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Problem

- Predict future energy load in a given area
- Predict estimated monthly energy bill for a given property
- Goal:
 - Increase profits on energy purchases
 - Increase customer satisfaction on property purchase/lease



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Watt's Up?

(Watts Usage Prediction)

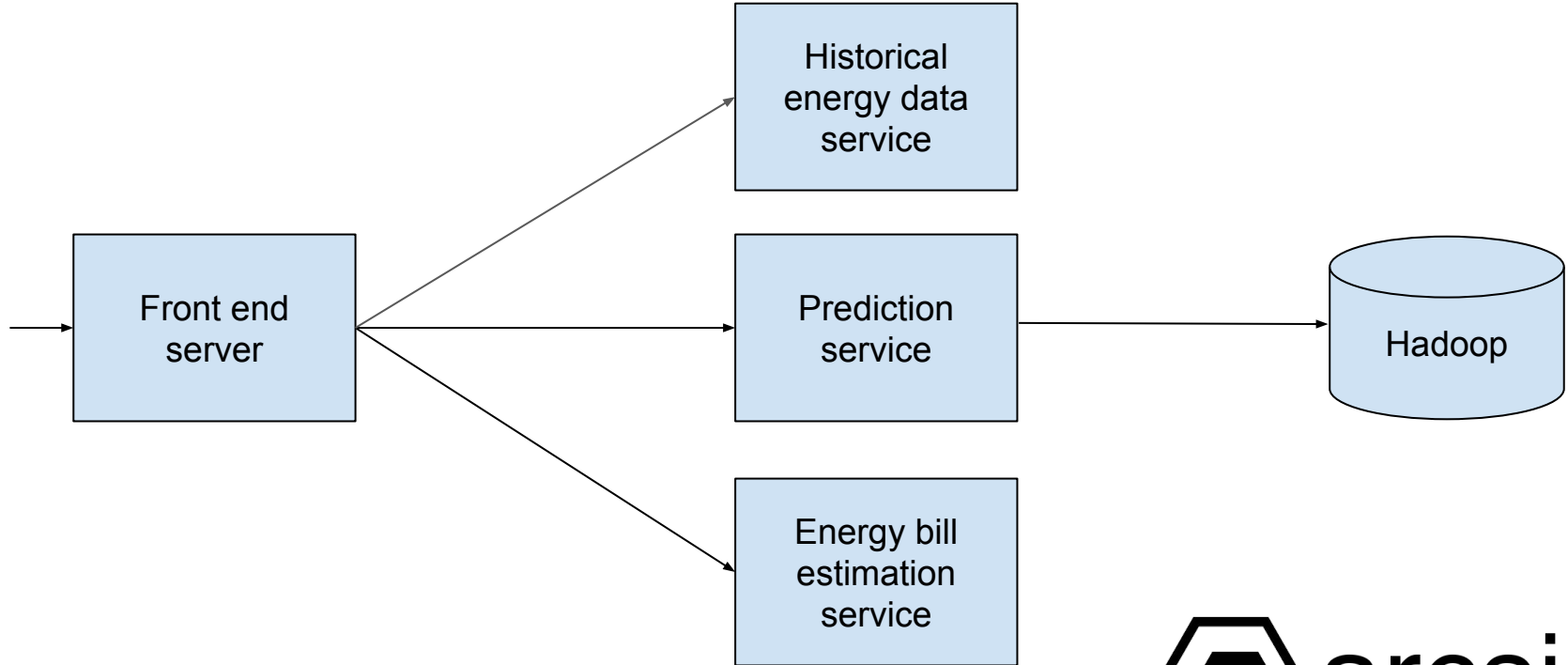


Watt's Up - Three Stages

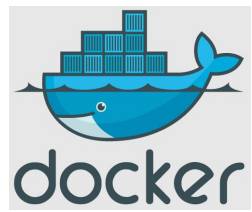
- Data modeling
 - Energy usage prediction
 - Energy bill for property
- Services
 - Energy usage prediction
 - Energy bill for property
- Interactive web front end
 - Talks to services
 - Data visualization



Architecture – Microservices



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- Computing framework on Hadoop
- Distributed data gathering
 - ERCOT energy data
 - NOAA GHCN-Daily weather data
- Distributed data processing



- Distributed, scalable big data store
- Storage of weather data



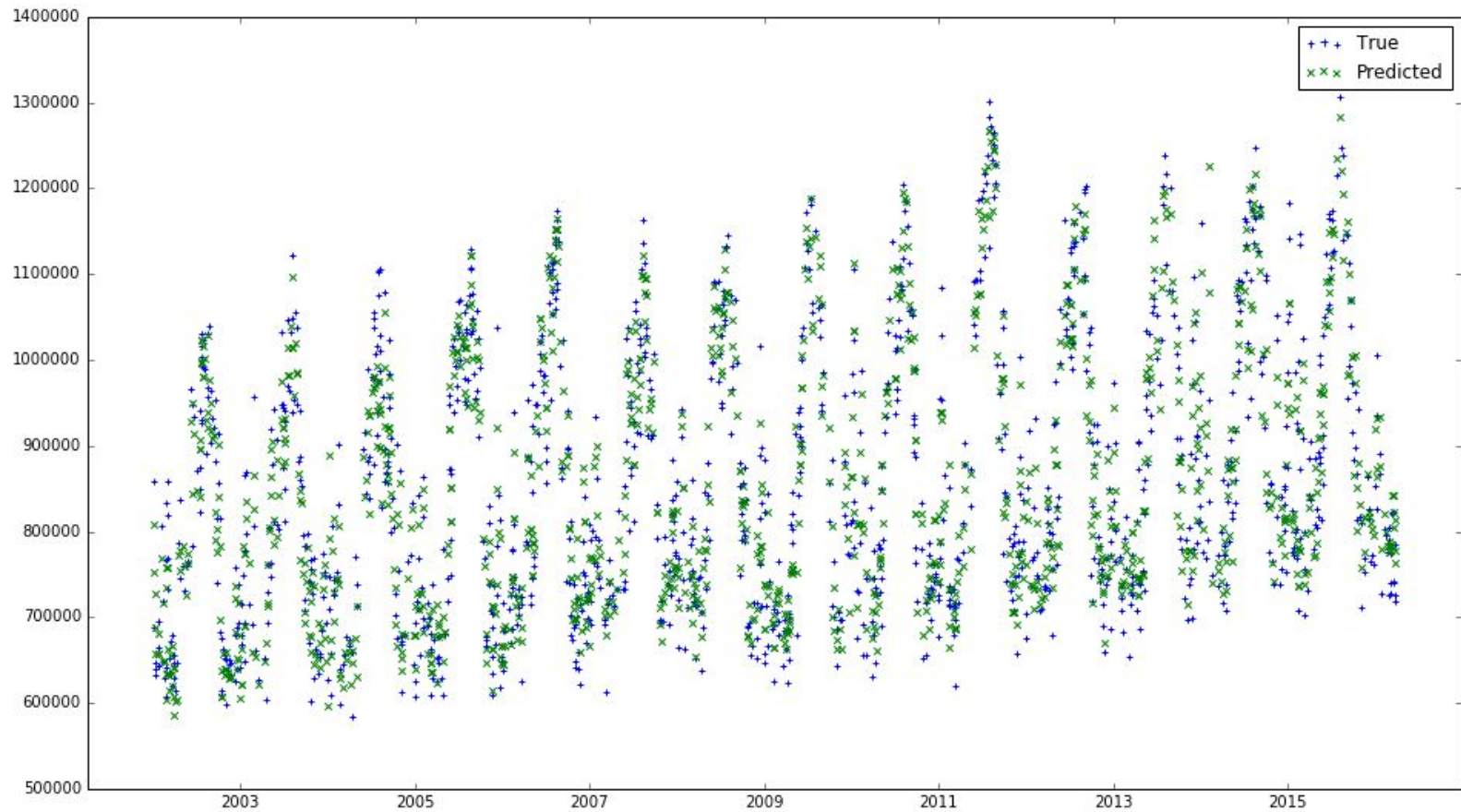
- Fit and evaluate models



Energy usage model

- Criteria
 - Date
 - Weather
 - Max/min/avg temp
 - Precipitation, snow depth
 - Wind speed
 - Water evaporation
 - Total sunshine
 - Holidays
- Target
 - Energy load

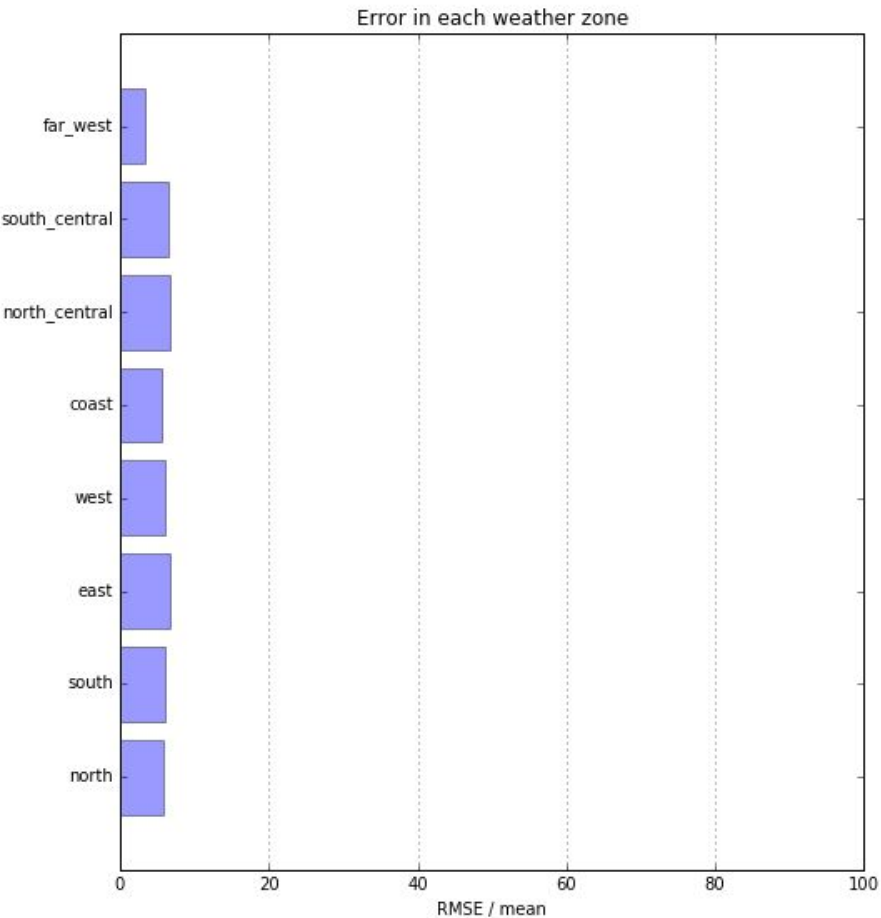




Accuracy methodology

- 80/20 train/test split
- RMSE of predicted vs. actual (over the test set)
- Divide RMSE by mean of test values
 - Normalize to a percentage





Weather zone	Error (RMSE / mean)
North	5.94%
South	5.59%
East	6.66%
West	6.33%
Coast	5.71%
North Central	7.11%
South Central	7.20%
Far West	3.17%

County-level predictions

- No data on actuals
- Multiply zone-level prediction by population percentage of county



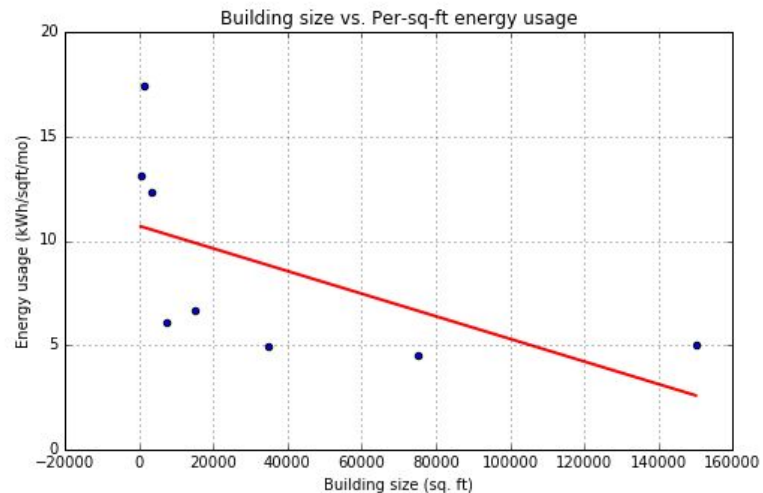
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Energy bill model

- Model energy usage as function of building size
- Least squares regression
- Approximation-generalization tradeoff



Data: Building Performance Database, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, United States Department of Energy



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Energy usage prediction service

```
$ curl -X POST -d '{"location": {"county": "McLennan"}, "date": "2015-02-14"}' $URL
{
  "error": {},
  "result": {
    "date": "2015-02-14",
    "location": {
      "county": "mclennan"
    },
    "value": 237301.16503092414
  },
  "unit": "MWh"
}
```



Energy bill service

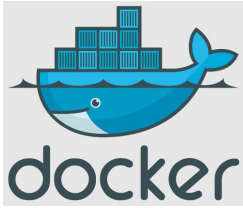
```
$ curl -X POST -d '{"square_feet": 1000}' $URL
{
  "error": {},
  "result": 933.4258796934,
  "unit": "USD"
}
```



Historical data service

```
$ curl $URL/south/2002-01-01
{
  "date": "2002-01-01",
  "unit": "MWh",
  "usage": 53817.17388275522,
  "weather_zone": "south"
}
```





- All services and the frontend deployed as containers
- Independently scalable, testable, maintainable
- Solves dependency conflicts
- Starting the application is a one-liner:

```
$ docker-compose up
```



APACHE HBASE

- Run-time access of weather data

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- Lightweight, scalable
- HTTP server
- Reverse proxy



- Python micro-framework
- Basis for microservices



gunicorn

- Lightweight, scalable
- Python WSGI server



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Flask

web development,
one drop at a time



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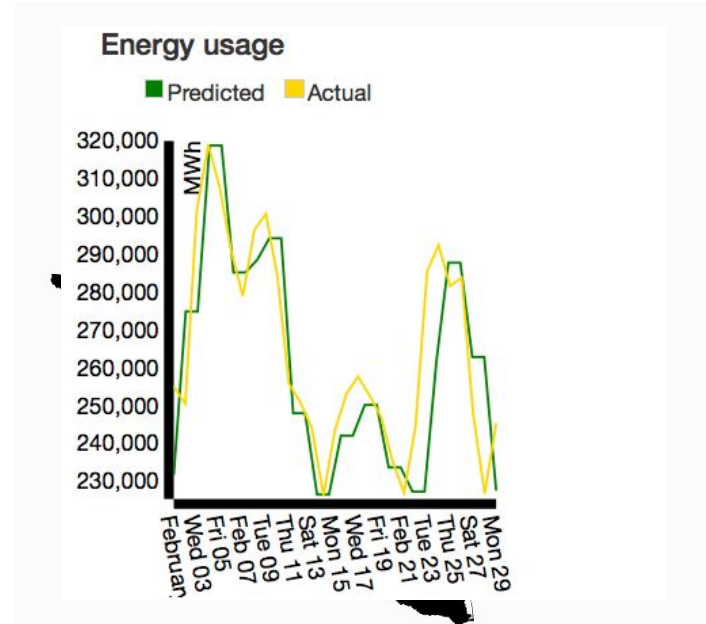


jQuery





- Data visualization in JavaScript
- Our uses:
 - Geographical map
 - Actuals vs. predictions



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Architecture – Microservices

- High cohesion
- Low coupling
- Testable
- Maintainable
- Scalable





Automated testing

```
energy-usage-prediction -- -bash -- 85x13
(env-test) taylors@SPL07: ~/dev/energy-usage-prediction
$ py.test test
===== test session starts =====
platform darwin -- Python 3.5.1, pytest-2.9.1, py-1.4.31, pluggy-0.3.1
rootdir: /Users/taylors/dev/energy-usage-prediction/test, inifile:
collected 124 items

test/test_energy_bill_service.py .....
test/test_frontend.py ..
test/test_historical_data_service.py .....
test/test_prediction_service.py .....

===== 124 passed in 5.29 seconds =====
```



Why us?

- Flexible
 - Loose coupling
- Scalable
 - Scale services independently
 - Hadoop
- Maintainable
 - Well-tested
 - Microservices easy to understand, change



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