

Smart T-Stats, Building Science, & the Connected Home

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Introductions

Agenda















75 Years of Progress

Programmable Thermostat

- Daily/Weekly Schedule
- Allows setbacks
- Historically not user friendly



Device Types

Programmable Communicating Thermostat (PCT)

- Programmable Thermostat with web access
- Access through computer, smart phone, or tablet
- Improved user interface
- Integrated DR or connected features





Device Types

Smart / Learning Thermostat

- PCTs that integrate additional algorithms and/or features (e.g., motion detectors, weather) that "learn" customers preferences
- Automatically make thousands of minor adjustments over the course of a year which can add up to noticeable savings without impacting comfort



Device Types

Optimization

- Cloud-based services to optimize communicating thermostats
- Often hardware agnostic
- Depends on consistent Wi-Fi connection



Cloud Optimization

Thermostat Definitions

| Tier | Title | Definition | |
|--------|--|---|--|
| Tier 1 | Programmable Thermostat | Customer-programmed temperature set points schedule | |
| Tier 2 | Programmable Communicating Thermostat (PCT) | Tier 1 features, plus Remote customer access to adjust set points Remote utility control of set points for demand response (DR) | |
| Tier 3 | Analytics-Capable Thermostat (Smart Thermostat) | Tier 2 features, plus Additional energy savings features through analytics Enhanced customer engagement Enhanced program planning and evaluation with robust customer- specific datasets | |
| | | Source: Michigan Energy Measures Database (MEMD) | |

MEMD Definitions

ENERGY STAR® Specification

Device Requirements

- In the absence of connectivity, acts as basic thermostat
- Static temperature accuracy of $\pm 2^{\circ}$ F
- Network standby power ≤ 3 W
- Time to standby \leq 5 min

Product Requirements

- Users can set and maintain a schedule
- Feedback to occupants about energy impacts of their choices
- Provide users info related to their HVAC energy consumption
- Can collect data need for field savings metric calculation
- Includes basic Demand Response (DR) criteria

Field Savings*

| Metric | Statistical measure | Performance Requirement |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| Annual % run time | Lower 95% confidence limit of weighted national average | ≥ 8% |
| reduction, heating (HS) | 20 th percentile of weighted national average | ≥ 4% |
| Annual % run time | Lower 95% confidence limit of weighted national average | ≥ 10% |
| reduction, cooling (CS) | 20 th percentile of weighted national average | ≥ 5% |
| Average resistance heat utilization for heat pump installations (RU) | National mean in 5°F outdoor temperature bins from 0 to 60°F | Reporting requirement |



*Alternate path available



Energy Savings

| | Electric Cooling Energy Savings (kWh/ft2) | Electric ER HeatingEnergy Savings (kWh/ft2) | Electric HP Heating Energy Savings (kWh/ft2) | Gas Heating Energy Savings (therms/ft2) |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Deemed Savings | 0.287 | 0.81 | 0.289 | 0.035 |
| | | | | |
| 1,500 ft2 Home | 430.5 | 1215 | 433.5 | 52.5 |
| 2,000 ft2 Home | 574 | 1620 | 578 | 70 |
| 2,500 ft2 Home | 717.5 | 2025 | 722.5 | 87.5 |
| 3,000 ft2 Home | 861 | 2430 | 867 | 105 |
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Arkansas TRM v5

National Landscape

- Savings assumptions are listed in 10 TRMs
- Annual savings range from 104 kWh to 462 kWh
- Peak demand savings range from .126 kW to .438 kW
- Incremental measure costs range from \$139 \$250
- Average rebates at \$100



Energy Savings

Demand Response

• Smart Thermostats offer a unique opportunity to combine energy efficiency and demand response



Demand Response

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• 2-way communication rethinks the traditional DR approach



2-Way Communications

Data Driven Analytics



Beyond kWh

HVAC Monitoring



Data Analysis

Customer Engagement

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Branded Communications

Please rate the importance of the following statements on why you applied for the pilot:

(Not Important / Somewhat Important / Neutral / Important / Very Important)

- I like to be the first to try new technology: 35% Important
- I want to control my thermostat via smart phone: 59% Very Important
- The thermostat will help me save energy: 76% Very Important
- The thermostat will improve my home's comfort: 49% Very Important

SMECO Pilot Applicants

Have you noticed any changes in comfort after the thermostat has been installed?

- Yes, my home is more comfortable: 47.24%
- No, my home is less comfortable: 6.30 %
- I didn't notice a difference: 46.46%

Comfort

Customer Surveys

The use of thermostat notifications for energy efficiency opportunities is:

- Informative: 78%
- Intrusive: 8%
- Convenient: 58%
- Timely: 22%

Would thermostats be a good method of communication for emergency event notifications such as power outages or severe weather potential?

- Yes: 91%
- No: 9%

Messaging

Customer Surveys



Overall Satisfaction



Are Customers Ready?



Diffusion of Innovation Theory

Source: Statisica

Are Customers Ready?

Projected Smart Devices & DERs Nationwide 2014-2025 (Cumulative #)



Rapid Growth

Smart thermostats Rooftop solar PV Electric vehicles Behind-the-meter storage Smart water heaters

Do you know the difference?







Connected vs Smart

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Potential HERS Impacts

| House Type | Sq. ft. | Heating/Cooling Type | Construction Standard | Original HERS | Modified HERS | Potential HERS Impact |
|---------------|---------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Townhome | 1,000 | Heat Pump | 2015 IECC | 80 | 76 | -4 |
| Townhome | 1,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | 2015 IECC | 80 | 75 | -5 |
| Townhome | 1,000 | Heat Pump | EStar v3.1 | 64 | 60 | -4 |
| Townhome | 1,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | EStar v3.1 | 61 | less than 58 | -3 |
| Single Family | 1,500 | Heat Pump | 2015 IECC | 80 | 74 | -6 |
| Single Family | 1,500 | Gas Furnace/AC | 2015 IECC | 80 | 72 | -8 |
| Single Family | 1,500 | Heat Pump | EStar v3.1 | 64 | 59 | -5 |
| Single Family | 1,500 | Gas Furnace/AC | EStar v3.1 | 61 | less than 57 | -4 |
| Single Family | 2,000 | Heat Pump | 2015 IECC | 80 | 73 | -7 |
| Single Family | 2,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | 2015 IECC | 80 | 69 | -11 |
| Single Family | 2,000 | Heat Pump | EStar v3.1 | 64 | 57 | -7 |
| Single Family | 2,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | EStar v3.1 | 61 | less that 55 | -6 |
| Single Family | 3,000 | Heat Pump | 2015 IECC | 80 | less than 69 | -11 |
| Single Family | 3,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | 2015 IECC | 80 | 65 | -15 |
| Single Family | 3,000 | Heat Pump | EStar v3.1 | 64 | less than 55 | -9 |
| Single Family | 3,000 | Gas Furnace/AC | EStar v3.1 | 61 | less than 54 | -7 |

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Energy Savings

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4 – 7 HERS Index Points



Source: Building America Solution Center

- \$800-\$1500 upgrade cost from standard DHW
- Requires additional plumbing (condensate drain)
- Some customer concern over noise/temperature offset

HPWH

4 – 7 HERS Index Points



 \$900-\$1200 upgrade cost from 14 Seer to 18 Seer AC

Upgraded HVAC

4 – 7 HERS Index Points



Source: Building America Solution Center

- \$800-\$2000 additional cost
- Often requires re-design

Ducts in Conditioned Space

What should be 4 – 7 HERS Index Points....







- \$169-\$249 additional cost
- Immediate differentiator from used homes
- Entry point into smart home technology

Smart Thermostat

HVAC Monitoring



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Key Benefits for builders



1. Enhanced Energy Savings for Homeowners

- Smart thermostats deliver between 13-23% energy savings over standard programmable thermostat
- Smart thermostats can enhance energy saving technology in new homes (high efficiency HVAC, System Monitoring, etc.)

2. Reaching your target buyer



- Millennials are now the largest in the workforce¹
- 4 in10 Millennials have identify being interested in smart home products and that number is growing²
- Biggest barrier to adoption includes navigating the infant connected home space
- Builders have the opportunity to add greater value to the buyer and an important role in helping them navigate the connected home space, which can be a key point of difference vs their competition

3. Utility alignment

- Utilities across NA are investing to drive adoption of smart thermostat technology
- Rebate programs in many regions creates strong incentive for builders and homeowner to install
- Increased focus on energy savings and Demand Response programs is going to increase requirement for smart thermostats

Recap

- 1. "Millennials Now Largest Generation in the U.S. Workforce", Time May 11, 2015
- 2. NPD- June 23, 2015
Food for thought...

- Energy Efficiency saw its peak in the new construction industry occur in 2012, highest market penetration over 40% of homes nationally.
- No national downturn in housing since that time.
- HERS Rating and the associated efficiency improvements above code cost \$1,000 per house.
- Smart Homes cost \$500 and dropping.
- Energy efficiency hasn't produced the differentiation from marketing purposes.
- Easier to teach sales reps to control home from iPad

Weak Signals in the Market



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What do they want?

- Comfort
- Convenience
- Savings



Our Customers

How it looks today ...



The Connected Home

Smart Home Automation and Control Applications



What are Customer's telling us ...

Highly Interested

Already Doing It

Smart Thermostats - IoT Movement – Connected Home They are ALL related ...



- Current estimates have IoT adoption between 30-50 billion units by 2020
- This represents approx. \$6
 Trillion in spending over the next
 5 years
- Every category of products is likely to be effected
- Space is still young and consumers need help to navigate which is a collective opportunity for all of us ... great curated, customer experiences

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What is the media telling us ...

Smart/Connected Home

- NAHB research shows that smart home technology including heating/cooling, lighting, appliance control and voice are likely will be common place within a decade.
- 70% of consumers surveyed identified as using at least one form of smart technology today and would like to see more in their next home purchase.
- Builders who can integrate and help consumers navigate this technology will differentiate themselves.
- Security and energy will be the most important to consumers followed closely by entertainment.



What are Industry Assoc's telling us

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What does a smart home entail?



Amazon Echo Dot



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Google Nest

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WeMo Outlet





Cam

Lock



72 EcoBee Thermo



Glass

Break

D-Link

Camera

100-

Honeywell

Thermo

Aeotec Recessed Door









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Aeotec

Siren

Aeotec

Contact

Controls

GE Pool

Heavy Duty

Switch

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Switch

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Pump

Numerous Connected **Devices**

a robust ecosystem & platform

What is needed

Open Integration

• Open API's allow consumers and builders to mix/match smart technologies but control through single hub.



Choose your platform...

How it will look tomorrow ...



The Connected Home

TO WORLDWIDE

Global installed capacity: 2015 vs. 2040 • 2015 • 2040 (forecast) 35% Share of total capacity by technology



Quick deviation ... Solar

Voice...

- It's Fast
 - Humans can speak 150 words per minute vs. typing 40 words per minute
- It's Easy
 - Just speak ... removed the smart phone
- It's Context Aware
 - Ability to understand a wide context of questions base on prior questions/interactions/ location/other semantics



What is here and now?

Natural Language Understand (NLU) has become highly accurate



Words Recognized by Machine (per Google), 1970 – 2016

NLU

Voice is not a fringe technology



- Amazon, the leader in voice, is estimate to have 11 million Echo devices since 2014
- Current estimates have voice technology under it's Alexa platform delivering \$11-12 billion in revenue (ecommerce + device sales) by 2020
- Google made a splash at the end of 2016 with the introduction of Google Home, leading many hailing the start to the "voice arms race"
- All major tech companies including Apple, Microsoft, and Facebook are investing in voice

Voice Adoption



Great Customer Experience...

This is what we all need to deliver

Smart Home Value

Customer Benefits

- Integrated Experience (Entertainment, Security, Convenience)
- Advanced Controls
- Enhanced Comfort
- Energy Management

Builder Benefits

- Growing market interest
- Additional revenue generation opportunities
- Utility support

Utility Benefits

- Energy Savings through Automation/Optimization
- Demand Response beyond HVAC
- Enhanced customer engagement

Key Benefits

Model approach for Smart Home integration

1. Plan smart technology before breaking ground

- Plan technology around your target customer
- Talk to your utility
- Wire where necessary, wireless where possible

2. Create a basic package

- You wouldn't buy a car today that doesn't have Bluetooth or a backup camera so why would you buy a home without basic smart technology?
- A minimum package will soon be an expectation of the future buyer

3. Give consumers opportunity to upgrade and customize

- Don't lock consumers into one brand of technology
- Leverage the power of API's
- Give consumers upgrade options to fit their needs, they'll pay for them

Where to start



Questions