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White Roofs to Cool your Building, your City and  
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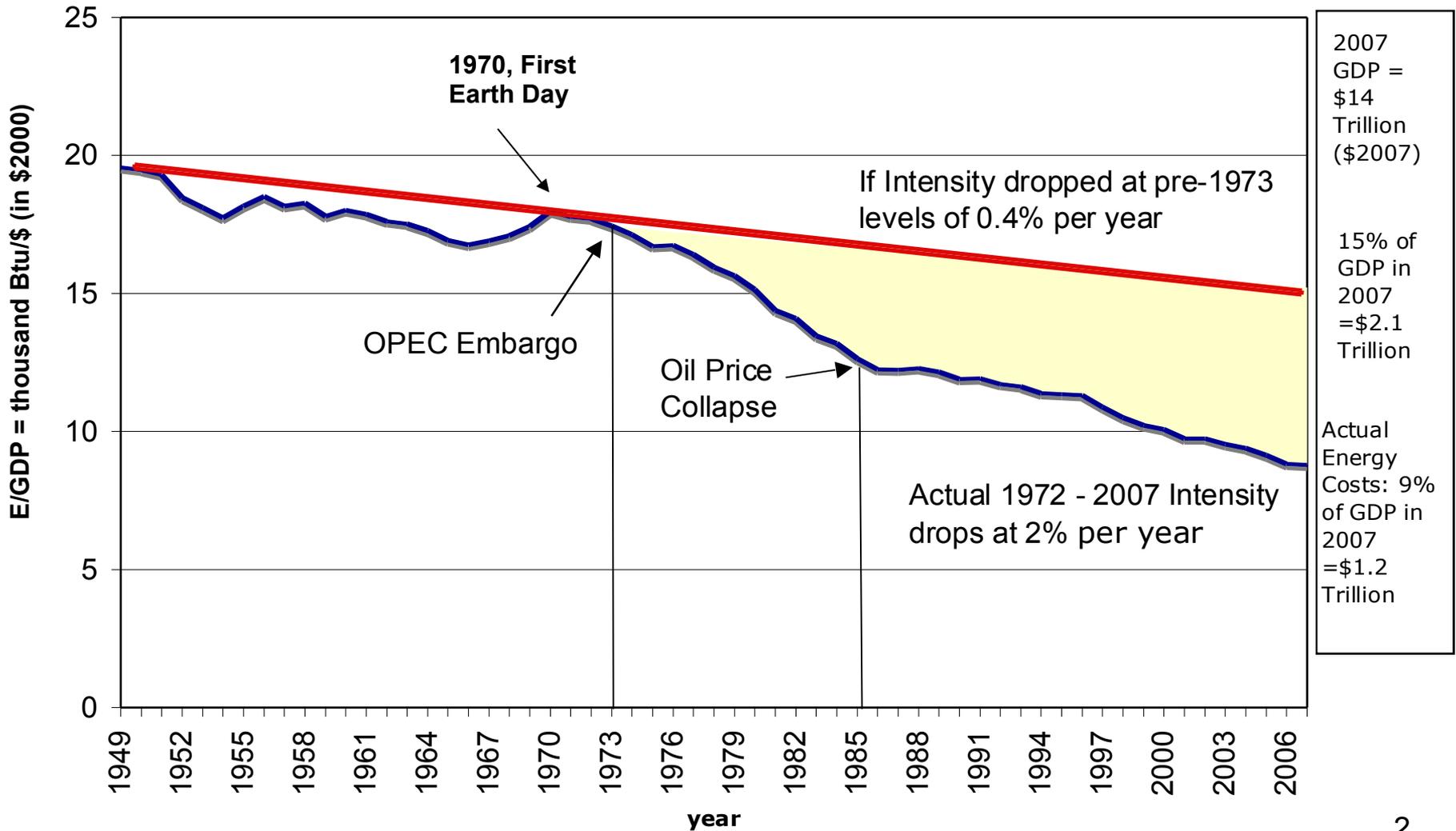
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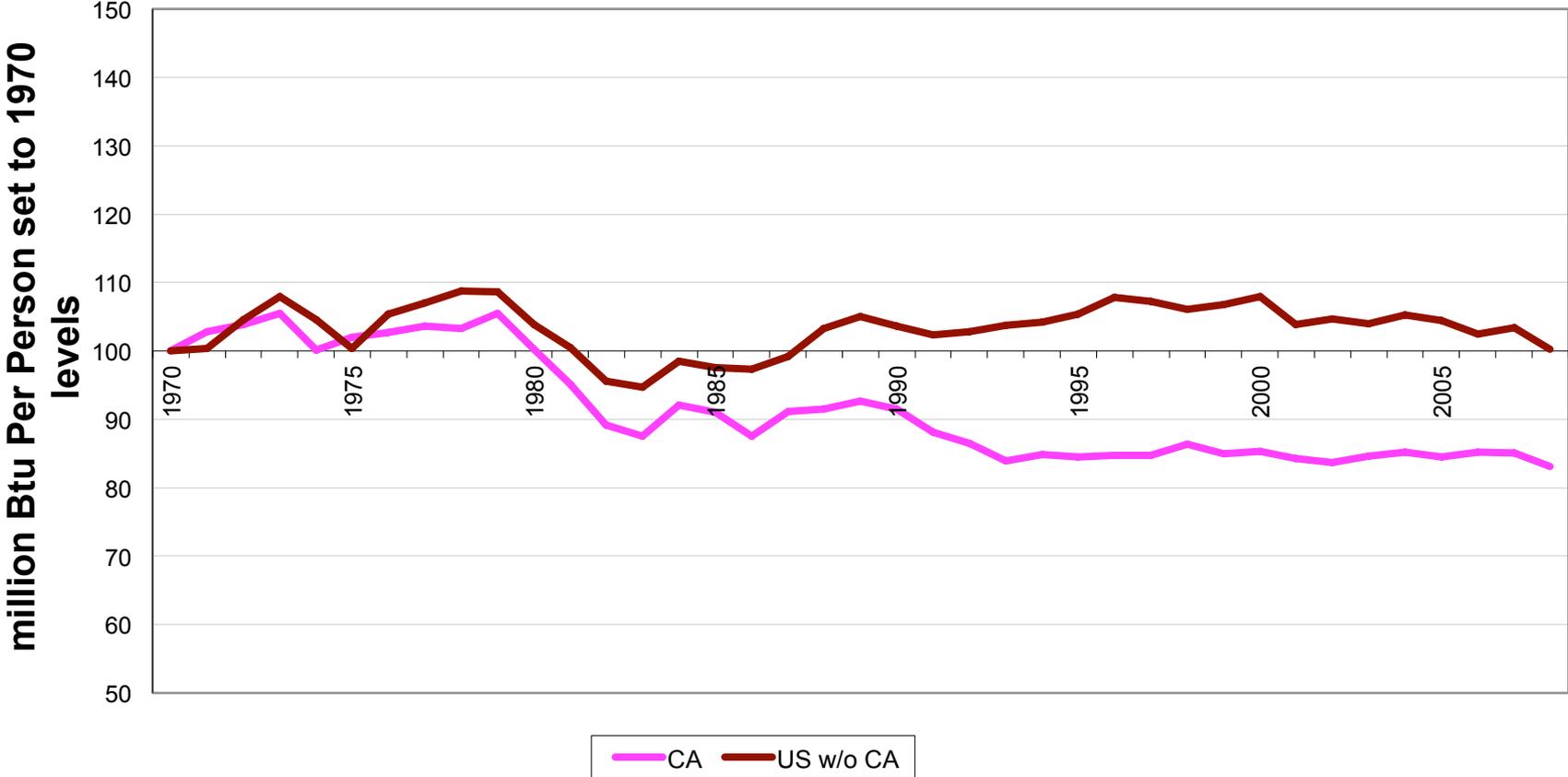
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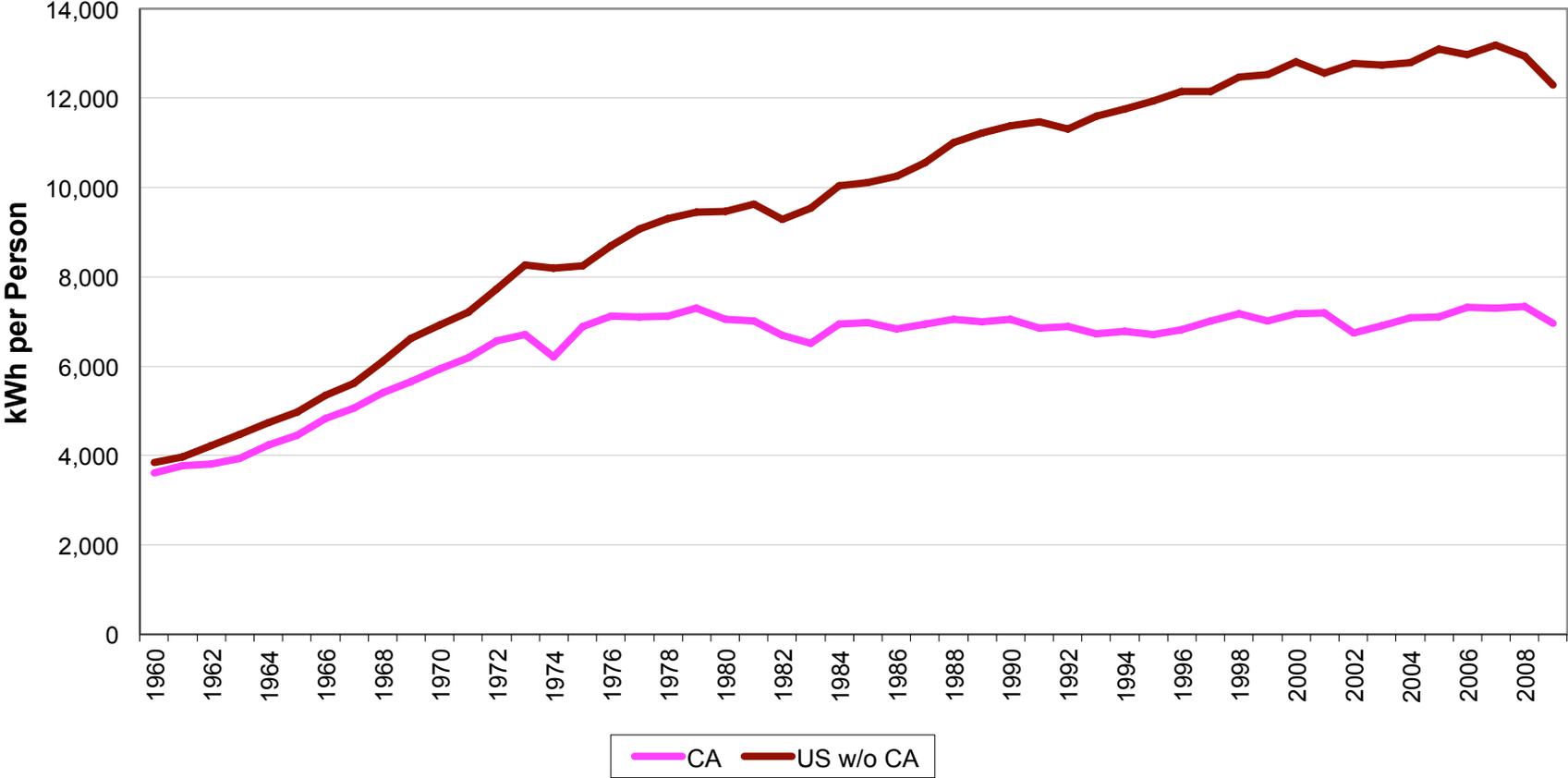
# Energy Intensity (E/GDP) in the US 1949 - 2007



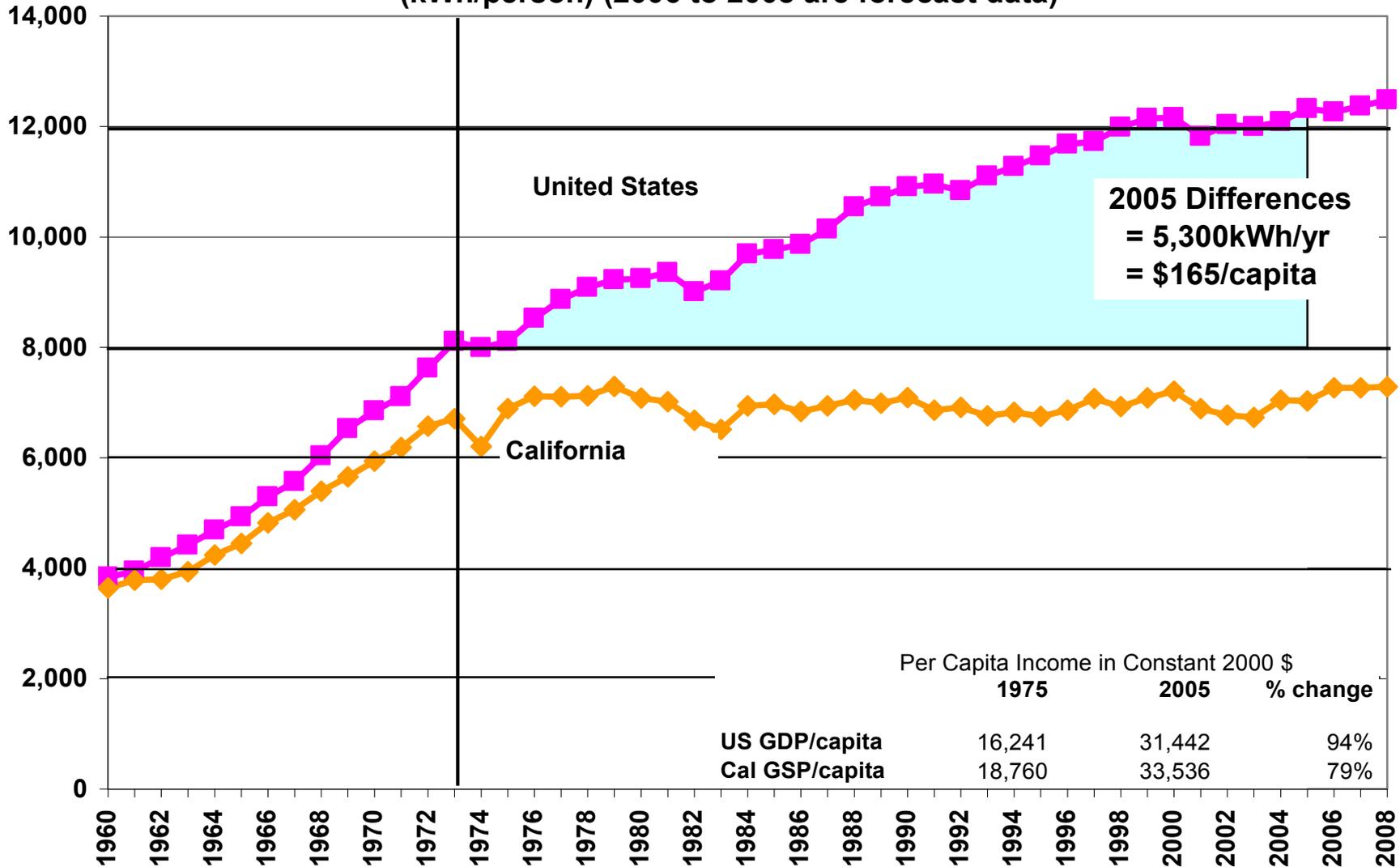
### CA vs US Energy Consumption Per Capita



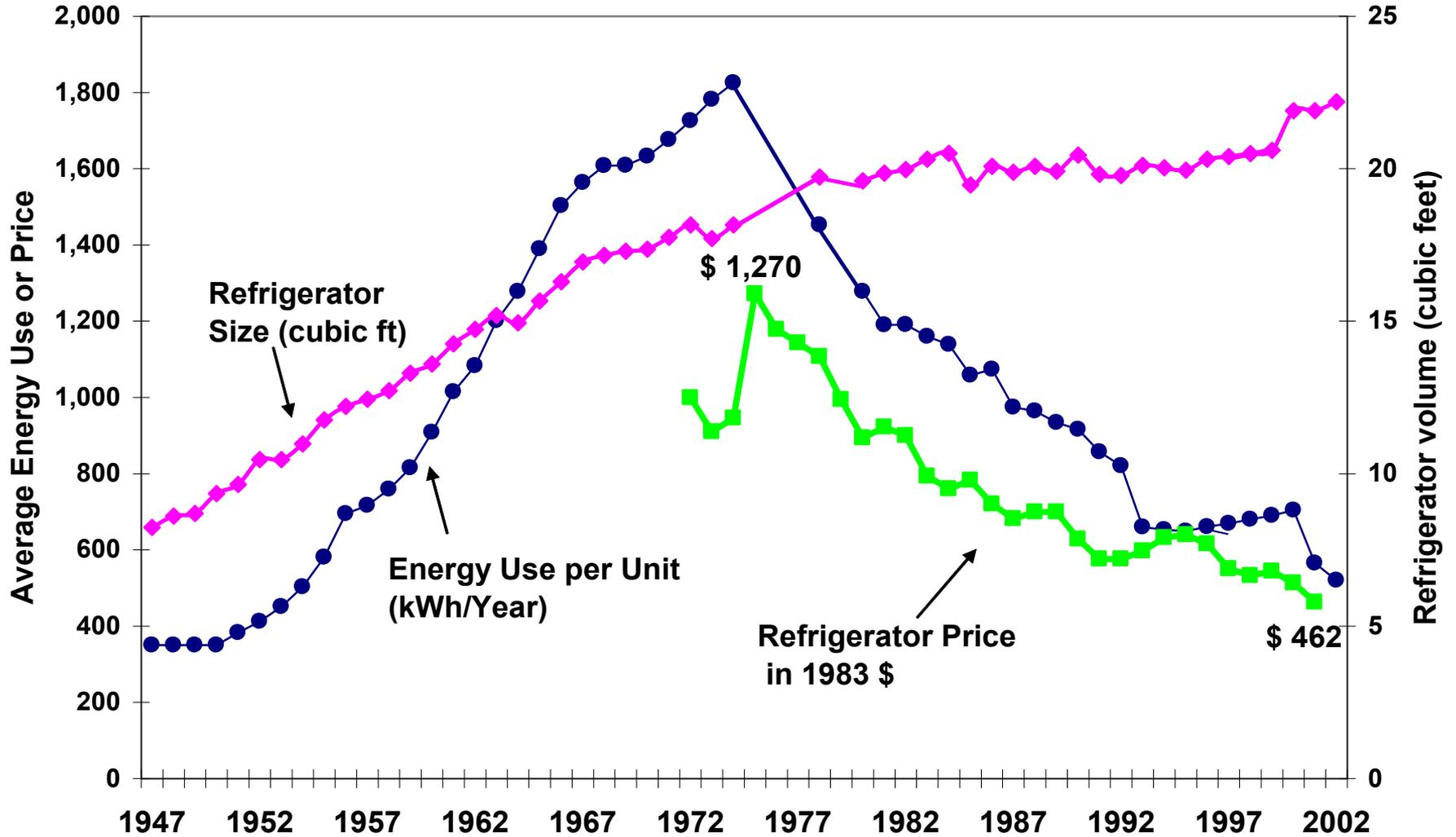
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**Per Capita Electricity Sales (not including self-generation)  
(kWh/person) (2006 to 2008 are forecast data)**

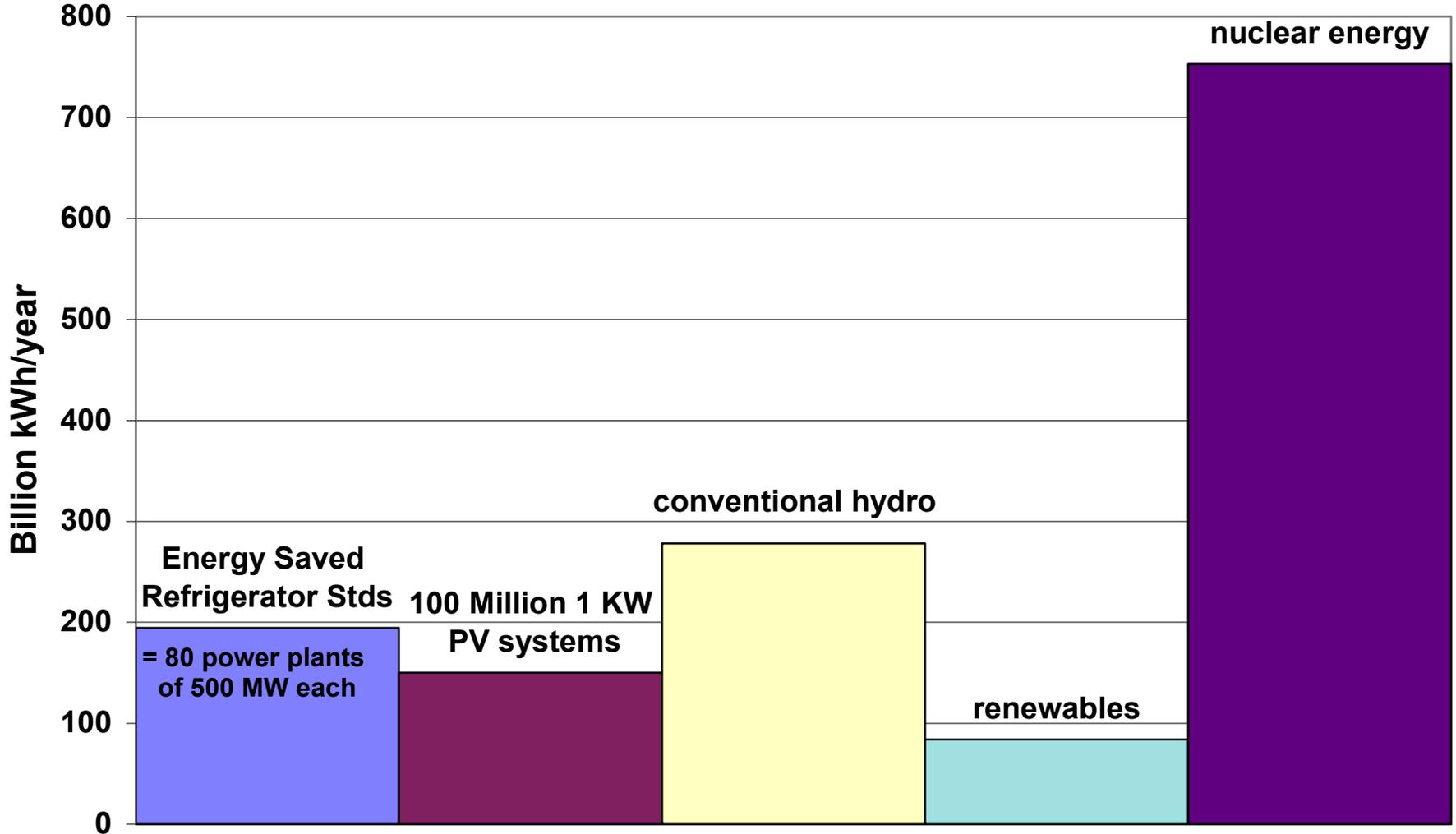


# New United States Refrigerator Use v. Time and Retail Prices

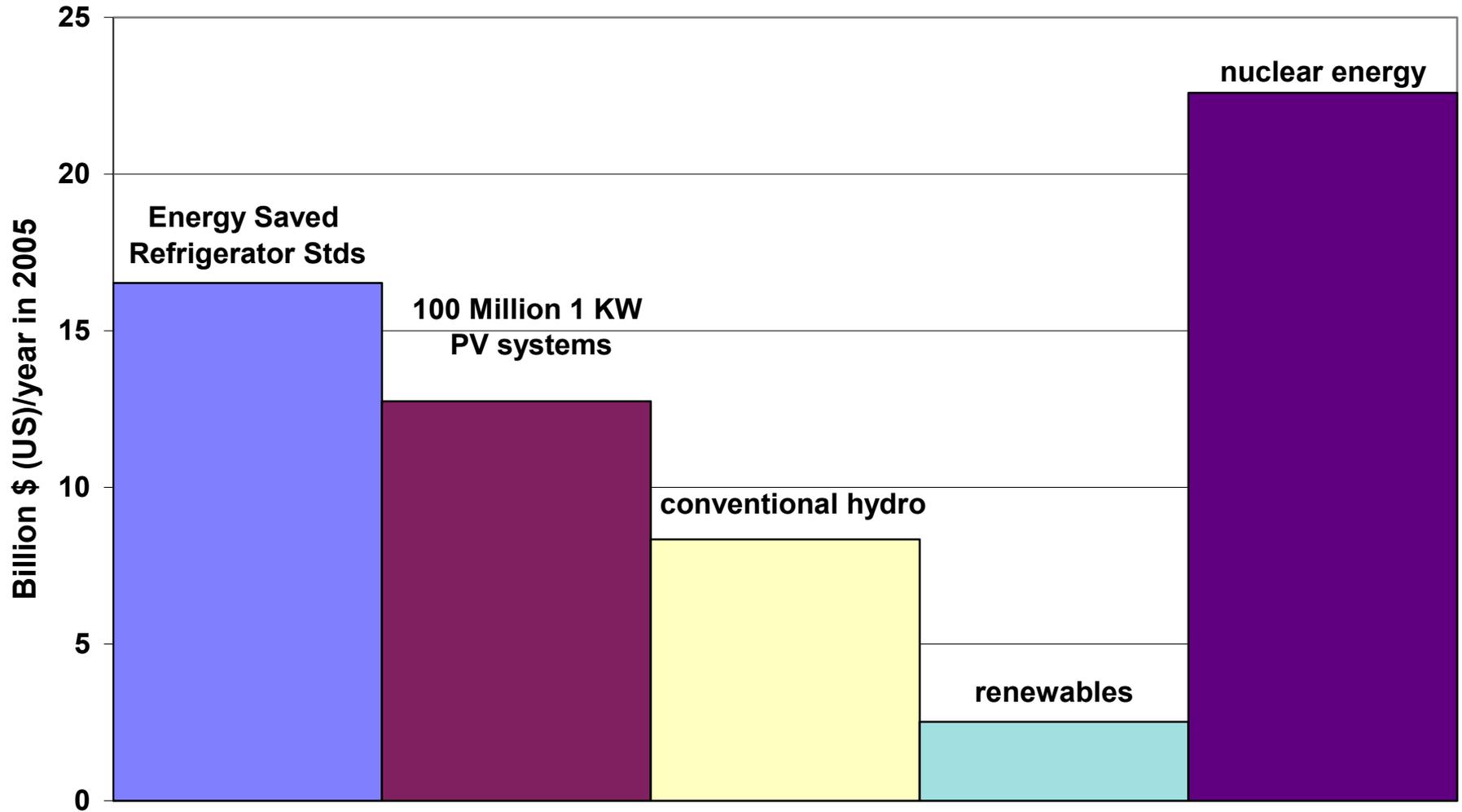


Source: David Goldstein, NRDC, SF

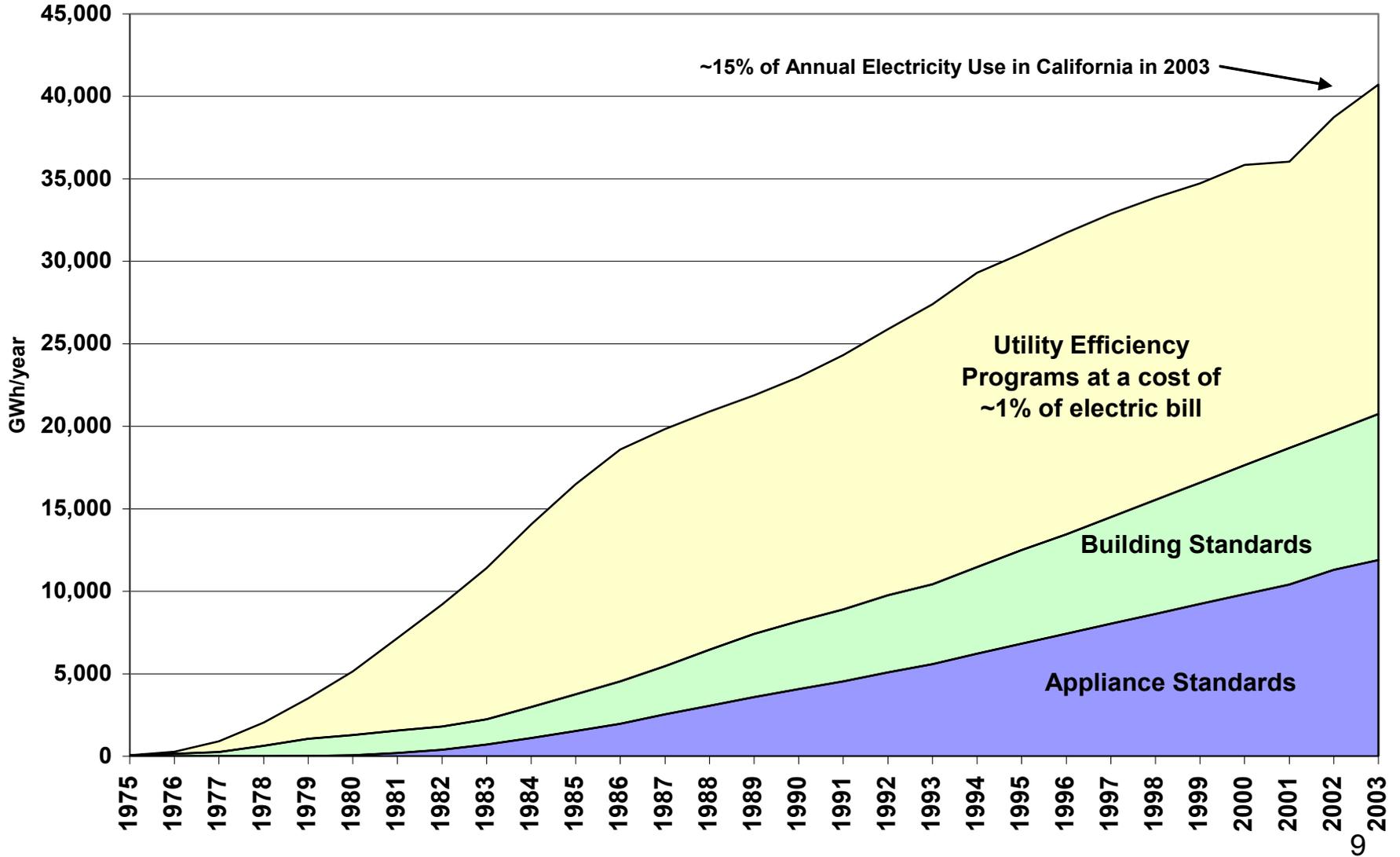
# Annual Energy Saved vs. Several Sources of Supply In the United States



**In the United States**  
**Value of Energy to be Saved (at 8.5 cents/kWh, retail price) vs.**  
**Several Sources of Supply in 2005 (at 3 cents/kWh, wholesale price)**

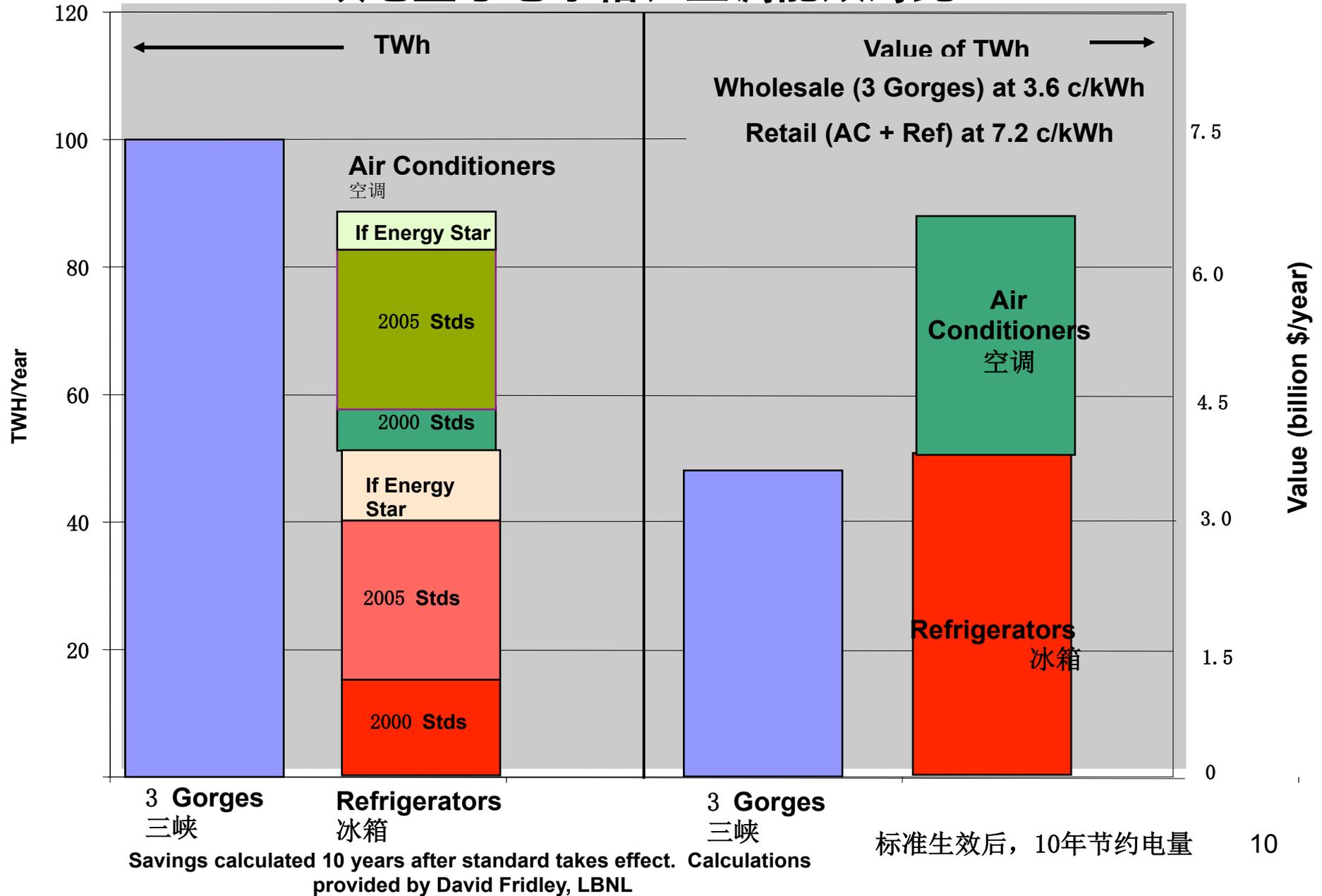


# Annual Energy Savings from Efficiency Programs and Standards



# Comparison of 3 Gorges to Refrigerator and AC Efficiency Improvements

## 三峡电量与电冰箱、空调能效对比



# Two Energy Agencies in California

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) was formed in 1890 to regulate natural monopolies, like railroads, and later electric and gas utilities.
- The California Energy Commission (CEC) was formed in 1974 to regulate the environmental side of energy production and use.
- Now the two agencies work very closely, particularly to delay climate change.
- The Investor-Owned Utilities, under the guidance of the CPUC, spend “Public Goods Charge” money (rate-payer money) to do everything they can that is cost effective to beat existing standards.
- The Publicly-Owned utilities (20% of the power), under loose supervision by the CEC, do the same.

# California Energy Commission Responsibilities

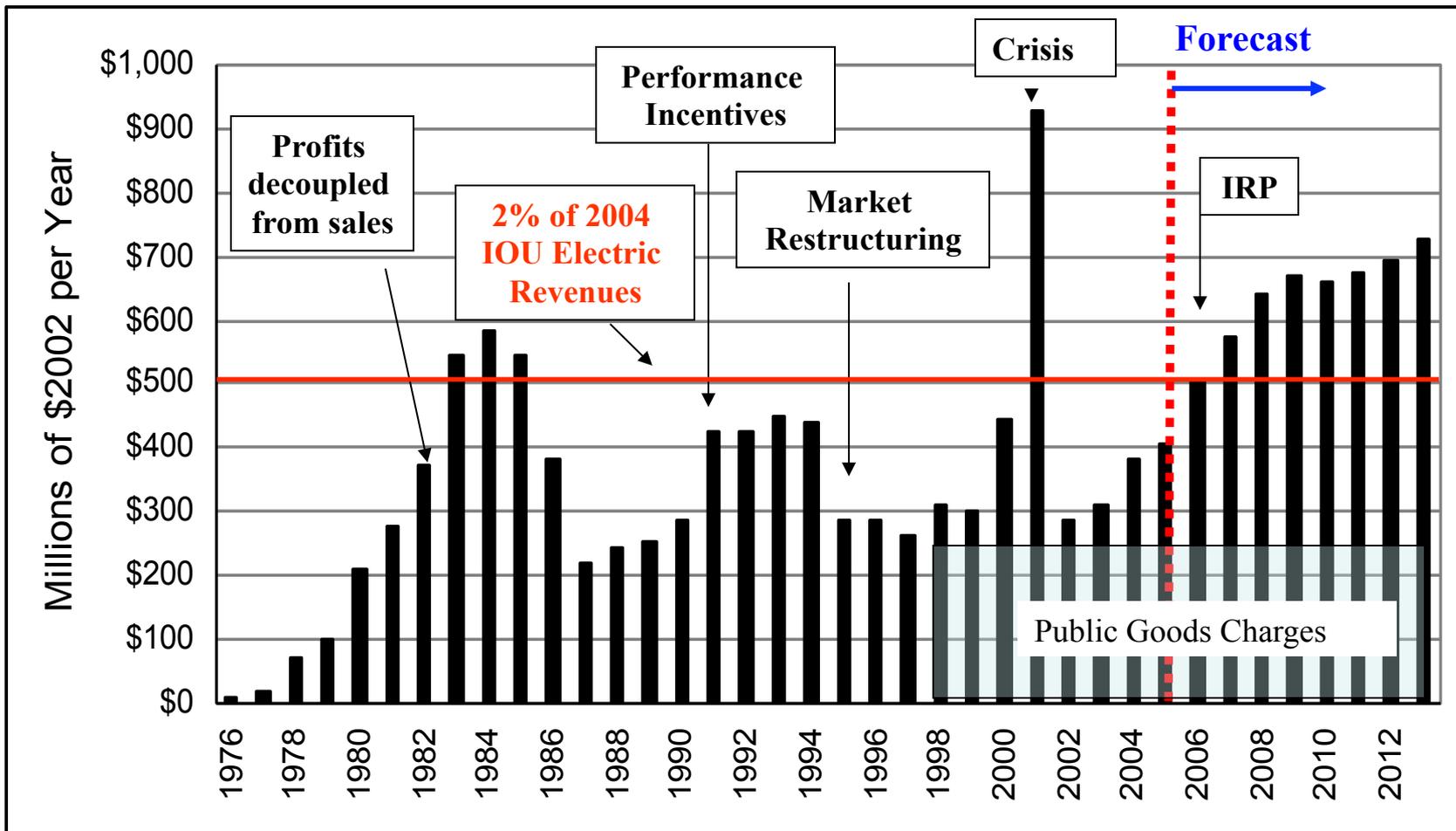
## Both Regulation and R&D

- California Building and Appliance Standards
  - Started 1977
  - Updated every few years
- Siting Thermal Power Plants Larger than 50 MW
- Forecasting Supply and Demand (electricity and fuels)
- Research and Development
  - ~ \$80 million per year
- CPUC & CEC are collaborating to introduce communicating electric meters and thermostats that are programmable to respond to time-dependent electric tariffs.

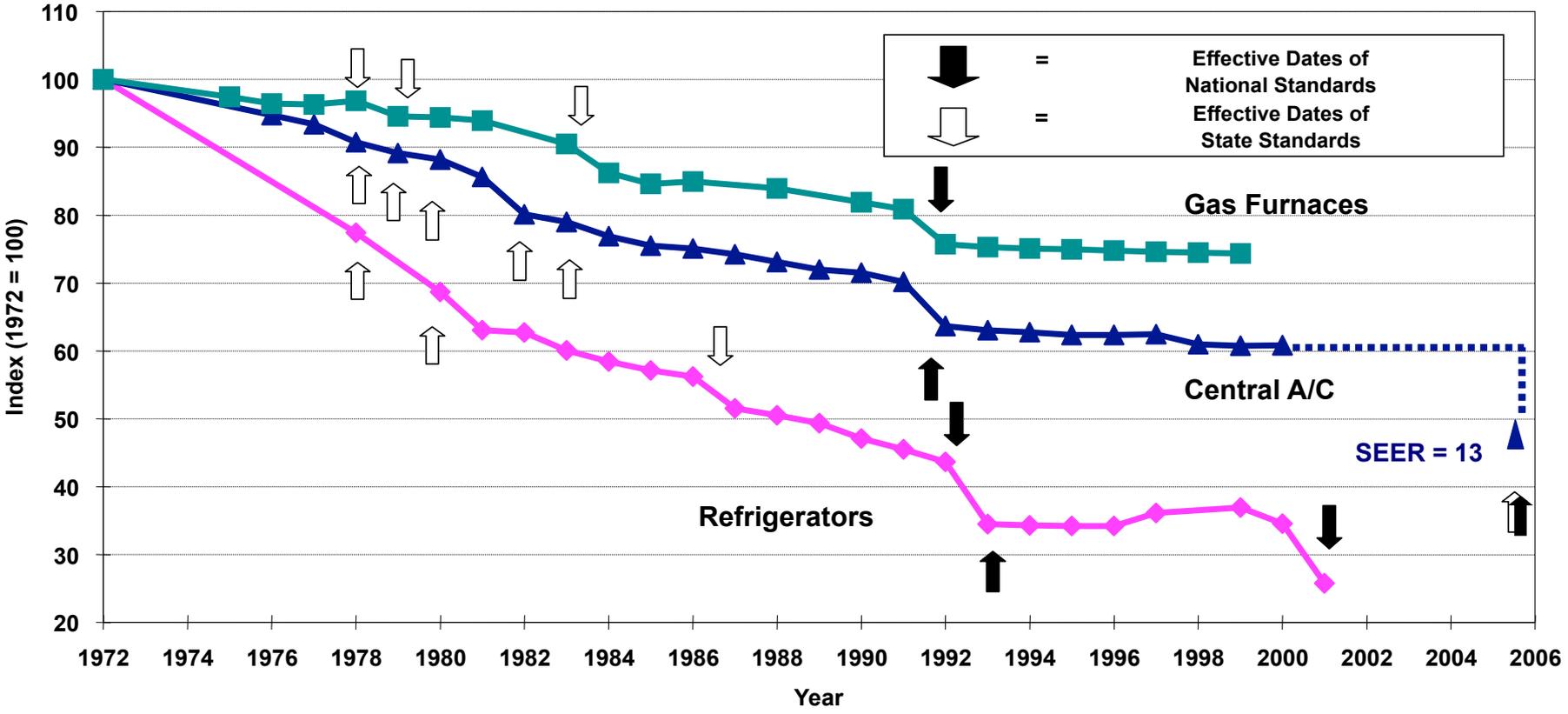
# California's Energy Action Plan

- California's Energy Agencies first adopted an Energy Action Plan in 2003. Central to this is the State's preferred "Loading Order" for resource expansion.
  1. Energy efficiency and Demand Response
  2. Renewable Generation,
  3. Increased development of affordable & reliable conventional generation
  4. Transmission expansion to support all of California's energy goals.
- The Energy Action Plan has been updated since 2003 and provides overall policy direction to the various state agencies involved with the energy sectors

# California IOU's Investment in Energy Efficiency

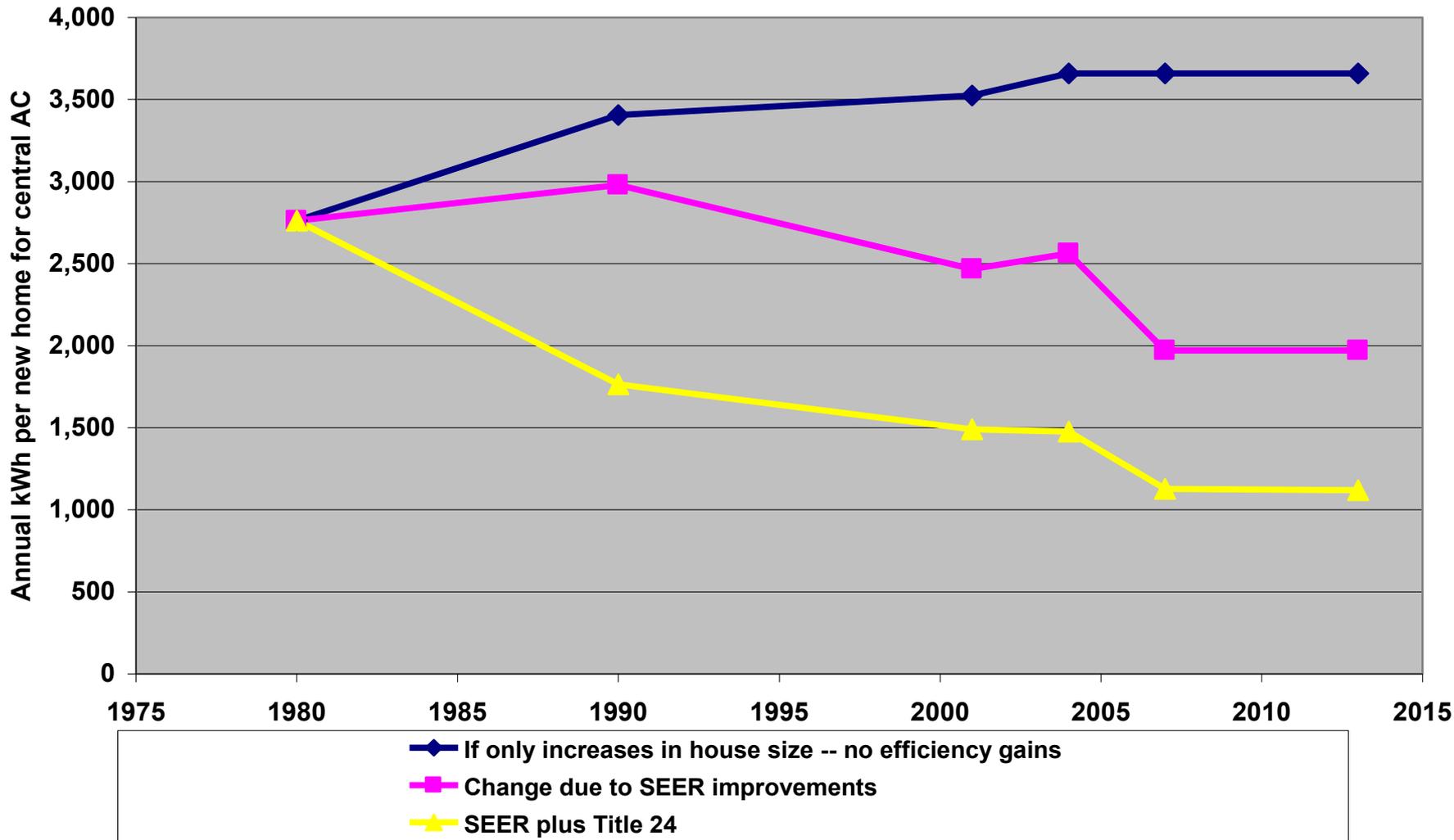


# Impact of Standards on Efficiency of 3 Appliances

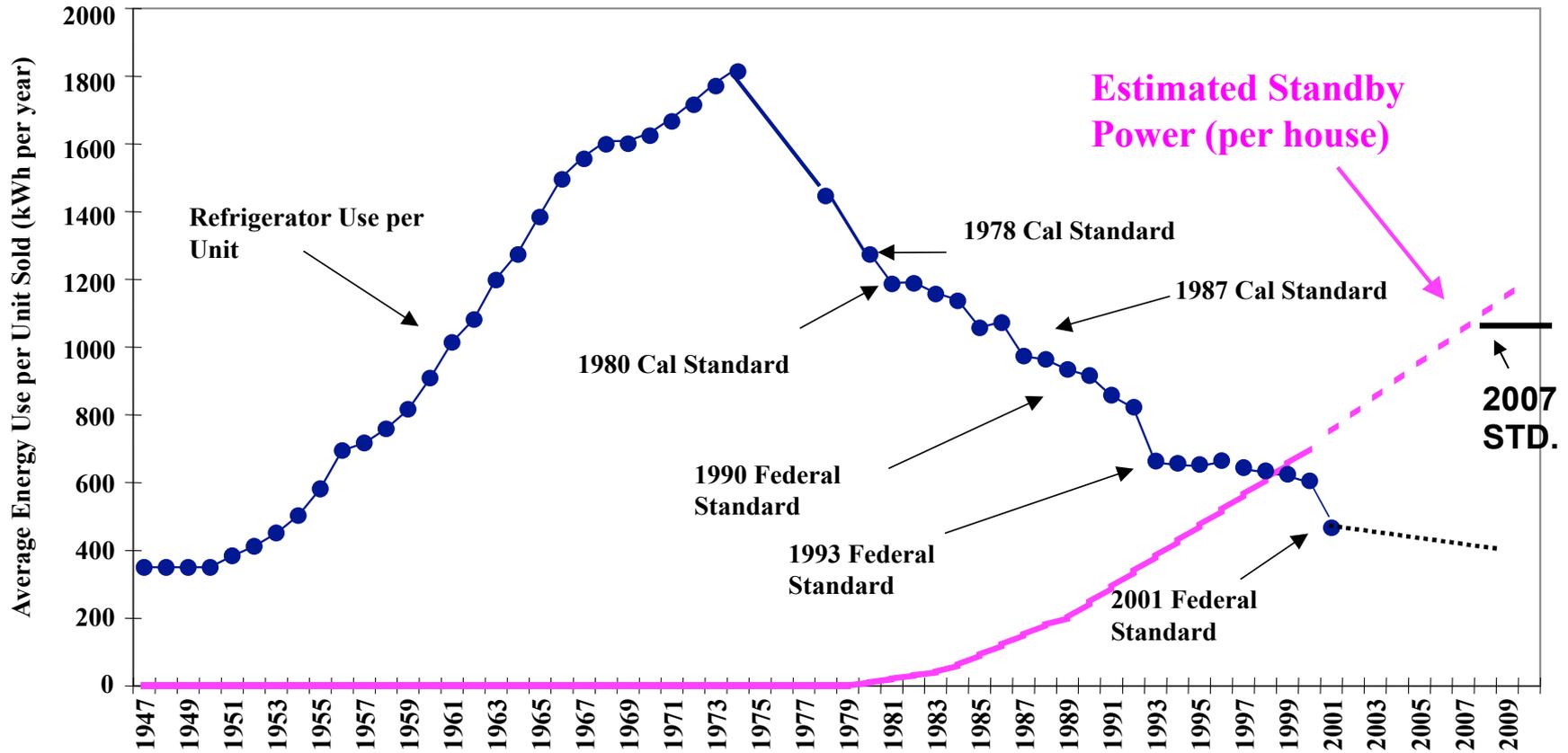


Source: S. Nadel, ACEEE,  
in ECEEE 2003 Summer Study, [www.eceee.org](http://www.eceee.org)

## Air Conditioning Energy Use in Single Family Homes in PG&E The effect of AC Standards (SEER) and Title 24 standards



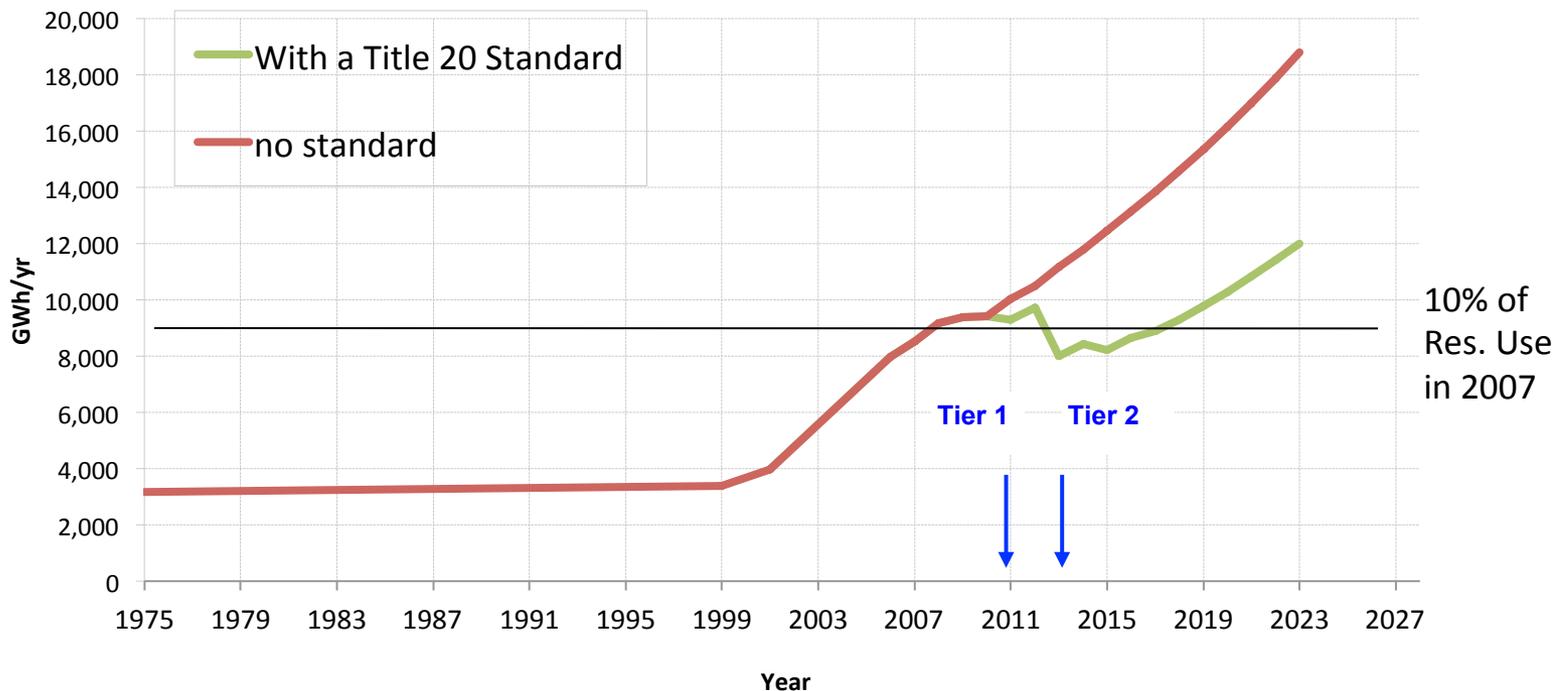
# United States Refrigerator Use, repeated, to compare with Estimated Household Standby Use v. Time



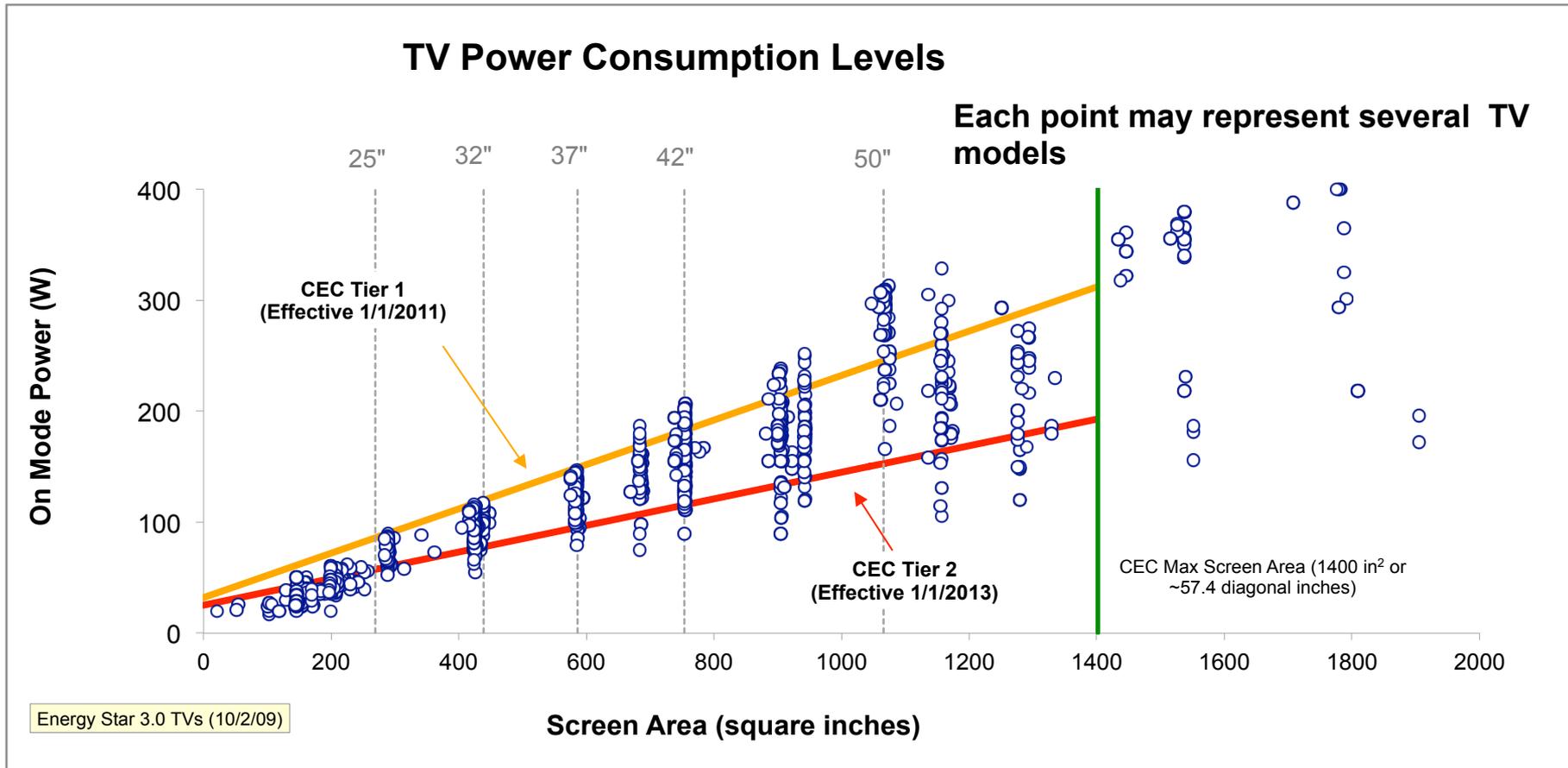
# Televisions Represent Significant Energy Use

The residential energy consumption due to televisions rapidly increased from 3-4% in 1990s to 8-10% in 2008. Television energy will grow up to 18% by 2023 without regulations. The projected growth does not include the residential energy use by cable boxes, DVD players, internet boxes, Blue Ray, game consoles etc.

## California Energy Consumption from TVs (Forecast with and without proposed standards)



# Technically Feasible Standards



**\*Consumers can expect to save between \$ 50 - \$ 250 over the life of their TV**

**\*A 50 inch plasma can consume as little as 307 kWh/yr and as much as 903 kWh/yr**

# General Purpose Lighting – Proposed Regulations (cont.)

**Proposed Table K-8: Standards for State-regulated General Services Incandescent Lamps -Tier I**

<b>Rated Lumens Range</b>	<b>Maximum rated Wattage</b>	<b>Minimum Rated Life Time</b>	<b>Proposed California Effective Date</b>
1490-2600 Lumens	100→72 Watts	1,000 hours	Jan, 1, 2011
1050-1489 Lumens	75→53 Watts	1,000 hours	Jan 1, 2012
750-1049 Lumens	60→43 Watts	1,000 hours	Jan 1, 2013
310-749 Lumens	40→29 Watts	1,000 hours	Jan 1, 2013

**Proposed Table K-9: Standards for State-regulated General Services Lamps -Tier II**

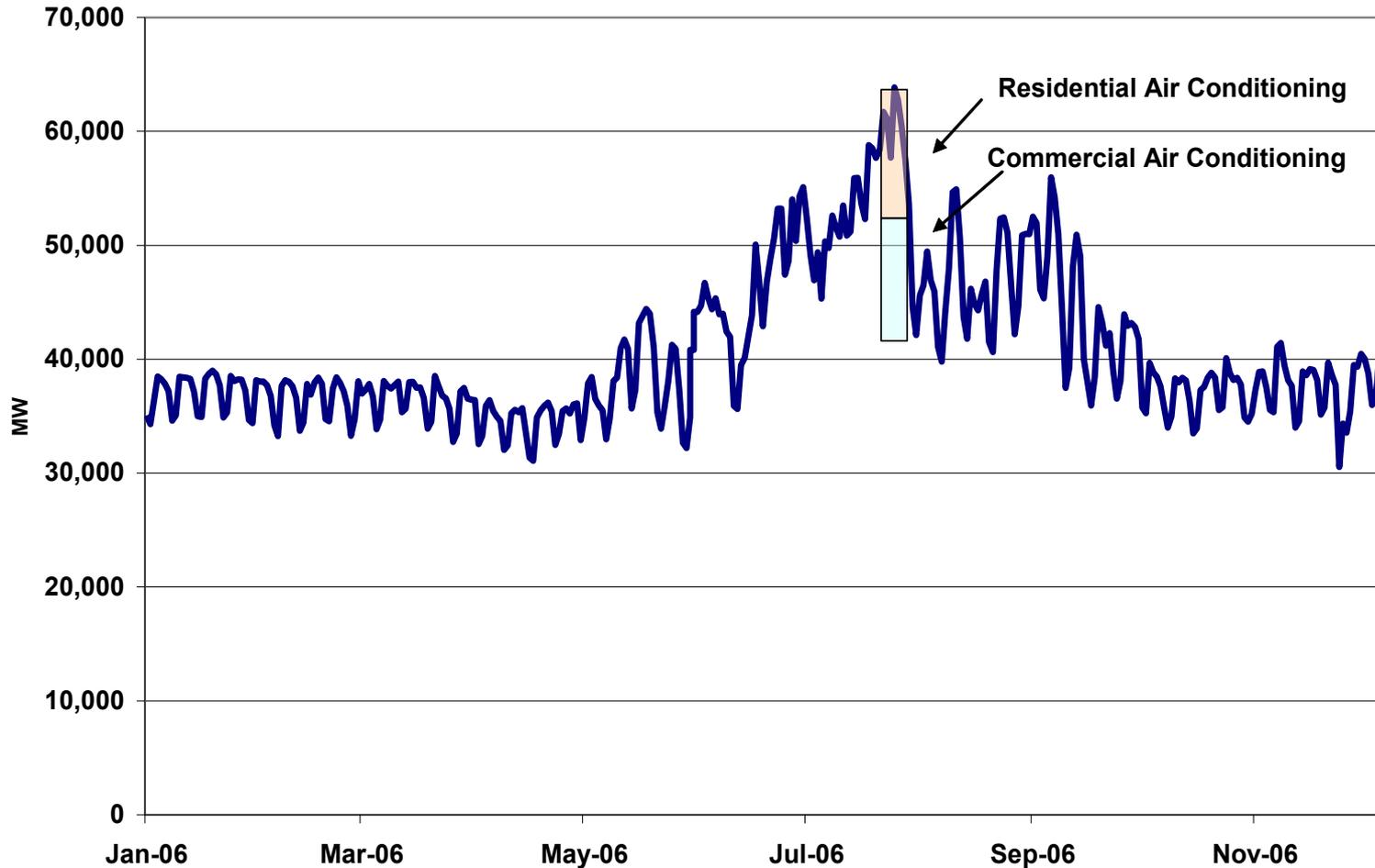
<b>Lumens Range</b>	<b>Maximum Lamp Efficacy</b>	<b>Minimum Rated Life Time</b>	<b>Proposed California Effective Date</b>
All	45 lumens per watt	1,000 hours	Jan, 1, 2018



# Demand Response

# California is a Summer Peaking Area

California Daily Peak Loads -- 2006



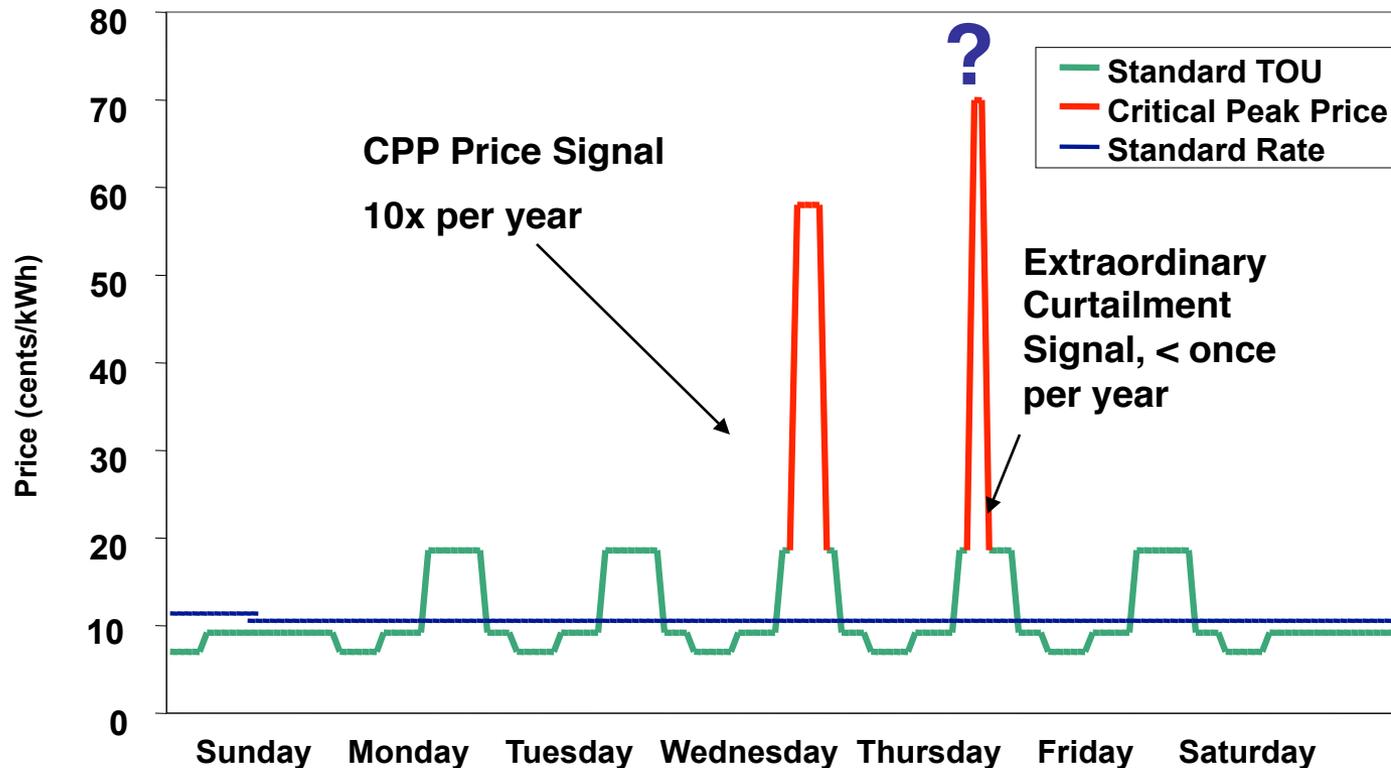
# Three Necessary Components for Demand Response and Utility Modernization

- **Advanced Metering Infrastructure**
  - Digital meters with communication
- **Dynamic Tariffs**
  - Enable customers to be able to respond to hourly prices
  - The structure of these tariffs is critically important as customers are hoping to reduce total energy costs
- **Automated Response Technology at customer locations**
  - Enable residential and small commercial customers to respond to price automatically
  - Larger customers with energy management systems linked to pricing signals over the internet or through other communication channels
- When coupled with energy efficiency programs and policies, the result can be a reduction in total consumption as well as peak period consumption

# Critical Peak Pricing (CPP) with additional curtailment option

Potential Annual Customer Savings:

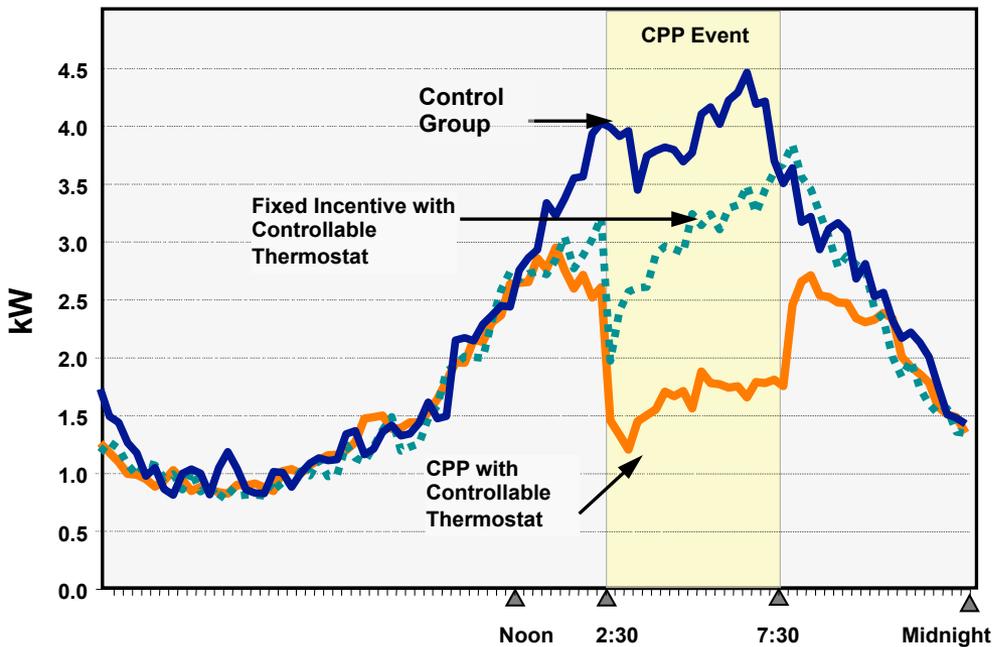
10 afternoons x 4 hours x 1kw = 40 kWh at 70 cents/kWh = ~\$30/year



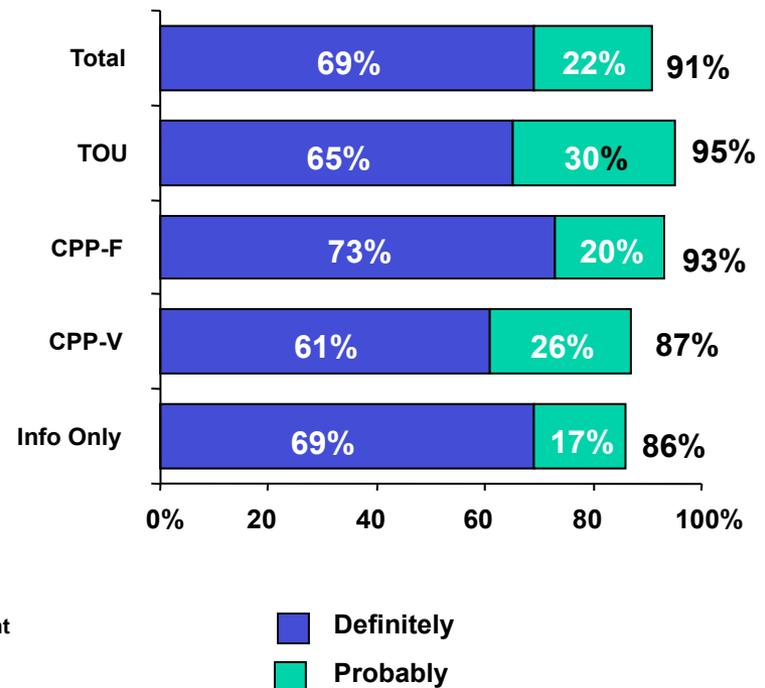
# Key Results from Residential Pilot

- 12% average load reduction for CPP rate alone
- Up to 40% with rate + enabling tech
- Most participants preferred the pilot rates

Average Residential Response to Critical Peak Pricing

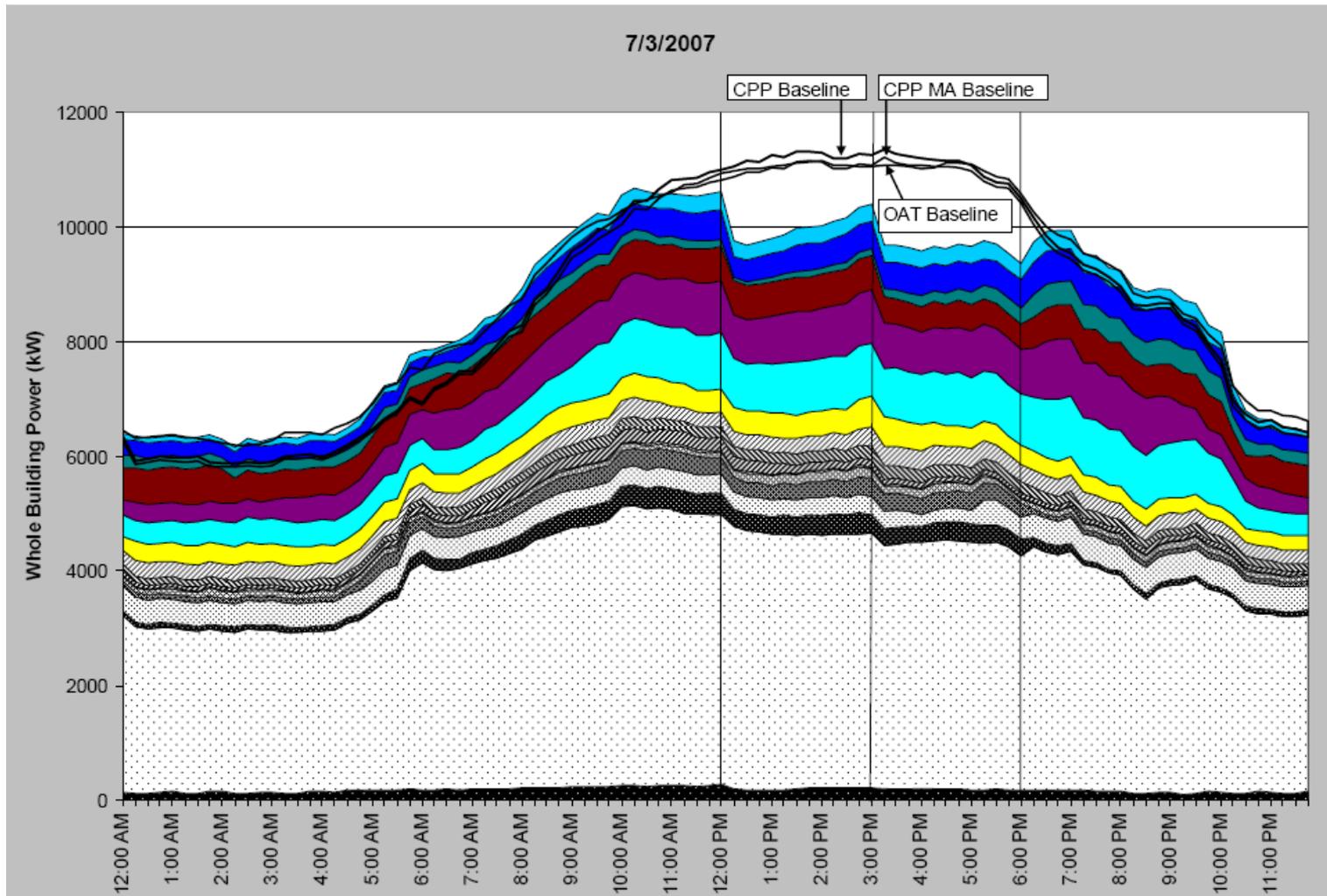


Should dynamic rates be offered to all customers?



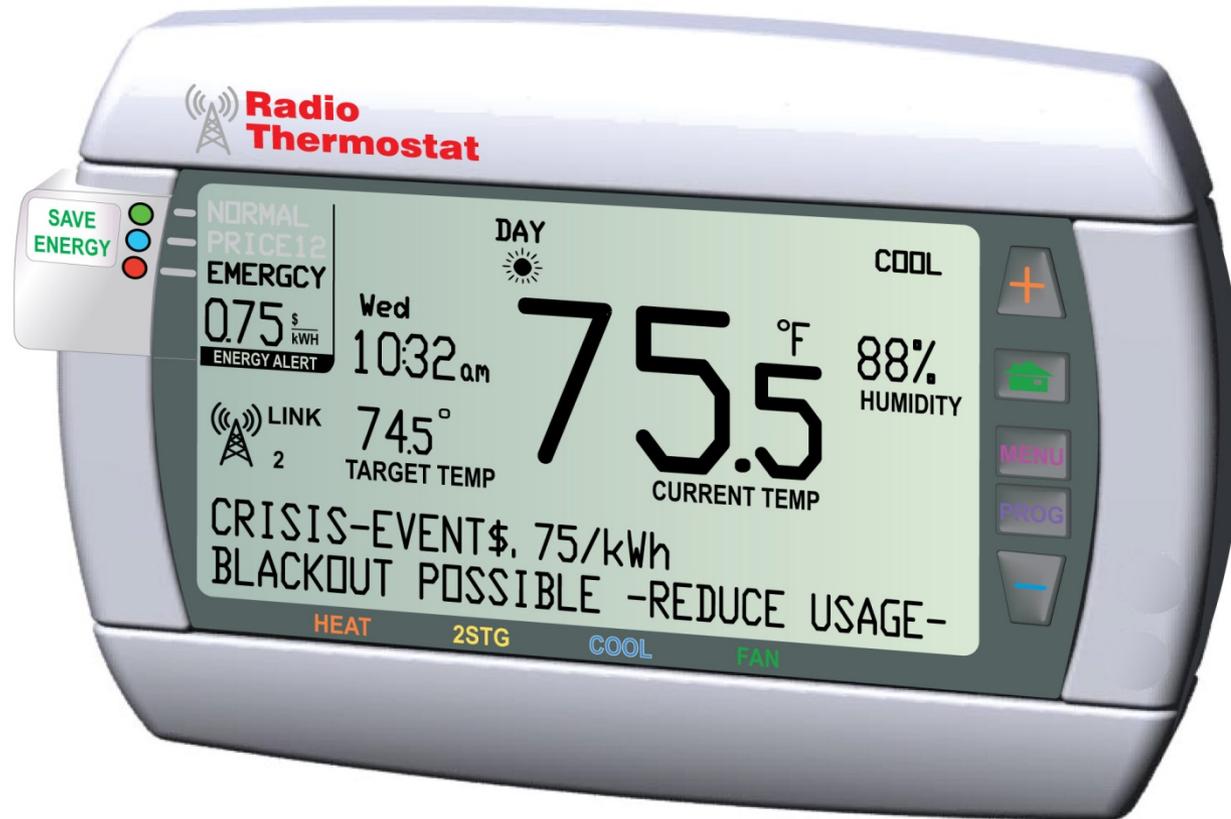
# Automated Demand Response

## Commercial Customers



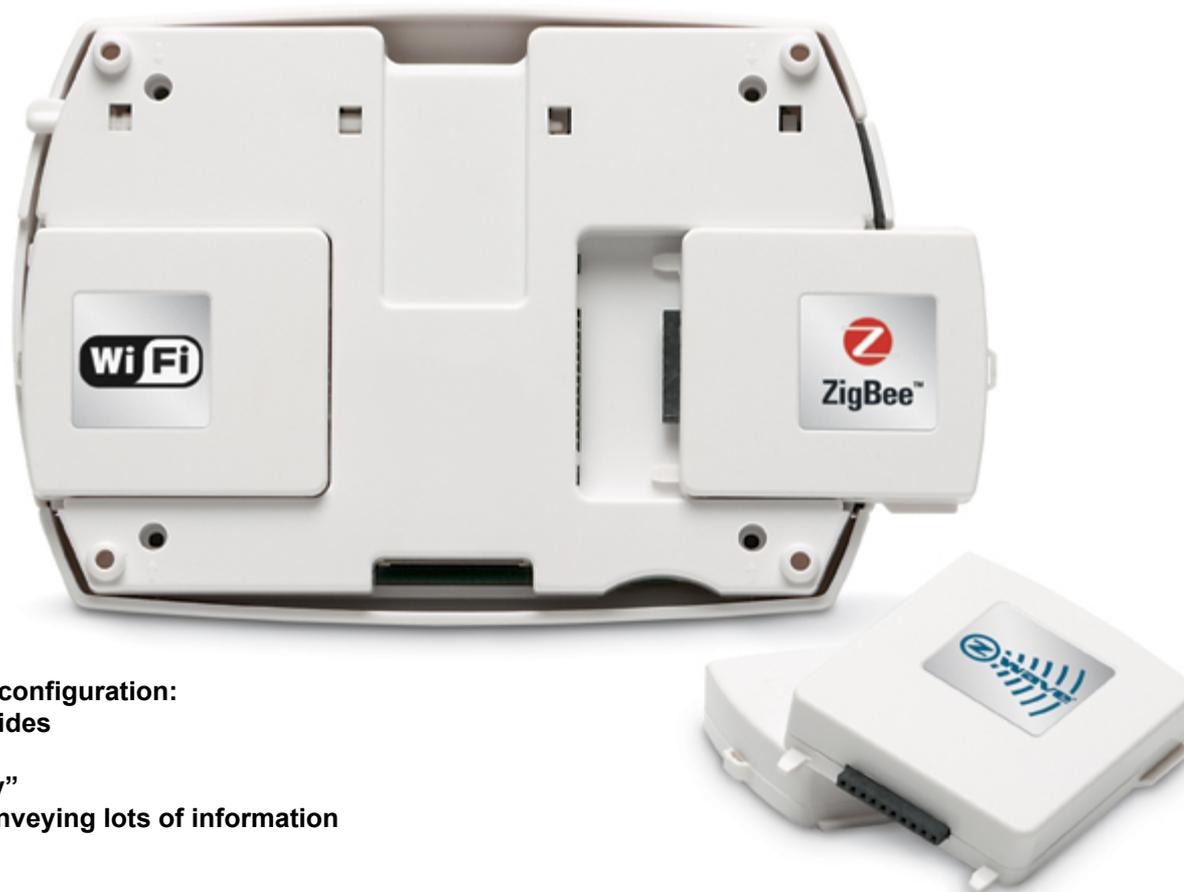
\*Source: Demand Response Research Center, Global Energy Partners

# PCT With U-SNAP Interface (front)



Source: Tim Simons, Golden Power

## PCT With U-SNAP Interface (rear)

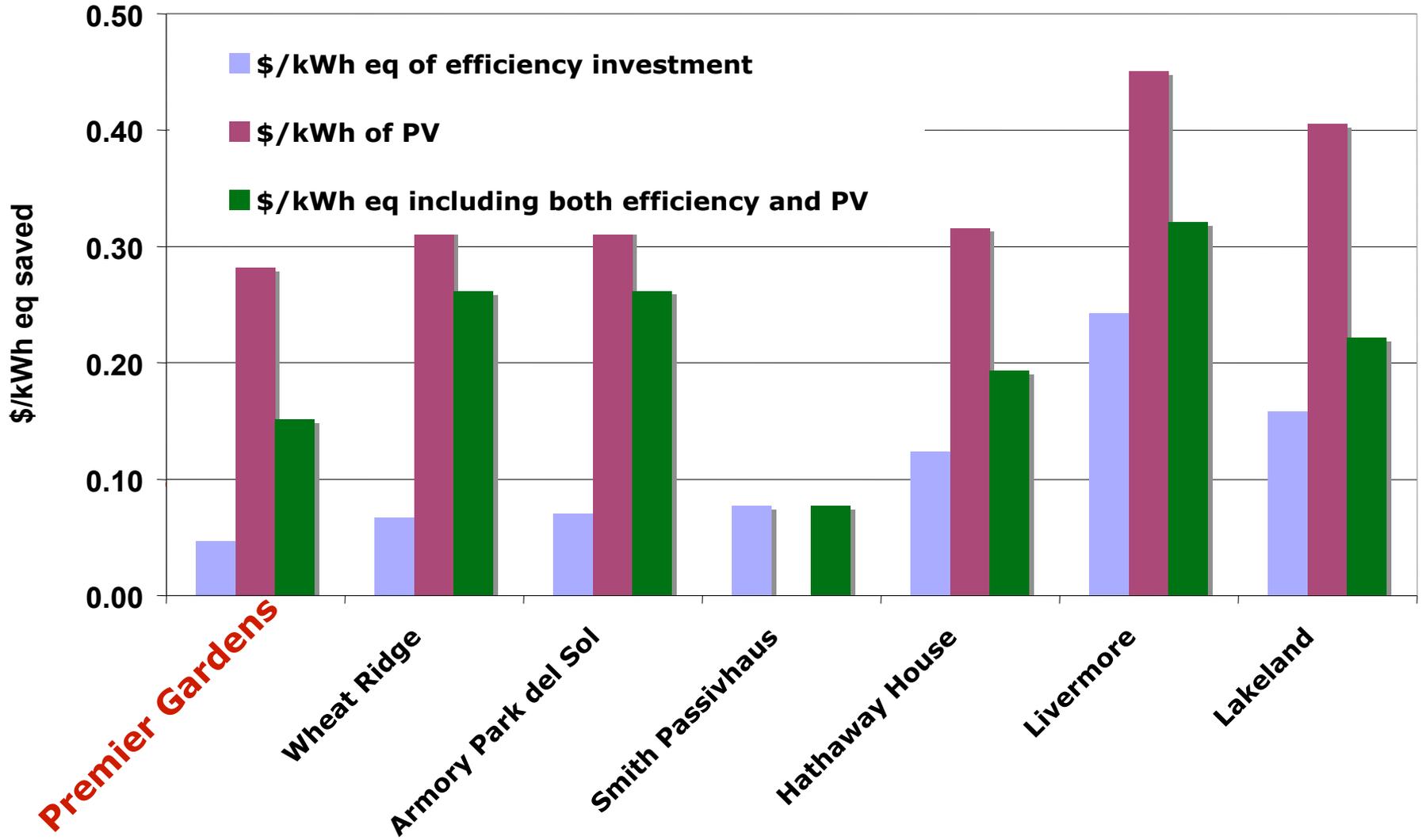


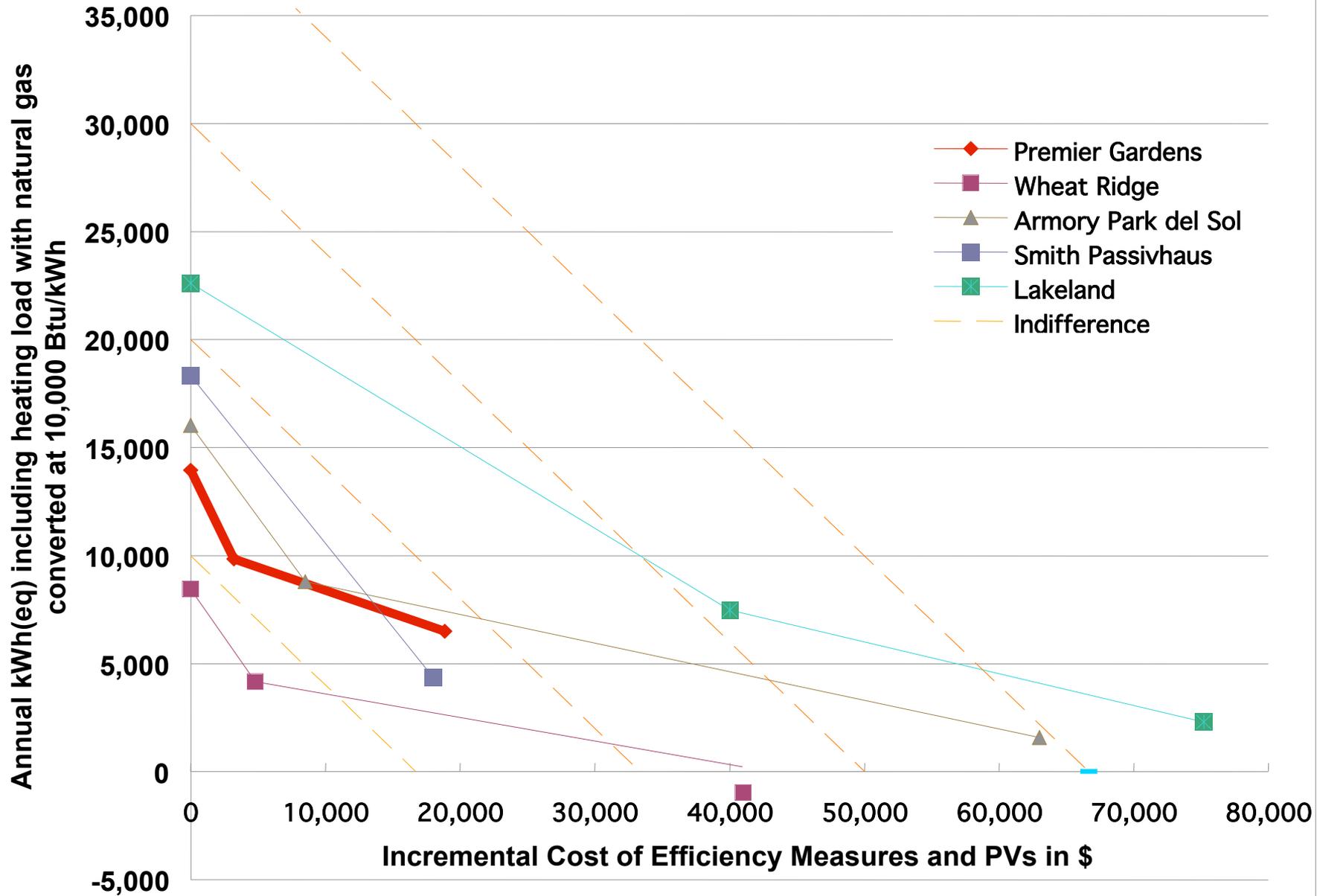
### Advantages of this configuration:

1. Customer decides
2. Flexible
3. “plug and play”
4. Capable of conveying lots of information

Source: Tim Simons,  
Golden Power

- Source for following two Slides:
  - Lester Lave and Maxine Savitz. Relative Costs for 95 new production homes at Premier Gardens in Sacramento; Figs 2.12&13. Real Prospects for Energy Efficiency in the US; National Academy Press (2010), [www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu)



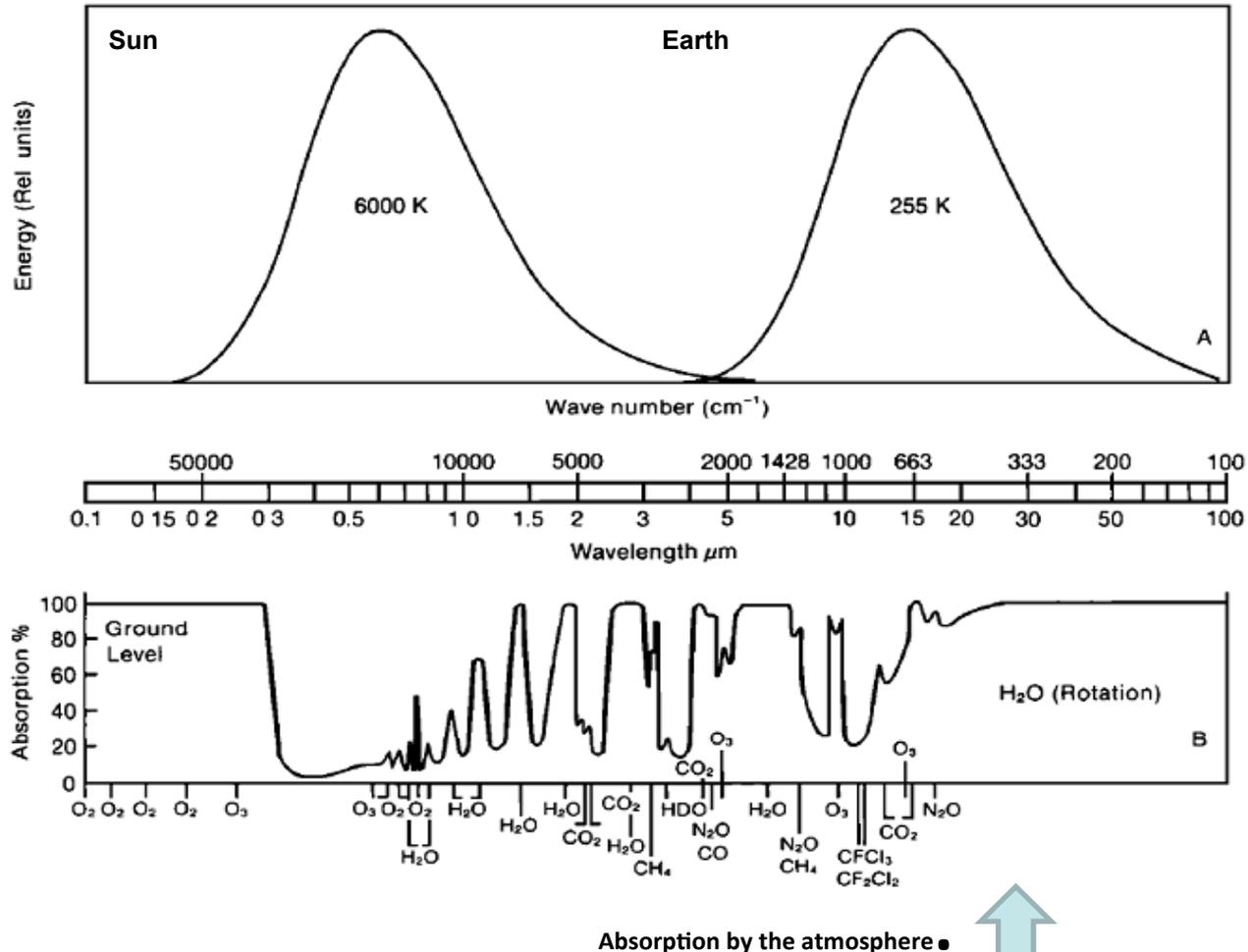


White roofs to cool your  
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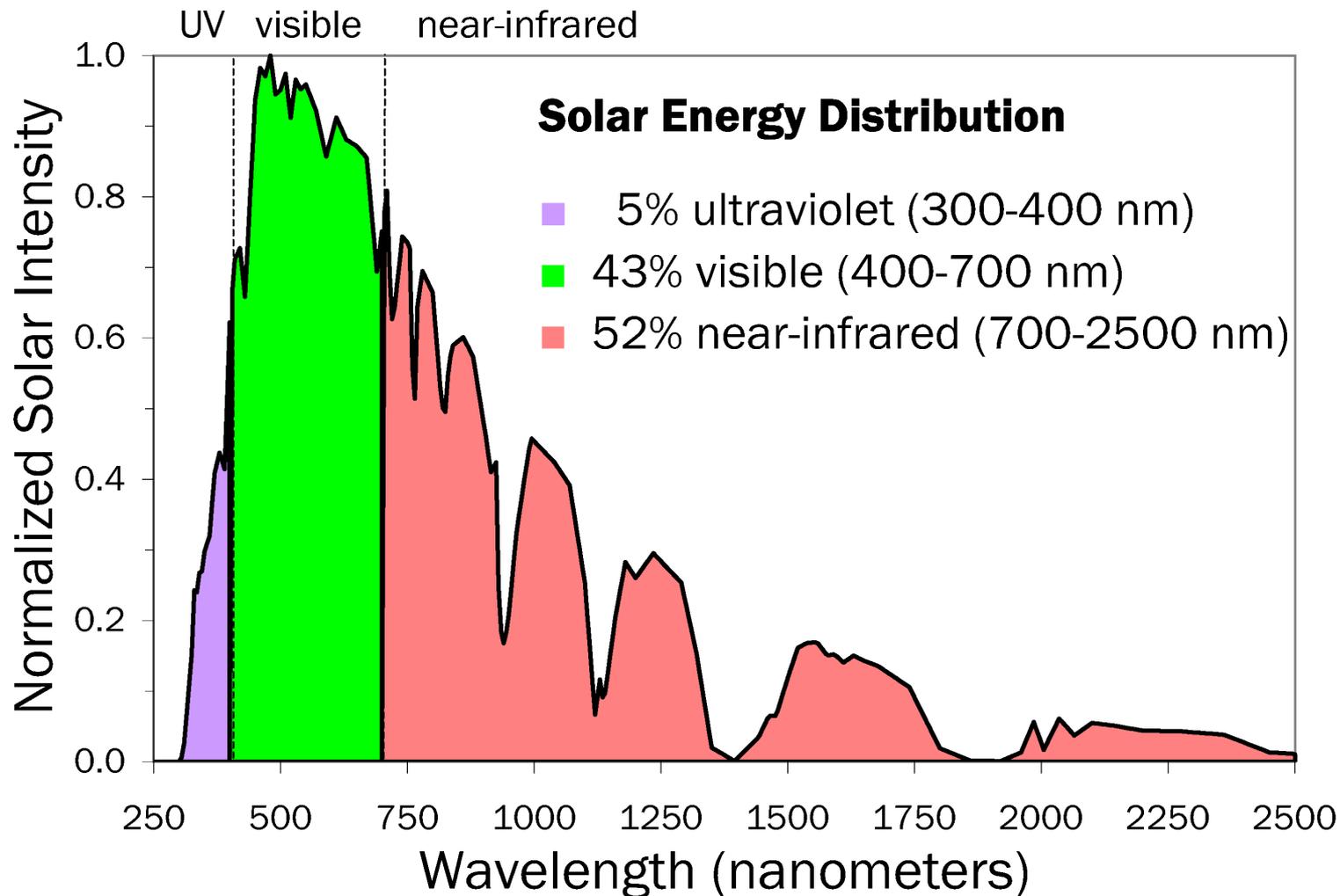
**Andrew Isaacs cooling the world  
with his shiny new white roof in  
Marin County.**



# Atmospheric greenhouse effect (i/ii)



# Cool Colors Reflect Invisible Near-Infrared Sunlight

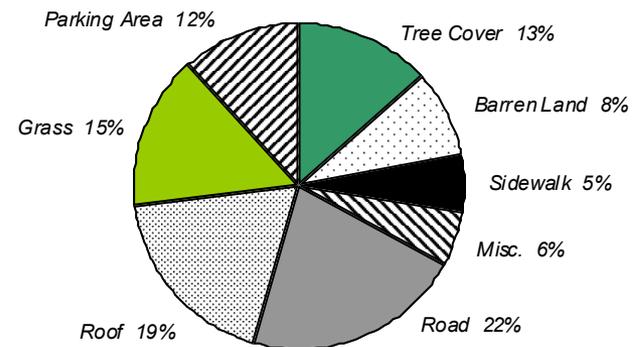


# Bird's eye view of urban land use



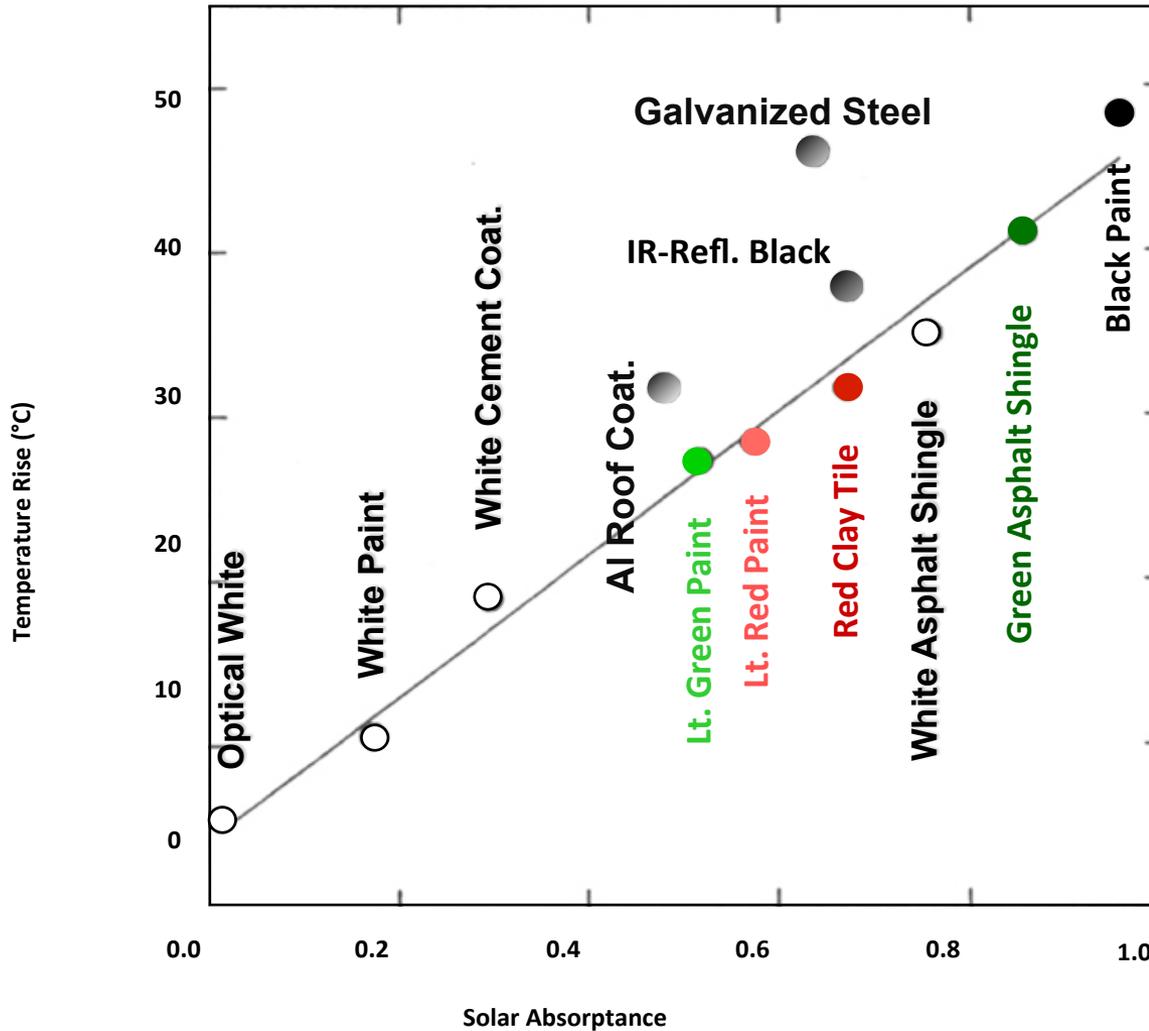
The surface of Sacramento, CA is about

- **20% roofs**
- **30% vegetation**
- **40% pavement**



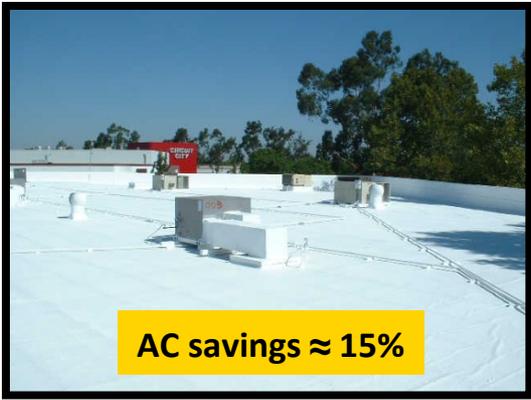
Area by Land-Cover Category Above the Canopy

# Reflective roofs stay cooler in the sun



# White roofs, cool-colored roofs save money

**OLD**



**flat, white**



**pitched, white**

**NEW**



**pitched, cool & colored**

# Advanced white roof coatings, membranes

**Both roofs exposed  
for 9 years in Florida**

**Kynar® based  
coated metal roof  
with 0.80 Total  
Solar Reflectance**

**Elastomeric  
Acrylic over PVC  
with 0.55 Total  
Solar Reflectance**



**White metal roof stays clean,  
saving 70% more energy than  
soiled white coating.**

- **White roof coatings, membranes soil rapidly, lose solar reflectance (SR)**
  - initial SR  $\approx$  0.80
  - aged SR  $\approx$  0.55
- **How to keep white roofs clean and reflective?**
  - reduce leaching of plasticizers
  - decrease surface roughness & stickiness
  - photocatalytic self-cleaning
  - photoinduced hydrophilicity

# Advanced cool-colored asphalt shingles



today's cool asphalt shingles  
reflect  $\approx 25\%$  of sunlight  
Courtesy  
Elk Corporation

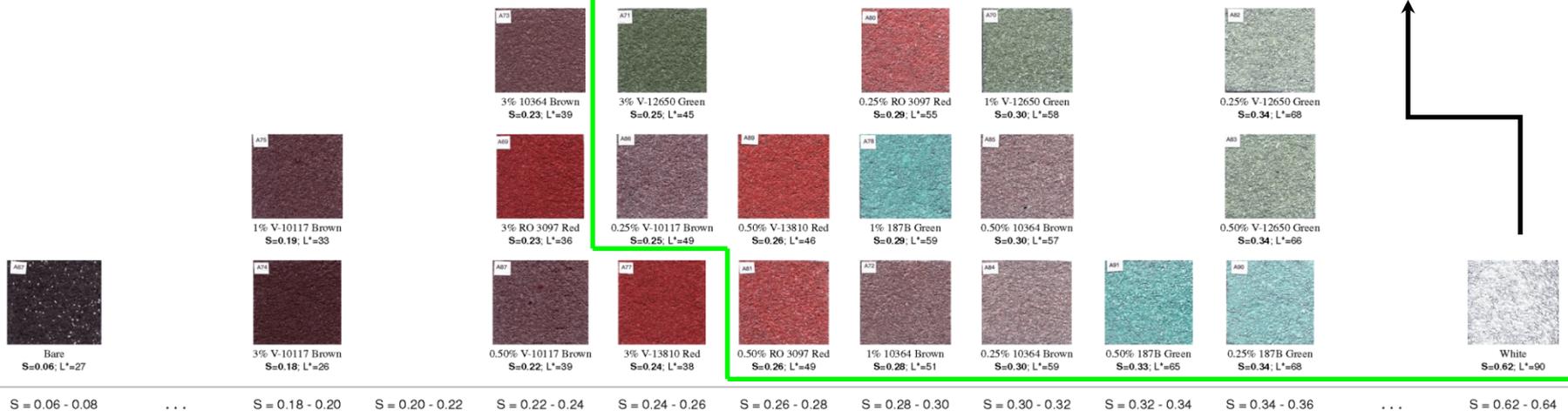
Solar reflectance  $\geq 25\%$

Prototype cool-colored asphalt shingles

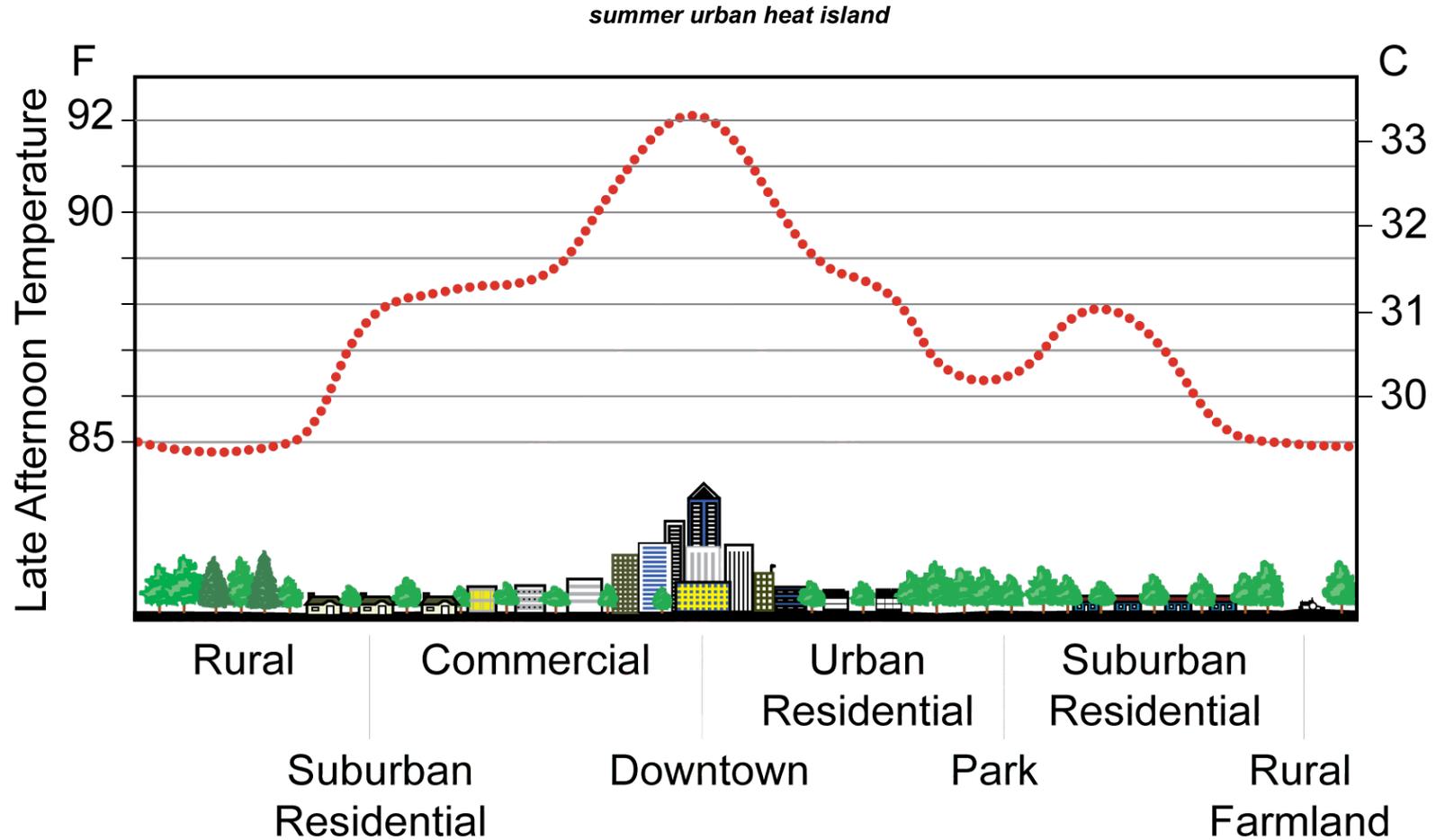
- reflect up to 35% of sunlight
- can save up to 60% more energy



Bright-white  
shingle  
SR > 60%



# Summer in the city



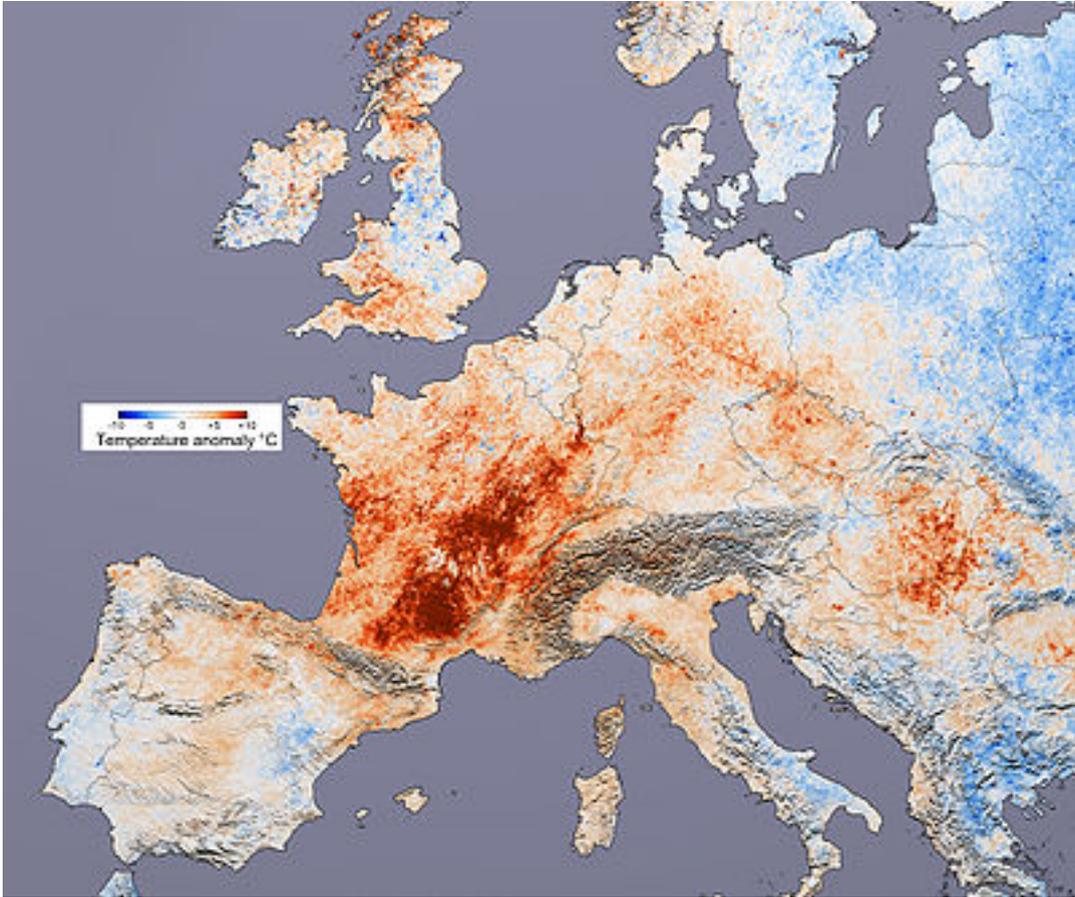
# Chicago Heat Wave 1995, 739 Deaths

Virtually all of the deaths occurred on the top floors of buildings with black roofs



# European Heat Wave 2003, 30,000 Deaths

## France July 2010, Few Deaths



**White roofs around the world**

...in Santorini, Greece



...in Hyderabad, India



**...and widely  
in the state of  
Gujarat, India.**

# Walmart store in northern California



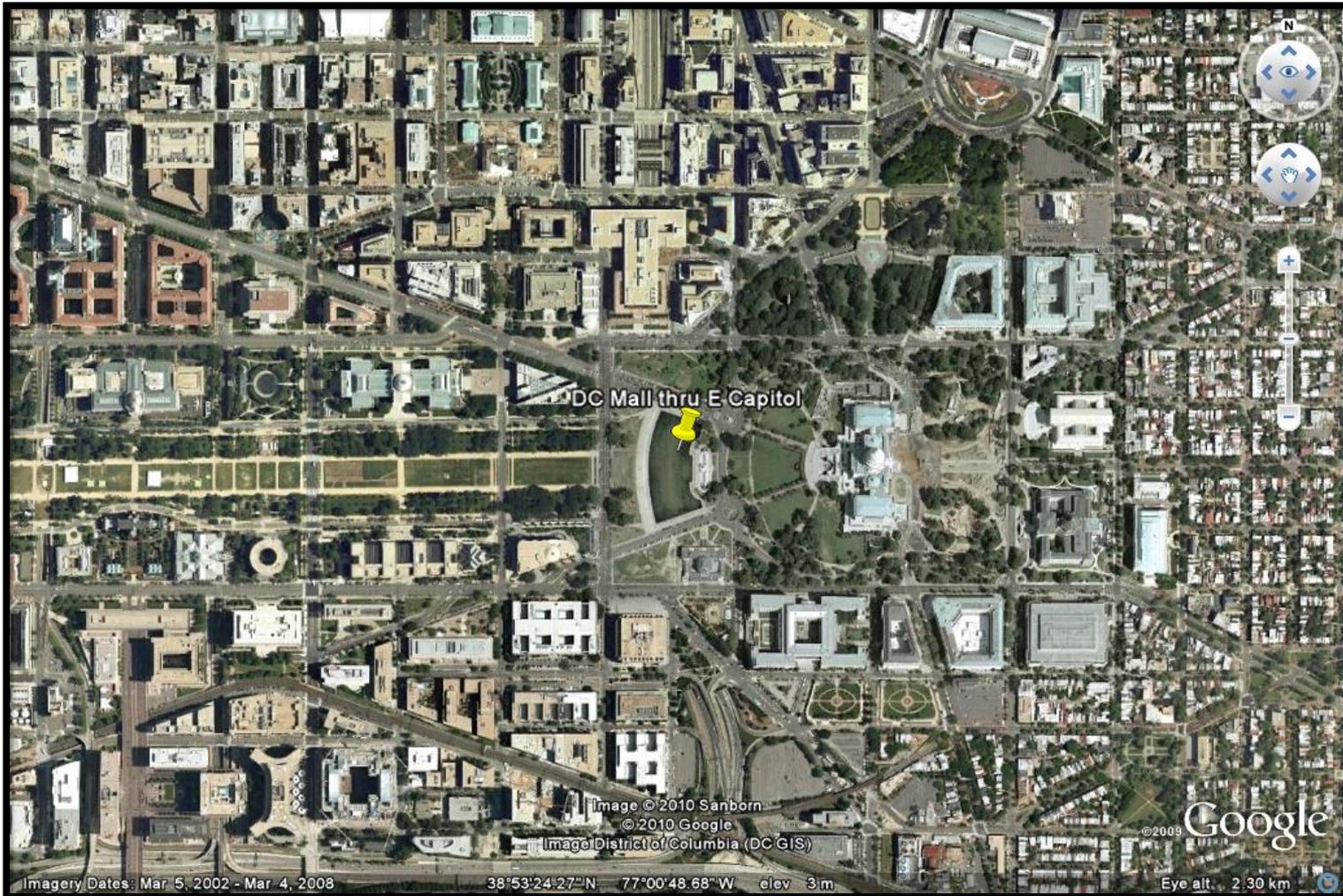
# Congratulations to UC Davis



# White roofs are popular in Tucson, AZ



# Washington, DC (Federal) has problems

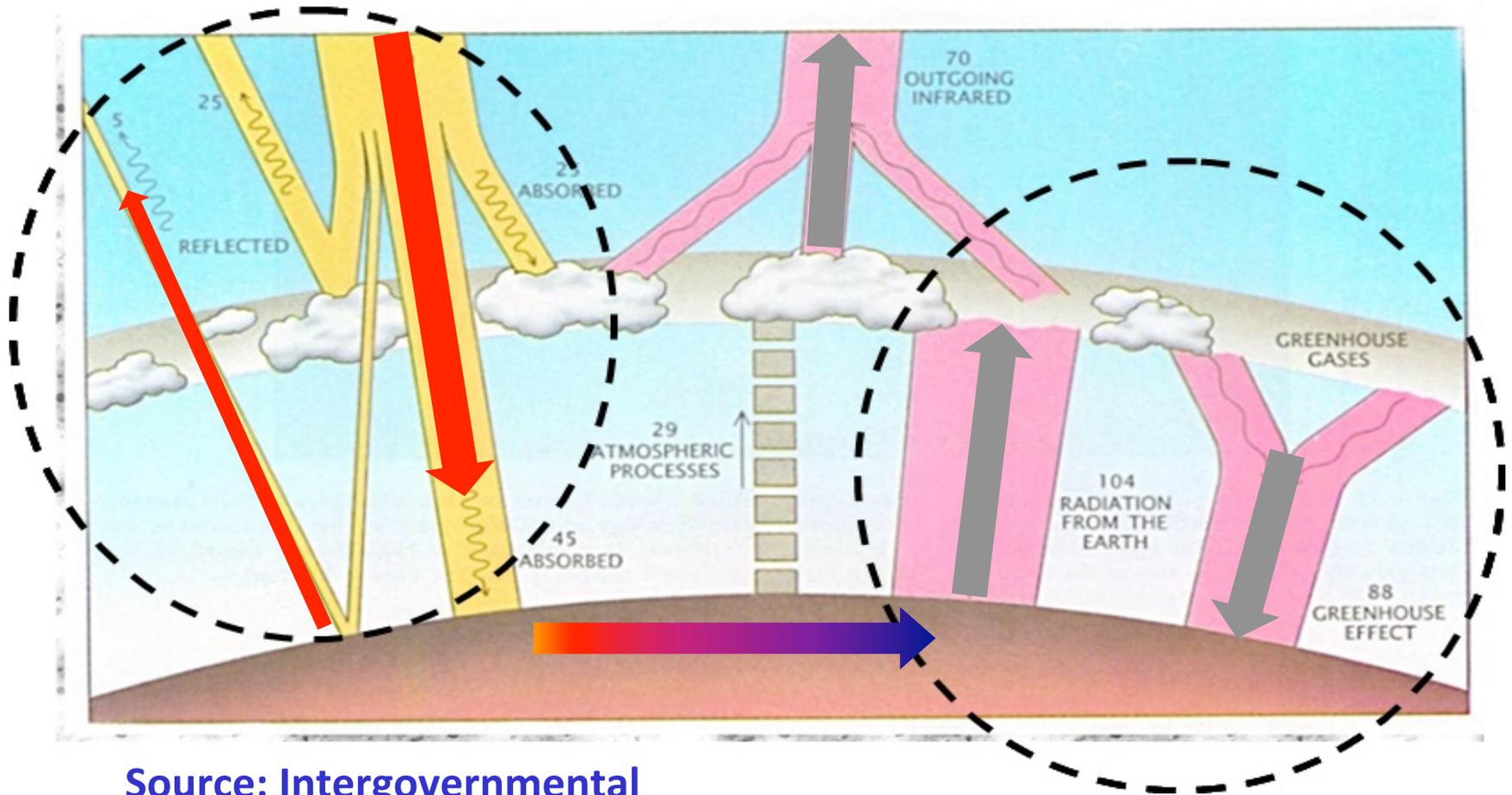


# Pentagon



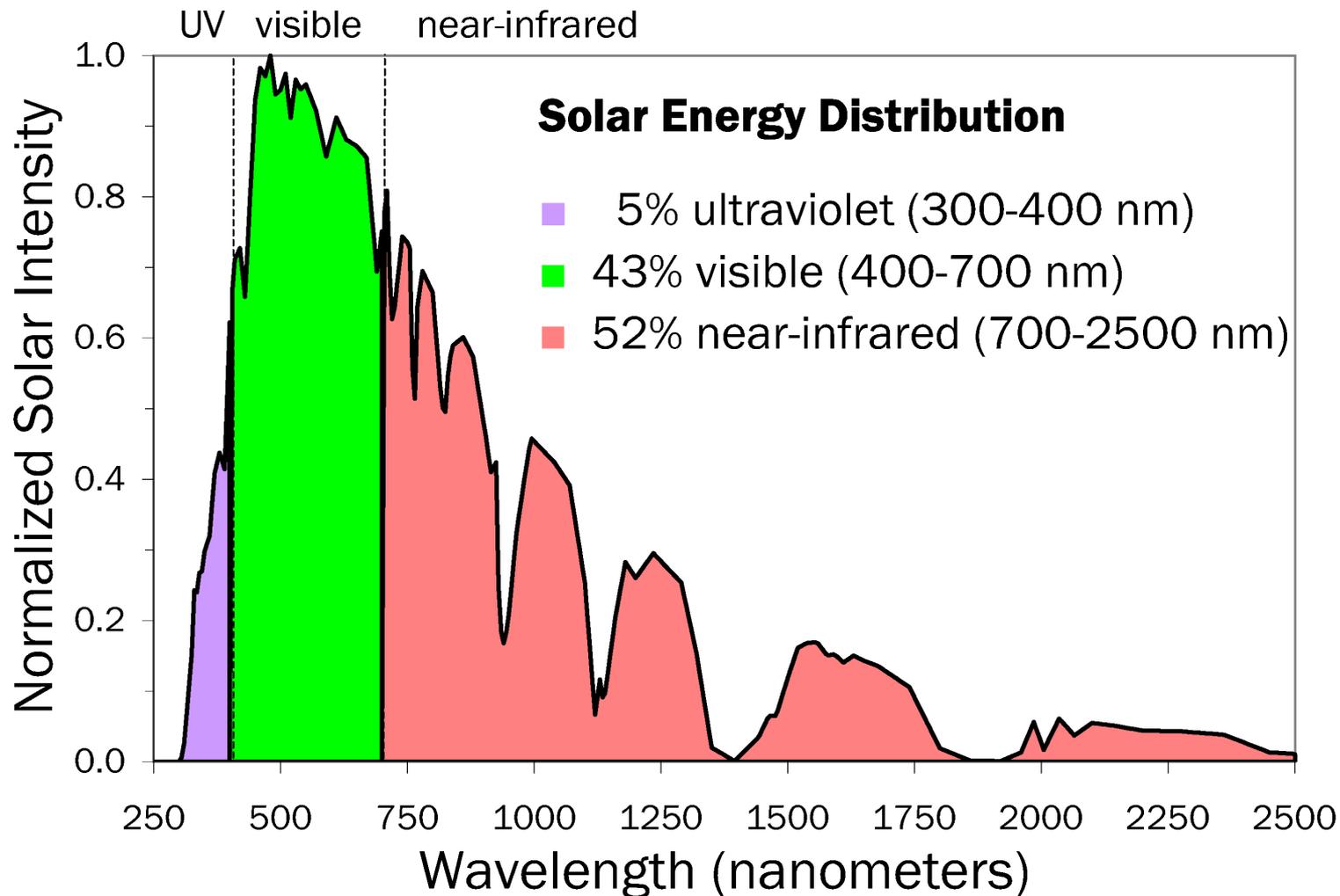
Cooling our planet

# Solar-reflective surfaces cool the globe via “negative radiative forcing”



Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

# Cool Colors Reflect Invisible Near-Infrared Sunlight



**GLOBAL COOLING:** making 100 m<sup>2</sup> (1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) of gray roofing white offsets the **emission** of 10 t of CO<sub>2</sub>



How much CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent is offset if we whiten all eligible urban flat roofs worldwide? (i/ii)

- Answer: **24 Gigatonnes (Gt)**
  - 2/3 of a year's worldwide emission
  - Gigatonne = billion metric tons
- If implemented over 20 years (the life of a roof or a program) this is  $\approx$  1.2 Gt/year.

# How much CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent is offset if we whiten all eligible urban flat roofs world-wide? (ii/ii)

- Offset is equivalent to **taking 300 million cars off the road for 20 years.**
  - There are about 600 million passenger cars world wide, and they each emit  $\approx 4$  t CO<sub>2</sub>/year.



# For White Roofs, 24 Gt could be 74Gt.

We assumed:

- Urban area is only 1% of global land area, BUT it could be 2%, and growing fast.
- We assumed, as in California, half of roofs are sloped and that architectural concerns would not permit white. And cool colored roofs are more expensive and less reflective. BUT in warm climates with no snow load, flat roofs should be in the majority.

*Conclusion: The LBNL papers can probably be scaled up to 50 GtCO<sub>2</sub>.  
50 Gt/20 years = 2.5 Gt/year, which offsets the emissions of >800  
medium sized coal plants.*

*(I assume each plant is a “Rosenfeld,” as defined by Koomey et al,  
Namely 500 MW, operating 6000 hr/year, generating 3 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/year.*



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# **COOL CITIES, COOL PLANET**

# **What to do now**

## Progress in energy efficiency standards

- In 2005, California's "Title 24" energy efficiency standards prescribed white surfaces for low-sloped roofs on commercial buildings. Several hot states are following.
- In 2008, California prescribed "cool colored" surfaces for steep residential roofs in its 5 hottest climate zones.
- **Other U.S. states & all countries with hot summers should follow.**

# Recent cool roof progress (2005 – 2011)

- 2005
  - California Title 24 – “Flat roofs shall be white” (15 out of 16 climate zones).
  - Walmart adopts white roofs for ALL stores.
  - EPA ENERGY STAR lists Cool Roof Materials
- 2010
  - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 – Memo from U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu calls for all DOE Buildings to have white roofs, if cost-effective
  - June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Marine Corp follows suit, Pentagon following slowly
  - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – *RetroFIT Philly* announces winner of “coolest block” contest to white-coat black roofs of row houses.
- 2011
  - 100 Cool Cities launched – see [www.WhiteRoofsAlliance.org](http://www.WhiteRoofsAlliance.org)
  - Spring 2011 – US will launch, at G20 Energy Ministers meeting, a voluntary Cool Roofs initiative and may even offer technical assistance to developing countries who join early.

## To come 2012...

- Model codes will be modified to prescribe “flat roofs shall be white”
  - ASHRAE for commercial buildings
  - EECC for residential buildings
- But states and cities have to **adopt** model codes

# Global Cool Cities Alliance could unite many initiatives and trade associations



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## Resources on the web

- **Art Rosenfeld's website**
  - [ArtRosenfeld.org](http://ArtRosenfeld.org)
- **Cool Colors Project**
  - [CoolColors.LBL.gov](http://CoolColors.LBL.gov)
- **Heat Island Group**
  - [HeatIsland.LBL.gov](http://HeatIsland.LBL.gov)
- **Cool Communities Project**
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- **Roof Savings Calculator**
  - [RoofCalc.com](http://RoofCalc.com)
- **Global Cool Cities Alliance**
  - [GlobalCoolCitiesAlliance.org](http://GlobalCoolCitiesAlliance.org)
- **Cool Roof Rating Council**
  - [CoolRoofs.org](http://CoolRoofs.org)
- **Cool California**
  - [CoolCalifornia.org](http://CoolCalifornia.org)
- **EPA Heat Islands**
  - [epa.gov/heatisland](http://epa.gov/heatisland)
- **Energy Star Cool Roofs**
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