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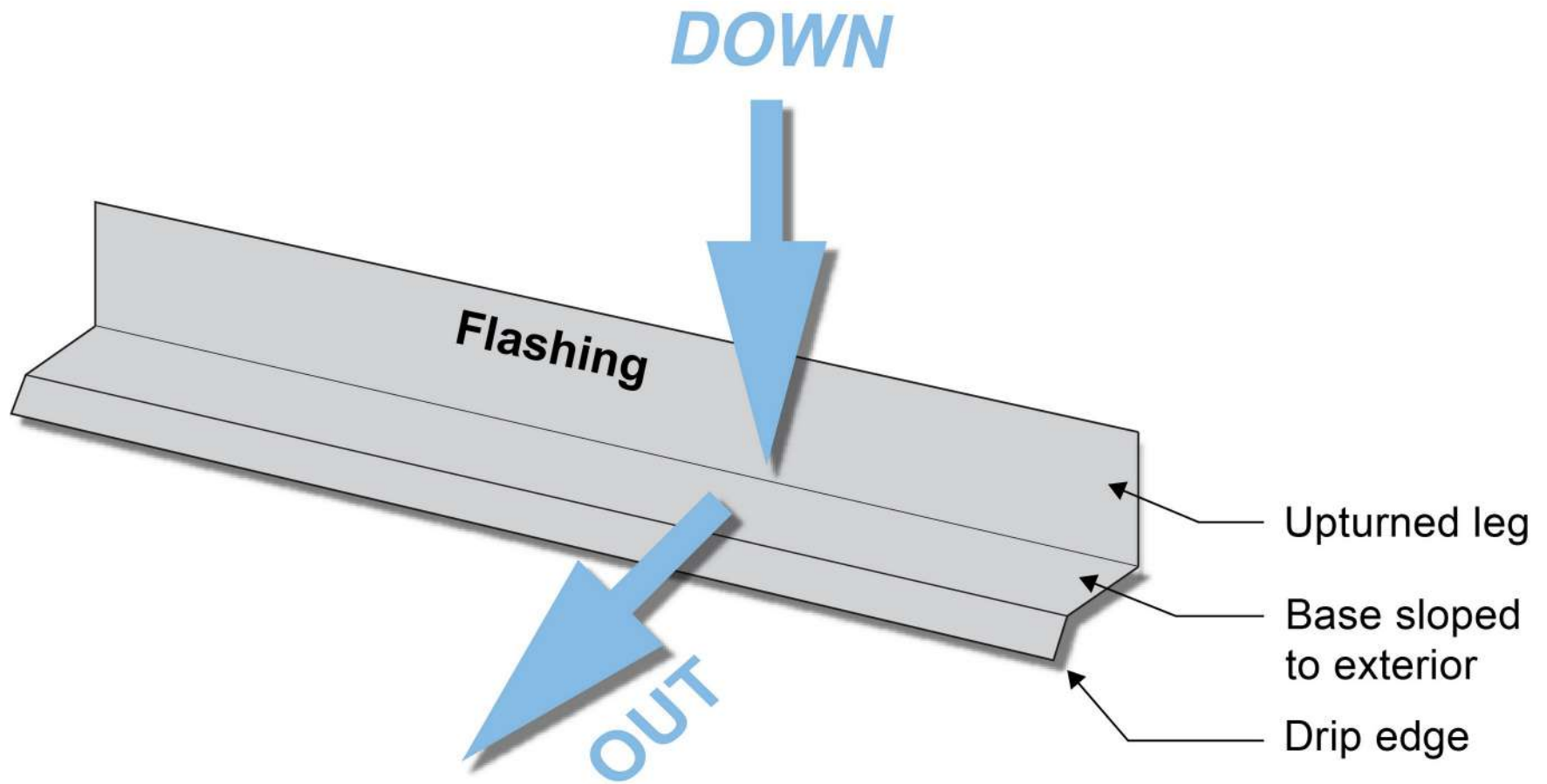
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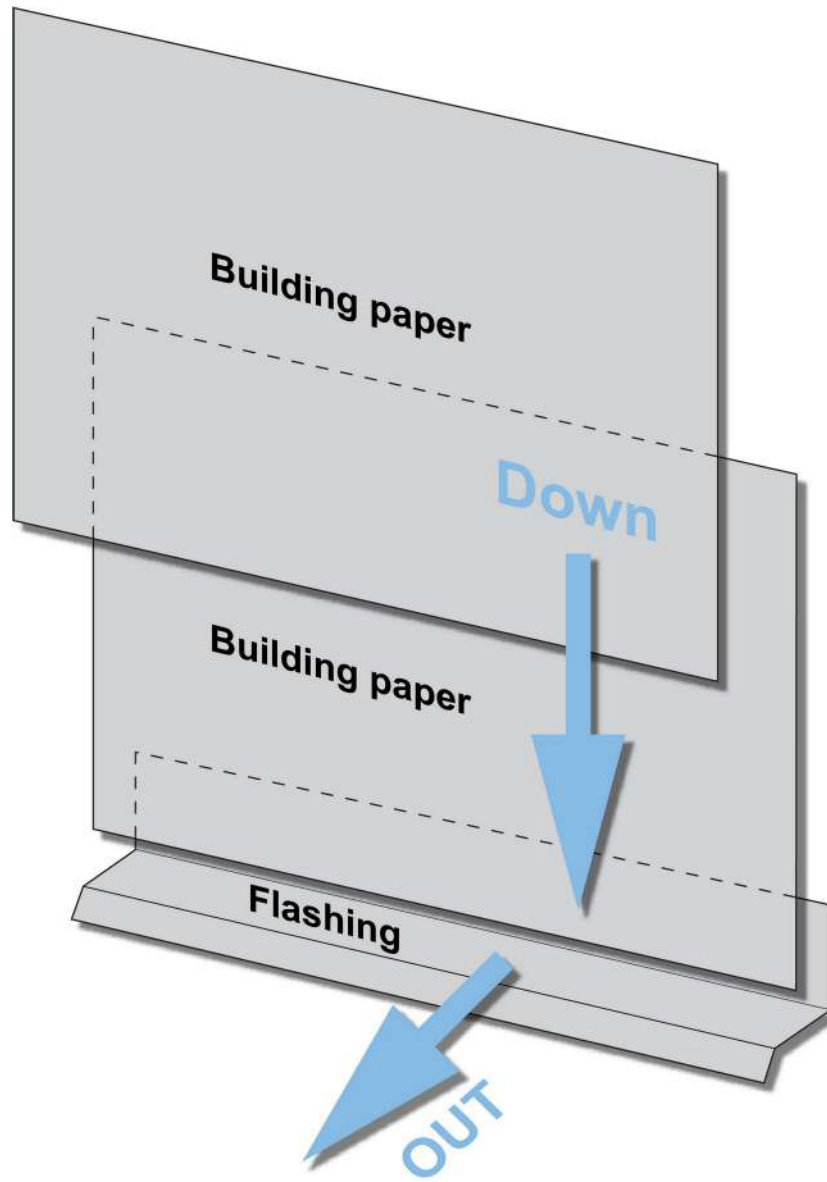
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Rain Screen

Drain the Rain on the Plane If You Want to Save Cash...Flash

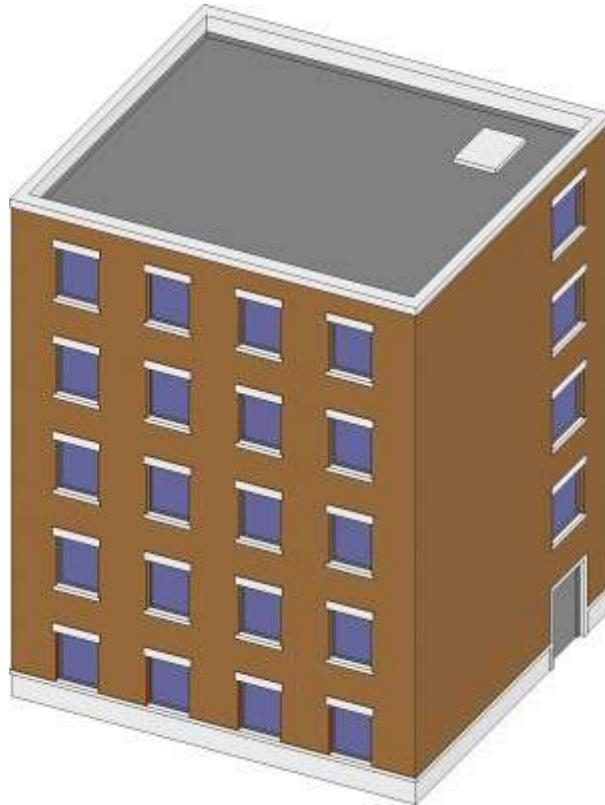




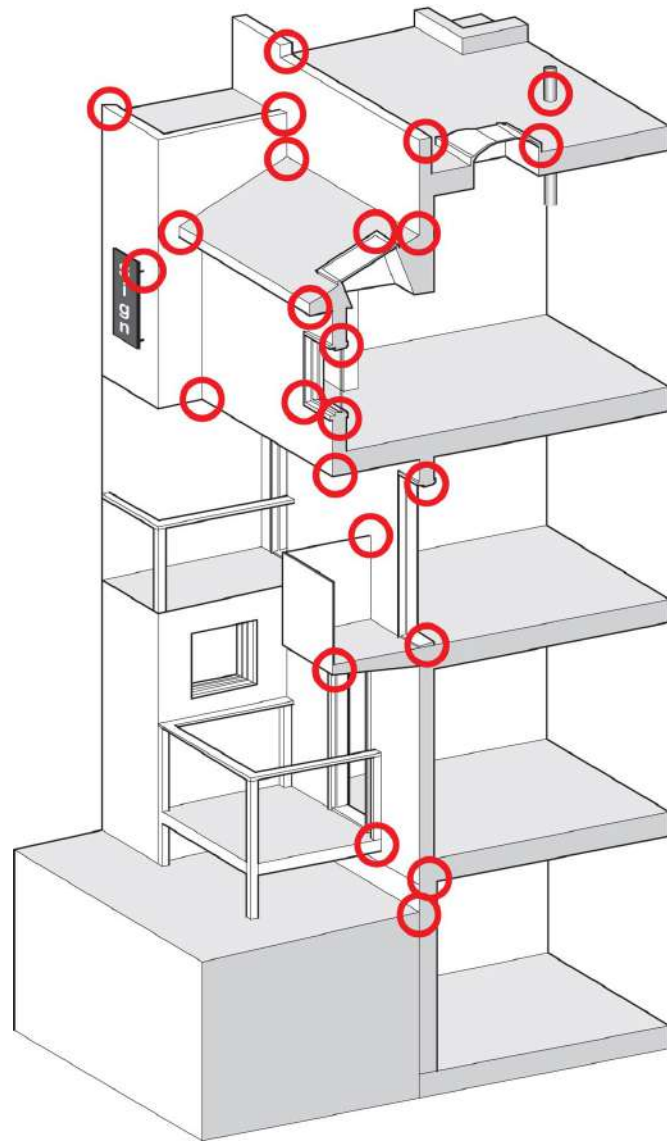




Commercial Enclosure: Simple Layers



- Structure
- Rain/Air/Vapor
- Insulation
- Finish















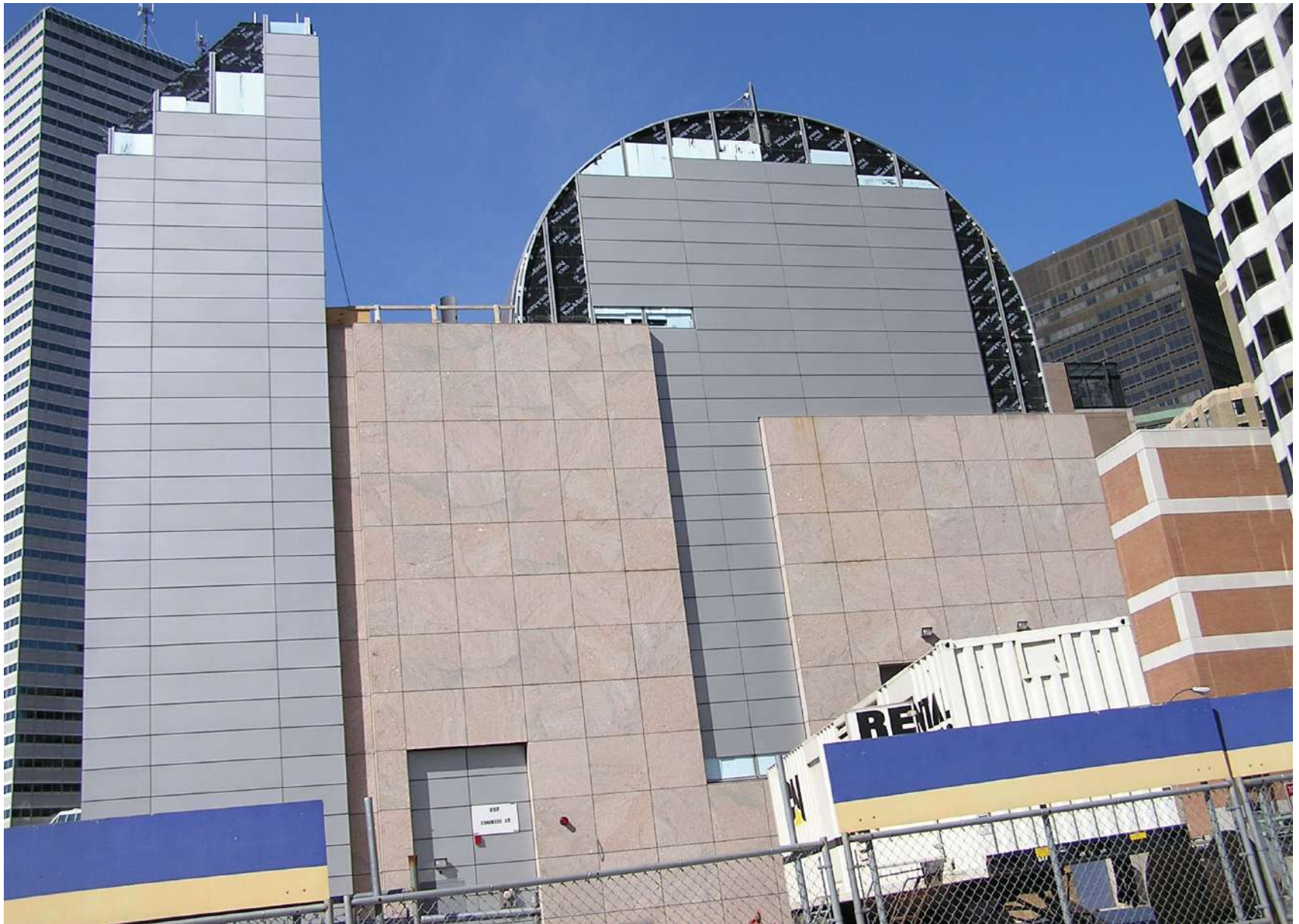




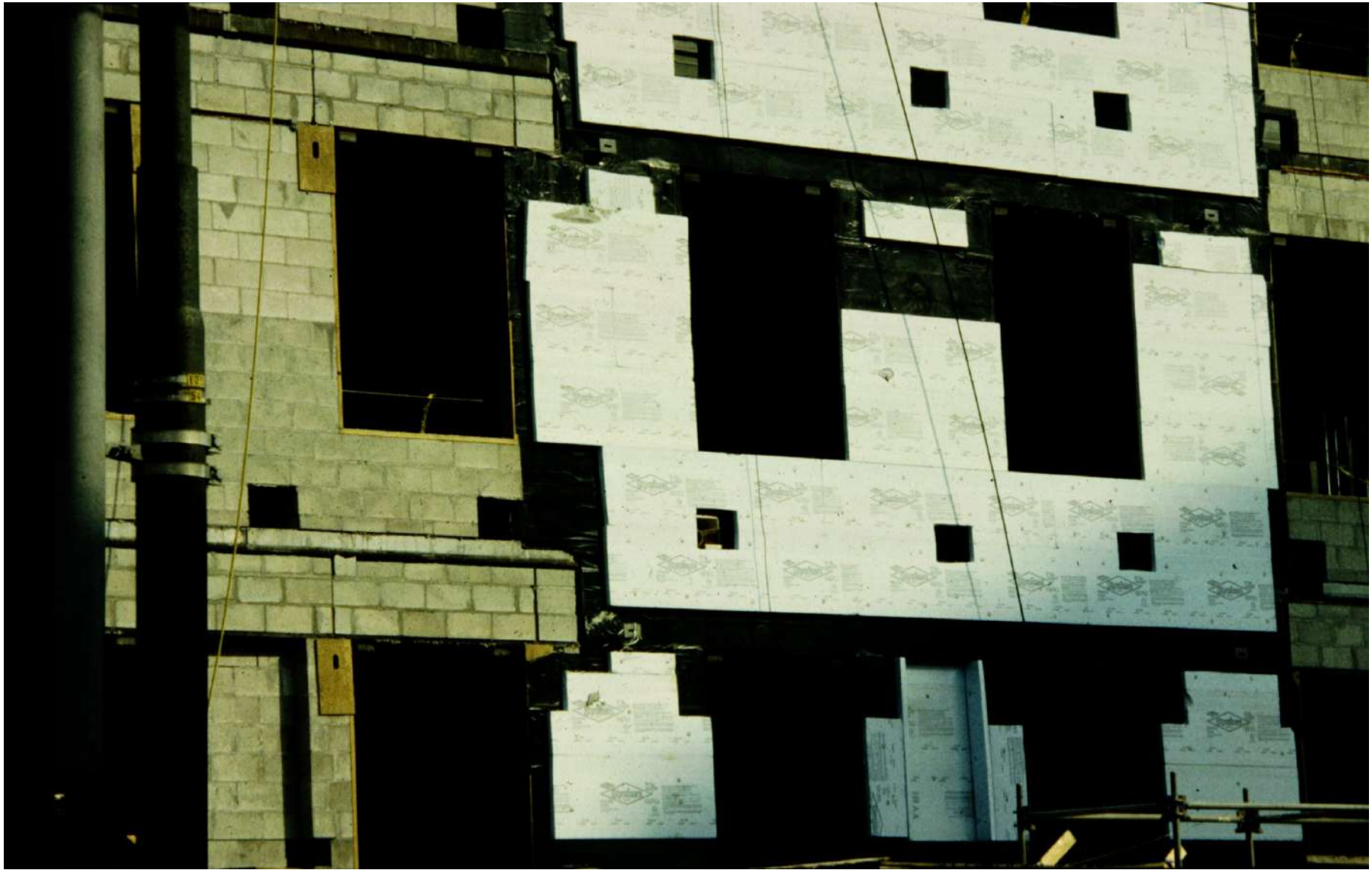








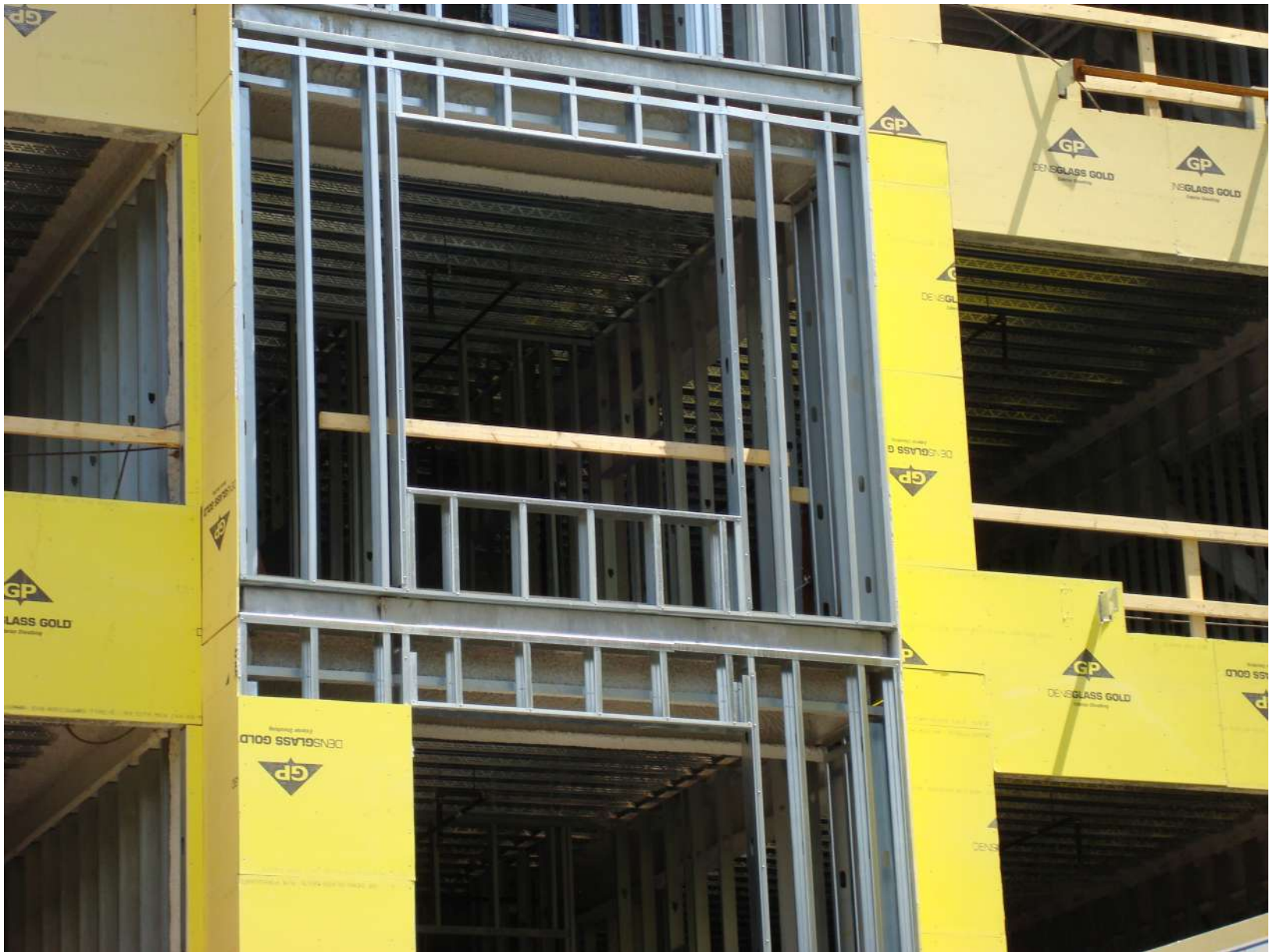
































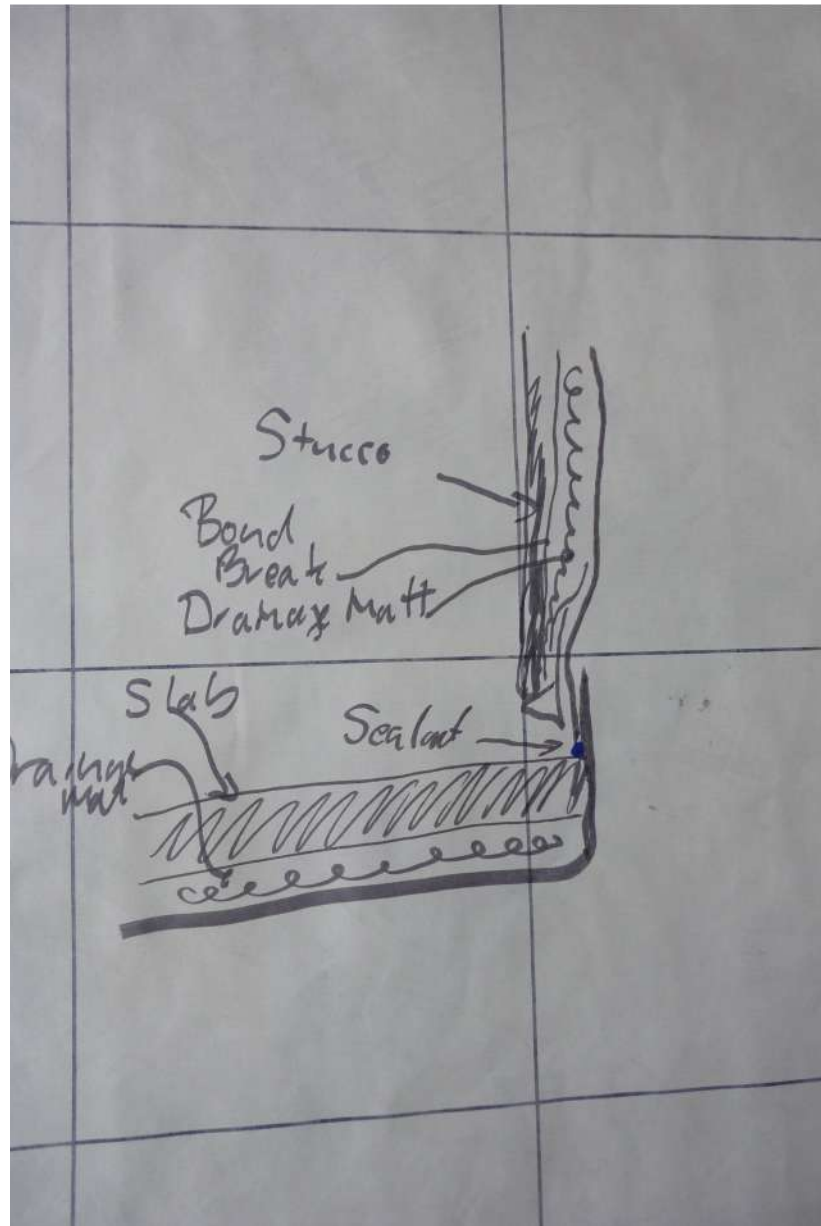














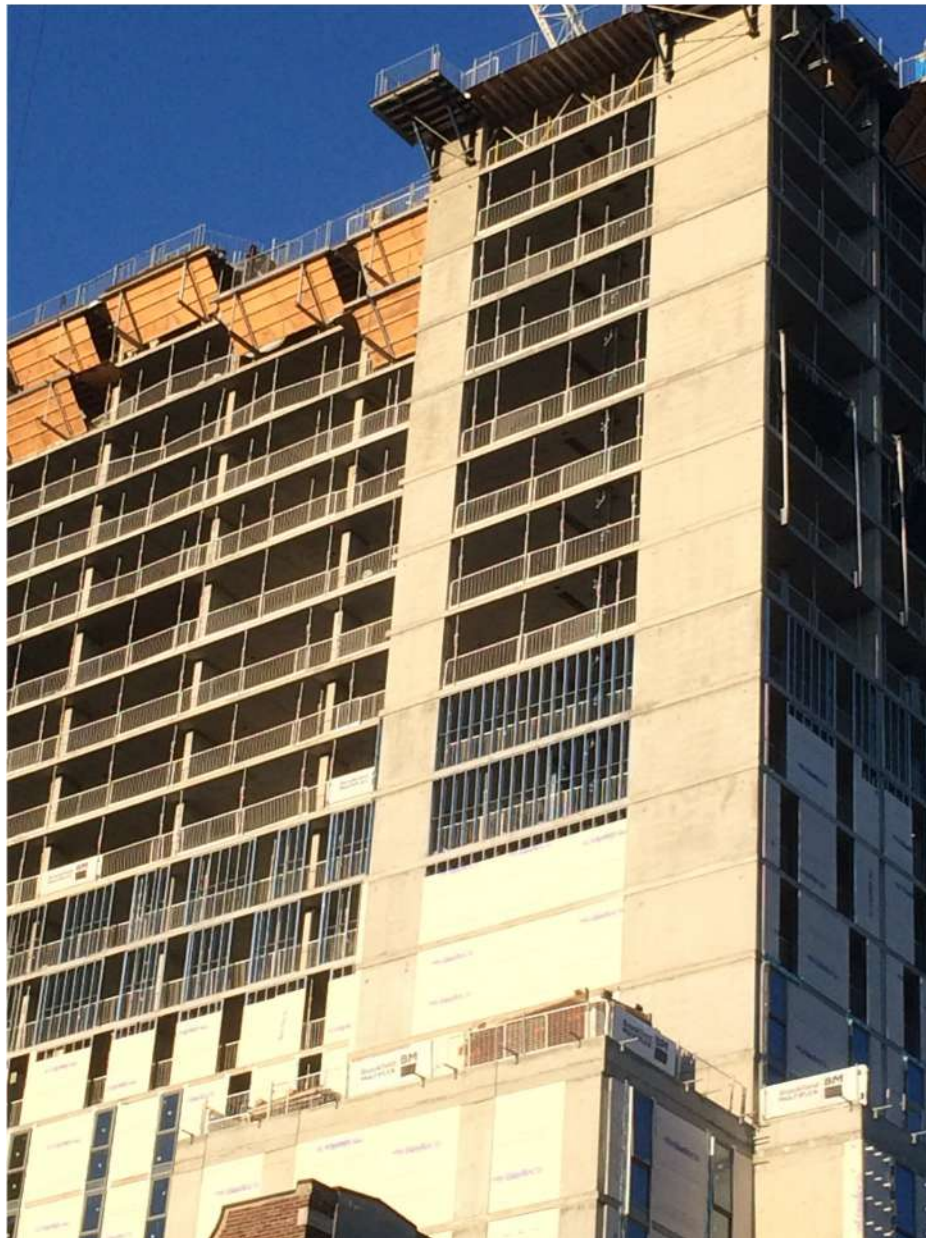














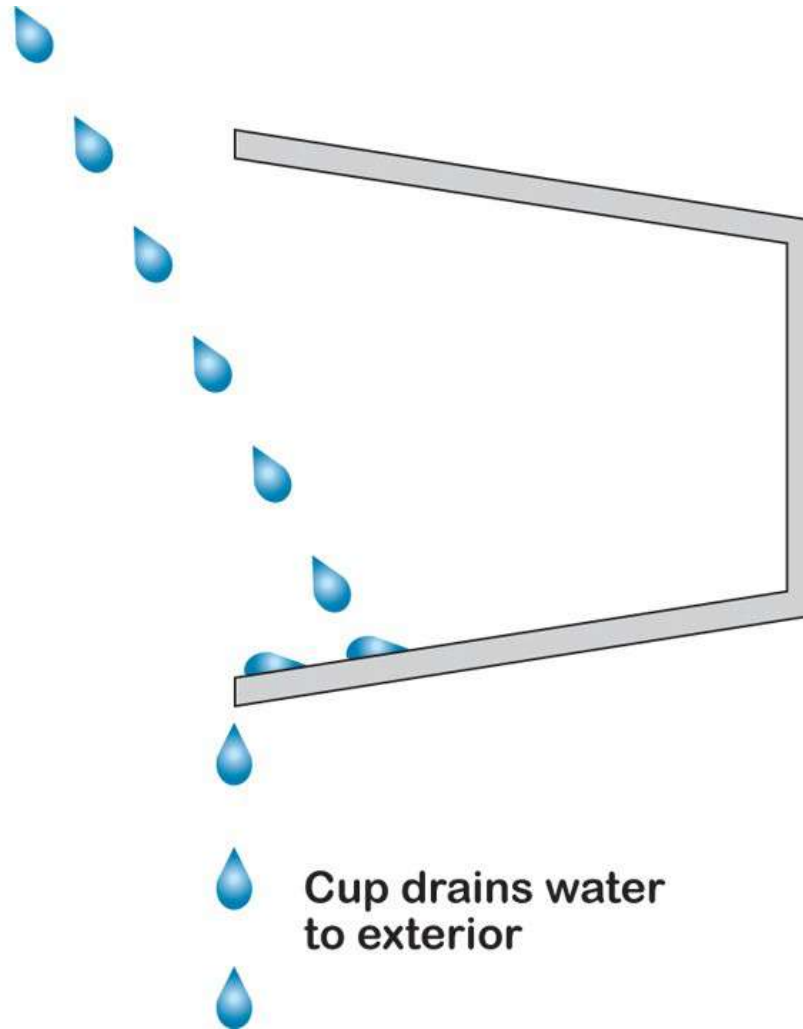








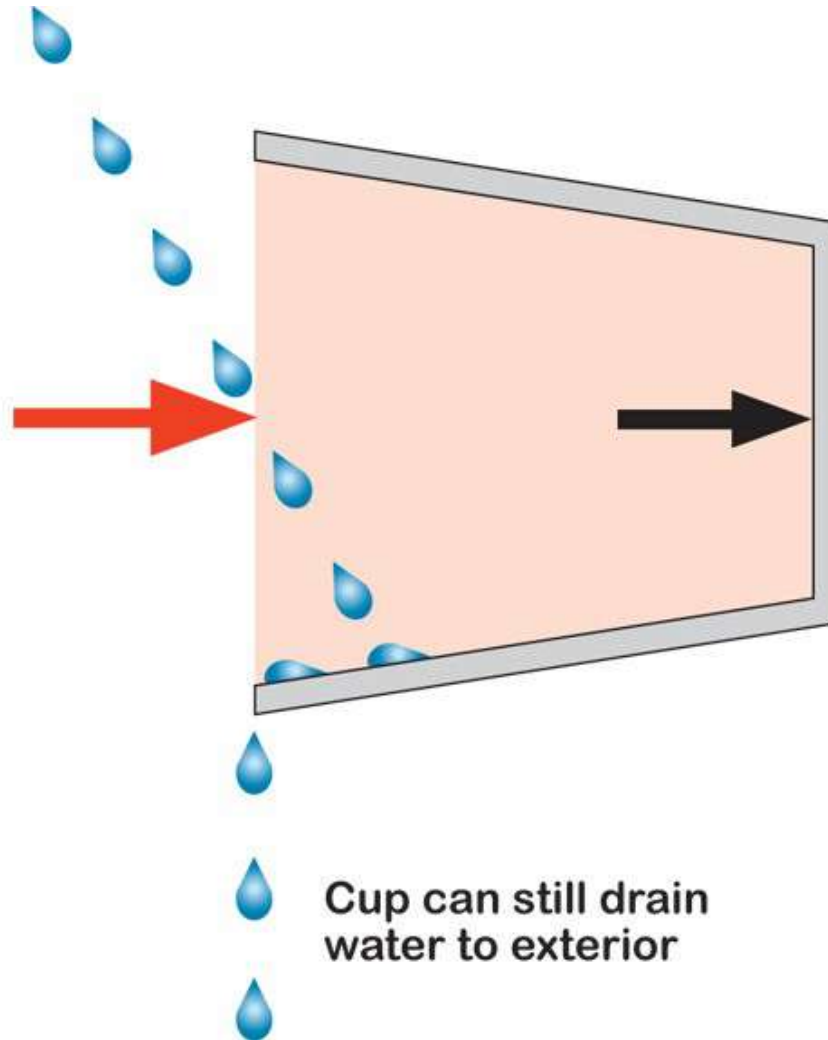
Rain enters cup
due to momentum
("kinetic energy")



Cup drains water
to exterior

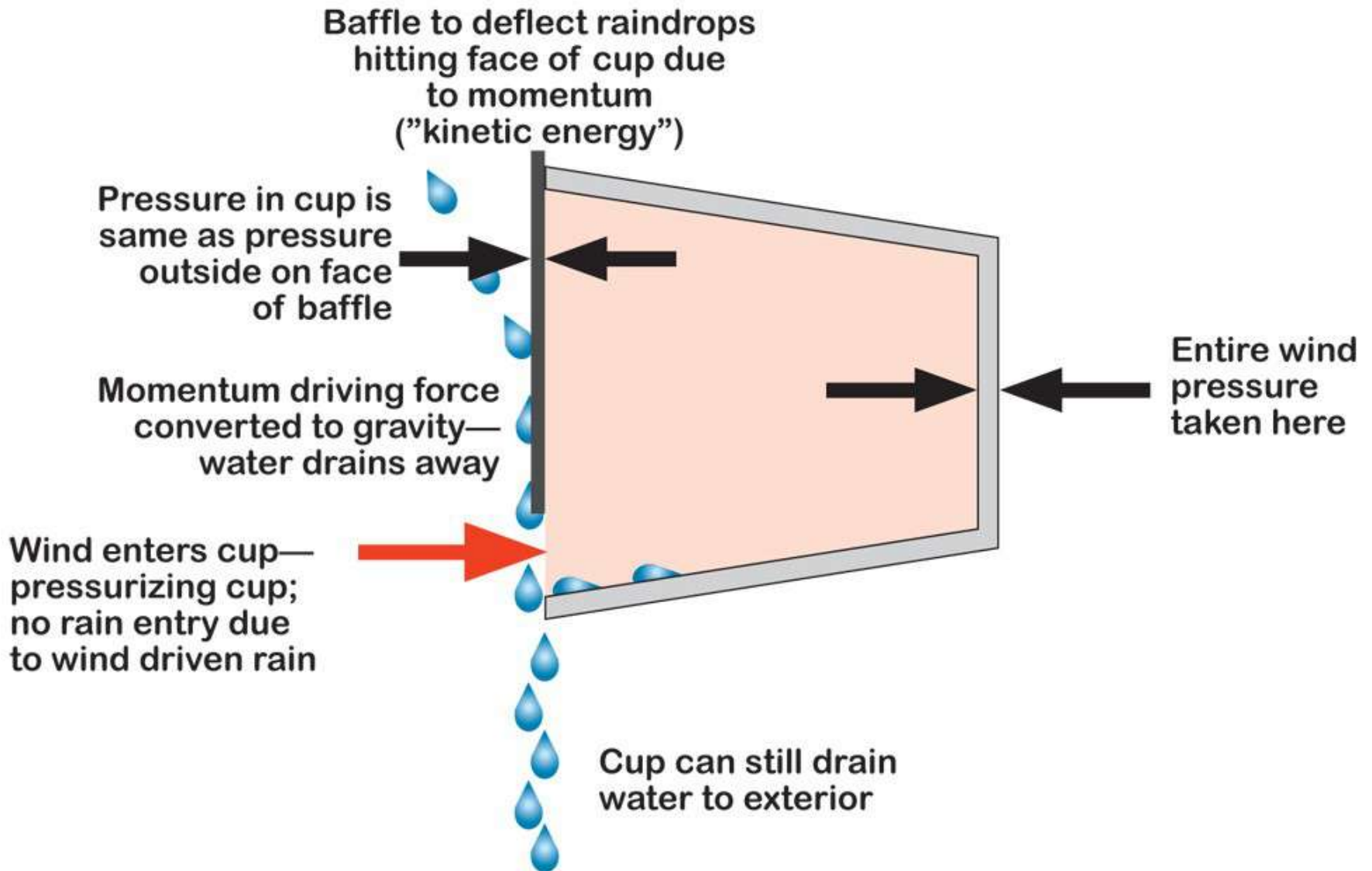
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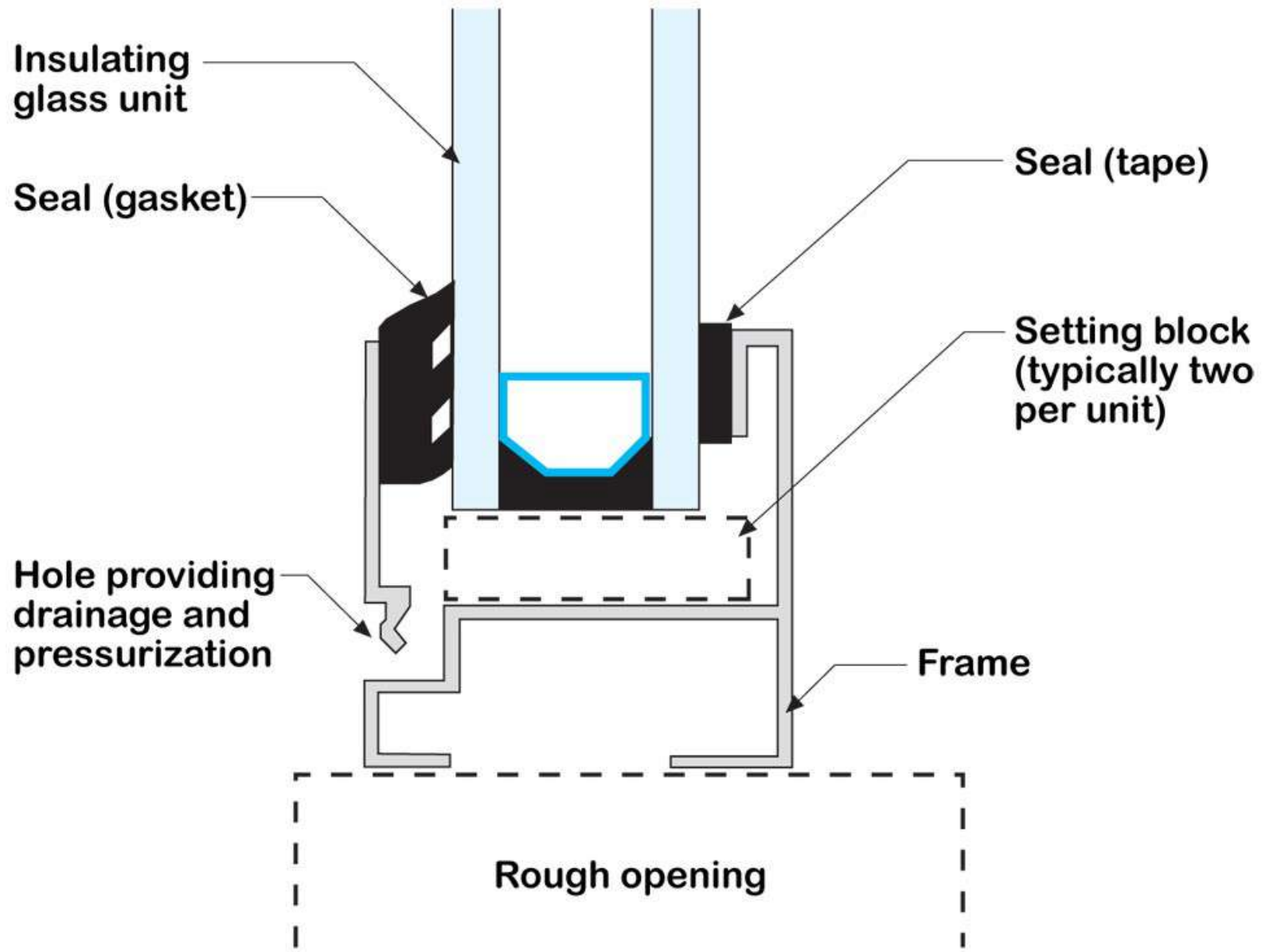
Wind enters cup—pressurizing cup; no rain entry due to wind driven rain

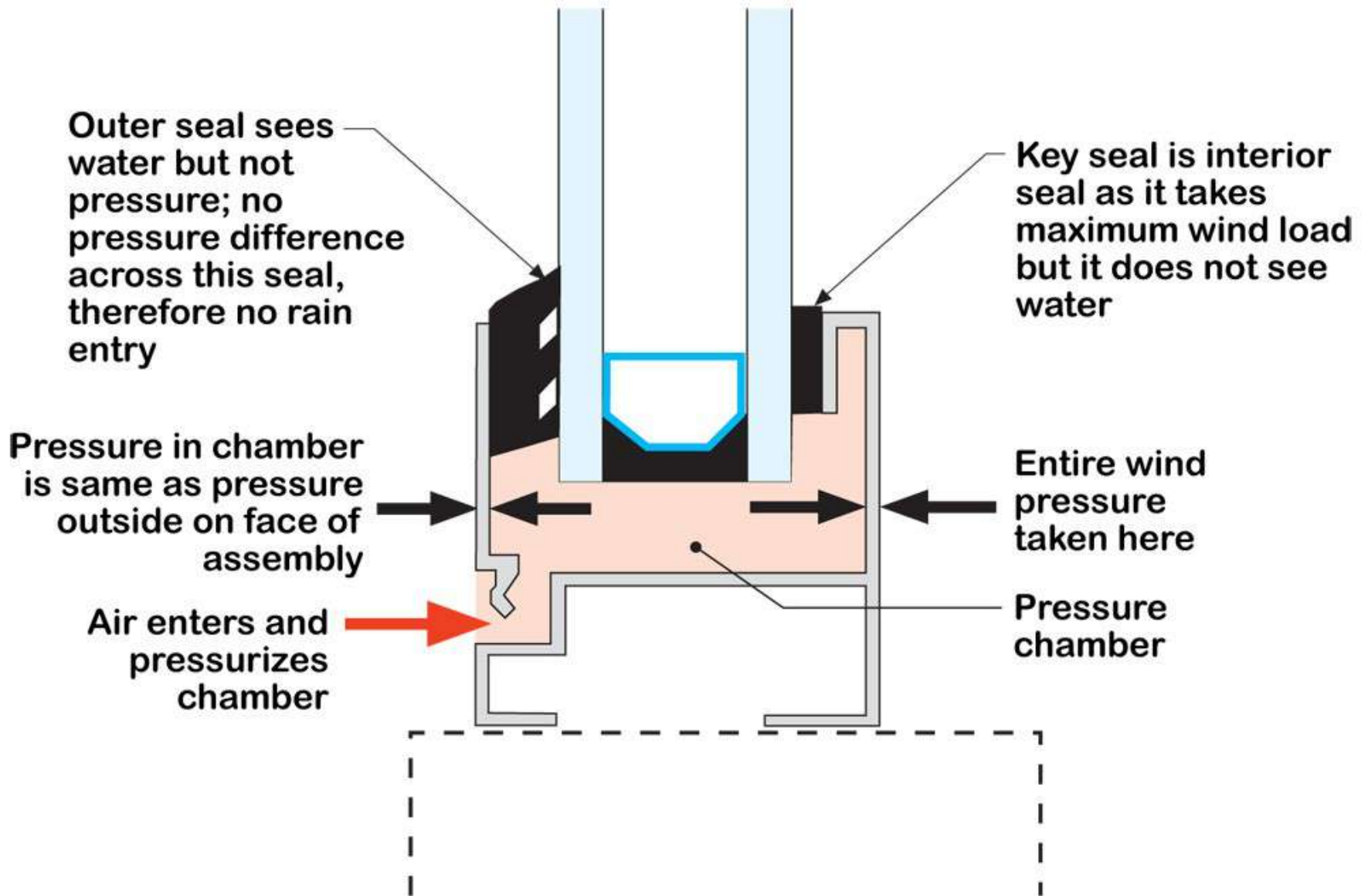


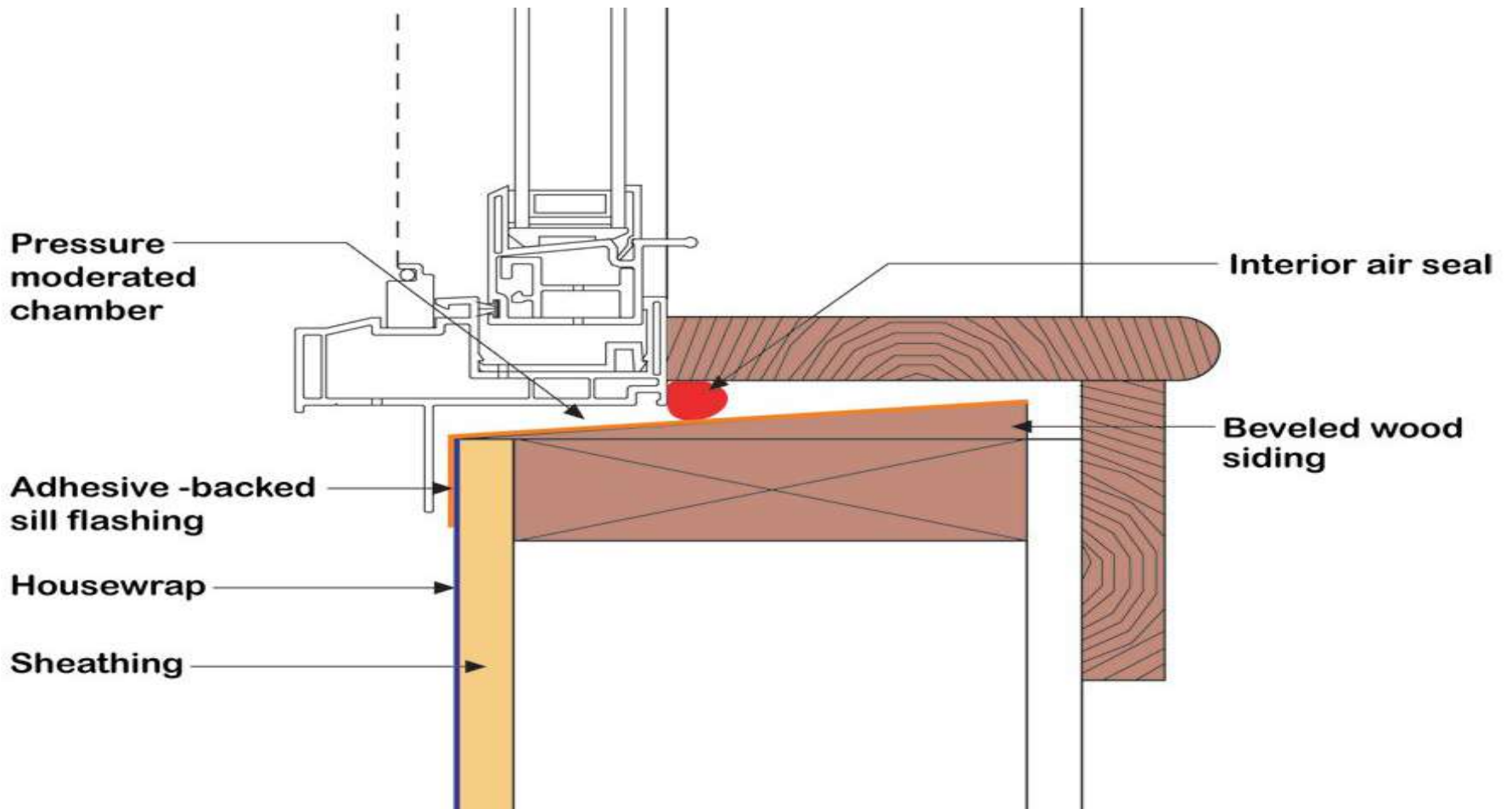
Entire wind pressure taken here

Cup can still drain water to exterior







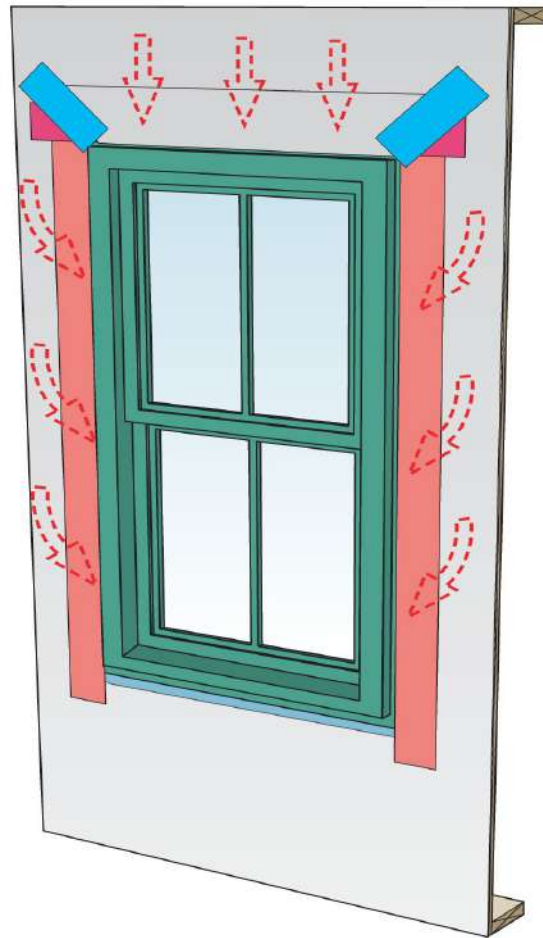


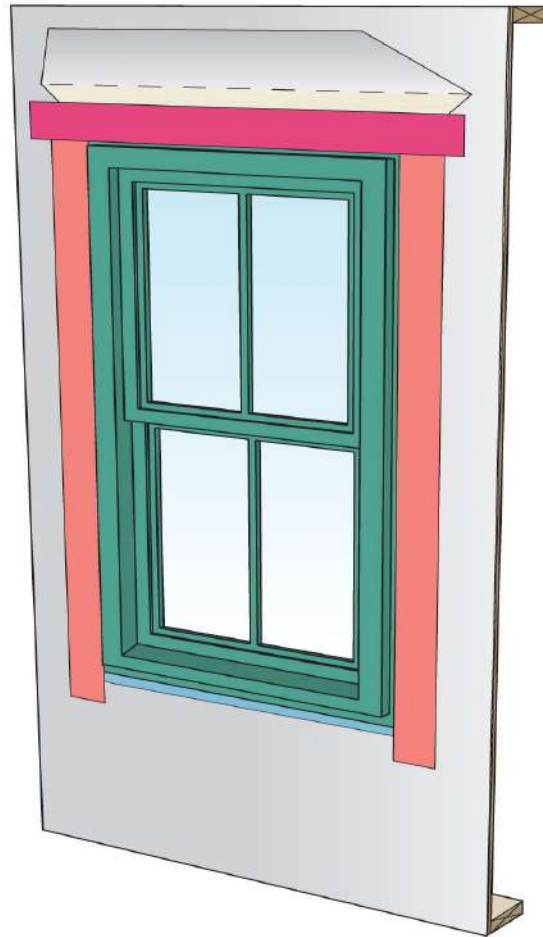




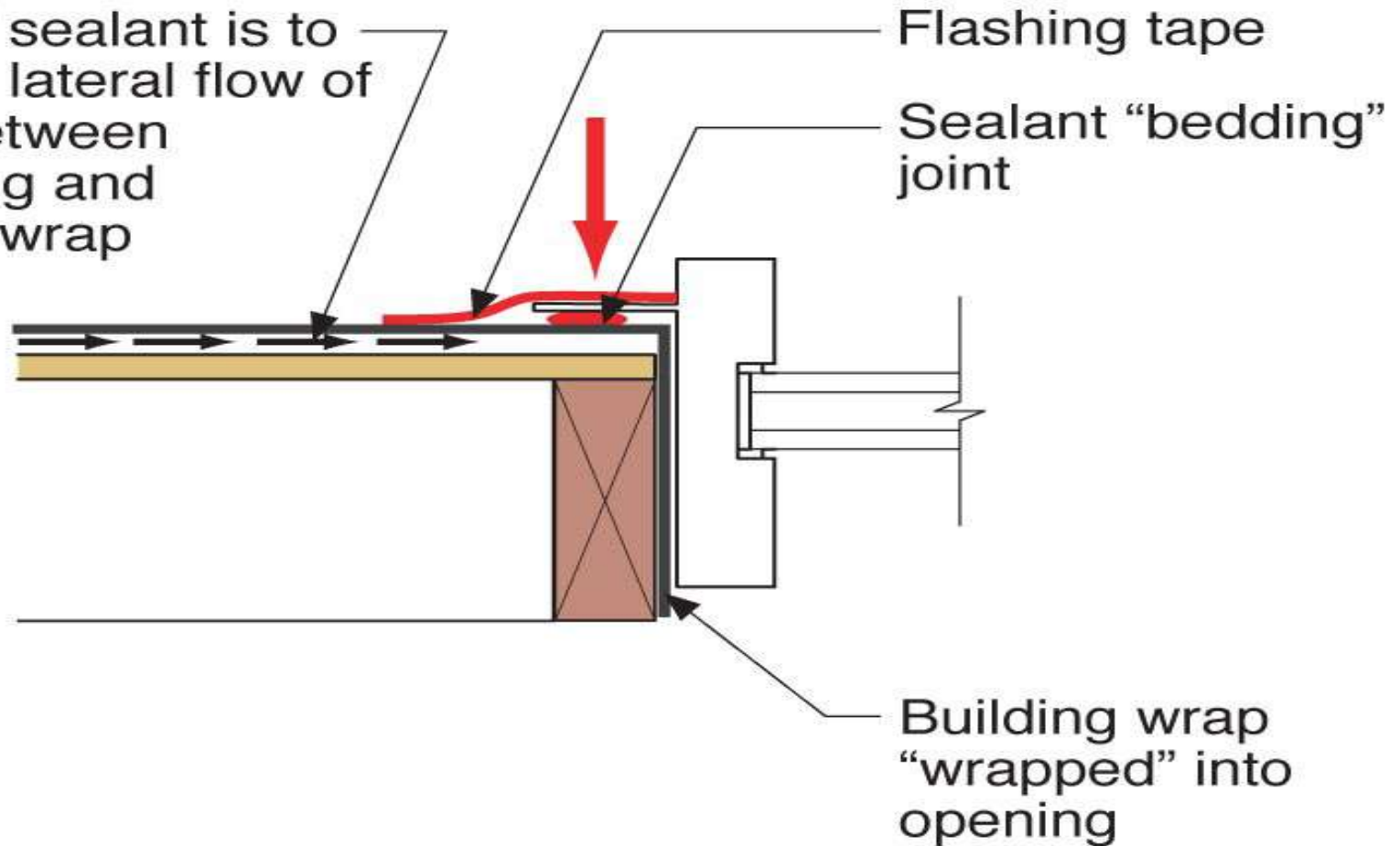


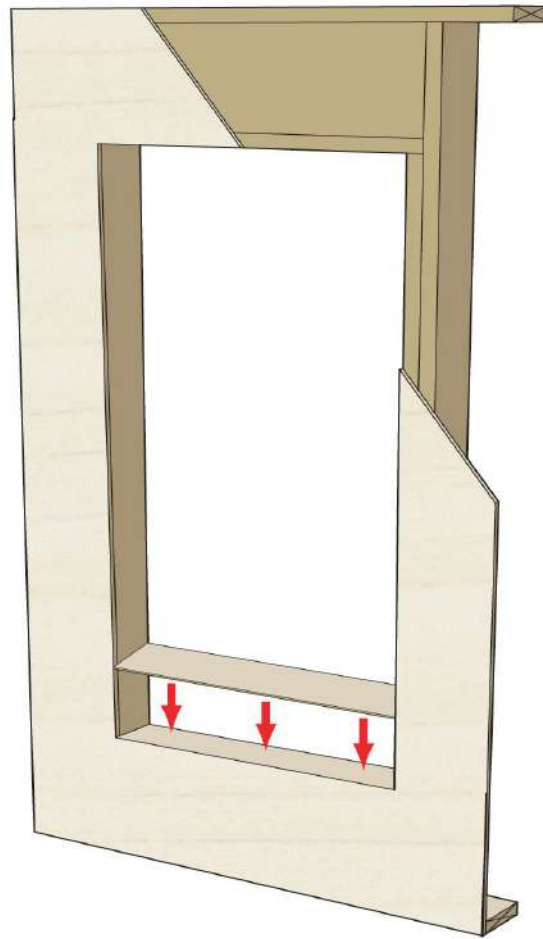


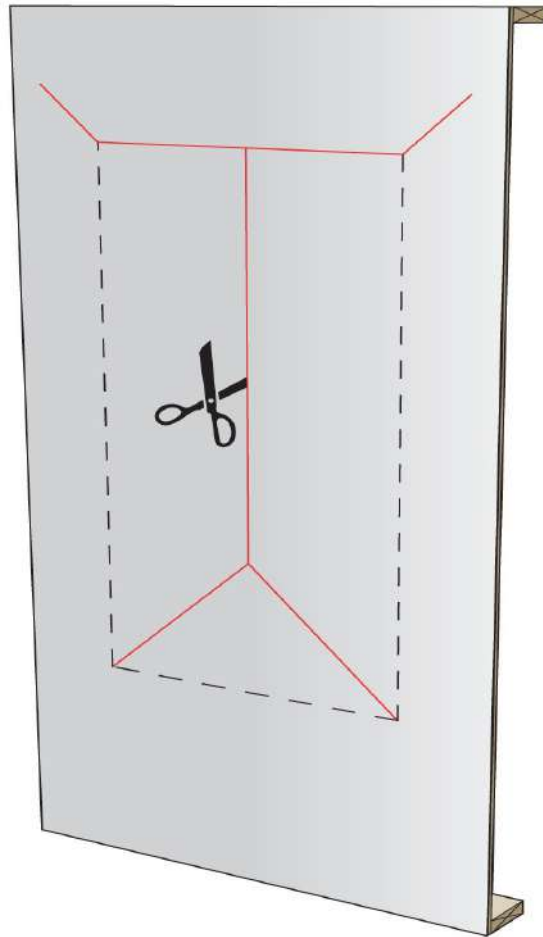


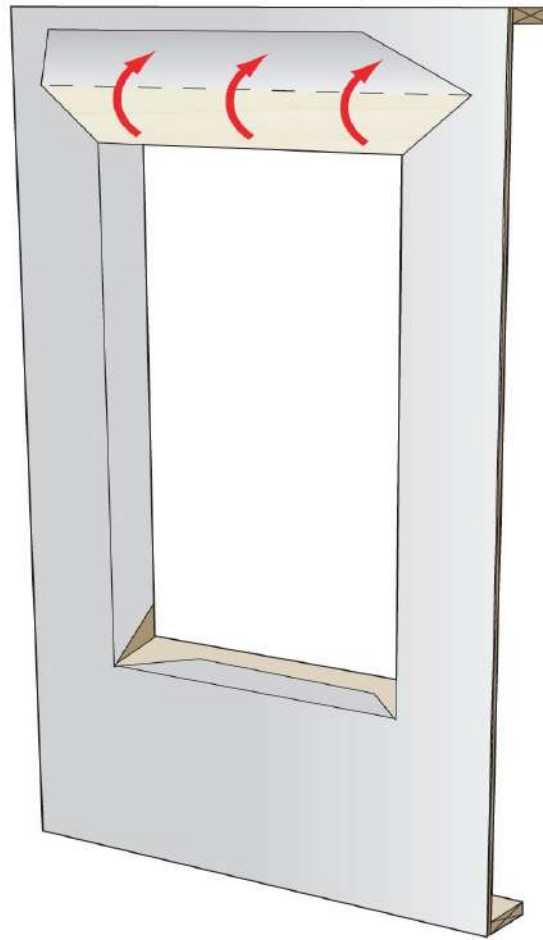


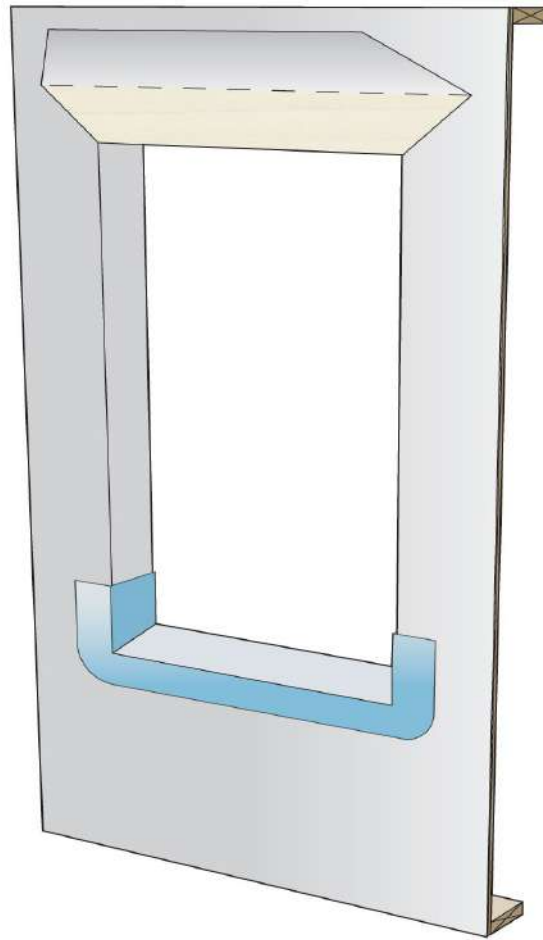
Intent of sealant is to limit this lateral flow of water between sheathing and building wrap

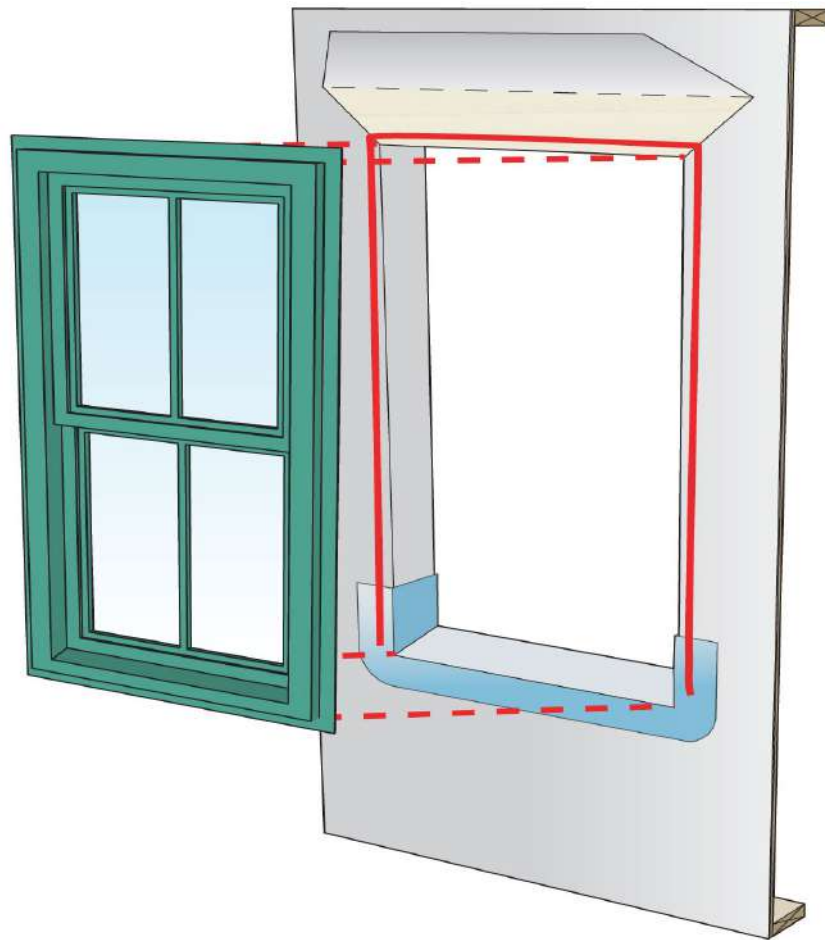


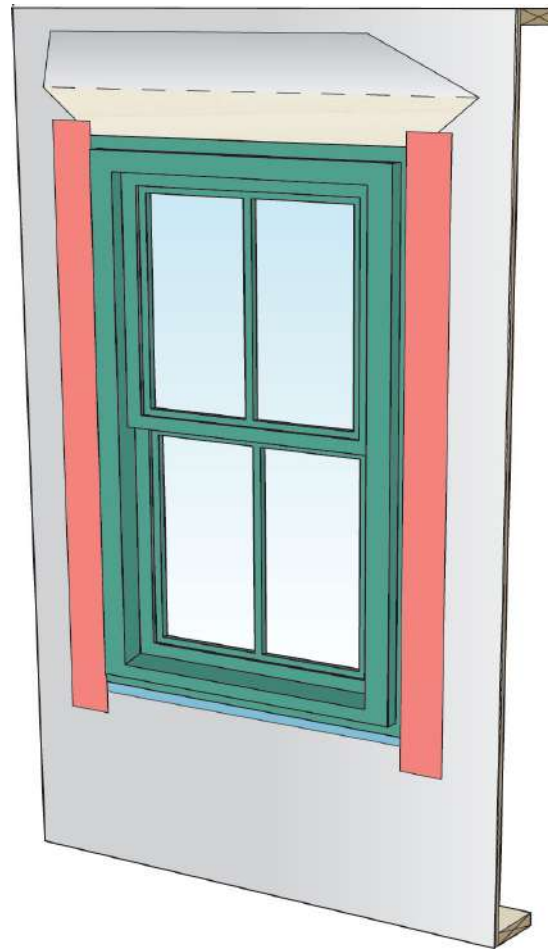


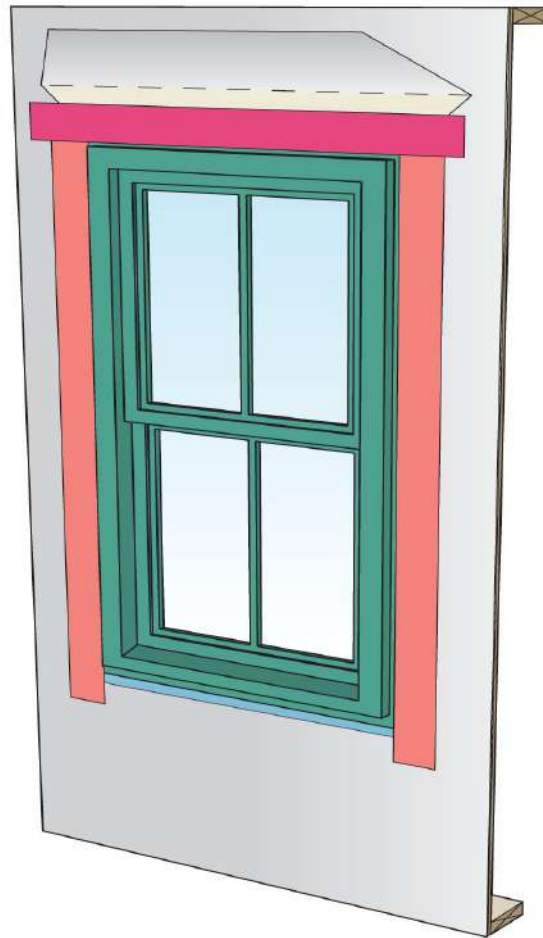


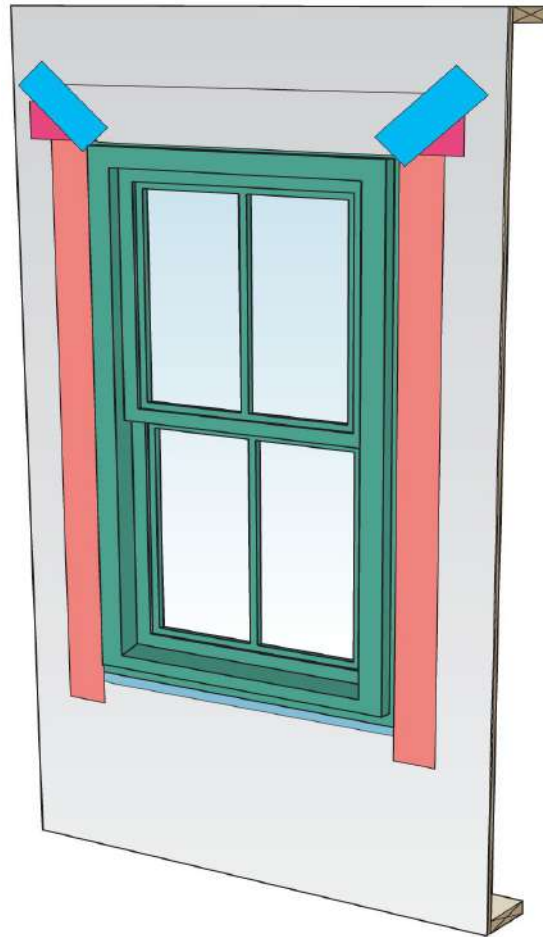


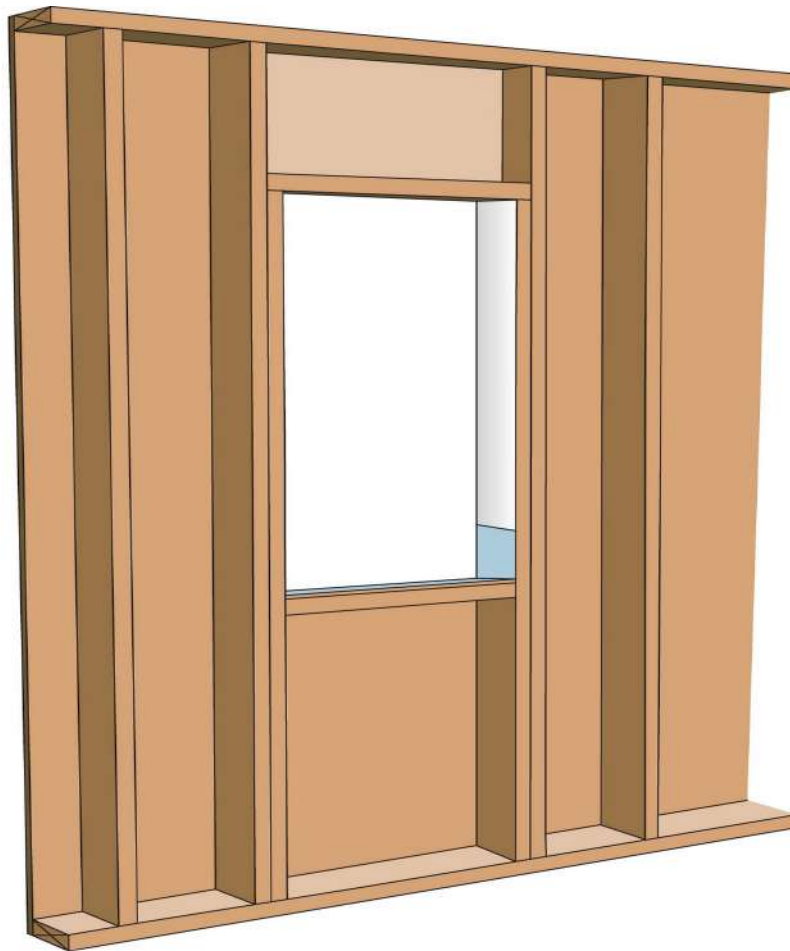








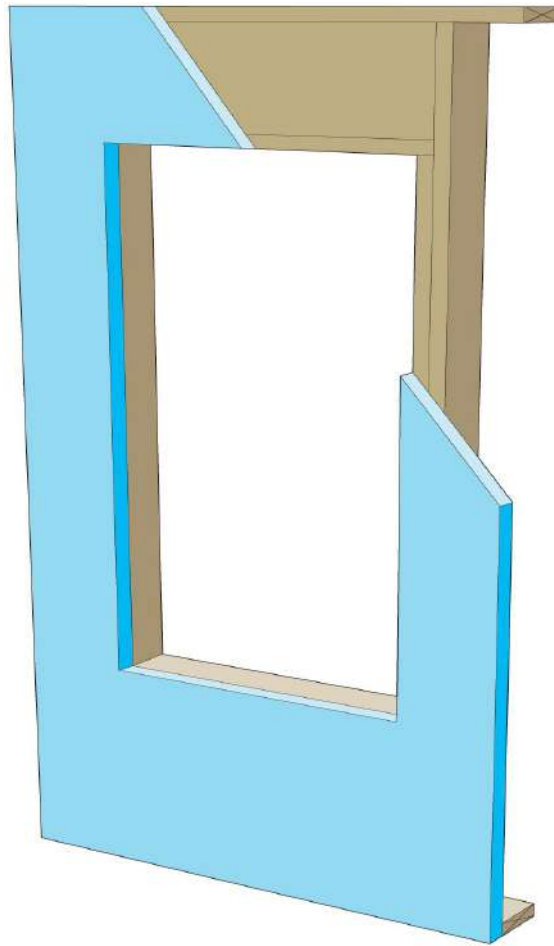


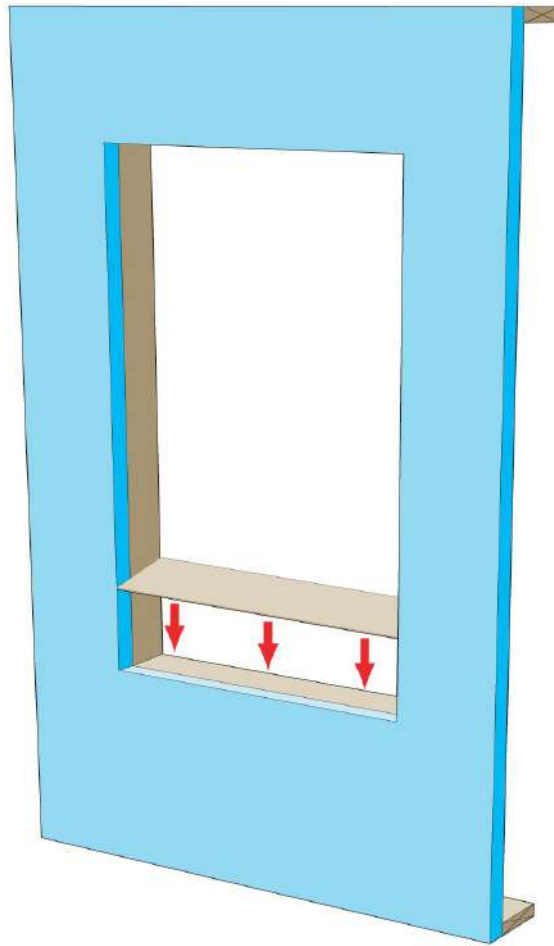


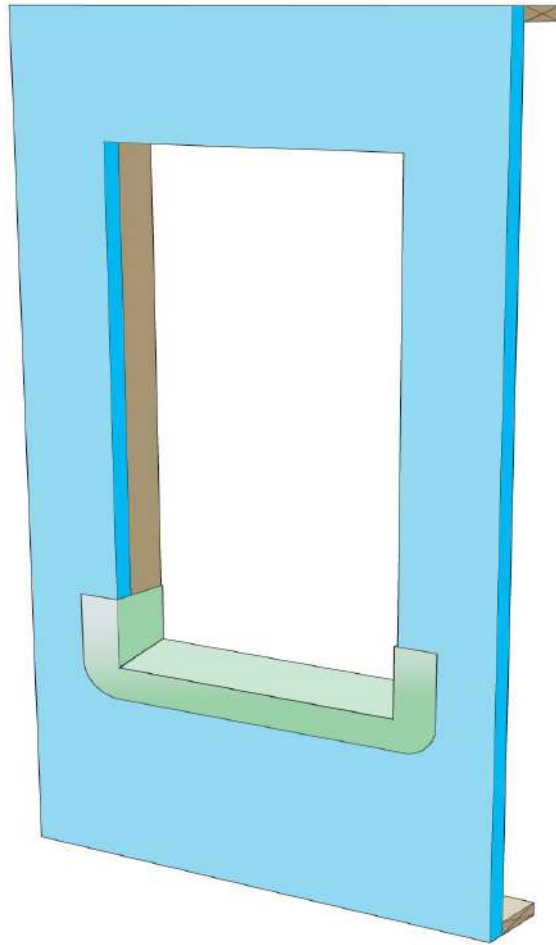


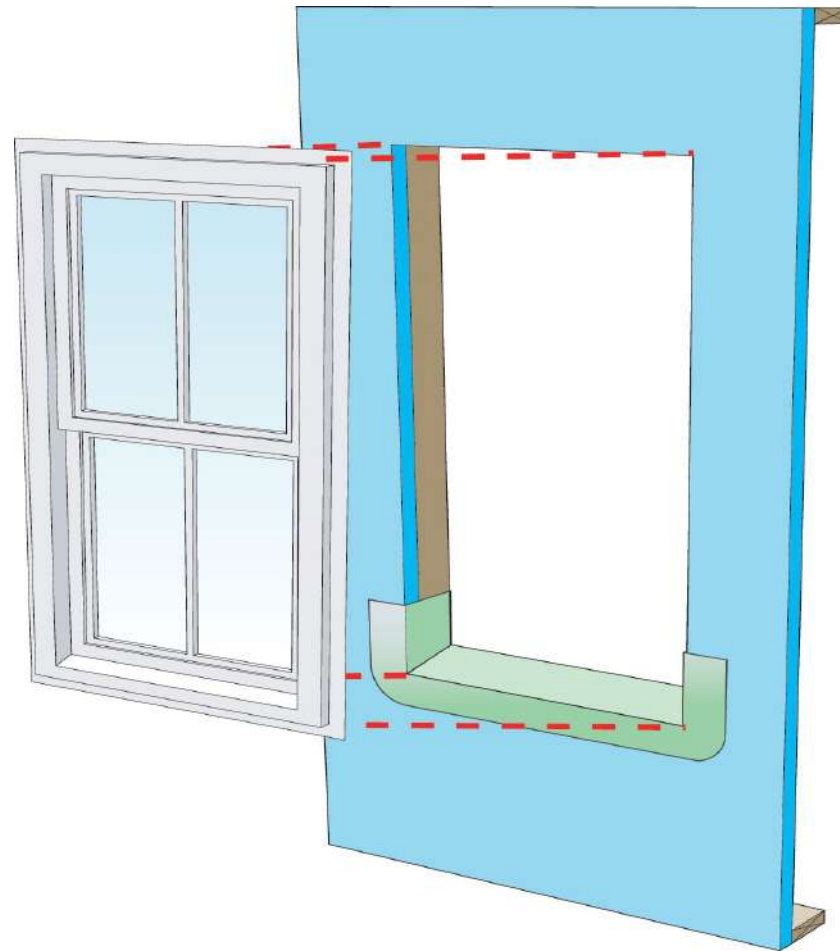








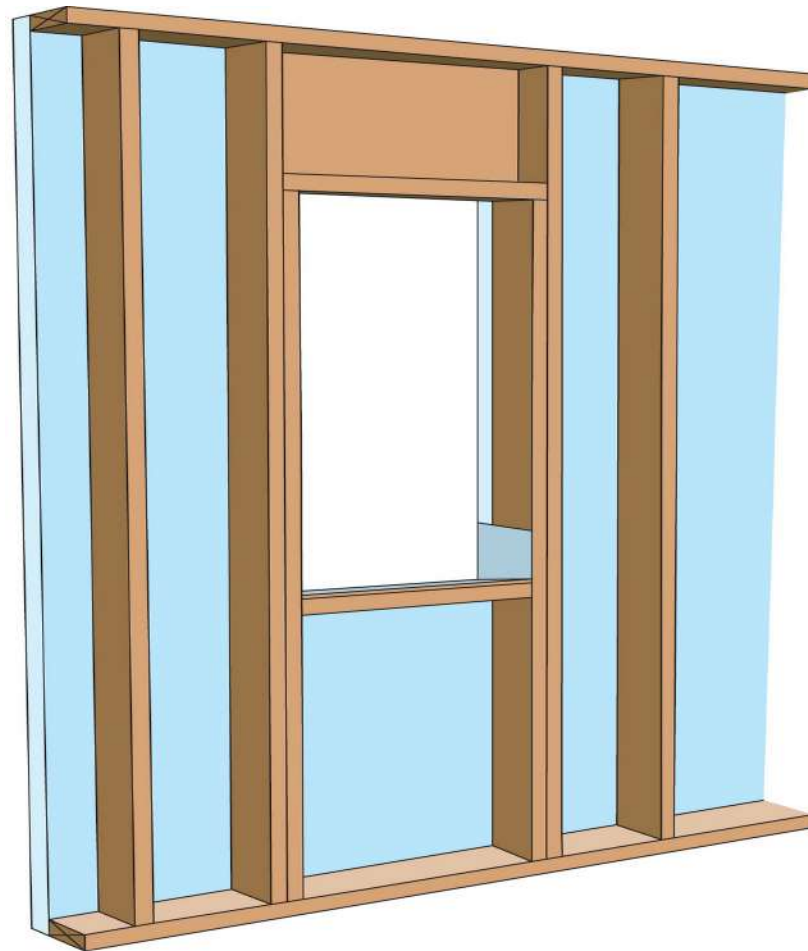




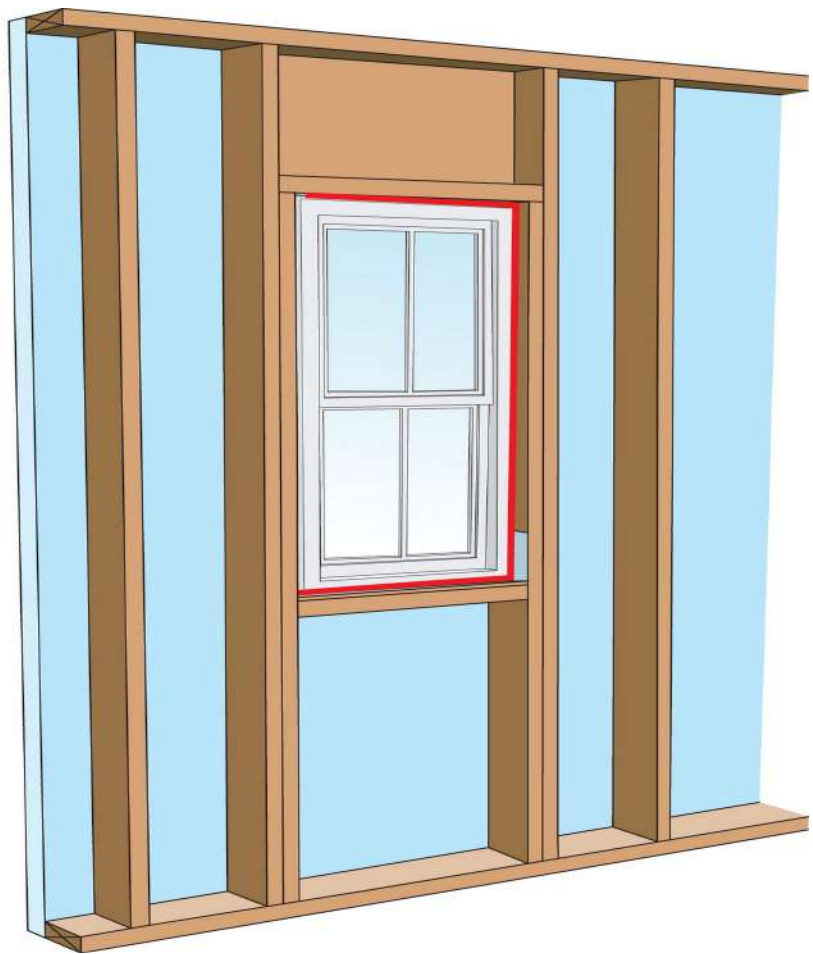






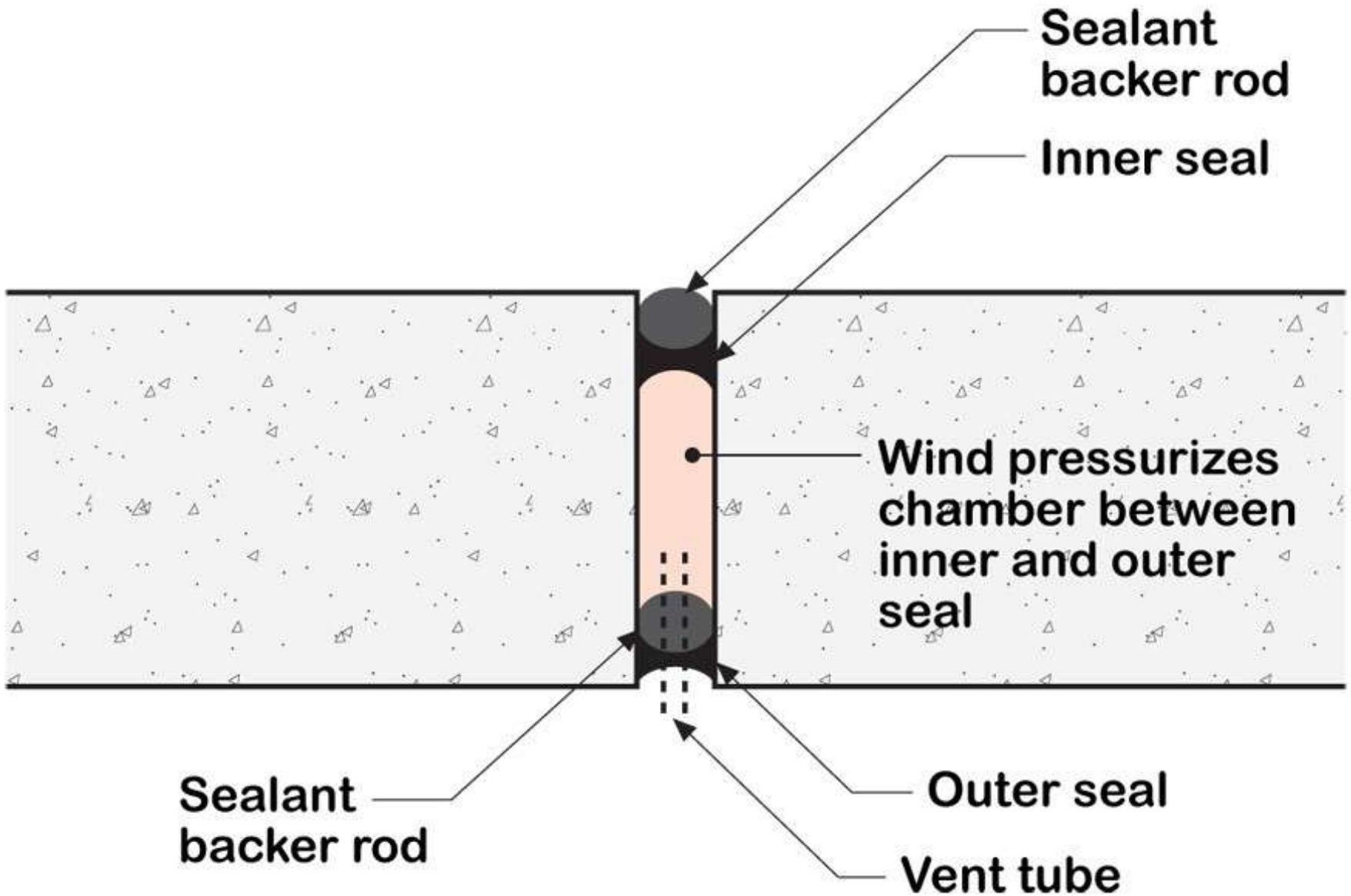


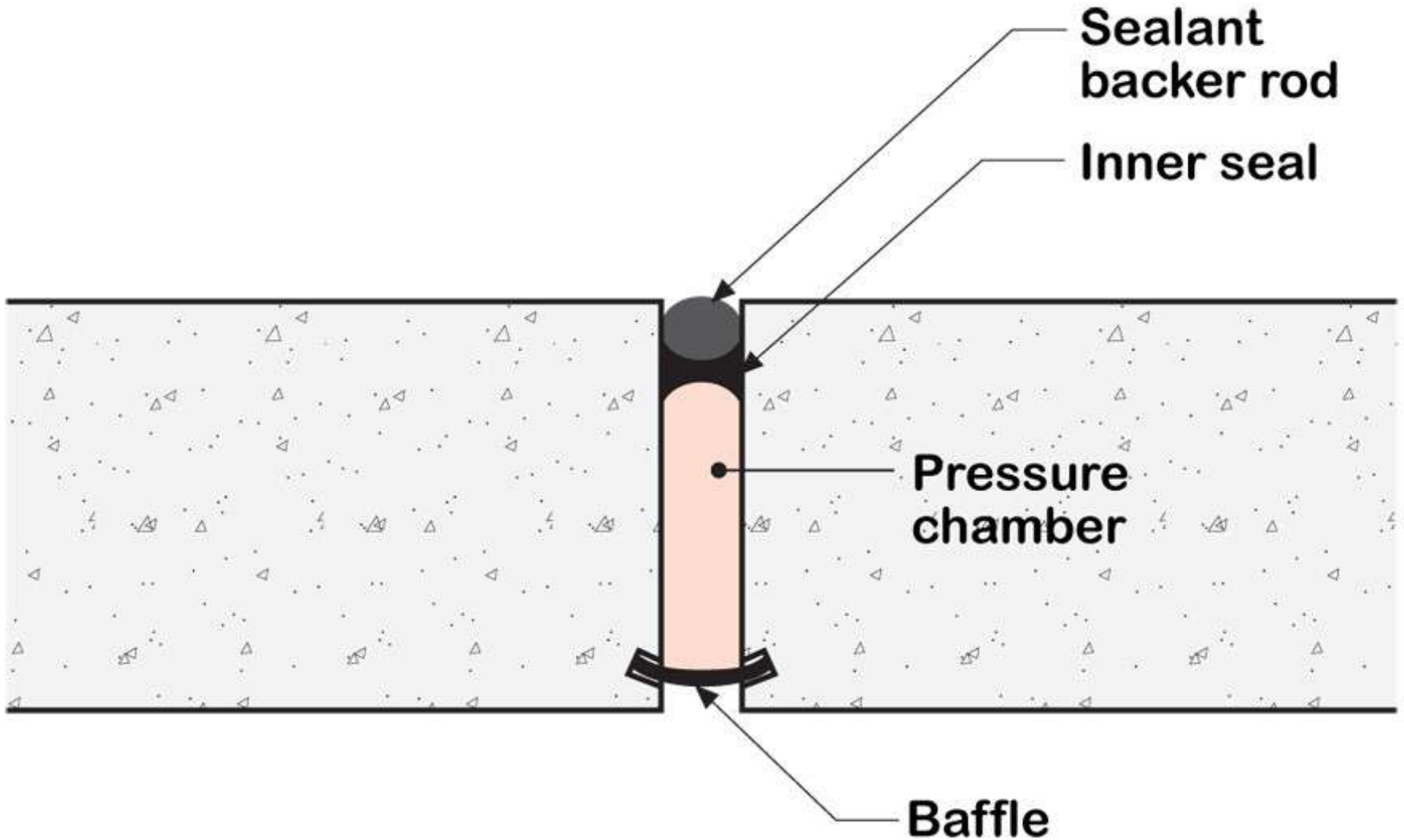


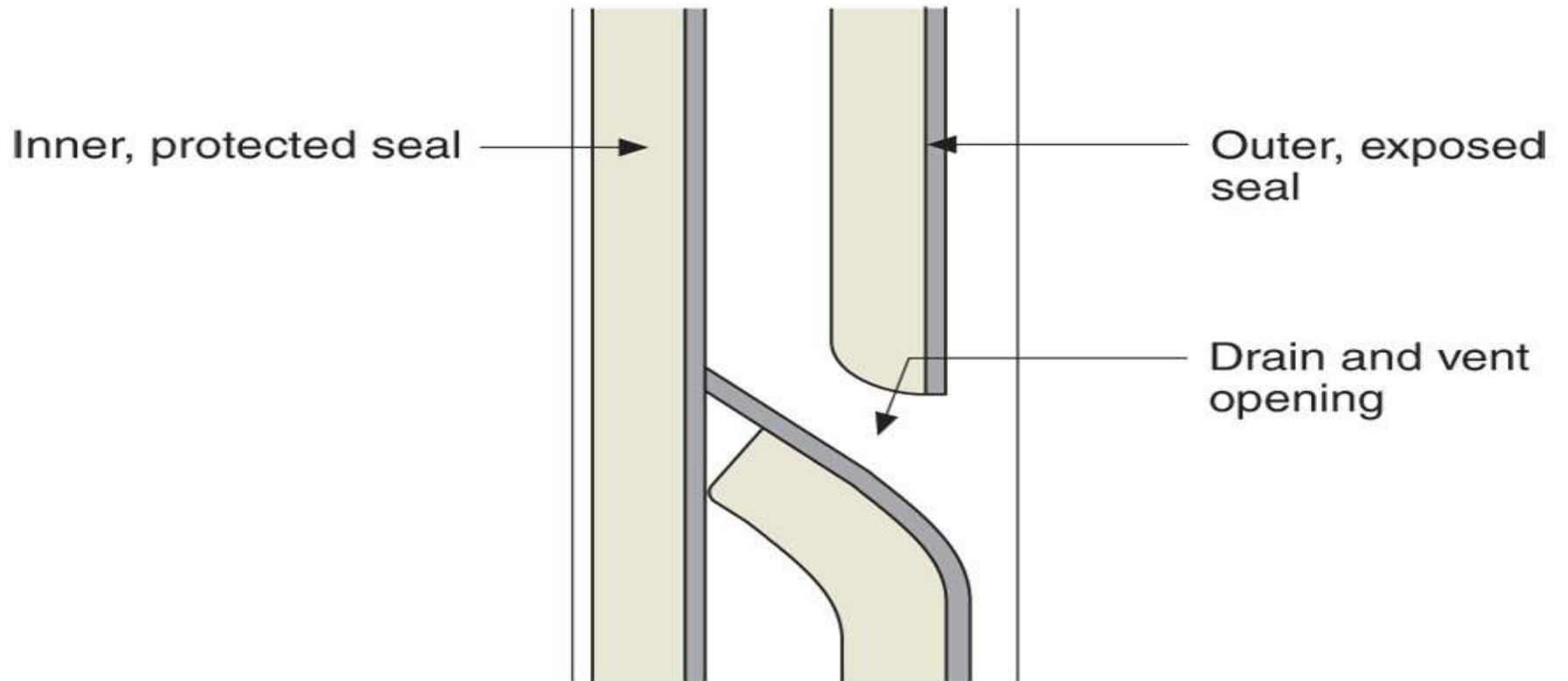


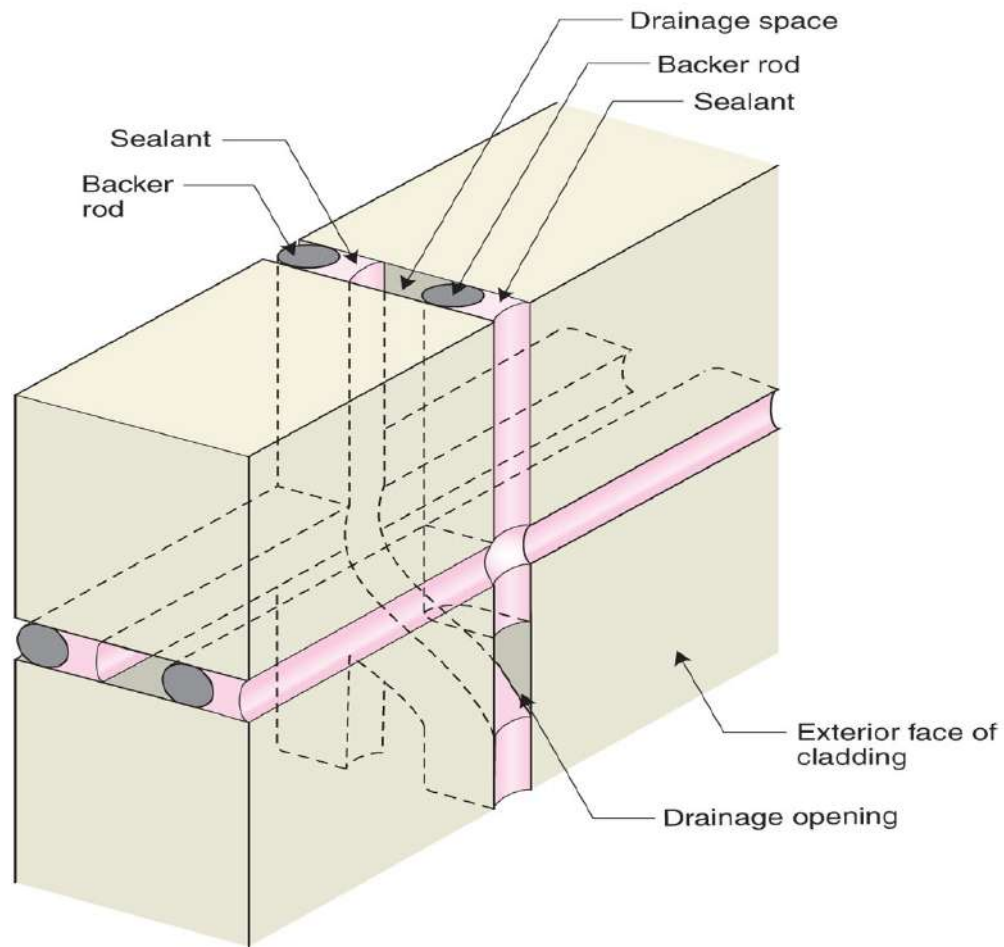










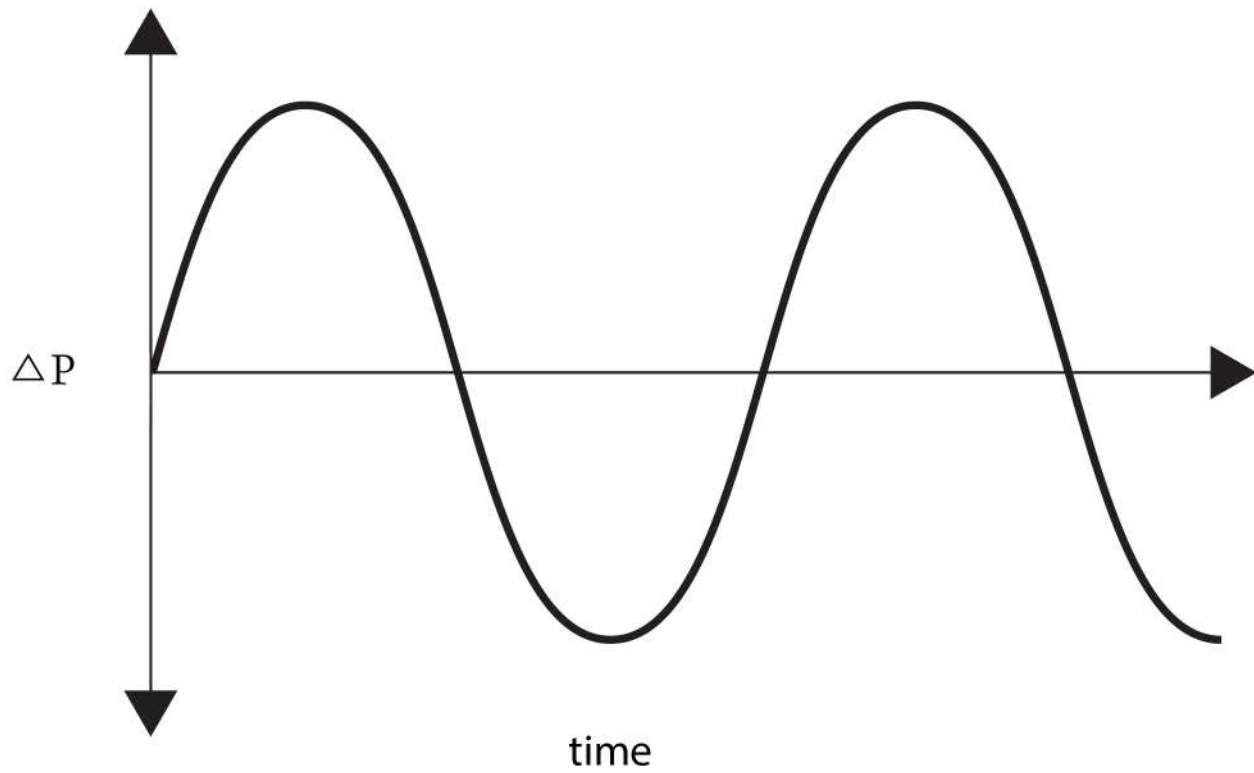


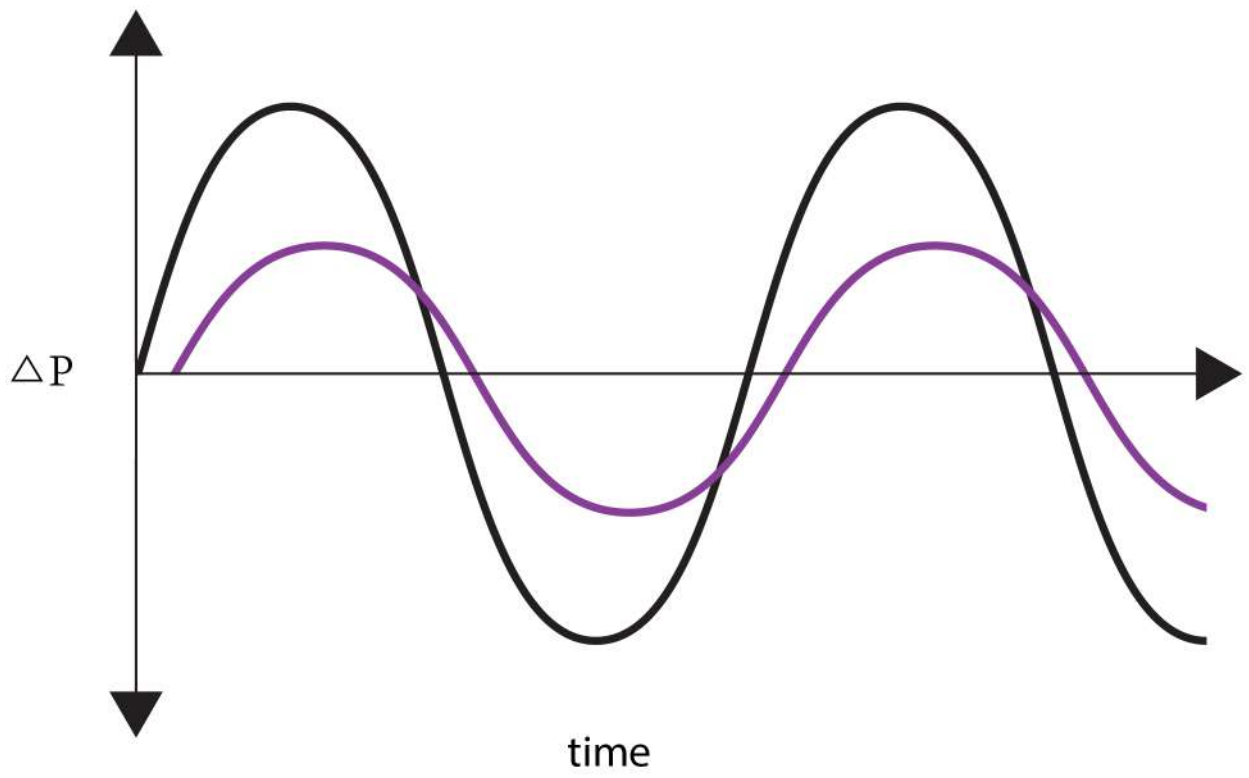


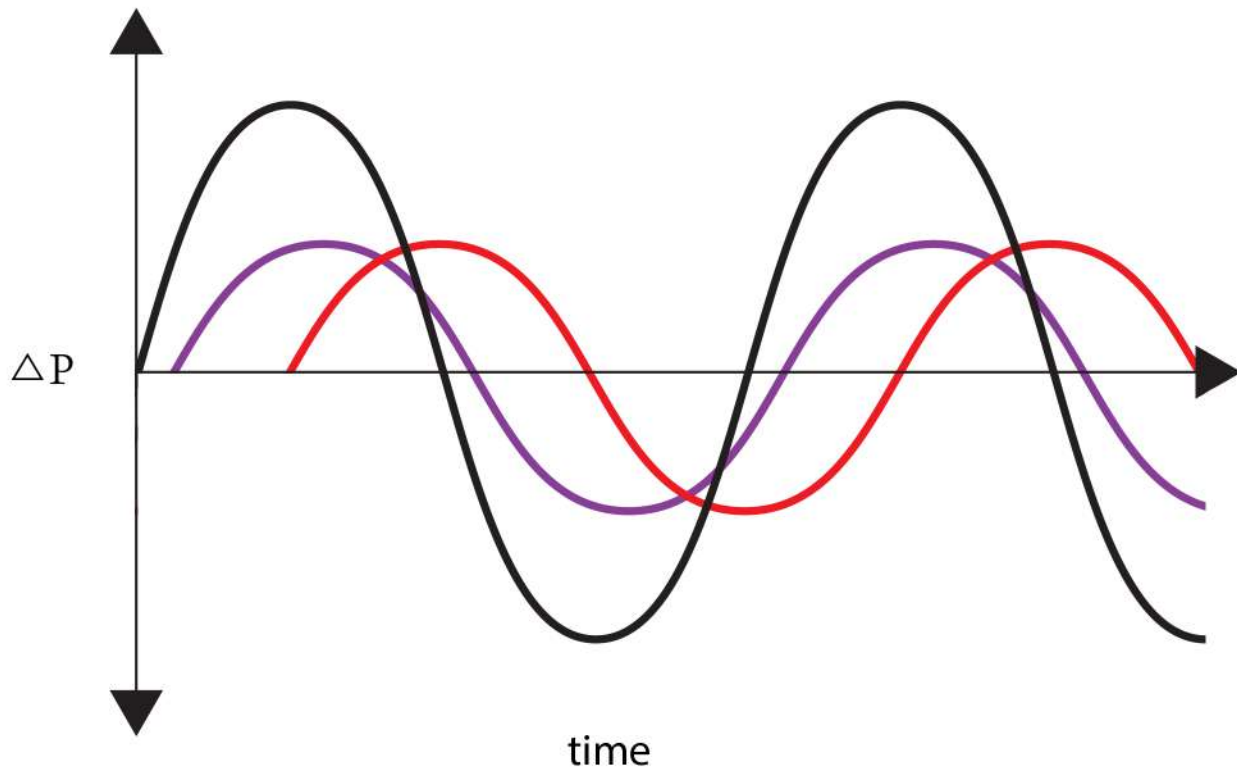
Open Joints vs Closed Joints

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Limits of Pressure Equalization







Pressure Equalization Needs to be Perfect

Pressure Equalization Reduces Drying

Prevention of Wetting Is Not As Important As
Drying

Assume Things Get Wet...Design Them to Dry

Ventilated Claddings Promote Drying



Capillarity

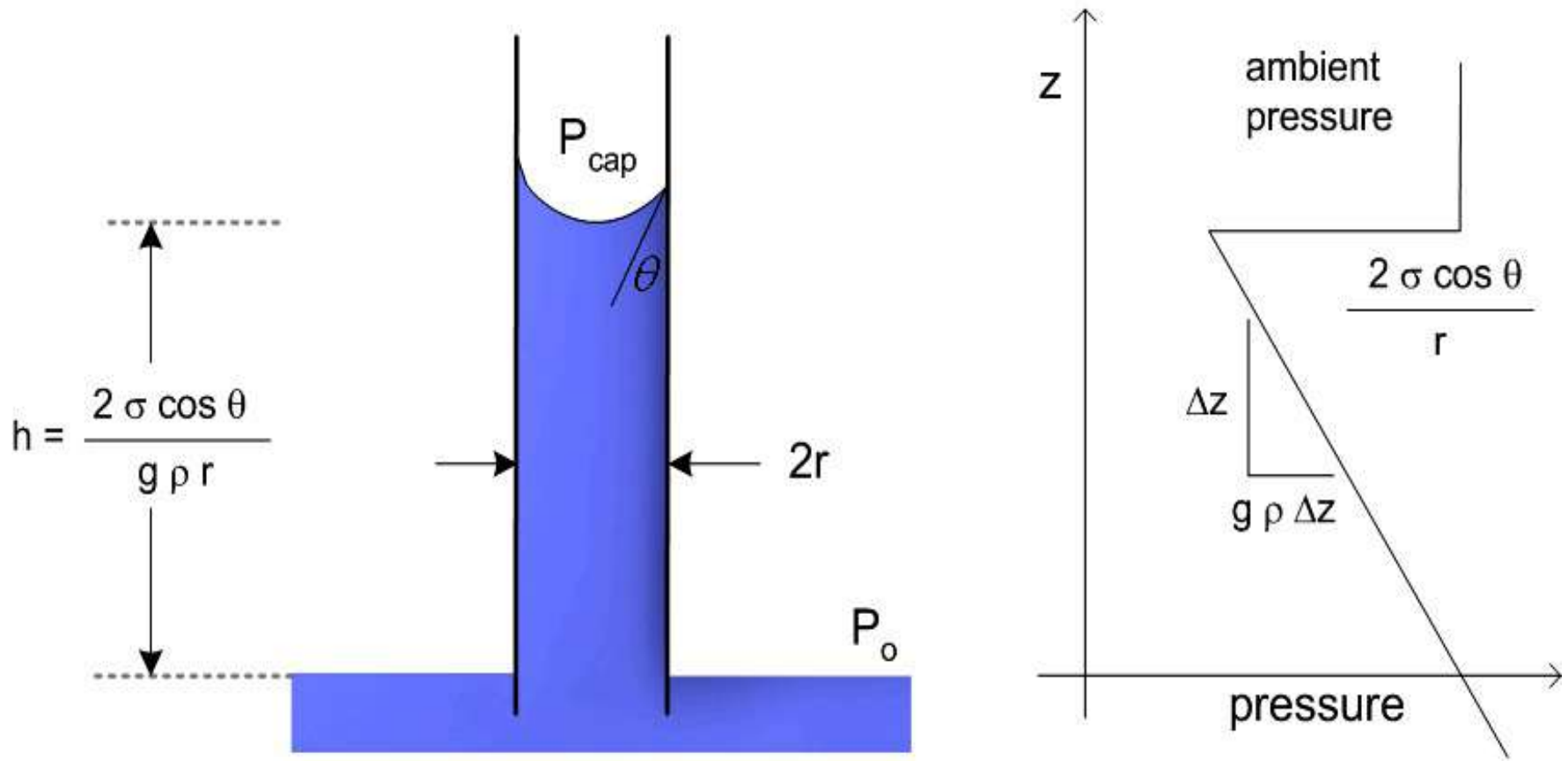
William Thomson

William Thomson – Lord Kelvin

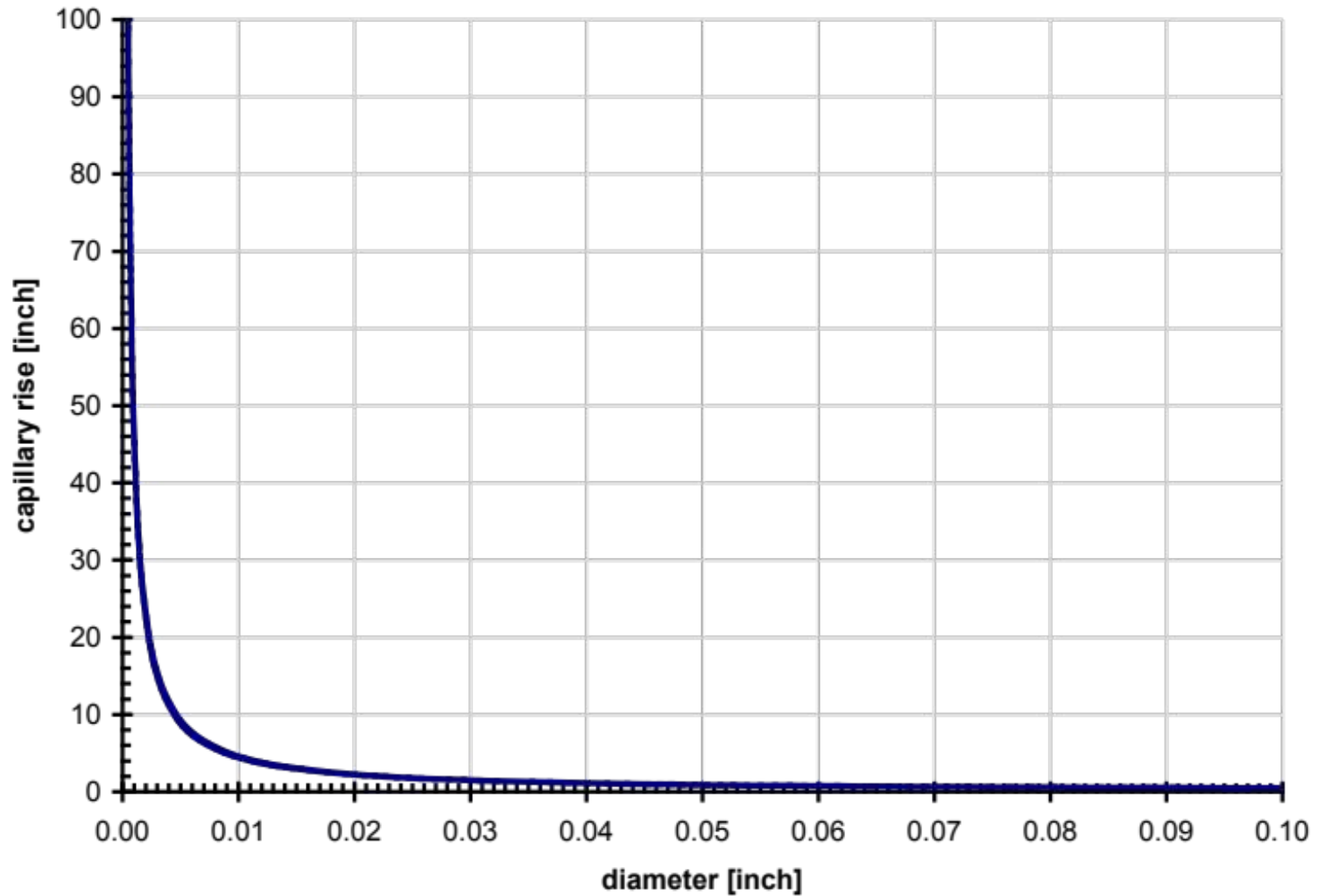
Kelvin Equation

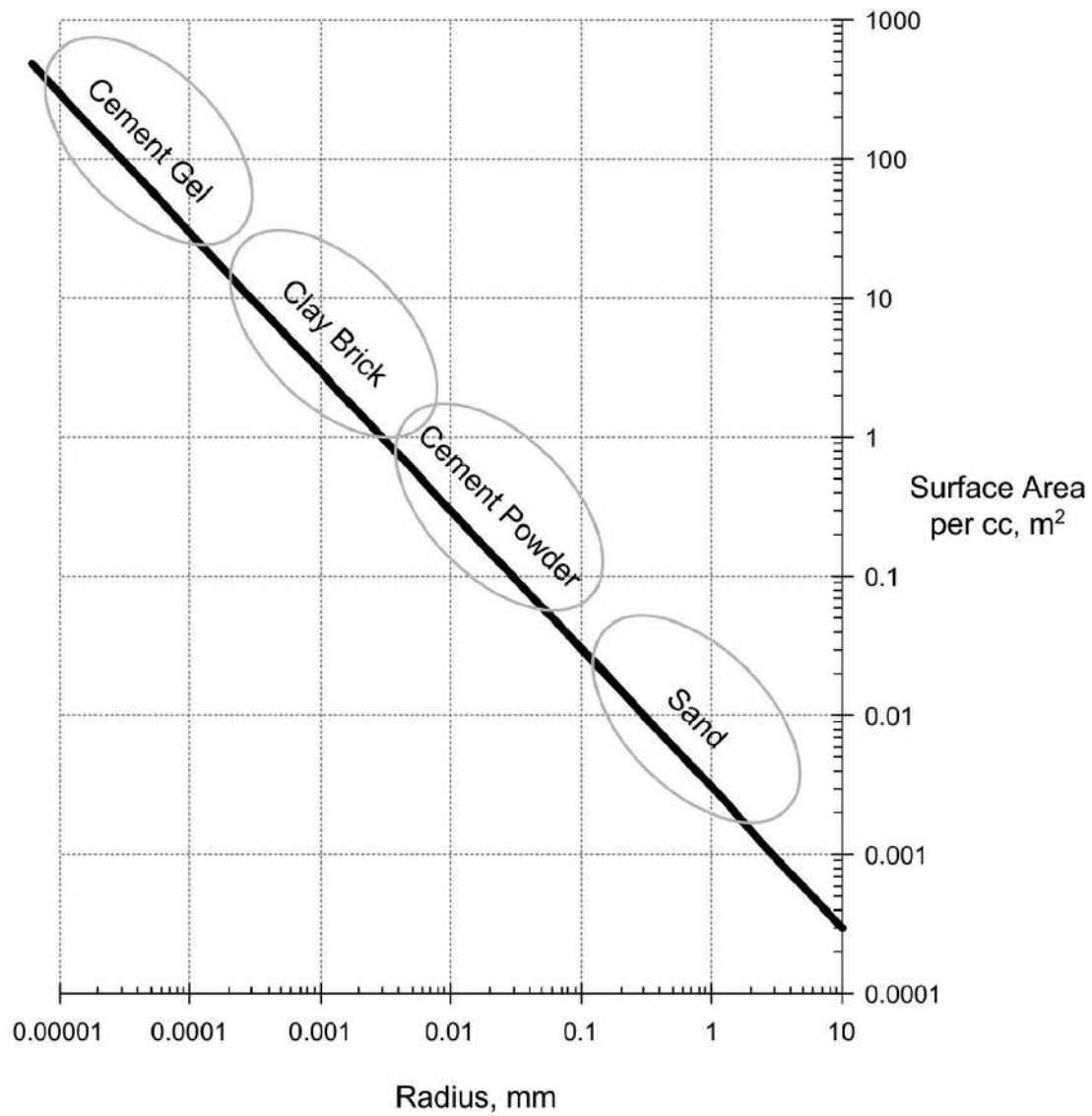
$$\ln \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{2\gamma V_m}{rRT}$$

Calculating capillary rise



Capillary rise versus diameter





Surface area vs. particle size
From Straube & Burnett, 2005



Figure 1c. Gypsum, hydrated from plaster of paris and water, porosity 30 per cent.

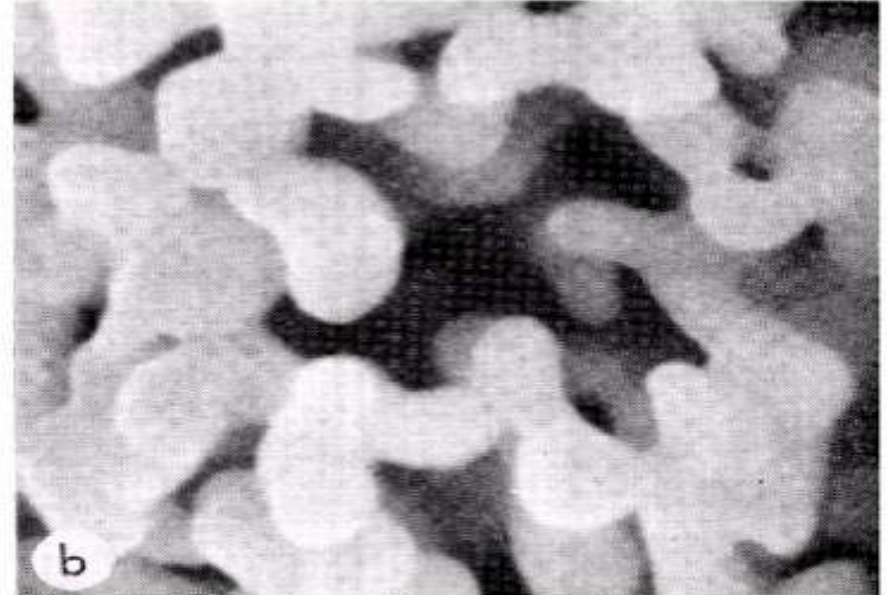
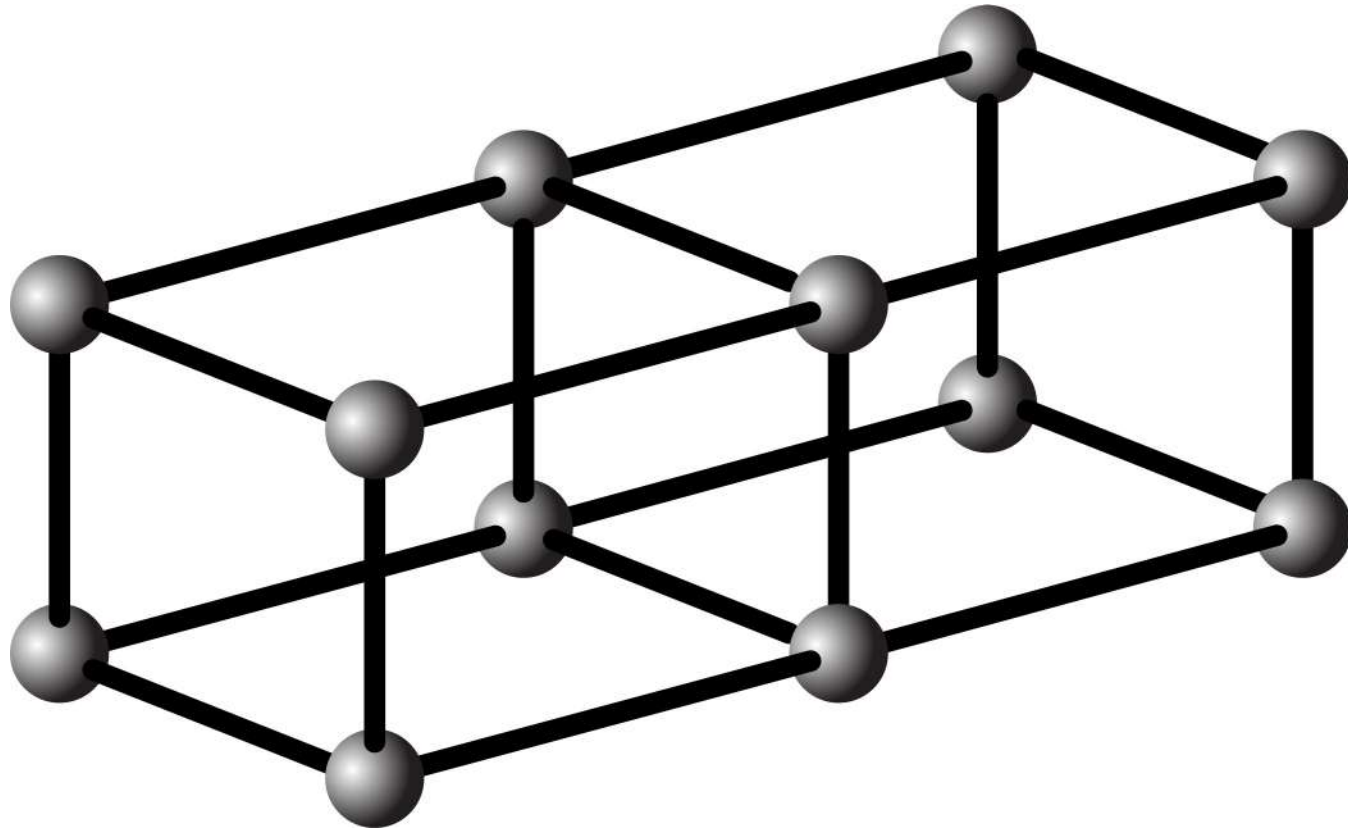
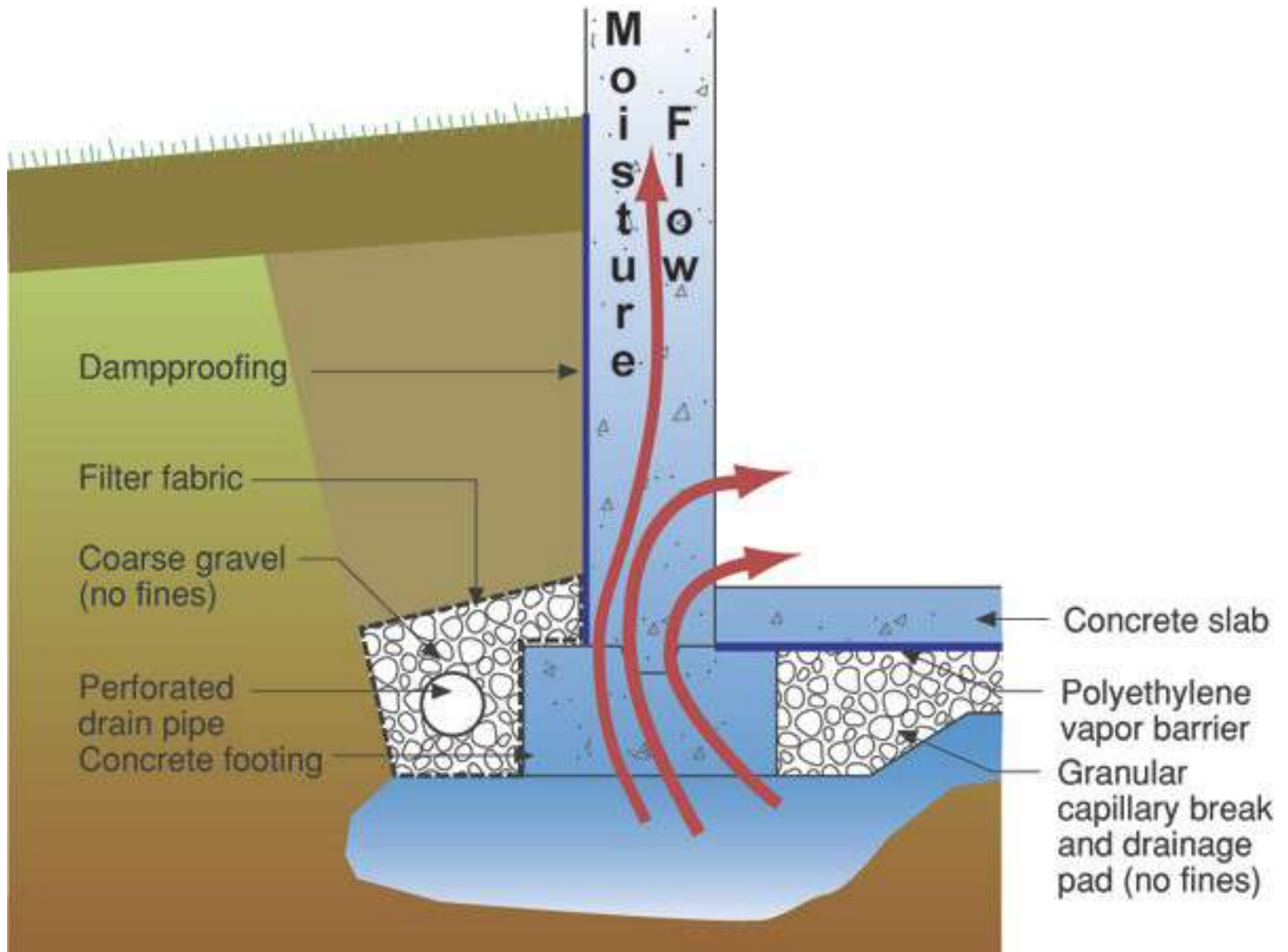
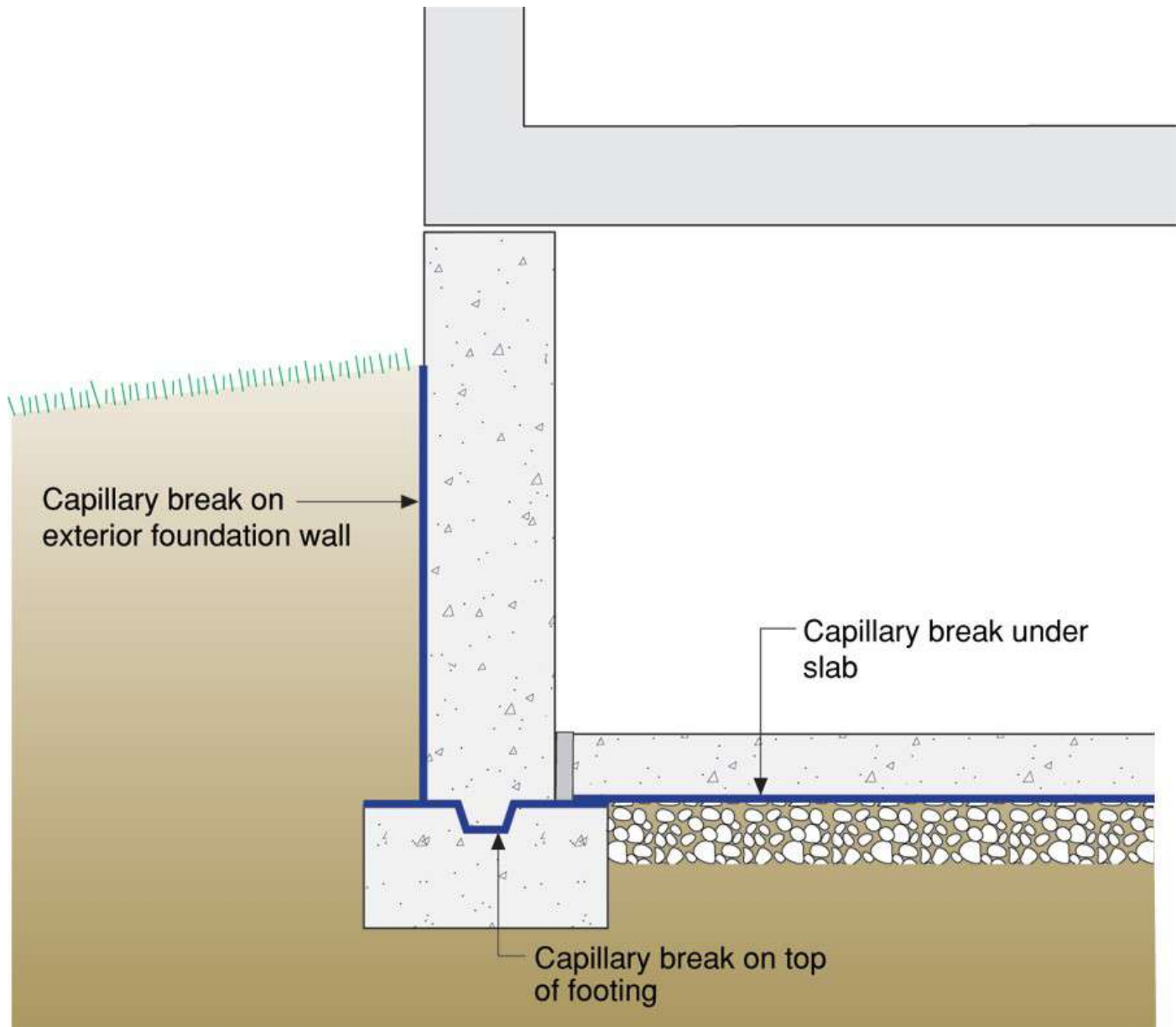


Figure 1b. Brick, sintered clay, porosity 40 per cent.



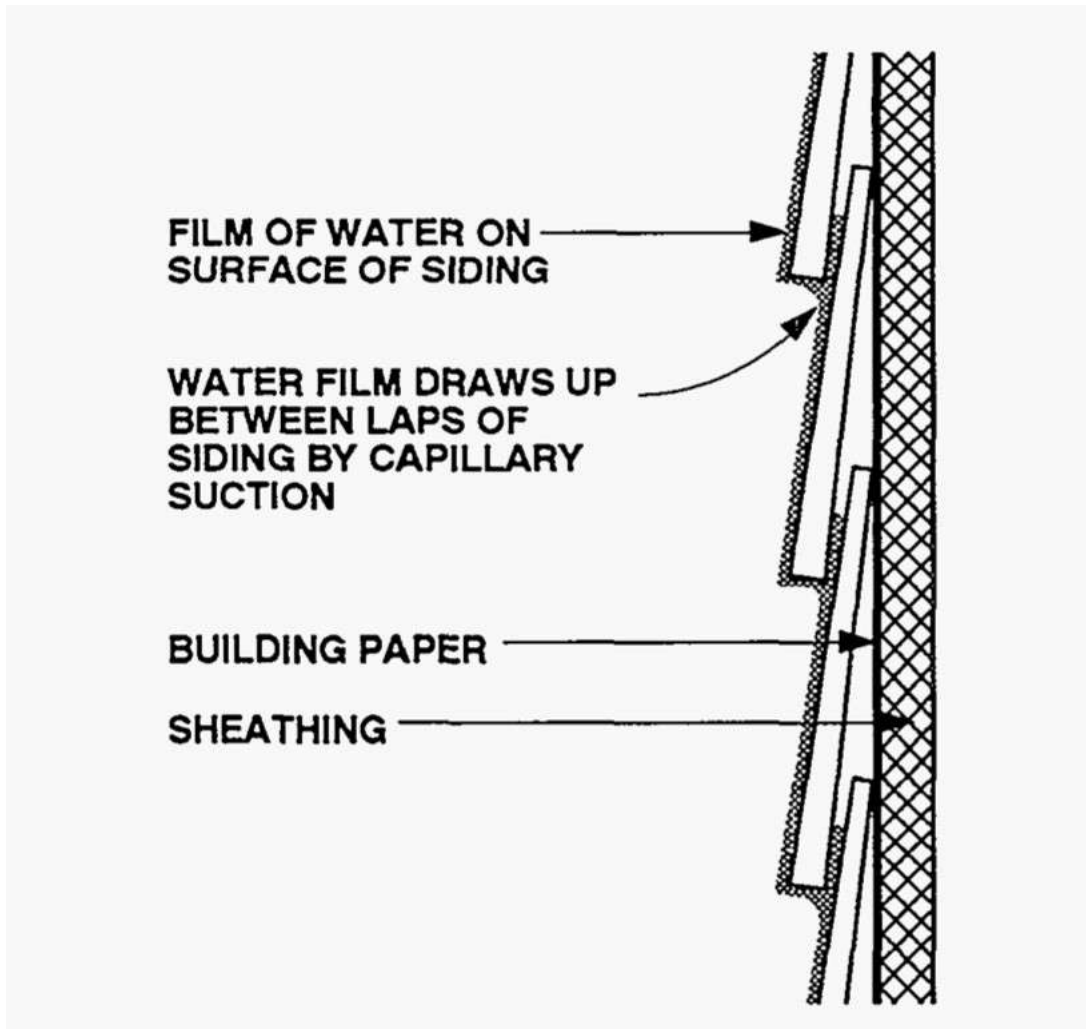




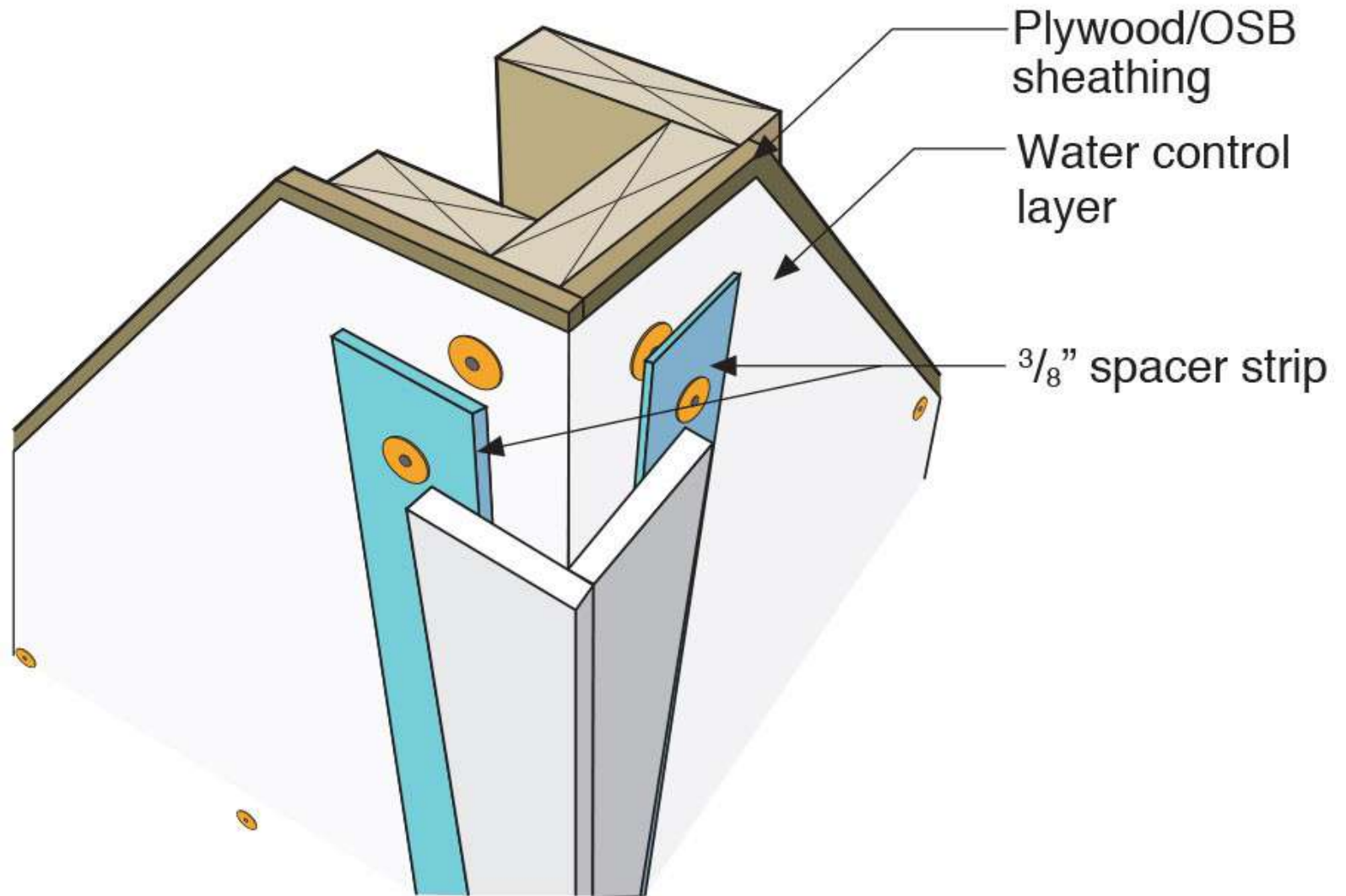


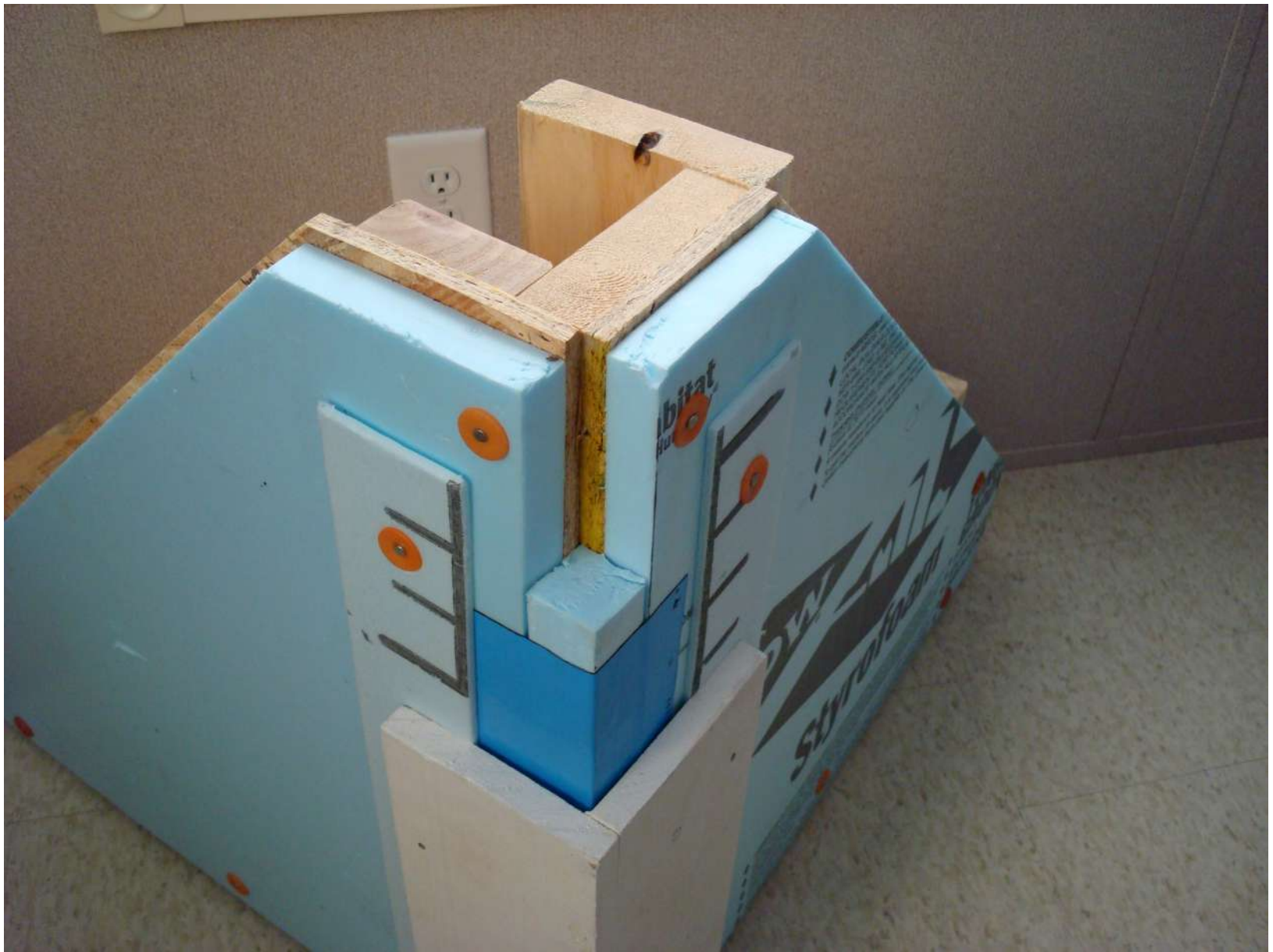
Siding Laps













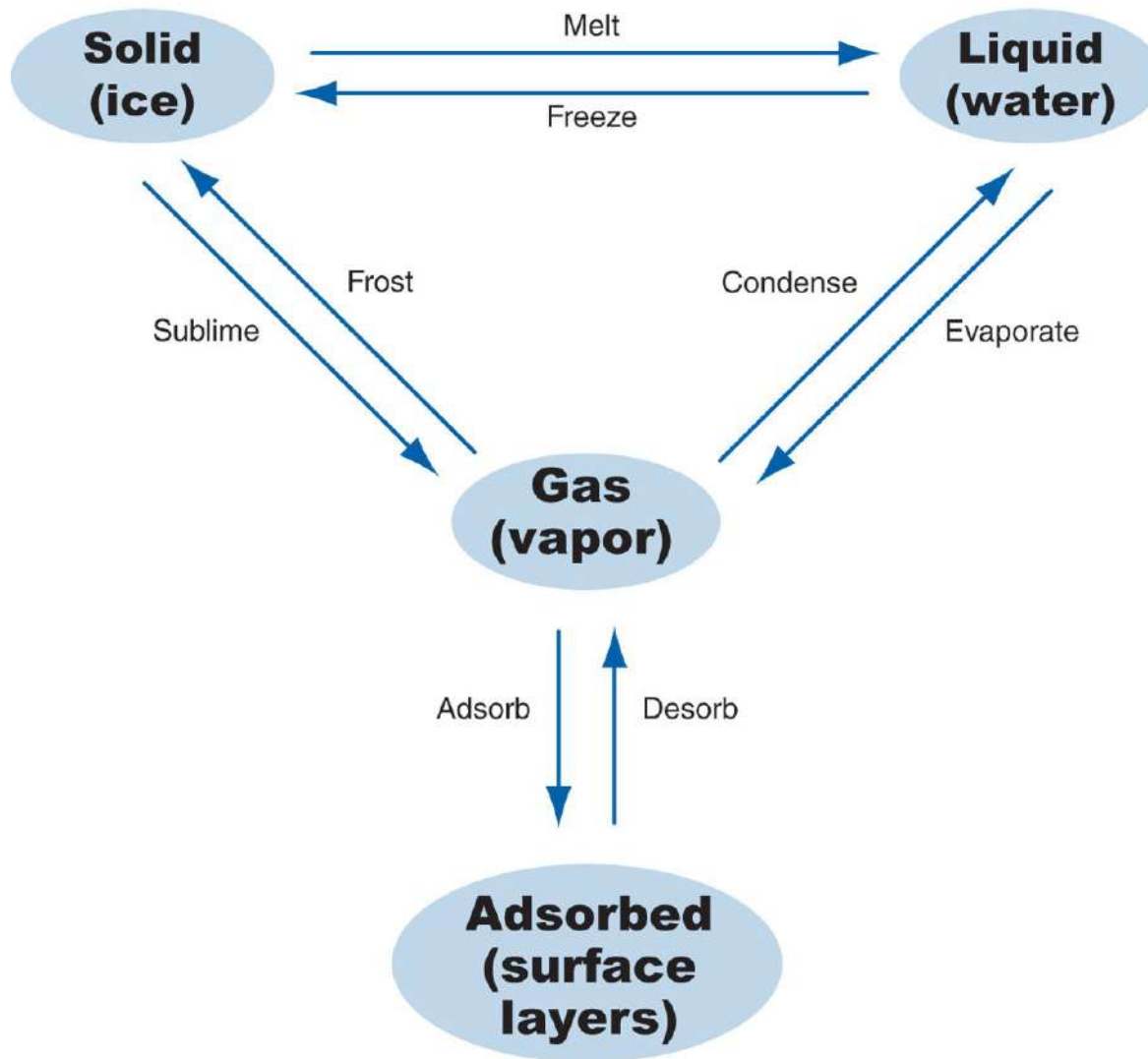


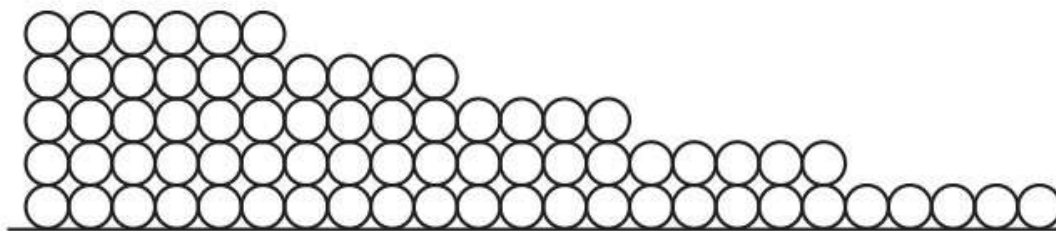




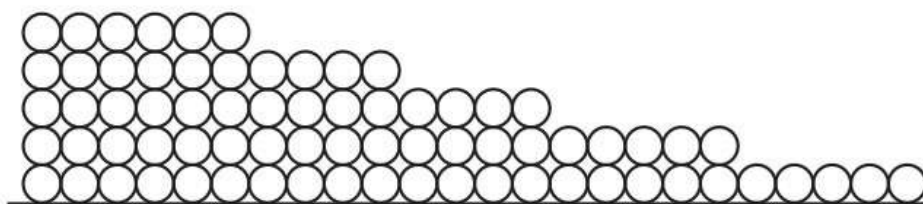
Kelvin Equation Again....

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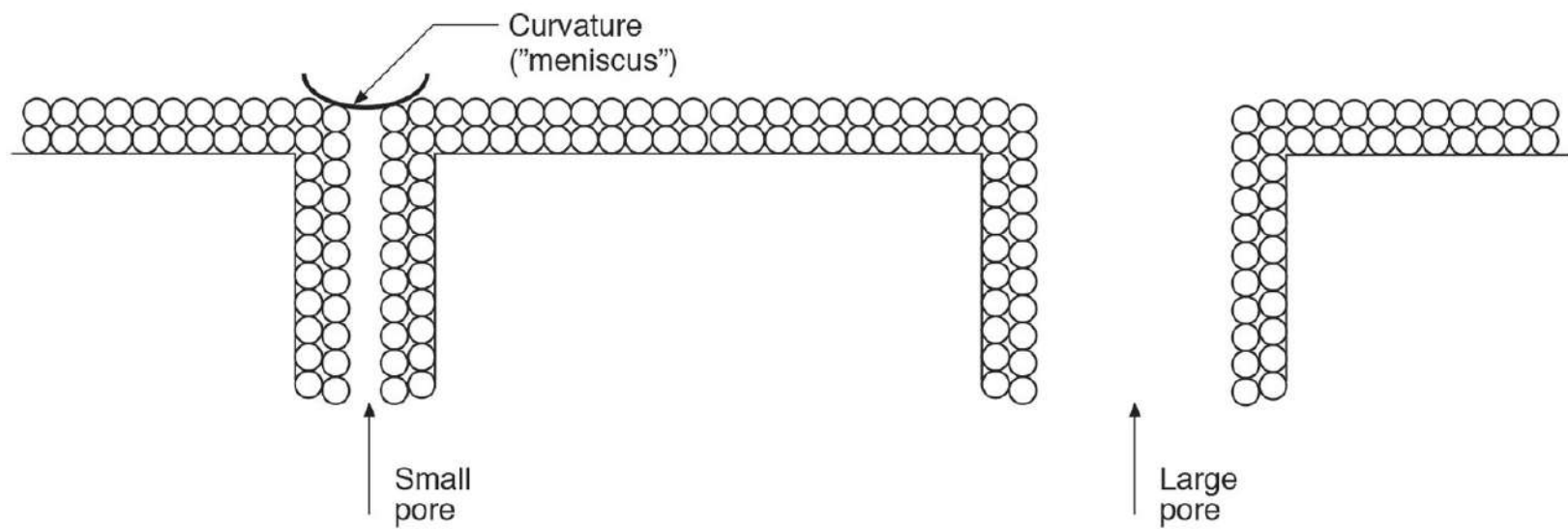


Monolayers of adsorbed water increase with increasing RH



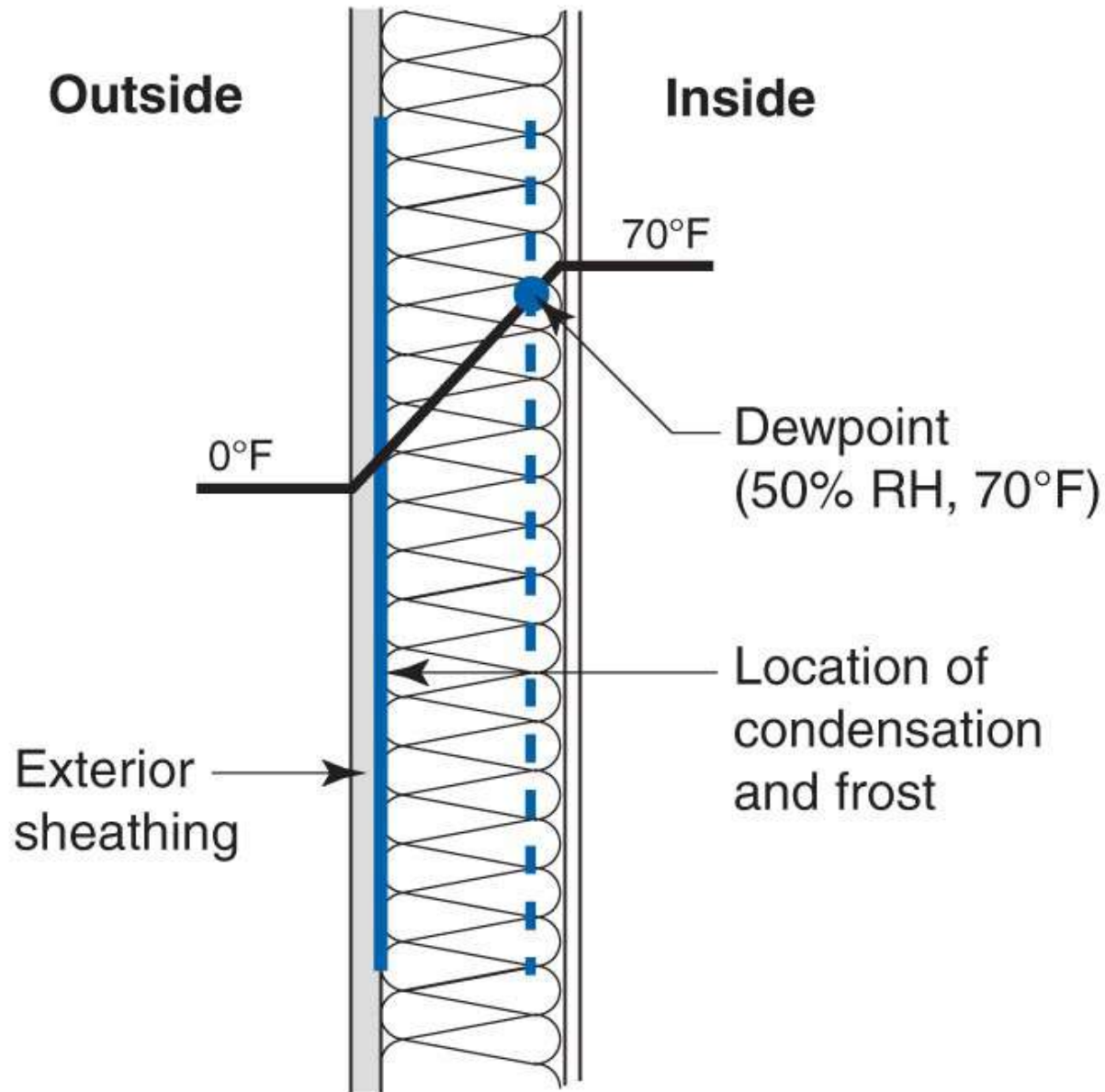
Monolayers
flow along surface
following concentration gradient





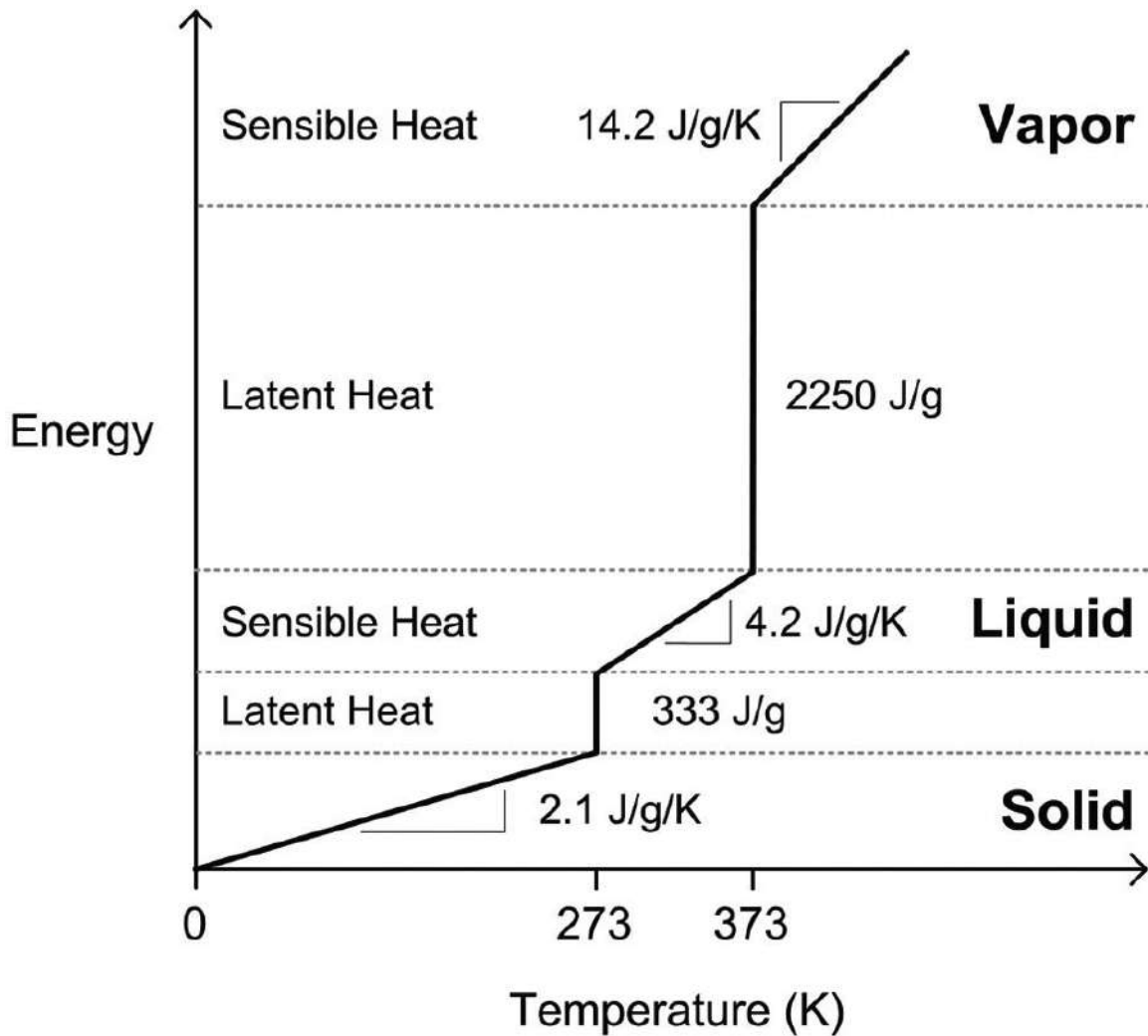


The Myth of the Dew Point



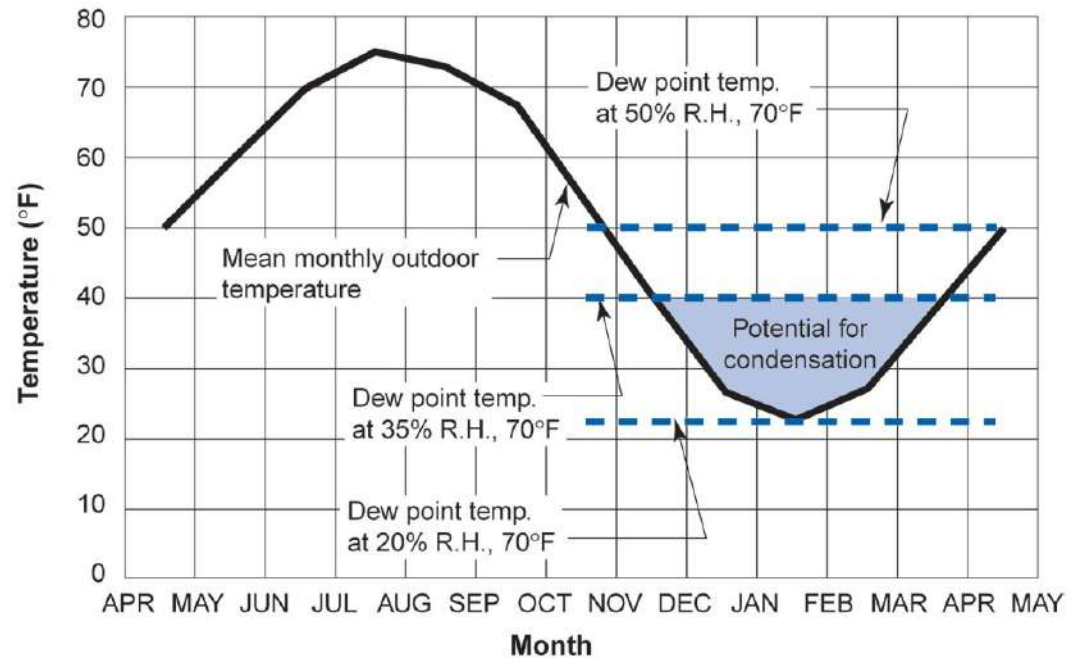
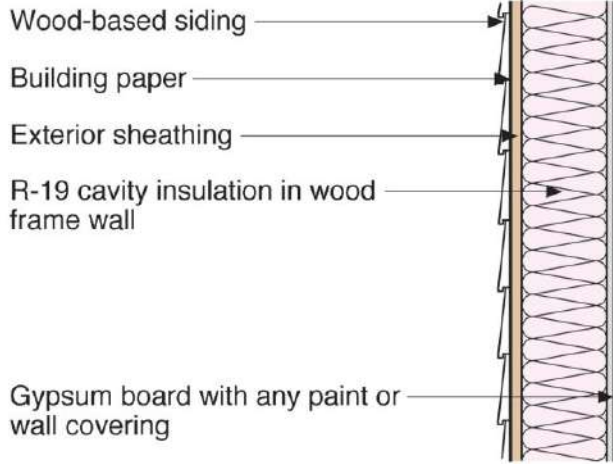


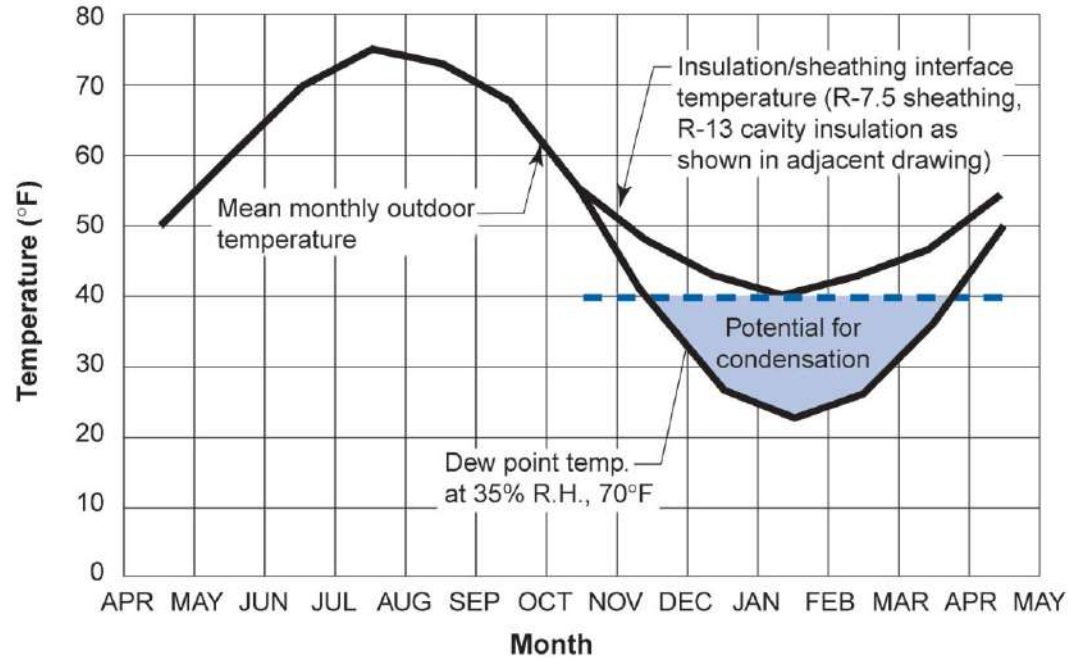
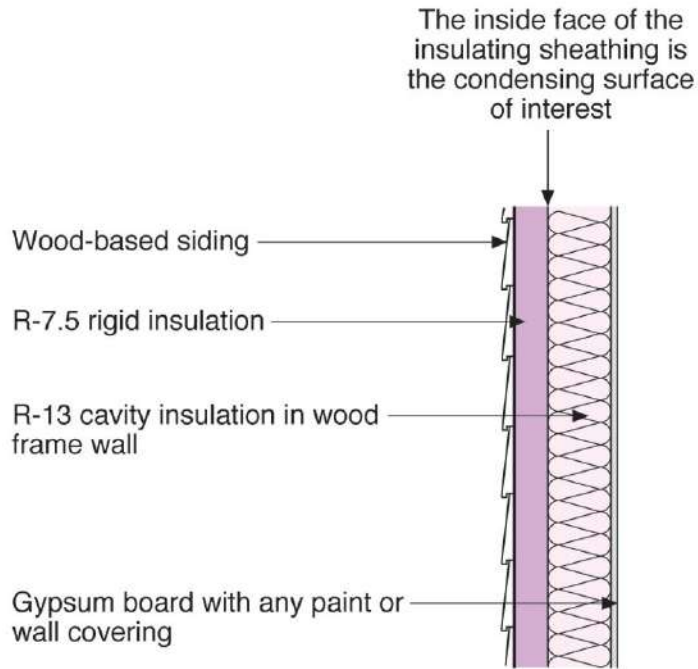




Simple linearized energy-temperature relation for water
 From Straube & Burnett, 2005

The inside face of the exterior sheathing is the condensing surface of interest





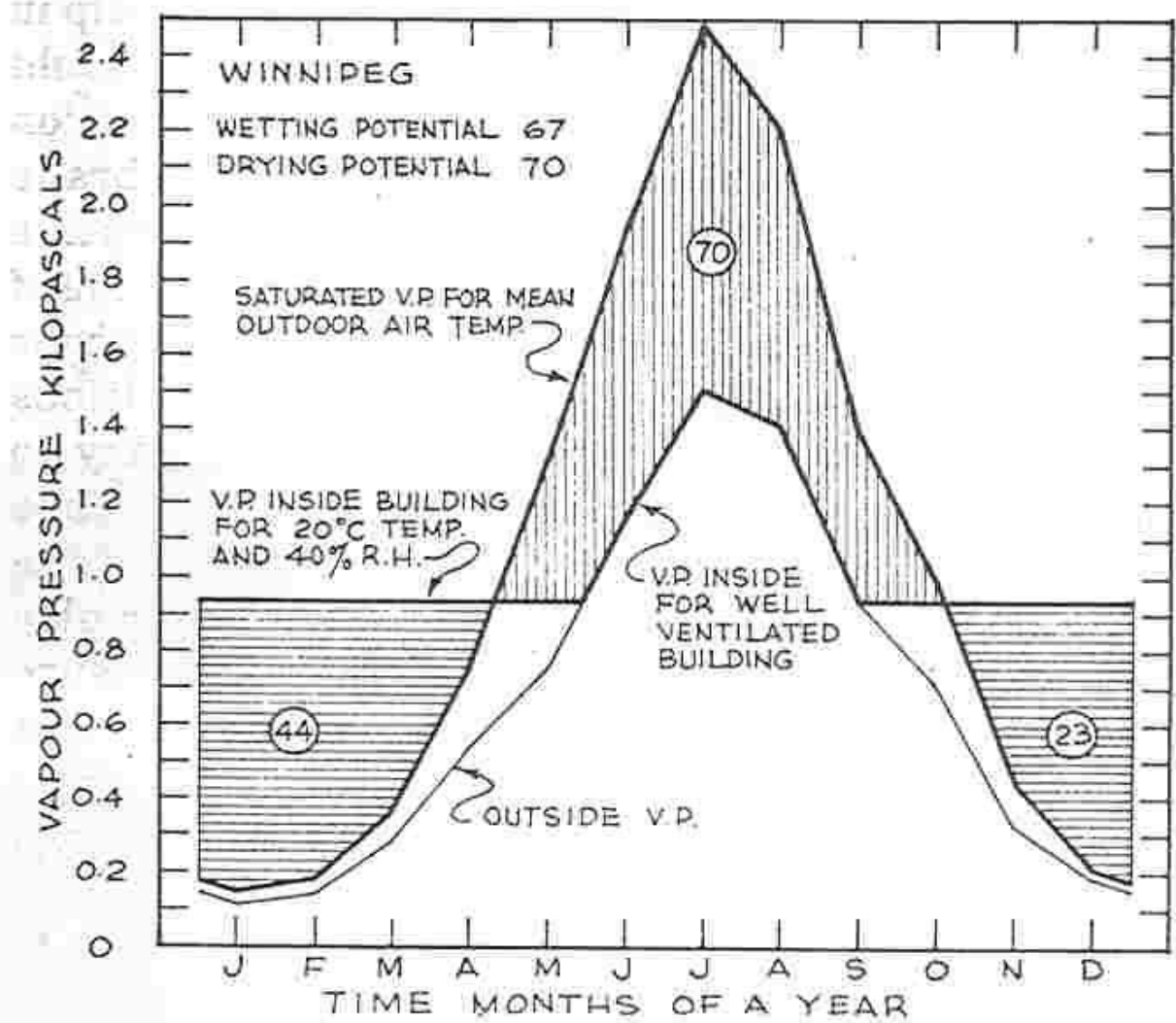
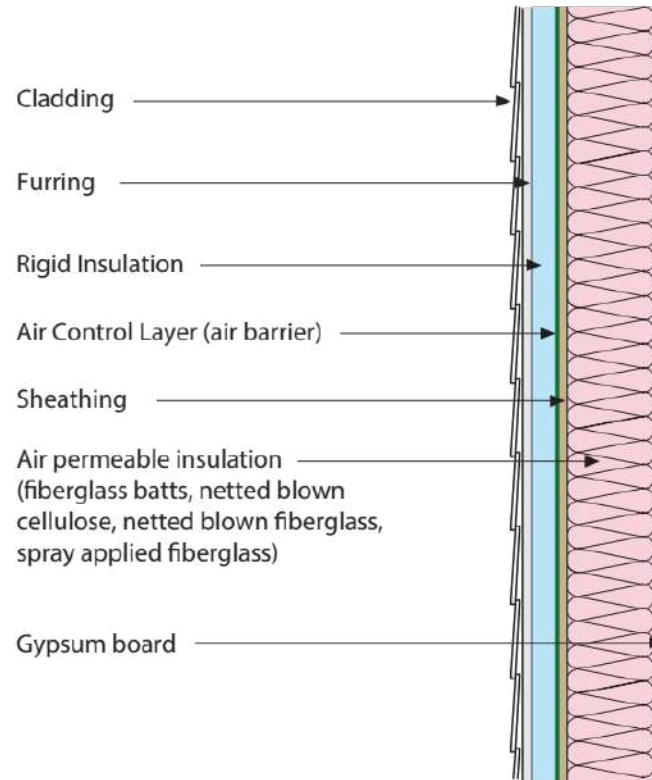


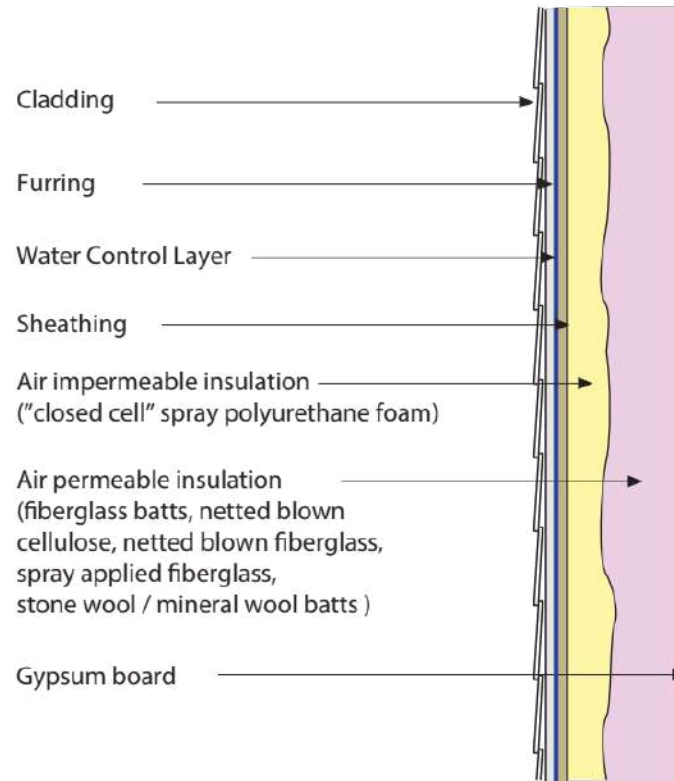
Figure 8-7. Outside vapour pressure, saturated vapour pressure and inside vapour pressure for Winnipeg.

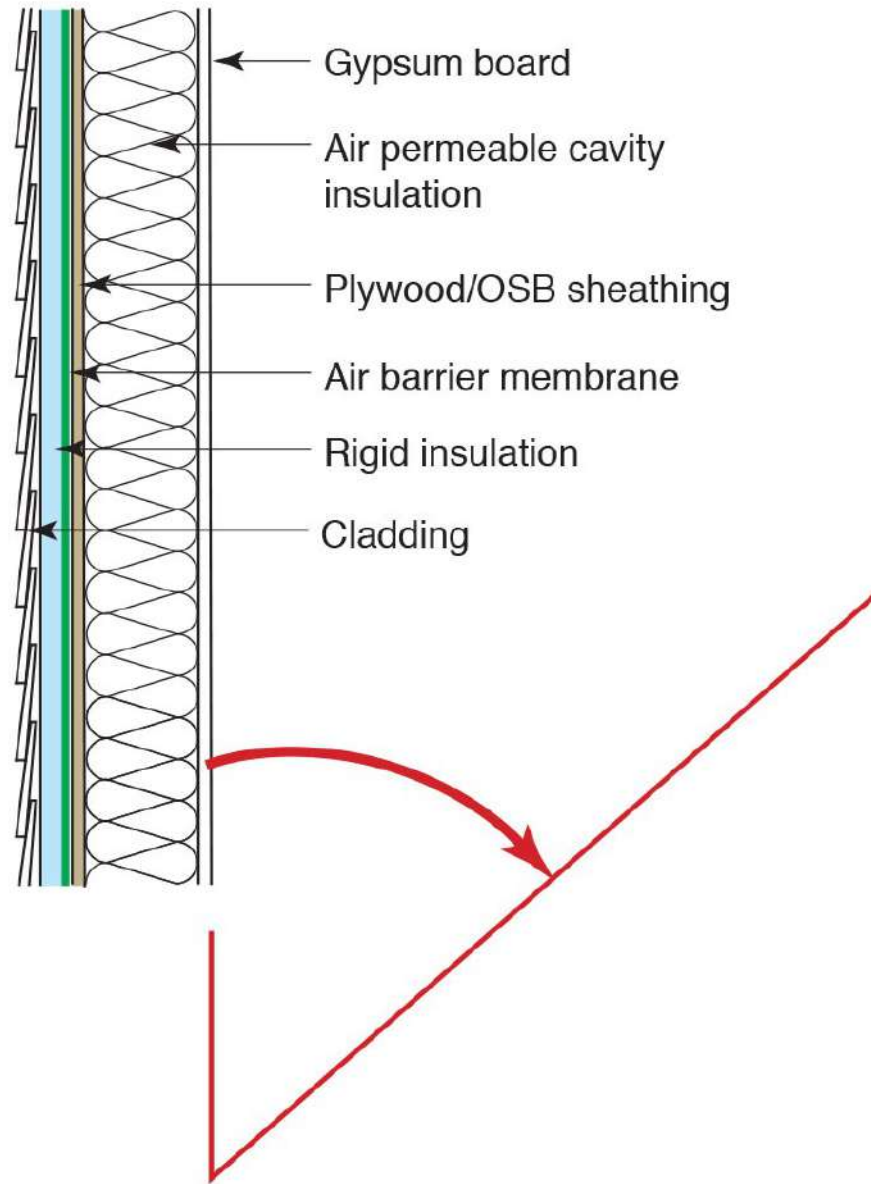
Insulation for Condensation Control*

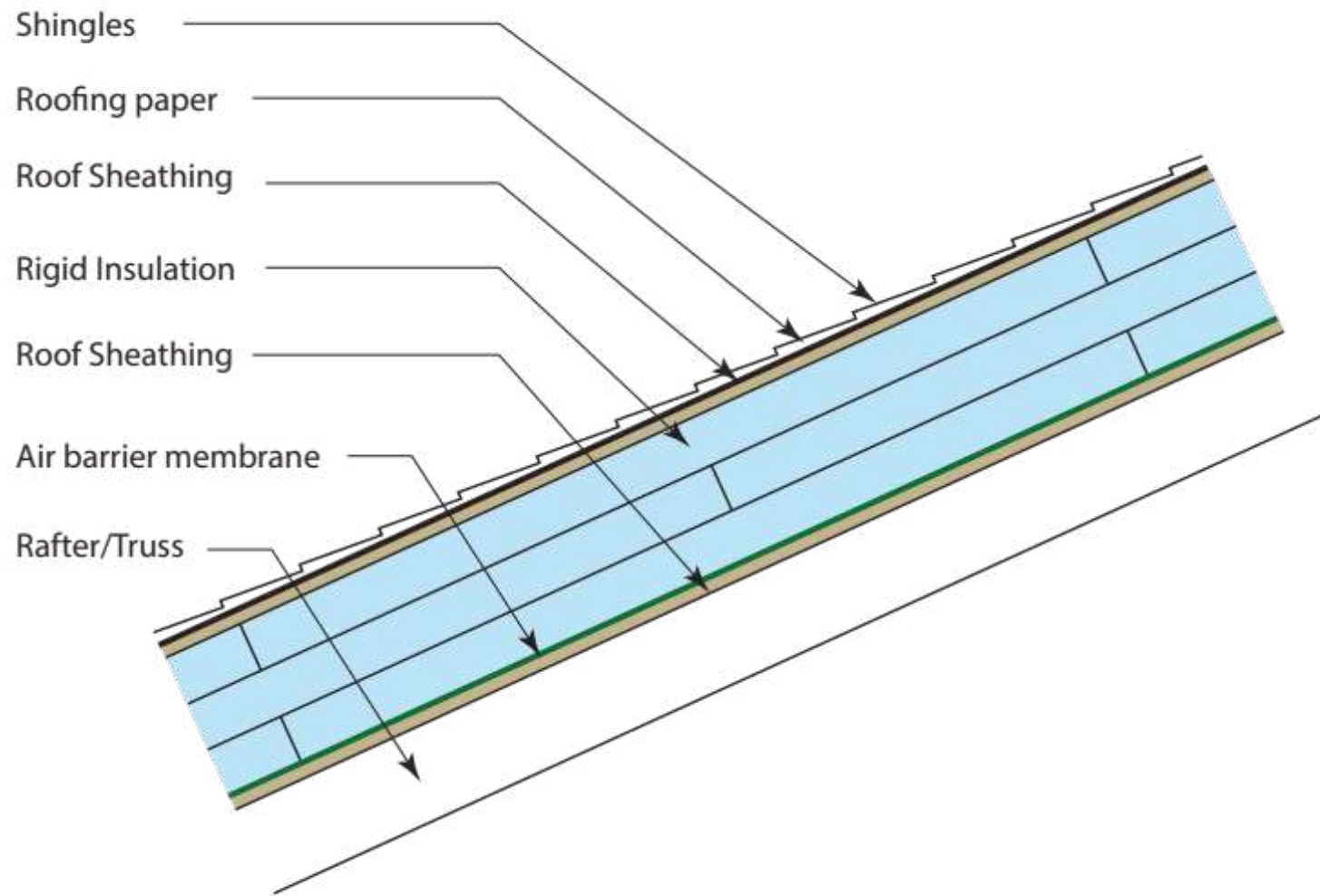
Climate Zone	Rigid Board or Air Impermeable Insulation	Total Cavity Insulation	Total Wall Assembly Insulation	Ratio of Rigid Board Insulation or Air Impermeable R-Value to Total Insulation R-Value
4C	R-2.5	R-13	R-15.5	15%
	R-3.75	R-20	R-23.75	15%
5	R-5	R-13	R-18	30%
	R-7.5	R-20	R-27.5	30%
6	R-7.5	R-13	R-20.5	35%
	R-11.25	R-20	R-31.25	35%
7	R-10	R-13	R-28	45%
	R-15	R-20	R-35	45%
8	R-15	R-13	R-28	50%
	R-20	R-20	R-40	50%

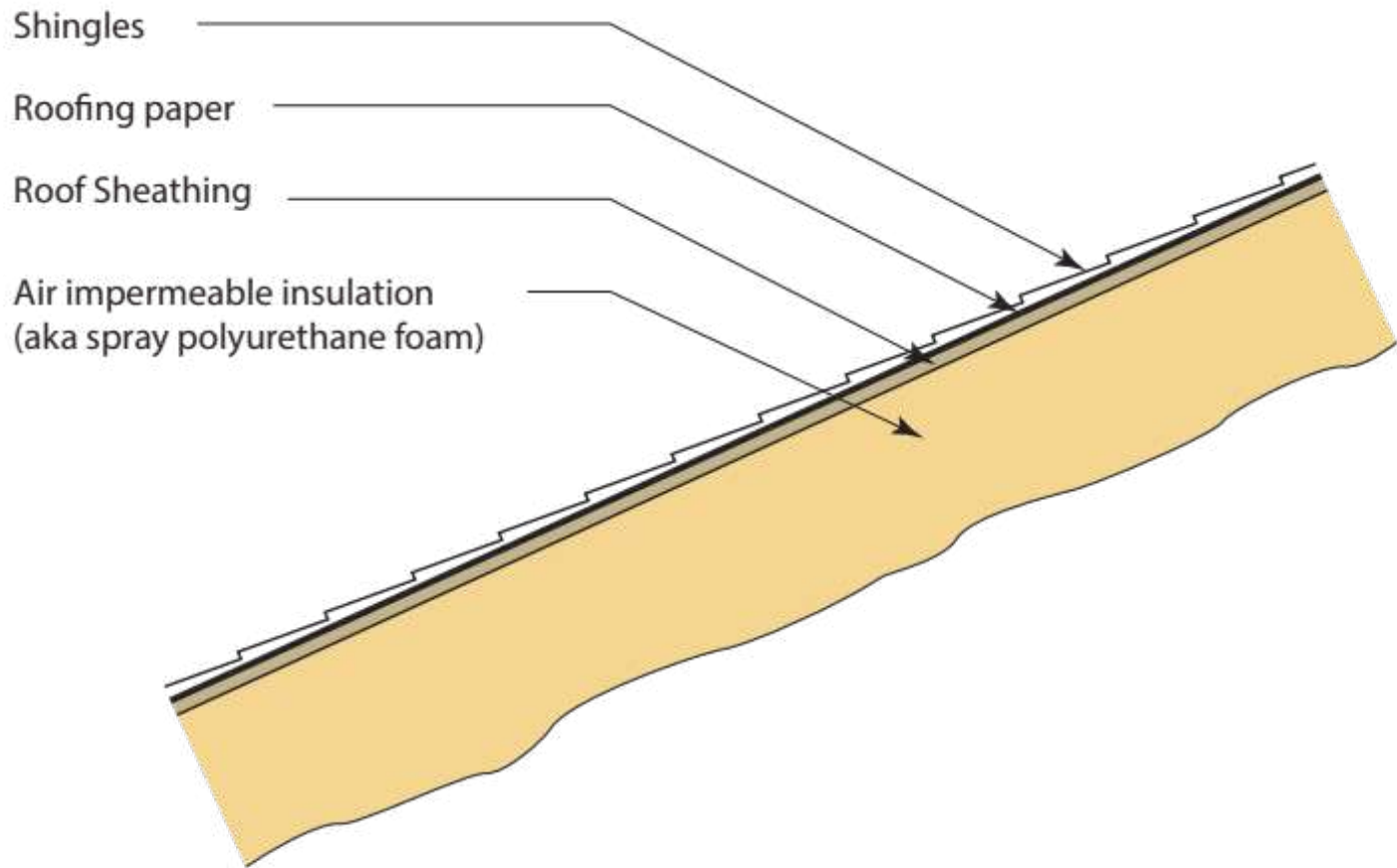
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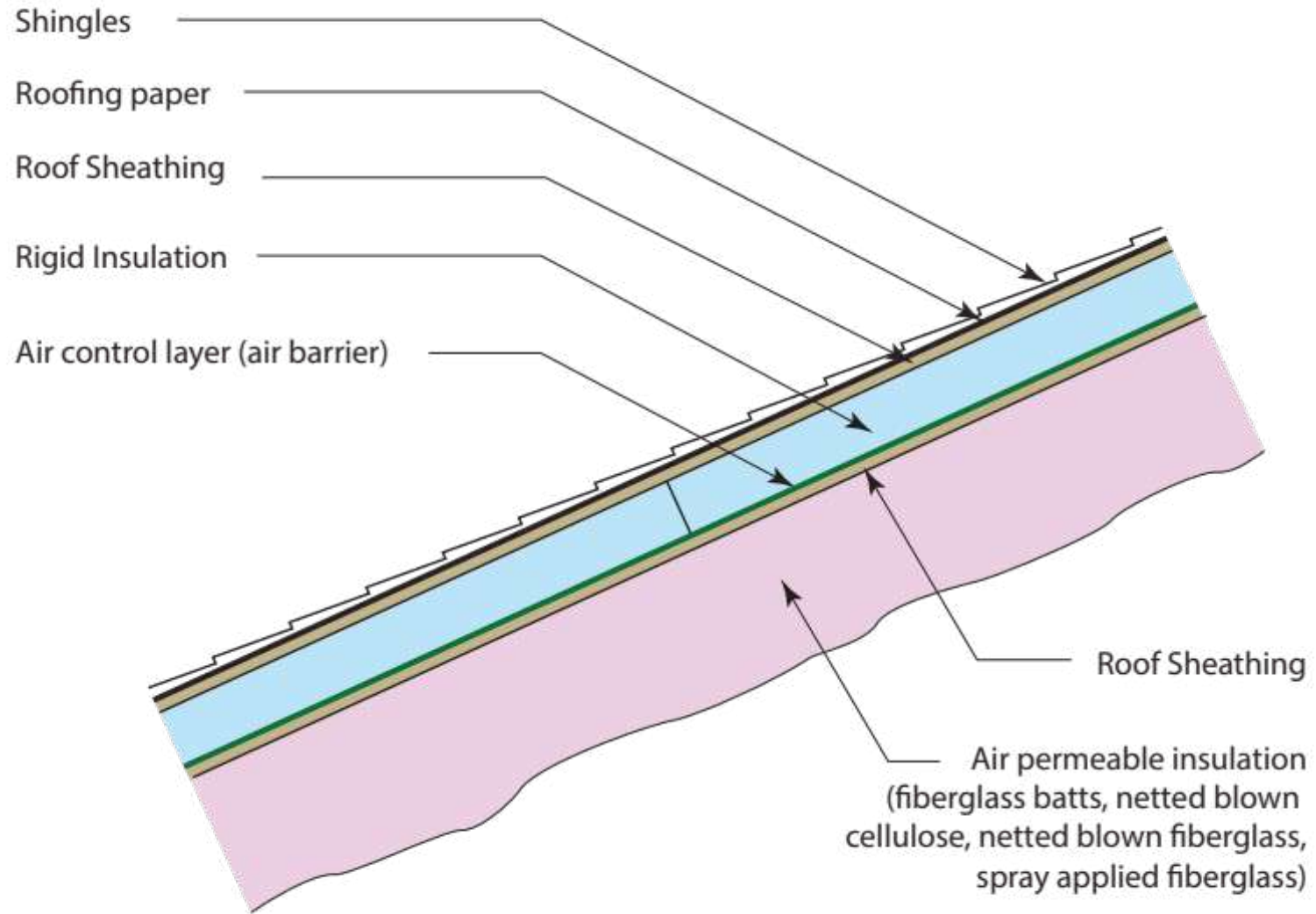










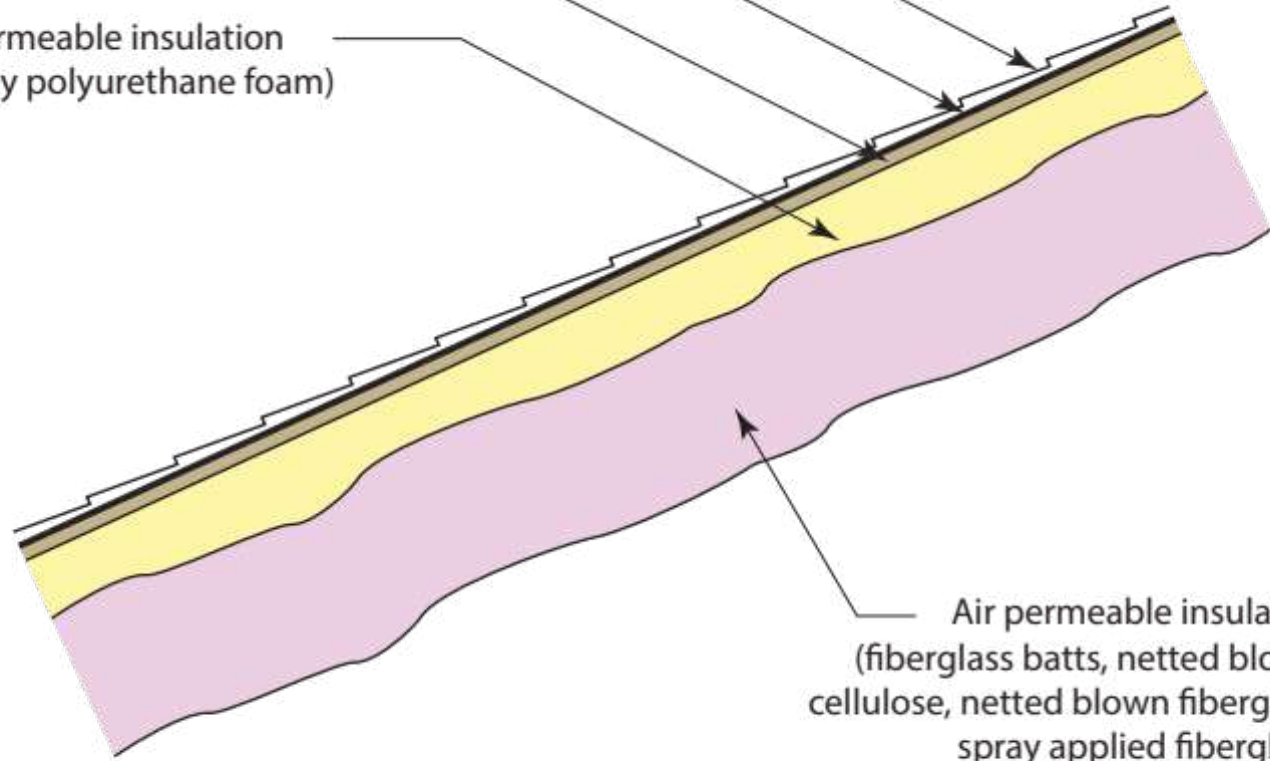


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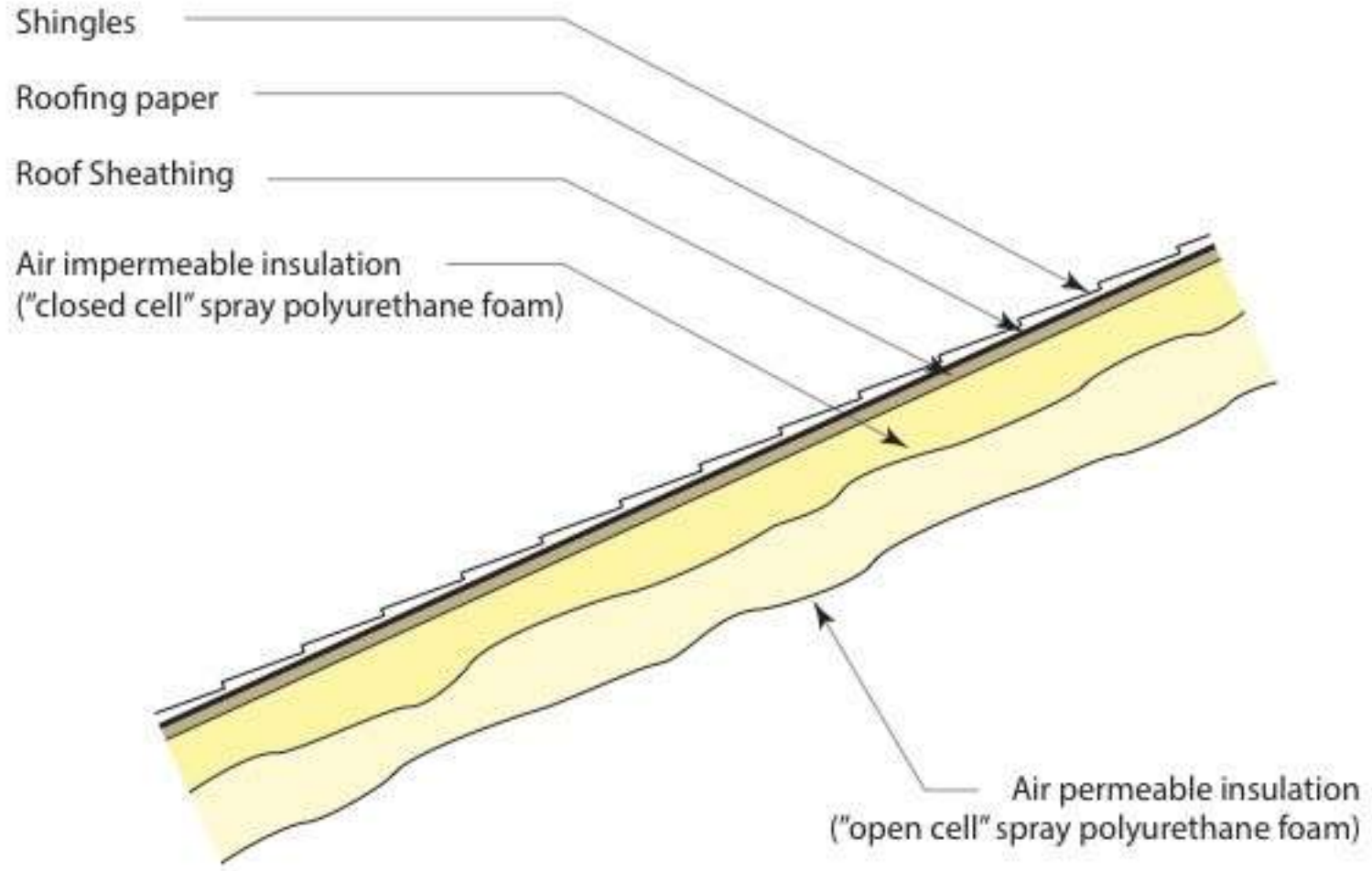
Roofing paper

Roof Sheathing

Air impermeable insulation
(aka spray polyurethane foam)



Air permeable insulation
(fiberglass batts, netted blown
cellulose, netted blown fiberglass,
spray applied fiberglass)

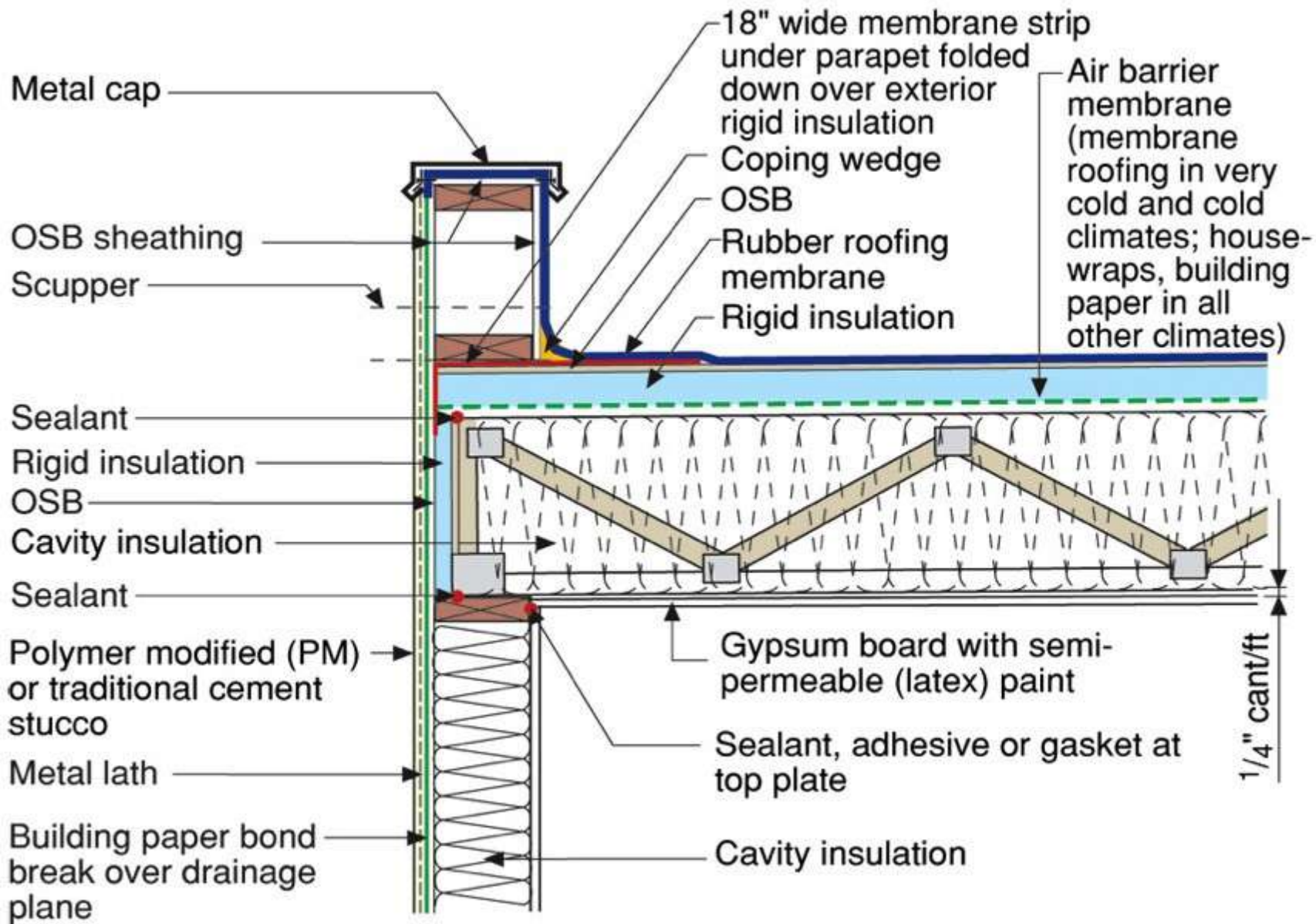


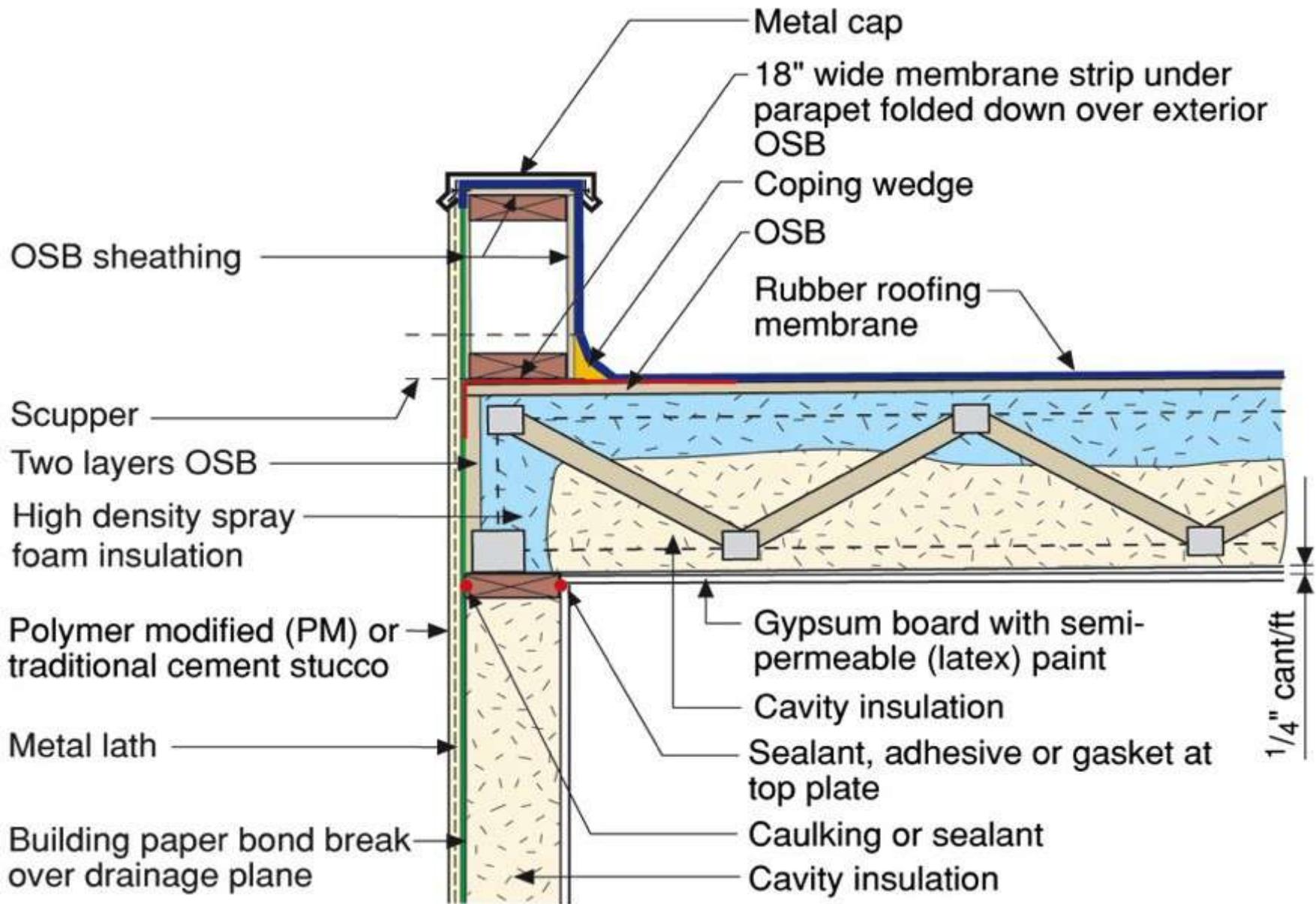
Insulation for Condensation Control*

Climate Zone	Rigid Board or Air Impermeable Insulation	Code Required R-Value	Ratio of Rigid Board Insulation or Air Impermeable R-Value to Total Insulation R-Value
1,2,3	R-5	R-38	10%
4C	R-10	R-49	20%
4A, 4B	R-15	R-49	30%
5	R-20	R-49	40%
6	R-25	R-49	50%
7	R-30	R-49	60%
8	R-35	R-49	70%

*Adapted from Table R 806.5 2015 International Residential Code

Table 1





Modeling and Other Lies

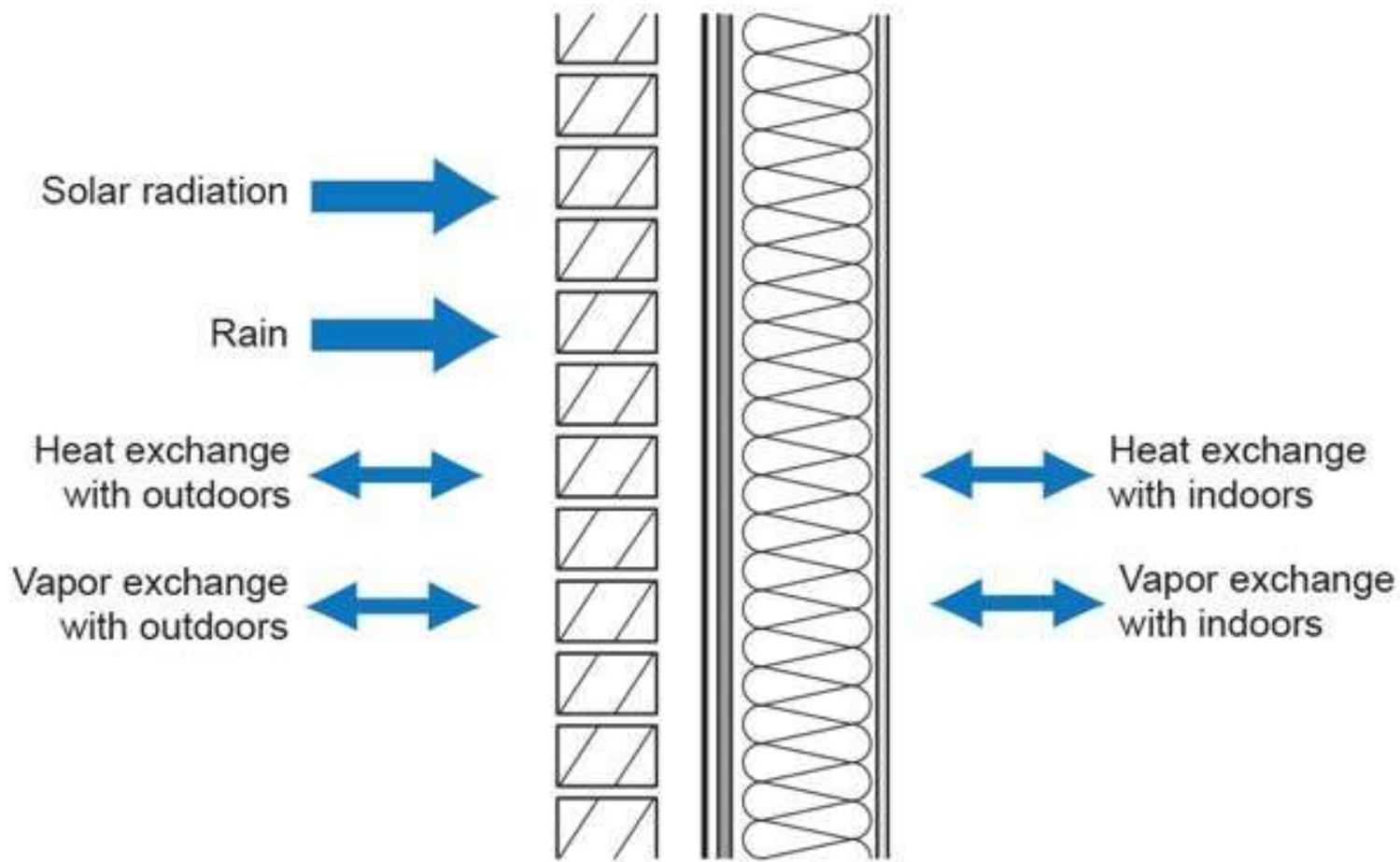
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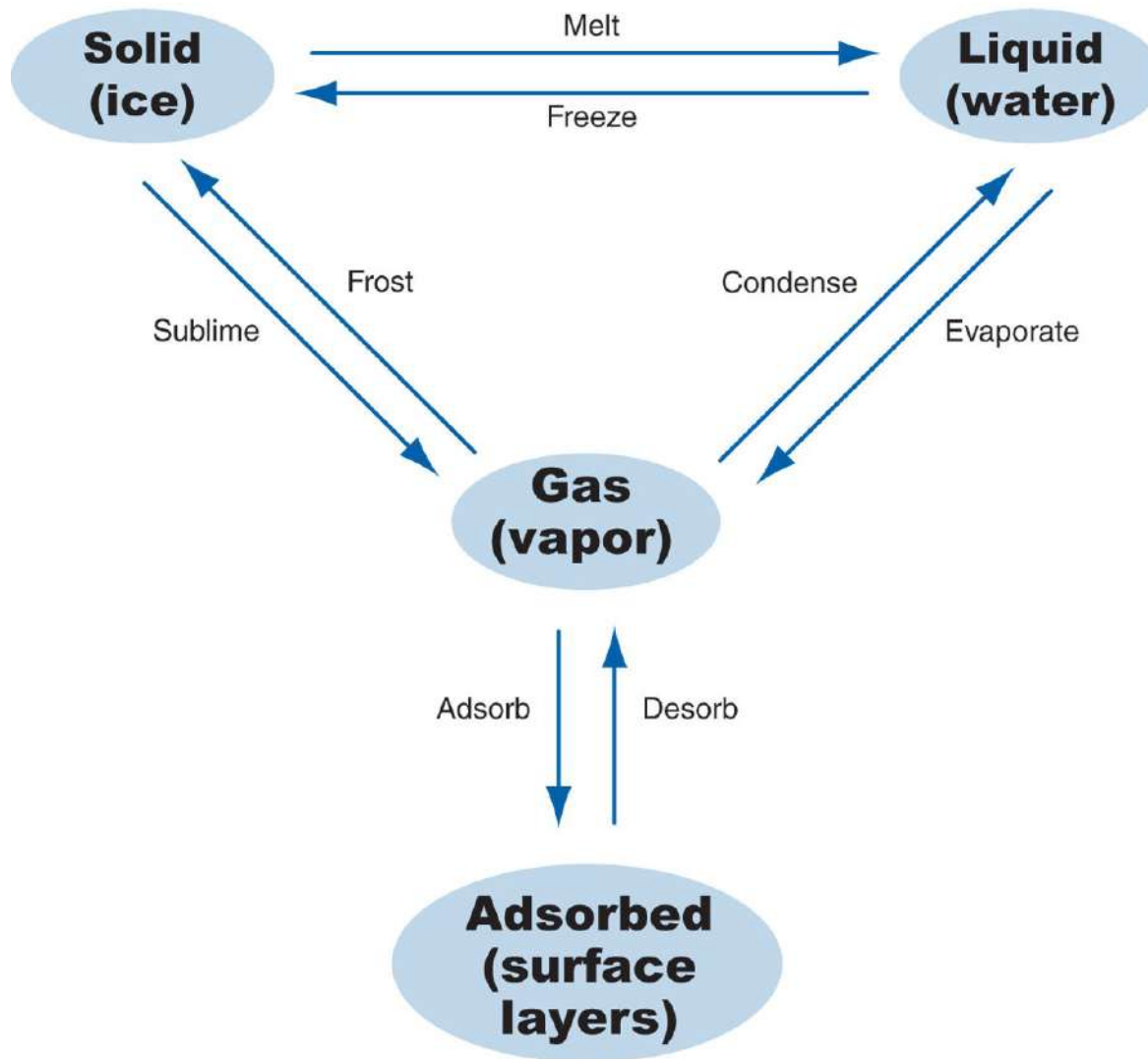
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Moisture

HAM

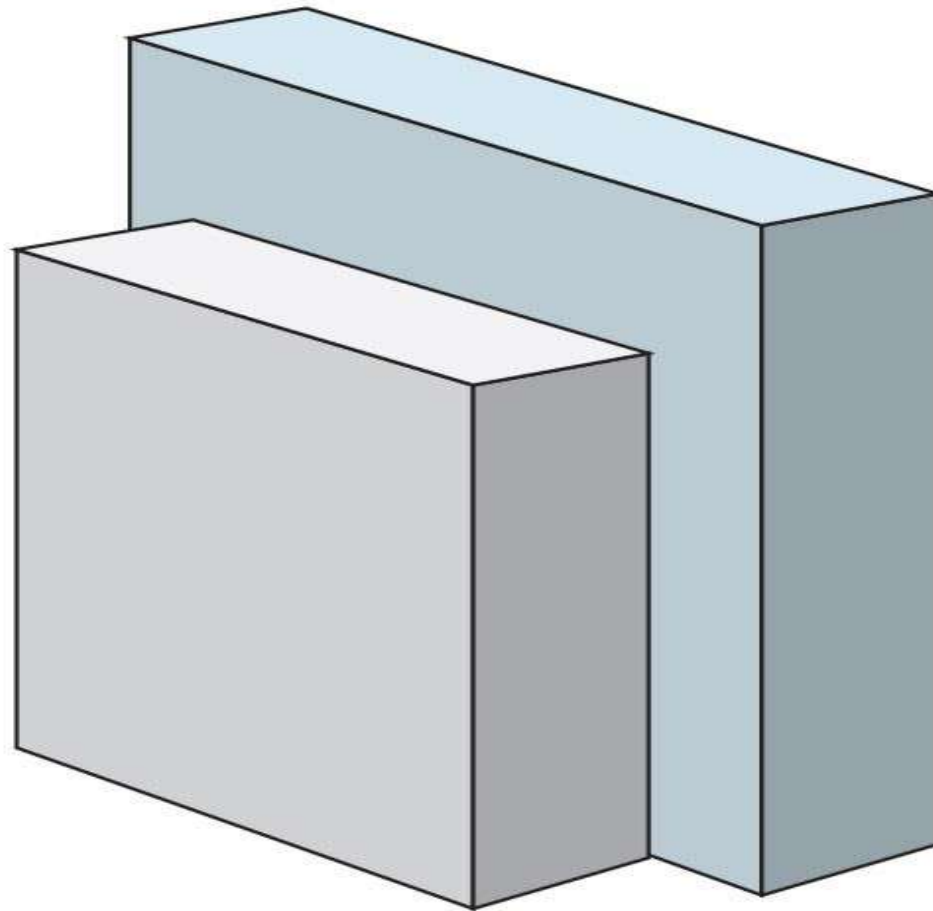
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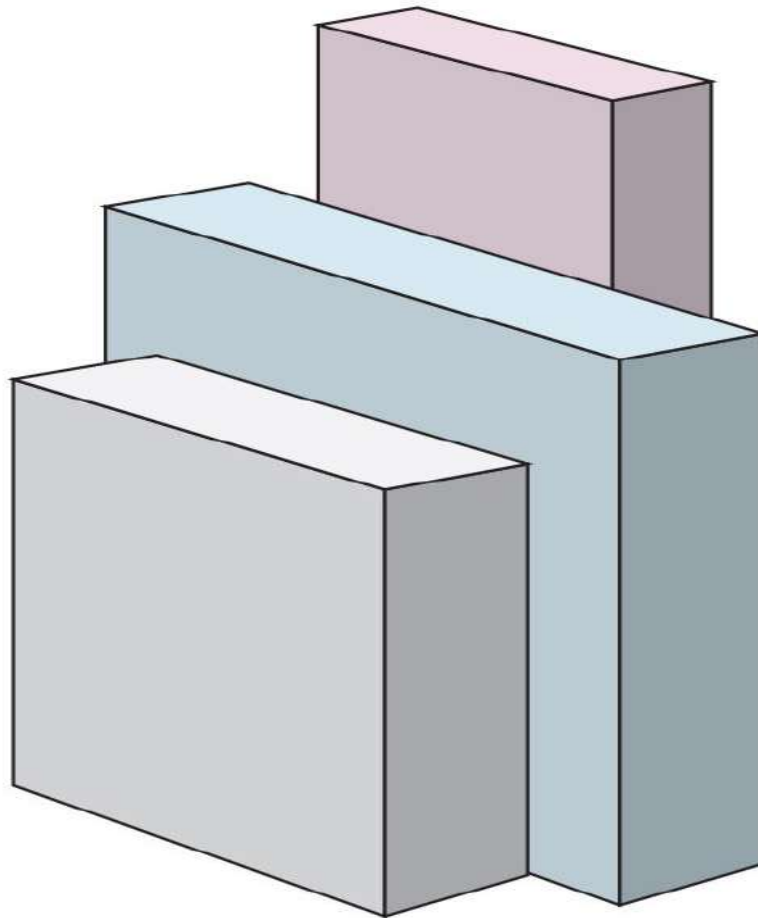


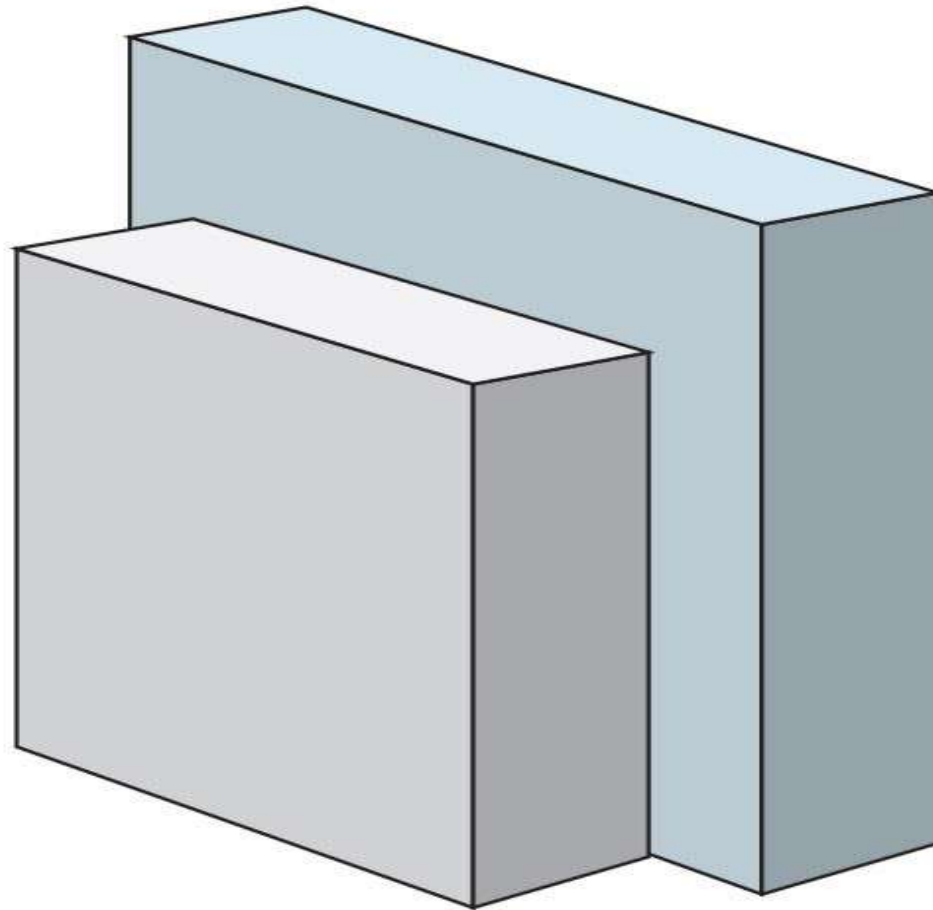


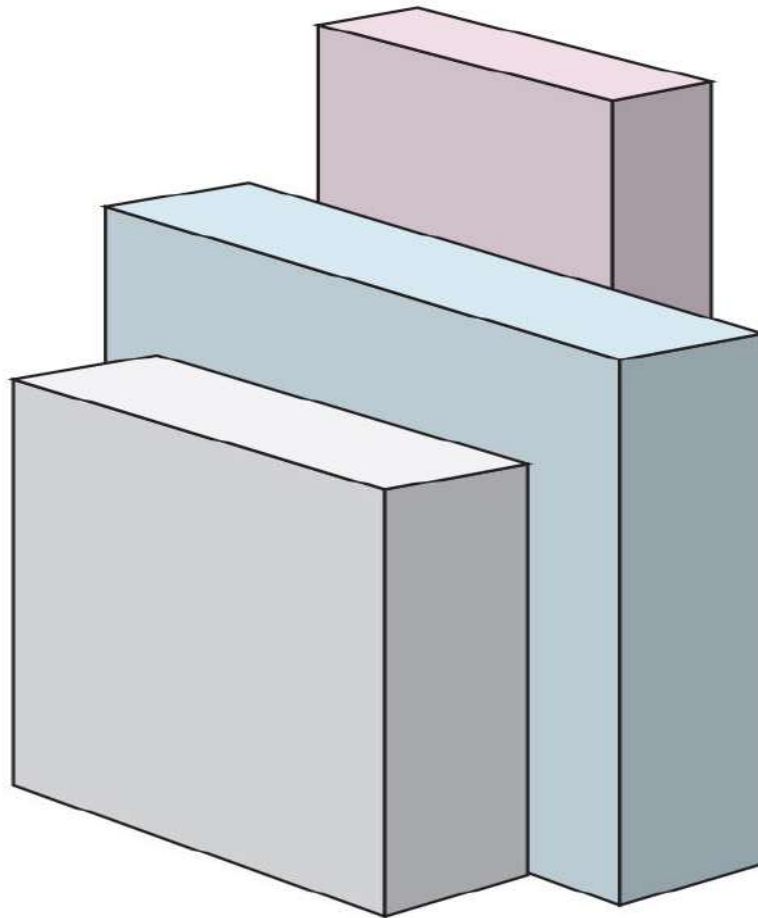
Moisture Transport in Porous Media

Phase	Transport Process	Driving Potential
Vapor	Diffusion	Vapor Concentration
Adsorbate	Surface Diffusion	Concentration
Liquid	Capillary Flow Osmosis	Suction Pressure Solute Concentration

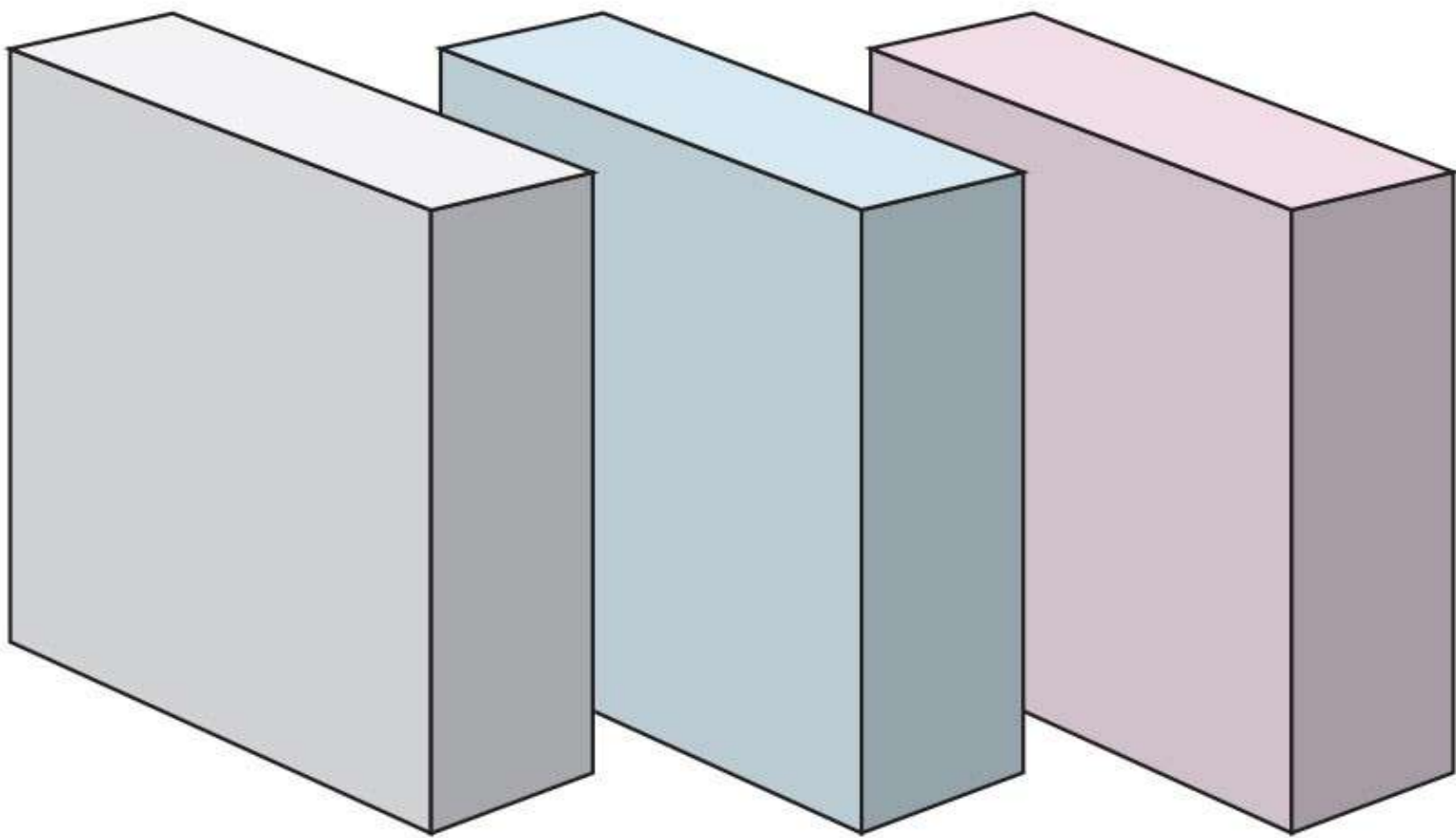








Rain and Airflow Missing



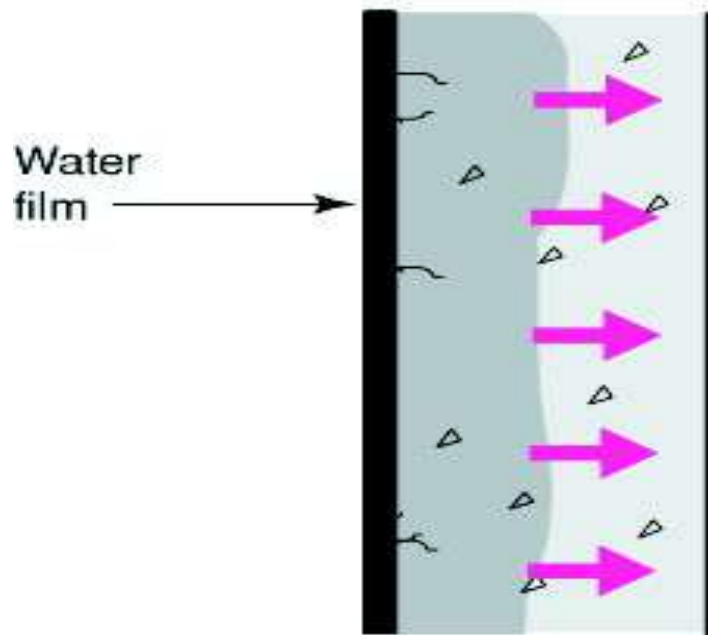
Moisture Transport in Assemblies

Phase	Transport Process	Driving Potential
Vapor	Diffusion	Vapor Concentration
	Convective Flow	Air Pressure

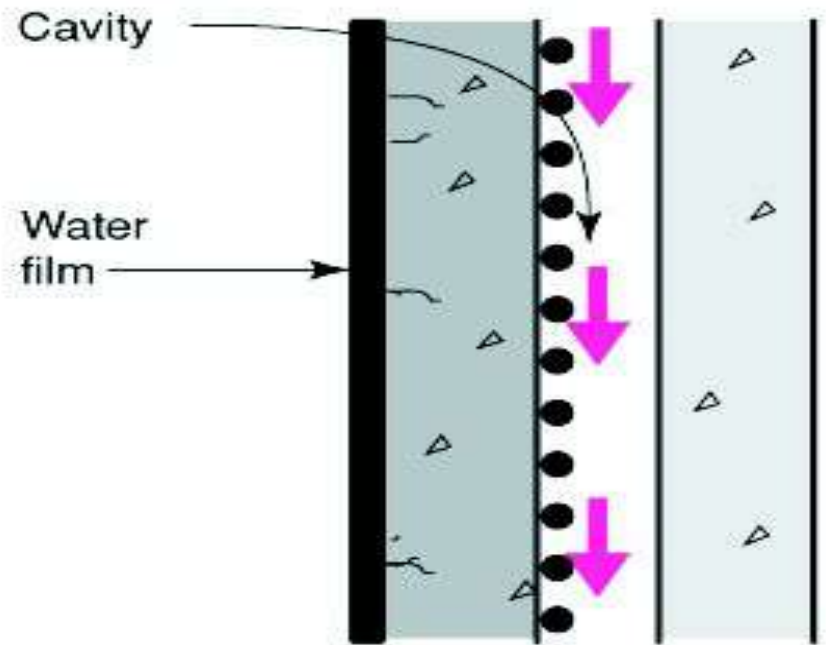
Adsorbate	Surface Diffusion	Concentration

Liquid	Capillary Flow	Suction Pressure
	Osmosis	Solute Concentration
	Gravitational Flow	Height
	Surface Tension	Surface Energy
	Momentum	Kinetic Energy
	Convective Flow	Air Pressure

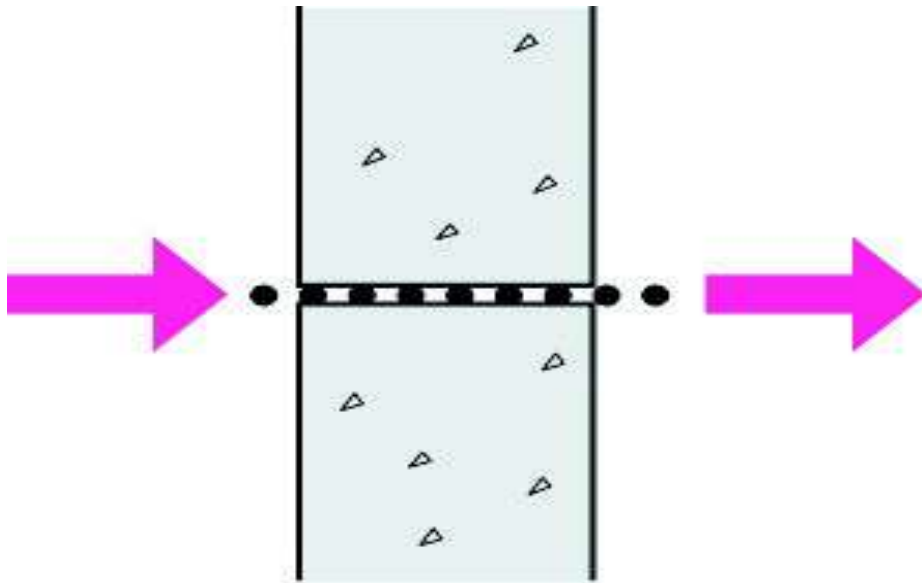
Rain



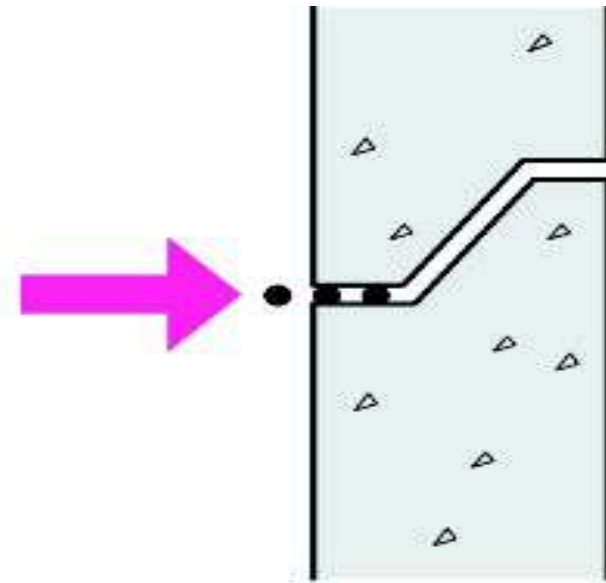
Capillary suction draws water into porous material and tiny cracks



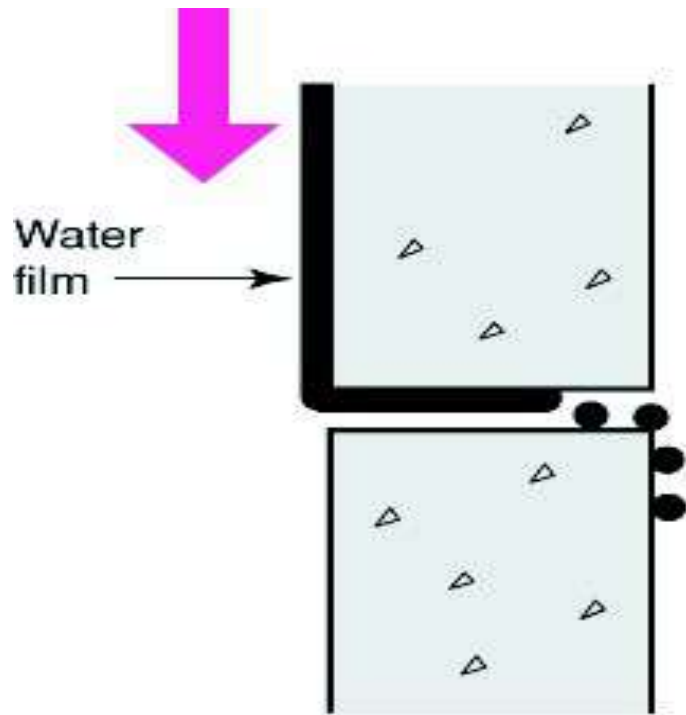
Cavity acts as capillary break and receptor for capillary water interrupting flow



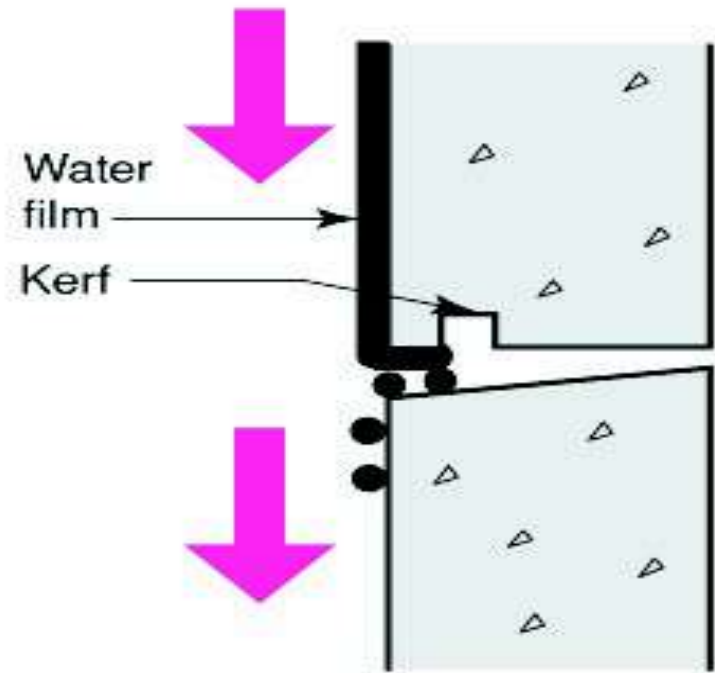
Rain droplets can be carried through a wall by their own momentum



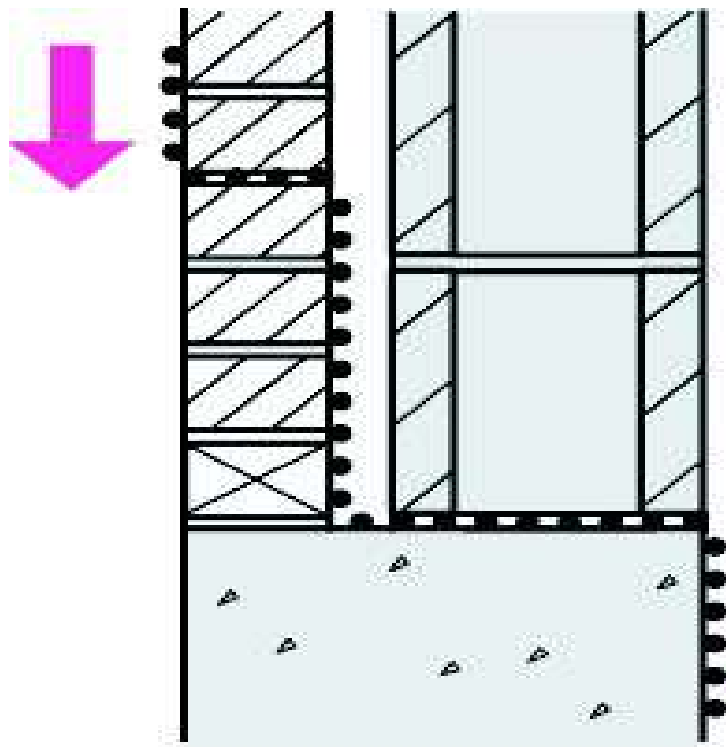
Rain entry by momentum can be prevented by designing wall systems with no straight through openings



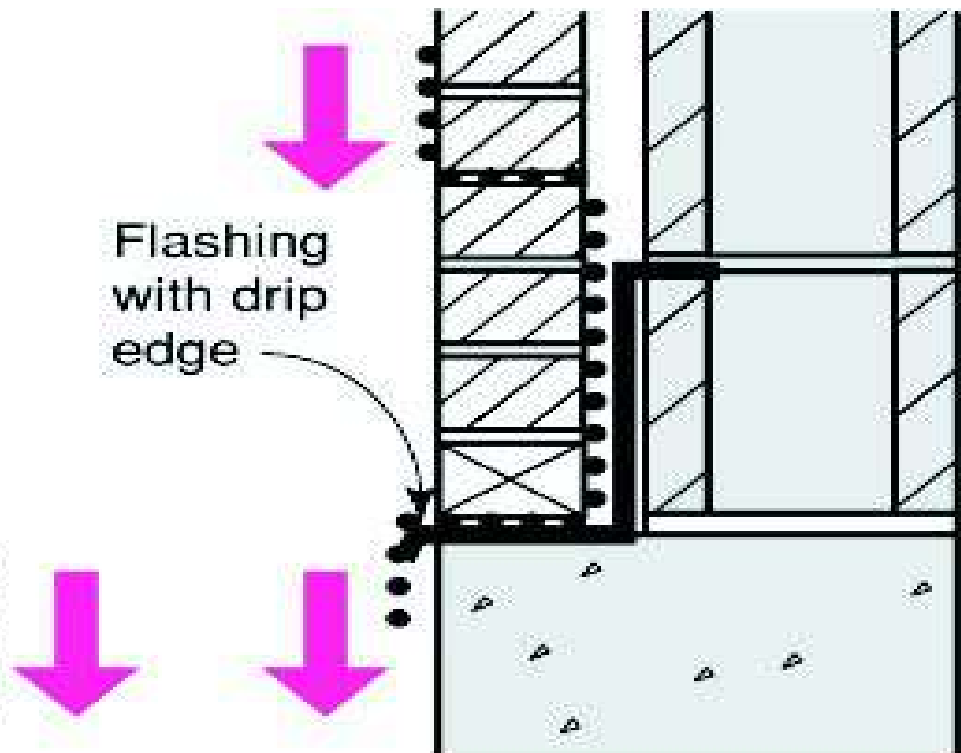
Rainwater can flow around a surface as a result of surface tension



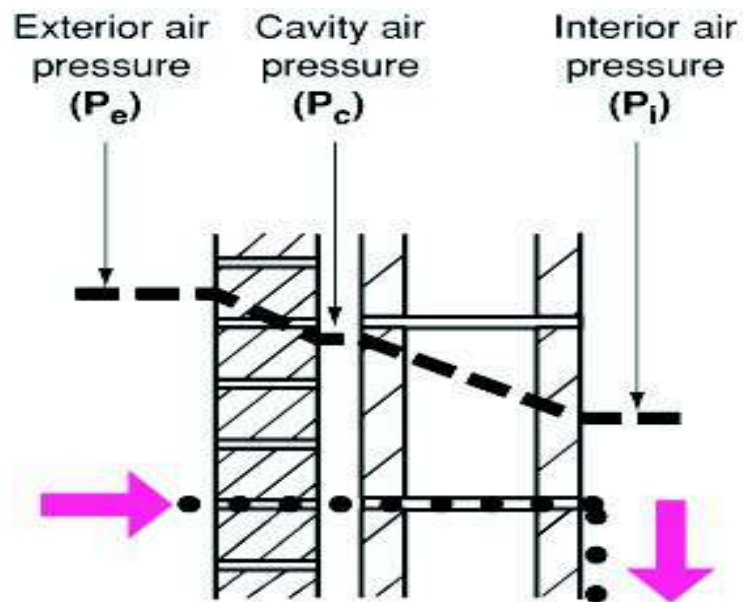
Providing a kerf or drip edge will promote the formation of a water droplet and interrupt flow



Rainwater can flow down surfaces and enter through openings and cavities

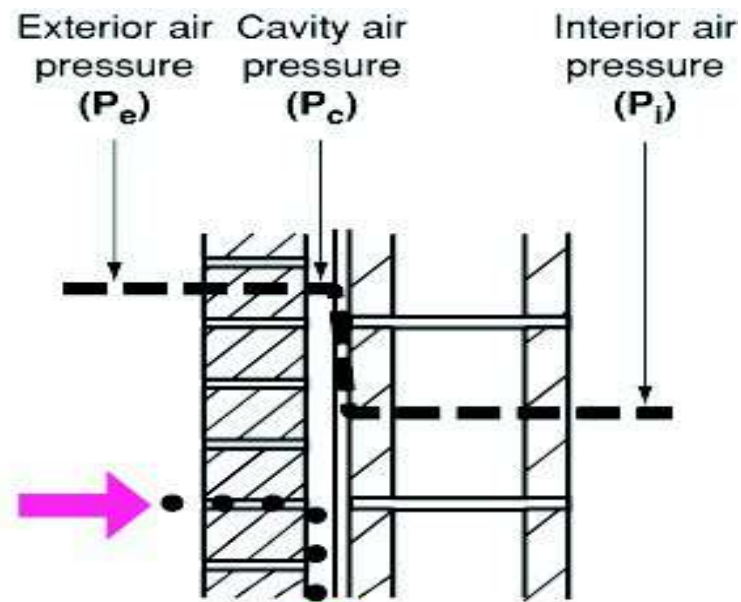


Flashings direct gravity flow rainwater back toward the exterior



$$P_e > P_c > P_i$$

Driven by air pressure differences, rain droplets are drawn through wall openings from the exterior to the interior

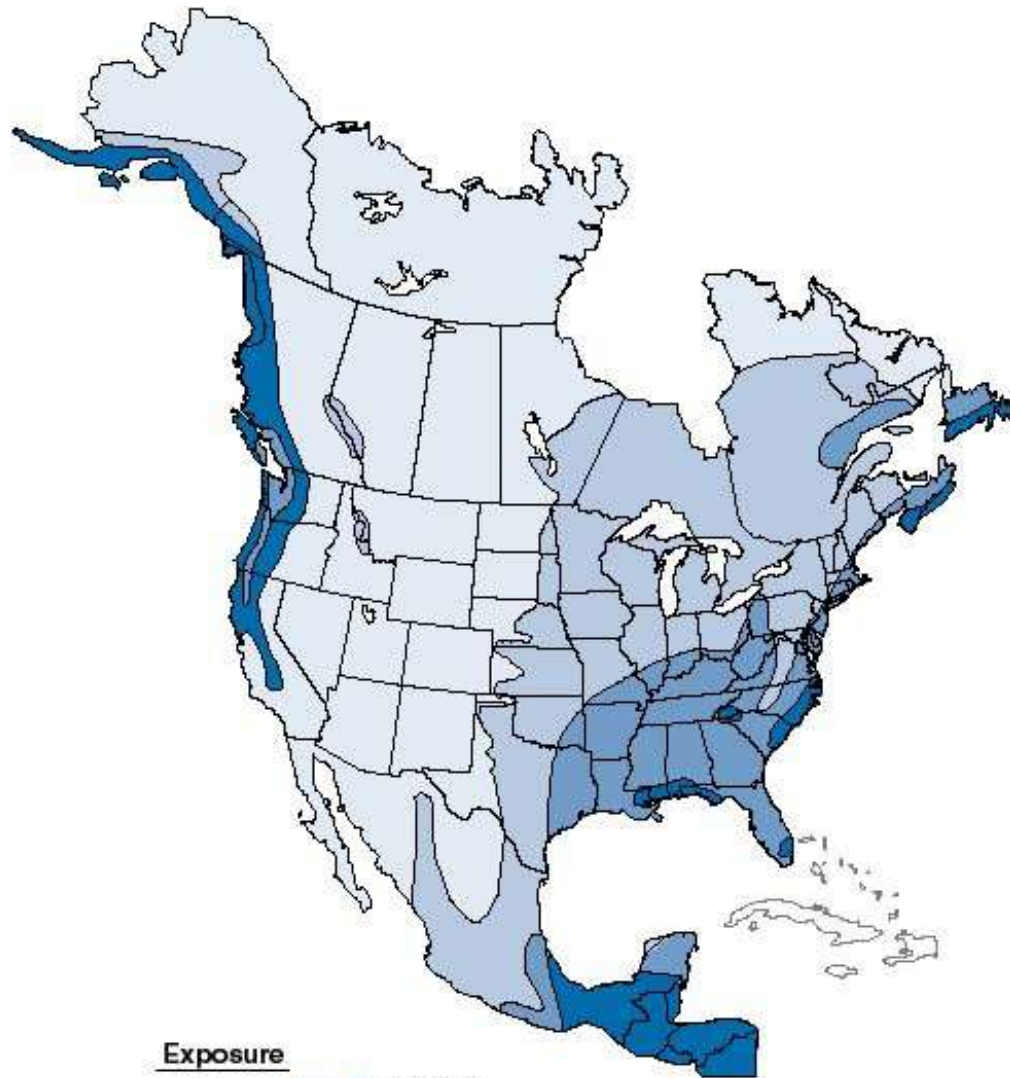


$$P_e = P_c > P_i$$





By creating pressure equalization or pressure moderation between the exterior and cavity air, air pressure is diminished as a driving force for rain entry

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We Need Straube and Kuenzel



Exposure

Extreme		Over 60'
High		40' - 60'
Moderate		20' - 40'
Low		Under 20'

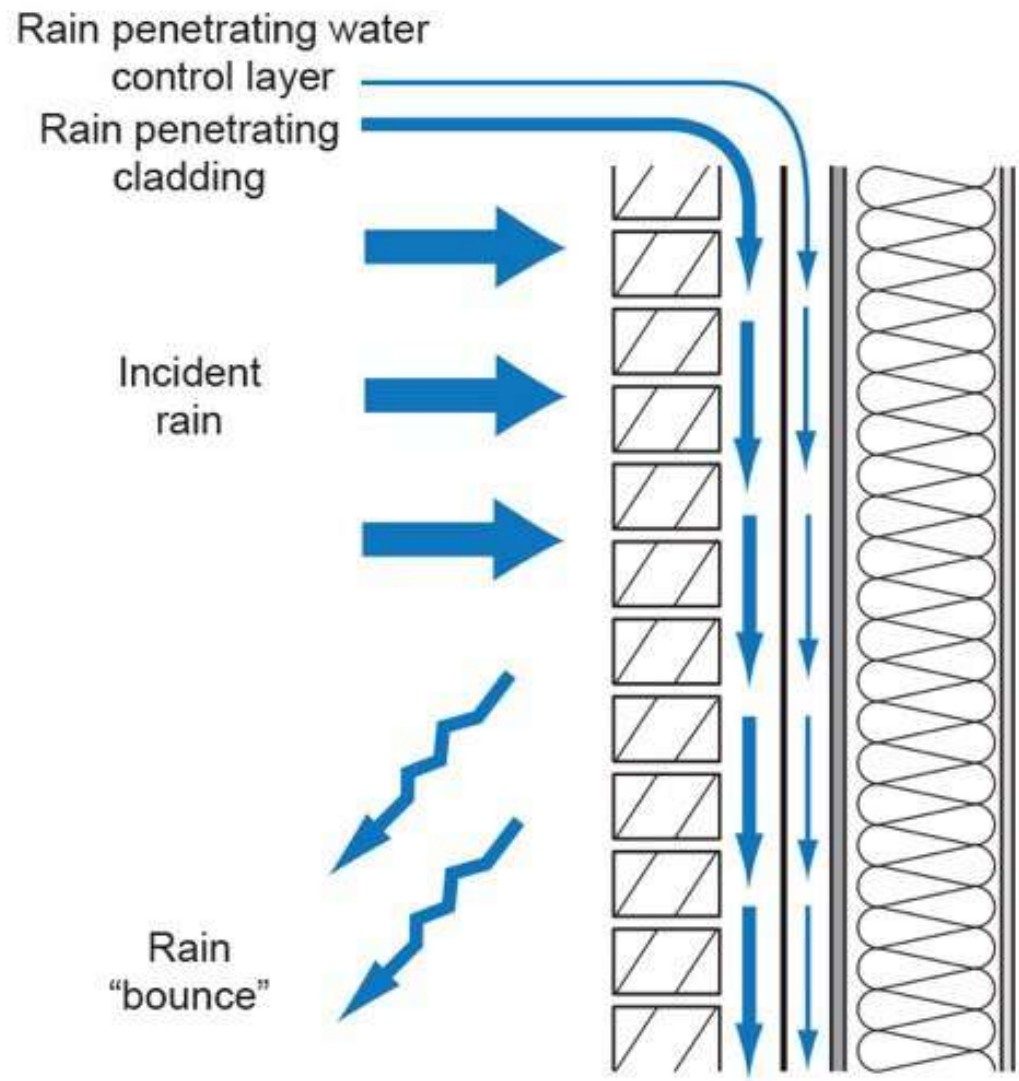
Straube and Kuenzel help us determine how much rain water gets to the wall...we more or less guess.

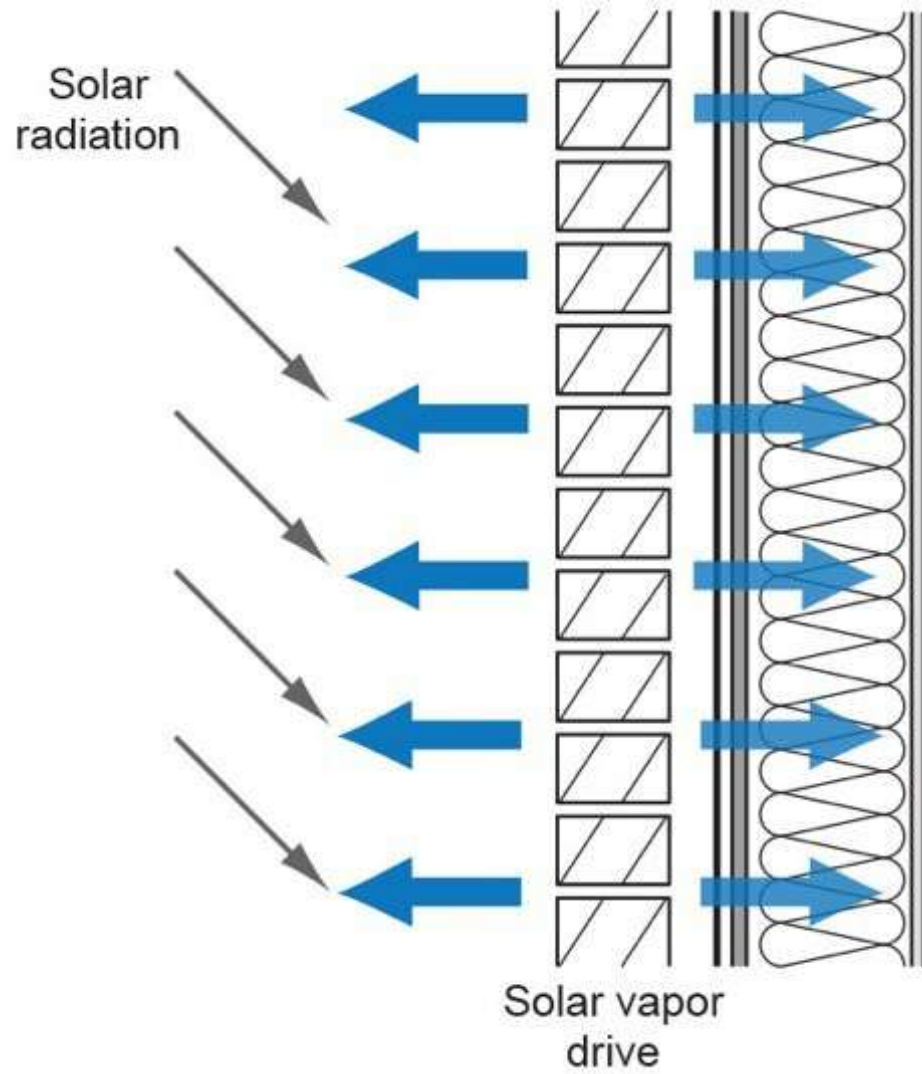
We assume 30% bounces off.

The 70% that stays on the wall is addressed by liquid conductivity (capillary flow) and vapor diffusion.

We further assume 1% penetrates the cladding.

And then assume that 1% of the 1% gets past the water control layer.





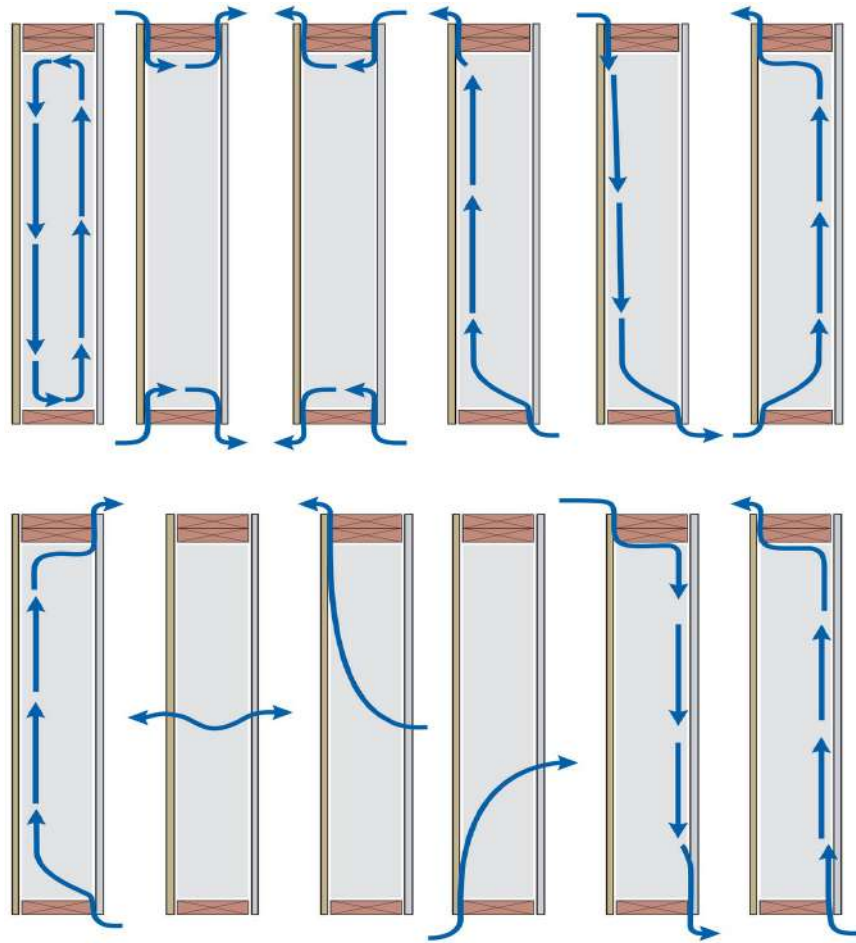
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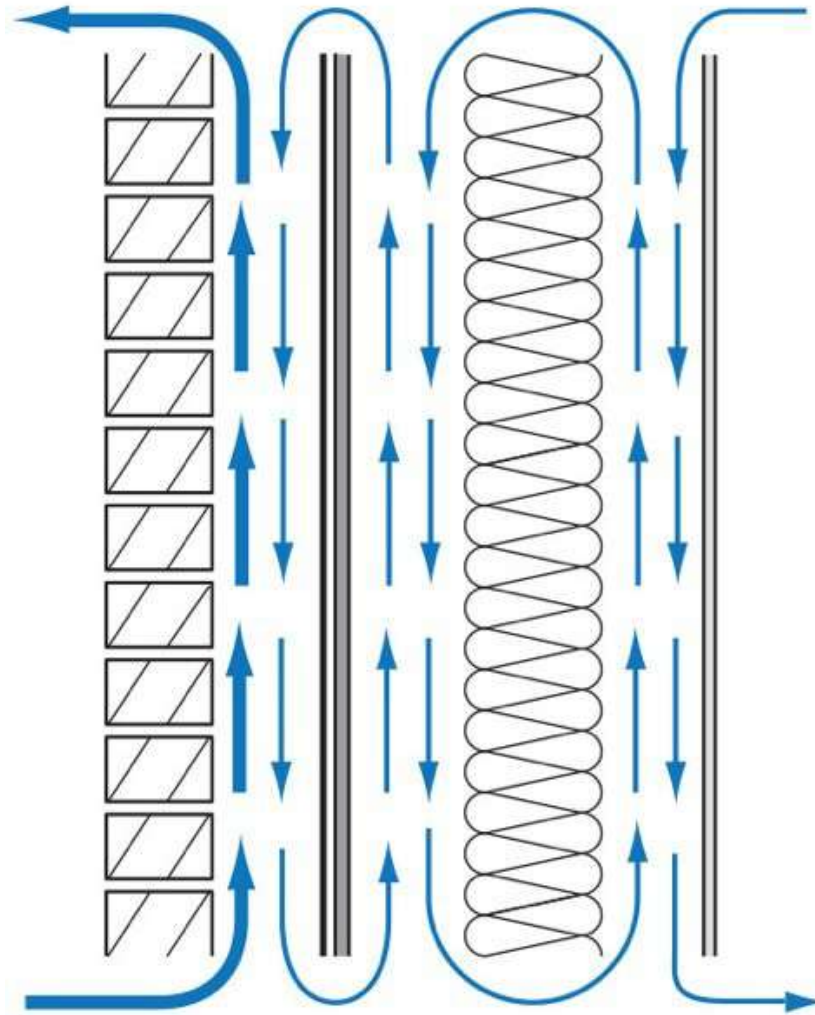
Airflow is 3-Dimensional...

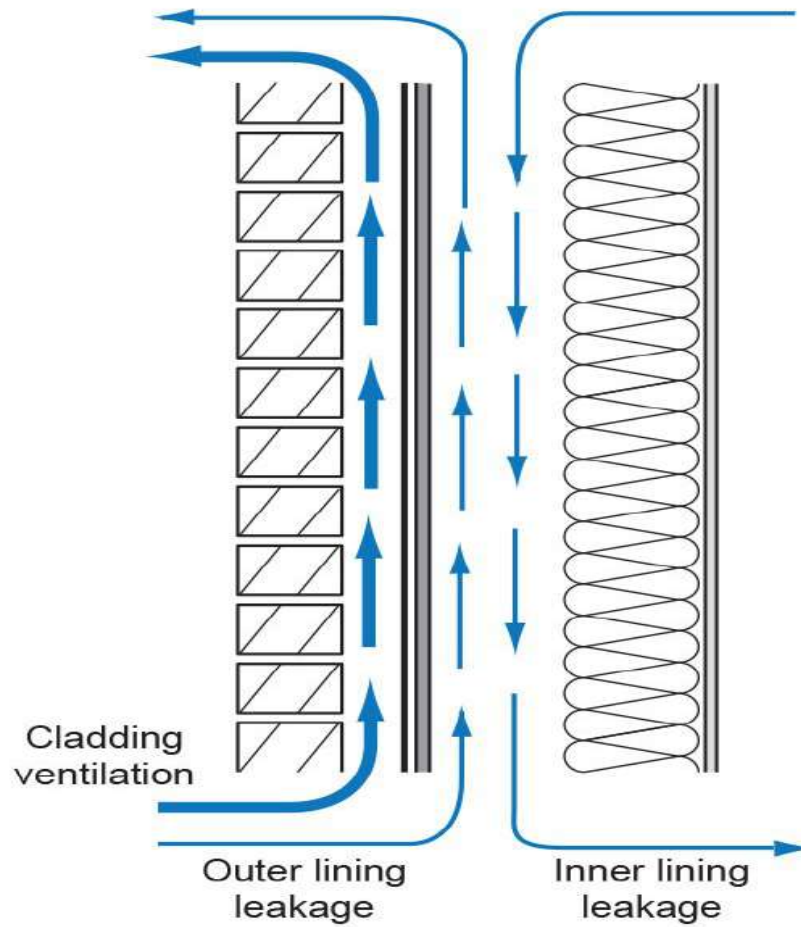
Buildings are Complex 3-Dimensional Multi-Layer Airflow Networks...

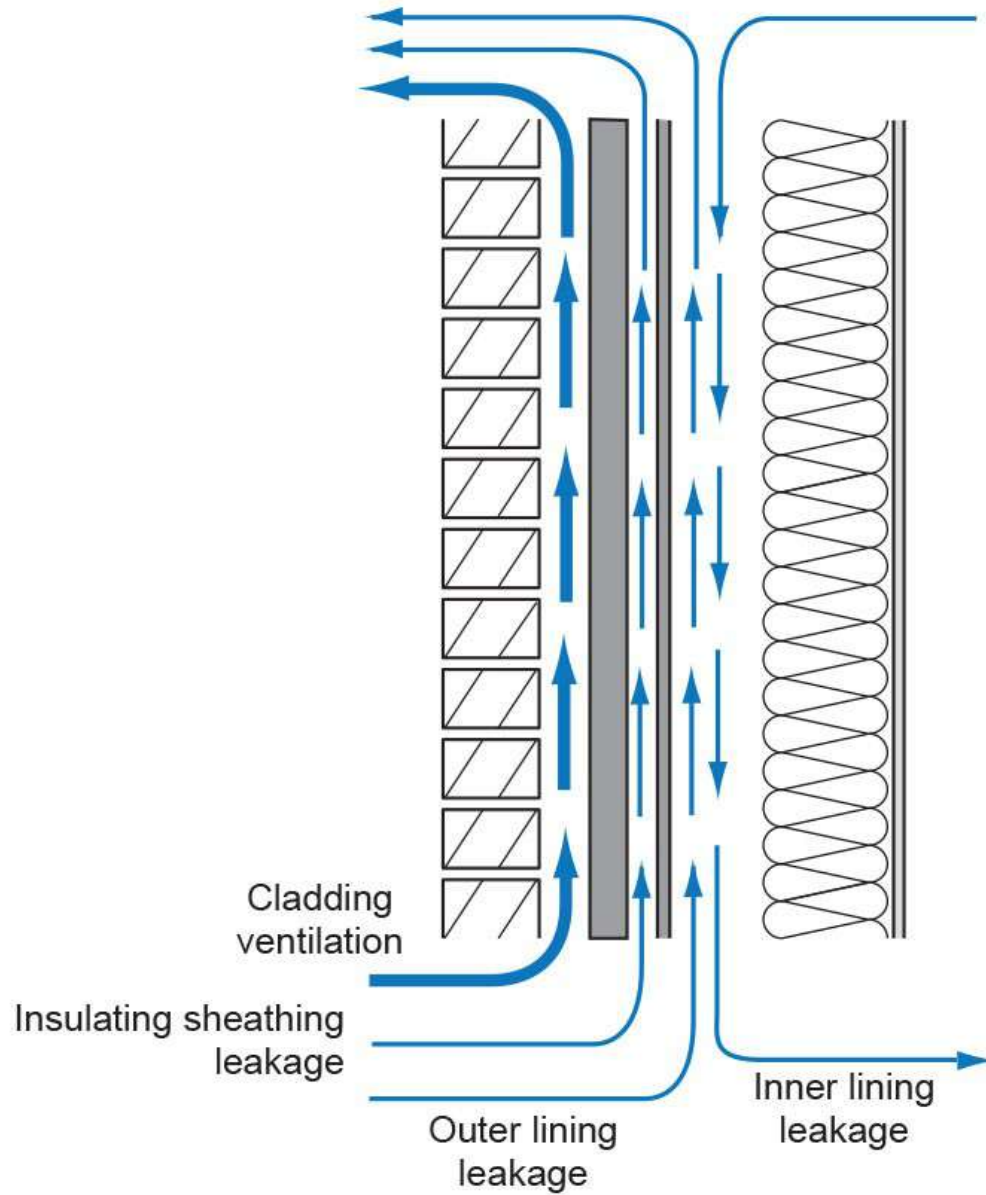
You Can't Model a 3-Dimensional Transport Mechanism with a 1-Dimensional Model...

Unless you make things up.....



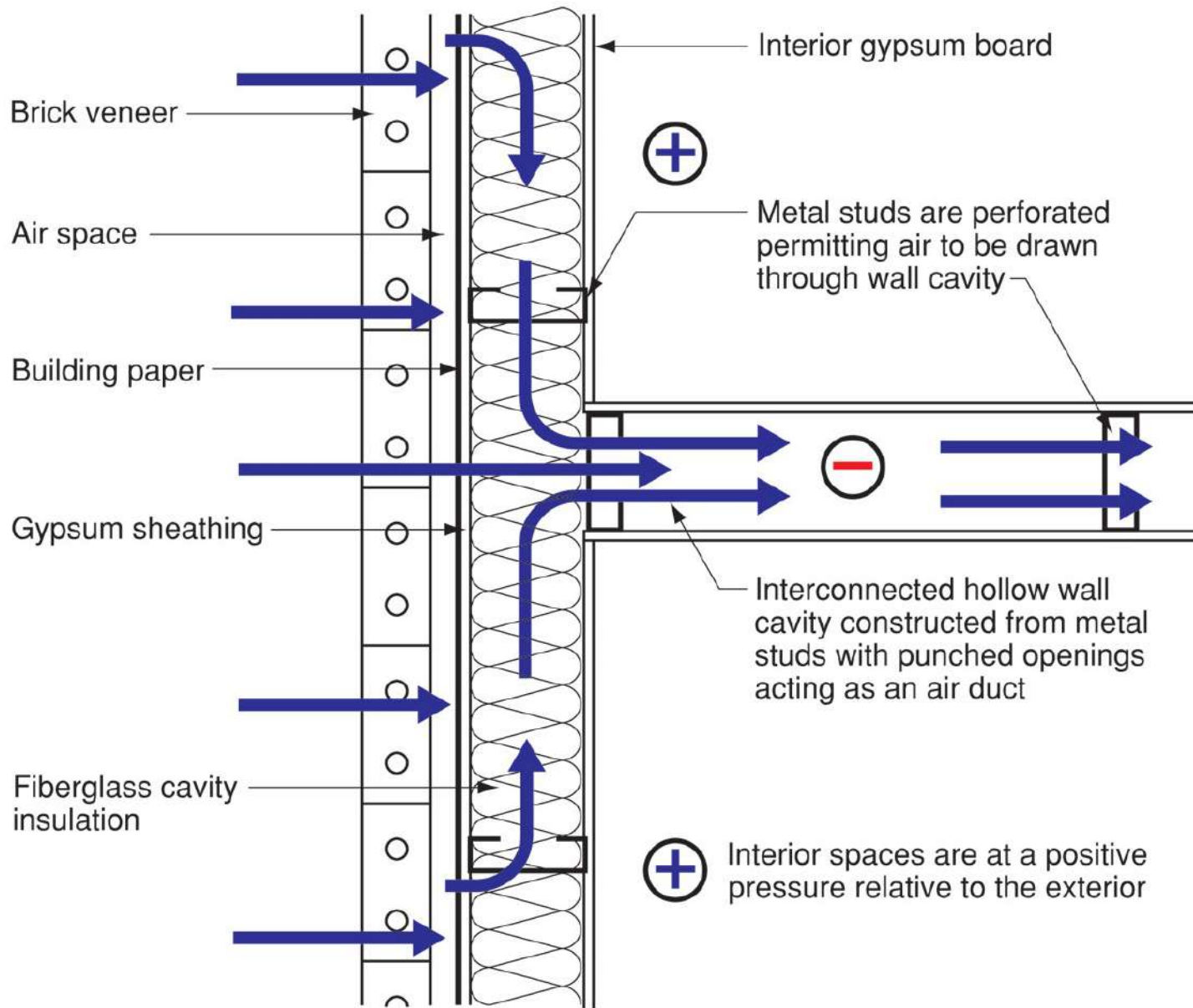






Cladding Ventilation/ Sheathing Ventilation

	Flow Rate	Gap	ACH
Wood Siding	0.1 cfm/sf	3/16"	20
Vinyl Siding	0.5 cfm/sf	3/16"	200
Brick Veneer	0.15 cfm/sf	1"	10
Stucco (vented)	0.1 cfm/sf	3/8"	10
Stucco (direct applied)	none	none	0
Sheathing flanking flow	0.05 cfm/sf	3/16"	10

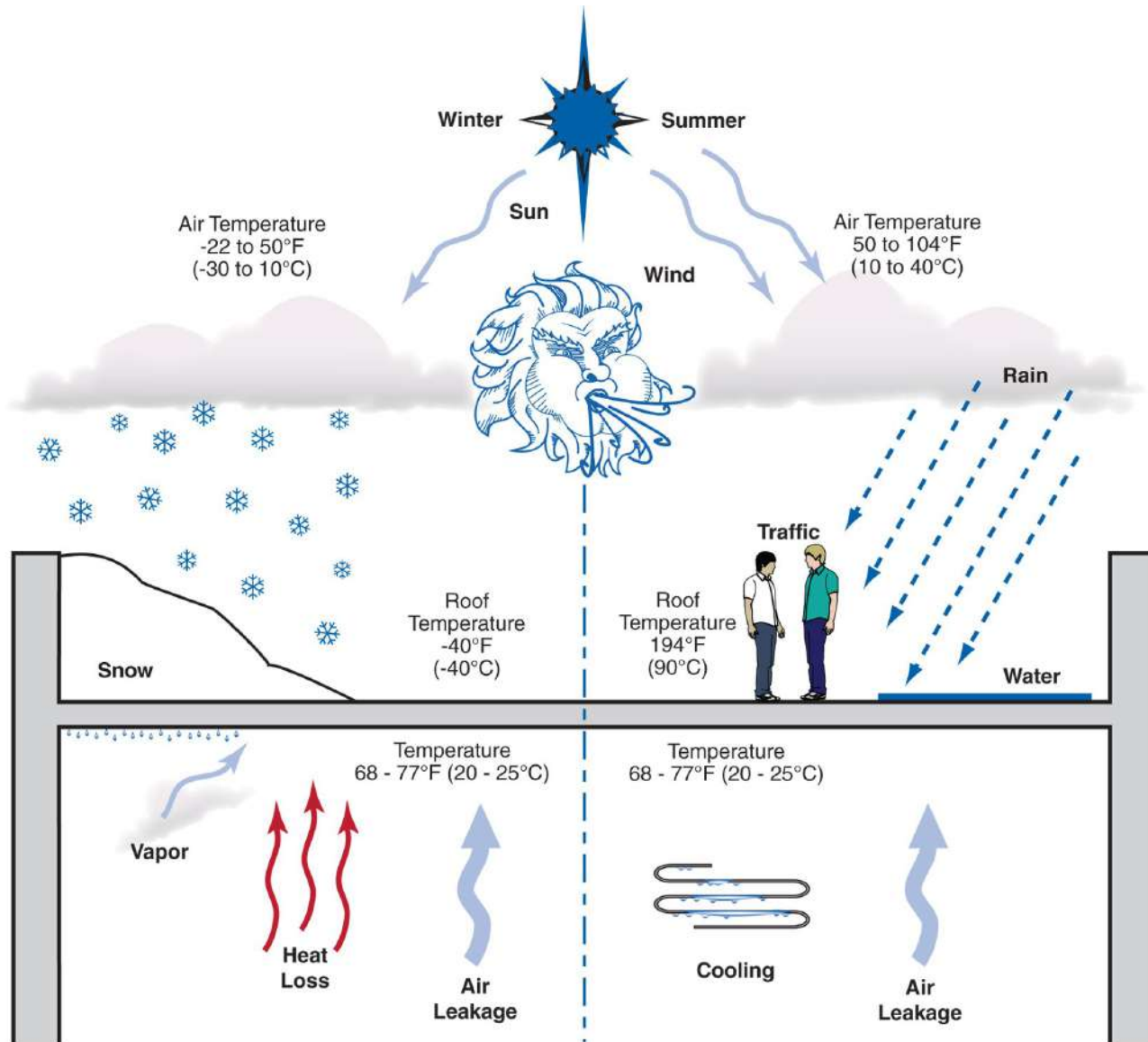


Hygrothermal Analysis

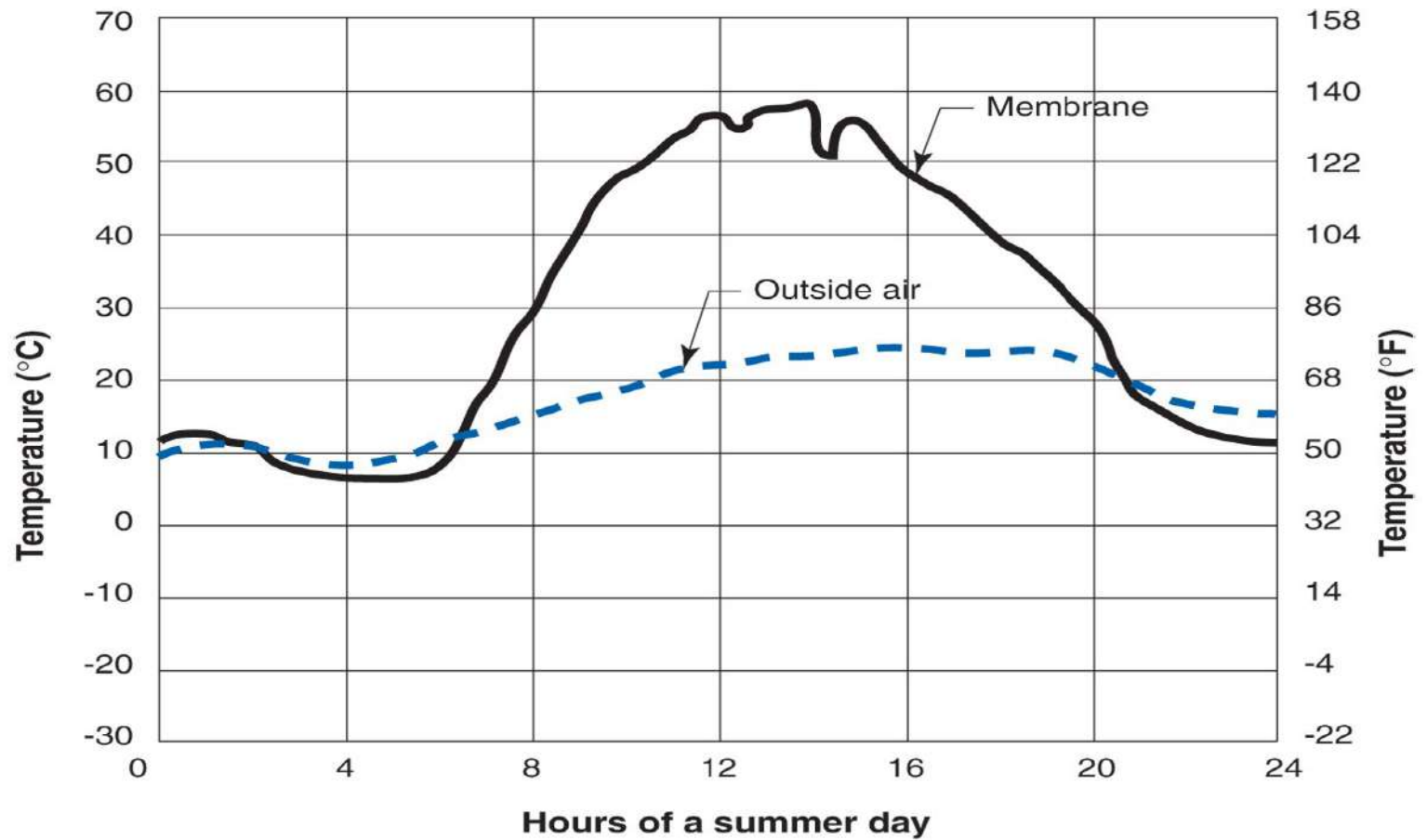
You Can Get Any Answer You Want Based
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This is Not Good....But is Often Profitable or
Dangerous or Both...

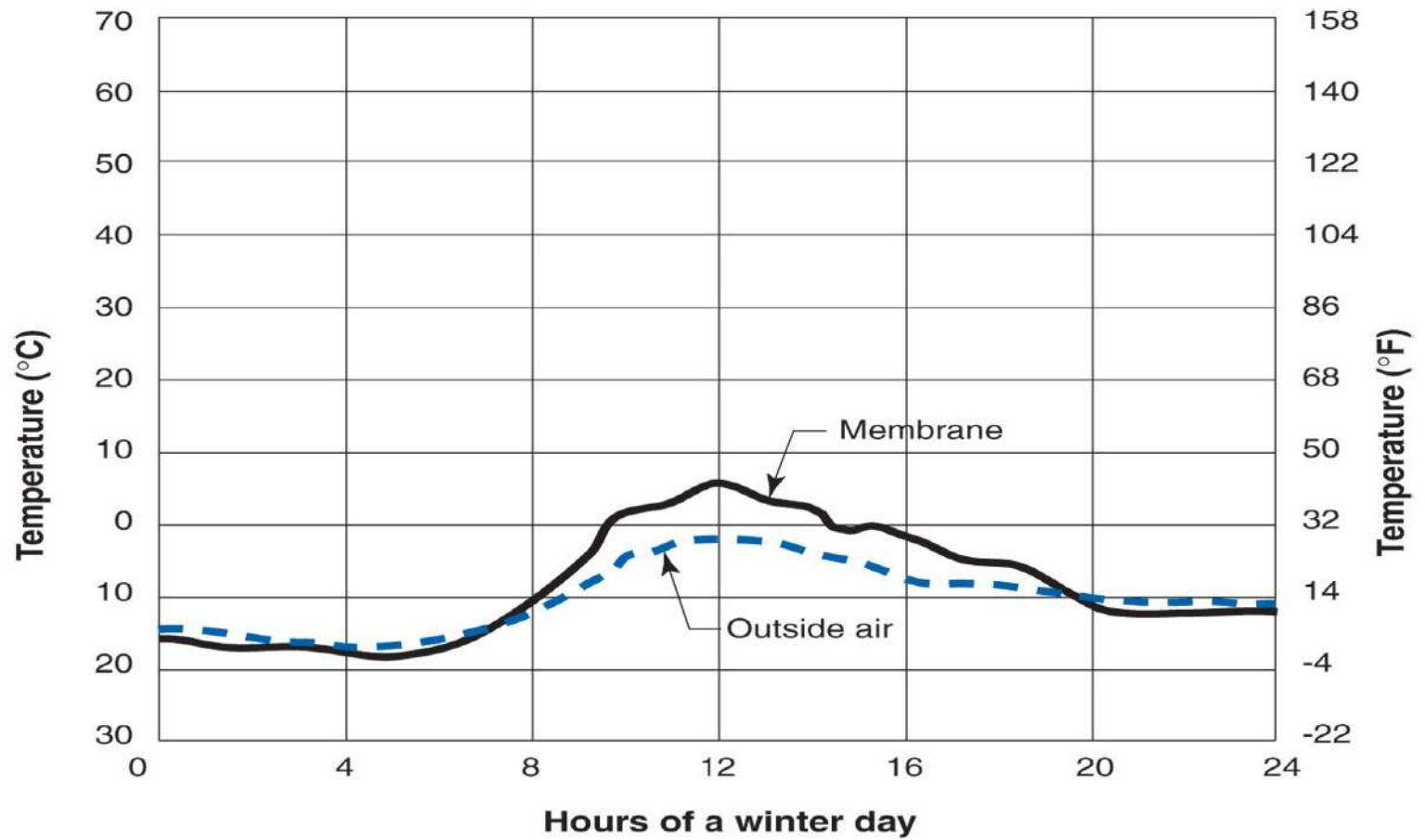
Roofs and Ice Dams



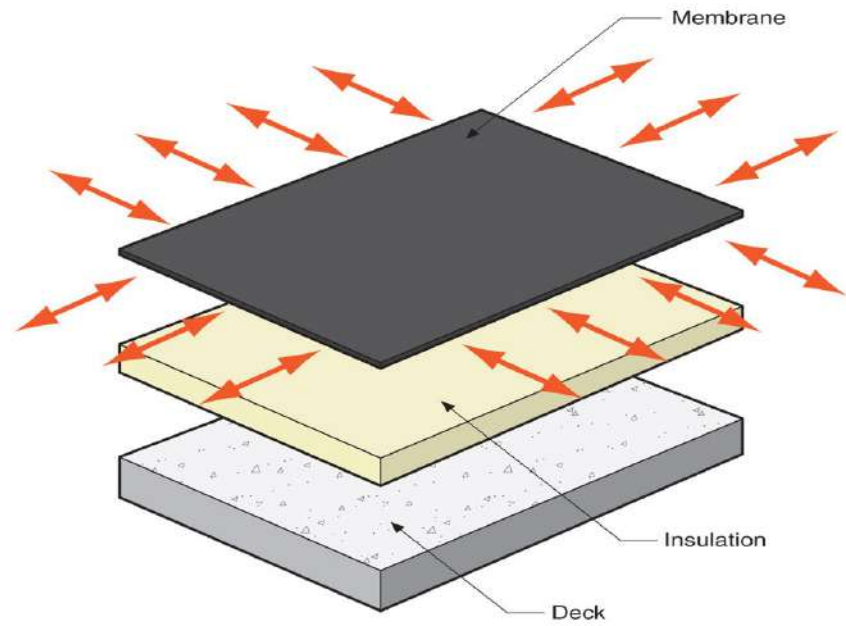
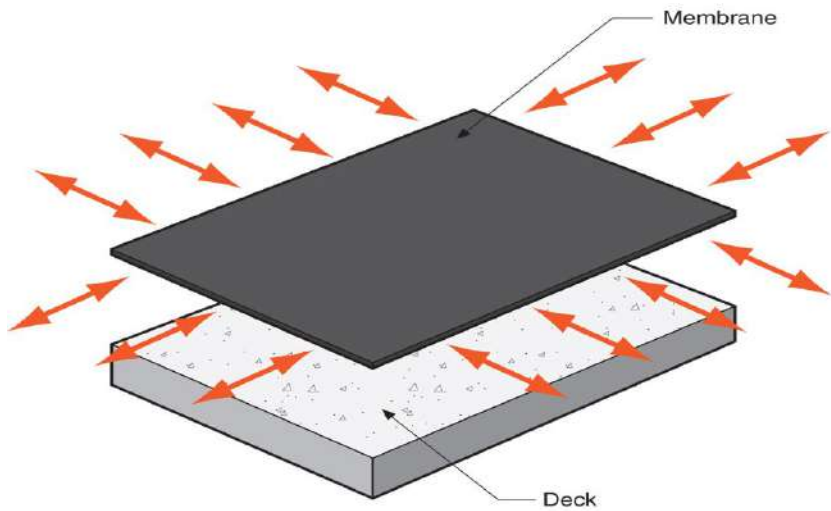
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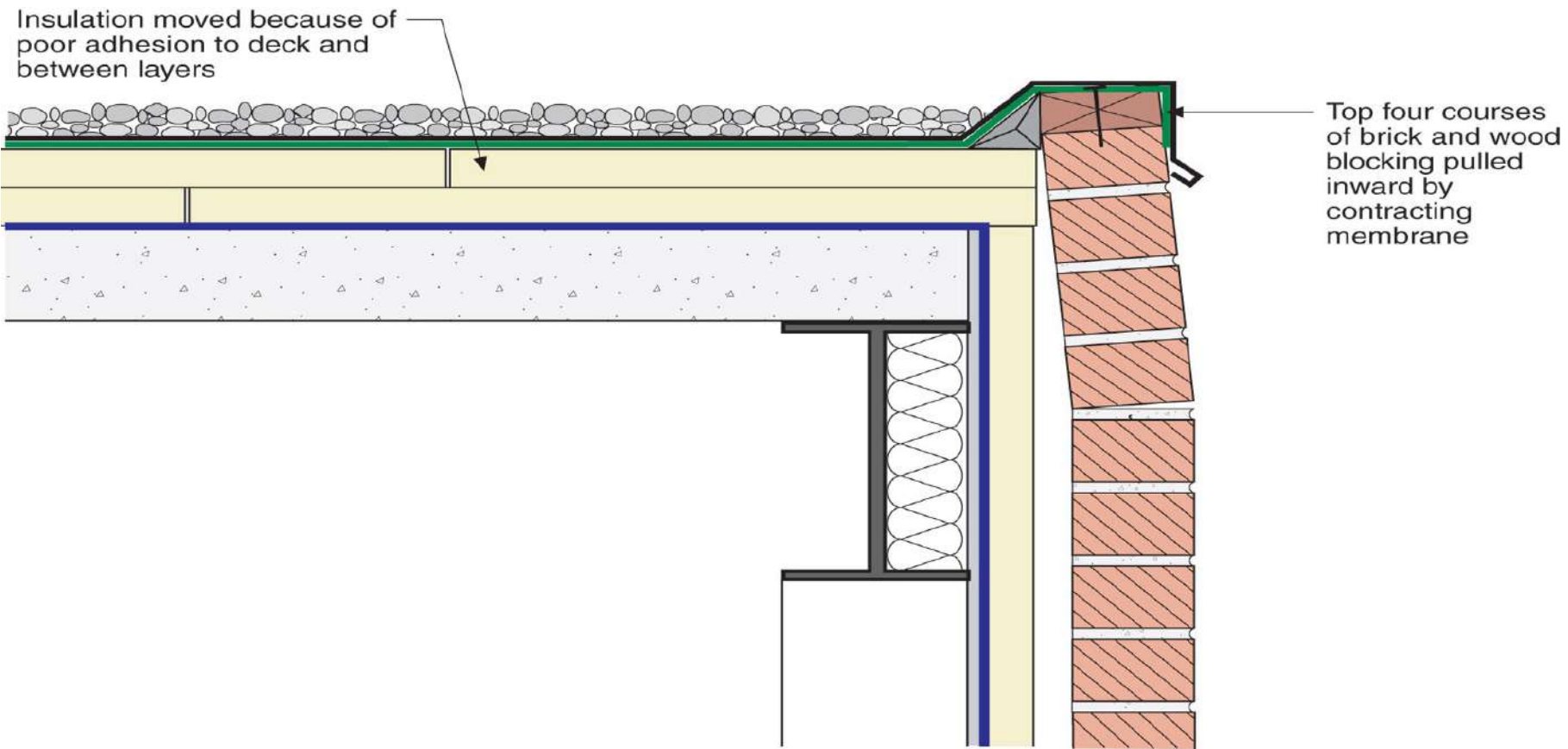


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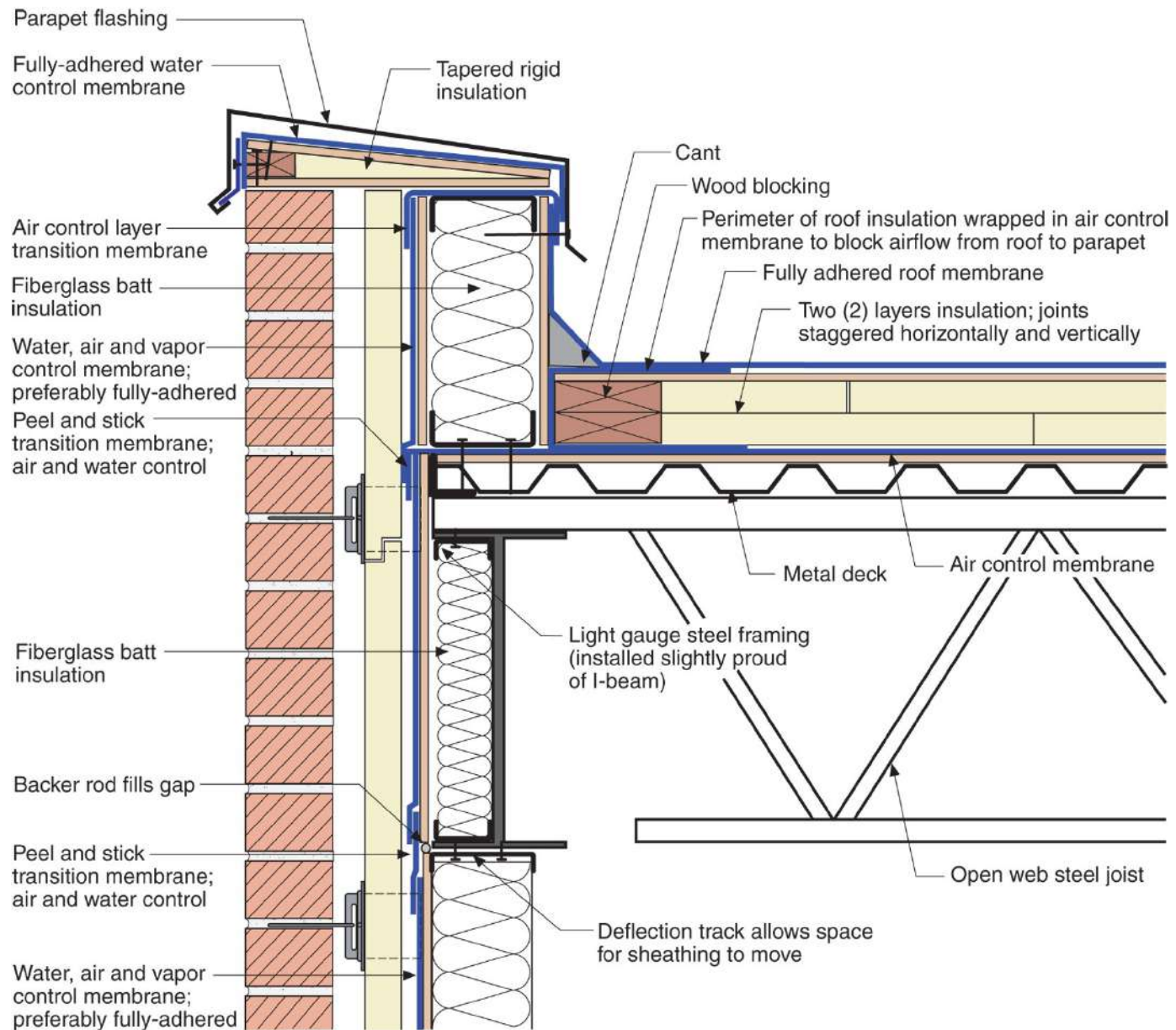


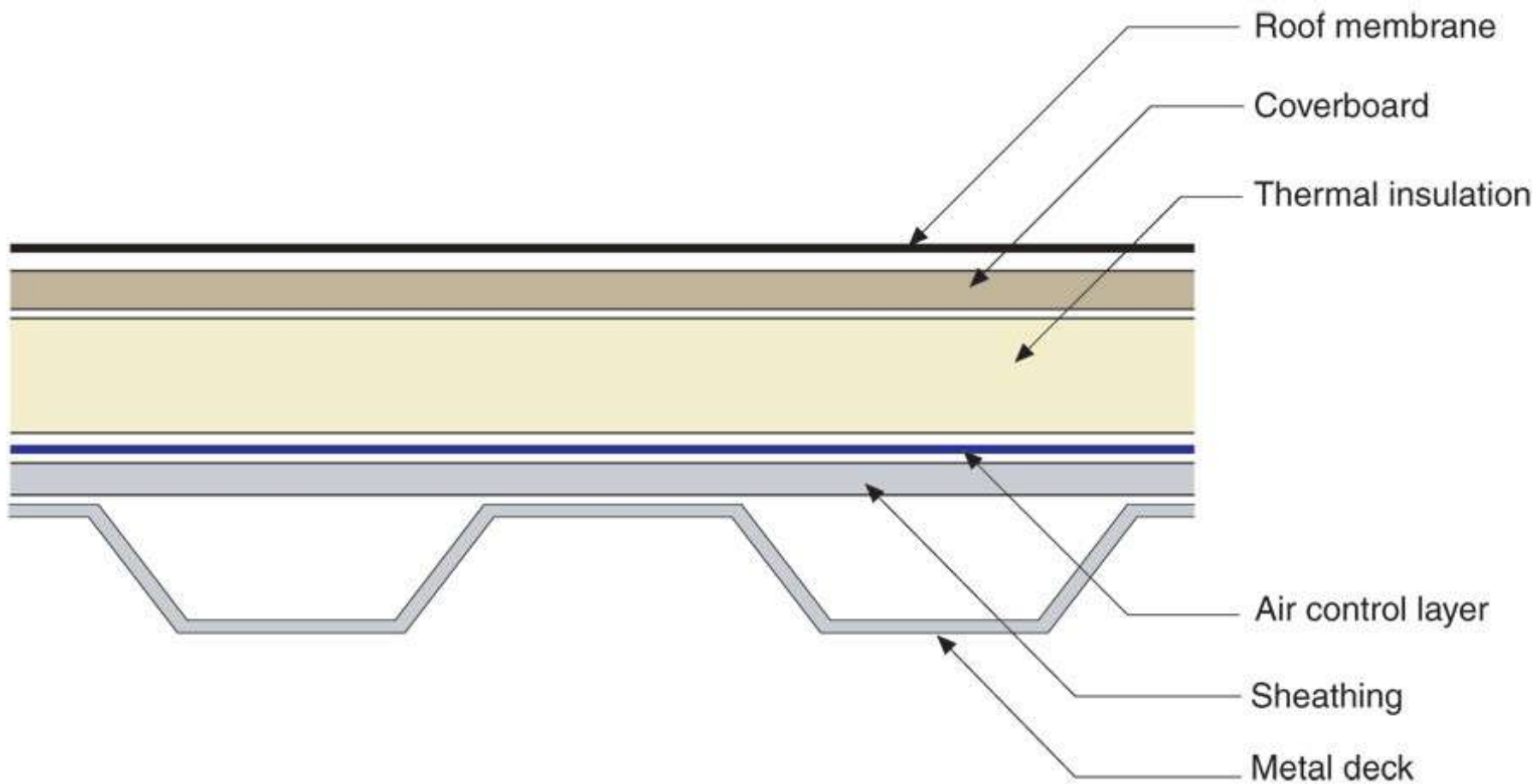
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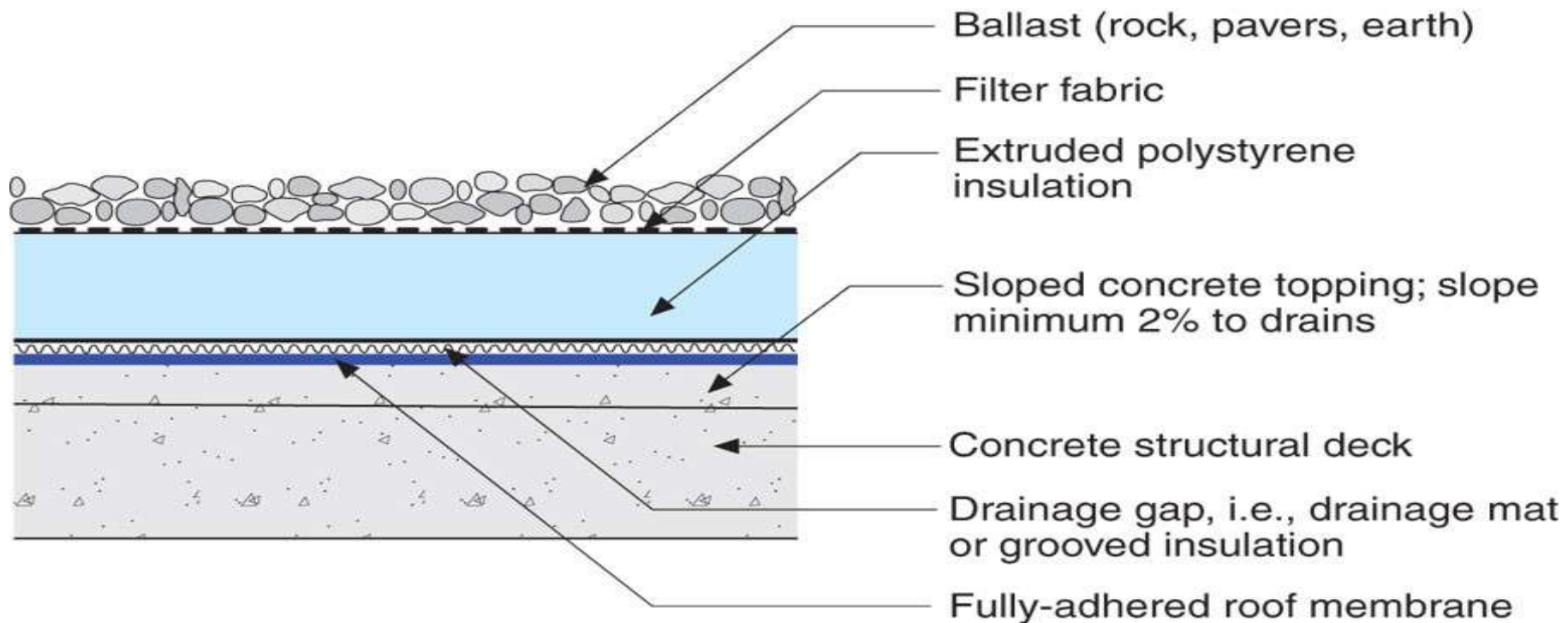


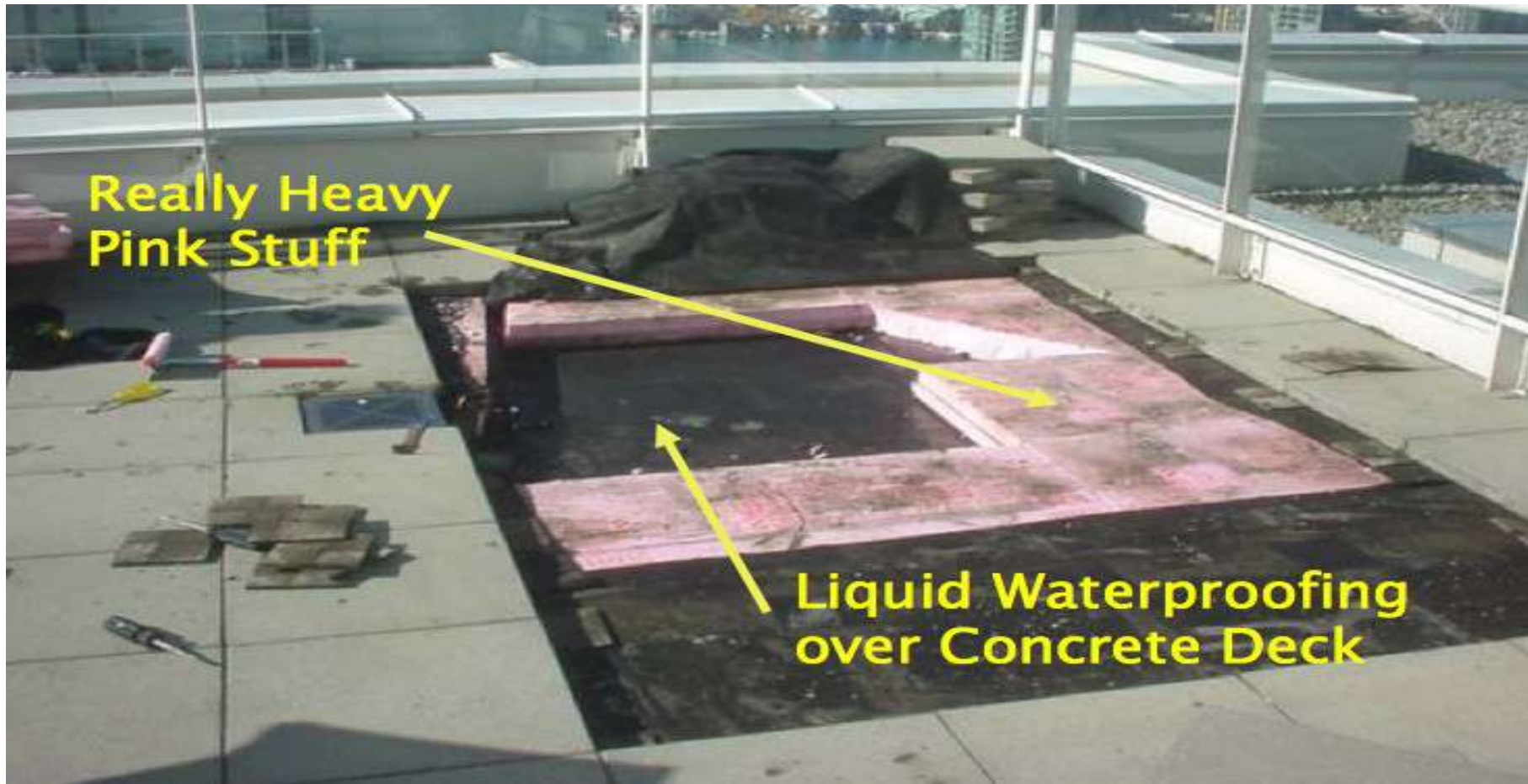


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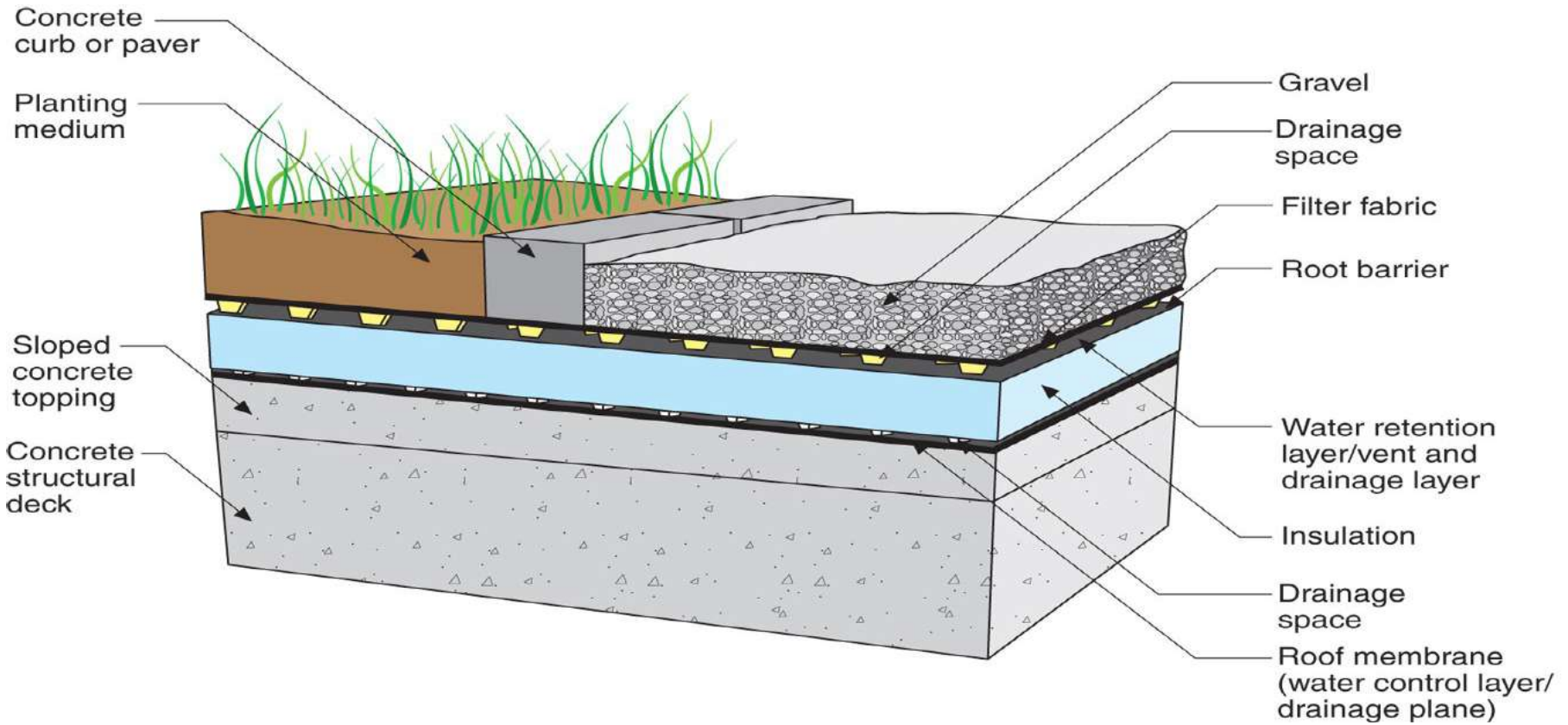




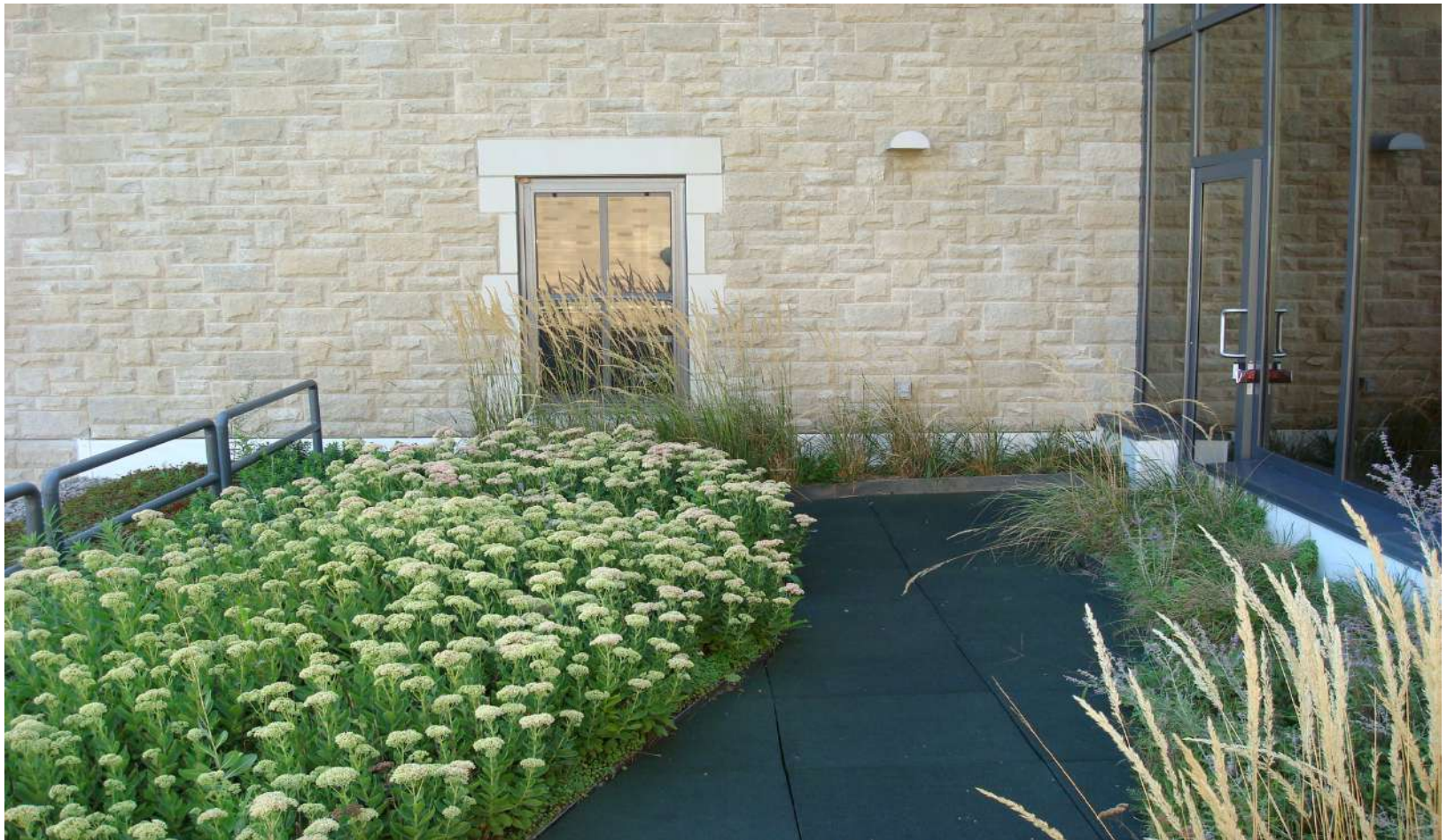


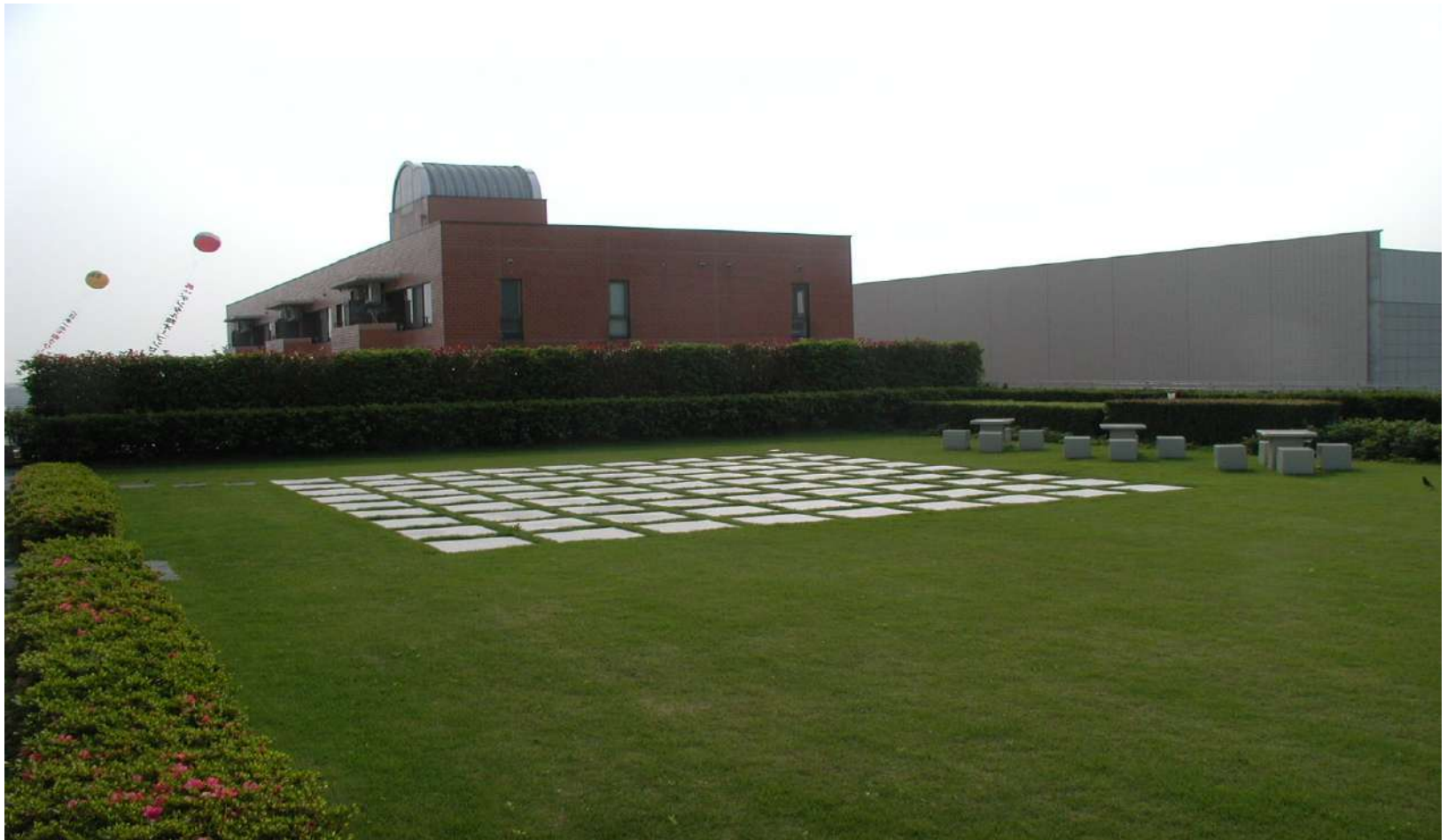
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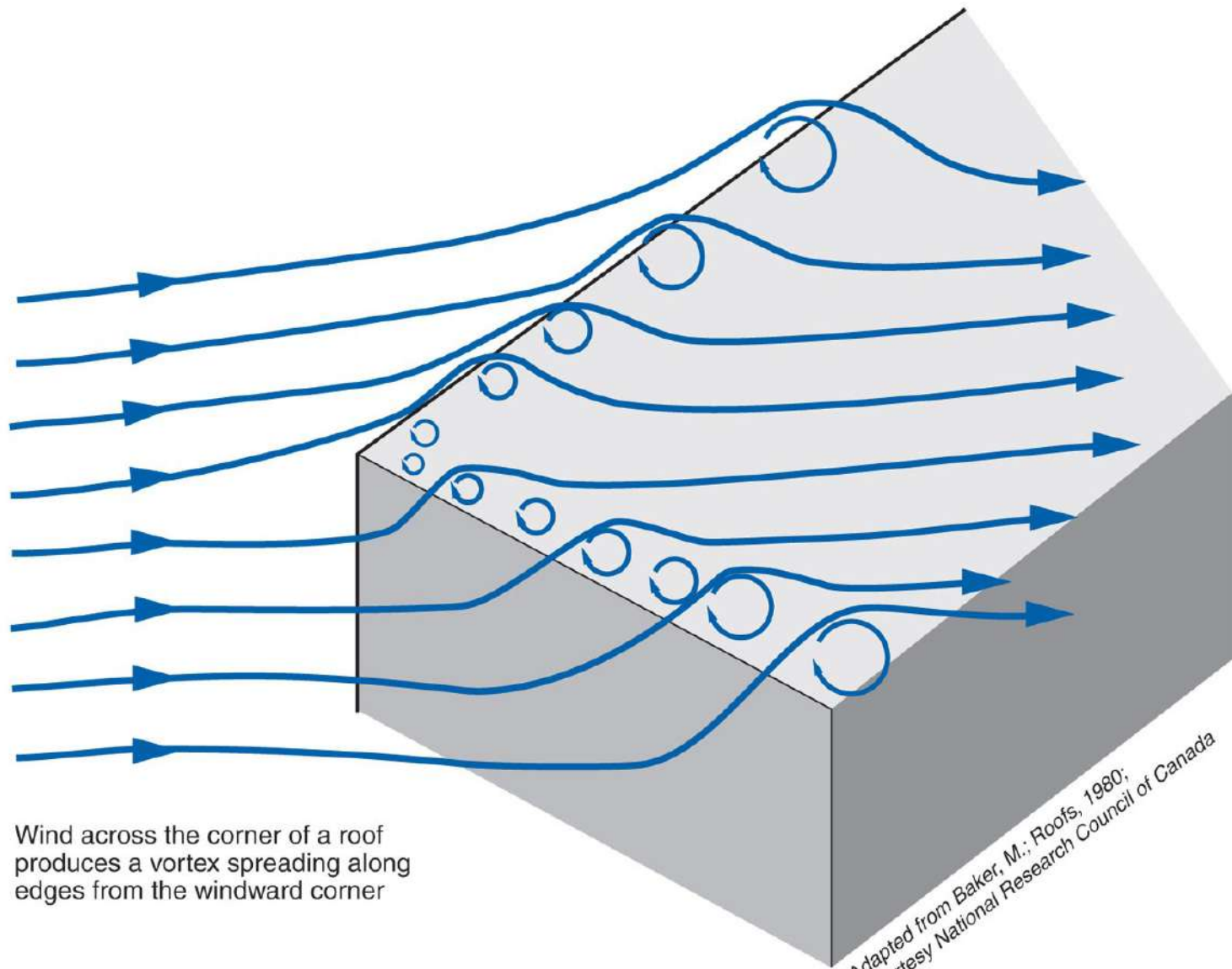






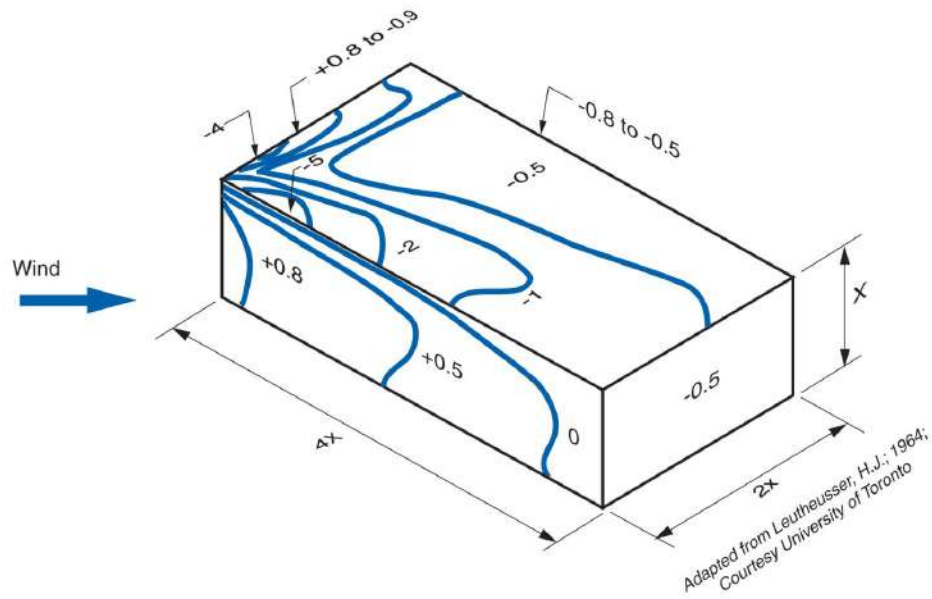
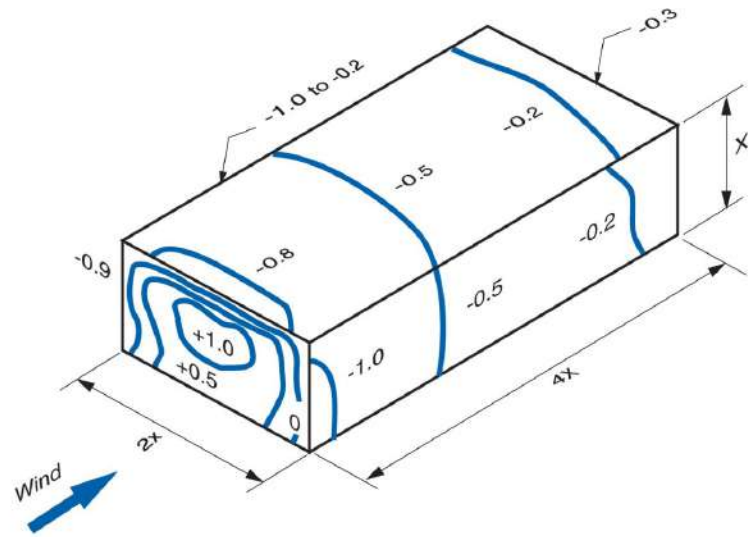


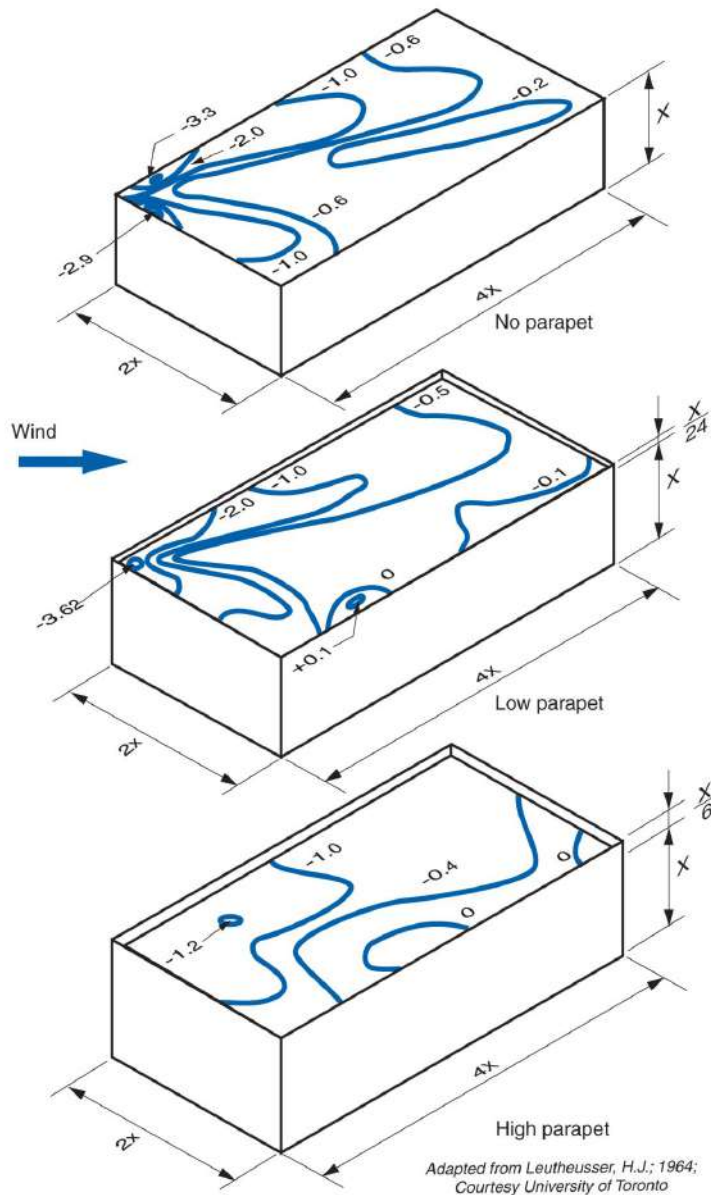


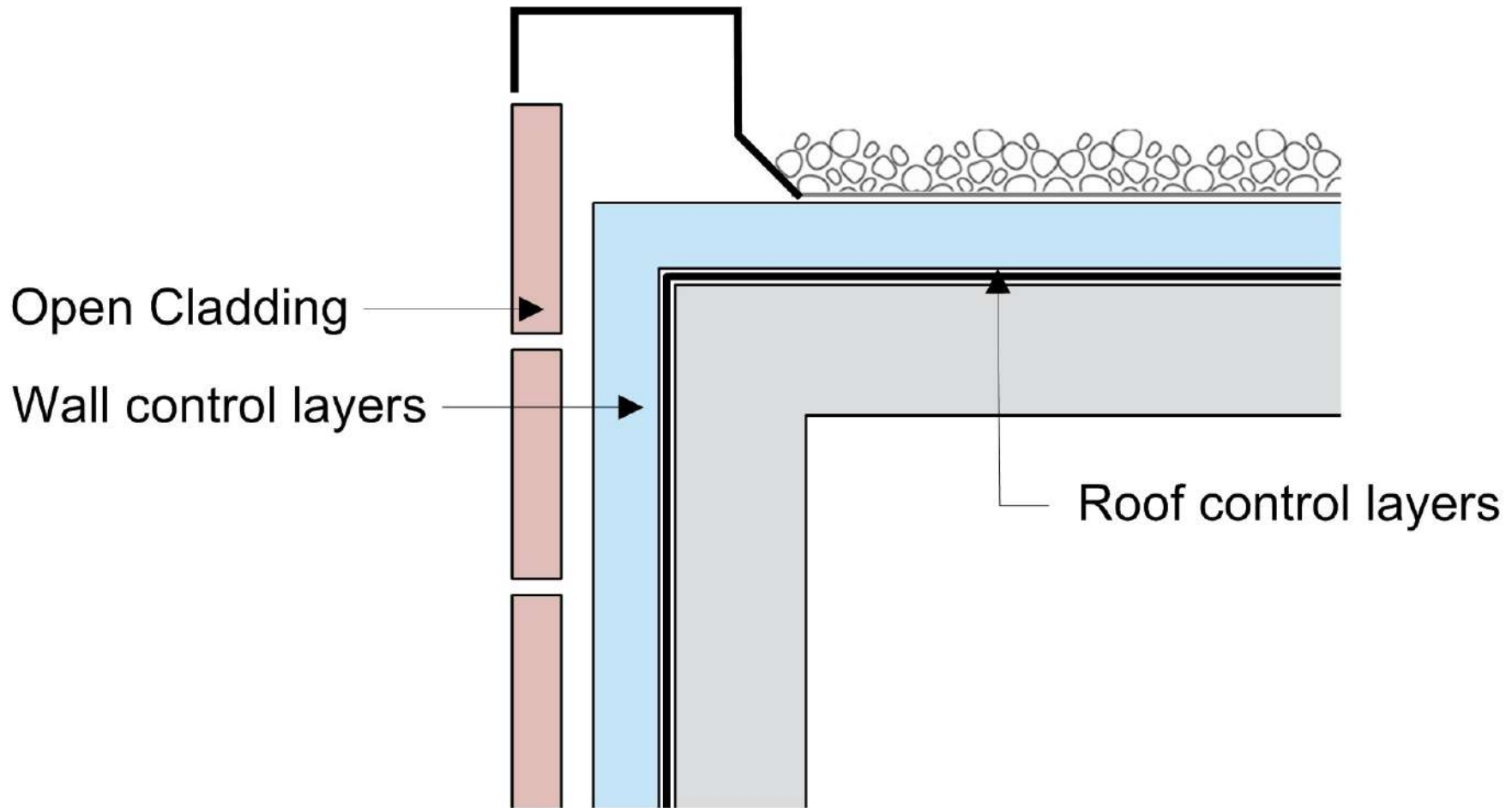


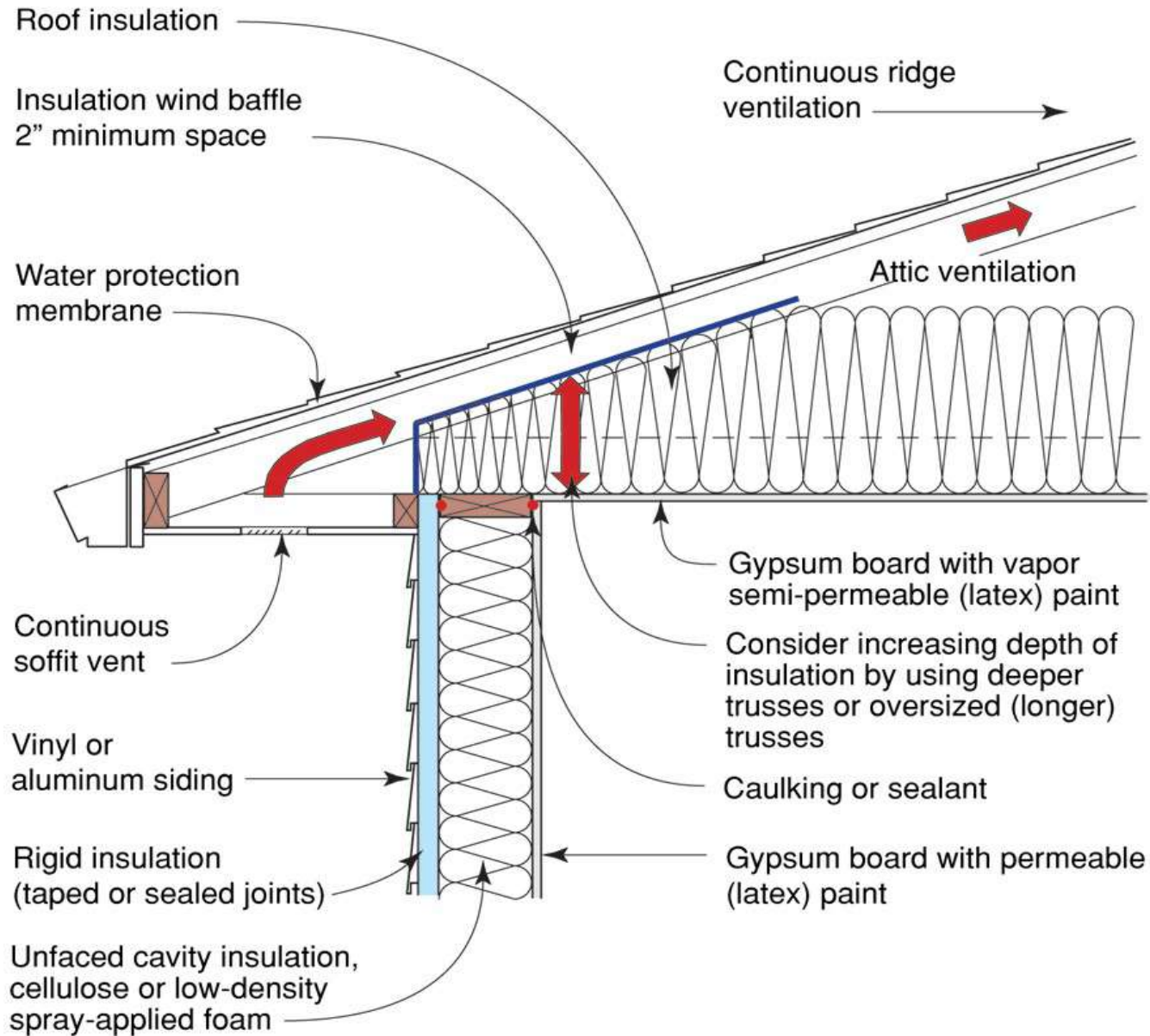
Wind across the corner of a roof produces a vortex spreading along edges from the windward corner

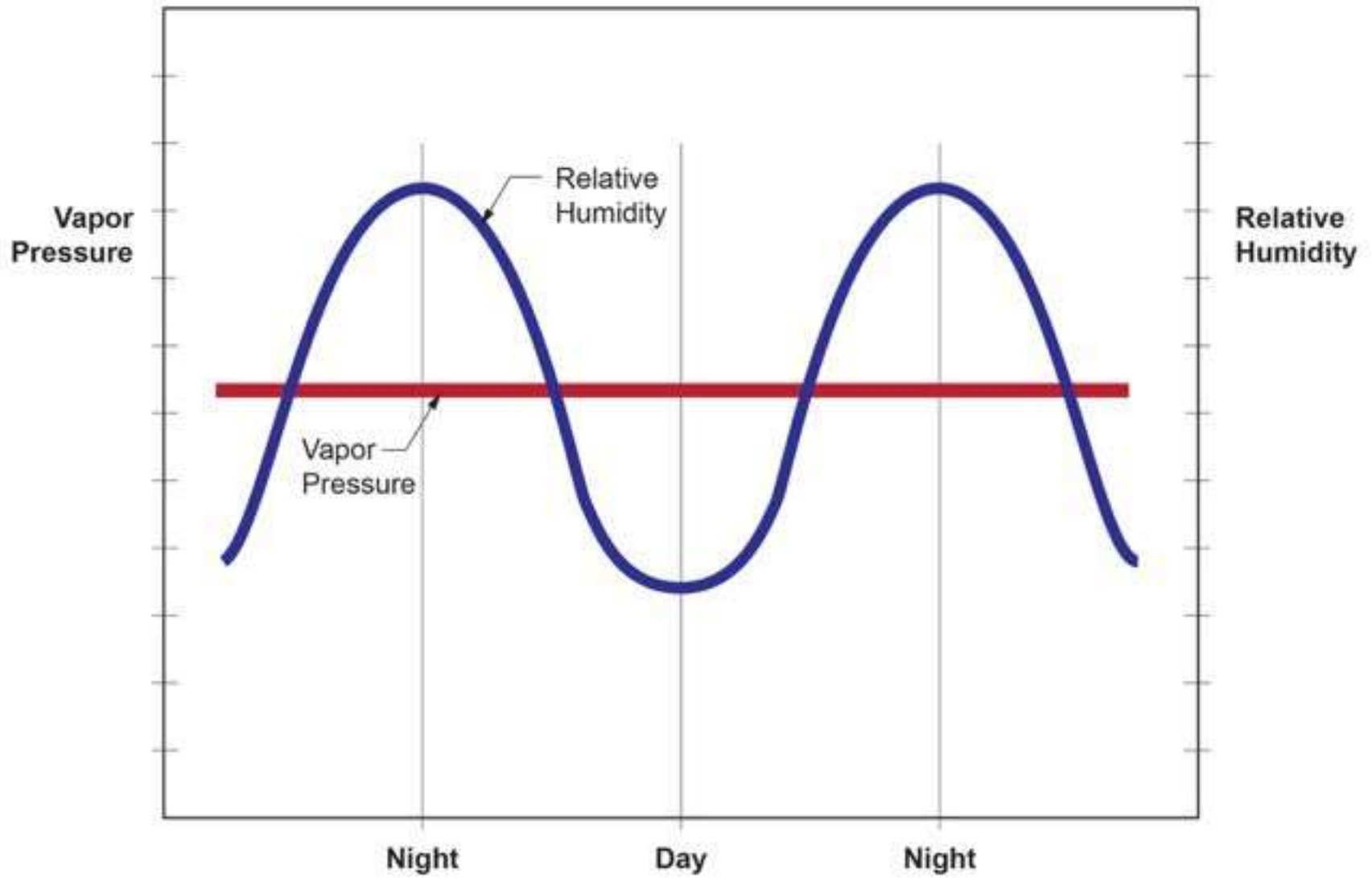
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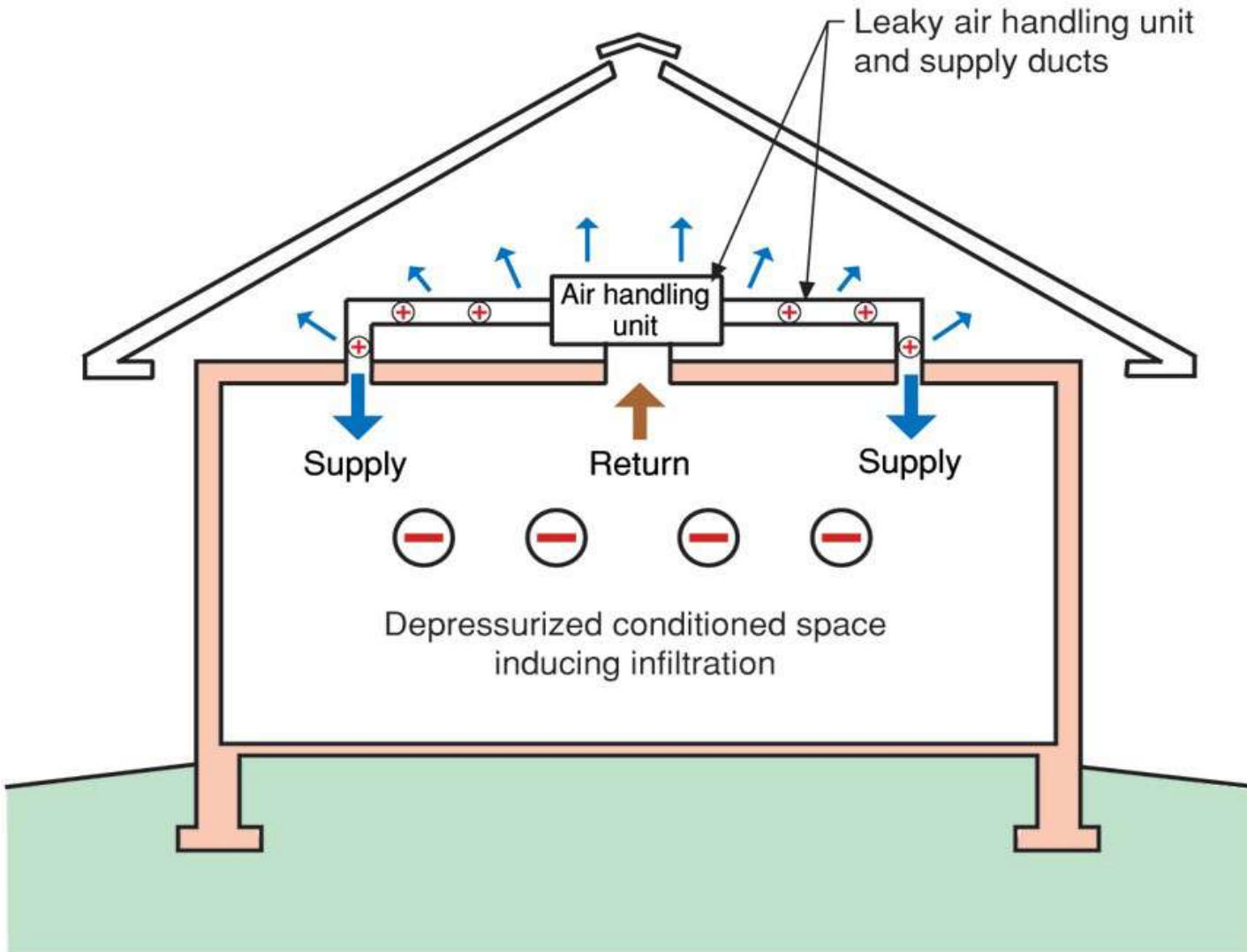












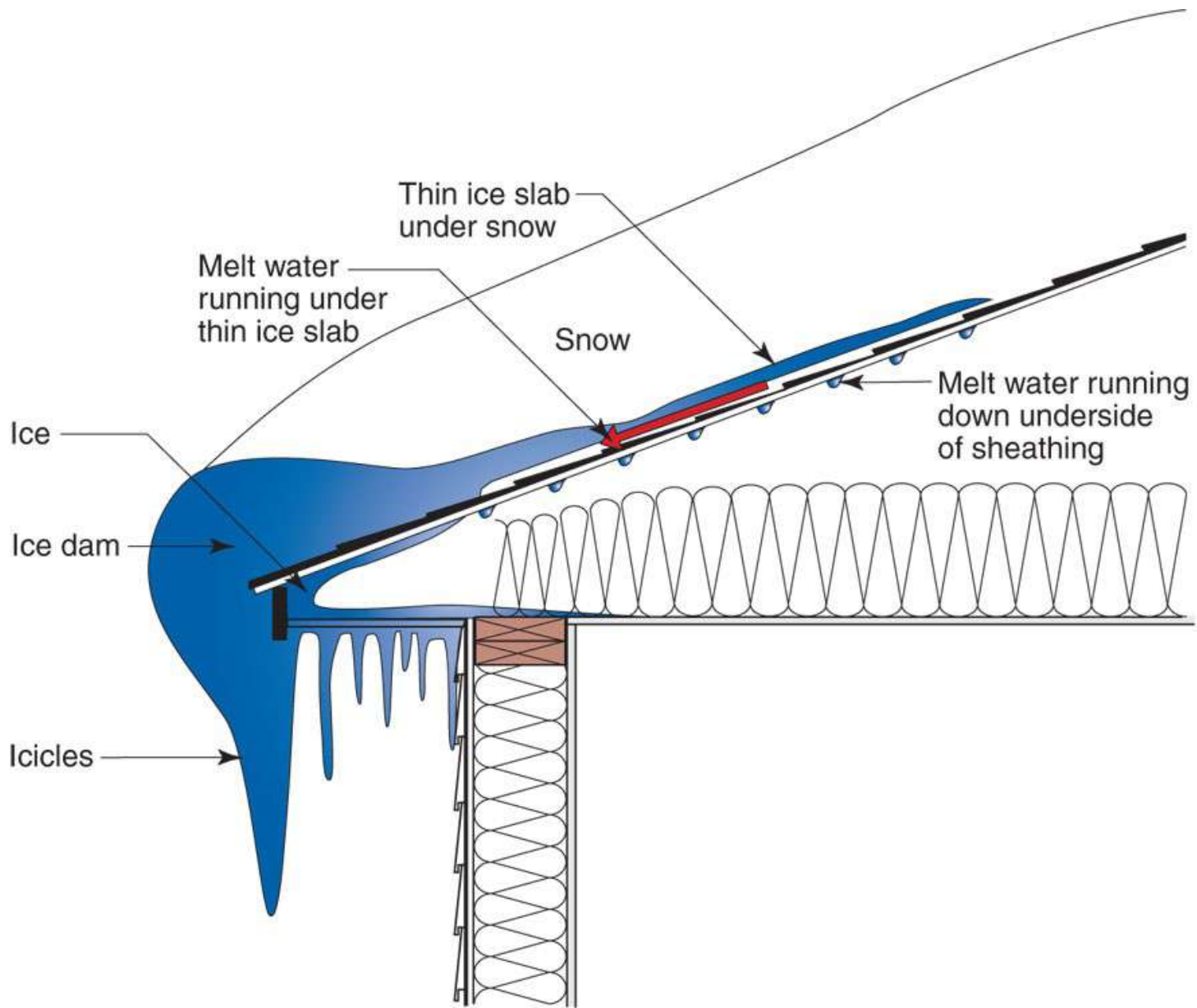
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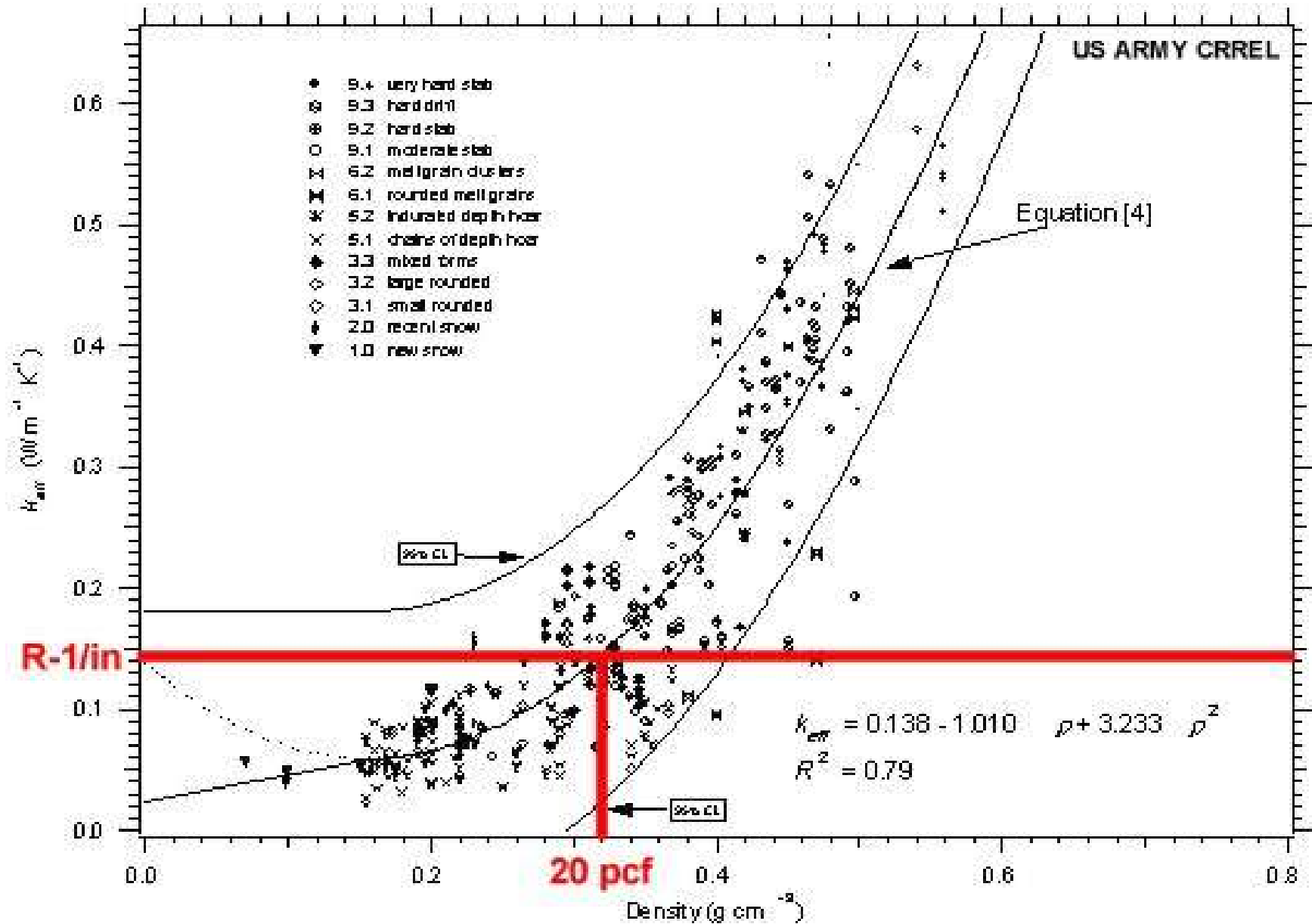






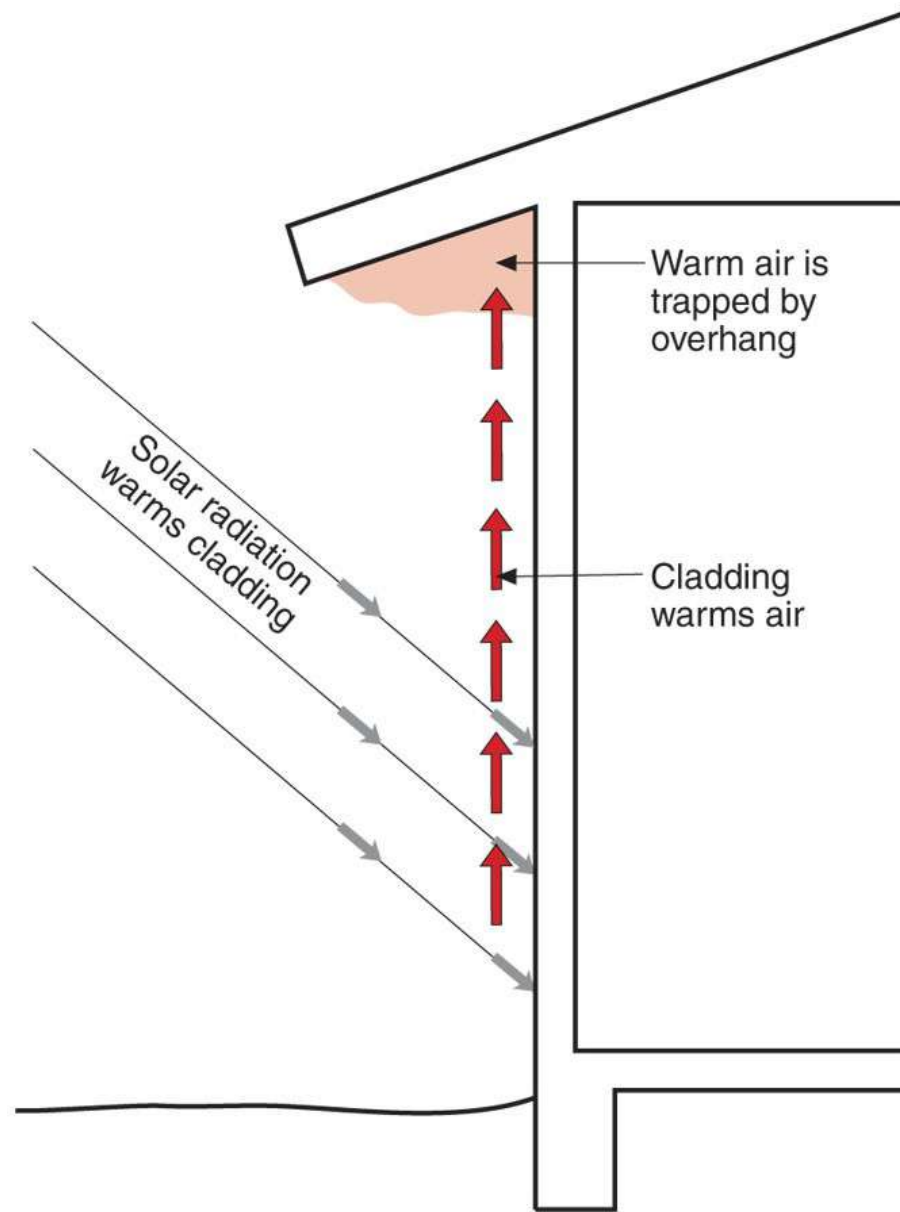










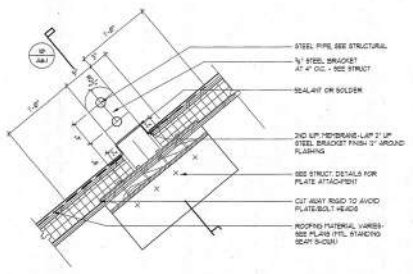




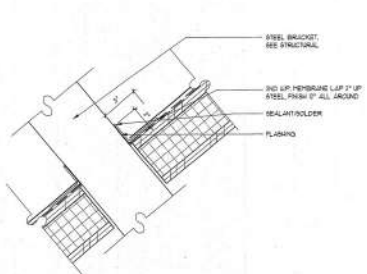




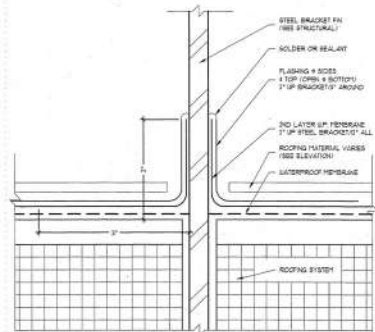




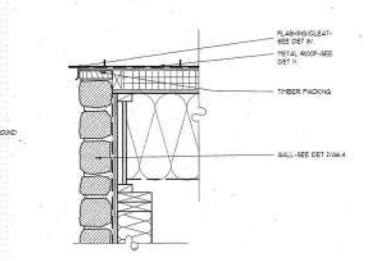
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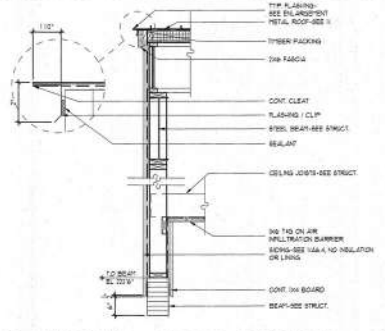
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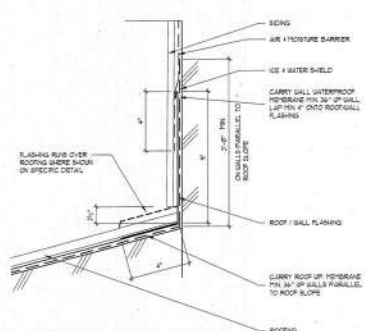
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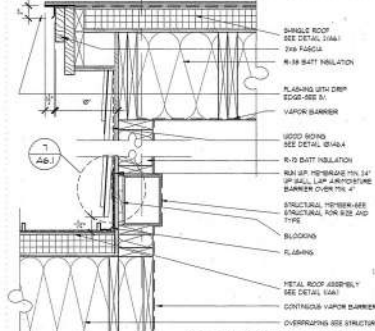
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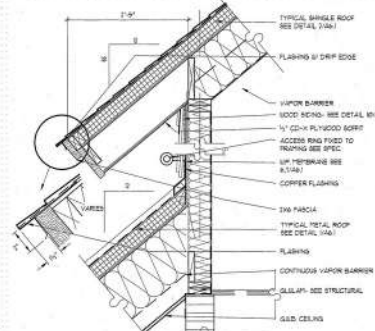
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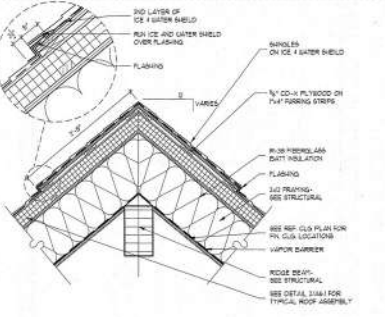
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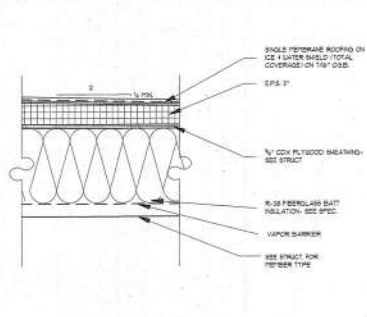
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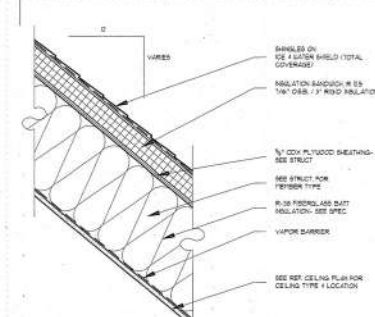
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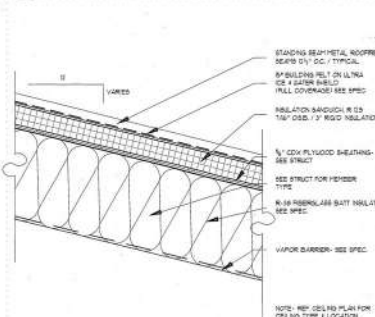
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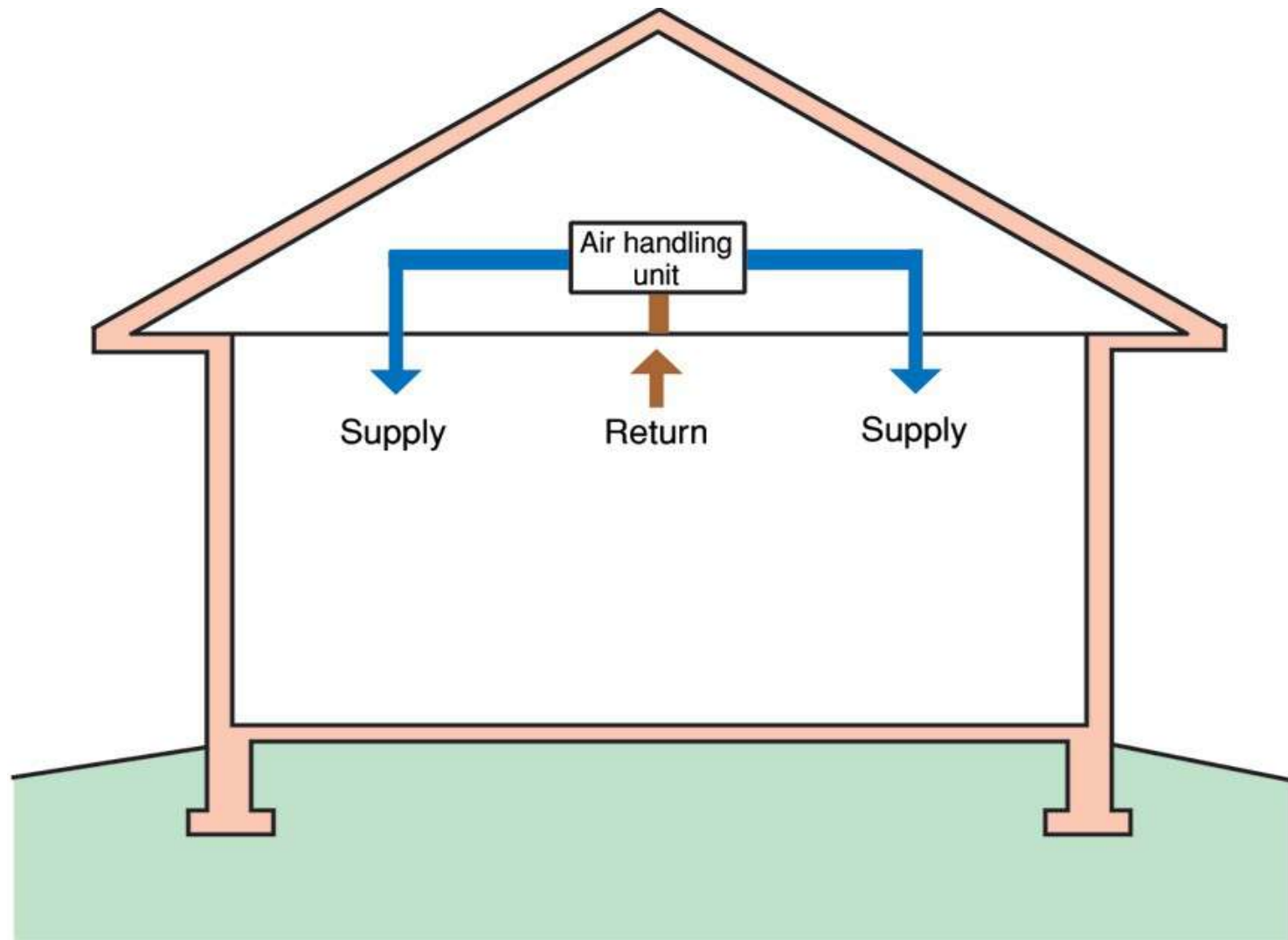
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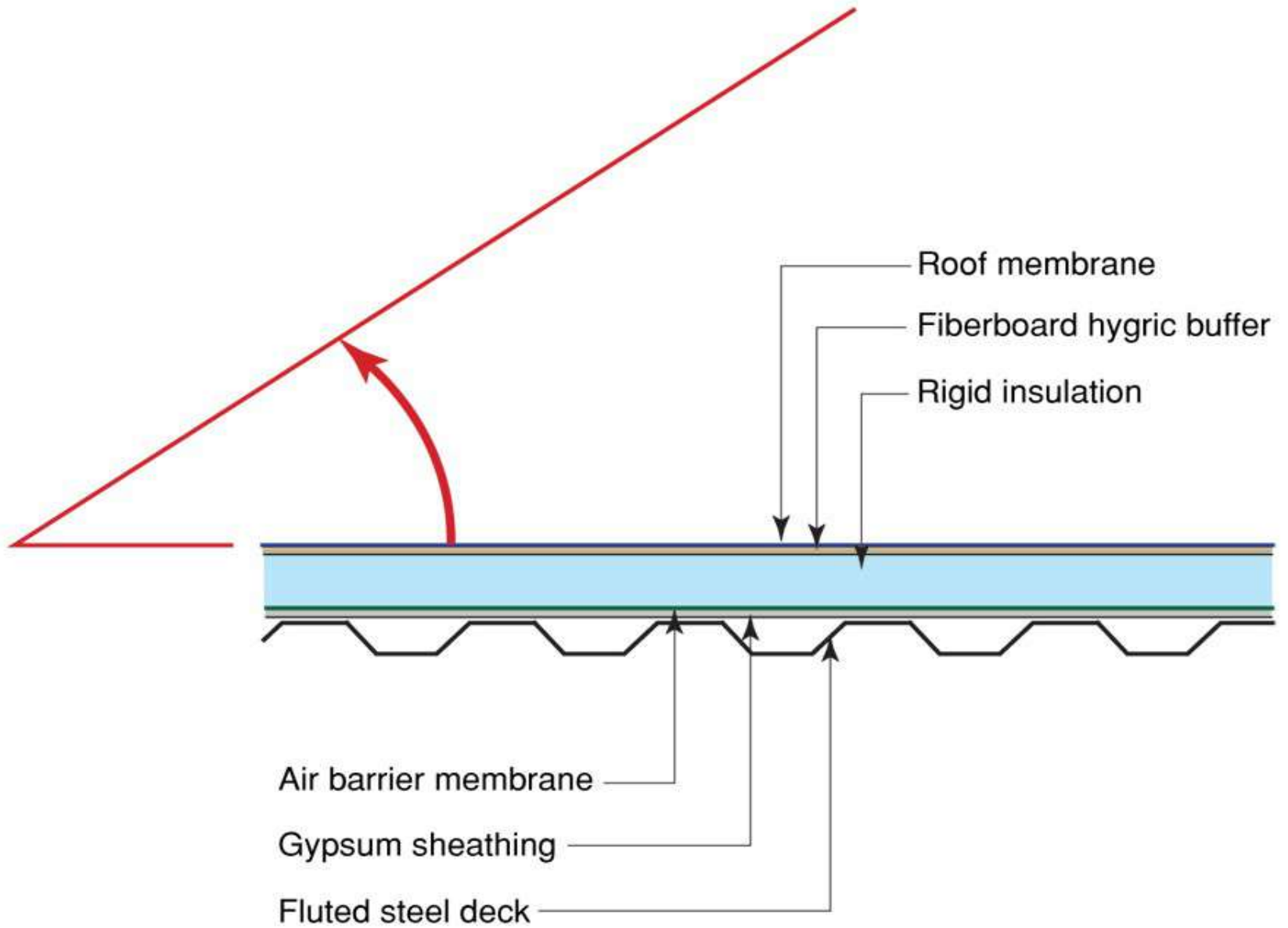
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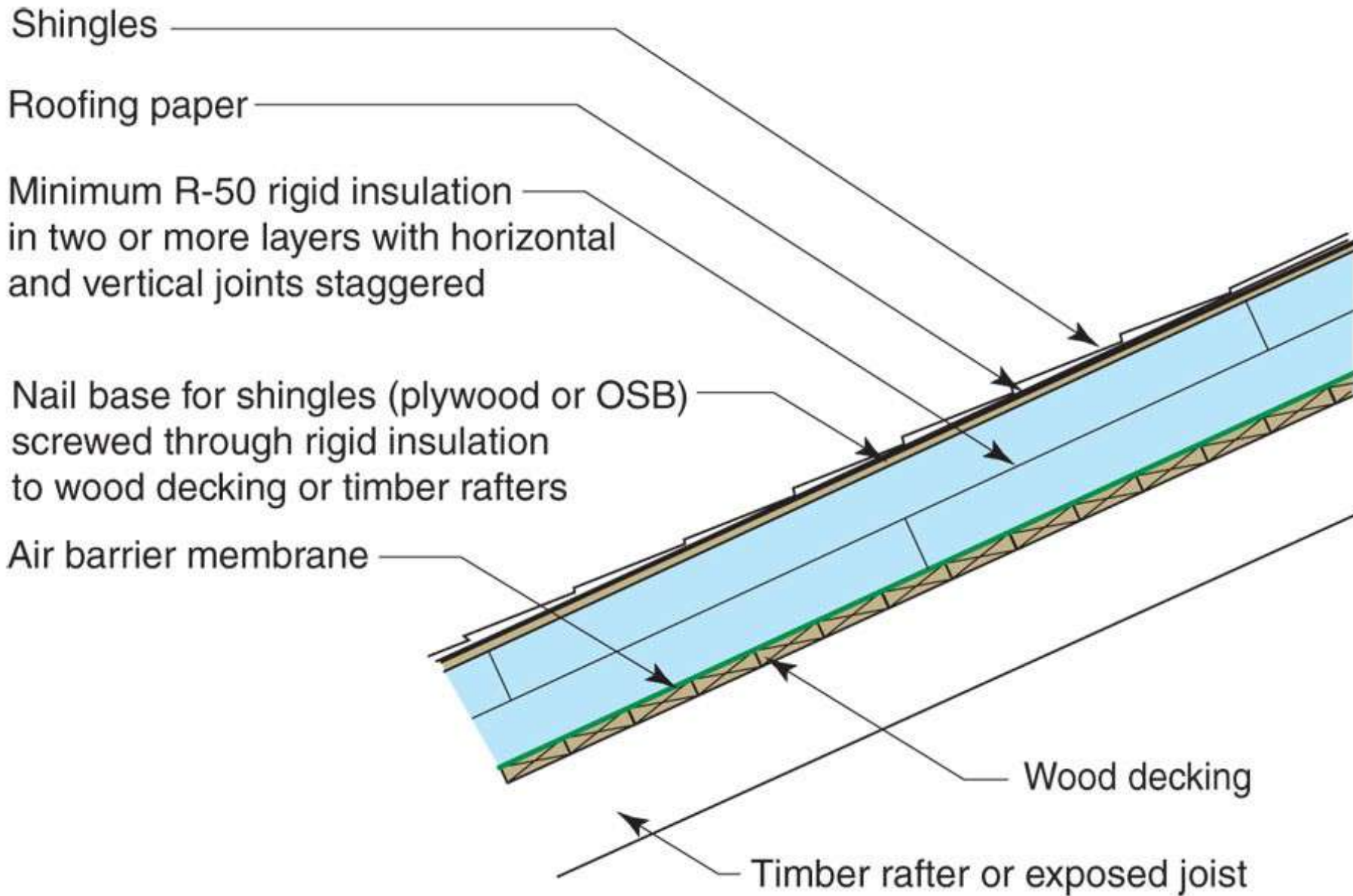
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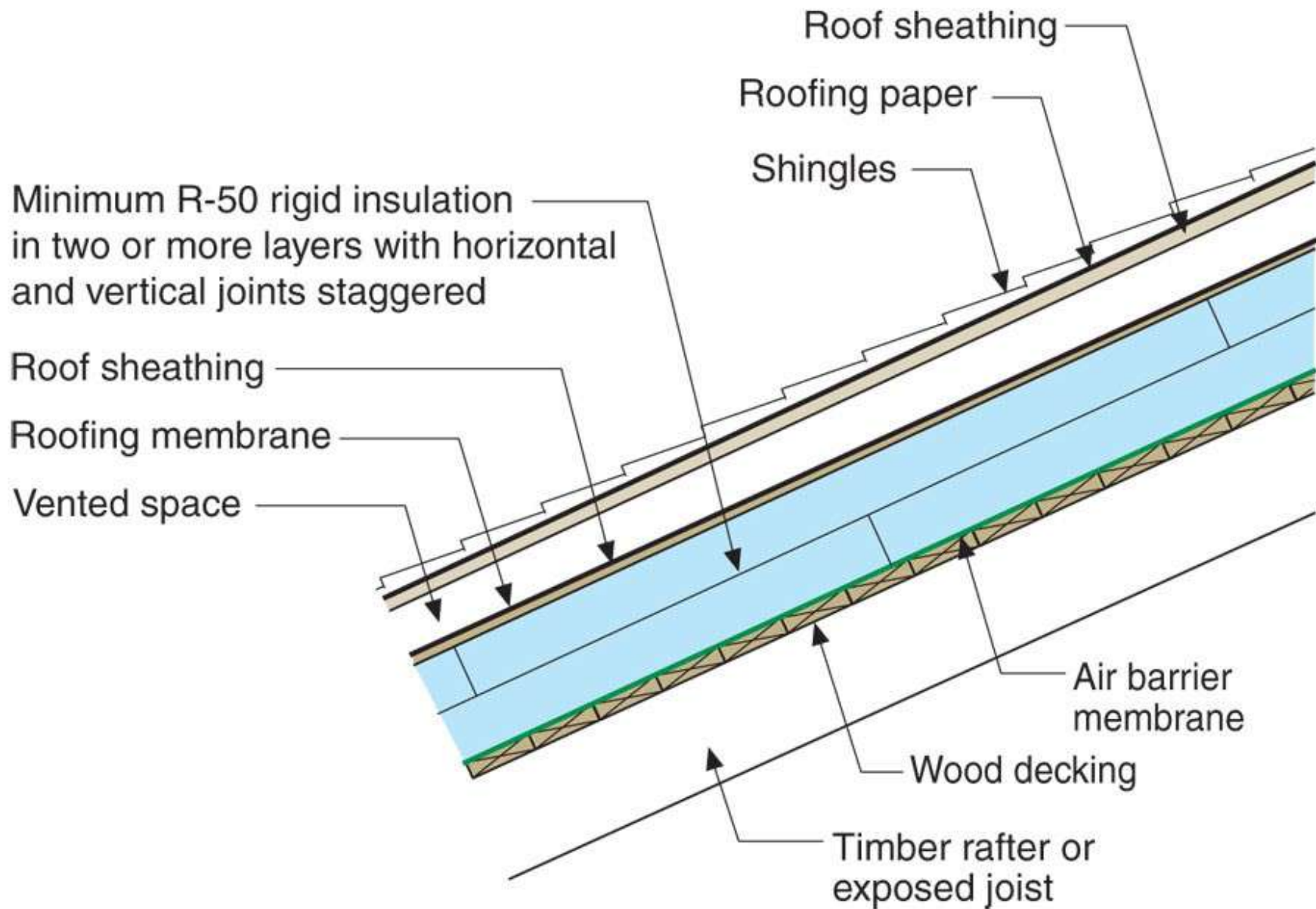


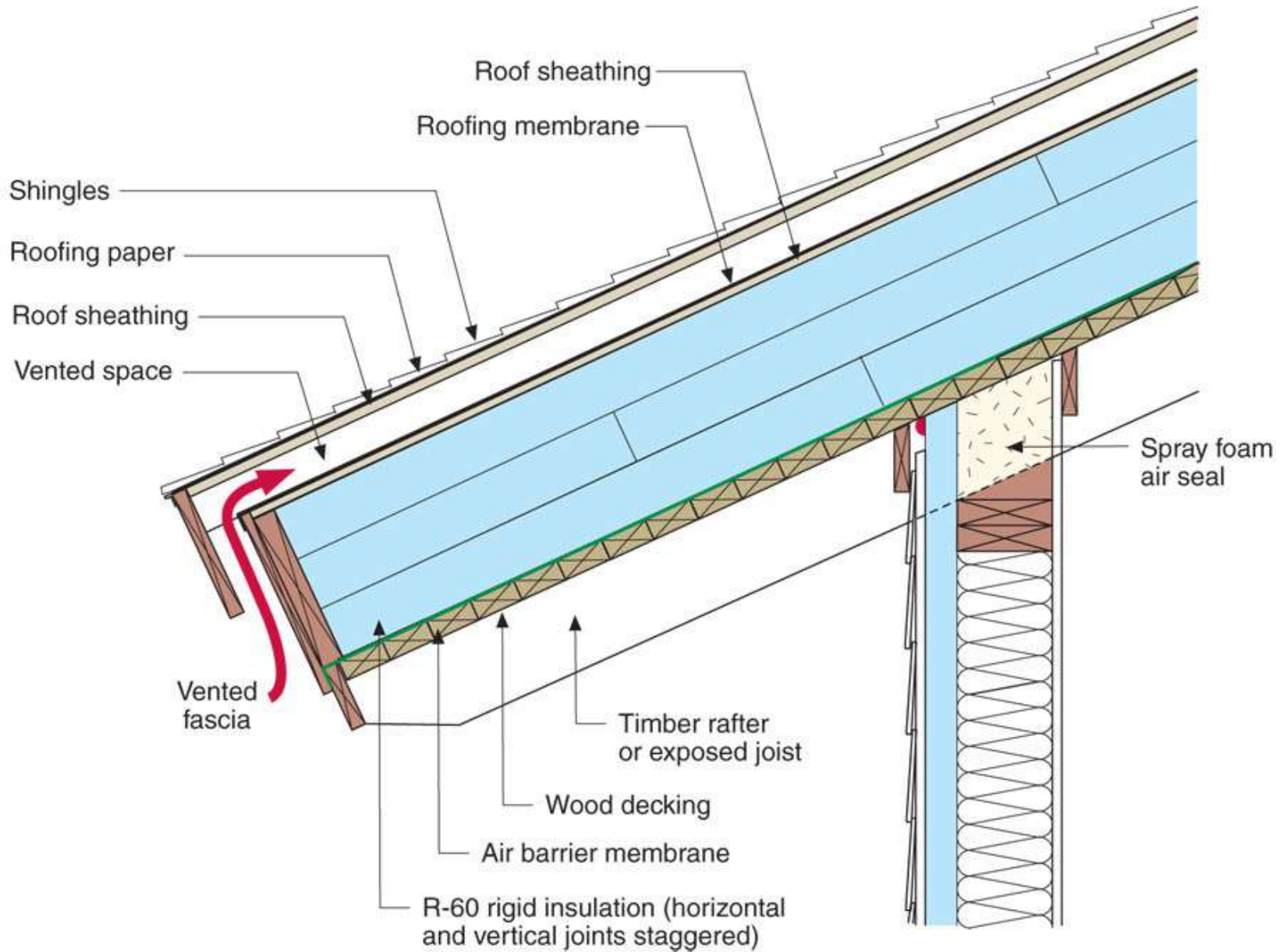


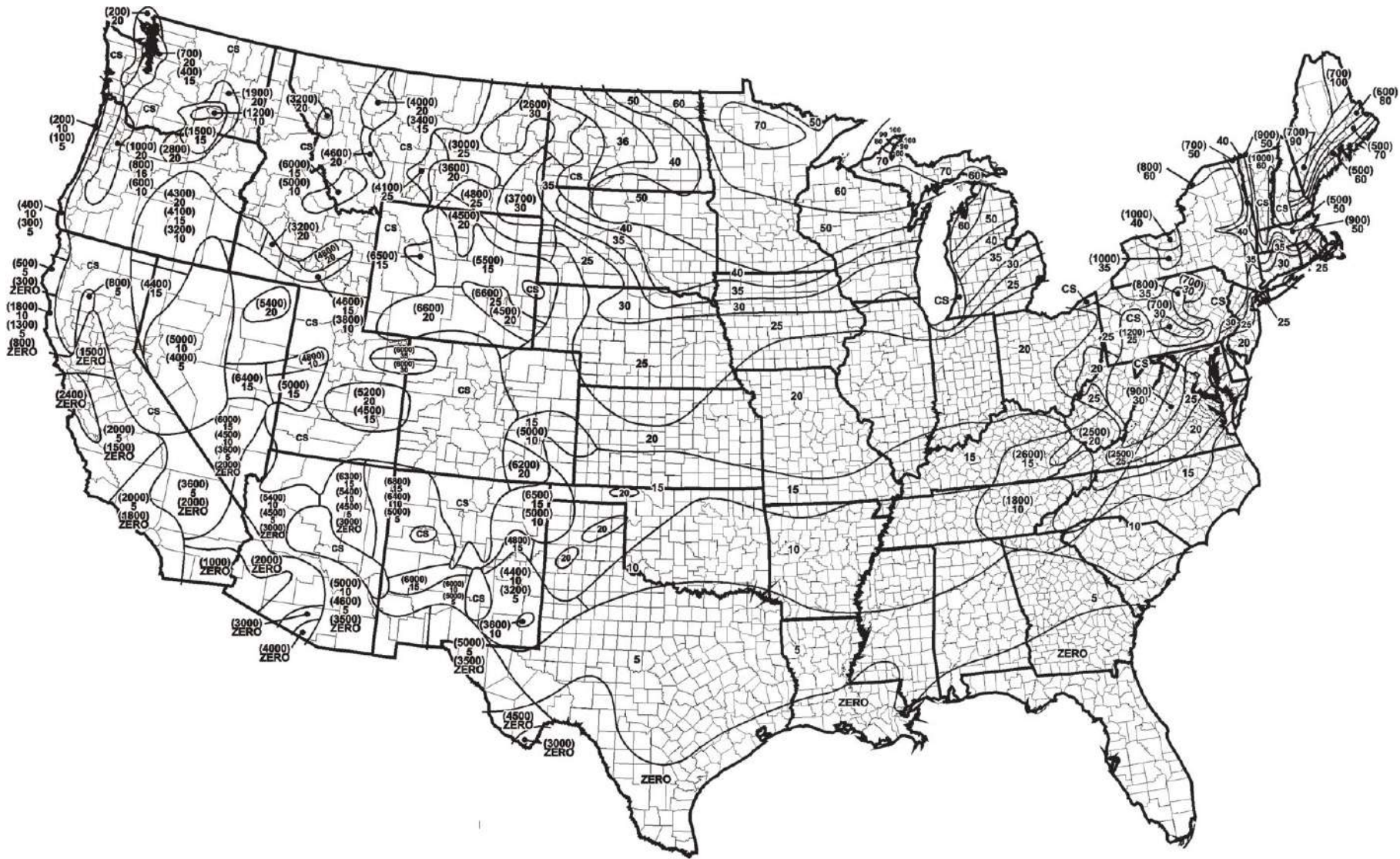
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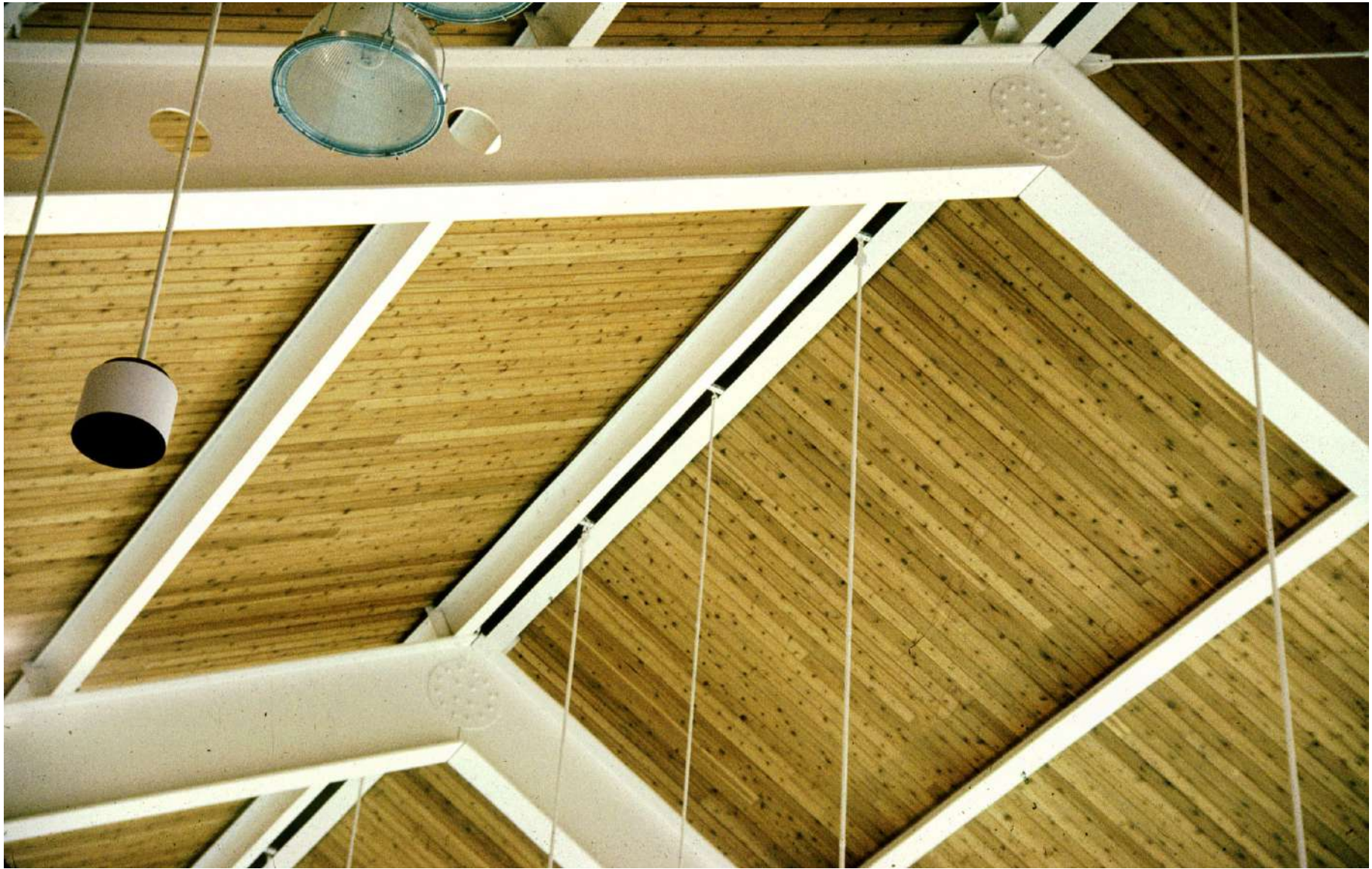






















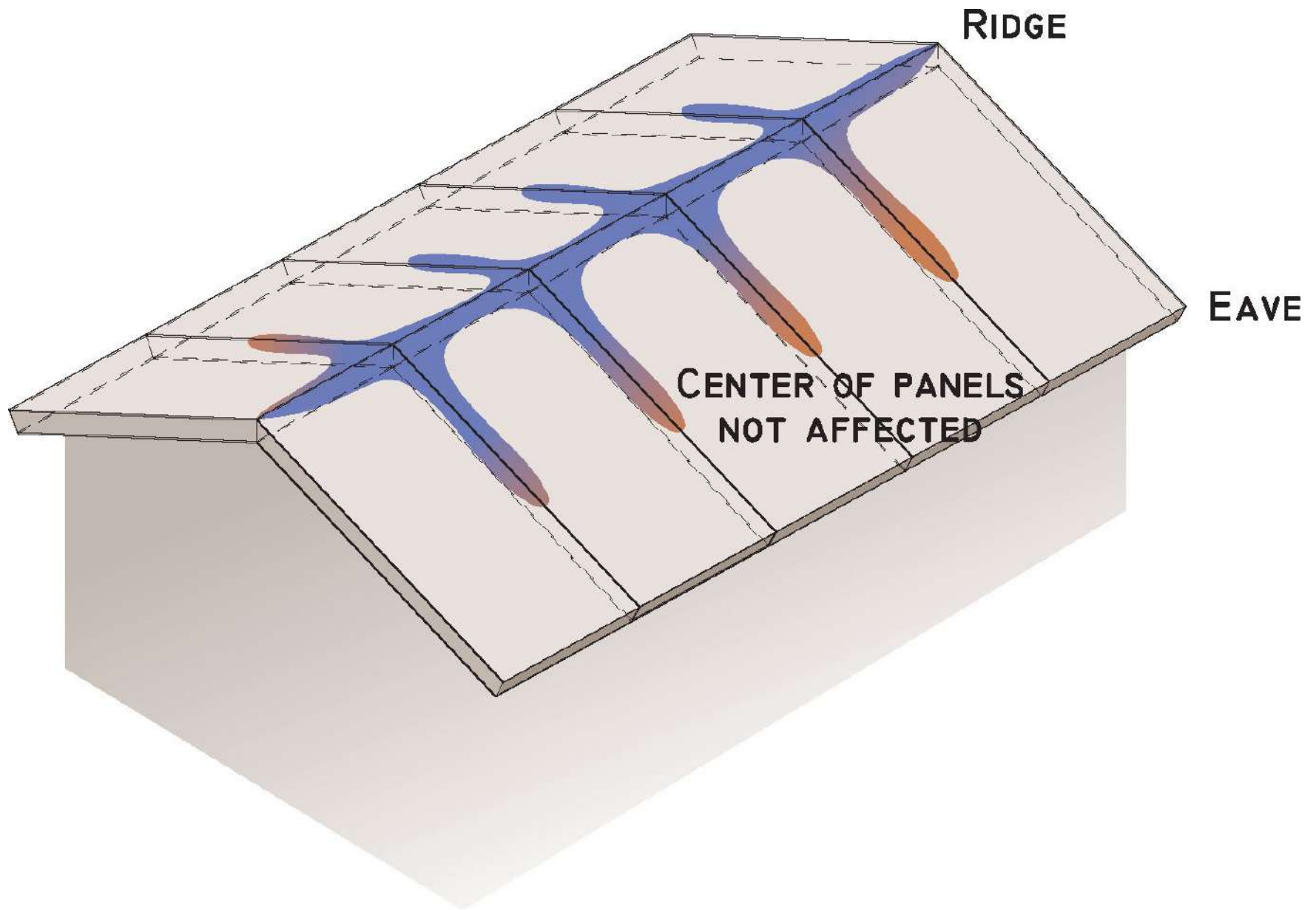




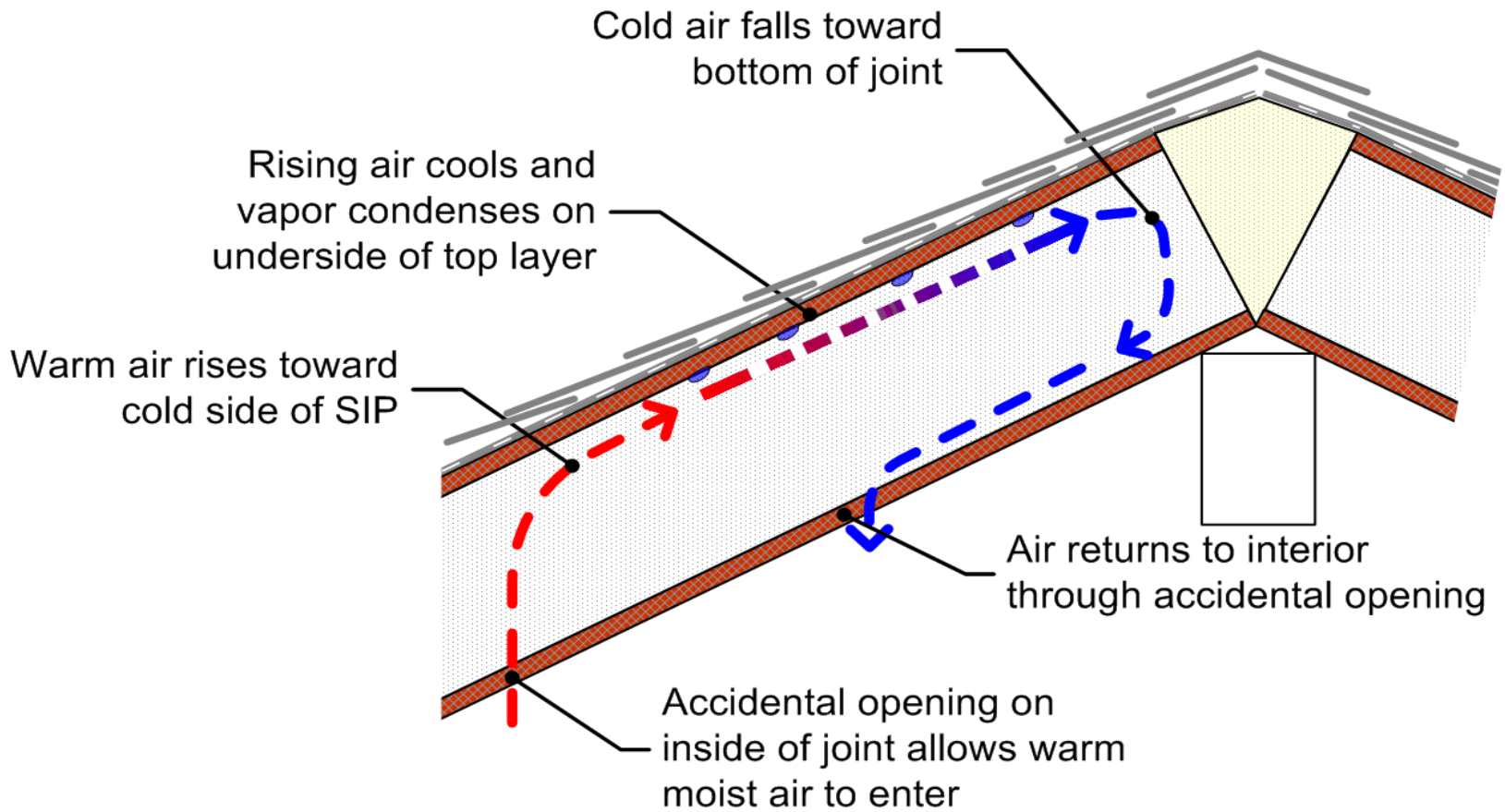


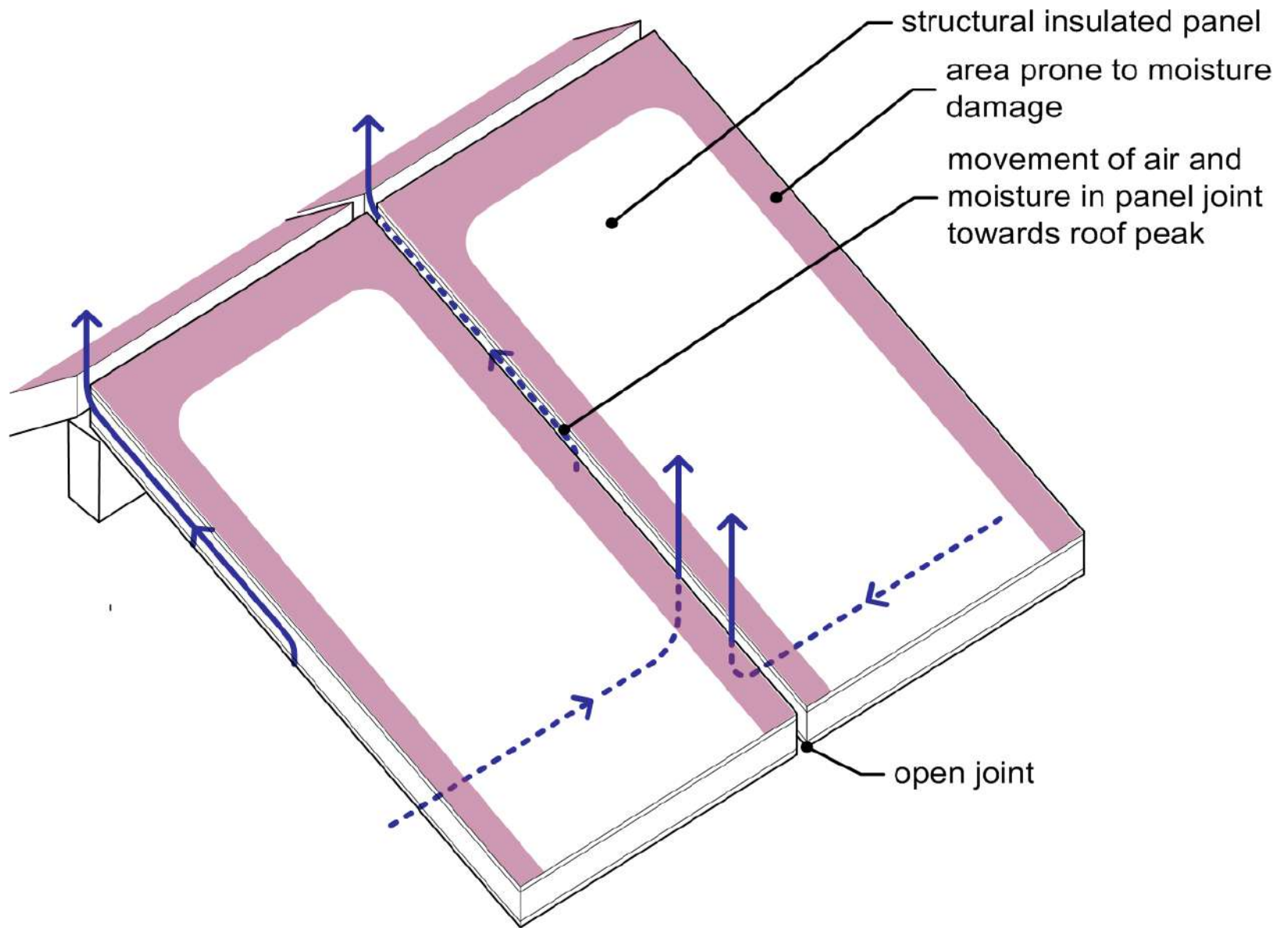


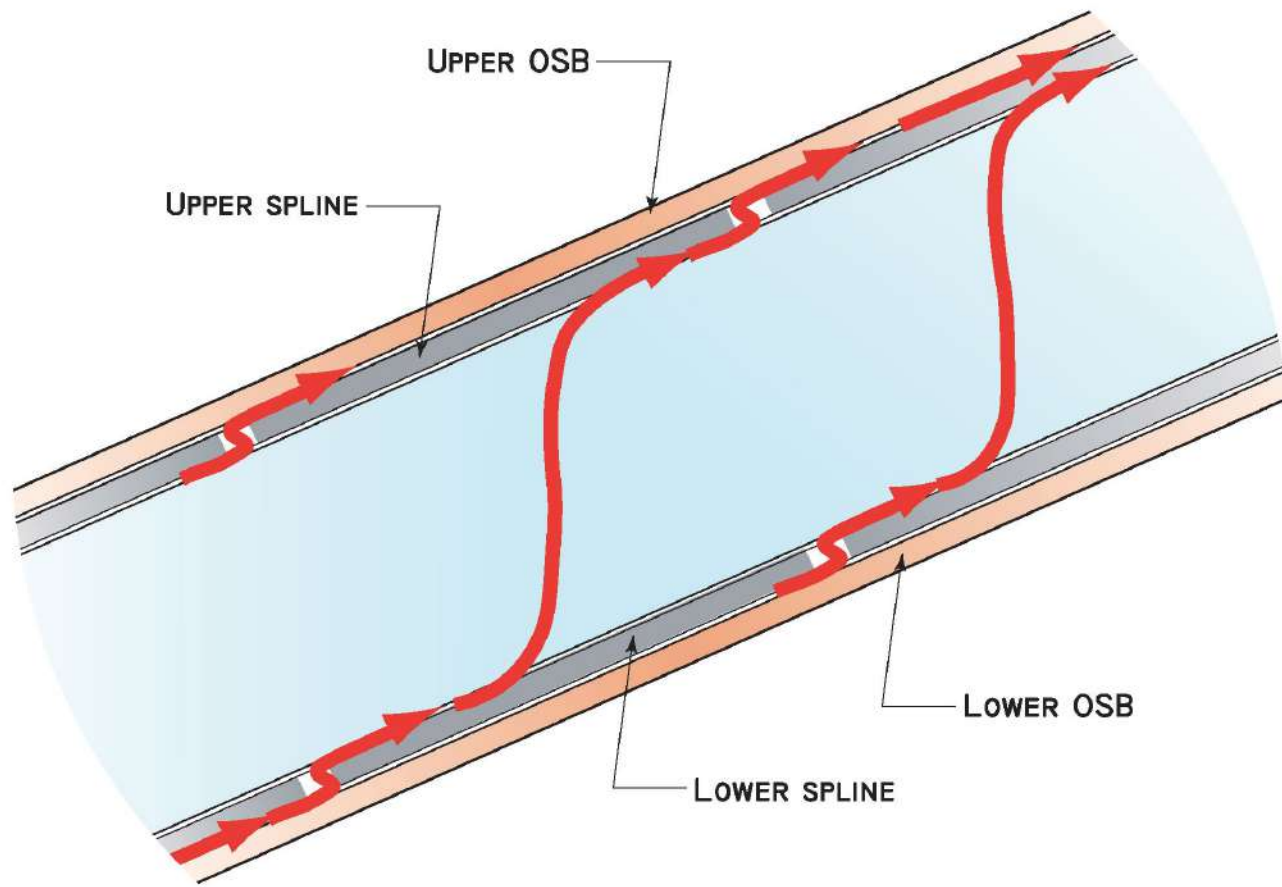




















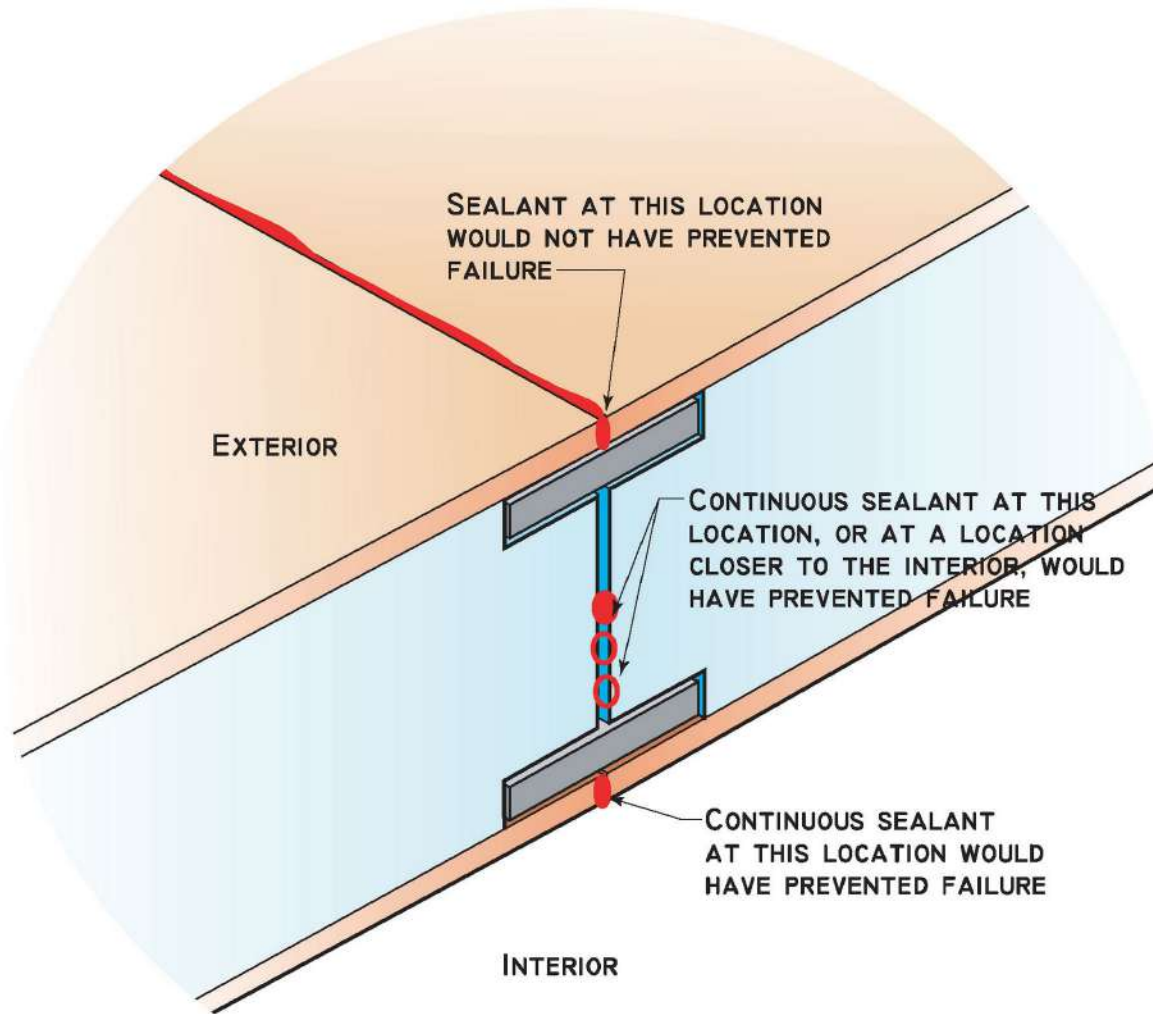












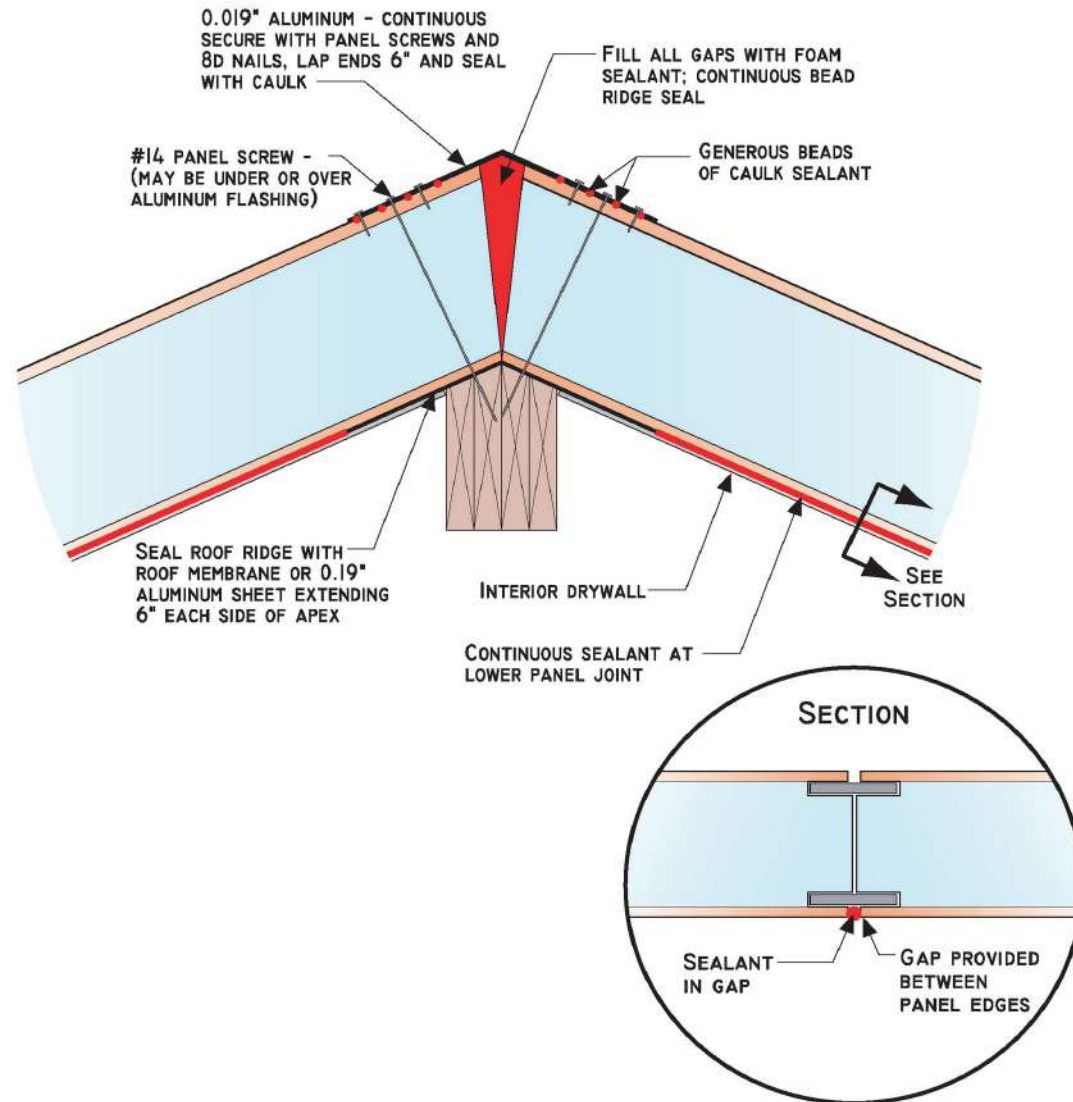


Figure 1

- Remove strip of OSB from each side of ridge

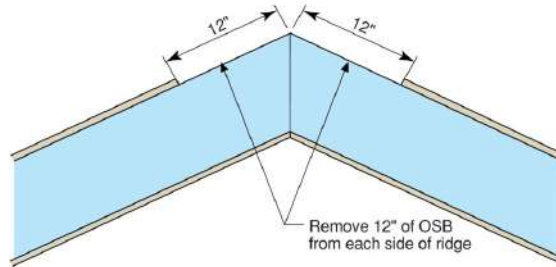


Figure 2

- Create air seal with strip of Tyvek® (tape seams of Tyvek®)
- Hold Tyvek® sheet in place with metal strapping

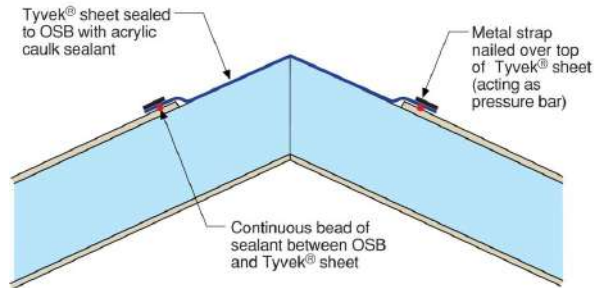
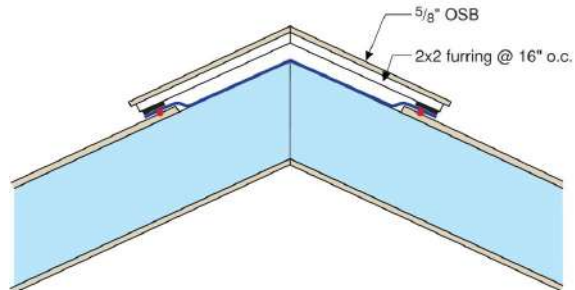


Figure 3

- Construct wood ridge vent with 2x2 furring
- Use Cobra® Ridge Vent roll mesh at edges of vent to control insect entry





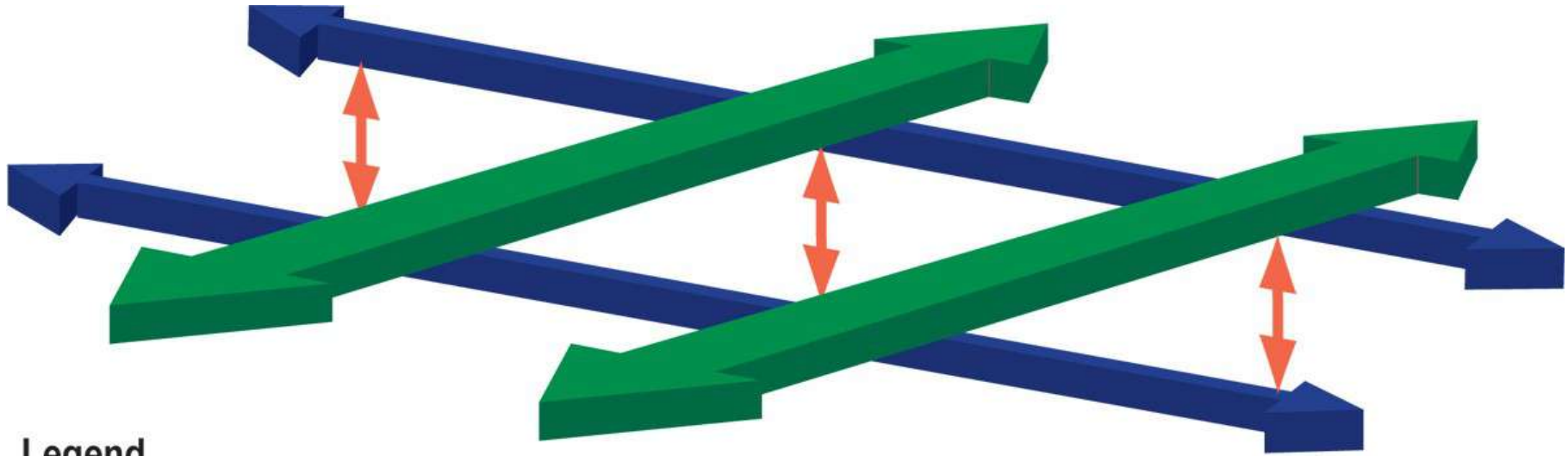






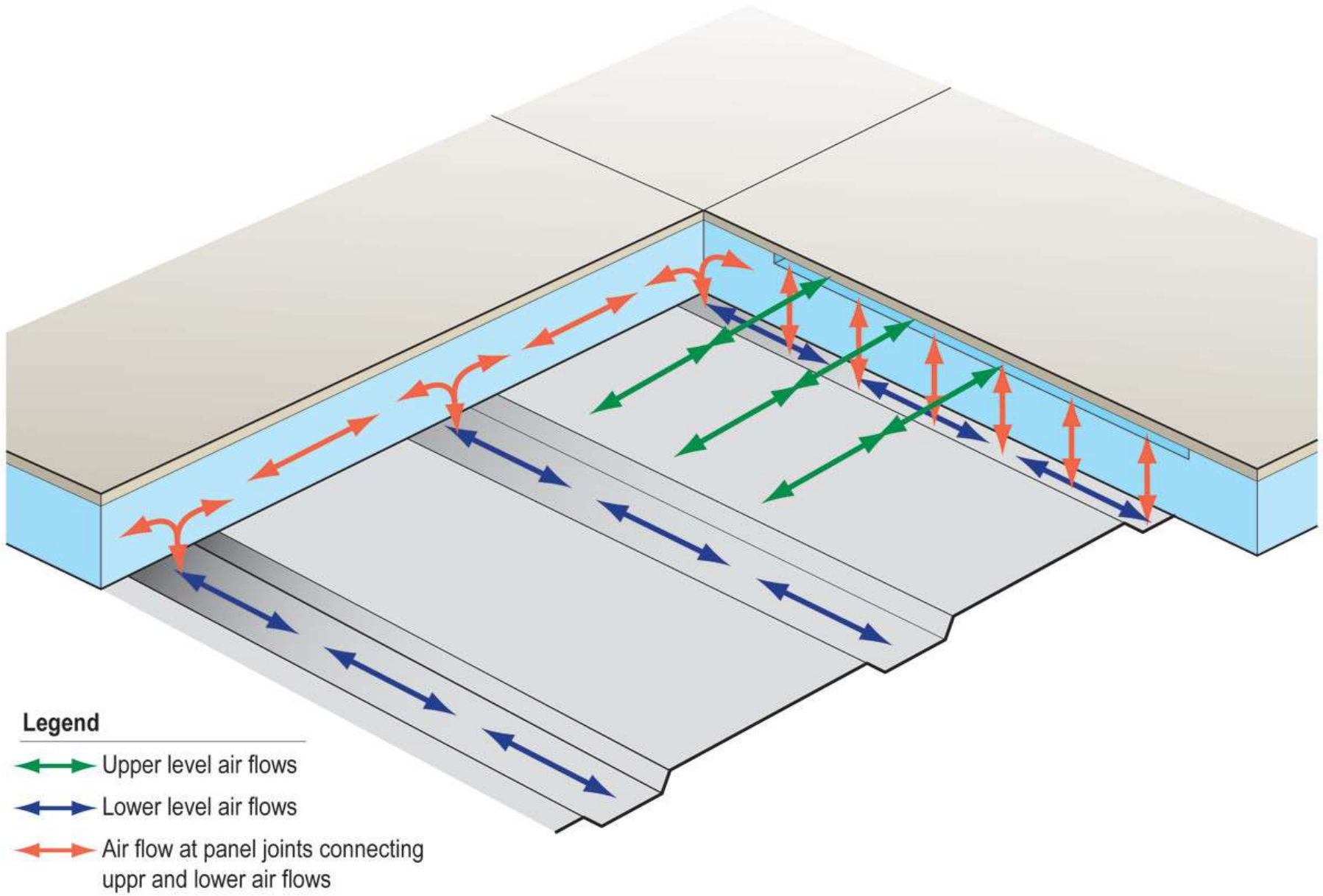









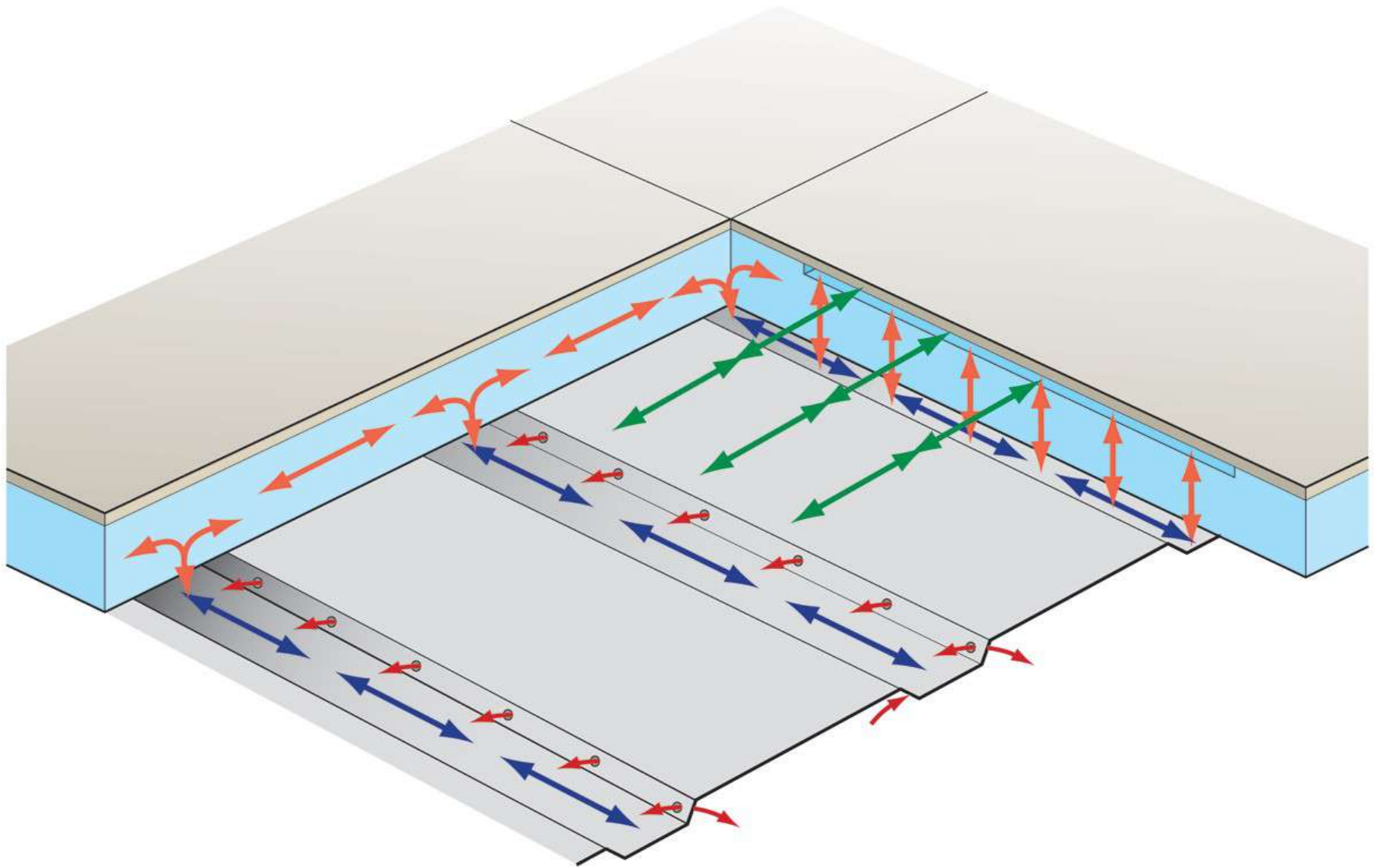
Legend

- ↔ Upper level air flows
- ↔ Lower level air flows
- ↕ Air flow at panel joints

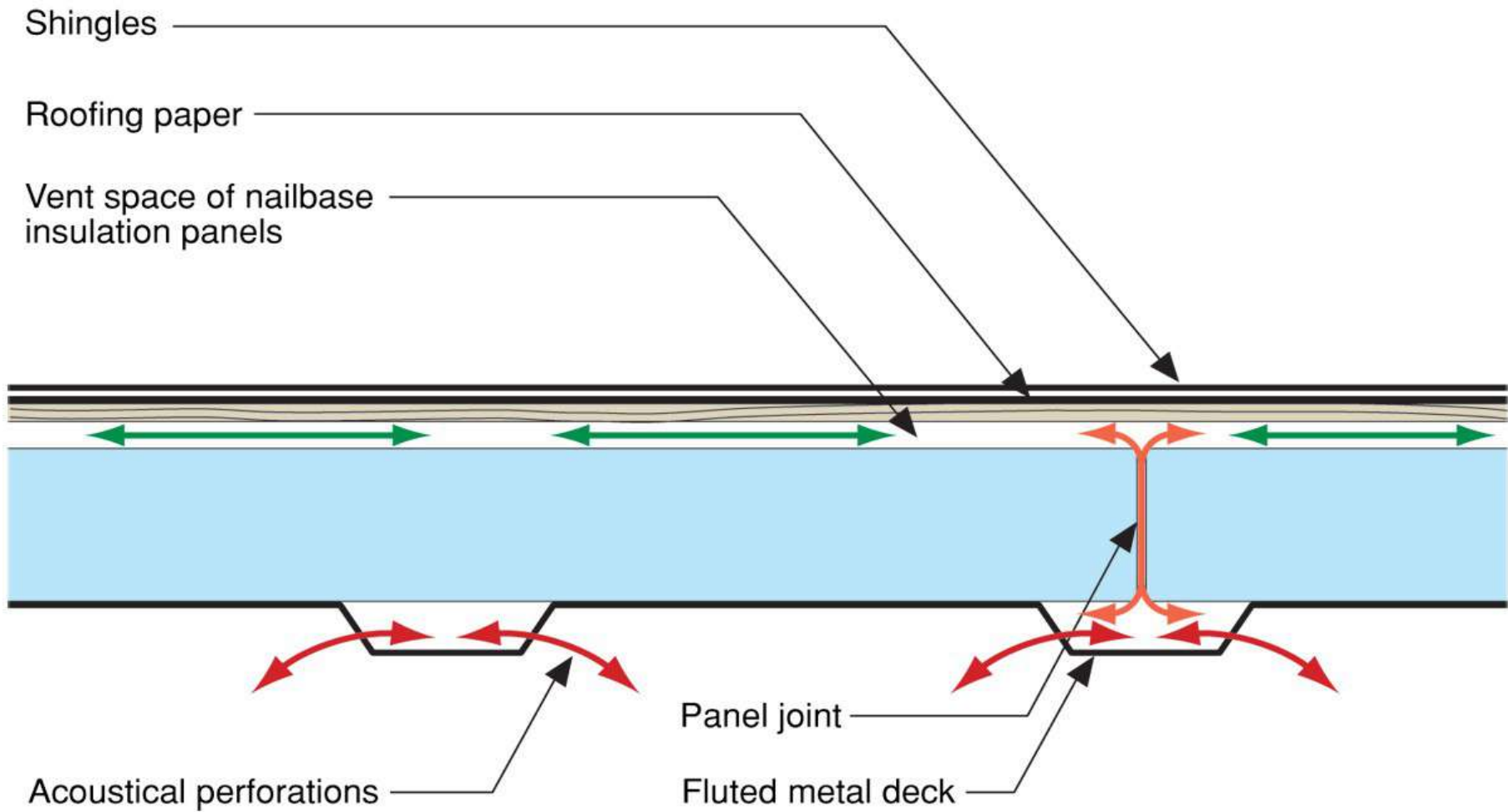


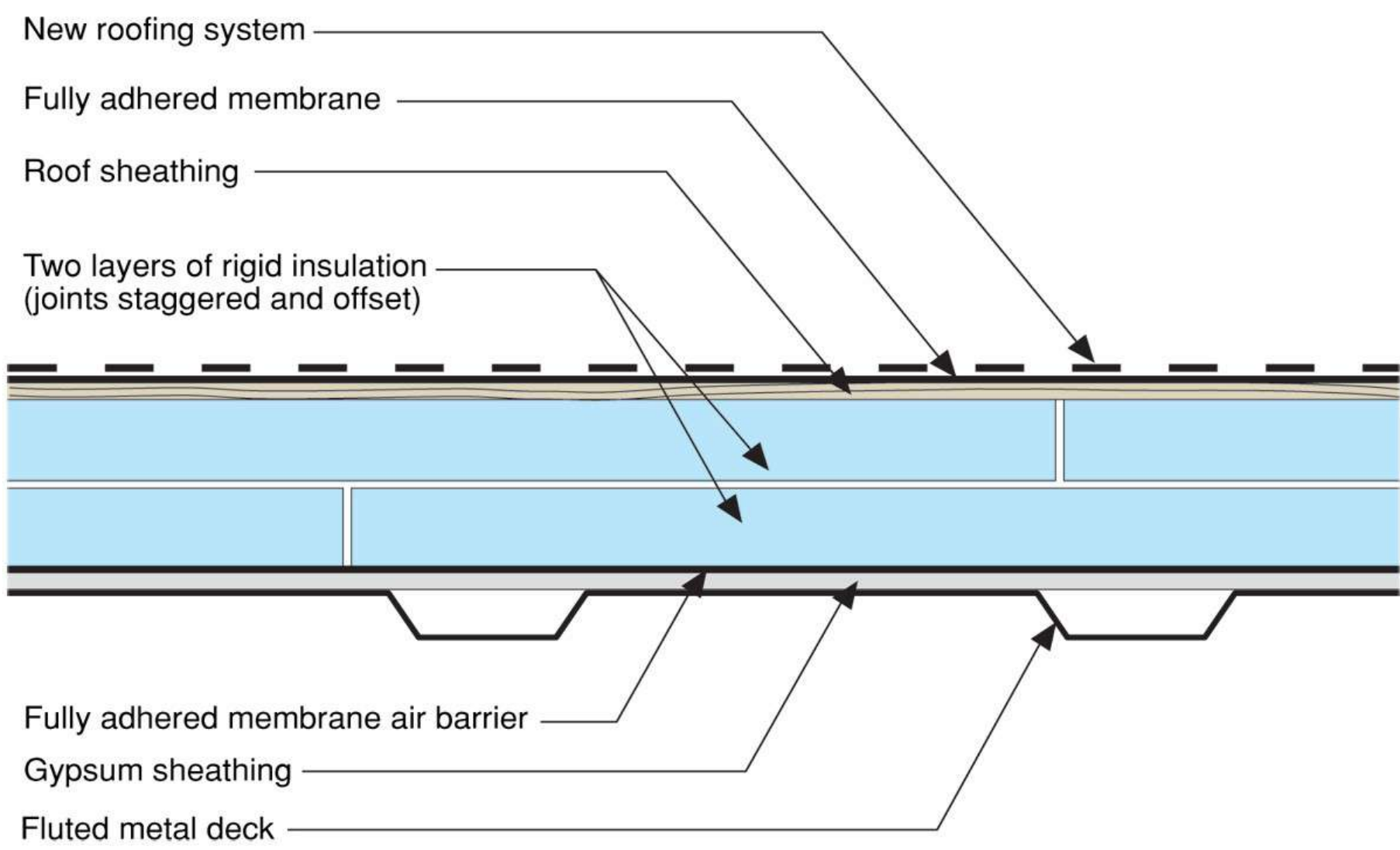
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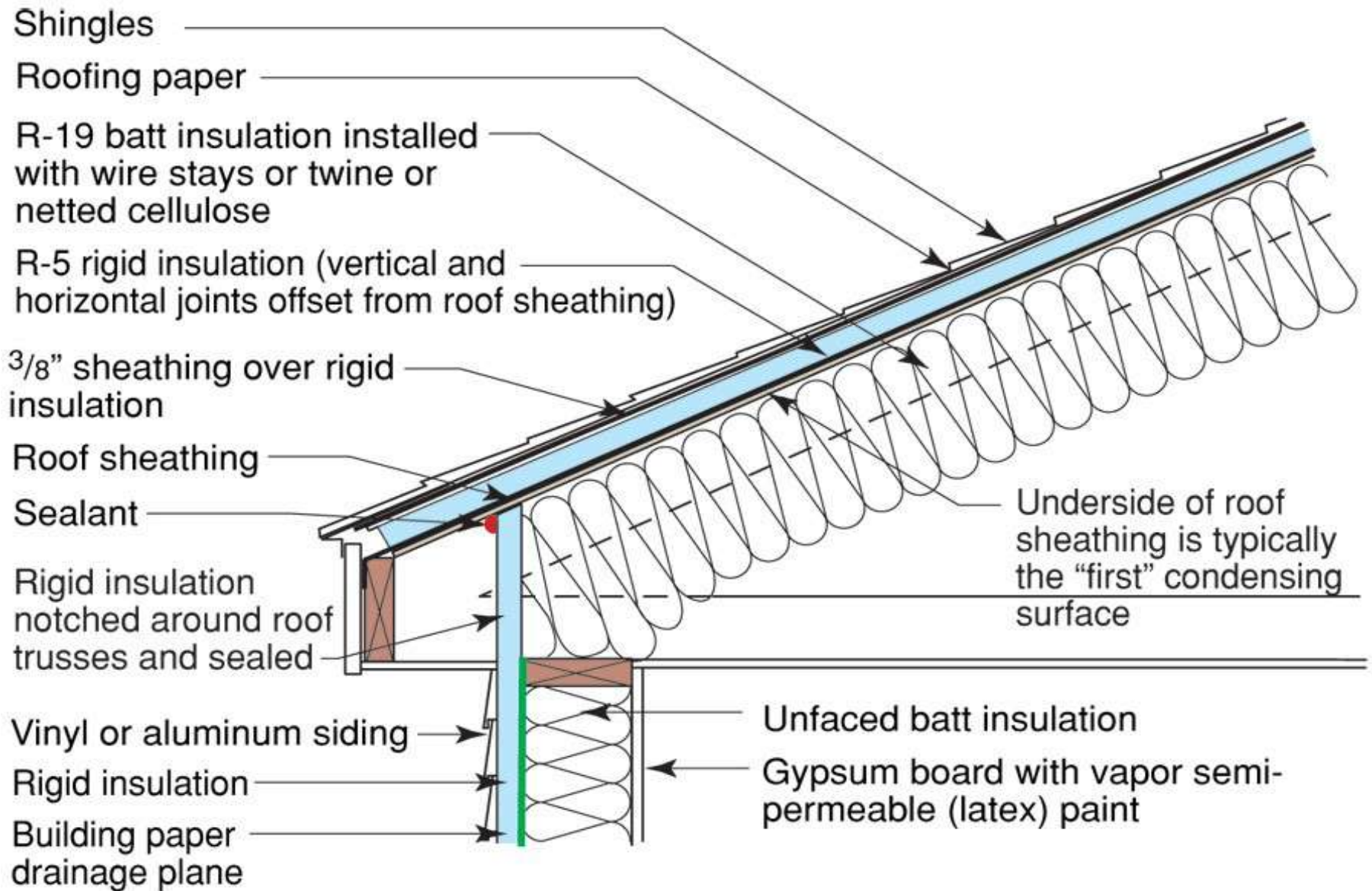
-  Upper level air flows
-  Lower level air flows
-  Air flow at panel joints connecting upper and lower air flows











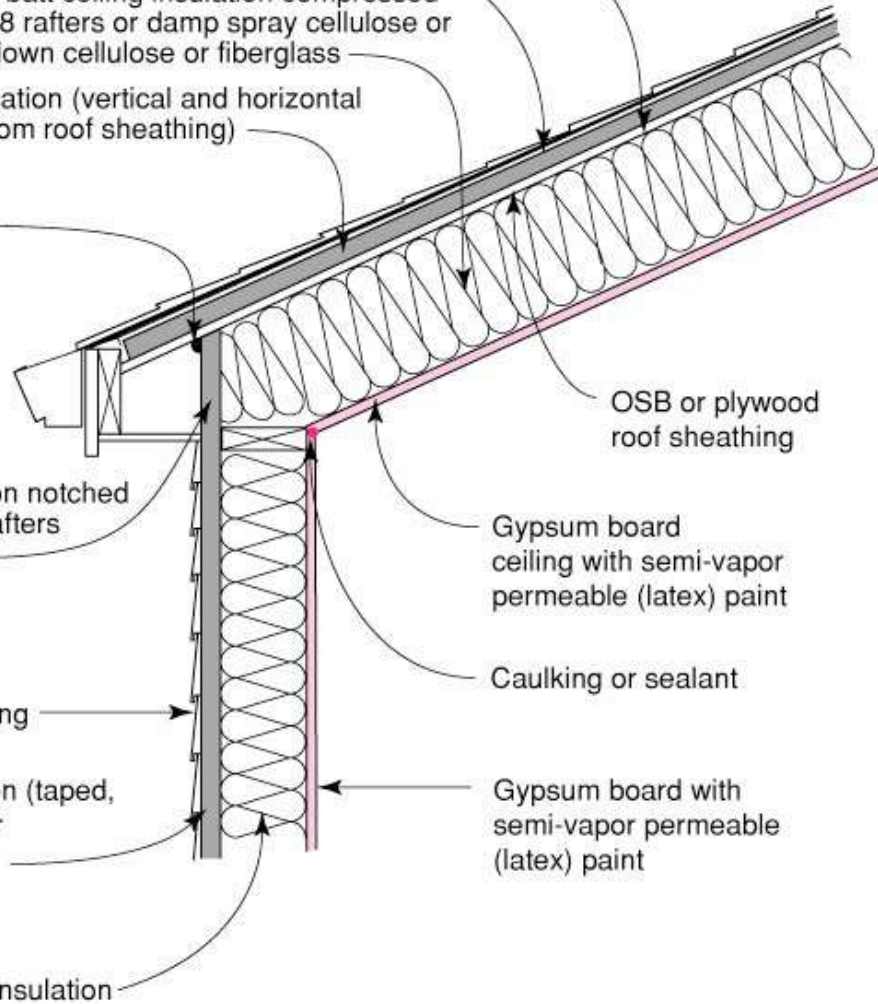
The inside face of the roof sheathing forming the cavity is the first condensing surface

OSB or plywood nail base for shingles

R-30 unfaced batt ceiling insulation compressed to fit within 2x8 rafters or damp spray cellulose or "netted" dry blown cellulose or fiberglass

R-5 rigid insulation (vertical and horizontal joints offset from roof sheathing)

Sealant



OSB or plywood roof sheathing

Rigid insulation notched around roof rafters and sealed

Gypsum board ceiling with semi-vapor permeable (latex) paint

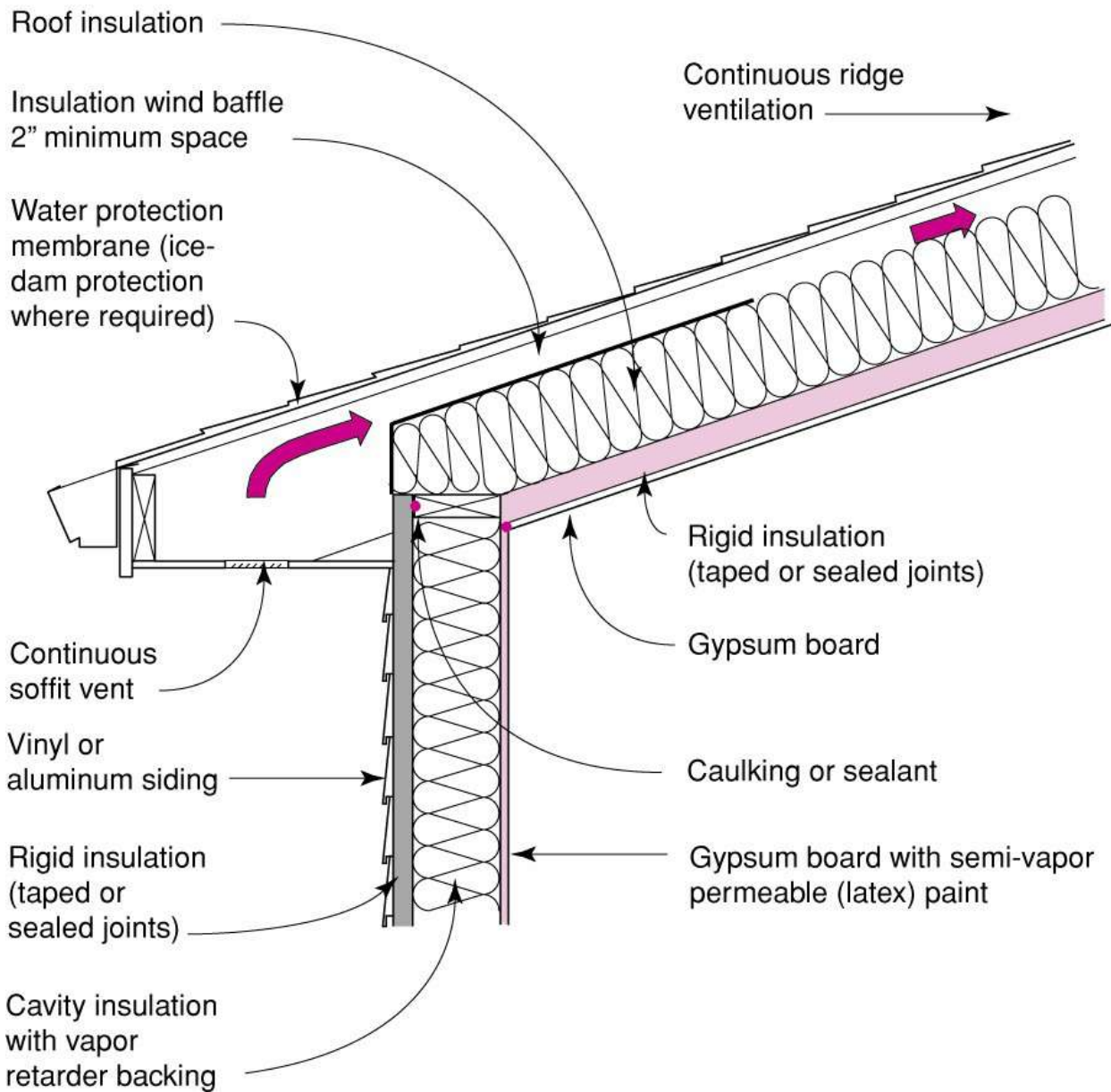
Caulking or sealant

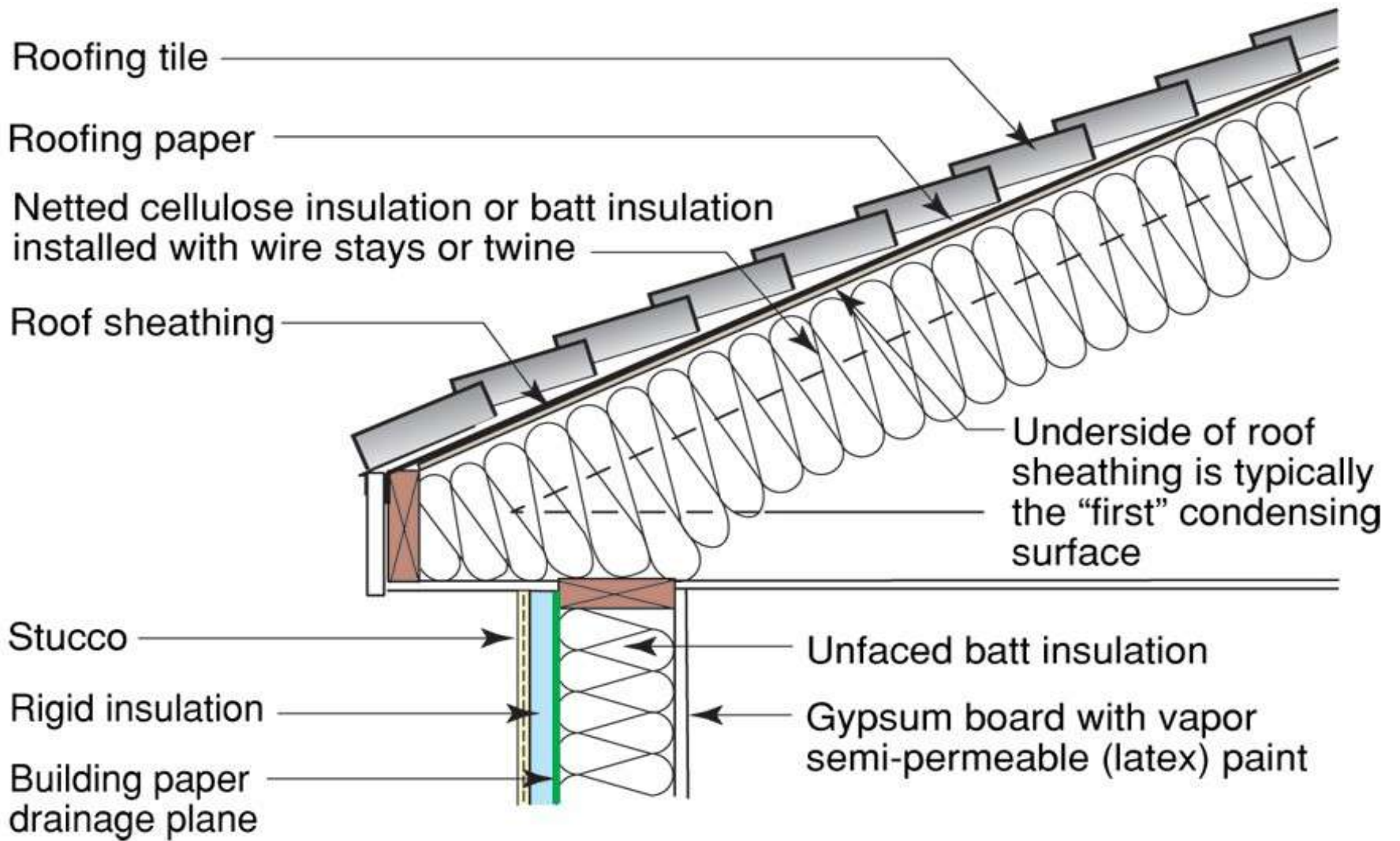
Vinyl or aluminum siding

Rigid insulation (taped, shiplapped or sealed joints)

Gypsum board with semi-vapor permeable (latex) paint

Unfaced batt insulation

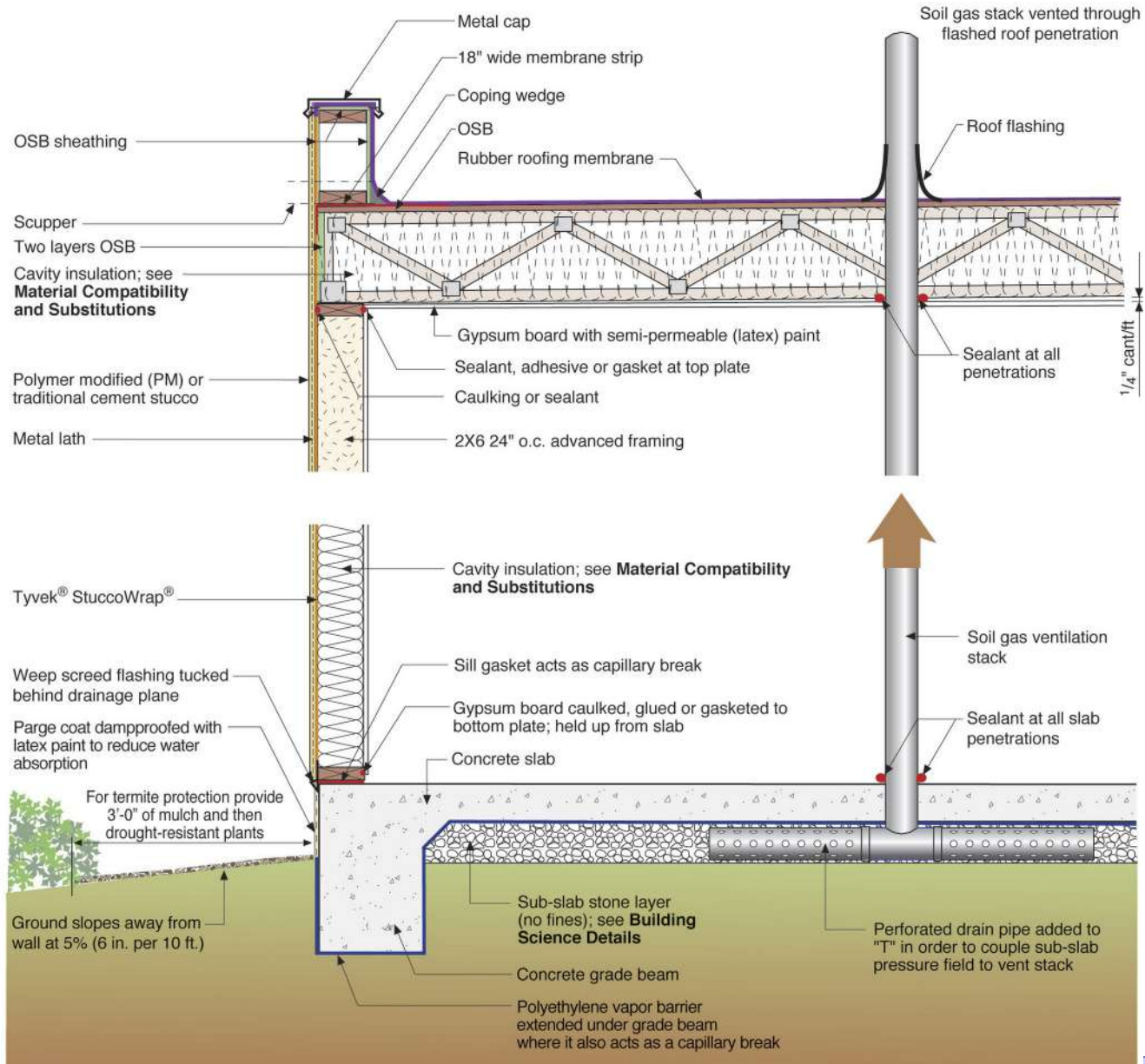


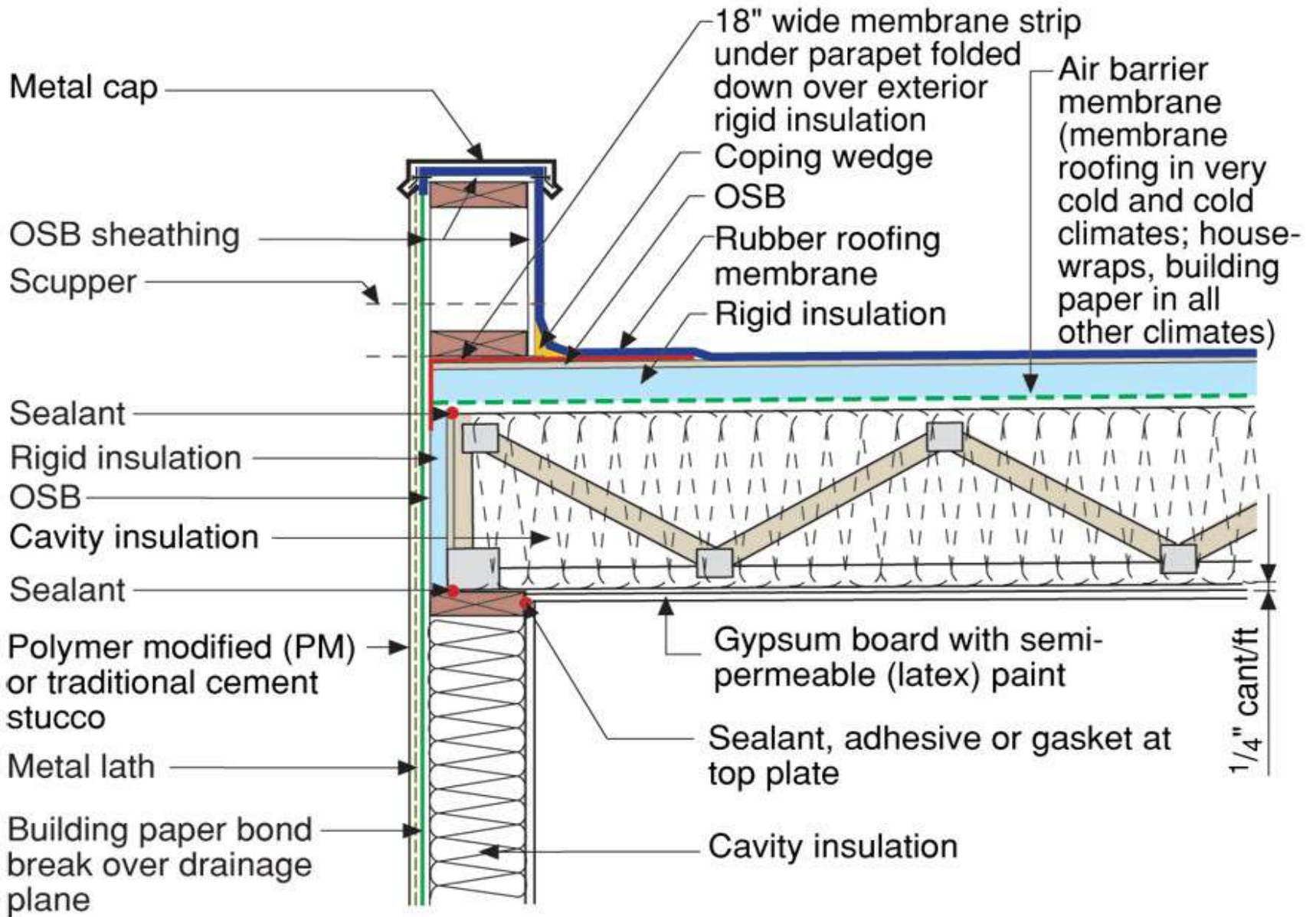


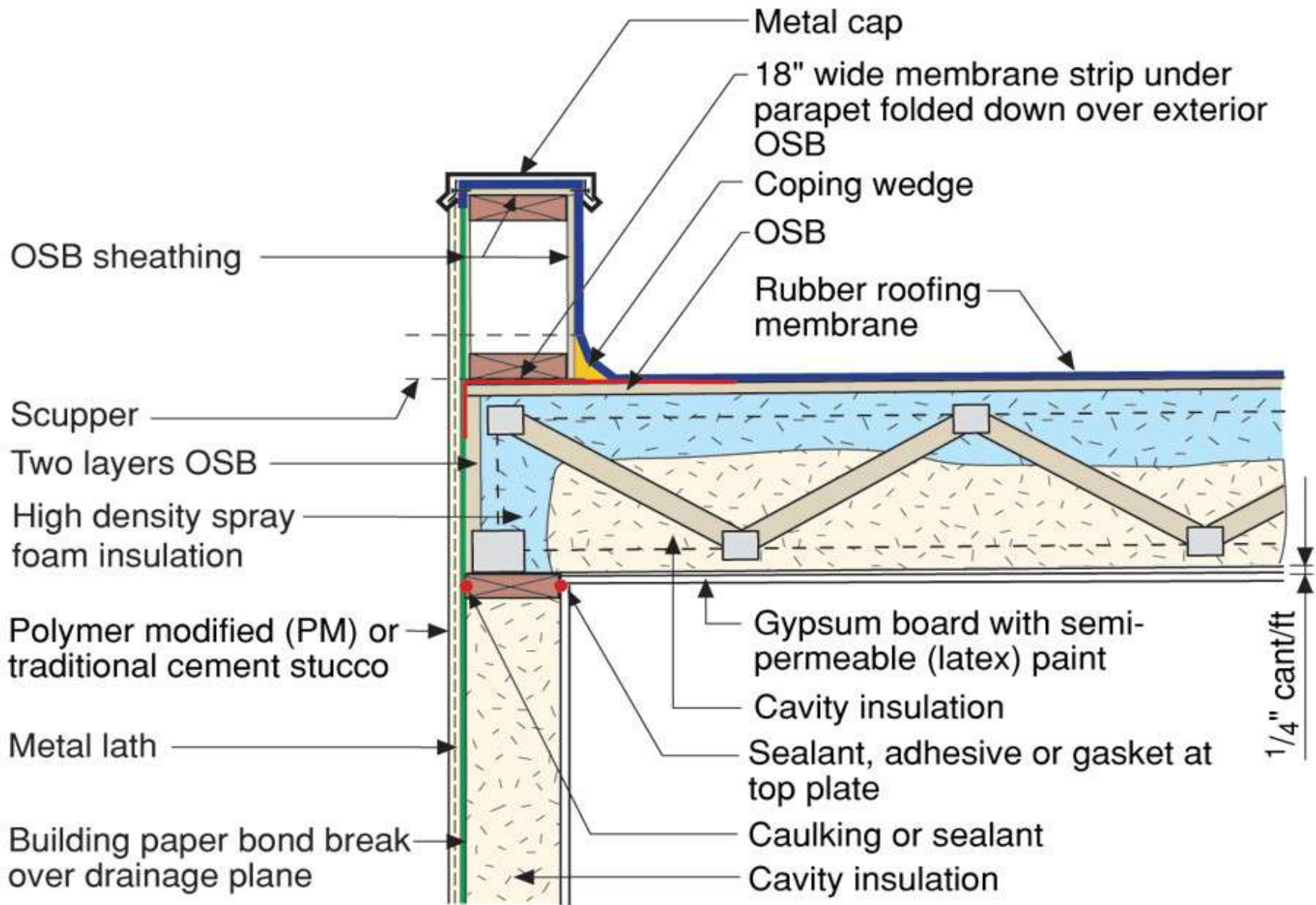




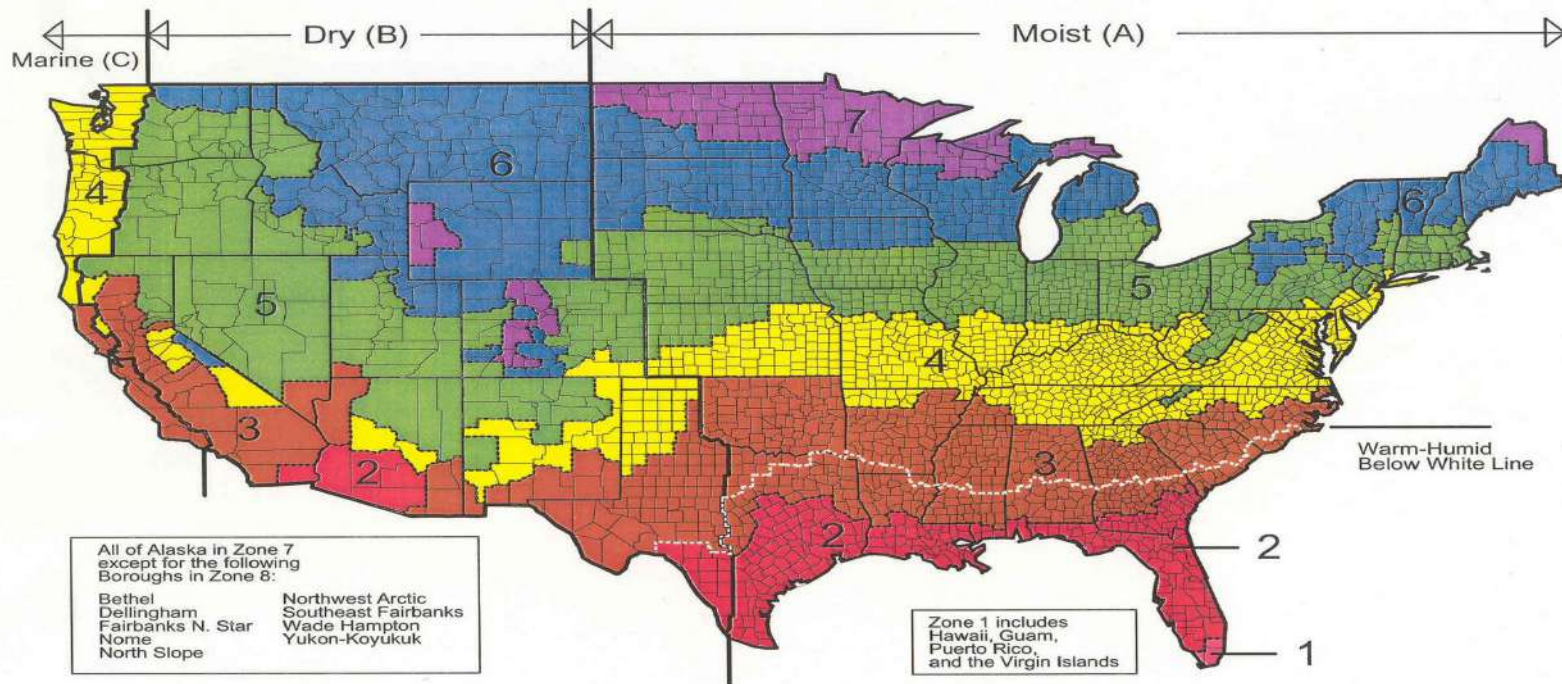




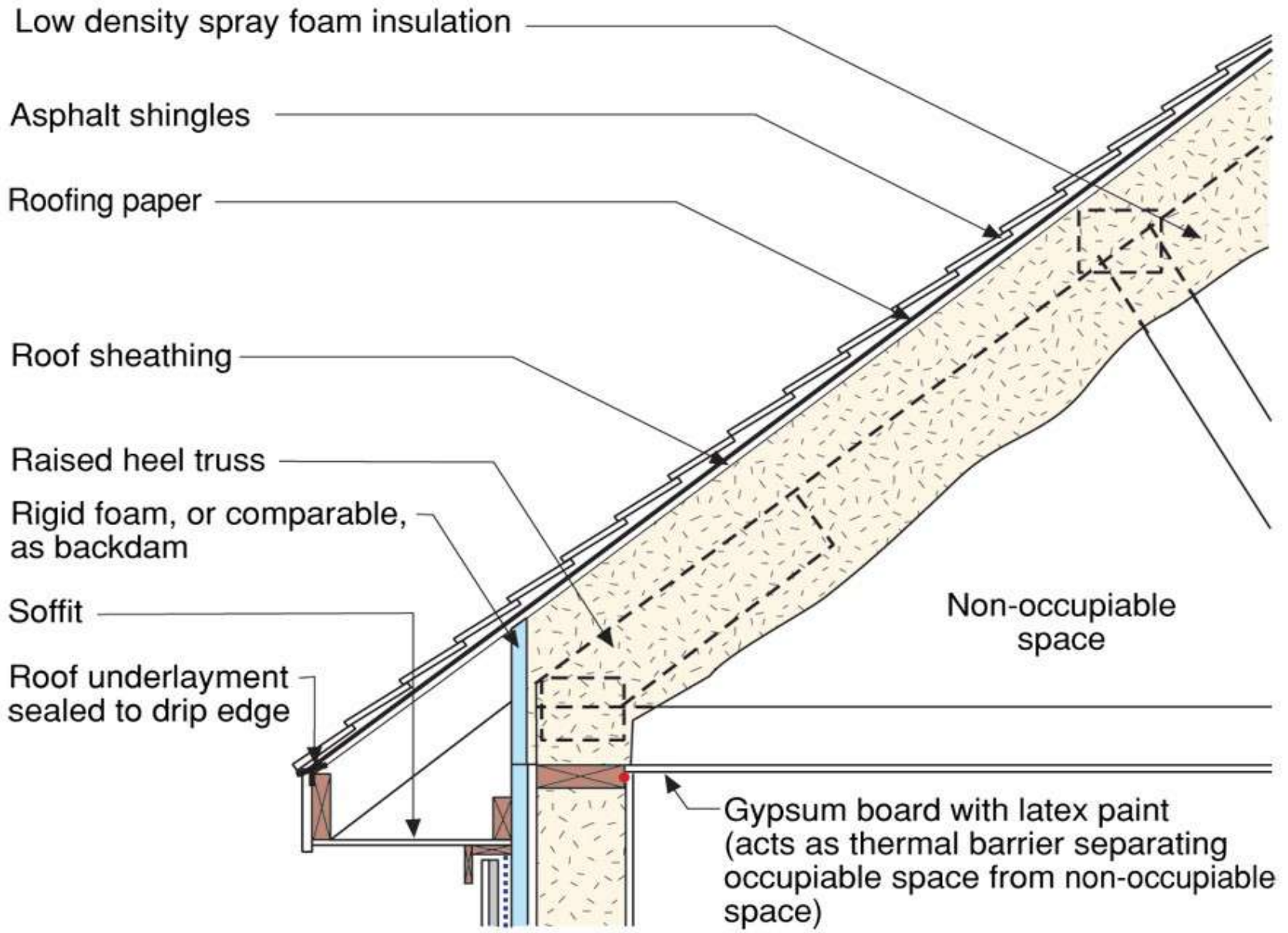




Map of DOE's Proposed Climate Zones



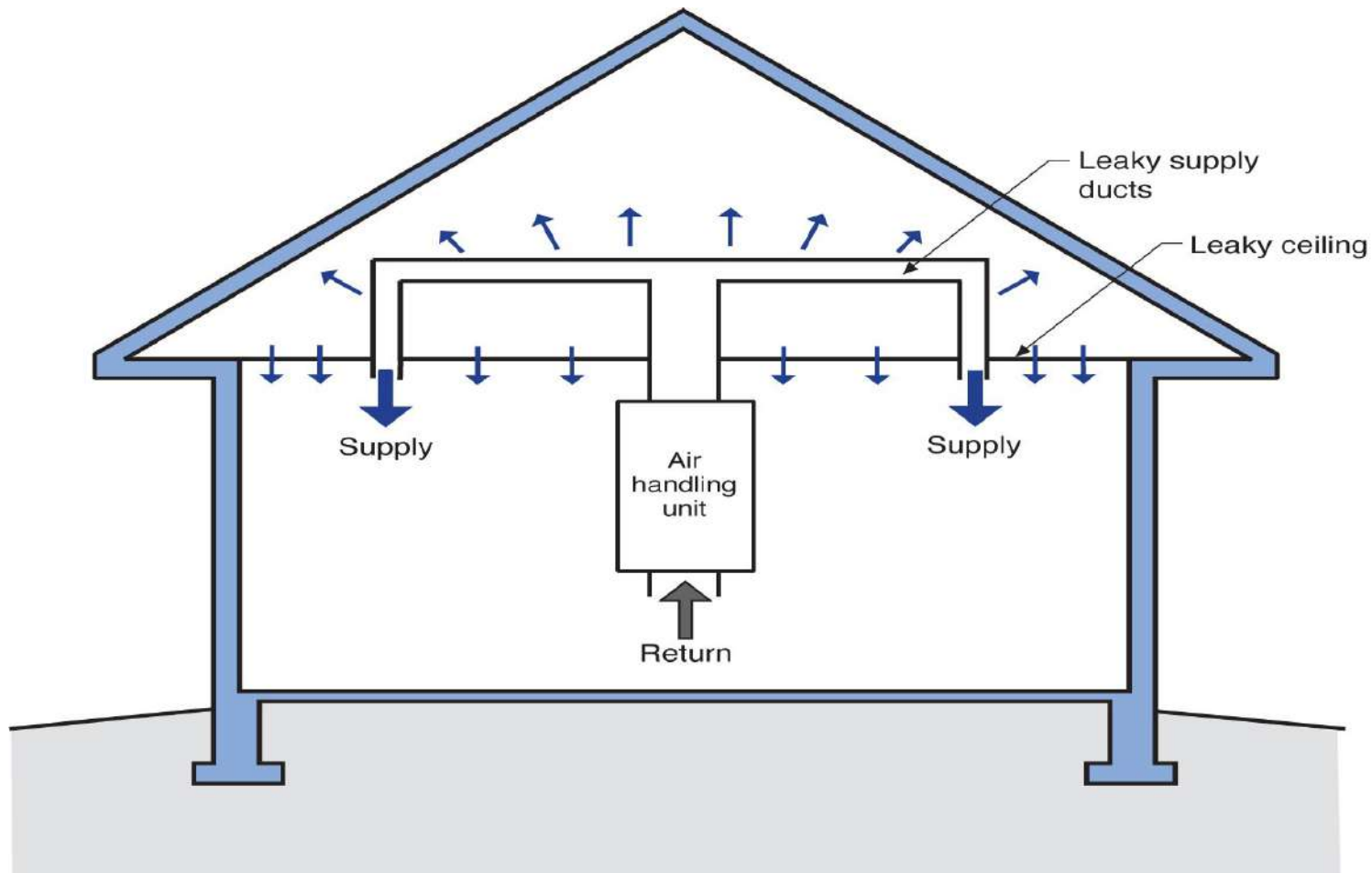
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Conditioned Attics Not Unvented Attics Need Supply Air

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50 cfm/1000 ft² of Attic

Hygric Buoyancy

1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	*	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
		*	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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1 Atomic Number
H Symbol

Dry Air

Oxygen (21%) 16 O₂ 32

Nitrogen (79%) 14 N₂ 28
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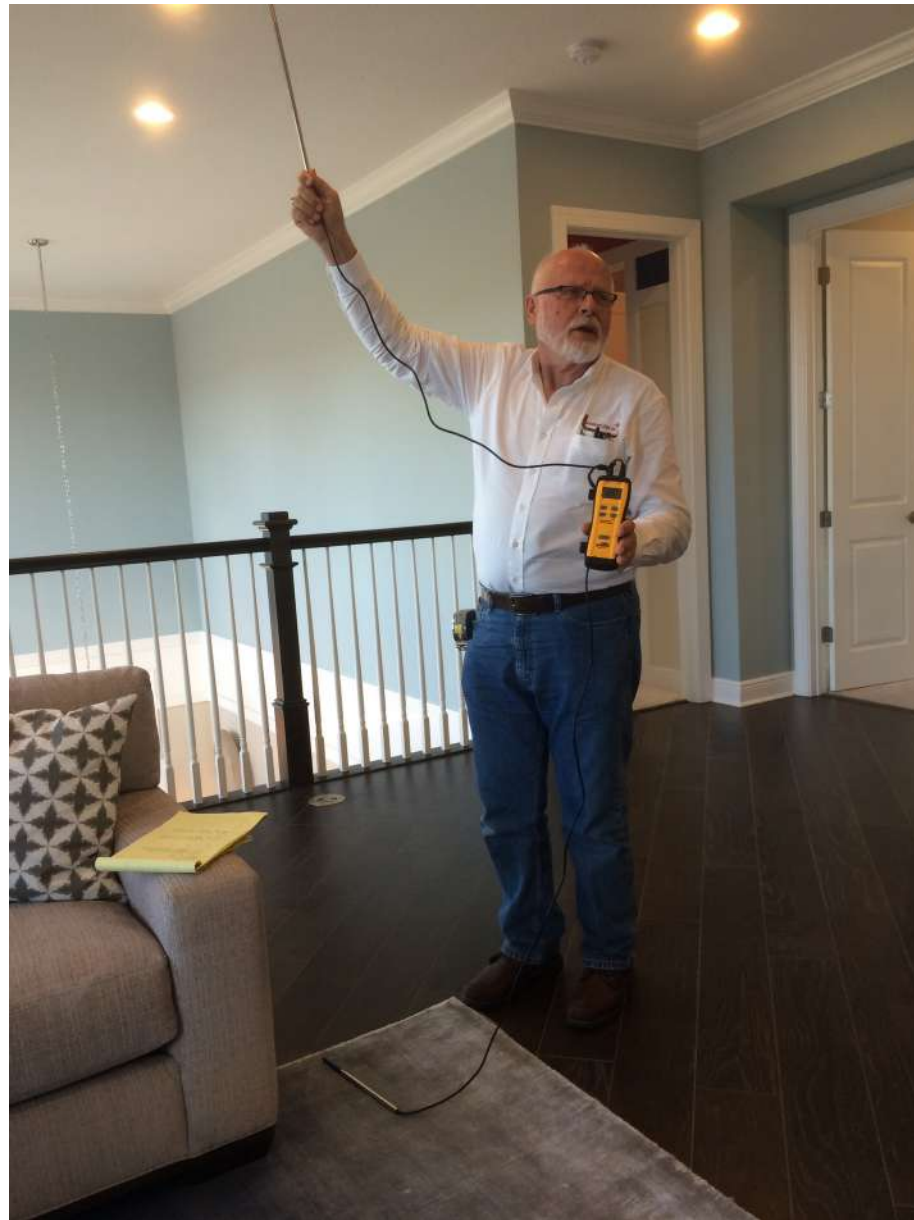
Moist Air

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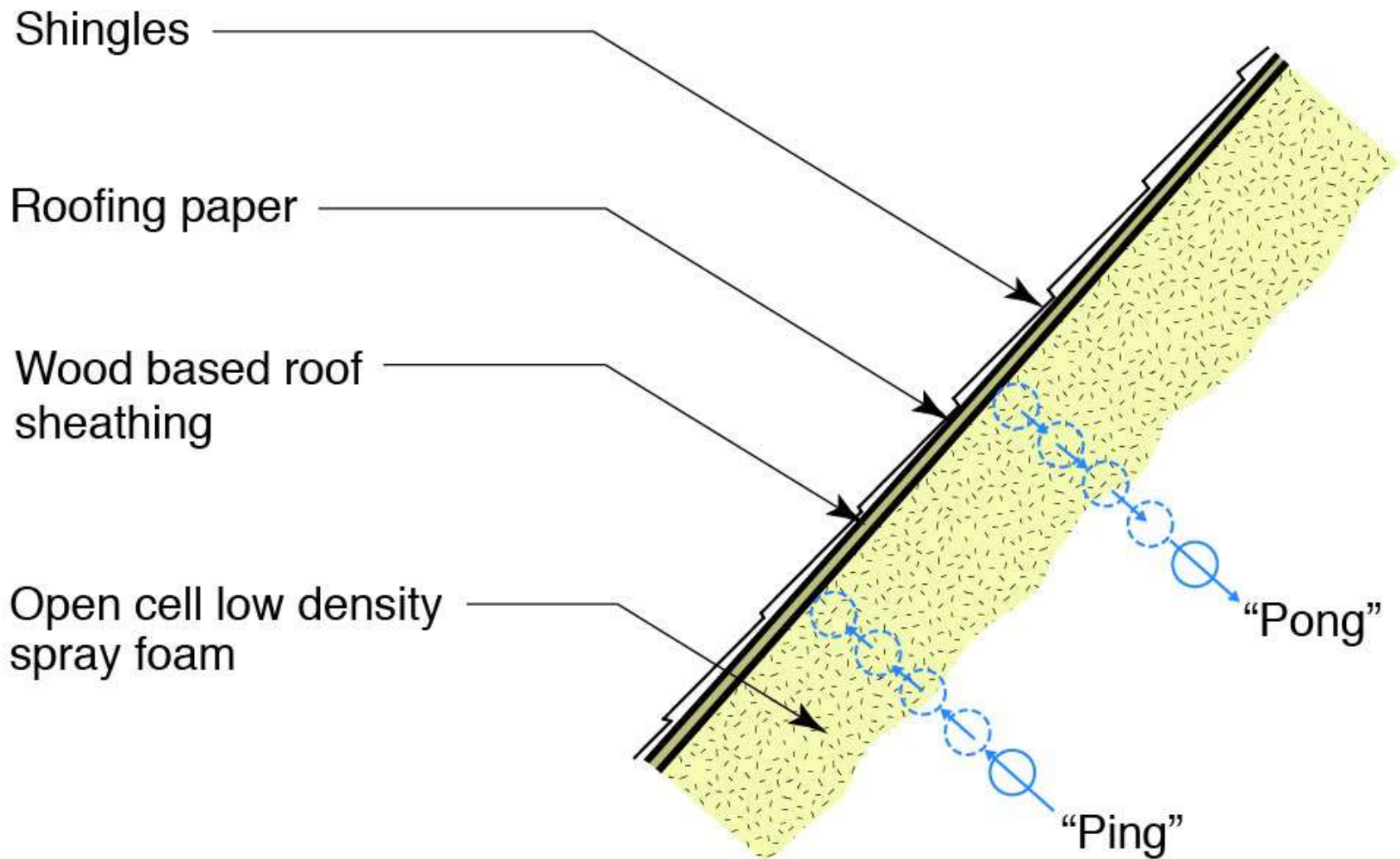
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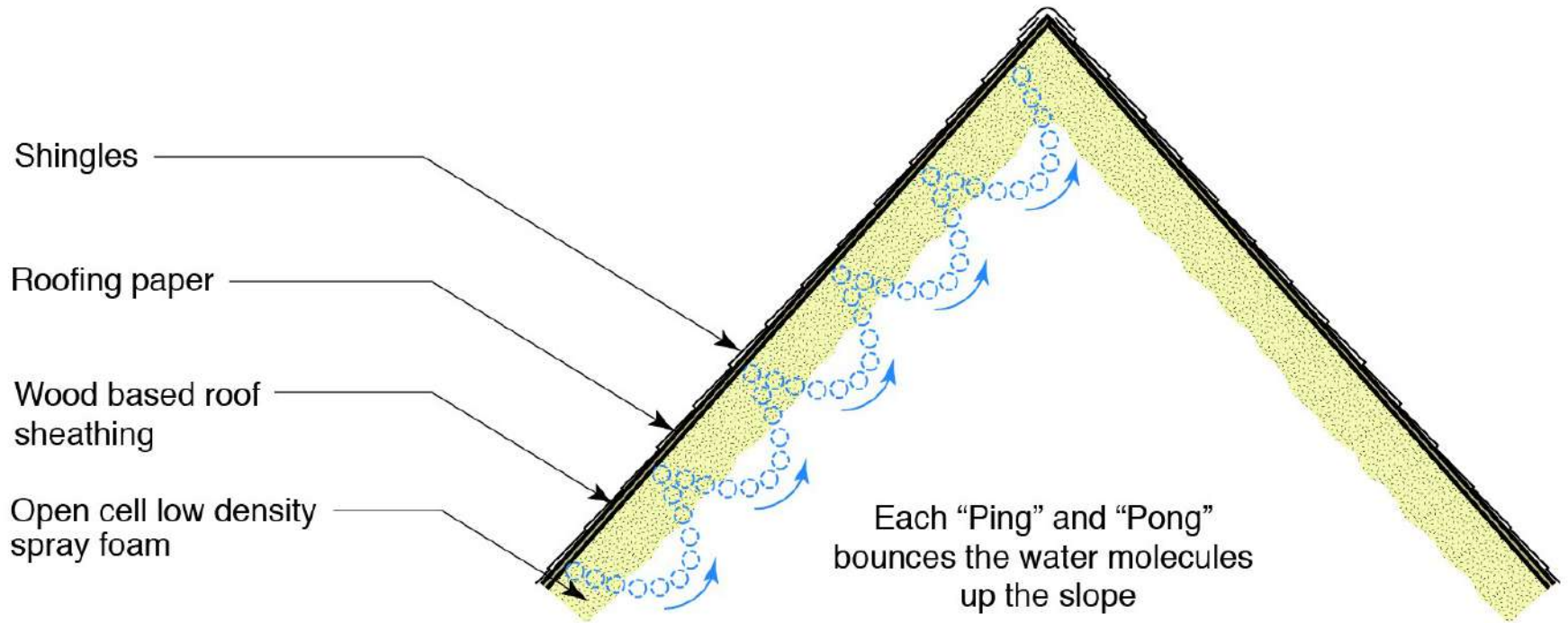
Water (tiny) H₂O 18

less than 29



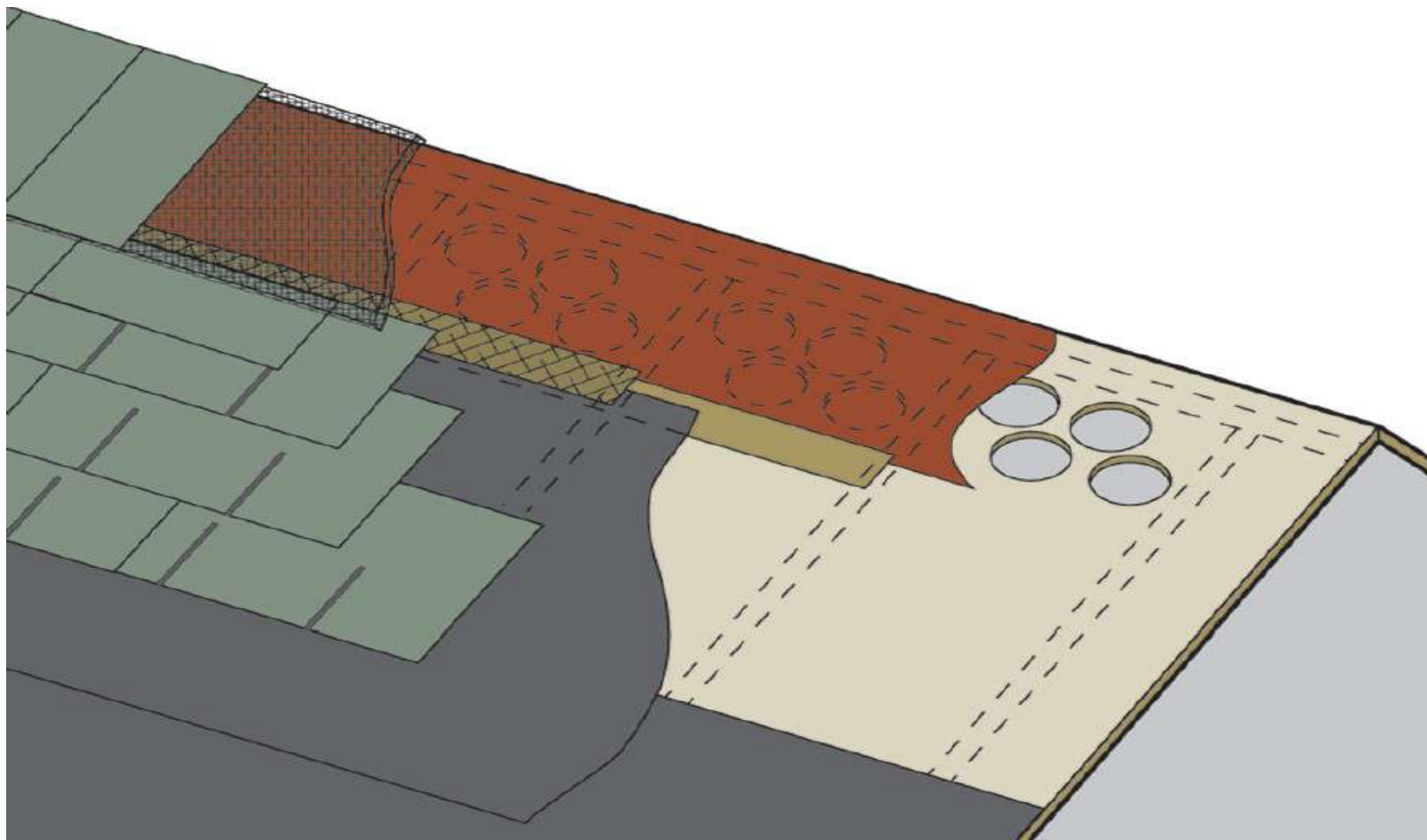


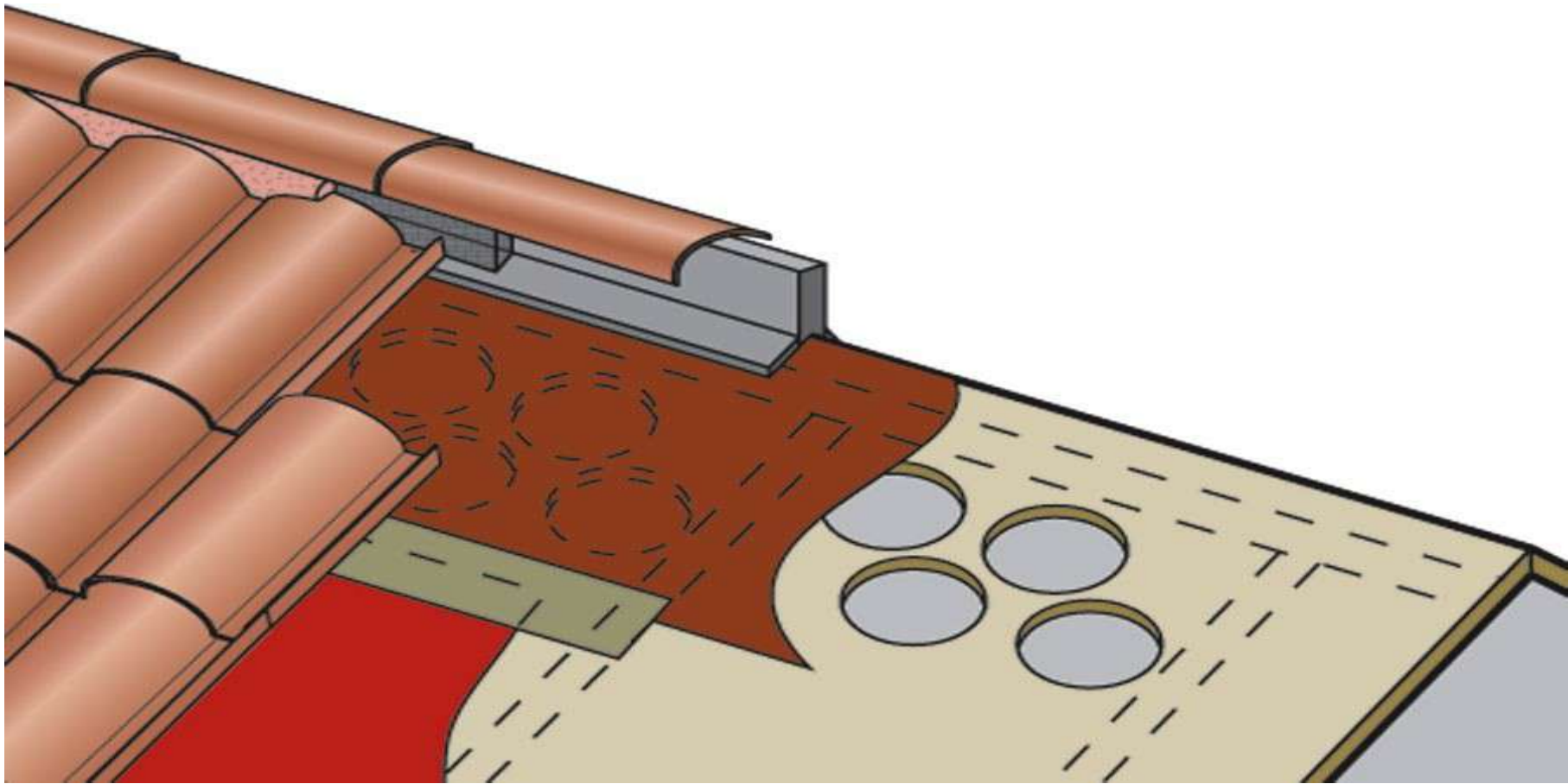


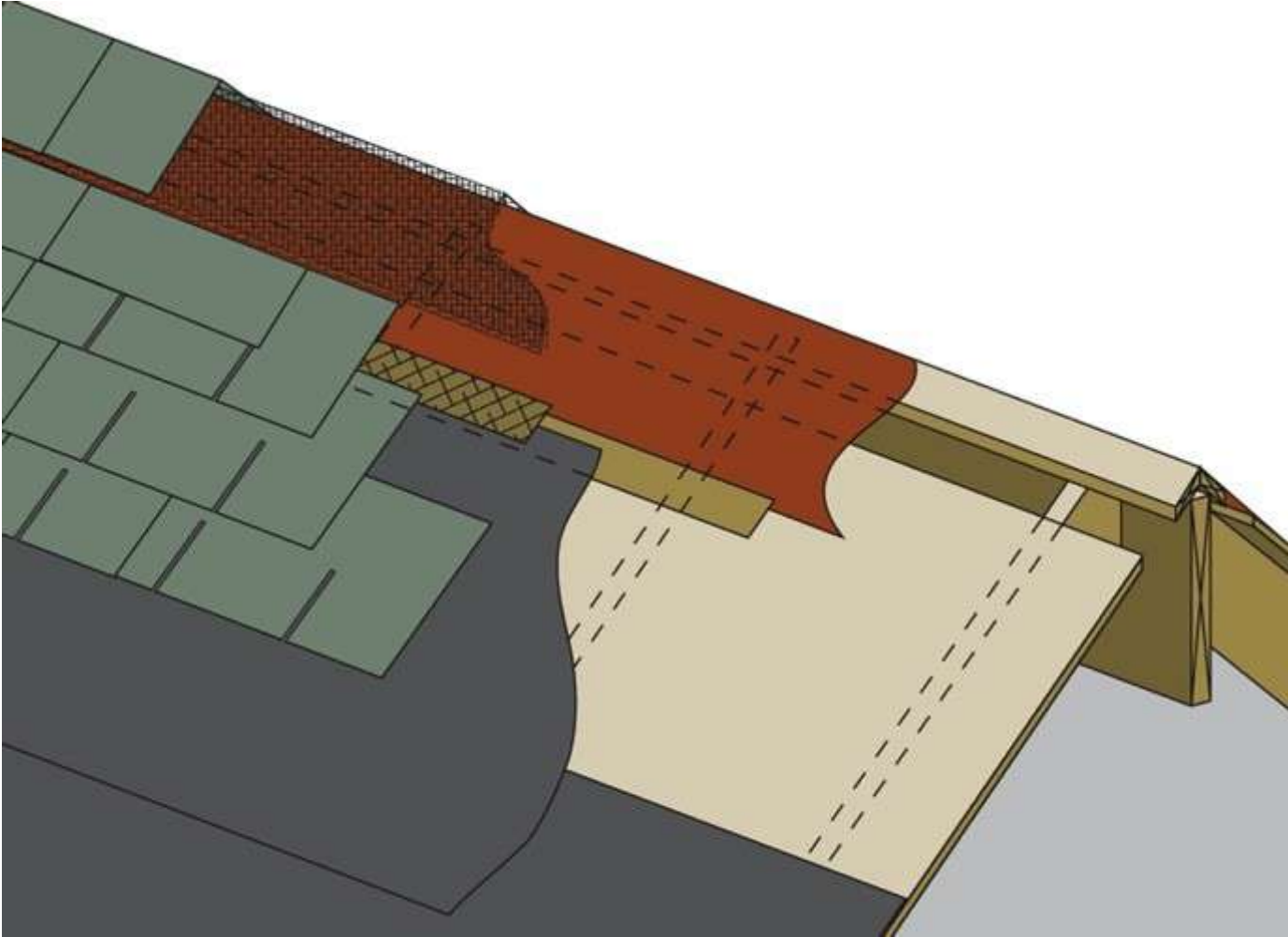


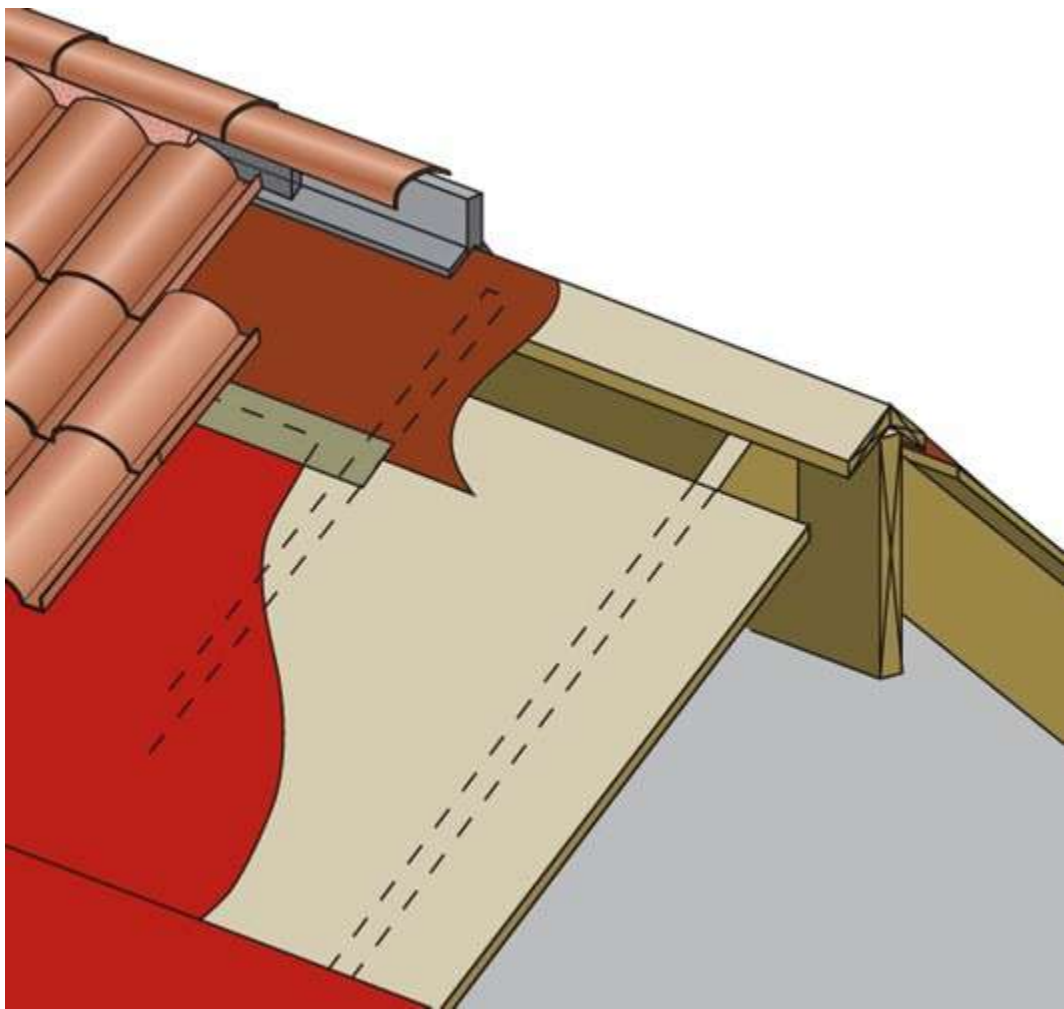


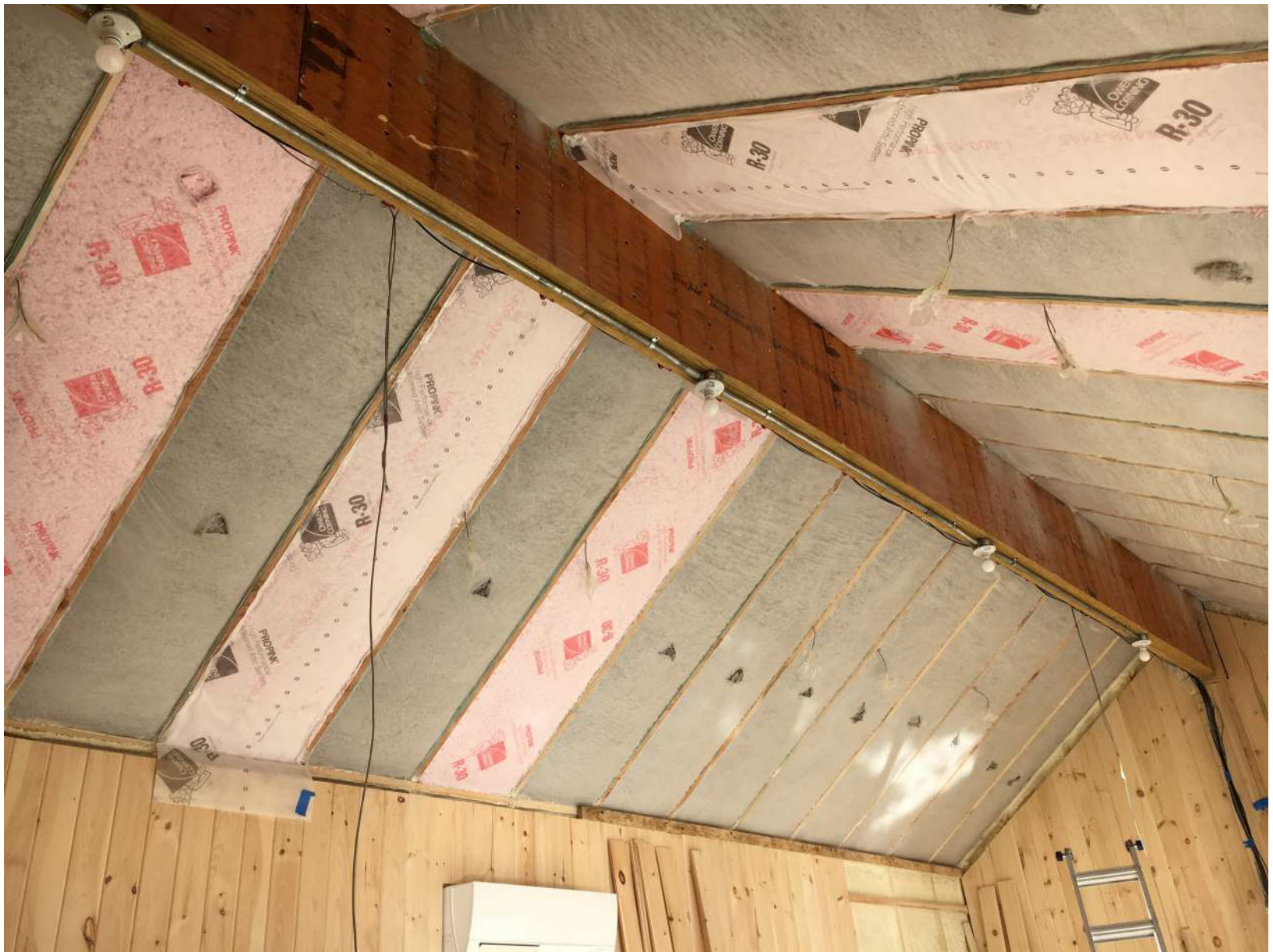












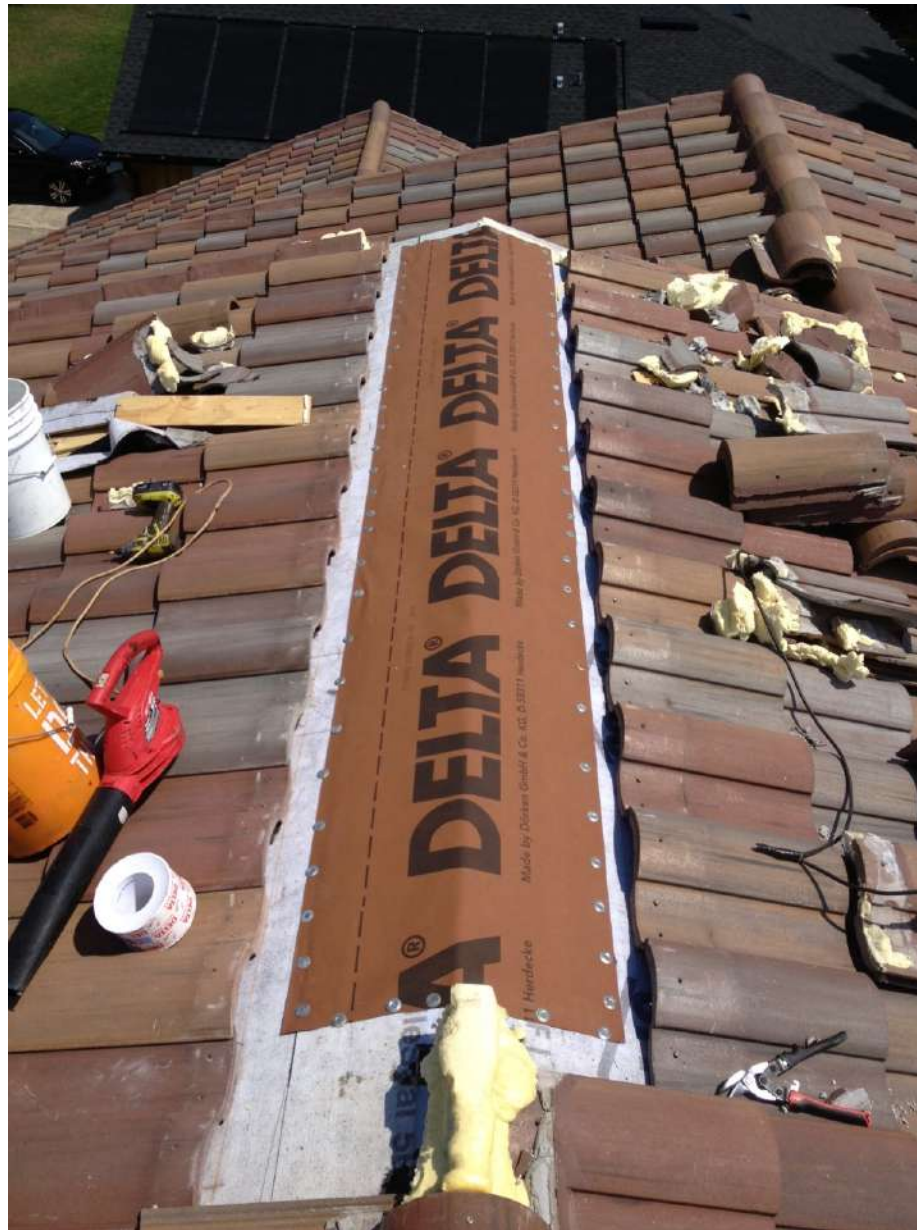














Code Change

R806.5 Unvented attic and unvented attic enclosed rafter assemblies.

- vapor diffusion port
- port area 1:600 of the ceiling area
- vapor permeance greater than 20 perms
- roof slope greater than 3:12
- insulation under the roof deck or at the ceiling
- air supply 50 cfm/1000 ft² ceiling area when insulation installed directly under the roof deck
- Climate Zones 1, 2 and 3

Vapor Diffusion Port: A passageway for conveying water vapor from an unvented attic to the atmosphere.

Sweating Ducts

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Light Colored Roofs

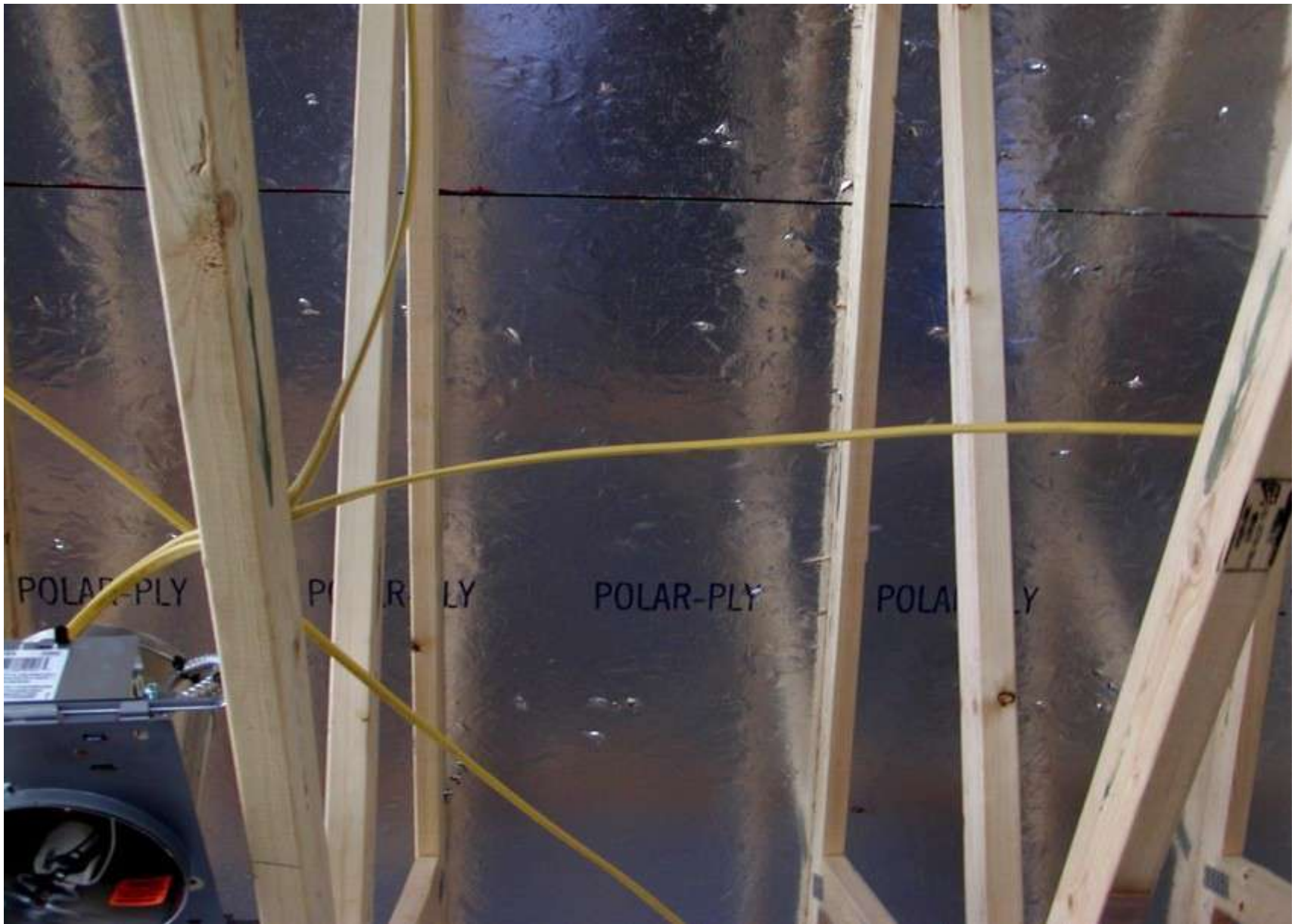
Cool Roofs

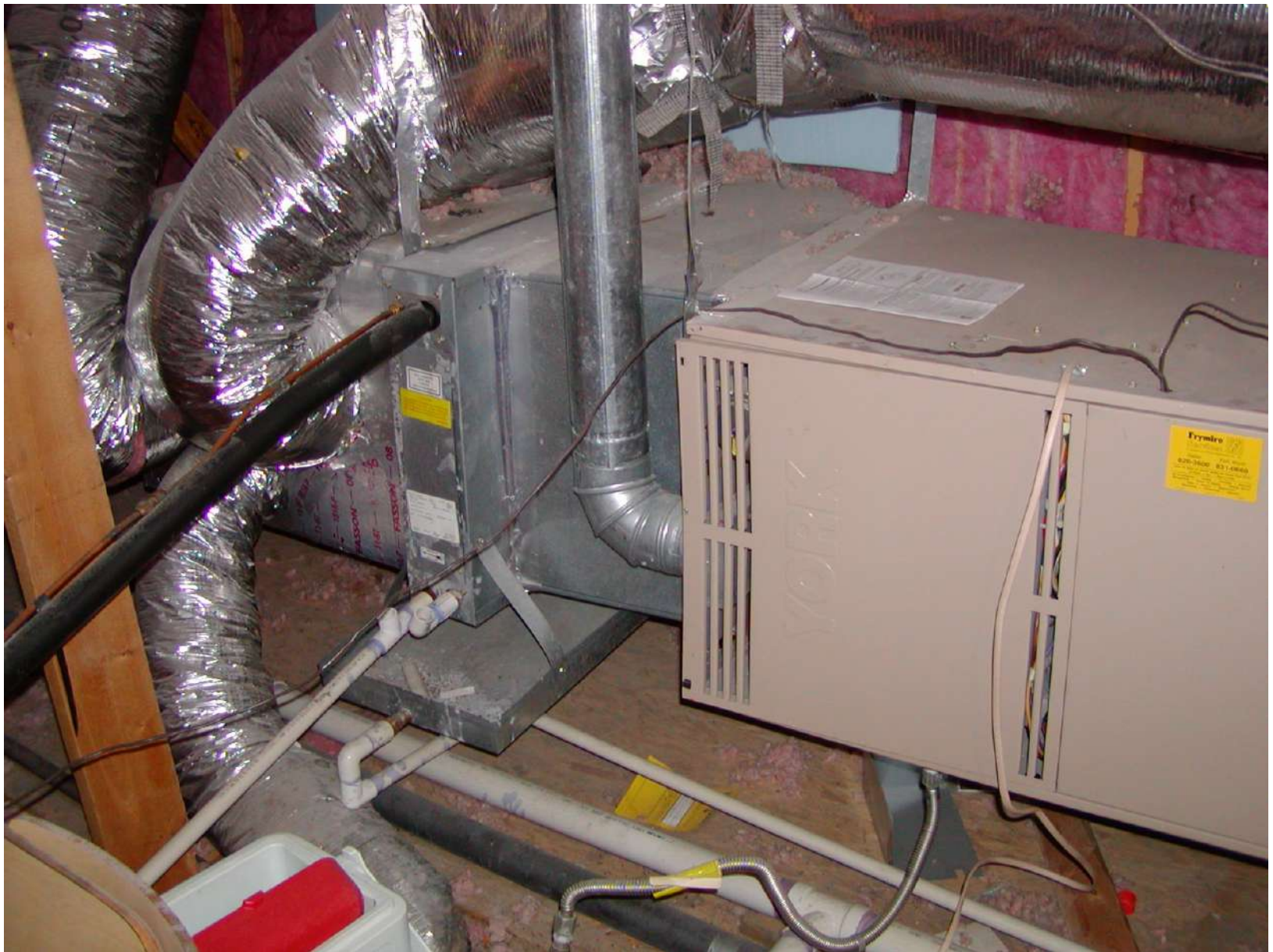
Radiant Barriers

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Ductwork Attic Dehumidification System

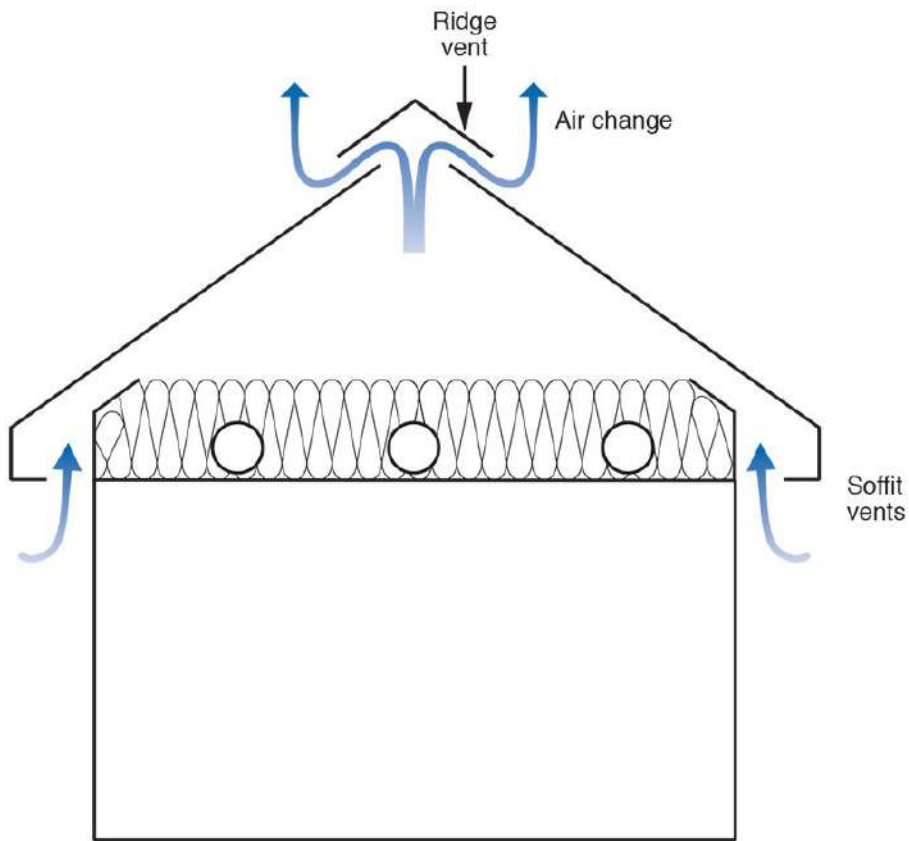




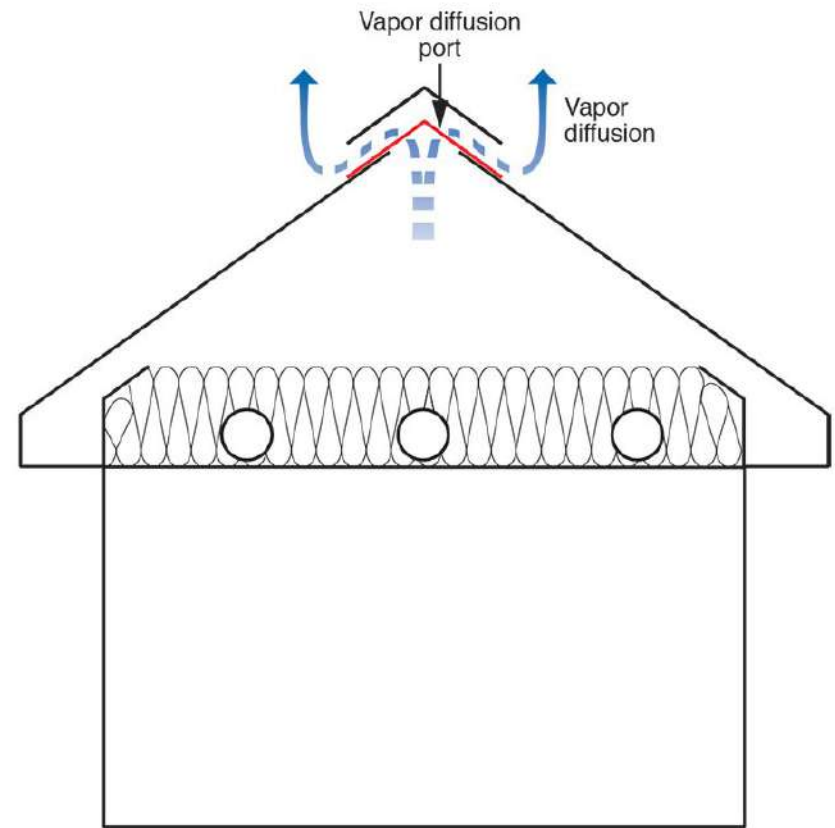








Classic vented attic



Unvented attic with vapor diffusion port

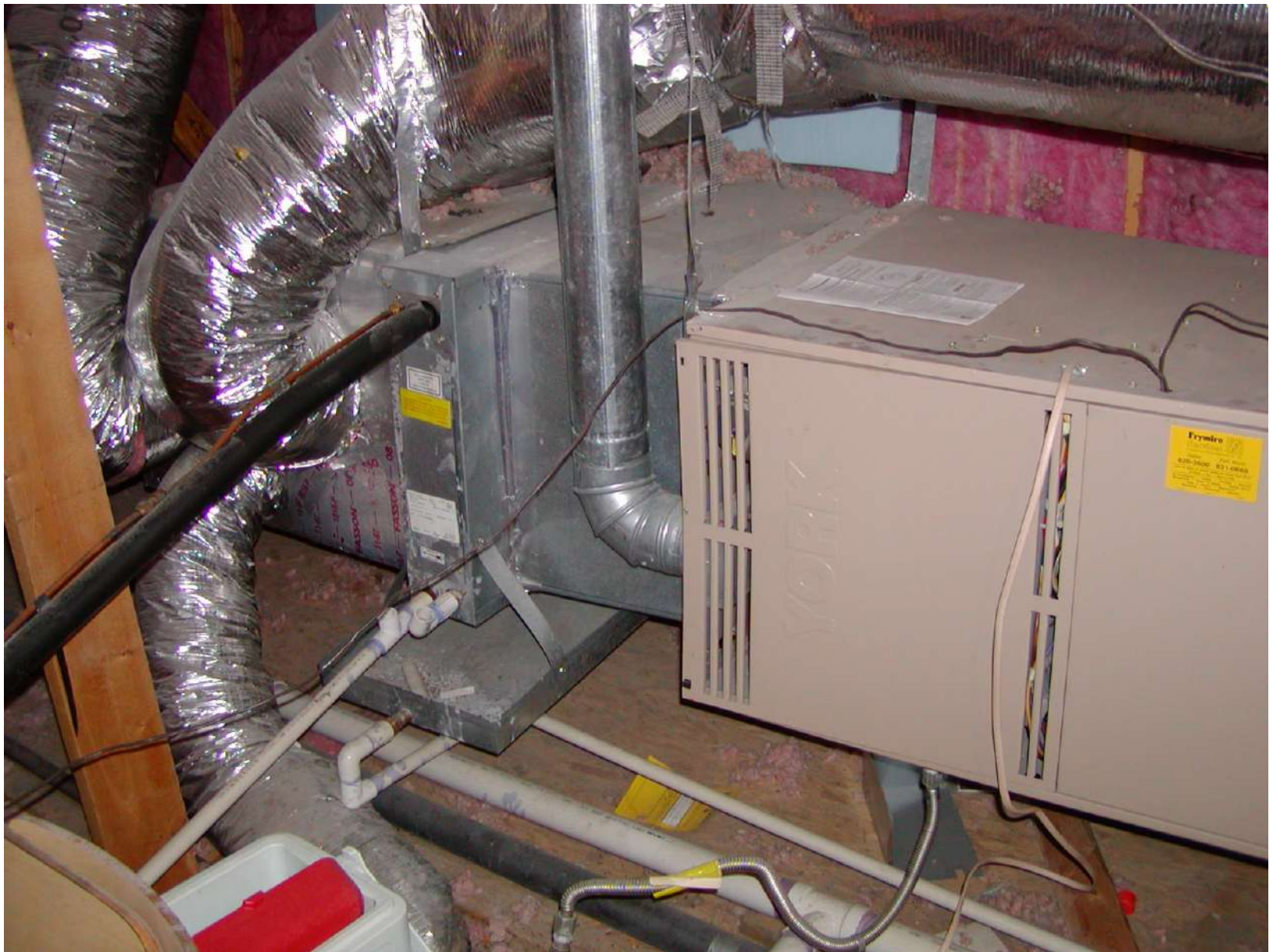














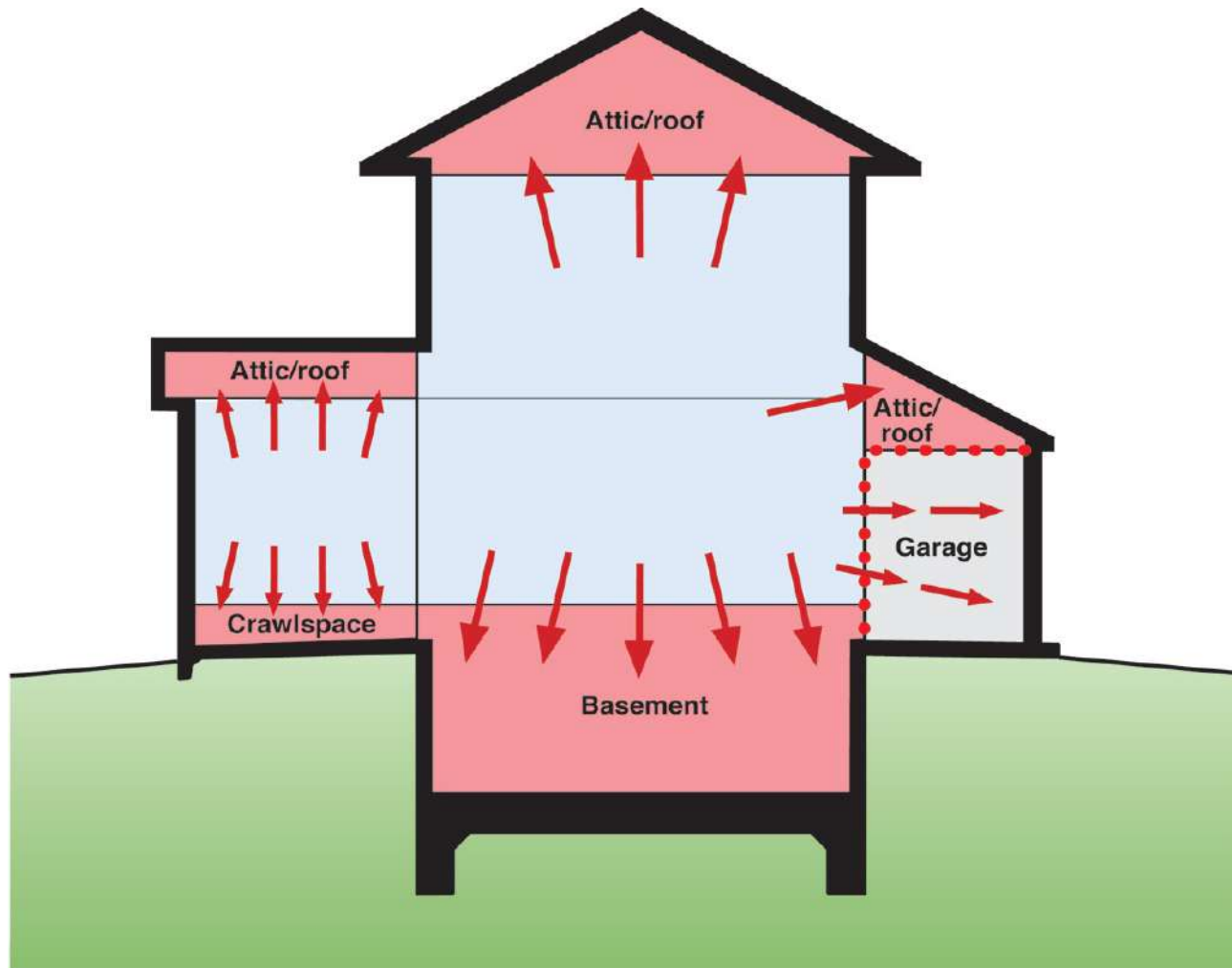








Basements

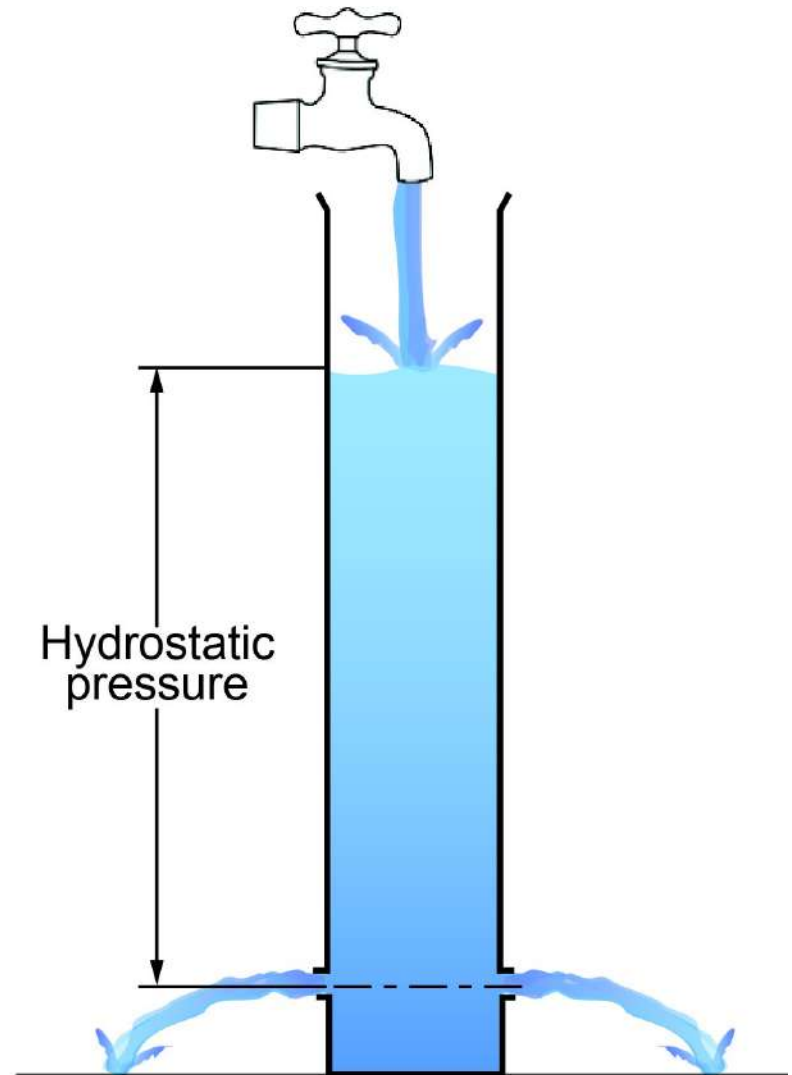
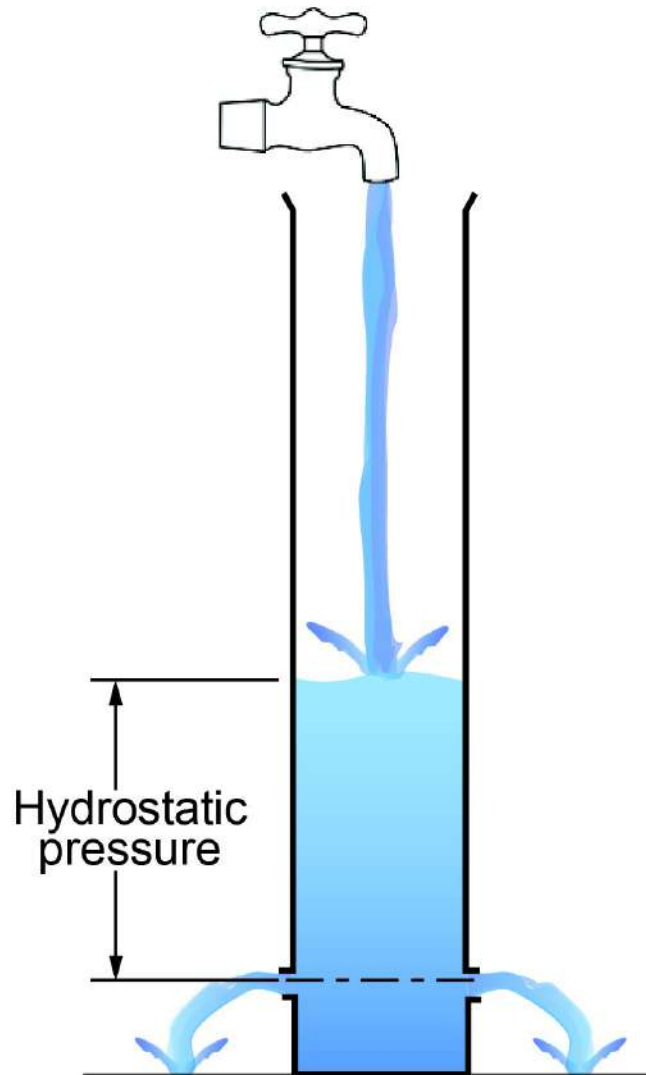


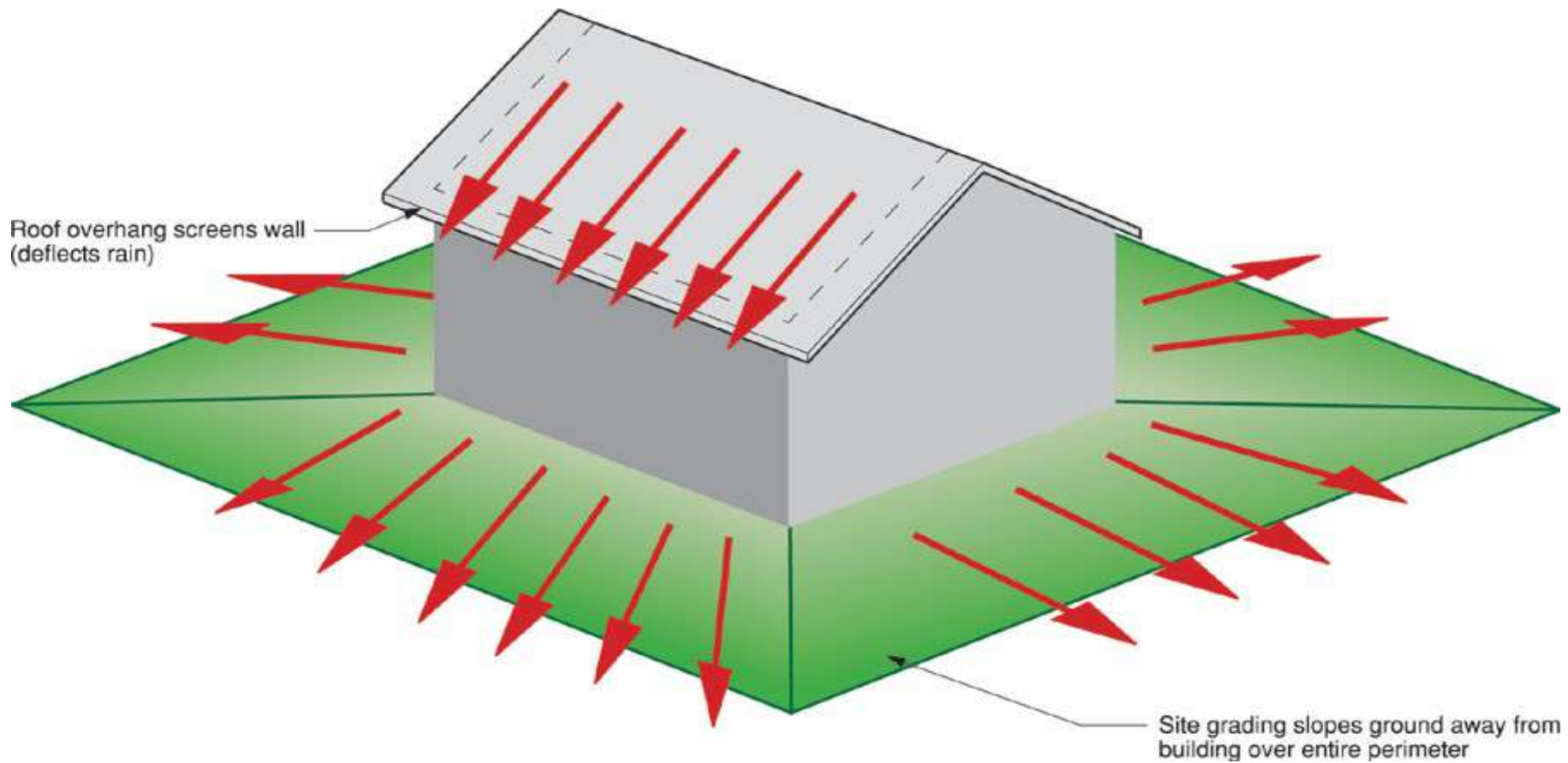
Expansion of Conditioned Space

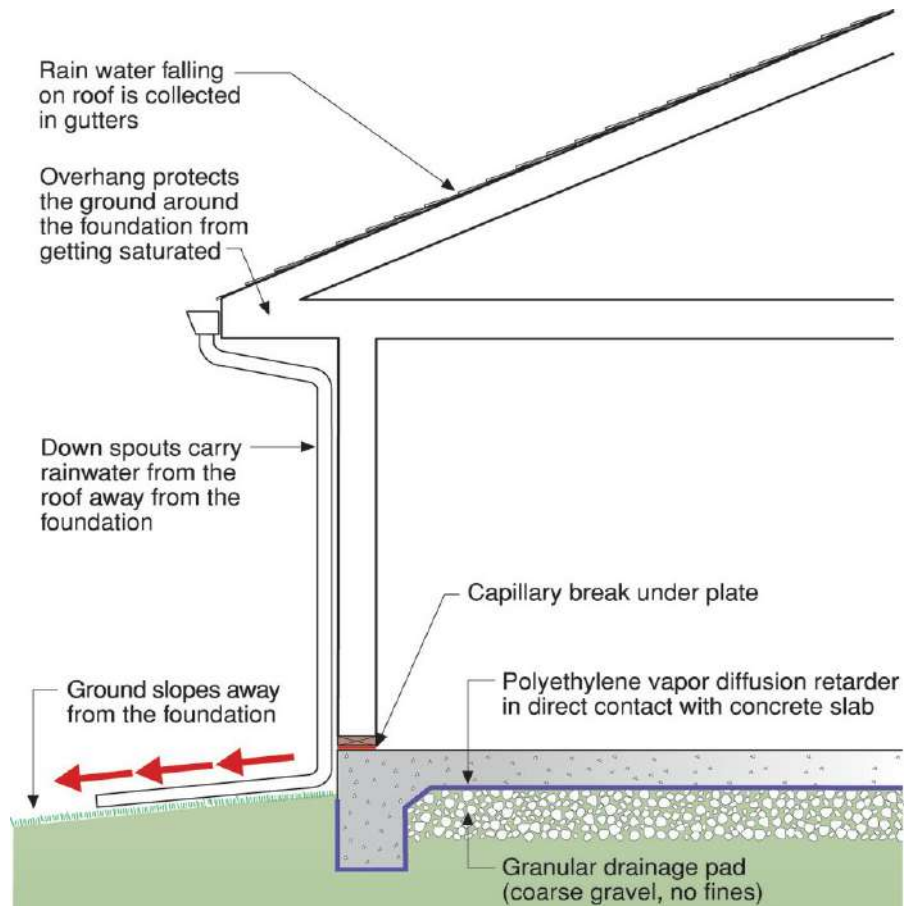
- Conditioned space boundaries moving towards exterior surfaces of building
- Garage isolated from house by air barrier/pressure boundary
- Garage ventilated and conditioned independently of rest of conditioned spaces

Mechanisms of Flow

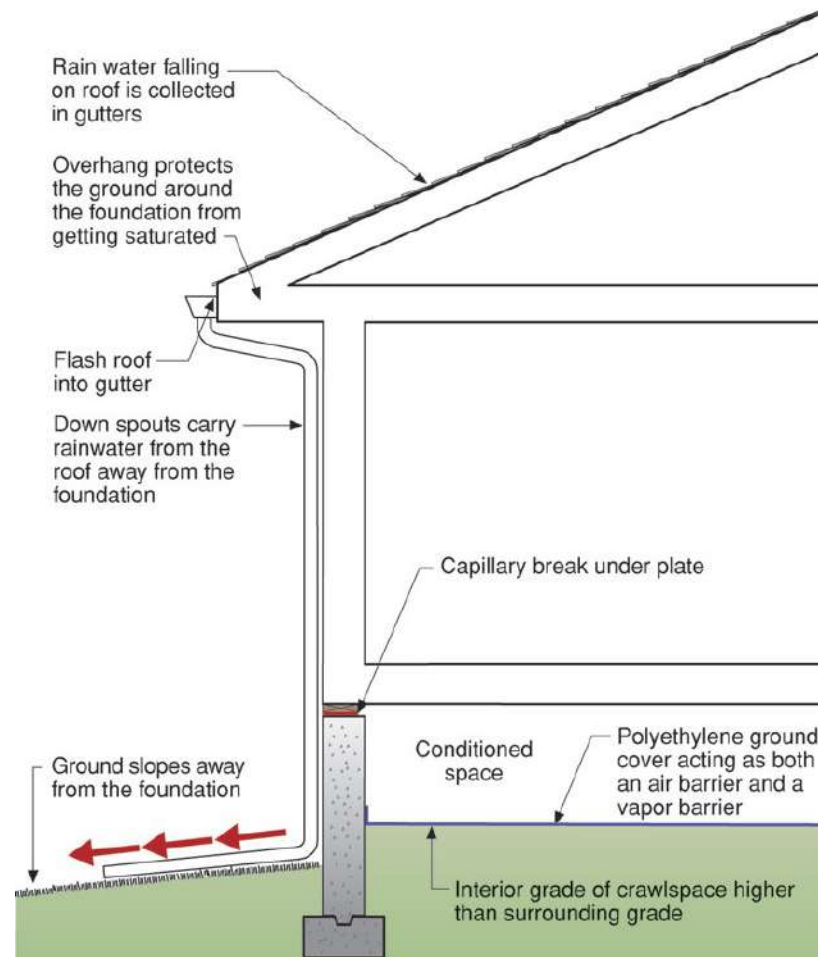
- Liquid Gravitational Hydrostatic Pressure
 Capillary Suction Pressure
 Osmosis Solute Concentration
- Vapor Diffusion Vapor Pressure
 Convective Air Pressure



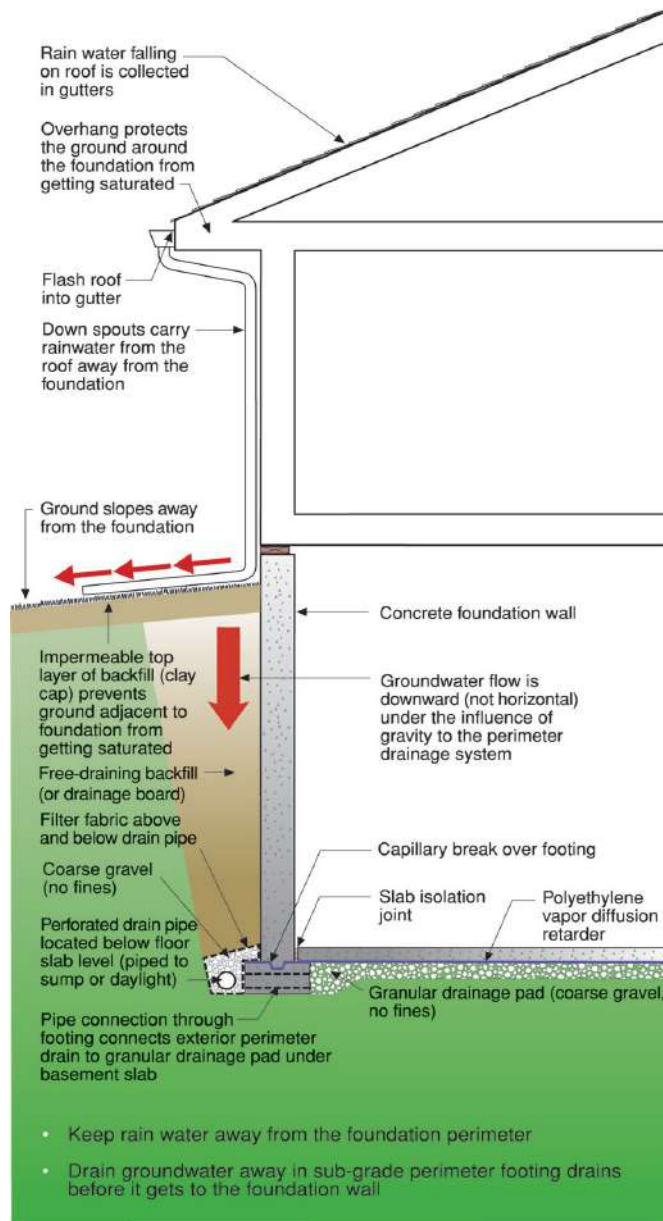




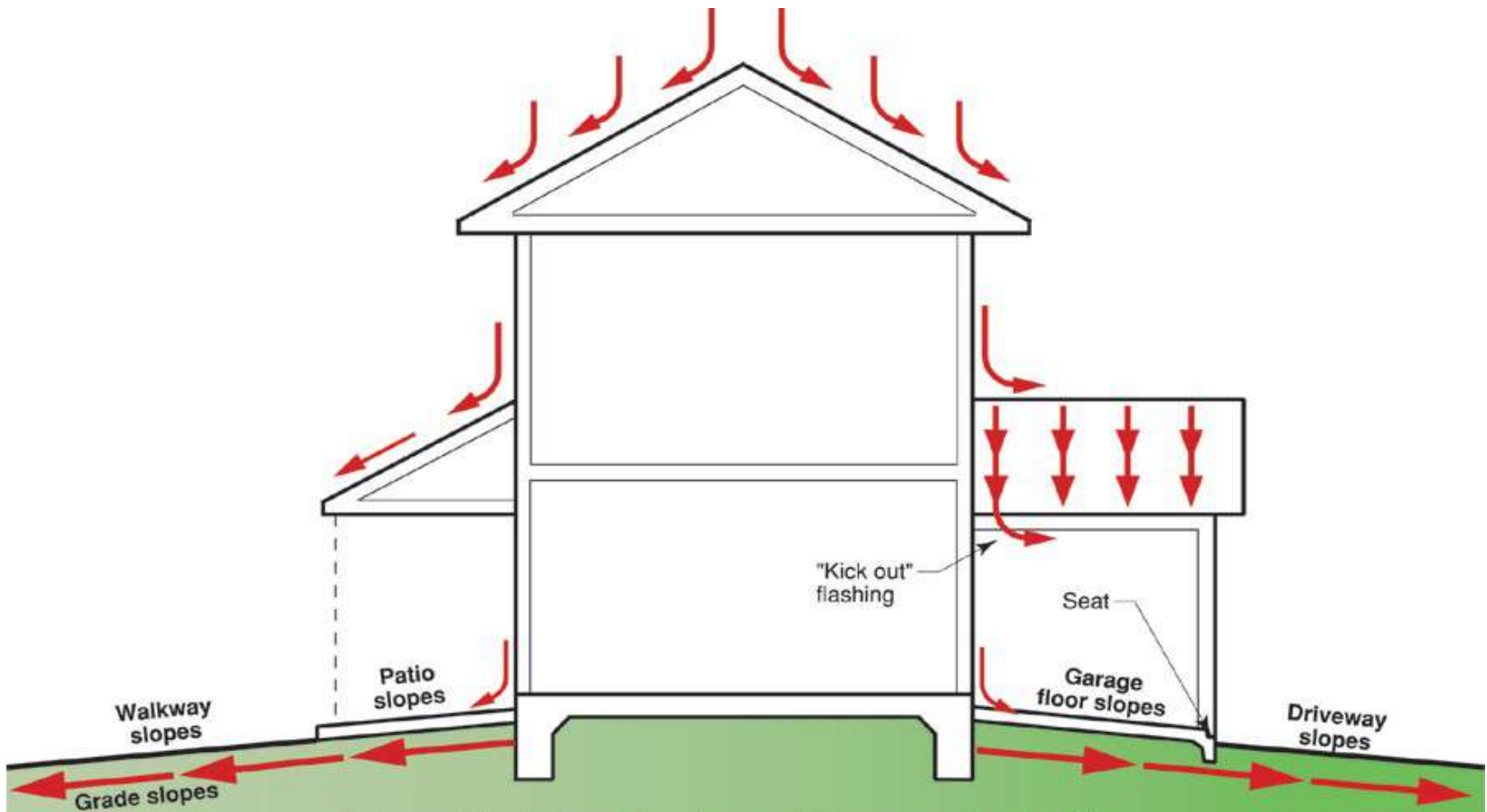
- Keep rain water away from the foundation perimeter
- Do not place sand layer over polyethylene vapor diffusion retarder under concrete slab
- Where vinyl flooring is installed over slabs, a low water-to-cement (w/c) ratio ($\cong 0.45$ or less is recommended) to reduce water content in the concrete; alternatively, the slab should be allowed to dry (less than 0.3 grams/24 hrs/ft²) prior to flooring installation



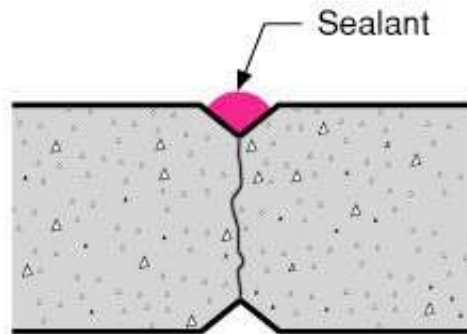
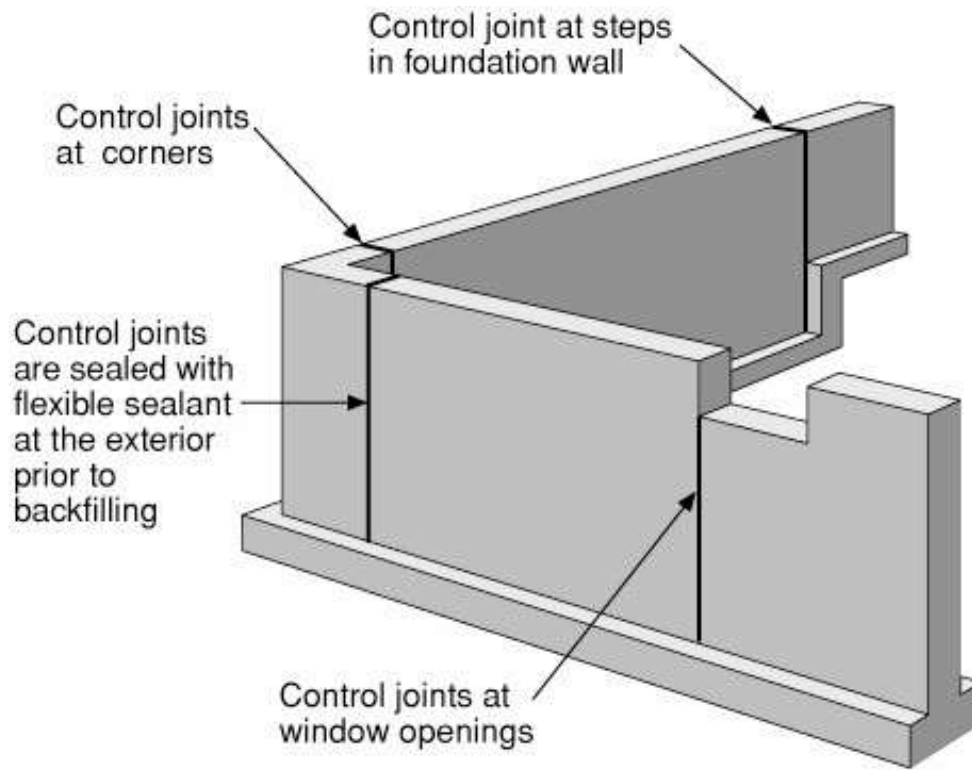
- Keep rain water away from the foundation perimeter
- If the interior crawlspace is lower than the exterior grade, a sub-grade perimeter footing drain is necessary as in a basement foundation
- The crawlspace is conditioned space; it is part of the "interior" of the building and should be heated, cooled and ventilated as part of the building's heating, cooling and ventilating strategy



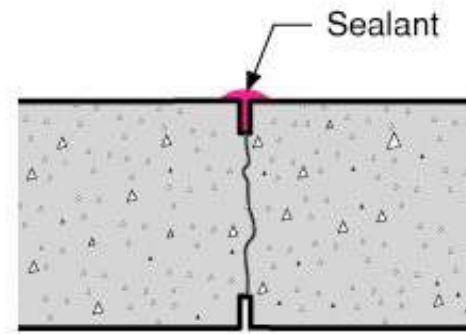




- Patios and decks lower than floors and slope away from building
- Garage floor lower than main floor and slope away from building
- Driveway lower than garage floor and slope away from building
- Grade lower than main floor and slope away from building
- Stoops and walkways lower than main floor and slope away from building
- Kick out flashings or diverters direct water away from walls at roof/wall intersections



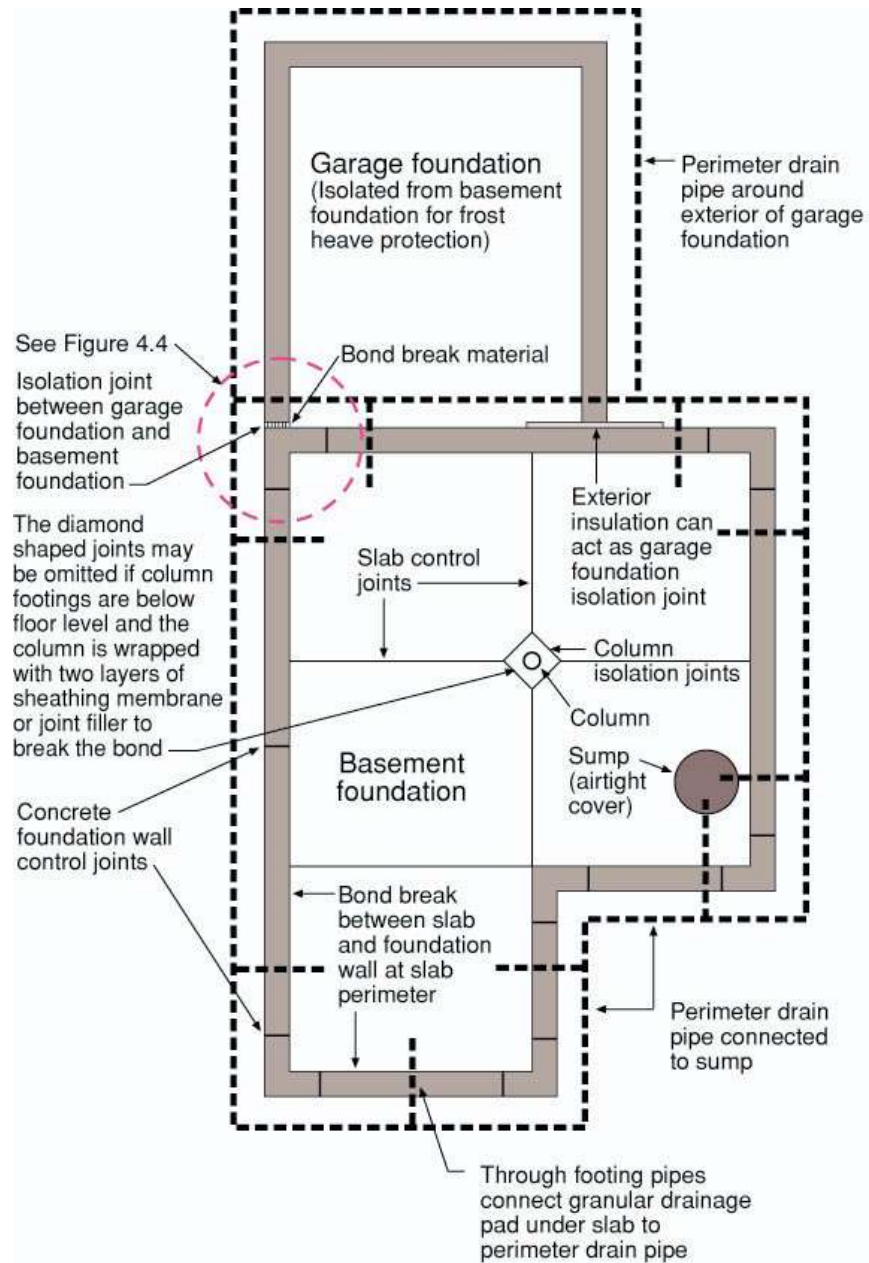
Diagonally cut 2 x 2's in forms provide goose neck joint



Saw cut joint



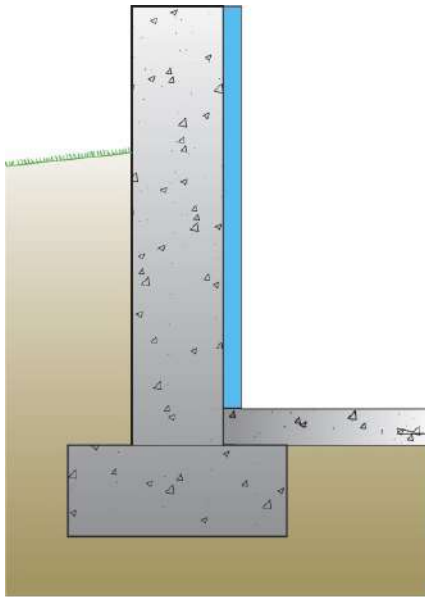




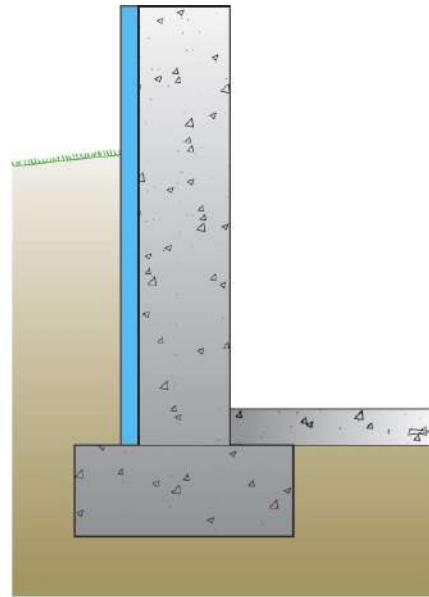




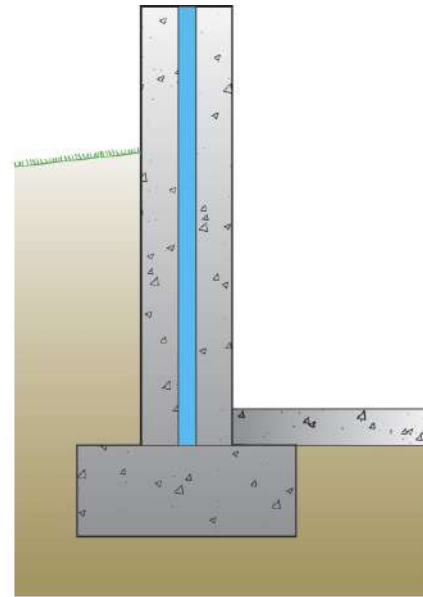




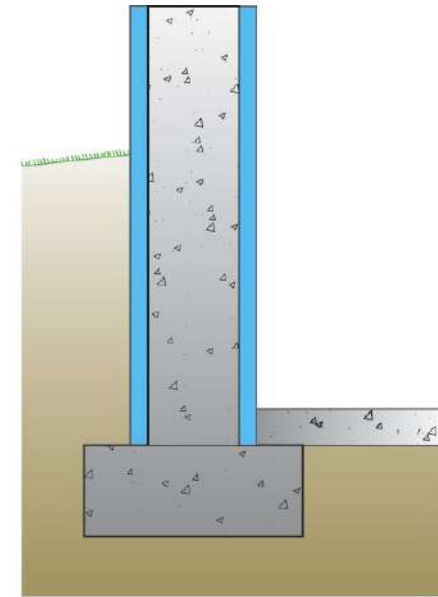
**Internally Insulated
Basement**



**Externally Insulated
Basement**



**Basement Insulated in
the Middle**

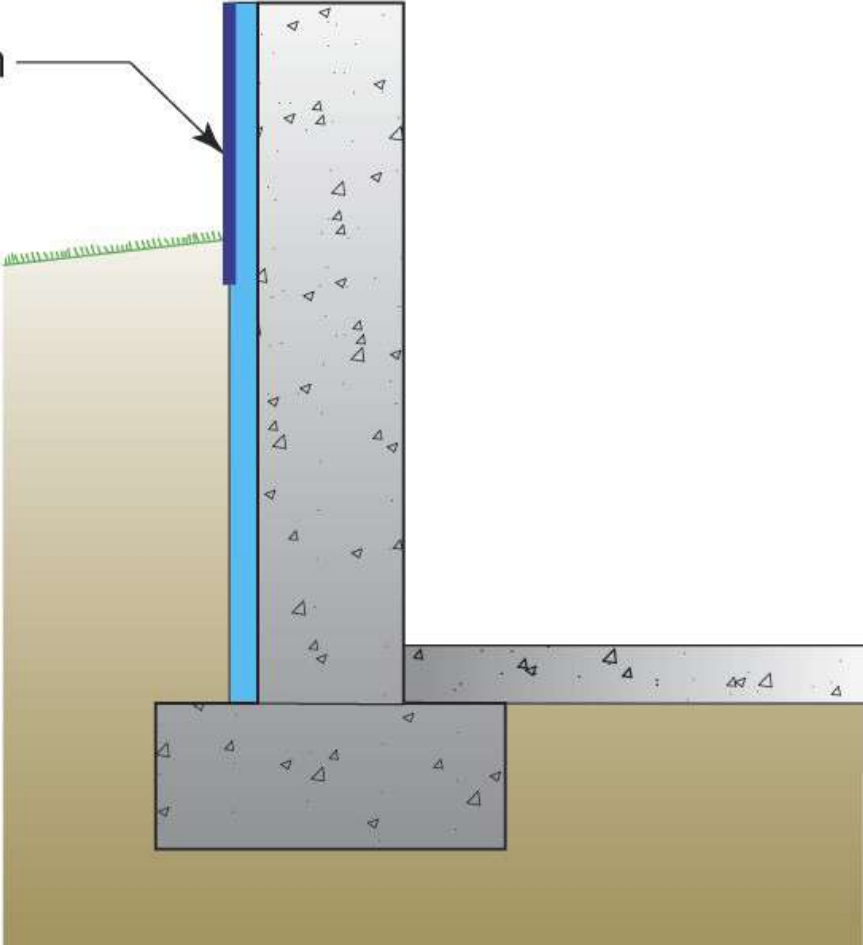


**Basement Insulated Both
Externally and Internally**

Structure of house on foundation must be shifted outward to compensate for thickness of exterior insulation



Protection layer/system







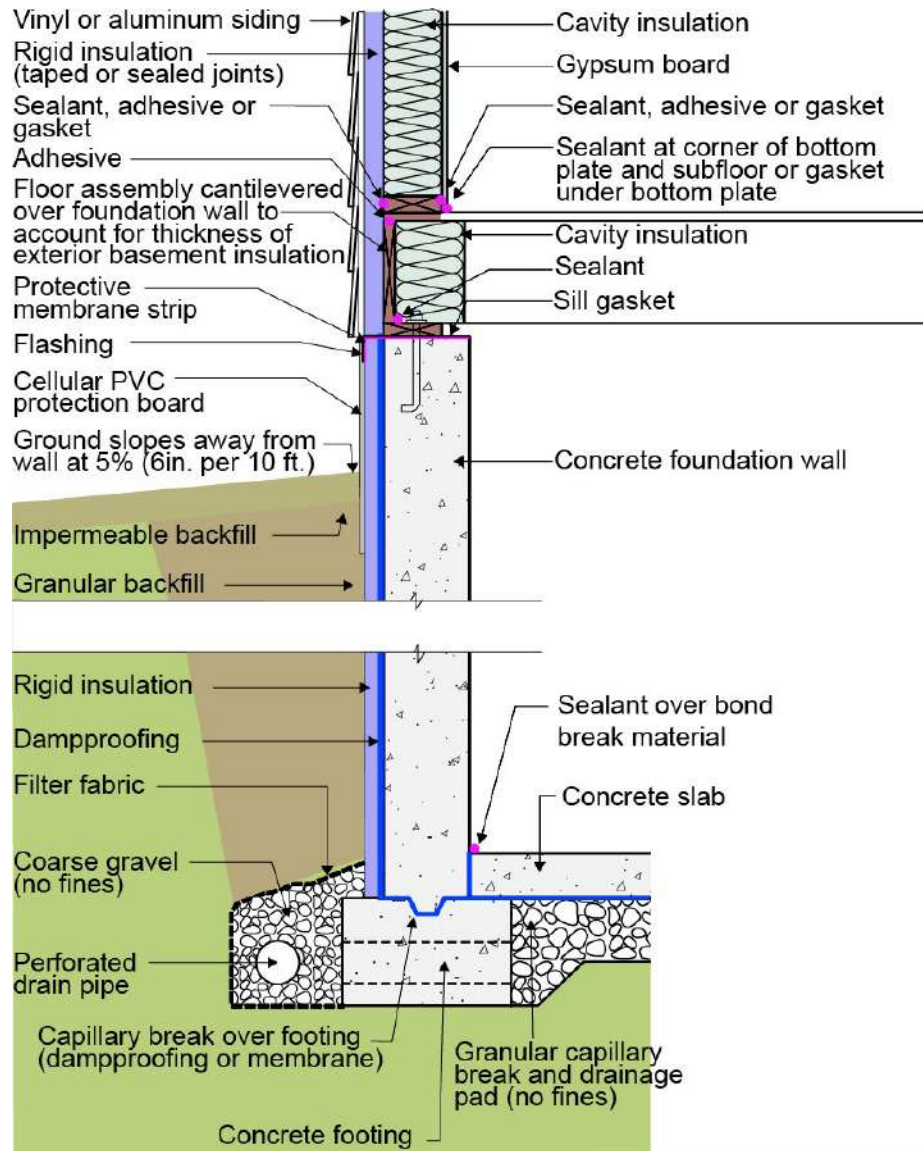


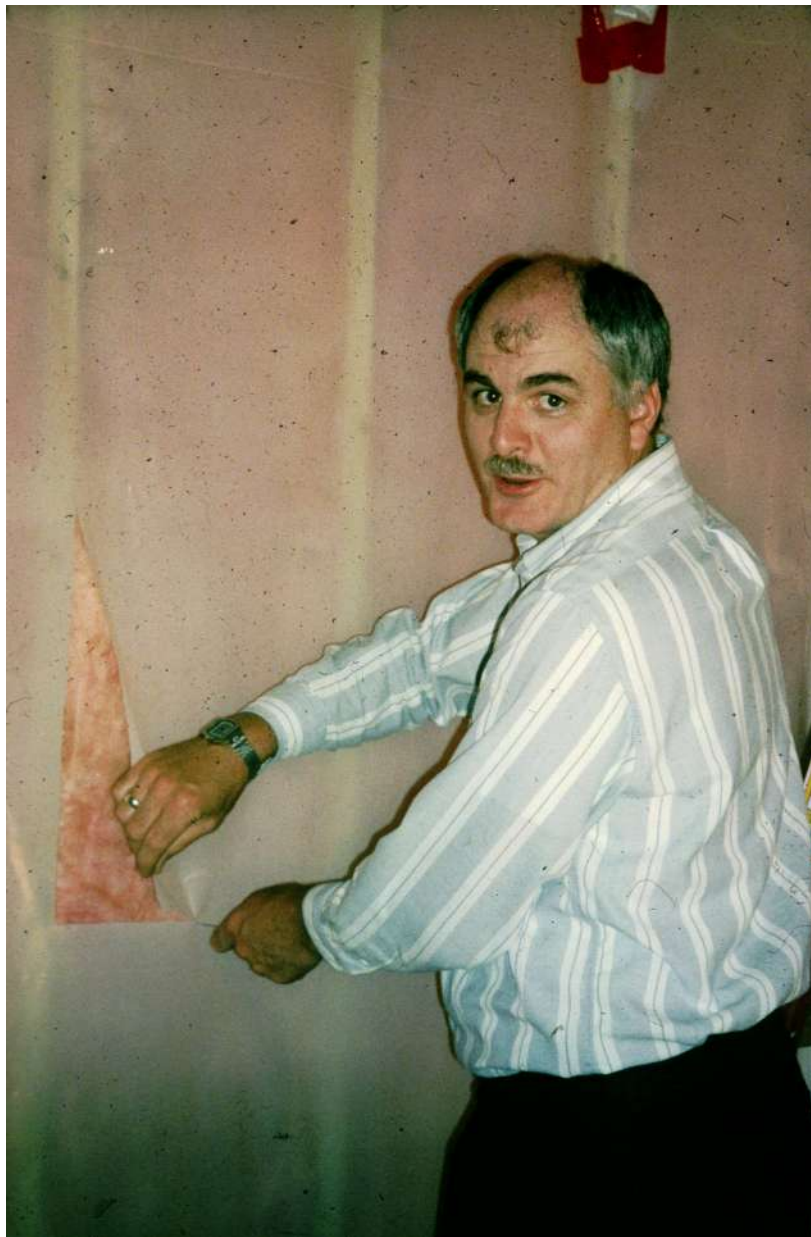




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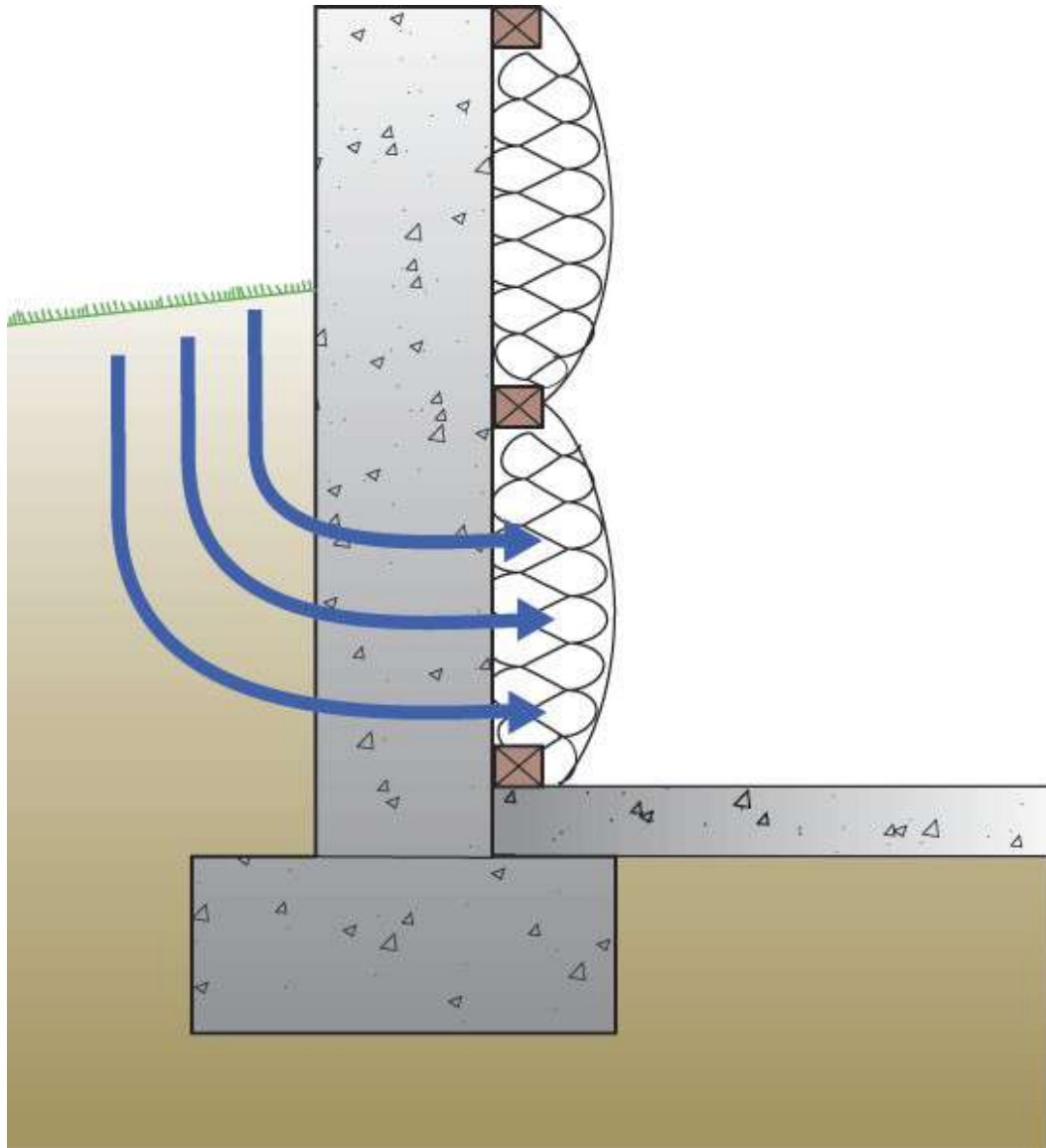


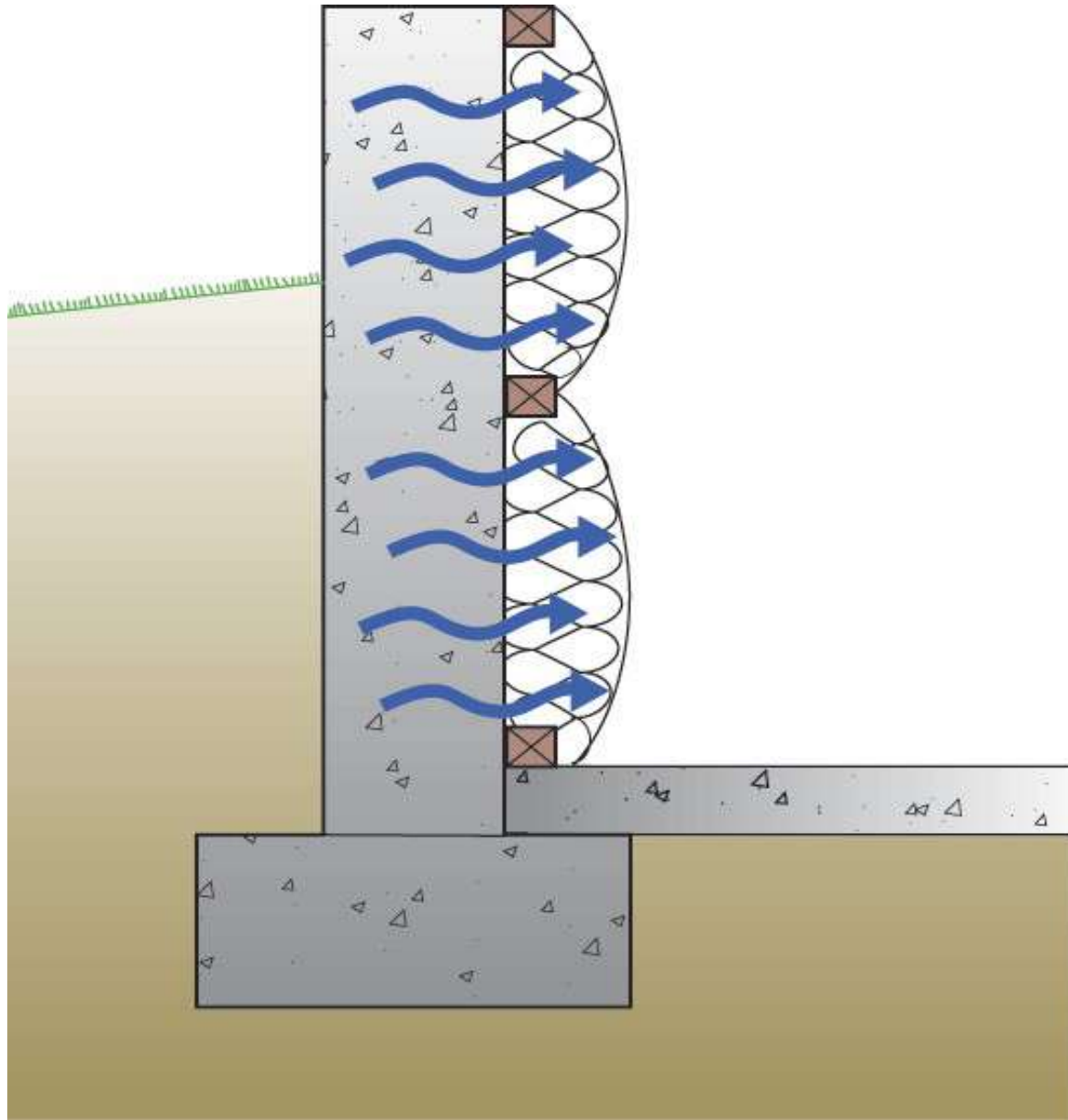


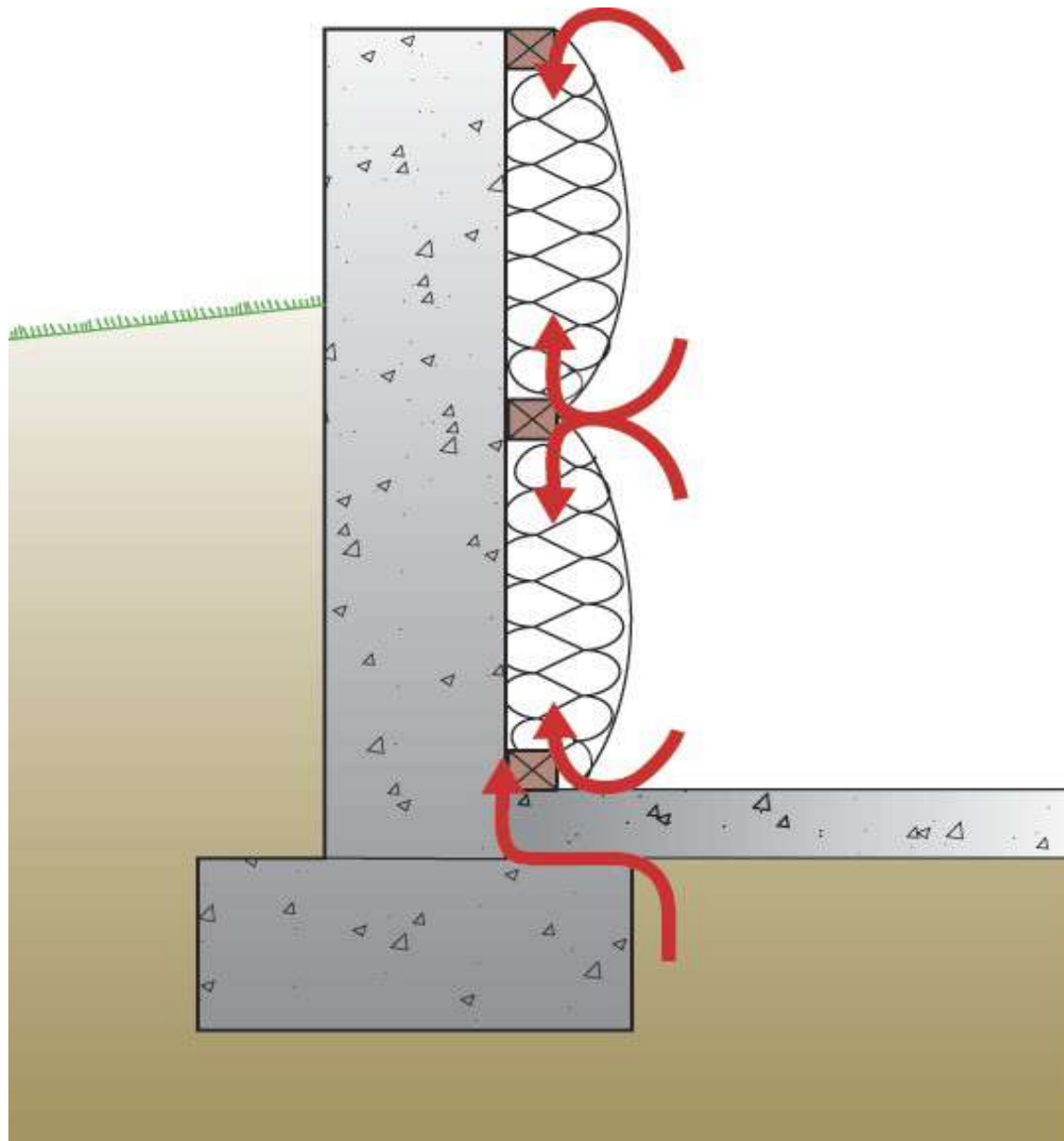


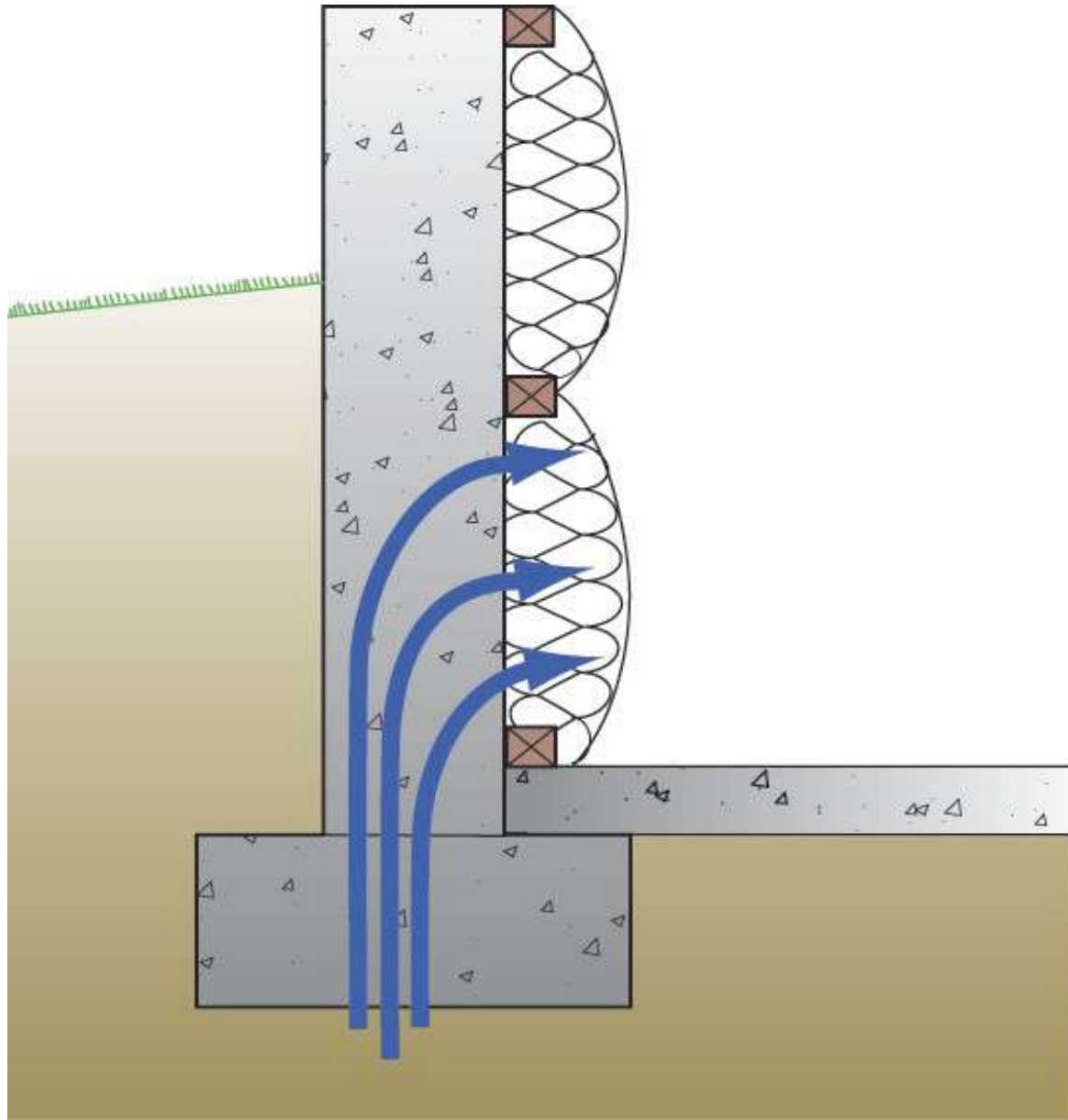


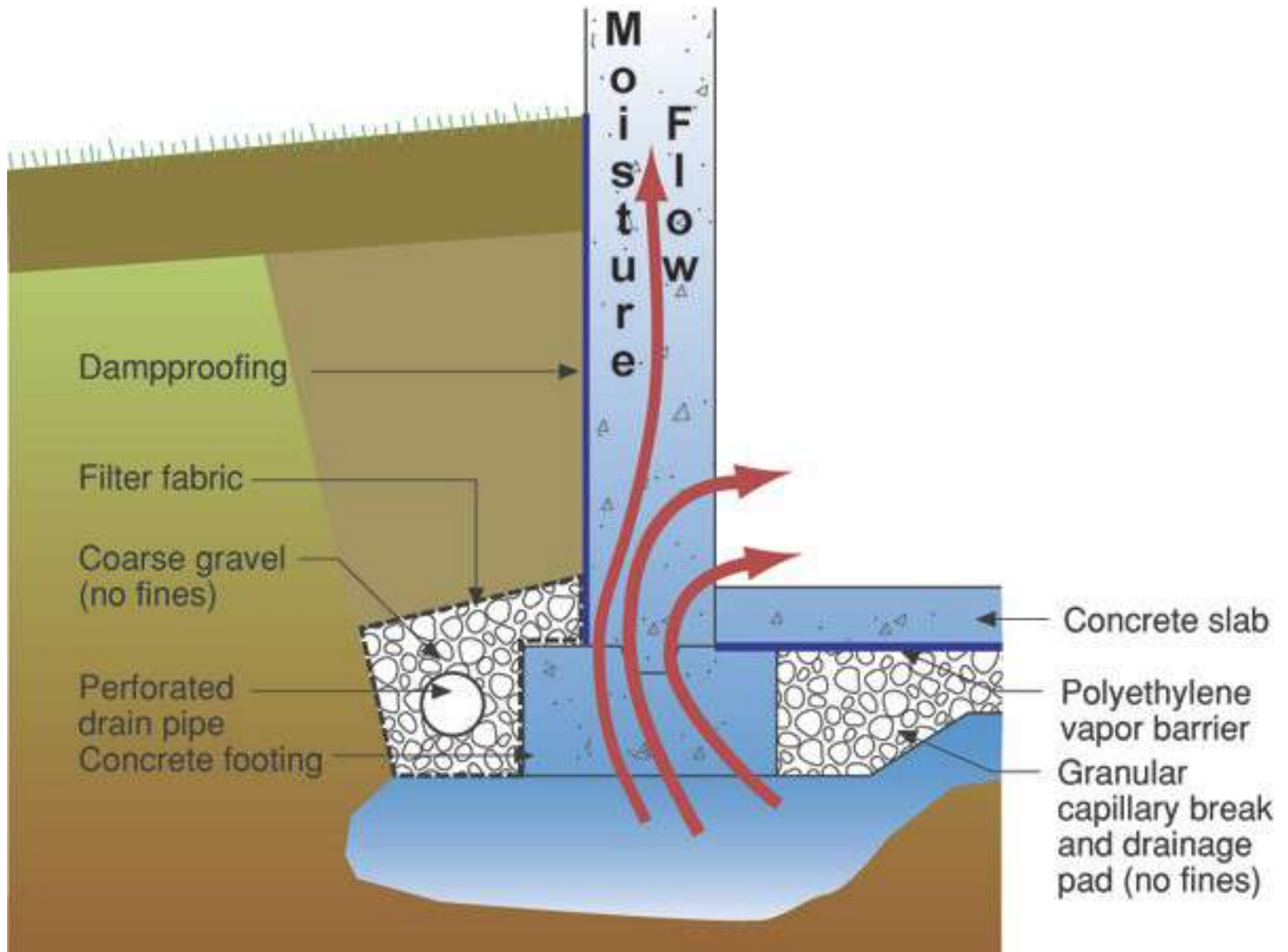


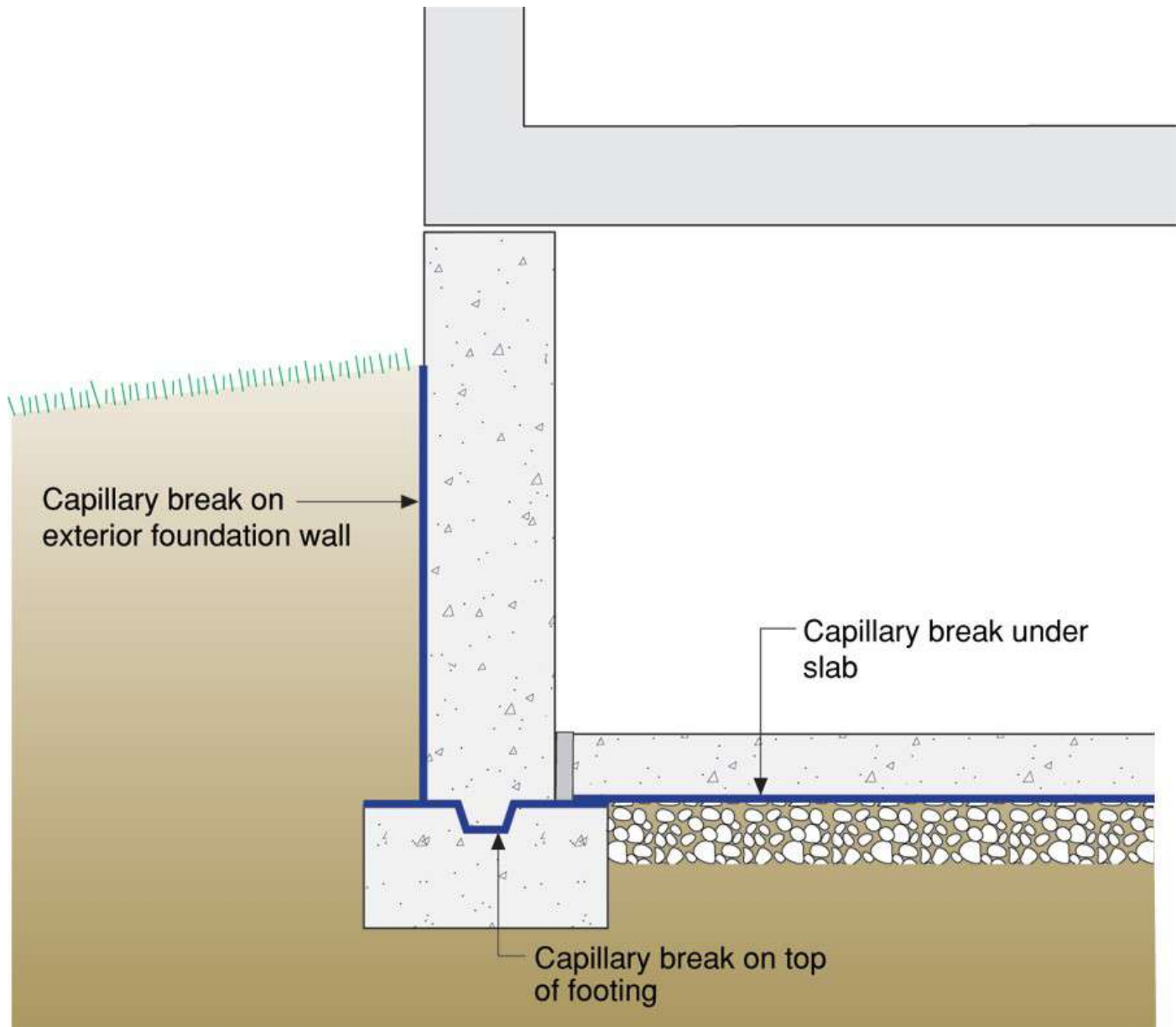


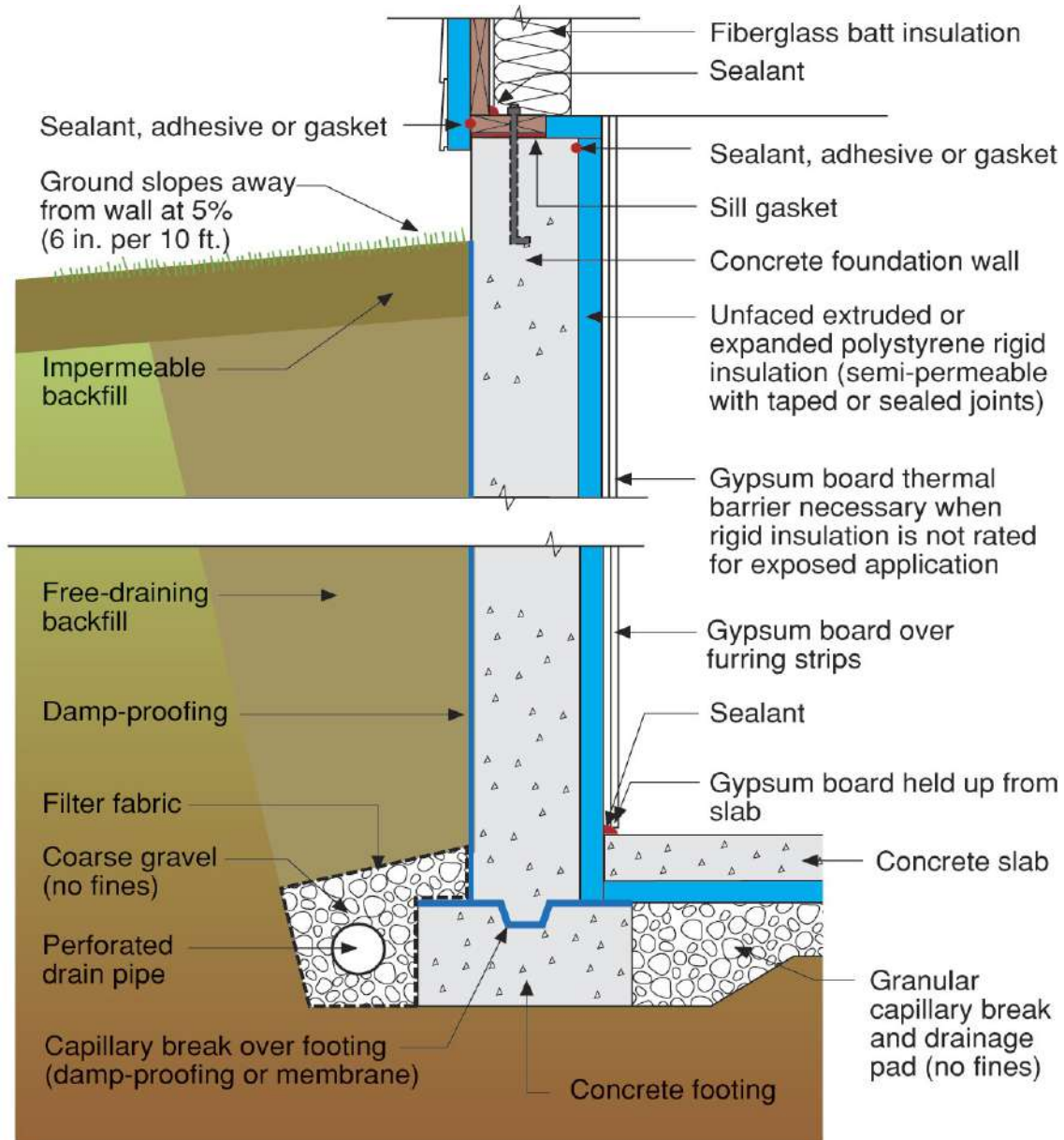




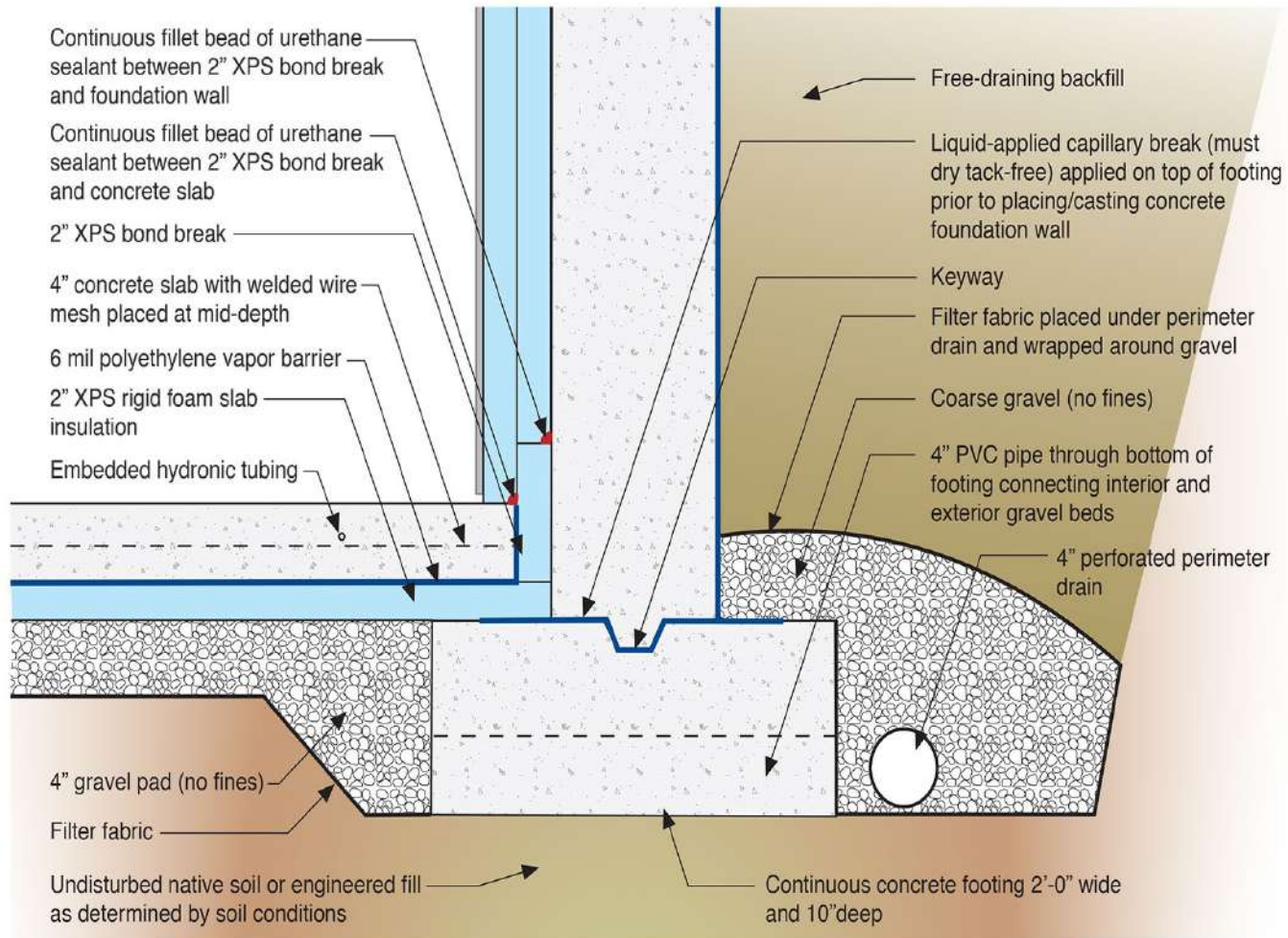




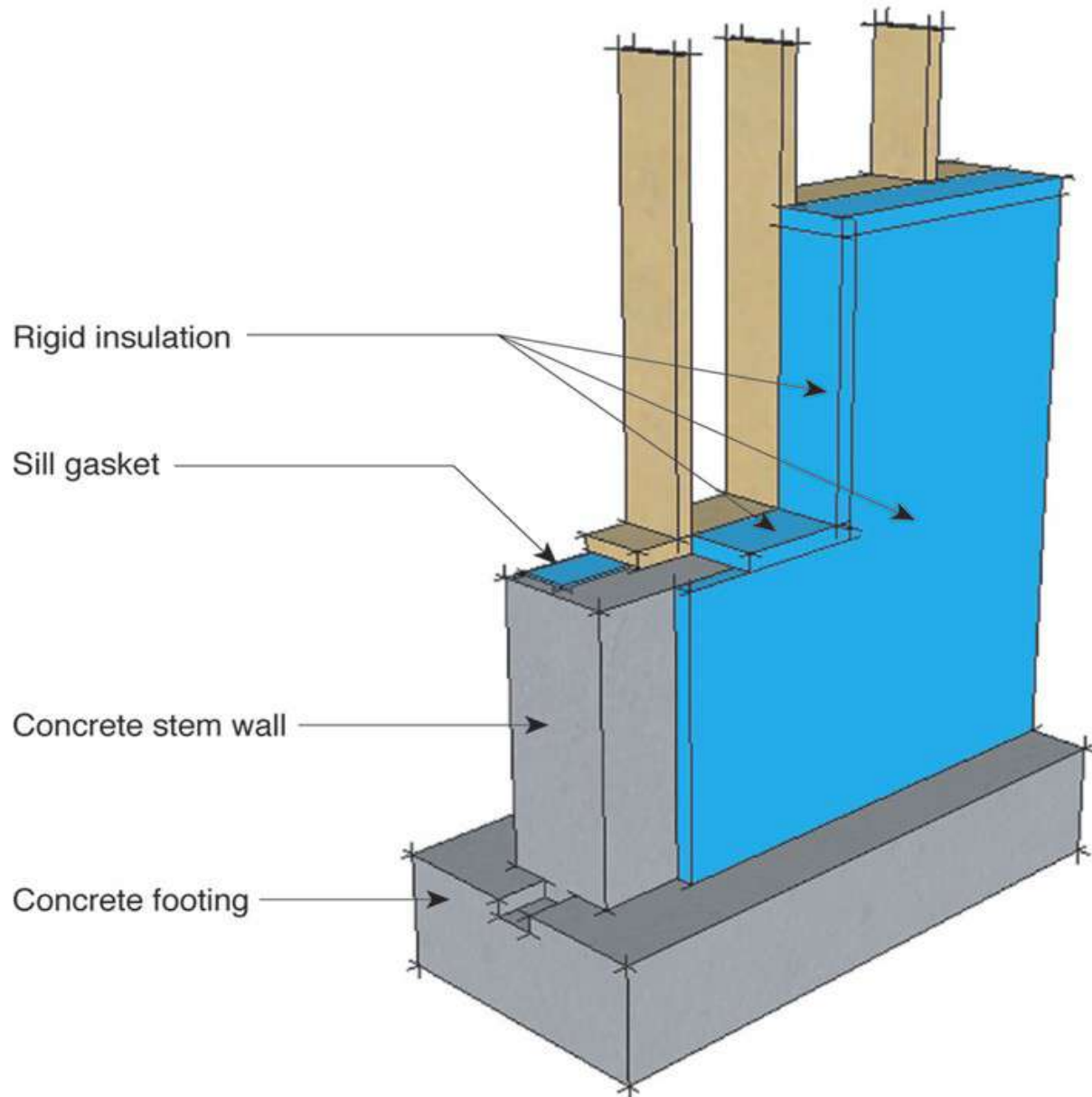


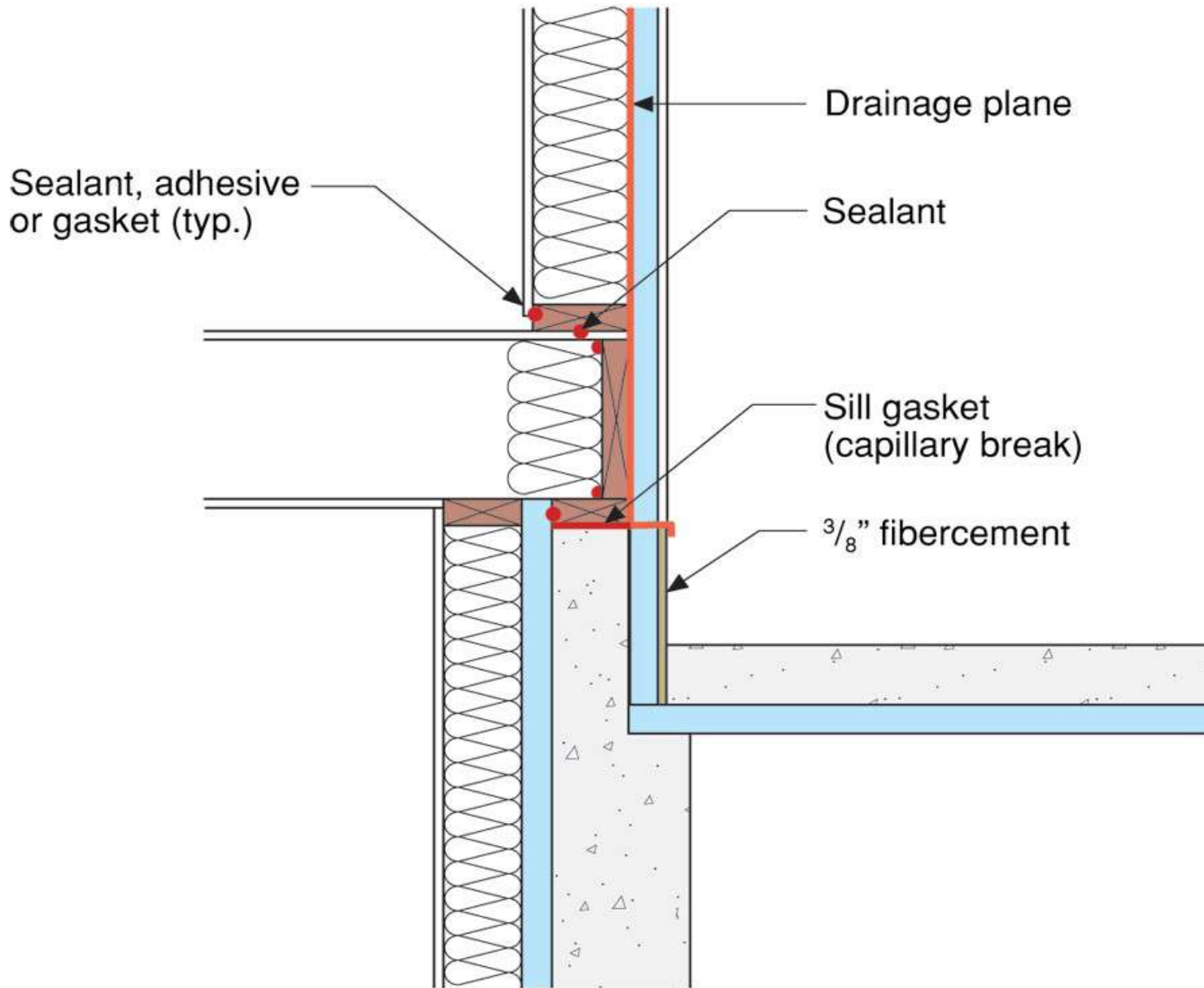


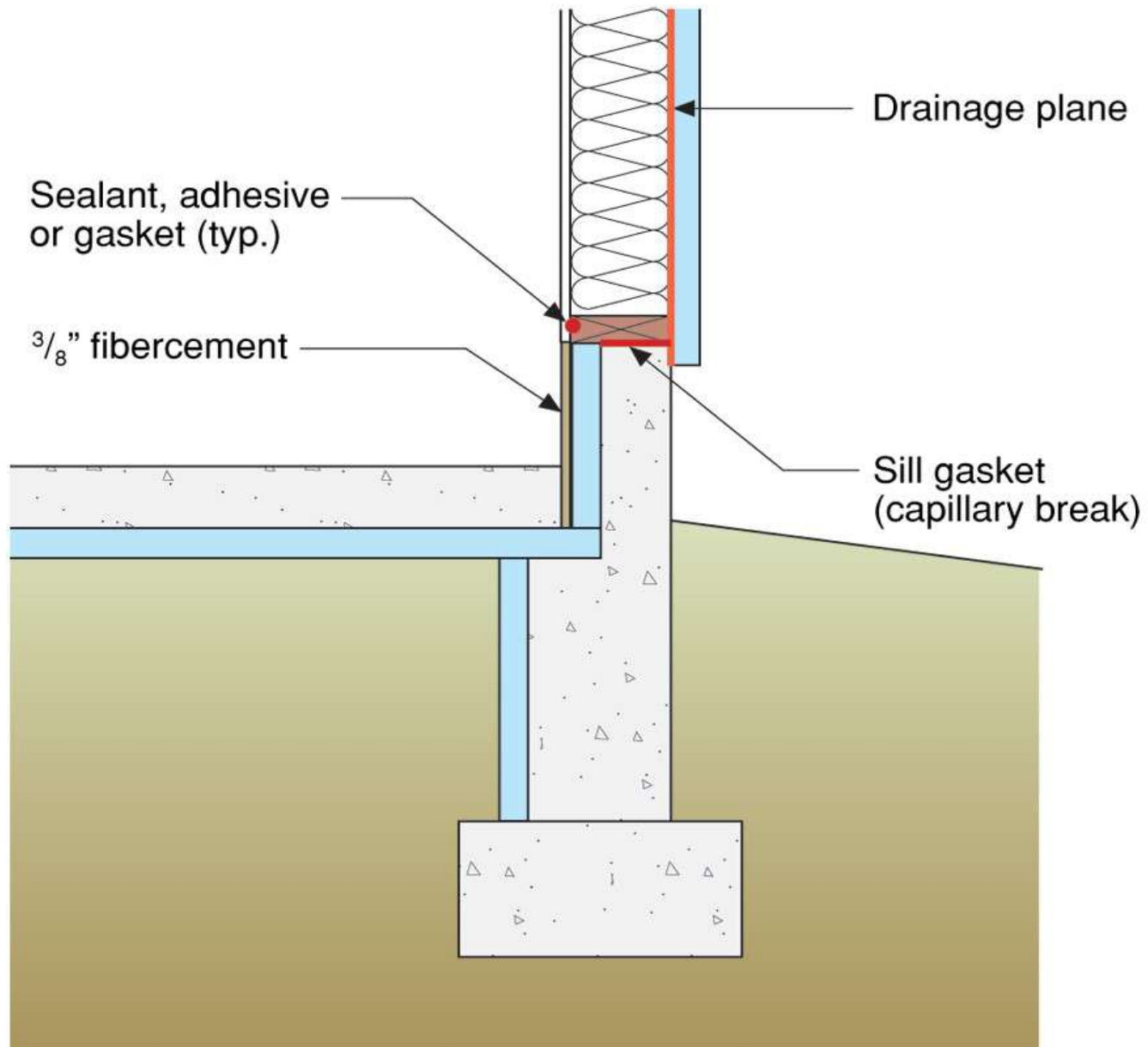


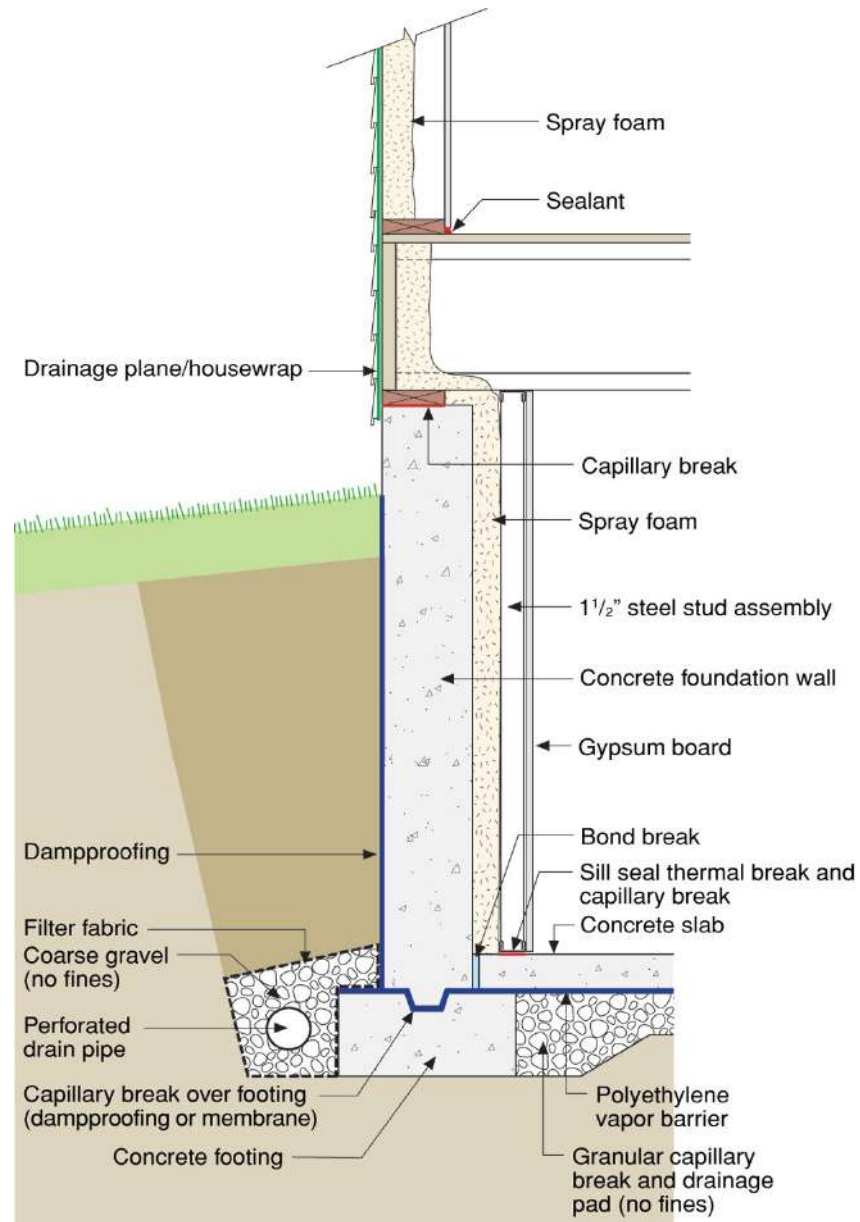


















Crawl Spaces

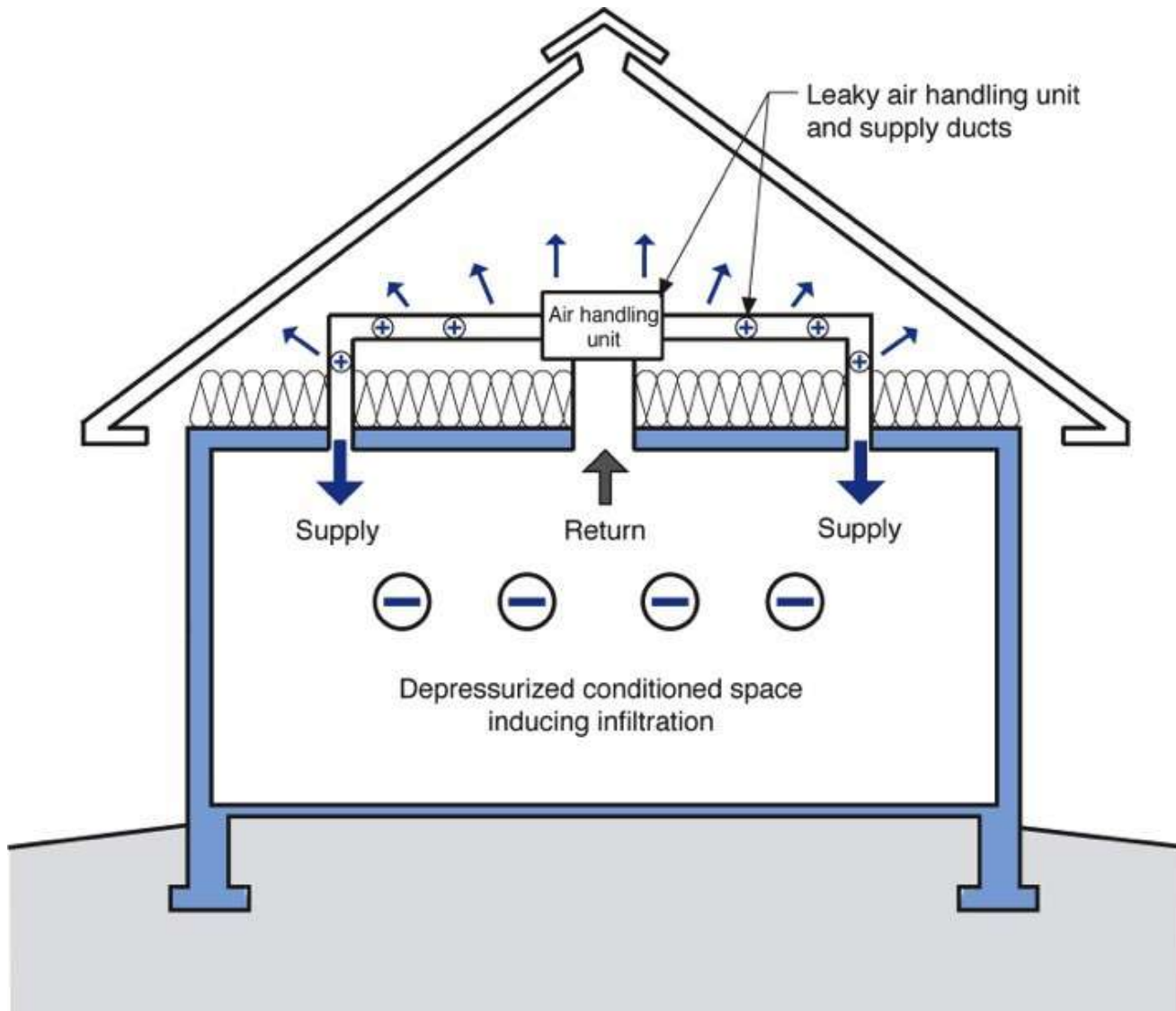
Crawl spaces must be completely connected to either the outside or the inside

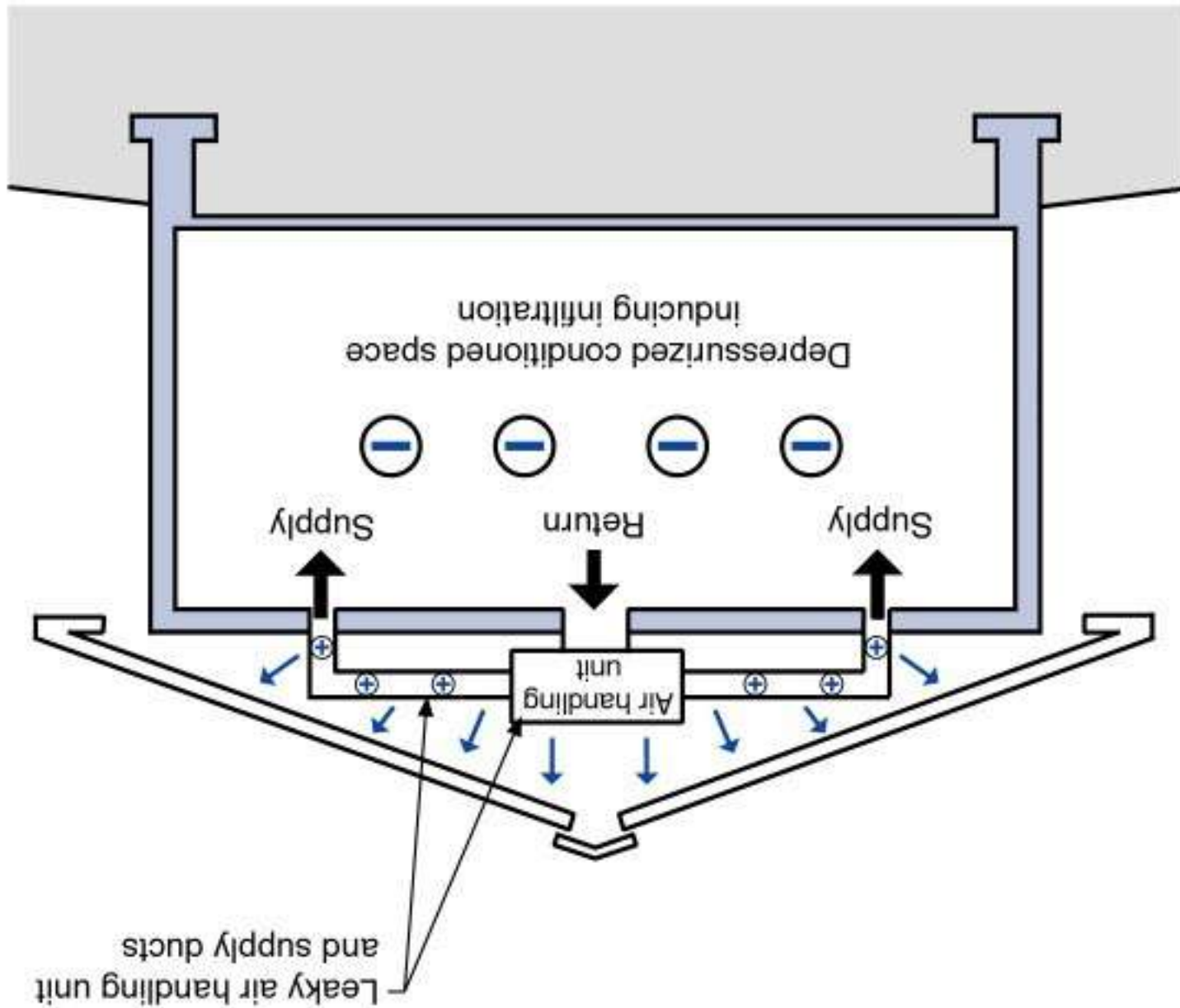
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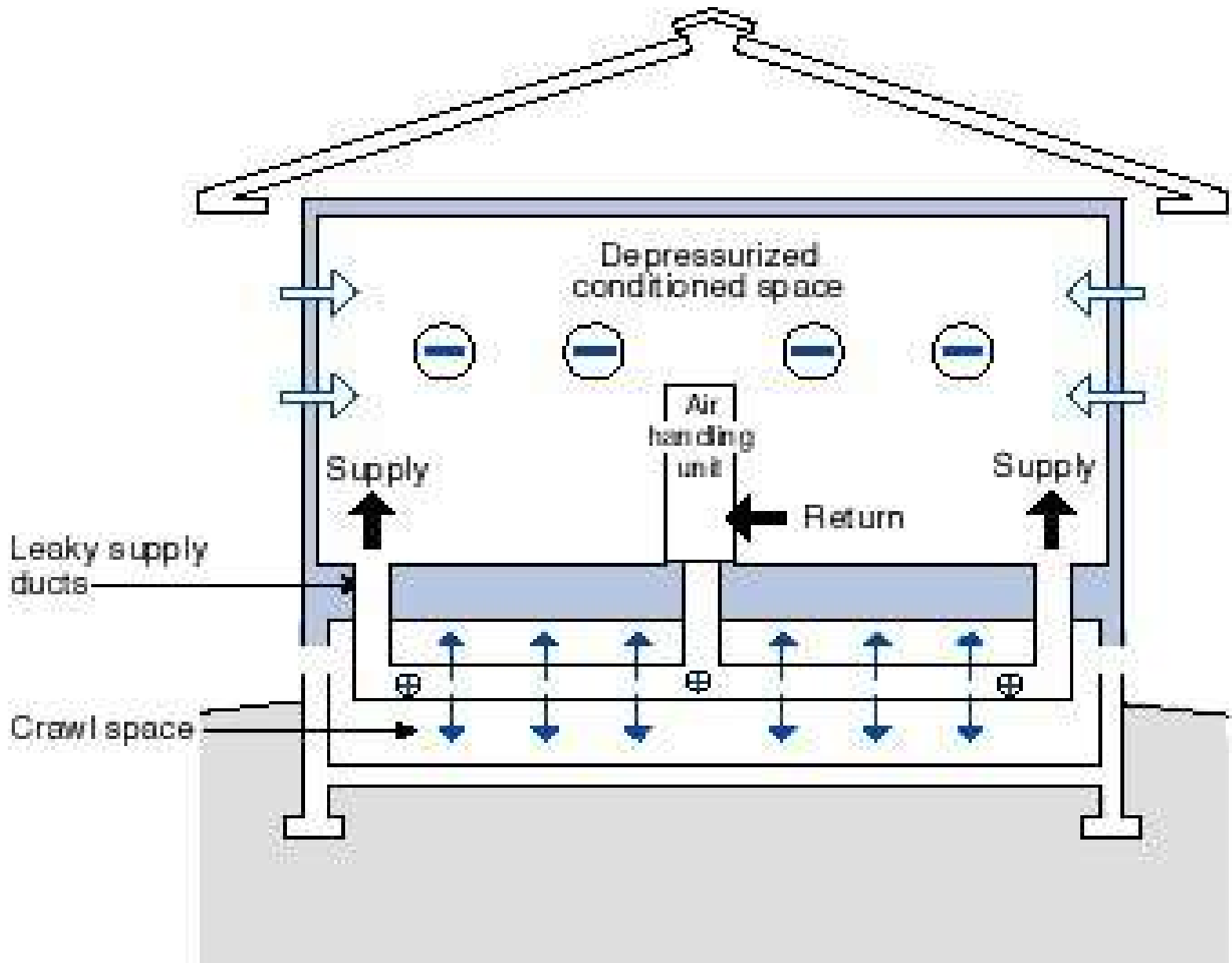
Vented crawl spaces work

Unvented conditioned crawl spaces work

Don't Do Stupid Things







Smart Thing



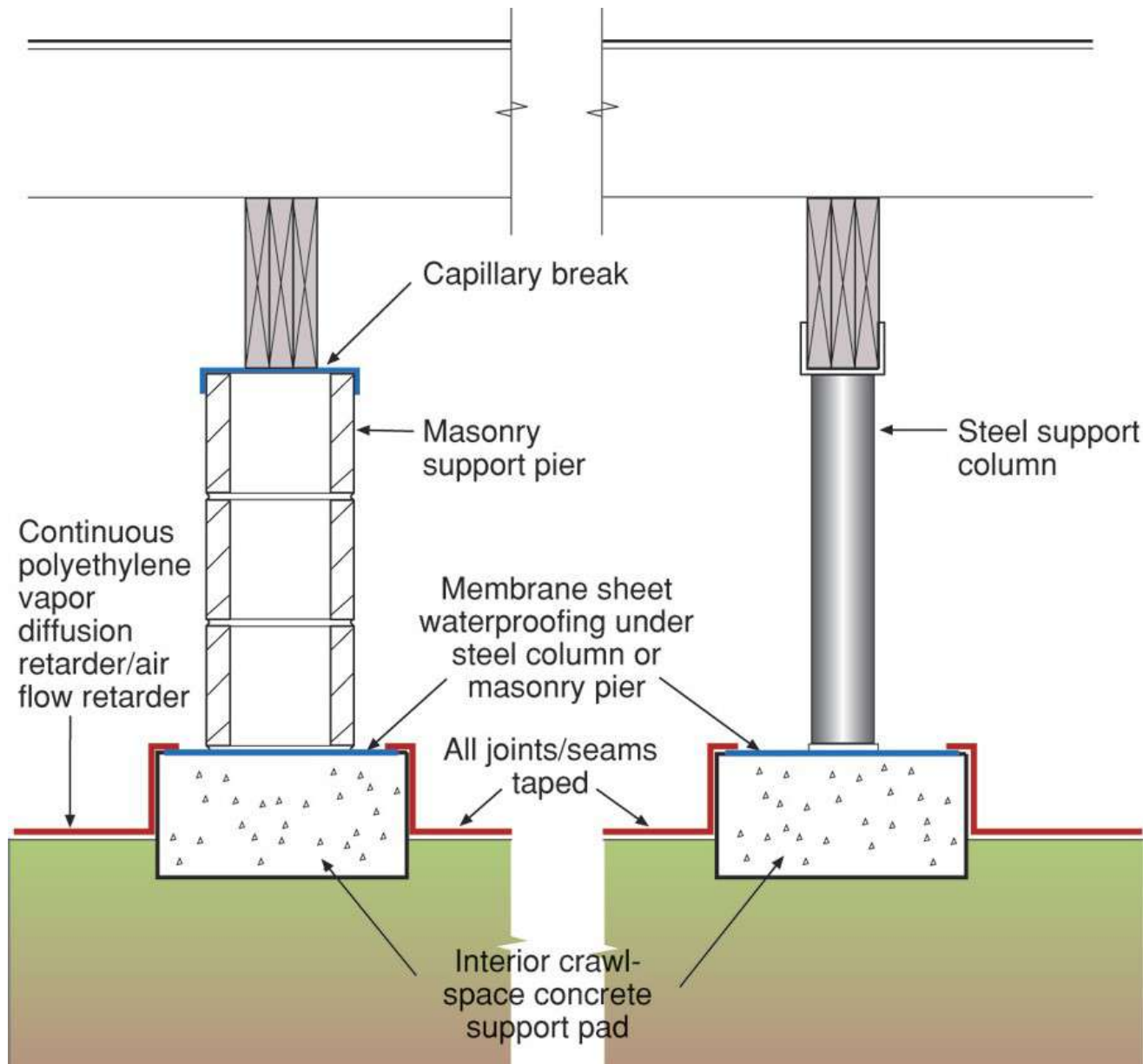












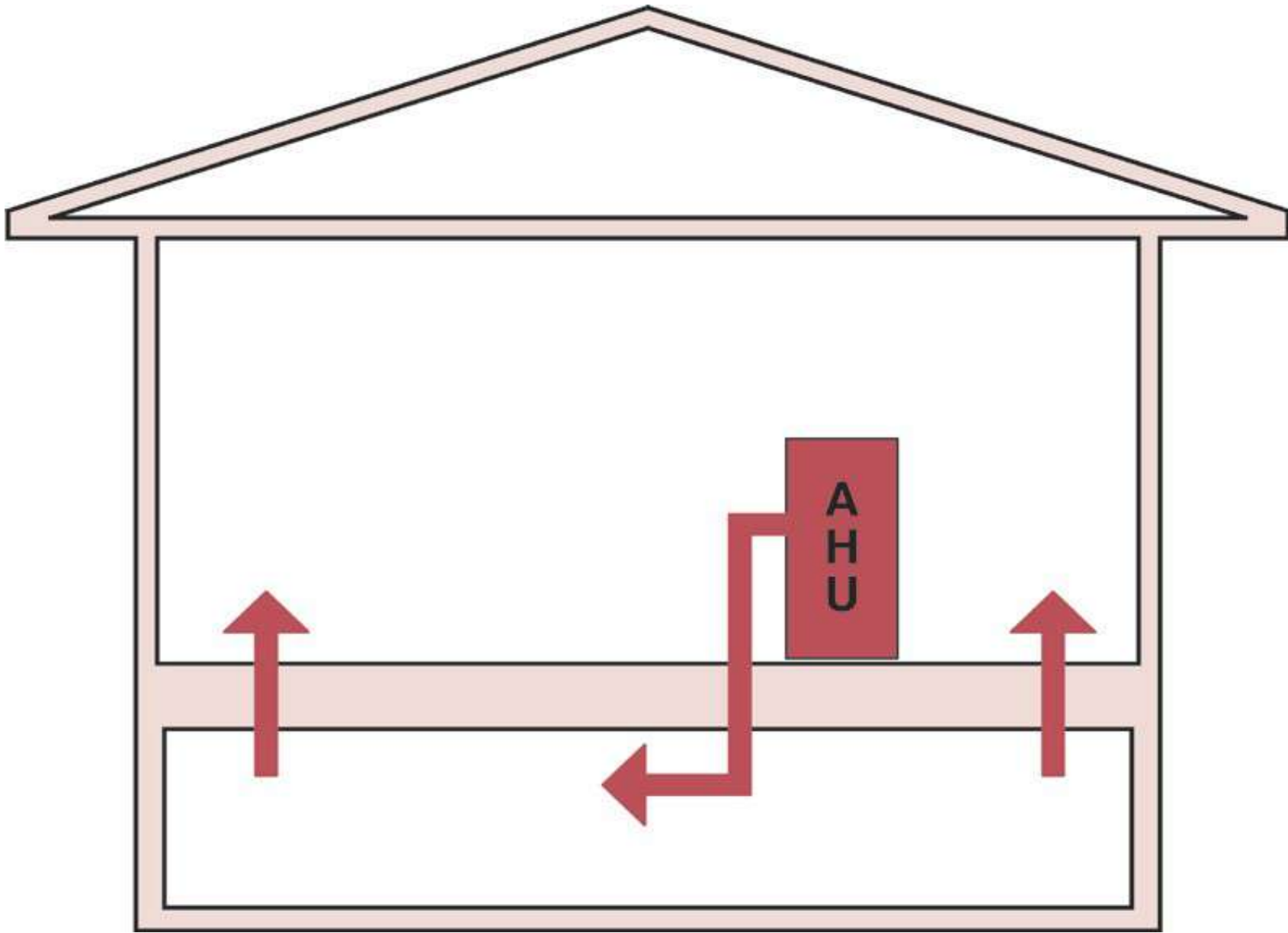
Conditioned Crawlspace Not Unvented
Crawlspace

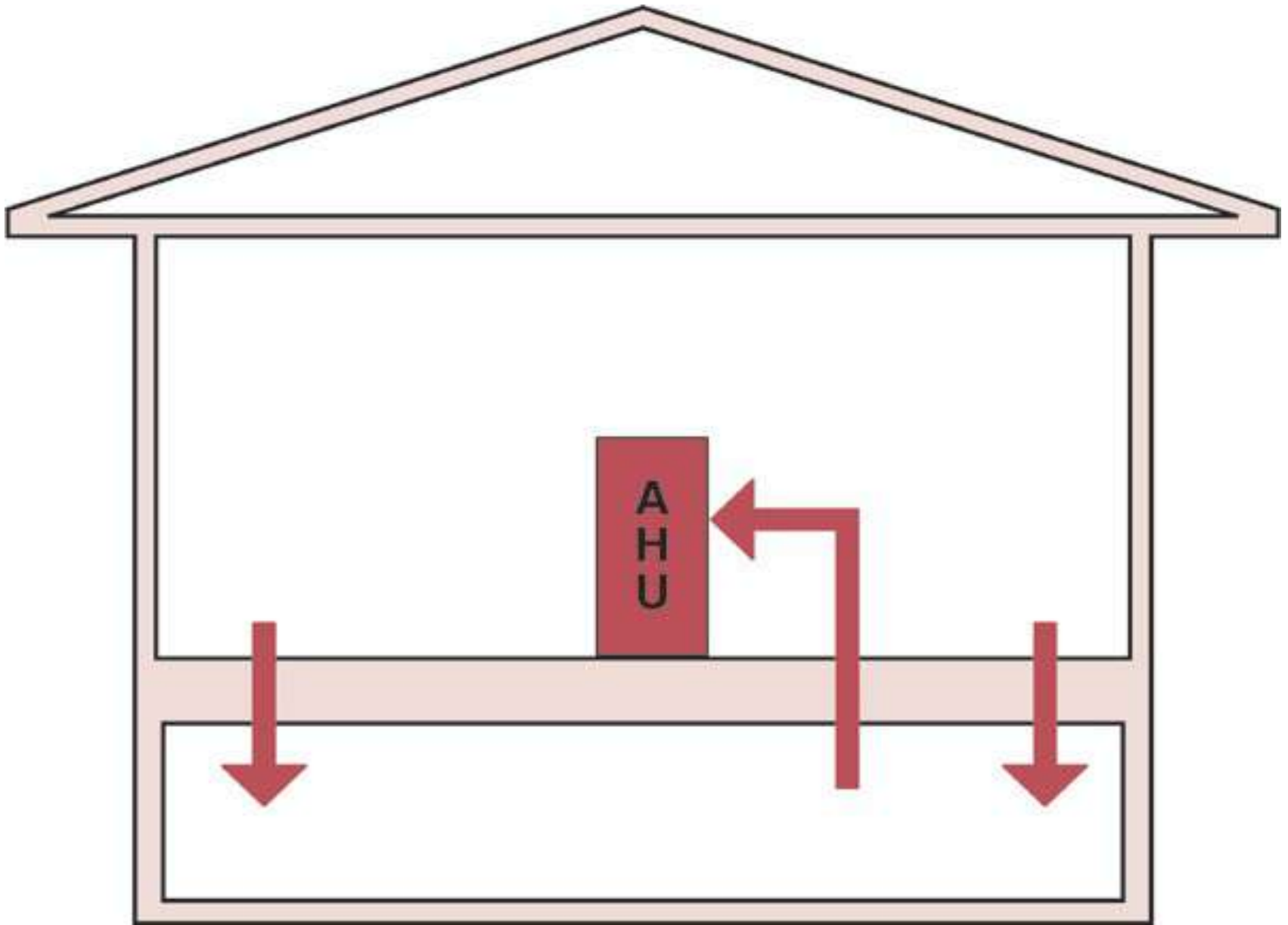
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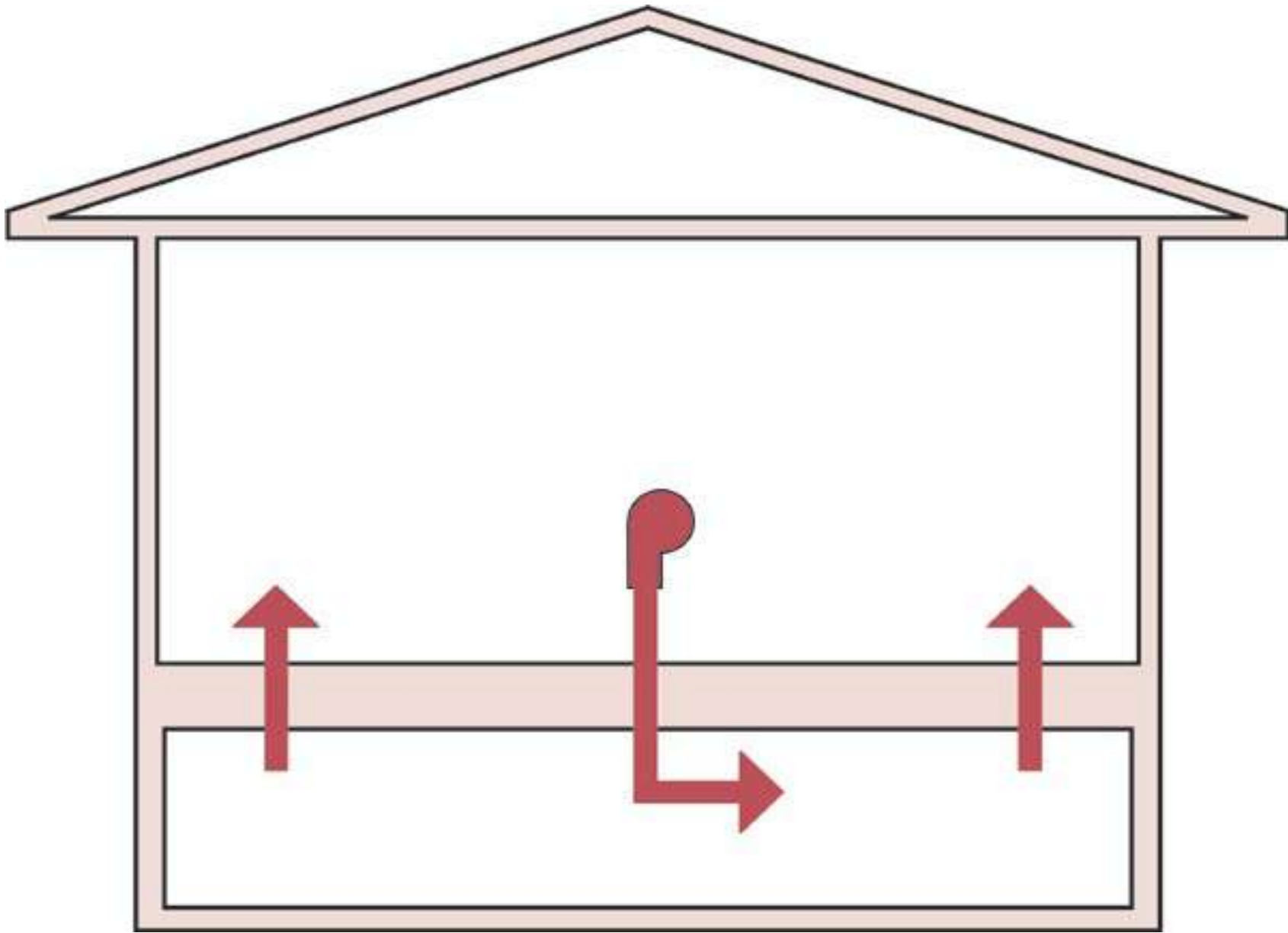
50 cfm/1000 ft² of Crawlspace Area

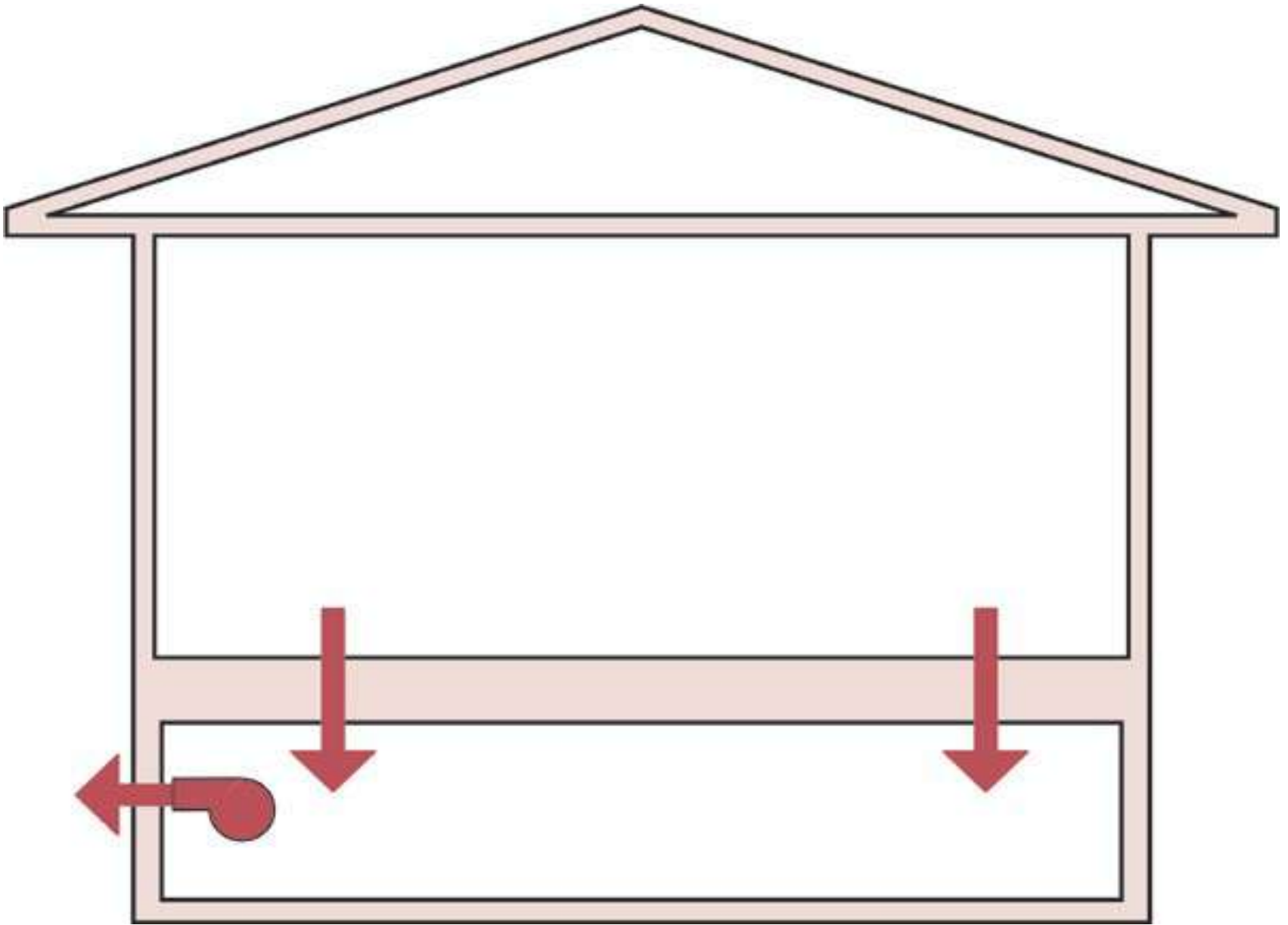
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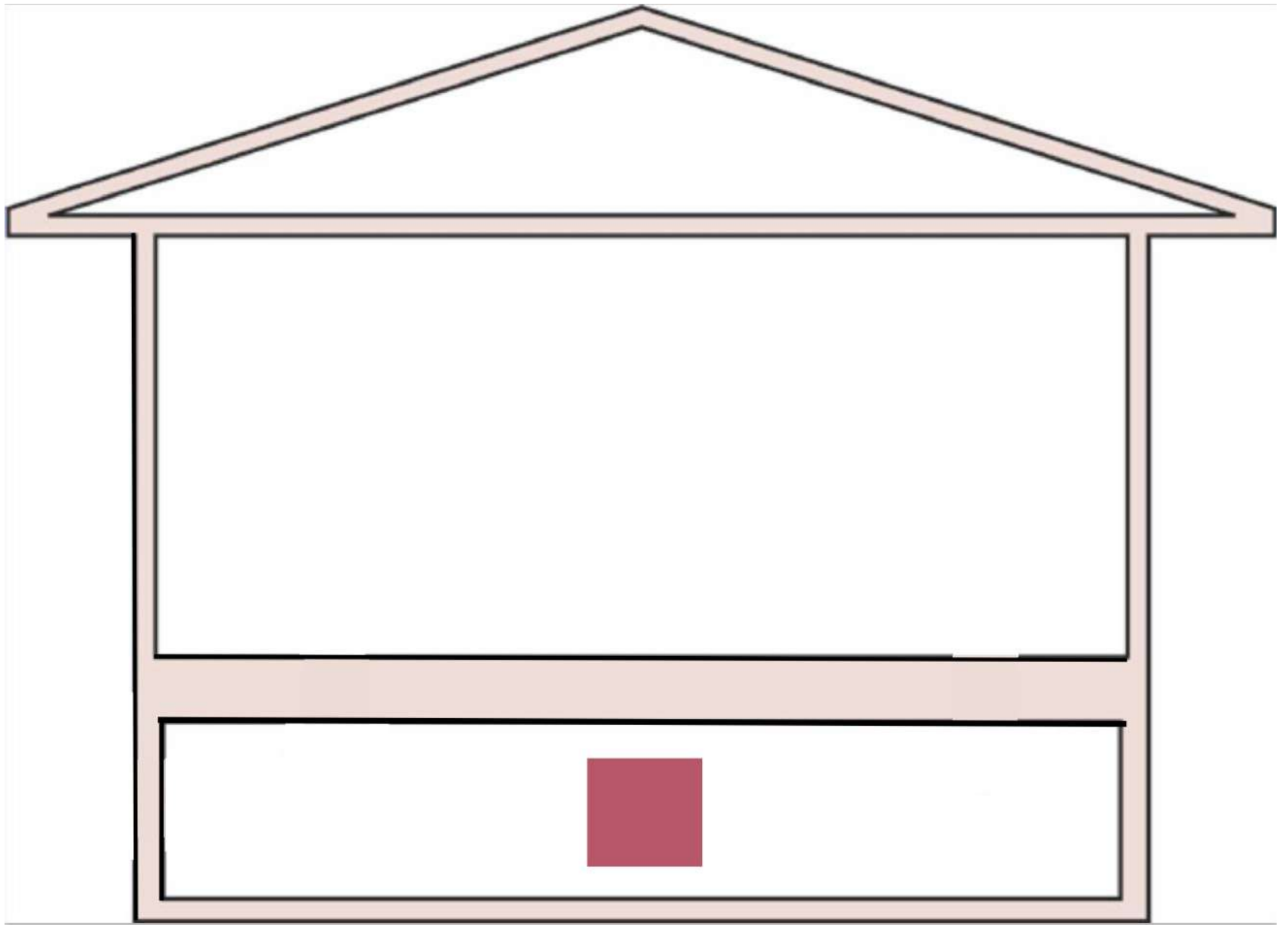
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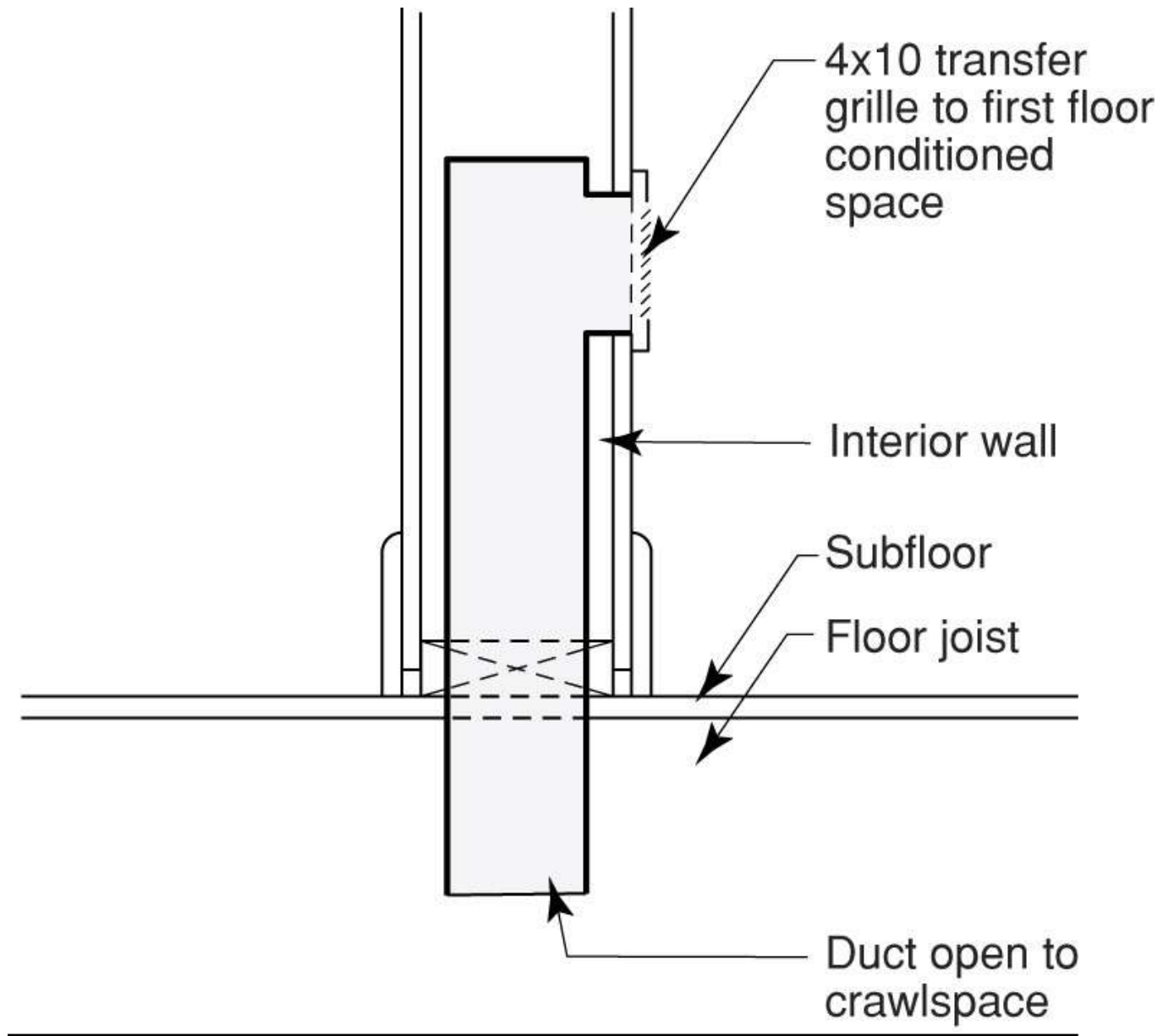




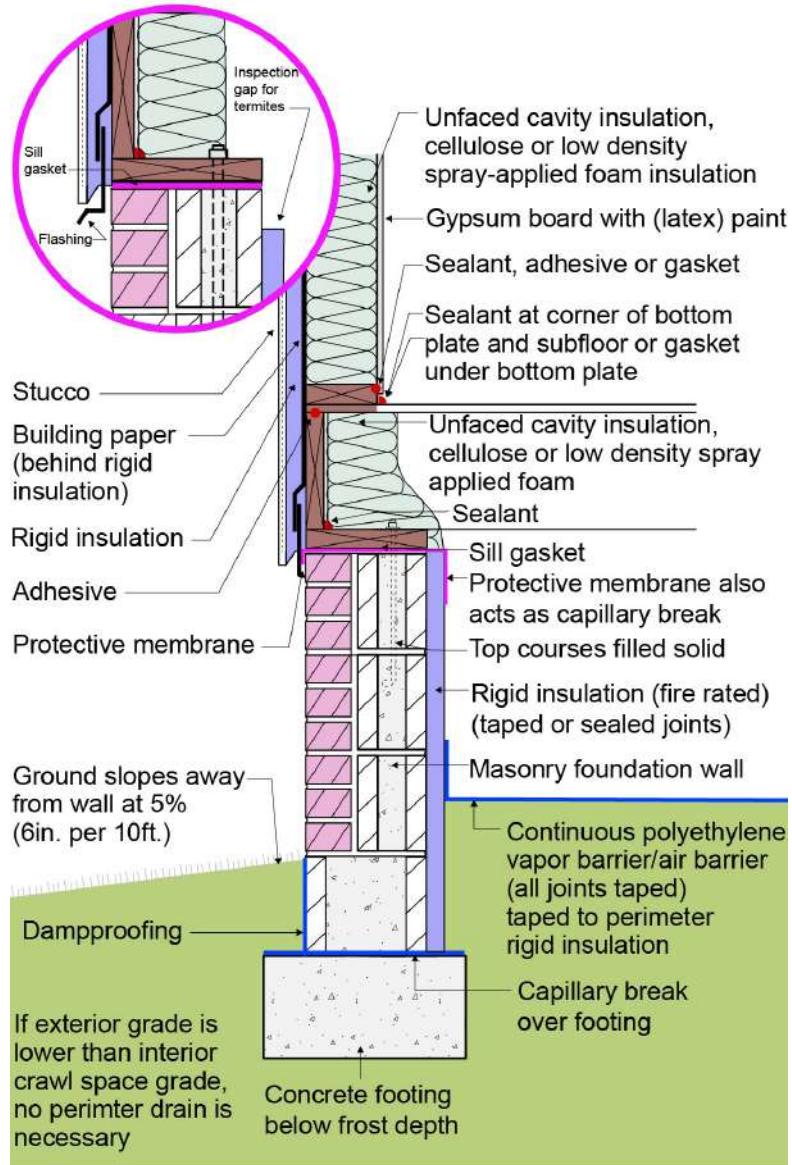




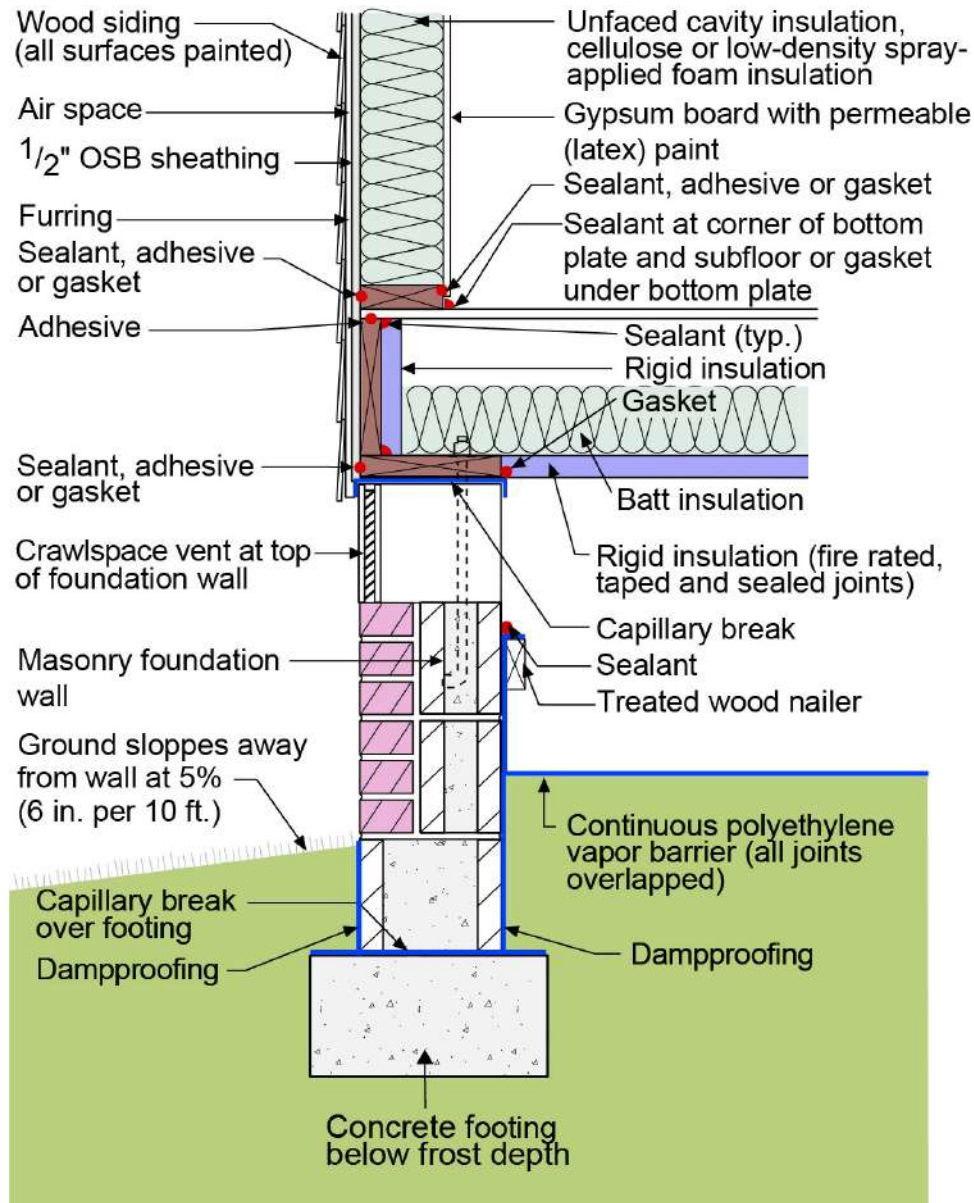


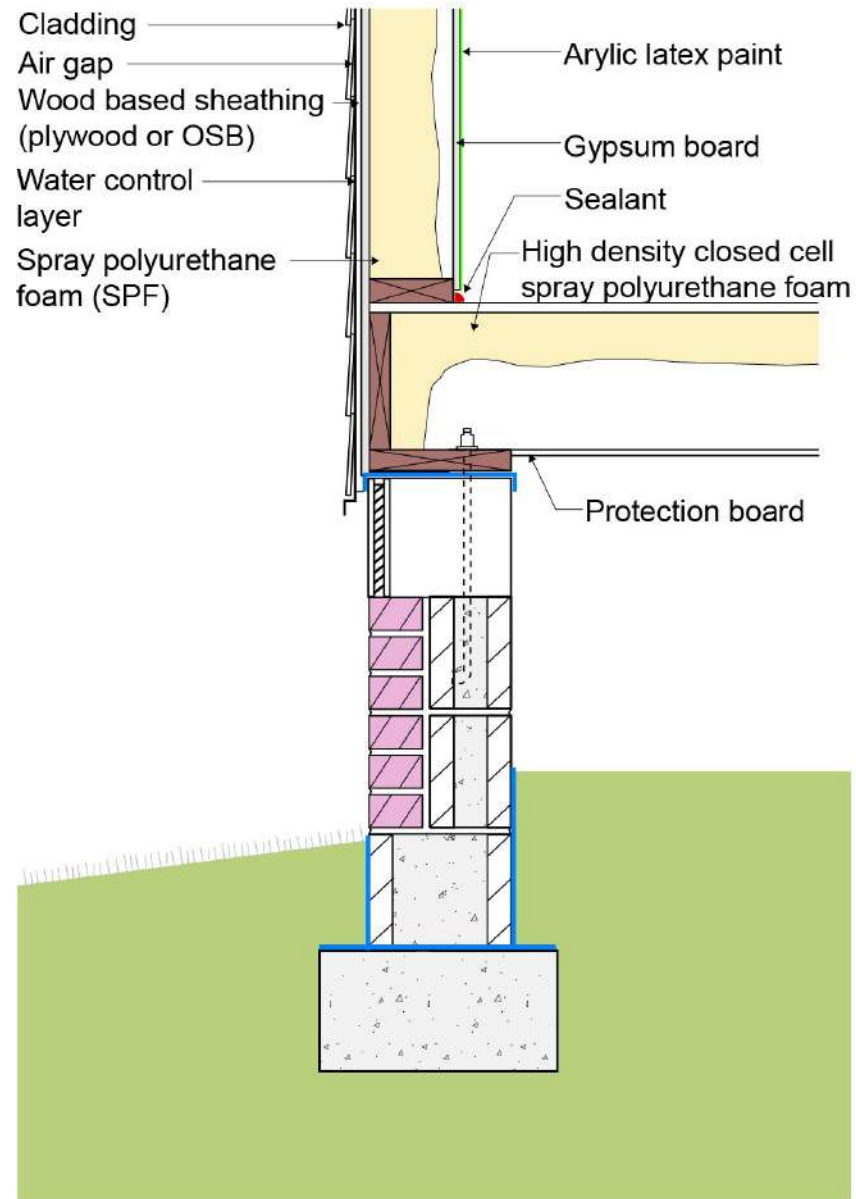


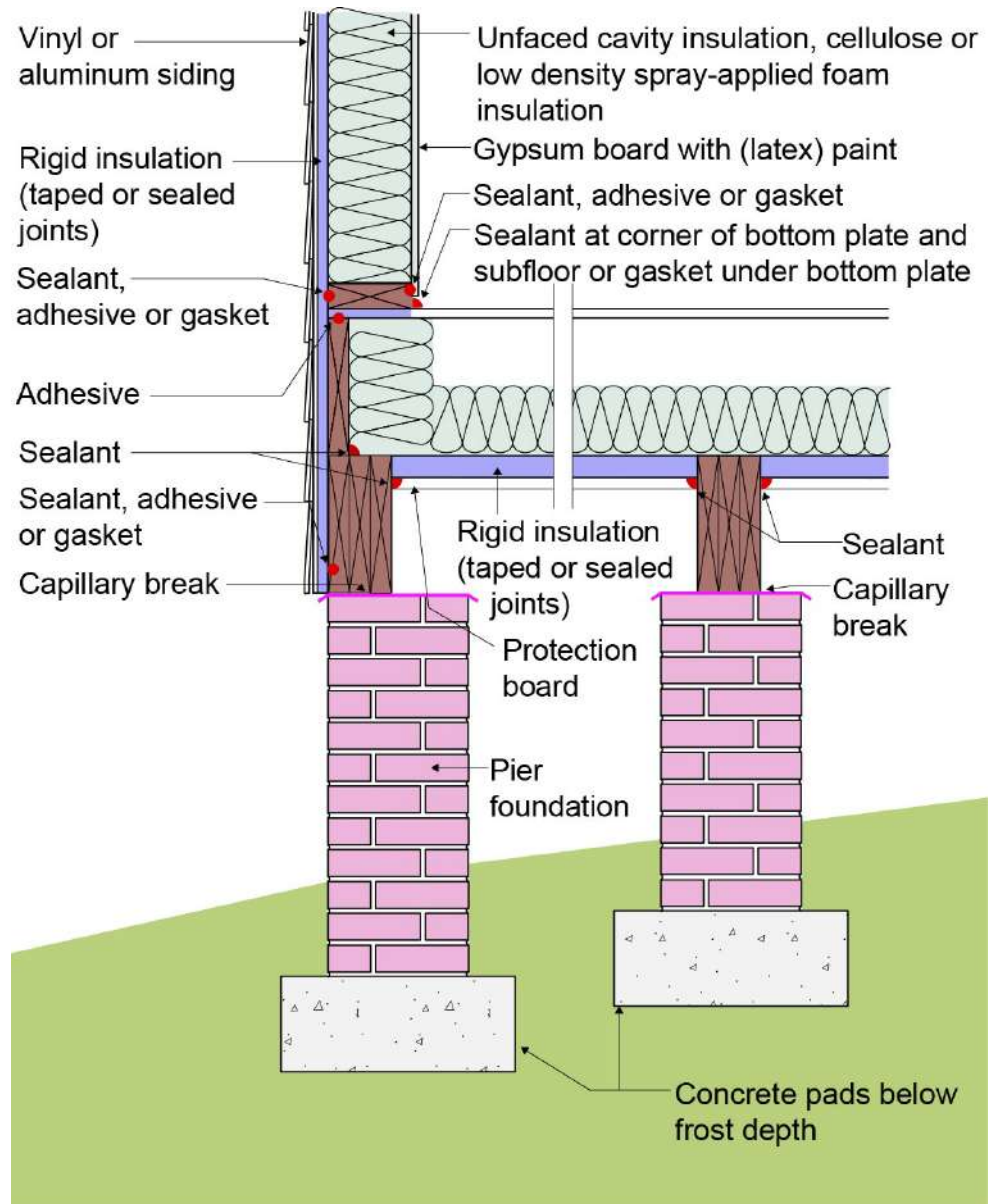
Alternative Detail



Smart Thing









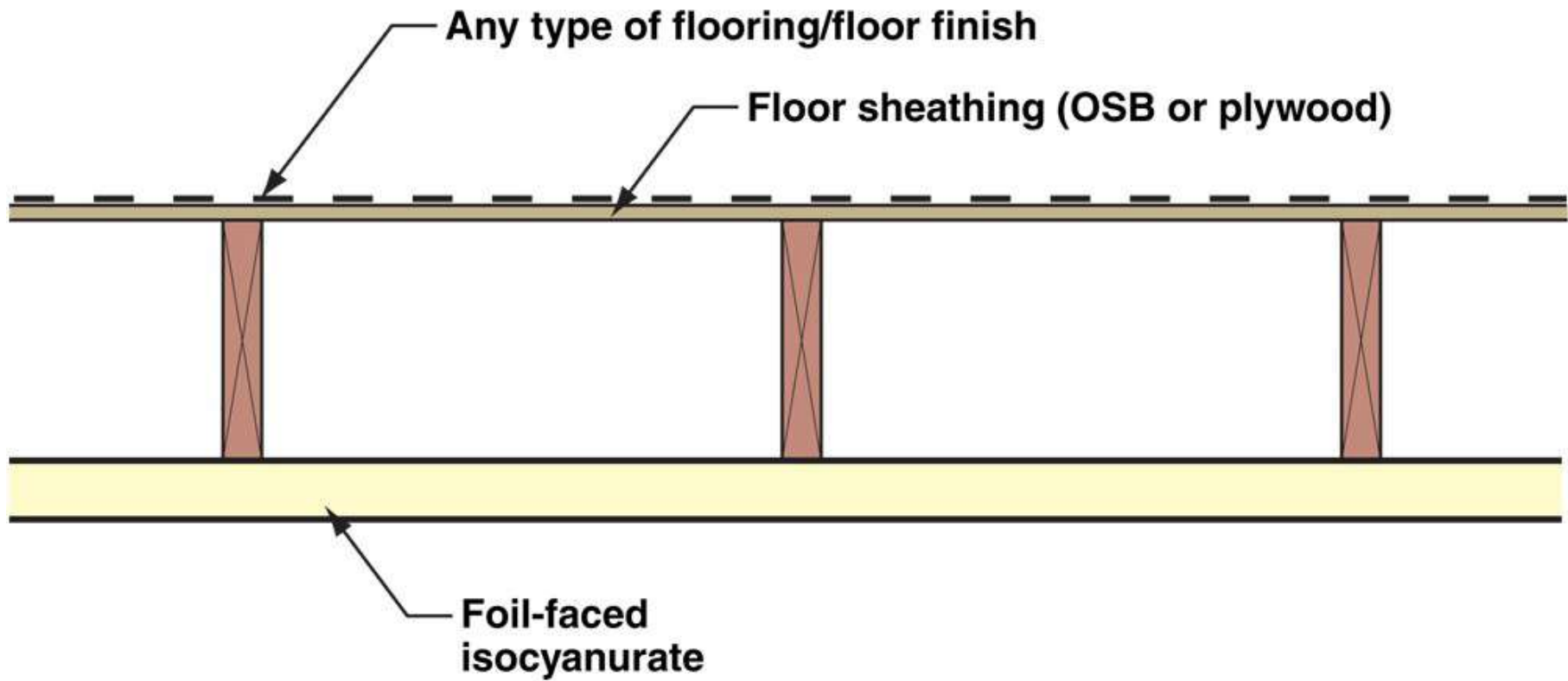


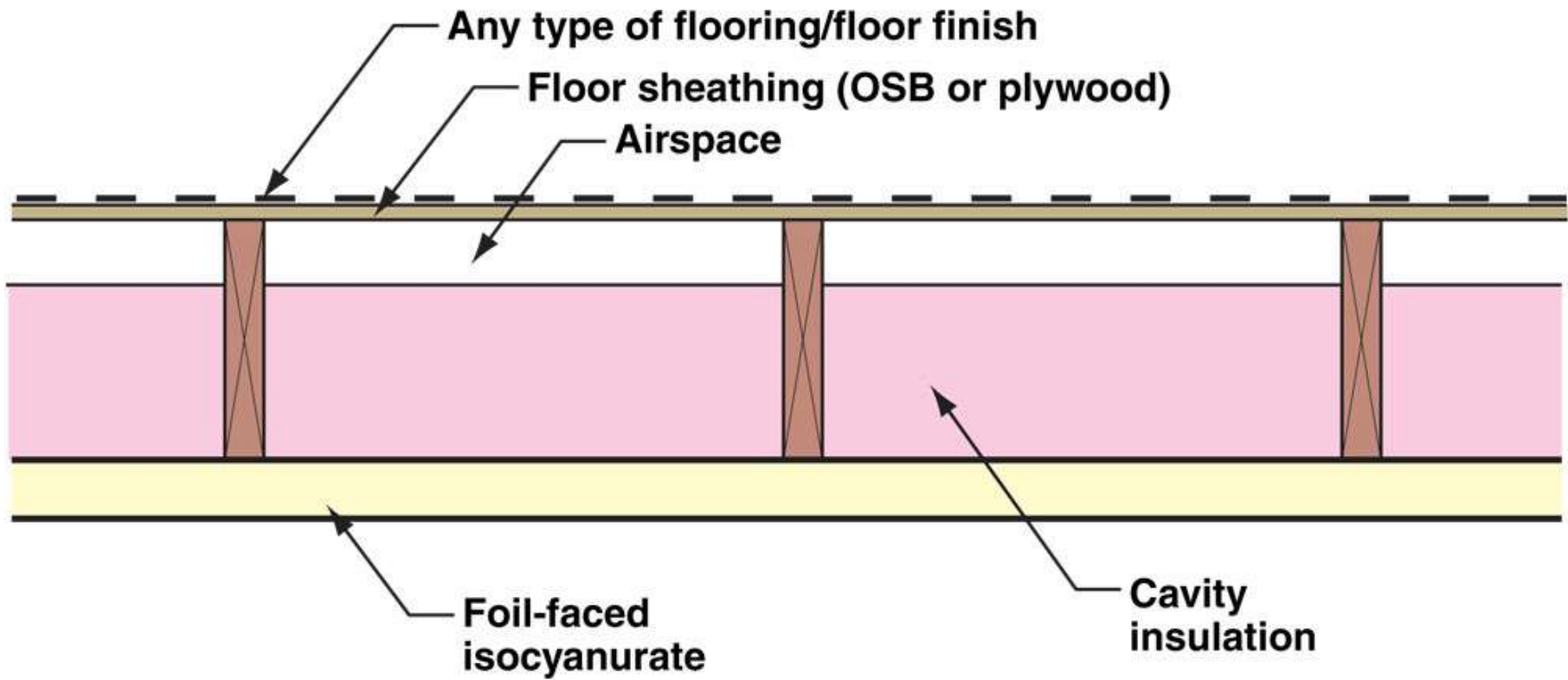


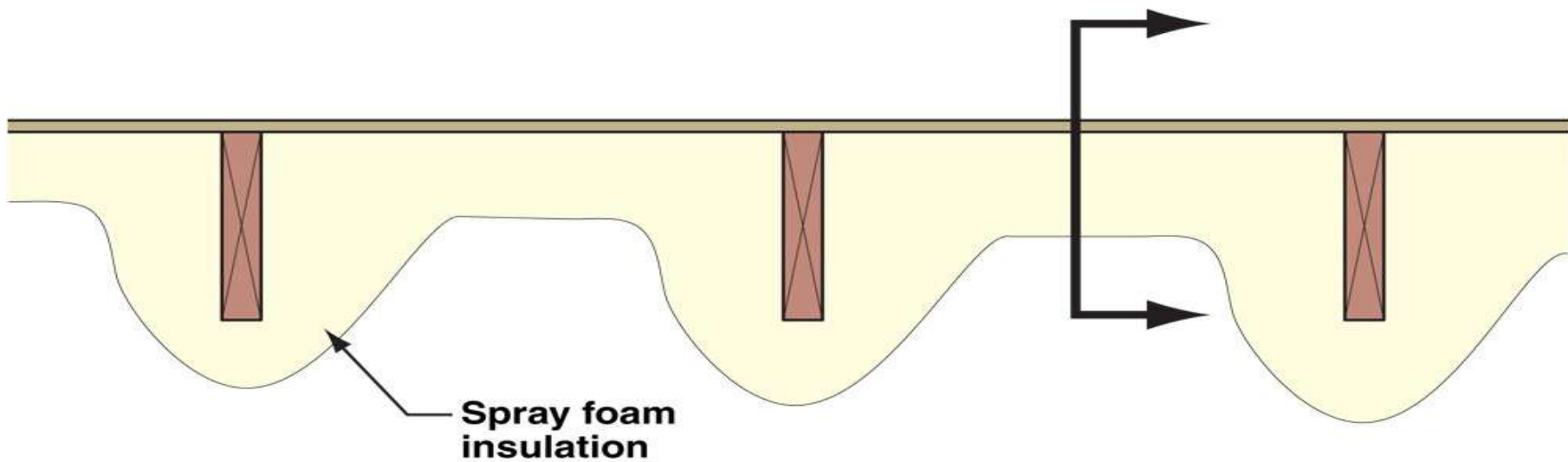


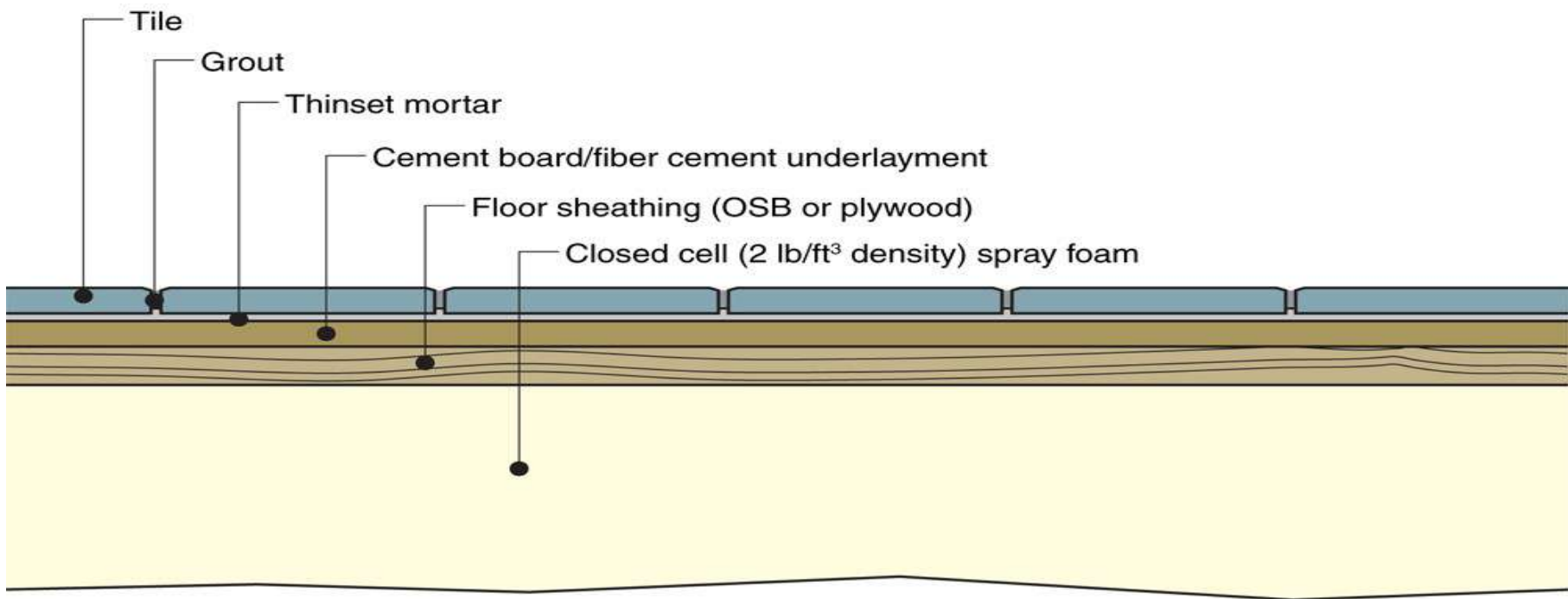


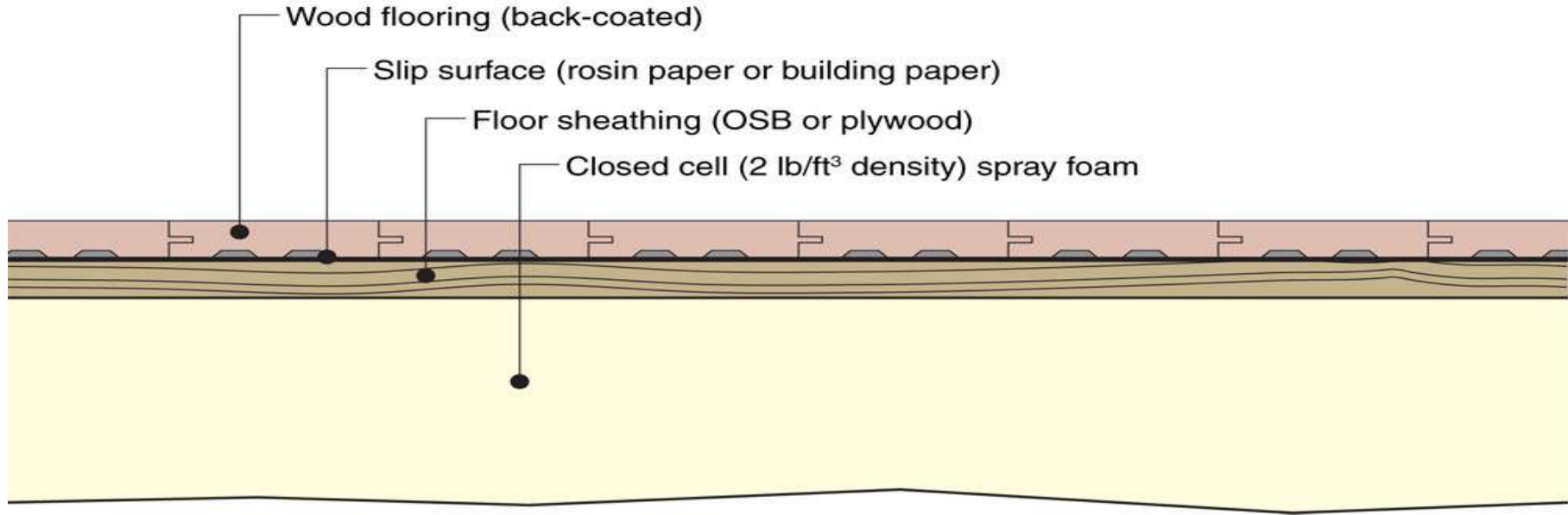


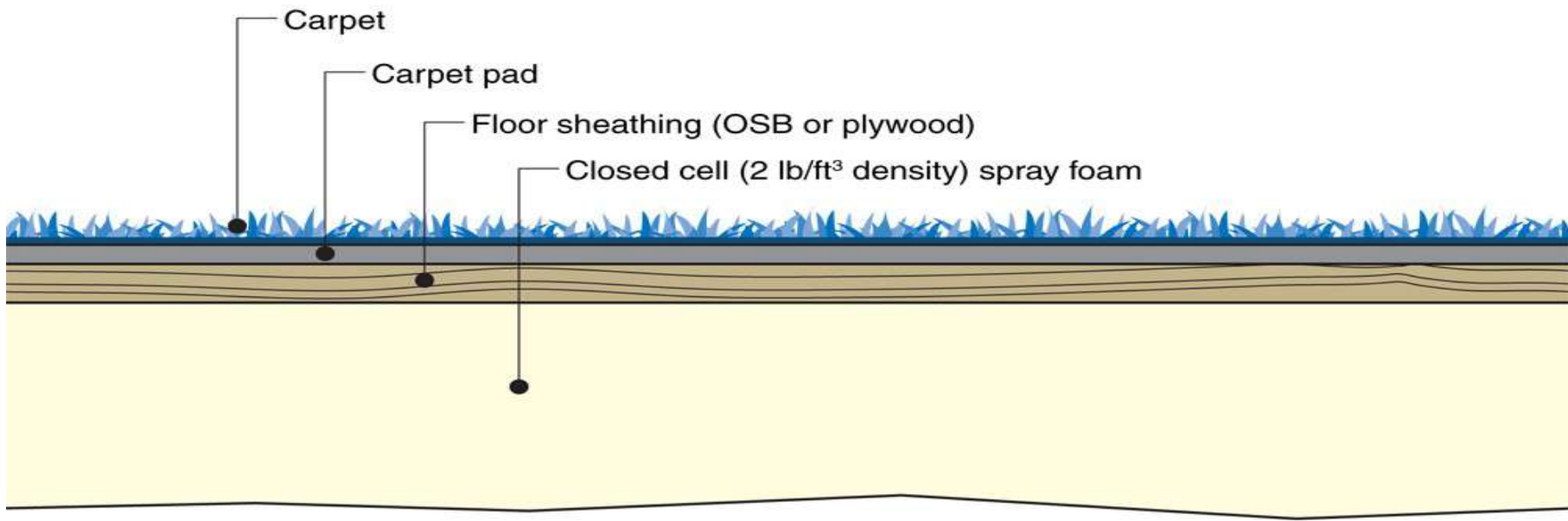


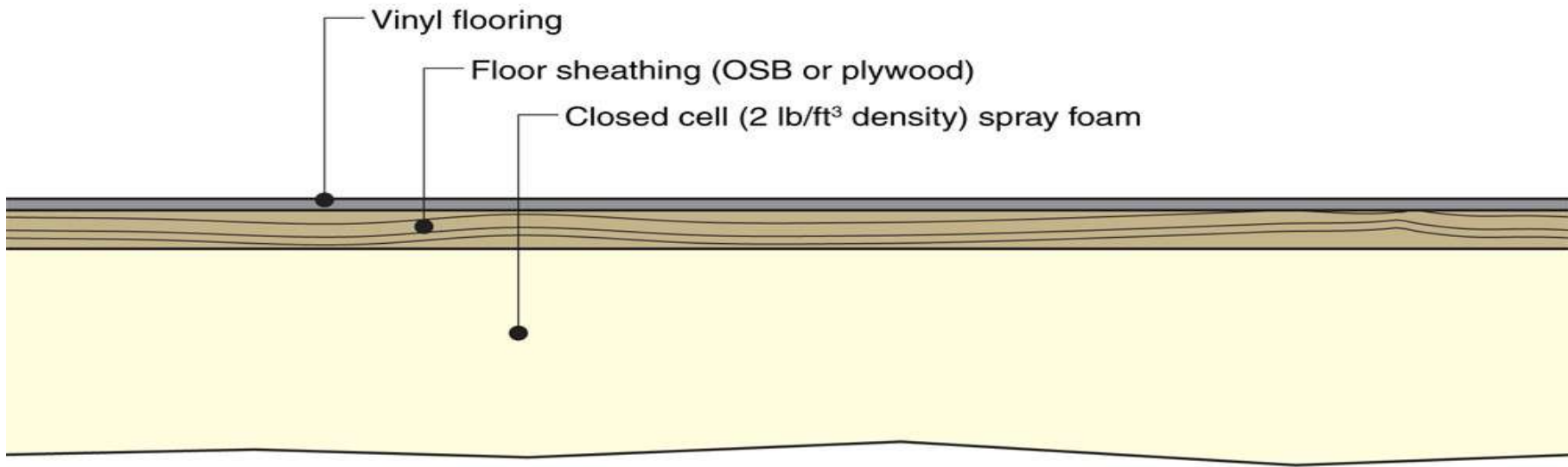


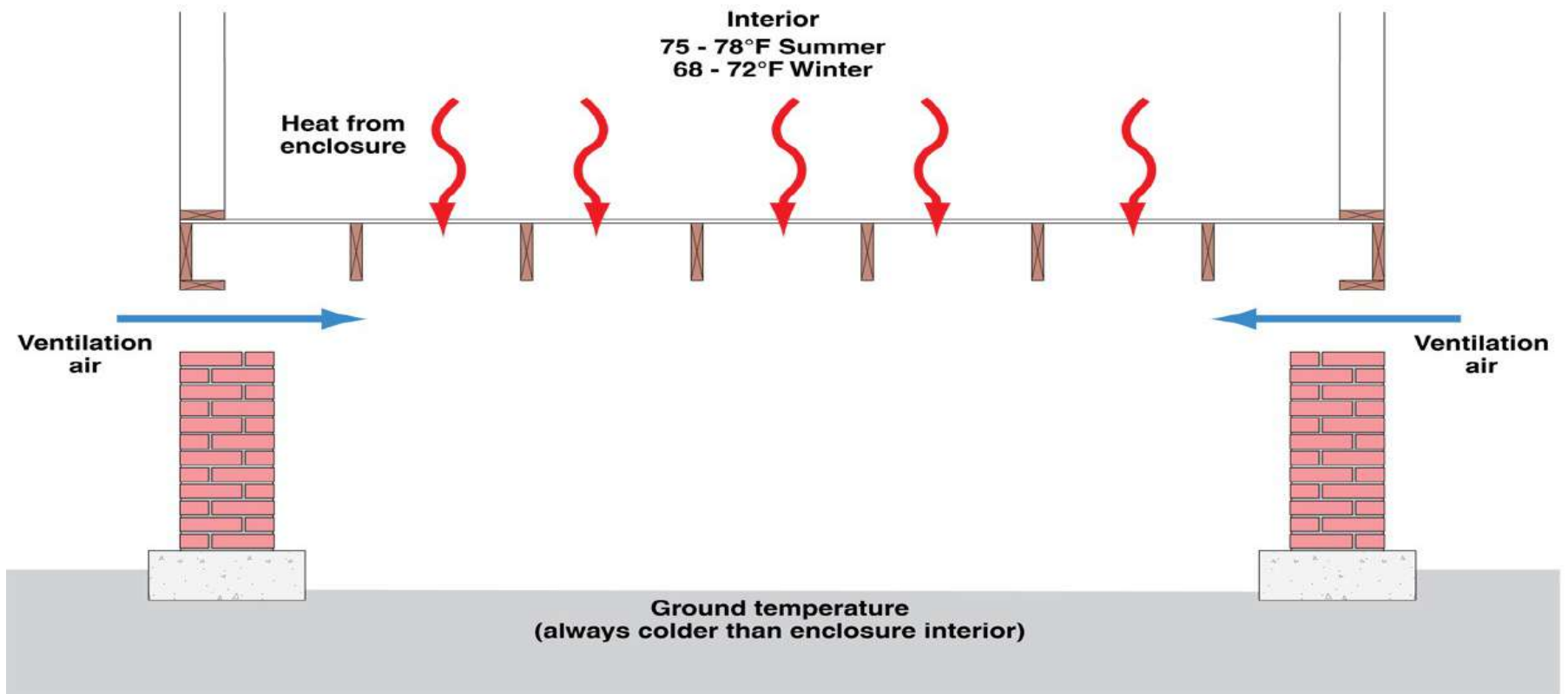


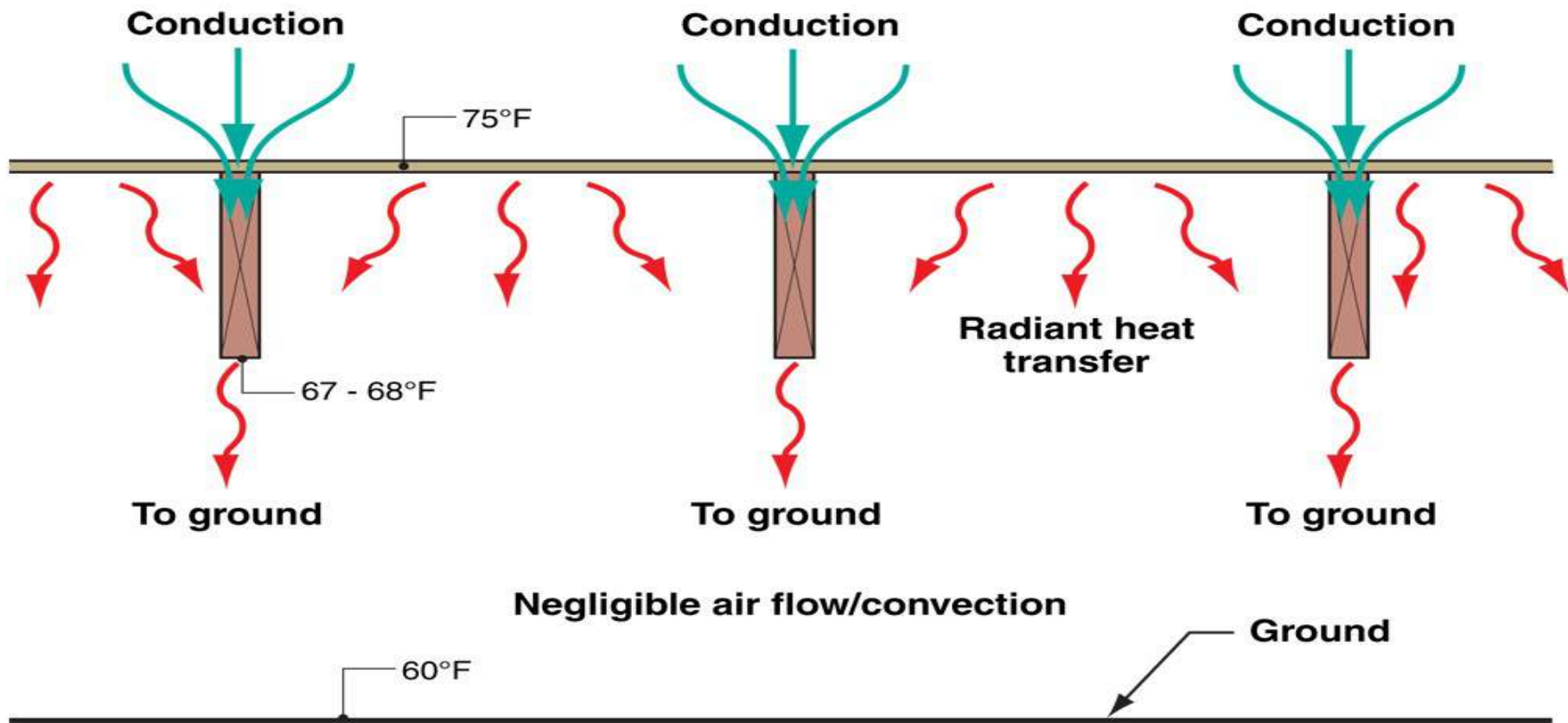


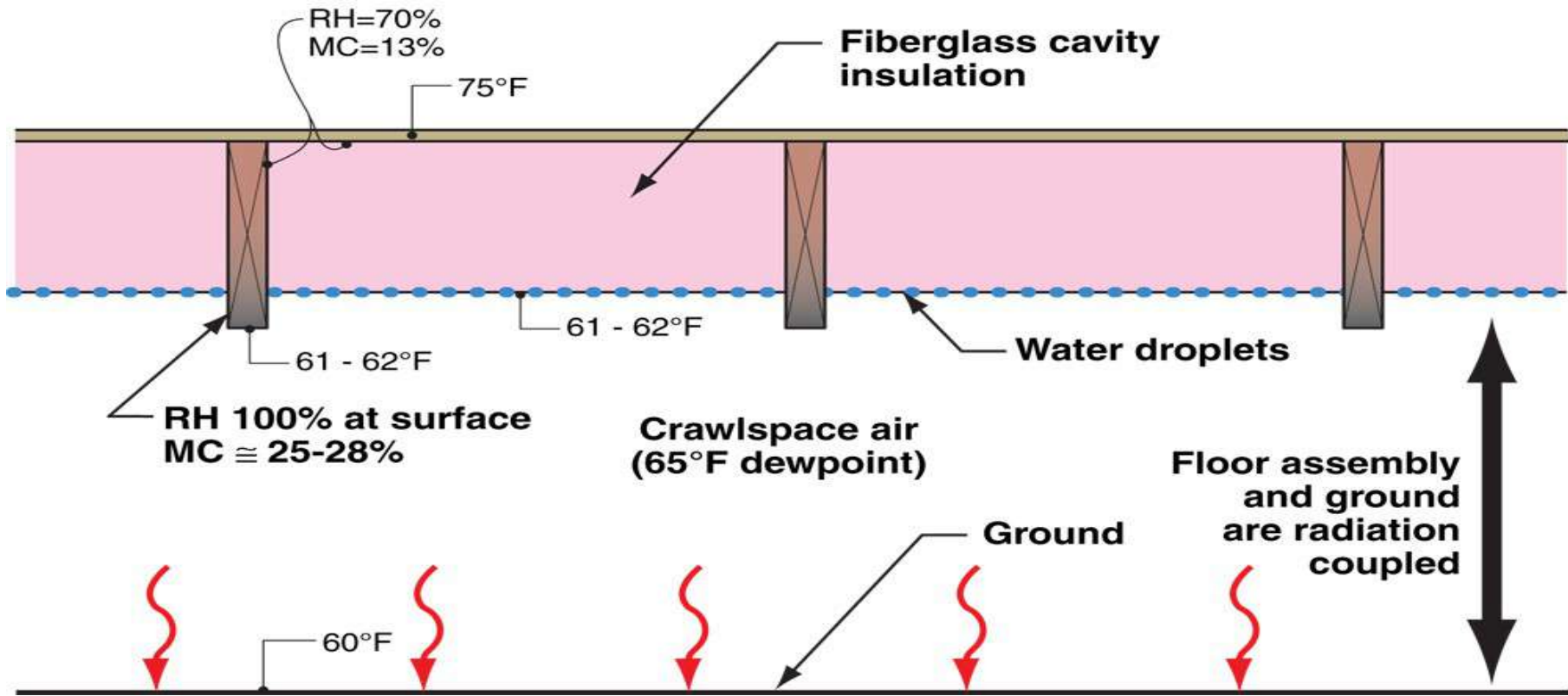


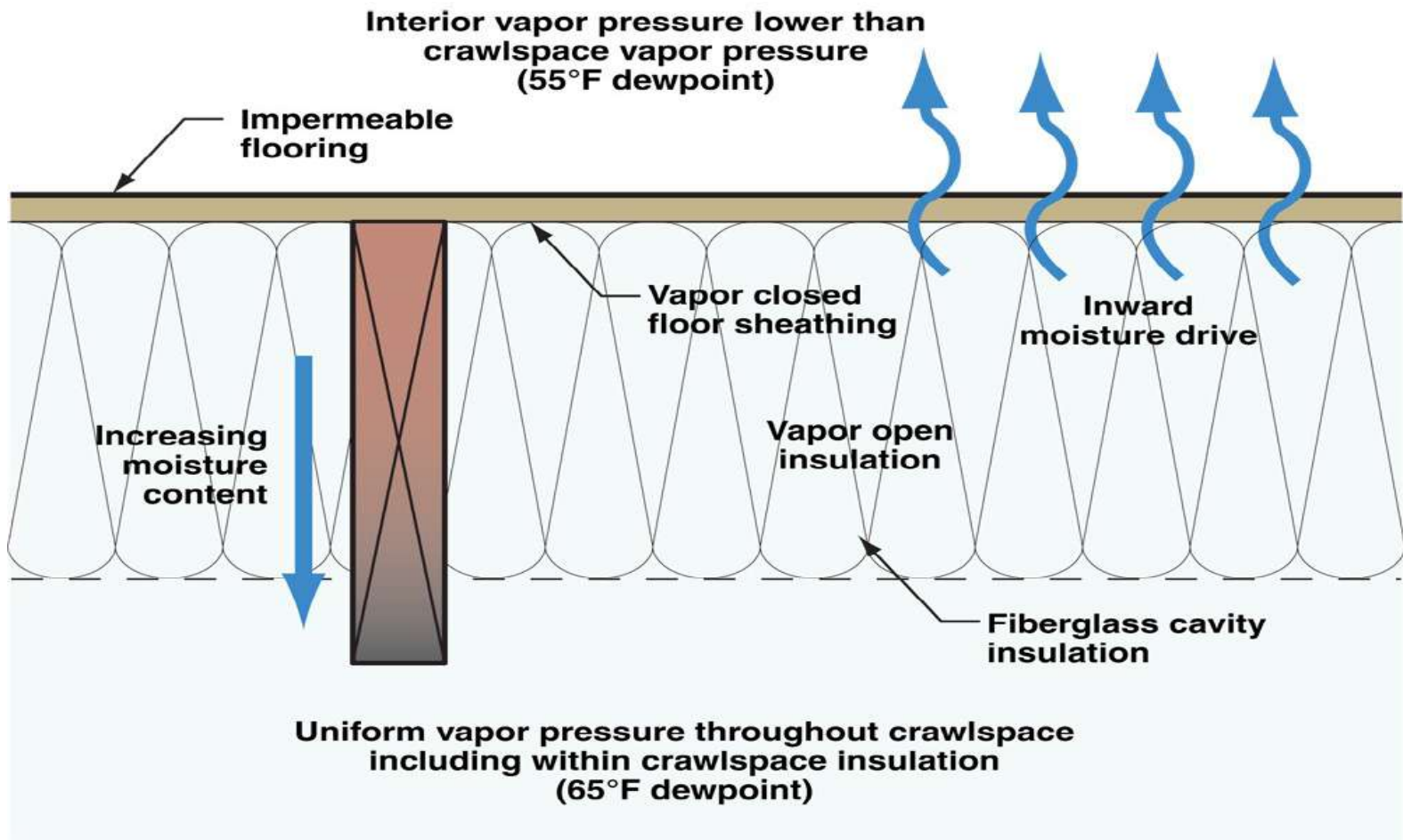








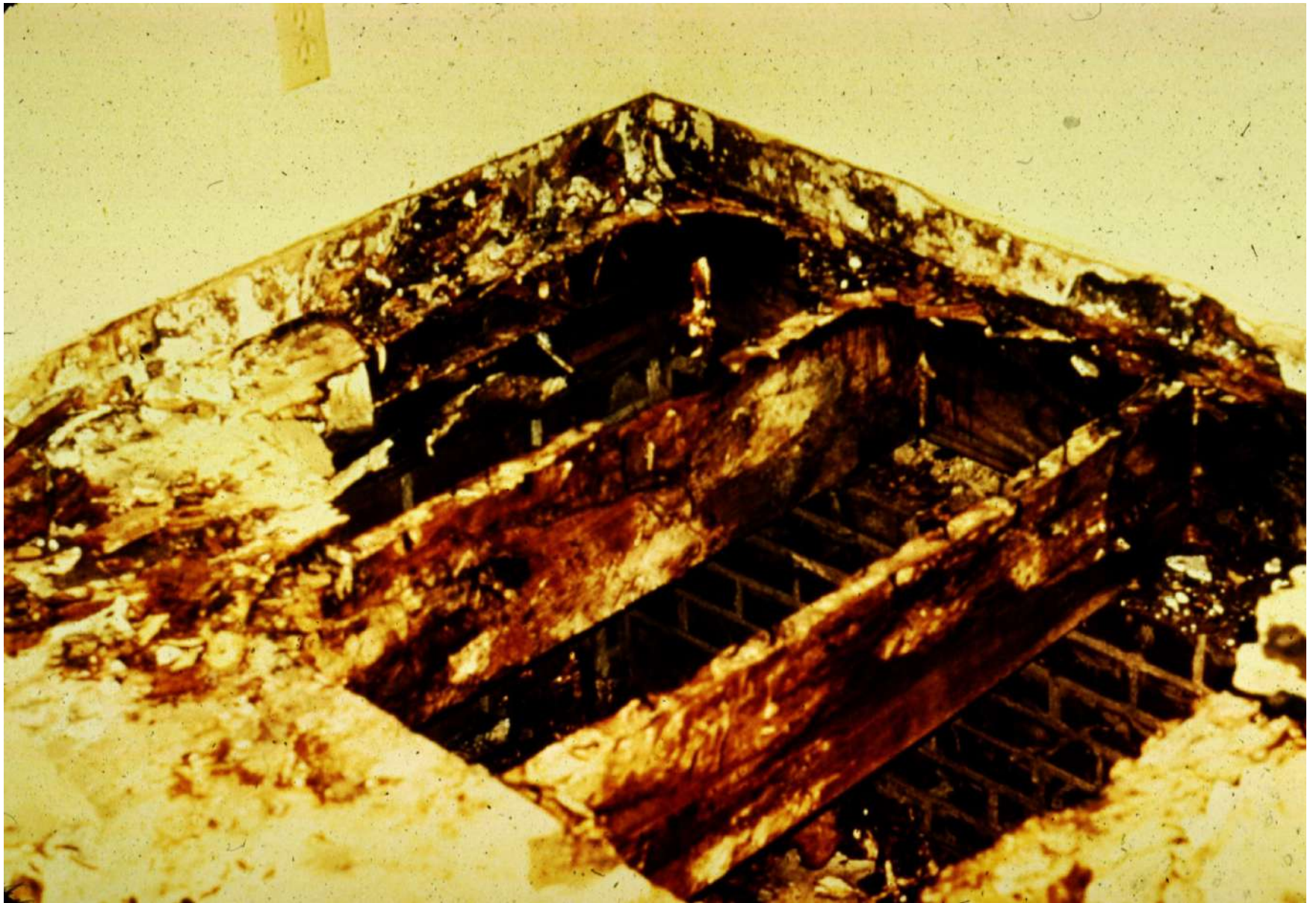


















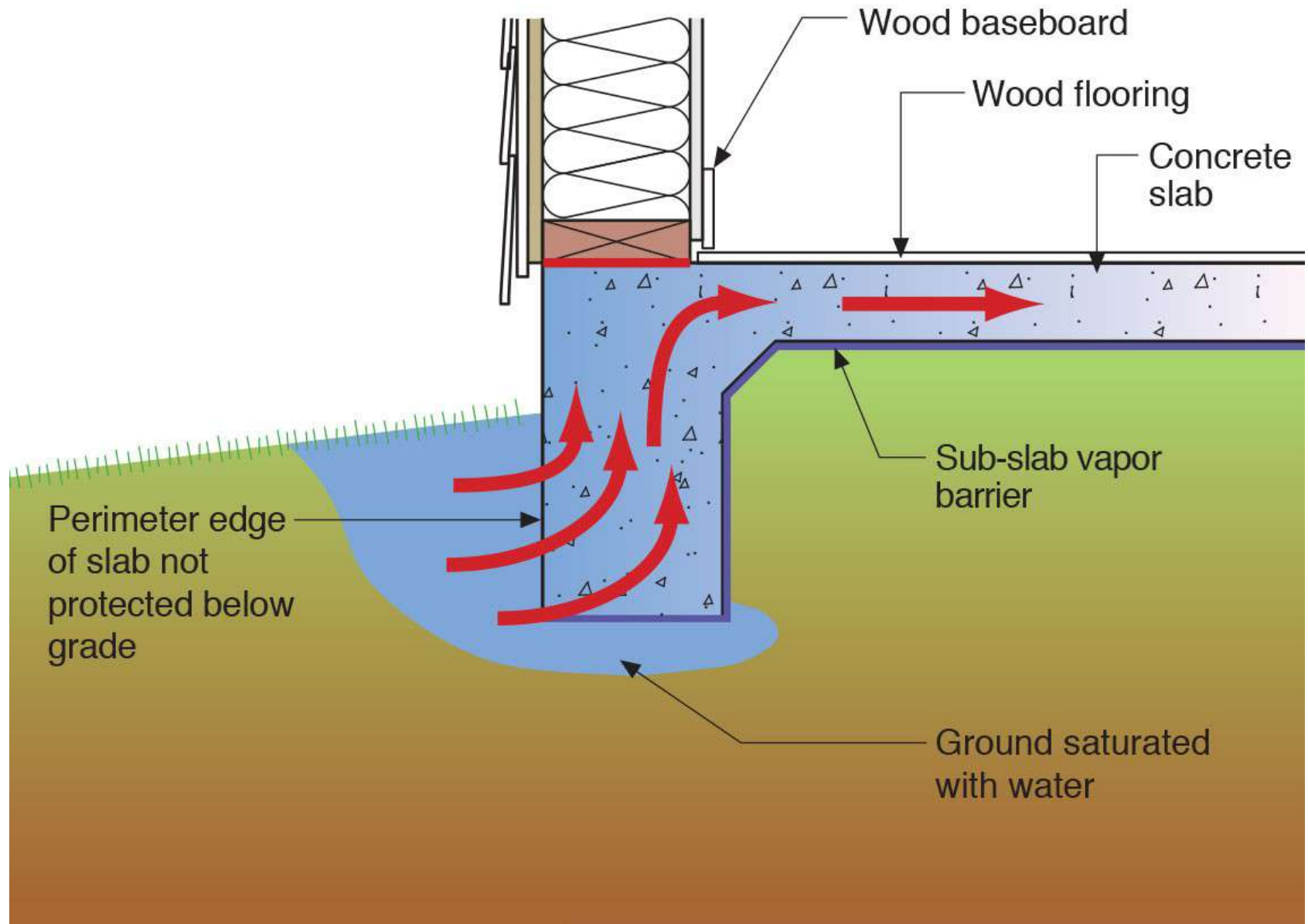








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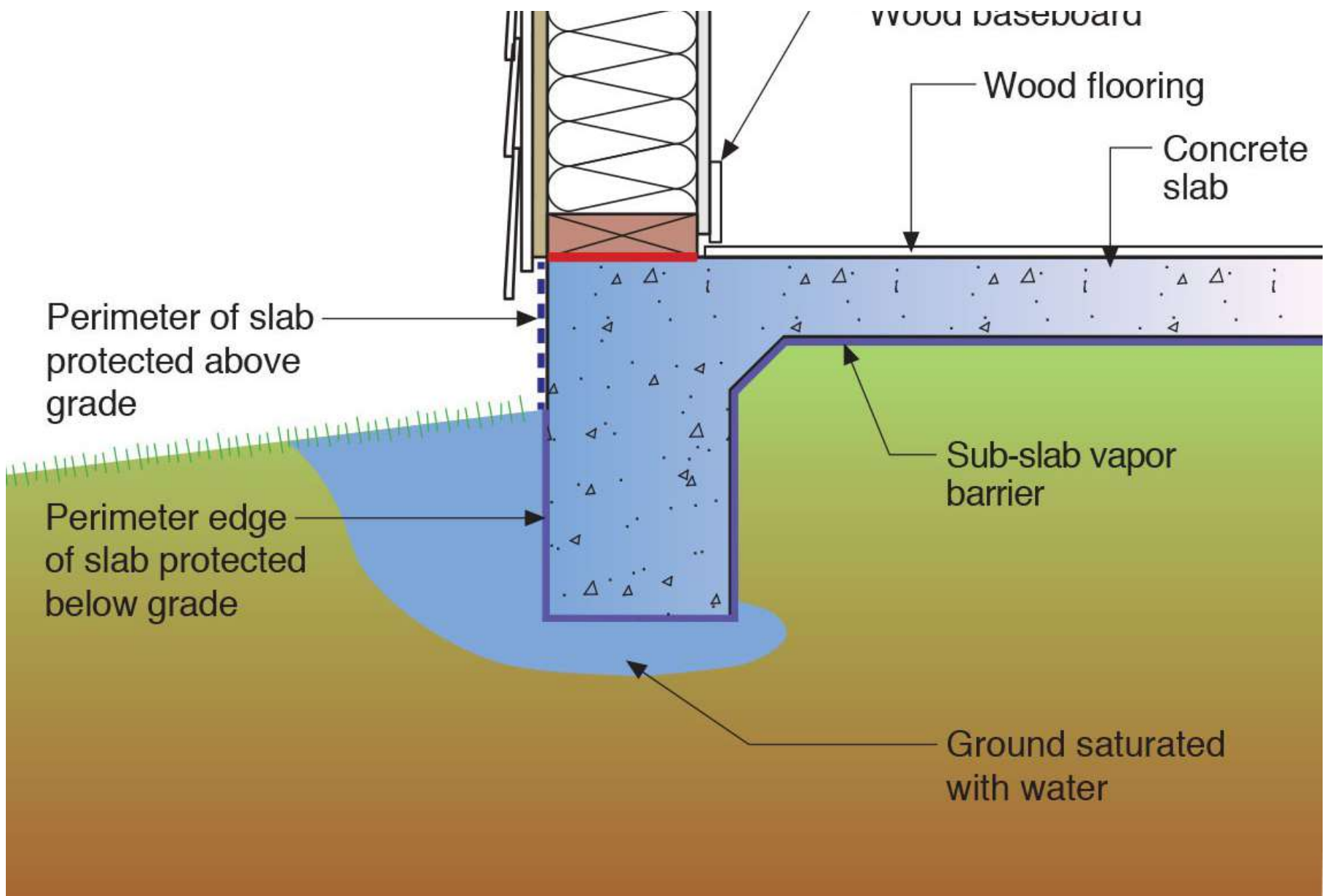


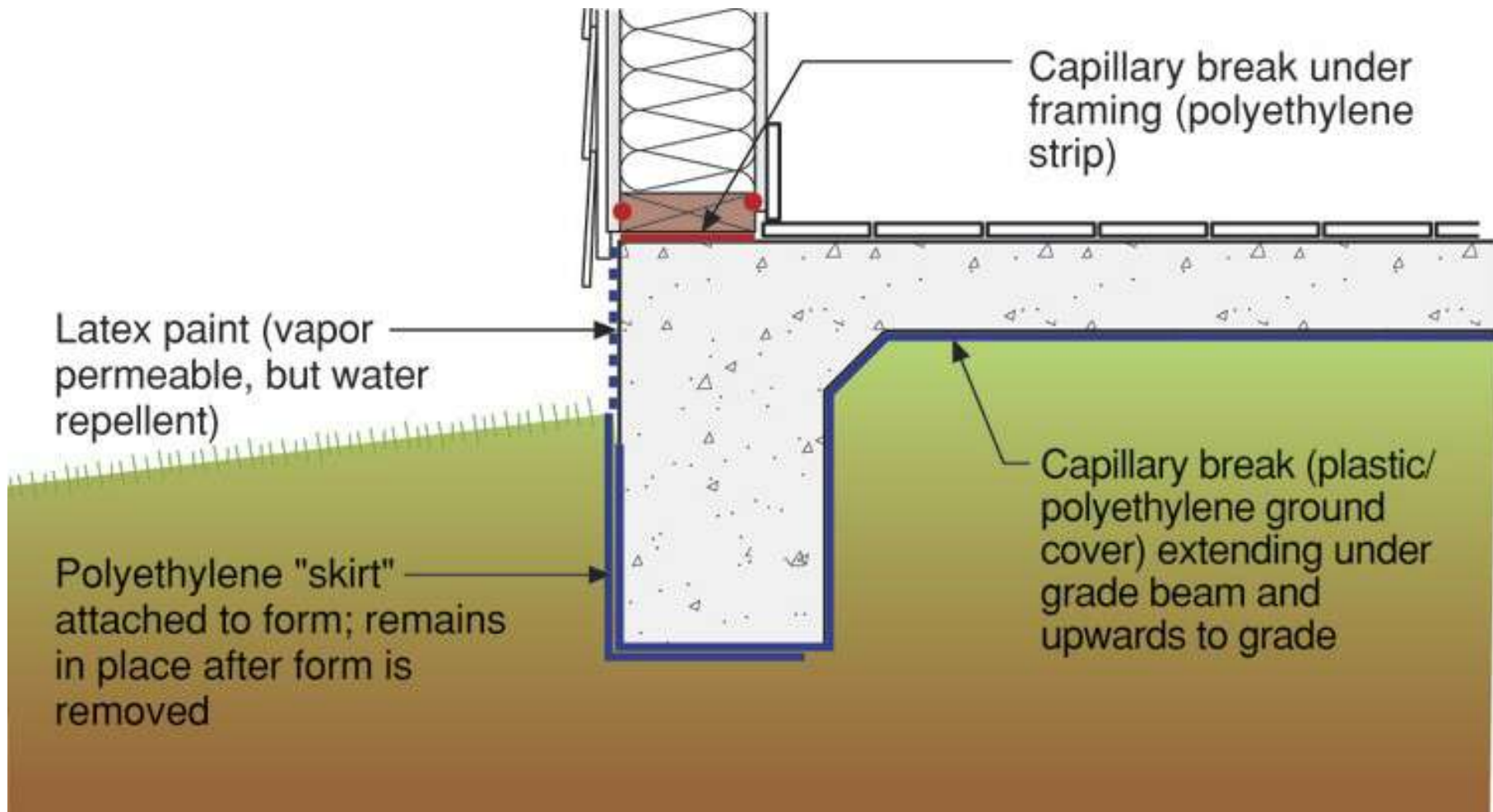










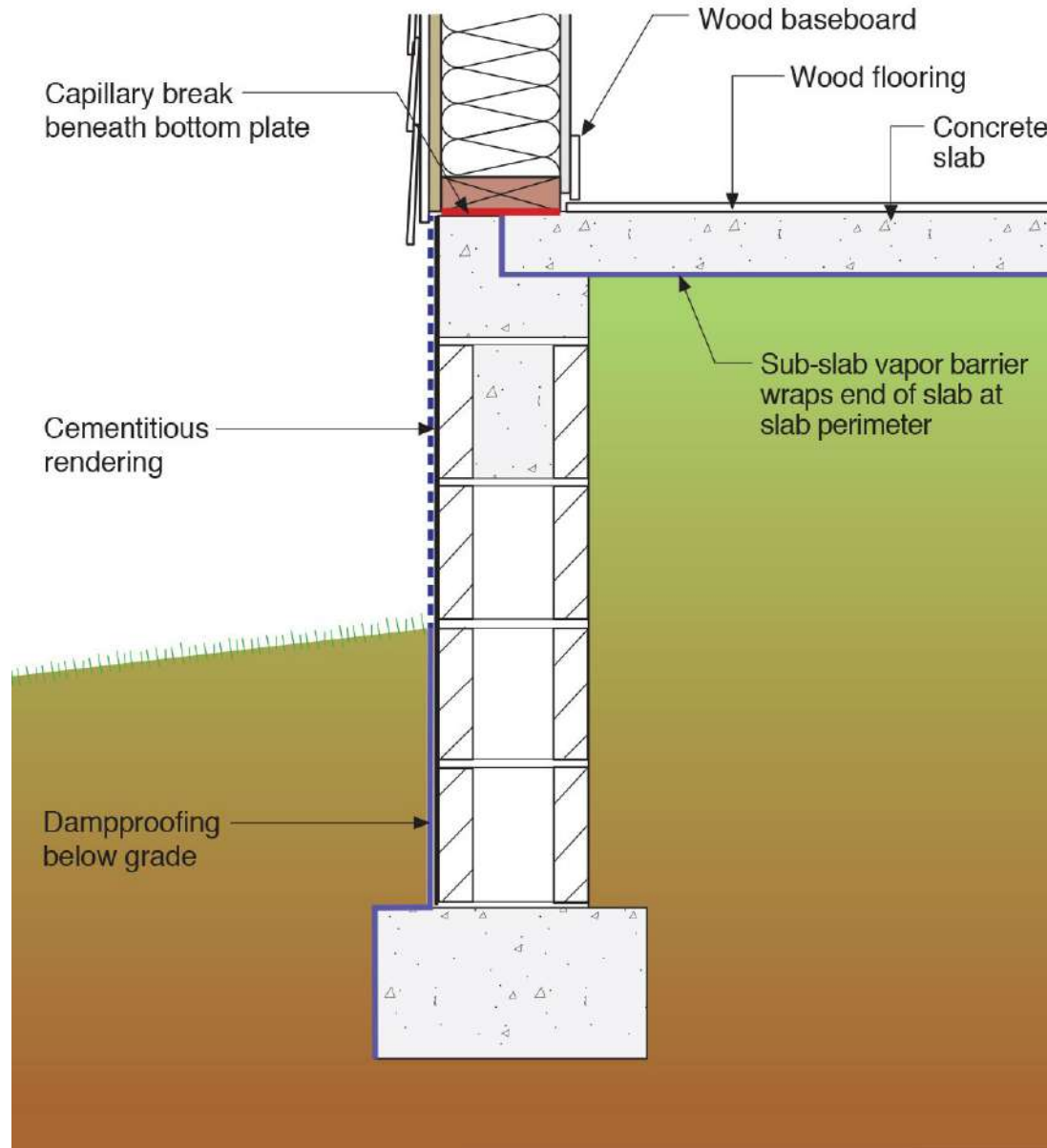








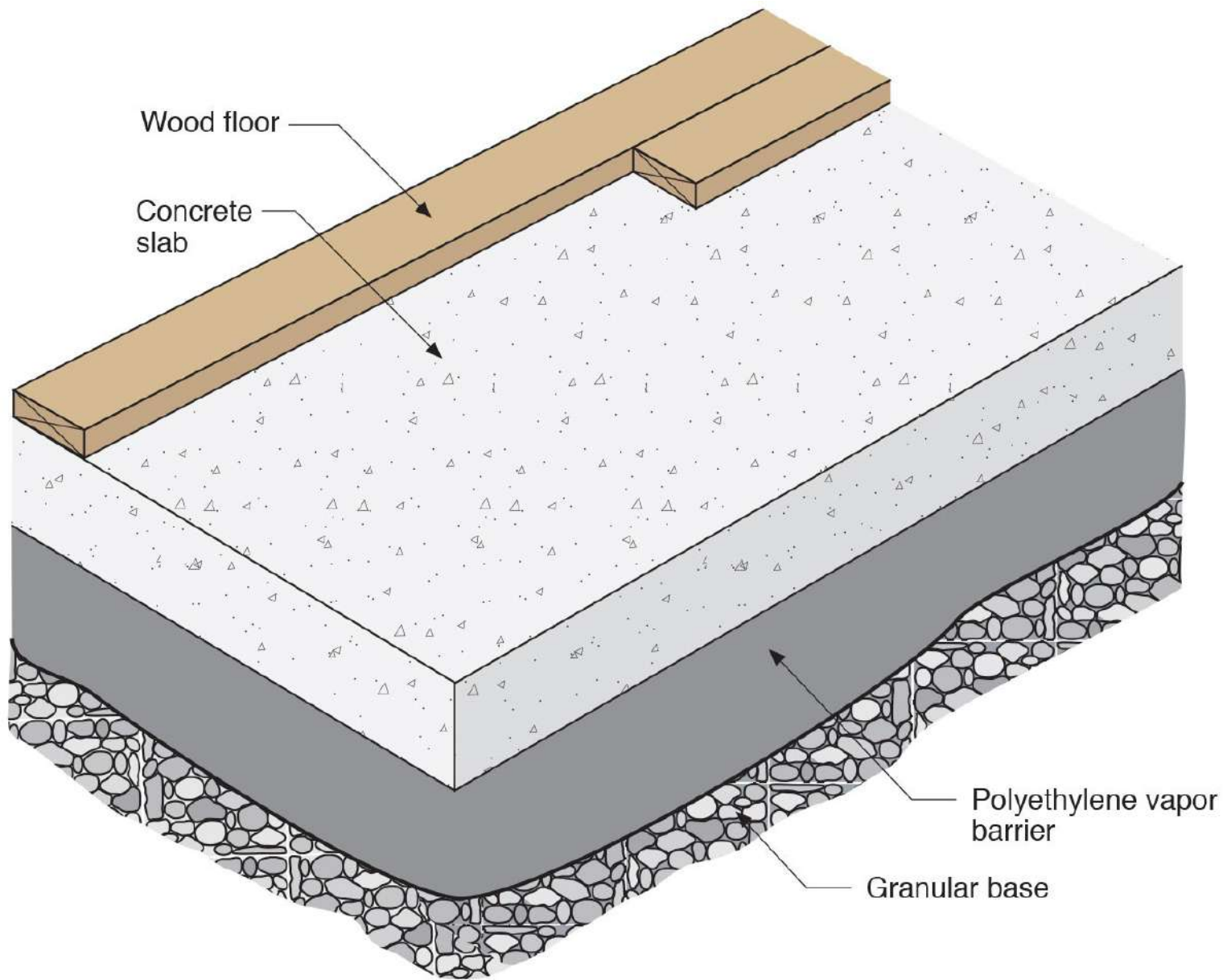


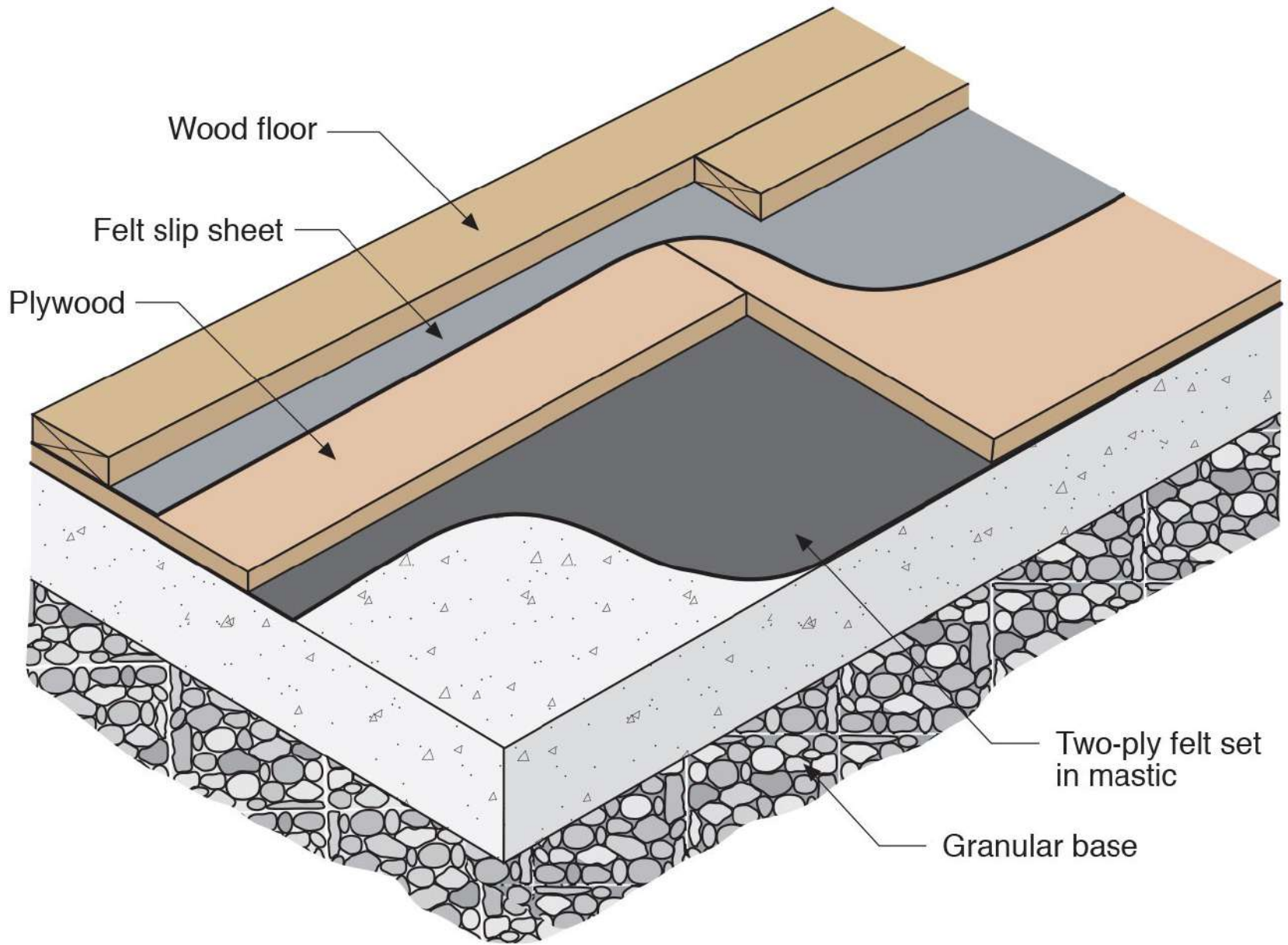




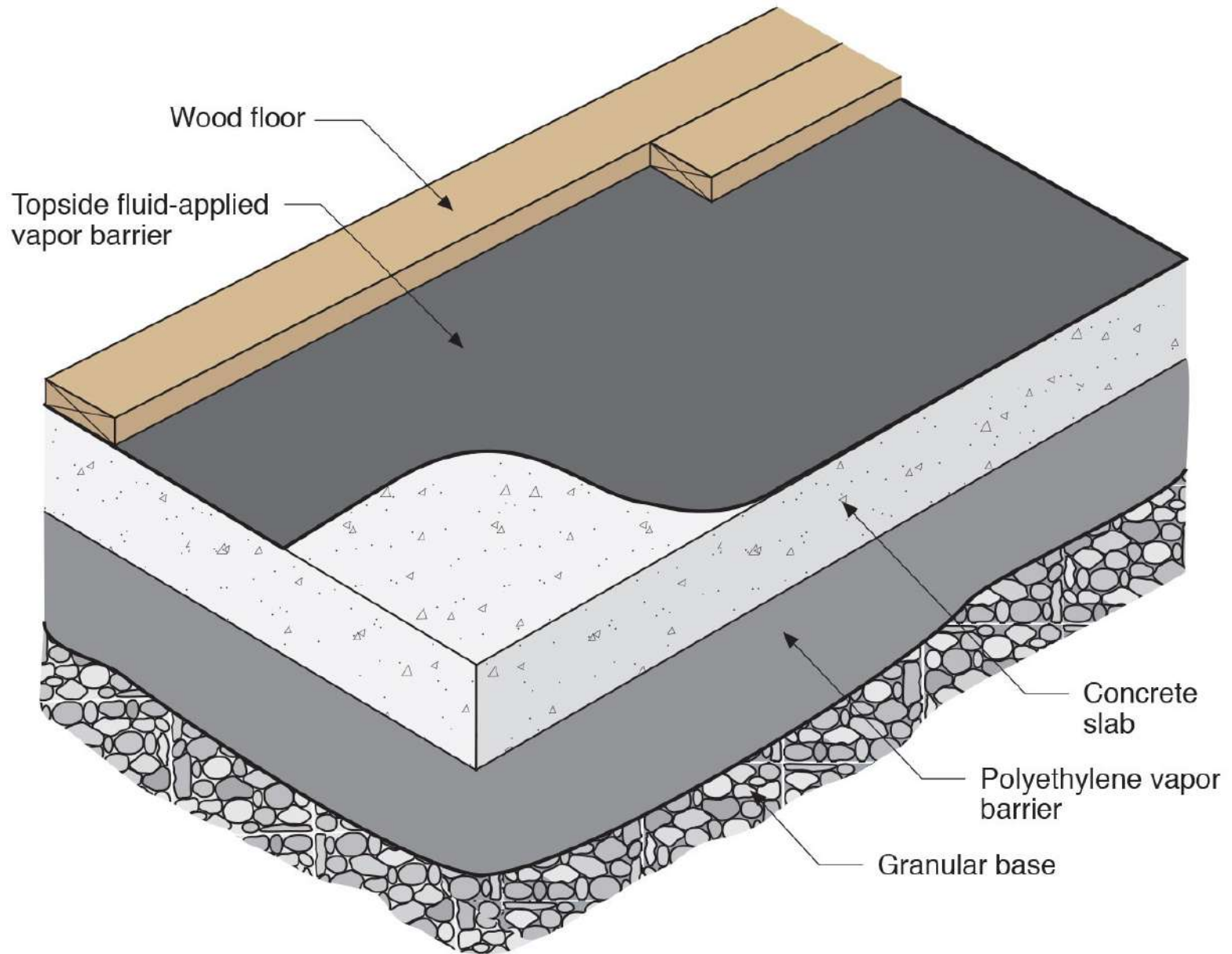






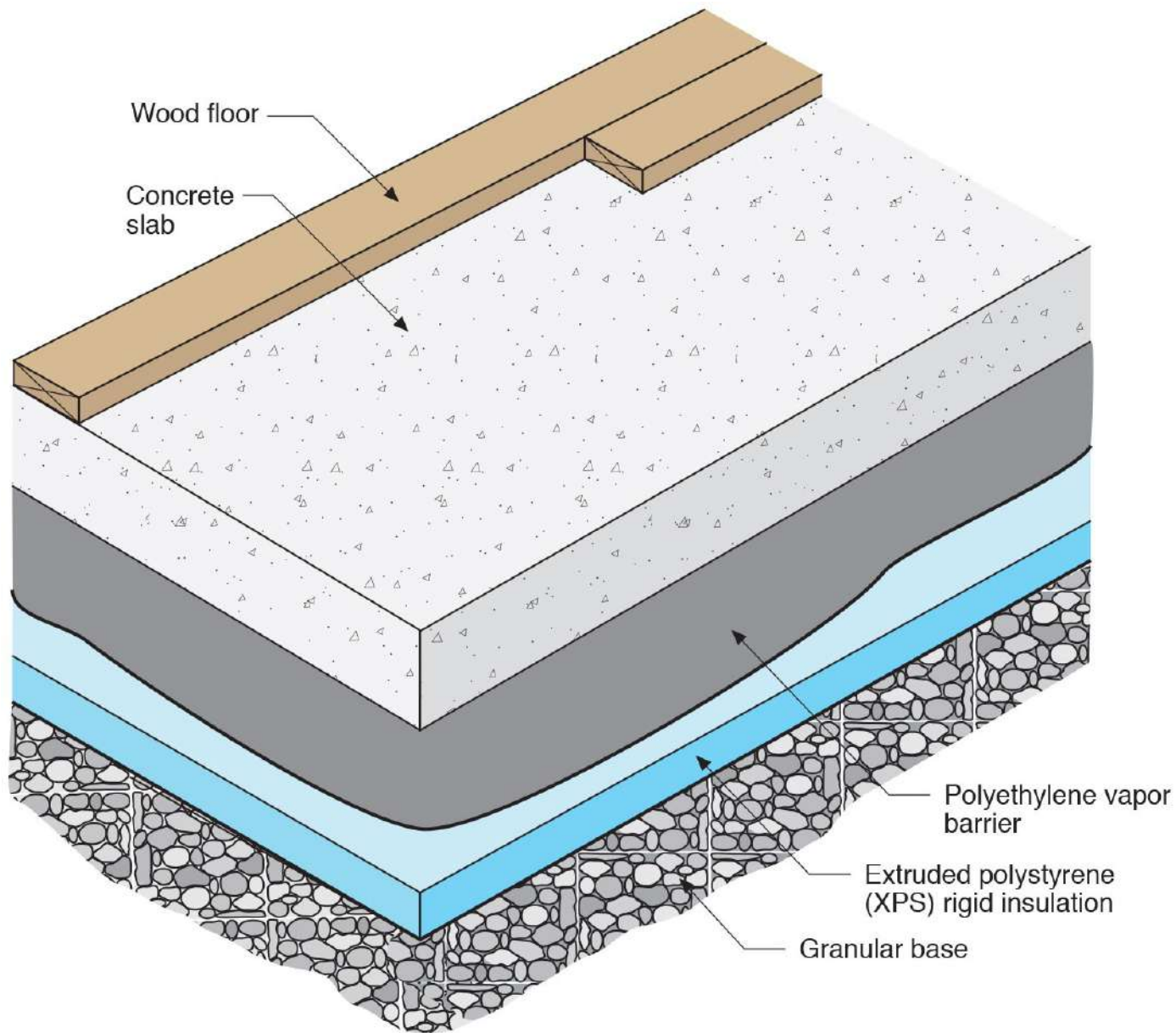




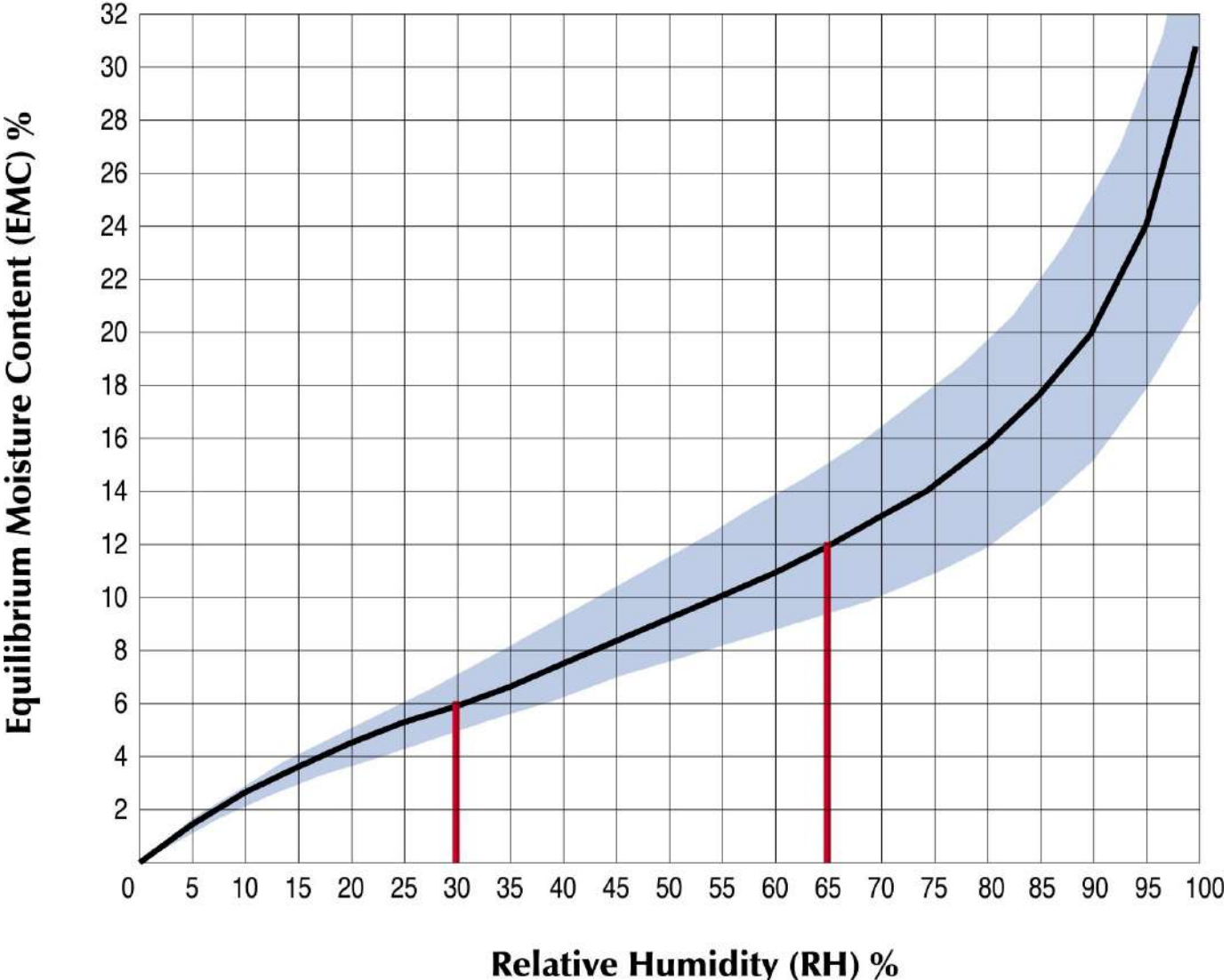


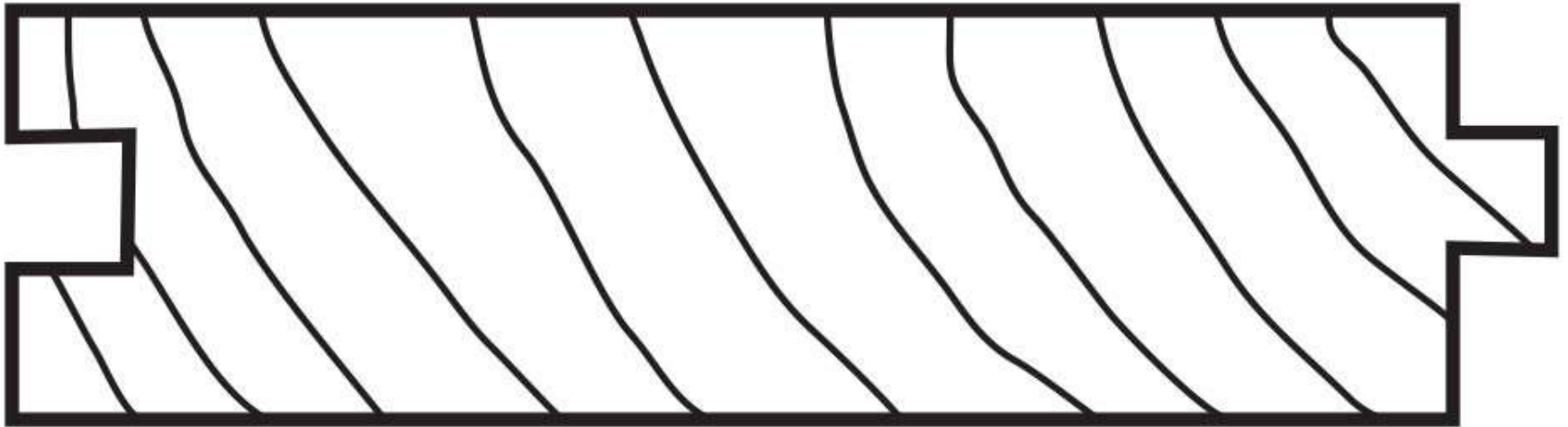




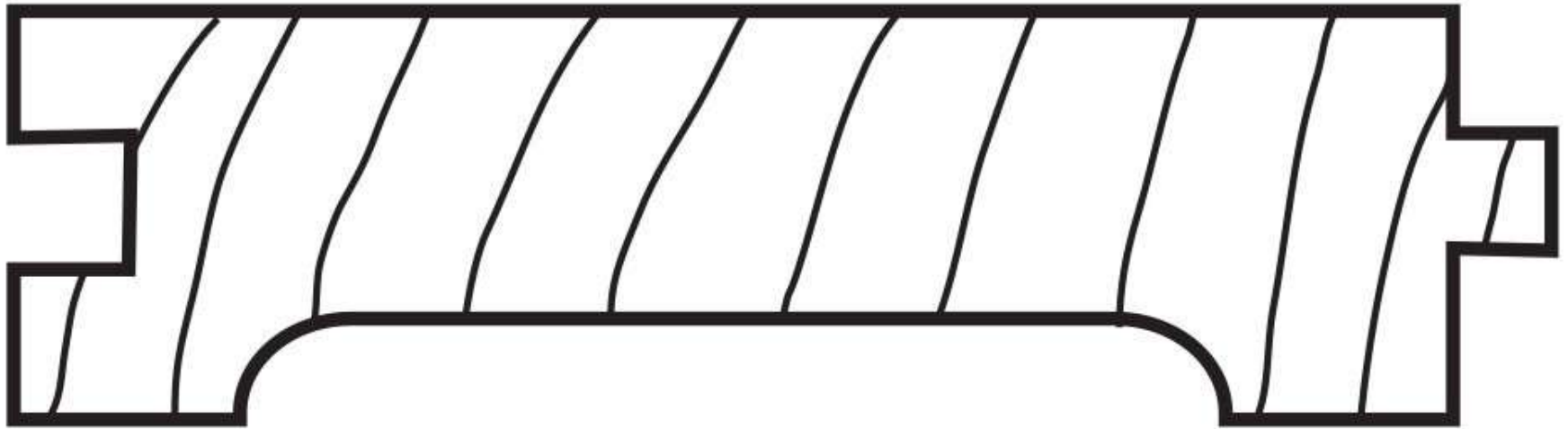


Moisture Content vs. Relative Humidity

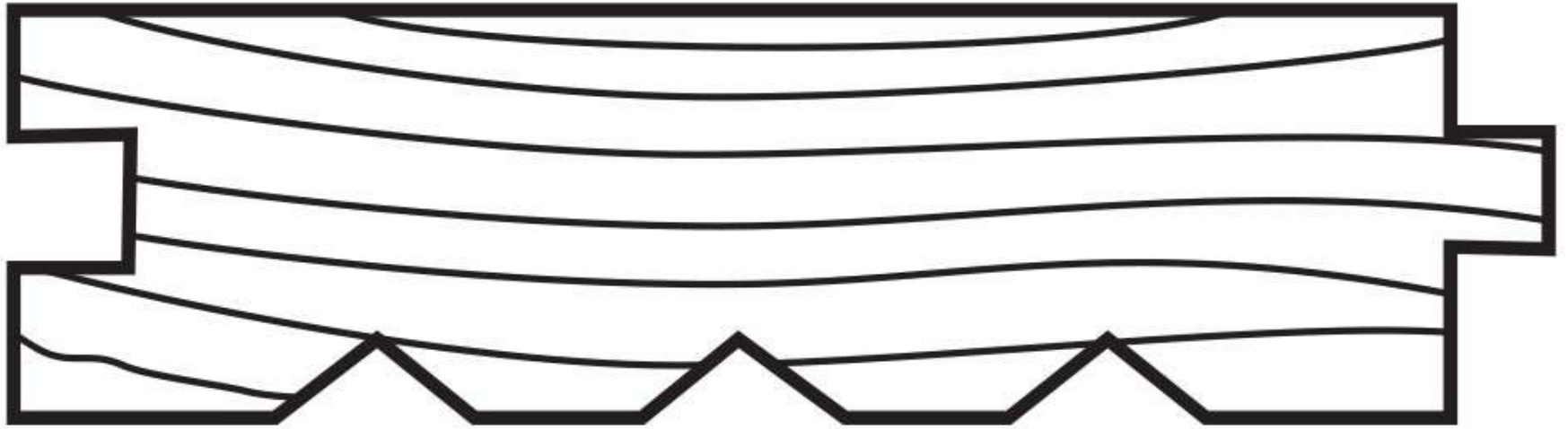




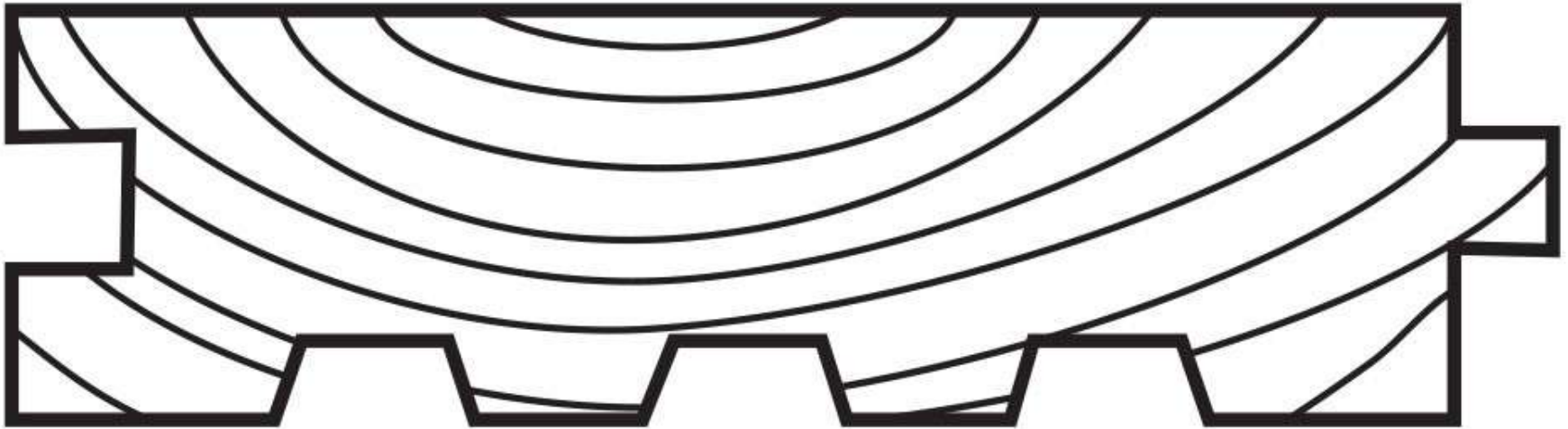
Plain



Hollow Back



Scratch Back

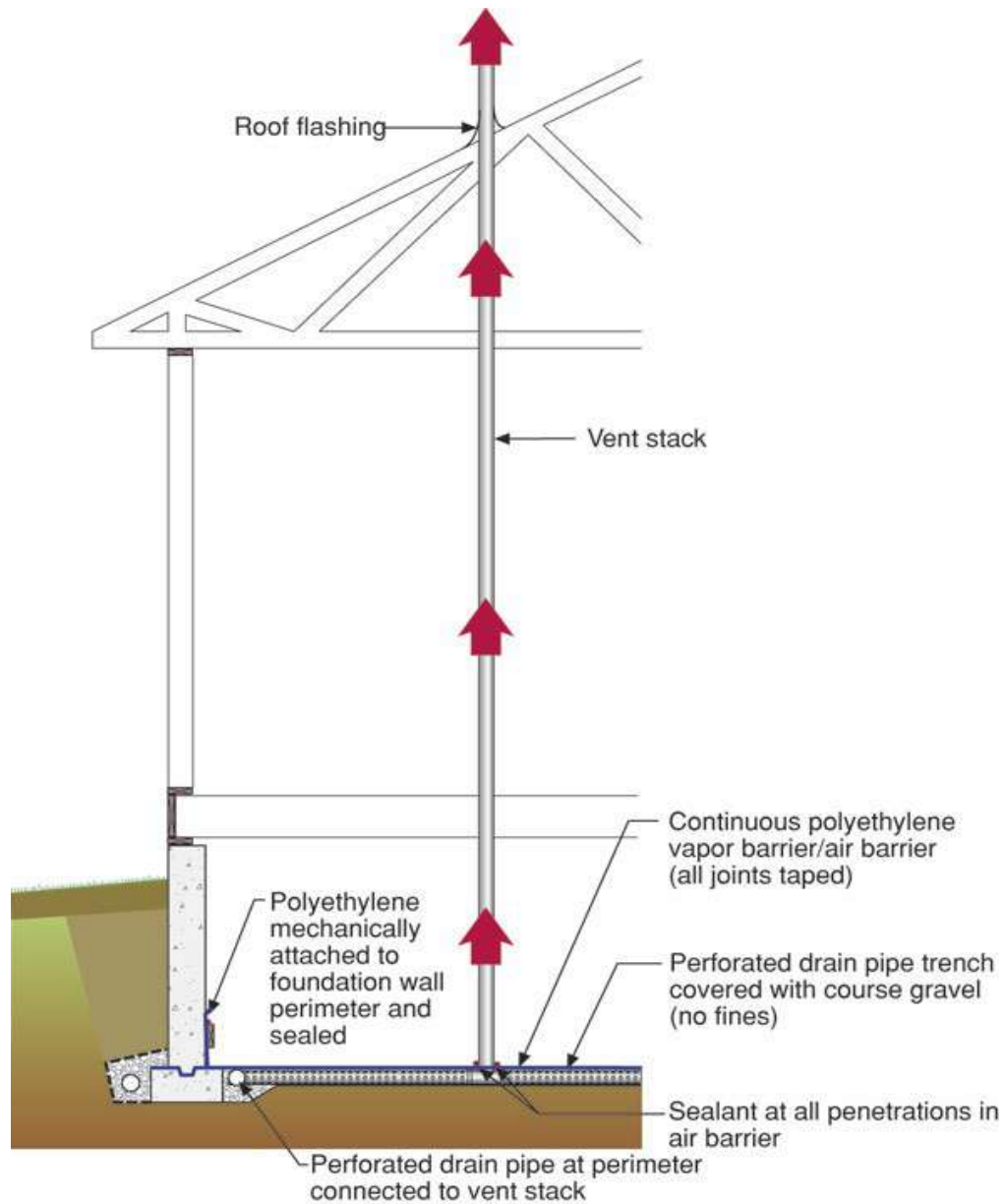


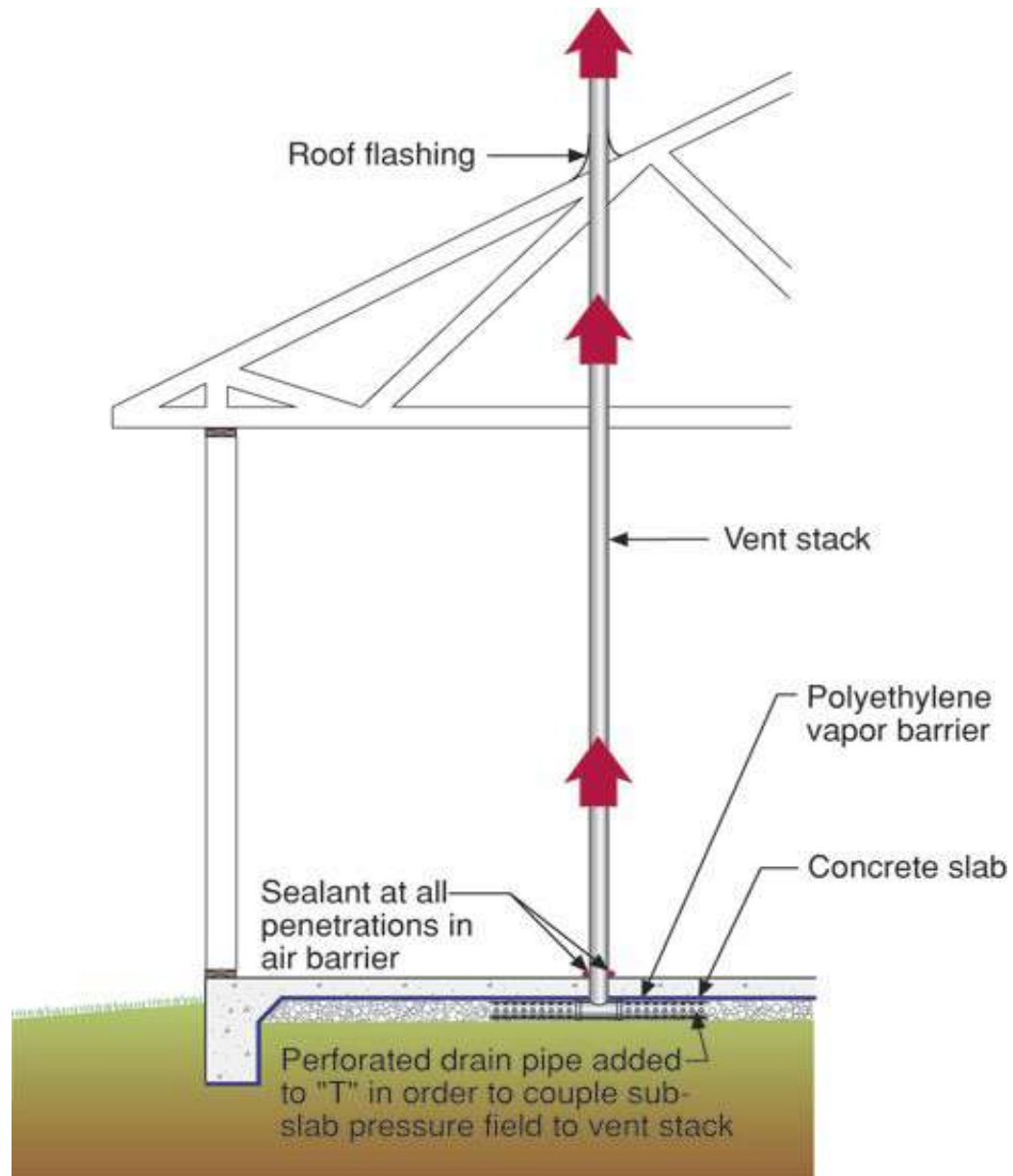
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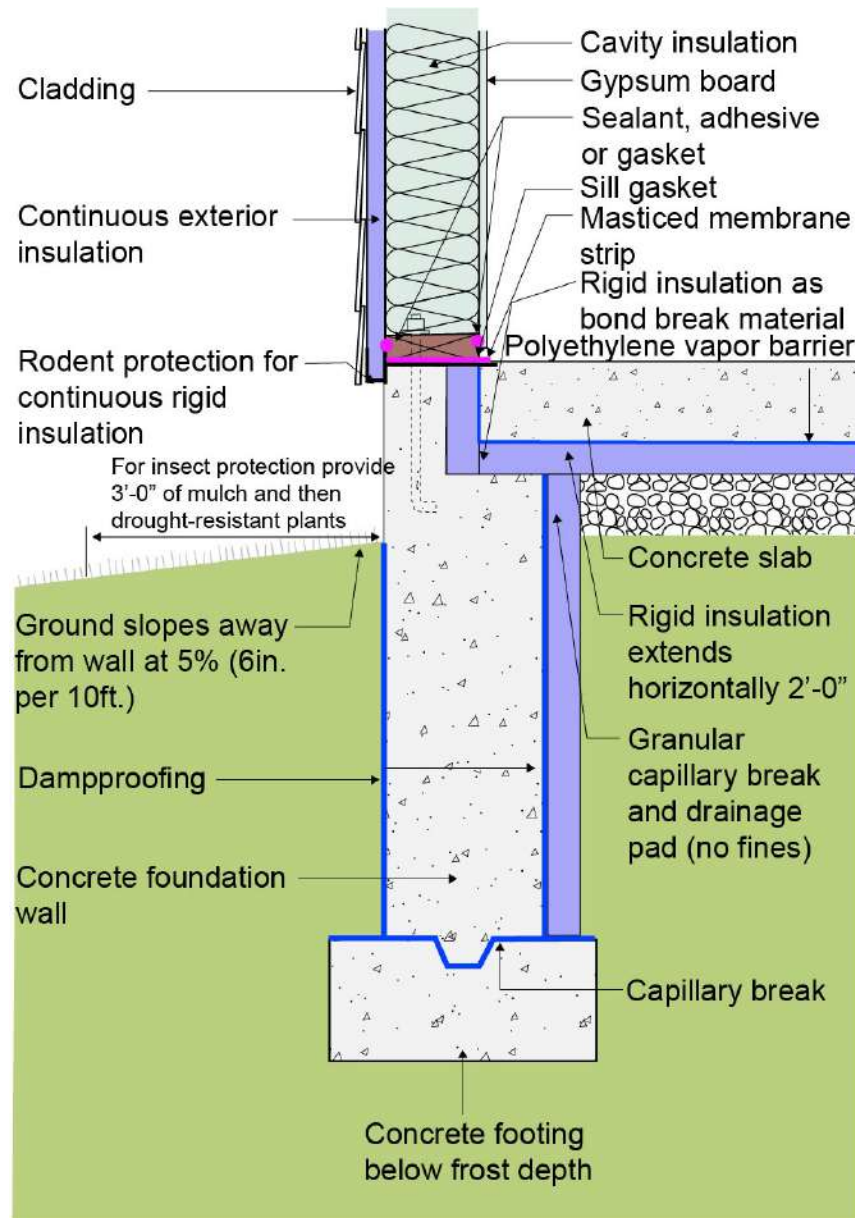












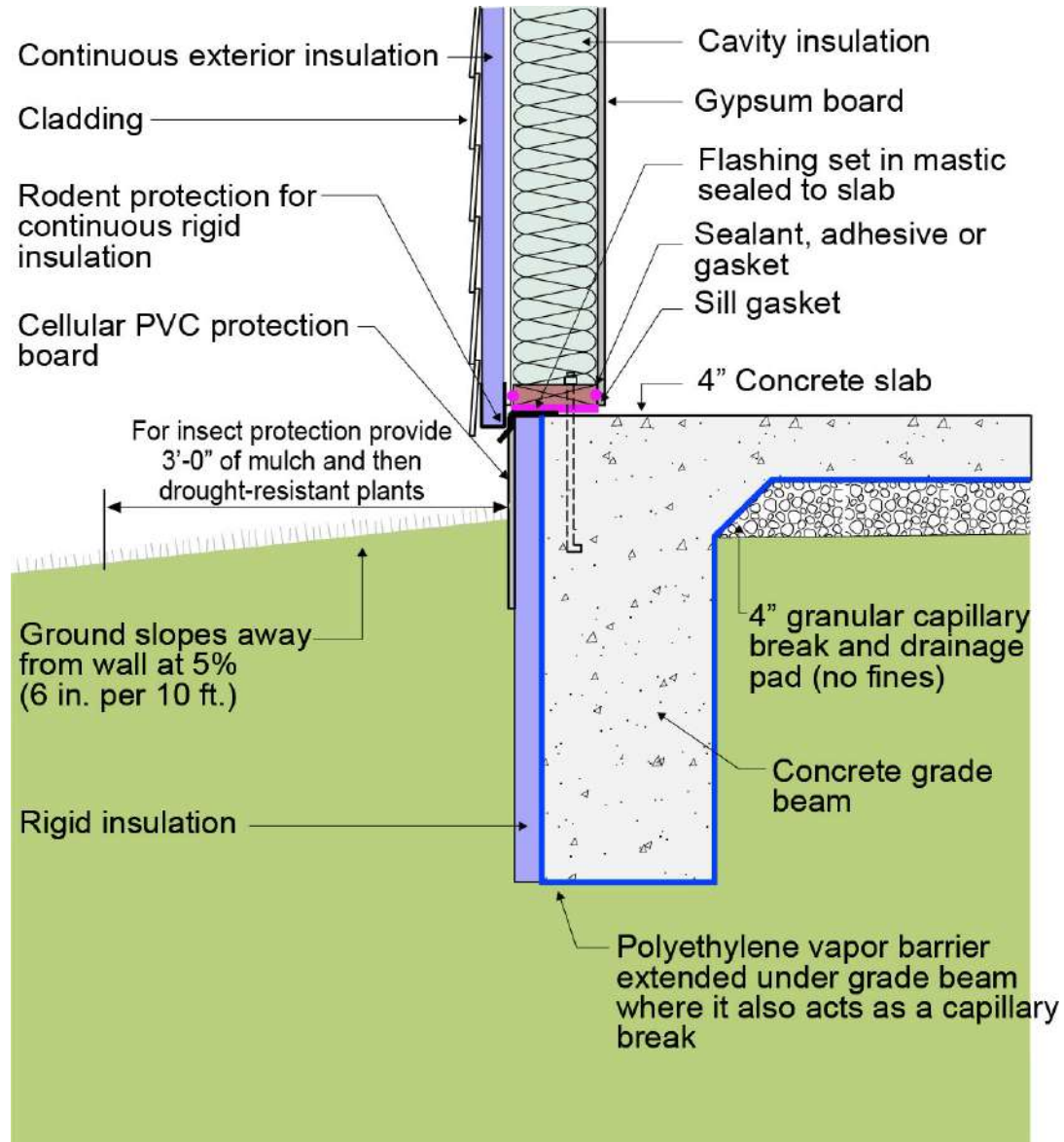


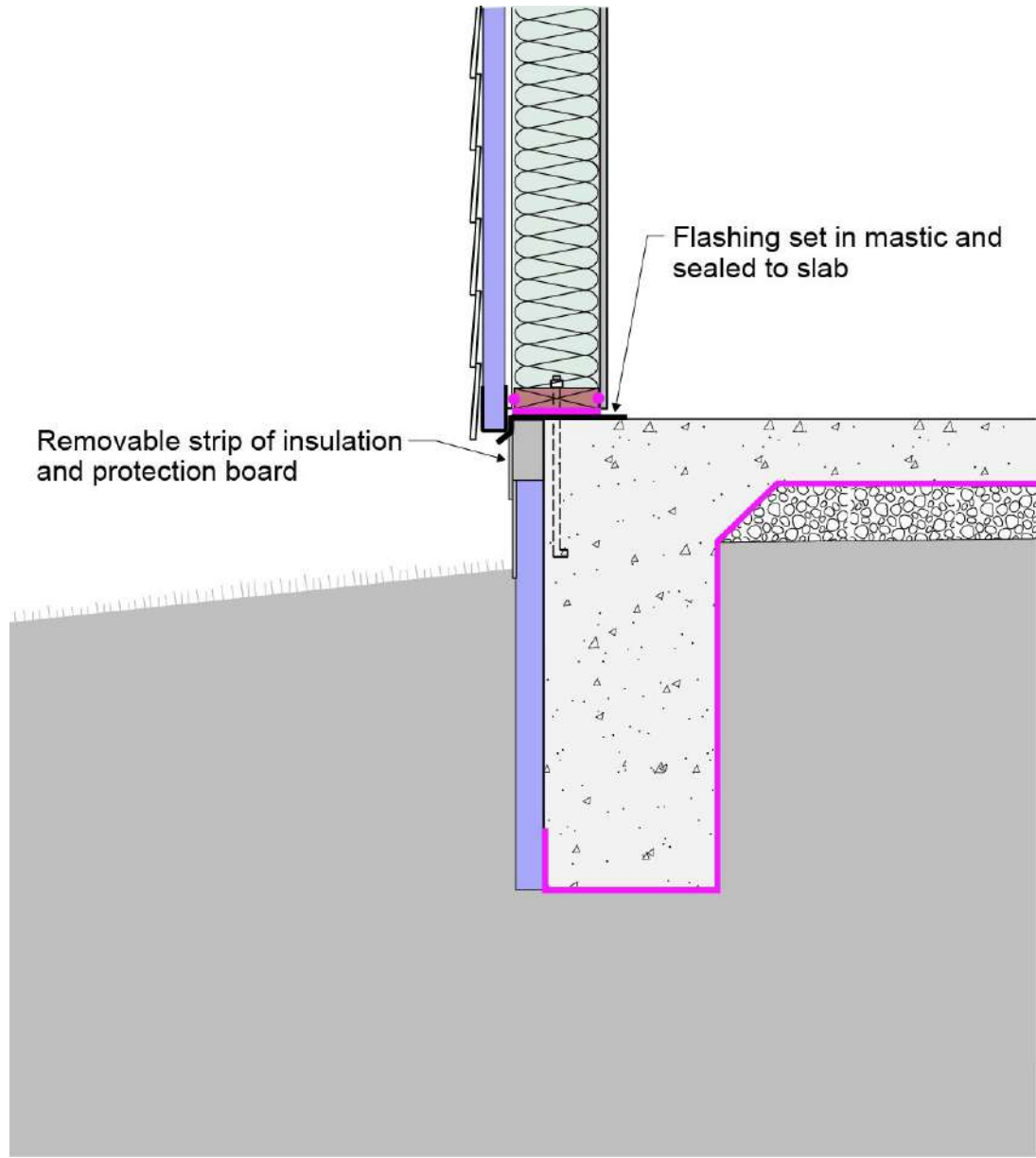












Removable strip of insulation and protection board

Flashing set in mastic and sealed to slab

