

LBLN: Distributed Energy Resources Customer Adoption Model (DER-CAM)	
Goal	Finding optimal distributed energy resource (DER) investments in the context of either buildings or multi-energy microgrid
Method	<p>In the process of finding optimal DER solutions for microgrids through mathematical modeling, several important questions are answered by DER-CAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the optimal portfolio of DER that meet the specific needs of this microgrid?</li> <li>• What is the ideal installed capacity of these technologies to minimize costs?</li> <li>• How should the installed capacity be operated so as to minimize the total customer energy bill?</li> <li>• Where in the microgrid should distributed energy resources be installed and how should they be operated to ensure voltage stability?</li> <li>• What is the optimal DER solution that minimizes costs while ensuring resiliency targets?</li> </ul>
Discussion and Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional case studies available (NC, OR, FL)</li> <li>• Are costs for interconnections factored into the model? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not taken directly into account</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What are the differences between ReOpt, DER-CAM, and HOMER? Which one should be used when? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Homer simulation vs. optimization tool (case studies have table outlining this)</li> <li>○ DER-CAM looks deeper into distribution system</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Availability	Free web tool
URL	<a href="http://dercam.lbl.gov">dercam.lbl.gov</a>