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What is a Building?

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A Building is an Environmental Separator

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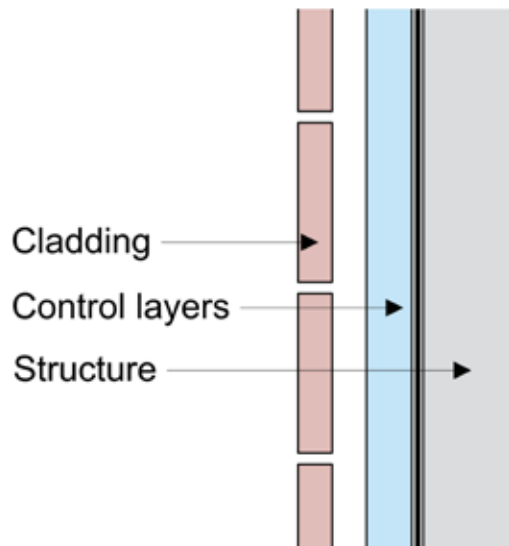
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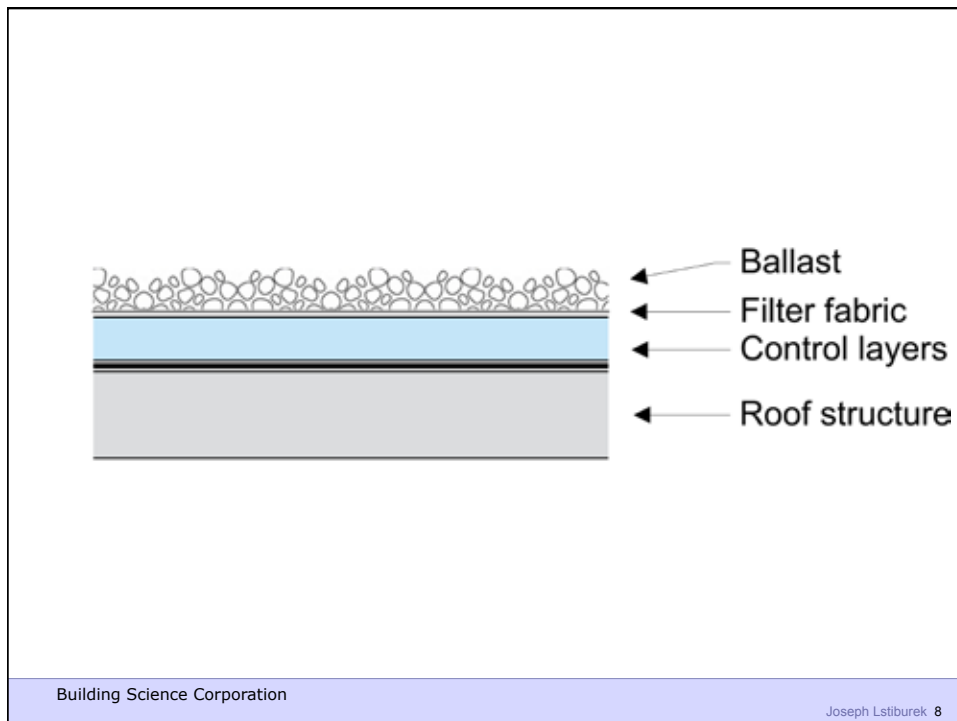
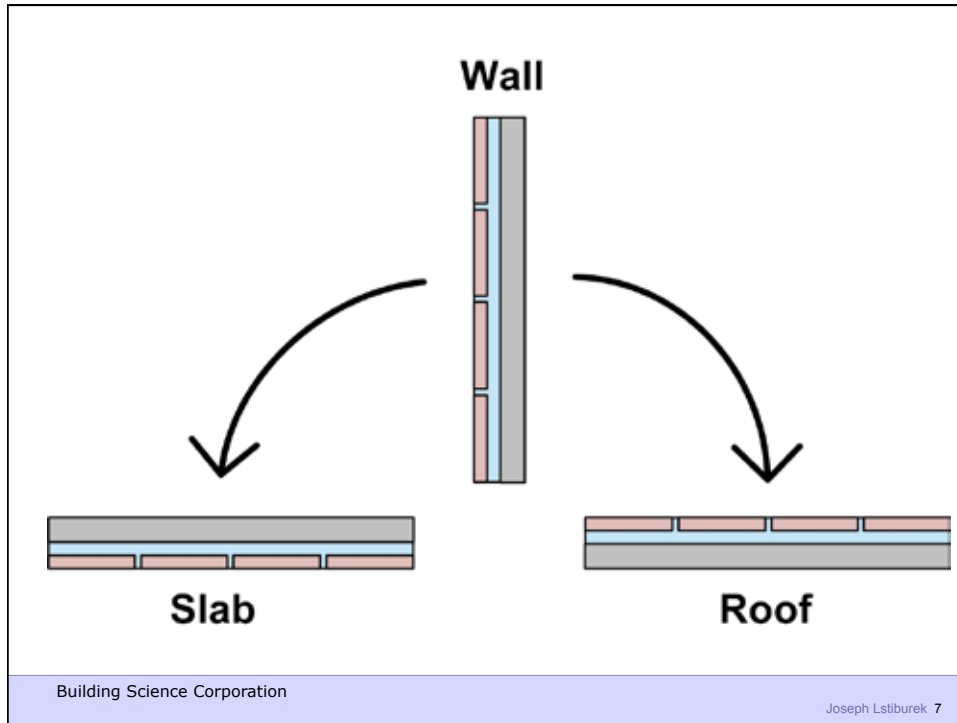
- Control heat flow
- Control airflow
- Control water vapor flow
- Control rain
- Control ground water
- Control light and solar radiation
- Control noise and vibrations
- Control contaminants, environmental hazards and odors
- Control insects, rodents and vermin
- Control fire
- Provide strength and rigidity
- Be durable
- Be aesthetically pleasing
- Be economical

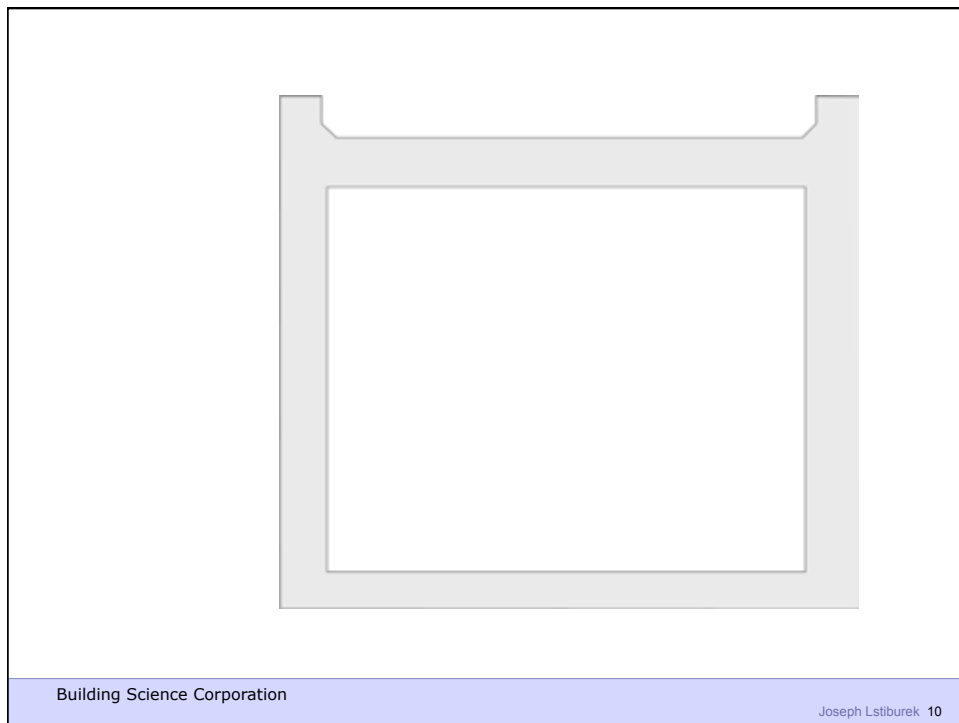
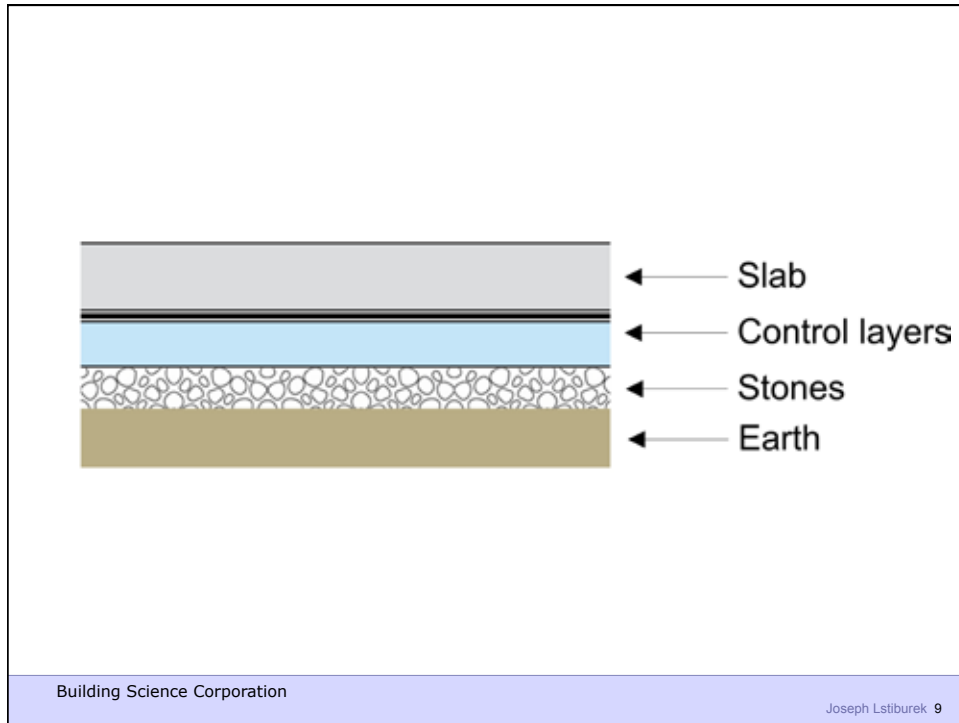
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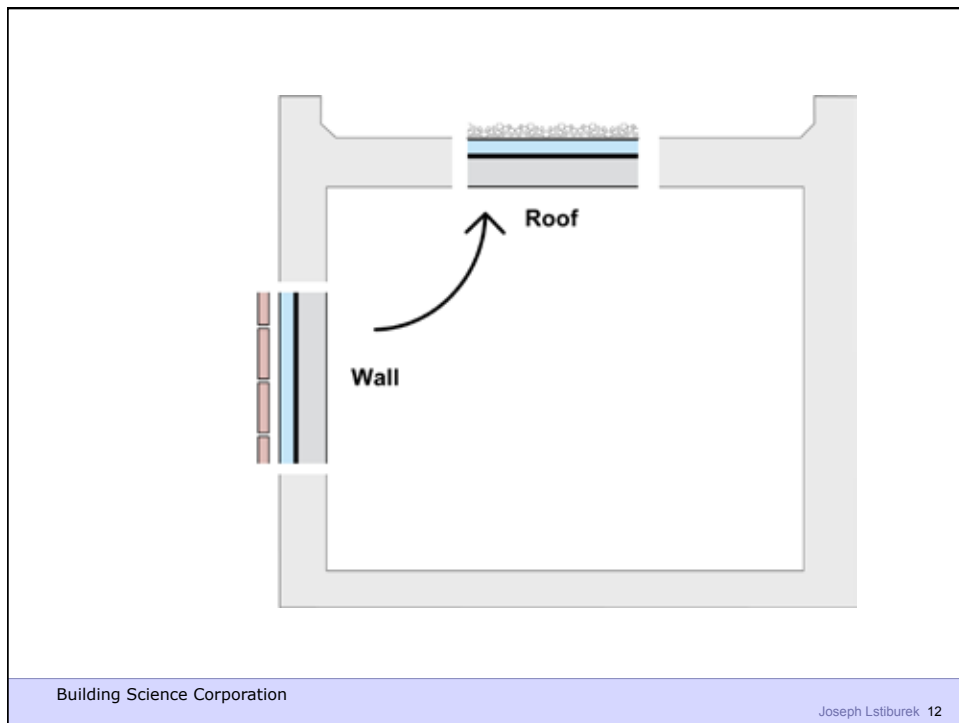
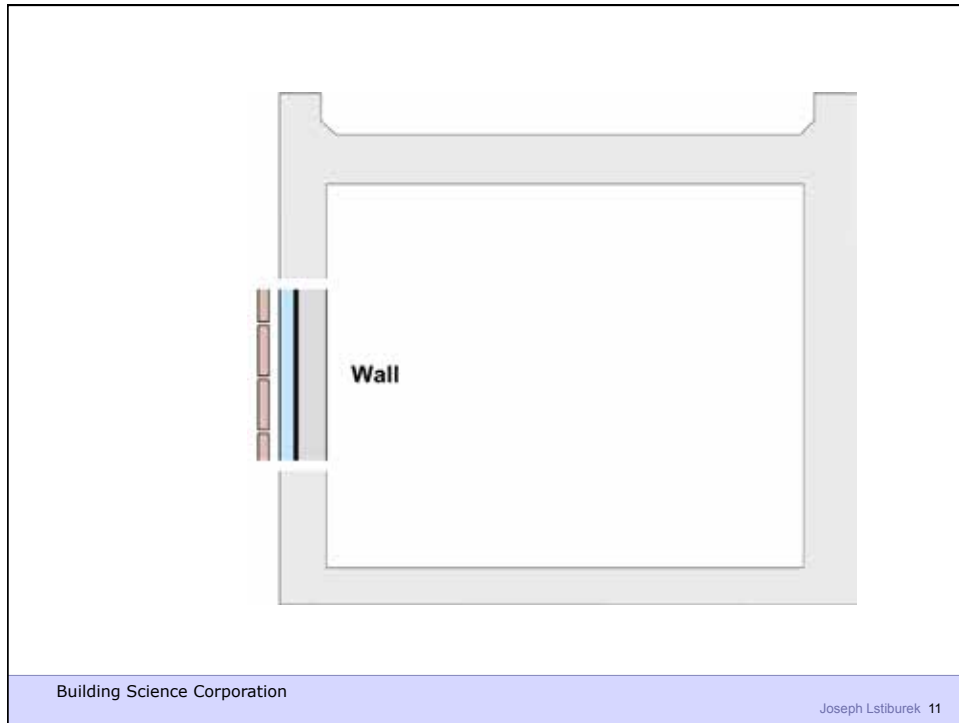
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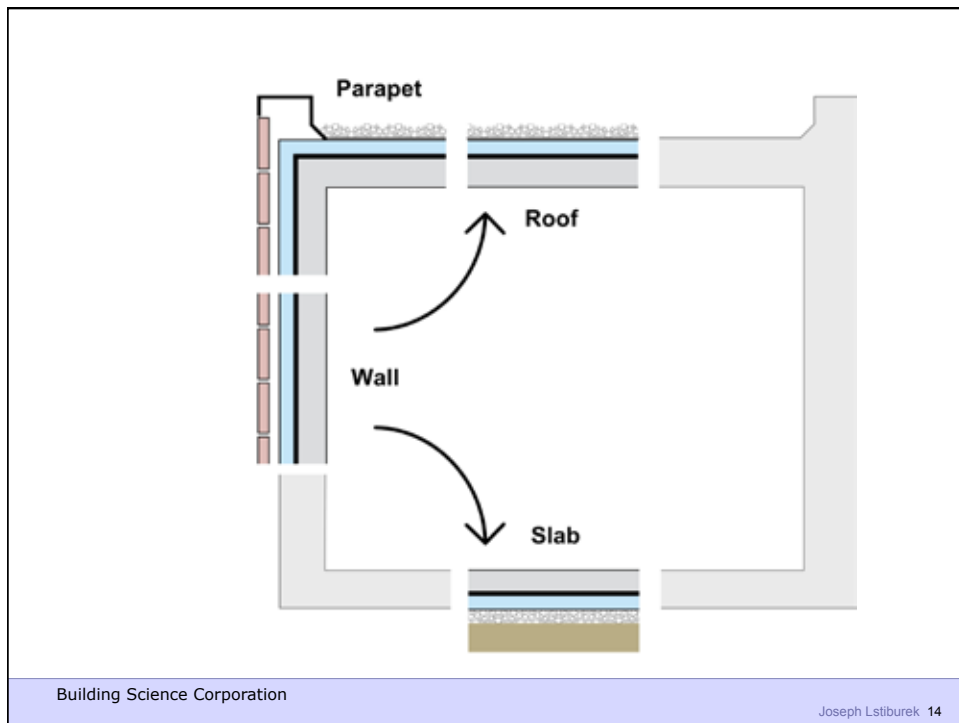
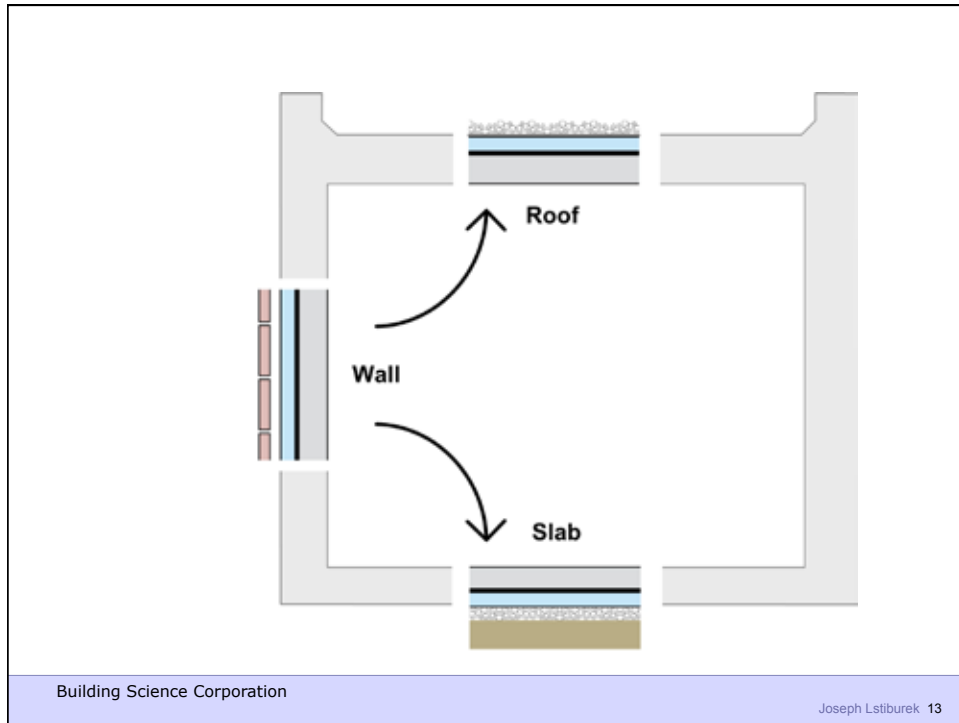
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Air Control Layer
Vapor Control Layer
Thermal Control Layer

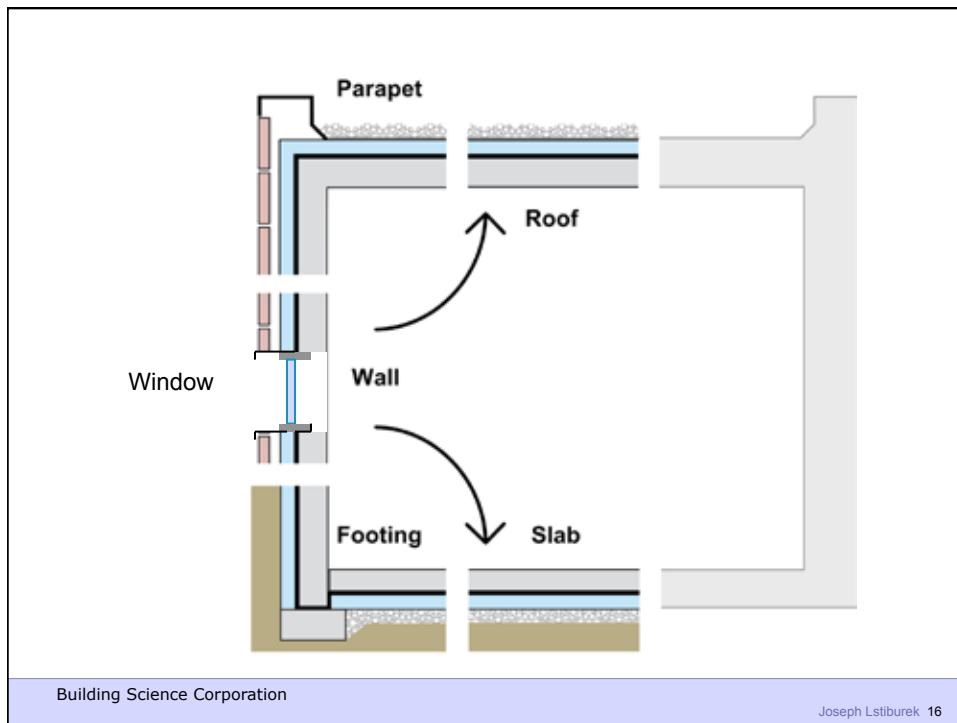
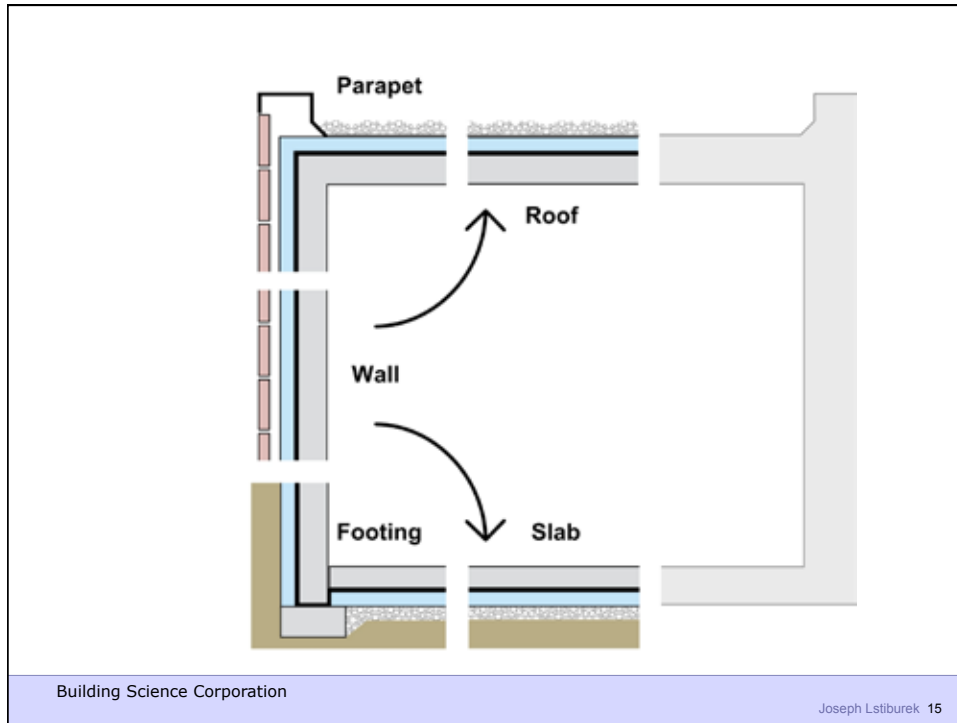


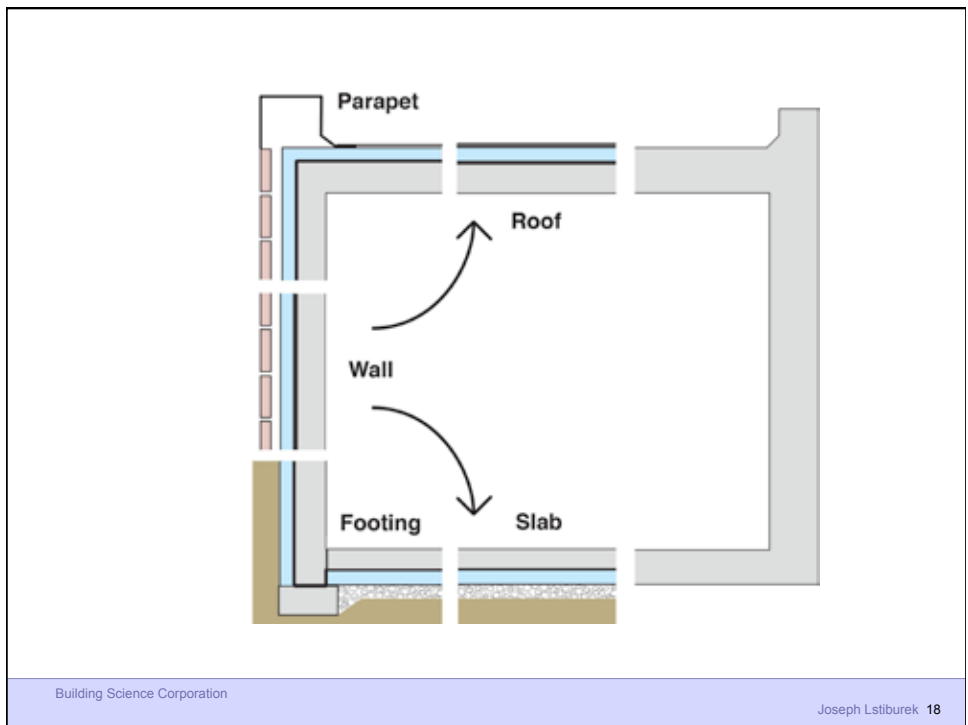
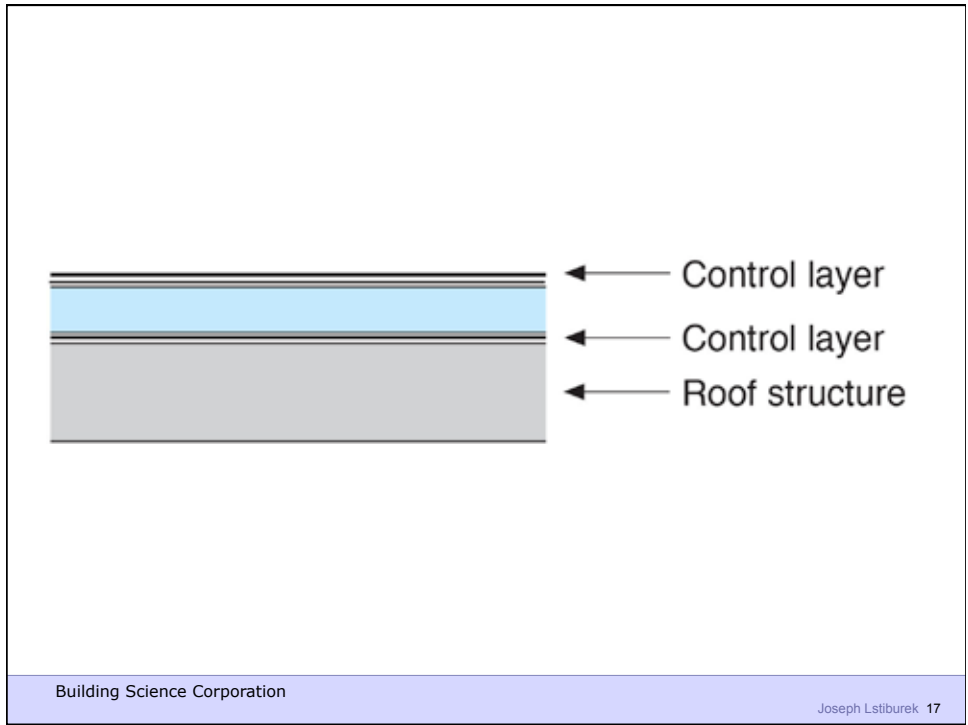


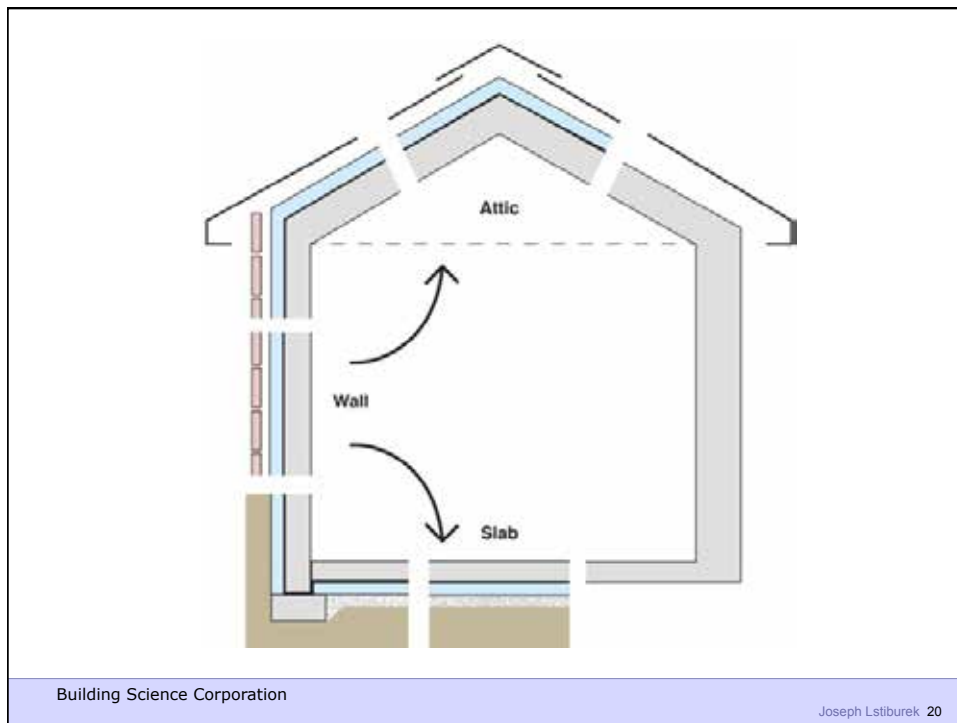
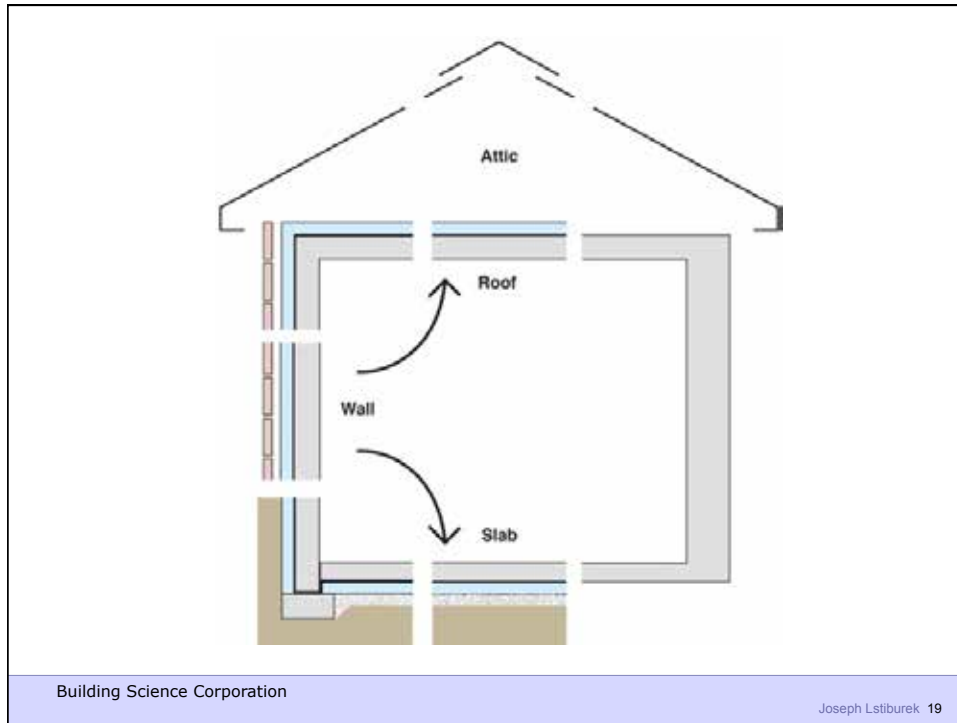


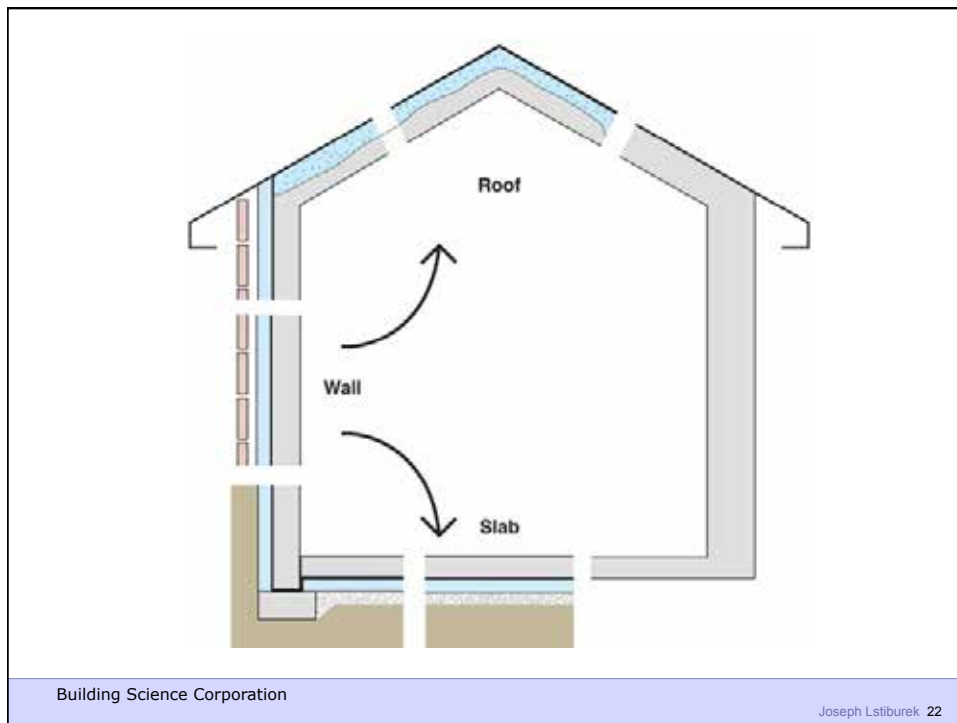
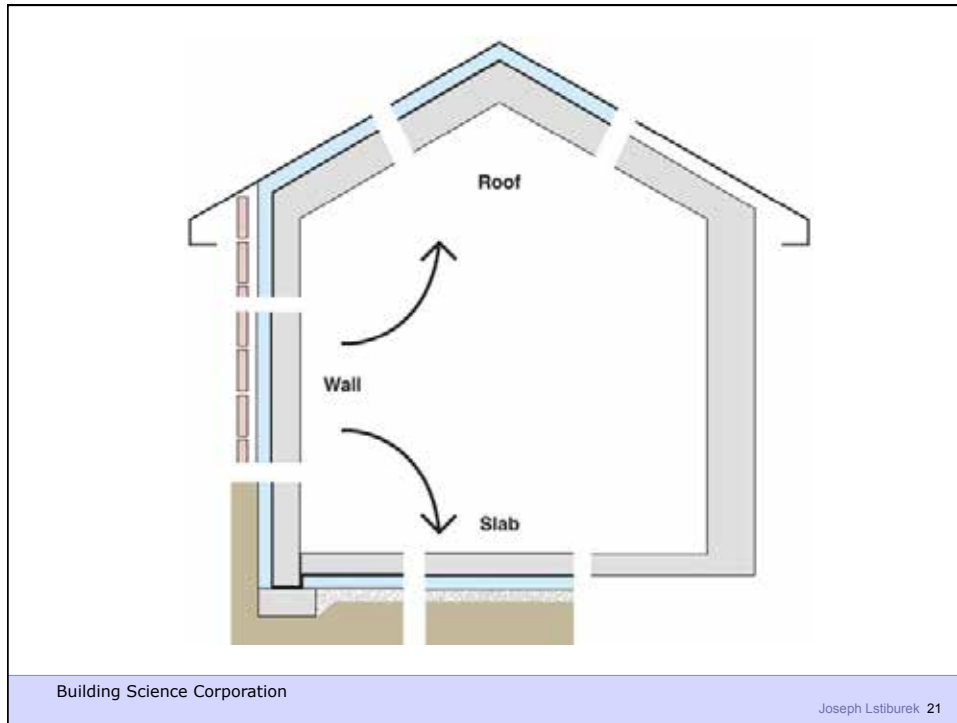




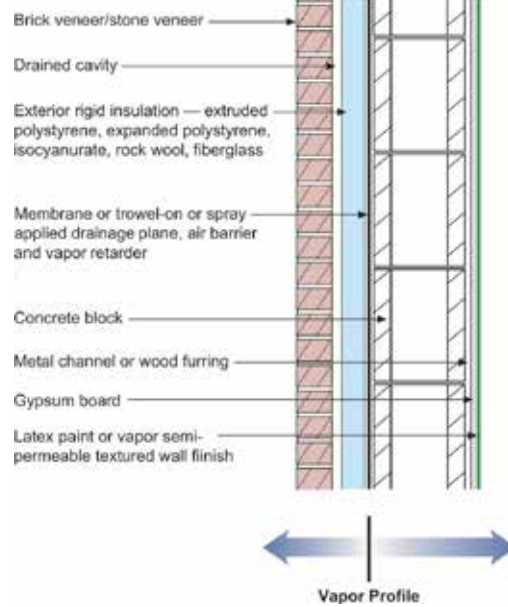


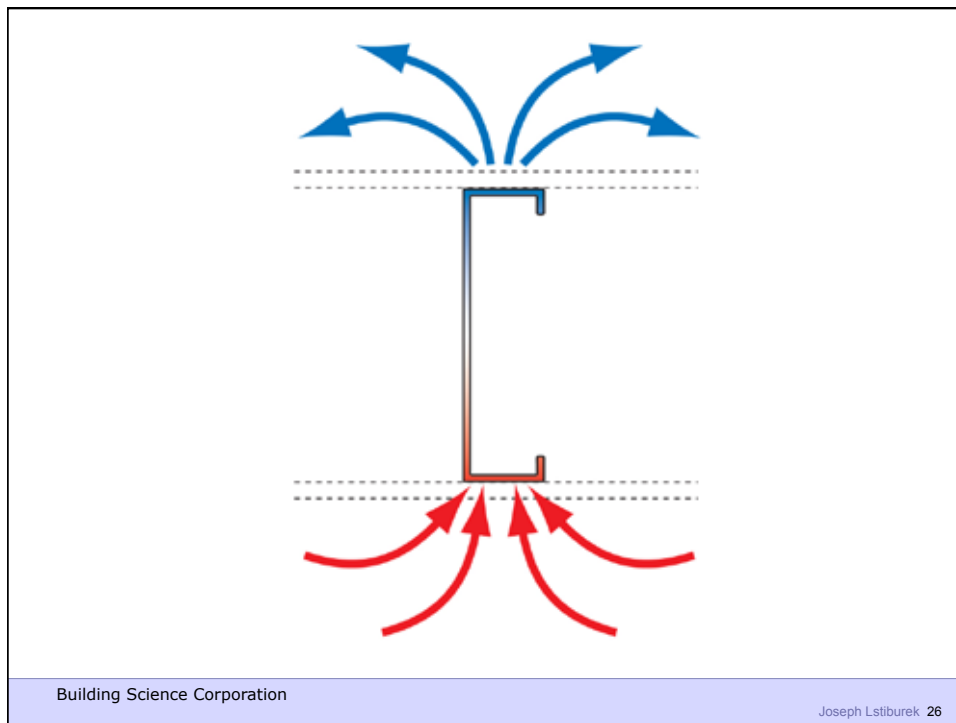
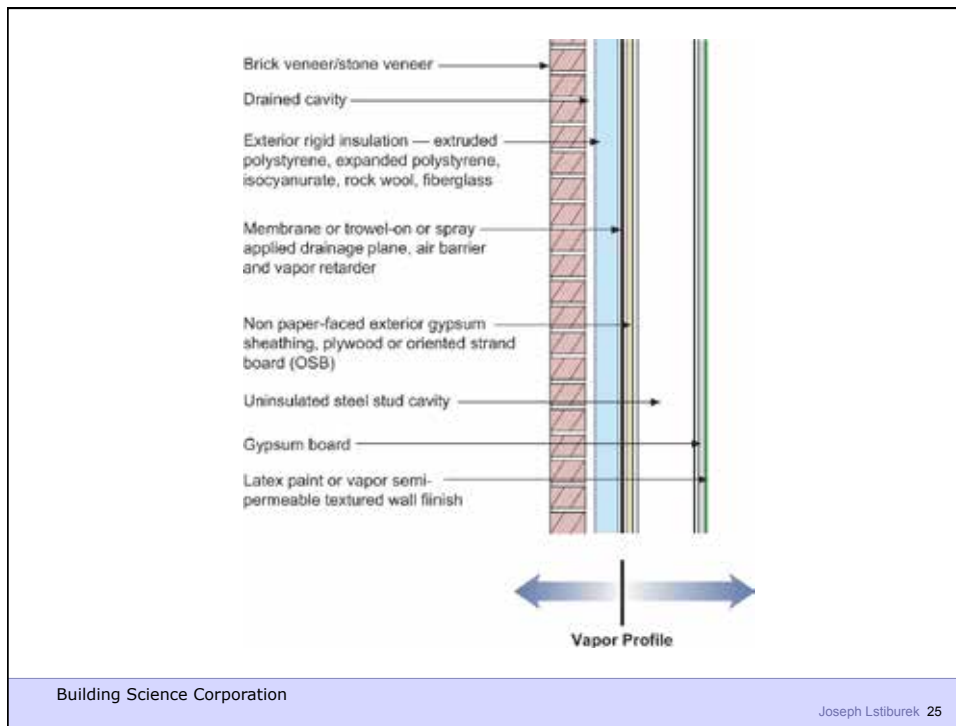


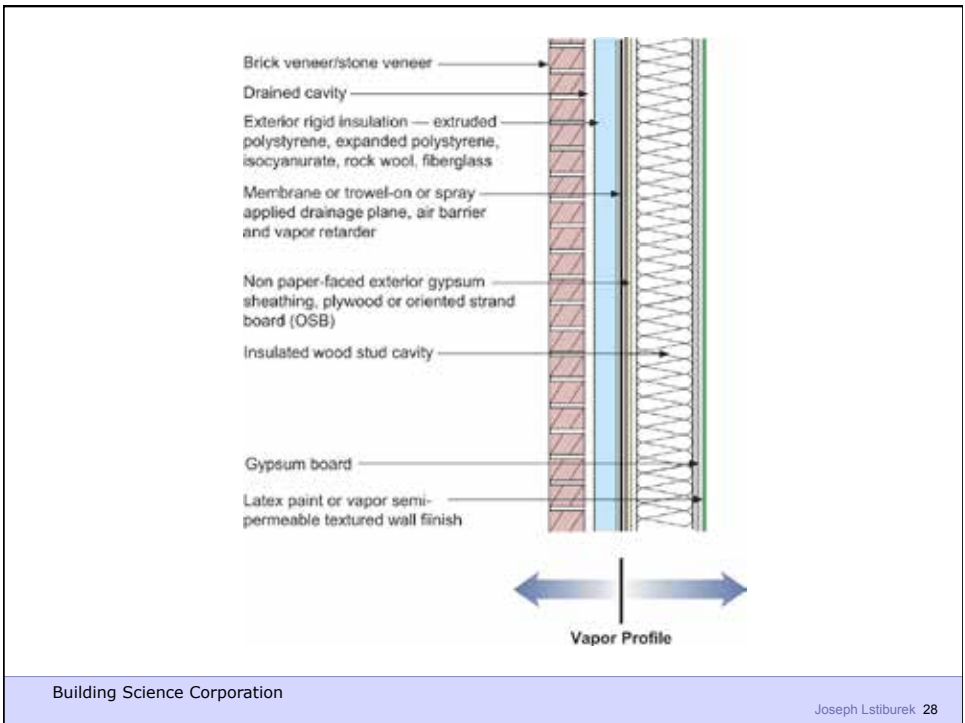




Configurations of the Perfect Wall







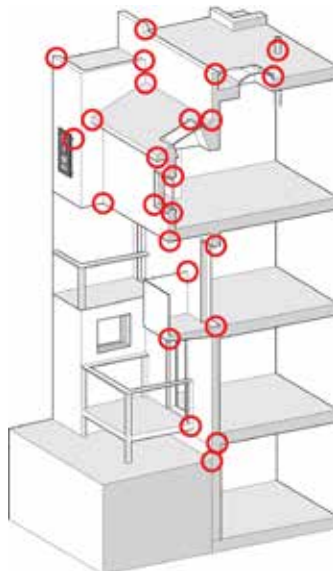
Commercial Enclosure: Simple Layers



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

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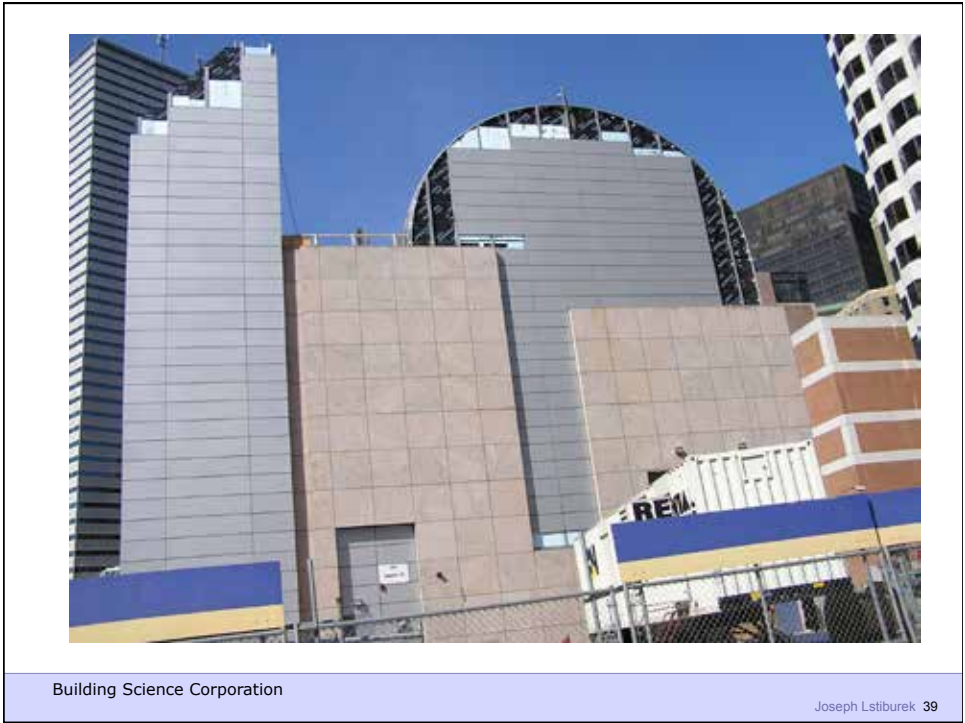
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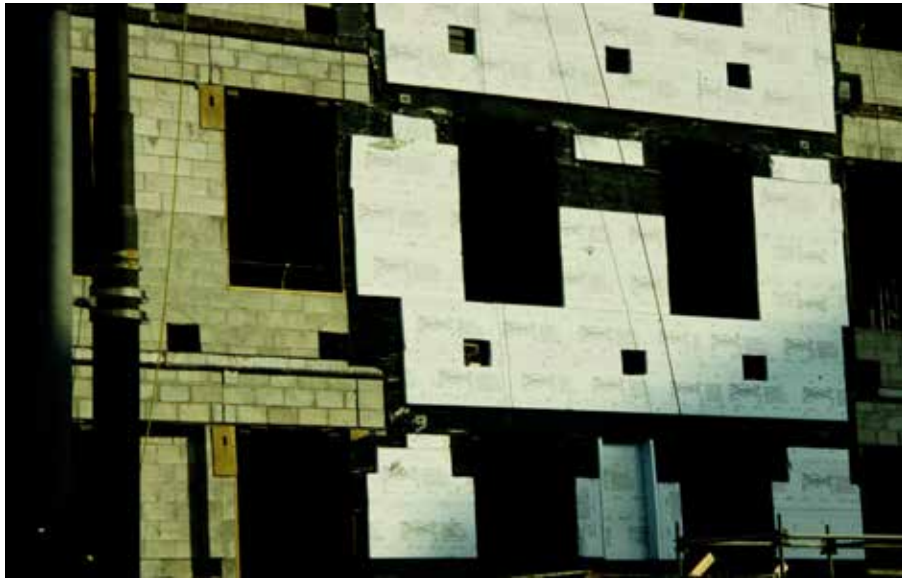


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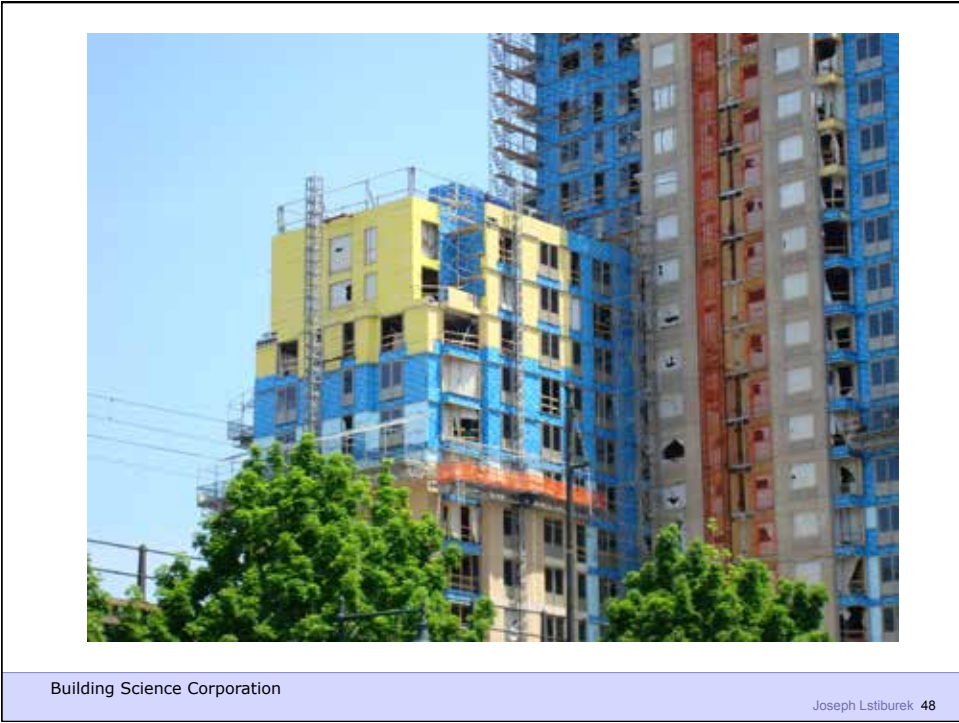
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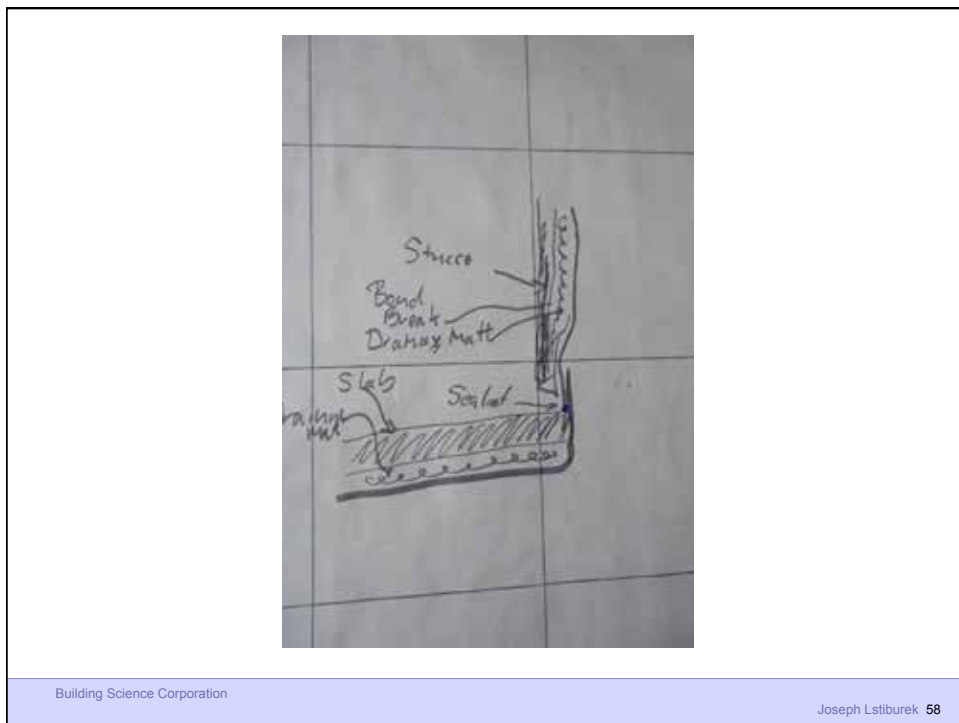




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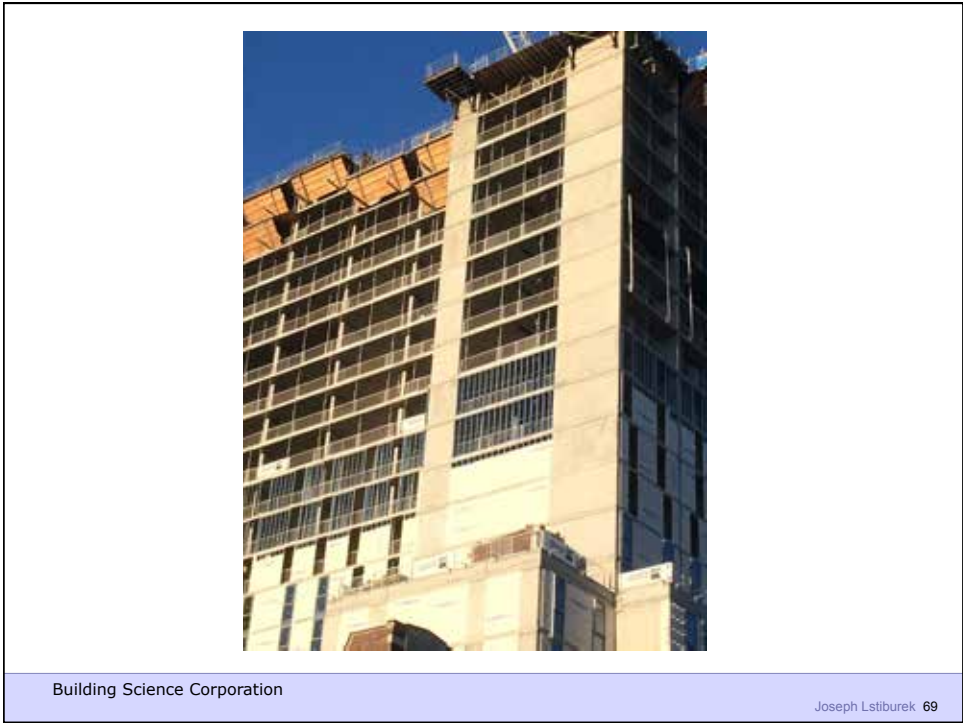
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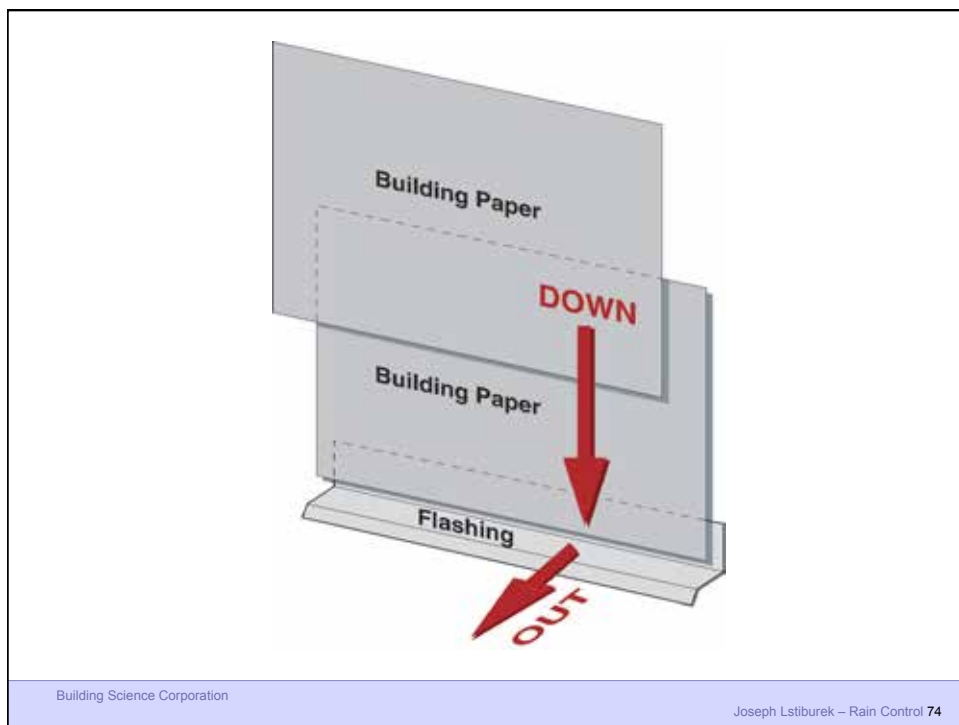
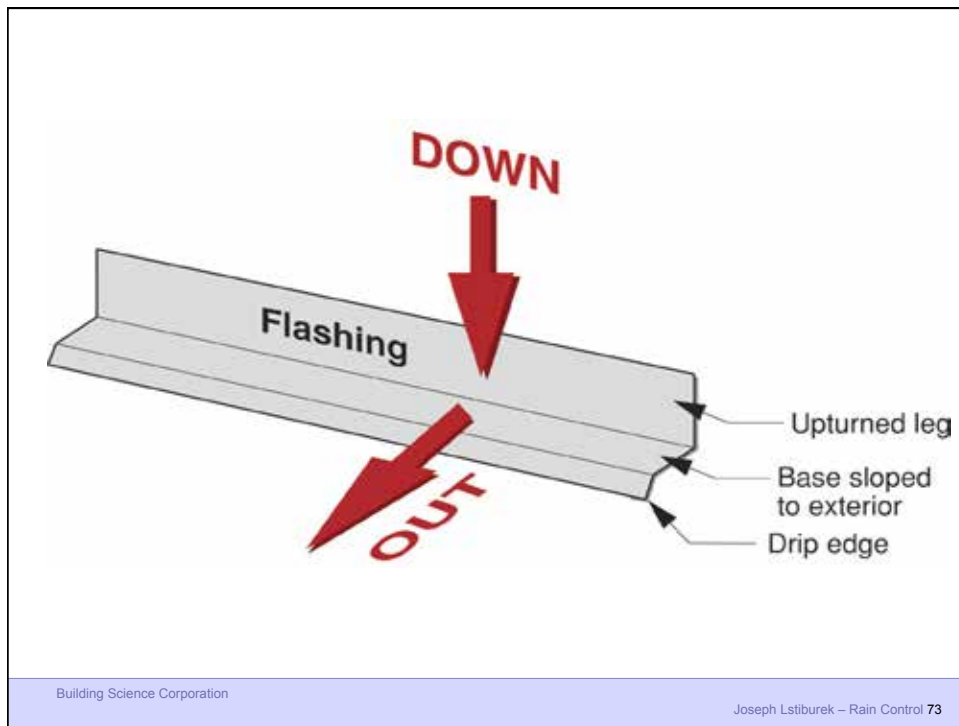


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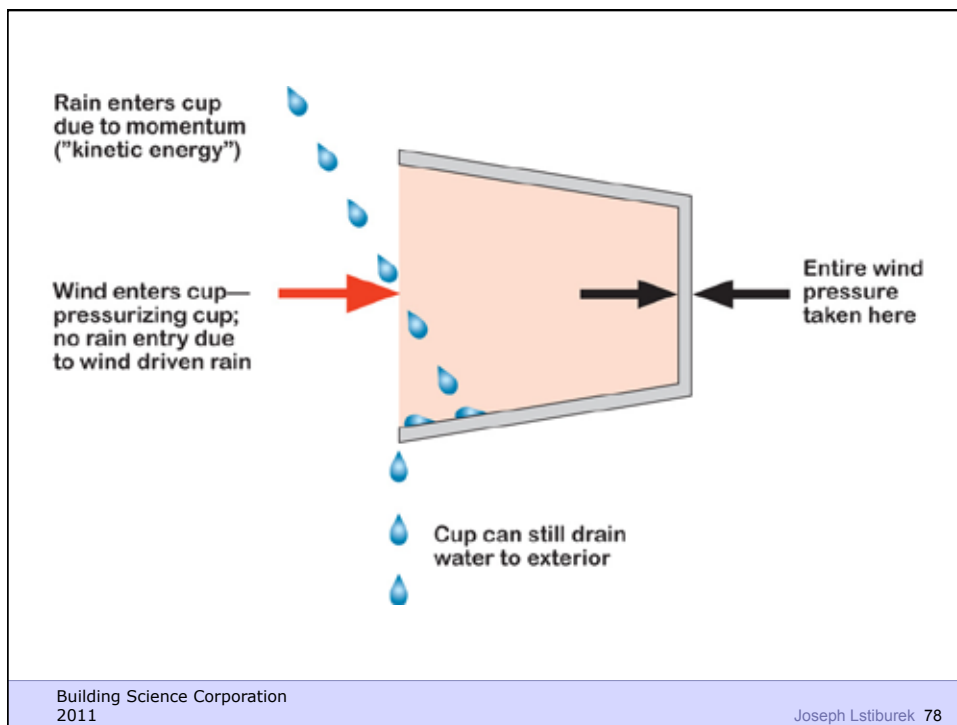
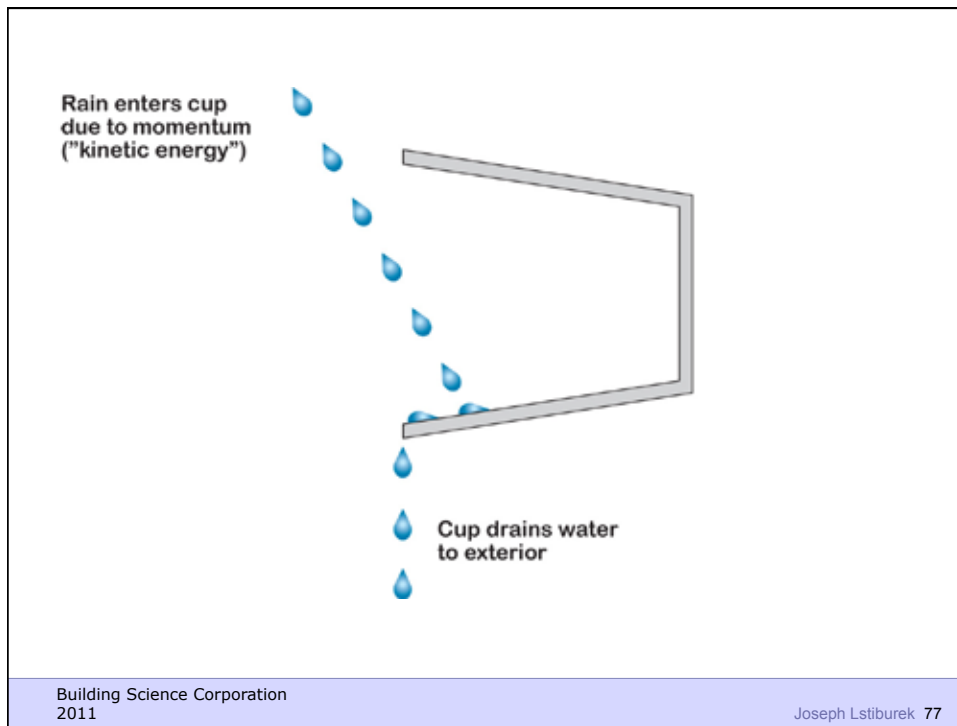
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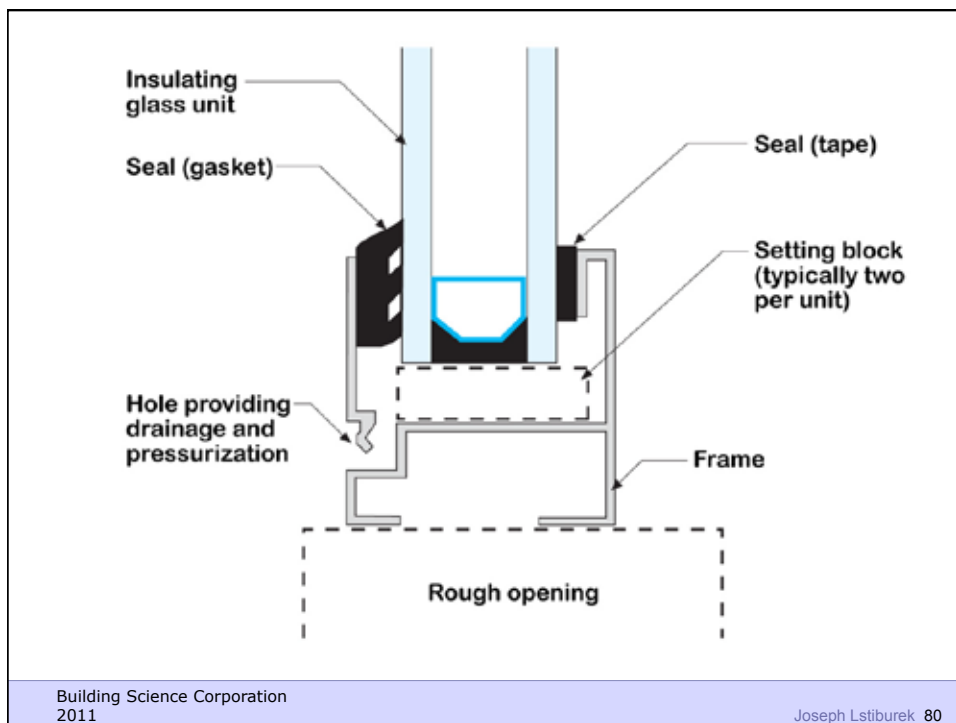
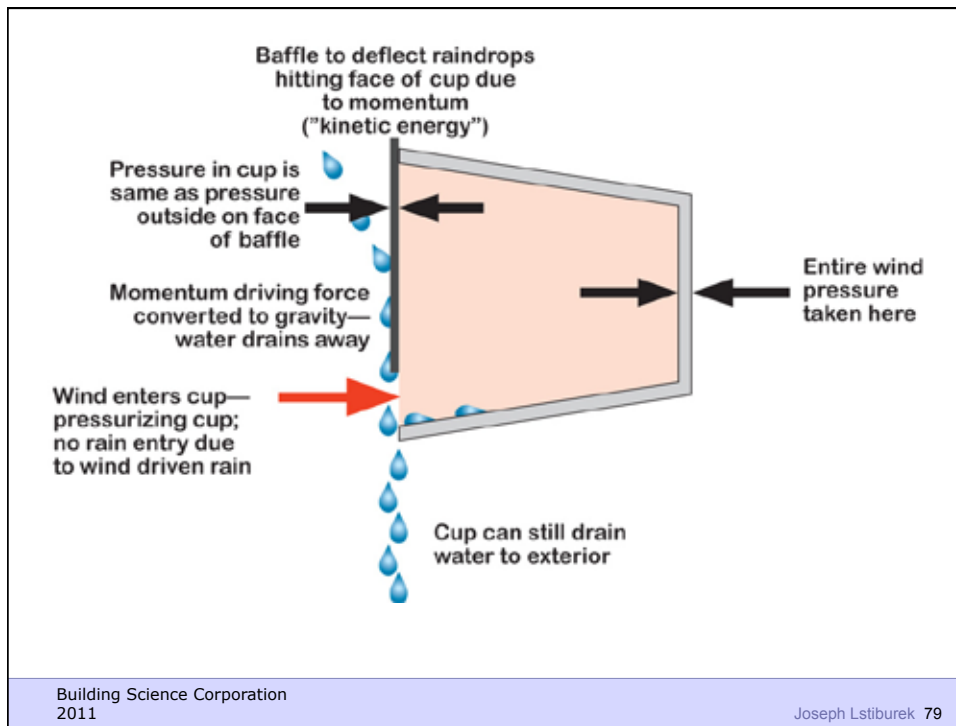


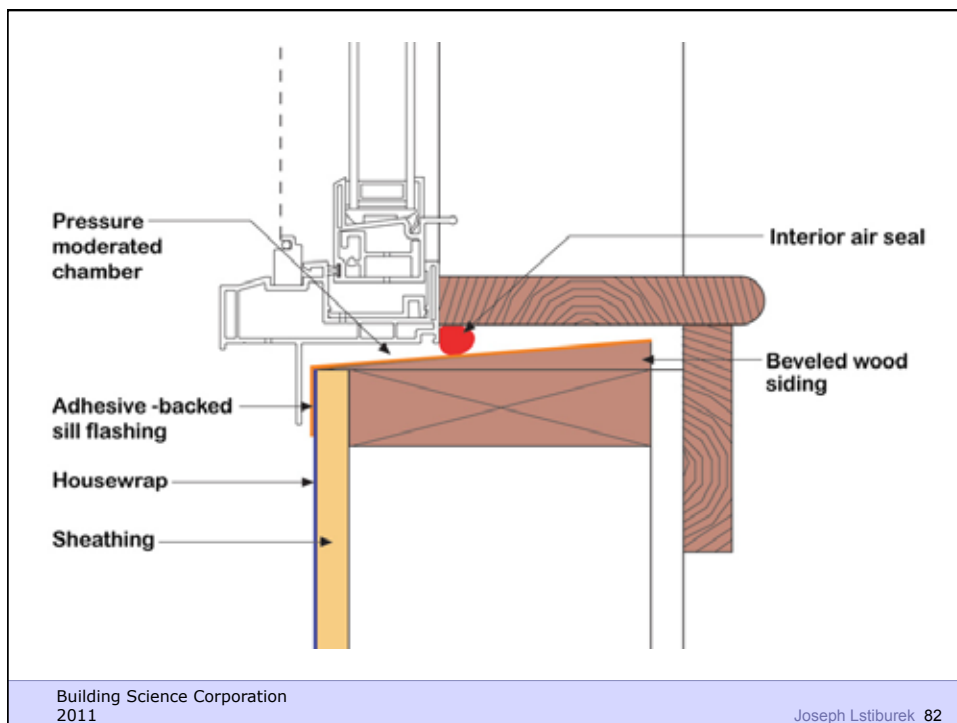
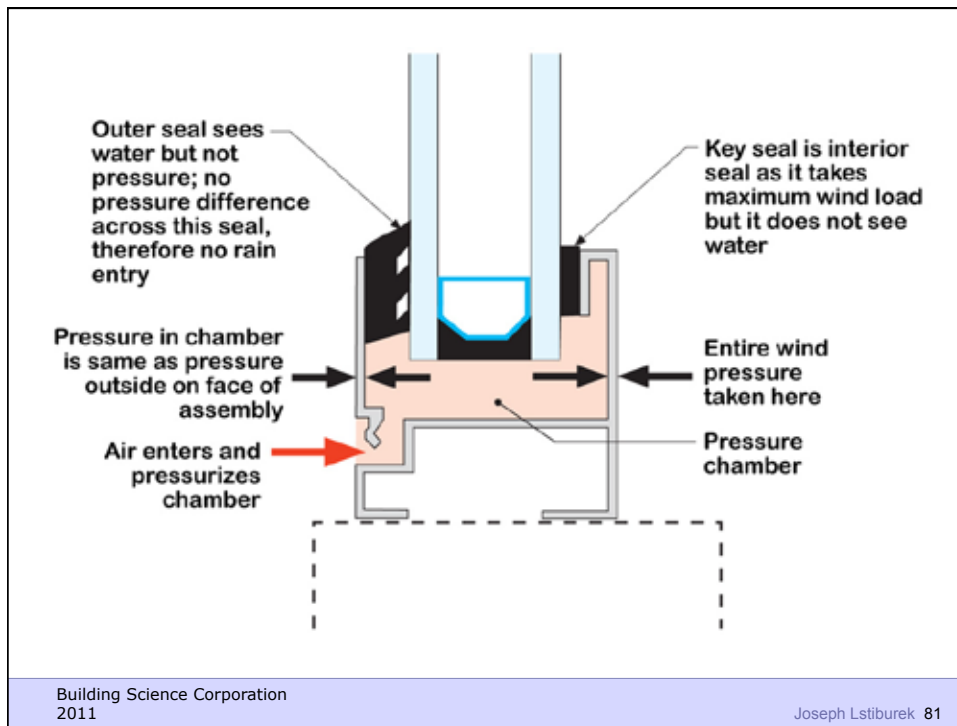


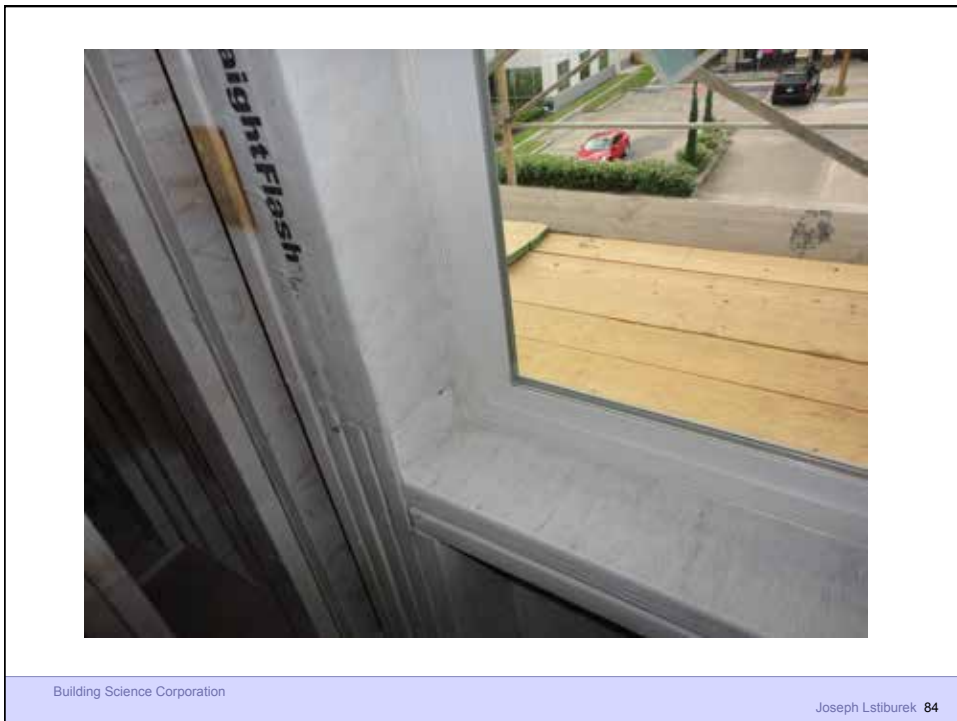
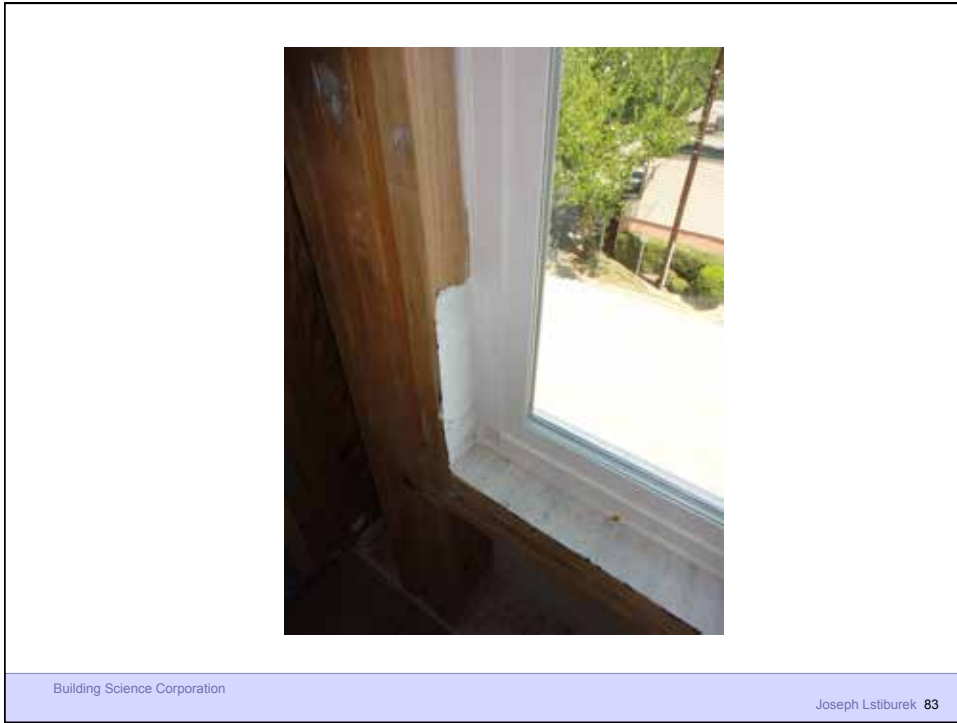














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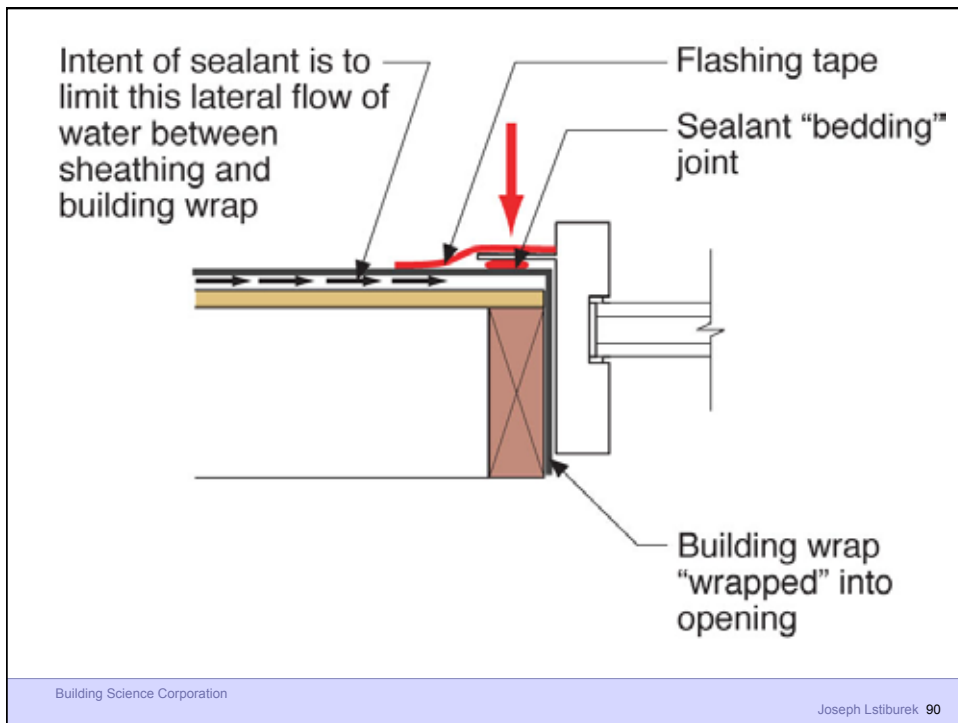
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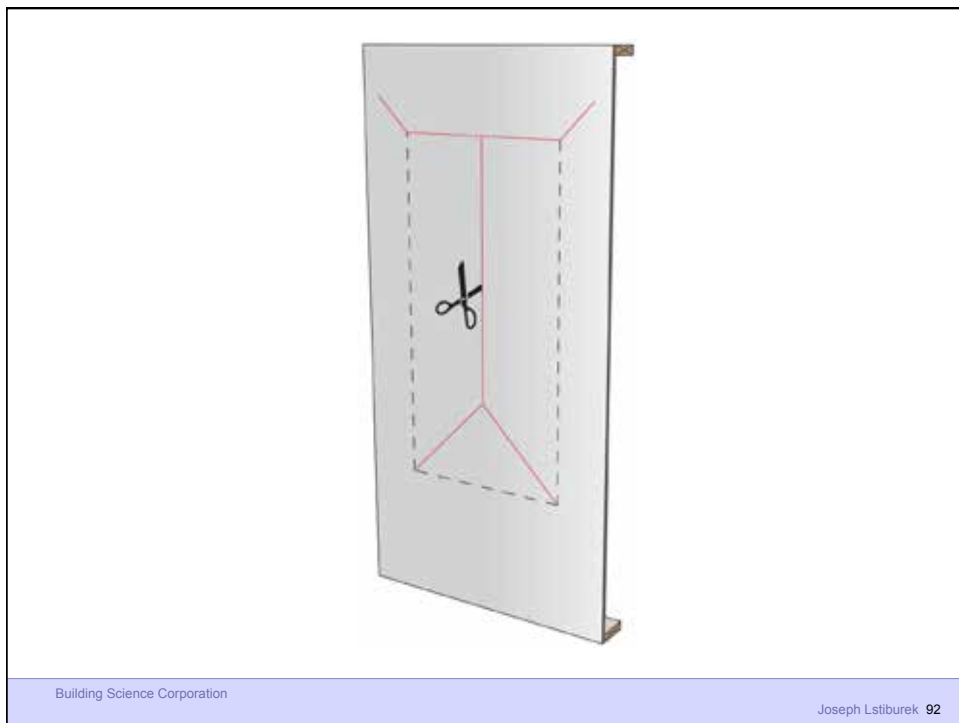
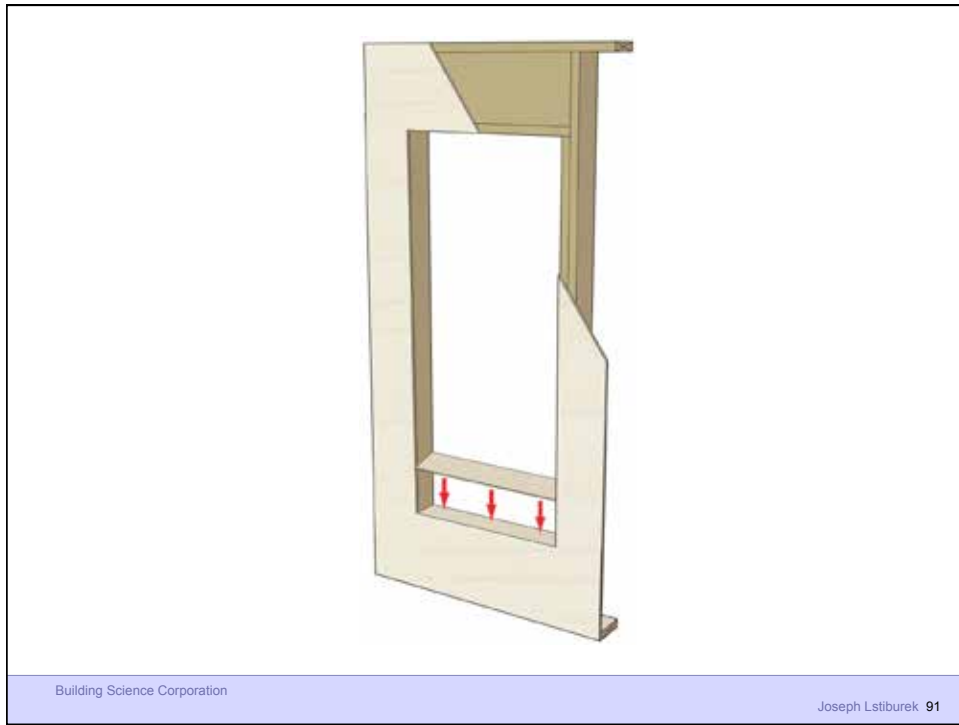
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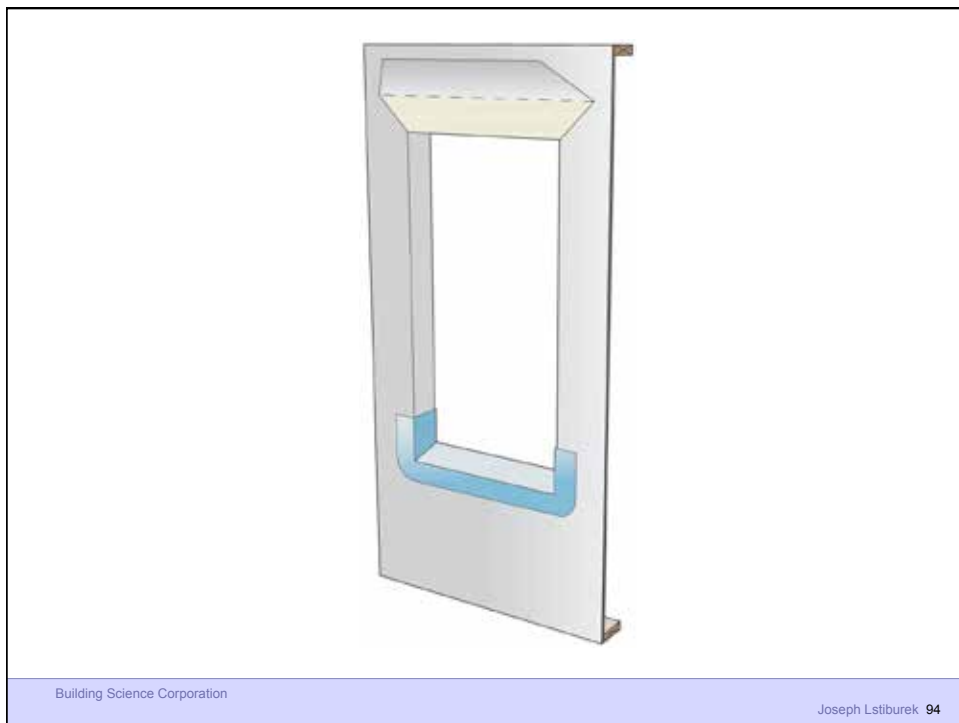
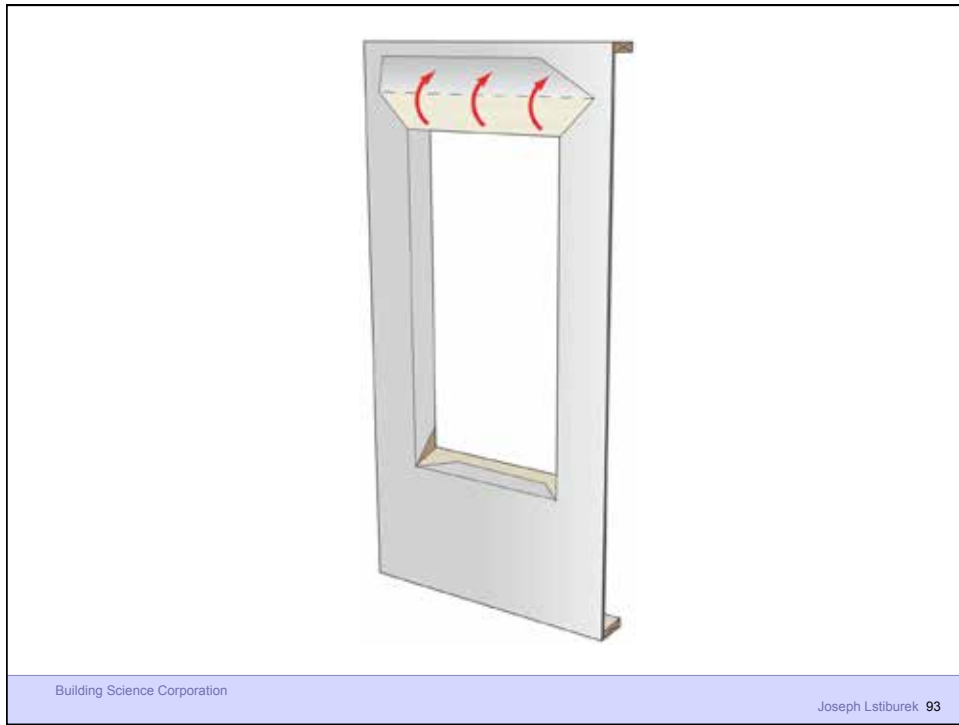


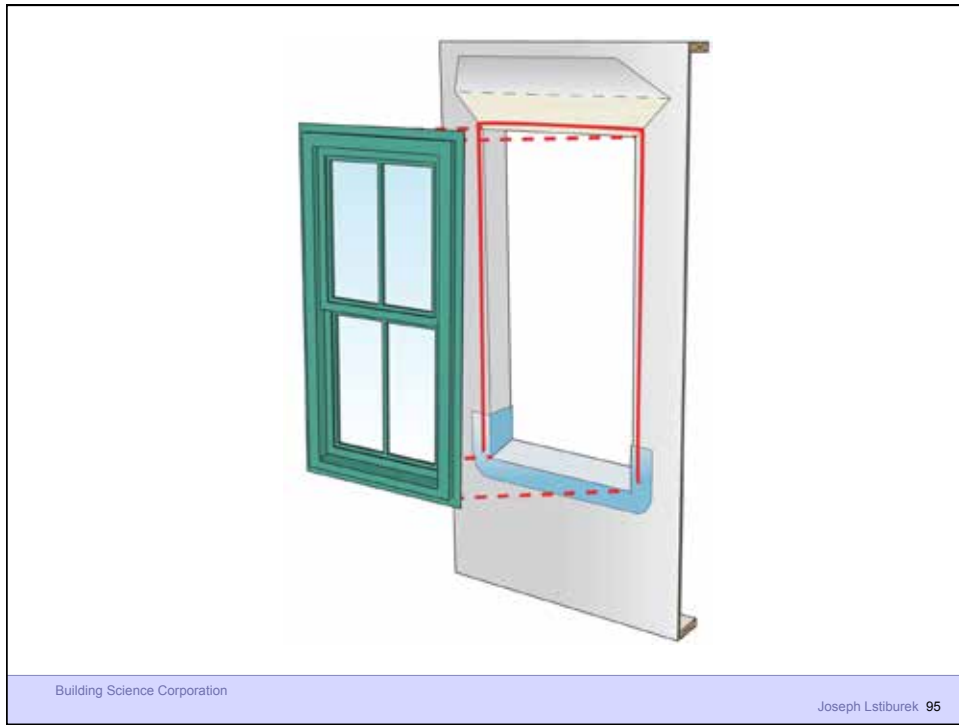
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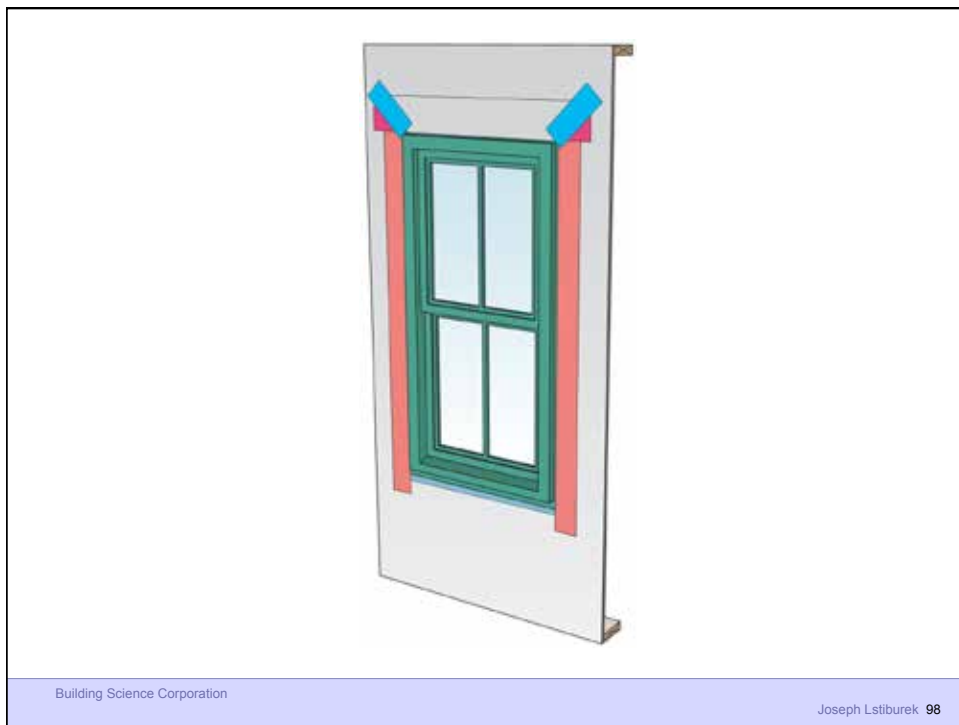
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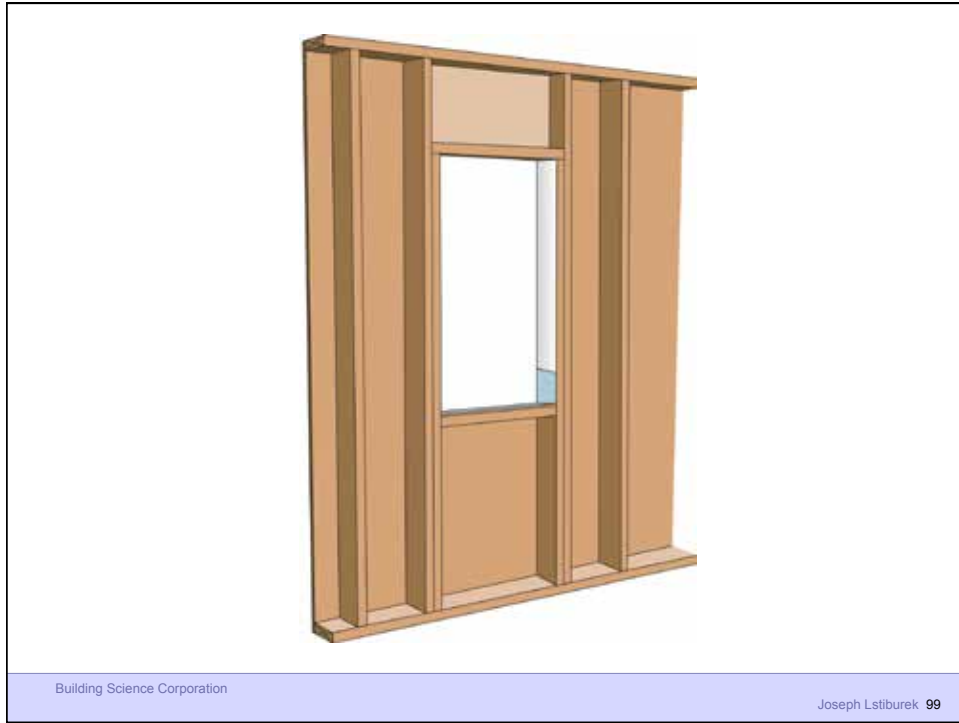


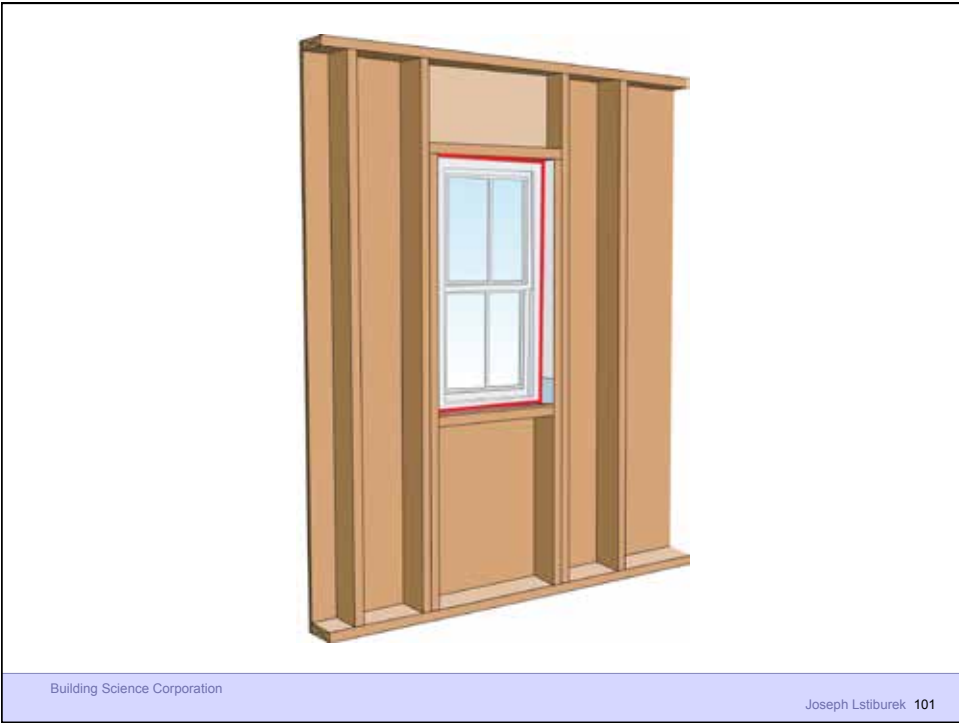


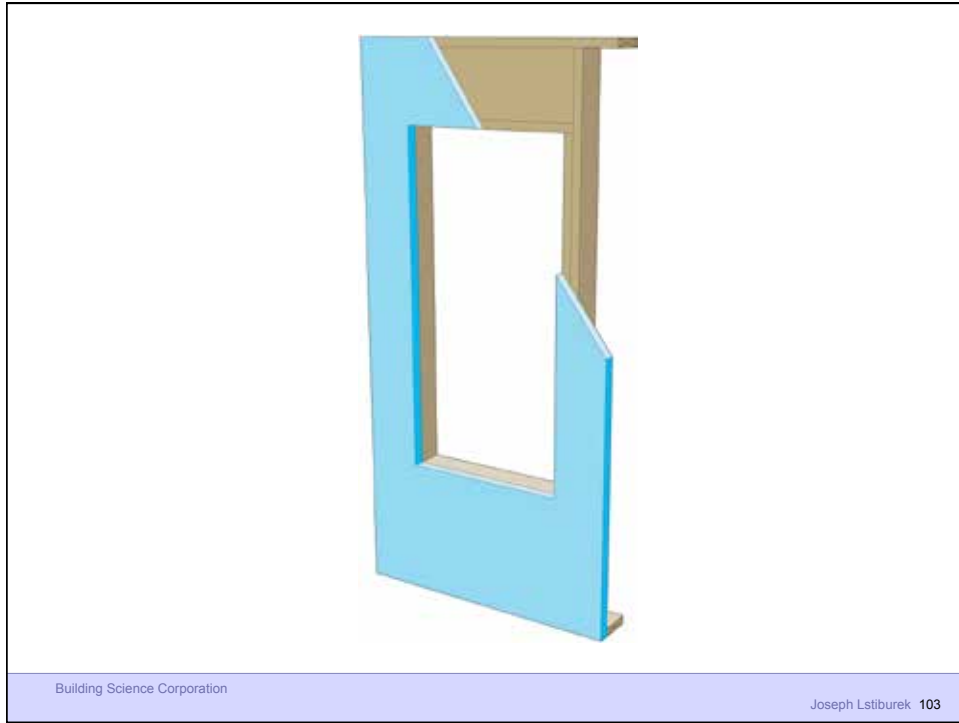


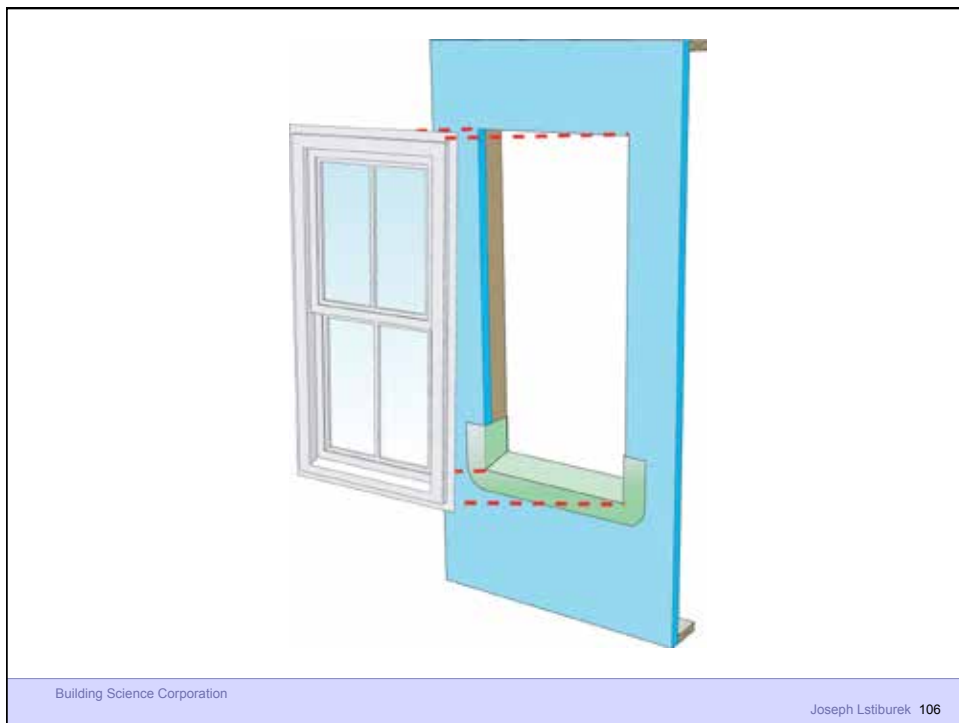
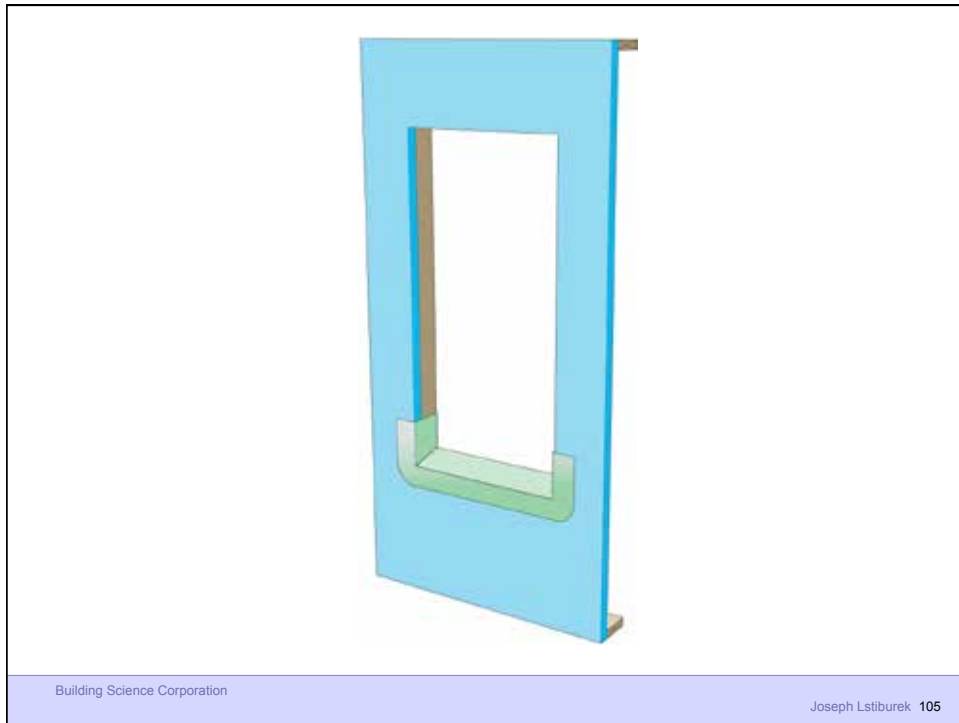


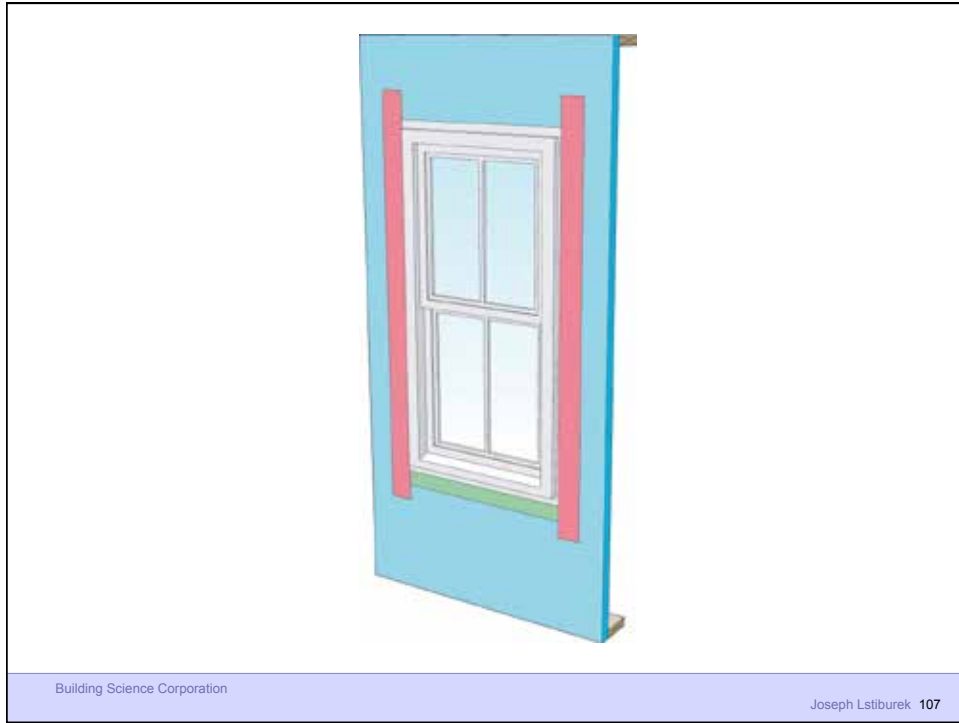


















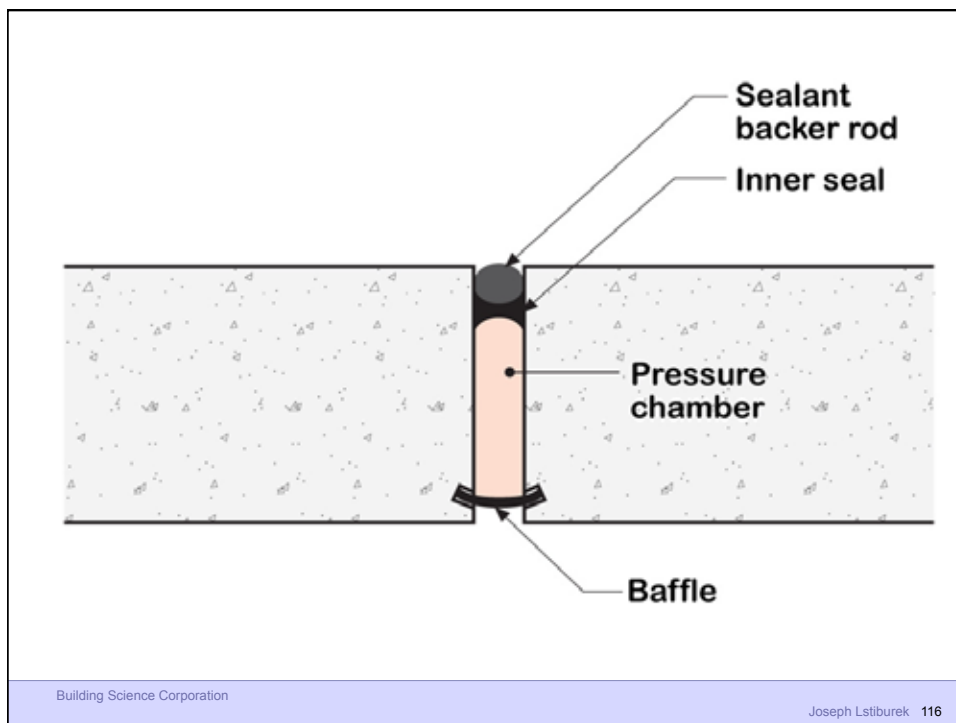
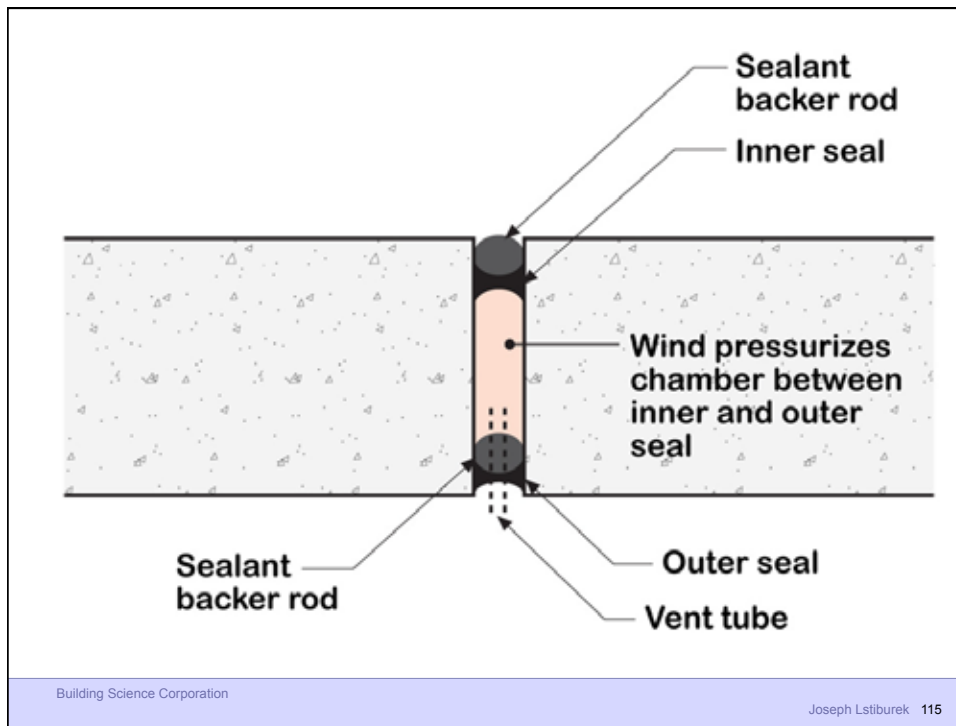
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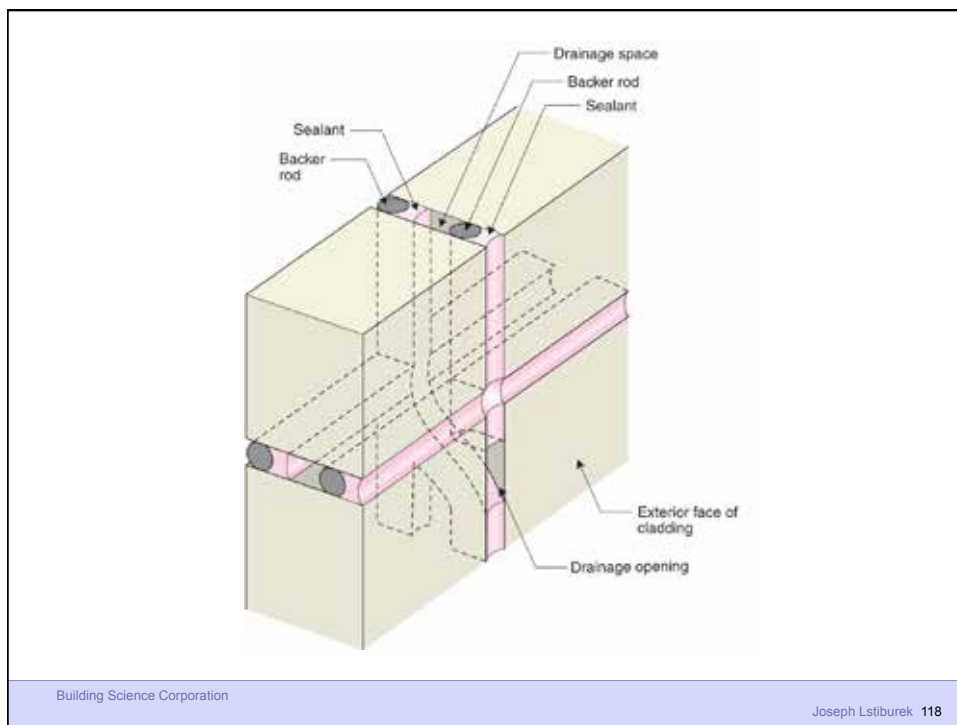
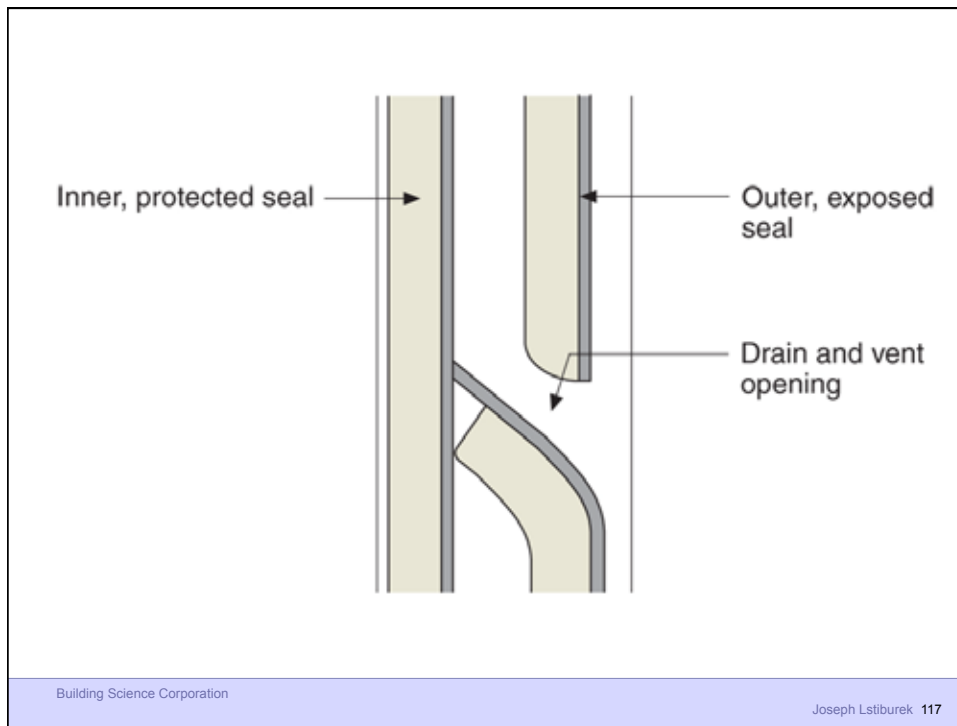
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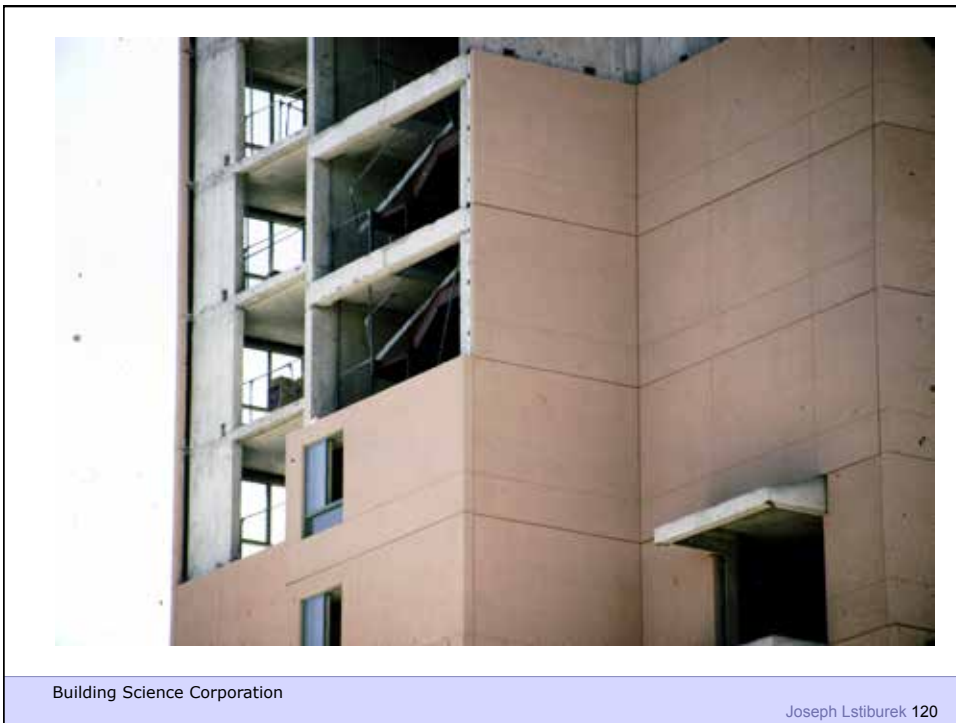


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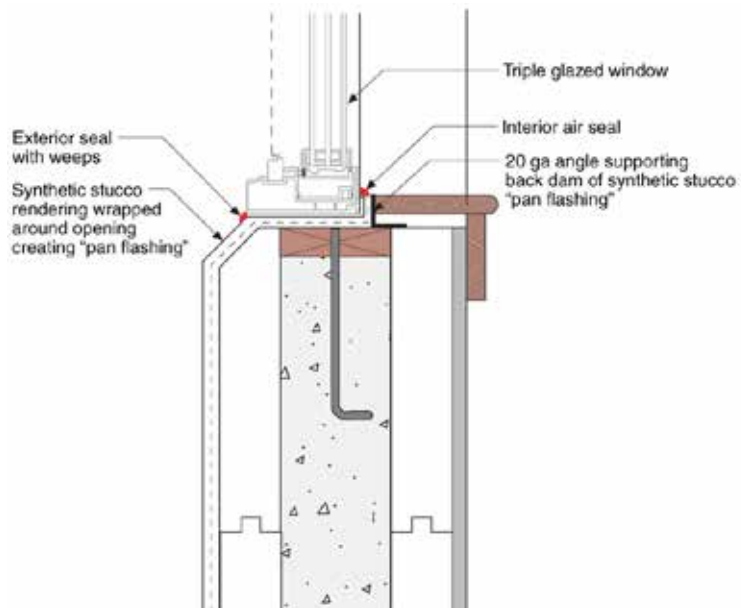






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It's Harder When You Are Stupid

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Don't Do Stupid Things

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