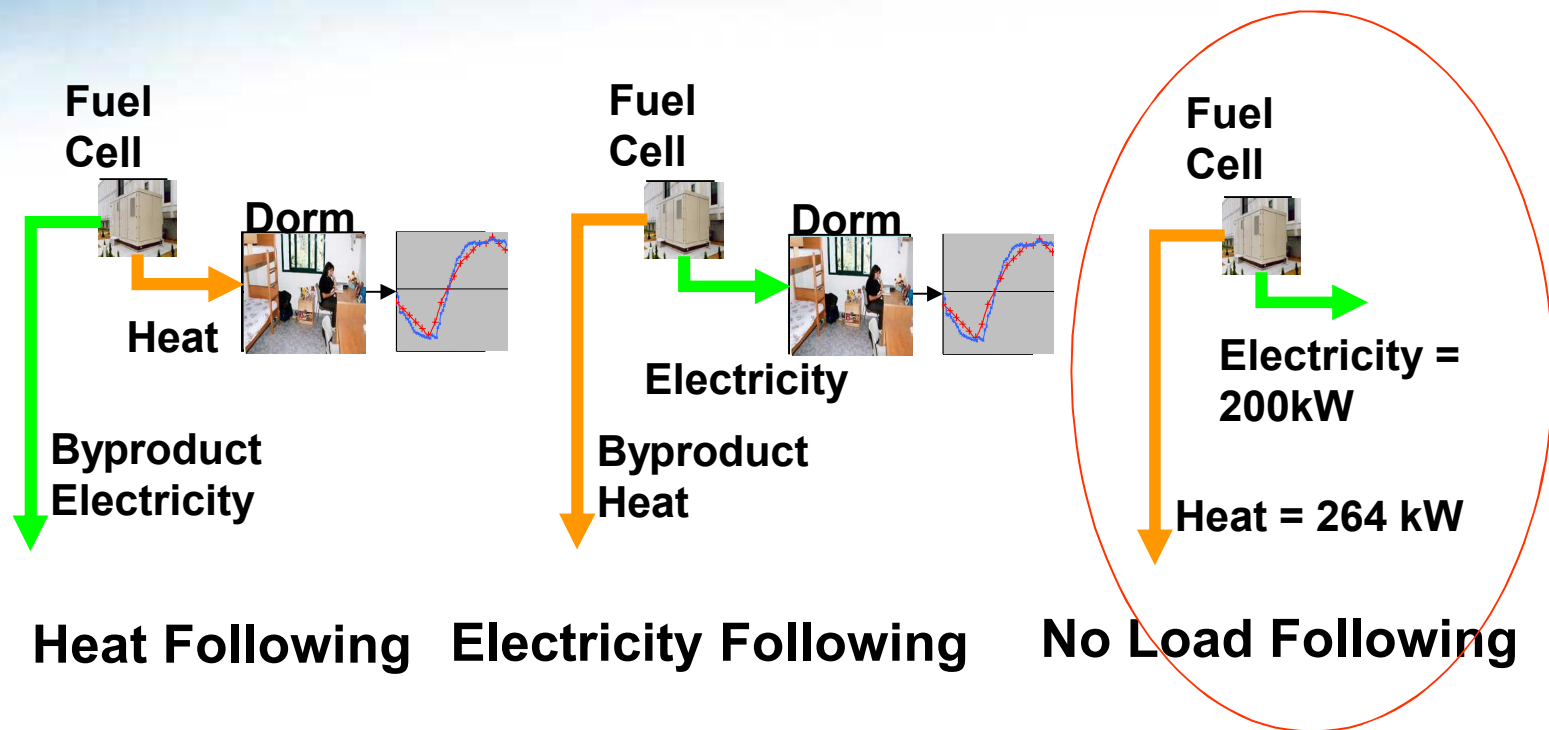


Fuel cells CAN convey excess heat or electricity into the distribution grid to reach other buildings. Transmission Loss: Electrical ~0%, Thermal ~8%

Networks have energy distribution channels

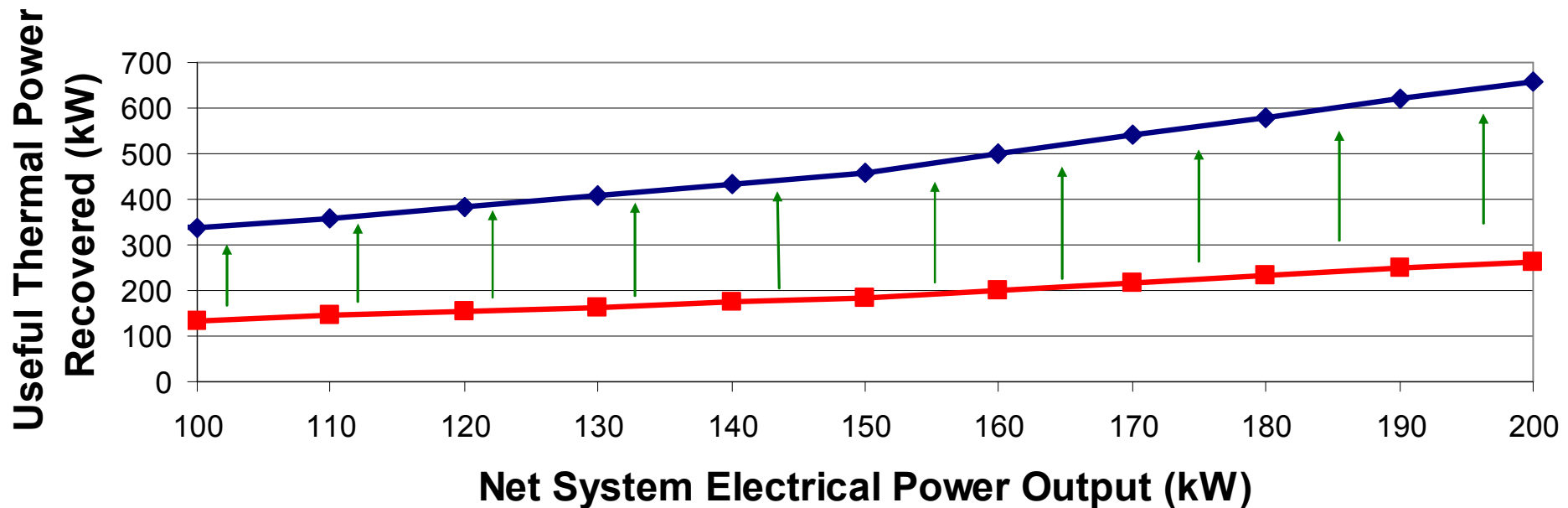


# Load following heat vs. electricity vs. constant output



Load following the electrical demand results in byproduct heat, and vice versa. No load following is constant output.

# Fixed vs. Variable Heat-to-Power Ratio



- Thermal Energy Recovered (kW) with a Fixed Heat-to-Power Ratio ~ 1.3
- ◆ Maximum Thermal Energy Recovered (kW) with a Variable Heat-to-Power Ratio ~ 2.5

# Methods to Achieve a Rapidly Variable Heat-to-Power Ratio; Colella, JPS, 2002

**I Vary the ratio of reactants, the temperature, and/or the pressure in the fuel processing sub-system to alter the energy consumed or released by the fuel reforming reactions, and to alter the amount of fuel flowing to the fuel cell, and the heat it releases. (Exp. –**

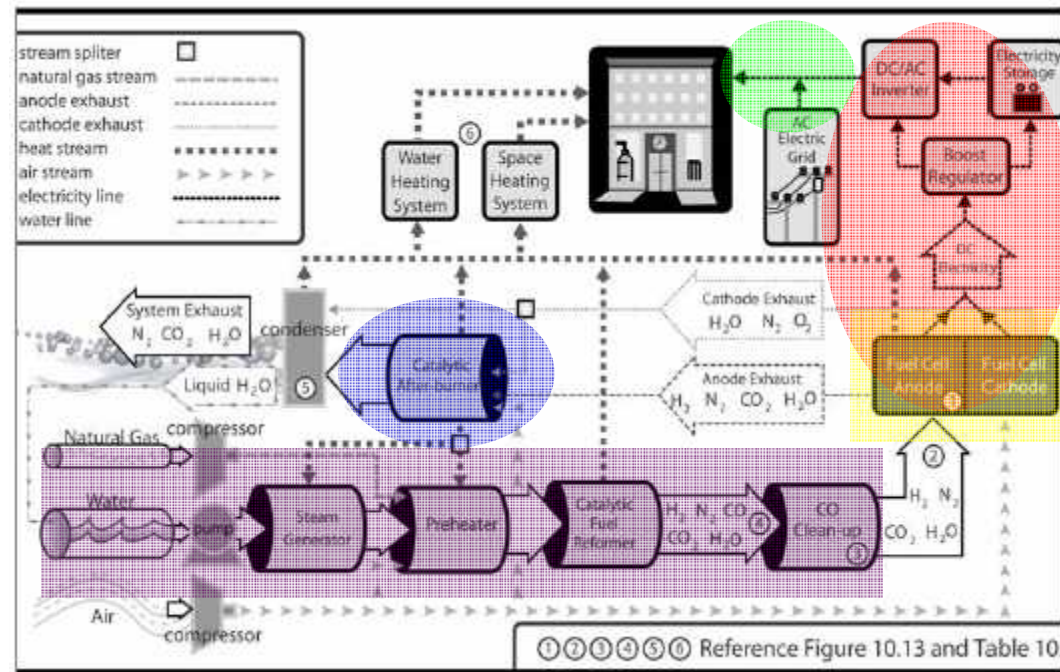
**operate reformer as SR, POX, or AR by changing S/C)**

**II Vary the fuel flow rate to the anode off-gas burner**

**III Vary the system's electrical configuration**

**IV Change the shape and/or position of the polarization curve during operation**

**V Use resistance heater but potentially with decreased cell lifetime and increased cell degradation**



**MTU (Daimler Benz) design – Options I and II: Bypass fuel flowing to fuel cell to combust in reformer**

What are California's baseline CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
from electric power?



# Federal and State CO<sub>2</sub> Estimates Differ by 34%

		1990	2000	2004	Average	Total
Row	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions from In-state Electricity Generation (MMTCO <sub>2</sub> /yr)					
A	Department of Energy (DOE) Data	<b>53.1</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>848</b>
B	California Energy Commission (CEC) Data	<b>36.5</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>636</b>
<b>Discrepancy (CEC - DOE Data) as a Percent of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from</b>						
C	In-State Electricity Generation	<b>-45%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-34%</b>	
D	Total CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions in CA	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	

➔ Federal CO<sub>2</sub> emission data series differ from state data series by 34% for the California in-state electricity sector.

Million Metric Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide per year (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

Normal font shows reported data; italic font shows calculated data.

# DOE-EIA and CEC-LBNL Historical CO<sub>2</sub> Data Series Differ by 34% for Electricity in California

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- Data series by DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) differs from data series by California Energy Commission (CEC) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories (LBNL)

Million Metric Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide per year (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

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# DOE and CEC CO<sub>2</sub> Data Series Use the Same Methods and Data Sources

- Both calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ( $\overline{m}_{\text{CO}_2}$ ) according to:

$$m_F \gamma_{F-\text{CO}_2} = \overline{m}_{\text{CO}_2} \quad \text{where}$$

$m_F$  = fuel consumption from power plants of one fuel type

$\gamma_{F-\text{CO}_2}$  = the average annual emission factor per unit of fuel  
— (constant all years)

- Both rely on data from the DOE's EIA for all values of

$m_F$

Discrepancy in data series surprising given that the same methods and data sources were applied

# CEC-LBNL reported CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions **exclude** fuel for cogenerative heating, some fuel sources

Fuel Type	$m_F$ Annual Fuel Consumption (Trillion BTUs - 10 <sup>12</sup> /yr)	$\gamma_{F-CO_2}$ Average Annual CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Factor per Unit of Fuel Consumption (MMTCO <sub>2</sub> / Trillion BTU of Fuel)	$m_{CO_2}$ CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (MMTCO <sub>2</sub> /yr)
Natural Gas (NG)	1,061	0.0528	56.00
Coal (BIT)	0.9740	0.0935	0.0911
Total			56.09

$$m_F \gamma_{F-CO_2} = m_{CO_2}$$



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Natural Gas (NG)	1,197	0.0531	63.58
Coal (BIT)	41.12	0.0931	3.829
Petroleum Coke (PC)	28.66	0.1021	2.927
Distillate Fuel Oil (DFO)	8.061	0.0732	0.5901
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	8.080	0.0417	0.3368
Geothermal (Steam) (GEO)	256.0	0.0012	0.3099
Residual Fuel Oil (RFO)	3.089	0.0789	0.2437
Waste/Other Oil (WO)	1.724	0.0953	0.1642
Tire-derived Fuels (TDF)	0.0091	0.0860	0.0008
Gaseous Propane (PG)	0.0089	0.0631	0.0006
Jet Fuel (JF)	0.0076	0.0709	0.0005
<b>Total</b>			<b>71.98</b>

$$m_F \gamma_{F-CO_2} = m_{CO_2}$$

# DOE-EIA CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions – **not reported** – **excludes** fuel for cogenerative heating

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Natural Gas (NG)	1051	0.0531	55.81
Petroleum Coke (PC)	22.4	0.1021	2.287
Coal (BIT)	22.8	0.0931	2.121
Distillate Fuel Oil (DFO)	8.1	0.0732	0.5901
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	8.1	0.0417	0.3368
Geothermal (Steam) (GEO)	256.0	0.0012	0.3099
Residual Fuel Oil (RFO)	3.1	0.0789	0.2437
Waste/Other Oil (WO)	0.8	0.0953	0.0780
Tire-derived Fuels (TDF)	0.00875	0.0860	0.0008
Jet Fuel (JF)	0.00764	0.0709	0.0005
Gaseous Propane (PG)	0.00856	0.0631	0.0005
<b>Total</b>			<b>61.77</b>

**Discrepancy partly, but not solely, from difference  
in cogen heating**

# Sources of Discrepancy between DOE and CEC Data Series

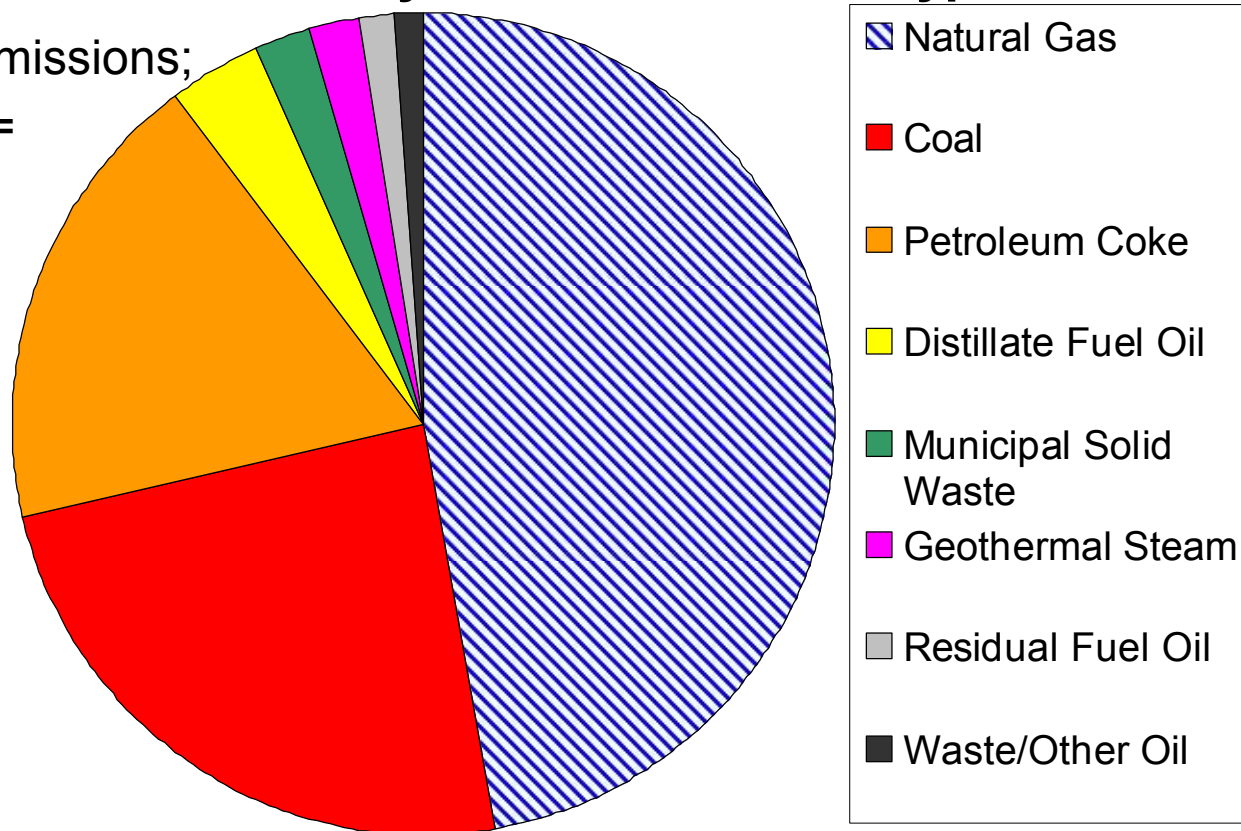
CEC-LBNL data series **excludes**

- a portion of fuel/CO<sub>2</sub> from **coal** power plants  
Reason => math error
- all fuel/CO<sub>2</sub> from plants **not fueled by natural gas or coal**
  - fuel/CO<sub>2</sub> from **petroleum coke, oil**
  - fuel/CO<sub>2</sub> from **non-fossil fuel** power plants  
Reasons => math error; use of truncated EIA data set
- fuel/CO<sub>2</sub> for **cogen heating** from natural gas/other plants
  - Omitted for years 1990 to 1997 for natural gas
  - Re-allocated to “Industrial Sector” 1998-2004 for natural gas
  - Methods for other fuels unconfirmed; no answer to inquiries.

# State data excludes CO<sub>2</sub> from coal, coke, oil, non-fossil fuels; re-allocates or omits cogen heating

## Fraction of the Discrepancy between DOE and CEC CO<sub>2</sub> Data Allocated by Power Plant Fuel Type

Solid coloring = omissions;  
hatched shading =  
inconsistencies



We conclude Federal data is a more complete baseline.



# Omissions or Inconsistencies?

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Discrepancy between DOE and CEC data series is due to

- data omissions from 1990-1998, and
- omissions (53%) and inconsistencies (47%) from 1999-2004.

# CEC: Arbitrary Segmentation of Heat Losses

$$\Delta U = X + Y$$

$X$  = a portion of the total internal energy of the fuel consumed at the power plant that operators **choose** to associate with electricity production

$Y$  = fuel consumption that operators **choose** to align with heat production

$Y_{\text{elec}}$  = fraction of  $Q_{\text{lost}}$  that operators choose to align with electricity

$$X = W_{\text{elec}} + Y_{\text{elec}} Q_{\text{lost}}$$

$$Y = Q_{\text{recov}} + (1 - Y_{\text{elec}}) Q_{\text{lost}}$$

Electrical efficiency of power plants according to DOE method( $\eta_D$ )

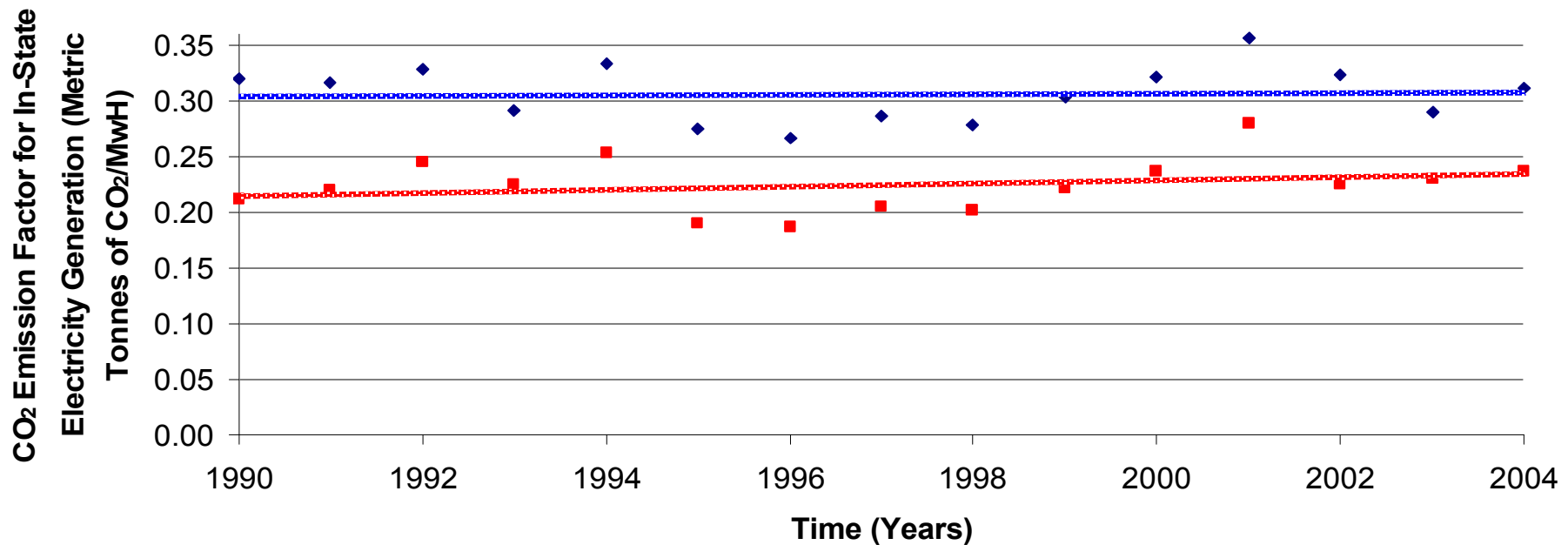
$$\eta_D = W_{\text{elec}} / \Delta U$$

Electrical efficiency of power plants according to CEC method( $\eta_C$ )

$$\eta_C = W_{\text{elec}} / X$$

# CEC reports lower magnitude, higher rate of increase

California's CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Factor For In-State Electricity Generation  
Over Time: DOE vs. CEC Estimates



◆ Department of Energy (DOE) Data

■ California Energy Commission (CEC) Data

Linear (Department of Energy (DOE) Data)

Linear (California Energy Commission (CEC) Data)

$$y = 0.0002x + 0.3054 \quad R^2 = 0.0009$$

$$y = 0.0014x + 0.2134 \quad R^2 = 0.0661$$

# Results: Concerns with CEC Approach

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- 1) Omitted Data for CHP Plants 1990-1997**
- 2) Unverified Reallocation of Emissions**
- 4) Diverse Method Applied for Imported Electricity**
- 3) Arbitrary Segmentation of Heat Losses**
- 5) Thermodynamic Consistency**
- 6) Violation of International Standards on CO2 Accounting**

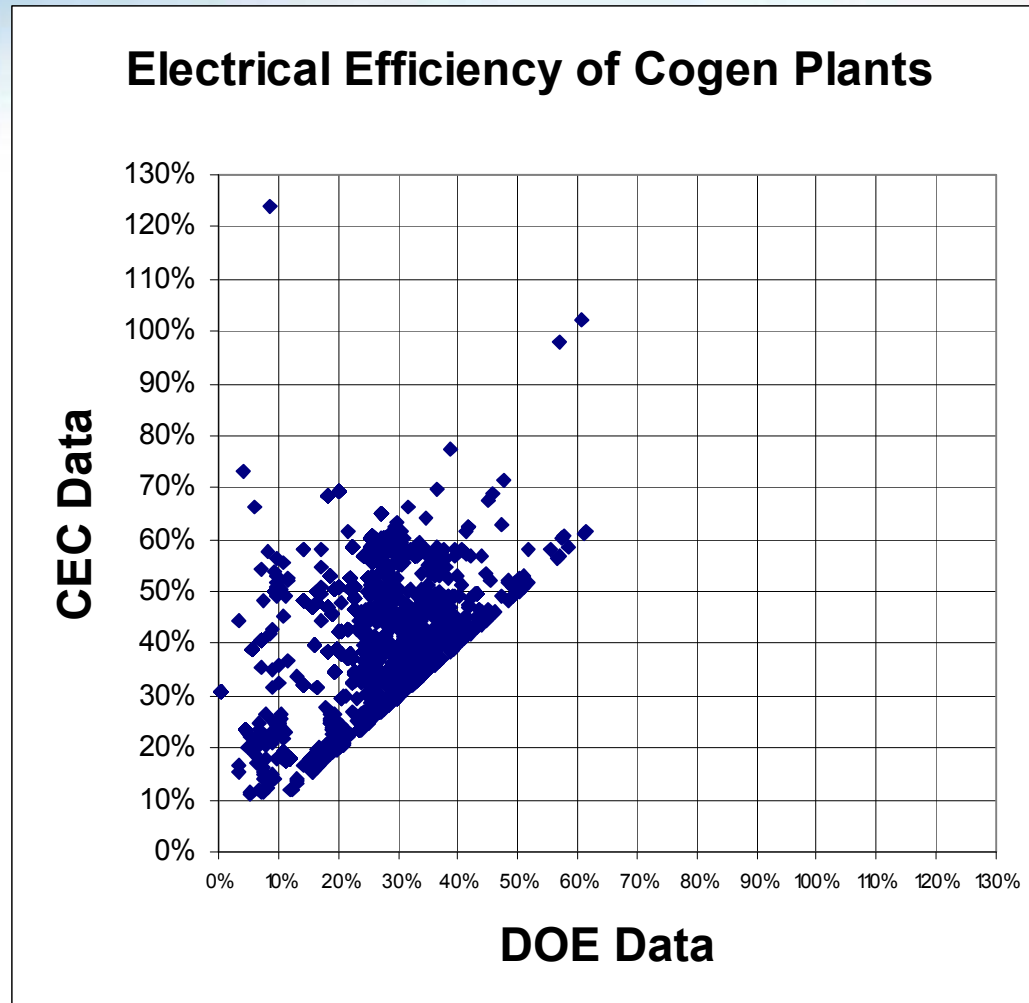


# Recommendations

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- California Air Resources Board (CARB) should consider using original DOE-EIA data.
- National labs could act as a third-party reviewer of the state's CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring and reporting.
  - National lab assets: “honest broker,” technically competent, no direct vested interests.

# CEC Data Over-Estimates Power Plant Efficiency

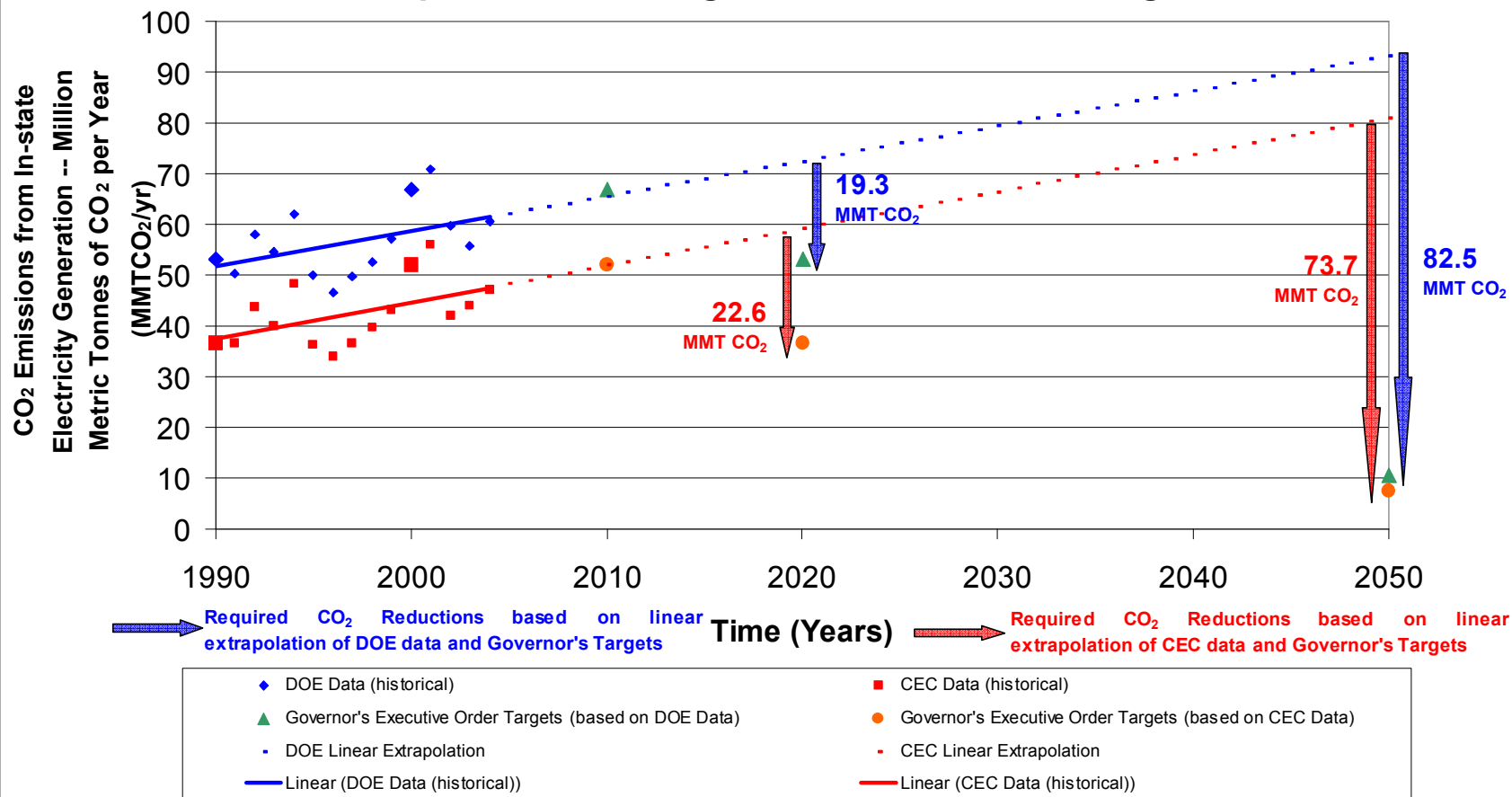


2001 Monthly Data Plotted

What is the impact of the corrected CO<sub>2</sub> emission  
baseline on policy?

# CA Legislated Goals Change

California's Legislated Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Emission Reduction Requirements Change as Baseline Data Change





# Results

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- Differences between data series due to omissions in 1990-1999.
- Baseline emissions should be adjusted upwards.
- 2050 Total Targeted Reduction
  - CEC Baseline: 73.7 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>
  - DOE Baseline: 82.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>

How do CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel cell systems compare  
with California power generation  
(using the correct baseline emissions)?

# 12 Scenarios: Change in CO<sub>2</sub> with Fuel Cell Systems

Fuel Cell Systems Replace Either 1) All Electric Generation, 2) All In-State Generation, or 3) All Electricity Imports in CA from 1990-2004

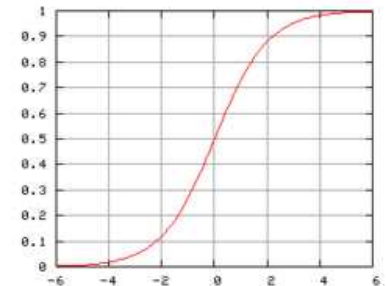
Non-Cogenerative FCS Consuming Natural Gas Fuel

Electrically Networked (ENW) -- Connected to the Distribution Grid Allowing the Inflow and Outflow of Electricity; Fixed Heat-to-Power (FHP) Ratio

Non-Load Following (NLF) at Maximum Electrical Efficiency ( $\eta_{e\_max}$ )

Four System Types:

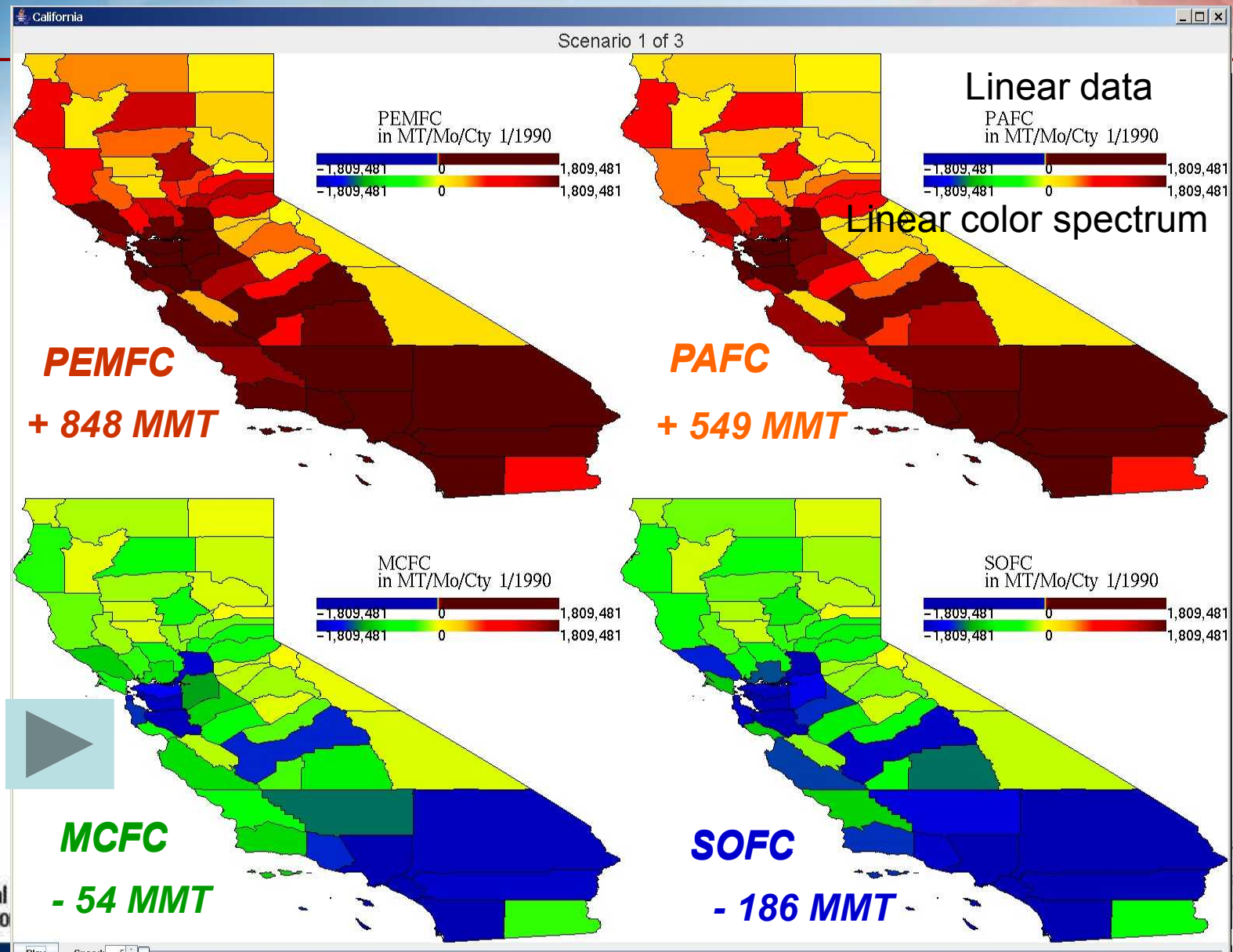
- 1) Proton Exchange Membrane (PEMFC)  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 32\%$
- 2) Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell (PAFC)  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 37\%$
- 3) Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell (MCFC) hybrid w/ downstream gas turbine  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 54\%$
- 4) Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) pressurized hybrid w/ downstream turbine  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 60\%$



Plots: colors applied sigmoid function to data to highlight small variations in low positive and negative data values.

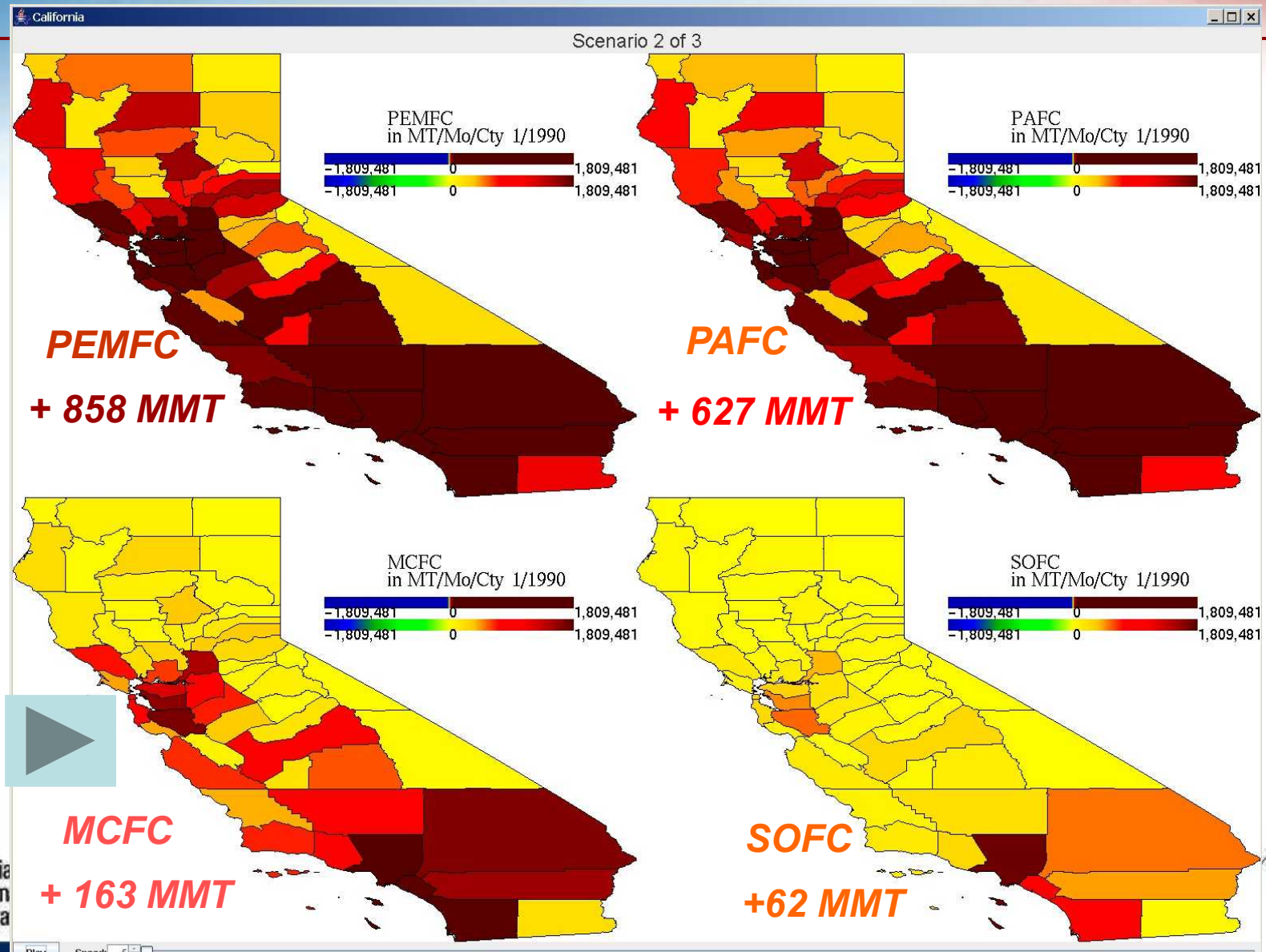
**Blue & Green** = Good (reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions); **Red** and **Black** = Bad (increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)

# Fuel Cell Systems Replace 100% of Power

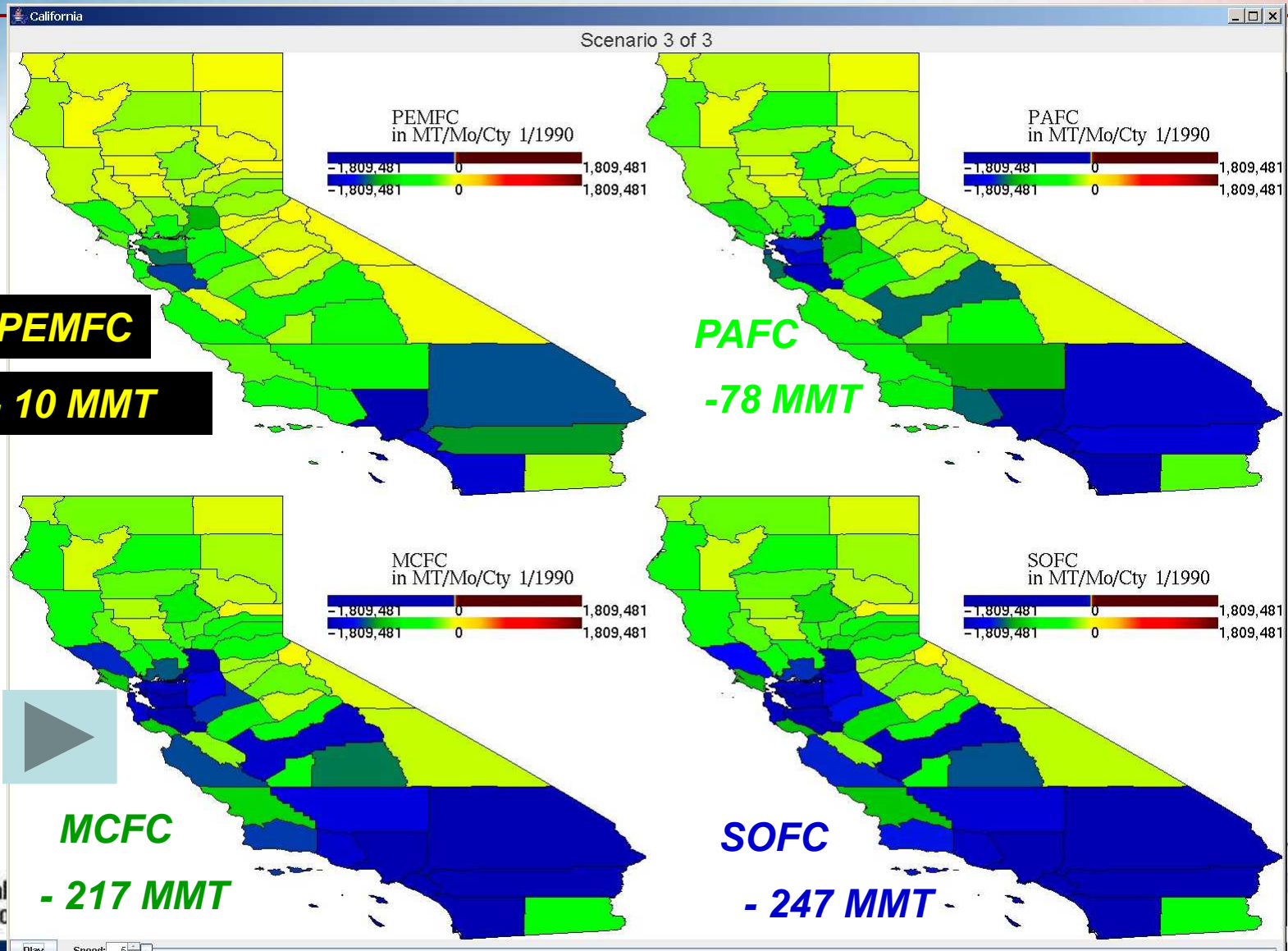




# Fuel Cell Systems Replace In-State Power Only



# Fuel Cell Systems Replace Imported Power Only

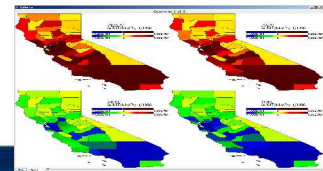


# Results

For Non-Cogen FCS, ENW, FHP Ratio, NLF at  $\eta_{e\_max}$ :

Cumulative Change in CO <sub>2</sub> 1990-2004 (MMT)				
Replace	PEM	PAFC	MCFC	SOFC
All Electricity Consumption	848	549	-54	-186
All In-State Generation	858	627	163	62
All Imports	-10	-78	-217	-247

1. All fuel cell types reduce CO<sub>2</sub> if replace imports.
2. Highest CO<sub>2</sub> reductions if MCFC or SOFC replace imports.
3. PEMFC and PAFC must operate cogeneratively with high effective heat recovery to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> effectively.



How do we install and operate fuel cell systems to maximize reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions? And maximize financial savings?

- ➔ Focus on lower temperature systems (PAFC, PEMFC) because they are more tricky to implement for CO<sub>2</sub> reductions.
- ➔ Develop and apply custom simulation code for maximizing emission reductions and economic savings



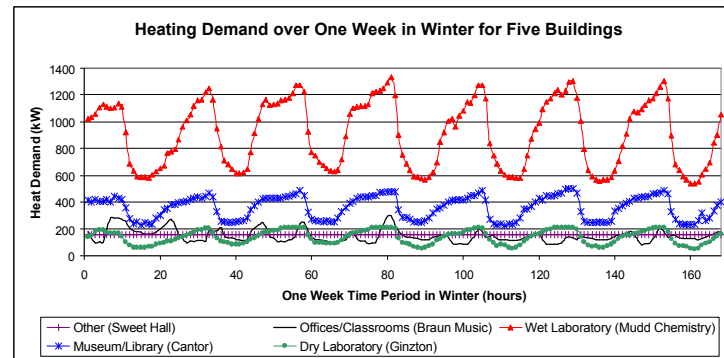
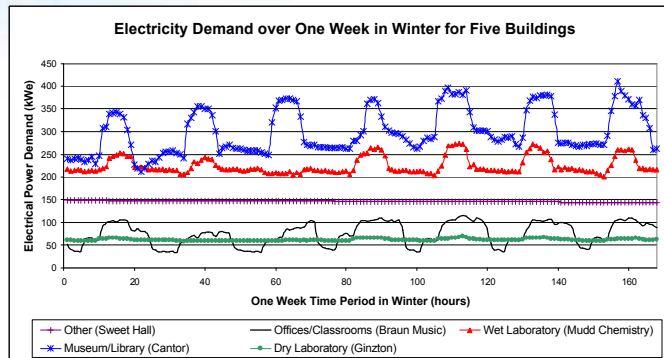
# Environmental and Financial Simulation

- Model optimizes FCS installation for a particular site, FCS type, and competitive environment.
- Examines game-changing operating strategies not common in commercial industry (HLF, VHP, NW)
- Model allows users to evaluate trade-offs among three competing goals – 1) cost savings to building owners, 2) GHG emission reductions, 3) FCS manufacturer profit
- Optimizes the percentage installation of FCS for minimum CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or maximum cost savings to building owners

# Simulation Inputs

## User Can Input

- Electricity and heating demand curves for buildings



- Operating and financial data for fuel cell systems and competing generators

	Amount Borrowed (or Credited) at Time t = zero	Annuity [A] (\$)
<b>Fuel Cell System Costs -- Fixed Cost per year</b>		
Capital Costs of 200 kW Fuel Cell System	\$ 950,000	\$137,869
Installation Costs	\$ 250,000	\$ 36,281
Commissioning Costs (Start-up, Testing, Tutorials for Operators)	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,903
Shipping	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,903
Premium Service Contract (Maintenance and Replacement) -- Annuity Payments		\$ 60,000
<b>Fuel Cell System Incentives -- Federal and State</b>		
California Self-Generation Incentive Program (CA SGIP) at \$2500/kWe	\$ 500,000	\$ 72,563
Federal Investment Tax Credit (FITC) at \$1000/kWe	\$ 200,000	\$ 29,025
<b>Fuel Cell System Fixed Costs -- Total Yearly Fixed Costs</b>		<b>\$138,368</b>

Fuel Cell System Operating Data	Quantity	Units
Maximum Electrical Output	200 kw	
Minimum Electrical Output	100 kw	
Maximum Heat-to-Electric Power Ratio	2.5	
Minimum Heat-to-Electric Power Ratio	1.3	
Baseline Heat-to-Electric Power Ratio for Fixed Heat-to-Pow	1.3	
Natural Gas Fuel Consumption (in Units of Energy) Per Unit of Electric Power Output	9,222	gas/kwh of electricity
Marginal Increase in Natural Gas Fuel Consumption (in Units of Energy) Per Unit of Additional Heat Demanded (Variable Heat to Power Ratio Scenarios Only)	3,791	BTU natural gas/kwh of electricity
Baseline System Electrical Efficiency	37%	
Baseline System Heat Recovery Efficiency	48%	
Baseline System Heat Losses (Percent)	15%	
Baseline System Combined Electrical and Heat Recovery Efi	85%	
Heat Recovery Efficiency of Burner-Heater for Marginal Heating (Variable Heat to Power Ratio Scenarios Only)	90%	

# Simulation of Operating Strategies

## Scenarios Evaluated

- Strategy I: Electrically and Thermally Networked (NW), Electricity Power Load Following (ELF), Variable Heat-to-power ratio (VHP)
- Strategy II: NW, Heat Load Following (HLF), VHP
- Strategy III: NW, Non-Load Following (NLF), Fixed Heat-to-power ratio (FHP)
- Strategy IV: Not Networked/ Stand Alone (SA), HLF, VHP
- Strategy V: SA, NLF, VHP

## Example Results Shown for One Case Study

- PAFC vs. cogenerative combined cycle natural gas turbine
- A particular town's buildings and load curves

# Scenario A: No state/federal incentives or carbon tax; Strategy I is only economical one

Strategy	Optimal installed fuel cell system capacity as a percent of average power (%)	Annual cost savings (%)	Change in CO <sub>2</sub> compared with base case of no fuel cells (Metric Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> /yr)
I	17%	3%	-29%
II	0%	0%	0%
III	0%	0%	0%
IV	0%	0%	0%
V	0%	0%	0%

Strategy I [NW, ELF, VHP]: economical with *no subsidies*

17% of average installed capacity, **3% savings**, 29% less CO<sub>2</sub>

Strategy I = *avant-garde*

# Scenario B: State & federal incentives, no carbon tax; Strategy I = **most savings**, **least CO<sub>2</sub>** ; III = **most profit**

Strategy	Optimal installed fuel cell system capacity as a percent of average power (%)	Annual cost savings (%)	Change in CO <sub>2</sub> compared with base case of no fuel cells (%)
I	24%	15%	-31%
II	38%	9%	-12%
III	46%	3%	-27%
IV	13%	1%	-20%
V	32%	2%	-25%

**Strategy I: 24% of capacity, 15% savings, 31% less CO<sub>2</sub>**

**Strategy III [NW, NLF, FHP]: 46% of capacity, 3% savings, 27% less CO<sub>2</sub>**

**Dichotomy between optimal financial strategy for building owners  
and that for fuel cell manufacturers**



# Scenario B: Best Load Curves Strategies IV and V – Mudd/McCullough **most savings**; CIS **most profit**

## Strategy IV

Building Type	Load Curve Based on this Building	Optimal Installed Fuel Cell System Capacity as a Percentage of Peak Power Demand throughout Energy Area (%)	Annual Cost Savings (%)
Wet Lab	Mudd (Seeley G) Chemistry	4%	1.5%
Dry Lab	McCullough (Jack A.)	1%	1.0%
Dry Lab	Mechanical Engineering Research La	1%	0.9%
Wet Lab	Center for Integrated Systems (CIS)	4%	0.8%
Dry Lab	Gates Computer Scier	1%	0.7%
Wet Lab	Gordon Moore Materials Research	1%	0.4%

## Strategy V

Building Type	Load Curve Based on this Building	Optimal Installed Fuel Cell System Capacity as a Percentage of Average Power Demand throughout Energy Area (%)	Annual Cost Savings (%)
Dry Lab	McCullough (Jack A.)	2%	3.5%
Museum/Library	Cantor Center for Visual Arts	1%	3.2%
Dry Lab	Gates Computer Science	3%	3.2%
Dry Lab	Mechanical Engineering Research La	2%	3.2%
Wet Lab	Mudd (Seeley G) Chemistry	5%	3.1%
Housing	Wilbur Dining Hall	1%	3.0%
Wet Lab	Center for Integrated Systems (CIS)	9%	2.8%
Offices/Classrooms	Packard Electrical Engineering	1%	2.6%
Offices/Classrooms	Tresidder	1%	2.4%
Dry Lab	Ginzton (Edward L.) Labs & Annex	1%	2.4%
Housing	Lagunita Dining	1%	2.4%
Dry Lab	Green Earth Sciences	1%	1.2%

**Wet or dry lab ~ 24-7 industrial facilities = best**

# Scenario C: State & federal incentives, \$20/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>

Strategy I = **most savings**, **least CO<sub>2</sub>** ; III = **most profit**

Strategy	Optimal installed fuel cell system capacity as a percent of average power (%)	Annual cost savings (%)	Change in CO <sub>2</sub> compared with base case of no fuel cells (%)
I	28%	17%	-32%
II	44%	12%	-14%
III	49%	6%	-27%
IV	18%	2%	-25%
V	41%	4%	-31%

Strategy I: 28% of capacity, **17% savings**, **32% less CO<sub>2</sub>**

Strategy III: **49% of capacity**, 6% savings, 27% less CO<sub>2</sub>

# Scenario D: State & federal incentives \$100/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>

Strategy I=**most savings**; III=**most profit**; V=**least CO<sub>2</sub>**

Strategy	Optimal installed fuel cell system capacity as a percent of average power (%)	Annual cost savings (%)	Change in CO <sub>2</sub> compared with base case of no fuel cells (%)
I	36%	25%	-32%
II	50%	20%	-15%
III	60%	13%	-30%
IV	28%	6%	-32%
V	51%	11%	-34%

Strategy I: 36% of capacity, **25% savings**, 32% less CO<sub>2</sub>

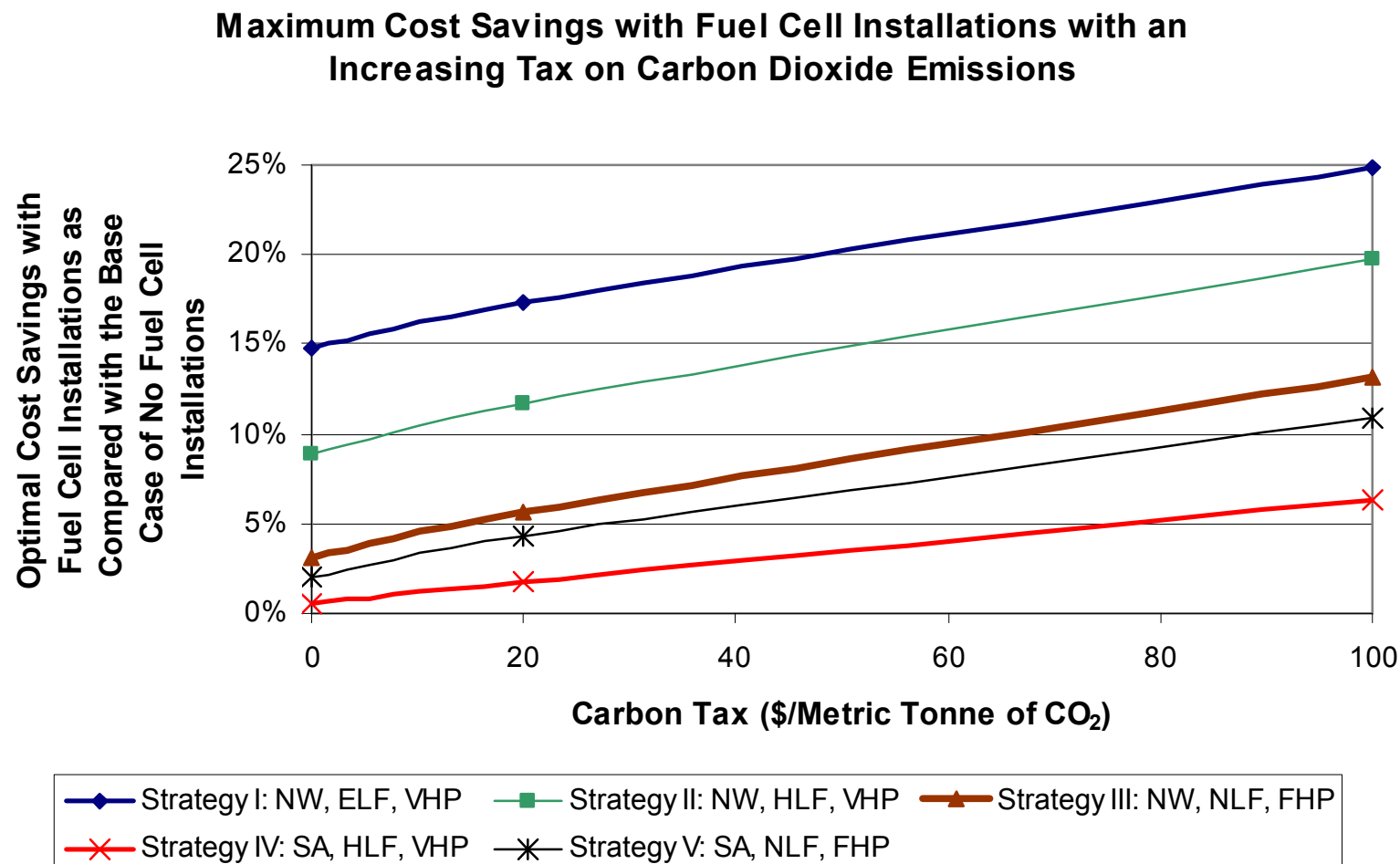
Strategy III: **60% of capacity**, 13% savings, 30% less CO<sub>2</sub>

Strategy V [SA, NLF, VHP]: 51% of capacity, 11% savings, **34% less CO<sub>2</sub>**

Three competing goals – 1) cost savings to building owners, 2) GHG emission reductions, 3) FCS manufacturer profit – maximized with three different strategies.

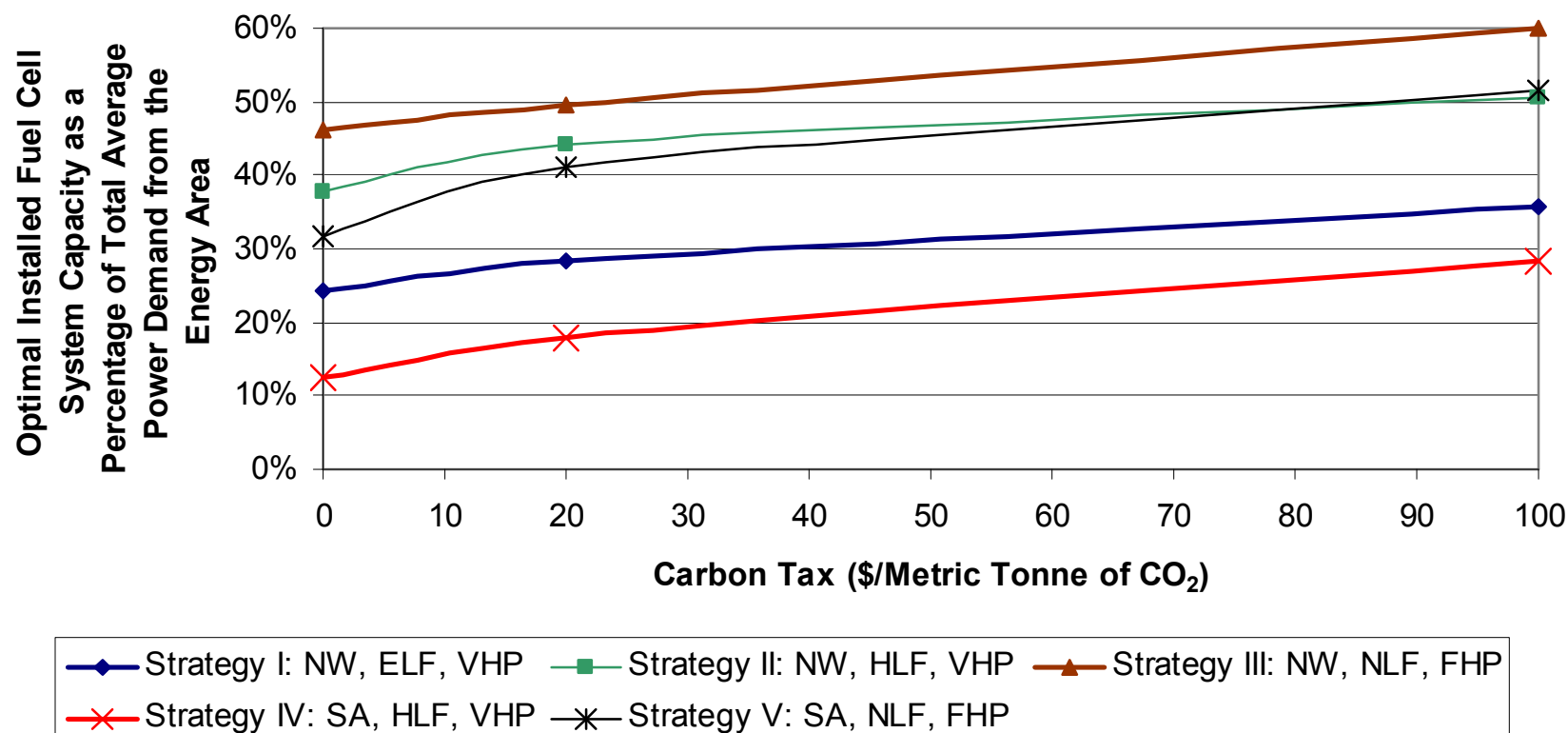
# Highest savings for building owners with

## 1) Strategy I, 2) NW, 3) NW + ELF or HLF



# Highest profit for fuel cell makers with Strategy III = *close to status quo*

Optimal Fuel Cell System Capacity Installed for Maximum Cost Savings  
with an Increasing Tax on Carbon Dioxide Emissions





# Highest CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions with Strategies I, III, V

Strategy	Optimal installed fuel cell system capacity as a percent of average power (%)	Change in CO <sub>2</sub> compared with base case of no fuel cells (%)
I	40%	-32%
II	94%	-16%
III	85%	-32%
IV	57%	-23%
V	68%	-37%

1. Highest cost savings with Strategy I (avant-garde)
2. Highest profitability with Strategy III (status quo)
3. Maximum CO<sub>2</sub> reductions with Strategy V (avant-garde) - most economical neither for buildings nor FCS makers - building load curves even more crucial (SA operation) -FCS must manipulate its operation to meet real-time electricity & heating demand w/o back-up

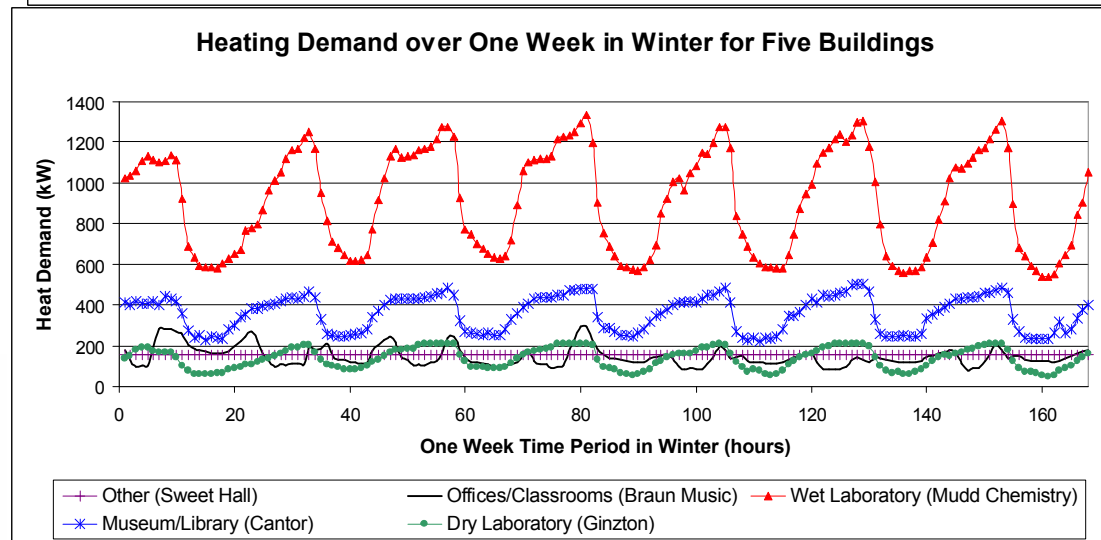
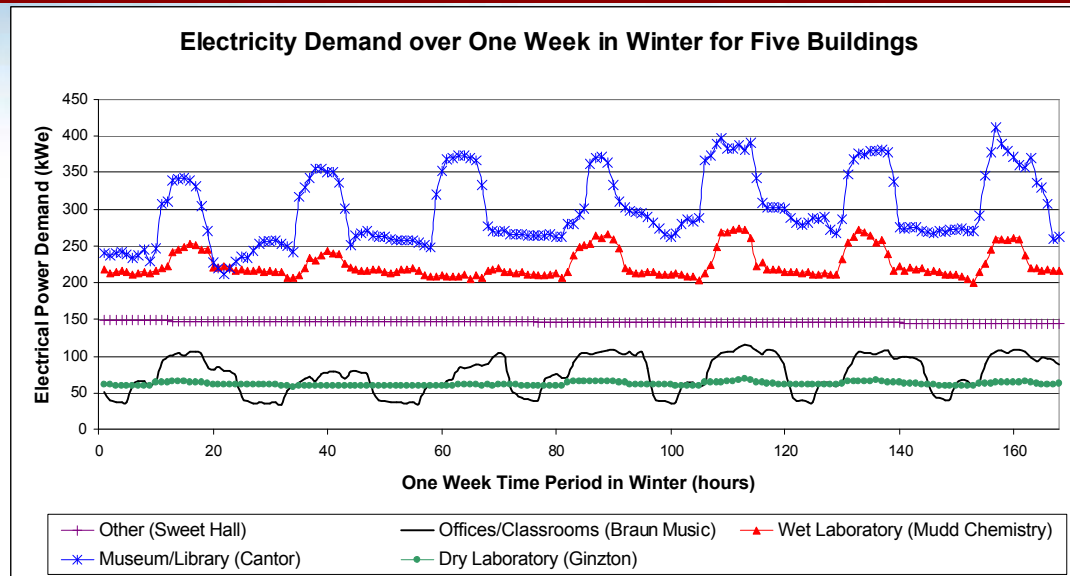
# Highest CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions for Stand-Alone Strategies with Certain Building Load Curves

## Wet Laboratory Building Load Curve Has Highest CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions

Building Type	Load Curve Based on this Building	Optimal Number of Fuel Cell System Installations	Optimal Installed Fuel Cell System Capacity (MWe)	Optimal Installed Fuel Cell System Capacity as a Percentage of Peak Power Demand throughout Energy Area	Optimal Installed Fuel Cell System Capacity as a Percentage of Average Power Demand throughout Energy Area	Approximate CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions from Electricity and Heat Provision (metric tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> /yr)	Approximate Reduction in CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Compared with Base Case of No Fuel Cells (metric tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> /yr)	Approximate Annual CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Savings (%)
Wet Lab	Mudd (Seeley G) Chemistry	9	1.8	7%	9%	12,240	5,730	32%
Offices/Classrooms	Braun Music	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,317	563	28%
Dry Lab	Ginzton (Edward L.) Labs & Annex	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,547	634	27%
Offices/Classrooms	Ceras	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,843	635	26%
Museum/Library	Cantor Center for Visual Arts	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,552	560	24%
Housing	Lagunita Dining	2	0.4	1%	2%	2,248	829	24%
Wet Lab	Gordon Moore Materials Research	6	1.2	4%	6%	6,815	2,291	23%
Dry Lab	Gates Computer Science	5	1	4%	5%	5,233	1,928	23%
Offices/Classrooms	Law Crown	3	0.6	2%	3%	4,793	1,401	23%
Offices/Classrooms	Tresidder	2	0.4	1%	2%	2,555	856	22%
Housing	Wilbur Dining Hall	2	0.4	1%	2%	2,021	638	22%
Other Type	Sweet	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,219	399	21%
Other Type	Faculty Club	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,219	399	21%
Wet Lab	Center for Integrated Systems (CIS)	12	2.4	9%	13%	16,918	5,297	21%
Housing	Stern Dining	2	0.4	1%	2%	2,247	605	21%
Offices/Classrooms	Packard Electrical Engineering	2	0.4	1%	2%	2,034	577	20%
Housing	Branner Hall	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,682	468	20%
Library	Green E	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,345	363	20%
Library	Meyer	1	0.2	1%	1%	1,345	363	20%
Offices/Classrooms	Lane History	0	0	0%	0%	891	82	9%
Dry Lab	McCullough (Jack A.)	3	0.6	2%	3%	3,394	0	6%
Housing	Florence Moore Kitchen	1	0.2	1%	1%	897	47	5%
Housing	Moore South	0	0	0%	0%	712	29	4%
Dry Lab	Mechanical Engineering Research Lab	3	0.6	2%	3%	4,154	0	4%
Dry Lab	Green Earth Sciences	3	0.6	2%	3%	3,735	0	3%
Housing	Xanadu	0	0	0%	0%	691	5	1%
Housing	Moore North	0	0	0%	0%	691	0	0%
Offices/Classrooms	Cummings Art	1	0.2	1%	1%	971	0	0%
Offices/Classrooms	TC Seq	0	0	0%	0%	850	0	0%
Dry Lab	Env Fluid Mech	0	0	0%	0%	597	0	0%

No particular building *type* = best

# Top three load curves for reduced CO<sub>2</sub> (Mudd - red, Braun -black, Ginzten -green)



# Results

1. FCS are marginally economical with no subsidies by changing to Strategy I (NW, ELF, VHP) *avant-garde*
2. Dichotomy between optimal financial strategy for building owners and that for fuel cell developers.
3. Maximum financial savings with particular load curves – wet and dry labs ~ 24-7 industrial facilities
4. With full state & federal incentives and a \$100/tonne CO<sub>2</sub> tax, three competing goals – 1) cost savings, 2) GHG emission reductions, 3) FCS maker profit – maximized with three different strategies:

Highest cost savings w/ Strategy I (avant-garde)

Highest CO<sub>2</sub> reductions w/ Strategy V (avant-garde)

Highest profitability w/ Strategy III (status quo)

## Results II

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1. Higher cost savings with NW
2. When NW, combining ELF or HLF with VHP has higher savings
3. Highest CO<sub>2</sub> reductions with Strategies I, III, **V** (NW, ELF, VHP and HLF; **SA, NLF, VHP**)
4. Highest CO<sub>2</sub> reductions for stand alone installations **V** with **certain building load curves** (a particular wet laboratory's load curve), but not consistently for a building *type* (residence, etc.)  
**⇒ Crucial to use simulation to find best buildings**



# Conclusions

1. **Must apply simulation to find the best installation strategy for a \$\$ or GHG goal**
  1. **No particular building *type* = best**
  2. **Load curves are crucial**
  3. **Maximum CO<sub>2</sub> reductions with Strategy V (SA)**
    1. **Load curves are even more crucial**
2. ***Avand guard* operating strategies can make FCS more economical and environmentally beneficial.**

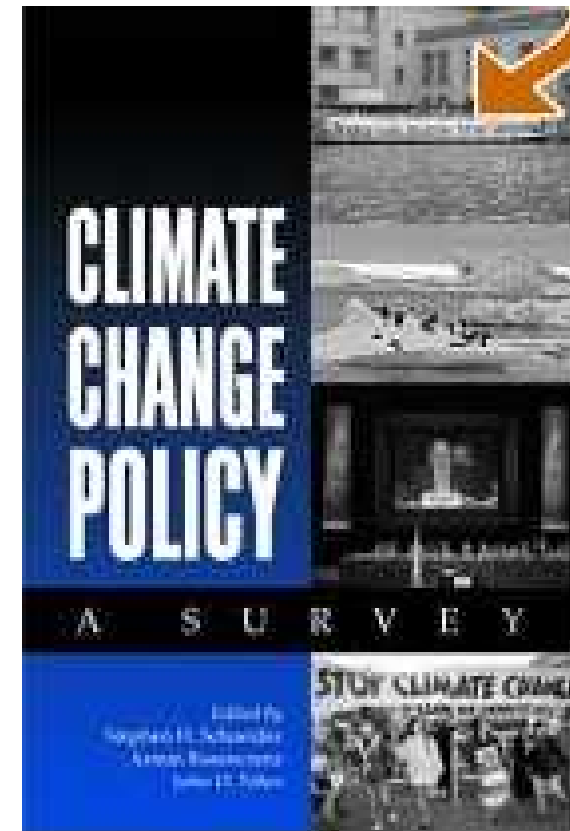
## **Recommendations**

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- 1. Create incentives for FCS makers to build VHP**
- 2. Encourage partnerships between FCS makers and energy service companies (ESCO)**
- 3. Focus on installing FCS within pre-existing thermal networks**
- 4. Apply simulations to identify specific building load curves ideal for installation**

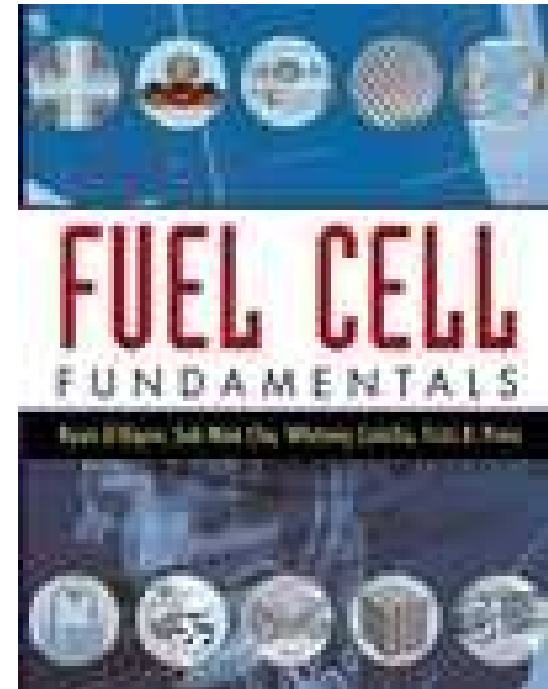
# Educating Policy Makers about Hydrogen

- “**Designing Energy Supply Chains Based on Hydrogen** [To Mitigate Climate Change],” by W. Colella in Climate Change Science and Policy: Stephen H. Schneider, Armin Rosencranz and Michael D. Mastrandrea, eds. 2008.
- Target audience: engineers & policy makers
- Editors are Stanford University researchers



# Educating Engineers about Fuel Cells

- 1st Textbook on Fuel Cells: **Fuel Cell Fundamentals**  
O'hare, Cha, Colella, and Prinz
- Target audience: senior undergraduate or graduate student engineers
- Solved problems in textbox inserts and solutions guide
- Authors were Stanford University researchers



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# Extra

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# Future Work

- Develop more detailed fuel cell simulations
  - Quantify impact of seasonal variation in load curve
  - Change the operating strategy during the run – switch between operating strategies over time to minimize emissions or costs – find the mix of best operating strategies over time
  - More sophisticated power plant models (ASPEN chemical engineering / process modeling / system dynamics software)
  - Combine optimization code with more detailed FCS models (ASPEN)
  - Use NISAC's Platts power plant data – hourly supply data from every power plant in the US for electricity output, thermal output, and fuel consumption
  - Analyze the system impacts of high vs. low temperature PEM fuel cell systems for stationary power using Sandia's test data on PEM cells

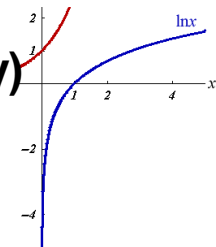
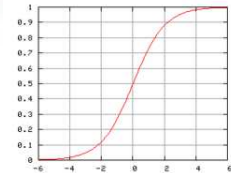
# What are California's CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Electricity Consumption?

## Methodology:

- 1) EIA Monthly Electricity Sales Data 1990-2004
- 2) EIA Annual Direct Use Data 1990-2004 -- Monthly Sales Distribution Applied
- 3) Sales + Direct Use = Total Electricity Consumption
- 4) EIA Annual Net Generation Data 1990-2004 -- Monthly Sales Distribution Applied
- 5) Imports = Total Consumption – Net Generation
- 6)  $\text{EIA Total CO}_2 \text{ Emissions from Net Generation} / \text{EIA Net Generation} = \text{CO}_2 \text{ Emissions Factor for Net Generation}$
- 7) EIA Total CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Net Generation (Monthly)
- 8)  $\text{CEC Total CO}_2 \text{ Emissions from Imports} / \text{CEC Electricity Imports} = \text{CO}_2 \text{ Emissions Factor for Imports}$
- 9)  $\text{EIA Imports} * \text{CO}_2 \text{ Emissions Factor for Imports} = \text{Total CO}_2 \text{ Emissions from Imports (Monthly)}$
- 10) Redistributed by Population

# Visualizing CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Changes

- Custom Geographic Information System (GIS) application
- Linear, Logarithmic, Sigmoidal plots
- Logarithmic relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and radiative forcing (heat trapping effect of global warming).
- CO<sub>2</sub> plotted at point of consumption, not generation, to link cause and effect. Environment indifferent to location of emission (unlike air pollution).
- Units: Metric Tonnes (MT) per month (Mo) per county (Cty)
- **Blue & Green** = Good; **Red** and Black = Bad
- EIA Logarithmic and Linear Plots:
  - EIA Logarithmic Plot: Colors applied logarithmically to the data to highlight variations at the low end. Top legend plots data values linearly. Bottom legend plots color spectrum linearly.
  - EIA Linear Plot: Colors applied linearly to the data. The legend shows the color spectrum linearly.



# 12 Scenarios: Change in CO<sub>2</sub> with FCS

FCS Replace Either 1) All Electric Generation, 2) All In-State Generation, or 3) All Electricity Imports in CA from 1990-2004

Non-Cogenerative FCS Consuming Natural Gas Fuel

Electrically Networked (ENW) -- Connected to the Distribution Grid Allowing the Inflow and Outflow of Electricity; Fixed Heat-to-Power (FHP) Ratio

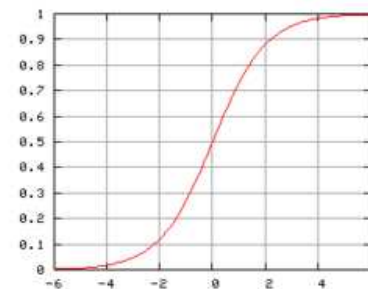
Non-Load Following (NLF) at Maximum Electrical Efficiency ( $\eta_{e\_max}$ )

Four System Types:

- 1) Proton Exchange Membrane (PEMFC)  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 32\%$
- 2) Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell (PAFC)  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 37\%$
- 3) Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell (MCFC) hybrid w/ downstream gas turbine  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 54\%$
- 4) Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) pressurized hybrid w/ downstream turbine  $\eta_{e\_max} \approx 60\%$

Proven efficiencies ( $\eta$ ), except SOFC only modelled

Plots: colors applied sigmoid function to data to highlight small variations in low positive and negative data values.





# DOE-EIA 906/920 Data Are Complete

- The DOE EIA calculations shown in **Table 2.0** are based on 906/920 databases. LBNL states, “we did not use the [DOE EIA’s] 906/920 for CALEB because these data do not include nonutility plants for years prior to 1999...and that would have resulted in a major hole in the data for 1990 to 1998.”
- However, by contrast, EIA states that “the 906/920 data set is complete (covers all producing sectors) from 2001 forward.”
- Furthermore, in response to the comment from LBNL above, EIA states, “There are no “major holes” in the EIA data series (plural). The analyst from Berkeley is not correct about what data are available from EIA. IF one were to try to use the EIA-906 to get consumption data series from 1989 to 2006, that would not be possible, because that particular Form (the 906/920) was not used prior to 2001. I guess the analyst wasn’t aware that the data were collected on other EIA forms. All the data were collected, but under different survey instruments. So no single survey instrument covers the entire time period. But there are no “major holes” because, TAKEN TOGETHER, the surveys collectively provide full coverage over the time period.”

# LBNL-CEC Methodology

## LBNL

- Transposed EIA fuel consumption data into CALEB database,
- Truncated this data (by using fossil fuel only data base), and
- Re-categorized this data (such as CHP-generated electricity and heat), and
- Multiplied some of the fuel consumption categories (excluding geothermal etc.) by emission factors to report CO<sub>2</sub> total emissions (CALEB CO<sub>2</sub>).
  - Re-allocated the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with CHP-generated heat and electricity from natural gas power plants into the industrial sector. Removed this data from the electricity sector.
  - *The same procedure applied to other fuels? (LBNL no respond to question.)*
  - Omitted CO<sub>2</sub> emission data from natural gas plant CHP-generated heat between 1990-1999 from the aggregate emission database entirely.

# LBNL-CEC Methodology

## CEC

- Copied CALEB fuel consumption data (originally EIA fuel consumption data) for natural gas and coal fuel consumption,
- Made a large typo in reporting coal consumption in the process (under-estimated fuel consumption and emissions by 98%),
- Truncated fuel consumption data by only considering two fuels.
- Did not report CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from CHP-generated heat under electricity sector emissions
- Did not report CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from CHP-generated heat under other sectors explicitly, so readers could identify this quantity.

**Resulting value-added unclear.**