

Convergence of Energy Efficiency & Demand Response: The Role of Intelligence

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"Smart" vs. "Intelligent"

ACEEE defines *intelligent efficiency* as "a systemsbased, holistic approach to energy savings, enabled by information and communication technology and user access to real-time information. Intelligent efficiency differs from component energy efficiency in that it is adaptive, anticipatory, and networked."

Smart is used for equipment, appliances or networks that have the ability to communicate digitally

Intelligent Efficiency implies an approach where interconnected devices can be used to harmonize their operations to achieve system-wide energy savings.



The Technology behind Intelligent Efficiency

Component Evolution

- Dumb & inefficient
- Dumb & efficient
- Informative & efficient
- Interactive & efficient

intelligent efficiency

Controls Evolution

- Simple (on/off)
- Reactive
- Programmable
- Variable response
- Adaptive & predictive



Using Smart Components to Build an Intelligent System



Savings Trends Over Time with Intelligent Efficiency



Traditional Demand Response: Shifts or Curtails Customer Loads





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How Intelligent Loads & Grid Save Energy & Money

- Continual system optimization
 - Parts working better as a whole, anticipating needs
 - The whole working towards the goal
 - Avoid unnecessary infrastructure investments
- Early fault detection
- Integration of customer-side resources
 - PV, Storage, EVs, Intelligent Efficiency



The Smart Grid Enables Resource Management at the Edge of the Grid



Smart Meters Only Providing a Fraction of Functionality

- Smart meters can measure 8
 parameters
- Most utilities disabling 5 channels due to bandwidth/data processing limitations
- Currently serving as
 AMR/fault detection
- Future capabilities await grid & utility capabilities





New Concept: Distributed Marginal Cost

- Cost of service measured at feeder or distribution transformer level
- Time & location dependent
- Provides new system planning insights
- Smart grid enables new operational options
- Capabilities didn't exist 3 years ago
- Potential for new pricing strategies—creates value for utility & customer



Distributed Marginal Costs

ENGINEERING MEETS ECONOMICS DISTRIBUTED MARGINAL COSTS (DMC)



DMC = DMP, which would be market traded price for nodal kW and kWh. DMC is the actual Cost to Serve, and can be used in non ISO markets as well.

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More Accurate Measurement Captures Value

- Conventional approaches miss much of value of EE&DR
- Accurately measuring locational & temporal benefits can increase value 5X
- Avoid significant T&D costs & improve reliability



Distributed Resource Planning



- Enabled by:
 - Data collection ability
 - High-performance computing capability
 - Advanced analytic capability
- Allows for true least-cost resource plan
- Informs grid management to enable coordinated grid/distributed resource management





DMP LEVELS LOADS DYNAMICALLY

DMC Signal

Instead of load following, we talk about plant following, wind following, cloud following. Instead of demand response, IDROP enables "supply response".



DMC Signal

CHOREOGRAPHY OF DERS

Voltage Improves, Asset Protected

IA only needs 25%-40% customer participation to levelize load, which saves utility money and does not force customers to participate.



Bumps intentional to limit the extent that AC units are started/stopped, and to optimize on customer marginal costs, not just on load alone.

Loads are flat enough to observe improved voltages and protects the service transformer

Six transformers, 30 homes, displaying normal volatility in load prior to IA vs. after optimizations are operational.



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Who Should Attend:

- Energy efficiency program developers
- Program administrators
- Energy efficiency service providers
- Investors

- Entrepreneurs
- Hardware and software developers
- ICT solution providers
- Building automation providers
- Smart manufacturing and smart transportation leaders



Conclusions

- Advances in sensors, communications & computation enabling new generation of utility planning & management
- EE & DR are converging as intelligence is enabling dynamic optimization of grid & distributed resources
- Potential for substantial cost savings
- Creates new value opportunities for utilities, customers & distributed resource providers



Thank you!

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