

Fire Protection Research Foundation

Evaluation of Electrical Feeder & Branch Circuit Loading: Phase 1

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Update and Open Discussion for Phase 1 Tasks

Task 1: Review of Literature

Task 2: Data Collection Plan



Literature Review...Topics Studied

- Electricity usage in by various sectors in this country & NEC
- Geographic regions in US – Census divisions, ASHRAE, and DOE
- Commercial buildings: types and demographics, energy and electricity consumption, major and minor end use loads
- MELs (Miscellaneous Electric Loads), including transformers and plug-loads
- Models for energy usage in buildings: DOE commercial building reference model and EIA (U.S. Energy Information Administration) NEMS (national energy modeling system) CDM (commercial demand module)

Literature Review...Work In Progress

- Lighting – communication with IES and PNNL, ASHRAE specifications
 - Needed: Review material provided by Eric Richman (PNNL) – technical documents on conversion of IES illuminance requirements to electric power density, contact IEEE (Steven Townsend)
- Energy Codes – ASHRAE and IECC, adoption, interior & exterior lighting
 - Needed: To more carefully study and understand relationship with electrical equipment selection and electrical stipulations contained
- Transformers – Review of Cadmus study (loading) and treatment as MEL
 - Needed: Impact of manufacturer date, type and loading level on efficiency, calculating losses, relationship of capacity to % impedance (available fault current)

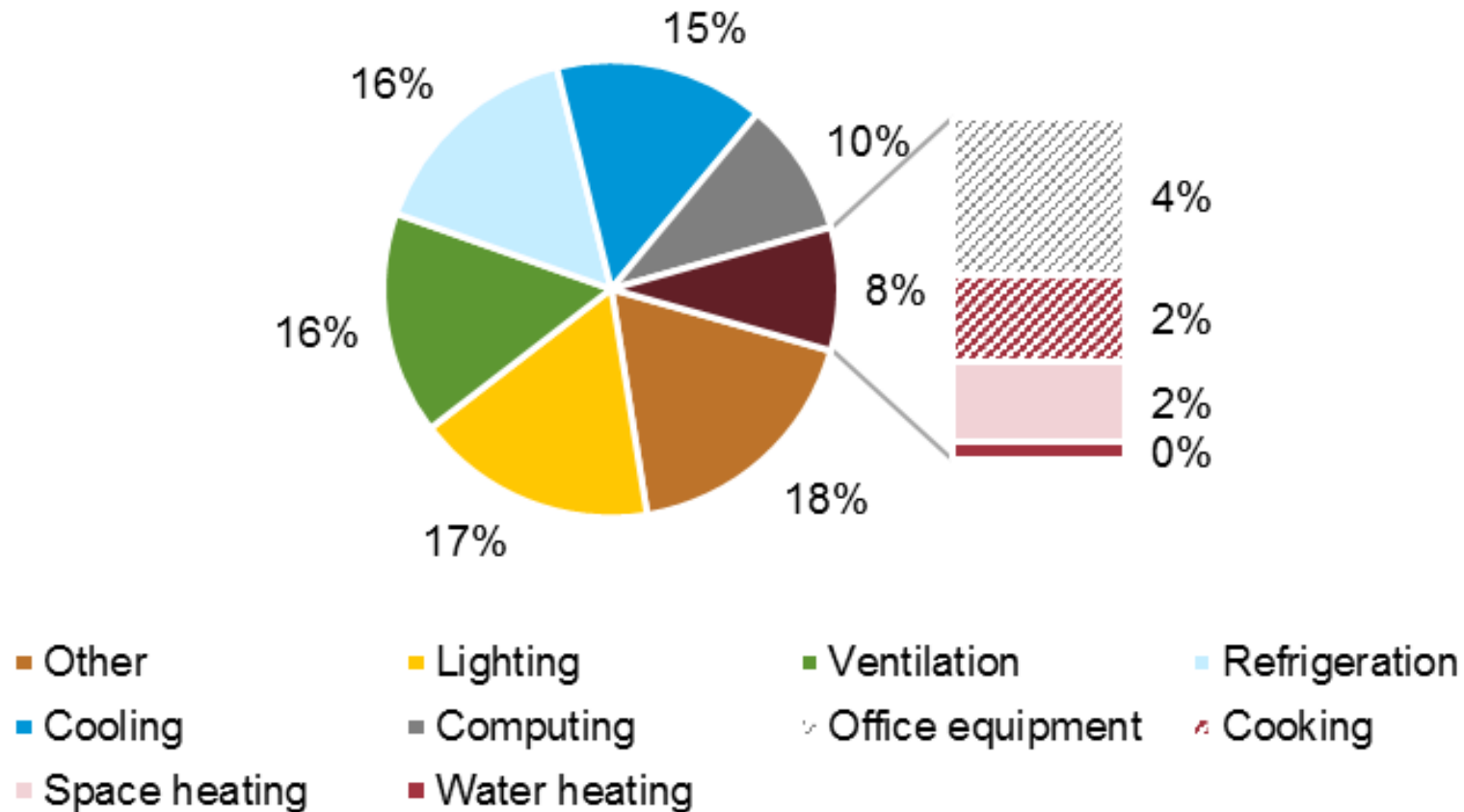
Literature Review...Work Remaining

- Current practices in electrical feeder and branch circuit design, including IEEE guidelines and NEC requirements
- Current practices in equipment sizing

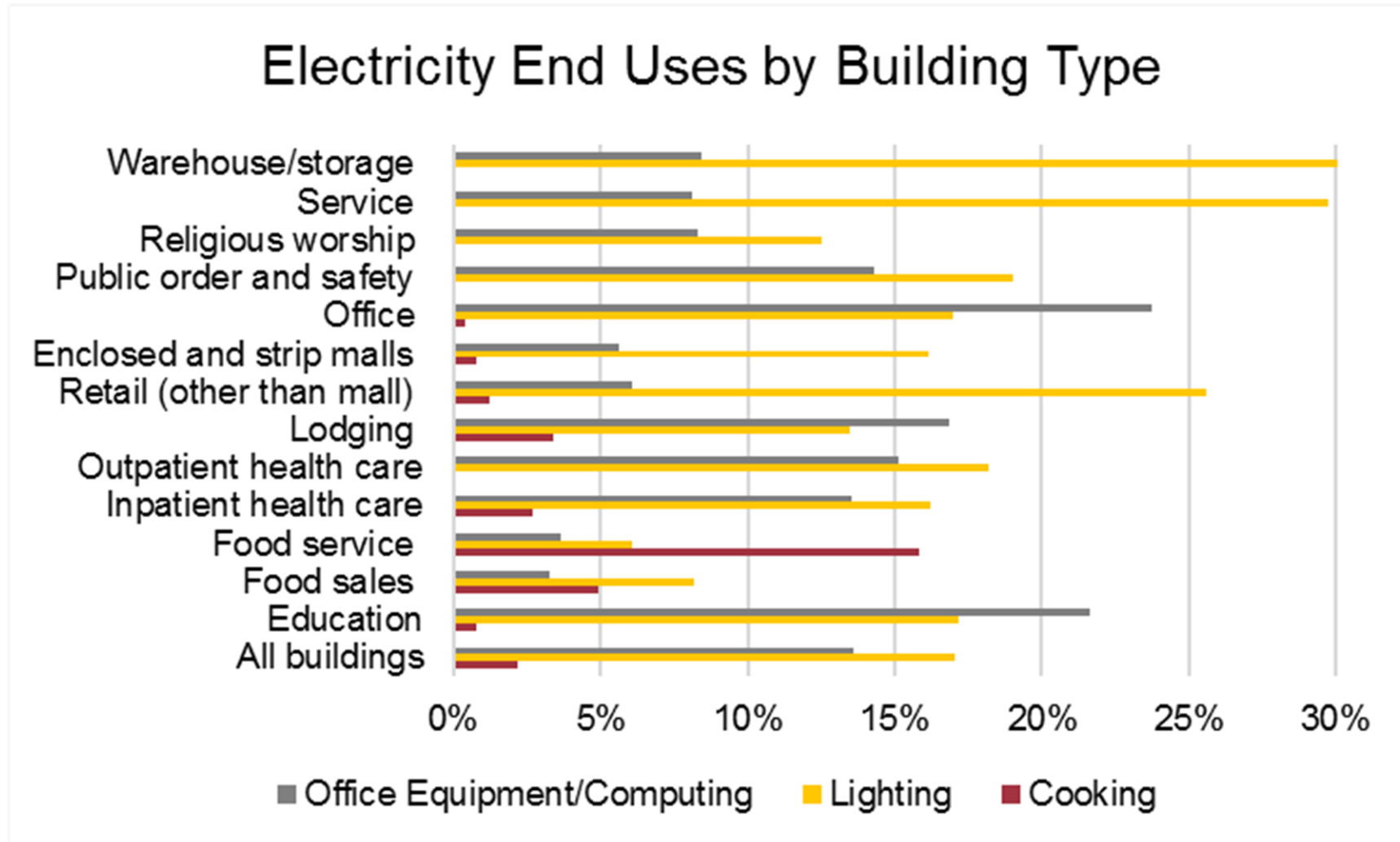
- Final task: report of literature review

Literature Highlights...2012 CBECS

All Buildings - End Use Electricity

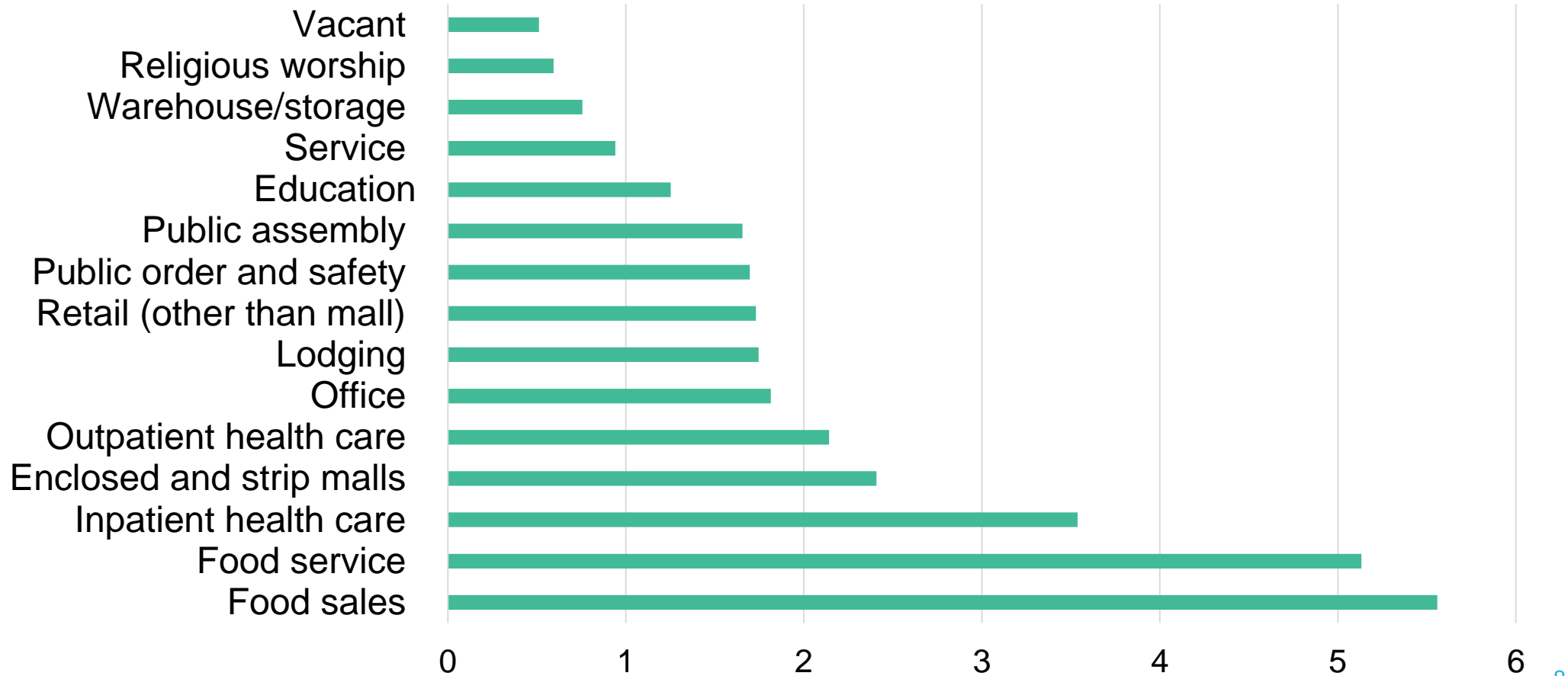


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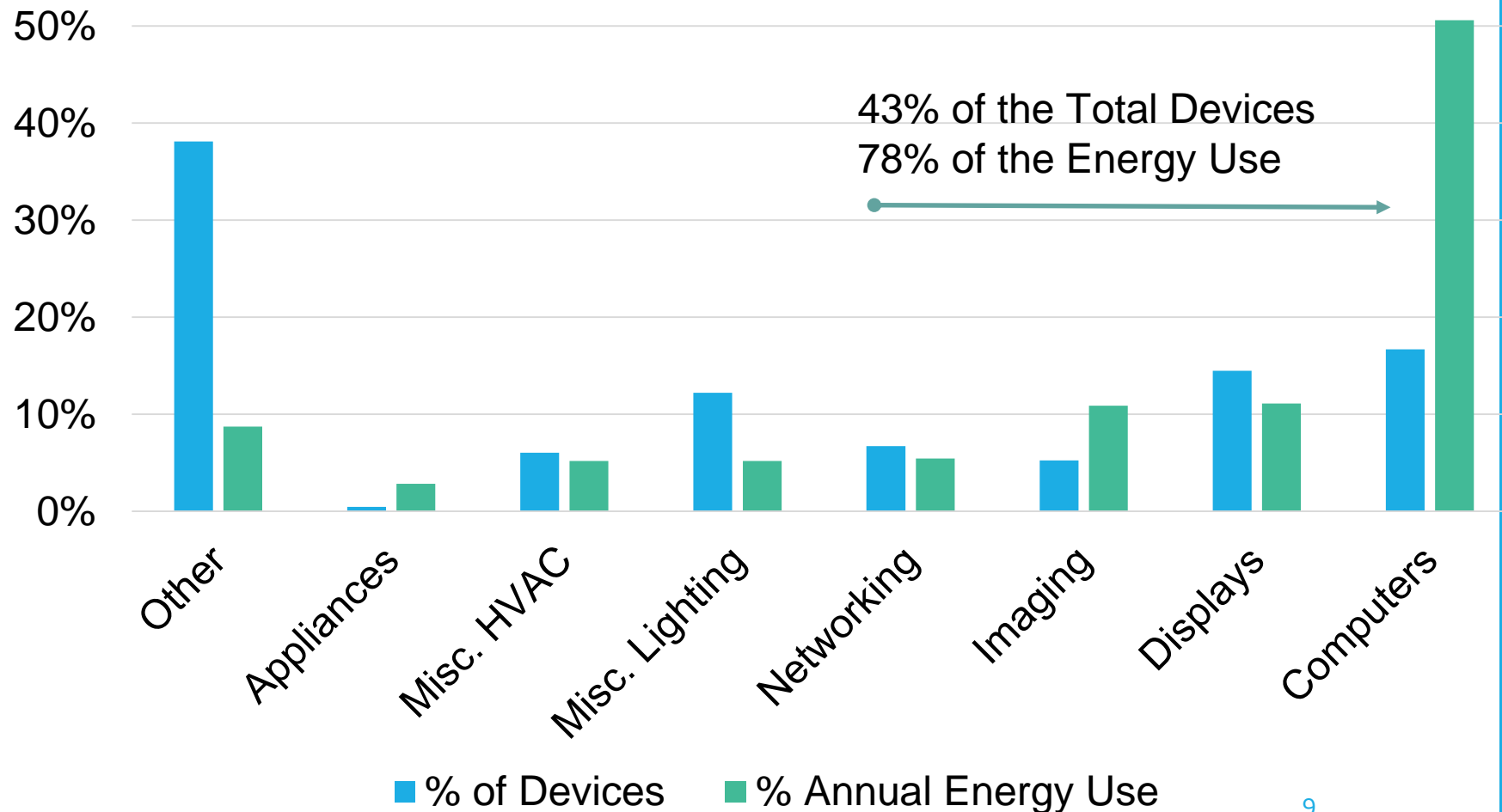
Annual Mean Electric Power Intensity (W / sq. ft.)



Literature Highlights...Receptacle Study

LBNL Plug-in Load Study

- 6-month+ study
- LBNL office building
- Power densities for
- Receptacle load:
 - 1.1 W/ft² during day
 - 0.47 W/ft² at night



Literature Highlights...Transformers

- A 2013 Navigant Study of 13 Commercial MELs estimated that distribution transformers consumed 43 TW-hours of electricity in 2011, more than any other MEL in the study.

Measured Transformer RMS Load Factors in 1999 Cadmus Study

| RMS Load Factor | 15-30 kVA | 45 kVA | 75 kVA | 112.5-150 kVA | 225-300 kVA |
|--|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Average | 23.4% | 15.6% | 14.0% | 12.3% | 19.9% |
| Maximum | 62.4% | 50.0% | 40.2% | 34.3% | 35.6% |
| Minimum | 1.3% | 1.1% | 0.9% | 0.0% | 11.0% |
| Number of Transformers (89 Total) | 12 | 28 | 34 | 10 | 5 |

Data Collection Plan...Work in Progress

- Preliminary draft of data collection plan sent to project technical panel, project sponsors, and others involved in project.
- Data collection plan will be modified and further developed....based on input from you.

TEAM ROLL CALL: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Project Technical Panel:

Mark Hilbert?

Robert Arno?

Mark Early?

Brian Liebel/Mark Lien?

Project Sponsors:

Michael Berthelsen?

Brett Garrett?

Lou Galante?

Dean Hansen?

Kane Howard?

Michael Hughes?

Jim Jackson?

Paul Kempf?

Brian Meyers?

Bob Wajnryb?

Bob Yanniello?

Anyone else?

Mike Anthony?

Jim Harvey?

Richard Robben?