

The Future of Building Materials: Passive Design Utilizing the Energy Storage Capability of Phase Change Materials

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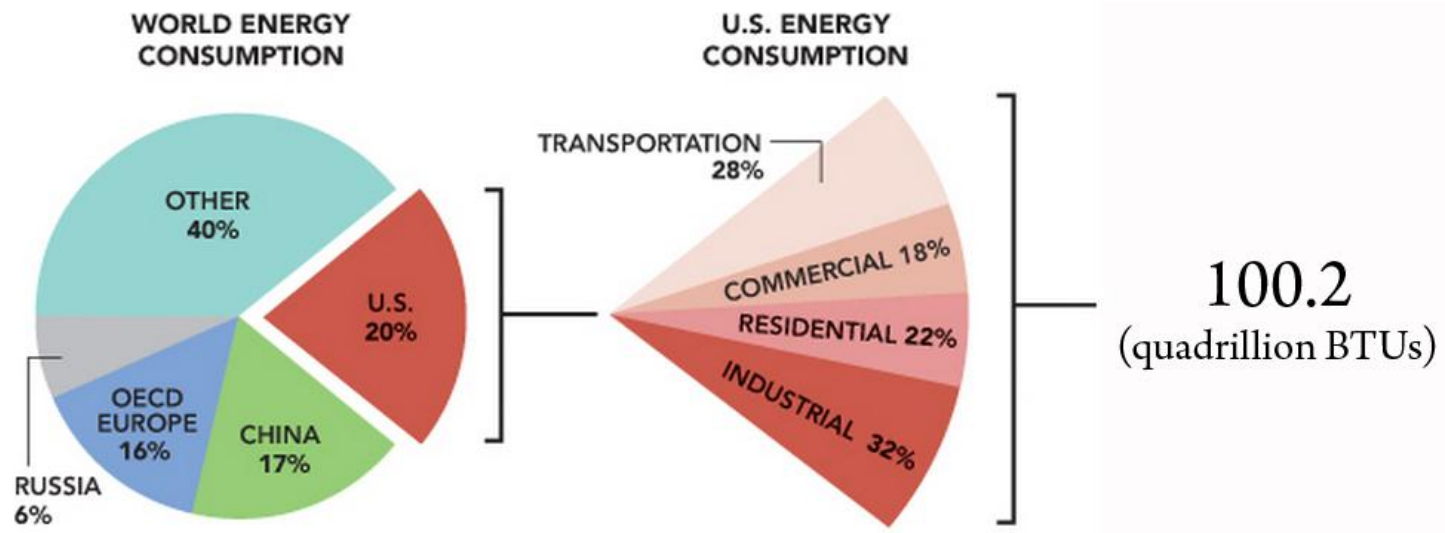
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Outline

- Introduction / Phase Change Materials (PCM)
- Integration of PCM in buildings
- Cost of PCM
- Development of design guidelines
- Materials research on solid-solid PCM

Energy Consumption

Energy is fundamental for today's society: Nuclear, Fossil Fuel, Wind, Solar, Hydropower, etc



- United States Primary energy consumption per sector. (2010 Buildings Energy Databook, US. DOE, March 2011)

1 Quadrillion British Thermal Unit (BTU) = 8 Billion Gallons of Gasoline = 50 million tons of coal.

50 Million tons of coal = a pile 10 feet thick, one mile wide and 3.3 miles long.

Energy Consumption

1.1.4 2008 U.S. Buildings Energy End-Use Splits, by Fuel Type (Quadrillion Btu)

	Natural	Fuel	Other		Renw.	Site	Site	
	Gas	Oil (1)	LPG	Fuel(2)	En.(3)	Electric	Total	Percent
Space Heating (5)	4.96	0.78	0.26	0.11	0.56	0.71	7.37	36.9%
Lighting						2.01	2.01	10.0%
Space Cooling							1.78	8.9%
Water Heating							2.58	12.9%
Refrigeration (6)							0.86	4.3%
Electronics (7)							0.78	3.9%
Ventilation (8)							0.53	2.7%
Computers							0.39	2.0%
Cooking							0.67	3.3%
Wet Cleaning (9)							0.37	1.8%
Other (10)							1.43	7.1%
Adjust to SEDS (11)							1.24	6.2%
Total	8.22	1.11	0.67	0.15	0.59	9.27	20.00	100%

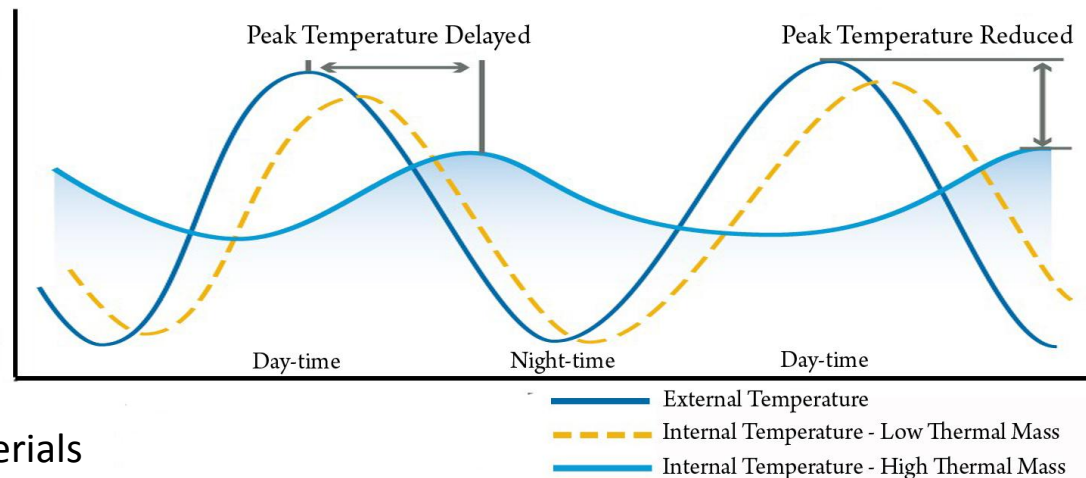
Opportunities for solar energy

But it's not easy!

2008 "site-to-source" electricity conversion = 3.16 (2010 Buildings Energy Databook, US. DOE, March 2011)

Energy Storage

- Use “heavy” materials to **absorb** extra heat when available, **store** it, and **release** it when needed.
- Heavy materials (stones, concrete, bricks)
- The process is reversible and also works for passive cooling.
- Terminology:
 - Energy storage, heat storage
 - Thermal mass
 - Thermal inertia
 - Activation of thermal mass
 - Latent heat vs. sensible heat
 - Phase change materials (PCM)
 - Evaporation
 - Heat capacity, specific heat of materials



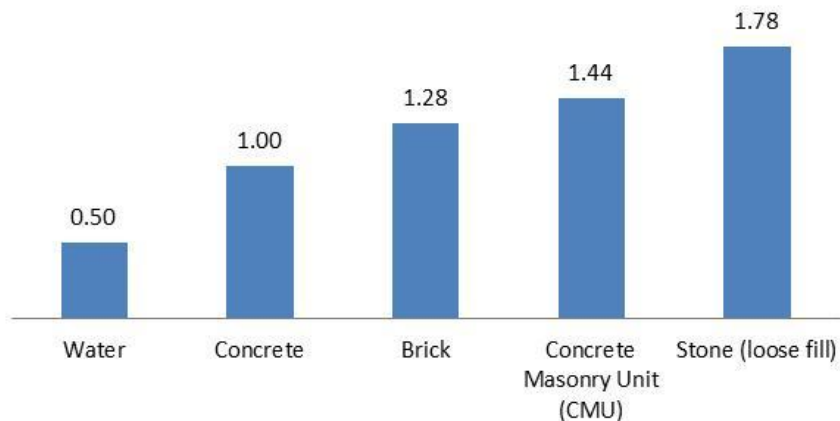
Two ways to store energy

- **Sensible heat:** energy is stored in the form of heat by raising the temperature of the storing material.
 - stones, concrete, and bricks
- **Latent heat:** energy is stored in the form of a change of phase of the storing material. Examples:
 - water absorbs a lot of energy when evaporating (i.e., changing phase from liquid to vapor) and releases a lot of energy when condensing (i.e., change phase from vapor to liquid)
 - phase change materials absorb heat when changing phase (usually from solid to liquid)
- Both ways are used in buildings for passive heating and cooling. Sensible heat is used all the time. Use of latent heat is not as popular because it is not as straight forward and usually requires more expensive materials.

Typical Thermal Mass Storage Materials

Material	Typical thickness (in)	Temperature increase: 1°F		Comments
		Volume to store 100 Btu (ft ³)	Weight to store 100 Btu (lbs)	
Water	N/A	0.50	31	Inexpensive, container required
Concrete	2-18	1.00	147	Also structural
Brick	4-18	1.28	156	Also structural
Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)	12-18	1.44	136	Also structural
Stone (loose fill)	4-12	1.78	156	Inexpensive, container required

Volume to Store 100 Btu (ft³)



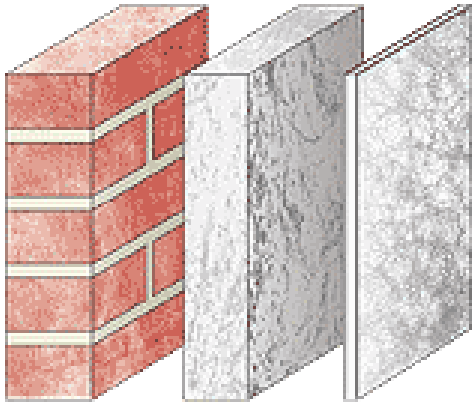
Weight to Store 100 Btu (lbs)



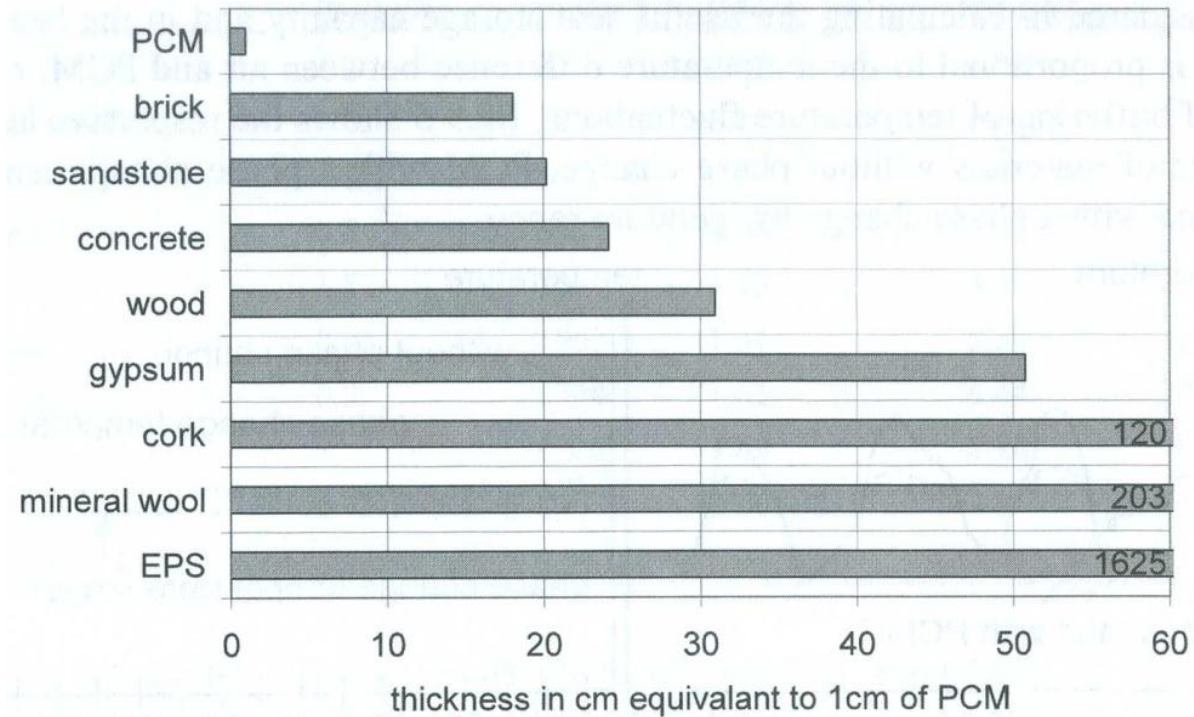
Phase Change Materials

Benefits

- High heat storage capacity to weight ratio
- High heat storage capacity to thickness ratio
- Greater architectural freedom



½"-thick gypsum board (drywall) with 25% PCM (right) can store as much energy as a 4"-thick brick wall of same surface area



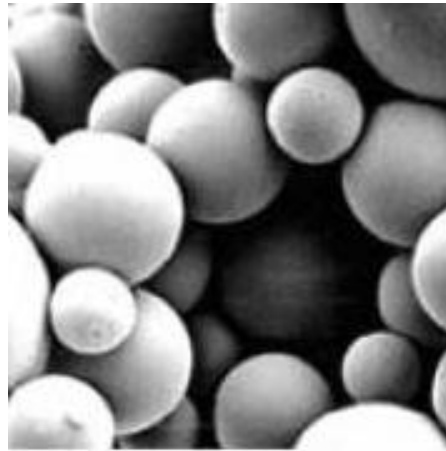
Phase Change Materials

Three Types

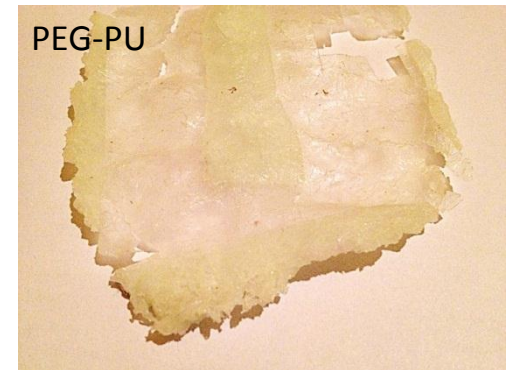
Macro-encapsulation



Micro-encapsulation



Form-stable PCMs



Phase Change Materials

Three Types

Macro-encapsulation



Biopcm™ layered on top of insulation in a standard wood frame structure.



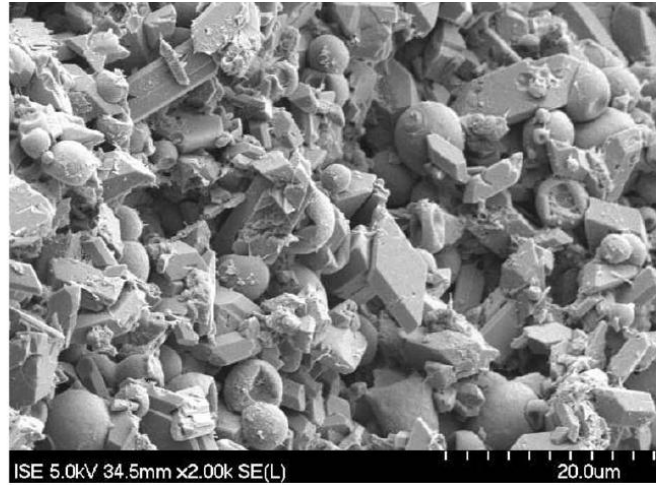
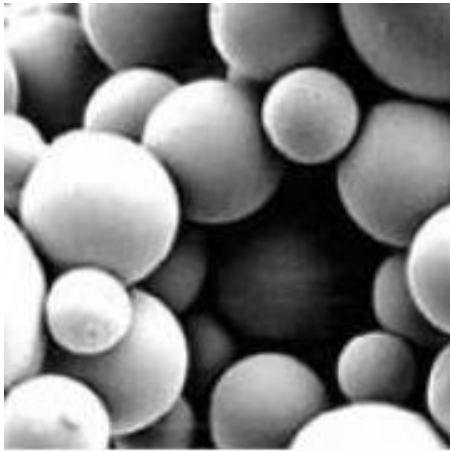
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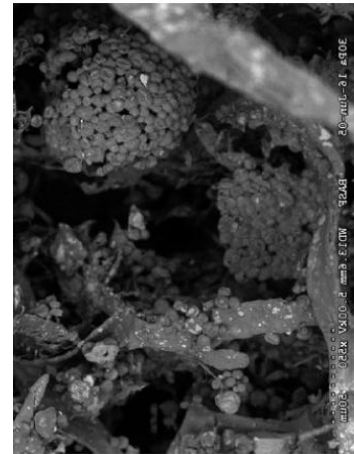
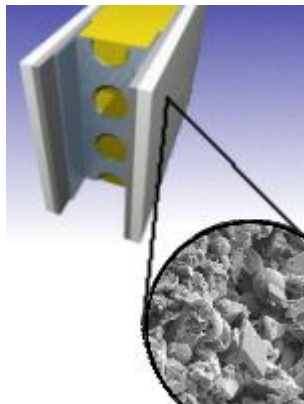
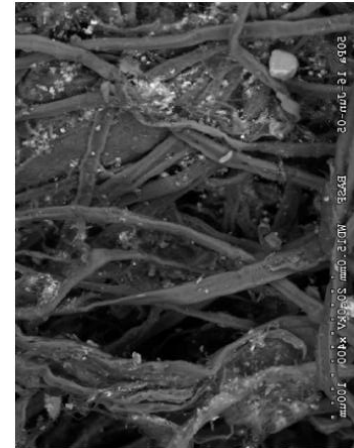
Three Types

Micro-encapsulation



Mixed in plaster

Mixed in
cellulose
insulation



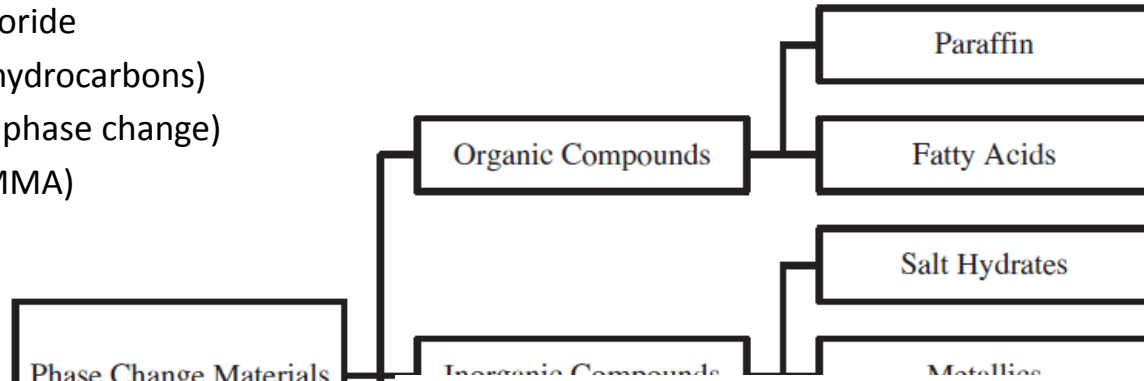
Phase Change Materials

PCM materials

~2000 materials reported in literature

~200 materials appropriate in building

- Perlite embedded with hydrated calcium chloride
- Paraffin compounds (linear crystalline alkyl hydrocarbons)
- Polyalcohols (do not leak but volatile during phase change)
- Fattic acid with polymeric encapsulation (PMMA)
- Polyethylene glycol (PEG)



Material	Melting point (°C)	Latent heat (kJ/kg)
$K_2HPO_4 \cdot 6H_2O$	14.0	109
$FeBr_3 \cdot 6H_2O$	21.0	105
$Mn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	25.5	148
$FeBr_3 \cdot 6H_2O$	27.0	105
$CaCl_2 \cdot 12H_2O$	29.8	174
$LiNO_3 \cdot 2H_2O$	30.0	296
$LiNO_3 \cdot 3H_2O$	30	189
$Na_2CO_3 \cdot 10H_2O$	32.0	267
$Na_2SO_4 \cdot 10H_2O$	32.4	241
$KFe(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$	33	173
$CaBr_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	34	138
$LiBr_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	34	124
$Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	36.1	134
$FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$	37.0	223

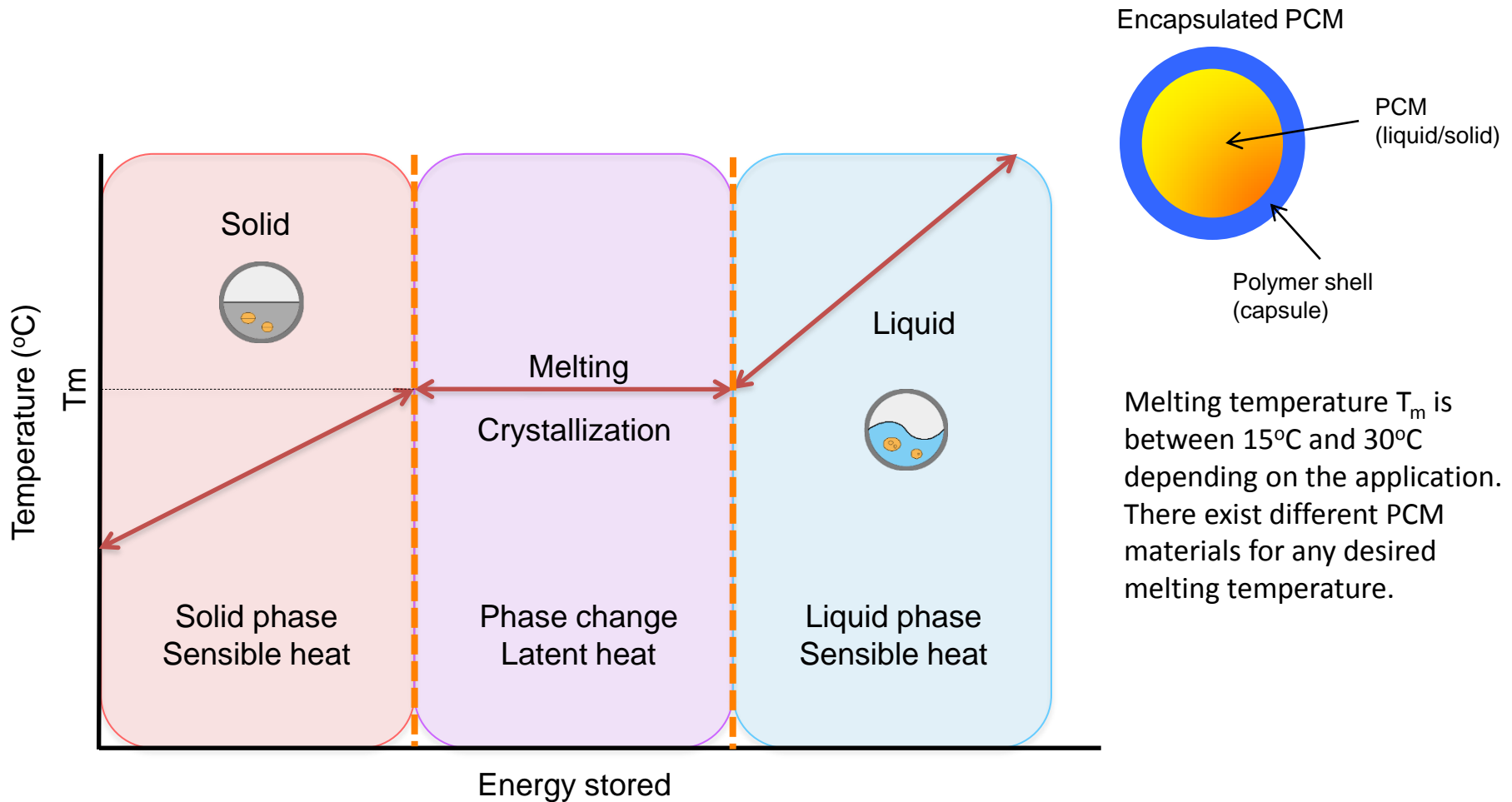
Latent heat capacity

50kJ/kg - 200kJ/kg.

25kJ/kg and 50kJ/kg when mixed in construction m

200 kJ/kg = 100 BTU/lb = 25,000 cal/lb

How do they work?



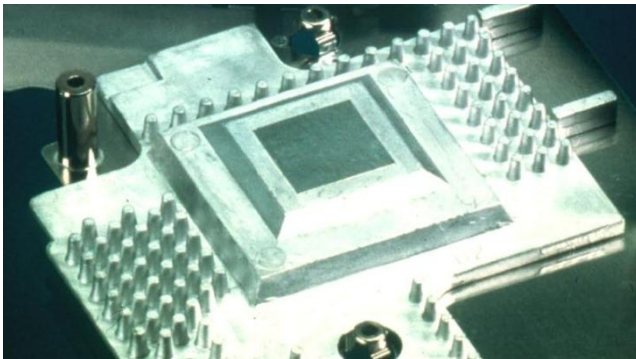
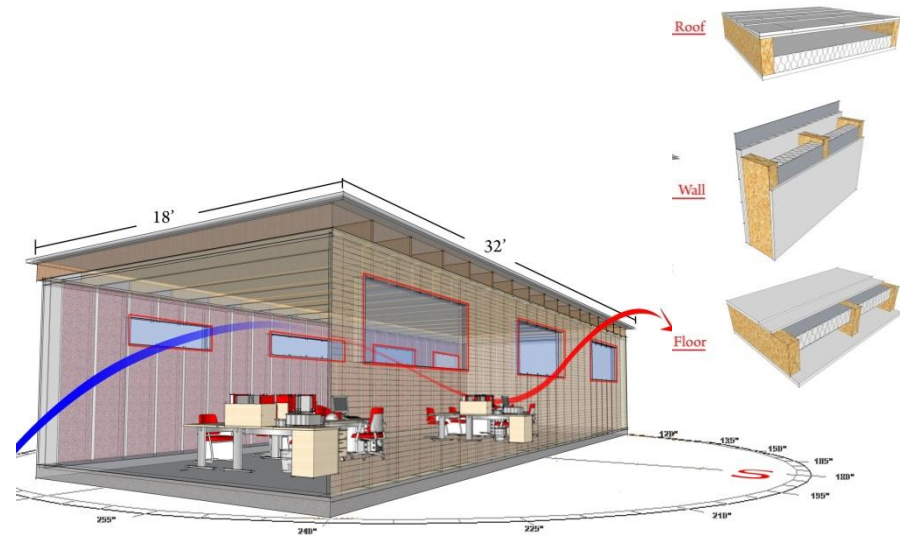
Melting temperature T_m is between 15°C and 30°C depending on the application. There exist different PCM materials for any desired melting temperature.

The process is 100% reversible. The temperature decreases as the energy is released.

Use of PCM

Purpose: Temperature regulation

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Electronics
- Clothing



Examples of Buildings with PCM



Dover House, MA, 1947

(source: Sherburne, 2009)

Setup

- PCM – Glauber’s Salt ($\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$)
- Melt temperature: 89°F
- 18 solar collectors, 21 Tons of PCM.
- \$20,000
- “Complete Comfort” for two winters without a fuel bill
- PCM stratified during the third winter.



City of Melbourne’s
Council House

Examples of Buildings with PCM



Steve Glenn's Santa Monica house, first house platinum LEED

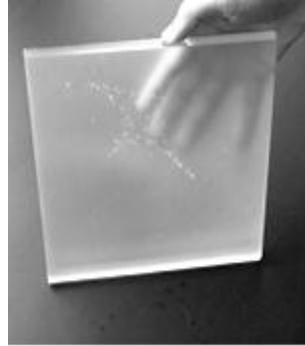
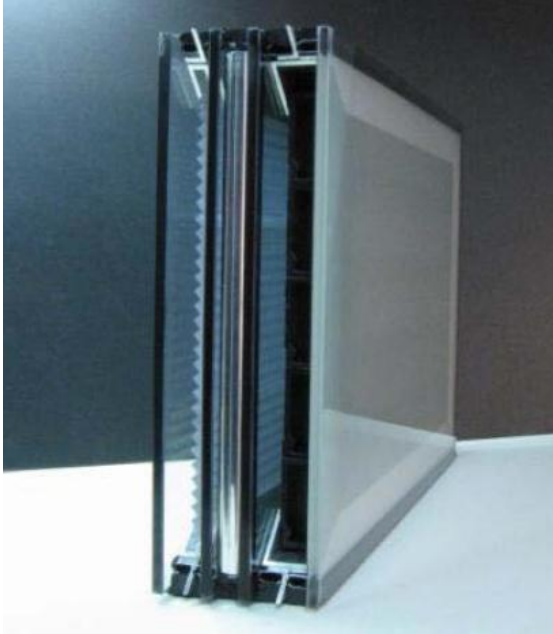


First Place 2007 Solar Decathlon:
Technische Universität Darmstadt

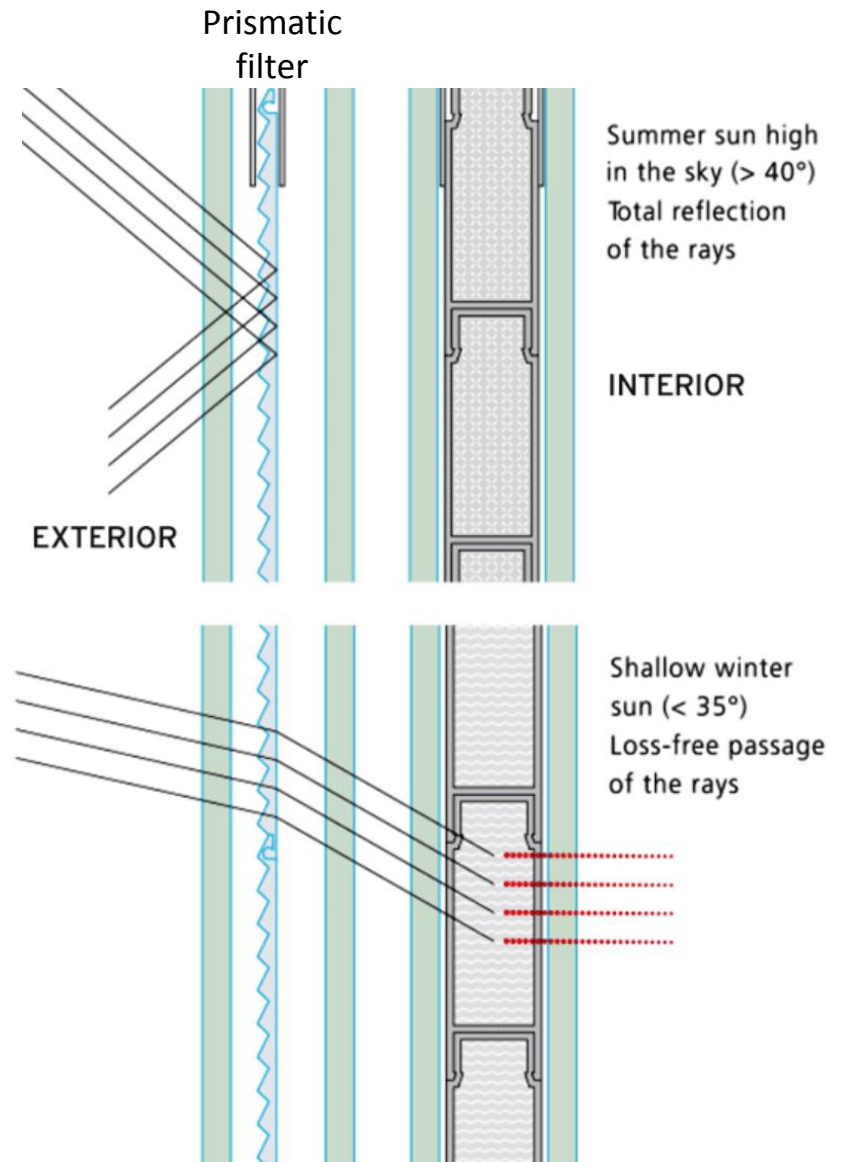


2009 Solar Decathlon
Penn State

New Products



GlassX Crystal - Quadruple-glazed window includes PCM



Increased Insulation vs. PCM

Increasing Insulation is known to be beneficial

The higher the R-value, the lower the heat gain/loss

HOWEVER, not proportional!

$$Q = A(T_{\text{out}} - T_{\text{in}})/R$$

where Q = heat gain or loss

A = surface area

$T_{\text{out}}, T_{\text{in}}$ = Temperatures

R = R-value

The benefit of additional insulation decreases with the amount of insulation.

Increased Insulation vs. PCM

Benefits of PCM

Most studies found that PCM improve building energy performance

- by reducing peak-hour cooling loads
- by shifting peak-demand time.

Can reduce heat and cooling load between 10 and 30%

Financial payback period is 5 to 10 years

Energy payback period is 5 to 10 years

Save \$ since save heat and cooling energy

Save \$\$ if on-peak/off-peak billing cycle is adopted but does not help the planet

Cons of PCM

New technology

No guidelines exist / limit knowledge

Reliable durability is still uncertain

Example of Cost of PCM

Standard 2,434 sq ft house with 730 sq ft Basement, Gas Furnace, Central Air-conditioning

Heating and cooling cost per yr. Location: Louisville KYⁱⁱ

1643 therms Natural Gas @ average retail price of \$1.30 per therm ⁱⁱⁱ	\$2136.00
10623 kWh @ average retail price ^{iv} 9.45	\$1004.87
Yearly Total	\$3140.87
Monthly expenditure	\$ 262.67

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7436 kWh @ average retail price ^{vi} 9.45	\$702.70
Yearly Total	\$2197.70
Monthly expenditure	\$ 183.14

Yearly Energy Savings for home with PCES BioPCM = \$ 943.17

<http://www.phasechange.com/whitepages-page.php>

Some Additional Benefits from the use of BioPCM sheet:

- Tax benefits
- Lower cost for HVAC equipment
- Lower construction costs
- Energy Efficient Mortgage
- Reduced energy costs

Most beneficial with different billing cycle:

\$0.12 /kWh during day

\$0.07 /kWh during night

Research Project



National Science Foundation

Research Goal

- Increase knowledge by developing design guidelines for integrating PCM in buildings.

Research Questions

- For any given climate, what are the optimum:
 - PCM melting temperature
 - amount of PCM
 - location of PCM
- What other parameters affect the integration of PCM.

Research Project

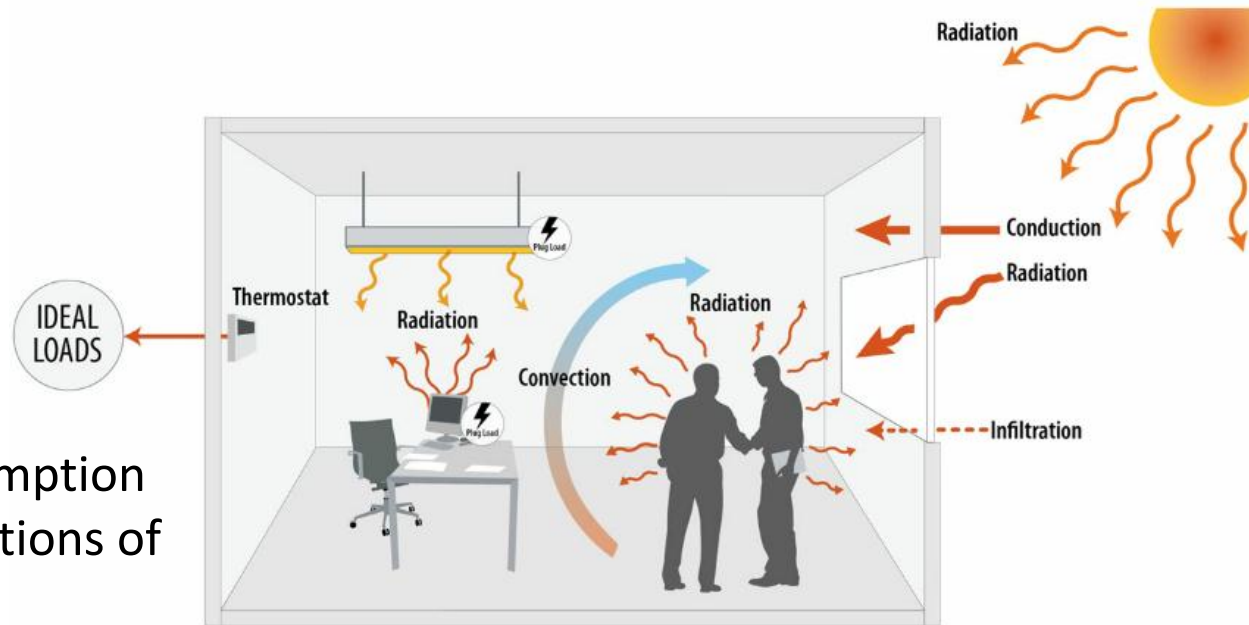
Experimental Design

1) Control

- Annual Energy Consumption without PCM

2) Treatment

- Annual Energy Consumption with different combinations of PCM
 - a) melt temperature
 - b) energy storage capacity
 - c) location within the walls
 - d) location within the room



Data collection

Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

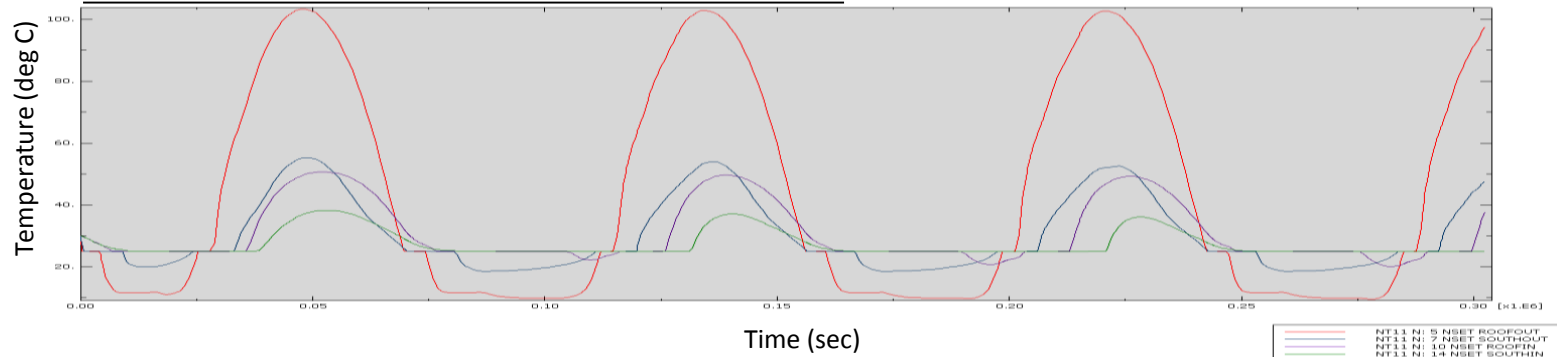
Whole building energy modeling software - EnergyPlus

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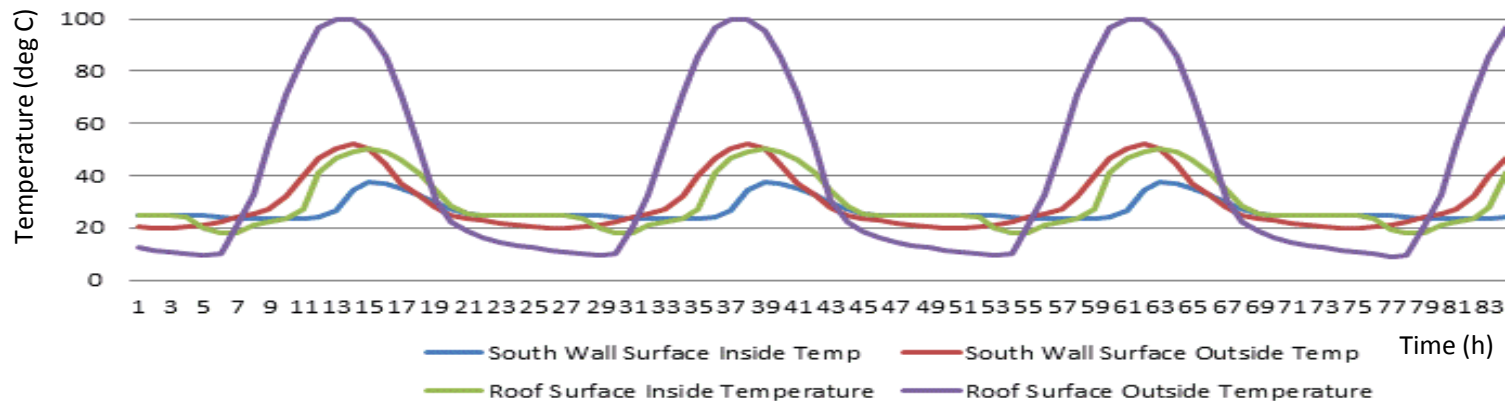
Numerical modeling

Modeling the thermal behavior of PCM in building is validated by comparing results obtained by different techniques: Abaqus (FEA) vs. EnergyPlus (FD)

ABAQUS – Finite Element Numerical Scheme

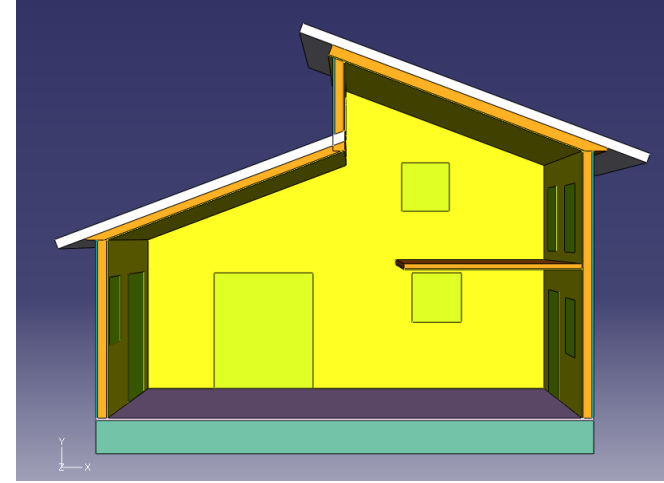
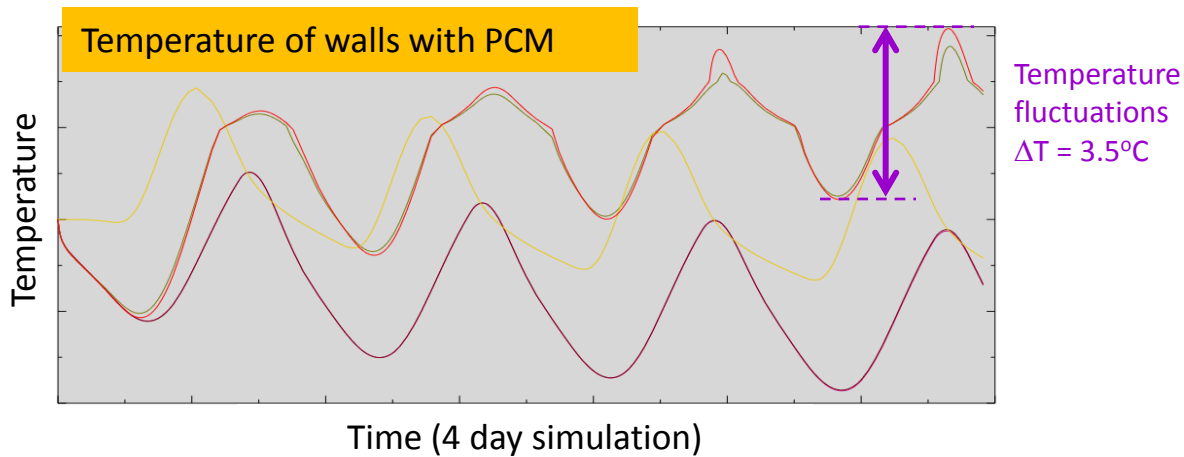
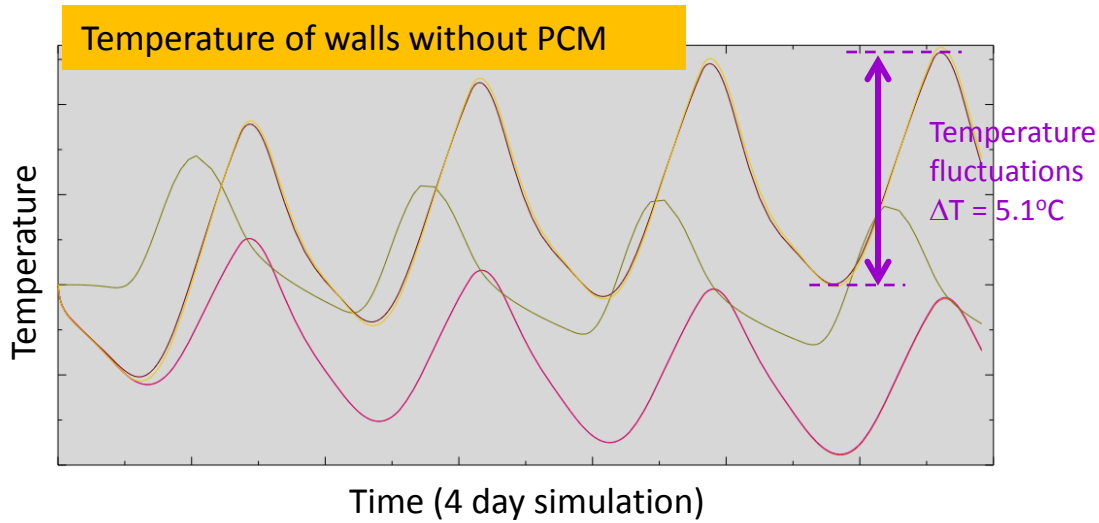


EnergyPlus – Finite Difference Numerical Scheme



Example numerical simulation

Latent heat of PCM: 20 kJ/kg



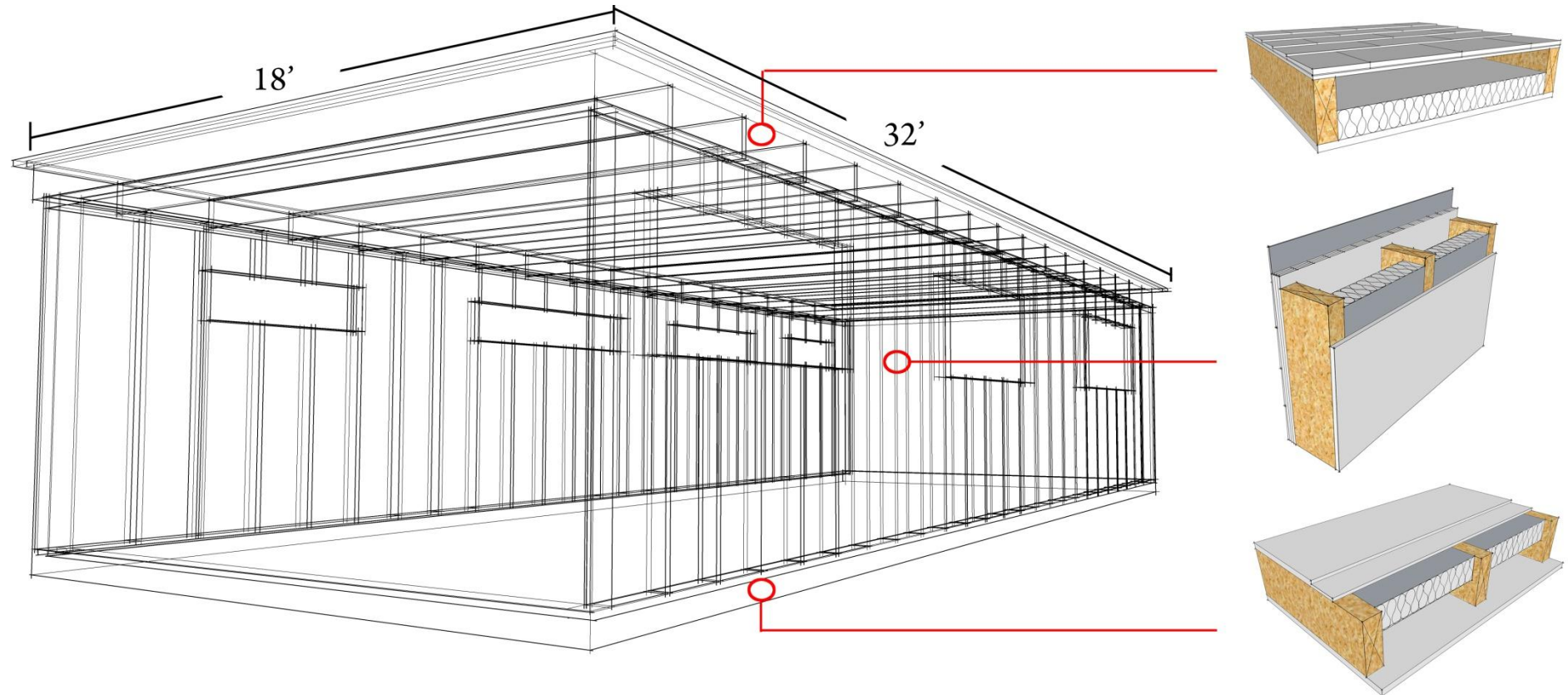
Benefits of PCM:

- Smaller temperature fluctuations
- Smaller duration at extreme temperatures
- Reduced cooling/heating load

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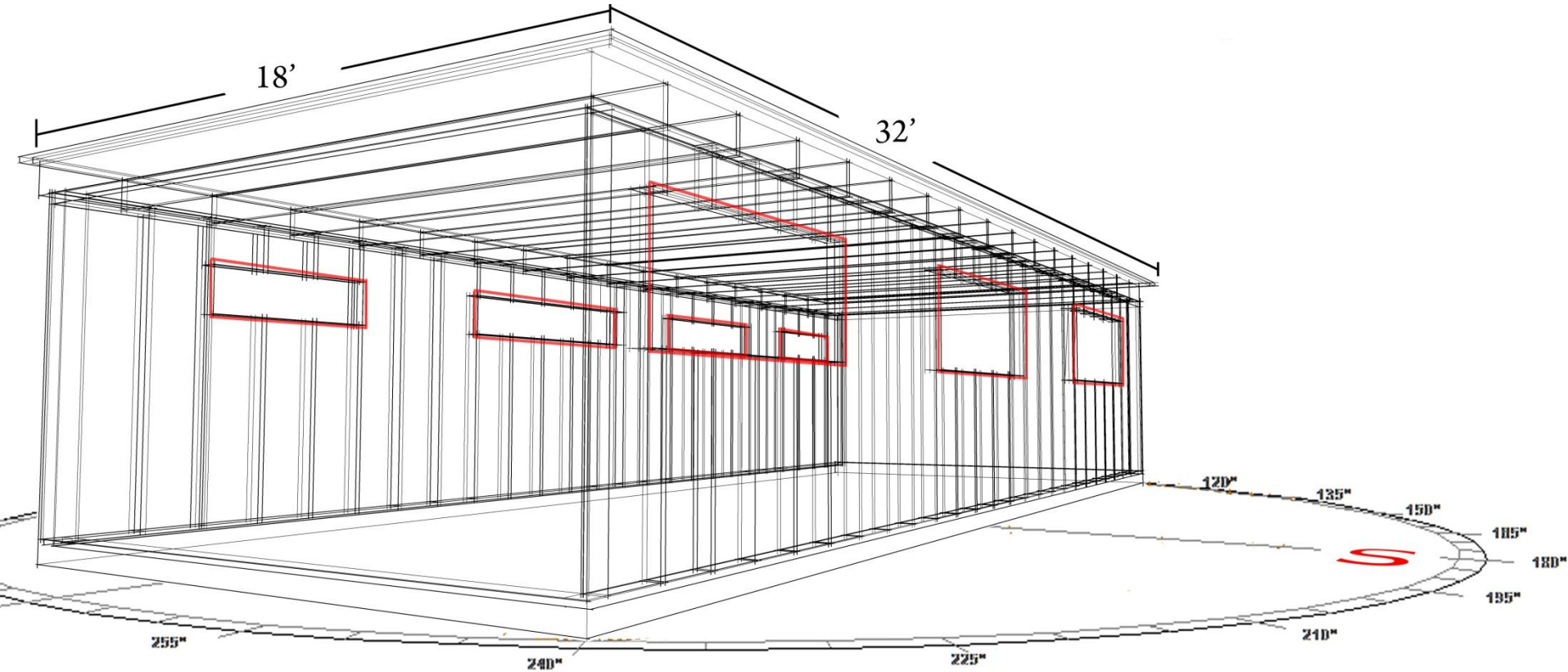
Base Building Model - ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1/90.2 – 2004
- ASHRAE – Advanced Energy Design Guides

a) Floor Area: 576 Sq ft.
Lightweight construction



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b) 30% window/wall ratio
East/west orientation



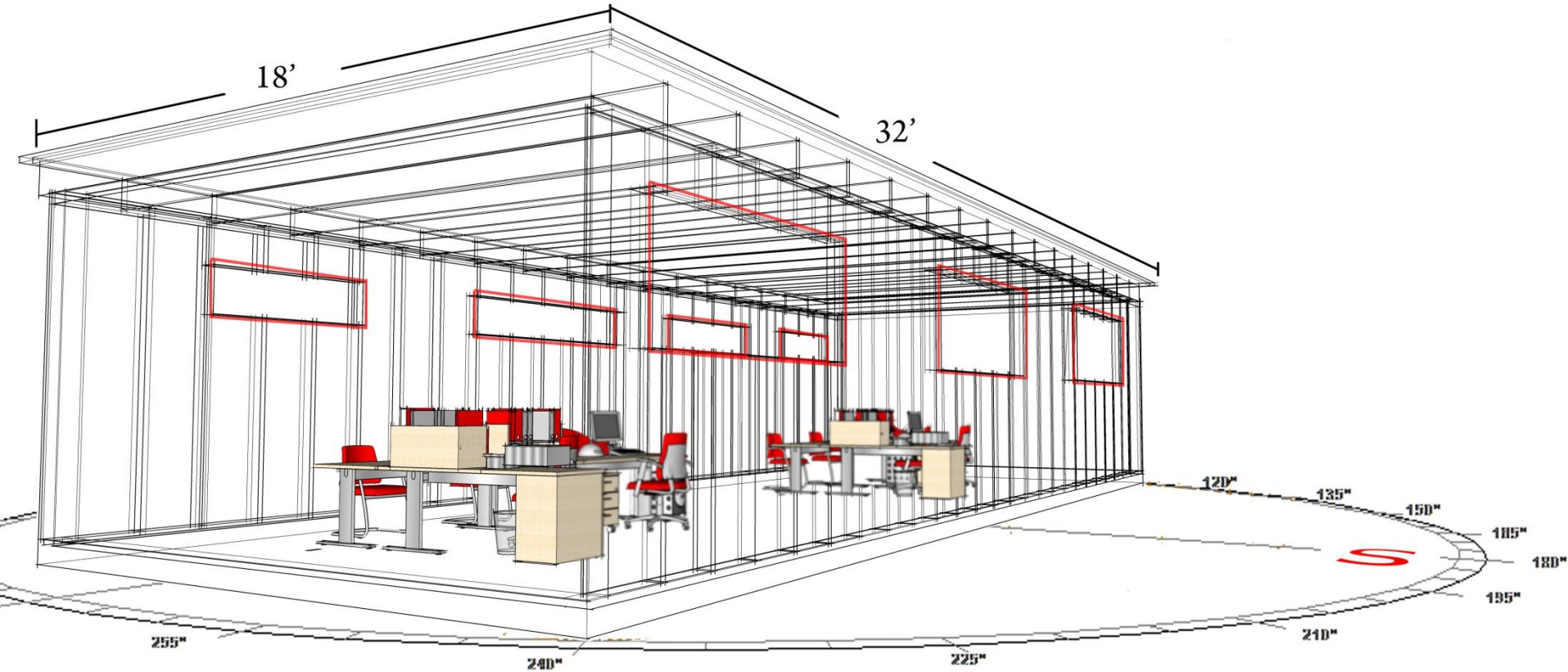
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c) Internal Loads

Computers

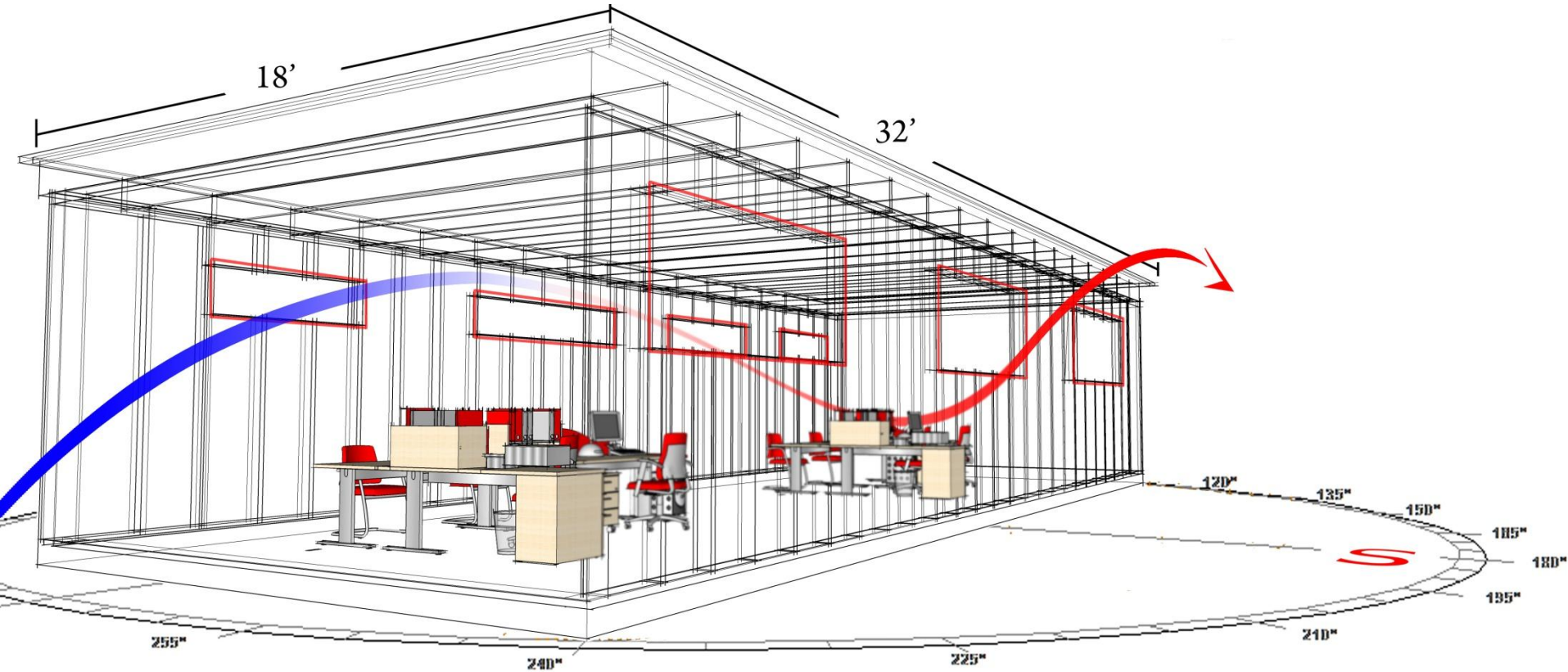
Lights

People



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d) Minimum Air Change Rate
0.35 AC/H



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Dependent Variable

Annual Energy Consumption (Y)

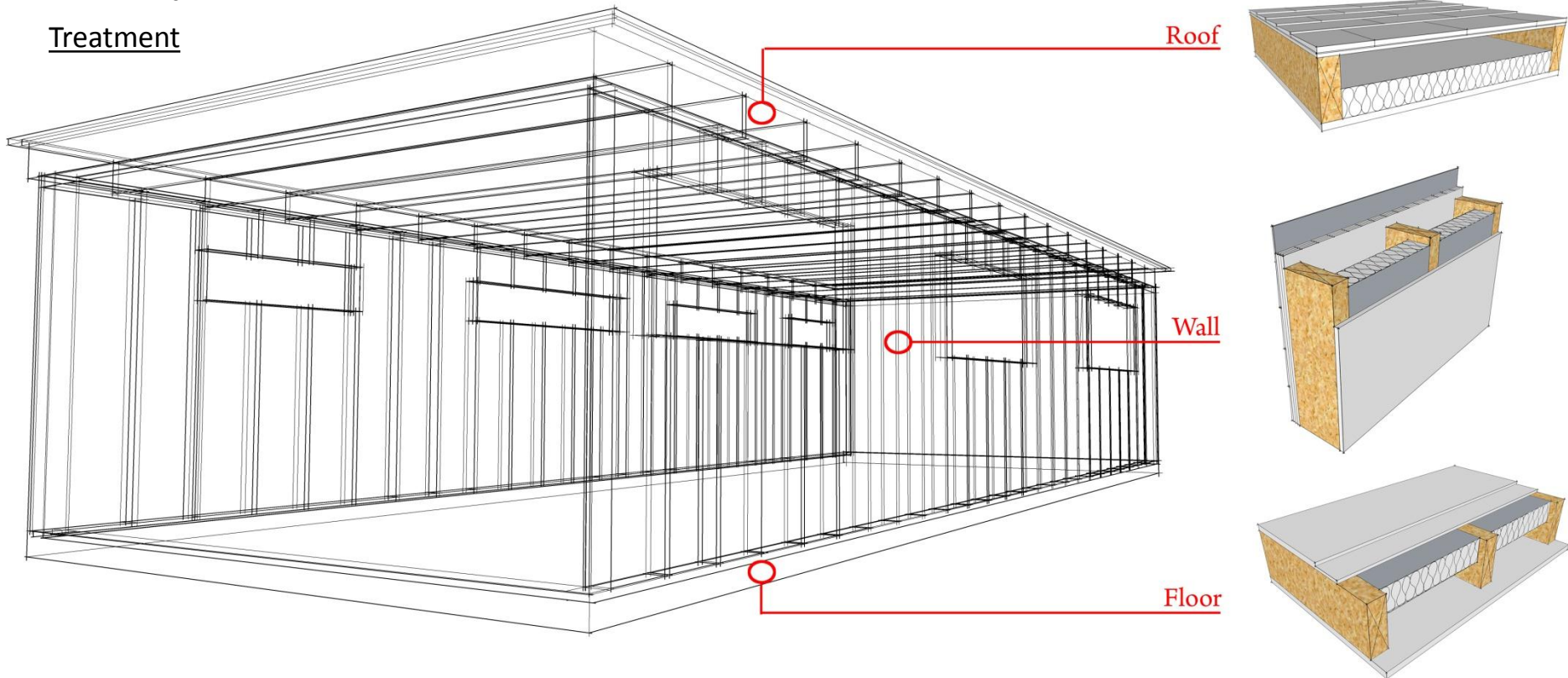
Regression Model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot X_1 + \beta_2 \cdot X_2$$

Treatment

Independent Variables:

- a) PCM Melting Temperature (X_1) – 18-29 degrees
- b) PCM Enthalpy (X_2) – 50, 100, 150 KJ/Kg



Dependent Variable

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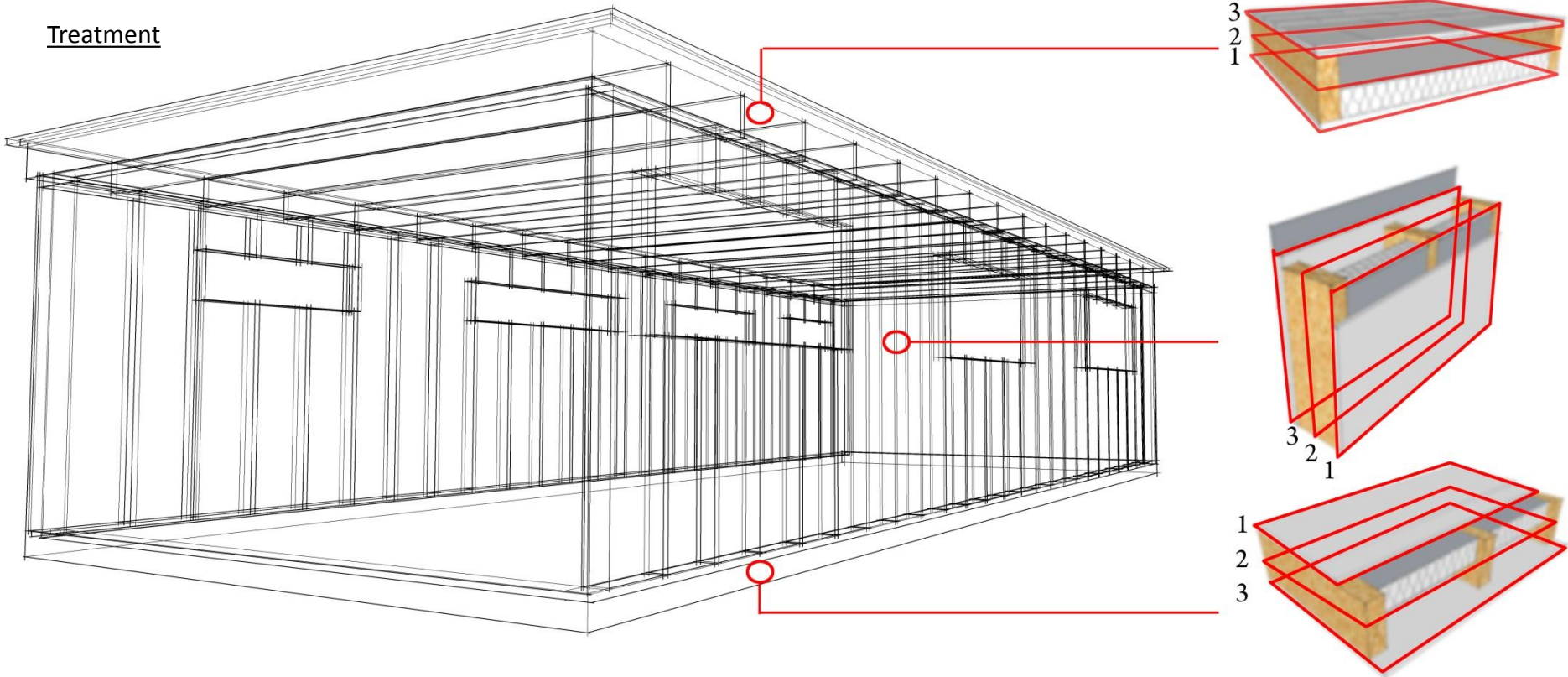
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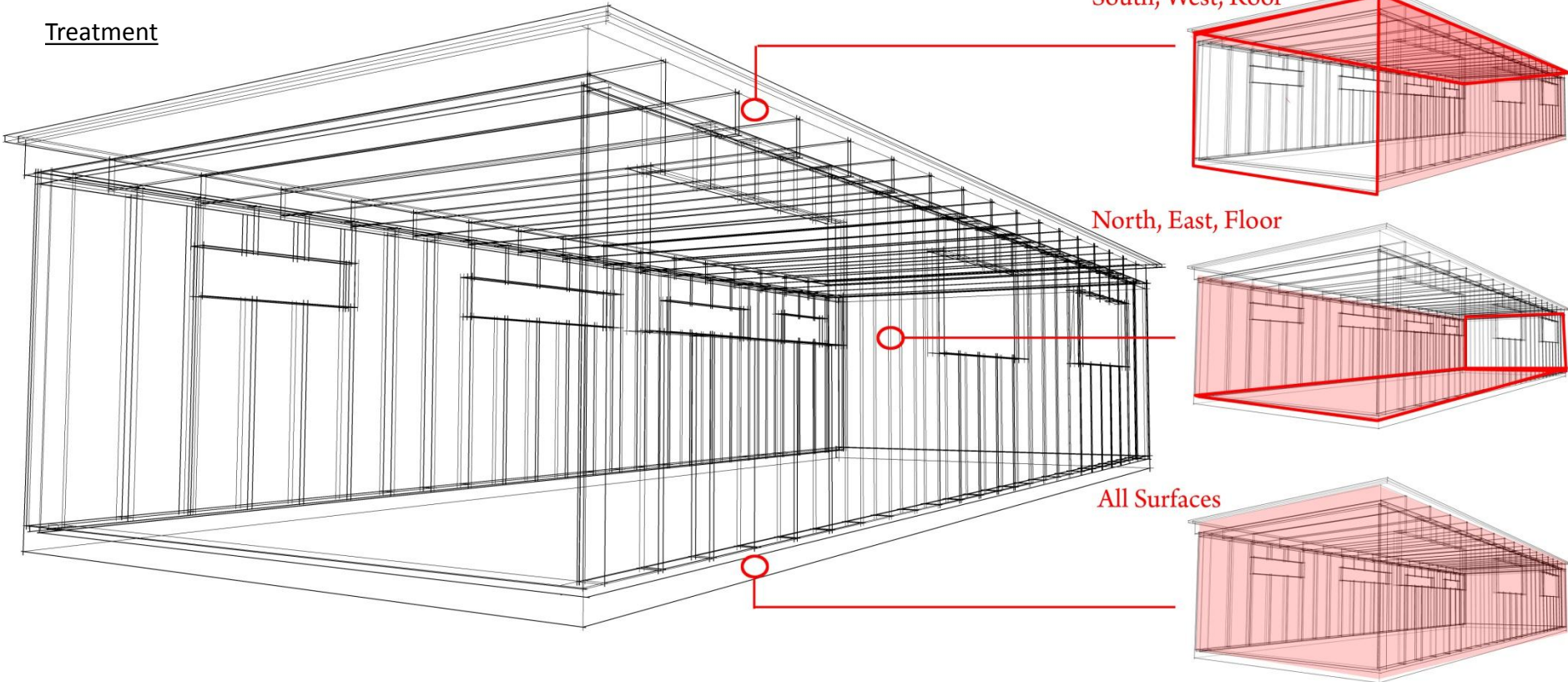
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- d) Surfaces(X_4) – High Radiation, Low Radiation, All Surfaces



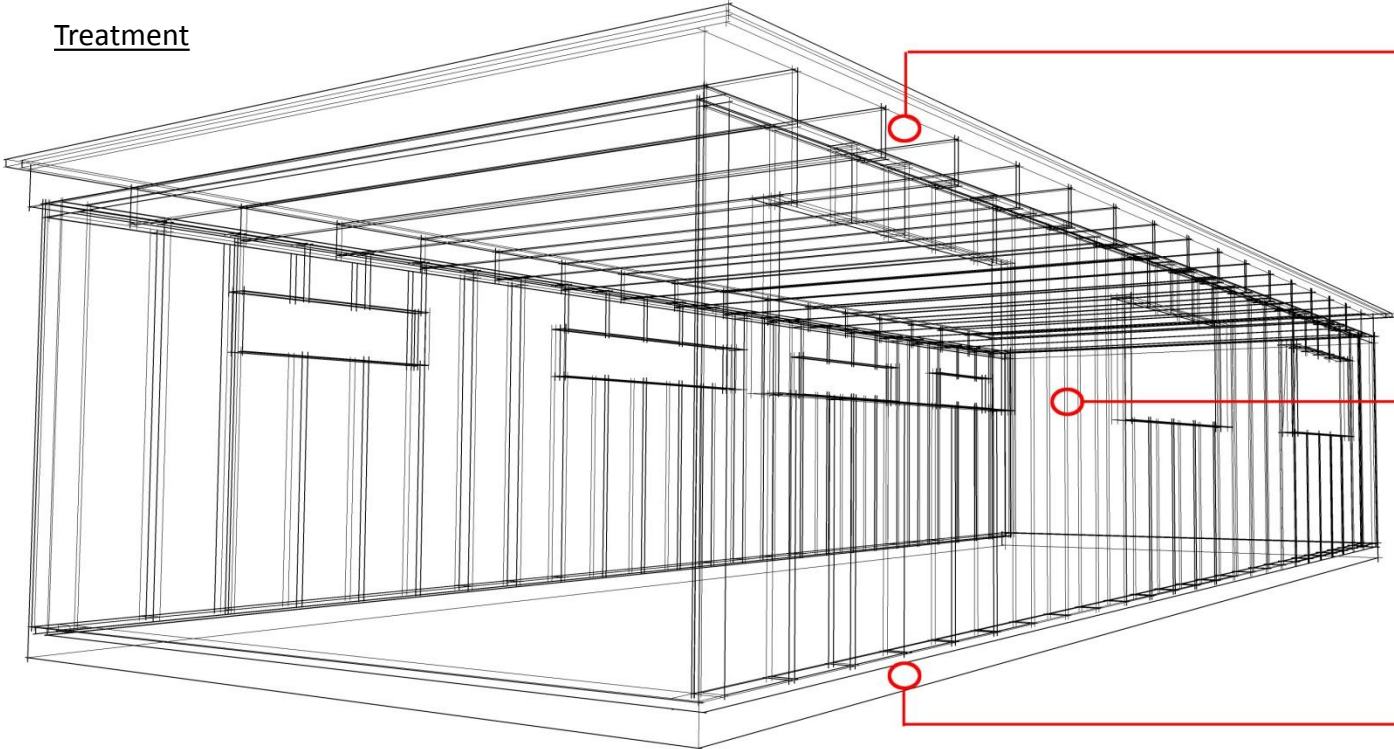
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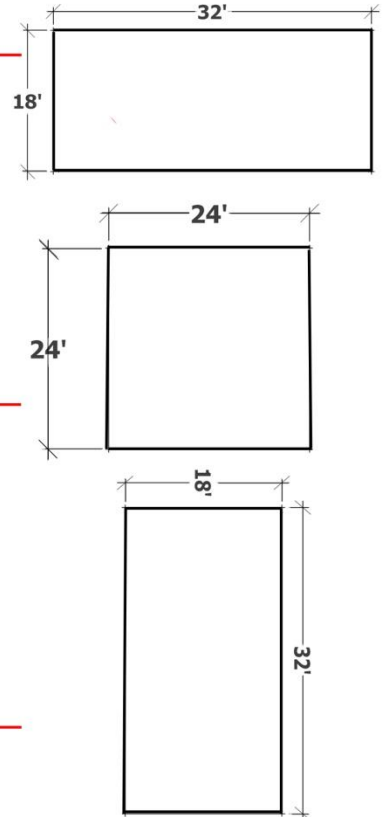
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- e) Length to Width Ratio (X_5) – $\gg 1$, 1, $\ll 1$

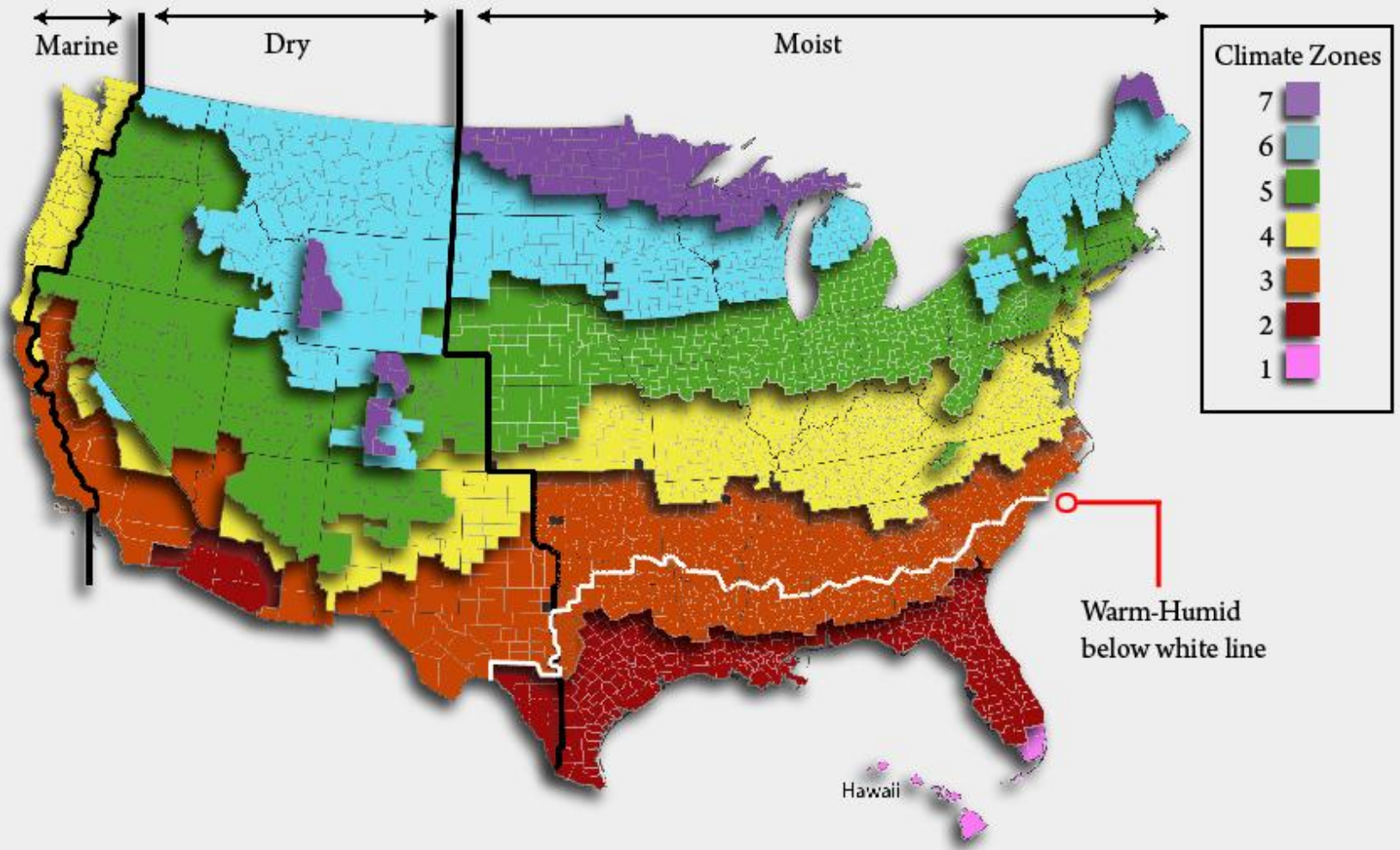


Factorial Design

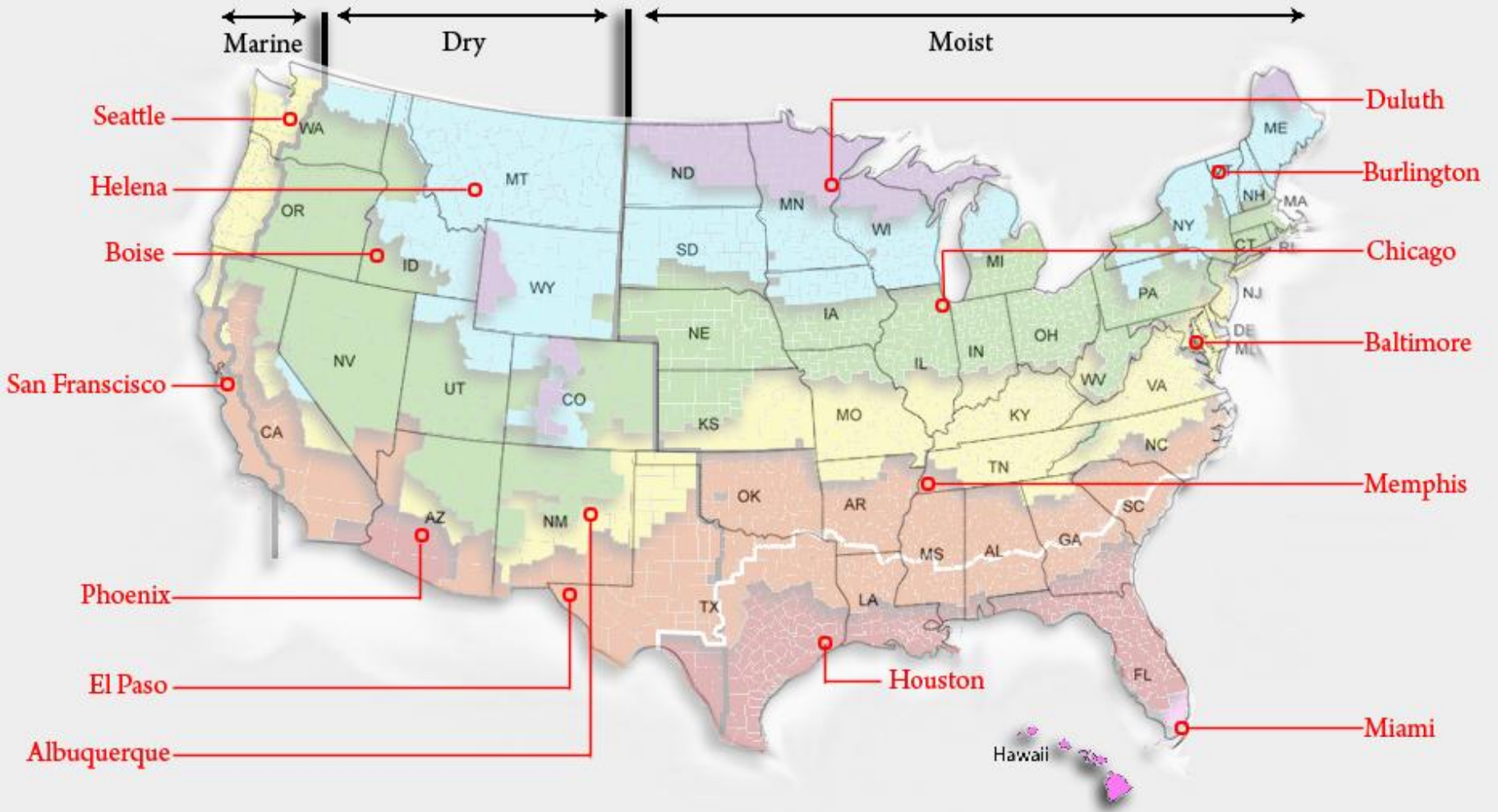
Factors (Independent variables)	Levels
PCM Melt temperature	3 (18, 19, 20) (21, 22, 23) (24, 25, 26) (27,28,29)
Location in the room	3 (High Radiation, Low Radiation, All walls)
PCM enthalpy	3 (20 KJ/Kg, 30 KJ/Kg, 40 KJ/Kg)
Location within the wall	3 (Interior, Interstitial, Exterior)
Length to Width Ratio	3(>>1, 1, <<1)

- **Control:** Building without PCM
 - **Treatment:** Building with different combinations of PCM
 - **Dependent Variable:** Annual Energy Consumption (Heating & Cooling)
 - **Independent Variables:** 5 Factors - 3 levels each = 3^5 experiments = 243 experiments * 4 = 972 Experiments (One Climate).
- Goal:** The development of response curves and design guidelines for the use of PCM in buildings.

U.S. Department of Energy: Climate Zones



U.S. Department of Energy: Representative Cities



972 experiments * 15 representative cities = 14580 experiments

Life Cycle Analysis of PCM

Life Cycle Analysis consists of analyzing all aspects of a product from cradle to grave in terms of cost, energy and environmental impact.

“Going green” is sometimes misleading when embedded energy is not considered.

Always beneficial for the owner but not always for the planet.

Macro-encapsulation → low embedded energy

Micro-encapsulated → large embedded energy

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H58 =H57*H59

Step 1 Preparation of Melamine-Formaldehyde Precondensate

Input Energy	0.81	MJ/kg
Output Energy	0.002916	MJ
Mass	0.0036	kg
Molecular Weight	0.03003	kg/km
Moles of Formaldehyde	0.11988012	mol

Step 1: 2.5g of Melamine is added to 3.6g of 37% Formaldehyde solution and 5g of Water. At 70°C, stir system at 600rpm for 1 hour.

specific heat melamine	156.11	J/mol K
specific heat Formalde	36.69	J/mol K
specific heat H ₂ O	4.184	J/g K
T _{initial} 1	20	(°C)
T _{final} 1	70	(°C)

density (formalde	1.09	a cm ³
density (Melamin	1.573	a cm ³
stirring rate, N ^o	1000	s ⁻¹
N _s	4	
D _s ^o	5.905E-06	m
Mechanical Ener	0.0371536	Watts

Input Energy	3.2	MJ/kg
Output Energy	0.008	MJ
Mass	0.0025	kg
Molecular Weight	0.12612	kg/km
moles of Melamine	0.01982239	mol

Step 2: Cool system to 33°C

Reaction time	5400	seconds
Q1 Melamine	154.72	J
Q1 Formaldehyde	659.76	J
Q1 Water	1046	J

Q, Input Energy	0.0018605	MJ
Mechanical Er	0.0002006	MJ
Pre-Energy	0.0109241	MJ
Sum	0.01299	MJ

Input Energy	0.00162	MJ/kg
Output Energy	0.0000081	MJ
Mass	0.005	kg
Molecular Weight	0.018	kg/km

Q, Input Energy	1860.5	J
Pre-Energy	0.0109	MJ

Time	15	h
Heat Loss	0.0833333	assume
Added energy	0.0016232	MJ
Total Input En	0.01461	MJ

Preparation of Emulsion

Solution One Prepare a solution of water and a hydrophilic colloid which becomes ionized in the water

Input Energy	1.42158	MJ/kg
Output Energy	2.1125743	MJ
Mass	1.48514851	kg
Molecular Weight	0.202	kg/km

Step 1: Add 2.5g p(SMA)-[30% in H₂O MW= 120,000] to 57.5g of Water. Then adjust pH to 5

Reaction time	1800	seconds
stirring rate, N ^o	1000	s ⁻¹
density	1.35	a cm ³
N _s	4	
D _s ^o	6E-06	m
Mechanical Energy	0.0319	Watts

Pre Energy	2.1112574	MJ
Mechanical Er	5.74E-05	MJ
Sum	2.11131	MJ

Input Energy	0.00162	MJ
Output Energy	0.00009315	MJ
Mass	0.0575	kg
Molecular Weight	0.018	kg/km

Pre Energy	2.1113	MJ
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Time	0.5	h
Heat Loss	0.0416667	assume
Added energy	0.0879715	
Total Input En	4.3105437	MJ

Solution Two Prepare a second solution of water and hydrophilic colloid which becomes ionized in water with an electric charge opposite that of the colloid of the first solution

Input Energy	3.19881	MJ/kg
Output Energy	0.00047982	MJ

specific heat p(PG)	478.25	J/mol K
specific heat H ₂ O	4.184	J/g K
specific heat TDI	207.9	J/mol K

Density TDI	1.225	a cm ³
density PPG	1.004	a cm ³

Step 2 Emulsification & Encapsulation

Add solutions 1, 2, & 3 at 31-33°C to prepare emulsion solution Stir system at 2,000 rpm for 10-15 min. Then slowly add droplets of the M-F precondensate solution

Energy Pre-condensate	0.014608365	MJ
Energy solution D	4.310543698	MJ
Energy solution T1	0.01519408	MJ
Energy solution T2	2.974761164	MJ
Reaction time	900	seconds
T _{initial} 1	20	(°C)
T _{final} 1	33	(°C)
stirring rate, N ^o	37037.03704	s ⁻¹
density	1.35	a cm ³
N _s	4	
D _s ^o	5.9049E-06	m
Mechanical Energy	1.18098	Watts

Pre-Energy Step 1	7.315107308	MJ
Mechanical Energy	0.001062882	MJ
Sum	7.31617019	MJ

Time	0.25	h
Heat Loss	0.020833333	assume
Added energy	0.152420212	
Total Input Energy	7.468590402	MJ

Reaction time	900	seconds
stirring rate, N ^o	1000	s ⁻¹
density	1.35	a cm ³
N _s	4	
D _s ^o	5.9049E-06	m
Mechanical Energy	0.03188646	Watts

Mechanical Energy	2.86978E-05	MJ
Sum	2.86978E-05	MJ
Time	0.25	h
Heat Loss	0.020833333	assume
Added energy	5.97871E-07	
Total Input Energy	2.92957E-05	MJ

Total Emulsion Energy	7.468619698	MJ
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Step 3 Drying and Hardening

specific heat melamine	156.11	J/mol K
specific heat Formaldehyde	36.69	J/mol K
specific heat H ₂ O	4.184	J/g K
specific heat p(PG)	478.254519	J/mol K
specific heat n-paraffin	1.712	J/g K

T _{initial}	33	°C
T _{final}	80	°C
Reaction time	18000	seconds
Total Mass		
Q n-paraffin	2413.92	J

Q _{Total} Input Energy	0.00241392	MJ
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Step 1 Formaldehyde Precondensate

melamine	156.11	Jmol K	density (formalde	1.09	a cm ³
Formaldehyde	36.69	Jmol K	density (Melamir	1.573	a cm ³
H ₂ O	4.184	Jg K	stirring rate, N ³	1000	s ⁻¹
	20	(°C)	N _s	4	
	70	(°C)	D _s ⁵	5.905E-06	m
			Mechanical Ener	0.0371536	Watts
	5400	seconds	Q_i Input Energy	0.0018605	MJ
			Mechanical Er	0.0002006	MJ
			Pre-Energy	0.0109241	MJ
	154.72	J	Sum	0.01299	MJ
hyde	659.76	J			
	1046	J	Time	15	h
Energy	1860.5	J	Heat Loss	0.0833333	assume
			Added energy	0.0016232	MJ
	0.0109	MJ	Total Input En	0.01461	MJ

Step 2 Emulsification & Encapsulation

Add solutions 1.2 & 3 at 31-33°C. to prepare emulsion solution Stir system at 2.0000 rpm for 10-15 min. Then slowly add droplets of the M-F precondensate solution

Energy Pre-conde	0.014608365	MJ
Energy solution O	4.310543698	MJ
Energy solution T	0.01519408	MJ
Energy solution T1	2.974761164	MJ
Reaction time	900	seconds
T _{initial} 1	20	(°C)
T _{final} 1	33	(°C)
stirring rate, N ³	37037.03704	s ⁻¹
density	1.35	a cm ³
N _s	4	
D _s ⁵	5.9049E-06	m
Mechanical Energy	1.18098	Watts
Pre-Energy Step 1	7.315107308	MJ
Mechanical Energy	0.001062882	MJ
Sum	7.31617019	MJ
Time	0.25	h
Heat Loss	0.020833333	assum
Added energy	0.152420212	
Total Input Energy	7.468590402	MJ

Step 3 Drying and Hardening of Capsule Shell

specific heat melamine	156.11	Jmol K	stirring rate, N ³	1000	s ⁻¹
specific heat Formaldehyde	36.69	Jmol K	density	1.35	a cm ³
specific heat H ₂ O	4.184	Jg K	N _s	4	
specific heat p(PG)	478.254519	Jmol K	D _s ⁵	5.9E-06	m
specific heat n-paraffin	1712	Jg K	Mechanical Energy	0.03189	Watts
		Jmol K			
T _{initial}	33	°C	Emulsion Energy	7.46862	MJ
T _{final}	80	°C	Mechanical Energy	0.00057	MJ
Reaction time	18000	sec	Input Energy	0.00241	MJ
Total Mass			Sum	7.4716	MJ
Q n-paraffin	2413.92	J			
Q_{Total} Input Energy	0.00241392	MJ	Time	5	h
			Heat Loss	0.41667	assume #12 of heat is lost per hour
			Added energy	3.1137	MJ
			Total Energy Consum	10.585	MJ for 30 g of PCM

of Emulsion

hydrophilic colloid which becomes ionized in the water

	1800	seconds	Pre Energy	2.1112574	MJ
N ³	1000	s ⁻¹	Mechanical Er	5.74E-05	MJ
	1.35	a cm ⁻¹	Sum	2.11131	MJ
	4				
	6E-06	m	Time	0.5	h
Energy	0.0319	Watts	Heat Loss	0.0416667	assume
			Added energy	0.0879715	
	2.1113	MJ	Total Input En	4.3105437	MJ

After 15 minutes decrease stir rate to 400-600 rpm

Reaction time	900	seconds
stirring rate, N ³	1000	s ⁻¹
density	1.35	a cm ³
N _s	4	
D _s ⁵	5.9049E-06	m
Mechanical Energy	0.03188646	Watts
Mechanical Energy	2.86978E-05	MJ
Sum	2.86978E-05	MJ
Time	0.25	h
Heat Loss	0.020833333	assume #12 of heat is lost per hour
Added energy	5.97871E-07	
Total Input Energy	2.92957E-05	MJ

nd hydrophilic colloid which becomes ionized in that of the colloid of the first solution

p(PG)	478.25	Jmol K	Density TDI	1.225	a cm ³
H ₂ O	4.184	Jg K	density PPG	1.004	a cm ³
TDI	287.9	Jmol K			

Total Emulsion Energy	7.468619698	MJ
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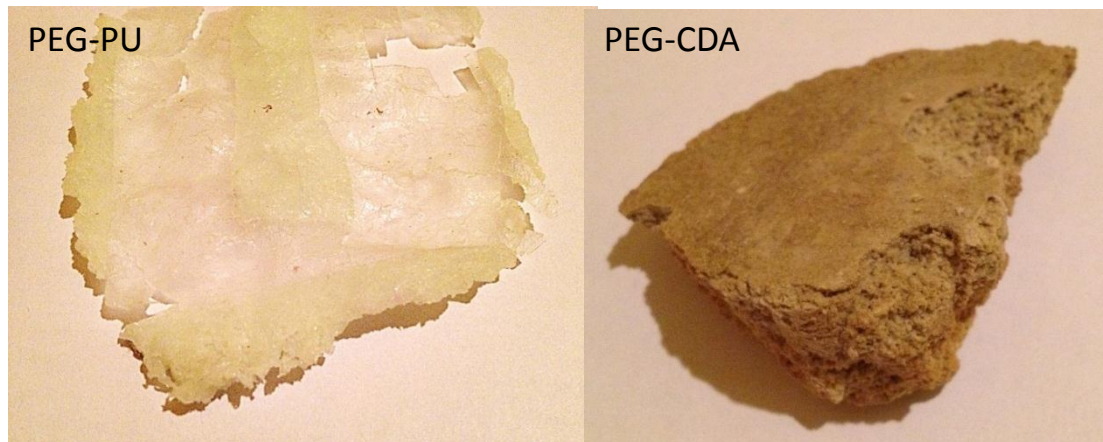
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Wall	400	m2
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30% PCM	1200	kg
Manufacturing energy	384901	MJ
Savings % due to PCM	0.1	%
	86.4	MJ per day
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For 33 g		
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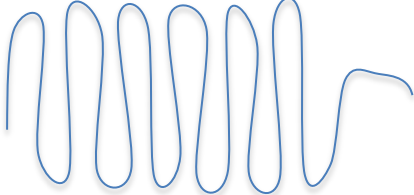
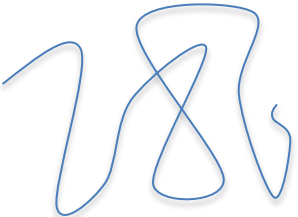
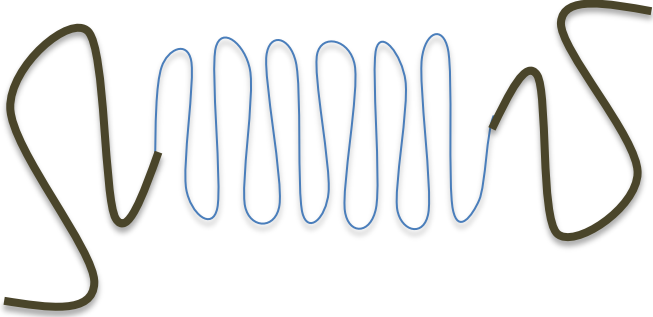
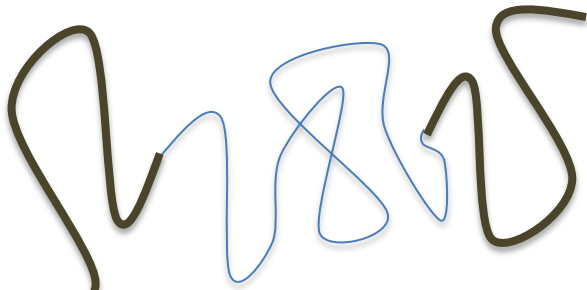
Synthesis and Characterization of Solid-Solid PCM

Background

- Solid-liquid PCM require encapsulation, are costly and have high embodied energy.
- Solid-solid PCM (SSPCM) are expected to be better alternatives.
- PEG-PU is a PCM polymer made of Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) and a polyurethane polymer (PU) or cellulose diacetate (CDA).
- Energy storage and release are due to change of phase from the semi-crystalline phase to the amorphous phase of PEG.
- When grafted to a backbone polymer, the amorphous PEG remains solid at high temperature.



Solid-Solid Phase Transformation by cross-linking

	Semi-crystalline state (lamellae)	Amorphous state
Pure PEG		 (macro-fluidity → liquid)
Cross-linked PEG		 Remains solid

Increase temperature



Synthesis and Characterization of Solid-Solid PCM

Research goals

- Understand the synthesis process of PEG-PU and PEG-CDA.
- Characterize thermo-mechanical properties.
- Understand the phase change process in order to control the phase change temperature, maximize enthalpy, optimize mechanical properties, and minimize environmental impact.

Why focus on Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) as a PCM polymer?

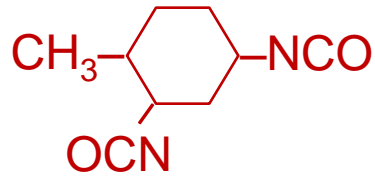
- Non-toxic, biocompatible and biodegradable
- Hydrophilic
- -OH end groups allow easy chemical modification
- Crystallizes easily thanks to simple linear polymer chain
- Ample production at various molecular weights from 0.3 to 10,000 kg/mol

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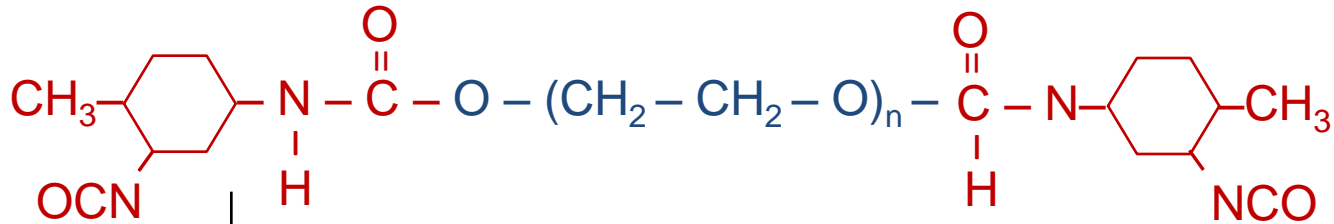
Synthesis



PEG



2,4-Toluene diisocyanate (TDI)



1,4 Butanediol (BDO)

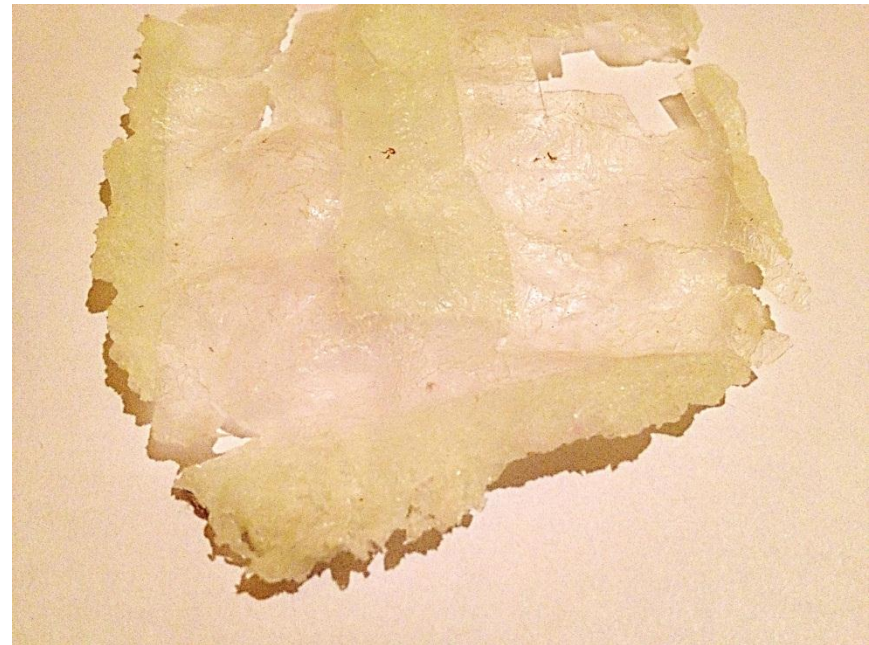
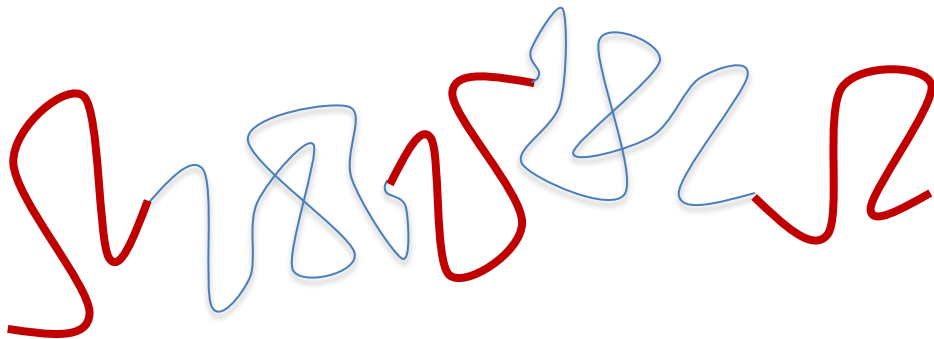


PEG-PU

Soft segments Hard segments

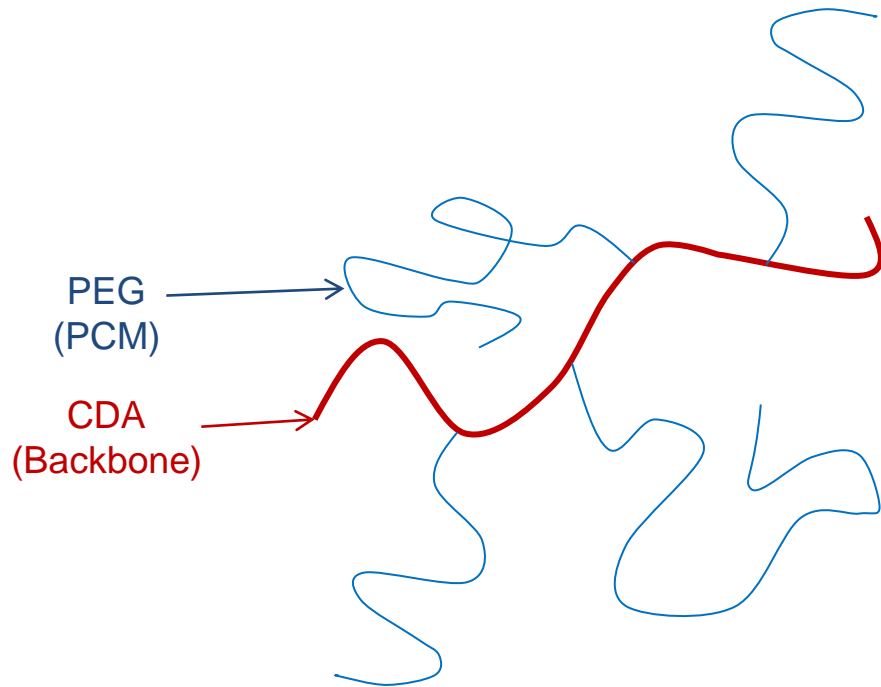
PEG-PU Synthesis

- PU includes isocyanate groups (NCO) and hydroxyl groups (OH)
- Dissolve PEG by 1/3 wt%
- Heat to 50-60°C and purge with Nitrogen
- Add stoichiometric amounts of TDI and BDO
- Reflux for 30 minutes
- Before the gelation occurs pour into mold and either place in oven or hot press
- Let cool until sample gel hardens



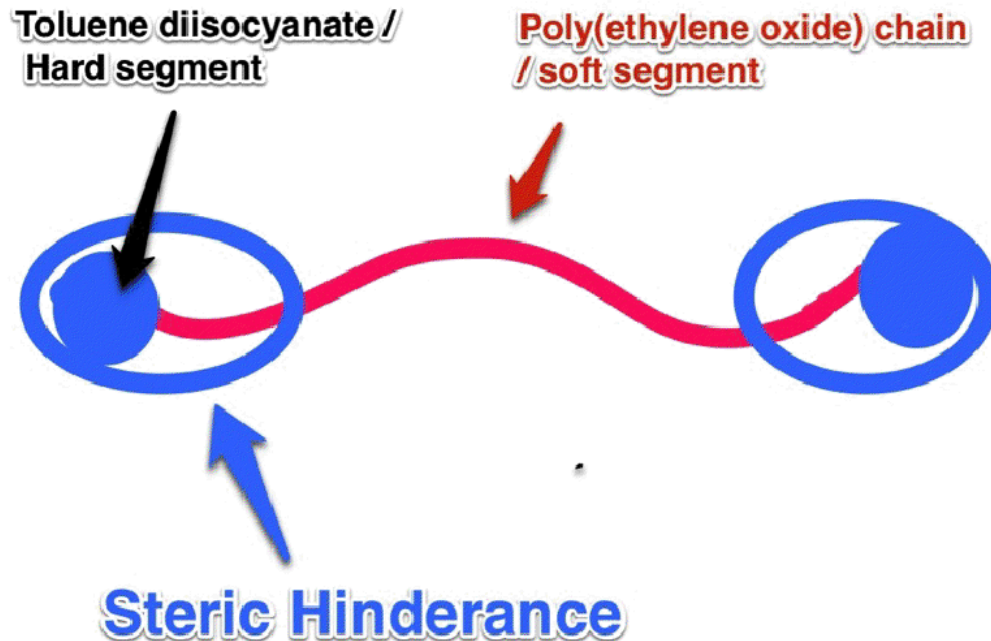
PEG-CDA

- PEG grafted onto the Backbone of Cellulose Diacetate (CDA)
- Cellulose Diacetate is a thermally stable polymer that remains intact above PEG melting temperature



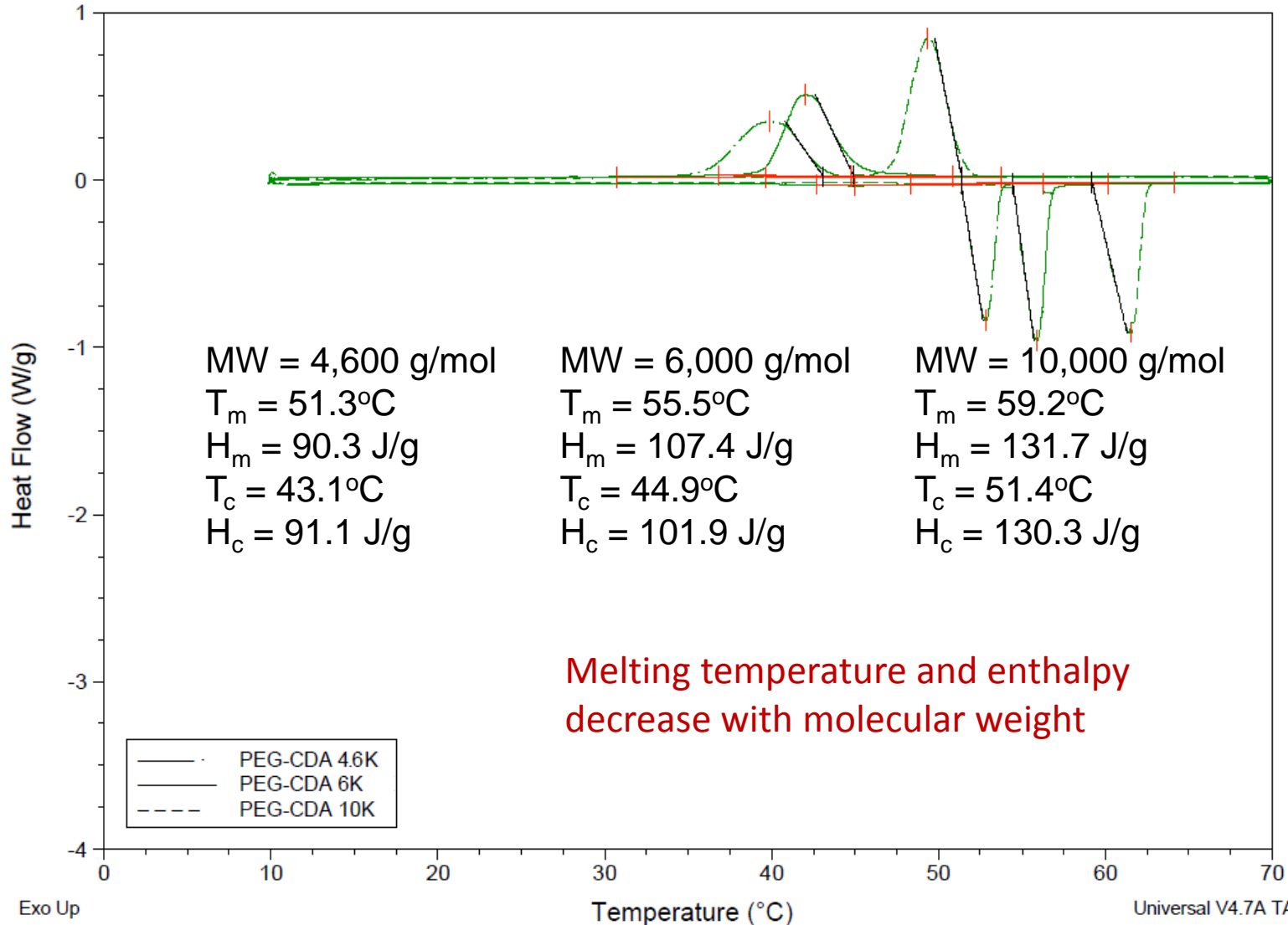
Length of chain and crystallization

- Smaller molecular weight of PEG leads to shorted chains
- Shorter chains result in lower phase change temperature (which is desirable)
- However, steric hinderance reduces length useful chain where crystallization occurs, which reduces the enthalpy / latent heat (which is not desirable)
- One goal is to reduce effect of steric hinderance



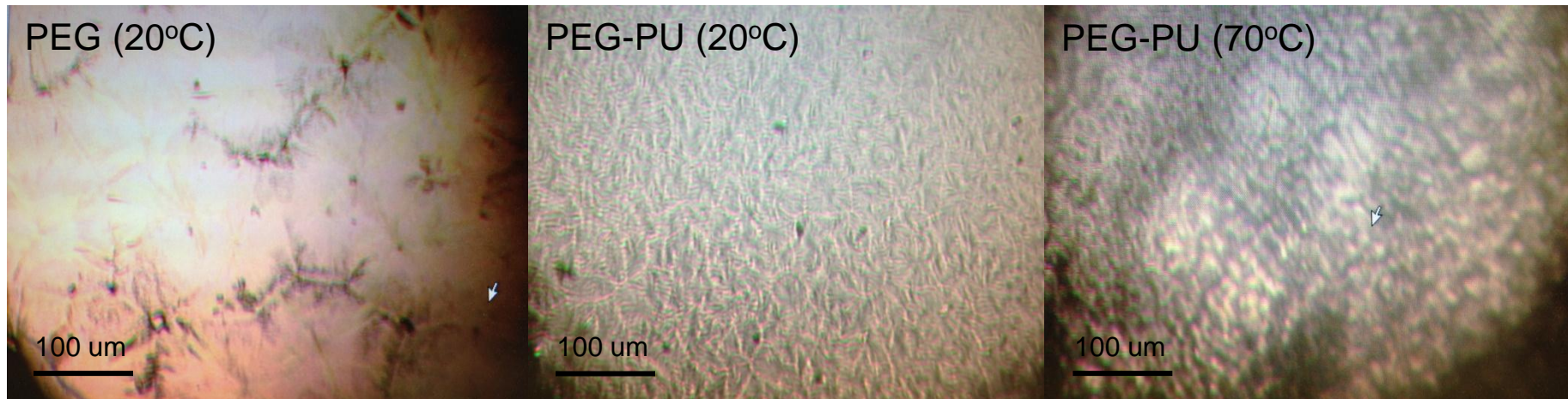
Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

- Measure melting and crystallization temperatures and enthalpy values



Polarized Optical Microscopy (POM)

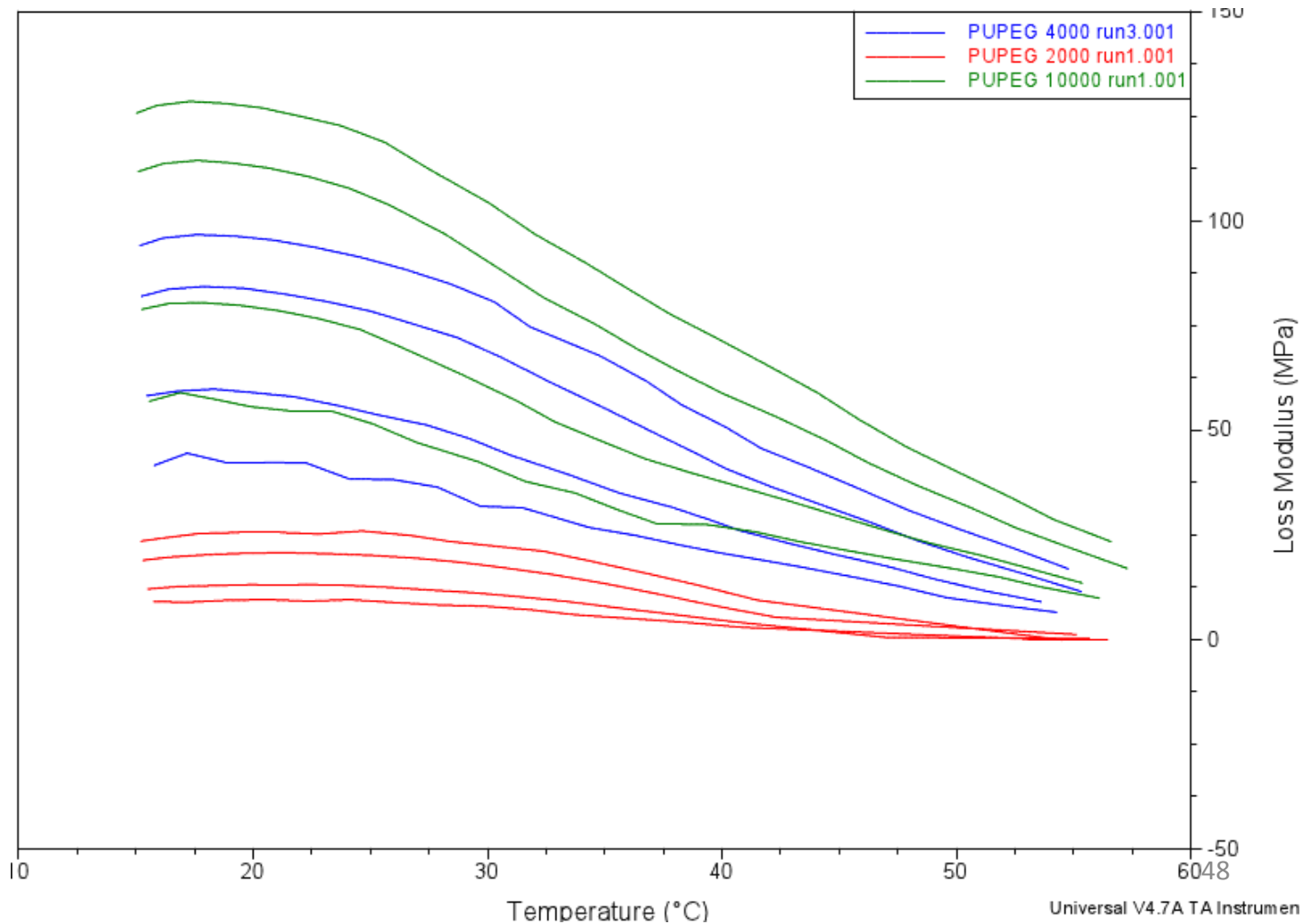
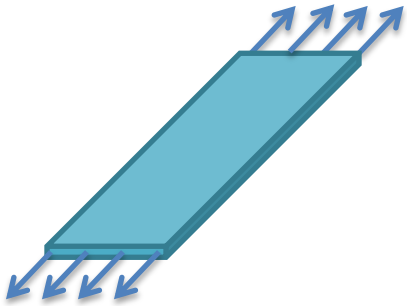
- POM is used to visualize and identify the crystal structure
- At room temperature, both pure PEG and PEG-PU show spherulites
- Spherulites in PEG-PU are smaller because hard segments interfere with PEG crystalline behavior
- At 70°C, the spherulites disappear since crystals have melted



Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)

- DMA is used to characterize the viscoelastic behavior of PEG-PU over temperature range

Dynamic sinusoidal stress (1 Hz)



Summary

- Research project involving students and faculty from architecture and engineering collaborate to identify best materials and practice
- This on-going project has the potential to promote use of PCM by providing a unified set of design guidelines (reduced need of engineering studies)
- PCM can reduce the energy footprint of buildings. However:
 - PCM have high initial cost
 - Some PCM have large embodied energy
- PCM should be a common construction material in the future

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