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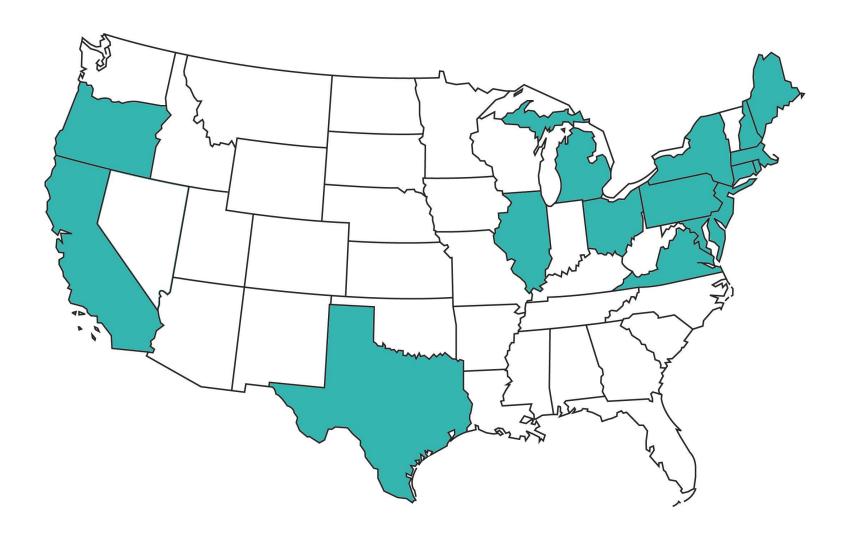
Leveraging Advanced Analytics to Optimize Customer Experience

at TXU Energy





Electricity is a competitive market in 18 states

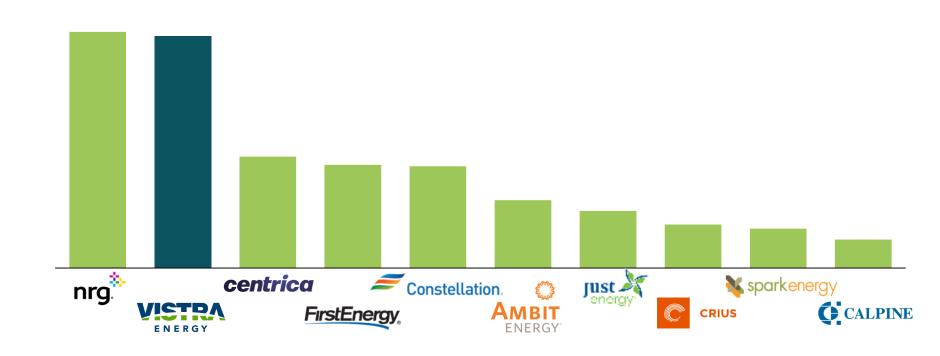




Vistra Energy is one of the largest retail energy companies in the states open to competition









Vistra Energy serves ~3 million customers across the largest competitive states in the U.S.



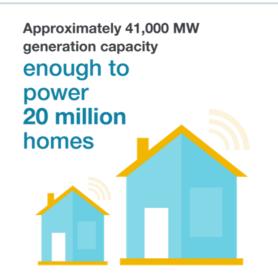
Combined premier retail and wholesale brands











Retail Offices

Irving, TX

Collinsville, IL

Cincinnati, OH

Houston, TX

Total Employees

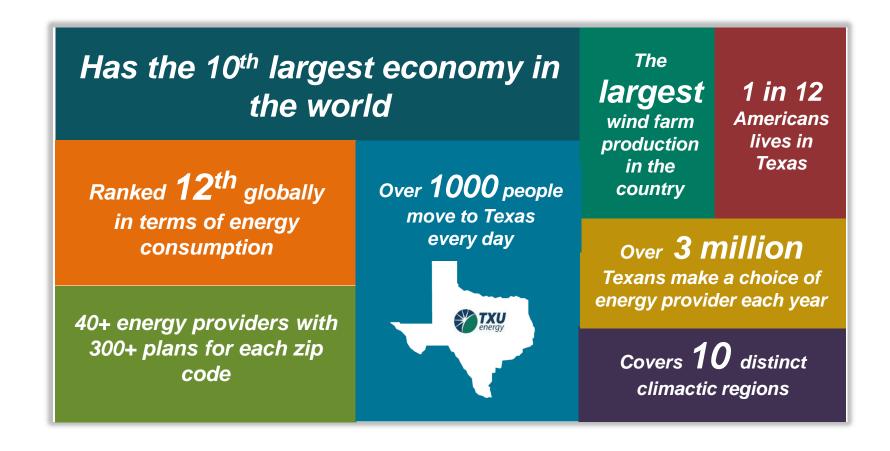
Approx. 5,400



Committed to our customers, our communities, and to operating our plants safely, reliably, and in accordance with environmental standards.



Texas is one of the most dynamic markets in the world





The retail energy marketplace in Texas is crowded

Market leaders

~65% Mkt Share







"Attackers"

~35% Mkt Share











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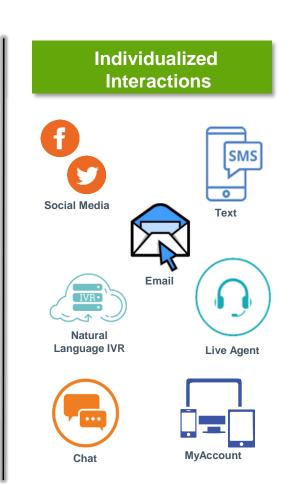
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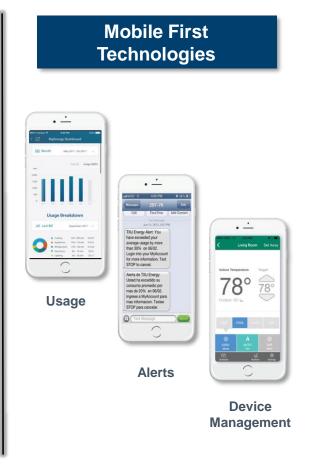




As a market leader, TXU Energy offers innovative, customer-focused products and services









Data capabilities are built around solving the four V's of data challenges





Technology and analytics capabilities support a customer-focused strategy



Technology

- Strategic investment in a tiered data platform to manage the four Vs
- Enable real-time analytics and support key business processes

Capabilities

- Identify customer behavior patterns and key trigger events
- Leverage analytics at every stage of the customer lifecycle

Outcomes

- Enhance the customer experience and reduce customer churn
- Improve customer satisfaction and optimize value of customer portfolio

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Analytics capabilities are built directly into the technology workflow



Data Sources



Technology Platform



Business Applications





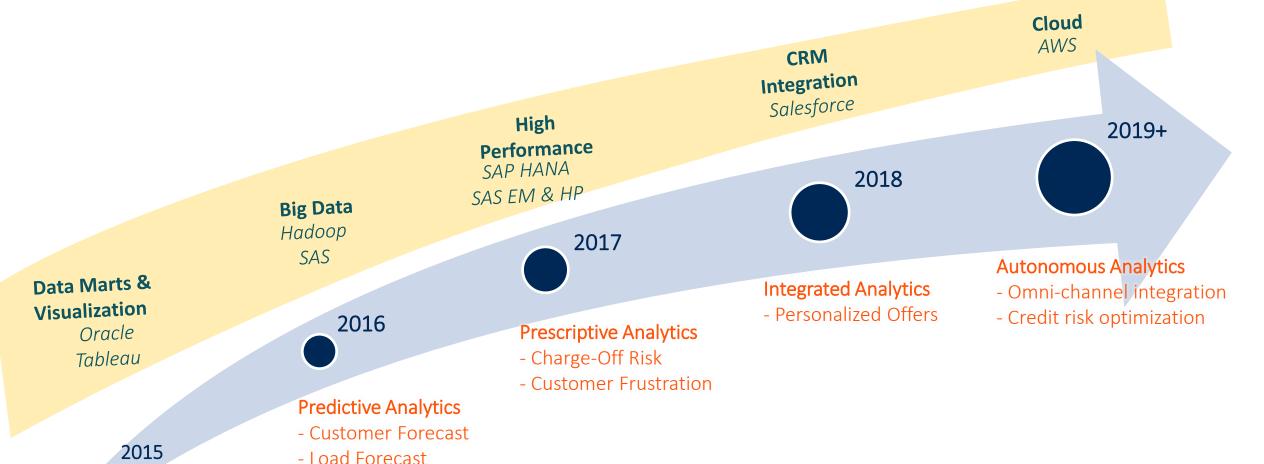
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Dashboards

Descriptive AnalyticsDynamic dashboards

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- Customer Churn





Customers are activated by trigger events



Moving



End of contract



Word of mouth



Sales contact



Unexpected high bills





CASE STUDY 1:

PERSONALIZED PRODUCTS





TXU Energy works with movers new to Texas to match them with the best electricity plan for them

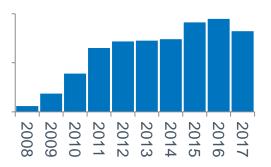




We create products that provide unique features and benefits for our customers



CASH BACK REWARD PAYOUTS









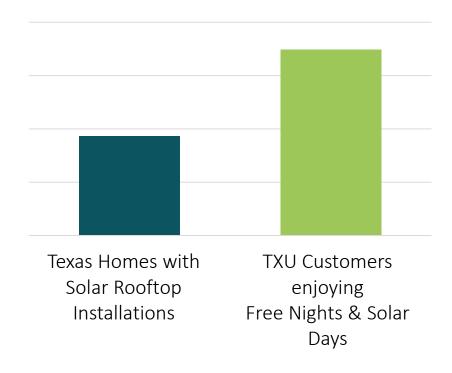


"Free Nights & Solar Days" is our most popular time-ofuse product





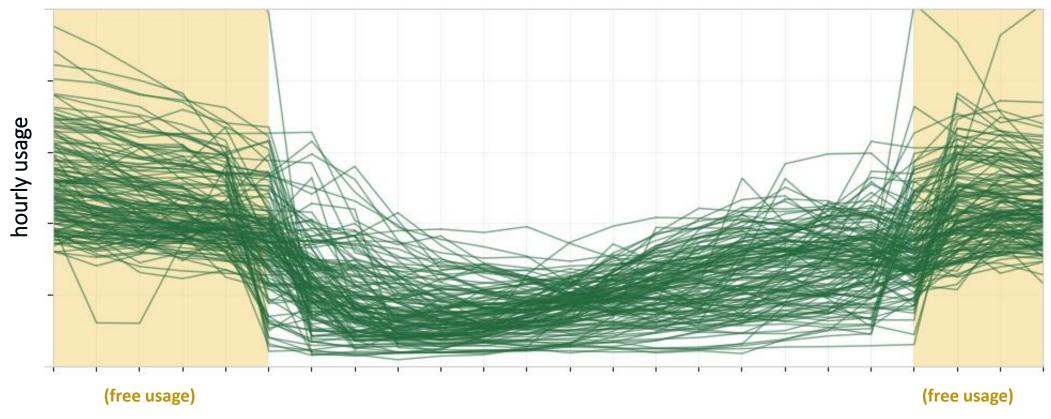






Customers with high nighttime usage receive the most benefit



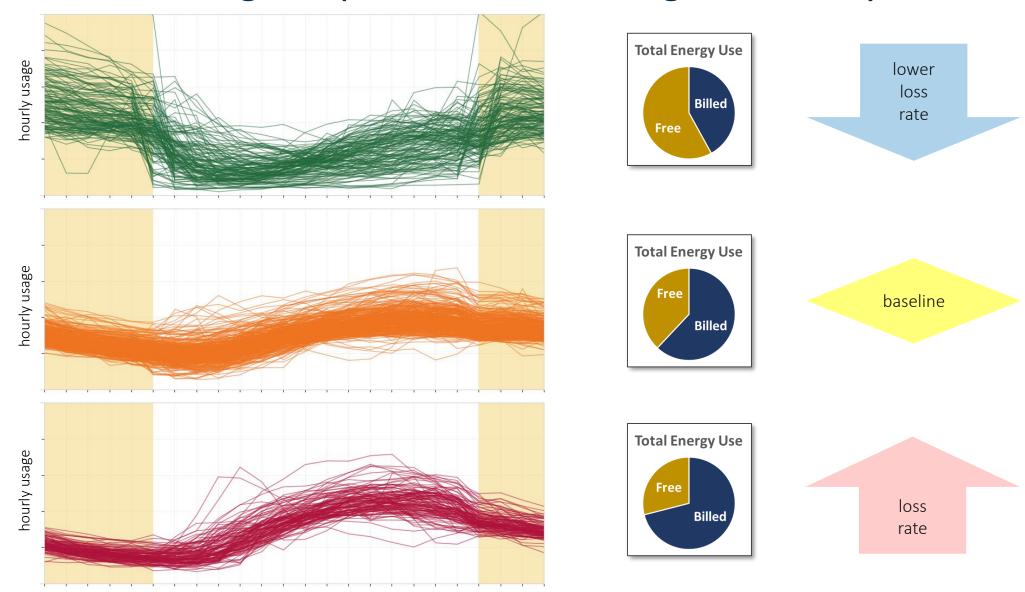


Hourly Usage for a Single Customer (each line represents one day)





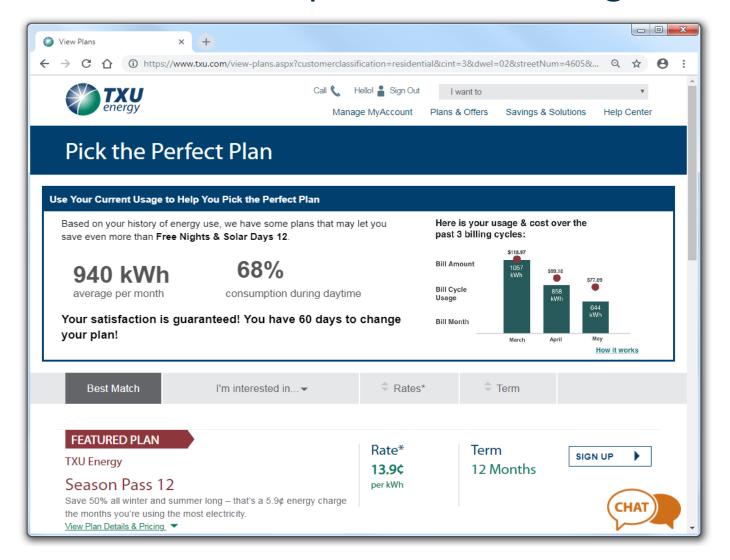
"Free Nights" products are not right for everyone!







We track customers to identify those who might not be on the best plan for their usage habits







CASE STUDY 2:

PERSONAL SAVINGS TIPS

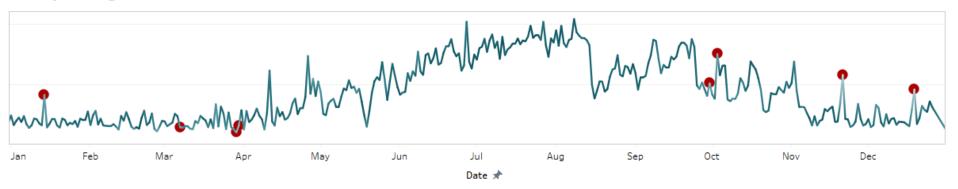




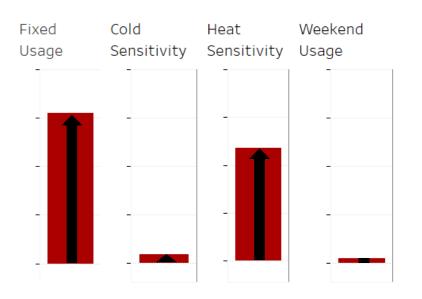


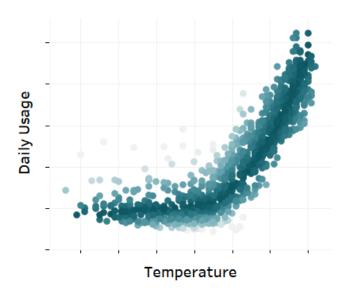
Daily usage data lets us build detailed customer profiles

Daily Usage Timeline



Customer Profile

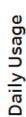


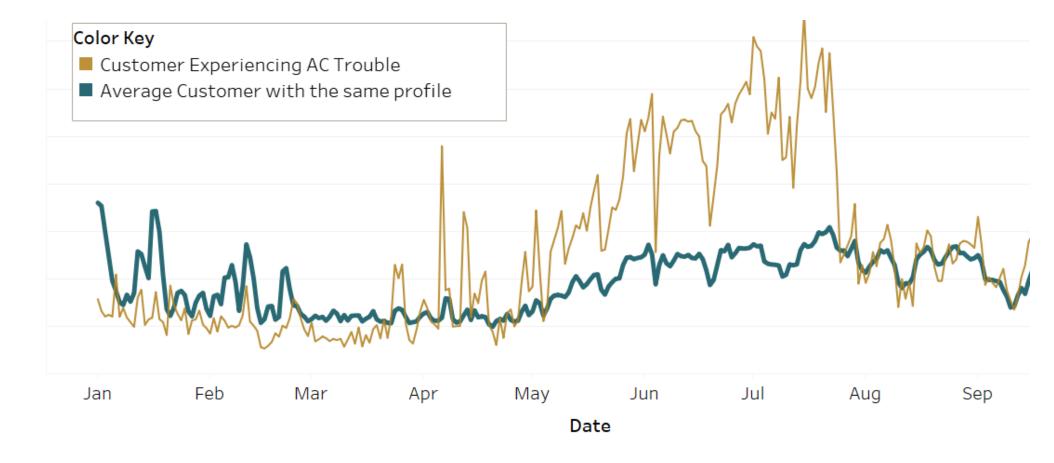




Profiles will let us to track energy use over time, and detect anomalies





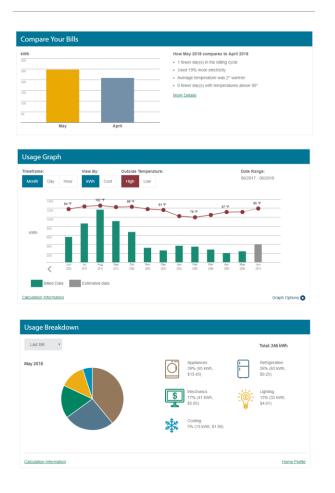




We use out best-in-class digital platforms to communicate directly with our customers



MY ENERGY DASHBOARD



MOBILE APP

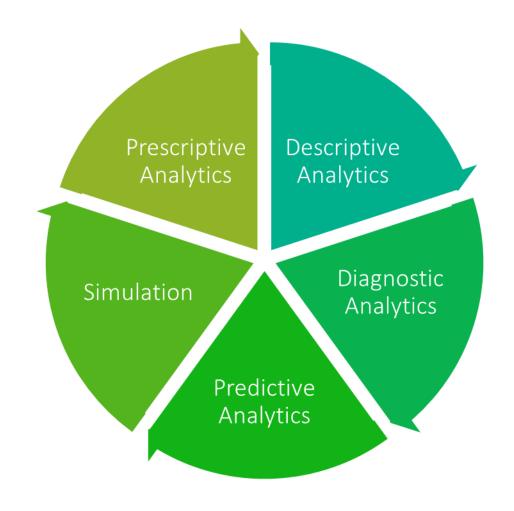


- Touch ID
- Split Payments
- Usage Breakdown



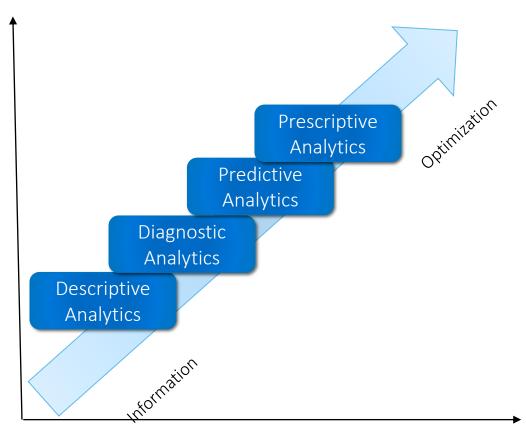


Advanced Analytics for CX Optimization



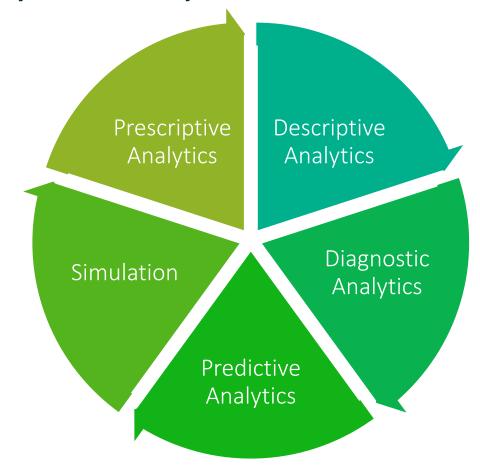


The Advanced Analytics Lifecycle



Difficulty

- This view highlights the value vs. difficulty spectrum
- Useful for a basic understanding of the four stages
- The linear, unidirectional view of value vs. difficulty might be misleading



- We recommend a CX optimizing view of analytics
- Each stage complements the other
- Emphasis on co-dependence and iterative refinement
- Provides a unified opportunity view of value & difficulty/cost

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The Analytics Lifecycle: From Goals To Results

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Thought process

What has past taught us?

What's happening & why?

What will happen?

What to do about it?

Did it work?

Planning

Performance baseline

Events & triggers

Hypotheses & predictions

Strategies & Tactics

Incremental
Improvement &
Refinement

Implementation

Objectives & Data

Features

Experiments

 Predictive analytics/ML/Al Prescriptive analytics & RI

Simulation

Visualization

Variance analysis

Tools

- SAS
- Hadoop
- HANA

- SAS EM
- Tableau
- Excel

- SAS EM
- SAS HPA
- PyTorch

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Tableau

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