#### Findings and Next Steps in Energy Efficiency Measurement and Attribution:

#### Energy Savings, Net to Gross, Non-Energy Benefits, and Retention from Energy Efficiency Behavior

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#### **Techniques for:**

- Gross effects
- Net effects attribution
- 4 evaluation topics used in market progress, B/C, attributing savings & shareholder benefits, comparing to supply alternatives, program decision-making
  - Impact
  - Attribution / FR / NTG
  - NEB
  - Persistence

□ Research methods: outreach to 100; review of 250+ reports

• Summary / primer and gaps / next steps



## Context

Investment dollars at risk

Program evolution / behavioral / methods review

Debate over precision

- Granger evaluation to avoid making wrong decisions
- Multiple applications... varying precision needs?
- □ Program decisions to be advised include:
  - Public dollars responsibly spent
  - Apportionment of dollars between strategies
  - **ID** when to exit or revise program
- □ Precision based on value / cost of possibility of wrong decision...
  - Yes/No vs. precise level of shareholder dollars...



## Context

Key uses of evaluation results

- Program planning
- Program marketing & optimization
- Integrated planning, portfolio optimization, scenario analysis
- Generation alternative
- Performance incentives
- Accuracies differ but inputs include various elements of the 4 topics we researched



#### Behavioral Inputs to Planning, Program Design and Program Implementation



## **Gross Impacts**



## Impact Evaluation Elements -Overview

#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



# **Gross Impacts Methods**

We define 5 classes of methods

🗅 M&V

- Engineering calculations
- Isolated ECM metering
- Whole building metering
- Calibrated / simulation modeling
- Deemed savings
  - If savings well-known, documented, small; non-overlapping
  - □ Sources: DEER, other



## **Gross Impacts Methods**

Statistical Analysis

- Comparison group, difference of differences
- Time series comparisons / billing analyses
- Combination
  - ▲ Modeling methods: NAC, conditional demand, SAE, ANCOVA
- Sales / Market Share
  - Data source issues sales, shipments, reporting, cost, etc.
  - Indirect through price reflected impact; inferences for exit & rebates (NEEPP)



# **Gross Impact Methods**

#### Surveys

- As inputs for other methods and pre/post/control
- Important for behavioral
- Accuracy concerns
- Balance evaluation cost with value of information received
  - More accuracy may need on-site validation
- Methods review by type, application, region
  - Methods here; some patterns in results in paper



## Variations / Practices by Program Type

Туре	Issues	Example Methods
Large C&I	Individual, <10%	M&V combo eng & met
	Interactive, >10%; assumpts issue	SAE
	Data missing	deemed
Res & Small	Interactive, behavior	SAE, M&V(site), billing
Com'l	CFL (hours issue)	Deemed
	New construction (baseline, interaxn)	M&V/calib sim,
	Plug loads	M&V, engineer, deemed
Educ/	Supporting / indirect / few savings	Often not measured
Outreach	attrib	M&V sim; on-site verif
	Behavioral	SAE if lg; billing/con <mark>trol</mark>
	Education with Wx	Billing/eng/control,
	Education only, training, CBSM	surveys SERA

## Variations / Practices by Program Type

Туре	Issues	Example Methods
Mktg/Advert	Effectiveness for changing markets/behaviors	Focus/survey, purchase tracking, random assign; multiple comparisons
MT	Retailer incentives, broad marketing	More steps (ID) survey, site, NTG, regional comparisons, regression w/ explanatory
Demand Response	Rate design, incentives, technology to change demand	Metering, but baseline using rep. day, statistical analysis; metering + regression
Performance contracting	Guaranteeing savings to pay program costs	M&V stipulated for some; add verification / statistical analysis, calib. simulations; verif/3 tiers
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## Variations / Practices by Use / Application

By Use / Application	Increasing Rigor (& cost)	By Considerations			
Assessing progress	Deemed	Uncertainty small, low cost, small value implications, e.g.small resid programs			
Information on C/E					
DSM planning input (tradeoff)					
Paying participant					
Paying utility incentive					
Alternative supply	Detailed M&V, site verification, +	High certainty needed, large impacts, large cost			

## **Variations / Practices**

- □ No systematic differences by region
- Do vary by utilities, regulatory environment / requirements, and budgets
- California protocols define rigor for CA
- NEEP developing protocols
  - Noted issue of baseline conditions; variations in deemed, assumptions
- □ Cost ranges: CA 7.6%; elsewhere 1.6-3.1%



## **Issues / Problems by Program Type**

Туре	Issues	Methods / Consider
Large C&I	Usually use M&V complex ECMs / assumptions / calculations; large variations / implications	Valid assumptions → meter? Verify?
Res & Small Com'l	Com'l lighting issues - hours and interactive effects Residential – behavioral changes can overshadow savings with stats analy New construction – time to model wih M&V, calibr sim; lg sample (PNP) for SAE	Metering, model for interaxn? Survey/ site visit; cost issue No breakthroughs / expense, application
Educ/ Outreach	Variability in information, delivery, presentation; variability in follow-through; small so SAE difficult; M&V survey / bias?; lags, participants; clutter/baseline; retention (minimal work)	Survey / pre/post/control; Basic experimental design; No significant breakthroughs

## **Issues / Problems by Program Type**

Туре	Issues	Methods / Consider
Mktg/Advert	Similar	
MT	Information from channels and consumers; multiple surveys / metering; secondary data issues and limited for commercial; control group problems	Surveys, metering, statistical Control group method getting obsolete / impossible → market studies?
Demand Response	Finding right model and conditions for baseline	Average of pre/post days, representative day; regression
Performance contracting	Not specifically addressed	

## **Other Issues / Problems**

#### Other Problems

- Cost-effectiveness
- Participant payments
- Utility incentives
- Progress toward potential
- DSM planning
- Accuracy issues



## **Gross Energy and Demand**

#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



#### Conclusions - Gross Energy Savings Measurement

- Impact evaluations apply at least one of following 5 methods:
  - Measurement and verification (M&V)
  - Deemed savings
  - Statistical / billing analyses
  - Market progress / market share analysis
  - Surveys
- Education and behavioral programs have been evaluated but require tailored, rather than prescribed, <u>evaluation methods</u>
- Direct and <u>indirect</u> impacts can be measured with up-front experimental design methods and sufficient sample sizes
- Program <u>attribution</u> is challenging
  - Measure, program
  - May only be possible to estimate market effects from a portfolio of programs



### **Recommendations -Gross Energy Savings Measurement**

- Conduct market assessments up front
- Conduct market and appliance / equipment saturation surveys
- Improve modeling and other approaches for assessing behavioral programs



## **Net Savings / Attribution / NTG**



## **Attributing Net Energy and Demand**

#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



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# **Attributing Net Effects**

Elements
Free ridership (FR)
Spillover (SO)

3 types

Net-to-Gross (NTG)

Only equals FR if SO=0
Formulations



# **Current Methods / Practices**

Method	Pros	Cons		
Deemed / stipulated NTG	Simple, uniform, no debate; no risk in pgm design/perform, inexpensive, can reflect FR	Doesn't recognize actual performance differences / design/ implement		
NTG adjusted by models / dynamic baseline	Can reflect performance diffs	Complicated to ID baseline; data intensive; expensive; Risk to designers; debate		
Paired comparisons NTG	Can reflect performance diffs; straightforward / reliable evaluation design	Control groups can be difficult; statistical corr'ns, debate		
Survey-based NTG	Estimate of FR and SO; explore causes and rationale	Self-report; timing; expensive; samples, instrument / respons <mark>e</mark>		

## **Current Practices**

□ Spillover more complex than free ridership

- "Participants"
- Measurement / surveys

□ FR more commonly considered than SO

Controversy

- Error
- Expense
- Baselines
- Chatter
- Uncertainty



## **Current Practices**

State practices

- California Standard Practice Manual, or portions
- Results from studies
- Methods and gaps
  - Most self-report or enhanced methods; few more advanced
  - Very few with confidence intervals
  - NE more commonly included SO
  - Few consider kW, Therms
  - Ex ante / ex post uncommon
  - Ranges for results for FR, NTG
  - Variations by measures



# Variations in NTG

	Net To Gross, Free Ridership, Spillover
General results	Most utilities and regulators exclude NTG or assume values that incorporate only FR and range from about 0.7 to 1.0 ( <i>ex ante</i> ). <i>Ex</i> <i>post</i> results have been measured for many programs; spillover is measured much less often than free ridership.
Variations by measure type, program type or region	Clear patterns for FR, SO, or NTG results by measures, program types, and regions have not been demonstrated to date. Assume program design / measure variations are important; NTG affected by whether spillover is included.
Variations for behavioral vs. measure-based programs	NTG for behavioral not found generally

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## **Issues / NTG and Elements**

#### □ Refinements in standard practices

- □ Simplistic → Partial FR, long term tracking
- □ Causality → Splitting the credit ("…a village…" Bensch)
- Randomized methods essential
- Methodological work
- Quantitative studies



## **Issues / NTG and Elements**

- Concern that California methods / results / applications rule
- Need to recognize both FR and SO; capture NP SO; recognize FR not bad in MT world
- All agreed FR use in assessing design, exit, refinement; some concern about use as penalty in cost recovery / most in favor, otherwise just an effect
- Omit spillover in many
  - SO critical for behavioral / education → part of the point; omission / penalty is unbalanced
  - Underinvestment; not considered in regulatory tests NO INNOVATION
  - End up with mediocre efforts / programs
  - Geographic boundaries issue / local vs. broader
- Modified TRC requested for all prgms- GHG, NEBs, FR, innovation, SO, boundaries
  - Especially punishes behavioral / education
  - Measure-by-measure problem cherry-picking



# **Key Uses / NTG and Elements**

- □ Challenges, but "…not measuring is not the answer" (Rufo)
- Given Key uses
  - **•** FR Program design, exit timing
  - SO Performance of education, behavioral
  - Distinguishing good programs / performance / time; overlook good programs
  - Mixed reports on feedback loop; process, logic models
- Better programs if
  - Precision issue / vary by application (incentives vs...)
  - NTG / FR replicable methods with flexibility in methods by type of program
  - Key comprehensive market assessment work for BASELINE, a priori
  - Real time data collection; discrete choice models; random assignment
  - Data base

## **Attributing Net Energy and Demand**

#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



## **Conclusions -**

## **Net Energy Savings Measurement**

- Net-to-Gross (NTG, reflecting free ridership and spillover) apply at least one of following four calculations:
  - Deemed NTG
  - NTG adjusted by models with a dynamic baseline
  - Paired comparisons NTG
  - Survey-based NTG
- Spillover is more complicated than free ridership to measure
- Considerable, and growing, controversy regarding the use of NTG, especially in regulatory applications
- Evaluation of free ridership and spillover serves other purposes
  - Identify superior program designs
  - Identify program exit timing



#### **Recommendations -Net Energy Savings Measurement**

- Consider short-term (year 1 or 2) and long-term (year 3) deemed values
- Develop enhanced NTG, free ridership and spillover methods
- Conduct experimental designs for evaluation
- Encourage more real-time evaluation data collection for refining programs
- Develop enhanced modeling methods for improving estimates of attributable impacts
- Compile NTG results into a database and continuously update with new research and evaluations



## Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs)



# **Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs)**

#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



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# **Non-Energy Benefits**

Omitted program effects, positive & negative

- 3 perspectives utility, society, participant
  - Limited "drivers"; NEB laundry list
- Uses
  - Utility current (few) and potential (regulatory tests, program admin cost)
  - Society current (deemed GHG, scenarios); potential (TRC)
  - Participant current (marketing / screening / modified TRC for readily measurable); potential (Portfolio dev'p, refinement, mktg, regulatory tests – participant cost)



# **NEB Drivers**

Utility/Ratepayer	Societal	Participant (all)
<ul> <li>Payments/financial</li> <li>Debt collection efforts / calls</li> <li>Emergencies / insurance</li> <li>T&amp;D, power quality, reliability</li> <li>Subsidy (LI)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Economic development / job / multipliers</li> <li>Tax impacts</li> <li>Environmental</li> <li>Emissions</li> <li>Health</li> <li>Water &amp; other resources / utilities</li> <li>National security</li> <li>Wildlife/Other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Payments &amp; coll'n</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Building stock</li> <li>Health</li> <li>Equipment service incl. productivity, comfort, maint, etc.</li> <li>Other utilities (water, etc.)</li> <li>Other (transactions, enviro, psychic, etc.)</li> </ul>

## NEB Categories by Perspective – From Drivers

Utility	Society	Participant	
<ul> <li>Carrying cost on arrearages</li> <li>Bad debt written off</li> <li>Shutoffs</li> <li>Reconnects</li> <li>Notices</li> <li>Customer calls / bill or emergency-related</li> <li>Other bill collection costs</li> <li>Emergency gas service calls (for gas flex connector and other programs)</li> <li>Insurance savings</li> <li>Transmission and distribution savings (usually distribution)</li> <li>Fewer substations, etc.</li> <li>Power quality / reliability</li> <li>Reduced subsidy payments (low income)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Economic development benefits - direct and indirect multipliers</li> <li>Tax effects</li> <li>Emissions / environmental (trading values and/or health / hazard benefits)</li> <li>Health and safety equipment</li> <li>Water and waste water treatment or supply plants</li> <li>Fish / wildlife mitigation</li> <li>National security</li> <li>Health care</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Water / wastewater bill savings</li> <li>Operating costs (non-energy)</li> <li>Equipment maintenance</li> <li>Equipment performance (push air better, etc.)</li> <li>Equipment lifetime</li> <li>Shutoffs / Reconnects</li> <li>Property value benefits / selling</li> <li>(Bill-related) calls to utility</li> <li>Comfort</li> <li>Aesthetics / appearance</li> <li>Fires / insurance damage (gas)</li> <li>Lighting / quality of light</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Safety</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Control over bill</li> <li>Understanding / knowledge</li> <li>"Care" or "hardship" (low income)</li> <li>Indoor air quality</li> <li>Health / lost days at work or school</li> <li>Fewer moves</li> <li>Doing good for environment</li> <li>Savings in other fuels or services (as relevant)</li> <li>GHG and environmental effects</li> <li>Negatives</li> </ul>

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## **NEBs – Best Practices**

Best practices / issues

- Redundancy / perspective
- Net positive / negative
- Net standard efficiency
- Net free riders
- Minimizing overlap / double-counting (number of categories / drivers)
- Application subsets
- Review of status of measurement methods by NEB (by individual category in paper); summary here
  - Direct estimation
  - Models
  - Secondary plus literature or measurement
  - Survey-based



# **Progress and Gaps in NEBs**

- Greatest progress beyond "lists"
  - Climate change models -System average vs. margin\*(recm. minimum) vs. hourly dispatch. Issues – additionality, program/project; uncertainty
  - Economic development models – net, baseline discussion
  - Some in societal health and safety / limited
  - Participant

- □ Little progress / gaps
  - Utility T&D, kW, capacity, heath and safety –
    - ▲ Low value because important ones unstudied
  - Society: Water infrastructure, GHG issues; kW/capacity; national security, health and safety, neighborhood improvement
  - Participant: measurement / tests; transferability, policymakers, B/C



## Participant NEBs Measurement Methods

Method	Key Pros and Cons			
A.Direct/ primary estimation; also market valuation	Good numbers, missing obs/bias, expensive; subset of NEBs			
B. Computation using secondary data, estimates	Defensible; scenario analysis; quality depends on secondary assumptions, only subset of NEBs			
C. Computation using regression	Strong / confidence intervals; expensive/data and labor intensive appropriate for small subset of important NEBs	Strong / confidence intervals; expensive/data and labor intensive; appropriate for small subset of important NEBs		
D. Contingent valuation - WTP/WTA; bounded CV	Common in literature; inexpensive; but volatile, uncertain resp; weaknesses from lit; Bounded - Fairly strong, quicker			
E. Survey – relative Scaling - comparative/numeric; Labeled Magnitude Scaling (LMS)	Demonstrated in academic literature; fast, strong, robust, inexpensive; easy for respondents, can do to large sample & many NEBs, less volatile than WTP; careful Q / "enumerator"			
F. Ranking survey - Ordered logit, ranking, AHP, conjoint	Robust, strong, slow, complex, difficult to administer/expensive; careful Q			
G. Other survey approaches – Hedonic Regression	Demonstrated in academic literature; statistical power / explanatory factors; data / expensive; limited NEBs; only applied once so far			
H. Other survey methods-	Strong/robust, but complex, costly, limited			
I. Other		SERA		

## **NEB Uses – Current and Potential**

	Mktg/ targeting	Pgm refinemen t	Customer B/C	Portfolio dev'p	Regula- tory B/C tests	Other
Utility	Ν	С	Ν	С	F	
Society	F	С	F	С	P, F*	
Partici- pant	С	С	С	С	P, F	

Key: C=current; P=partial; F=future potential; N=not applicable



## Methods to Include NEBs in Regulatory Tests

	Maximize DSM opportunities		Minimize Regulatory Risk		Minimize Evaluation Cost	
Adder			4			
Readily Measurable						
Hybrid						
All NEBs						
						SED

# State / Regulatory Treatment of NEBs

Pgm Marketing	Ont, Manitoba, Quebec, many others		
only Project screen	WI		
Pgm screen – not req'd	MT, GA, SC, AR, other		
Pgm screen - adder	For low income at least; CA, ID, OR, UT, WA*, WY; CO (20/5), NH (15% all pgms)		
Pgm screen – readily measured	MA, VT, BC Hydro, OR (esp C&I)		
Pgm screen - scenario	NYSERDA,		
Pgm screen – broad	None found	More aggressive	2
MUCH more	information in the paper		
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## **NEB Value Patterns**

Perspective	Utility	Society		Participant	
	Overall	GHG	Economic	Overall	
General	Small, less than 10% of NEBs	Significant	Can be Significant if measures	Large, often exceed energy savings	
By prgm type	Lgr for low income (financial); Peak high potential	Peak/off peak / season	Varies by >10x depending on local empl mix, type	Higher for whole building programs than individual measures; shell / comfort measures high value	
Behavioral	No current work; large potential with time shift pgms	No work; similar to above	No work; if no new measures, no effect	Applied to a few (Cx, Real time Pricing, training, LI educ, E*) w/ significant NEBs	
Sector	Low income higher value			Different NEBs highest valued resid vs. comm'l	
Region	CZ affects arrears, possible line loss	Generation fuel mix, peak / off peak	Strong variation with local industry mix	CZ influential because comfort (ht/cool); can be 15% of partic NEBs, and insul big driver; no other patterns	

# **NEBs – Issues & Experience**

Other issues:

 Relation to process\* (add?), impact, and NTG evaluation; add to protocols

▲ Exit, refinement information, "disconnect"

- Multiple levels of participants with MT, market programs
- Behavioral programs full of NEBs



# **NEBs – Issues & Experience**

Important applications

- Recommendations for focus on B/C inclusion of NEBs\*\*
- Chicken and egg not bother research if not used for valued applications - protocols
- Advances through adders, readily measured, hybrid, to subsets
  - ▲ Do-able: environmental, economic ("approve" models?)
  - ▲ Scenarios including some participant
  - ▲ Behavioral NEBs
  - ▲ Peak / off peak / kW
  - ▲ Agreement on some values, methods
- Research needs mentioned earlier





## Conclusions -Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs) (1)

- NEBs are often ignored in program evaluation
- □ NEBs are evaluated under three perspectives:
  - Utility
    - ▲ Indirect costs or savings to utility or ratepayers
    - ▲ Fairly small NEBs (bill payment improvements, infrastructure savings)
    - ▲ Not researched: line loss reductions, insurance impacts, time of day/capacity impacts
  - Society
    - ▲ Emissions, job creation/ economic development, health increasing value
  - Participant
    - ▲ Operations and maintenance, comfort, productivity, etc.
    - ▲ Studies show large estimated NEBs, exceeding value of energy savings
- NEBs are important for behavioral and education programs and participants



## Conclusions -Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs) (2)

- NEBs are real and measurable and represent important factors influencing program and measure adoption
- Unclear on how and when regulators will incorporate NEBs into the program review process
- By omitting these impacts, regulators may discourage adoption of programs - especially, behavioral and education programs
  - Investment also allocated sub-optimally...



#### **Recommendations -Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs)**

- Report program and portfolio metrics with various proportions of NEBs incorporated
- Research to fill in remaining gaps / come to "agreed" methods



## Persistence / Lifetime





## Persistence

- Persistence, measure life, EULs; 50% median, in place and operable
- Protocols
- Best practices summary on:
  - Sampling, data collection, analysis, modeling, comparisons / context, documentation
- Remaining useful lifetime (RUL)
  - Few primary studies; conceptual issue
  - Varying opinions; not a priority in industry so far; not ad-hoc values
  - Two phases issues: 1) revised curve; 2) baseline at future date
  - Strong application for behavioral
    - ▲ adoption curves / timing / lifetimes? Measurement issue



## Persistence

#### □ Technical degradation (TDFs)

- Addressed in CA-EM&V protocols
- Differences in decay? Very few primary studies
- 2 effects Technical degradation & behavioral / operational based on quality of use & upkeep – need studies on combination
- Behavioral very parallel; no studies



## EUL Values Used in US -Residential

Lighting	HVAC	Shell & Other
<ul> <li>Lighting - CFL Bulbs: 6-8 years, with some recent work starting to incorporate variations based on assumptions about hours per day that the bulb operates</li> <li>Hardwired fixtures - 15-20 years for interior and exterior fixtures</li> <li>Lamps (table or touchier) - 5- 10 years for most studies<sup>[1]</sup>, depending on type</li> <li>Occupancy sensors - 10-15 years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>•HVAC replacement - 15-25 years</li> <li>•HVAC and water heating in Energy Star - 15-25 years</li> <li>•Room A/C - 11-15 years</li> <li>•Programmable thermostat - 10-12 years</li> <li>•Whole house fans - 25 years</li> <li>•Attic ventilation fans with thermostat controls - 19 years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Duct sealing and air sealing – each 15-20 years</li> <li>Insulation 20-25 years</li> <li>Duct insulation – 20 years</li> <li>Windows – 20-35 years</li> <li>Weatherization – combined measures – 20-25 years</li> <li>Pipe wrap – 10-20 years</li> <li>Tank temperature turn down – 4-7 years</li> </ul>

## EUL Values Used in US -Commercial

Lighting	HVAC
<ul> <li>Lighting - CFL Bulbs: 3.4-6 years with some recent work starting to incorporate variations based on assumptions about hours per day that the bulb operates in business locations</li> <li>Fluorescent fixture - 11-16 years</li> <li>Hardwired CFL - 10-15 years</li> <li>HID (interior &amp; exterior) 13-15 years</li> <li>Occupancy sensors - 8-15 years</li> <li>Daylighting dimming - 9-10 years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Packaged AC / HP - 12-15 years</li> <li>Chillers - 19-23 years</li> <li>Economizers - 7-15 years</li> <li>Energy Management Systems (EMS) - 10-15 years</li> <li>Motors - 13-20 years</li> </ul>



## **Issues in EULs**

- Process values lacking (small sample size)
- Some dependent on operating assumptions
- Some end-uses missing:
  - Cooking, air compressors, ASD/VSD, refrigeration / freezer in some sectors
  - Missing for plug loads
  - Building shell at least verify
  - Priority depends on future savings, rarity, variations; waiting hurts EUL data
- Trend toward simplified tables, BUT research shows strong variations in turnover by business type



# **EULs for Behavioral Programs**

Missing for behavioral / educational programs

- 2 studies
- CBSM
- Best practices with nuances Partial retention; frequency of data collection; large surveys and random assignment
- Retention of "upstream" complicated



# **Variations in Persistence**

	EULs
General results	Early work in NW – gravitation to CA values. CA requires ex post statistical verification, but for subset of measures – led to refinements. Some measures with inadequate / missing – especially behavioral
Variations by Program type	Almost all EUL results are by measure, not by program design or incentive provided. Not clear if they should vary by program type.
Variations for behavioral vs. measure-based programs	Missing for behavioral programs including education / training, commissioning training, and similar programs.



## **Issues / Problems**

- Best practices
- □ Results / gaps
- **D** TDF
- **RUL**
- Behavioral
- □ Key component of program savings
  - Potential bias away from new, creative
  - Risk
  - Complexities for behavioral
- □ Little primary research / dormant / agreement



#### Energy Efficiency Evaluation & Attribution Elements



#### **Conclusions -Measure Lifetimes**

- Measure lifetimes are a key element in the calculation of energy savings from energy efficiency programs
- Measure lifetimes (and methods) are fairly consistent for many measure-based programs in residential and commercial sectors
  - Issue of simplified EUL tables / caution
- Shortage of primary research on technical degradation (TDF)
- Virtual absence of studies addressing retention or persistence of energy savings from behavioral and education programs
- Identifying the measure lifetimes of behavioral and education programs is complicated as more media messages on behavior and education "bleed" across territories



#### **Recommendations -Measure Lifetimes**

- Conduct measure lifetime studies on:
  - Process equipment, some shell measures, cooking, refrigeration, and air compressors
- Conduct technical degradation studies that account for mechanical and behavioral performance-related changes
- Conduct studies on retention or persistence of energy savings from behavioral and education programs
- Require new behavioral programs to conduct retention assessments every year or two
- Apply different evaluation methods to a variety of behavioral programs



## Questions / Comments / Discussion?



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