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Inside and Out: Insulating Our Existing Masonry Buildings

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Description

In the Northeast, we have the benefit and burden of a large stock of uninsulated masonry buildings of various typologies and conditions. Leaving these buildings as they are is untenable with the global effort to reduce carbon emissions, and will not address climate shifts, the fabric of community, or the health of occupants. We will explore insulating from the interior, exterior, or both. In all cases the approach and design must be informed by retrofit feasibility, durability and toxicity of materials, installation cost, embodied carbon, emissions, labor capabilities, and overall envelope performance including freeze/thaw damage.

Learning Objectives

1. Employ design concepts that promote reliable and durable solutions for upgrading thermal performance existing masonry walls
2. Explain how air sealing and vapor control affect the performance of historic masonry enclosures when insulating from inside
3. Identify and address constraints that inform the decisions in the design process for insulating existing masonry walls
4. Summarize current code considerations informing different solid masonry retrofit options

Introduction

What is “High Performance”?

User Priorities / Concerns:

1. Comfortable
2. Healthy
3. Energy Efficient
4. Resilient
5. Affordable
6. Aesthetically pleasing



Masonry Priorities / Concerns:

1. It wants to be dry
2. It wants to be seen



Issues

Building type:

- Tower in the park
- Within a street

Exterior

- Long term maintenance / facade inspections
- Structure issues
- Code requirements
- Zoning
- Change image

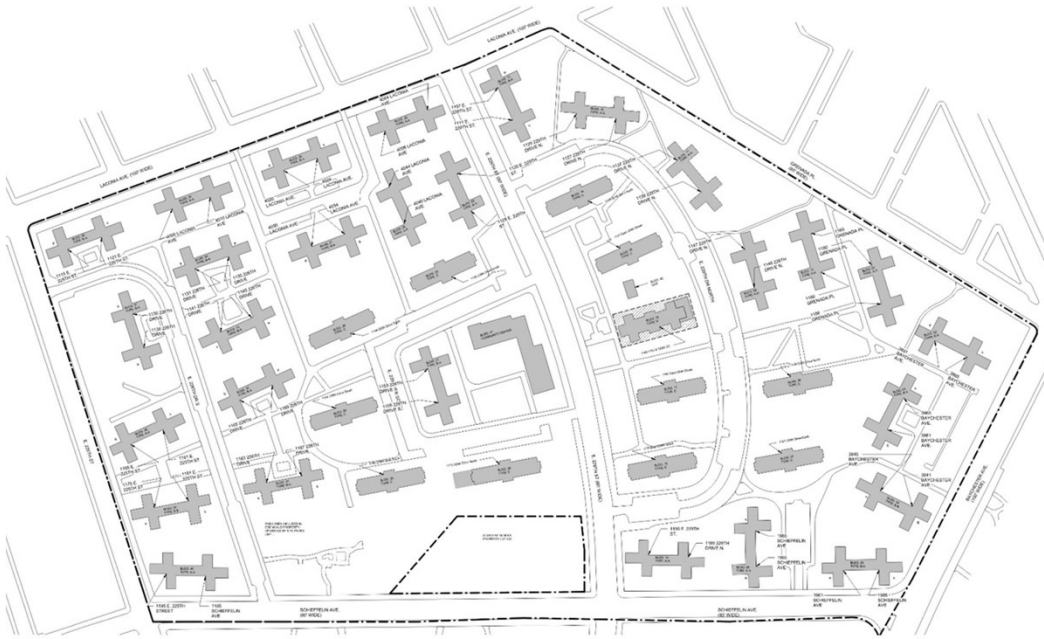
2022 NYC Building Code:

- Requires firestopping of combustable material in facades.

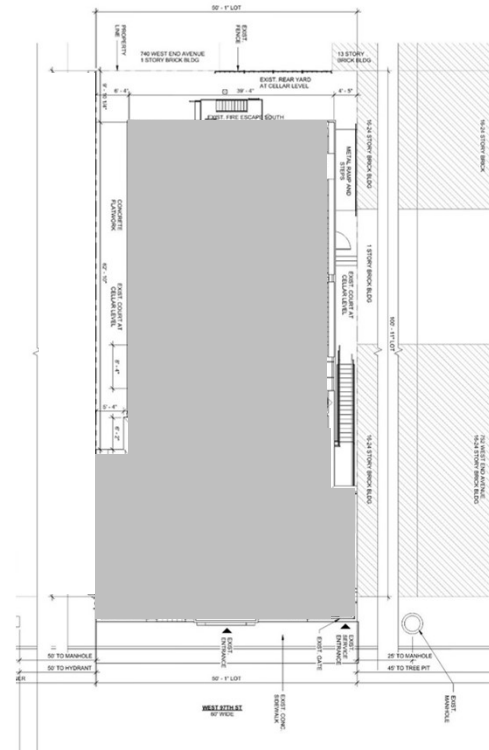
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- Loss interior space
- Code requirements
- Thermal breaks
- SHPO/National Parks standards (3")
- Covers lead paint

Building Type



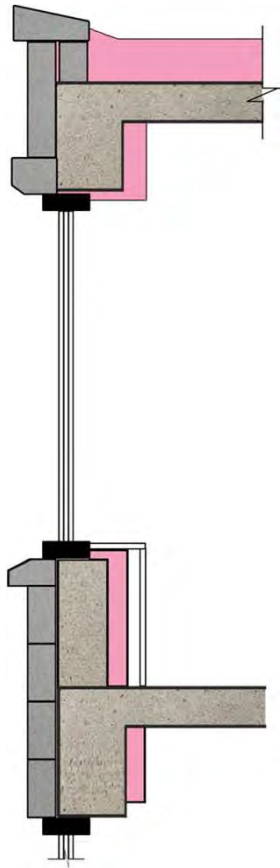
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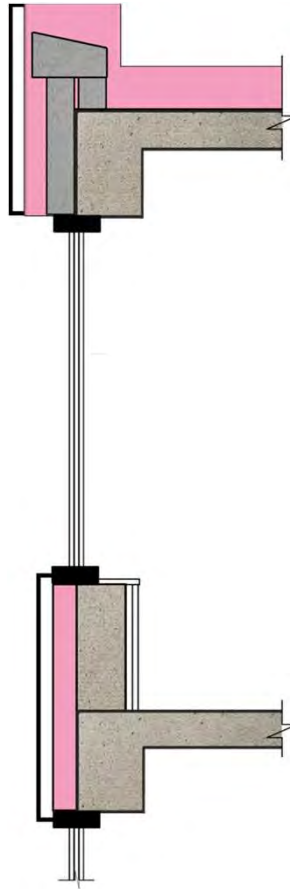
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Insulation Options

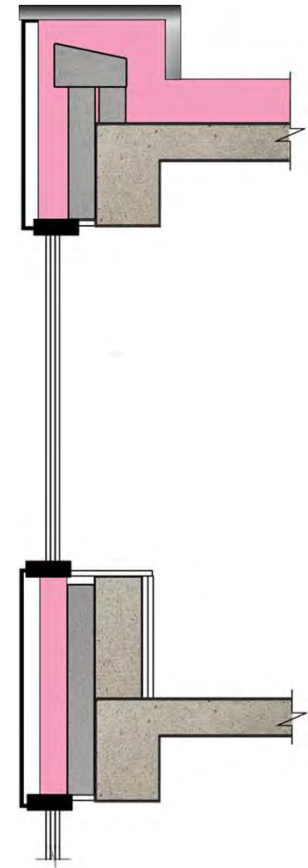
Interior Insulation



Exterior Insulation



Recladding

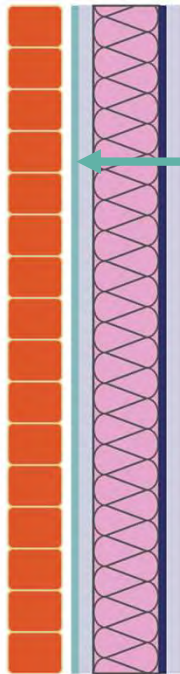


Overcladding

Masonry Walls – Four Barriers

Contemporary vs. Masonry Walls

Very good -
Waterproofing



BARRIER 1
(Waterproofing)

Decent to very poor –
absorptive brick
(No waterproofing)



Lightweight + Multilayered

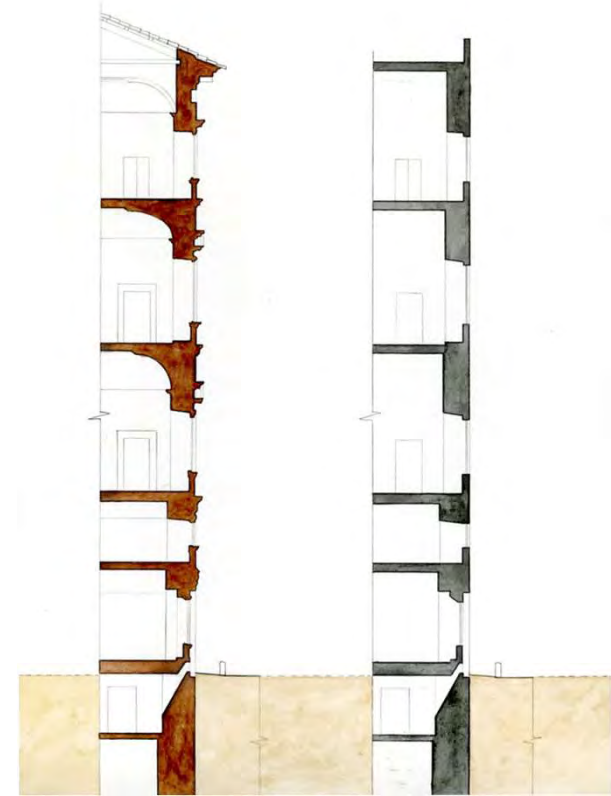
Mass + Monolithic

Facade Forms / Functions – Managing Water!

- Projecting bandcourses, ledges, window hoods and sills; gutters = Functional – not just decorative



Typical facades in Rome



Detailed facade

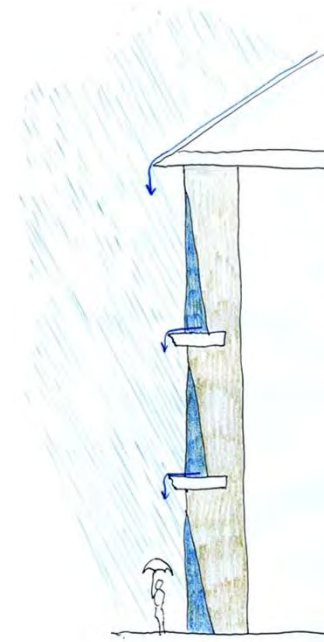
Planar facade

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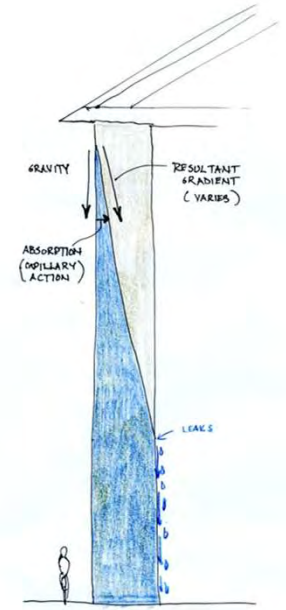
- Projecting bandcourses, ledges, window hoods and sills; gutters = Functional – not just decorative
- Material choices = compatible masonry and mortar (good maintenance – regular repointing)



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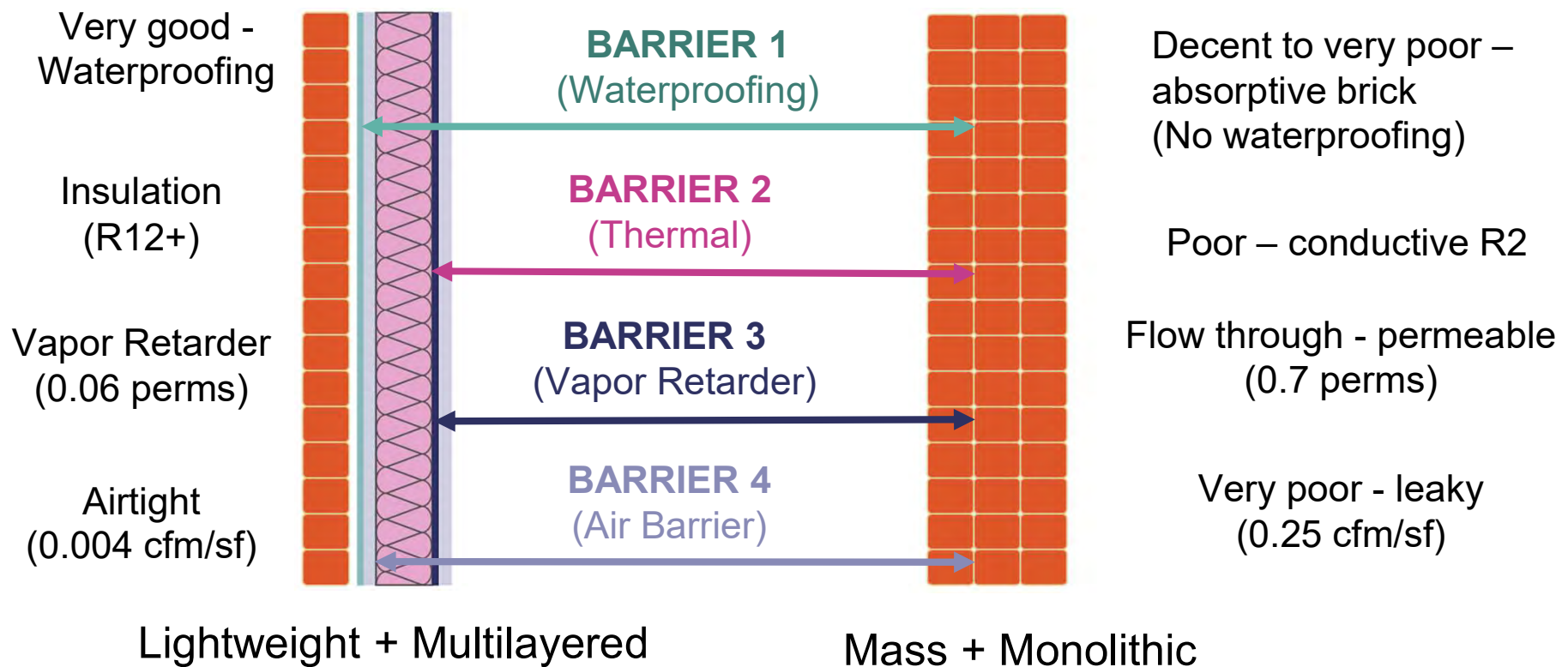


Detailed facade



Planar facade

Contemporary vs. Masonry Walls



Code Issues

New NYC Building Code (In effect 11/7/2022)

NYC Buildings bulletin 2022-013

BC 718.2.6.1.1 requires noncombustible fireblocking at the following locations:

1. Around wall openings;
2. At the floor level for a height of not less than 8 inches;
3. Between different occupancy groups, vertically or horizontally as applicable. BC 1406.2.3 for combustible exterior wall coverings

Covered in the following sections

- BC 1407.16 for MCM
- BC 1408.7 for EIFS
- BC 1409.16 for HPL
- BC 2603.5.5.1 for foam plastic insulation
- BC 2613.5 for FR



NYC Zoning Resolution

12-10 – DEFINITIONS

Not Floor Area

- (12) or over-cladding projects: such wall thickness is added to a wall existing on December 6, 2023, up to a maximum of **12 inches**, provided the added wall thickness has an aggregate thermal resistance (R-value) of at least 1.5 per inch; or

However:

- If residential still have to comply with the Multiple Dwelling Law.
- You are not permitted to go over a property line at a party wall
- Landmarks may limit what you can do
- The thinnest panels we have found are 8.5" (typically 8 to 12")

This may change with the City of Yes Zoning changes. Sustainable changes are expected to be certified on Earth Day

Exterior Insulation

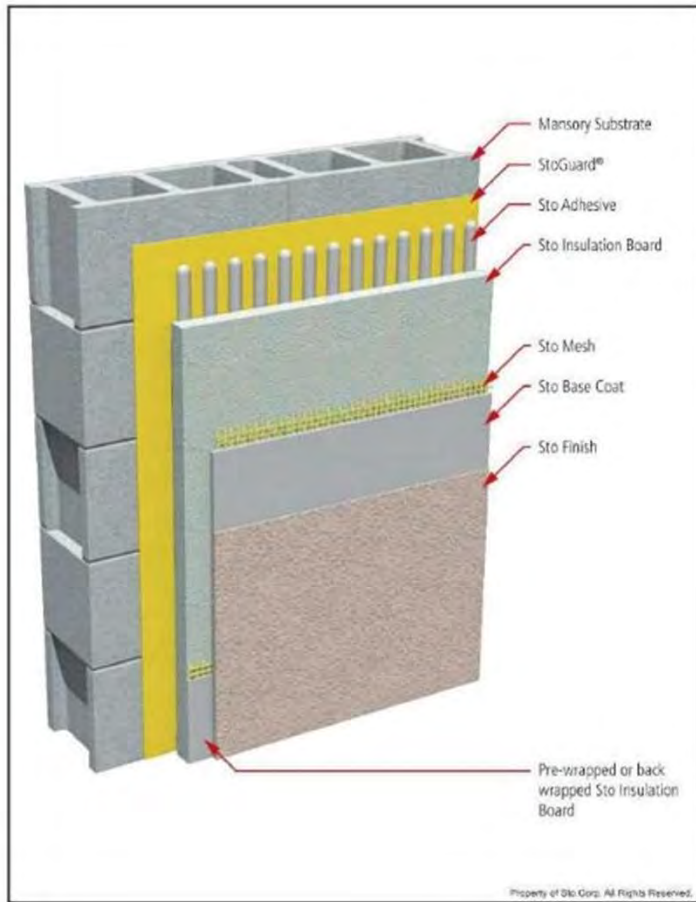
Harlem River II overcladding



Before



After

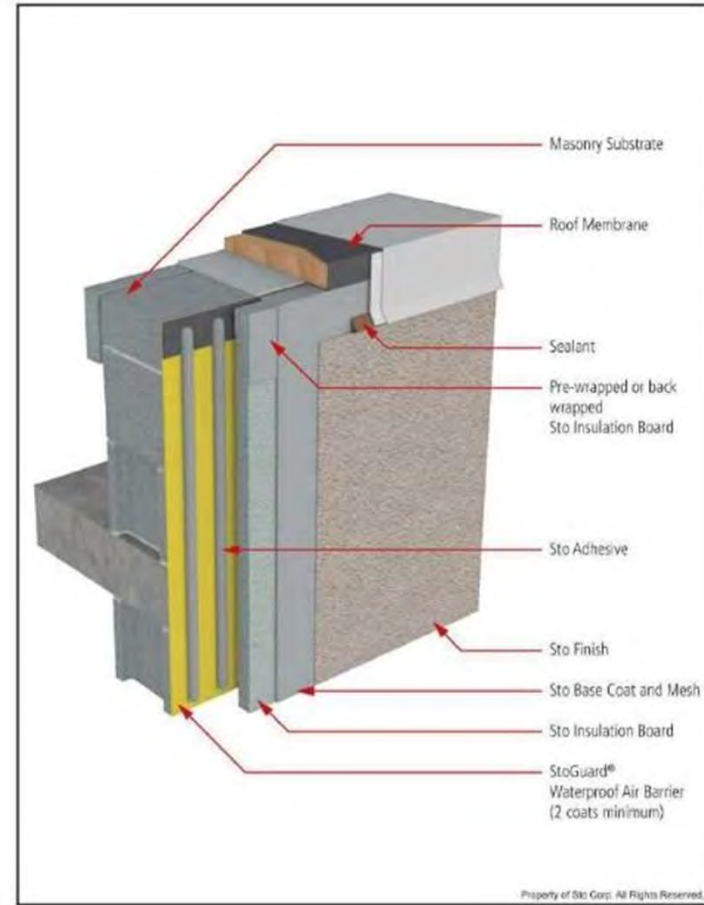


Notes:

Detail shows the components of StoTherm® ci Continuous Insulation System:

- 1) StoGuard® Waterproof Air Barrier (2 coats minimum)
- 2) Sto Adhesive
- 3) Sto Insulation Board
- 4) Sto Base Coat
- 5) Sto Mesh
- 6) Sto Finish

IMPORTANT: Components not identified as Sto are furnished by other manufacturers and are not necessarily installed by trades who install the Sto products. Refer to project specific contract documents.



Notes:

- 1) Provide continuity of roof membrane along back of parapet with base coat for air barrier continuity and verify compatibility of roof membrane if in contact with base coat.
- 2) Completely insulate back side of parapet if necessary to prevent condensation within parapet based on climate conditions.
- 3) Provide minimum 2.5 inch (65mm) overlap of parapet coping over face of StoTherm® ci. Increase overlap with building height.

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Harlem River II
 2850 Frederick Douglass Blvd, New York, NY 10009

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Exploiter:
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Owner and Operating Consultant:
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 New York, NY 10001



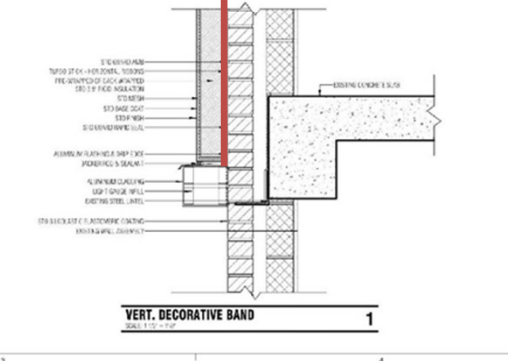
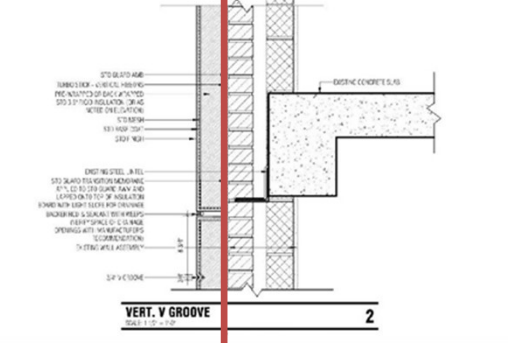
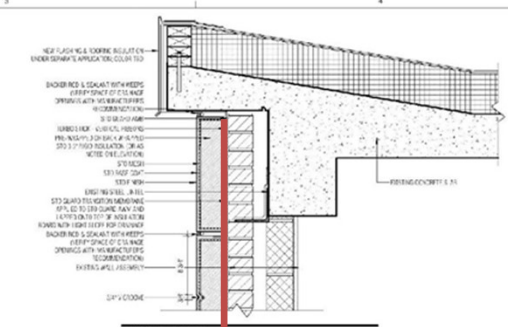
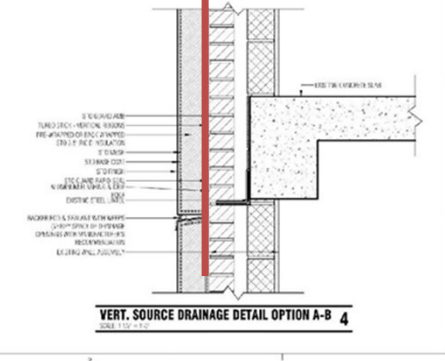
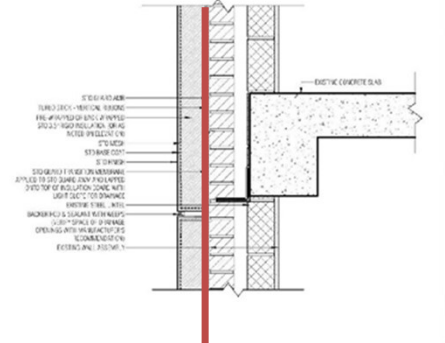
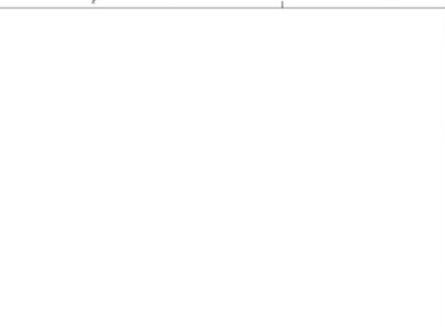
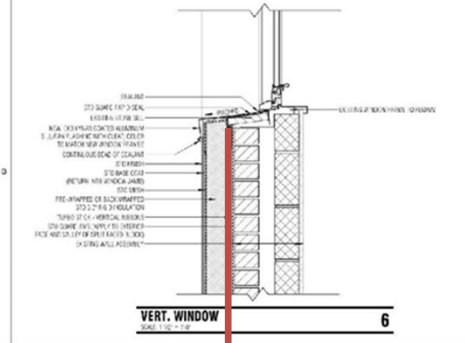
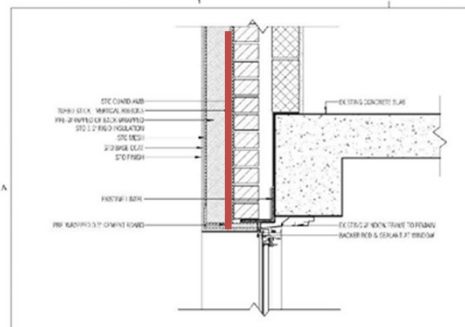
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5	10/15/2021	PLAN REVIEW REVISION
4	08/10/2020	FINAL PLANS SET - EXTERIOR
3	06/05/2020	UPDATED FILING SET - EXTERIOR
2	12/15/2020	50% CD SET
1	05/25/2020	PLAN AND COST REVIEW

No. Date Submission

BUILDING SPECIFIC EIFS DETAILS II

10-2023 CURTIS + OMSBERG ARCHITECTS, L.P.
 Job No.: 23005
 Scale: 1/12" = 1'-0"
 Drawn By: EJ
 Checked By: CCAM

HR-2
 Sheet No.:
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Exterior Insulation

Exterior Panels

Panel make up

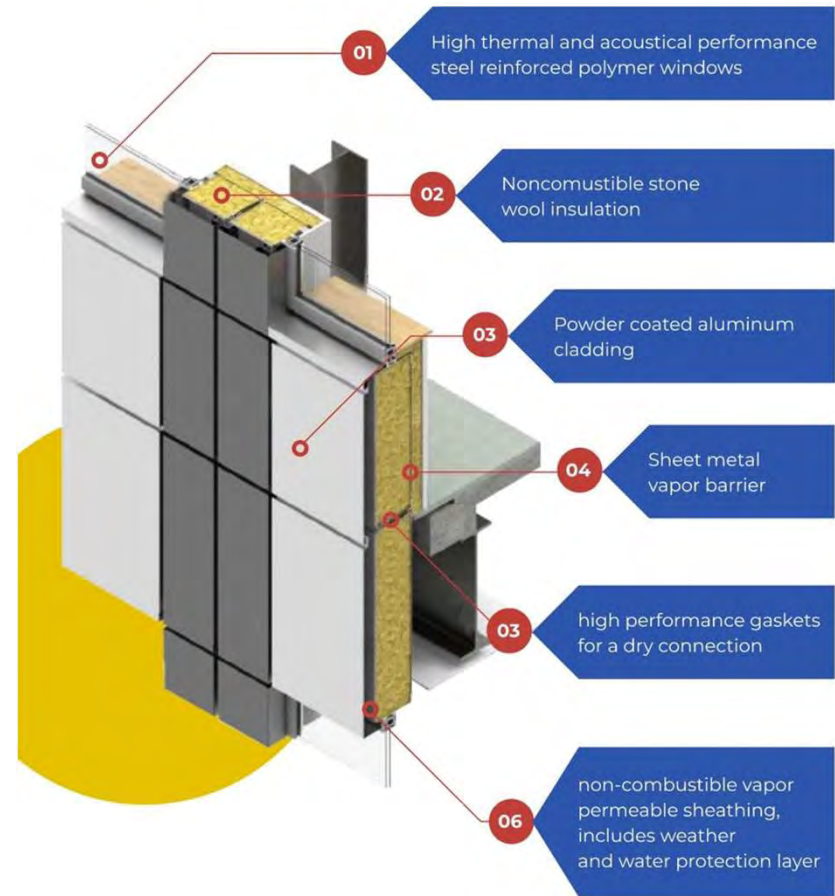
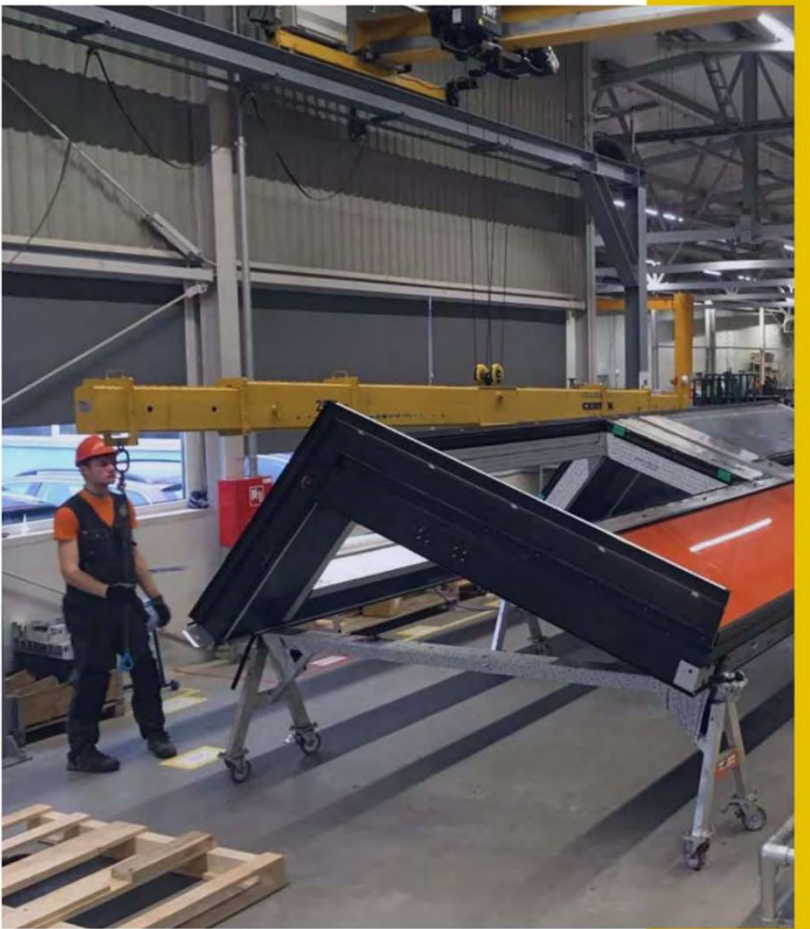


Image 3 is a 3-D image of the typical panel that was modeled in Heat3. The typical panel size was modeled as 7'6" wide (or 90") and 10' high (or 120"). These dimensions were provided based on the expected horizontal and vertical spacing of the joints. The horizontal spacing of the vertical purlins are 24", for a total of three in the main cavity in addition to the two at the joint.

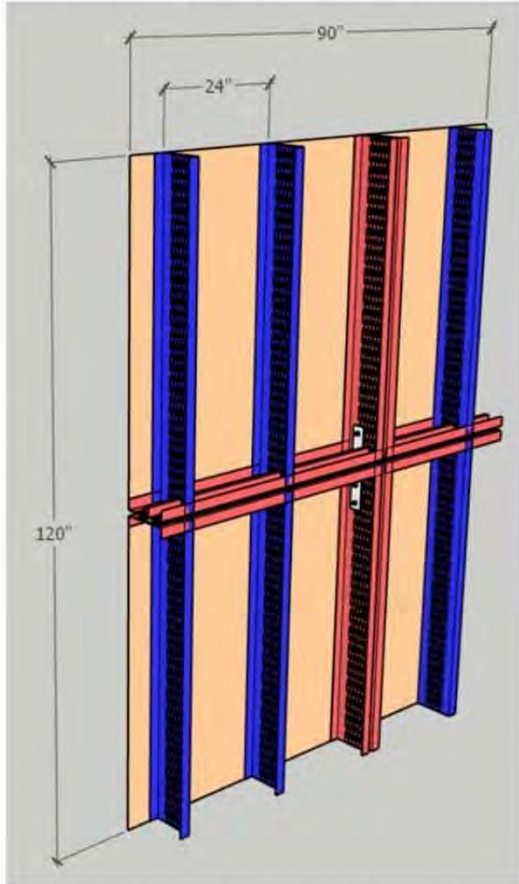


Image 3: 3-D model of typical section with dimensions.

HEAT3 MODELING RESULTS

The results of the Heat3 modeling are summarized in table 2 and figure 1. Cases 1.0 through 4.0 represent each of the four thicknesses of exterior insulation modeled with interior insulation. Cases 1.1 through 4.1 are the same but without interior insulation. The final two cases (Code 1 and 2) were modeled to compare the R-Value requirement to the corresponding U-Value requirement for DC and Philadelphia (Code 1) and New York City (Code 2).

The red text in figure 1 indicates that the U-Value does not meet energy code in any of the three cities evaluated. Blue text indicates that DC and Philadelphia are met, and green text indicates all three cities are met.

Table 2: Heat3 modeling results for all cases.

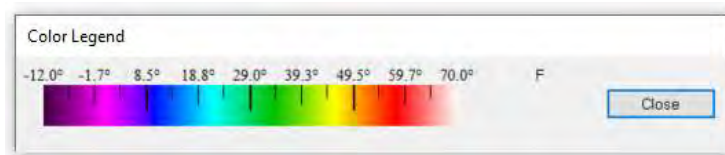
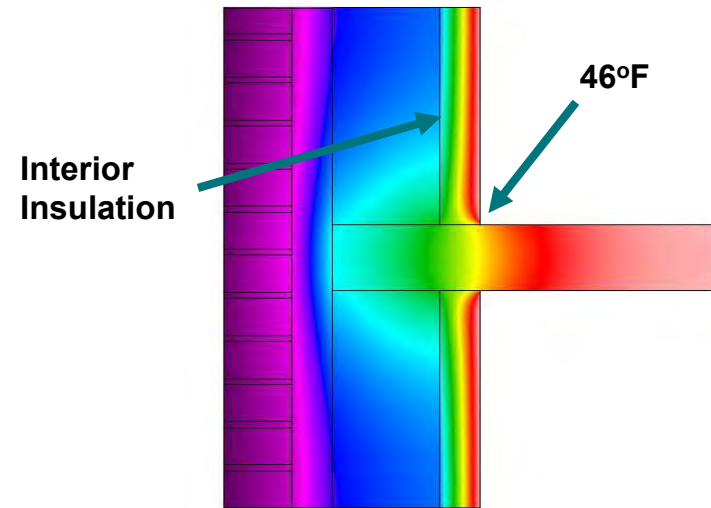
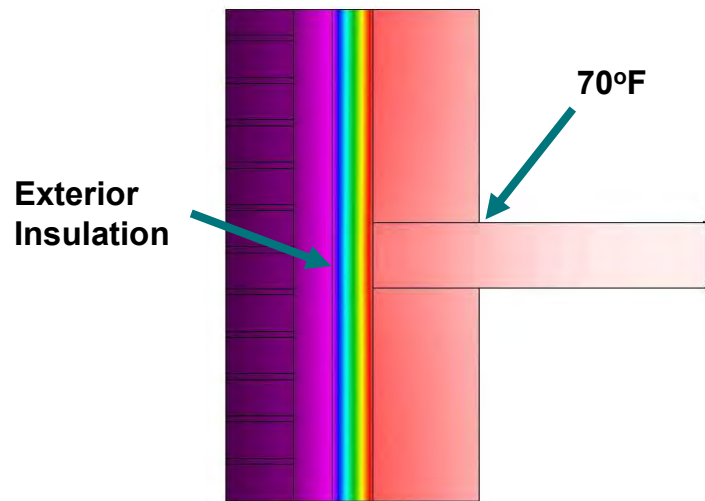
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			U Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -F)	R Value (hr-ft ² -F/Btu)	U Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -F)	R Value (hr-ft ² -F/Btu)	U Value (Btu/hr-ft ² -F)	R Value (hr-ft ² -F/Btu)
Case 1.0	6	2	0.0431	23.2	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 2.0	8	2	0.0373	26.8	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 3.0	10	2	0.0304	32.8	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 1.1	6	0	0.0552	18.1	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 2.1	8	0	0.0452	22.1	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 3.1	10	0	0.0348	28.7	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 1.0*	6	2	0.0567	17.6	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 2.0*	8	2	0.0547	18.3	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 3.0*	10	2	0.0503	19.9	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 1.1*	6	0	0.1112	9.0	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 2.1*	8	0	0.0989	10.1	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6
Case 3.1*	10	0	0.0892	11.2	0.0610	16.4	0.0640	15.6

*These cases were modeled with no perforations in the studs.

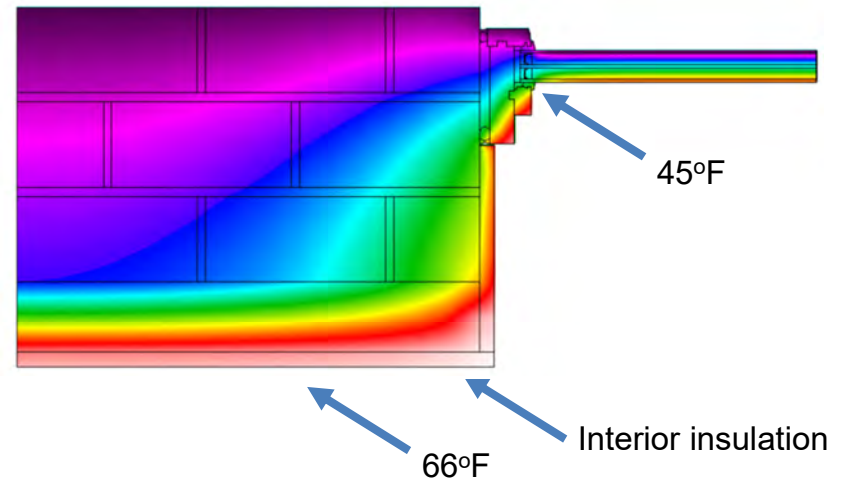
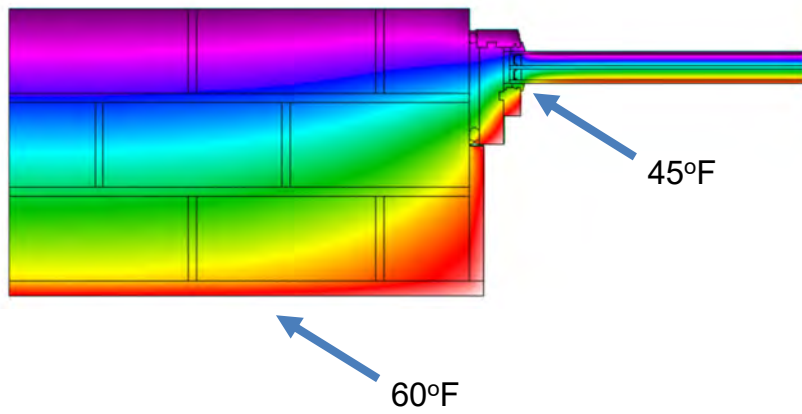
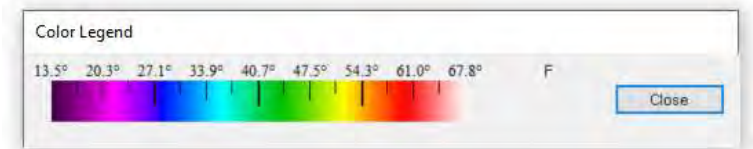
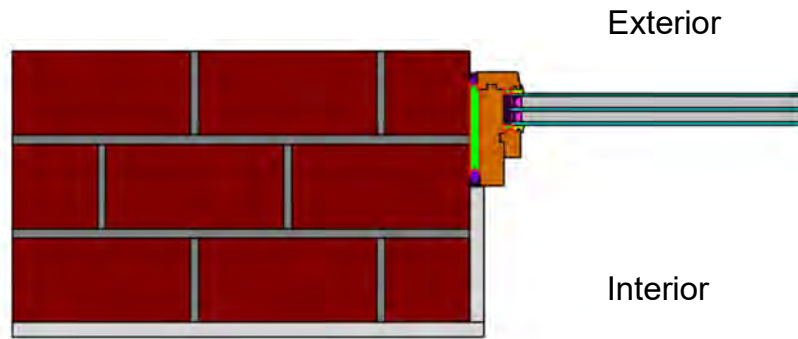
Interior Insulation

Thermal Bridging Issues

Interior Approach

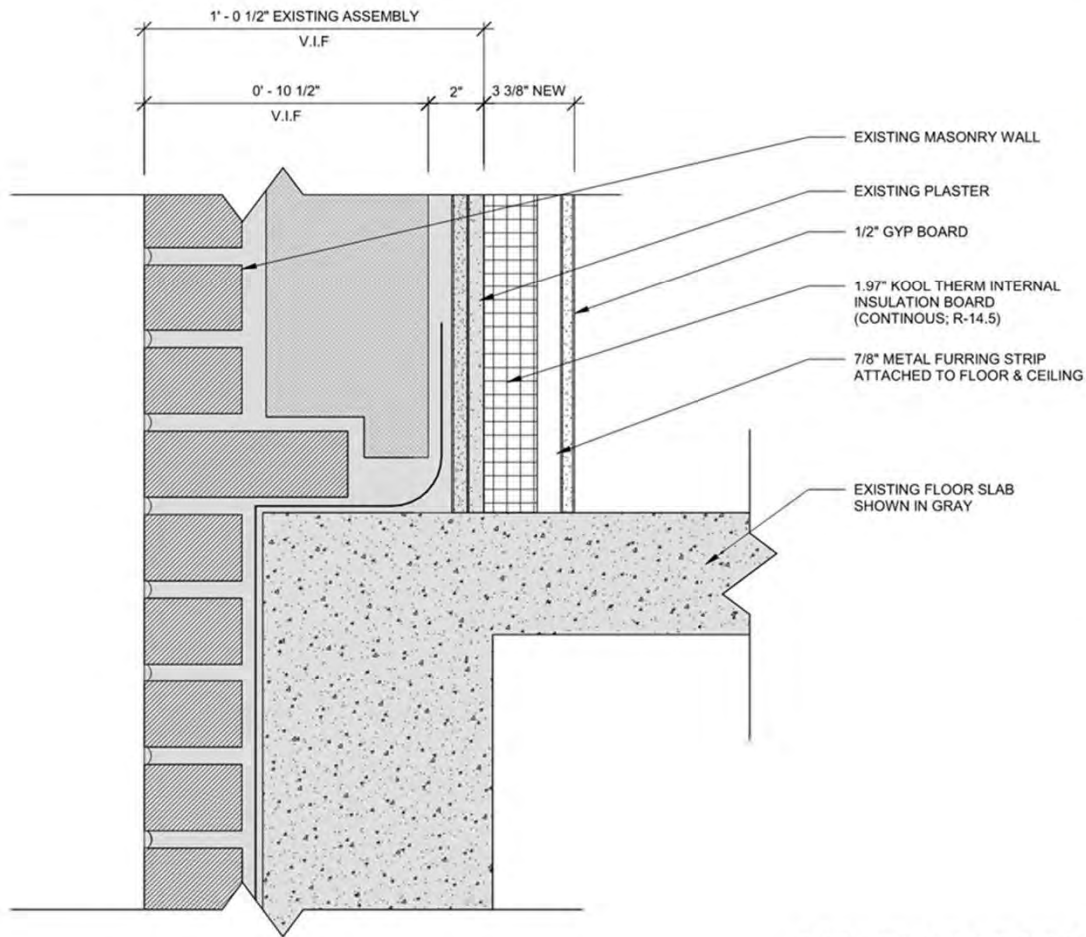


Interior Approach



Interior Insulation

Architectural Issues



OPTION 2: R-20.18 (TOTAL: EXISTING+NEW)

TOTAL DEPTH OF NEW ASSEMBLY: 3.3"

Option 2 - Board Insulation with furring strip (Kingspan K-9)		R-value
Existing	Outside air film	0.17
	4" Brick	0.4
	6" CMU	1.67
	1 3/8" airspace	1
	5/8" plaster	0.39
New	1.97" K9 Internal Insulation	14.5
	7/8" Furring Strip (AIR GAP)	0.92
	1/2" gypsum board	0.45
inside air film		0.68
Total R-Value		20.18
Total U-Value		0.049554

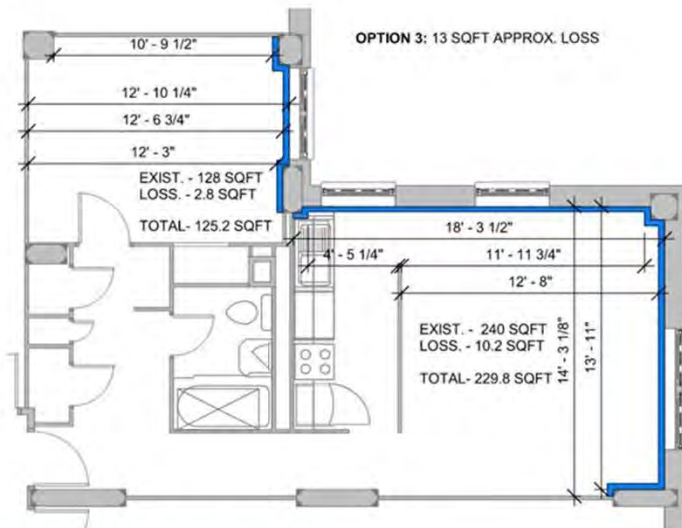
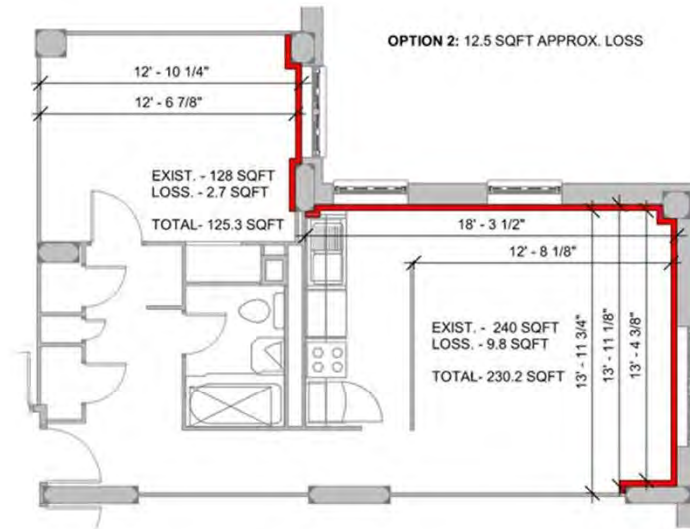
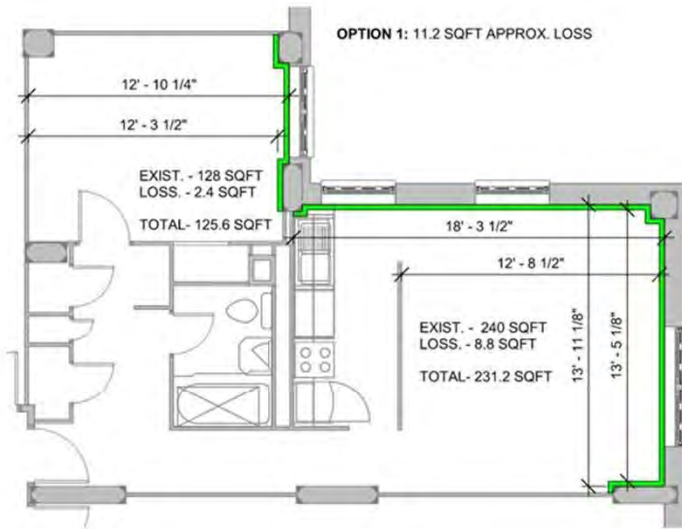
OUTLET BOXES TO BE SURFACE MOUNTED
*VAPOR/AIR BARRIER TBD BASED ON
HYGROTHERMAL ANALYSIS

**WOULD COMPLY WITH 2020NYCECC
U-VALUE MAXIMUM**

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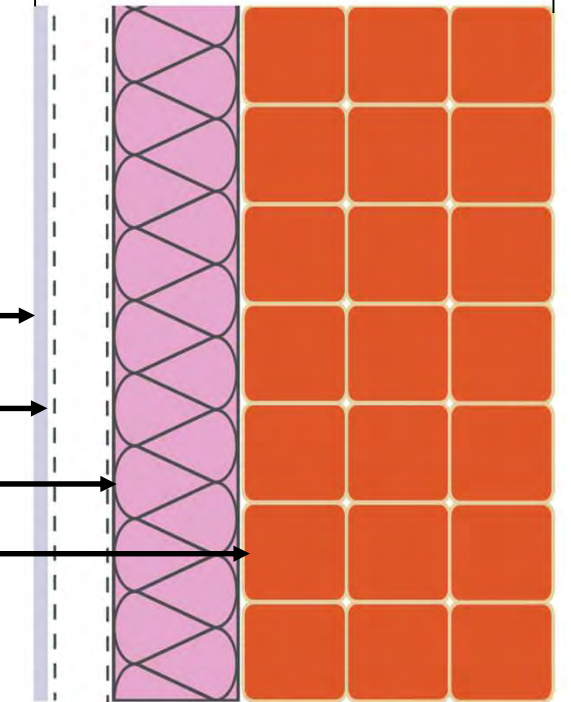
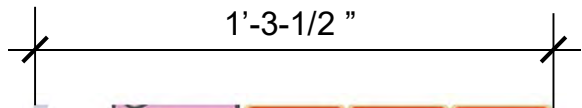
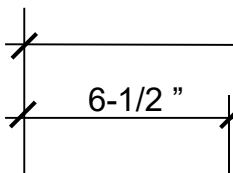
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SK-4 | SPACE LOSS DIAGRAM PLANS

CLIENT 2020.47 EDENWALD HOUSES

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GWB
Finishes
Stud Framing
Insulation

(E) Plaster Finishes
(E) Terracotta Block
(E) Air Space
(E) Brick Masonry

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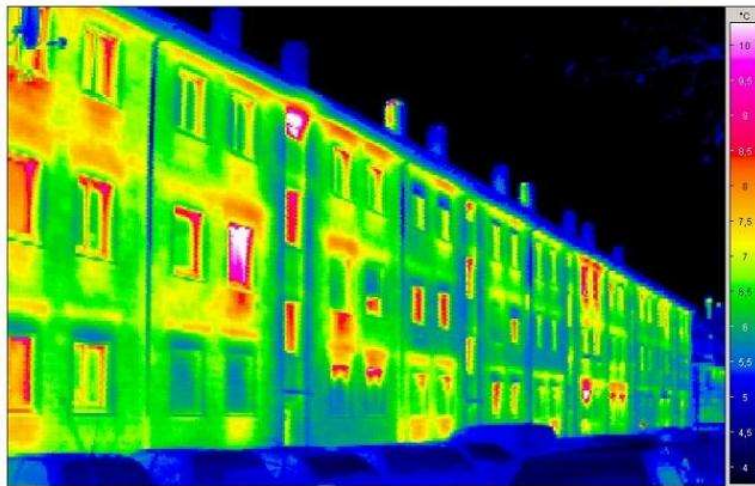
Remove existing interior finishes

Interior Insulation

Freeze/Thaw and Moisture issues

“Wants” in Conflict

Drier Brick vs. Wetter Brick



Passive House Institute

Inefficient/**Uncomfortable** vs. **Comfortable**/Efficient
Freeze-Thaw or Mold Damage?

Freeze/Thaw Damage Triangle

Water Absorption (Capillary Suction)

- Water Freezes at $\sim 32^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Water freezes in brick at lower temps (need to test)
- Water expands $\sim 9\%$ when it freezes

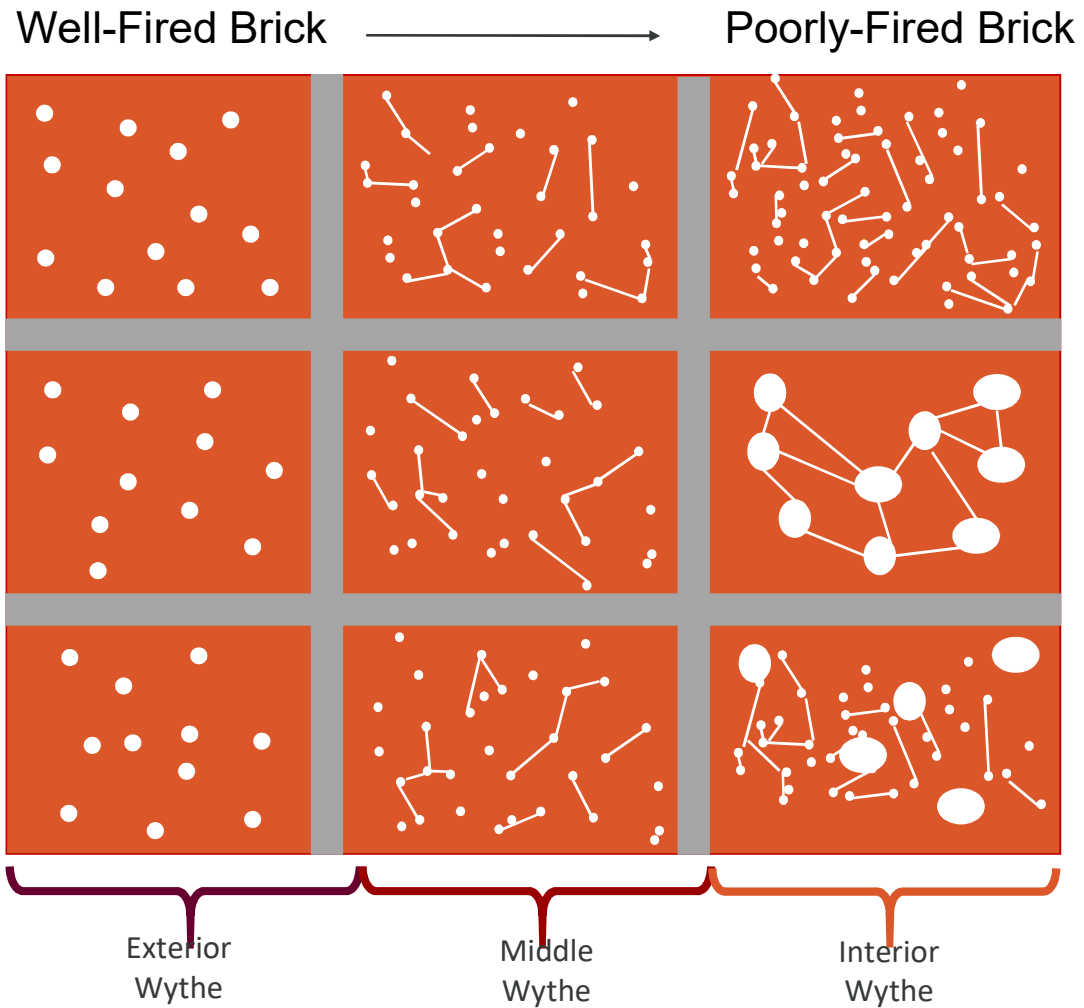


Freeze



Over-stressed Condition

“Bad Brick” and Capillary Suction



Freeze Thaw Destruction Is A Whole Systems Failure

The masonry must be saturated (95% RH).
How did it get saturated?

And the weather must be well below
freezing for an extended period.

The Questions Is:

How to avoid system failure, and achieve
high performance?



Freeze Thaw?
Yes, but not an insulation problem



Freeze Thaw Damage – only at top of wall



Inspect and address the masonry

Pull everything away from the brick



(with possible exception of plaster at party walls)

Expose the Problems & Repair



Evaluating Brick Properties

In-Situ Performance

Observations



Brick Durability

ASTM C67 Testing

- Compressive Strength
- Absorption
- Saturation Coefficient
- Freezing and Thawing

Refiring Method

- Firing Temperature

Mercury Intrusion Porosimetry

- Maage Index

Hygric Properties

ASTM C20 Testing

- Density
- Porosity

ISO 15148 Testing

- Free Water Saturation
- Water Absorption Coefficient

ASTM E96 Testing

- Water Vapor Diffusion Resistance

ASTM C1498 Testing

- Equilibrium Moisture Content

Custom Brick Properties

Bulk Density
(ASTM C20)

Porosity
(ASTM C20)

Free Water Saturation
(ISO 15148)

Reference Water Content
(ISO 15148)

Water Absorption Coefficient
(ISO 15148)

Layer/Material Data

Layer/Material Name: Brick Wythe 1

Bulk density [lb/ft³]: 104.3
Porosity [ft³/ft³]: 0.196

Typical Built-In Moisture [lb/ft³]: 0.209
Layer Thickness [in]: 1

Spec. Heat Capacity [Btu/lb°F]: 0.201
Thermal Conductivity, Design Value [Btu/hft°F]:
Permeability [perm in]: 8.1
Color:

Hygrothermal Functions | Material Information

Moisture Storage Function

- Liquid Transport Coefficient, Suction
- Liquid Transport Coefficient, Redistribution
- Permeability, moisture-dependent
- Thermal Conductivity, moisture-dependent
- Thermal Conductivity, temperature-dependent
- Enthalpy, temperature-dependent

Approximate

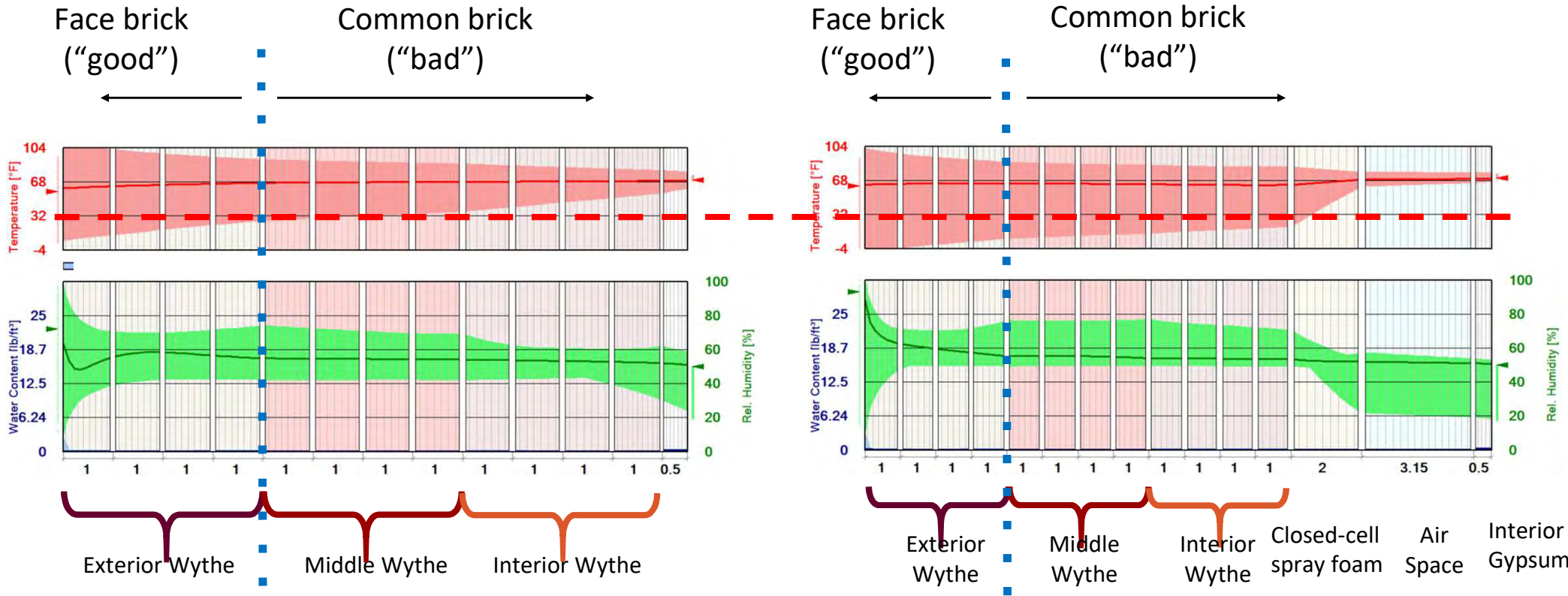
Approximation Parameters:

Reference Water Content [lb/ft³]: 0.72
Free Water Saturation [lb/ft³]: 170.13

No.	RH [-]	Water Con... [lb/ft ³]
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2	0.1	0.020101803
3	0.2	0.045197843
4	0.3	0.077410671
5	0.4	0.12048596
6	0.5	0.18041681
7	0.55	0.2203707
8	0.6	0.27093735
9	0.65	0.33523815
10	0.7	0.42076445
11	0.75	0.54062614
12	0.8	0.71792155
13	0.85	1.0175758
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Uninsulated vs. Insulated Masonry



Let's Look At Some Assemblies

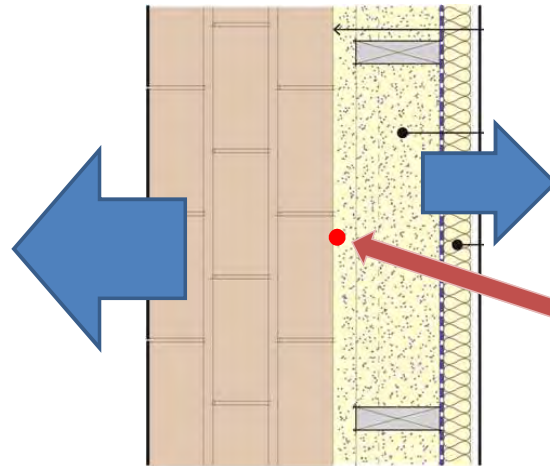
Albany, NY

Insulation:

Dense-Pack Cellulose
Mineral wool etc

Outboard:

Shed water
Windtight
Vapor open



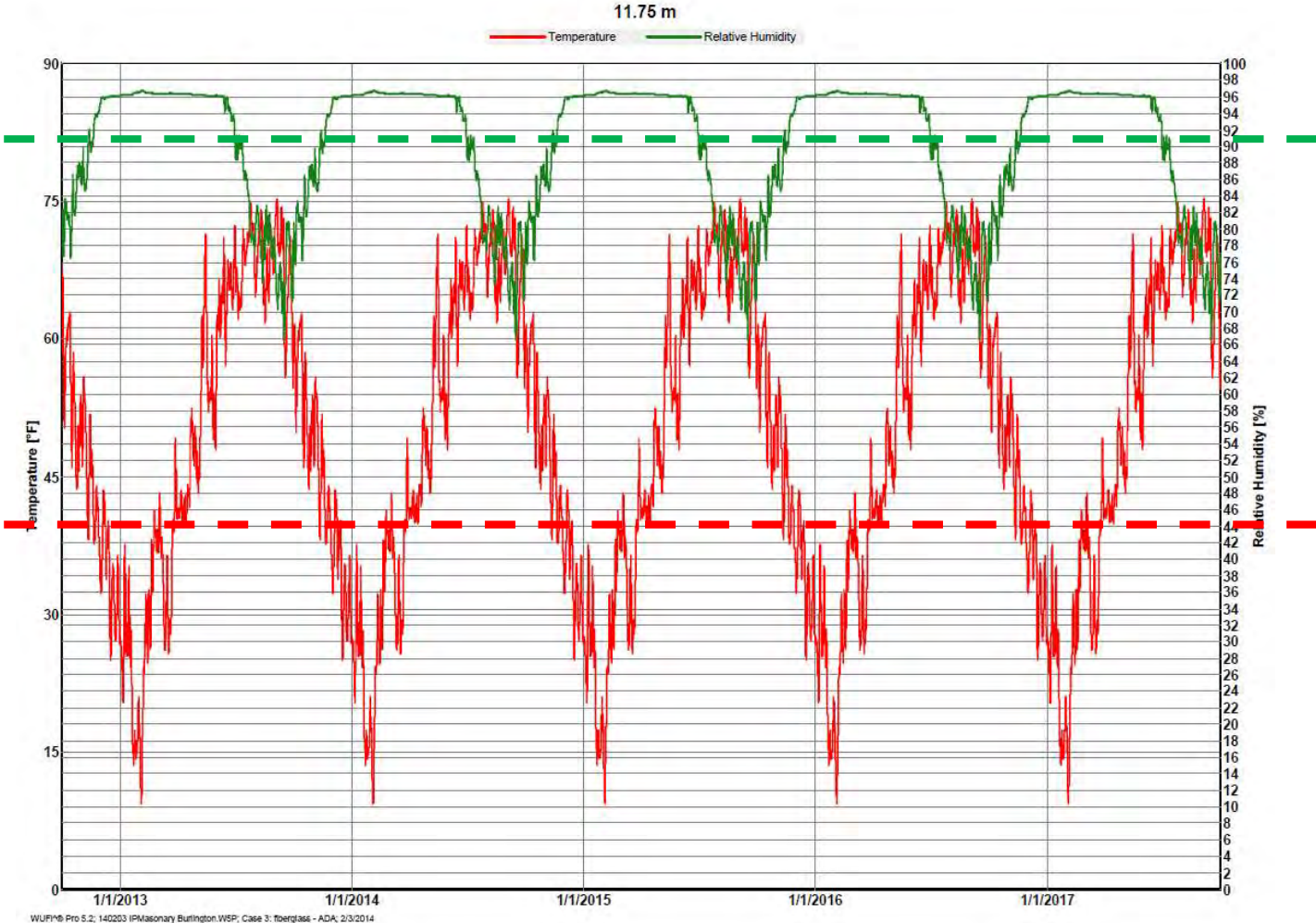
Inboard

Airtight
Vapor Retarding

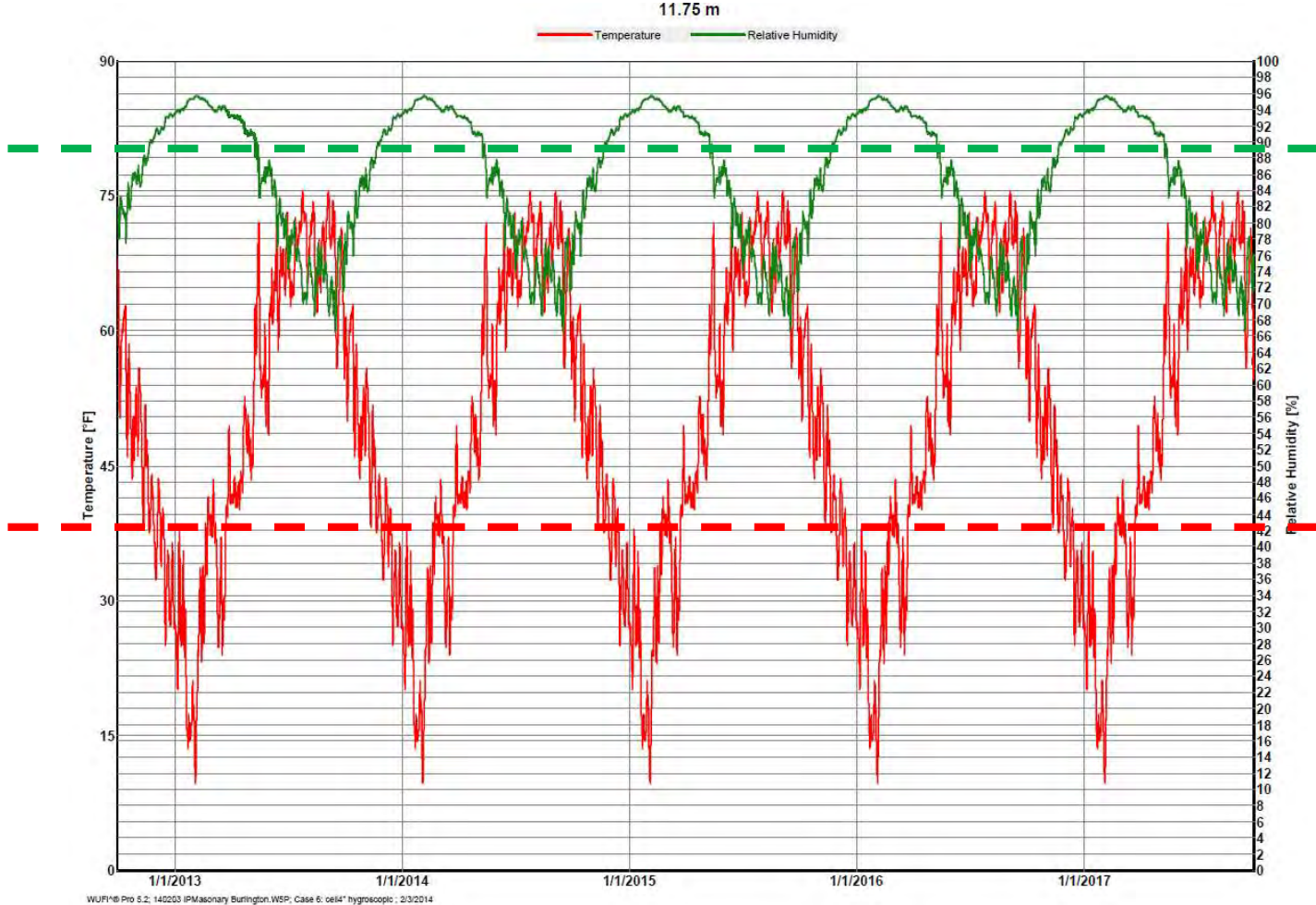
At Red Dot

- Moisture load?
- Mold potential?
- Helping or hurting freeze-thaw potential?

WUFI: 4" Fiberglass & Airtight Drywall

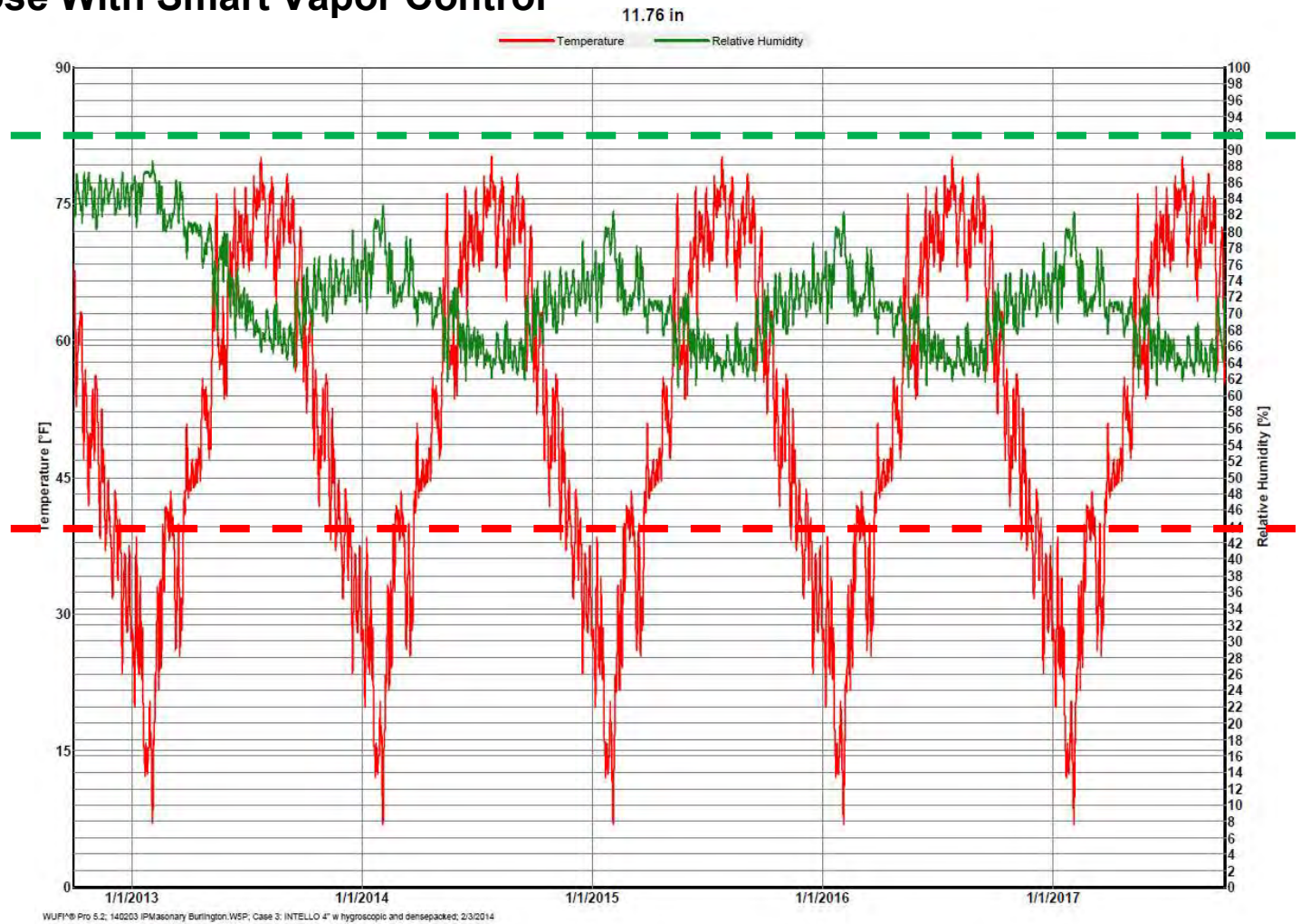


4" Cellulose Without Vapor Control

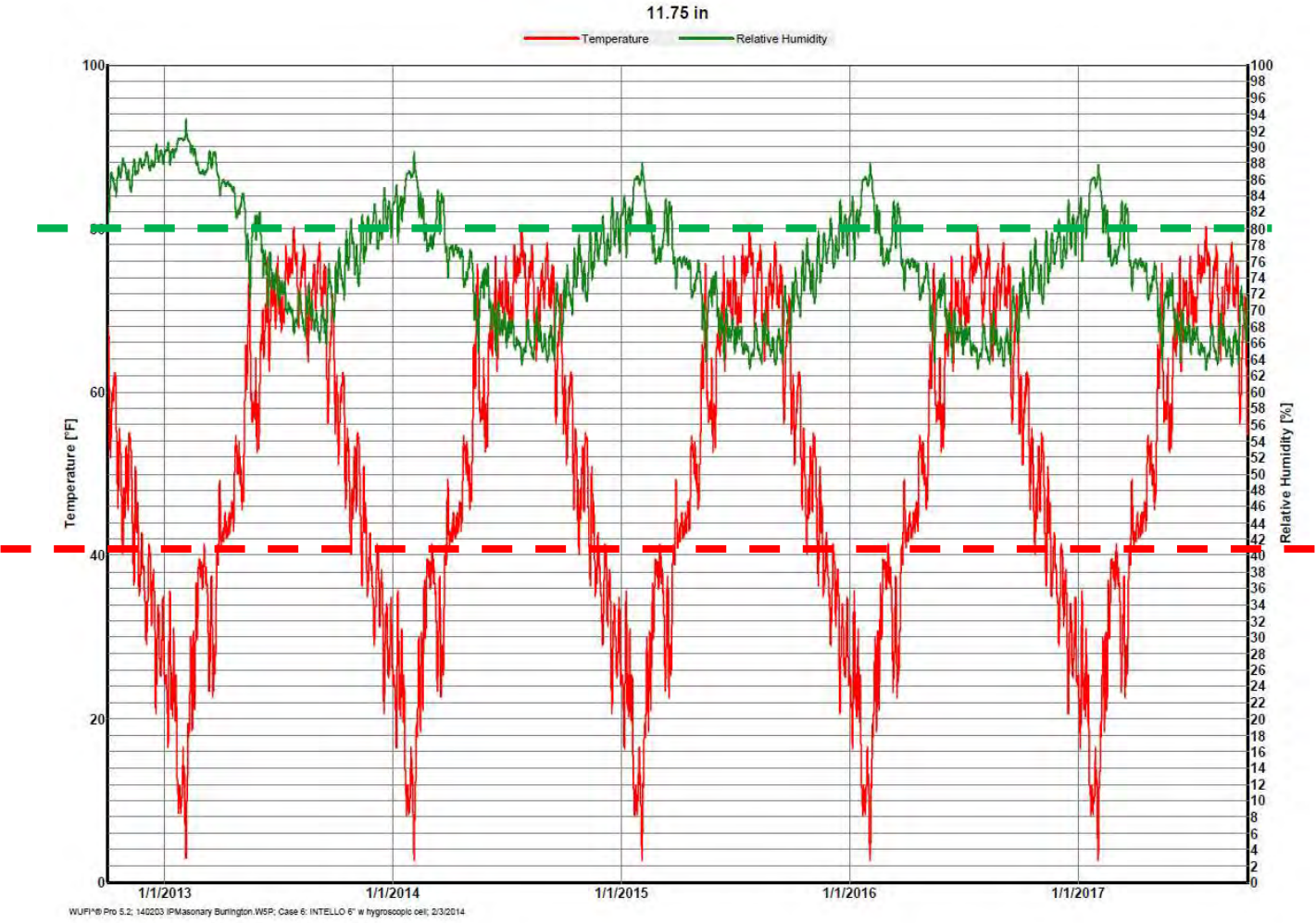


WUFI-Pro 5.2; 140203 IPMasonry Burlington.WSP; Case 6: cel4" hygroscopic; 2/3/2014

4" Cellulose With Smart Vapor Control



6" Cellulose With Smart Vapor Control



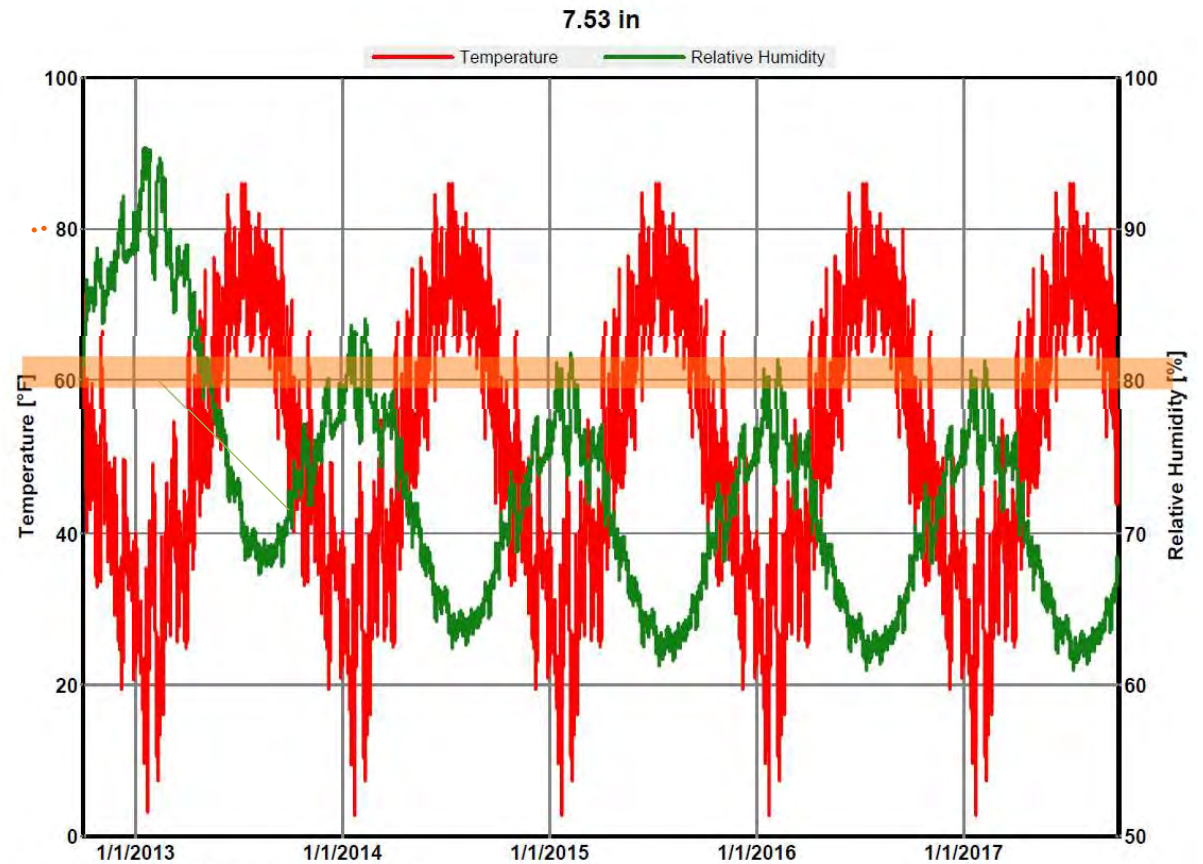
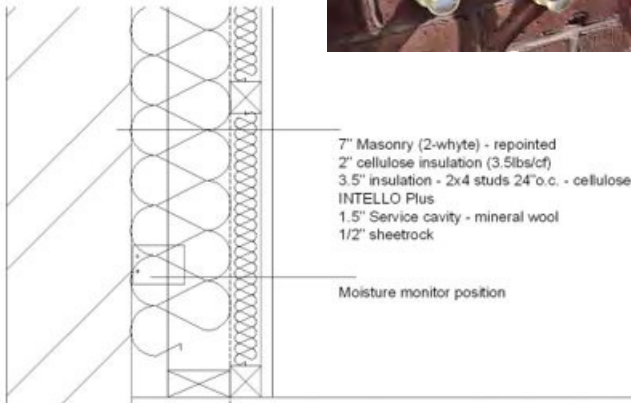
2 Wythes brick wall – Saugerties, NY – Climate zone 6 monitored masonry EnerPHit renovation

Assessment of RH % on brick/cellulose interface (condensing surface)



Overhangs - Keep it dry

Assessment
of masonry



WUFI® Pro 5.2; 160408 2-wythe Albany.W5P; Case 5: Final; 4/11/2016

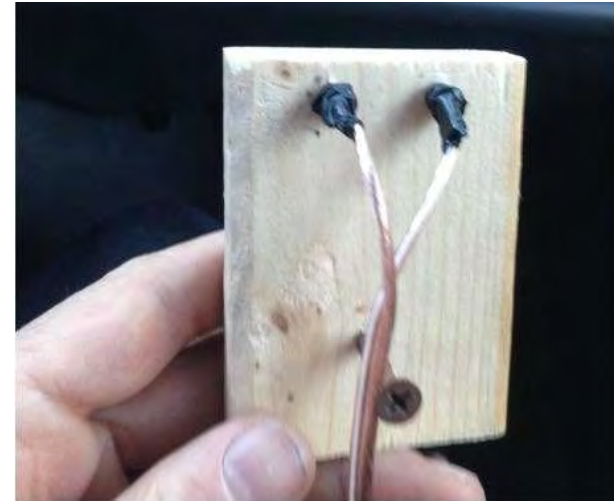
Stays below 80% RH

M% check (stay below 15M%) In 3 exposed orientations (N,E,W)

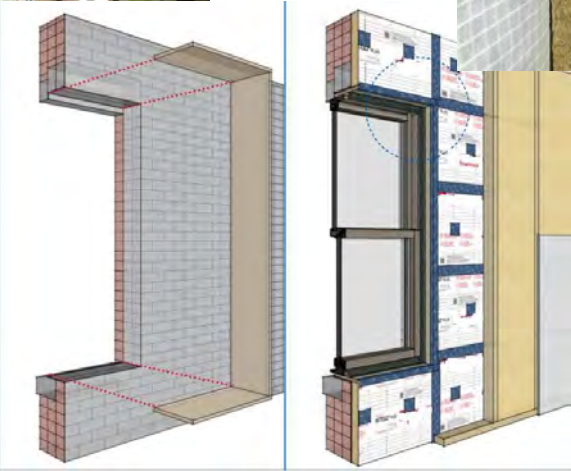


Balancing act – heat loss vs masonry health (and interior space)

	U-value (w/m2K)	Area	red factor	UA factor	Heat loss %	Areas %
Floor	0.19	142.6	75%	20.3	24%	25%
Brick wall	0.213	136.7	1	29.1	34%	24%
Larson wall	0.149	93.49	1	13.9	16%	16%
Flat roof	0.111	48.1	1	5.3	6%	8%
Gable walls	0.127	33.34	1	4.2	5%	6%
Pitched roof	0.114	114	1	13.0	15%	20%



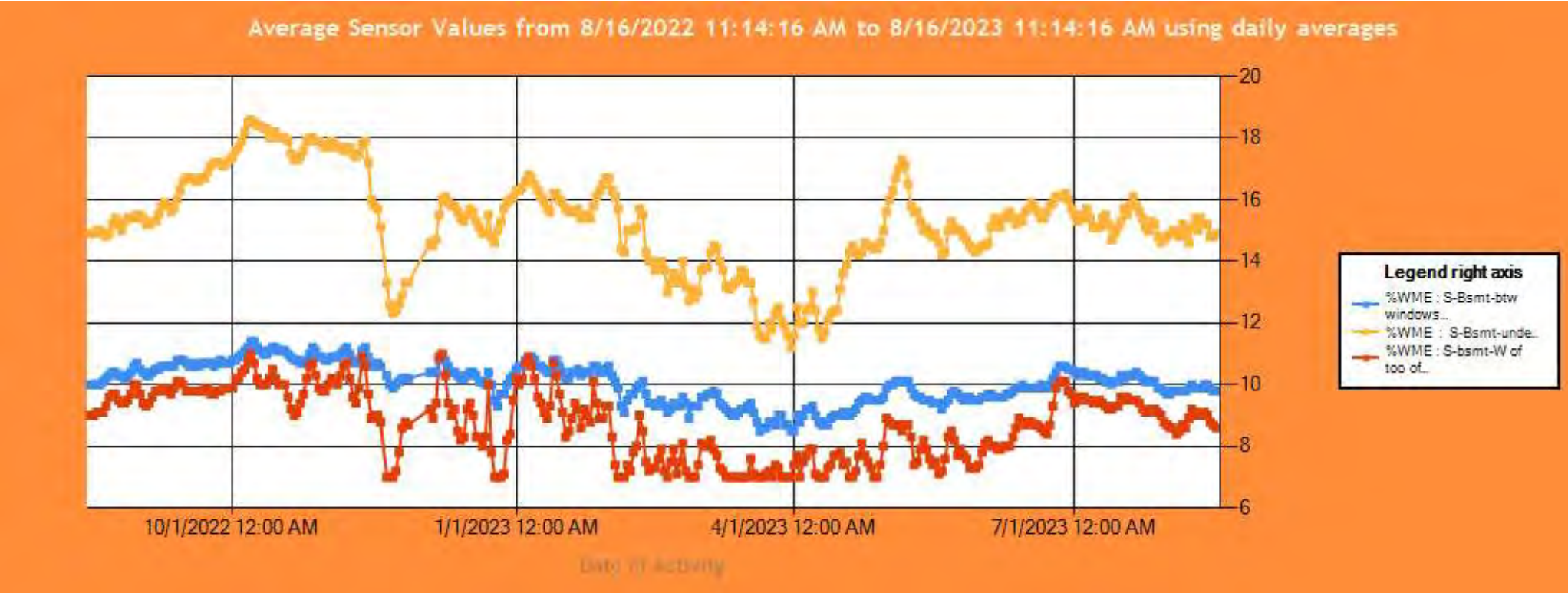
5" Mineral wool boards + INTELLO Plus (pinned) + service cavity



No thermal bridges, material efficient

5" Mineral wool boards + INTELLO Plus – MONITORED

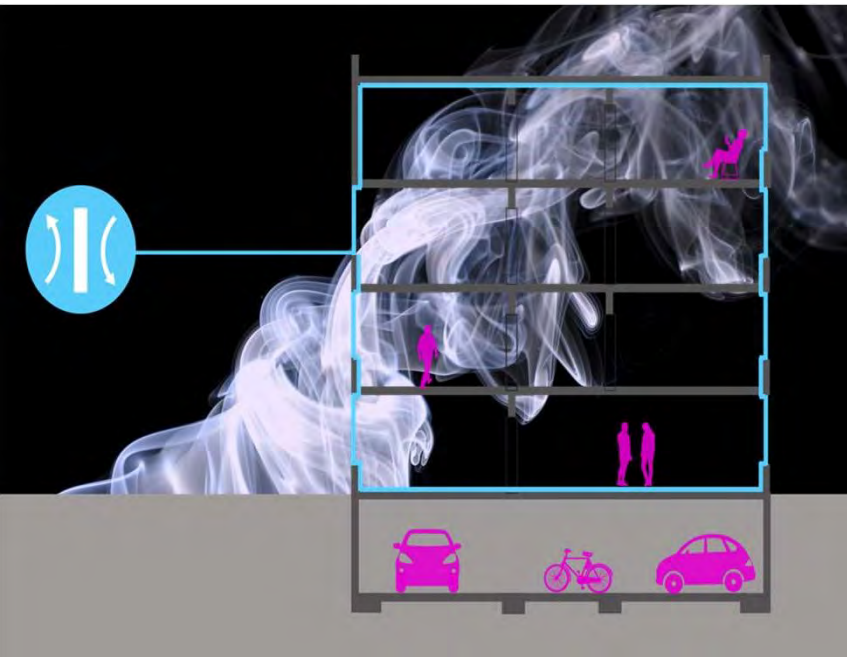
Omnisense monitoring of inner brick surface (M%) - 14 months – M% <18



Interior Insulation

Air Flow Issues

AIR CONTROL



Why is airtightness so important?

It disproportionately affects fundamental aspects of building performance

Order of importance

1. Water control
2. Air control
3. Vapor control
4. Thermal control



via eibibank
"Air-sealing both sides of the wall is more important than the fluffing of the insulation in the cavity."
Building Science 11, Issue 2017

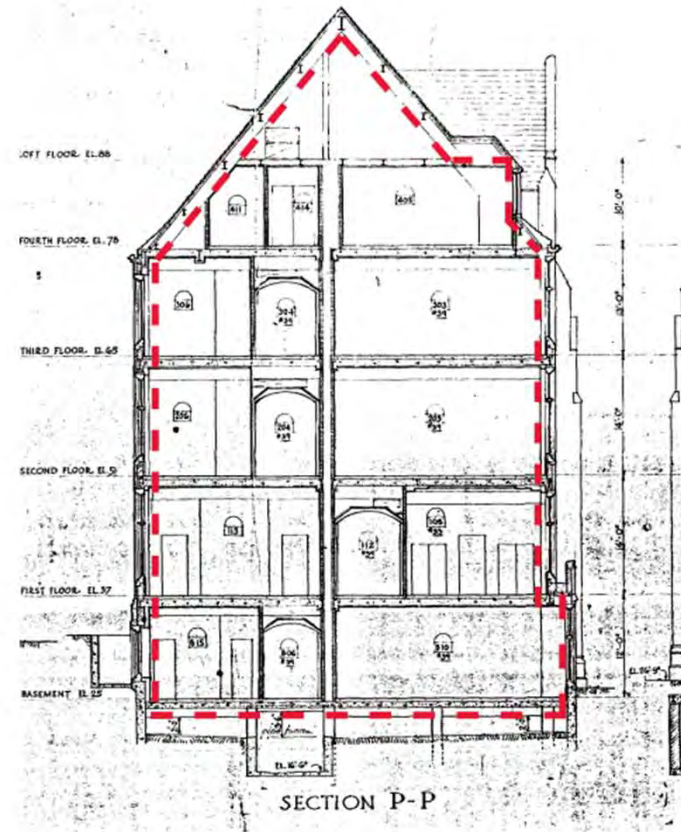
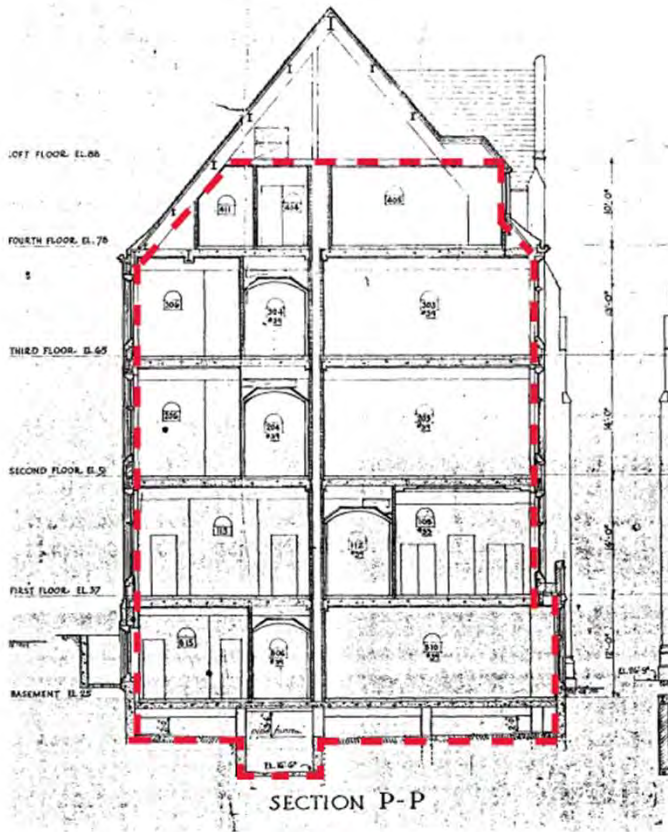
Indoor Air Quality

Comfort

Durability

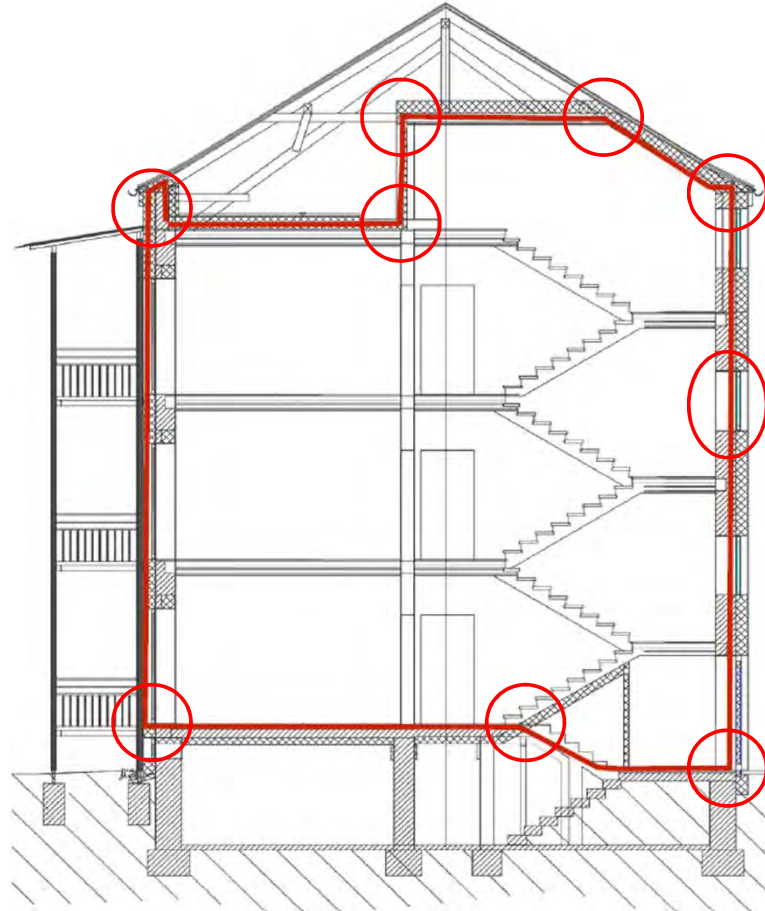
Energy Consumption

Defining the Thermal Envelope / Air Barrier

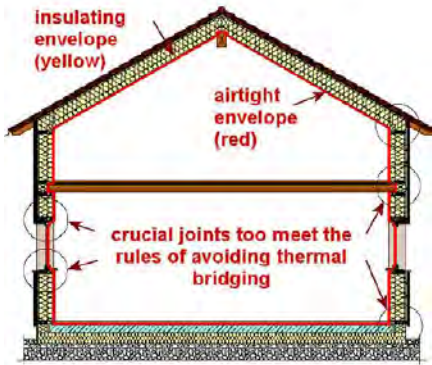


Continuity: In Design & Construction

1. Robust materials
2. Simplify the details
3. Consider the sequence
4. Seal penetrations
5. Repairable and verified
6. Protected



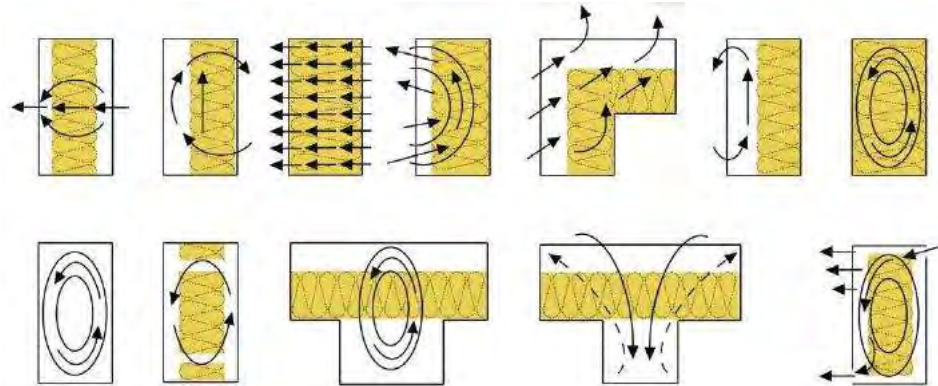
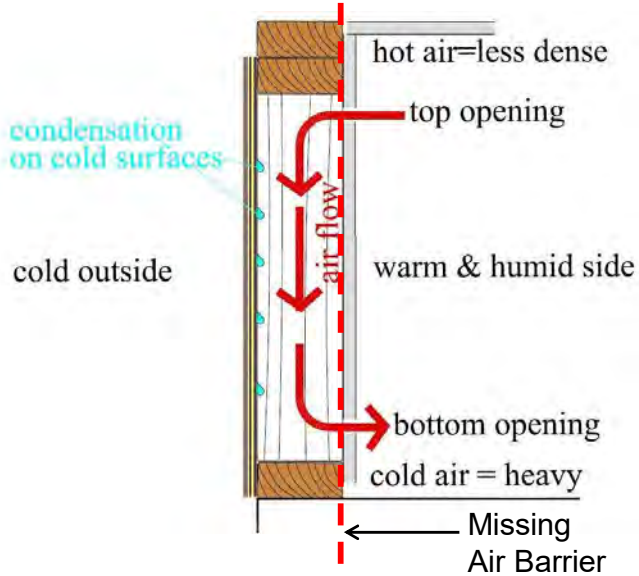
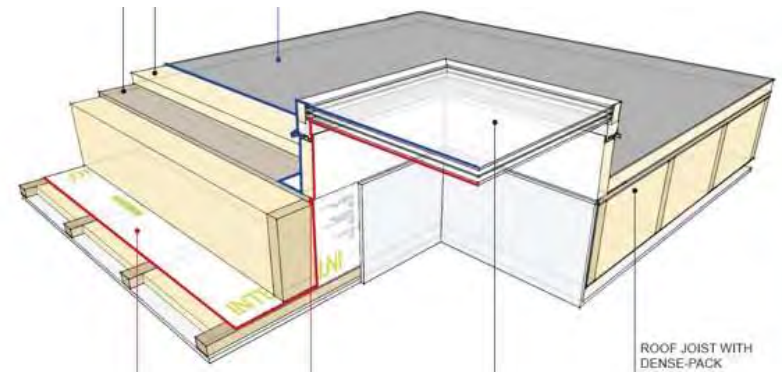
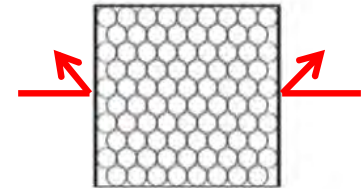
Air Control



Ref http://passipedia.passiv.de/passipedia_en/

To optimize insulation **surround it** with airtightness on all 6 sides.

- Primary Inboard
- Secondary Outboard (windtight)



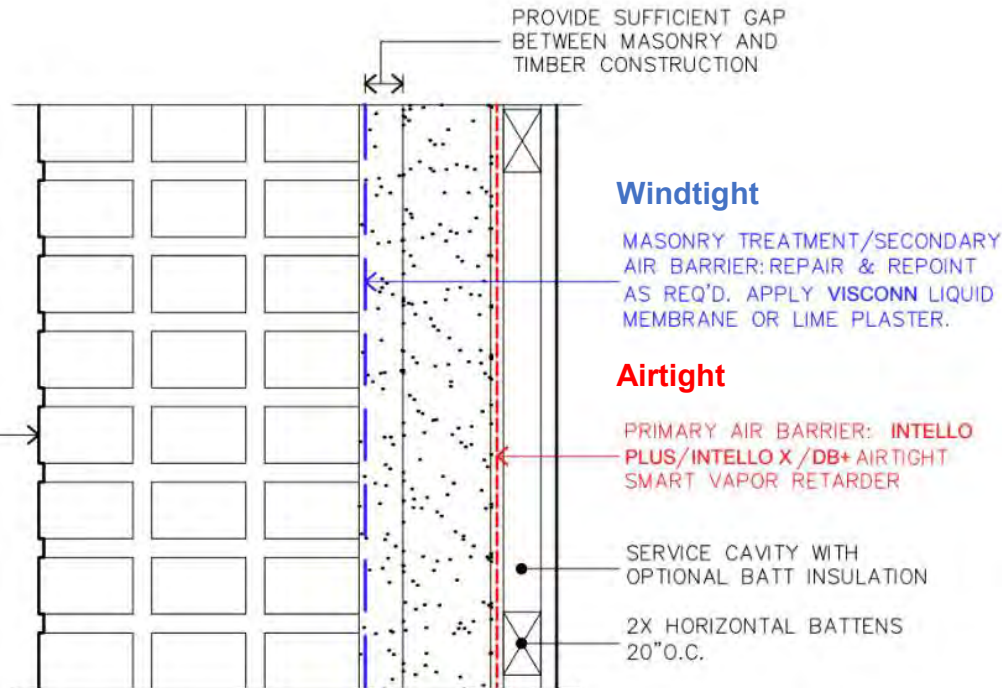
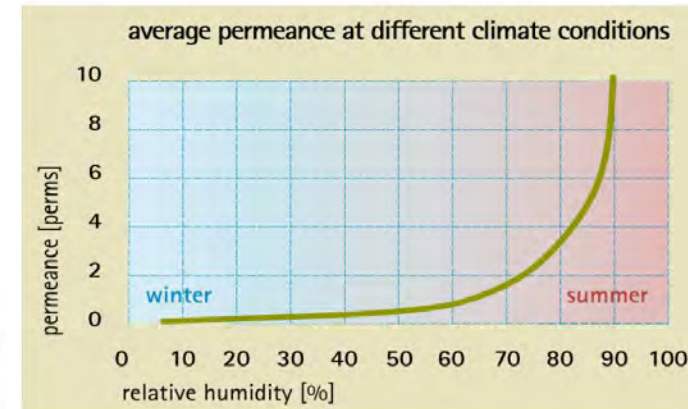
Mark Siddall

Make Airtight Inboard & Outboard

Optimal Airtightness Is Inboard Of Insulation

It keeps conditioned/humid air away from cold surfaces

Hydrosafe Smart Vapor Control



SECTION

From vapor closed in winter (0.13 perms – low Class II)

To vapor permeable in summer (13 perms)

Minimizes wetting
Maximizes drying potential

Make Brick Windtight/Airtight



Liquid-applied air barrier



Plaster

- Existing lime plaster that is in good condition or new lime plaster can be used as a vapor-open air barrier.
- Repointing/parching might be enough.
- liquid applied air barrier is a fast and effective airseal. (cost vs speed)



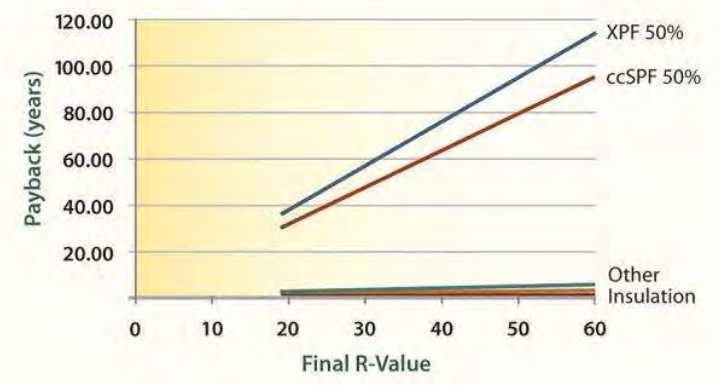
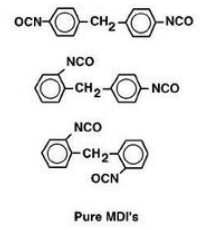
Dangerous **Toxic** ingredients
 Unacceptable **fire accelerant**
Global warming potential **Installation problems**
Unreliable performance

Reversible?

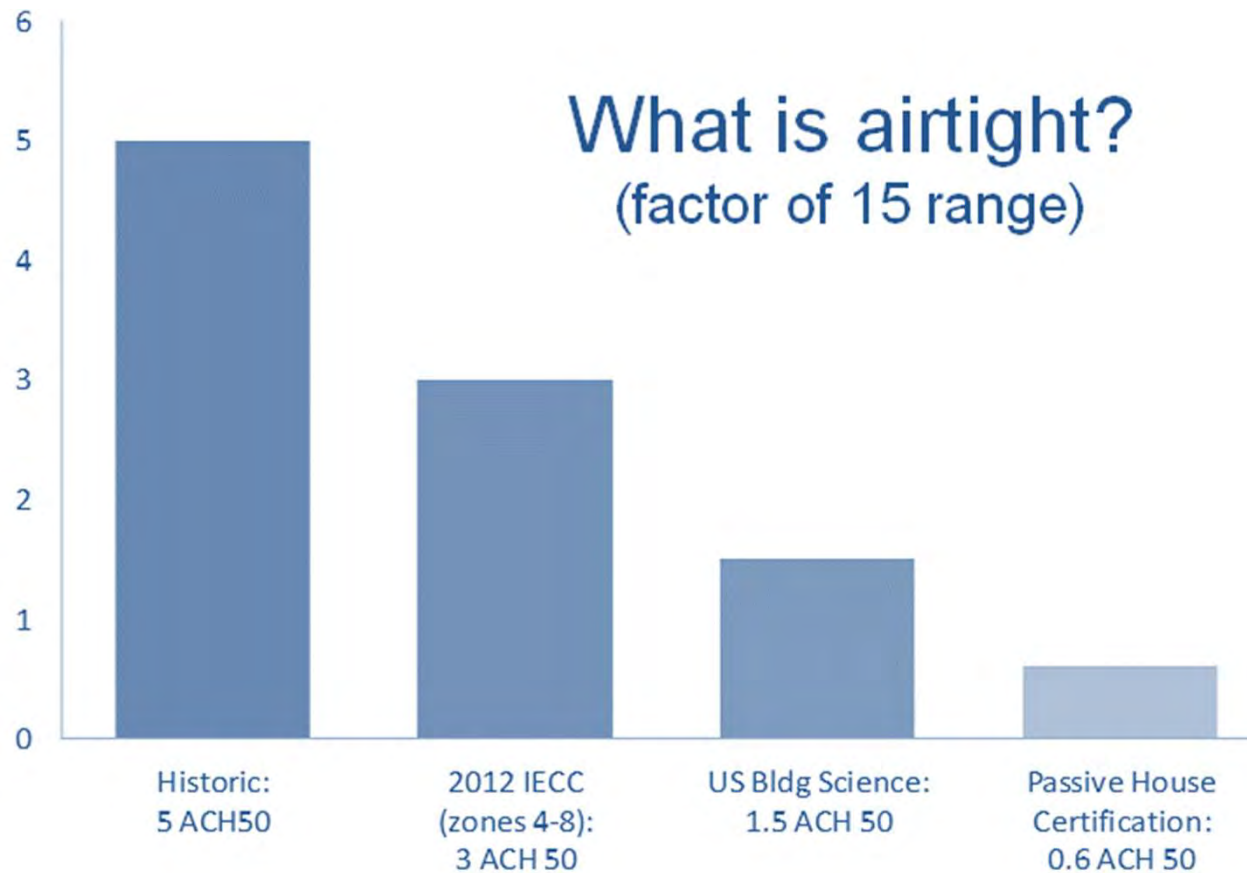
Not optimal.



Woods Hole, MA 2011



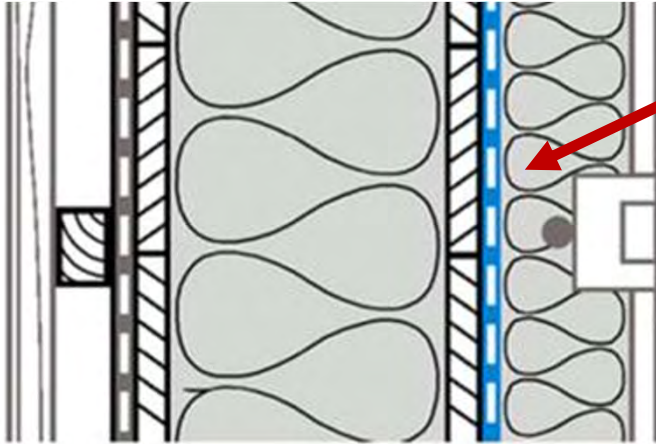
Air Control Progression



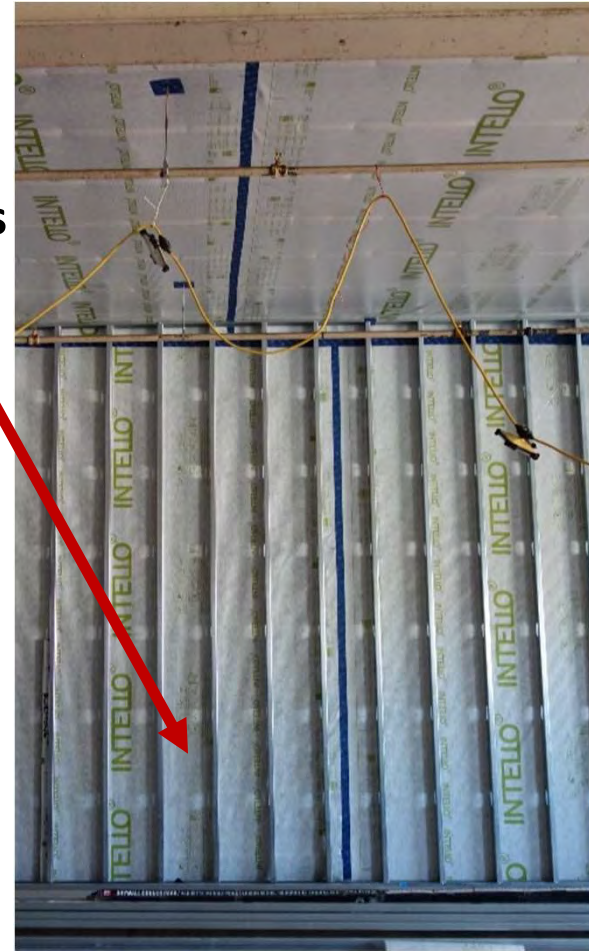
THE BLOWER DOOR DOESN'T LIE



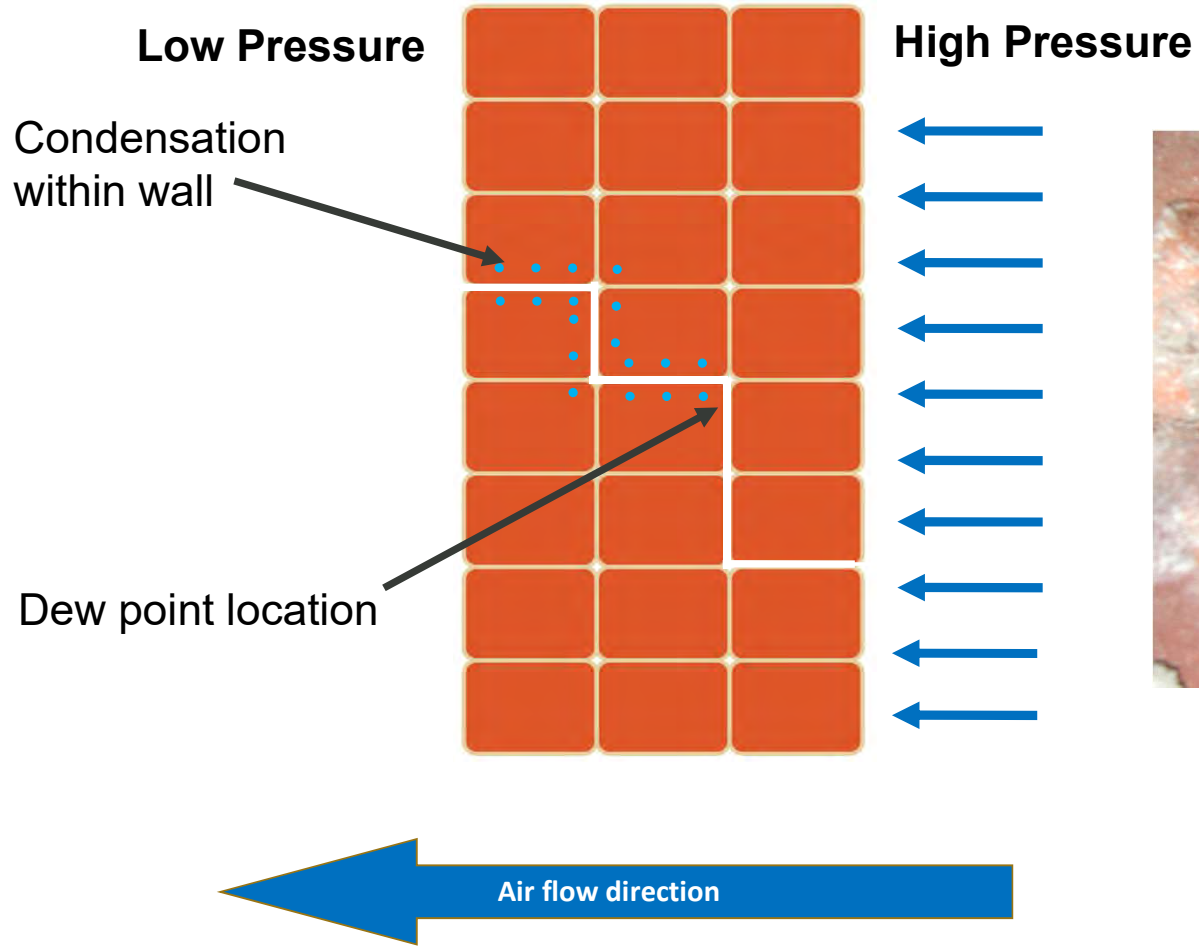
Service



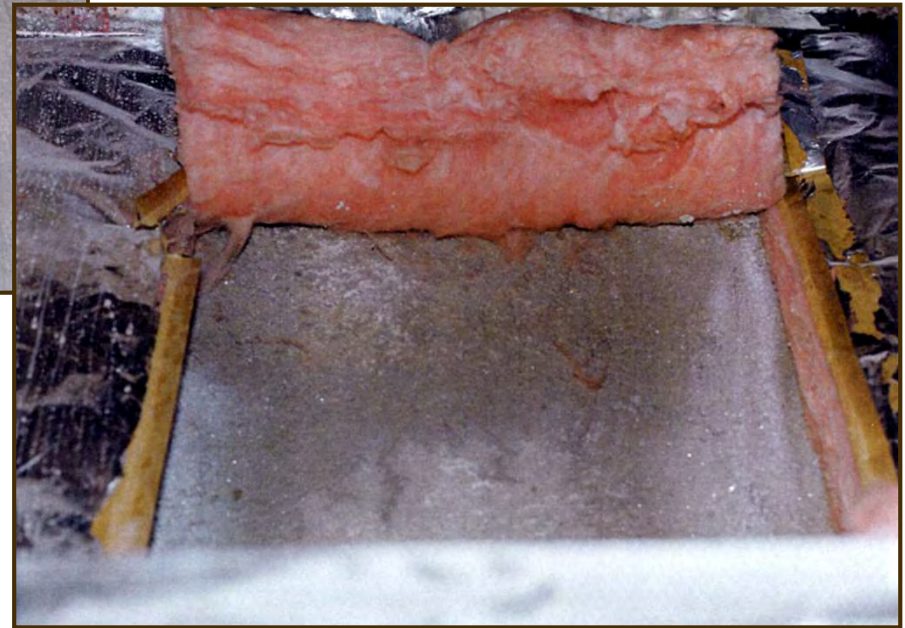
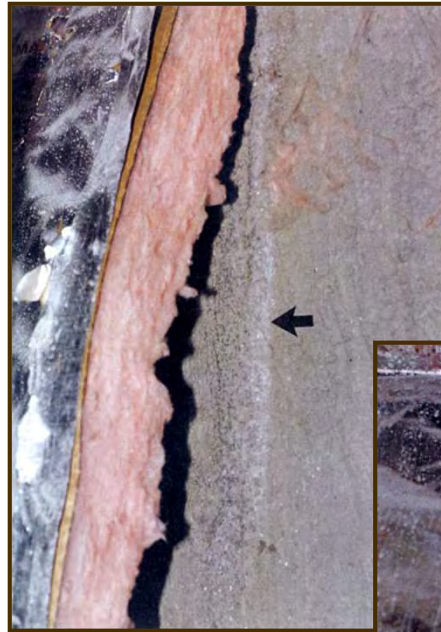
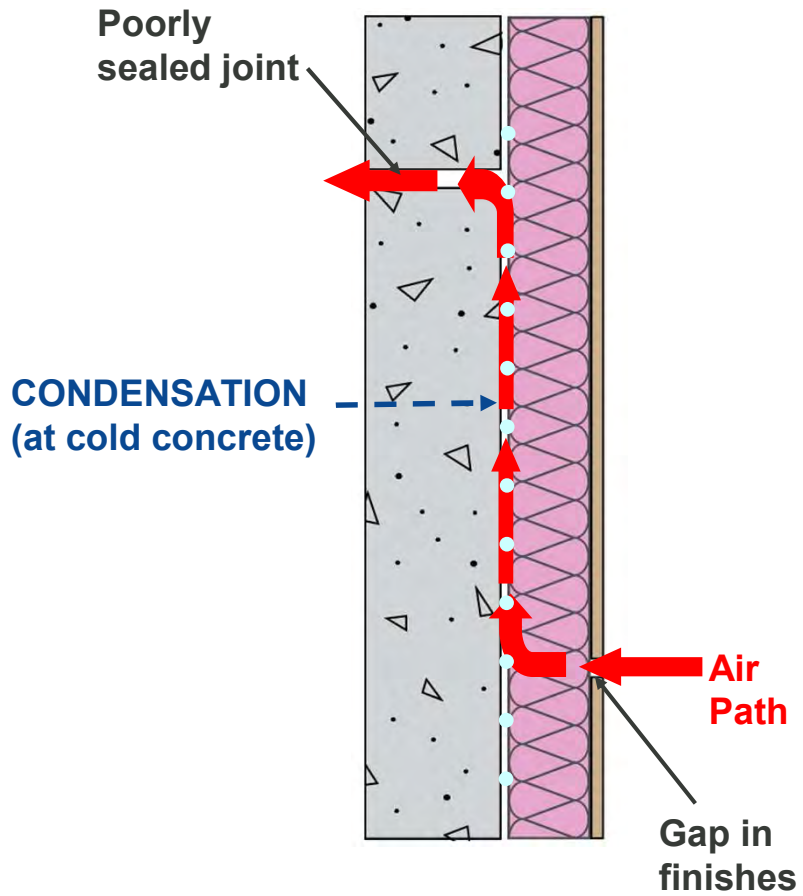
Service cavity protects airtight layer



Hidden Condensation Due to Air Flow

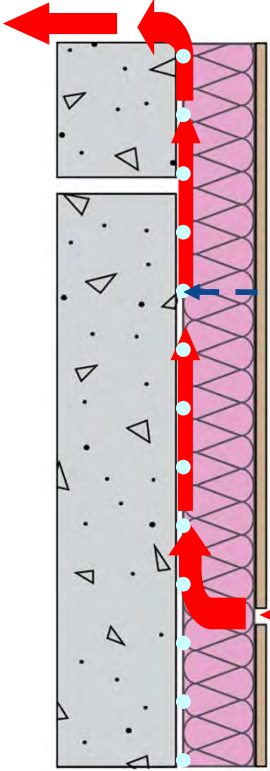


Surface Condensation Due to Air Flow

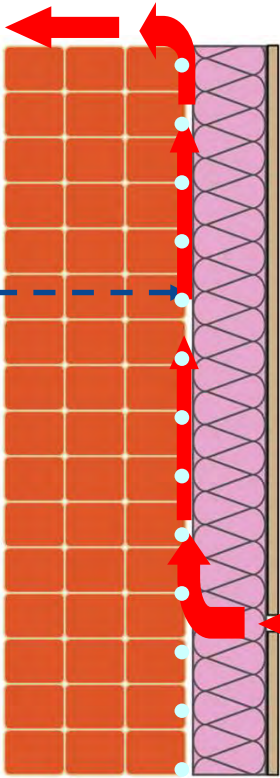


Air Flow – Masonry Walls

Precast Concrete Wall
(Cold Surface)



Mass Masonry Wall
(Cold Surface)



CONDENSATION
(at cold surface)

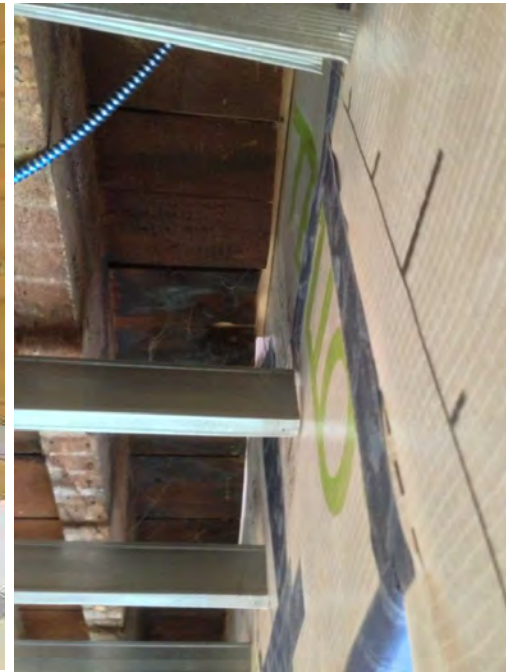
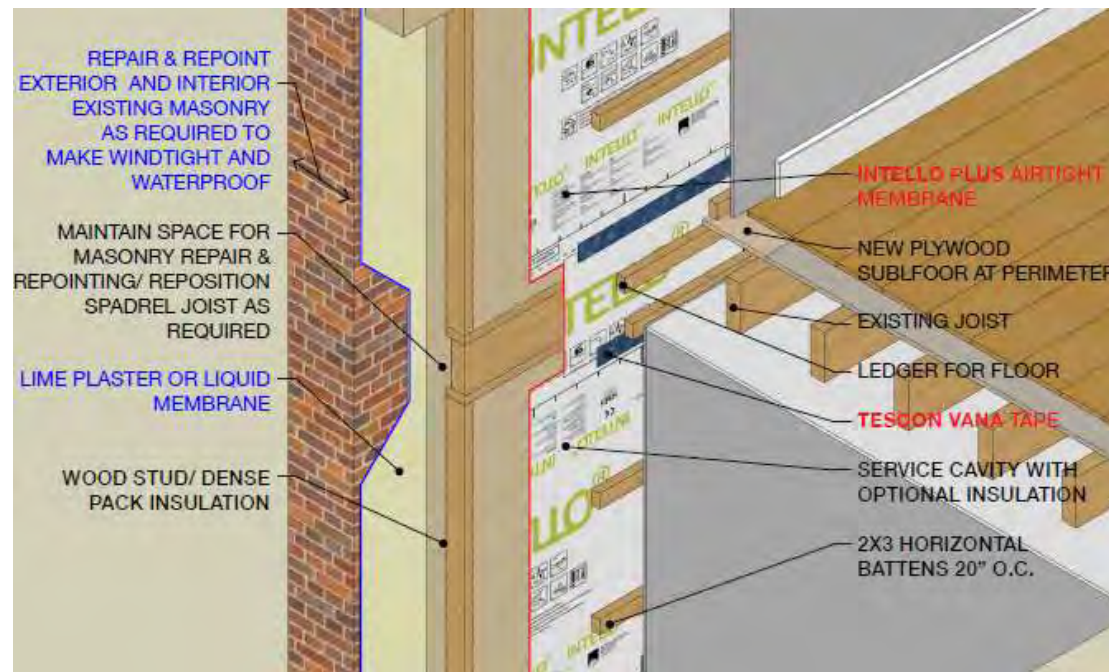
Air
Path

Air
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Air Leakage



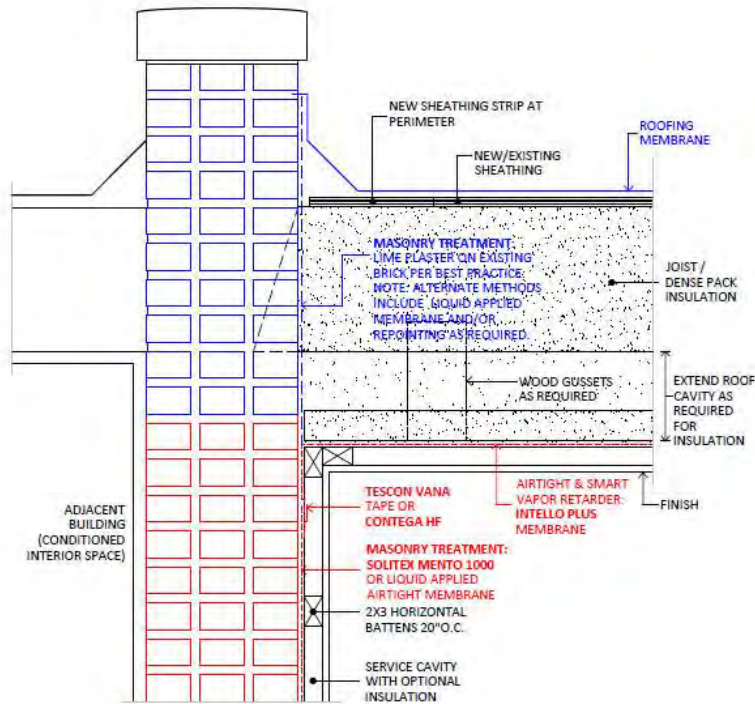
Floor – Wall Connection



Roof – Wall Connection

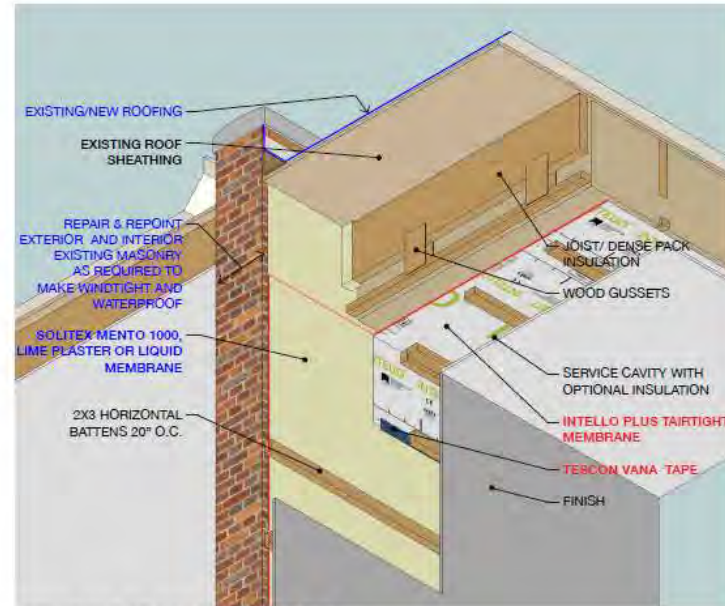
4b UNVENTED FLAT ROOF AT PARTY WALL

Disclaimer: Note that these drawings are diagrammatic and are not intended for direct use. A professional architect, engineer or builder must evaluate and customize per specific job requirements.



SECTION

SECTION DETAIL



View up at roof connection

Cost

EIFS Costs

EIFS SYSTEM COST (\$/SQ.FT.)							
INSU- LATION TYPE	R- VALUE (per inch)	THICKNESS					
		2"		3"		4"	
		<u>Dryvit</u>	STO	<u>Dryvit</u>	STO	<u>Dryvit</u>	STO
EPS	3.85	\$14-	\$16-	\$14-	\$16-	\$14-	\$18-
		\$18	\$18	18	\$18	\$18	\$20
GPS	4.71	\$20-	\$17-	\$21-	\$17-	\$20-	\$19-
		\$24	\$19	\$25	\$19	\$24	\$21
XPS	5.00	\$22-	\$20-	\$22-	\$20-	\$22-	\$22-
		\$26	\$22	26	\$22	26	\$24
Mineral Wool	4.00	\$36-	\$26-	\$36-	\$26-	\$36-	\$28-
		\$40	\$28	\$40	\$28	\$40	\$30

Note: Prices are estimates from manufacturers. An average between the two manufacturers was used for pricing.

Panel Costs

PANELIZED SYSTEM COST (\$/SQ.FT.)		
INSU- LATION TYPE	R- VALUE	COST
Mineral Wool	22.1	\$66.19

Interior Costs

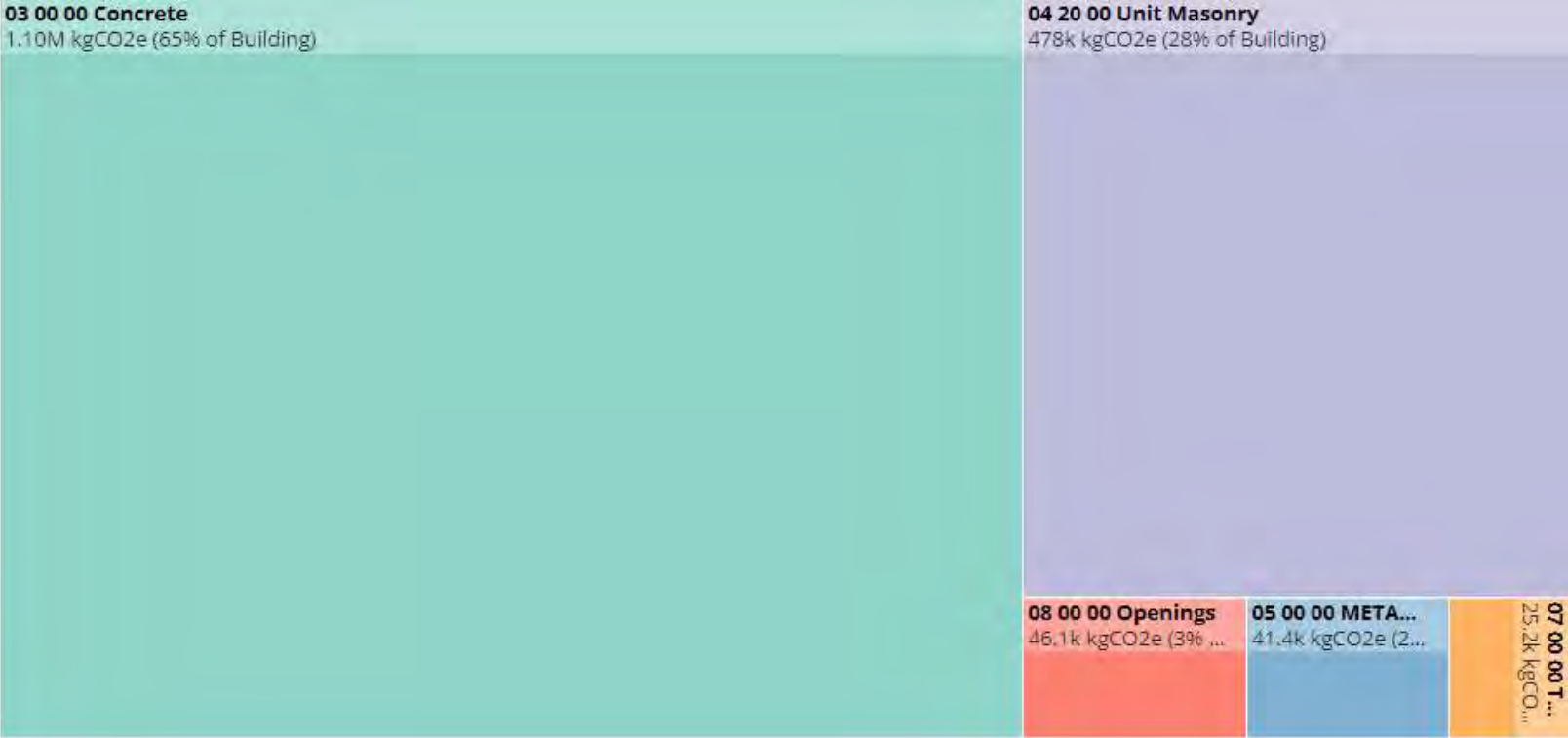
Interior Insulation	\$ / SQ. FT.
Option I	\$28 to \$32
Option II	\$ 24 to \$32

Embodied Carbon

New Construction Baseline: 2.32M kgCO₂e



New Construction Enhanced*: 1.6M kgCO2e 27% Reduction



* = Readily available today
Study funded by NYSERDA

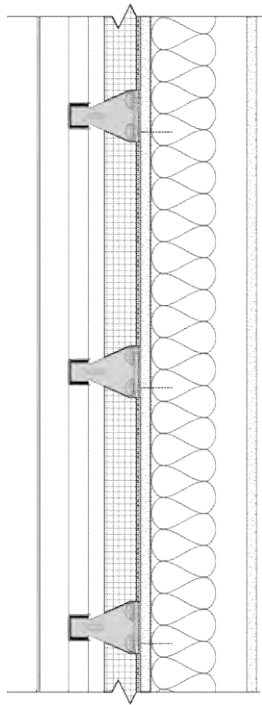
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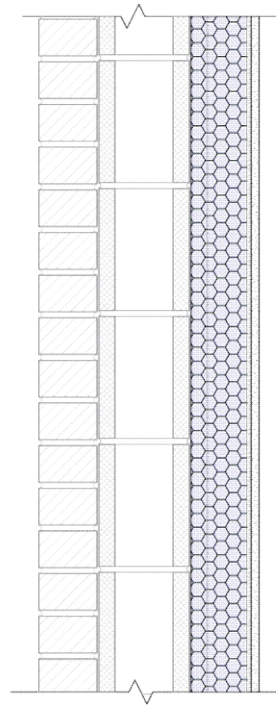
Reclad

R-19



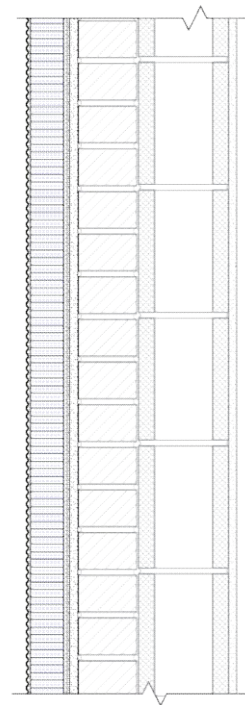
Interior

R-11.7



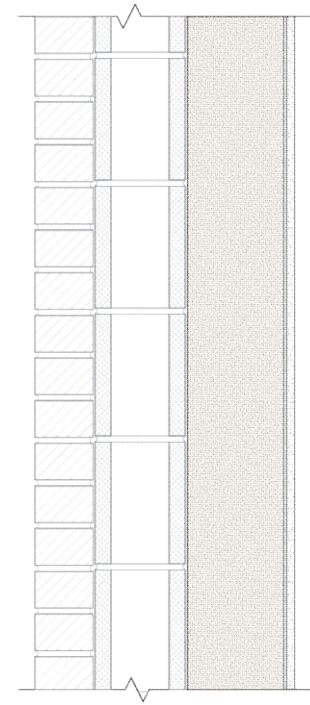
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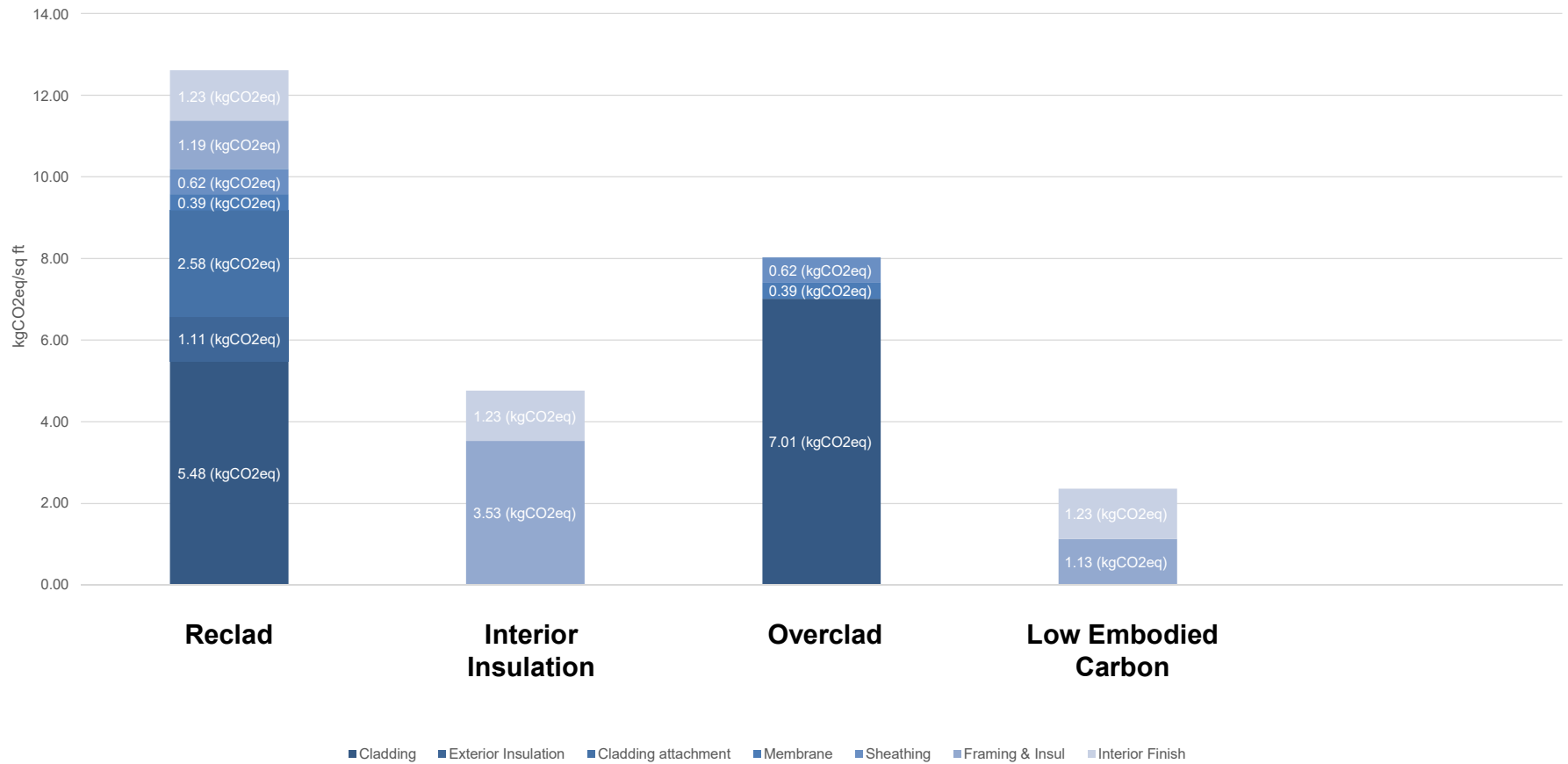


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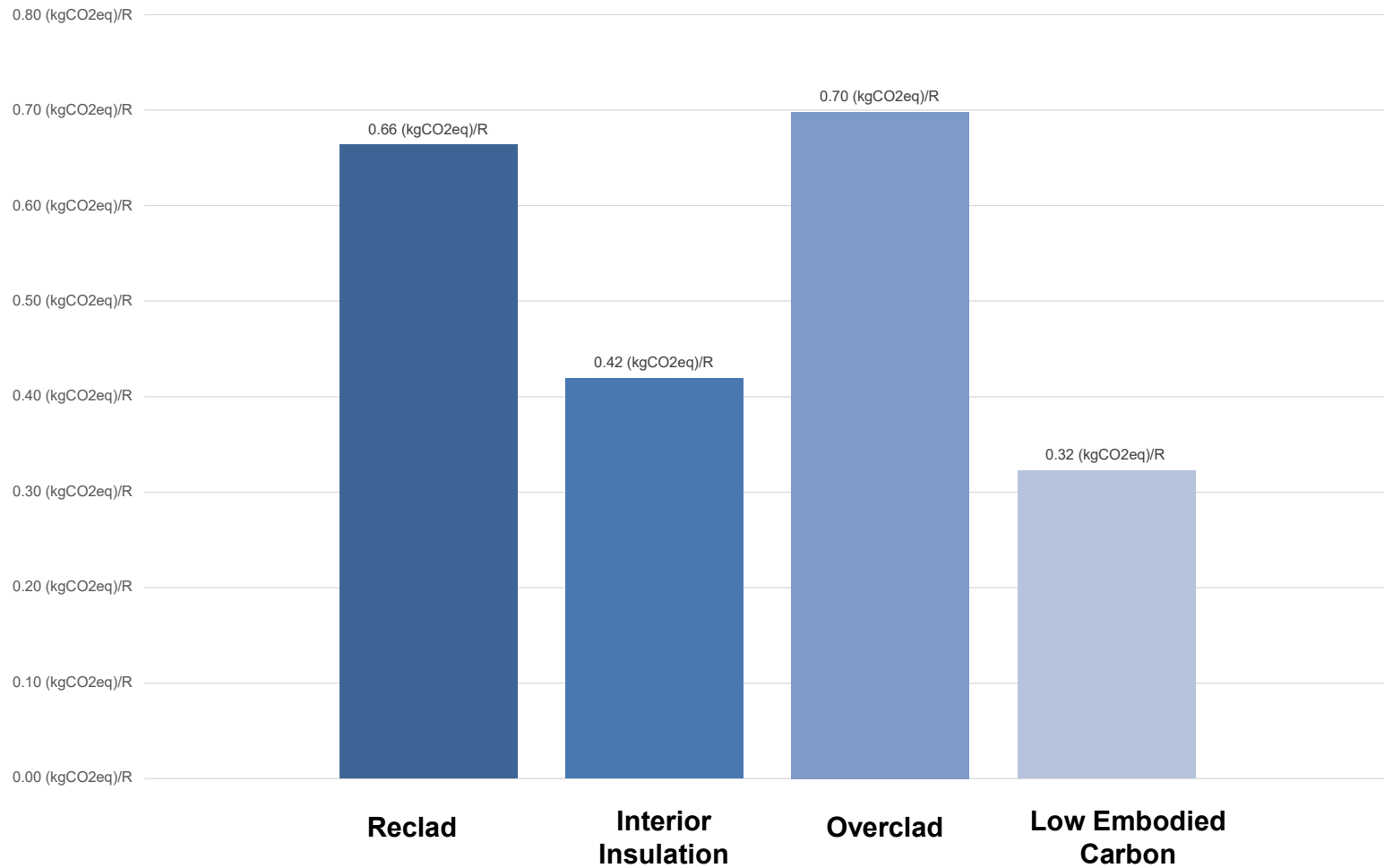
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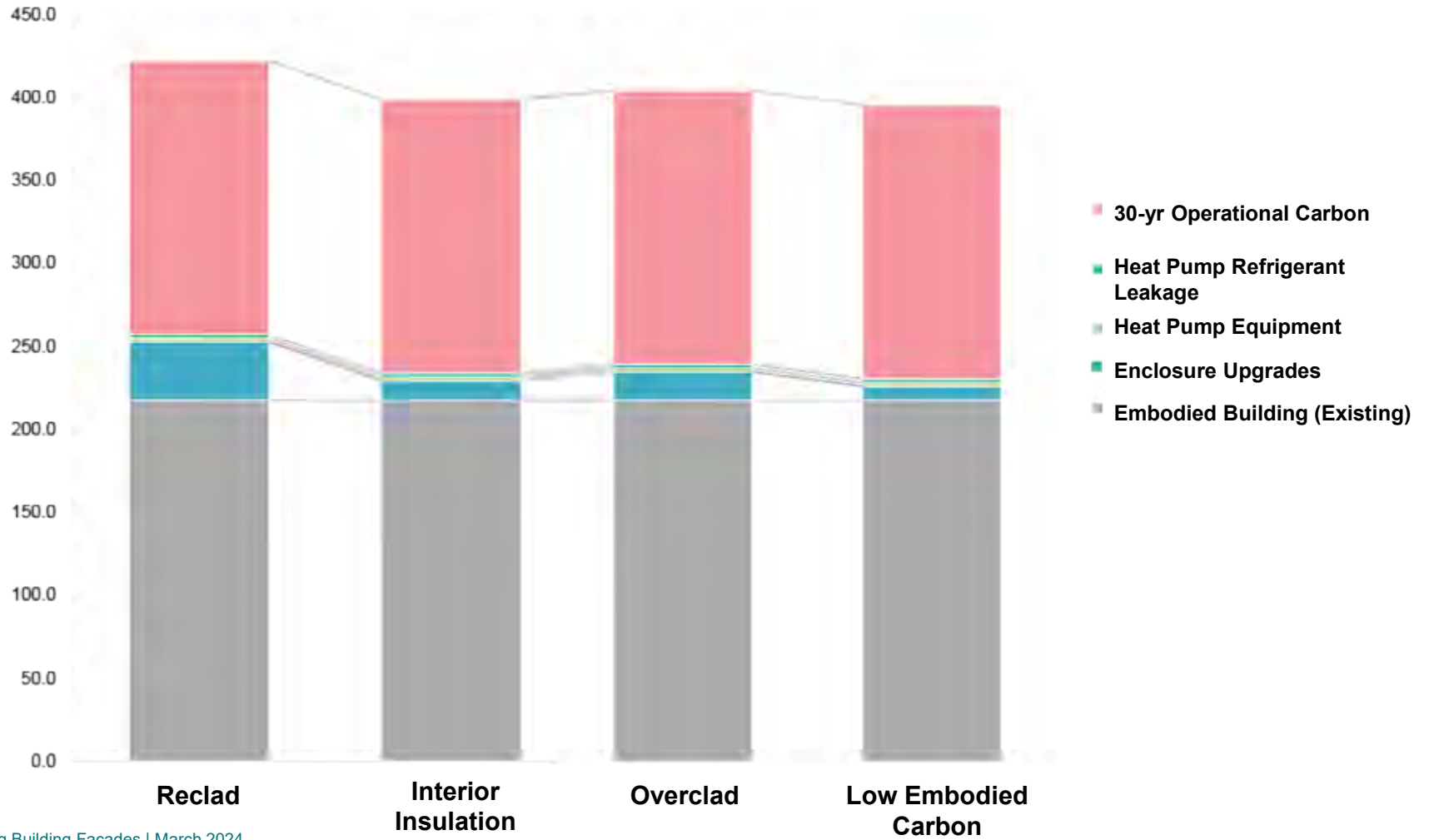
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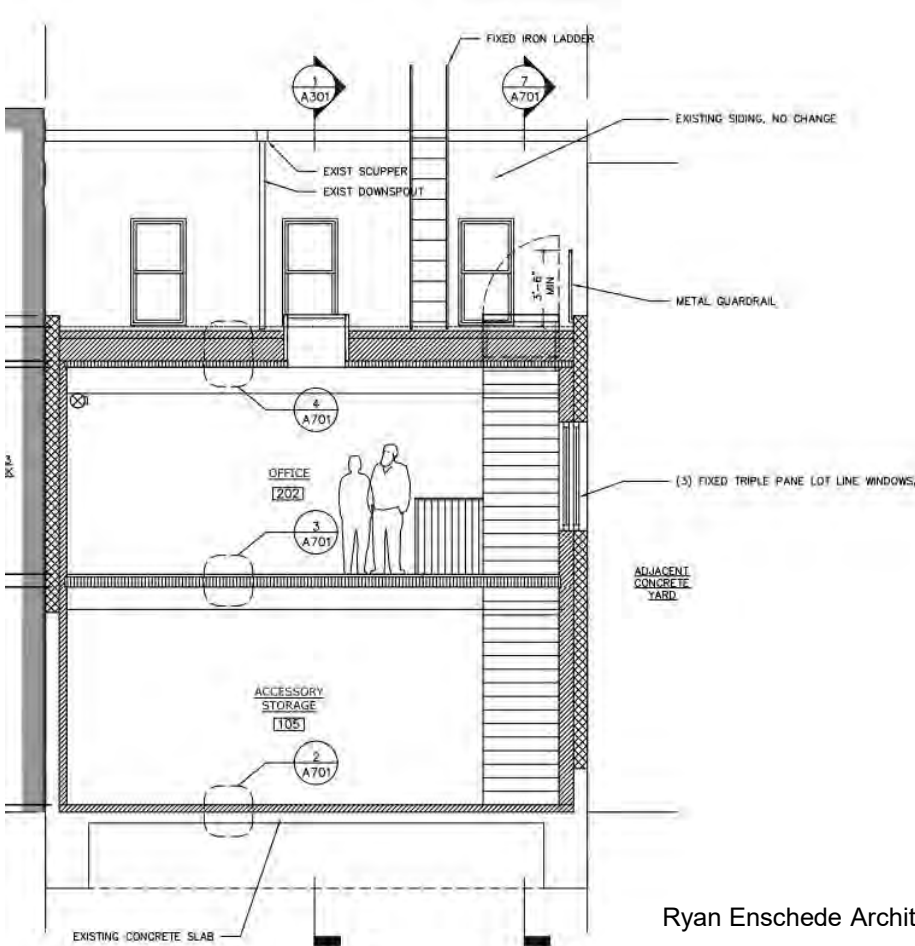
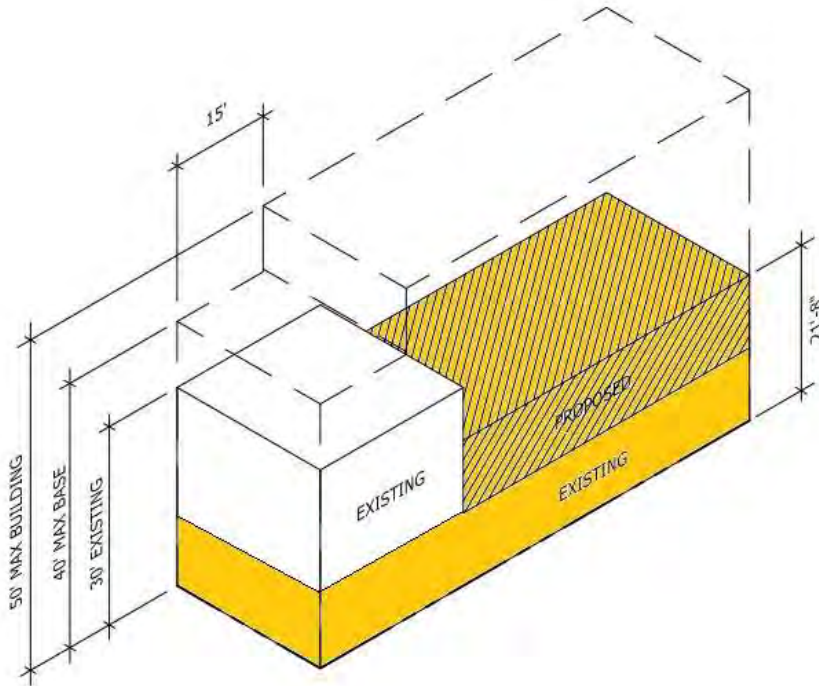
Wall Assembly (GWP/eff. R-value)



Operational and Embodied Tonnes CO₂

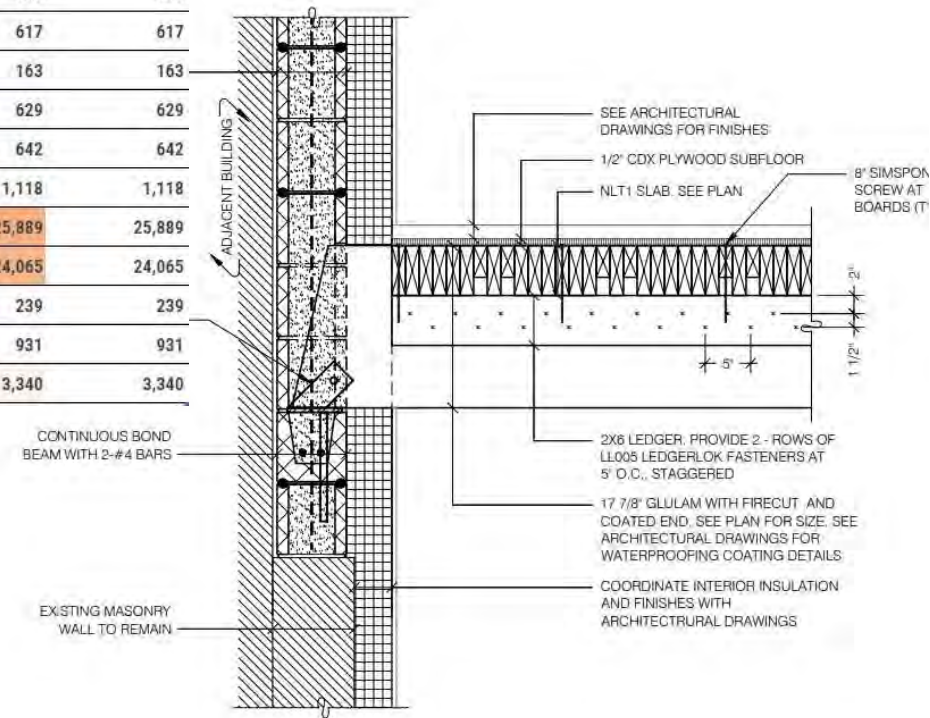


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Foundings & Slabs	CONTINUOUS CONCRETE FOOTINGS	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	456	456	
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Foundings & Slabs	HELICAL PIERS	Helical pier / Generic / 3" Nominal Pipe, 3.5 x 3/16" (89 x 5.5 mm), 10" Helix, Sched 40 Galvanized steel [Industry Avg]	1,128	1,128	
Foundings & Slabs	SUB-SLAB INSULATION	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	865	865	
Structural Elements	STRUCTURAL TIMBER	Glued Laminated Timber (Glulam) / AWC & CWC [Industry Avg US & CA]	617	617	
Exterior Walls	LIGHT WOOD FRAME WALLS	Wood / SPF / 2x4 Lumber / AWC & CWC [Industry Avg US & CA]	163	163	
Exterior Walls	STRUCTURAL SHEATHING	Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629	
Exterior Walls	CAVITY INSULATION	Mineral wool batt / Rockwool / ComfortBatt R24 (5.5") / R 4.4/inch	642	642	
Exterior Walls	CONTINUOUS INSULATION	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Rockboard 60 / R 4.3/inch	1,118	1,118	
Exterior Walls	CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT (CMU) WALLS	CMU - Normal weight / 8" Normal weight blocks / 390 x 190 x 190 mm / CCMPA [Industry Avg CA]	25,889	25,889	
Exterior Walls	CONCRETE FILL FOR CMU WALL	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, 20-29% Fly Ash / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	24,065	24,065	
Floors	LAMINATED TIMBER FLOOR PANELS	Dowel Laminated Timber / StructureCraft / DowelLam / 3-1/2"	239	239	
Roof	WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE	SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931	
Roof	CONTINUOUS ROOF INSULATION	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	3,340	3,340	



Case study – Concrete vs NLT



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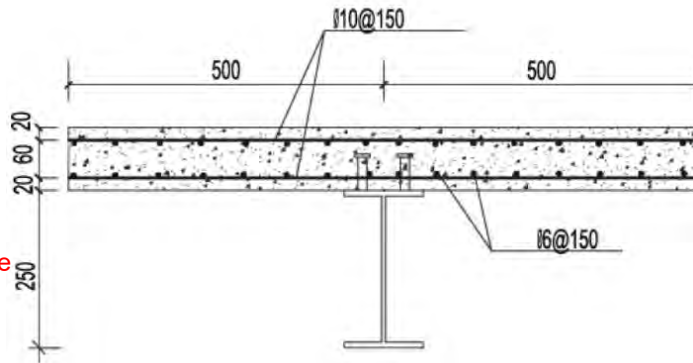
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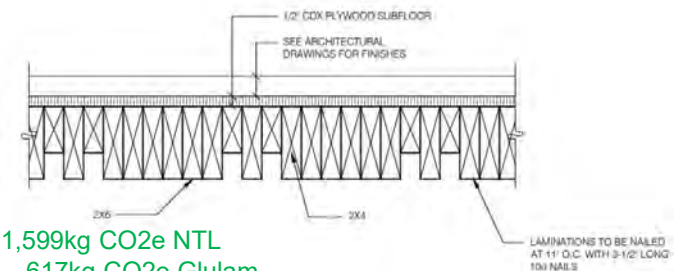
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Foundings & Slabs	REBAR FOR CONTINUOUS FOOTINGS	Rebar / Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute [Industry Avg N.America] / #3	59	59
Foundings & Slabs	REINFORCING MESH FOR SLAB	Welded wire mesh / Serfas / 6" x 6" x 6/6g / Norway	102	102
Foundings & Slabs	SUB-SLAB INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	7,762	7,762
Structural Elements	STRUCTURAL STEEL – WIDE FLANGE BEAMS	Structural Steel / Wide Flange / W360x57 (US W14x38) / AISC [Industry Avg US]	4,985	4,985
Exterior Walls	LIGHT STEEL FRAME WALLS	Steel studs - Non-loadbearing / Scaeco / 362VS125-18, 20EQ gauge	913	913
Exterior Walls	STRUCTURAL SHEATHING	Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629
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20,014kg CO₂e concrete
4,985kg CO₂e steel

Insulating Existing Building Facades



1,599kg CO₂e NTL

617kg CO₂e Glulam

No Carbon sequestration considered!

Solely emissions

Case study – CMU cores



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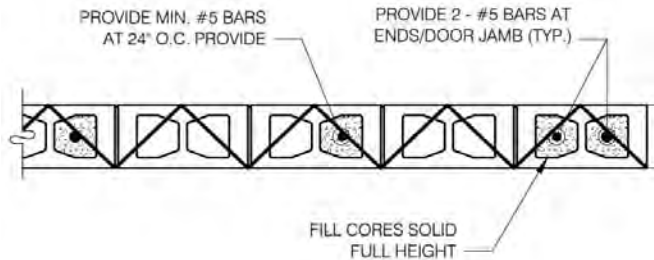
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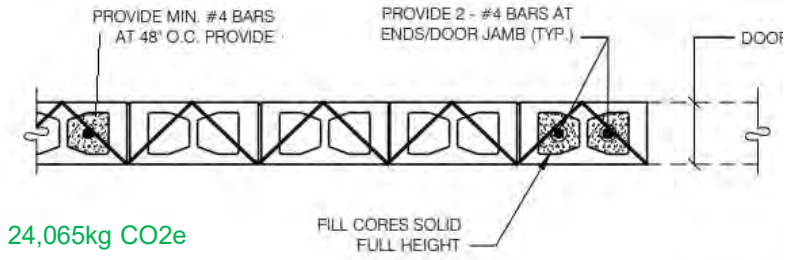
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Foundations & Slabs	REINFORCING MESH FOR SLAB	Welded wire mesh / Serfas / 6" x 6" x 6/6g / Norway	102	102
Foundations & Slabs	SUB-SLAB INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	7,762	7,762
Structural Elements	STRUCTURAL STEEL – WIDE FLANGE BEAMS	Structural Steel / Wide Flange / W360x57 (US W14x38) / AISC [Industry Avg US]	4,985	4,985
Exterior Walls	LIGHT STEEL FRAME WALLS	Steel studs - Non-loadbearing / Scafo / 362VS125-18, 20EQ gauge	913	913
Exterior Walls	STRUCTURAL SHEATHING	Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629
Exterior Walls	CAVITY INSULATION	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / R 6.6/inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	10,631	10,631
Exterior Walls	CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT (CMU) WALLS	CMU - Normal weight / 8" Normal weight blocks / 390 x 190 x 190 mm / CCMPA [Industry Avg CA]	25,889	25,889
Exterior Walls	CONCRETE FILL FOR CMU WALL	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, 20-29% Fly Ash / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	48,427	48,427
Ceilings	CEILING FINISHES	Drywall 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg US & CA]	608	608
Roof	WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE	SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931
Roof	CONTINUOUS ROOF INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	23,975	23,975

MATERIAL	NET EMISSIONS (kg CO ₂ e)	CARBON EMISSIONS (kg CO ₂ e)
Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	456	456
Rebar / Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute [Industry Avg N.America] / #3	15	15
Helical pier / Generic / 3" Nominal Pipe, 3.5 x 3/16" (89 x 5.5 mm), 10" Helix, Sched 40 Galvanized steel [Industry Avg]	1,128	1,128
Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	865	865
Glued Laminated Timber (Glulam) / AWC & CWC [Industry Avg US & CA]	617	617
Wood / SPF / 2x4 Lumber / AWC & CWC [Industry Avg US & CA]	163	163
Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629
Mineral wool batt / Rockwool / ComfortBatt R24 (5.5") / R 4.4/inch	642	642
Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Rockboard 60 / R 4.3/inch	1,118	1,118
CMU - Normal weight / 8" Normal weight blocks / 390 x 190 x 190 mm / CCMPA [Industry Avg CA]	25,889	25,889
Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, 20-29% Fly Ash / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	24,065	24,065
Dowel Laminated Timber / StructureCraft / DowelLam / 3-1/2"	239	239
SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931
Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	3,340	3,340



48,427kg CO₂e



24,065kg CO₂e

Case study – insulation matters



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Foundations & Slabs	CONTINUOUS CONCRETE FOOTINGS	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	2,083	2,083	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	456	456
Foundations & Slabs	CONCRETE COLUMN FOOTINGS, PADS & PIERS	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	7,190	7,190	Rebar / Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute [Industry Avg N.America] / #3	15	15
Foundations & Slabs	CONCRETE SLABS	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	10,741	10,741	Helical pier / Generic / 3" Nominal Pipe, 3.5 x 3/16" (89 x 5.5 mm), 10° Helix, Sched.40 Galvanized steel [Industry Avg]	1,128	1,128
Foundations & Slabs	REBAR FOR CONTINUOUS FOOTINGS	Rebar / Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute [Industry Avg N.America] / #3	59	59	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	865	865
Foundations & Slabs	REINFORCING MESH FOR SLAB	Welded wire mesh / Serfas / 6" x 6" x 6/6g / Norway	102	102	Glued Laminated Timber (Glam) / AWC & CWC [Industry Avg US & CA]	617	617
Foundations & Slabs	SUB-SLAB INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	7,762	7,762	Wood / SPF / 2x4 Lumber / AWC & CWG [Industry Avg US & CA]	163	163
Structural Elements	STRUCTURAL STEEL – WIDE FLANGE BEAMS	Structural Steel / Wide Flange / W360x57 (US W14x38) / AISC [Industry Avg US]	4,985	4,985	Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629
Exterior Walls	LIGHT STEEL FRAME WALLS	Steel studs - Non-loadbearing / Scaeco / 362VS125-18, 20EQ gauge	913	913	Mineral wool batt / Rockwool / ComfortBatt R24 (5.5") / R 4.4/inch	642	642
Exterior Walls	STRUCTURAL SHEATHING	Gypsum panels - glass mat / 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg N.America]	629	629	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Rockboard 60 / R 4.3/inch	1,118	1,118
Exterior Walls	CAVITY INSULATION	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / R 6.6/inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	10,631	10,631	CMU - Normal weight / 8" Normal weight blocks / 390 x 190 x 190 mm / CCMPA [Industry Avg CA]	25,889	25,889
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Exterior Walls	CONCRETE FILL FOR CMU WALL	Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, 20-29% Fly Ash / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	48,427	48,427	Dowel Laminated Timber / StructureCraft / DowelLam / 3-1/2"	239	239
Ceilings	CEILING FINISHES	Drywall 5/8" Type X / Gypsum Association [Industry Avg US & CA]	608	608	SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931
Roof	WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE	SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931	Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2/inch	3,340	3,340
Roof	CONTINUOUS ROOF INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	23,975	23,975			



40,000kg CO₂e



5,865kg CO₂e

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Roof	WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE	SBS Modified Bitumen Roofing / ARMA / Includes: CertainTeed, Firestone, GAF, Henry, IKO, Johns Mansville, Malarkey, Siplast, Soprema /	931	931
Roof	CONTINUOUS ROOF INSULATION	XPS foam board / DuPont / Styrofoam / Reduced GWP / R 5.6/inch	23,975	23,975

REVIEW PROJECT MATERIALS

196,201

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MATERIAL	NET EMISSIONS (kg CO ₂ e)	CARBON EMISSIONS (kg CO ₂ e)
Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	14,694	14,694
CONCRETE COLUMN FOOTINGS, PADS & PIERS	7,190	7,190
Concrete - 2501-3000 psi, Standard mix / NRMCA [Industry Avg US & CA]	10,741	10,741
Rebar / Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute [Industry Avg N.America] / #3	92	92
Welded wire mesh / Serfas / 6" x 6" x 6/6g / Norway	102	102
SUB-SLAB INSULATION	7,762	7,762
STRUCTURAL STEEL – WIDE FLANGE BEAMS	4,985	4,985
LIGHT STEEL FRAME WALLS	913	913
STRUCTURAL SHEATHING	629	629
CAVITY INSULATION	10,631	10,631
CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT (CMU) WALLS	43,723	43,723
CONCRETE FILL FOR CMU WALL	69,224	69,224
CEILING FINISHES	608	608
WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE	931	931
CONTINUOUS ROOF INSULATION	23,975	23,975

Conclusions

Determining Risk

- Condition of existing masonry
 - Reflective of quality and ability to withstand new exposure conditions
- Similarity between interior and exterior wythe / face stone
 - Estimate durability based on building history.
- Exposure
 - Review interior and exterior environmental conditions
- Reduce water penetration (mortar, repairs, flashing, etc.)
- Review material properties (mortar and brick)
 - Reliability of hygrothermal analysis results is questionable
 - Test brick masonry samples to determine properties
- Review condensation risk
 - Based on interior material properties and interior conditions



ASTM E3069 – Standard Guide for Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Mass Masonry Walls for Changes to Thermal and Moisture Properties of the Wall

Exterior

- Protects existing facade
- Reimages the project
- Less resident disruption

Interior

- Covers lead paint
- Requires resident relocation
- Issue of code clearances

EIFS

- No thermal breaks
- Variety of textures
- Lower cost
- More frequent maintenance

Panels

- Choice of material finishes.
- Structural Issues (how do you support)
- Thermal break issues
- Less frequent maintenance
- Higher Costs

Components of High Performance

1. Robust enclosure
2. Quality daylighting
3. Less toxic and more sustainable/low carbon
4. Healthy indoor air quality
5. More predictable and durable
6. Low Energy – “Zero Energy Ready”
7. Reuse drastically reduces embodied carbon



Thank you! Questions?

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