

BUILDINGS USE TOO
MUCH ENERGY:

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand the impact of ever increasing energy reduction codes, regulations and societal pressures on the building enclosure and how these demands for energy savings can affect the performance of enclosure materials, systems and assemblies.
2. Apply scientific analysis methods to the building enclosure to more accurately predict real-world performance and why design according to old rules-of-thumb are no longer adequate.
3. Learn building science basics behind material and system performance.
4. Investigate new challenges for materials and systems for energy conservation, with a focus on the control of air flow and insulation.
5. Incorporate sophisticated quality assurance and quality control requirements into the design and construction process, including statistically significant sampling, mock-ups, testing, and checklists.

Today's Presentation

- What is "High Performance"
- The Need for High Performance Buildings
- Quality and Building Enclosure Commissioning and how they relate to High Performance Buildings.
- Tools for High Performance Enclosures
- High Performance Design for Energy Savings per Phase

Issues for High Performance Design for Energy Savings

- Climate
- Scientific Analysis Tools
- New Challenges for Materials and Systems
- Durable Design

High Performance Design for Energy Savings per Phase

- Pre-Design
- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Construction Documents
- Construction Administration

INTRODUCTION

The Need

Increasingly higher performance expectations.

Buildings consume 40% of all energy in the US!

We are the bad guys!

Increasing Performance Criteria

By Code or Regulation:

- Each new version of ASHRAE 90.1 sets lower energy consumption criteria.
- Cities and other governmental agencies are setting lower energy criteria (commonly through LEED but also through the International Green Construction Code).

Increasing Performance Criteria

By Client Demand

- Institutional Users, Universities and Hospitals
- Class A Office space

By Litigation

- Too many buildings fail to perform as designed and/or constructed with resulting claims.

Increasing Performance Criteria

By Governmental Leadership

- GSA requirements for new projects was increased from LEED Silver to LEED Gold in 2010.
- DOD required LEED Silver in 2008.

| Fiscal Year | Percentage Reduction |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 2006 | 2 |
| 2007 | 4 |
| 2008 | 9 |
| 2009 | 12 |
| 2010 | 15 |
| 2011 | 18 |
| 2012 | 21 |
| 2013 | 24 |
| 2014 | 27 |
| 2015 | 30 |

Federal Energy Management Program
EISA 2007 requires energy reduction goals for Federal facilities, mandating the following energy intensity reductions per fiscal year relative to a 2003 baseline:

Increasing Performance Criteria

By Professional Organization and Societal Pressures:

- AIA 2030 Commitment
- Clinton Climate Initiative

Increasing Performance Criteria

Compounding Increases; while green standards are being increasingly adopted or required, the standards are updated for increased performance.

- Each version of LEED, Energy Star and Green Globes is increasingly more stringent.
- Competing certification systems set requirements more stringent than LEED
 - Passive House
 - Net Zero Energy Buildings
 - Living Building Challenge

Failures Point out Need for Improvement

- Architecture profession under pressure for poor designs.
- Construction industry under pressure for poor quality.
- Claims by USGBC that LEED buildings are more energy efficient have been seriously questioned.
- Some highly touted buildings have turned out to not have performative building enclosures.
- Some jurisdictions have gone as far as to require separate review by building enclosure experts

Focus on Performance

Some green initiatives have over-emphasized less important criteria.

- **Operational Energy** use of a building over its lifetime is **many times** that of the **embodied** energy.
- Durability is Extremely Important
 - Not included in most Green discussions.
 - Currently required in the Canadian LEED and likely in next versions.
- Performance Verification of the Building Enclosure on the rise.
 - Commissioning of the Building Enclosure
 - The rise of the Building Enclosure Consultant

What is High Performance

- Define High Performance
- What does it mean?
- Independent Ideas



High Performance Buildings Database



<http://eere.buildinggreen.com/>



Performance

- An implied higher performance building wherein the Owner expects to recoup initial costs over the life cycle of the building
- LEED does not provide parameters for Building Enclosure

Finding definition of HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN?

- ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, Standard 189 & DOE is to achieve a 30 percent reduction in energy cost by 2010
- Green Building Initiative (GBI) is also working toward establishing its Green Globes rating system for commercial buildings

Building Envelope
Appropriate assembly of wall, roof, foundation, and window materials will provide good thermal and moisture control, while supporting reductions in building energy use. A good envelope harnesses natural energy through effective use of passive solar and daylighting techniques.

The New Children's Center
The Foster Lane Rehabilitation Facility for the Administration for Children Services is being retrofitted into a residential apartment structure that was built in 1912. For resident as well as energy savings, the envelope is being upgraded with additional moisture barrier and gaskets to prevent thermal bridging. It also contains new higher performance windows.

Richard Suter, Architect, INC.

Benefits
5% Reduced heating, cooling and lighting loads reduce operating energy costs.

5% A well-designed envelope can substantially reduce the heat and cold loads of mechanical equipment.

Envelope detailing. To prevent moisture build up within the walls, detail the material assembly of the envelope in accordance with best vapor barrier practices. Use monolithic building systems and assemblies as opposed to smaller assembly parts. This will minimize the need for caulking and weather-stripping and will significantly reduce infiltration. Avoid thermal bridging through the exterior walls, roof, and floor details and components.

LEVEL 1
New Buildings. High performance new buildings shall annually consume a minimum of 30% less energy on a 100-gross-square-foot basis in comparison to what would be consumed if the building were designed for minimum compliance with the NYS Energy Code. Operational cost comparisons should be prepared to ensure that the high performance building will save at least the same percentage in energy costs as it achieves in combined actual energy use reductions.

High Performance Building Guidelines
City of New York
Department of Design and Construction
April 1999

High Performance Design



Green building is also known as a sustainable or high performance building.



We are now entering into the next era of design and practice, defined by high-performance... High-performance design is not something most architects understand well.

High Performance Design



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Individuals who have earned the HBDP certification have demonstrated mastery of a body of knowledge that subject matter experts have identified as reflecting best practices in the field of high-performance building design.

The primary purpose of ASHRAE's High-Performance Building Design Professional (HBDP) certification program is to certify an individual's

Well-rounded understanding and knowledge of how HVAC&R design is integrated into high performing buildings to achieve the overall goal of producing a sustainable HVAC&R design.

The program, which was developed in collaboration with the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) and the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) and with input from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the Green Building Initiative (GBI), requires that participants meet certain eligibility criteria before being allowed to participate. In addition, HBDP certification-holders must renew their certification to ensure that they remain up-to-date in the field; renewal requires participating in 45 hours of professional development activities over a 3-year period.

What is High Performance

"I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material... but I know it when I see it." Potter Stewart

High Performance Design

High performance involves

- Thoughtful consideration
- Control of energy across the enclosure
- Occupant comfort and productivity
- Durability of materials and systems
- Resilience

WE CAN'T SOLVE
PROBLEMS BY USING THE
SAME KIND OF THINKING
WE USED WHEN WE CREATED THEM

Einstein



COMMISSIONING FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS

Commissioning (Cx)

Verify performance of all or (more common) parts of a building.



- Commissioning has previously been thought of for MEP systems but commissioning of the building enclosure is on the rise.
- Focus was formerly concentrated on Construction phase but now generally recognized that some Cx tasks start before design starts
- Previous emphasis on establishing a strong operating and maintenance program.

Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx)

Commissioning an enclosure is different from commissioning a mechanical or electrical system.

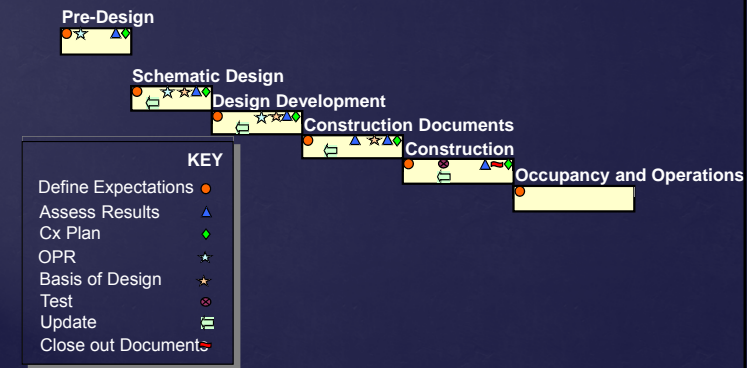
- The building enclosure is not adjustable or tunable (with rare exceptions).
- Operative materials will be covered up and essentially impossible to get to for repairs.



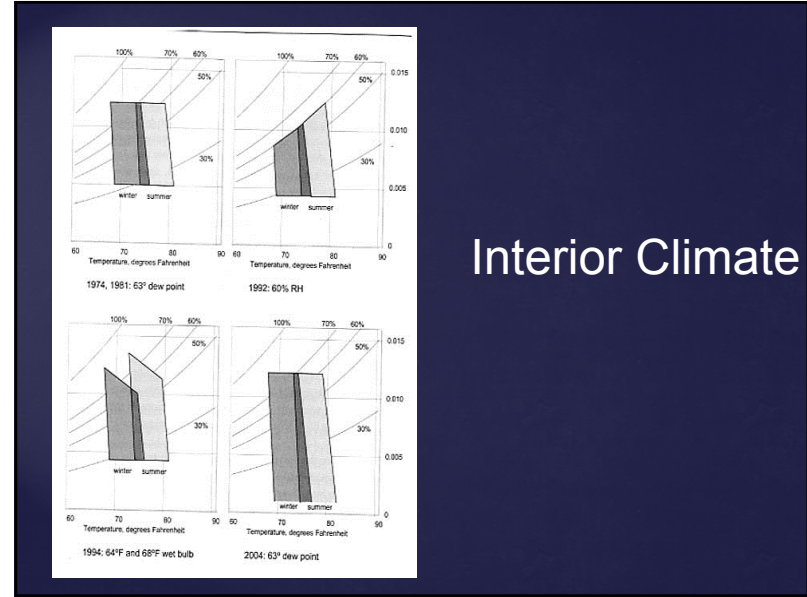
Guideline 3 and ASTM Standard

- Guideline 3 is oriented towards the commissioning process.
- ASTM E 2813, *Standard Practice for Building Enclosure Commissioning* (draft) is developed in concert with GL-3 and includes more definitive requirements for the type and frequency of testing.
- Includes “Fundamental” and “Enhanced” commissioning.
- Includes general qualifications of commissioning authority.

Key Enclosure Commissioning Milestones

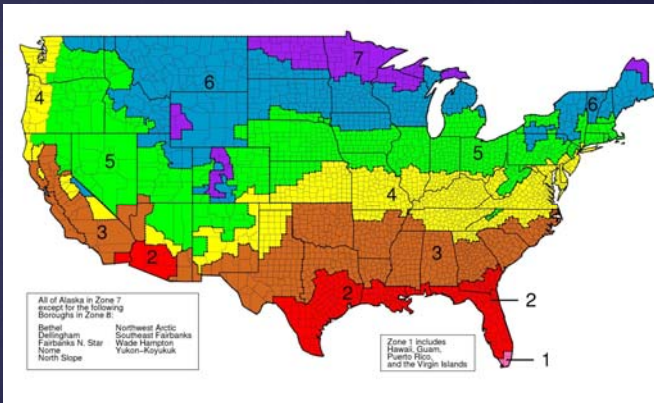


DESIGN WITH CLIMATE FOR ENERGY SAVINGS

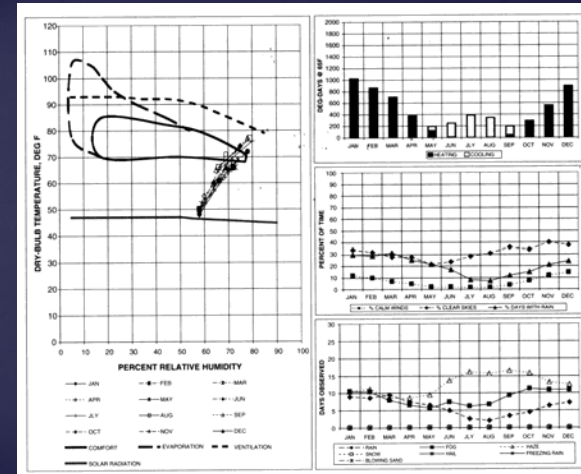


Interior Climate

ASHRAE Climate Zones

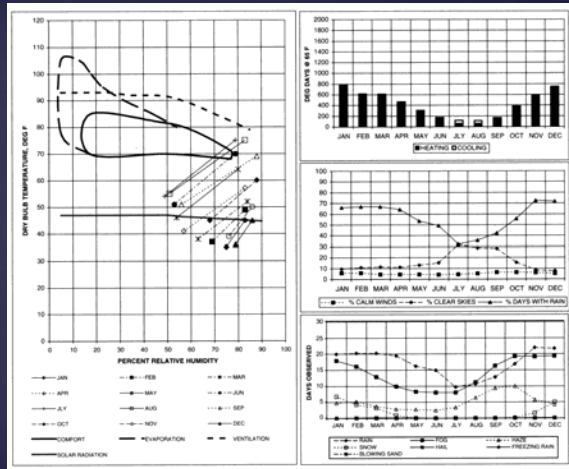


The climate zones were developed based on analysis of the 4775 NOAA weather sites and statistical analysis of regional information. The new climate zones are set by county boundaries. The zones were first adopted by 2004 IECC Supplemental model energy code.



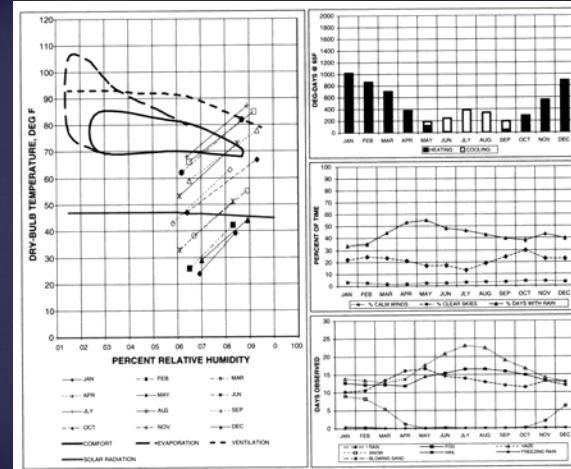
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From "Integrated Buildings" Leonard R. Bachnan

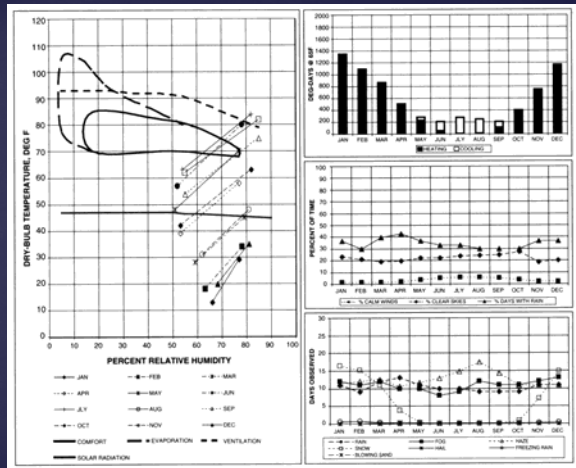


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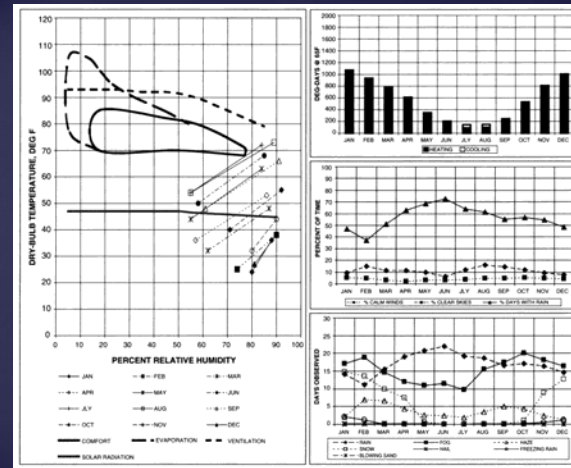
Data Sources, Engineering Weather Data from the National Climatic Data Center and the ASHRAE Weather Data Viewer



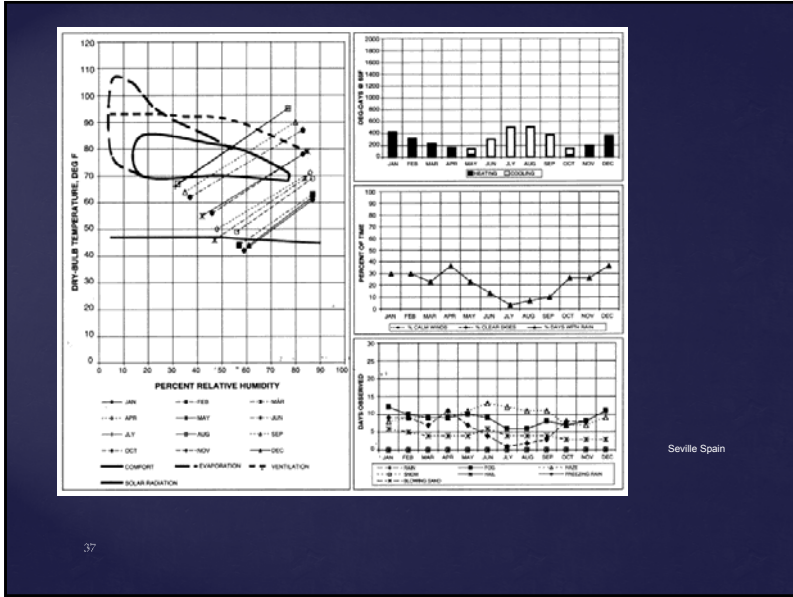
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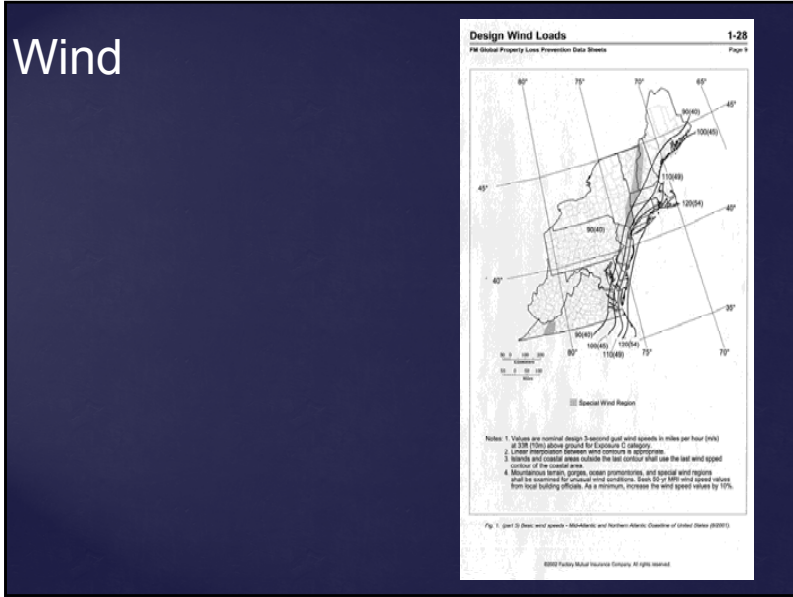
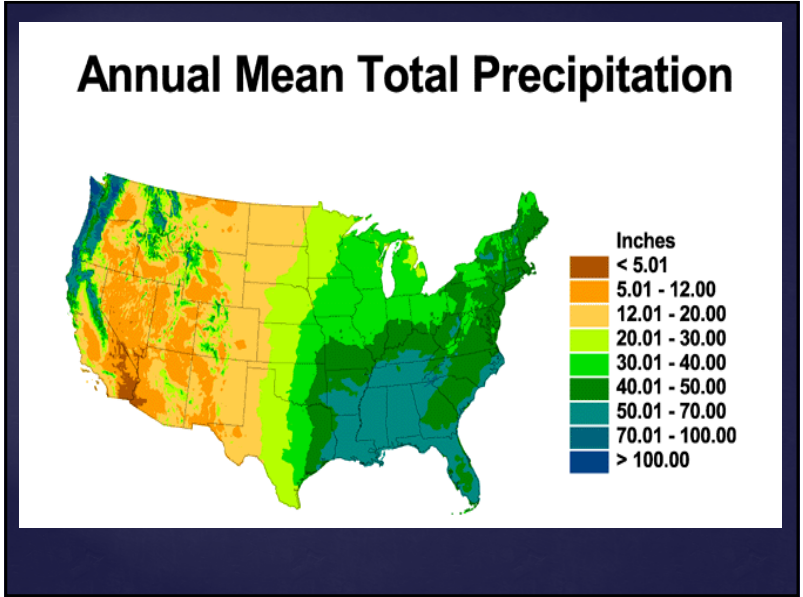
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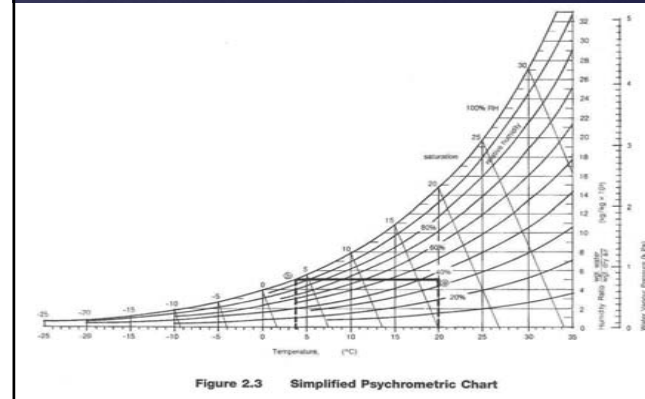


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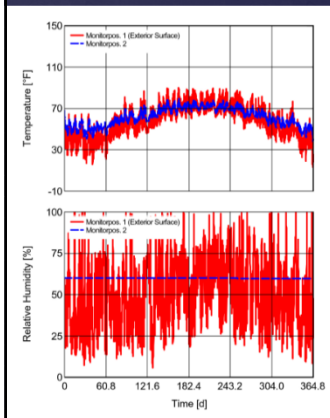


THE TOOLS FOR SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS

Psychrometric Chart



Transient Hygrothermal Analysis



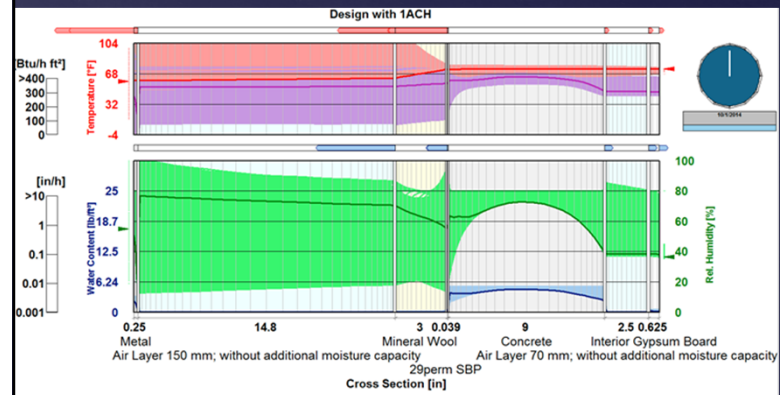
WUFI-ORNL/IBP is a menu-driven PC program which allows realistic calculation of the transient coupled one-dimensional heat and moisture transport in multi-layer building components exposed to natural weather. It is based on the newest findings regarding vapor diffusion and liquid transport in building materials and has been validated by detailed comparison with measurements obtained in the laboratory and on outdoor testing fields.

<http://www.ornl.gov/sci/btc/apps/moisture/>

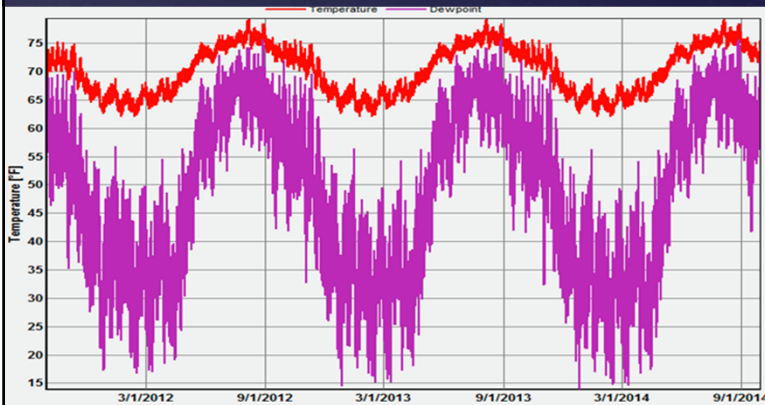
8760 Hour Calculations

WUFI Pro 5.0

Hygrothermal Modeling



Hygrothermal Modeling

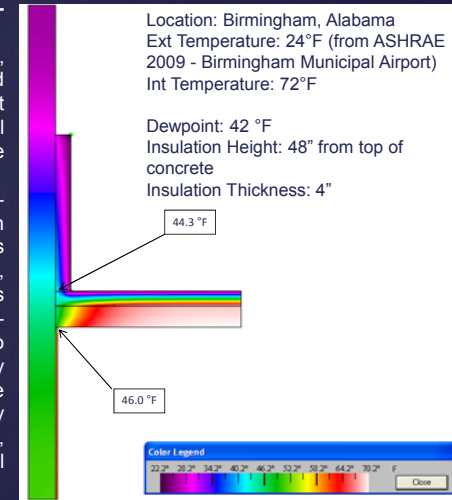


Graph 4: Temperature and Dewpoint vs Time - Exterior face of WRB

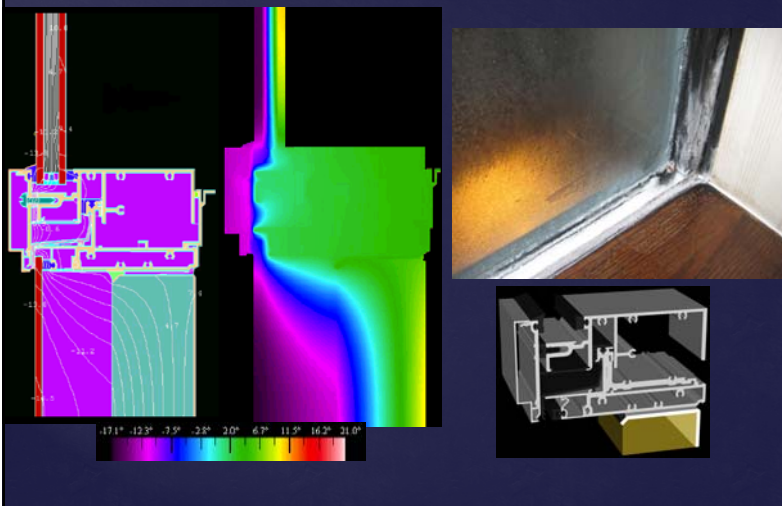
Heat Transfer Simulation

Two-Dimensional Building Heat-Transfer Modeling

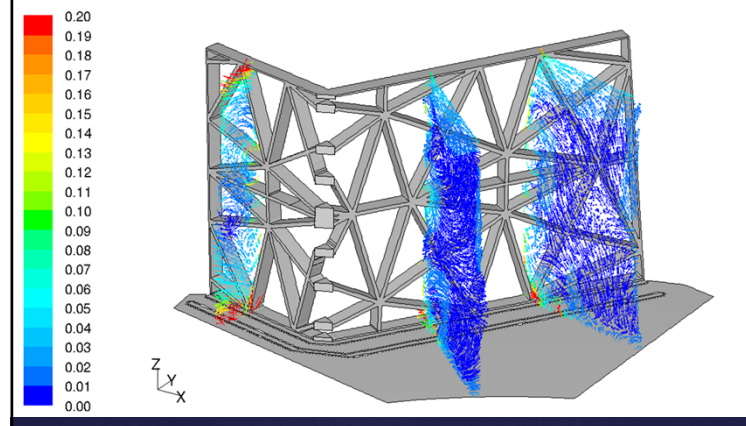
THERM is a state-of-the-art, Microsoft Windows™-based computer program developed at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) for those interested in heat transfer. Using THERM, you can model two-dimensional heat-transfer effects in building components such as windows, walls, foundations, roofs, and doors; where thermal bridges are of concern. THERM's heat-transfer analysis allows you to evaluate a product's energy efficiency and local temperature patterns, which may relate directly to problems with condensation, moisture damage, and structural integrity.



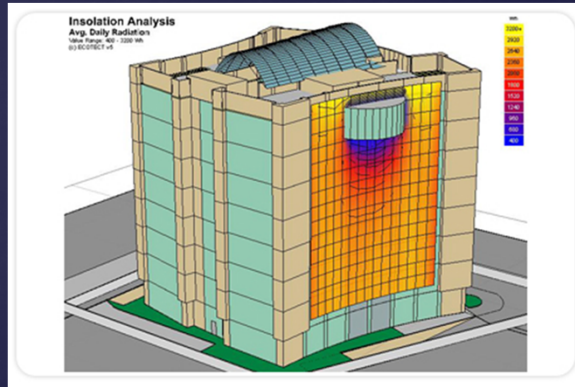
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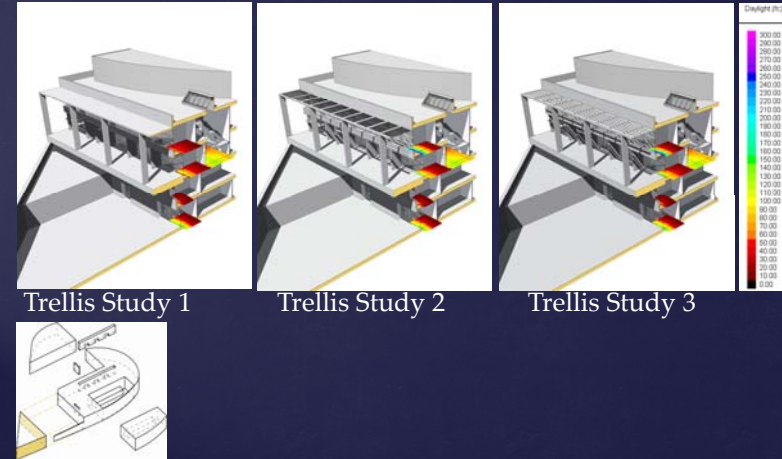
Computation Fluid Dynamics



Solar Insolation

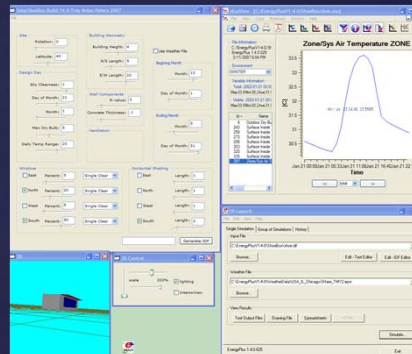


Footcandle mapping, IES VE and Ecotect



Energy Plus Life Cycle Costing

- Replacing lamps
- Replacing fixtures
- Adding lighting controls
- Replacing mechanical plant
- Upgrading mechanical controls
- Adding insulation
- Reducing air infiltration
- Upgrading windows

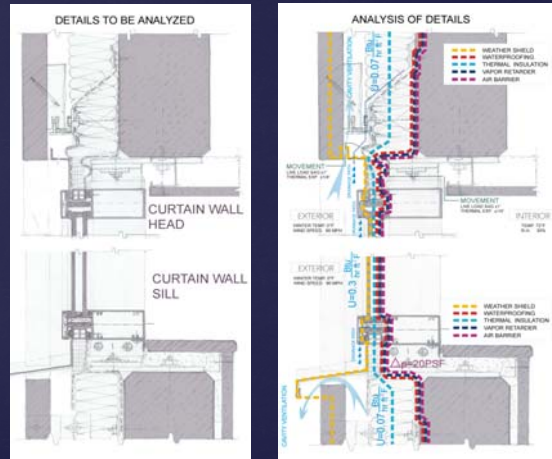


Scientific Analysis

Building science and building physics modeling for many conditions:

- Building Energy Consumption Modeling
- Icing, snow buildup
- Structural analysis
- Movement analysis, deflection
- Rate of curvature
- Panel size optimization

PENCIL TEST: Continuity of barriers



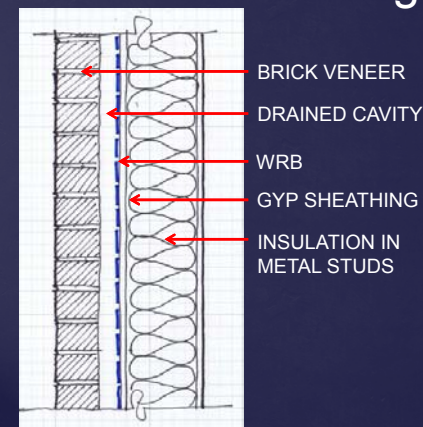
HIGH PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES FOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS

New Challenges

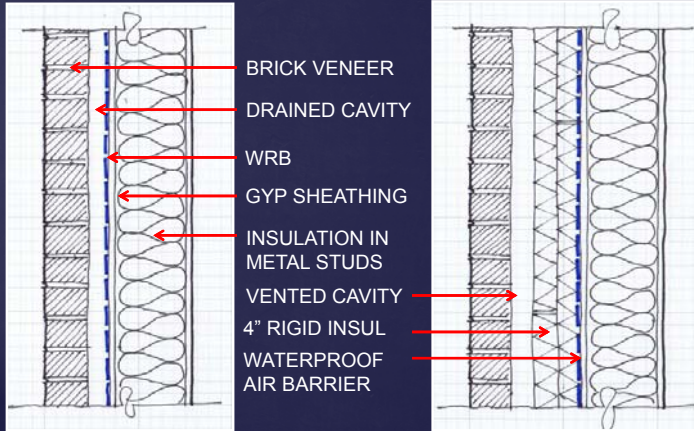
Understand how increased insulation changes the performance of even time proven materials and wall assemblies.



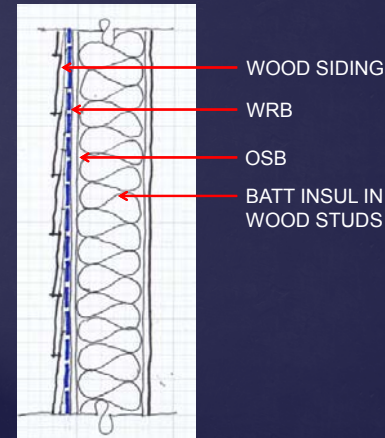
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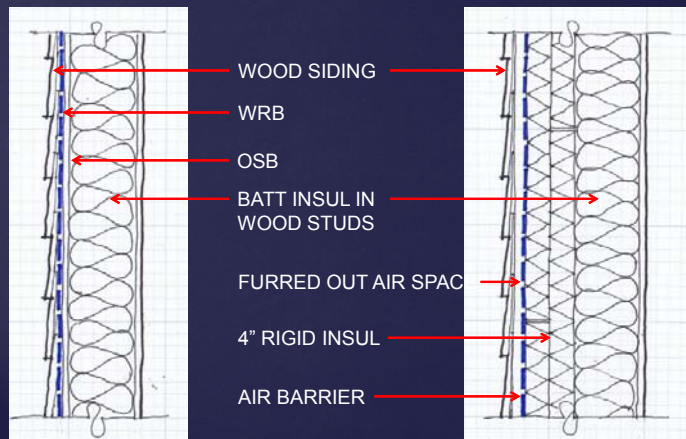
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Wood Siding Changes



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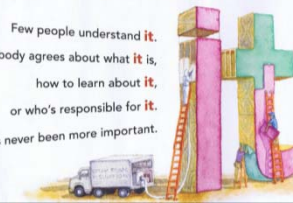


Building Science

IT?

The Trouble With Building Science

Few people understand it.
Nobody agrees about what it is,
how to learn about it,
or who's responsible for it.
It has never been more important.



After World War II, mass-made building materials such as plywood and dual-pane windows tightened up our houses, making them less drafty and more comfortable. But the air leaks that existed in houses were not all bad. For one thing, warm air leaking into walls and roofs helped to dry any moisture that was already there, whether from water pipes, flooding, or roof flashing. Perhaps more important, these air leaks also were ventilating our houses. Fresh air entered houses through leaks (unintentional around foundations and floors). Despite these changes, our houses continued to perform reasonably well through the 1960s. We didn't have major problems with air or mold. And then in the 1970s, the energy crisis hit.

Building science moves to the forefront
When the cost of heating our houses skyrocketed, we did our maximum to heat them more efficiently. We began to experiment—space-seal, active solar, superinsulation, double walls, Larson trusses, rattle-free houses—which meant that we had to ask some tricky, what-ifs, and why. As a result, scientists became interested in houses. In 1977, an engineer at Princeton University named G. Kenneth Dotson

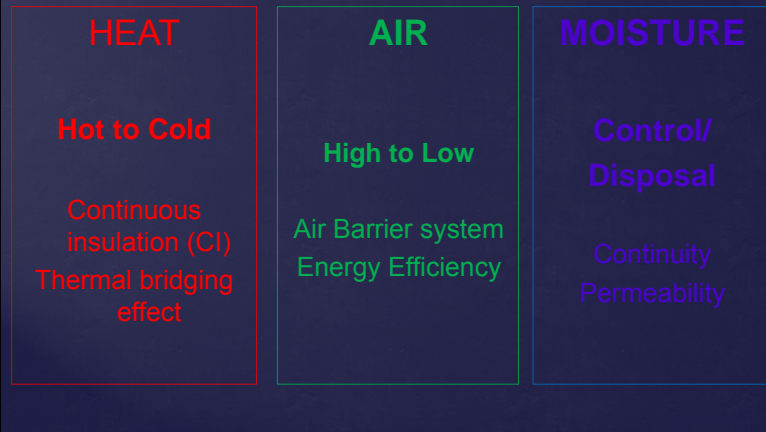
energy efficiency and lower utility bills. While houses were being sold increasingly air-sealed to save money for air-tightness.

We also had our first catastrophic failures, and the next day, we had more catastrophic failures. Super-tight houses became uncomfortable, moldy and wet. These failures helped us to realize the same energy, they also need ventilation. About 1980, the U.S. Department of Energy was established, an research lab was set up in Berkeley in California and in California began to study houses. Residential building science was finally recognized as a serious field. It didn't happen, though, in the mid-1980s, and it

entire energy efficiency wizard, research funding dried up. Building science was not critical in the 1990s. In Canada and many European countries, and in Sweden, interest in building science (from physics) continued unabated, spurred on largely by the 1980s. In 1984, for instance, the U.S. home-builders' industry began to study houses, but the Swedish Research center never did. In the mid-1980s, it

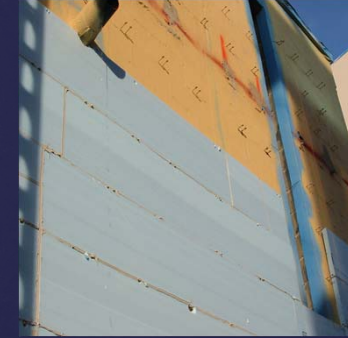
Fine Homebuilding, No 227, Summer 2012
Article by Kevin Ireton

Basics: H.A.M.



New Challenges

The design and construction industry still has to come to more established understanding of the definitions, applications and combinations of water-resistant barriers, air barriers and vapor retarders as control layers in the enclosure assembly.



New Challenges

The definitions, applications and combinations of water-resistant barriers, air barriers and vapor retarders as control layers in the enclosure assembly.

Control Layers

Air Barriers: Materials or combinations of materials that form a continuous envelope around all sides of the conditioned space to resist the passage of air.

- All joints, seams, transitions, penetrations and gaps shall be sealed.
- Capable of withstanding combined positive and negative wind load, fan and stack pressure without damage or displacement.
- At least as durable as overlying construction.
- Detailed to accommodate anticipated building movement.

Control Layers

Vapor Barriers and Retarders: Without industry-wide consensus, materials with a perm rating less than 1 are interchangeably called a vapor barrier or vapor retarder (IBC and IEC 2003 use "Vapor Retarder"). More important than the term is to understand basic principles:

- Moisture transport through holes and gaps in a vapor retarder are caused by air flow, not permeation.
- All materials have some greater or lesser degree of resistance to diffusion and their placement in an enclosure assembly, whether intended as a retarder or not, will affect wetting and more importantly drying of an assembly.

Definitions

- IBC 2009: Allows for Class I, II or III in various locations.
 - Class I = Polyethylene or aluminum foil.
 - Class II = Kraft-faced batts or paint with perm rating 0.1 – 1.0
 - Class III = Latex or Enamel Paint

Control Layers

Water-Resistive Barrier: Materials or combinations of materials that form a continuous layer under veneer layers in wall assemblies to resist the penetration of liquid water and direct any water that penetrates to the exterior.

- Defined as ASTM D 226 Type 1, No.15 Asphalt felt with flashing in code.
- No commonly defined performance characteristics.

Air Barriers/Vapor Retarders

Air Barrier

- May or may not be a vapor barrier.
- System to resist the movement of air through an enclosure assembly.
- Must resist structural loading.
- Multiple air barriers allowable
- Located anywhere within the assembly

Vapor Retarder

- Membrane to resist the passage of water vapor, typically designated as less than 1 Perm.
- Typical kraft paper or plastic sheet vapor retarders will not perform adequately as an air barrier.
- VR must be carefully located in assembly based on insulation and relationship to indoor and outdoor climate conditions
- Avoid multiple vapor retarders

Air Barriers/Water-resistive Barriers

Air Barrier

- May or may not be a WRB.
- Must resist structural loading.
- Multiple air barriers allowable
- Located anywhere within the assembly

Water-resistive Barrier

- May or may not be an AB.
- Typically building felts or house wrap
- Usually not a VR
- Only one layer.
- Must be located immediately behind siding or insulation
- Not sufficiently strong or structurally anchored to resist wind loads.

Air Barrier Materials

Common Air Barrier Materials

- Concrete
- Gypsum Drywall
- Plywood
- Ext. Gypsum Sheathing
- Closed cell rigid insulations, extruded polystyrene
- Fully adhered Roofing membranes
- Aluminum and steel
- Sheet Metal Flashing
- Glass
- Some Building Wraps

Common Materials not AB

- CMU
- Brick
- Open cell rigid insulation, expanded polystyrene
- Batt and blanket insulation
- Building Felts
- Some Building Wraps
- Plastic sheets
- Wood fiber board sheathing
- Tongue and Groove sheathing
- Sprayed cellulose insulation
- Asphaltic Dampproofing

Generic Wall Air Barrier Systems

- Airtight Drywall Approach
- Sealed Sheathing
 - Plywood
 - Siliconized Gypsum Sheathing
 - Rigid Insulation
- Building Wraps, taped
- Concrete, Pre-cast Concrete
- Membranes
 - Fluid-applied
 - Peel and Stick
 - Torched
- Sheet Metal Air Barriers
- Spray polyurethane foam

Generic Roof/Ceiling AB Systems

- Airtight Drywall Approach
- Membranes on Structural Deck under shingles or metal panel.
- Vapor Barriers in compact low-slope roofing.
- Low-slope fully-adhered roof membranes.
- Spray polyurethane foam

Generic Below-grade AB Systems

- Concrete slab-on-grade.
- Concrete Foundation Walls
- Foundation Waterproofing membranes

New Challenges

Difficulties of achieving new airtightness criteria for the building enclosure and the impact on indoor air quality.

Air Infiltration & Exfiltration

- Infiltrating air cannot be treated or controlled
- Promotes energy waste, increased condensation & envelope deterioration.
- Can disrupt or overpower HVAC systems.
- Places limitations on control of noise, fire and smoke.
- Is a major cause of rain penetration
- Disrupts ability to control indoor humidity
- Disrupts interior HVAC design pressures (comfort, infection control and IAQ problems)
- Air leakage due to doors and windows only 20%, walls and roofs are 80%.



Airtightness

Definition for Whole Building Airtightness:

- Leaky: 0.60cfm/sf
- Average: 0.30cfm/sf
- Tight: 0.10cfm/sf

Per ASHRAE Fundamentals 2005

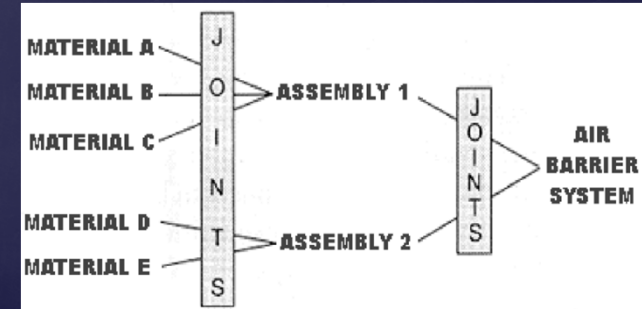
Measured at 75 pascals, 1.56psf, 25mph wind

Air Tightness

- ASHRAE 189
- ASHRAE 90.1/GSA = 0.4 cfm/ ft² (2.0 L/s/m²) at a pressure differential of 0.3" w.g.(75 Pa)
- Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) = 0.25 cfm/ ft² (2.0 L/s/m²) at a pressure differential of 0.3" w.g.(75 Pa)
- Green building Code IBC

Airtightness Requirements, ASHRAE 90.1

- MATERIALS: ASTM E 2178 **0.004** cfm/sf @ 0.3" w.g.
- ASSEMBLY: ASTM E 1677 : **0.04** cfm/sf @ 0.3" w.g.
- WHOLE BUILDING: ASTM E 799 : **0.4** cfm/sf @ 0.3" w.g.



Air Flow

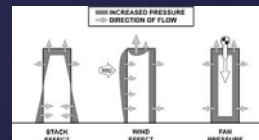
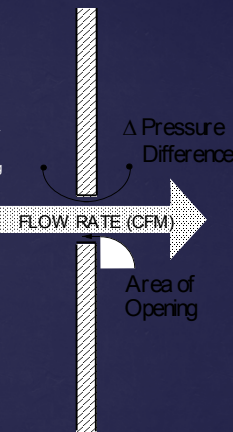
IF AN ELECTRIC OUTLET HAS AN AIR LEAKAGE AREA OF 625 sq.mm (1 sq. in.)

- $\Delta P = 10$ Pa (0.2 lb./sq.ft. or 10 mph wind) sustained for one month:

$$Q = 780 \times A \times \Delta P^{0.5}$$

- 2600 cu m. (91818 cu ft.) of air = 3000 kg air (6614 lb)
- $3000 \times .0046$ (kg/kg air) = 14 kg water (31 lb)
- If 10% were to remain in the wall, 1.4 kg (3.1 lb) or 49.6 / 211 = 233

233 times more water accumulates from air leakage than accumulates than by diffusion (Quirouette, 1985)



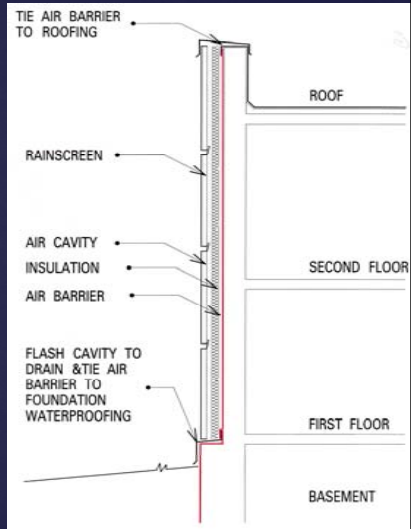
Air Flow Rate is Determined by:

- Hole or Pathway Area
- Pressure Difference Between Both Sides

Common Air Barrier defects

- Open splice joints
- Gaps at perimeter of windows
- Gaps at floor slabs
- Gaps at the underside of steel deck or other floor structures
- Gaps behind spandrel beams
- Voids at outlets or other penetrations

Air Barrier Continuity

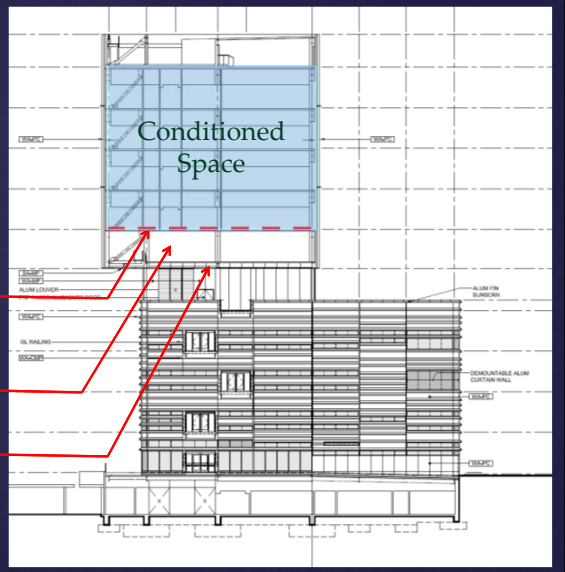


Air Barrier Continuity



Air Barrier Continuity

Think about all surfaces



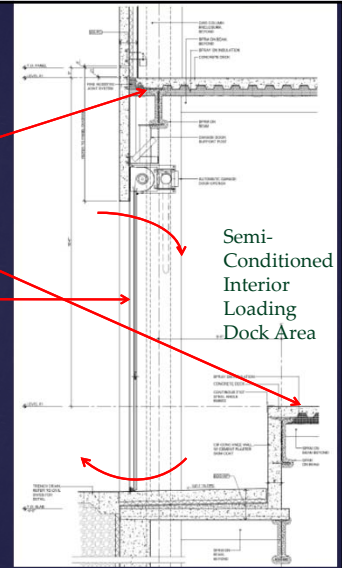
Air Barrier Continuity

Move air barrier line to limits of truck dock

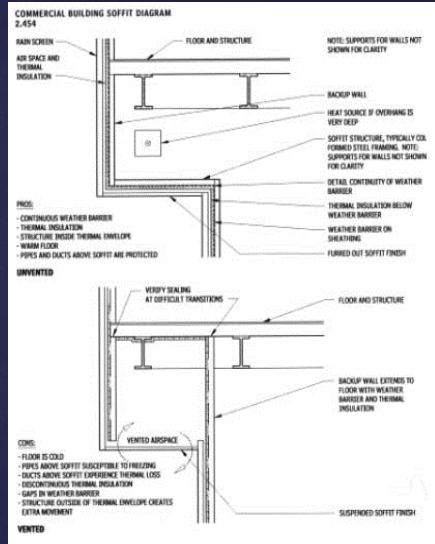
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Air Leaks

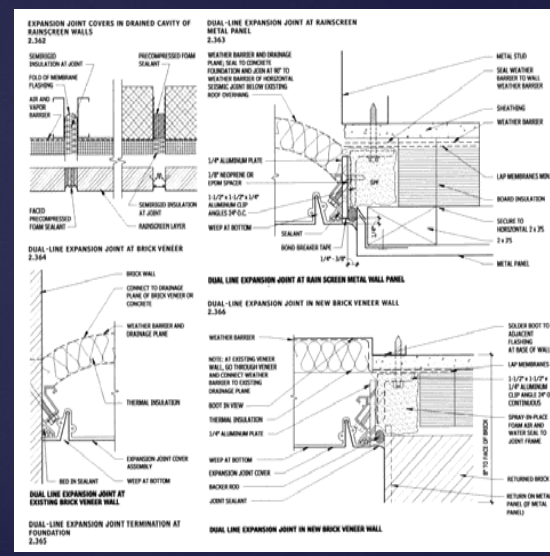
Think about areas where it is difficult to control air leakage.



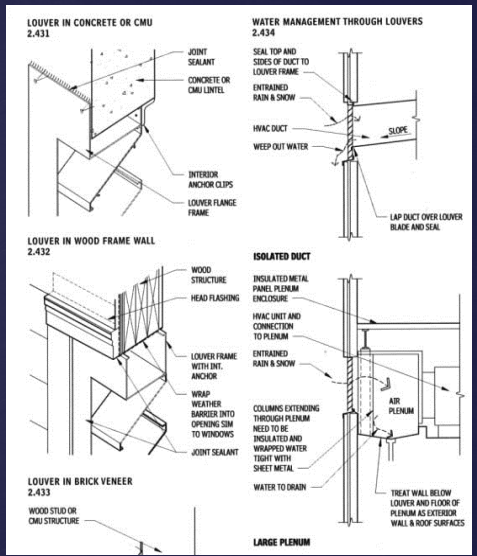
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Expansion Joints

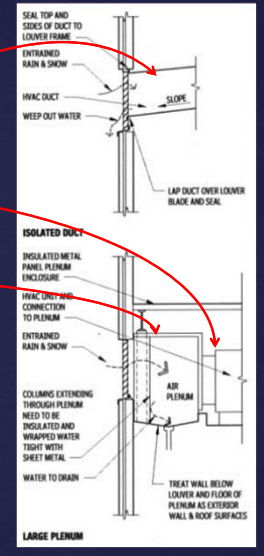


Louvers

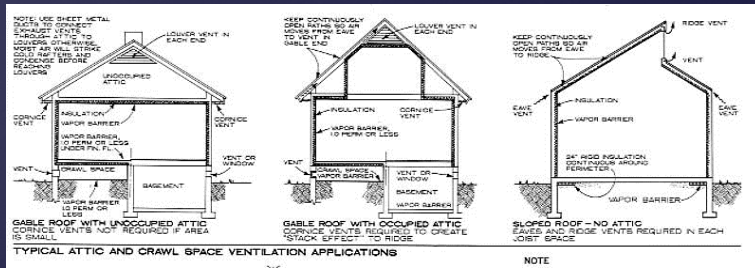


Louvers

Make ducts air tight back to air handler.
 Make plenum behind louvers air and watertight.

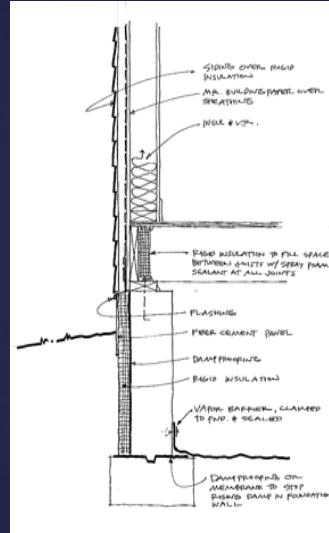
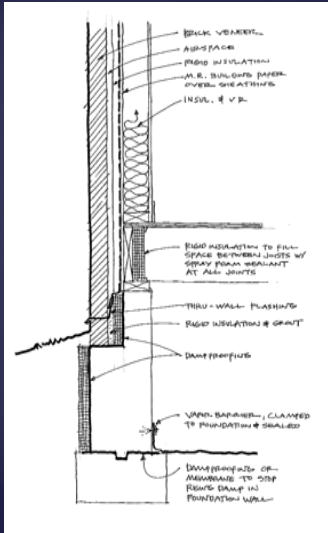
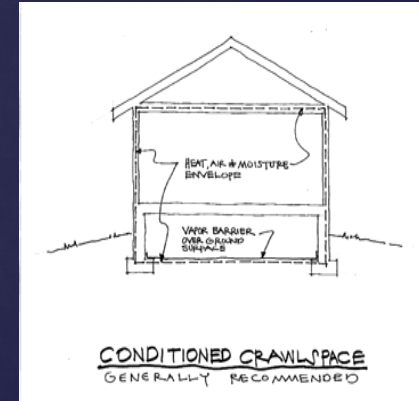


Attic Ventilation



Crawlspace Ventilation

Crawlspace part of the conditioned interior environment



Attention to New Details



Attention to New Details

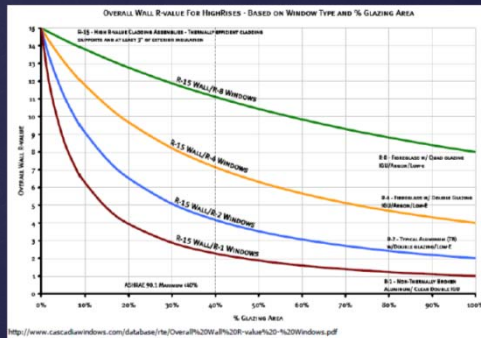


Attention to New Details



New Challenges

Highly insulating windows at approximately 40% wall/window ratio can deliver a net energy gain

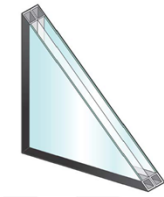


High Performance Windows

Glazing and window frames have changed substantially in 40 years.



- Circa 1962 windows, 6 inches deep
- R-value: 1.75, SHGC: 0.50, VT: 0.47
- 1662 windows, 60,000 sqft total

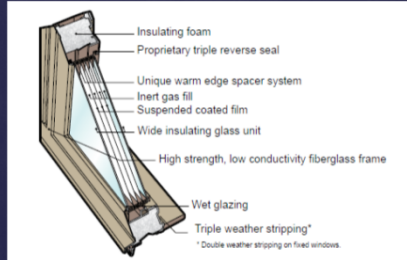


SCF IGU Package

- SG 8 3/16_SB60
- R-value: 7.7, SHGC: 0.34, VT: 0.63
- Interior Glazing retrofit, \$4/sqft labor
- Product cost in volume, \$7.21/sqft

High Performance Windows

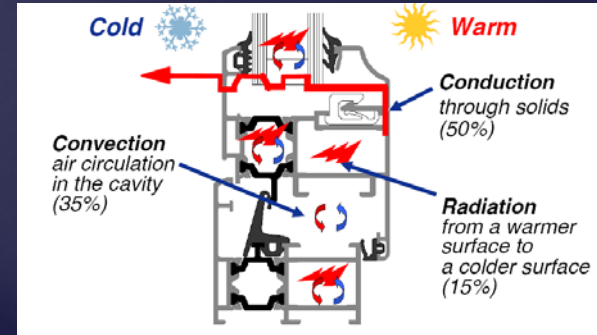
- Multiple air spaces between glass/film layers
- Multiple low-e coatings
- Thermally isolated frames
- Highly gasketed
- Warm edge spacers
- Inert gas filling



Series 1125 window illustrated

Thermal Breaks

Need to control modes of heat transfer



Thermal Breaks - Evolution

| Before 2002 | 2002-2006 | 2006-2010 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Polyurethane thermal break common | Standard polyamide strips 20 to 30mm | Multi-function polyamide strips >30mm | Custom polyamide strips > 40mm |
| .63 Btu/hr-ft ² -F | .39 Btu/hr-ft ² -F | .37 Btu/hr-ft ² -F | .32 Btu/hr-ft ² -F |
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High Performance Window Rating



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NFRC 100-2010⁽⁰⁴⁴⁾

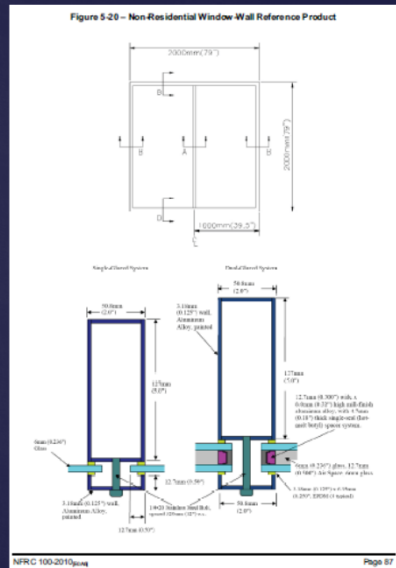
Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product U-factors

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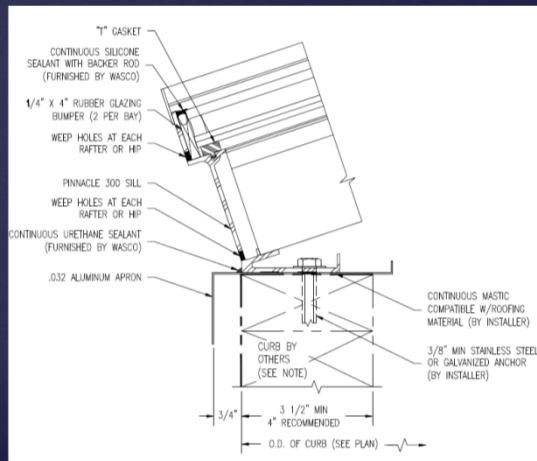


New Challenges, Curtain Wall

Aluminum and Glass Curtain Wall will not likely deliver a highly insulating wall, no matter what you do to the spandrel area.

- No matter how well the spandrel is insulated the wall performance is horrible.
 - Assume 100' long by 12' high typical office building wall with 7' of R-3 glass and 5' of R-20 spandrel insulation.
- $(100 \times 7 \times .33) + (100 \times 5 \times .05) / 1200 = .21$ or **R 4.8**
- The aluminum mullions are inherent heat sinks, lowers true R even more.
- If you cover the aluminum mullions with insulation then the condensation resistance is likely compromised.

New Challenges, Skylights



New Challenges, Skylights

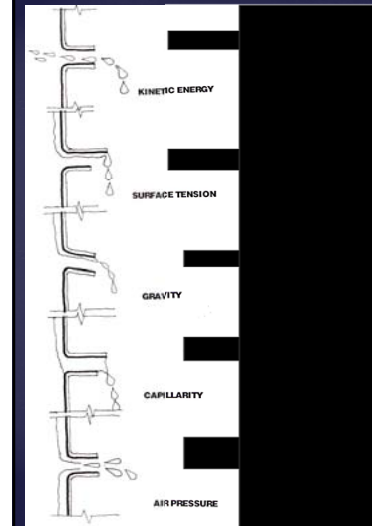
Aluminum and Glass Skylights are just as bad insulators as curtain wall, but in a location where even more R-value is needed.

- Leak Air by Design
- Difficult to keep waterproof.
- Create cold convection loops affecting occupant comfort.
- Condensation is always an issue.
- Glare and overheating.

New Challenges, Rainscreens

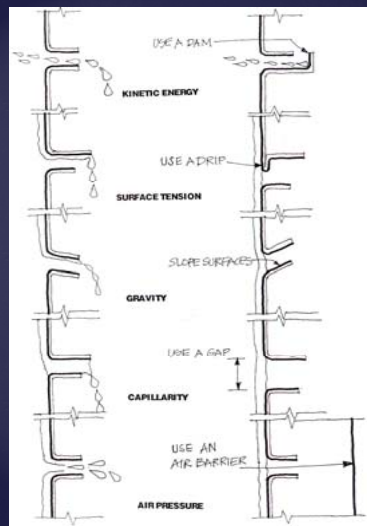
The false panacea of “rainscreen” walls.

- “Rainscreen” was (at least initially) the shortened version of “Pressure-equalized rainscreen”
- PE-Rainscreen systems counteracted all forces driving water through a wall AT THE EXTERIOR FACE.
- Simple, square open joints, or just partially open materials do not stop water at exterior face and simply force the waterproofing function to an inner layer.

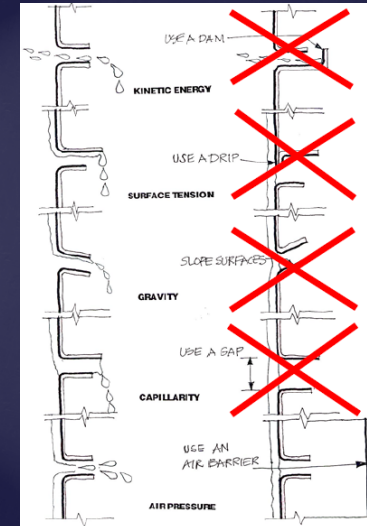


Forces Driving water Through the Wall

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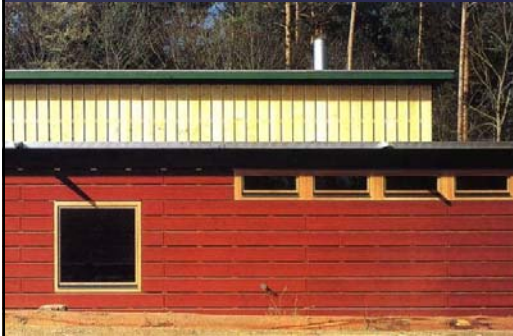


Forces Driving water Through the Wall
And
The Methods to Counteract them



Open joint systems fail to address one or more of the methods to stop water penetration.

Rainscreen Misconceptions



New Challenges

The New Wonder Materials, maybe maybe not

Spray Foam Insulation

- Can be very good for thermal control.
- Unsure as air barrier and WRB.
- Understand proper use of open cell, closed cell and the various densities available.
- Understand the chemistry and verify how long that exact chemistry has been on the market.
- Does it really stick to everything with little or no surface prep? Gyp Sheathing, Plywood and OSB, probably. Metal studs, maybe not.
- Many onsite quality control issues, doing sensitive chemistry in a mud hole?
- Extremely sensitive to temperature and the ability of substrates to absorb heat.
- See Journal of Light Construction, March 2012, "Trouble Shooting Spray Foam"

New Challenges

The New Wonder Materials, maybe maybe not

Radiant Barriers

- Only work in hot climates, if at all.
- Cannot stop conduction! There is no R-value for a paper thin shiny film. There is no science for "equivalent R-value."
- Must have an air space.
- What happens when they get dusty?

New Challenges

Equivalent, Effective, or Mass-enhanced R-Value.....No Such Thing

R = ratio of the temperature difference across an insulator and the heat transfer per unit area.

Claims for products with large R-values but not based on any actual science

- Radiant Barriers.
- Continuous Insulation.
- Green Roofs
- Log Homes
- Insulating concrete forms
- Insulated CMU

New Challenges

The New Wonder Materials, maybe maybe not

- Taped together WRB or back-up wall assemblies
 - Tape is not shingled for flow of water.
 - How long will tape last inside the wall.
 - Are the products as marketed subject to any realistic quality control from the manufacturer?
 - Is the system still affordable if it undergoes rigorous QA/QC.

Green Roofs?

Dirt is a bad insulator!!!!!!

- Main energy benefits appear to come from evapotranspiration.
- Highest energy savings in hot and rainy climates.
- High maintenance and high first cost.
- Be very careful about the waterproofing, pay attention to physics.
- Effective at run-off control, but an expensive solution.
- Irrigation and fertilization may compromise other sustainable benefits



Green Roofs?

Great aesthetics and visual comfort for people who look down on a green roof.



<http://www.wbdg.org/resources/greenroofs.php?r=envelope>

Cool Roofs?

Great energy saving benefit for cooling driven buildings.

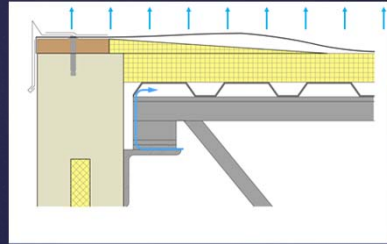
- Better for hot climates.
- In cooler climates may lead to moisture accumulation due to reduced drying potential.
- Presence of vapor barrier may exacerbate problem.

**CONDENSATION
PROBLEMS
IN
COOL ROOFS**

By Christian Bludau, Daniel Zirkelbach, and Hartwig M. Künzel

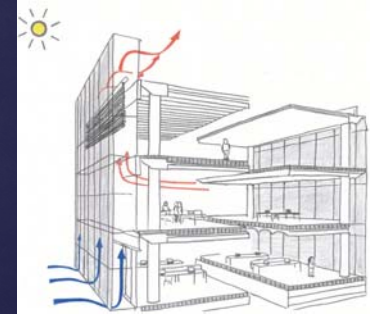
Cool Roofs?

- Pillowing of mechanically attached roof membranes pump interior air into the assembly.



New Challenges

Why double facades are rarely a good solution.



Double Facades

- Challenges:
- Expensive, \$200psf and up.
- Very Low-R value, -R-10 versus R-30+
- More glass than necessary for daylighting.
- Successful precedent frequently used in a milder climate, with natural ventilation and narrow floorplates.
- Requires very sophisticated analysis.

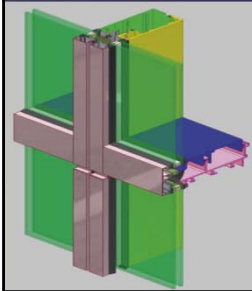
Double Facades

Re-skins can be a potential use for double facades:



New Challenges

Improved detailing for air, thermal and moisture control.



Short Circuits and Leaks

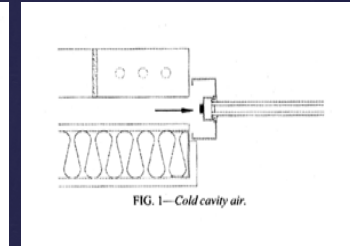
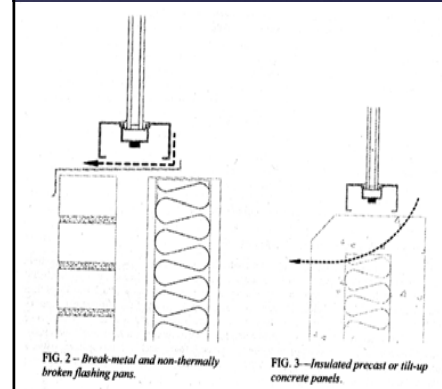
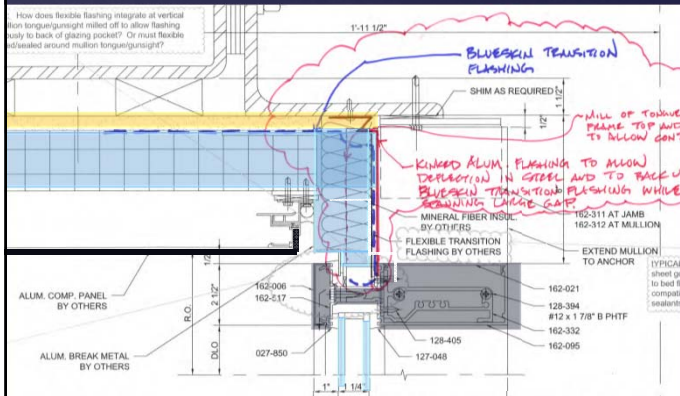


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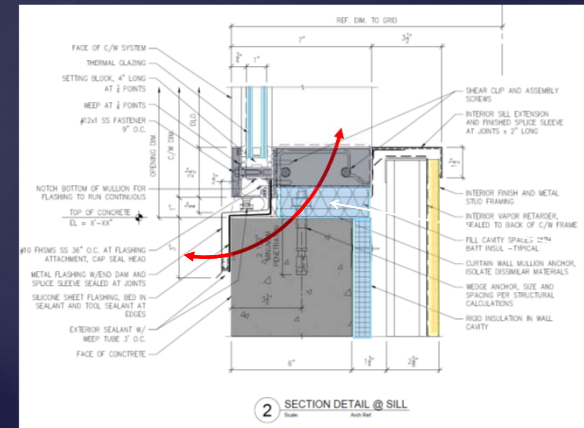
FIG. 2—Break-metal and non-thermally broken flashing pans.

FIG. 3—Insulated precast or tilt-up concrete panels.

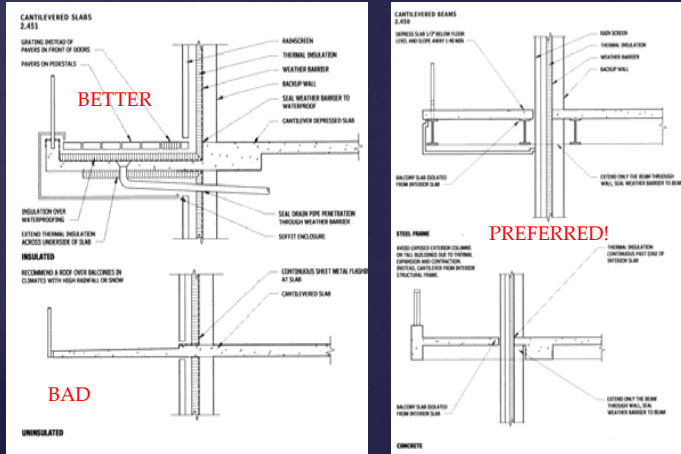
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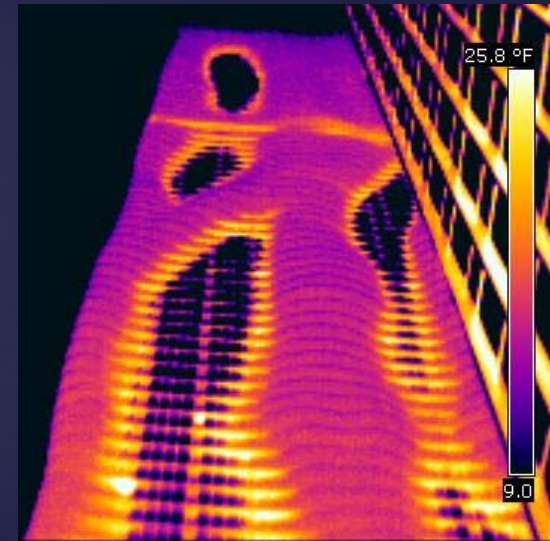
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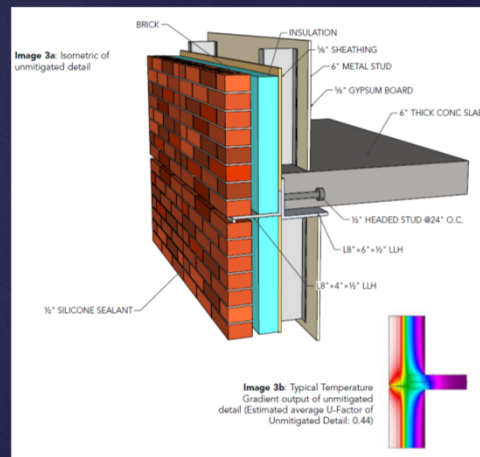
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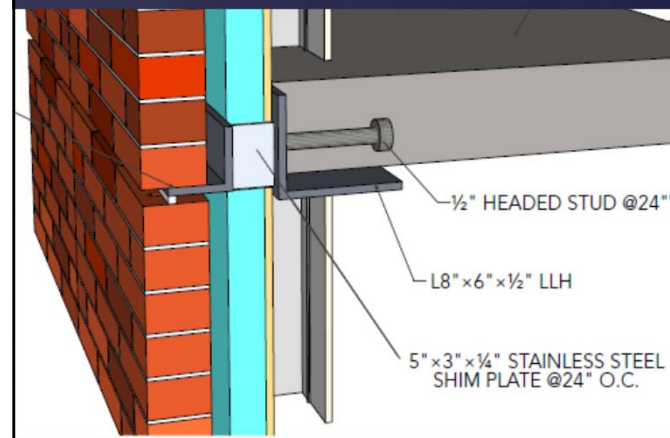
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Shelf Angles



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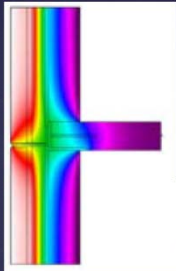


Image 3b: Typical Temperature Gradient output of unmitigated detail (Estimated average U-Factor of Unmitigated Detail: 0.44)

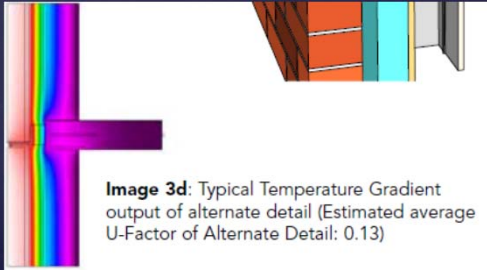


Image 3d: Typical Temperature Gradient output of alternate detail (Estimated average U-Factor of Alternate Detail: 0.13)

Steel Detailing

**Thermal Bridging Solutions:
Minimizing Structural Steel's Impact
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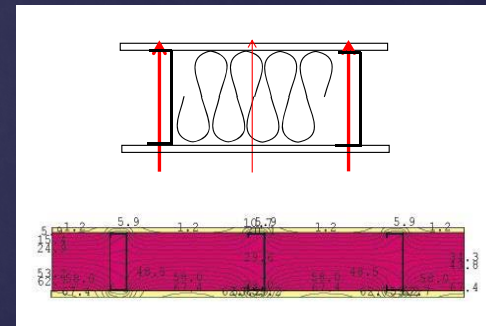
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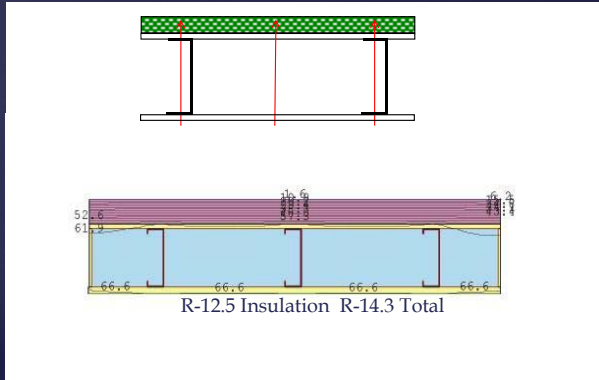
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Insulation in the Stud Space

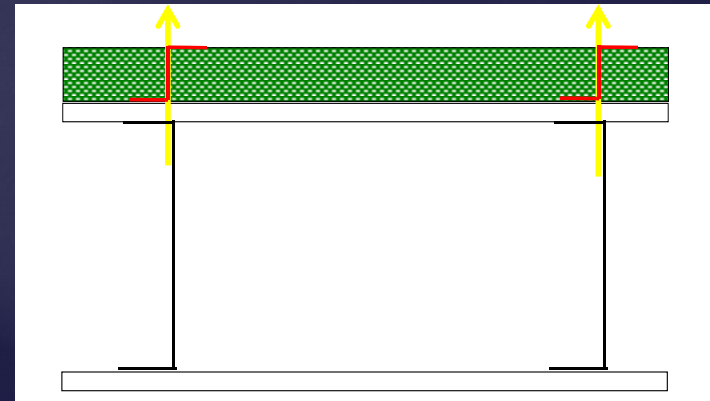


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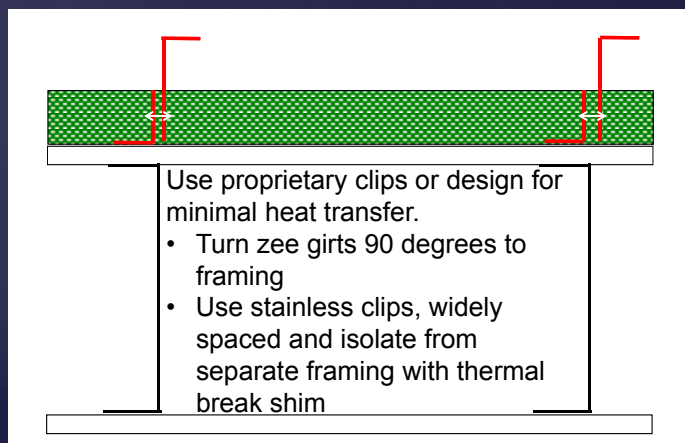
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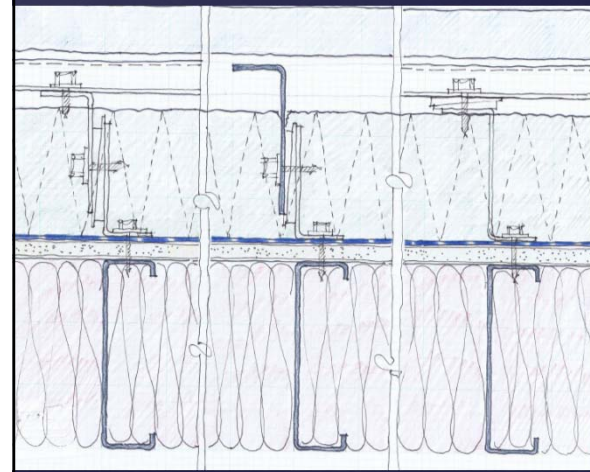
If it is not Continuous Insulation, it is NOT the Solution



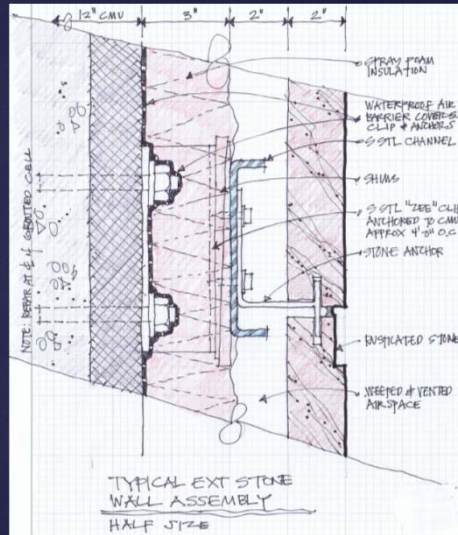
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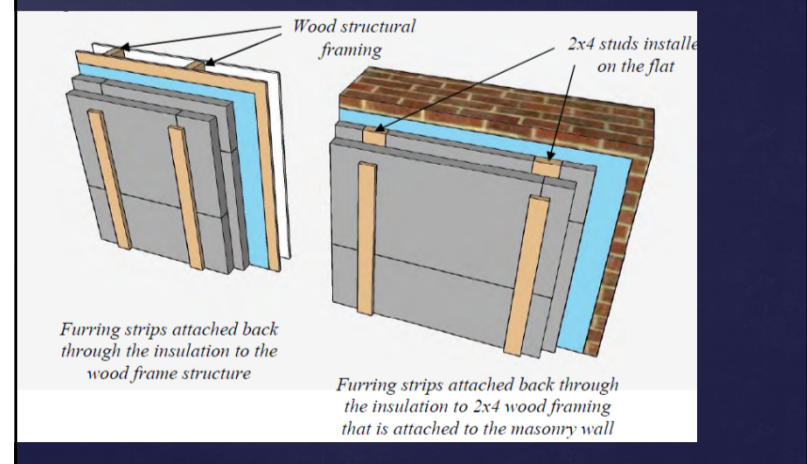
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Continuous Insulation



Continuous Insulation

The impact of large amounts of insulation in the wall assembly.

- Changes to wetting/drying cycles (old solutions may no longer work)
- Changes to detailing.
- Changes to combustibility. - NFPA 285
- Eliminates/reduces thermal bridges
- Move condensation potential outside of framed wall area
- Increases building cost through increased structural needs, perhaps offset by reduced HVAC system.

Continuous Insulation

What types of continuous insulation, pros and cons

- Extruded polystyrene (XPS)
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS)
- Polyisocyanurate
- Foam-in-Place Insulation
 - Spray Polyurethane Foam, Open and Closed cell
 - Icynene
- Semi-rigid Mineral Wool

Continuous Insulation

Wall systems with continuous insulation

- Barrier Wall Assemblies - EIFS
- Drainage Plane Wall Assemblies
 - EIFS
 - Stucco
- Drained Cavity Walls
- Pressure-Equalized Walls

Continuous Insulation

Air Infiltration Interrelationship

- The importance of control of air movement.
- Energy code increased requirements
- Pending building air infiltration testing
- Air washing of insulation

NFPA 285

History of the test

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NFPA 285, 2009 and older IBC

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NFPA 285, 2012 IBC

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NFPA 285

Requirements of a “systems” test versus component requirements.

- Why not a component approach as code allows for use foam plastic insulation in non-combustible roof assemblies?
- The choice of every layer of wall, and especially the WRB/air barrier will be substantially reduced.
- Cost of testing will be borne by owners.

NFPA 285

Window penetration detailing.

Owens Corning Commercial Complete Wall System

NFPA 285

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NFPA 285

- The application of 285 to EIFS versus cavity walls.
- How do fully-sprinklered buildings change the requirements?

NFPA 285, How is the public protected

- The balance between energy efficiency and life safety.
 - Foam Plastic provided the highest R-value per inch.
 - Increasing cavity size for low-R insulation increases cost more.
- Why is foam plastic allowed on the inside face of exterior walls without a 285 test?
- What are the risks?
 - Loss history?
 - Construction phase versus full occupancy.
- Follow the money
 - Proprietary systems versus commodity products.
 - Extra cost to owners for materials and extra testing.
 - How are the codes influenced by manufacturers?

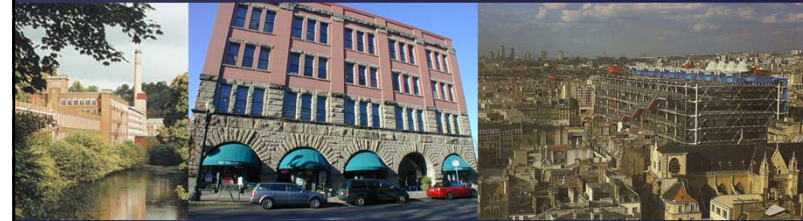
New Challenges for Systems Integration

The HVAC systems must change along with the enclosure.

- Indoor Air Quality
- Downsize AC to control humidity?
- Separate dehumidification?
- Requires careful and controlled ventilation with heat recovery.
- Integrate daylighting

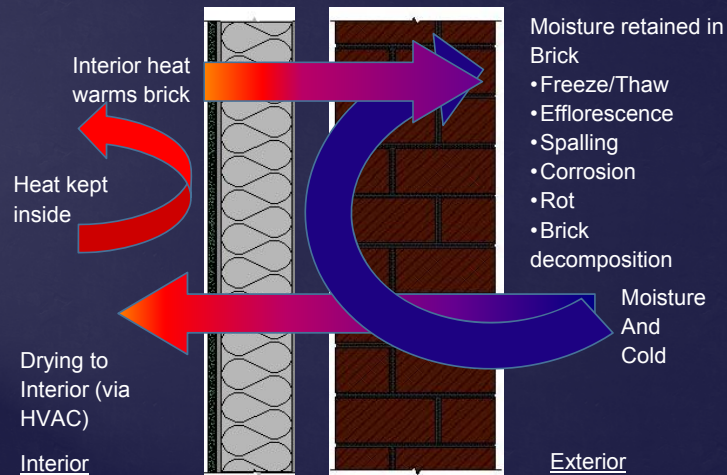
New Challenges for Existing Buildings

Investigate the special challenges to updating the stock of existing buildings for improved enclosure performance.



Hygrothermal Changes

Moisture migration affected by adding insulation . . .



Failure

Trapping moisture leads to . . .

1. Corrosion



Failure

Trapping moisture leads to . . .

2. Rot



Failure

Trapping moisture leads to . . .

3. Sub-florescence



Failure

Trapping moisture leads to . . .

4. Freeze / thaw spalling

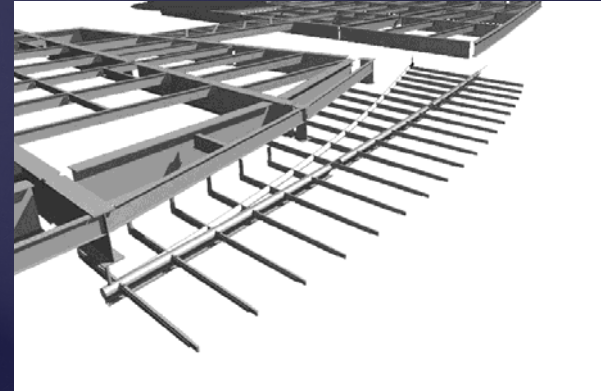


New Challenges: BIM

BIM

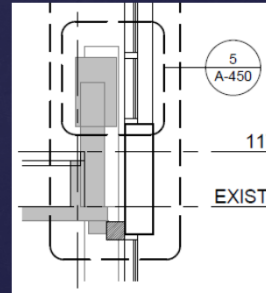
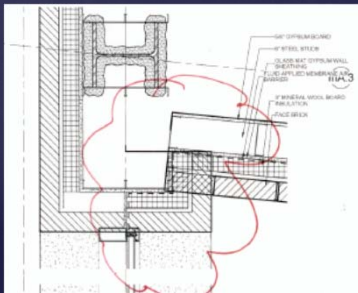
- Some models can be extracted into analysis tools for conceptual energy modeling and solar insolation studies.
- Some advanced BIM and parametric modeling can be useful to study difficult material intersections.

BIM provides for detailed study of complex geometries



Shortfalls of BIM

- Over reliance on the computer model.
- Too difficult to model details.



BIM

Future of BIM

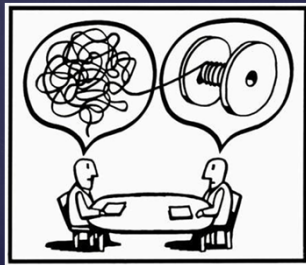
- Energy consumption impact may be instantaneous with changes to model.
- Rapid prototyping and mass-customization may help deliver enclosure materials and systems highly tuned for their use.

HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN PER PHASE

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❖ PRE DESIGN

Communication Between Owner and Team

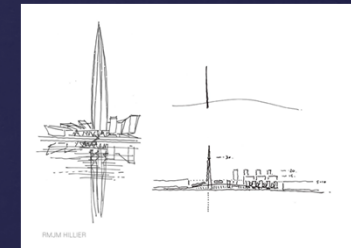


Build a Relationship over
Time

- Managing the Owner
- Working through quality, scope, cost and schedule issues takes time.
- Initial “wants” will be challenged by budget to determine ultimate “needs”.
- Criteria is frequently mutually exclusive. Find the right balance.
- Criteria for performance will evolve over time.

Pre-design

- ❖ Owner’s expectations, program.
- ❖ Site, geotechnical, and environmental, analysis
- ❖ Interior Environment Tolerances
- ❖ Corporate, institutional, and social goals.



Owner Project Requirements

The OPR produces a list documenting the requirements against which the Pre-Design, Design and Construction phases are executed.



The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: decide what you want.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Predesign

The Owner's Project Requirements

- ❖ Local climate; heating/cooling degree days, rainfall, snow, freeze/thaw, wind, sunlight, etc.
- ❖ Interior Uses and Conditions
- ❖ Ground Water, soil conditions, topography, run-off control.
- ❖ Energy Savings targets; U-value for assemblies, glazing performance, heat island mitigation,
- ❖ Fire-resistance, combustibility
- ❖ Lifespan and Durability
- ❖ Limits/Preferences on Materials; aesthetics, availability.
- ❖ Structural loading
- ❖ Fenestration Test Pressures
- ❖ Special Performance Attributes; acoustic, blast, seismic, security,
- ❖ Tolerance for Water and Moisture infiltration
- ❖ Owner's ability to operate and maintain building

HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN PER PHASE

❖ PRE DESIGN

❖ SCHEMATICS

Schematic Design

- ❖ Develop massing/orientation schemes and test for energy
- ❖ Develop alternative enclosure schemes and test for energy
- ❖ Perform moisture analyses
- ❖ Interaction with structure, HVAC, lighting
- ❖ Energy code analysis COMcheck EZ or DOE 2 whole building analysis.
- ❖ Impact of Cx on schedule and budget.



Schematic Design

- ❖ Select enclosure systems
- ❖ QA review typical enclosure details and outline specs
- ❖ Update OPR and Cx Plan
- ❖ Document, Basis of Design (BOD)



Schematic Design

Basis of Design

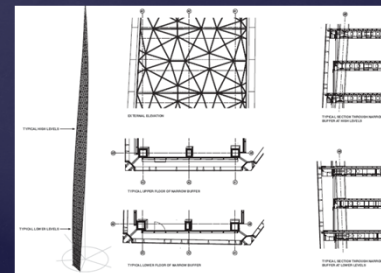
- Narrative descriptions of building exterior enclosure systems (e.g., roof, exterior walls, floors, windows, skylights, atria, thermal mass, etc.).
- A general description of the intent for each enclosure system with a statement of intent on how to meet the OPR. Concepts of integration of other building systems with the enclosure systems should be outlined.
- Descriptions of the schemes considered and the reasoning behind selection.
- The assumptions made in developing a design solution that fulfill the criteria in the Owner's Project Requirements document.
- Statements of how schematic design and the OPR balance scope, budget and installed performance of wall assemblies .
- For projects with specialized performance criteria (e.g. blast resistance or extremely high energy savings) more detailed descriptions of how the design addresses these criteria should be provided.

HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN PER PHASE

- ❖ PRE DESIGN
- ❖ SCHEMATICS
- ❖ DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

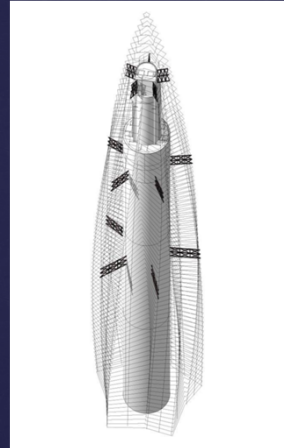
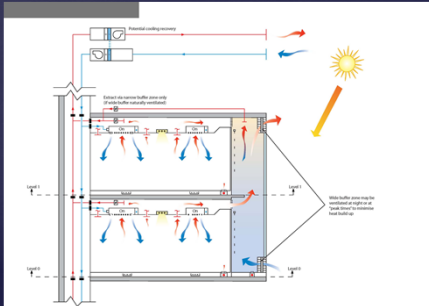
Design Development

Complete analysis and design of enclosure systems



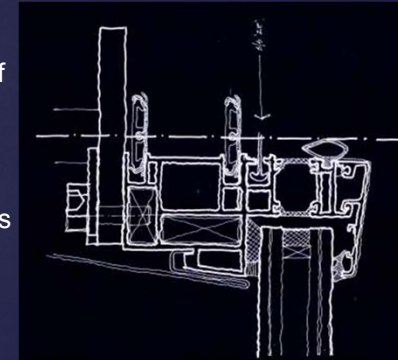
Design Development

Review interactions between systems



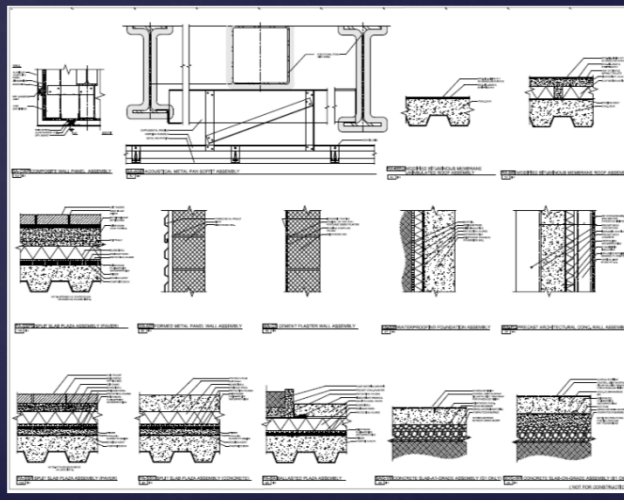
Design Development

- ❖ Develop typical details for enclosure systems
 - ❖ Full or half size details of the most typical conditions.
 - ❖ Start early in DDs
- ❖ Perform moisture analyses
- ❖ Refine energy code analysis



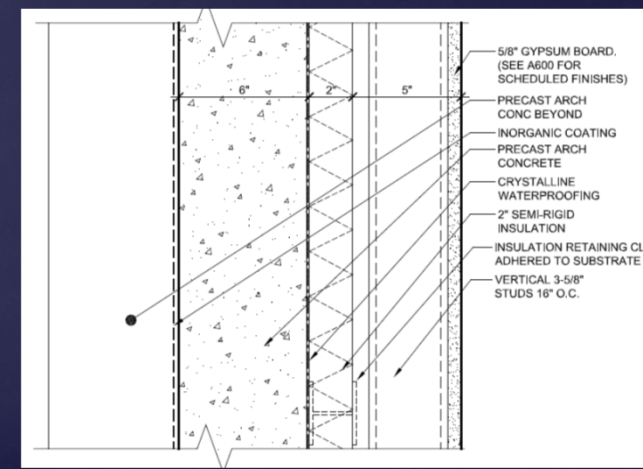
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Assembly Systems



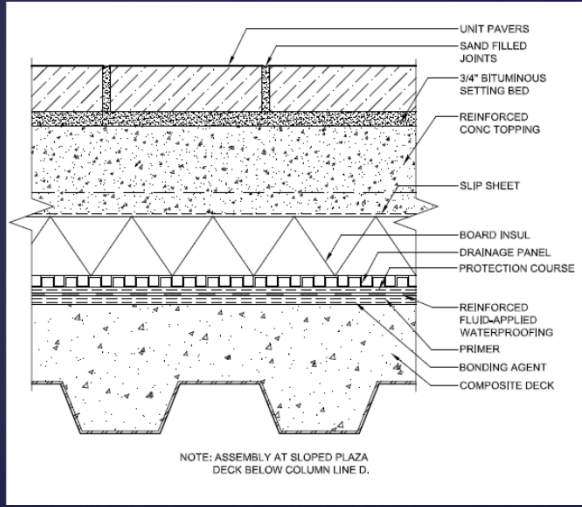
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Assembly Systems



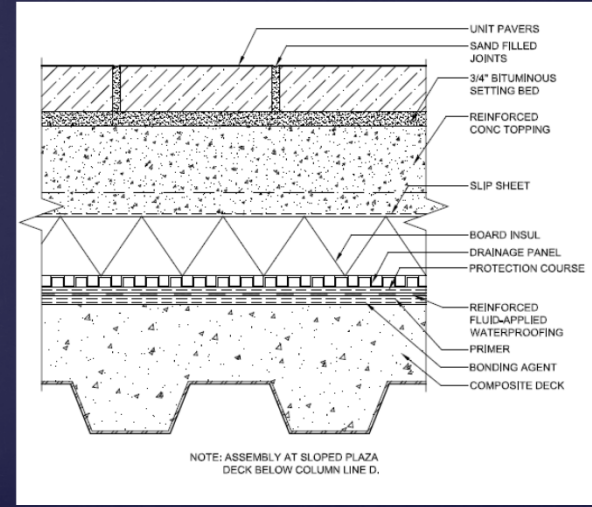
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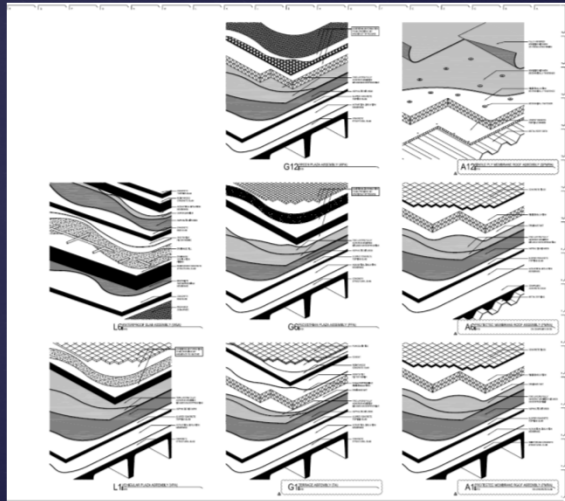
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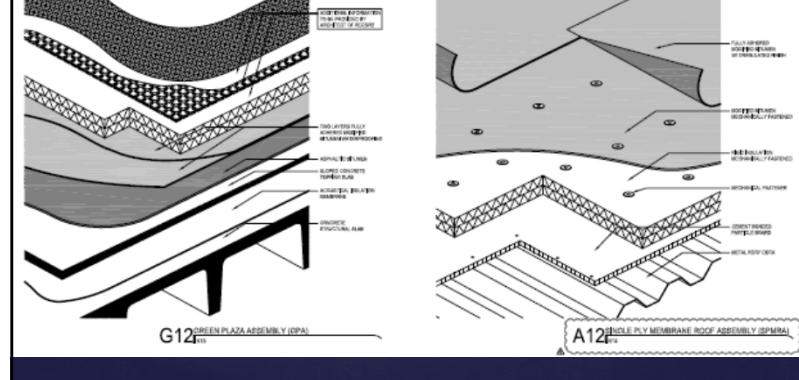


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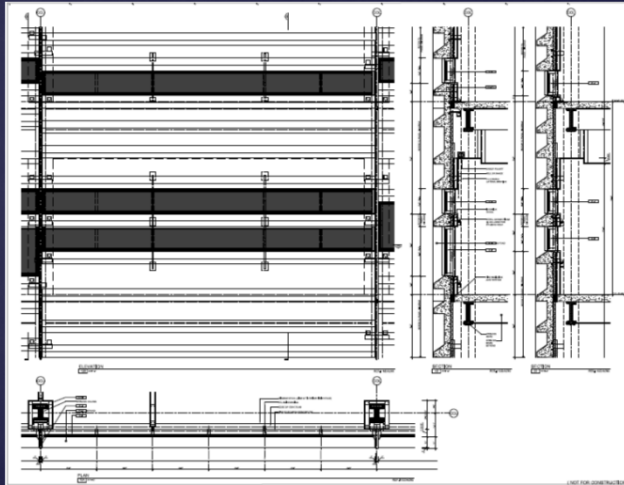


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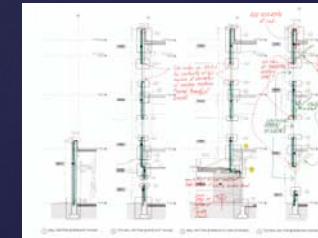
Design Development

Typical Bay Drawings



Design Development

- ❖ Outline Mockups, testing and other CA phase quality management activities
- ❖ Peer Review enclosure details and specifications
- ❖ Review estimate and budget for testing.
- ❖ Update Cx Plan, OPR and BOD



Performance Tests

- project specific & comprehensive
- demonstrate that each Building Enclosure system, and system to system interfaces meet or exceed the performance requirements of the OPR, Contract Documents and the Building Enclosure Design Intent
- random selection
- early in construction

Field quality control testing schedule- DRAFT

| Location - Test Type | Testing Standard | Description | Criteria | Schedule & Number of Tests | Contractual Requirement | Responsibility Party | Specifications reference |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|
| Air leakage testing: | | | | | | | |
| 1 location of Punch Windows | ASTM E 283 | Field air leakage testing | -1.00 cfm ft ² at 6.24 psf | 10% completion 1 week | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Owner | 08413 Enclosure system section 05050 |
| Water leakage testing: | | | | | | | |
| All skylights | AASAA 101.2 | Waterproofing, caulking, seals, and liquid gaskets installed for air and water leakage | 100% completion | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Subcontractor (Trade) | 08410 Metal-Framed Windows | 0512 seal and membrane (see Walls) |
| Punch Windows in high corridor | ASTM E 1107 or AASAA 101.2 | Windows and doors built in accordance with AASAA 101.2 | no water at 150% of design pressure | 1 location @ 10% completion | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Owner | 08413 Enclosure Glass Aluminum Curtain Walls |
| Thermal Testing: | | | | | | | |
| Punch Windows, Transoms & Sills | AASAA 101.1 | Field test for thermal performance of system | CRP | 1 location @ 10% completion | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Owner | 08413 Enclosure Glass Aluminum Curtain Walls |
| Adhesion Testing: | | | | | | | |
| Panel Testing: | | | | | | | |
| 1 location before glazing (joint and AD Adhesion) | ASTM D 1004 or ASTM D 1131 | Field tests for adhesion | No water | completion of roof structure | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Contractor | 05412 PVC Roofing |
| adhesion testing | ASTM E 1190 | Field adhesion test | 100% and 100% completion | 100% and 100% completion | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Owner | 05412 PVC Roofing |
| Field Waterproofing: | | | | | | | |
| seam joint | ASTM D 1181 Standard Guide for Field Testing Waterproofing Membranes | Field tests for leakage | No leakage | completion of panel | Testing and inspection agency field quality control | Contractor | |
| General Provisions | | | | | | | |

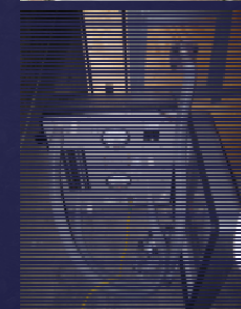
Performance Criteria

Defining Air Tightness Performance:

Curtain wall and skylights have an allowable air leakage 0.06 cfm ft² at 6.24psf in accordance with **ASTM E283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen.**



The industry standard organization, AAMA typically allows for an increase in air leakage allowance of 150% of design conditions. This equates to an installed air leakage allowance of 0.09 cfm ft² at 6.24psf. Field Testing shall be performed in accordance with **ASTM E783 Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Air Leakage Through Installed Exterior Windows and Doors**



Performance Criteria

Defining water leakage:

- Definition of water leakage per AAMA and ASTM, allows water leakage that enters the interior, but does not penetrate beyond the inner most plane of the framing to be considered a "pass".
- AAMA 502-08 Voluntary Specification for Field Testing of Newly Installed Fenestration Products, parallels ASTM E1105's definition of water leakage.
- AAMA 503 -08 Voluntary Specification for Field Testing of Newly Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Sloped Glazing Systems allows for up to 1/2 oz of water to collect on top of an interior frame surface and does not spill over to be considered a "pass".



**** Define leakage in accordance with your own assessment of the risk and long term durability. Is any water to the interior side of the framing system acceptable?**

Performance Criteria

Defining Pressure Differential:

Penetration resistance determined per ASTM E1105 / AAMA 503-08 states:

4.3.1 Water penetration resistance tests shall be conducted at a static pressure of 2/3 (0.667) of the specified project water penetration test pressure but not less than 4.18psf. (approx. 40mph wind)

AAMA 502-08

4.3. Water penetration resistance tests shall be conducted at a static pressure of 2/3 (0.667) of the specified project water penetration test pressure but not less than 1.19psf. (approx. 28mph wind)

Example: A product rated as C-50 shall be field tested at a pressure differential of $(.15)(50)=7.50 \text{ psf} \times 0.667=5.00 \text{ psf}$

The issue of the "Two-Thirds rule"

- AAMA allows a reduction from the lab test pressure to the field.
- AAMA outlines this as "reasonable adjustment for differences between a laboratory test environment and a field test environment".
- AAMA 502-08 and 503-08 allow the architect to waive this requirement in favor of field testing at the static/cyclic full design pressure differential specified under Performance Requirements of the appropriate specification section.

****Clearly identify in the specifications the design pressure and field test criteria to avoid confusion.**

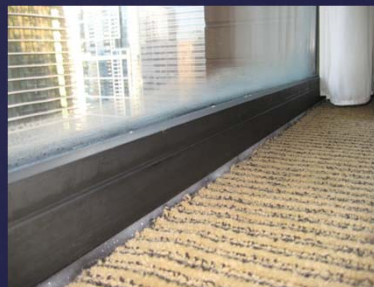


Performance Criteria

Defining Condensation Criteria:

AAMA 501 : Methods of Tests for Exterior Walls (Optional Test AAMA 501.5 – Thermal Cycling)

AAMA 1503: Voluntary Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Condensation Resistance of Windows, Doors and Glazed Wall Sections



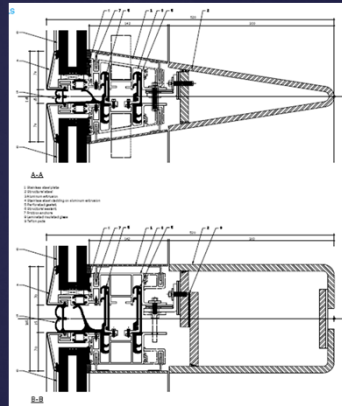
****Is some condensation acceptable, and if so, for how many hours per year?.**

HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN PER PHASE

- ❖ PRE DESIGN
- ❖ SCHEMATICS
- ❖ DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

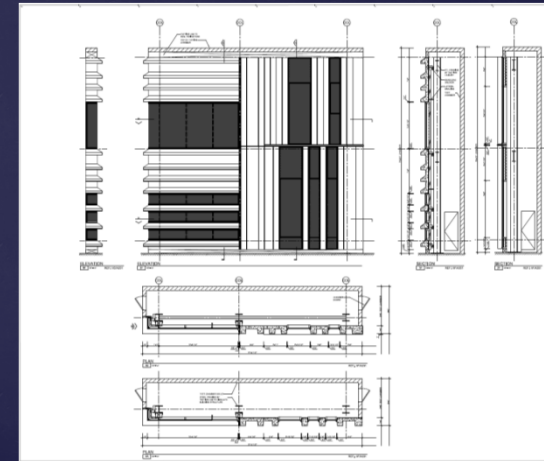
Construction Documents

- ❖ Develop final details for enclosure systems and specifications
- ❖ Define site and lab mockups and finalize testing and QA protocols
- ❖ Refine envelope energy code compliance



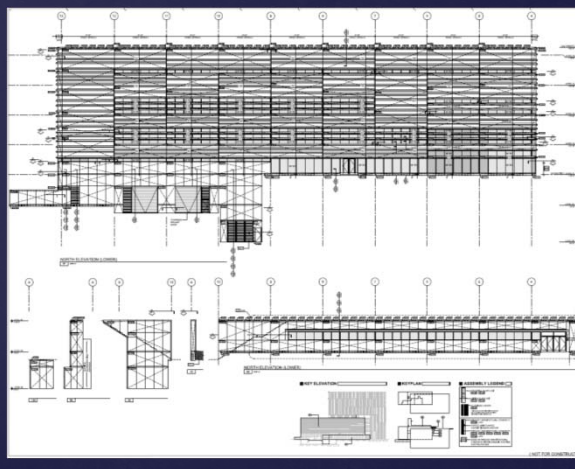
Construction Documents

Mock-up Drawing



Construction Documents

Developed Elevations

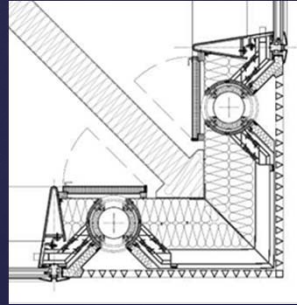


Construction Documents

Develop final details for enclosure systems and specifications

Construction Documents

- ❖ Perform peer review checking at 50% and 90%
- ❖ Complete Construction/Contract Documents
- ❖ Review estimate and budget
- ❖ Update Cx Plan, OPR and BOD

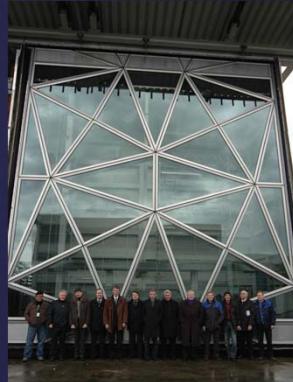


HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN PER PHASE

- ❖ PRE DESIGN
- ❖ SCHEMATICS
- ❖ DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS
- ❖ CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

Construction Administration

- ❖ Enforce Coordination requirements of contract.
- ❖ Administer field and lab mockups and testing.
- ❖ Review Submittals
- ❖ Pre-Installation meetings
- ❖ "First-Installation" kick-off meetings
- ❖ Periodic Observations
- ❖ Deficiencies Log



Communication Between Builders and Designers

Respect Mutual Roles

- Support the roles of other parties without challenging or taking responsibility.
- Be constructive.
- Ask for help with your own issues.
- Understand the limitation of the other side.
- The designers need to include exactly what they expect in the Construction Documents.
- Contractors need to deliver what is required in the Construction Documents

ARCHITECTS WHO SOUGHT TO BE SKILLED WITH THEIR HANDS WITHOUT FORMAL EDUCATION HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO REACH A POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN RETURN FOR THEIR LABORS WHILE THOSE WHO RELIED UPON REASONING AND SCHOLARSHIP WERE CLEARLY PURSUING THE SHADOW NOT THE SUBSTANCE BUT THOSE WHO HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH LIKE MEN FULLY ARMED HAVE MORE QUICKLY ATTAINED THEIR GOAL WITH AUTHORITY
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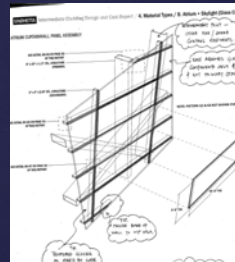
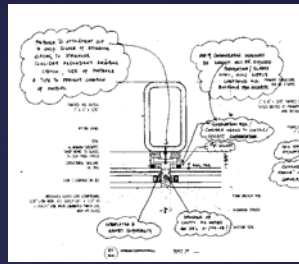
Submittal Reviews

Technically-focused review of the building enclosure submittals

Meet performance objective?

Interface between design and construction team

- Performance and constructability of details
- Impacts to schedule and cost
- Durability
- Compatibility / Adhesion
- Coordination between submittals



Exterior Enclosure Coordination Meeting

All sub-contractors involved with the Enclosure along with CM, GC, Arch, Eng, and owner

Goal is to clarify design and encourage Sub-Contractor Coordination

- Hold BEFORE preparation of shop drawings
- Review overall schedule / durations
- Discuss potential options for sequence of installation
- Review Testing and Inspection requirements
- Review details



Moisture Management Plan

Construction generated moisture is not typically addressed and can contribute to premature failure:

- A 4" thick concrete slab in an enclosed building can generate 1 ton of water per 1000sf
- Propane heaters for temp heat can produce 30 gallons of water per 200# tank
- Plaster & drywall trades generate contribute to high interior moisture



Moisture Control Plan

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University Hospital & MMB
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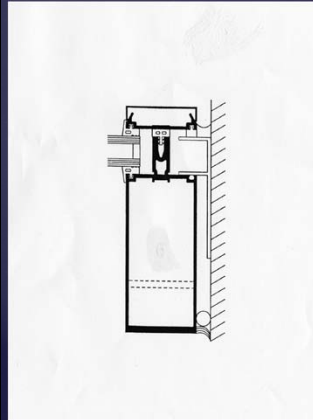
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| Description of the Project: | |
| Intent of Plan: | |
| Top 7 List Critical Locations: | |
| Moisture Plan: | |
| General: | |
| Site work: | |
| Exterior walls: | |
| Roofs: | |
| Interior and Core: | |
| Water Infiltration Monitoring and Remediation Process: | |
| Inspections and Reporting: | |

Test, Test, Test

Most new buildings are essentially a prototype, the collection of materials is completely new and used in a completely new configuration.

- Prove the system works as designed.
- Prove the system works at initial installation.
- Testing during installation helps enforce quality.
- Failure when testing is far more prevalent than success at initial stage.

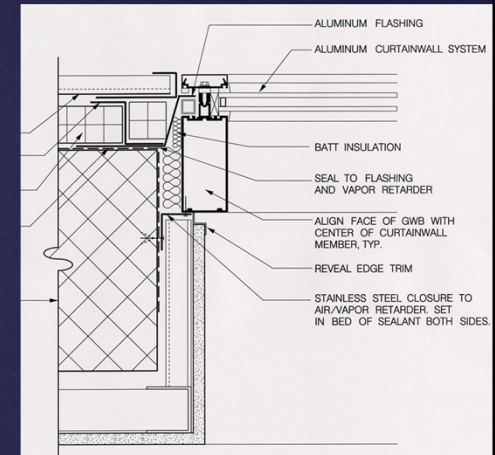
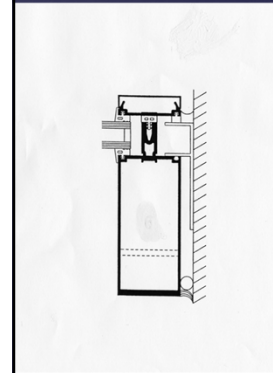
Why test a system that has already been tested?



Typical Manufacturers information for window to wall interface and basis for reported test results.



Actual conditions are quite different



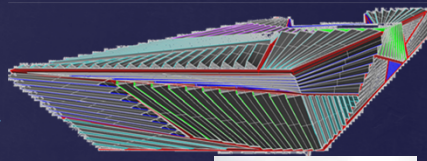
JAMB DETAIL

Comprehensive Building Enclosure Test Program

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Design: Complex / unique forms; building height | Enclosure Assembly: Barrier; drainage/rainscreen; combination of assemblies | Building Function and IAQ Requirements: Performance critical facility; multi-family high-rise; high performance | Location: coastal/high wind zone, defined by ASCE -7; contaminated ground |
|---|---|---|---|



Field Test Program



Laboratory Test Program
 Field Test Program



Types of Testing?

- Lab Testing/Field Testing
- Air Infiltration
- Water Infiltration
- Water Absorption
- Structural Load
- Seismic Racking
- Thermal Performance
- Acoustics
- Accelerated Aging
- Membrane Adhesion
- Sealant Adhesion
- Anchor Pull-out
- Infrared Thermography
- Whole Building Air Tightness

Pre-Construction Phase

Laboratory Performance Mock-Up

Allows for evaluation of the design prior to wide spread construction



Pre-Construction Phase

Laboratory Performance Mock-Up



Mock-Up Process -

Visits to Fabrication Plant

Complete laboratory testing in accordance with ASTM E2099. Susceptible details can be reviewed and tested for structural, seismic, air leakage, water penetration and thermal resistance.



Mock-up Performance Testing

Tests for water, air and structure per ASTM E 2099-00(2007) Standard Practice for the Specification and Evaluation of Pre-Construction Laboratory Mockups of Exterior Wall Systems, performed by qualified independent test lab.

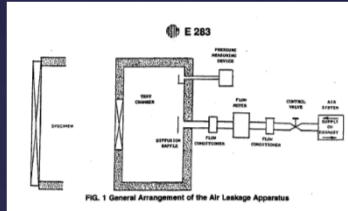
Typical test sequence:

- > Static Air Infiltration Test (ASTM E283)
- > Static Water Test (ASTM E331)
- > Dynamic Water Test (AAMA 501.1-83)
- > Uniform Load Test (ASTM E330)
- > Static Water Test (ASTM E331)
- > Interstory Drift / Lateral and Vertical Movement (AAMA 501.4-200)
- > Static Water Test (ASTM E331)
- > Thermal Cycle (AAMA 501.5)
- > Dynamic Water Test (AAMA 501.1-83)
- > Structural Overload Test
- > Thermal Resistance Test (AAMA 1503)

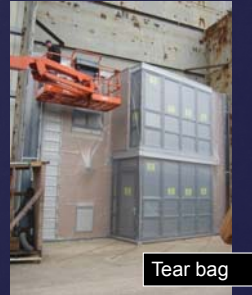


Testing for air infiltration

ASTM E283: Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen



4.1 "The test consists of sealing a test specimen into or against one face of an air chamber, supplying air to or exhausting air from the chamber at the rate required to maintain the specified test pressure difference across the specimen, and measuring the resultant air flow through the specimen."



Testing for air infiltration

Air infiltration is determined by a calibrated high precision mass flow meter. The specimen is subjected to a constant air pressure differential.



The difference in air leakage amounts detected after considering barometric pressure and air temperature provides the total air infiltration.

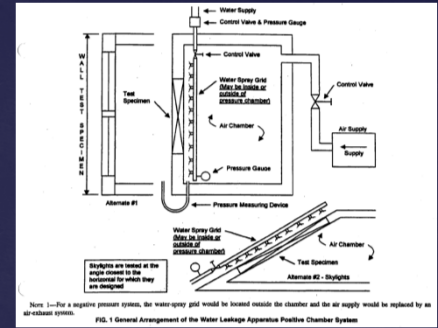
Smoke bottle tests for air leak locations combined with pressurizing chamber

Test results determine a Pass/Fail rating based upon pre-determined criteria.



Testing for water leakage

ASTM E331: Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference



4.1 "This test method consists of sealing the test specimen into or against one face of an air chamber, supplying air to or exhausting air from the chamber at the rate required to maintain the specified test pressure difference across the specimen, while spraying water onto the outdoor face of the specimen at the required rate and observing any water penetration."

Comparison of Water Test Pressure with Wind Speed

| W.P.S. | W.S. | W.P. | W.S.P. | W.S.P. |
|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 100 Pa | 10 mph | 1.0 | 100 Pa | 10 mph |
| 150 Pa | 15 mph | 1.5 | 150 Pa | 15 mph |
| 200 Pa | 20 mph | 2.0 | 200 Pa | 20 mph |
| 250 Pa | 25 mph | 2.5 | 250 Pa | 25 mph |
| 300 Pa | 30 mph | 3.0 | 300 Pa | 30 mph |
| 350 Pa | 35 mph | 3.5 | 350 Pa | 35 mph |
| 400 Pa | 40 mph | 4.0 | 400 Pa | 40 mph |
| 450 Pa | 45 mph | 4.5 | 450 Pa | 45 mph |
| 500 Pa | 50 mph | 5.0 | 500 Pa | 50 mph |
| 550 Pa | 55 mph | 5.5 | 550 Pa | 55 mph |
| 600 Pa | 60 mph | 6.0 | 600 Pa | 60 mph |
| 650 Pa | 65 mph | 6.5 | 650 Pa | 65 mph |
| 700 Pa | 70 mph | 7.0 | 700 Pa | 70 mph |
| 750 Pa | 75 mph | 7.5 | 750 Pa | 75 mph |
| 800 Pa | 80 mph | 8.0 | 800 Pa | 80 mph |
| 850 Pa | 85 mph | 8.5 | 850 Pa | 85 mph |
| 900 Pa | 90 mph | 9.0 | 900 Pa | 90 mph |
| 950 Pa | 95 mph | 9.5 | 950 Pa | 95 mph |
| 1000 Pa | 100 mph | 10.0 | 1000 Pa | 100 mph |

Testing for water leakage

Water resistance tests are performed on specimens to check for water penetration under cyclic and static air pressure. The air pressure is intended to simulate actual natural weather characteristics such as normal and extreme rainstorm with wind events.

The spray rack is calibrated to deliver water application against the exterior surface of the specimen at a rate of 3.4L/m²min (5.0 U.S. gal/sf/hr) at the required cycle and pressure conditions.

Predetermined criteria for water penetration determines the pass/fail result.

AAMA 501.1-05 Standard Test Method for Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors for Water Penetration Using Dynamic Pressure



Calibrated spray rack



Observe for leaks at interior of chamber



AAMA 501.1-05 Standard Test Method for Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors for Water Penetration Using Dynamic Pressure

| WIND VELOCITY | | STATIC P. H ₂ O | | STATIC PRESSURE | |
|---------------|-----|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|------|
| MPH | KPH | INCH | MM | PSF | Pa |
| 25 | 40 | .300 | 7.62 | 1.56 | 75 |
| 50 | 80 | 1.20 | 30.5 | 6.24 | 300 |
| 63 | 100 | 1.92 | 48.8 | 10 | 480 |
| 70 | 112 | 2.30 | 58.2 | 12 | 575 |
| 77 | 125 | 2.89 | 73.4 | 15 | 720 |
| 118 | 189 | 6.72 | 170.7 | 35 | 1676 |
| 142 | 229 | 9.62 | 244 | 50 | 2394 |
| 167 | 267 | 13.4 | 340 | 70 | 3352 |
| 200 | 322 | 19.2 | 487.7 | 100 | 4788 |
| 224 | 358 | 24.0 | 609.9 | 125 | 5985 |
| 283 | 453 | 38.4 | 975.4 | 200 | 9576 |

PSF = .002496 (MPH)²
 INCH H₂O = .192 X PSF
 1 PSF = 47.88 Pa [N/m²]
 1 CFM = .588 m³/hr.
 GLASS WT: 13lb/ft²/inch

Structural Performance Test

ASTM E330: Standard Test method for Structural performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain walls, and Doors by Uniform Static Air pressure Difference

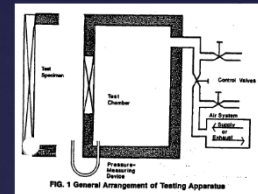


FIG. 1 General Arrangement of Testing Apparatus

4.1 "This test method consists of sealing the test specimen into or against one face of an air chamber, supplying air to or exhausting air from the chamber according to a specific test loading program, at the rate required to maintain the test pressure difference across the specimen, and observing, measuring, and recording the deflection, deformations, and nature of any distress or failures of the specimen."



Exterior view of chamber under seismic loading of 1.4" lateral

Structural Performance Test

A uniform load structural test determines the specimen's strength under positive and negative air-pressure loads.

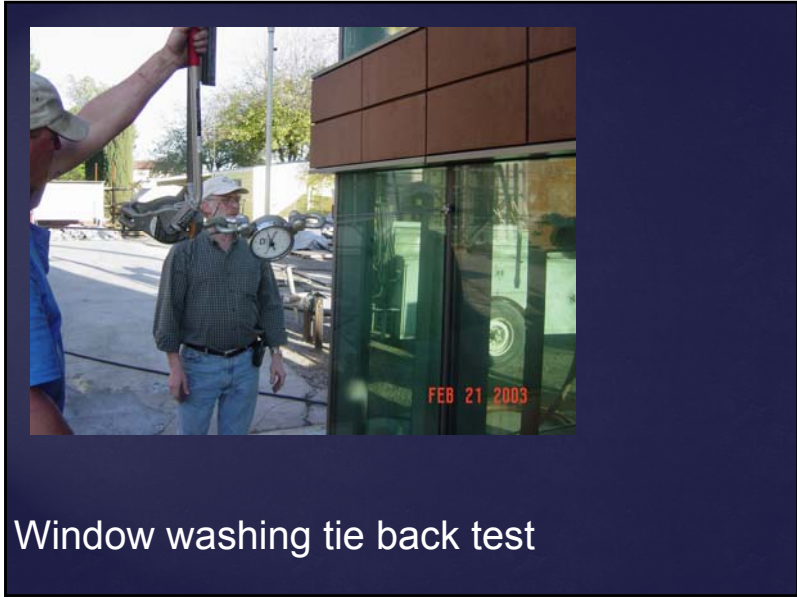
The results are determined by using gauges, occasionally digital instrumentation, which measures permanent set and deflection readings under ratios established by the standard and/or Professional Engineer.

Structural load resistance tests may also include blast, impact test, and seismic or other depending on Owner Project Requirements



Gauges measure movement of the specimen

Hydraulic jacks create movement of the chamber structure to induce load



Window washing tie back test



Large Missile Impact Test



Thermal testing

AAMA 501 : Methods of Tests for Exterior Walls (Optional Test AAMA 501.5 – Thermal Cycling)

Thermal cycling test temperatures shall be selected to meet the expected job conditions, but if these are not known, the standard test conditions shall be utilized. Three thermal cycles are performed.

Typically, this test is a part of the ASTM E2099 test sequence, followed by air and water infiltration resistance testing in accordance with ASTM E283 (optional) and ASTM E331 (at a minimum) respectively.

AAMA 1503: Voluntary Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Condensation Resistance of Windows, Doors and Glazed Wall Sections

The AAMA 1503 test method is based on ASTM methodology. The U-factor is determined under winter, night-time conditions which simulate different temperatures on the interior and exterior sides of the sample. (interior: 70 degrees F, exterior: 0 degrees F). An exterior surface coefficient is established which is based on a 15 mph wind. Readings using thermocouples are taken at various locations on glazing and framing.

Typically this test is performed on individual products of a standard size for comparison of CRF.



Fenestration: Condensation Resistance

Specified Condensation Resistance Requirements:

Condensation resistance (AAMA 1503-985) at winter design conditions:

0 degrees F exterior and 15mph wind velocity, 68 degrees F interior temperature and 30% Relative Humidity. No condensation or surface temperatures at or below the dew point.



Material Properties Testing



Mock-up Report / Action Items

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Action Requested:
Chris Encklin to review height of "leak" plates above the top of the rail allow for seal installation.

Item 2.1.2
The glazing seal used between the head of the rail and the base of the bulkhead. Access behind the columns was obtained by Encklin to provide for the job. Sealant applied transitioning between the head of the door and the bulkhead. The height of the corresponding bulkhead was not standard.

Action Requested:
Chris Encklin to confirm detailing and accessibility to install silicone in bulkhead.

Item 2.1.3
Inside corner at head of panel glazing column cover was fabricated with additional length of the panel covered a skewed corner. The panel was cut to the correct size.

Action Requested:
Chris Encklin to be advised of the error was known or dimensional. To ensure sub-report of these incident issues occur.

Item 2.1.4
The SPF application to head of curtain wall, was laid back to facilitate a description resulting from structural loading with.

Action Requested:
Chris Encklin to detail without details showing the air barrier clay shows head of the curtain wall.

Item 2.1.5
The application of a continuous plane of SPF without air track behind a wall distributing the SPF was not wide for the 1/2 inch cavity between the panel and, and the space of frame did not require back for more allow for multiple pieces of SPF to build up sufficient depth without peeling.

Action Requested:
Chris Encklin to review application with AABA & Designer and provide design detail.

Item 2.1.6
The application of the SPF was not wide for the 1/2 inch cavity between the panel and, and the space of frame did not require back for more allow for multiple pieces of SPF to build up sufficient depth without peeling.

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Validation of Construction

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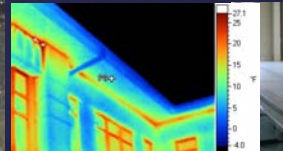
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Differential Pressure Tests

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Field Air Tests – Glazed assemblies & Interfaces

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

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Field Water Tests – Glazed assemblies & Interfaces

ASTM E-1105-00(2008) Standard Test Method for Field Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform or Cyclic Static Air Pressure Differential.

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AAMA 501.2 Standard Test Method for Field Determination of Water Penetration of Installed Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform or Cyclic Static Air Pressure Differential.

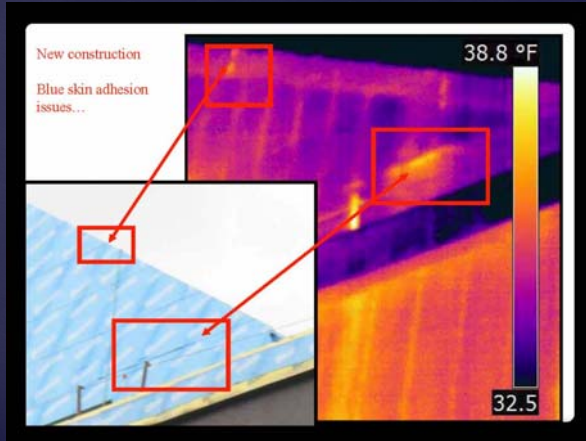
Field Water Tests – Glazed assemblies & Interfaces

AAMA 501.1-05 Standard Test Method for Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors for Water Penetration Using Dynamic Pressure – Modified for Field Use

Field Air Tests – Air Barrier

ASTM E1186 – (2009) Standard Practices for Air Leakage Site Detection in Building Envelopes and Air Barrier Systems

Air Leakage Testing

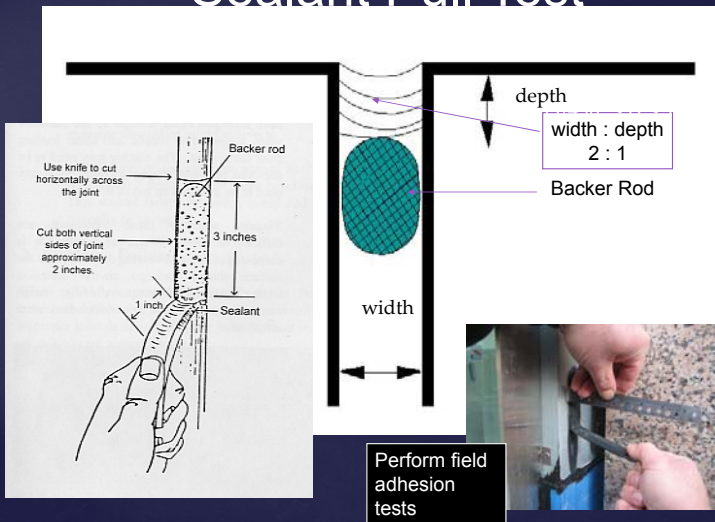


Field Thermal Tests – Glazed Assemblies/Transition to Air barrier

AAMA 1503-09 Voluntary Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Condensation Resistance of Windows, Doors and Glazed Wall Assemblies.

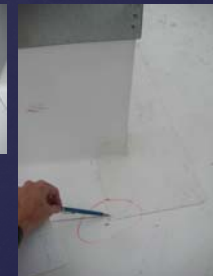


Sealant Pull Test



Field Air Tests – Roof

ASTM E1186 Standard Practices for Air Leakage Site Detection in Building Envelopes and Air Barrier Systems



Field High Voltage
Electronic Leak detection –
Roofing and Planter
waterproofing



Field Water Tests –
Water proofing

ASTM D-5957-98(2005):
Standard Guide for Flood
Testing Horizontal
Waterproofing Installations



Project Specific Tests

ASTM D4541 - 09 Standard Test
Method for Pull-Off Strength of
Coatings Using Portable Adhesion
Testers



ASTM C1521 - 09e1 Standard
Practice for Evaluating Adhesion of
Installed Weatherproofing Sealant
Joints.



Construction Close-out

- Ensure Completion of all items on
Deficiencies Log
- Final Site Observation
- Punchlist process
- Owner's Maintenance Manual

Close Out Report

Section 074213 - Metal Wall Panels

Description: The Centria Concept Series metal panel cladding consists of painted galvanized steel siding with concealed clips fastened to continuous vertical galvanized steel hat channels, which are in turn fastened to horizontal galvanized steel purlins. Metal closures and composition closures within the ribs terminate the vertical edges of the metal panels. Mineral wool insulation and an air moisture barrier are installed on the substrate behind the metal panel cladding.

The metal panel cladding does not perform as the water barrier and relies upon the underlying air moisture barrier and associated flashings to direct water which penetrates the cladding back to the exterior.

Location: Perimeter walls

Product: Centria Concept Series - Profile CS-6600

Size: Typical unit 16' high x 7'8" thick (20 gage)

Color Finish: Two-coat Mica Fluoropolymer (Classic II Alpine) on galvanized steel, smooth finish

Manufacturer: Centria Architectural Systems
Contact: (800)-739-7474
http://www.centria.com

Warranty Period: 2 year material fabrication, 20 year finish, two year workmanship

Subcontractor: Construction Supply and Erection
Installer: Contact: Mike Henke, (262) 255-3003

Recommended Maintenance: Metal panel is generally very durable and requires little maintenance. Refer to attached documents regarding maintenance for the fluoropolymer coating.

Special Instructions: Composition closures at the vertical edges of the metal panel are set in sealant, but over time may loosen, which may require that the closures be stuffed back into place.

Section 076200 - Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim

Description: Sheet metal flashing is installed above window and door heads, below window sills, at the terra cotta to granite interface, and at the bottom of the cladding to roof interface. The air moisture barrier laps over an upturned back leg of the sheet metal flashing, or the upturned back leg is glazed into the curtain wall sill. The flashing, along with associated air barrier, is installed in order to control water that penetrates the cladding and direct it back to the exterior.

Location: Window sills, window door heads (or where window door is recessed, at sill to vertical wall intersection), between granite terra cotta, bottom of cladding to roof intersection

Product: Aluminum

Color Finish: Mill finish, where unexposed
Two-coat Mica Fluoropolymer (Classic II Alpine), smooth finish, where exposed

Manufacturer: Peterson Aluminum

Warranty Period: 20 year finish warranty

Subcontractor: Construction Supply and Erection
Installer: Contact: Mike Henke, (262) 255-3003

Recommended Maintenance: None

Post Construction testing

Although useful to diagnose issues and perform qualitative reviews, testing after the building enclosure is complete is not useful in the overall schedule and mission to achieve the OPR.

Adapt tests to validate performance and undertake early in the construction process.



Post-Construction Building Enclosure – Air Tightness

ASTM E1827 Standard Test Methods for Determining Airtightness of Buildings Using an Orifice Blower Door

Result: (Enclosure, including basement)
0.12 cfm/ ft² at a pressure differential of 0.3" w.g.(75 Pa)

Result: (Enclosure, without basement)
0.2 cfm/ ft² at a pressure differential of 0.3" w.g.(75 Pa)

Testing undertaken as part of ASHRAE 1478TRP "Measuring Air-Tightness of Mid and High Rise Non-Residential Buildings". Results courtesy of Gary Nelson & Collin Olsen. Much thanks to entire WID team, Terry Brennan & Wagdy Anis.

Evolving Knowledge

If knowledge can create problems, it is not through ignorance that we can solve them.

Isaac Asimov

Useful links to develop building enclosure knowledge:

www.wbdg.org/

Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG): A comprehensive guide for exterior envelope design and construction for institutional / office buildings.

<http://www.nibs.org/>

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS): This site is the building community's connection to the authoritative national source of knowledge and advice on matters of building regulation, science and technology.

<http://www.bec-national.org/>

Building Envelope Councils (BEC): The BECs are charged with providing a forum for the construction industry on the crucial area of building enclosures. Washington DC AIA/BEC next meeting 28th May at 4.00pm, @ Gensler offices, 2020 K St, 2nd Floor.

Reference Materials

- Designing the Exterior Wall, An Architectural Guide to the Vertical Envelope by Linda Brock
- Water in Buildings, An Architect's Guide to Moisture and Mold by William B. Rose
- Moisture Control Handbook: Principles and Practices for Residential and Small Commercial Buildings by Joseph W. Lstiburek and John Carmody
www.buildingscience.com
- The Whole Building Design Guide and the Exterior Envelope Design Guide www.wbdg.org

Thank You

- Questions

