

Approaching Zero-Energy in Commercial Structures (or any type for that matter)

...is a building with very low loads...

NET-ZERO ENERGY BUILDING

A zero net energy building (ZNE), also known as a net-zero energy (NZE) building, is a building with very low loads and a renewable energy supply, such as photovoltaic (PV) panels. Of course the PV will supply no energy at night and less energy in the winter, when the building consumes grid electric power. Conversely, when there is excess energy, it is fed back to the grid by the building systems. **To qualify as an NZE building, the total energy used by the building in a year must be less than or equal to the renewable energy created on site in the same year.**



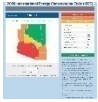
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1. Climate Zone
2. Building Envelope
 - Insulation – R Value
 - Fenestration – U Value and SHGC
 - Air/Vapor Barriers
3. Lighting and Power
4. Mechanical System Efficiency
5. Energy Modeling vs Prescriptive
6. Passive Design Considerations



Pre-K Center, Brooklyn, New York



First, A Little History



Williamsburg Child Care Center, Brooklyn

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Insulation – Increased R-Value
Lighting – Occupancy Controls
Mechanical System Efficiency

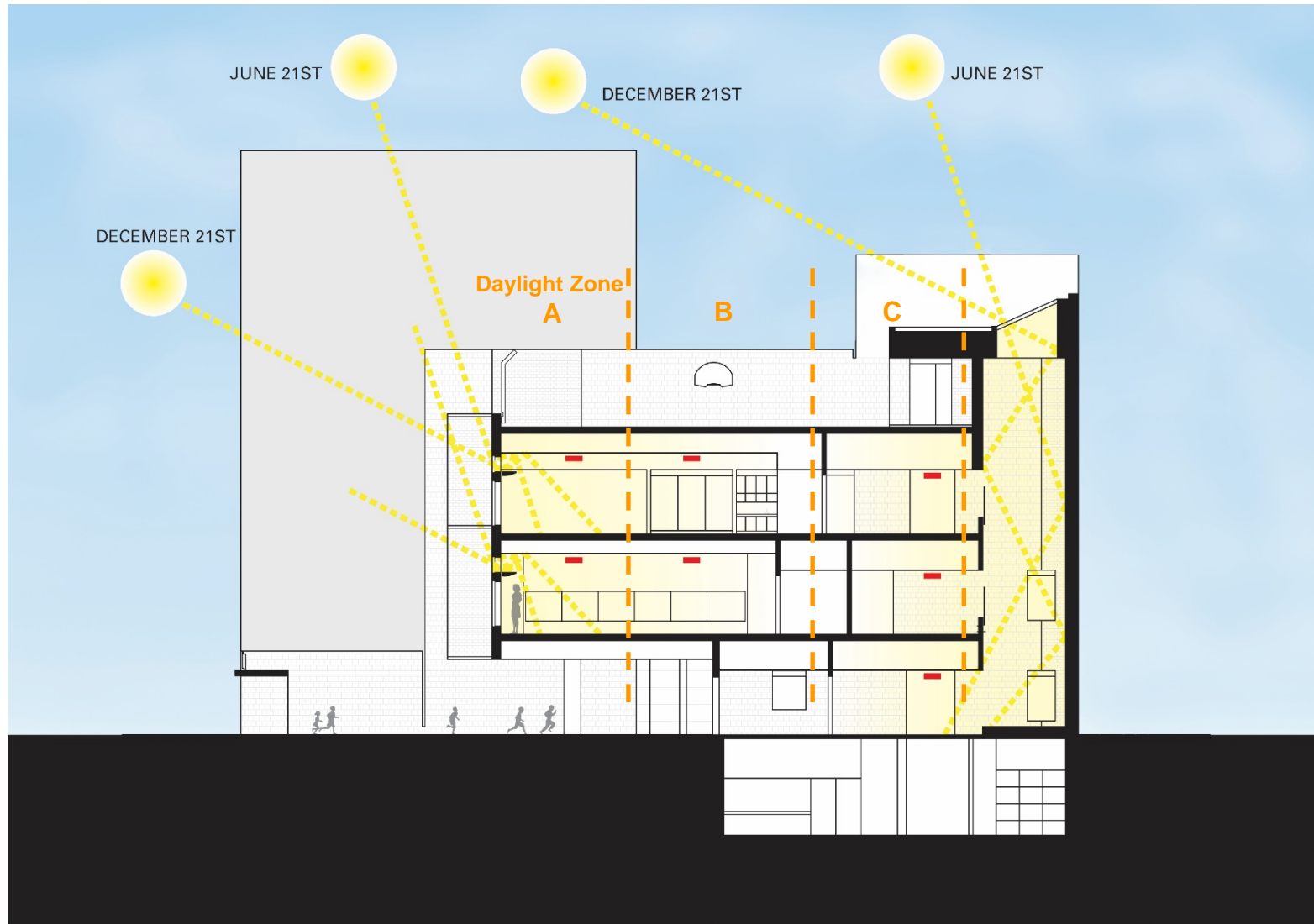
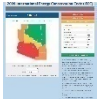
Fenestration – Daylight Transmittance
Lighting – Light Reduction Controls
System Commissioning

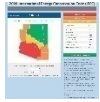
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Winging it at the time





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Relationship to Existing Codes and Standards
Relationship to Green Building Rating Systems

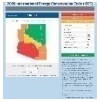
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USGBC LEED 2.0 2000 in development

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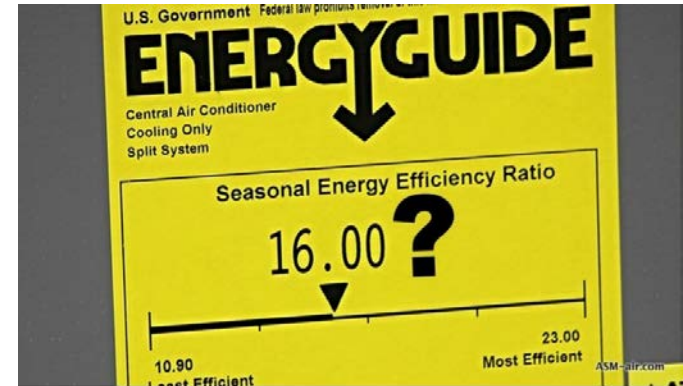
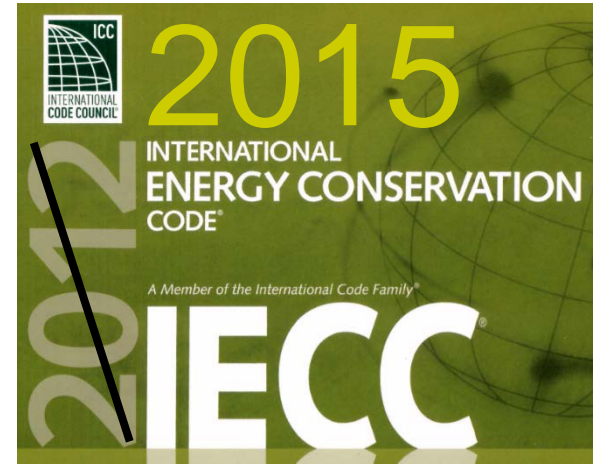




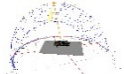
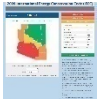
2018 - How Many Are There?!



90.1-2007
90.1-2010
90.1-2013
90.1-2016



2012 IECC Commercial Scope and Envelope Requirements
July 2011



ENERGY RATING INDEX COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE

The Energy Rating Index (ERI) is a new compliance path that provides designers with more flexibility than the prescriptive path. The ERI is similar to the RESNET HERS index:

- Each home is rated and given a score on the scale that coincides with its potential energy use.
- A score of 0 is the rough equivalent of a net-zero home, meaning that the home produces an equivalent amount of energy to the amount it uses.
- The *baseline ERI reference design* (score of 100) is a theoretical home that meets minimum 2006 IECC prescriptive requirements.
- Each incremental integer value equals 1% additional total energy use of the rated design, relative to the reference design.

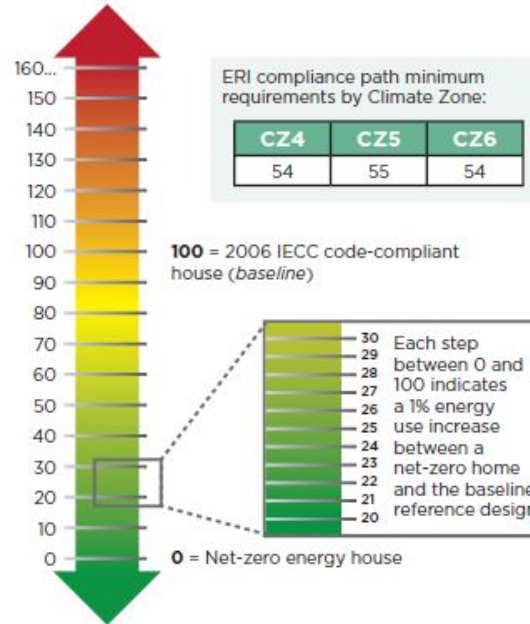
ERI differs from the performance and prescriptive path in several ways. Firstly, ERI considers all of the energy used in the residence, not just the fuel used in heating, cooling and service hot water heating systems. It also takes into account major appliances and plug loads. ERI allows equipment and appliance efficiencies to be involved in tradeoffs.

ERI still requires that mandatory provisions of the code be met. However, for building thermal envelope efficiency and SHGC requirements, the ERI method references the 2009 IECC tables, which are more lenient.

DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE

ERI ratings must be third party verified. Currently, projects that choose this pathway must employ a HERS rater to inspect the residence for proper insulation, provide the blower door test and provide the rating.

In Climate Zone 5, a rating of 55 or below meets compliance and in Climate Zones 4 and 6 a rating



The ERI pathway is very similar to the HERS rating index, with 0 being a net-zero design and 100 being the standard reference design

of 54 or below complies. Having a HERS Rater as part of the design team can be a great resource to help simplify the compliance process and deliver a higher-performing building.

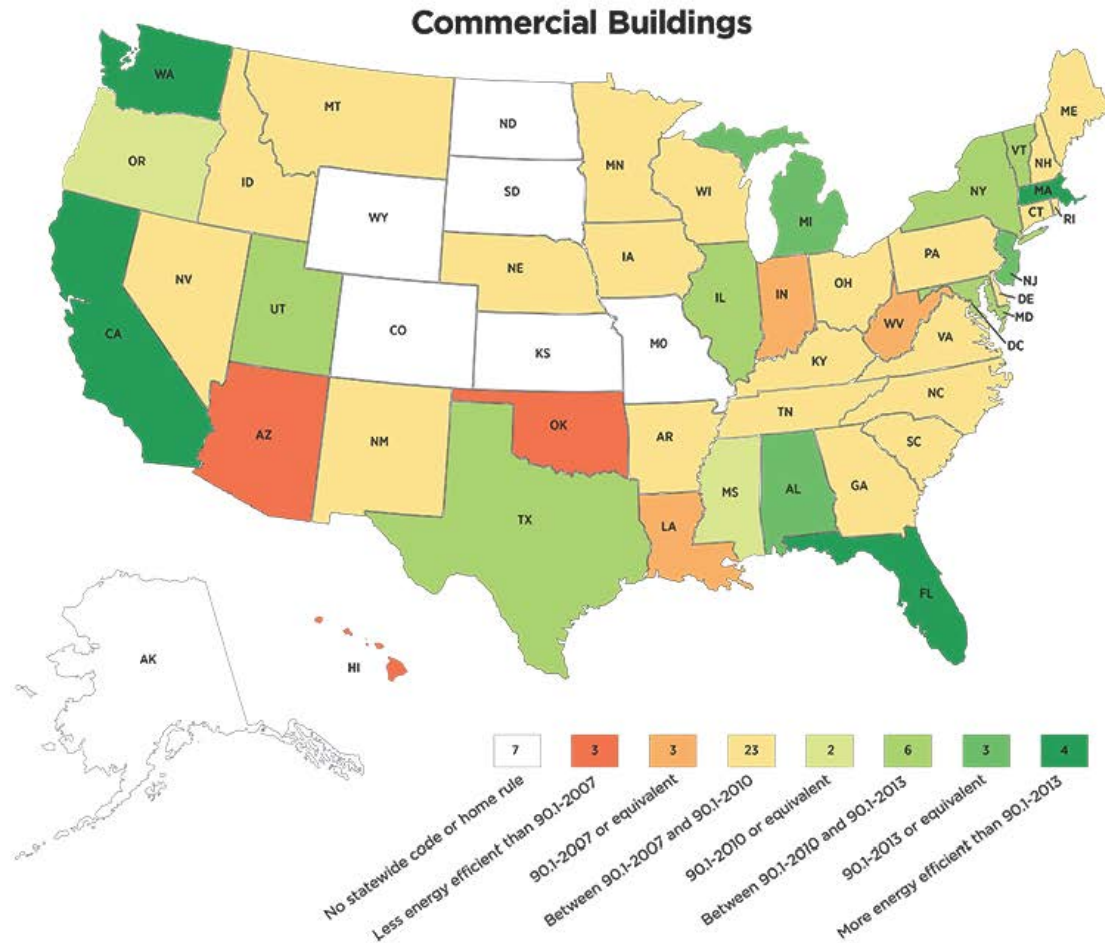
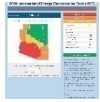
The code stipulates documentation, software, and compliance report requirements similar to those in the performance path, although this process is simplified by having a third-party rater involved. The applicant will still be required to file the results with the code official.



Where is Arizona?

1/19/2018

Status of State Energy Code Adoption | Building Energy Codes Program



Updated as of December 15, 2017

<https://www.energycodes.gov/status-state-energy-code-adoption>

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ENERGY CODE ADOPTION BY STATE

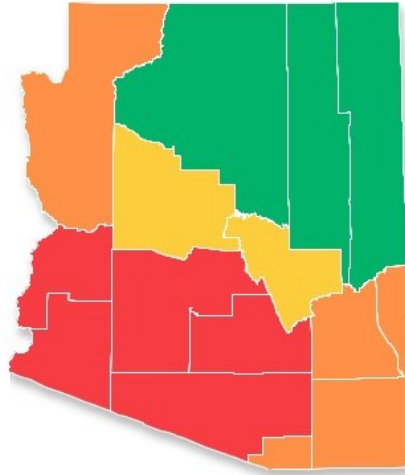


2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

« Back to U.S. map

ARIZONA

Click a county to see the requirements for its climate zone.



Select a state and county to view its minimum insulation requirements.

State

County

Visit the [Status of State Energy Codes](#) website to see if Arizona has adopted the 2009 IECC.

Climate Zone 2

Climate Zone 3

Climate Zone 4 (Except Marine)

Ceiling R-value	38
Wood Frame Wall R-value	13
Mass Wall R-value ⁱ	5/10
Floor R-value	19
Basement Wall R-value ^c	10/13
Slab R-value ^d , Depth	10, 2 ft
Crawlspace Wall R-value ^c	10/13
Fenestration U-Factor ^b	0.35
Skylight U-Factor ^b	0.60
Glazed fenestration SHGC ^{b, e}	NR

Climate Zone 5 & 4 Marine

a. R-values are minimums. U-factors and SHGC are maximums. R-19 batts compressed into a nominal 2x6 framing cavity such that the R-value is reduced by R-1 or more shall be marked with the compressed batt R-value in addition to the full thickness R-value.

b. The fenestration U-factor column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed fenestration.

c. "15/19" means R-15 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. "10/13" means R-10 continuous insulated sheathing on the interior or exterior of the home or R-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall.

d. R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge R-values for heated slabs. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less in zones 1 through 3 for heated slabs.

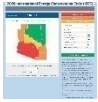
e. There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine zone.

f. Basement Wall Insulation is not required in warm-humid locations.

g. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity. R-19 is

Arizona is a "Home-Rule" State

PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS



Where is Yavapai County? 2006 IECC with Amendments

▶ Climate Zone 2 Below 3500		
▶ Climate Zone 3		
▼ Climate Zone 4 Above 3500		
Ceiling R-value	38	30
Wood Frame Wall R-value	13	13
Mass Wall R-value ⁱ	5/10	4/6
Floor R-value	19	13
Basement Wall R-value ^c	10/13	0
Slab R-value ^d , Depth	10, 2 ft	0
Crawlspace Wall R-value ^c	10/13	0
Fenestration U-Factor ^b	0.35	0.65
Skylight U-Factor ^b	0.60	0.75
Glazed fenestration SHGC ^{b, e}	NR	0.30
▶ Climate Zone 5 & 4 Marine		

Later Code Adoptions IECC 2015

Commercial

Residential

R-38	R-38
R-13 + R-3.8 CI or R20	R-13 + R-3.8 CI or R20
R-9.5 CI	R-11.4 CI
R-30	R-30
R-7.5 CI	R-10 CI
R-19, 2 ft	R-15, 2 ft
R-7.5	R-10
0.35	0.35
0.50	0.50
0.40	0.40

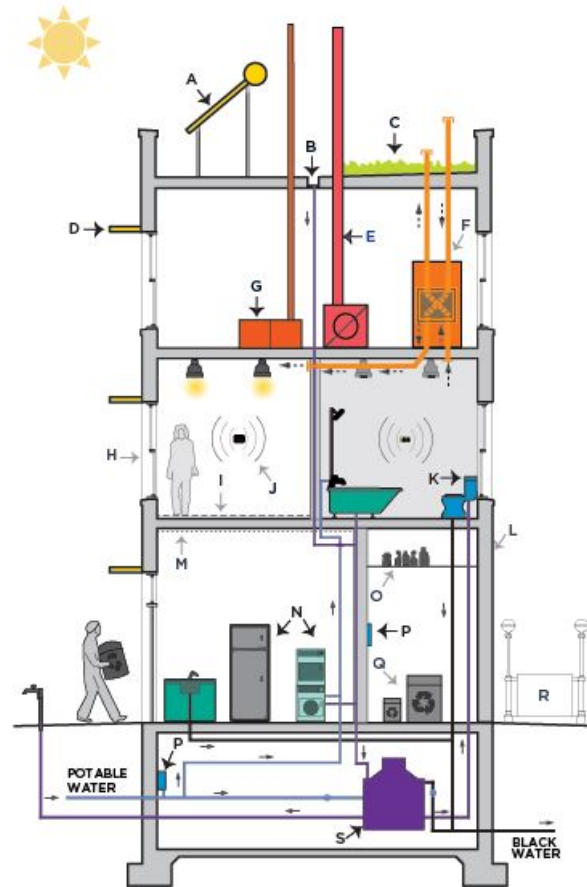
Camp Verde 2012 IECC with Amendments
 Clarkdale 2006 with Amendments
 Prescott 2012 with Amendments
 Sedona ...

WHOLE BUILDING APPROACH

The "whole-building approach" is the idea that all systems such as lighting, HVAC, plumbing, and envelope are all interconnected and work together in an efficient building.

Changing one aspect of the building envelope may have unintended consequences elsewhere. For example, increasing the efficiency of the thermal envelope will lead to a lower demand on the boiler, but if the boiler is already over-sized, it will short-cycle more and run less efficiently. Conversely, swapping out inefficient, heat-producing incandescent light bulbs with LEDs will lower the amount of heat in the building, and the boiler will have to work harder to compensate.

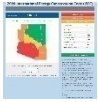
Consider all of a building's systems at once and be aware of how changes in one system may affect other systems. The ultimate goal is *synergy* between systems, meaning that each system works in cooperation with the others, creating a result that is greater than the sum of its parts. For example, upgrading a building's thermal envelope while simultaneously installing a smaller, more efficient boiler will have a positive effect on the building's performance that would not be possible separately.



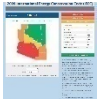
- A Solar Thermal**
Provide renewable source for water heating
- B Rain Water Harvest**
Uses water for toilets + garden
- C White Roof or Green Roof**
Reduces urban heat island affect
- D Sun Control Devices**
Reduce solar heat gain in summer, direct daylight into room to lower lighting loads
- E Condensing Boiler**
Reduces energy use for heat + hot water supply
- F Heat Recovery Ventilation or Controlled Exhaust Ventilation**
Reduces energy use
- G Cogeneration**
Uses both heat + electric power from local generator
- H High Performance Windows**
Increase comfort + save energy
- I FSC Wood Flooring**
Supports sustainable forestry
- J Occupancy + Daylighting Controlled Lighting**
Reduces energy use, improves indoor environment
- K Low Water/Dual-Flush Toilet**
Reduces water use
- L Continuous High R-value Insulation**
Increases comfort + saves energy
- M Recycled Ceiling Tiles**
Reduce resource use
- N ENERGY STAR Appliances**
Reduce electrical + water use
- O Low VOC Green Cleaning Products**
Improve indoor air quality
- P Meters + Submeters**
Increase awareness of energy + water use
- Q Recycling**
Reduces resource use
- R Access to Mass Transit**
Reduces energy use
- S Greywater System**
Recycles water to toilets + garden

...is the idea that all systems are interconnected...

The whole building approach sees a building as an interconnected network of systems that all affect each other. Changes in any one system can impact how other, seemingly unrelated systems, function as well.



THE TOTAL PICTURE

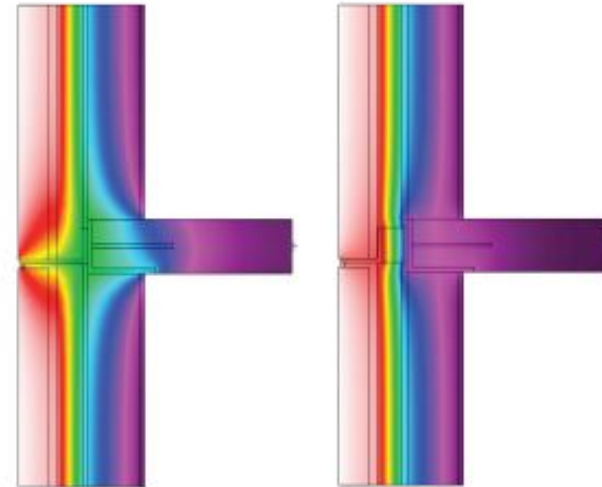


THERMAL BRIDGING

Thermal bridging occurs when a poorly insulating material allows heat flow across a thermal barrier. To prevent thermal bridging you must provide a thermal break, such as continuous insulation, seen in the illustration to the right



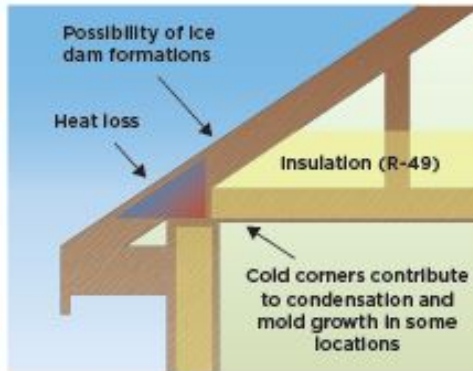
Thermal bridging at slab edge.



Thermal modeling demonstrates how heat transfers through a thermal bridge (left) and how effective construction mitigates heat loss.

R402.2.1 CEILINGS WITH ATTIC SPACES

Ceilings with attic spaces can comply in two ways. The first is to follow the requirements in R402.1.2, which requires an R-Value of 49. Alternately, R-38 is permissible as long as it extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. Note that this reduction cannot be used if using the U-factor alternative or the total UA alternative.



An "energy truss" can prevent cold corners by allowing the ceiling insulation to overlap with the wall insulation

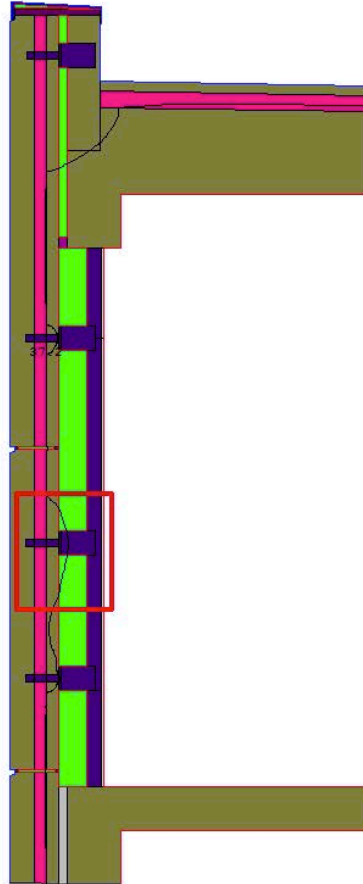
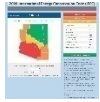
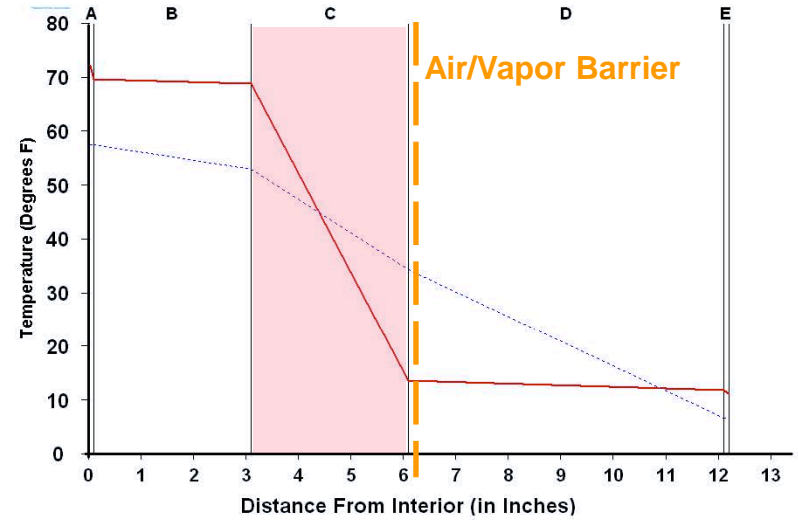


Figure 2: THERM results. Line of condensation at an interior surface shows where there is risk of condensation.

Dewpoint Analysis

Pre K Center @ 93 St. 6/3/3 Wall Winter



Legend	
—	Actual Temperature
⋯	Dewpoint Temperature

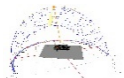
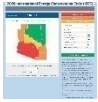
Dewpoint Theory predicts condensation in a system at any point where the actual and dewpoint temperature lines cross.

Conditions:		
	Interior	Exterior
Temperature	72.0	11
Humidity	60	80

Component Name	Thickness	R-Value	Rep	Interface	Temperature		Accum (oz/day-sqft)
					Actual	Dewpnt	
A Interior Air Film	0.100	0.68	0.001	-A	72.00	57.32	0.000
B Concrete	3.000	0.24	0.930	AB	69.50	57.31	0.000
C FOAMULAR 250	3.000	15.00	2.700	BC	68.61	52.83	0.000
D Concrete	6.000	0.48	1.860	CD	13.39	34.18	* 0.005
E Out Air Film Winter	0.100	0.17	0.001	DE	11.63	6.48	0.000
F				EF	11.00	6.45	0.000
G				FG			
H				GH			
I				HI			
J				IJ			
K				JK			
L				KL			
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TOTAL	12.200	16.57	5.492				

* - Indicates area of condensation potential.

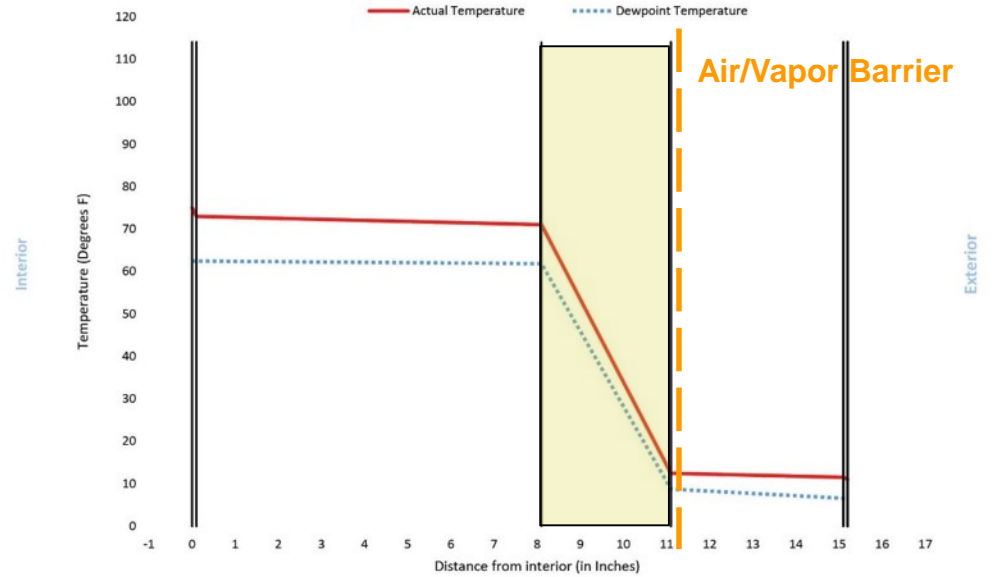
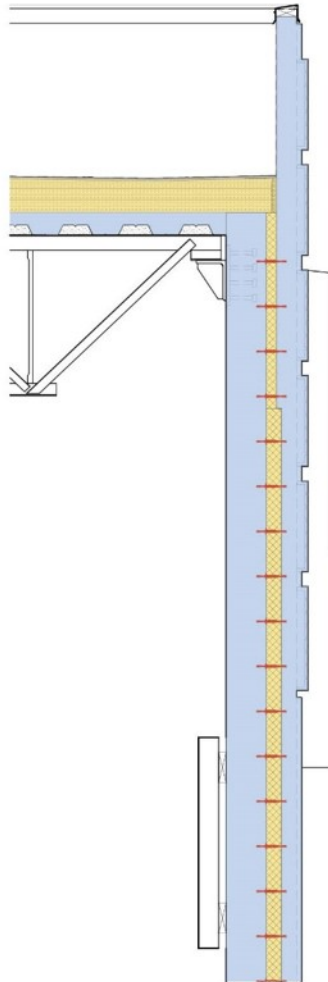
NOTICE: This calculation is based on the theory of Water Vapor Migration presented in the ASHRAE 1993 Fundamentals Handbook. Actual performance may vary depending upon air infiltration, workmanship, and building materials.



DEWPOINT ANALYSIS - WINTER

PS 81 GYM

QUEENS, NY



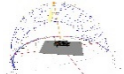
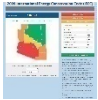
THERM results. Line of condensation at an interior surface shows where there is risk of condensation.

Conditions:	Interior	Exterior
Temperature	75	11
Humidity	65	80

Component Name	Thickness	R-value	Rep
A Interior Air Film	0.1	0.68	0.001
B Interior Concrete	8	0.64	2.48
C ISOMASS	3	19.5	100
D Exterior Concrete	4	0.32	1.24
E Exterior Air Film Winter	0.1	0.17	0.001

Interface	Distance from interior	Temp Actual	Temp Dewpoint	Accum oz/day-sq.ft.
	0	75.00	62.44	
AB	0.1	72.96	62.44	0.000
BC	8.1	71.04	61.82	0.000
CD	11.1	12.47	8.75	0.000
DE	15.1	11.51	6.57	0.000
EF	15.2	11.00	6.57	0.000

TOTAL	15.2	21.31	103.7
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Building Analysis
Upper Level
Oak Creek Heating and Cooling

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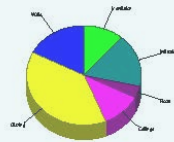
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Morning Sky Dr, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Design Conditions

Location:	Cottonwood, AZ	Indoor:	Indoor temperature (°F)	70	Heating	75	Cooling	75
Elevation:	3500 ft	Design TD (°F)	50	27				27
Latitude:	35°N	Relative humidity (%)	50	50				50
Outdoor:		Moisture difference (gr/lb)	48.7	-34.5				-34.5
Drybulb (°F)	20	Infiltration:						
Dailyrange (°F)	-	Method	Simplified					
Wetbulb (°F)	-	Construction quality	Average					
Wind speed (mph)	15.0	Fireplaces	0					

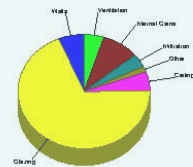
Heating

Component	Etblh/ft²	Btuh	% of load
Walls	3.6	3666	17.6
Glazing	14.5	8127	38.7
Doors	0	0	0
Ceilings	1.4	2393	11.4
Floors	1.4	812	3.9
Infiltration	2.3	3606	17.2
Ducts	0	0	0
Piping	0	0	0
Humidification	0	0	0
Ventilation	0	0	0
Adjustments	0	0	0
Total		20994	100.0



Cooling

Component	Etblh/ft²	Btuh	% of load
Walls	1.6	1638	6.4
Glazing	31.7	17743	68.8
Doors	0	0	0
Ceilings	0.8	1390	5.4
Floors	0.8	432	1.7
Infiltration	0.6	959	3.7
Ducts	0	0	0
Ventilation	0	0	0
Internal gains	0	1272	4.9
Blower	0	0	0
Adjustments	0	0	0
Total		25794	100.0



Latent Cooling Load = 0 Btuh
Overall U-value = 0.079 Btuh/ft²·°F

WARNING: window to floor area ratio = 34.0% - more than 25%.

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AED Assessment
Upper Level
Oak Creek Heating and Cooling

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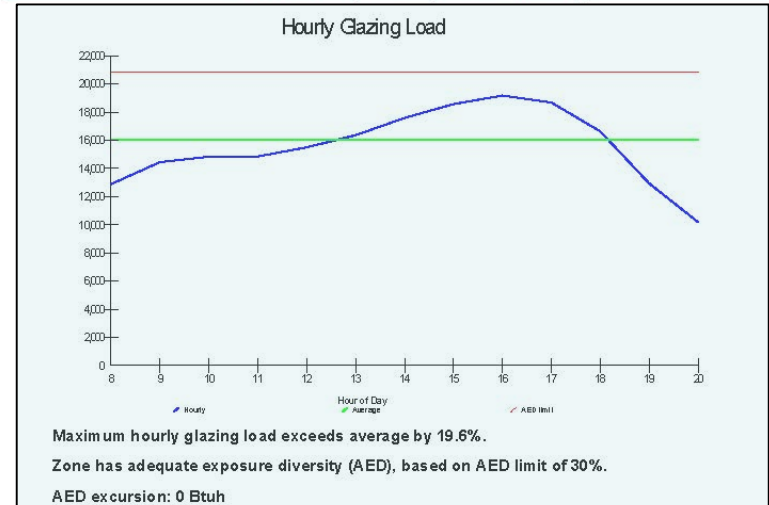
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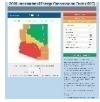
Design Conditions

Location:	Cottonwood, AZ	Indoor:	Indoor temperature (°F)	70	Heating	75	Cooling	75
Elevation:	3500 ft	Design TD (°F)	50	27				27
Latitude:	35°N	Relative humidity (%)	50	50				50
Outdoor:		Moisture difference (gr/lb)	48.7	-34.5				-34.5
Drybulb (°F)	20	Infiltration:						
Dailyrange (°F)	-	Method	Simplified					
Wetbulb (°F)	-	Construction quality	Average					
Wind speed (mph)	15.0	Fireplaces	0					

Test for Adequate Exposure Diversity



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SOUTH ELEVATION		REFER TO A201
WALL TYPE	AREA	
W1	432 FT ²	
W2	606 FT ²	
W3	296 FT ²	
UW (UNDERGROUND)	1380 FT ²	
FENESTRATION TYPE	AREA	
F1	2568 FT ²	
F2	631 FT ²	
F3	N/A	
F4	N/A	
GROSS ENVELOPE AREA= 5500 FT ²		

WEST ELEVATION		REFER TO A204
WALL TYPE	AREA	
W1	2898 FT ²	
W2	76 FT ²	
W3	220 FT ²	
UW (UNDERGROUND)	916 FT ²	
FENESTRATION TYPE	AREA	
F1	N/A	
F2	N/A	
F3	92 FT ²	
F4	100 FT ²	
GROSS ENVELOPE AREA= 4361 FT ²		

NORTH ELEVATION		REFER TO A202
WALL TYPE	AREA	
W1	1587 FT ²	
W2	449 FT ²	
W3	482 FT ²	
UW (UNDERGROUND)	899 FT ²	
FENESTRATION TYPE	AREA	
F1	2548 FT ²	
F2	606 FT ²	
F3	154 FT ²	
F4	N/A	
GROSS ENVELOPE AREA= 6503 FT ²		

EAST ELEVATION		REFER TO A203
WALL TYPE	AREA	
W1	2713 FT ²	
W2	78 FT ²	
W3	470 FT ²	
UW (UNDERGROUND)	875 FT ²	
FENESTRATION TYPE	AREA	
F1	N/A	
F2	N/A	
F3	92 FT ²	
F4	110 FT ²	
GROSS ENVELOPE AREA= 4068 FT ²		

FLOORS (MASS)		REFER TO A407
FLOOR TYPE	AREA	
FM	283 FT ²	
GROSS FLOOR (MASS) AREA= 283 FT ²		

ROOF		REFER TO A106, A208
ROOF TYPE	AREA	
R1	6924 FT ²	
R2	303 FT ²	
GROSS ROOF AREA= 8227 FT ²		

ENERGY ANALYSIS GENERAL NOTES

ALL CALCULATIONS AND VALUES PER ASHRAE 90.1-2010, CLIMATE ZONE 4A.

(5.4.3.1.1) AIR BARRIER CONSTRUCTION

1. THE CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER SHALL EXTEND OVER ALL SURFACES OF THE BUILDING ENVELOPE (AT LOWEST FLOOR, EXTERIOR WALLS, AND ROOF).
2. THE CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER SHALL BE DESIGNED TO RESIST POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PRESSURES FROM WIND, STACK EFFECT, AND MECHANICAL VENTILATION.

(5.4.3.1.2) AIR BARRIER INSTALLATION / PENETRATIONS

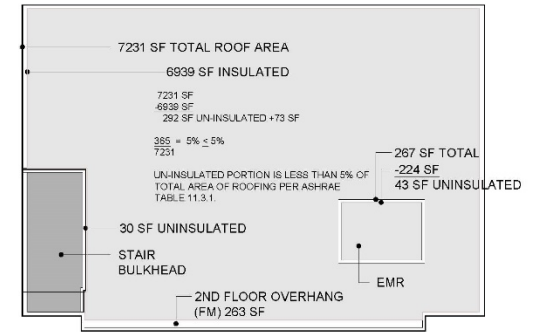
1. THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER IN THE BUILDING ENVELOPE SHALL BE WRAPPED, SEALED, CAULKED, GASKETED, OR TAPED IN AN APPROVED MANNER TO MINIMIZE AIR LEAKAGE:
 - 1.1. JOINTS AROUND FENESTRATION AND DOOR FRAMES (BOTH MANUFACTURED AND SITE BUILT).
 - 1.2. JUNCTIONS BETWEEN WALLS AND FLOOR, BETWEEN WALLS AT BUILDING CORNERS, BETWEEN WALLS AND ROOFS OR CEILING.
 - 1.3. PENETRATIONS THROUGH THE AIR BARRIER IN BUILDING ENVELOPE ROOFS, WALLS, AND FLOORS.
 - 1.4. BUILDING ASSEMBLIES USED AS DUCTS OR FLENUMS.
 - 1.5. JOINTS, SEAMS, CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PLANES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN AIR BARRIER MATERIALS.

DOORS AND ACCESS OPENINGS TO SHAFTS, CRUISES, STAIRWAYS, AND ELEVATOR LOBBIES

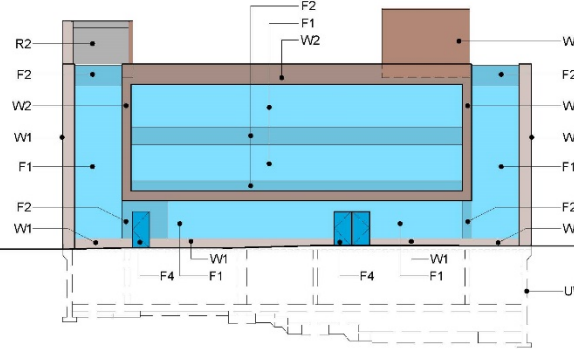
1. OPENINGS FOR EXTERIOR STAIR BULKHEADS, ELEVATOR DOORS, AND SMOKE HATCHES SHALL BE GASKETED, WEATHERSTRIPPED OR SEALED.

(5.4.3.4.2) SHUTOFF DAMPERS

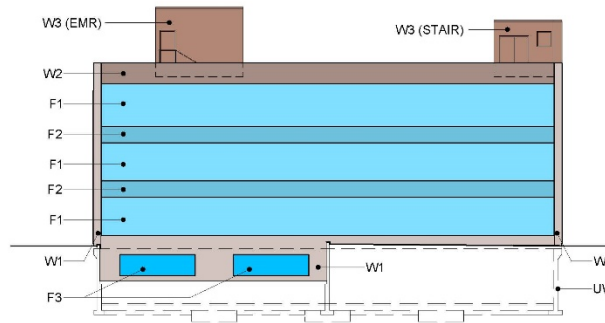
1. STAIR AND ELEVATOR SHAFT VENTS AND OTHER OUTDOOR AIR INTAKES AND EXHAUST OPENINGS INTEGRAL TO THE BUILDING ENVELOPE SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH NOT LESS THAN A CLASS I MOTORIZED, LEAKAGE-RATED DAMPER WITH A MAX LEAKAGE RATE OF 4 CFM/SF AT 1.0 IN WG.



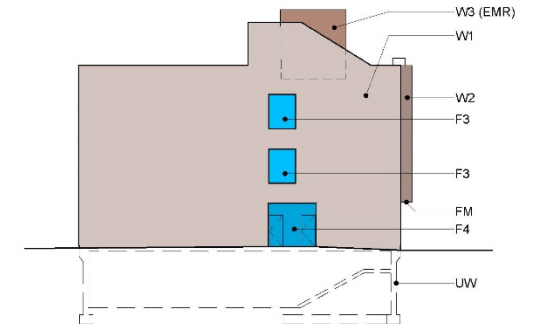
ROOF PLAN REFER TO A105



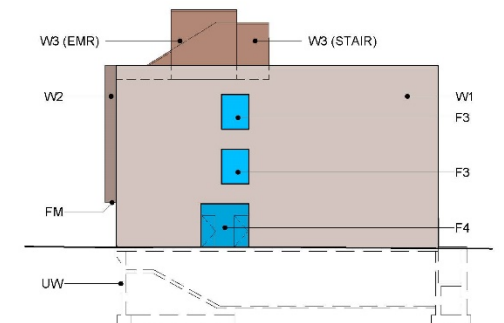
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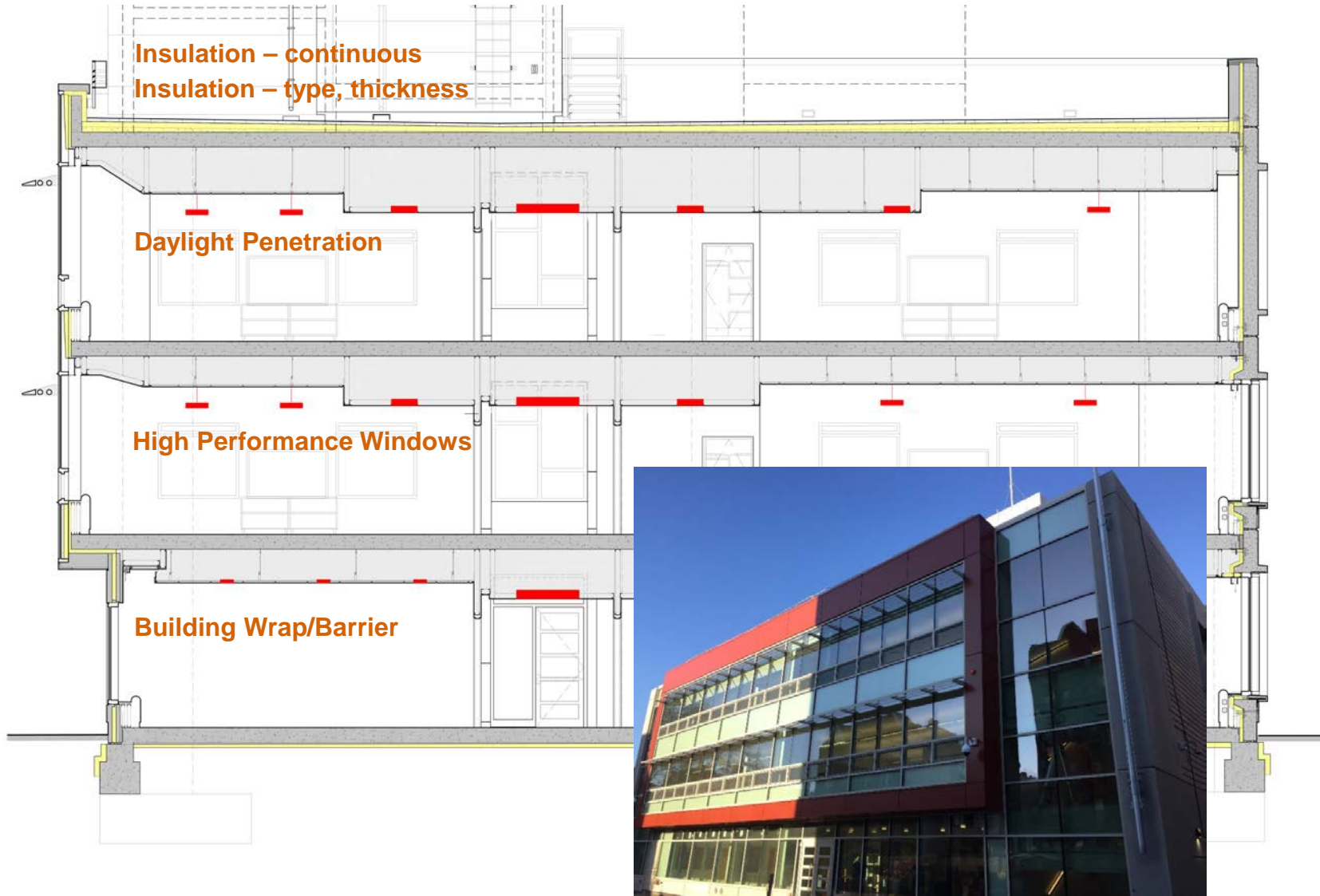
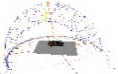
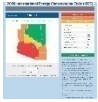
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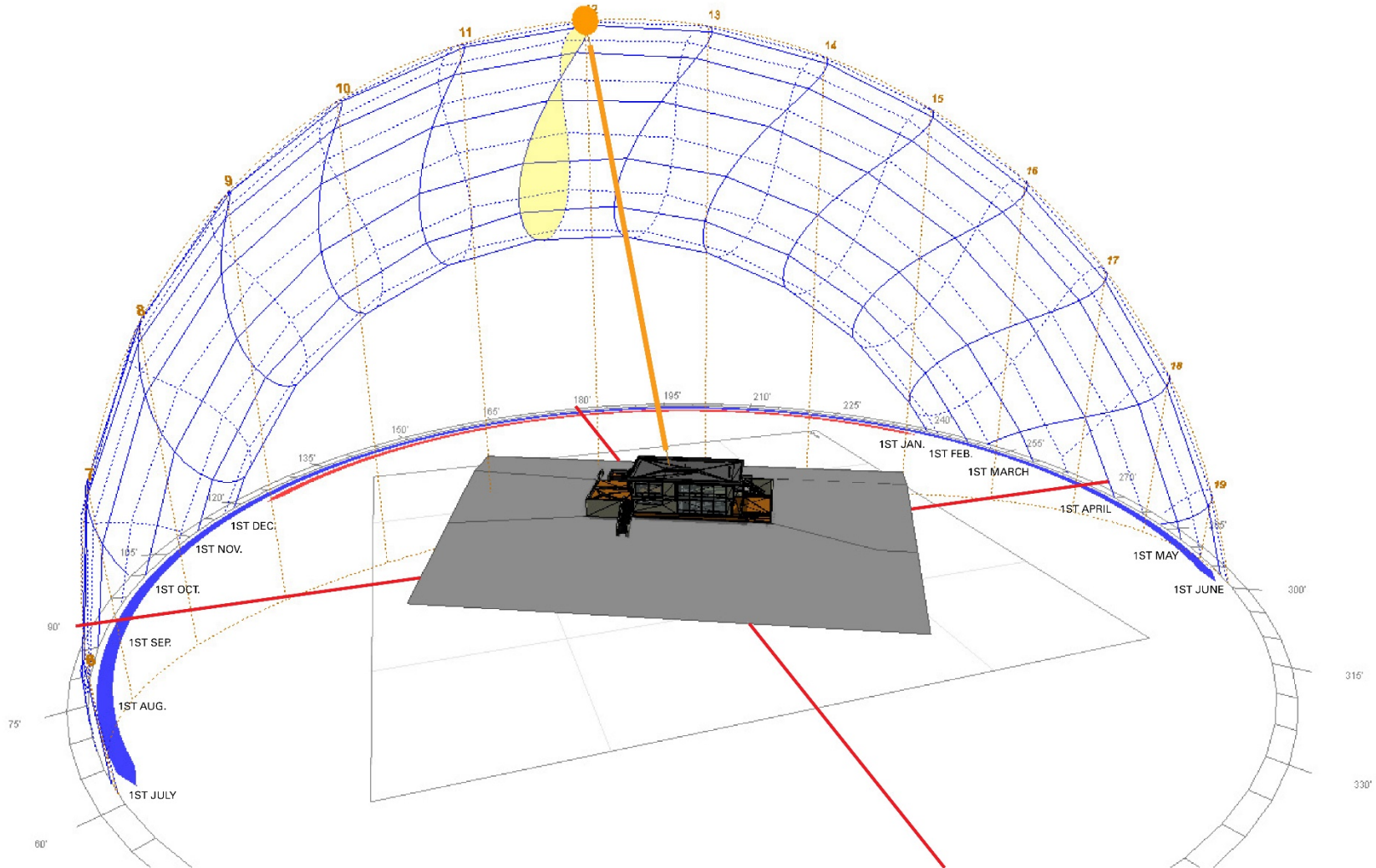
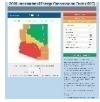


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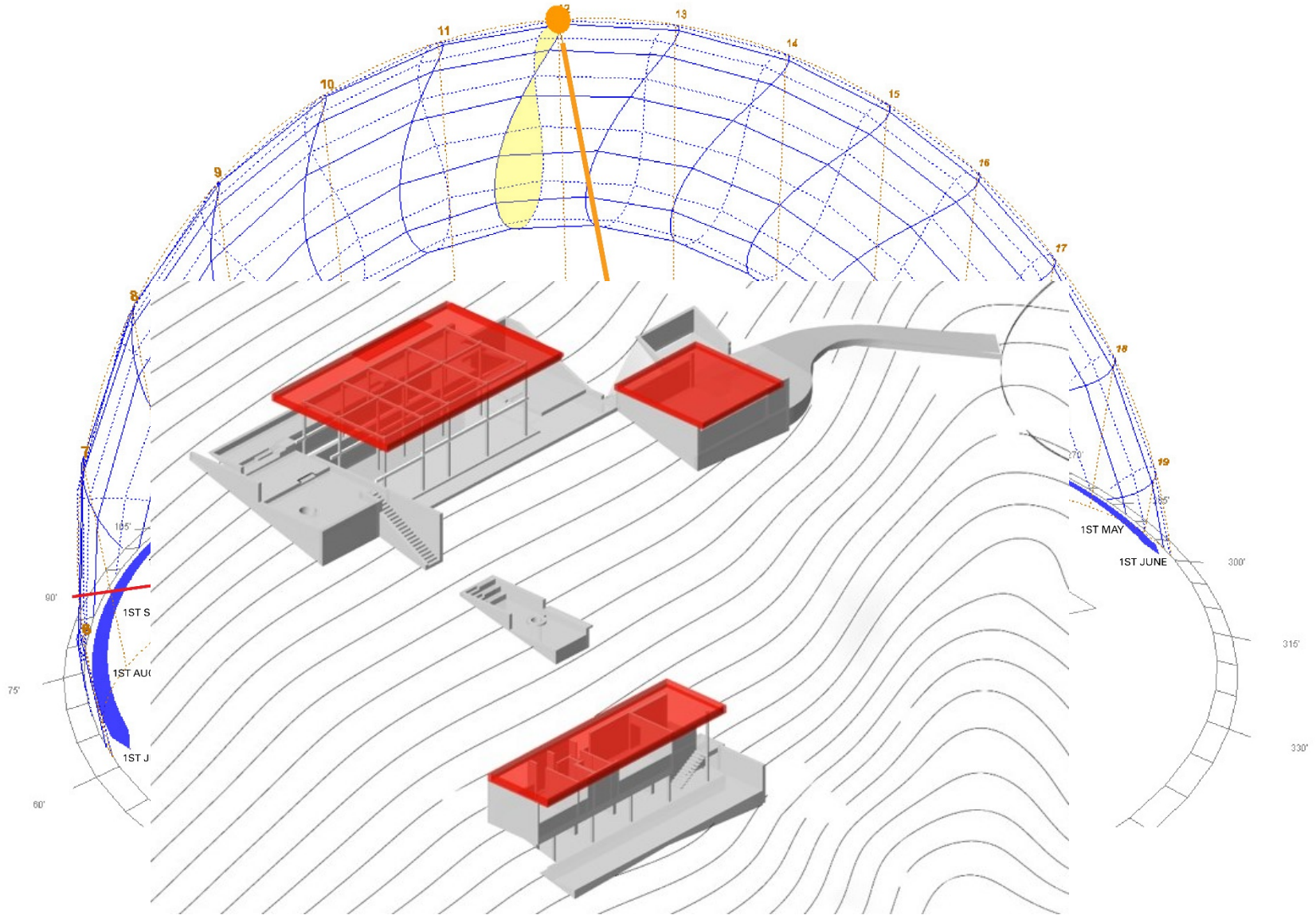
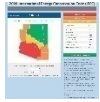


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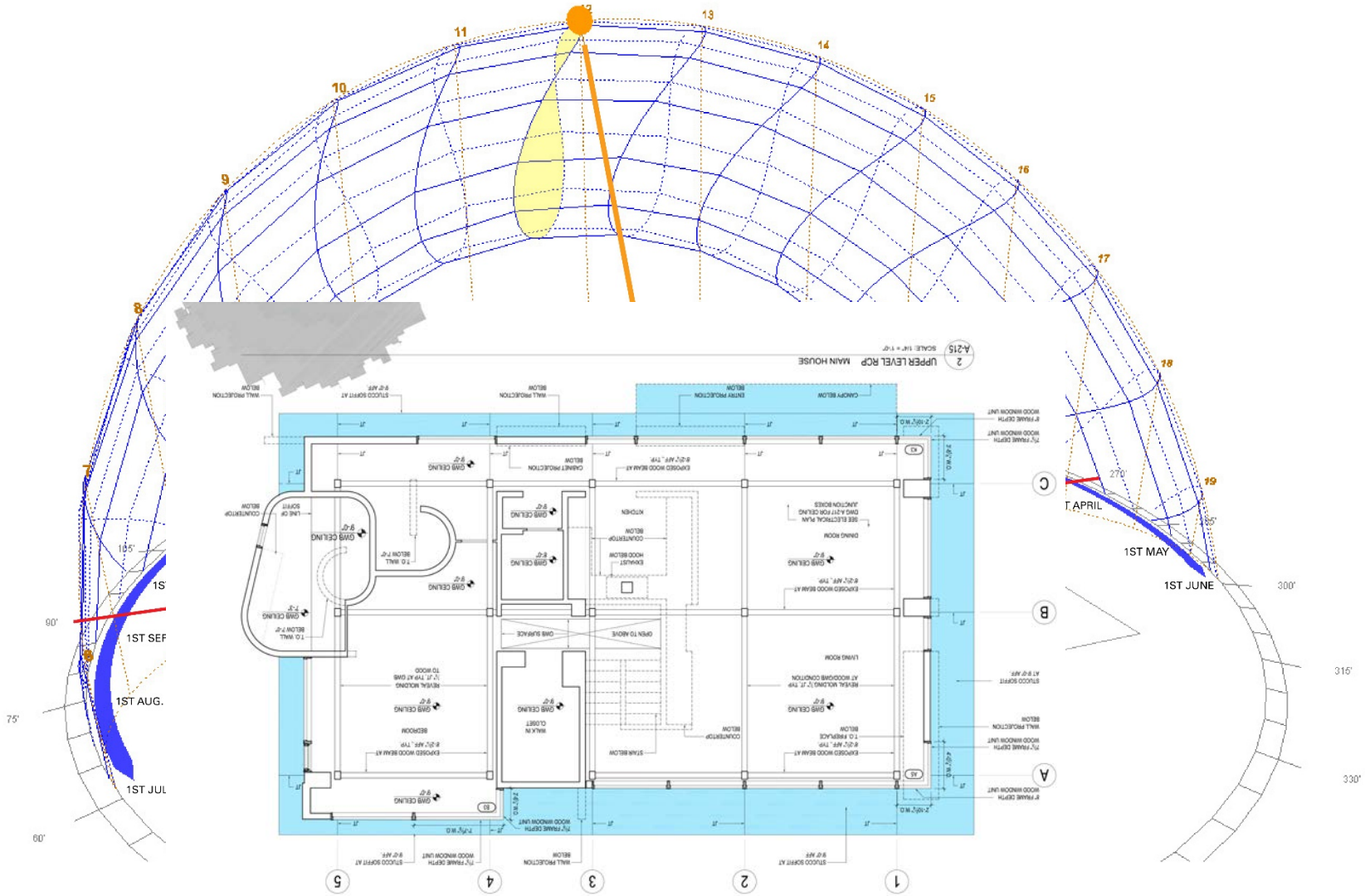
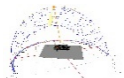
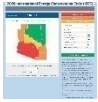




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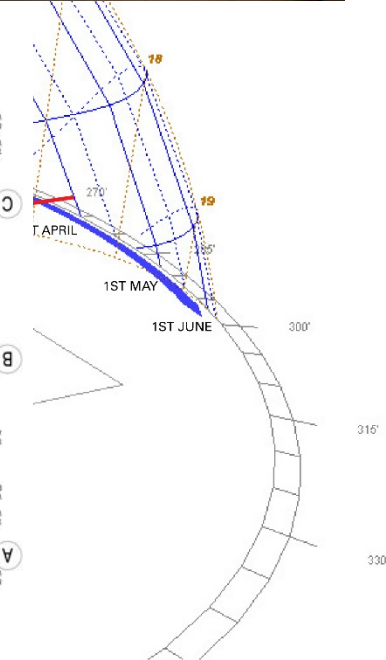
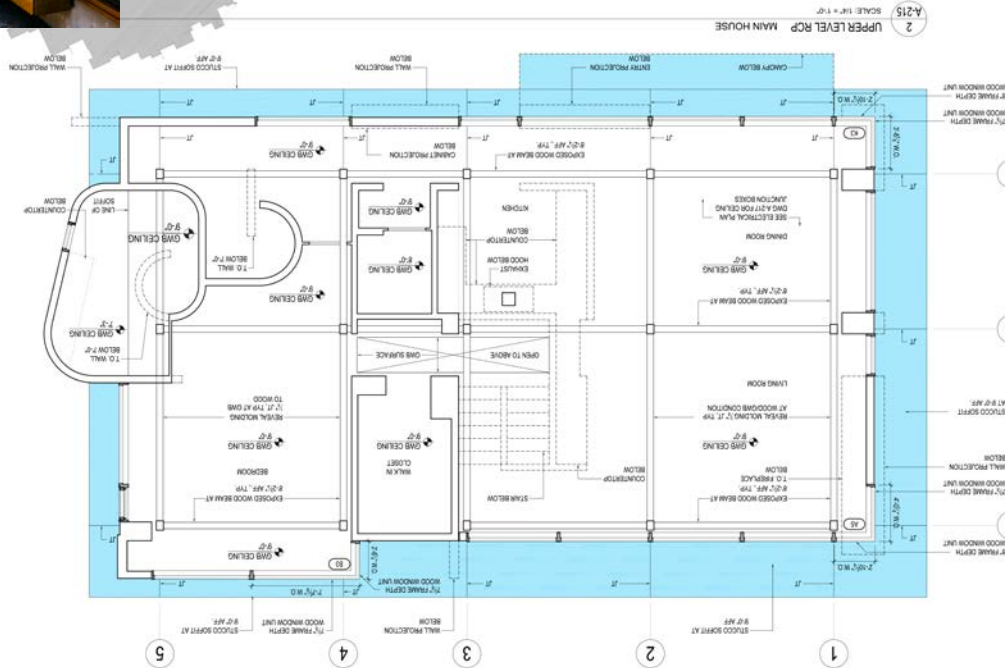
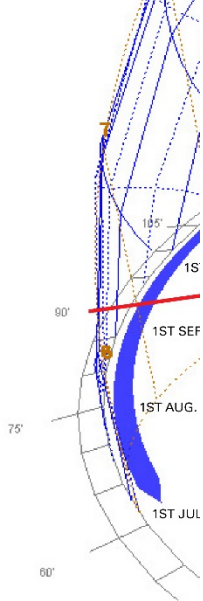
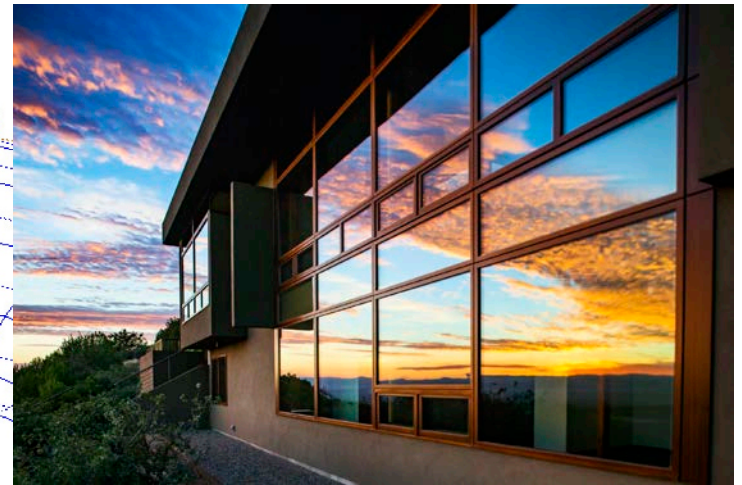
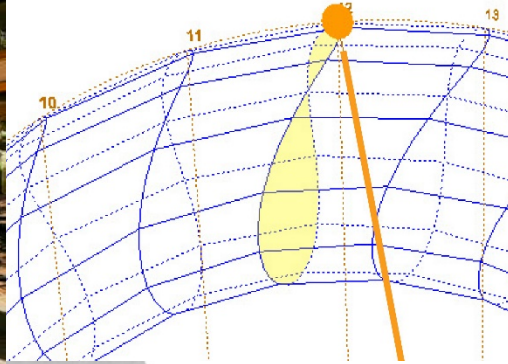
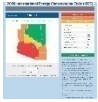


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Approaching Zero-Energy in Commercial Structures (or any type for that matter)

1. Climate Zone

2. Building Envelope

Insulation – R Value

Fenestration – U Value and SHGC

Air/Vapor Barriers

3. Lighting and Power

4. Mechanical System Efficiency

5. Energy Modeling vs Prescriptive

6. Passive Design Considerations

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