

**Residential M&V Panel: Real Time M&V**  
*Where are we, where could we go, what  
would it take?*

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## Background

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*Changing EM&V Paradigm - Landscape of New Tools & Data Analytics, A Review of Key Trends and New Industry Developments, and Their Implications on Current and Future EM&V Practices, prepared by DNV GL*

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REGIONAL EVALUATION,  
MEASUREMENT & VERIFICATION FORUM

**Purpose:** Help stakeholders understand emerging trends, technologies, and techniques that can be leveraged to enhance EM&V

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## What's New?

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### **Advanced Data Analytics**

#### **Software:**

Cloud-based

Platforms & programs for rapid high-volume processing

Potential to analyze higher volume & higher frequency data collection

### **Improved Data Collection Tools & Increases in Data Availability**

#### **Hardware:**

Smart meters, smart T-Stats, NILM

New ways to collect data

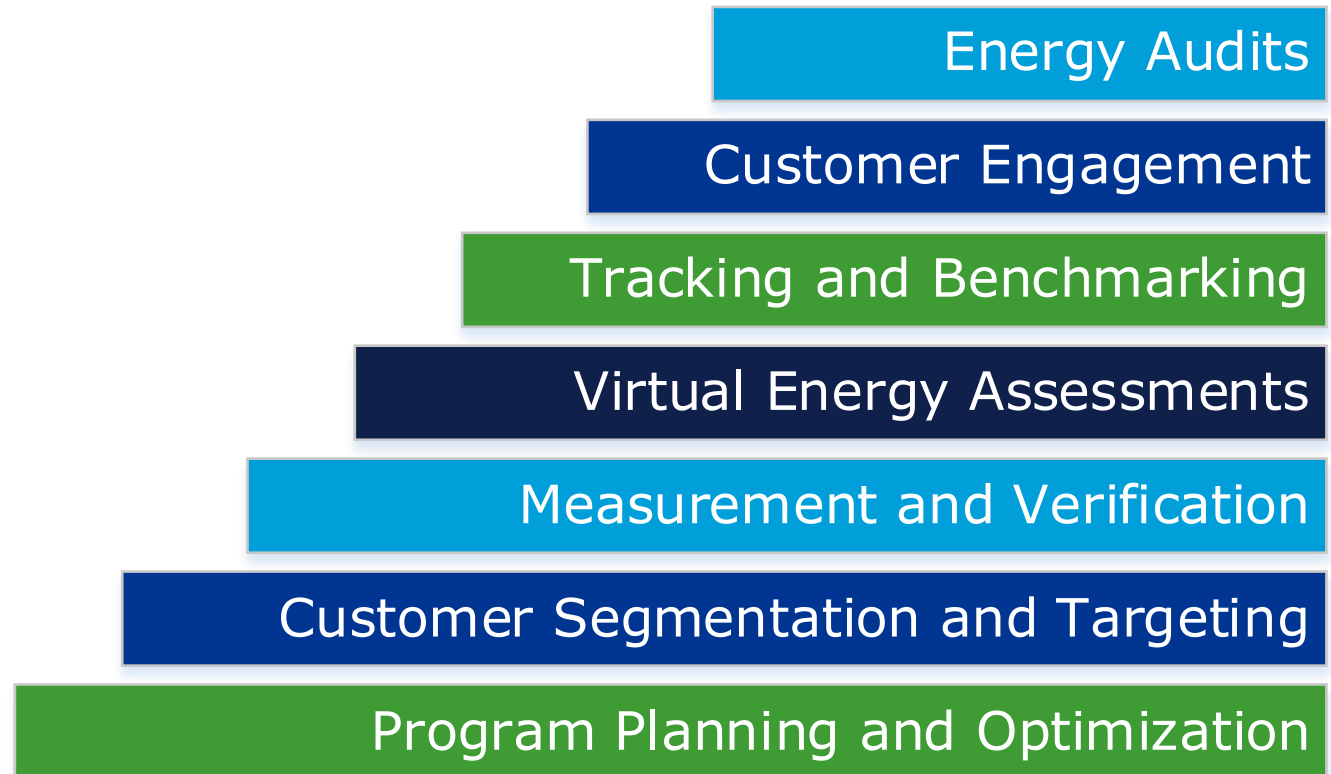
Potential to increase amount and types of data collected

## Advanced Data Collection and Analysis Tools

New Tool/Method	Key New Features	
Advanced Data Analytics	Predictive Analytics Machine learning	
Auto M&V Software	Machine learning Cloud platform High volume auto processing	
Auto M&V Software as a Service (SaaS)	Service delivery via Auto M&V	
AMI	Large scale high-volume interval data 2-way communication	
Smart Devices	2-way communication	
Home Energy Management System	Monitoring, feedback, & controls, 2-way communication	
End-Use Metering	Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring	

# Key EE Delivery Applications of Advanced Data Collection and Analytic Tools

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## What Are E M and V?

Evaluation, Measurement,  
and Verification

Measurement and  
Verification

Verification

*Assessment of the effects of  
a program and the  
effectiveness of program  
processes*

*Determination of energy  
savings from particular  
sites or measures, based  
on a combination of  
measured parameters and  
calculations*

*Confirmation that an EE  
measure has been installed*

## Evaluation Approaches (SEE Action, CPP EM&V Guidance)

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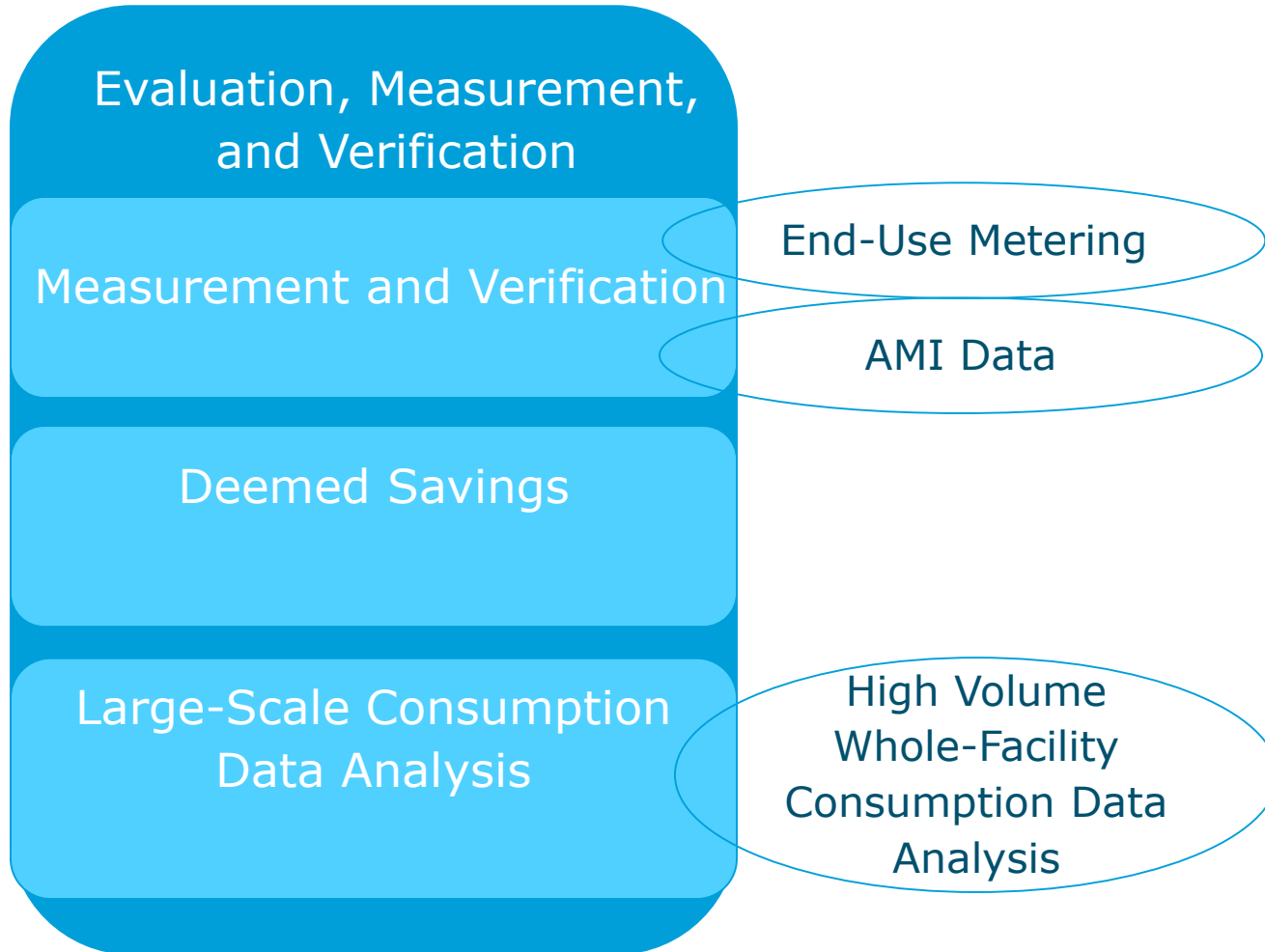
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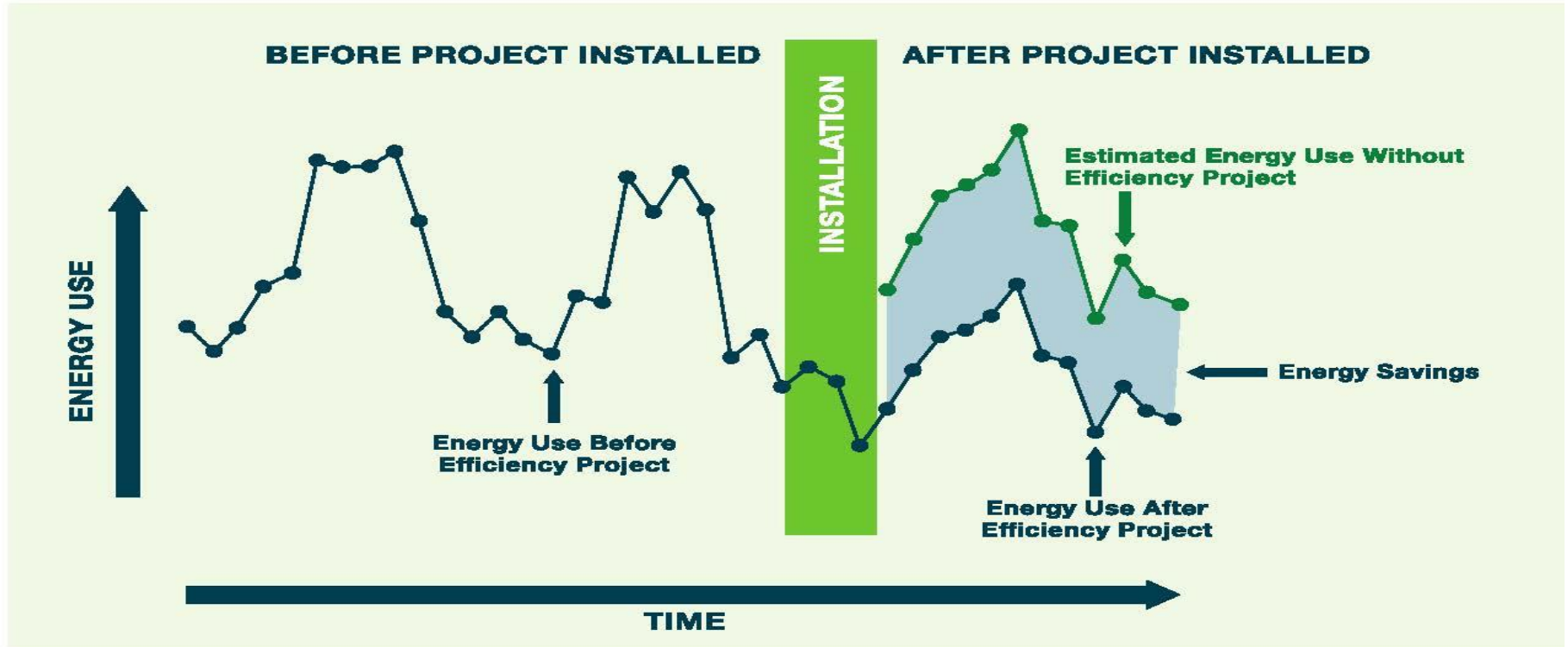
Large-Scale Consumption  
Data Analysis

# Where Do New Tools Fit into Evaluation?



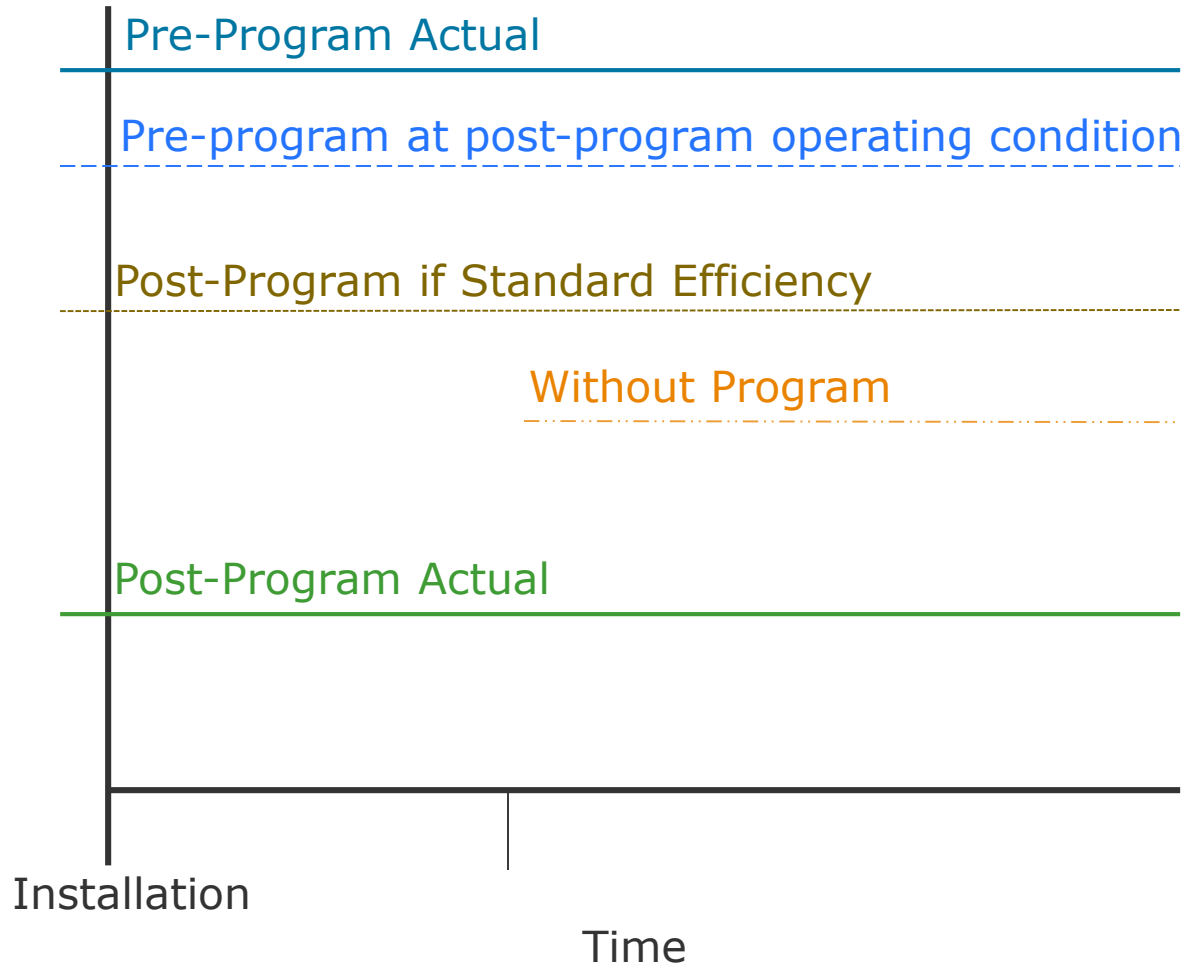


# Consumption Data Analysis



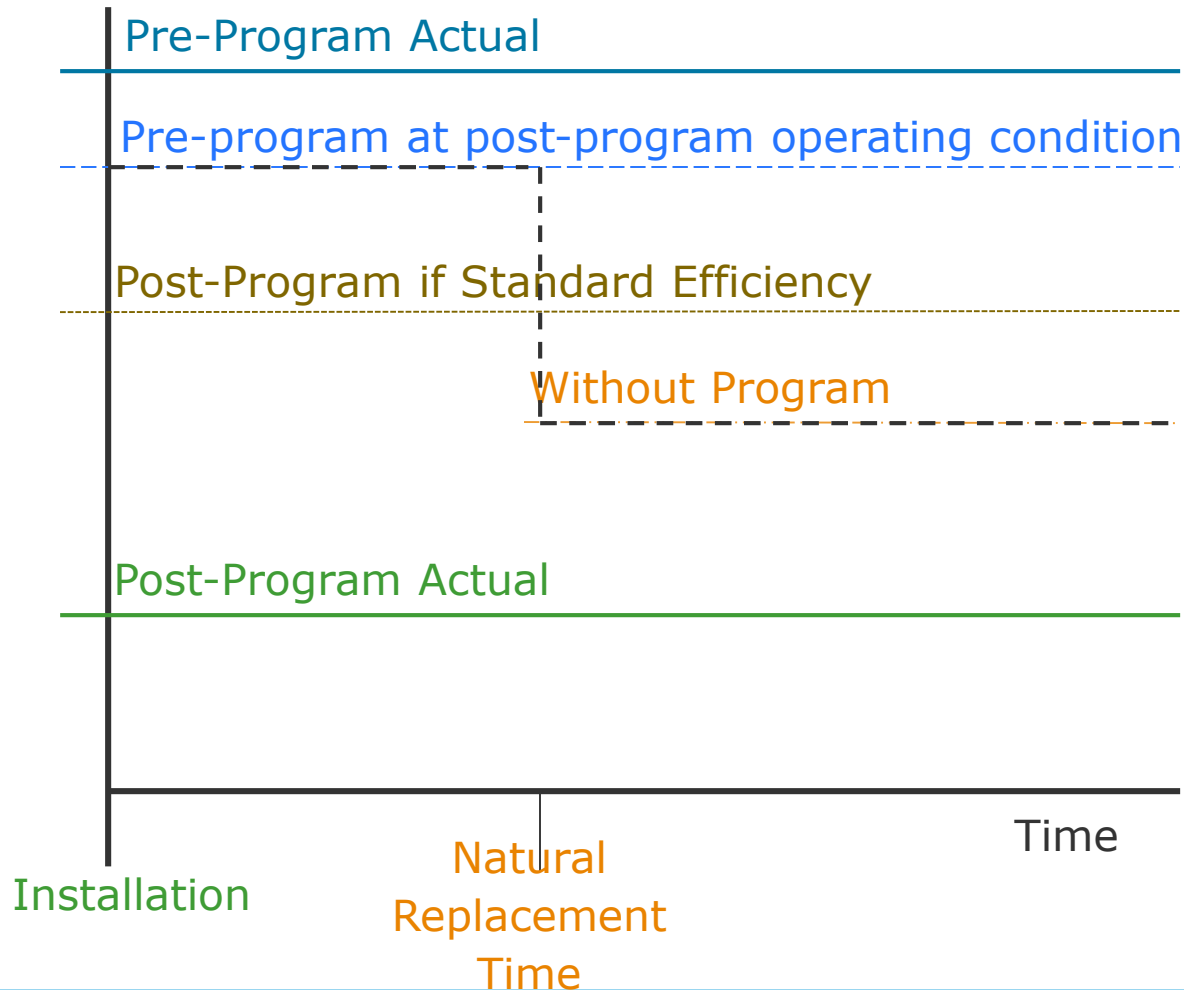
# Find the Baseline—Consumption Data Analysis

Consumption



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Consumption



Pre-Installation, even weather-adjusted, is the right baseline for evaluation only in limited circumstances

Have to consider other changes, natural replacement, program influence, (new construction)

Comparison group can sometimes work for large, homogeneous population

# How Can New Tools Shorten the Evaluation Timeline? What Would Be Gained and Lost?

## Planning & Scoping

- Stakeholder engagement
- Data cleaning & Sampling

2-3 months

4-9 months

## Data Analysis

- Site data analysis
- Site reporting

2-4 months

1-2 months

9 – 18 months overall

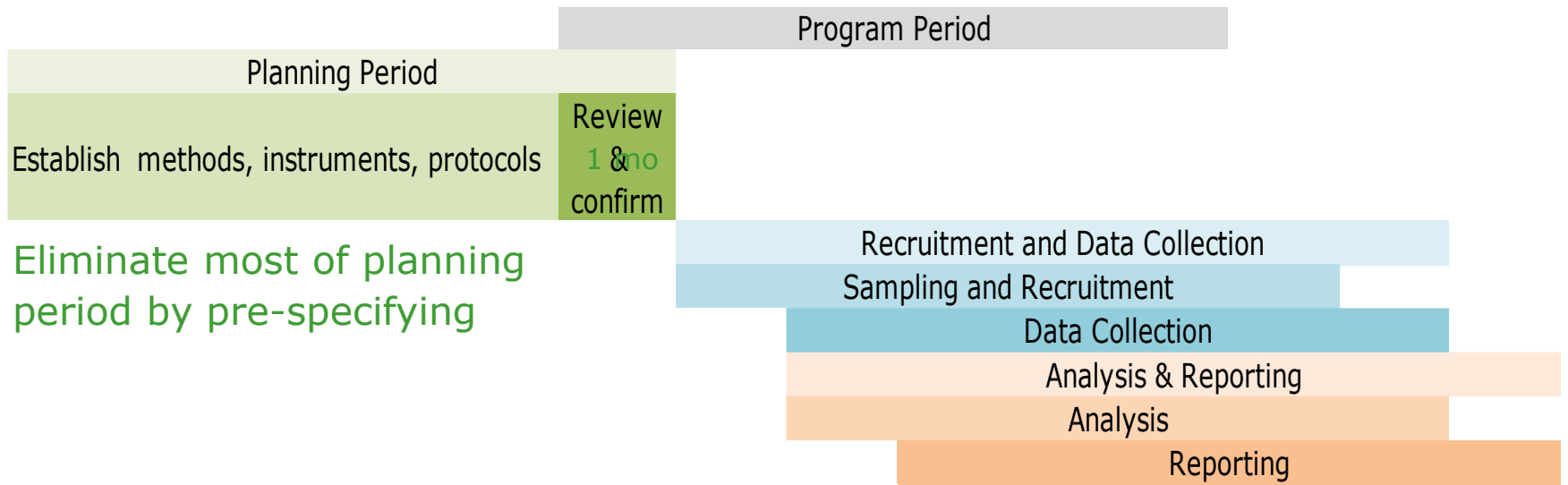
## Recruiting & Data Collection

- 3-6 months of metering
- Recruitment, installation & retrieval

## Reporting

- Stakeholder engagement
- Reporting & review of results

# Streamlining the Process

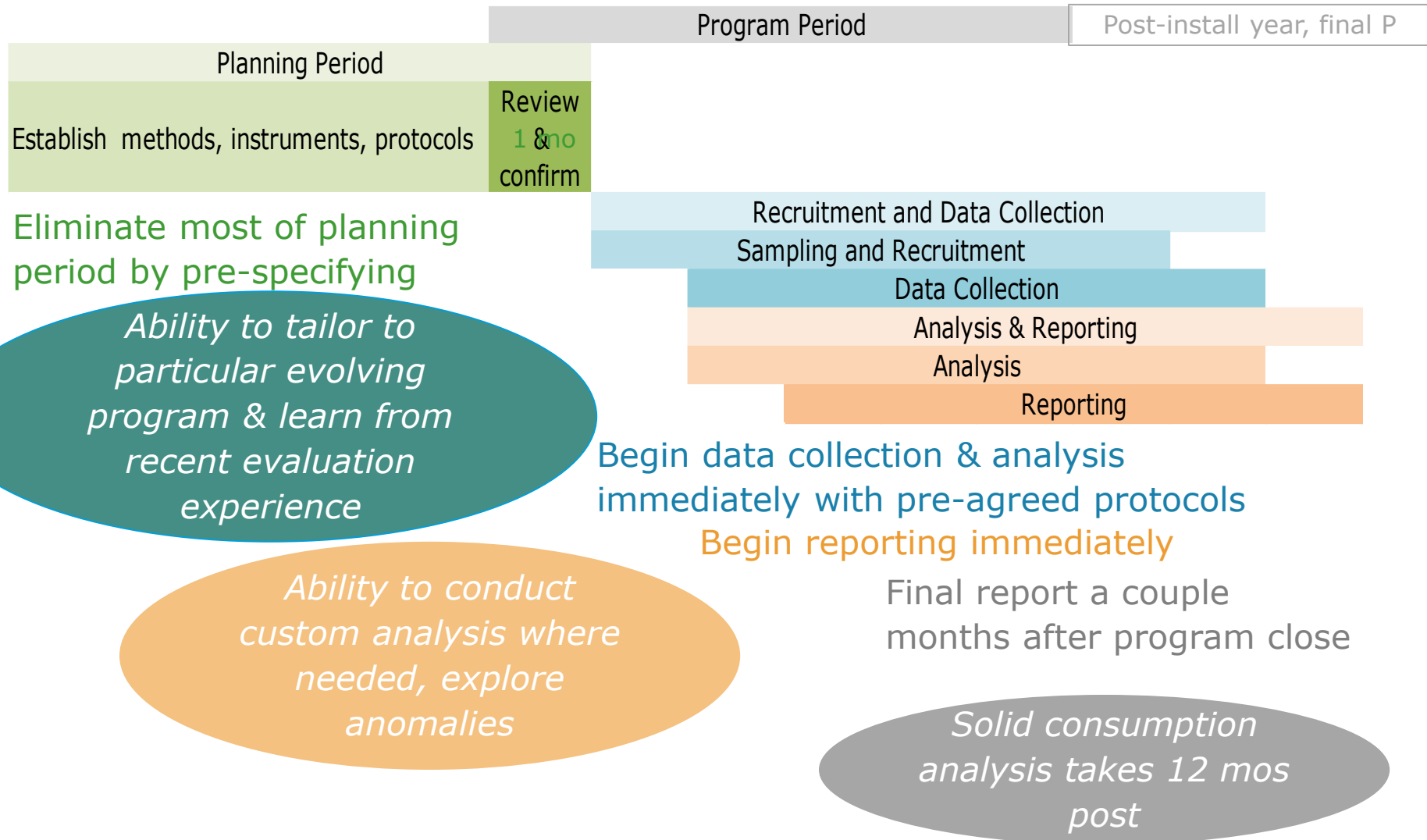


Begin data collection & analysis immediately with pre-agreed protocols

Begin reporting immediately

Final report a couple months after program close

# Streamlining the Process—What Would We Lose?



# Potential Uses of Advanced Data Collection and Automated Analytics for Evaluation

- Early, ongoing feedback is valuable even if it's not the final evaluation word
- Where programs are already gathering and analyzing data via new tools, evaluation ideally will take advantage of those data and analyses
  - Extends long-standing evaluation practice
  - Requires understanding program data handling & analysis, potential biases
  - Requires tool performance assessment
  - Still need evaluation review and potentially adjustment eg for data attrition bias
- Accuracy of baseline estimation tools can be tested empirically, up to a point
  - Often no observable “no-program” or “without the measure” condition
  - Transparency of “nonroutine adjustments” is a challenge
- Pre-agreed standard protocols can streamline evaluation
  - Automated ongoing data analysis is one example
  - Limits depth of exploration and customization possible
  - Establishing meaningful baselines for gross and net savings is not easily automated for many situations

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