

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink: Predictive Analytics for Redefining Evaluation

PAUL DOBROWSKY

2017 IEPEC Conference — Baltimore, Maryland



IEPEC 2017 2



Non-Wires Alternatives



Pacific Gas and Electric Company®

Began efforts in 2014



Announced plans to introduce 125 MW of interventions in 2016



Announced intent to not pursue direct transmission upgrades in 2017



Non-Wires Alternatives





BQDM target: More than 52 MW of demand reduction

Primarily through **SBDI lighting** projects currently

Over 4,000 businesses effected so far

Regulator requires quarterly reporting of reductions

No significant penetration of AMI

IEPEC 2017 4



Unique Opportunity

BQDM Load Study



Direct communication with implementation



EDGE M&V Approach

- Completed in 2015
- Over 400 loggers characterizing SBDI lighting behavior
- Structured by space type and business demographics

- Add additional structure to tracking data
- Move to weekly reporting of installations

An approach centered on predictive modeling



Program Tracking Data +
Predictive Features

- Tracking Data: Coordination with Implementation on format
- Predictive Features: Flexible (past M&V, AMI...)
- Combine to create a training dataset that can inform....

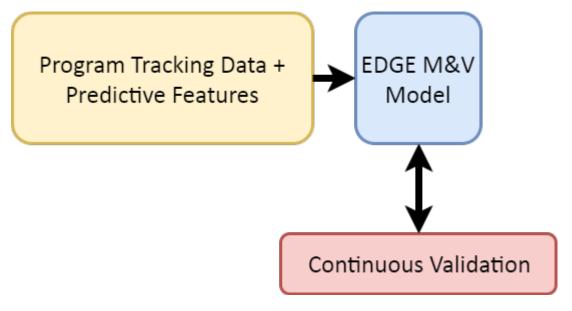




- *Take advantage of information that is tracked by implementers
- Trained a machine learning algorithm based on business type, operation hours, and space type
- ❖ Model every measure
- Automated processing of tracking data

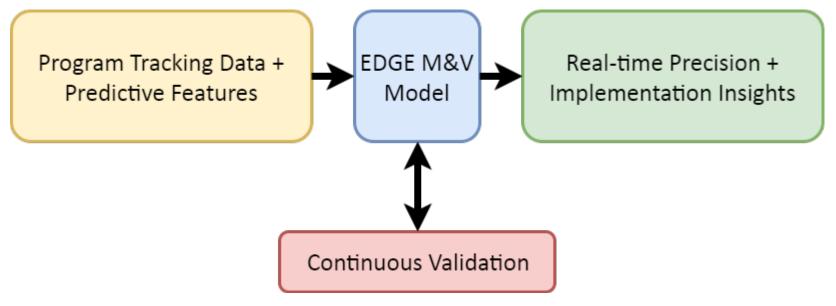
TEPEC 2017





- ❖Initial Validation: Past M&V Data
- ❖In 2016: Additional post-install M&V
- Engineer oversight as model is deployed
- Can we match classic evaluation's statistical precision?





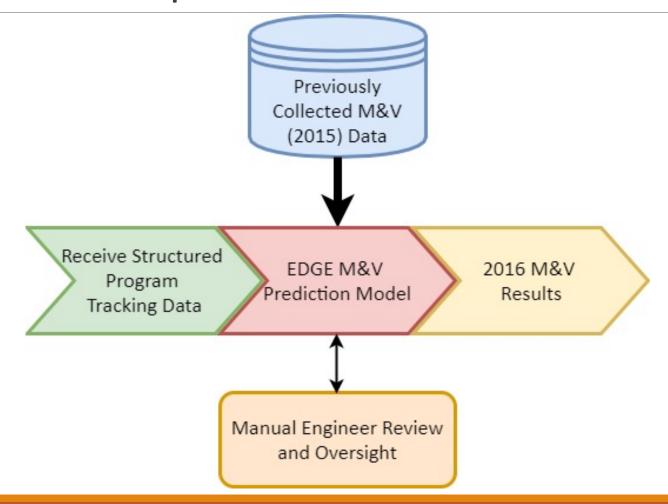
Results as real-time as Tracking availability

Analysis work is frontloaded

1EPEC 2017



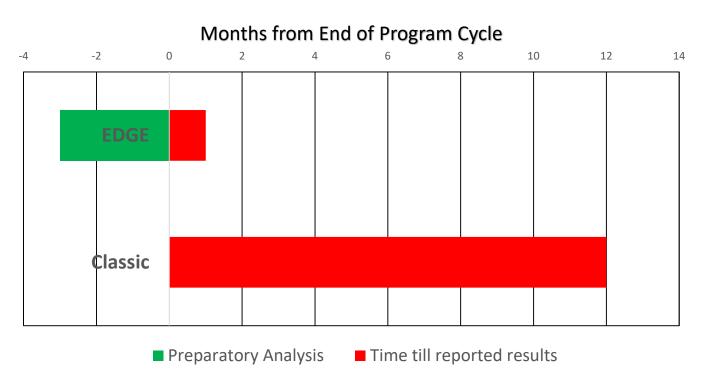
EDGE Implementation



16PEC 2017



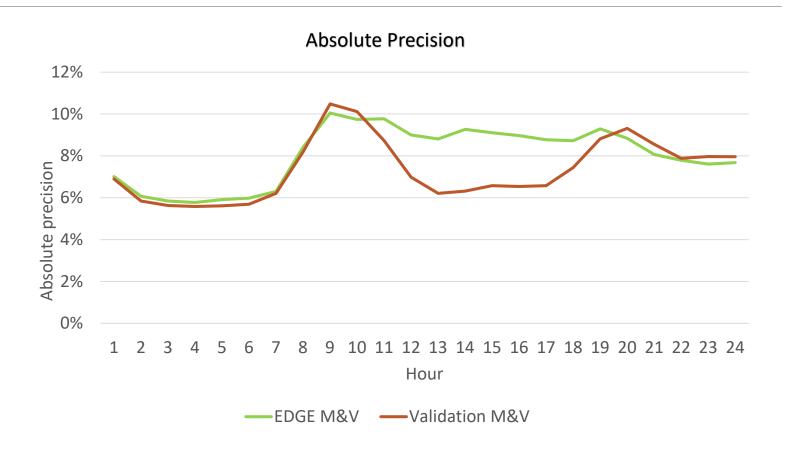
Results – Timeliness

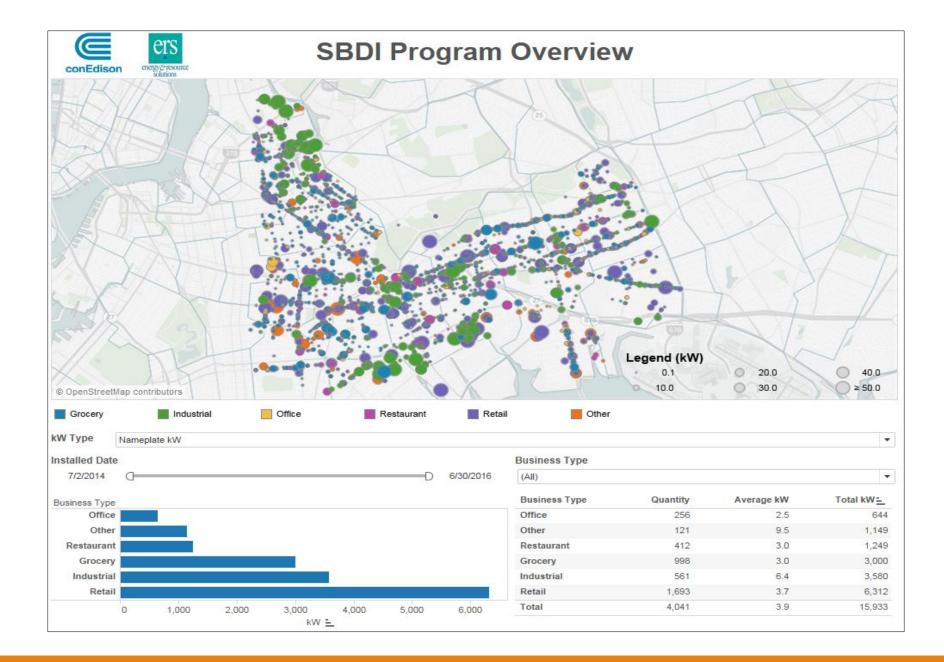


Delivered five-day turnaround on impact of over 1,500 businesses for the 2016 program year



Results – Precision







Conclusion

Outcomes

- Able to satisfy quick reporting timeline of NWA efforts
- Modeling was validated through additional metering
- Program realized additional gains in analytics capabilities

Can this work for you?

- Availability of performance data was critical
- Communication with implementation
- Well suited for modern NWA programs
- Consider the idea of piloting this approach backed up with validation M&V that serves as a safety factor



Questions?



Paul Dobrowsky

Senior Engineer

Data Analytics

pdobrowsky@ers-inc.com