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High Performance Enclosure Strategies: Part I, Existing Home

Deep Energy Retrofits

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Goals of Research Project:

- Evaluate cost and performance trade offs between:
 - Spray-foam exterior walls
 - Rigid foam exterior walls
 - Home Performance with Energy Star Home (HPwES) on steroids
- 50% peak load and annual heating load reduction
- R-30Target for Center of Wall
- .25 CFM50 per SSF (Shell Square Foot)
- \$10/SSF insulation strategies
- 20% minimum cost contribution from homeowners



Assumptions about the Homeowner:

- Homeowner has an older house so they were already going to re-side and possibly install new windows
- This could lead to other energy upgrade opportunities:
 - HVAC
 - Air sealing
 - Upgraded Windows
 - Insulation
 - Water heating



Why do this?

- Why cover existing siding?
 - Minimize need for disturbing existing construction that includes lead paint (Spray foam encapsulates it)
 - Allows for re-skinning building without having to remove existing siding
- Why use spray foam?
 - Spray foam is an integral insulation, air sealing and draining plane material in one application
 - No taping and flashing like you would with rigid



Brainstorming Ideas: Bottom of Wall







First House Construction Detail: Bottom of Wall



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Initial concept





Initial concept





Sketchup Ideas



Mockups: Door/ Electrical/ 1st-2nd Floor



- 2-Story
- Rim/band Joist Detail
- Rim/band Joist
 - Attachment
- Door Frame Detail
- Electrical Detail



Mockups: Window Details/ Top of Wall



- New Wall to Roof Detail
- Window
 Installation
 Detail
- Top of New
 Wall Detail
- Exterior Corner Detail
- Electrical Detail



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Mockups: Window Details/ Top of Wall







Test House: Existing Condition





New wall framing





Front of home





Installation of Spray Foam





New Wall Intersection at Roof





New Wall with Full Insulation





Installation of Thin Profile Structural Sheathing and New Siding





Test House: Final





Air Sealing Improvements

Improvement Stage	CFM50	CFM50 Reduction from Start	% Reduction from Start	ACH50	CFM50/SSF	
Start	2675	0	0%	8.8	0.40	
Air Seal Attic	1925	750	28%	6.3	0.29	
Wall Build-Ou (Including Windows and Foam)	t 1800	875	33%	5.9	0.27	
Spray Foam Band Joist/ERV Installed	1625	1050	39%	5.4	0.25	
Air Sealing Between Basement and First Floor	1590 i	1085	41%	5.2	0.24	

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Peak Load Reductions:

	Test House				
Location	Pre Retrofi	t BTUH	Post Retrofit BTUH		
	Heat	Cool	Heat	Cool	
Basement	15141	2988	13890	2547	
Living Room	12714	6858	2998	2222	
Dining Room	3834	1899	264	103	
Kitchen	6034	3691	1828	1701	
Study/ Office	4322	1801	726	237	
Master Bedroom	7009	4097	1488	1398	
Bedroom 1	5931	2546	1199	502	
Bath	1187	520	198	29	
TOTALS	56,172	24,400	22,591	8,739	



Test House: Costing

House 1	Pro	Wall Work	Actual Cost/sf	IS A	ctual	5
		Remove Siding	\$0.70	ctual w/	Actual %	
Wall Work	Contrac Amoun	New Framing	\$2.57)onated //aterial	vs Projected	Actual Cost/sf
Remove Siding		Remove windows	\$0.31	\$1,534	amamananan amanga	\$0.70
New Framing	\$6,8	Window Trim	\$2.17	\$5,625	81.8%	\$2.57
Remove windows				\$671	NA	\$0.31
Window Trim	\$4,0	Spray foam	\$3.81	\$4,737	117.0%	\$2.17
Spray foam	\$8,1	Install T-ply	\$1.70	\$8,329	101.6%	\$3.81
Install T-ply	\$3,2			\$3,717	113.3%	\$1.70
Box bottom	\$2,1	Box bottom	\$0.53	\$1,167	53.4%	\$0.53
Install siding	\$14,7	Install siding	\$7.21	\$15,772	106.8%	\$7.21
TOTALS	\$39,3			\$41,552	105.6%	\$19.01
		TOTALS	\$19.01			



Test House: Lessons Learned

- Installation of Ledger Boards
- Brackets and Spray Foam
- Extending timing with construction
- Permitting process
- Order of installation
- The challenge of staging construction for testing
- Integrating utility logistics











Step 10 Step 11 Step 12

Note: Some siding profiles may require thin profile structural sheathing





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