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## Upcoming Webinar

June 9, 2021- Passive House Process: The Path to Certification  
presented by  
John Loercher



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# Take energy efficiency to a new level

Residential New Construction Passive House Multi-family buildings with five units or more



## PASSIVE HOUSE INCENTIVE STRUCTURE FOR MULTI-FAMILY (5 UNITS OR MORE)

Incentive Timing	Activity	Incentive Amount	Max Incentive (Per Unit)	Max Incentive (Per Project)
Pre-Construction	Feasibility Study <sup>1</sup>	Up to 100% of Feasibility Study Costs	N/A	\$5,000.00
	Energy Modeling <sup>2</sup>	75% of Energy Modeling Costs (Before 90% Design Drawings)	\$500.00	\$30,000.00
		50% of Energy Modeling Costs (90% Design/50% Construction)	\$250.00	\$15,000.00
Post Construction	Certification <sup>3</sup>	Up to 100% of Certification Costs	\$1,500.00	\$60,000.00

1. Feasibility Study will require documentation in the form of a Feasibility Study report and invoice from the Passive House Consultant

2. Incentives will only be awarded prior to 50% Construction Drawings for Passive House projects. No incentives will be granted after 50% Construction Drawing set.

3. Certification may be either through PHIUS, PHI, or EnerPHit certification offerings.

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# Passive House 201

## Technical Aspects of Passive House

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# PH 201 Statement

- **Summary:** This is an introductory course to provide rudimentary knowledge of Passive House design considerations. It assumes familiarity with the PH101 presented by PHCT. It is not a formal training under PHIUS+ or PHI.
- **Audience:** Those interested in why Passive House works, but not yet engaged in a certification course through PHI or PHIUS+
- **Topics:**
  - Basic massing, shading and solar control
  - Air barrier, weather barrier and thermal control layers
  - Balanced ventilation, efficient heating, cooling and domestic hot water systems
  - Modeling used to guide the design

# Learning Objectives

1. Learn more about what has been called the most energy efficient building standard in the world, Passive House.
2. Understand how Passive House provides an ideal path to achieving Net Zero Energy / Net Zero Carbon buildings.
3. Understand how the building enclosure design is critical to meeting the Passive House certification criteria.
4. Learn how mechanical systems design can work with envelope design to reduce energy loads.



## ***Why Passive House?***

Focus on fundamental principles of building physics to reduce energy loads at their source.

# Net-Zero Energy Passive House

- Total source energy demand is roughly equal to site energy production
- May offset large fossil fuel energy use with renewable source electricity, resulting in high GHG emissions
- Rigorous standard for primary energy reduction (before renewable energy)
- Significant GHG emissions reductions
- Net-Zero energy or net-zero energy ready
- Source-Positive energy capable



# Source Energy Limits

PHIUS+ 2021: Varies / person / yr  
PHIUS+ 2018: 3,840 kWh / person / yr  
PHIUS+ CORE: 5,500 kWh / person / yr

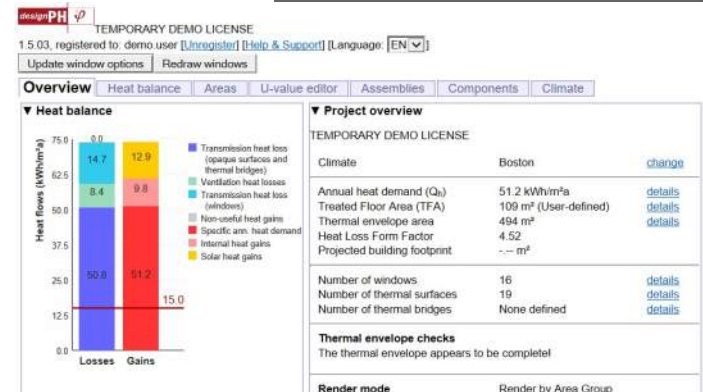
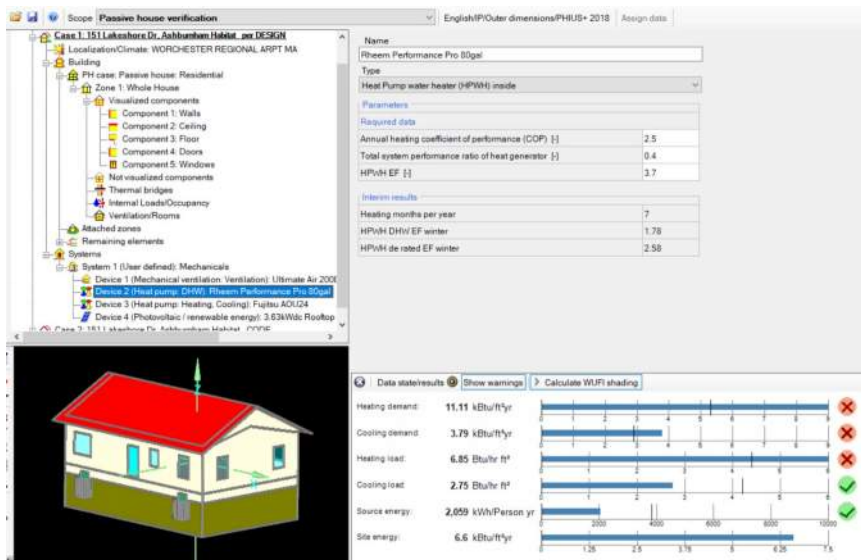
PHI Premium: 9.51 kBTU / sf / yr  
PHI Plus: 14.26 kBTU / sf / yr  
PHI Classic: 19.02 kBTU / sf / yr

# Modeling



## DesignPH/PHPP

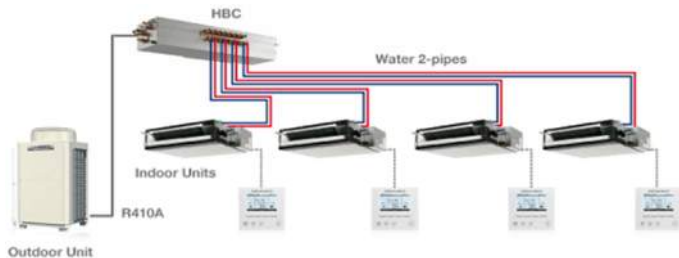
Climate: Boston  
51.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a  
TFA: 109 m<sup>2</sup> (User-defined)  
Heat Loss Form Factor 4.52



# Complementary Programs



# Passive House $\neq$ Products and Technologies



# **Passive House = Whole Building Systems Analysis**

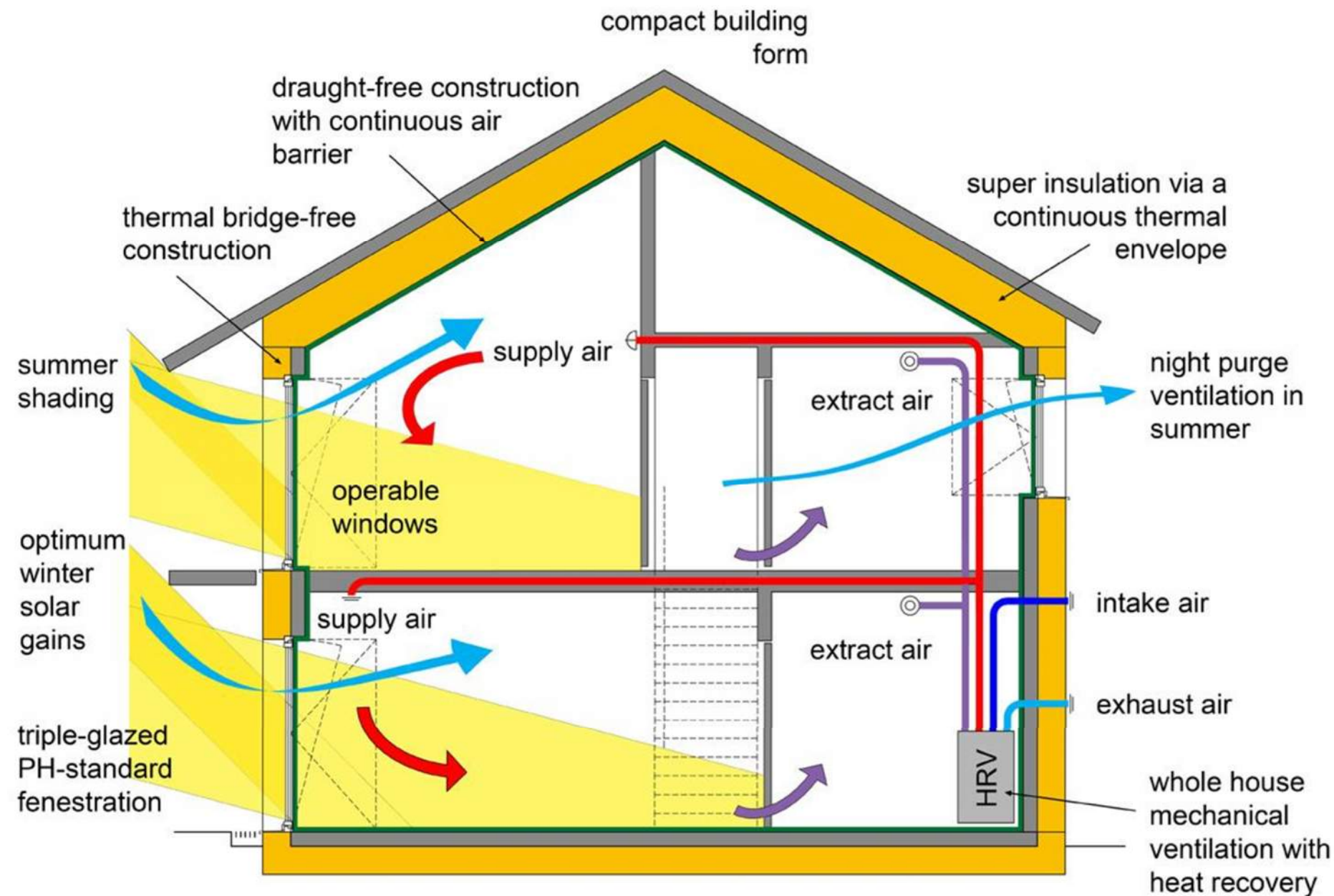
## **Energy Flow**

**Climate & Context**

**Massing & Envelope**

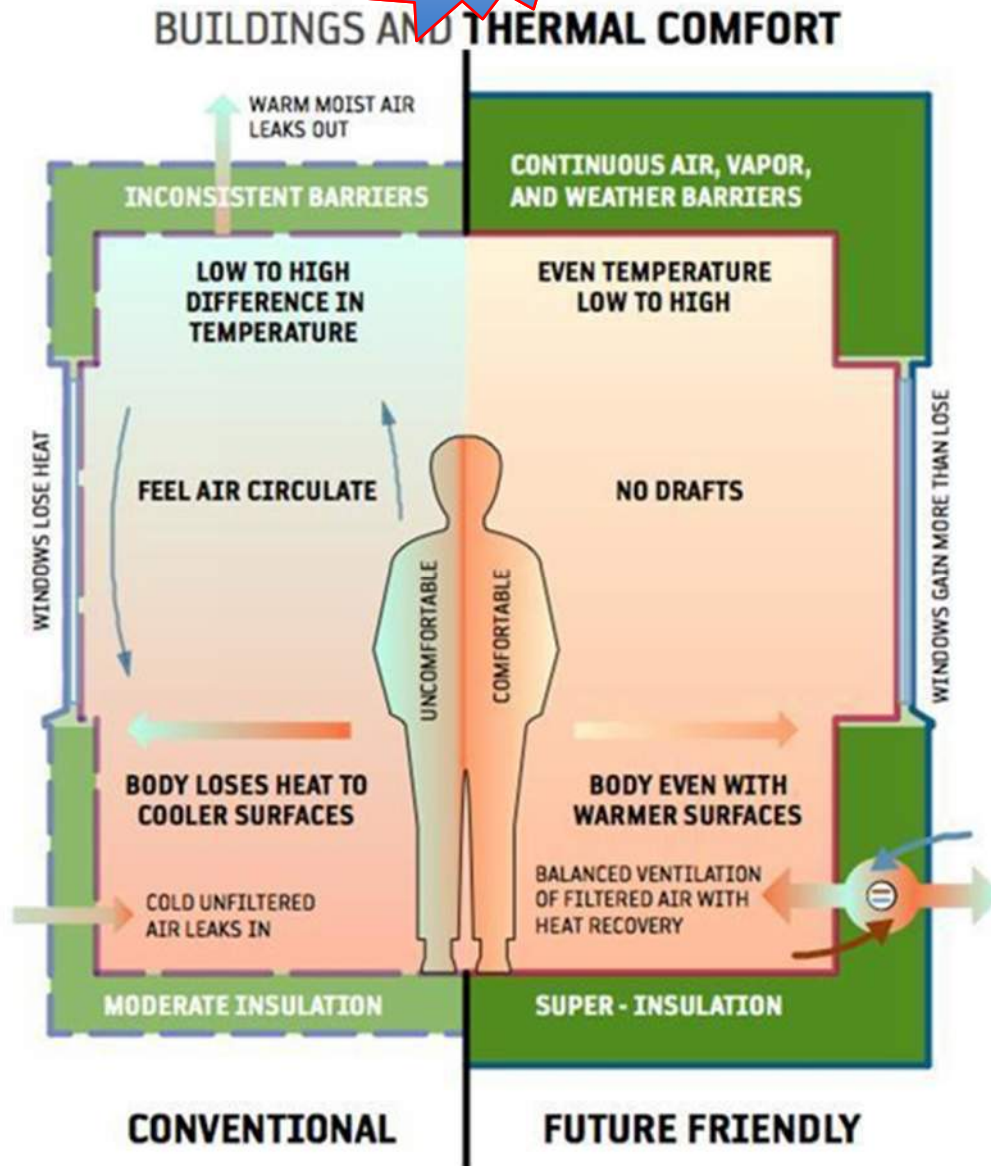
**Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing**







# Conventional vs. Passive House



# Impacts on Users and Co-Benefits

- **Healthy indoor environmental quality**
  - Draft-free
  - Comfortable
  - Surface temperatures well above dew point
  - Reduced mold risk
  - Paired with low VOC, low toxin materials
  - Filtered fresh air
- **Passive survivability**
  - Minimal temperature drift during extreme weather conditions even with system shutdowns or power outages
  - Longer, slower heating and cooling loss times
- **Minimized noise**
  - Insulation

# Passive House whole building energy flow

## **GAINS:**

- Solar energy through windows, assemblies
- Occupant heat
- Equipment energy loss inside envelope (lights, computers, misc.)
- Equipment Outputs and Efficiencies
- Renewable energy system inputs if present (PV and Solar Thermal)

## **LOSSES:**

- Thermal & Moisture transfer through:
  - Air Infiltration and Leakage
  - Assemblies and Components
  - Ventilation

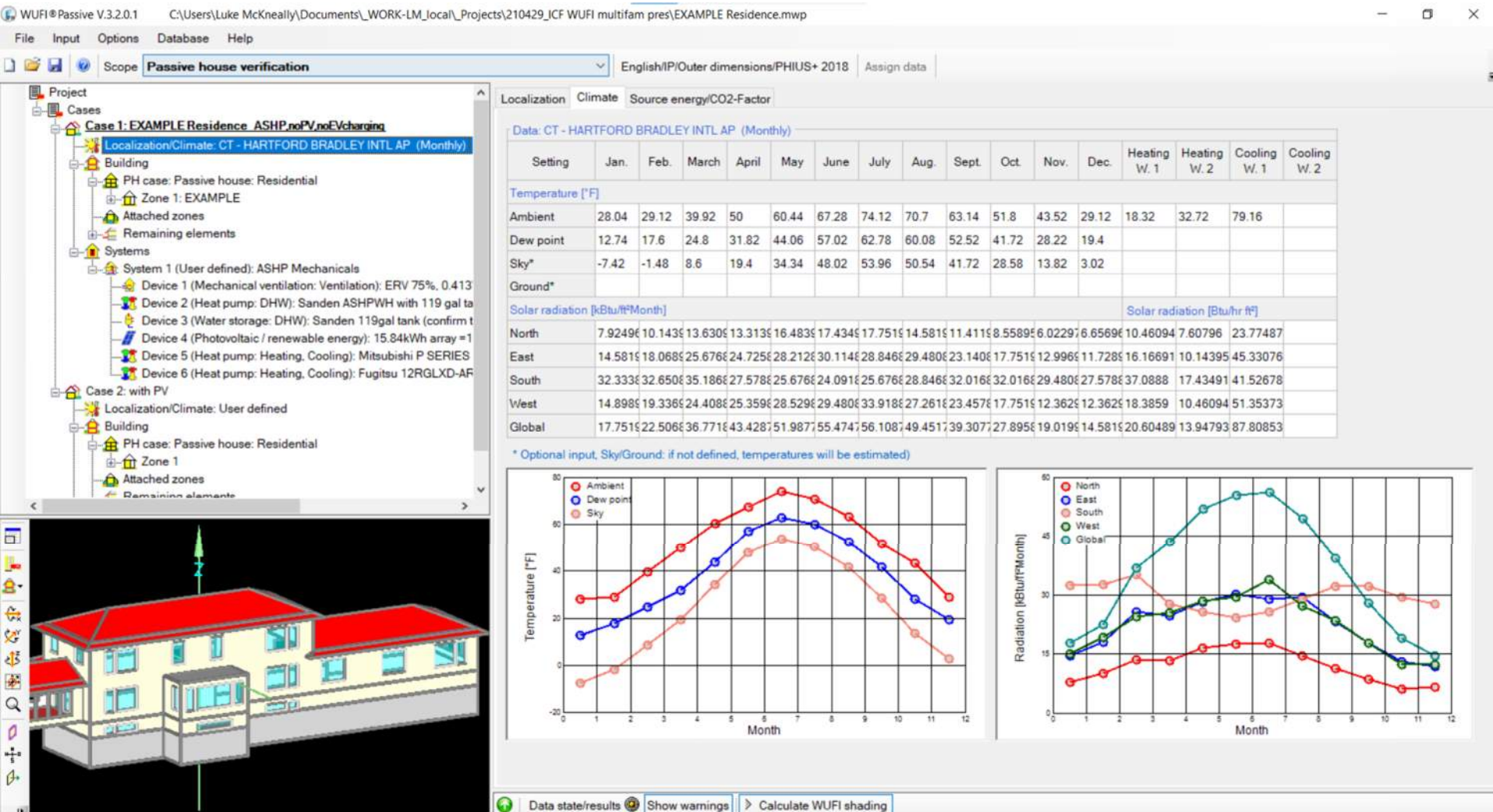
# Climate Data



USDA hardiness map

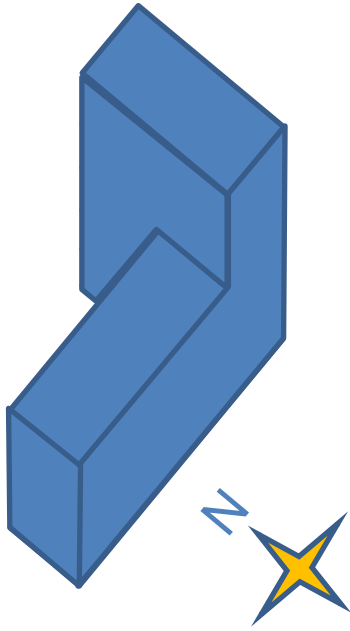
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## WUFI modelling

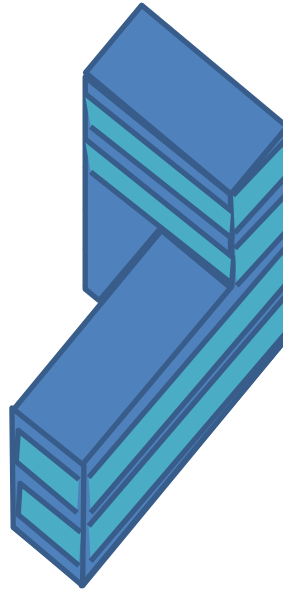




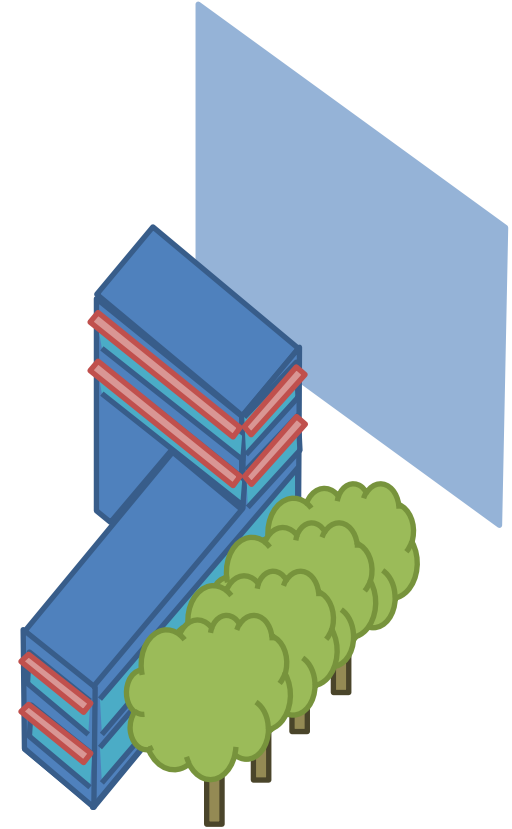
# Massing, Orientation, Glazing, Shading



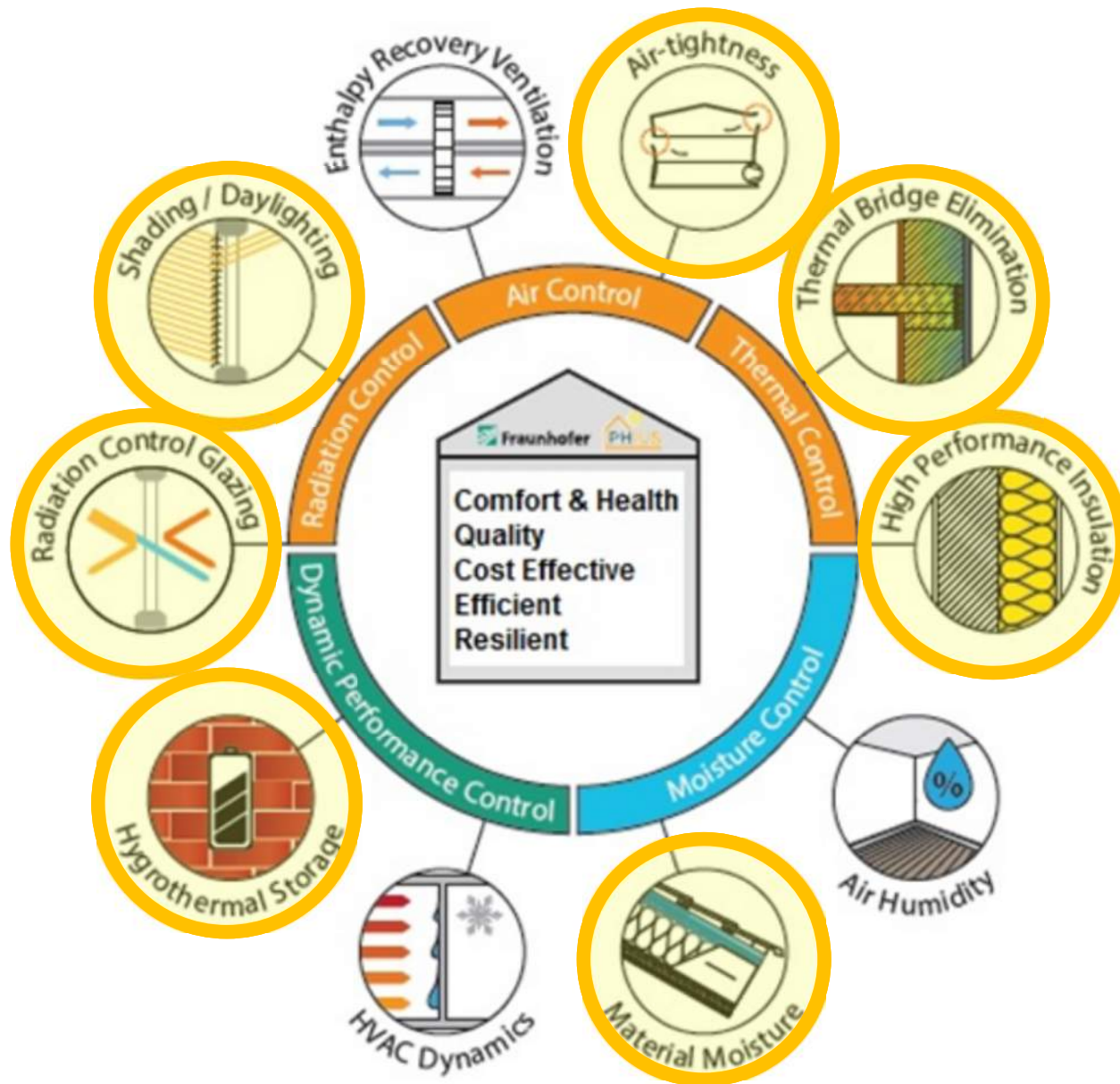
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ORIENTATION



WINDOW AREA  
& ORIENTATION

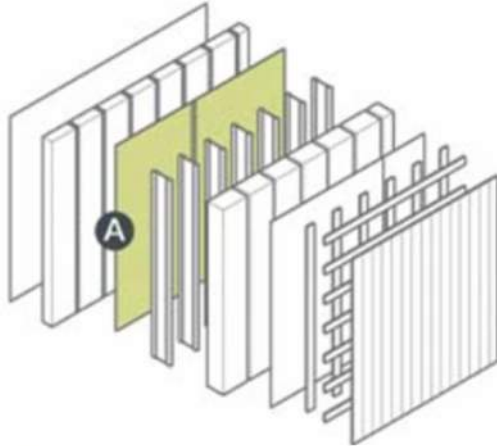


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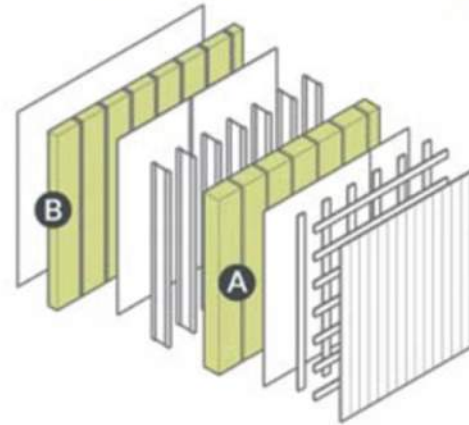


# Enclosure

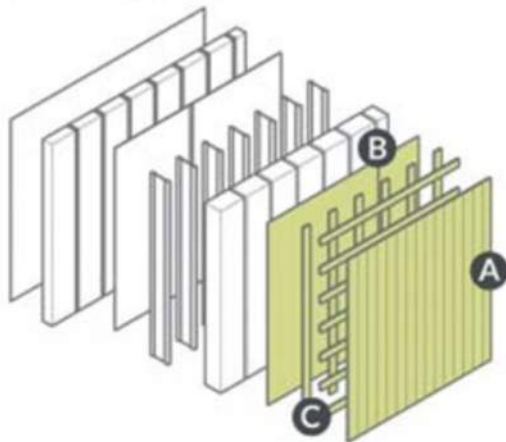
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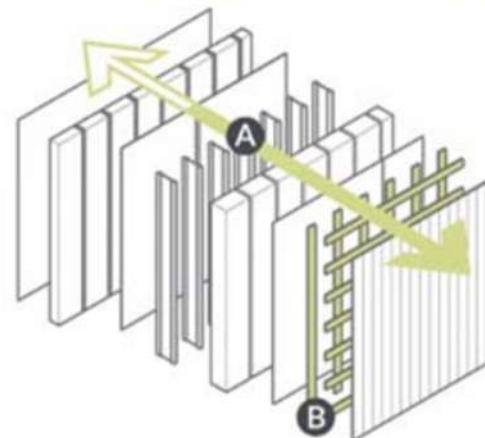
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**WATER**  
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**VAPOR**  
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# Assemblies

## WUFI modelling

Scope: **Passive house verification** | English/IP/Outer dimensions/PHIUS+ 2018 | Assign data

**Case 1: EXAMPLE Residence ASHP, no PV, no EV charging**

Localization/Climate: CT - HARTFORD BRADLEY INTL AP (Monthly)

Building

PH case: Passive house: Residential

Zone 1: EXAMPLE

Visualized components

- Component 1: Windows/Doors
- Component 2: Walls-BelowGrade
- Component 3: EntryFloor
- Component 4: Walls-AboveGrade**
- Component 5: Roof-AtticSpace-CelluloseLF
- Component 6: Cold Room Door
- Component 7: Walls-ColdRoom
- Component 8: Slab
- Component 9: Roof-OuterEdge-SPFcc
- Component 10: Roof-OuterEdge-SPFcc
- Component 11: Roof-OuterEdge-SPFcc
- Component 12: Roof-OuterEdge-SPFcc
- Component 13: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF
- Component 14: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF
- Component 15: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF
- Component 16: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF
- Component 17: Roof-Flat-SPFcc

Not visualized components

**General Assembly Surface**

**Assigned assembly**

Name	R [hr ft² °F/Btu]
Double Stud Wall-NewEngland, ZipSheathing, 3.5", 2"Gap, 5.5" Structural	36.346

Select from database Edit

**Available assemblies**

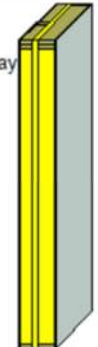

Joist Roof Framing 16"w/ 4" MineralWool Continuous Exterior Insul	66.197	New Delete Copy Insert New/Insert
Joist Roof Framing 16" w/ 6" MineralWool Continuous Exterior Insul	73.024	
4" reinforced Slab on Grade w/ vapor barrier 2" MW	9.437	
ICF_Quad-Lock 12" block	27.478	
2" ZIP-R Wall, 5.5" MW	32.686	Assign
4" Continuous MineralWool, 2x6 Stud w/ cavity MW	Double-click to assign to current component.	
Double Stud Wall, 3.5 outside Continuous - 5.5" Structural cellulose	30.91	
Double Stud Wall, 3.5 outside Continuous - 5.5" Structural MW	37.427	

**Inhomogenous layers**

Thermal resistance: 36.346 / 40.872 hr ft² °F/Btu (EN ISO 6946 / homogenous lay

Heat transfer coefficient (U-value): 0.027 Btu/hr ft² °F

Thickness: 12.023 in



Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [lb/ft³]	c [Btu/lb °F]	λ [Btu/hr ft °F]	Thickness [in]	Color
1	vapor retarder (5perm)	8.12	0.55	1.3289	0.039	
2	Oriented Strand Board	40.58	0.45	0.0532	0.492	

Data state/results Show warnings Calculate WUFI shading

Credit: Fraunhofer IBP

# Assemblies

## WUFI modelling

Scope: **Passive house verification** | English/IP/Outer dimensions/PHIUS+ 2018 | Assign data

**Project**

- Cases
  - Case 1: EXAMPLE Residence ASHP,noPV,noEVcharging
    - Localization/Climate: CT - HARTFORD BRADLEY INTL AP (Monthly)
    - Building
      - PH case: Passive house: Residential
        - Zone 1: EXAMPLE
          - Visualized components
            - Component 1: Windows Fixed Large
            - Component 2: Windows Operable 04
            - Component 3: Windows/Doors
            - Component 4: Window Fixed Picture
            - Component 5: Windows Fixed Corner
            - Component 6: Windows Operable 03
            - Component 7: Windows/Doors
            - Component 8: Windows Operable 02
            - Component 9: Windows Basement fixed
            - Component 10: Window/Door Patio
            - Component 11: Walls-BelowGrade
            - Component 12: EntryFloor
            - Component 13: Walls-AboveGrade
            - Component 14: Roof-AtticSpace-CelluloseLF
            - Component 15: Cold Room Door
            - Component 16: Walls-ColdRoom

**General** | Window parameters | Solar protection

**Assigned window type**

Name	Uw [Btu/hr ft² °F]
Shuco AW/S90 PHI certified Climatop Argon	0.1544

Select from database | Edit

**Available window types**

Alpen725	0.1407472672	New Delete Copy Insert New/Insert: after
Alpen925	0.1520007086	
KW EcoClad TT Triple 0.39SHGC, U-0.09, 52mm	0.1316247591	
Draft SHUCO Living MD = 0.52SHGC, U-0.107, 90mm	0.1576	
Glazing: Clear 3 Layers, Frame: Wood/Vinyl - Operable	0.5245	
Low -e Double glazing on surface 2, e=0,2	0.3034	
MacroWin MW/88_Climatop ONE glass Krypton	Double click to assign to current window	
MacroWin MW/88_Climatop LUX_glass Krypton	0.1579	

Assign

**Basic data**

Uw -mounted	[Btu/hr ft² °F]	0.1544
Frame factor		0.6815
Glass U-value	[Btu/hr ft² °F]	0.088
SHGC/Solar energy transmittance (perpendicular)		0.6

**Frame data**

Setting	Left	Right	Top	Bottom
Frame width [in]	4.61	4.61	4.61	4.61
Frame U-value [Btu/hr ft² °F]	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176
Glazing-to-frame psi-value [Btu/hr ft² °F]	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016
Frame-to-Wall psi-value [Btu/hr ft² °F]	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029

**Solar radiation angle dependent data**

Angle [°]	Total solar trans.

Data state/results | Calculate WUFI shading

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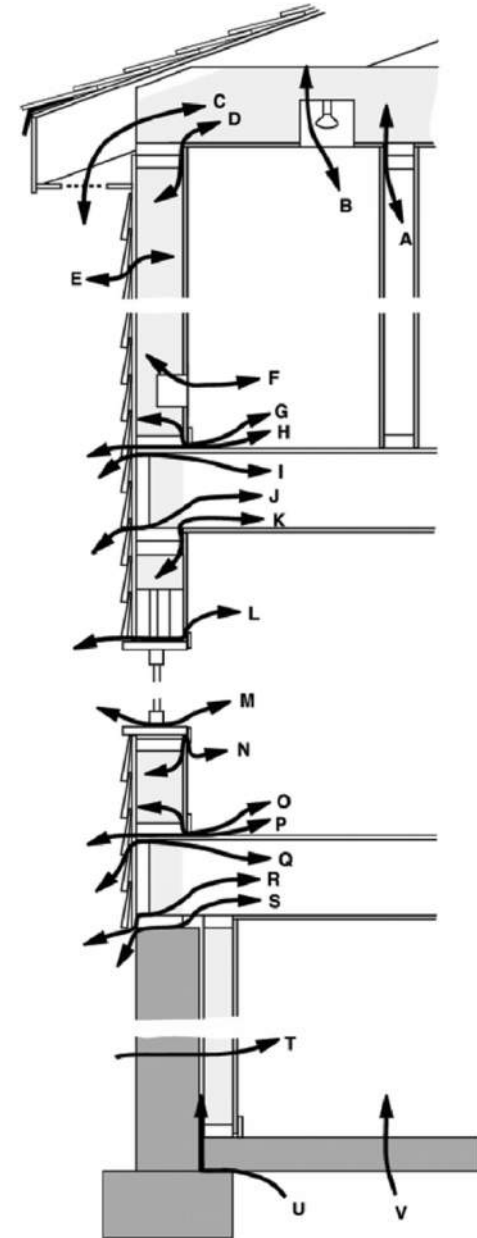
# Air Leakage

PHI: 0.6 ACH50  
0.033 cfm50 / ft<sup>2</sup> for  $\geq 10,000$ sf

PHIUS: 0.08 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup> for 1-4 stories  
0.11 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup> for  $\geq 5$  stories  
0.30 cfm50 / ft<sup>2</sup> dwelling units

US Army Corp of Engineers (v3, 2012):  
0.25 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup>

Mass Save UDRH 2019 Baseline:  
0.4 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup>



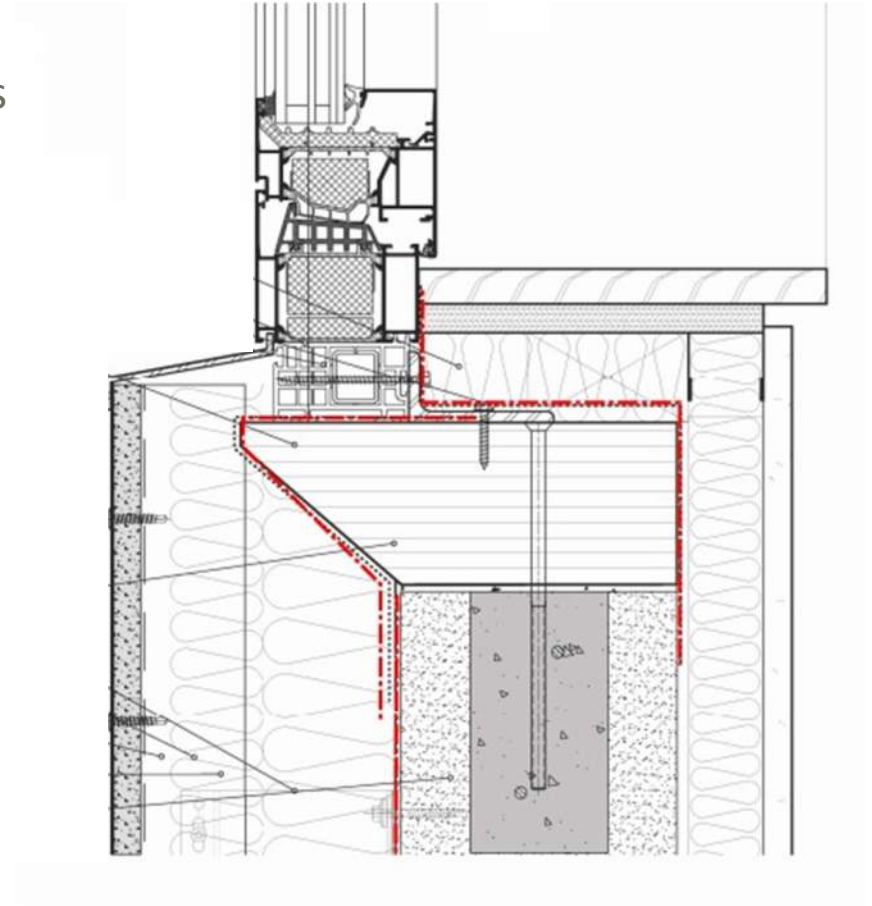
# Air Barrier Details

## Air barrier continuity

- High attention to all exterior details

## Insulation continuity

- Thermal bridge mitigation wherever possible

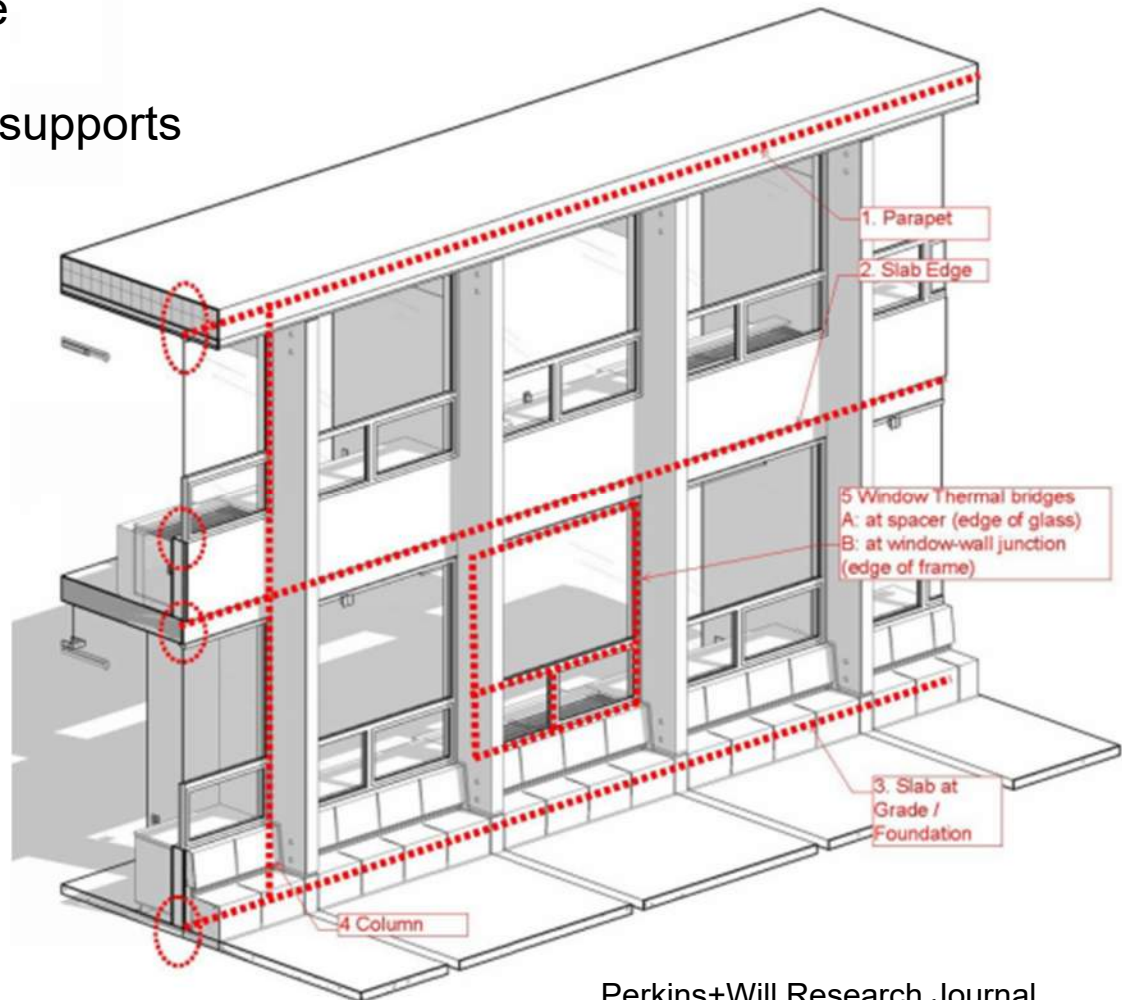




# Thermal Bridging

Thermal Bridges are common at structural interfaces:

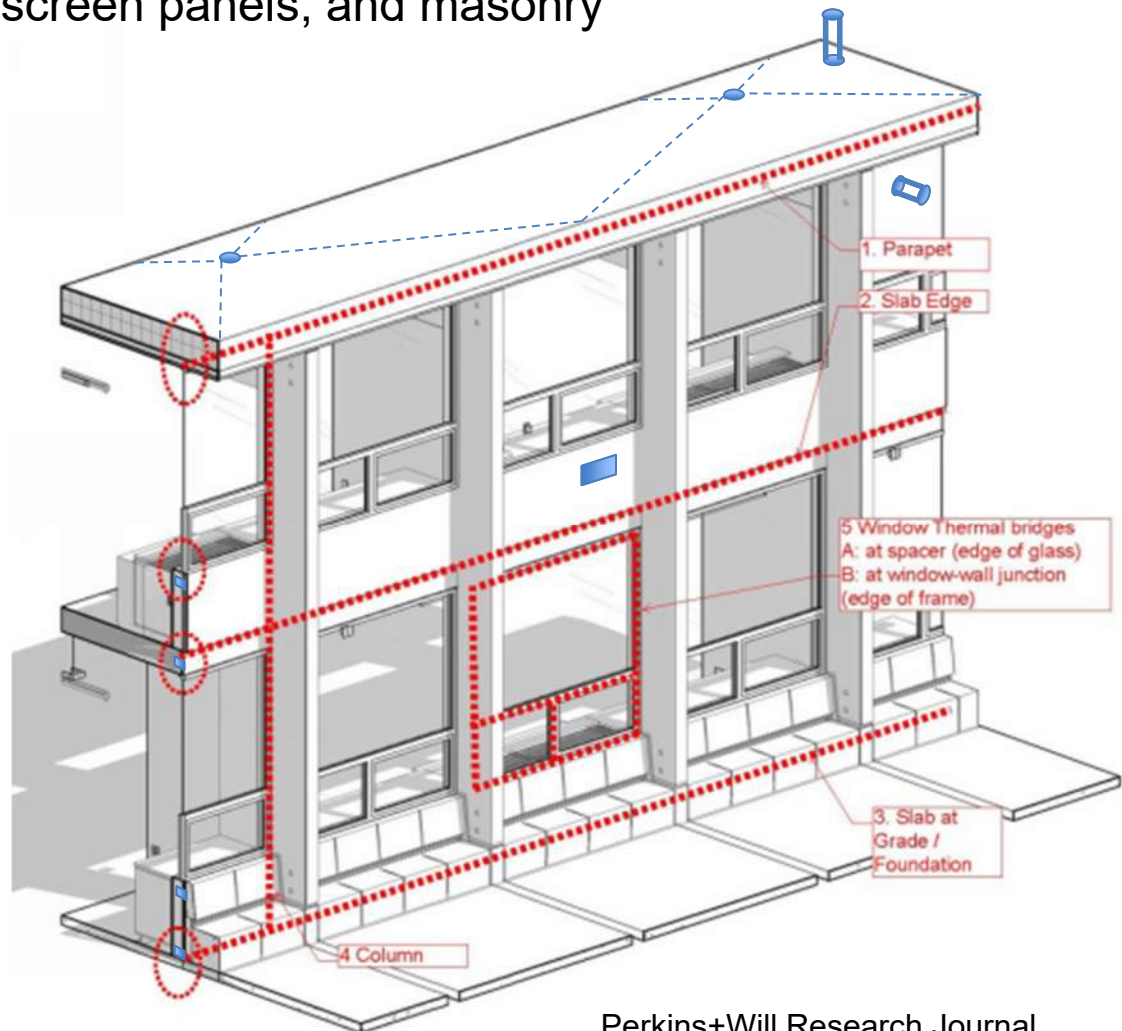
- Columns and beams at facade
- Slab & floor edges at facade
- Window and door frames and supports
- Cantilevers
- Penetrations



# Thermal Bridging

AND

- Anchors for curtain walls, rain screen panels, and masonry
- Rainwater drains
- Waste pipes
- Electrical
- Ventilation
  - Intakes and exhausts
  - Kitchen extraction hoods
  - Dryer exhaust



# Thermal Bridge Modeling

PHPP

Passive House planning:

**SPECIFIC ANNUAL HEATING DEMAND (monthly method)**

(This page displays the sums of the monthly method over the heating period)

Climate: **NY, New York** Interior temperature: **68** °F

Building:  Building type:

Spec. Capacity: **19** BTU/(ft²°F) Treated floor area  $A_{TFA}$ : **189,012** ft²

Building assembly	Temperature zone	Area $R^*$	R-Value hr.R².F/BTU	Month. red. fac.	$G_1$ F.day/yr	kBTU/yr	per ft² treated floor area
Exterior wall - Ambient	A	91719	23.6	1.00	5673	528826	2.80
Roof/Ceiling - Ambient	A	10972	34.2	1.00	5673	43631	0.23
Floor slab / Basement ceiling	B	10788	3.6	1.00	708	51051	0.27
Windows	A	30231	4.2	1.00	5673	977446	5.17
Exterior door	A	600	28.0	1.00	5673	2917	0.02
Exterior TB (length/ft)	A	18904	0.041	1.00	5673	106418	0.56
Transmission heat losses $Q_T$						Total	1710290
							9.05

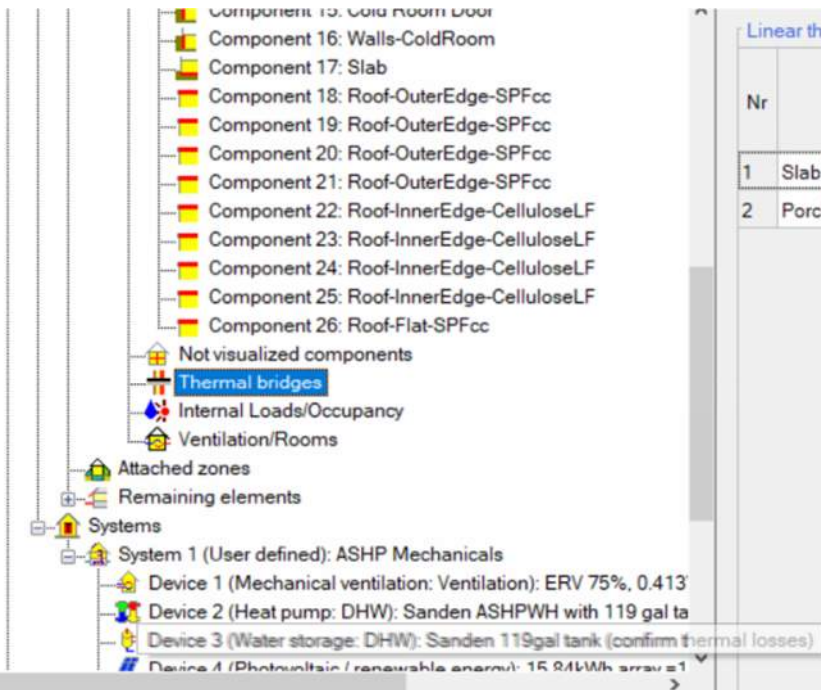
**= 6 % of the total heat loss through the envelope.**

## Thermal bridge inputs

Nr.	Thermal bridge description	Group Nr.	Assigned to group	Qty	User deter-mined length [ft]	-	Length $\ell$ [ft]	Input of thermal bridge heat loss coefficient BTU/hr.ft.F	$\Psi$ BTU/hr.ft.F
6	Wall Panel Bridges					-		Wall Panel Bridges	
7	Panel to panel (H1)	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	8131.80	-	8131.80	Panel to panel (H1)	0.072
8	Panel corner	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	2	253.00	-	506.00	Panel corner	-0.038
9	Shallow over Deep (SO)	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	3949.50	-	3949.50	Shallow over Deep (SO)	0.012
10	Deep over shallow (S)	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	3949.50	-	3949.50	Deep over shallow (S)	0.015
11	Vertical Joint (V1)	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	1828.78	-	1828.78	Vertical Joint (V1)	0.029
12						-			
13	Roof Bridges					-		Roof Bridges	
14	TB1	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	7.58	-	7.58	TB1	0.099
15	TB2	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	207.22	-	207.22	TB2	0.136
16	TB3	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	24.27	-	24.27	TB3	0.072
17	TB4	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	24.27	-	24.27	TB4	0.087
18	TB6	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	23.84	-	23.84	TB6	0.021
19	TB7	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	23.84	-	23.84	TB7	0.130
20	TB8	15	Thermal bridges Ambient	1	70.24	-	70.24	TB8	0.143
					Total : 18,904				

# Thermal Bridge Modeling

WUFI



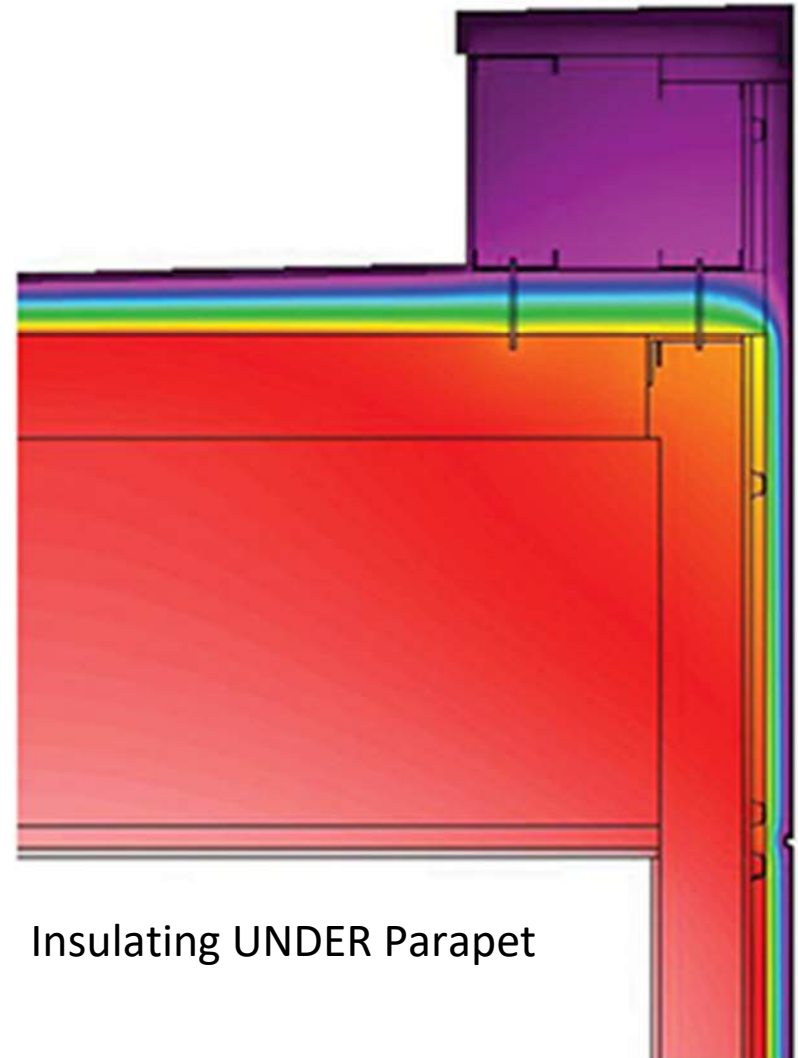
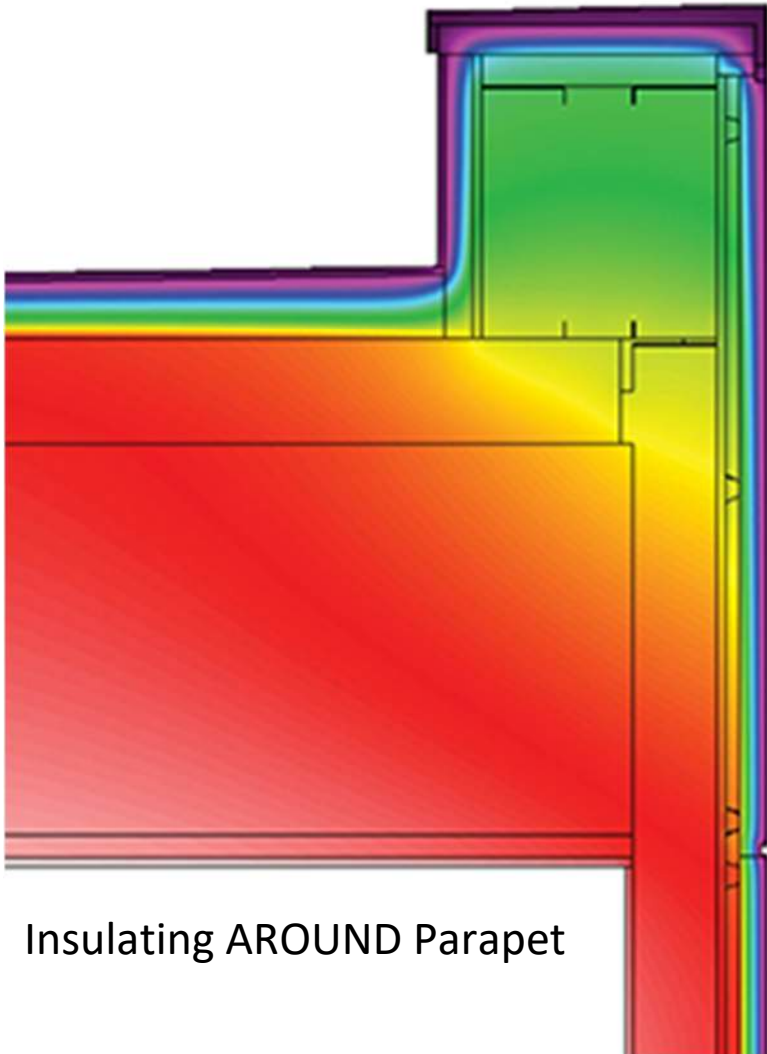
Linear thermal bridges

Nr	Name	Linear thermal transmittance [Btu/hr ft °F]	Length [ft]	Attachment
1	Slab edge	.047	276	Perimeter
2	Porch Roof	0.1	2.5	Ambient

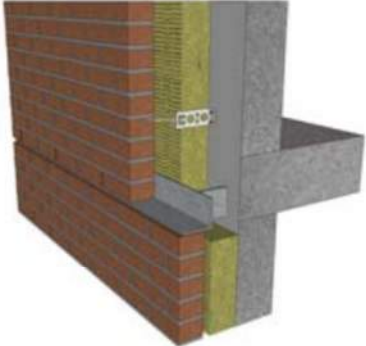
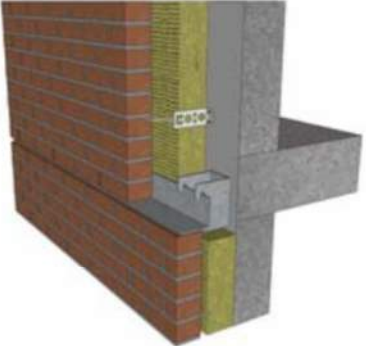
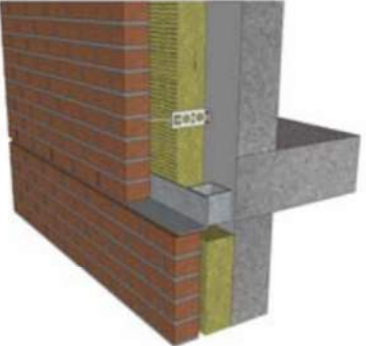
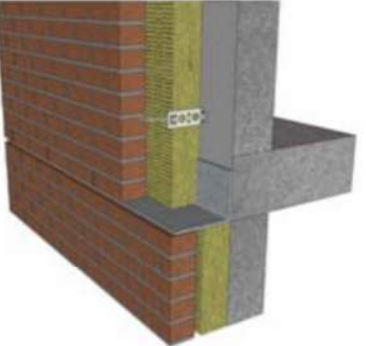
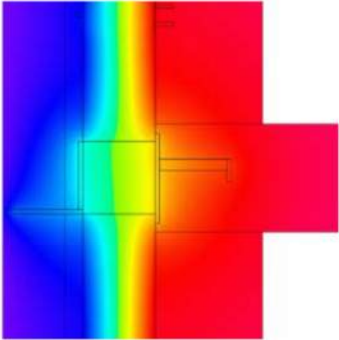
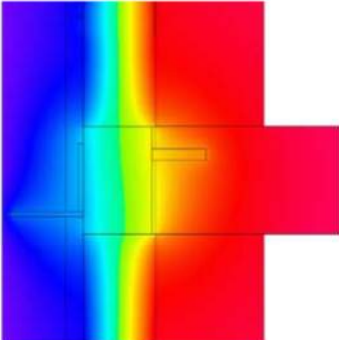
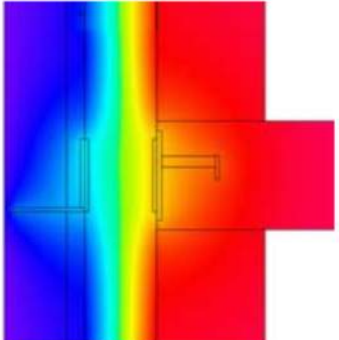
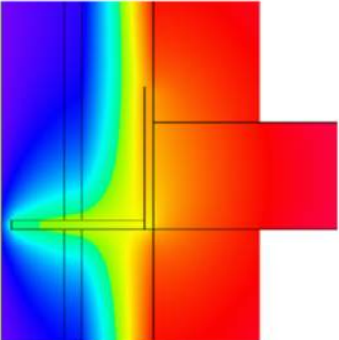
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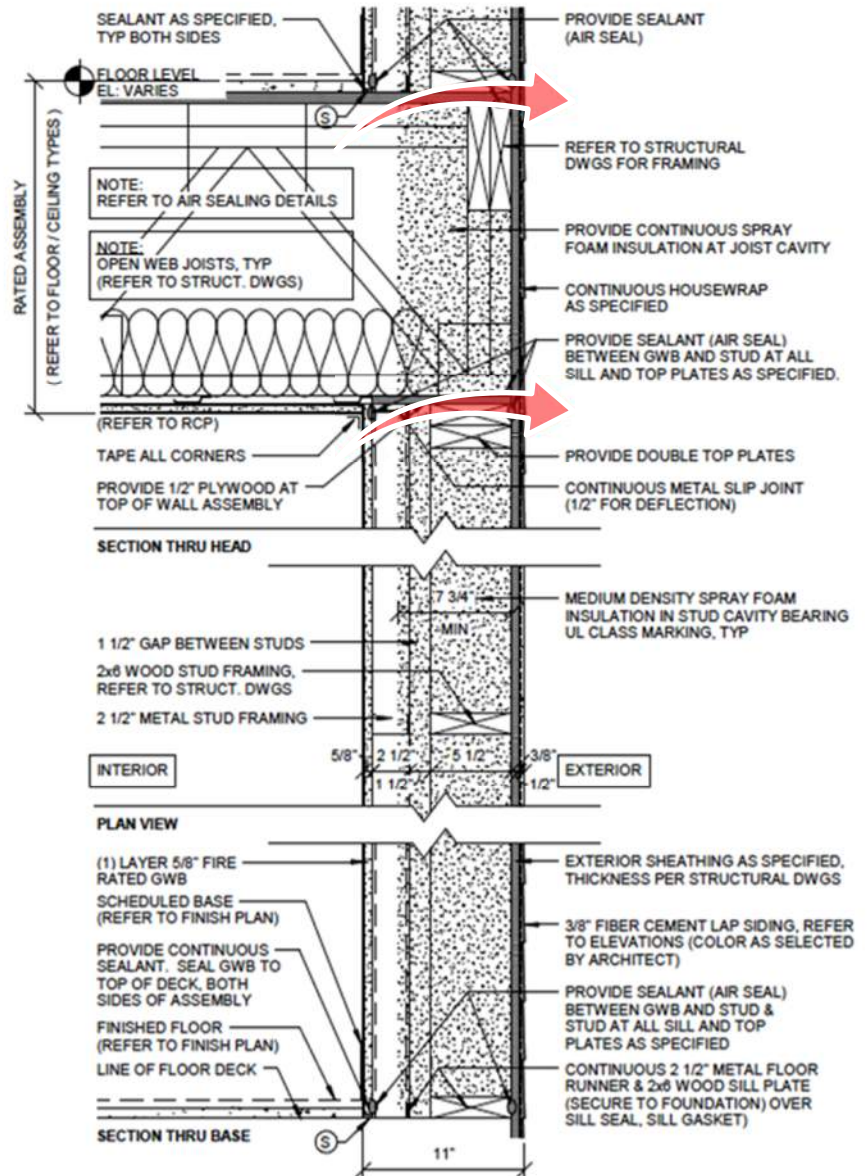
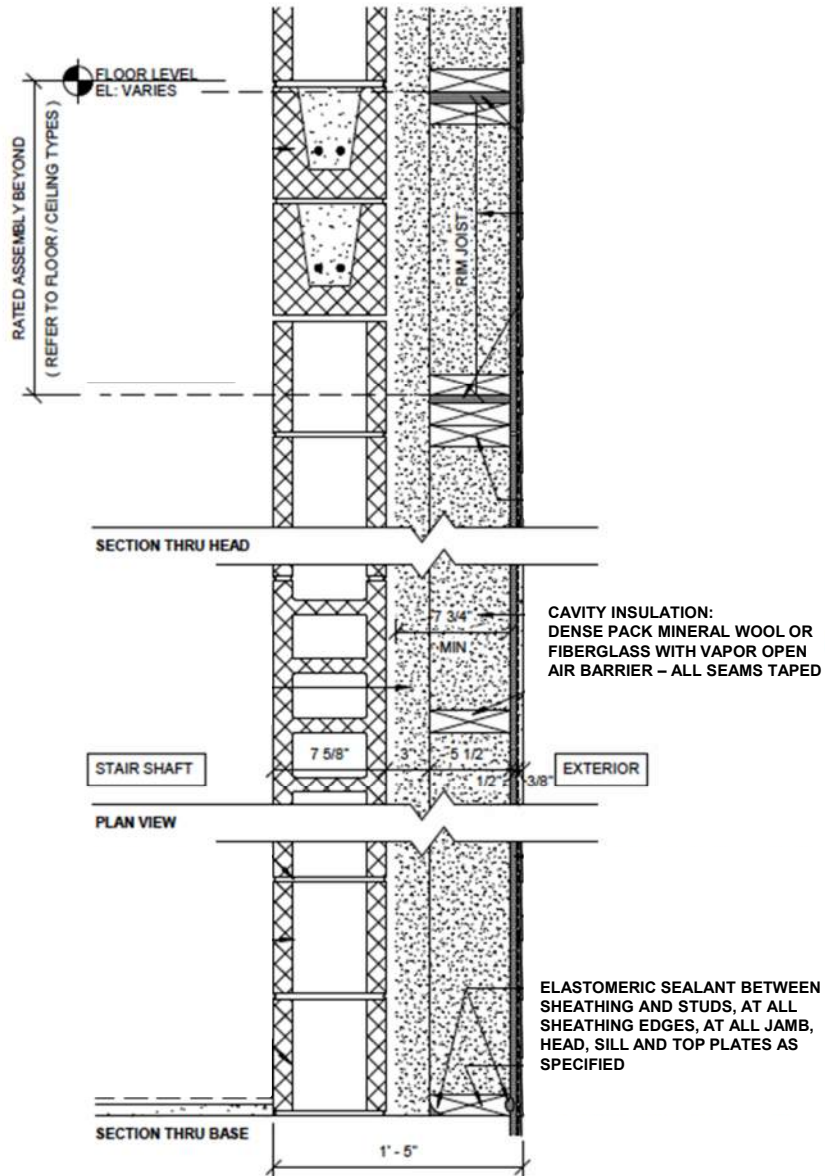
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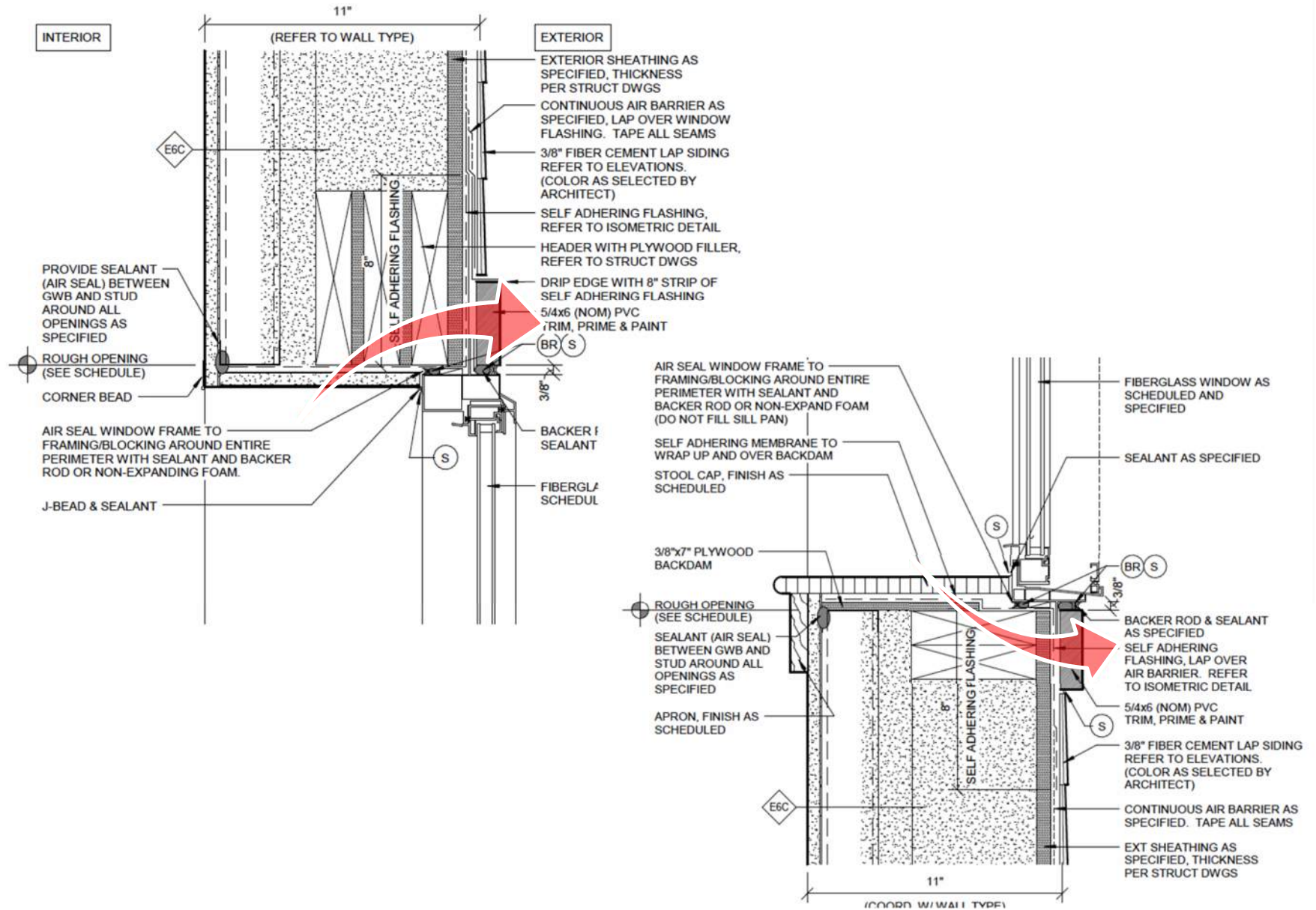
	Knife Plate	Fero FAST System	HSS Section	Large Angle
				
				
Effective Assembly R-Value	R-16.4 (RSI 2.89)	R-16.3 (RSI 2.87)	R-16.1 (RSI 2.84)	R-10.6 (RSI 1.87)
Effective Reduction	14.0%	14.6%	15.7%	43.0%

# Enclosure - Walls

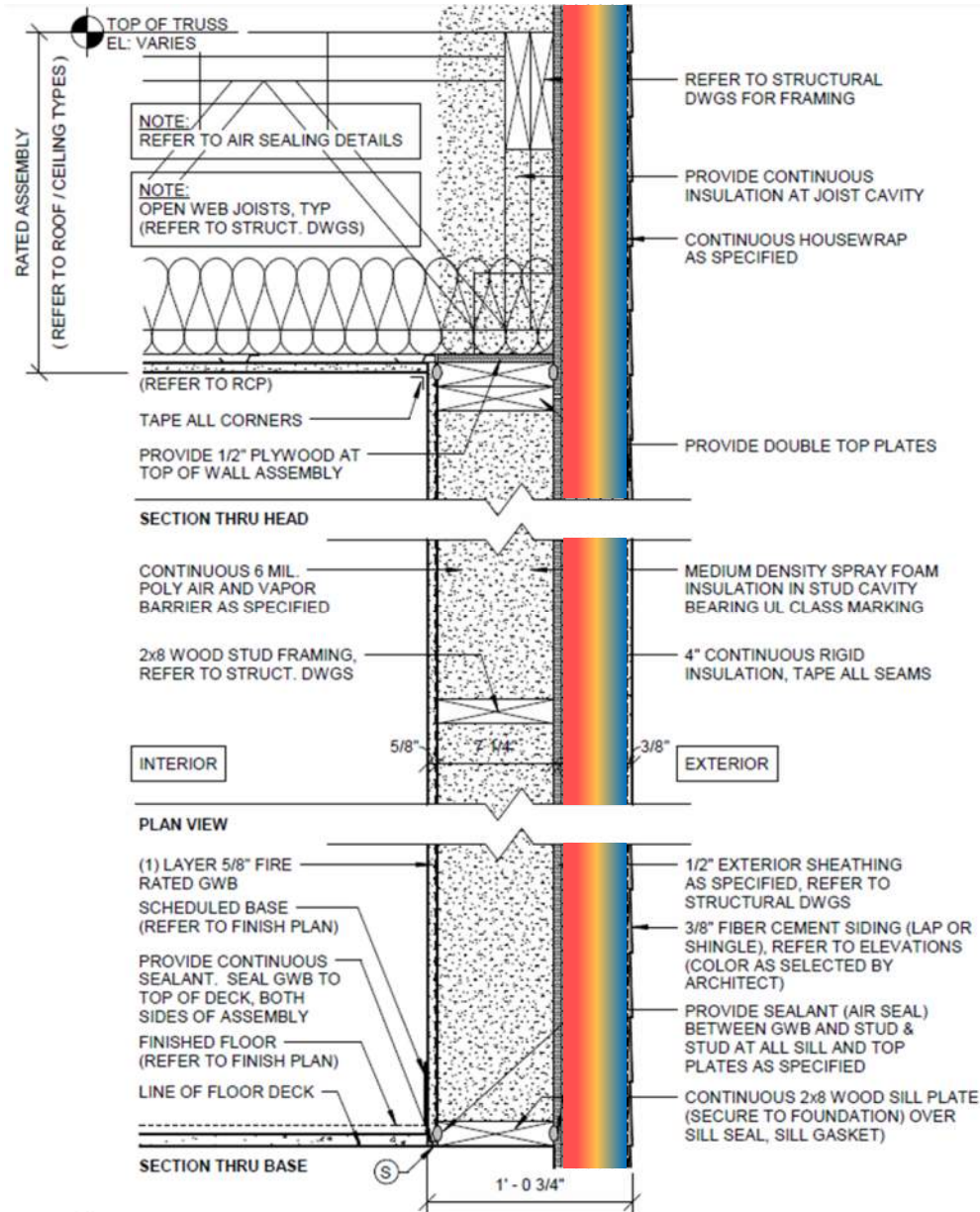




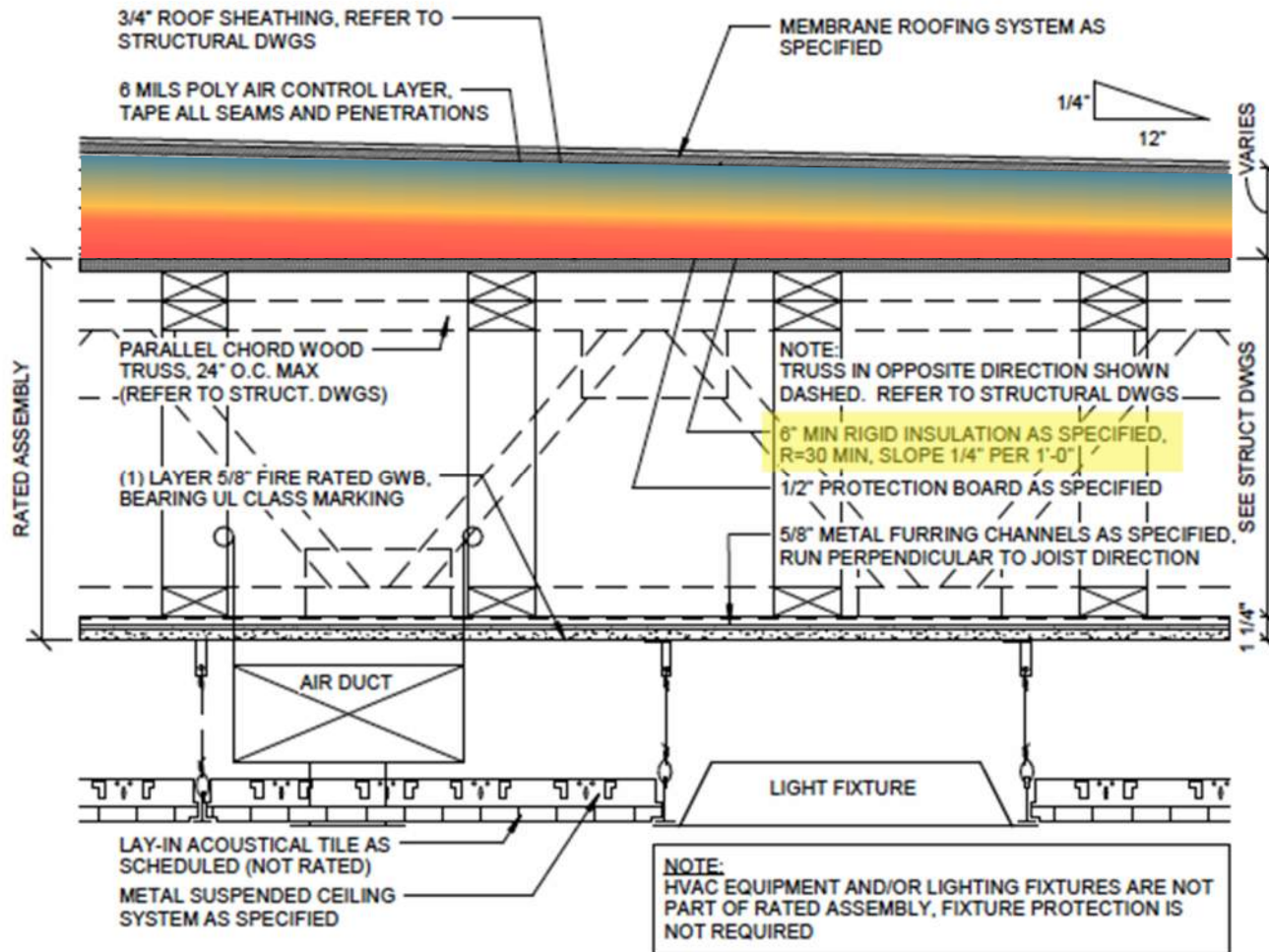
# Enclosure – Windows & Doors



# Enclosure - Walls

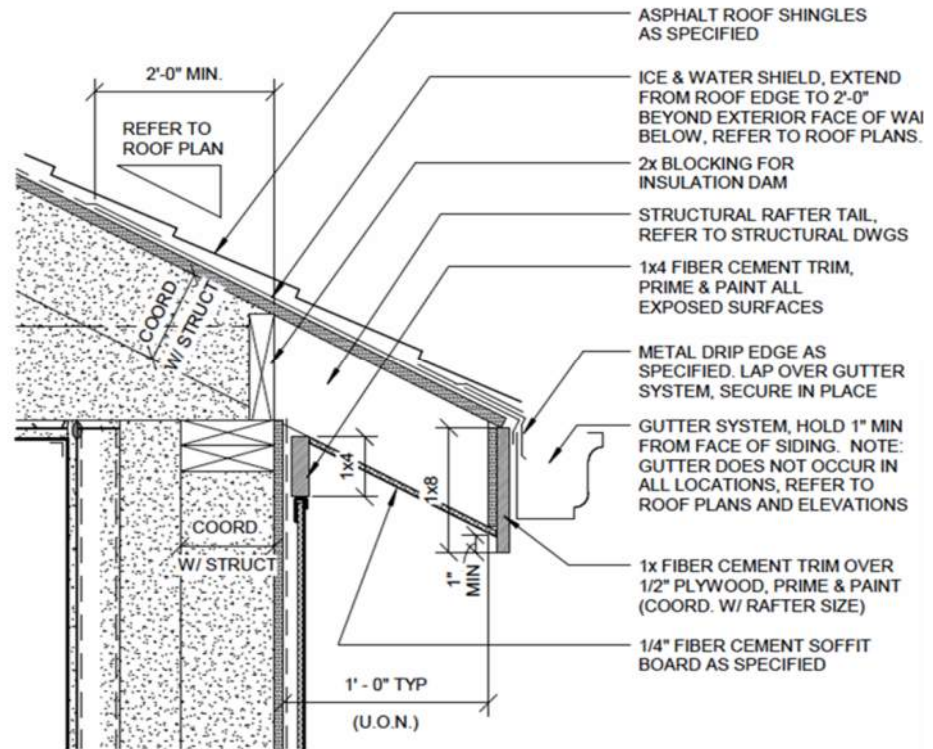
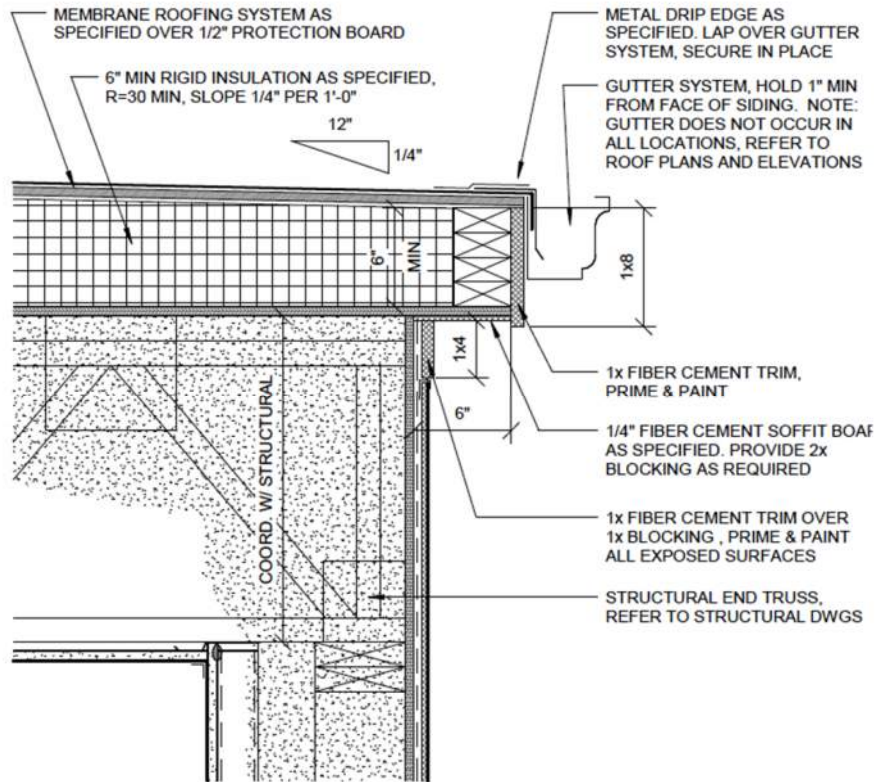


# Enclosure - Roof



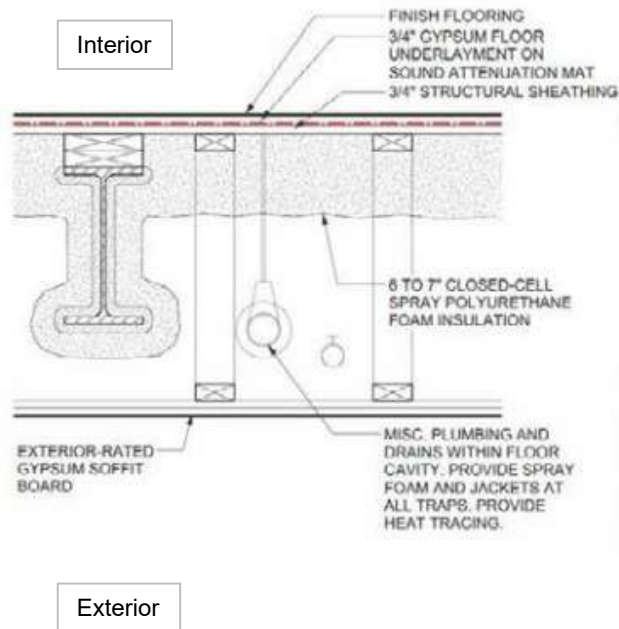


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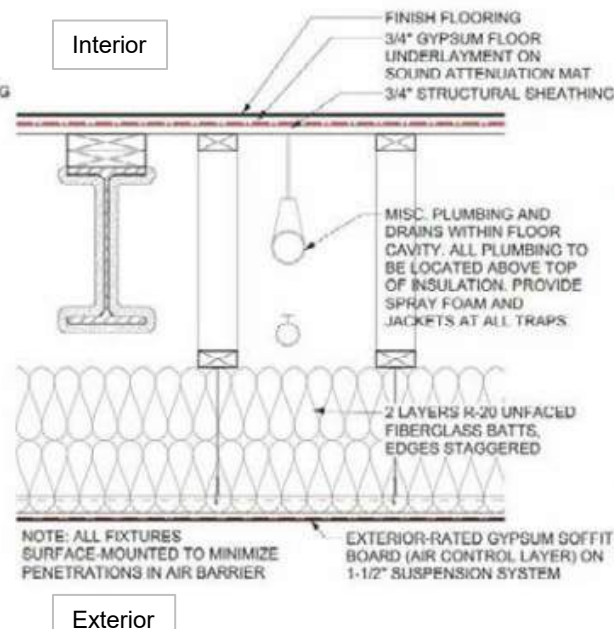


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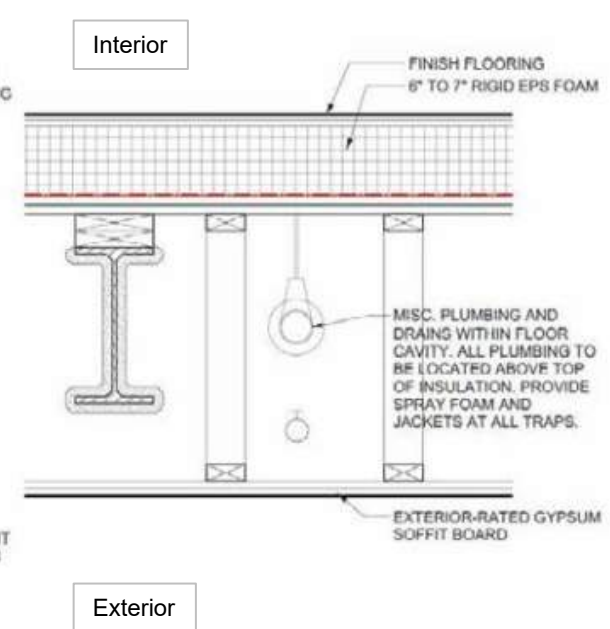
## Insulation Under Deck



## Insulation At Ceiling



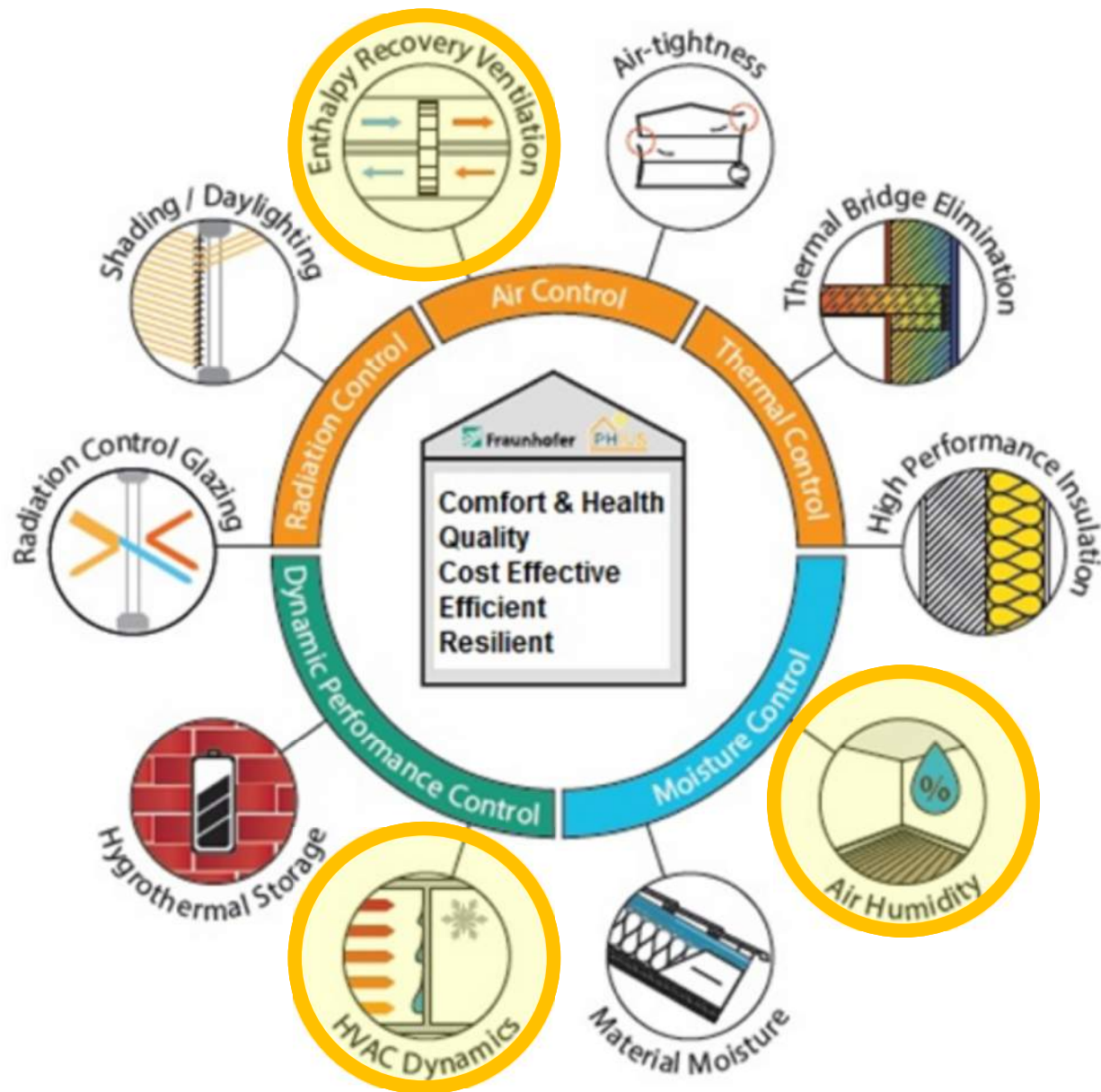
## Insulation Above Deck



## Challenges

- Heat Tape for plumbing
- Access to plumbing traps
- Inspection of insulation for effectiveness, codes, and PH compliance
- Managing moisture risks at interior spaces
- Location / control of Air Barrier

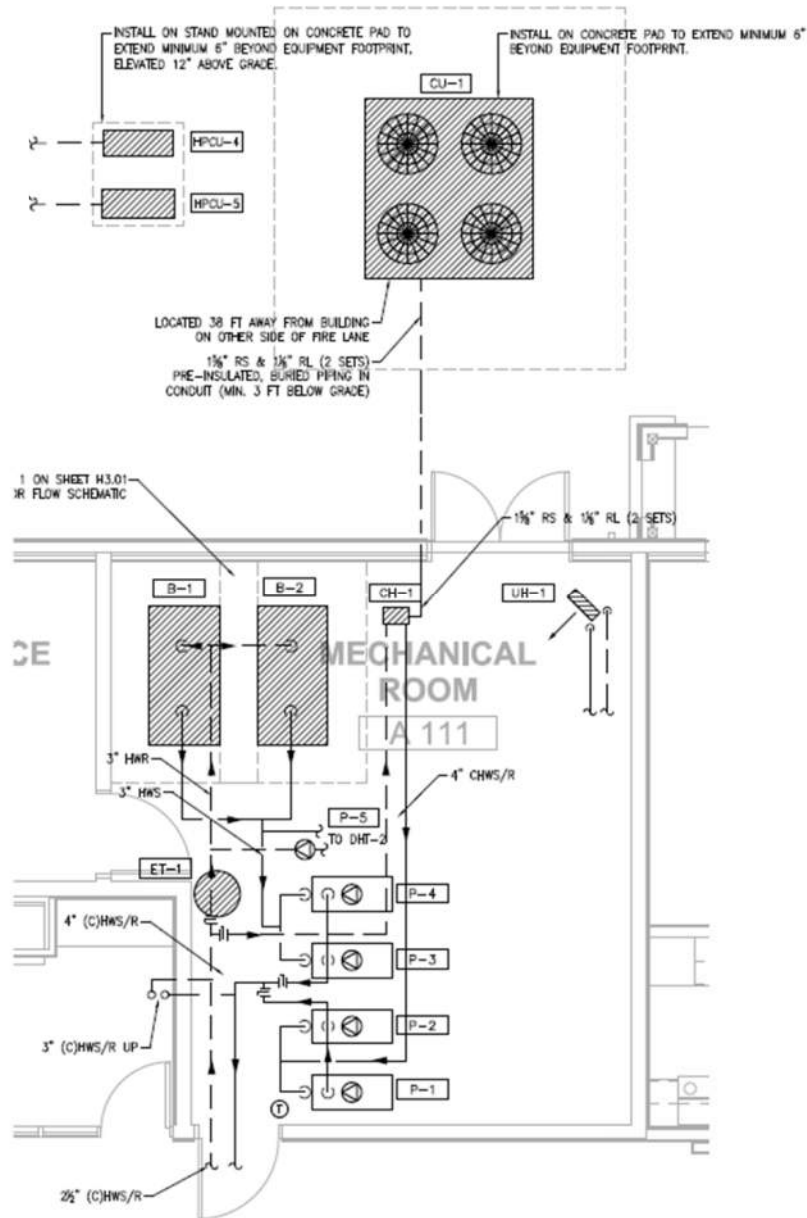




# Mechanical Systems

	Central	Semi-Central	Unit-Based
Ventilation (ERV/HRV)		x	
Heating			x
Cooling			x
Domestic Hot Water	x		

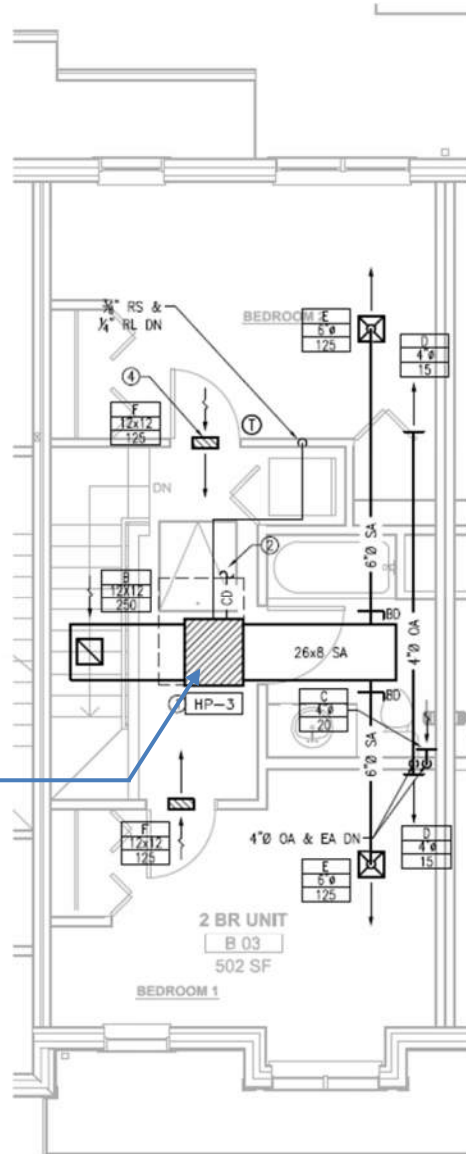
# Mechanical Systems – Central Heating/Cooling



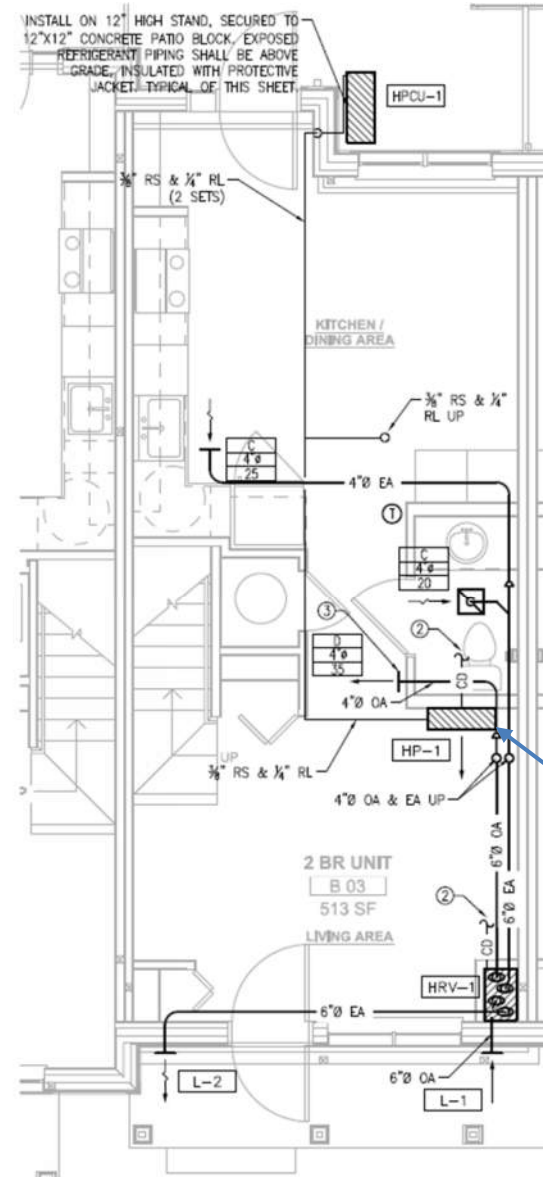
# Mechanical Systems – Individual HVAC

## ASHP

Ducted Units



Wall Units



# Mechanical Systems – Central / Semi-Central HVAC

## VRF



Wall unit



Ducted Ceiling Units

### Performance

- + Ventilation ductwork minimized
- + Heat recovery option allows for simultaneous heating and cooling

### Design

- Extra piping required

### Wall Units

- + No additional ceiling space required
- Additional power for each unit per room
- No units on market for very small loads

### Ducted Units

- + Hidden equipment
- Requires additional ceiling space
- Requires sealing of ducts

# Ventilation

## Continuous Balanced Ventilation:

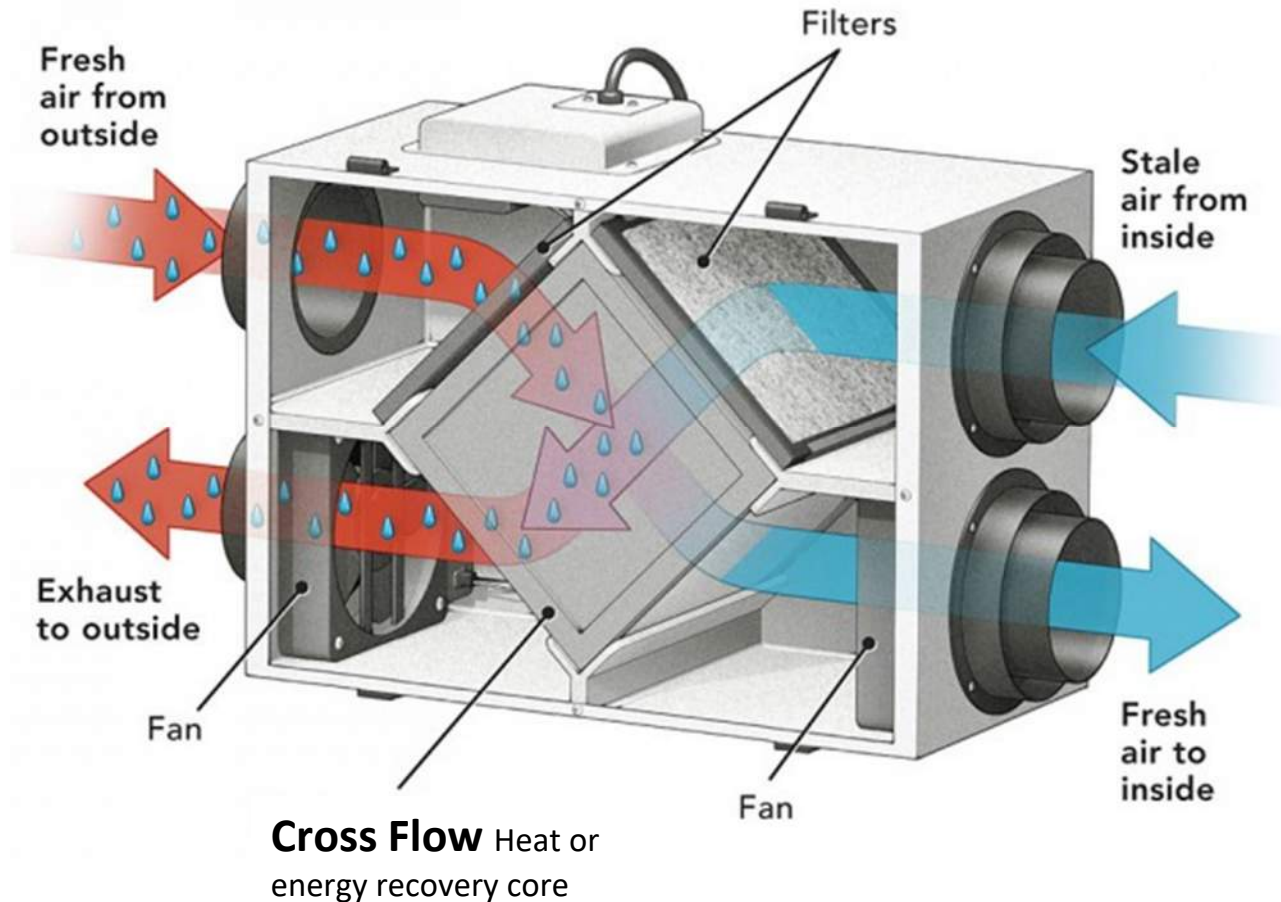
- Exhausting Stale Air  
from point sources (kitchen, bathroom ...)
- + Intake and Filtering of Fresh Air  
to living areas (bedrooms, living room ...)

With Heat / Energy Recovery



# Sensible and Latent Energy Transfer

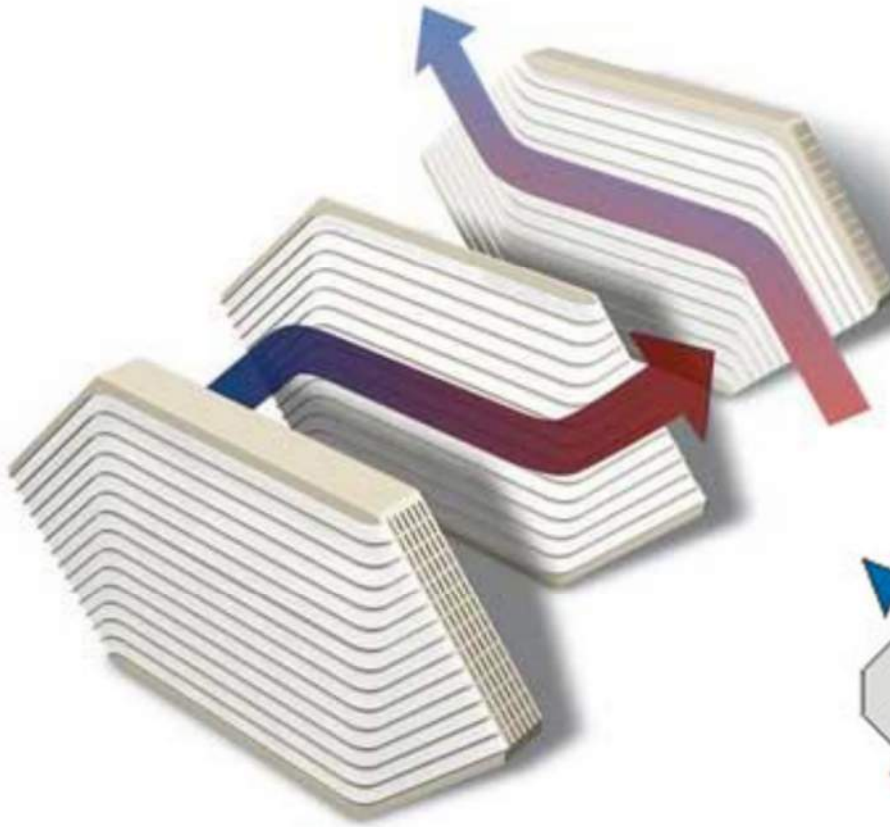
> 50-70% efficiency



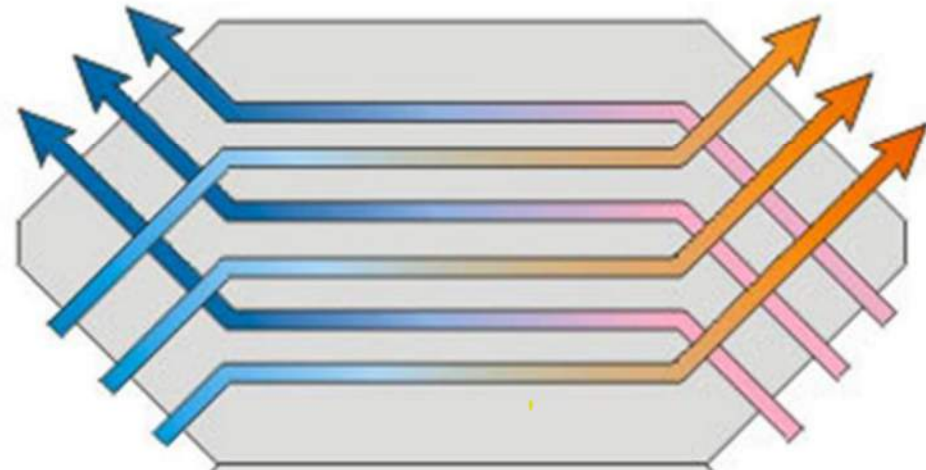
Credit: SummerAire

# Sensible and Latent Energy Transfer

> 70-99% efficiency

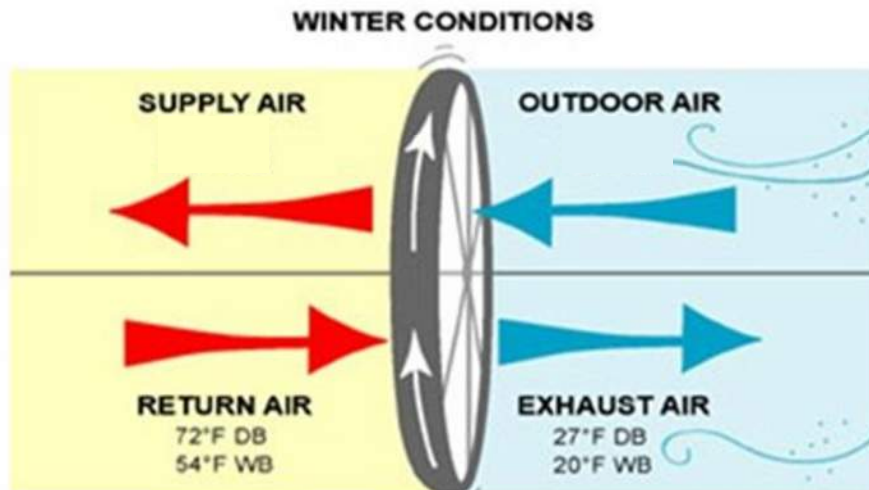
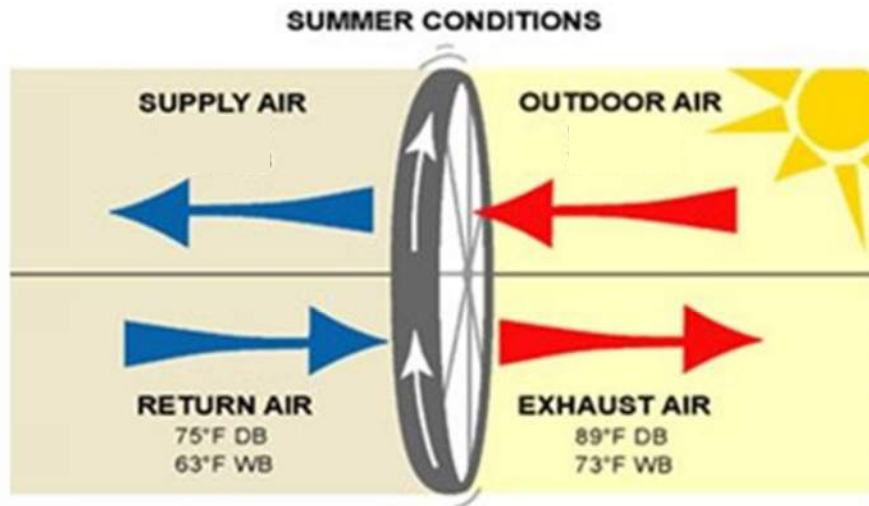


**Counter Flow** Heat  
or energy recovery core



# Sensible and Latent Energy Transfer

> 60-80% efficiency



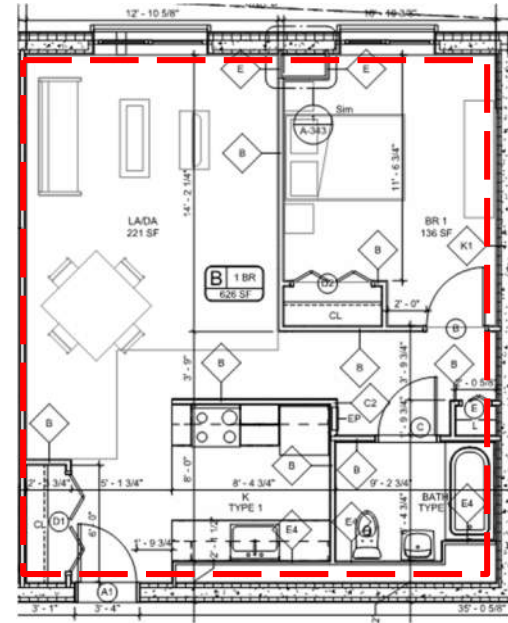
# Mechanical Systems – Balanced Ventilation

## Heat/Energy Recovery Ventilator



### Centralized

One ERV ventilates several apartments



### Decentralized

Each unit has their own ERV

# Mechanical Systems – Balanced Ventilation

## Heat/Energy Recovery Ventilator

### *Design / Constructability*



#### Centralized

##### Benefits

- Less horizontal duct > Less ceiling depth
- No exterior through wall penetration

##### Challenges

- Loss of floor space for vertical shafts
- Large floor and roof penetrations
- Fire rated shafts & dampers needed
- Critical to seal duct
- Higher floor to floor at horizontal distribution floor requires coordination



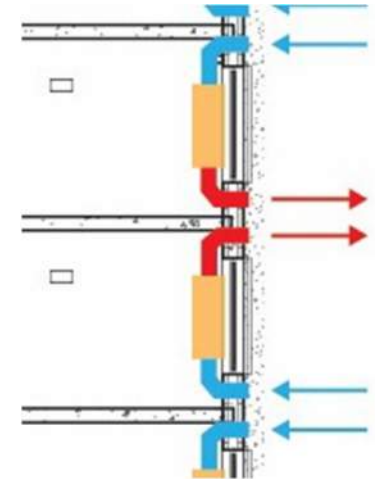
#### Decentralized

##### Benefits

- No floor and roof penetrations
- Better apartment compartmentalization

##### Challenges

- Sealing 2 penetrations per apartment
- Horizontal duct at every apartment requires detailed coordination and increases ceiling depth





# Mechanical Systems – Central vs Distributed Heat/Energy Recovery Ventilator

## *Maintenance and Operation*



### Centralized

#### Benefits

- Fewer units to maintain
- ERV more accessible to maintenance

#### Challenges

- Cost of ventilation on owner



### Decentralized

#### Benefits

- Power for ERV on tenant panel

#### Challenges

- Filters need to be replaced in every apartment every 3 months
- Requires access to exterior louvers for cleaning



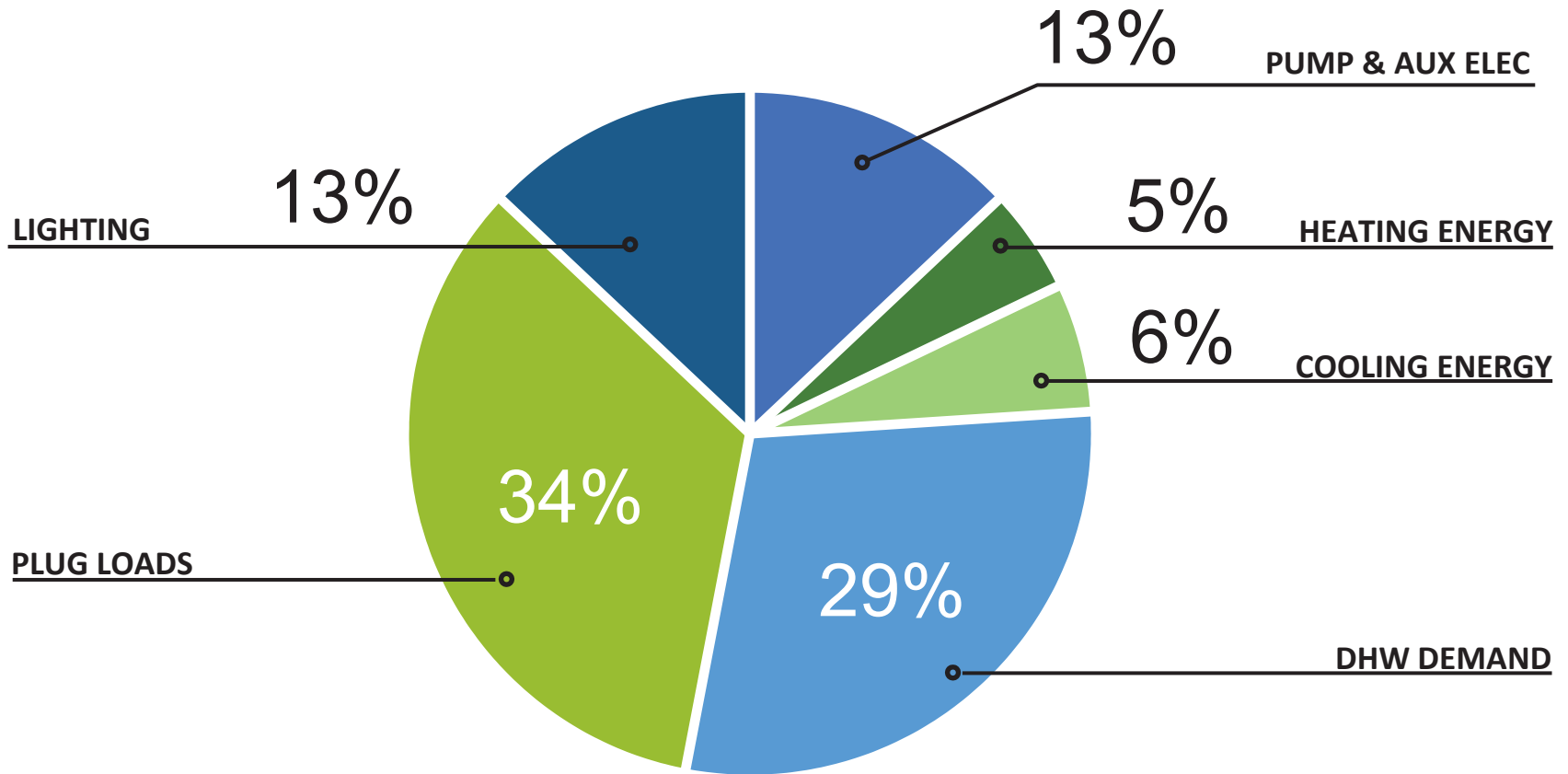
# Mechanical Systems - DHW

## Domestic Hot Water

- Hot water used for drinking, food prep, sanitation, and personal hygiene
- NOT for heating, swimming pools, commercial cooking, etc.



# Source Energy



PASSIVE HOUSE  
HIGH RISE: NYC

# Domestic Hot Water – Central



### Benefits

- Reduced pumping power
- Can use gas boilers
- Potential to switch to HP in future
- Could utilize demand controlled to reduce recirc loop losses

### Challenges

- Loss of floor space
- On owner's meter

## Mechanical Systems - DHW

# Domestic Hot Water – Semi-Central Per Floor



### Benefits

- Heat Pump-ready now
- Reduced pumping power
- Beneficial electrification
- Could utilize demand control to reduce recirculation loop losses

### Challenges

- Loss of roof area
- On owner's meter

# Domestic Hot Water – De-centralized Per Unit



### Benefits

- Heat Pump-ready now
- Can easily meet PH criteria
- Beneficial electrification
- Could utilize demand control to reduce recirculation loop losses
- On tenant meter

### Challenges

- Requires maintenance closet
- Hybrid units require venting
- Split units require outdoor area



# Mechanical Systems

## WUFI modelling

Scope: **Passive house verification** | English/IP/Outer dimensions/PHIUS+ 2018 | Assign data

**Component 21: Roof-OuterEdge-SPFcc**  
**Component 22: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF**  
**Component 23: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF**  
**Component 24: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF**  
**Component 25: Roof-InnerEdge-CelluloseLF**  
**Component 26: Roof-Flat-SPFcc**

Not visualized components  
Thermal bridges  
Internal Loads/Occupancy  
Ventilation/Rooms  
Attached zones  
Remaining elements  
Systems  
**System 1 (User defined): ASHP Mechanicals**  
Device 1 (Mechanical ventilation: Ventilation): ERV 75%, 0.413  
Device 2 (Heat pump: DHW): Sanden ASHPWH with 119 gal ta  
Device 3 (Water storage: DHW): Sanden 119gal tank (confirm t  
Device 4 (Photovoltaic / renewable energy): 15.84kWh array =1  
Device 5 (Heat pump: Heating, Cooling): Mitsubishi P SERIES  
Device 6 (Heat pump: Heating, Cooling): Fugitsu 12RGLXD-AF

Case 2: with PV  
Localization/Climate: User defined  
Building  
PH case: Passive house: Residential

**General** | **Distribution**

Hydronic heating | DHW | **Cooling** | Ventilation | Supportive device / auxiliary energy

**Cooling distribution**

Cooling via ventilation air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cooling via air recirculation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dehumidification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Panel cooling	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional data**

Supply air cooling is single speed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recirculation air cooling is single-speed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minimum temperature of cooling coil (for supply air) [°F]	50
Supply air cooling capacity [kBtu/hr]	4
Supply air cooling COP [-]	2.5
Minimum temperature of cooling coil (for recirculation air) [°F]	45
Recirculation air flow rate [cfm]	20
Recirculation air flow is variable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recirculation air cooling capacity [kBtu/hr]	4
Recirculation cooling COP [-]	2.5
Useful dehumidification heat loss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dehumidification COP [-]	1.25



# PH Pre-certification

## Reviewing Reports

### BUILDING INFORMATION

Category:	<b>Residential</b>
Status:	<b>Under construction</b>
Building type:	<b>New construction</b>
Year of construction:	<b>2021</b>
Units:	<b>1</b>
Number of occupants:	<b>6 (Design)</b>
Occupant density:	<b>1,065.4 ft<sup>2</sup>/Person</b>

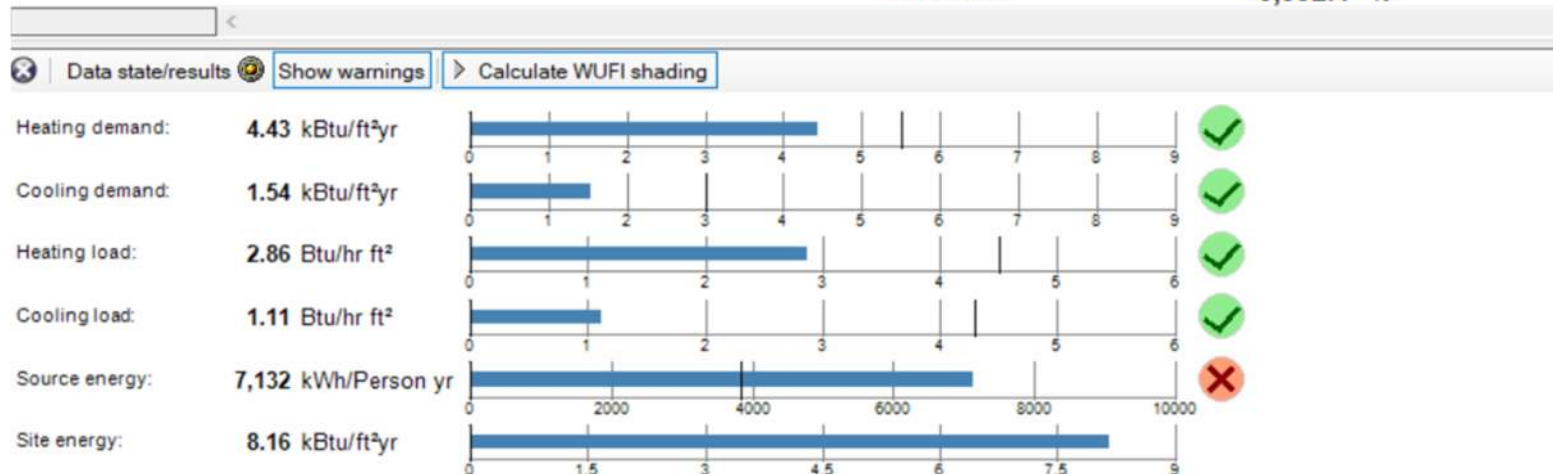


### Boundary conditions

Climate:	<b>CT - HARTFORD BRADLEY INTL AP (Monthly)</b>
Internal heat gains:	<b>0.5 Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup></b>
Interior temperature:	<b>68 °F</b>

### Building geometry

Enclosed volume:	<b>65,539.2 ft<sup>3</sup></b>
Net-volume:	<b>49,809.8 ft<sup>3</sup></b>
Total area envelope:	<b>12,840.2 ft<sup>2</sup></b>
Area/Volume Ratio:	<b>0.2 1/ft</b>
Floor area:	<b>6,392.4 ft<sup>2</sup></b>



# Construction Phase Support

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Verification

- Engaged during Design
- Verification Team should understand & comment on the design prior to start of construction
- Responsible for enforcing implementation of Design during Construction
- Must have authority through Owner / Architect
- Critical to Passive House performance and certification

# Commissioning & Verification

- Testing Assemblies
- Checking critical connections
- Verifying specs
- Documenting issues
- Suggesting resolutions



# Quality Control

## AIRTIGHT BUILDING



**NO DRILLING  
AIRTIGHT  
CONSTRUCTION**



**NO CUTTING  
AIRTIGHT  
MEMBRANES**

**REPORT ALL PENETRATIONS TO SUPERVISOR**

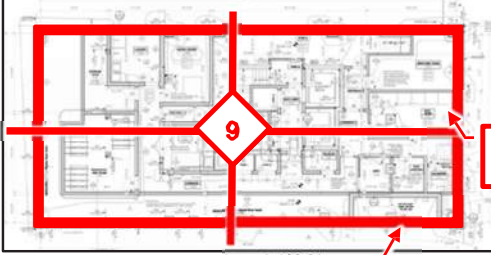
# Site Inspection Checklist

The following items must be inspected and/or tested before being made inaccessible:

Phase	Description
BELOW GRADE	Sub-Slab Insulation
	Sub-Slab Air/Vapor Barrier
	Below Grade Wall Insulation
	Below Grade Air/Vapor Barrier
	Gas Meter Room - penetrations
	Trash Room
	Laundry Room
	Waste / Misc. penetrations
ABOVE GRADE	Perimeter conditions at Grade
	Building Corners, Expansion Joints
	Canopies - 1st inspection
	Above Grade Wall Insulation
	Above Grade Air/Vapor Barrier Transitions
	Trash Chute Doors
	Roof Surfaces - Insulation
	Roof Surfaces - Air/Vapor Barrier Transitions
TOP OUT	Mechanical Bulkhead - Insulation
	Mechanical Bulkhead - Air/Vapor Barrier
	Elevator Shaft - Smoke Dampers
	Storefront - Air Sealing
	Canopy - Final Inspection
	Mezzanine - Final Inspection



# Site Inspection Checklist: Unique Conditions

Item #	Inspection	Detail Date
		100% CD – 08/25/17
<b>Description</b>		
See Wall Type 9; 6" (approved by ZHA) or 5" of Owens Foamular 400; insulation continuous at benched area; must be inspected before Prepuke is installed		
<b>Images</b>		
 <p>Cellar Plan – A-100.01</p> <p>6" of XPS @ S, N, E</p> <p>5" of XPS @ West</p> <p>EXTERIOR WALL (BELOW GRADE) 4 HR FIRE RATED #4-1.1</p> <p>TABLE 720.1.(2)</p> <p>BENCHED AREA: A-315.00</p> <p>Too large</p> <p>Too large</p> <p>Tight</p> <p>Rigid insulation install: all seams are tight – can't fit a beer coaster.</p>		

Checklist developed during construction documents

Instructions provided to inspector for items to inspect

Details provided to assist on-site inspection

Photos annotated to help guide visual inspection

# Mid-Point Testing

- Whole Building / Guarded blower door test
  - focus on one floor
- Individual apartment blower door tests
- Individual components & Unique Conditions



# Final Blower Door Test

PHIUS - Pressurize whole building / zones

0.11 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup> ≥ 5 stories

0.08 cfm75 / ft<sup>2</sup> all others

PHIUS - Pressurizing dwelling

0.3 cfm50 / ft<sup>2</sup>

PHI - Pressurize whole building

0.033 cfm50 / ft<sup>2</sup>



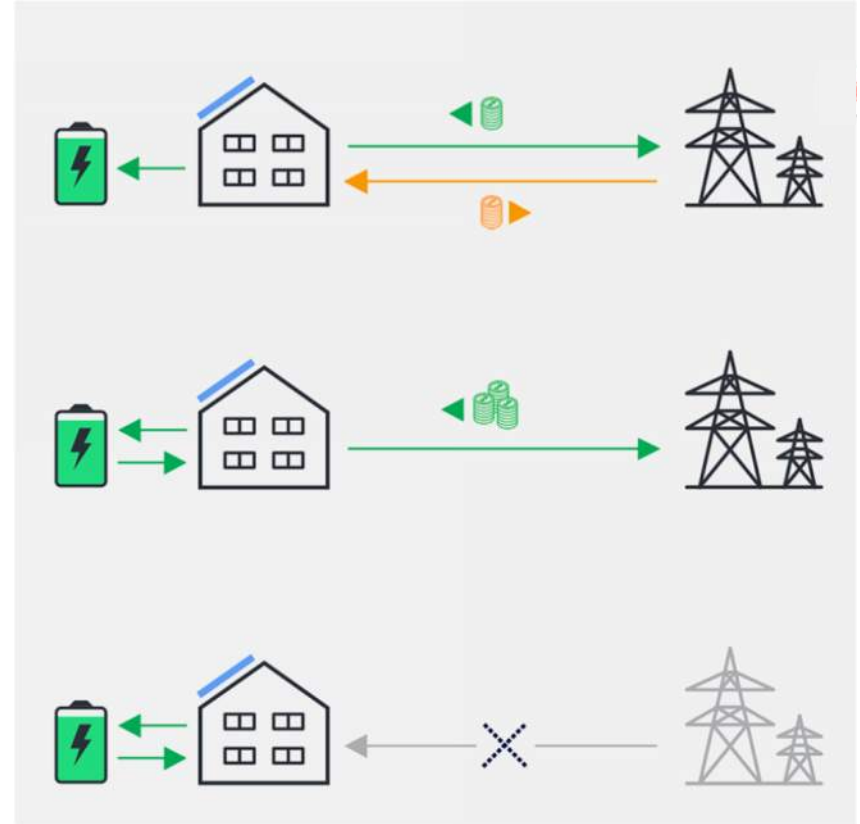


# Passive House + Renewables = “Net Zero”



## Renewable Energy Systems plus storage

- Reduce source energy
- May contribute heat (reduce heating loads, increase cooling loads)



# It CAN be done



Zero Energy Design  
Tighthouse Passive House,  
Brooklyn



Kaplan Thompson  
Bayside Anchor, Portland  
Portland Housing Authority (PHA) and Avesta Housing



Christine Benedict  
Knickerbocker Commons  
RiseBoro Community  
Partnership





Icon Architecture  
Finch Cambridge  
HomeOwner's Rehab, Inc.





# It IS BEING done!

Handel Architects  
Cornell Tech Residences  
Roosevelt Island  
Cornell University



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