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Panel:

## Cost-Effective Transition to Electrified Heating & Cooling with Distributed Generation

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# Today's Panelists



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### Introduction

- Technology Overview and Use Case
- Case Studies
- Data Comparison
- Owner's Perspective
- Future Impacts of Policy



# NYC & NYS Climate Goals

- In 2014, NYC committed itself to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) 80% by 2050 (80 x 50)
- The interim target to reduce GHG emissions 40% by 2030 (40 x 30)
- NYC has been taking steps to achieve that goal with new investments in renewable energy, electric vehicles, and shifting away from fossil fuel-based energy sources.
- New York State's Clean Energy Standard was revised this year, requiring 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040. Last year, 29% of New York State's generation at both large- and small-scale facilities came from renewable sources.



## How Can We Achieve Our Climate Goals?

- Electric resistance heating + window or through-wall A/C
- Electric resistance PTAC
- Boiler/tower water source heat pump (not 100% electrified)
- Air-to-water heat pump
- Air-to-air heat pump (mini-split, VRF)
- Ground source heat pump (water-water, water-air)



# Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRFs)

- Typical refrigeration system / heat pump: fixed speed compressor, one outdoor coil, one indoor coil
- Mini-split: variable speed compressor, one outdoor coil, one indoor coil
- Multi-zone / VRV / VRF: variable speed compressor, one outdoor coil, many indoor coils









## VRFs Continued



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Wall Mounted



# Urban Solar PV Systems

- Pergolas, Canopies, Tilted Planes, Vertical Walls, Ballasted Systems
- Behind the Meter, Remote Net Metering, Community Solar
- Offset kWh's consumed onsite via crediting or traditional displacement
- NYSERDA Incentives, Federal ITC, NYC PTA, MACRS, LIHTC





### Examples of Urban Solar PV Projects



# Micro Cogeneration Systems

- Modular Reciprocating Engines, Modular Microturbines
- Traditionally located behind the meter with thermal tie-in at DHW and Heating System Loops
- Offset kwhs, DHW and Hydronic heating system therms
- Federal ITC, MACRS, LIHTC





# Future Technologies

- Energy Storage Systems (ESS) not considered here but will play an important role
- Smart thermostats / controls / IOT
- Time value of carbon





# The Data



# "Typical" New-ish NYC Multi-Family Building

- Roughly 10 years old
- Fairly high-percentage glazing, low-performance envelope
- Hydronic PTACs
- Some amenity spaces
- ~130,000 gross sqft
- 112 apartments
- 320 bedrooms



# "Typical" Building Usage







### Typical Multi-Family Building Owner Energy Metrics and Costs

Energy	59	kBtu/sqft/year	\$1.38	\$/sqft/year
<b>Total Owner</b>				
Electric Baseload	3361	kWh/unit/year	\$0.55	\$/sqft/year
Fossil Fuel Baseload	4.34	mmBtu/bedroom/year	\$0.13	\$/sqft/year
Heating	7.1	Btu/sqft/HDD	\$0.37	\$/sqft/year
Cooling	4.5	Btu/sqft/CDD	\$0.32	\$/sqft/year
Energy End-Use	Energy	Unit	Cost	Unit





# St. Augustine

- Roughly 1 year old
- High performance envelope
- VRF heating and cooling
- Some amenity spaces
- ~117,000 gross sqft
- 112 apartments
- 191 bedrooms
- 48 kW Solar PV system



#### Data: St. Augustine Owner Energy Metrics and Costs

Energy End-Use	Energy	Unit	Cost	Unit
Cooling	2.40	Btu/sqft/CDD	\$0.17	\$/sqft/year
Heating	1.58	Btu/sqft/HDD	\$0.39	\$/sqft/year
Fossil Fuel Baseload	8.55	mmBtu/bedroom/year	\$0.17	\$/sqft/year
Electric Baseload (Net of PV)	1,831	kWh/unit/year	\$0.33	\$/sqft/year
<b>Total Owner Energy</b>	30	kBtu/sqft/year	\$1.06	\$/sqft/year





#### Park Avenue Green

#### **Improvements**

- Roughly 1 year old
- Passive House envelope
- VRF heating and cooling
- Some amenity spaces
- ~117,000 gross sqft
- 154 apartments
- 253 bedrooms
- 34 kW PV system
- 65 kW CHP system



### Data: Park Avenue Green Owner Energy Metrics and Costs

Energy End-Use	Energy	Unit	Cost	Unit
Cooling (VRF)*	-	Btu/sqft/CDD	-	\$/sqft/year
Heating (VRF)*	-	Btu/sqft/HDD	-	\$/sqft/year
Gas Heating (RTUs)	0.59	Btu/sqft/HDD	\$0.03	\$/sqft/year
Fossil Fuel Baseload (DWH Boilers)	0.04	mmBtu/bedroom/year	\$0.001	\$/sqft/year
Electric Baseload (Net of CHP)	2,070	kWh/unit/year	\$0.64	\$/sqft/year
CHP Gas	17,641	therms/year	\$0.12	\$/sqft/year
RNM Credits from PV System	41,582	kWh/year	(\$0.02)	\$/sqft/year
Total Owner Energy	21	kBtu/sqft/year	\$0.78	\$/sqft/year

\*All data are shown net of CHP production. CHP modulates to maintain minimum net import which is why heating and cooling metrics show as zero in a regression analysis.



## Case Study Comparison

	"TYPICAL BUILDING"	St Augustine	Park Avenue Green
Fossil Fuel Baseload (Includes CHP)	\$0.13	\$0.17	\$0.12
Electric Baseload + Seasonal Energy Cost (Net of DG)	\$1.24	\$0.89	\$0.64
Total Owner Energy	\$1.38	\$1.06	\$0.78

Note: All Units in Table are \$/SqFt/Year



### Construction Cost Premiums

Technology	Cost Premium (\$/sqft)
VRF System Upgrade	5.0
PV System	.30
CHP System	1.8
Total	7.1

Note: Cost Premium is calculated based off additional cost for the described technology above the typical NYC building cost.



### An Owner's Perspective

- Why VRFs?
- Why Cogen?
- Why PV?
- Goal : Passive House



# Future Impacts of Policy

- Incentives
- LL97
- Rate changes
- Cleaner grid
- Different grid loading (EVs, electrified heating)





Source: NYISO Powertrends 2019



#### LL97 Impacts on Case Study Buildings: St. Augustine

2024-2029 Period			
Energy End-Use	Electricity (kWh)	Gas (therms)	tCO2e
Cooling	106,224	0	31
Heating	239,269	0	69
Fossil Fuel Baseload	0	16,336	87
Electric Baseload (Net of PV)	205,050	0	59
Total Owner Energy	550,542	16,336	246

Emissions	0.00210	tCO2e/sq ft
Emission Limit	0.00675	tCO2e/sq ft
Percent of Limit	31%	

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Emission Limit	0.00407	tCO2e/sq ft
Percent of Limit	52%	



#### LL97 Impacts on Case Study Buildings: Park Avenue Green

2024-2029 Period				
Energy End-Use	Electricity (kWh)	Gas (therms)	tCO2e	
Cooling (VRF)	0	0	0	
Heating (VRF)	0	0	0	
Gas Heating (RTUs)	0	4,138	22	
Fossil Fuel Baseload	0	95	1	
Electric Baseload (Net of CHP)	318,800	0	92	
Generator Gas	0	17,641	94	
PV Generation	-41,582	0	-12	
Total	277,218	21,873	196	

Emissions	0.00123	tCO2e/sq ft
Emission Limit	0.00675	tCO2e/sq ft
Percent of Limit	18%	



#### LL97 Impacts on Case Study Building: Park Avenue Green

2030-2034 Period - CHP is On					
Energy End-Use	Electricity (kWh)	Gas (therms)	tCO2e		
Cooling (VRF)	0	0	0		
Heating (VRF)	0	0	0		
Gas Heating (RTUs)	0	4,138	22		
Fossil Fuel Baseload	0	95	1		
Electric Baseload (Net of CHP)	318,800	0	39		
Generator Gas	0	17,641	94		
PV Generation	-41,582	0	-5		
Total	277,218	21,873	150		

Emissions	0.00094	tCO2e/sq ft
Emission Limit	0.00407	tCO2e/sq ft
Percent of Limit	23%	

Energy End-Use	Electricity (kWh)	Gas (therms)	tCO2e
Cooling (VRF)	0	0	0
Heating (VRF)	0	0	0
Gas Heating (RTUs)	0	4,138	22
Fossil Fuel Baseload	0	95	1
Electric Baseload (Net of CHP)	548,691	0	67
Generator Gas	0	0	0
PV Generation	-41,582	0	-5
Total	507,109	4,232	84

Emissions	0.00053	tCO2e/sq ft
Emission Limit	0.00407	tCO2e/sq ft
Percent of Limit	13%	



### How Are Developers Viewing the Future

- Motivation for Complete Building Envelopes
- Deters Cogen and other bridging technologies
- Gas Moratorium



## Questions?

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