DR shifting to DERs: Opportunities and challenges

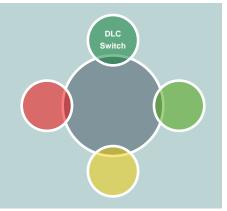




Historical demand response

DR elements

 Ideal... create peak load management resource



Design

- Install / control switches that interrupt load mostly in summer
- Pay enrollment and participation incentives
- Layer on pricing programs to support core design (CPP, TOU, etc.)
- Call limited number of time-bound events.

Benefits

- Prevent outages, manage capacity and T&D constraints
- Offsets costly spot-market purchases
- Straightforward design
- Customer is rewarded for participation

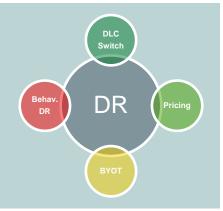
Issues

- Can be disruptive to customers, potential negative impact to customer satisfaction
- Can be expensive

Current demand response

DR elements

 DR portfolios have more options



Design

- Address winter, summer and sometimes dual peaking markets
- Incentives applied to BYO devices + enrollment
 + participation
- Pilot and scale BYOT programs (customers buying devices anyway)
- More control options, targeting via data

Benefits

- Load shed + customer satisfaction
- More flexibility in devices controlled / control strategies
- Greater ability to target load pockets / customer segments, e.g. MF and SMB

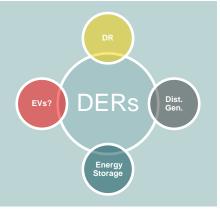
Issues

- Integration with more devices add complexity
- Some systems are proprietary
- Data is not created equal

Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

DERs elements

BPA definition



Design

- Comprehensive asset/load management to flatten load curves
- C&I and residential solutions available
- Storage complements intermittent distributed generation (PV) growth
- Need reliable DERMS to control more complex asset portfolios

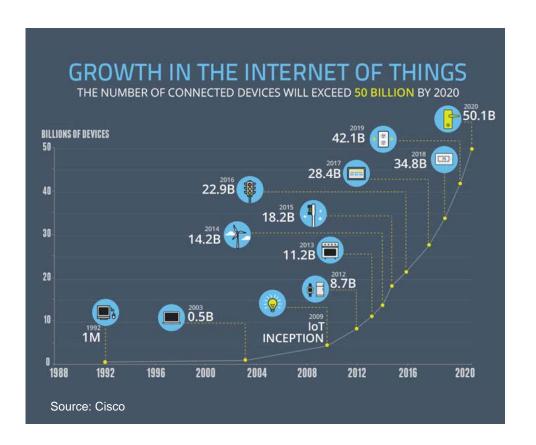
Benefits

- Turnkey load management portfolio
- Allows sponsors to drive more economic value (wholesale market participation)
- Offers customers more energy management options

Issues

- DERs options still fragmented
- DERMs still developing
- Policy enablement not in all markets
- Offer to customers can be confusing, costly

Connected home / IoT evolution



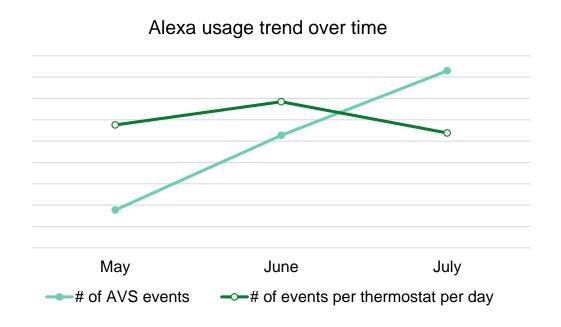
Trends

- Consumers seek comfort, convenience, and savings from connected home
- Current estimates have IoT adoption between 30-50 billion units by 2020
 - Every category of products is likely to be effected
 - 50 million smart t-stats projected to be installed by 2020
- Consumers are adopting connected devices with and without incentives
- Voice assistance is reframing the user experience



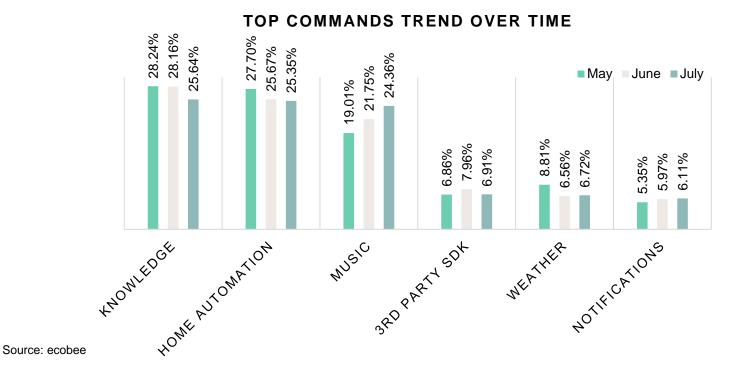
Voice engagement

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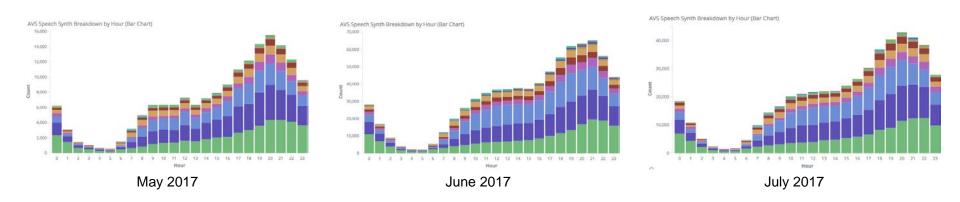
Although knowledge-based questions are asked more often, music playback on ecobee4 has been increasing over time





Voice engagement

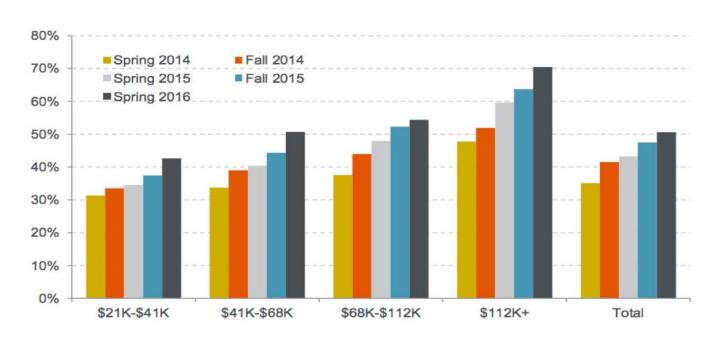
Hourly Alexa usage distribution on ecobee4 has remained consistent over the last 3 months. Bar colors refer to different areas of usage.



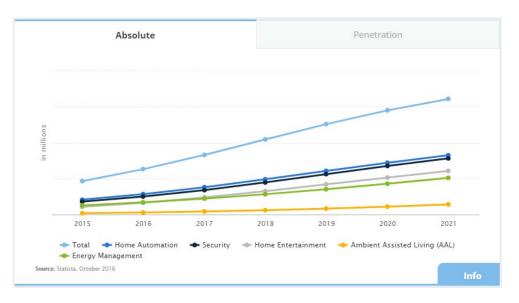


Amazon US household penetration

Amazon Prime Membership By Household Income (US)



Connected home / IoT use cases

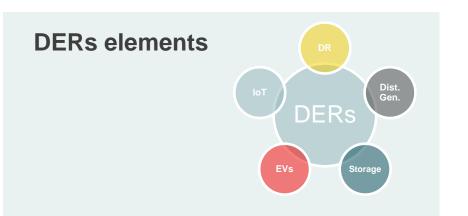


Trends

- Voice assistance simplifies control of devices across the IoT platforms
 - Amazon has sold 11 million Echo devices since 2014
 - All major tech companies including Apple, Microsoft, and Facebook are investing in voice
- Home Automation + Energy Management create new energy and DR value streams for utilities and customers
- Space is still young–customers seek a trusted partner to navigate offers



DR or DERs: Which to offer?



Pros / Cons

- Good for sponsors looking for iterative, a la carte add-ons to their core DR portfolios
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Pros / Cons

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- Enables wholesale market participation
- Requires control platforms that aren't yet mature
- Market players aren't easily consolidated

DR or DERs: Where are they offered?

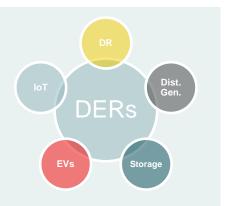
DR elements

- Nearly all US regions
- Sponsors seeking loT options
- NW EIM
- CA DRAM
- Res, SMB and C&I



DERs elements

- NY NWA
- CA
- NW pilots
- MW in develop.
- SW in develop.
- Res and C&I



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Market drivers

DR

- Peak load management
- Multi-season peaks
- Customer satisfaction
- Generation retirement
- Smart meter ROI
- Smart home/voice
- Market economics
- Regulatory orders
- Conservation guidance



DERs

- Clean power mandates
- Market aggregation
- Smart home/voice
- Resilience
- Regulatory orders
- Market economics



Insights

DR

- Discrete components give sponsors more flexibility to respond to multiseason peaks
- IoT market is moving FAST flexible designs are needed to harness that opportunity
- Offers to key sectors (Residential, SMB, C&I) are poised to evolve

DERs

- A strategic, consolidated approach to comprehensive energy management
- Well suited to sponsors and regions with clean energy or related mandates
- Ideal for broad market participation (utility, customer) where policy allows
- Benefits from reliable control platforms that are still in development
- Not for everybody / every sponsor
- Opportunities in C&I and Residential



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