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Emerging Technologies in Energy Efficiency

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EPRI End-Use Energy Efficiency Program

Advancing EE & DR as Reliable Resources

Infuse technology pipeline for EE/DR programs through testing & demonstration

Lead efficiency development in electronics and “infotainment” technology

Advance technology to enable automated, ubiquitous DR

Provide analytical frameworks on EE/DR

- Potential magnitude
- Environmental impact (CO₂)
- Valuation/economic impact
- Measurement & verification
- Feedback and behavior effects



EPRI RD&D is helping accelerate emerging smart and efficient technologies into utility energy efficiency programs

Clear performance metrics

Performance validation (testing, field demos, pilots)

- Energy savings
- Durability, reliability, compatibility
- Cost, ROI
- Customer satisfaction

Deemed savings

- Region/segment-specific
- Persistence/lifetime

Risk Mitigation

Regulatory Approval



Utility EE Programs

EPRI RD&D

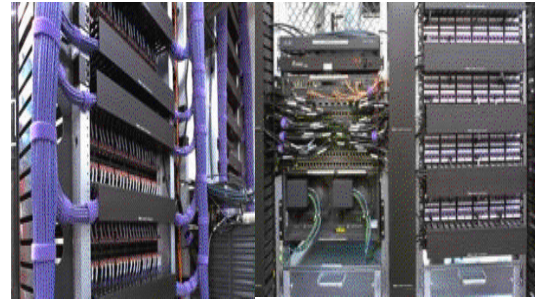
Emerging Technology

EPRI liaising with DOE and numerous industry groups to advance energy-efficient technologies

EPRI field demonstrations of six categories of “hyper-efficient” technologies to fundamentally change energy usage in U.S. buildings and homes



**Variable-Refrigerant-Flow
Air Conditioning**



Efficient Data Centers



**LED Street &
Area Lighting**



**Heat-Pump
Water Heaters**

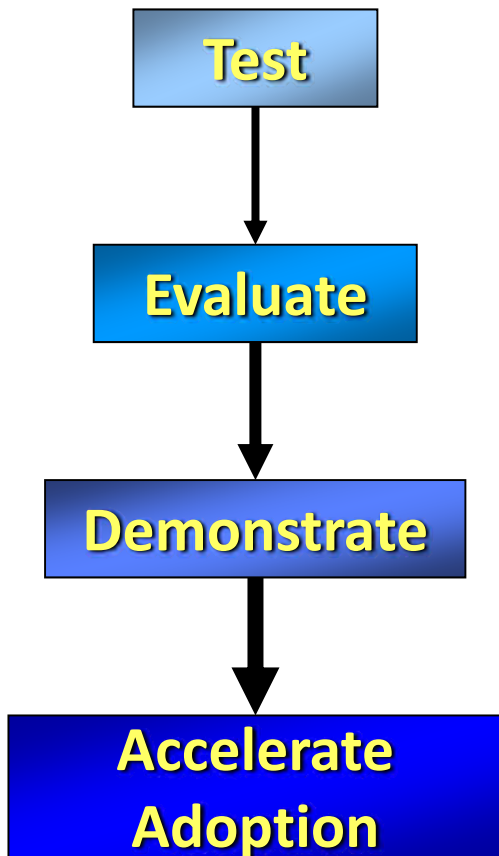


**Ductless, Residential Heat-
Pumps and Air-Conditioners**



**Hyper-Efficient
Appliances**

Demo is answering fundamental questions to accelerate adoption of efficient technologies into programs



How do these **technologies** perform?

What level of **energy savings**?

What about **diversity factors**?

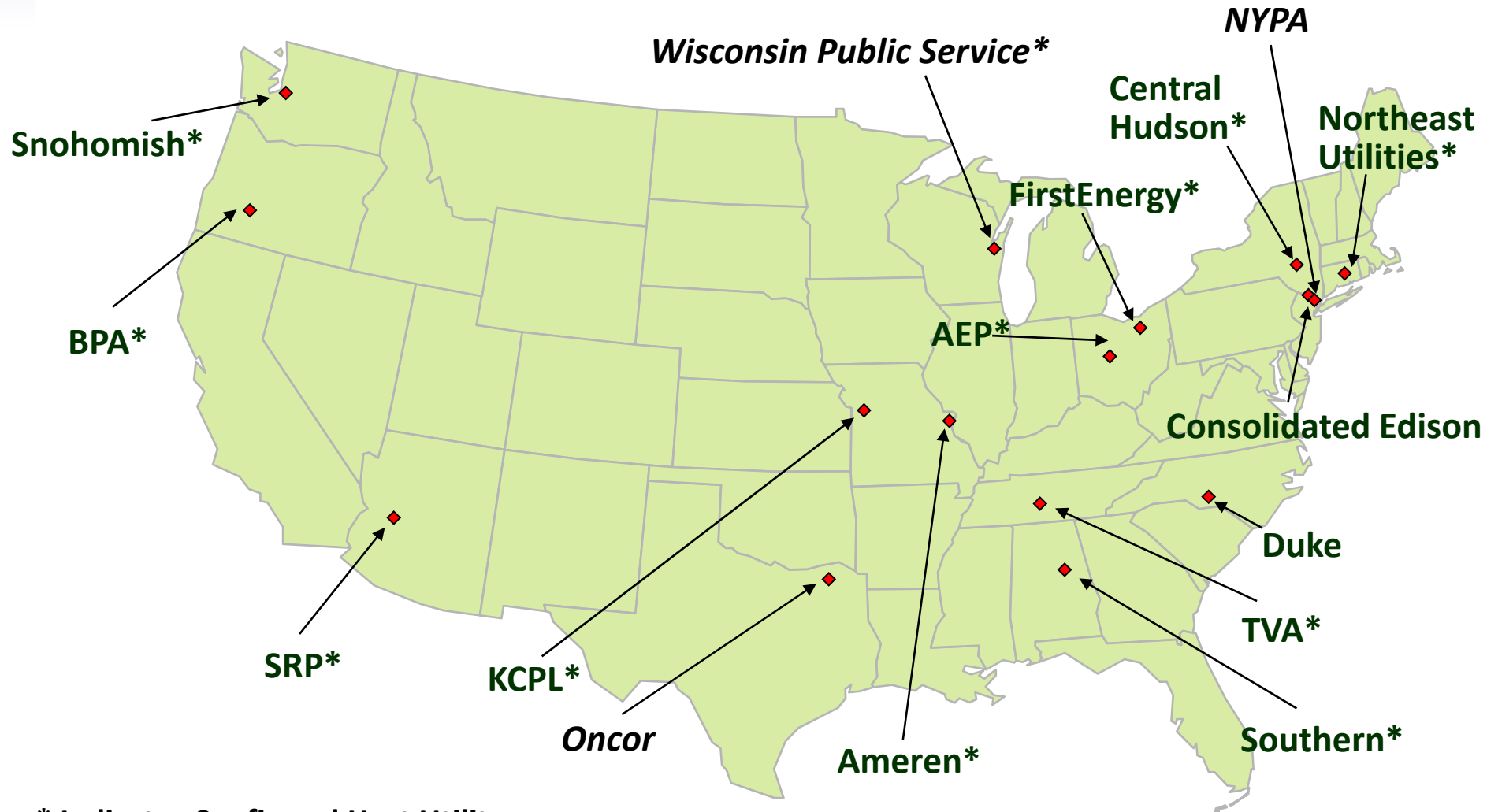
- manufacturer, climate, electric rates, building design and construction, etc.

Are they compatible with **building designs and various codes and standards**?

Are there differences in quality and other effects **compared to traditional technologies**?

What are the **technical and market obstacles** and how do they impede adoption?

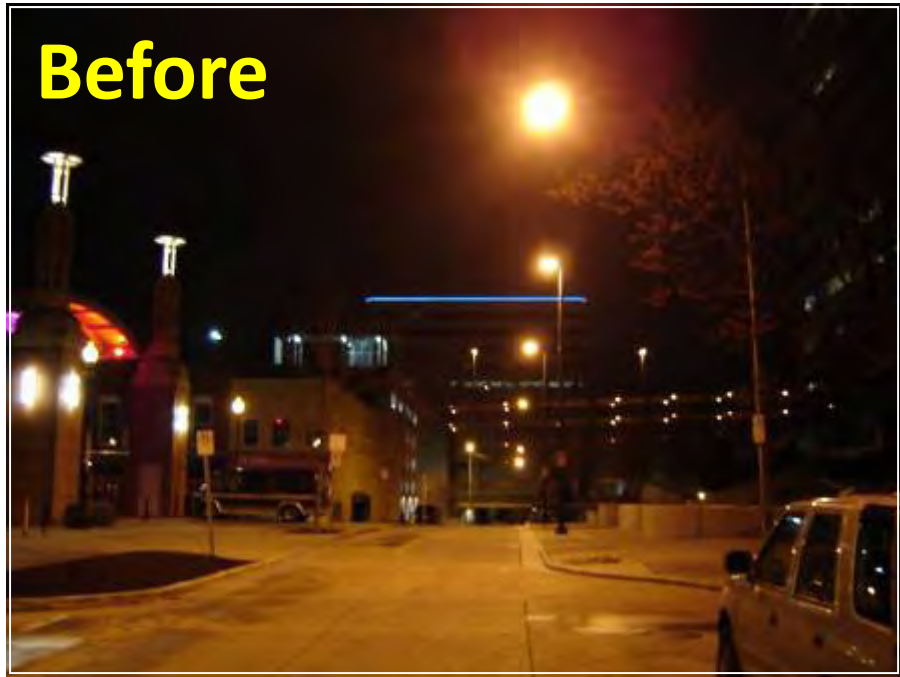
Committed Collaborators



* Indicates Confirmed Host Utility

LED Street & Area Lights Installation

TVA Hosted Location, Knoxville, TN



**310 W (each),
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)**



**94 Watt (each),
Light Emitting Diode (LED)**

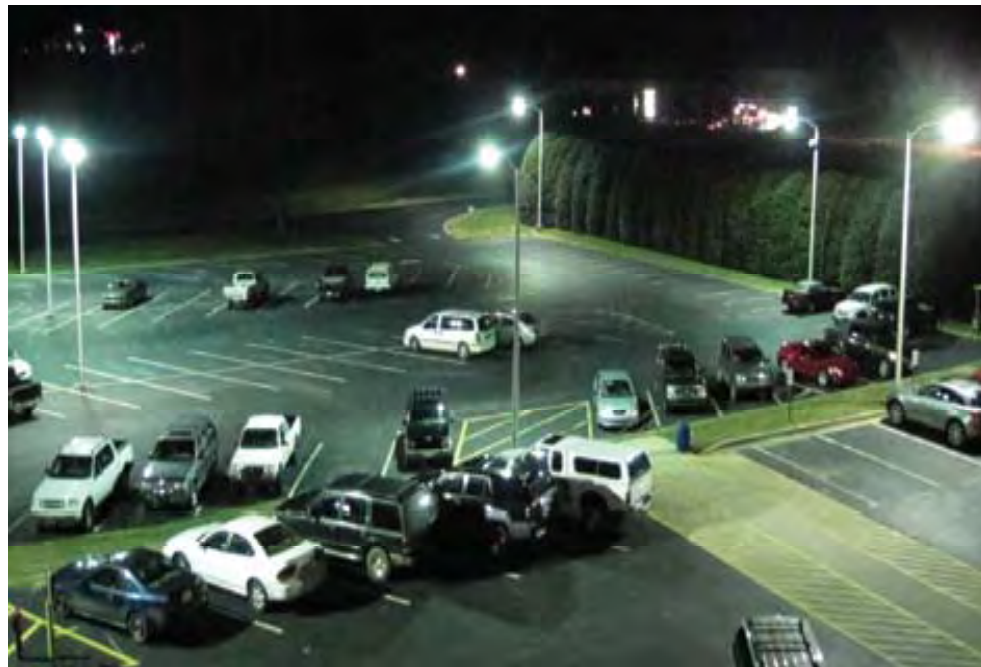
TVA project: Wall Ave., Knoxville, TN

LED Street & Area Lights Installation

Southern Company (Georgia Power – Cornelia, GA)

Replacement of metal halides with LEDs at parking lot in Cornelia, Georgia has yielded 50% energy savings and improved light quality

Before (Metal Halide)

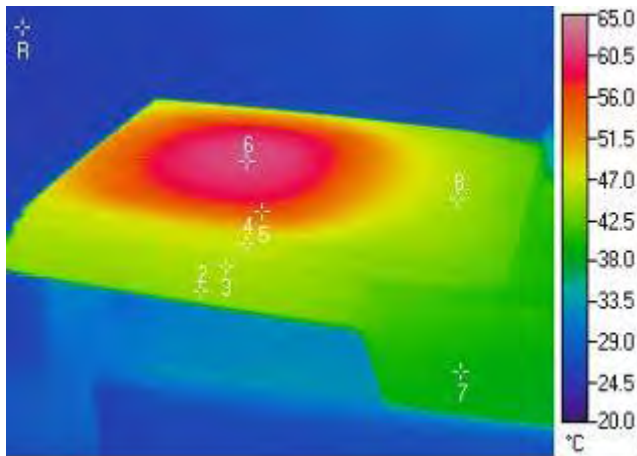
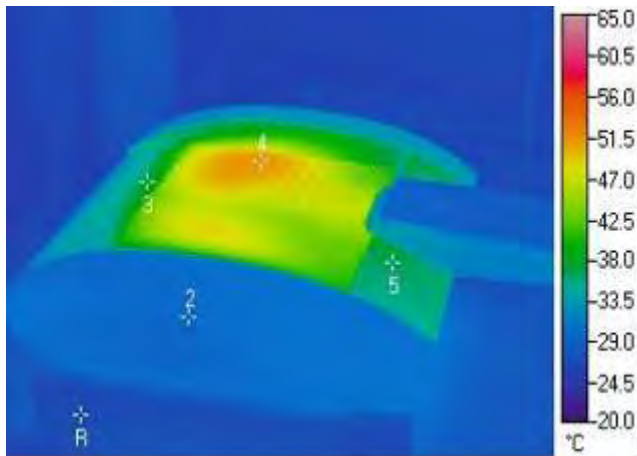


After (LED)



Lab testing has revealed manufacturing defects in some LED Fixtures

Thermal Imaging Profiles Reveal Potential Overheating Problems



Root Cause Determination of Transistor Damage



Air Pocket in Potting Material Led to Overheating and Failure of LED Ballast

Installations: VRF* Air Conditioners

Southern Company – Mobile, Alabama

Before



After

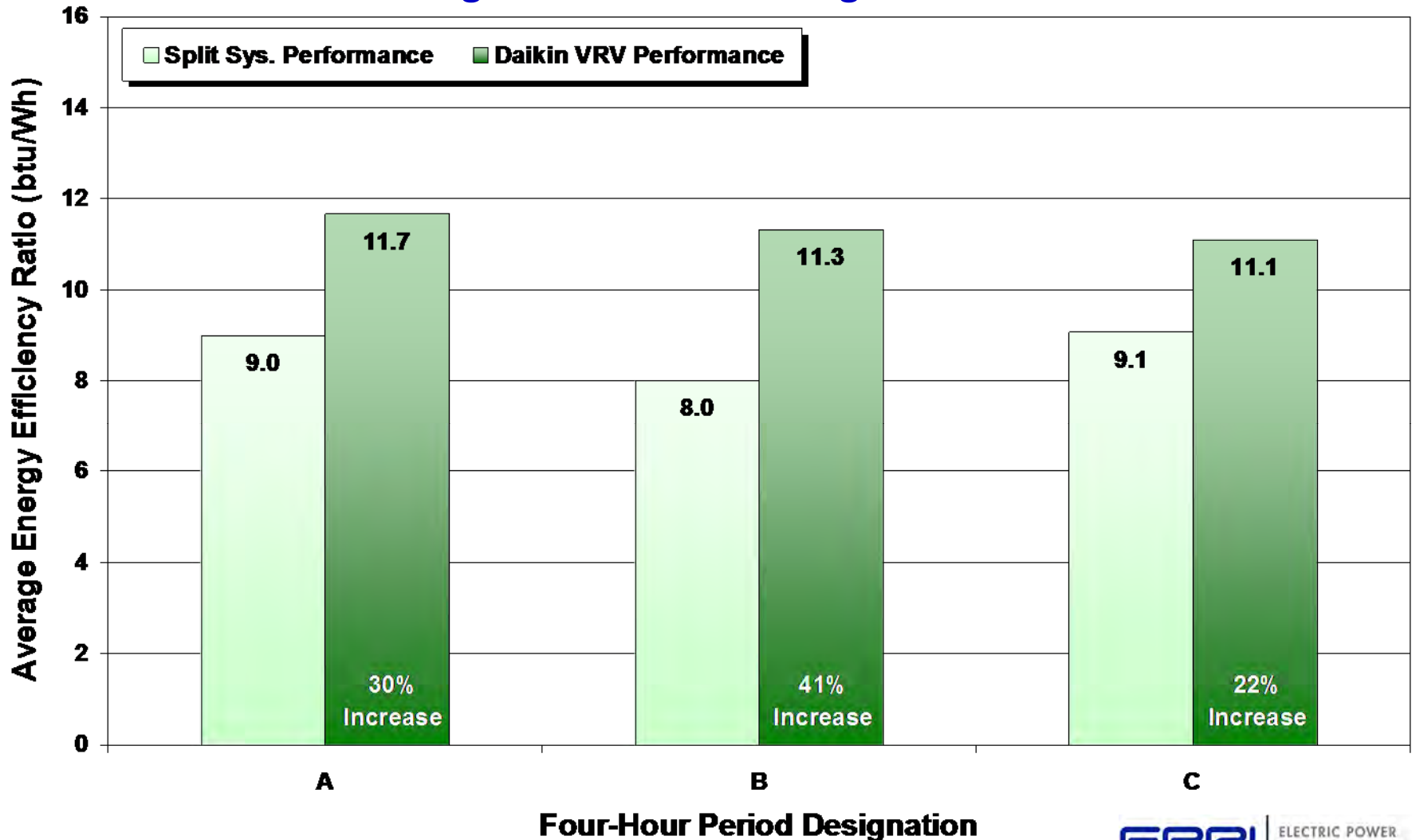


- Monitoring performance and measuring savings (40% savings potential)
- 31% reduction in February 2010 energy use (heating mode)
- Two Southeast sites plus two in Pacific NW providing valuable mix of cooling and heating field data in two diverse climate regions
- EPRI established expertise in VRF performance measurement & verification

*VRF – Variable Refrigerant Flow

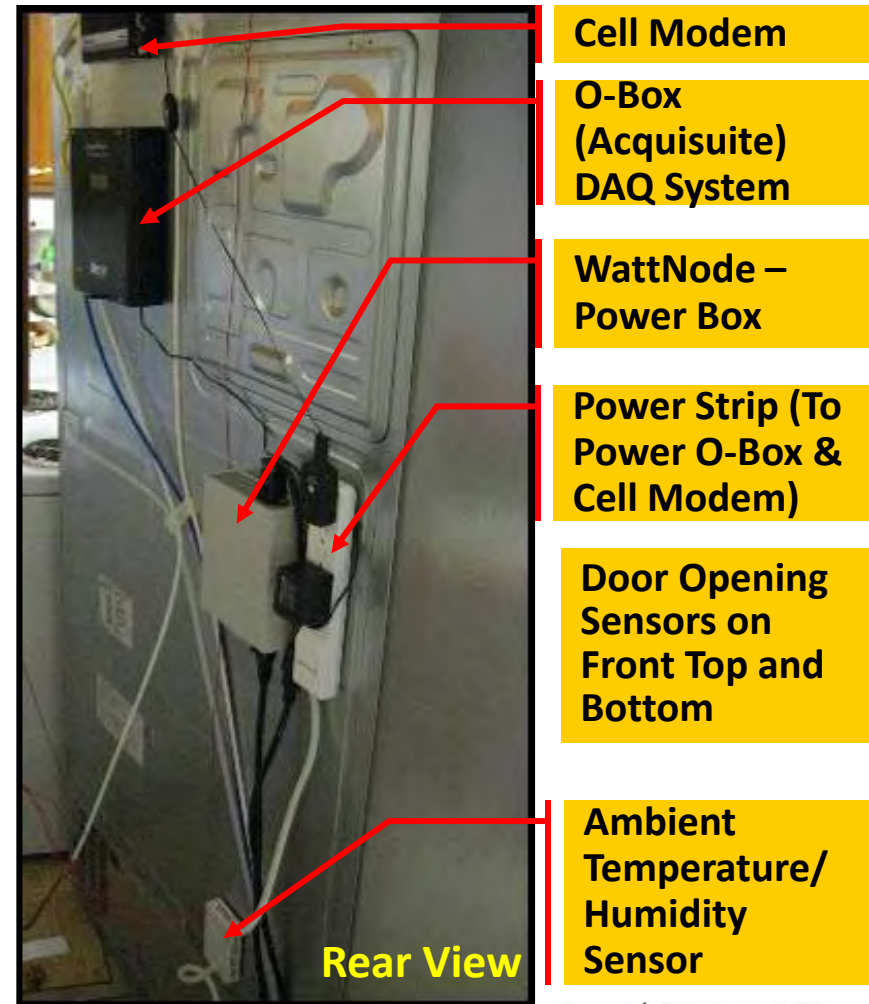
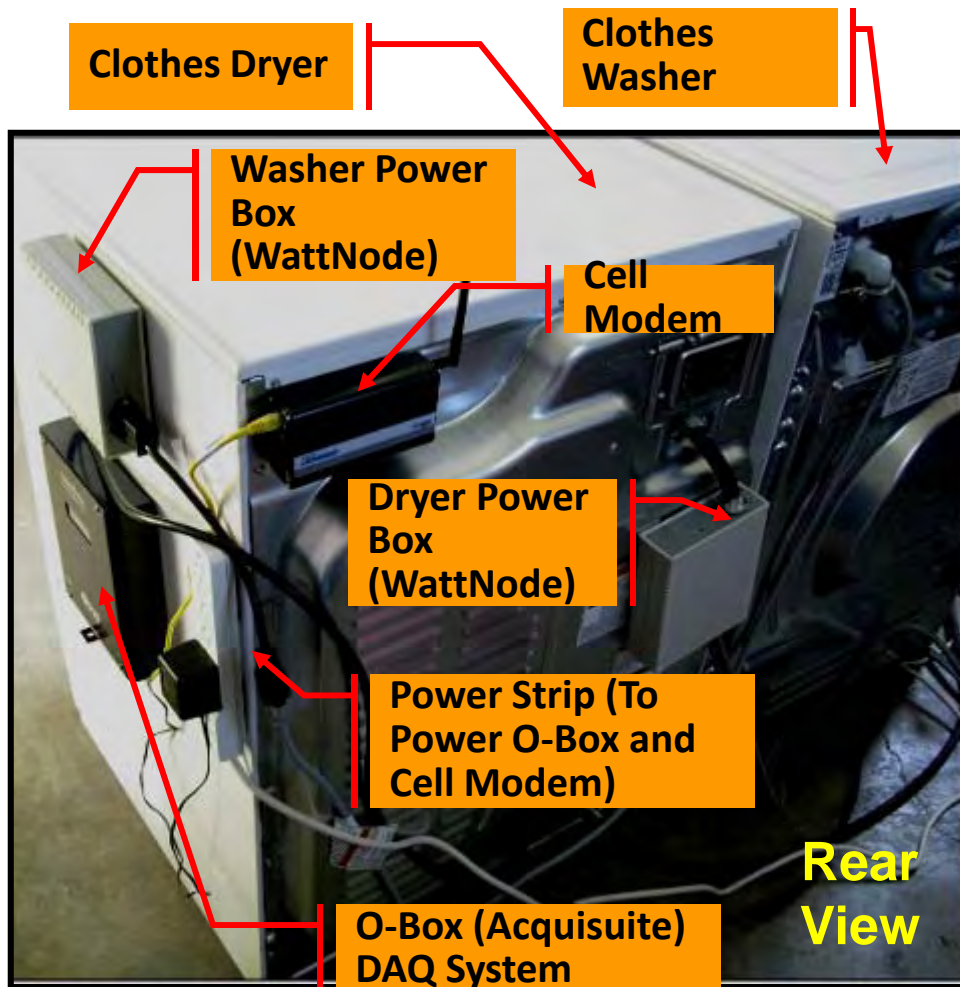
2009 Lab Test Results: VRF 20 – 40% more Efficient than Conventional Split System AC

Variable Refrigerant Flow AC Testing Results: Daikin VRV

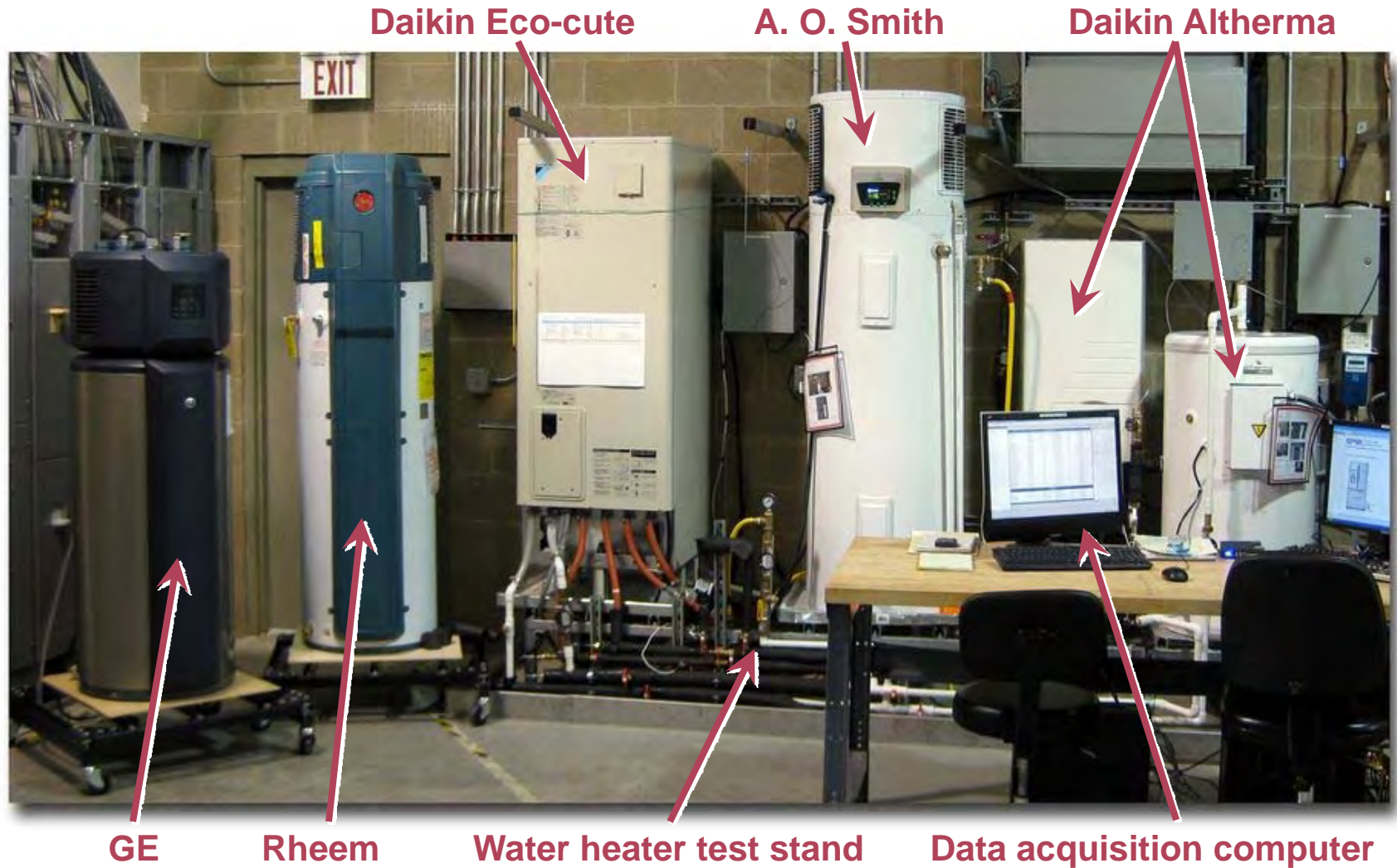


Demonstrating innovative high-efficiency refrigerators, washers, and dryers

Robust Instrumentation



Heat Pump Water Heater – Family Portrait



Installations: Heat Pump Water Heater

Southern Company – Birmingham, Alabama

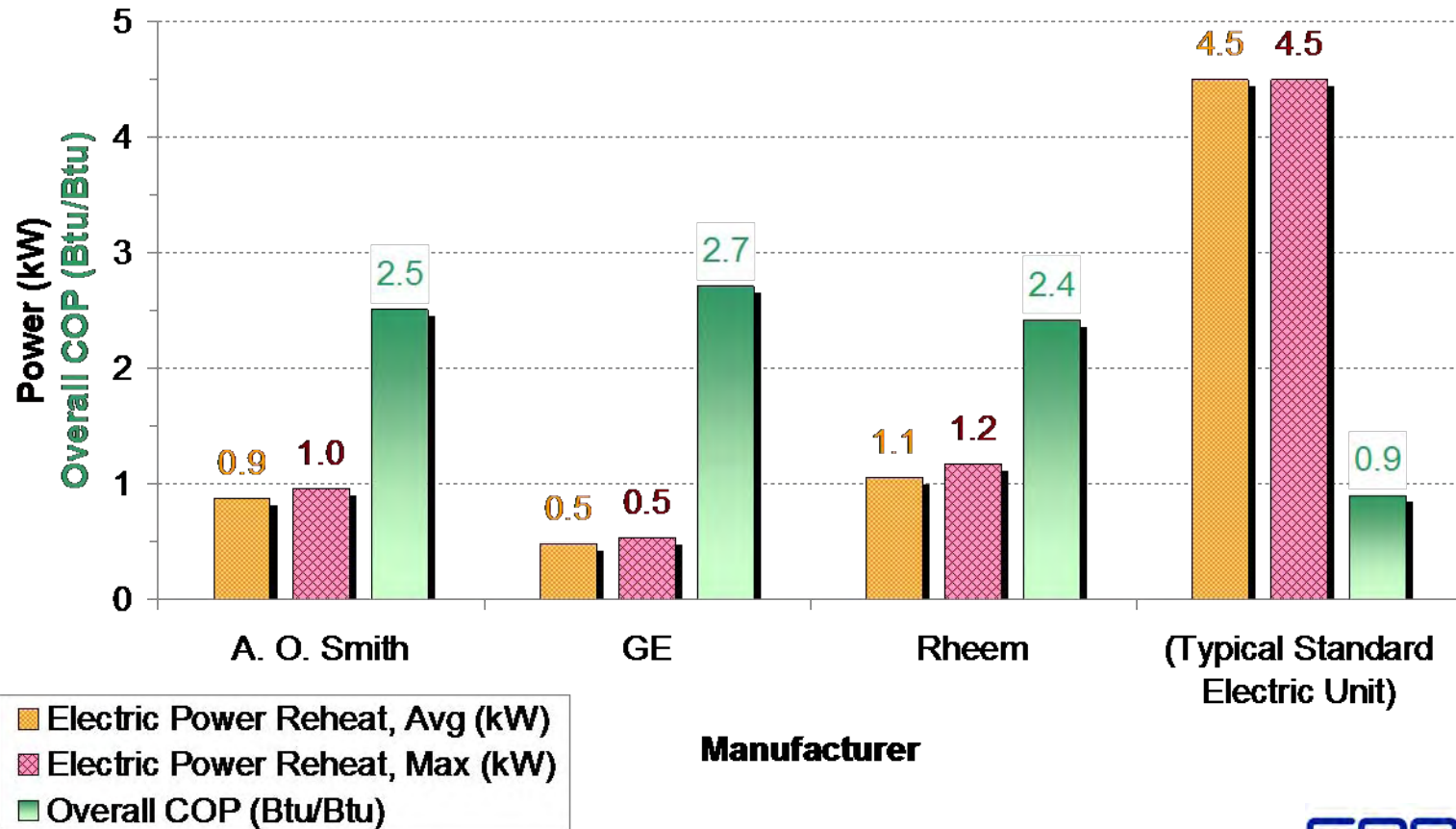


- Winter Coefficient of Performance (COP) of ~ 1.5 observed at Birmingham site; over 50% more efficient than current electric resistance water heaters
- Summer COP expected to be significantly higher
- Manufacturers claim annual COP of >2.0 ; i.e. at least twice as efficient as current electric water heaters
- Shipped 40 units with instrumentation packages to-date

HPWH – Heat Pump Water Heater

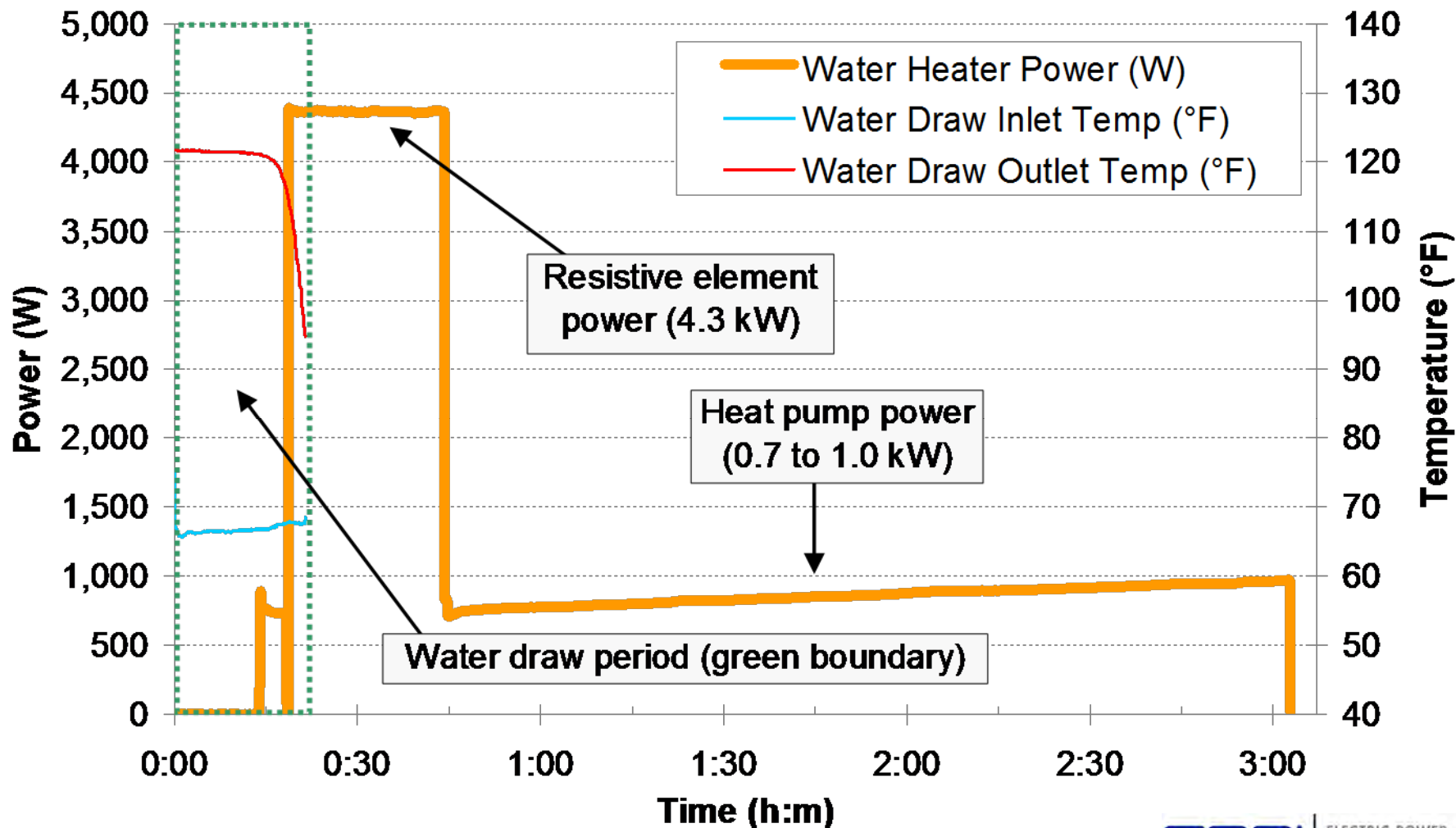
2009 HPWH Test: 3x Efficiency Improvement; Power Draw Reduced ~ 75-85%

Six hourly draws, 10.7 gal each at 3 gpm, then standby for 18 hours
 Default operating mode (Hybrid or Energy Saver) at 120°F setting
 Targeted conditions: ambient 68°F, 50% RH, and 58°F inlet water



HPWH Draw Test: Energy Consumption Halved, but Recovery Time Doubled

A.O. Smith HPWH: Draw Test Profile



Ductless Residential Heat Pumps and Air Conditioners (DHPs)

Split system heat pumps

No duct systems

**More efficient variable speed
DC inverter driven fans and
compressors**

**Match heating or cooling load
at any instance**

Improved comfort for the user

Lower noise levels

Easy to retrofit

**Commonly installed in Asia and
Europe**



Installation in Chattanooga, TN (TVA)

Data Centers – Demonstrating Three Energy Efficiency Strategies

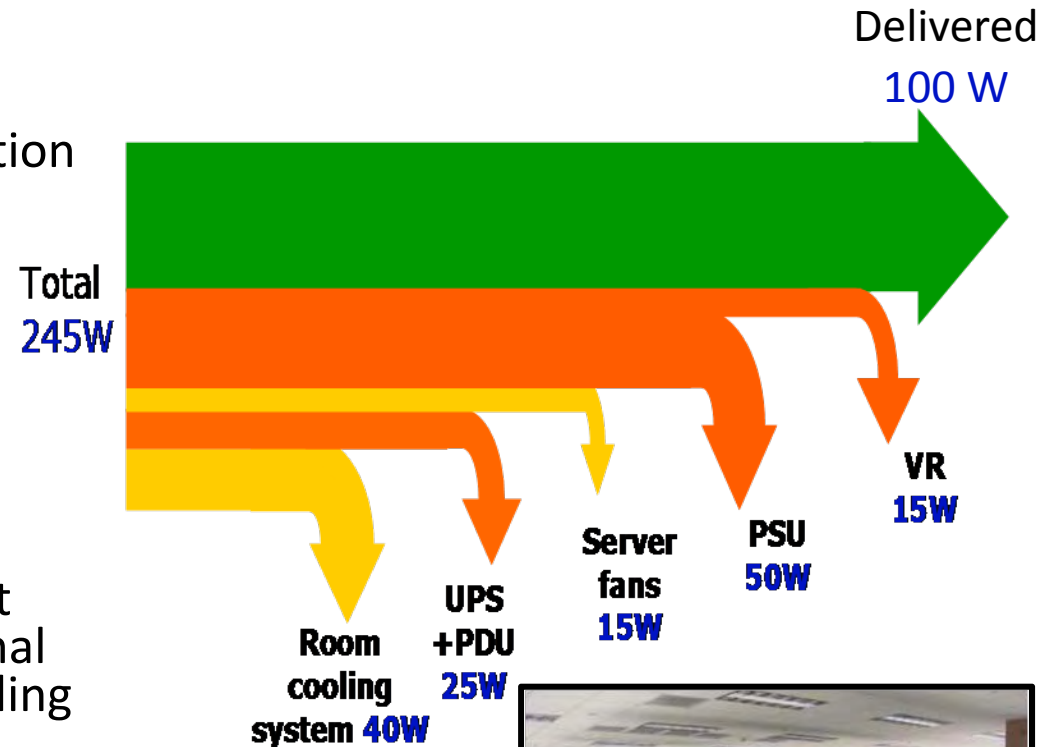
Server Power Supply Retrofits
(Snohomish Public Utility District)

Direct Current (DC) Power Distribution
(Duke Energy)

- Reduction in AC-DC and DC-DC conversion losses

Airflow Management with Cooling Controls
(Salt River Project)

- Testing Federspiel software that automatically determines optimal temperature, selects which cooling units operate at any time, and coordinate operation to eliminate “fighting” between units
- Potential for 40-80% cooling unit fan energy savings and 20-30% **total** data center energy savings



End-to-End Energy Efficiency R&D

The Full Portfolio...



Generation

Heat rate improvement

Efficient auxiliary loads

Transmission & Distribution

Green Circuits™

Green Transmission™

End Use

Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity