



# **Intelligent Efficiency Conference**

## **Track A: Integrating Distributed Resources**

### **2A Unlocking Near-Term Load Potential with ICT**

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Decentralized Demand Management to Reduce  
Peak Demand and Integrate DERs**

# Opportunity to Control Building Loads

Buildings consume 74% electricity produced in the US (CBECS 2009)

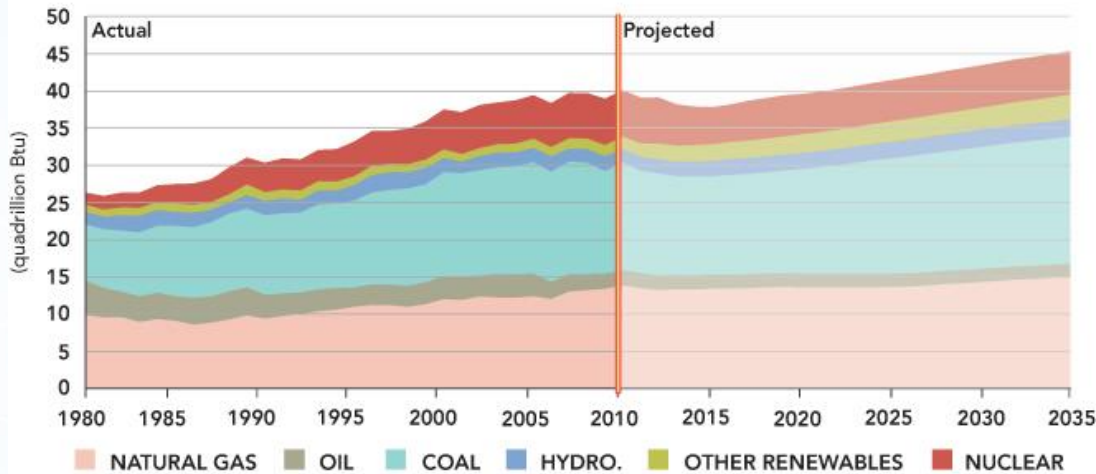
Buildings have the potential to reduce their consumption by 20%-30% (18 quads or 2,500 million tons of oil) through advanced sensors and controls

Potential nationwide value of demand dispatch could be several billion dollars yearly in reduced energy costs with 10% participation  
(NETL, Demand Dispatch – Intelligent Demand for a More Efficient Grid, August 2011)

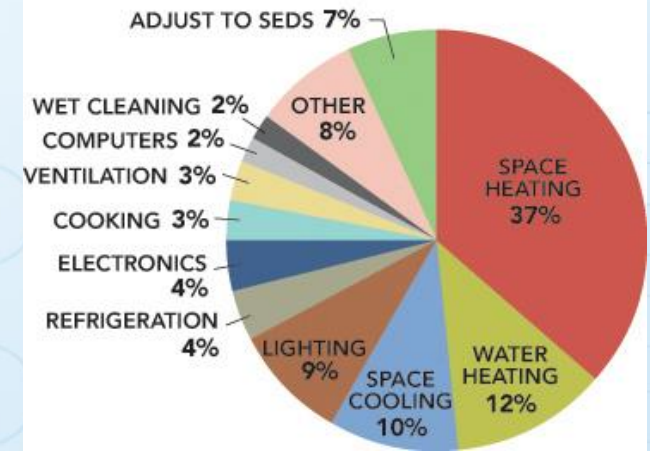
One-fourth of the 713 GW of US electricity demand in 2010 could be dispatchable

90% of the commercial buildings are < 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and need aggregation

BUILDINGS SECTOR PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION



BUILDINGS SITE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY END USE



5.5 million commercial and 117 million residential, projected to be 80% of the load growth through 2040

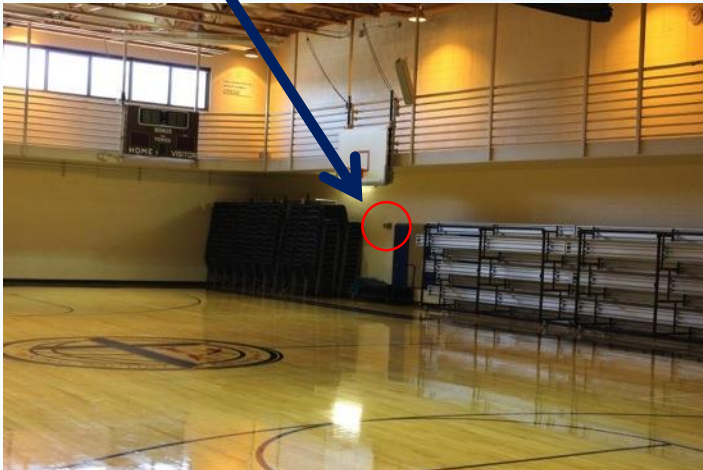
# Load Flexibility

Four HVAC units removing heat at rates  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  or adding heat at rates  $h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4$

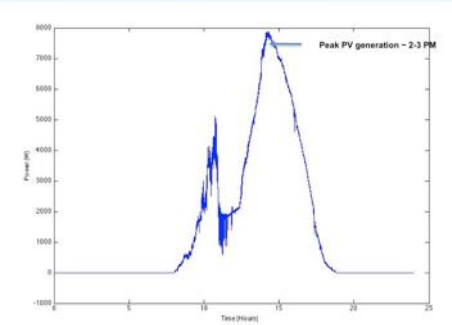
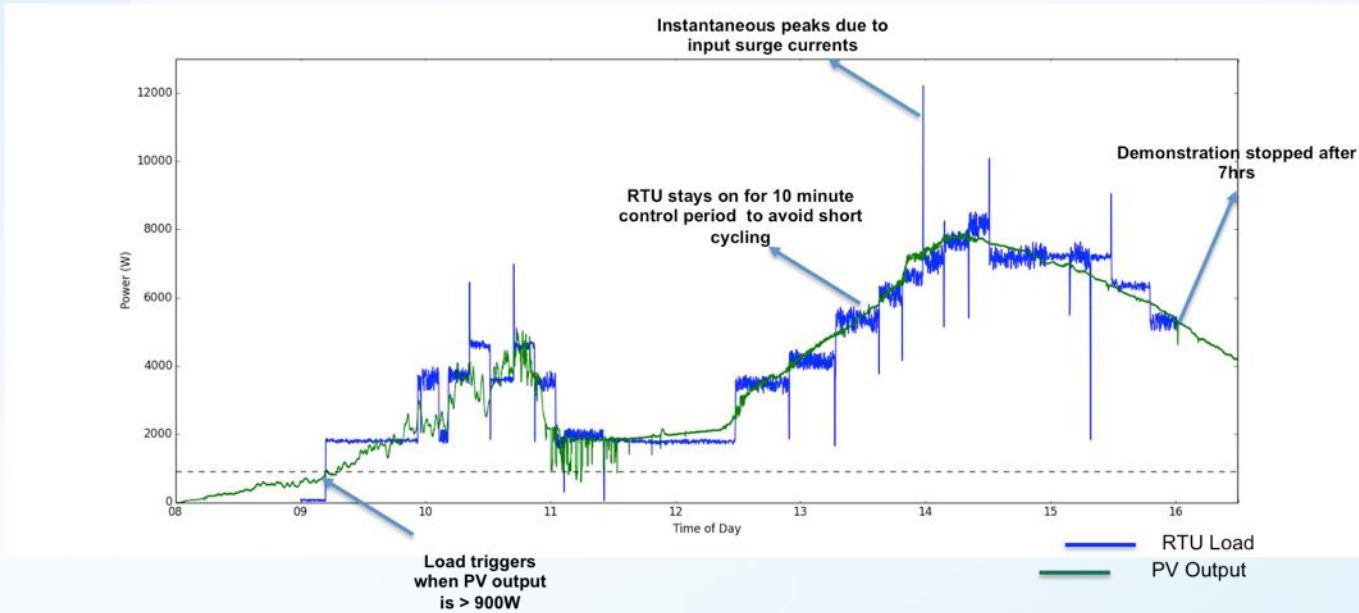
Four thermostats reading indoor air temperatures  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$



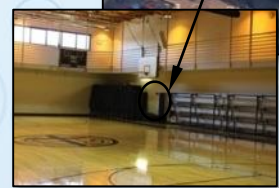
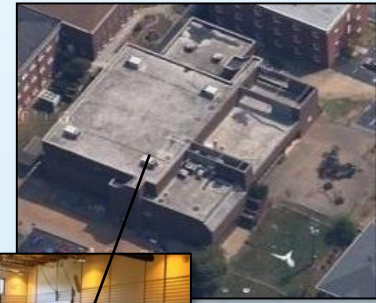
Outdoor air temperature  $T_{out}$



# Load Flexibility (cont'd)

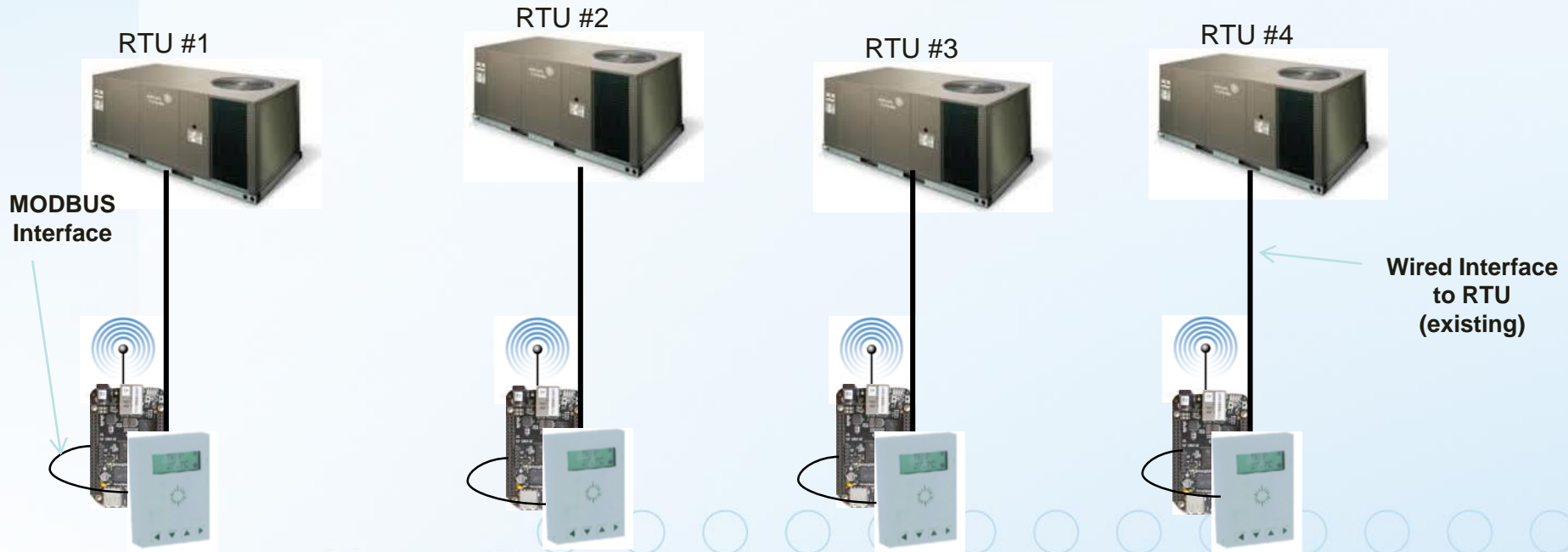


Data for 13.5KW PV array with two SMA Sunnyboy inverters SB7000-12 and 24 Hanwha HSL 72 PPA



- Load tracks PV with in safety constraints while reducing number of cycles
- Load is ~3X the maximum capacity of the PV generation capacity
- Resolution of load controllability is carefully chosen
- 4 Packaged RTUs controlled to provide renewable support

# Possible Today

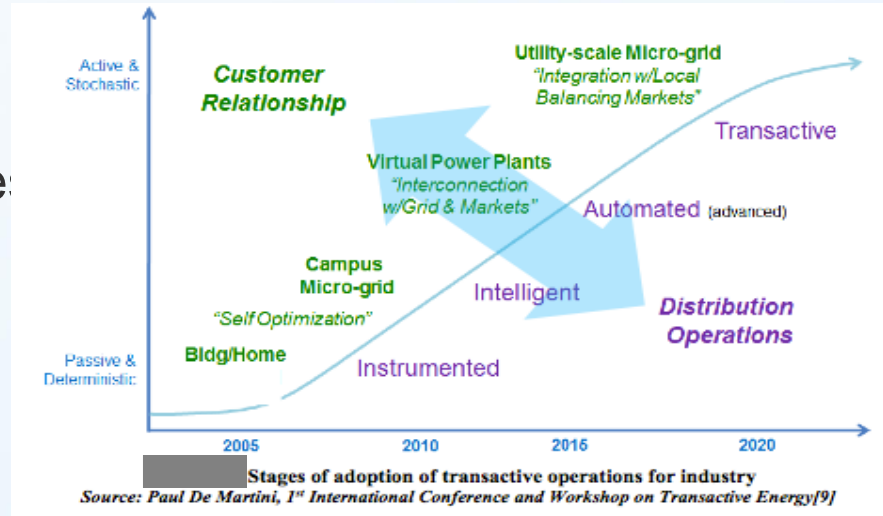


- Perform peak reduction by peer-to-peer communication to share state of each RTU and estimation of future states
- Small form factor and plug compatible with Thermostat interface but provide “app loading” functionality

# Building-to-Grid Vision

## From the Grid Perspective

- Increase and enhance the hosting capacity of EE and RE technologies: scale - *“thinking beyond DR”*
  - (Fast) Demand Response
  - Ancillary Services
  - Load Shifting



## From the Building Perspective

- encourage transactive markets, both regulated and non-regulated, behind the meter to **drive EE** deeper or through new means - *“thinking beyond EE”*
  - Fully automated, self learning, dynamic and responsive
  - **Create a market for EE solutions to DRIVE**
  - Seamless deployment



# Transactive Energy – Energy Efficiency & Grid-responsive

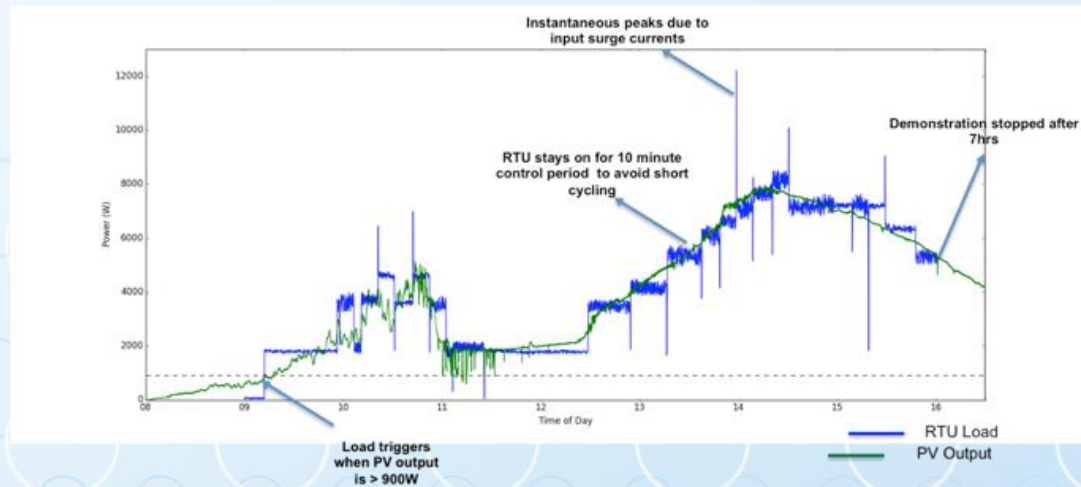
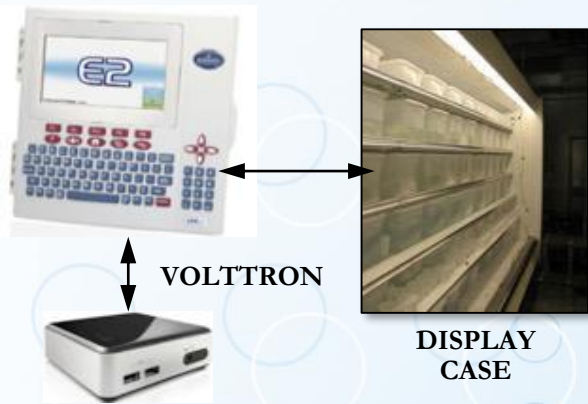
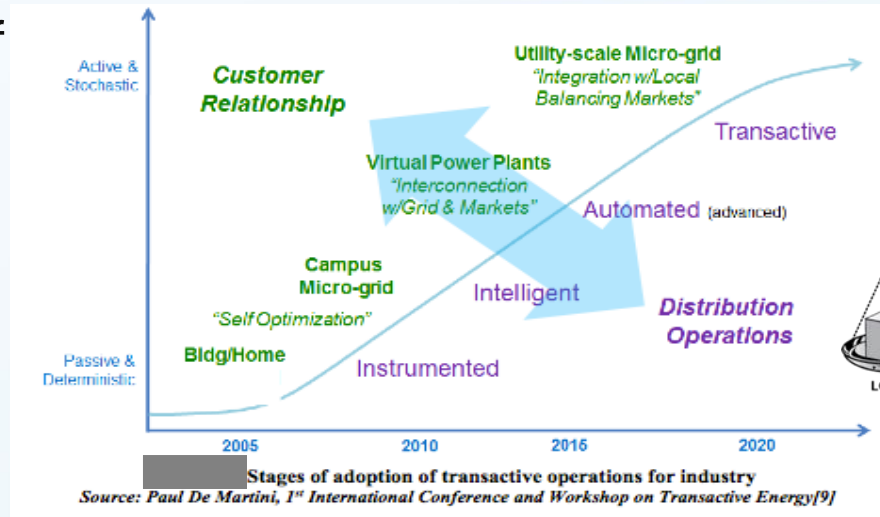
High-speed wide area control of loosely coupled loads

Control response

- Centralized or distributed
- Utility level information
- Building-level loads

VOLTTRON Platform

- Unlocking Load Potential



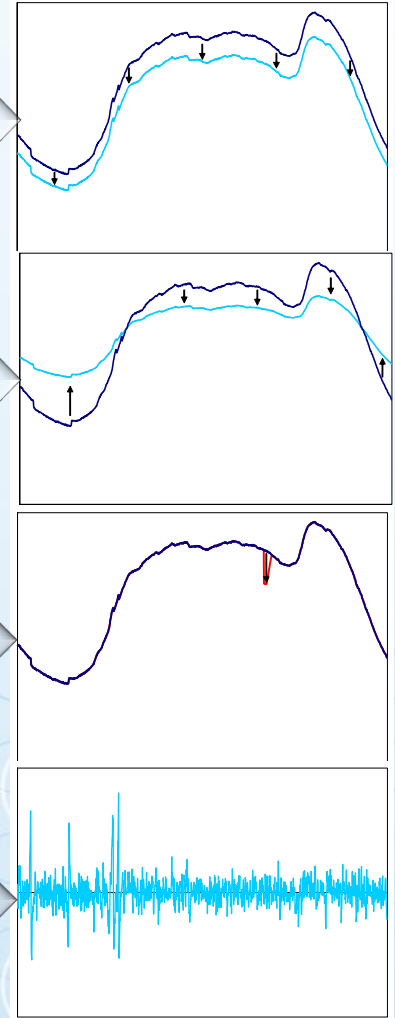
# What types of responsive loads are needed

**Energy efficiency:** Reduce electricity consumption and usually reduce peak demand.

**Peak shaving:** Move consumption from day to night. (Price Response, Direct Load Control)

**Reliability response** (contingency response): Requires the fastest, shortest duration (required during power system “events”) – **new and slowly developing**

**Regulation response:** Continuously follows the power system’s minute-to-minute commands to balance the aggregate system – **very new and could dramatically change electricity costs**



To arrive at such responsive loads, integrated end-use control is needed



# Addressing Barriers

## Thermostat

- No longer “stick-on-wall” – Sensors, Cloud etc.
- Assumes HEMS role
- Enable a platform solutions for implementing “Apps”

## Advanced Applications.. OR... features

- Retrofit peak demand limiting control app
- Capable of peer-to-peer with other Tstats
- Interoperability considerations – CEA2045, OpenADR etc
- Fault detection and diagnosis