

Better Buildings Residential Network Peer Exchange Call Series: *Highlights from ACEEE Summer Study Sessions (201)*

September 29, 2016

Call Slides and Discussion Summary



Agenda

- Agenda Review and Ground Rules
- Opening Polls
- Brief Residential Network Overview
- Featured Speakers
 - Nick Mark, Conservation & Renewable Energy Policy, CenterPoint Energy
 - Marti Frank, Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation
 - Ram Narayanamurthy, EPRI
 - Samara Larson, Sustainability and Property Services, LINC Housing
 - Elizabeth Chant, VEIC (Network Member)
- Discussion
- Closing Poll and Upcoming Call Schedule





Better Buildings Residential Network

Better Buildings Residential Network: Connects energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learn from one another to increase the number of homes that are energy efficient.

Membership: Open to organizations committed to accelerating the pace of home energy upgrades.

Benefits:

- Peer Exchange Calls 4x/month
- Tools, templates, & resources
- Recognition in media, materials
- Speaking opportunities

- Updates on latest trends
- Voluntary member initiatives
- Residential Program Solution
 Center guided tours

Commitment: Provide DOE with annual number of residential upgrades, and information about associated benefits.

For more information or to join, email bbresidentialnetwork@ee.doe.gov, or go to energy.gov/eere/bbrn and click Join





ACEEE Summer Study 2016

The ACEEE summer study brings together experts to discuss the technological basis for, and practical implementation of, actions to reduce energy use and the climate impacts associated with buildings.





The 2016 Summer Study was held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California August 21-26, 2016





Session Highlight, "Bridging the Gap Between Direct Install and Whole House Programs: Minneapolis Home Energy Squad Residential Engagement Pilot" CenterPoint Energy





Bridging the Gap Between Direct Install and Whole House Programs

Minneapolis Home Energy Squad Residential Engagement Pilot

Nick Mark

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CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

Carl Nelson

Director of Programs

Center for Energy & Environment

Starting Point: Home Energy Squad



- Joint gas-electric direct install program (Xcel Energy & CenterPoint Energy)
- ACEEE "Exemplary Program"
- Center for Energy and Environment is implementer
- Question: How can we drive more whole-house saving measures through this program?

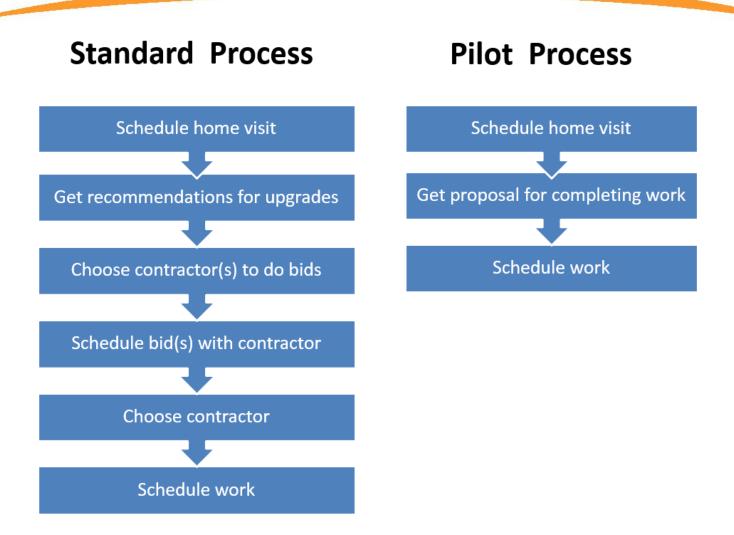






Pilot Process: Make it easier for customers to do insulation upgrades

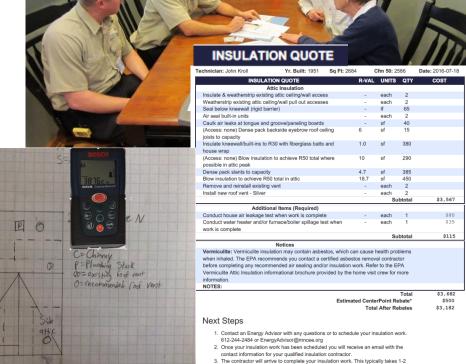




Providing bids at the home visit



- Pre-agreed on pricing from contractors
- Technicians measure insulation and enter information into iPads
- Bids generated on-site and discussed with customer



- The contractor will arrive to complete your insulation work. This typically takes days and you can begin enjoying improved comfort and lower energy bills.
- Apply for CenterPoint Energy insulation and air sealing rebates! Talk to your contractor about submitting a rebate application. For more information





- Email and phone follow-up
- Answered questions, and served to remind them of their pledge to complete work
- Used City of Minneapolis time-limited financing offering to create sense of urgency





Pilot Experimental Design



- Additional services in 1,000 Minneapolis homes
- Non-Minneapolis customers received standard HES visits as control group
- Planned to run pilot early 2015-2016
- Additional services cost \$295 per HES visit
- Questions:
 - Are pilot participants more likely to move forward with upgrades?
 - If so, is it enough to justify the incremental expense?





	Pilot	Base HES	REA
Total Participants	589	1,802	1,615
Pursuing Upgrades	91	38	112
Conversion Rate (z-stat of difference vs pilot)	15.4%	2.1% (8.7)	6.9% (5.3)

- Pilot visits through Nov. 2015
- HES and REA visits for calendar 2015
- Includes work scheduled but not completed at time of analysis

Preliminary Results (Savings)



	Pilot	Base HES	REA
Total Participants	589	1,802	1,615
Pursuing Upgrades	91	38	112
Energy Savings (Dth)	2,242	699	1,736
Savings per Participant (Dth)	3.8	0.4	1.1
Savings per Job (Dth)	24.6	18.4	15.5

- Air-sealing/Insulation Saving Only (no DI measures)
- Savings per approved deemed measures

Preliminary Results (Cost-Effectiveness)



- Utility and Societal Tests
- Incremental Savings vs Portfolio Impact
 - Are the additional 3.42 Dth per HES customer worth the incremental \$295?
- Is the overall portfolio better off with separate HES and ASI programs, or with an HES that includes additional services to build the link to ASI?
 - Considers both the cost to convert customer (\$295) and the ASI rebate

Considerations



- Possible Confounders
 - Free visits, zero-interest financing from City
- Sensitivities
 - Cost of services, frequency of opportunity
 - Conversion rate higher (20%) among homes with opportunities
- Training & Planning
- Timing
- Safety
 - > 25% had safety concerns

Next Steps



- Pilot services incorporated into 2017-2019 program in recent triennial filing
 - Cost per participant lower, more targeted in provision of services
- Pilot extended to run through 2016
 - Participation & budget goals met
 - Want to avoid disrupting services
- Analysis of complete pilot in first half of 2017



Nick Mark Manager, Conservation & Renewable Energy Policy CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas Minneapolis, Minnesota

Carl Nelson
Director of Programs
Center for Energy & Environment

Presentation Highlights: CenterPoint Energy

- To move homeowners beyond recommendation to implementation, provide:
 - Actionable information about the state of their home and the opportunities for upgrades.
 - A contractor bid at the time of audit to make it easy for them to move forward.
 - Support, such as an advisor, who can walk them through the process and add a level of customer service.
- While the measures above led to an increase in implementation, barriers still remain:
 - Safety issues tended to decrease customer willingness to move forward, as it can divert funds from energy upgrades to safety measures.
 - Copay for materials and technicians can discourage participation in the initial visit. By providing funding for income qualified homeowners, this can be minimized.





Session Highlight, "Who's Participating and Who's Not? The Unintended Consequences of Untargeted Programs"

Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation



Who's Participating and Who's Not?

The unintended consequences of untargeted programs

Marti Frank, Evaluation + Strategy

Methods overview

Approach Research synthesis

Sources Published evaluation reports from

PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, LADWP

Sample frame Every published residential program evaluation for the 2010-2012 program cycle,

66 reports

Findings Overview: Select California energy efficiency programs, 2010-2012

	Whole- house Retrofit	Plug Load/ Appliances	In- language education	Mfg'd home direct install
Income > \$100k	53%	48%	10%	Unknown
College degree	74%	87%	56%	11%
White	72%	Unknown	0%	94%
Primarily English speakers	Unknown	Unknown	3%	Unknown

Findings Overview: Select California energy efficiency programs, 2010-2012

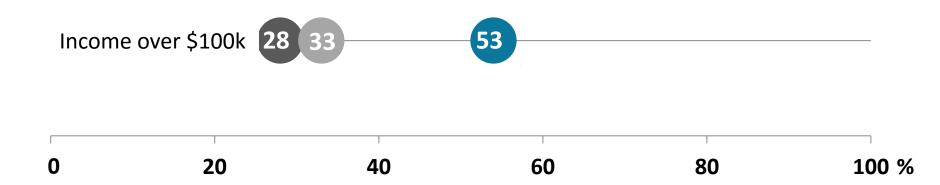
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[recap] ACEEE Summer Study 2016

Whole-house Retrofit: SCE, PG&E, SDG&E

Participants had high incomes

Compared to California ACS census data and RASS single-family homeowners



Appliances: SCE, PG&E, LADWP

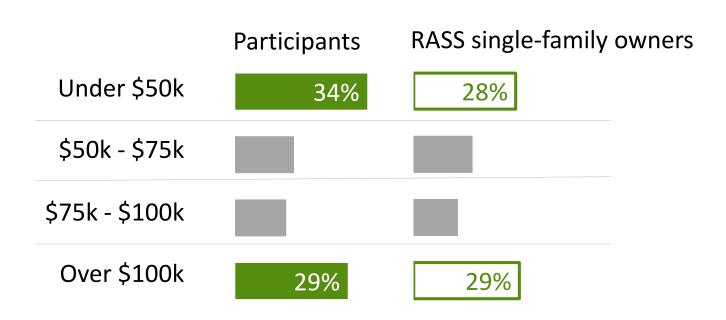
Nearly half of participants had incomes over \$100k

A majority of non-participants had incomes under \$50k

	Participants	Non-participants
Under \$50k		58%
\$50k - \$75k		
\$75k - \$100k		
Over \$100k	48%	

Refrigerator Recycling: SCE, PG&E, SDG&E, LADWP

Participants' income distribution is comparable to the population of RASS single-family homeowners



Control

Design = Control

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Buy-in cost
Outreach & marketing
Implementation approach

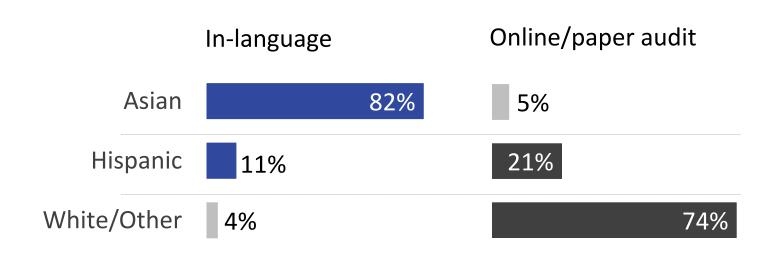
Impact of: Buy-in cost on retrofit participants

Was ARRA funding available for whole-house retrofits?

	YES	NO
Average incentives Projects initiated per quarter		\$4,500 ~250
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Income Participant Home value	Lower	Higher Higher
Location	Inland	Coastal

Impact of: Outreach & implementation on education program participants

In-language participants differed from online/paper home audit participants in race/ethnicity



Argument(s)

Program design elements like buy-in cost and outreach method determine participant characteristics.

Targeted programs succeed in engaging the desired population.

Untargeted programs result in a participant population that is largely white, upper income, college educated, or English speaking.

Call(s) to action

Evaluators

Collect demographics using US Census questions Report demographic data Analyze findings by demographic variables

Designers & implementers

Use participation data to innovate & refine program designs

Call(s) to action

Policy makers

Could there be goals for diversity in participation?

Funders

Could each program have a participation target?

Who's Participating and Who's Not?

The unintended consequences of untargeted programs

Marti Frank, Evaluation + Strategy

Presentation Highlights: Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation

- Data from aggregated studies shows that designers do have control over who participates in a program.
 - Large-scale, untargeted programs that are intended to serve all tend to be utilized by wealthier and whiter participants than the general population.
 - Programs that are intentionally designed to reach target demographics (e.g. low-income, non-native English speakers) have representative participant demographics.
- Recipe for success:
 - Low or no cost to participate: A California program that provided a rebate for recycling a refrigerator captured a higher proportion of low income households than are present in the general population.
 - Multilingual Outreach: If the target population includes nonnative English speakers, all communications should match this diversity, both in outreach channels and language.





Session Highlight, Smart Thermostats, Electric Power Research Institute





Smart Thermostats: Learnings from a Collaborative Study

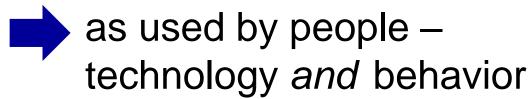
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EPRI smart thermostat collaborative

 Evaluate the impact of smart thermostats in real-world circumstances

Effects of thermostats



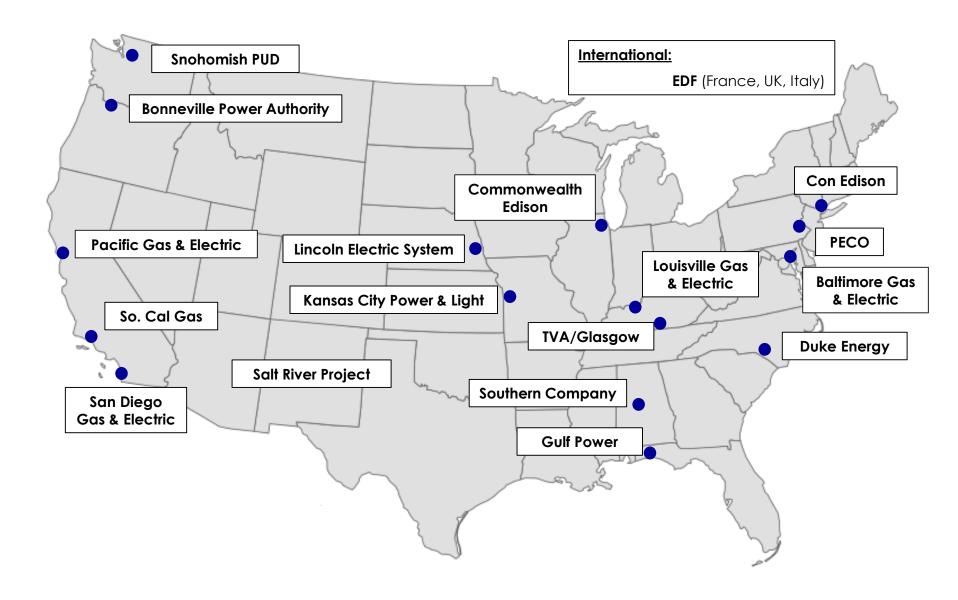


Do smart thermostats reduce demand & save energy?

Uses for thermostat data to benefit people and programs?



EPRI smart thermostat collaborative



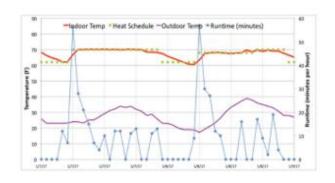
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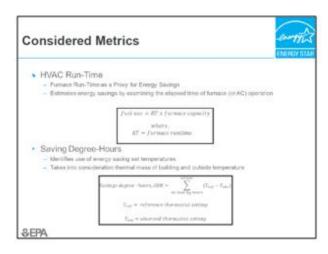
Pilots



Technology Scouting



Thermostat Data Analytics



EPA Collaboration



Measurement & Verification



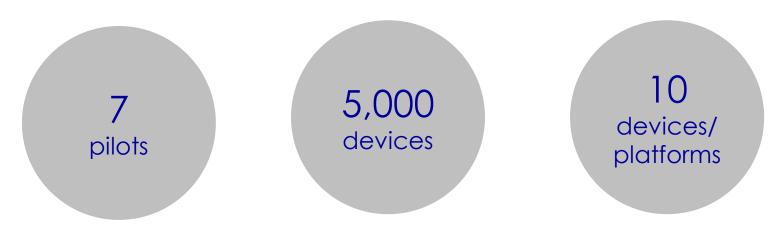
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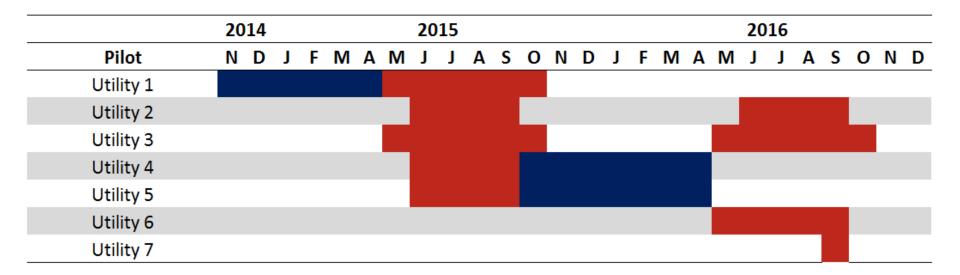
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Pilots

Pilots at a glance



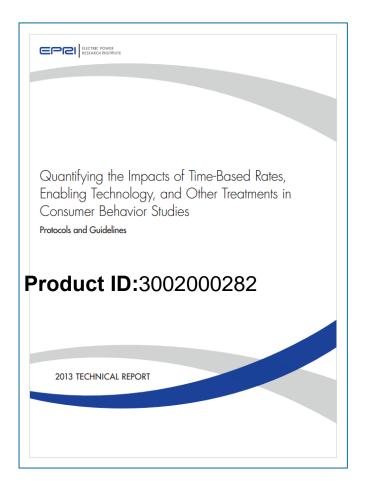


Winter Test Season Summer Test Season



Pilot design approach

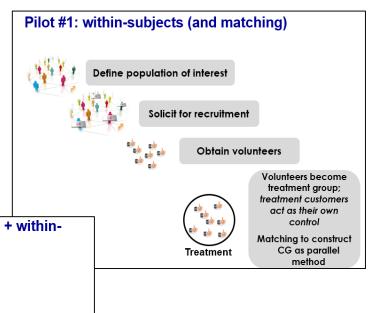
- Started with experimental
 - Randomized Controlled Trial
 - Randomized Controlled Trial, recruit & deny/delay
 - Randomized Encouragement Designs
 - Randomized Events (DR analyses)
- If not possible, quasi-experimental
 - Variation in adoption
 - Matching approaches
 - Within subjects

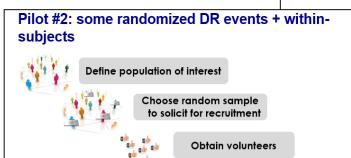




Pilot design lessons learned

- Of 4 early pilots designs
 - 1 randomized experiment
 - 3 quasi-experiments
 - 2 with some randomization

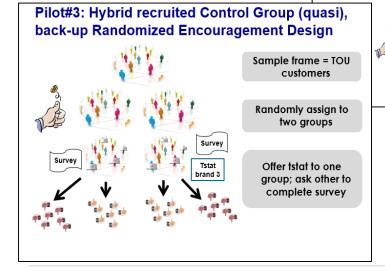


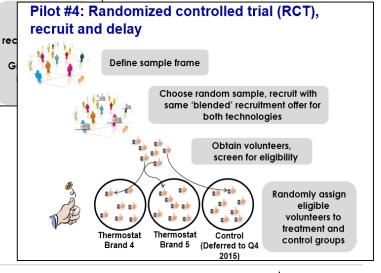


Treatment

no event

Control







Measurement & Verification

Preliminary impacts from four pilots

Demand Response Impacts (Hourly Ave Impact During Summer Events)

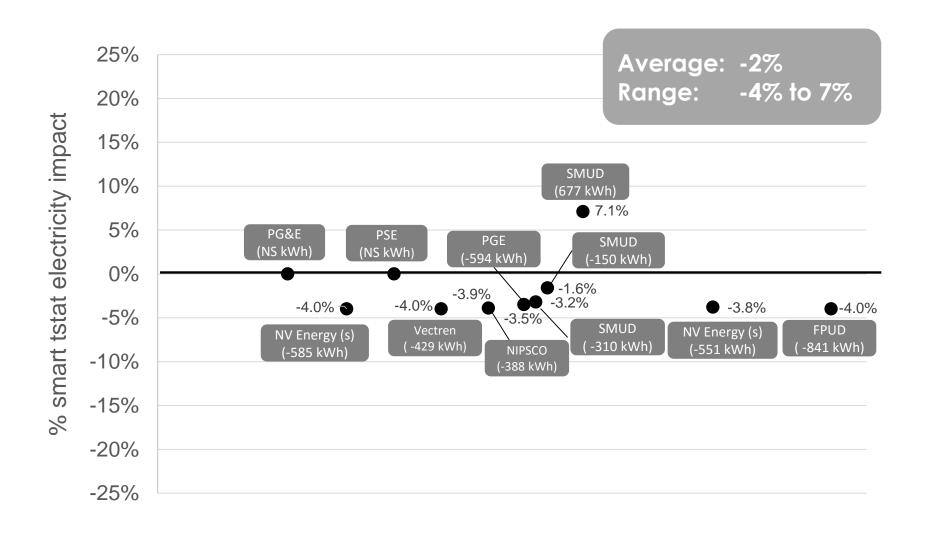
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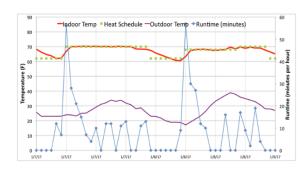
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Review of other utility-led EE smart thermostat studies Metric: annual electricity impact per household

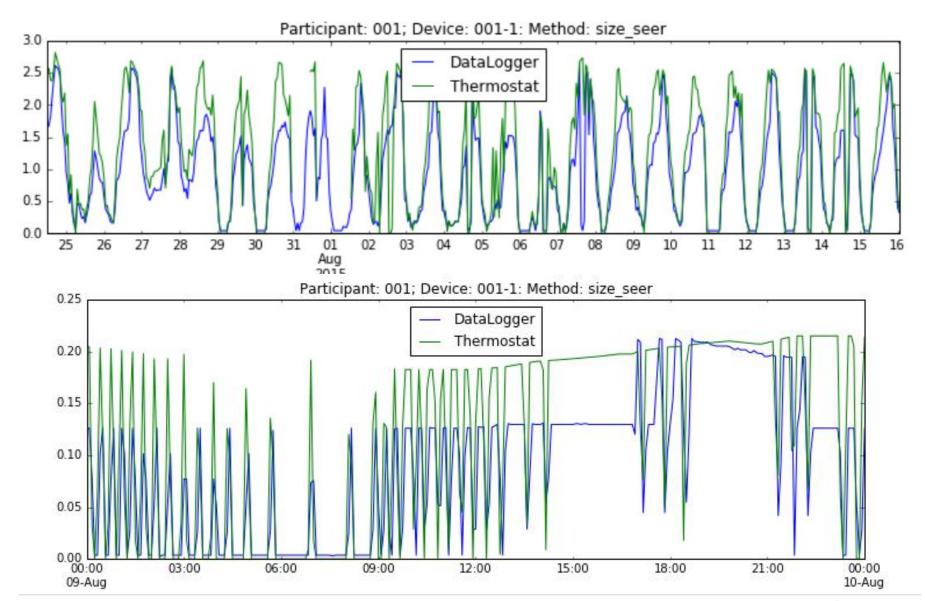




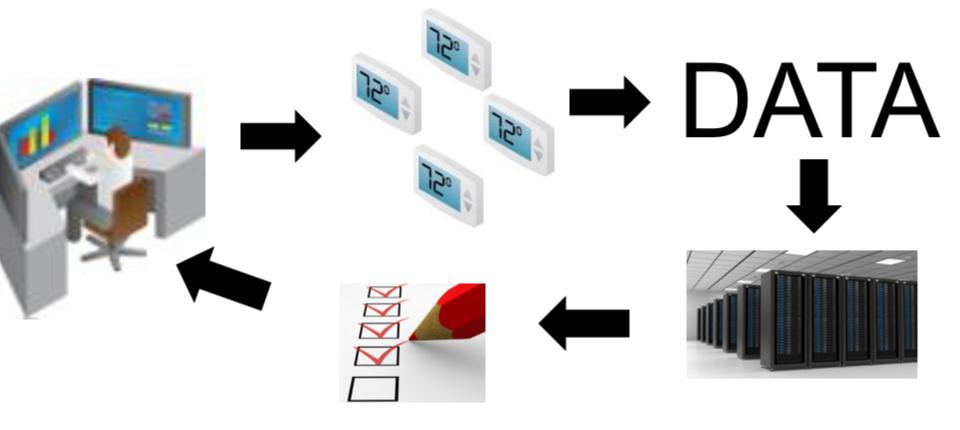
Thermostat Data Applications



Thermostat data value: estimating HVAC consumption



Thermostat data value: verifying events



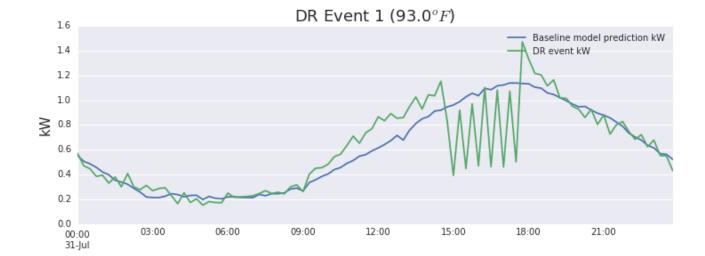
- Reports from vendor demand response mgmt. system (DRMS)
- Cross-validation using thermostat-level data
- Problem detected and corrective action in 9 days

Thermostat data value: verifying events

30-minute data: characteristics event 'notch'



5-minute data: saw tooth, meaning synchronous cycling







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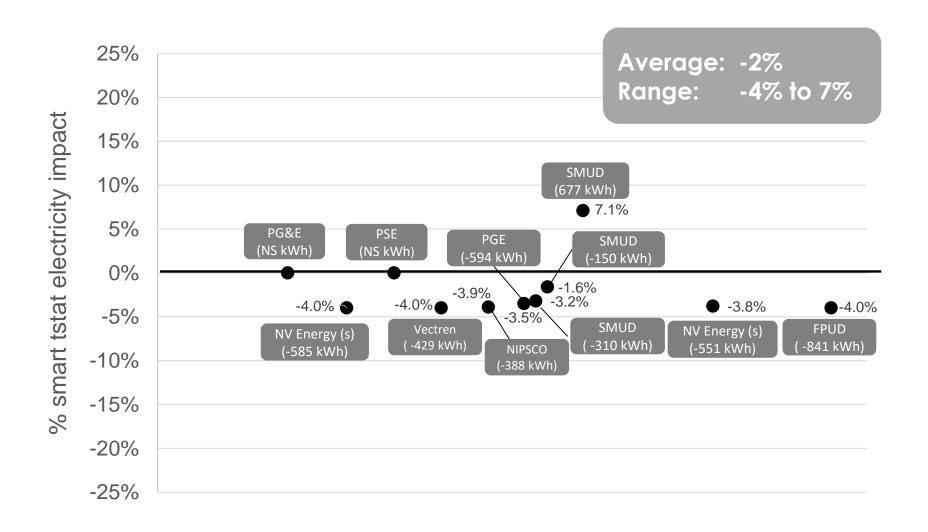
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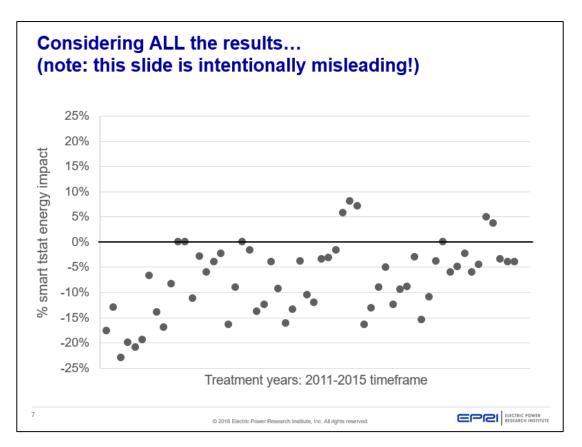


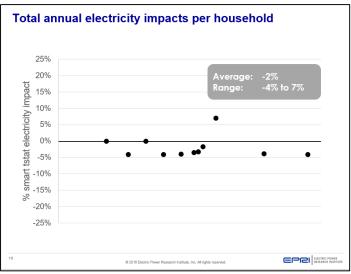
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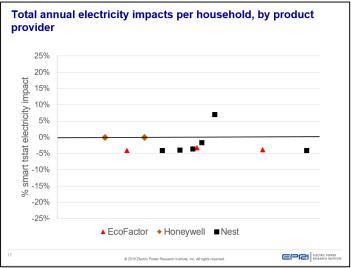


Energy Efficiency from Smart Thermostats

Results still not fully conclusive...









Leads us to.... What is a Smart Thermostat (FROM 2013)?

What is a Smart Thermostat?

- 2 way communications built-in/ modular
- Remote control and programming ease of use
- Captures data on HVAC, temperature, etc.



Consumer has master control



Easy access to key info Ubiquitous and control ubiquitous

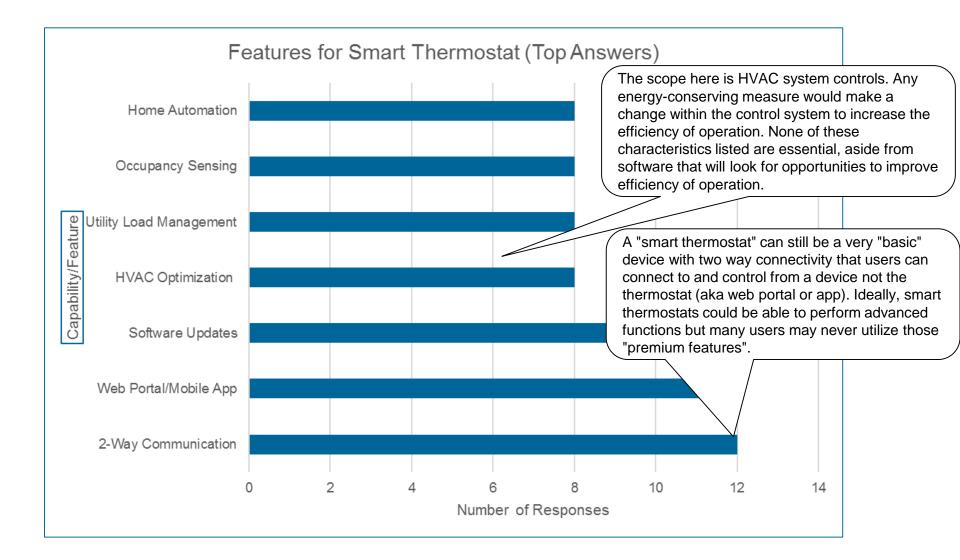


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Features for Smart Thermostat



Discussion Topics

• Is a connected thermostat necessarily "smart?" Is a smart thermostat necessarily connected or communicating?

• What are the minimum characteristics of smart thermostats to achieve energy/demand conservation?

 Discuss how your utility is approaching running IDSM programs for consumer appliances that change rapidly

Thank you!

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Ram Narayanamurthy

Jen Robinson



Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

Presentation Highlights: Electric Power Research Institute

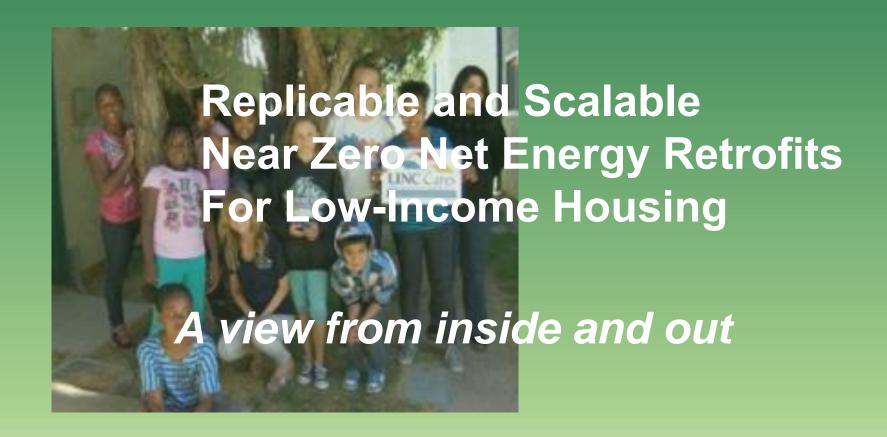
- The smart thermostat is at a critical point, where technology and behavior intersect, and this can help us answer questions about attitudes towards comfort.
- A Young Science: The study conducted by EPRI identified a number of limitations to drawing conclusions from the current data:
 - Thermostats labelled as "smart" have widely varying characteristics and many do not have the ability to capture data on the HVAC system as well as indoor and outdoor temps.
 - Although smart thermostats are seen as an energy efficiency measure, current results are varied with some homes using more energy after smart thermostats were installed.
- Studies like EPRI's are beginning to show us who engages with smart appliance technology and what trade offs they will make for energy use and comfort.





Session Highlight, "Replicable and Scalable Near-Zero Energy Retrofits for Low-Income Multifamily Housing: An Update" LINC Housing





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Overview:

Lancaster, California 100 affordable units 28 2-story buildings 1 – 3 bedrooms 650sf -1,050 sf 1970's construction Owner-paid gas **Tenant-paid electricity Roof mounted HVAC** Boilers at 8/10 plex





Gas usage reduced

50%

Per unit: 234 therms/year \$212/year

Electricity usage reduced

22%

Per unit: 902 kWh/year \$93/year









Presentation Highlights: LINC Housing

- **Turnover:** Residents in rental housing that are inconvenienced by construction often do not stay long enough to see the full benefit of the upgrades. Program design should take this into account and provide immediate incentives to residents.
- Shared Space: Oftentimes, there is not funding for common area improvements, which often require attention during a retrofit. Providing funding for these improvements can help owners make the leap.
- Requirements: The majority of energy efficiency incentive programs have cumbersome requirements for the owner on top of requiring staff resources. Providing a streamlined process can help mitigate these disincentives for owners and managers.
- **Job Training:** An upgrade can provide a valuable opportunity for on-site job training for residents. Programs should look at possibilities for multi-benefits when designing multifamily retrofit programs.





Session Highlight, "Swiftly and Massively: Moving 115,000 Units of Multifamily Affordable Housing to Higher" VEIC



Swiftly and Massively: Moving 115,000 Units of Multifamily Affordable Housing to Higher Efficiency

Elizabeth Chant, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation Rebecca Schaaf, Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future Toby Ast, Preservation of Affordable Housing





A Strategy to...

- Reduce operating costs
- Reduce energy and water rate risk exposure
- Promote change within affordable housing regulatory structures
- Influence utility incentive programs
- Change organizational cultures
- Attract resources





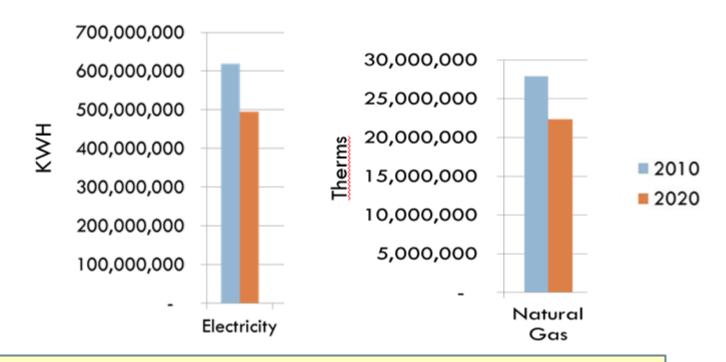
The Big Reach

SAHF members will lead the industry in the long-term preservation of affordable housing by reducing energy and water use portfolio-wide by 20% by 2020, achieved through a mix of energy and water efficiency, energy and water conservation, and renewable energy.





Baseline - 20% = Big Savings



Savings:

124 Million KWH

5.6 Million Therms







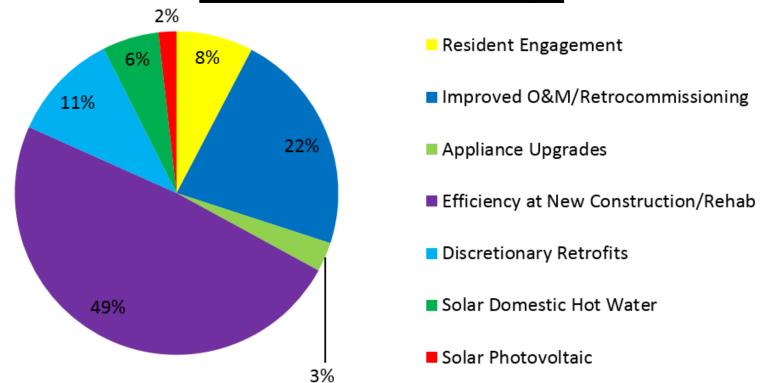
Work Plan Results

Expected Savings



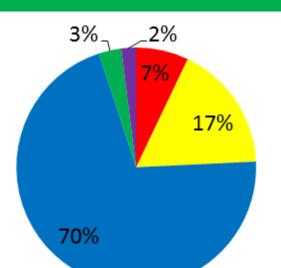


Sources of Savings

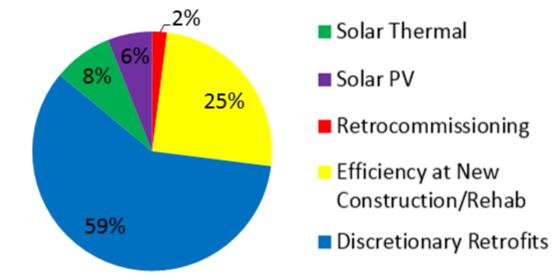


Prevalence of Pathways

Projected
Per 2013 Work Plans



Actual Per Big Reach Tracker (through June 2016)







Scale Helps Drive Policy



ENERGY Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy









Thank you!

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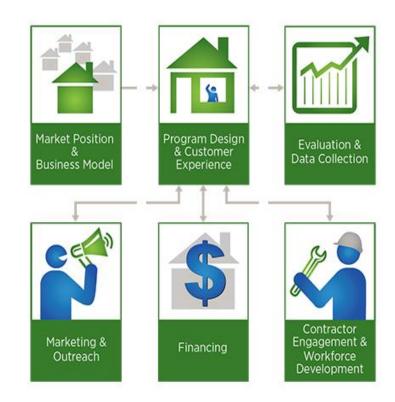
- Energy and water costs are some of the largest, controllable costs that a multifamily building operator has control of in their cost structure.
- Each multifamily property has different opportunities for savings depending on age of the structure, geographic location, incentive availability etc. Understand your context to determine the pathway.
 - For example, in California, where renewable energy portfolio standards are high and market providers are plentiful, solar PV was a very cost effective strategy.
 - Oftentimes, in the SAHF program, energy efficiency projects went much deeper than initially expected, leading to higher efficiency.





Explore planning, implementation, & evaluation strategies in the Residential Program Solution Center

- Handbooks explain why and how to implement specific stages of a residential program.
- Quick Links provide easy access to resources on the key issues that many programs face.
- Proven Practices posts include lessons learned, examples, and helpful tips from successful programs.
 - See the latest post on <u>Contractor Financing</u> <u>Education</u>.



https://rpsc.energy.gov

The Solution Center is continually updated to support residential energy efficiency programs—<u>member ideas are wanted!</u>





1st Ever Energy Efficiency Day Is Oct. 5th



Save energy. Save money.

- Promote the benefits of energy efficiency for the first-ever, nationwide Energy Efficiency Day!
- <u>Digital media toolkit</u> includes: Logos, hashtags, pictures, and messages to boost the visibility and benefits of energy efficiency
- Use hashtag #EEDay2016 on social media Oct. 5





Better Buildings Summit

What residential energy efficiency topics would you like to see discussed at the May 2017 Better Buildings Summit?

collectincorporating thermal building flowbetter weatherization ≤agencies family





Peer Exchange Call Series

We hold one Peer Exchange call the first four Thursdays of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm ET

Calls cover a range of topics, including financing & revenue, data & evaluation, business partners, multifamily housing, and marketing & outreach for all stages of program development and implementation

Upcoming calls:

- October 6: Secret Sauce: Recruiting and Retaining Qualified Contractors (101)
- October 13: Moving Beyond Split-Incentives: Engaging Rental Property Tenants and Owners in Energy Efficiency (301)
- October 20: Here Comes the Sun: Advances in Residential Solar (301)
- October 27: Connect 4: Energy Efficiency in Relation to Other Program and City Goals (101)

Send call topic ideas to <u>peerexchange@rossstrategic.com</u>
See the Better Buildings Residential Network Program <u>website</u> to register

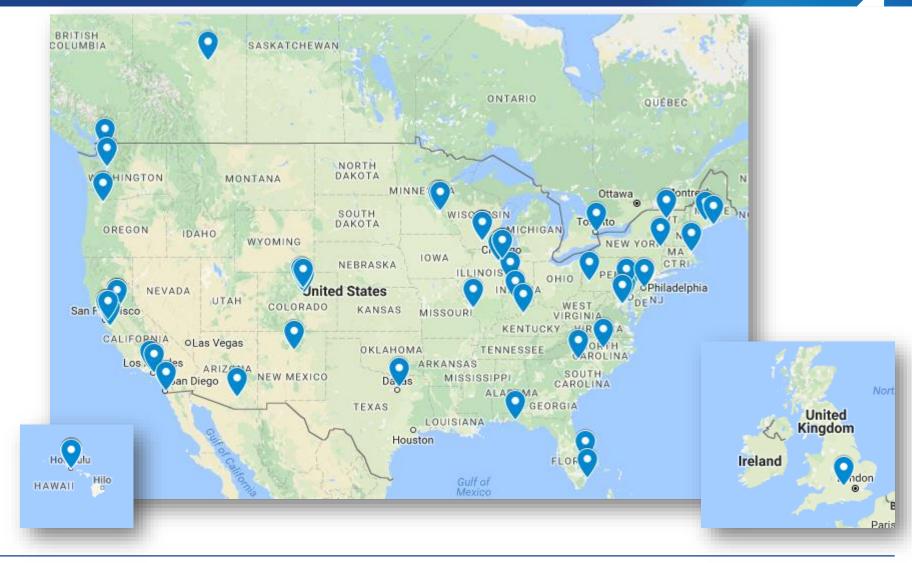




Addenda: Attendee Information and Poll Results



Call Attendee Locations







Call Attendees: Network Members (1 of 2)

- Advanced Energy
- American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
- Bridging The Gap
- Build It Green
- Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)
- Center for Sustainable Energy
- City of Cambridge
- City of Plano
- City of Sunnyvale
- CLEAResult
- Earth Advantage Institute
- Efficiency Maine
- Elevate Energy
- Empower Efficiency, LLC
- Enhabit

- Essess, Inc.
- Honeywell International, Inc.
- Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
- Michigan Saves
- Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)
- Milepost Consulting, Inc.
- Mitsubishi Electric Cooling and Heating
- New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- North Slope Borough Public Works Weatherization Program
- Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP)





Call Attendees: Network Members (2 of 2)

- Research Into Action, Inc.
- Seventhwave
- Southface
- Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC)
- Virginia Energy Sense
- Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC)





Call Attendees: Non-Members (1 of 3)

- Affordable Community Energy Services Company
- Air Conditioning Contractors of America
- AjO
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Applied Performance Technologies
- ASC Energy
- Association for Energy Affordability
- BA Consult
- Ballarat Consulting
- Bam Superior Solutions
- Bki
- 94• BPA

- Brand Cool
- BRANZ
- Cadmus Group Inc.
- California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority
- California Public Utilities
 Commission
- City and County of San Francisco
- City of Bloomington
- City of Philadelphia
- Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.
- Craft3
- Edge Energy
- Electric Power Research Institute
- Emerald Cities Seattle





Call Attendees: Non-Members (2 of 3)

- Emerson Climate Tech
- Emerson Climate Technologies
- Enbridge Gas Distribution
- Energy Design Update
- Energy Gas & Industries
 Association
- Energy Resources Group
- Energy Solutions
- EnergyLink
- Environmental Design / Build
- Facility Strategies Group
- Flathead Electric Cooperative
- Franklin Energy
- FS Energy
- GoodCents
- Greenbanc LLC
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- Healthy Building Research
- Home Office Training & Technology
- iCustom Inc.
- Island Institute
- Jantilli Design
- Johns Manville
- King County, WA
- LINC Housing / SEED Partners
- MidPen Housing
- Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Natural Resources Canada
- Natural Resources Defense Council





Call Attendees: Non-Members (3 of 3)

- New Jersey Natural Gas
- Nexant
- Ohio Wind Working Group
- Okaloosa Gas District
- Ontario Ministry of Energy
- Opportunity Council / Community
 Energy Challenge
- OR Department of Energy
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- PG&E Energy Training Center
- Point Energy
- PosiGen Solar
- Purdue university
- Renew Financial
- Rothschild Doyno Collaborative
- Seattle City Light

- Smart Green Realty
- Solar & Energy Loan Fund
- Southern Energy Management
- Southwest Energy Efficiency Project
- State of New Mexico
- Sweet Sustainable Solutions
- SyrQul
- Terracel Energy
- The Cadmus Group, Inc.
- Therma-Stor LLC
- University of Alabama
- University of Coimbra
- USDA Forest Products Laboratory
- USG Corp.
- Valent Air
- Ventacity Systems, Inc
- VOCA Off Grid





Opening Poll

- Which of the following best describes your organization's familiarity with the ACEEE Summer Sessions?
 - Limited experience/familiarity 38%
 - Very experienced/familiar 23%
 - No experience/familiarity 21%
 - Some experience/familiarity 18%
 - Not applicable 0%



Closing Poll

- After today's call, what will you do?
 - Seek out additional information on one or more of the ideas 74%
 - Consider implementing one or more of the ideas discussed 13%
 - Make no changes to your current approach 13%
 - Other (please explain) 0%



