

Architectural & Engineering Design in Hot & Humid Climates



**Indoor Mold and the Building Envelope
Affects On Indoor Air Quality
*Charleston, SC***

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The ASHRAE Guide for Buildings in Hot & Humid Climates

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Designing Buildings

When we build let us think we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work that our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone upon stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our fathers did for us."

John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

Indoor Environmental Quality and Indoor Air Quality

Indoor Environmental Quality

- Indoor environmental quality (IEQ) refers to the quality of a building's environment in relation to the health and wellbeing of those who occupy space within it. IEQ is determined by many factors, including lighting, **air quality**, and damp conditions.
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Indoor Air Quality - EPA

- EPA definition: “a term referring to the air quality within and around buildings and structures, especially as it relates to the health and comfort of building occupants.”
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Indoor Air Quality - ASHRAE

- **ASHRAE definition: "air in which there are no known contaminants at harmful concentrations as determined by cognizant authorities and with which a substantial majority [80 percent or more] of the people exposed do not express dissatisfaction."**
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History

- Tighter building construction
 - Building materials and techniques have changed
 - Technology produces indoor pollutants
 - Technology and people have moved indoors together
 - People spend up to 90% of their time indoors
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Health

- ❑ Health standards are typically set for Occupational work settings, such as TLV's for an 8 hour work day. Reference EPA, OSHA, NIOSH, etc.
 - ❑ Office vs. Occupational work settings
 - Contaminant source different
 - Extremely low contaminant levels
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Comfort

- ***Non-IAQ-Related***
 - *Lack of Control over*
 - *Work*
 - *Environment*
 - *Noise*
 - *Lighting*
 - ***IAQ-Related***
 - *Temperature*
 - *Humidity*
 - *Odors*
 - *Mold*
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Mold Growth in Buildings

Mold Growth

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Moist food source

Spore lands on a moist surface

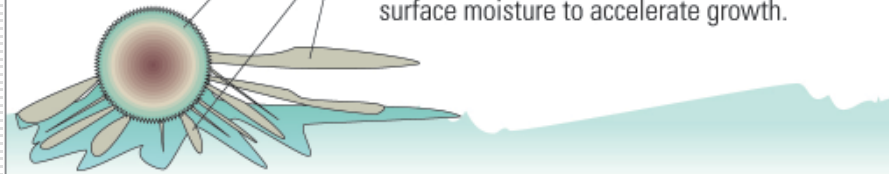
Enzymes use surface moisture to dissolve food



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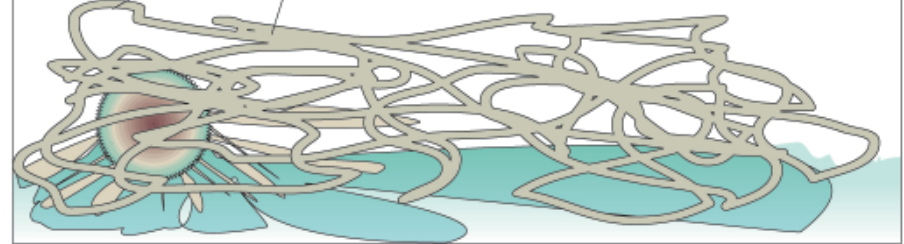
Spore germinates, producing filaments (hyphae)

Hyphae extend both reach and area of absorptive surface. Fungal metabolism generates more surface moisture to accelerate growth.



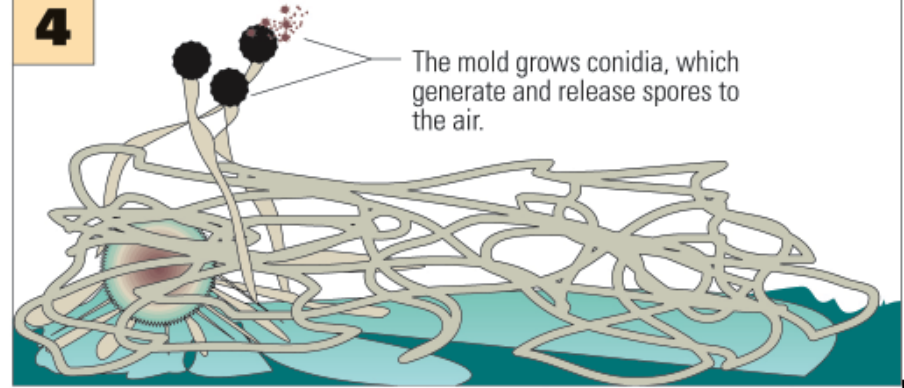
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Hyphae grow thickly, digging into the surface and forming a protective mat (mycelium) that keeps the surface moist even if surrounding air is dry.



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The mold grows conidia, which generate and release spores to the air.



Mold Growth

- ❑ Enzymes on mold spore combine with surface moisture to dissolve food source... paper, wood, ceiling tile
 - ❑ Osmotic pressure causes liquid nutrients to diffuse across spore wall allowing spore to absorb the nutrients
 - ❑ Spore germinates producing filamentous hyphea
 - ❑ Hyphea grows quickly creating mycelium mat
 - ❑ Mold grows conidia which generates and releases spores into the air
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mVOCs

- **Product of metabolism**
 - *Substrate*
 - *Environmental conditions*
 - **Changes with growth cycle**
 - **Odorous**
 - **Small concentration when compared to total building VOC load**
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Mycotoxins

- Secondary metabolites
 - Particle association
 - *Spores*
 - *Mycelial fragments*
 - *Substrate*
 - Concurrent production of multiple toxins
 - Competition inhibition
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Production of Mycotoxins

- Fungal Species
 - Strain dependent
 - Environmental conditions
 - *Substrate*
 - *Temperature*
 - Concurrent production of several toxins
 - Growth does not signify presence
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Water Activity

- ❑ Water activity indicates how much water is biologically available to fungus in its food source.
 - ❑ Water activity of 0.8 refers to the amount of water absorbed into a material when the surrounding air is at 80% RH
 - ❑ Water activity of a material is very different from the relative humidity of the material
 - ❑ Mold growth is a risk when surface relative humidity stays above 85% for extended periods
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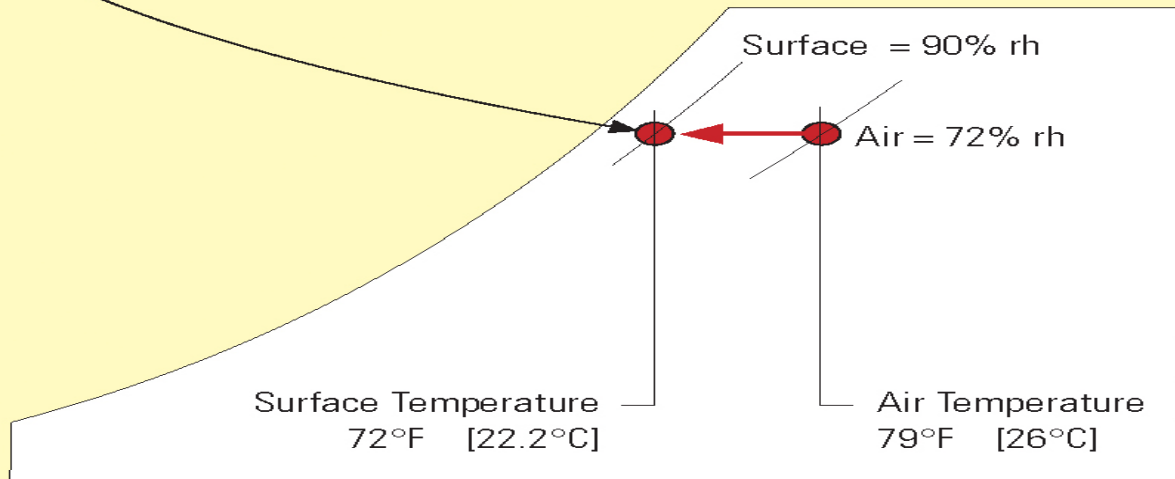
Moisture Content and Surface Relative Humidity



At this cool surface, the RH is about 90%...



...even though the RH in the air is only 72%.



Uncontrolled air flow

- Buildings which have never reported relative humidity above 65% still may have mold growth

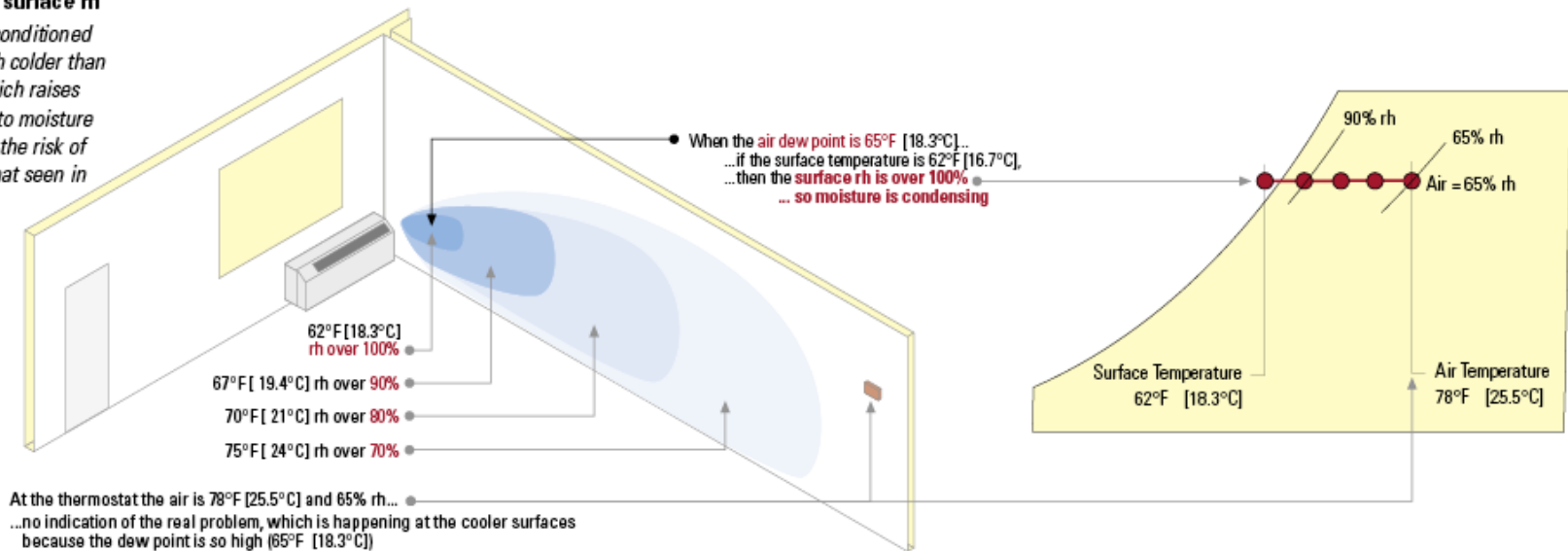


Mold - It's the surface rh that counts.. So keep the dew point down, and things go well

Fig. 5.5

Cold surfaces = high surface rh

The surfaces in an air conditioned building are often much colder than the surrounding air, which raises the local rh, and leads to moisture absorption and then to the risk of mold growth such as that seen in figure 5.6.

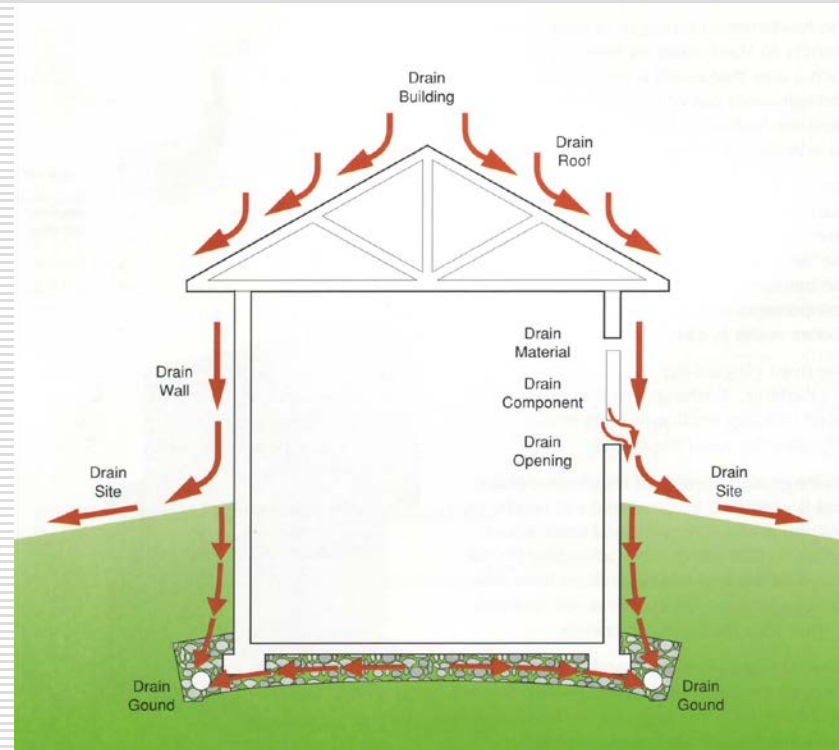


Building Envelopes



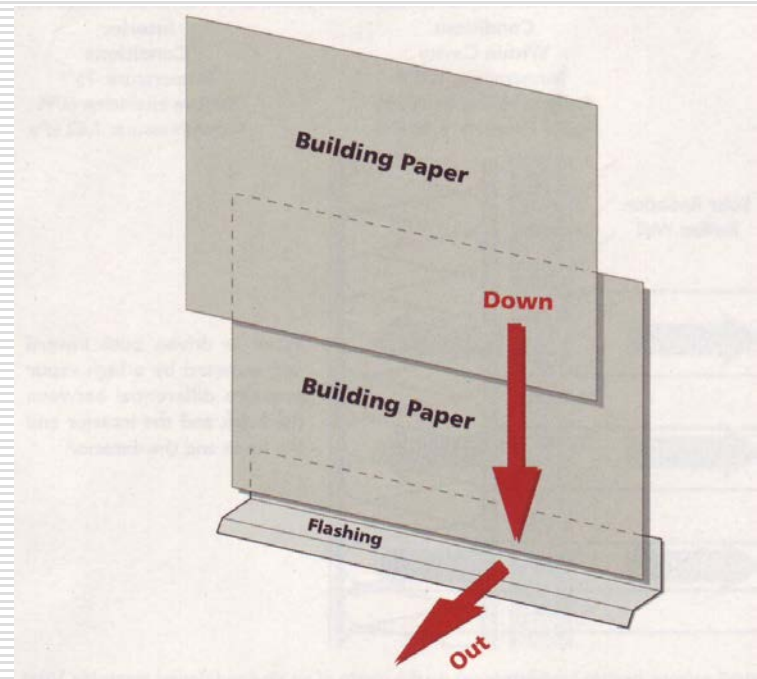
Drainage

- ❑ Drainage plane
- ❑ Drains water away from building
- ❑ Drainage is the key to water management



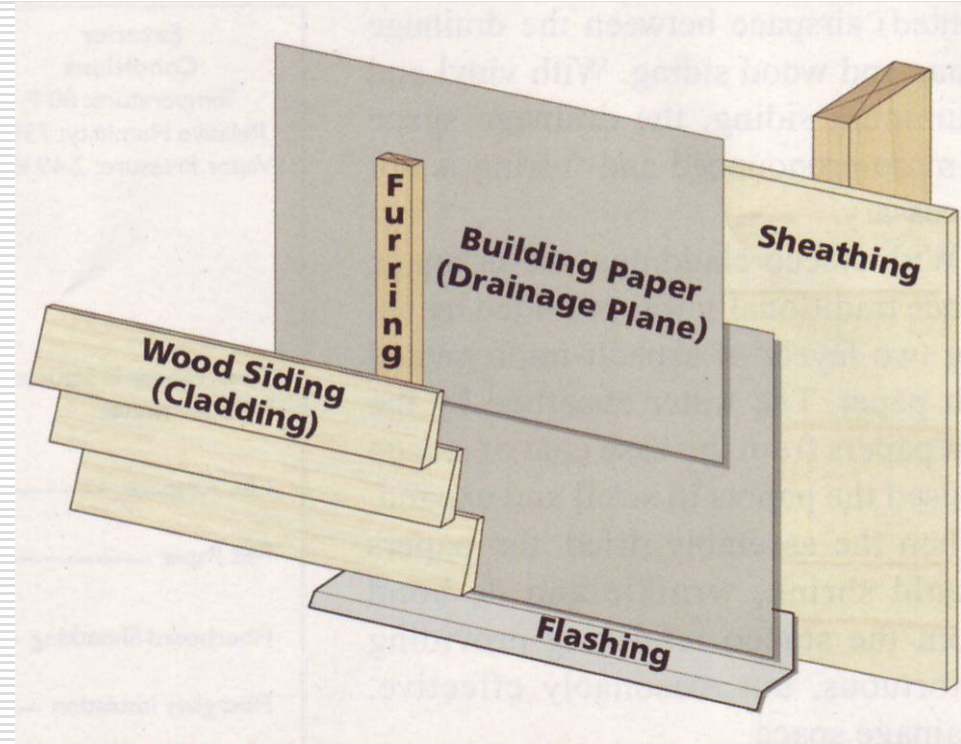
Application

- ❑ Install drainage plane so that water is not trapped
- ❑ Overlap building in "ship lap" fashion
- ❑ Drain water to flashing which directs water away from building



Application

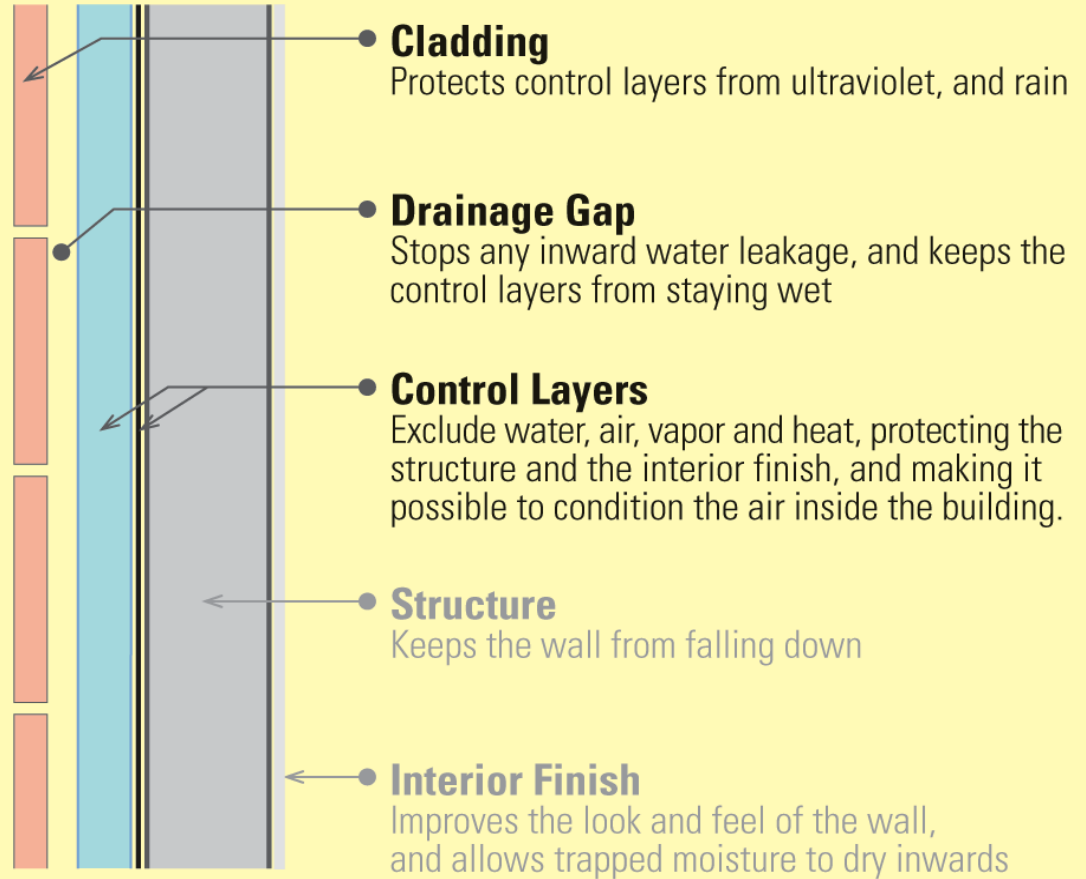
- Provide air space between finish (cladding, stucco, etc) and drainage to drain water



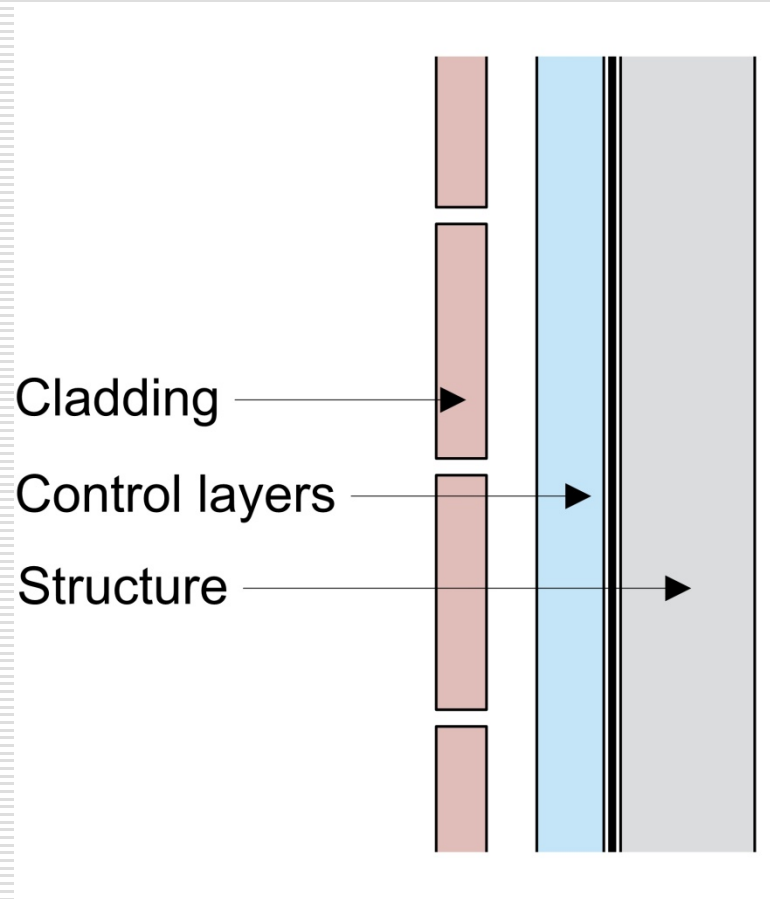
Application

The Perfect Wall

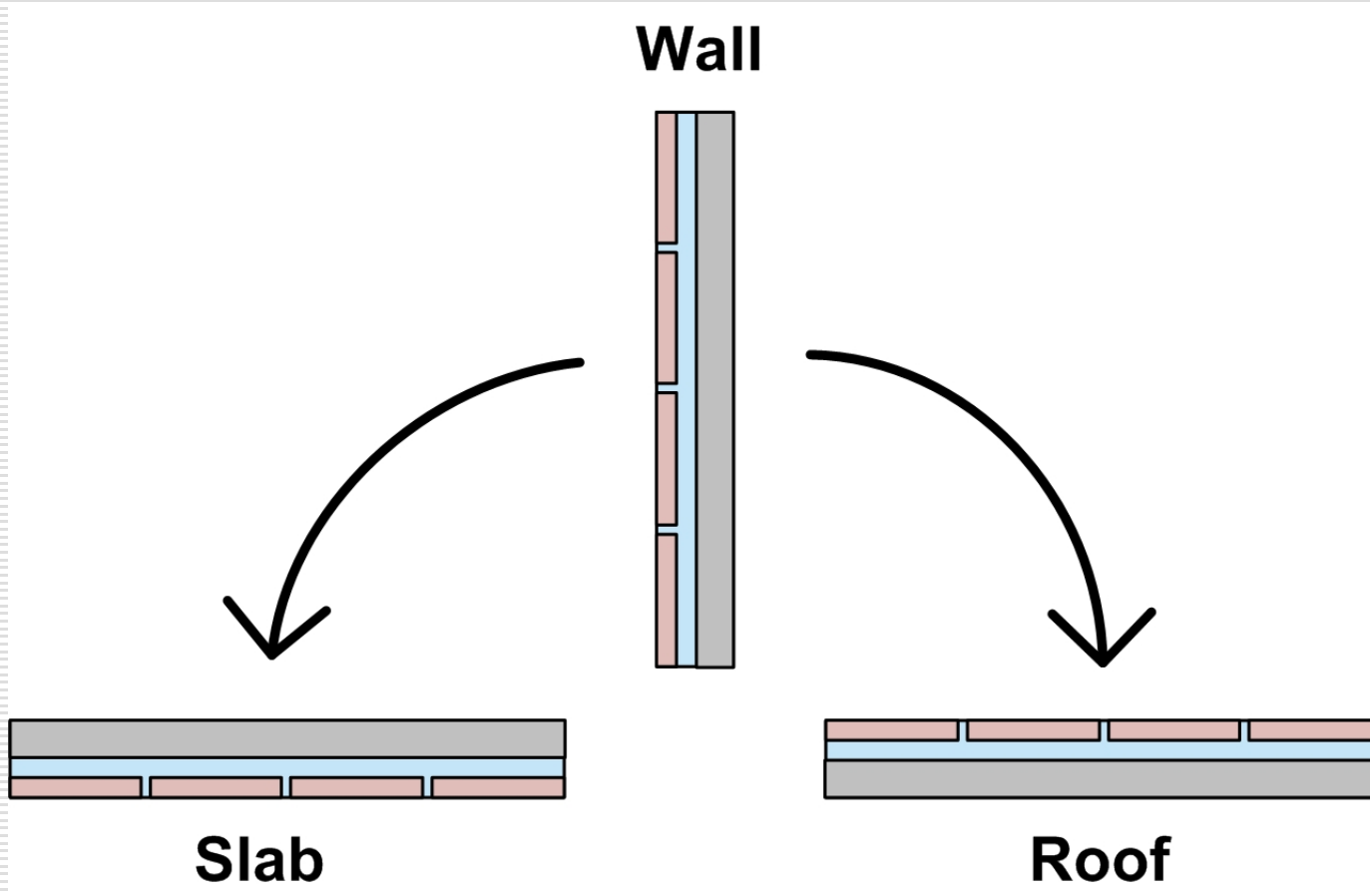
In concept, the perfect wall has the rainwater control layer, the air control layer and the vapor control layer all under the cladding, but all directly on the exterior of the structure. The cladding's functions include shedding rain, but it's principal purpose is to protect the control layers from ultraviolet radiation.



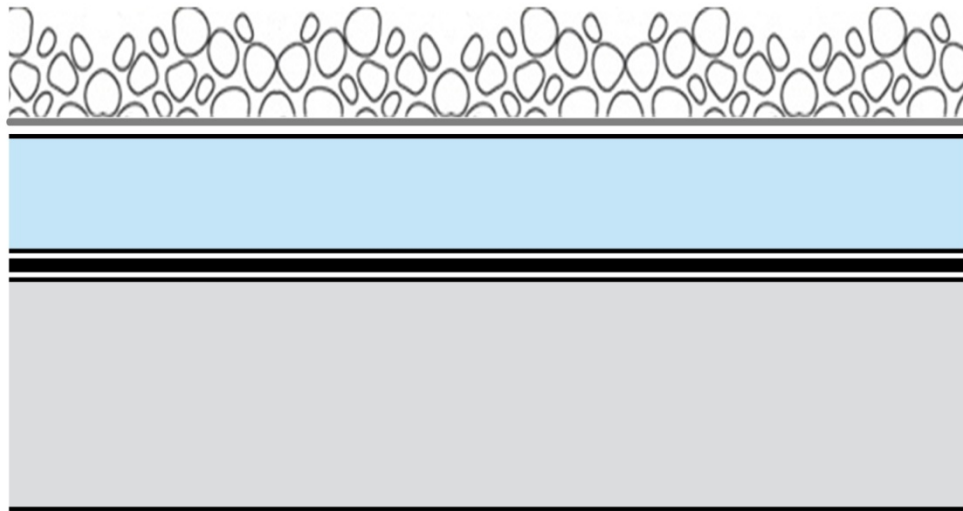
The Perfect Wall



Perfect Wall – Slab - Roof

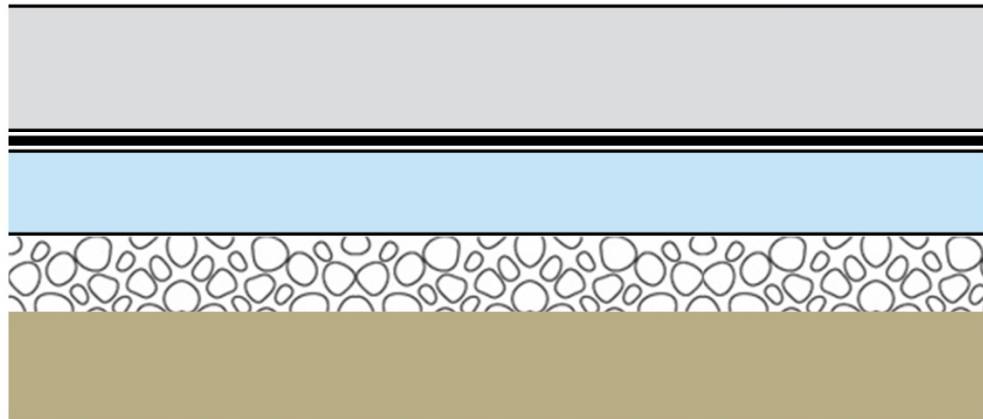


The Perfect Roof



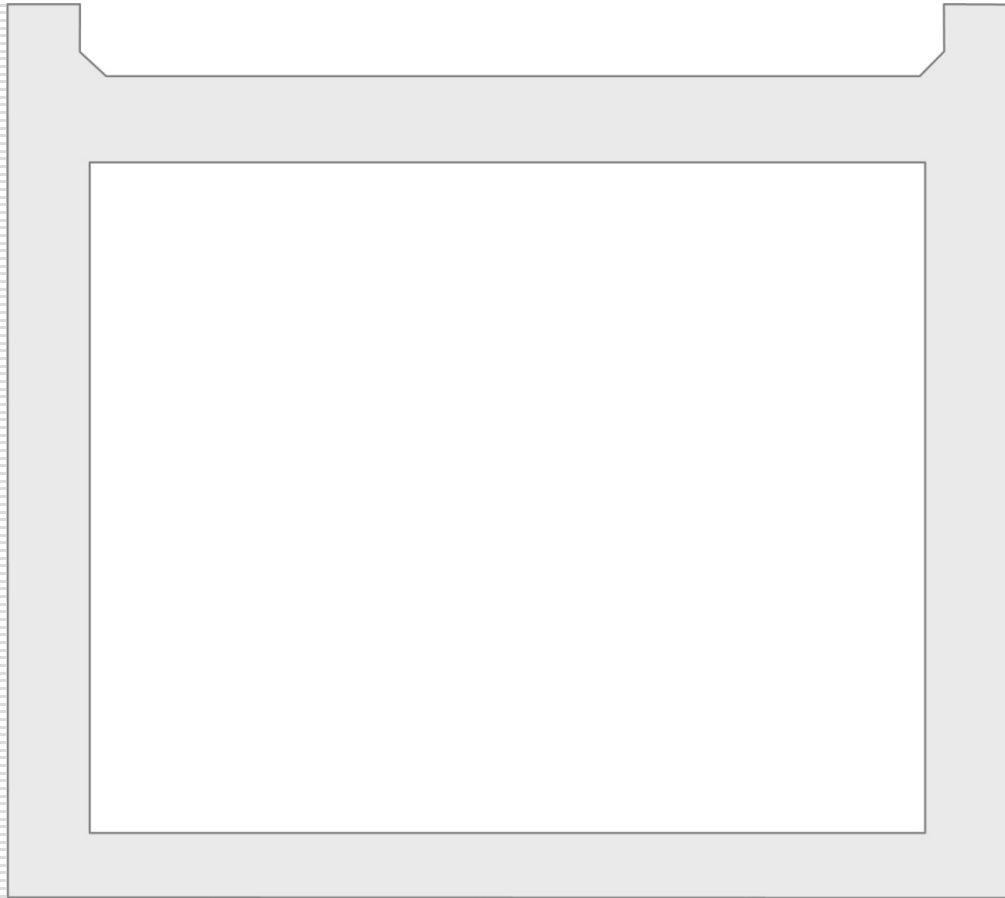
- ← Ballast
- ← Filter fabric
- ← Control layers
- ← Roof structure

The Perfect Slab

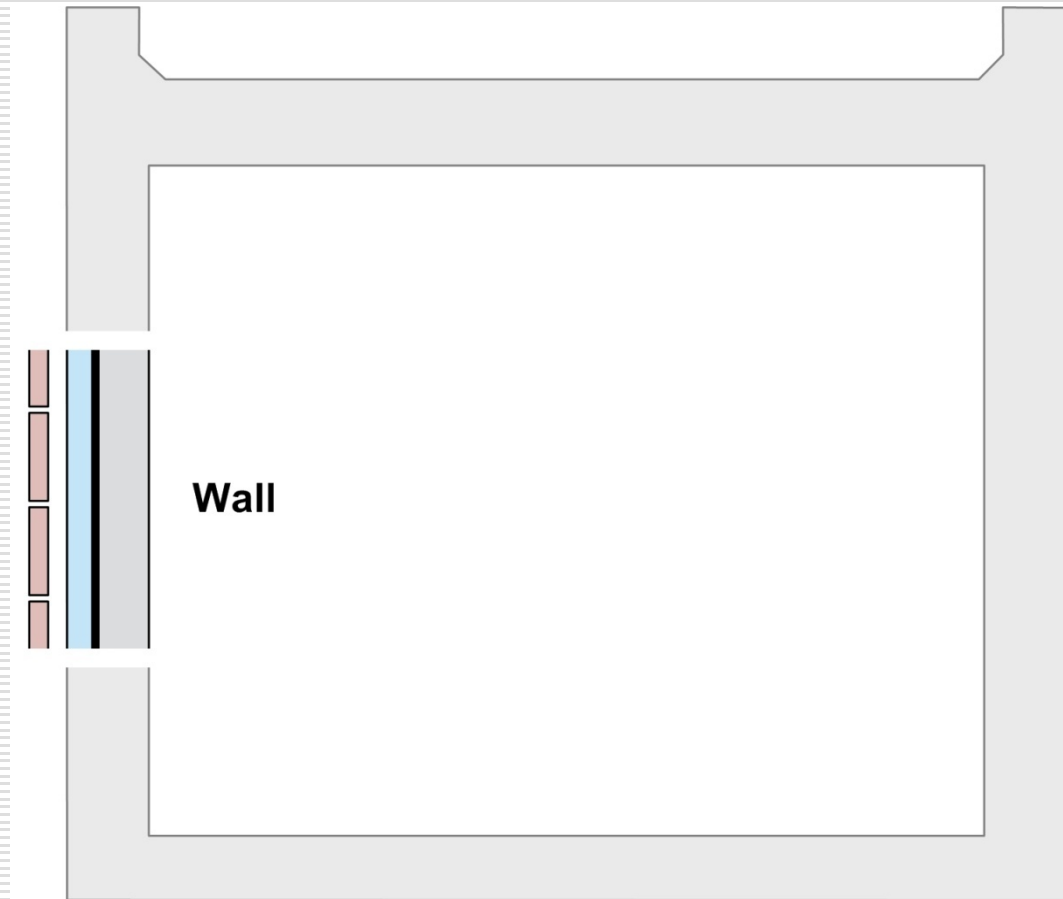


- ← Slab
 - ← Control layers
 - ← Stones
 - ← Earth
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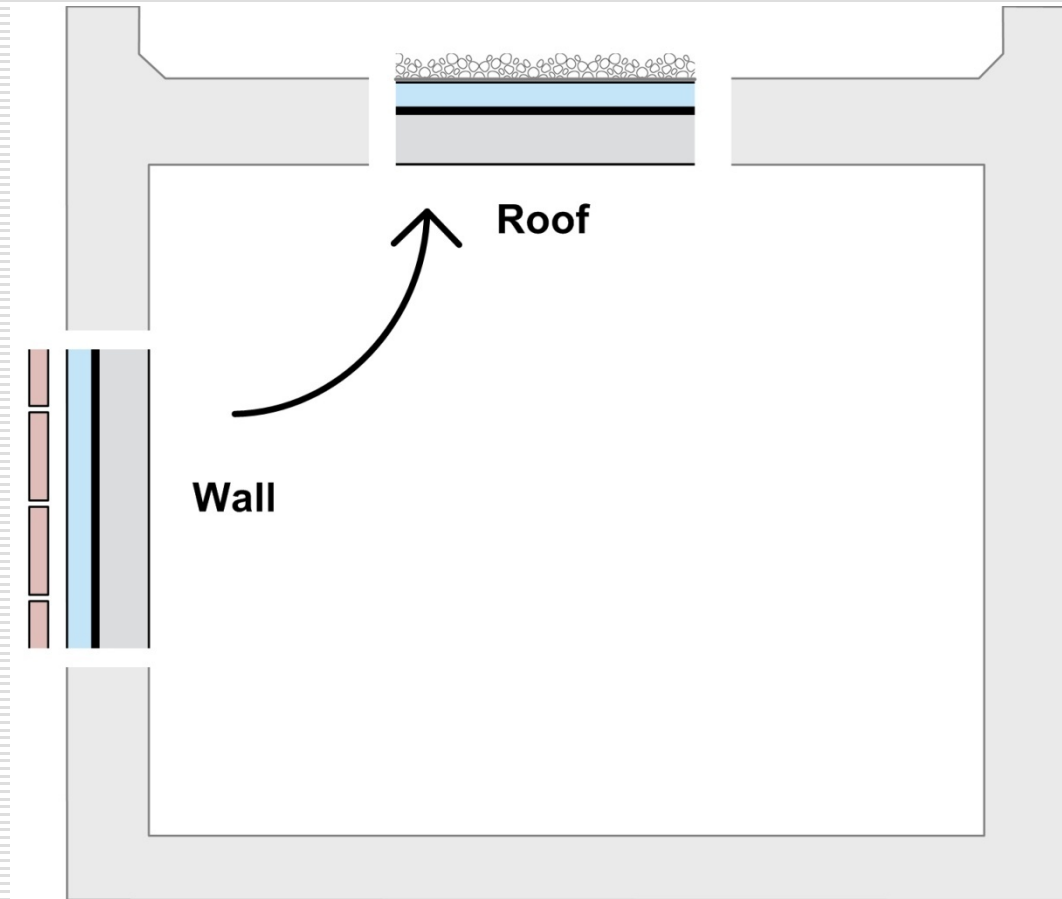
The Perfect Building



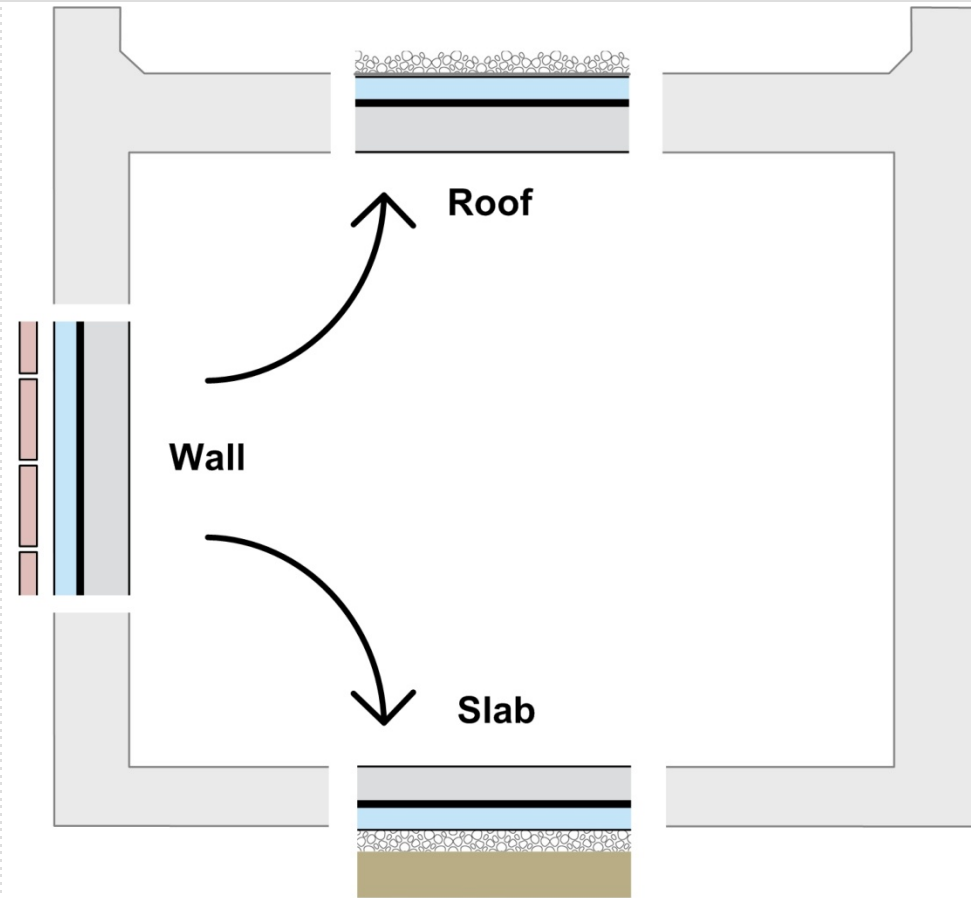
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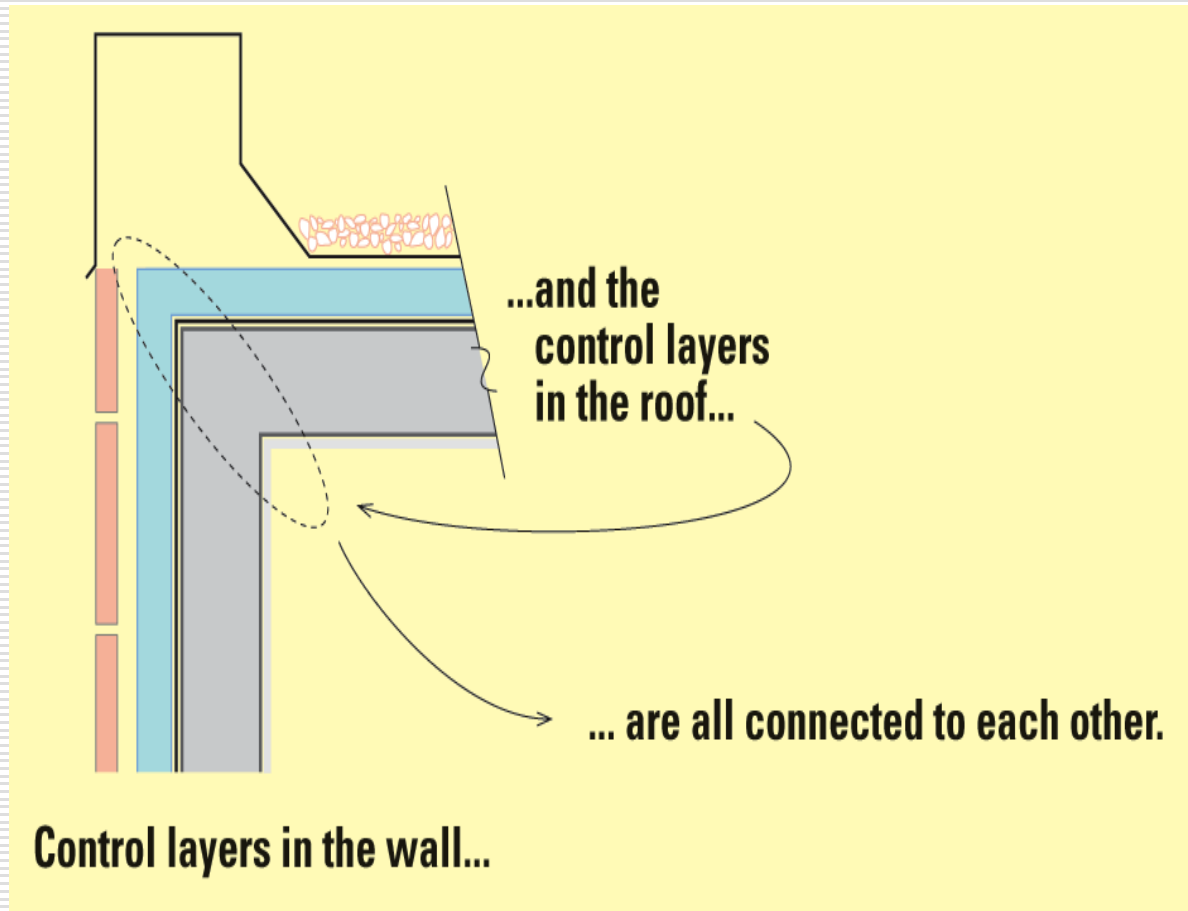


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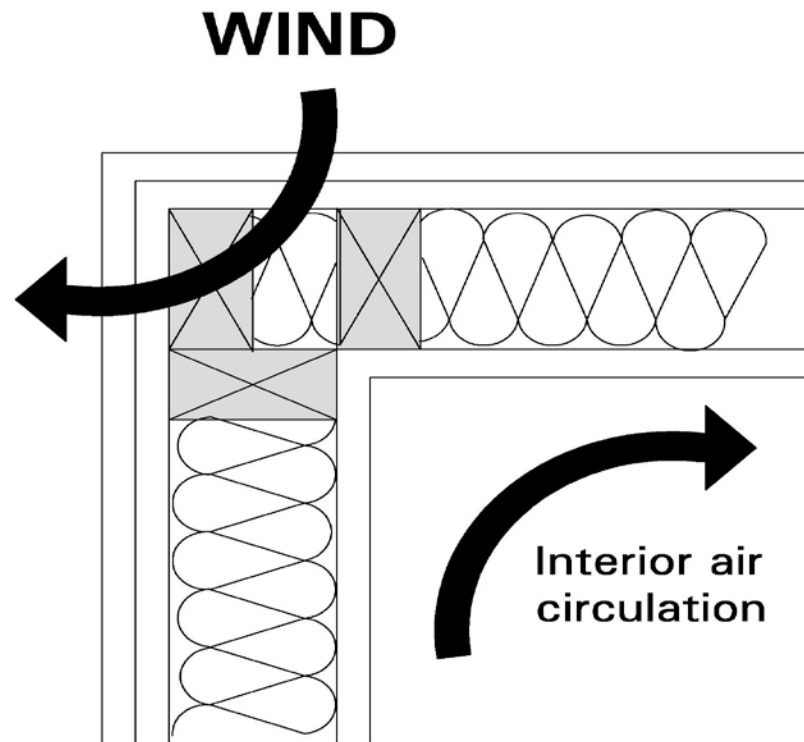
Application – Roof Wall Connection

Notice the control layer for rain on the roof is connected to the control layer for rain on the walls. And the control layer for air is connected to the control layer for air on the wall, and so on.

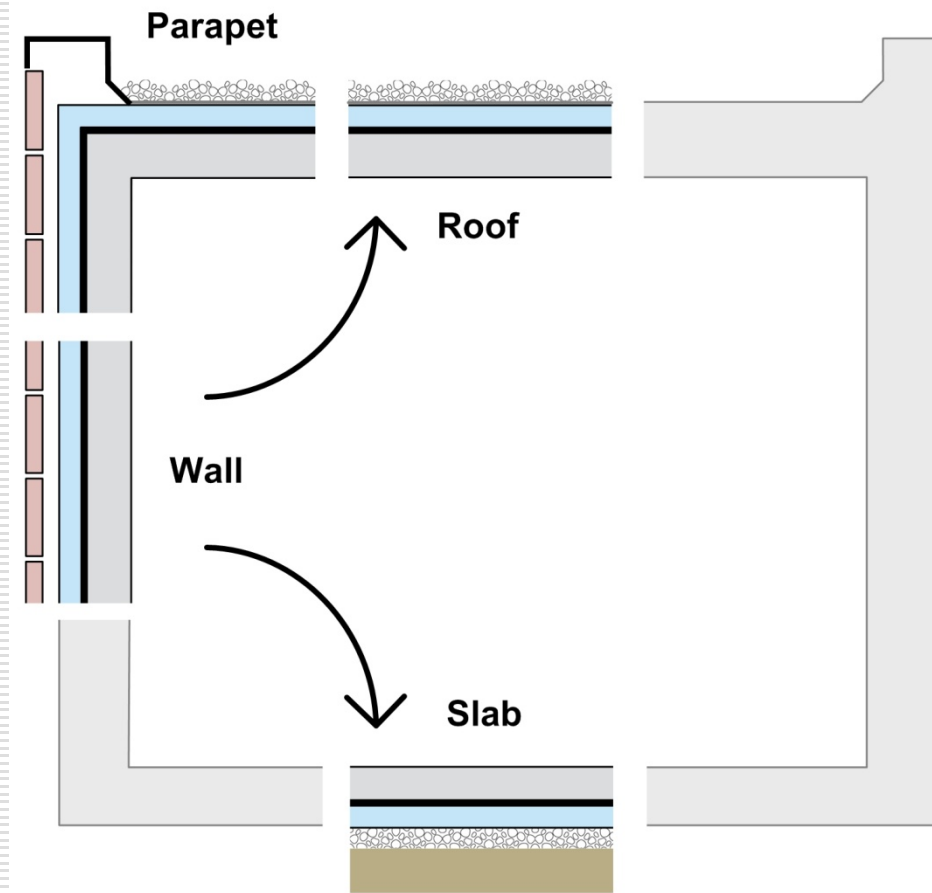


Heat & Moisture Gain Effects at Building Corners

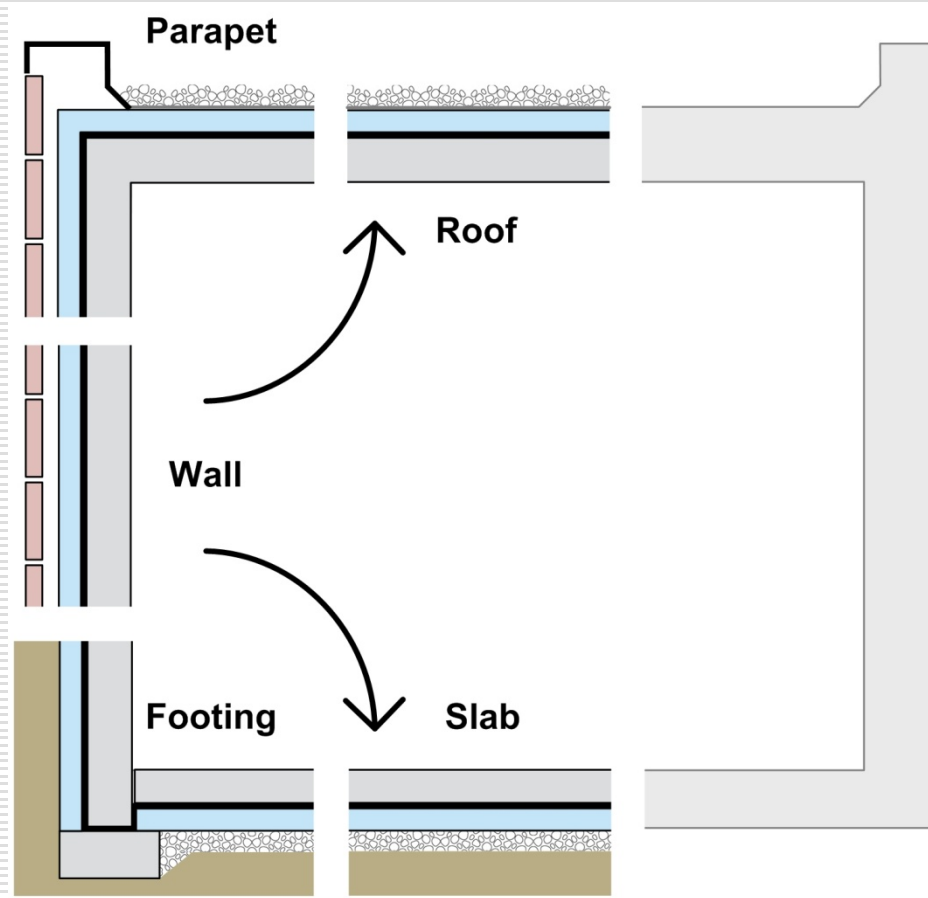
Increased wind velocity at corners contributes to increased heat loss.



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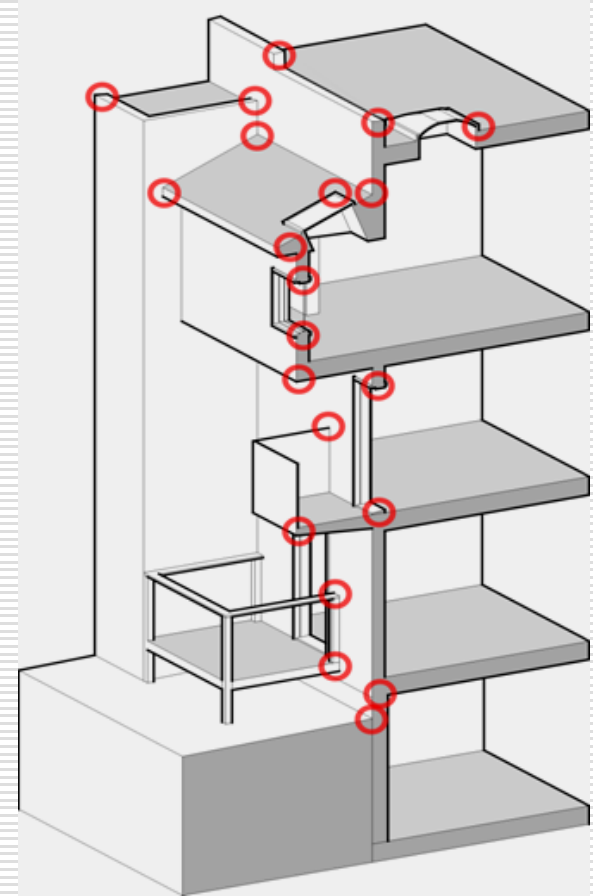


The Perfect Building



Enclosure Design: Details

- Details demand the same approach as the enclosure.
- Scaled drawings required at each circle

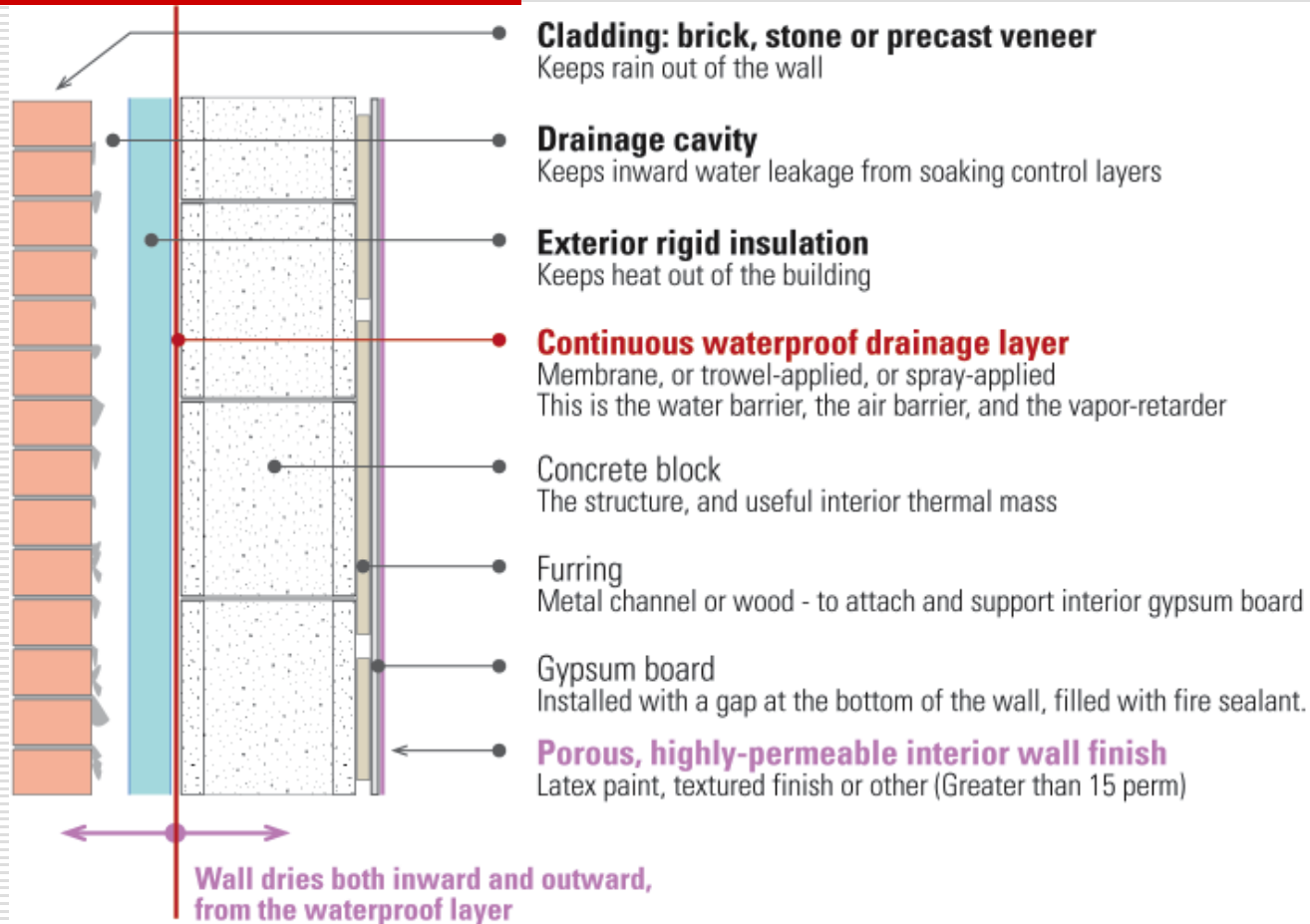


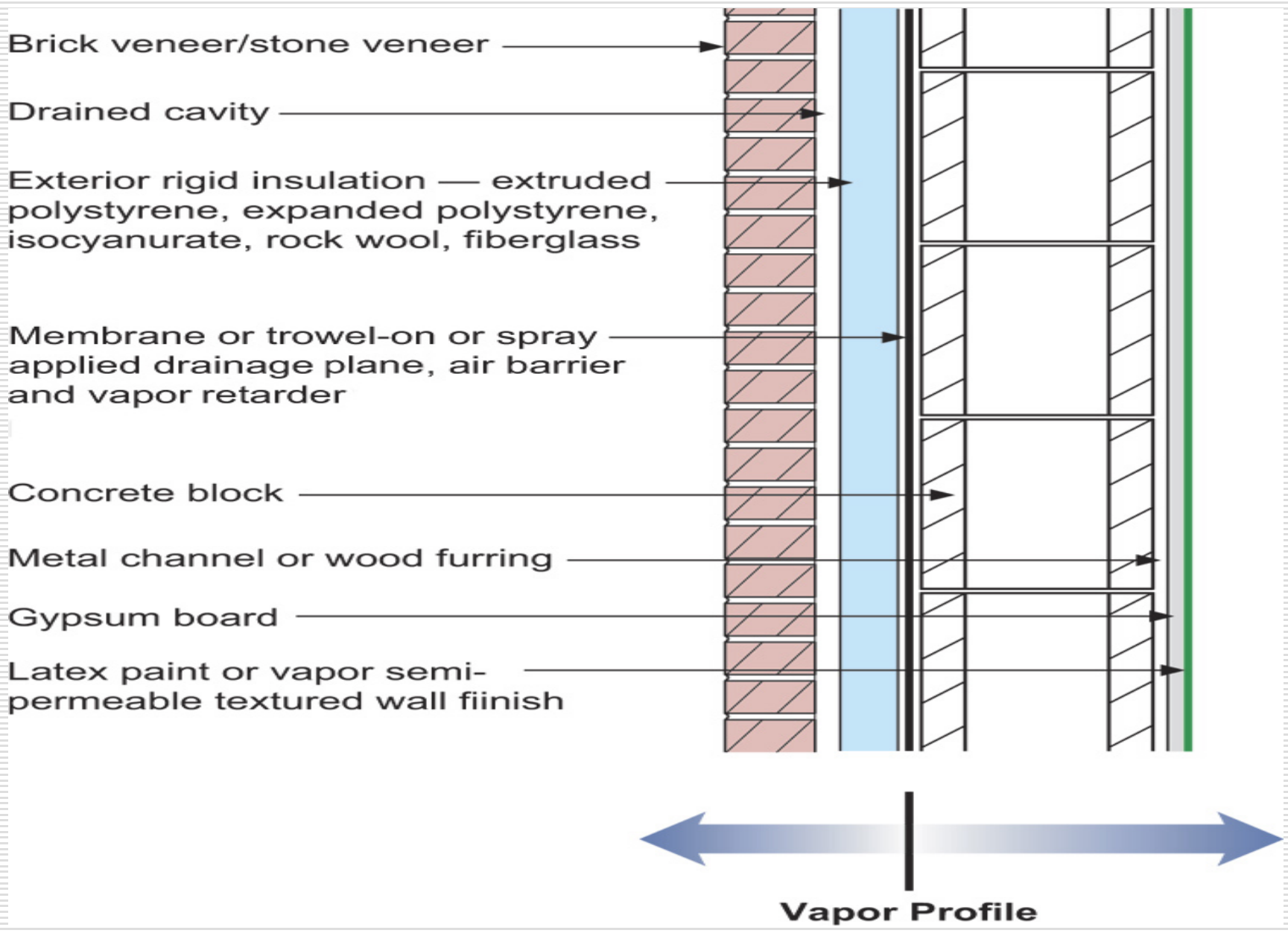
Envelope Applications

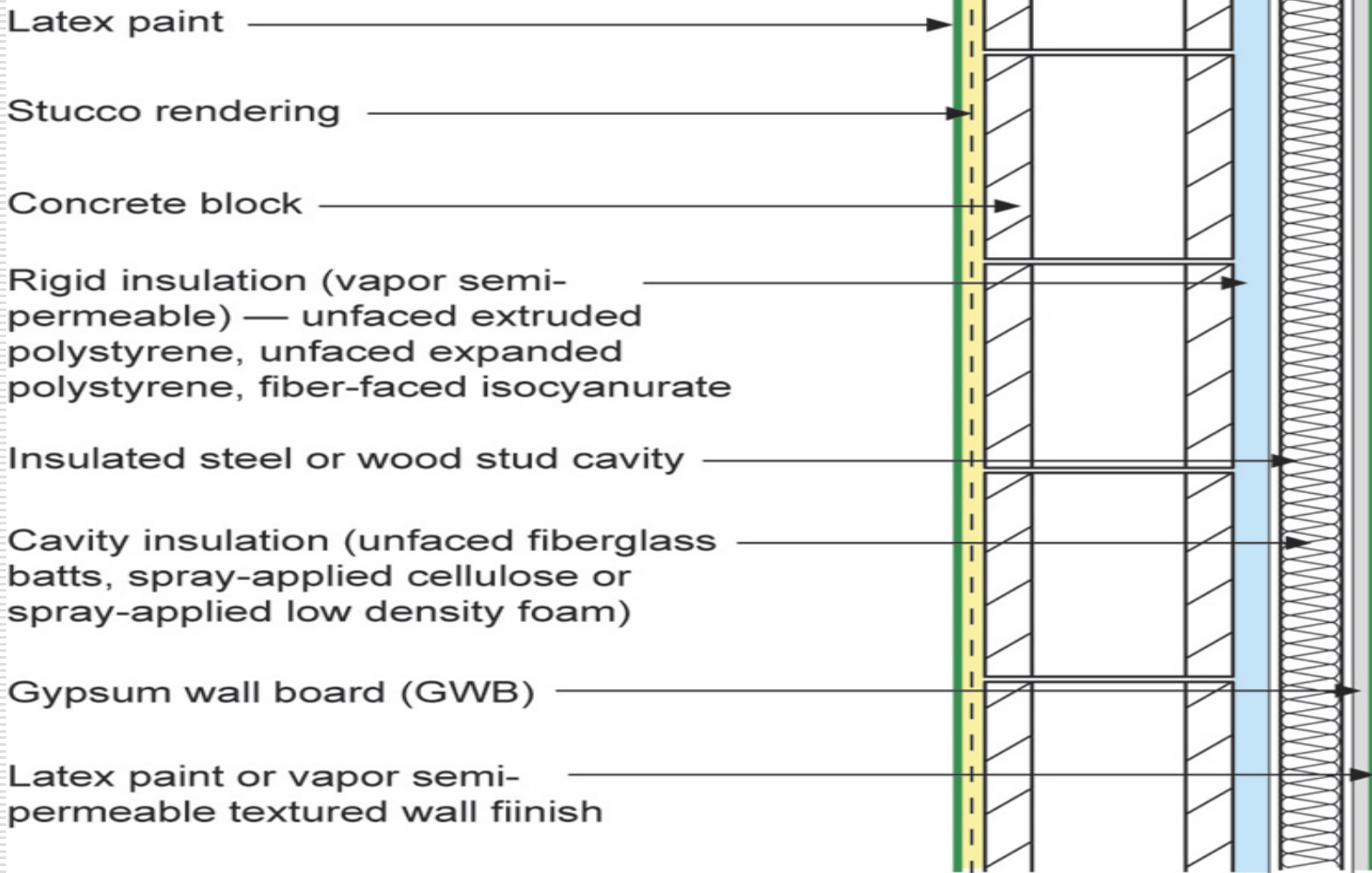
Application

Institutional Wall

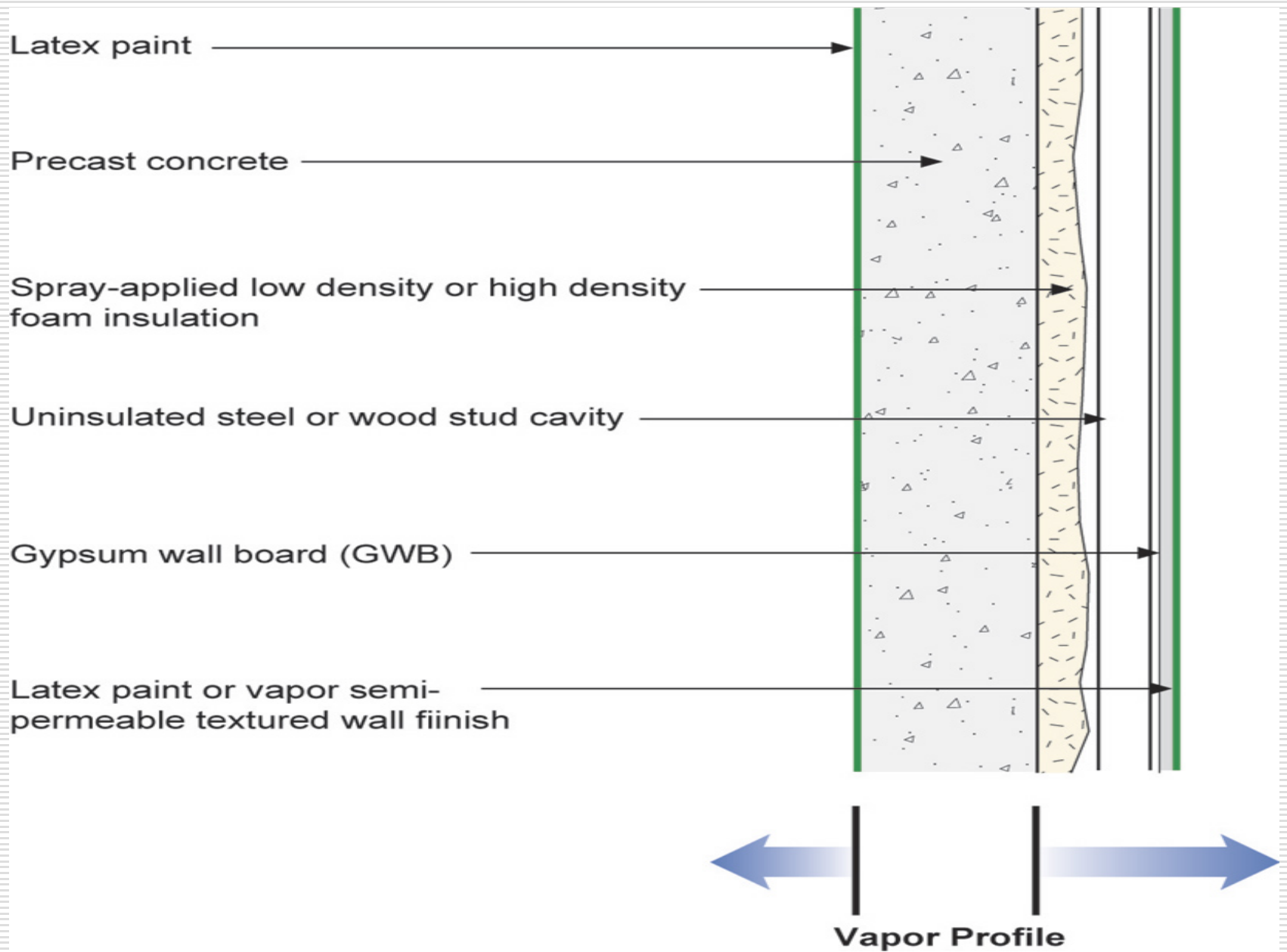
The best wall we build today. It works everywhere, in every climate zone. It costs more, but then, it's sustainable. It will pass from generation to generation.

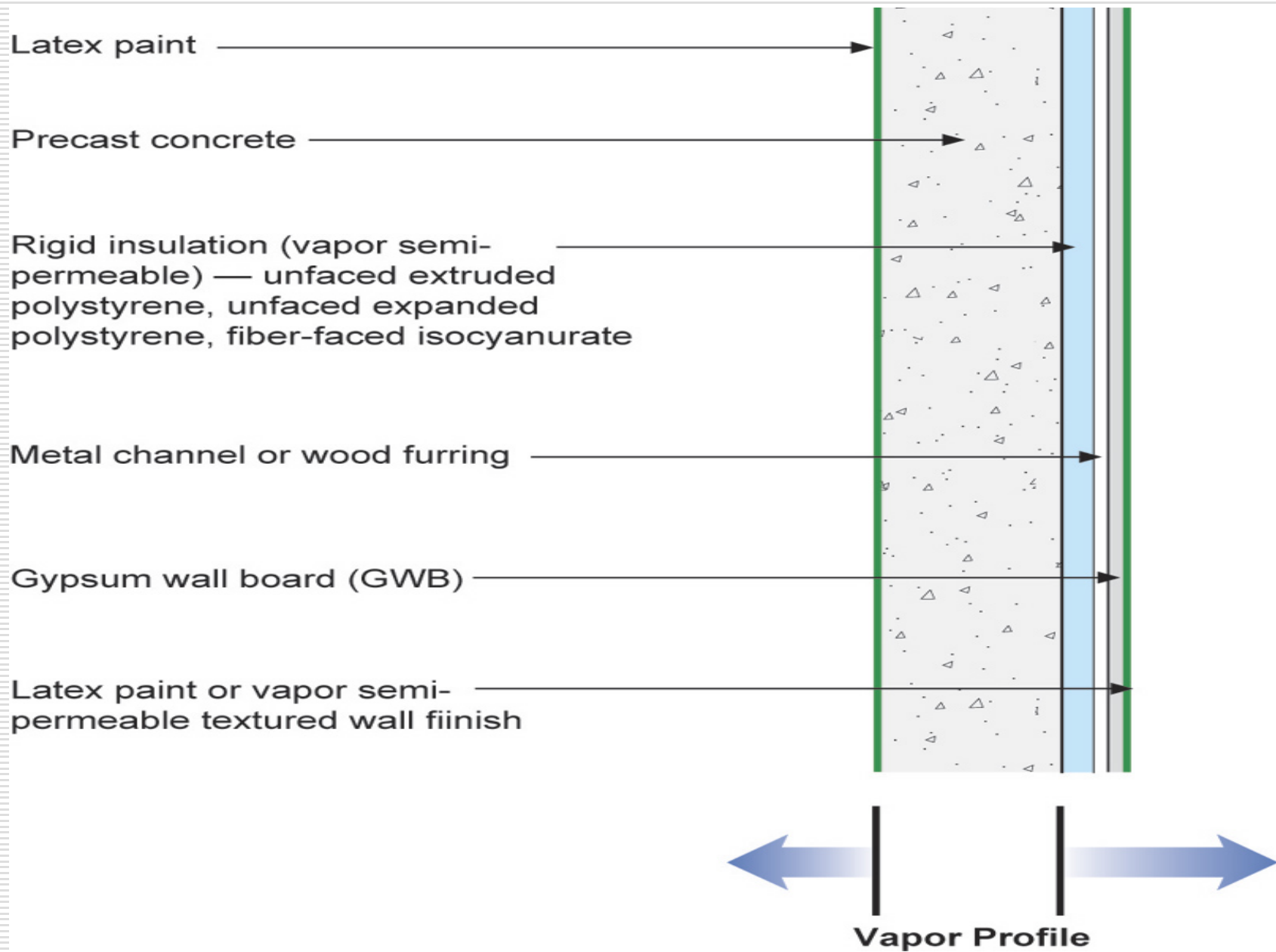


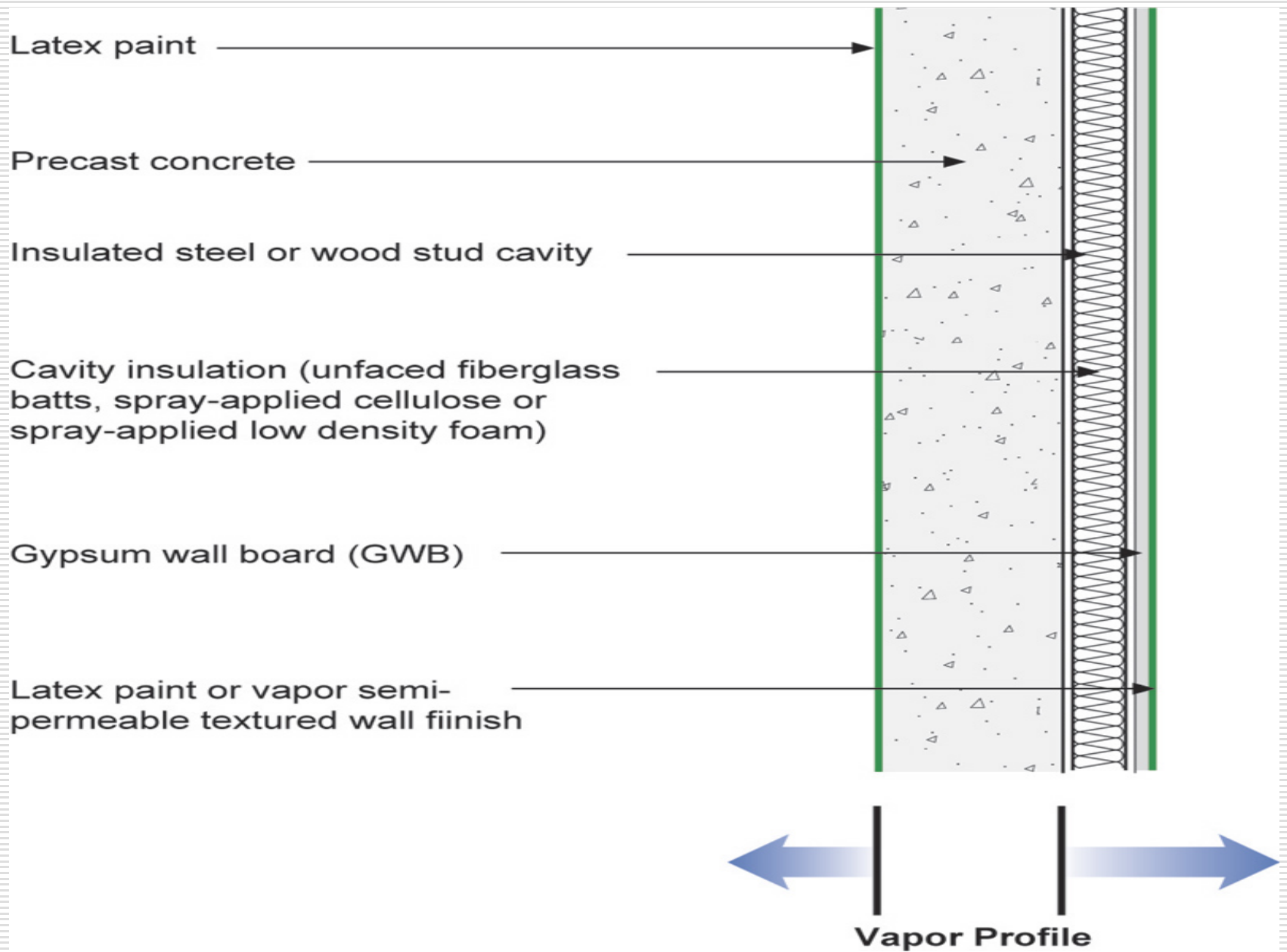




Vapor Profile



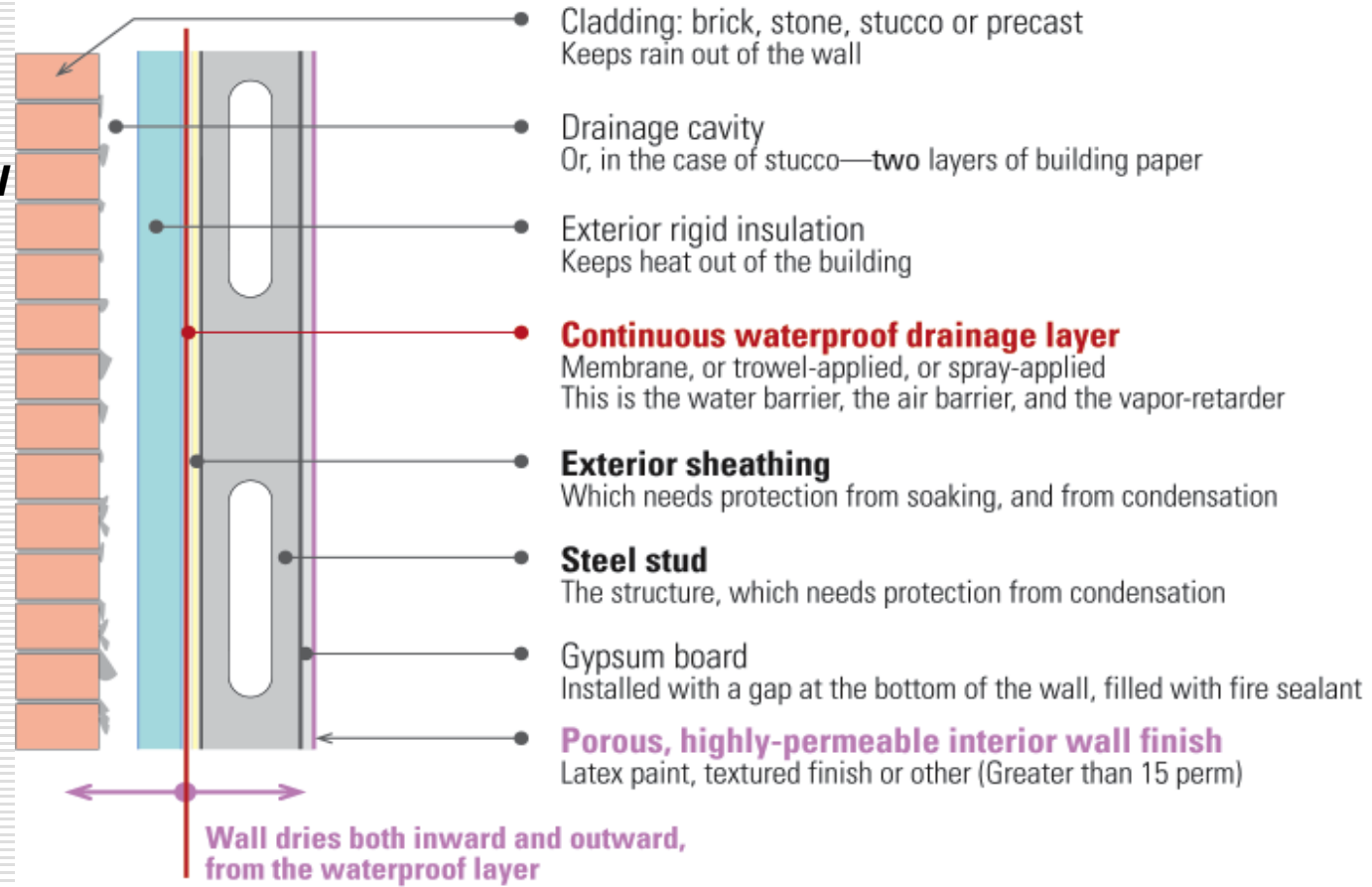


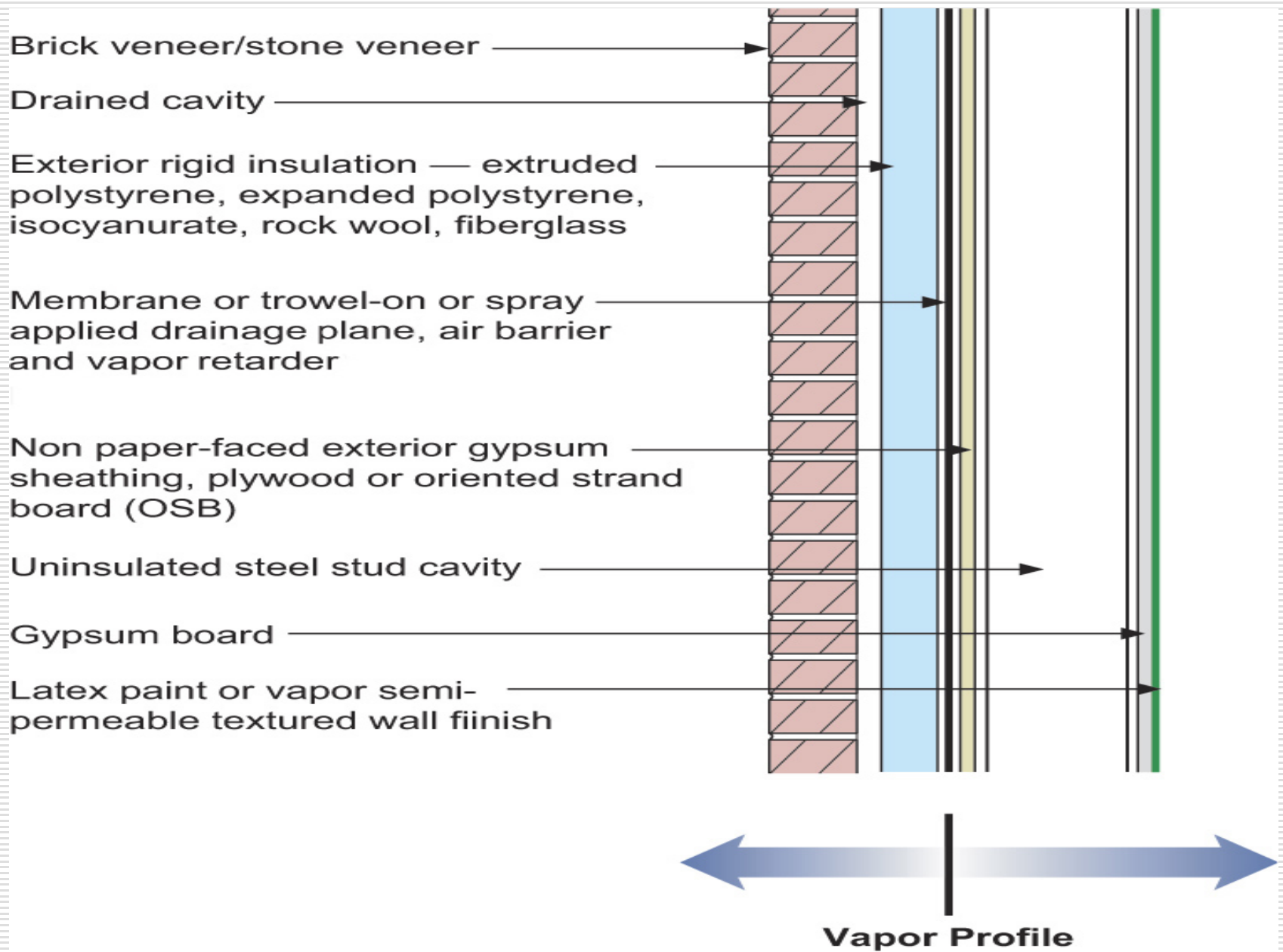


Application

Commercial Wall

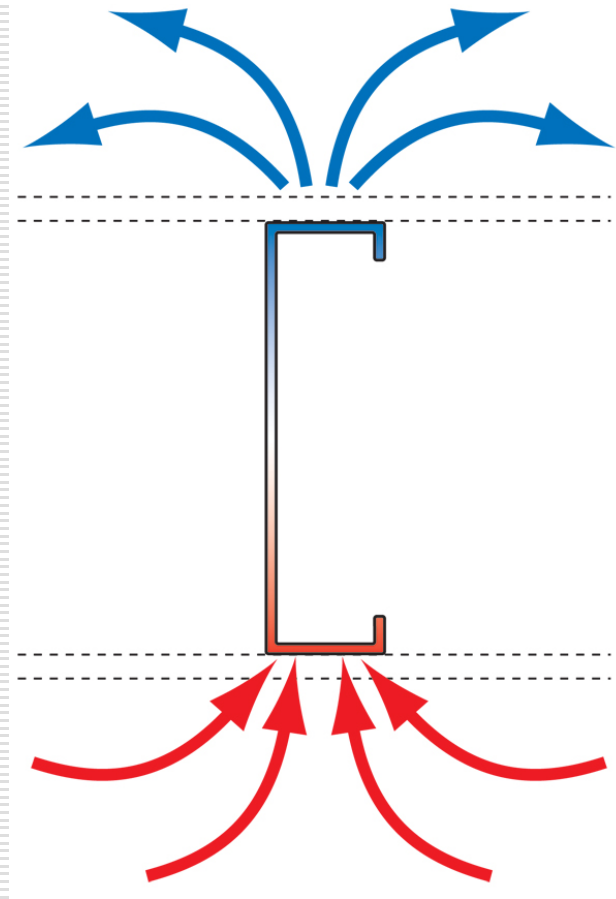
The almost-best wall we construct today. It's affordable. Actually, it's the cheapest wall that works, and it works in any climate zone.





Thermal Bridging

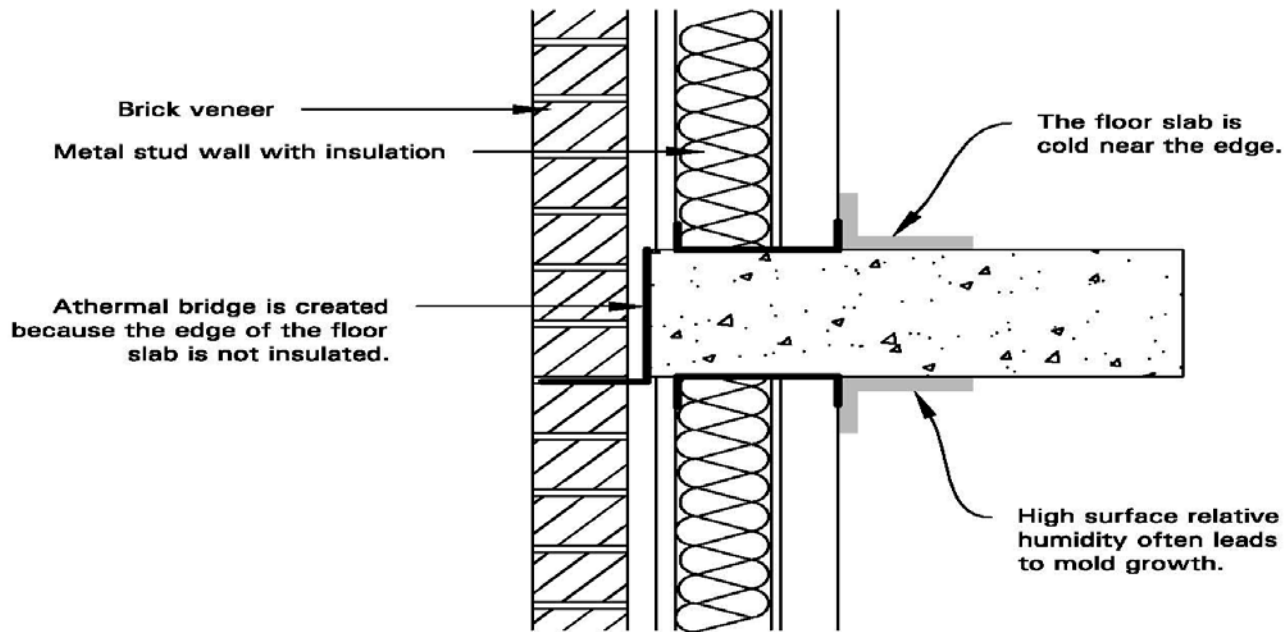
Thermal Bridge



Thermal Bridge in Wall

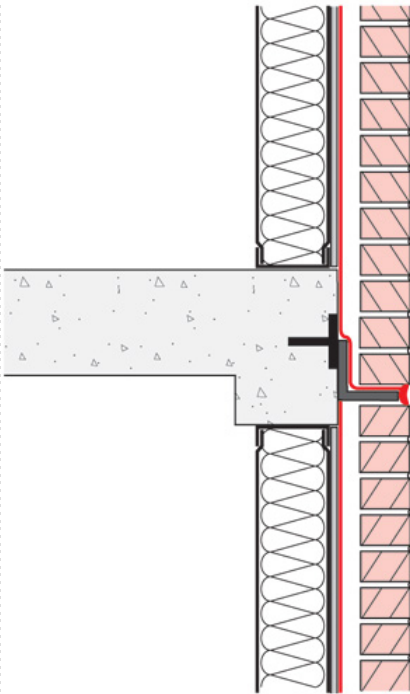


Thermal Bridge at Wall / Floor Intersection

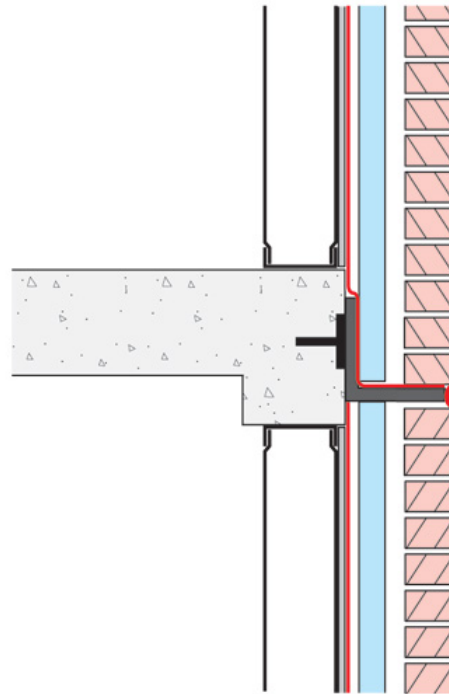


Thermal bridge at wall/floor intersection.

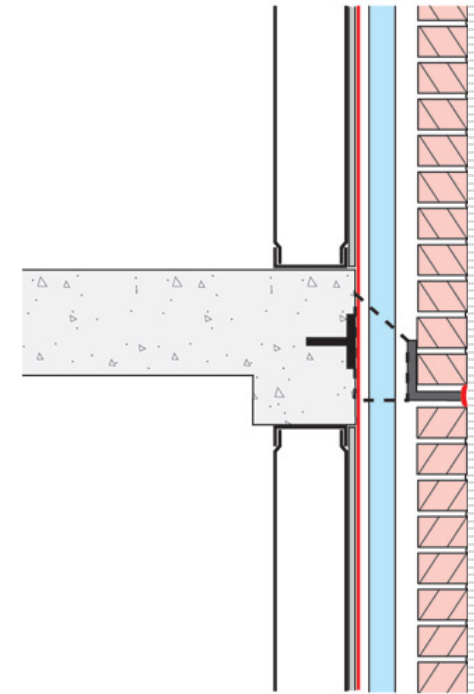
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“The Ugly”



“The Bad”

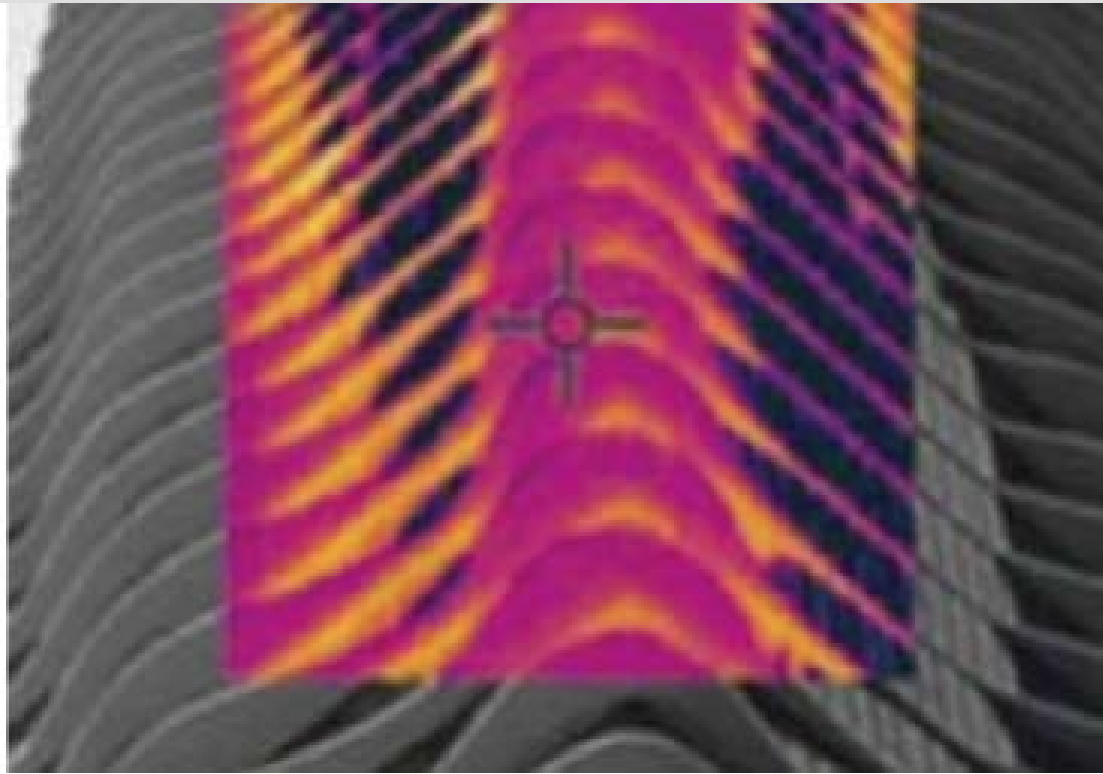


“The Good”

Thermal Bridge



Thermal Bridge



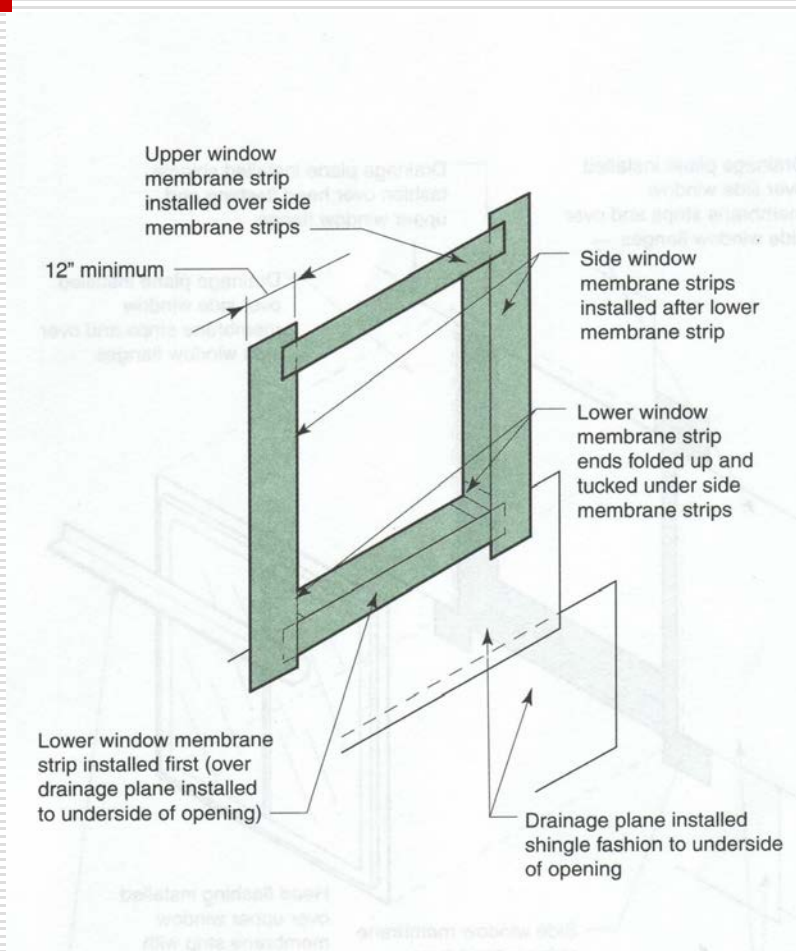
Moisture Intrusion

Water Management



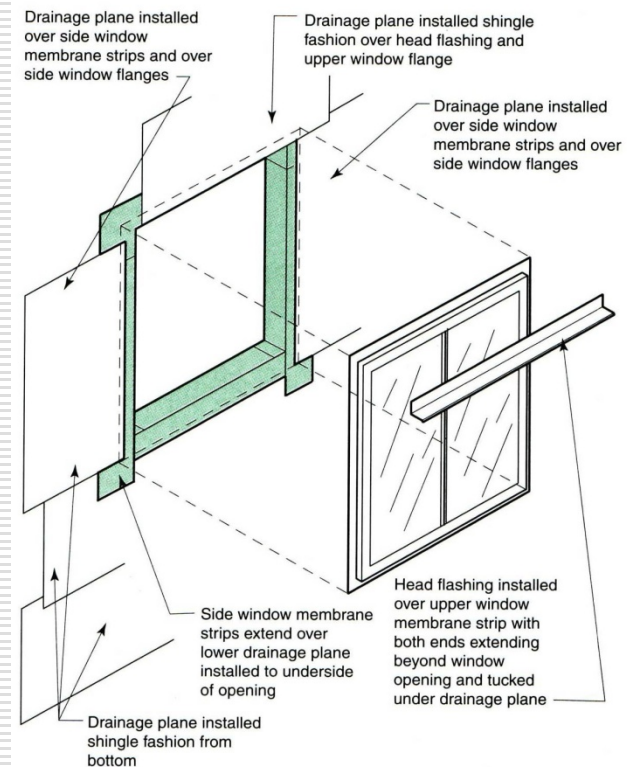
Water Management

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Water Management

- ❑ Water management for exterior windows requires proper placement of window flashing strips and drainage plane
- ❑ Note placement of drainage plane under window



Water Management



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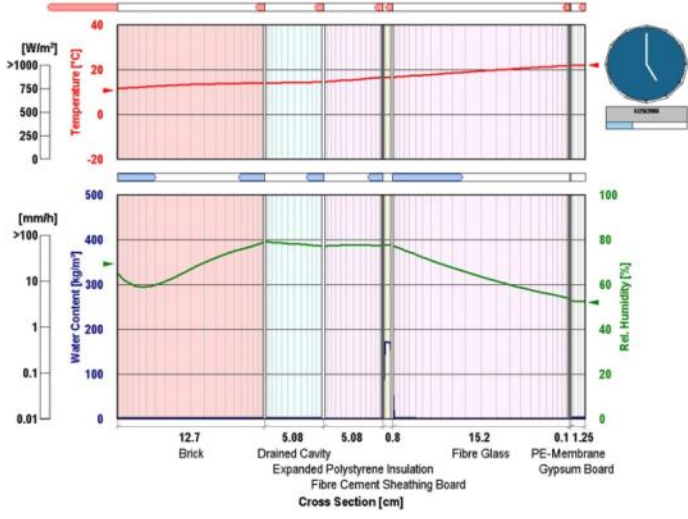
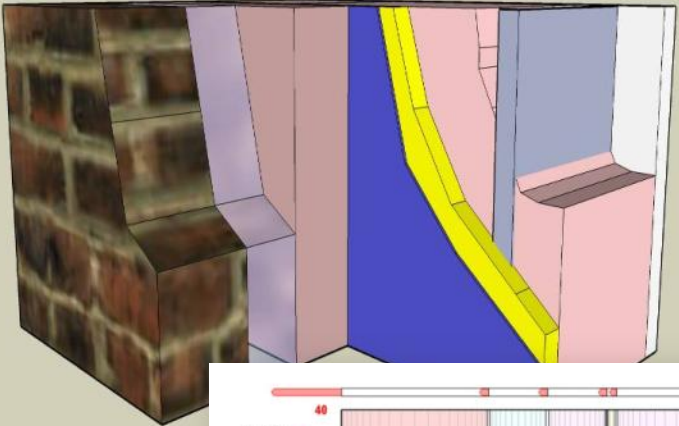
Air, Vapor and Water Barrier – Peel & Stick



Air, Vapor and Water Barrier – Fluid Applied



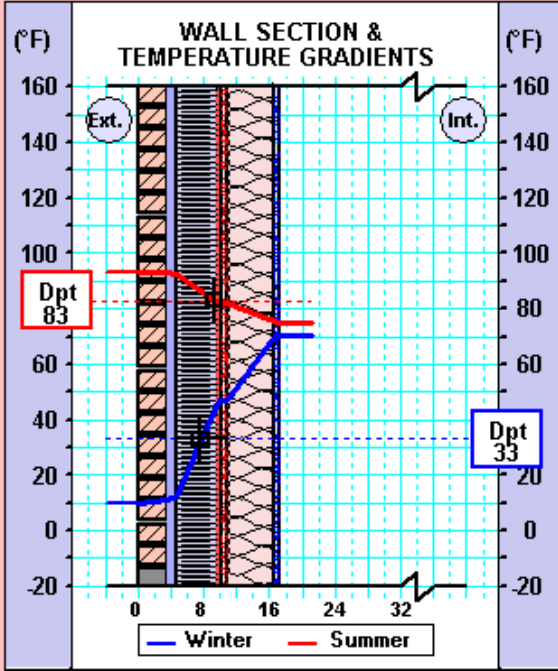
Building Enclosure Design



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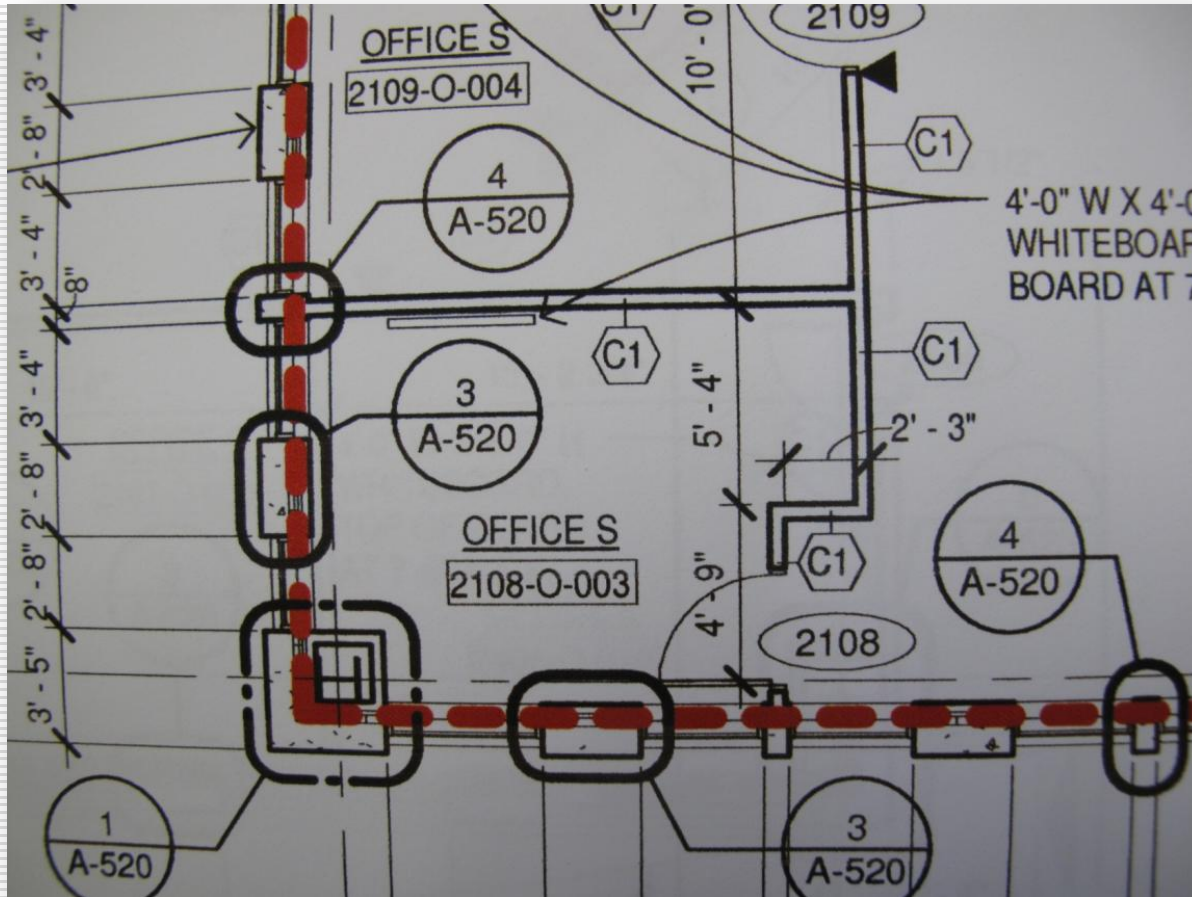
	Winter		Summer	
	Temp (°F)	RH (%)	Temp (°F)	RH (%)
Indoor	70	25	75	50
Outdoor	10	68	93	71

City: **Baltimore, MD**



○ Standard Wall ● Wider Wall

Enclosure Detail Design

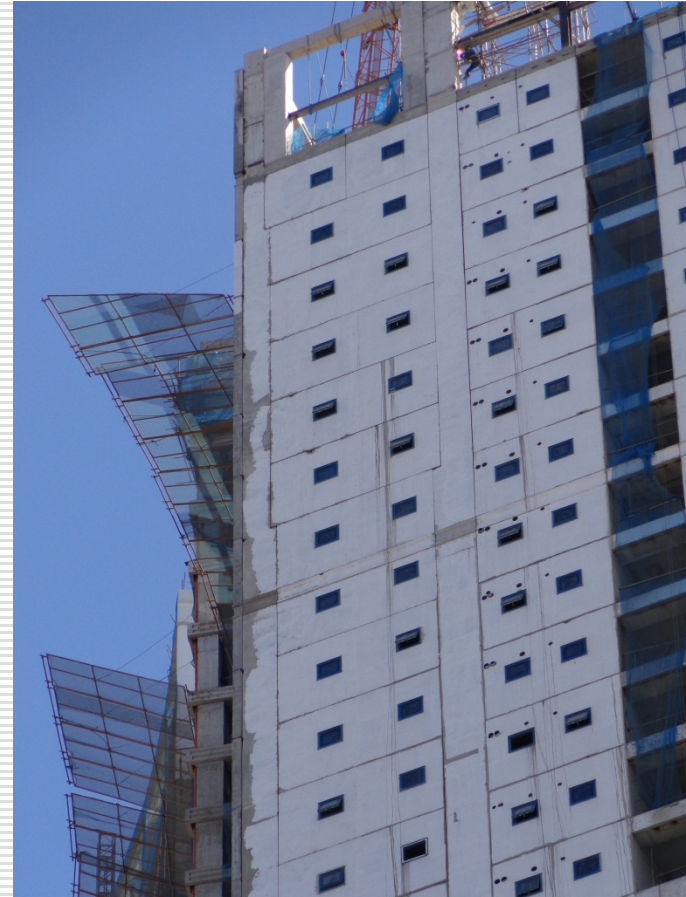


Examples

Example



Current Construction



Example



Thermal Break

Example



Master Builder and Contemporary Builder

Example



Overhangs and Sills



Example



Window Shading

Building Envelope Commissioning



Building Envelope Commissioning BECx



NIBS Guideline 3-2006

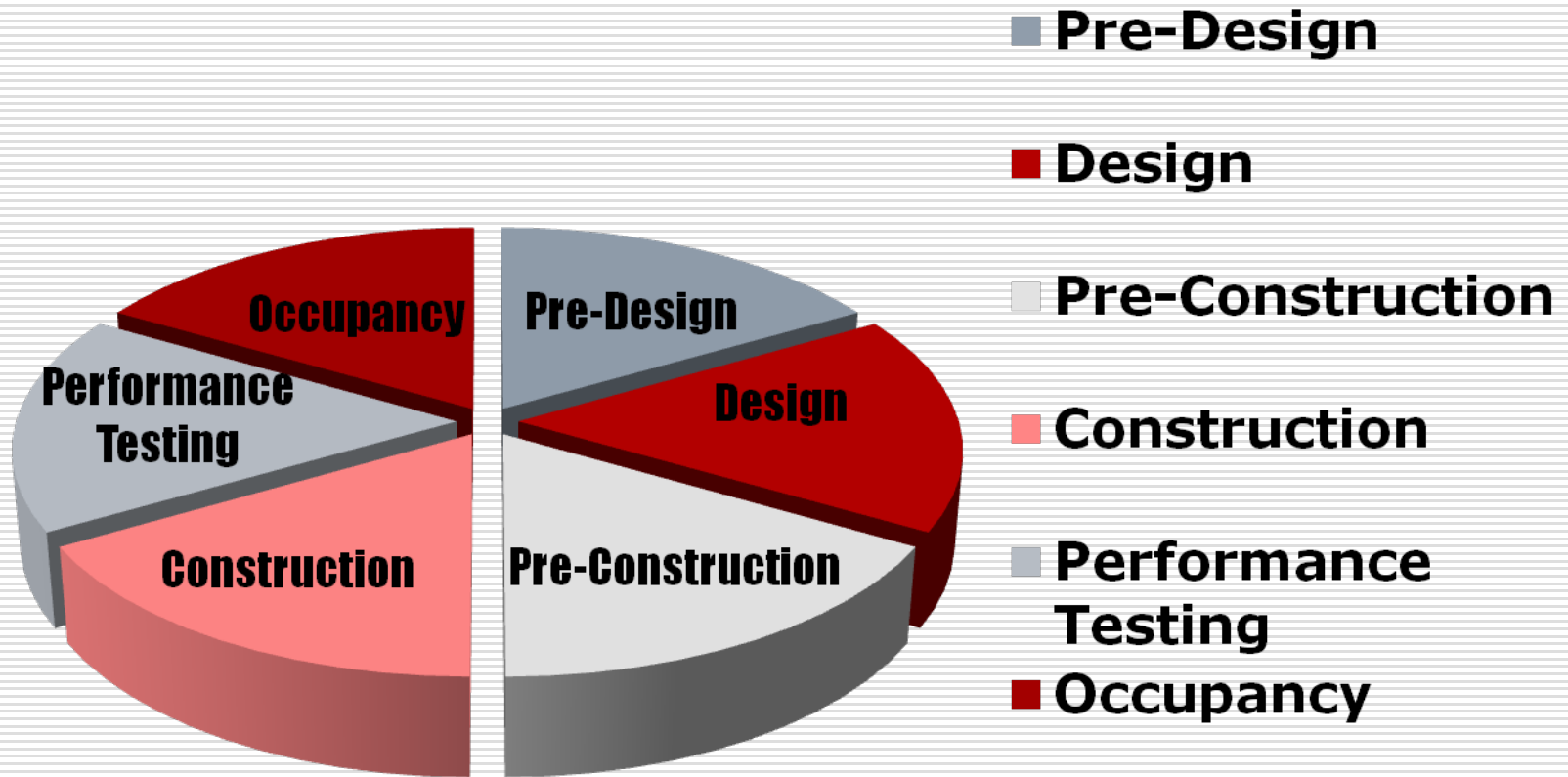
Exterior Enclosure
Technical Requirements
For the Commissioning Process

*This Guideline is for Use with
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The Commissioning Process*

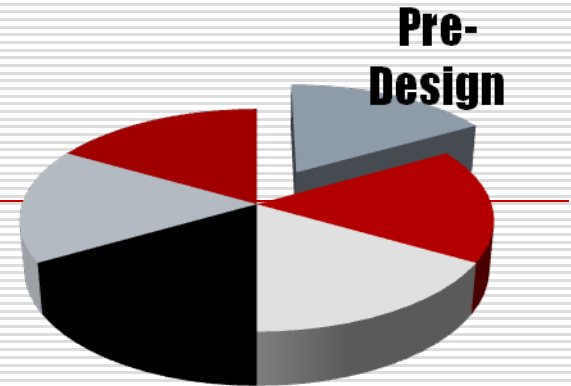


**WK26027 - New Practice for
Enclosure Commissioning**

Building Envelope Commissioning BECx

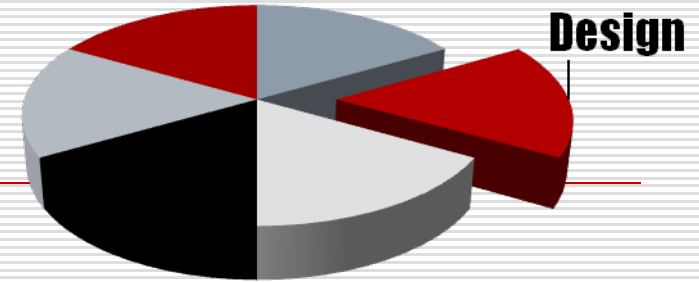


BECx Pre-Design

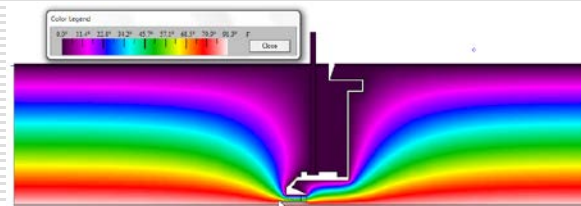
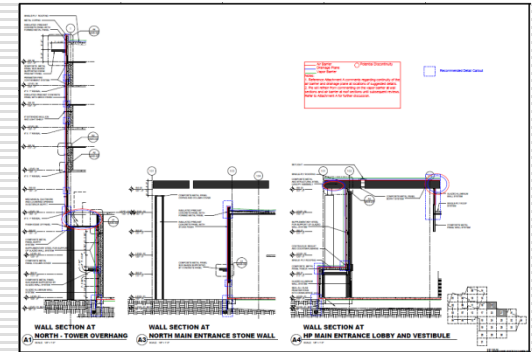


- ❑ BECxA Selection
 - Qualified
 - Independent, 3rd Party
 - ❑ OPR
 - Moisture
 - Vapor
 - Thermal
 - Air
 - Other (Acoustic/Fire/Blast/ Structural)
 - ❑ Scope and Budget
 - ❑ BECx Plan
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BECx Design

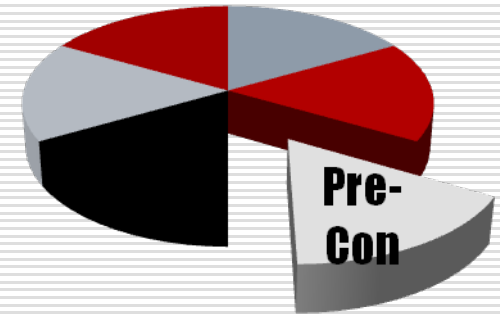


- ❑ Hygrothermal Modeling/Simulation
- ❑ Construction Document Review
 - OPR/BOD
 - Performance
 - Constructability
- ❑ Design Meetings
- ❑ BECx Specification
- ❑ Functional Performance Test Specification

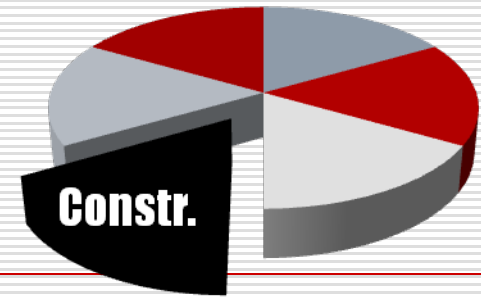


BECx Pre-Construction

- ❑ Submittal/Shop Drawings Review
- ❑ Pre-Con Meetings
- ❑ Sequencing
- ❑ Mockup Functional Performance Test



BECx Construction



- Quality Assurance Observations – Ensure Construction meets:
 - OPR/BOD
 - Construction Documents
 - Manufacturer's Installation Requirements
 - Industry Standard of Care
- Site Meetings
- Checklists

Project Name: _____
Observation Date: _____
Observer Initials: _____

Roofing Construction Checklist

Description:	Compliant	Non-Compliant	Comments:
Specified products are installed in accordance with manufacturer's written instructions			
Roofing materials are stored in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations			
Substrates and conditions under which ice & water shield are to be installed are dry, free			
ice & water shield lapped over flashing per contract documents			
Modified bitumen laps per contract documents			
Cant strip installed at horizontal/vertical intersections per contract documents			
Lap joints are sealed in accordance with contract documents			
Flashing is installed in accordance with contract documents			
Nails and fasteners are of length, shank, head, and coating as required			

BECx Testing



- ❑ Fenestration Testing
 - ASTM E1105 / E783 Water and Air Testing
 - AAMA 501.2 Water *Leakage* Testing
 - ❑ Air Barrier Testing
 - ASTM E779 Whole Building Air Leakage (Quantitative)
 - ASTM E1186 Air Leakage Site Detection (Qualitative)
 - ❑ Thermal Barrier Testing
 - ASTM C1060 Infrared Thermography
 - ❑ Other
 - Roof Uplift (FM Global 1-52)
 - Adhesion
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Fenestration / Moisture Barrier Testing

- ❑ **ASTM E1105: Standard Test Method for Field Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors by Uniform or Cyclic Static Air Pressure Difference**



Fenestration / Moisture Barrier Testing

- ❑ AAMA 501.2 Testing: Quality Assurance and Diagnostic Water Leakage Field Check of Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls, and Slope Glazing Systems
- ❑ Implement field testing regimen throughout construction process (example: 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%)



Field Assembly Air Tightness Testing

- **ASTM E783: Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Air Leakage Through Installed Exterior Windows and Doors**

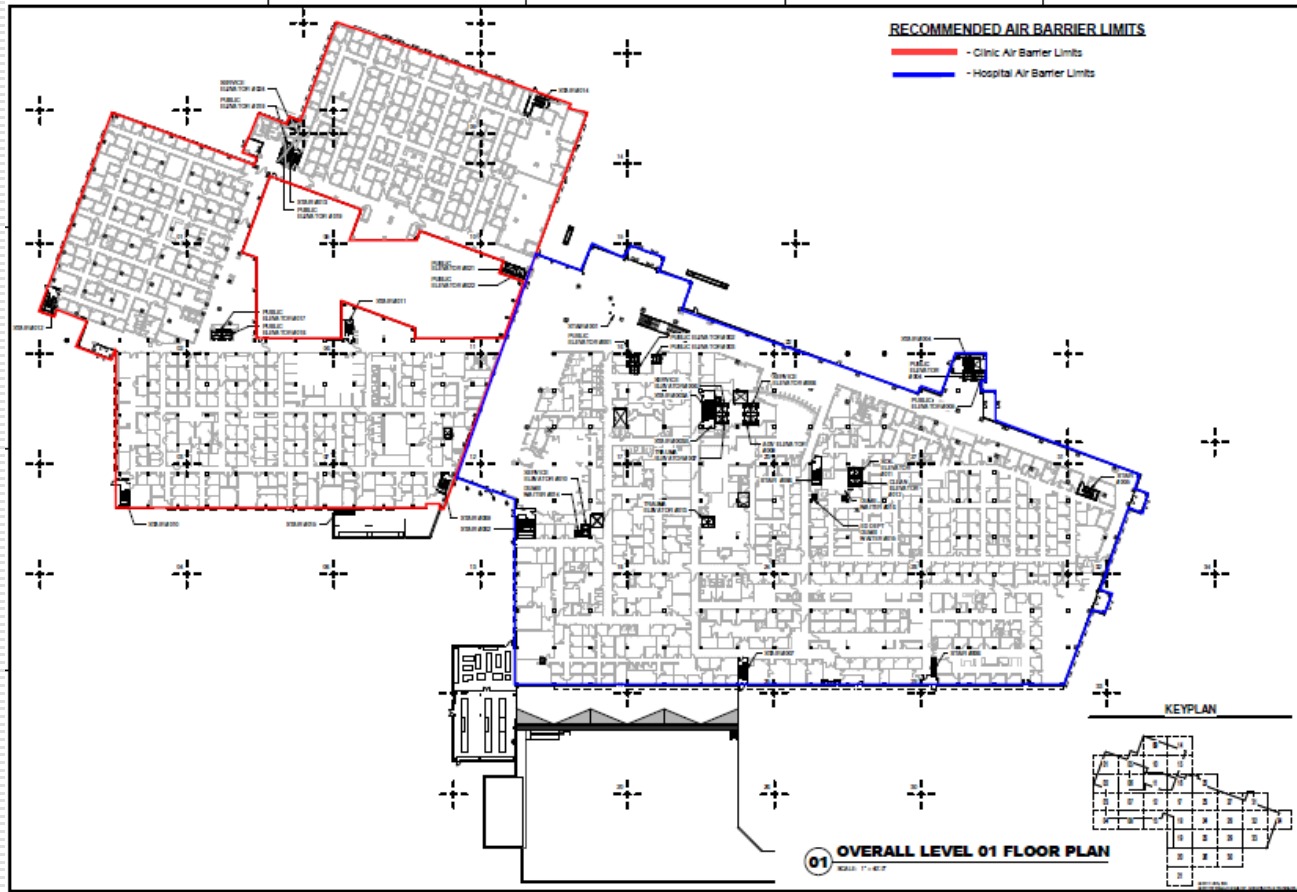


Whole Building Air Tightness Test

- ❑ **ASTM E779: Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage Rate by Fan Pressurization**
- ❑ **ASTM E1827: Standard Test Methods for Determining Air tightness of Buildings Using an Orifice Blower Door**



Whole Building Air Barrier Testing



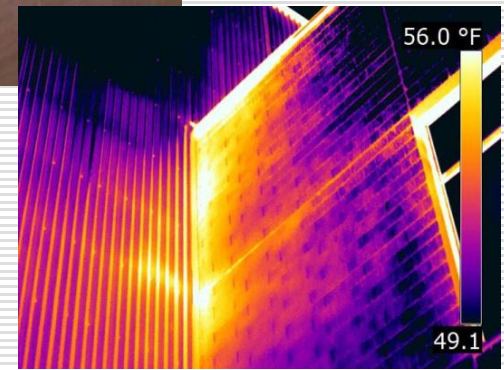
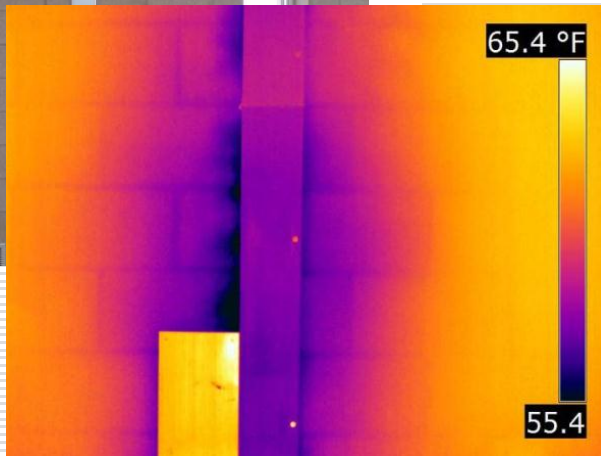
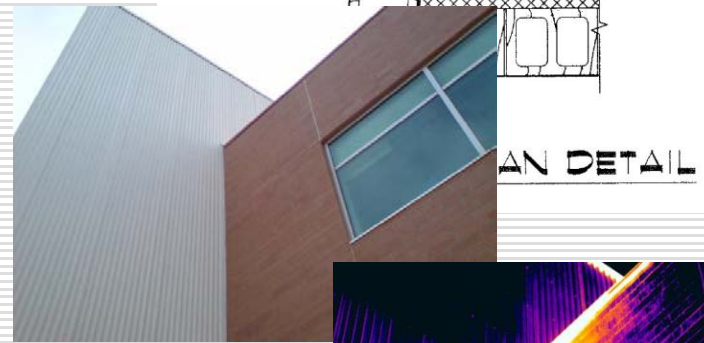
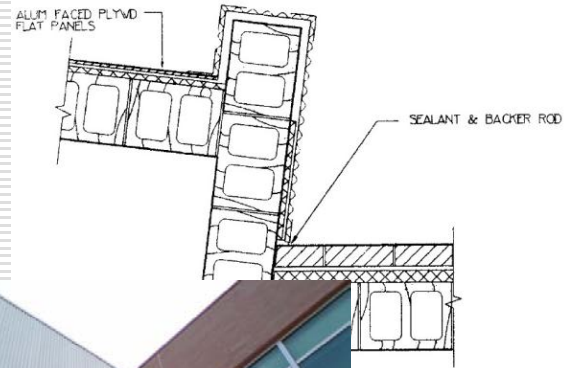
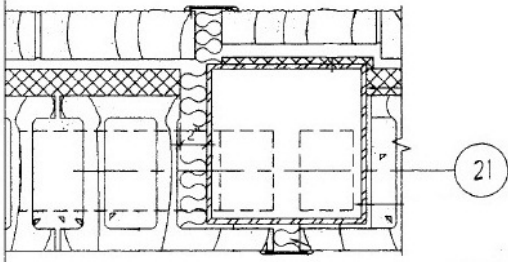
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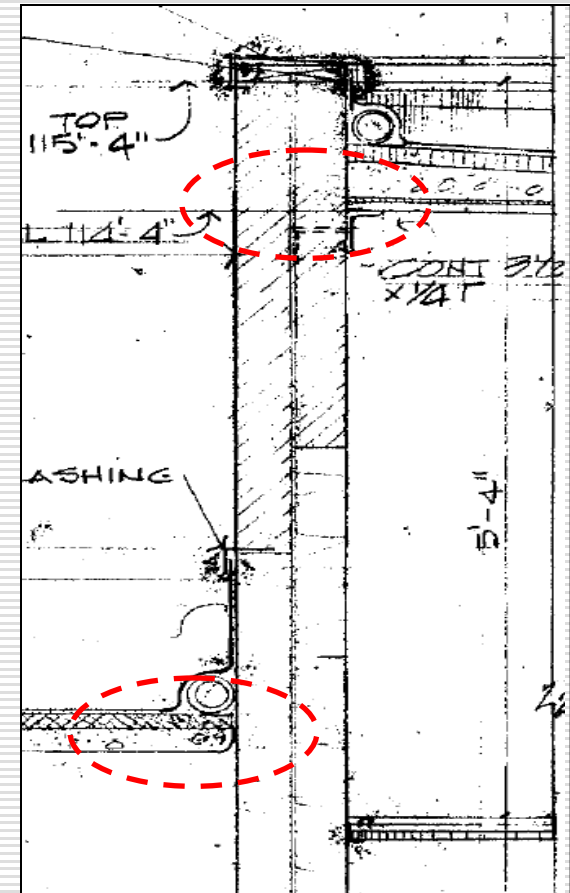
Description	Air Leakage (CFM/ft ² at 75-Pa)	Percent <i>above</i> Max Allowable (0.25 CFM/ft ² at 75-Pa) OR PASS
Pressurization	0.12	PASS
Depressurization	0.10	PASS
Average	0.11	PASS

Figure 1 – Air Tightness Testing Results

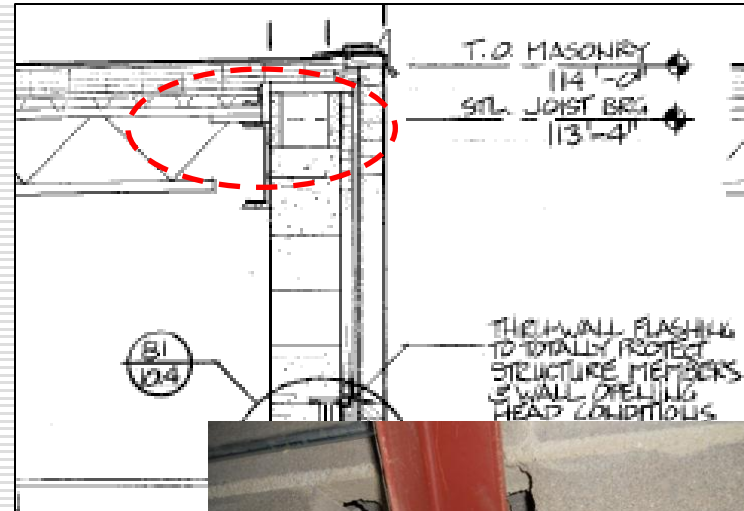
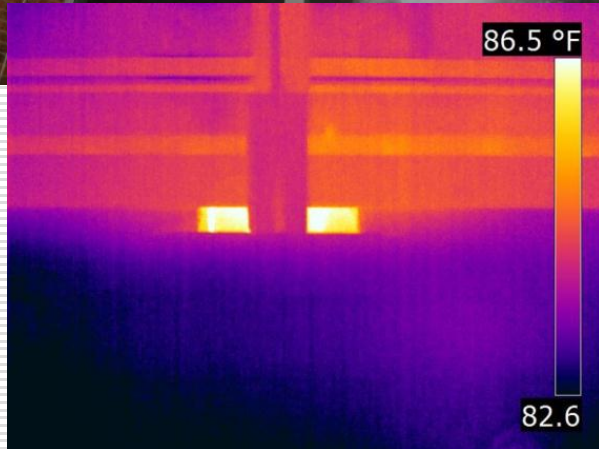
Expansion Joints & Dissimilar Interfaces



Roof Transitions/Rise Wall Expansion Joints



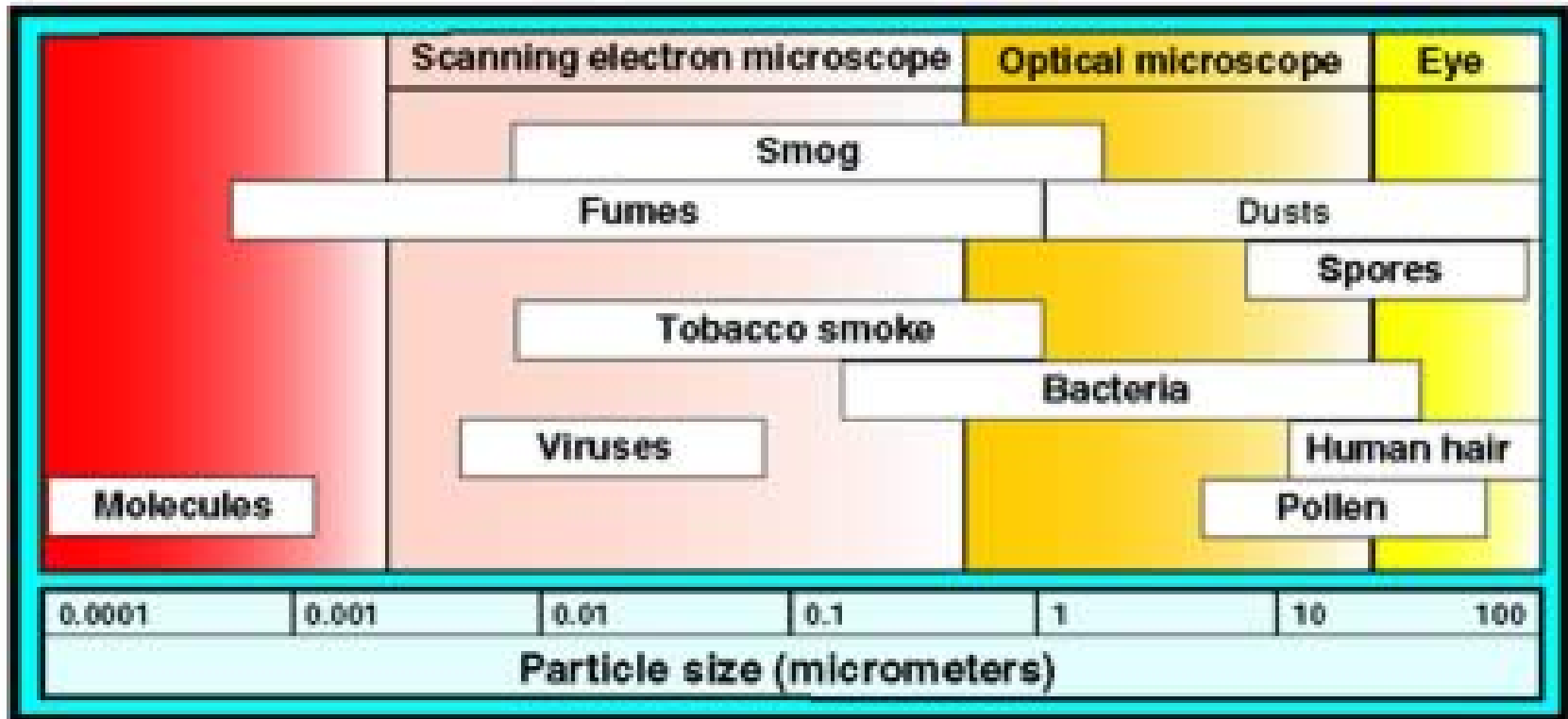
Beam Pockets



Ventilation and Infiltration

Ventilation and Filtration

Air contaminant size



Ventilation and Filtration

□ ASHRAE Standard 52.1

Measures arrestance, dust spot efficiency and dust holding capacity. *Arrestance* means a filter's ability to capture a mass fraction of coarse test dust and is suited for describing low to medium efficiency filters. Be aware that arrestance values may be high even for low efficiency filters and do not adequately indicate the effectiveness of certain filters for CBR protection. *Dust spot efficiency* measures a filter's ability to remove large particles, those that tend to soil building interiors. *Dust holding capacity* is a measure of the total amount of dust a filter is able to hold during a dust loading test.

Ventilation and Filtration

□ ASHRAE Standard 52.2

- Measures particle size efficiency (PSE). This newer standard is a more descriptive test which quantifies filtration efficiency in different particle size ranges for a clean and incrementally loaded filter to provide a composite efficiency value. It gives a better determination of a filter's effectiveness to capture solid particles as opposed to liquid aerosols. This standard rates particle size efficiency results as a MERV between 1 & 20. A higher MERV indicates a more efficient filter. Also this standard rates a minimum PSE in three size ranges for each of the MERV numbers.
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Ventilation and Filtration

MERV	ASHRAE 52.2			ASHRAE 52.1		Particle size range, μm	Applications
	Particle size range			Test			
	3 to 10 μm	1 to 3 μm	.3 to 1 μm	Arrestance	Dust spot		
1	<20%	—	—	<65%	<20%	>10	residential light pollen, dust mites
2	<20%	—	—	65-70%	<20%		
3	<20%	—	—	70-75%	<20%		
4	<20%	—	—	>75%	<20%		
5	20-35%	—	—	80-85%	<20%	3.0-10	industrial, dust, molds, spores
6	35-50%	—	—	>90%	<20%		
7	50-70%	—	—	>90%	20-25%		
8	>70%	—	—	>95%	25-30%		
9	>85%	<50%	—	>95%	40-45%	1.0-3.0	industrial, Legionella, dust
10	>85%	50-65%	—	>95%	50-55%		
11	>85%	65-80%	—	>98%	60-65%		
12	>90%	>80%	—	>98%	70-75%		
13	>90%	>90%	<75%	>98%	80-90%	0.3-1.0	hospitals, smoke removal, bacteria
14	>90%	>90%	75-85%	>98%	90-95%		
15	>90%	>90%	85-95%	>98%	~95%		
16	>95%	>95%	>95%	>98%	>95%		
17	—	—	$\geq 99.97\%$	—	—	<0.3	clean rooms, surgery, chem-bio, viruses
18	—	—	$\geq 99.99\%$	—	—		
19	—	—	$\geq 99.999\%$	—	—		
20	—	—	$\geq 99.9999\%$	—	—		

Ventilation and Filtration

Table 3. Application of activated carbon impregnates [CBIAC 2001]

Impregnate	Chemical contaminant
Copper/silver salts	Phosgene, chlorine, arsine
Iron oxide	Hydrogen sulfide, mercaptans
Manganese IV oxide	Aldehydes
Phosphoric acid	Ammonia
Potassium carbonate	Acid gases, carbon disulfide
Potassium iodide	Hydrogen sulfide, phosphine, mercury, arsine, radioactive methyl iodide
Potassium permanganate	Hydrogen sulfide
Silver	Arsine, phosphine
Sulfur	Mercury
Sulfuric acid	Ammonia, amine, mercury
Triethylenediamine (TEDA)	Radioactive methyl iodide
Zinc oxide	Hydrogen cyanide

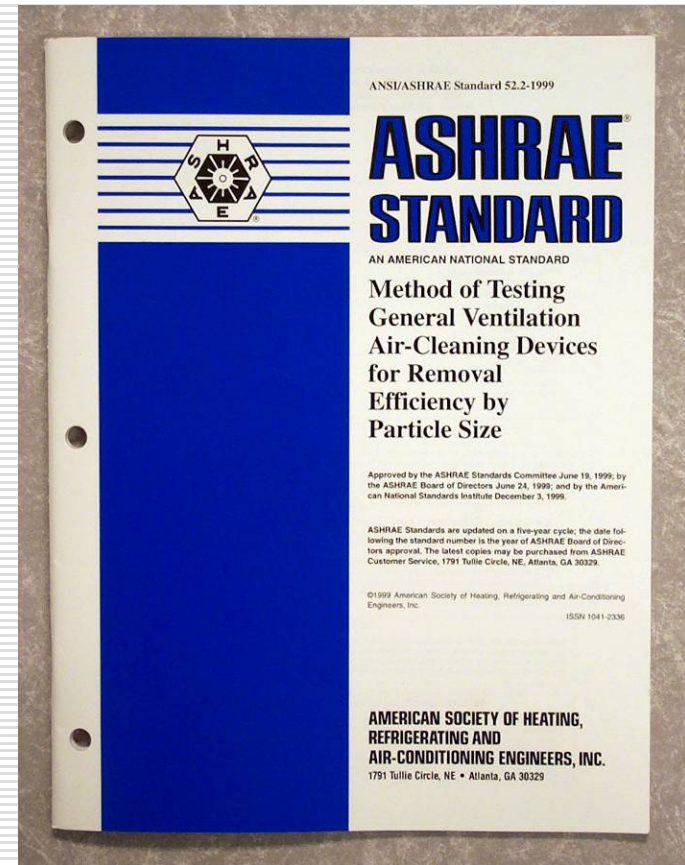
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ASHRAE Std 52.2

- Method of Testing General Ventilation Air Cleaning Devices for Removal Efficiency by Particle Size



Building Pressurization



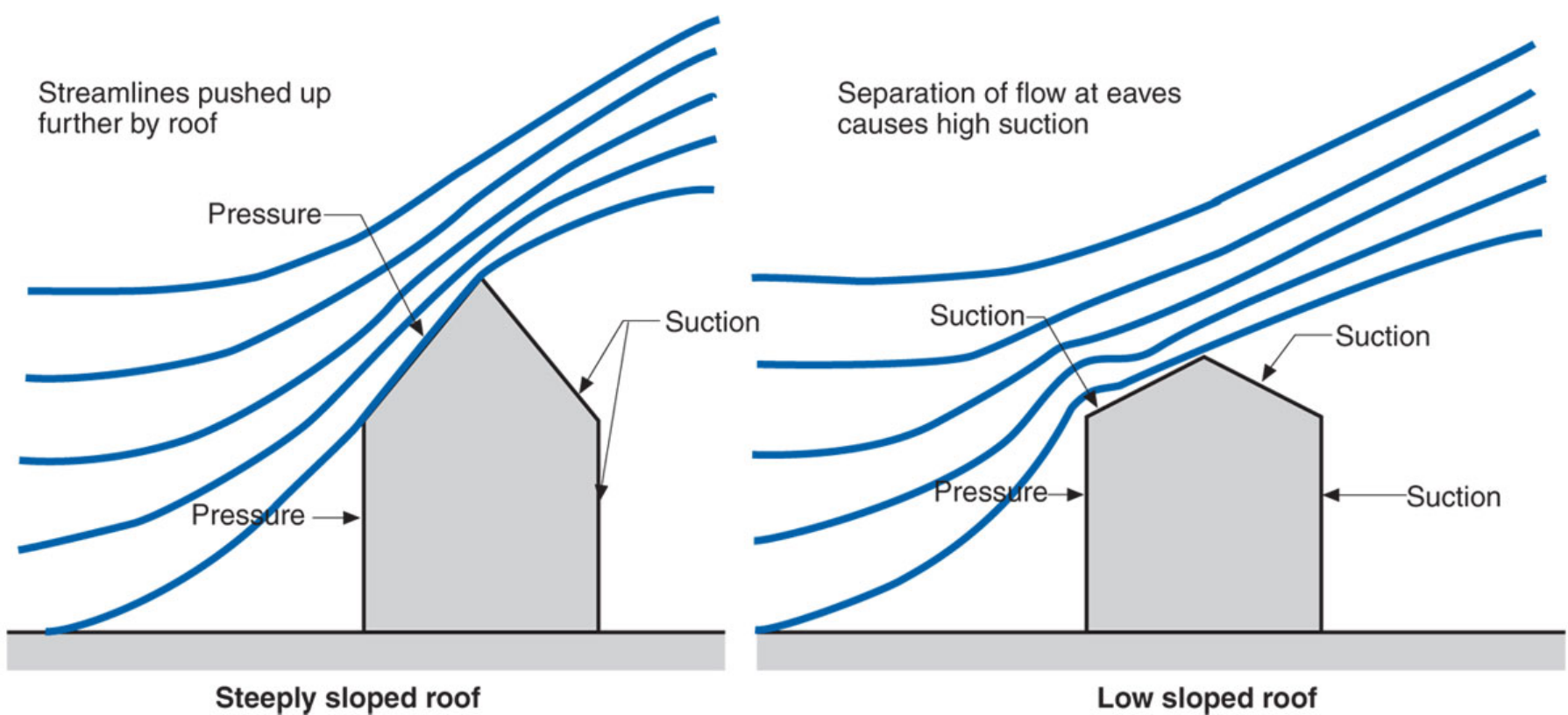
Air Barrier

- An air barrier is defined by the Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) as an assembly to *“control the unintended movement of air into and out of a building enclosure.”*
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Infiltration & Exfiltration

- ASHRAE Fundamentals Chapter 16 & 26
 - Wind pressure, stack pressure and HVAC pressure
 - Air leakage rates
 - ASHRAE Std 180 requires 0.40 cfm/sq ft @ 75 pascals (0.30 in-wg)
 - ASHRAE Std 90.1 addendum will require 0.40 cfm/sq ft @ 75 pascals (0.30 in-wg)
 - ASTM E 779
 - US LEED 1.25 in² EfLA @ 4 Pa / 100 ft²
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Velocity Pressure on Envelope



Benefits of an air-tightness standard

- Reduced building heating and cooling costs
 - Reduced building enclosure moisture problems
 - Improved indoor air quality
 - Improved acoustical isolation
 - Isolates the indoor environment
 - Sustainable, durable buildings
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Air Tightness Standards

			cfm/ ft ² [L/s*m ²] at 75Pa	
US	ASHRAE	0.40 cfm/ ft ² at 75Pa	0.40/2.00	↑ Leakier
	TS-1Commercial			
UK	Best Practice	5 m ³ /h/m ² at 50 Pa	0.36/1.82	
US	LEED	1.25 in ² EfLA @ 4 Pa / 100 ft ²	0.30/1.52	
US	ASHRAE HOF Average	0.30 cfm/ ft ² at 75Pa	0.30/1.52	
UK	TS-1Commercial Tight	2 m ³ /h/m ² at 50 Pa	0.14/0.71	
CAN	R-2000	1 in ² EqLA @10 Pa /100 ft ²	0.13/0.66	↓ Tighter
US	ASHRAE HOF Tight	0.10 cfm/ ft ² at 75Pa	0.10/0.51	

For a 4 story building, 120 x 110 ft, n=0.65

Requirements for an Air Barrier System

- ❑ It must be continuous, with all joints made tight.
 - ❑ The materials shall have an air permeability not to exceed 0.004 cfm/sf under a pressure differential of 0.3 in. of water. (Or 0.02 L/s/m² @ 75 Pa)
 - ❑ It shall be capable of withstanding positive and negative combined design, wind, fan and stack pressures on the envelope without damage or displacement, and shall transfer the load to the structure. It shall not displace adjacent materials under full load.
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Requirements for an Air Barrier System

- ❑ It shall be durable or maintainable
 - ❑ The air barrier shall be joined in an airtight and flexible manner to the air barrier of adjacent systems, allowing for the relative movement of systems due to thermal and moisture variations and creep. Connections shall be made between:
 - a) Foundations and walls
 - b) Walls and windows or doors
 - c) Different wall systems
 - d) Wall and roof
 - e) Walls, floor and roof across construction, control and expansion joints
 - f) Walls, floor and roof and utility, pipe and penetrations
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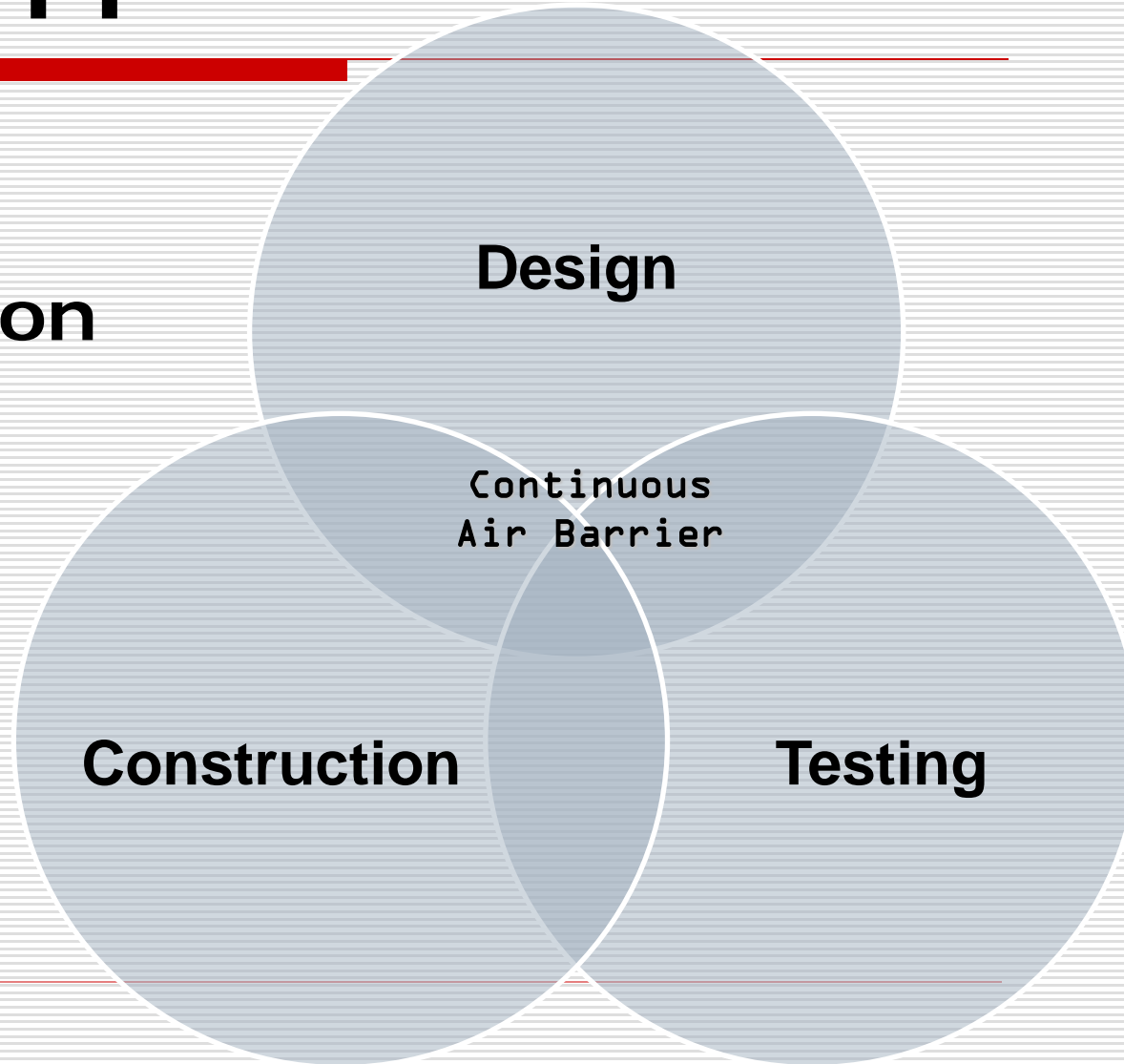
Performance Verification

- Demonstrate performance of the continuous air barrier for the opaque building envelope by the following tests:
- *(a) Test the completed building and demonstrate that the air leakage rate of the building envelope does not exceed 0.25 cfm/ft² at a pressure differential of 0.3" w.g. (75 Pa) in accordance with ASTM E-779 (2003) and E-1827-96 (2002).*
- *(b) Test the completed building using Infrared Thermography testing. Use infrared cameras with a resolution of 0.1deg C or better. Perform testing on the building envelope in accordance with ISO 6781:1983 and ASTM C1060-90(1997).*



Integrated Design Approach

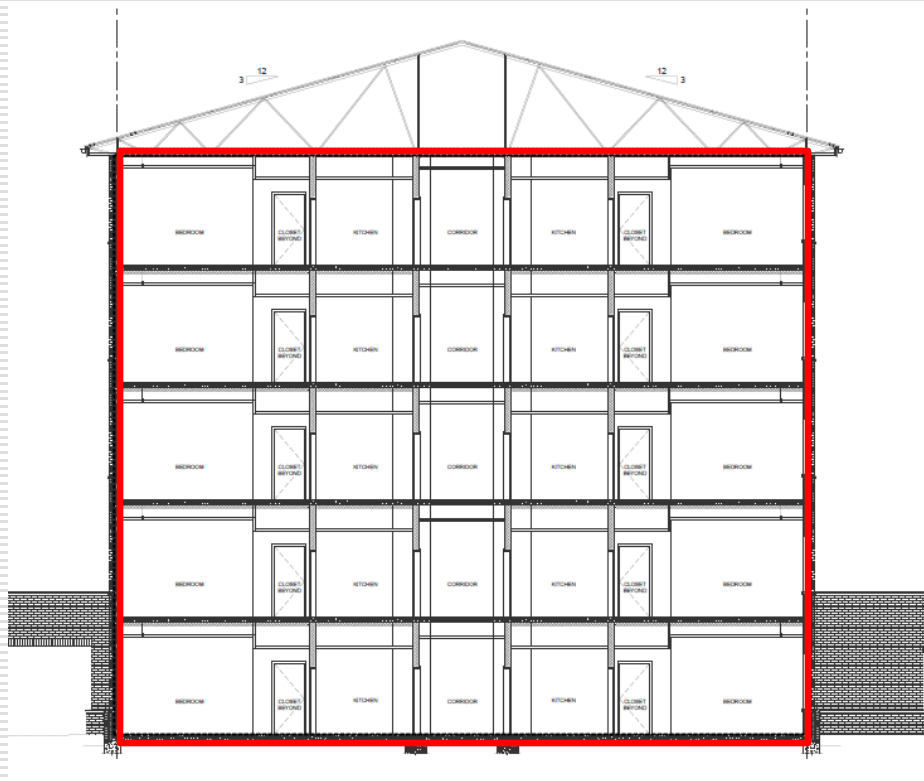
- Design
- Construction
- Testing



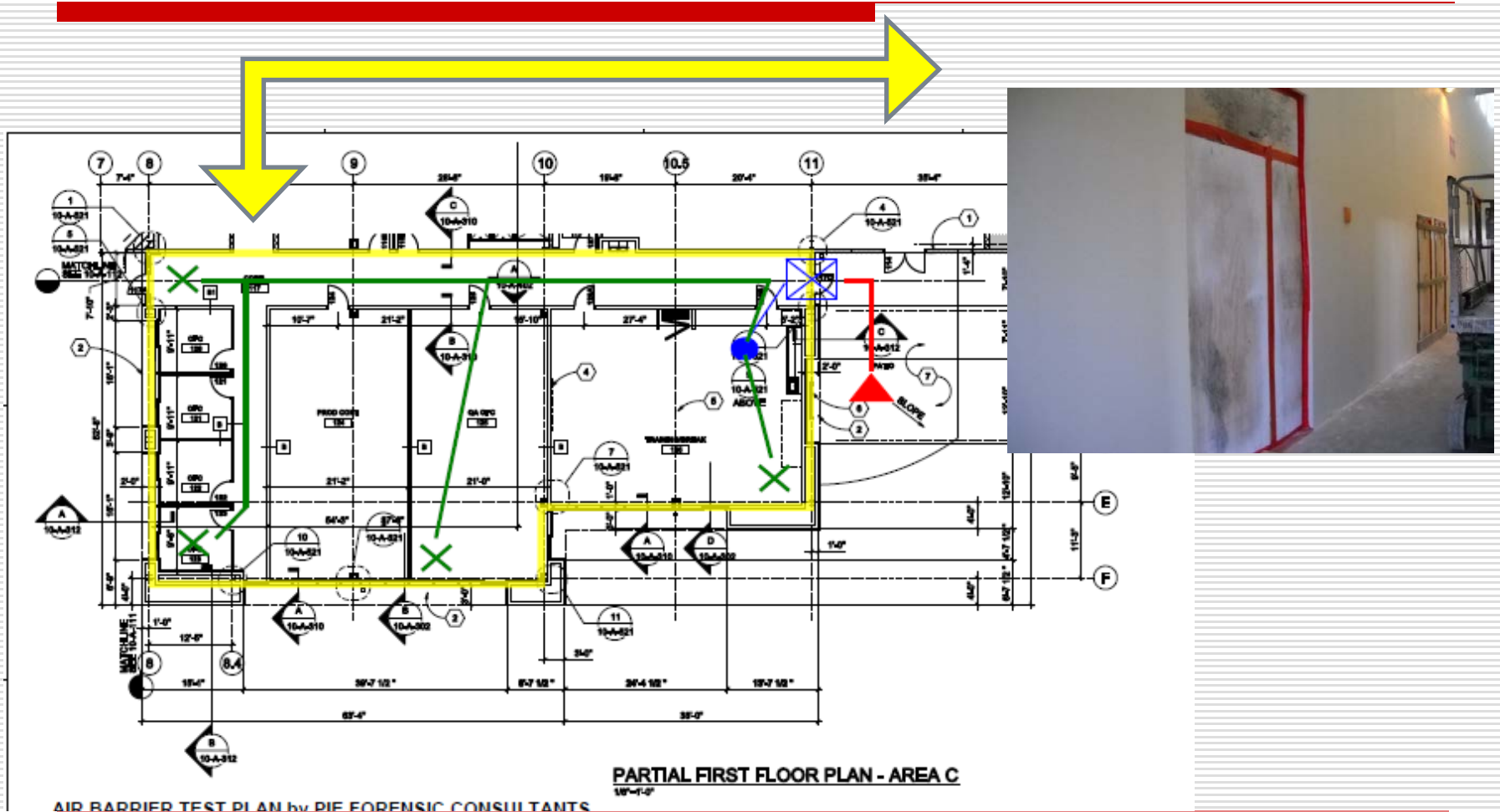
Common Design Omissions

- Air barrier limits and area not on drawings
 - Properly locating the air barrier limits
 - Insufficient information in specifications or drawings
 - Critical detailing areas
 - Missing & impractical details
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Use Actual Boundaries... Elevation View



Use Actual Boundaries... Plan View



Specifications

SECTION 07 2700 AIR BARRIER SYSTEM

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of contract, including Division 0 and Division 1 Specification Sections and **RFP No. W912PP-07-R-0017**, apply to work of this Section.

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- B. Spray Applied Liquid Air Barrier
- C. Sheet Applied Air Barrier
- D. Flexible Flashing [Air Barrier]
- E. Spray Foam [Air Barrier]

1.02 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Provide materials and installation methods for a complete building Air Barrier System providing an airtight barrier conforming to the Performance Requirements specified in this Section between the conditioned interior building atmosphere and the exterior atmosphere; and between the conditioned interior building atmosphere and adjacent unconditioned interior atmosphere and located as shown on the Drawings, consisting of.
 1. Walls:
 - a. CMU Walls: Spray applied liquid air barrier.
 - b. Steel Stud Framed Walls With Exterior GWB Sheathing: Sheet applied air barrier.
 2. Roofs: Sheet applied air barrier.
- B. Provide materials and installation methods to bridge and provide an airtight connection/seal conforming to the Performance Requirements specified in this Section at the following air leakage pathways and gaps:
 1. Between the wall air barrier and the roof air barrier.
 2. Between the wall air barrier and the foundation.
 3. Between different substrate materials/systems.
 4. At masonry control joints, including airtight connection to adjacent wall air barriers.

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AIR BARRIER SYSTEM

Consistency Between Specs & Drawings

2.3 SELF-ADHERING SHEET AIR BARRIER (DRAWING DESIGNATION – AIR BARRIER)

- A. Modified Bituminous Sheet: 40-mil- thick, self-adhering sheet consisting of 36 mils of rubberized asphalt laminated to a 4-mil- thick, cross-laminated polyethylene film with release liner on adhesive side and formulated for application with primer that complies with VOC limits indicated.

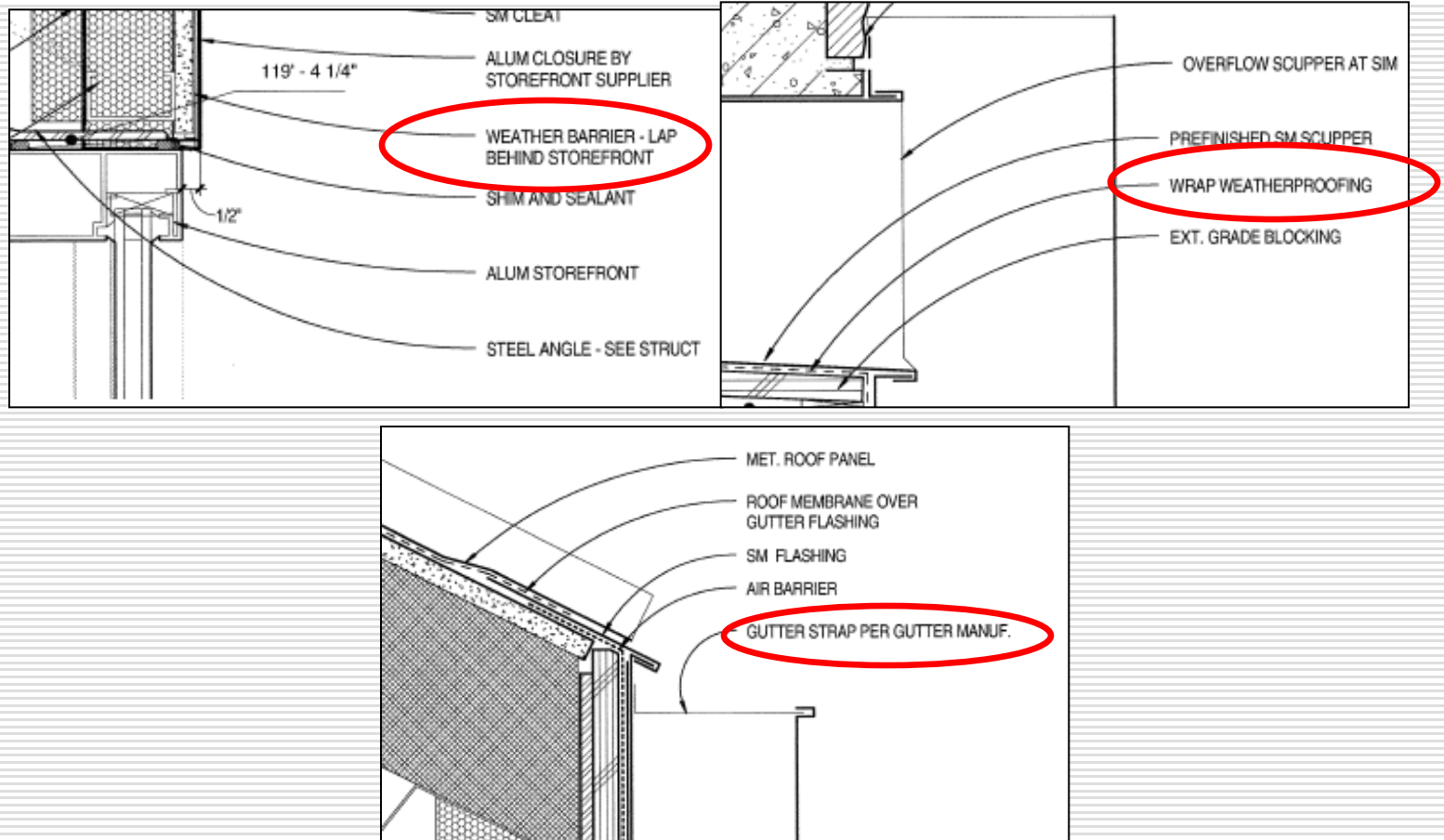
SECTION 072500 - WEATHER BARRIERS

PART 1 - GENERAL

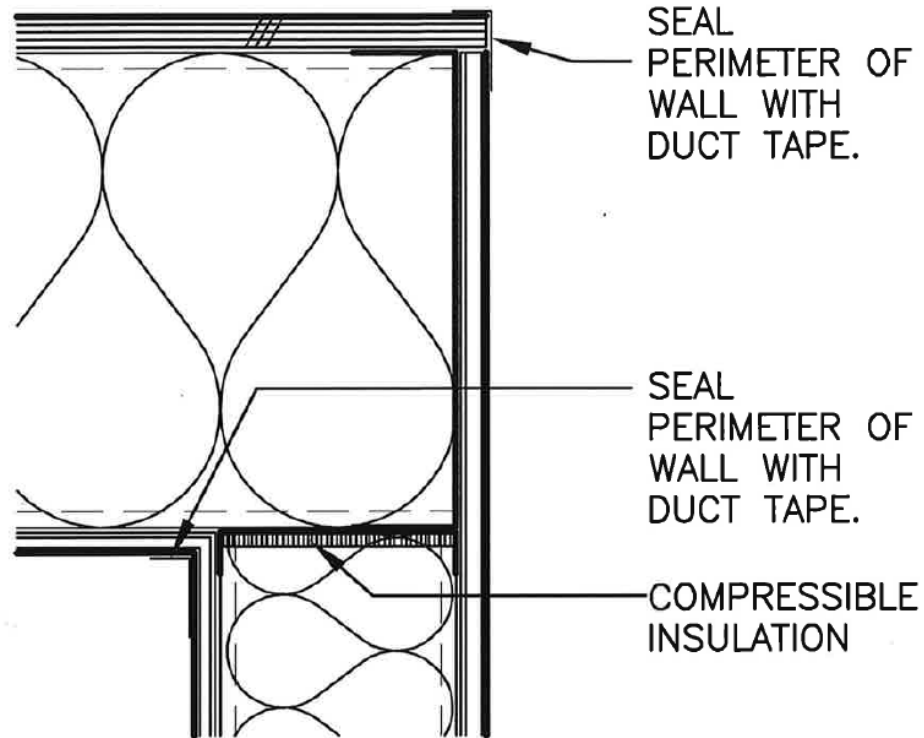
1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
 - 1. Building wrap.
 - 2. Flexible flashing.
- B. Related Requirements:
 - 1. Section 061600 "Sheathing" for sheathing joint and penetration treatment.
 - 2. Section 072713 "Modified Bituminous Sheet Air Barriers" for sheet air barrier.

Consistency with Details



Details



Key Design Areas

- ❑ Floor Slab & Foundation / Exterior Wall Interface
- ❑ Wall / Roof Interface
- ❑ At Changes In Substrate Material / Construction
- ❑ Window, Louver and Door Perimeters
- ❑ Penetrations through the Building Envelope
- ❑ Control and Expansion Joints
- ❑ Relieving Angle / Wall Interface



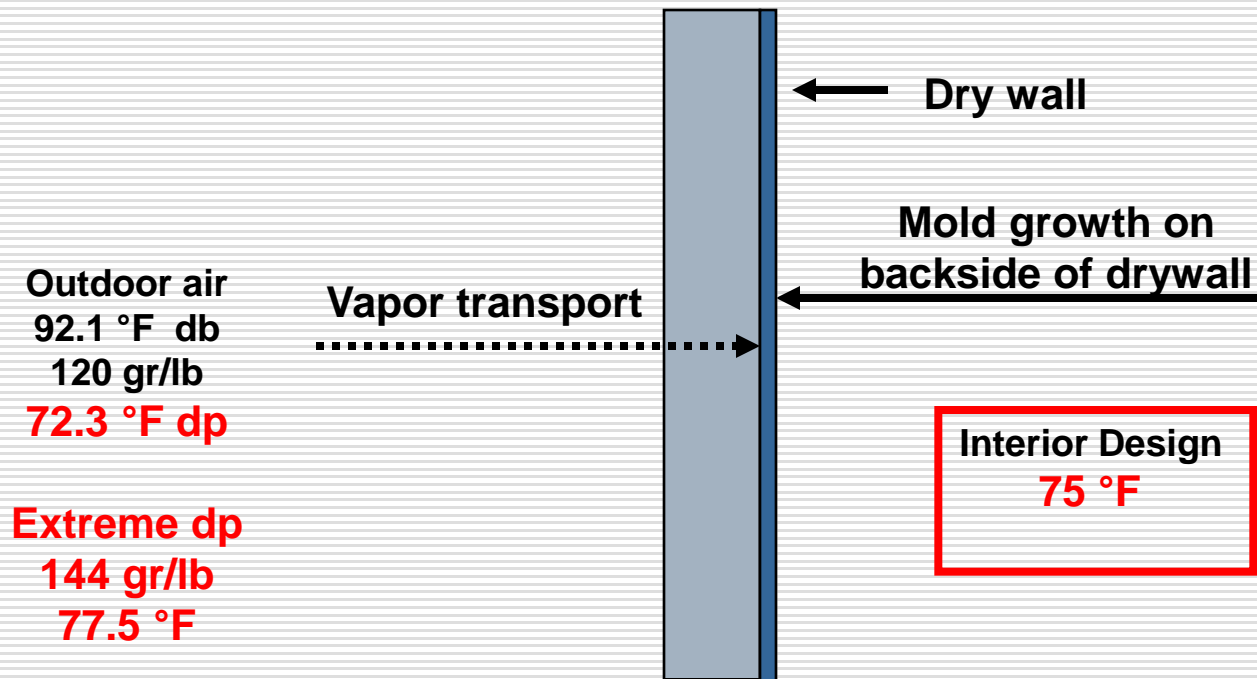
Controlling Moisture in Commercial Buildings

HVAC

THE MOISTURE PROBLEM

- Highest enthalpy occurs at peak dew point..
NOT peak dry bulb.. Charleston extreme DB w/
MCWB (1.0%) 92.1db/77.6wb, **120 gr/lb**,
72.3dp
- ASHRAE 2009 Fundamentals lists extreme
DP with MCDB.... Charleston (1.0%)
77.5db/77.5dp (**144 gr/lb**) (83.3wb)
...poor performance at part load!!

TYPES OF MOISTURE PROBLEMS



Outdoor air
92.1 °F db
120 gr/lb
72.3 °F dp

Extreme dp
144 gr/lb
77.5 °F

Vapor transport

Dry wall

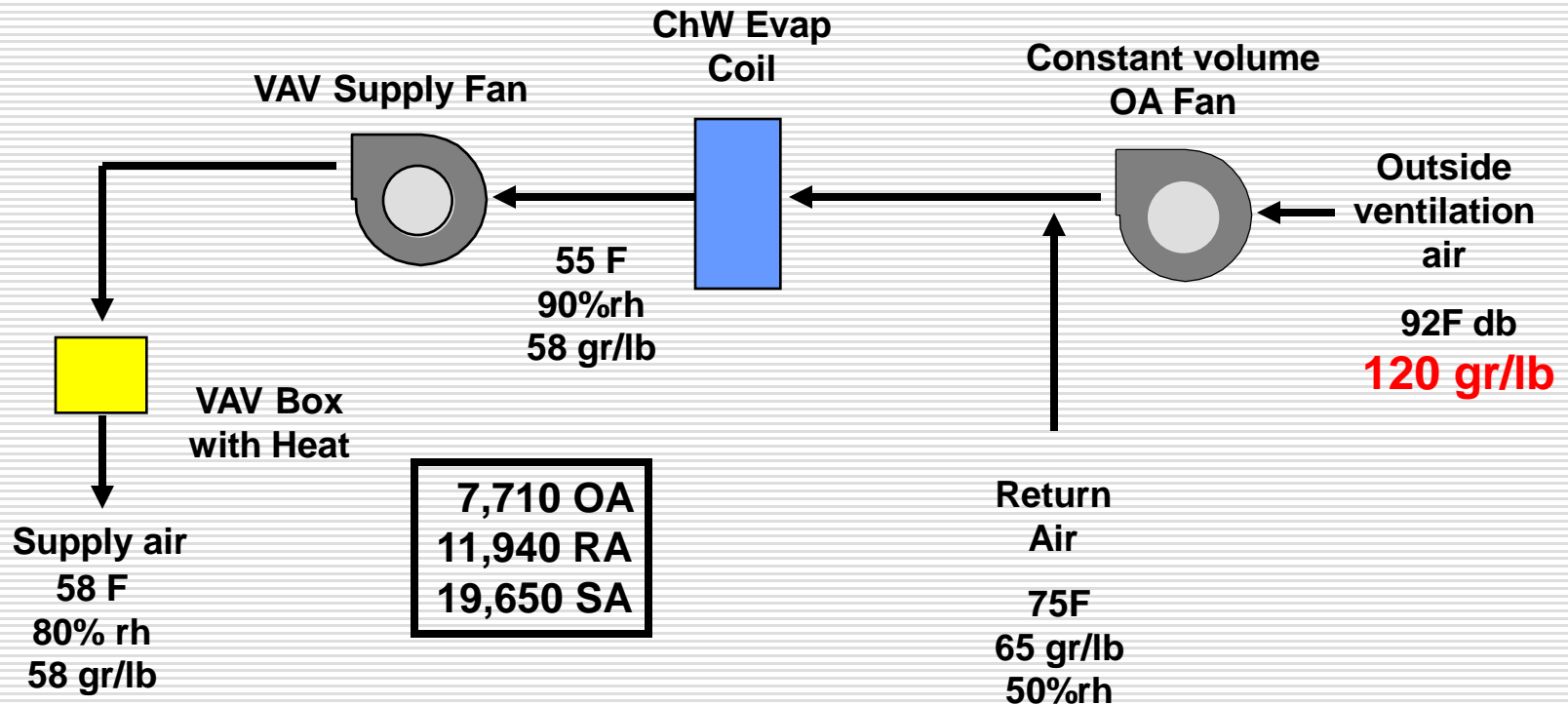
Mold growth on
backside of drywall

Interior Design
75 °F

Building Envelope
with poor vapor barrier

VAV AIR CONDITIONING

Full Load





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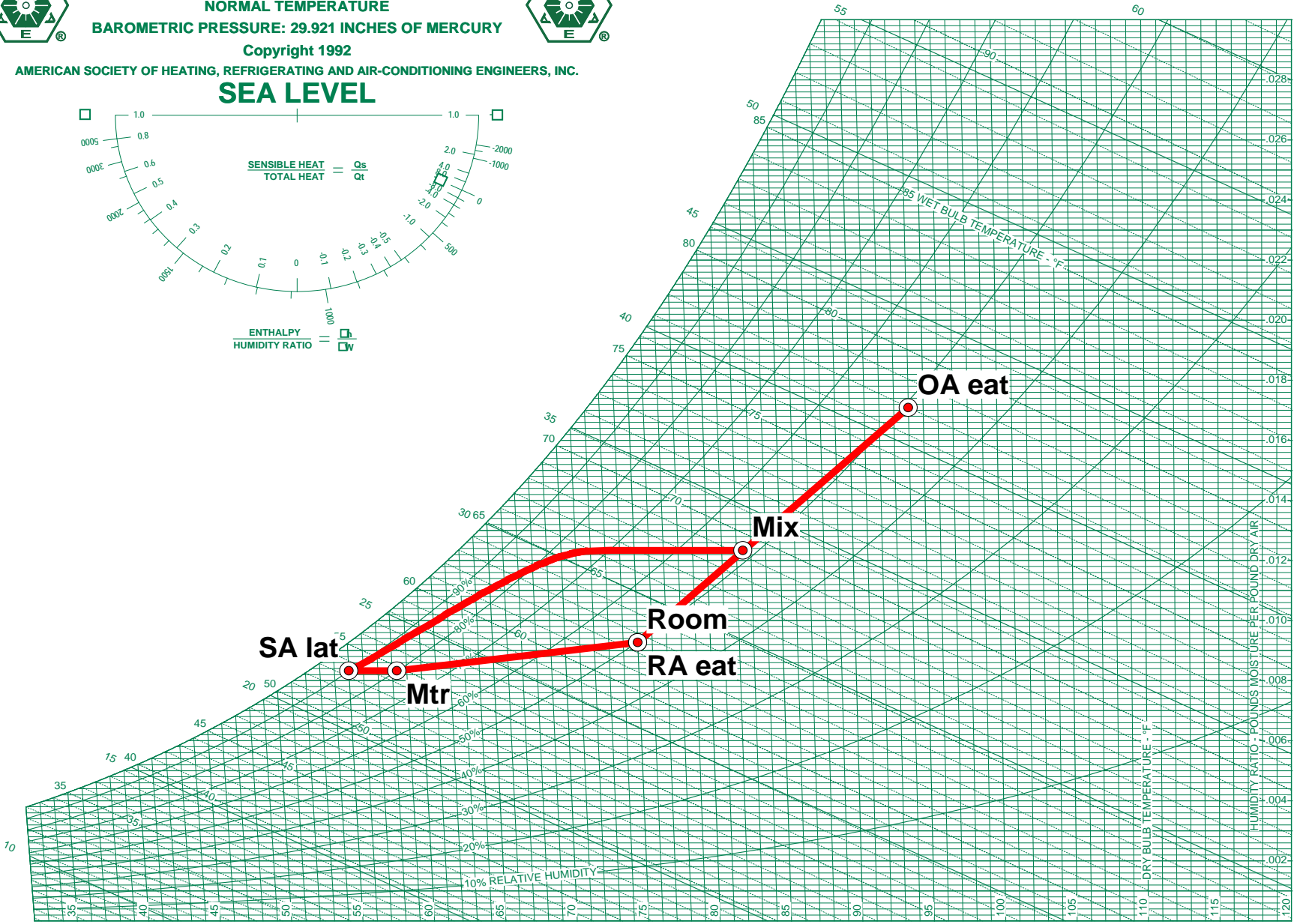
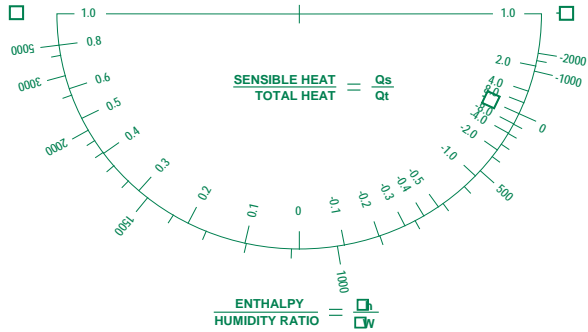
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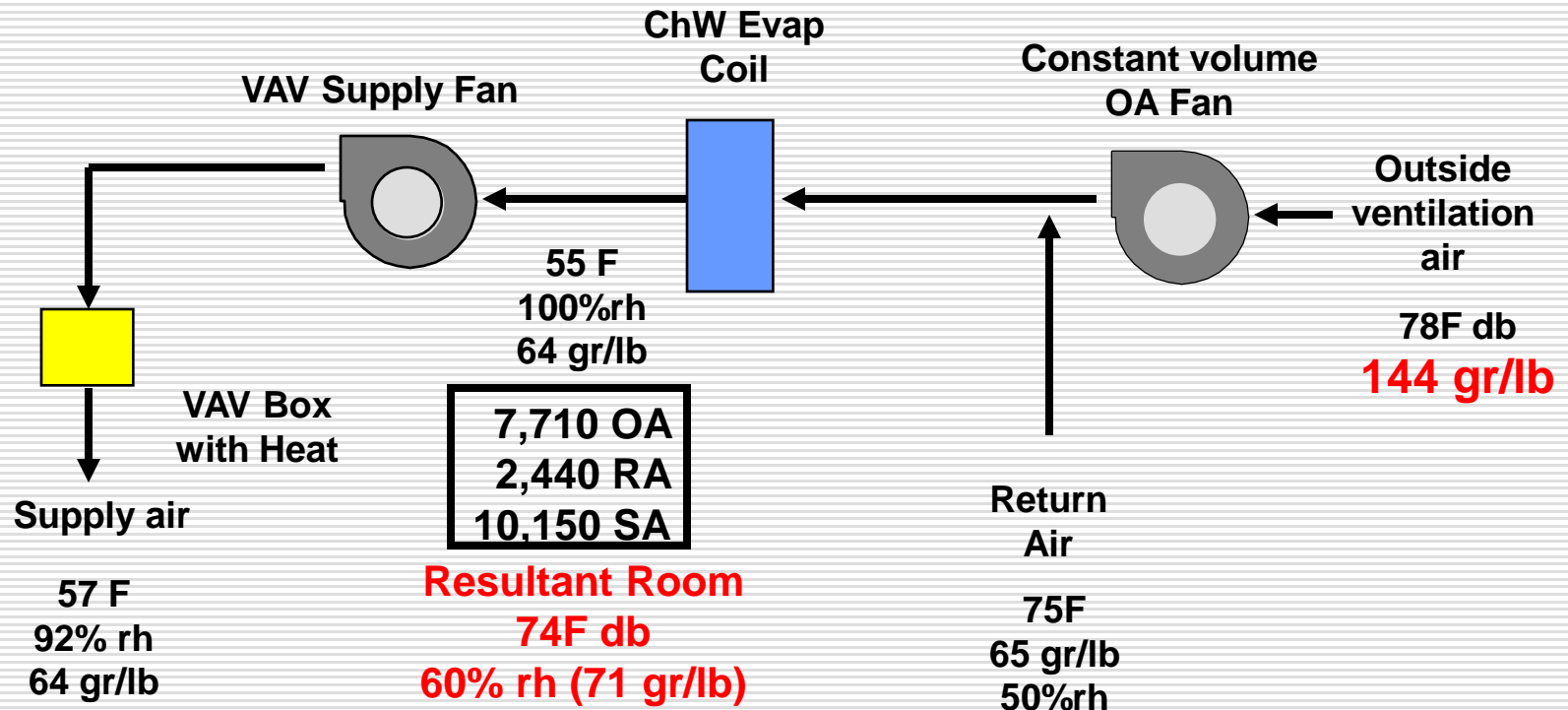
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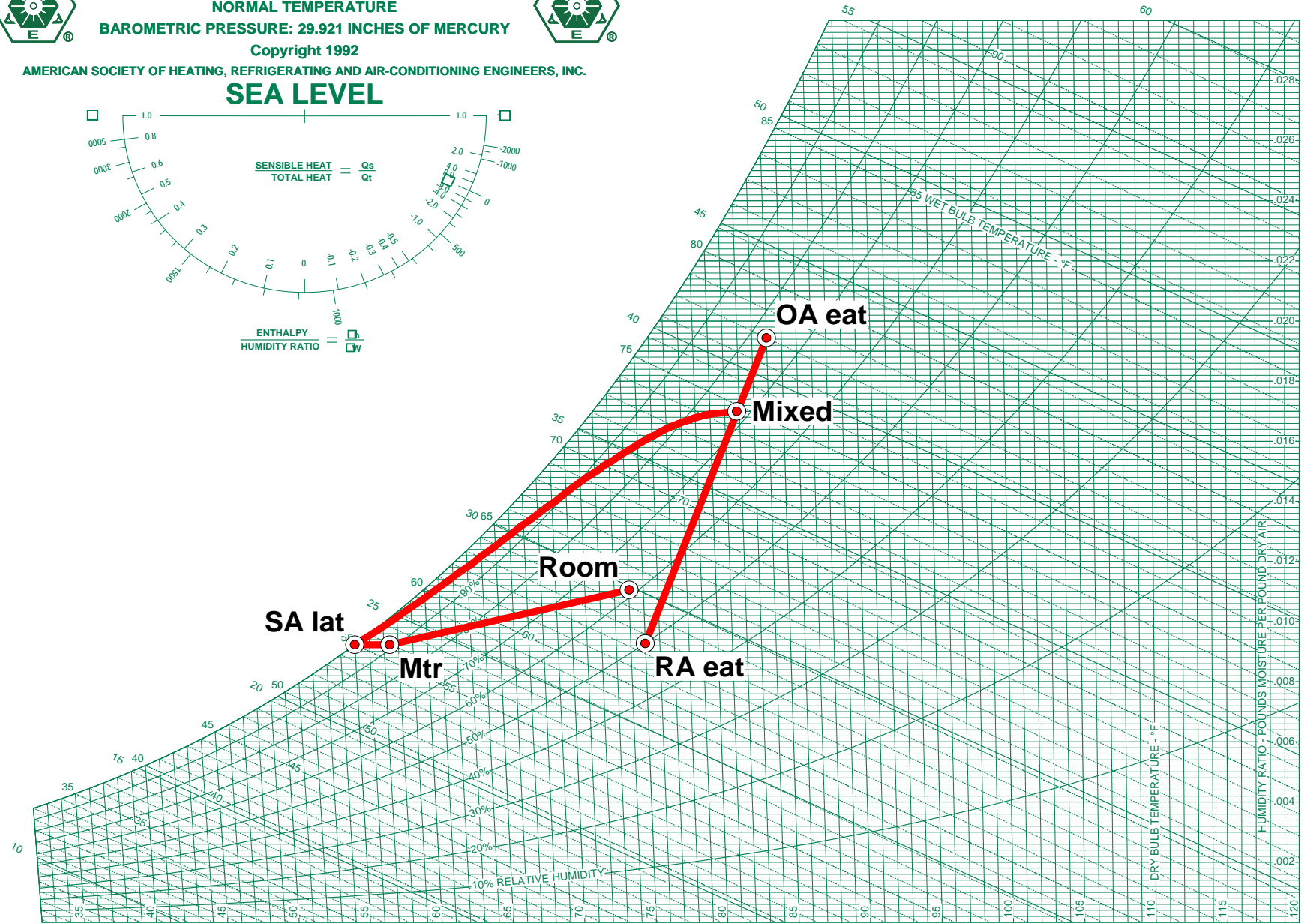
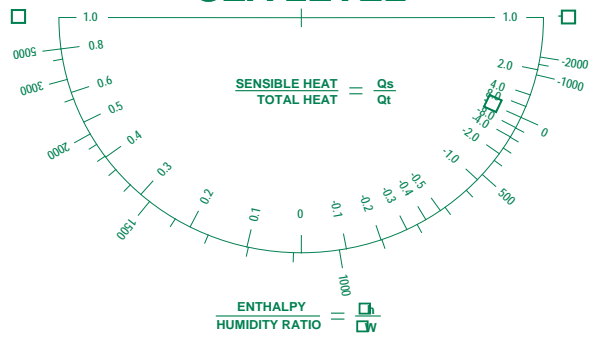
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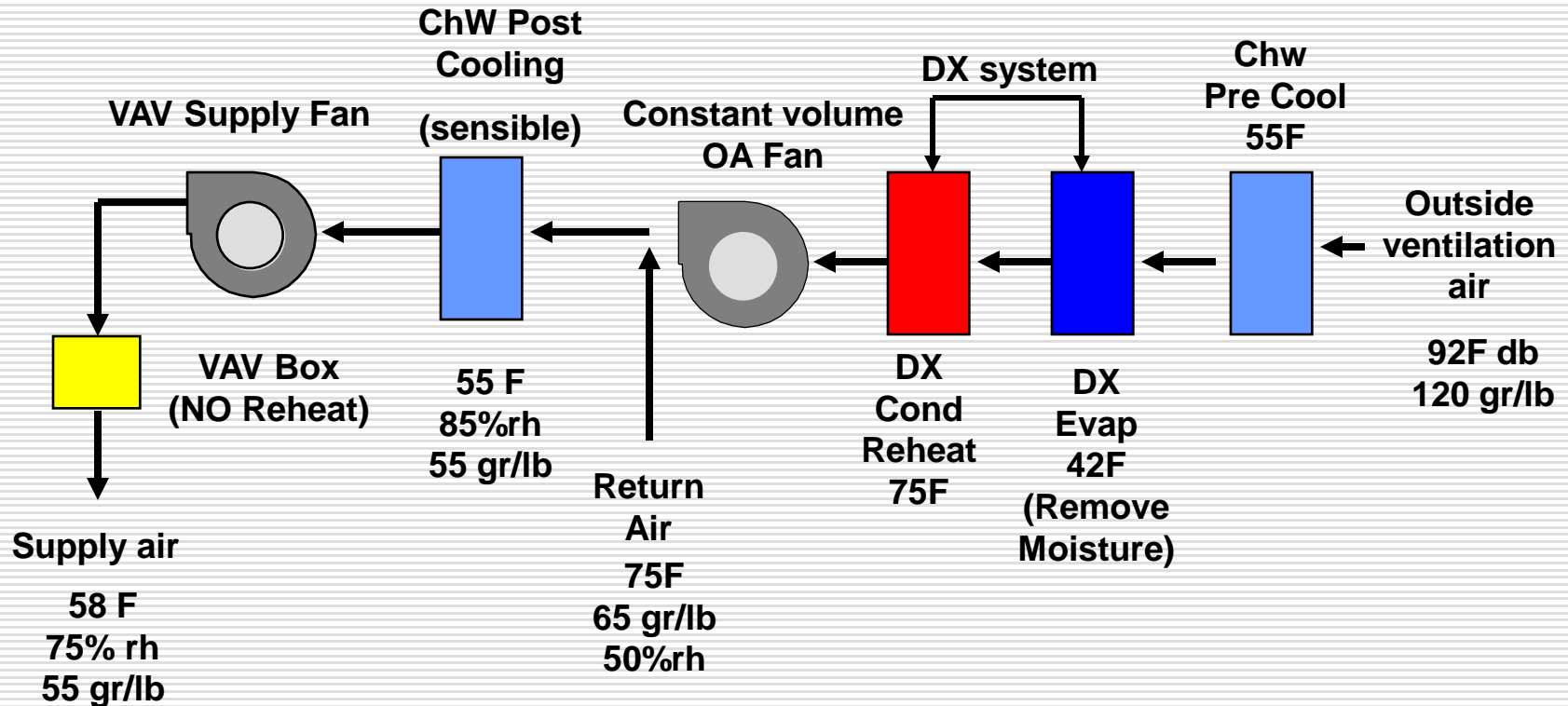
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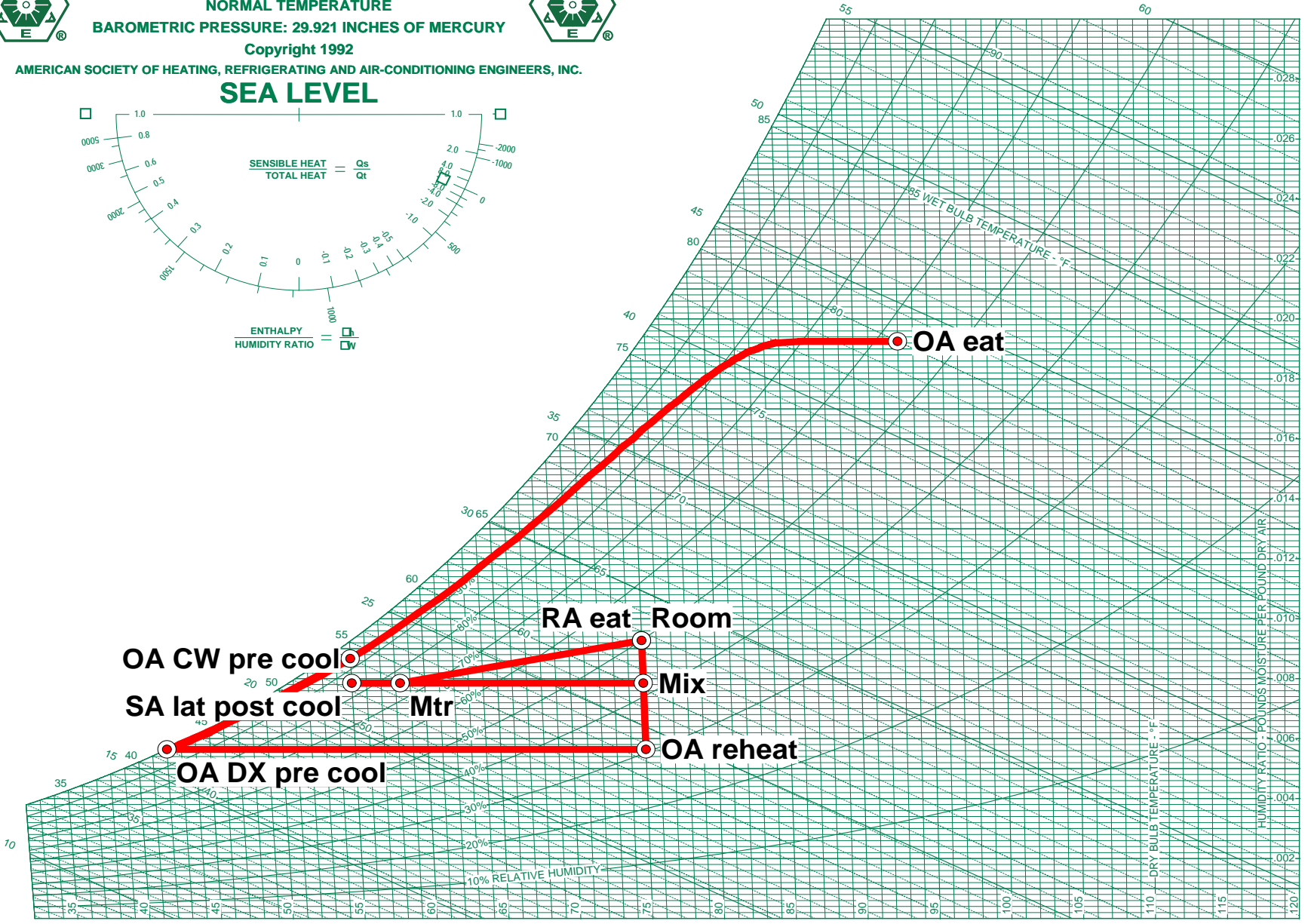
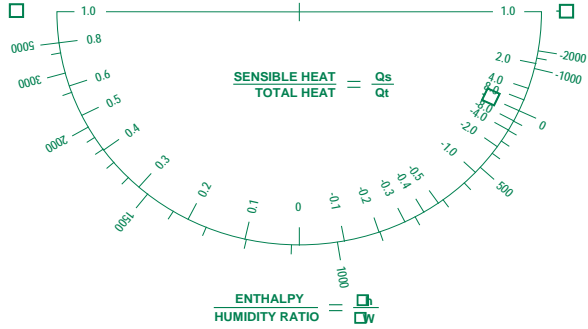
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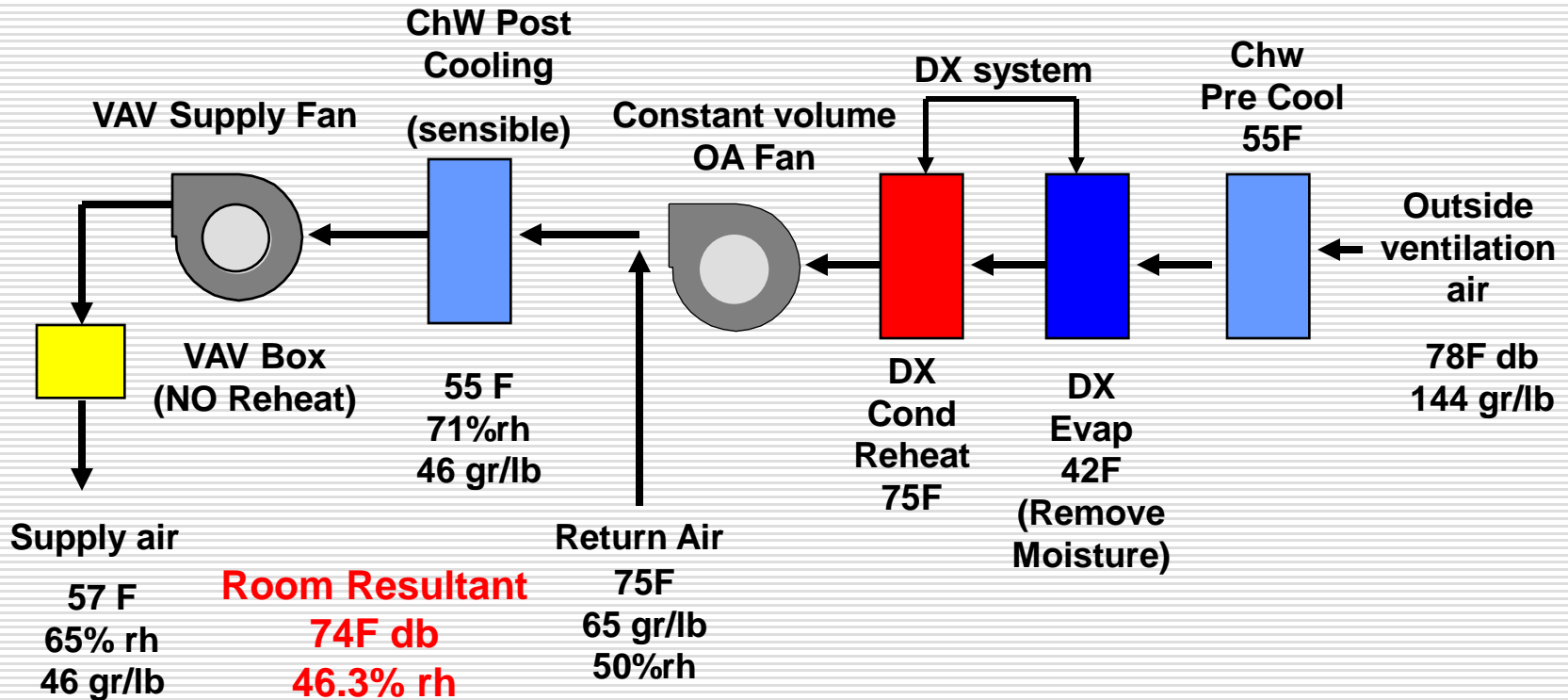
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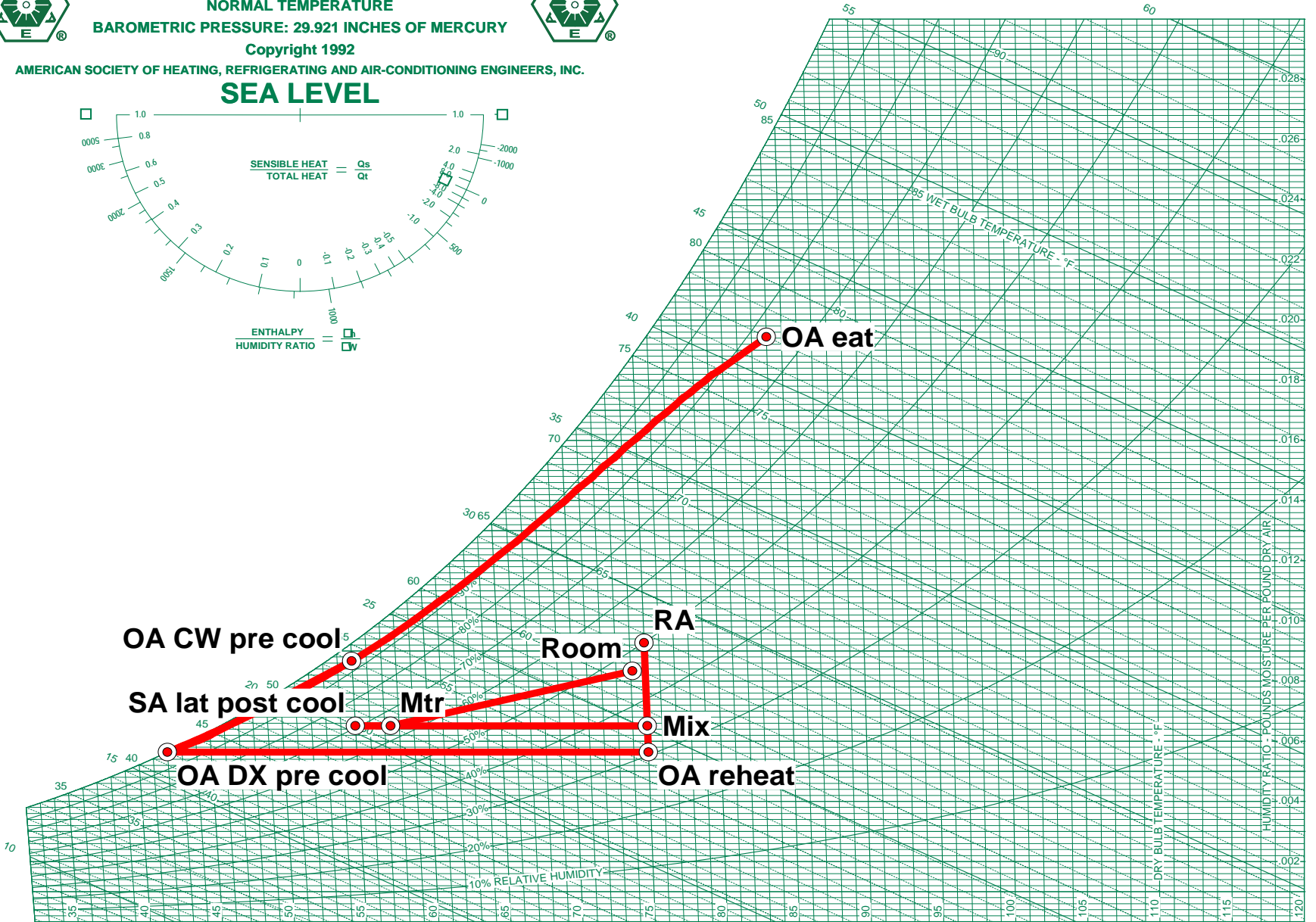
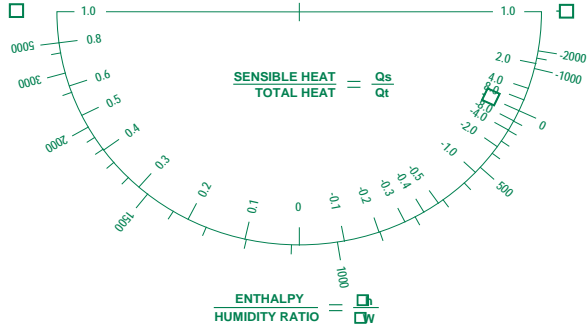
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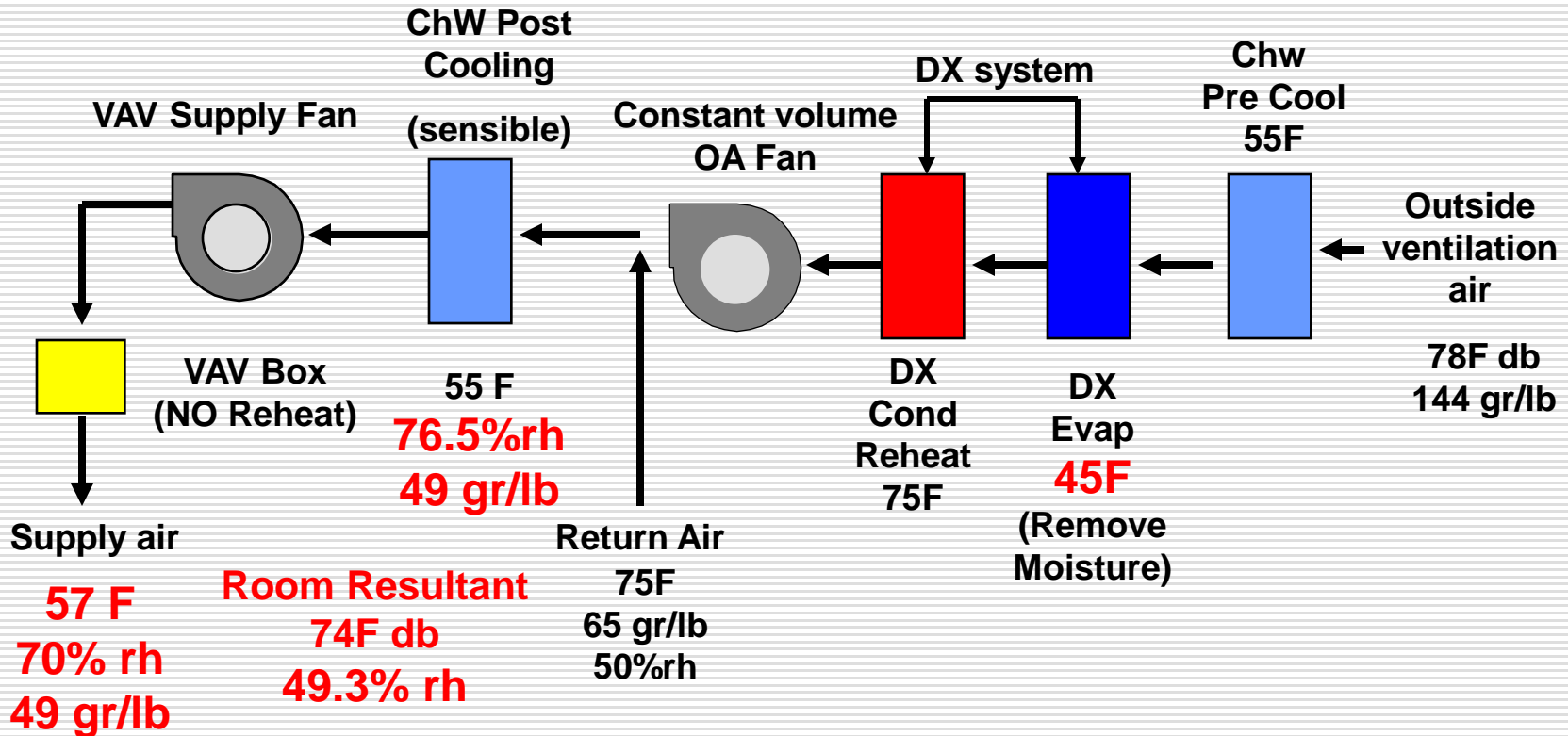
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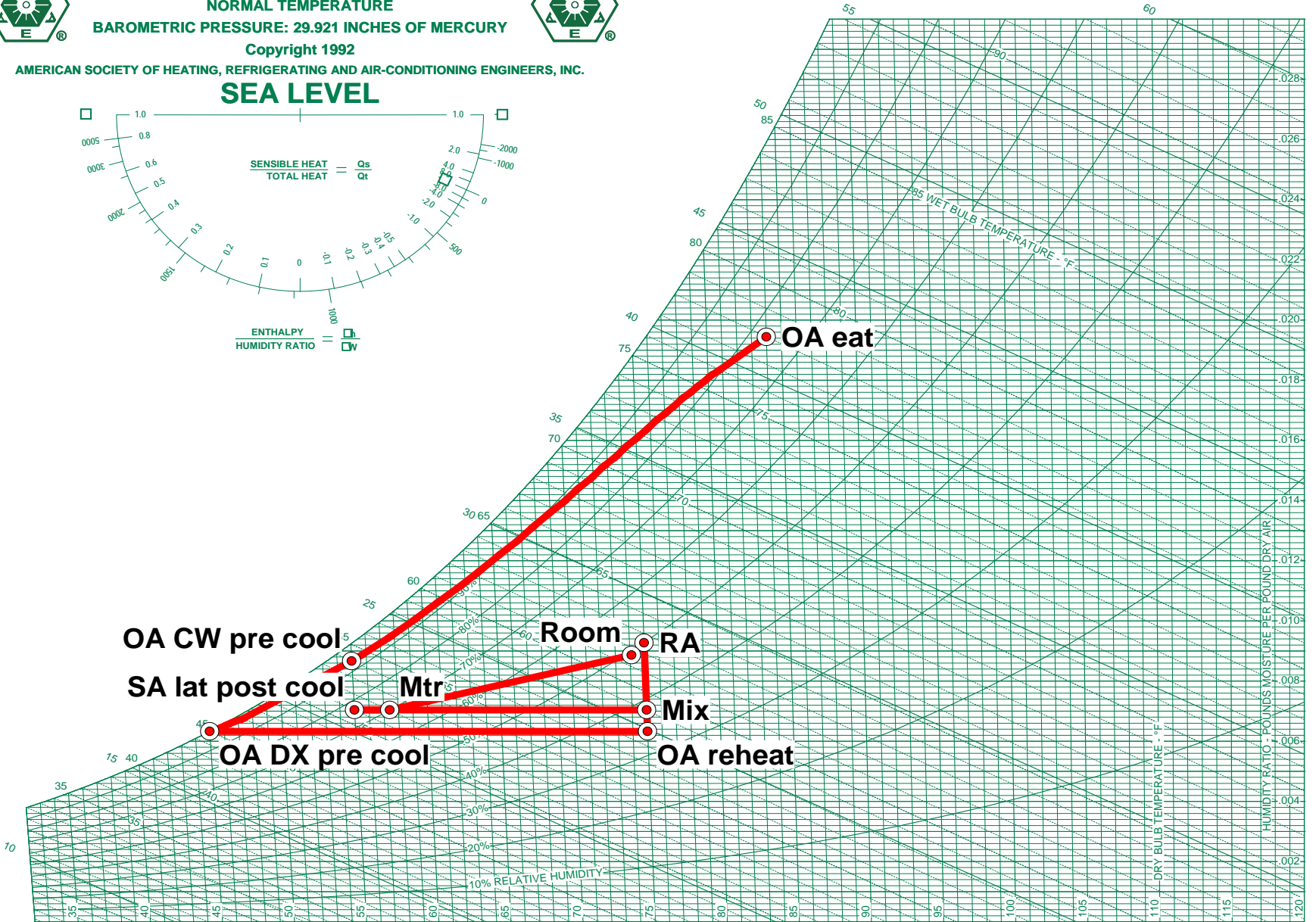
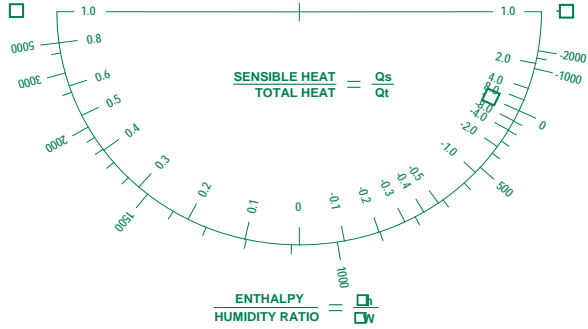
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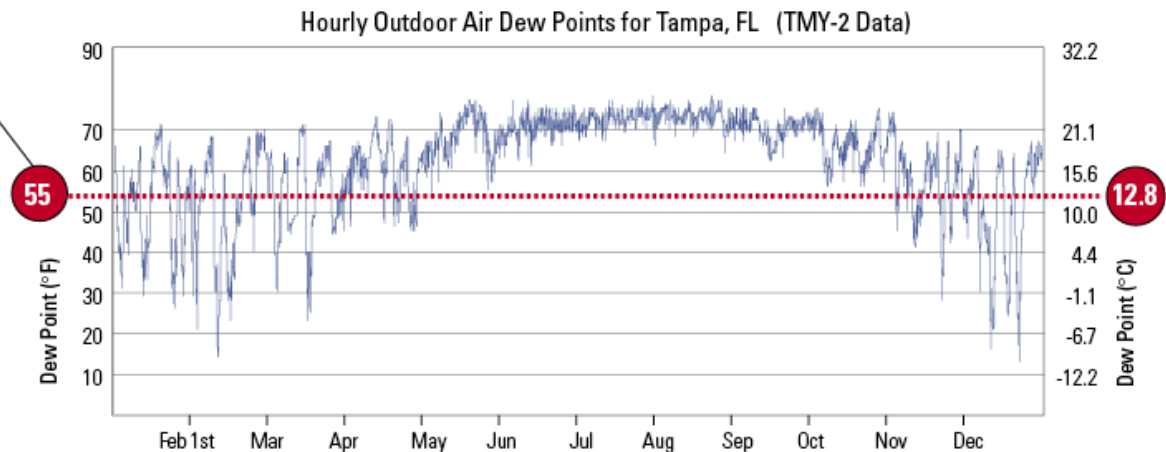


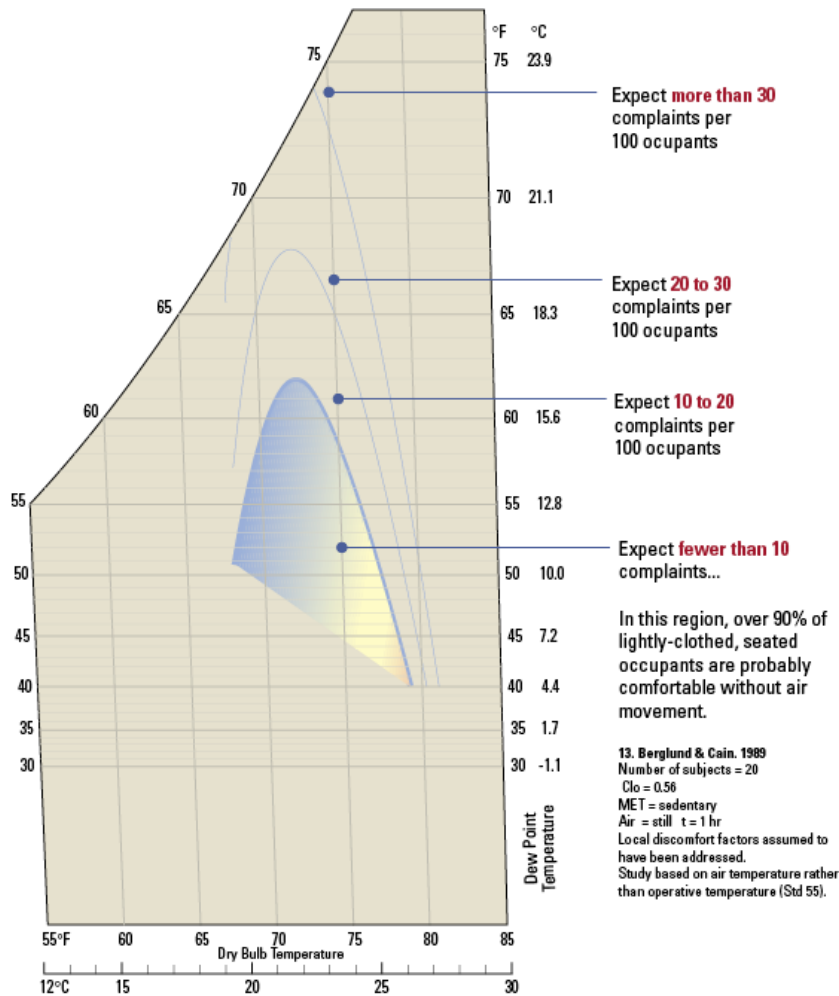
Ventilation - If it's not dried... you're in trouble

Indoor vs. Outdoor Air Dew Points

In hot and humid climates, the outdoor air dew point can be very high even during "winter."

So the system must dry the ventilation air in **all** seasons.





**Comfort - Keep
 the dew point
 under control,
 and comfort
 happens at
 warmer, more
 energy-
 efficient
 temperatures**

Design Considerations

- It's a system... not just a unit
 - The habitable space is a plenum
 - Uncontrolled air flow – ASHRAE Journal
 - Don't operate in a vacuum... it's a team effort... Use integrated design approach and solutions
 - Sequence of operation
 - *Control outside air at the source*
 - Control condensation
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SUMMARY

RISK MITIGATION

□ Architectural

- Effective flashing around all penetrations
 - Pan flashing under windows and doors
 - Drain water away from the building using effective drainage planes
 - Continuously sealed water & air barrier
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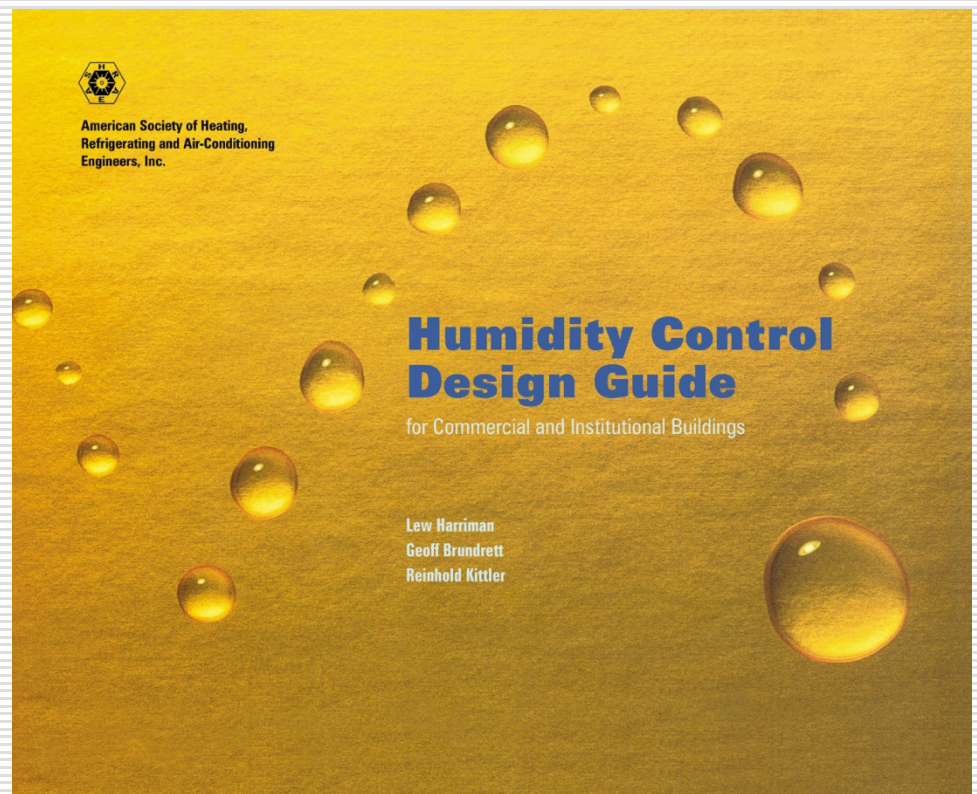
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Mechanical

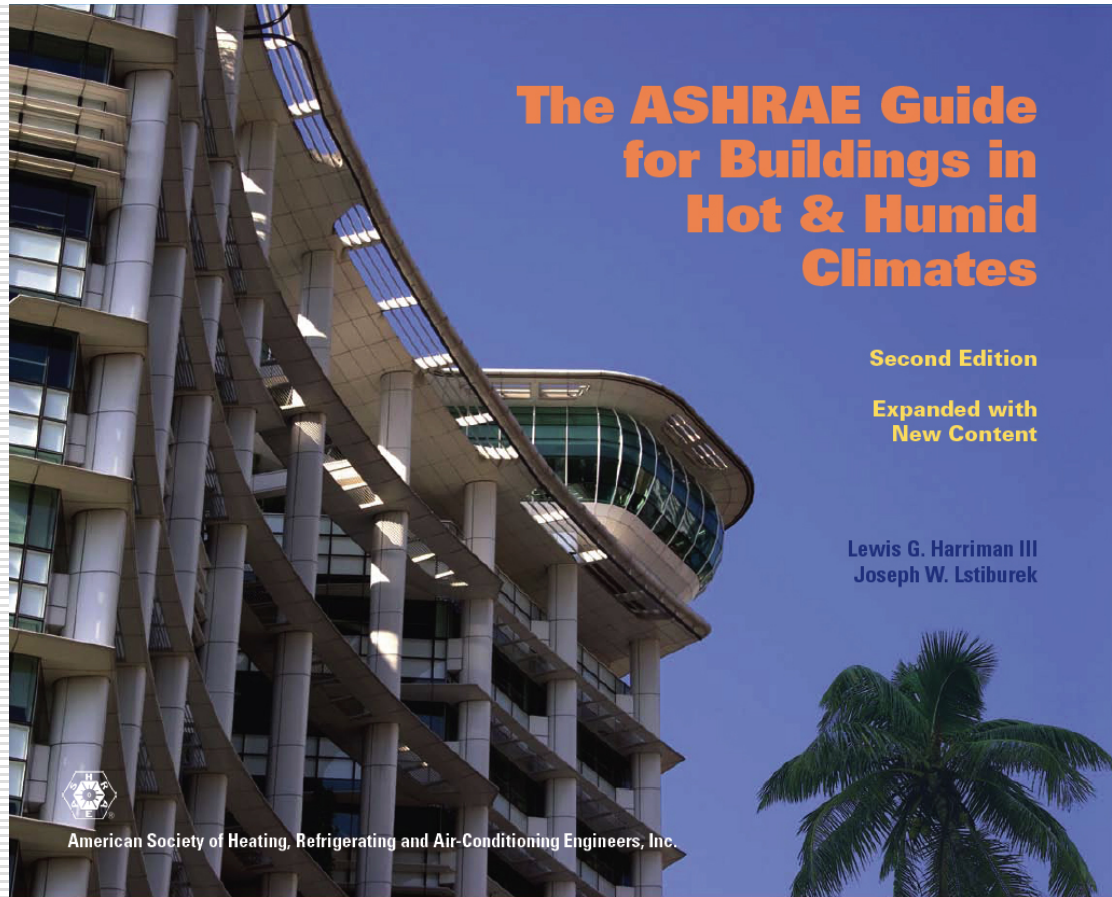
- Design dehumidification for peak outdoor dew point
 - All ventilation air dried to below building dew point
 - Control building dew point during unoccupied hours
 - Control ductwork air leakage
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- **Humidity Control Design Guide**
For Commercial and Institutional Buildings

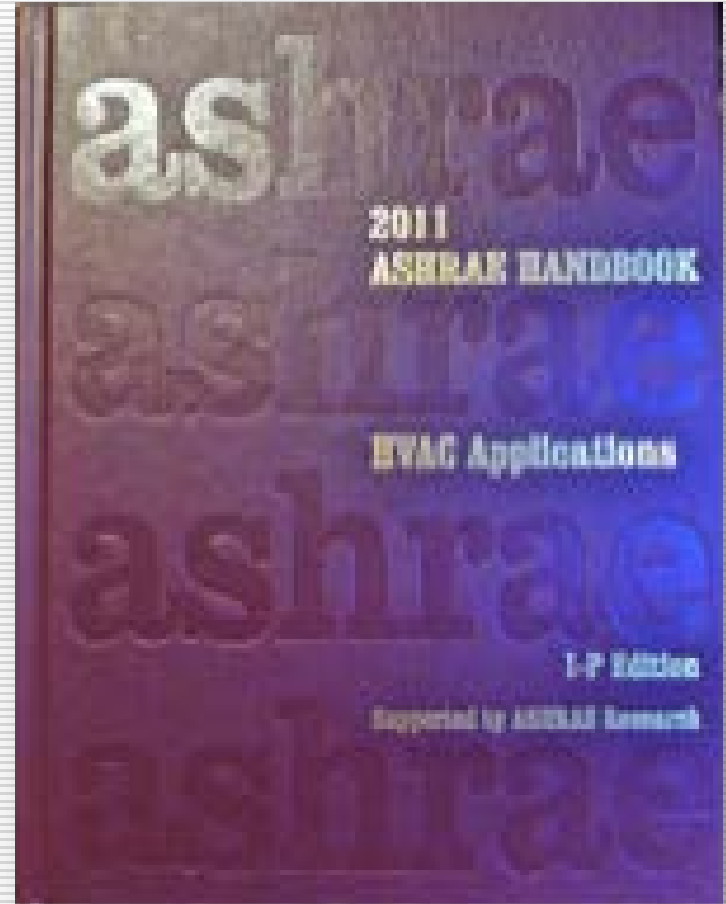


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 - ❑ **Builder's Guide to Hot – Humid Climates: Joseph Lstiburek; Ph.D, P.Eng, FASHRAE**
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