



Design and Coordination

The Potential Impacts of Design Decisions on the Building Thermal Performance





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Agenda and Presenters

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<div style="background-color: #f4a460; color: white; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 10px;">4</div> <p>Insight into thermal performance of building envelope</p>		



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BE thermal improvements at the different stages of design

PART 1

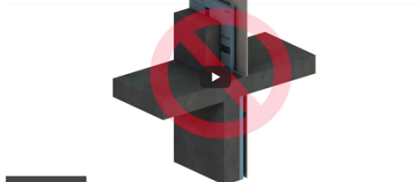


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The References



Watch on YouTube

Video 2 – Workflow [↗](#)

This video establishes how to incorporate U-value calculations and the BETB Guide within the overall building design process.

Video 3 – Example Calculation [↗](#)

This video demonstrates how to conduct the U-value calculations and workflow by following an example of a six-storey multi-unit residential building design.

Video 4 – Special Considerations [↗](#)

This video highlights the finer points of specific details and assemblies, that may require additional attention for including their impacts in calculations.



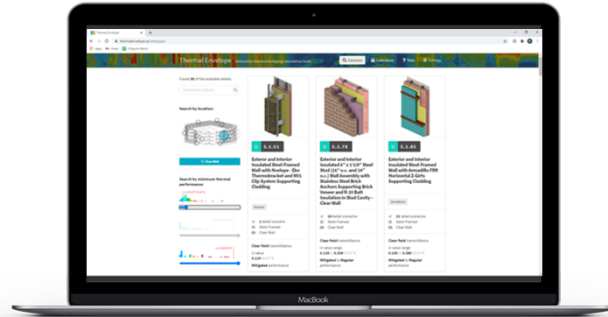
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Thermal Envelope Web Application

- ✓ Search and compare details and assemblies
- ✓ Integrated thermal calculator
- ✓ Collaboration tools
- ✓ Educational resources



Demo – www.thermalenvelope.ca



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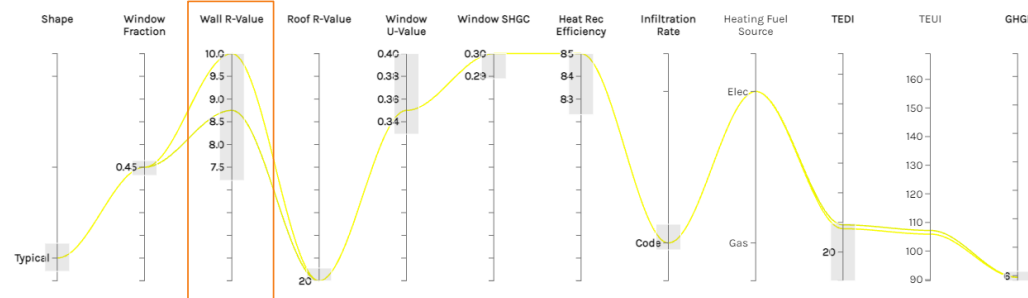
Building Pathfinder



Building Info

Climate Region:

Building Type:



Shape	Window Fraction	Wall R-Value	Roof R-Value	Window U-Value	Window SHGC	Heat Rec Efficiency	Infiltration Rate	Heating Fuel Source	TEDI	TEUI	GHGI
Typical	0.45	8.75	20	0.35	0.3	85	Code	Gas	29.17	107.21	5.89
Typical	0.45	10	20	0.35	0.3	85	Code	Elec	27.86	105.91	5.88



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The focus



Enhanced Thermal Performance Spread Sheet **SI Units**

Scenario Description
 Enter Scenario Name
 Check New Worksheet
 Copy to New Worksheet
 Reset Current Worksheet

Clear Field Area Method

Select Area Calculation (Choose One)	Area	Units
<input type="radio"/> Default Active Clear Field Areas (Default)	0.00	m ²
<input type="radio"/> User Defined Area		

Overall Opaque Wall Thermal Performance Values

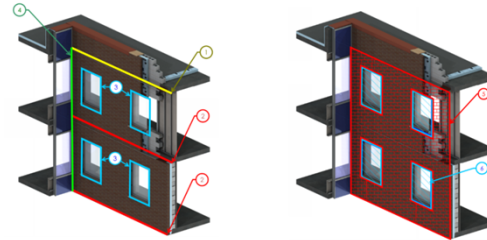
Base Building		Proposed Building		% Below Baseline	
Opaque RSI Value (W/m ² K)	Enter Base Building U-Value	Opaque RSI Value (W/m ² K)			
Effective RSI Value (m ² K/W)		Effective RSI Value (m ² K/W)			

Proposed Building Entries

Add/Remove Detail	Transmittance Type	Include	Transmittance Description	Area	Length of Around Takeoff	Units	Transmittance Value	Units	Source Reference	Heat Flow (W/K)	% Total Heat Flow
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Clear Field	Clear Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter Description Here	Enter Area Here	Enter Clear Field Takeoff Length	m ²	W/m ² K	Impermeable		-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Linear Interface Detail	Linear Interface Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter Description Here	Enter Length Here	Enter RSI Value Here	m	W/m ² K	Wood	See Reference	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Point Interface Detail	Point Interface Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter Description Here	Enter Area Here	Enter RSI Value Here	#	W/K	Impermeable		-	-

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

Where:
 U_T = total effective assembly thermal transmittance (Btu/hr-ft²-F or W/m²K)
 U_o = clear field thermal transmittance (Btu/hr-ft²-F or W/m²K)
 A_{total} = the total opaque wall area (ft² or m²)
 Ψ = heat flow from linear thermal bridge (Btu/hr-ft²-F or W/mK)
 L = length of linear thermal bridge, i.e. slab width (ft or m)
 χ = heat flow from point thermal bridge (Btu/hr²-F or W/K)



1. Parapet Length
2. Slab Lengths
3. Wall to Window Transition Lengths
4. Corner Length
5. Opaque Brick Wall Area
6. Glazing Area



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“If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it”

- Olin Miller



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Tip #1 – Plan your take-offs

- ✓ Confirm with the Energy Modeler if there are sections of the building that need to be modeled differently
- ✓ Identify some architectural features which could potentially be replaced
- ✓ Set yourself up to be able to copy your “base” worksheet – this may mean splitting a same assembly or detail in 2
- ✓ Be consistent with the methodology – e.g. balcony between glazing



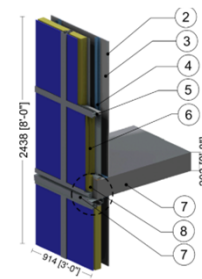
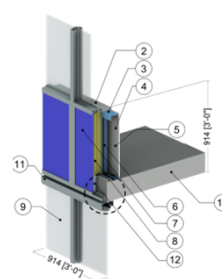
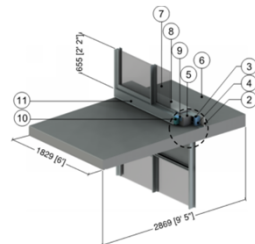
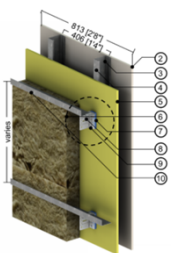
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Basic design

- ✓ Regular double glazed thermally broken aluminum window-wall vision glazing
- ✓ Horizontal and vertical spandrel sections
- ✓ Steel Stud walls with 4” of exterior insulation
- ✓ Cantilevered concrete balconies



+ Glazing transitions

- Vision to cladding
- Spandrel to cladding

+ Parapets

- + Base of Walls
- + Corners

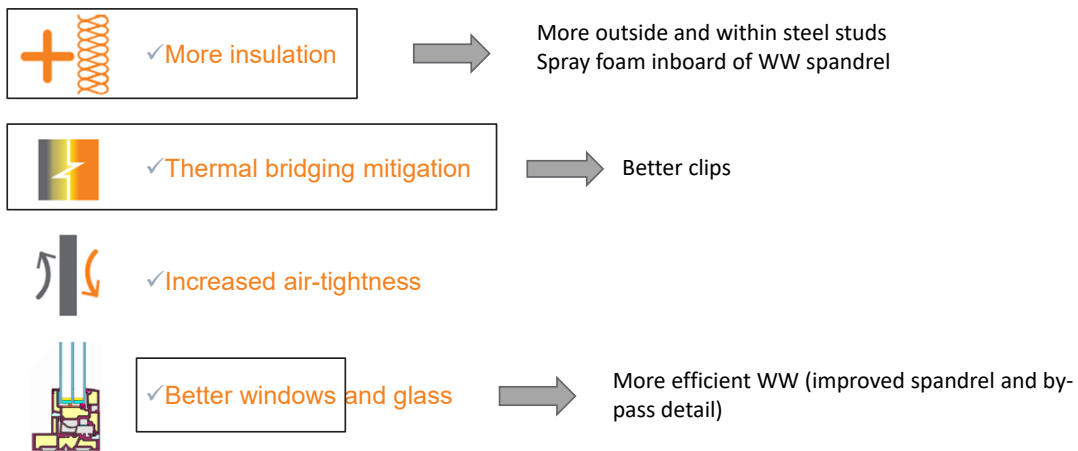


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The improvements (first level – clear walls)



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Thermal performance

Base – effective R 3.6

Improvements through opaque clear walls	Effective R Value
More (5") and dual insulation (R12), same clips	3.7
Better clips and more exterior insulation (6")	3.7
Spray foam inside WW (instead of more insulation at walls)	4.5
More efficient window wall	4.7
Efficient window wall with spray foam	5.0
Better walls, more efficient window wall and Spray foam	5.2

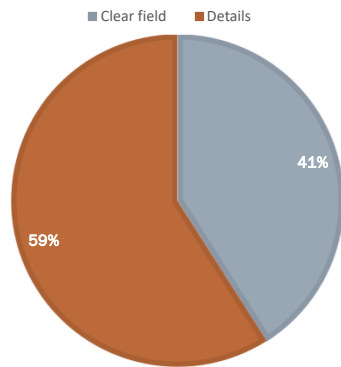


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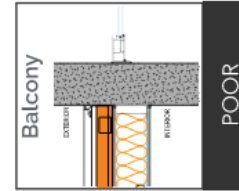
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Tip #2 – Start with items that have an impact*



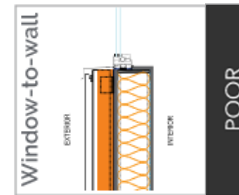
34%

% Contribution to Overall Heatflow



17%

% Contribution to Overall Heatflow



* Don't sweat the small stuff, unless you are targeting very high level of energy performance such as passive house and step 4



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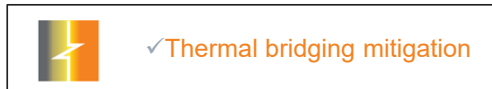
Next level of improvements



✓ More insulation



More outside and within steel studs
Spray foam inboard of WW spandrel



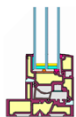
✓ Thermal bridging mitigation



Better clips, balcony thermal breaks, and window transitions



✓ Increased air-tightness



✓ Better windows and glass



More efficient Window Wall



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Thermal performance

Base – effective R 3.6

Base with the best opaque walls– effective R 5.2

Same results but one of these improvements is much costlier than the other

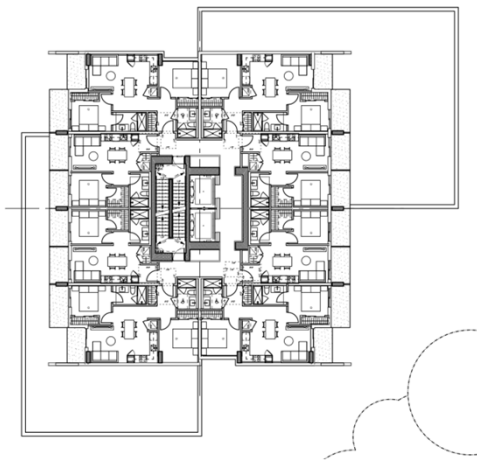
Improvements through details and opaque clear walls	Effective R Value
Thermal breaks (TB) at balconies	4.2
Better window transition (WT) details	4.1
Both TB and WT	5.0
Better window transition details with better walls and efficient window wall (No TB or SF)	5.6
Better window transition details with better walls, efficient window wall and TB (No SF)	6.8
Better window transition details with better walls and efficient window wall with SF and TB	7.6



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Tip #3 – Make the right design decisions early on



- ✓ Reduce the amount of balconies slabs coming through
- ✓ Use more thermally efficient assemblies than window wall (especially at and around slabs)
- ✓ Be strategic about your windows sizes as to reduce the length of transition details



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Thermal performance

Base – effective R 3.6

Base with the best opaque walls– effective R 5.2

With all the bells and whistles– effective R 7.6

Improvements through opaque clear walls	Effective R Value
Replace good portion of spandrel with base cladding	3.8
Replace with base cladding and improved window transitions	5.2
Replace with better cladding and improved window transitions	5.9
Reduce balconies by 50% (back to base building, slab covered with spandrel by-pass)	4.4
Replace with better cladding including improved window transition and reduced balconies	7.7

Some of these measures are actually cost savings

Some of these measures are actually cost savings

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Tip #4 – Cost is always part of the equation

Remember that:

- ✓ Reducing balconies is actually a cost savings
- ✓ Detailing the windows to reduce thermal bridging is +/- cost neutral
- Changing window configuration is free

Has cost implications:

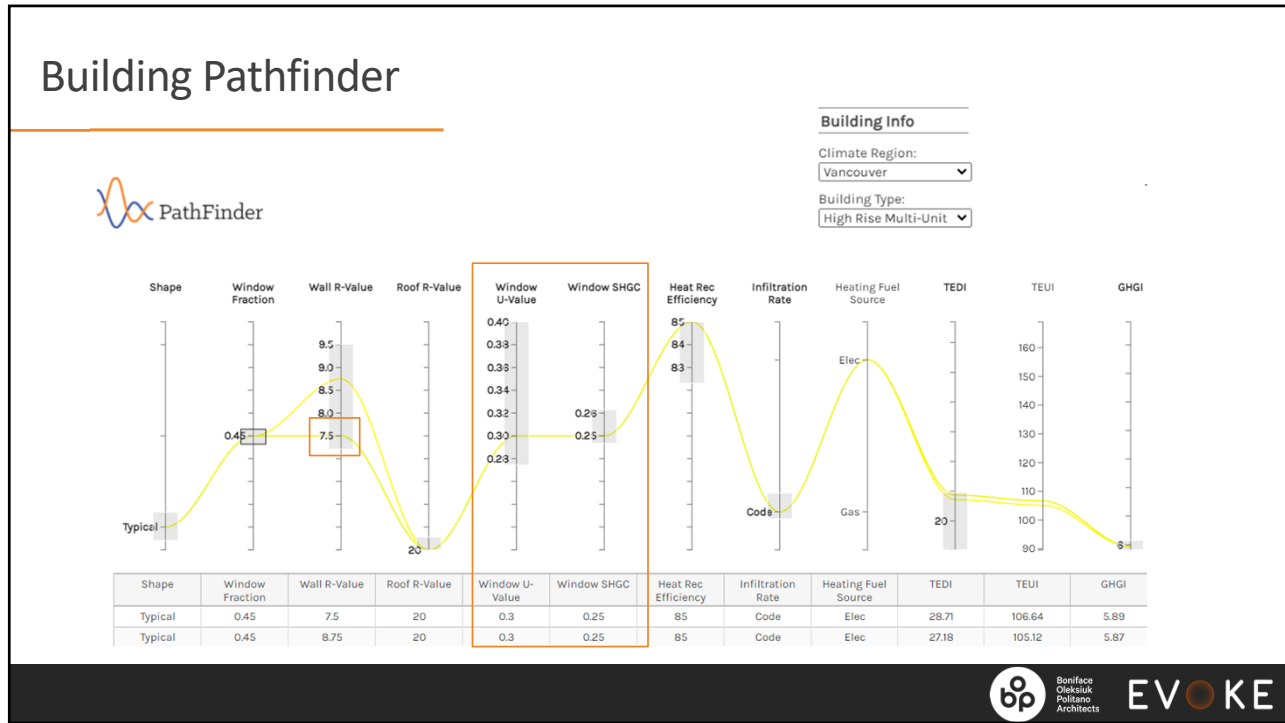
- Thermal breaks
- Spray foam inboard of spandrel
- ✓ Replacing window spandrel with cladding
- ✓ Improving the window- wall frame performance

R7.7 → R8.75

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Architectural Features and their Impacts

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Features and Considerations

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Massing and Orientation

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Unit Density

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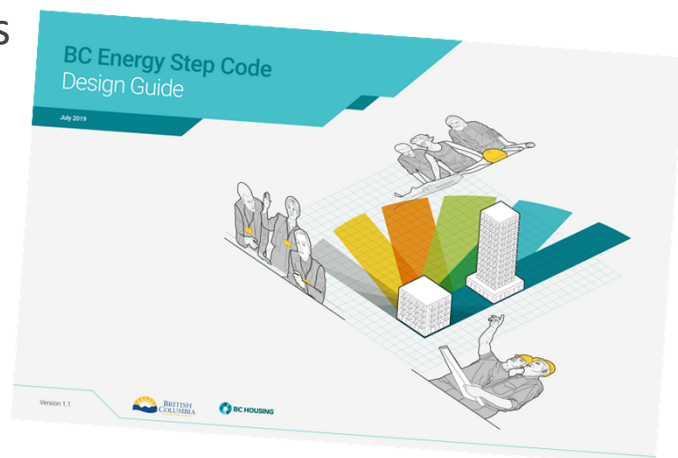
Fenestration

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Wall Systems

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Airtightness and HVAC



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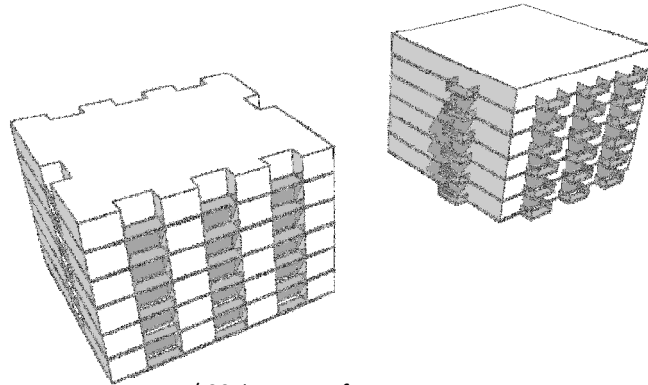
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1. Massing and Orientation

Considerations:

1. Orientation of facades
2. Corners
3. Surface area
4. Surroundings



+/-30% more surface area
36 corners vs. 4



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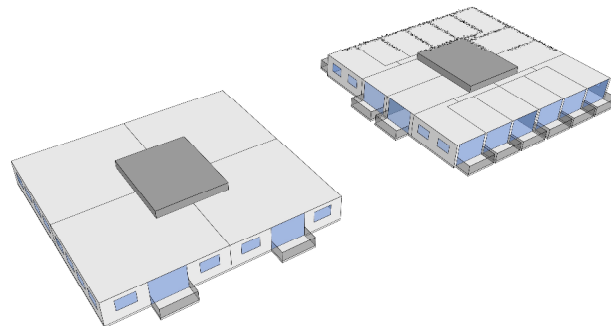
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2. Unit Density

Considerations:

1. TEDI vs. TEUI
2. Internal loads
3. Vision glazing
4. Balconies
5. Different uses in one building & Different standards may be Modelled differently (like the example)



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3. Fenestration

Considerations:

1. Window to wall ratio
2. Marketing and AHJs
3. Comfort
4. Construction efficiency
5. Aesthetics/Concept



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3. Fenestration

- Upstands
- Views
- Privacy
- Solar Orientation



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3. Fenestration

- Upstands
- Views
- Privacy
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4. Wall Systems

Envelope Criteria -

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Availability (# of bidders, shipping) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal performance & thickness limitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to handle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slab edge detail | <input type="checkbox"/> Crane time / scaffolding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSR/Area impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Compatibility with other systems (vents, windows, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installation - Framed, Window wall/curtain wall type | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moisture management - closing the building & protecting unfinished construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Acoustics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airtightness (a system vs. combination of parts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/service life/durability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and element sizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics |



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4. Wall Systems



Envelope systems:

- Framed walls
- Prefabricated systems
- Glazing systems (window wall, curtain wall)

Considerations:

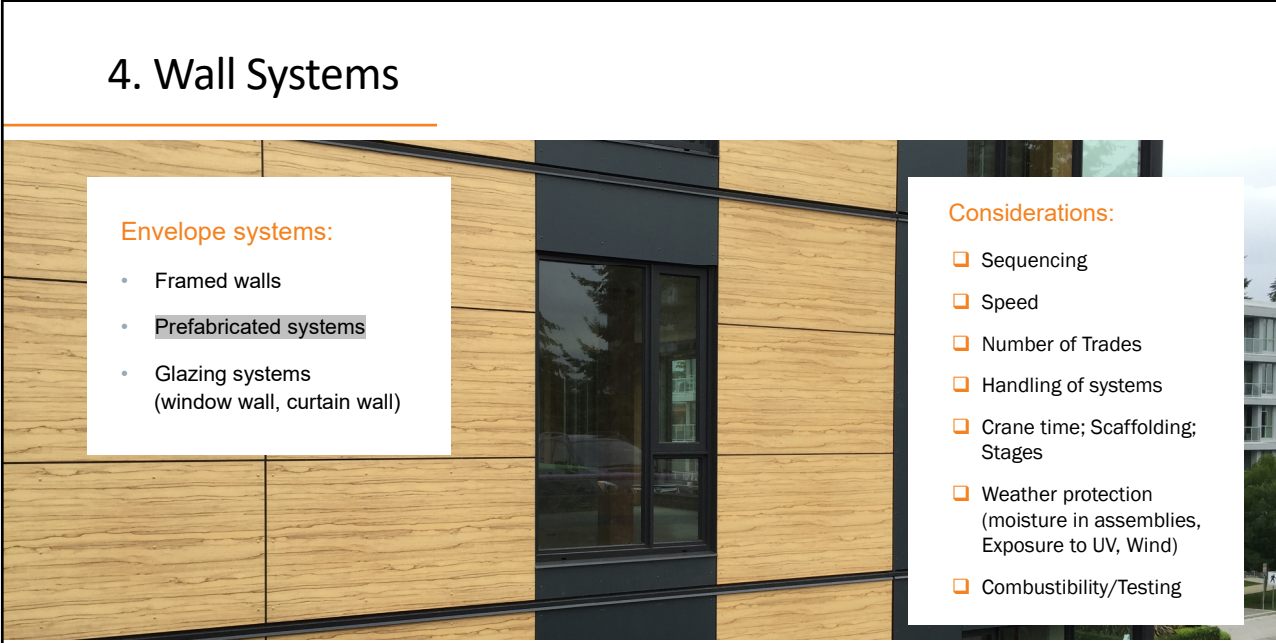
- ❑ Sequencing
- ❑ Speed
- ❑ Number of Trades
- ❑ Exterior Installation
- ❑ Weather protection (moisture in assemblies, Exposure to UV, Wind)
- ❑ Combustibility/Testing
- ❑ Interface with other systems

CLEAR FIELD RANGE: R16-R17



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4. Wall Systems




Envelope systems:

- Framed walls
- Prefabricated systems
- Glazing systems (window wall, curtain wall)

Considerations:

- ❑ Sequencing
- ❑ Speed
- ❑ Number of Trades
- ❑ Handling of systems
- ❑ Crane time; Scaffolding; Stages
- ❑ Weather protection (moisture in assemblies, Exposure to UV, Wind)
- ❑ Combustibility/Testing

CLEAR FIELD RANGE: R16-R17



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4. Wall Systems



Considerations:

- Speed
- Better quality control
- Handling of systems
- Transportation/storage
- Crane time
- Combustibility/Testing

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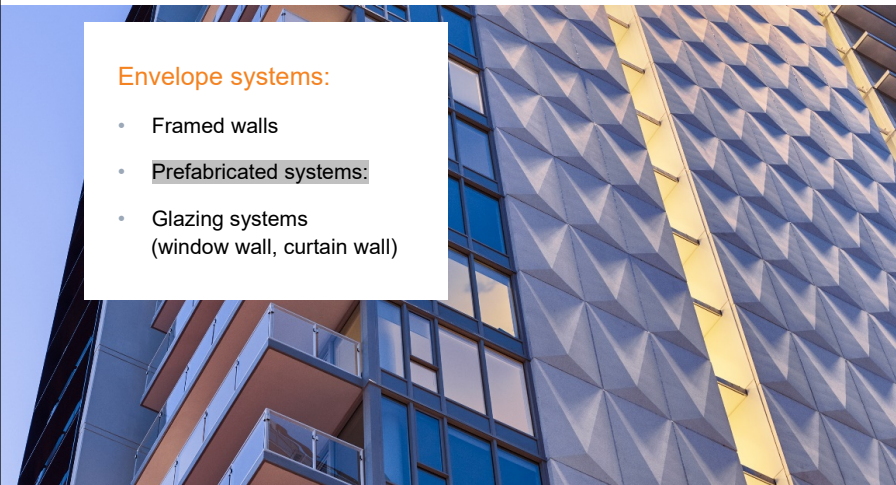
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4. Wall Systems

Envelope systems:

- Framed walls
- Prefabricated systems:
- Glazing systems
(window wall, curtain wall)



Considerations:

- Sequencing
- Speed
- Handling of systems
- Crane time
- Installation below overhangs
- Combustibility of insulation
- Connections and air seals
- Weight

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R55



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4. Wall Systems

Considerations:

- ❑ Sequencing
- ❑ Speed
- ❑ Handling of systems
- ❑ Crane time
- ❑ Installation below overhangs
- ❑ Combustibility of insulation
- ❑ Connections and air seals
- ❑ Weight



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4. Wall Systems

Envelope systems:

- Framed walls
- Prefabricated systems
- **Glazing systems**
(window wall, curtain wall)



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4. Wall Systems

Considerations:

- ❑ Slab edge
- ❑ Fire/acoustic separation
- ❑ Panel weight
- ❑ Installed outside/inside the floor



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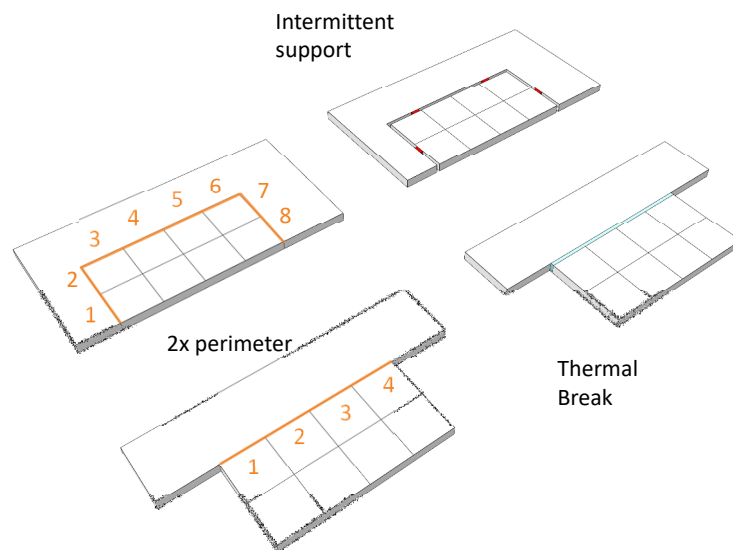
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4. Wall Systems

Thermal bridging:

- Balconies
- Structure
- Eyebrows
- Structural connections (canopies, sun-shades, etc)
- Details (curbs, jambs, etc)



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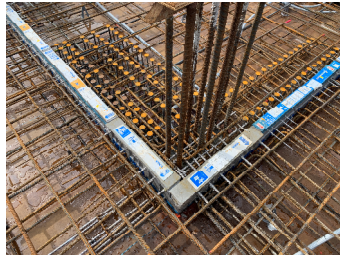
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4. Wall Systems

Thermally broken balconies:

- Ducting
- Details
- Cost/linear quantity



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- Hanging
- Ground supported
- Bolt-on
- Partial thermal break

Precast Concrete Balconies are a new product choice for its weight, quality finish, and thermal break from interior building floor slab.
 Precast Concrete Balconies steel supports (beams) are connected to vertical HSS columns using post-tensioned (PT) floor Slab Panels.
 Center cantilevered precast concrete balconies are resting on steel support Girders. Through-hole seating channel under balcony and vented through premium soffits, addressing need for vent space within mass.

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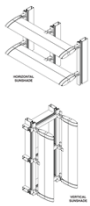
Full Wrap

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4. Wall Systems

- Control through orientation and amount of glazing
- External Shading
- Comfort/overheating
- Thermal bridging
- Complexity
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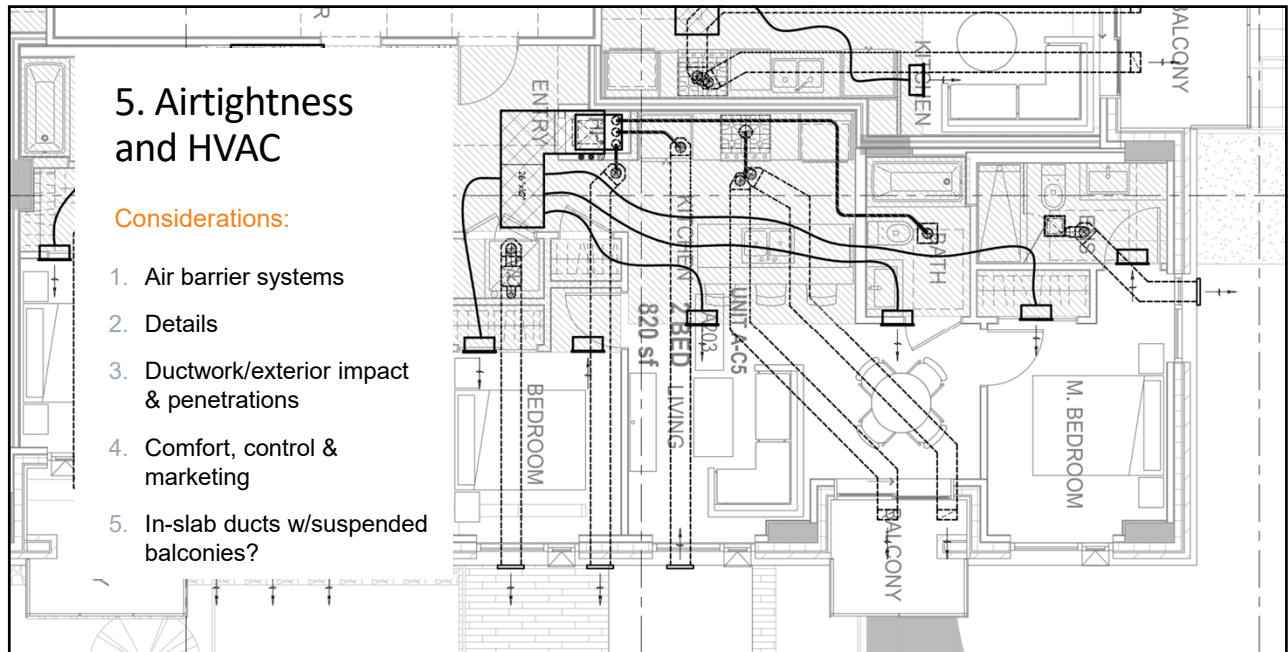
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5. Airtightness and HVAC

Considerations:

1. Air barrier systems
2. Details
3. Ductwork/external impact & penetrations
4. Comfort, control & marketing
5. In-slab ducts w/suspended balconies?



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Roles and Responsibilities

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Whole Building Energy Modelling Services

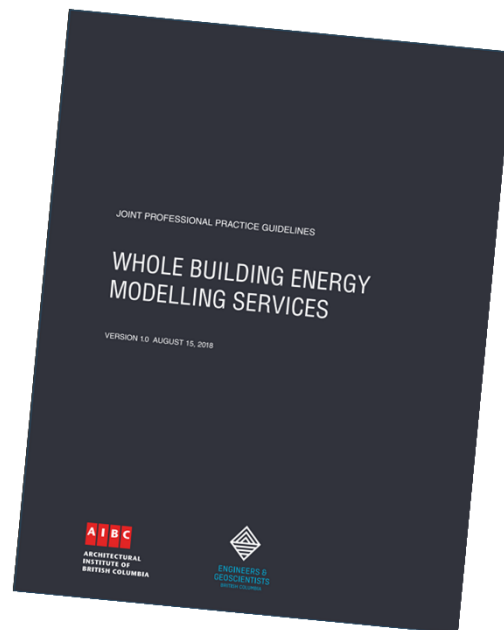
Joint Professional Guidelines

Deals with:

- Qualifications
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Quality Assurance etc.



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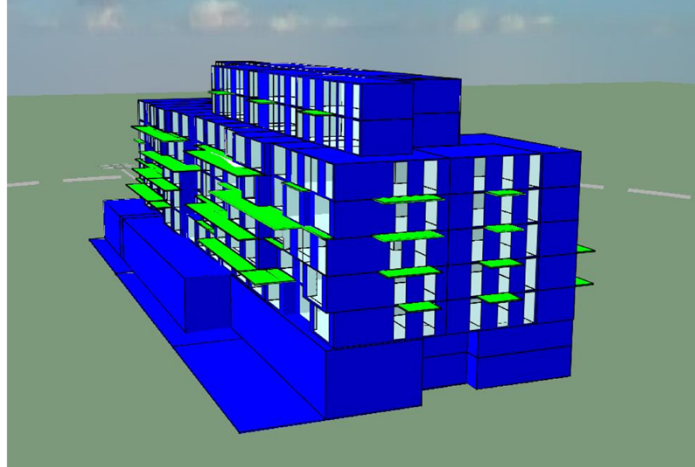
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Energy Modelling Services Team

- OWNER/CLIENT
- **THE COORDINATOR**
- DESIGN TEAM
- **QUALIFIED MODELLER (QM)**
- **ENERGY MODELLING SUPERVISOR (EMS)**
- BUILDER/CONSTRUCTOR



Energy Modelling Services Team

THE COORDINATOR

The architect or engineer responsible for coordinating the work that is represented by the energy model.

For design projects, the Coordinator is the Coordinating Registered Professional (CRP) per BCBC definition.

Table 2.1.1.1.1 - Building Types

Building Type	FILE	FILE	FILE
Commercial (Low Rise 1-7 stories)	FILE	FILE	FILE
Commercial (High Rise 8+ stories)	FILE	FILE	FILE
Office	FILE	FILE	FILE
Hotel	FILE	FILE	FILE
Other Buildings	FILE	FILE	FILE

Table 2.1.1.1.2 - Performance Levels - Buildings Constructed in a City-encompassed Area

Building Type	FILE	FILE	FILE
Commercial (Low Rise 1-7 stories)	FILE	FILE	FILE
Commercial (High Rise 8+ stories)	FILE	FILE	FILE

INTRODUCTION

The Administrative Bulletin was developed to provide specific information on the requirements for the Green Building Policy for Vancouver's City-encompassed Area, as defined in the Official Community Plan (OCP) for Vancouver, 2017-2032, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on November 24, 2019, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on December 15, 2020. The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin is to provide information on the requirements for the Green Building Policy for Vancouver's City-encompassed Area, as defined in the OCP for Vancouver, 2017-2032, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on November 24, 2019, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on December 15, 2020. The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin is to provide information on the requirements for the Green Building Policy for Vancouver's City-encompassed Area, as defined in the OCP for Vancouver, 2017-2032, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on November 24, 2019, and as amended by the Vancouver City Council on December 15, 2020.

Flowchart: A flowchart showing the process from 'What Apply?' to 'What Apply?' through various steps like 'Check if building is in City-encompassed Area' and 'Check if building is in City-encompassed Area'.

Table 2.1.1.1.1.1 - Energy Performance Requirements for Green Residential Occupancies

Green Star Rating	File	Minimum Energy Performance	Minimum Energy Performance	Minimum Energy Performance
Green Star 1	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 2	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 3	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 4	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 5	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 6	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 7	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 8	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 9	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE
Green Star 10	FILE	FILE	FILE	FILE

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Considerations for Architects

- Schedule
- Collaboration/communication
- When you can make a difference

Public Hearing (2 Weeks after 1st Reading)	0 days	Mon	10/5+2 weeks
2nd & 3rd Reading	0 days	Mon	10/7/19 - 9/23/19
Parkade Four	4 emor	Sun 4/4/21	Mon 8/2/21 41
Above Grade	20 emor	Mon 8/2/21	Sat 3/25/23 42
Post Construction Deficiencies	2 emor	Sat 3/25/22	Wed 5/24/23 43
Marketing	8 weeks	Mon 9/9/19	Mon 11/4/21 44
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Sales Centre Construction	2 weeks	Mon 4/20/21	Mon 5/4/21 47
Sales Centre Furnishing	1 week	Mon 5/4/21	Mon 5/11/21 48
Sales Staff Training	20 week	Mon 5/11/21	Mon 11/23/21 49
Sales Registration	28 week	Mon 5/11/21	Mon 11/23/21 50
Sales (linked to DP)	28 week	Mon 5/11/21	Mon 11/23/21 51

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Energy Modelling Services Team

QM + EMS

QM QUALIFIED MODELLER

Person responsible for Building Energy Modelling and analysis, who through education, training and experience, is competent in simulation, science and systems that pertain to building energy performance. A Qualified Modeller may or may not be an architect or engineer.

EMS ENERGY MODEL SUPERVISOR

An architect or engineer directly supervising a Qualified Modeller

Category	Percentage
Space Heat - Gas	38%
Hot Water	20%
Interior Lights	16%
Misc. Equip.	10%
Vent. Fans	5%
Space Heat - Electric	1%
Space Cool	2%
Pumps & Aux.	0%

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Roles

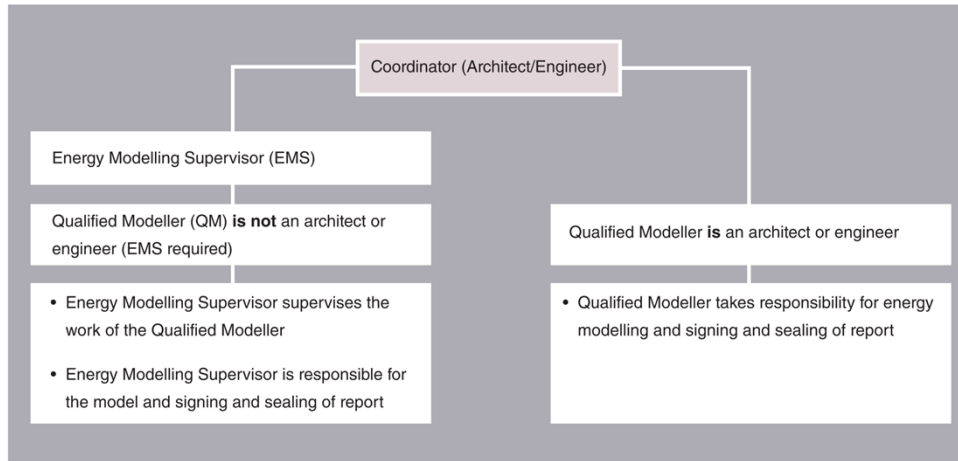


FIGURE 5-1 OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES



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Role of the Building Envelope Professional

Building modelling needs to consider all applicable building functions including the anticipated use and space conditions, the enclosure, mechanical, electrical, lighting, process, etc. Like with any work, professionals must be knowledgeable in the area they practice.

The guideline references the building enclosure professional as a potential sub consultant. It is often the case that a building envelope or enclosure professional will assist with the heat transfer calculation for enclosure components and assemblies.

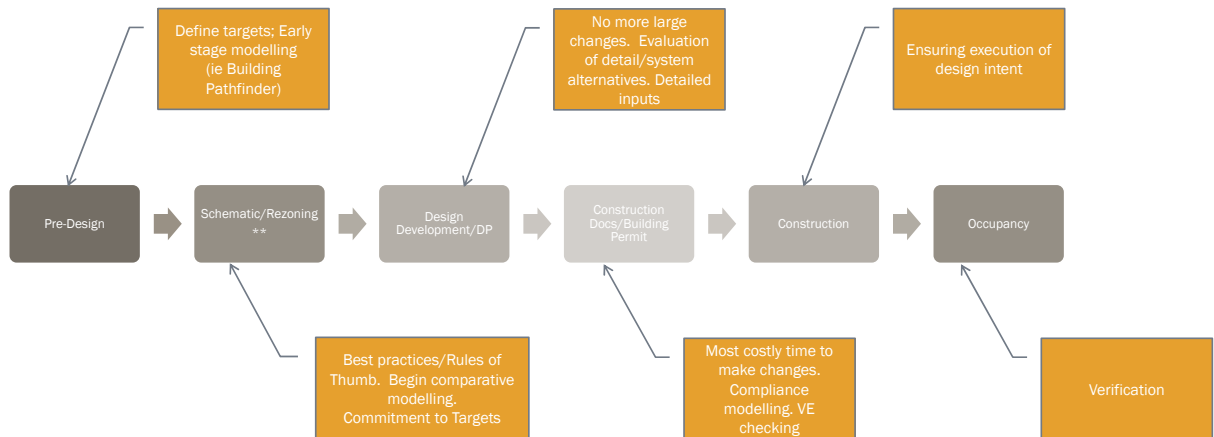
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Stages of the project & The Model



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Insights into Thermal Performance of Building Envelope

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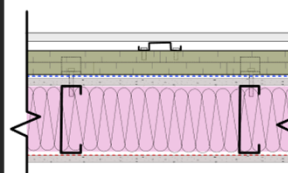
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How to Mitigate Example Thermal Bridging Scenarios for Mid-Rise Residential Building

This example will be part of the ZEBx Thermal Bridging Playbook that is currently in development

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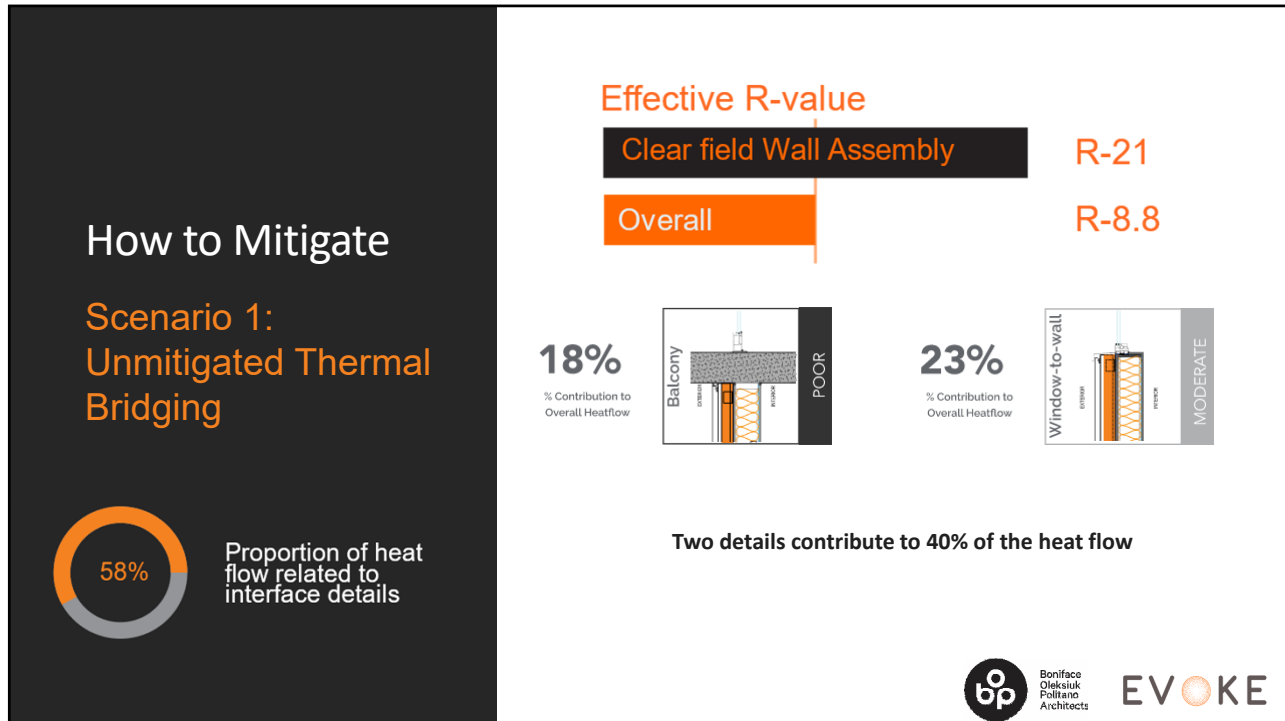
R -21 clear wall assembly

1. Panel cladding
2. R12.8 (3") of Exterior Insulation with aluminum bracket and rail system
3. Exterior sheathing with moisture control layer
4. Steel-framed wall with R-20 Fiberglass Batt
5. Gypsum board with interior vapour control

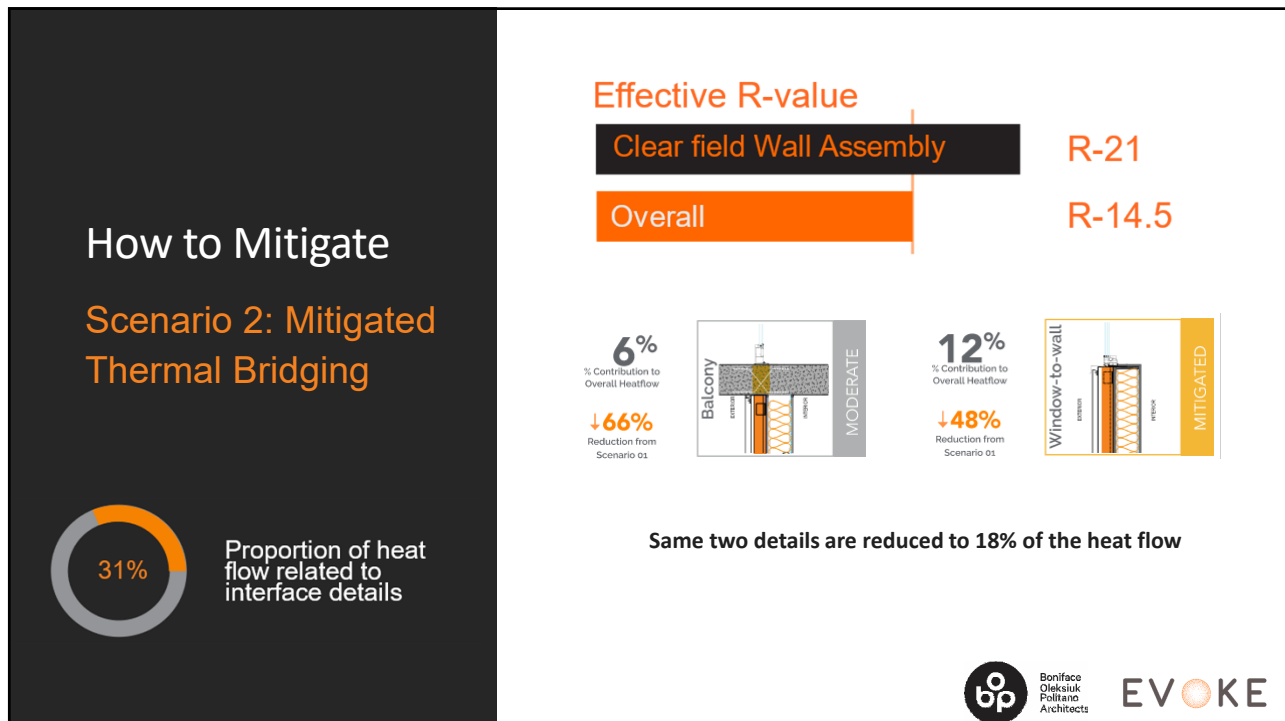


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How to Mitigate

Scenario 3: Mitigated + Insulation




38% Proportion of heat flow related to interface details


Effective R-value

Clear field Wall Assembly	R-30
Overall	R-18.5

Same details with more insulation.
Interface details contribute to higher percentage of heat flow




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How to Mitigate

Scenario 4: Efficient Details + Insulation




33% Proportion of heat flow related to interface details

Effective R-value


Clear field Wall Assembly	R-30
Overall	R-19.9

Higher expectations for thermal quality are needed for an overall effective R-values greater than R-20 (3.5 RSI)

Thermal Quality	Linear Transmittance	
	BTU/hr ft F	W/ M K
Thermal Bridge Free	0.01	0.01
Efficient	0.06	0.1
Mitigated	0.12	0.2
Moderate	0.17	0.3
Low / Poor	Greater than 0.23	Greater than 0.3



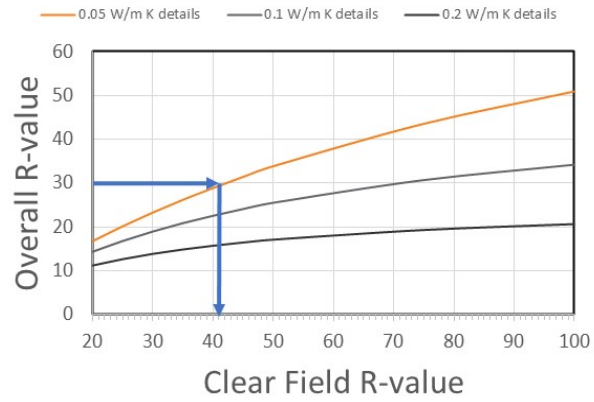
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Diminishing Returns

More Insulation and High Thermal Quality Details are required for High Expectations of Overall R-value

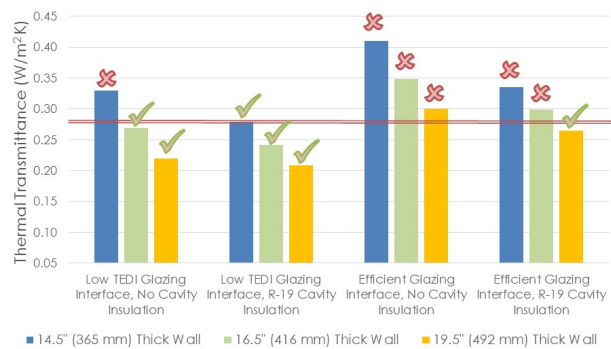


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Window-to-Wall Interface

Impact on Wall Thickness

- 0.1 W/m K versus 0.05 W/m K for window-to-wall interface
- 5, 7, or 10 inches of exterior insulation



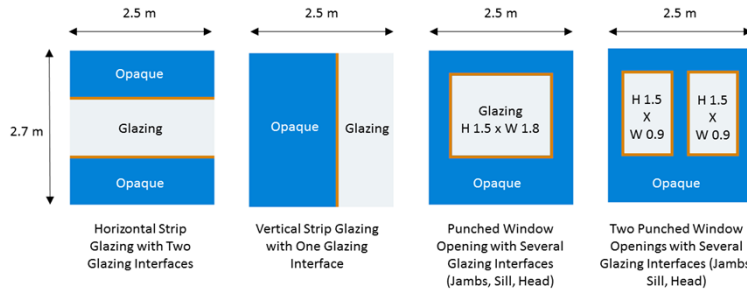
Impact of window-to-wall interface transmittance on wall thickness for a target of 0.28 w/m²K (R-20 effective)



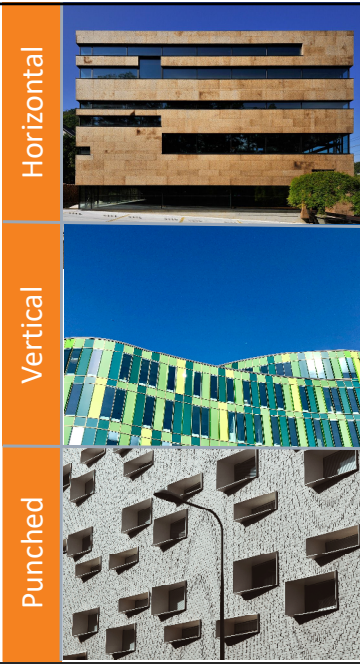
Source: Chapter 6, Guide to Low Thermal Energy Demand for Large Buildings, BC Housing

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Glazing Configuration



	Horizontal Strip Glazing	Vertical Strip Glazing	Punched Window Opening	Two Punched Window Openings
Interface Length (m)	5	2.7	6.6	9.6
Effective R-Value	10.2	12.2	9.2	7.8

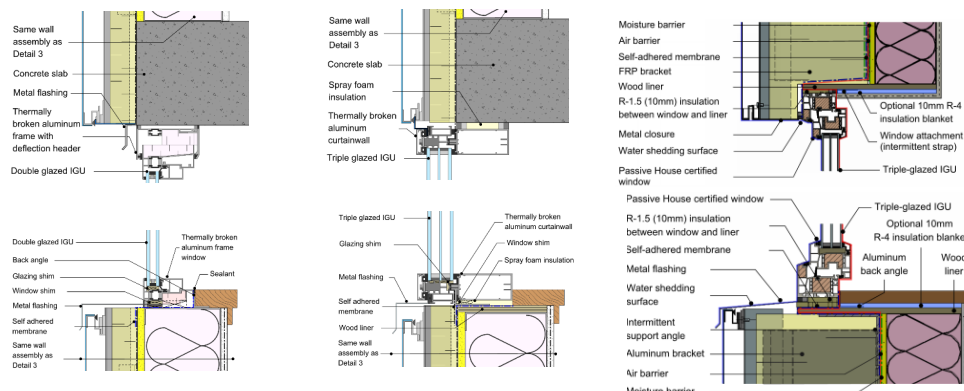


Source: Chapter 4, Guide to Low Thermal Energy Demand for Large Buildings, BC Housing



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Window Detailing



Sill Head

**0.28 W/m K
0.53 W/m K**

**0.08 W/m K
0.11 W/m K**

**0.08 W/m K
0.04 W/m K**

Source: Enclosure Solutions Thermal Bridging Guide by Owen Corning and Chapter 5, Guide to Low Thermal Energy Demand for Large Buildings, BC Housing



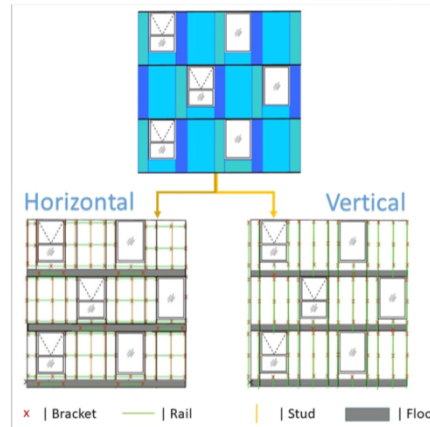
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More Than Thermal Efficiency

Cladding Attachments

- Structural requirements, panel type and layout are important factors
- Less components is cost effective and results in higher R-value

Source: 2nd International Conference on New Horizons in Green Civil Engineering, Gretka et al. 2020



	Vertical Layout	Horizontal Layout	% Increase
Total Rail Length (ft)	347	223	-36%
Number of Clips	105	111	7%
Clear Field R-value	R-18.5	R-21.5	16%



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Design Assist Tools

- Explore the governing factors for a multitude of parameters
- Gain confidence in the spacing of the components at early design

My bracket system design

NV1 system
steel stud backup wall

8.3" bracket depth
5 psf dead load
55 psf design wind pressure

Maximum allowable vertical spacing: 18"

Maximum effective insulating value not yet available

Print Start over

Show imperial units?

Show metric units?

showing 1,141 of 27,600

horizont...	.bracket...	rail-length	dead-load	governi...	vertical...	allowabl...
16 in	3.5 in	5 ft	3 psf	TV2S	30 in	71 psf
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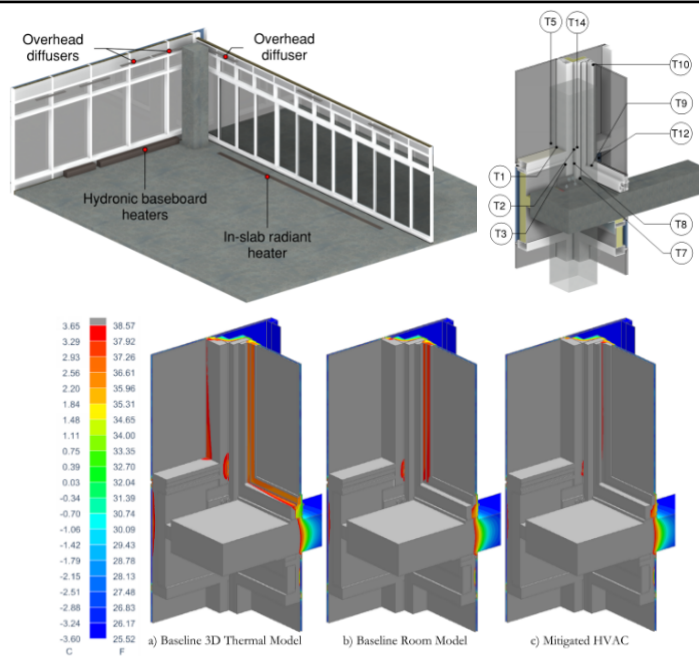
Demo – www.sfsconstructionna.com/nvelope-designrx/



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Condensation Risk

- 3D models are helpful for targeting areas of concerns
- Installation detail is important
- Data often not readily available
- Advanced room airflow analysis can help explore mitigation options – only do this if you have to



Source: Conference Proceedings for Buildings XIV: Thermal Performance of Exterior Envelopes of Whole Buildings, Almeida et al. 2009



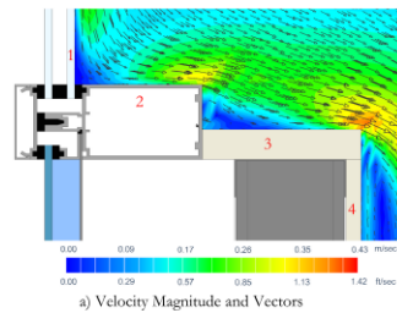
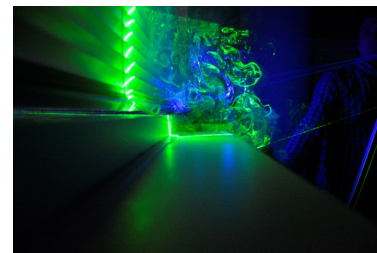
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Thermal Comfort

- Avoid drafts and low mean radiant temperature
- Passive house tries to limit temperature deviation by 4.2°C
- The thermal comfort criteria can be more stringent than is needed for energy



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Don't make it complicated

Comprehensive thermal bridging calculations will challenge the status, however

- Tools and resources are available
- Absolute certainty is not needed to make the right decisions
- Focus on what matters and follow the process

1 Use a pre-screening tool to determine target U-values for the opaque walls and glazing
www.buildingpathfinder.com

2 Estimate the insulation levels for the wall assemblies using an allowance for the interface details

$$R_o = R / (1 - x)$$

where
 R_o = the clear field R-value
 R = the overall effective R-value (step 1)
 x = proportion of heat flow for the interface details

Use $x = 0.5$ as a default so that mitigation of the interface details and optimization of the insulation levels is feasible during detail design

Optional
 check assumptions for typical details and quantities as outlined in the detailed design stage

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Detailed Design

Outline scenarios for several insulation and mitigation strategies

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Estimate transmittances
 use broad expectations for the interface details. Focus on the window-to-wall interface

Determine Impact
 Determine the details that have the biggest impact

Consider other factors
 such as cost and comfort criteria

Tackle the high impact details
 refine assumptions, revisit insulation levels, and target biggest offenders

Repeat until target is met

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