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# Building Decarbonization Scenario Impacts

**AB 3232 - California Building Decarbonization Assessment**  
Commissioner Workshop



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# Assembly Bill 3232

*Friedman, Chapter 373, Statutes of 2018*  
requires the Energy Commission to:

“[A]ssess the potential for the state to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases in the state’s residential and commercial building stock **by at least 40 percent** below 1990 levels by January 1, 2030”

Source: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB3232](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3232)



# **Defining the Scope of Assessing Building Decarbonization**



# Defining the Scope of Assessing Building Decarbonization

Scope of the analysis



# 2020-30 Baseline (BAU) Case

Staff relied on the 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Report's (IEPR) California Energy Demand forecast to establish the reference baseline (business-as-usual assumption) annual 2030 GHG emissions for the AB 3232 analysis.

Building Decarbonization Strategy
1. Building end-use electrification
2. Decarbonizing the electricity system
3. Energy efficiency
4. Refrigerant conversion and reduction
5. Distributed generation and storage
6. Decarbonizing the gas system
7. Demand flexibility



# Summary of the Two 1990 GHG Baselines Considered in the Assessment (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e)

	GHG Emission Sources
<b>Baseline 1: Systemwide Emissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gas combustion</li><li>• Behind-the meter gas leakage</li><li>• Non-gas fuel combustion</li><li>• Hydrofluorocarbon leakage from refrigeration and air conditioners*</li><li>• <b>Electric generation system emissions attributed to the residential and commercial sectors</b></li></ul>
<b>Baseline 2: Direct Emissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gas combustion</li><li>• Behind-the meter gas leakage</li><li>• Non-gas fuel combustion</li><li>• Hydrofluorocarbon leakage from refrigeration and air conditioners*</li><li>• <b>Incremental electric generation system emissions from building electrification</b></li></ul>

Source: CEC staff

\*Please refer to the main report for how CEC staff handled HFC emissions in the 1990 base year.



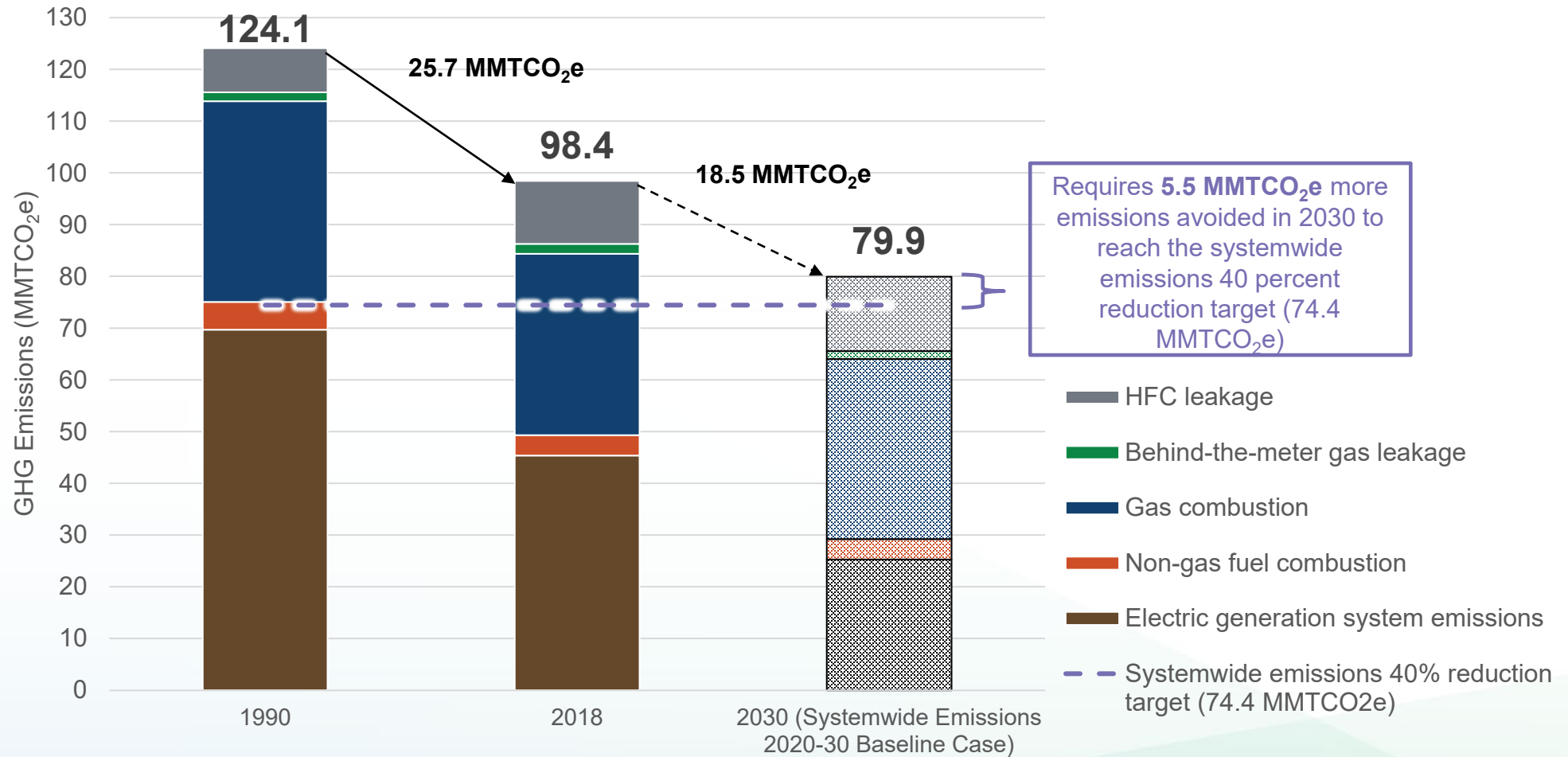
# Why Bring In the Electric Generating System to AB 3232?

- SB100 requires major changes in the electric generating system that greatly reduce its carbon emissions through time.
- Under business-as-usual demand assumptions the residential and commercial building sectors are about 70 percent of total electric system load.
- Emissions from the generating system are directly influenced by changes in electric consumption by the buildings sector.
- Reductions in electric consumption (energy efficiency, rooftop PV) included in the 2020-30 baseline or in new building decarb strategies will reduce electric generating system emissions.
- Increases in electric consumption through building electrification will increase electric generating system emissions in all years to 2045.





# AB 3232 2030 Systemwide GHG Emissions Target

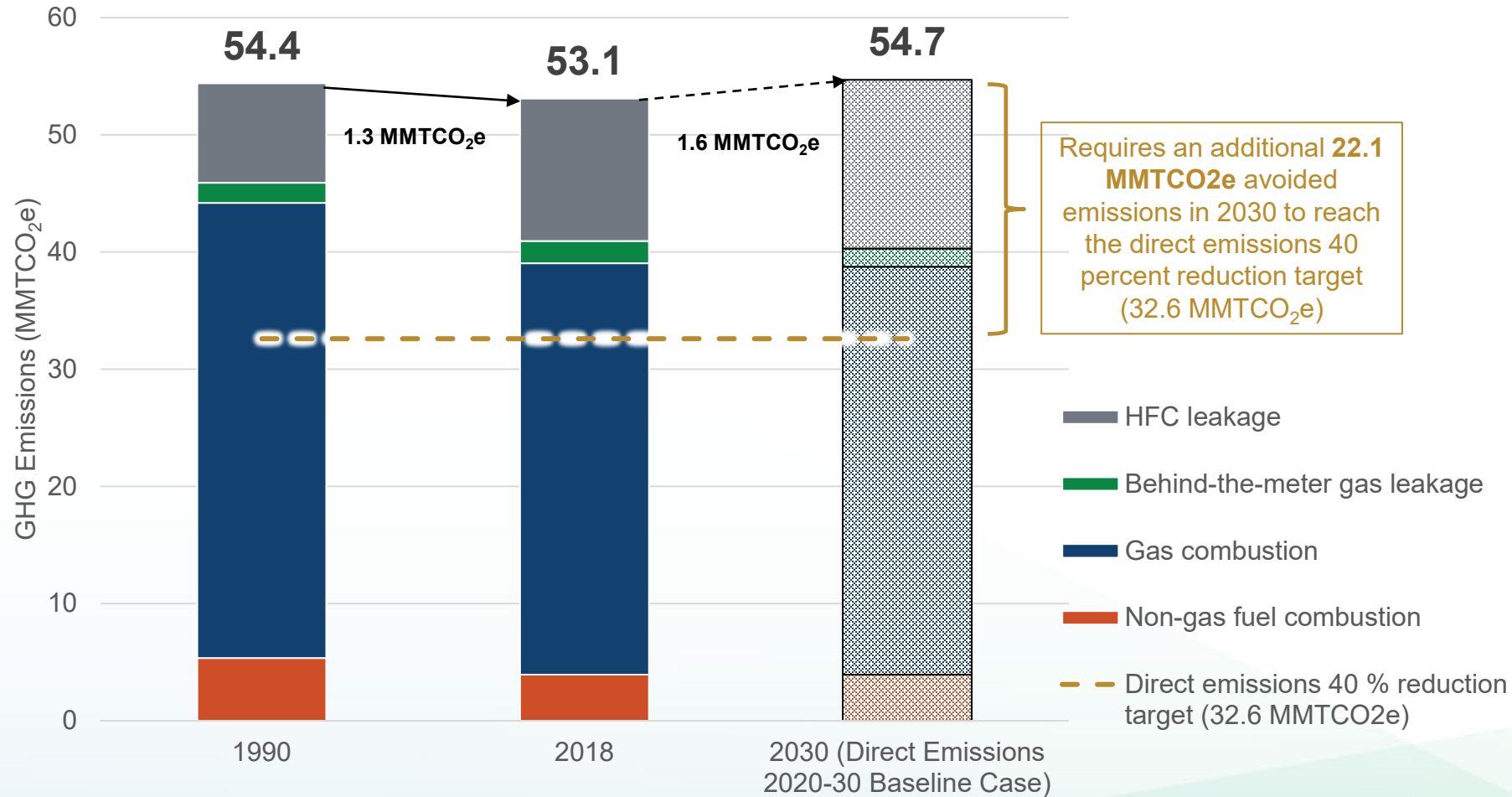


Source: CEC staff and CARB GHG Emissions Inventory

Note: As previously stated, the 2020-30 Baseline Case already contains building decarbonization strategies as a part of the 2019 IEPR Forecast. As reported in Appendix B, CEC staff's estimates of emissions may not align completely with the emissions or categories reported in the most recent CARB GHG Emissions Inventory.



# A Direct GHG Emissions Baseline Requires More Emissions Reduction



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# **Defining the Scope of Assessing Building Decarbonization**

Summary of scenarios examined & modeling assumptions



# Scope of AB 3232 analysis

Building Decarbonization Strategy	Decarbonization Scenario(s) Analyzed	Used in Decarbonization Scenarios
1. Building end-use electrification		
2. Decarbonizing the electricity system		
3. Energy efficiency		
4. Refrigerant conversion and reduction		
5. Distributed generation and storage		
6. Decarbonizing the gas system		
7. Demand flexibility		

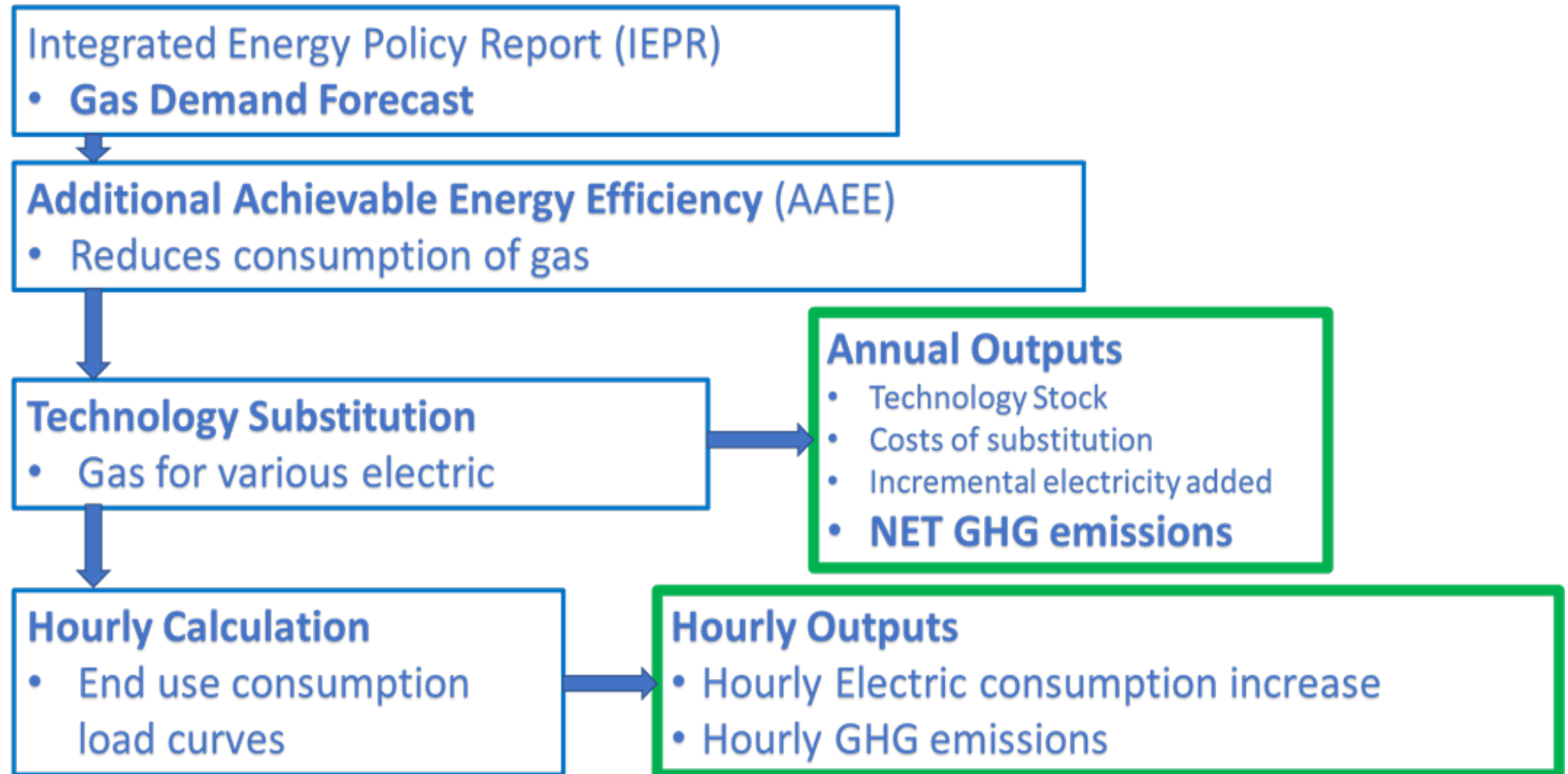


# Mapping the strategies to analyzed scenarios & comparing to baseline

Building Decarbonization Strategy	Decarbonization Scenario(s) Analyzed	Used in the 2020-2030 Baseline (BAU) Case	Used in AB 3232 Decarbonization Scenarios
1. Building end-use electrification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal</li> <li>Moderate</li> <li>Aggressive</li> <li>Efficient Aggressive</li> </ul>		
2. Decarbonizing the electricity system	Accelerated renewable electric generation resources		
3. Energy efficiency	Incremental electric energy efficiency		
	Incremental gas energy efficiency		
4. Refrigerant conversion and reduction	Not assessed		
5. Distributed generation and storage	Incremental rooftop solar PV systems		
6. Decarbonizing the gas system	Decarbonizing gas system with renewable gas		
7. Demand flexibility	Demand flexibility		



# Modeling electrification: Fuel Substitution Scenario Analysis Tool (FSSAT) main processes flow chart





# Building end-use electrification scenarios: Minimal, Moderate, Aggressive, Efficient Aggressive

Electrification Scenario Using FSSAT	New Construction (NC)	Replace on Burnout (ROB)	Early Replacement (RET)	Technology Efficiency	SB 1383 Goals Toggle
Minimal	100% by 2030	15%	5%	High-Efficiency Weighted Mix	Potential of reducing <b>7.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e</b> of HFC Leakage in 2030
Moderate		50%			
Aggressive		90%	70%	Single-Best Efficiency	
Efficient Aggressive					

Where:

- NC, ROB, and RET are percentages of eligible technologies by sector/end-use that will be electric in 2030
- The Minimal electrification scenario just meets the 40-percent AB 3232 target
- The impacts of the SB 1383 toggle are external to the FSSAT framework



# Electric Generation Analyses

- For each scenario, develop annual electric consumption impacts, and then use hourly load shapes to develop 8760 load impacts
- Add these hourly loads to 2020-2030 baseline hourly loads
- Develop resource additions (renewables) to satisfy RPS requirements and battery storage to satisfy planning reserve margin requirements.
- Translate revised resource mix into Plexos production simulation inputs and run for benchmark years 2022, 2025, and 2030.
- Post process fuel consumption results into annual GHG emissions and interpolate to create 2020 through 2045 GHG emission intensity.
- Scale EG emission intensity by residential plus commercial building electricity consumption to get electric generation GHG emissions for the building sector.





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# **Building Decarbonization Scenario Impacts**



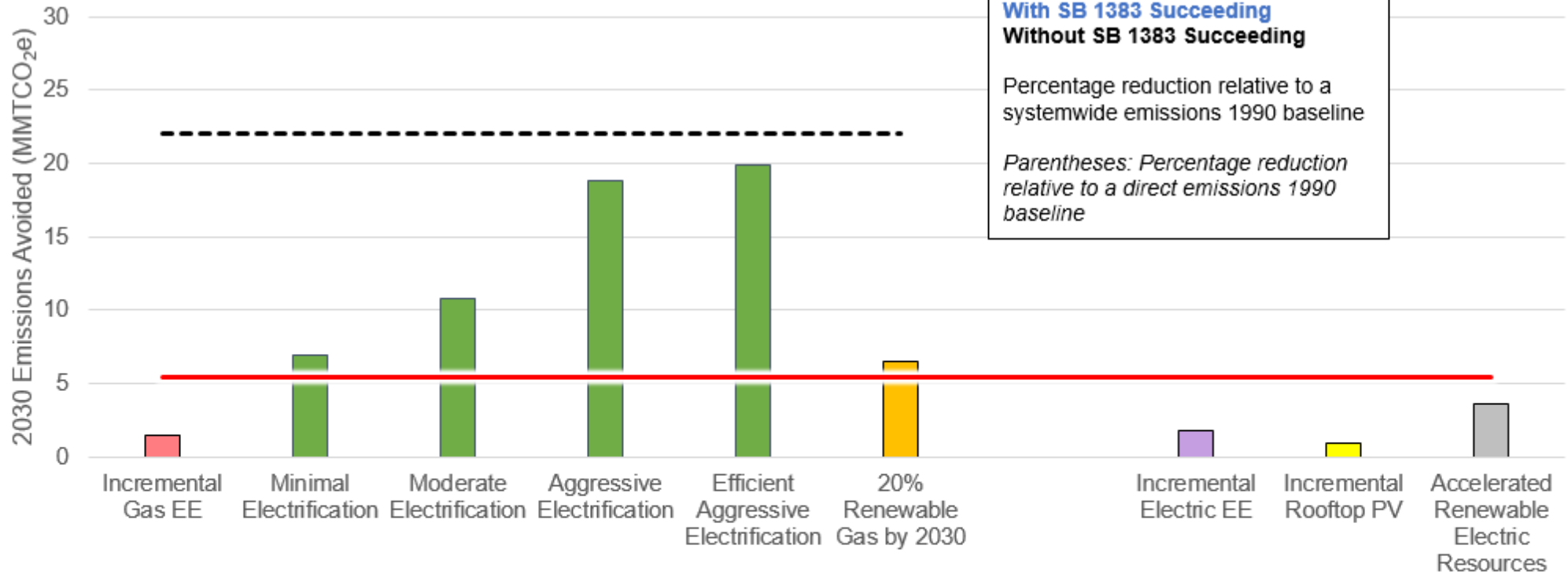


# Building Decarbonization Scenario Impacts

2030 GHG emission impacts by scenario



# Abatement Potential: Annual GHG Reduction for 2030 by Scenario



**With SB 1383 Succeeding**  
**Without SB 1383 Succeeding**

Percentage reduction relative to a systemwide emissions 1990 baseline

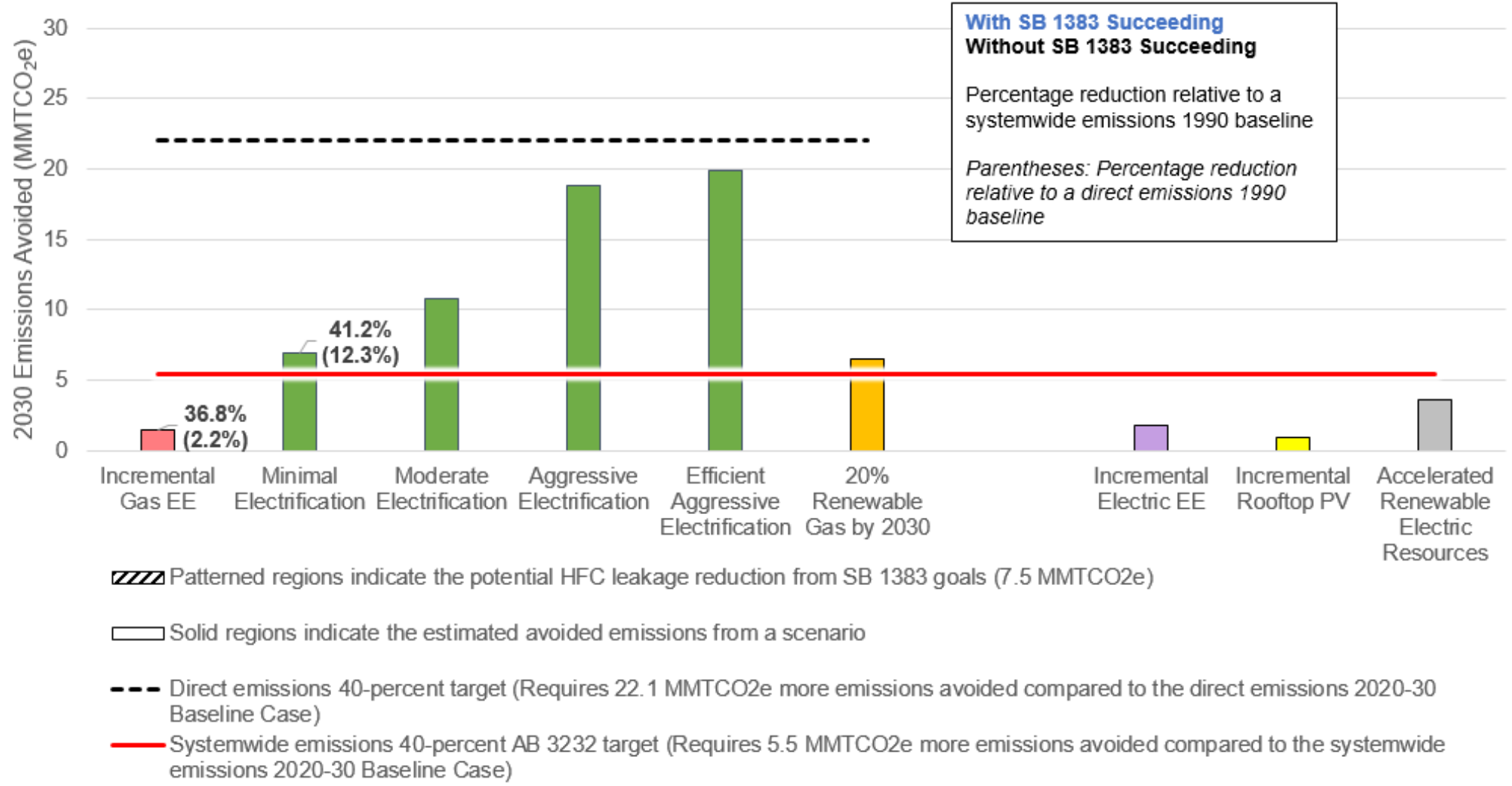
*Parentheses: Percentage reduction relative to a direct emissions 1990 baseline*

- ▨ Patterned regions indicate the potential HFC leakage reduction from SB 1383 goals (7.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- ▭ Solid regions indicate the estimated avoided emissions from a scenario
- Direct emissions 40-percent target (Requires 22.1 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e more emissions avoided compared to the direct emissions 2020-30 Baseline Case)
- Systemwide emissions 40-percent AB 3232 target (Requires 5.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e more emissions avoided compared to the systemwide emissions 2020-30 Baseline Case)

**Note: Load management strategies can amplify each of the scenarios**



# Abatement Potential: Annual GHG Reduction for 2030 by Scenario

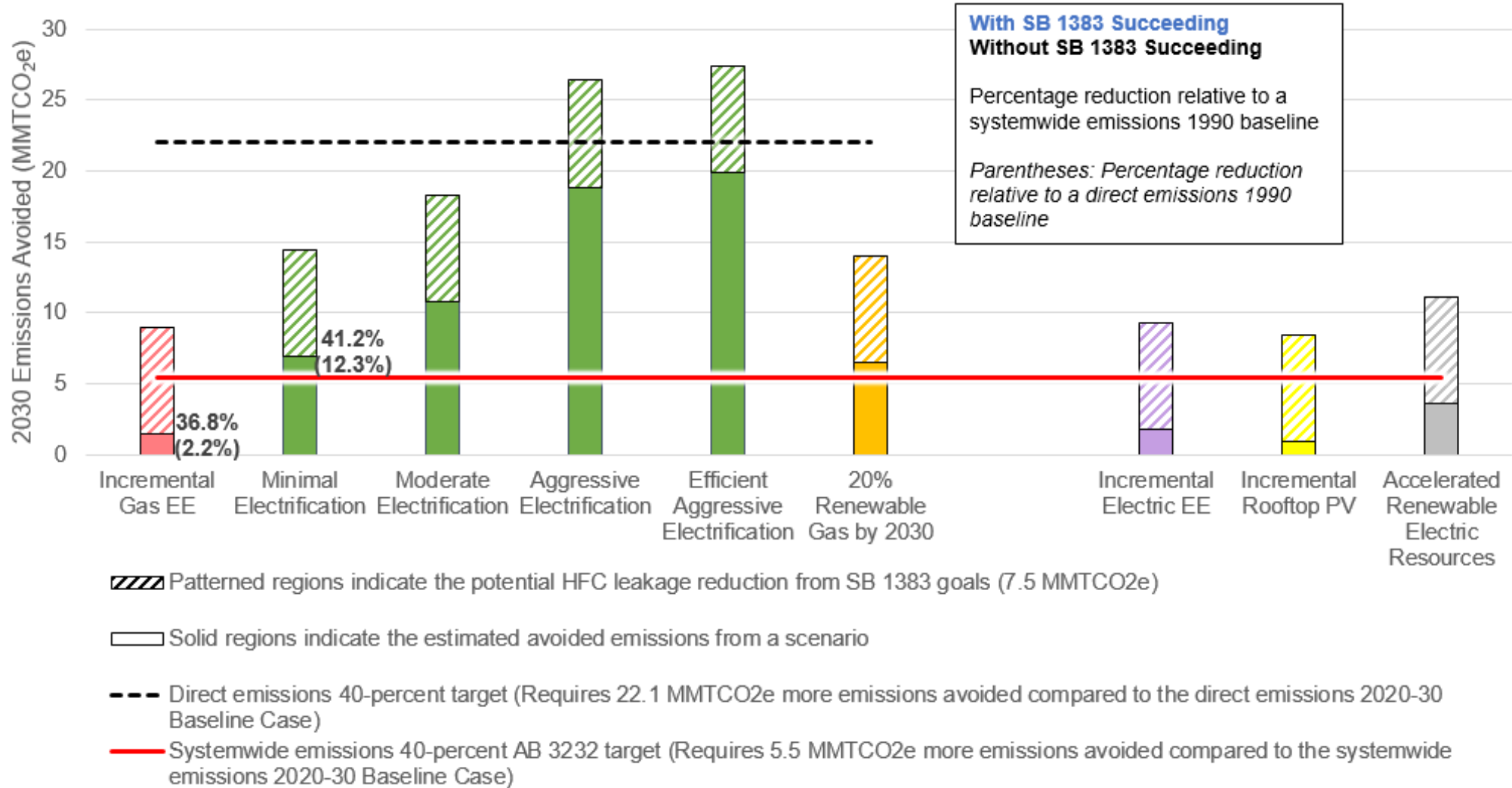


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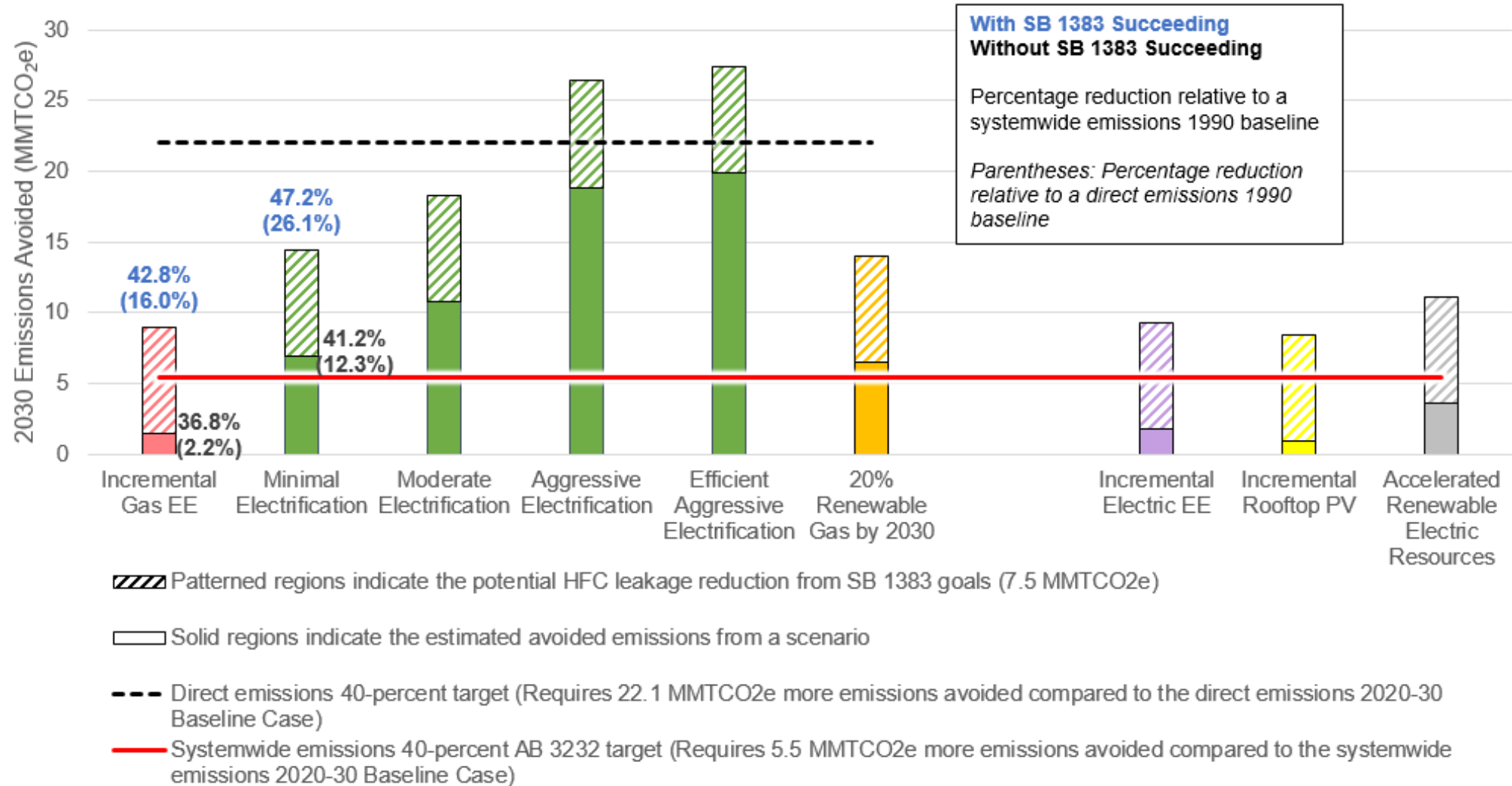


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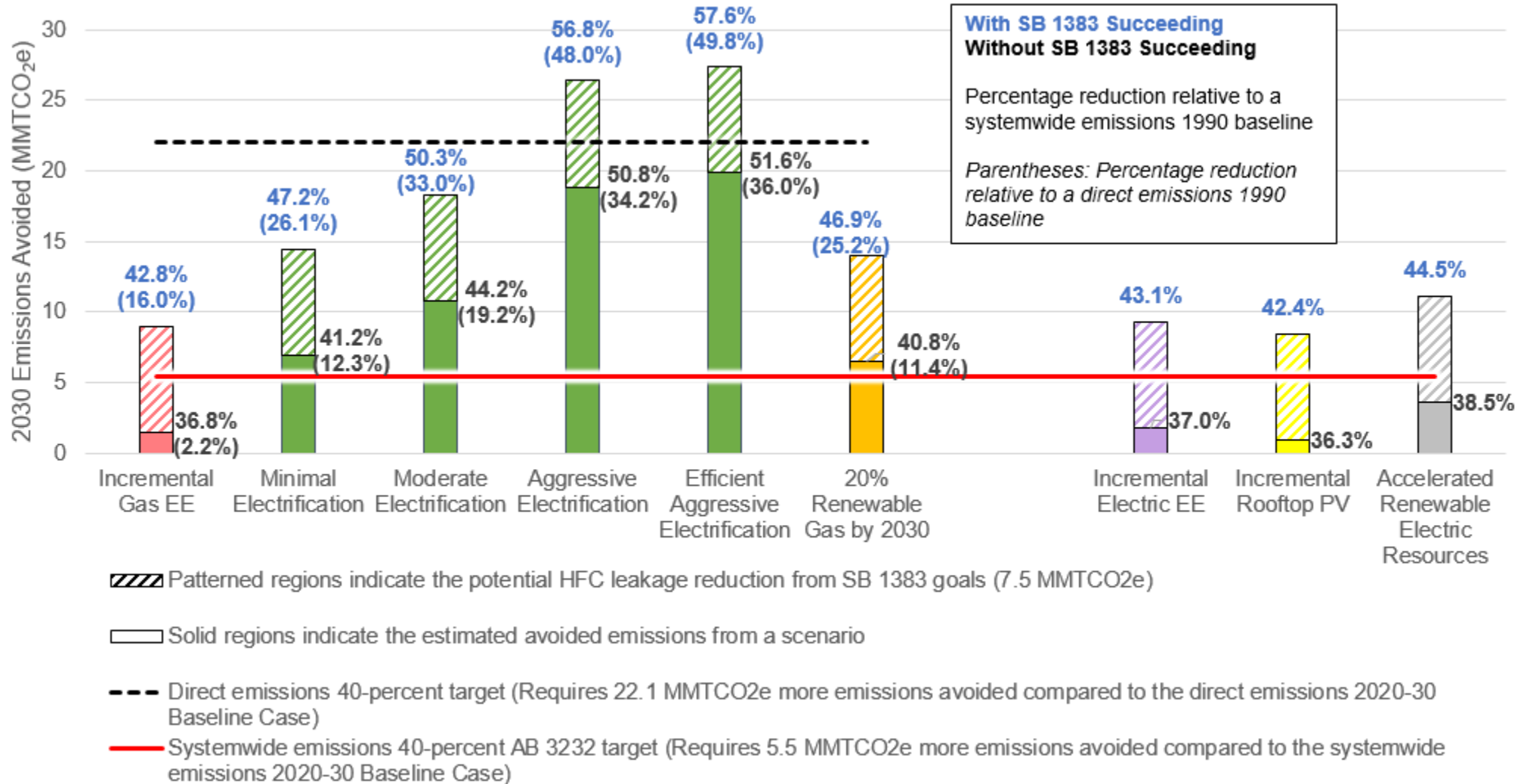
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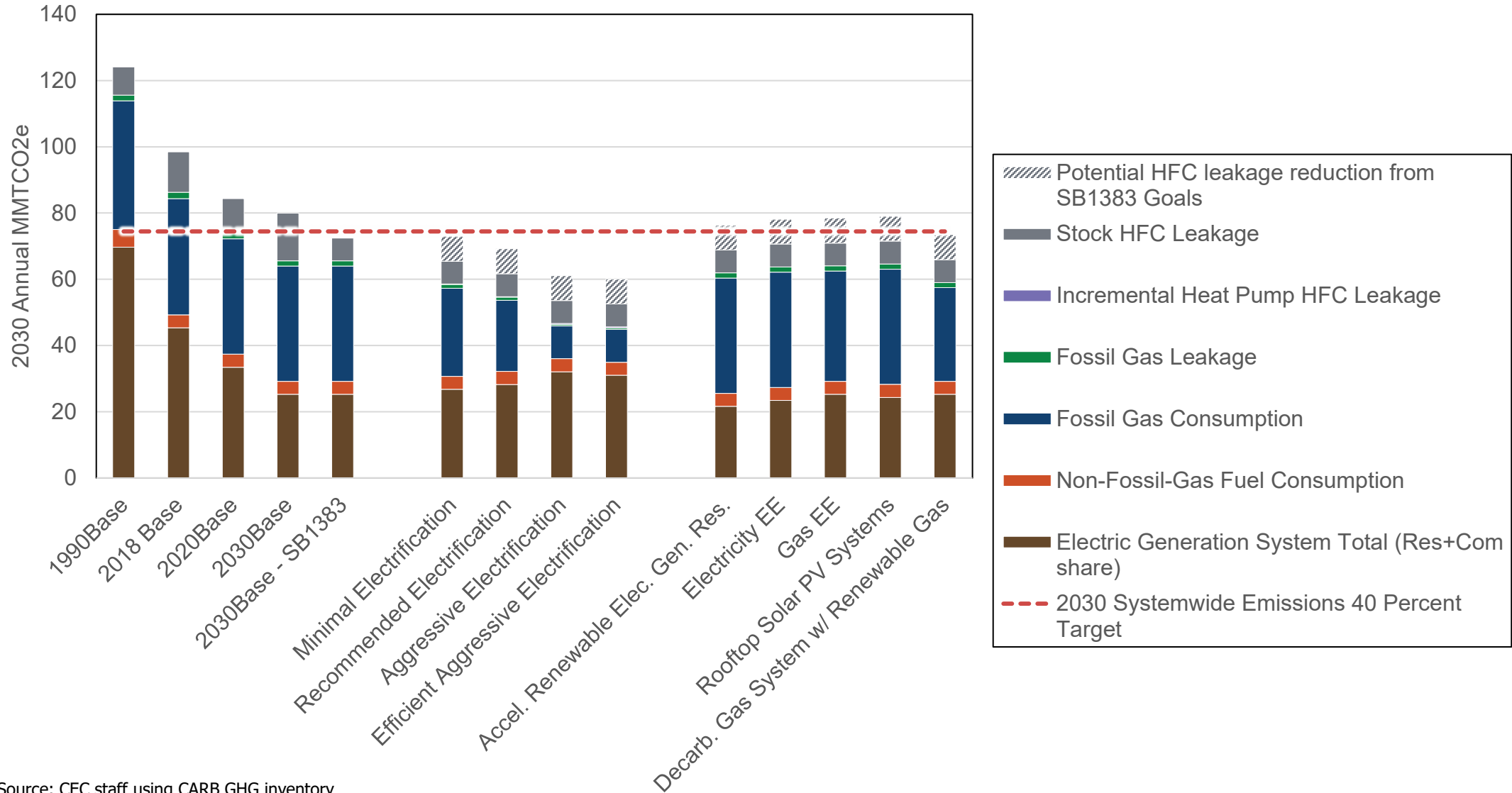


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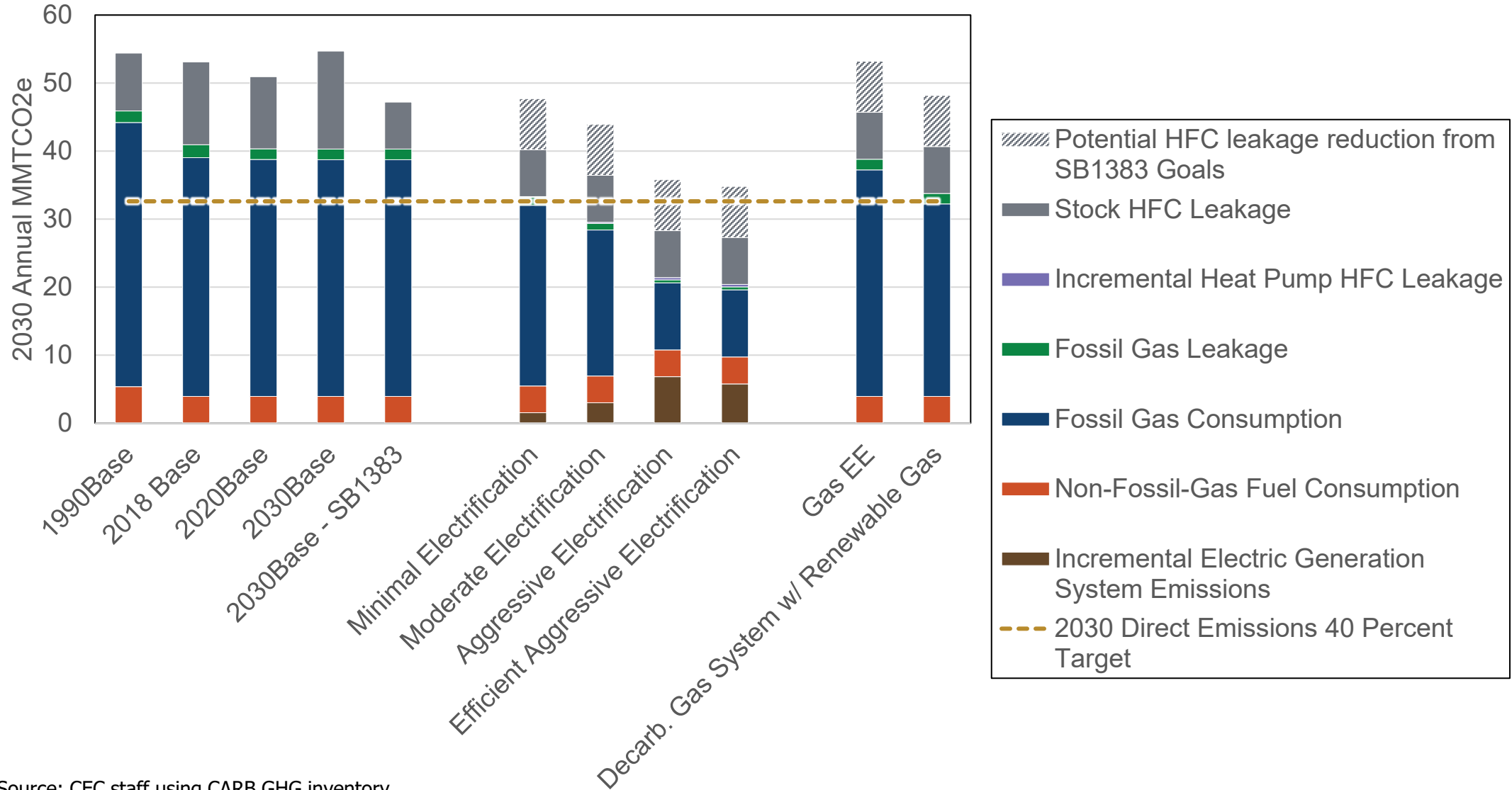
# 2030 Statewide GHG Emissions: Using a Systemwide Emissions Baseline



Source: CEC staff using CARB GHG inventory



# 2030 Statewide GHG Emissions: Using a Direct Emissions Baseline



Source: CEC staff using CARB GHG inventory



# Building Decarbonization Scenario Impacts

Costs and cost-effectiveness



# Costs and Cost effectiveness

- Many definitions of cost effectiveness
- AB 3232 analysis applies the same definition of **cost effectiveness** as *CARB 2017 Scoping Plan*:
  - “Under AB 32 [(Nuñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006)], cost-effectiveness means the relative **cost per metric ton** of various GHG reduction strategies, which is the traditional cost metric associated with emission control.” (Page 44)
- The calculated dollar per ton estimates reflect the average costs of activities occurring between 2020-2030 over a time horizon out to 2045 since emissions reductions and costs occur beyond 2030

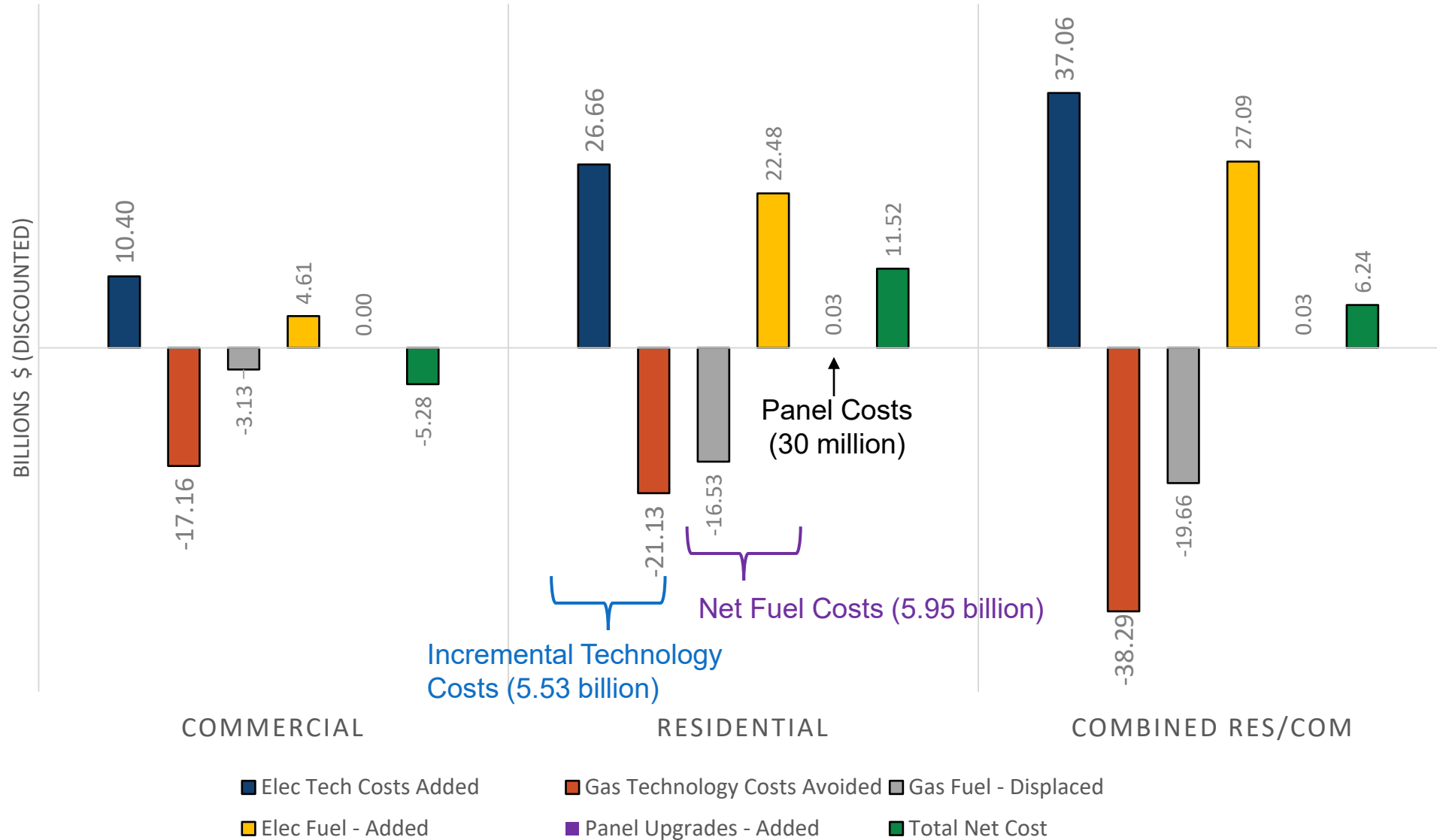


# Cost calculation assumptions

- All scenarios:
  - Assume a 2 percent annual **inflation rate**
  - Apply a 10 percent **discount rate** to all costs, same as *2017 CARB Scoping Plan*
  - **Net fuel costs** calculated using the retail rates from 2019 the IEPR Demand Forecast
- Cost components of electrification scenarios:
  - **Incremental technology costs**
    - **Air conditioning costs**
  - **Net fuel costs**
  - **Electrical panel upgrade costs**



# “Moderate Electrification Scenario” Cumulative Costs by Category and Customer Sector





# Costs and Avoided Emissions by Scenario

Scenario	Annual avoided GHG emissions in 2030 (MMTCO <sub>2</sub> e)*	Cumulative avoided GHG emissions 2020-2045 (MMTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Total discounted net costs (Mil. 2020\$)	Discounted costs per avoided GHG emissions (cost per metric ton in 2020\$)
<i>Building end-use electrification scenarios</i>				
<b>Minimal:</b> 100% New Construction, 15% Replace on Burnout, 5% Early Retirement, no panel upgrades	7.0 (14.5)	74.2	2,880	\$39
<b>Moderate:</b> 100% New Construction, 50% Replace on Burnout, 5% Early Retirement	10.8 (18.3)	133.5	6,236	\$47
<b>Aggressive:</b> 100% New Construction, 90% Replace on Burnout, 70% Early Retirement	18.9 (26.4)	270.4	37,862	\$140
<b>Efficient Aggressive:</b> 100% New Construction, 90% Replace on Burnout, 70% Early Retirement (single-best efficient technology)	19.9 (27.4)	281.2	39,947	\$142
<i>Impact scenarios</i>				
Accelerated Renewable Electric Generation Resources	3.6 (11.1)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Electricity Energy Efficiency	1.8 (9.3)	14.7	-8,338	-\$566
Gas Energy Efficiency	1.5 (9.0)	17.8	-1,415	-\$79
Rooftop Solar PV Systems	0.9 (8.4)	10.8	-1,715	-\$159
Decarbonizing Gas System with Renewable Gas: 20% Renewable Gas by 2030 – Low-Cost Synthetic Gas starting in 2026	6.5 (14.0)	28.1	9,634	\$343

\*Parentheses values includes 7.5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e HFC emission abatement if SB 1383 achieves 2030 goals compared to 2020-30 Baseline.





# Marginal abatement cost curves (MAC curves)

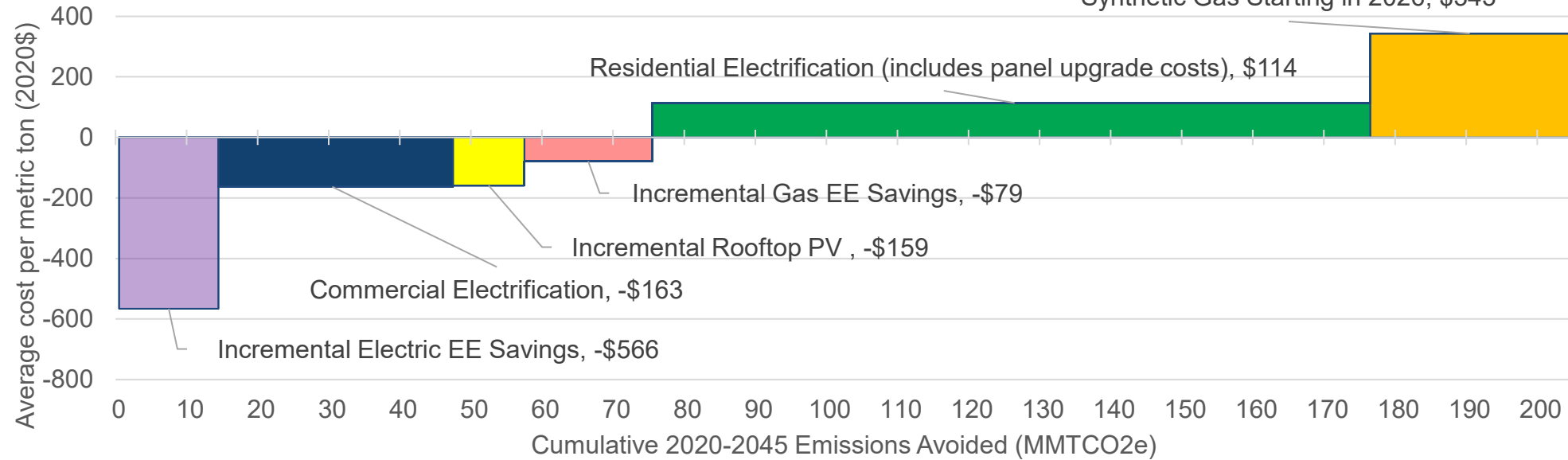
- Definition
  - MAC curves plot the marginal costs of achieving a cumulative level of emissions abatement in order from the least- to most-expensive scenario, measure, or technology
- MAC curves are a commonly used policy tool indicating emission abatement potential and associated abatement costs and provide a simplified and useful tool illustrating the complex issue of cost-effective emissions reduction



# Aggregated Marginal Abatement Cost Curve Using the “Moderate Electrification Scenario” (100% NC, 50% ROB, 5% RET)

Includes the Moderate Electrification Scenario

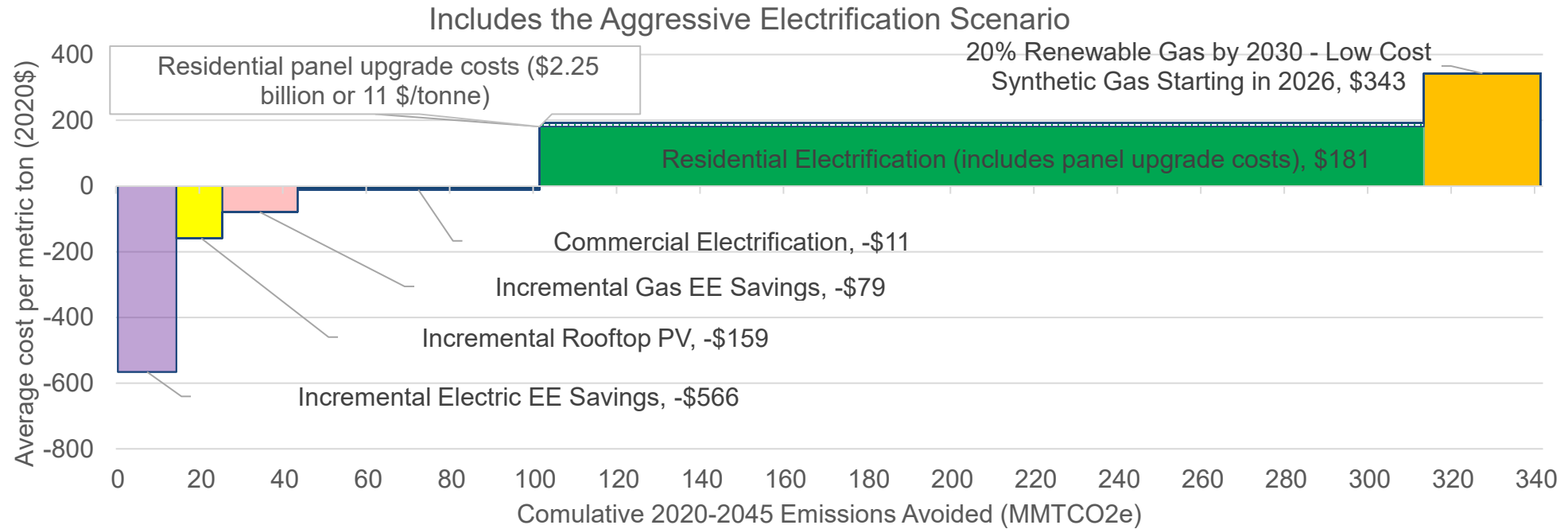
20% Renewable Gas by 2030 - Low Cost  
Synthetic Gas Starting in 2026, \$343



- Incremental Electric EE Savings (14.73 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -566 \$/tonne)
- Commercial Electrification (32.32 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -163 \$/tonne)
- Incremental Rooftop PV (10.82 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -159 \$/tonne)
- Incremental Gas EE Savings (17.8 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -79 \$/tonne)
- Residential Electrification (includes panel upgrade costs) (101.18 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at 114 \$/tonne; \$0.03 billion panel upgrade costs)
- 20% Renewable Gas by 2030 - Low Cost Synthetic Gas Starting in 2026 (28.09 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at 343 \$/tonne)



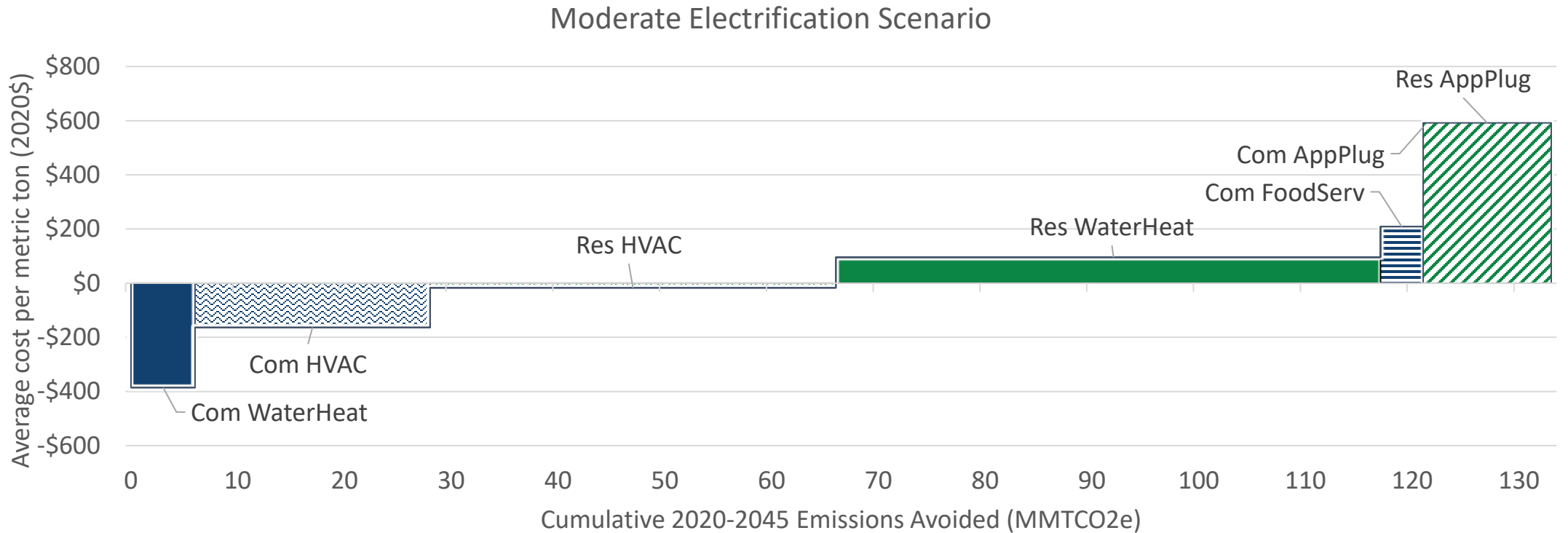
# Aggregated Marginal Abatement Cost Curve Using the “Aggressive Electrification Scenario” (100% NC, 90% ROB, 70% RET)



- Incremental Electric EE Savings (14.73 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -566 \$/tonne)
- Incremental Rooftop PV (10.82 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -159 \$/tonne)
- Incremental Gas EE Savings (17.8 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -79 \$/tonne)
- Commercial Electrification (57.89 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at -11 \$/tonne)
- Residential panel upgrade costs (\$2.25 billion or 11 \$/tonne)
- Residential Electrification (includes panel upgrade costs) (212.49 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at 181 \$/tonne)
- 20% Renewable Gas by 2030 - Low Cost Synthetic Gas Starting in 2026 (28.09 MMTCO<sub>2e</sub> at 343 \$/tonne)



# Marginal Abatement Cost Curve by End Use for “Moderate Electrification Scenario” (100% NC, 50% ROB, 5% RET)



- Com WaterHeat (6 MMTCO2e at -386 \$/tonne)
- ▨ Com HVAC (22.9 MMTCO2e at -164 \$/tonne)
- ▩ Res HVAC (37.4 MMTCO2e at -17 \$/tonne)
- Res WaterHeat (51.7 MMTCO2e at 96 \$/tonne)
- ▨ Com FoodServ (3.2 MMTCO2e at 209 \$/tonne)
- ▩ Com AppPlug (0.2 MMTCO2e at 576 \$/tonne)
- ▨ Res AppPlug (12.1 MMTCO2e at 592 \$/tonne)



# Building Decarbonization Scenario Impacts

System impacts and grid implications



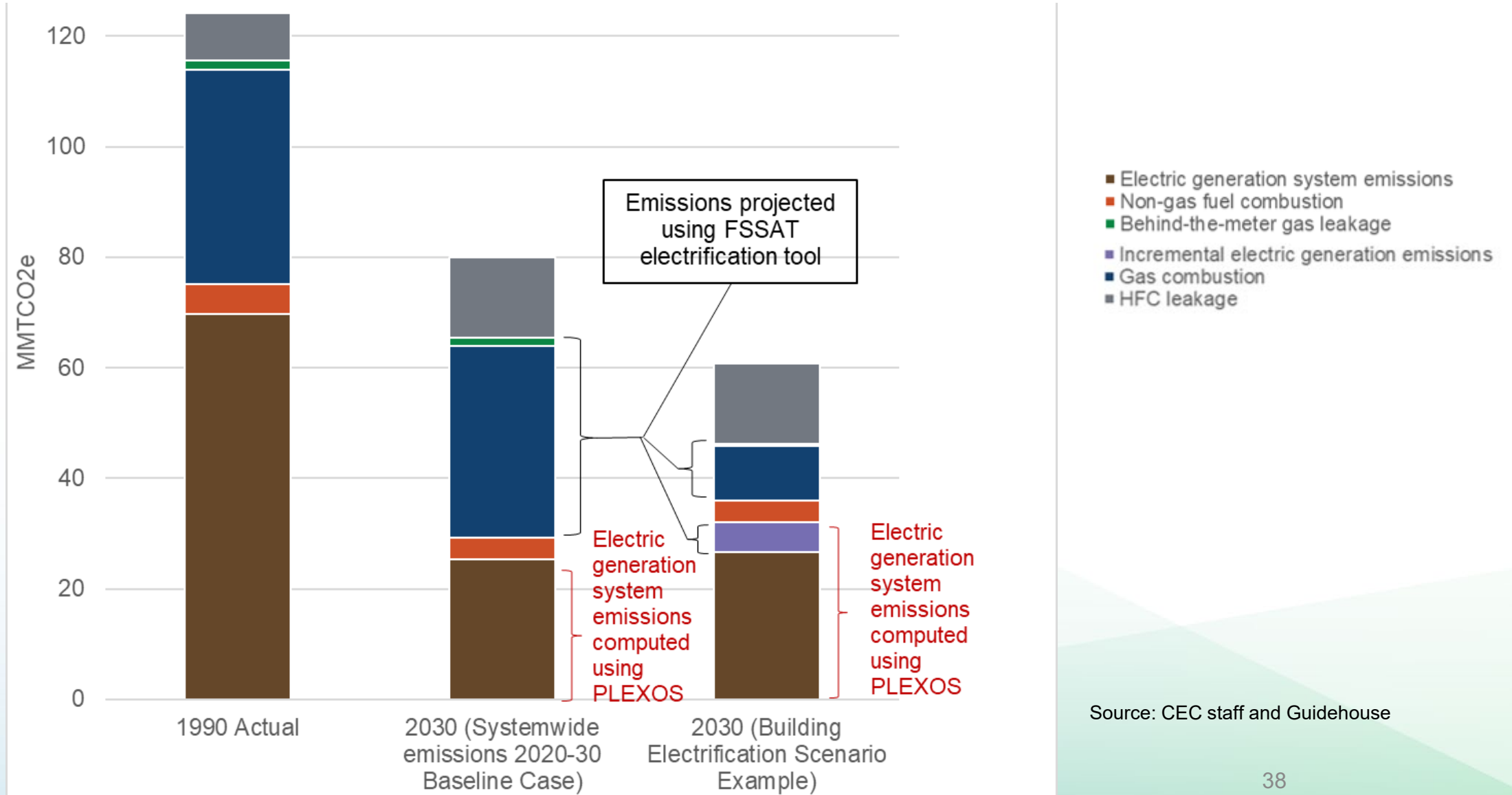
# Energy System Impacts and Grid Implications

Summary of Results



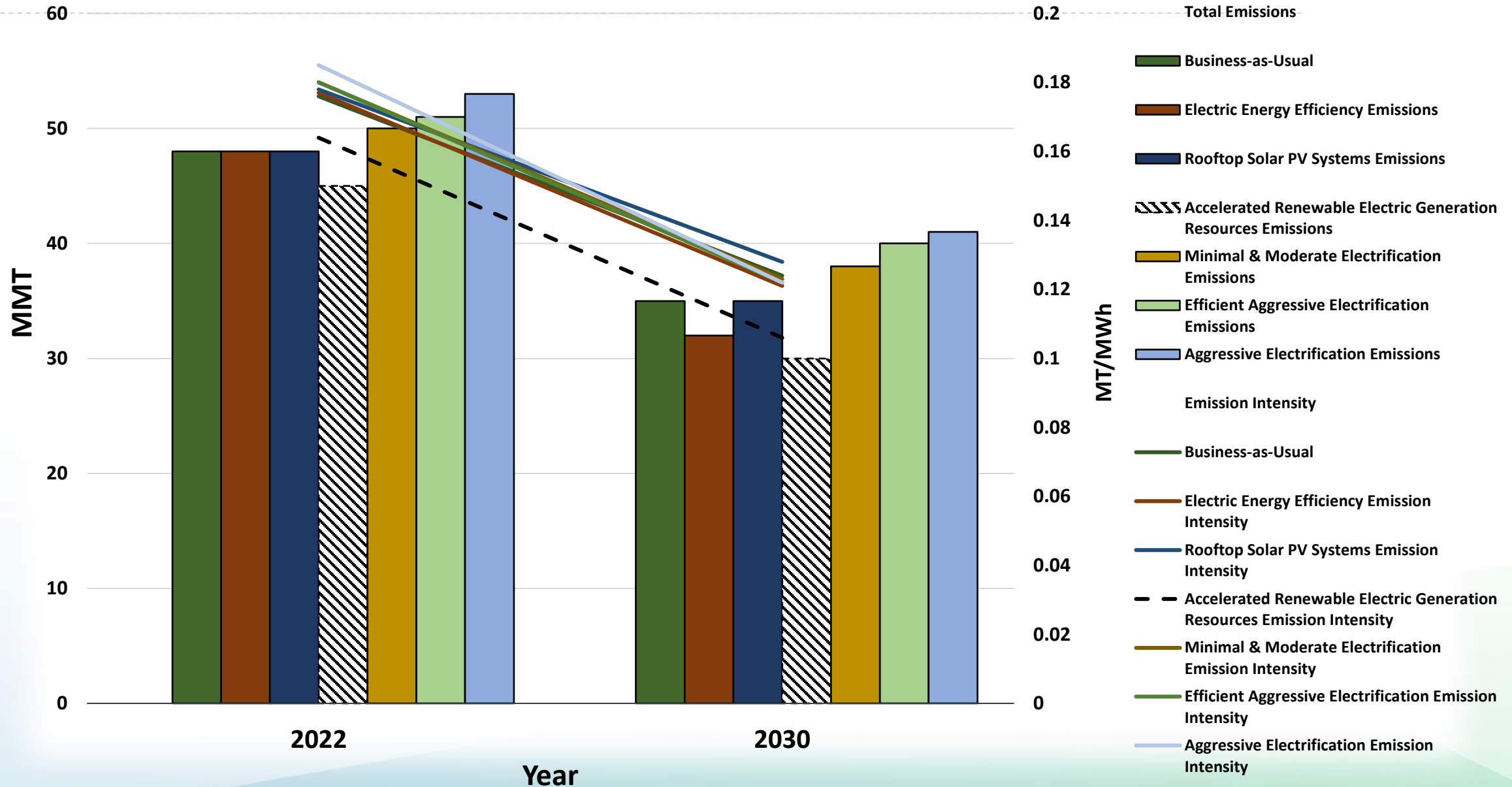


# Interaction Between Electrification and Electricity Generation System Emissions





# Projected California Electric Sector GHG Annual & Average Emission Intensity







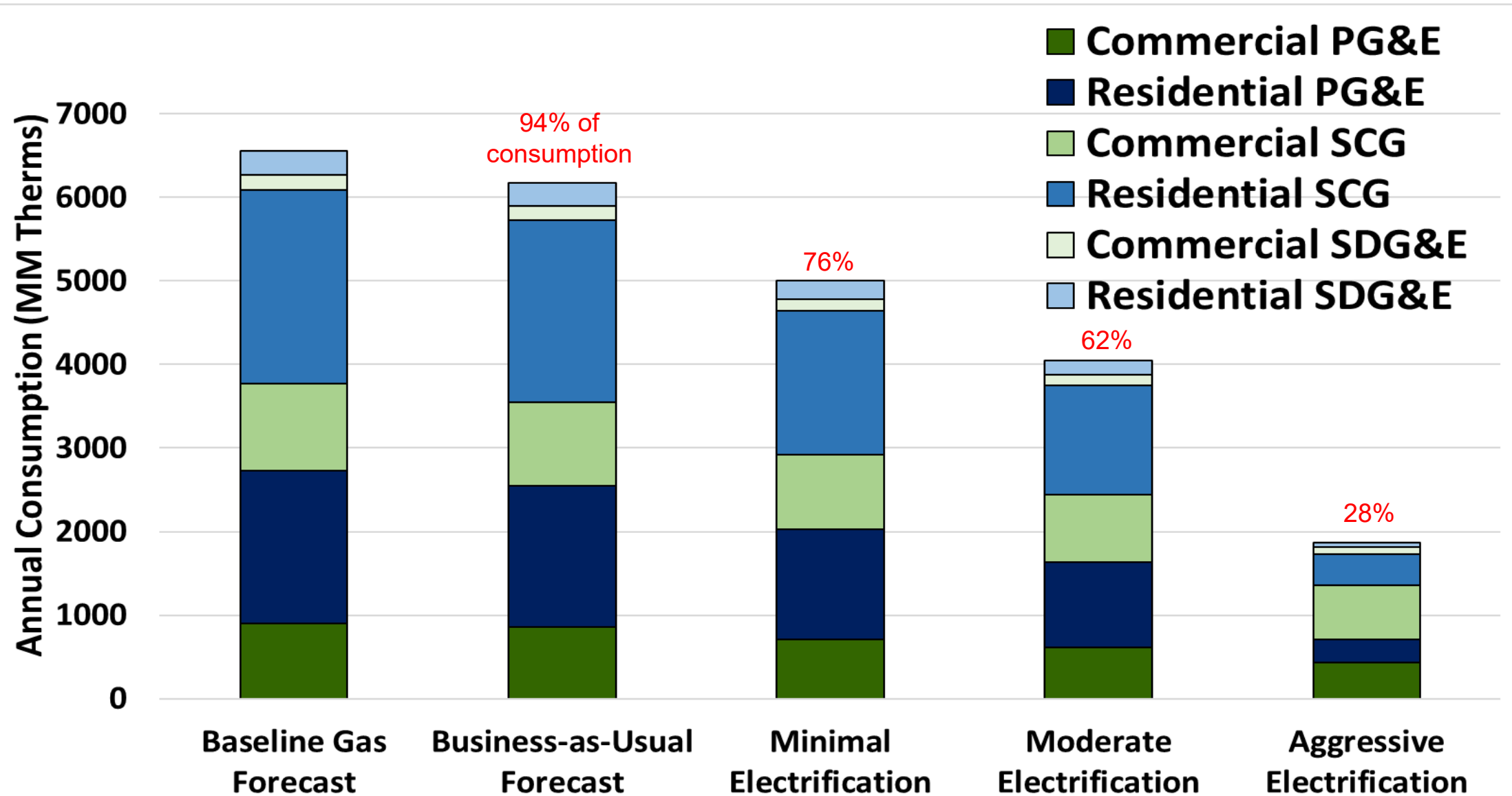
# Background material for slide 39

Background material for slide 37, “Projected Electric Generation Sector California GHG Emissions & Emission Intensity”

- June 7, 2018 IEPR Committee Workshop on Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings
  - Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity Projections – Methods and Assumptions
  - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2018-integrated-energy-policy-report-update-0>

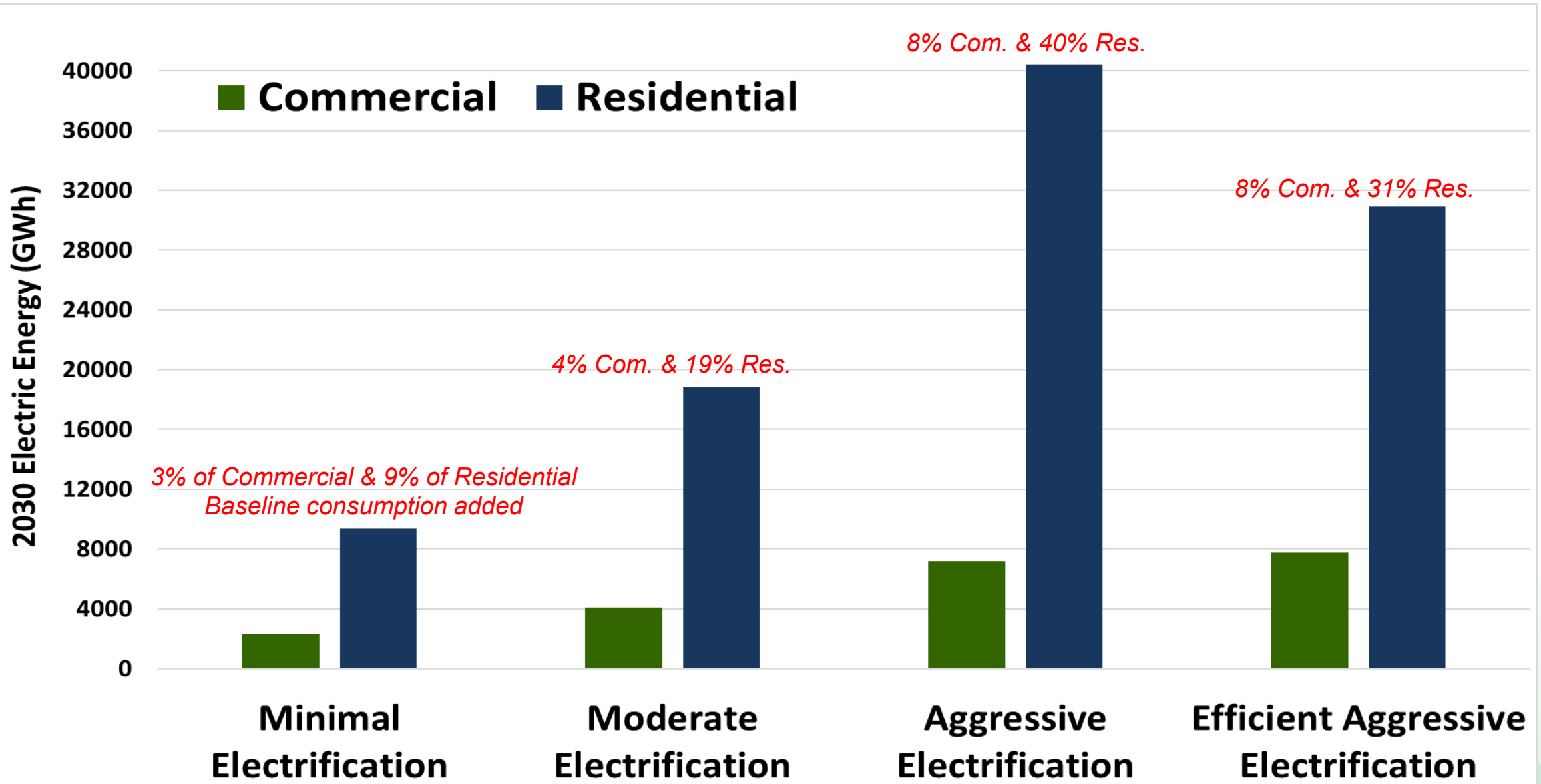


# Statewide Annual Gas Demand by 2030





# Statewide Annual Incremental Electricity Demand by Scenario-Specific Electrification in 2030





# Electricity added by End Use after Aggressive vs. Efficient Aggressive Electrification



Effects of electrification with the most efficient technology versus standard technology

## Consumer Savings\*

Reduce Electricity Generation Needed By

**19%**



**2.2**  
Billion

Reduction In Annual Utility Bill Costs

## Electricity Generation Needed

Standard Technologies

**47.6 GWh**  
Needed

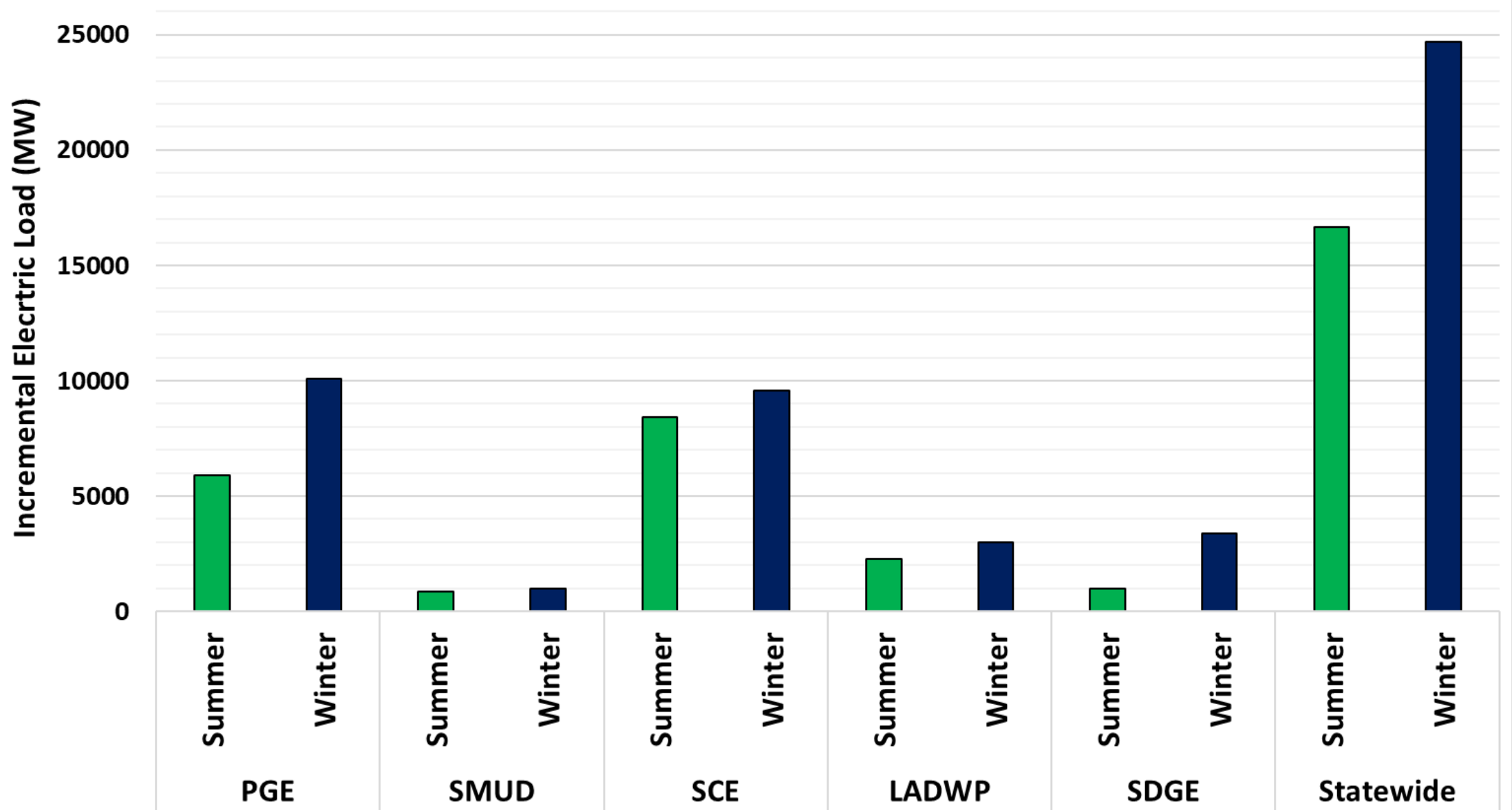
Most Efficient Technologies

**38.6 GWh**  
Needed

\*In 2020 dollars

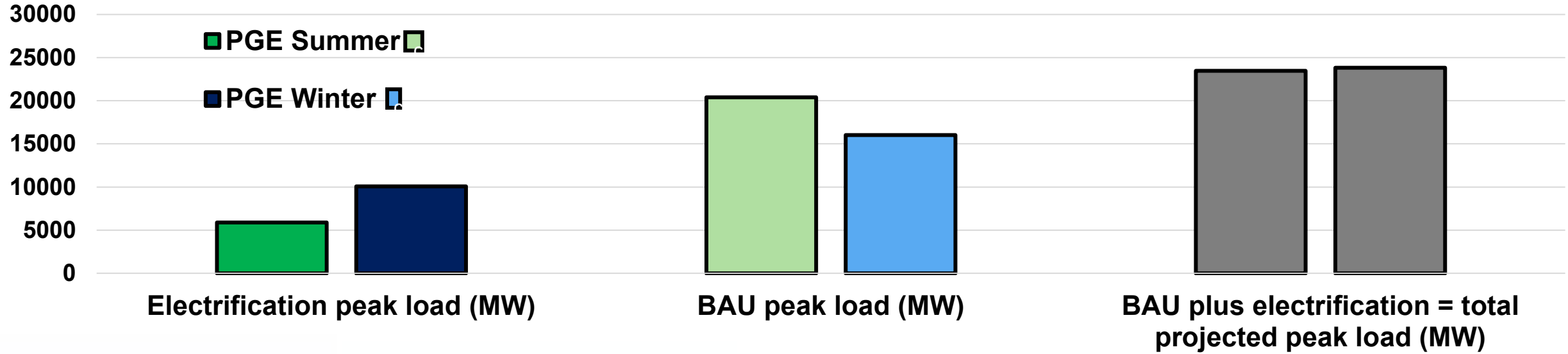


# Seasonal Maximum Incremental Load Growth in 2030 after Aggressive Electrification



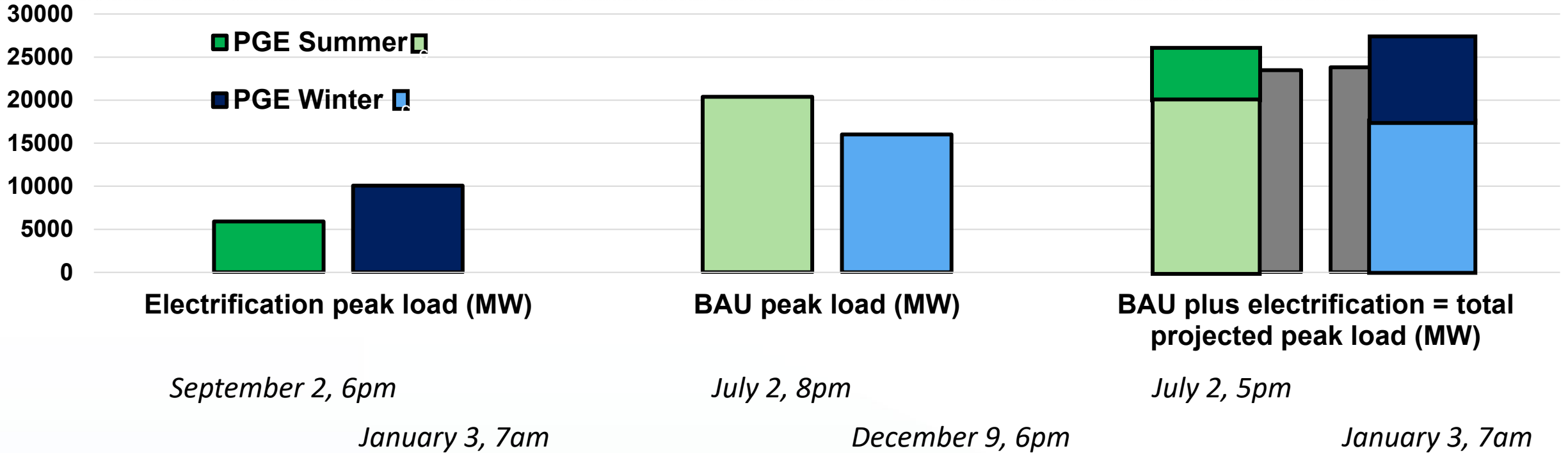


# Summer and Winter Peak Load Impacts in 2030 after Aggressive Electrification



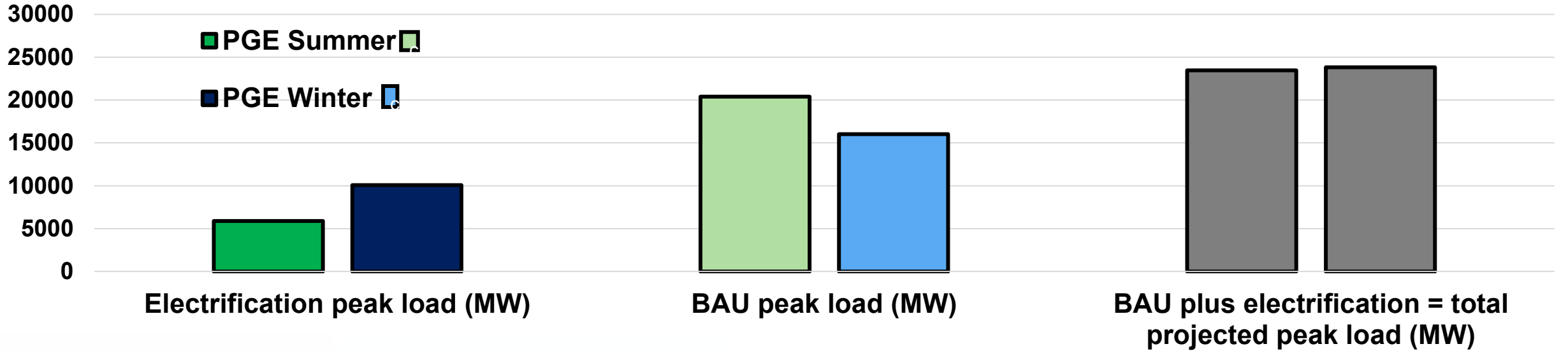


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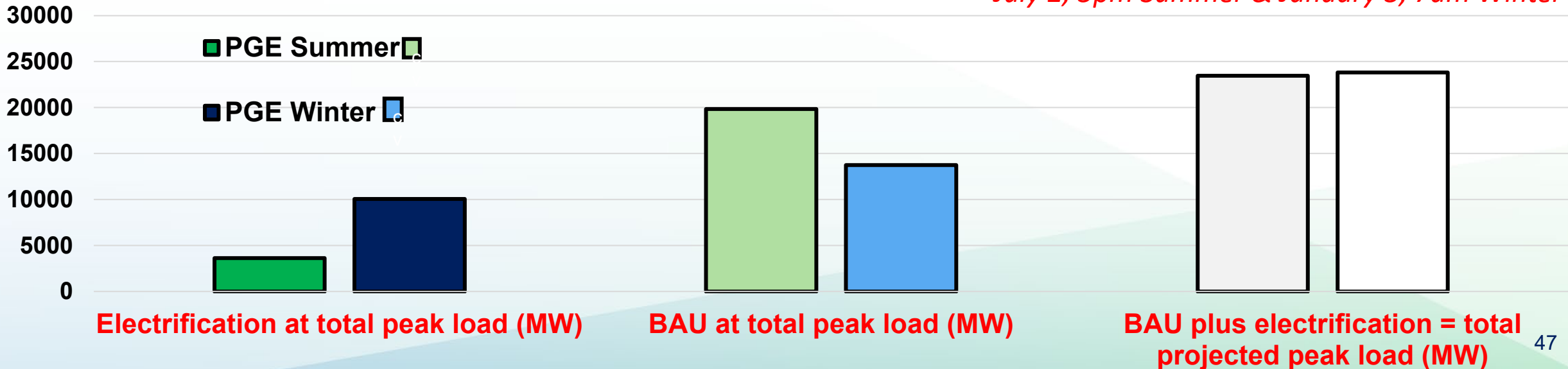




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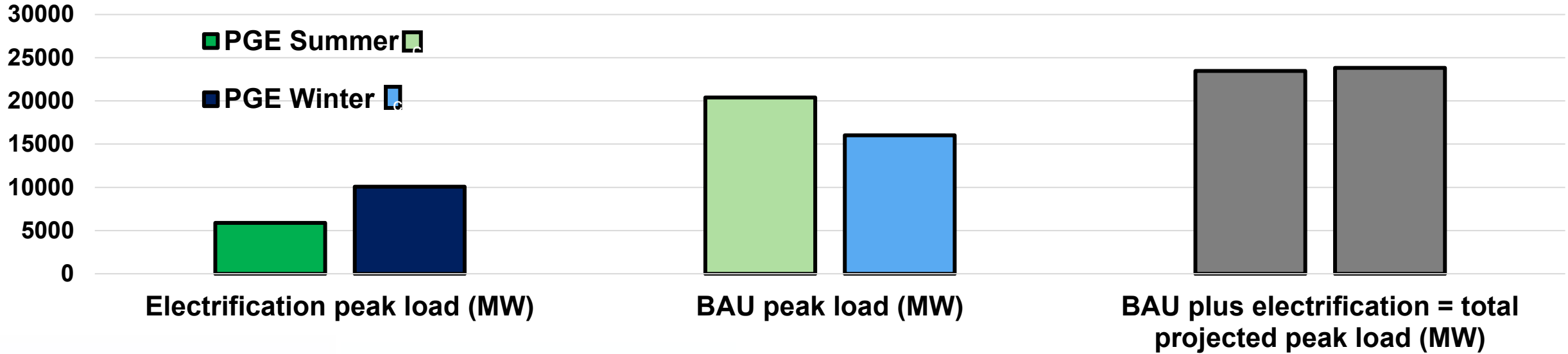
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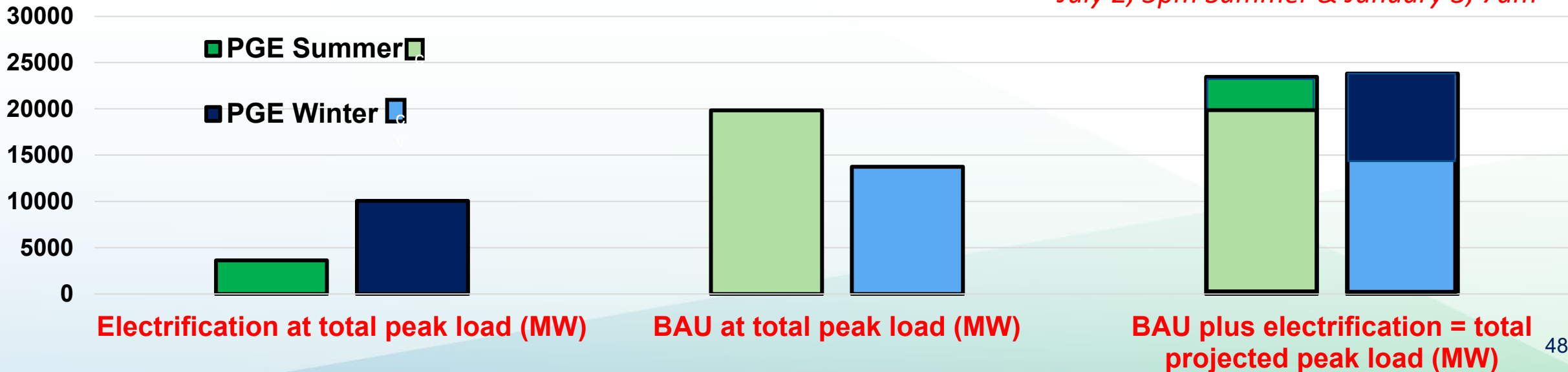




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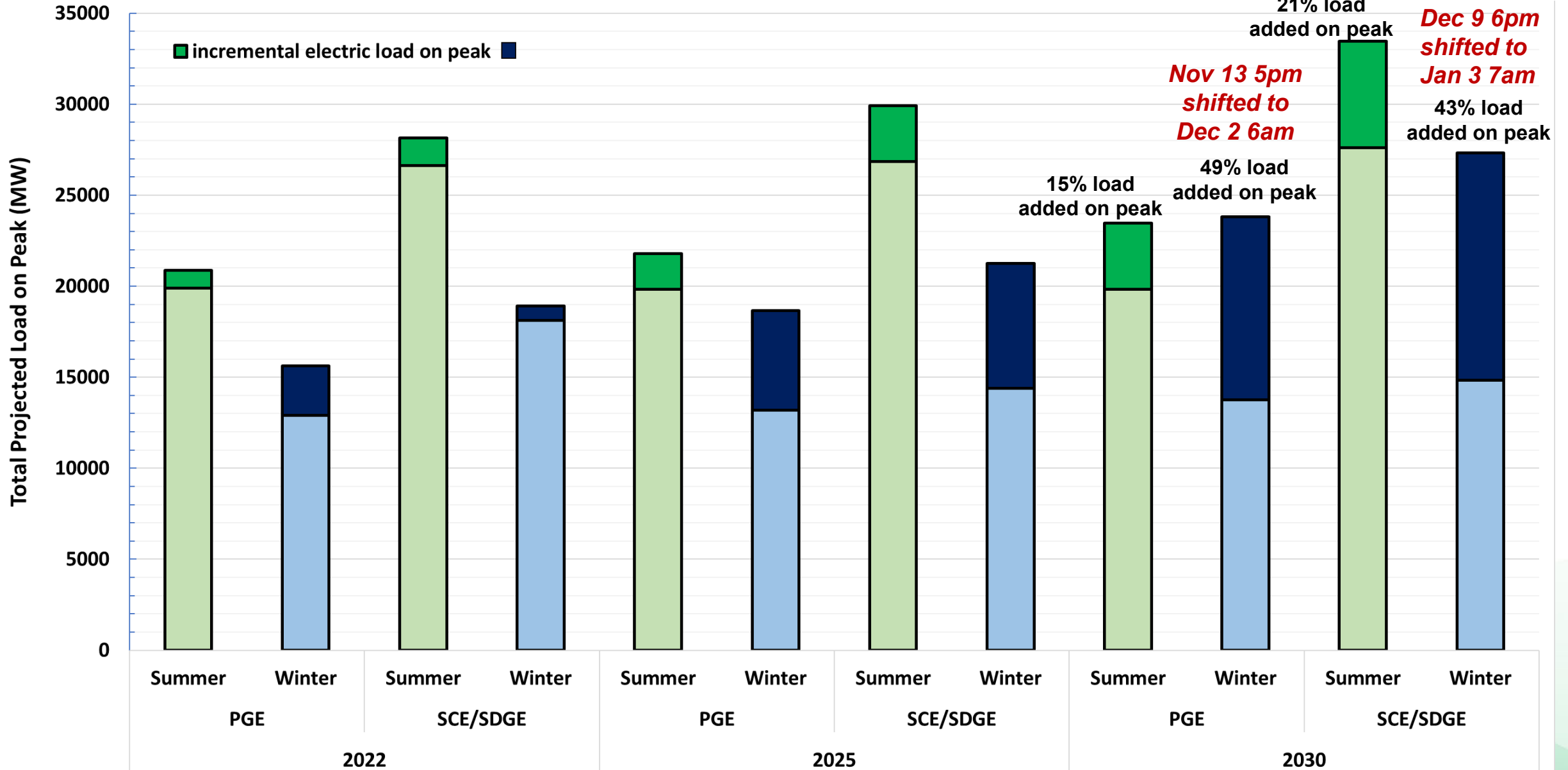


*July 2, 5pm Summer & January 3, 7am*





# Summer and Winter Peak Load Impacts after Aggressive Electrification





# Load Flexibility Analysis



# Load Flexibility for AB 3232

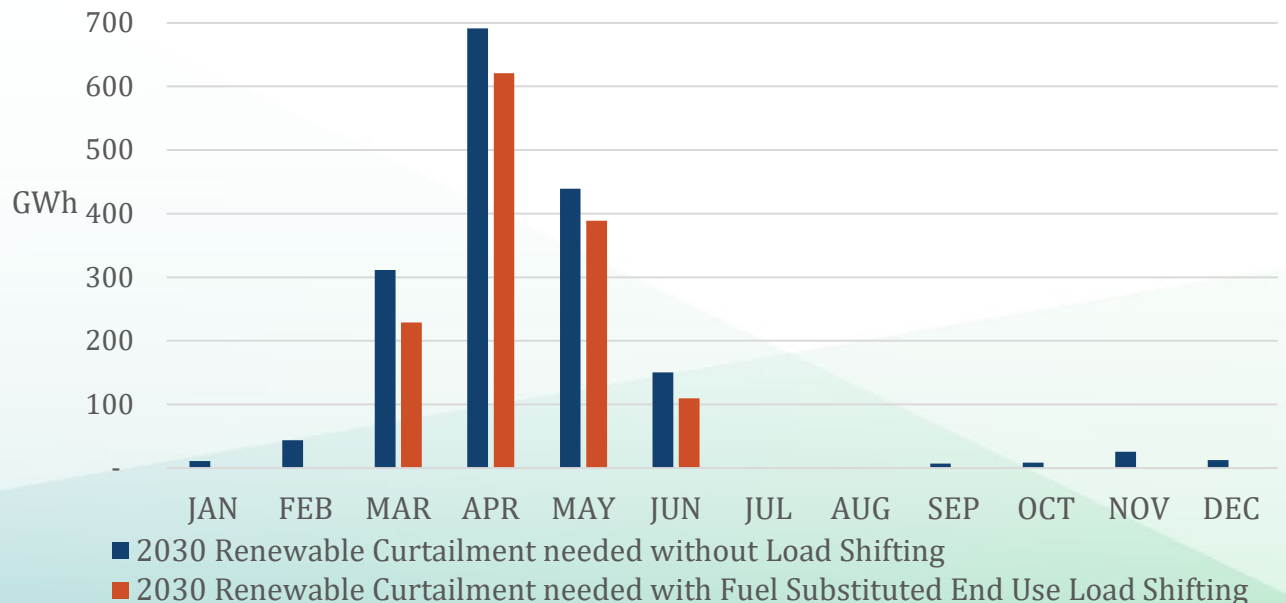
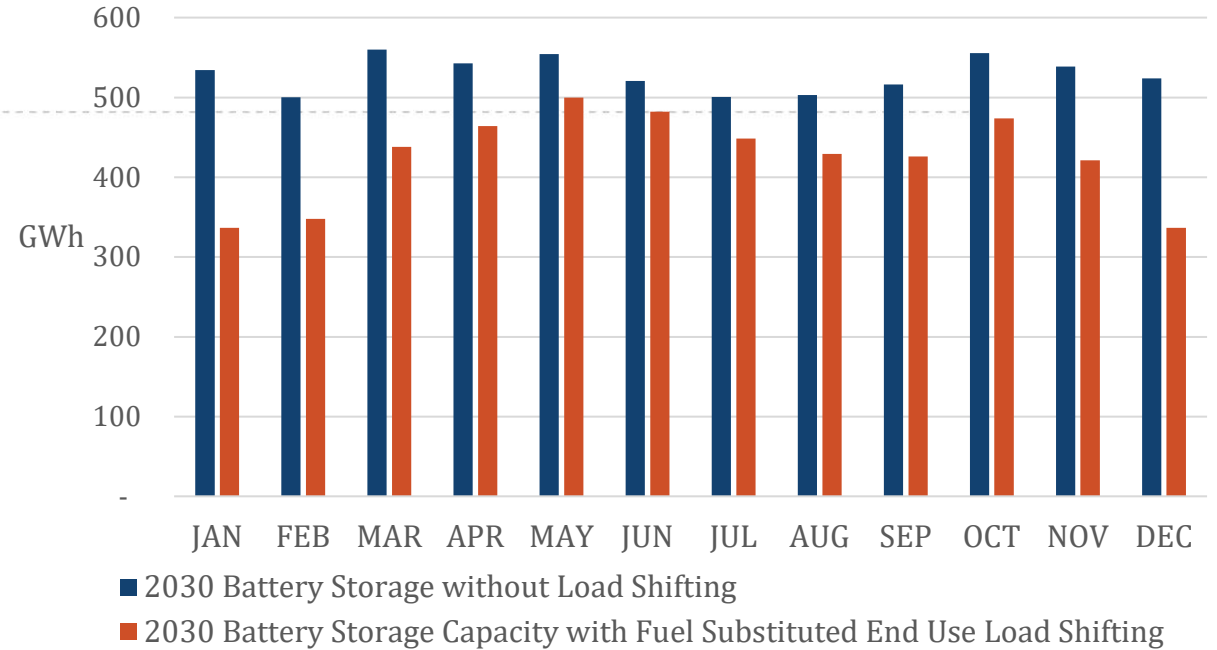
1. “Load Flexibility” == “Load Shift” according to CPUC definition, for this analysis
2. Load shifting constrained to 20% of end use demand
3. Only studied additional load shift potential of newly electrified end uses
4. Only HVAC and water heating studied – appliances not included

<u>Load Shift End Use</u>	<u>2030 GWh per shift event</u>
LBNL Commercial HVAC	2.5
FS Commercial Space Heating	0.9
FS Residential Space Heating	2.9
FS Residential Water Heating	4



# Potential Electricity System Impacts of Load Shifting

1. Reduced Battery Storage  
1,250 GWh in 2030
2. Reduced Renewable  
Generation Curtailment  
350 GWh in 2030
3. Assumes Load Shifting  
every day of the year





# More background materials

- **SB 100:**
  - **2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report: Achieving 100 Percent Clean Electricity in California: An Initial Assessment.** March 2021. CEC-200-2021-001.  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/sb100>
- **EPIC-funded study of the impacts of high electrification levels on the gas system**
  - Aas, Dan, Amber Mahone, Zack Subin, Michael Mac Kinnon, Blake Lane, and Snuller Price. 2020. **The Challenge of Retail Gas in California's Low-Carbon Future: Technology Options, Customer Costs and Public Health Benefits of Reducing Natural Gas Use.** California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CEC-500-2019-055-F.  
<https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/2019publications/CEC-500-2019-055/index.html>.
- **Technical details of AB 3232 Analysis**
  - See Appendix C in report.  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=237733&DocumentContentId=70963>



# Thank you! Questions?

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