The 2016 ACEEE Summer Study is the 19th biennial ACEEE conference on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. A diverse group of professionals from around the world will gather at this preeminent meeting to discuss the technological basis for, and practical implementation of, actions to reduce energy use and the climate impacts associated with buildings. Presentations and discussions will relate to the theme, “From Components to Systems, From Buildings to Communities.”

Opportunities for advancing energy efficiency abound. Advancements in information technology, communications, sensors, controls, social media, and behavior require addressing the whole building, not just its components. The digitization of data and access to tools to convert them into real-time information provide a huge opportunity to overcome the fragmentation of the buildings industry and accelerate sustainability and energy efficiency activities and developments. The investigation of not only building-scale but community-scale programs, integrated government and utility programs, codes and standards, technologies, integrated design processes, operation practices, financing sources, behavioral factors, and workforce development needs will require the integration and utilization of information technology to meet a variety of objectives for buildings industry stakeholders over the duration of a building’s lifetime. The main challenge remains to develop, implement, and maintain systems that foster innovation for both legacy buildings and new construction. Come to the 2016 Summer Study with your ideas, experiences, and vision to move From Components to Systems, From Buildings to Communities.

We invite you to contribute your most creative work in the following areas:

- design, operations, construction, and performance of buildings
- program design, implementation, and evaluation
- codes and standards
- utilities
- market transformation
- behavior
- climate change and energy efficiency policy
- zero net energy
- sustainable communities
- smart buildings, smart grid, information technology
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- Relevance of topic to the conference theme
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- Clarity of thought and presentation

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PANEL DESCRIPTIONS

Abstracts from outside the U.S. are encouraged and will be included in all relevant panels below.

1 Residential Buildings: Technologies, Design, Performance Analysis, Construction, and Building Industry Trends

PANEL LEADERS: Dave Roberts, National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Meli Stylianou, Natural Resources Canada

SESSION TOPICS: Building science and engineering focusing on high performance solutions for new and existing homes, including: integrated design; envelope load reduction; energy-efficient and demand-responsive equipment, space conditioning for low-load homes; systems and whole-house integration including smart controls and distributed energy resources; net zero energy; indoor air quality, design software and interoperability; performance analysis/modeling; performance monitoring; benchmarking/rating/labeling; fault detection and diagnostics; commissioning; pre-fab and modular construction trends and techniques.

2 Residential Buildings: Program Design, Implementation, and Evaluation

PANEL LEADERS: Valerie Richardson, DNV GL and Tory Weber, Southern California Edison Company

SESSION TOPICS: Fresh ideas or applications in the design, implementation, and measurement of energy efficiency, renewables and load management programs. Program Design: ideas that emphasize cost-effective solutions; move to systems approaches; short- & long-term savings; integrate EE and demand response; mix proven technologies with new ideas for success; residential programs in the age of smart meter data. Evaluation: impacts of online programs/tools; cost-effectiveness of different behavior programs; innovative cost-effectiveness evaluation; using data mining for better predictive value; innovative approaches to evaluating program impacts; understanding customer response to program outreach. Implementation: using innovative delivery channels; delivering cost-effective comprehensive retrofit programs; the role of financing in residential programs; next-generation residential lighting strategies; new ideas in low- and middle-income programs; maximizing demand response impacts while minimizing customer fatigue; balancing codes with program design; trends in residential building modeling software; incorporating advances in automation and building science; innovations in program design for new and emerging measures; incorporating behavior strategies targeting individuals and community-scale.

3 Commercial Buildings: Technologies, Design, Performance Analysis, Construction, and Building Industry Trends

PANEL LEADERS: Srinivas Katipamula, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Clay Nesler, Johnson Controls

SESSION TOPICS: Building science and engineering focusing on retrofitting existing buildings and new construction technologies; integrated design; pre-fabrication and modular construction techniques; energy-efficient and demand-responsive equipment, systems and controls for ventilating, space conditioning, lighting, daylighting, and water heating; innovative
Commercial Buildings: Program Design, Implementation, and Evaluation

Panel Leaders: Tom Coughlin, National Grid and Ramin Faramarzi, Southern California Edison

Session Topics: Designing, implementing, and evaluating innovative EE and demand-reduction programs; innovative/advanced program implementation or evaluation approaches; working with non-traditional implementation partners, serving hard-to-reach markets; new integration methods for efficiency, demand response, and influence of business models and leasing arrangements; programs for existing building commissioning and deep retrofits; whole building vs. component approaches; progress towards net-zero energy buildings; integration of utility programs; R&D programs; deploying emerging technologies and strategies; innovative/advanced financing approaches; transitioning government policy into program design

Codes and Standards

Panel Leaders: Bing Liu, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and My Ton

Session Topics: Innovations to enhance application of building energy codes and standards; future of commercial and residential codes; new appliances and equipment efficiency standards; innovative technologies; achieving energy savings in the field through code compliance and enforcement; best practices in implementing energy codes; performance-based energy codes and implementation; best practices and field studies of outcome-based codes; high-performance building codes and standards; above-codes utility incentive programs; program design and implementation; appliances and commercial equipment efficiency labeling and enforcement; relationships between demand response and energy codes; designing, implementing innovative standards and supporting policies; promoting emerging technologies big data; international experience

Utilities and the Future

Panel Leaders: Rafael Friedmann, Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Tim Stout, E Source

Session Topics: The future of utility DSM & EE programs in a low/no demand growth and increasingly renewable and storage supply context; targeted DSM to optimize GHG, E and grid savings; the internet of things and utility programs—best practices in utility EE portfolio design and implementation; innovative policy and evaluation to enhance the success of utility EE efforts; public oversight of utility-led EE portfolios; the role of advanced metering and rate structures; matching program administrative models with state and local utility markets; roles of local government agencies; reliability-focused integrated energy efficiency, demand response and distributed generation programs; energy efficiency as a resource for maintaining grid reliability; successful models of cooperation between ESCOs and utilities

Market Transformation with Speed and Scale

Panel Leaders: Chad Bulman, Chicago Bridge and Iron and Susan Hermenet, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

Session Topics: EE that goes beyond program performance and looks at: the roles of codes, standards, new technologies, market and regulatory changes; leveraging changing attitudes toward energy and climate change; green banks, on bill financing and other financial instruments; compelling early adopters, avoiding free riders and paying for performance; market assessment and market research that inform those initiatives; synergies between government procurement initiatives, programs and market forces; holistic supply chain training and outreach

Capturing Savings through Behavior

Panel Leaders: Tianzhen Hong, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and David Lehrer, Center for the Built Environment

Session Topics: The behavioral components of clean energy solutions and programs targeting energy, water, waste and/or renewable energy at the scale of individual buildings or communities; The use of behavioral strategies to drive EE, demand reduction and installed-measure programs; novel applications of behavioral science; and behavioral strategies that have proven to be cost-effective and scalable. Innovative and creative solutions to pro-environmental behavior, for example: energy visualization, social media, smart building solutions, gamification, compelling product design, mobile applications, publicity campaigns, and the use of data analytics to model and understand impacts of behavior on energy use in buildings.

Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Policy: U.S. & Beyond

Panel Leaders: Adam Hinge, Sustainable Energy Partnerships and John Wilson, Energy Foundation

Session Topics: EE’s role in complying with international climate agreements; innovative financing mechanisms for EE; water and EE; How municipalities can integrate and promote EE through sustainability goals and plans; impact of climate adaptation on energy use and efficiency policy; international experience with EE policies; future trends in energy use; integrating EE in carbon registries; policy packages to maximize EE impacts; best practice comparisons of EE policies; EE in air quality planning and local pollution reduction; “What didn’t work”: benchmarking EE at state, regional, national or international level; carbon accounting methods; environmental justice; measuring and comparing energy productivity

Net Zero, Net Positive

Panel Leaders: Paul Toccellini, National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Peter Turnbull, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Session Topics: Procuring ZNE buildings; the value of monitoring and feedback for diagnosis, correction and ZNE validation; the role of occupants and operators; case studies of residential and commercial ZNE buildings constructed at low or zero incremental cost including actual construction cost data and energy performance data; can we retrofit buildings to ZNE performance levels?; what is the use-case for batteries in a ZNE application?; modeling tools and ZNE performance: can ZNE performance be successfully predicted?; community-scale ZNE: time scales and planning processes for optimizing infrastructure investment; wise use of existing infrastructure; building codes, appliance standards and bringing ZNE to scale: state and federal policy integration challenges; the grid and ZNE: challenges and opportunities for “sustainable” rate design for ZNE facilities fair to all ratepayers; practical issues affecting grid operation

Resilient, Sustainable Communities

Panel Leaders: Katherine Johnson, District of Columbia Department of the Environment and Stephanie Ohshita, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Session Topics: Examining how energy analysis at the community scale can contribute to better decisions about urban infrastructure and communities, including: analysis of energy use, emissions, costs, and other variables when construction or retrofit of infrastructure is master-planned at a community scale rather than building-by-building; quantification of energy benefits from sustainable and resilient building strategies, including: deliberate tree canopy, architectural shade, solar-reflective materials, and blue and green infrastructure; assessment of urban sustainability initiatives, such as value added in terms of real estate and other measures, that strive to create livable and walkable neighborhoods through integrated transportation and land-use planning and zoning; examination of the contribution of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures such as district energy, microgrids, and demand management urban resilience in response to severe weather events, other emergencies, and ongoing climate instability; and analytical methods and case studies to assess both sustainability and resilience at the community scale, as well as their energy implications, life-cycle and operational

Smart Buildings, Smart Grid, Information Technology

Panel Leaders: Larry Brackney, National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Chad Gilless, EnerNOC

Session Topics: Novel applications of data science, management, and visualization; how and what technologies can support behavior change; development and application of technologies that inform decision making throughout the building lifecycle; advancements in hardware and software interoperability; application of advanced hardware and software technologies that increase adoption of energy efficiency and demand response in commercial and residential buildings

Poster Display Presentations

Panel Leaders: Kristen Parrish, Arizona State University

Session Topics: The poster session offers one-on-one discussions with presenters and features various media displays, including posters, software, internet-based tools, and other graphical displays. The panel seeks any presentations related to the conference theme, including those related to large or small scale energy efficiency or renewable energy projects.
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