

# Passiv for the Masses

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**GATHERING CENTER**  
PassiveHaus certified Pending



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**CORNERSPRING  
MONTESSORI**  
Elementary School



**SHELDON CALVARY CAMP**  
Dining Facility - Ohio















A satellite view of Earth from space, showing a large hurricane with a distinct eye over the Atlantic Ocean. The Eastern United States and parts of Canada are visible, with city lights glowing in yellow and orange. The text "Why Passiv?" is overlaid in the center.

# Why Passiv?



A high-angle, wide shot of a massive crowd of people, filling the entire frame. The individuals are densely packed, and their faces are mostly blurred due to the shallow depth of field and the sheer number of people. The lighting is bright, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day. The overall impression is one of a vast, diverse group of people.

**World population in 2016: 7 Billion**

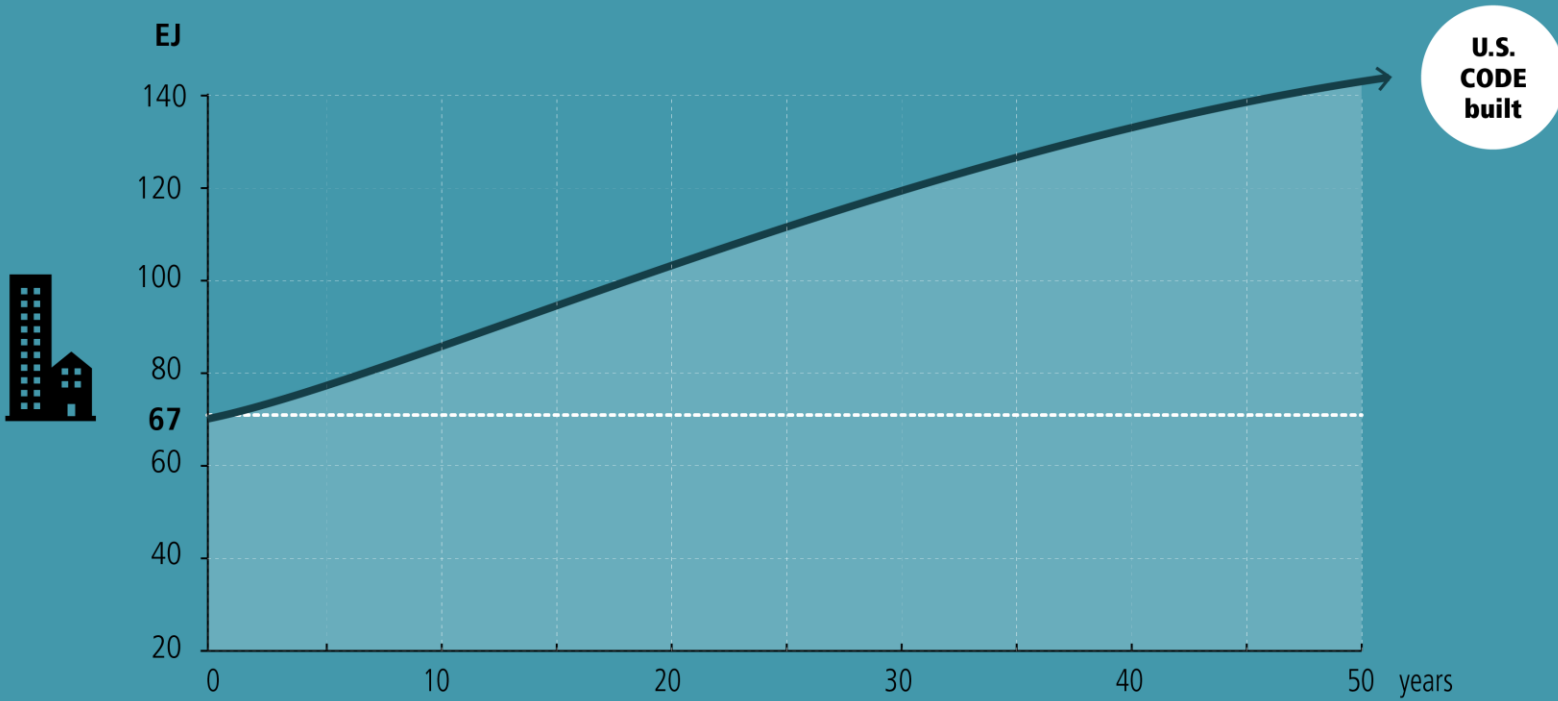


A high-angle, wide shot of a massive crowd of people, densely packed and filling the entire frame. The individuals are mostly seen from the back or side, creating a sea of heads and shoulders. The lighting is bright, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, with some individuals wearing hats or bright clothing.

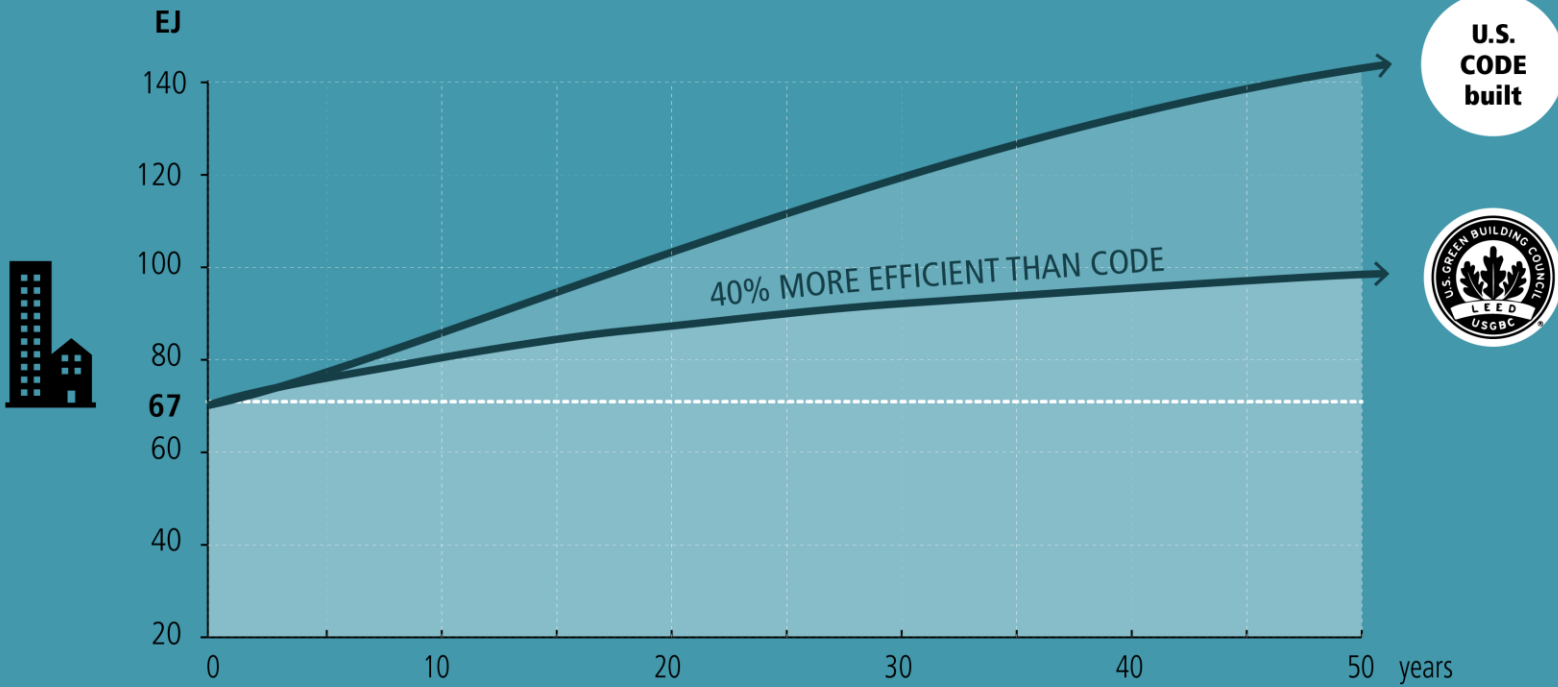
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**World population in 2050: 9 Billion**

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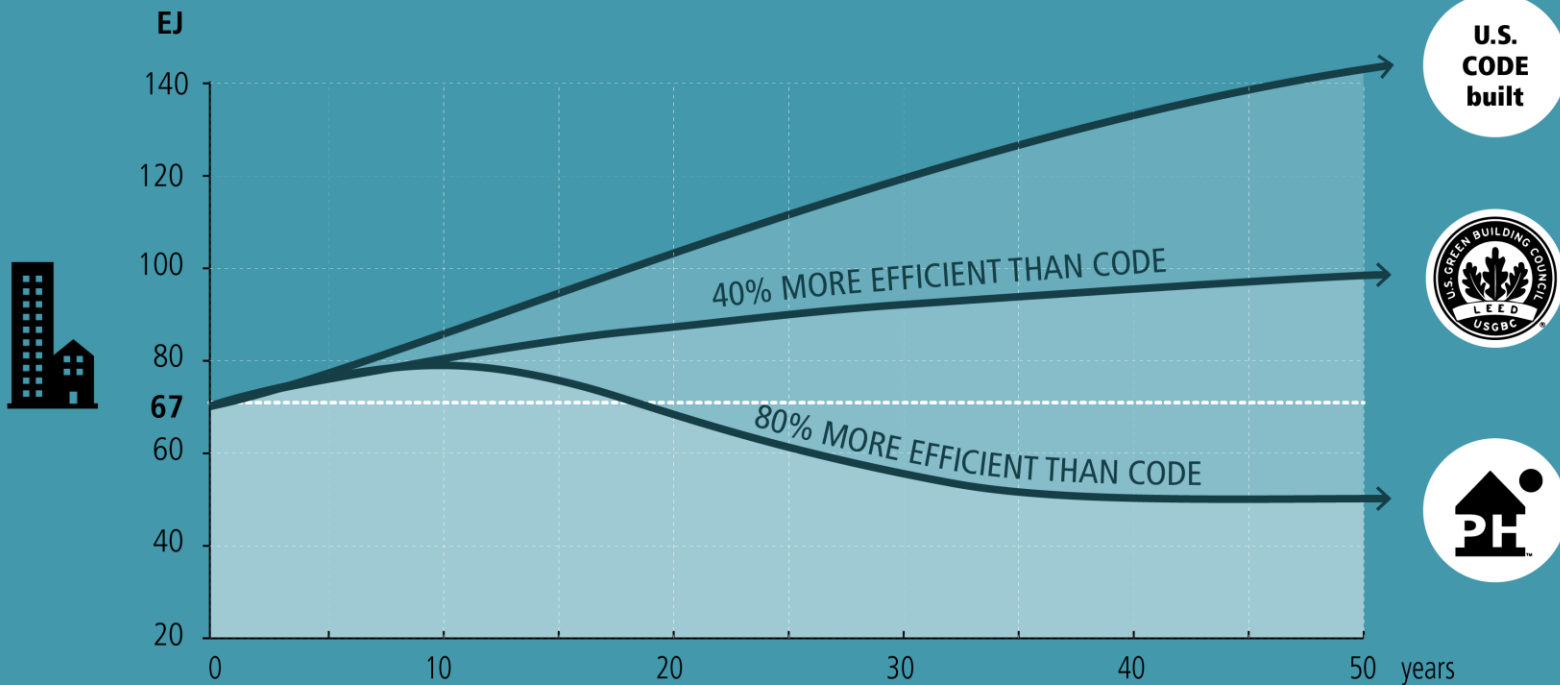


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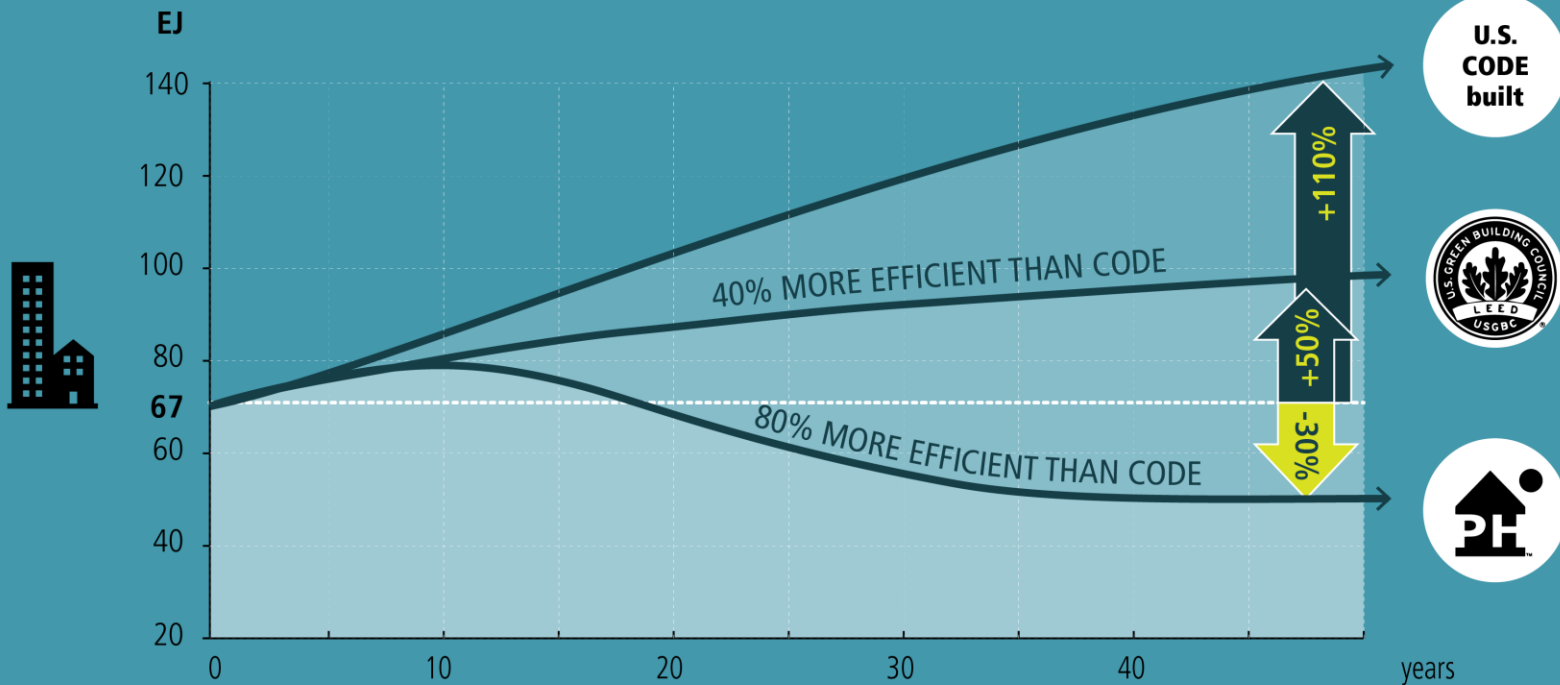




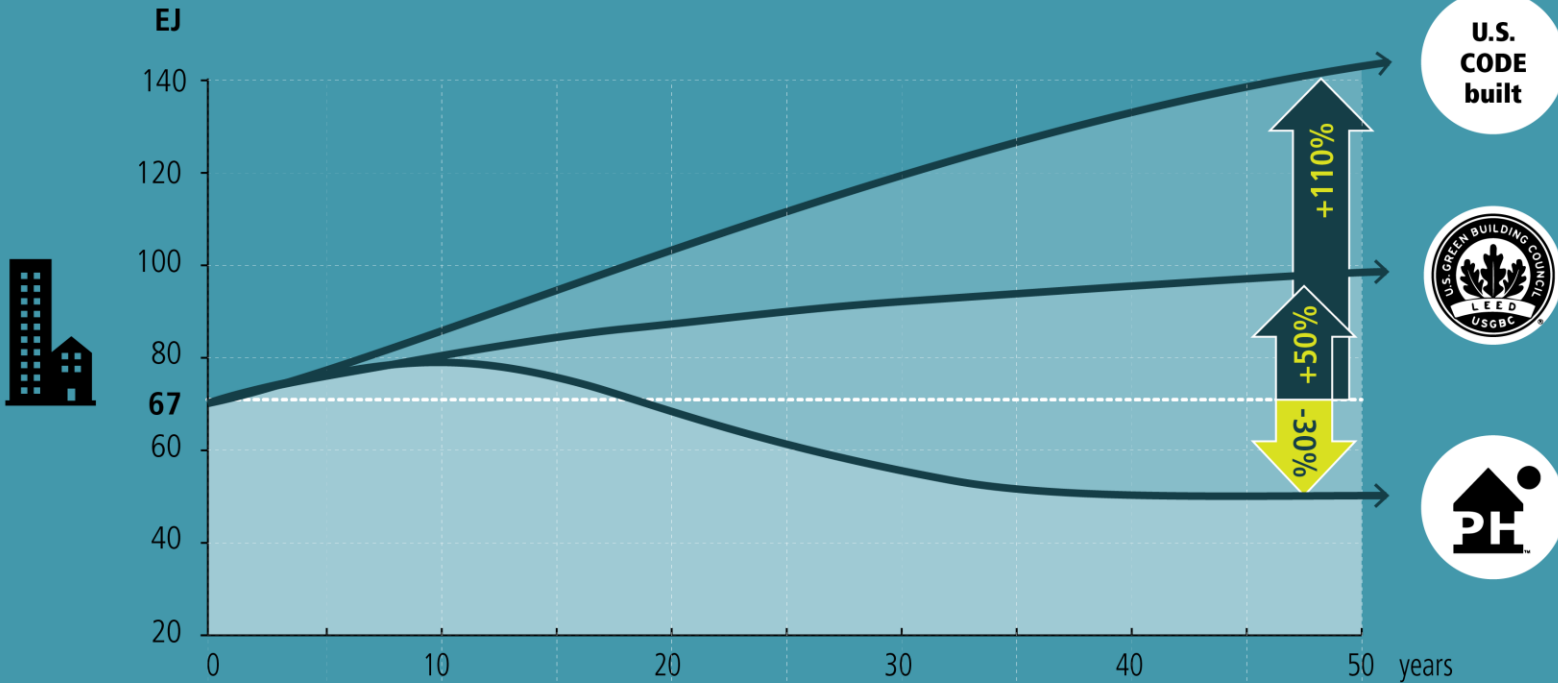
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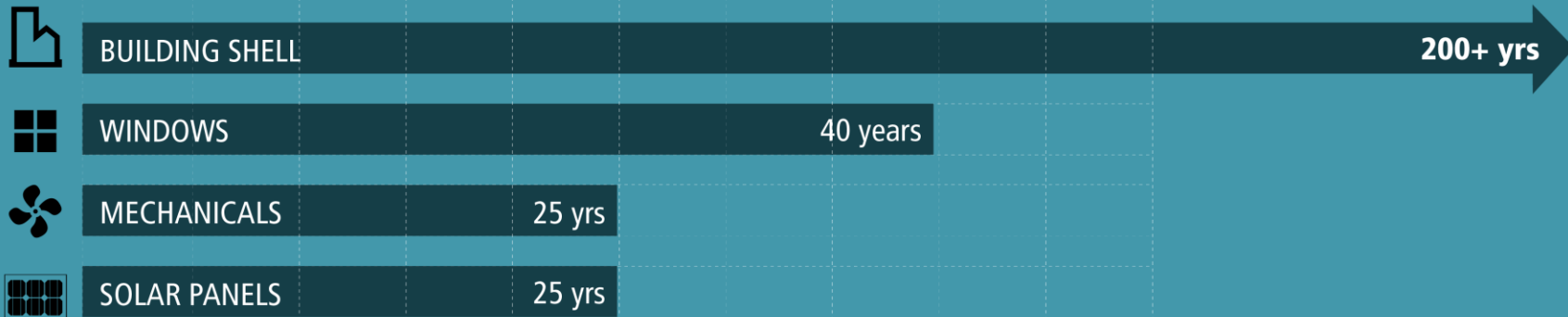
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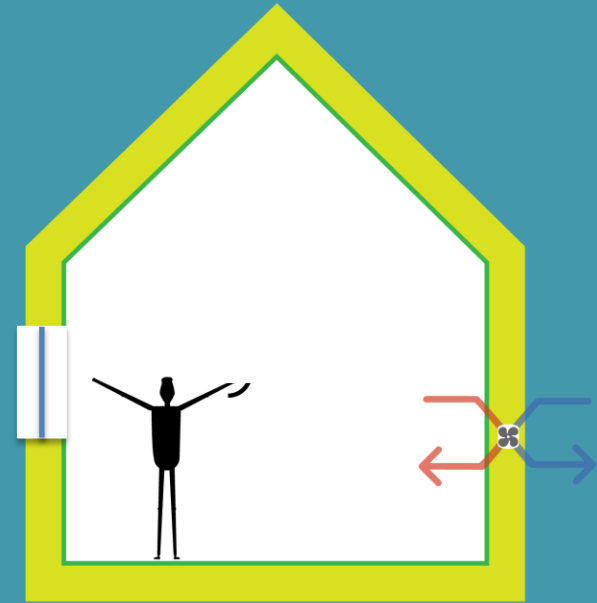
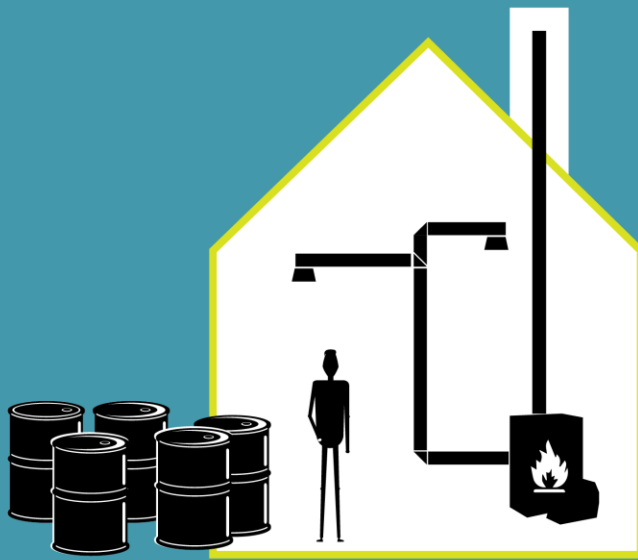
## LIFESPAN OF BUILDING COMPONENTS



# PASSIVE HOUSE 101

- **HIGHLY INSULTATED BUIDLING SHELL:  
BUILDINGS THAT ARE 80% MORE  
EFFICIENT THAN STANDARD  
COSNTRUCTION**
- **NEARLY AIR TIGHT BUILDING  
ENCLOSURE**
- **VENTIALTION WITH HEAT RECOVERY  
FOR IMPROVED INDOOR AIR QUALITY**
- **A COST-EFFECTIVE BUILDING SOLUTION  
FOR COLD CLIMATES**

# Standard house v. Passive house



INVEST IN THE BUILDING SHELL....

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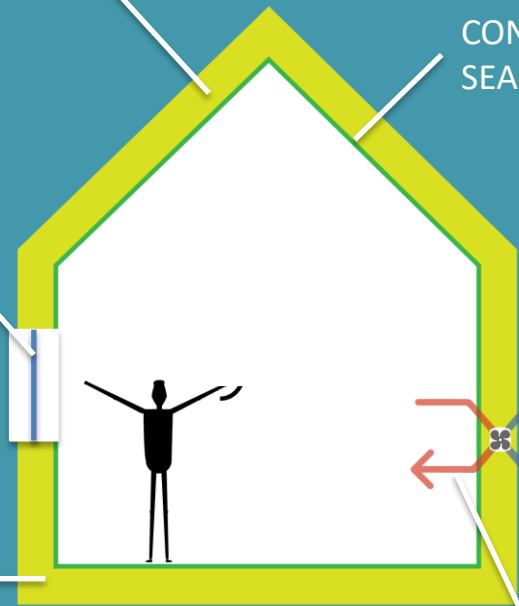
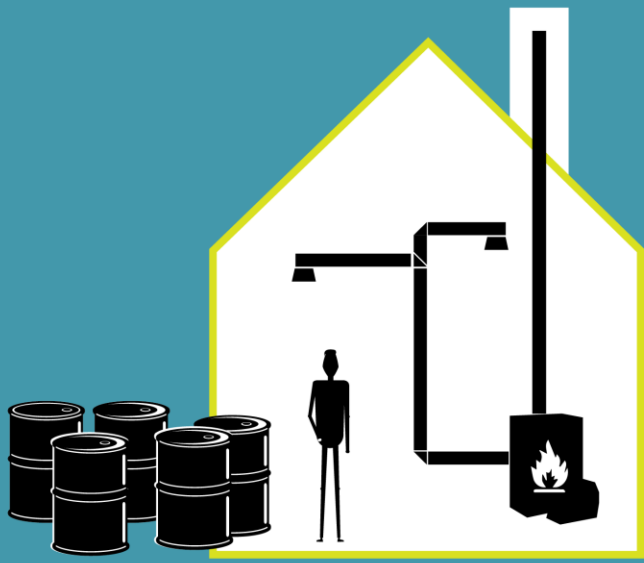
IMPROVED WALL AND ROOF INSULATION

CONTINUOUS AIR SEALING LAYER

TRIPLE GLAZED WINDOWS AND DOORS

FOUNDATION INSULATION

VENTILATION WITH HEAT RECOVERY



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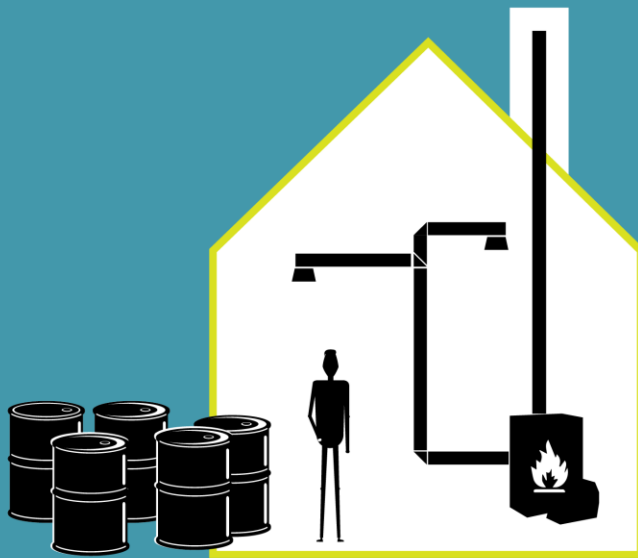
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AND REDUCE THE HEATING SYSTEM TO A HAIR DRYER-**



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\$ = \$



**INVEST IN THE BUILDING SHELL....  
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...THE SAVINGS IN MECHANICAL  
SYSTEMS PAYS FOR THE INSULATION**

# **PASSIVE DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR A COLD**

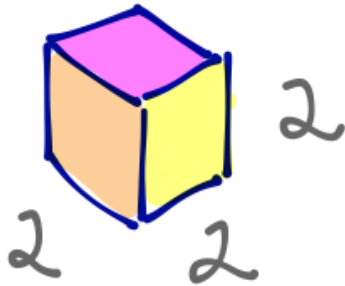
## **CLIMATE: MODELING**

- **FORM FACOTOR- COMPACT BUILDING FORM HELPS**
- **PASSIVE SOLAR- GREAT WHEN YOU CAN GET IT- NOT ALL SITES ALLOW FOR IT. E**
- **INSULATION LEVELS DEPEND ON THE BUILDING- ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL**
- **IN A COLD CLIMATE, TRIPPLE GLAZED WINDOWS ARE REQUIRED**
- **OCCUPANCY HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON INTERNAL GAINS**
- **LARGER BUILDINGS MAKE MEETING THE PH STANDARD EASIER THAN SMALLER BUIDLINGS**

## **TAKE-AWAYS**

# FORM FACTOR: COMPACT BUILDING FORM IS A GOOD STANDARD

## CUBE:



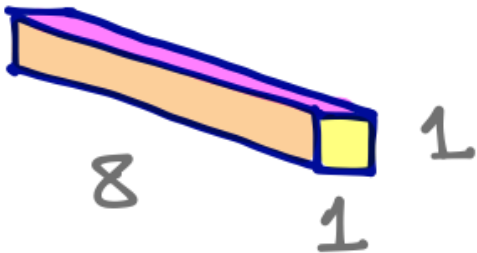
Volume:

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

Area:

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$

## RECTANGLE:



Volume:

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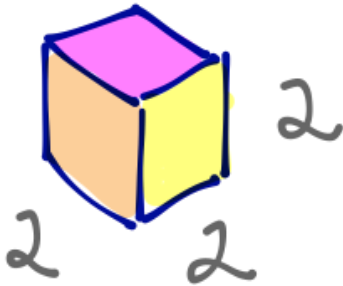
Area:

$$4 \times 8 + 2 \times 1 = 34$$



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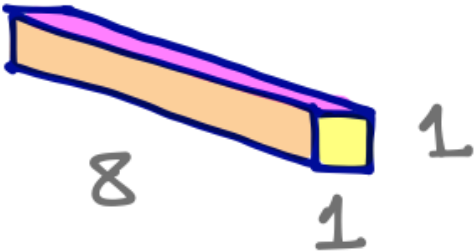
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**30% GREATER  
HEAT LOSS!**

RECTANGLE:



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# **ENERGY MODELING CASE STUDY**

**INFILL PROJECT IN PORTLAND, ME**

**TIGHT SITE WITH POOR SOLAR ACCESS**

**GOAL OF NEAR PASSIVE HOUSE LEVEL OF  
PERFORMANCE**

**ENERGY MODEL USED TO HELP IMPROVE  
CLIENT DECISIONS ON BUILDING SHELL  
DESIGN AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**



# RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, PORTLAND, ME





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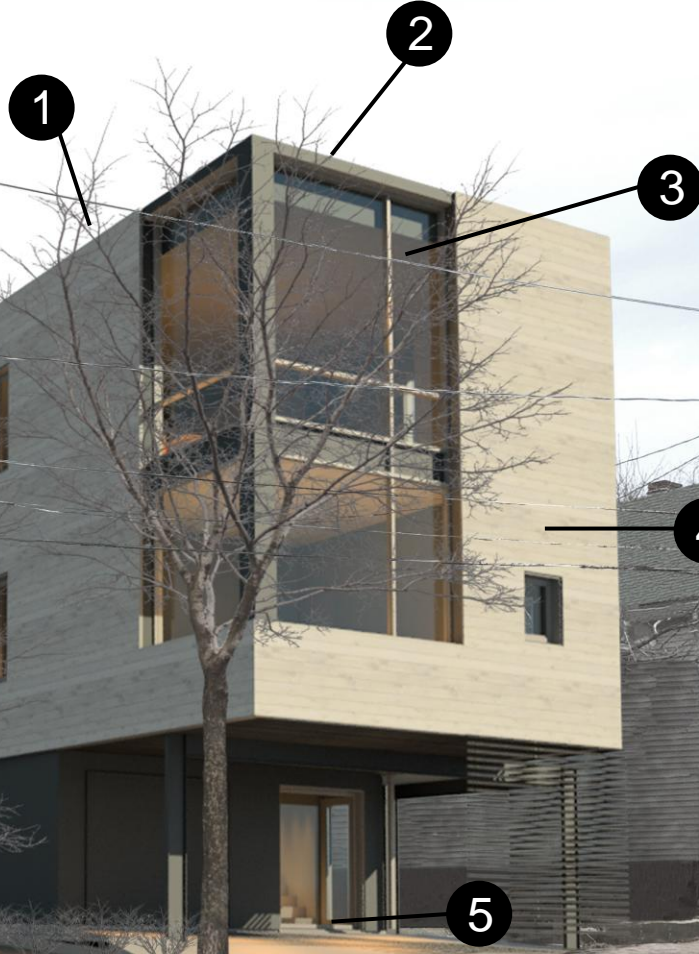
① Roof: R80  
U-Value – 0.061  
W/m<sup>2</sup>K

② HRV system-  
83% efficient

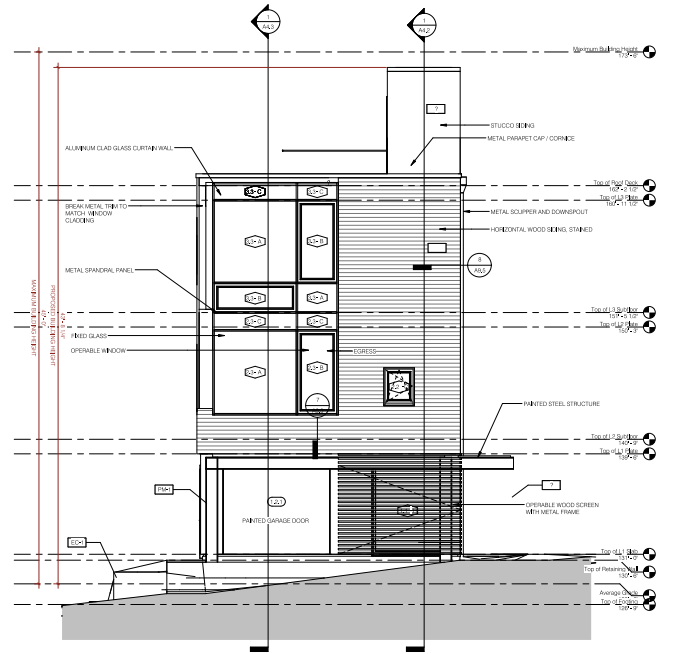
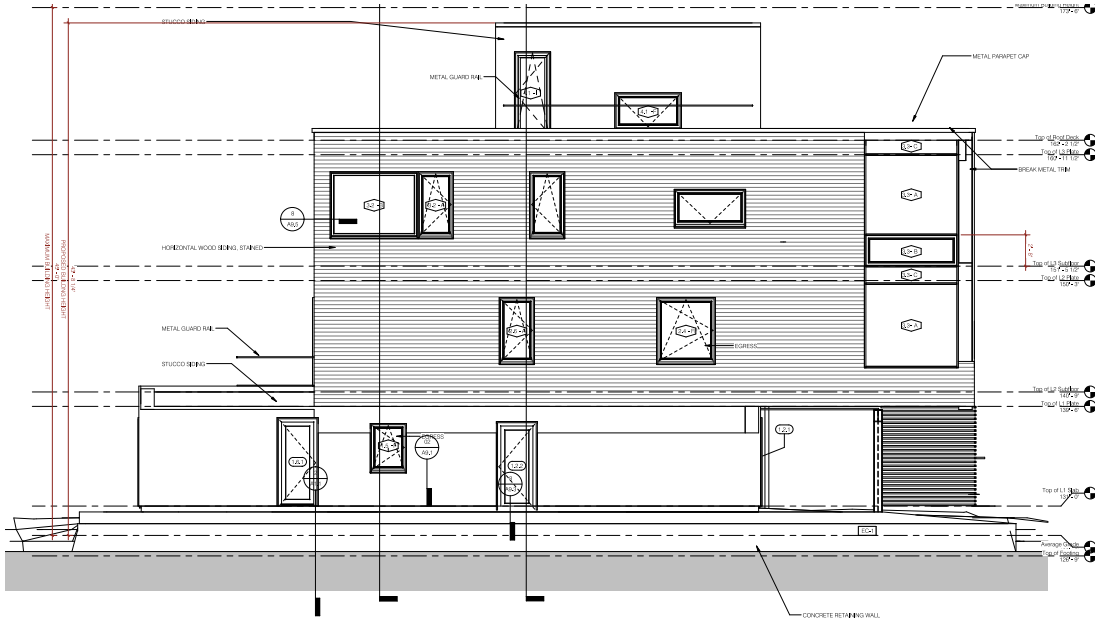
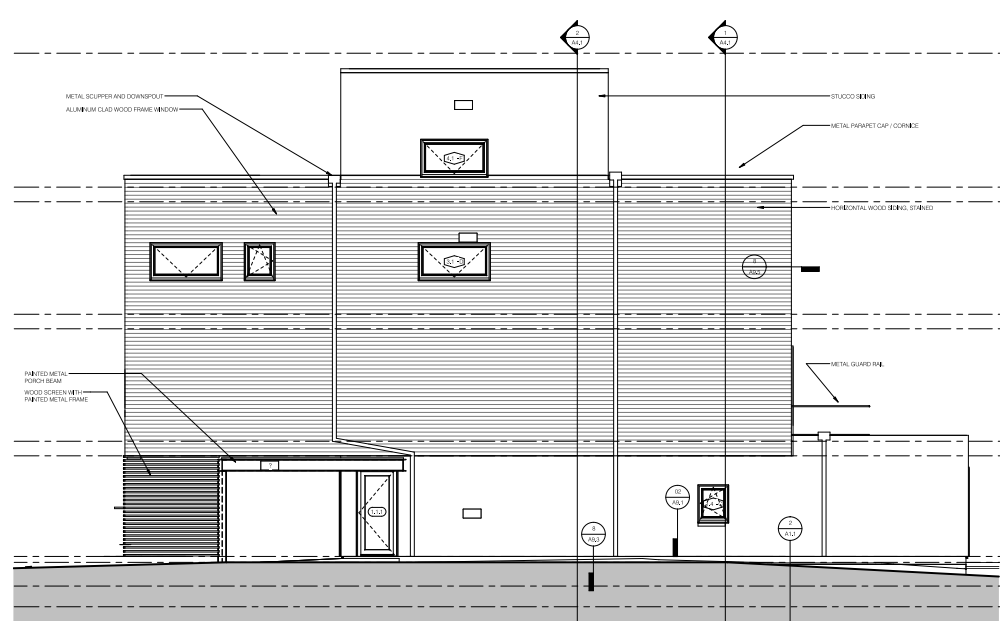
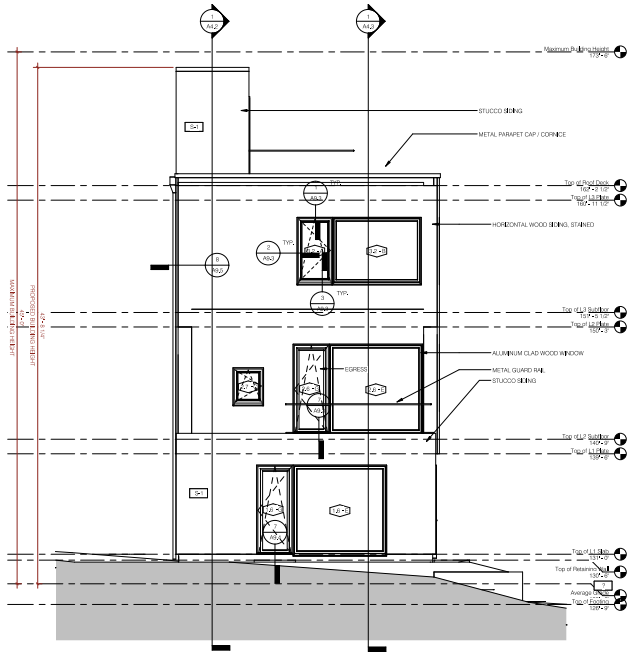
③ Triple glazed  
windows:  
Passive solar  
g-Value – 0.5  
/0.6  
U<sub>g</sub>-Value – 0.7

④ Wall: R50  
U-Value – 0.111  
W/m<sup>2</sup>K

⑤ Slab on grade:  
R30  
U-Value – 0.138  
W/m<sup>2</sup>K







# GOL PH / LEED / CODE COMPARISON

		PH Building Envelope Data		Comparison Data			
Option Title:		6" Mineral Wool / PH Windows		Option 1:	Option 2:		
				LEED	Code		
		Area [SF]	R-Value			Ty	
Above Grade						%	
				SHGC	SHGC	th	
<b>Windows &amp; Glazed Doors</b>		978	6.00	PH Typ. R Value = 6	3.36	2.80	
	North	304.985	SHGC		SHGC	SHGC	
	East	363.31	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30	
	South	222.08	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30	
	West	87.625	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30	
<b>Doors (opaque)</b>		93.1	5.00	PH Typ. R Value = 5	3.00	2.50	
<b>Net Wall</b>		4535.3	50.00	PH Typ. R Value = 50	18.00	15.00	
<b>Skylights</b>		0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 5	1.00	1.00	
<b>Roof</b>		1523.5	80.00	PH Typ. R Value = 80	58.80	49.00	
<b>Floor (ambient / cantilever)</b>		685.56	65.00	PH Typ. R Value = 60	36.00	30.00	
<b>Foundation Wall (above grade)</b>		0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 30	1.00	1.00	
<b>Below Grade</b>							
<b>Foundation Wall (below grade)</b>		0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 20	1.00	1.00	
<b>Slab (On Grade)</b>		822.1	30.00	PH Typ. R Value = 30	8.70	8.70	
<b>Foundation Edge</b>		96.3	30.00	PH Typ. R Value = 30	8.70	8.70	
<b>Slab (Below Grade)</b>		0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 18	0.00	0.00	
					LEED	Code	
<b>Efficiency of HRV [%]</b>		84	PH Typ. Efficiency = 84%		60.00	60.00	
<b>Infiltration Rate [ACH]</b>		0.04	PH Typ. Rate = 0.04		0.10	0.20	
<b>Heat Pump COP</b>		2.5	PH Typ = 2.5				
<b>Proposed Occupancy</b>		4	Often # of bedrooms				
<b>Total Floor Area [SF]</b>		2,676.18					
<b>Treated Floor Area [SF]</b>		2,554.83					
<b>Building Volume [CF]</b>		33,557					



### Solar Data

<b>Total Heating Degree Days [deg. F]</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<i>5 year average from www.degreedays.net</i>
<b>Days of Heating</b>	<b>240</b>	<i>Maine Typ = 240</i>
<b>Percent Reduction for Shading</b>		
East	<b>60</b>	%
South	<b>90</b>	%
West	<b>50</b>	%
<b>Available Roof Area for Solar Panels</b>	<b>300 sf</b>	<i>Note: sloped roof area within 15deg. of solar south</i>
<b>Sensible Gains [BTU/hr]</b>	<b>250 BTUs/hr</b>	<i>PH Typ. = 250 BTU/hr</i>
<b>Glass of windows + doors [%]</b>	<b>70</b>	<i>PH Typ. = 70</i>
<b>Hours of Sun per Year [hrs]</b>	<b>1234</b>	<i>Maine Typ = 1234</i>

*Note: The following values (Solar Factor and %Sun) can be found in the solar book on Gunther's desk*

	South Solar Factor	East Solar Factor	West Solar Factor	% Sun	Heating Degree Days
<b>Sept</b>	1144	1144	787	47	168
<b>Oct</b>	1098	1098	582	47	410
<b>Nov</b>	983	983	399	38	750
<b>Dec</b>	895	895	307	37	1053
<b>Jan</b>	1004	1004	405	41	1248
<b>Feb</b>	1184	1184	603	44	1054
<b>Mar</b>	1206	1206	829	43	913
<b>Apr</b>	1128	1128	1000	44	580

### Heating Data

### Comparison Data

FUEL TYPE:

**Grid Electric**

2" Foam / Loewen Triple

2" Foam / PH Windows

**Grid Electric**

**Grid Electric**

	% Inflation	cost per unit	
PV	0%	\$0.00	WATT
Natural Gas	3%	\$1.45	THERMS
#2 Oil	3%	\$3.66	GAL
LP	3%	\$3.22	GAL
Grid Electric	5%	\$0.15	KWH
Heat Pump	5%	\$0.15	KWH
Firewood	3%	\$200.00	CORDS
Pellets	3%	\$300.00	TONS

# (GOL) PASSIVE HOUSE PERFORMANCE

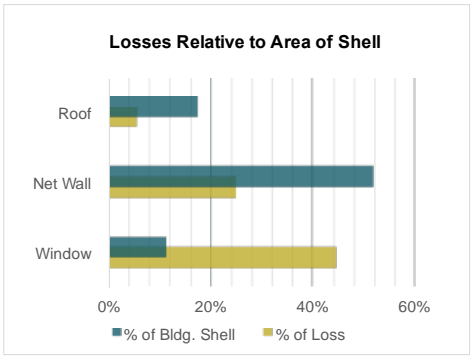
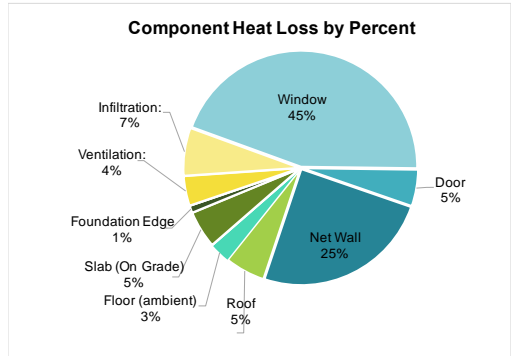
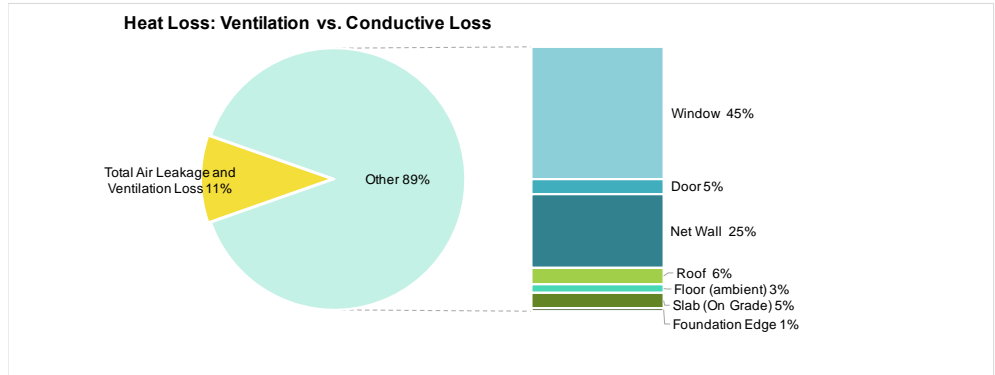
ENVELOPE (CONDUCTIVE LOSSES)					
Region	Area [SF]	R-Value [hr-SF-°F/Btu]	Heat Loss [Btu/hr]	% of Loss	% of Gross Wall
Window	978	6.0	10106	45%	11%
Door	93.1	5.0	1154	5%	1%
Floor (Ambient)	685.56	65.0	654	3%	8%
Net Wall	4535.3	50.0	5624	25%	52%
Roof	1523.5	75.0	1259	6%	17%
Foundation	96.3	26.1	229	1%	1%
Slab	822.1	26.1	1172	5%	9%
<b>Total Envelope Loss:</b>				<b>89%</b>	

INFILTRATION AND VENTILATION LOSSES				
	Ventilation Rate [CFM]	Efficiency of HRV (%)	Heat Loss [Btu/hr]	% of Loss
<b>Ventilation:</b>	86.7618	84	934	4%

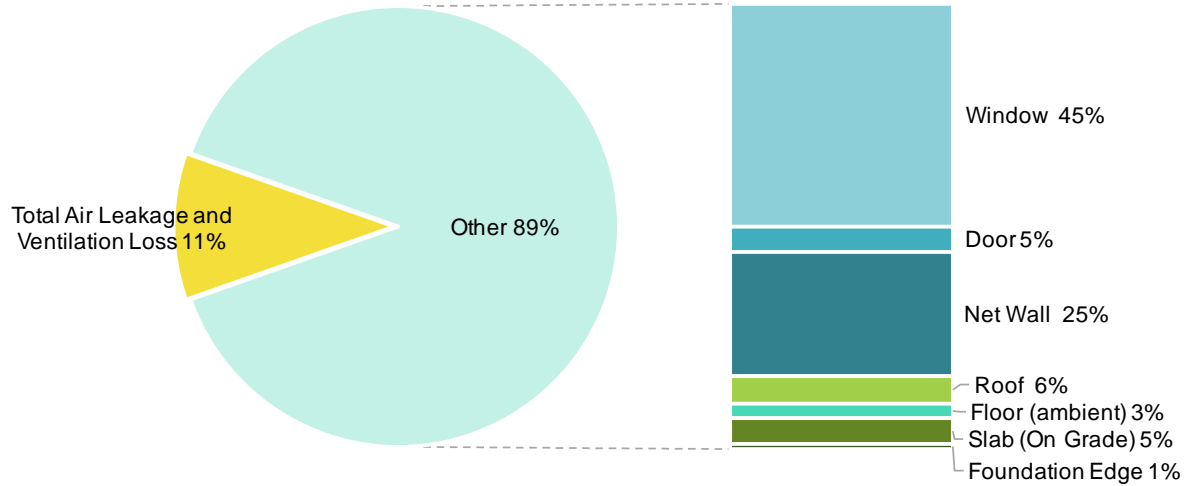
	Building Volume [CF]	Infiltration Rate [ACH]	Heat Loss [Btu/hr]	% of Loss
<b>Infiltration:</b>	33557	0.04	1505	7%
<b>Total Air Leakage and Ventilation Loss</b>				<b>11%</b>



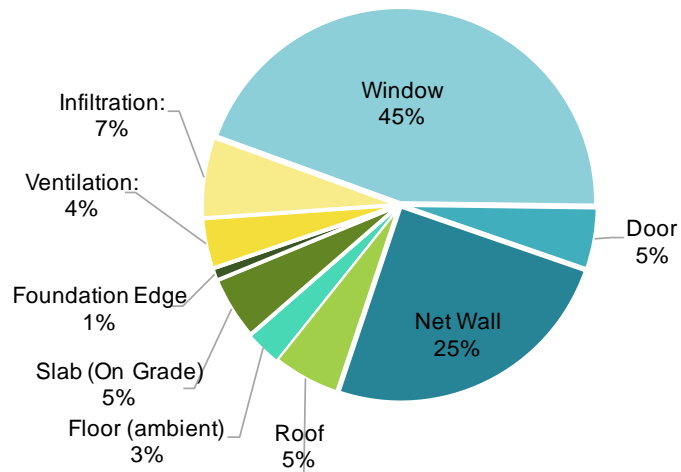


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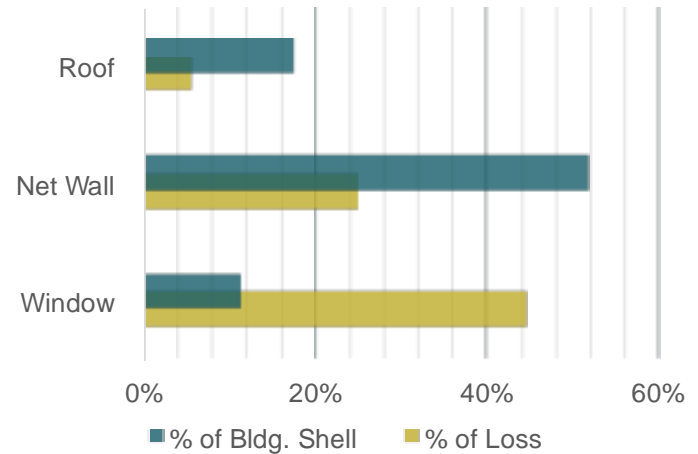
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## Component Heat Loss by Percent

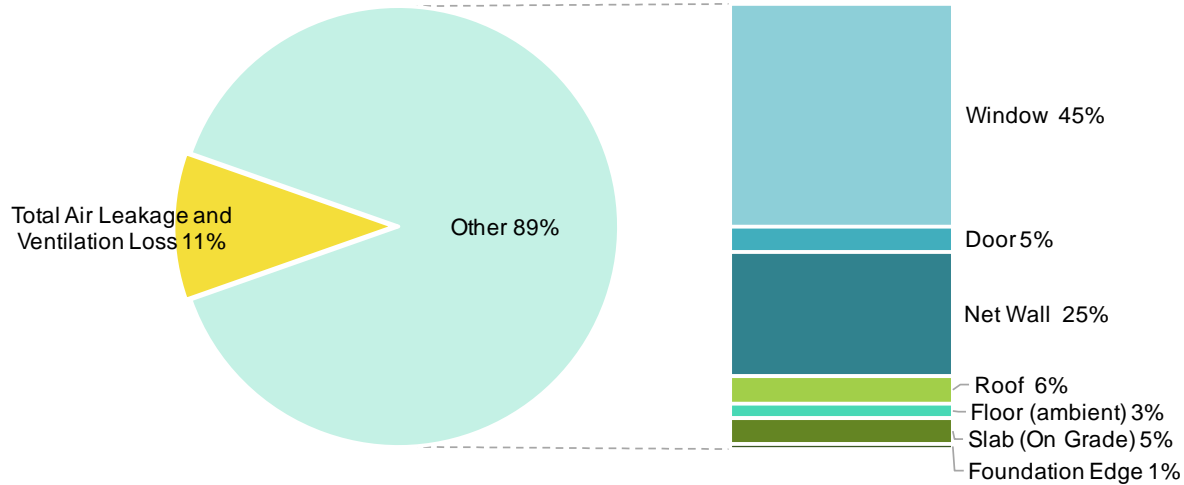


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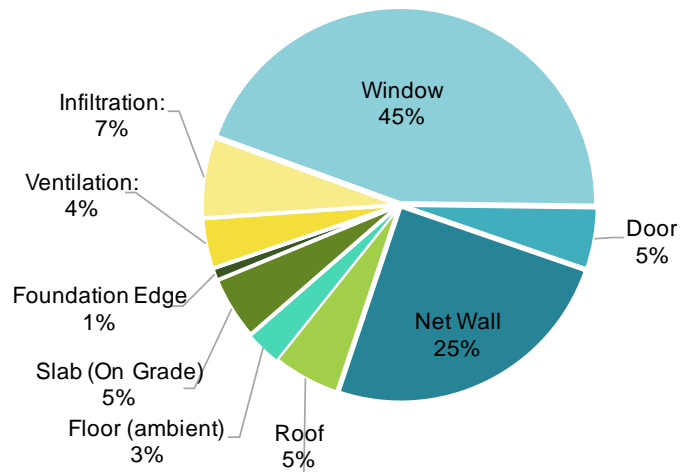


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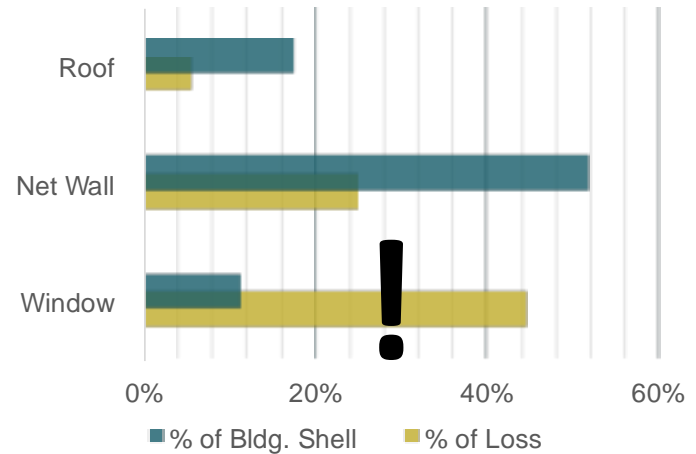
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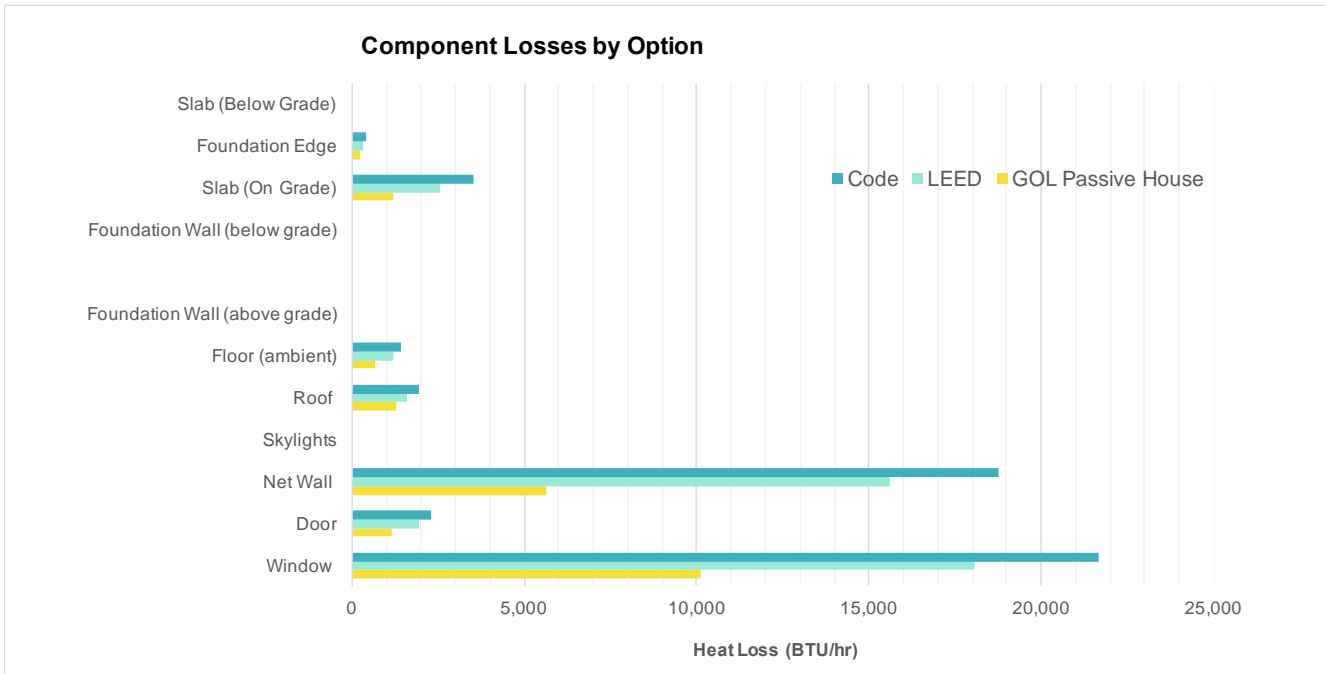
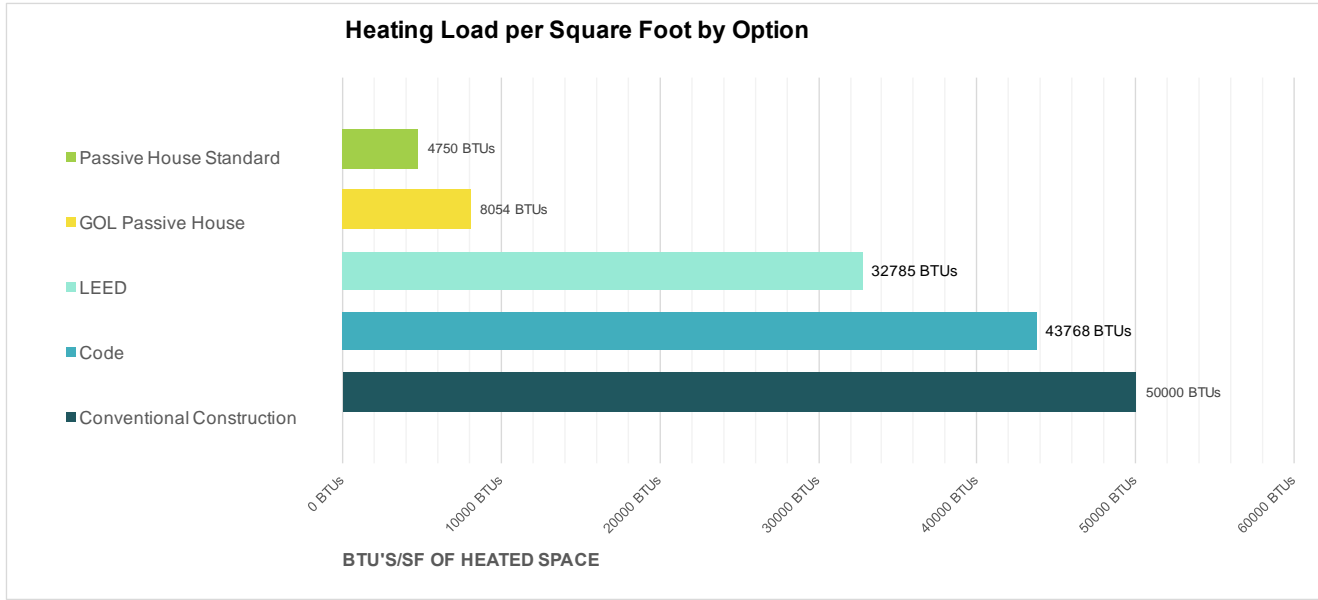
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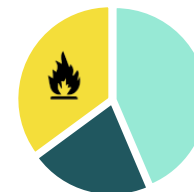
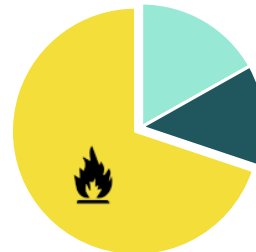
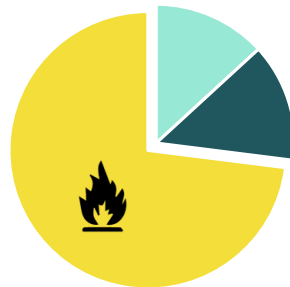
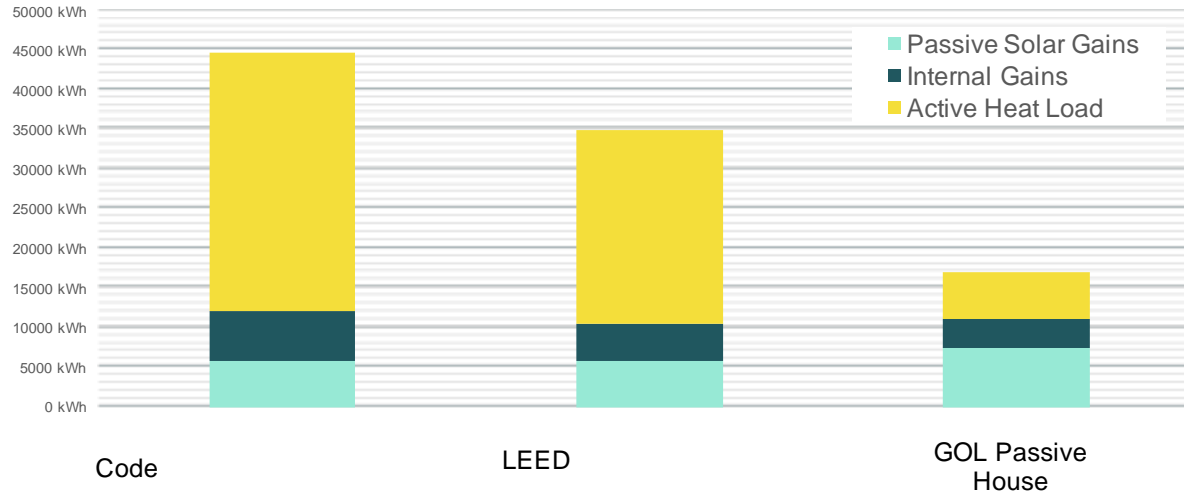




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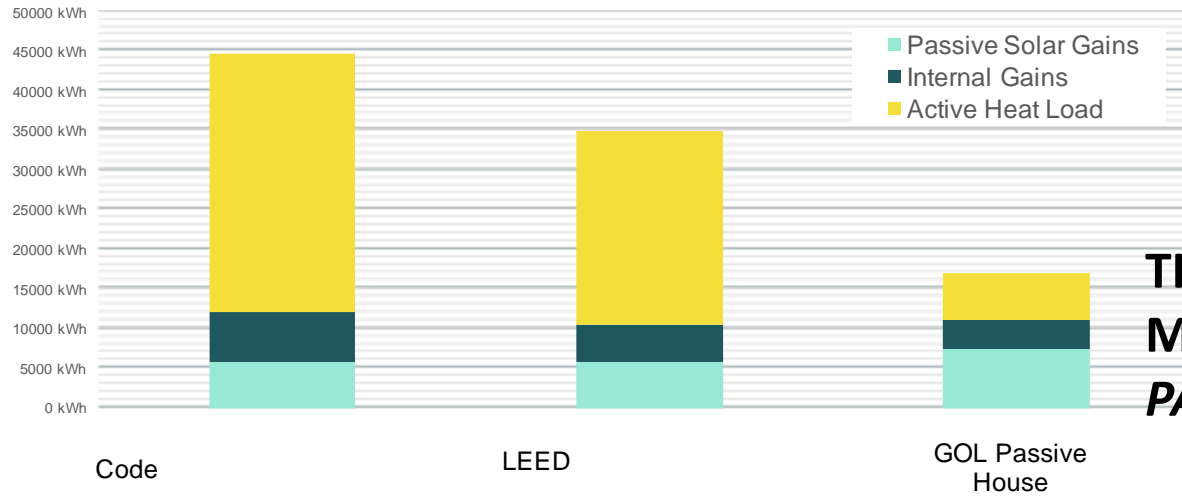
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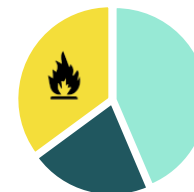
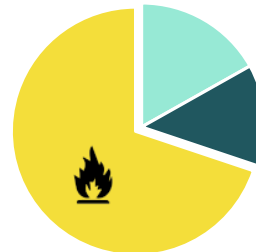
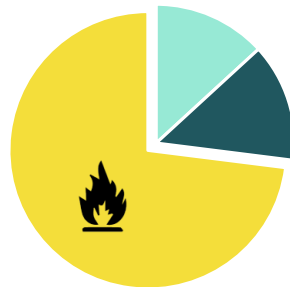
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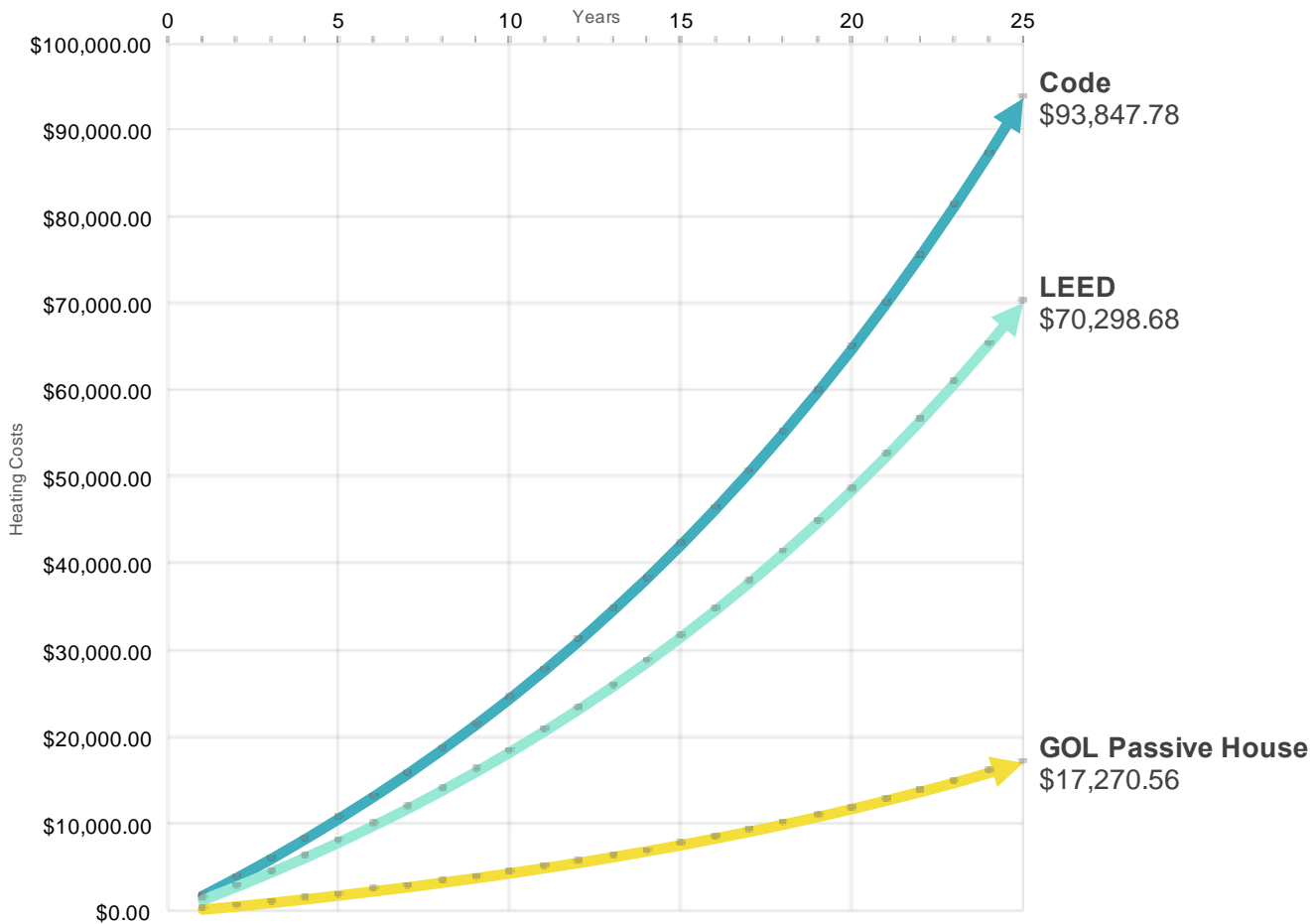


**THIS IS WHAT IT  
MEANS TO BE  
*PASSIVE***



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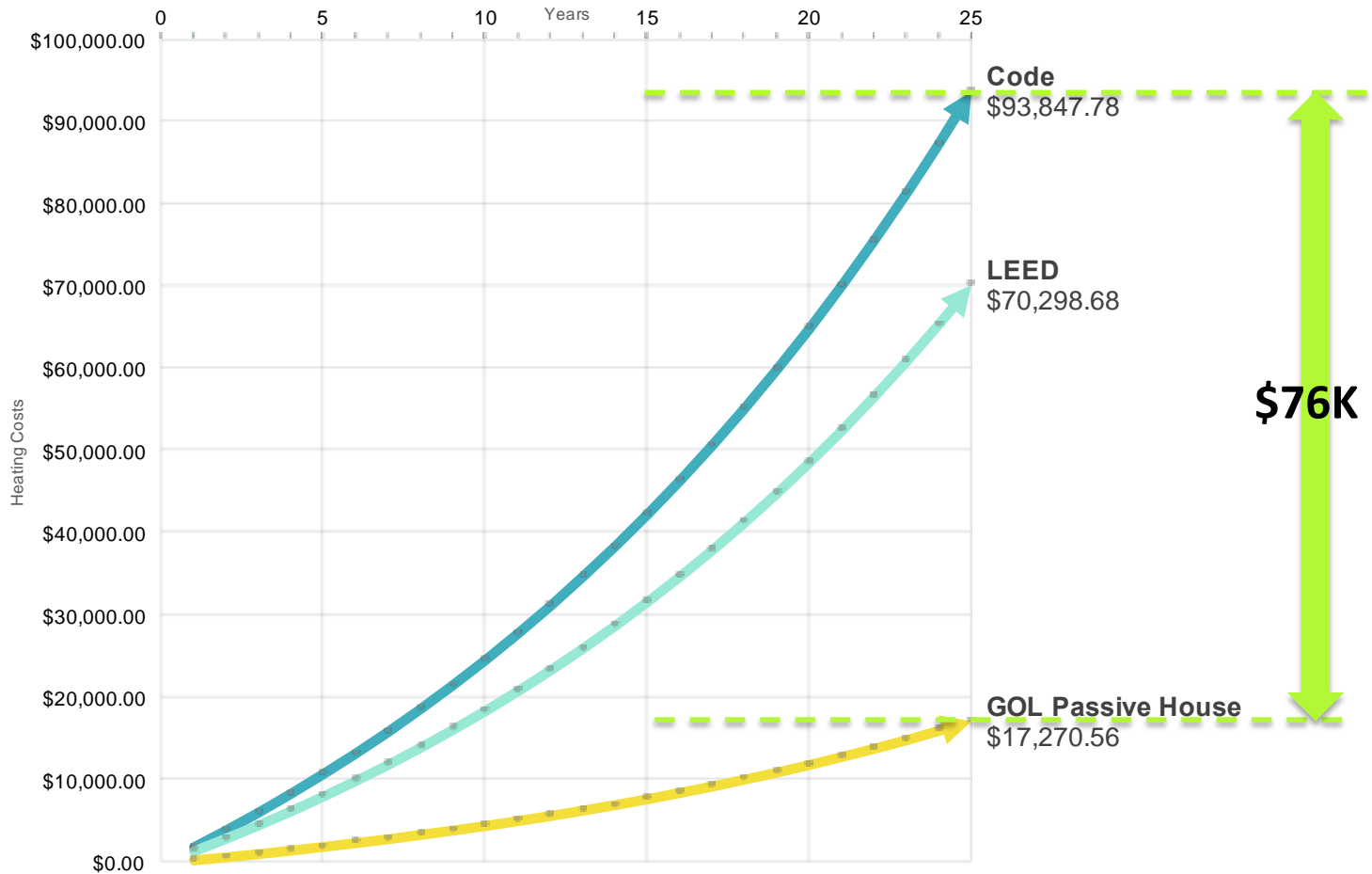
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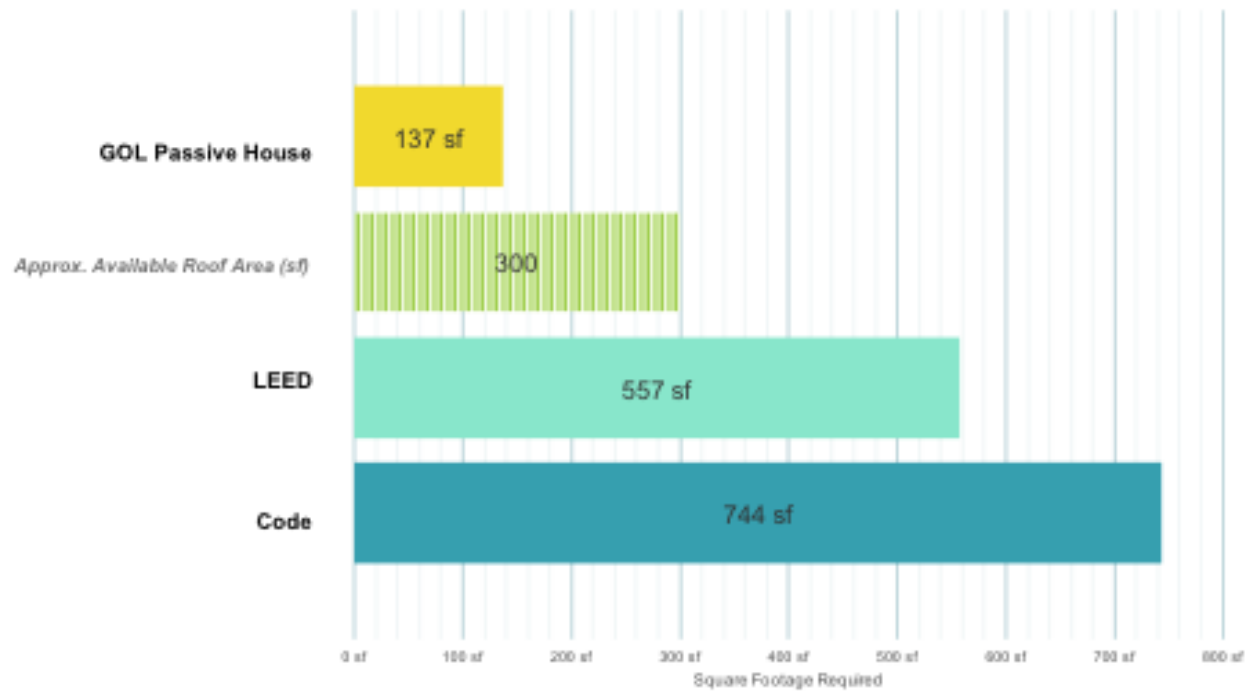
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	Code	LEED	GOL Passive House	Each Panel:
kW required	10.62	7.96	1.95	sf: 70
SF array required (sf)	744 sf	557 sf	137 sf	kW: 1
Approx. Available Roof Area (sf)	300	300	300	panel: 250w
Cost of Installed Array	\$42,492.52	\$31,829.93	\$7,819.79	cost / kW: \$4,000



PV Requirements for the annual heating demand, shown against the roof area available

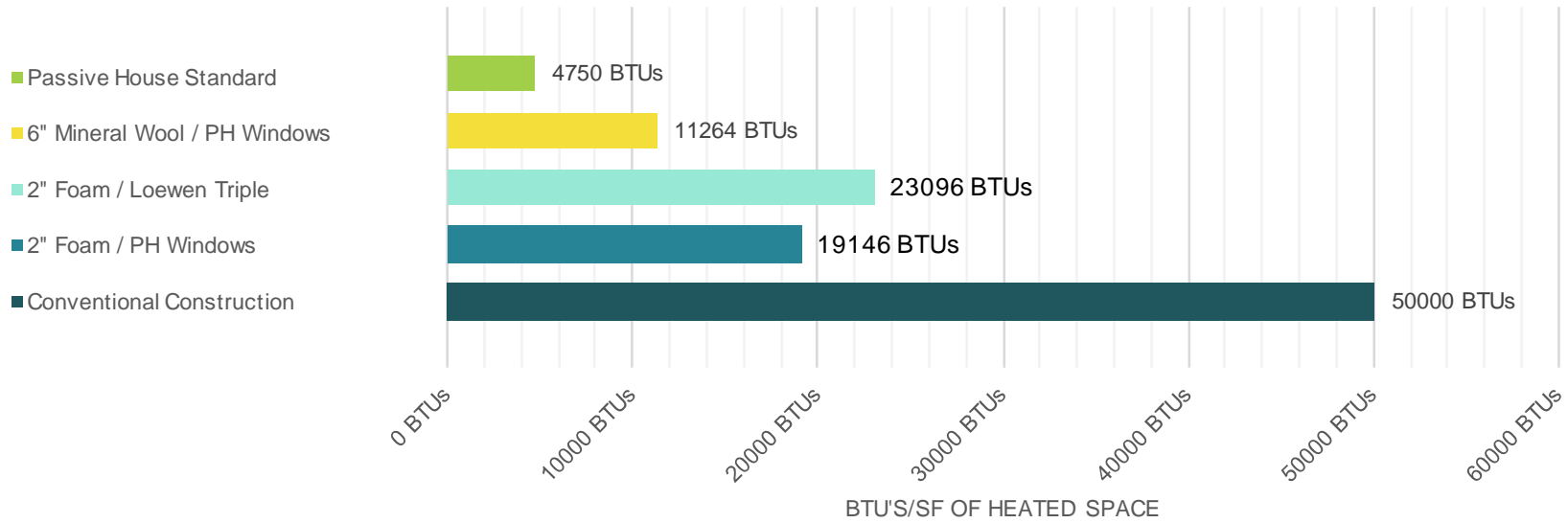
# PH / REDUCED SHELL / REDUCED SHELL AND WINDOW COMPARI

PH Building Envelope Data			Comparison Data		Tj
Option Title:	6" Mineral Wool / PH Windows		Option 1: 2" Foam / Loewen Triple	Option 2: 2" Foam / PH Windows	% tj
Above Grade	Area [SF]	R-Value			
<b>Windows &amp; Glazed Doors</b>	978	6.00	PH Typ. R Value = 6	4.33	6.00
North	304.985	SHGC		SHGC	SHGC
East	363.31	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30
South	222.08	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30
West	87.625	0.50	PH Typ = .6	0.30	0.30
<b>Doors (opaque)</b>	93.1	5.00	PH Typ. R Value = 5	3.00	3.00
<b>Net Wall</b>	4535.3	50.00	PH Typ. R Value = 50	34.00	34.00
<b>Skylights</b>	0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 5	0.00	0.00
<b>Roof</b>	1523.5	75.00	PH Typ. R Value = 80	75.00	75.00
<b>Floor (ambient / cantilever)</b>	685.56	65.00	PH Typ. R Value = 60	65.00	65.00
<b>Foundation Wall (above grade)</b>	0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 30	0.00	0.00
<b>Below Grade</b>					
<b>Foundation Wall (below grade)</b>	0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 20	0.00	0.00
<b>Slab (On Grade)</b>	822.1	26.10	PH Typ. R Value = 30	8.70	8.70
<b>Foundation Edge</b>	96.3	26.10	PH Typ. R Value = 30	8.70	8.70
<b>Slab (Below Grade)</b>	0	0.00	PH Typ. R Value = 18	0.00	0.00
				2" Foam / Loewen Triple	2" Foam / PH Windows
<b>Efficiency of HRV [%]</b>	84	PH Typ. Efficiency = 84%		78.00	78.00
<b>Infiltration Rate [ACH]</b>	0.04	PH Typ. Rate = 0.04		0.04	0.04
<b>Heat Pump COP</b>	2.5	PH Typ = 2.5			
<b>Proposed Occupancy</b>	4	Often # of bedrooms			
<b>Total Floor Area [SF]</b>	2,676.18				
<b>Treated Floor Area [SF]</b>	2,554.83				
<b>Building Volume [CF]</b>	33,557				

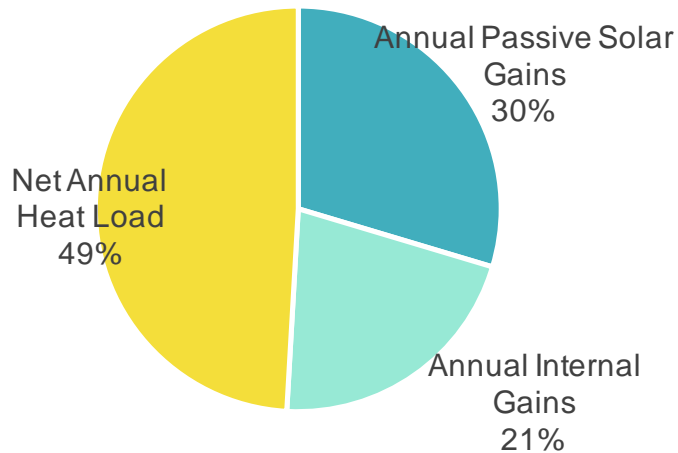


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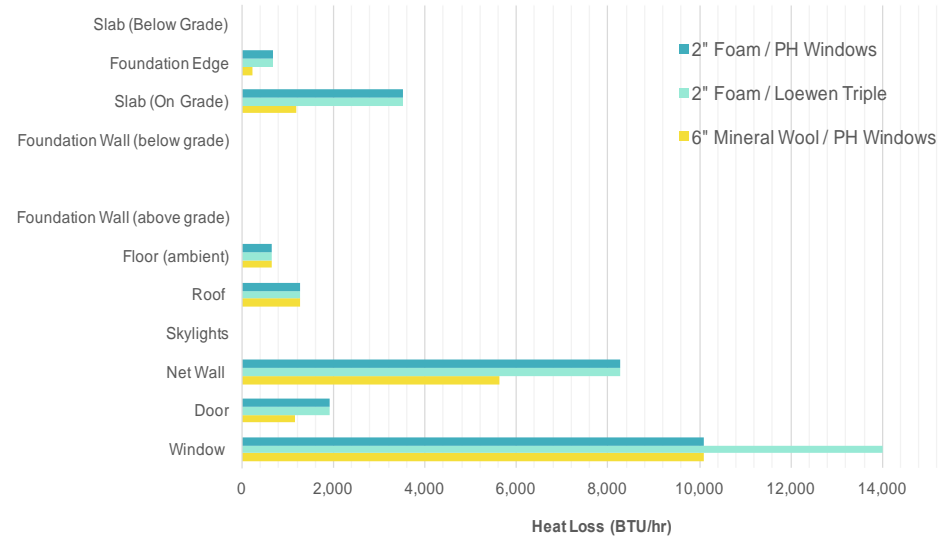
## Heating Load Requirements per Square Foot by Option



## Percentage Division of Energy Loads

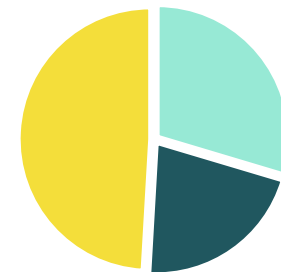
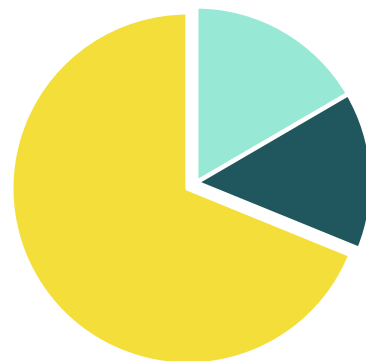
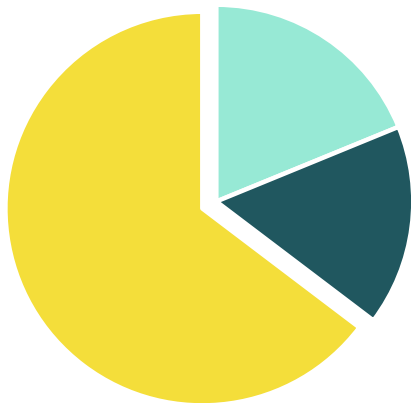
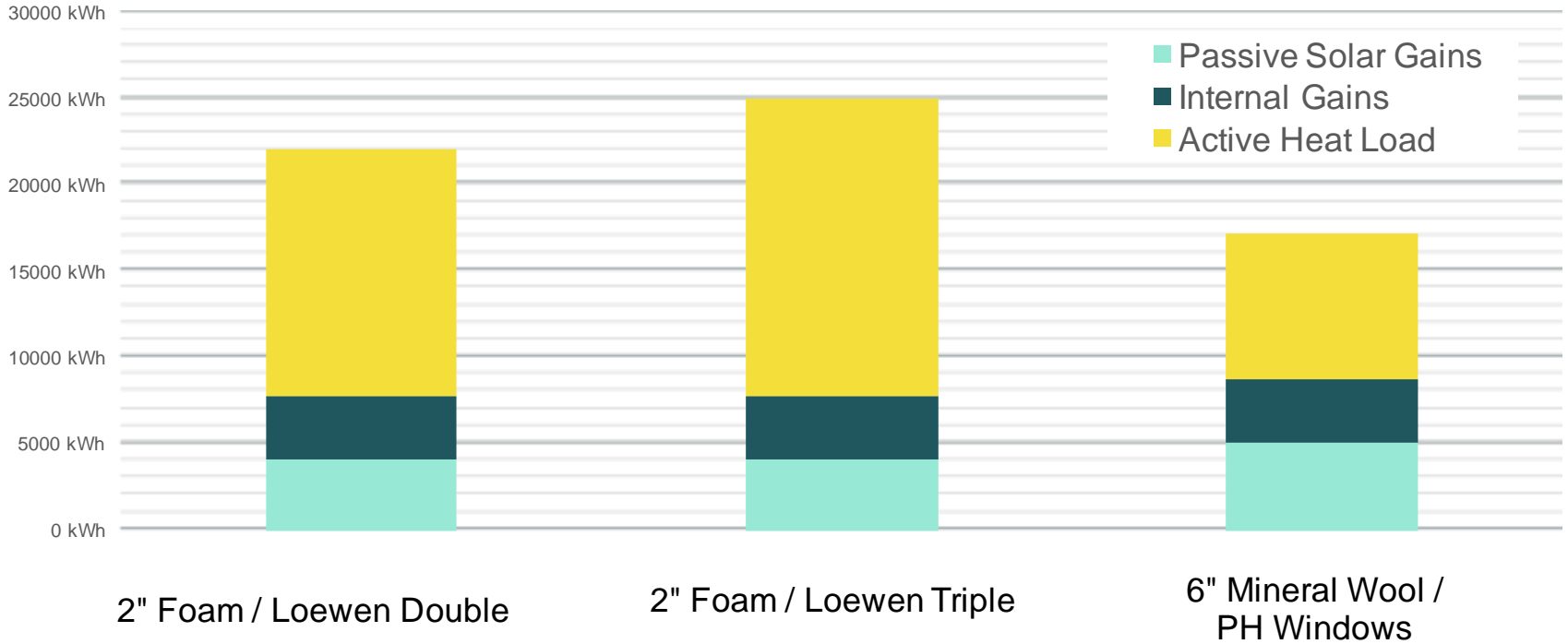


## Component Losses by Option



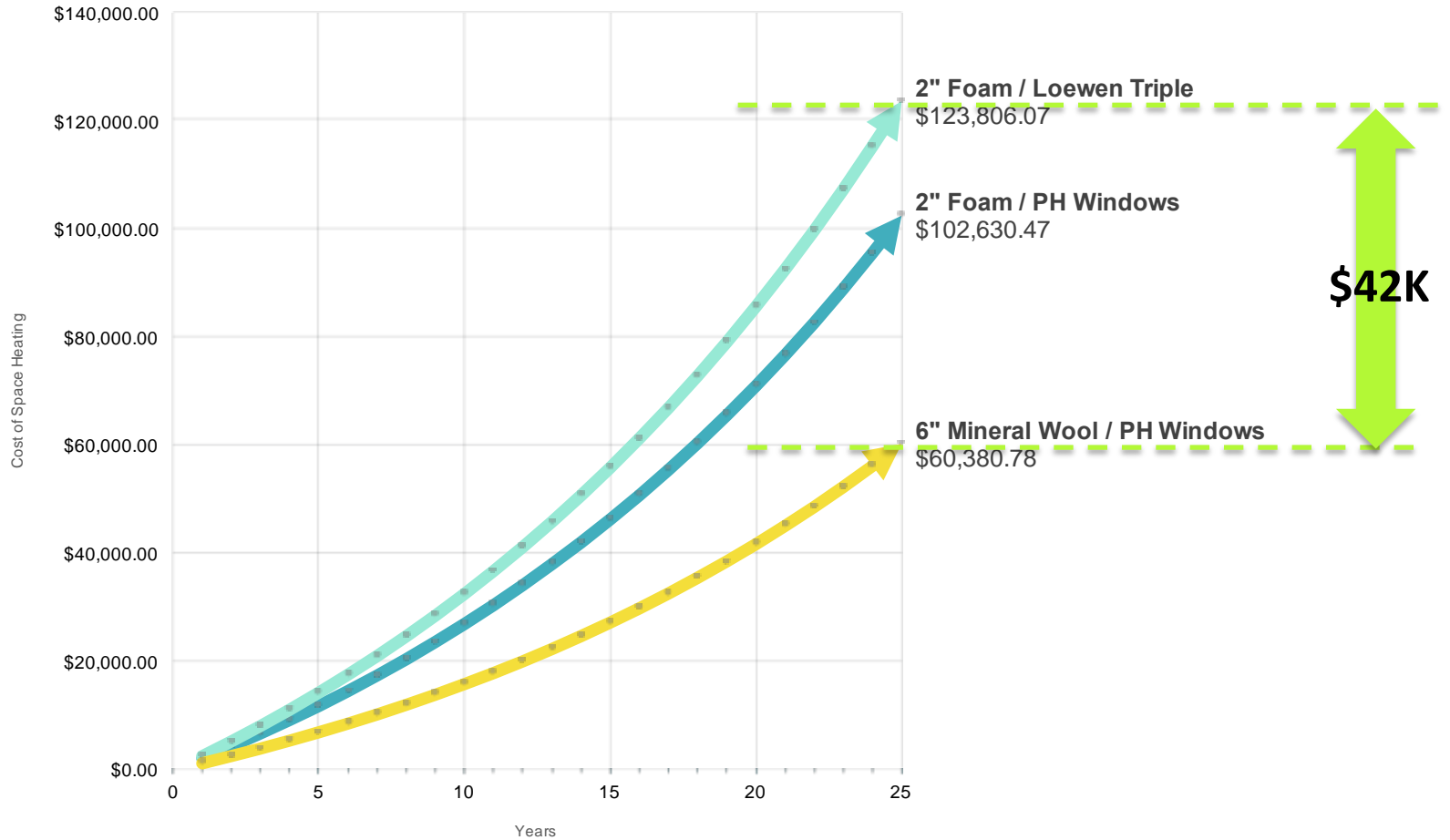
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## Annual Heating Loads



# PH / REDUCED SHELL / REDUCED SHELL AND WINDOW COMPARI

	2" Foam / PH Windows	2" Foam / Loewen Triple	6" Mineral Wool / PH Windows
Fuel Type	Grid Electric	Grid Electric	Grid Electric
Annual Operating Costs:	\$2,150.36	\$2,594.04	\$1,265.13
<b>Operating Costs after 25 Years:</b>	<b>\$102,630.47</b>	<b>\$123,806.07</b>	<b>\$60,380.78</b>
Difference from PH	\$42,249.69	\$63,425.29	





# Massive Passiv Walls for the Masses



# Why Walls?

- In the land of passivhaus, walls are thick and complicated.
- They hold up the floor and the roof.
- They want to be as thin as possible to reduce cost and be acceptable to the architect.
- Architects are at the mercy of builders, and builders have their methods.
- They need to be evaluated on a number of criteria, including but not limited to:

# Evaluation Criteria

- Load Path and Shear
- Bulk Moisture Control (given)
- Insulation value
- Airtightness (given)
- Thermal bridge-free (mostly given)
- Vapor Control
- Buildability and Cost



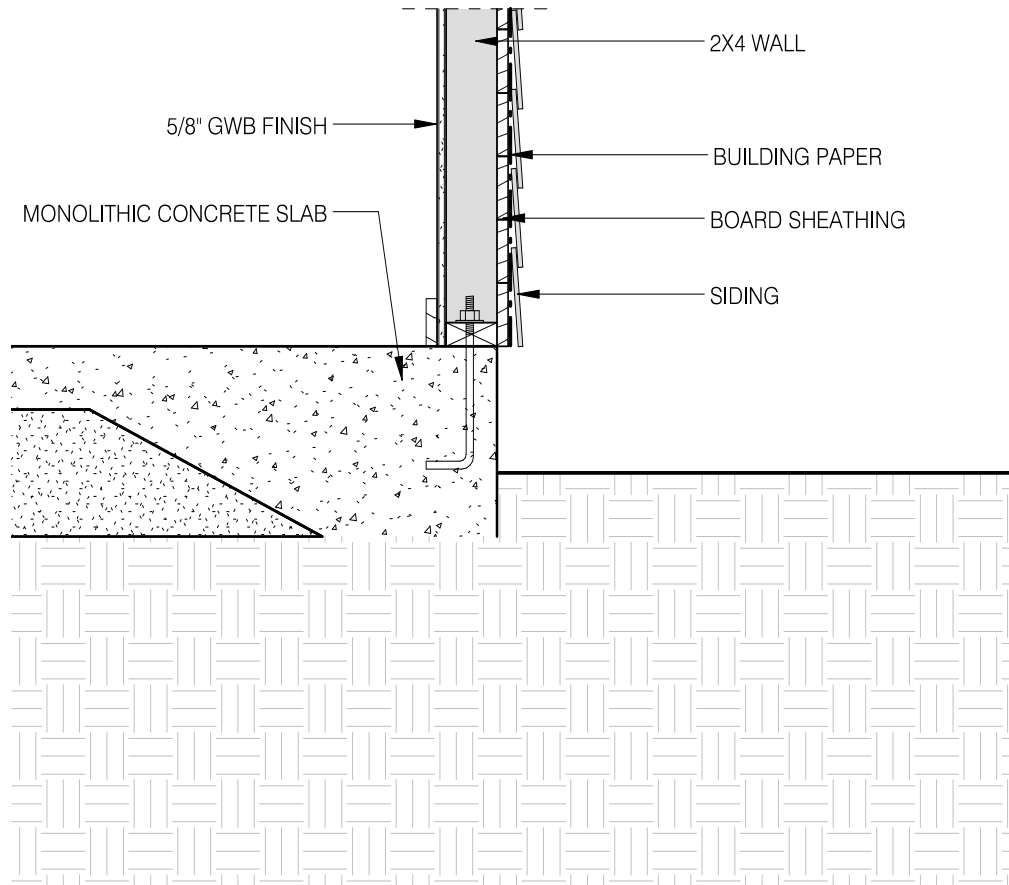
# Assumptions

- There are many ways to build walls.
- Some are better than others.
- The walls I am presenting are generally for cold climates.
- The walls I am presenting are wood frame.

# Passivhaus Wall Survey Results

1. Double Stud
  - a. Not Good Way
  - b. Better Way
2. Stud Wall with Exterior Insulation
  - a. Foam/SIP
  - b. Larsen Truss
  - c. Mineral Wool
  - d. Sorry, no spray foam here

# In the beginning: simple stick framing. Life was good.



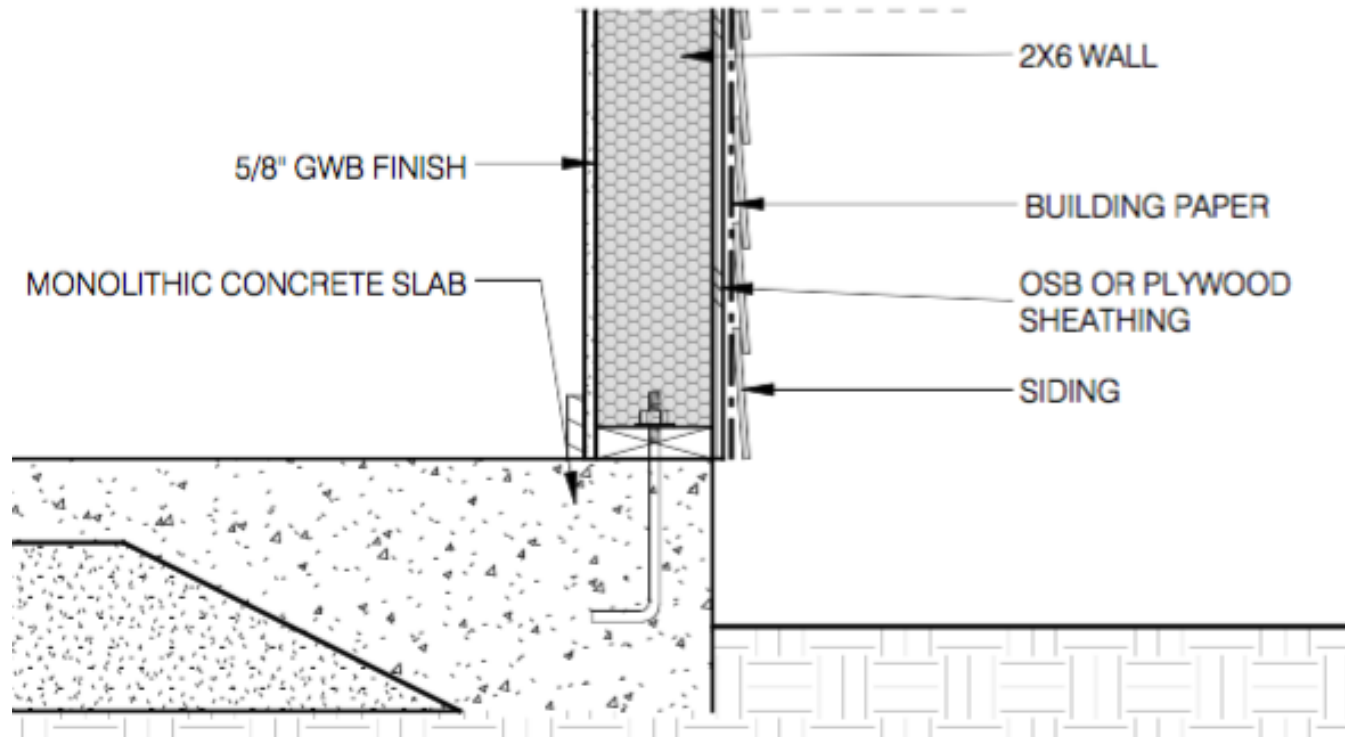


# 1977

## Saskatchewan Conservation House

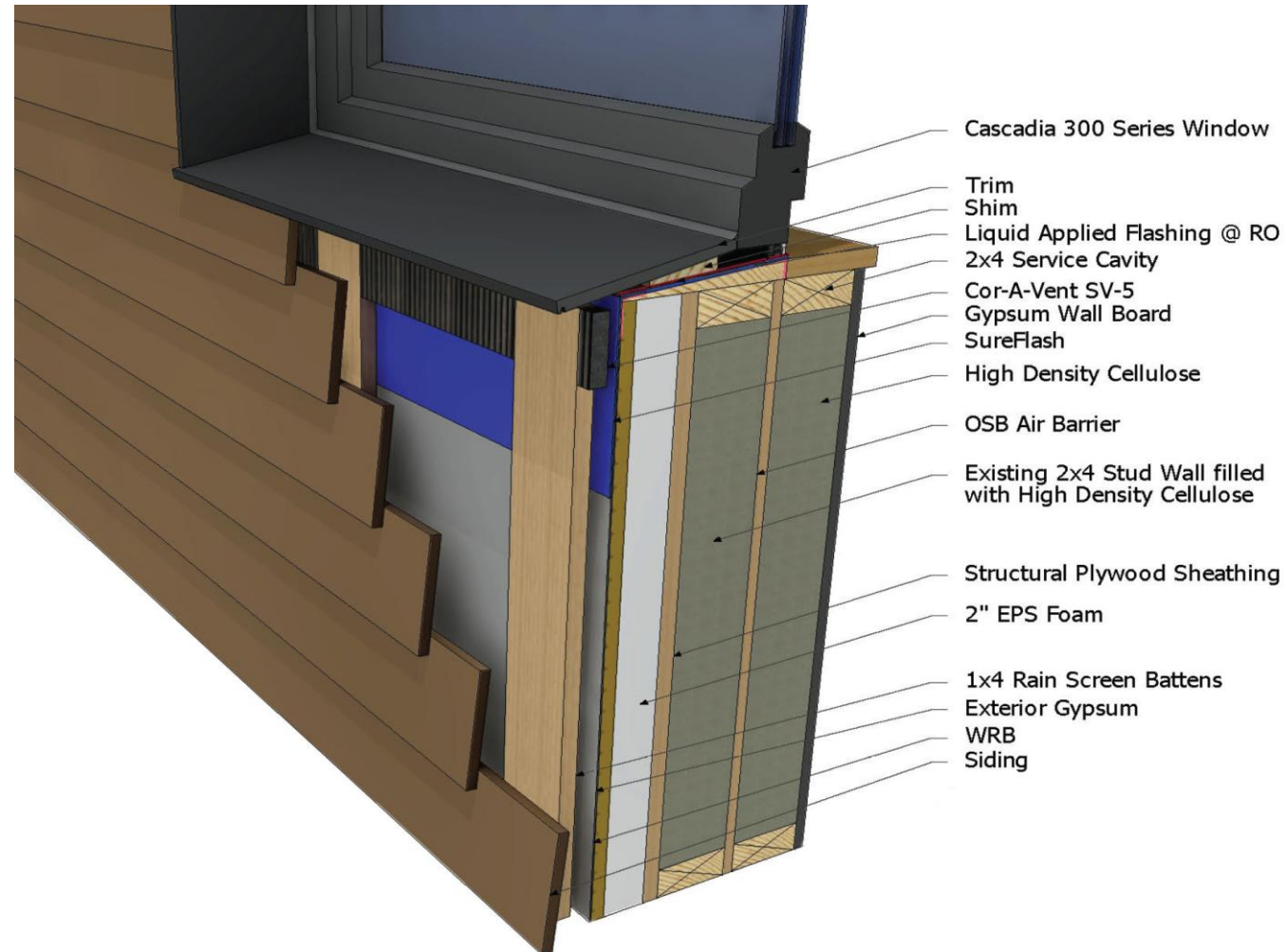


# 1980s: 2x6 wall with... poor insulation

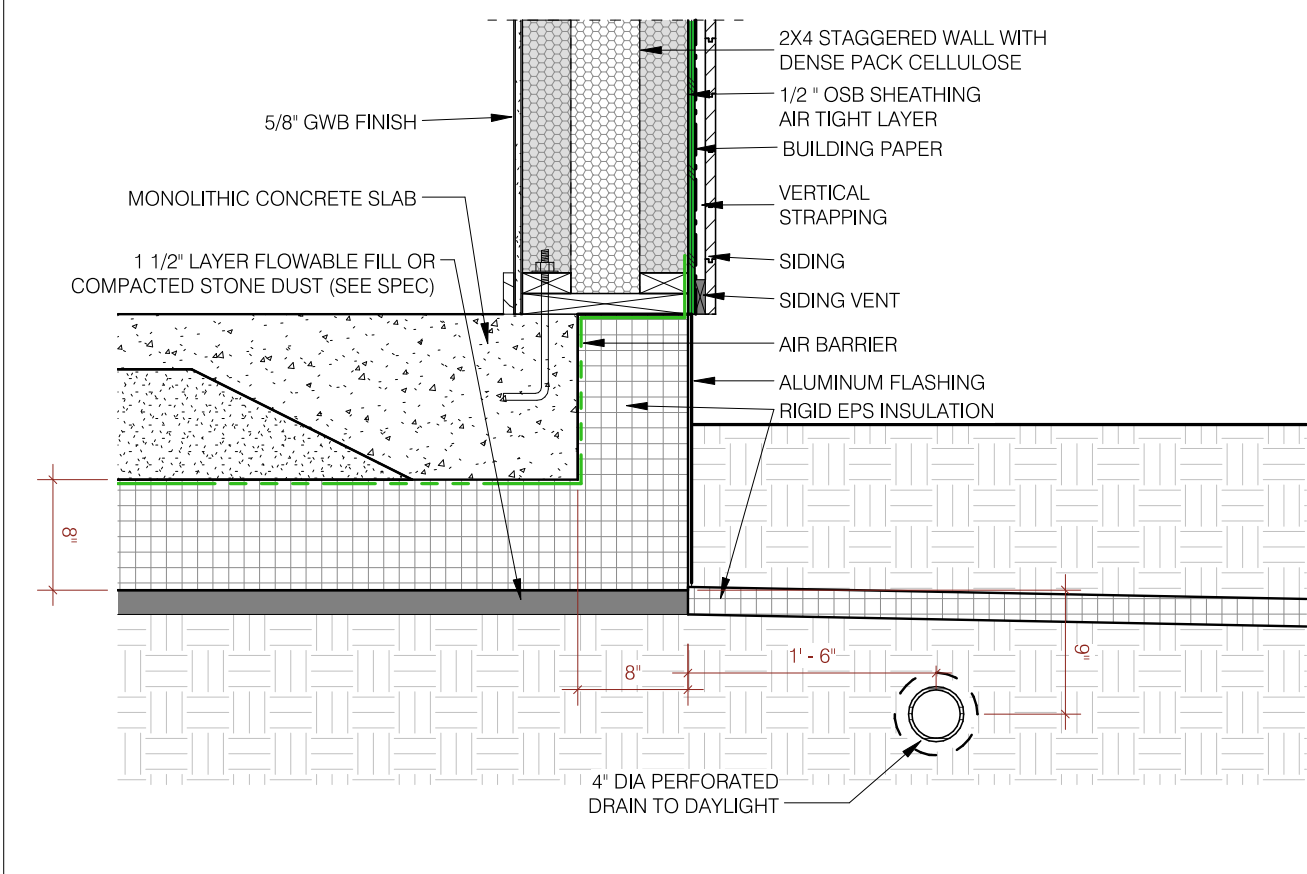


# Fast Forward: Passivhaus: Hello, R50

Standard  
insulation  
values: R 3.5-  
4/inch  
Wall 14"-16"  
thick



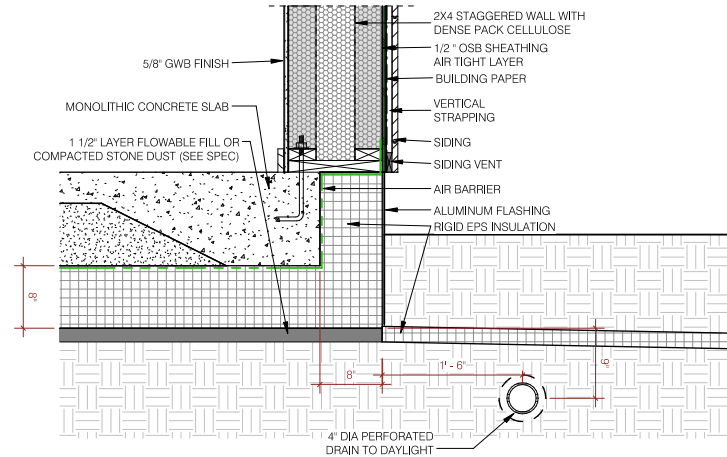
# Double Stud: not good way






# Double Stud: not good way

- Load Path, Shear
- Insulation value (R42)
- Airtightness
- Vapor Control
- Buildability and Cost—need to separate bays for cellulose; not as cheap as you think



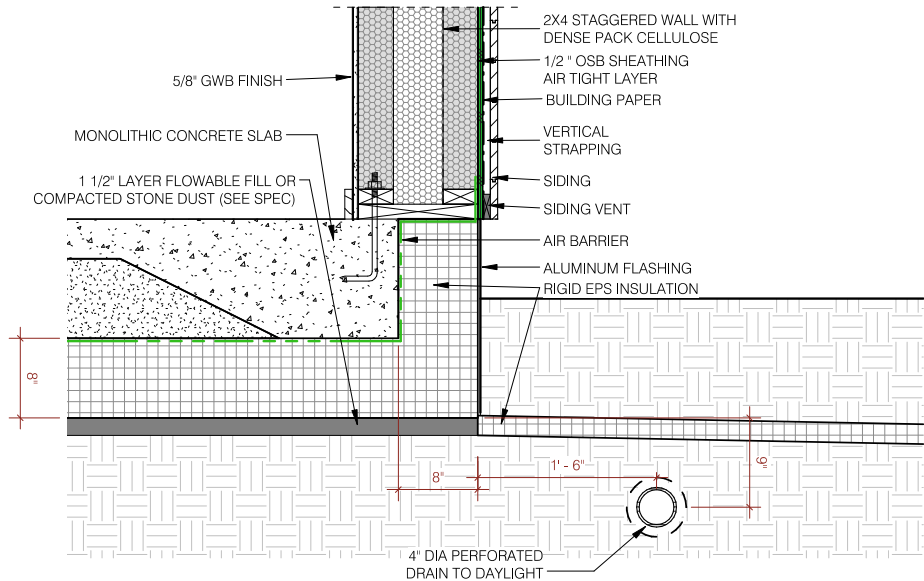
sketch	description	scale
SK1.1	2X4 Double Stud Wall (Slab on Grade)	1" = 1'-0"
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# Vapor Control Basics

- Vapor drive is real. Moisture goes from more humid to less humid, just like heat moves from warm to cool.
- Walls must be able to dry to one side or the other. Winter condition in cold climate: keep moisture out of wall and away from condensing surface (typically the sheathing).
- This means exterior skin must be more vapor permeable than interior skin, by at least 5 times

# Double Stud: not good way

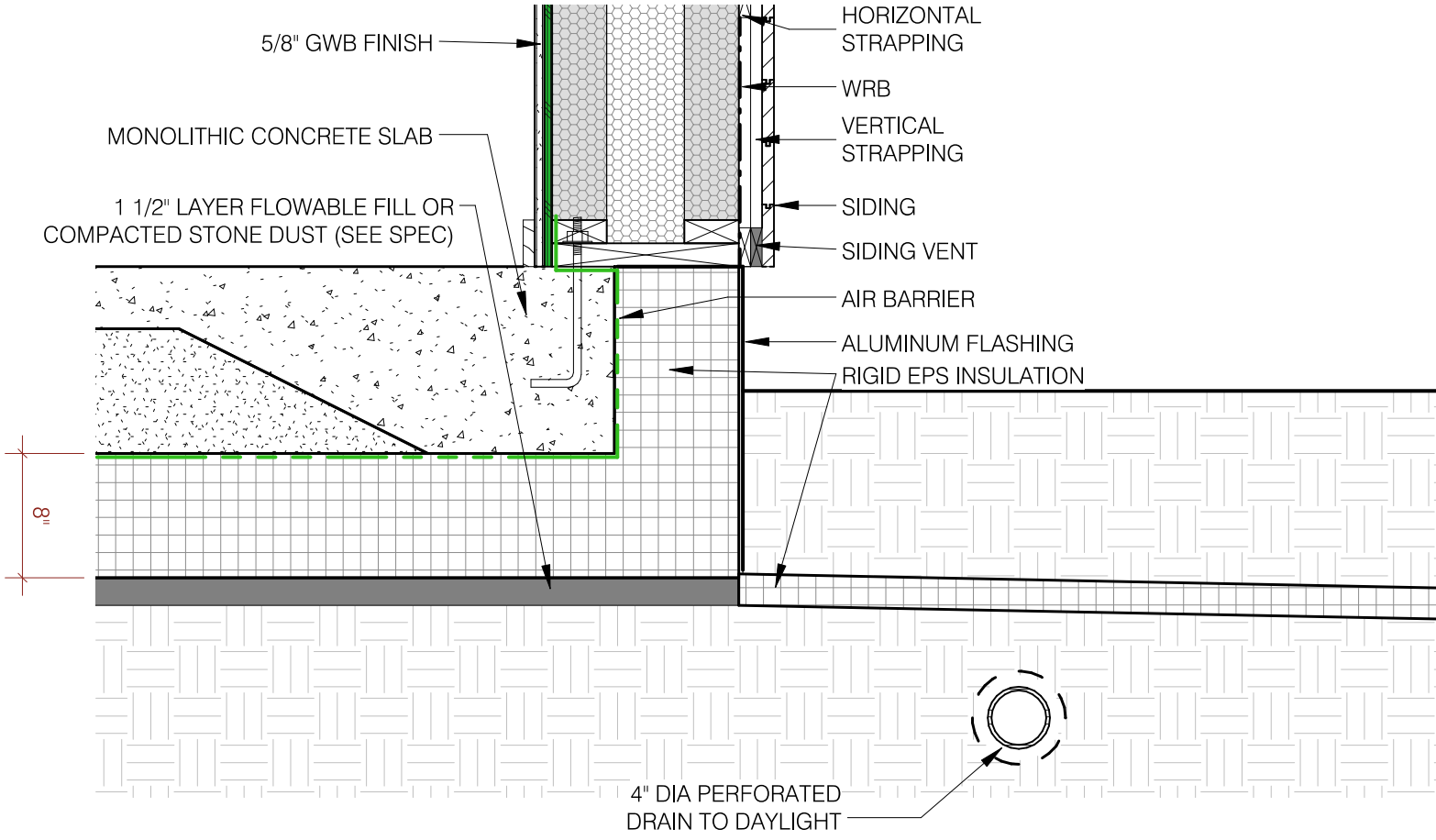
Gwb (interior) perm rating: 50  
 o.s.b. (exterior) perm rating: 1  
 Must use vapor retarder on  
 Interior, and make sure it's smart



sheet	description	scale
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# Double Stud Wall: Better Way 1

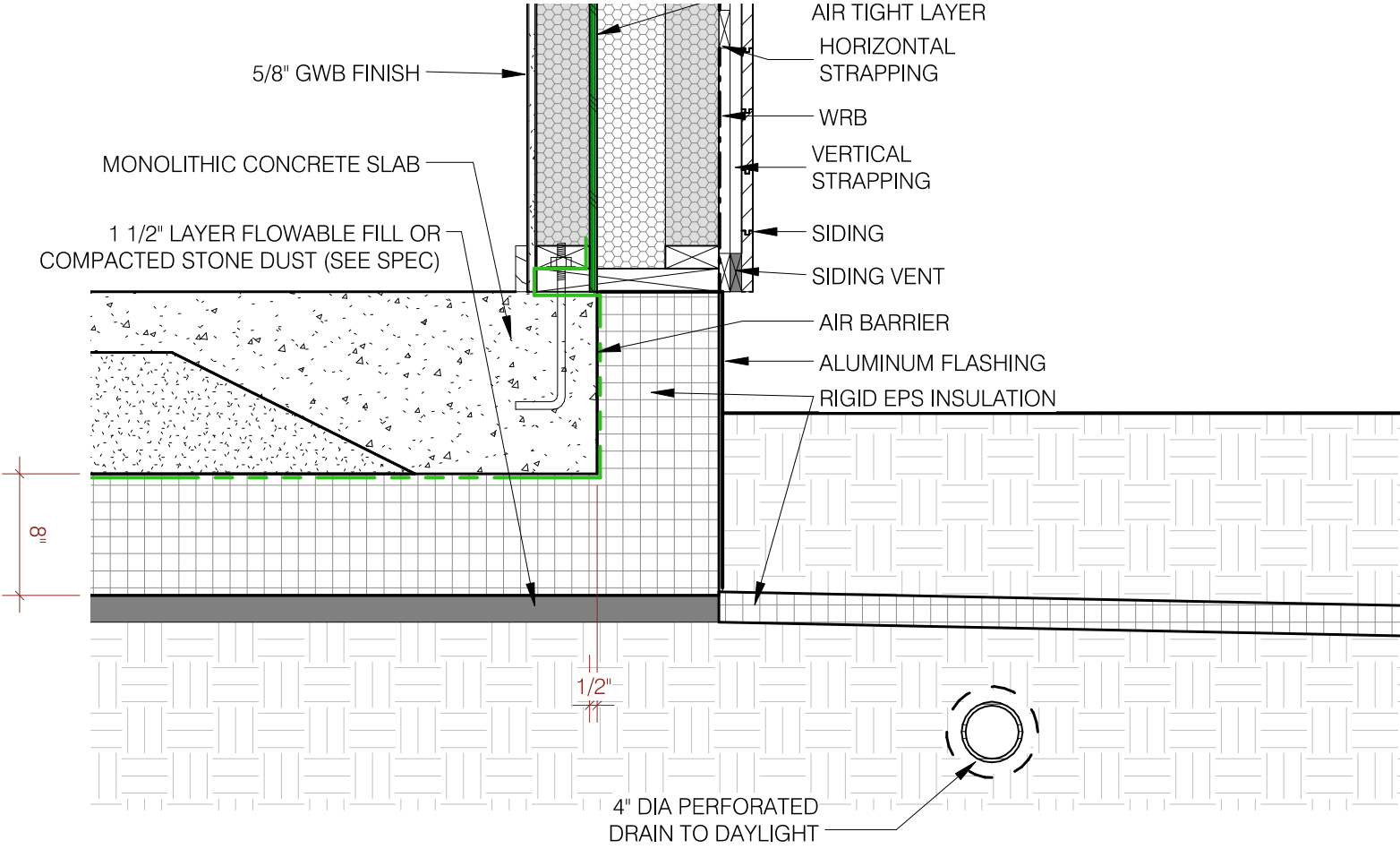




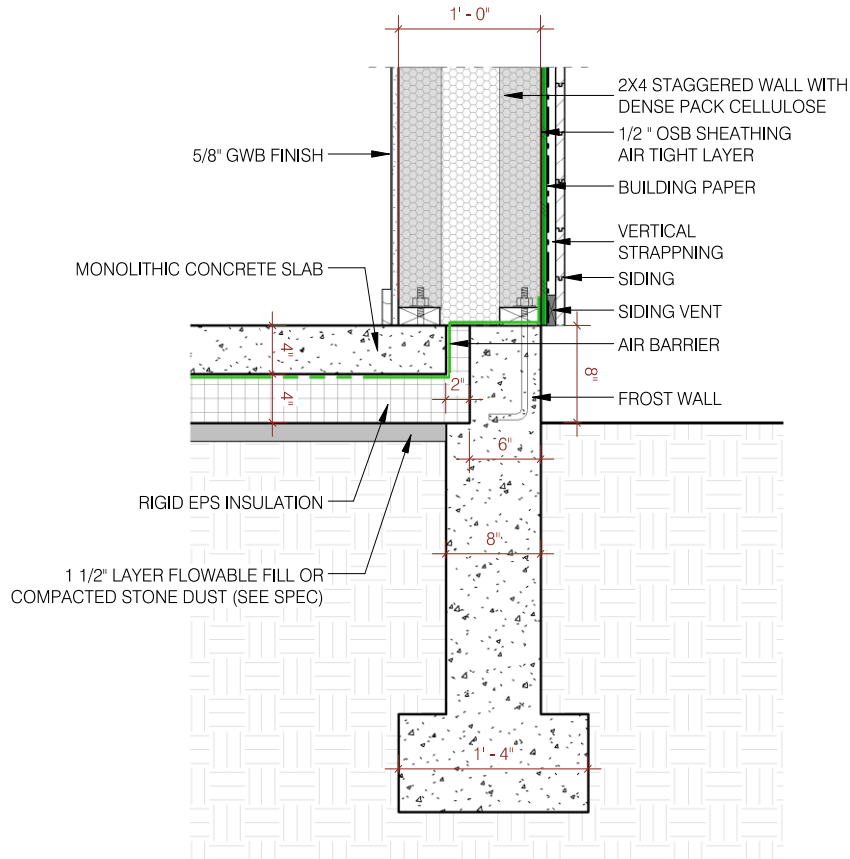
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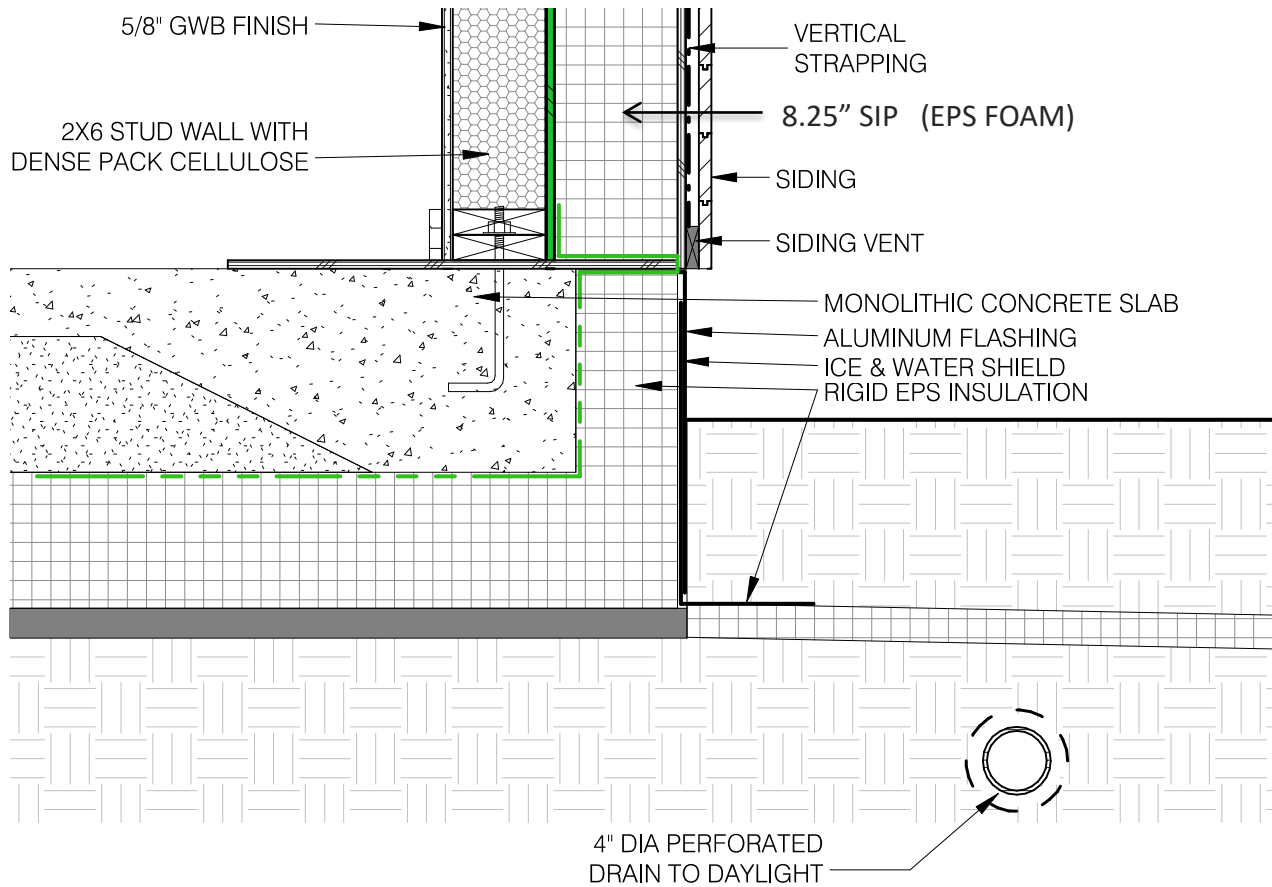
# Double Stud Wall: Better Way 2



# Double Stud Wall: Better Way 3



# Stud Wall with Exterior Insulation





# Sheathing, foam, sheathing: SIP





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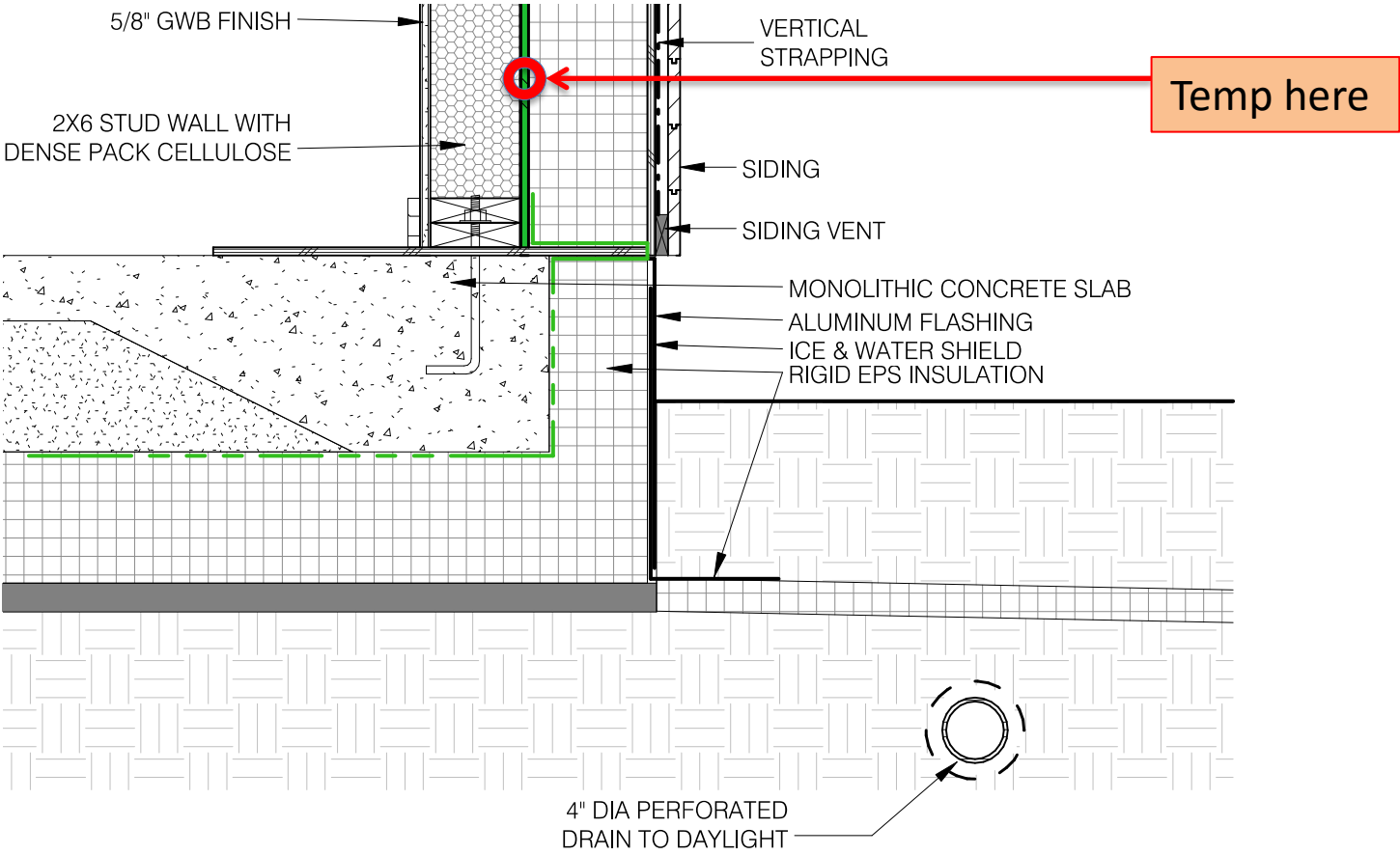


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# Stud Wall with Exterior Insulation



Calculate temp inside the wall,  
and dew point

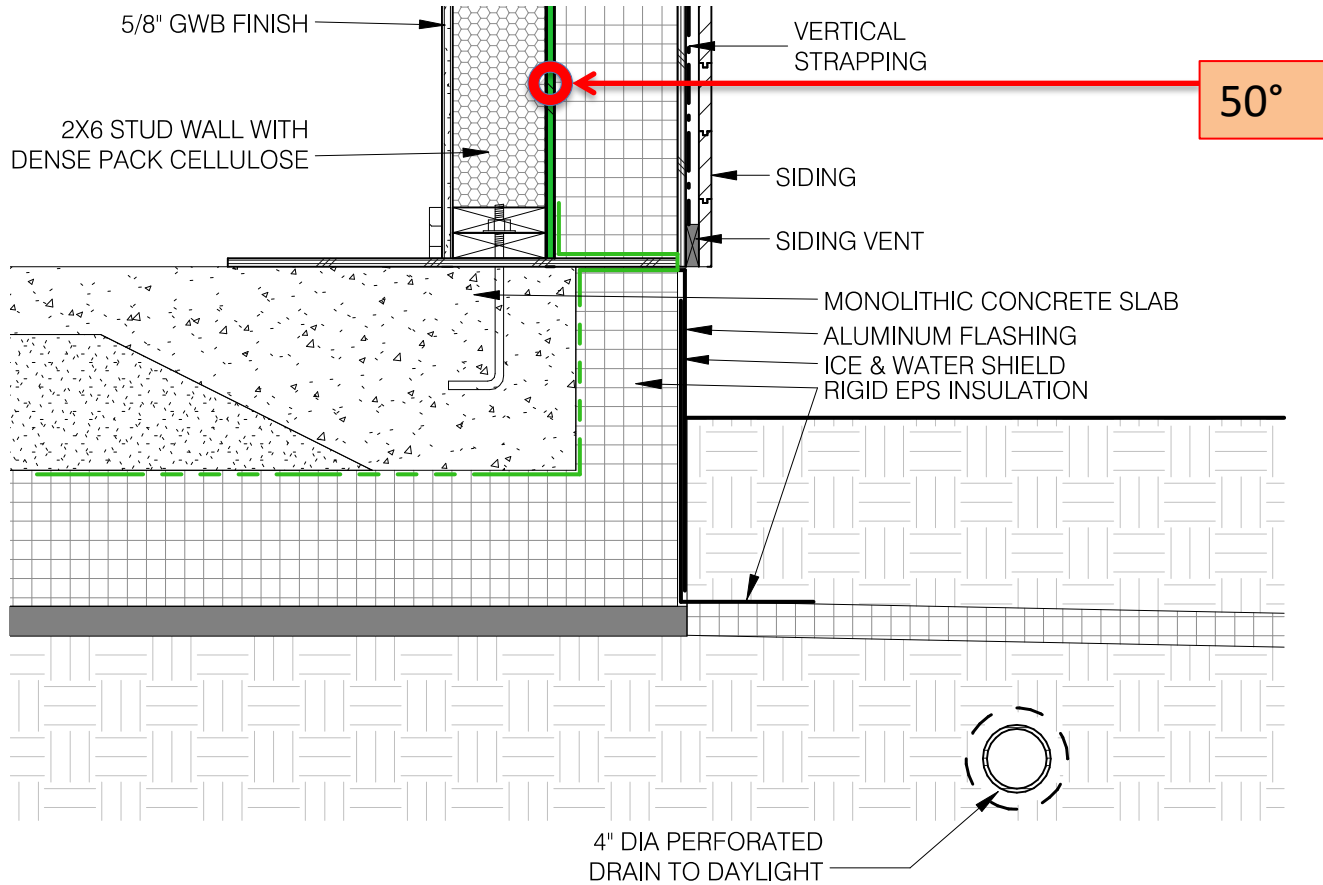
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$$T_{si} = 68^\circ - (19/52) \times 48^\circ$$

$$T_{si} = 50^\circ$$

# Stud Wall with Exterior Insulation





# Online Dew Point Calculator:

<http://www.dpcalc.org/>

The screenshot shows the 'Dew Point Calculator' interface from the Image Permanence Institute. It features a navigation bar with 'Home', 'How to Use', and 'About' buttons. Below the header, there is a 'Welcome to the Dew Point Calculator' section with a brief explanation of the tool's purpose. The main interface is divided into two primary sections: 'Click to Solve for:' and 'Preservation Evaluation'.

**Click to Solve for:**

- Temperature
- % RH
- Dew Point

Three vertical sliders are shown with their current values displayed in boxes above them: Temperature is 68, % RH is 49, and Dew Point is 48. Below the sliders, the 'Temperature Scale' is set to  °F and  °C.

**Preservation Evaluation**

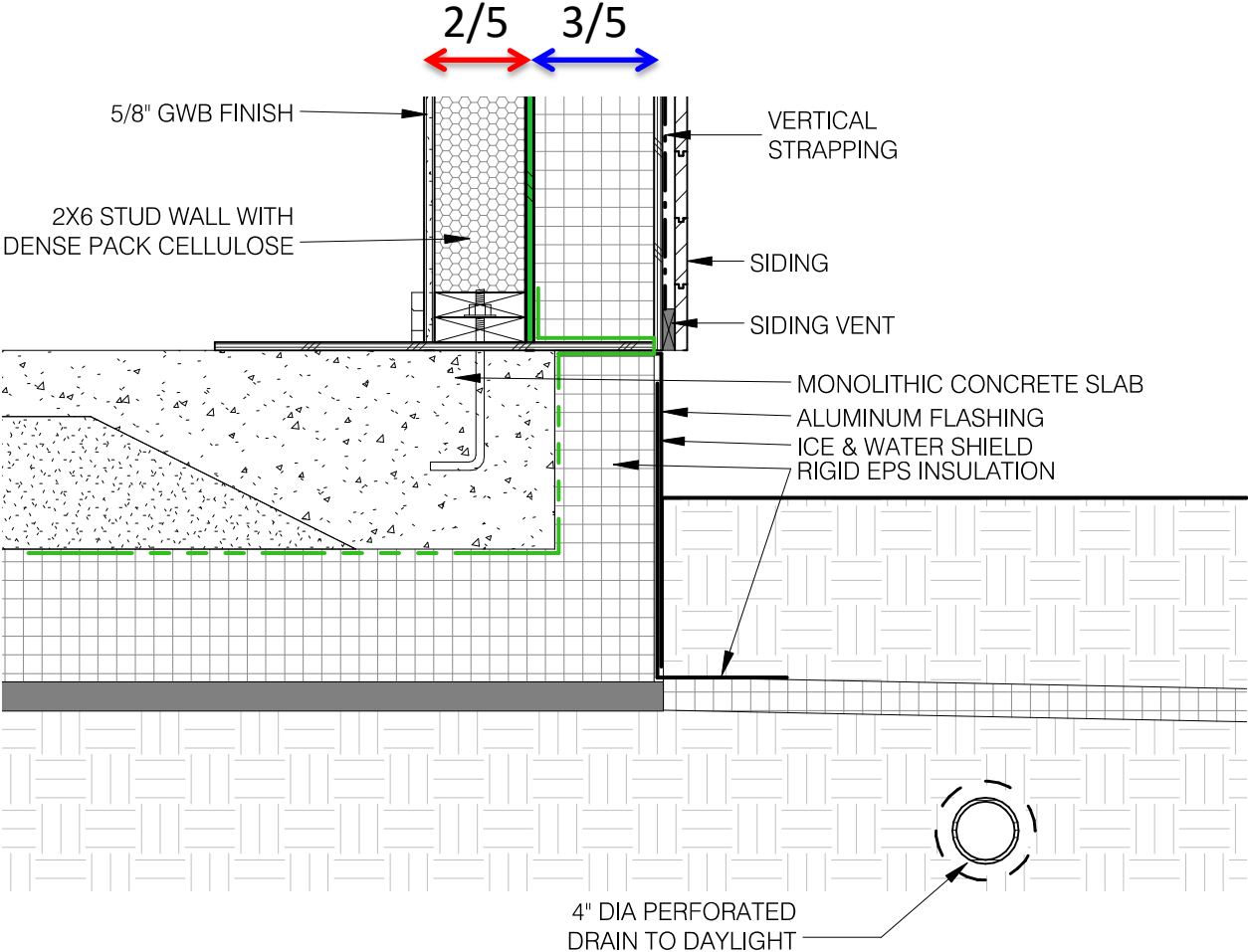
Type of Decay	Environment Rating	Preservation Metric
Natural Aging	OK	PI 45
Mechanical Damage	OK	% EMC 9.1
Mold Risk	GOOD	Days to Mold No Risk
Metal Corrosion	OK	% EMC 9.1

**Record and Compare Values**

T	RH	DP	PI	Days to Mold	EMC

Buttons for 'Save', 'Clear', and 'Export' are located at the bottom of the interface.

# 2/5 Rule: put sheathing no more than 2/5 of the total R value into the wall (from the interior).



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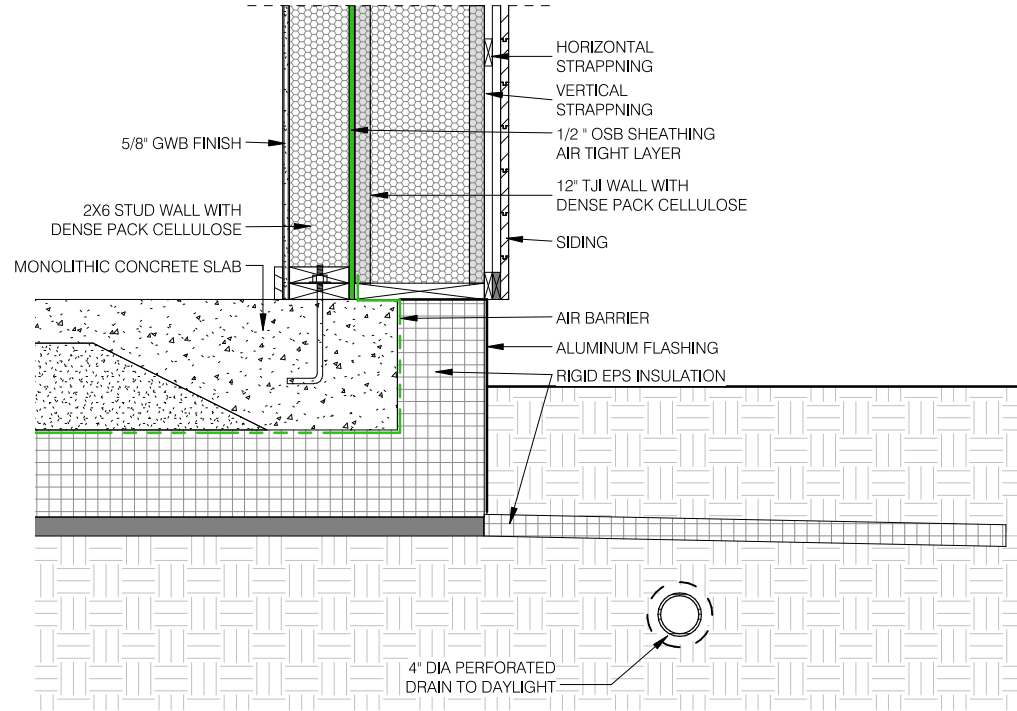
## R702.7.1 Class III vapor retarders.

Class III vapor retarders shall be permitted where any one of the conditions in Table R702.7.1 is met.

**TABLE R702.7.1 CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS**

CLIMATE ZONE	CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS PERMITTED FOR: <sup>a</sup>
Marine 4	Vented cladding over wood structural panels. Vented cladding over fiberboard. Vented cladding over gypsum. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 2.5$ over 2 x 4 wall. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 3.75$ over 2 x 6 wall.
5	Vented cladding over wood structural panels. Vented cladding over fiberboard. Vented cladding over gypsum. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 5$ over 2 x 4 wall. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 7.5$ over 2 x 6 wall.
6	Vented cladding over fiberboard. Vented cladding over gypsum. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 7.5$ over 2 x 4 wall. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 11.25$ over 2 x 6 wall.
7 and 8	Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 10$ over 2 x 4 wall. Insulated sheathing with $R$ -value $\geq 15$ over 2 x 6 wall.

# 2x6 stud wall with TJI Larsen Truss



sheet	description	scale
SK1.5	2x6 Wall w/ 12" TJI	1" = 1'-0"
project		issued
		02/15/16

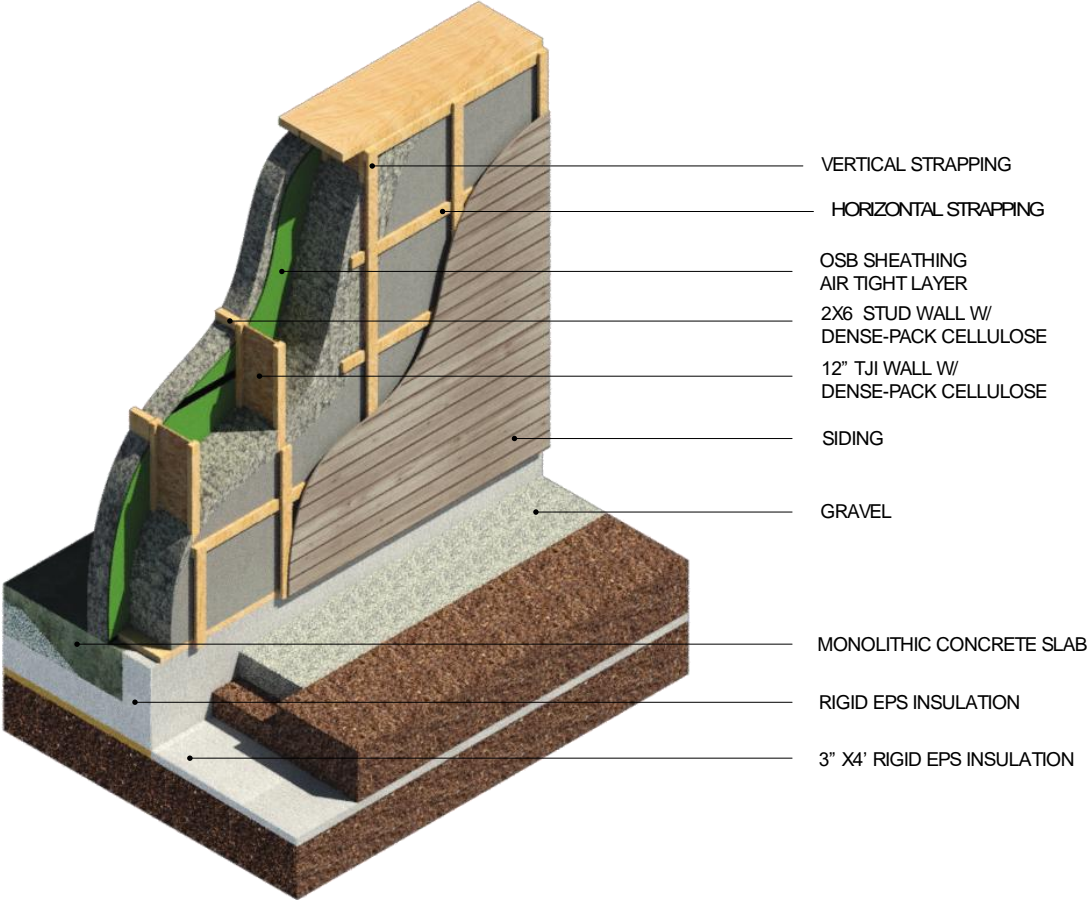


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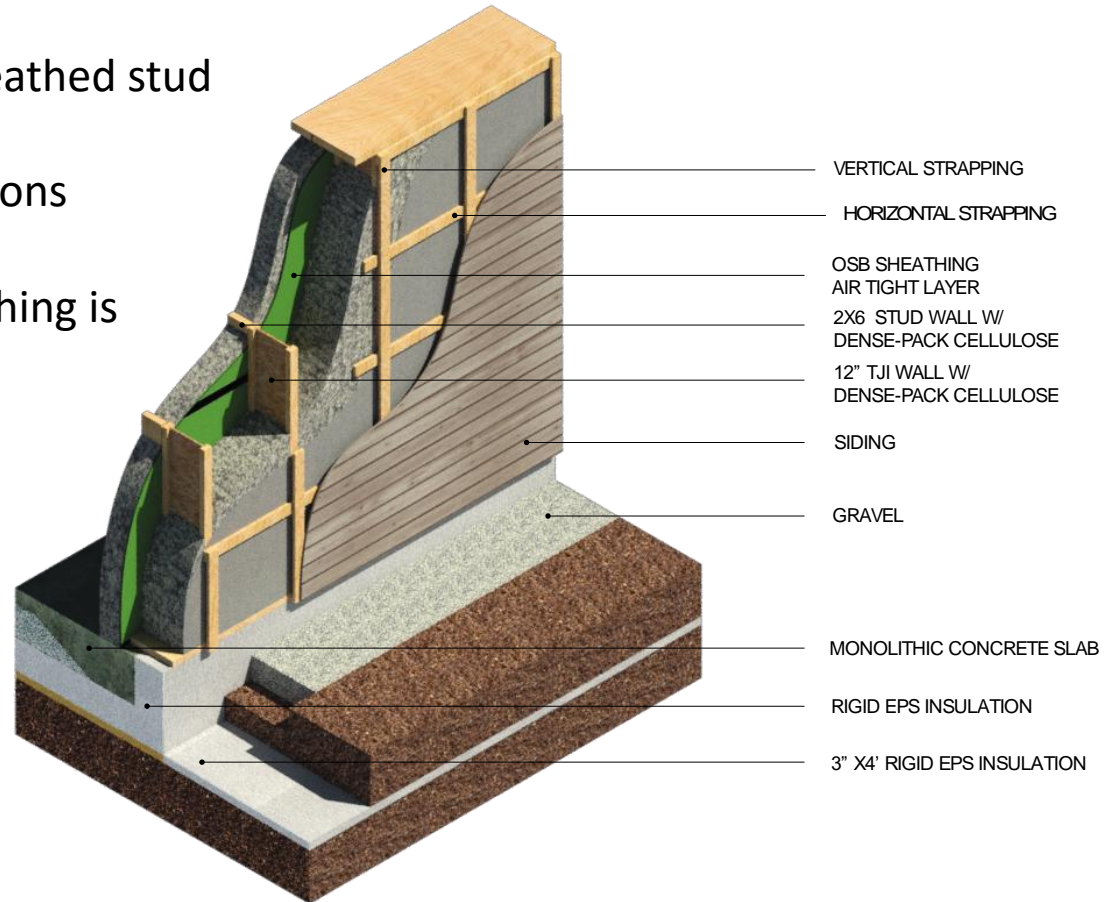
# 2x6 stud wall with TJI Larsen Truss



# 2x6 stud wall with 12" TJI Larsen Truss

## Pros

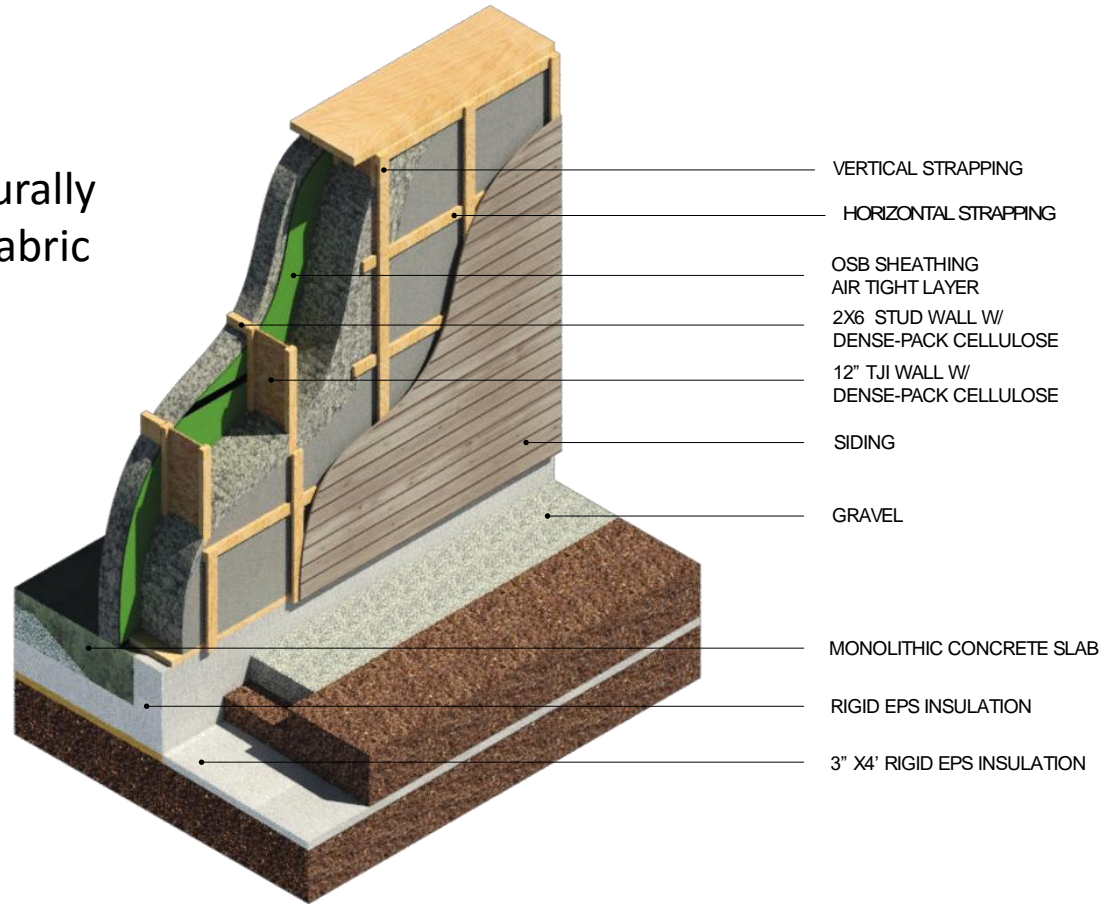
- Load and shear resolved in sheathed stud wall
- TJI's provide structure for bolt-ons
- R 63
- No dewpoint concerns—sheathing is warm, exterior vapor open



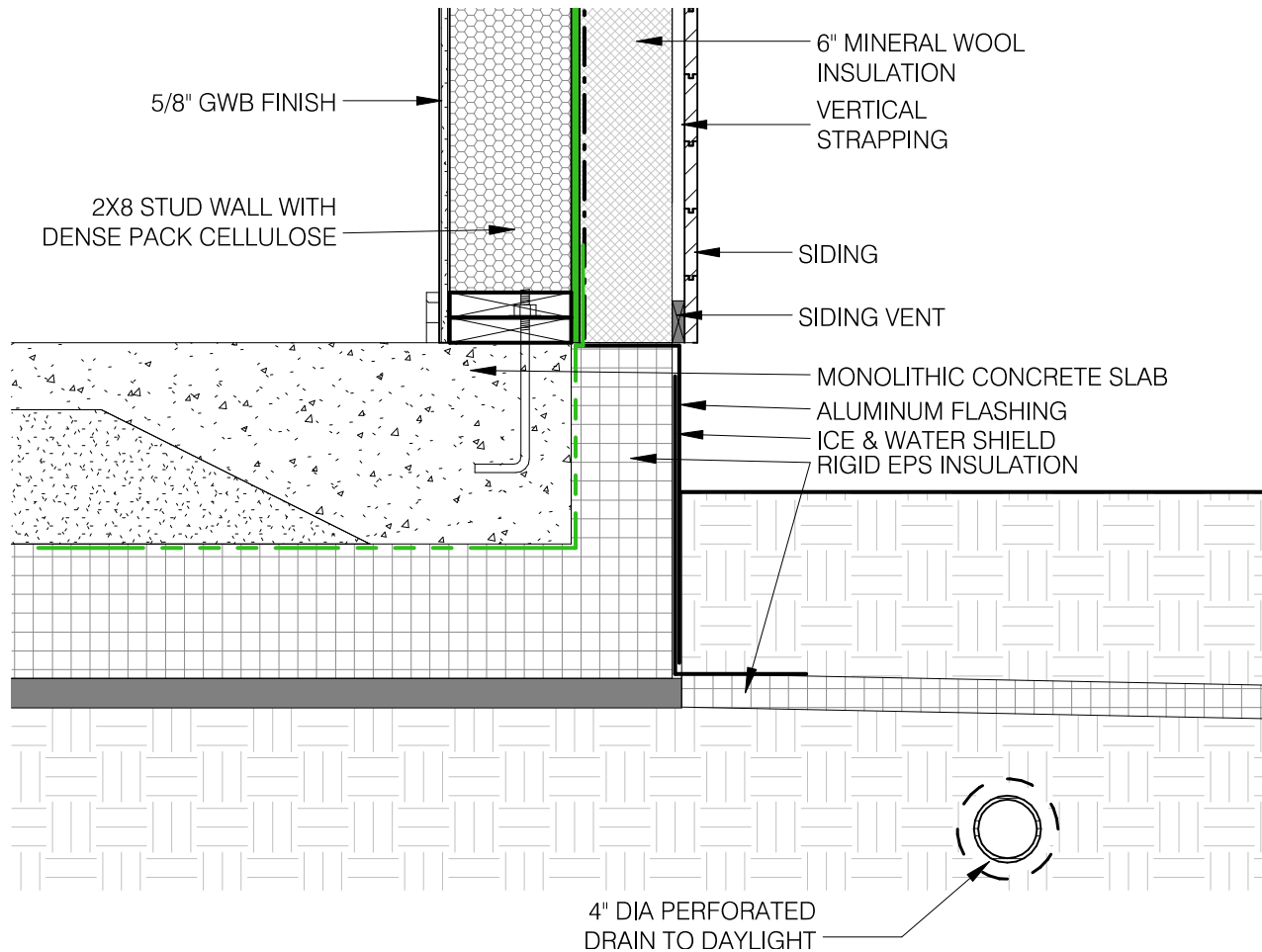
# 2x6 stud wall with TJI Larsen Truss

## Cons

- Too fat?
- 2x4 wall limited structurally
- Fluffy stuff held in by fabric
- Getting expensive

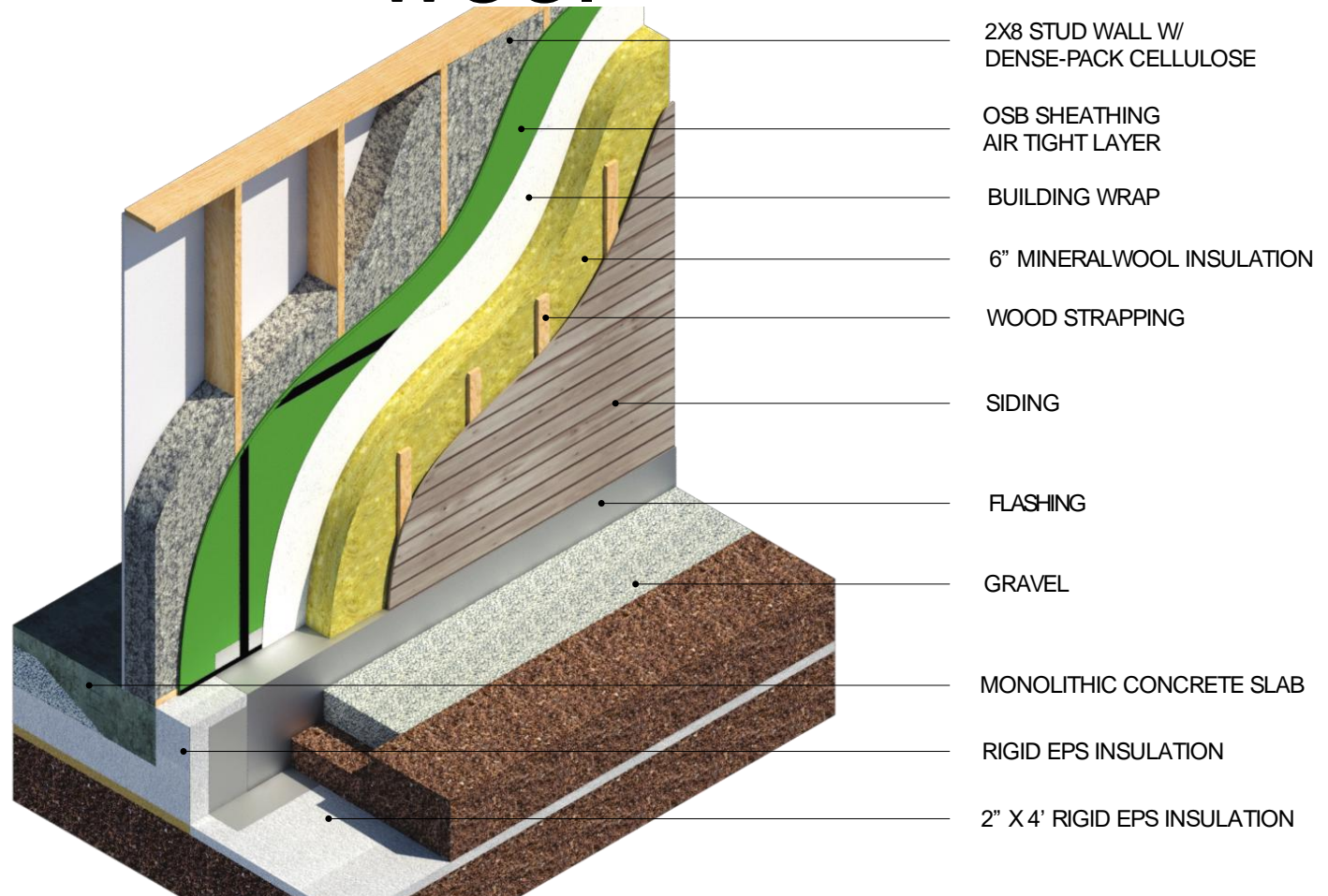


# 2x8 wall with exterior mineral wool wool





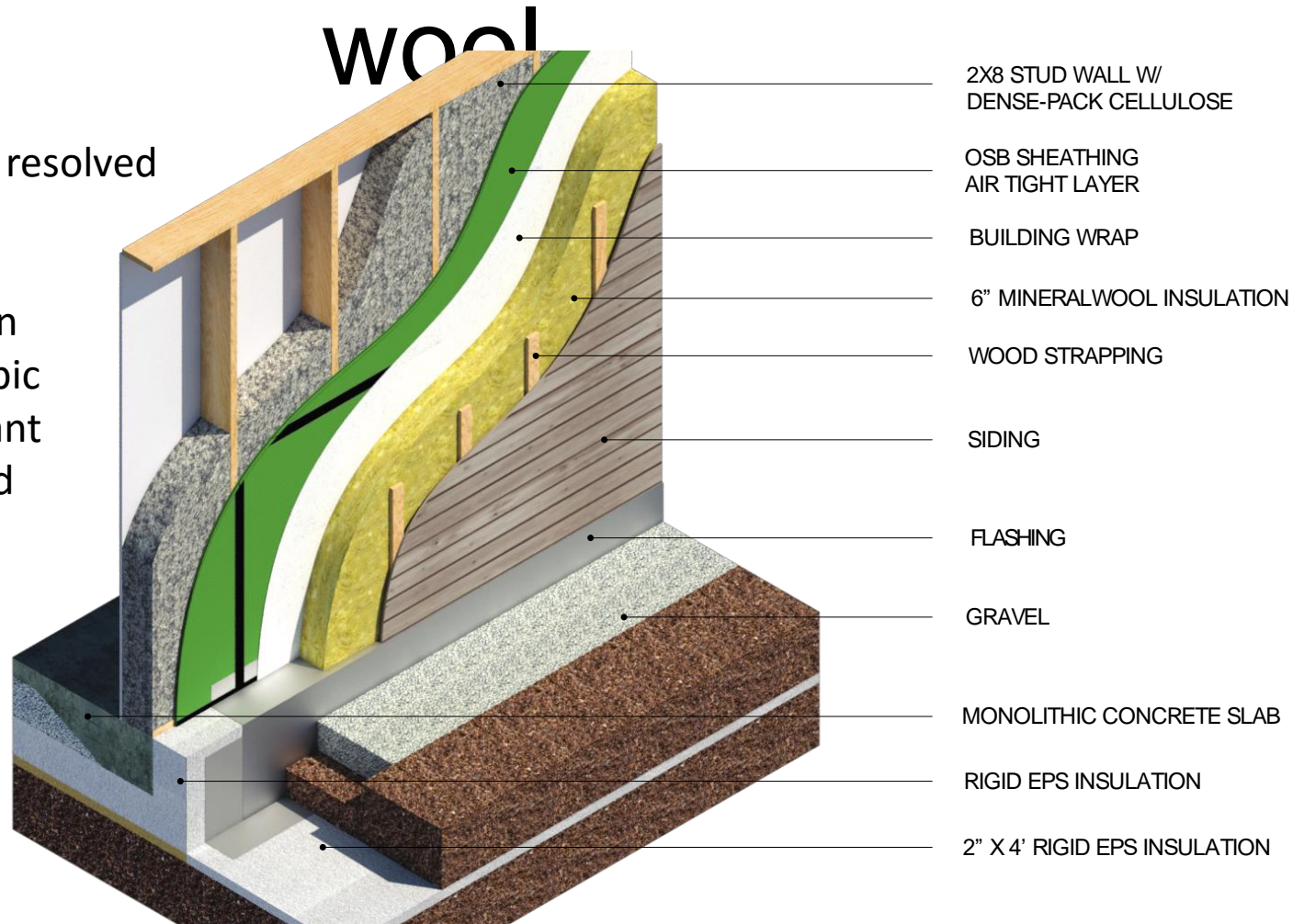
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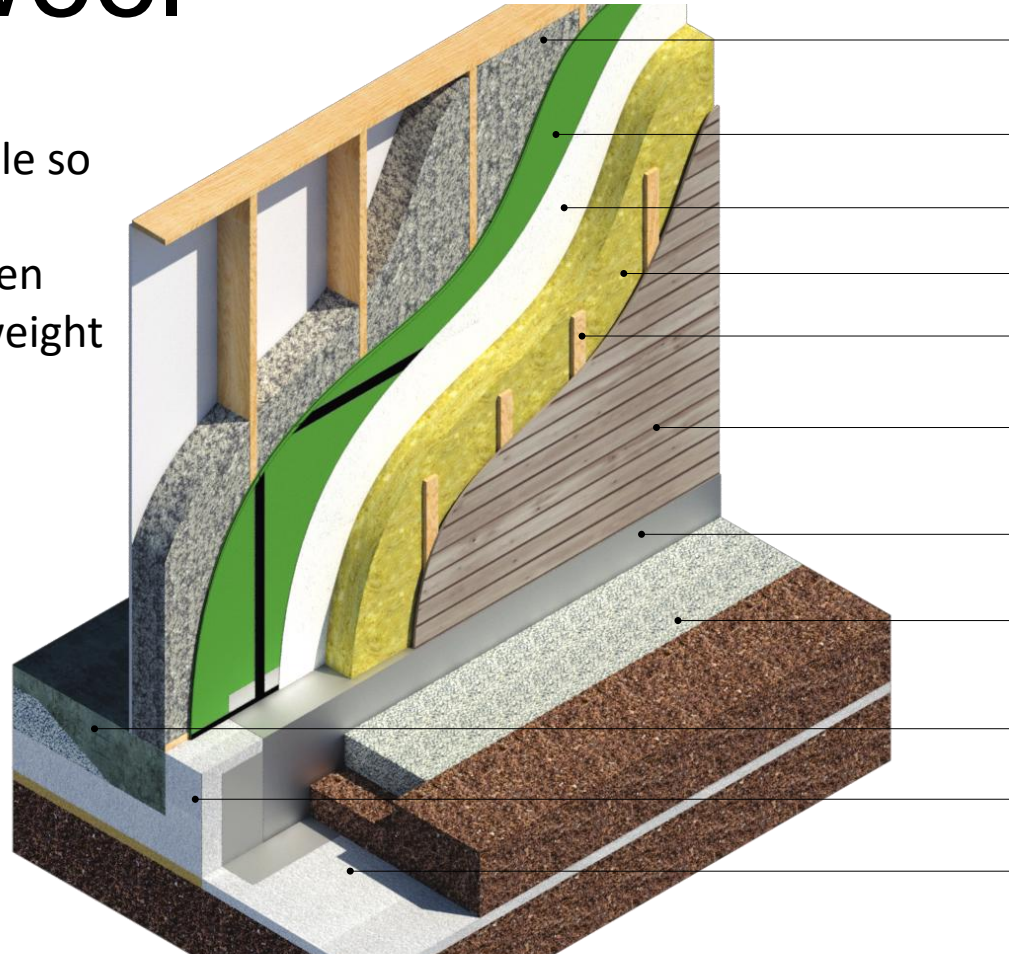
- Load and shear resolved
- R 52
- Mineral wool:
  - Vapor open
  - Hydrophobic
  - Fire resistant
  - Rigid board



# 2x8 wall with exterior mineral wool

## Cons

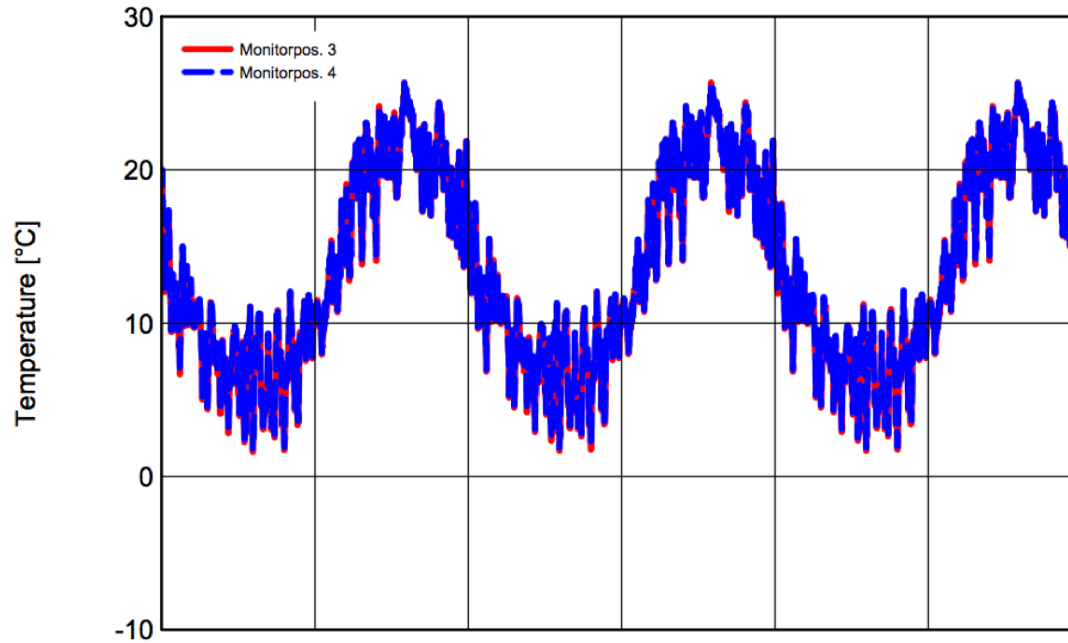
- Doesn't conform to 2/5 rule (but mineral wool is highly permeable so it's fine)
- Need to engineer connection between strapping and studs depending on weight of siding



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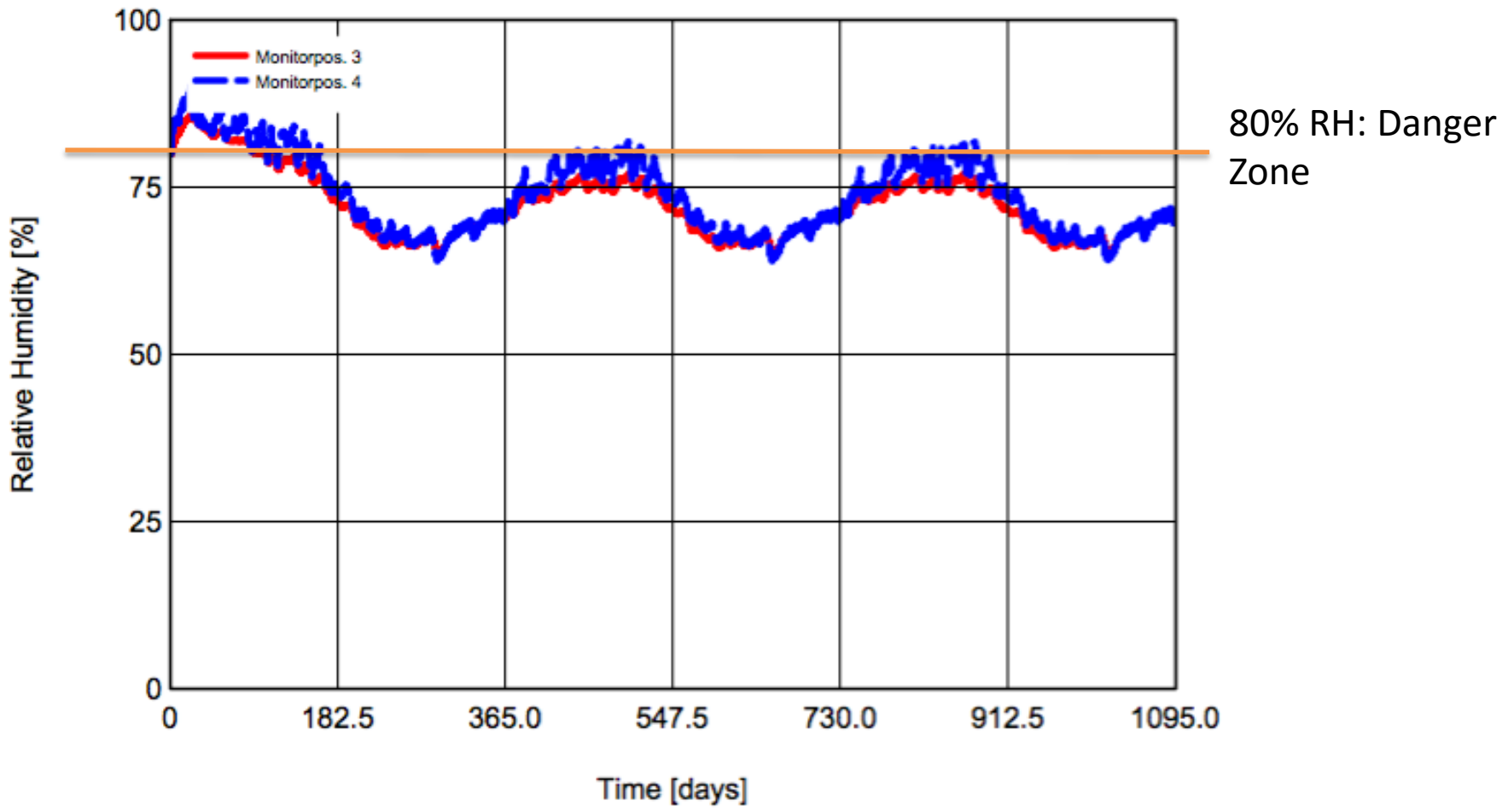
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Temperature, RH (Monitor Position3, 4)





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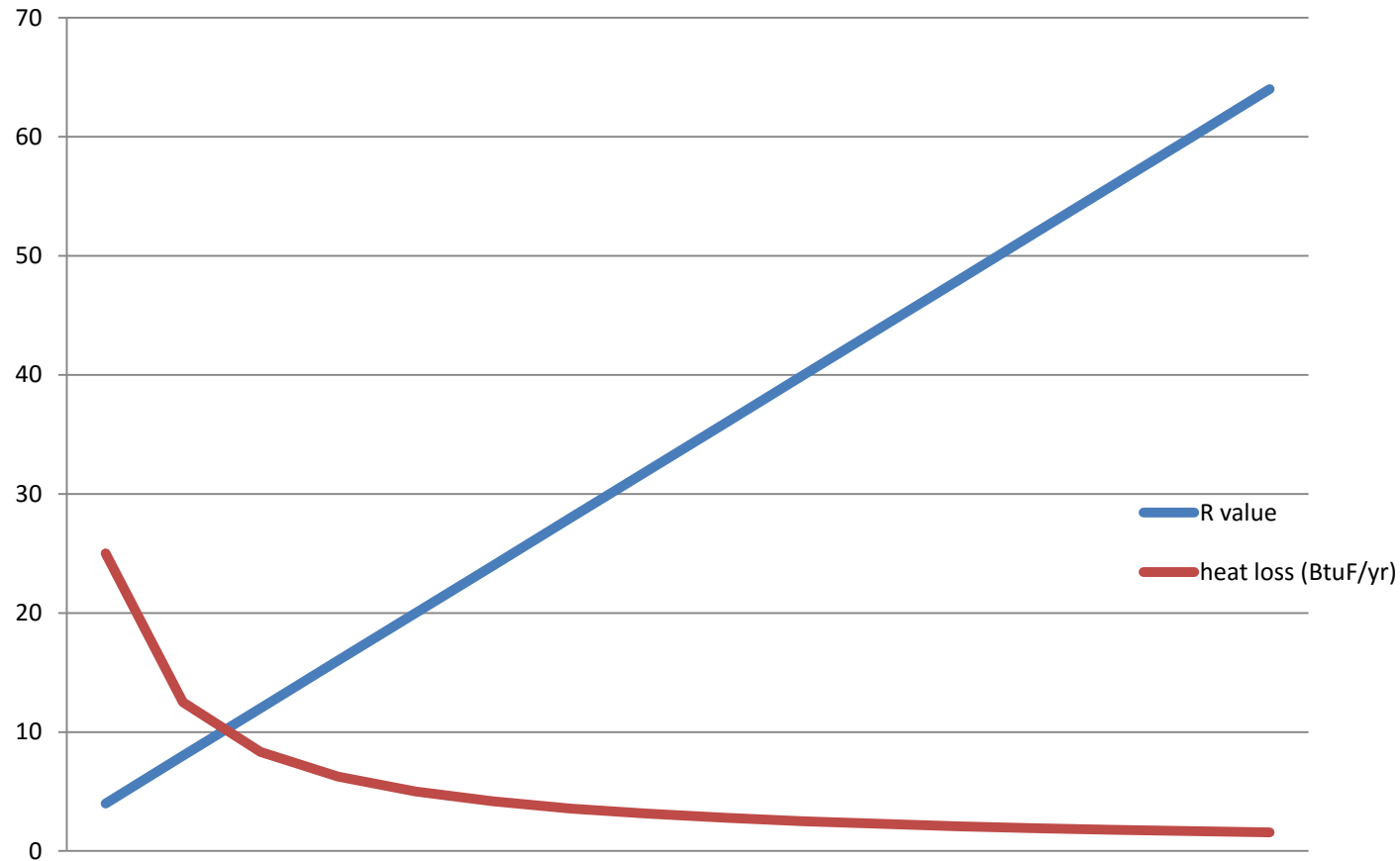
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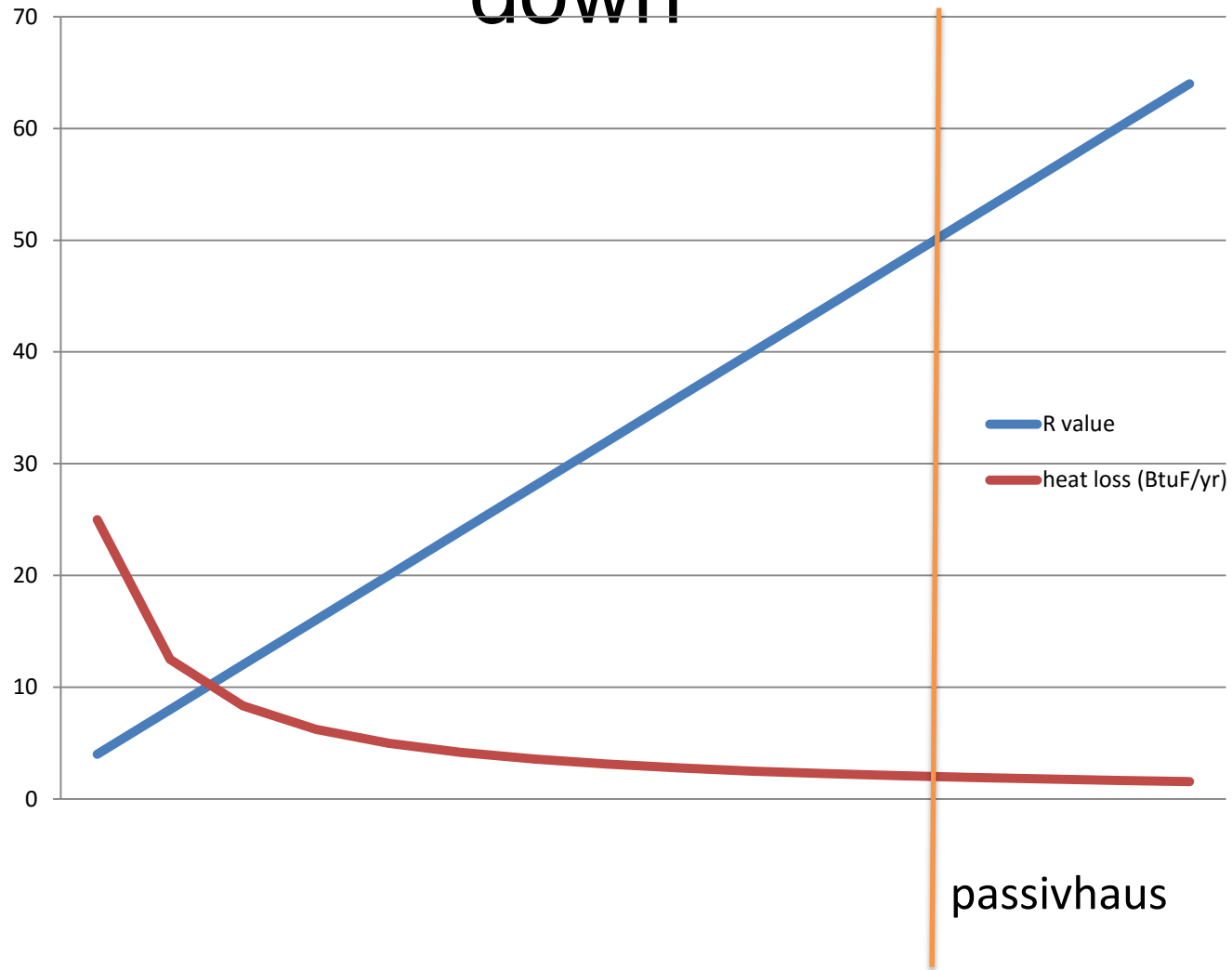
# The Cost Question



# As R value increases, insulation's effectiveness decreases



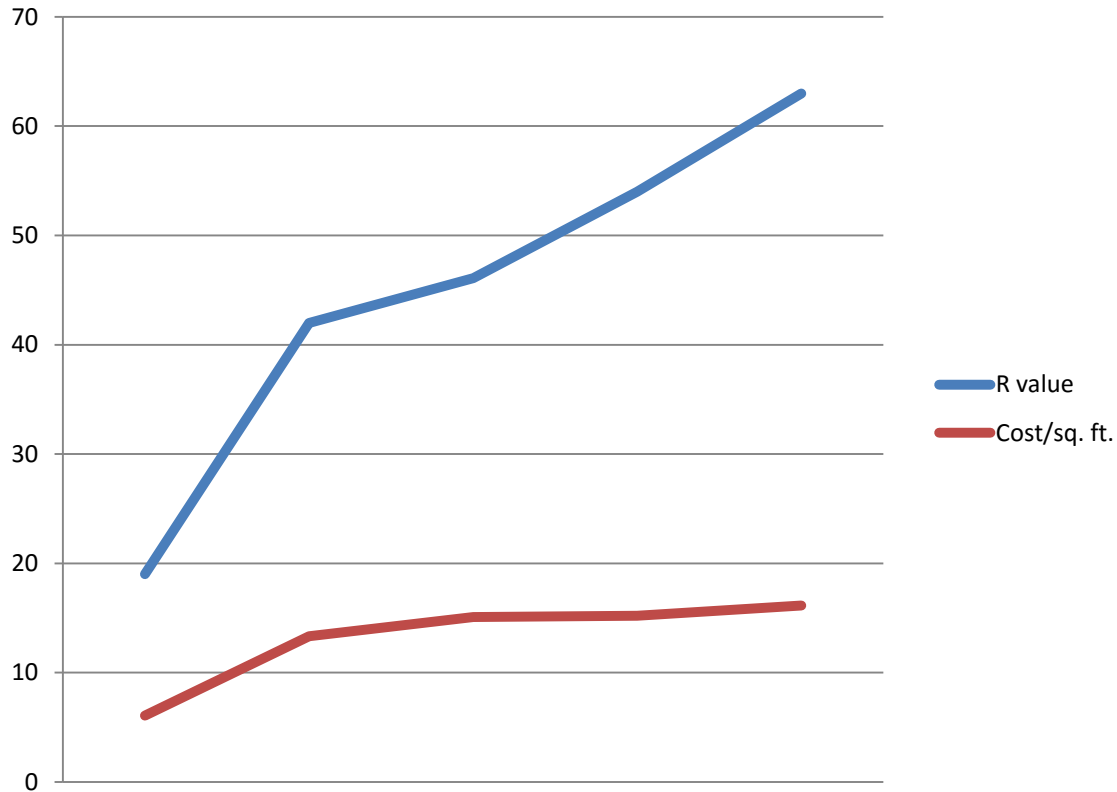
# As R value increases, heat loss slows down





# Cost

As R value increases, cost increases less



# Cost per square foot per R value

2x 6 wall with cellulose:	\$.27
2x6 wall with 7.25" I-joist, fabric, cellulose:	\$.33
2x6 wall with 9.25" I-joist, fabric, cellulose:	\$.28
2x6 wall with 12" I-joist, fabric, cellulose:	\$.26
12: double stud wall:	\$.26
2x8 wall with 6" mineral wool:	\$.26
2x6 wall with 8.25" SIP:	\$.35

# Thank you.

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