



# Energy Trust of Oregon

## Forecasting the Future: Quantifying Uncertainty in Emerging Technologies

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# Agenda

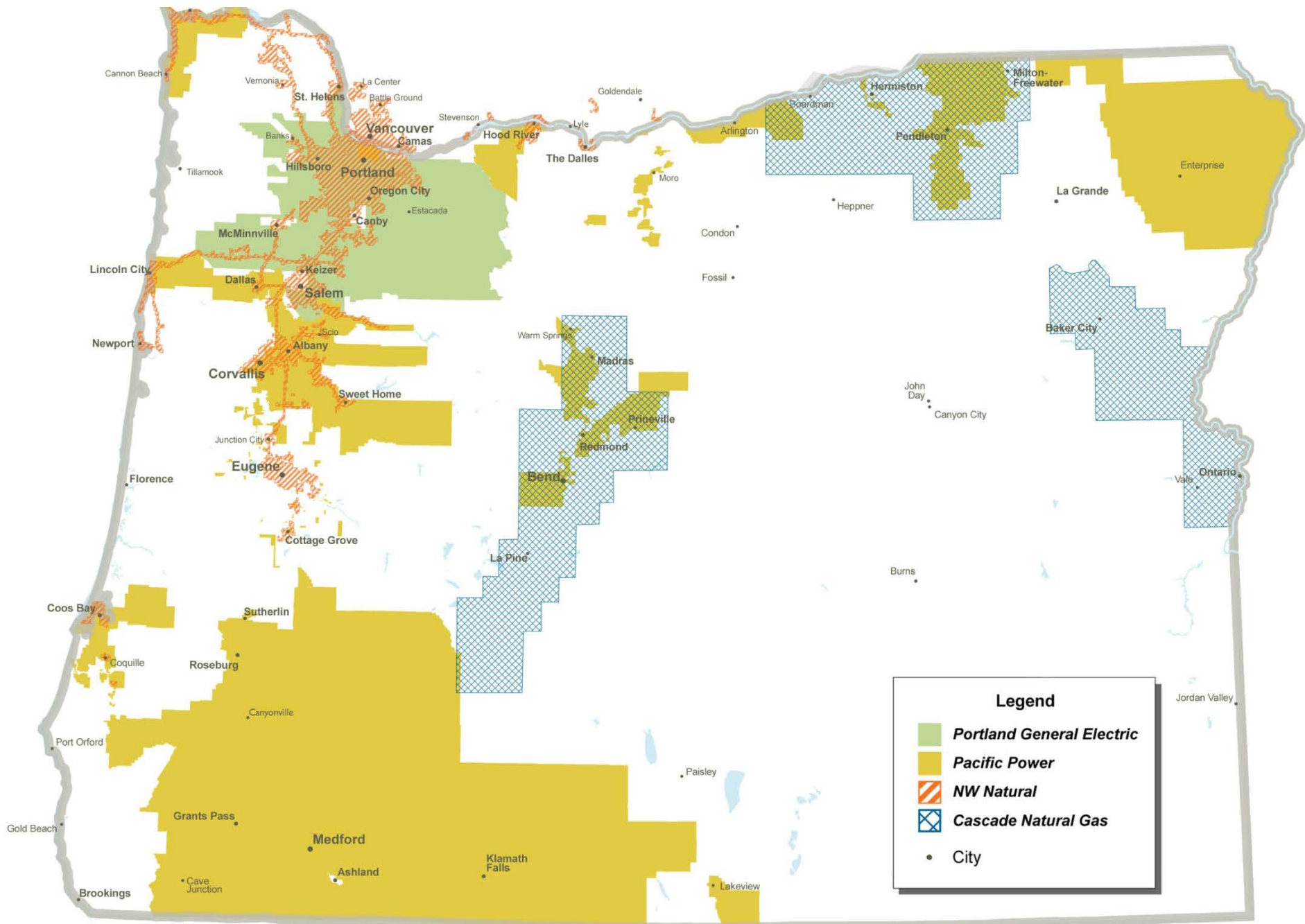
- About Energy Trust
- Defining the Problem
- Our Resource Assessment
- How We Do It
- Results
- Questions



# About

- Independent nonprofit
- Serving 1.5 million customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas
- Providing access to affordable energy
- Generating homegrown, renewable power
- Building a stronger Oregon and SW Washington



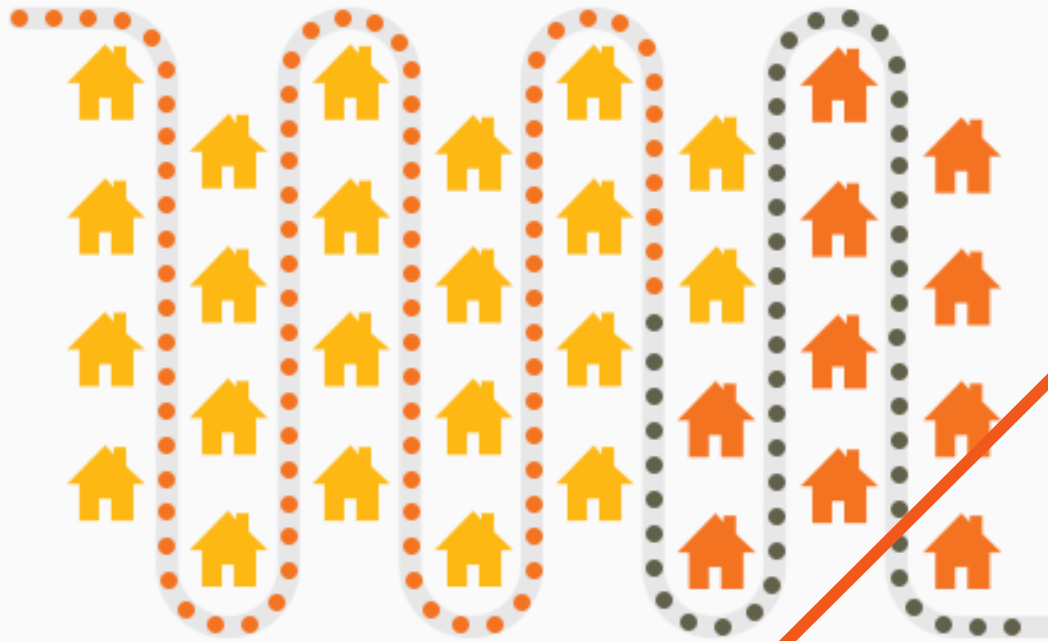


**Legend**

- Portland General Electric**
- Pacific Power**
- NW Natural**
- Cascade Natural Gas**
- City**

# A clean energy power plant

4,309,920 MWh



1,007,400 MWh

- 492 average megawatts saved
- 115 aMW generated
- 39 million annual therms saved
- Enough energy to power 470,000 homes and heat 77,000 homes for a year
- Avoided 14.6 million tons of carbon dioxide

# Definitions/Clarifications:

For Us:

- Resource Assessment = ‘Conservation Potential Assessment’
  - Only talking about energy efficiency resource potential, no renewables or other generation
  - Estimate of cost-effective energy efficiency resource potential that is achievable over a 20-year period



# Defining the Problem:

- Model Showing Declining Potential
- Included 'firm' Resources Only
- But New Technology Happens!
  - (LEDs, Ductless heat pumps, Heat Pump Water Heaters, Smart Thermostats, etc...)





# It Happens, But What To Do With It?

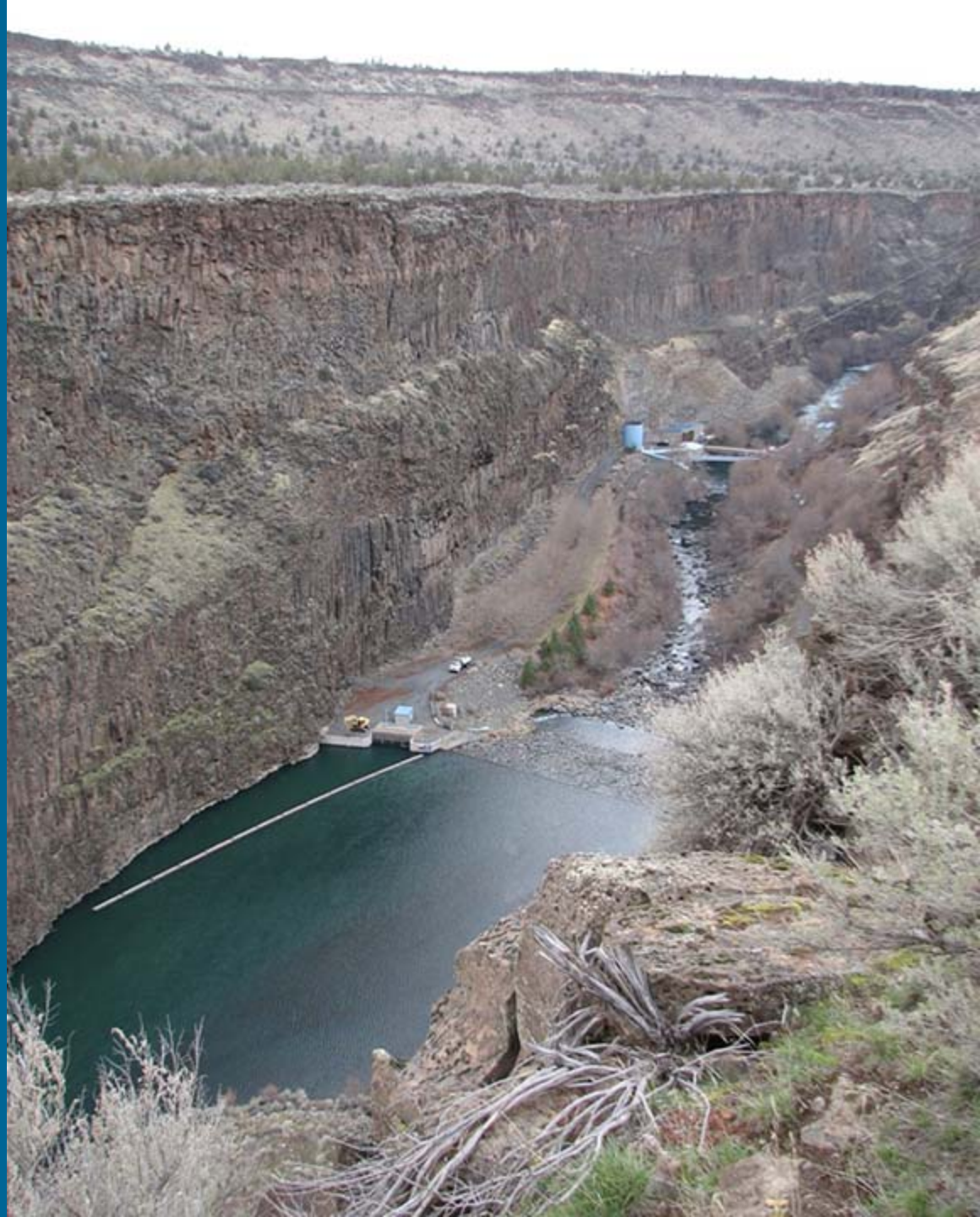
- Its not 'Firm' now, but it Becomes Firm Nevertheless, and its Reasonable to Expect That It Will Continue to Happen
- We Realized Our Model Underestimated Savings Potential Over a 20-Year Period Without Emerging Technology
- We Sought a Method of Forecasting Savings that Incorporates Market and Program Innovations
- Goal to Create an Emerging Technology Overlay for Our Base Resource Assessment





# What We Did...

- We prioritized Emerging Tech in our next resource assessment model upgrade
- Issued RFP for new model and Selected Navigant



New Model

# What's new?

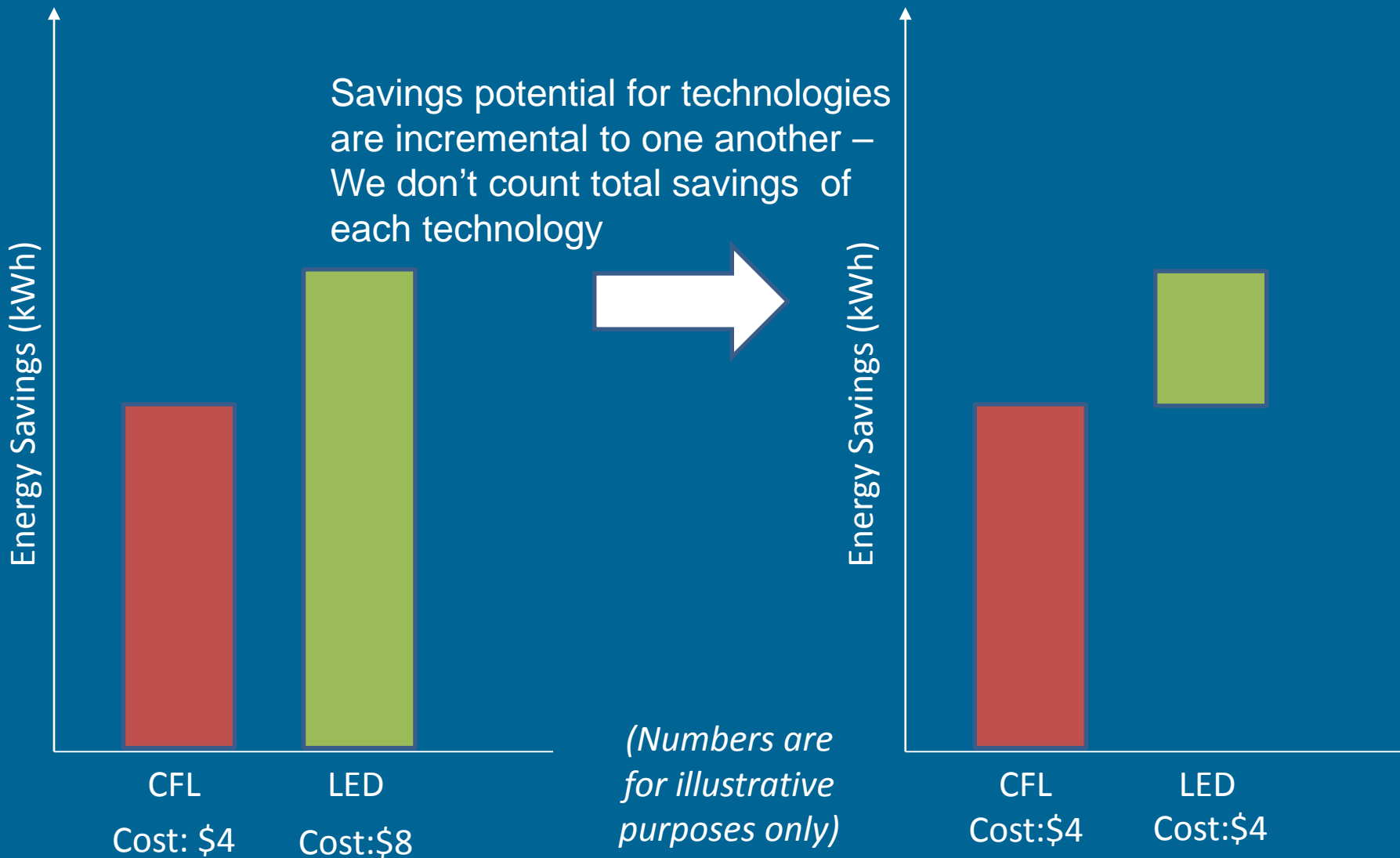
- Refreshed measure assumptions
- Define Measures Incrementally
- Better treatment of codes & standards
- New approach to emerging technologies





# Define Measures Incrementally

Relative cost and savings determines ranking in competition groups of 'like' technologies in order to determine overall potential.



# How We Do Emerging Tech...

- Predict future improvements
- Be realistic about odds of fruition
- Define incrementally to conventional measures





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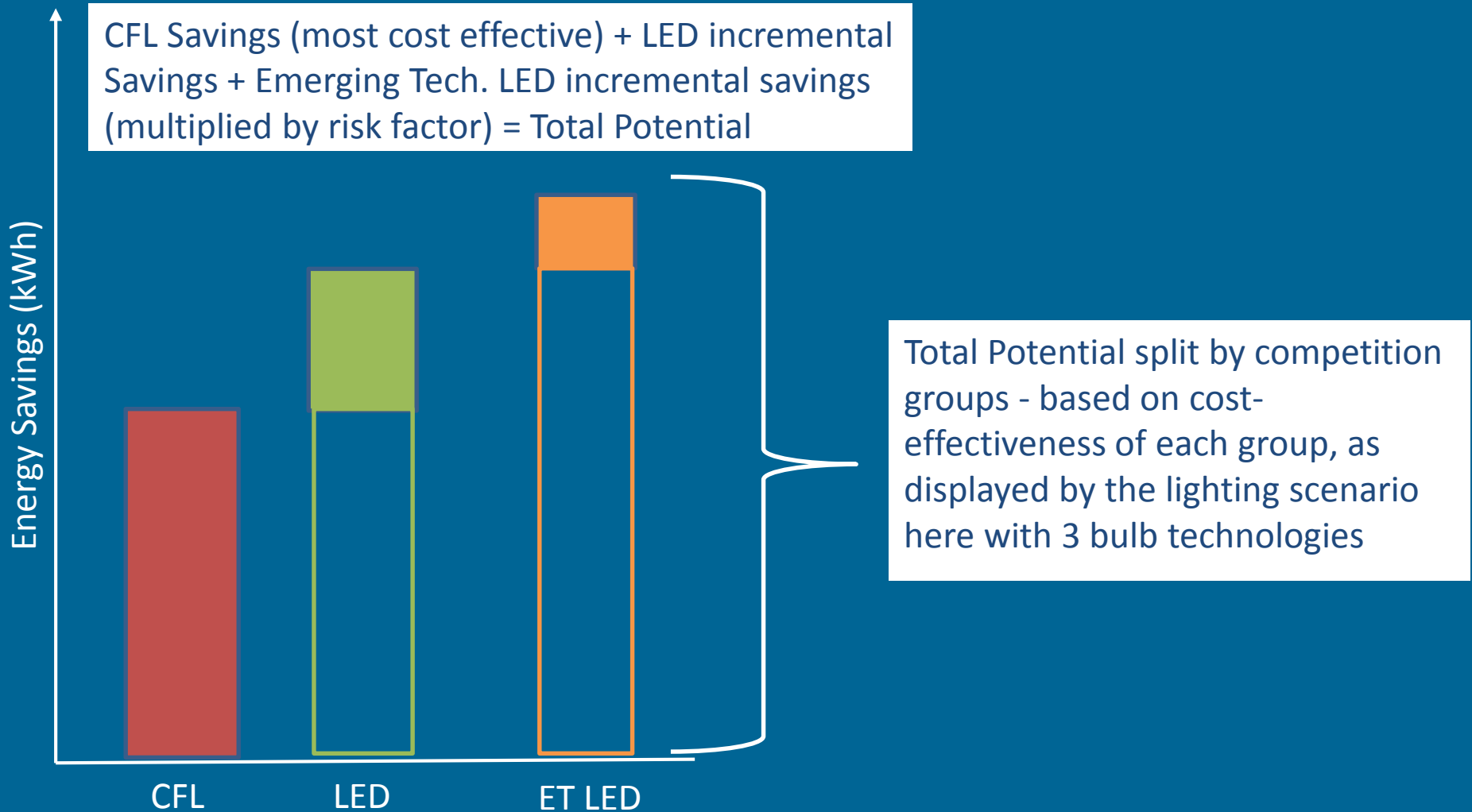
- Consider Emerging Technologies through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Market Scans
  - Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
  - ACEEE
  - CEE
  - U.S Department of Energy
  - Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
  - Efficiency Vermont
  - Minnesota Center for Energy and the Environment



# Emerging Technologies (ELE)

Residential	Commercial	Industrial
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LED Lighting</li><li>• CO2 Heat Pump Water Heaters</li><li>• Advanced Heat Pumps</li><li>• Home Automation/Controls</li><li>• Advanced window and insulation technologies</li><li>• Heat Pump clothes dryers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LED Lighting</li><li>• Advanced Rooftop Unit A/C</li><li>• Evaporative coolers</li><li>• Energy Recovery ventilators</li><li>• Advanced refrigeration technologies</li><li>• Smart/Dynamic windows</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LED Lighting</li><li>• Advanced refrigeration controllers</li><li>• Advanced motor technologies</li></ul>

# Define Emerging Tech. Measures Incrementally in their Competition Groups



# Risk Factor Method

- Use risk factors to hedge against uncertainty
  - Market Risk
  - Technical Risk
  - Data Source Risk





	Risk Factors for Emerging Technologies				
Risk Category	10%	30%	50%	70%	90%
Market Risk (25% weighting)	<b>High Risk:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires new/changed business model</li> <li>Start-up, or small manufacturer</li> <li>Significant changes to infrastructure</li> <li>Requires training of contractors. Consumer acceptance barriers exist.</li> </ul>			<b>Low Risk:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained contractors</li> <li>Established business models</li> <li>Already in U.S. Market</li> <li>Manufacturer committed to commercialization</li> </ul>	
Technical Risk (25% weighting)	<b>High Risk:</b> Prototype in first field tests. A single or unknown approach	<b>Low volume manufacturer. Limited experience</b>	<b>New product with broad commercial appeal</b>	<b>Proven technology in different application or different region</b>	<b>Low Risk: Proven technology in target application. Multiple potentially viable approaches.</b>
Data Source Risk (50% weighting)	<b>High Risk: Based only on manufacturer claims</b>	<b>Manufacturer case studies</b>	<b>Engineering assessment or lab test</b>	<b>Third party case study (real world installation)</b>	<b>Low Risk: Evaluation results or multiple third party case studies</b>

## Emerging Tech Risk Factor Example - LED

Risk Factor	Weighting	X	Risk Factor	=	Weighted Risk Factor
Market Risk:	25%	X	90%	=	22.50%
Technical Risk:	25%	X	90%	=	22.50%
Data Source Risk:	50%	X	70%	=	35%
Total Risk Factor =					Sum = 80%
ET LED Incremental Savings:	5 kWh	X	80%	=	4 kWh Risk-Adjusted Potential
Savings per Socket for Competition Group = CFL Savings + LED Incremental Savings + Risk-Adjusted ET LED Incremental Savings				=	___ kWh



# RESULTS

# Outputs:

Not technically feasible	Technical Potential		
Not technically feasible	Market barriers	Achievable Potential 85% of Technical	
Not technically feasible	Market barriers	Not cost effective	Cost-Effective Potential



# Cost-Effectiveness Screen

## Total Resource Cost (TRC) test

- $BCR = NPV \text{ of Benefits} / \text{Total Resource Cost}$

## Benefits

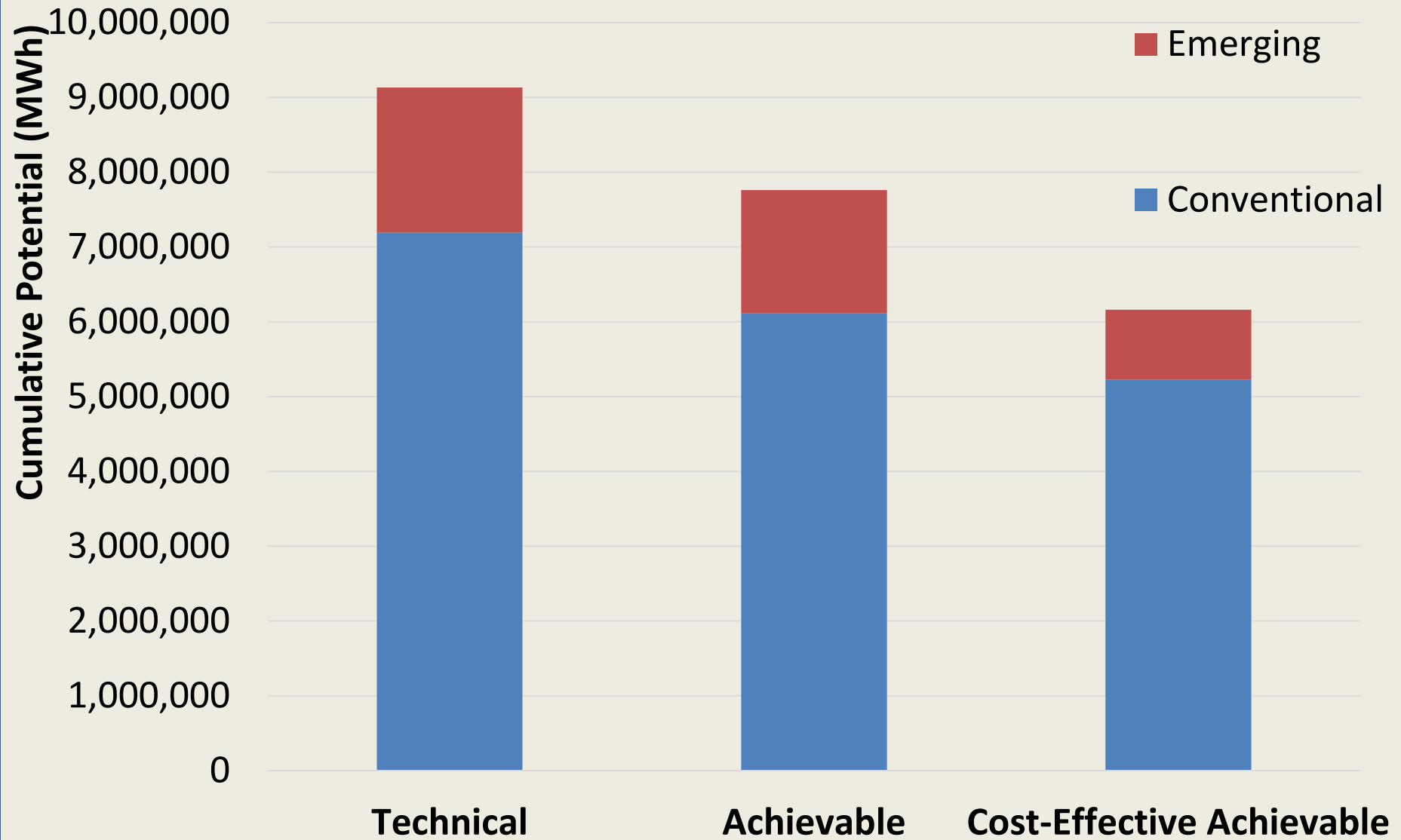
- Savings x Avoided Costs
- Quantifiable non-energy benefits

## Measure Costs

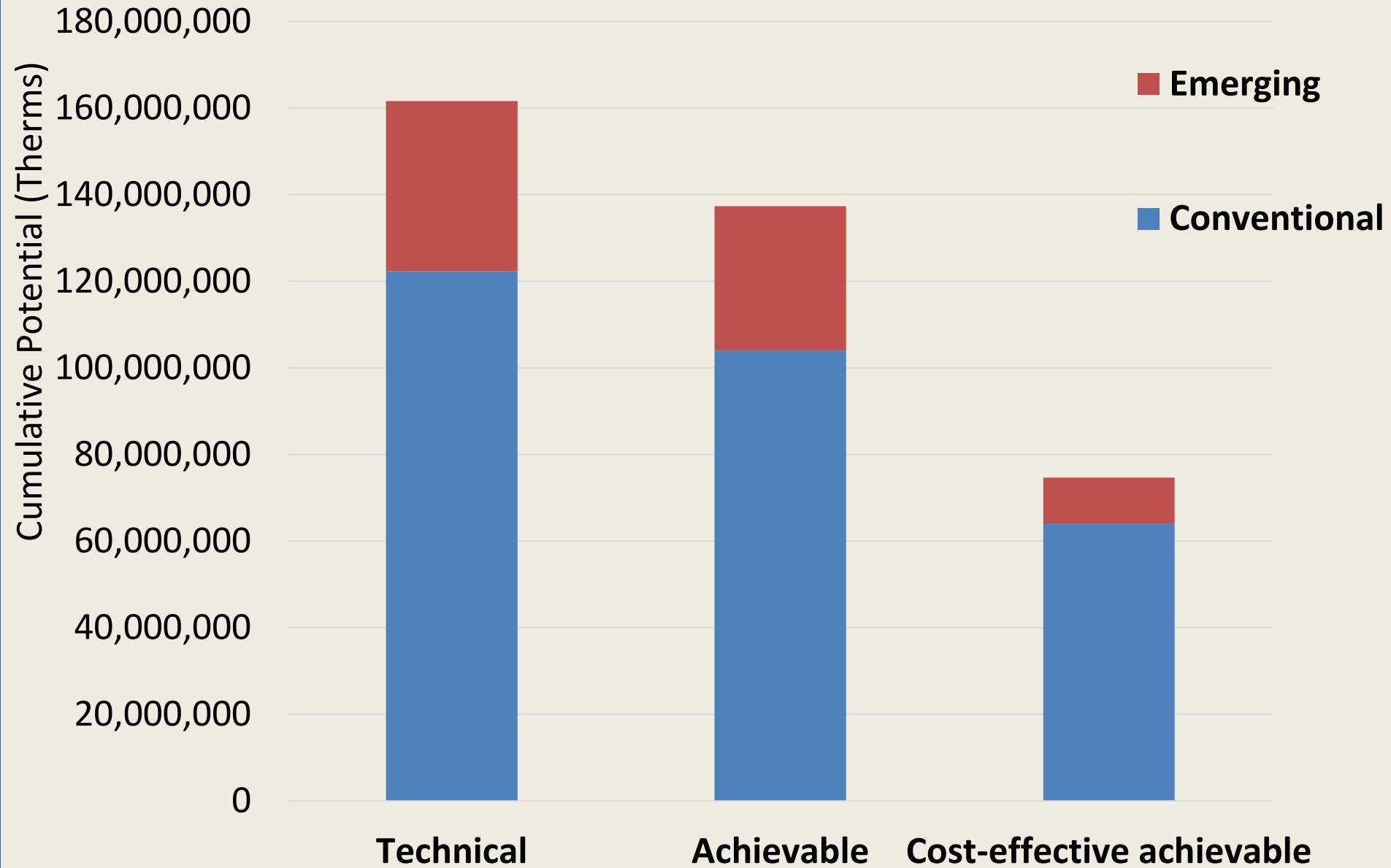
- Total Resource Cost



# Conventional vs. Emerging Technology Electric Potential with Risk Factors 'On'



# Conventional vs. Emerging Technology Gas Potential with Risk Factors 'On'



# Electric Savings Potential - Conventional, Emerging Tech with Risk Filter 'On' and 'Off'

MWh

8,000,000

7,000,000

6,000,000

5,000,000

4,000,000

3,000,000

2,000,000

1,000,000

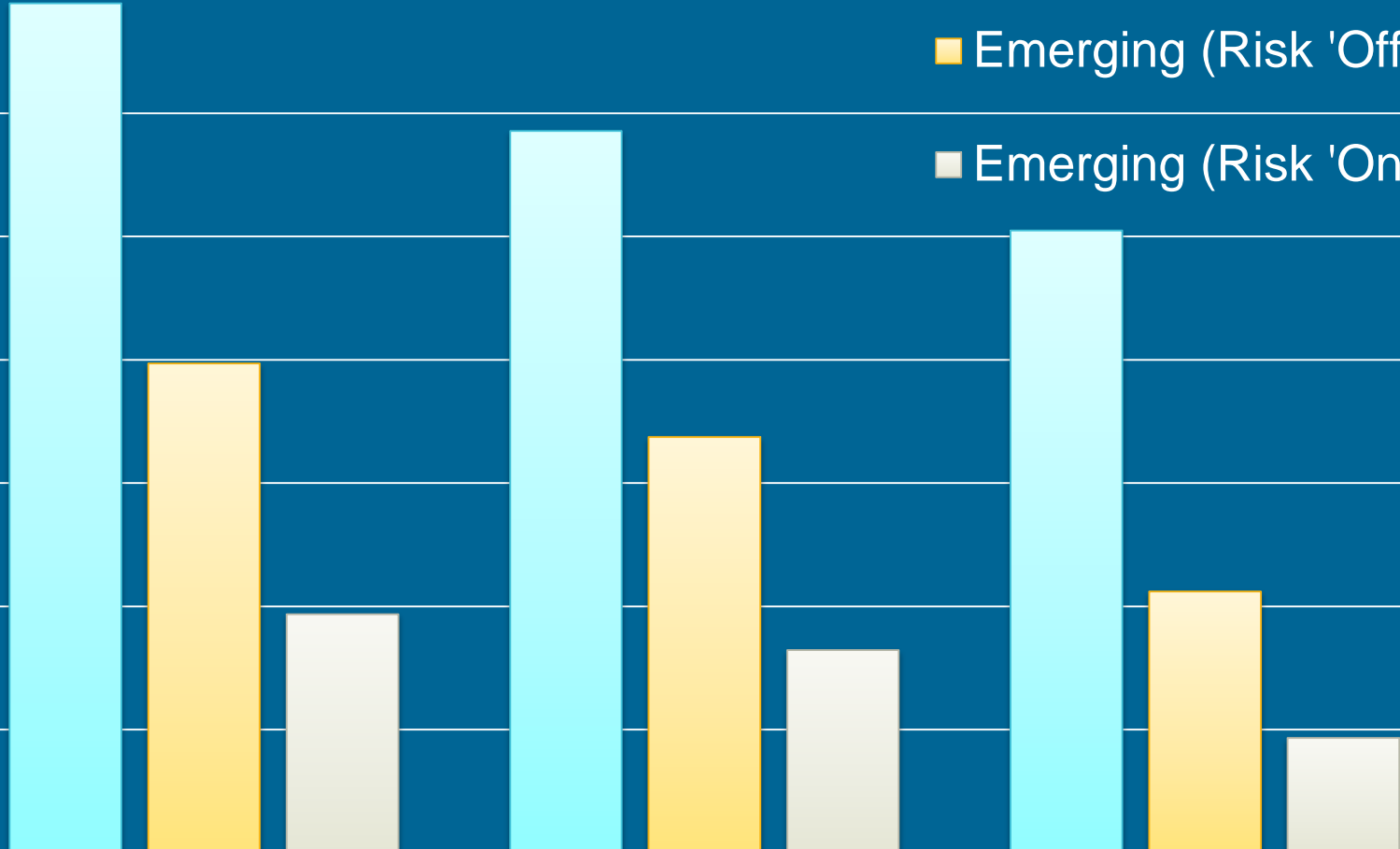
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- Conventional
- Emerging (Risk 'Off')
- Emerging (Risk 'On')

Technical

Achievable

Cost-effective  
achievable





# Cost-Effective ELE Savings Potential (MWh) - Conventional and Emerging Tech. by Sector with Risk Filter 'On'

3,000,000  
2,500,000  
2,000,000  
1,500,000  
1,000,000  
500,000  
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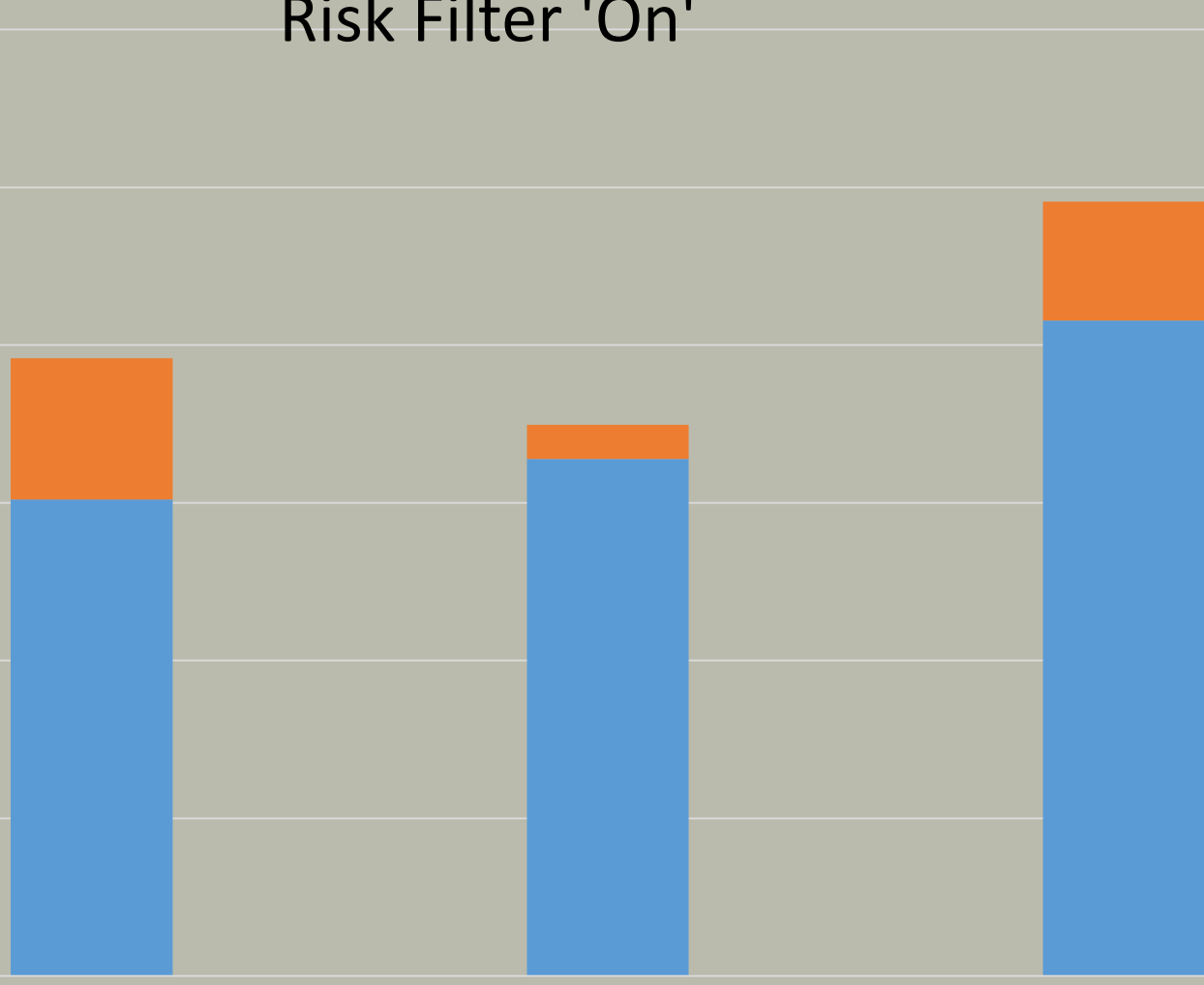
Commercial

Industrial

Residential

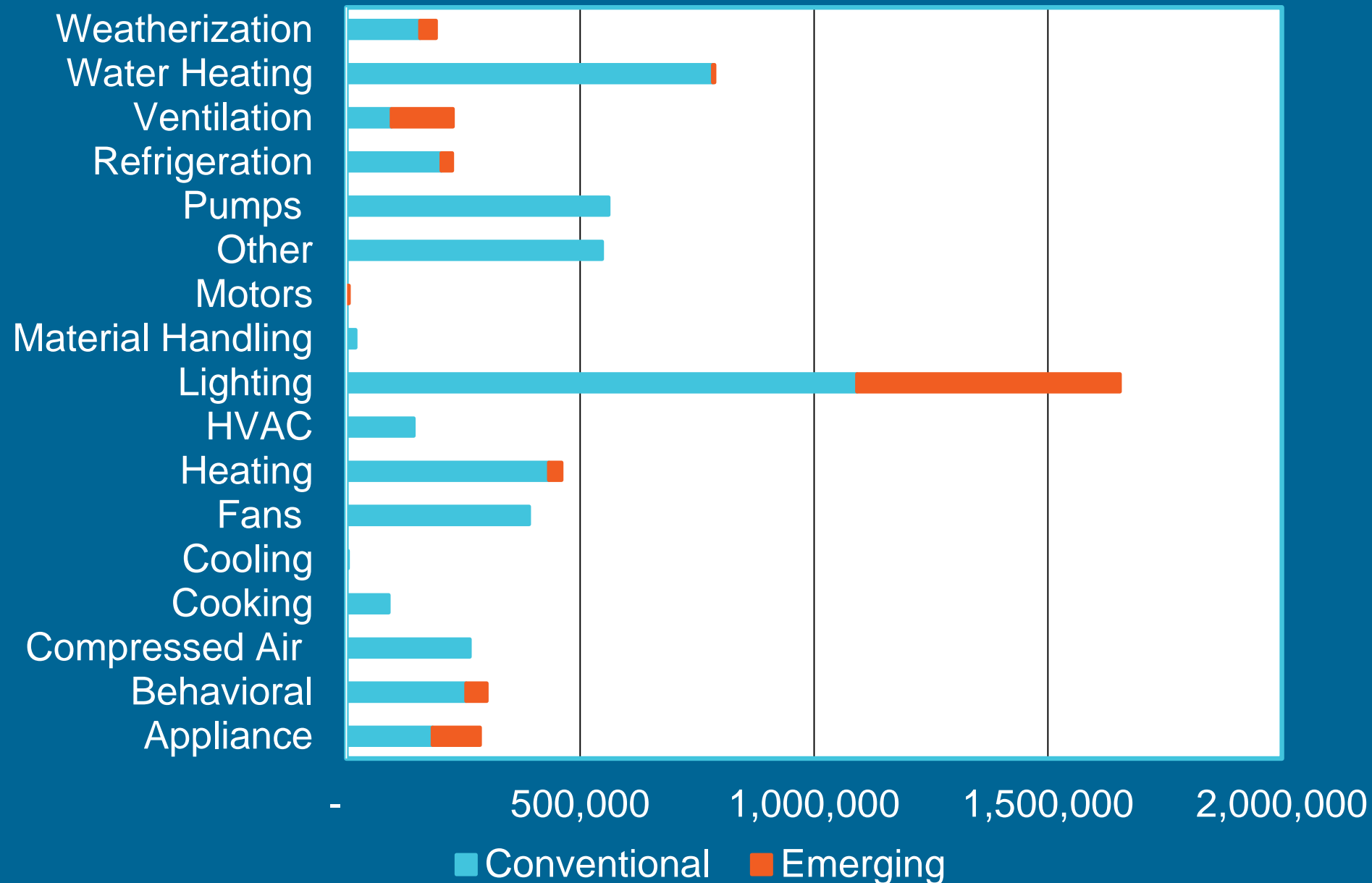
■ Conventional

■ Emerging Technology



# Cost-Effective ELE Savings Potential by End Use

## Conventional and Emerg. Tech. Risk Filter 'On'



# Emerging Technologies

## End result:

- The estimate for any given emerging technology is not accurate
- Taken as a whole, provides a reasonably conservative estimate of what is possible





# Thank You

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