Natural Gas Utilization
RD&D Overview

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GTI Overview

> Not-for-profit research, with 70 year history

> Facilities
  – 18 acre campus near Chicago
  – 200,000 ft², 28 specialized labs
  – Offices in AL, CA, MA, PA, TX, Wash DC

> Staff of 250

> Market opportunities are creating substantial growth

> 1,200 patents; 500 products
Natural Gas Industry Sponsors

- GTI-led, utility supported, **North American collaborative programs** targeting residential, commercial and industrial solutions
  - Utilization Technology Development (UTD)
  - Emerging Technology Program (ETP)
  - Federal & State Agencies
Presentation Overview

> Market Drivers and Trends
> Research Highlights
  – Natural Gas Heat Pump Technology
  – Micro-CHP and CHP
  – Commercial and Industrial Boilers
  – Building America Residential Research Program
> Demonstration and Deployment Highlights
  – Emerging Technology Program
  – Key Project Updates
  – Technology Highlights
US Natural Gas Supply Revolution
Driving Economic Growth, Gas Demand, Eliminating Imports

Market Growth:
- Power generation
- Rebounding Industrial Sector
- Transportation (high growth rates)

Offsetting reliance on coal and oil

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<td>Total Supply</td>
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<td>Import %</td>
<td>16%</td>
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Source: DOE-EIA
A Tale Of Two Markets
Power Generation and Residential Use

Power is far and away largest use of natural gas now in the US.

Continued downward trend in US natural gas use due to efficiency improvements.
Total U.S. Energy Comparison: Residential Sector

Direct natural gas use is a highly efficient option for space and water heating, cooking, and drying.

Home natural gas use can be complemented by solar thermal energy to further lower source energy intensity and sustainability.

Significant energy losses to generate and deliver electricity to homes

Only 0.4 quads of energy lost in producing and delivering natural gas to homes
Source-Based Water Heating Efficiency Comparison

Source Energy Water Heating Efficiency

- Gas Storage Energy Star, 62%
- Gas Tankless Condensing, 88%
- Gas Heat Pump, 138%
- Electric Storage, 29%
- Electric Heat Pump, 70%

Source: GTI (source to site, natural gas source to site: 91.9%, electric: 31.8%)
Natural Gas Heat Pump – IntelliChoice Energy Example

NextAire Gas engine-driven heat pumps (GHPs) combine high efficiency heating (1.2-1.5 COP) and cooling (0.95-1.2 COP) to offer the potential to reduce operating and lifecycle costs compared to conventional HVAC equipment:

- Aisin/Toyota engine with proven performance and durability
- Modulating engine speed for better part-load performance
- Engine heat recovery increases efficiency
- Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) provides heating and cooling for up to 33 zones

Savings potential compared to conventional chiller/boiler equipment:
- Up to 30% reduction in operating costs
- 80% less electric power consumption
- Reduced water consumption
Micro CHP Technology Landscape

Variety of emerging micro CHP systems (under 50 kW)

- Engines, fuel cells, Stirling engines – some with promising electric efficiency
- Commercial activity greater in Europe & Japan due to higher energy costs, drivers
- Achieving acceptable first costs a challenge

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Target first cost needed to achieve six-year payback in different US markets
Technology Landscape

Increase Market Penetration
- Marathon ecopower
- Clear Edge CE5
- Yanmar CP4 and CP10

Emerging Technologies
- Climate Energy, freewatt
- CFCL, BlueGen
- M-Cogen, Homeaire
- Plug Power, GenSys Blue
- Inspirit Energy (Disenco)
- Whisper Gen, Whisper Tech
- EC Power, XRG1 15
- Energetix, Kingston Delta
- 2-dozen others
Commercial and Industrial CHP Market Trends

> C&I CHP markets “status quo” over past decade – despite large increases in gas use for power generation (missed opportunity)

> Industrial growth could help promote new CHP investments and energy efficiency improvements

> Key issue: resolving long-standing market barriers

Source: DOE EIA Electric Power Annual
Substantial CHP Remaining Potential

Source: Estimates by ICF International and CHP Installation Database developed by ICF International for Oak Ridge National Laboratory and DOE. 2012.
Industrial FlexCHP Power & Steam Package

> Fully integrated high-efficiency ultra-clean power and flexible steam production

- NOx emissions below 0.07 lb/MWh (for strict California standards)
- Power generation using microturbine
- Waste heat boiler fed with turbine exhaust gas plus low emission supplemental burner
  > Variable steam output
- 85% system efficiency
Steam Systems and Energy Efficiency
Improvement Opportunities

- Boiler Flue Gases, 16.4%
- Steam System Losses, 44.3%
- Useful Steam, 55.7%
- Steam leaks, 6.5%
- Steam losses to atmosphere, 7.4%
- Poor, missing insulation, 4.4%
- Condensate losses, 3.8%
- Steam trap failures, 3.6%
- Blowdown losses, 1.5%
- Other, 0.7%
Example Boiler Efficiency Improvement Options

High and low temperature economizers may be made of carbon steel.

Condensing economizers often use stainless steel to resist corrosion.
Cannon Ultramizer System

- Combines Cannon’s HTE and LTE Feedwater Heaters with TMC Technology to provide the ultimate in heat and water recovery
  - Transport Membrane Condenser (TMC) technology recovers Sensible and Latent Heat from flue gas stream
  - Recovers clean water from natural gas burning combustion systems
  - Boiler efficiencies of 95% are possible
  - Reduction in emissions is equal to the reduction in fuel consumption
Boiler Demand Monitoring Controls

> Devices that act to minimize unnecessary equipment operation & cycling to save energy
  – Boilers and other equipment

> Manufacturer claims of 10-30% energy savings
  – Limited controlled testing to quantify
    > NYSERDA/Brookhaven reported 12.9% savings (+/-3.2%) at 13 sites
  – GTI conducting controlled lab testing on gas-fired boiler
GTI’s Building America Role
Partnership for Advanced Residential Retrofit

> Giving natural gas an active voice in DOE’s Building America Program

> Midwest region, cold climate focus
   1. Seven-state Midwest region with a Chicago “hub”
   2. Systems and whole home solutions for cold climate
   3. Targeting high potential building stock with opportunities for energy savings AND scalability
Building America PARR Research

> Laboratory Furnace AFUE vs. Field Measurements at End of Life
  – Field measurements show a reduction in efficiency of 6.4% vs. laboratory testing after adjustment to standard conditions showing the benefits of tune ups. Lab AFUE testing showed no degradation for furnaces operating in the field for more than 20 years.

> Evaluation of Retrofit Packages Implemented in Multifamily Buildings
  – Research supporting the 15-30% energy savings associated with applying measure packages in vintage multifamily buildings.
  – 1. Seal & insulate attics; 2. Steam Distribution Systems Balancing and Tuning

> Expert Meetings on Combustion Safety
  – The gas industry, the university research community, and the DOE National Labs discussing the current state of combustion safety in the codes and as practiced in the field, and identify further research needs.

Pilot Field Assessment
Multi-family Demand DHW Controls

- Demand pump for central domestic hot water systems
- System operates only when there is demand, energy savings from reduced thermal loses in recirculation loop (generally 1 - 3 years ROI before rebates)
- Nicor Gas supporting two demos in Chicago area with complete monitoring, collaborative demos in DTE territory, ETIC territory too
- Initial Nicor Gas results suggest roughly 2,000 therms and 750 kWh per building (roughly 40 units/building), with paybacks well below 2 years
- Project goal is to develop qualitative and quantitative data to support prescriptive program
Natural Gas Industry Collaboration

Emerging Technology Program

> Gas Technology Institute led, utility supported, North American collaborative targeting residential, commercial, and industrial solutions

> ETP’s principle goal is to accelerate the market acceptance of emerging gas technologies

ETP activities are “beyond development” stage: Field Testing, Demonstration, Pilot Programs, and Deployment — a focused effort to ensure market acceptance of next-generation emerging technologies
## 2013 ETP Technologies and Program Concepts

### Residential
1. EcoFactor
2. Combined Space and Water
3. ASE Smart Energy RetroSave
4. ShowerStart™ Roadrunner II
5. Opportunities for Residential Natural Gas Feedback
6. Micro-Combined Heat and Power
7. Integrated Design: DHW Systems
8. Radiant Heating and Cooling
9. Mantis Condensing Fireplace
10. Hybrid Gas Solar Domestic Hot Water
11. Direct Vent Wall Furnace
12. Essess Thermal Imaging
13. Inspired Bid Management System
14. Combi Boiler Space and Water Heat Systems
15. Gas Water Heater Timer

### Commercial
1. Condensing Heating Rooftop Units
2. Demand Controls for Central Hot Water Systems
2. Ozone Laundry
3. Greffen M2G Advanced Load Monitoring Boiler Controller
4. IntelliChoice Energy NextAire Multi-Zone GHP
5. Commercial Food Service Technologies
6. Rheem H₂ACT™ Integrated Air and Water RTU
7. High Efficiency Condensing Unit Heater
8. Pulse Check by Pulse Energy
9. Wireless Pneumatic Thermostat
10. Modulating Dryer Retrofit
11. SentinelWorks Building Energy Management System
12. Ilios High Efficiency Water Heater

### Industrial
1. Ultramizer Boiler Heat Recovery
2. Air Curtains
3. SRU Flue Gas Condenser
4. Automated Steam Trap Monitoring
5. Destratification Fans
6. VOCGEN Combined Heat and Power
7. Boiler Heat Recovery Workshop
8. Advanced Grain Dryer

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*Active ETP Project  Bold = ETP Working Group*
ETP National Pilot
Residential HE Combo Systems

- 94 EF condensing tankless water heater + hydronic air handler (Rheem pictured)
  - Improves utility/customer value proposition for water heating by piggy-backing on larger space heating load
- Multi-unit demonstrations/pilots in IL, NY, and CA
  - At least 25 residencies with full data acquisition systems
- Measured field performance, energy savings, cost analysis, and customer reaction
- Contractor technical/sales training, consumer messaging, and rebate program pilot
- GTI is investigating *combi* systems for oil or gas hydronic (e.g. radiator) replacements too
Field Assessments
High Efficiency Gas PACs- RTUs

- Collaboration with NREL, DOE, manufacturers, national accounts, and utilities
- Large-scale monitoring shows diverse runtimes for RTUs and more therm use than energy models suggested
- Dedicated outside air systems (DOAS) provide high efficiency market entry point application
  - “big box” retail accounts with established DOAS vendors
  - high heating degree day (HDD)/heating load locations
  - 24/7 retail stores
- Retail partner projected $4,400 premium, = 4.1 years ROI @ 90%TE without incentives
- Northern climates see more than 2,500 therm savings/year/unit!
## Active Manufacturers

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EcoFactor Home Energy Management

**Technology**
- EcoFactor is based on proprietary software that analyzes and adjusts a home’s thermostat to control the HVAC operation based on weather data and other information, including home occupancy status.

**Savings Potential**
- 36% off the cost to heat and cool a home.
  - 10-20% savings from automated energy efficiency
  - 16% savings from personalized schedules

**ETP Activity**
- The Nicor Gas Emerging Technology Program is partnering with EcoFactor to install and monitor over 100 EcoFactor Home Energy Monitoring Systems.
- Systems installed, data collection and analysis ongoing

**MARKET SITUATION**

**Baseline**
- Conventional and programmable thermostat
- Related to other residential energy savings offerings in thermostat, Home Energy Management (HEM), behavior space

**Opportunity**
- Energy Efficiency: natural gas and electricity savings
- Market potential: retrofit existing systems and for new installations

**Segment**
- Residential (single and multi-family) and commercial
- New construction and retrofits

**Status**
- Technology is mature, and readily available through certain programs

**Next Steps**
- Program metrics needed
- Large-scale pilot activity underway to better understand delivery channel approach, energy savings, costs (first, ongoing)
Modulating Gas Dryer Retrofit

Technology
- Modulating gas dryer controls allows the firing rate of standard commercial gas-fired dryers to adjust for the changing demand in heat needed to drive off moisture thereby reducing heat generation and gas use.

Savings Potential
- 2 year payback period.

Barriers
- Making changes to a manufacturer’s burner system raises safety and liability issues.
- Burner systems are carefully designed for a specific firing rate and excess air ratio and tested to verify their performance under those conditions.
- It would require the appliance to no longer be in its warranty coverage since this should void any manufacturer’s warranty if installed.

ETP Opportunity
- Nicor Gas ETP is evaluating this technology in the field with 2 hotel sites, 1 laundromat, and 1 healthcare site. The identification of 1 laundry/linen service site is pending.

MARKET SITUATION

Baseline
- Commercial dryers

Opportunity
- Energy efficiency: natural gas savings
- Market potential: retrofit existing systems

Segment
- Commercial on-premises laundry facility retrofits

Status
- Technology is mature and readily available off the shelf

Next Steps
- Third party verification of benefits and market analysis
Automated Steam Trap Monitoring

**Technology**
- Automatic steam trap monitoring is an automated system that can identify a failing steam trap as it becomes ineffective and notifies a web-based system instantly.

**Savings Potential**
- 1 year payback period

**ETP Activities**
- Nicor Gas looking for single high pressure steam system site
- Targeting branch with 200 traps
- Coordinating with active SoCal Gas project

**MARKET SITUATION**

**Baseline**
- Standard steam trap with no notification upon failure with or without manual steam trap auditing

**Opportunity**
- Energy efficiency: natural gas and electricity savings
- Water Savings
- Market potential: retrofit existing systems and for new installations

**Segment**
- Industrial steam traps
- New construction and retrofits

**Status**
- Technology has been installed at a number of facilities

**Next Steps**
- Third party verification of benefits and market analysis
Gas Water Heater Timer

**Technology**
- A gas water heater timer is a controller that can automatically “set back” or lower stored temperature within the tank of a water heater for periods of time when hot water demand is low, and raise the temperature for periods of time when hot water demand is high.

**Savings Potential**
- 2.5 year payback period

**ETP Review**
- GTI and PG&E tested water heaters in both laboratory and field conditions as part of a California Energy Commission Water Heating Program.
- The graph shows the average tank temperature and gas flow of an atmospherically vented, residential gas storage water heater, .59 EF, left to idle over a 9-day period--pilot light maintained tank temperature at 110°F and the burner performed a single reheat cycle on the 9th day.
- Question of whether or not there are enough avoided reheat cycles in setback period to provide cost-effective therm savings.

**MARKET SITUATION**

**Baseline**
- Residential domestic hot water storage water heaters

**Opportunity**
- Energy efficiency: natural gas savings
- Market potential: retrofit existing systems and for new installations

**Segment**
- Residential retrofit
- Limited new construction

**Status**
- Technology is readily available

**Next Steps**
- Third party validation and evaluation of benefits
Rheem H₂AC™ Integrated Air and Water RTU

• **Technology**
  - Designed for full-service restaurants, the first-of-its kind Rheem H₂AC™ Packaged Rooftop Unit™ with eSync Integration Technology™ delivers air conditioning and water heating from a single source. The system works by taking the heat removed from the HVAC system — which would normally be rejected into the atmosphere — and uses it to heat water.

• **Cost/Benefits**
  - 1.3 to 2 year payback period on tested systems

• **Market Barriers**
  - High upfront costs and
  - Lack of consumer familiarity
Summary

> U.S. natural gas industry in special period due to confluence of E&P innovations & supply endowment

> Poised for growth: power gen, industrial, transportation

> Integrated solutions needed to grow CHP use coupled with policy efforts to overcome market barriers

> Efficient, smart uses in residential/commercial sectors

> Energy efficiency programs challenged by low gas prices
  – Focused RD&D efforts necessary to develop next generation gas utilization equipment and validate technologies and savings potential
GTI is a company that solves important energy challenges, a company that truly has…

…“the Energy to Lead”

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