

# Alaska Presentation

# Pathways to Zero Energy

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# Why Zero Energy Homes?

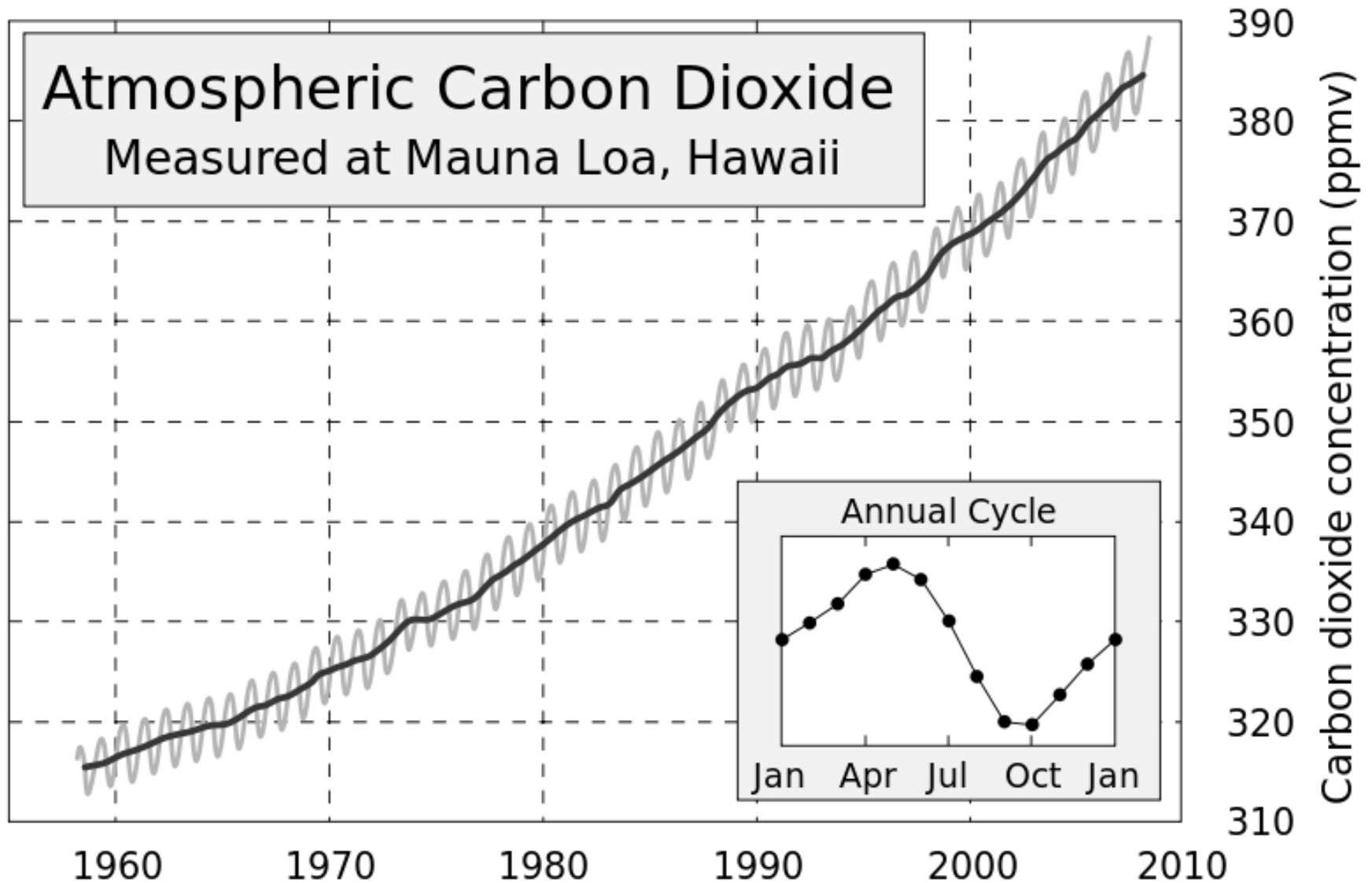


# From a Builder's Perspective...

- It's the future of housing in America.
- They can be built cost effectively in many areas of the country.
- It can be a very good business model.

and From a Global Perspective...

# The Keeling Curve



Levels of carbon dioxide are rising at about 2 ppm per year



The atmosphere is relatively thin

# Climate Change

- It has been suggested that to mitigate the effects of climate change we need to restore the Earth's energy balance.
- According to Dr. Hansen, recent long time director of the NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies, to do this we will need to reduce our carbon dioxide down to a level of 350 ppm.

# The Path to Zero Energy

One Builders Journey

2005 to 2008

MA Stretch Code Homes

HERS 50 Homes

HERS 40 Homes

HERS 30 Homes

HERS 20 Homes

# MA Stretch Code Homes

- Home Energy Rating System (HERS) = 65 (70 if under 3000 square feet)
- Typical insulation features:
  - Floor to basement insulation: R30 fiberglass batts (Grade 1)
  - Rim and band joist insulation: R-19
  - Above grade wall cavity: R-21 fiberglass batts (Grade 1)
  - Windows: Standard double pane/low E/vinyl
  - Ceiling insulation: R38 fiberglass batts (Grade 1)



# MA Stretch Code Homes

- Typical mechanical features:
  - Heating system: 96% furnace, ducts in basement and attic
  - Cooling SEER: 13 (two systems per house)
  - Domestic Hot Water: 82% instantaneous
  - Duct leakage 6% of conditioned floor area
  - Ventilation: 65 cfm const, exhaust only
  - Building tightness: 4.00 ACH50

# MA Stretch Code Homes

- Typical appliance features:
  - Refrigerator: 334 kWh/yr
  - Dishwasher: 0.64 Energy Factor

# HERS 50

- **The 2030 Challenge 2005-2009 Goal:** Fossil Fuel Reduction of **50%** for all new buildings
- What does this look like for new homes?
- Is it easy to accomplish?

# The Marla Circle Subdivision in Tyngsborough, MA

- Built in 2005 by Transformations, Inc.
- Won the 2005 Energy Star Builder Achievement Award
- 5 conventional homes
- Designed with Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater techniques
- Achieved an average of 50% savings in energy usage for the homes

# Lakeview Ave Original Design

- Detention basin
- Curb and gutter design
- 28 foot roadway
- Only 4 lots approvable

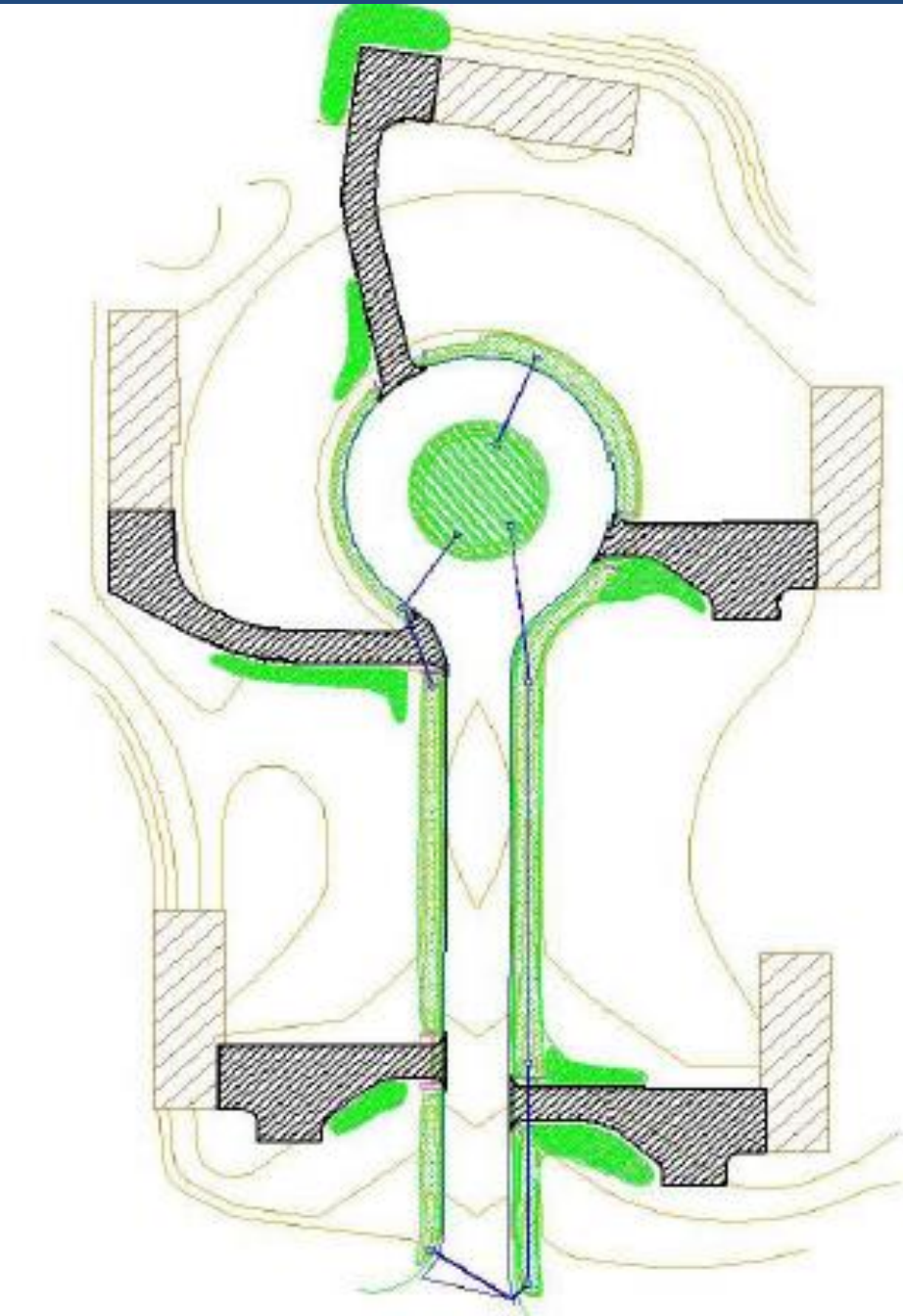


Detention  
basin,  
easement  
required

# Lakeview Ave Conceptual Design With LID

- Bioretention cul-de-sac
- Raingardens
- Swales
- Reduced road width to 24'
- Open section roads
- Disconnected flow paths
- Maintain existing vegetation
- Disconnected roof drainage

- Five (5) lots approved
- Extra lot very valuable to developer
- Reduced construction costs







Granite curbs set at the road elevation



# Marla Circle home





## Construction Details...

- *2x4 walls with 1" rigid on the outside*
- *16" on center conventional framing*
- *1.2 to 2.4 kW photovoltaic systems*
- *Hot water heater as boiler (96% efficient)*
- *Foam sealing window and doors*
- *Energy Star windows (U-value < 0.35)*
- *Garages on the North or West sides*
- *Panasonic ventilation fans*





# Energy Star Ratings

- A 5 Star plus rating (the highest they went in the prior system) is anything over a 90.
- The Marla Circle homes ranged from 88.9 to 91.4 and averaged around 90.
- This converts to a HERS Index of 50 (a 50% reduction in energy consumed over the Code built home).
- The peak load for one of these houses was 44,000 BTU's

# Marla Circle, Tyngsborough Costs

- About \$95 to \$100 per square foot for the hard costs of the house construction (2005 dollars)
- Town sewer; no road or soft cost included. No Builder overhead, margin or general expenses included.

# HERS 40

- **The 2030 Challenge 2010 goal:** Fossil Fuel Reduction of **60%** for all new buildings

# The Coppersmith Way Development in Townsend, MA

- 41 unit 40B project (includes affordable housing)
- Construction is 2006 to present.
- 27 homes completed to date.
- 16 LEED Certified homes
- 30.5 acres (8 acres of wetland and open space)



# Coppersmith Way

## Low Impact Development Measures

- Nitrogen Reducing Septic Systems (8.5 mg/l vs 45mg/l)
- Water Quality Swales (84% N removal)
- Wetland Stormwater Treatment Areas (30-43% N removal) vs detention basins
- Bioretention Cells (51% N removal)
- Porous Pavers on Walkways
- Phyto-Enhanced Quality Buffers
- Raingardens (51% N removal)
- Disconnected Stormwater Flow Paths
- **Total Nitrogen Reduction 80%** (0.13 mg/l modeled additional N Load to the well assuming no dilution or uptake in wetland)





# Coppersmith Way Goals

- Using building science engineering, push the envelope in cost effective green building
- To work towards Zero Energy Homes
- To be financially profitable
- To provide aesthetically pleasing homes at a reasonable price

# Saving 60% (Hers Index of 40)

- 2 x 6 walls with an inch of rigid
- Advanced construction techniques
  - 24" on center
  - Headers designed for their loads only
  - 2 stud corners
- Paradigm windows with a U-value of .28
- The same 96% efficient water heater/boiler
- 3.45 kW PV system



# HERS Index of 37.5



# HERS Index of 43



# HERS Index of 39







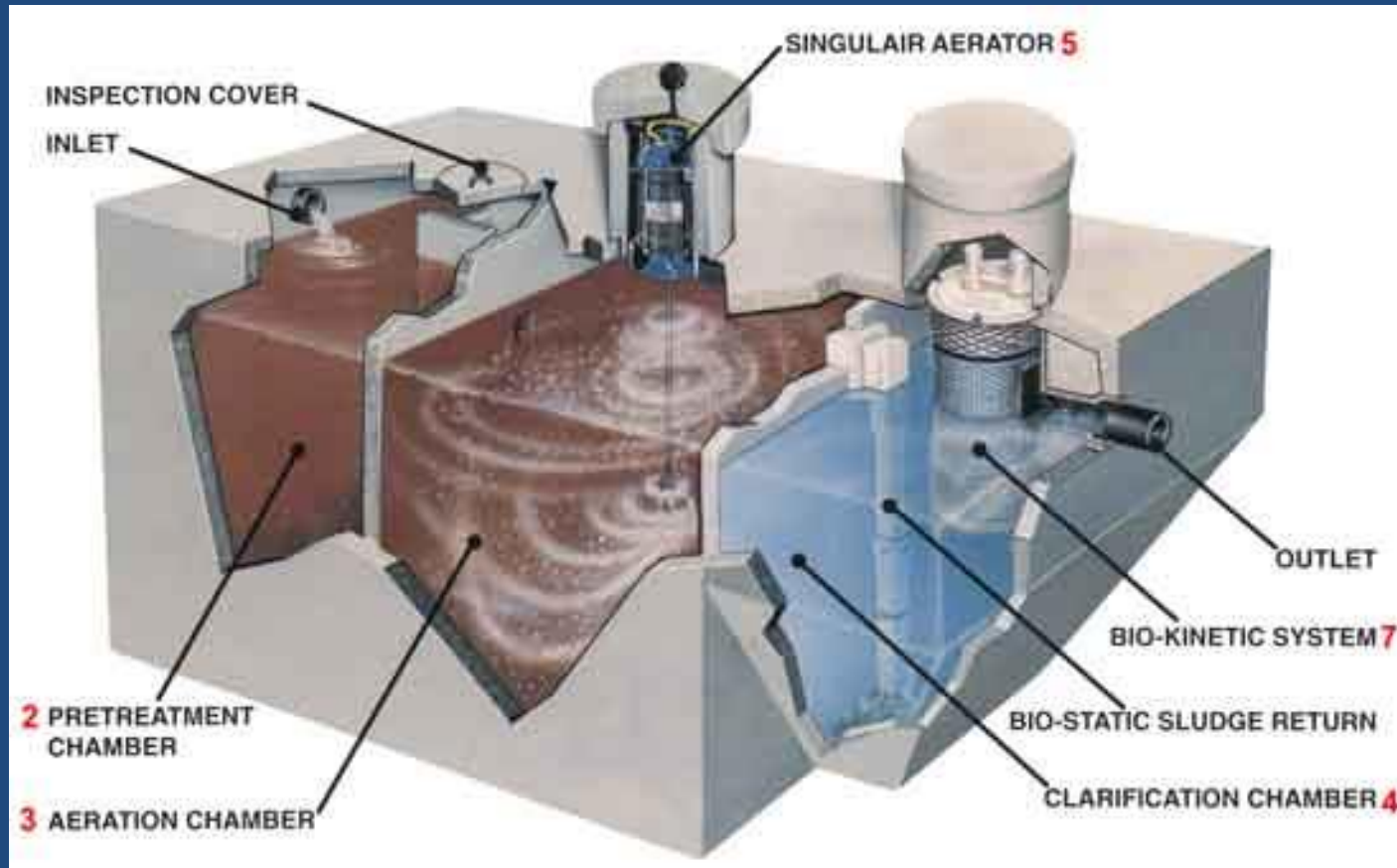






# Singulair<sup>®</sup> Residential Wastewater System

(Approved in MA Total Nitrogen <10mg/l)



















# HERS 30

- **The 2030 Challenge 2015 goal:** Fossil Fuel Reduction of **70%** for all new buildings



# How we got to 70% savings...

- Same specifications as the 60% homes, but...
- Smaller living spaces
- Multi-family units (shared wall or floor/ceiling)
- Forced hot water baseboard heating systems
- Larger PV system per square foot of living space



# Triplex Homes



Triplex home built in Townsend, MA in 2007



Under construction---note the varied entrance ways

# The Greek Revival's projected performance:

- Energy Efficiency
  - EPA Energy Star, with a HERS ratings between 24 and 28, saving over 70% of the homes energy needs
- Sustainability
  - LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification in the works
  - Projected to reduce greenhouse gases by over 70%
- Innovation Sells and Helps with Marketing
  - 5 out of six sold or pre-sold in the first phase
  - One (2) bedroom unit available for \$168,000 to an income qualified buyer



# Duplex Homes



Duplex Barn as built in Townsend, MA in 2008









# HERS 20

- **The 2030 Challenge 2020 goal:** Fossil Fuel Reduction of **80%** for all new buildings
- How did we get there?
- What does this look like for a new home?



# 80% Savings Home

- Added a direct exchange ground source heat pump for:
  - Hot water
  - Heating
  - Cooling
- Added a greenhouse
- Increased the PV system 4.68 kW
- Passive orientation (more glazing on the South side, almost none on the North)

Saving 80% (HERS Index of 20)







# Marginal Costs

- \$6,000 more to do the ground source heat pump (\$23,000 vs \$17,000) for a market rate home.
- \$5,940 marginal cost for the larger PV system
- Greenhouse – yes, this cost a lot more (about \$20,000 all said and done, after incentives)

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Questions?

# **3 Zero Energy Homes**

## **Townsend, MA**



# HERS 0

- **The 2030 Challenge 2030 goal:** Fossil Fuel Reduction of **100%** for all new buildings (using no fossil fuel green house gas emitting energy to operate)

# A Massachusetts Utility sponsored “Zero Energy Challenge”

- To competition to “encourage builders to design and construct homes, which use considerable less energy than homes built with traditional practices, products and technologies”.
- 6 builders were chosen.
- There is \$50,000 in prize money.
- The lowest HERS Index wins!



Our first zero energy rated home (Home Energy Rating System or HERS of -4), built in Townsend, MA in 2008

















# HERS Index Results...

- HERS Index of -4

# How we did it...

- Super insulation (R75 attic ceiling, R49 walls)
- High efficiency windows (R5 triple pane with krypton gas)
- Heat recovery ventilator (LifeBreath 155)
- Air source heat pump (Mitsubishi Mr. Slim)



# How we did it, continued...

- Tight air sealing (175 CFM @ 50 Pascals after foam insulation)
- PV solar electric generation (5.7 kW)
- Solar domestic hot water with SunDrum panel inserts

# Peak Heating Load

- This Coppersmith Way home has a peak heating load of about 10,500 BTU's.
- In other words, it can be heated from a design temperature of 6 degrees F outside to 70 degrees inside with two 1500 watt hair dryers and a 80 watt light bulb!

# Marginal costs (2008 dollars, incentives)

- Framing double studded walls, rafters \$1,670
- Super-Insulation \$5,970 (\$14,000 - \$8,030 standard)
- PV system \$5,970 (\$33,000 - \$25,200 MTC rebate)
- SunDrum hot water heating system \$4,500
- Windows \$689 (\$4342 went to \$5,031)
- **Total additional marginal costs \$18,799**

# Marginal Savings (2008 dollars)

- 1" Rigid on the outside of the house -\$2,258
- Trim on the windows -\$1,328
- Painting -\$300
- Heating system (compared to \$6800) -\$1,550
- **Total savings -\$5,436**



# Net Marginal Cost for “Affordable” Zero Energy Home (2008)

- \$13,363
- Less Fed. & State tax incentives -\$6,000
- Net after tax incentives \$7,363

# Actual Energy Usage

- 12 month of net metering came out with 1,615 kWh of electricity for total energy used in the house.
- At @.20 per kWh that's a cost of \$323.00 per year for utility costs or around \$27 per month.

# The Farmhouse

(Built in Townsend, MA in 2008)

Applying what we learned in the “Zero Energy Challenge” to production home building.





# Cost Effective Insulation

- Cellulose in the attic floor, R 3.5 per inch (18" for an R-63)
- Low Density Foam in the walls, R 3.9 per inch (12" for a cavity insulation of R-46.8).
- Note, We now mainly use ThermoSeal 500, R 3.8 per inch. It is a water based foam, reducing blowing agent off-gassing concerns.

# The Farmhouse cost to build:

- \$186,249 or ~\$102 per square foot (\$9.53 per square meter)
- Excludes land, road, engineering, permits, septic, soft costs, fill , overhead, margin and general expenses.
- Includes \$20,000 in incentives from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, and \$21,432 in Federal/State tax credits

# HERS Index and Energy Usage

- The Farmhouse HERS Index came in at -3
- The actual energy usage came in at 915 kWh per year.
- At @.20 cents per kWh, the yearly costs were \$183 or about \$15 per month

# The Groton

Built in Townsend, MA in 2010

(a home with 12 months of utility statements showing positive energy)

















# HERS Index and Energy Usage

- The Groton HERS Index came in at a 2
- The actual energy usage came in at -1574 kWh per year.
- At @.20 cents per kWh, the yearly credit built up was \$315 or about \$26 per month



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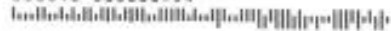
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MAR 11	0	2	33
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SEP 10	0	2	66

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OTHER ADJUSTMENTS					-102.59	
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the year!

# **3 Zero Energy Homes**

## **Townsend, MA**

Questions?

# Production Building For Other Developers





Easthampton, MA

31 lots

A build out project  
for  
Beacon  
Communities

# Easthampton, MA

- Savings of about 60% in the base houses
- Optional PV as a lease, a purchase or a hybrid purchase.
- Typical retail costs per square foot were in the \$120 to \$145 range including site costs.

# “The Farmhouse II” Model Home Easthampton, MA

- 1818 square feet of living space
- 3 Bedrooms
- \$120.46 psf including overhead and margin (\$102.26 psf hard costs to build). Year 2000 dollars
- HERS Index of 2





















**Mitsubishi inside unit**

**Model #MSZ-FE12NA (One 12,000 BTU head downstairs  
and one 12,000 BTU head upstairs)**



## Mitsubishi Outside Units

- Two Model #MUZ-FE12NA condensers
- Set up off the ground



**Navien 180 instantaneous hot water heater**





**Master Bathroom**

# Price Point

Innovations in bringing Zero Energy Homes to the marketplace contribute to this price point:

- ❖ Utilizing the Federal PV cash incentives and the new S-RECS
- ❖ Lease PV systems
- ❖ Cost effective HVAC systems

# Building for an Affordable Housing Owner

- Lexington Housing Assistance Board (LexHAB)
- Expected construction starting in 2015
- Retail cost expected to be about \$160 per square foot including expensive site costs.
- A leased solar electric system will be included.

# Triplex Rentals



HERS Indexes modeled at about -15



# Questions?

Production Building for  
Other Developers

# Ventilation Options

# Ventilation Systems

## (2014 Customer Pricing)

- “Basic Requirement” to meet minimum Energy Star standards: Panasonic fans with 30 CFM continuous settings with a boost option to 70 CFM for 30-45 minutes---\$300 per fan.
- Assume two fans like this and one regular fan. Note that one must take precautions in high radon areas (passive mitigation system and poly over insulation that is taped well).

# Ventilation Systems (continued)

- Fantech 704 HRV, exhaust one bathroom and supply three bedroom locations---Add about \$1,800 to the “Basic requirement”.



# Ventilation Systems (continued)

- Fantech 1504 HRV in basement, exhaust three bathrooms and supply three bedrooms---Add about \$2,500 to Basic requirement.
- LifeBreath HRV in basement, exhaust three bathrooms and supply three bedrooms---Add about \$3,500 to Basic requirement.



LifeBreath ventilation system

# Questions?

- Ventilation options?

# Solar Electric Installations













# Solar Electric System Farmhouse II Model

- 36 panels
- 250 watts per panel
- 3 strings of panels
- Racking
- Inverter



# Solar Electric Installations

## 9 kW Case Study---Costs

- The typical cost per watt is about \$4.00
- For the 9 kW system, the cost is \$36,000
- Micro-inverters add about 50 cents per watt.
- High efficiency panels add about \$0.50 per watt.

# Solar Electric Installations

## 9 kW Case Study---Incentives

- The Federal tax credit is 30%: \$10,800 for a \$36,000 system.

# Solar Electric Installations

## Electrical output of the system

- The 9 kW system will generate about 10,800 kilowatt hours in the first year, and average about 10,000 per year for the first 10 years
- At \$.17 per kilowatt hour, that is \$1700 per year or \$34,000 over a twenty year period.

# Solar Electric Installations

## Total Revenue over 20 years

- The Federal tax credit: \$10,800
- Electricity: \$34,000
- Total Revenue: \$44,800



# Solar Electric Installations

## Total Revenue over 20 years

- Total Revenue: \$44,800
- Total Cost: \$36,000 (\$4.00 per watt)
- 20 year return: \$8,800
- 5-10 more years of electricity free and clear!

# Questions?

## Solar Electric Installations

# Custom Homes



A Custom home in Princeton, MA  
A historic looking home from the front...





14.4 kW PV system in the back, HERS Index of -9



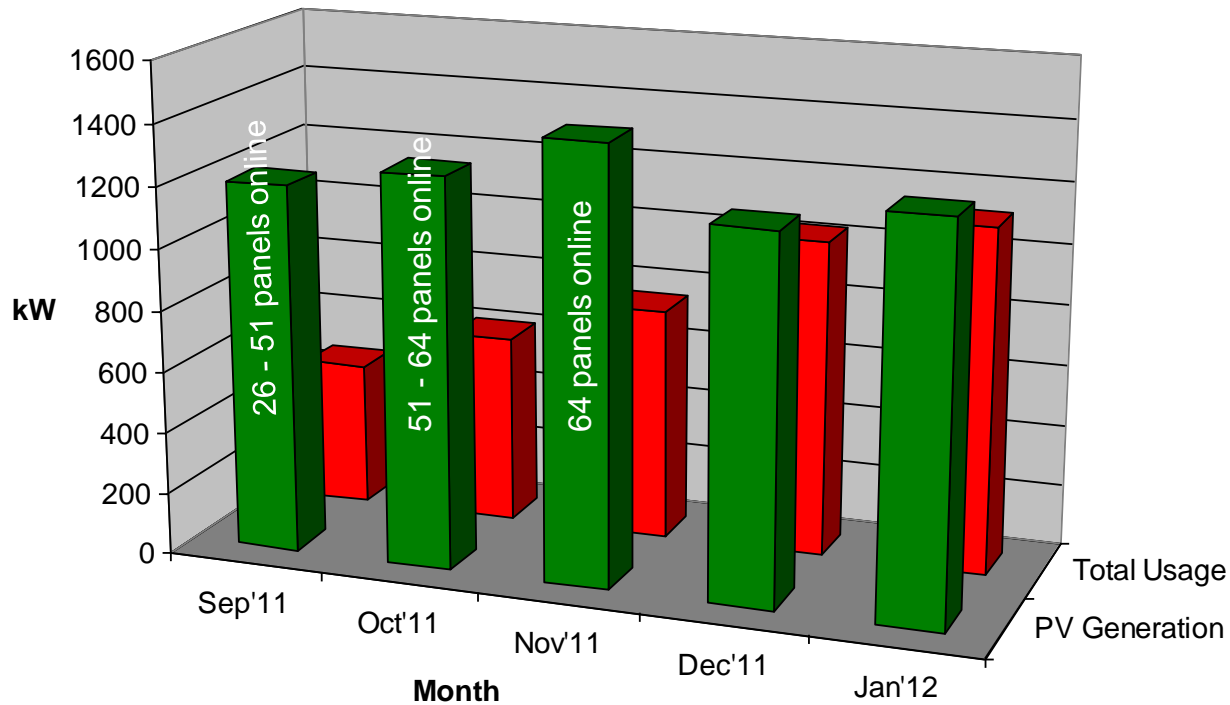
This all electric home generated an excess of 9,947 kwh in a year



...without sacrificing comfort

# Princeton home

- Energy Positive performance...







A Custom Home in Stow, MA  
15 ½ inch thick walls, Air infiltration of .50 ACH @ 50 pascals



## **A Custom Home in Maynard, MA**

Large overhangs protect the home from summer solar heat gain.



## Framing

The colored Insulated slab is protected during construction.





HERS Index of -8



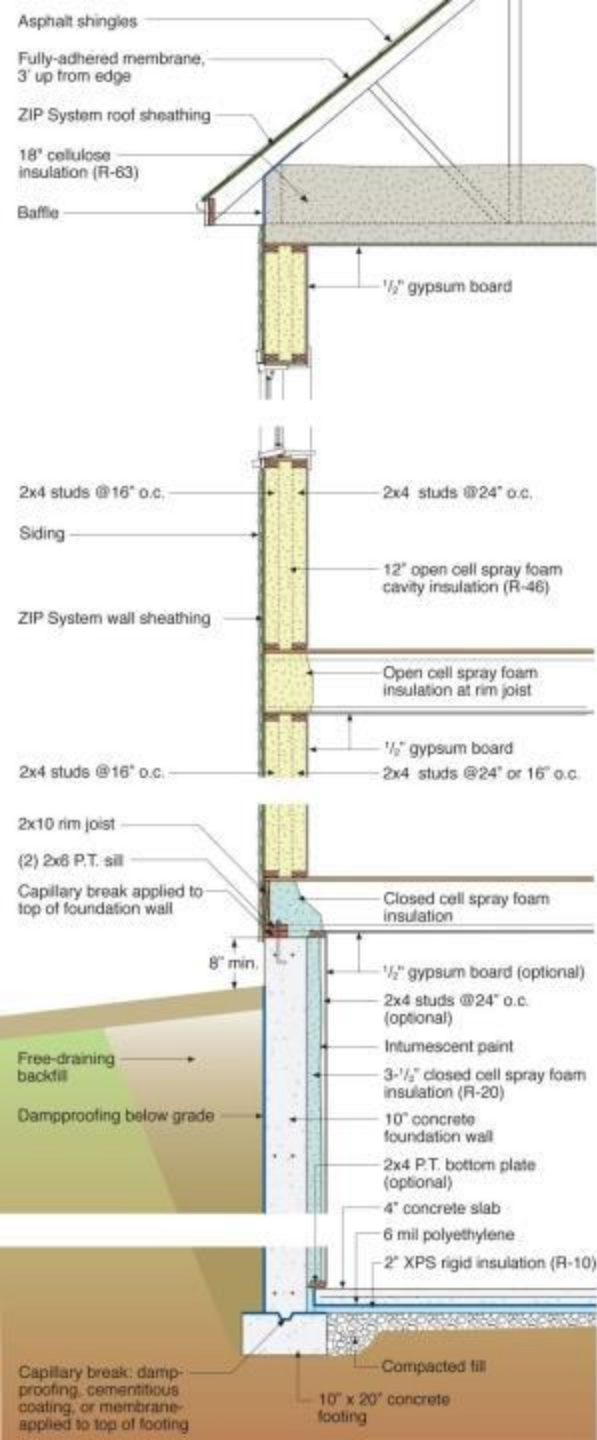


A custom Home in Westborough, MA

Net Positive Homes

# Net Positive Homes

- Definition: A Net Positive Home is a home that produces more energy than it consumes over the course of a year.

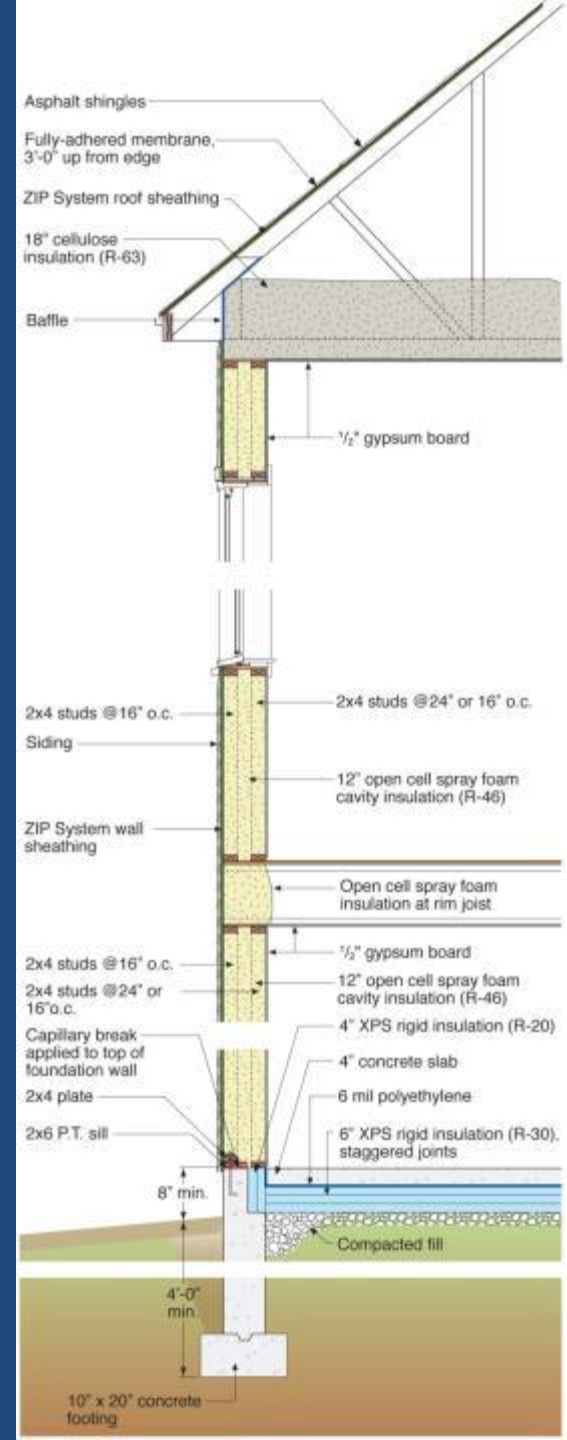


## 2014 Transformations, Inc. Building Sections Standards

Homes with full basements



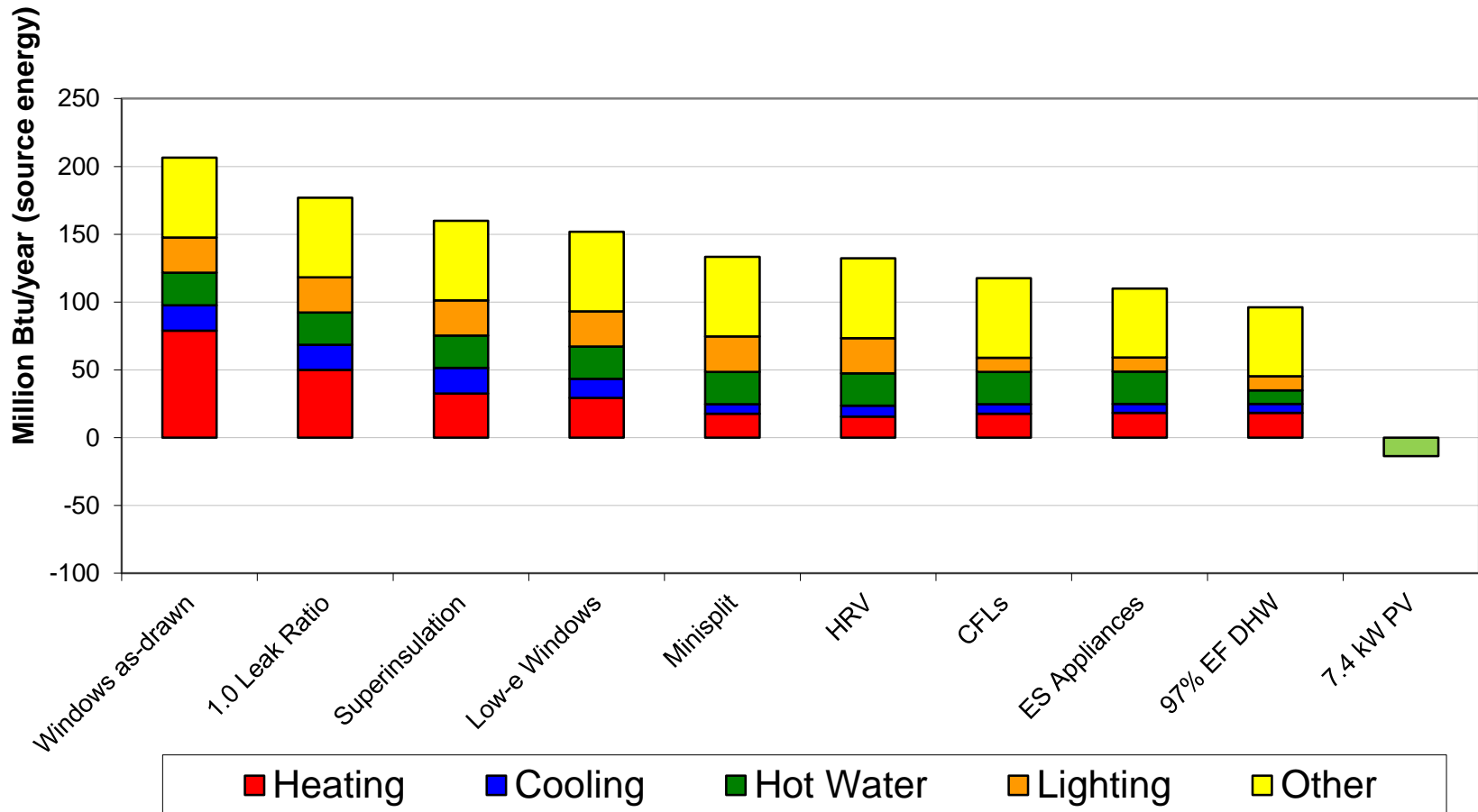
Homes with slab on grade



Drawn by  
Building Science Corporation



# Devens, MA Farmhouse Parametric Modeling







A Winner in the Department of Energy Challenge Home competition,  
“Production House” category





HERS Index of -37

Generated 11,432 kwh more electricity than used in a year





Sold for \$360,000 including the 16.32 kW solar system



A Winner in the Department of Energy Challenge Home competition,  
“Custom House” category





HERS Index of -21

Generated 8,586 kwh more electricity than used in a year



Very comfortable interior





HERS Index of -36

Generated 16,545 kwh more electricity than used in a year



Includes a 17.28 kW solar system



Customized Ranch

# Double-Stud Wall Field Monitoring

Presented at the  
Sixteenth Annual Westford Symposium on Building Science  
July 30, 2012 to August 1, 2012

By Kohta Ueno of Building Science Corporation,  
1 hour talk in conjunction with R. Carter Scott of Transformations, Inc.



# Double Stud Wall Monitoring

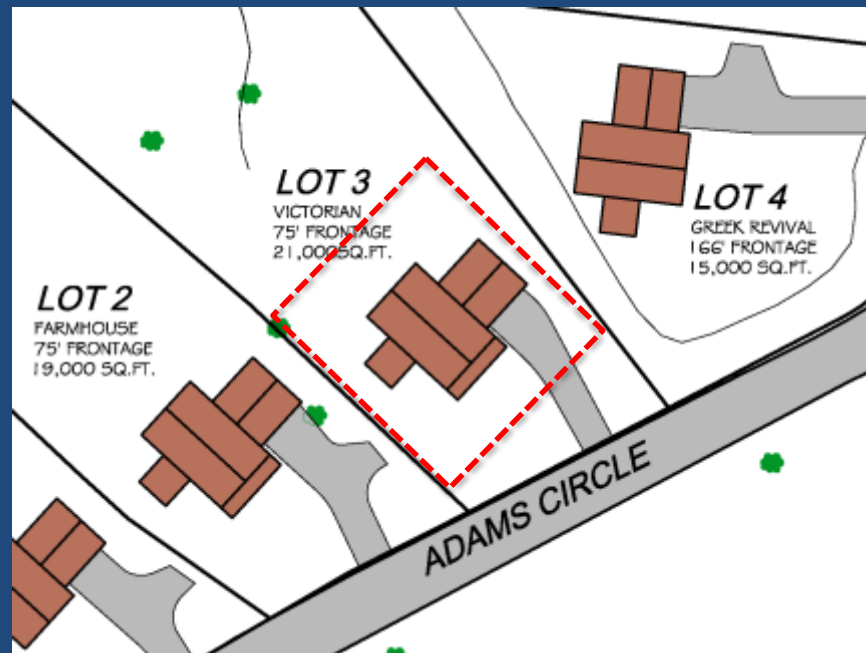
- Double stud wall advantages:
  - High R values
  - Simplifies exterior detailing  
(few changes to standard practice)
  - Lower cost vs. other high-R walls?

# Double Stud Wall Monitoring

- Moisture risks due to interstitial condensation?
  - Most common failure, after rain control issues
  - Air barrier imperfections—increase risk
  - Air permeable low-density insulations—increase risk (including convective looping)
  - Air impermeable insulations—decrease risk
  - Reduce risk with “skim” of spray foam at sheathing?



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Wall 2 = 12" Cellulose  
Wall 3 = 5-1/2" o.c. SPF



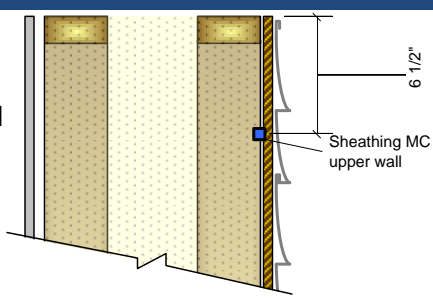
# Wall Construction

- Vinyl siding
- ZIP wall sheathing (OSB)
- Class III vapor control (latex paint)
- IRC R601.3.1—vented cladding over OSB

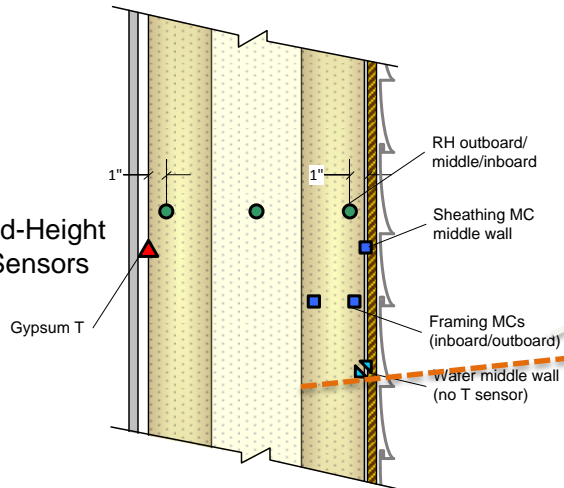


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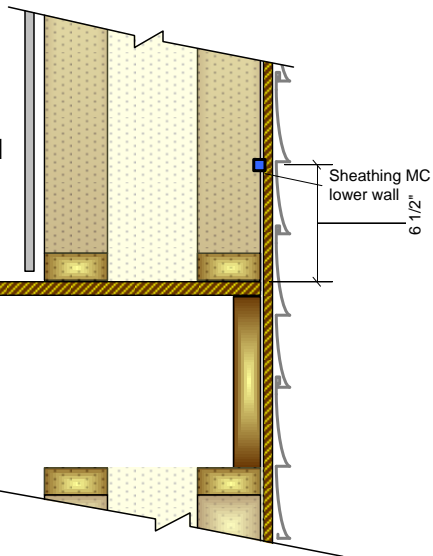
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Mid-Height Sensors



Lower Wall Sensors

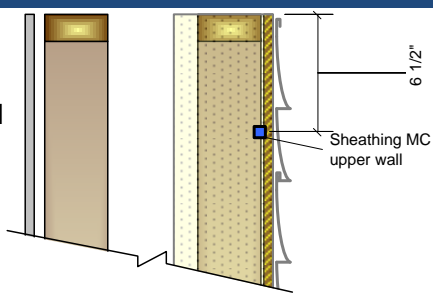


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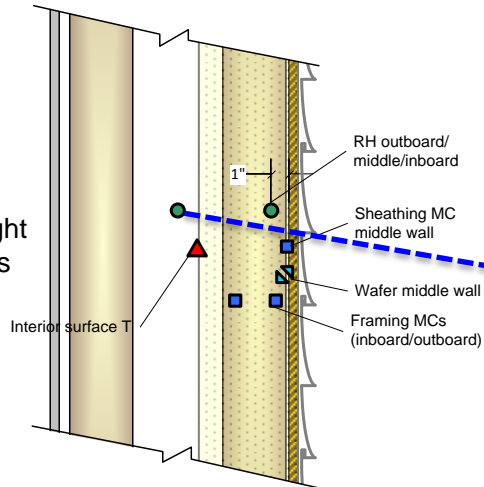
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- Moisture content/temperature
- Moisture content block



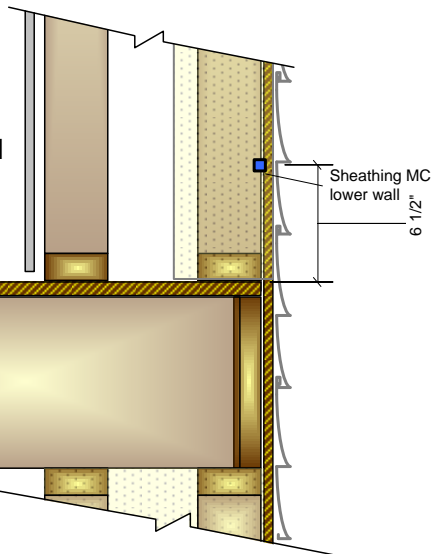
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Mid-Height  
Sensors



Lower Wall  
Sensors



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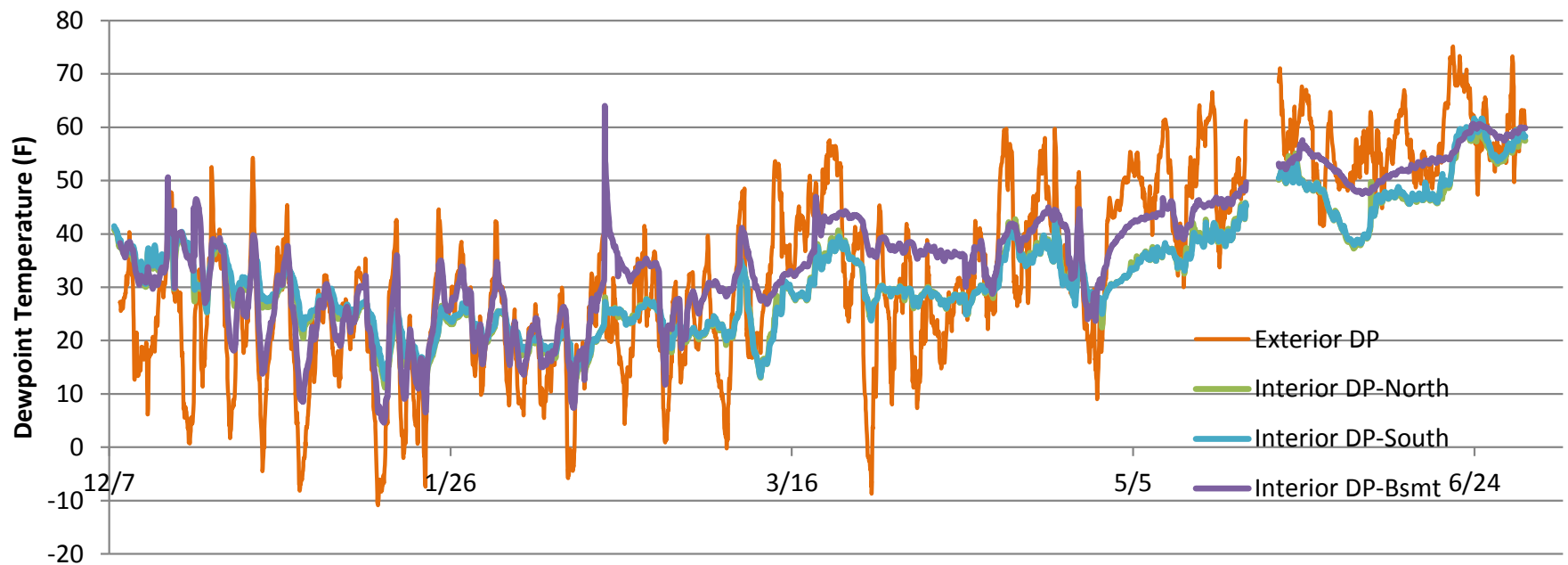
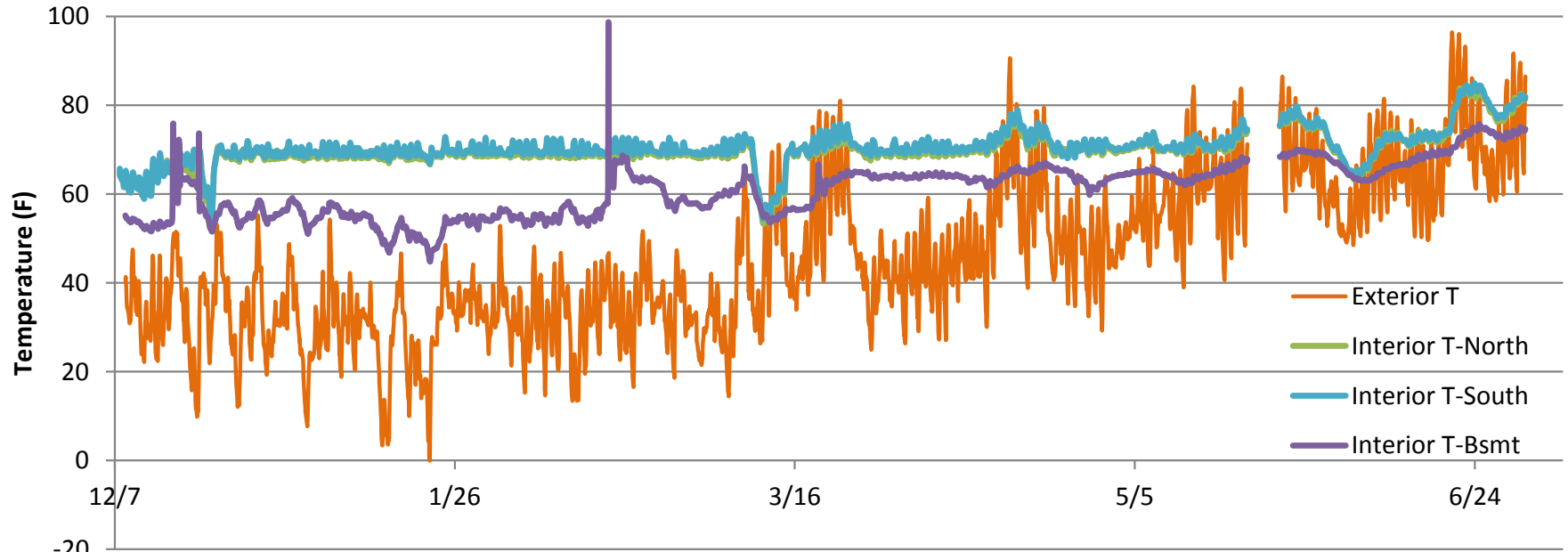
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# Preliminary Results

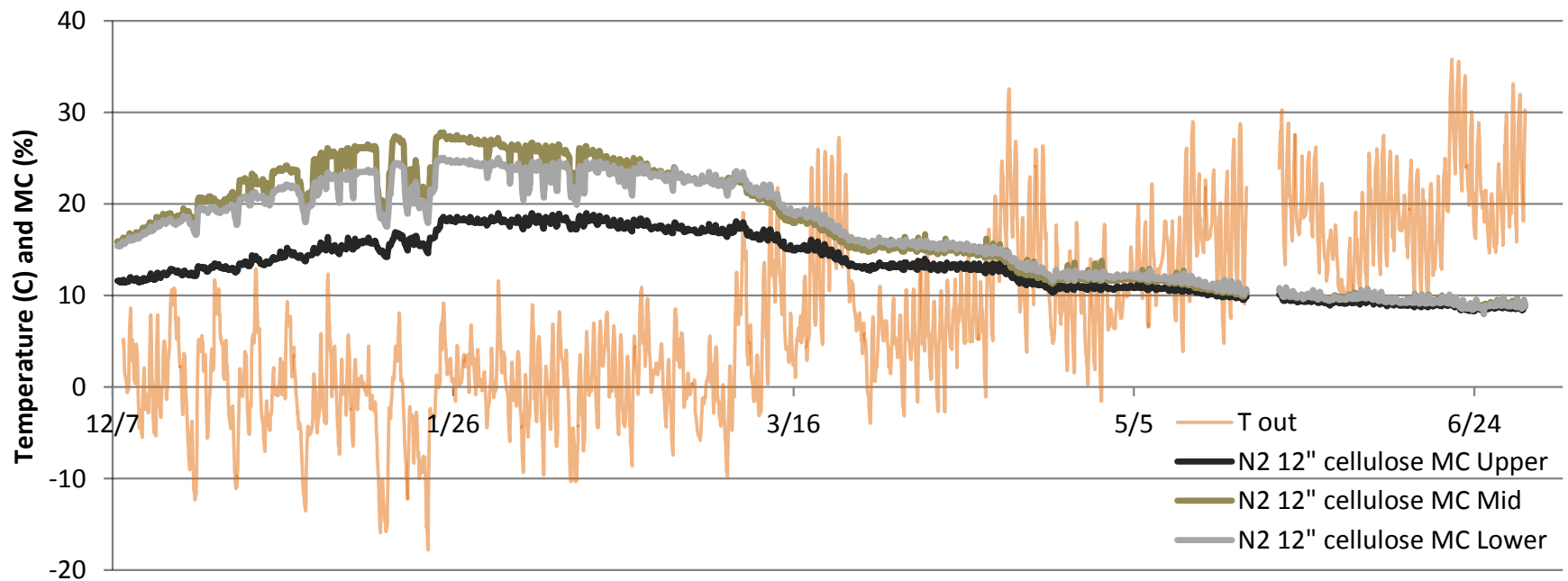
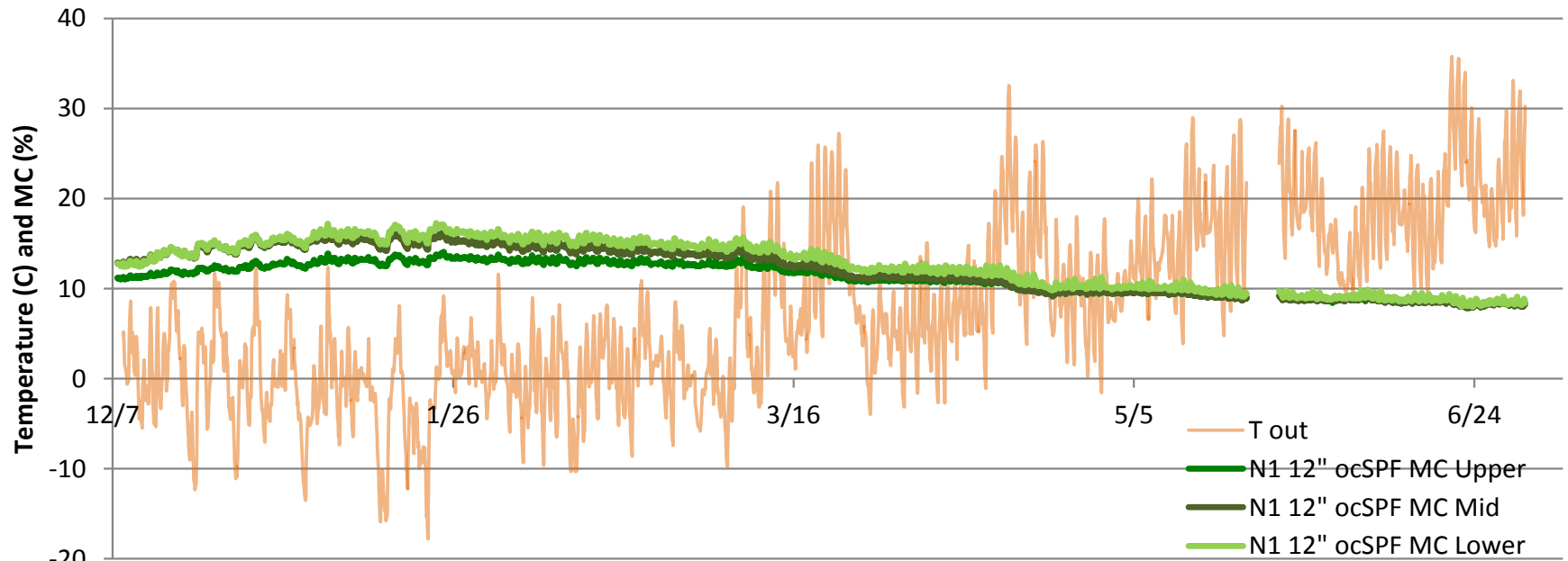
- First 8 months of data  
(December 2011-July 2012)
- Winter data unoccupied conditions
- No occupant moisture generation, but  
construction moisture drying
- Seriously weak-ass winter
- 4400 HDD Base 65 vs. 5600 HDD “normal”



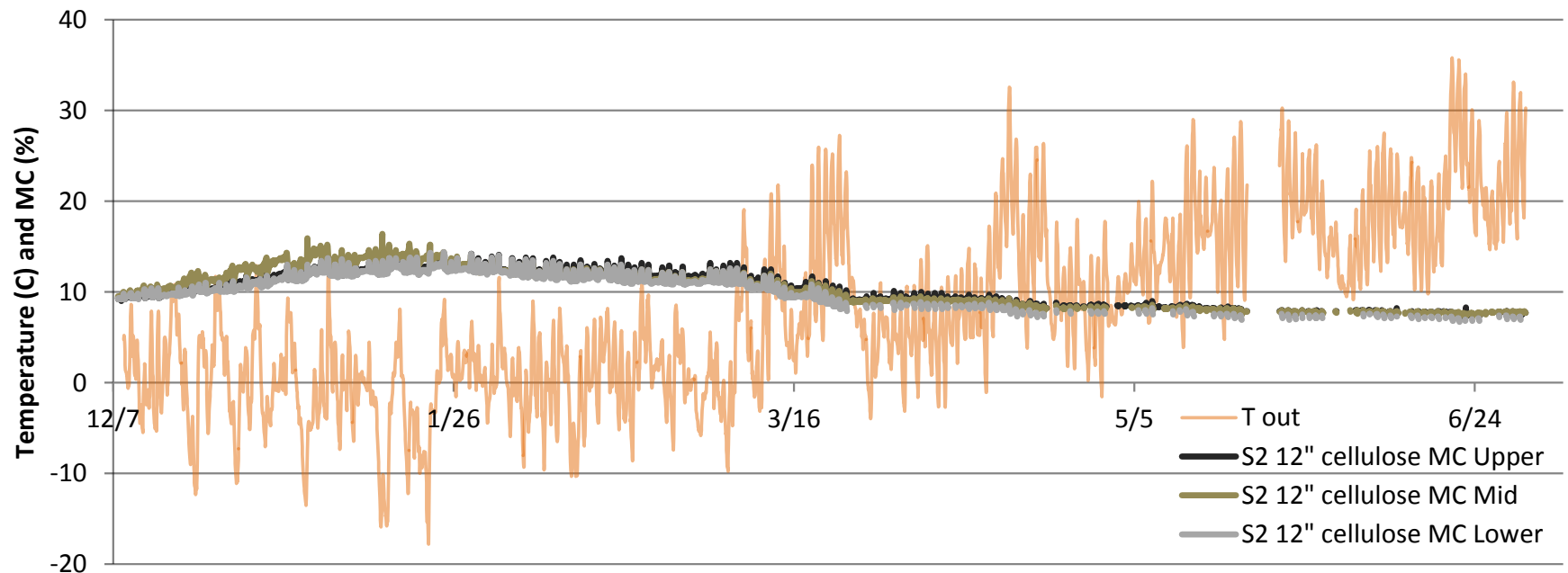
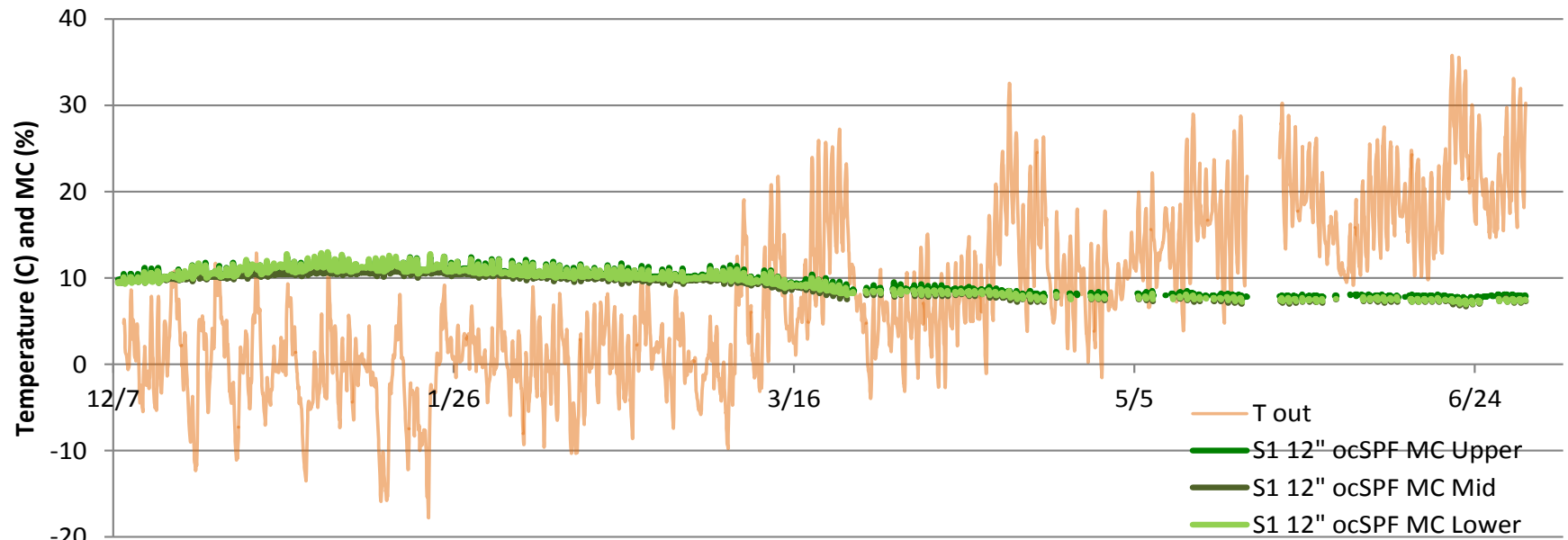
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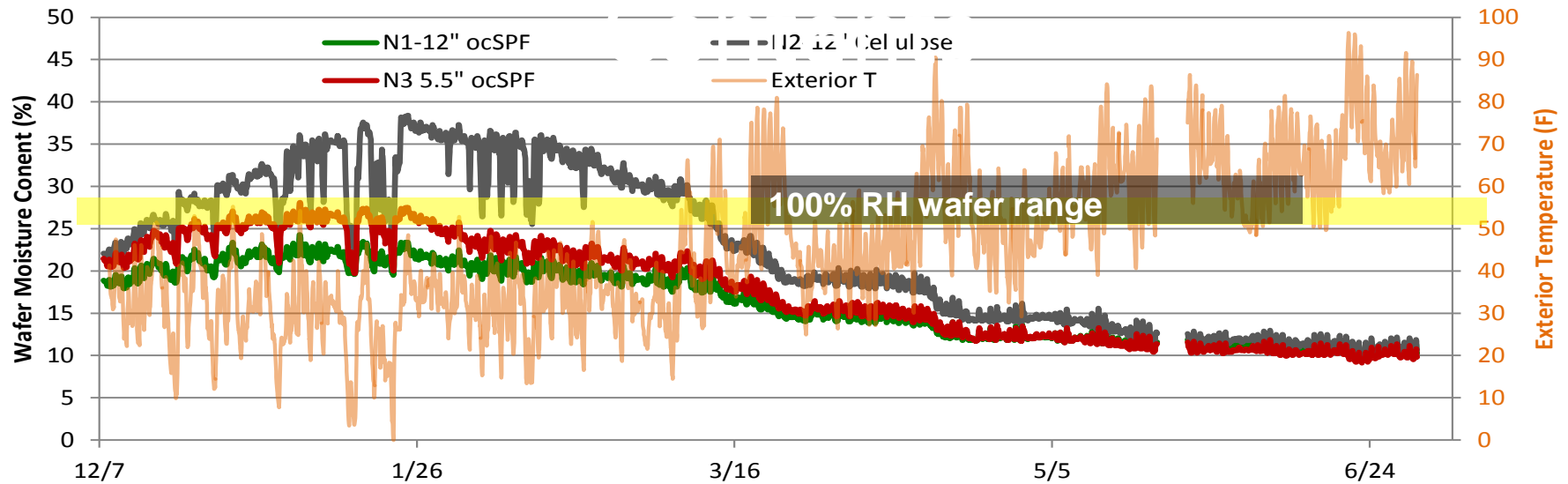
# Sheathing Moisture Content (North)



# Sheathing Moisture Content (South)



# Sheathing “Wafer” Moisture



30% MC wafer  $\approx$  100% RH

40-45% MC wafer  $\rightarrow$  liquid water immersion

Data consistent with condensation at sheathing



On the Planning Board...



# Proposed Northampton, MA Neighborhood

## Greek Revival

Three-Bedroom  
Approx. House S.F. 1,728  
Approx. Patio S.F. 120



Front Elevation



Right Side Elevation



Rear Elevation



Left Side Elevation



First Floor Plan



Second Floor Plan

December 16, 2013

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A Greek Revival  
model with a  
garage in the  
back

This home  
earned a  
preliminary  
HERS  
Index of -25  
based on  
the plans

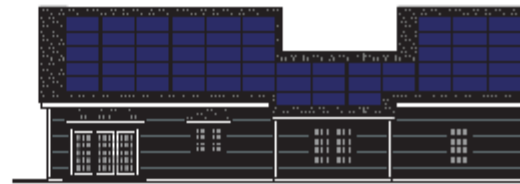
The Needham  
has evolved  
to a new  
Lenox model  
with first floor  
master and a  
rear garage  
for expanded  
PV

## Lenox

Three-Bedroom  
Approx. House S.F. 1,655  
Approx. Porch S.F. 80  
Approx. Patio S.F. 120



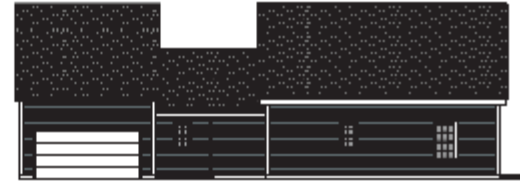
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Right Side Elevation



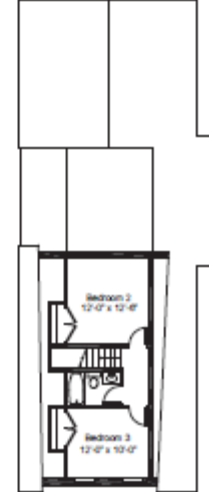
Rear Elevation



Left Side Elevation



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A  
preliminary  
HERS Index  
of -48



# The new 3 Bedroom Saltbox

## Saltbox

Three-Bedroom  
Approx. House S.F. 2,355  
Approx. Patio or Deck S.F. 144



Front Elevation



Right Side Elevation



Rear Elevation



Left Side Elevation



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Second Floor Plan

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Fits 26.52 kW

This is the largest residential PV system we have designed to date

A preliminary HERS of -66



Rendering looking towards the duplex homes  
and the solar carport

# Carbon Reduction Building Sector

- With a Zero Energy Home, we can reduce our share of the 42% (+/-) of the carbon that is associated in the United States with the building sector.

# Carbon Reduction Transportation Sector

With HERS homes coming in at -21 to -37 range we can start to go after the 33% of the carbon that is associated in the United States with the transportation sector.



# PV Powered Automobile



Charging stations on the Street

## Some electric vehicles

Chevrolet



Nissan



Mitsubishi



Ford



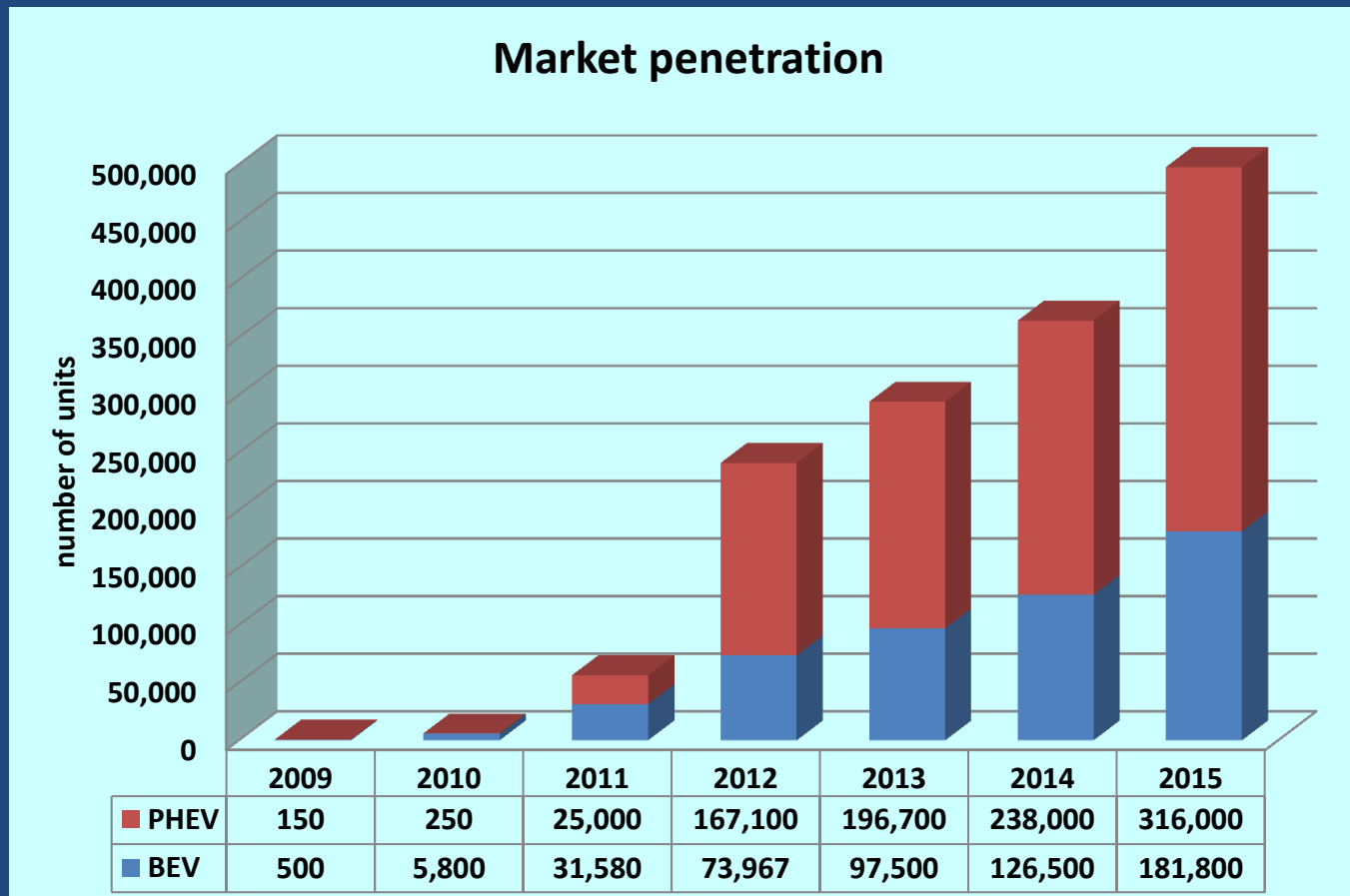
Smart



Tesla



# Plug-In Vehicles Enter Markets in Late 2010 - What is the Near-Term Achievable Market Penetration?



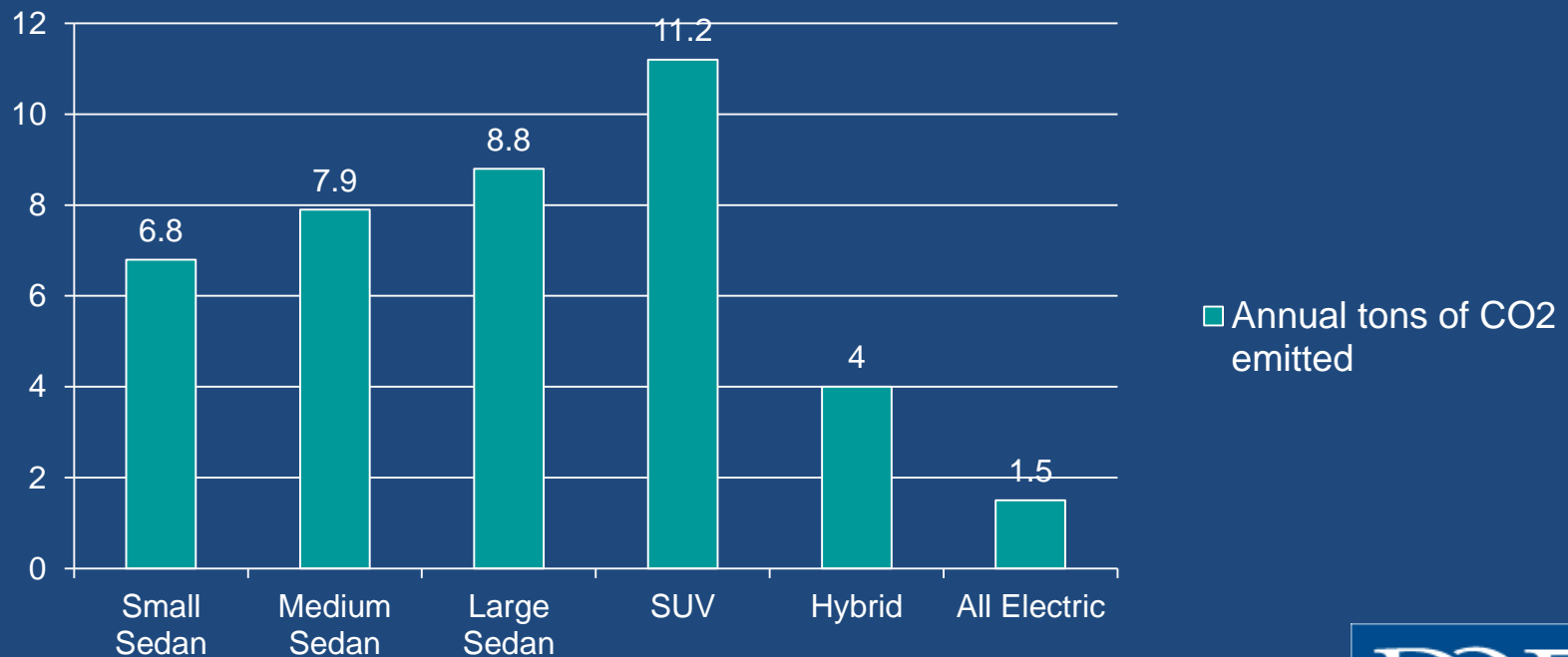
- Market penetration grows as vehicle production numbers increase, new models are introduced, and economies of scale drive down prices. (source: Southern California Edison) & Obama goal of 1 million Ev's by 2020



Massachusetts Department  
of Energy Resources

# Electric vehicles and the environment

**Annual tons of CO2 emitted**  
Based on ISO New England generation profile





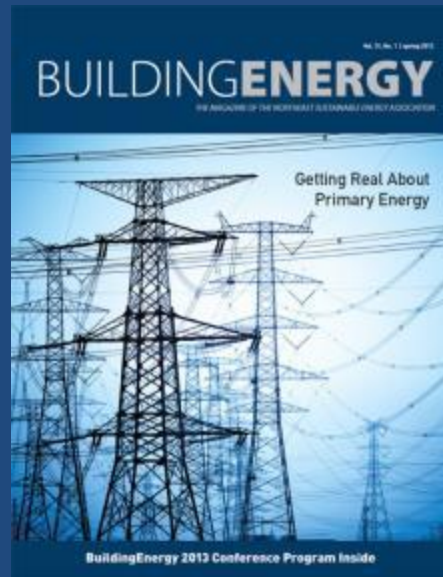
## Resources...

- The DSIRE website has lists of utility sponsored financial incentive programs, Mass CEC rebates, and all state and federal energy efficiency tax credits:  
<http://dsire.org/>
- The Transformations, Inc. website:  
[www.transformations-inc.com](http://www.transformations-inc.com)

# Available on the website...



Solar Today and BuildingEnergy magazine article, Energy Positive Homes in Devens, MA March 2013



BuildingEnergy magazine article, Zero Energy and Beyond in Devens, MA Spring 2013



Building Science Corporation Technical Report to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), December 2012

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# Alaska Presentation

# Pathways to Zero Energy

## Questions?

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