

## High Resolution Synthetic Residential Energy Use Profiles for the U.S.



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## Introduction & Motivation

- -- 22% of energy consumed by residential sector.
- -- Grid modernization and climate change.
- -- Need for personalized policy recommendations & sustainability solutions.
- -- Sparse availability of detailed large-scale households and energy data due to consumer privacy, lack of supporting infrastructure, time-consuming long-term data collection.
- -- Inter-disciplinary approach of data-driven AI, population sciences and energy domain.

## Methods

Novel combination of large number of disparate datasets and surveys in one cohesive infrastructure.

Modular and extensible big-data pipelines for data-fusion, modeling, visual analytics, and modeling counterfactuals

Machine learning models for combining synthetic populations, census data, energy surveys, occupancy modeling

Engineering, stochastic, and data-driven behavior & AI models for modeling dis-aggregate energy uses at individual person and household level



- -- Novel residential energy dataset : Household-level hourly dis-aggregated energy data for over millions of U.S. households.
- -- Big-data pipelines coupled with microservicesoriented design optimized for resource use.
- -- Integration of ML, stochastic, and first-principles models and numerous disparate data sources.
- -- Novel validation metrics for synthetic energy data to address fidelity and diversity.

State-level summer day energy consumption



HVAC annual curve for different regions in U.S.



Heat



## **Discussion & Conclusion**

- -- Counterfactual analyses at fine spatio-temporal level to answer important questions in energy sustainability, climate change, and fairness in energy.
- -- Dis-aggregated energy-use profile available for analyses at hourly intervals at household-level.
- -- Validation of synthetic data shows good quality and coverage for all types of climate-zones in the U.S.
- -- Novel data-driven AI framework for energy data generation using big data design principles, data-fusion and machine learning models.