

#### Broader context

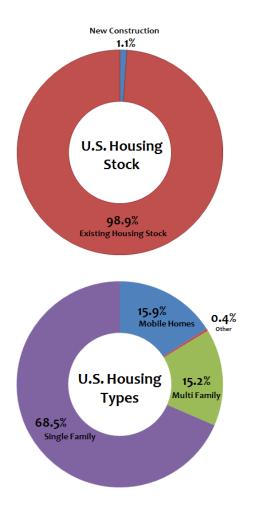


#### **Urban land** Space and the city

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Poor land use in the world's greatest cities carries a huge cost

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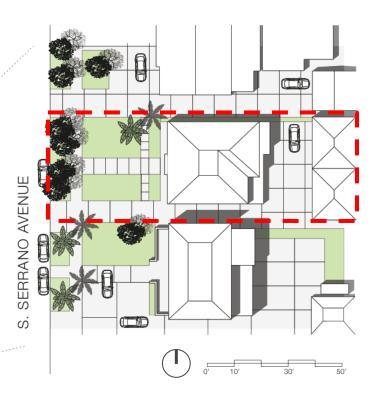
#### Selected site

Los Angeles, CA (Koreatown District)

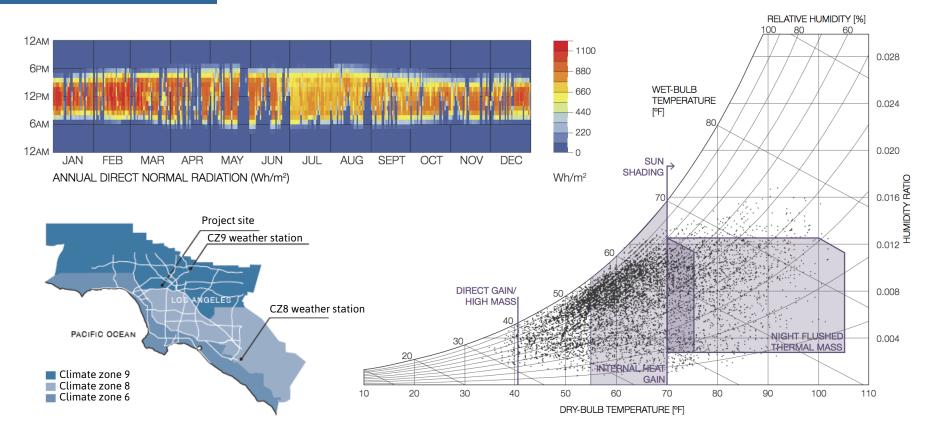
Built in 1916 & Designated a Historical Monument in 1998

#### 3450 ft<sup>2</sup> Single Family Dwelling





#### Climate



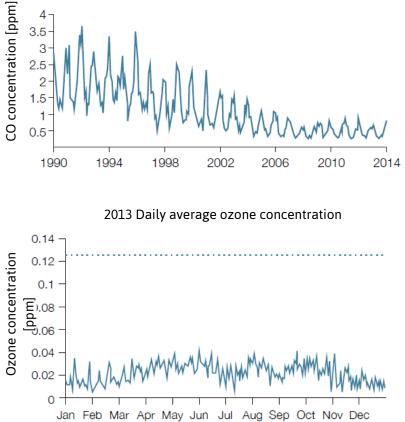
## Design Goals

- Increase urban density
- Rehab an existing building
- Maintain historical preservation status
- Zero Net Energy (ZNE)
- First address energy efficiency and after energy production

## Air quality

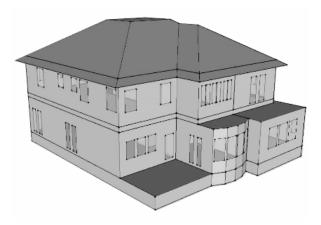
- Downward trend in almost all criteria pollutant concentrations over last 20 years
- Almost all criteria pollutants concentrations below "moderate" AQI during 2013
- PM 2.5 only pollutant of concern for • design  $\rightarrow$  MERV 12 filtration

1990-2013 Carbon monoxide (CO) concentrations

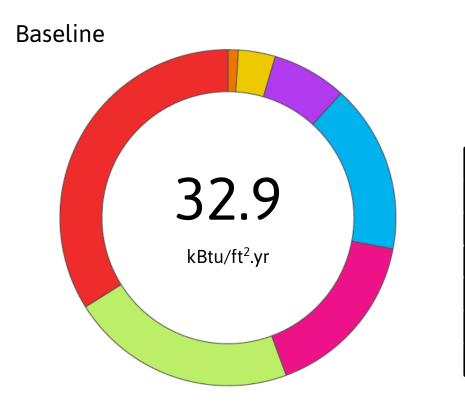


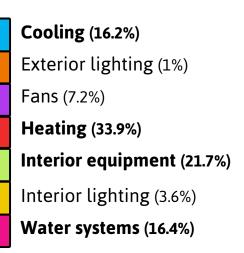
## Energy modeling as a design driver

- Simulation engine: EnergyPlus
- Baseline inputs
  - No insulation in walls and ceiling
  - Single pane windows
  - High infiltration rates ( ~ 1 ACH)
  - Typical residential equipment and operation
- General outputs
  - End-use energy consumption
  - Peak cooling and heating



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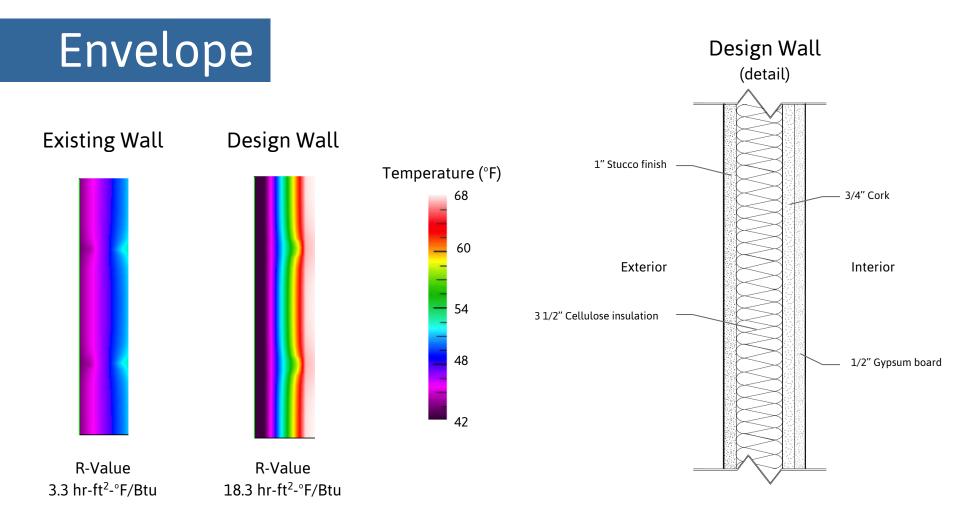


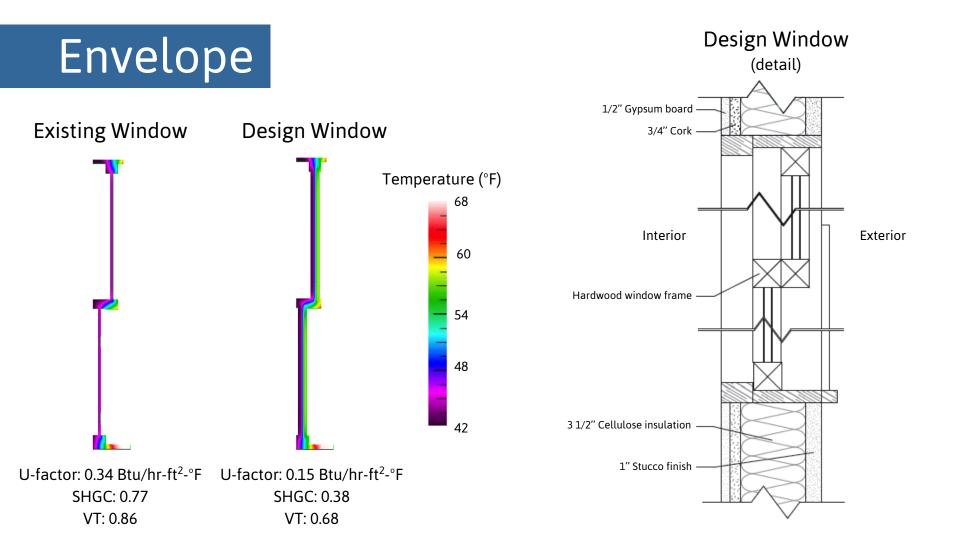
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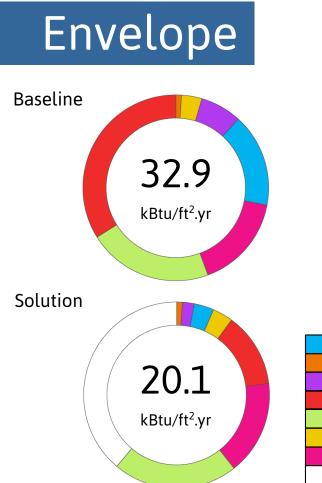
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  - Increase of insulation + thermal bridging correction
  - Window replacement
  - Infiltration rate reduction
  - Personal heaters
- Cooling:
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  - Windows replacement
  - Radiant barriers in roof
  - Natural ventilation operable windows
  - Thermal mass + night flush
  - Dynamic blind system
  - Fans
- Lighting:
  - Daylighting
  - Electric Lighting

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  - Radiant barriers in roof
  - Natural ventilation operable windows (code compliance & air quality concerns)
  - Thermal mass + night flush
  - Dynamic blind system (not commonly used by the users)
  - Fans (recommendation for occupancy)
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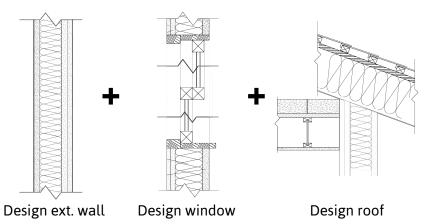




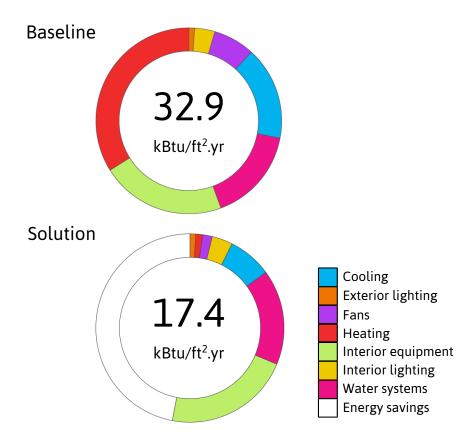


Cooling
Exterior lighting
Fans
Heating
Interior equipment
Interior lighting
Water systems
Energy savings

- Alteration in wall, window, roof, and floor constructions
  - Increased R-value
  - Reduced infiltration
  - Compliance with IECC
- Reduction in EUI of 39%



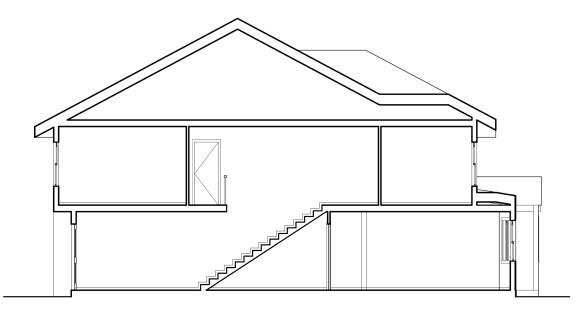
### Reduced infiltration rate



- Cumulative strategies: ... + reduced infiltration rate
- Infiltration rate reduced from 1 ACH to 0.3 ACH (possible with the alteration of the envelope)
- Reduction in EUI of 47%

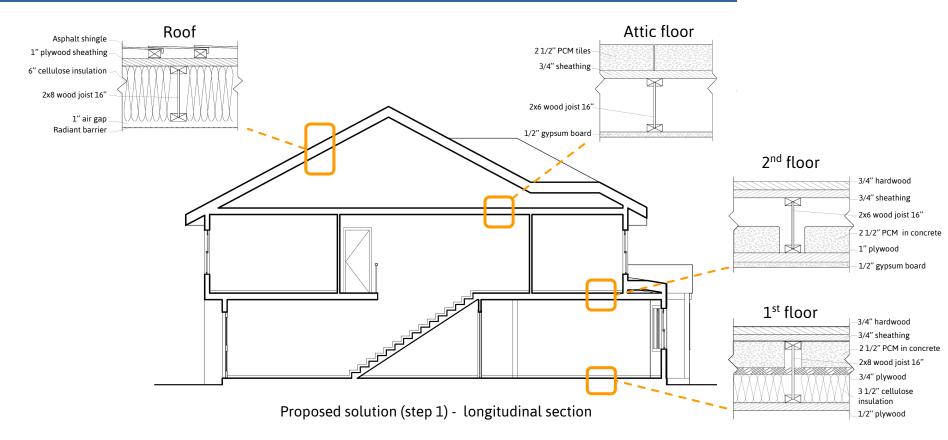


### Ventilation and cooling scheme



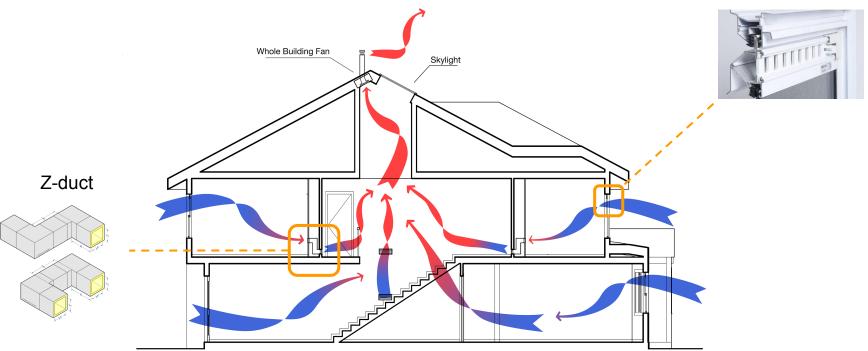
Existing building - longitudinal section

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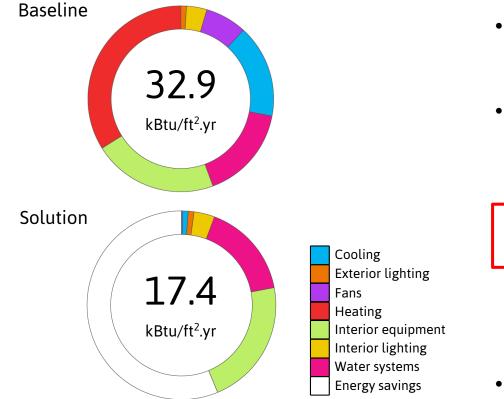
### Ventilation and cooling scheme

Window vent



Proposed solution (step 2) - longitudinal section

## Thermal mass + night flush



- Cumulative strategies:
  - ... + thermal mass and night flush +
  - expanded set points
- Night Flush + expanded set points:

	Minimum temp. [°F]	Maximum temp. [°F]
Typical Thermostat setpoints	64.4	73.4

Thermostat	60	84
	<i>(</i> <b>) )</b>	72.4
Vent when indoor	64.4	73.4
Vent when outdoor	55	78

• Reduction in EUI of 56%

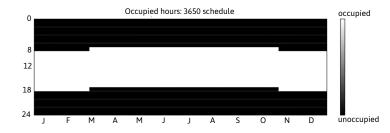
## Daylighting

2nd Floor

1st Floor

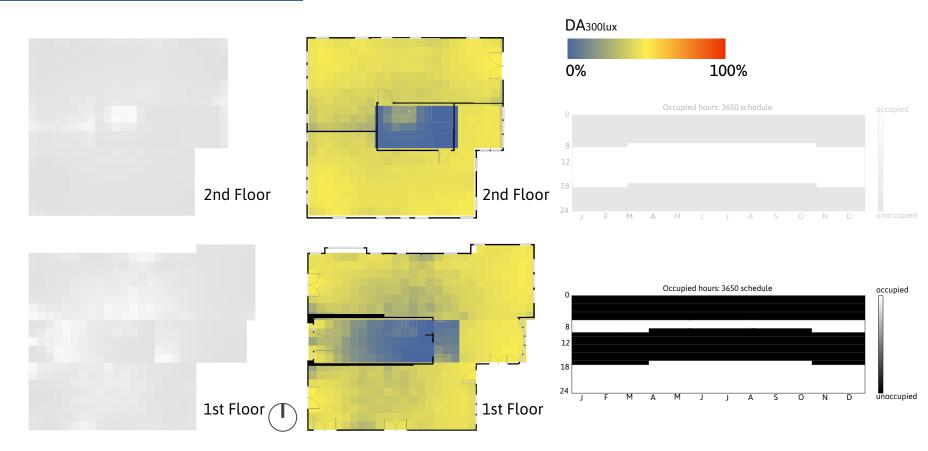
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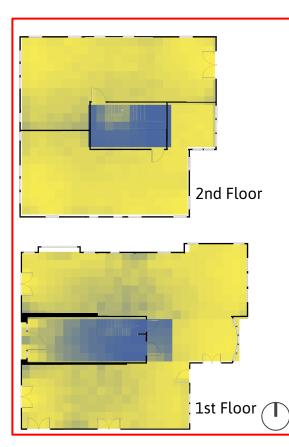


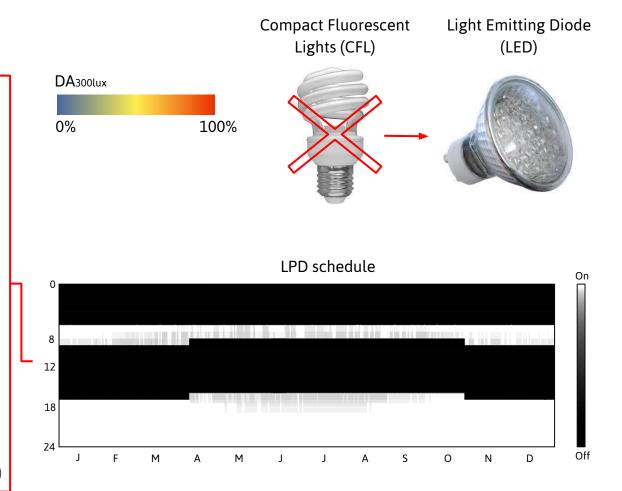
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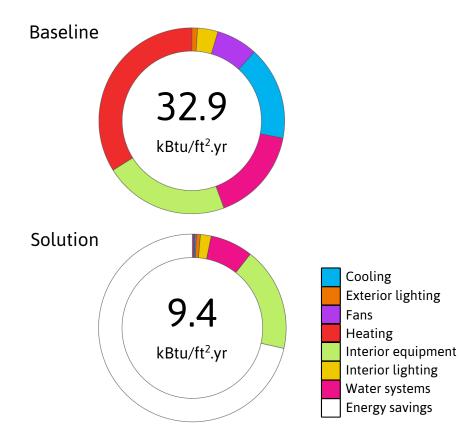


## Lighting





## Lighting + appliances



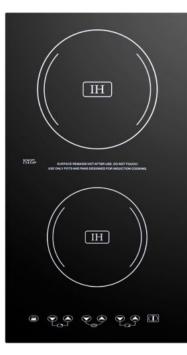
- Cumulative strategies: ... + Lighting (LED + LPD schedule) + Energy Star equipment
- From Energy Star reports it was assumed that by using Energy Star products interior equipment would be 20% more efficient
- Final EUI a 71.5% reduction

## Appliances

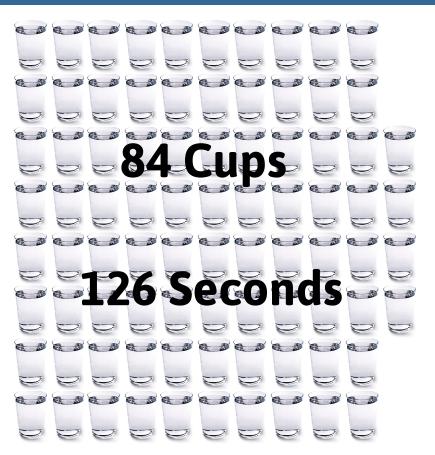








#### **Domestic Hot Water**

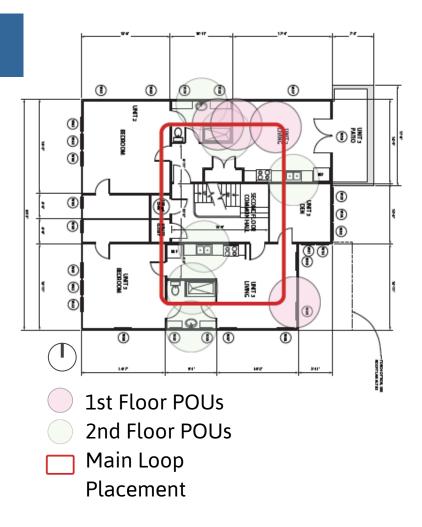


## 1 Cup VS 2.5 Seconds

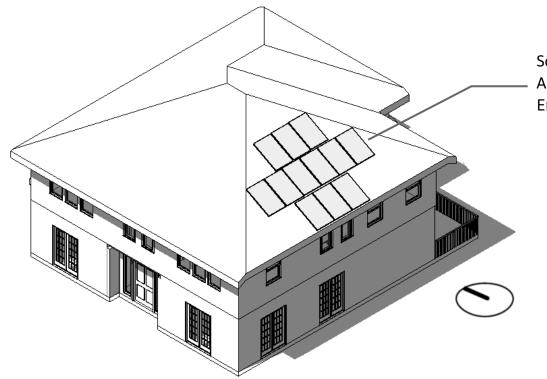
### Domestic Hot Water

#### Demand Initiated Recirculating System

- Step 1: map out POUs
- Step 2: Main loop placement & sizing of recirc pump
- Step 3: size fixtures and connection lines

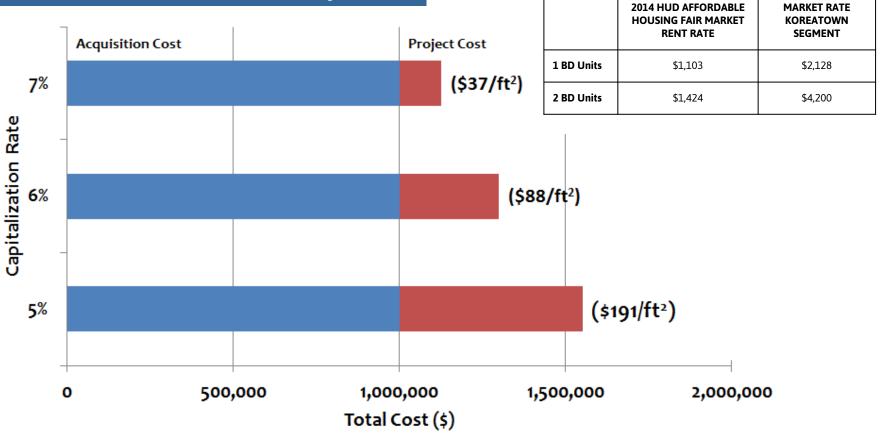


#### Solar PV



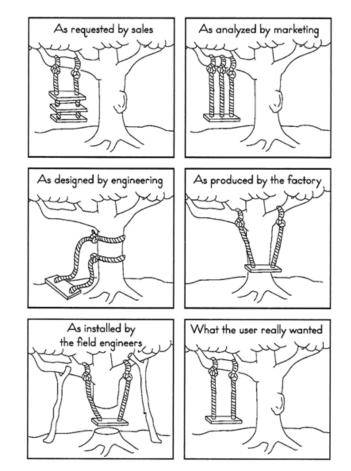
South facing roof Array size: 10.5 kW Energy Generation Intensity: 12.6 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>.yr

#### Financial analysis



### Conclusions

- Existing Buildings is the Future of High-Performance Housing
- Increasing Density Multiples Performance
- User Needs is Central to Design Process
- Passive & Semi-Passive Design Strategies are integral in achieving ZNE
- It is possible to achieve ZNE even with requirements of historic preservation
- Energy modeling can be a driver for design



Source: Don Kite, Parts Pups, Nov. 1971, and Reader's Digest, October 1973.

# **Extra Slides**

## Air quality

Indoor air pollutant source control

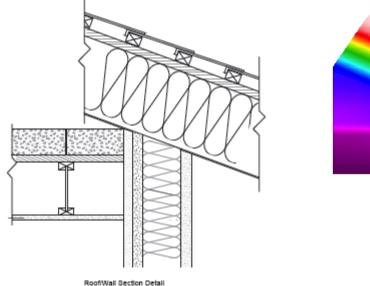
- Low-emitting finishes and furnishings
- No indoor combustion
- Exhaust fans in all bathrooms, kitchens
- Entry mats at all primary entrances
- No smoking in building or on property Protection from outdoor sources
  - Seal potential pest entry points
  - Weatherstripping on doors, windows
  - Seal penetrations, chases between units
  - Low radon potential

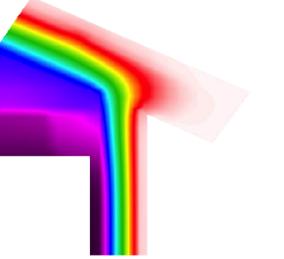






Roof Design





77.2° 78.6° 79.9° 81.3°

82.6° 84.0° 85.3°

86.7° 88.0°



