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## **Overview of Peak Loads Analysis**

- Develop representative physics-based models for building stock (typology, sizes, energy use, electric-to-site use ratios)
- Policy scenarios (electrification targets, electrification and energy efficiency targets)
- Estimate peak load impacts using building energy simulation under each scenario





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# Methodology



<sup>1</sup>Site EUI and electric/site ratios of building models calibrated from the EPA dataset.

<sup>2</sup>EUI targets and electrification targets considered from Maryland's BEPS.



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#### **Peak load impacts**

- Peak loads: Shift from summer to winter peaks and increase in magnitude for both scenarios.
- EE targets can not only mitigate electrification-induced peak loads but also marginally reduce existing peaks.



# **Energy use impacts**

- Site energy use: Implementing EE targets alongside electrification targets can result in a threefold reduction in site energy use compared to electrification-only targets.
- Electricity Use: Parallel EE targets can lead to a 31% decrease in annual site energy and 12% electricity use compared to the 2025 baseline scenario.





# **Assumptions and boundaries**

- Absolute values of the results may vary from ground truth data due to sampling and upscaling errors.
- Impacts of changing climate and extreme weather events have not been accounted for.
- Typical energy efficiency packages considered. The analysis is sensitive to assumptions related to Heat Pump COPs, lighting, and system upgrades.

