

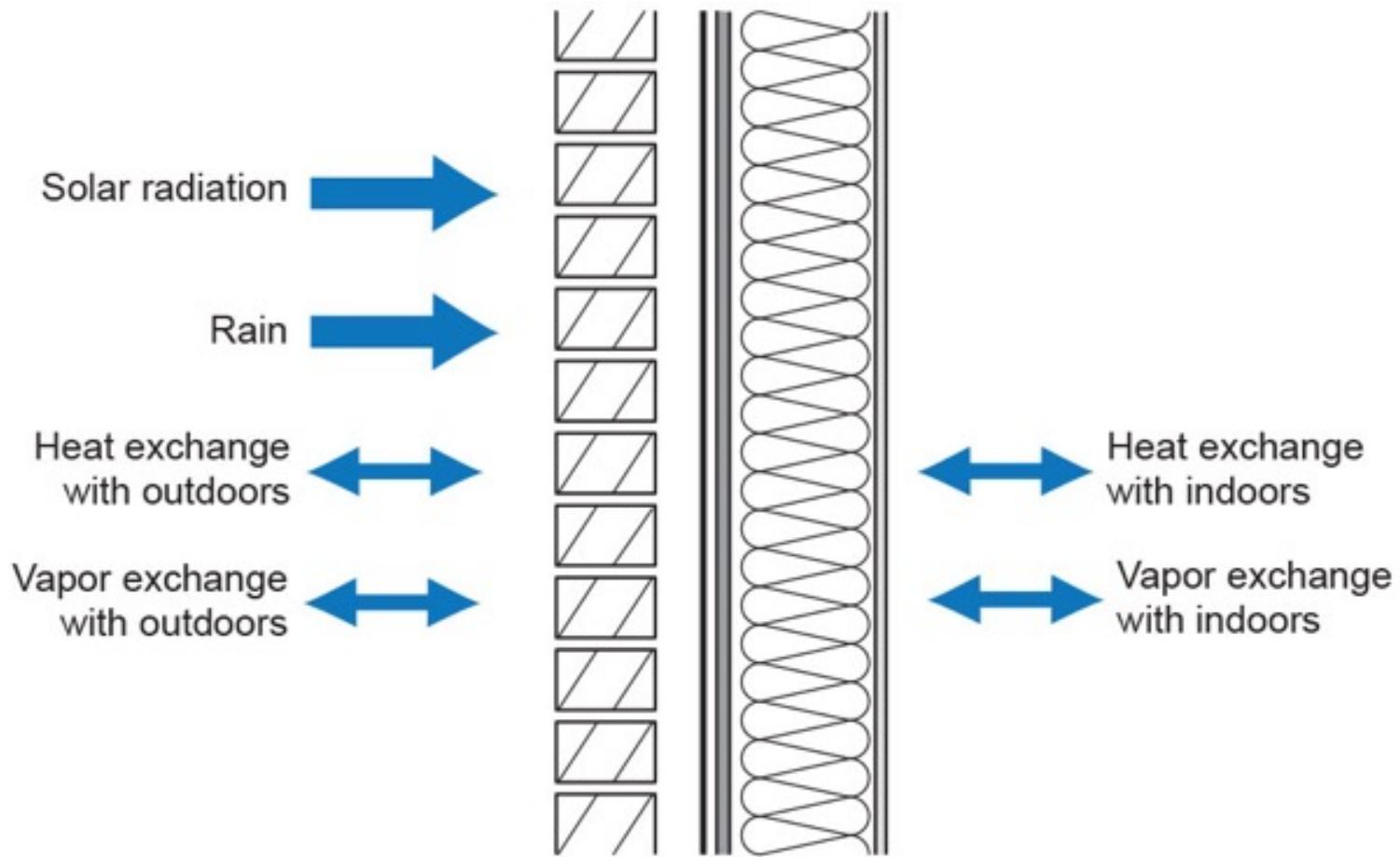
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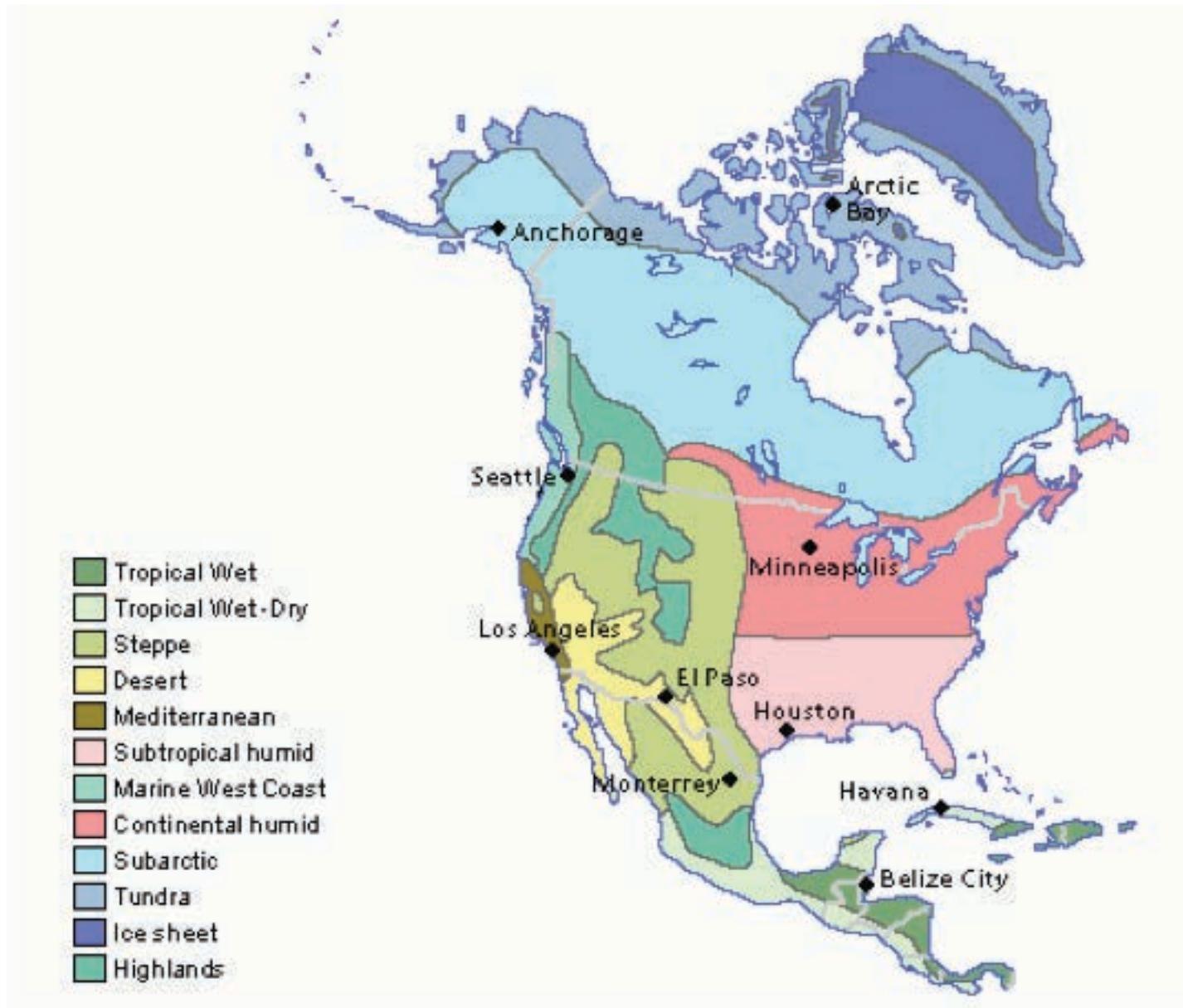
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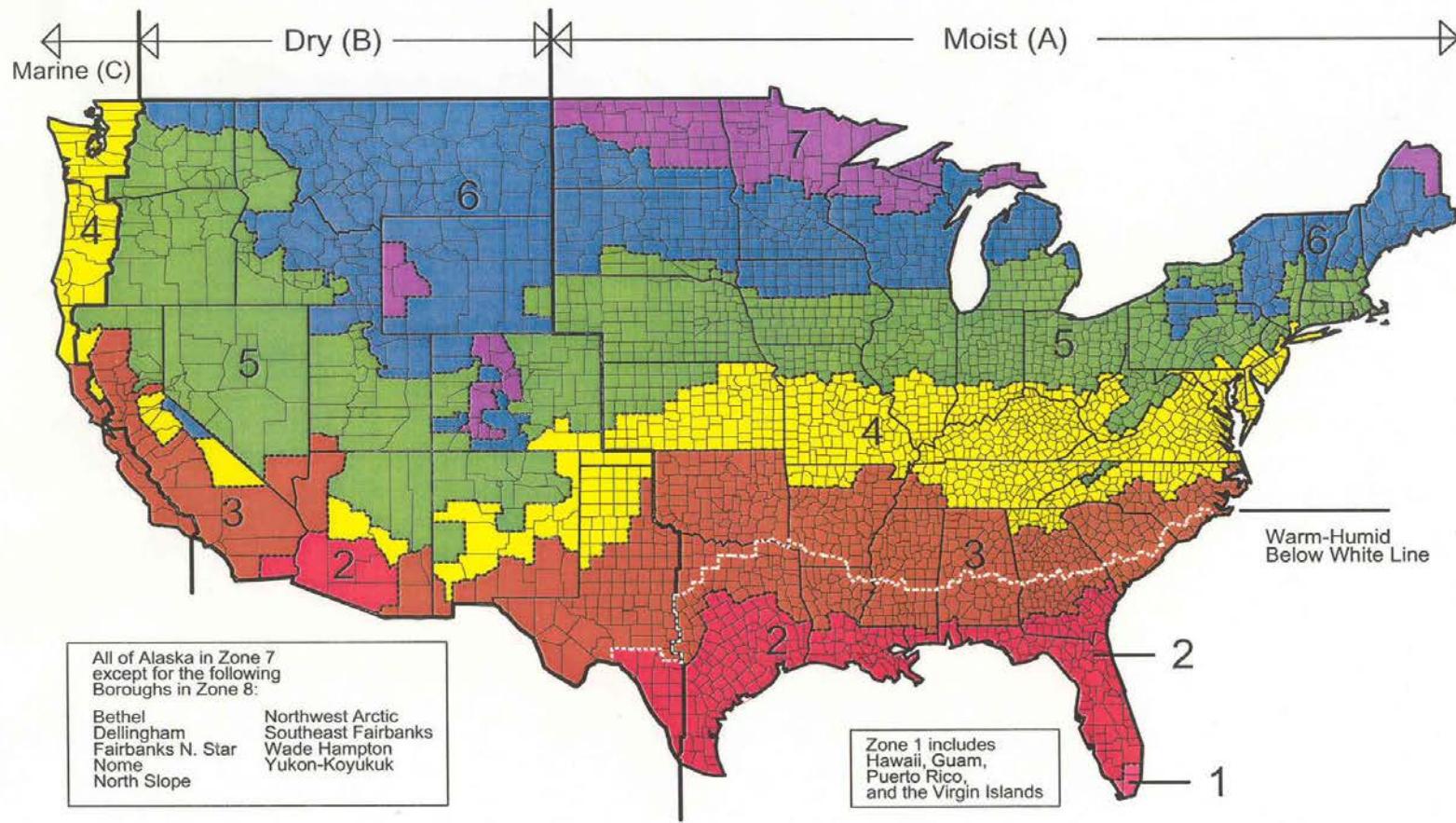
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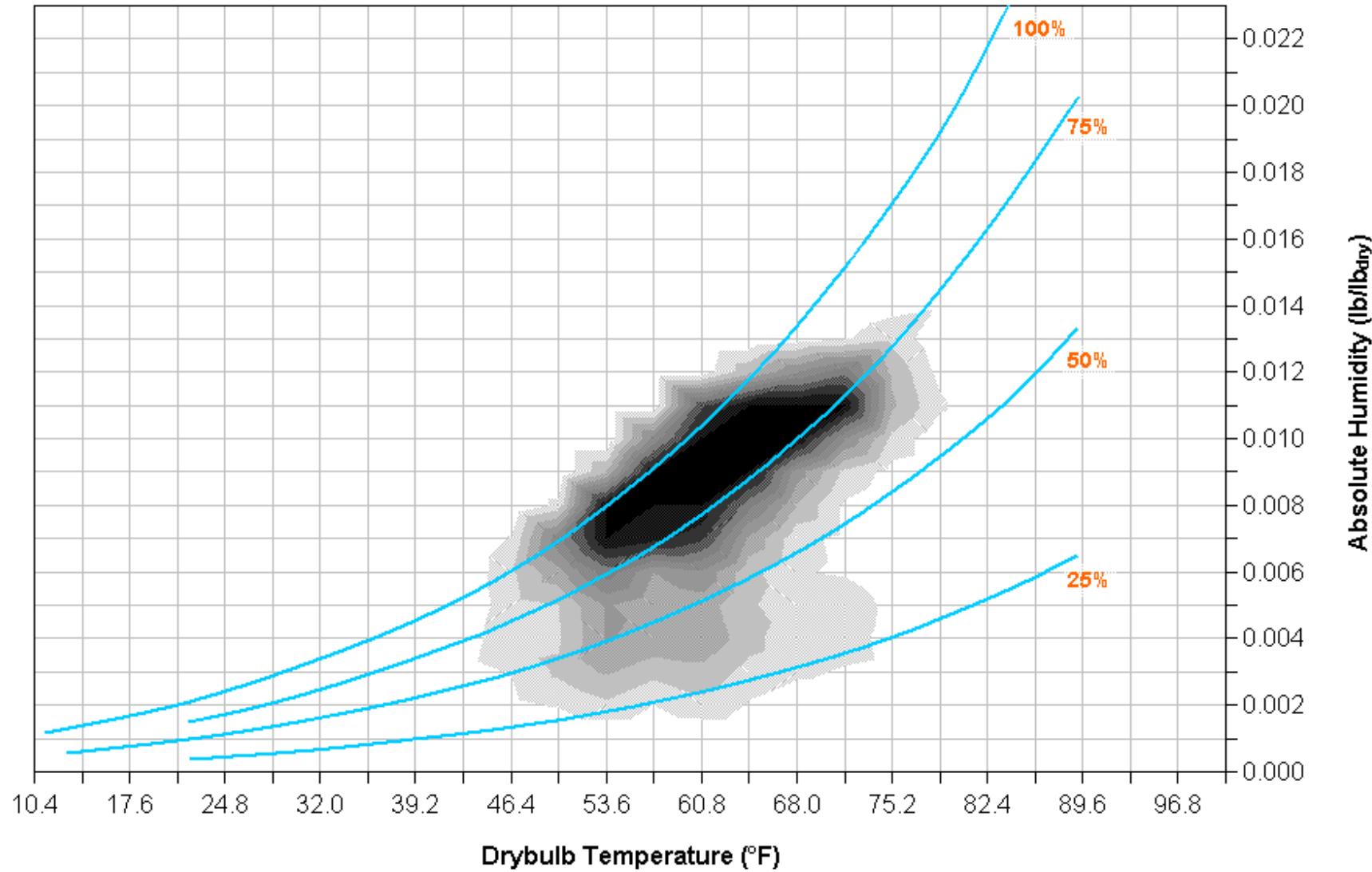


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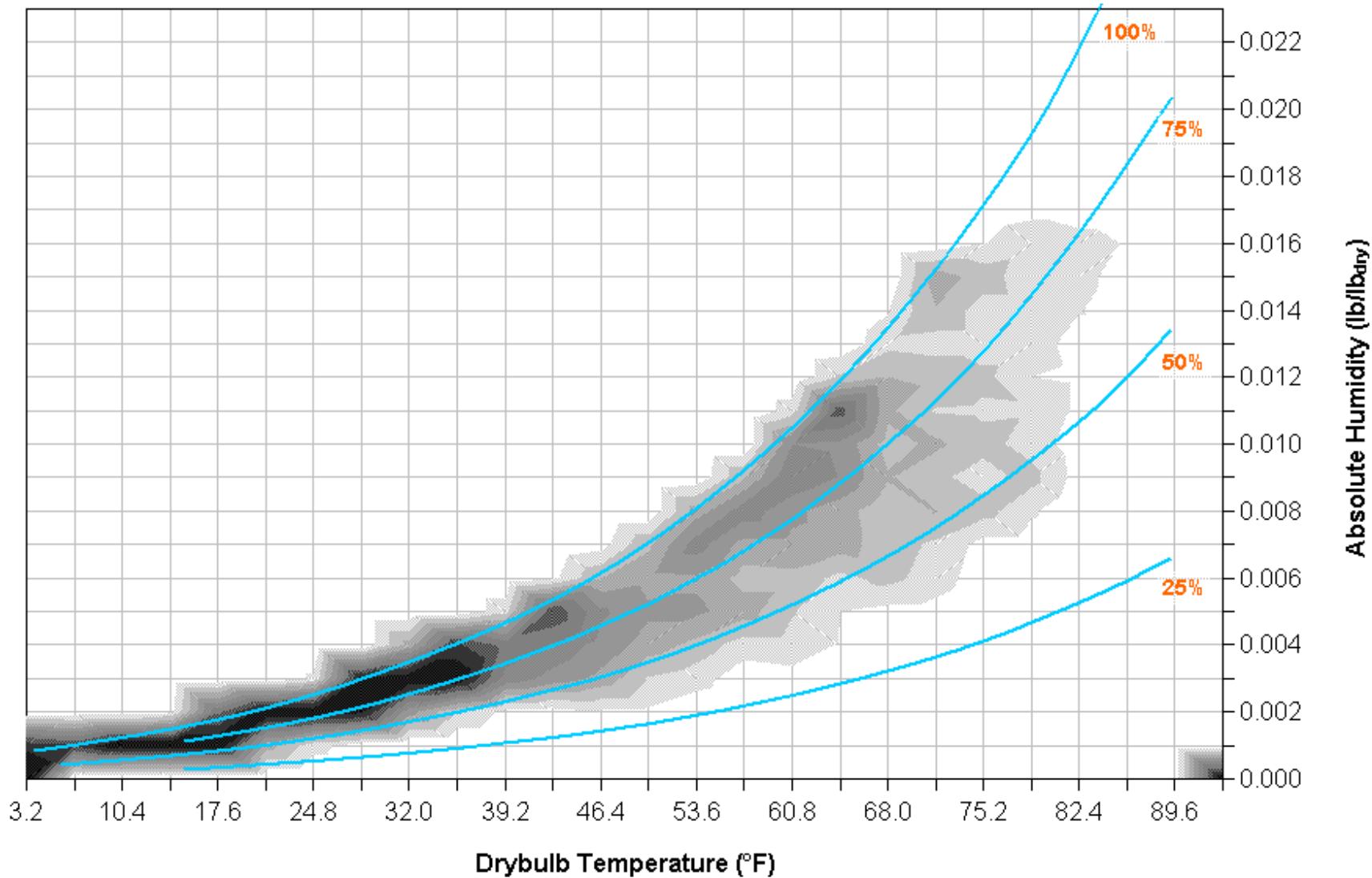


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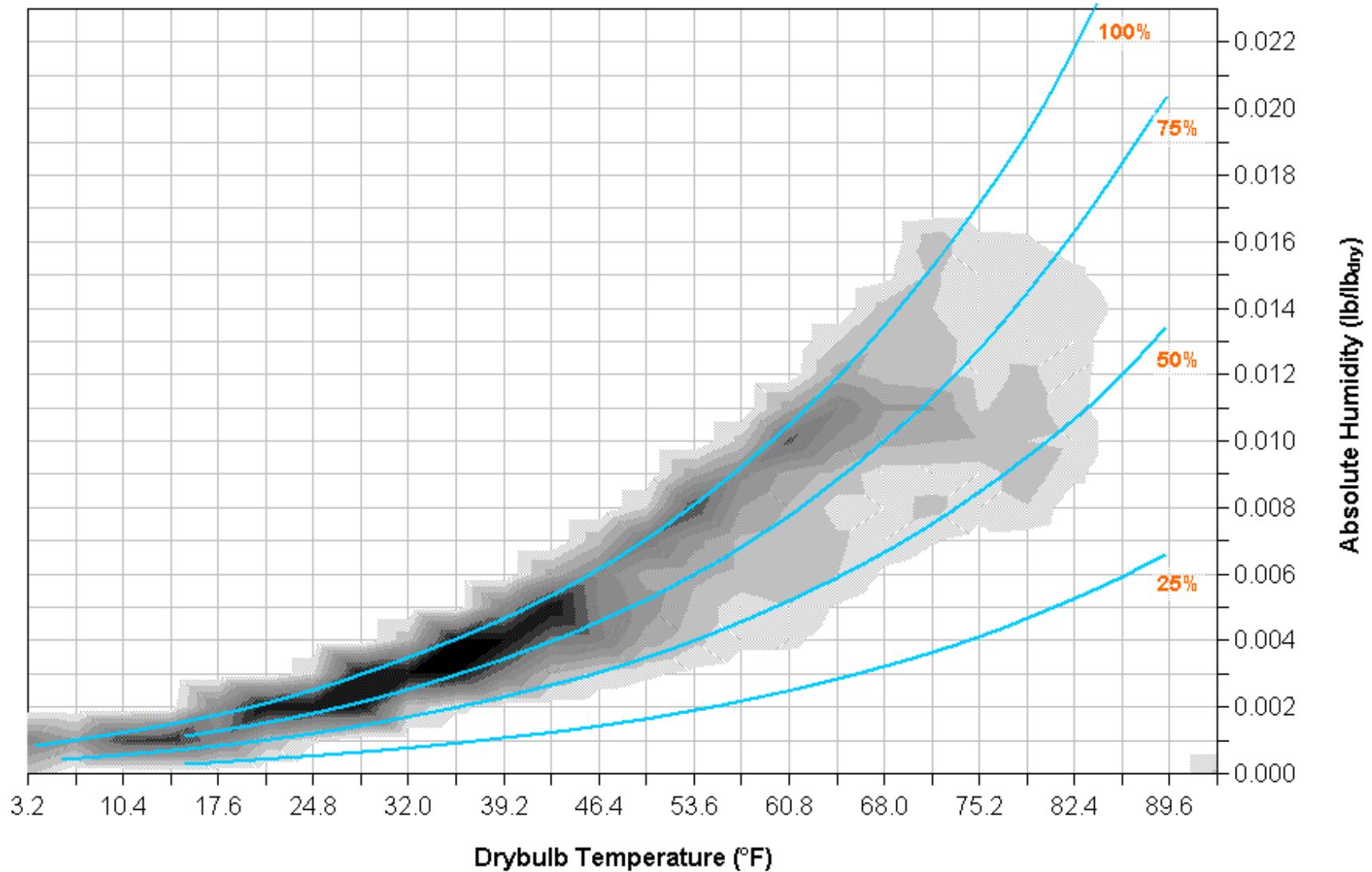
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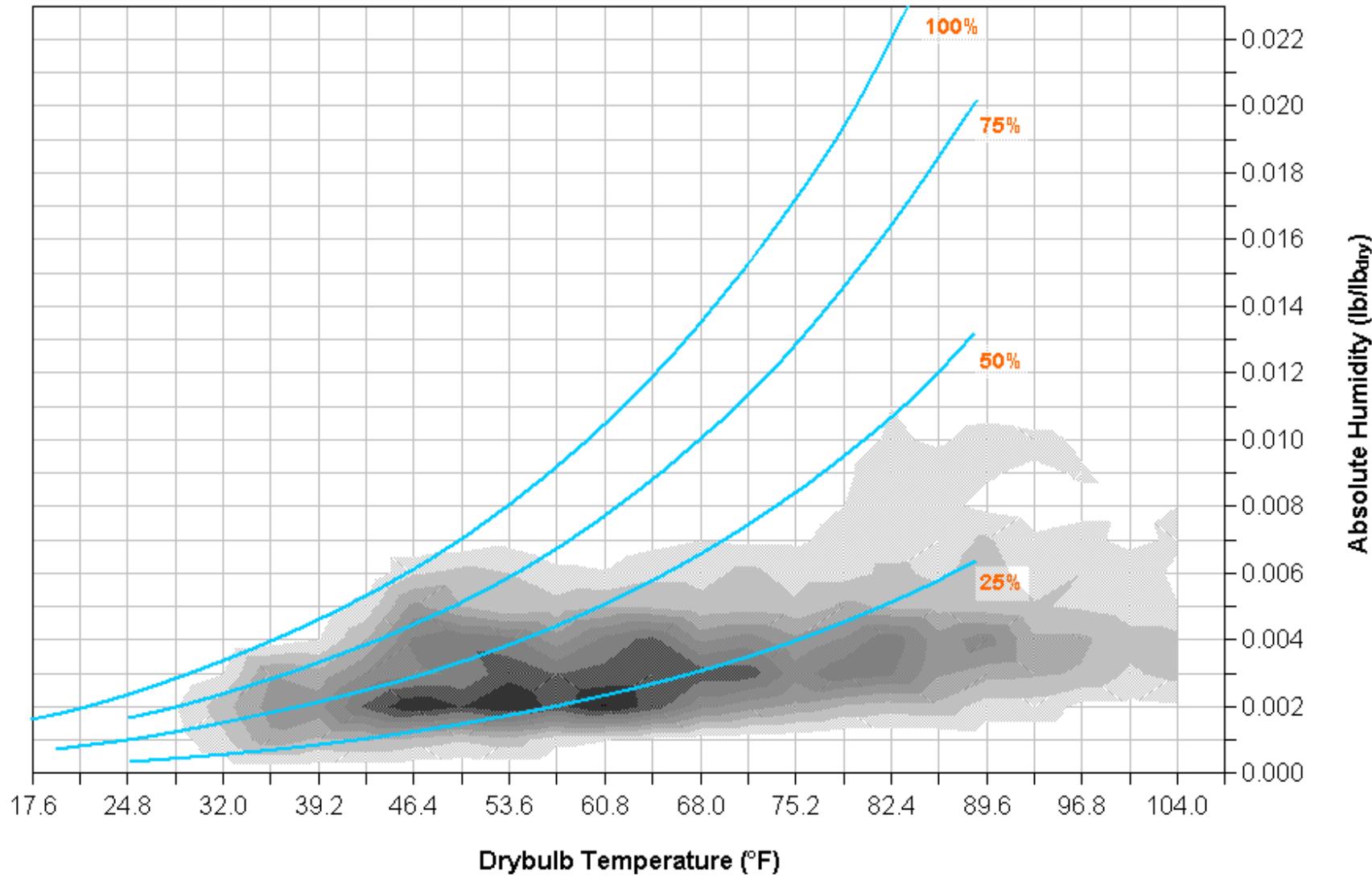
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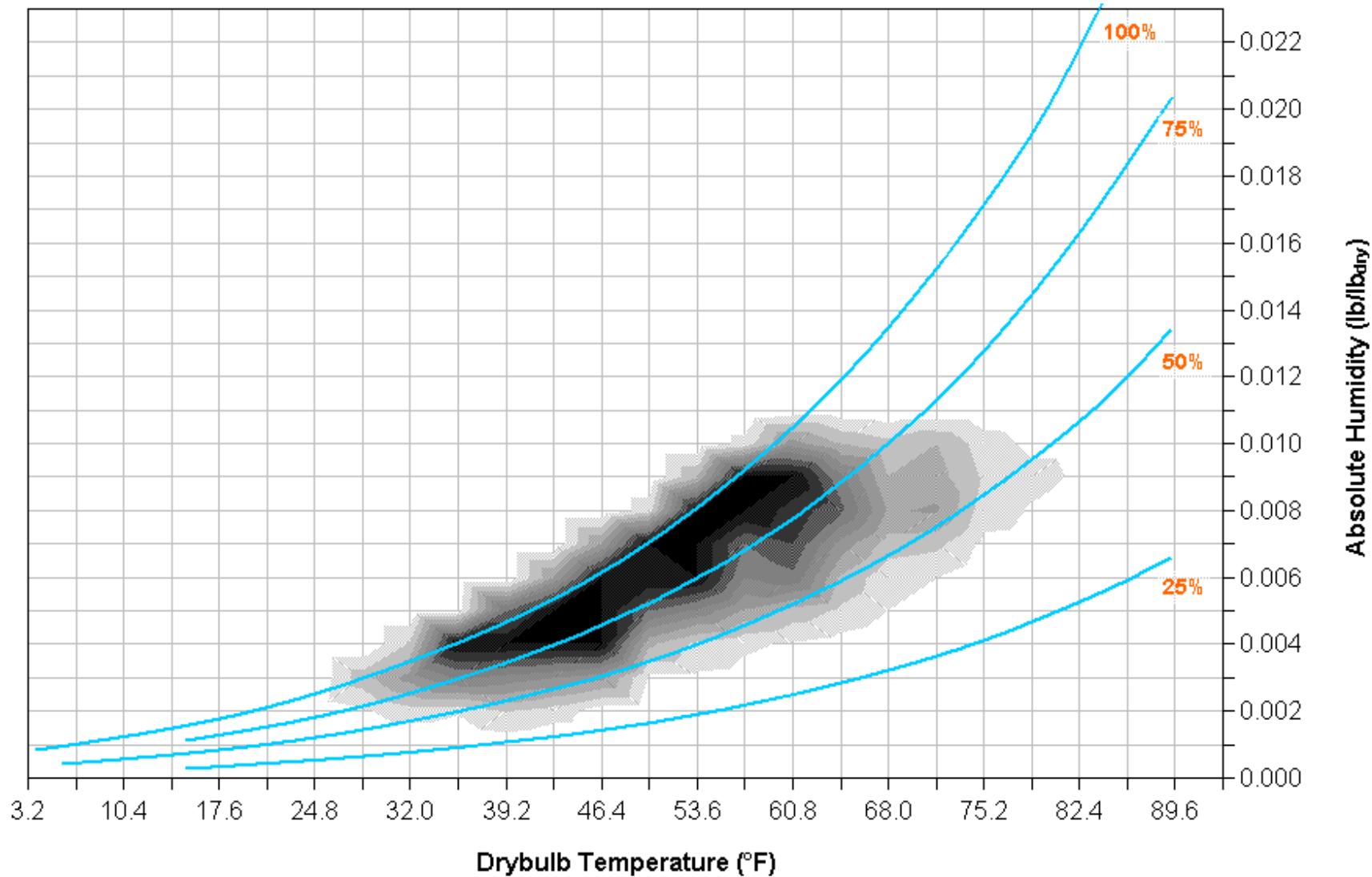
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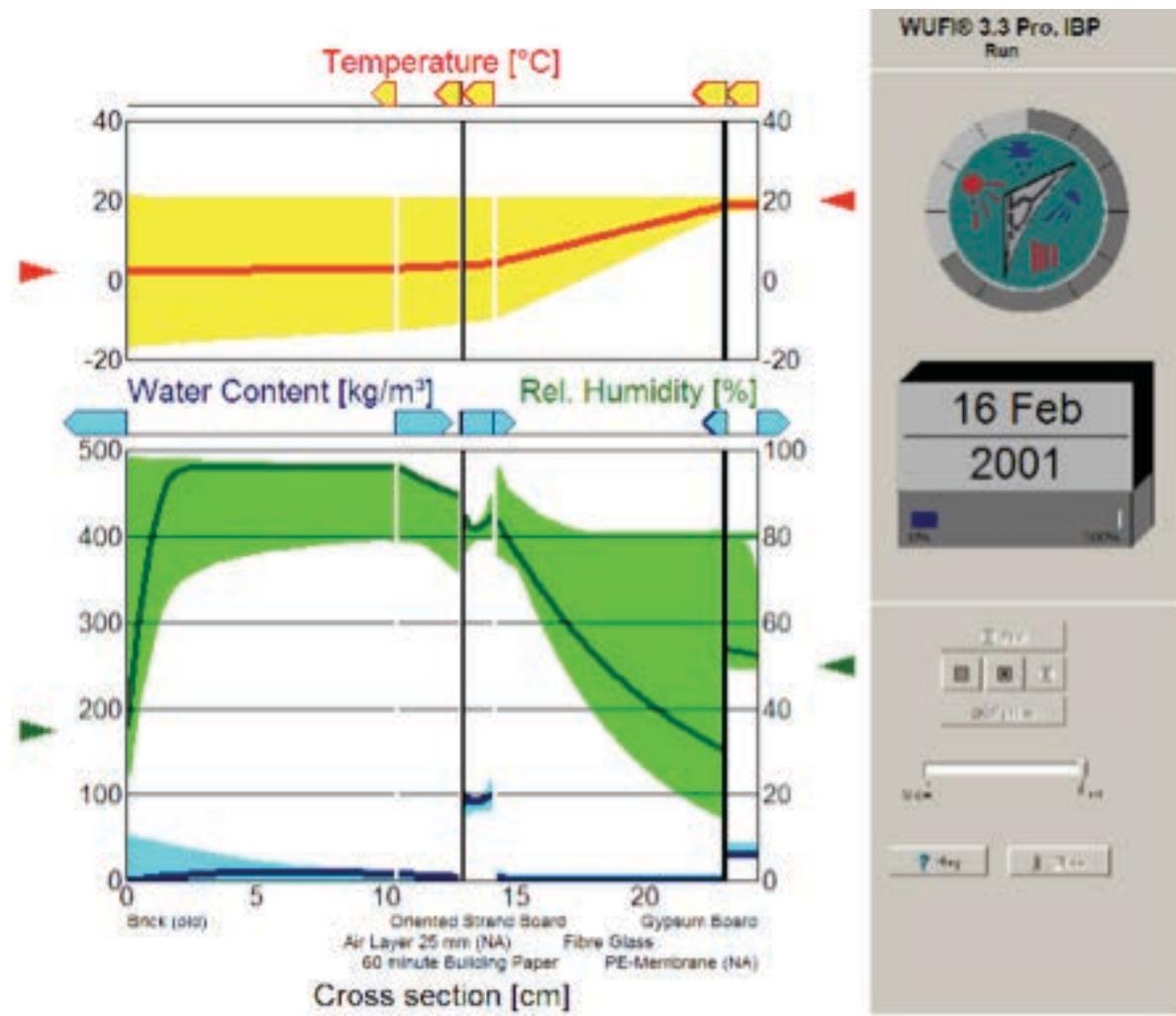


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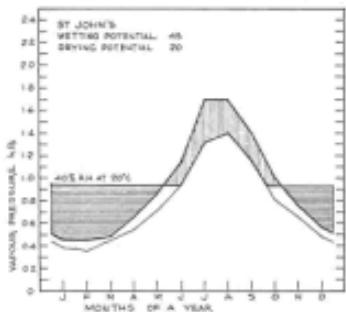


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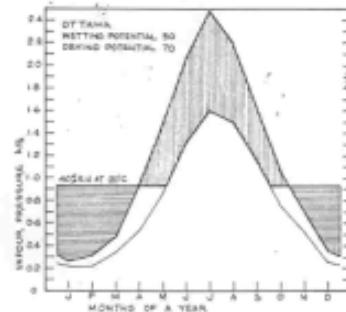


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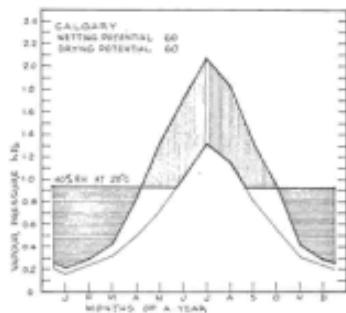


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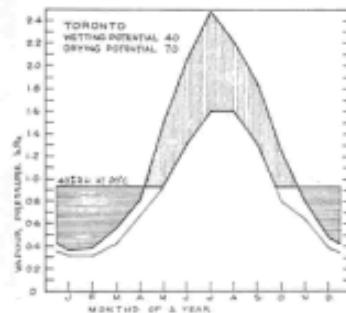


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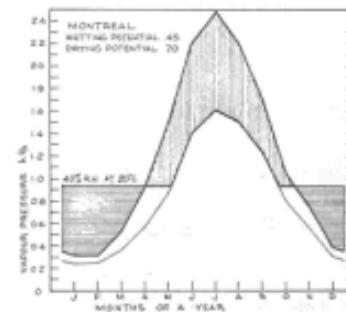


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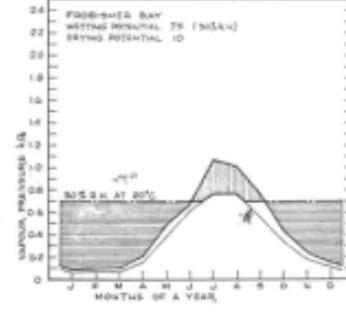


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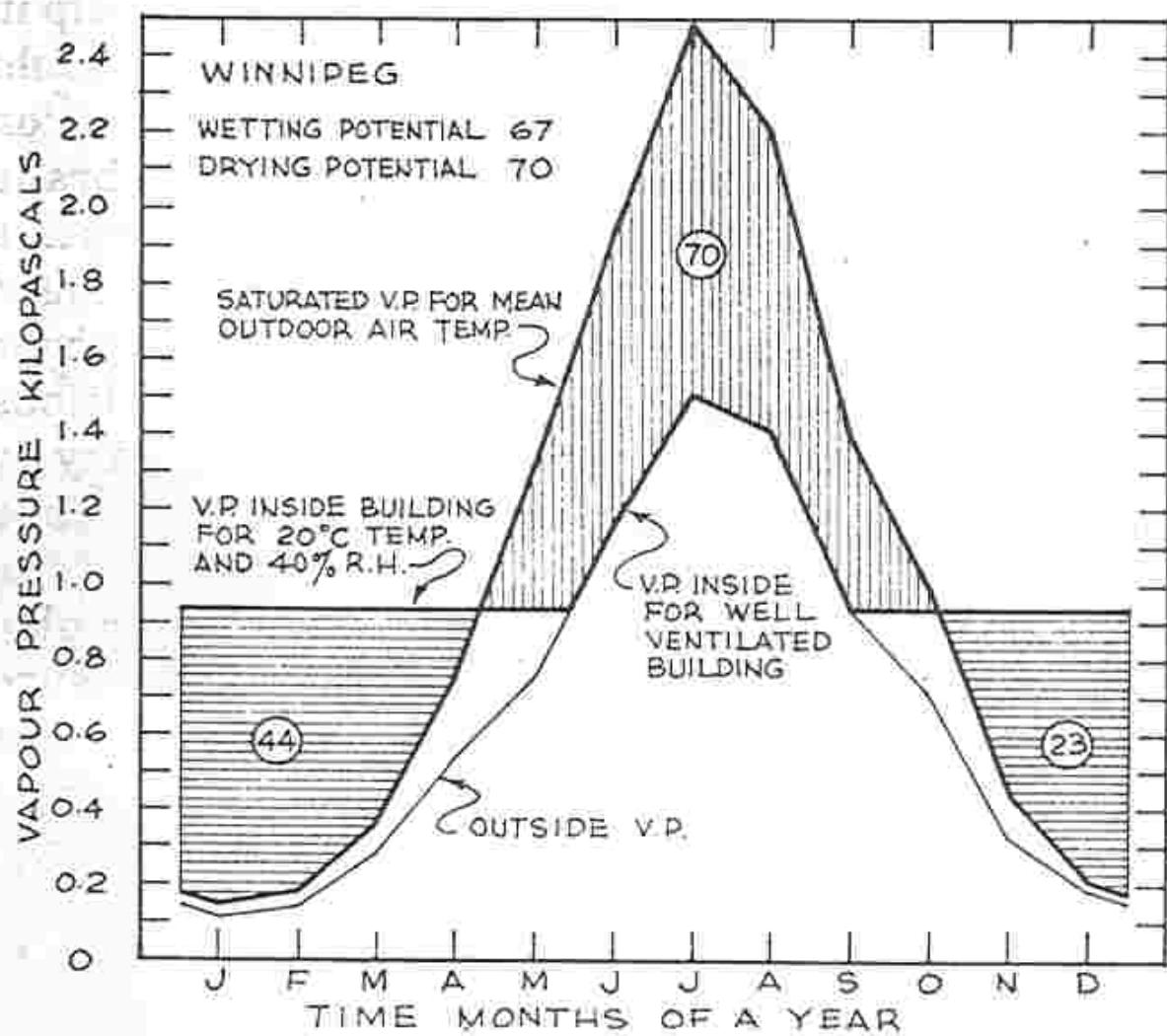
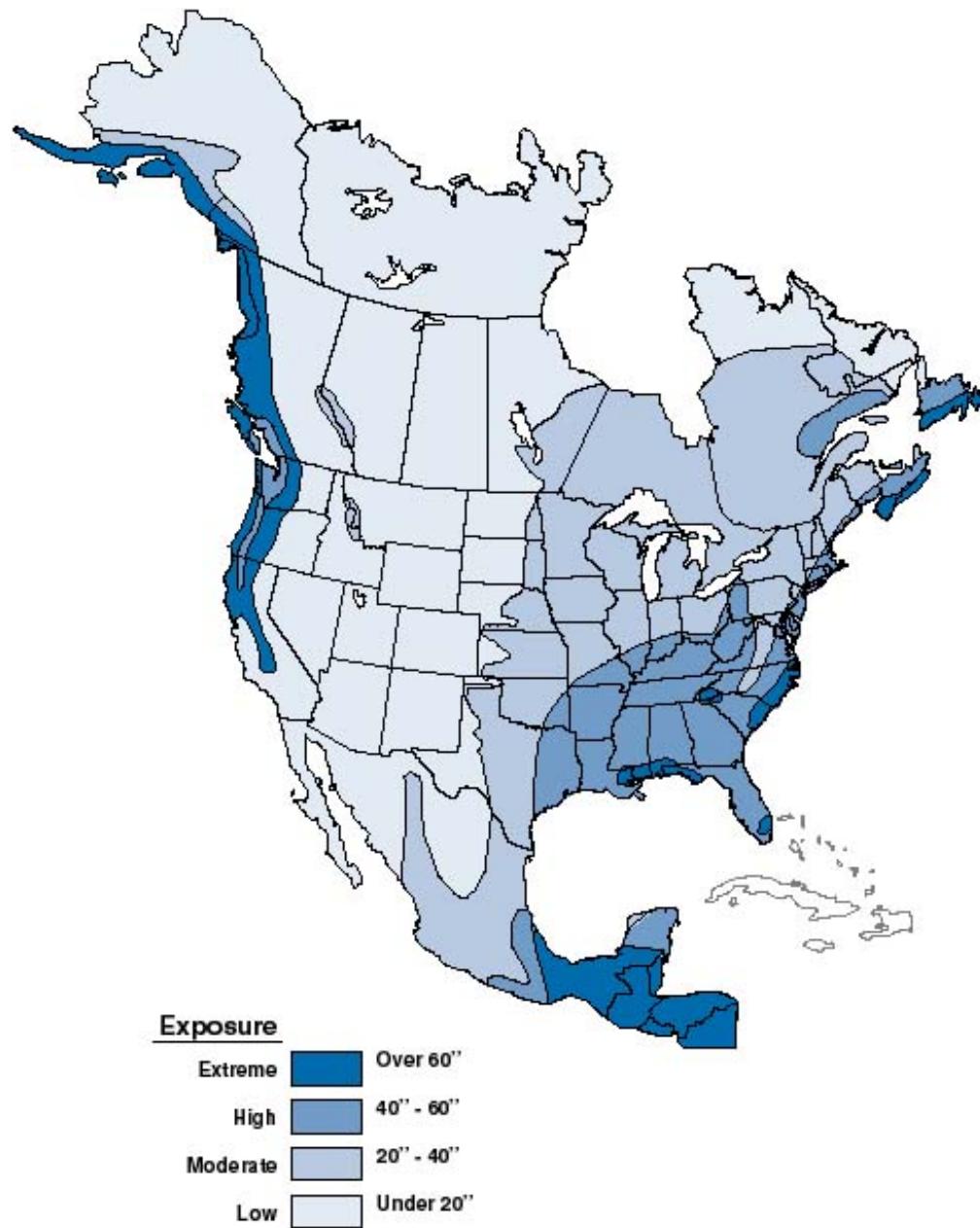


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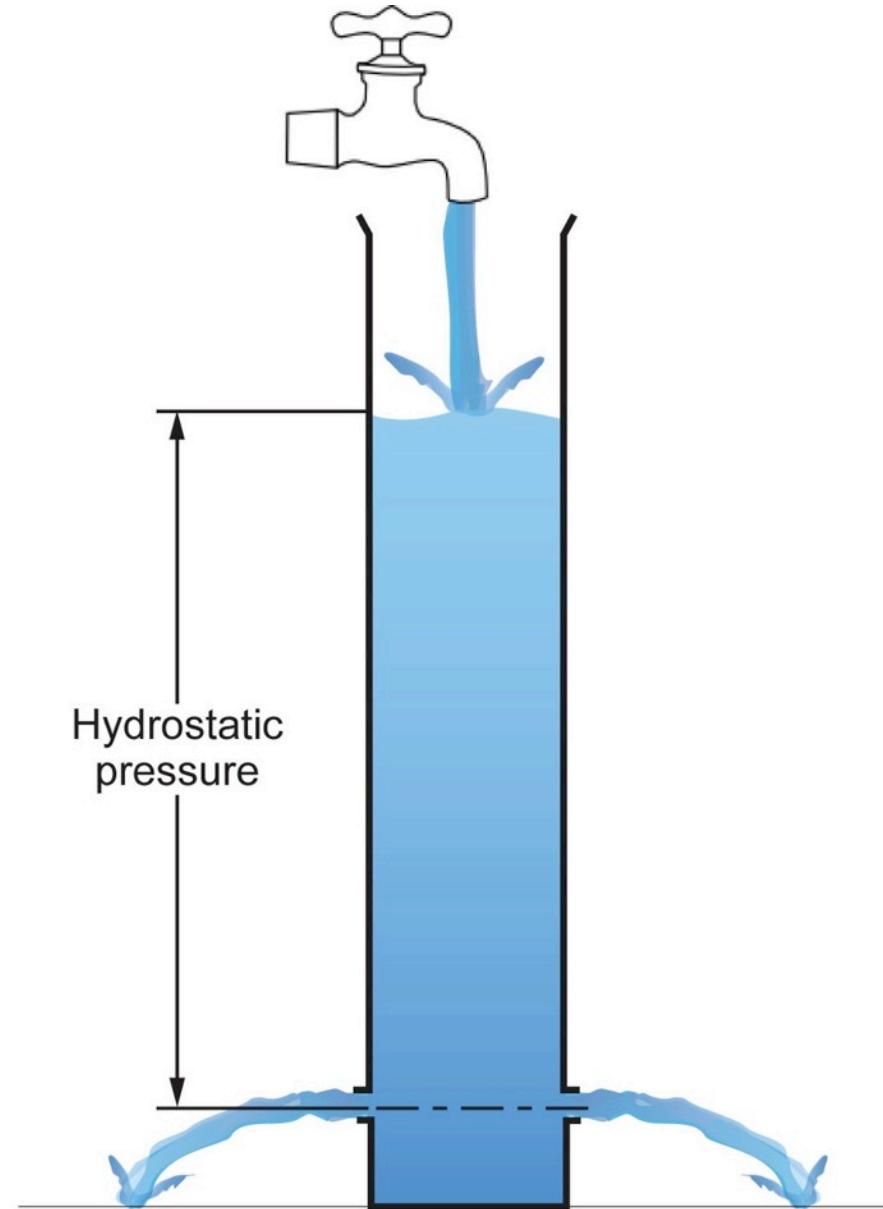
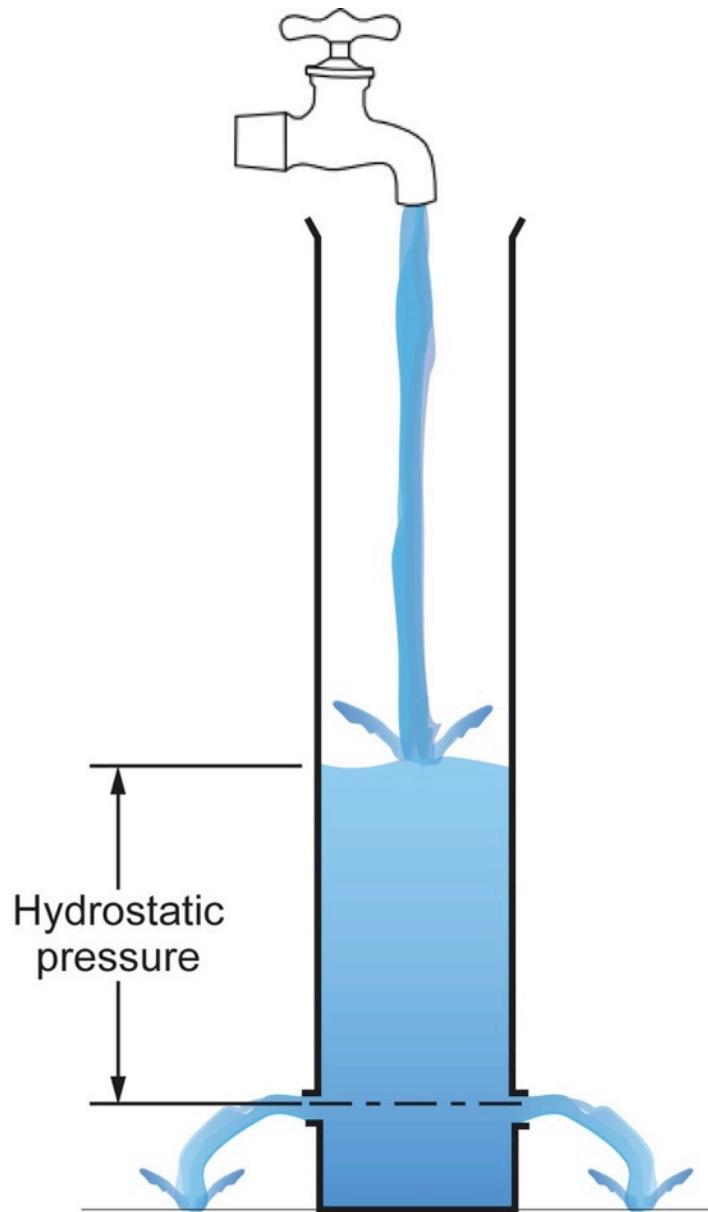
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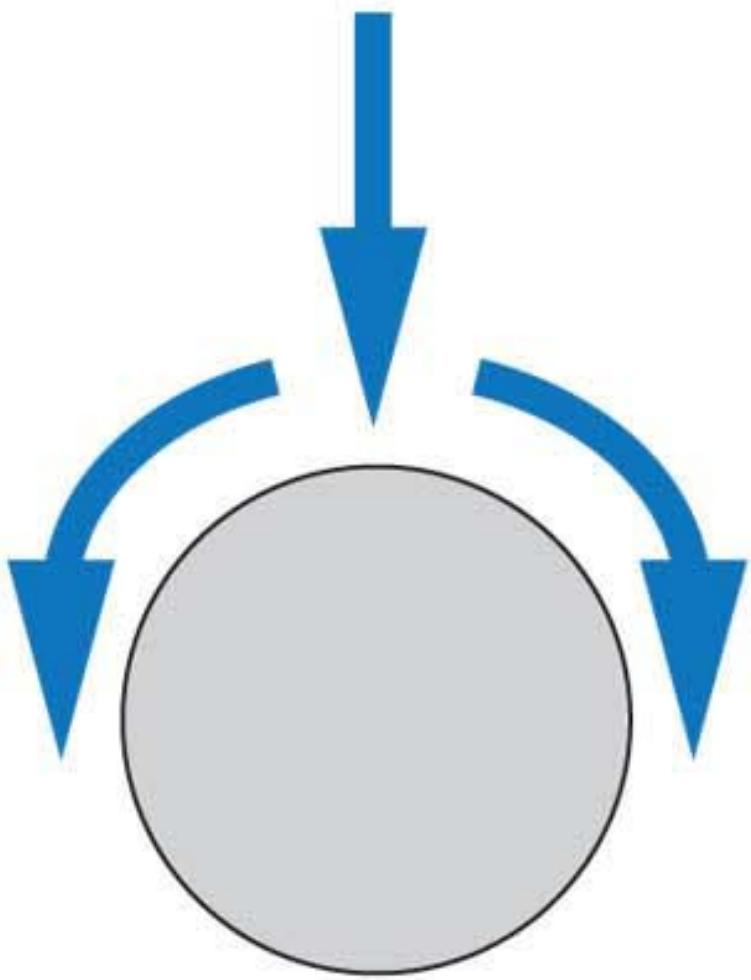
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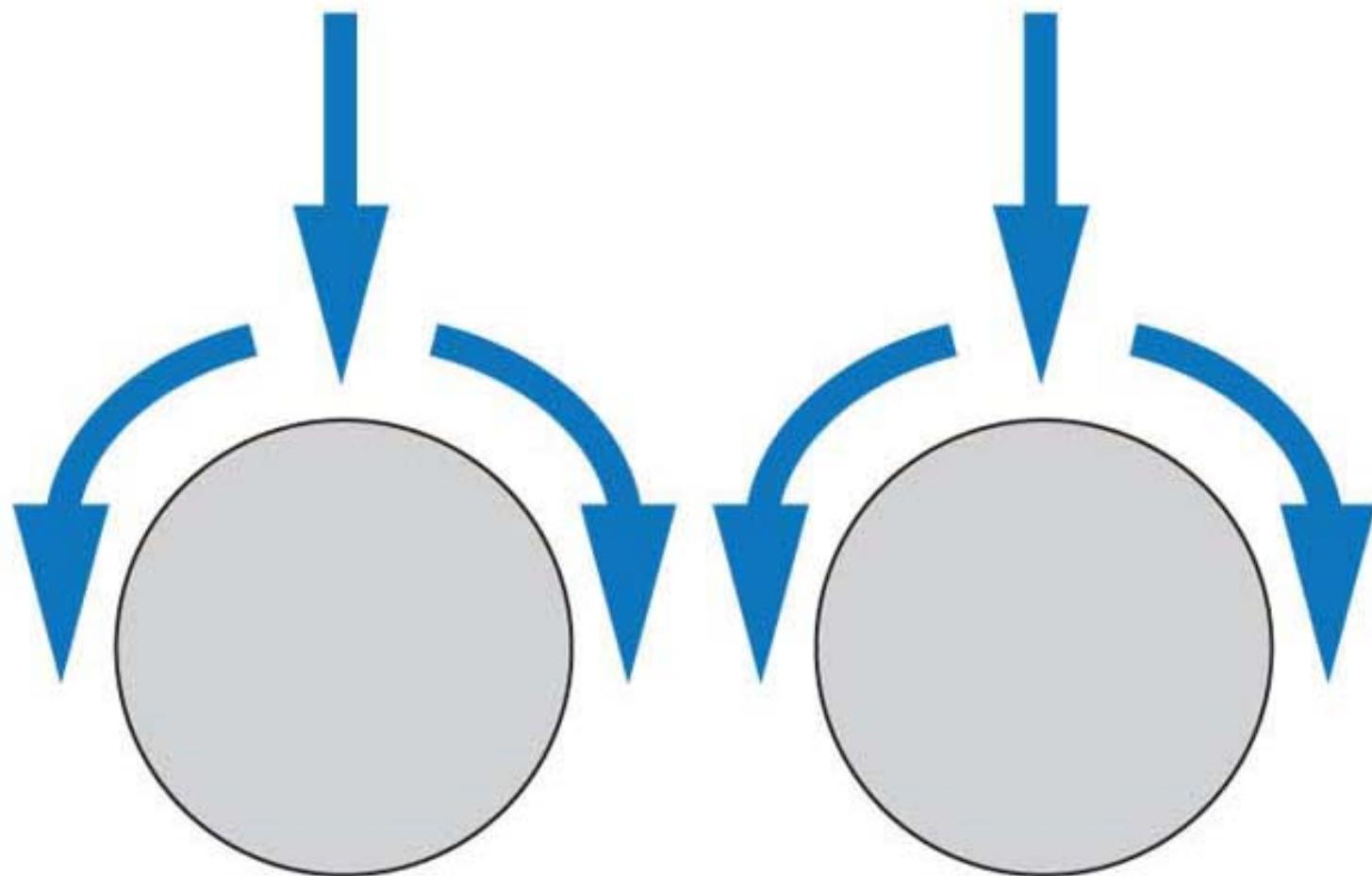
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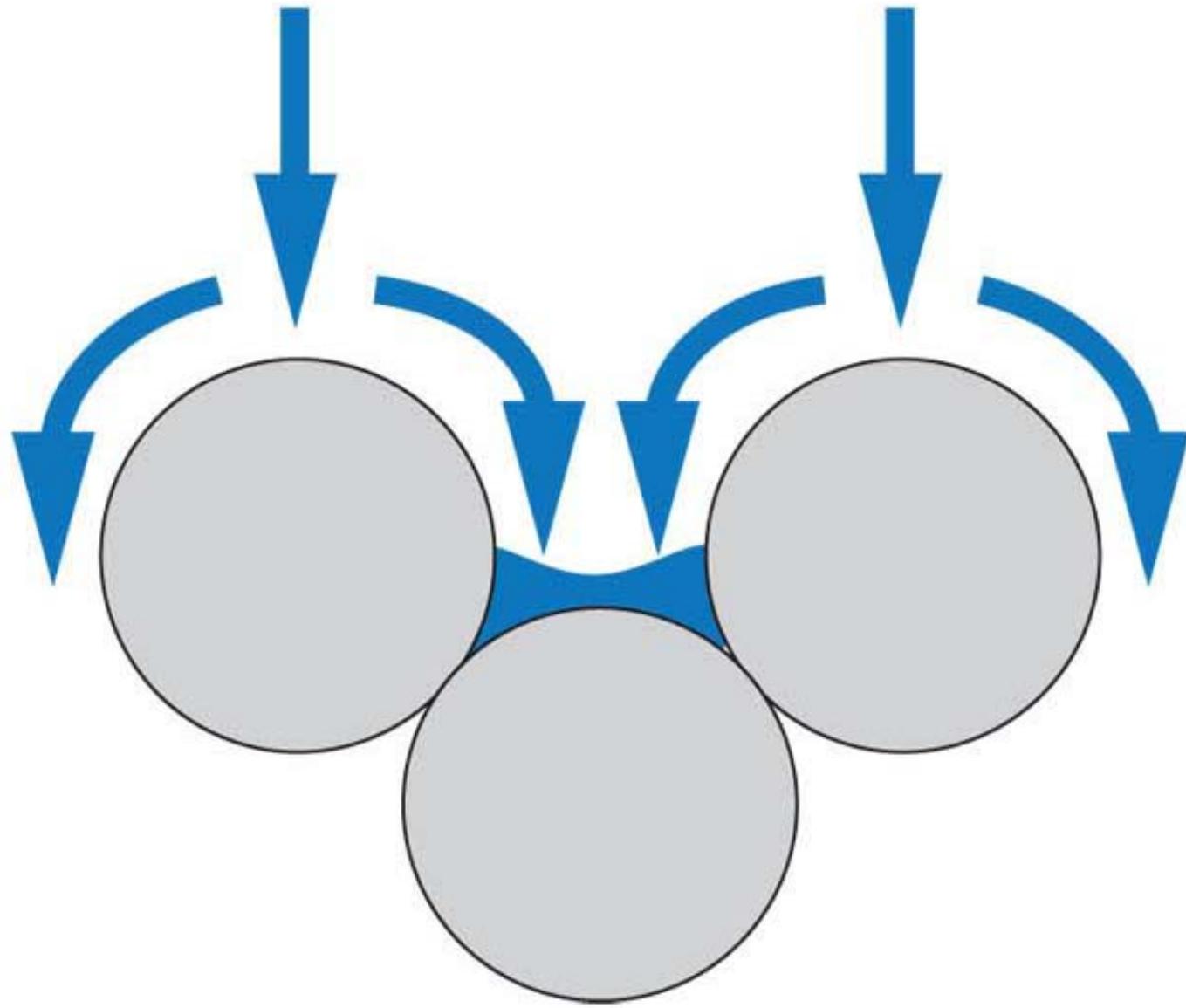
All about “the gap”



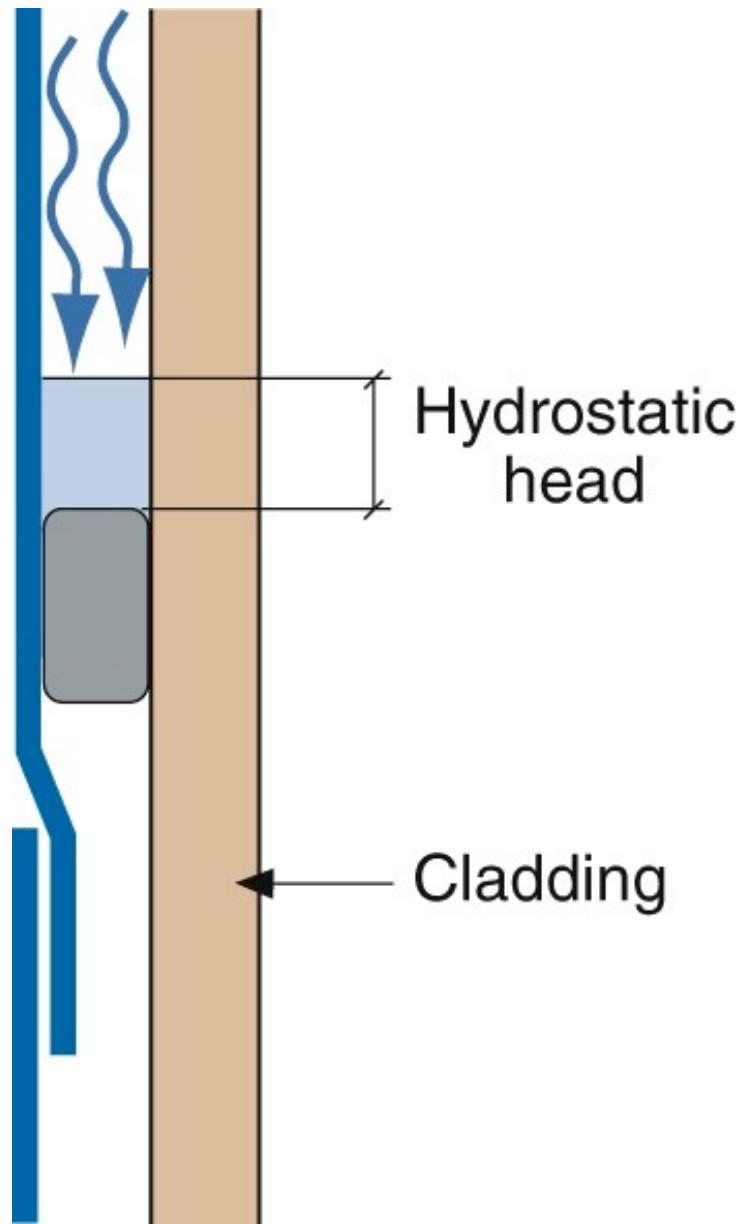


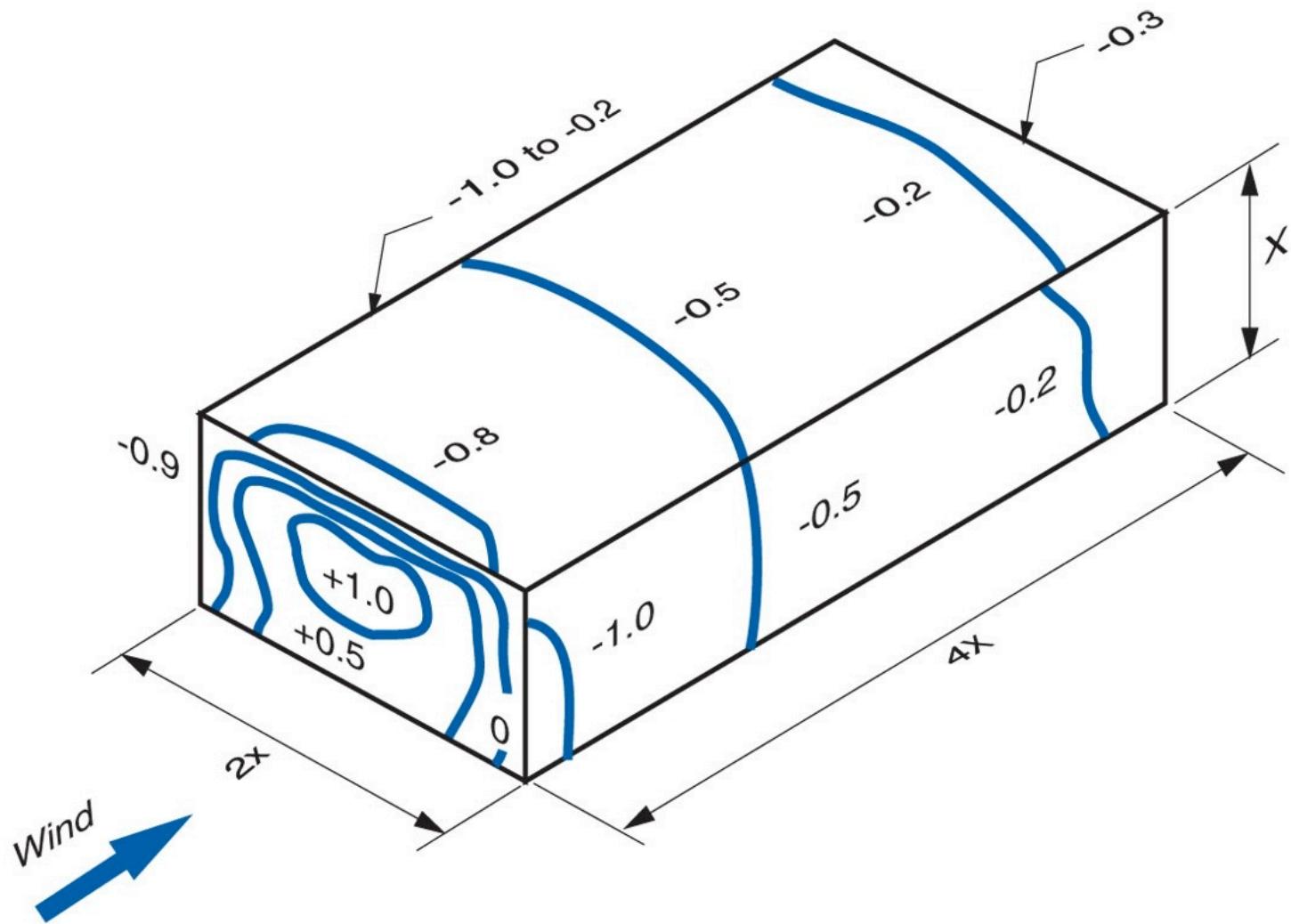


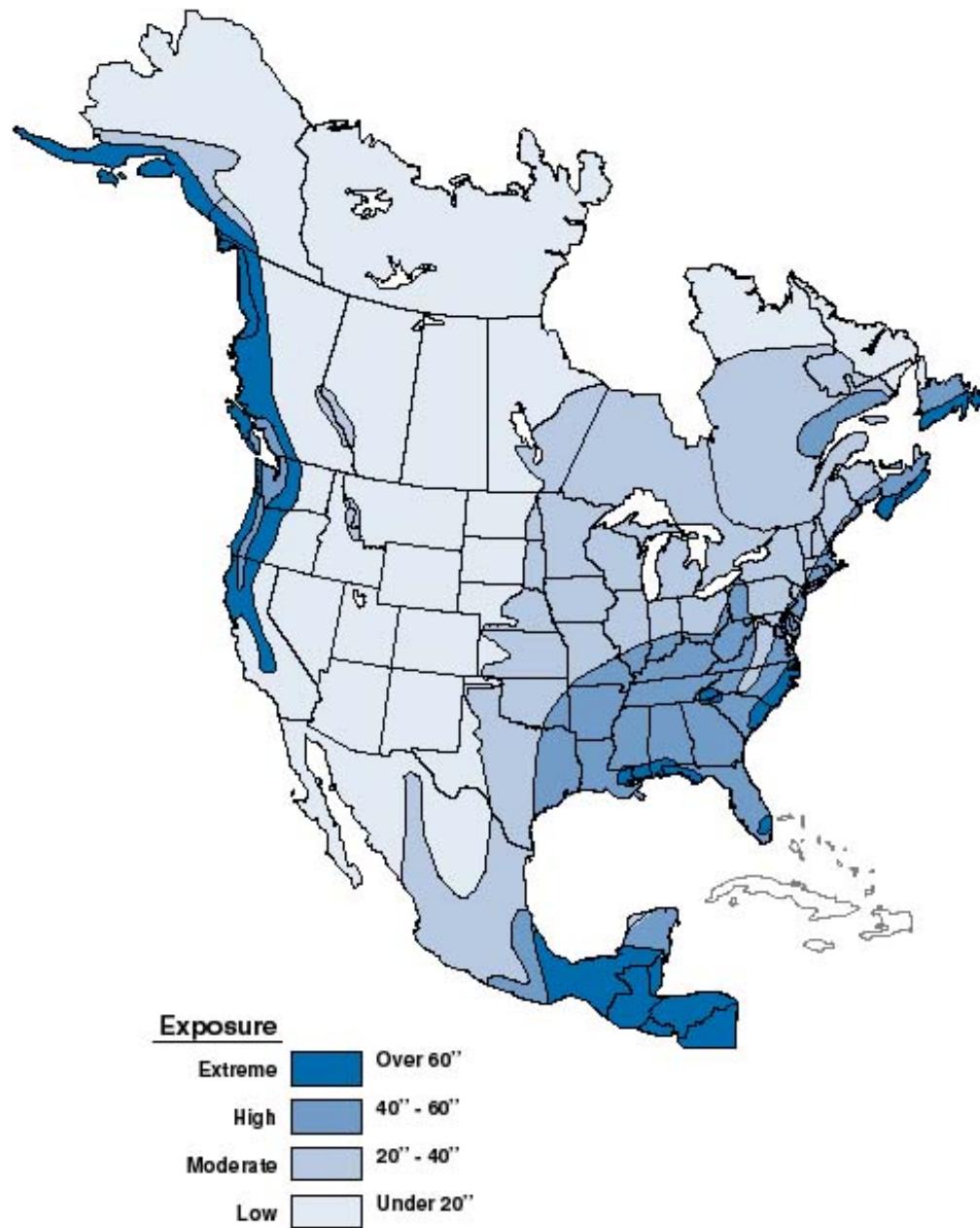










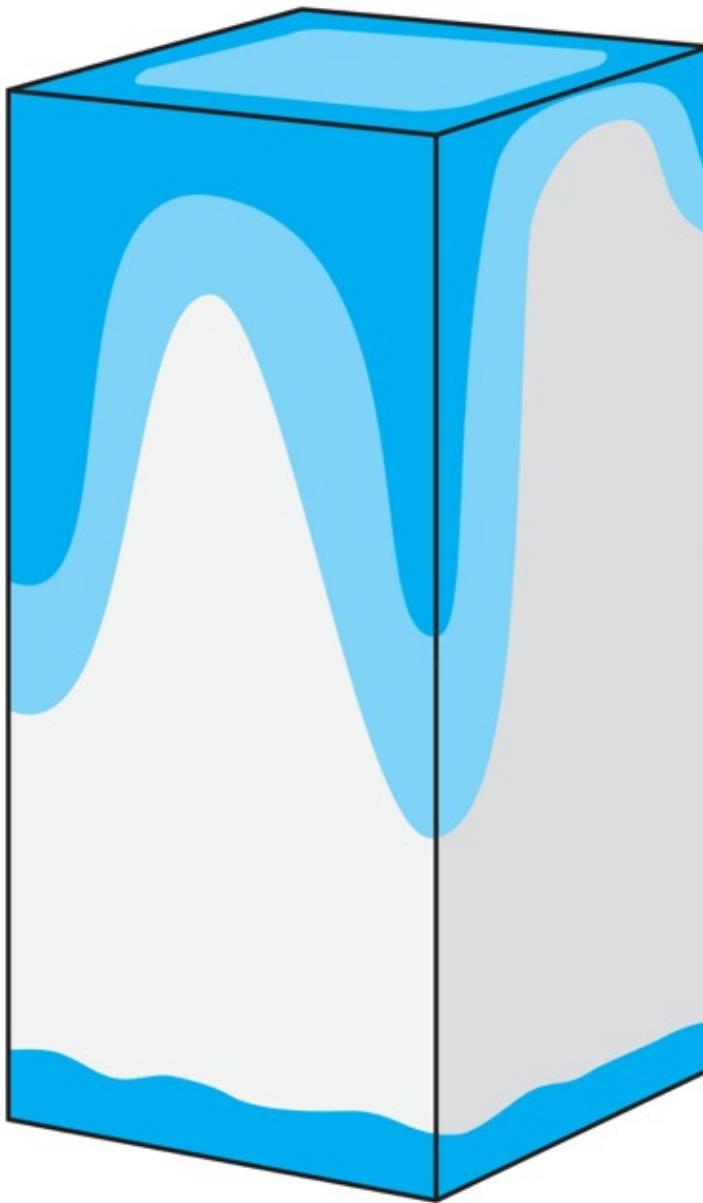


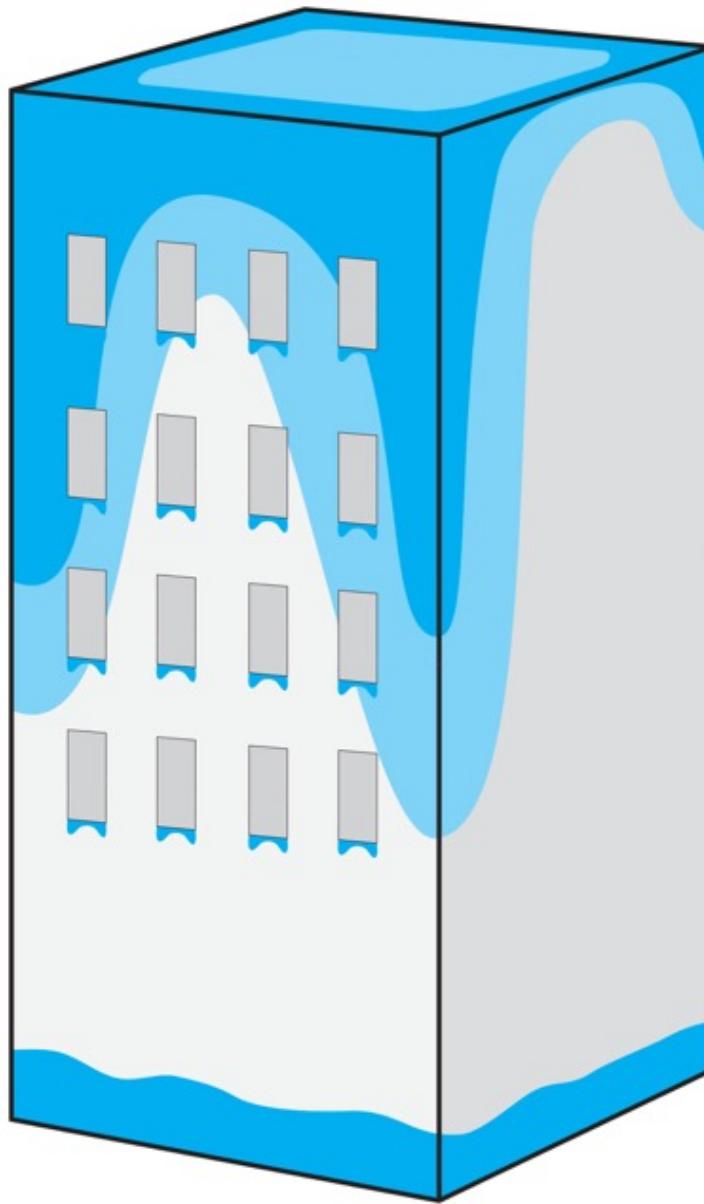
Trick is to figure out how much hits the wall

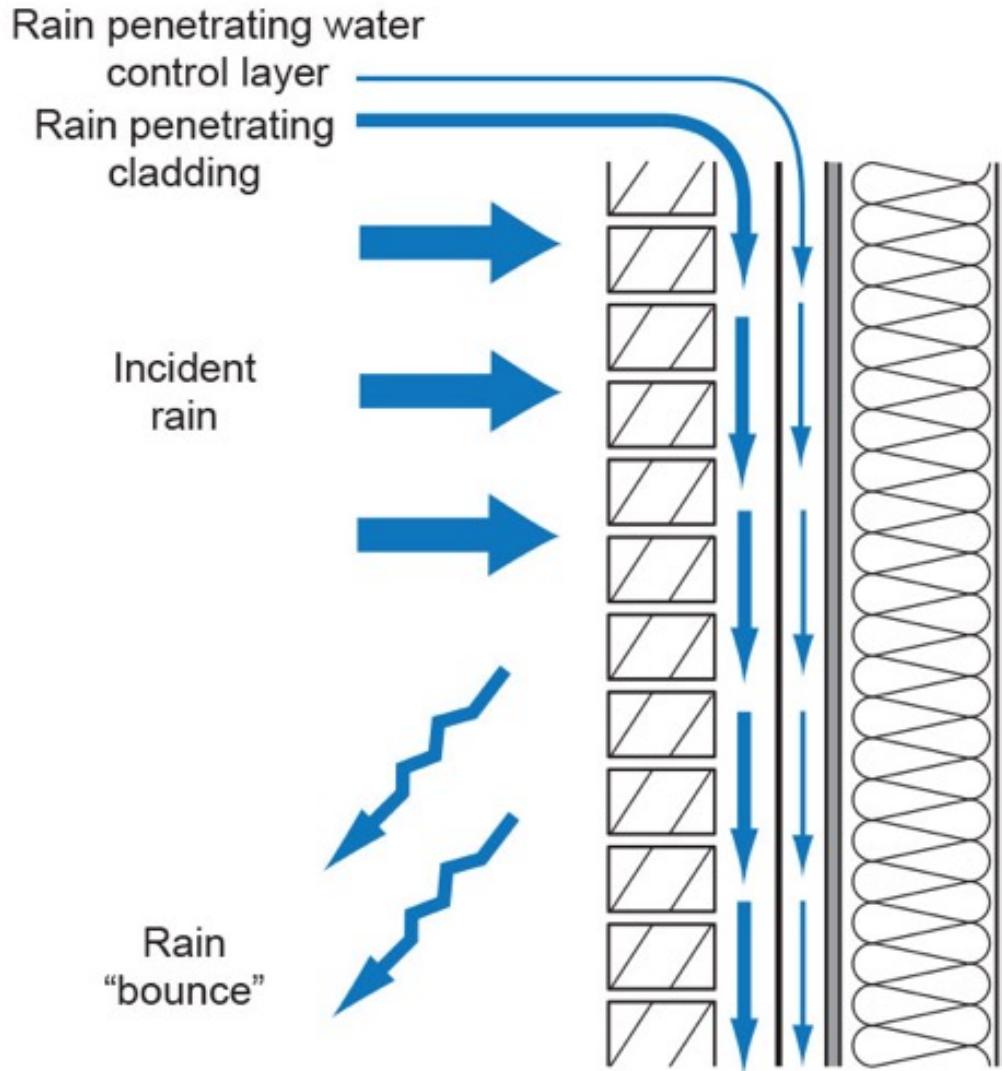
Assume 30 percent bounces off

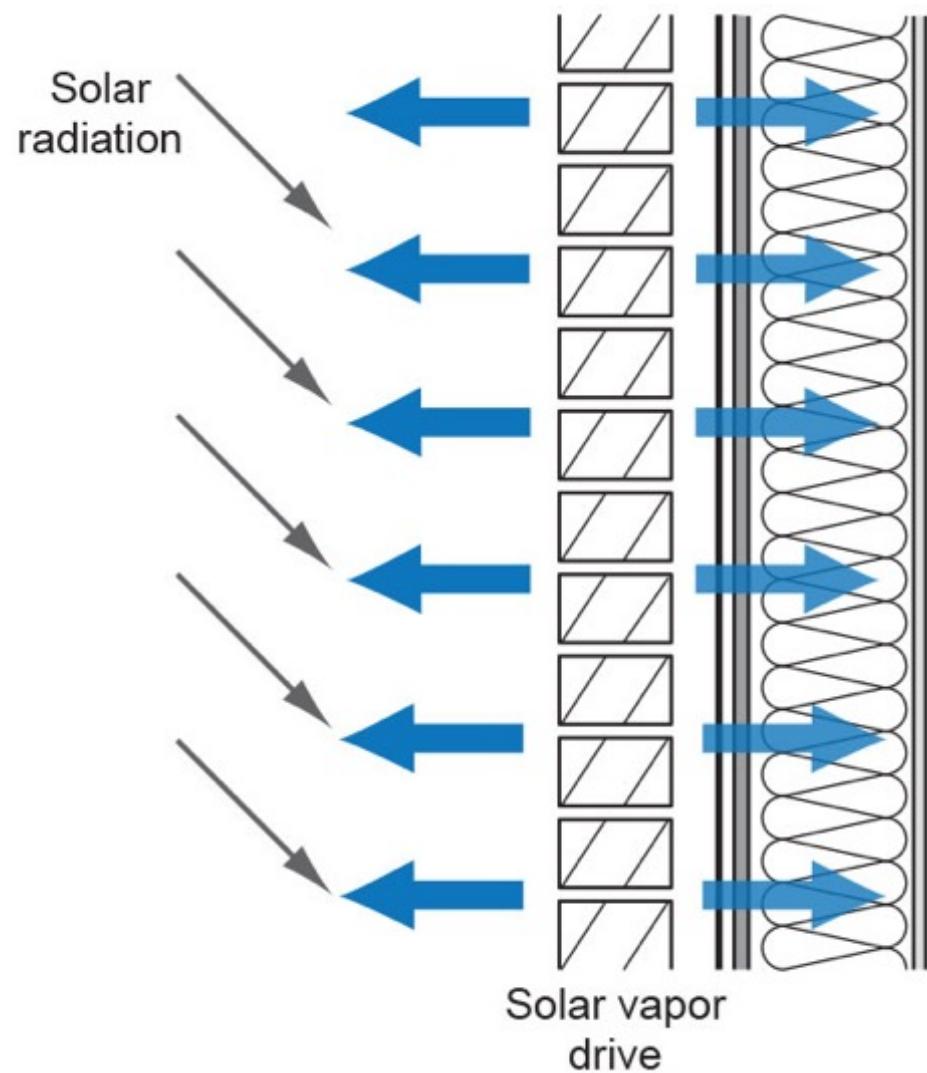
Assume 1 percent that stays on the wall passes  
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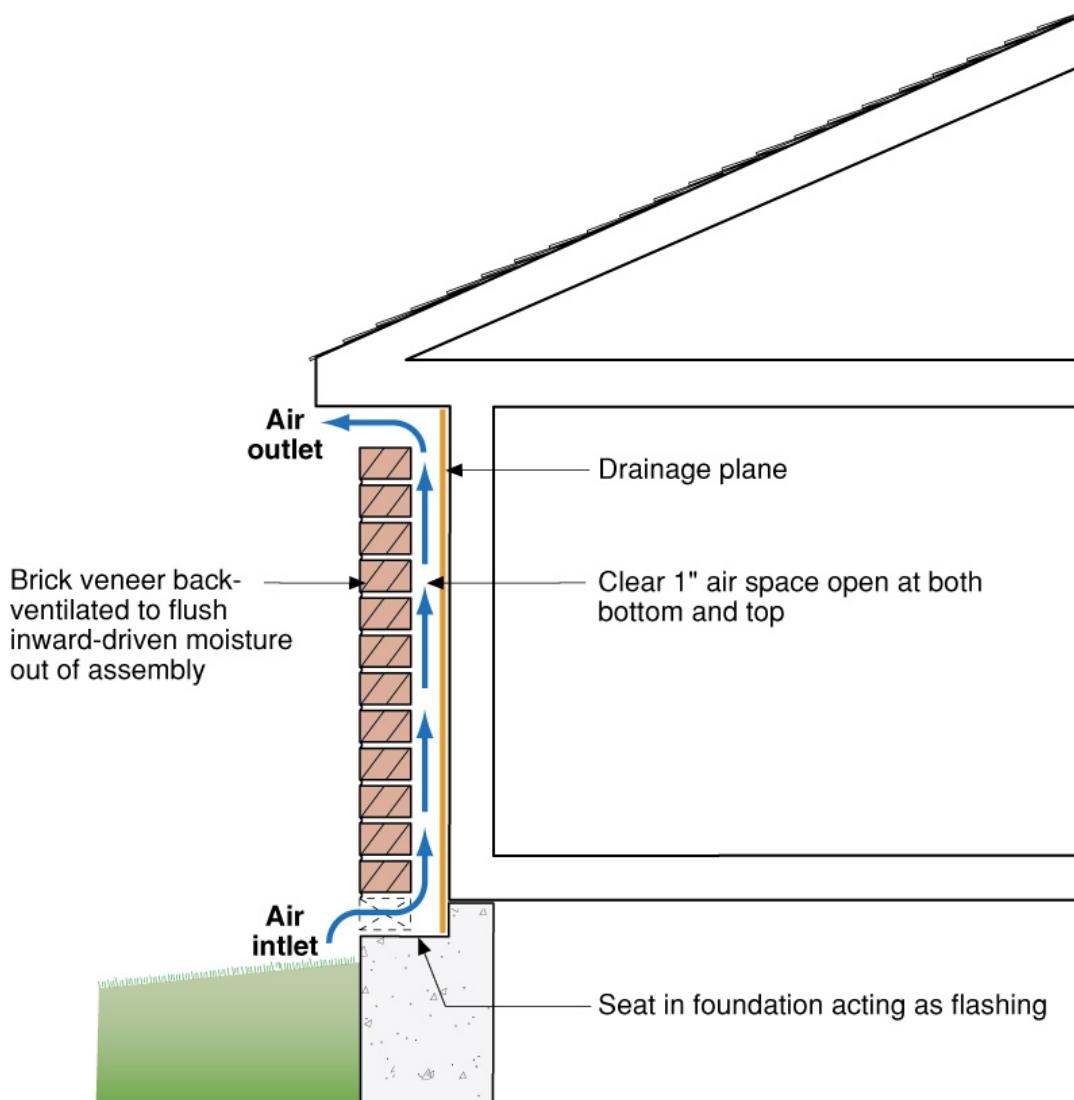
Assume 1 percent of the 1 percent passes  
through the water control layer into the  
sheathing



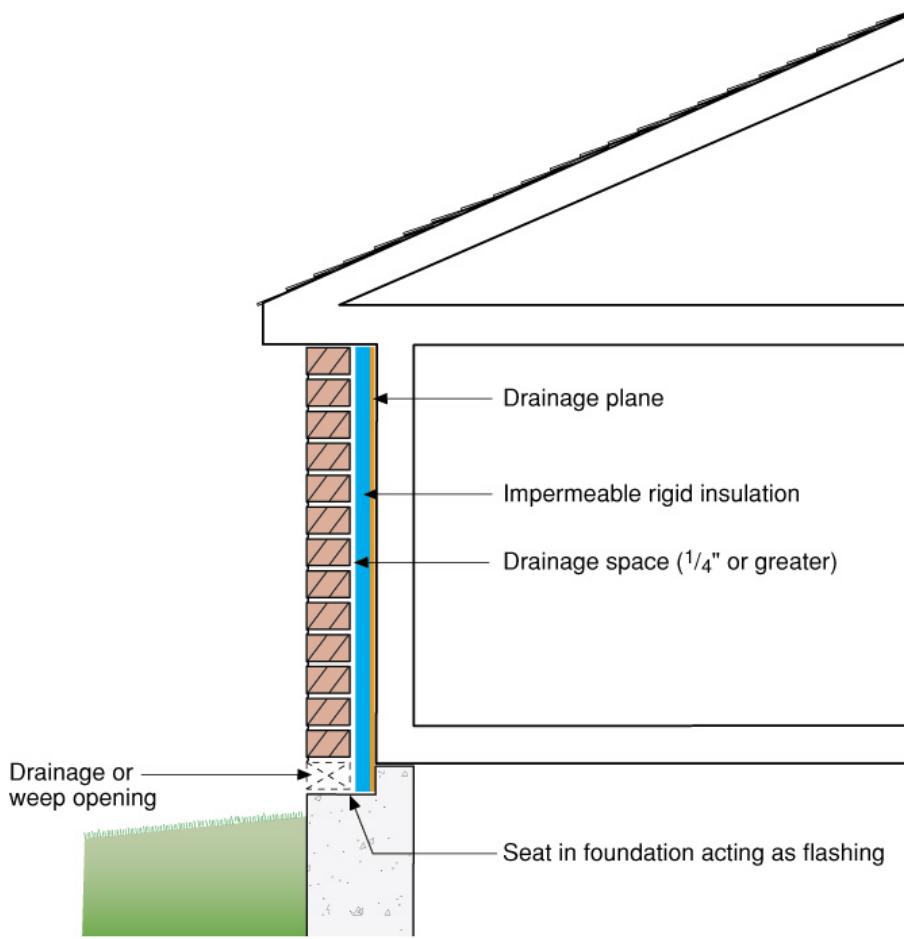




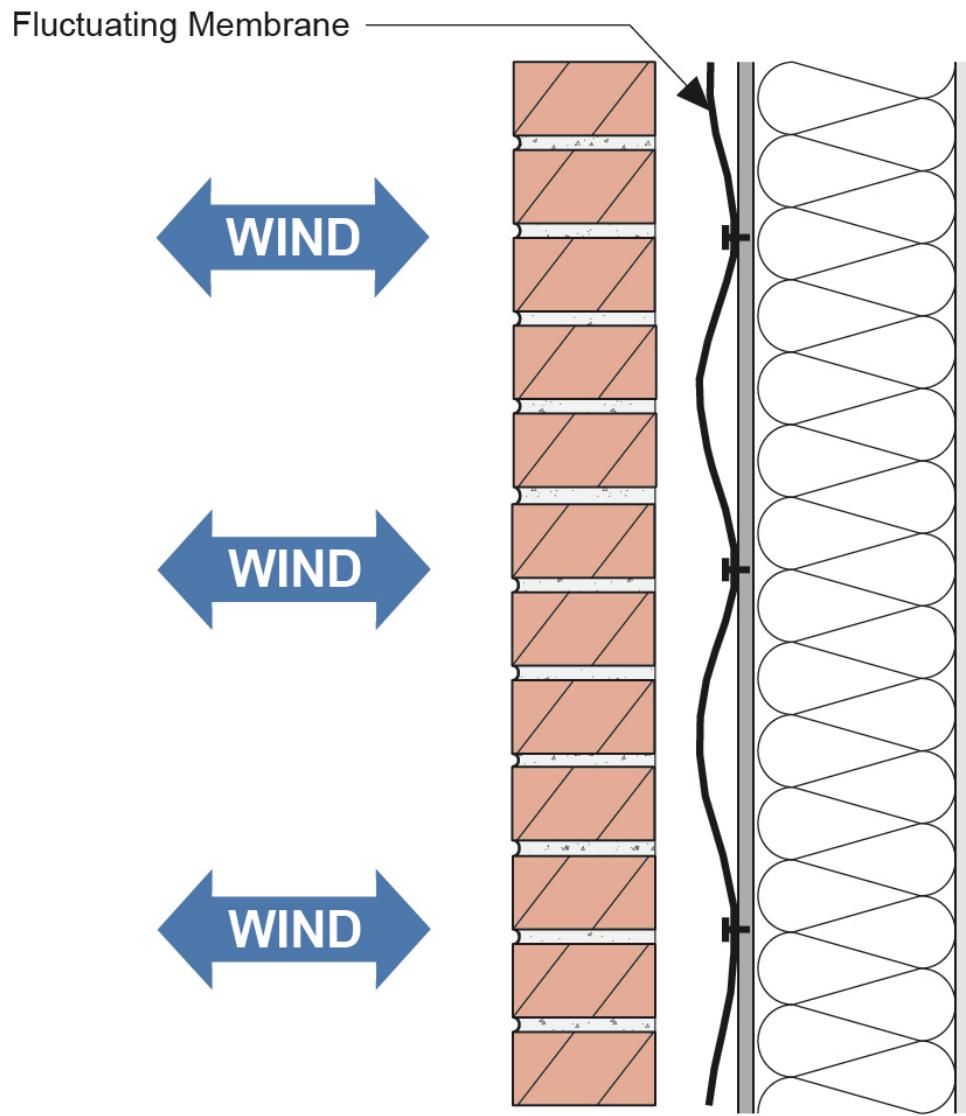




- To effectively uncouple a brick veneer from a wall system by using back ventilation a clear cavity must be provided along with both air inlets at the bottom and air outlets at the top



- To effectively uncouple a brick veneer from a wall system by using a condensing surface the drainage plane must also be a vapor barrier or a vapor impermeable layer (i.e. rigid insulation) must be installed between the drainage plane and the brick veneer. Alternatively, the rigid insulation can be configured to act as both the drainage plane and vapor impermeable layer.
- When a condensing surface is used to uncouple a brick veneer from a wall system a ventilated air space is no longer necessary. Additionally, the width of the drainage space is almost irrelevant.

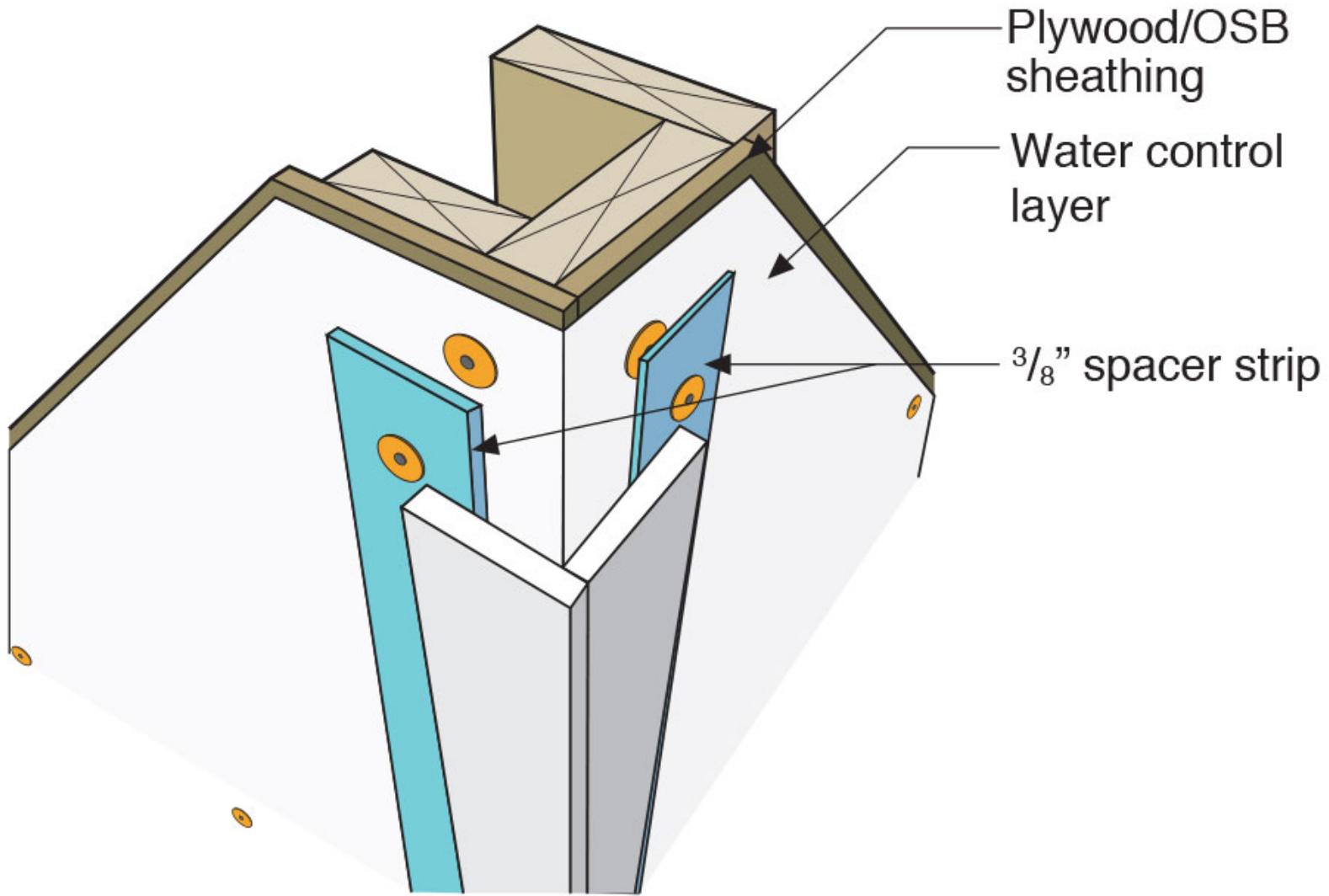


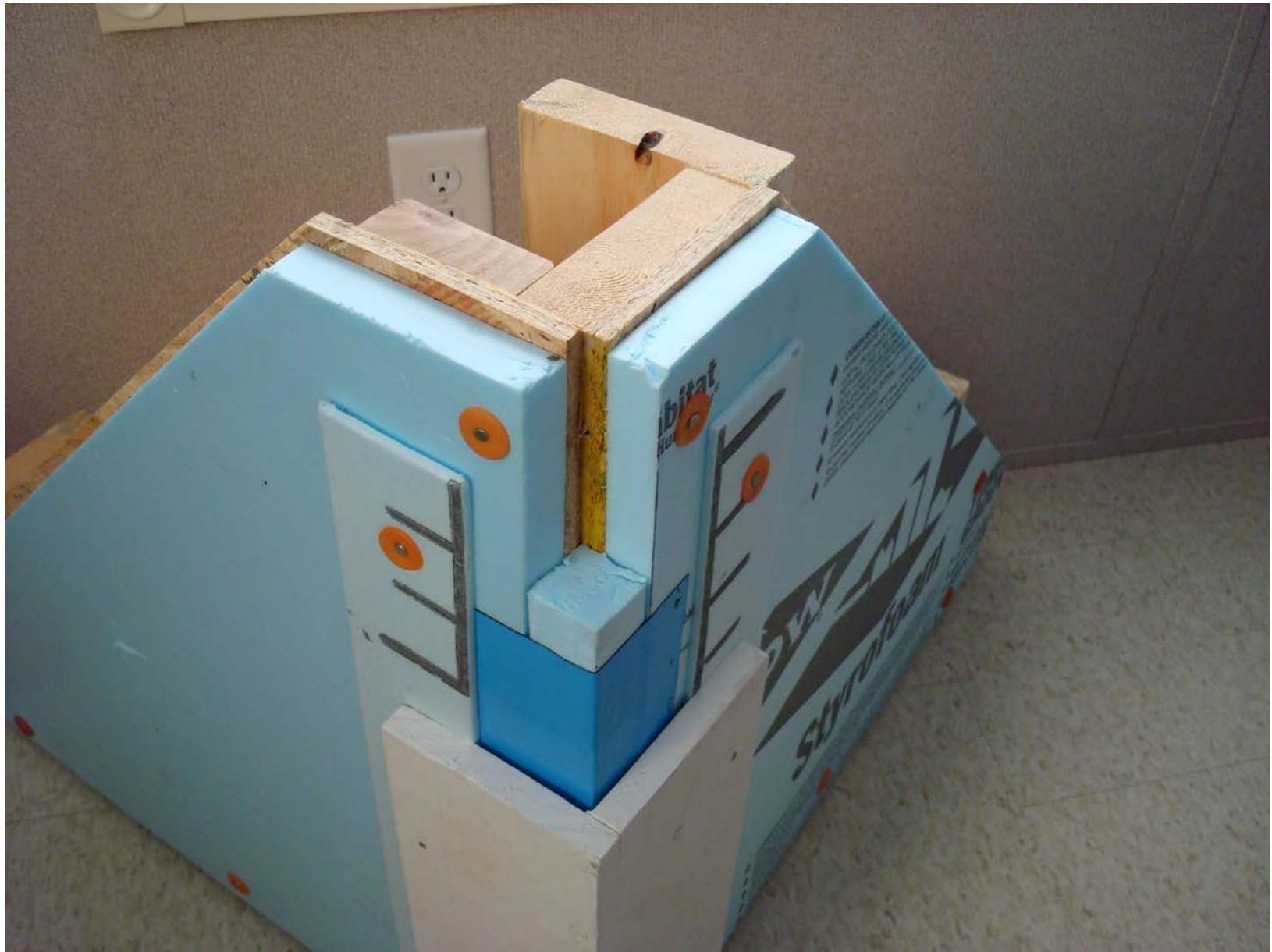




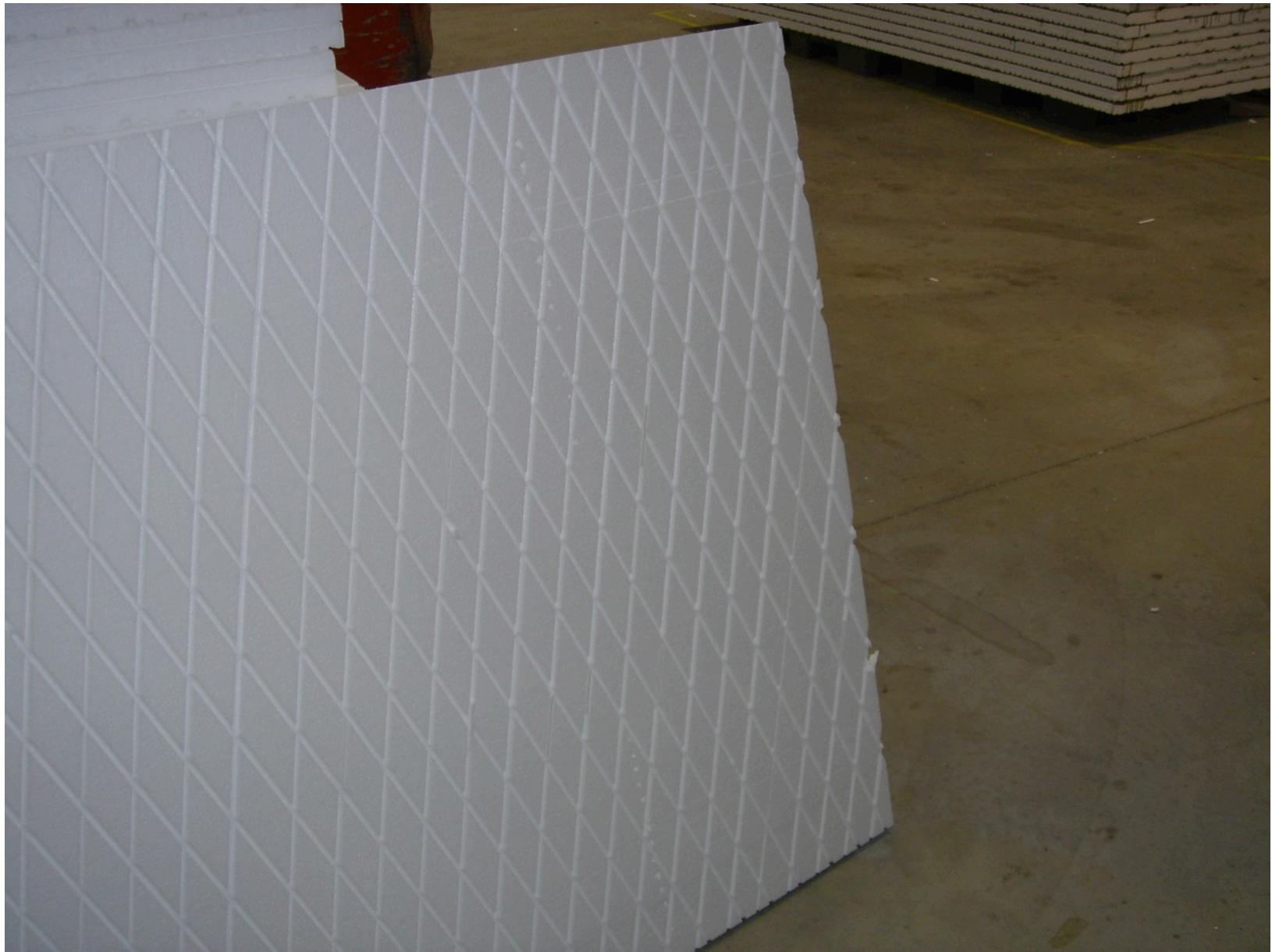




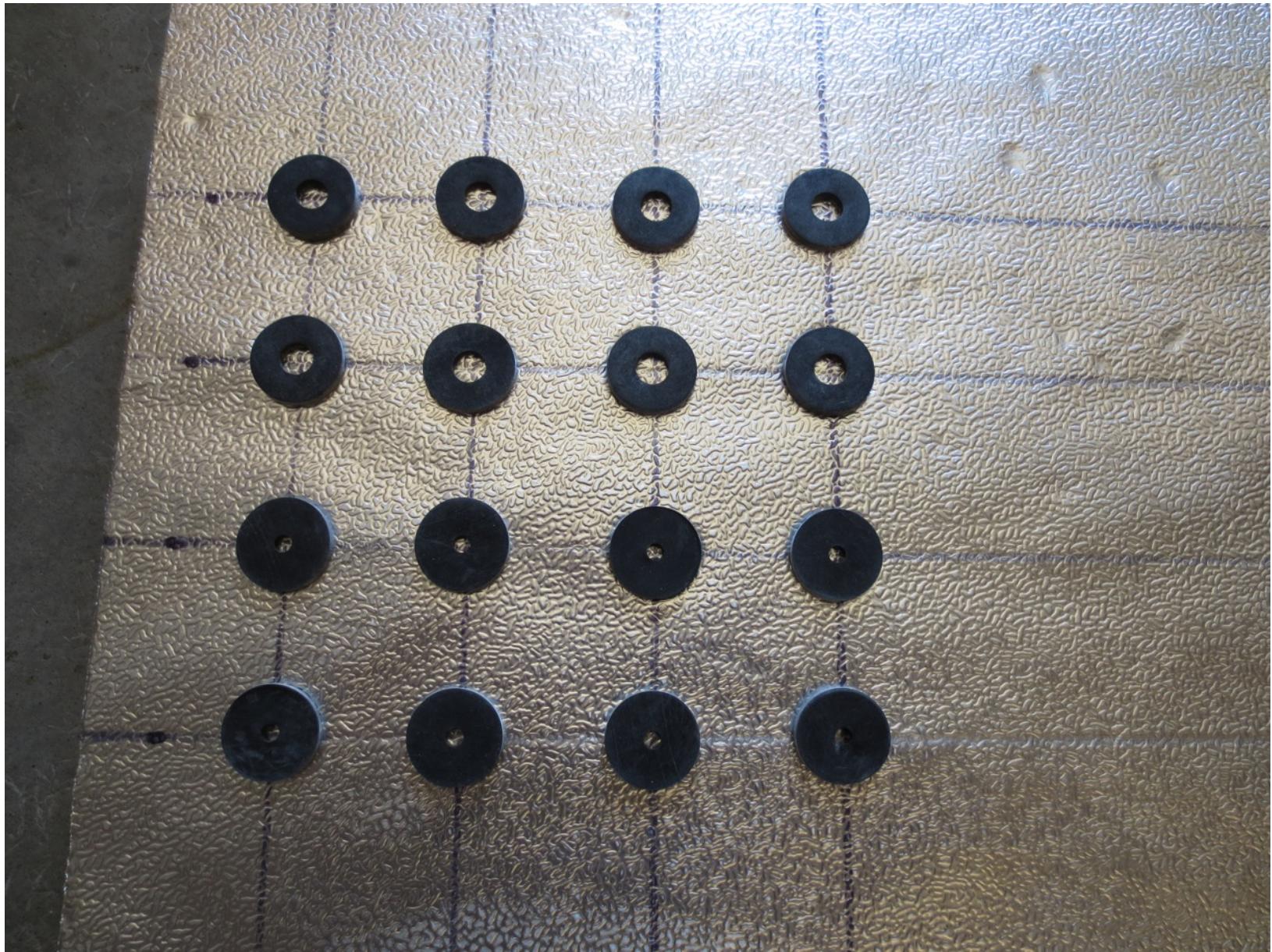




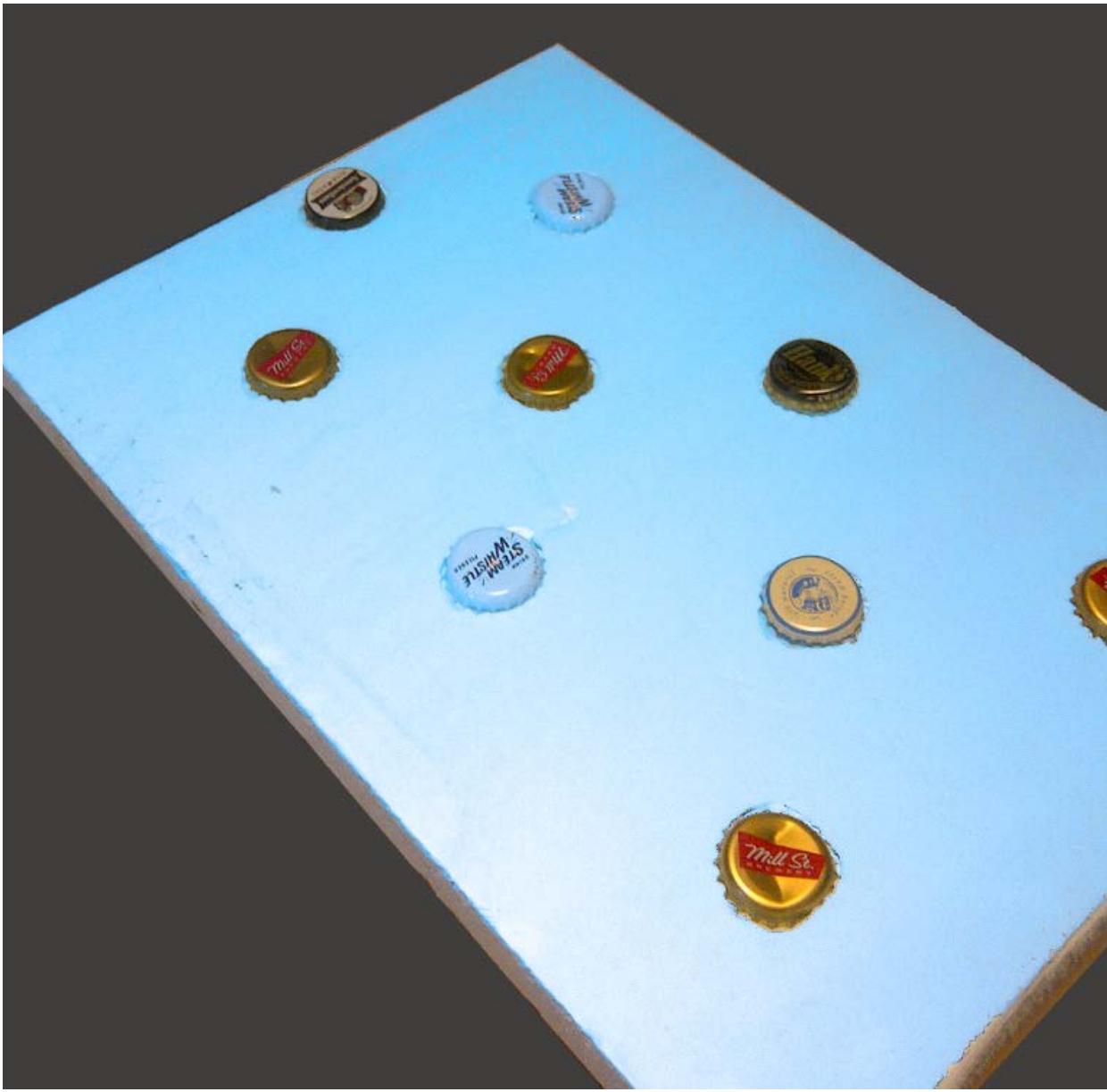




# Rain Screen



# Beer Screen?



# Vapor control layer

# Permeance

# Permeability

## Vapor control layer

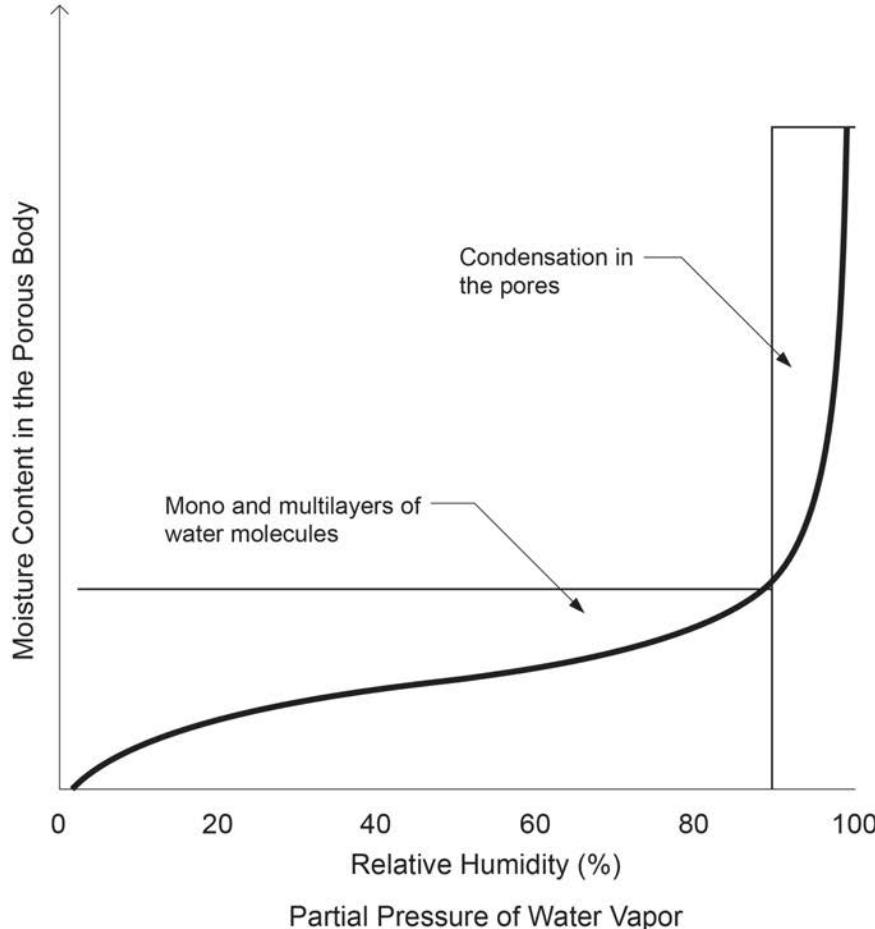
Class I      0.1 perms (“vapor barrier”)

Class II      1.0 perms (“vapor semi impermeable”)

Class III      10.0 perms (“vapor semi permeable”)

Greater than 10 perms

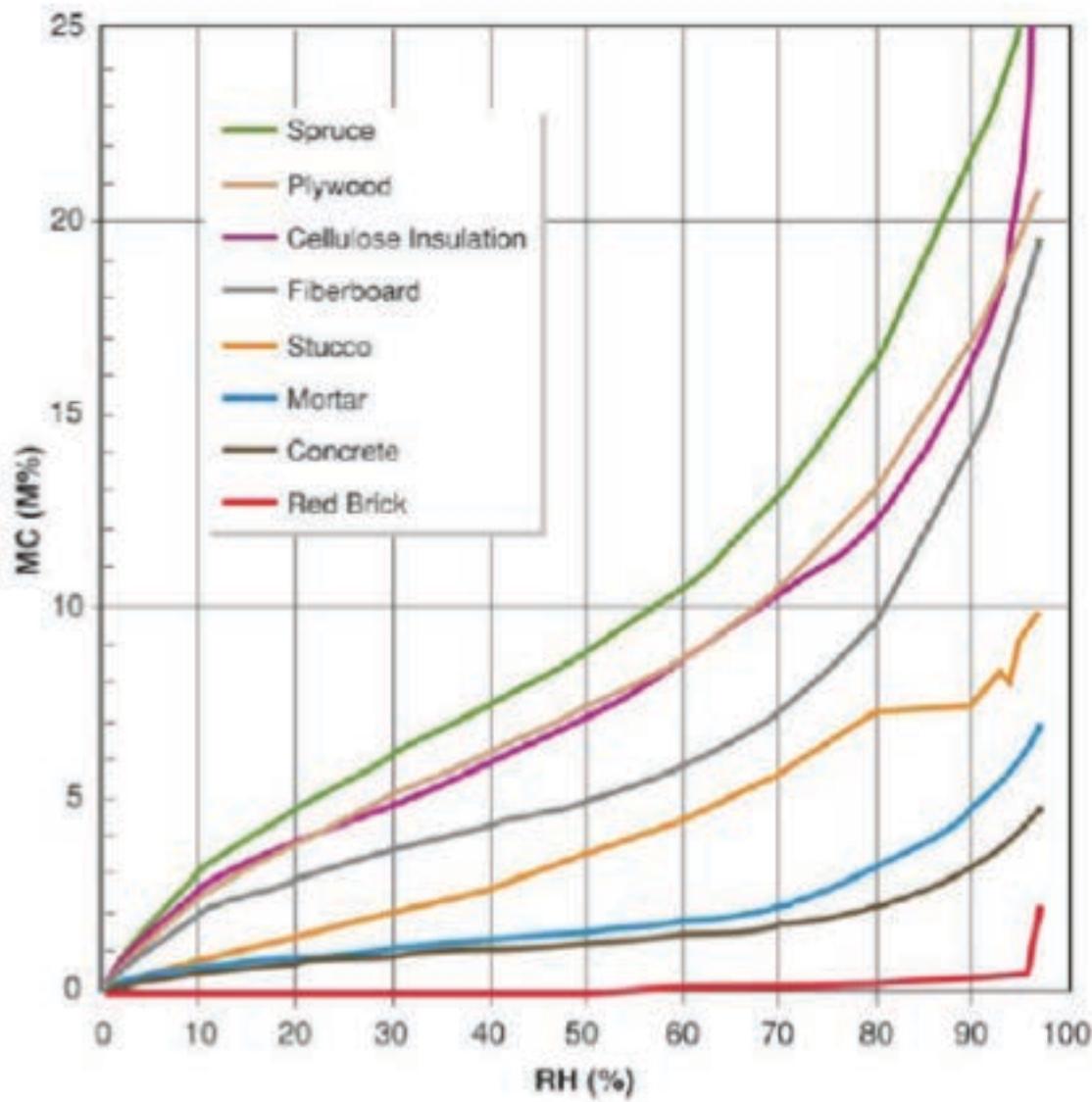
Vapor permeable



Change in the storage of moisture in a porous building material as the partial pressure of water vapor in the ambient air increases from zero to full saturation value at a given temperature.

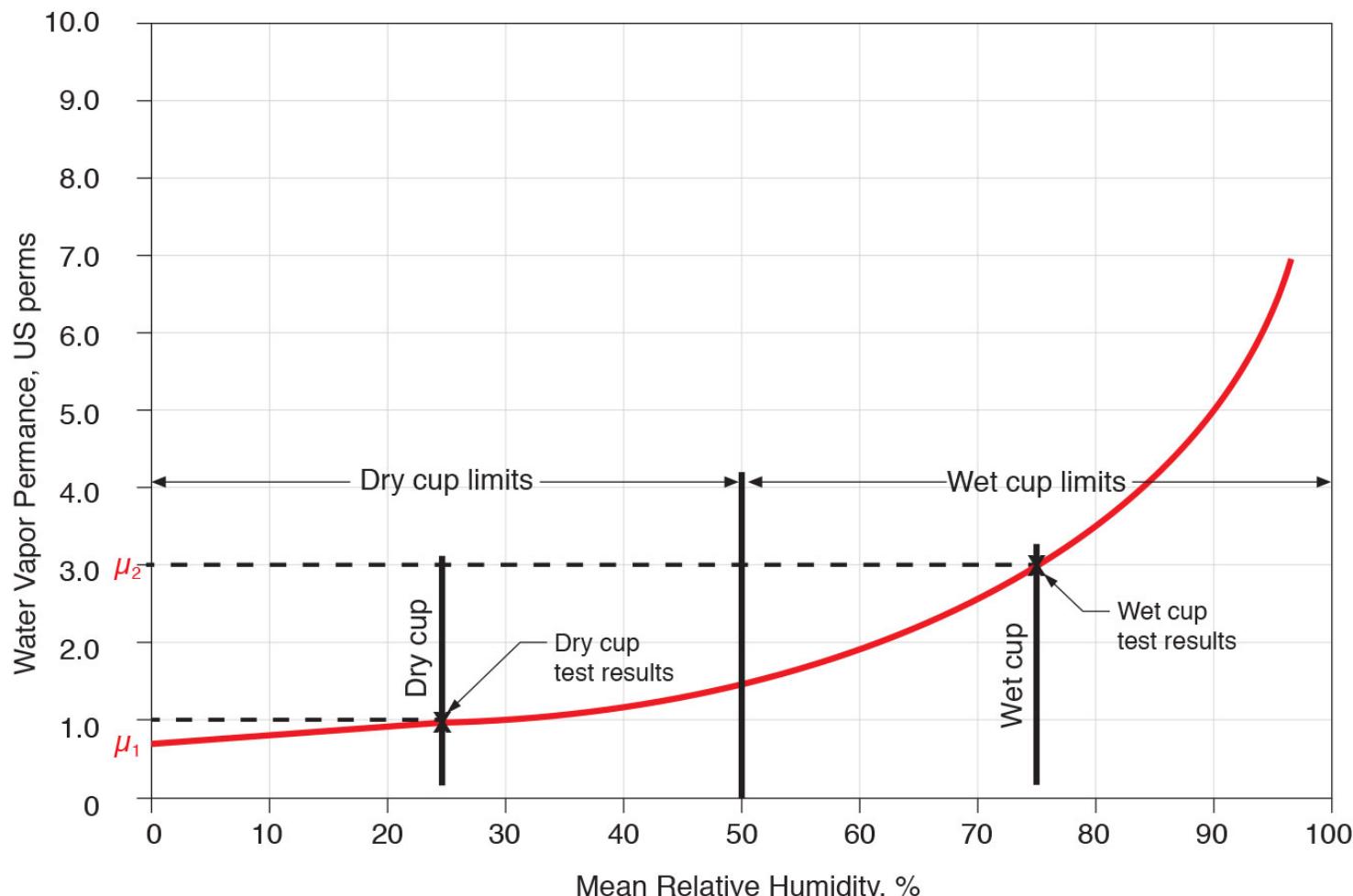
### Sorption Curve

From M.K. Kumaran, ASTM MNL 18-2nd Edition,  
Moisture Control in Buildings, 2009





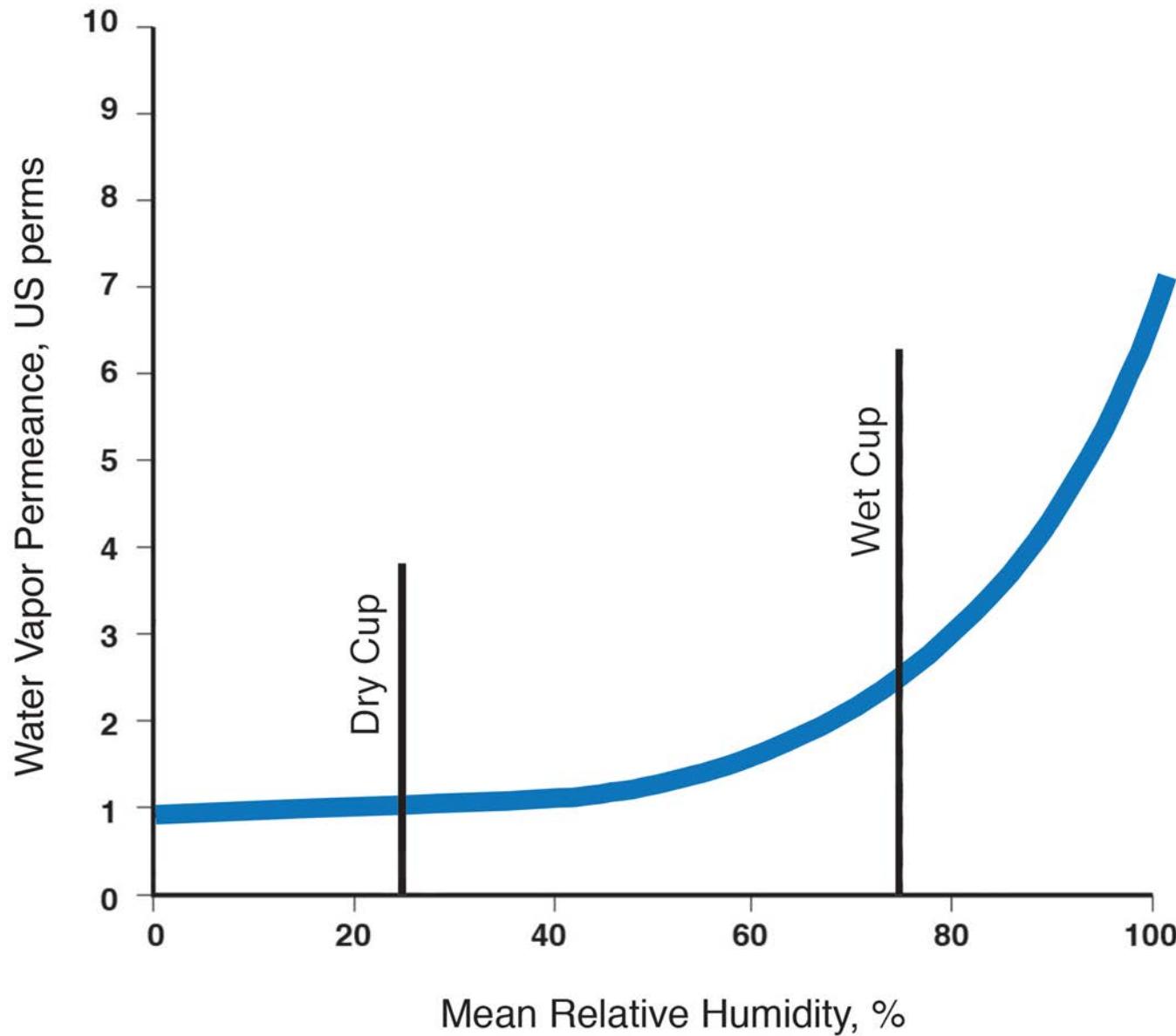
## Water Vapor Permeance vs. Relative Humidity



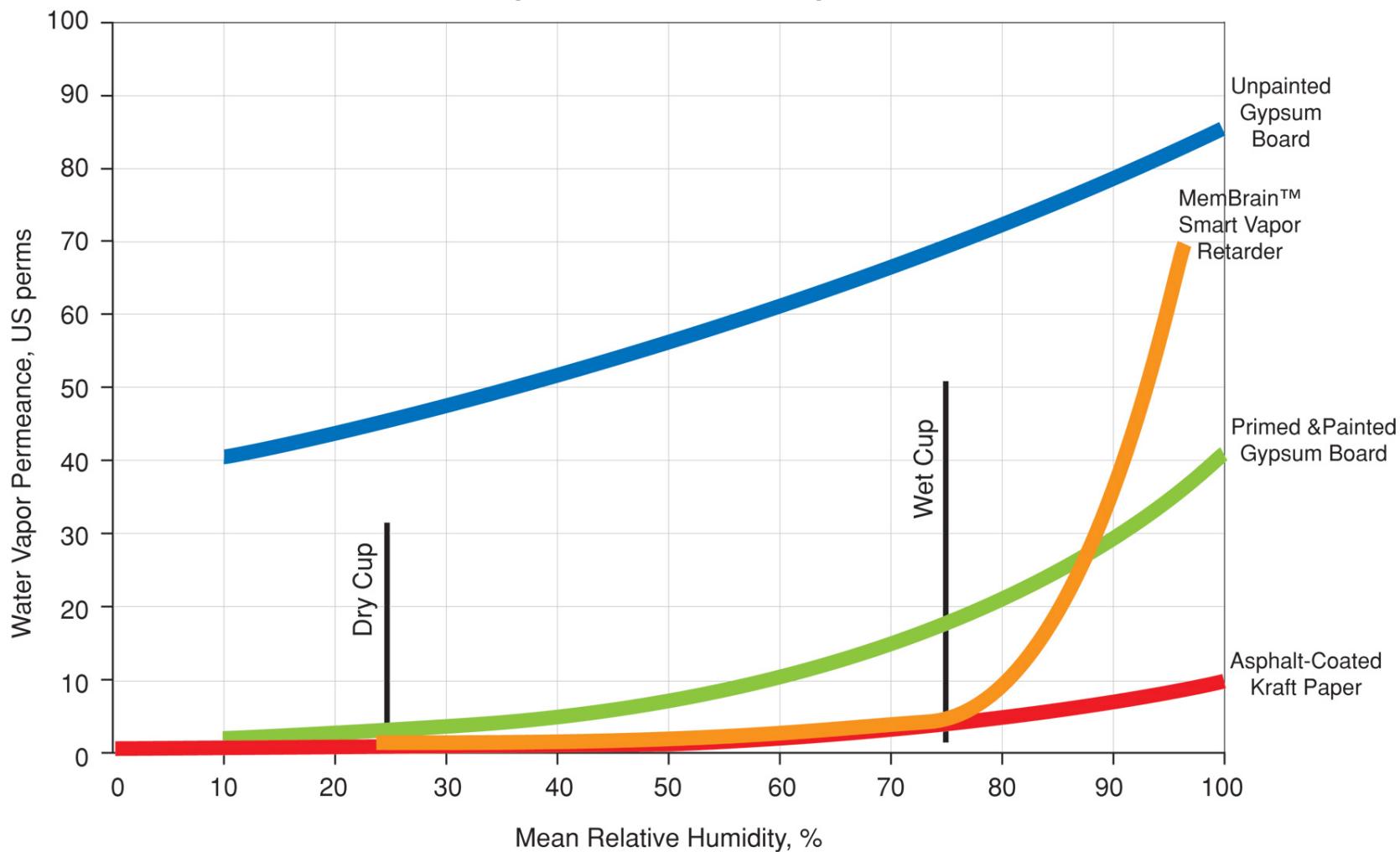
$\mu_1$  = Dry cup permeance

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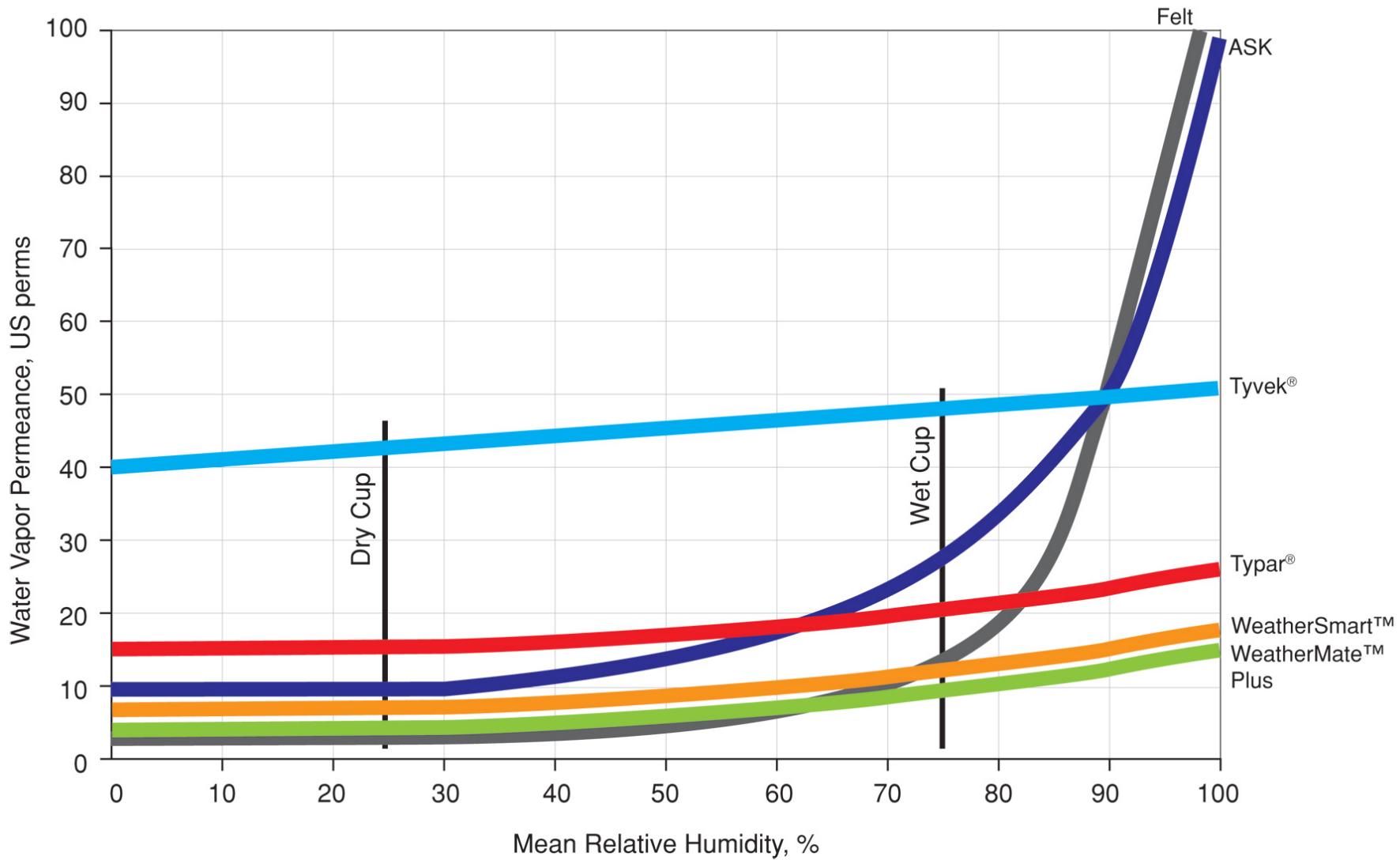




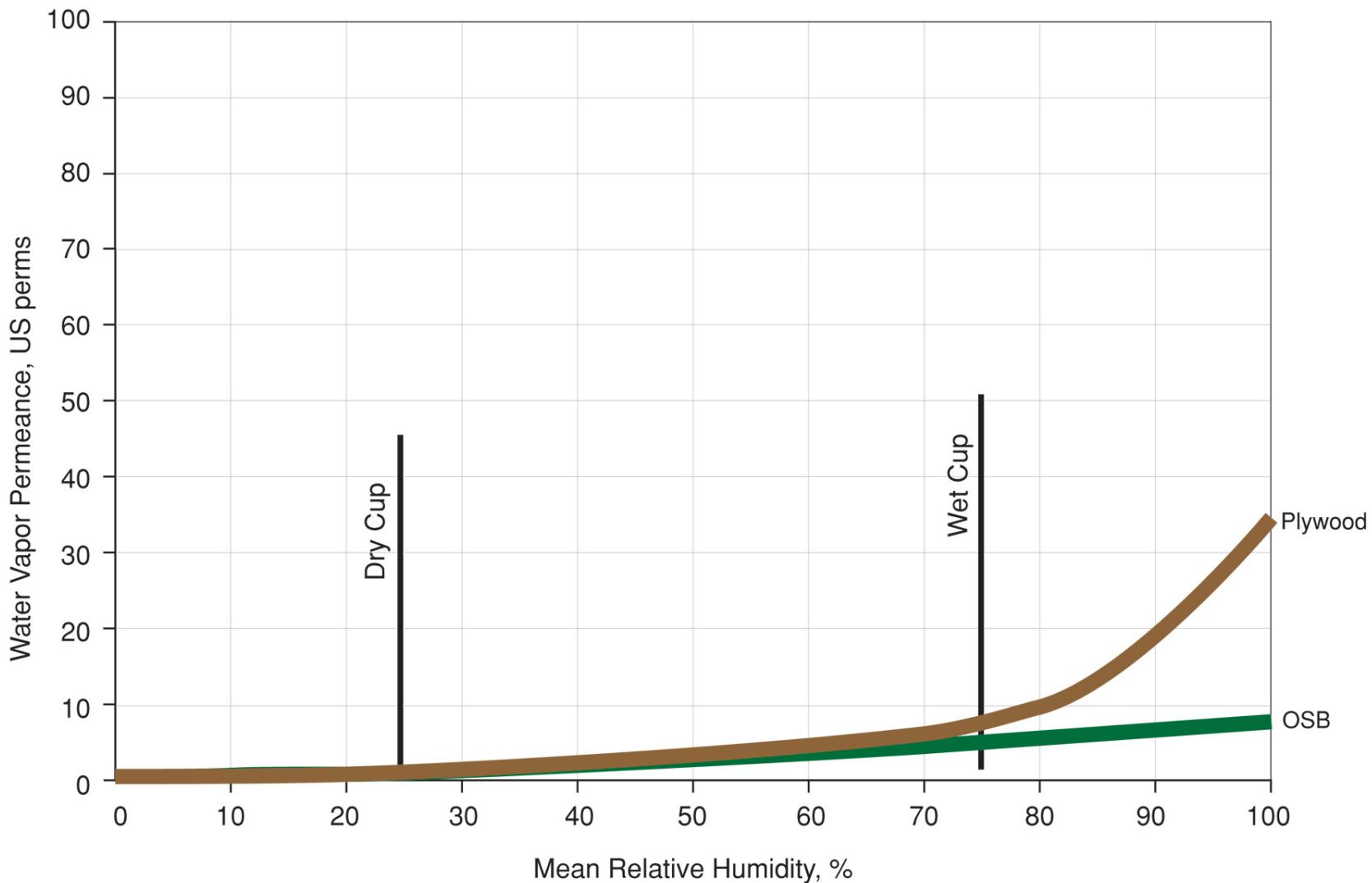
**Water Vapor Permeance of MemBrain™ Smart Vapor Retarder,  
Primed and Painted Gypsum Board, Unpainted Gypsum Board and  
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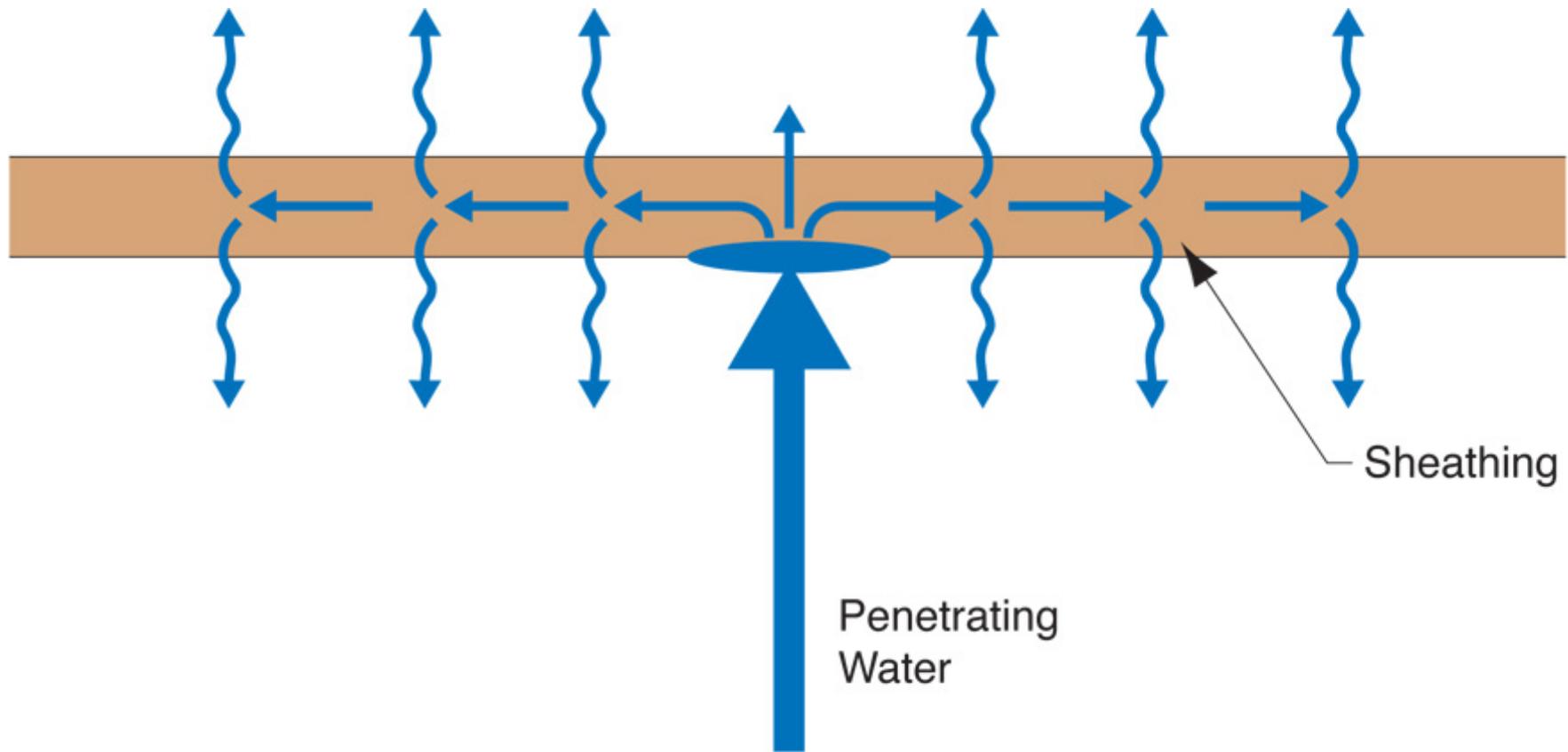


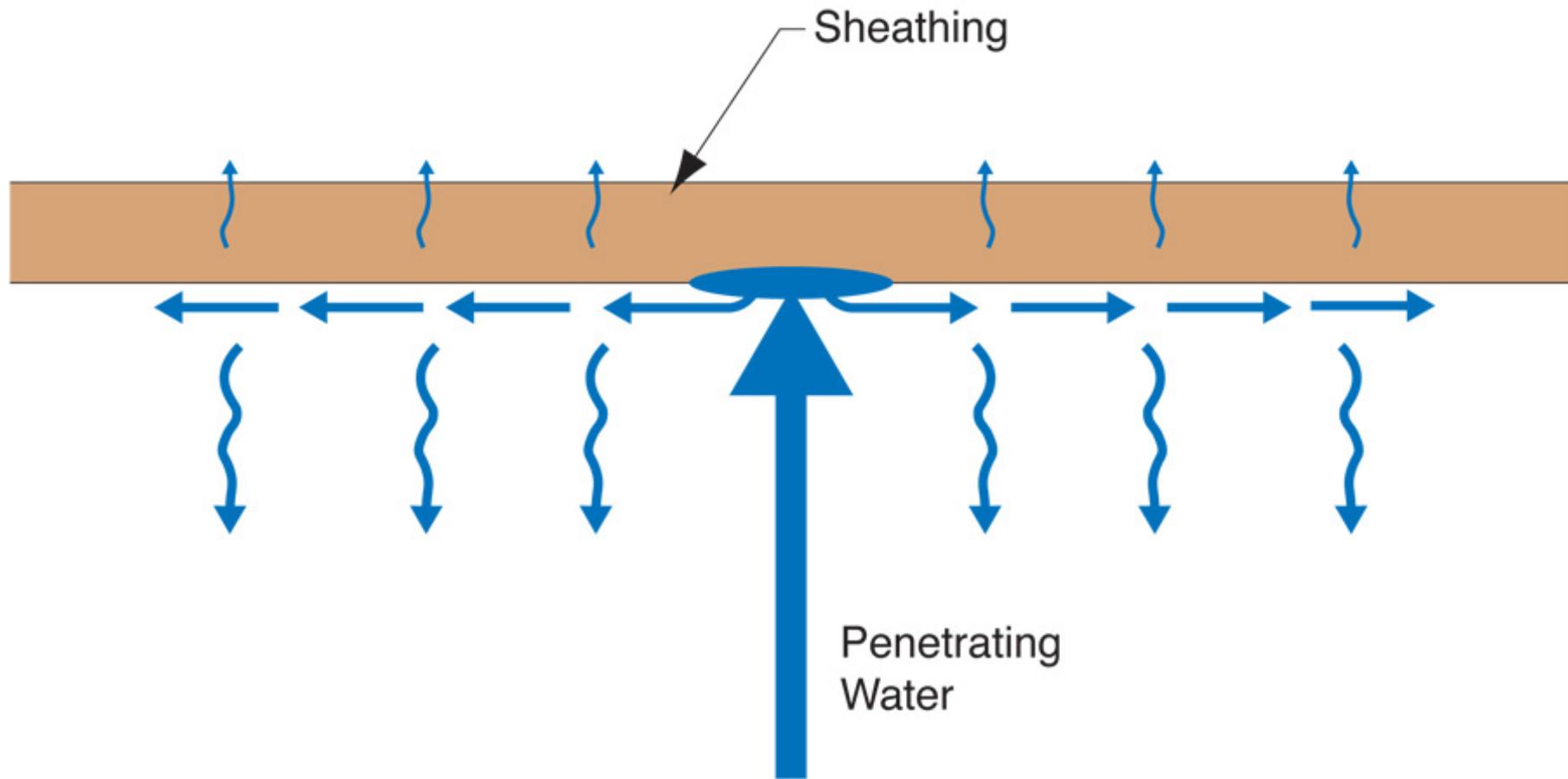
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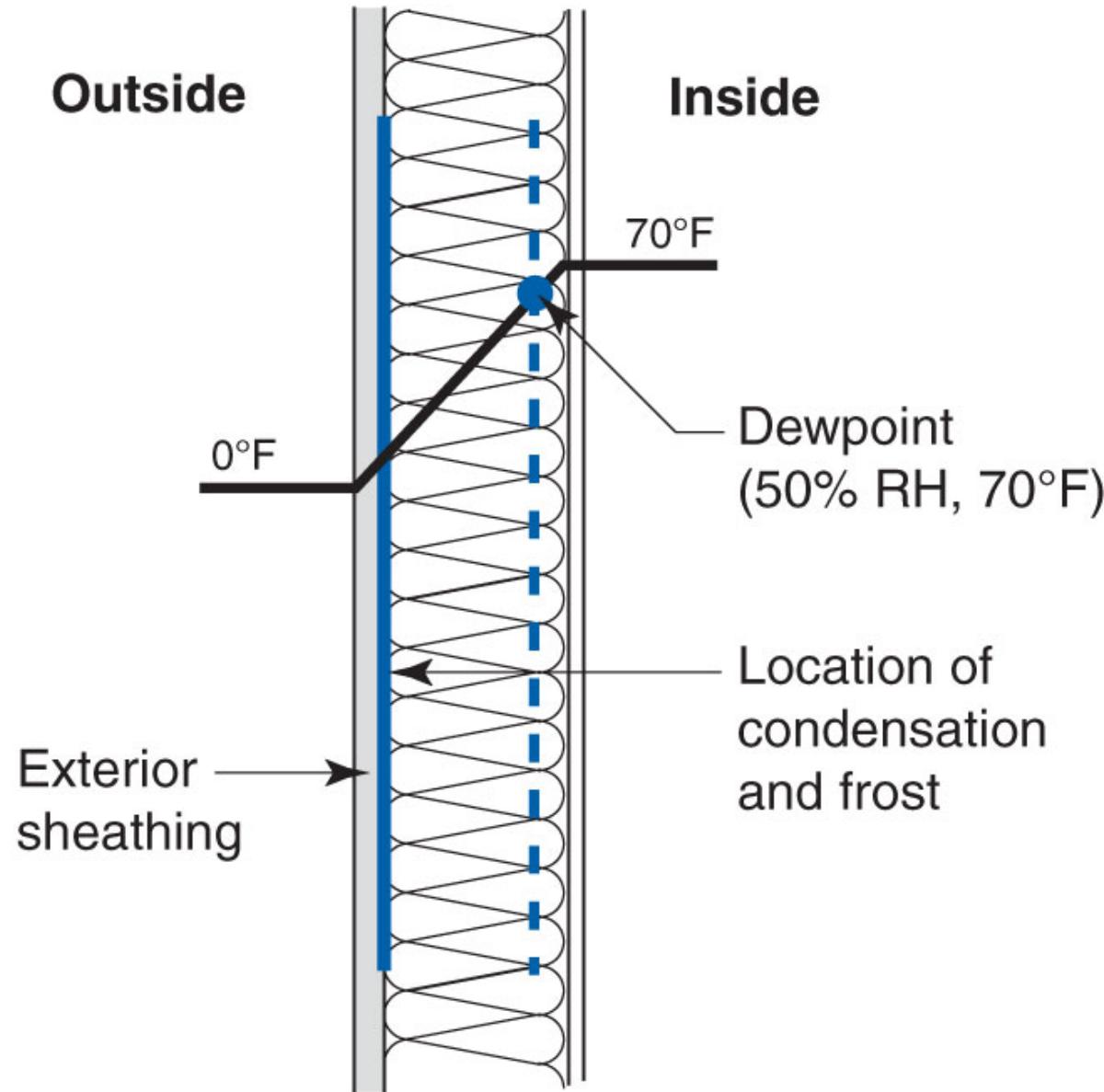
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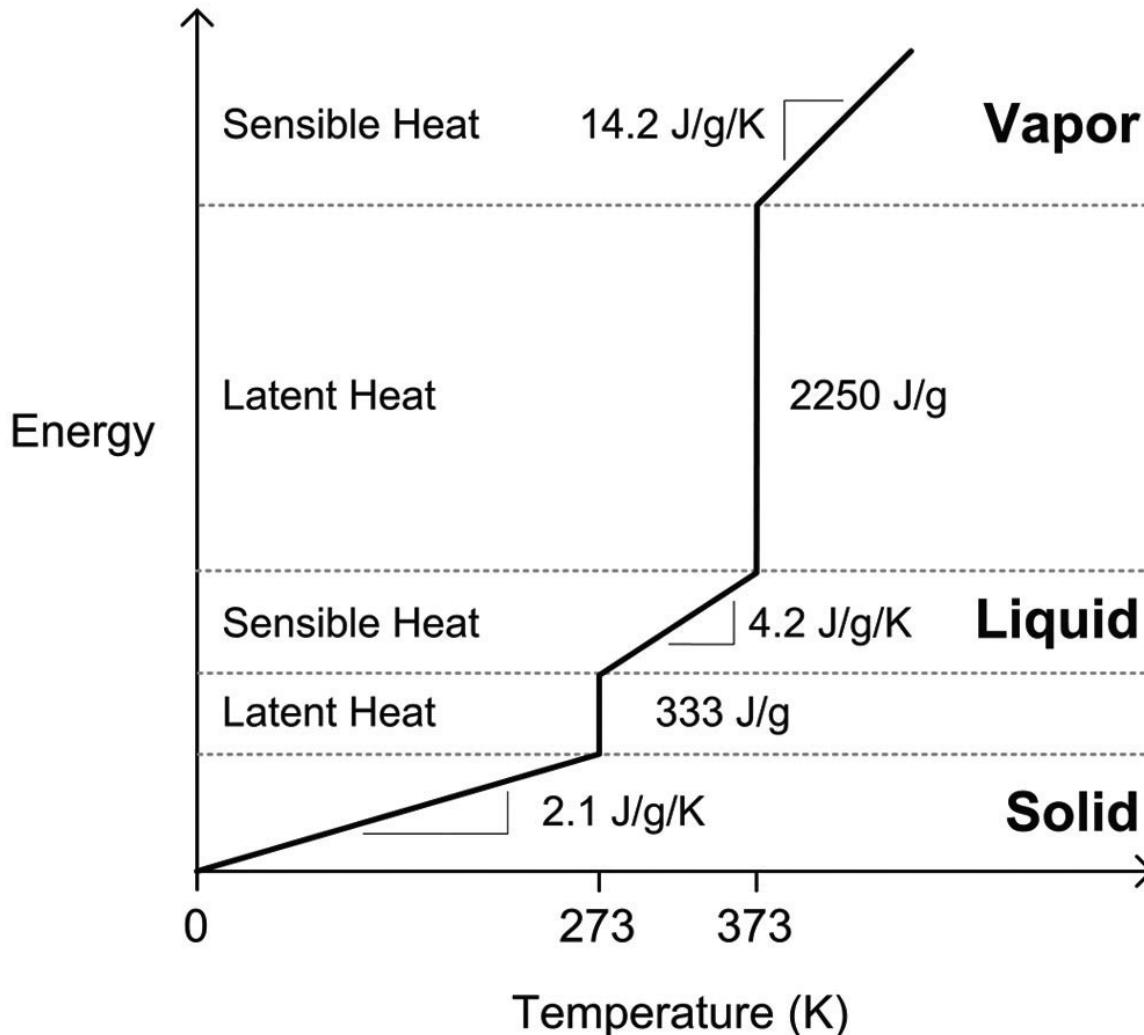




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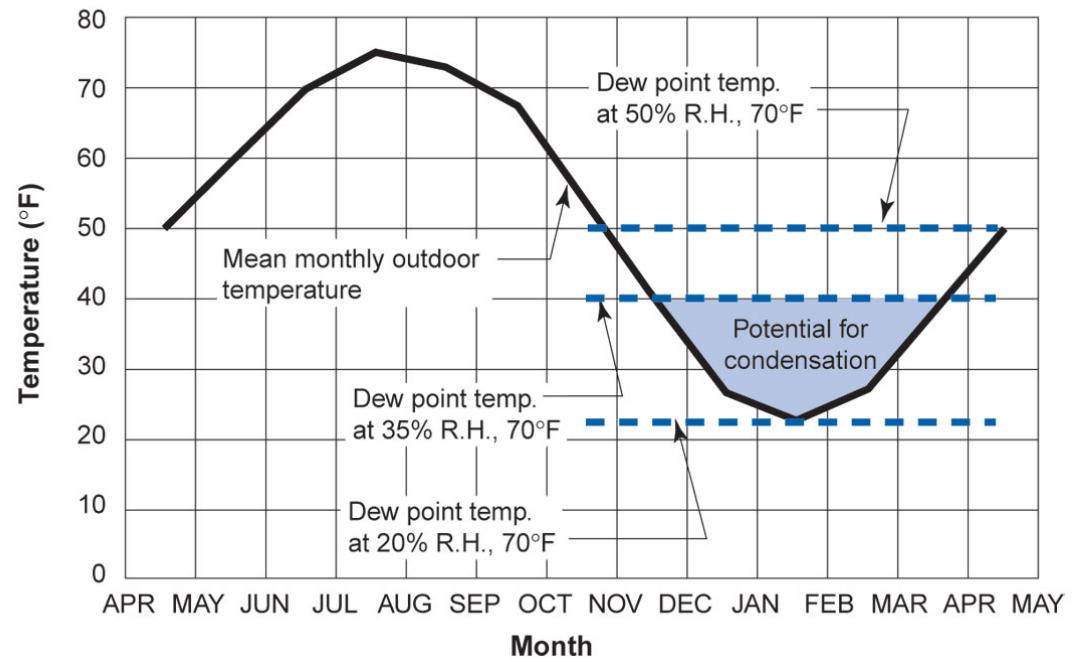
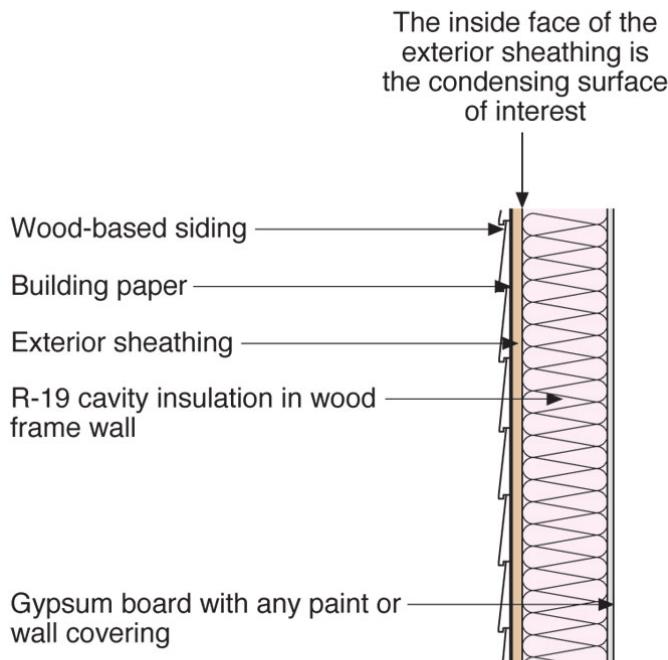


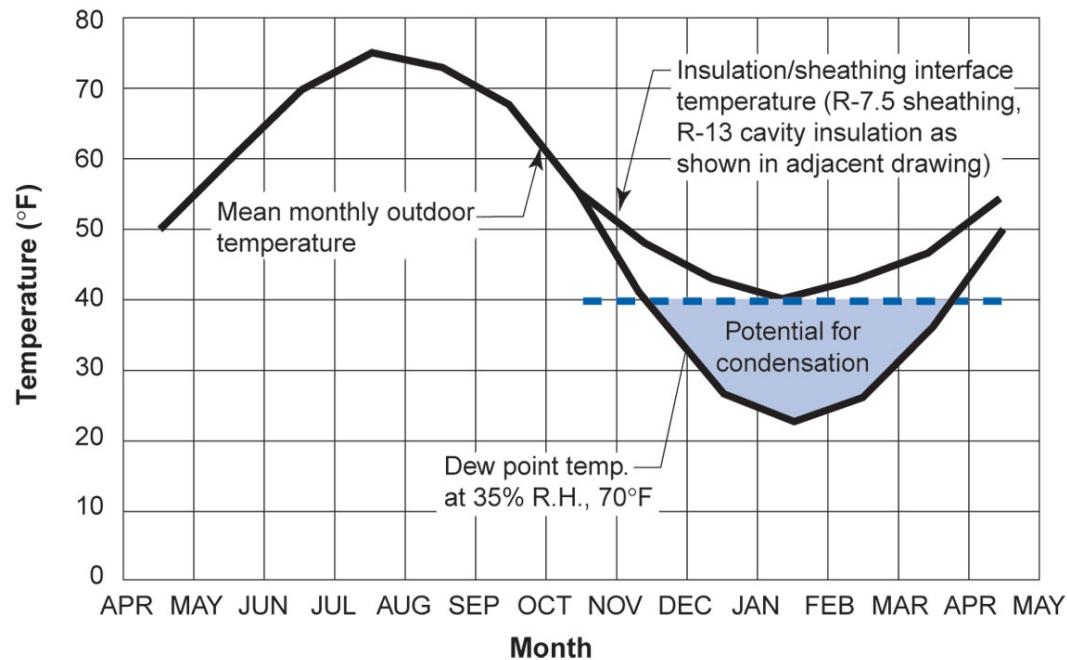
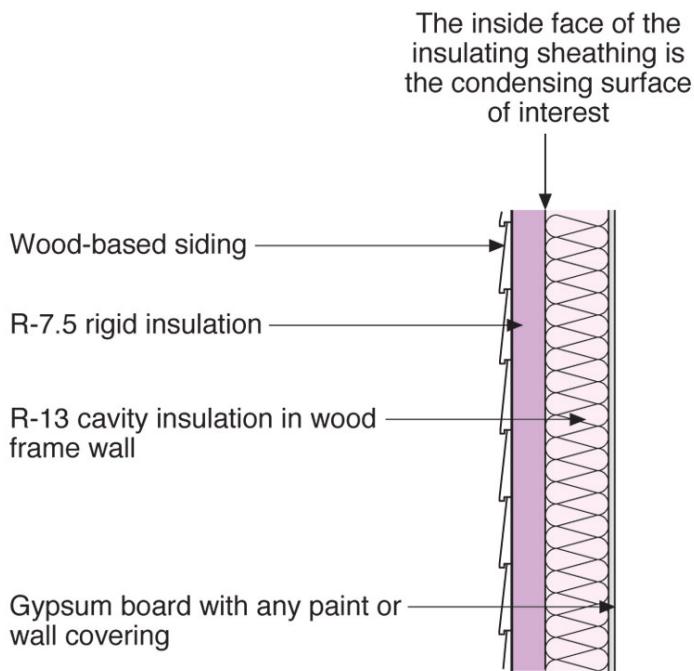




**Simple linearized energy-temperature relation for water**  
From Straube & Burnett, 2005







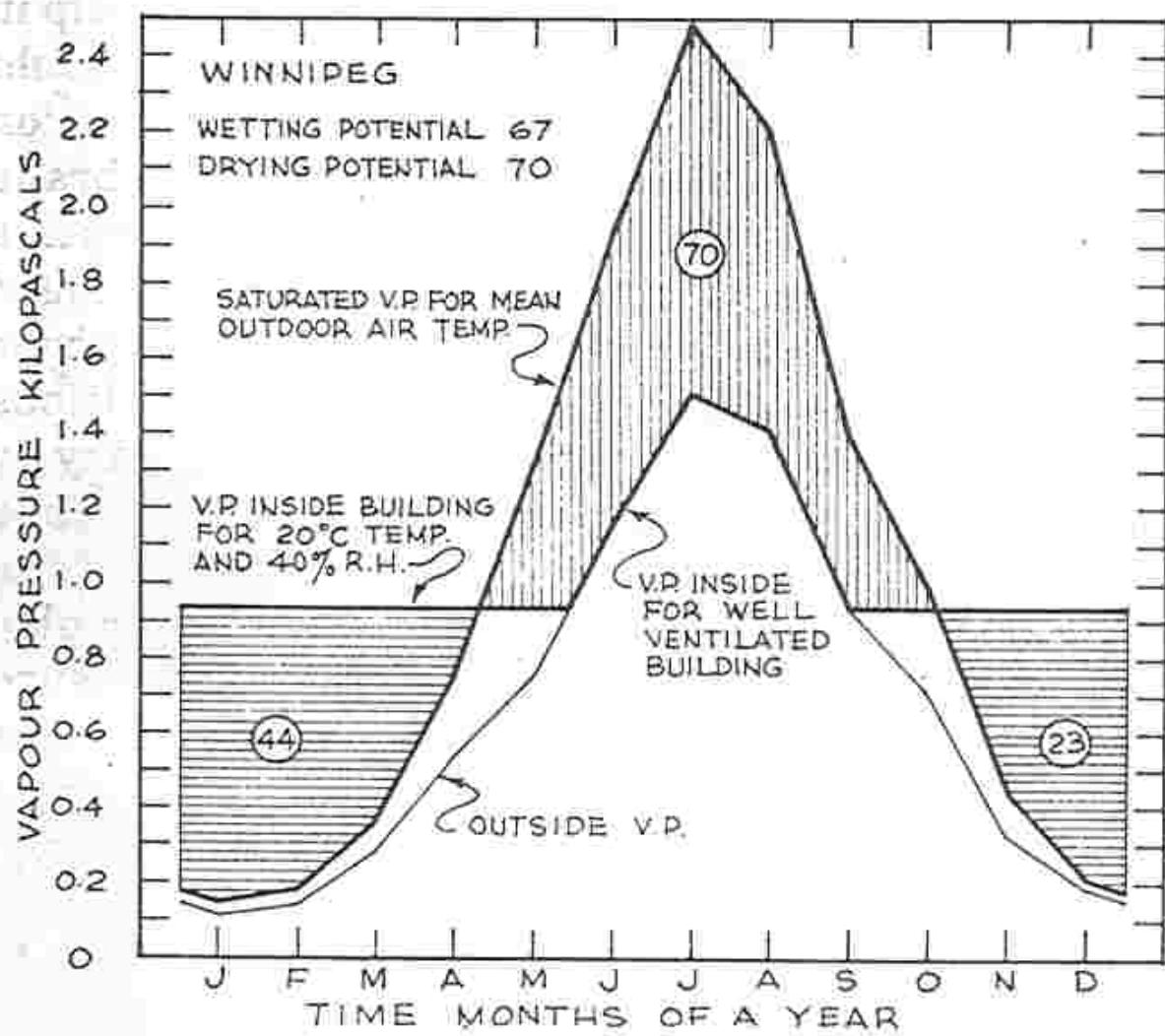
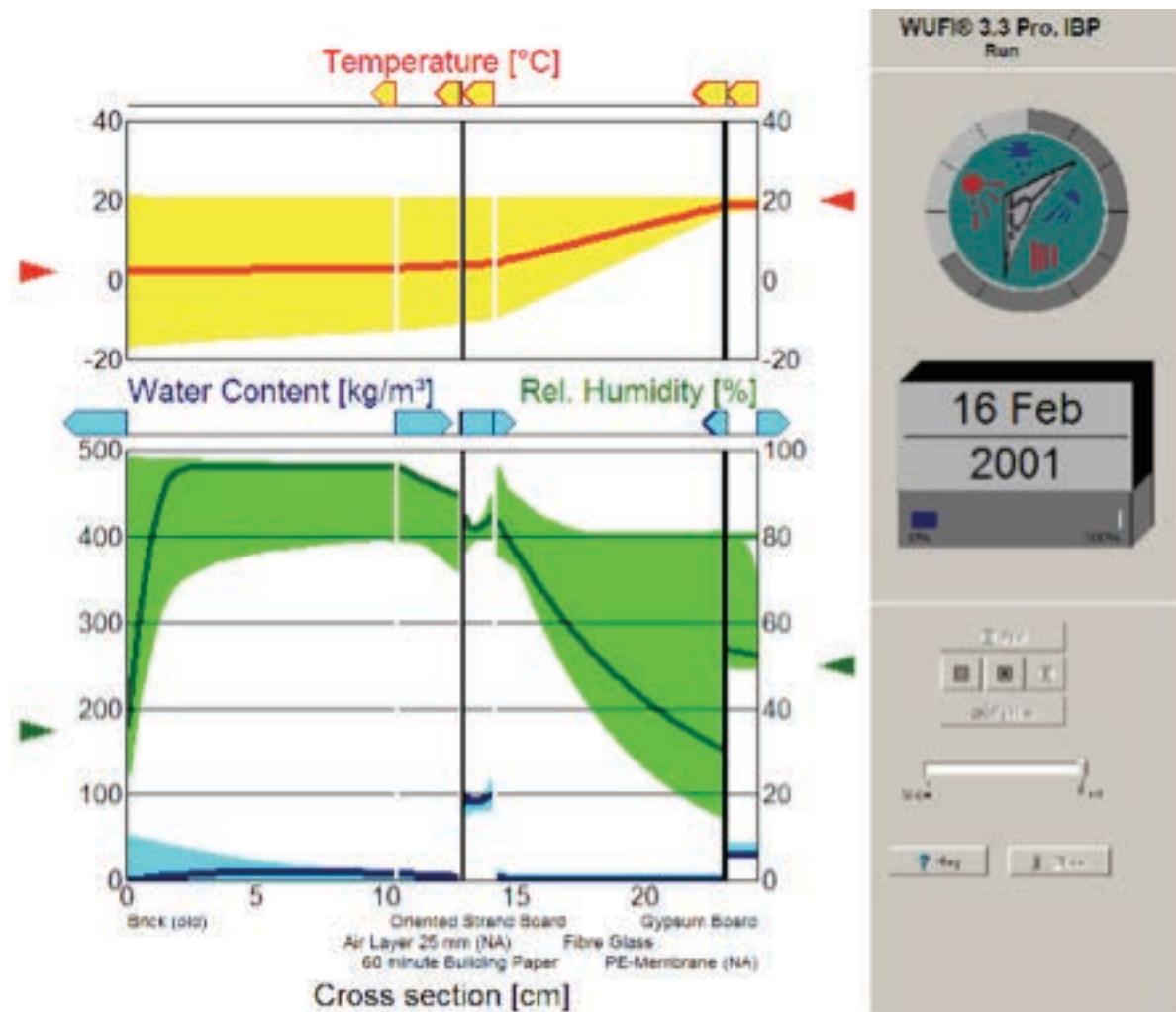


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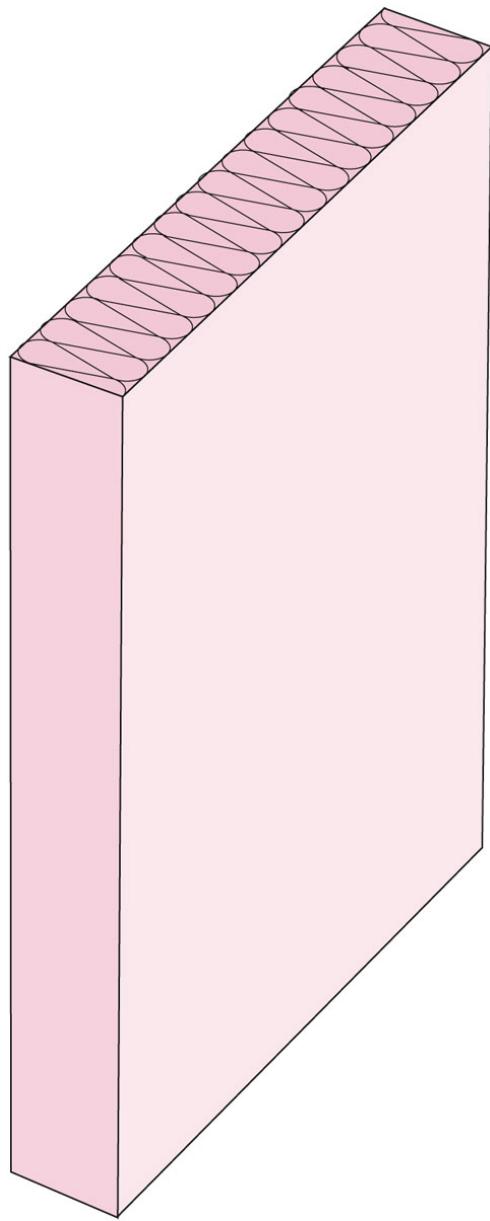
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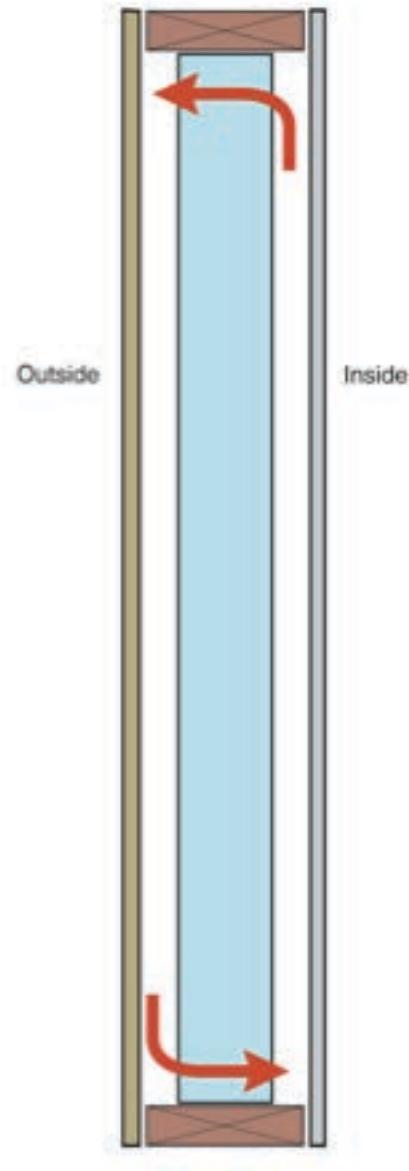
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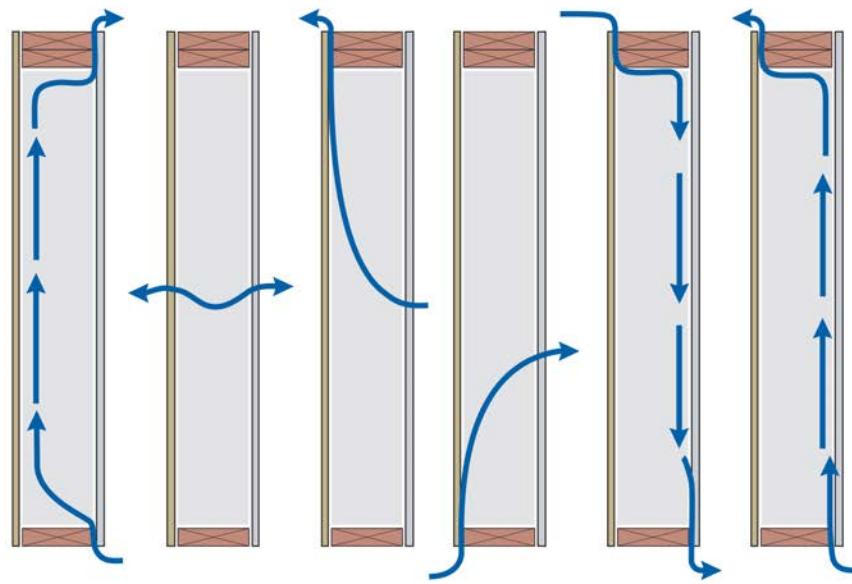
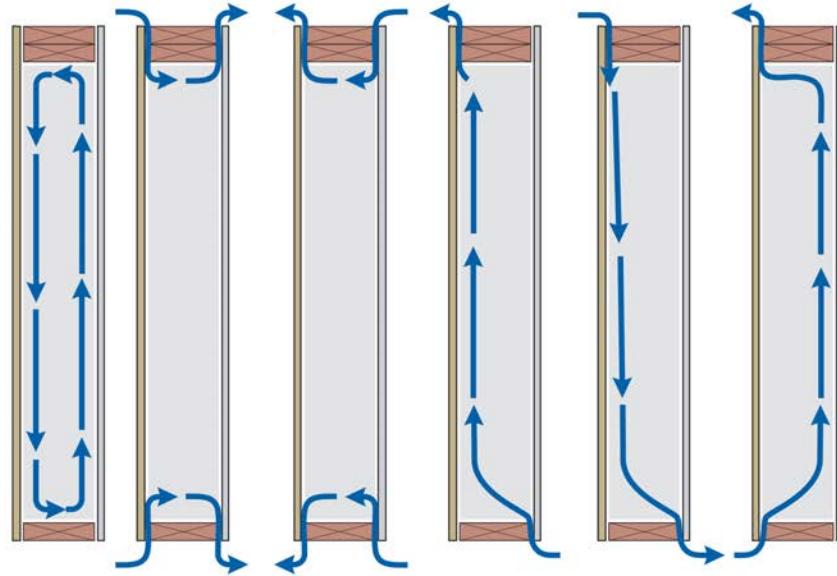
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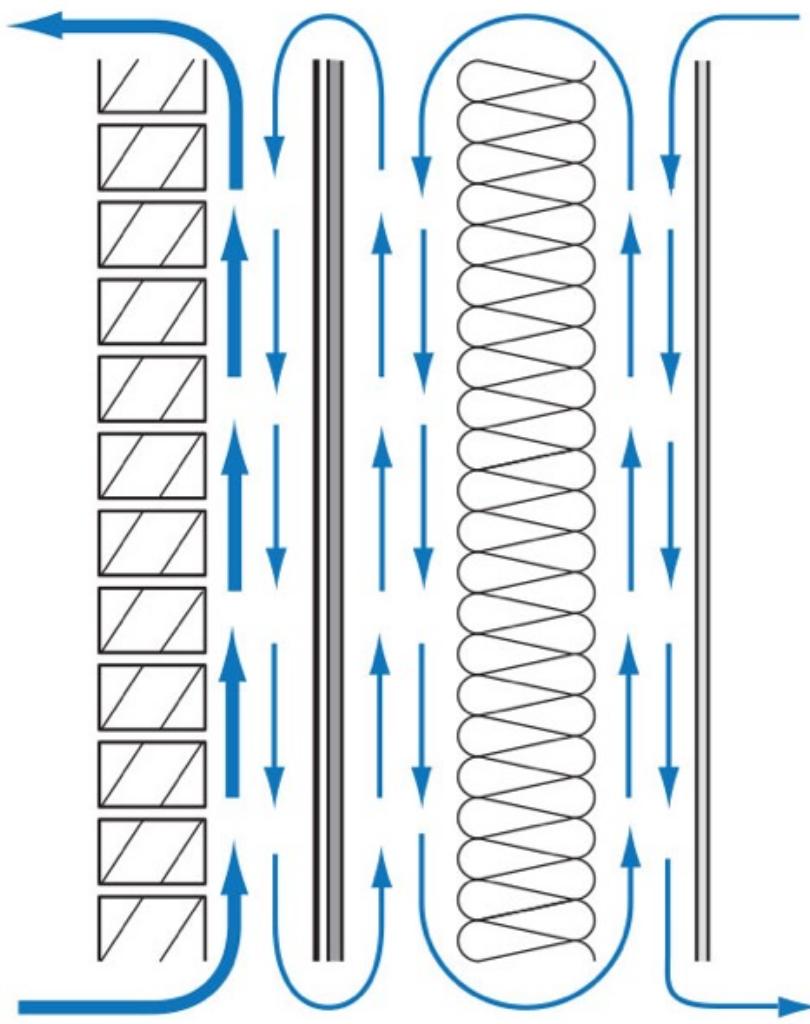
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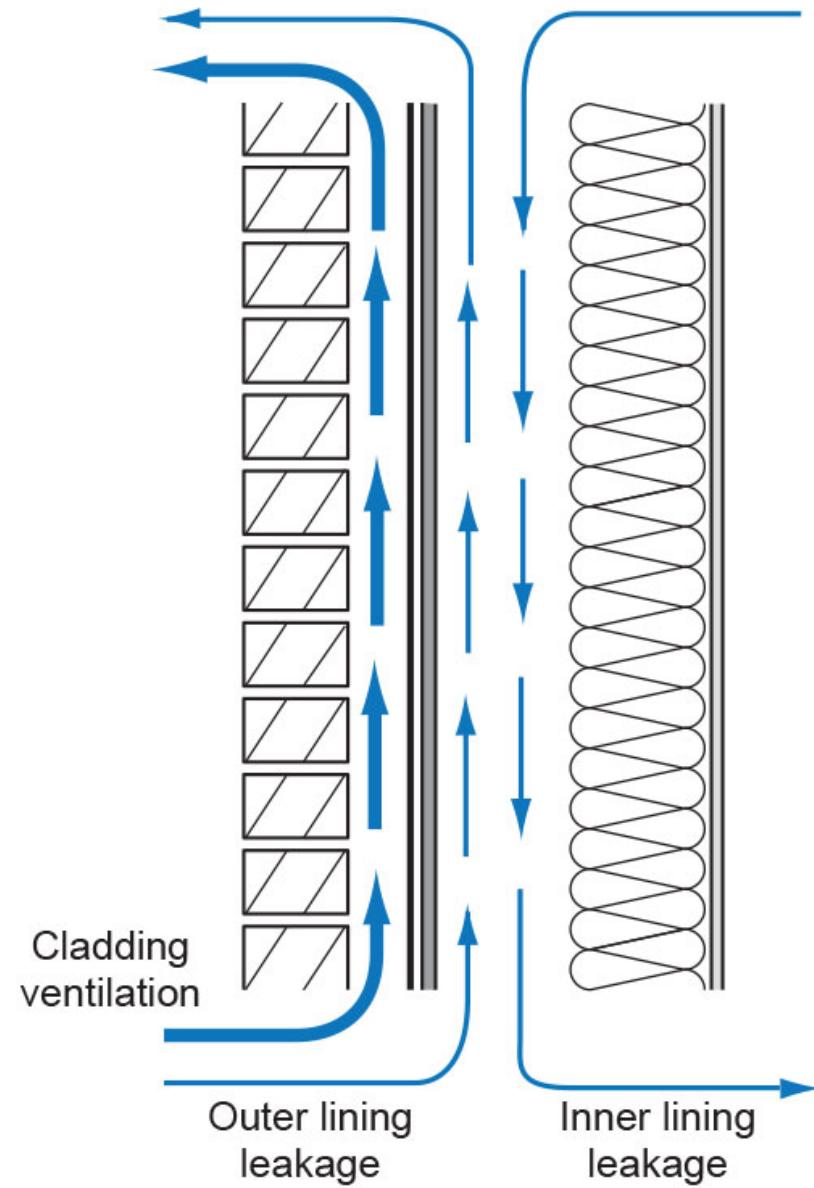
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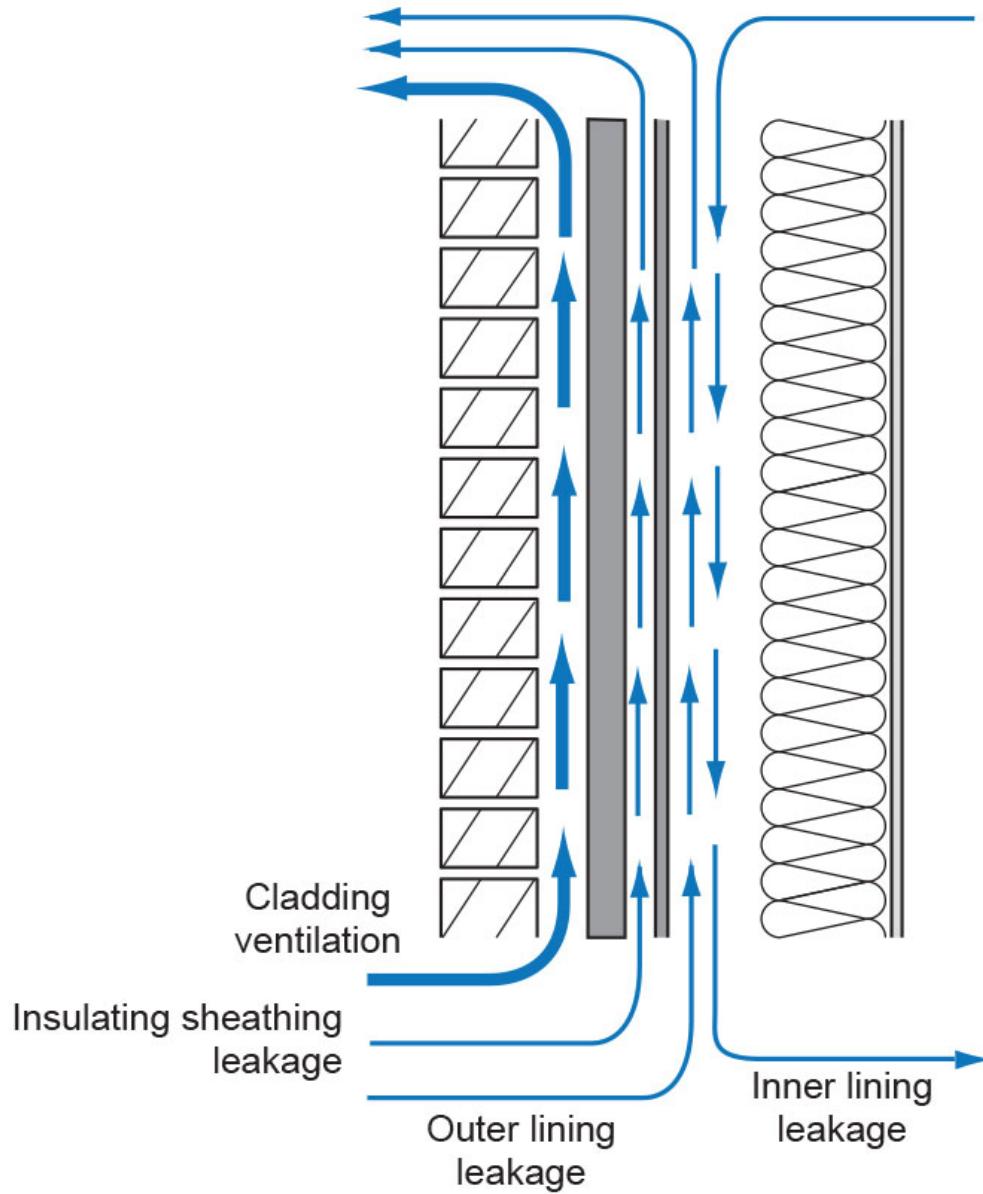






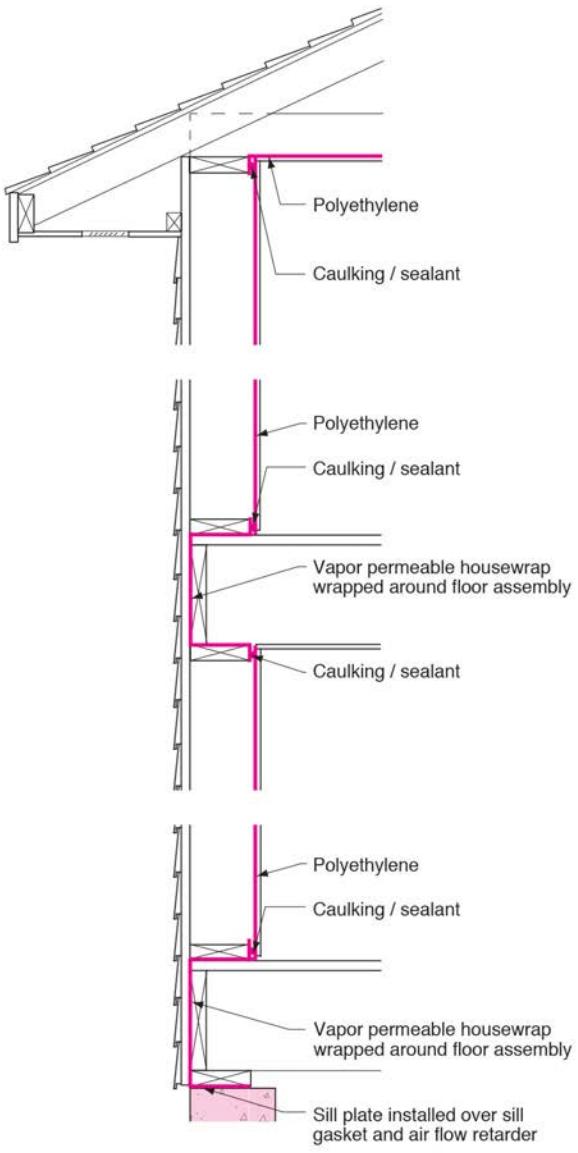




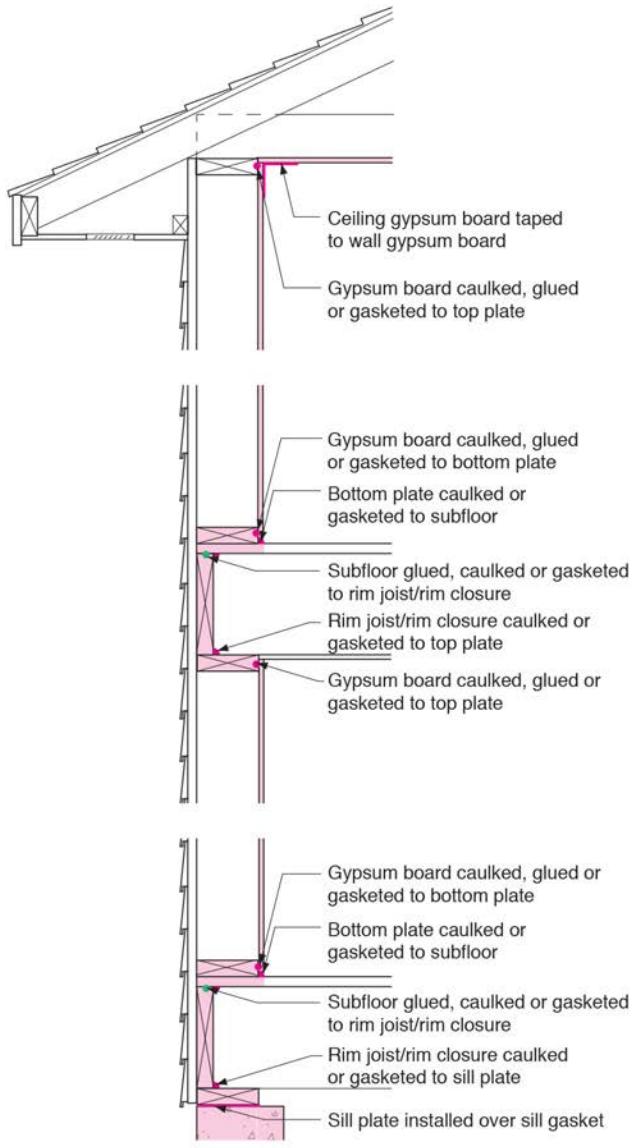


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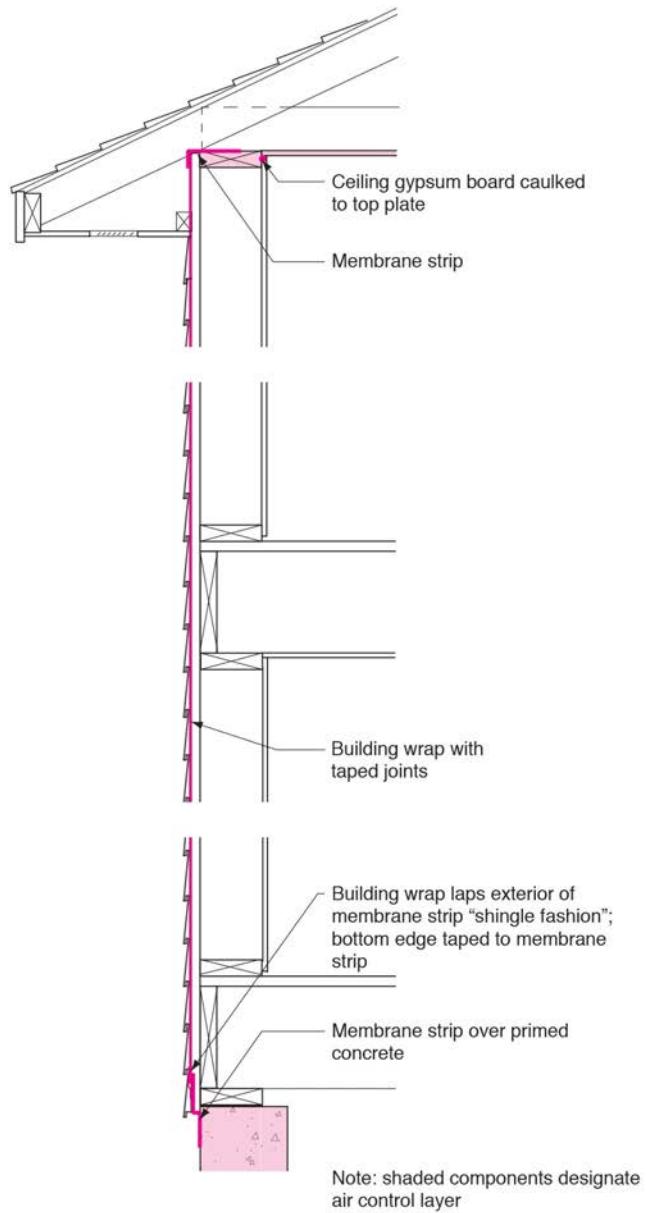
	Flow Rate	Gap	ACH
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Vinyl Siding	0.5 cfm/sf	3/16"	200
Brick Veneer	0.15 cfm/sf	1"	10
Stucco (vented)	0.1 cfm/sf	3/8"	10
Stucco (direct applied)	none	none	0
Sheathing flanking flow	0.05 cfm/sf	3/16"	10

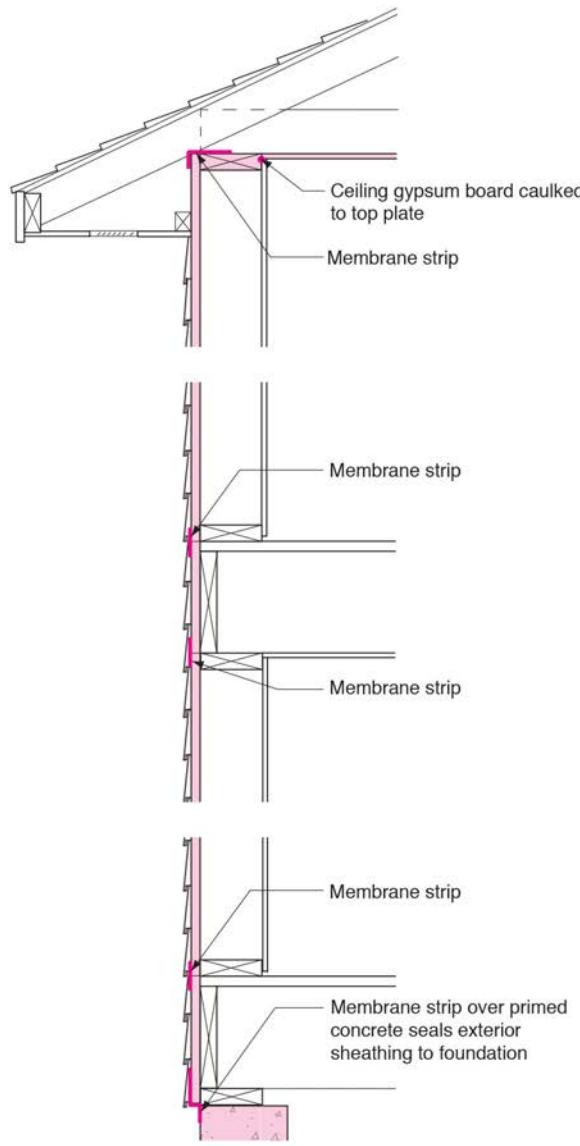


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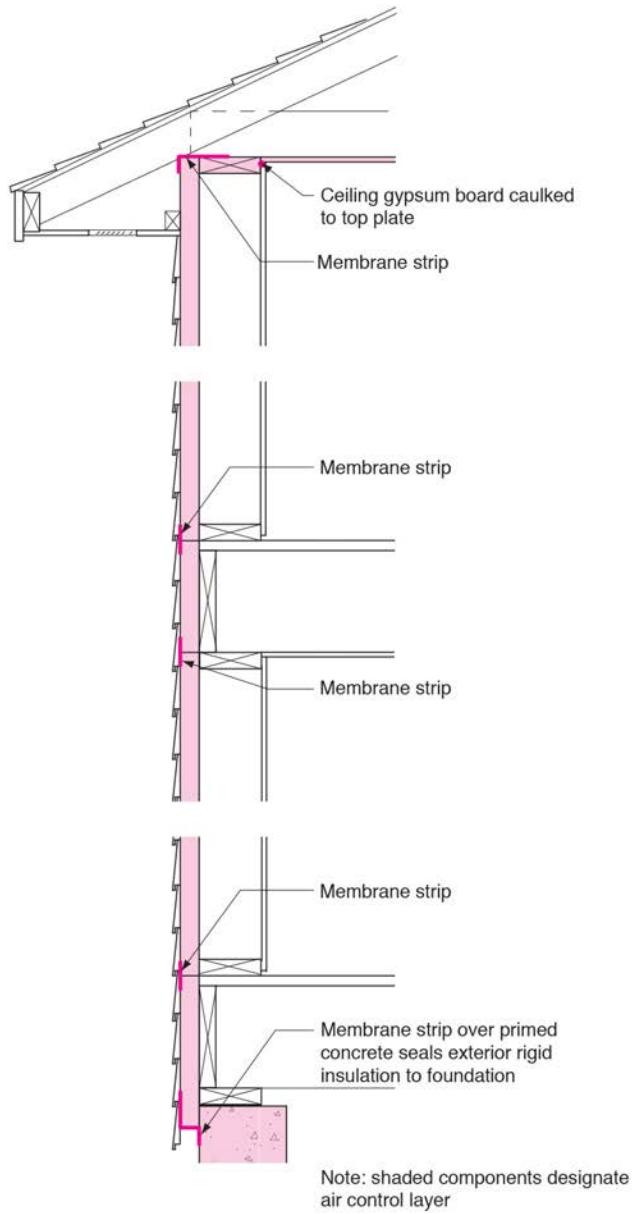


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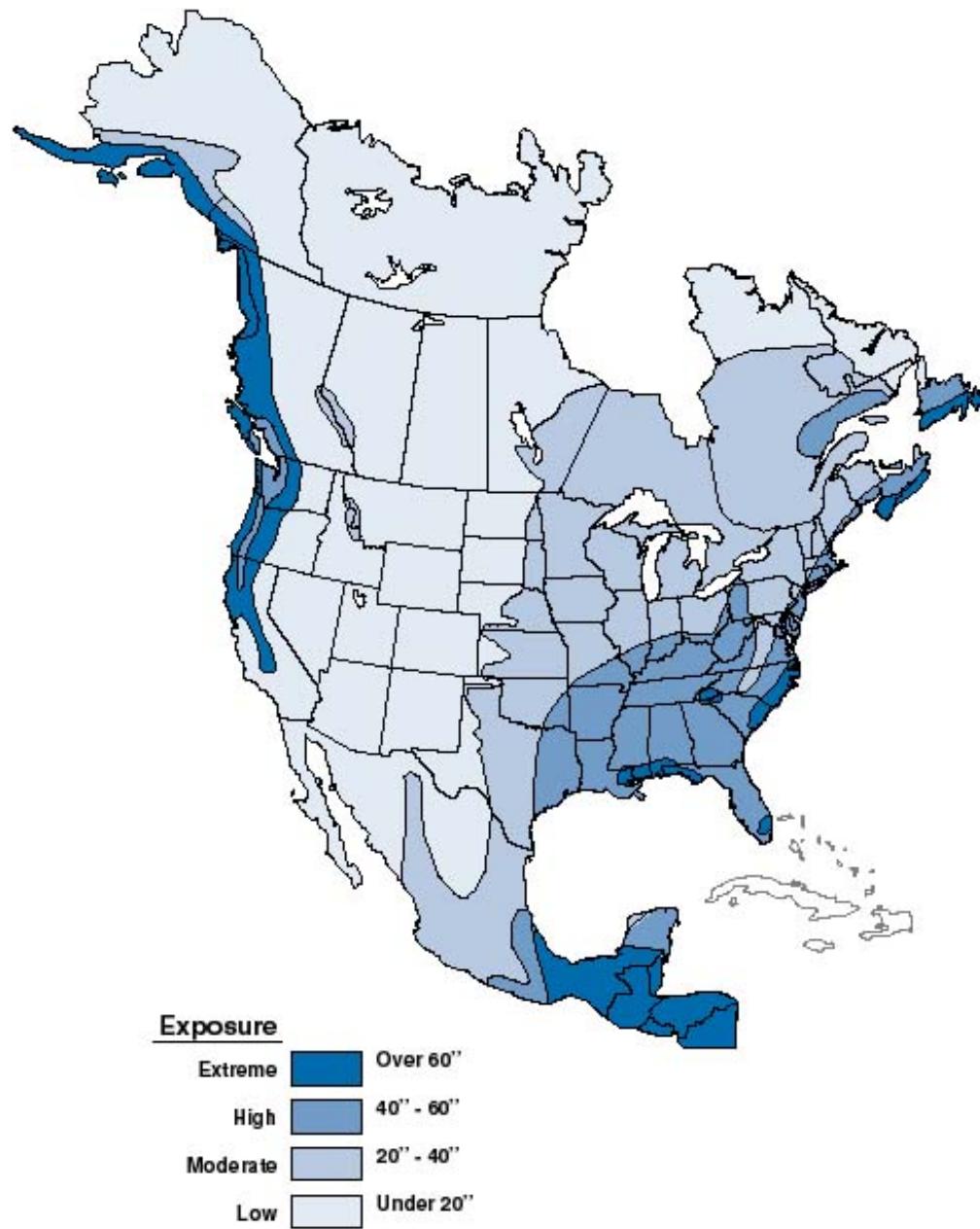




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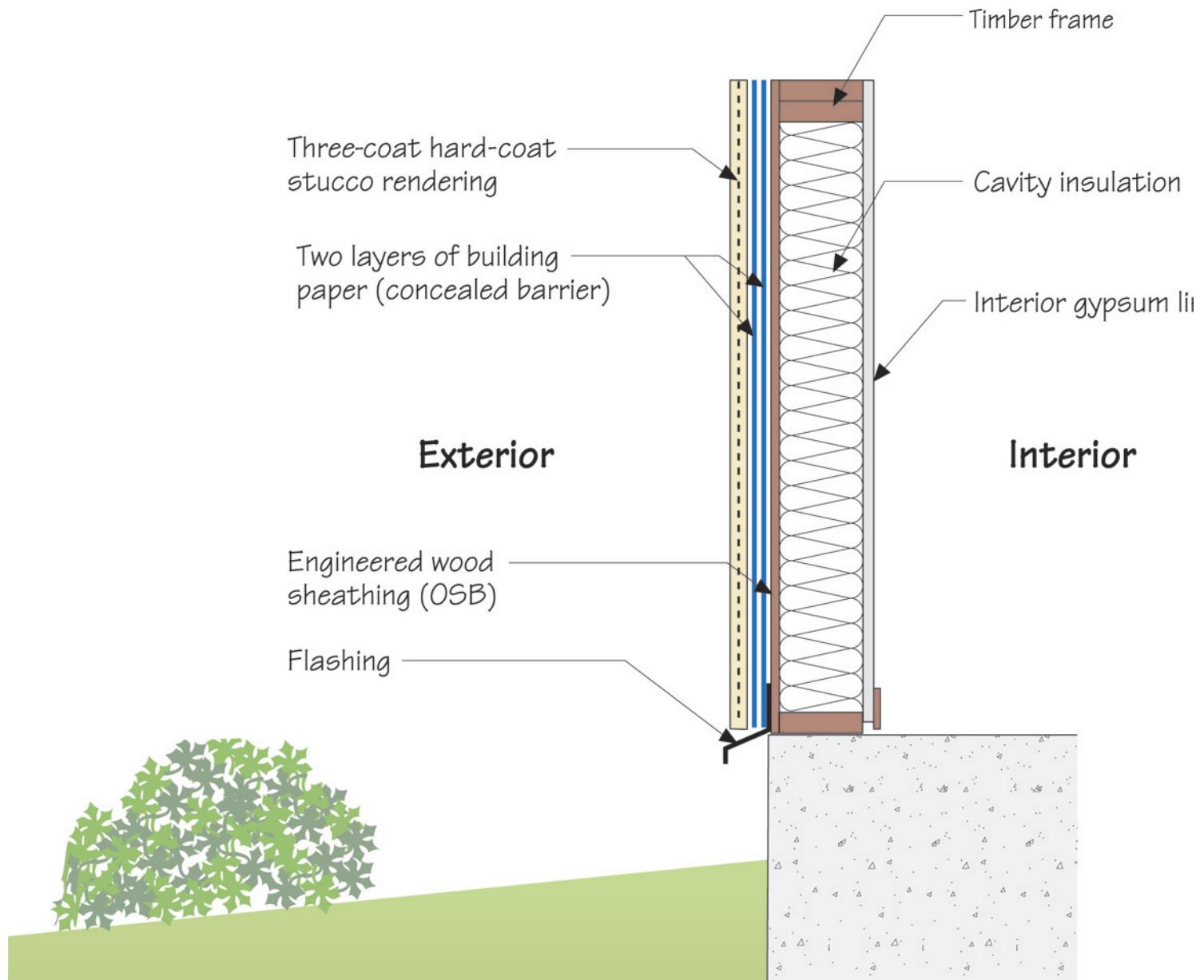






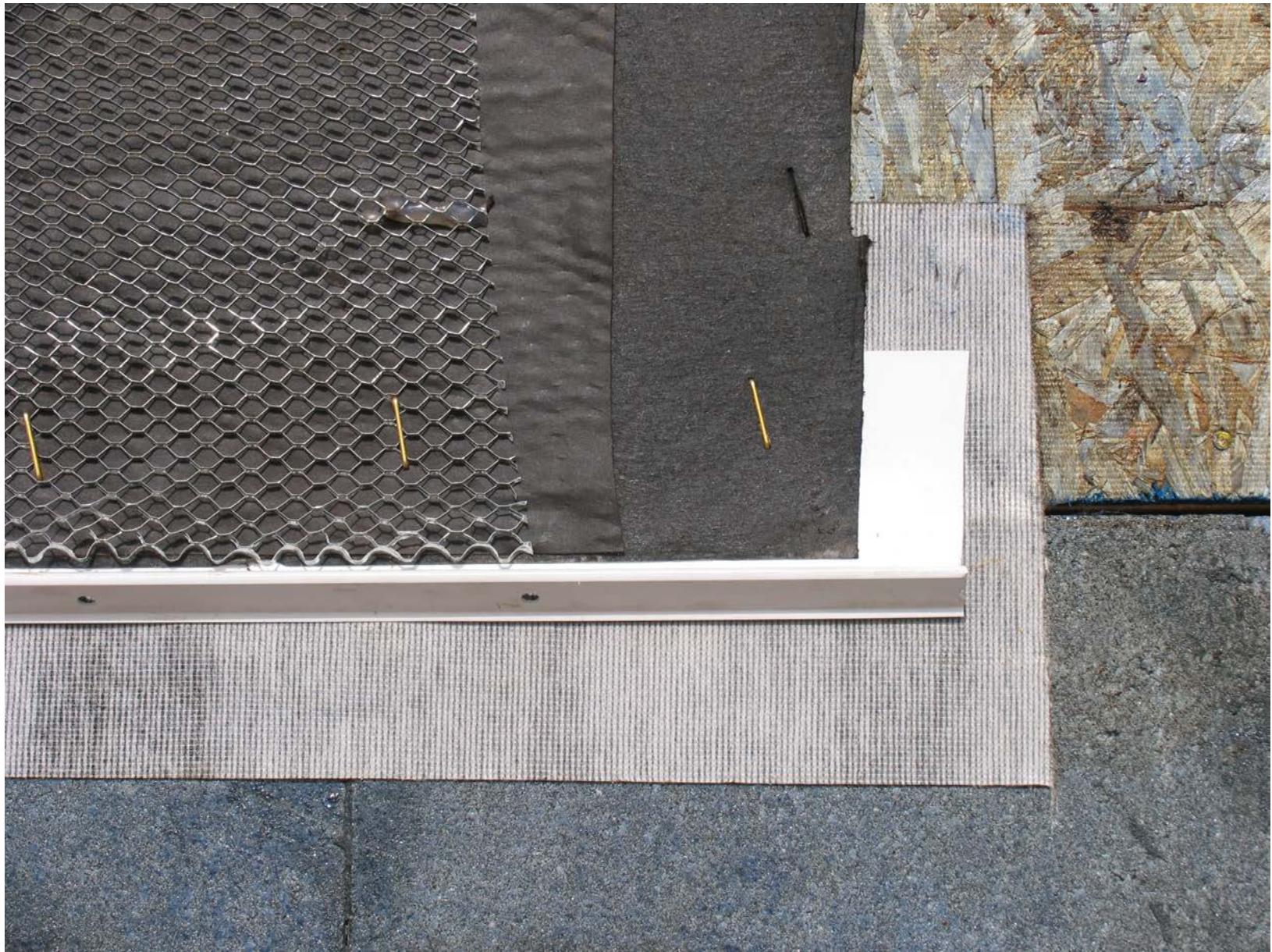


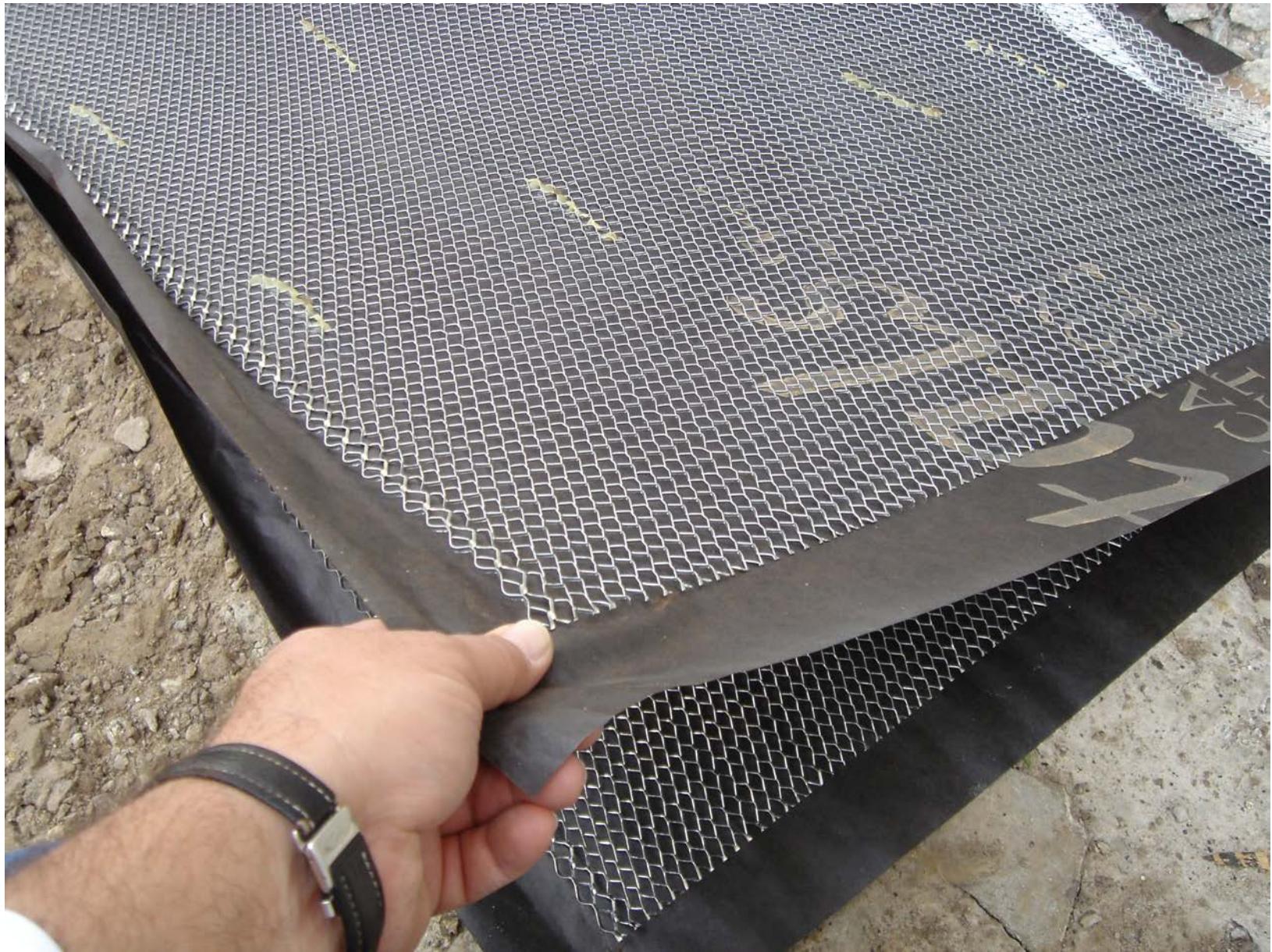






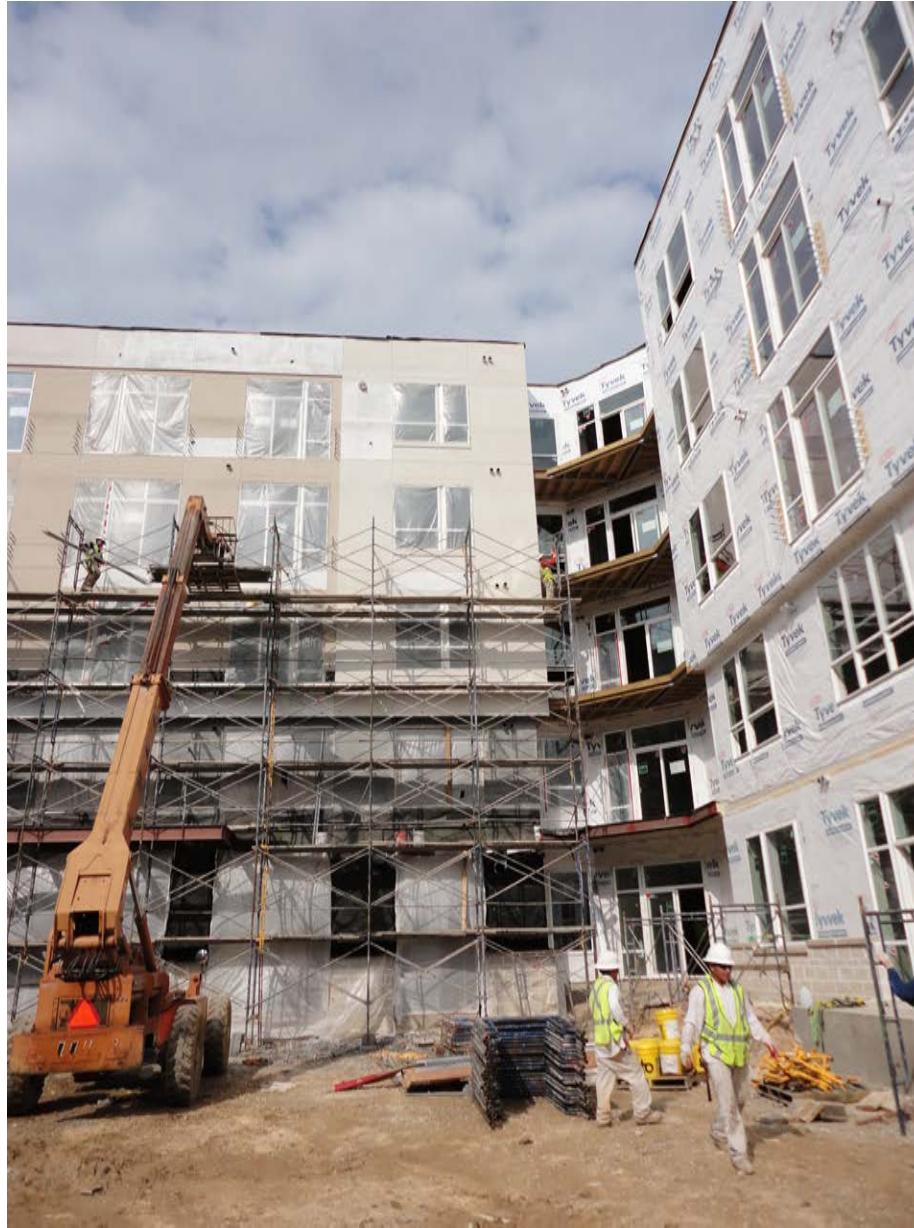






















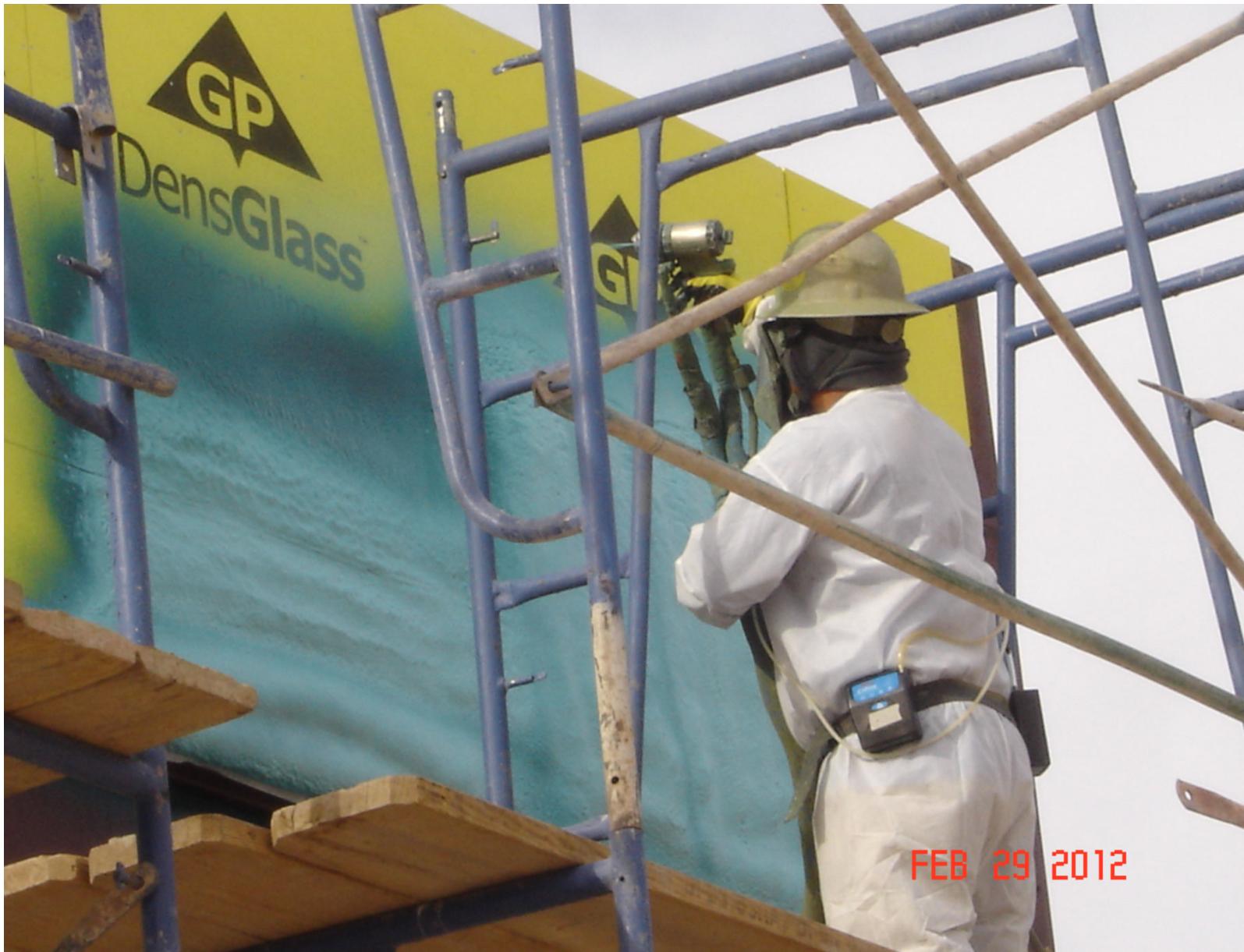






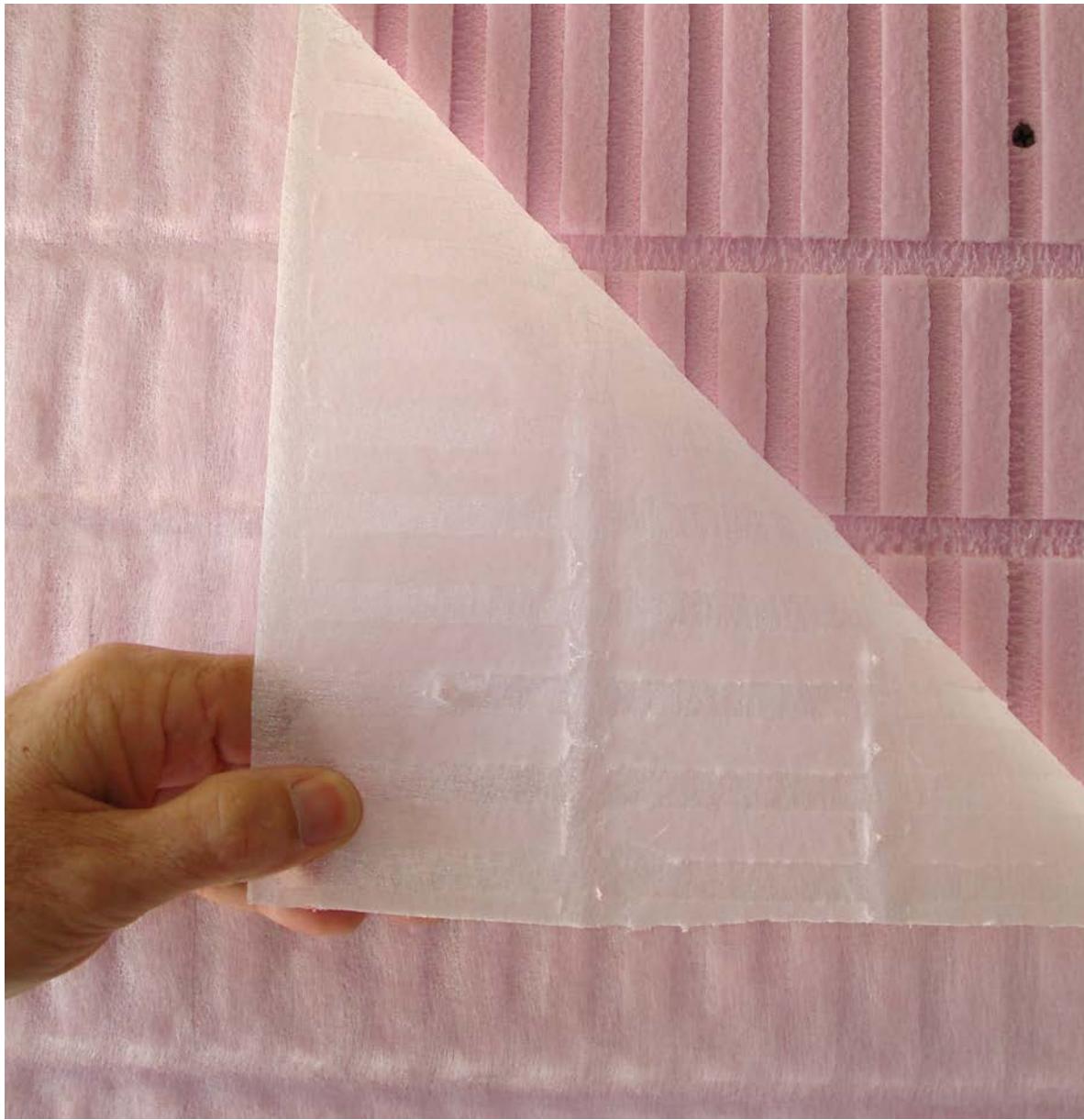


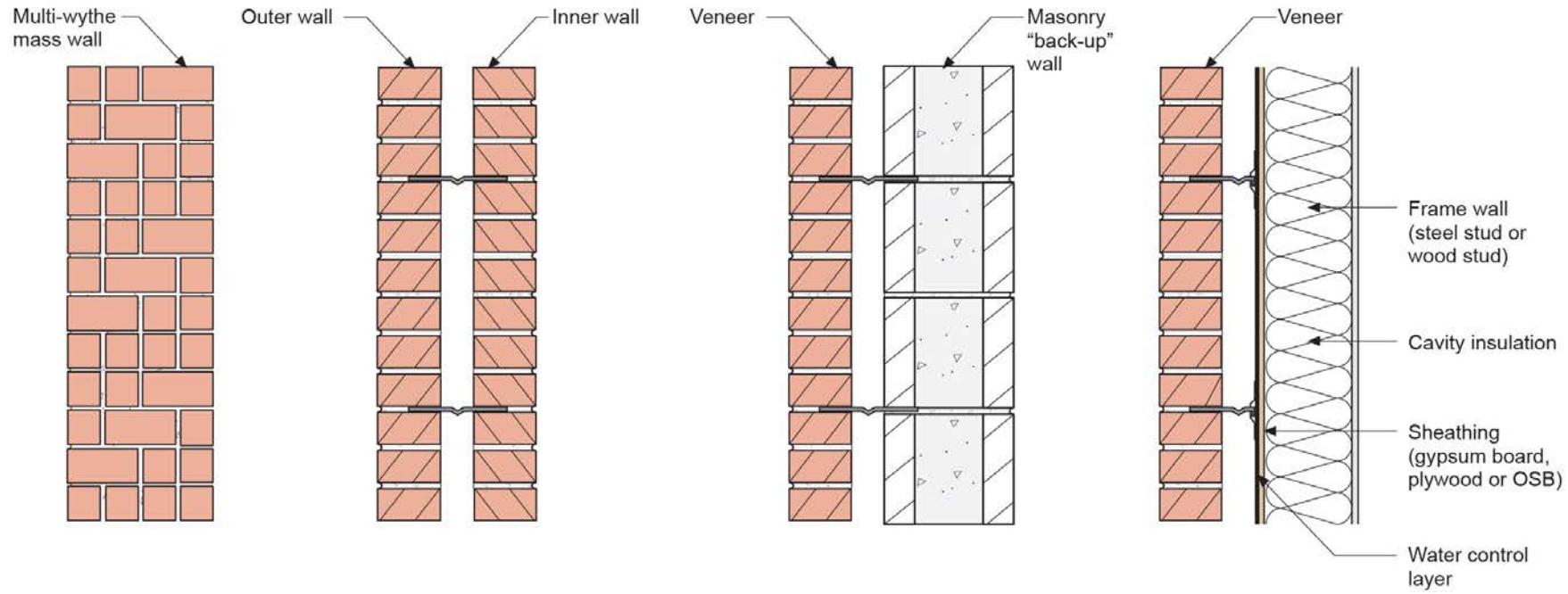


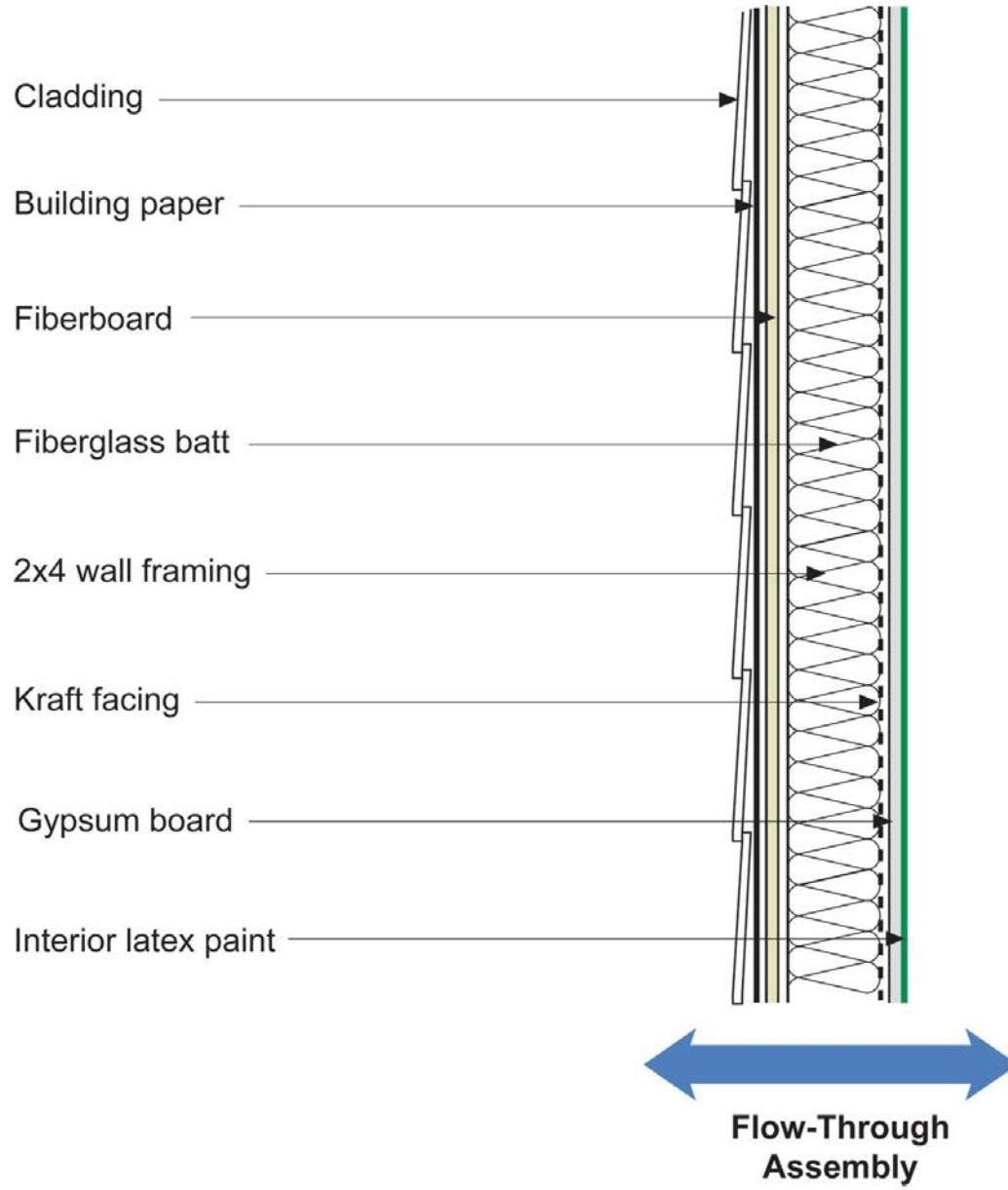


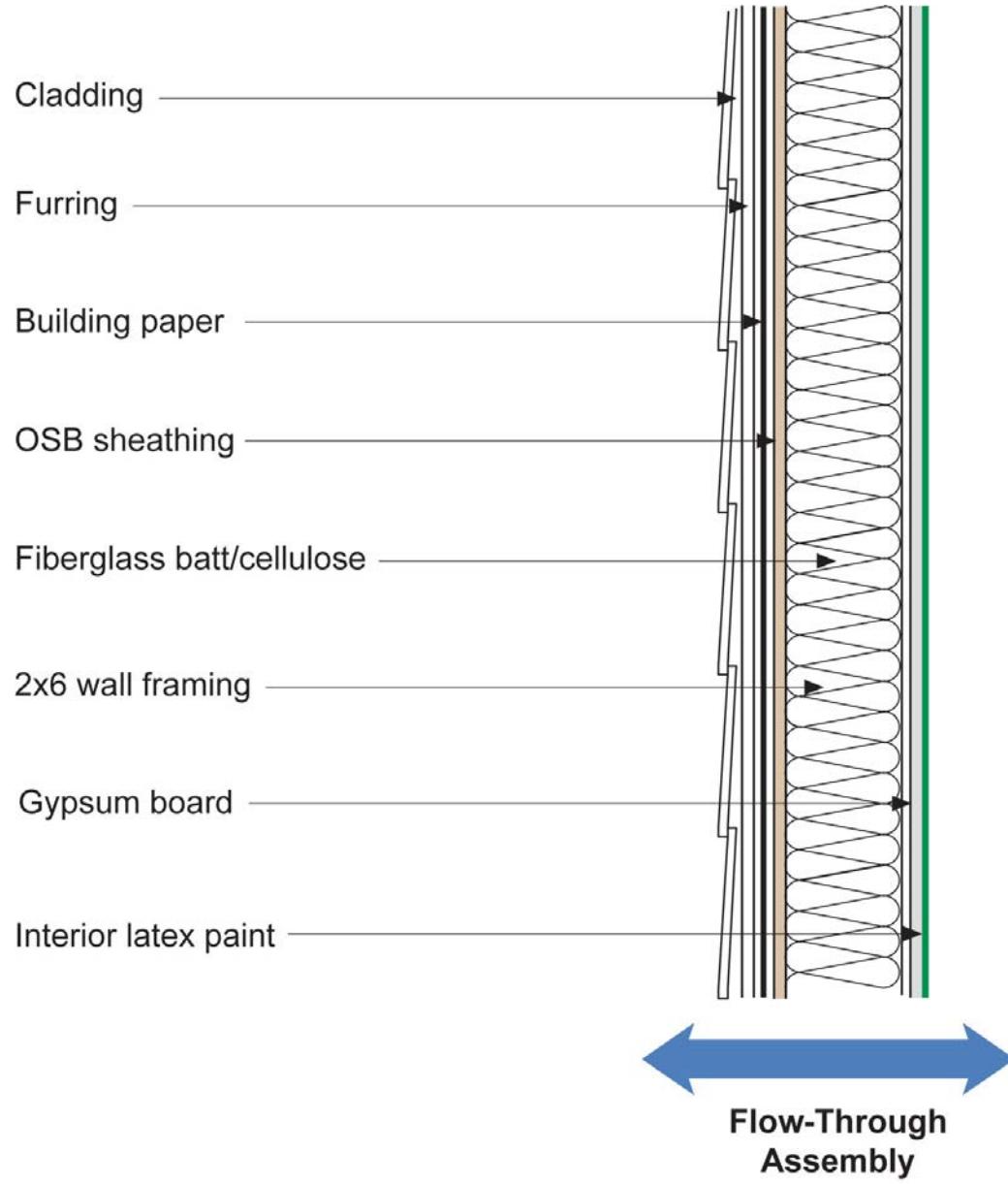
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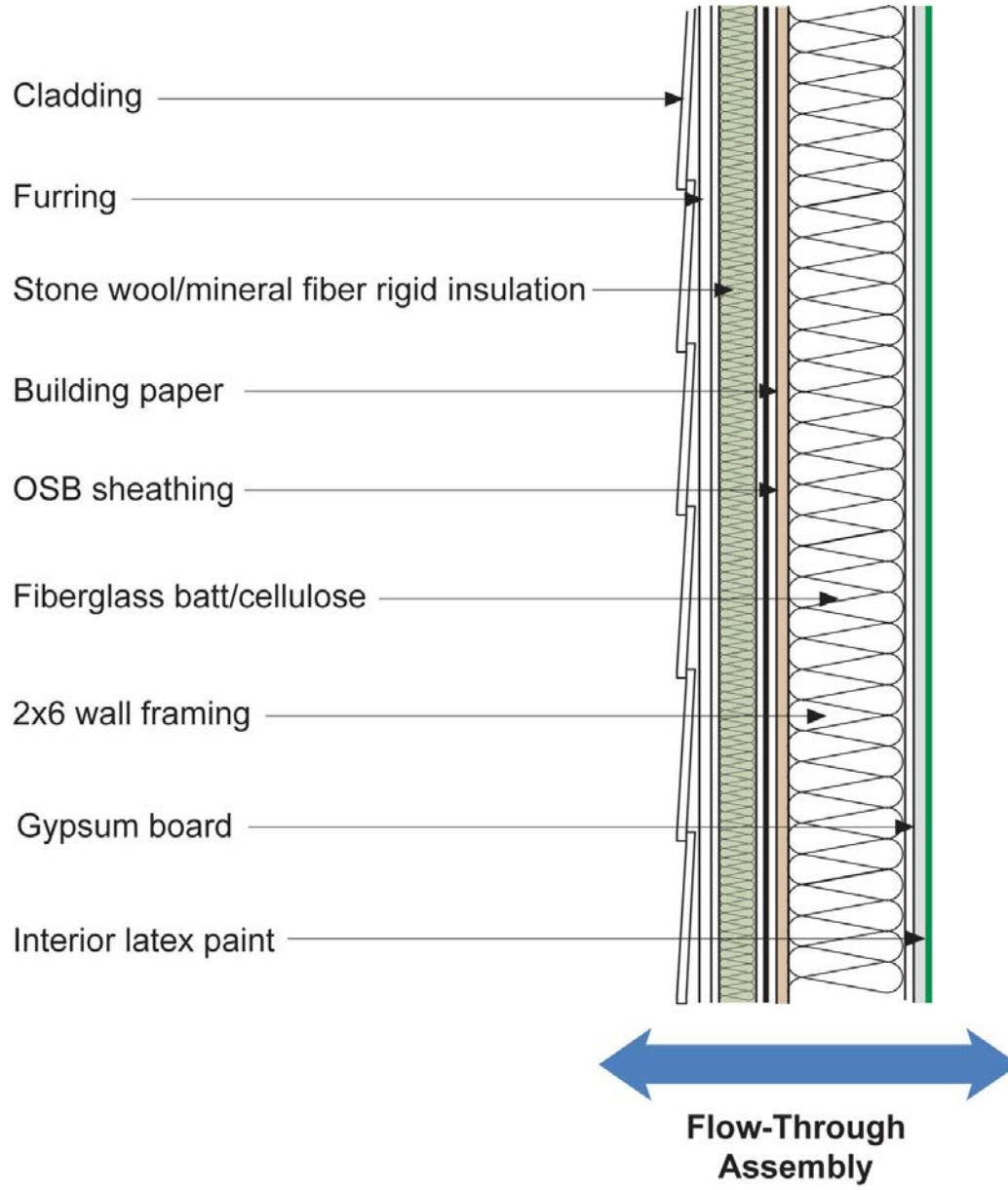


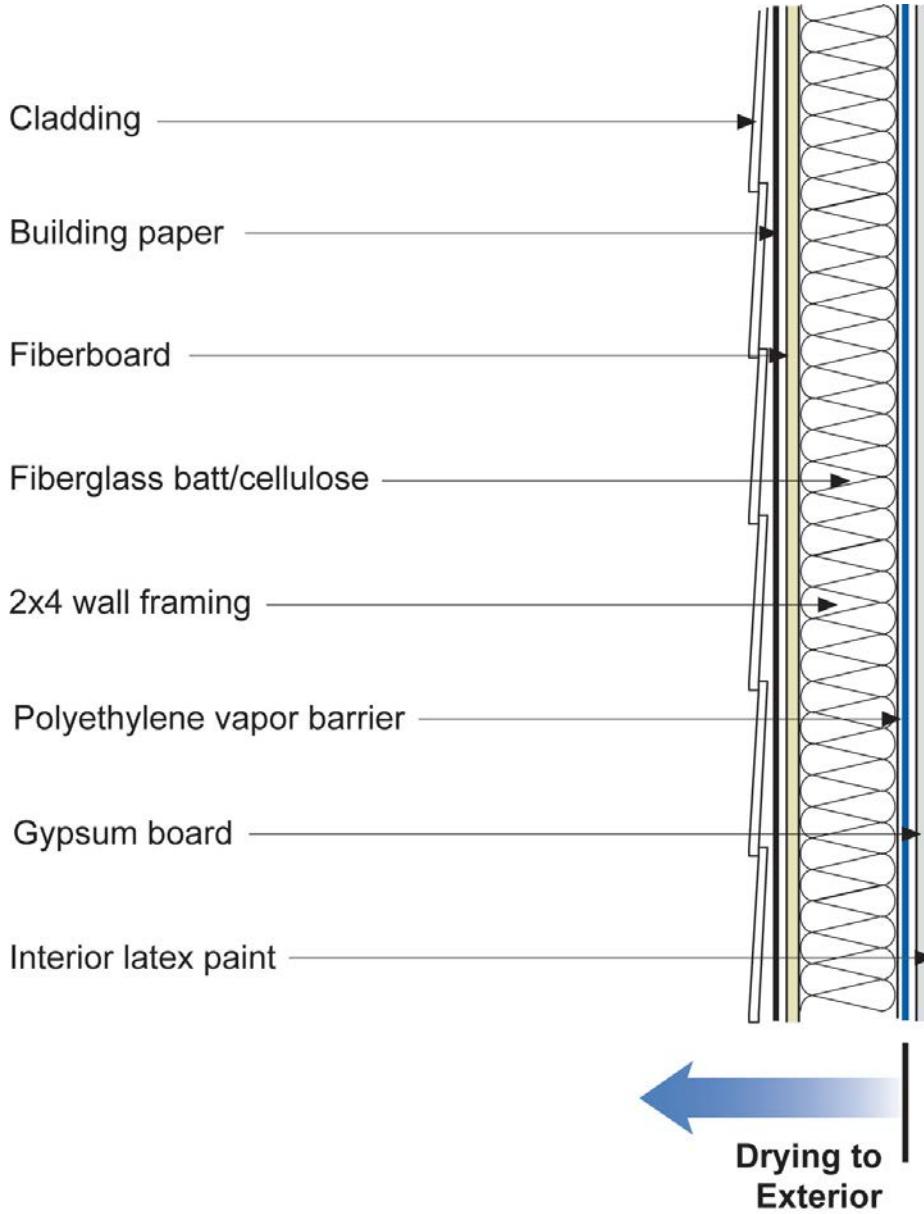


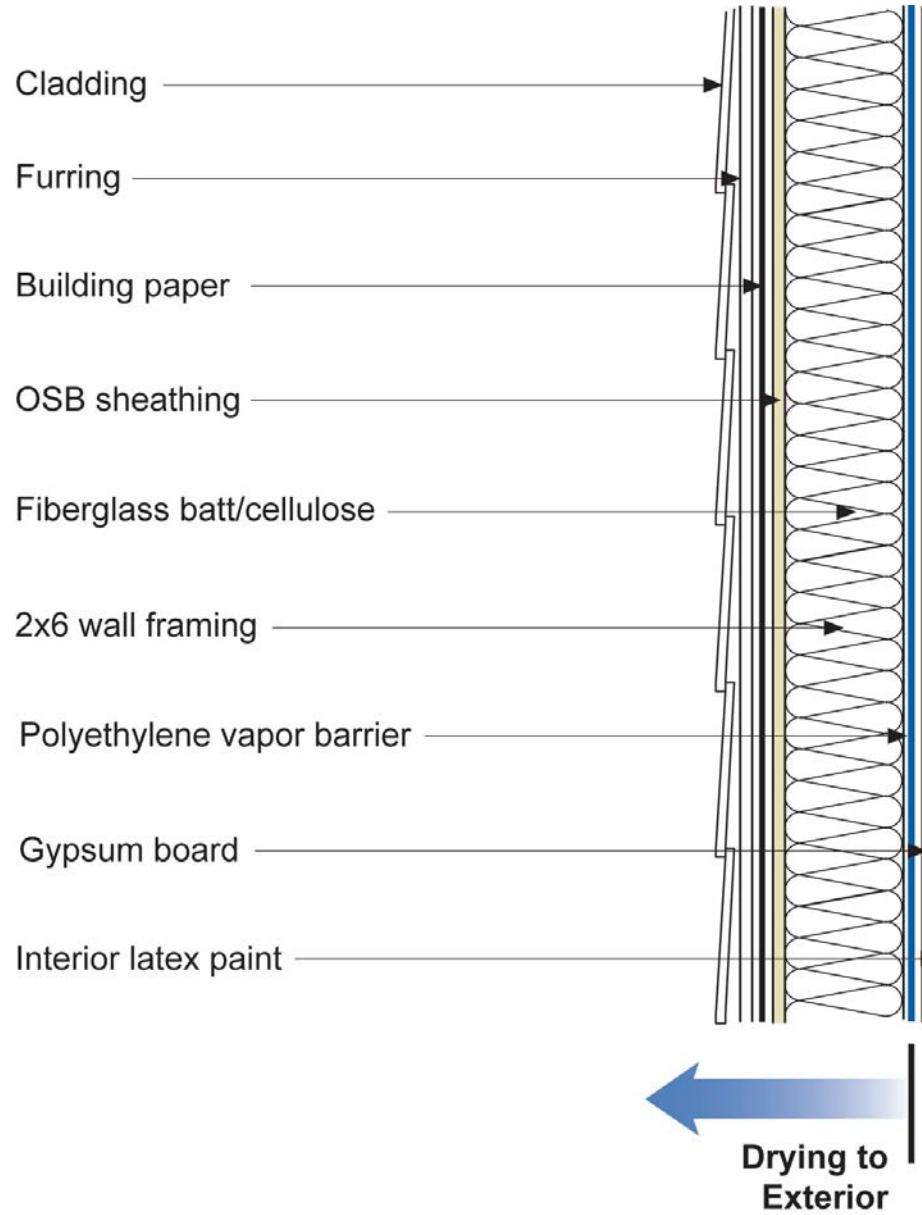


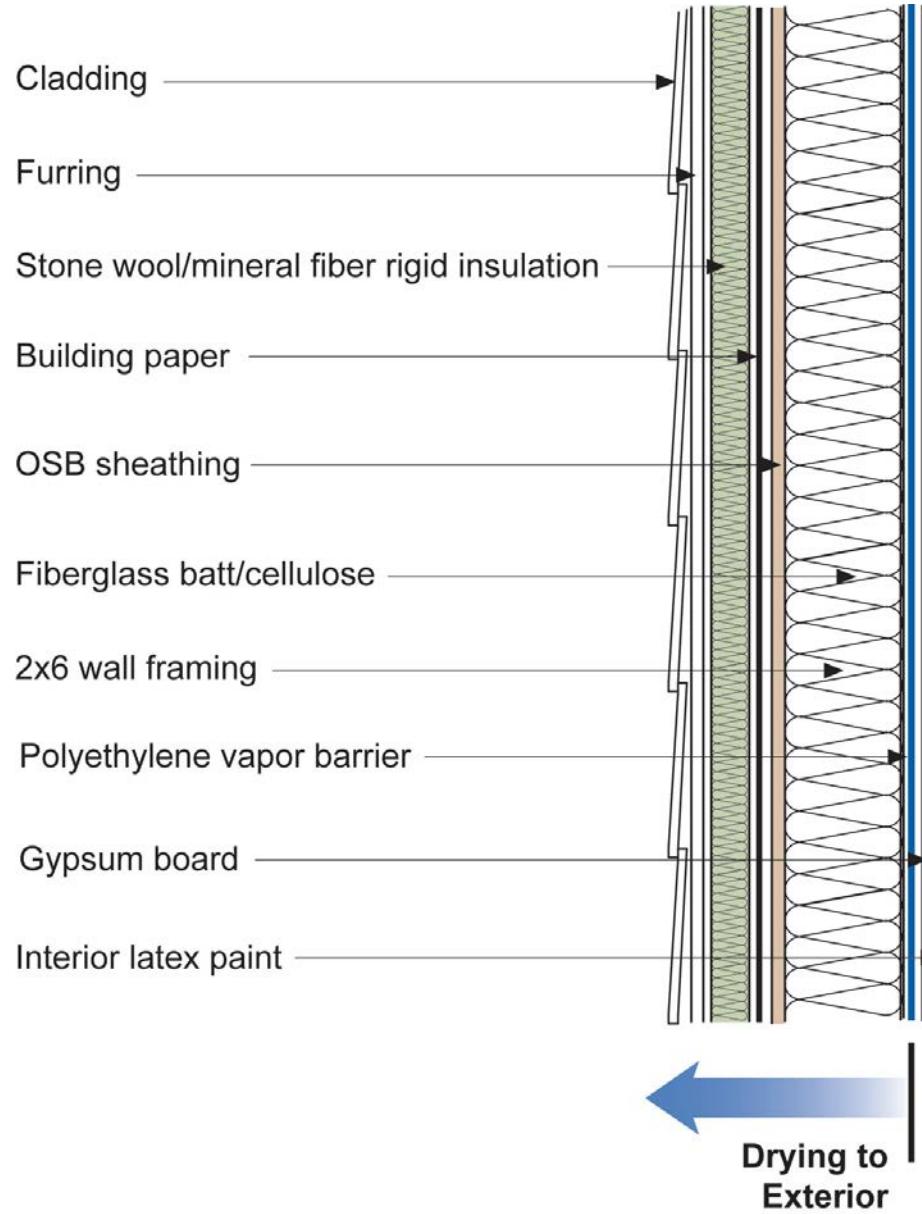


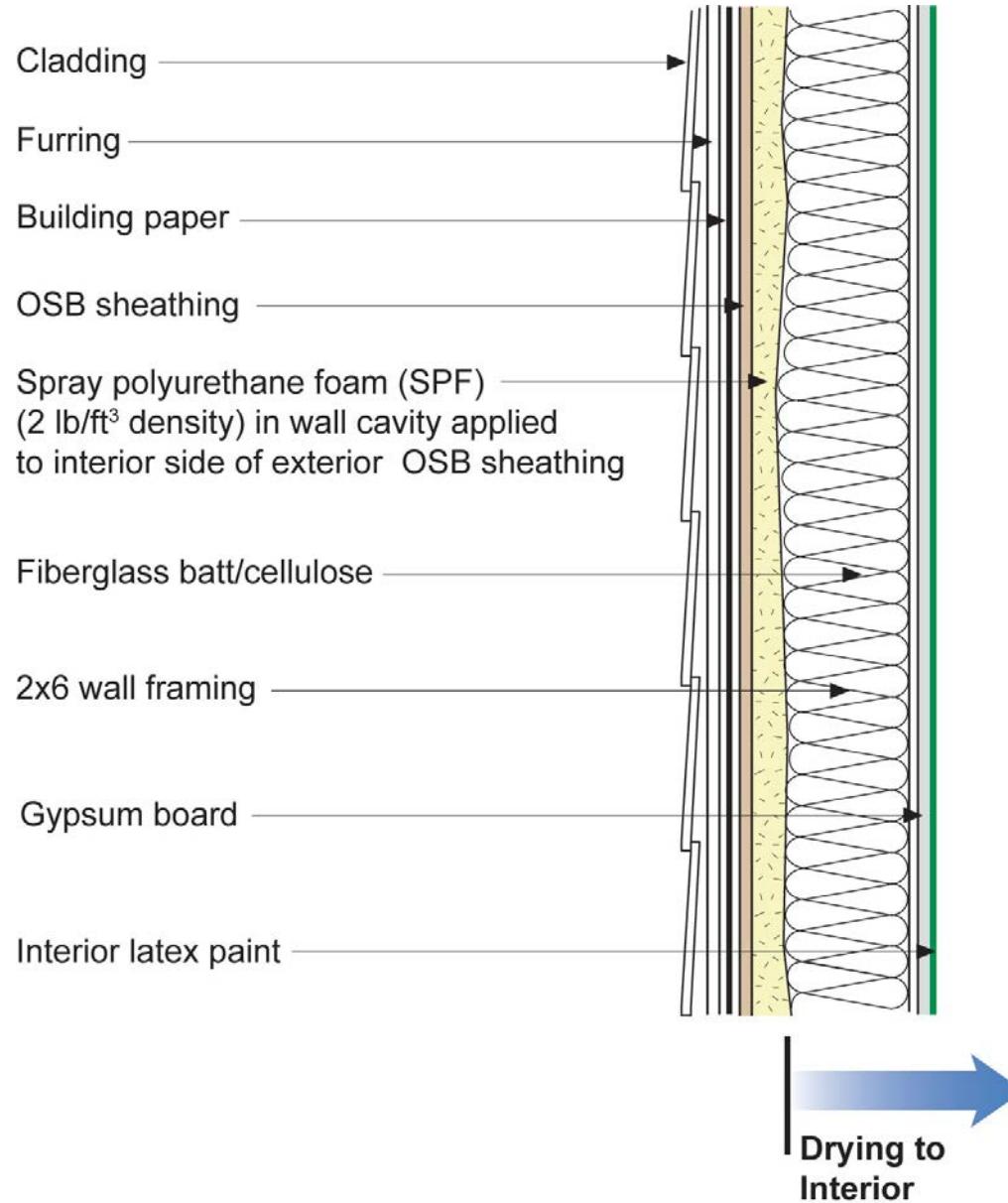


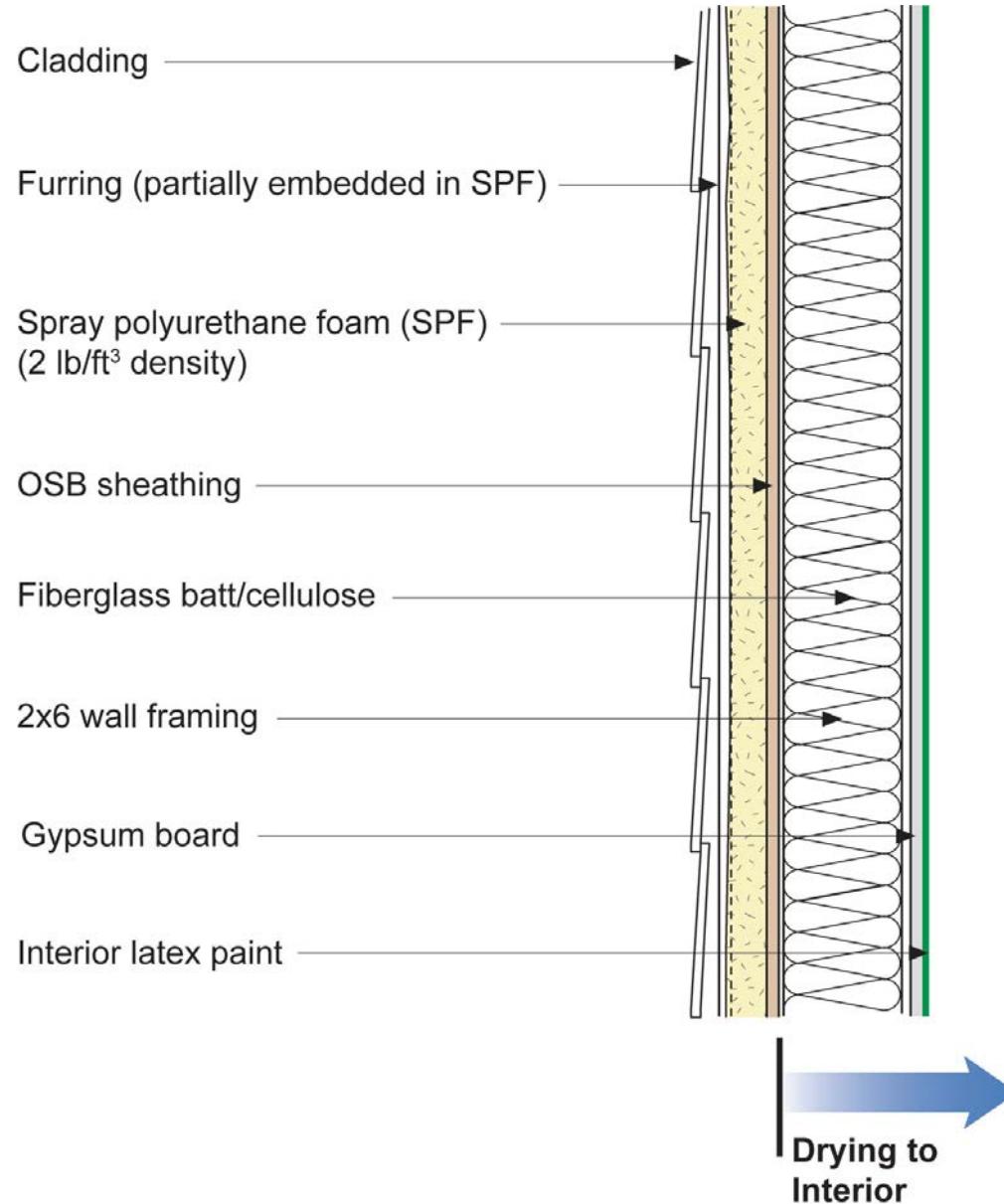


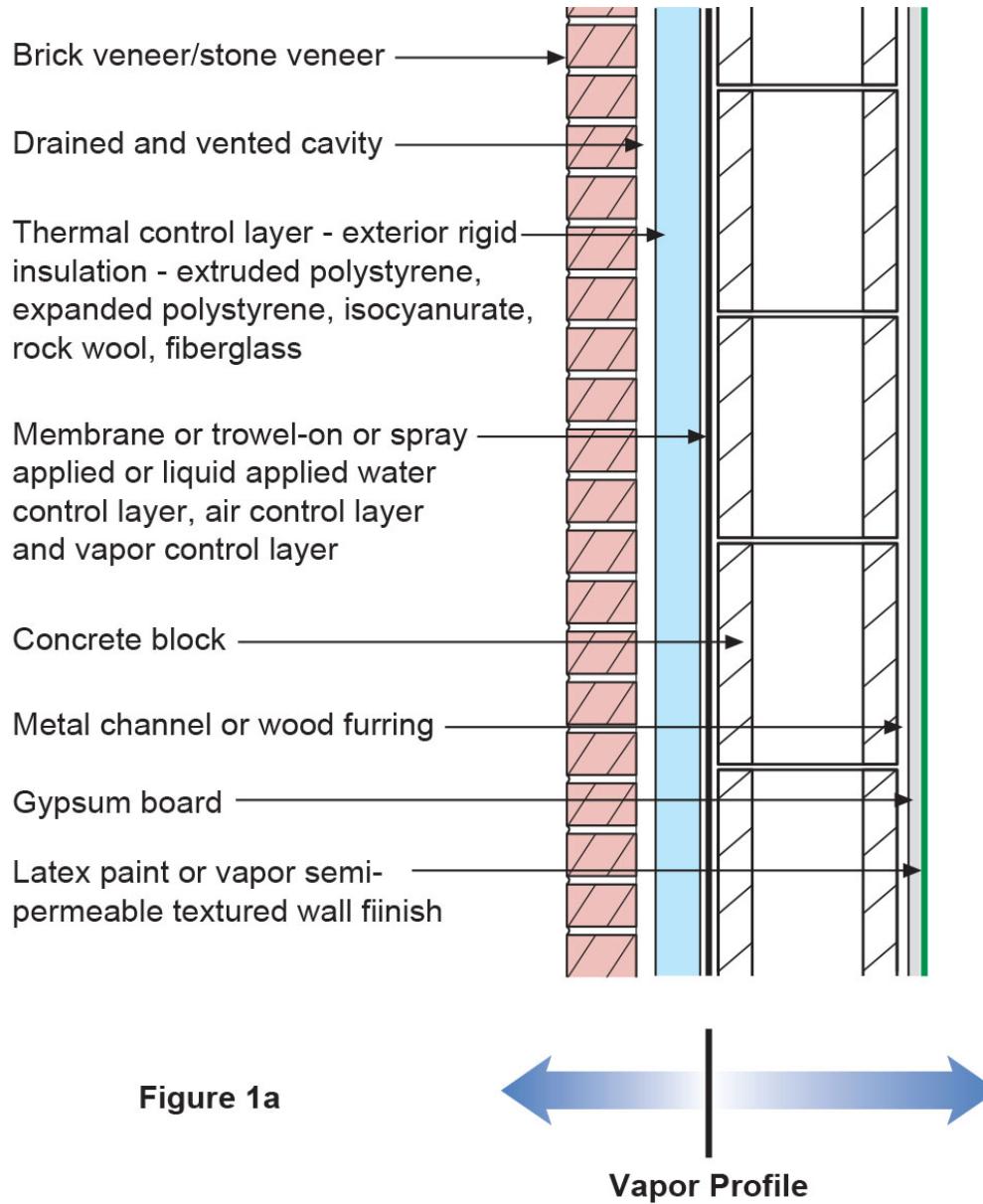




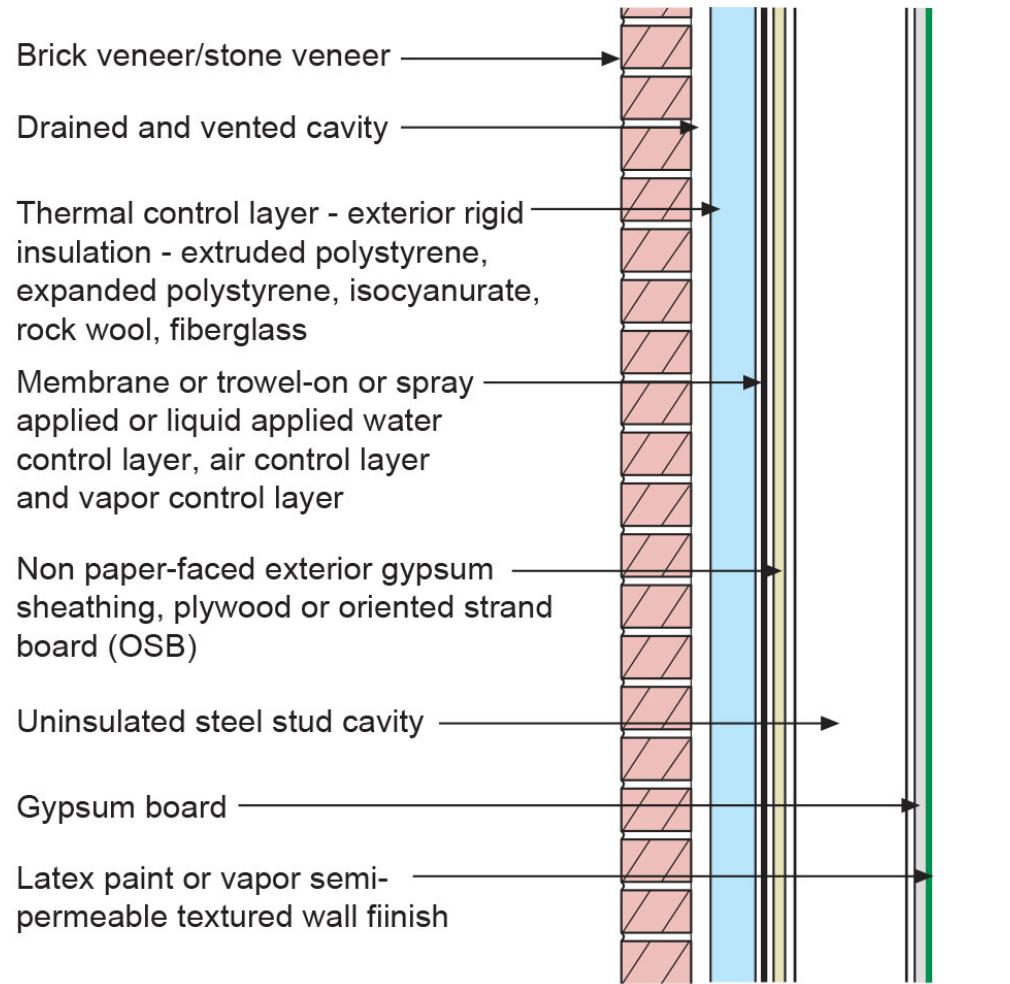




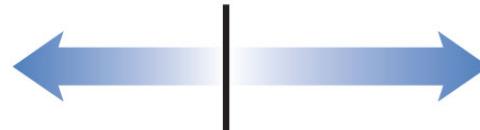




**Figure 1a**



**Figure 1b**



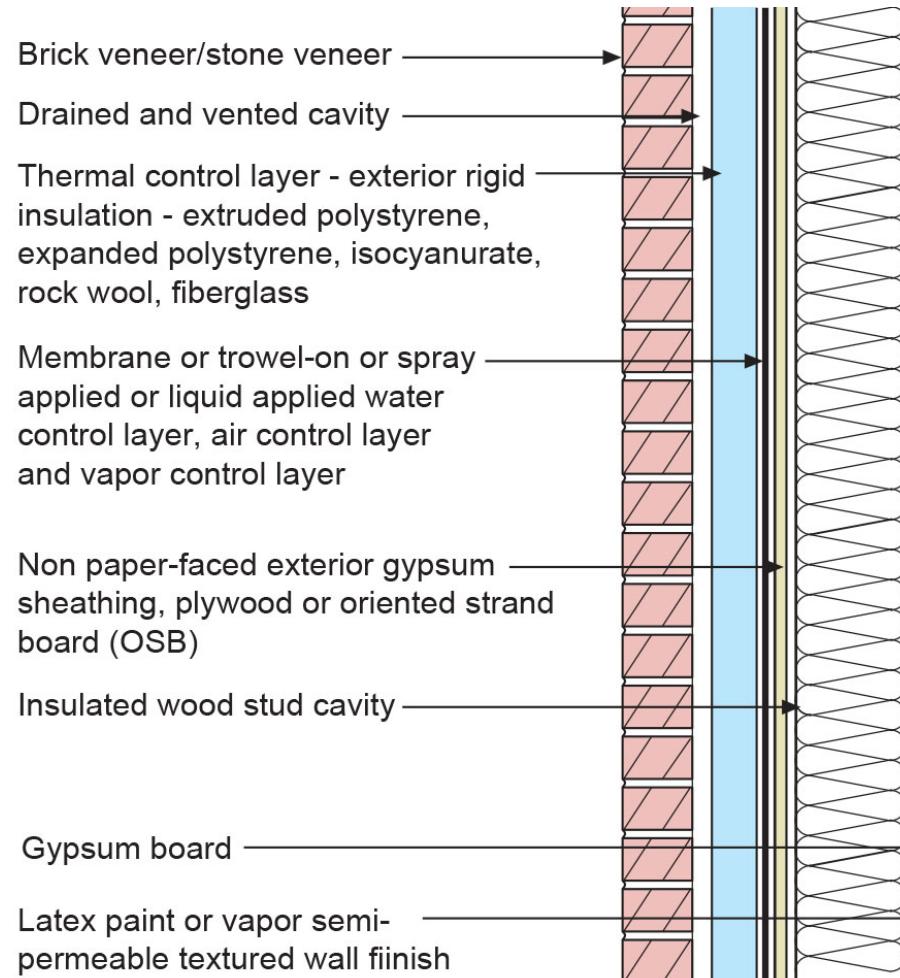


Figure 1c

Vapor Profile

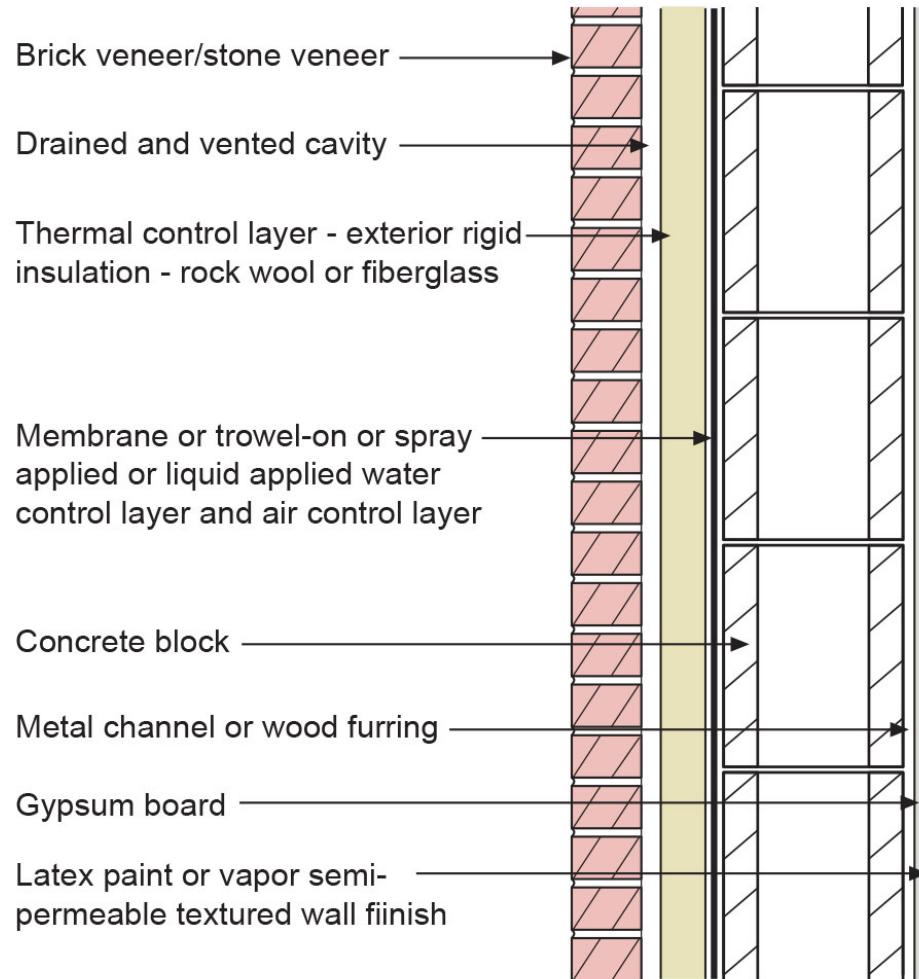
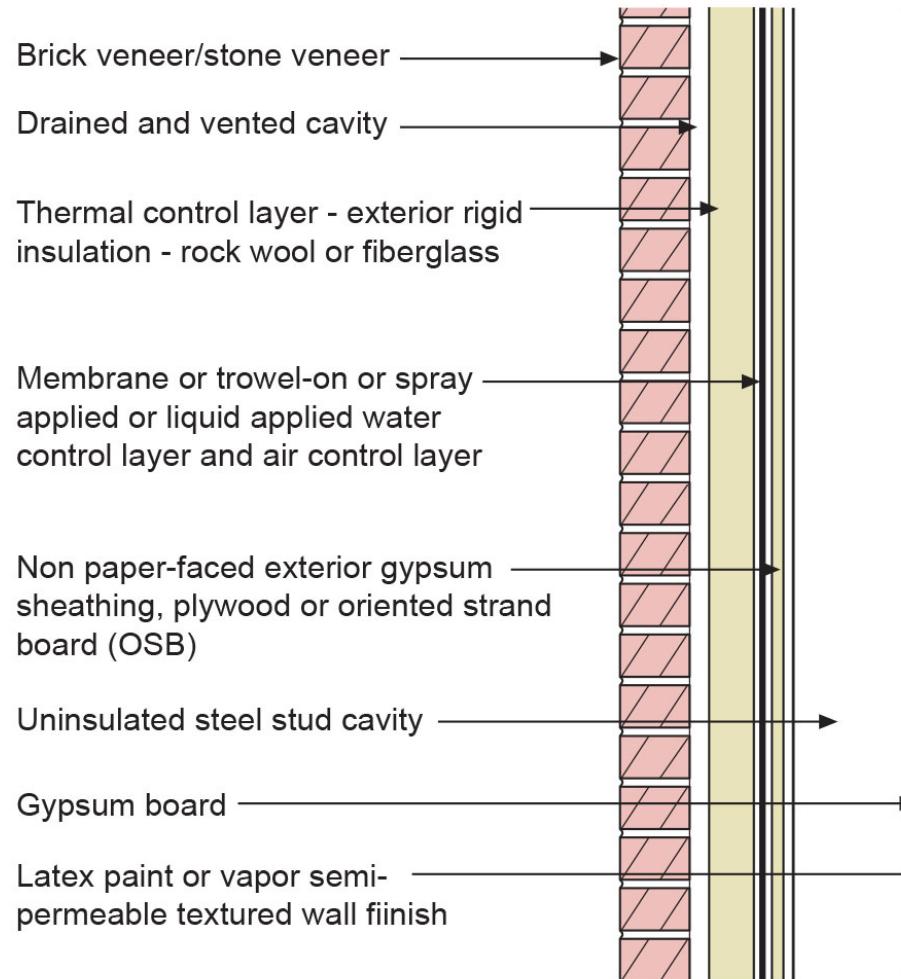


Figure 2a



Vapor Profile



**Figure 2b**



**Vapor Profile**

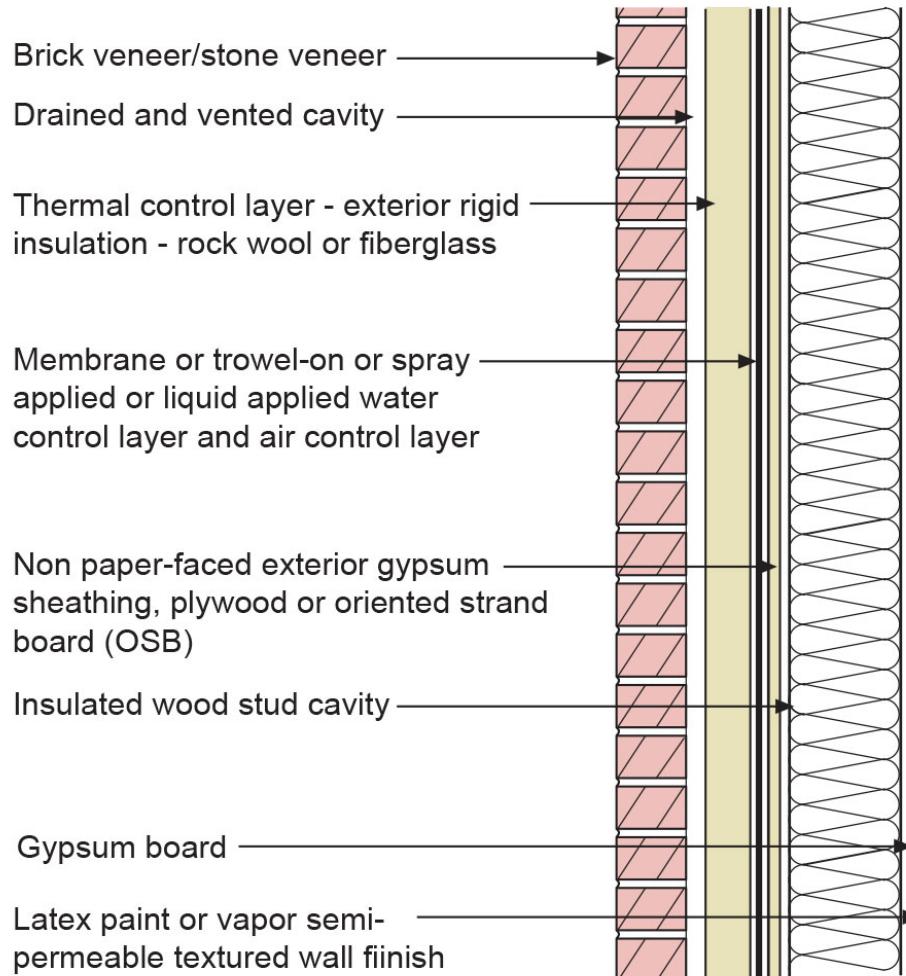


Figure 2c



Vapor Profile

