



# Recognizing Smart Home Energy Management Systems

**ENERGY STAR® Products Partner Meeting**

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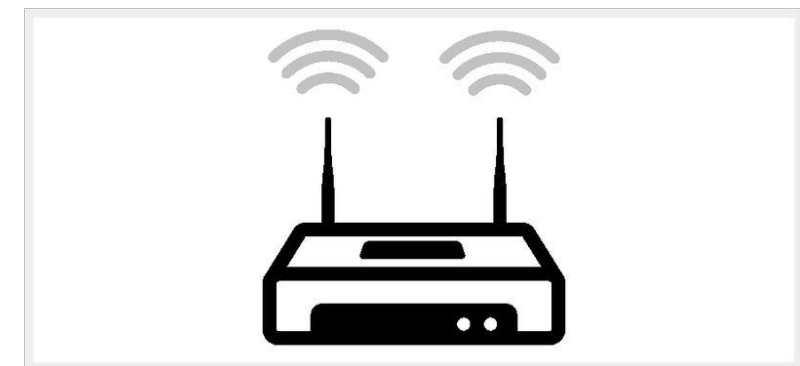
## Why ENERGY STAR?



- Consumers and utilities are interested in this space, but also bewildered
- ENERGY STAR is a known and trusted label, backed by impartial, publicly available specifications and test methods
- Part of EPA's brand promise is to make difficult decisions about energy savings simple, as with automated SHERMS energy savings
- Offering a uniform national platform allows for smoother, more coordinated, deployment of incentive programs
- ENERGY STAR SHERMS can be a win for the companies that offer them, for the consumers that want them, and for the environment

## ENERGY STAR and the Smart Home: Looking Back

- 2011 → present: optional “connected” criteria in product specifications (**11** product types)
  - Interoperability, use of open standards
  - Energy use reporting
  - Demand response
  - Standby power limits
- Smart Thermostats (not optional) - data reporting to service provider is key to demonstrating savings
- ENERGY STAR specifications for many natively networked products, such as consumer electronics and IT equipment handled differently





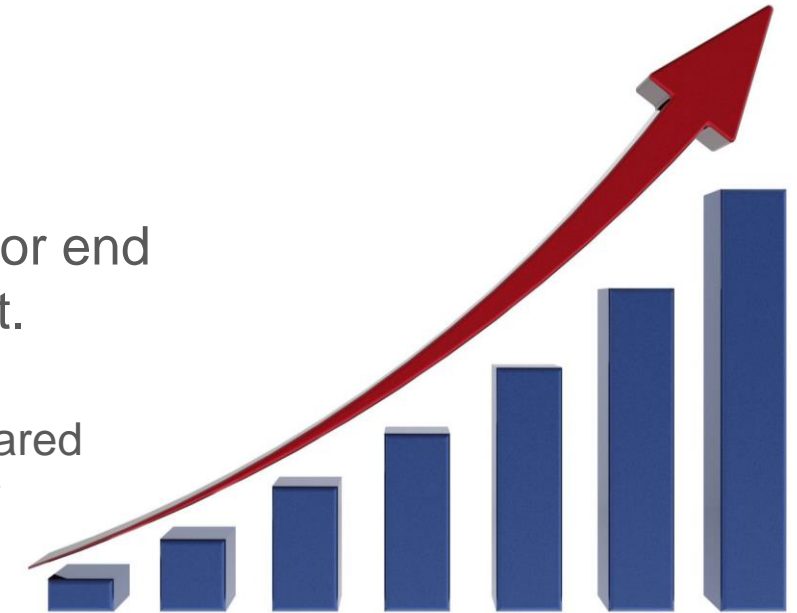
## **EPA's ENERGY STAR Smart Home Strategy: Bring Energy Savings Along for the Ride**

**As the market for "smart" products and systems grows, EPA aims to help drive and optimize energy savings through their use.**

- Guide energy characteristics of smart products and systems
- Explore system models and ways to work with Service Providers
- Leverage the ENERGY STAR brand and position to push energy efficient behaviors and practices into the connected and smart home market

## Why Smart Home Energy Management Systems and Why Now?

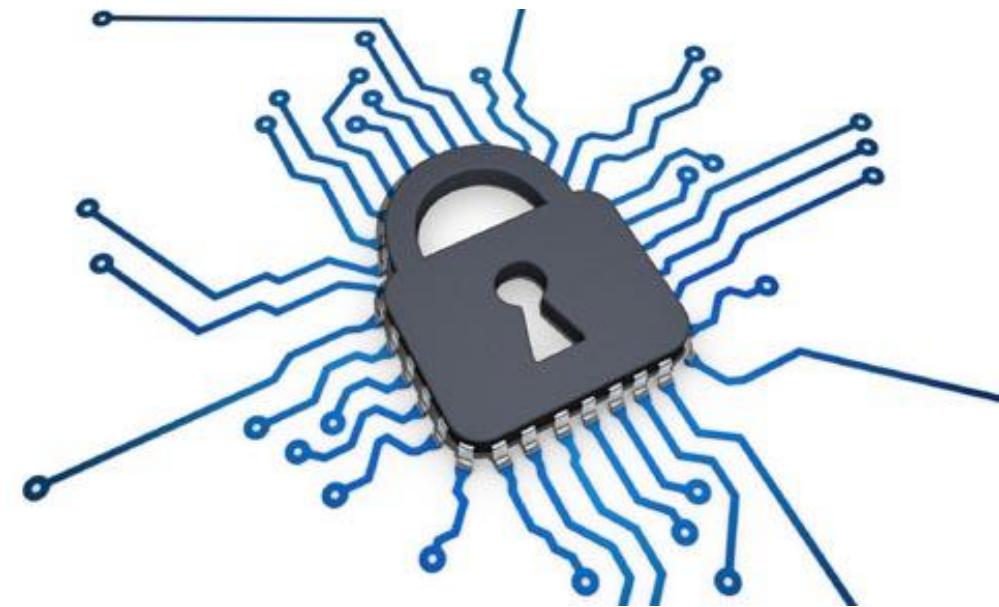
- **Device shipments growing:** 22 million (2016) to 96 million (2026)
- **Service providers are easing barriers** for adoption, proving a central point for end users and an relationship that allows for ongoing evaluation and improvement.
  - Connectivity among a system of products represents an opportunity for savings and enhanced customer experience: Better user experience of energy saving modes, Shared occupancy information, Co-optimization of related systems (e.g., lighting and window shades)
- **Occupancy information is low hanging fruit** for energy savings in these systems
- **Additional opportunities exist** for sharing information and energy management through connected and coordinated systems (e.g., demand response, load shifting, distributed energy resources balancing solar PV, battery storage, EV charging, etc.)



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## A Quick Note on Security

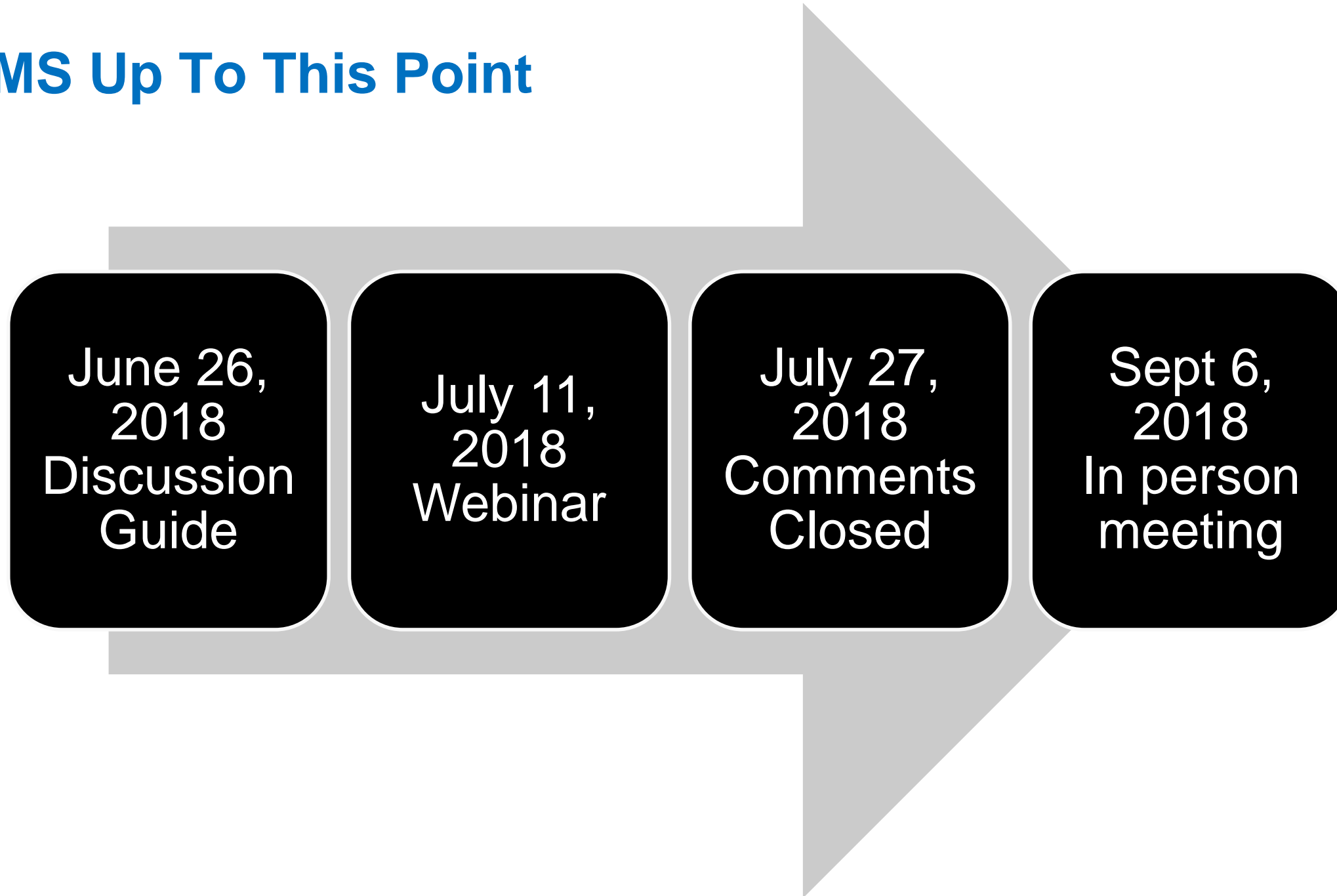
EPA understands there can be security risks associated with smart products and systems. Recognizing that this is not our area of expertise, we do not intend to take the lead on developing security standards in the smart home market. To the extent that sound security standards arise, EPA may point to them in ENERGY STAR specifications as appropriate.



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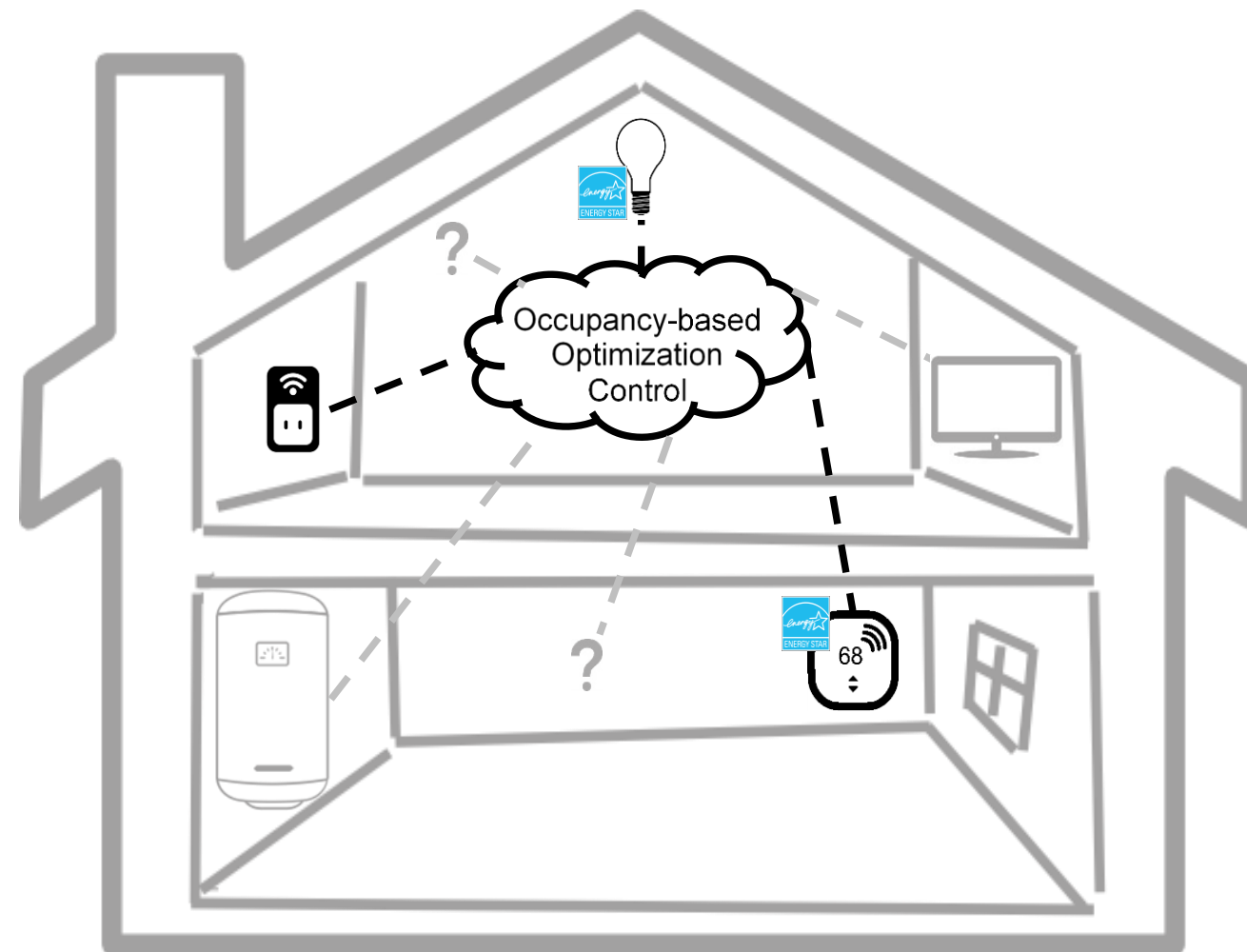
## SHEMS Up To This Point





# ENERGY STAR Smart Home Energy Management Systems Concept

- Hardware + Occupancy Info + Automated Services = Energy Savings



## Scope: Potential ENERGY STAR SHEMS

- Proposed elements of a basic package:
  - 1) ENERGY STAR certified smart thermostat,
  - 2) ENERGY STAR certified lighting,
  - 3) Devices and/or capabilities that address energy used by miscellaneous electrical loads (MELs),
  - 4) The ability to detect occupancy (alarm pad, geofencing, remote sensors or sensors built into other devices)
  - 5) Energy optimization algorithms and ability to collect data about optimization
- Add-ons for additional savings, e.g., water heater controller, pool pump controller, connected ESTAR Room AC, automated shades, EV charger, etc.



## How Might this Work?

- Service provider has a package that meets the key criteria
- Shares details for meeting key criteria with EPA
  - 1) Hardware models included in package, potentially with interchangeable options
  - 2) Methods of sensing occupancy
  - 3) Energy optimization strategies based on occupancy
- Compiles and submits to EPA summarized data based on a defined sample (biannual) for verification of actualized savings



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## Thoughts on Data Reporting

- Populations of installations to be analyzed: all customers with every basic element of package connected to platform
- For the population, report statistics such as
  - 1) Average number ENERGY STAR certified smart thermostats per installation,
  - 2) Average number of ENERGY STAR certified connected lighting products (bulbs or fixtures) per installation,
  - 3) Average number of MEL control devices per installation,
  - 4) Average number and characterization of other add-on hardware,
  - 5) Decile bins and mean hours subject to optimization per installation (ideally capture the range, i.e., deep optimization vs. shallow), and
  - 6) Average number of user override or opt out events per installation.



## Potential Evaluation Method

- Typically, ENERGY STAR products are tested in labs to yield energy consumption performance.
- In this case, behavioral interactions with users are critical to achieve savings and, therefore, EPA anticipates relying on field data.
- Similar to the method used for ENERGY STAR Smart Thermostats, data could be submitted twice a year to demonstrate continuing product savings.



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## Key Topics/Questions to Keep in Mind

1. What kind of data is available, relevant, and reasonable to collect and analyze for this purpose?
2. What strategies can save energy during an unoccupied hour? Do we know which ones are the best?
3. What information would utilities need to be ready to adopt such a program? How can we get that information (pilots, data agreements, etc.)
4. How do we deal with promising opportunities that exist in some homes, but not most, e.g., electric water heaters, electric vehicle supply equipment, etc.?
5. Which products would stakeholders want to know are connected to the system? E.g., is there value in knowing about dog feeders or battery operated cameras?



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# From NEEP

Check out  
their other  
great  
resources!

Smart Product	Energy savings	Demand response	Load shifting	DER integration
Smart Thermostat	Hot	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart Water Heater	Hot	Warm	Hot	Hot
Smart Appliances: Inflexible timing (refrigerators, stoves, ovens, small appliances)	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart Appliances: Flexible timing (clothes dryers, clothes washers, dishwashers)	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart TV	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart plug, outlet, or switch	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart Hub	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
In-Home Display	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Energy Portal	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart Home Platform	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm
Smart Lighting	Warm	Warm	Warm	Warm

Hot  
Warm



## EPA's Next Steps and Opportunities for Engagement

- Establish working groups
  - drop your card or write down a contact
  - email to all stakeholders after the meeting
- EPA to formulate a Draft 1 specification based on discussions, public comments, and follow-up
- Follow along at [www.energystar.gov/SHEMS](http://www.energystar.gov/SHEMS)

## Intention of Working Groups

- EPA anticipates each working group to be a diverse combination of invested stakeholders
  - Manufacturers,
  - Energy Efficiency Program Sponsors,
  - Service Providers,
  - Researchers, etc.
- Members are not limited to those in this room right now
- EPA appreciates your time investment and expertise to deliver a program with a strong foundation. At least 2X a month Sept-Dec 2018 (then reassess)
- Goal: to resolve pending questions/decisions which will inform a Draft 1 specification and beyond





## Working Groups' Focus Areas

### 1. Utility pilots / data needs

- What utility pilots or data are needed for utilities to support a SHERMS program?

### 2. Miscellaneous energy loads

- How important is managing MELS with occupancy information and what strategies would lead to the most energy savings?

### 3. Occupancy detection methods

- Which occupancy detection methods (or features) would be sufficient for this type of program?

### 4. What counts as an “away” hour

- What is a simple and practical way to characterize an hour with effective energy optimization?



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