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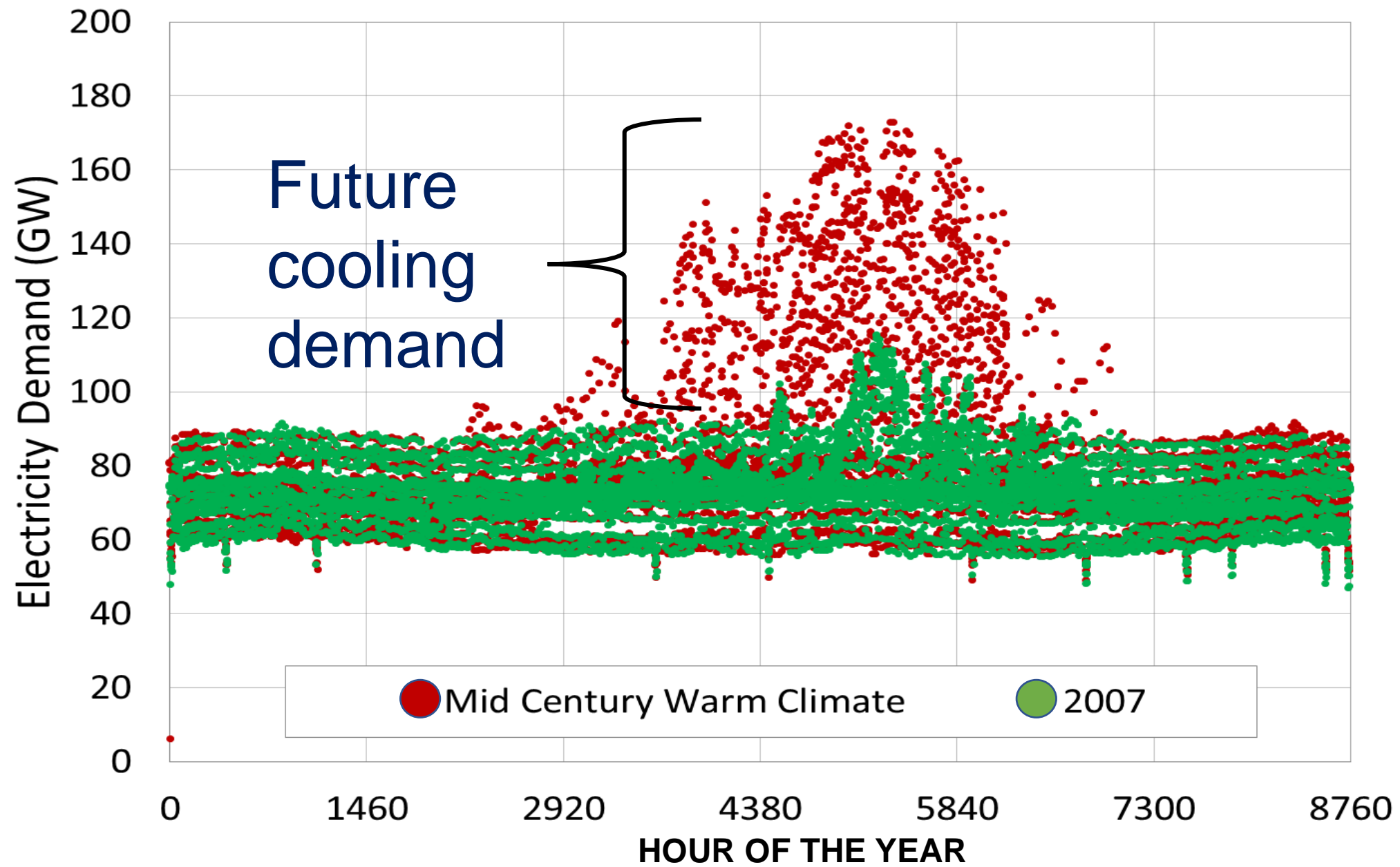
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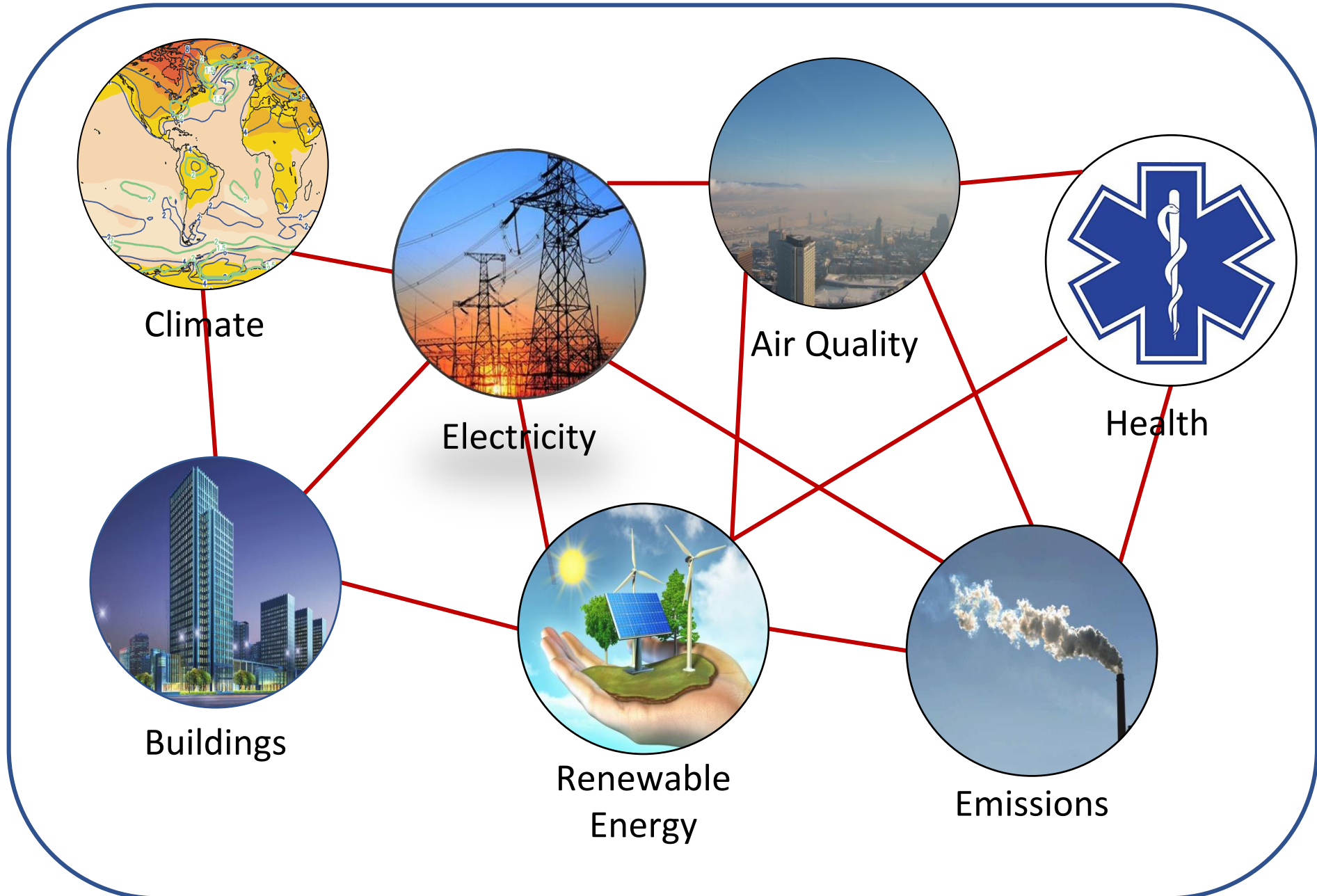
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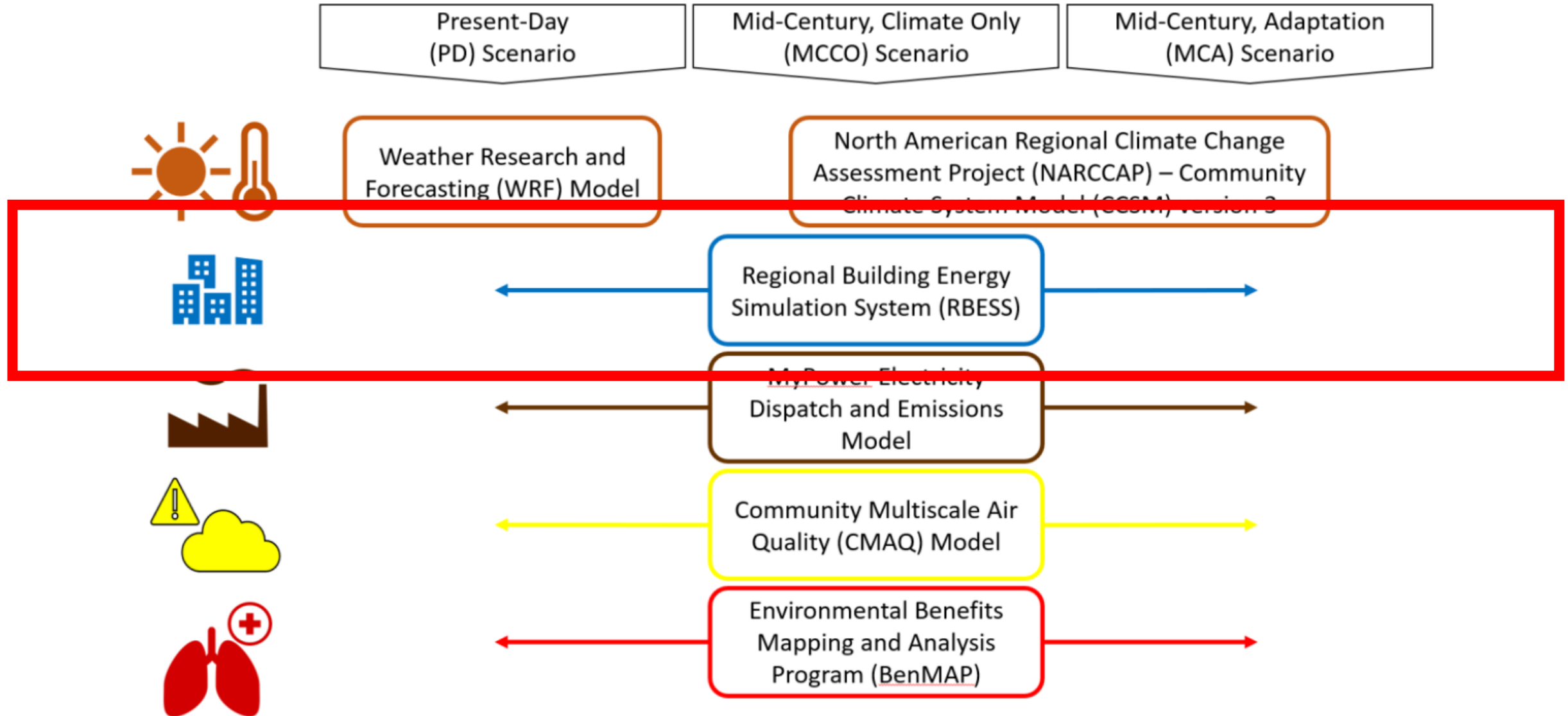
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Common Themes Connecting Energy and Health Issues



Adaptation of Cooling Demand and Air Quality Impacts



Future Climate Impacts On Building Design



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The climate is changing as evidenced by ASHRAE Research Project 1453, which recently updated the climate zones and design conditions in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 169-2013, *Climate Data for Building Design Standards*.¹ How will the changing climate impact building design and operation? For instance, is more cooling or heating

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Response of Power Plant Emissions to Ambient Temperature in the Eastern United States

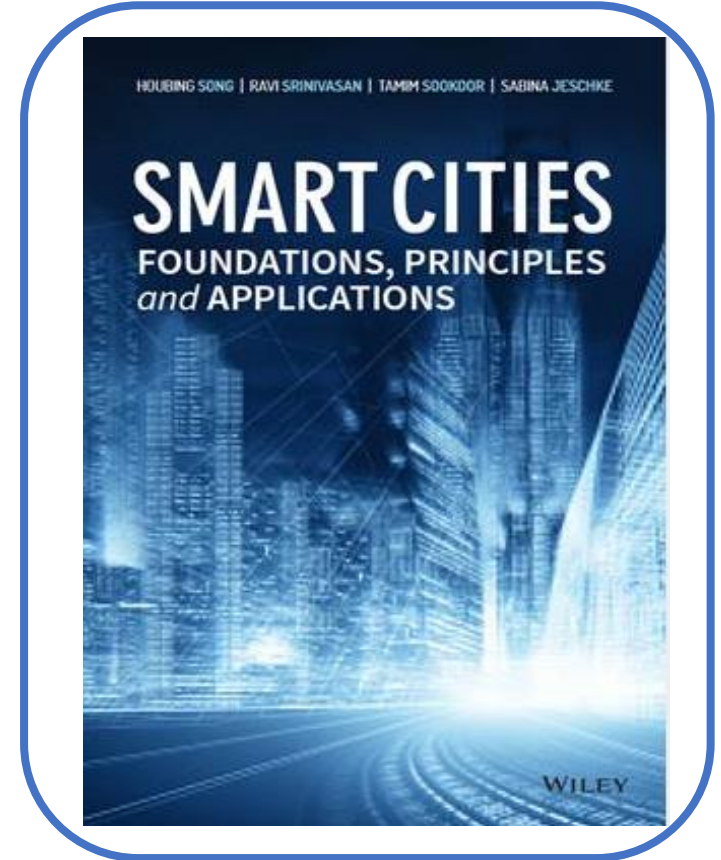
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Impact of warmer weather on electricity sector emissions due building energy use

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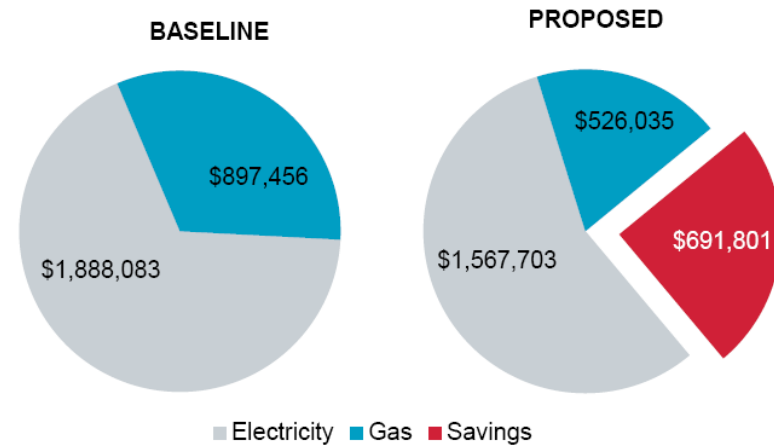


RESEARCH ARTICLE

Air-quality-related health impacts from climate change and from adaptation of cooling demand for buildings in the eastern United States: An interdisciplinary modeling study

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Green Building. What are the motivating factors?



Commercial New Construction Project

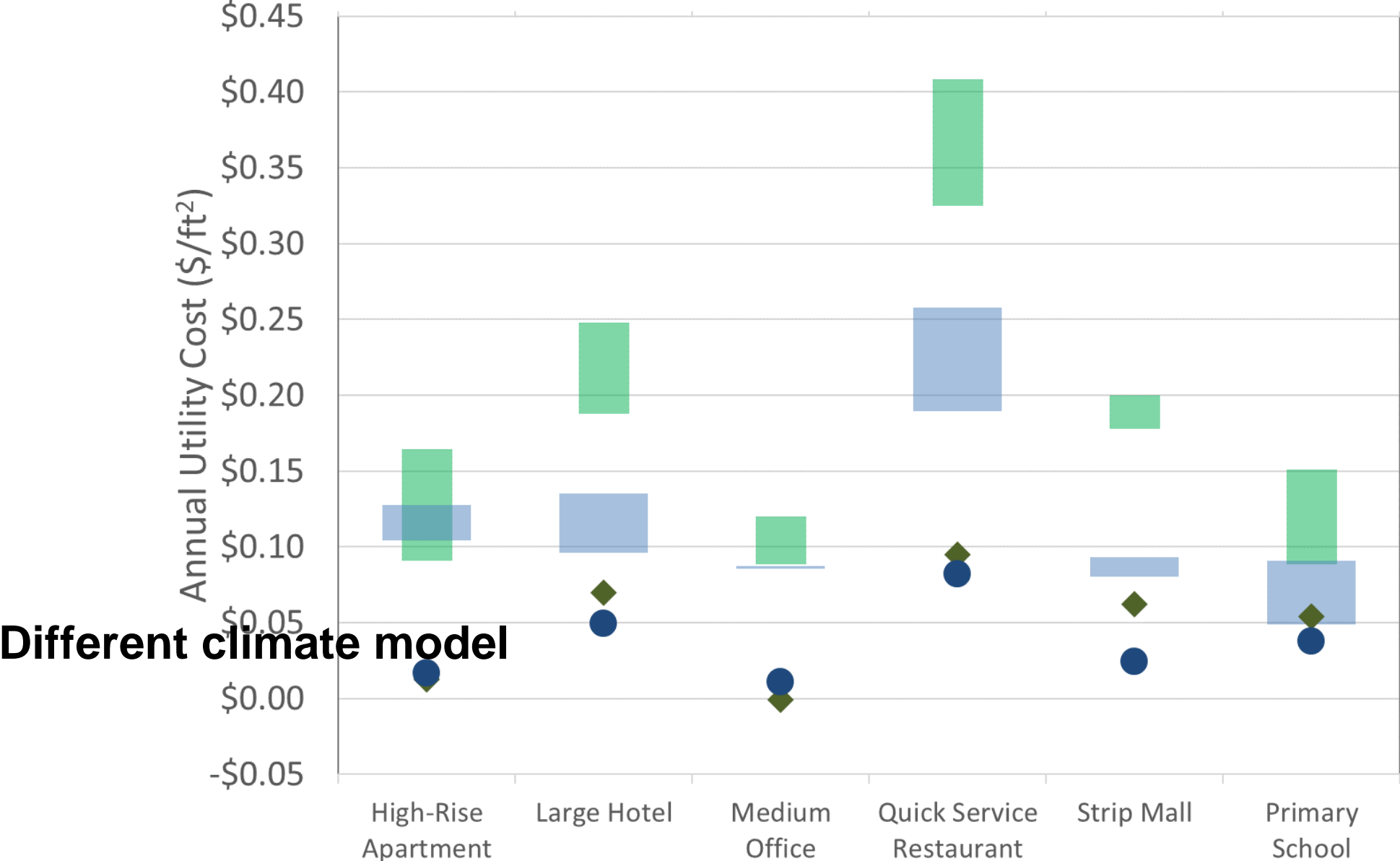
Energy Efficiency Measures (see page 3 for detailed descriptions)	Energy Savings		Peak Cooling	Incentives ¹
	\$/yr	%	% Saved	\$
1 Wall and roof thermal properties	-\$5,964	-0.2%	-0.3%	\$0
2 Window improvements	\$69,765	2.5%	5.5%	\$20,200
3 Lighting power density reduction	\$84,272	3.0%	2.1%	\$93,451
4 Daylighting controls - non patient areas	\$28,231	1.0%	1.2%	\$27,960
5 Supply fan static reduction	\$32,233	1.2%	0.9%	\$36,783
6 Supply air temperature reset	\$20,310	0.7%	0.8%	\$17,387
7 Temperature setback controls	\$18,954	0.7%	-0.2%	\$3,518
8 Energy recovery coils	\$249,276	8.9%	6.2%	\$0
9 Kitchen exhaust controls	\$33,014	1.2%	2.8%	\$18,882
10 Parking garage lighting and fan controls	\$58,366	2.1%	0.0%	\$66,325
11 Chilled water system improvements	\$52,685	1.9%	0.0%	\$59,869
12 Condenser water system improvements	\$6,645	0.2%	0.0%	\$7,552
13 Waterside economizer for process cooling	\$22,633	0.8%	0.0%	\$25,719
14 Heating plant improvements	\$21,381	0.8%	0.0%	\$6,651
Totals (1-14)	\$691,801	24.8%	18.9%	\$384,297

[1] Incentives are preliminary until approved by the utility. Approval will occur following receipt of the signed Measure Incentive Agreement.

Energy efficiency climate adaptation strategies

Primary Strategies	Description
Roof Insulation	Add additional roof insulation, minimum R-20
Cooling Equipment	Upgrade to high-efficiency centrifugal chillers; minimum 0.639 kW/ton, 0.45 kW/ton-IPLV
Energy Recovery Ventilation	Install enthalpy wheel energy recovery systems on exhaust with bypass and modulation control; 70%+ latent effectiveness, ~0.7" ΔP
Secondary Strategies	Description
Wall Insulation	Add additional wall insulation, 2" continuous insulation
High Performance Windows	Replace existing windows with low conductivity glass and thermally-broken frames; maximum Assembly U-Value of 0.35
Tighter Envelope	Install continuous air-vapor barrier using spray on air barrier or spray foam to seal all roof penetrations (piping, ductwork, electrical) at both the top and the deck level
Heating Equipment	Upgrade to condensing gas-fired boilers; 90%+ thermal efficiency

Chicago – Impact of climate & energy codes



Chicago – Cost at risk due to climate & energy codes



Graphs by bldg

Key takeaway:

- Outdoor air quality-related health damages can be quantified and included in integrated resources planning and energy efficiency potential studies with the explicit objective of protecting health.

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