RESEARCH: FILLING IN THE GAPS

What don't we know about buildings energy use?

Where is energy actually dissipated, and what goes to reducible waste, irreducible waste, and beneficial energy services?

What are the key gaps in understanding building energy performance?

We know (?)

- Energy loads and use can vary by:
 - Building type
 - Climate
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But do we know why?

'Typical' Buildings

(mean of PBA/CBECS building types)

Small Office



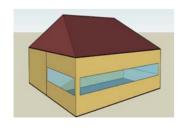
Strip Mall Retail



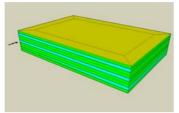
Outpatient Healthcare



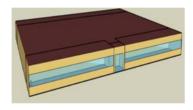
Quick-service Restaurant



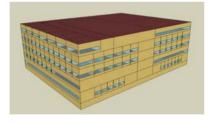
Medium Office



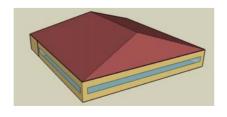
Standalone Retail



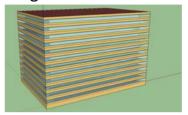
Hospital



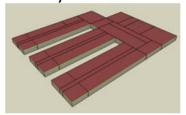
Full-service Restaurant



Large Office



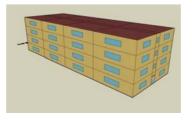
Primary School



Small Hotel



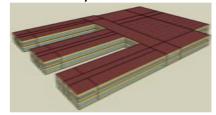
Mid-rise Apartment



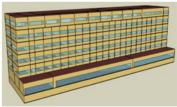
Warehouse



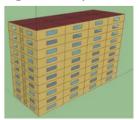
Secondary School



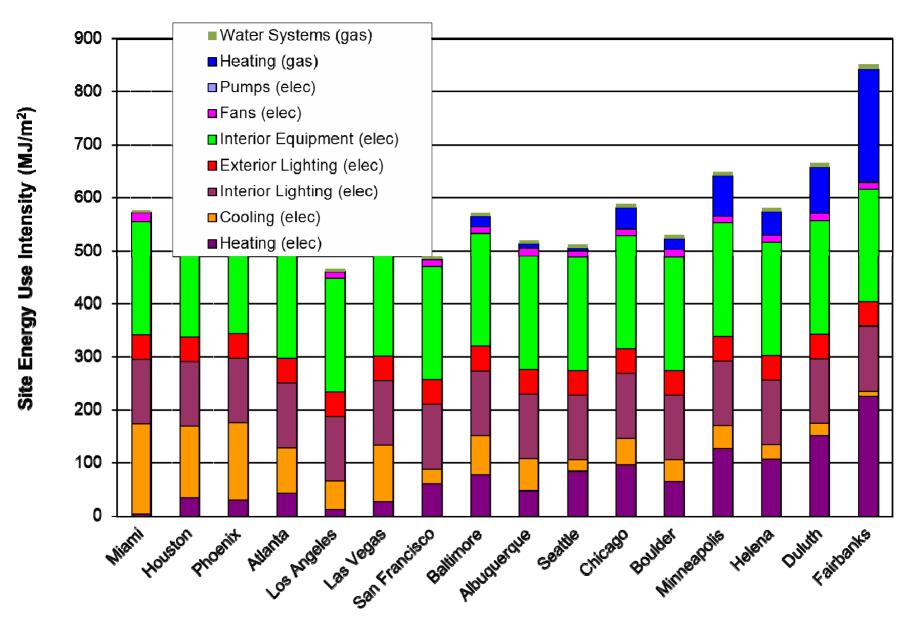
Large Hotel



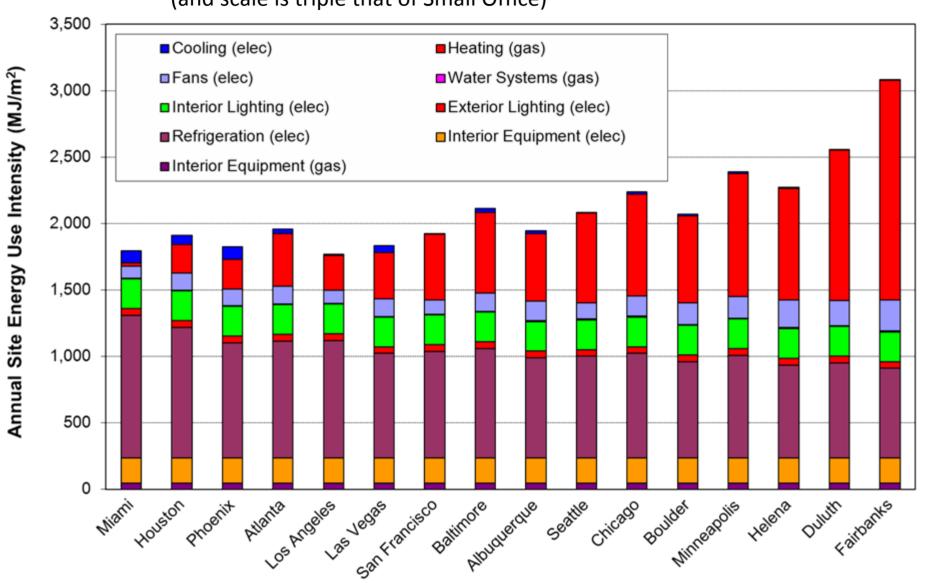
High-rise Apartment



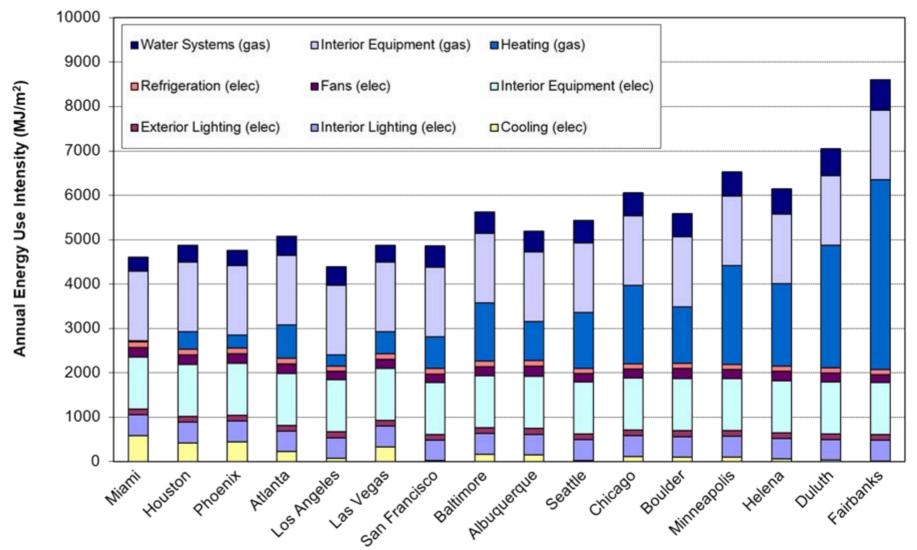
Medium Office: variation of almost 100% across climates



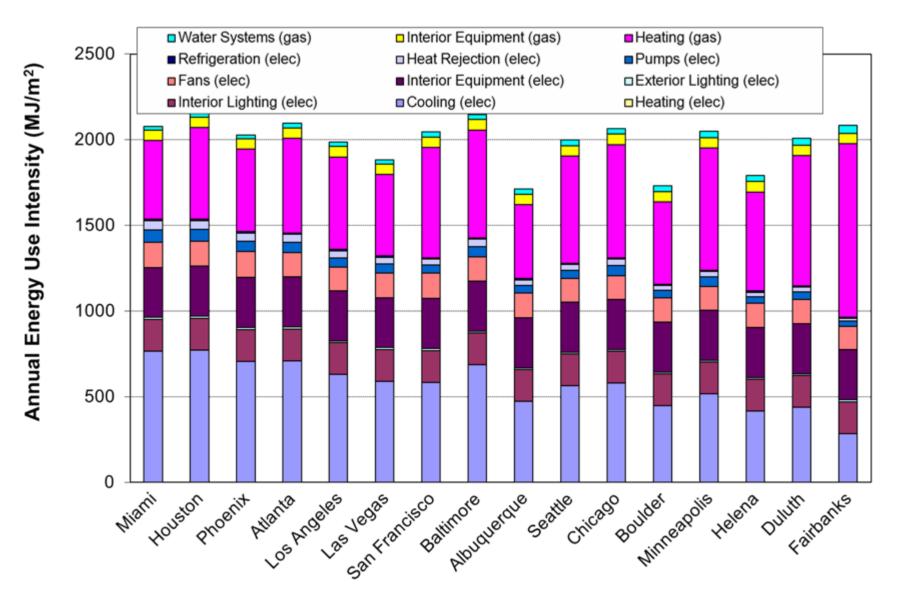
Supermarket: less variation but equipment dominates (and scale is triple that of Small Office)



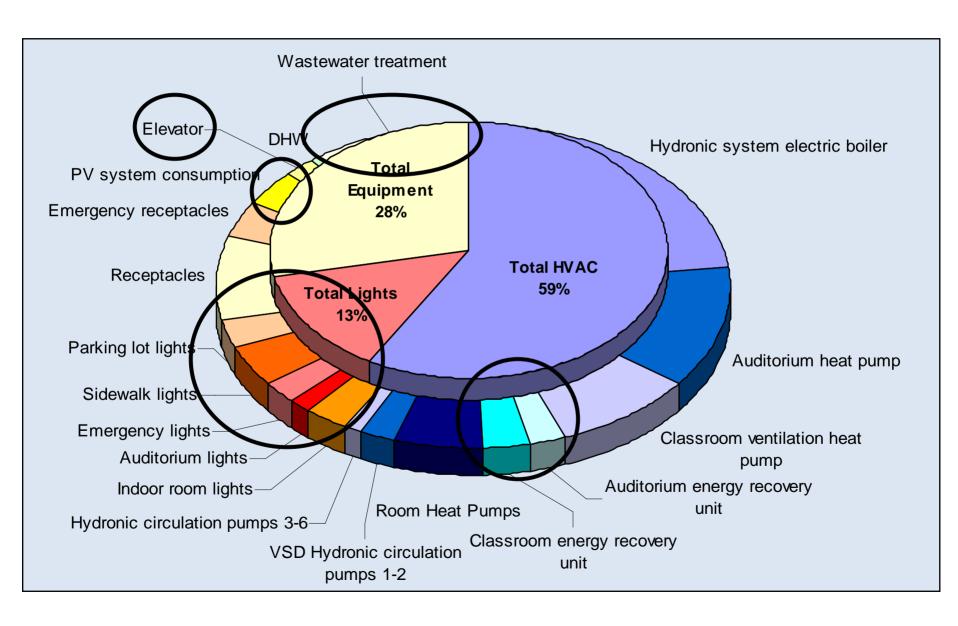
Full Service Restaurant: Variation as large as the small office but energy x10!



Hospital: Twice the energy of small office but climate influence weak



Why? Energy Use Details are Critical



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