

# Thermal Bridging and Energy Standards 2014 BOABC Education Conference

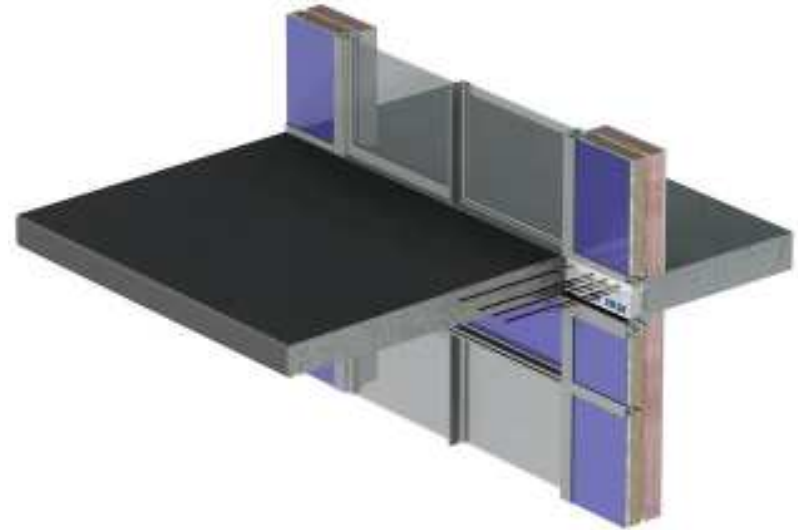
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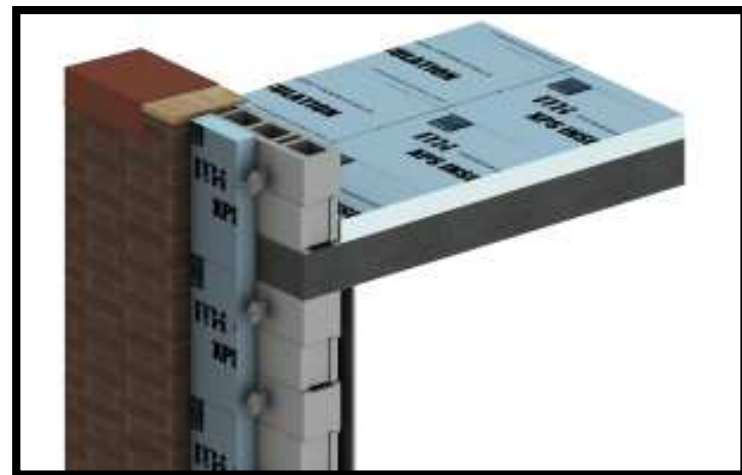
# Current Energy Standards vs. Research Insights

- **Building Envelope Thermal Bridging Guide**
  - Overview
  - Significance, Insights, and Next Steps
- **Current Energy Codes and Standards**
  - Overview
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- Q & A



# What is Thermal Bridging?

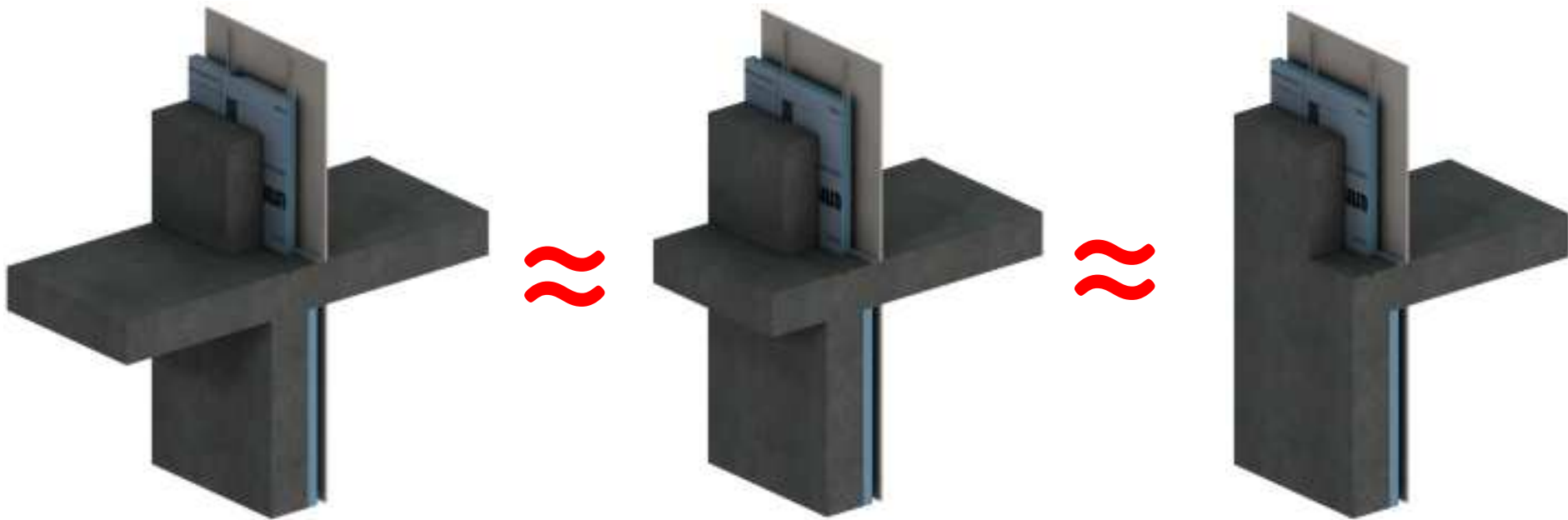
- Highly conductive material that by-passes insulation layer
- Areas of high heat transfer
- Can greatly affect the thermal performance of assemblies



# Why Care about Thermal Bridging?

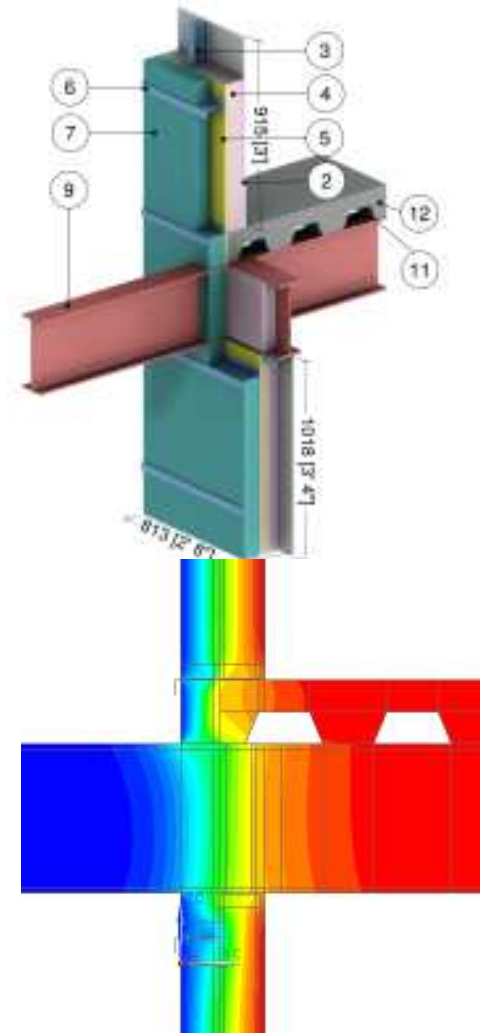


# Exposed Floors



# Why Care about Thermal Bridging?

- Heat flows determine:
  - Heating and cooling system capacity
  - Purchased energy requirements
  - Compliance with energy codes
  - Compliance with voluntary energy programs
- Arrangement of materials determine:
  - Surface temperatures
  - Condensation and moisture collection
  - Durability
  - Mold growth and health issues



# Five Years Ago...



## Research Project 1365-RP

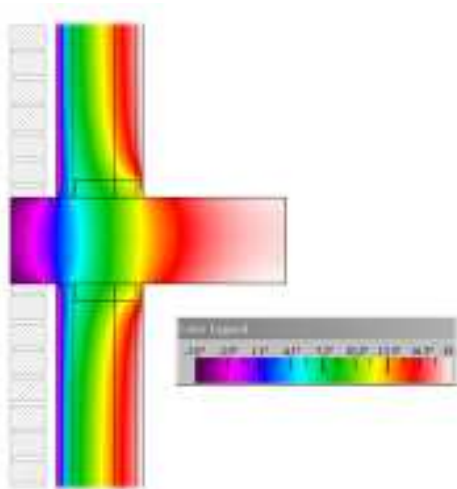
- We went 3D with serious software
- Validated our model and procedures to measured data
- Borrowed a methodology from Europe and applied to North American practice
- Started a catalogue of thermal performance data



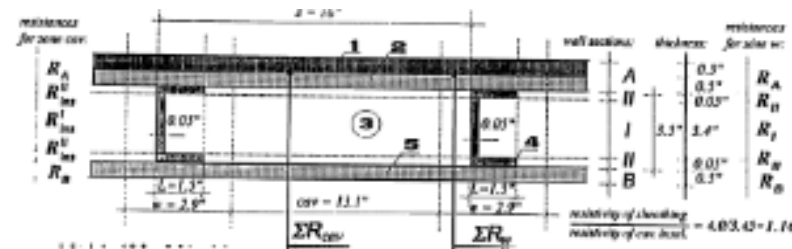
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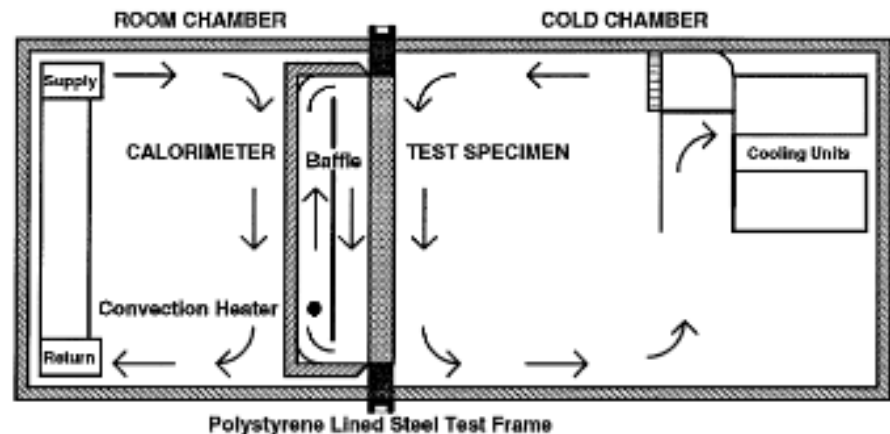
## North American Data and Procedures in Energy Standards Pre-date 1365-RP



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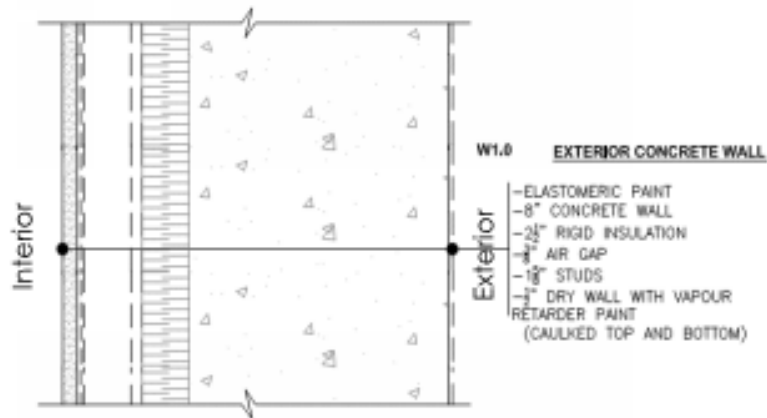


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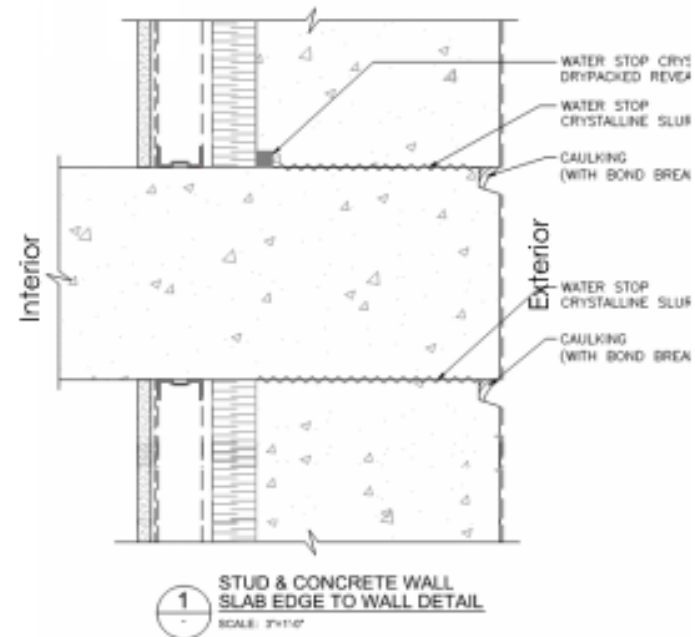


Lab Measurement

# Interface Details

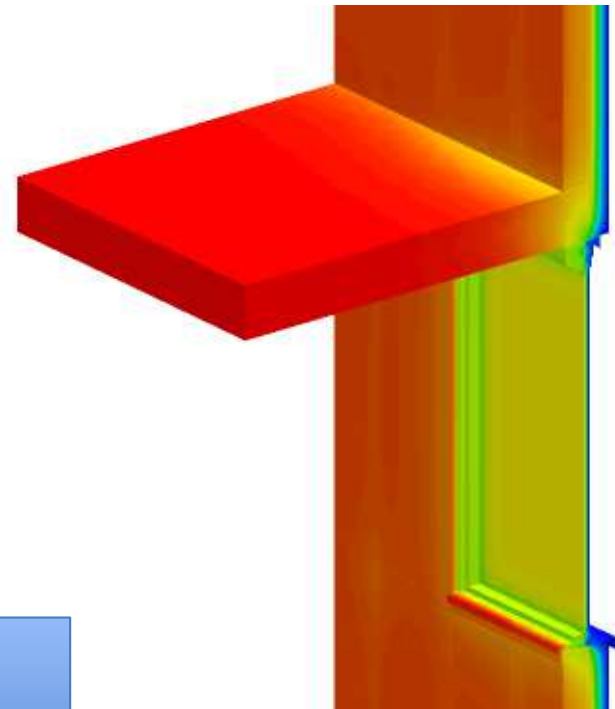


A Clear Field Assembly

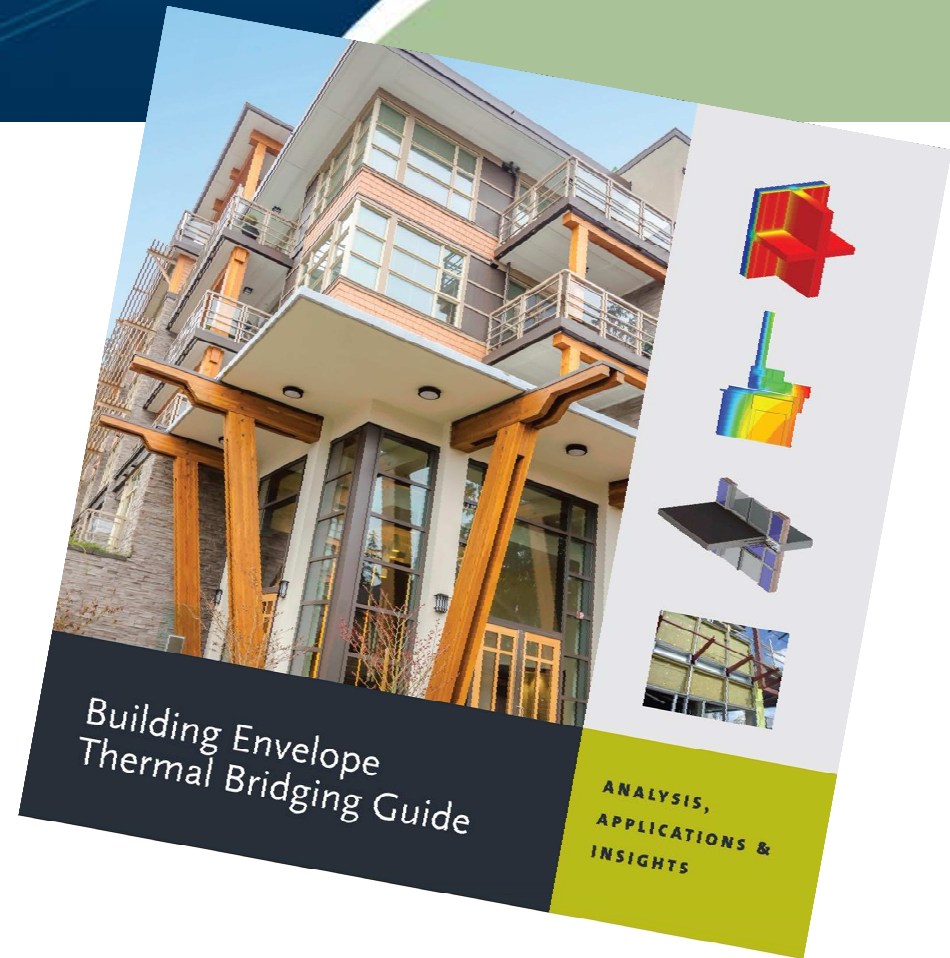


A Interface Detail

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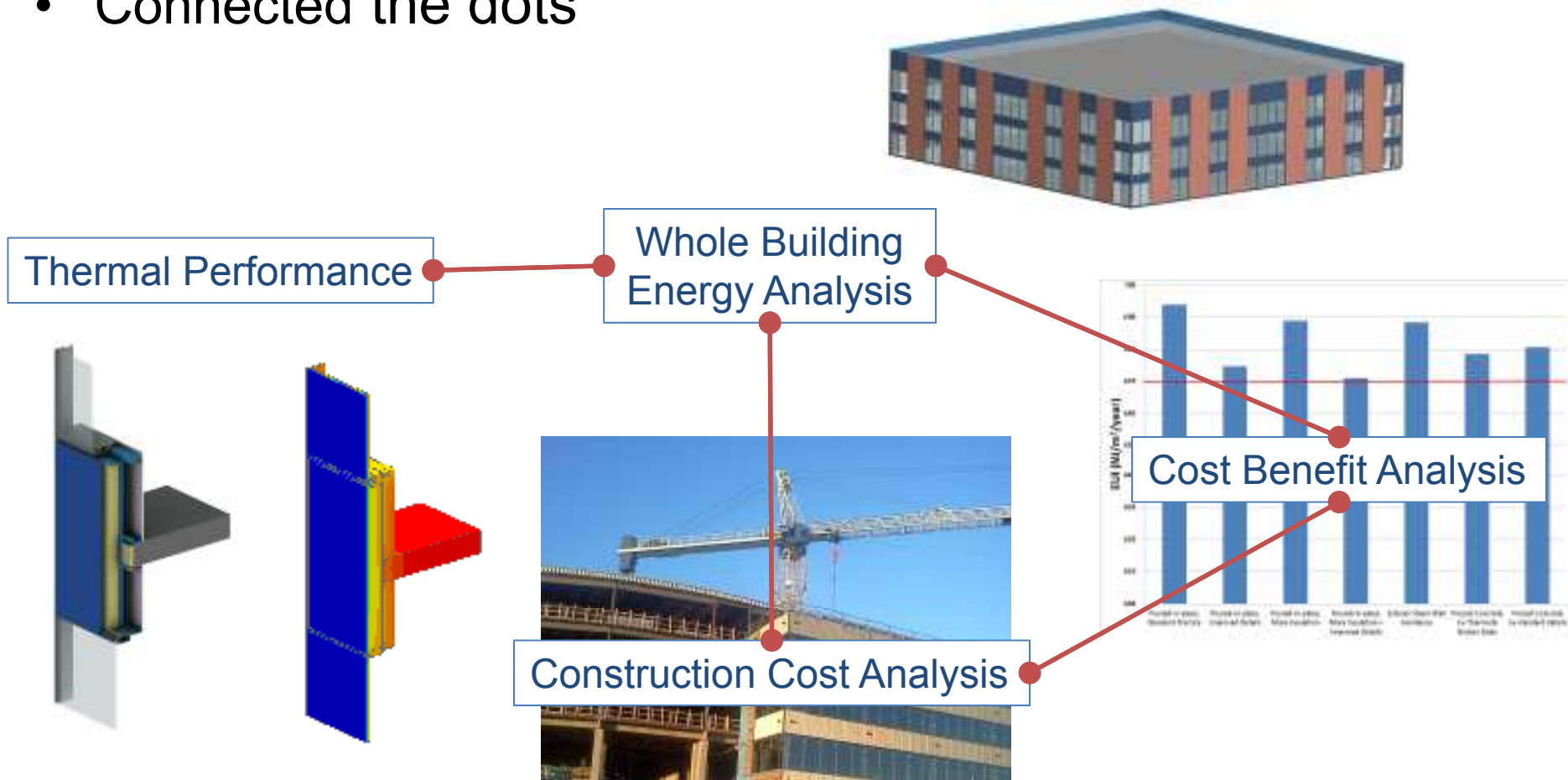


# Building Envelope Thermal Bridging Guide



# 1365-RP and Beyond

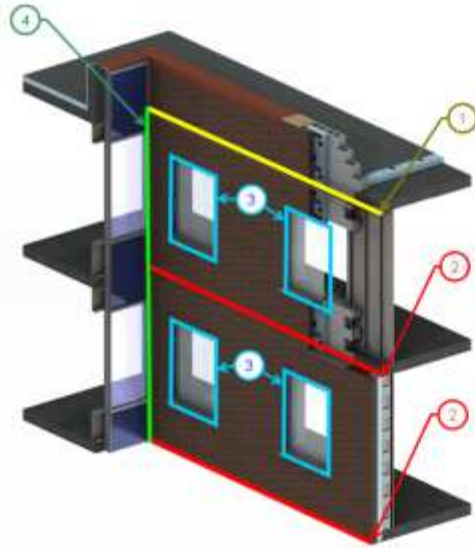
- Connected the dots



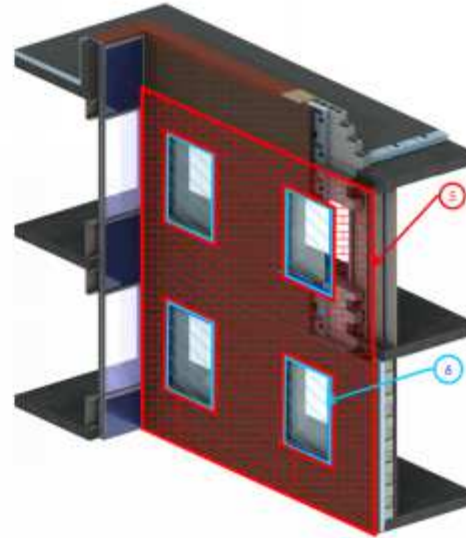
# Guides within a Guide

- **Introduction**
- **Part 1** Building Envelope Thermal Analysis (BETA) Guide
- **Part 2** Energy and Cost Analysis
- **Part 3** Significance, Insights, and Next Steps
- **Appendix A** Material Data Catalogue
- **Appendix B** Thermal Data Catalogue
- **Appendix C** Energy Modeling Analysis and Results
- **Appendix D** Construction Costs
- **Appendix E** Cost Benefit Analysis

# Part 1: Building Envelope Thermal Analysis (BETA)



1. Parapet Length
2. Slab Lengths
3. Wall to Window Transition Lengths



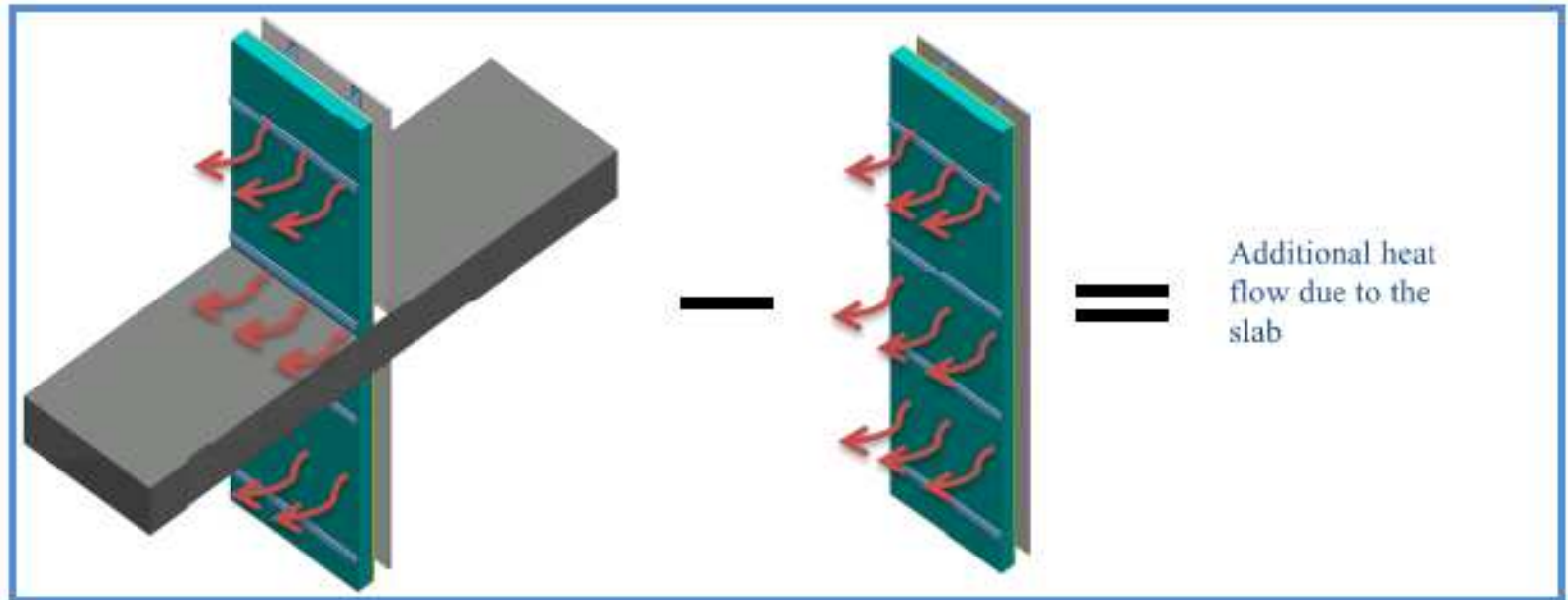
4. Corner Length
5. Opaque Brick Wall Area
6. Glazing Area

- **BETA Method**
- **Catalogue Summary**

- **Utilization**
- **Energy Model Inputs**

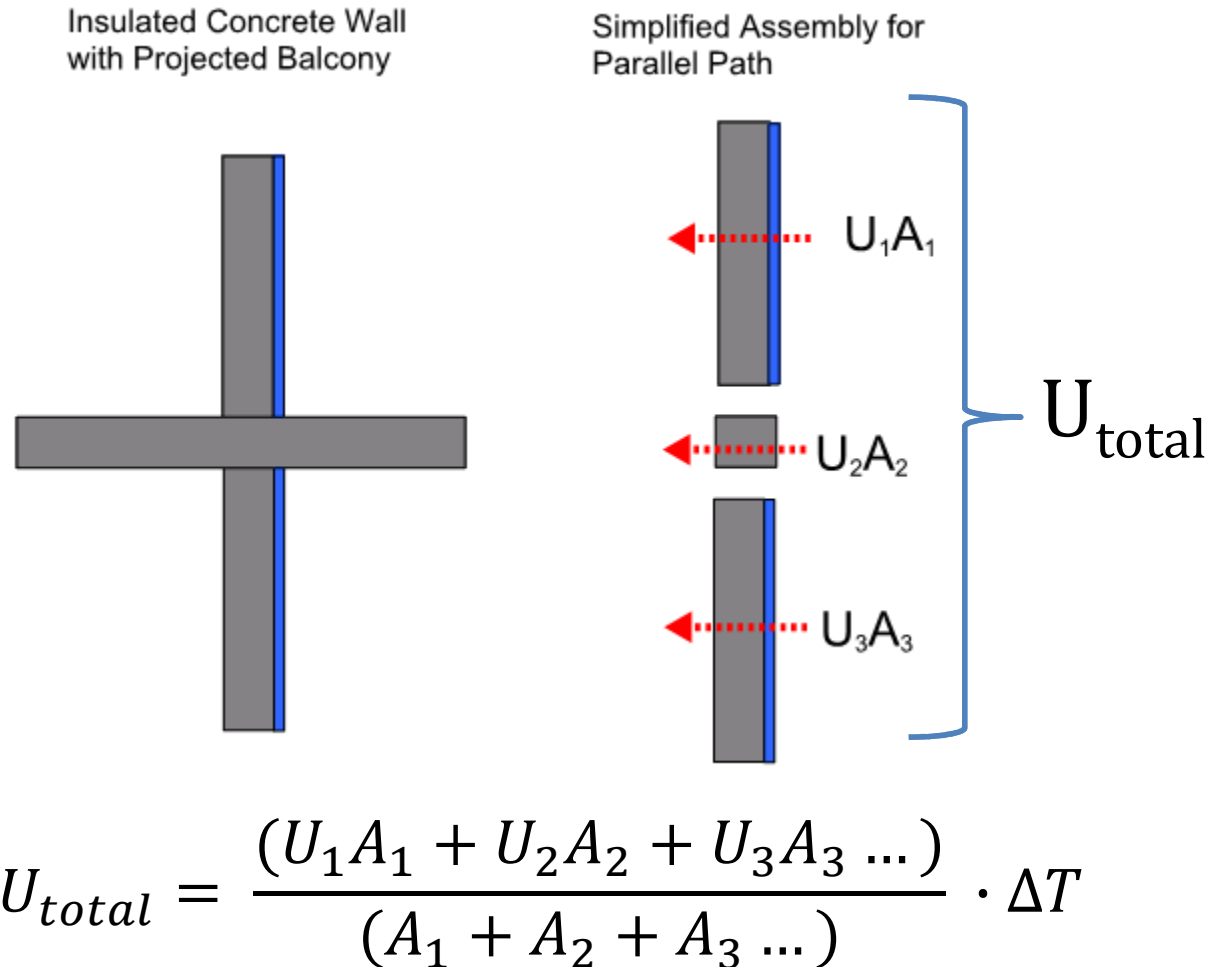
# Part 1: Building Envelope Thermal Analysis (BETA)

- Refines ASHRAE 1365 Methodology
- Step by Step examples
- Now called the BETA method



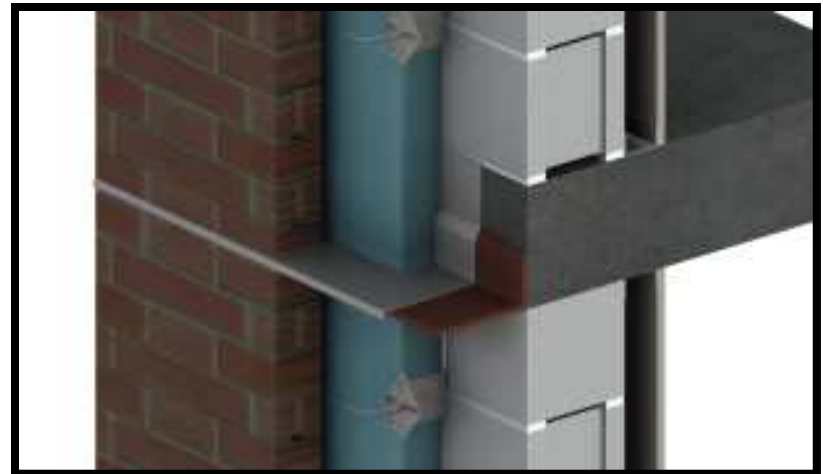
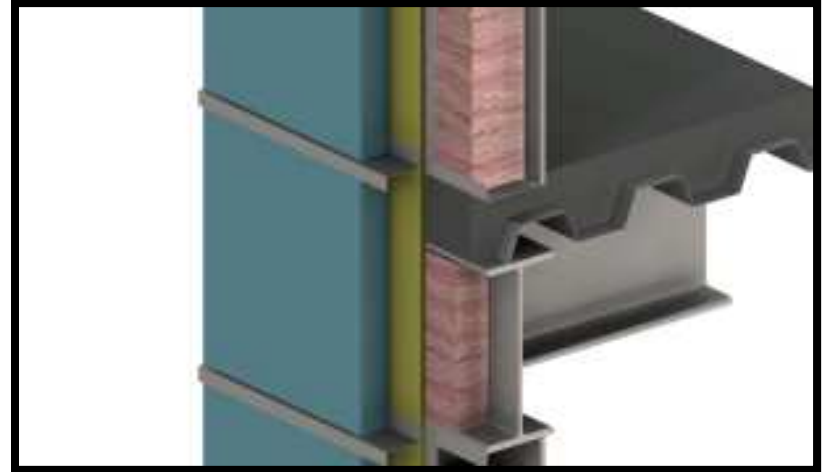
# Beyond parallel path assumptions

- Assumes heat flows are separate and do not influence each other
- Averages overall heat flow/resistance based on the areas of components



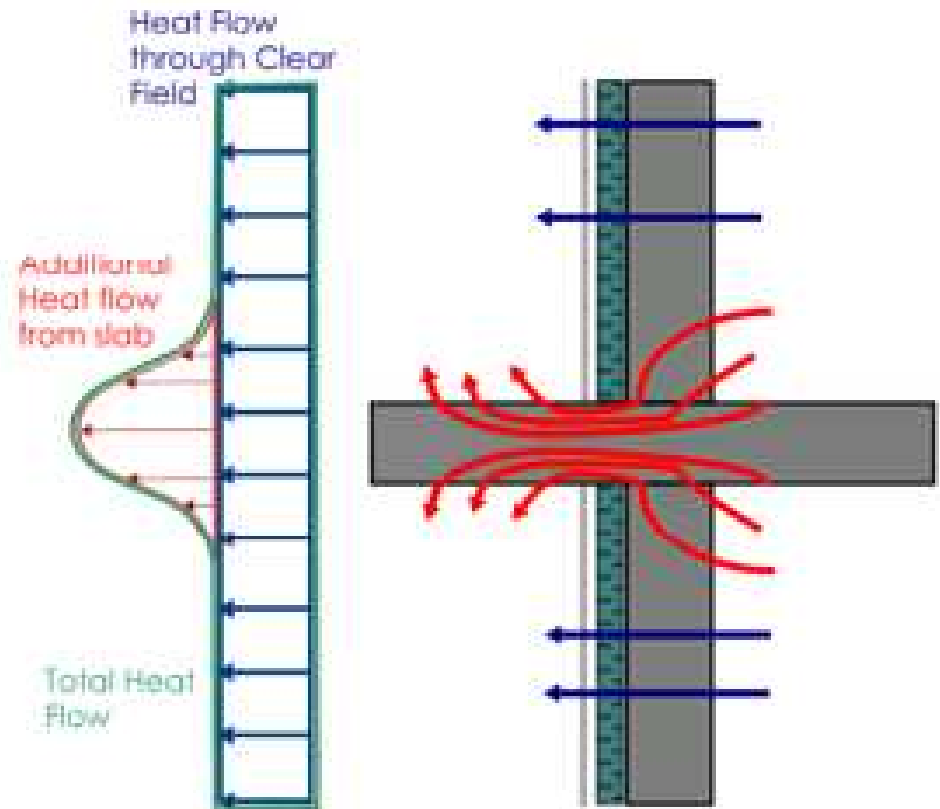
# Why moving beyond this is a good thing

- Parallel path doesn't tell the whole story
- Many thermal bridges don't abide by "areas"
- There is an easier way to account for details across the board
- Level playing field will be created when all thermal bridges are thoroughly evaluated

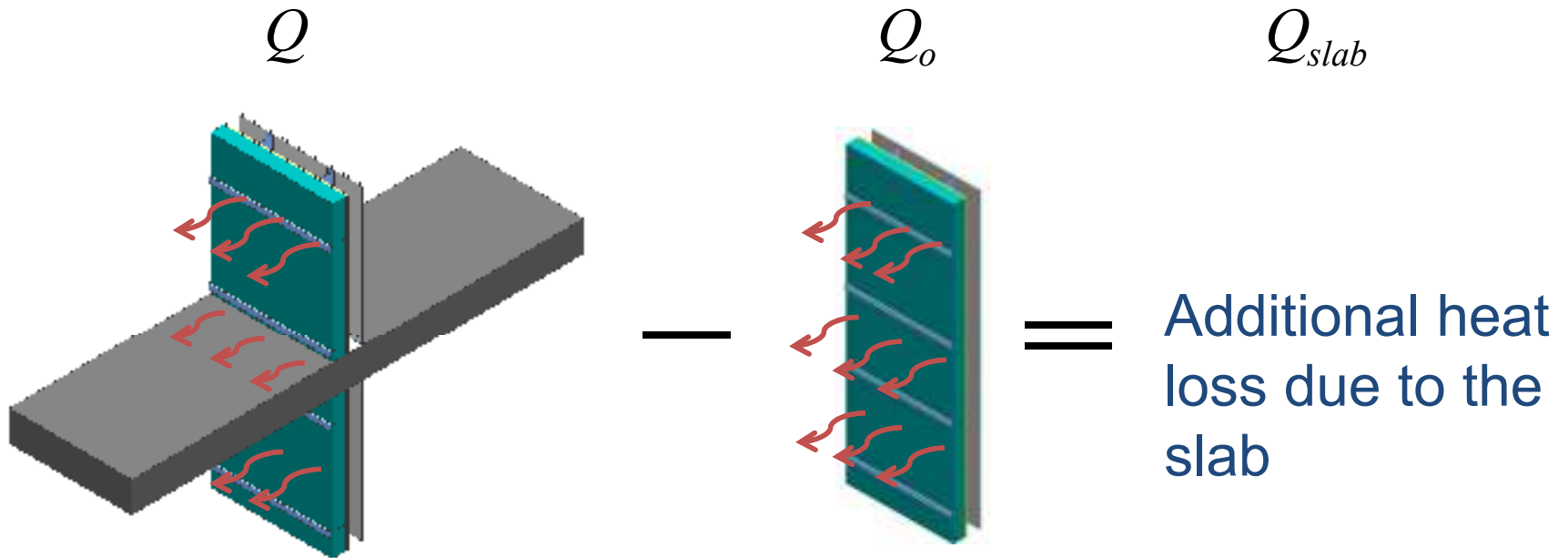


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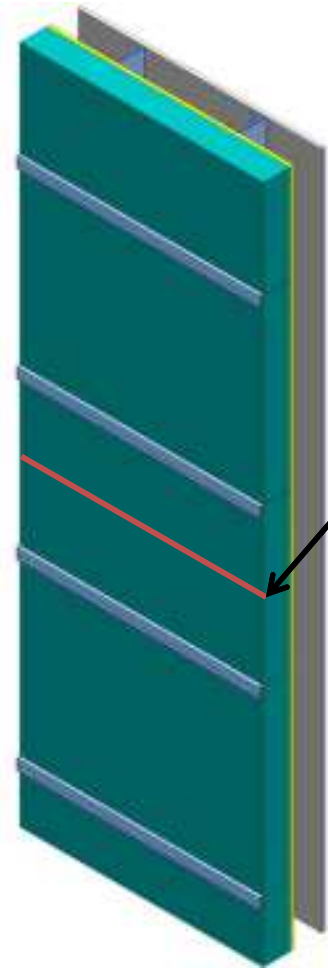
- Part 1 shows how to translate heat flows (clear field, linear and point transmittances) into overall U-values



# Overall Heat Loss



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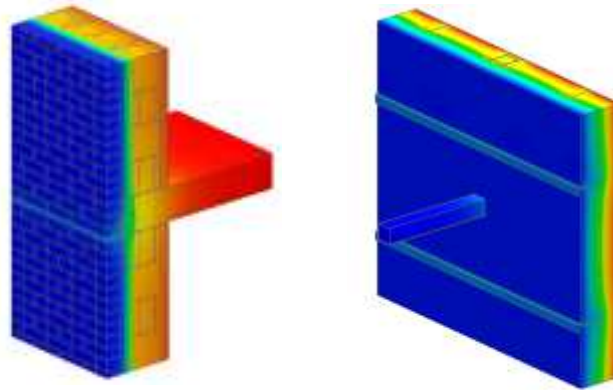


$$\Psi = Q_{slab} / L$$

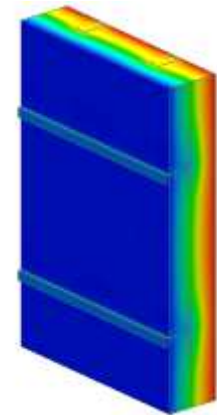
**linear transmittance** represents the additional heat flow because of the slab, but with area set to zero

# Overall U-value (aka “Effective” R-value)

Interface Details







Clear Field  
Assembly



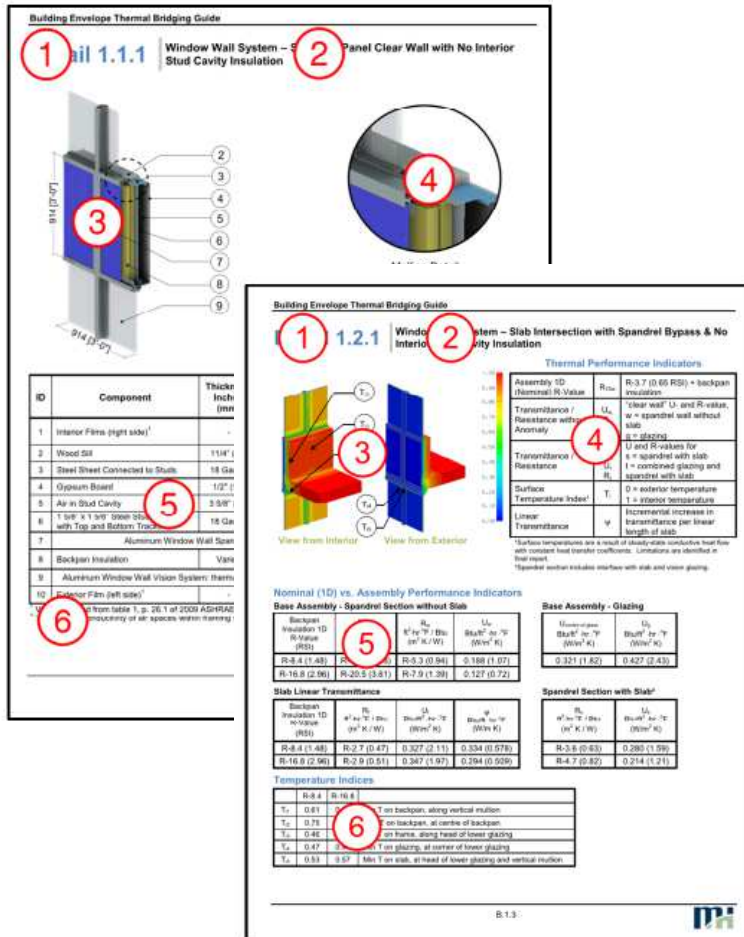
Total Heat flow per area through the overall assembly =  $\frac{\text{Heat flow through linear transmittances} + \text{Heat flow through point transmittances}}{\text{Total Area of assembly}}$  + Heat flow per area through clear field assembly

$$U_T = \frac{\Sigma(\Psi \cdot L) + \Sigma(\chi)}{A_{Total}} + U_o$$

# Range of Transmittances

FLOOR AND BALCONY SLABS	Performance Category		Description and Examples	Linear Transmittance	
				$\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr ft F}}$	$\frac{\text{W}}{\text{m K}}$
		Efficient	<b>Fully insulated with only small conductive bypasses</b> Examples: exterior insulated wall and floor slab.	0.12	0.2
		Improved	<b>Thermally broken and intermittent structural connections</b> Examples: structural thermal breaks, stand-off shelf angles.	0.20	0.35
		Regular	<b>Under-insulated and continuous structural connections</b> Examples: partial insulated floor (i.e. firestop), shelf angles attached directly to the floor slab.	0.29	0.5
		Poor	<b>Un-insulated and major conductive bypasses</b> Examples: un-insulated balconies and exposed floor slabs.	0.58	1.0

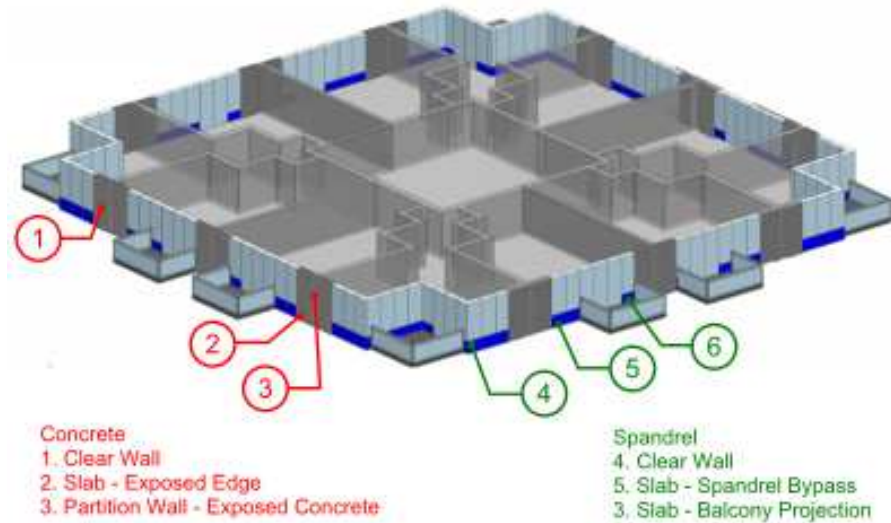
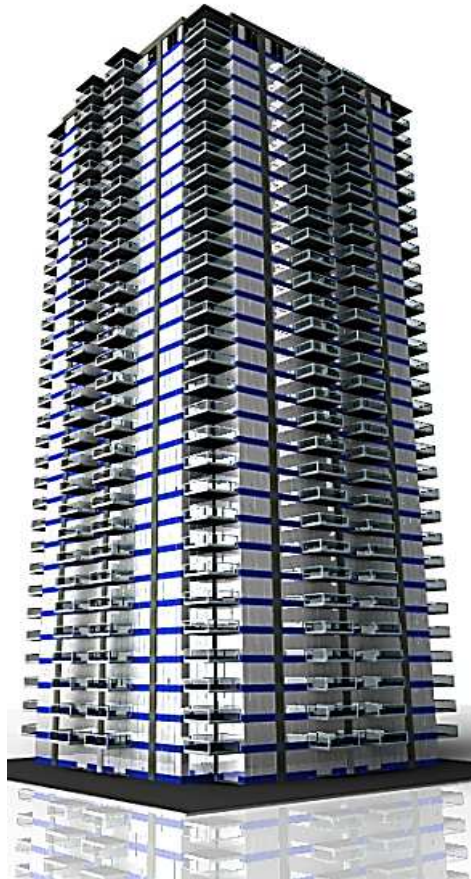
# Appendix A and B



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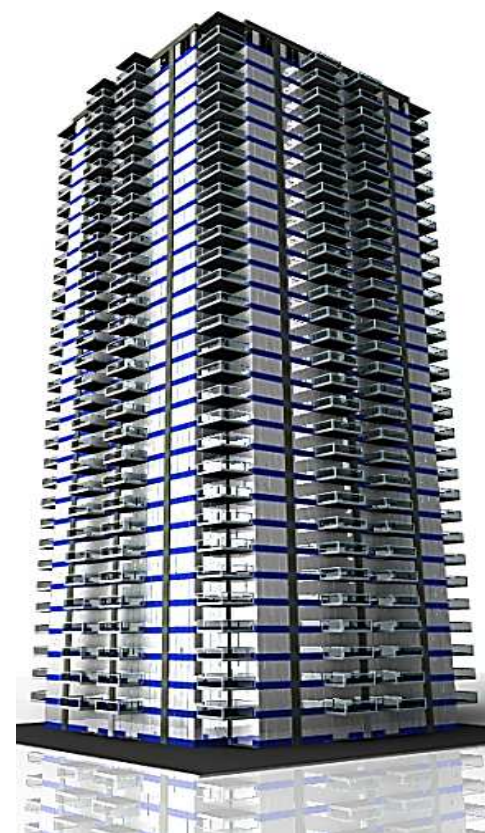
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4.0	High Performance Curtain Wall .....	A.4.i
5.0	Steel Stud Construction .....	A.5.i
6.0	Concrete Construction .....	A.6.i
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8.0	Doors and Balconies .....	A.8.i
9.0	Roofs .....	A.9.i

# Example from the Guide



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Step 1-2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5		Step 6-7	
Transmittance Type		Quantity	Detail Ref.	Transmittance	Heat Flow (W/K)	% of Total Heat Flow
Concrete Wall	Clear Field	2987 m <sup>2</sup>	6.2.2	0.42 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	1254	16%
	Parapet	27 m	6.5.3	0.78 W/mK	21	<1%
	Exposed Floor Slab	1090 m	6.2.5	1.00 W/mK	1085	14%
	At Grade Transition	27 m	ISO-14863	0.75 W/mK	20	<1%
	Partition Wall	1315 m	6.2.2	0.67 W/mK	876	11%
Overall Concrete Wall U-value, BTU / hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)					0.192 (1.09)	
Overall Concrete Wall R-value, hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F/ BTU (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)					5.2 (0.92)	
Window-wall Spandrel	Clear Field	1792 m <sup>2</sup>	1.1.1	1.07 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	1917	24%
	Parapet	82 m	1.3.2	0.72 W/mK	59	<1%
	Slab Bypass	1635 m	1.2.1	0.58 W/mK	945	12%
	Balcony Slab	1635 m	8.1.9	1.11 W/mK	1815	23%
	At Grade Transition	82 m	2.5.1 (est.)	0.86 W/mK	70	<1%
Overall Spandrel Wall U-value, BTU / hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)					0.472 (2.68)	
Overall Spandrel Wall R-value, hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F/ BTU (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)					2.11 (0.37)	
Total (W/K)					8063	100%
Overall Opaque Wall U-value, BTU / hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)					0.297 (1.68)	
Overall Opaque Wall R-value, hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F/ BTU (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)					3.4 (0.59)	

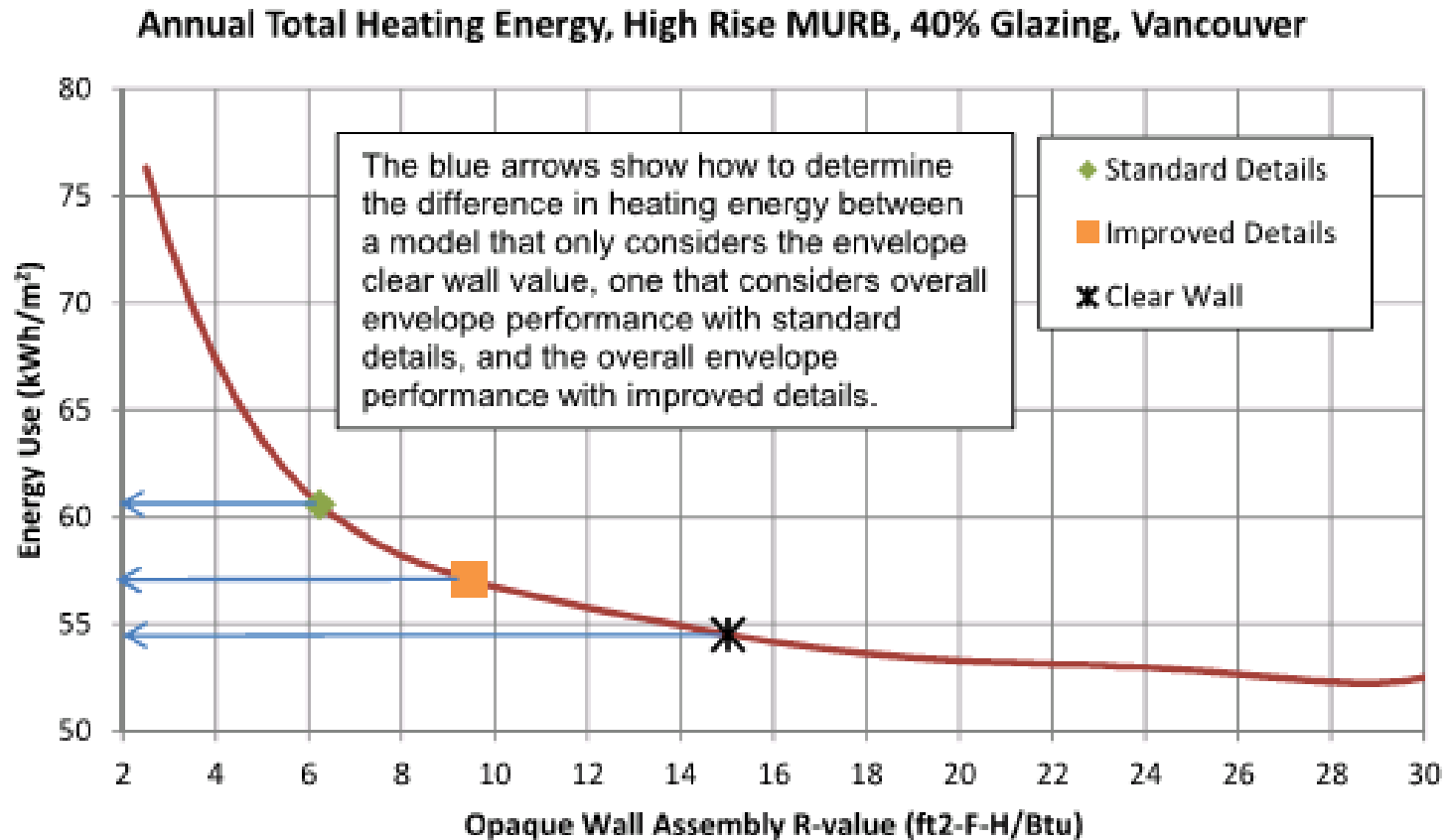


# Part 2 – Energy and Cost Analysis



- Whole Building Energy Use
- Construction Costs
- Cost Benefit

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## Construction Costs

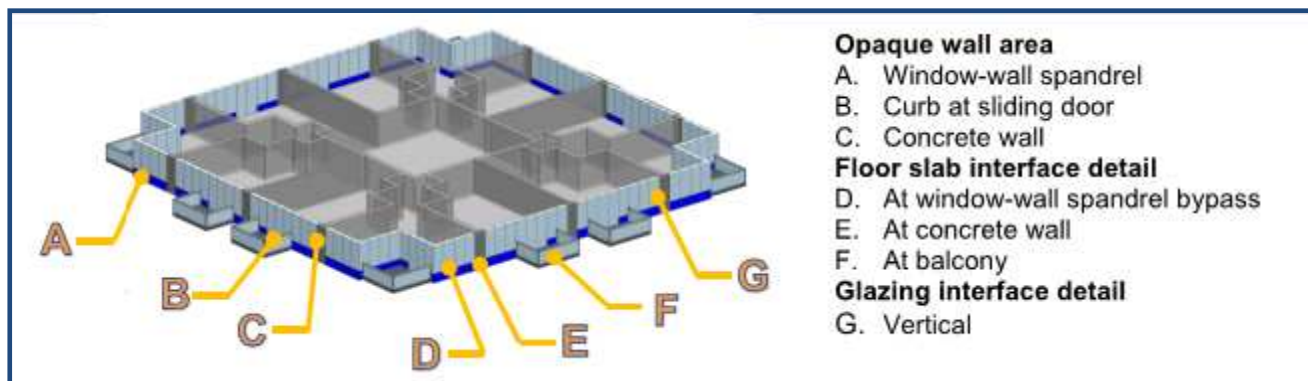
- Broad order of magnitude estimates,  $\pm 50\%$
- Not arrived at for a specific building nor is there a comprehensive list of requirements to base assumptions
- Construction costs vary quite widely in practice, even with detailed designs



# Part 2 – Energy and Cost Analysis

## Cost Benefit Analysis

- The Impact of Interface Details
- Thermal Bridging Avoidance
- The Effectiveness of Adding More Insulation
- Ranking of Opaque Thermal Performance



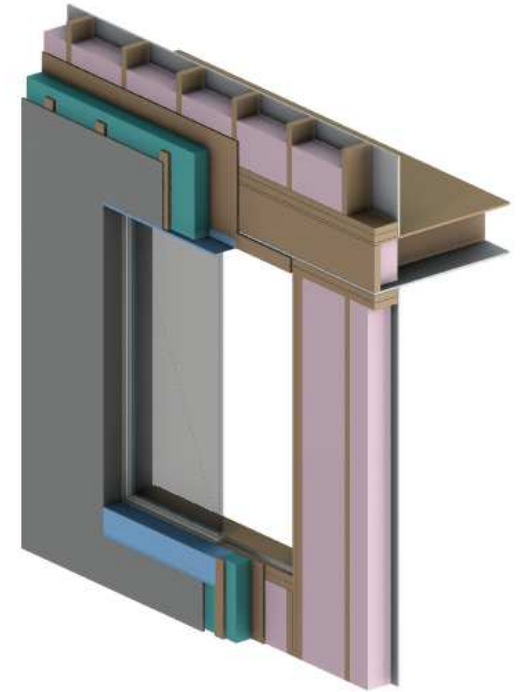
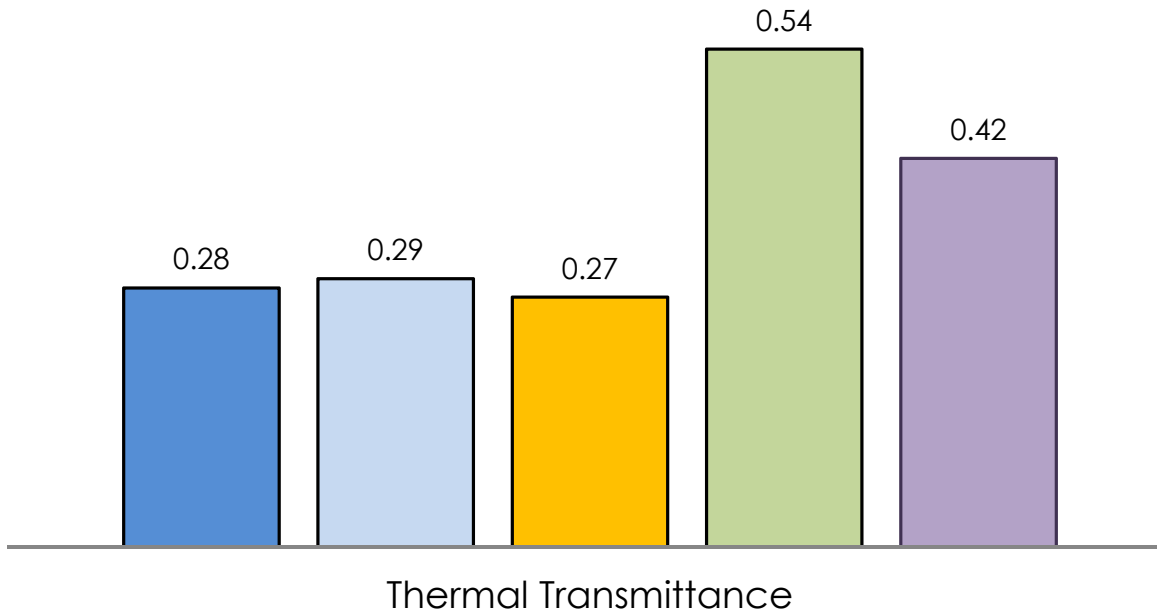
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## Insights

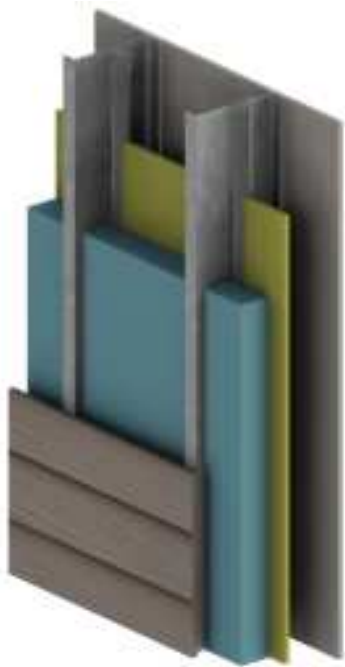


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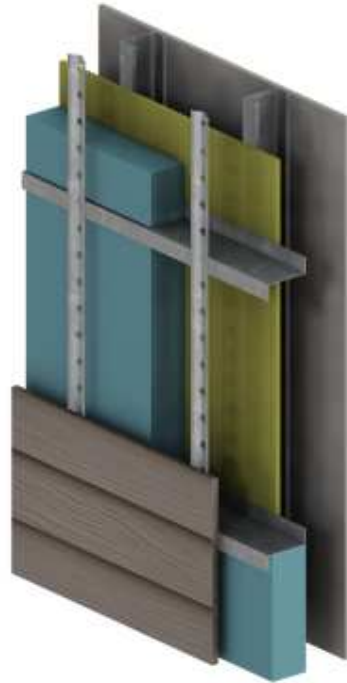
- NECB 2011 Zone 5 Prescriptive Requirement
- ASHRAE 90.1-2010 Zone 5 Prescriptive Requirement
- ASHRAE 90.1 Calculation
- BETA Calculation with standard details
- BETA Calculation with improved details



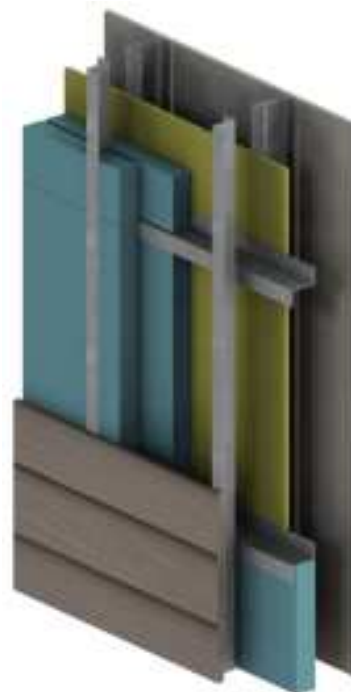
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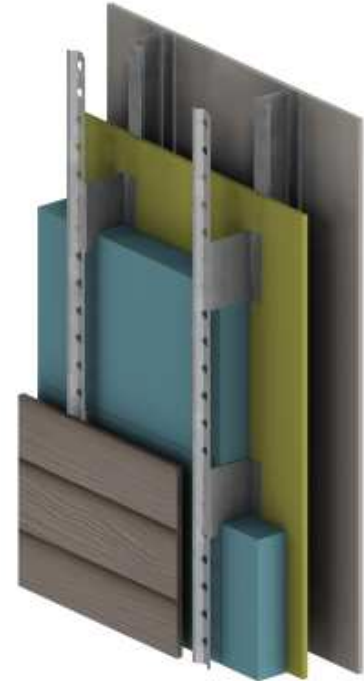
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**Horizontal Z-Girts**



**Mixed Z-Girts**



**Intermittent Z-Girts**



# Origins of Improved Systems

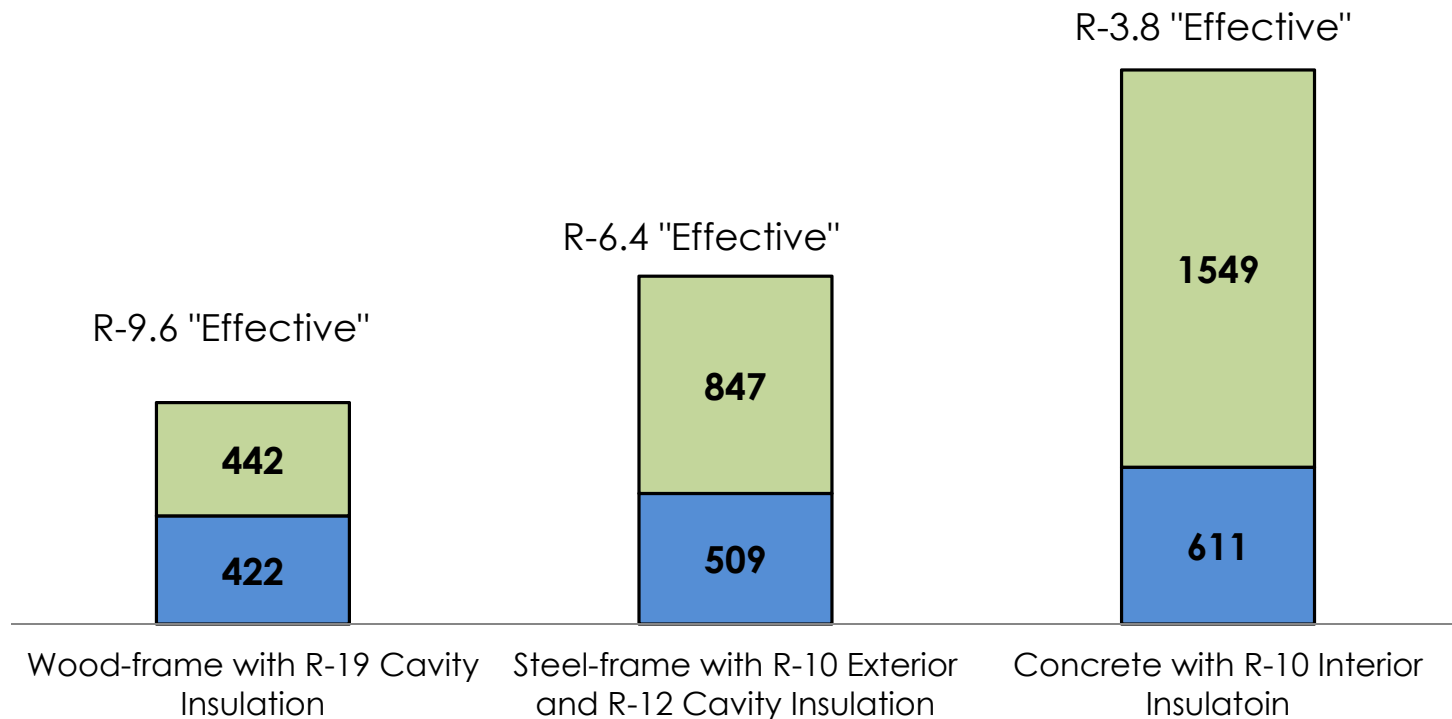


# Continuous Girts are Now Discrete Systems

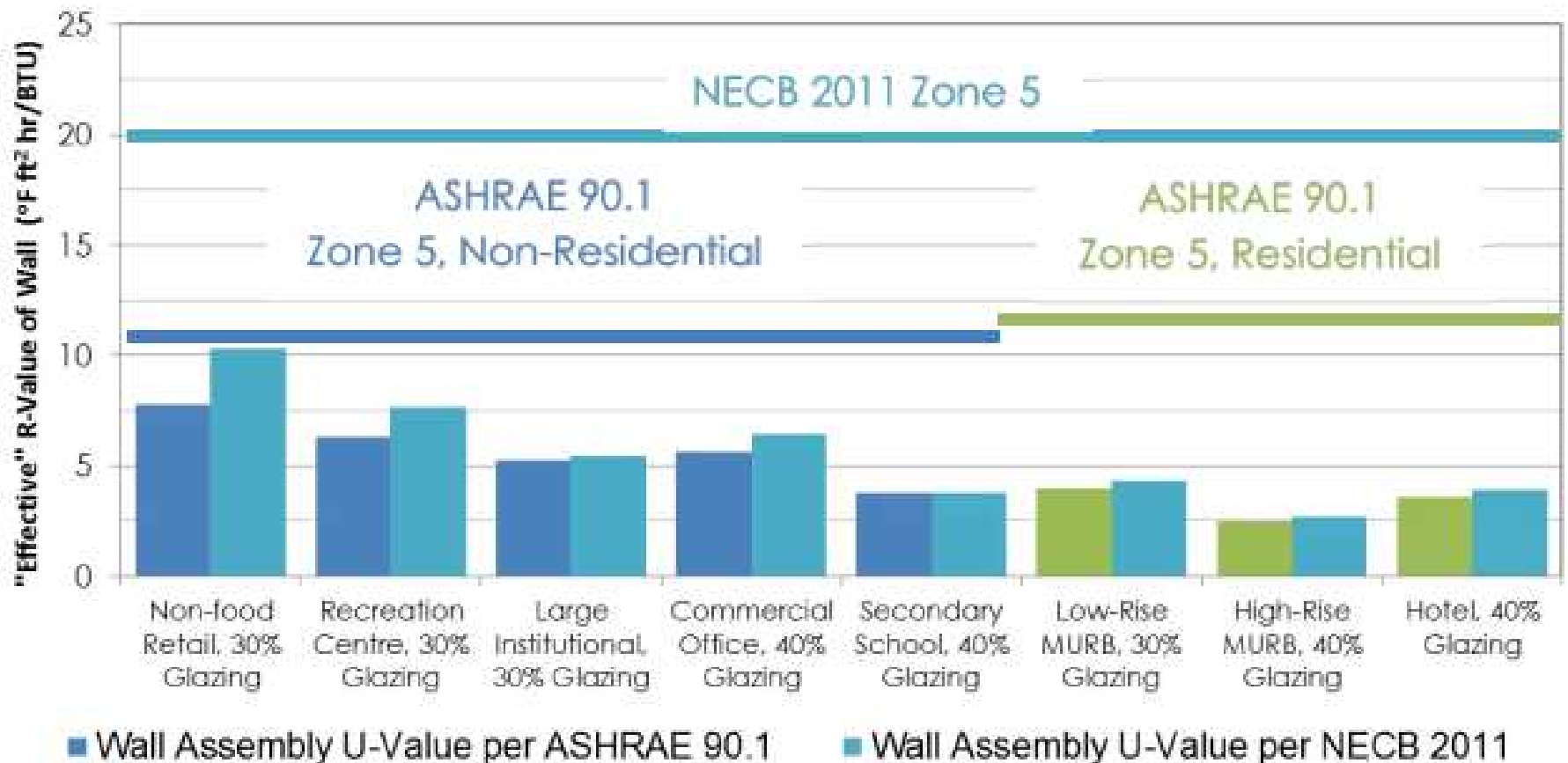


# Interface Details are Significant

- heat flow associated with details
- heat flow associated with clear field assembly



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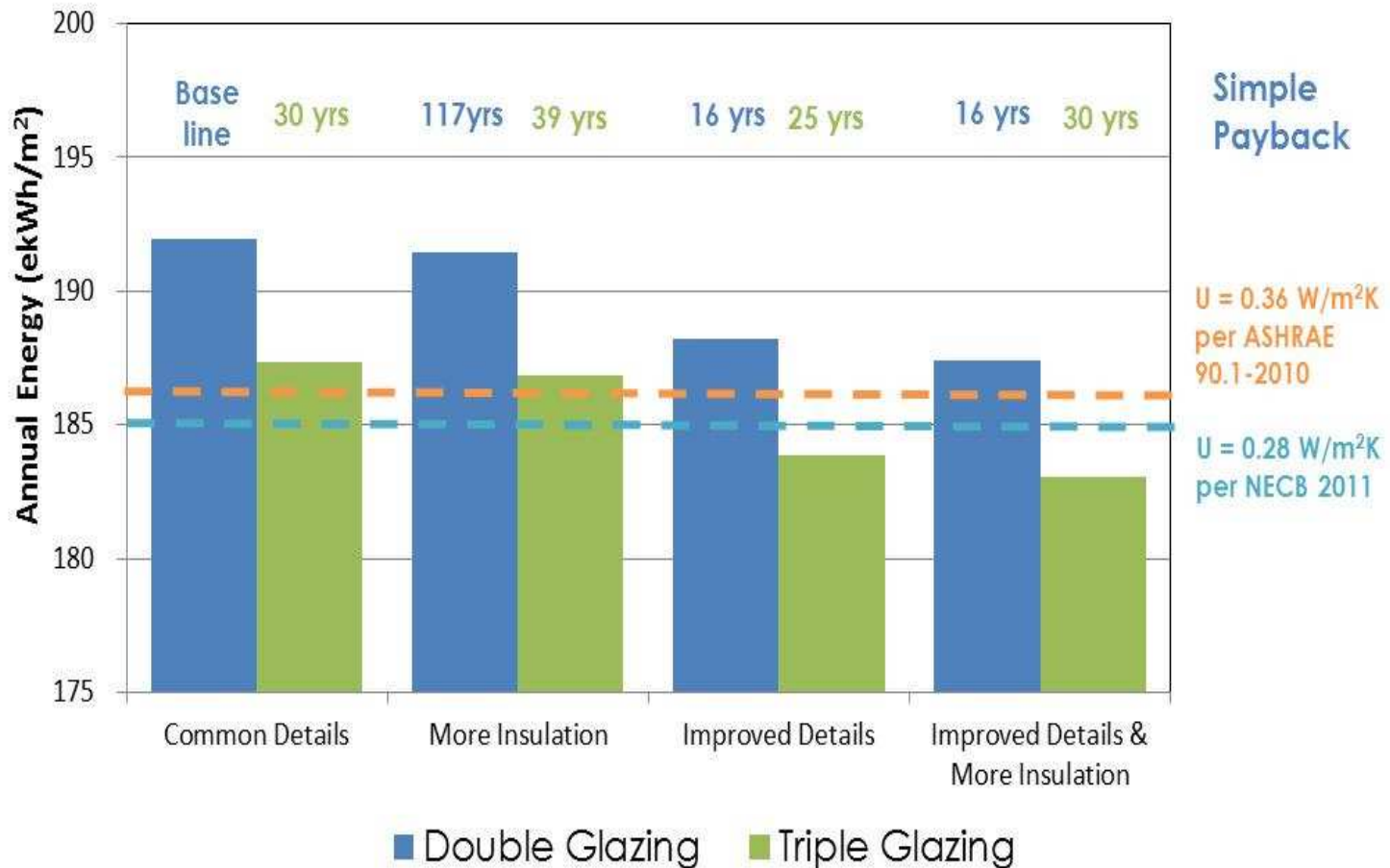


# Interface Details are Significant

Building Type	NECB 2011 Zone 5 U-Value	BETA Calculation Value	% Incr. U-Value	Total Energy Difference ekWh/m <sup>2</sup>	Energy Cost Difference \$/m <sup>2</sup>
Commercial Office	0.28	1.02	263%	14	\$ 0.51
High-Rise MURB	0.28	1.54	663%	16	\$ 1.39
Hotel	0.28	1.45	418%	22	\$ 0.64
Large Institutional	0.28	1.07	283%	36	\$ 1.21
Low-Rise MURB	0.28	1.31	369%	14	\$ 1.24
Non-Food Retail	0.28	0.55	96%	12	\$ 0.34
Recreation Centre	0.28	0.74	165%	7	\$ 0.34
Secondary School	0.28	1.50	436%	15	\$ 0.53

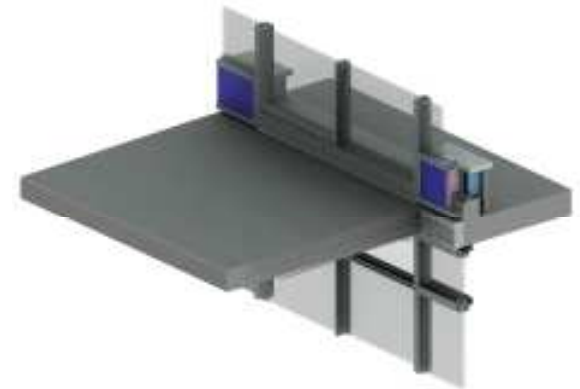
# Interface Details are Significant

## High-Rise MURB with 40% Glazing in Vancouver



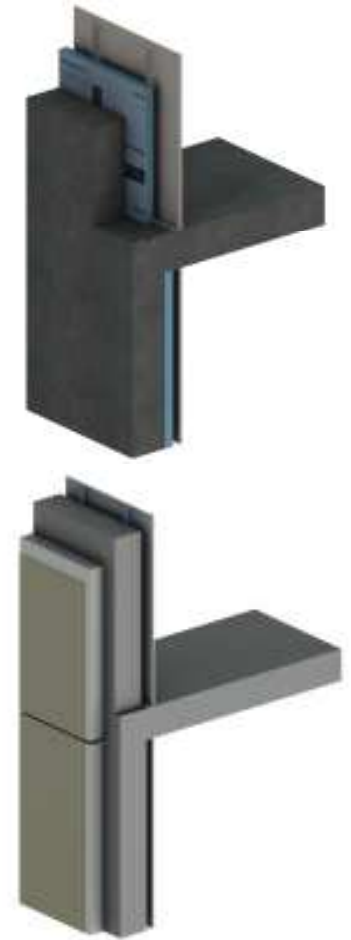
# The Effectiveness of Adding More Insulation

- Even some “expensive” options look attractive when compared to the cost effectiveness of adding insulation
- The cost to upgrade to thermally broken balconies and parapets for the high-rise MURB with 40% glazing may require **two to three times the cost** of increasing effective wall assembly R-value from R-15.6 to R-20
- **Seven times more energy savings**
- Better details AND adding insulation translates to the most energy savings and the best payback period

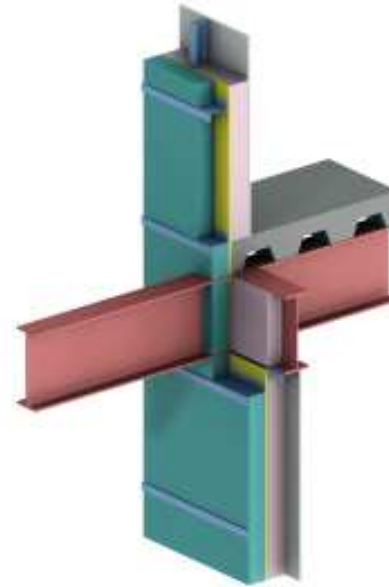


# Exterior Insulation Finish Systems (EIFS)

- EIFS with improved details is a 69% improvement in U-value
- A savings of 14 ekW/m<sup>2</sup> in electricity energy was determined for the high-rise MURB with 40% glazing
- An example where EIFS is more expensive
- There is currently no incentive to realize these savings

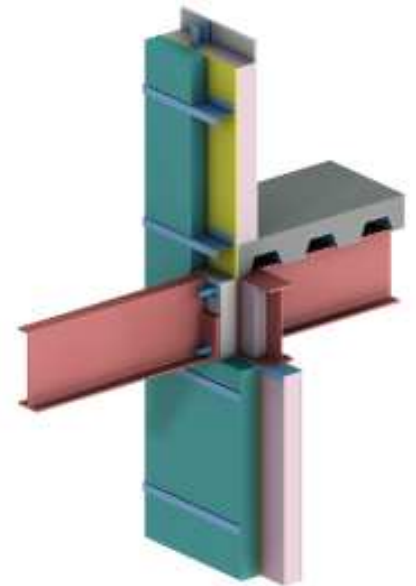


# Condensation



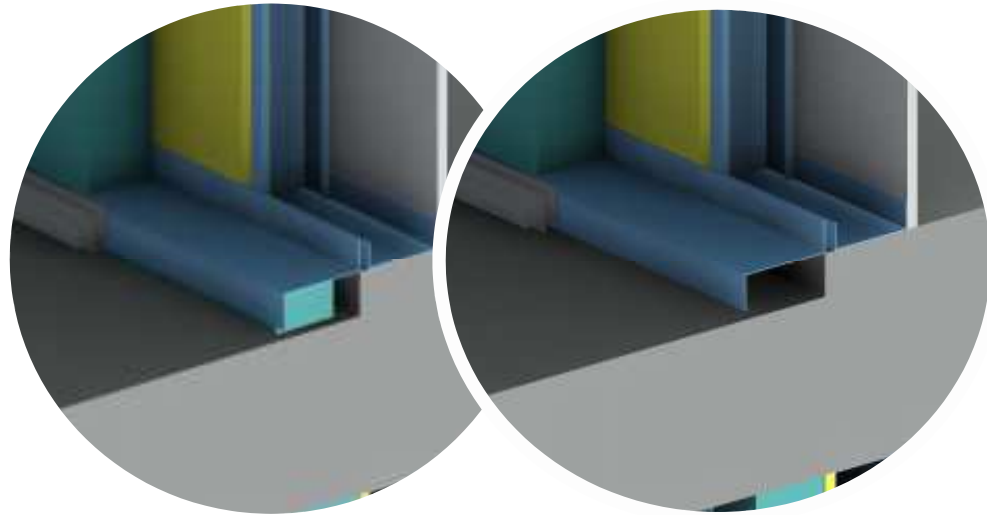
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# The Bottom Line

- More attention needs to be paid to minimizing thermal bridging at interface details for all buildings
- More energy savings can be realized with improving details than simply adding more insulation
- Sometimes a small amount of insulation in a gap makes a difference



# Role and Challenges of the AHJ

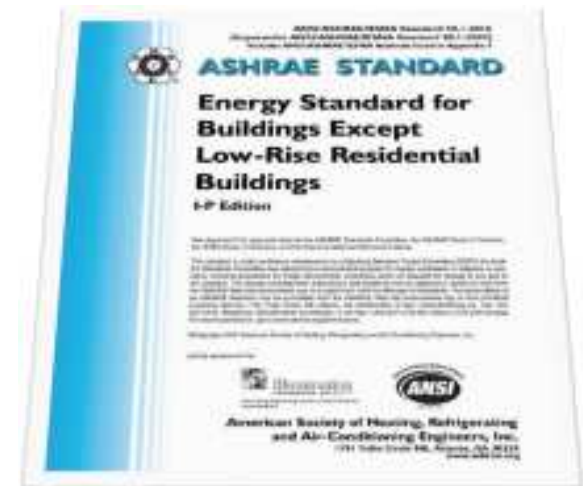
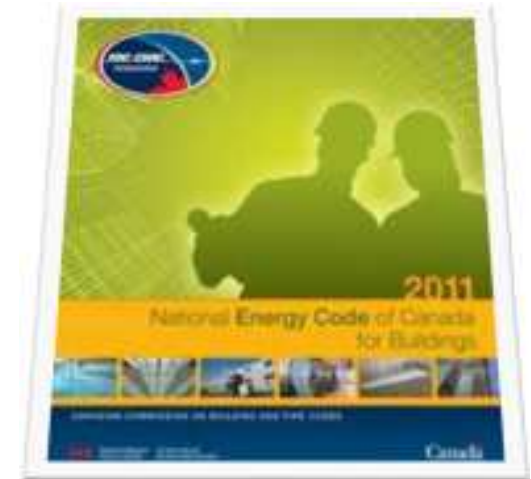
- Move past only checking insulation levels
- Differences and silence on thermal bridges at interface details has created confusion and enforcement challenges
- Enforcement requires understanding of the differences between the reference standards

The image shows a 'HRAE 90.1 2010 Documentation Submission Checklist' form. The form is divided into two main sections: 'BUILDING PERMIT STAGE' and 'OCCUPANCY PERMIT STAGE'. Each section contains a list of requirements with checkboxes for 'Compliant' or 'Non-Compliant'. The 'BUILDING PERMIT STAGE' section includes requirements for 'Building Envelope', 'Mechanical', 'Electrical', and 'Plumbing'. The 'OCCUPANCY PERMIT STAGE' section includes requirements for 'Building Envelope', 'Mechanical', 'Electrical', and 'Plumbing'. The form also includes a 'Comments' section at the bottom for providing additional information. The form is tilted and partially obscured by a green circular graphic in the top right corner.

# Energy Codes and Standards

## Overview

- ASHRAE Standard 90.1
- NECB
- 9.36



# Energy Standards

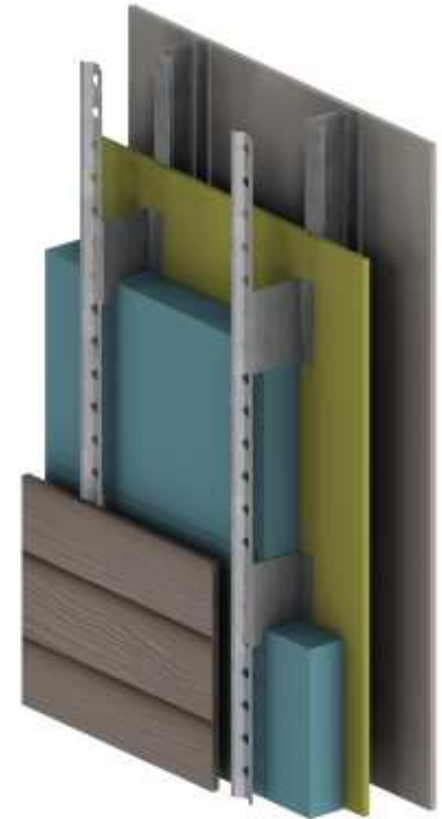


Thermal bridges at transitions is currently not captured

- Not punished
- Or rewarded to implement feasible solutions to mitigate thermal bridging at interface details

# Continuous Insulation vs. Insulation Continuity

- Despite the intent of the continuous insulation concept, to make it simple and not require calculations, this approach does effectively deal with thermal bridging
- NECB 2011 (and now 9.36) is based exclusively on effective U-values, but has many relaxations for accounting for thermal bridging



# Envelope Requirements

	ASHRAE 90.1 2010	NECB 2011
Mandatory requirements	Yes, for all methods	Not for energy modeling
Prescriptive requirements	Generally less demanding R values	Stringent, specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framing</li> <li>• Structure</li> <li>• Cladding attachments</li> <li>• Service penetrations</li> <li>• Walls</li> <li>• Fenestration &amp; doors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounted</li> <li>Not clear</li> <li>Accounted</li> <li>Ignore</li> <li>More categories</li> <li>More categories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounted</li> <li>Specific</li> <li>Only if repetitive</li> <li>Specific</li> <li>Less categories</li> <li>Less categories</li> </ul>
Trade-off methods	Complex, no benefit if FDWR <40%	Simple or software Benefit if FDWR <40%

# ASHRAE 90.1 Overview



ASHRAE 2004  
Baseline

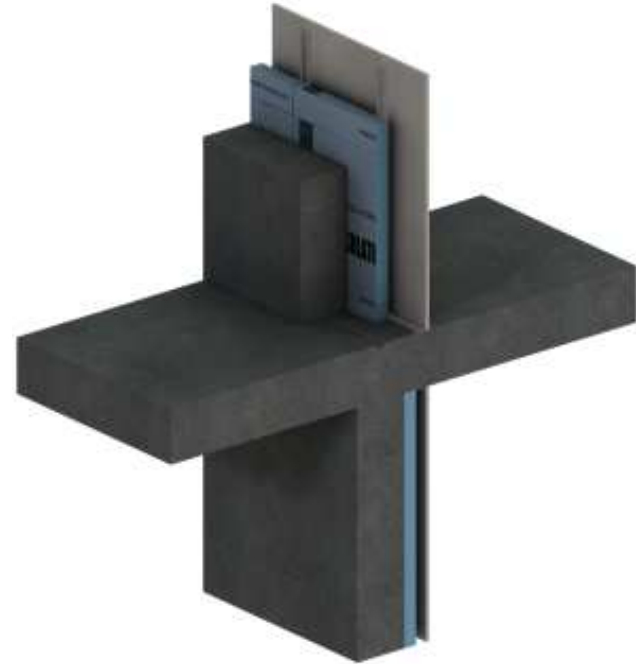
ASHRAE 2007  
Increased BE  
requirements

ASHRAE 2010  
No major changes  
in BE requirements



# ASHARE 90.1 – Thermal Bridging

- Similar to NECB for wall assemblies, but with a lot less clarity
- Balcony slabs are uninsulated mass walls?
- Difficult to enforce for other common thermal bridges at interface details



**continuous insulation (c.i.):** insulation that is continuous **across all structural members** without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings. It is installed on the **interior or exterior** or is integral to any opaque surface of the building envelope.

# ASHRAE 90.1 - Prescriptive Opaque areas

**TABLE 5.5-5 Building Envelope Requirements for Climate Zone 5 (A, B, C)\***

Opaque Elements	Nonresidential		Residential		Semiheated	
	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value
<i>Roofs</i>						
Insulation Entirely above Deck	U-0.048	R-20.0 c.i.	U-0.048	R-20.0 c.i.	U-0.119	R-7.6 c.i.
Metal Building <sup>a</sup>	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.083	R-13.0
Attic and Other	U-0.027	R-38.0	U-0.027	R-38.0	U-0.053	R-19.0
<i>Walls, Above-Grade</i>						
Mass	U-0.090	R-11.4 c.i.	U-0.080	R-13.3 c.i.	U-0.151 <sup>b</sup>	R-5.7 c.i. <sup>b</sup>
Metal Building	U-0.069	R-13.0 + R-5.6 c.i.	U-0.069	R-13.0 + R-5.6 c.i.	U-0.113	R-13.0
Steel-Framed	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.124	R-13.0
Wood-Framed and Other	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-3.8 c.i.	U-0.051	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.089	R-13.0

For multiple assemblies within a single class of construction for a single conditioning space, can be combined using a weighed average

# Above Grade Walls

## NECB 2011 Above-Grade Walls

Assemblies	Any Occupancy				
	R values (effective)				
	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
Walls	18	20.4	23	27	31
Roofs	25	31	31	35	40
Floors	25	31	31	35	40

Mass	11.4
Metal Building	14.5
Steel-framed	15.6
Wood-framed and other	19.6

ASHRAE 90.1 – 2010 Above-Grade Walls  
Residential

# Appendix A

**TABLE A3.3 Assembly U-Factors for Steel-Frame Walls**

Framing Type and Spacing Width (Actual Depth)	Cavity Insulation R-Value: Rated (Effective Installed [see Table A9.2B])	Overall U-Factor for Entire Base Wall Assembly	Overall U-Factor for Assembly of Base Wall Plus Continuous Insulation (Uninterrupted by Framing)							
			Rated R-Value of <b>Continuous Insulation</b>							
			R-1.00	R-2.00	R-3.00	R-4.00	R-5.00	R-6.00	R-7.00	R-8.00
<b>Steel Framing at 16 in. on center</b>										
	None (0.0)	<b>0.352</b>	0.260	0.207	0.171	0.146	0.128	0.113	0.102	0.092
3.5 in. depth	R-11 (5.5)	<b>0.132</b>	0.117	0.105	0.095	0.087	0.080	0.074	0.069	0.064
	R-13 (6.0)	<b>0.124</b>	<b>= R-8</b>		0.100	0.091	0.083	0.077	0.071	0.066
	R-15 (6.4)	<b>0.118</b>	0.106	0.096	0.087	0.080	0.074	0.069	0.064	0.060
								<b>= R-8 + R-8</b>		

# Acceptable calculation methods

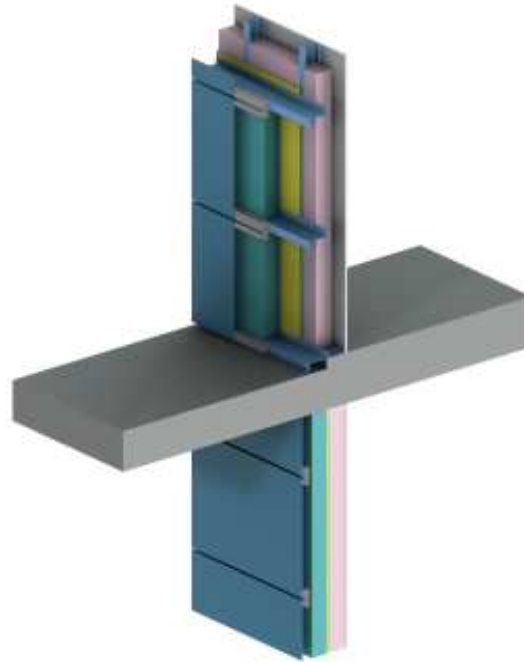
Construction Classes		Testing or Modeling	Series calculation method	Parallel path calculation method	Isothermal planes method
Roofs	Insulation above deck	✓	✓		
	Attic (wood joists)	✓		✓	
	Attic (steel joists)	✓			✓
Walls	Mass	✓			✓
	Steel framed	✓			✓
	Wood framed	✓		✓	

# ASHRAE 90.1 Prescriptive - Fenestration

Components	Zone 5					
	Residential		Non-Residential		Semi-Heated	
	U factor	SHGC	U factor	SHGC	U factor	SHGC
Non-Metal Framing	0.35	0.40 for all	0.35	0.40 for all	1.20	0.40 for all
Metal Framing (curtain wall and storefront)	0.45		0.45		1.20	
Metal Framing (entrance doors)	0.80		0.80		1.20	
Metal Framing (operable and fixed windows, non-entrance doors)	0.55		0.55		1.20	

# Silence and Ambiguity Leads to an Un-level Playing Field

**Can a Concrete Balcony and Steel-Frame Wall comply with the Prescriptive Path?**

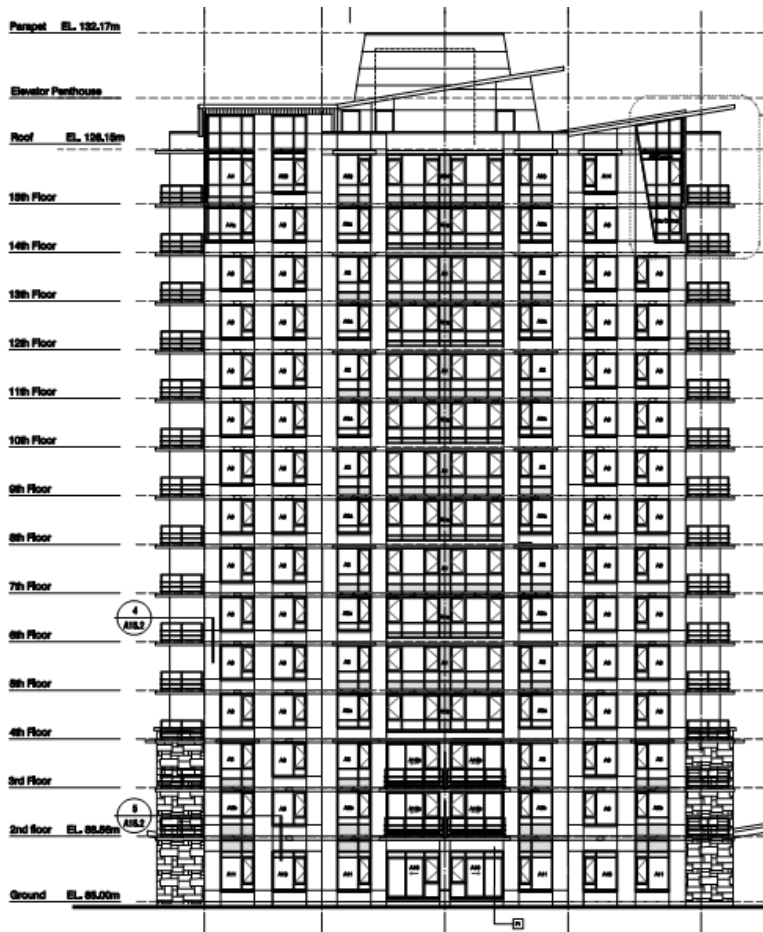


# ASHRAE 90.1 Trade-off

## *Need to :*

- Do take-offs for all the different BE components i.e. floor, roof, wall and fenestration assemblies for every space-conditioning category and every orientation.
- Evaluate the U values of each component including SHGC and VT for fenestration.
- Enter all the numbers into a series of equations that you can find in normative Appendix C\*.

\* COMcheck (Now has Canadian climate data).



Axis – Raymond Letkeman Architects



COMcheck Software Version 3.9.4

## Envelope Compliance Certificate

### Section 2: General Information

Building Location (for weather data):	Vancouver, British Columbia
Climate Zone:	5c
Building Space Conditioning Type(s):	Nonresidential
Vertical Glazing / Wall Area Pct.:	17%

#### Building Type

Retail

#### Floor Area

4152

### Section 3: Envelope Assemblies

**Envelope FAILS:** Design 2% worse than code.

# ASHRAE Code (ECB) vs. LEED (App G)

## Section 11: Energy Cost Budget

Any envelope assembly that covers less than 5% of the total area of that assembly type (e.g., exterior walls) need not be separately described. If not separately described, the area of an envelope assembly must be added to the area of the adjacent assembly of that same type.

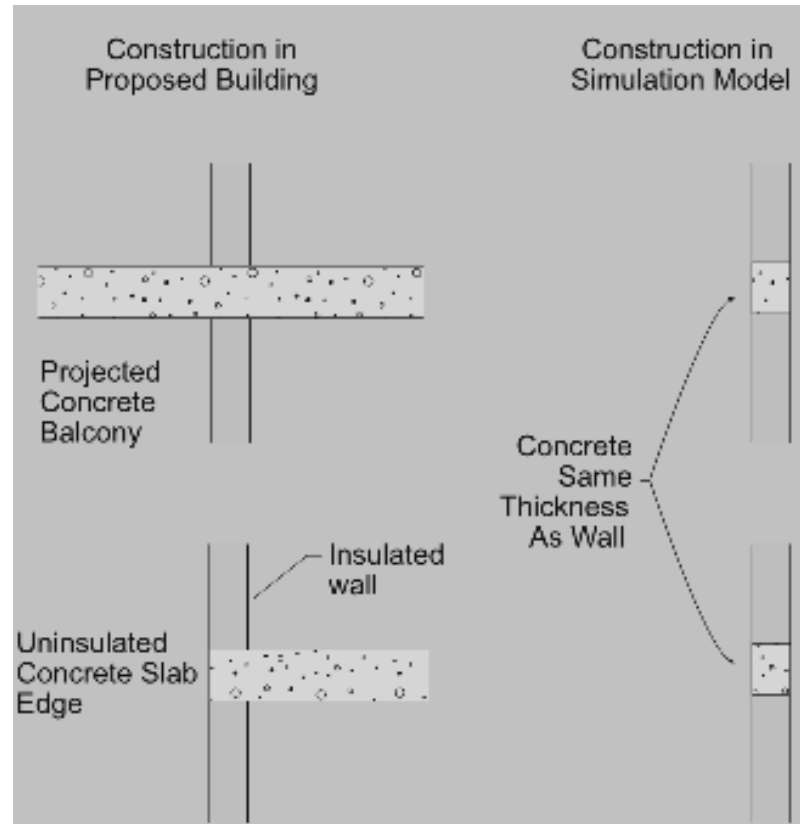
## Appendix G

All uninsulated assemblies (e.g., projecting balconies, perimeter edges of intermediate floor slabs, concrete floor beams over parking garages, roof parapet) shall be separately modeled....

Any other envelope assembly that covers less than 5% of the total area of that assembly type (e.g., exterior walls) need not be separately described provided that it is similar to an assembly being modeled.

# Silence and Ambiguity Leads to an Un-level Playing Field

## Appendix G: Slab Edges



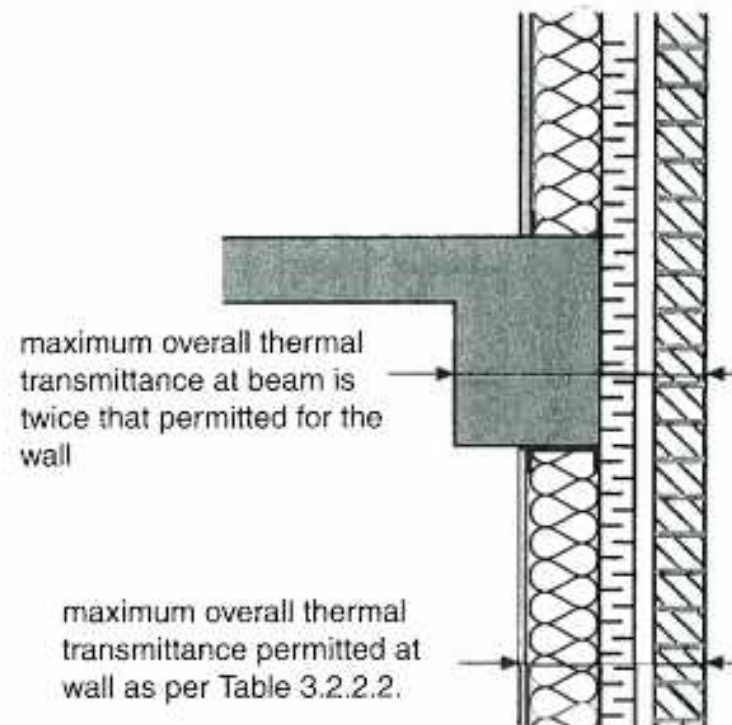
# NECB (9.36) - Thermal bridging

## Clear Field Assembly

The thermal bridging effect of closely spaced repetitive structural members (e.g. studs) and of ancillary members (e.g. sill and plates) should be taken into account.

## Floor Slab Interface Detail

The thermal bridging of major structural elements that are parallel to the building envelope can be ignored, provided that they do not increase the thermal transmittance to more than twice than permitted.



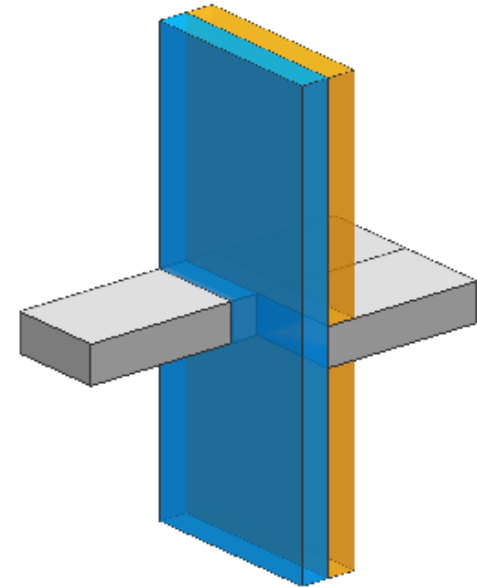
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## Balconies Interface Detail

The thermal bridging of major structural elements that must penetrate the building envelope need not be taken into account, provided that the sum of the areas is less than 2% of the above ground building envelope.



-  Layer Providing Insulation Continuity
-  Insulation Interrupted by Structural Framing

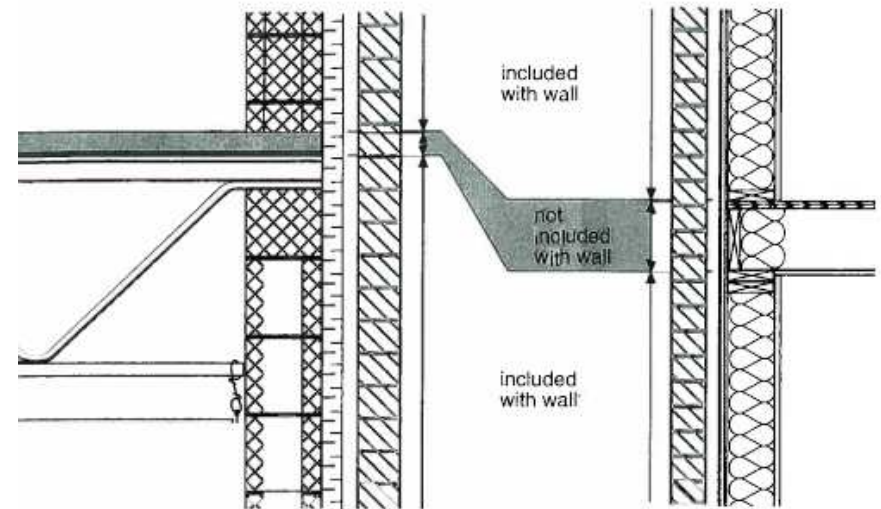
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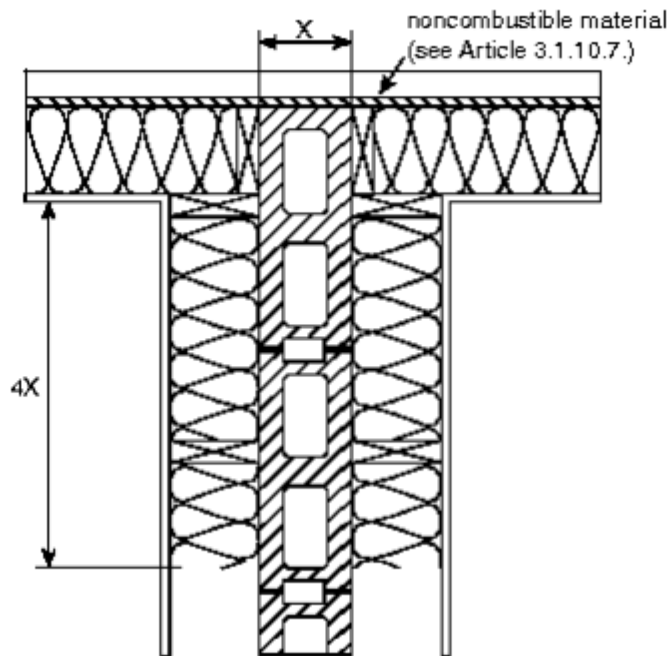
## Clear Field and Interface Details?

..pipes, ducts, equipment with through-the-wall venting...shelf angles, anchors and ties and associated fasteners, and other minor structural members that must completely penetrate the building envelope to perform their intended function need not be taken into account

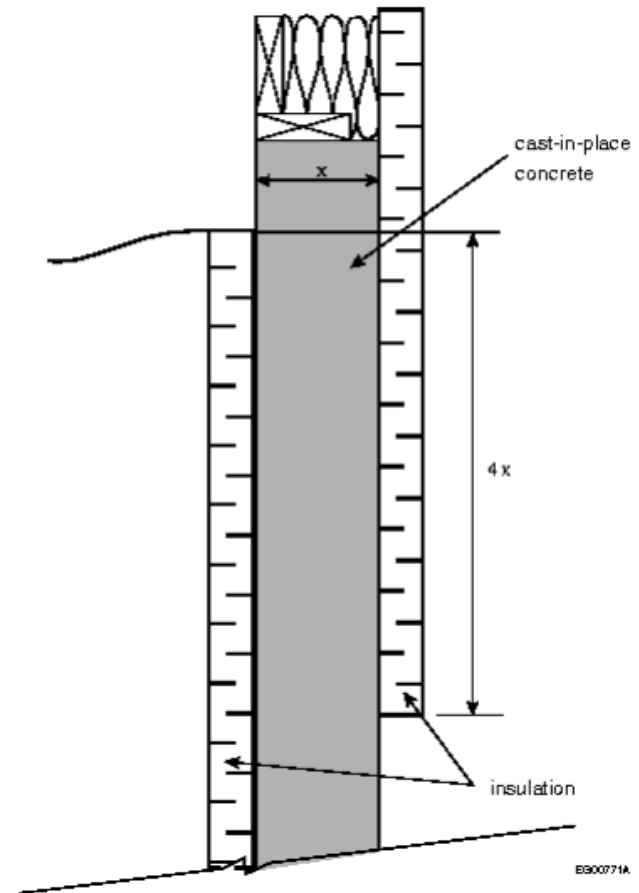


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# NECB (9.36) Insulation Continuity



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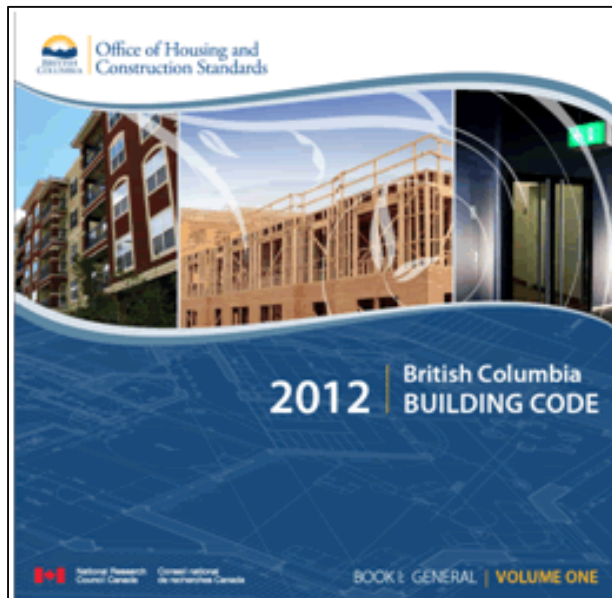


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# 2012 BCBC - Enforcement

## 10.2.1.1. Design

- 1) Except as provided for in [Sentence \(2\)](#) or [\(4\)](#), all *buildings* shall be designed and constructed to conform to
- a) [ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, "Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings"](#), or
  - b) NRCC 54435, "National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings."



### ARCHITECTURAL

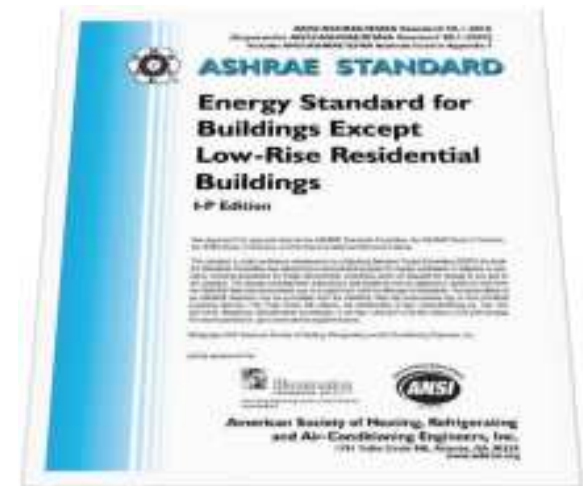
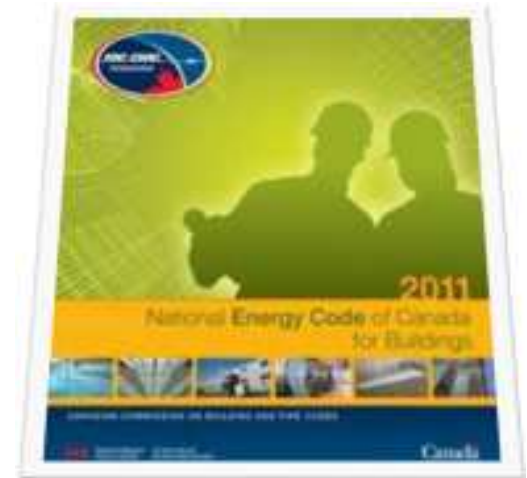
- 1.1 Fire resisting assemblies
- 1.2 *Fire separations* and their continuity
- 1.3 *Closures*, including tightness and operation
- 1.4 Egress systems, including *access to exit* within *suites* and *floor areas*
- 1.5 Performance and physical safety features (guardrails, handrails, etc.)
- 1.6 Structural capacity of architectural components, including anchorage and seismic restraint
- 1.7 Sound control
- 1.8 Landscaping, screening and site grading
- 1.9 Provisions for fire fighting access
- 1.10 Access requirements for *persons with disabilities*
- 1.11 Elevating devices
- 1.12 Functional testing of architecturally related fire emergency systems and devices
- 1.13 Development Permit and conditions therein
- 1.14 Interior signage, including acceptable materials, dimensions and locations
- 1.15 Review of all applicable shop drawings
- 1.16 Interior and exterior finishes
- 1.17 Dampproofing and/or waterproofing of walls and slabs below *grade*
- 1.18 Roofing and flashings
- 1.19 Wall cladding systems
- 1.20 Condensation control and cavity ventilation
- 1.21 Exterior glazing
- 1.22 Integration of building envelope components
- 1.23 Environmental separation requirements (Part 5)
- 1.24 Building Envelope, Part 10/ASHRAE Requirements

(Professional's Seal and Signature)



# Energy Codes and Standards

## Development



# Reduce the Confusion

- We no longer need to ignore thermal bridging and apply haphazard exceptions based on assumptions that are no longer valid
- The BETB Guide provides a straightforward approach supported by a lot of data
- Straightforward to amend NECB and 9.36, but will require a detailed U-value calculation
- ASHRAE 90.1 is a little more complicated

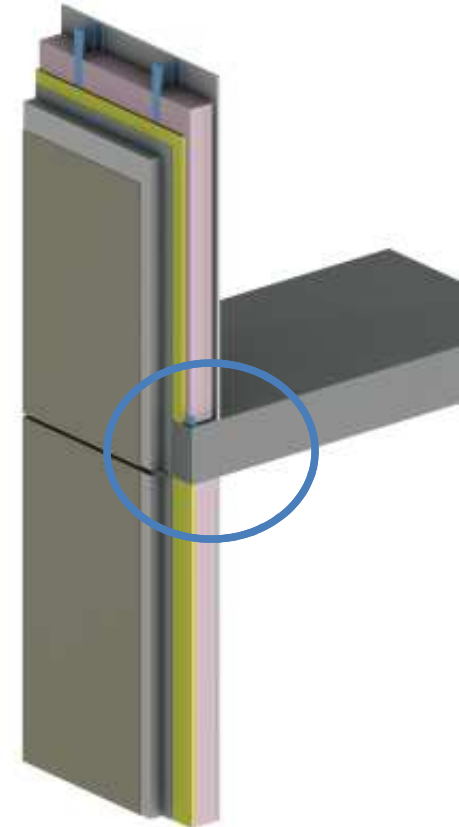


# Next Steps

- Improve the ability to enforce the code and level the playing field by adding clarity
- Replace “exceptions” based on wall areas with metrics that represent heat flow like linear transmittance or remove all exceptions
- Create incentives and reward improved details when practical
- Use the guide to help policy and authorities implement programs that are more enforceable

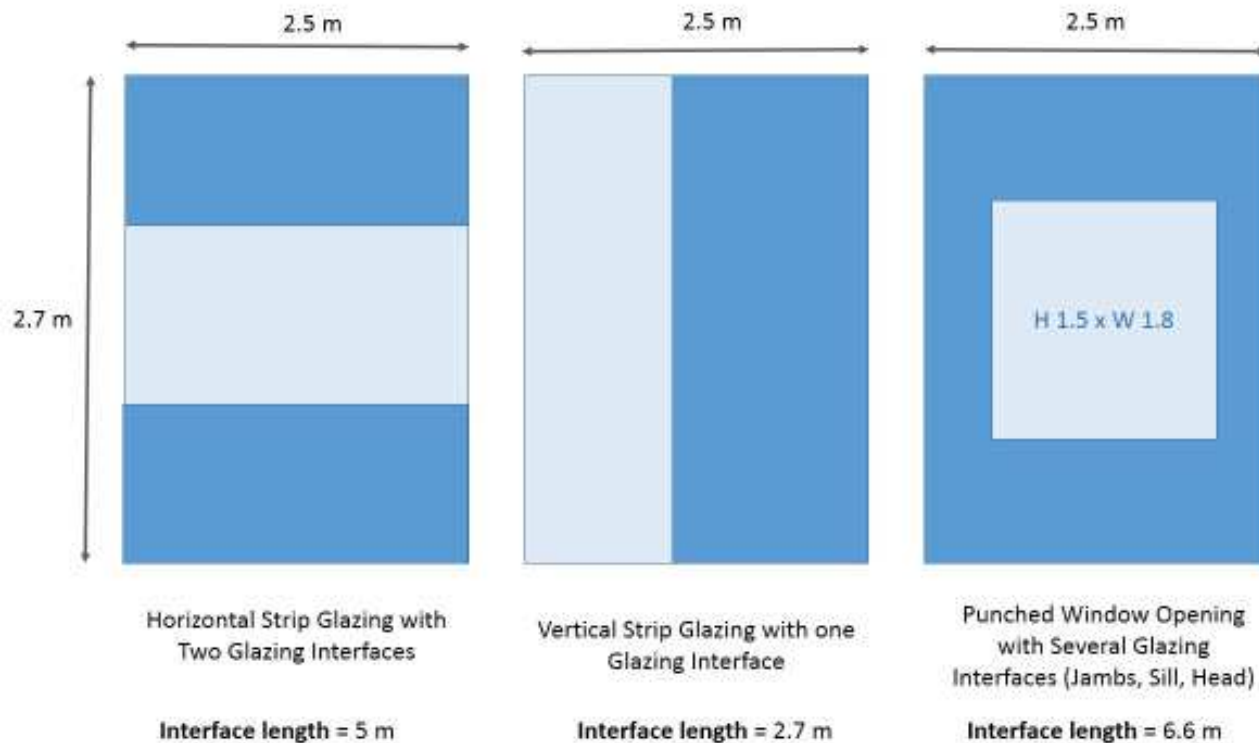
# Challenges

- Thermal bridging not recognized by the standards has always existed
- All the compliance paths reference the prescriptive requirements.
- Thermal bridging has to be carried through for all the compliance paths
- U-value requirements likely need to be relaxed if accounting for all thermal bridges



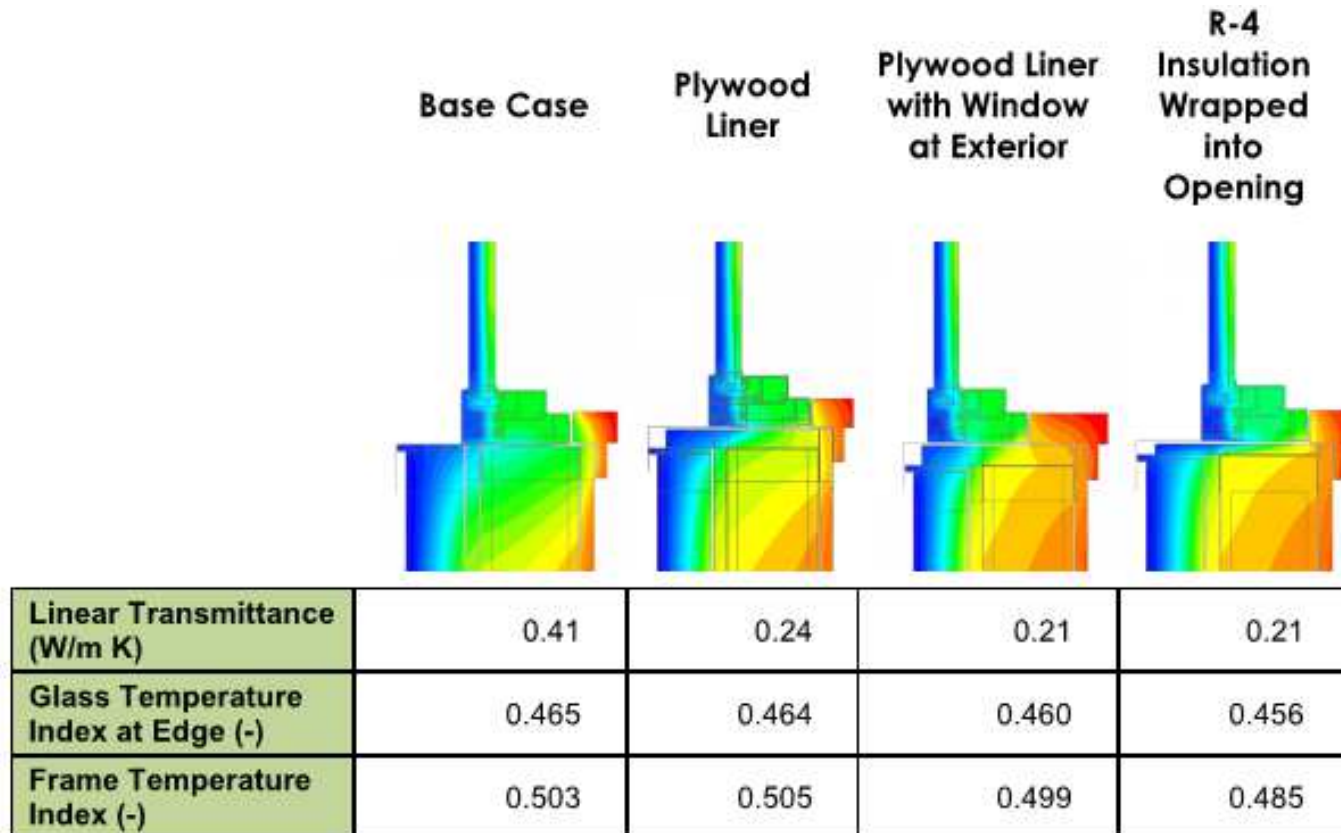
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# Tools will help the process

Select Area Calculation (Choose One)	Area	Units
<input type="radio"/> Sum of Active Clear Field Areas (Default)	0	m <sup>2</sup>
<input type="radio"/> User Defined Area	Enter User Defined Opaque Area	m <sup>2</sup>

Overall Opaque Wall Thermal Performance Values	
Opaque U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	-
Effective R-value (m <sup>2</sup> K/W)	-

								Totals	0	0%
Add/Remove Detail	Transmittance Type	Include	Transmittance Description	Area, Length or Amount Takeoff	Units	Transmittance Value	Units	Source Reference	Heat Flow W/K	% Total Heat Flow
Add Clear Field	Clear Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter Description Here	Enter Area Here	m <sup>2</sup>	Enter Clear Field U-Value Here	W/m <sup>2</sup> K	Enter Source Here	-	-
Add Linear Interface Detail	Linear Interface Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter Description Here	Enter Length Here	m	Enter Psi-Value Here	W/mK	Enter Source Here	-	-
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# Conclusion

- Details such as slab penetration are easy to account for in calculation
- Codes do not yet take into account details such as window transitions
- It will likely become increasingly more difficult to ignore thermal bridging at intersections of assemblies
- Move beyond simply adding “more insulation”



# Questions?



# Thank You