



Passive House: A Murder Mystery

The Past, The Present & The Future of Environmental Building
Technology

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Prologue

Berlin – November 1989 TU Berlin



Muncie Indiana – 1994 Ball State University



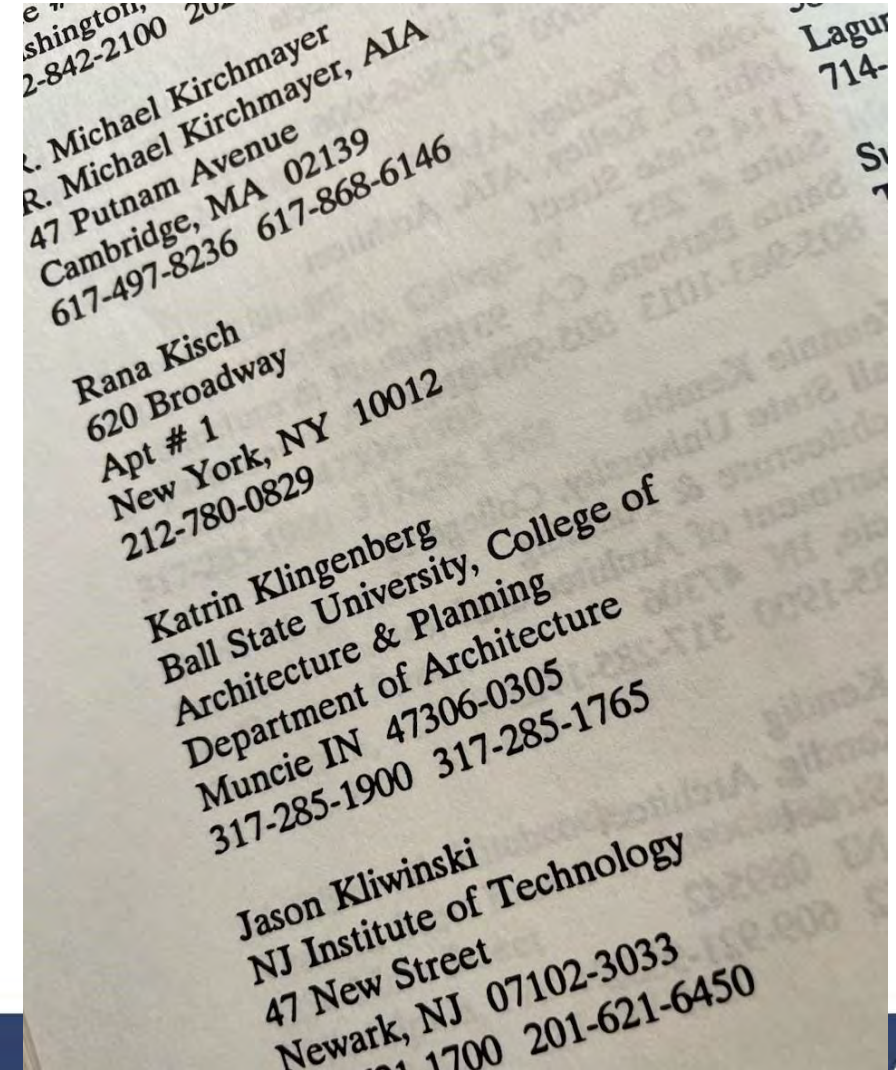
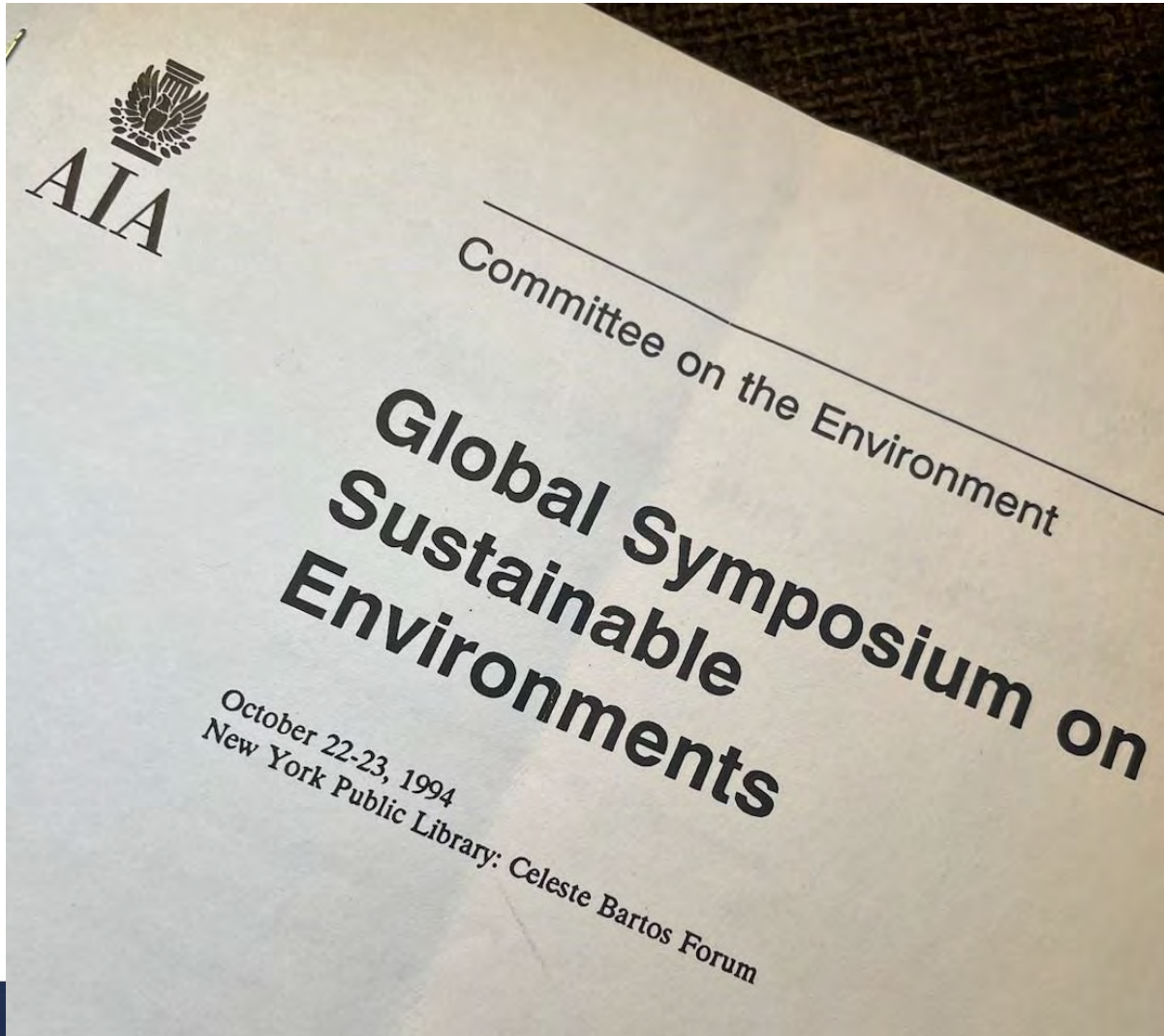
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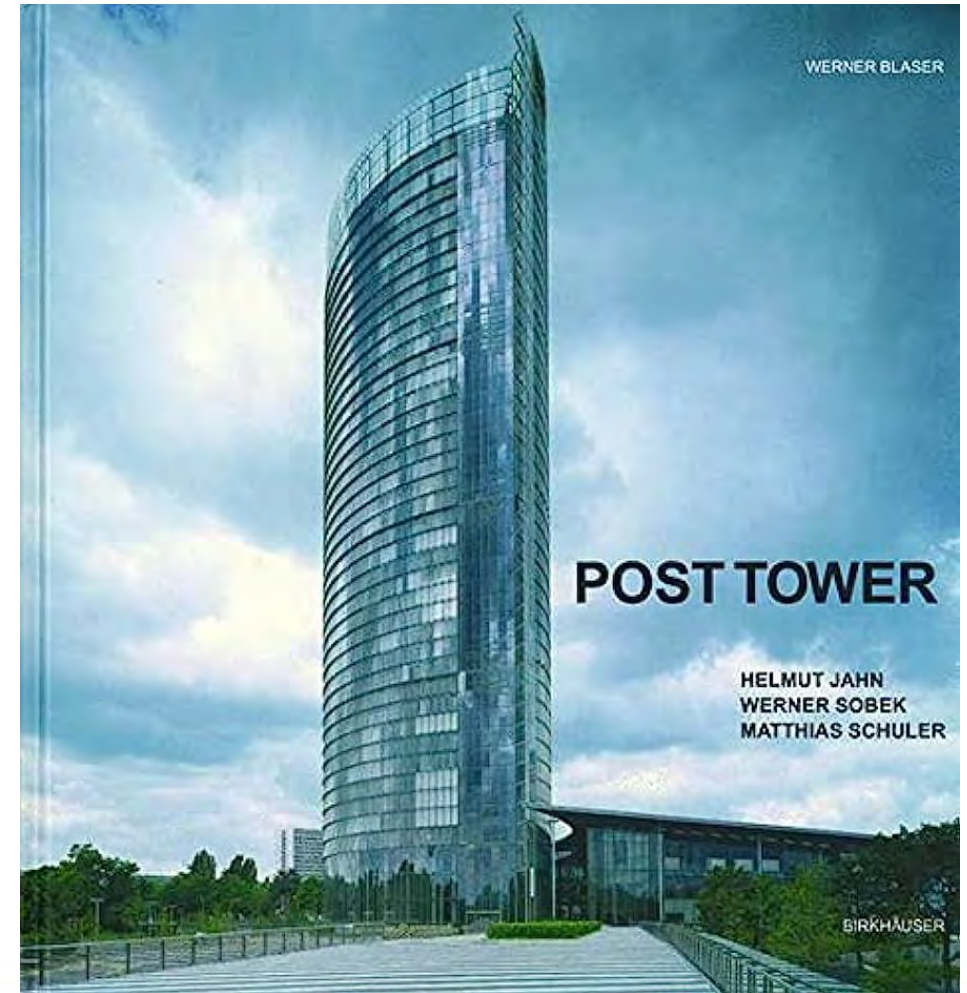
First Generation EFS Leadership

Ball State University's sustainability leadership began with 1979 creation of the university-level **Center for Energy Research, Education and Service (CERES)** and its program of **CERES Research Fellowships** that triggered BSU's first generation EFS leadership. The 1990 **Green Committee** set BSU's sustainability direction and programs to promote sustainability across campus. In 1996, the first **Greening of the Campus Conference** was held. The **LandLab** was proposed at the 2nd Green of the Campus Conference in 1997, as was the **Cluster of Interdepartmental Minors in Sustainability**. The **Land Design Institute (LDI)** was created in 2000.

New York City - October 1994



1997 - Murphy/Jahn (Jahn today)



Passive House 1.0 – So it begins...

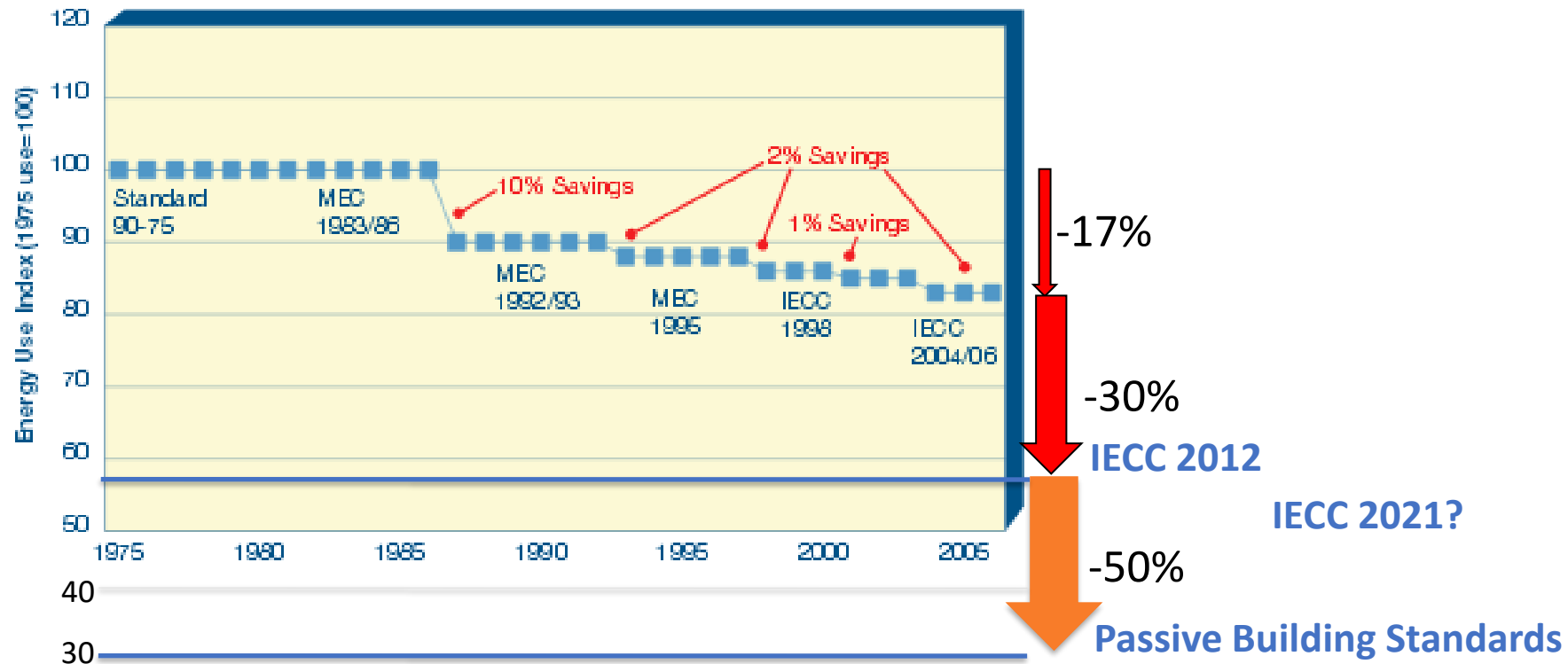
(taking place in the US, Canada, Scandinavia)

DOE Research Roadmap Develops after 1973 Oil Crisis

Figure 20

Residential Energy Code Stringency (Measured on a Code-to-Code Basis)

End-uses addressed by the IECC: heating, cooling, domestic hot water



(Source : U.S. Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency Trends in Residential and Commercial Buildings)

Superinsulation and Passive Solar Debate



PASSIVE SOLAR

aka Mass & Glass (Doug Balcomb)

Big temperature swings

Net negative windows

Heavy focus on south glazing

Big temperature swings



PASSIVE HOUSING

aka Thick Walls & Tight (Gene Leger)

Slow temp movement

Net positive windows

Moderate south glazing

Balanced ventilation

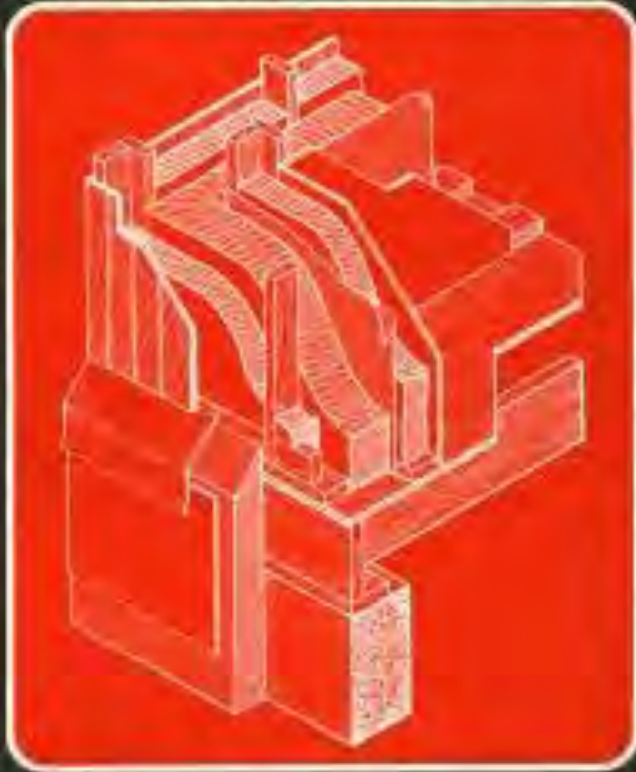


John Larsen invents the
“stand-off” truss , 1981

Alberta

End of 1985 10k to 30k Homes in US and Canada

SUPERINSULATION A HOUSING TREND FOR THE EIGHTIES



SUPERINSULATION A HOUSING TREND FOR THE 1980's

Doing better with less, natural gas, and electricity challenge us to build homes that use as little fuel as possible. Superinsulation is one promising response to that challenge.

WHAT IS SUPERINSULATION?

A superinsulated house is simply a house well built for cold climates. It incorporates massive amounts of insulation, tight, energy-saving and other energy-conserving features to minimize heat loss.

- Three heat reduction levels the house offers:
- 1) Standard pass, south-facing windows, covered solar energy. Minimizing the number of windows facing east, west, and especially north. Limits heat loss.
 - 2) Better heat is contributed by the water heater, the stove, the clothes-dryer, light bulbs, utility appliances, and even the body heat of residents. In a covered solar house these "inherent heat" heat sources are usually insignificant. But with tight, heavily insulated construction, they make a substantial contribution.
 - 3) On the coldest days, when there is no sunshine and little activity in the house, a very small conventionally fueled heating system is used to keep the house comfortable.
- As a result, heating bills for a superinsulated house are 30% less than \$100 per year—and a smaller, less expensive heating system can be installed. The savings make it pay for the extra insulation and tight construction.

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FIGURE 5: The Break-Even of Superinsulation

WHY SUPERINSULATION?

The concept of superinsulation evolved in the 1970's as a logical step in solar energy development. Engineers and architects realized early in the decade that solar energy could contribute significantly to residential heating, but they also recognized that a solar heating system on a house without thorough insulation was costly and inefficient—hence the advice, "weatherize before you solarize." It became clear that a balanced combination of energy-conserving and solar heating features is critical. For example, certain passive-solar heating design—the large south-facing windows that provide heat directly—can reduce fuel bills. But the size and cost of such a solar system depends greatly on the amount of insulation in the house. More insulation and tighter construction mean lower solar-heating windows (less solar energy) are needed to keep the house warm.

Peak, present and future insulation levels for residential buildings in cold climates

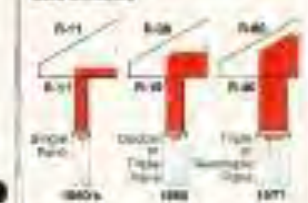


FIGURE 6: Peak, present and future insulation levels for residential buildings in cold climates

A GOOD DESIGN AND CAREFUL CONSTRUCTION ARE ESSENTIAL

Careful attention to details is crucial to the success of a superinsulated house. Its energy-conserving performance depends on exact construction. There are three key design elements that distinguish a superinsulated house:

- 1) high levels of insulation;
- 2) a continuous vapor barrier – to ensure that the entire "envelope" is airtight, and
- 3) an air-to-air heat exchanger – to keep indoor air fresh without being heated.

HOW MUCH INSULATION IS ENOUGH?

A superinsulation system demands both quantity of insulation and quality of workmanship. Insulation is increased to a point beyond conventional practice and careful installation is essential. To be effective, the entire "envelope" of the house—the ceiling, walls, windows, and foundation—must receive thorough attention to minimize heat loss. The local climate and cost of insulation are the specific level of insulation for each component.

An attic normally provides enough room to install adequate insulation (R-40 to R-60). In some cases, special roof framing details at the eaves may be required to permit the full thickness of insulation to extend over the outside wall. Also, proper attic ventilation must be provided.

4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESCO 1978

CANADA, EXCERPT FROM PROCEEDINGS

The term “passive house” or “passive housing” has been in use in the US and Canada since the 70s describing the same concept as today’s passive house!

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Introduction

Considerable interest has been shown in the use of passive solar heating. Two conferences [1], [2] and numerous papers have dealt with this topic. The pioneering work of Trombe [3], Balcomb [4] and Anderson [5] has led to a greater recognition of the cost-effectiveness of passive solar heating. For Canadian climate conditions little detailed work has been done in this area. A number of recent papers by Cooper [6], Gilpin [7] and Jones and Tymura [8] present theoretical studies on the performance of windows and passive houses in Canadian conditions.

Proceedings
4th Annual Conf.
SESCI 1978
London, Ontario

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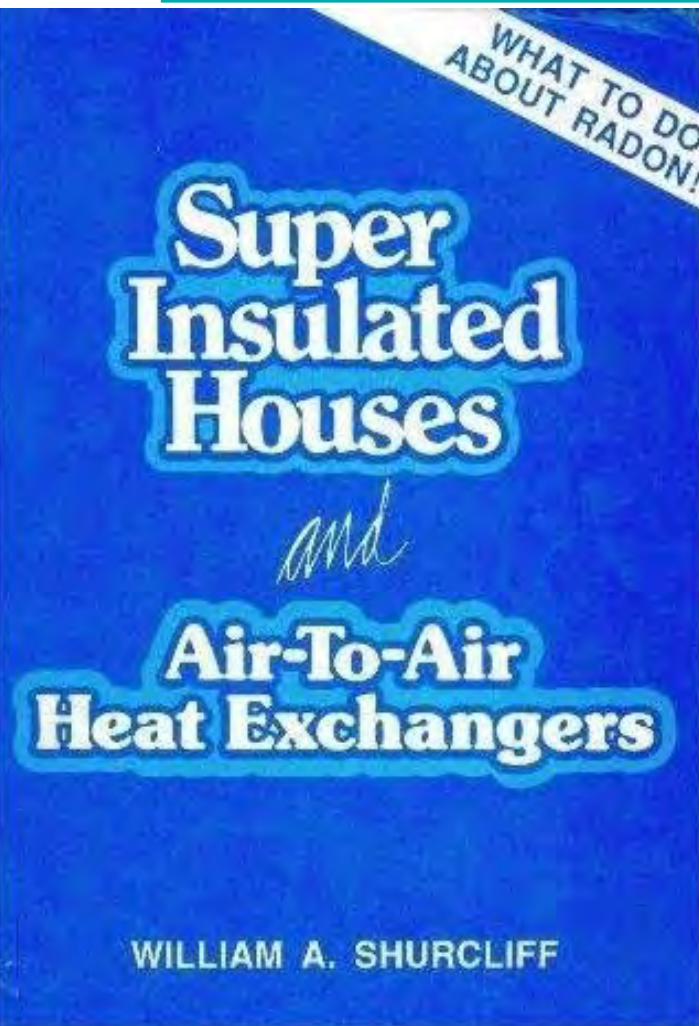
PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING - RESULTS
FROM TWO SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENCES

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University of Saskatchewan
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3337 8th St. E., Saskatoon

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Rainbow Lake, Alberta

Distilling Passive House & Component Predictions



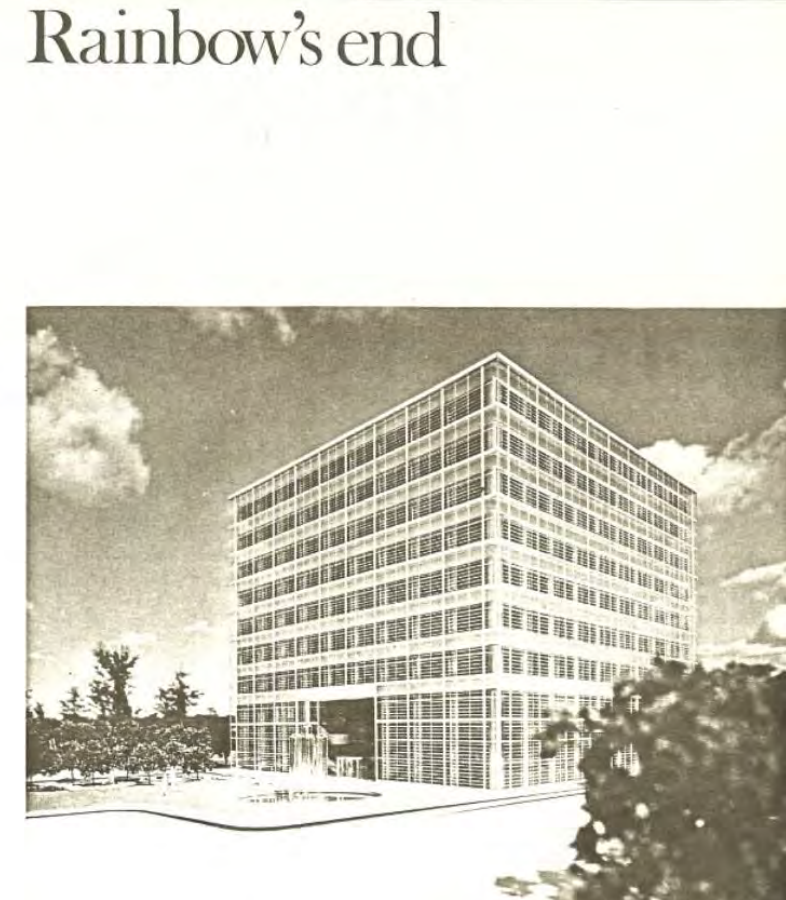
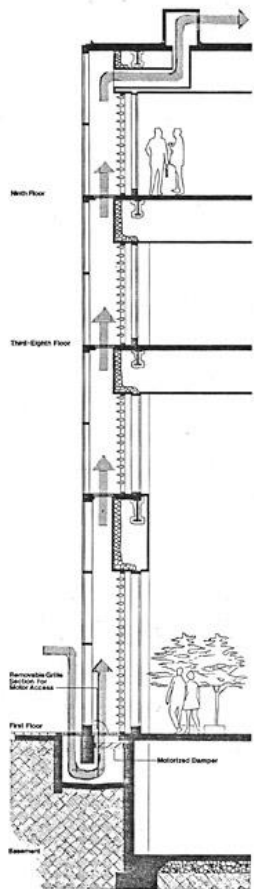
1. *Not just thick, but clever and thorough.*
2. *...practically airtight.*
3. *No provision of extra-large thermal mass.*
4. *No provision of extra-large south windows.*
5. *No conventional furnace.*
6. *No conventional distribution system for such auxiliary heat.*

Are further refinements of design in the offing? Yes. More is being learned year by year about vapor barriers and air-and-water barriers and the best ways of installing them. Better air-to-air heat-exchangers are becoming available; efficiency is being increased, defrosting is being simplified, and costs may decrease. Several groups are working on combination systems that will combine, perhaps in a single package, the functions of ventilation, fresh air supply, heat recovery, domestic hot water heating, auxiliary heat supply, and summertime cooling. Windows with much higher R-values, perhaps as high as 5 to 8, may become widely available. Strategies for accommodating

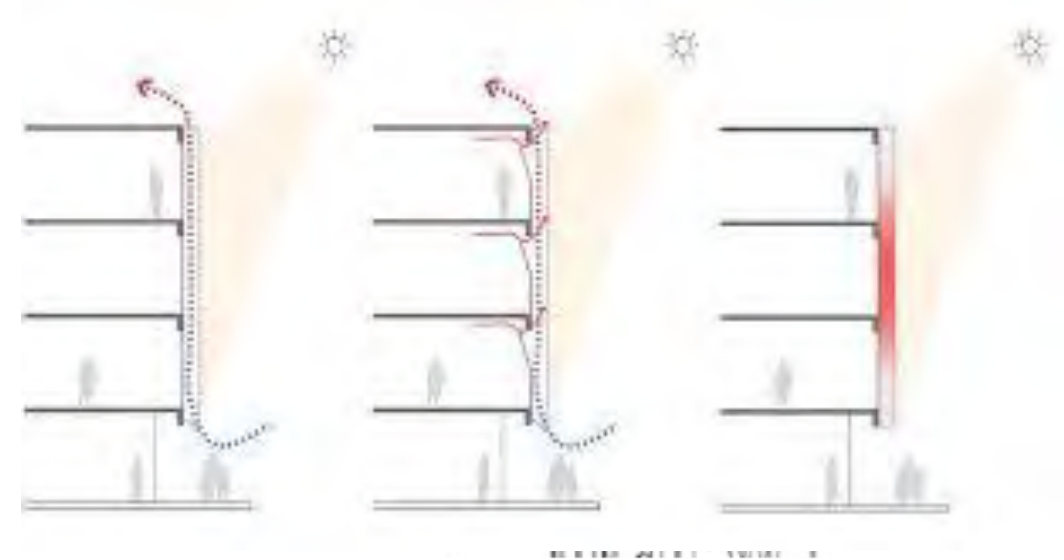
But there is no need to wait for such refinements. Superinsulation is already a mature and well proven technology.

(Shurcliff, 1988: Super Insulated Houses and Air-To-Air Heat Exchangers)

Richard Levine - Hooker Office Building 1981



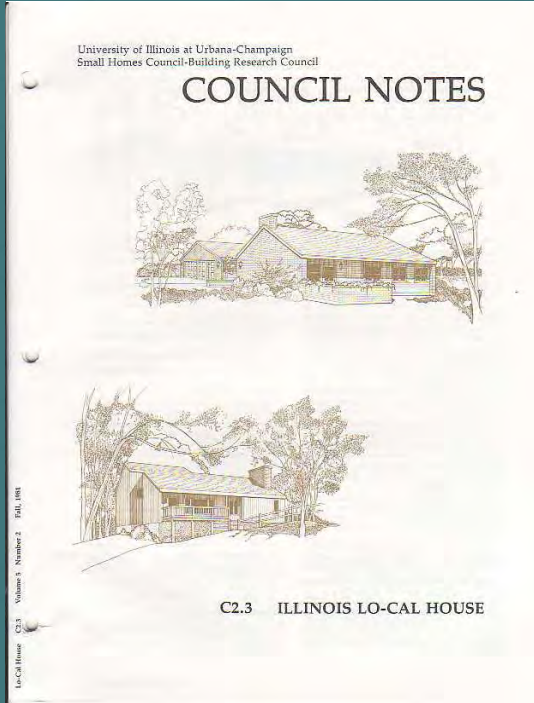
Foster & Partners Duisburg Residential



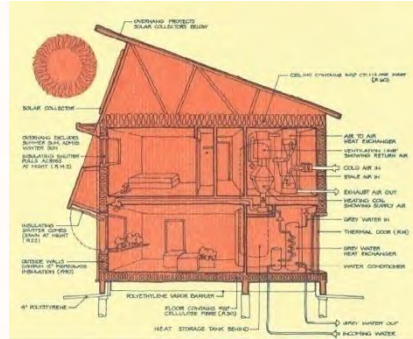
Hooker Building Double Skin Glass Facade

Richard Levine was design and energy consultant for this building, providing the conceptual design for what even today ranks as one of the most energy efficient office buildings ever built. This was the first double skinned glass active façade used in an office building. Between the two curtain wall skins, computer-controlled insulated louvers maximized daylighting, minimized heat loss, and provided for passive and active solar heating as well as for ventilation. Twelve years later Norman Foster sent a team of architects and engineers to Niagara Falls to study Hooker and then did a project with a virtually identical system in Duisburg, Germany. Foster's building became the granddaddy of numerous energy conserving commercial buildings in Europe. As part of his consultancy, Levine presented schemes with three levels of performance to the clients who were trying to restore some part of their reputation after being shunned for their role in the Love Canal environmental disaster. Hooker ended up choosing the middle of the three schemes (The top scheme would have resulted in a net positive production of energy.) Progressive Architecture did two articles on Hooker. For the second article they commissioned a prominent energy engineer to assess Hooker's performance. He calculated that Hooker would use just 12% of the energy of a conventional office building in a similar climate. Even today, three decades later, few buildings can equal that level of performance.

Passive House 2.0



1974-76
 First experimental Lo-Cal Homes in Urbana Illinois



1977-86
 Saskatchewan Conservation House



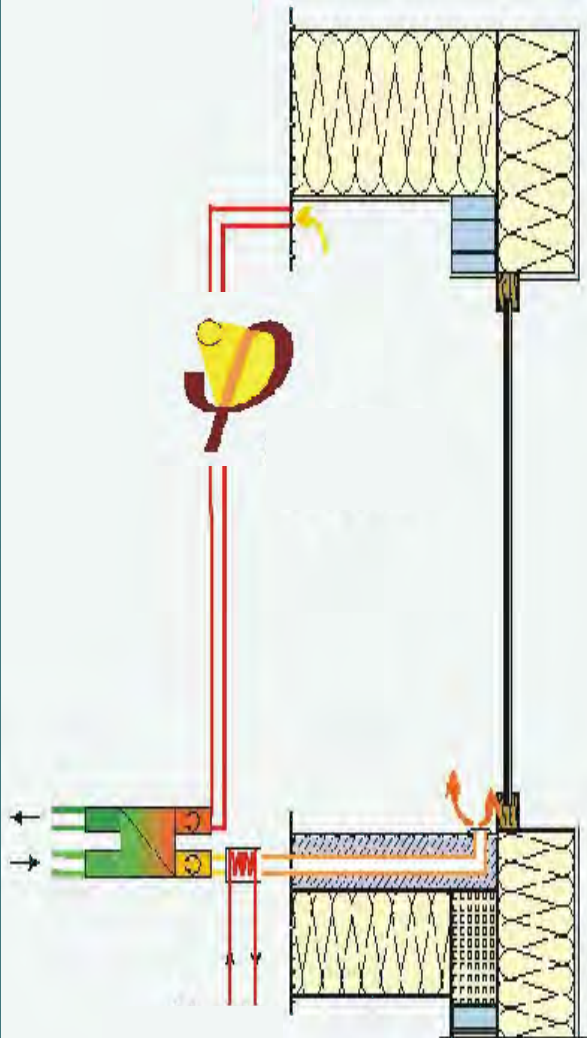
1991 -
 Kranichstein Passivhaus developments Germany



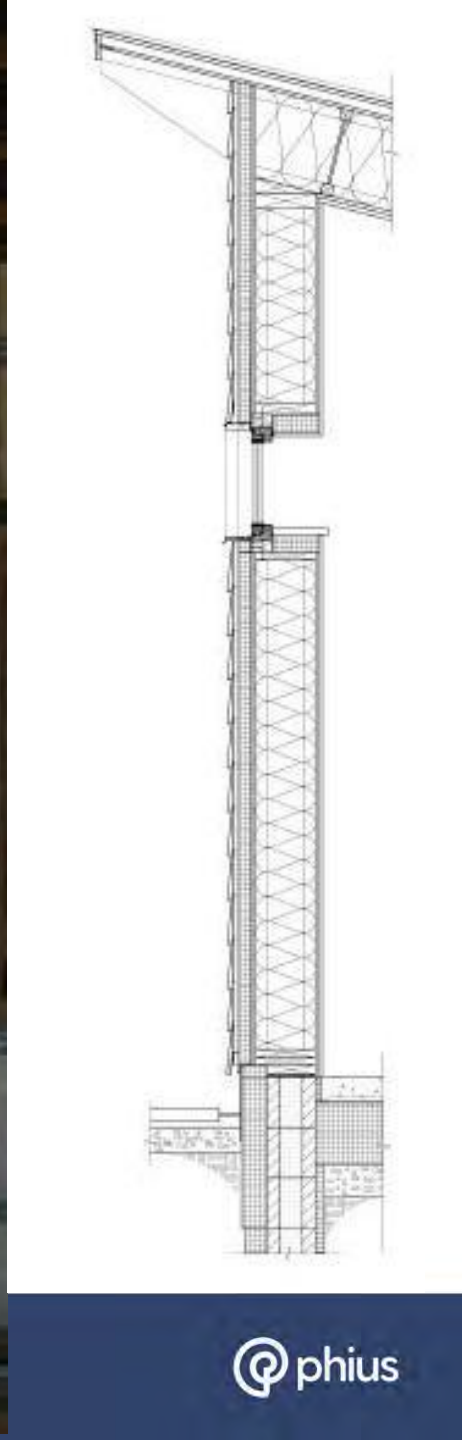
2002, 2006 -
 Smith House & BioHaus USA

GERMAN

PASSIVHAUS CRITERIA



| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Primary Energy | kBTU/ft ² /yr | 38 |
| Airtightness | ACH ₅₀ | 0.6 |
| Annual Heat Demand | kBTU/ft ² /yr | 4.75 |
| Annual Cooling Demand | | |
| Peak Heat Load | BTU/ft ² .hr | 3.14 |
| Peak Cooling Load | | |
| Ventilation | % efficiency | 75% |
| | W/cfm | ≤ 0.76 |
| Thermal Envelope | hr. ft ² °F/BTU | ≥ R-38.5 |
| | BTU/hr. ft ² °F | ≤ U-0.026 |
| Thermal Bridge Free | BTU/ hr. ft °F | Ψ ≤ 0.006 |
| Windows Installed | BTU/hr. ft ² °F | U _w -install ≤ 0.15 |
| SHGC | % | ≈ 0.50 - 0.55 |







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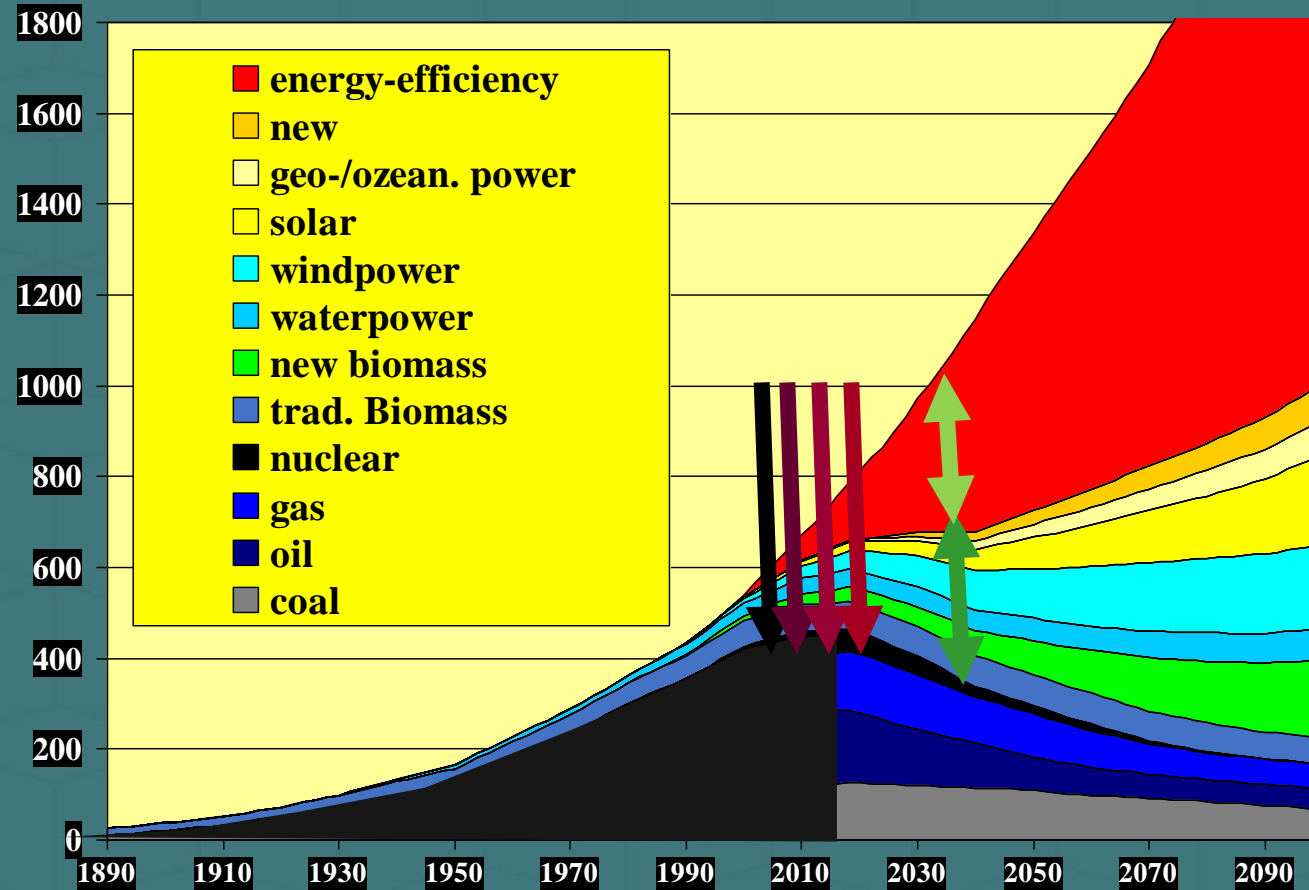
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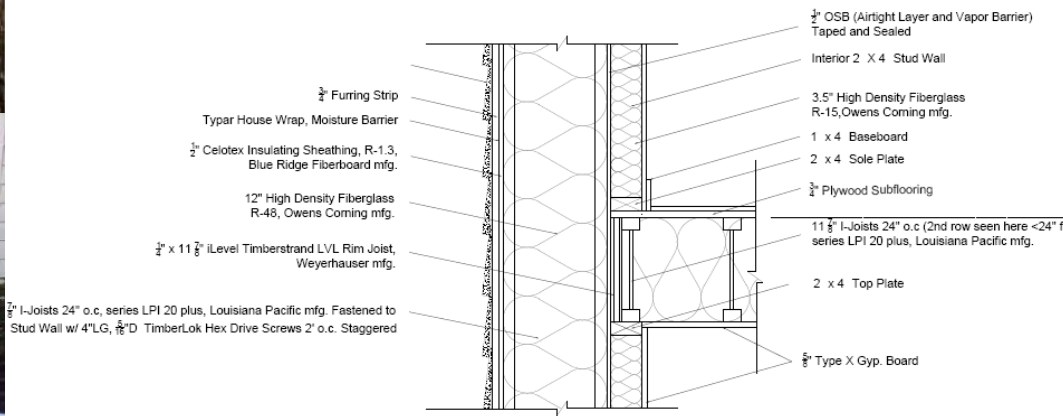
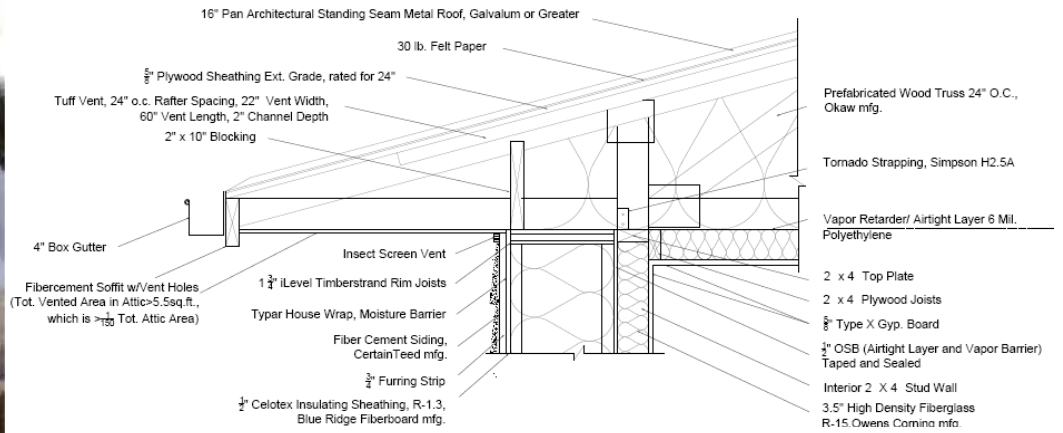
FUTURE WORLDWIDE TRANSITION



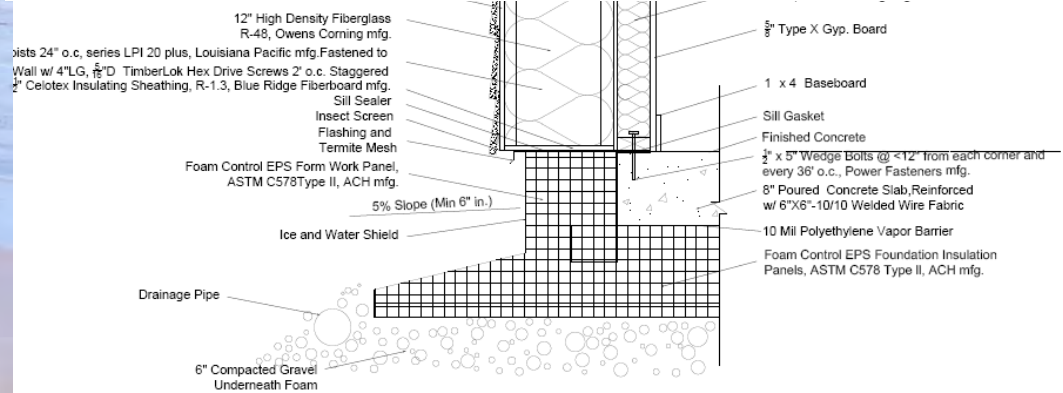
Reference: Shell-Study (2005), Scenario with high efficiency and regenerative usage of energy







2 DETAIL: FLOOR FRAMING CONNECTION SCALE: 1" = 10'



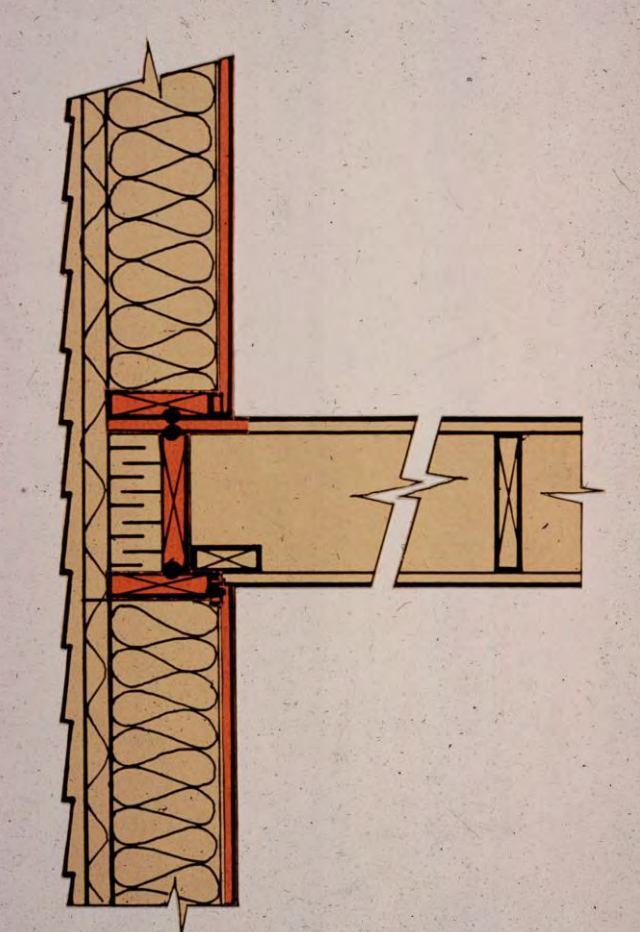
Single Family Reality Check PHI Standard & Split

- Urbana home earth tube filled up with water in the humid summer, peak heating load blew the relay on ventilation integrated heating element during the first winter...home was overheating in winter and summer!
- Louisiana Project: boy...did we get our butts handed to ourselves...10% overheating criterion useless, cooling demand simply a mirror of German heating demand? Really?
- California projects: using heating demand in CA climates that have none was like building a fence sized for cows around chickens – lots of savings remained on the table in absence of an appropriately optimized design criterion for that climate
- North-west projects: could not even meet peak heat criterion in that mild climate to allow for ventilation air heat only, heating demand the closest match in the US
- Canadian projects: aced the heating criterion, but focus on passive solar caused overheating issues, made cooling skyrocket in a climate where there really should be none...
- On all PHI projects – measured vs modeled data was off by 25-30%, consistently!

2012 – Joe keynotes 6th NAPHC in Denver CO

- Young Joseph builds passive houses and directs R2000 Program - 1982
- Oliver Drerup's quote, Summer Camp 2011: "If you don't know your past you won't have a future"
- Shurcliff paper from 1988 on Passive Housing mentions Joe's work, I finally put it together.





Rocky Mountain Institute



Amory Lovins' Home in
Snowmass,
Published the first Paper that
talks about Passive Building in
1995

Mentions
Passive Houses in
'Natural Capitalism'

Mentions
Phius in
'Reinventing Fire'

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The Present – Passive House 3.0 (Modern Day Passive Building)

2002

2003/4

2006/7

2008

2009

2011

2012

2015

2021



RESNET



NAPHC
(name)

CPHC
training
and
brand



PHIUS+/
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Zero Climate
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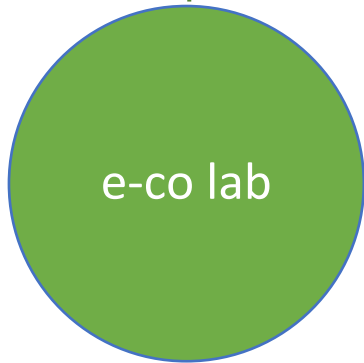
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What does Phius do?



Calculation based on ISO 15097-3, EN 673, EN 410

| Product name: ALPEN 725 High Performance Casement | | Content of glass panes: | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| ACHRAU/RECO | North | Alpen HPP 725-7H | No Grid | | |
| DOCK NORTH | East | | | | |
| American | South | | | | |
| Climate Zone | Facing | | | | |
| Whole-window installed U-value | | | | | |
| | | U _{glo} Value | | | |
| Climate specific recommendations: | W/m ² K | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | | |
| 0 | 1.02 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.703 | 0.124 |
| 1 | 1.00 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.679 | 0.119 |
| 2 | 1.00 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.684 | 0.120 |
| 3 | 1.00 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.686 | 0.121 |
| 4 | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.692 | 0.122 |
| Climate specific recommendations: | W/m ² K | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | | |
| Minimum North | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.695 | 0.122 |
| Minimum South | 1.02 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.702 | 0.124 |
| Minimum East | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.698 | 0.122 |
| Minimum West | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.716 | 0.126 |
| Minimum | 1.01 | 0.18 | 0.558 | 0.716 | 0.126 |

| ALPEN 725 High Performance | | ENERGY | | PHIUS | | PHIUS | |
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| Almetal 250P 3ST | | Frame height | U-frame | U | U | U | U |
| width | height | W/m ² K | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | W/m ² K | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F | W/m ² K | BTU/hr·ft ² ·F |
| 75 | 2.89 | 1.15 | 0.20 | 0.094 | 0.037 | 0.143 | |
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Valid through October 2018



Zero is the
goal. Phius is
the means.



Passive Building Delivers

Healthy Interior



Comfort



Long-Term Affordability



Safety



Durability



Resilience



Passive Building Principles

THERMAL CONTROL



High
Performance
Insulation



Thermal Bridge
Elimination

AIR CONTROL

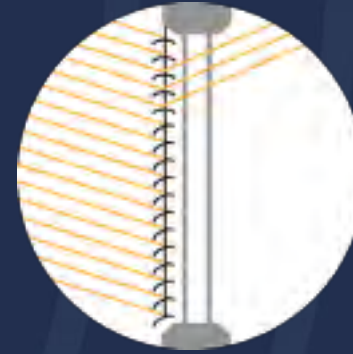


Air-Tightness



Enthalpy
Recovery
Ventilation

RADIATION CONTROL



Shading /
Daylighting

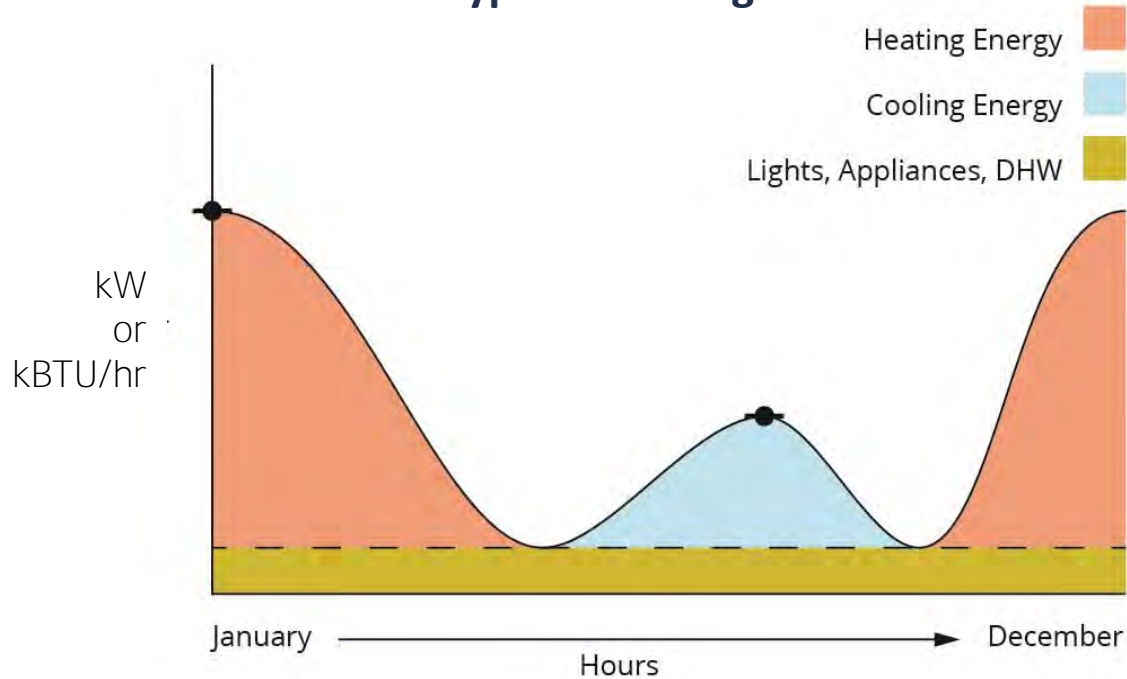


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Appropriate
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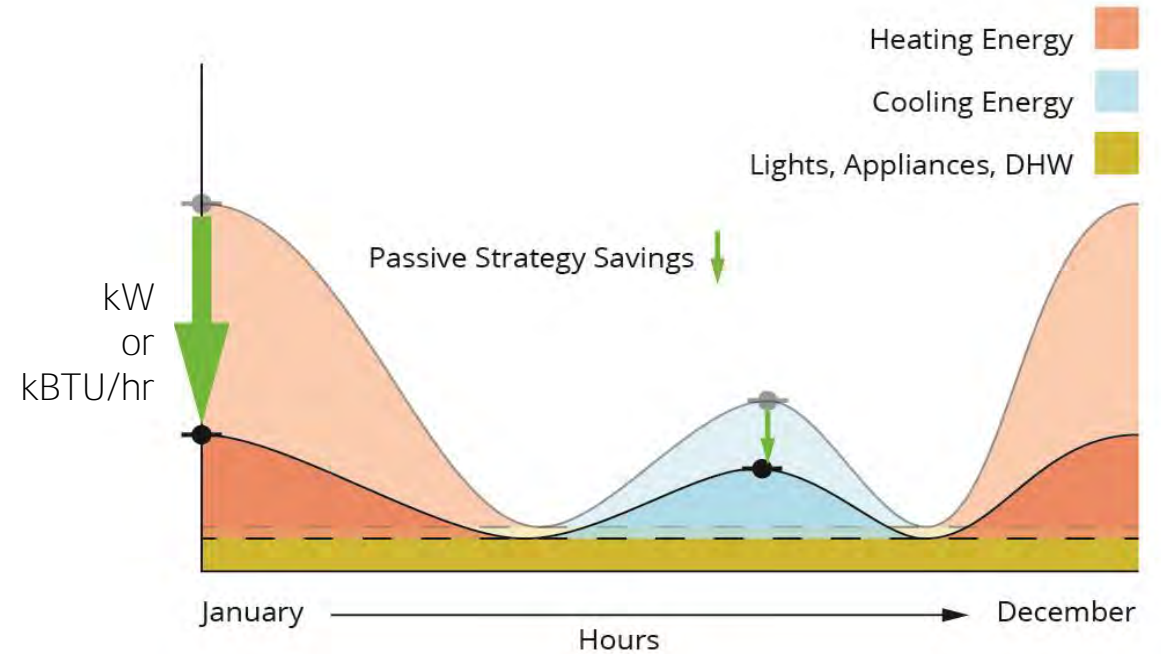


Standard Setting / QA QC Process

Typical Building



Passive Building



Annual Energy = kWh/yr (or kBTU/yr) → area under the curve

Peak Power = kW (or kBTU/hr) → point at top of curve

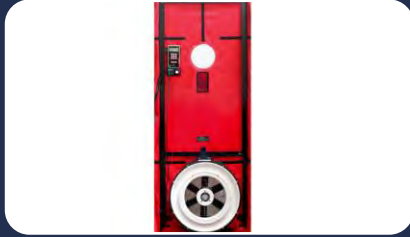
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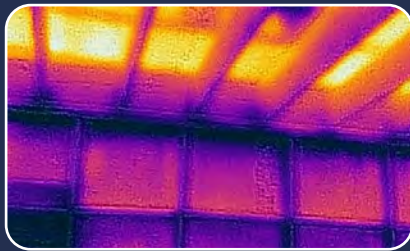
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SPACE CONDITIONING TARGETS



AIR-TIGHTNESS



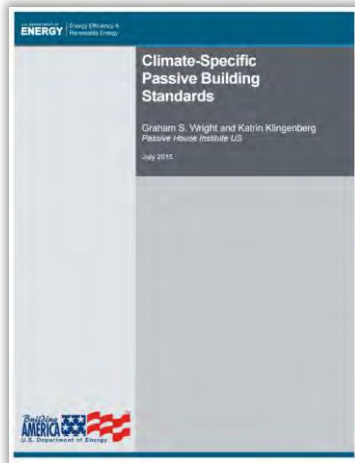
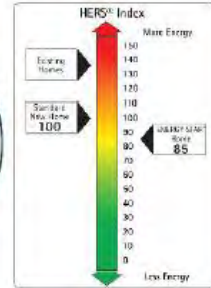
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VARIABLES



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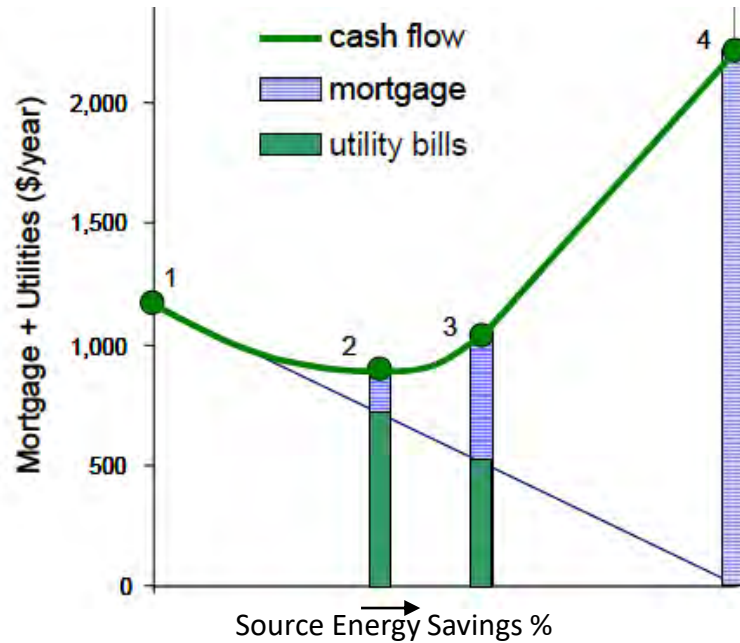
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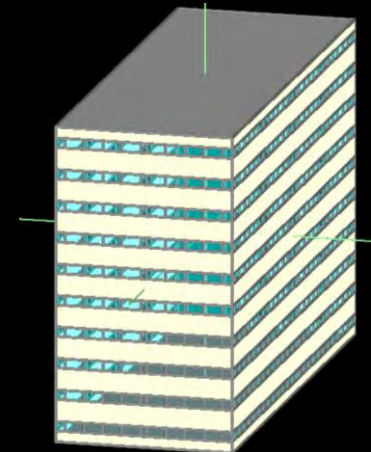
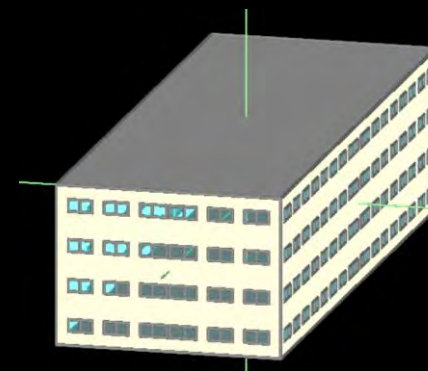
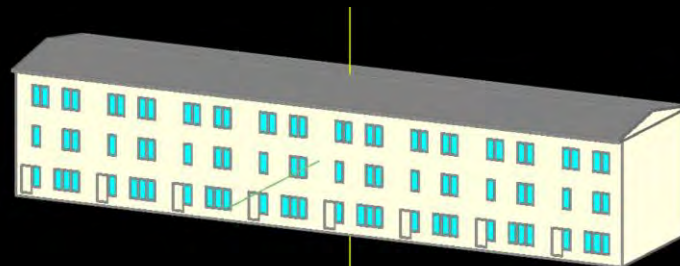
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| | | | | | Renewable Energy to Get to Zero |
| | | | | Electrification Readiness | No Fossil-Fuel Combustion On-Site |
| | | | | Electric Vehicle Readiness | Electric Vehicle Readiness |
| | | | | Balanced Ventilation HRV/ERV | Balanced Ventilation HRV/ERV |
| | | | SOLAR READY Depends on climate | SOLAR READY ALWAYS | SOLAR READY ALWAYS |
| | | | Eff. Comps. & H ₂ O Distrib | Eff. Comps. & H ₂ O Distrib | Eff. Comps. & H ₂ O Distrib |
| | | | EPA Indoor airPLUS VI | EPA Indoor airPLUS VI | EPA Indoor airPLUS VI |
| | | | Ducts in Condit. Space | Ducts in Condit. Space | Ducts in Condit. Space |
| | | | HVAC QI w/WHV | Micro-load HVAC QI | Micro-load HVAC QI |
| | | | Water Management | Water Management | Water Management |
| | | | Independent HERS Verification | Independent HERS Verification | Independent HERS Verification |
| IECC 2012 Enclosure | IECC 2012 Enclosure | IECC 2012 Enclosure | IECC 2015/18 Encl./ES Win. | Ultra-Efficient Enclosure | Ultra-Efficient Enclosure |
| HERS 70-80 | HERS 60-70 | HERS 50-60 | HERS 35-45 | HERS 30-40 | HERS < 0 |
| IECC 2012 | ENERGY STAR v3 | ENERGY STAR v3.1 | ZERH | phius CORE | phius ZERO |

Optimization Design Methodology

Setting *Cost Competitive* Space Conditioning Targets



Factors:
Climate
Building Size
Occupant Density
Dwelling Unit Density



Standard Setting

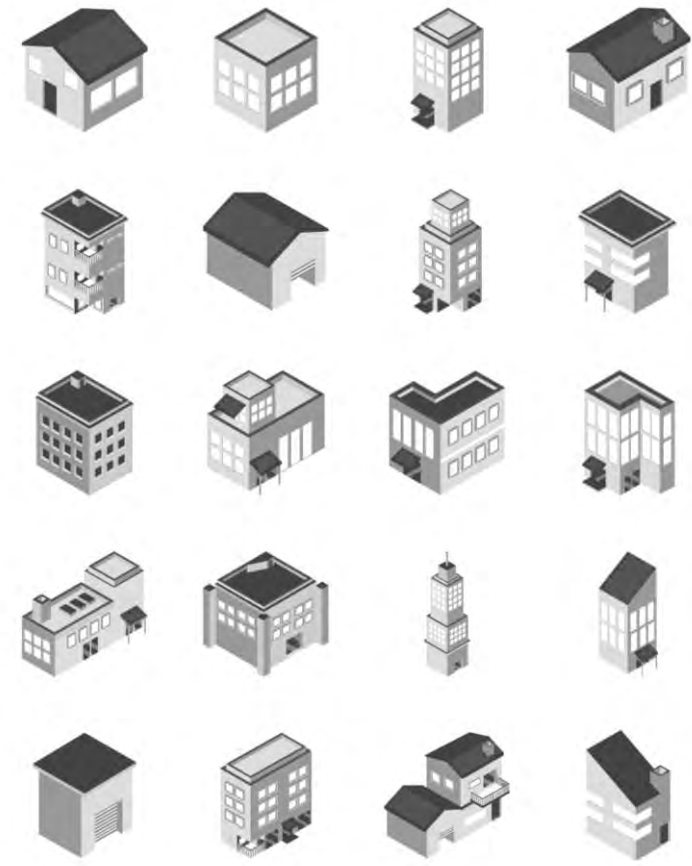
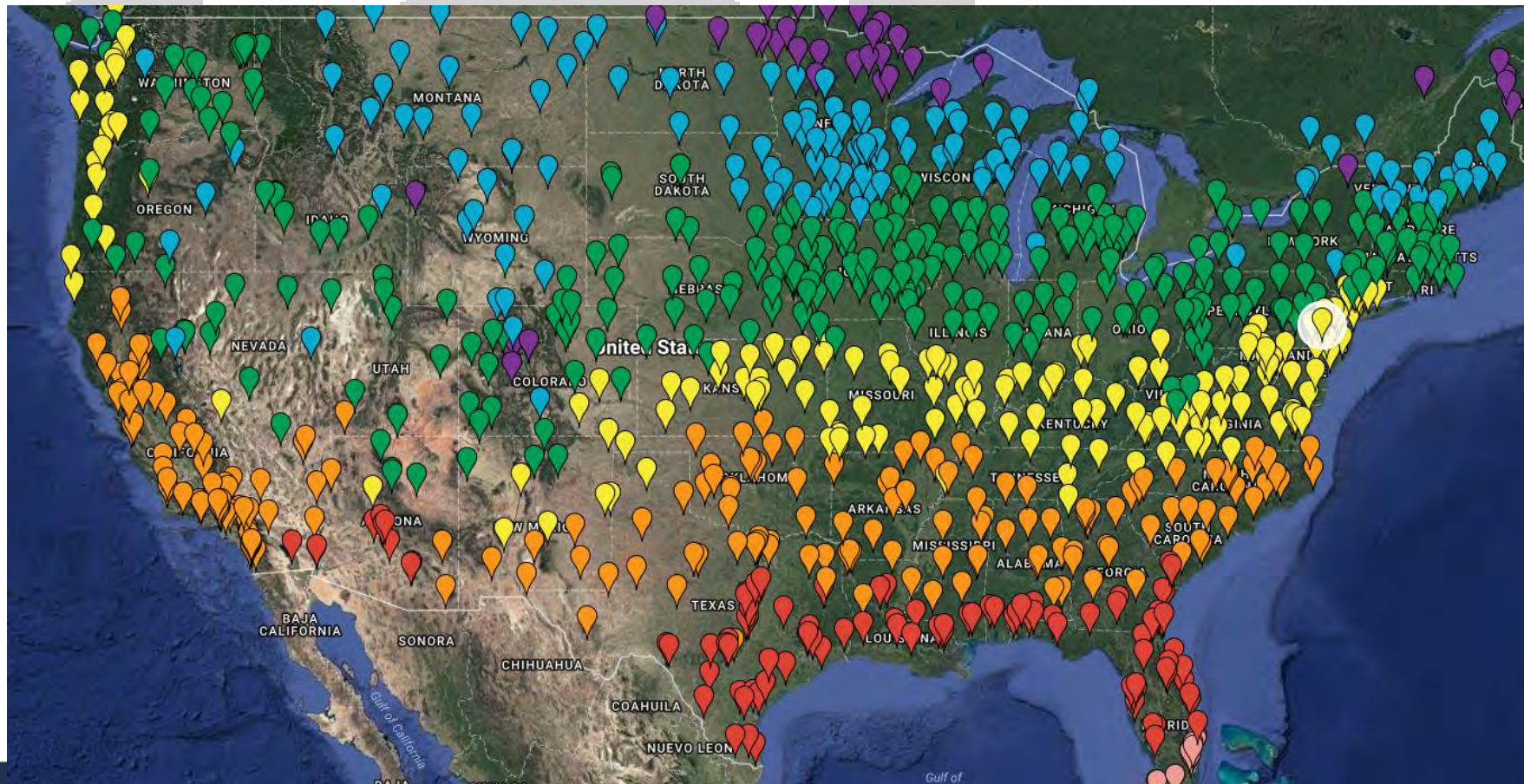
"Sweet spot"

Based on climate

+

"Sweet spot"

Based on bldg type/size



phius 2021 Performance Criteria Calculator v2

UNITS: IMPERIAL (IP)
BUILDING FUNCTION: NON-RESIDENTIAL
PROJECT TYPE: NEW CONSTRUCTION

STATE/ PROVINCE: NEW YORK
CITY: NEW YORK J F KENNEDY

Envelope Area (ft²): 50,000
 iCFA (ft²): 38,000
 Design (Max) Occupancy: 100

| Space Conditioning Criteria | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Annual Heating Demand | 3.8 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Annual Cooling Demand | 6.9 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Peak Heating Load | 3.3 | Btu/ft ² hr |
| Peak Cooling Load | 1.9 | Btu/ft ² hr |

| Source Energy Criteria | | |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| phius CORE | 24.5 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| phius ZERO | 0 | kBtu/ft ² yr |

phius 2021 Performance Criteria Calculator v2

UNITS: IMPERIAL (IP)
BUILDING FUNCTION: RESIDENTIAL
PROJECT TYPE: NEW CONSTRUCTION

STATE/ PROVINCE: ALABAMA
CITY: ANNISTON METROPOLITAN

Envelope Area (ft²): 3,750

phius 2021 Performance Criteria Calculator v2

UNITS: IMPERIAL (IP)
BUILDING FUNCTION: RESIDENTIAL
PROJECT TYPE: RETROFIT

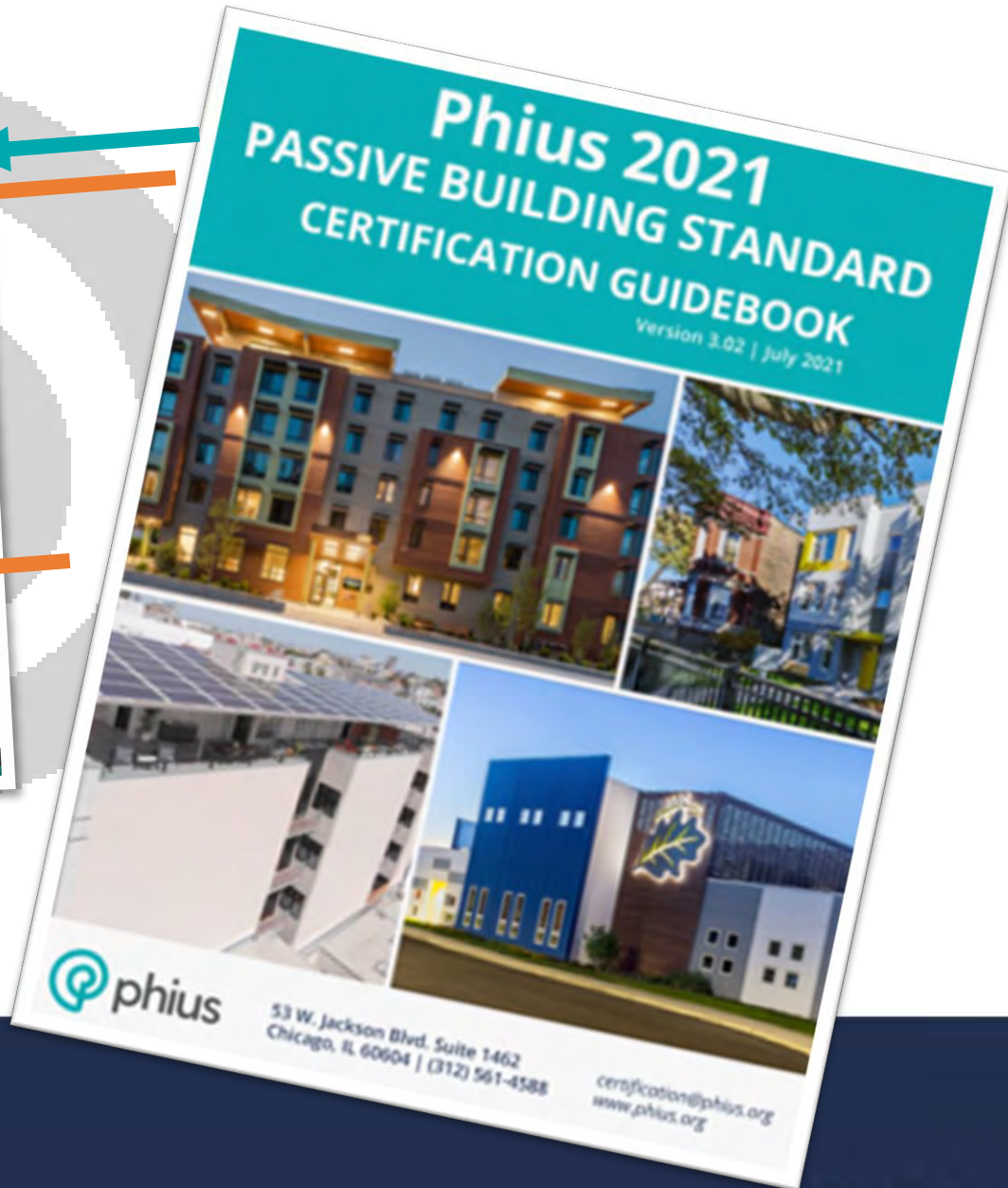
STATE/ PROVINCE: ALABAMA
CITY: ANNISTON METROPOLITAN

Envelope Area (ft²): 3,750
 iCFA (ft²): 1,500
 Dwelling Units (Count): 1
 Total Bedrooms (Count): 4

| Space Conditioning Criteria | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| Annual Heating Demand | 3.7 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Annual Cooling Demand | 10.6 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Peak Heating Load | 4.3 | Btu/ft ² hr |
| Peak Cooling Load | 2.5 | Btu/ft ² hr |

Same as New Construction + case-by-case allowance for existing structural thermal bridging. See Guidebook Section 1.5.6

| Source Energy Criteria | | |
|------------------------|------|---------------|
| phius CORE REVIVE | 3413 | kWh/person.yr |
| phius ZERO REVIVE | 0 | kWh/person.yr |



Certification Process

DESIGN CERTIFICATION

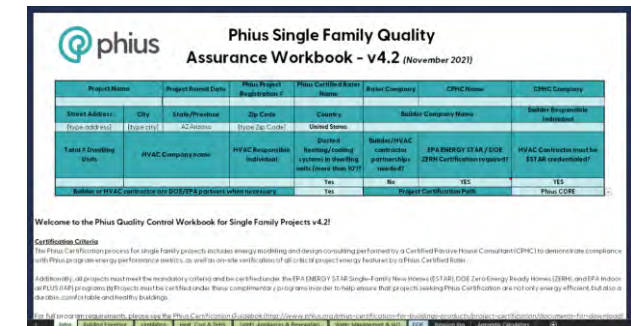
- Energy model or checklist to verify compliance
- Review by Phius Certification Team
- Iterative feedback process



WUFI® Passive modeling software

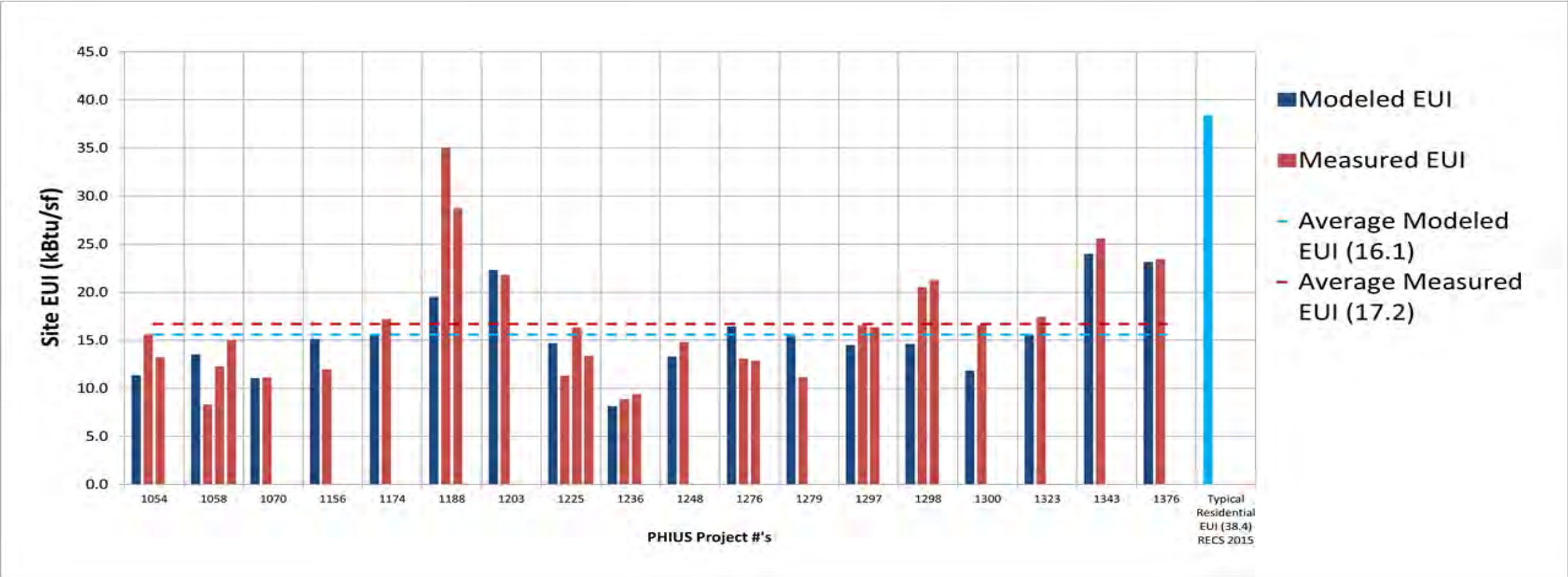
FINAL CERTIFICATION

- Inspection throughout construction by Phius Certified Rater / Verifier (3rd Party)
- Documentation review by Phius Cert Team
- Match energy model to “as-built” conditions



Phius QA/QC workbook

Modeled vs Measured Performance



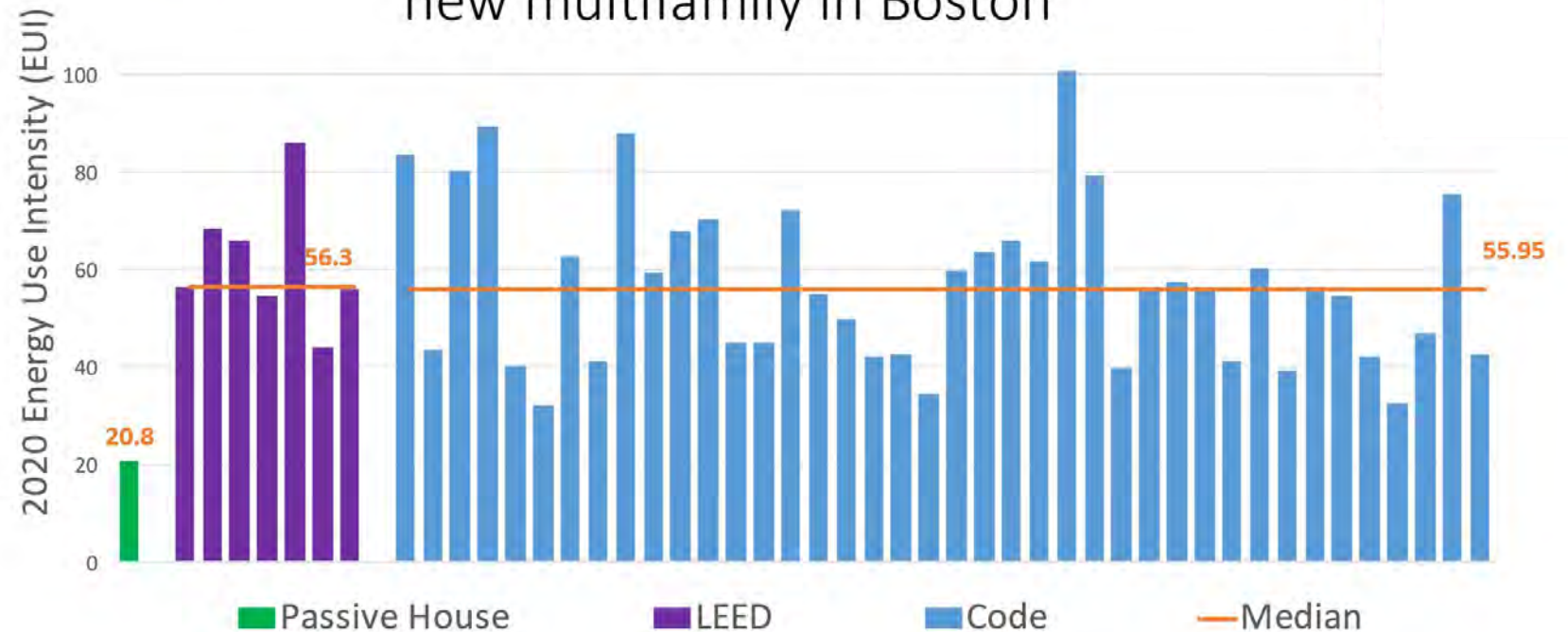
Verified Performance

Distillery North – South Boston, MA

PHIUS+



PH Uses 63% less energy per sq. ft. than median new multifamily in Boston



Data from Boston Energy Disclosure 2020 sorted for new construction multifamily built since 2008; Cross checked for LEED certification; properties with suspected lack of full building energy report are removed.

Passive Buildings as Capacitors of the New Grid

New Construction



Retrofit / Existing Buildings



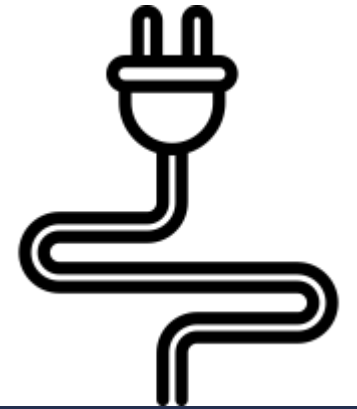
ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS

COMBUSTION AND ELECTRIFICATION

*Required for all
Residential
Phius projects*

phius CORE

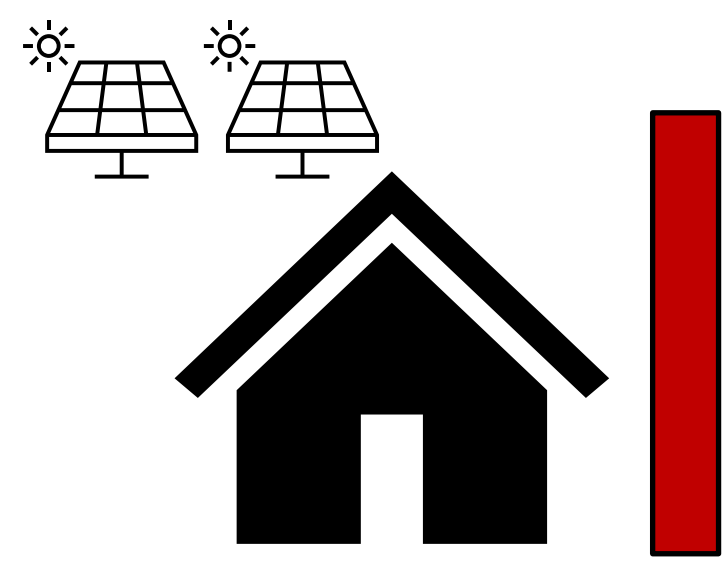
*On-Site Combustion OK,
BUT Electrification
Readiness required*



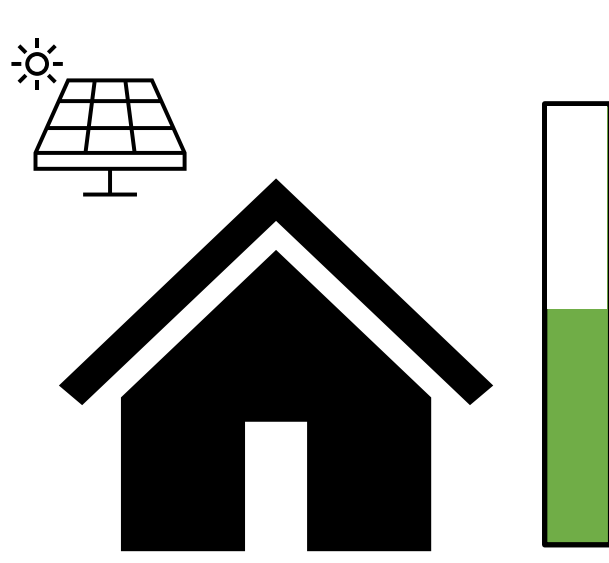
phius CORE Prescriptive & phius ZERO

No fossil fuel combustion allowed

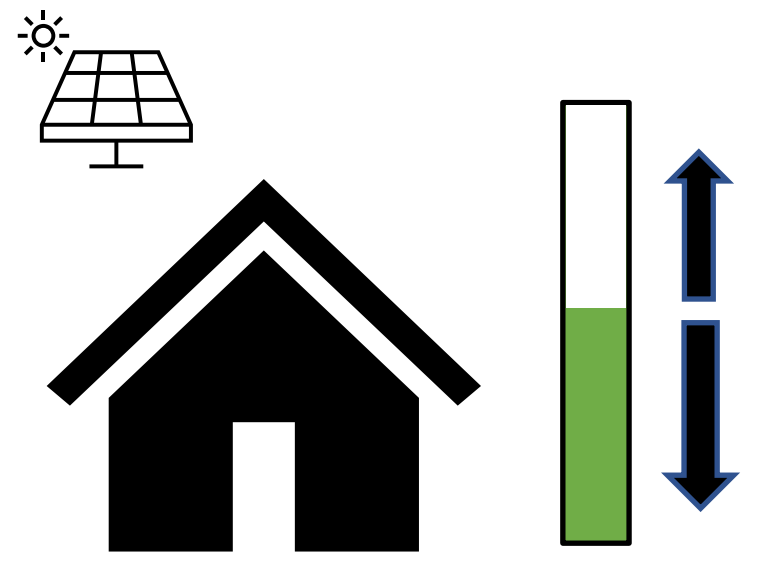




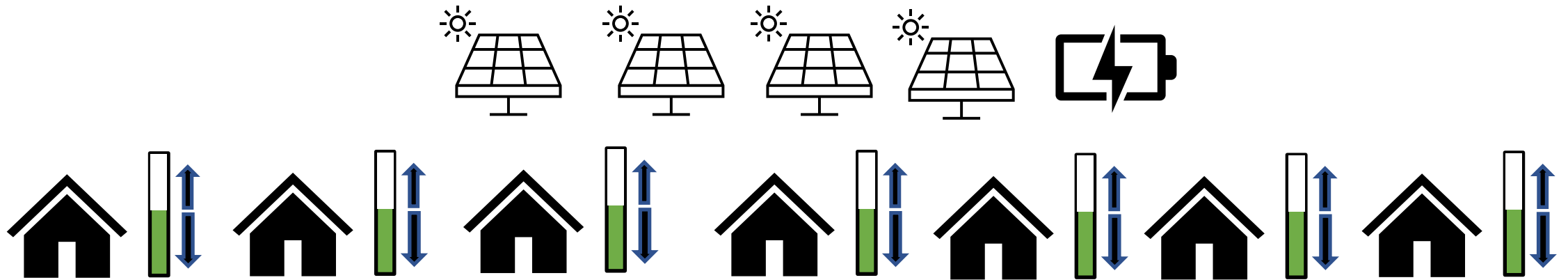
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Phius CORE → ZERO



Phius ZERO + Grid-Interactive Building (GEB)



PhiusGEB Microgrid Community

The Opportunity - PhiusGEB

Phius ZERO + GEB

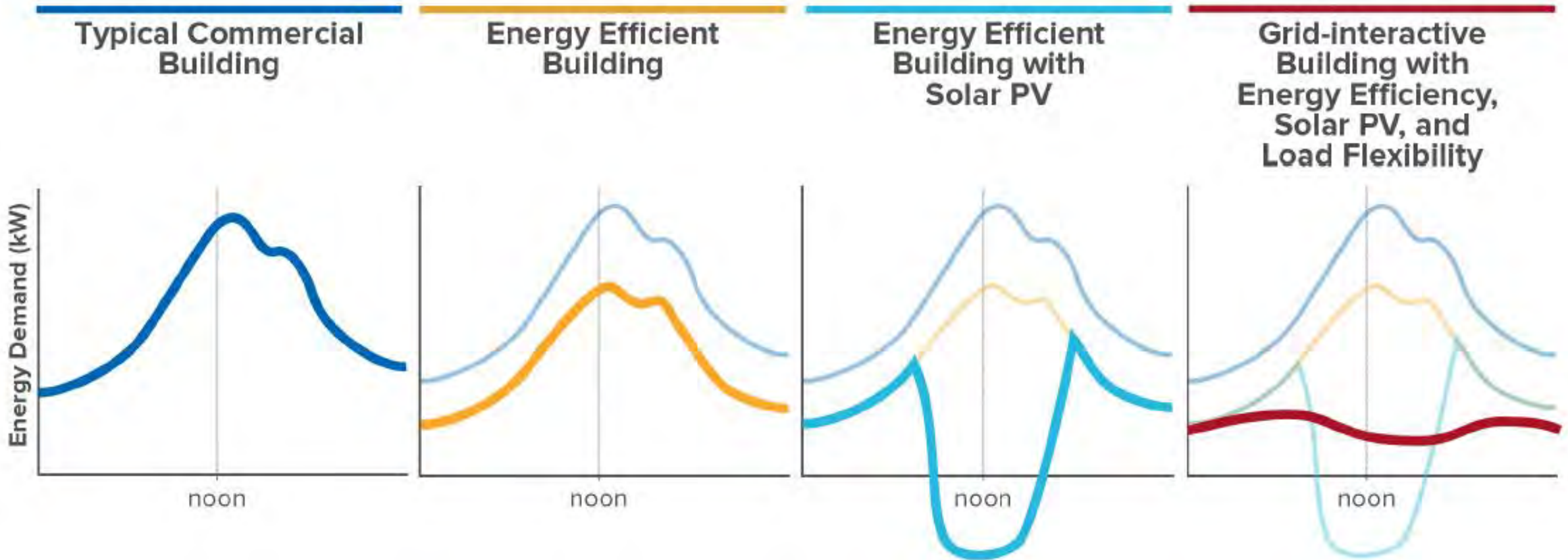


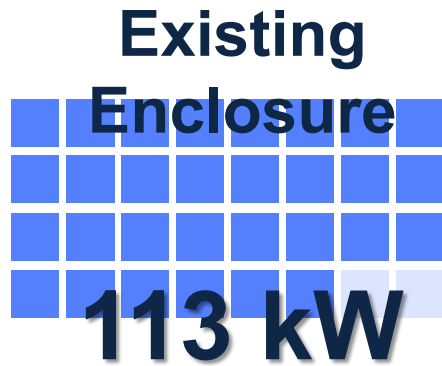
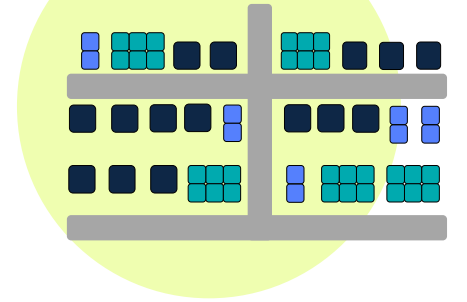
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100% Emissions Reduction

Enclosure Analysis *Results per dwelling unit*

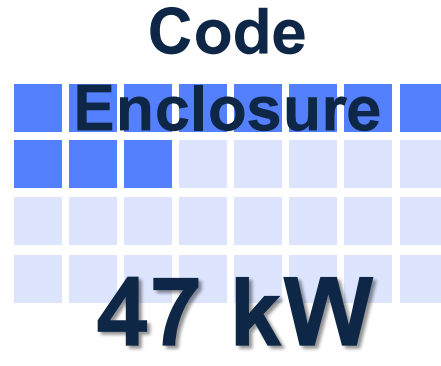
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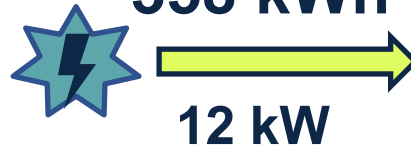
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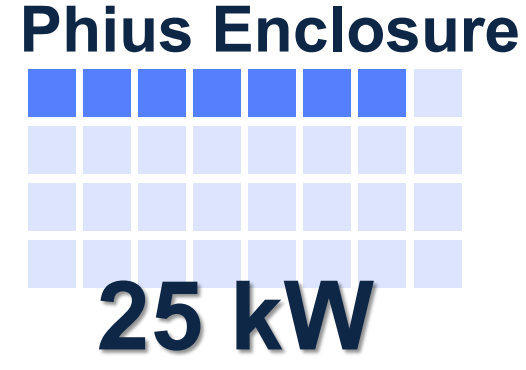
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358 kWh



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126 kWh

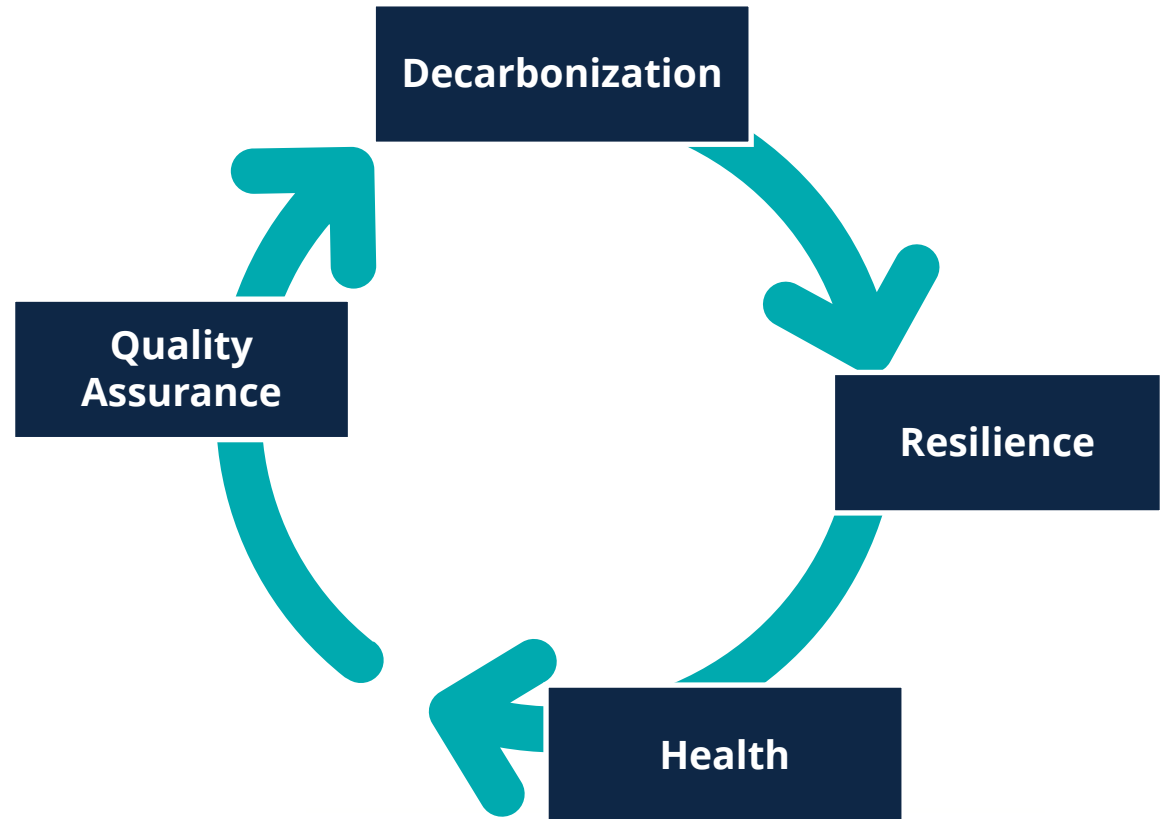


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Phius REVIVE 2024

- New Standard-setting Framework optimizing for:

- Resilience
- Operational Carbon
- Embodied Carbon



“...a highly efficient home built to Passive House Institute U.S. (Phius) Standards can maintain temperature within the habitability threshold for the full 7 days, five times as long as the typical existing building. The analysis results also show that increased passive efficiency will save 3.6 and 8.6 lives for the current code and beyond-code cases, respectively.”

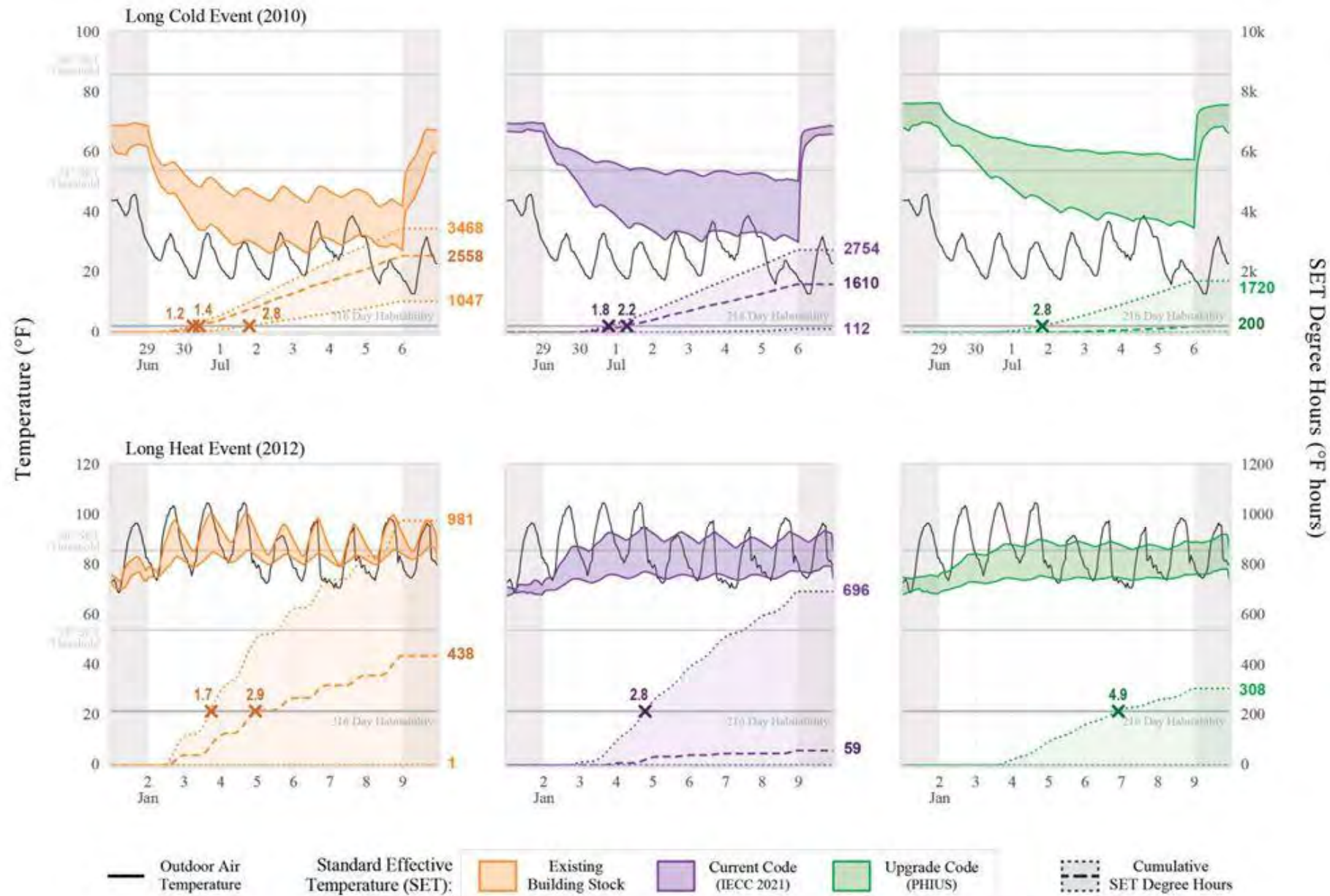
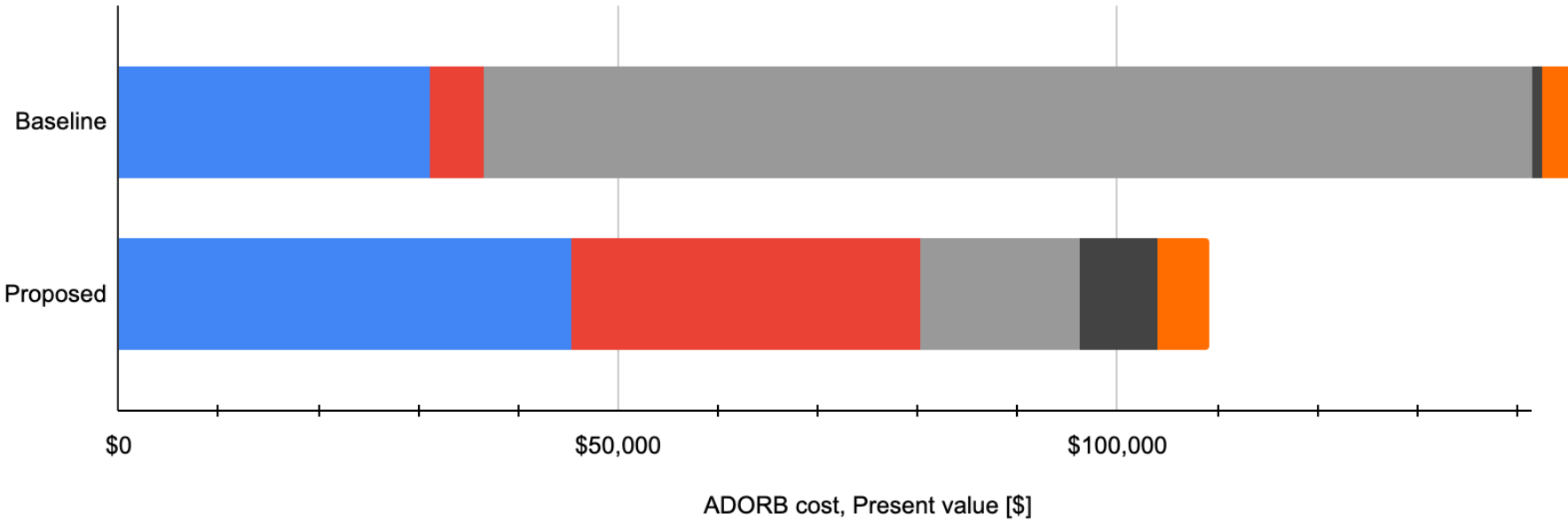


Figure 10. Occupant Exposure over Seven Days for Existing Single-Family Homes in Atlanta, GA (3A)

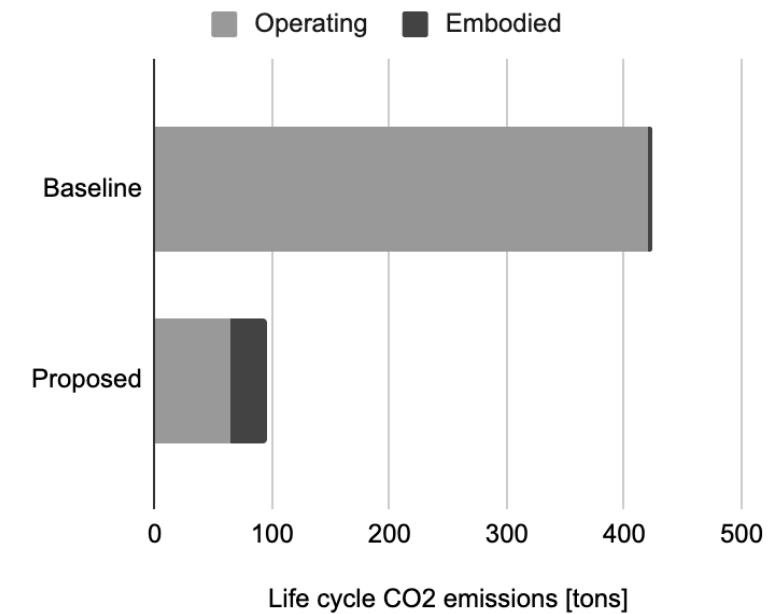
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ADORB Cost Example: Electrification of Apartment in Portland, OR

■ Direct energy cost
 ■ Direct maint/refit cost
 ■ Cost of carbon, operating
 ■ Cost of carbon, embodied
 ■ Cost of transition



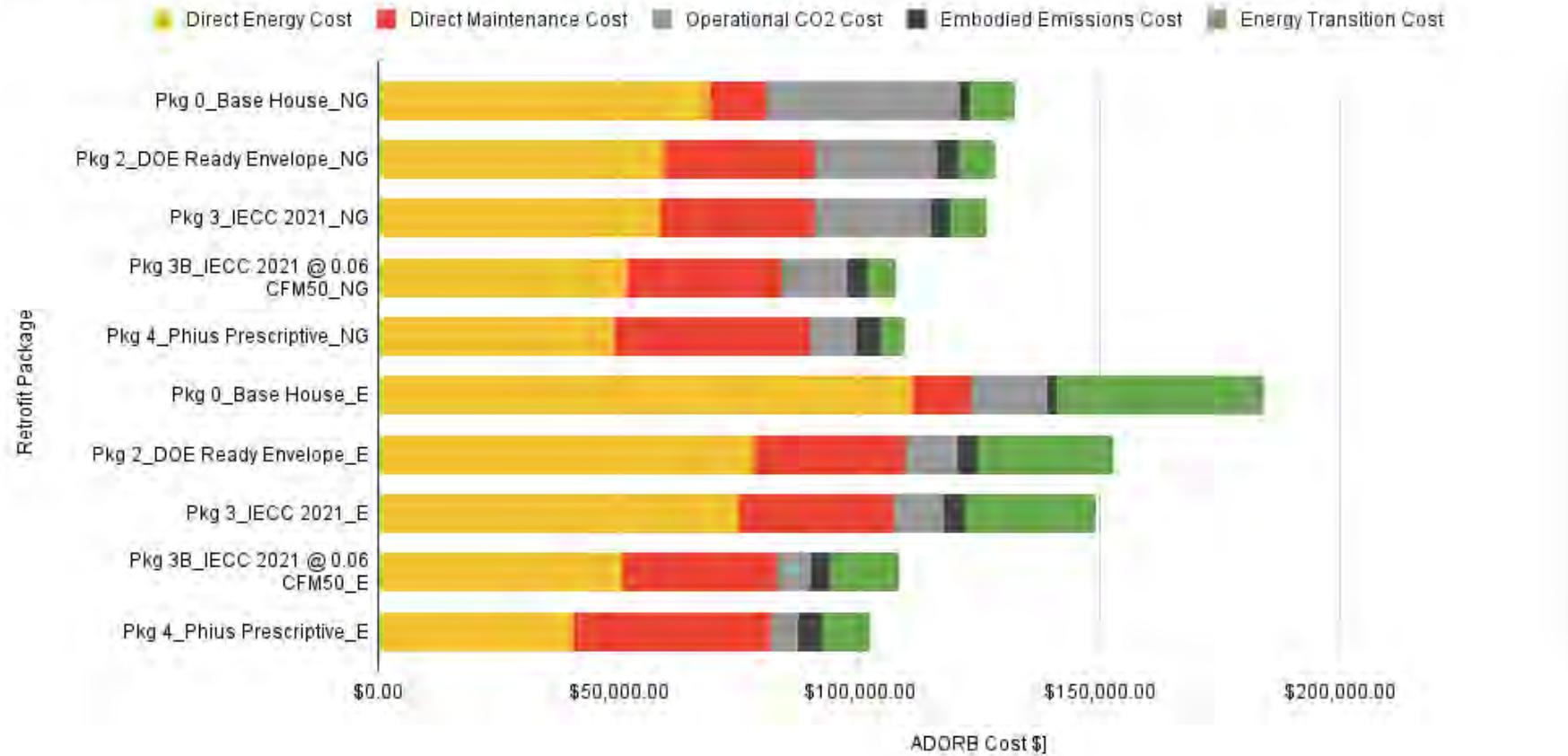
| | Baseline | Proposed | change |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Operating | 420 | 64 | -85% |
| Embodied | 4 | 31 | 612% |
| Total | 424 | 95 | -78% |



| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Time horizon [years] | 70 | | |
| Grid decarb date (1) | 2050 | | |
| emission factor. | | | |
| Summary, present values [\$] | | | |
| | Baseline | Proposed | change |
| Direct energy cost | \$31,137 | \$45,397 | 46% |
| Direct maint/refit cost | \$5,394 | \$34,934 | 548% |
| Cost of carbon, operating | \$104,926 | \$15,958 | -85% |
| Cost of carbon, embodied | \$1,088 | \$7,743 | 612% |
| Cost of transition | \$3,310 | \$5,236 | 58% |
| | \$145,854 | \$109,267 | -25% |

ADORB Results

Chicago ADORB Cost



CERTIFIED WINDOW

ACME Corp Venting Transom Window

ACME Corp

Blue Path Certified (Valid through 2025-06-19)

Overview

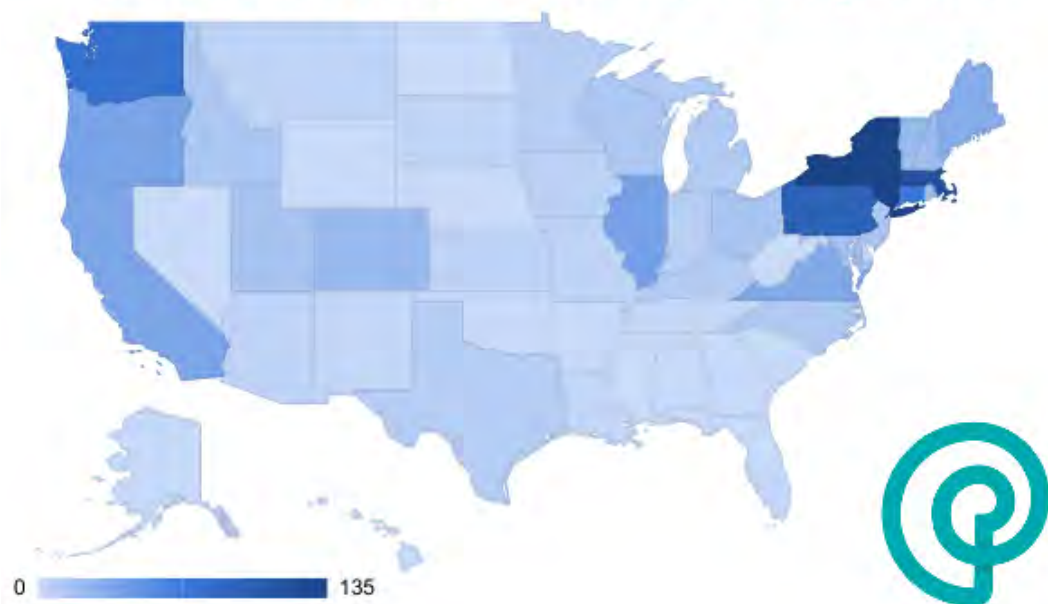
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|----------------------------------|--|
| U-VALUE, WHOLE WINDOW | 0.20 BTU/hr·ft ² ·°F 1.12 W/m ² K |
| U-VALUE, CENTER OF GLASS (U-COG) | 0.14 BTU/hr·ft ² ·°F 0.82 W/m ² K |
| SHGC, WHOLE WINDOW | 0.157 |
| OPERATION TYPE | Operable |
| FRAME MATERIAL | Wood |
| IGU PANES | Triple |
| GLAZING NAME | ACME LoE Triple Pane Argon |
| REC. CLIMATE ZONE(S) | |

IGU (Glazing) Information

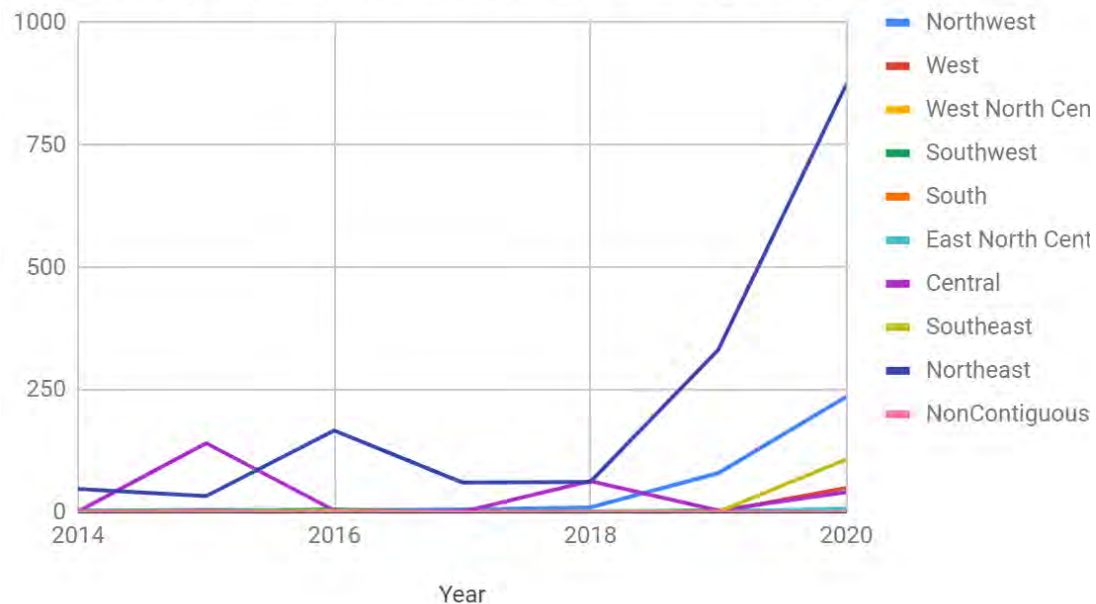
| | |
|----------|------------------|
| PANES | Triple |
| GAS FILL | Argon |
| SPACER | Cardinal XL Edge |

Market Demand / Certification Growth

Total Phius Projects in the US by State



Phius Projects: Submitted Units for Design Review - by Region



Certified Project Database

Search

SEARCH

PROJECT TYPE

- Addition
- New Construction
- Retrofit

BUILDING FUNCTION

- Dormitory
- Government / Public
- Hotel
- Mixed-Use
- Multifamily
- Office
- Other Non-Residential
- School / Education
- Single-Family

LOCATION

- Canada
- United States
- Japan
- Mexico
- South Korea

PROGRAM VERSION

Show all

STATUS

Show all

ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONES

Show all

Showing 1-10 of 686 results



69 Hillside Avenue

Single-Family - Retrofit
4A - Mixed - Humid

1713 sq. ft.

Completed 2020



Rolling Bay Passive

Single-Family - New Construction
4C - Mixed - Marine

2342 sq. ft.



Habitat for Humanity Columbia County - Anramdale

Multifamily - New Construction
5A - Cool - Humid

2788 sq. ft.

Completed 2020



Susie Clemens House

Multifamily - New Construction
4A - Mixed - Humid

5767 sq. ft.

Completed 2019

Projects Database

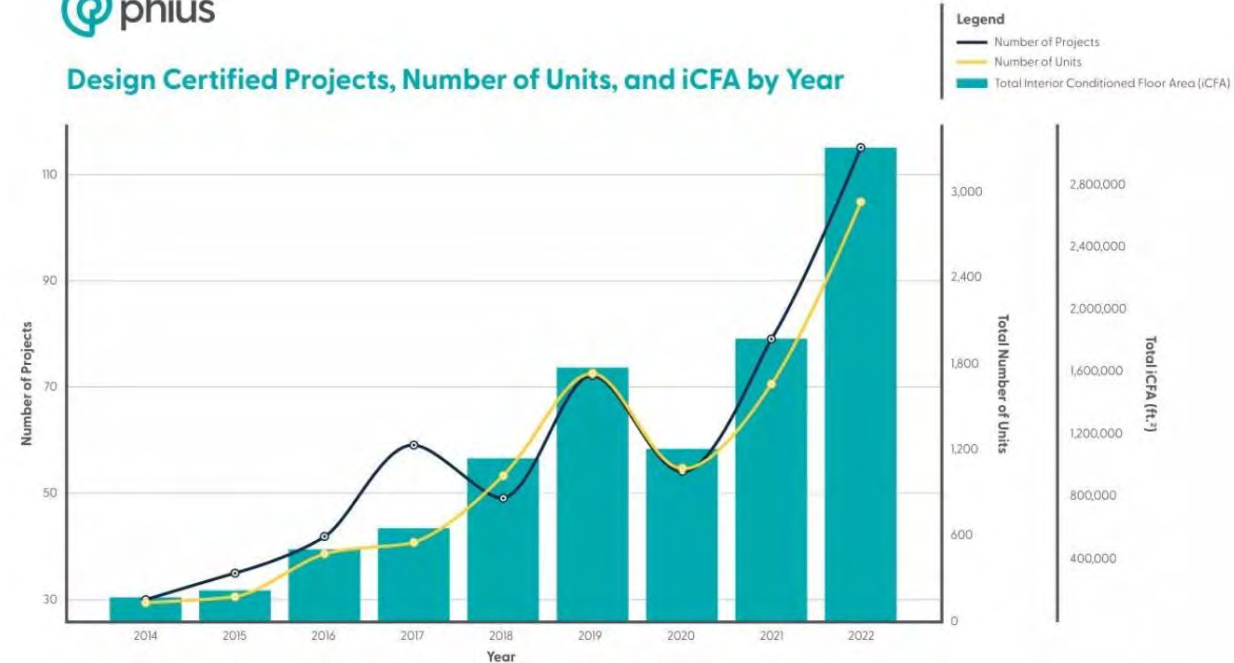
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676 Projects, 11,141 Units Certified

1000+ Projects, xxx Units Submitted



Design Certified Projects, Number of Units, and iCFA by Year



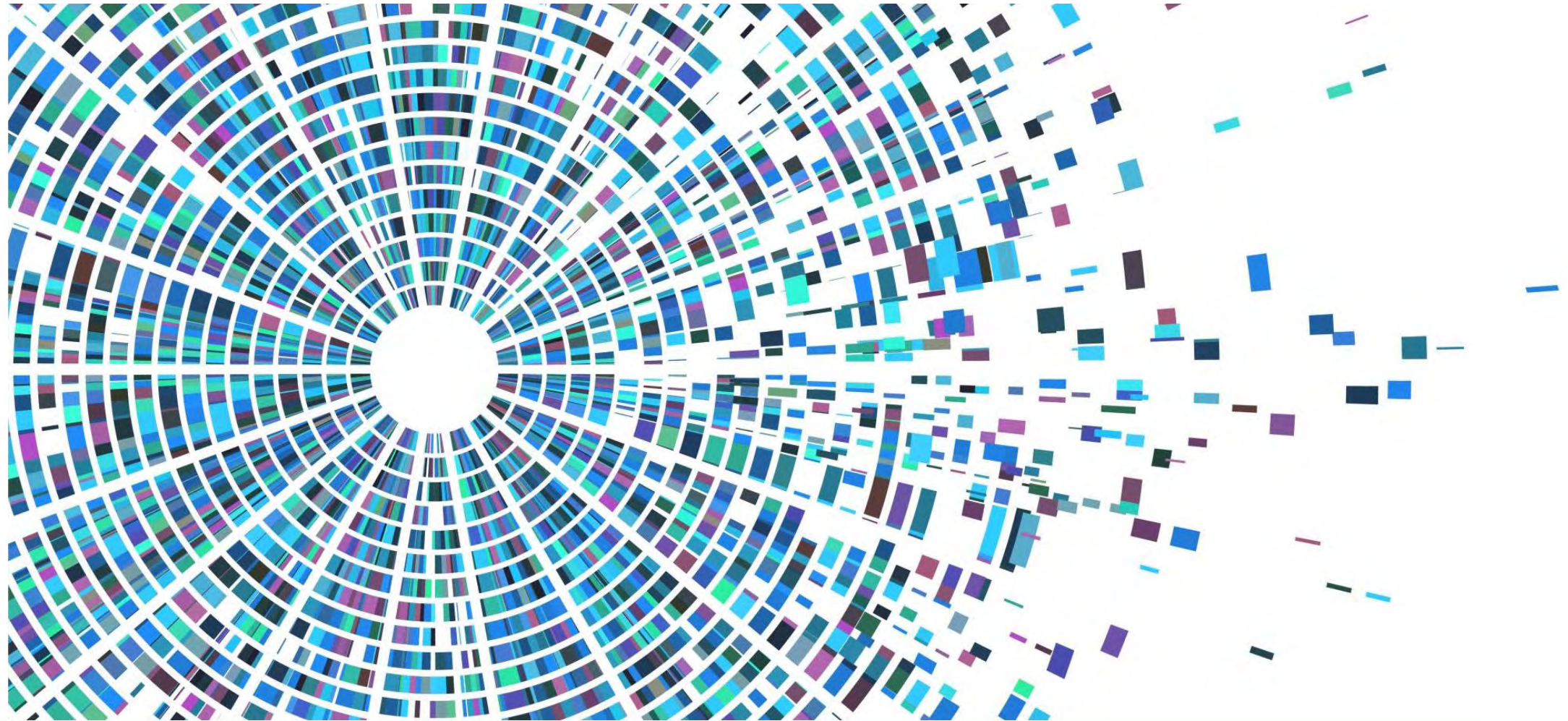
Phius Training / Upcoming Webinars + Events

Want to learn more?

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The screenshot displays the Phius website interface. At the top left is the Phius logo. A navigation bar contains the following items: Passive Building (with a dropdown arrow), Certifications (with a dropdown arrow), Standards (with a dropdown arrow), Education (with an upward arrow and a green underline), and Resources (with a dropdown arrow). Below this is a 'CATEGORIES' section with buttons for Trainings, Exams, Webinars, Conferences, Education Overview, and Browse Events. The main content area features a large promotional banner for the 'Phius Certified Consultant Phase II Training & Design Exam | October 2022' (October 10 - 21) with a 'Register now' link. To the right, an 'UPCOMING SESSIONS' list includes: 'Phius Certified Consultant Phase II Training & Design Exam | October 2022 | October 10 - 21', 'Phius Certified Builder Training & Exam | October 2022 | October 11 - 21', 'RDH Building Science Inc. - Considering Carbon in the Design of Building Enclosures | October 12', and 'PhiusCon 2022 - Phius Certified Rater Training | October 2022 | October 25 - 26'.

Impact and Future



ZERO CODE™

Commercial • Institutional • Mid-Rise/High-Rise Residential Buildings

1 Design an **energy efficient building**

Plus CORE

- Efficient building envelope / daylighting
- Passive heating / cooling / ventilation
- Efficient systems / equipment / controls



2 Address the remaining building's energy needs with:

Plus ZERO

on-site renewable energy



and/or off-site renewable energy

wind • solar • hydro
(other non-CO₂ emitting sources)



Source: Architecture 2030
Graphic adaptations: Sefaira; DOE



Residential Code Developments

Mass Clean Energy Center Competition - What Does It Cost?



| Project | Number of Units | Incremental Cost |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Homeowner's Rehab Incs Finch Cambridge | 98 | 1.4% ← |
| NorthShore Community Development Corporation's Harbor Village | 30 | 1.8% |
| Preservation for Affordable Housing Mattapan Station | 135 | 2% |
| Beacon Communities | 55 | 2.8% |
| North Commons | 53 | 4.3% |
| Hanson Village | 48 | 4.1% |
| Kenzi | 52 | 1.0% ← |

Opt-in Stretch, QAP, State & Federal Incentives

- New opt-in stretch code requires that any Group R building that is over 12,000 square feet in area must meet Phius or another passive house standard
- Spurs large scale planned Phius re-development Bunker Hill, 2699 units



Federal Incentives

- IRA Phius/ZERH qualify for:
 - 5k Residential Incentive
 - 179D Commercial Buildings Energy-Efficient Tax Deduction
- HUD GRRP Leading Edge Award for Retrofits



Example Applicants

Example 1:

Maple Tree Apartments was last renovated 20 years ago and is still using older equipment dependent on fossil fuel sources. The property owner has already raised funding for a rehab focused on the building envelope and energy efficiency, and now with a Leading Edge Award wants to incorporate full electrification, solar, wind turbines, and Fortified Silver

roofing with window upgrades, which will qualify the property for a PHIUS REVIVE certification.



Application Process

Eligibility: HUD-assisted Multifamily properties (see Section 3 of the Leading Edge NOFO for the complete list) that can commit to achieving an advanced green certification

Selection: Eligible properties will be ranked based on the property's current need for utility efficiency improvements, as assessed by the Multifamily Building Efficiency Screening Tool (MBEST)

Additional set-asides: Each HUD region and non-metro areas

Submission: Property applications should include the following:

- Leading Edge application form, including property information, proposed sources and uses and operating proforma, and selected green certification
- Development team credentials and architect/engineer's determination that the selected green certification is achievable
- Submission of Environmental Due Diligence

Key Program Requirements



Commercial Code Developments

- ASHRAE 227p (anticipated completion in 2025)
- Opt-In Stretch in Mass TEDI and Pplus CORE/ZERO COMM as Alternative Compliance Path

CASE STUDIES – PATH TO ZERO

RMI BASALT INNOVATION CENTER



RMI Headquarters Basalt CO

WUFI PASSIVE RESULTS

| PERFORMANCE CATEGORY | PHIUS+ 2015 REQUIREMENTS | RMI INNOVATION CENTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| HEATING DEMAND (KBTU/FT2/YR) | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| COOLING DEMAND (KBTU/FT2/YR) | 1 | 0.23 |
| HEATING LOAD (BTU/HR FT2) | 5.1 | 4.96 |
| COOLING LOAD (BTU/HR FT2) | 3.6 | 0 |
| PRIMARY ENERGY (KBTU/FT2/YR) | 38.04 | 33.41 |
| SITE ENERGY (KBTU/FT2/YR) | - | -0.35 |
| AIR TIGHTNESS (ACH50) | 0.51 | 0.36 |
| AIR TIGHTNESS (CFM50/FT2) | 0.05 | 0.04 |

PRAIRIE RECREATION & ACTIVITY CENTER



Roof: R-60

Walls: R-40

Slab: 4' perimeter (R-20)

Windows: R-6 (U-0.16)

Air-tightness: 0.045 CFM50/ft² envelope area

Renewable Energy: 215 kW PV Array on-site

OAK PARK CARROLL CENTER RETROFIT & NEW

Location: Oak Park, IL

Roof: R-45

Walls: R-27 (average)

Slab: R-30 (whole slab, average)

Windows: R-7 (U-0.14) average

Renewable Energy: 23.7 kW PV Array on-site

Certification Level: PHIUS+ Source Zero



NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT

Location: Northbrook, Illinois

Roof: R-60

Walls: R-34

Slab: R-20

Windows: U-0.196

Air tightness: 0.049

Renewable Energy: 312.28 on-site PV

Certification Level: PHIUS+ 2015 Source Zero



Trinity Mid Bronx Development LLC 425 Grand Concourse



Envelope Performance

| COMPONENT | DESIGN | INSTALLED / TESTED |
|--|------------|---|
| ROOF | R-30 | R-30 |
| ABOVE-GRADE WALLS | R-20 | R-18.4 |
| BELOW-GRADE WALLS | R-10 | R-10 |
| WINDOWS – INSTALLED EFFECTIVE U-VALUE | 0.25 | 0.28 (Frame) 0.21 (Glazing) |
| GLAZING SHGC | 0.27 | 0.25 |
| FAÇADE AIR TIGHTNESS | 0.08 cfm50 | 0.035 cfm50 (Taped) 0.055 cfm50 (Un-Taped) |

425 Grand Concourse

What is the Passive House (Cost) Difference?

A. Envelope

(\$1,200,000 / 0.7% of TDC)

- Added cost for additional sealant.
- Added cost for high-performance windows.
- Added cost for specialty materials to minimize thermal breaks.

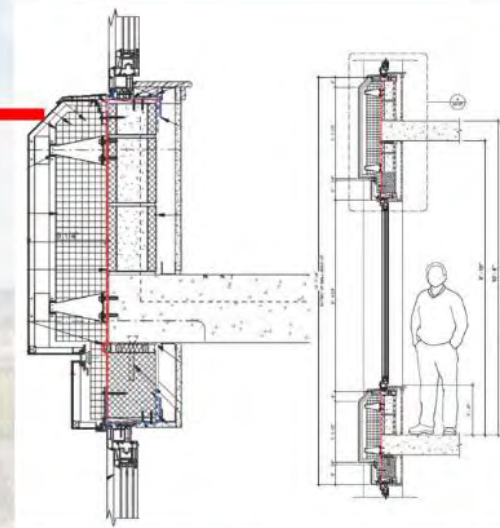
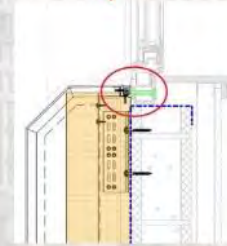


What is the Passive House (Cost) Difference?

B. Quality Control / Added Engineering / Testing

(\$1,150,000 / 0.7% of TDC)

- Added cost for Passive House consultant.
- Added cost for rigorous inspections / commissioning.
- Added cost for blower door pre-testing and testing.



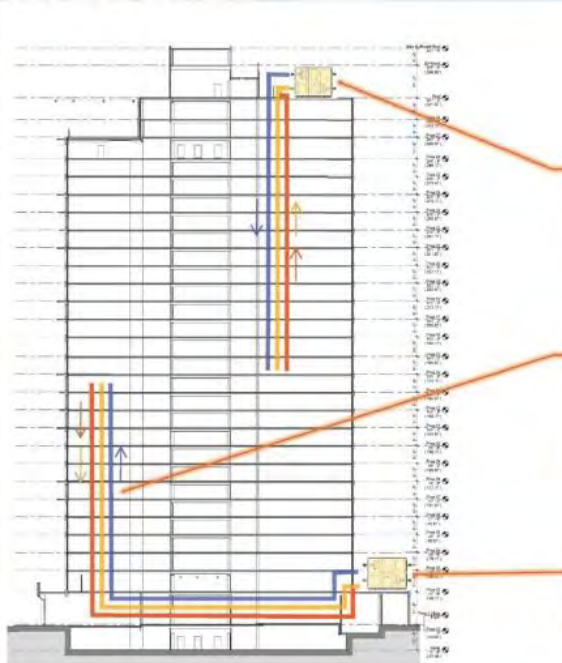
425 Grand Concourse

What is the Passive House (Cost) Difference?

C. HVAC Systems

(\$1,800,000 / 1.0% of TDC)

- Added cost for supply ductwork for balanced ventilation.
- Added cost for Energy / Heat Recovery Ventilator.
- Added cost for VRF Heating/Cooling.



What are the Energy Savings of a Passive House?

| Building Operating Costs | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | Average NYC MF | 425 Grand Concourse |
| Source EUI [kBtu/(sf x a)] | | 130 ¹ | 73 ² |
| Space Heating | 38% ¹ | Gas ¹ | Elec |
| Domestic Hot Water | 15% ¹ | Gas ¹ | Gas |
| Plug Loads / Misc. | 15% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Lighting | 10% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Space Cooling | 8% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Conveyance | 2% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Ventilation | 2% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Process Loads | 2% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Other | 8% ¹ | Elec ¹ | Elec |
| Site EUI [kBtu/(sf x a)] | | 87 ² | 30 ³ |
| Site EUI Electric [kBtu/(sf x a)] | | 66 ² | 24 ³ |
| Site EUI Gas [kBtu/(sf x a)] | | 22 ² | 6 ³ |
| 2019 Operating Cost⁵ [\$ / (sf x a)] | | \$ 3.64 | \$ 1.30 |

42 BROAD MARKET-RATE, MT VERNON NY



Predictions for Passive House 4.0

- New standard setting framework will become code everywhere
- New more powerful and accurate design & verification cloud-based tools, AI?
- New continual commissioning processes and tools to operate buildings as designed
- Fossil fuels will go out of style
- Revisit passive thermal mass, phase change materials & experiment with new materials (like the whitest paint) to maximize use of 'ambient energy', exergy
- Latest window technologies, thin triples, vacuum glazing, transparent PV will become code & prices will drop dramatically
- Break through in the development of miniature low load heat pump-based space conditioning and hot water appliances
- Mass-retrofitting of existing homes at a rate of 1000+ units per day
- Low load, all electric direct current passive buildings + microgrids will become new best practice for designing communities
- New resilient, decentralized and democratized renewable energy grid emerges with generation from the bottom up & utilities will transform into large scale distribution and backup services
- Buildings will become a central part of the energy generation infrastructure
- New business models will emerge around privately owned ESCOs/developers & consequently housing will be free...

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Post Logue - Personal Musings and Observations

*Passive House Murder
Mystery Novel, anyone?*



93.4 +



*A Real Estate Nightmare
on Foxhall Road*

Photograph by Jeff Elkins



A Tale of two TEDIs...



A word on the Mass TEDI...A Comparison

Heating Demand, Cooling Demand and Site EUI for 6 schools designed to the Phius Standard

Note: Climate Zone 4C is the Pacific Northwest Coast (i.e. Vancouver).

Climate Zone 5A is for Massachusetts

Climate Zone 6A is for areas that are colder than Massachusetts

phius 2021
 Performance Criteria Calculator v2

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| UNITS: | IMPERIAL (IP) ▾ |
| BUILDING FUNCTION: | NON-RESIDENTIAL ▾ |
| PROJECT TYPE: | NEW CONSTRUCTION ▾ |

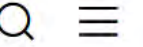
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| STATE/ PROVINCE | NEW YORK ▾ |
| CITY | NEW YORK J F KENNEDY ▾ |

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Envelope Area (ft ²) | 50,000 |
| iCFA (ft ²) | 38,000 |
| Design (Max) Occupancy | 100 |

| Space Conditioning Criteria | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Annual Heating Demand | 3.8 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Annual Cooling Demand | 6.9 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| Peak Heating Load | 3.3 | Btu/ft ² hr |
| Peak Cooling Load | 1.9 | Btu/ft ² hr |

| Source Energy Criteria | | |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| phius CORE | 24.5 | kBtu/ft ² yr |
| phius ZERO | 0 | kBtu/ft ² yr |

| Project | Climate Zone | Type | Heating Demand | Cooling Demand | Site EUI |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | 5A | Addition | 11.4 | 1.89 | 9.3 |
| 2 | 5A | Addition | 6.29 | 2.46 | 14.17 |
| 3 | 6A | New | 5.51 | 0.78 | 16.37 |
| 4 | 5A | Retrofit | 8.09 | 1.56 | 24.03 |
| 5 | 4C | New | 3.59 | 1.19 | 21.68 |
| 6 | 6A | New | 5.45 | 0.83 | 12.37 |
| | | | Kbtu/ft2-yr | | Kbtu/ft2-yr |
| TEDI Limits | | | 2.4 | 20 | |



<https://www.phius.org/how-performance-targets-shape-building-design-and-why-its-critical-get-them-right>

BLOG POST

How Performance Targets Shape Building Design – And Why It's Critical to Get Them Right

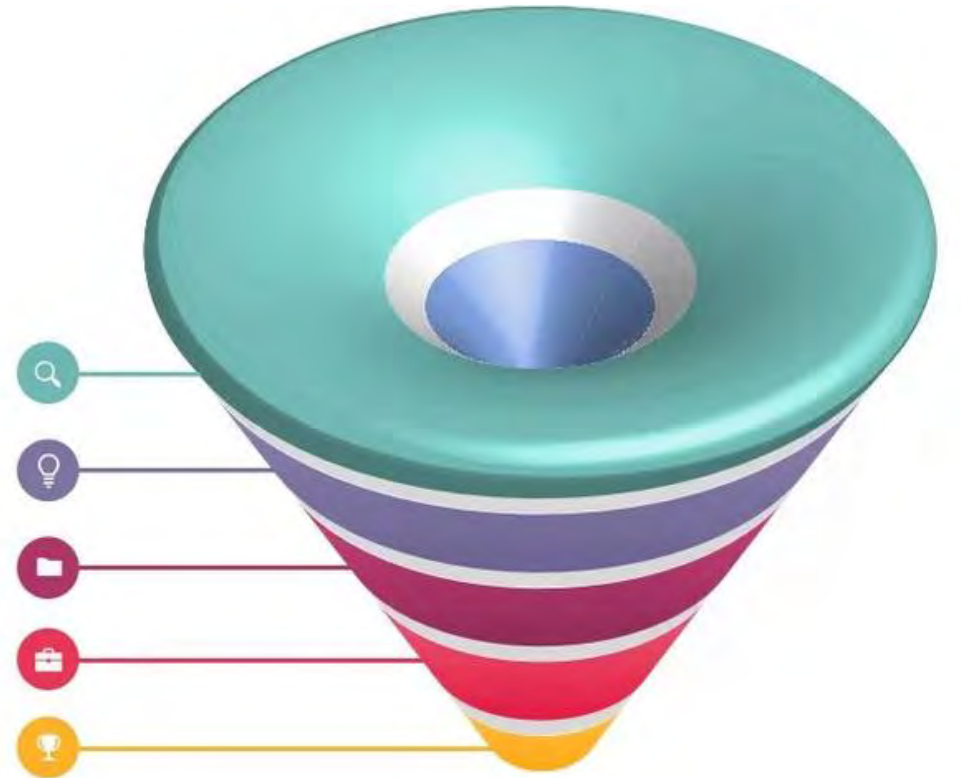
May 13, 2022 By Lisa White

‘In general, we have found that not making targets climate-specific can lead to issues such as overheating and discomfort. They can also guide overinvestment in some measures, which may seem harmless, but directly correlates to additional up-front emissions, and could often be invested in other decarbonization strategies.’

Lisa White

A few personal lessons learned...

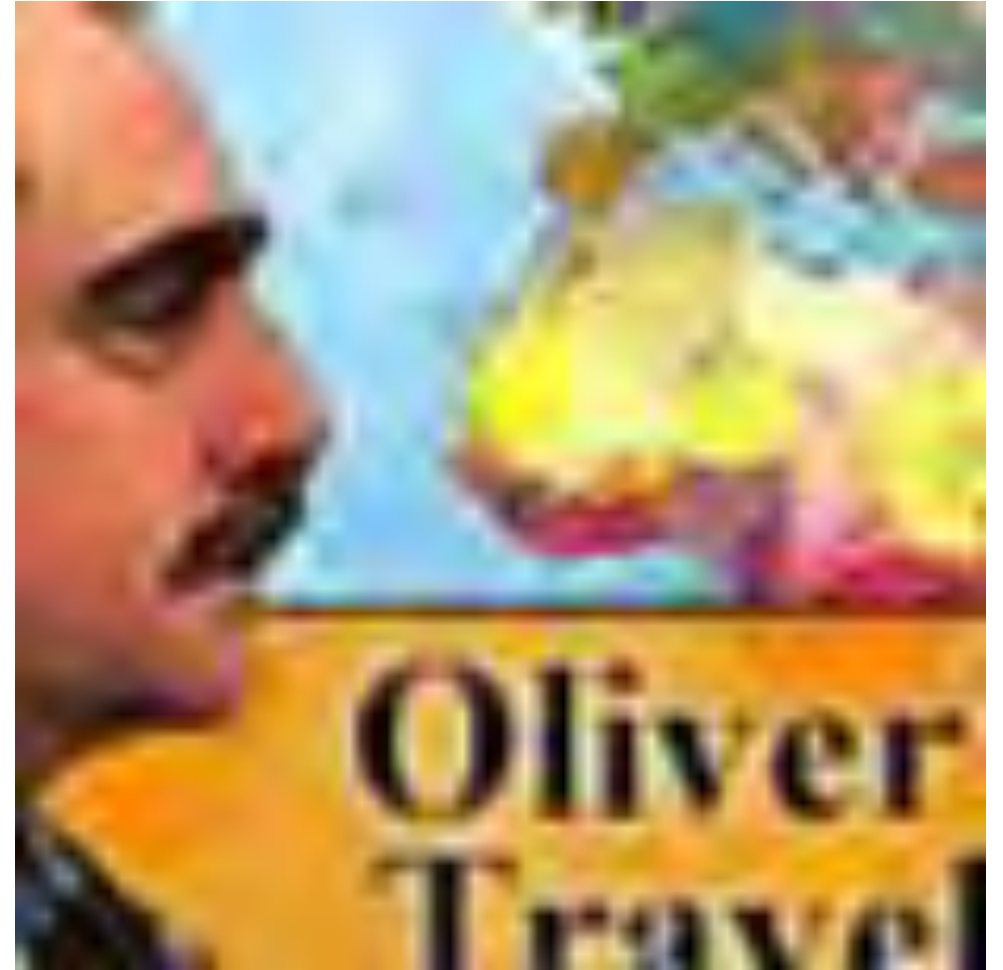
- Only two things are certain in life – death and change: the design guidance to manage complexities of environmental building technology will be ever evolving, we are never finished...we learn with every shift in our environment and adapt, the climate is changing, technology is, politics and even economics
- Building Science laws of physics are a constant and a safety rope up the steep mountain of decarbonization we are facing



“Thanks for asking. It is healthy for an old man to face the ever-changing world where everything old is made new again. We spend our young lives contributing to the myths we then invest our time as mature builders, debunking. We move from tool use and personnel management to system understanding, always keen to ensure that nothing has been overlooked or left out. We struggle to be comprehensive and frequently fail to be either graceful or aesthetically pleasing. We are forced to learn over and over and over again that simplicity is key to success. Our desire to accomplish more than one thing simultaneously, by combining systems, appears so seductive when, in truth, decoupling systems make them easy to identify, install and repair.

I have been very fortunate. I have virtually never been bored!”

Oliver Drerup






Mark Bomberg

This is the best definition of the environmental aspects of residential building technology of today, I have ever seen. [Mark Bomberg](#)

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*"A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving."
~Lao Tzu~*





*...NOT OLD (AND
WISE) ENOUGH YET
TO RETIRE...SEE YOU
ON THE DANCE
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**Thanks!
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