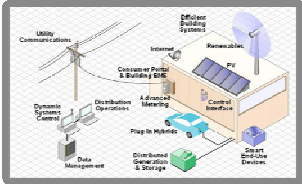




## Building Energy Efficiency and the Smart Grid

*Providing consumers with energy diagnostics, feedback, control*

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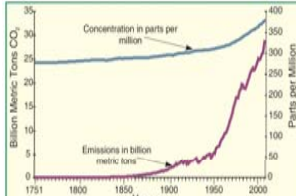
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## MIT Energy Research

*Innovative solutions required:*

- By imbalanced world energy supply and demand,
- And to prevent unmanageable, irreversible climate change.



1. How Does Efficiency Stack up?  
...i.e. How Large, Clean, Cheap, Safe, Quick?
2. How does Society make Efficiency Happen?


## MIT Energy Efficiency Strategy Project

How will we Enable Energy Efficiency?

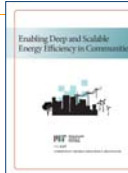
US Buildings consume 71% of all electricity, 55% of all natural gas

Goal: 30% efficiency achievable by 2030 with 4 Deployment options:

Public funding models, incl. utilities:	<i>carrots</i>
Codes and Standards:	<i>sticks</i>
Data and intelligence-driven :	<i>information</i>
New Business Models:	<i>innovation</i>



Transforming the nation's consumers: good energy decisions (ie lower discount rates) *change everything.*



## National Action Plan for Utility-based Energy Efficiency

*Efficiency Spending increasing from \$4 B in 2009 to \$10 B by 2012*

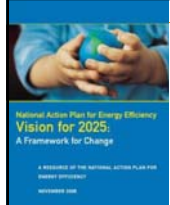
**Vision: An Elegant Balancing Act?**

- Utility Incentives: Efficiency = Supply Resources
- Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification Mechanisms

OR another way?

- Public control of programs?
- Smart Grid
- An innovative Ecosystem for private enterprise?
- Codes/standards

*Do we want, trust, need utilities to do efficiency?*



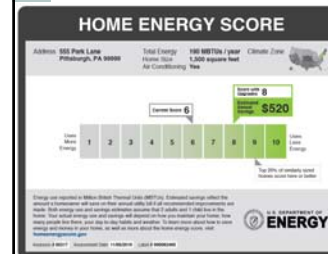
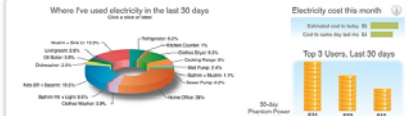
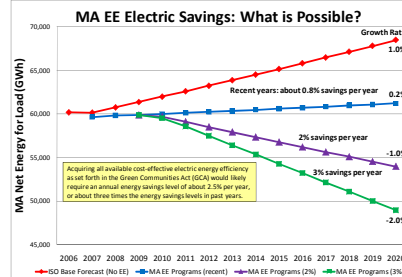
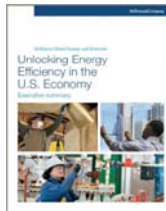
## Massachusetts – 2008 Green Communities Act

Establishes the requirement that utilities support their customers to install:

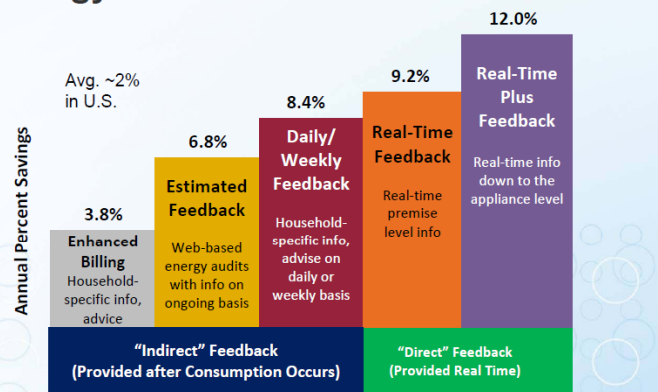
- All-cost effective efficiency that costs less than energy supply, 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2012
- Target: Reduce energy needs with efficiency by 2.4% per year by 2012
- Utility Efficiency Budgets: \$125 mm 2009 - \$2 B 2010- 2012

Some headwinds, some delays,

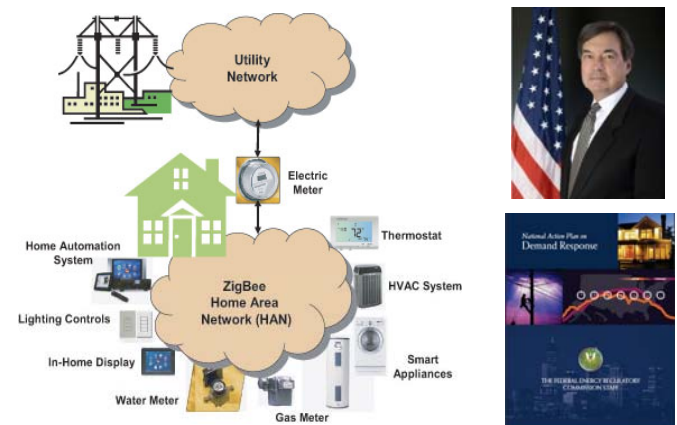
- but moving forward.



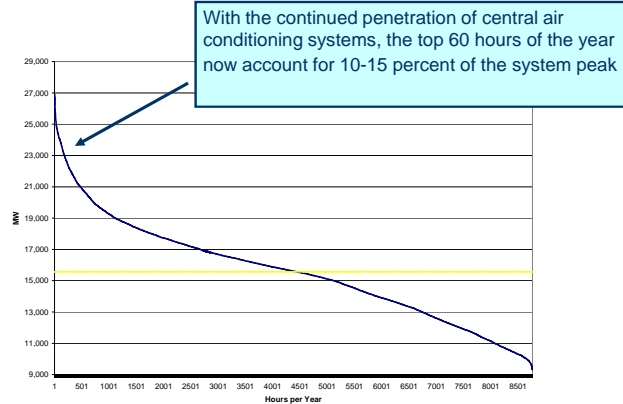
## Providing Consumers with Feedback on Energy Use



## Next up – Demand Response/Dynamic Pricing



## The Demand Response Issue: The Load Duration Curve *Continues to Erode*



## AMI: “Advanced Meter Infrastructure”



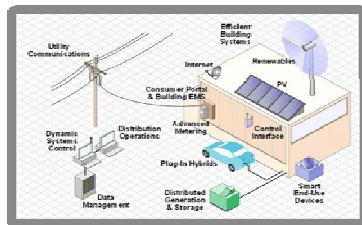
- automates the meter read process,
- increases the frequency of reads to at least hourly,
- possibly communicates two-way between utility and meter for demand response (DR) services.
- Possibly communicates between meter and home for monitoring services.
- *Widely viewed as a key node in the Smart Grid* – providing operation visibility to endpoint, aggregated neighborhood and transformer assets.

### Economics:

- Costs \$150-\$200 per home for smart meters (plus LAN)
- 60-100% covered by operating benefits – usually *raises rates*.
- \$25-\$50 annual resource benefit from hourly pricing.
- Potential 2x to 4x benefits with analysis, home controls.

## LAN: “Local Area Networks” within buildings

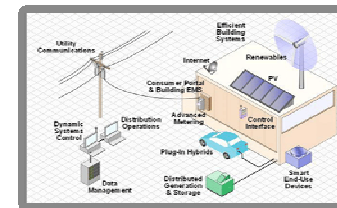
- Devices with reporting, control, on-board intelligence.
- Communications (powerline or wireless) between devices.
- Managing software process (in-home dedicated server, utility managed off-site, or Internet).
- Consumer display device (kitchen, thermostat) or multi-purpose display (TV, computer, phone).



## What does the Smart Grid have to do with Energy Efficiency?

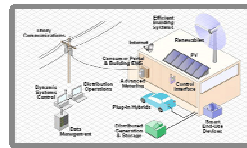
Potentially, the customer side of Smart Grid architecture may address this opportunity with three strategies:

- utility control of peak building energy use,
- time-differentiated dynamic electricity pricing, and
- more frequent and granular energy consumption data to support operational improvements and behavior change.

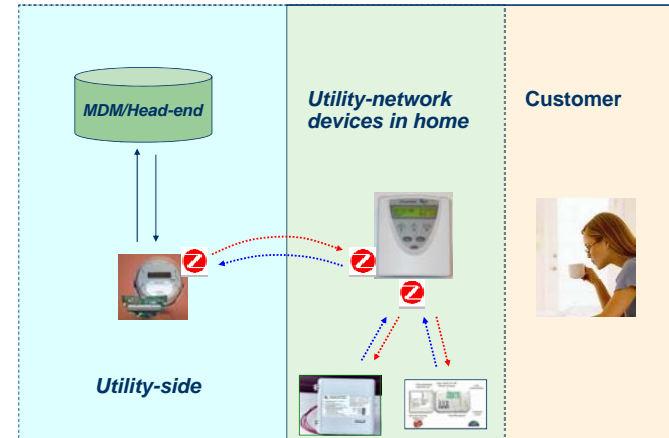


**Key architecture issue:**  
**Utility-controlled vs. Consumer-controlled energy networks**

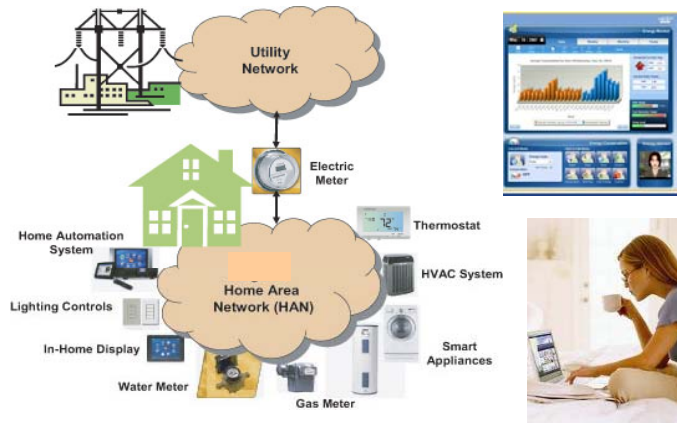
- **Who will deliver** the Smart Grid technology and services that will impact the consumer directly:
  - regulated utilities or firms competing in unregulated markets?
- **Who will control** the “smarts”:
  - utility or consumer, or some combination?
- **And how do choices impact energy** and the likelihood that innovative business models will get to scale?



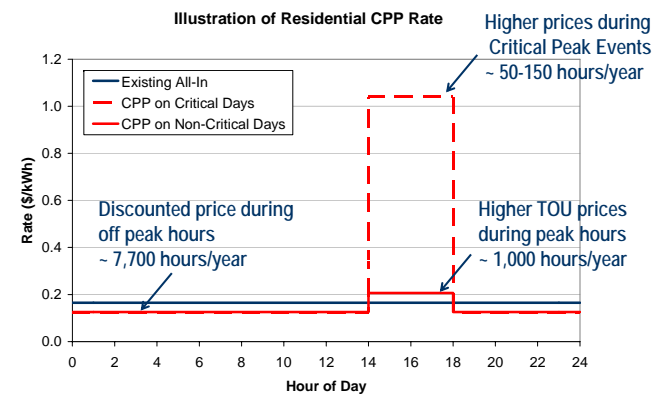
**Utility Private Network Architecture – utility provides meter-to-devices communication and control**



**Customer Side of Smart Grid = Responsive Energy**  
**Providing consumers with energy diagnostics, feedback, control**



**AMI needed for Time-Dependent (dynamic) Pricing**



## Consumer-responsive Architecture = Providing consumers with energy diagnostics, feedback, control

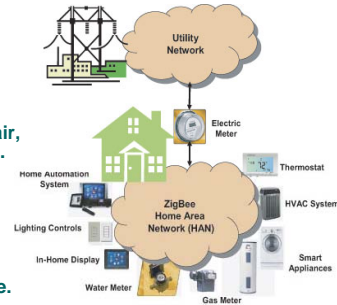
refers to systems for optimizing consumers' end-use needs (especially air conditioning, heat, hot water)

- based on weather, schedules, and time differentiated costs.

Time-differentiated rates are more fair, and some would argue inevitable.

Customer Responsive Systems work 24/7,

- providing efficiency as well as peak demand response.

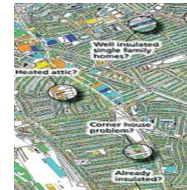


## Smart Grid/AMI Granular Energy Data: - energy diagnostics, feedback, control

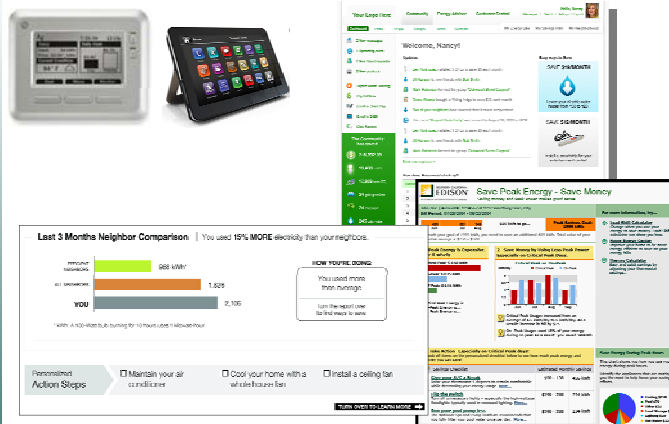
Behavior impacts of smart grid-based information options may be as high as 30%:



- Daily
- End-use
- Carbon Footprint?
- Collective Action?
- Fault-detection
- Thematic Control – *make me green*
- Control Precision
- Adaptive Control Strategies



## Only at the very beginning of adding inference/diagnostics to the Energy Internet



## Key Hypothesis: Utilities create the enabling conditions for market-based systems

- To accomplish this, utilities, regulators should focus on:
  - consumer-centric architectures for appliance control,
  - Open and public architecture for AMI communication,
  - Encouraging a broad ecosystem of content providers, including utilities.
- 2013 – How will efficiency look – when the politics change?
- Smart meters and dynamic pricing – will we move forward?
- The nation's consumers – will we innovate, educate, and support good energy decisions? (ie lower discount rates)
- We can do this – but can we do it in time?