

Thermal Bridging

EIFS has you covered

Introduction

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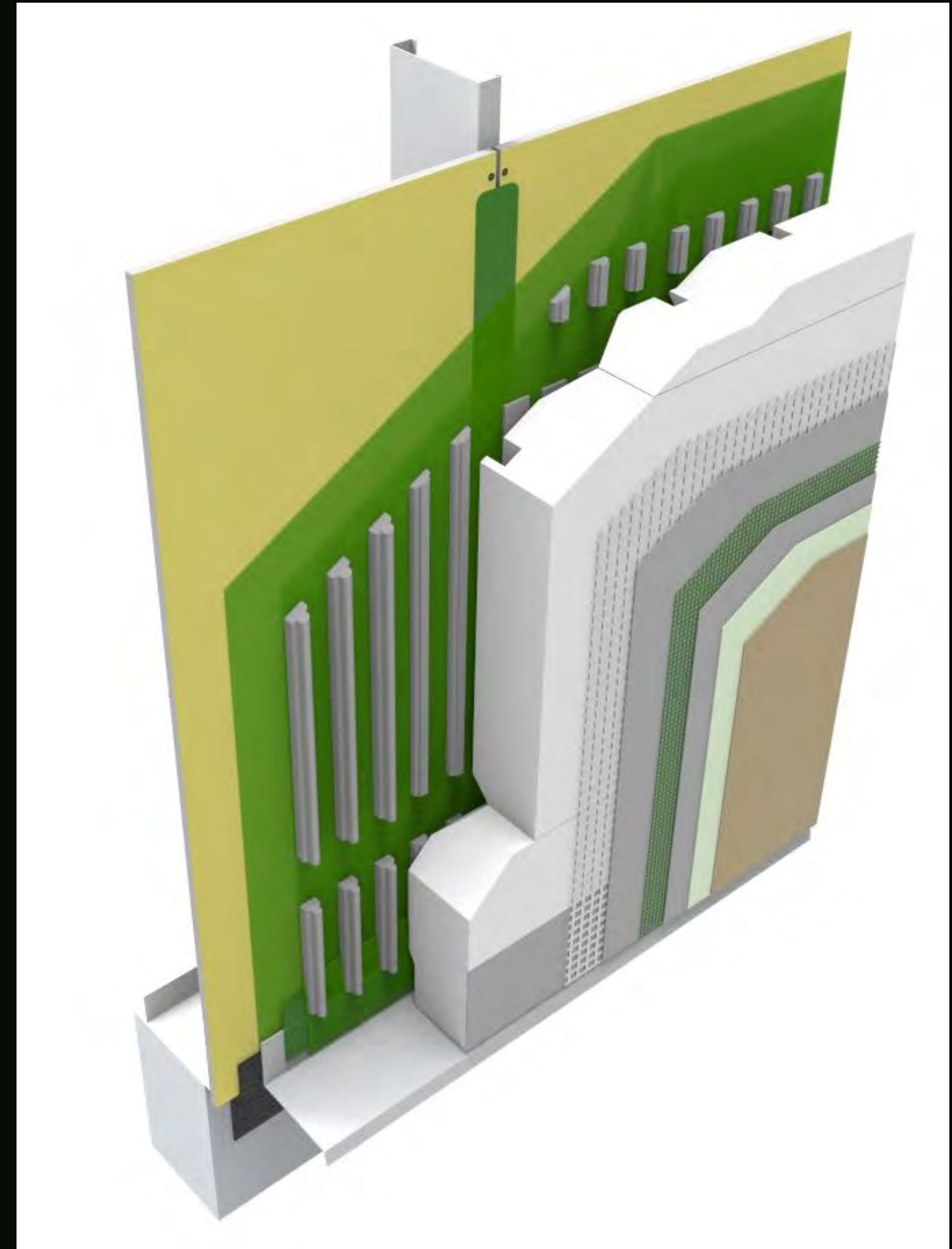


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Where we're going

- EIFS is a method of construction
- Climate
- Codes
- Effective insulation
- Thermal bridging
- Detailing
- Durability and resilience



EIFS

Not just Ontario Beige

- Move away from textured finish

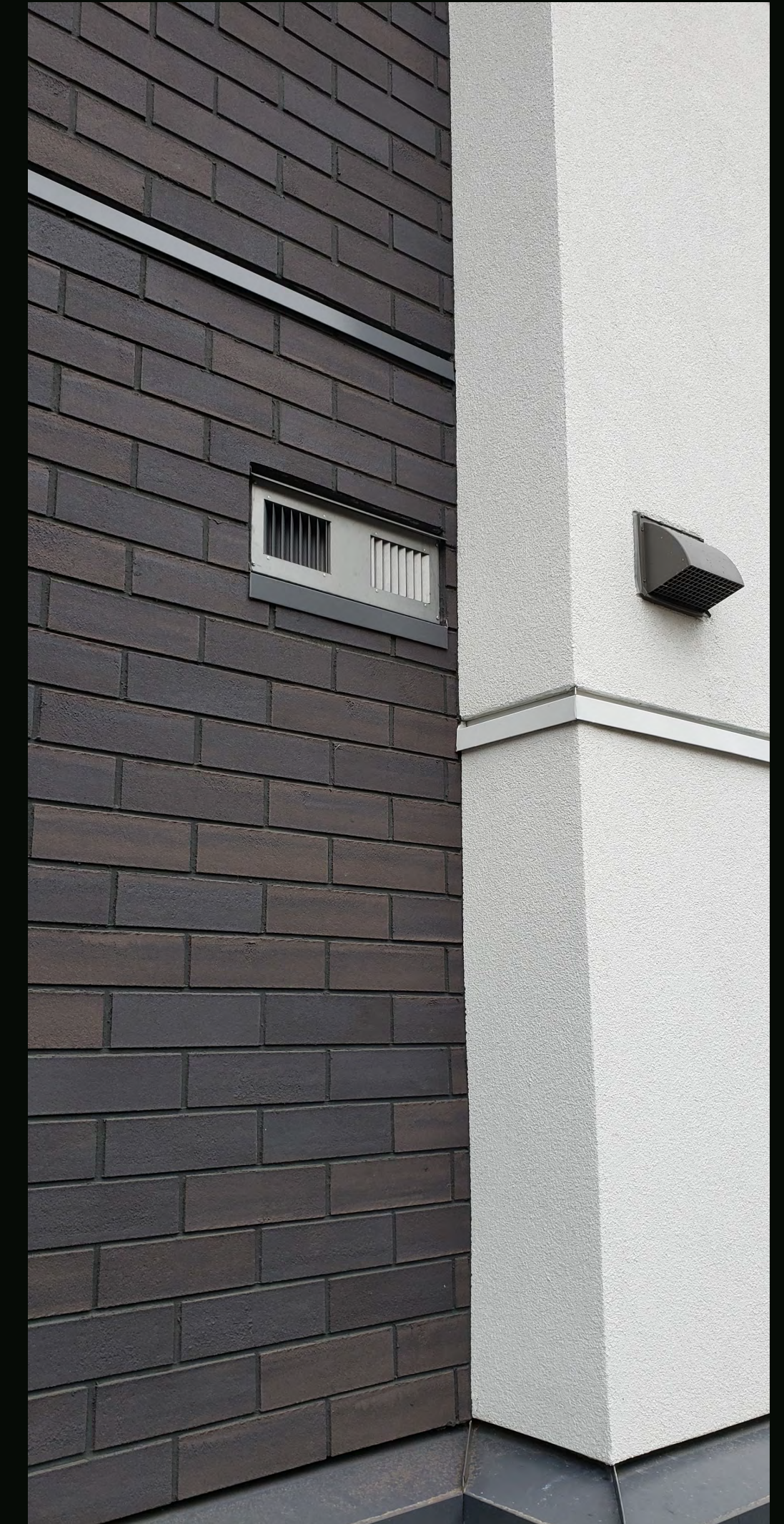


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Climate Developing Crisis

- Atmosphere is warming
- How much you ask ?
- 8×10^{21} Joules per year ...
- 4 Hiroshima sized bombs / second



www.skepticalscience.com/4-Hiroshima-bombs-worth-of-heat-per-second.html

Developing Crisis Weather

- More extreme weather events
- Insurance is the canary in the coal mine
- Insurance losses have doubled every 5 to 10 years since 1980
- Limited coverage for flood
- Financial risk assessment



Trade-offs in construction

Condo Refugees

Power outage

- Glass condos intolerably cold after 48 hours

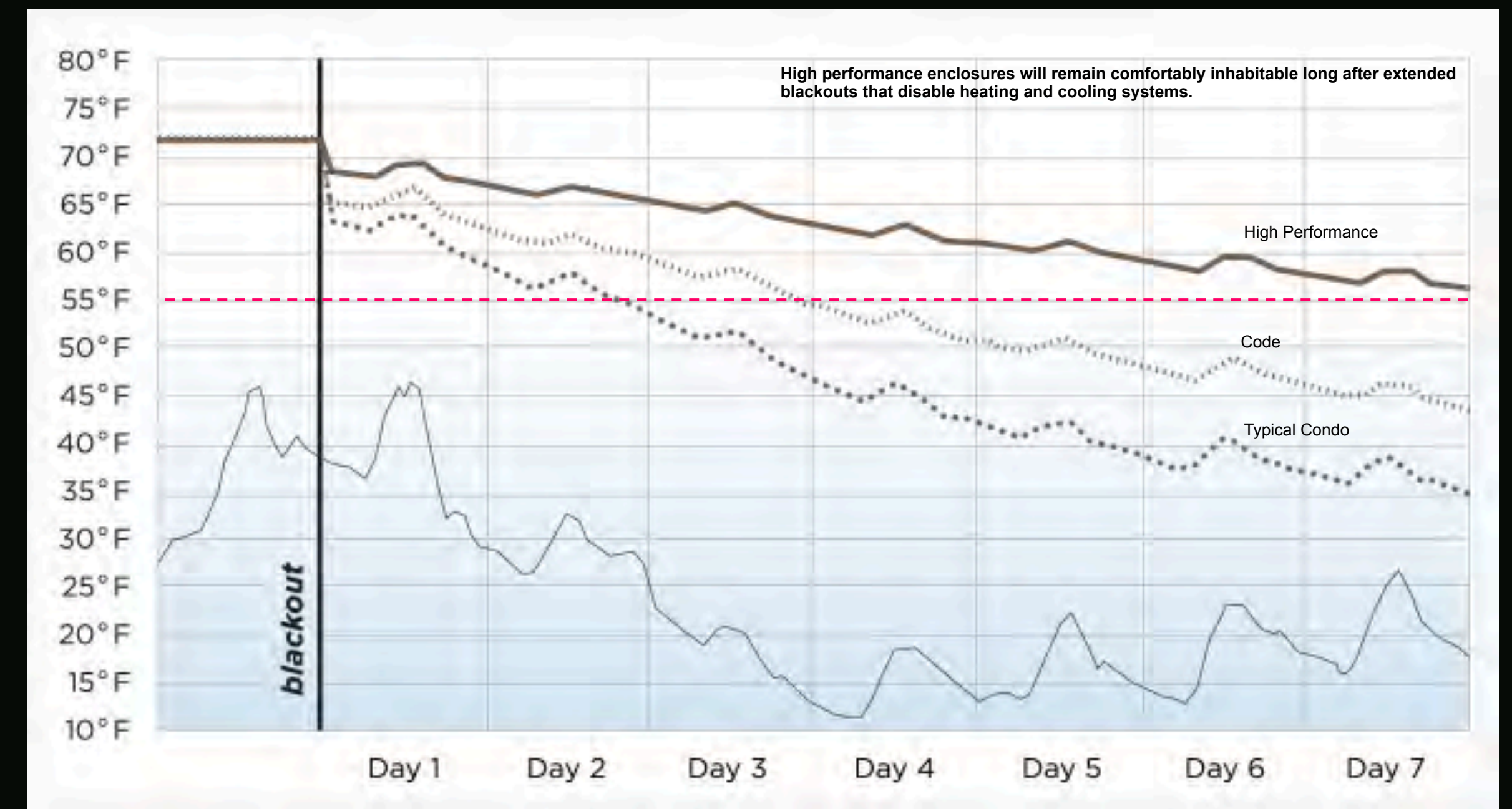


Toronto's window wall landscape

Condo Refugees

Power outage

- Glass condos intolerably cold after 48 hours
- High performance claddings provide a good measure of comfort for many days
- EIFS with 40% windows openings



Graph, Dr. Ted Kesik, U of T

Code

“Code is the worst you can build without going to jail”

National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2017

Climate Strategy

- Objectives

“An objective of this code is to limit the probability that, as a result of the design or construction of the *building*, resources will be used in a manner that will have an unacceptable effect on the environment. The risks of unacceptable effect on the environment due to use of resources addressed in this Code are those caused by excessive use of energy.”

NECB 2017 Sentence 2.2.1.1.(1)

National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2017

Climate Strategy

“...unacceptable effect on the environment ...caused by excessive use of energy...”

Thermal Bridging

National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2017

3.1.1.5.(5)(a)(ii)

“The thermal characteristics of *building* assemblies other than *fenestration* and doors shall be determined from ISO 14683, ‘Thermal bridges in building construction – Linear thermal transmittance – Simplified methods and default values’”.

This ISO standard was used to develop the models in the Building Envelope Thermal Bridging Guide.

Code Development

Possible objectives ...

- No trade-offs against HVAC, lighting and plug loads
- Get the envelope right, then deal with the mechanical systems
- Reduce fenestration to 30 to 40%

Thermal Transmittance

Thermal Bridging

Thermal Bridging Fasteners

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Fasteners

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Thermal Bridging

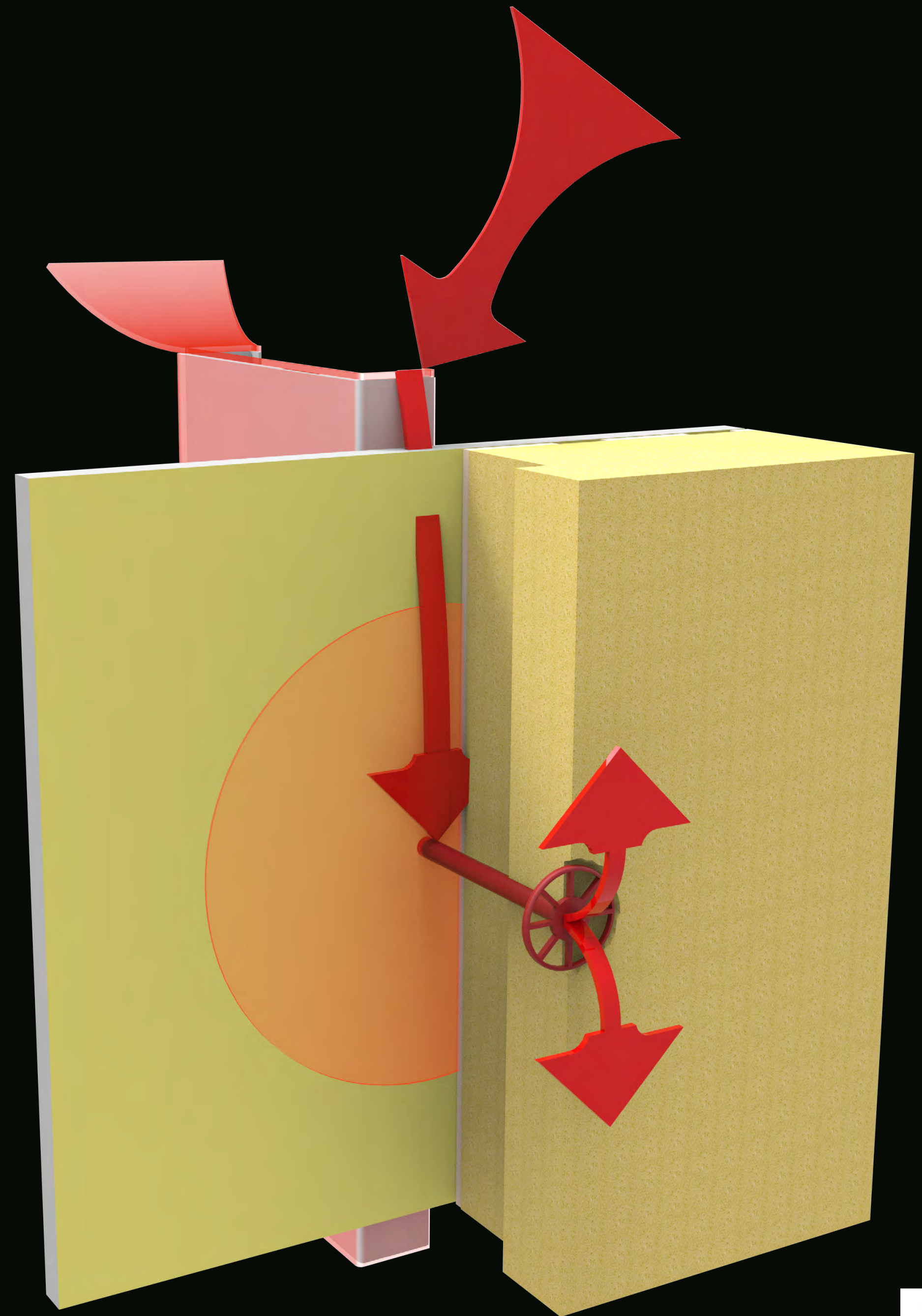
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- Ratio of fastener diameter to wall area is very small
- Thermal bridge insignificant ...
- More significant than we thought
- Why is the wall spotted ?



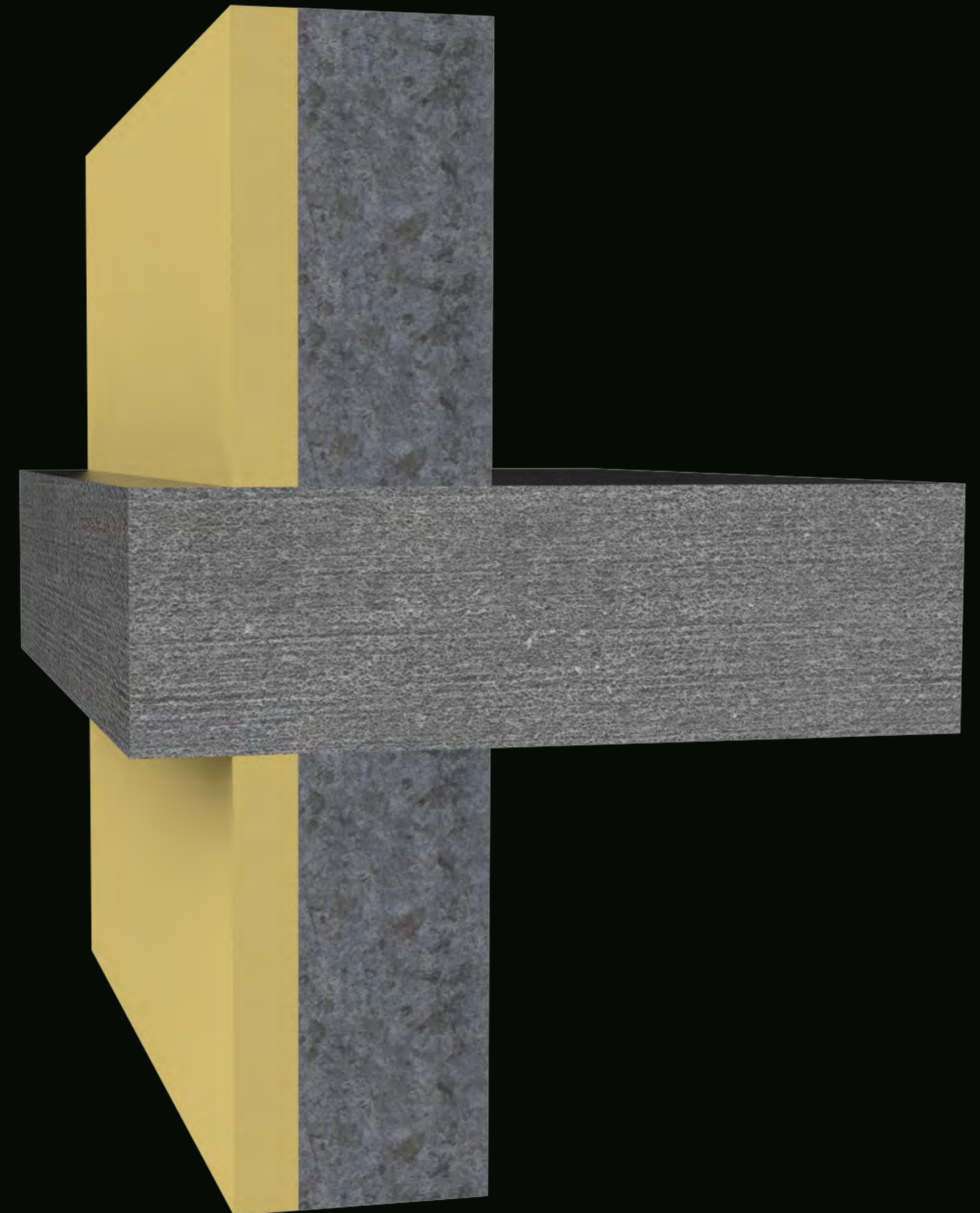
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- Thermal transfer from stud and sheathing
- Screws on interior are colder



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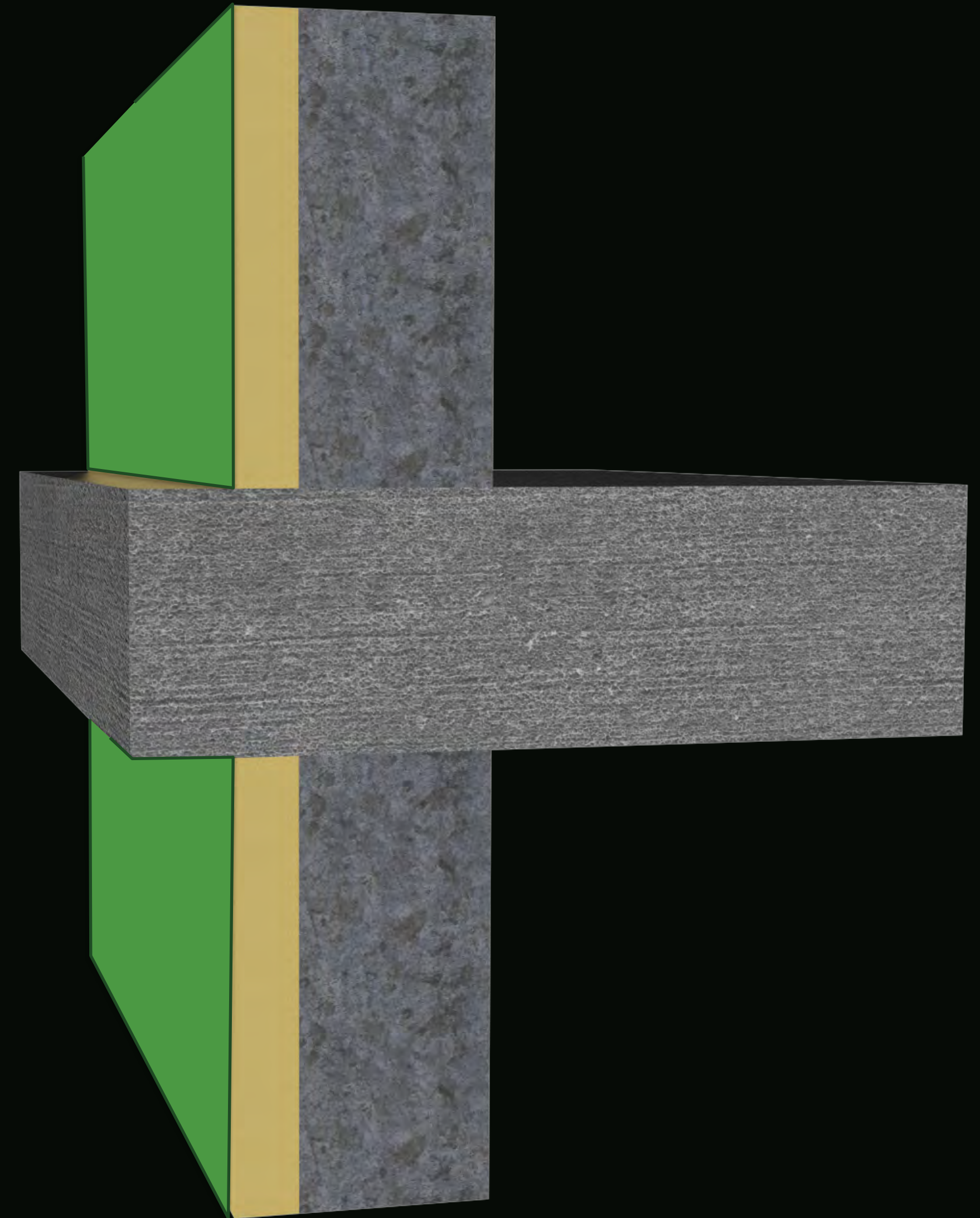
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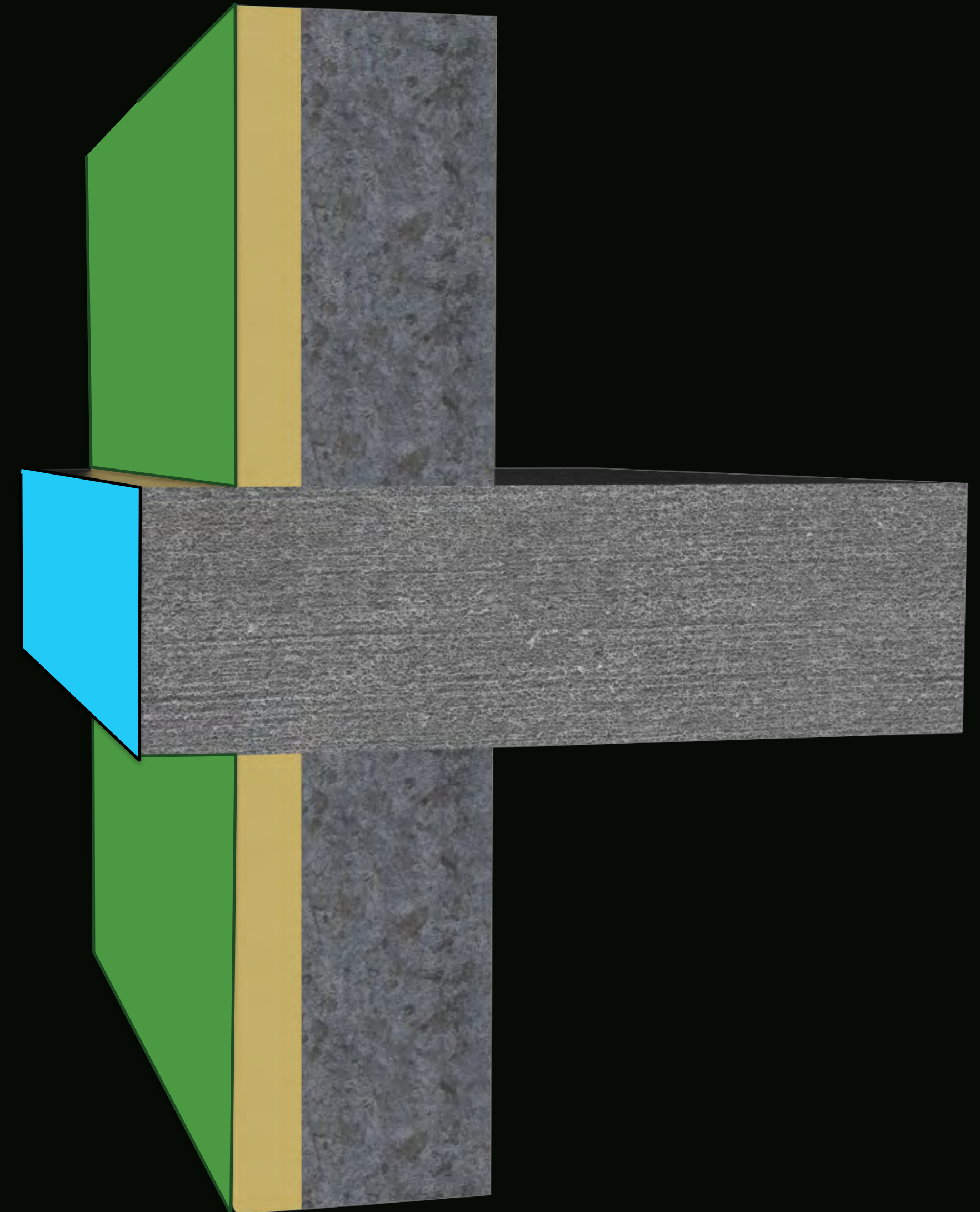
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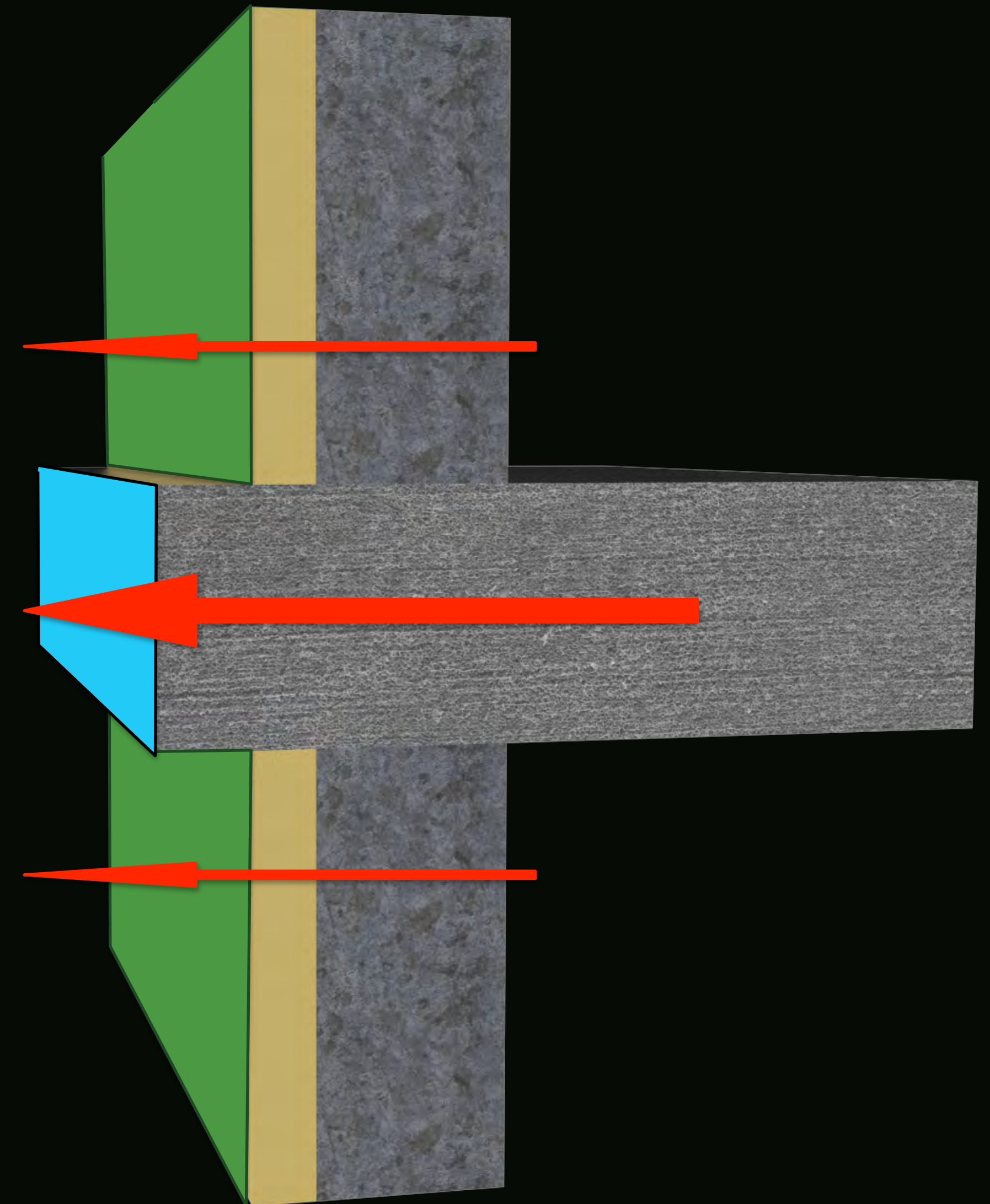
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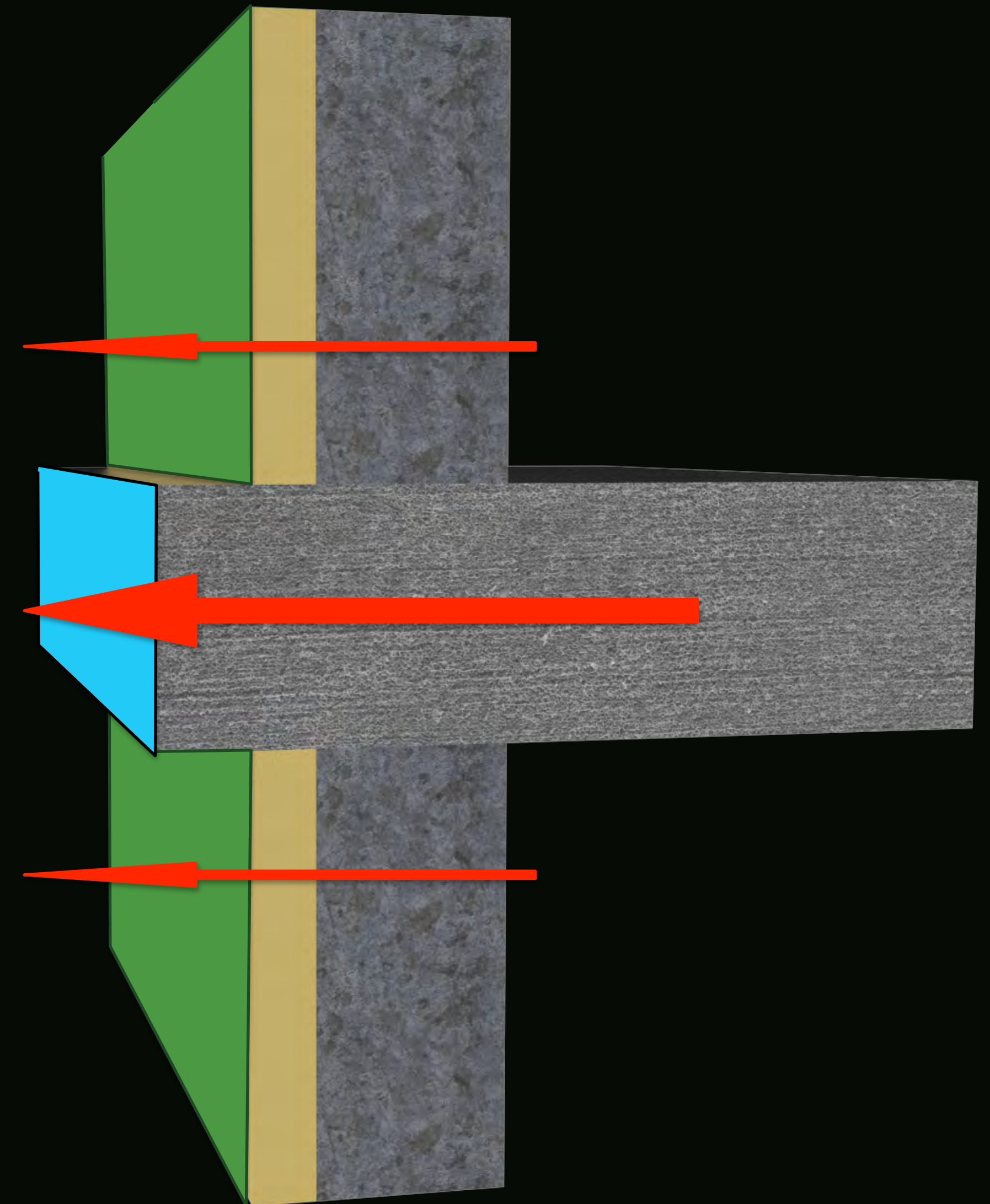
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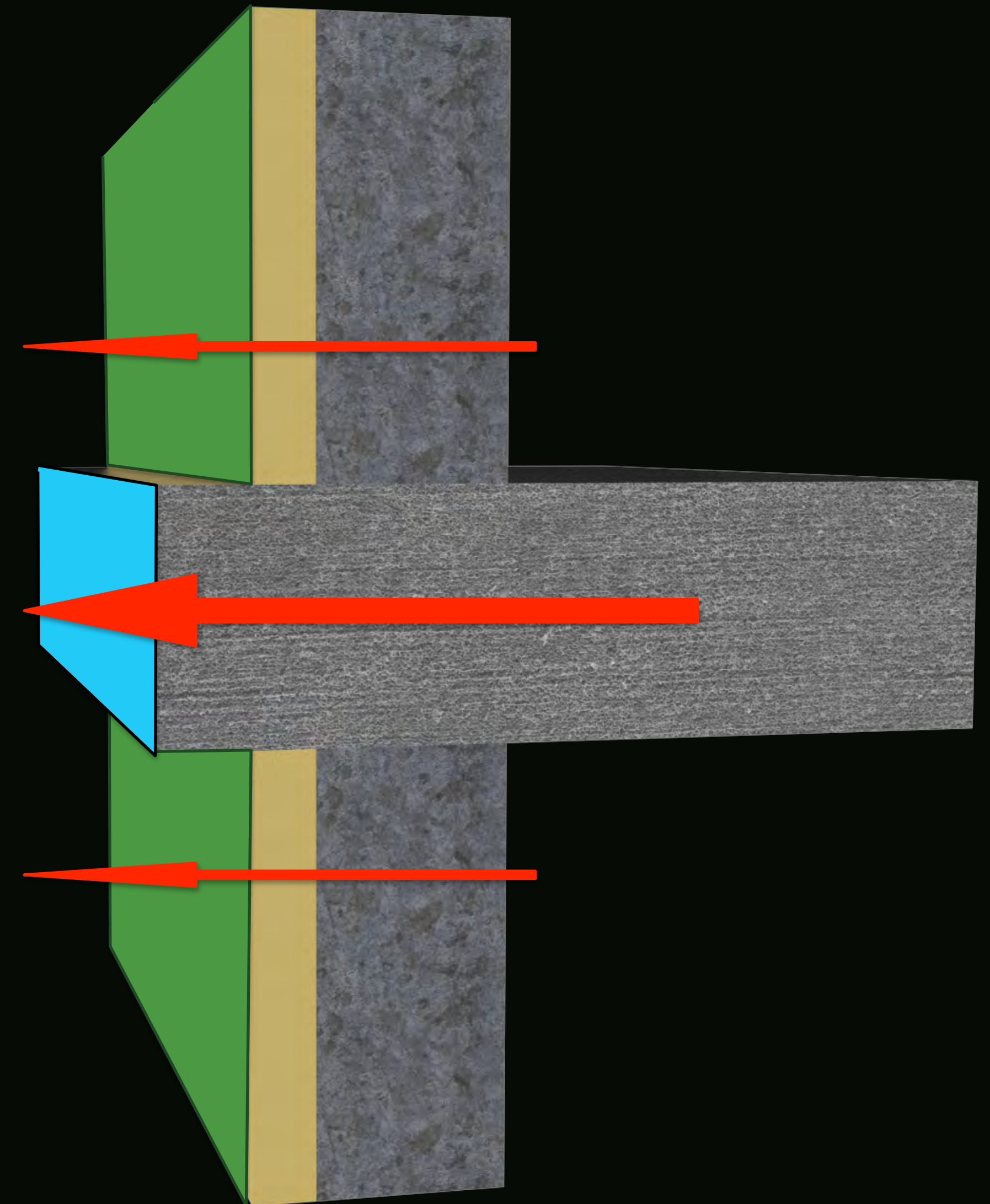
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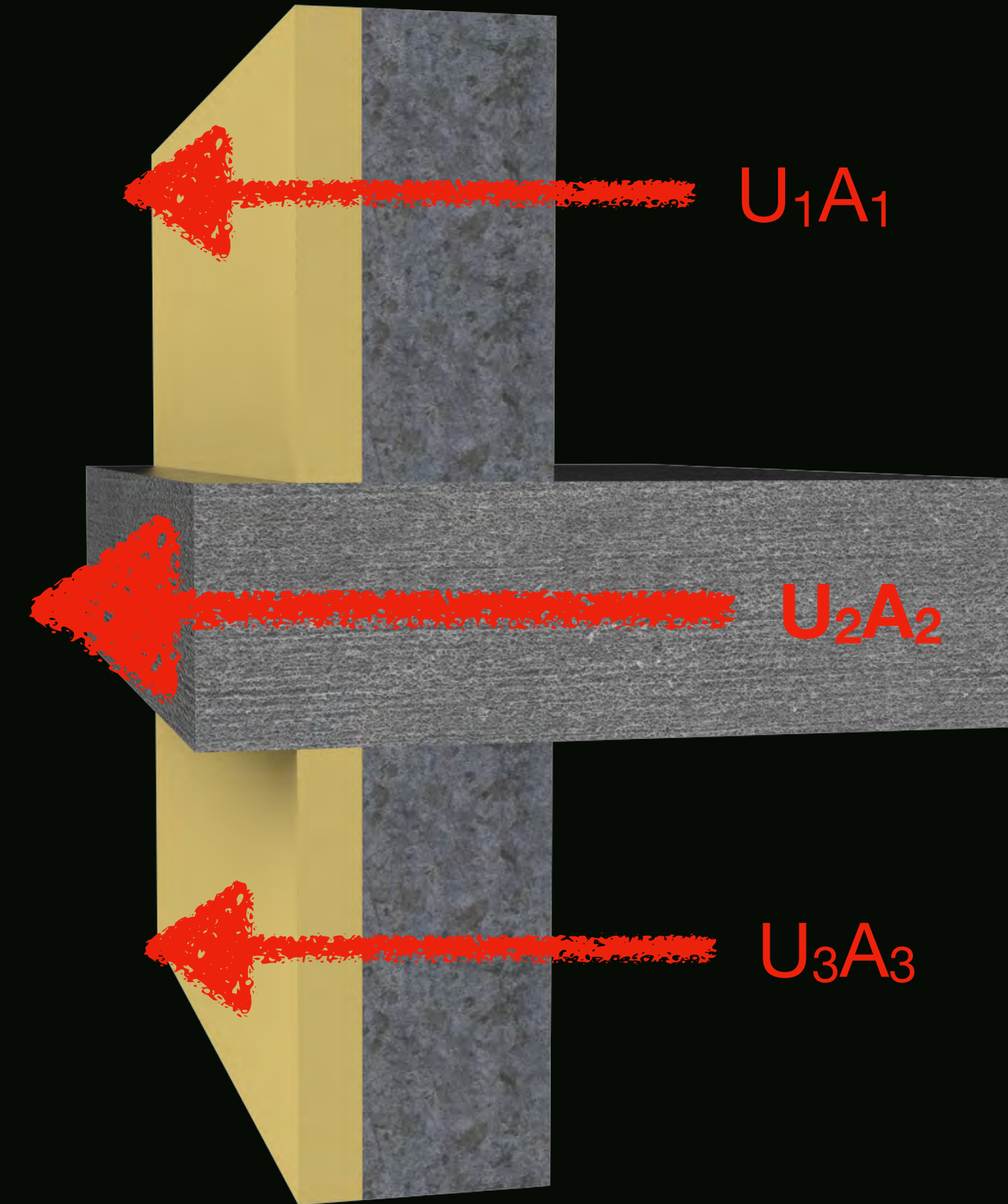
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- Assume heat flow is parallel
- Ratio of slab edge to wall is small
- Is the energy loss acceptable ?



Calculate U_{total}

Parallel flow method

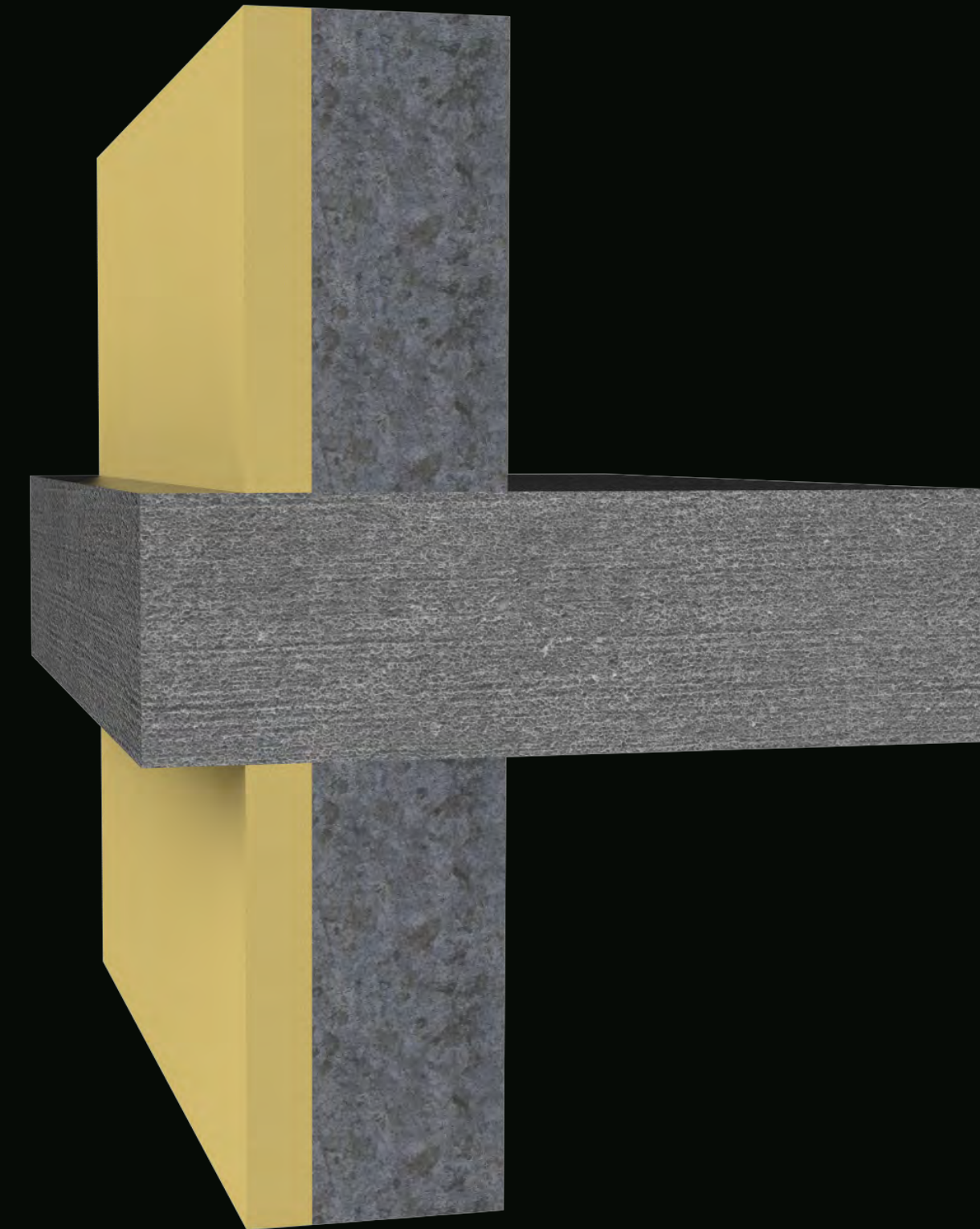
- Area above slab
- Slab area
- Area below slab
- U value of material
- Temperature difference
- Presto - formula for U_{total}



$$U_{\text{Total}} = \frac{(U_1A_1 + U_2A_2 + U_3A_3 \dots)}{(A_1 + A_2 + A_3 \dots)} \cdot \Delta T$$

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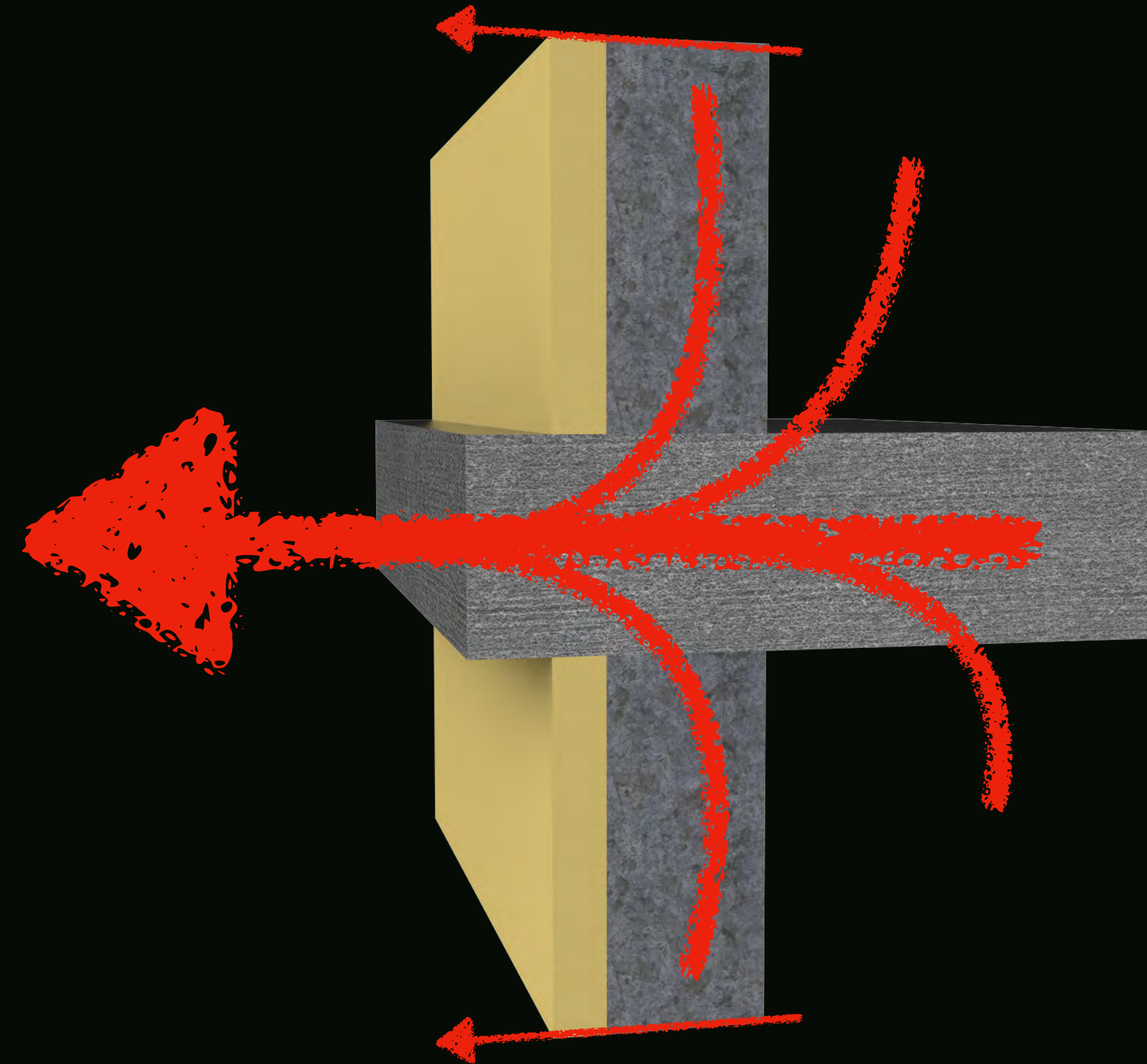
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Calculate U_{Total}

Reality is complicated

- Heat flows in all directions from hot to cold
- Parts of the insulation above and below the slab have minimal insulating value
- It's complicated ...
... or is it ?

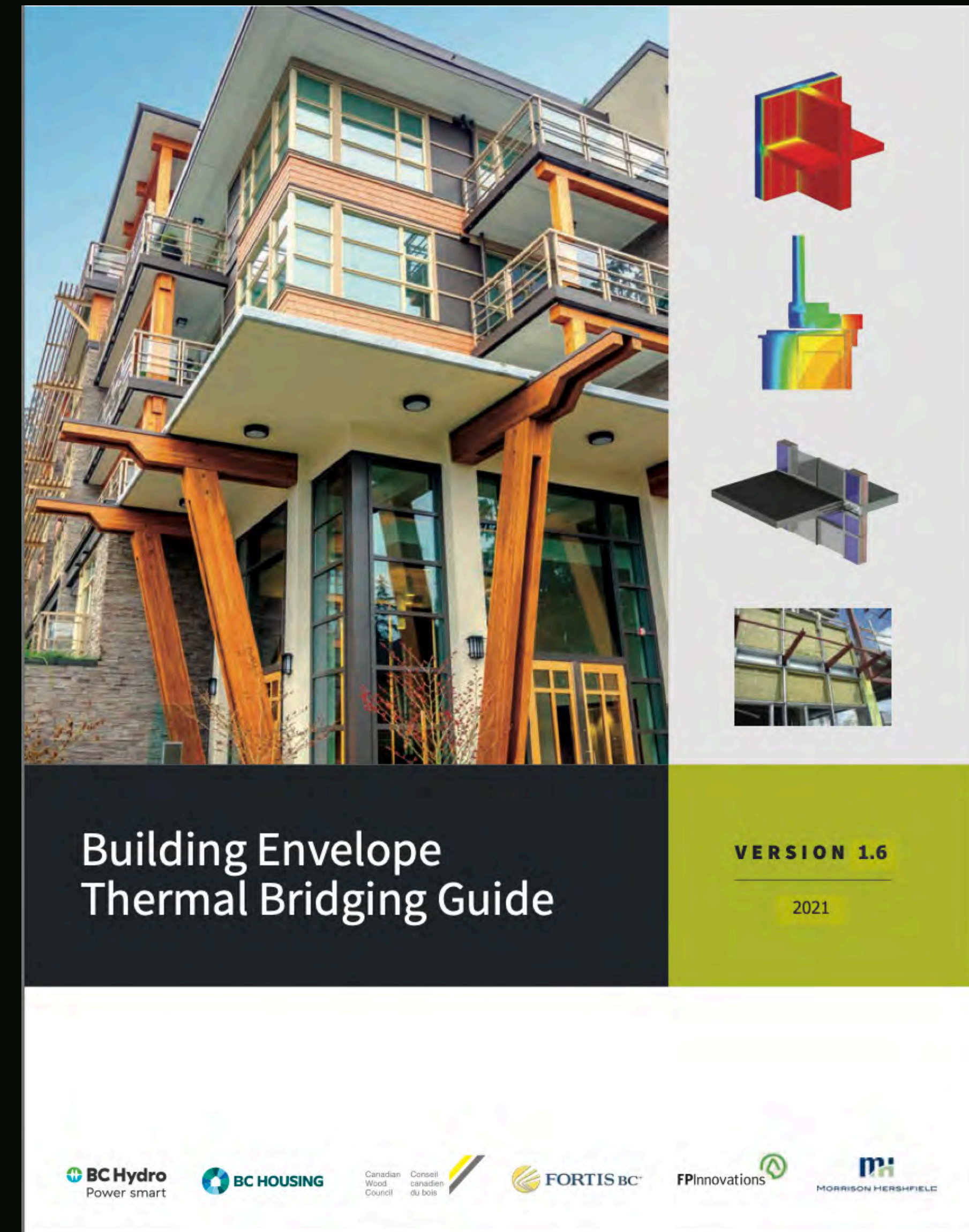


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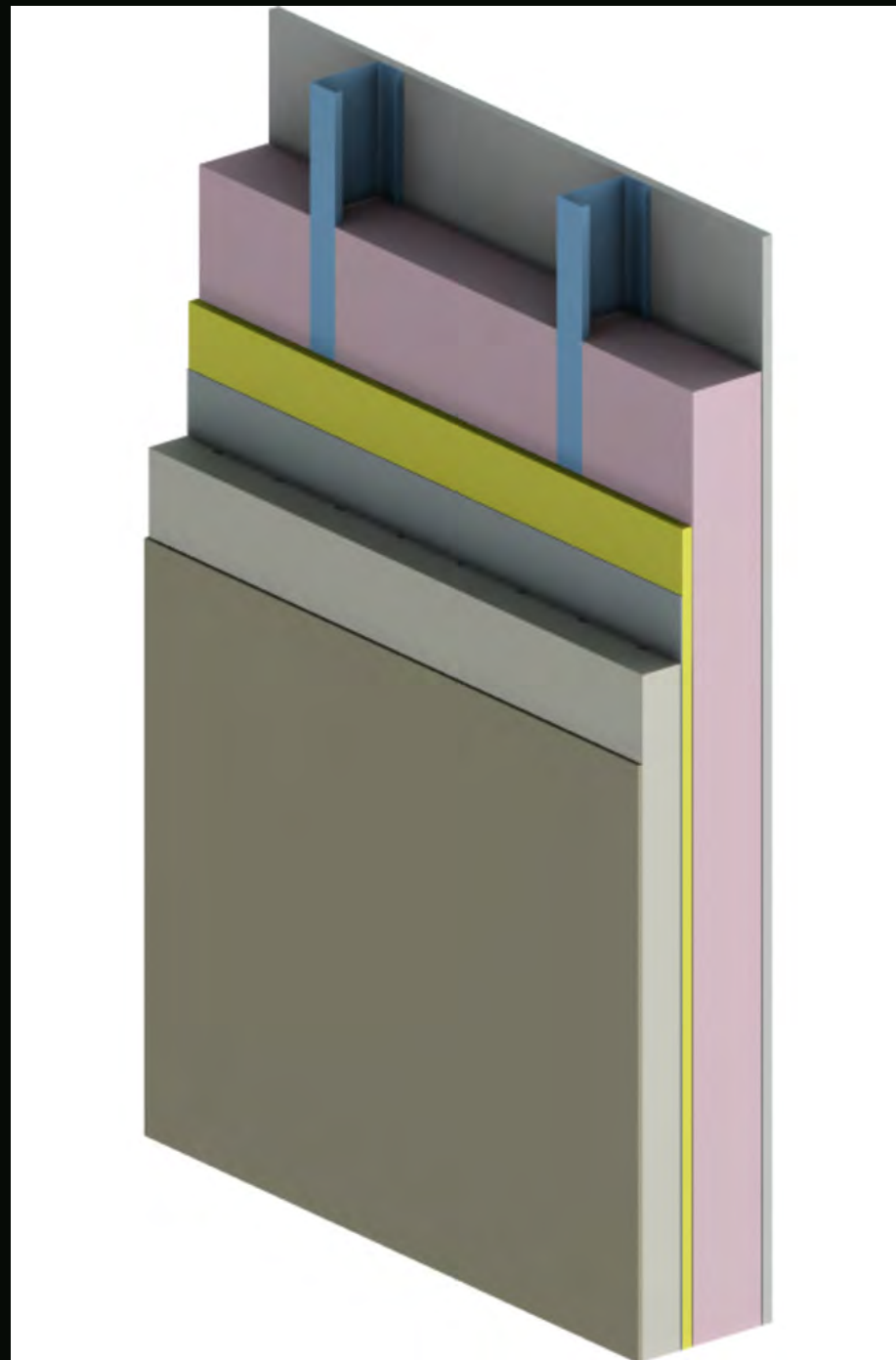
Guide

Prepared by Morrison Hershfield

- Download this guide
- Foundational information for using the Thermal Bridging Guide
- Calculation methods based on ISO 14683:2017 – Thermal bridges in building construction
- Hard work already done !

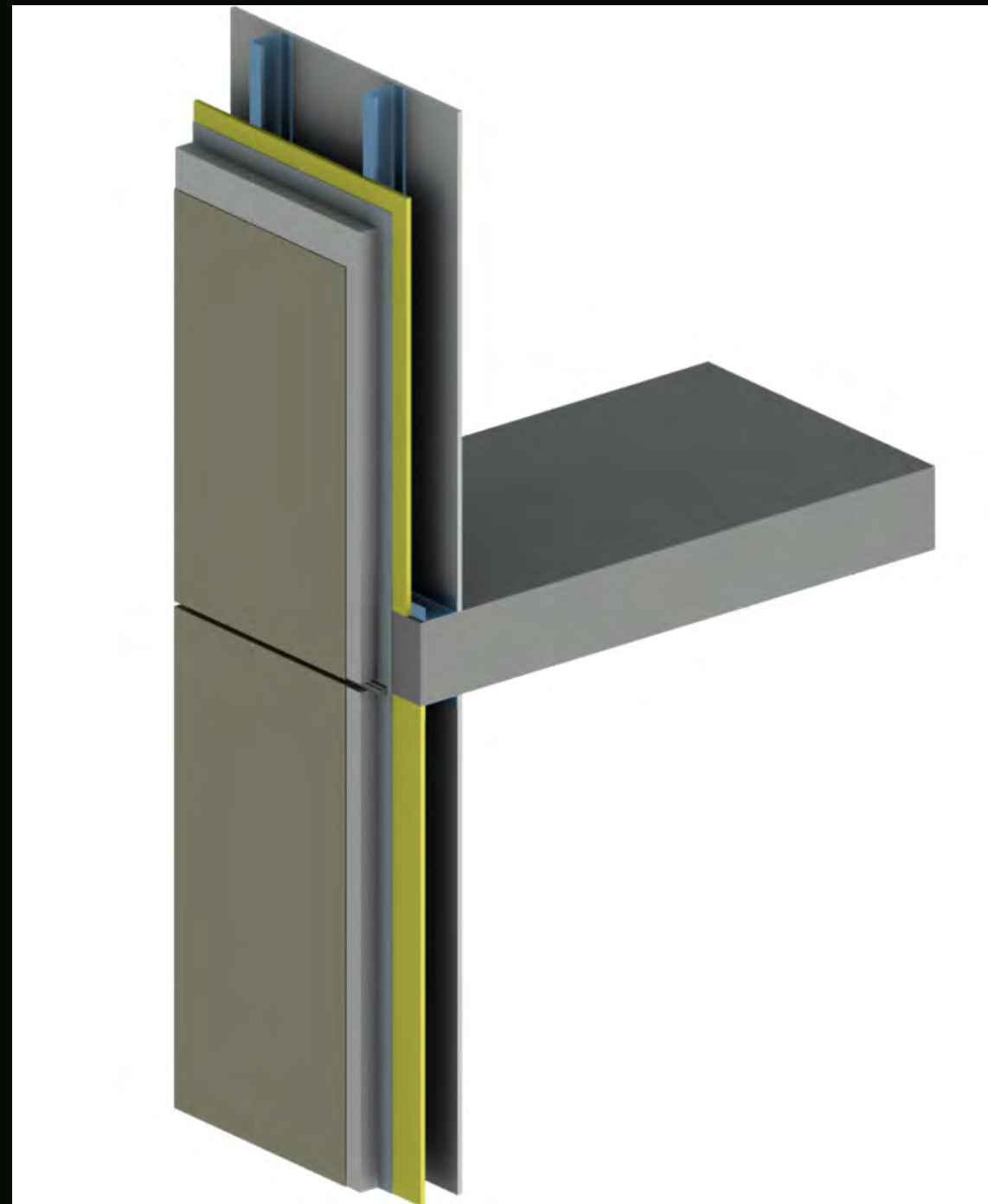


Types of Transmittances



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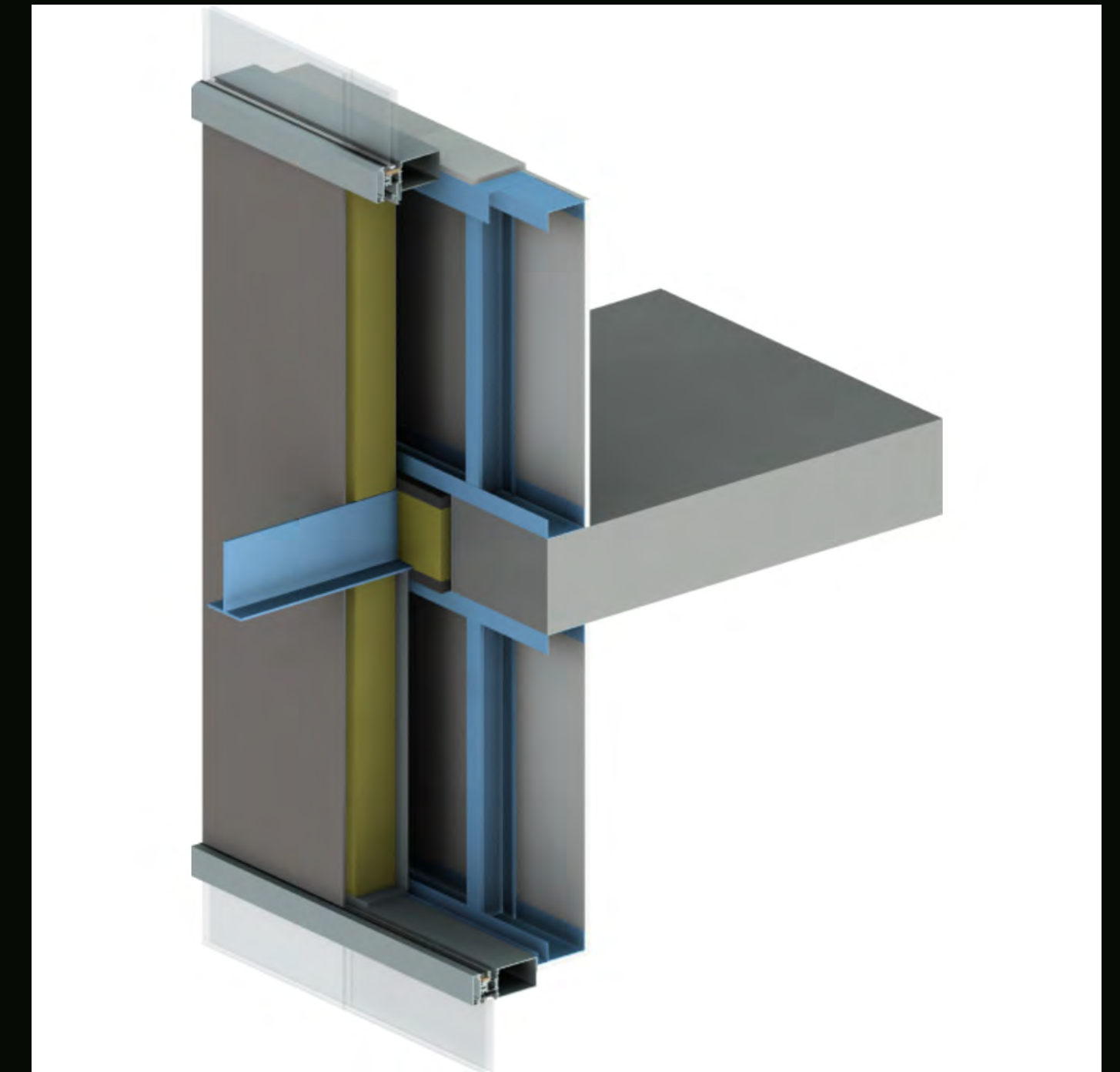
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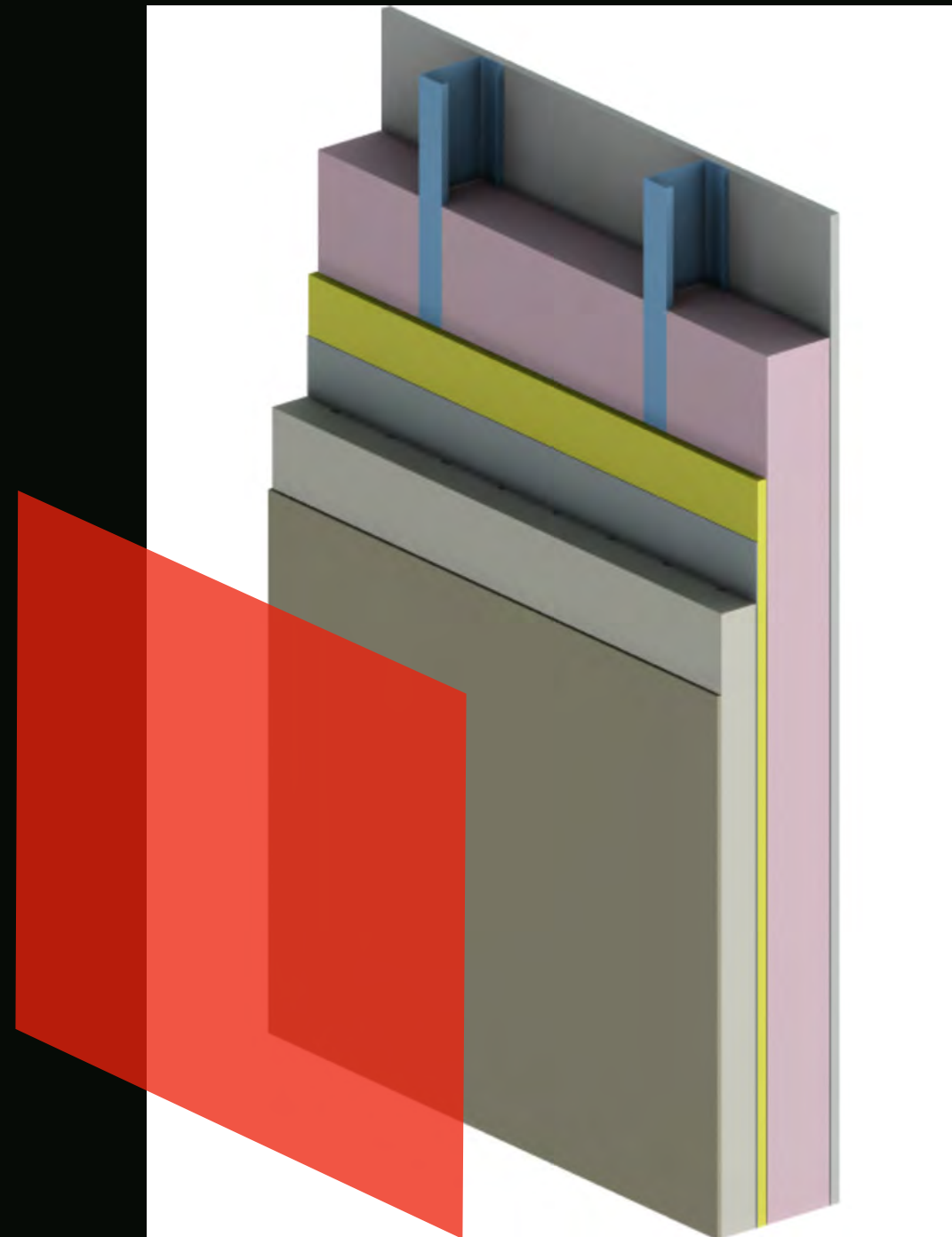


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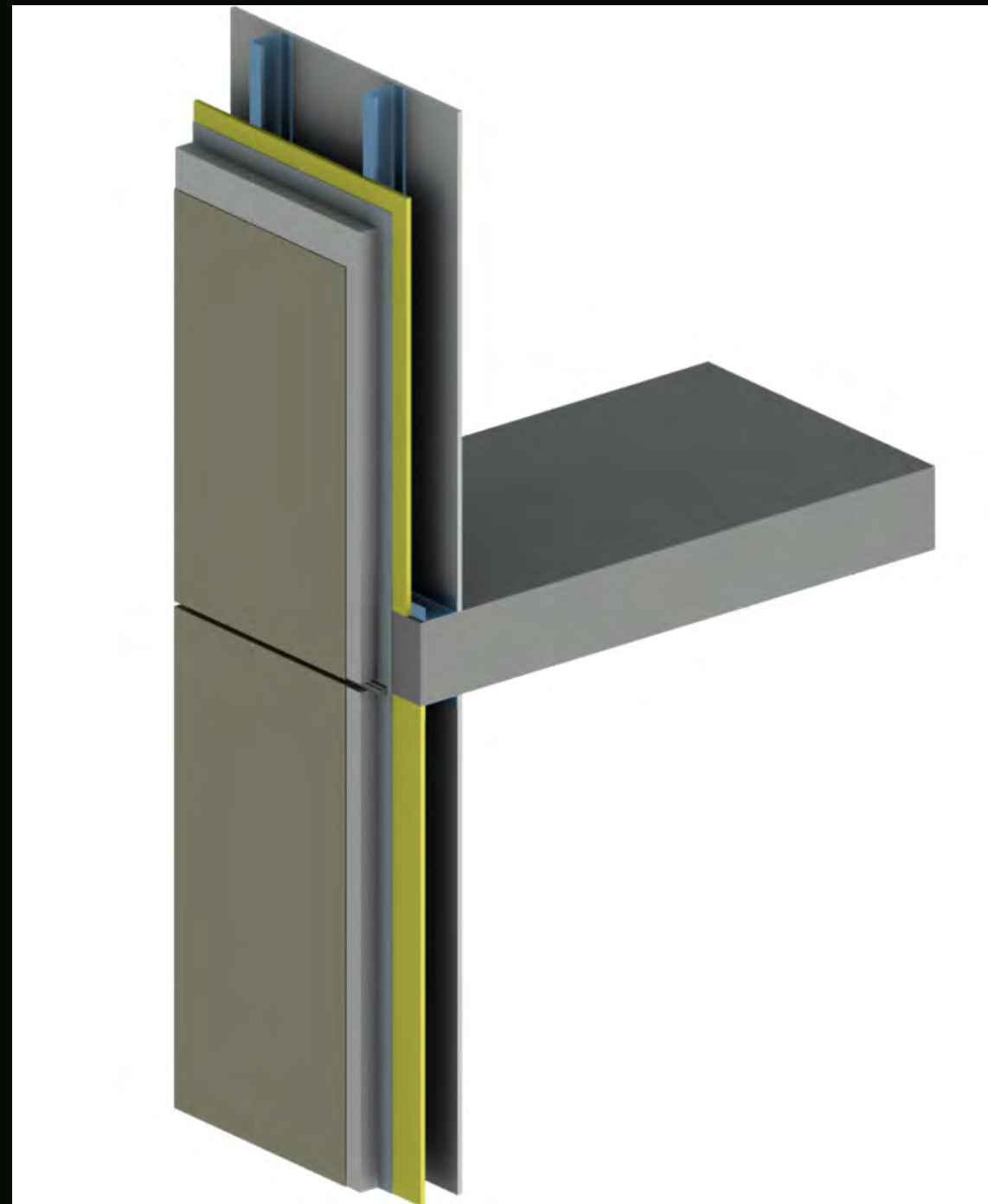
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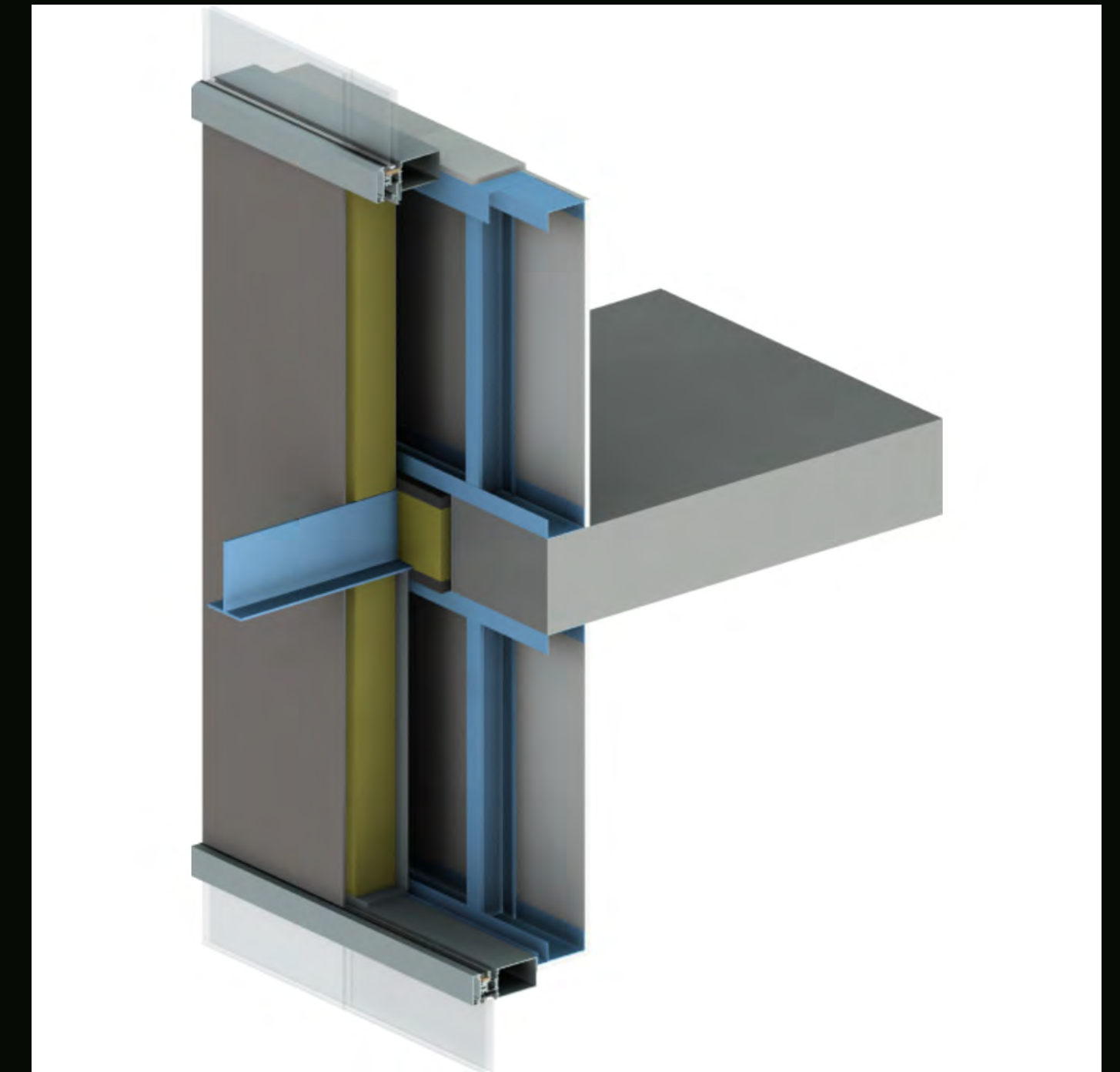
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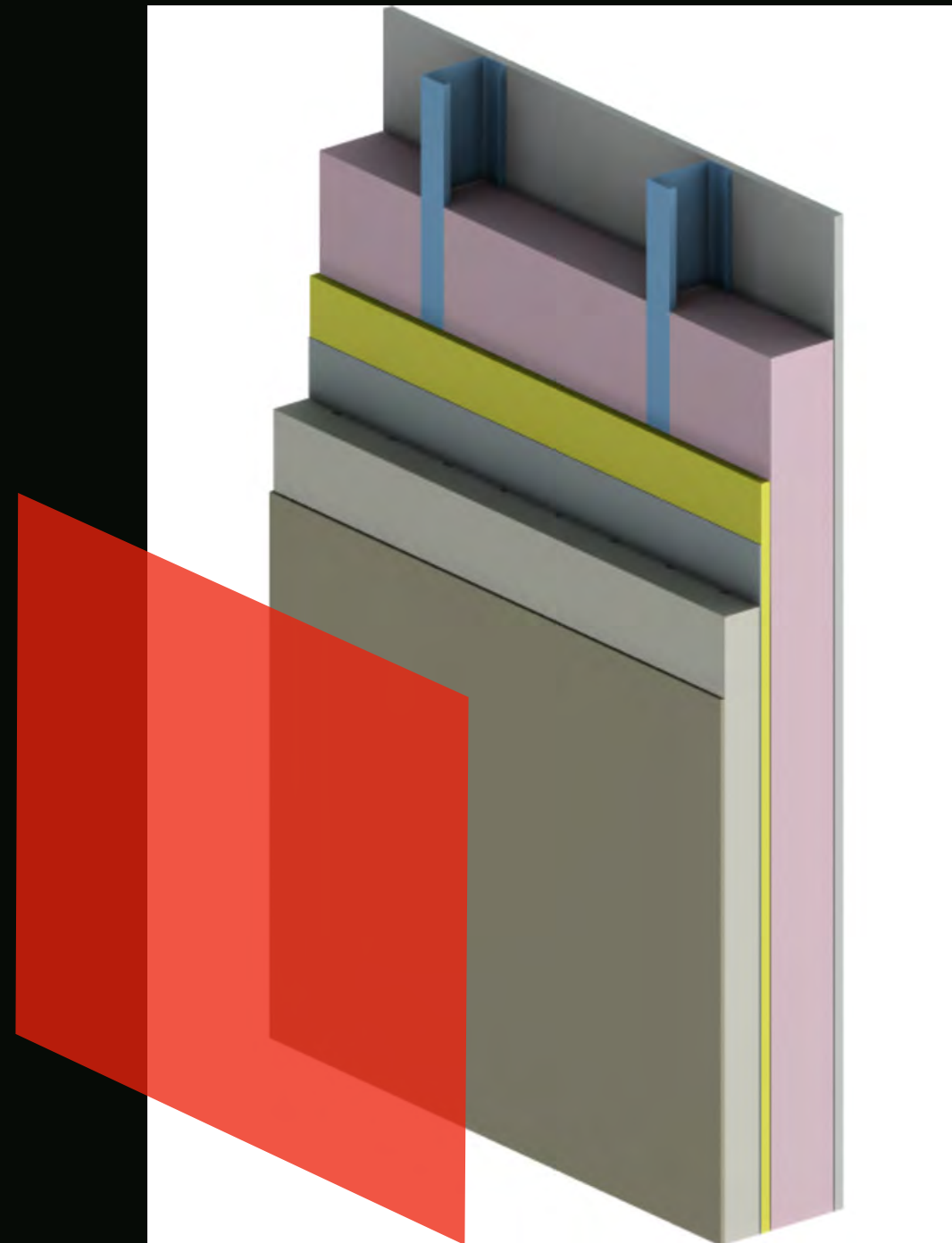


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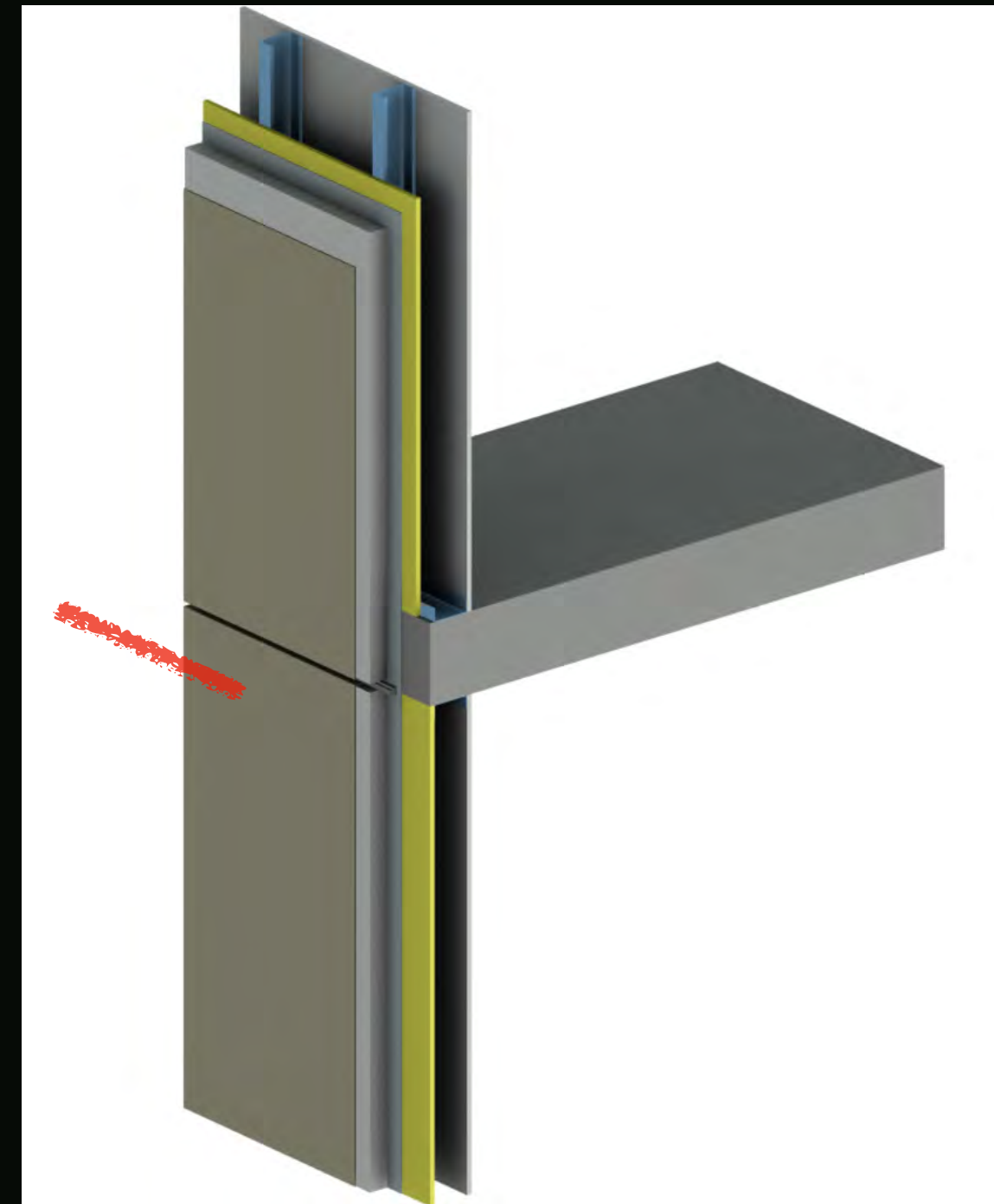
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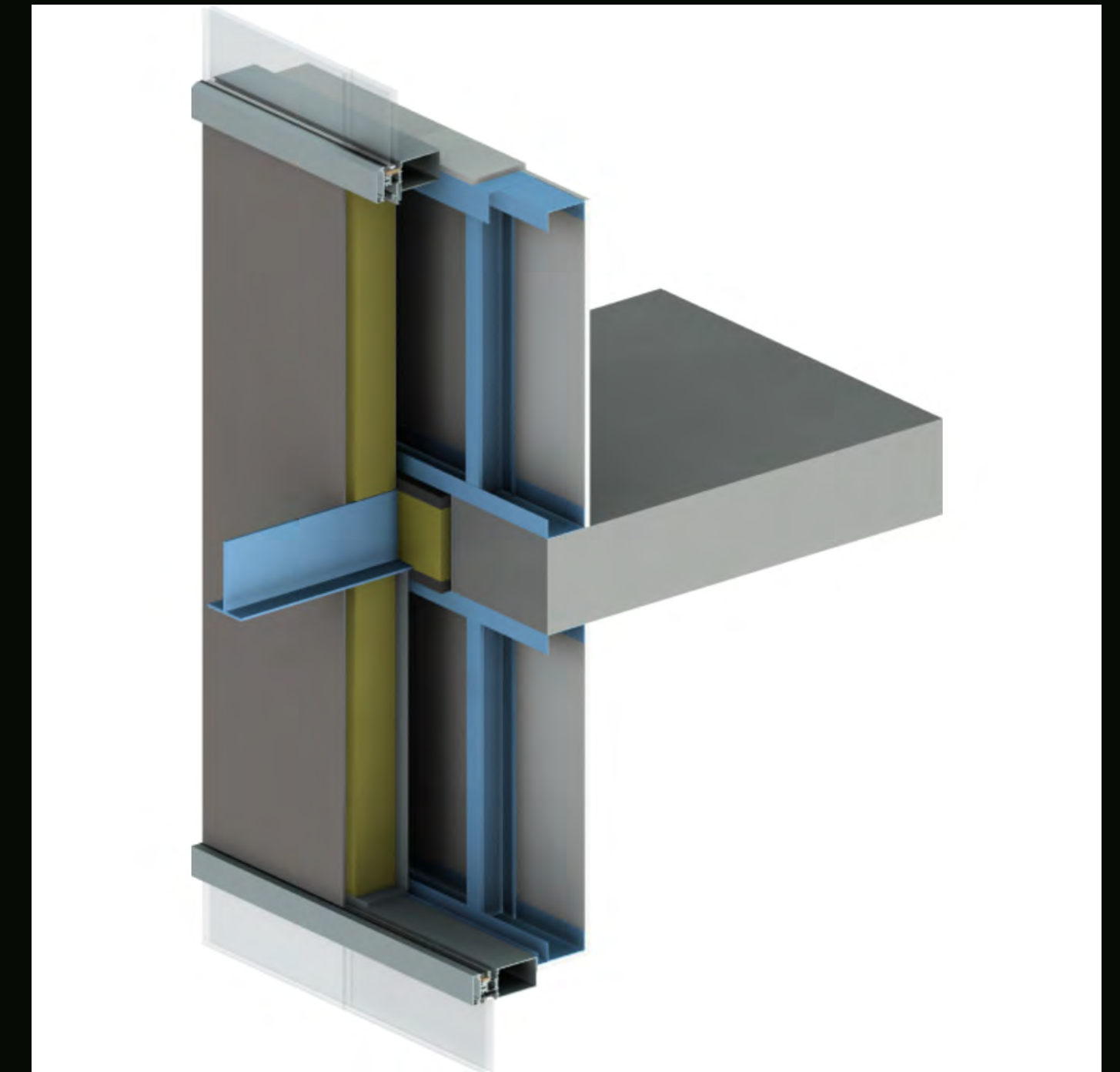


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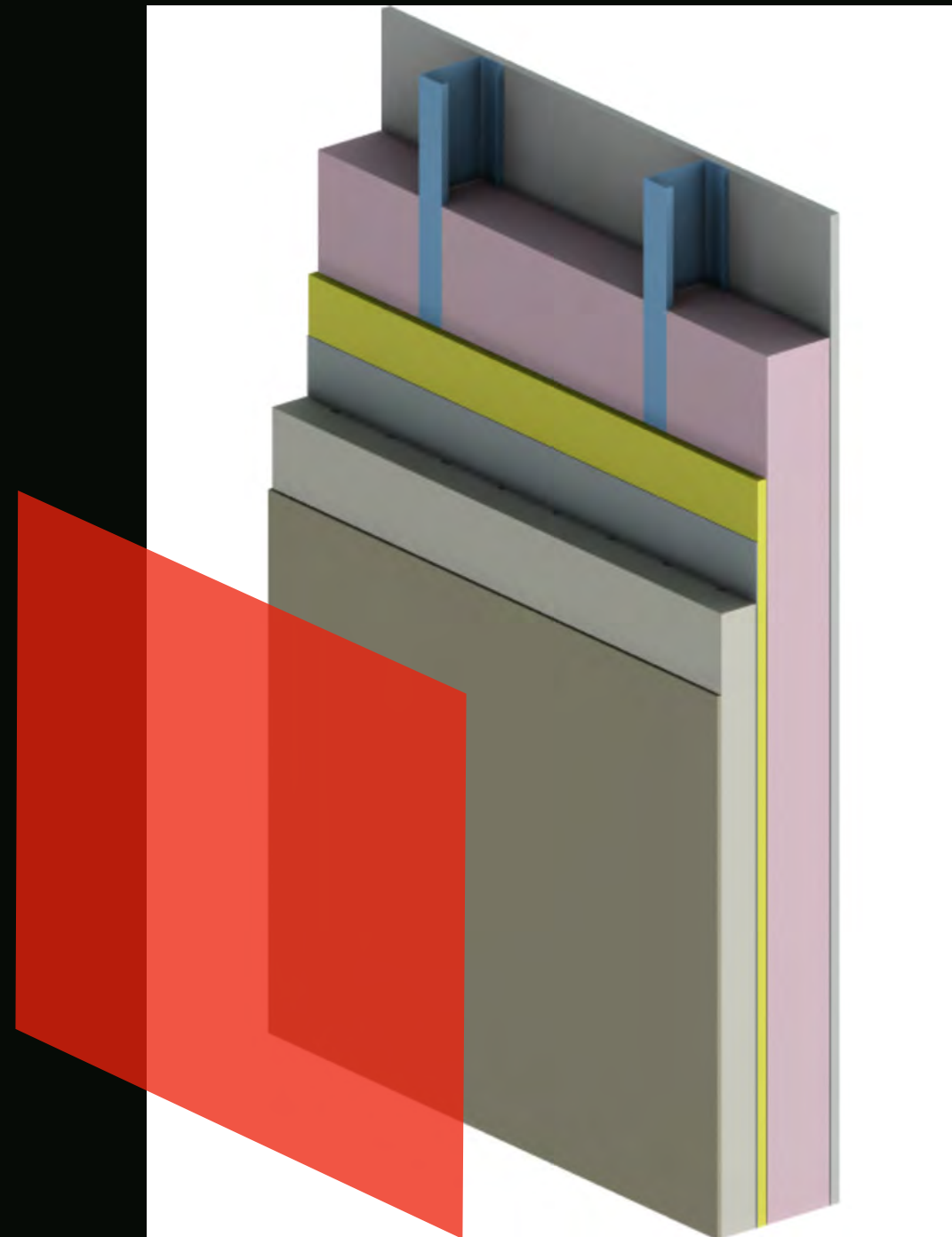
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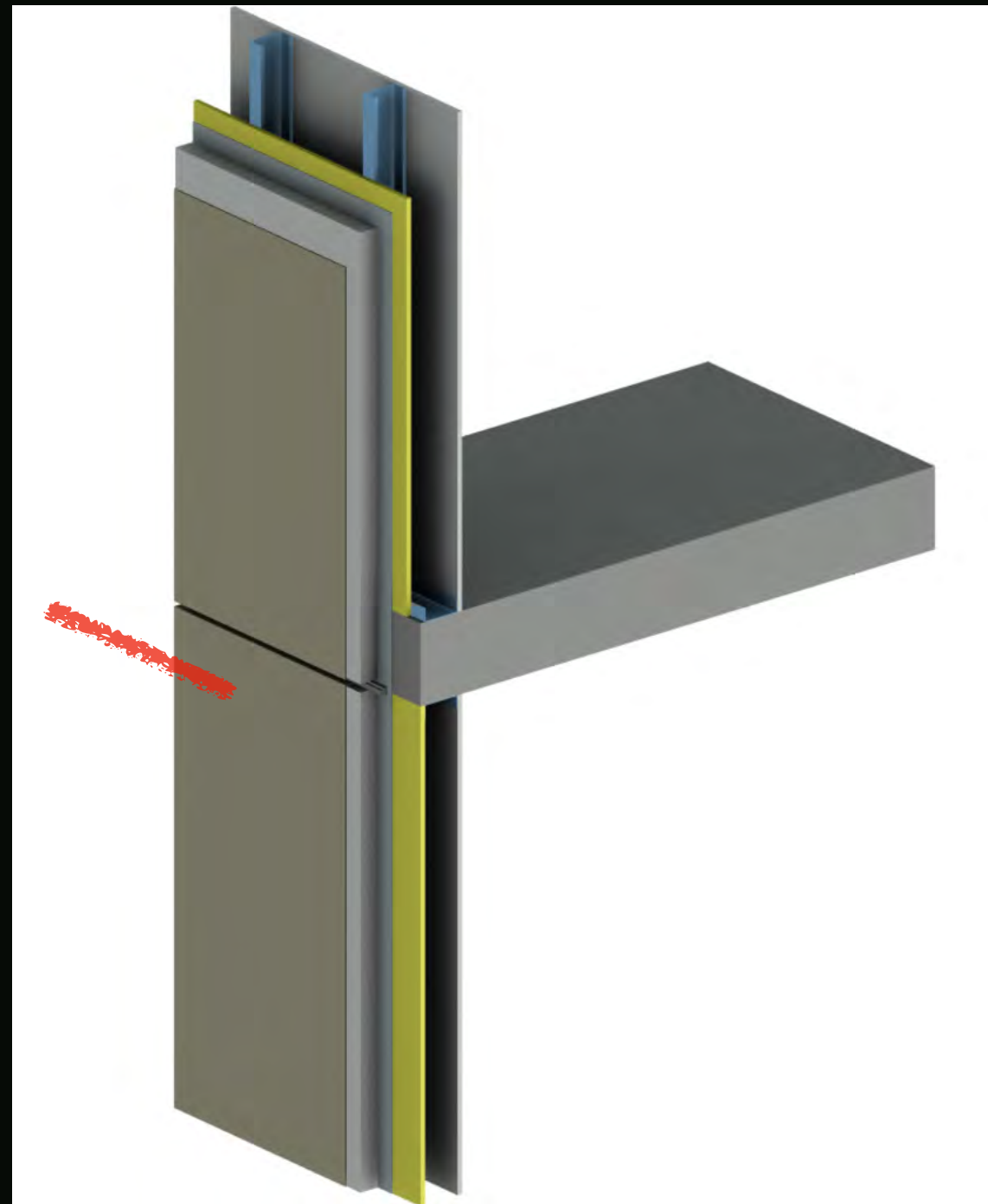
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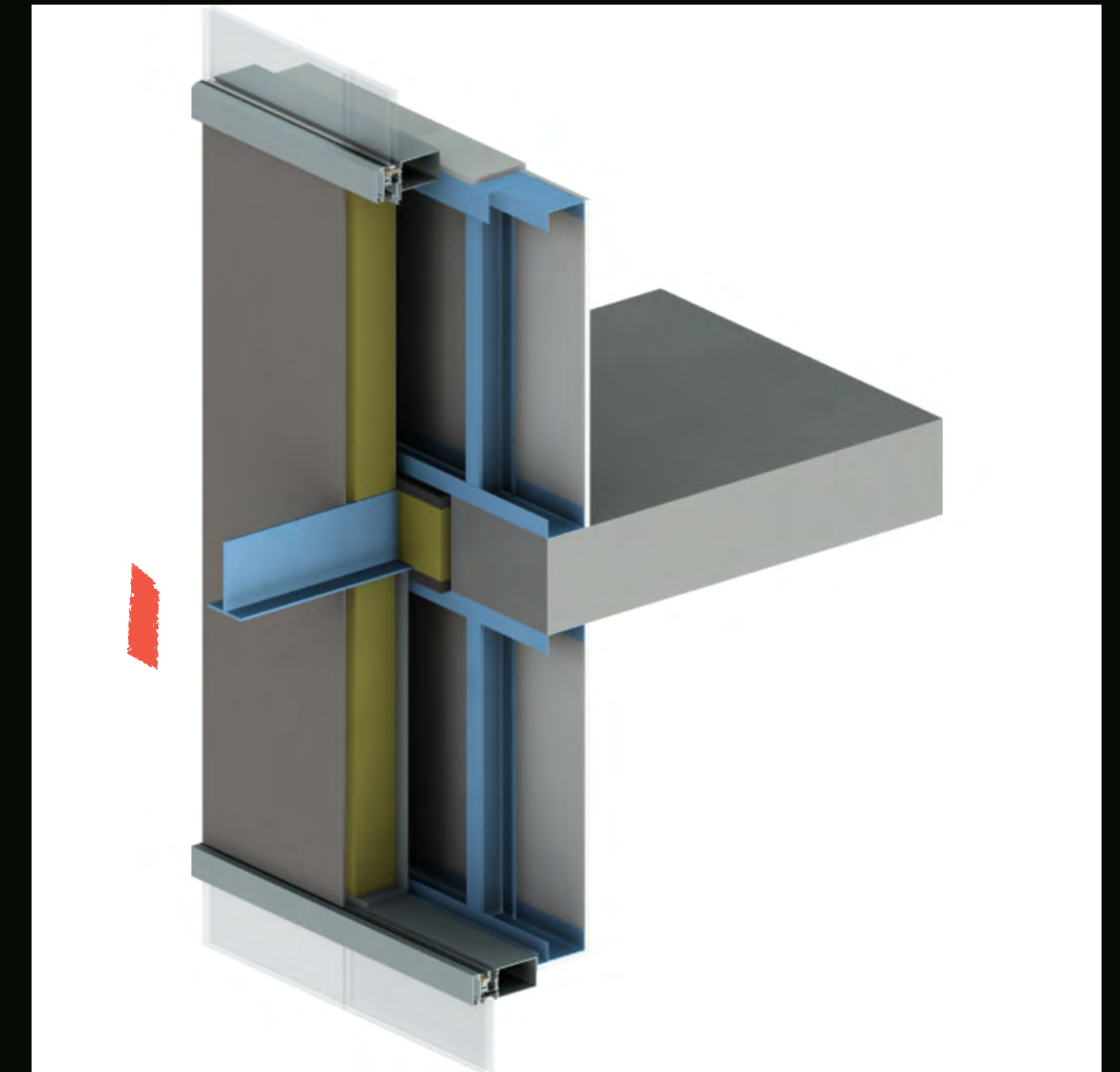
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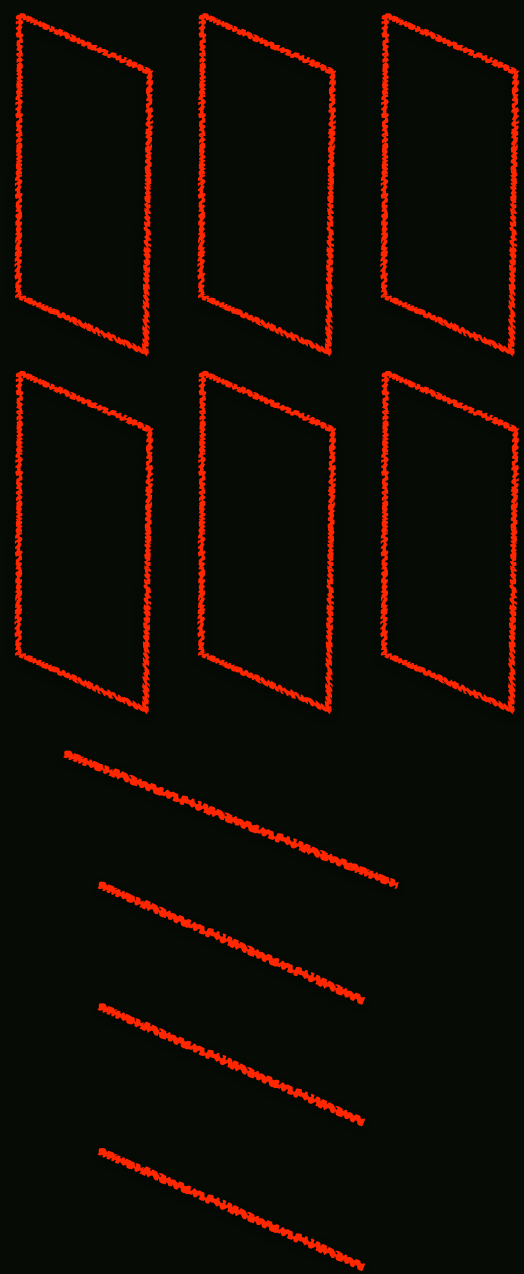
Arithmetic



Watts / M² • °K

U₀

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Watts / M • °K

Ψ

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Watts • °K

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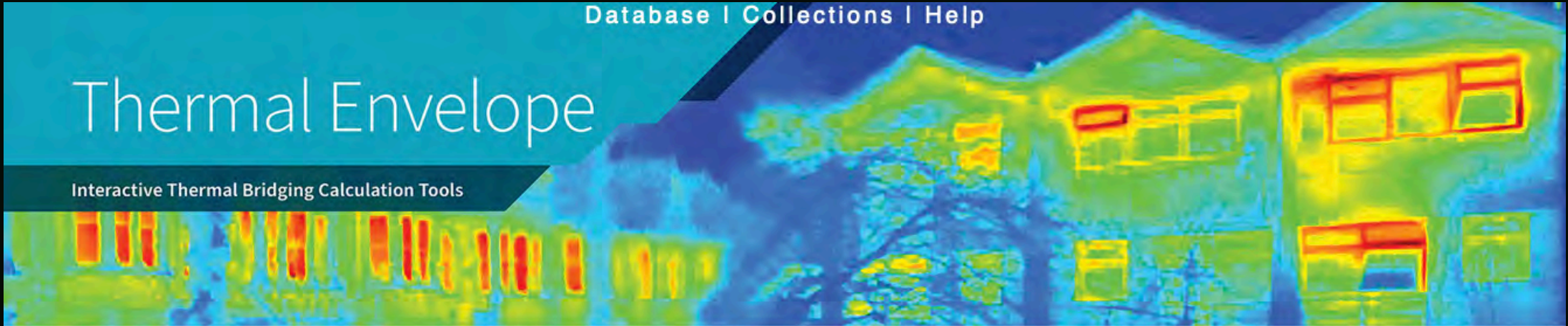
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Energy Loss

Total Watts

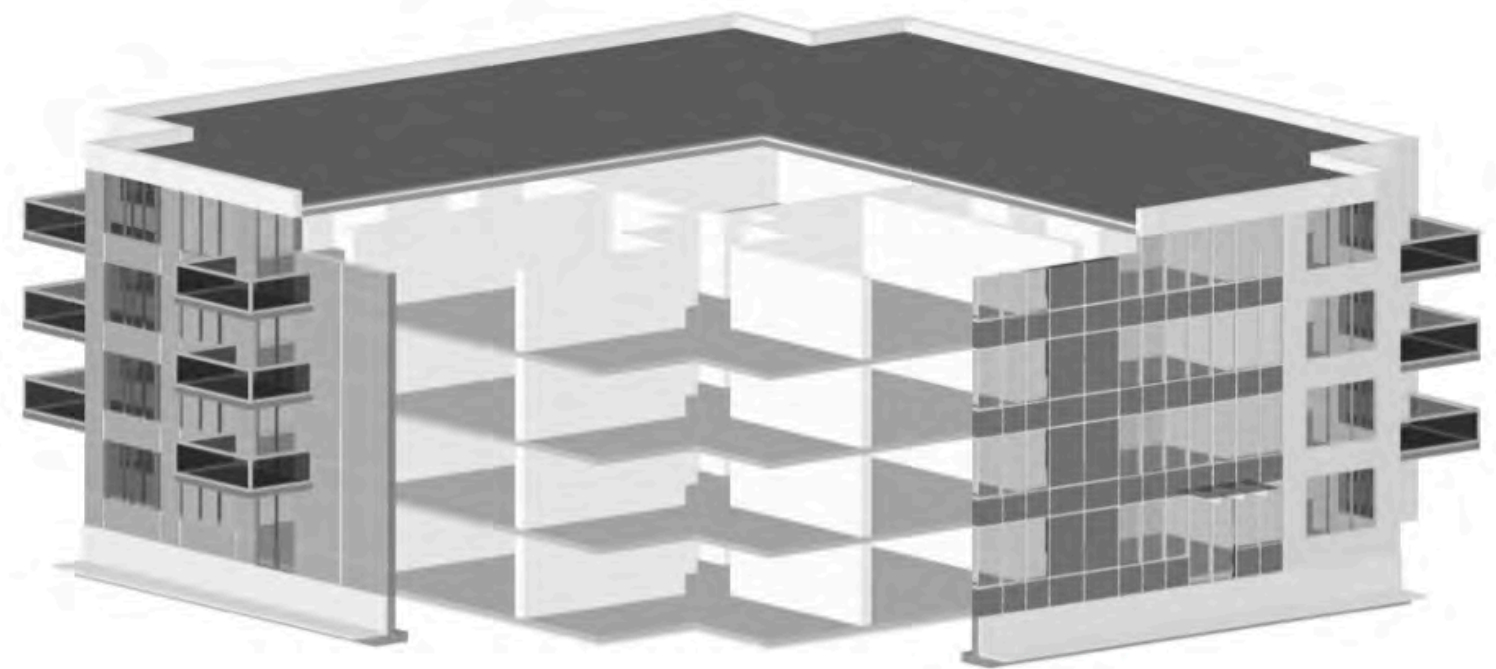
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3 detail scenarios

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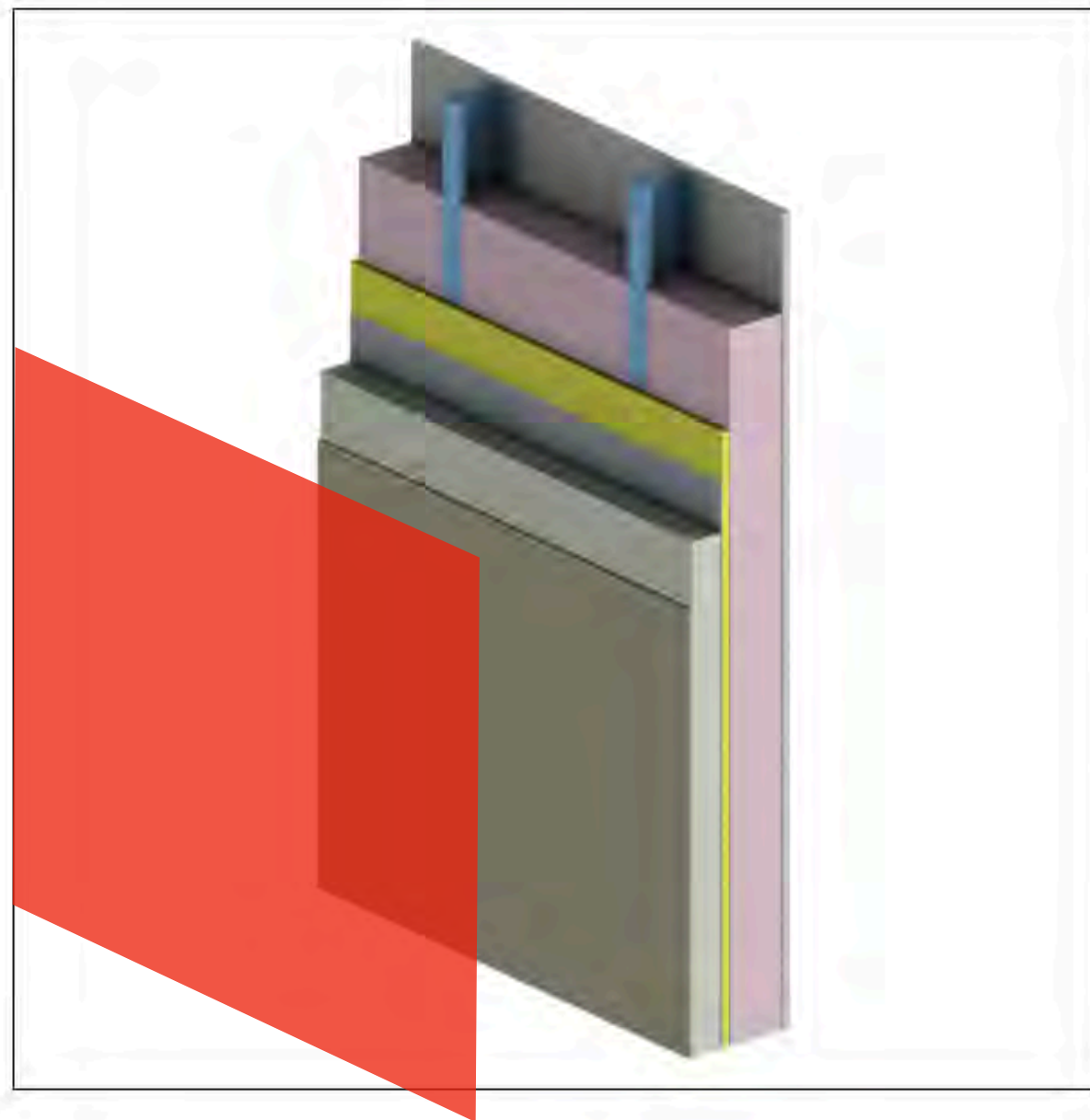
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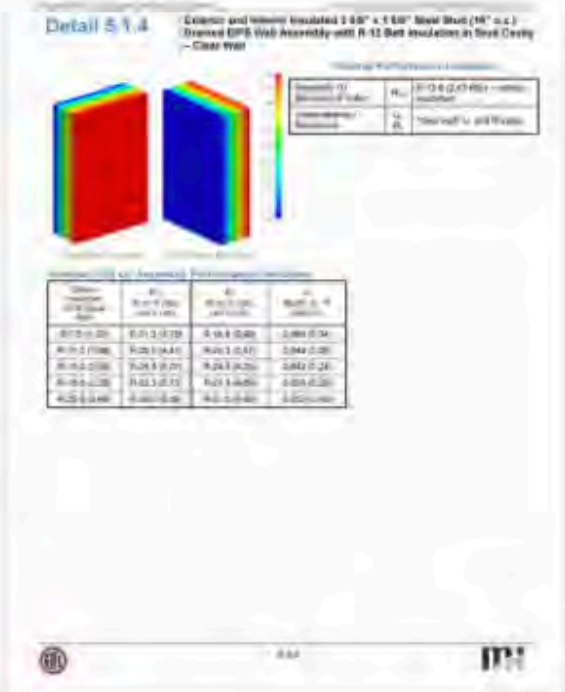
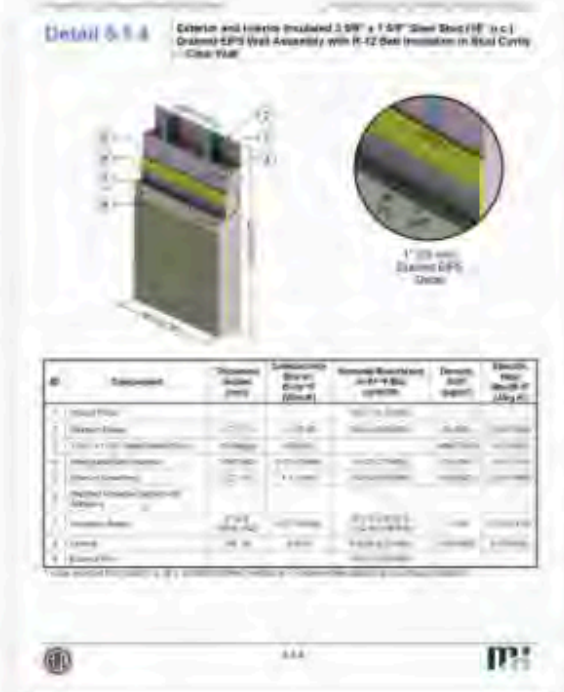


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Overall properties:

Transmittance ranges:	
Clear Wall	0.180 to 0.340 W/m ² ·K
Construction types	Steel-Framed



Clear Wall Scenarios



Constant properties

The following parameters are constant across the scenarios for this detail.

406 mm	horizontal spacing of framing and secondary attachments
RSI 2.11	interior/cavity insulation

Scenarios Showing 5 of 5

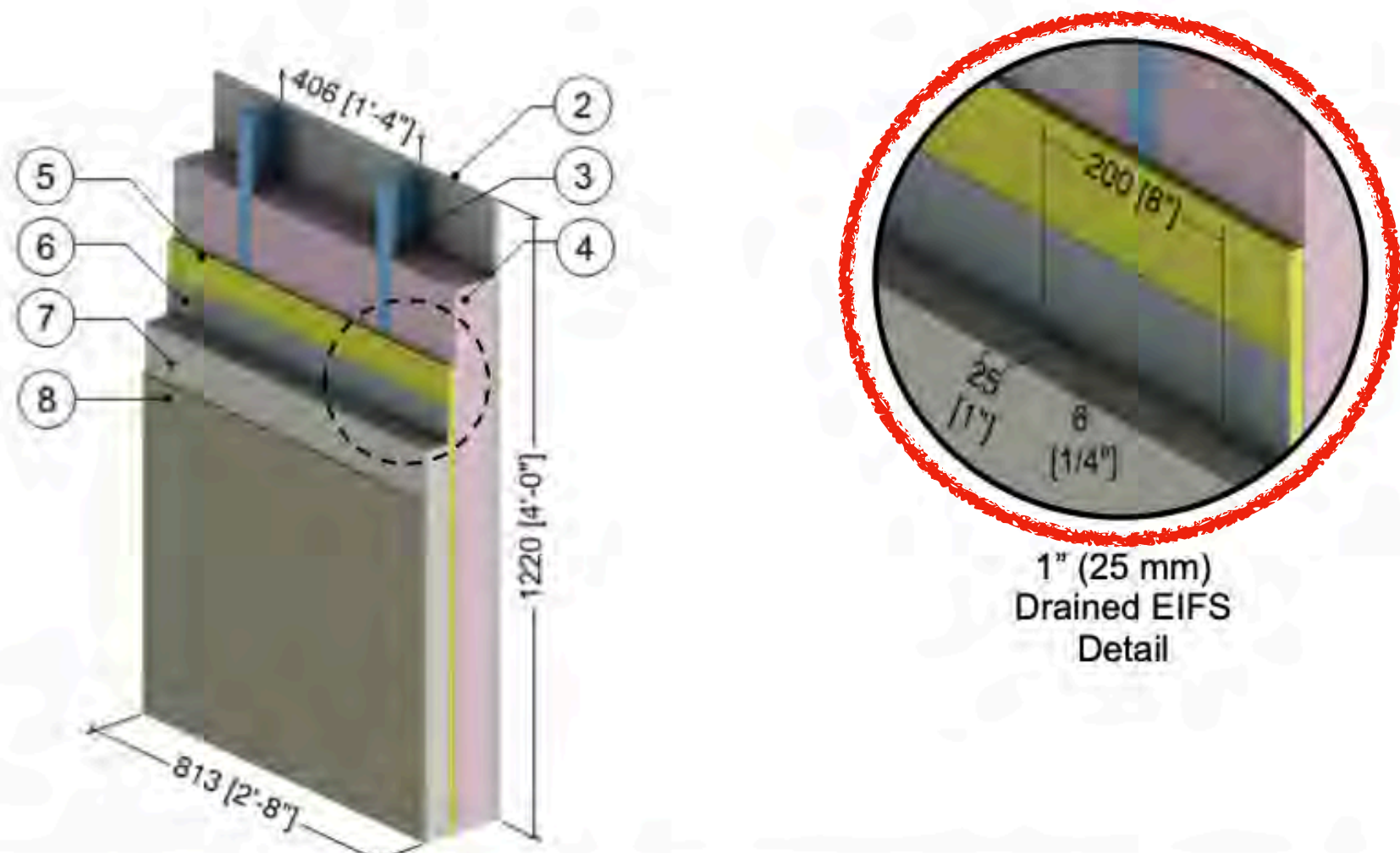
sub-reference	↑	exterior insulation	clear field effective R-value	clear field transmittance	
A		1.32	2.94	0.340 W/m ² ·K	○
B		1.99	3.57	0.280 W/m ² ·K	○
C		2.64	4.24	0.236 W/m ² ·K	○
D		3.31	4.90	0.204 W/m ² ·K	○
E		3.96	5.56	0.180 W/m ² ·K	○

Nitty Gritty

- Detailed information for assembly
- Includes insulation thickness of 50 to 152 mm
- Identifies generic GDDC
- All EIFS are tested to meet ULC S 716.1 and ULC S134

Detail 5.1.4

Exterior and Interior Insulated 3 5/8" x 1 5/8" Steel Stud (16" o.c.)
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– Clear Wall



ID	Component	Thickness Inches (mm)	Conductivity Btu·in / ft ² ·hr·°F (W/m K)	Nominal Resistance hr·ft ² ·°F/Btu (m ² K/W)	Density lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³)	Specific Heat Btu/lb·°F (J/kg K)
1	Interior Films ¹	-	-	R-0.7 (0.12 RSI)	-	-
2	Gypsum Board	1/2" (13)	1.1 (0.16)	R-0.5 (0.08 RSI)	50 (800)	0.26 (1090)
3	3 5/8" x 1 5/8" Steel Studs (16" o.c.)	18 Gauge	430 (62)	-	489 (7830)	0.12 (500)
4	Fiberglass Batt Insulation	3 5/8" (92)	0.31 (0.044)	R-12 (2.1 RSI)	0.9 (14)	0.17 (710)
5	Exterior Sheathing	1/2" (13)	1.1 (0.16)	R-0.5 (0.08 RSI)	50 (800)	0.26 (1090)
6	Weather Resistive Barrier with Adhesive	-	-	-	-	-
7	Insulation Board	2" to 6" (50 to 152)	0.27 (0.038)	R-7.5 to R-22.5 (1.32 to 3.96 RSI)	1 (16)	0.35 (1470)
8	Lamina	1/8" (4)	6 (0.9)	R-0.04 (0.01 RSI)	120 (1922)	0.20 (850)
9	Exterior Film ¹	-	-	R-0.2 (0.03 RSI)	-	-

¹ Value selected from table 1, p. 26.1 of 2009 ASHRAE Handbook – Fundamentals depending on surface orientation

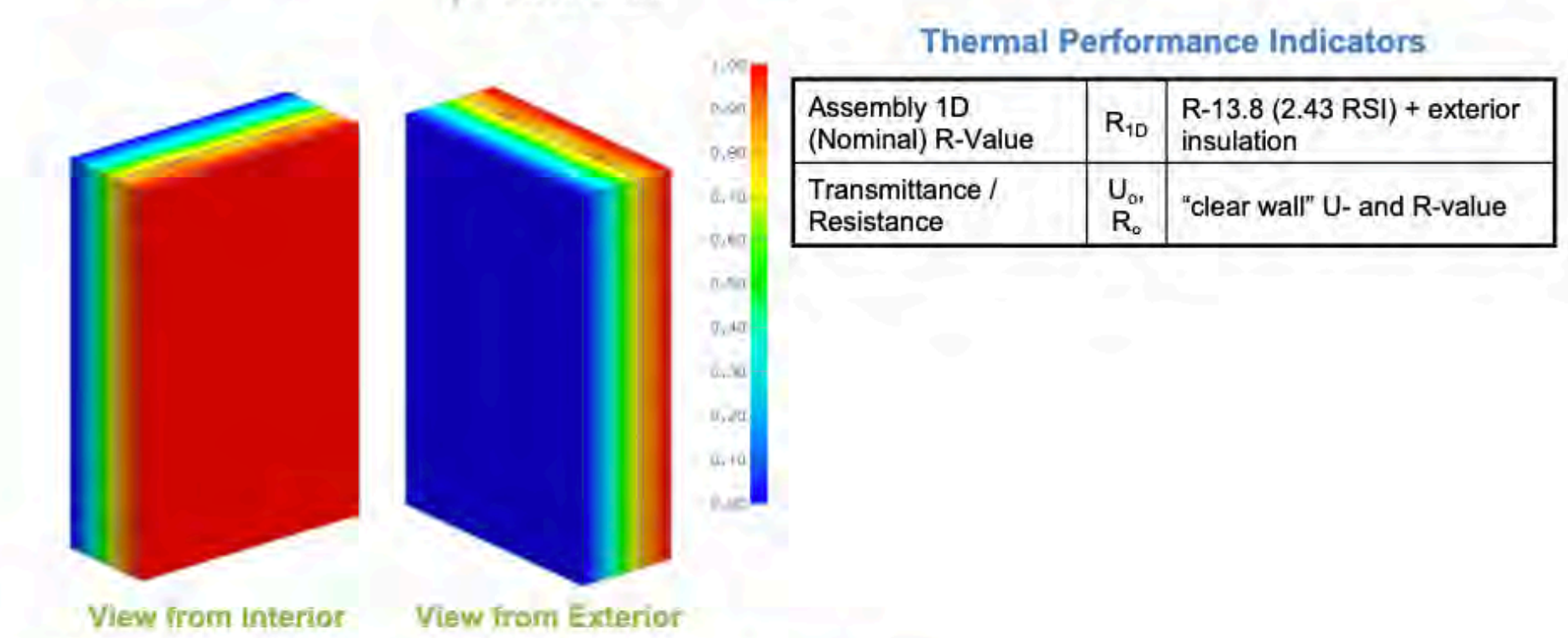


Thermal Transmittance

$U_0 = W/m^2 \cdot ^\circ K$

- Indication of thermal performance from modelling
- Effect of studs is minor
- Data from 5.1.3 (no batts)

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Nominal (1D) vs. Assembly Performance Indicators

Exterior Insulation 1D R-Value (RSI)	R _{1D} ft²·hr·°F / Btu (m² K / W)	R ₀ ft²·hr·°F / Btu (m² K / W)	U ₀ Btu/ft² ·hr ·°F (W/m² K)
R-7.5 (1.32)	R-21.3 (3.75)	R-16.6 (2.92)	0.060 (0.34)
R-11.3 (1.98)	R-25.0 (4.41)	R-20.3 (3.57)	0.049 (0.28)
R-15.0 (2.64)	R-28.8 (5.07)	R-24.0 (4.23)	0.042 (0.24)
R-18.8 (3.30)	R-32.5 (5.73)	R-27.8 (4.89)	0.036 (0.20)
R-22.5 (3.96)	R-36.3 (6.39)	R-31.5 (5.55)	0.032 (0.18)

Comparison: Detail 5.1.3 (no batts)

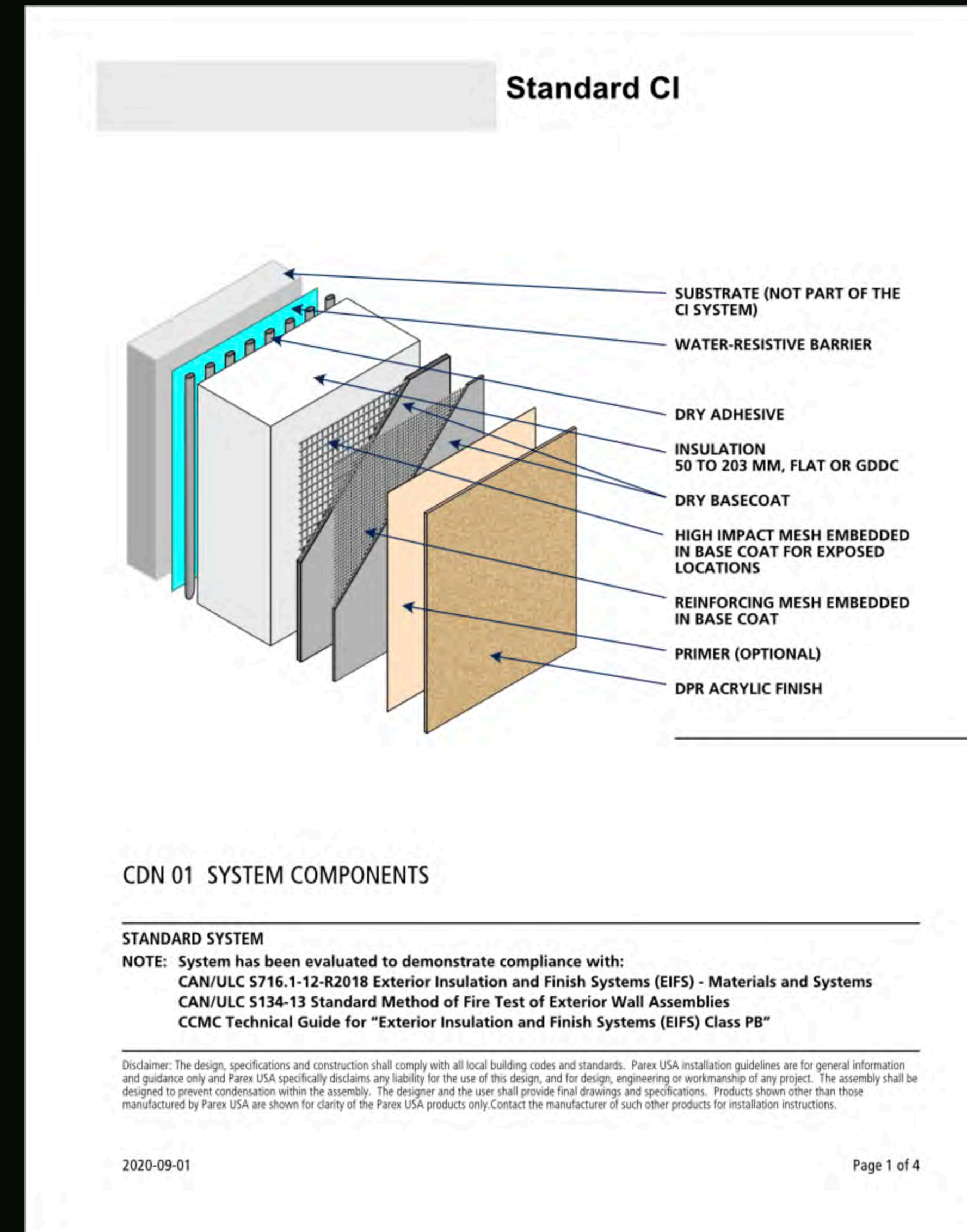
Nominal (1D) vs. Assembly Performance Indicators

Exterior Insulation 1D R-Value (RSI)	R _{1D} ft²·hr·°F / Btu (m² K / W)	R ₀ ft²·hr·°F / Btu (m² K / W)	U ₀ Btu/ft² ·hr ·°F (W/m² K)
R-7.5 (1.32)	R-10.2 (1.80)	R-10.0 (1.76)	0.100 (0.57)
R-11.3 (1.98)	R-13.9 (2.46)	R-13.7 (2.41)	0.073 (0.41)
R-15 (2.64)	R-17.7 (3.12)	R-17.4 (3.06)	0.057 (0.33)

Manufacturer Details

Value added ?

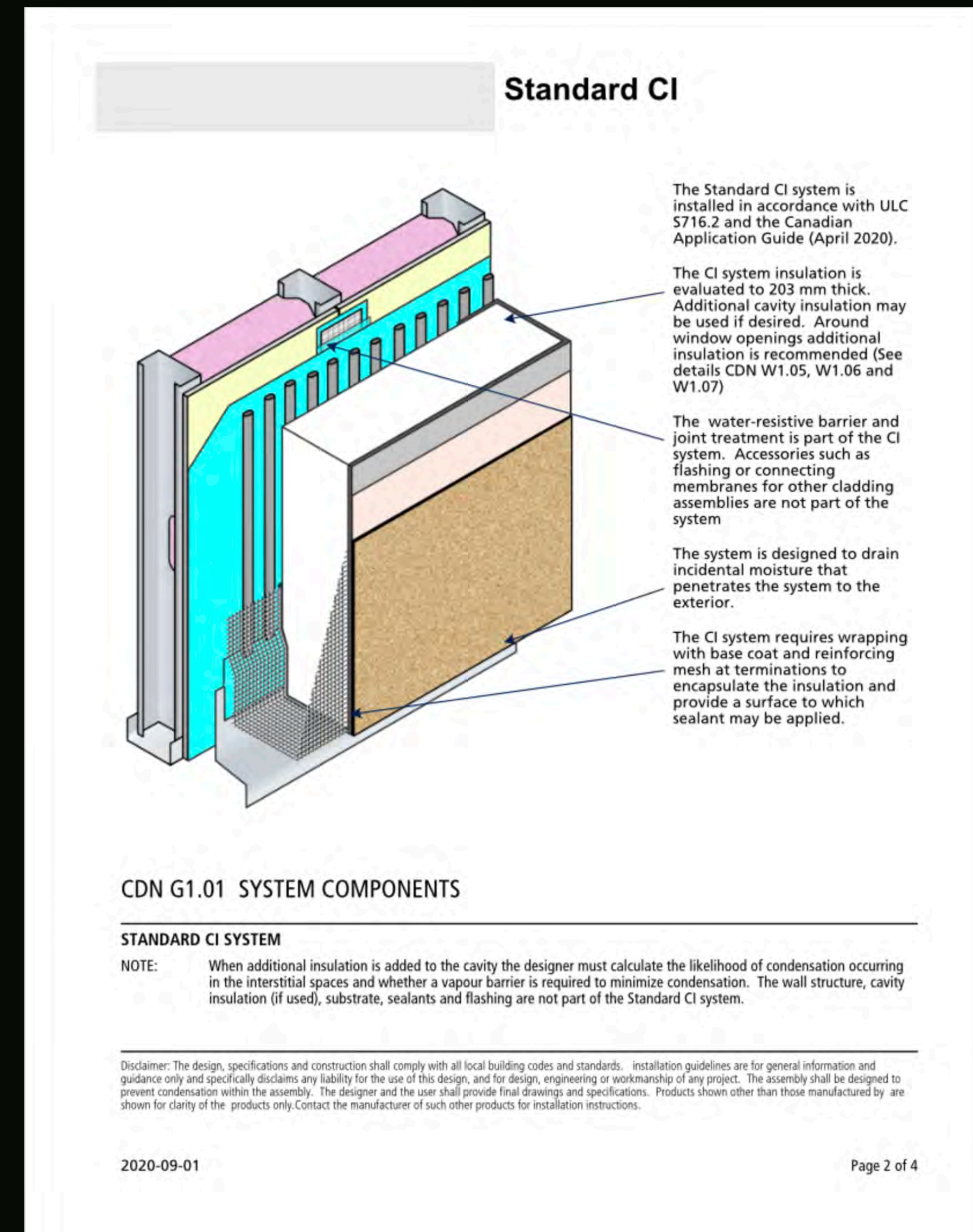
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- Page 1: Materials



Manufacturer Details

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- Page 2: Basic information



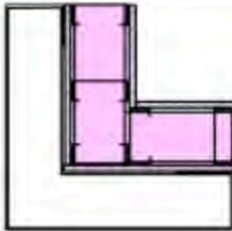
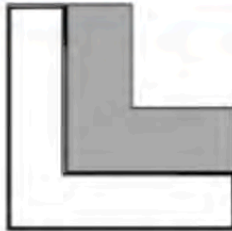
Manufacturer Details

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- Page 2: Basic information
- Page 3: Thermal performance
- Note: corners have a linear transmittance value Ψ

Standard CI

CLEAR WALL VALUE U_o (W/m ² K)			
			
Insulation thickness	Stud wall with cavity insulation	Stud wall without cavity insulation	Concrete wall
50 mm	0.34	0.57	—
75 mm	—	0.41	—
100 mm	0.24	0.33	0.32

OUTSIDE CORNERS Ψ (W/mK)			
			
Insulation thickness	Stud wall with cavity insulation	Stud wall without cavity insulation	Concrete wall
50 mm	0.067	0.105	—
75 mm	—	0.088	—
100 mm	0.054	0.076	0.147

Clear wall and linear transmittance values calculated for EIFS assemblies. "Thermal and Whole Building Energy Performance of Exterior Insulated Finishing Systems Assemblies", Appendix C, Morrison Hershfield Report No. 5130962 for the EIFS Council of Canada, May 26, 2014.

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NOTE: Thermal bridging data shows clear wall values. Morrison Hershfield Report No. 5130962.00 May 26, 2014 is available at: <http://eifscouncil.org/downloads>

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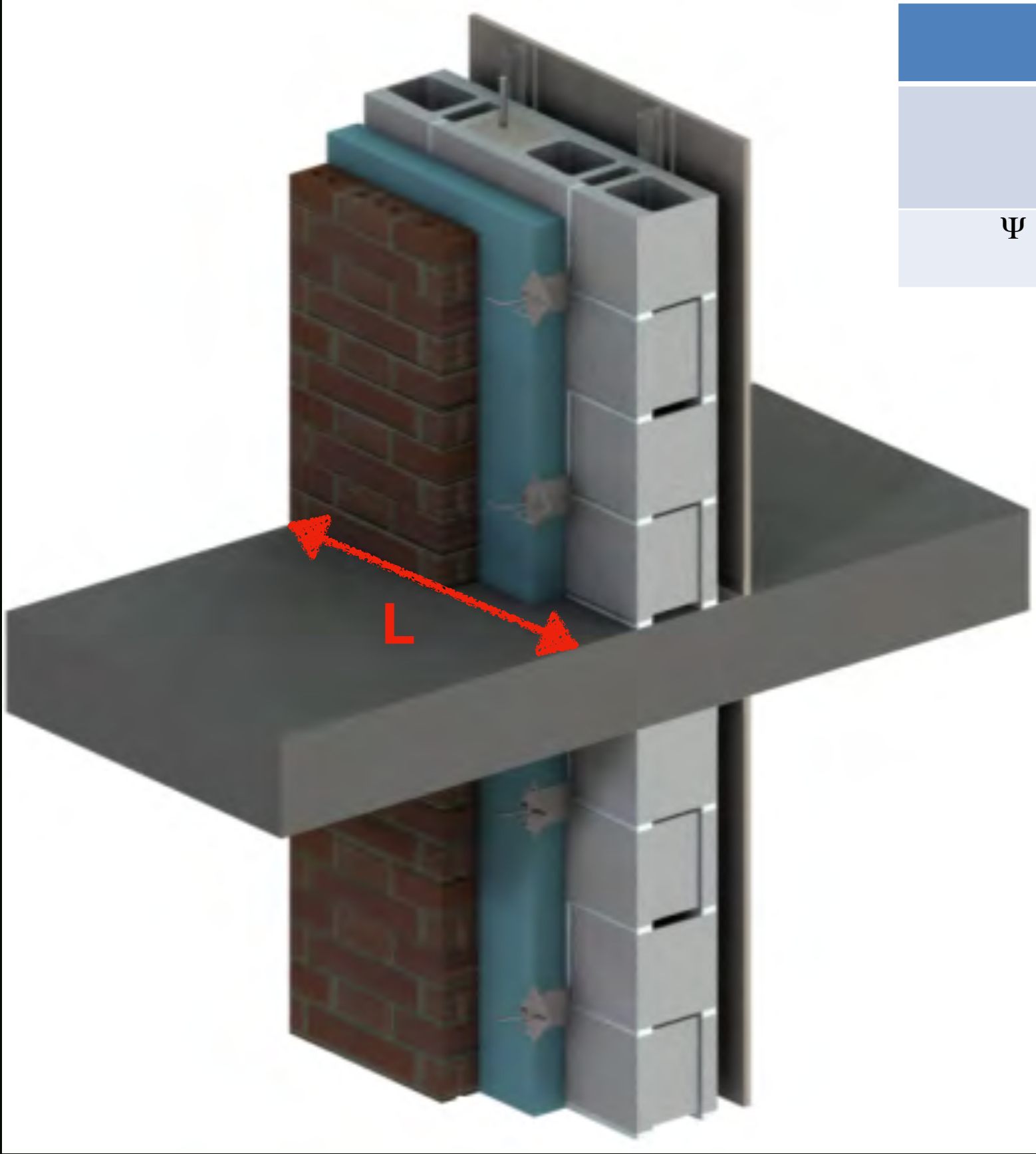
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Linear Transmittance

$\Psi \text{ W / m}\cdot\text{K}^\circ$

• $L \times 0.59 \times \Delta t$

VS



Un-Insulated Balcony Slab		
	SI (W/m·K)	IP (BTU/hr·ft²F)
Ψ	0.59	0.34

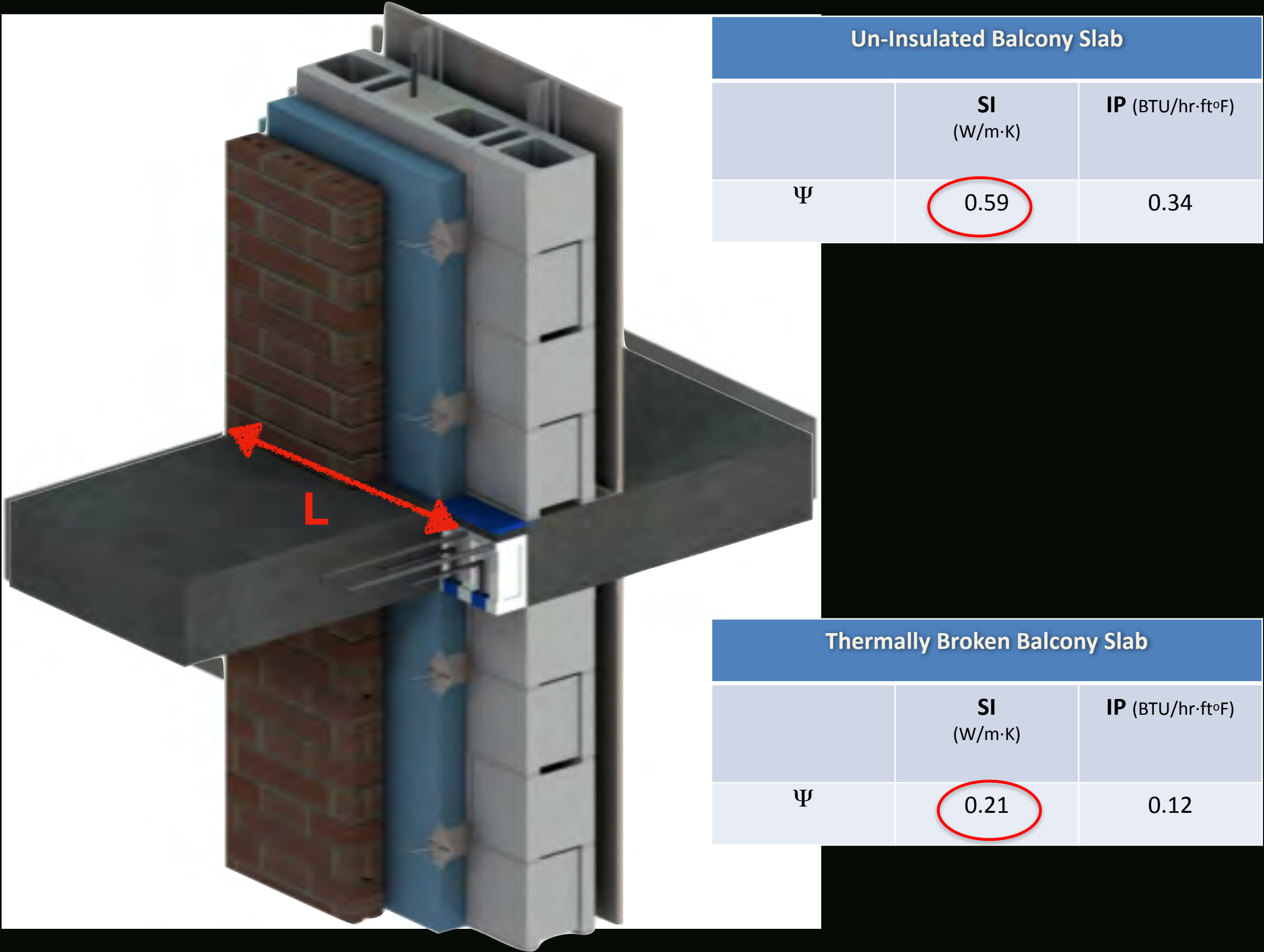
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- $L \times 0.59 \times \Delta t$

vs

- $L \times 0.21 \times \Delta t$



Brick at slab

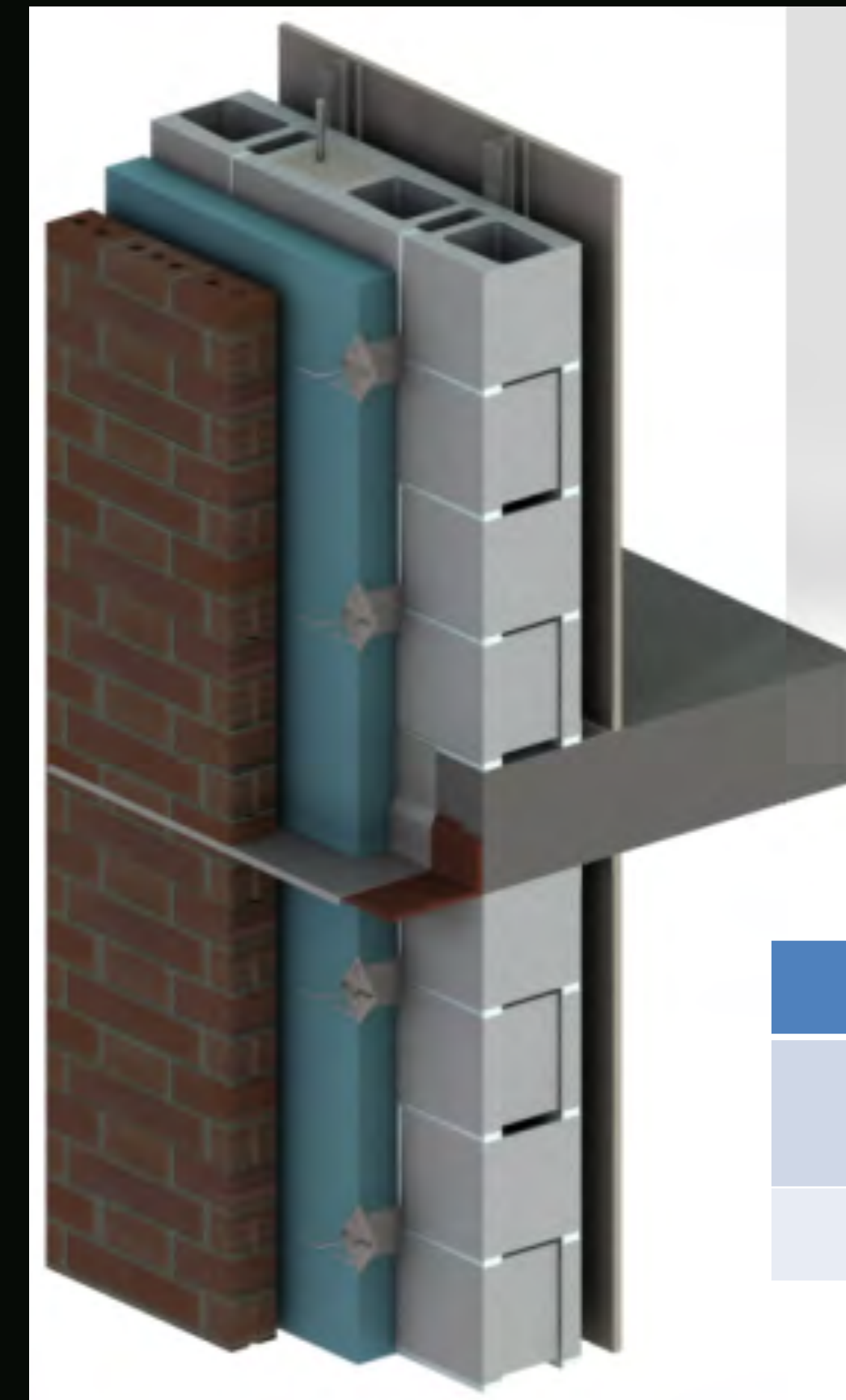
Shelf angle

‘Parallel’ method:

- Cross-section of steel = small
- Area of wall = large

New (code approved) method:

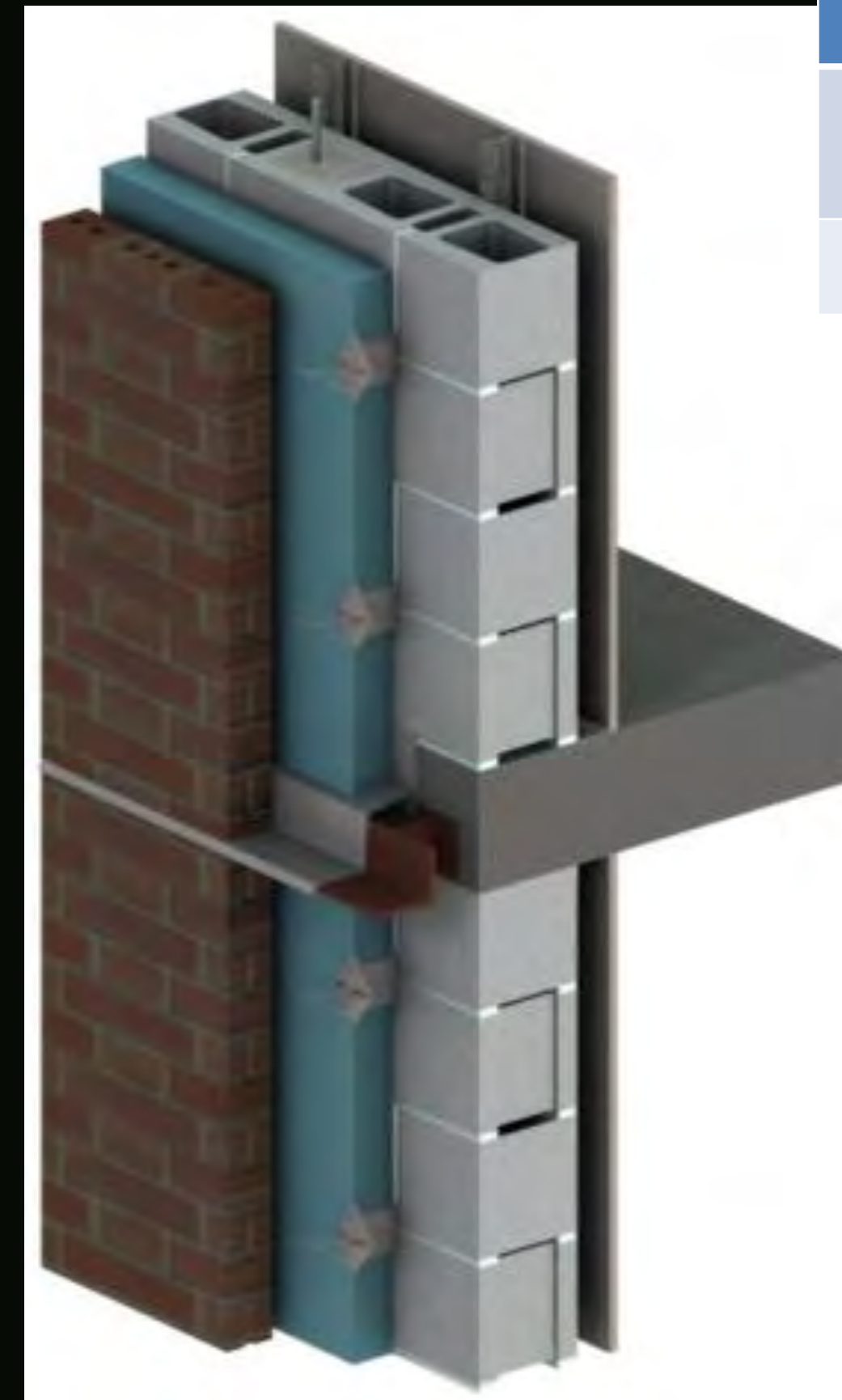
- Assume 10m x 3m elevation
- Angle $10\text{m} \times 0.47 = 4.7 \text{ W} / \Delta t$
- Wall $30\text{m}^2 \times 0.047 = 1.4 \text{ W} / \Delta t$



Shelf Angle		
	SI (W/m·K)	IP (BTU/hr·ft²F)
Ψ	0.47	0.27

Improved Stand off shelf angle

- BETB Guide shows improved details
- Difficulty in getting projected shelf angles over 100 mm
- Gravity is the enemy of thermal performance



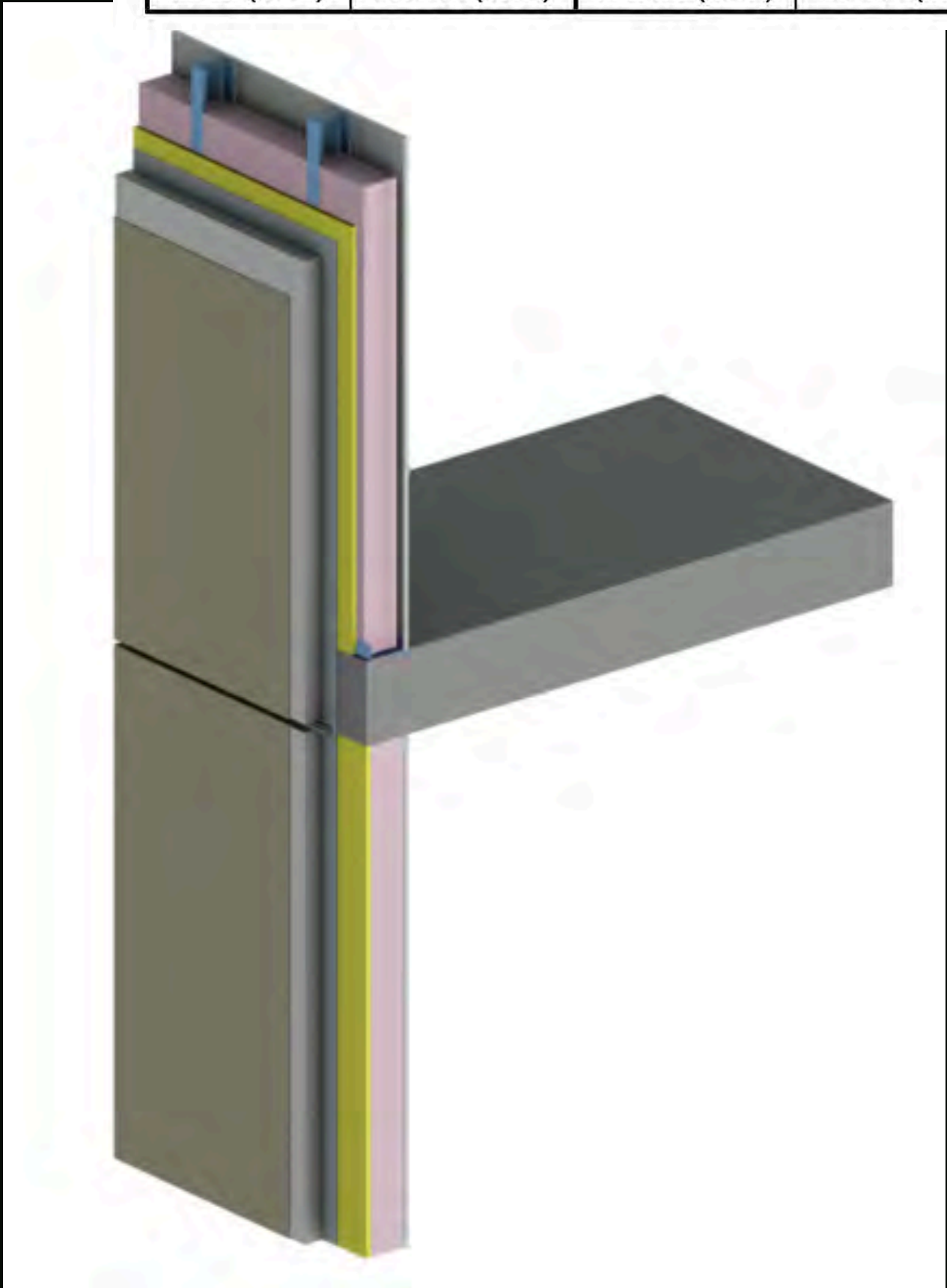
Spaced Shelf Angle		
	SI (W/m·K)	IP (BTU/hr·ft²F)
Ψ	0.31	0.18

EIFS at floor slab

- Linear transmittance =
 $0.032 \text{ W} / \text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{K}$

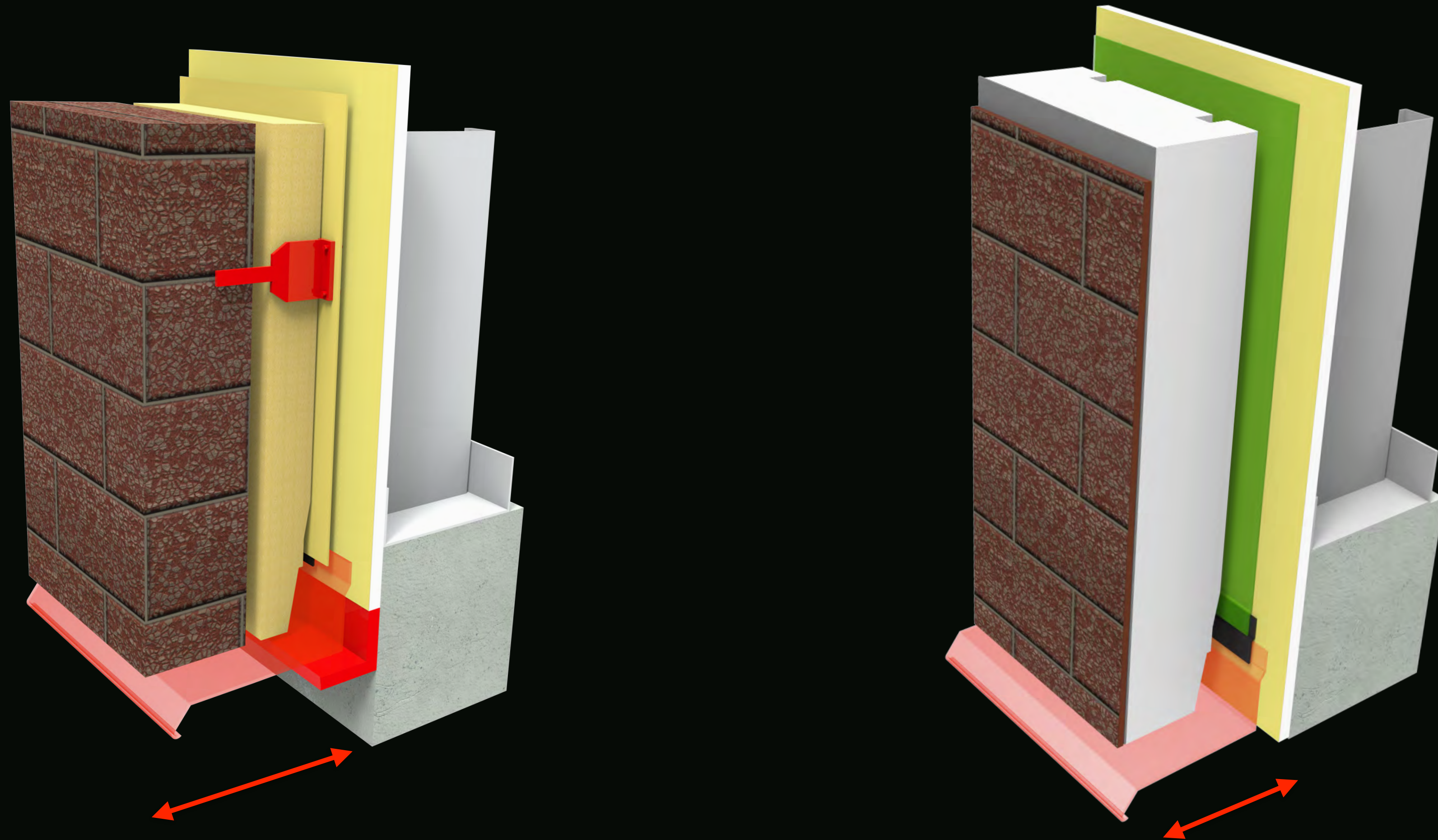
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R-7.5 (1.32)	R-21.7 (3.83)	R-16.6 (2.93)	0.060 (0.34)	R-14.5 (2.55)	0.069 (0.39)	0.076 (0.132)
R-15 (2.64)	R-29.2 (5.15)	R-24.0 (4.23)	0.042 (0.24)	R-22.0 (3.88)	0.045 (0.26)	0.032 (0.056)



BETB Guide Detail 5.2.16

Differences

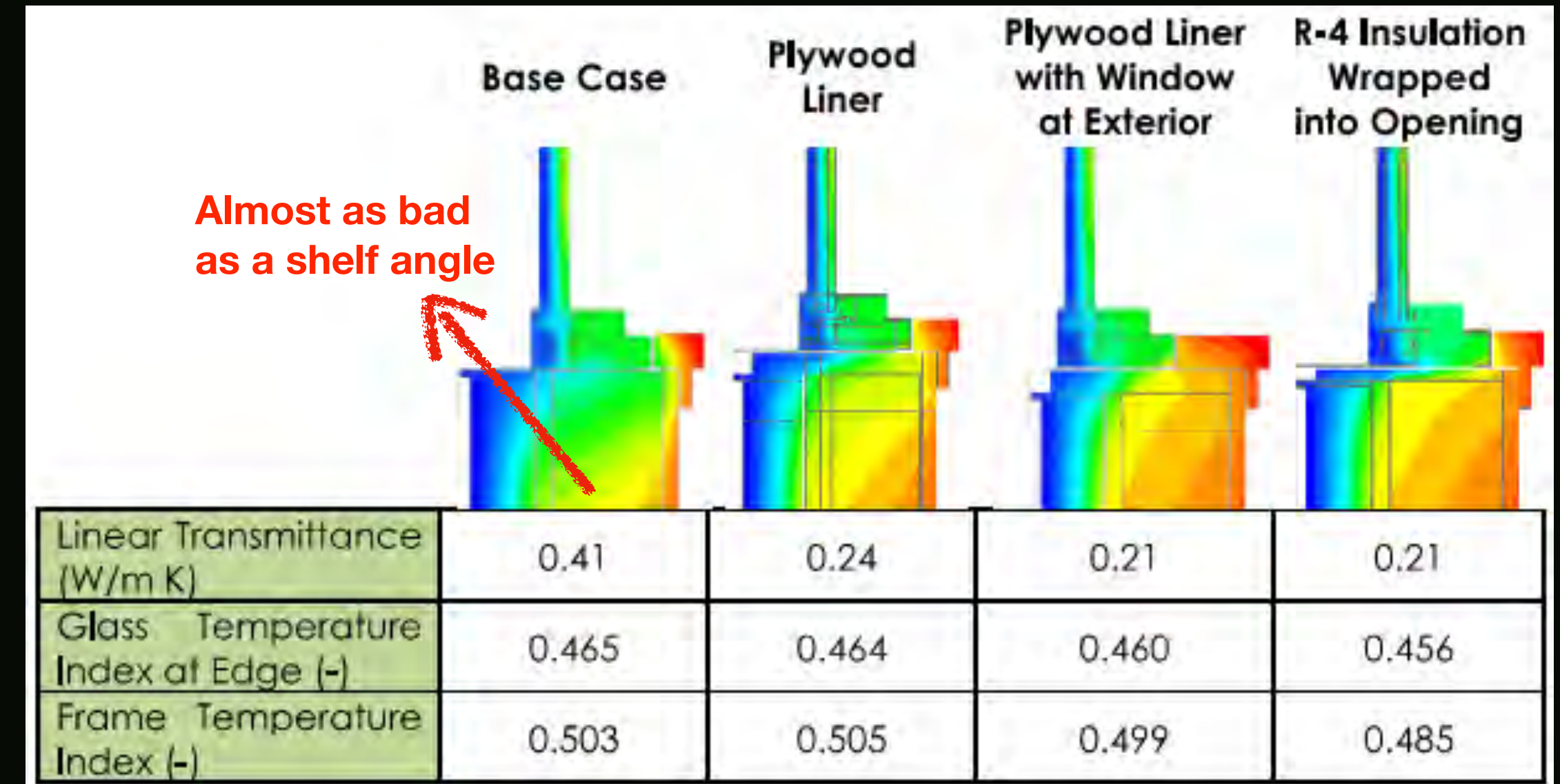


Details

Windows

Success is in the details

- EIFS value lost at window details
- more window perimeters than slab edges
- improvements are possible



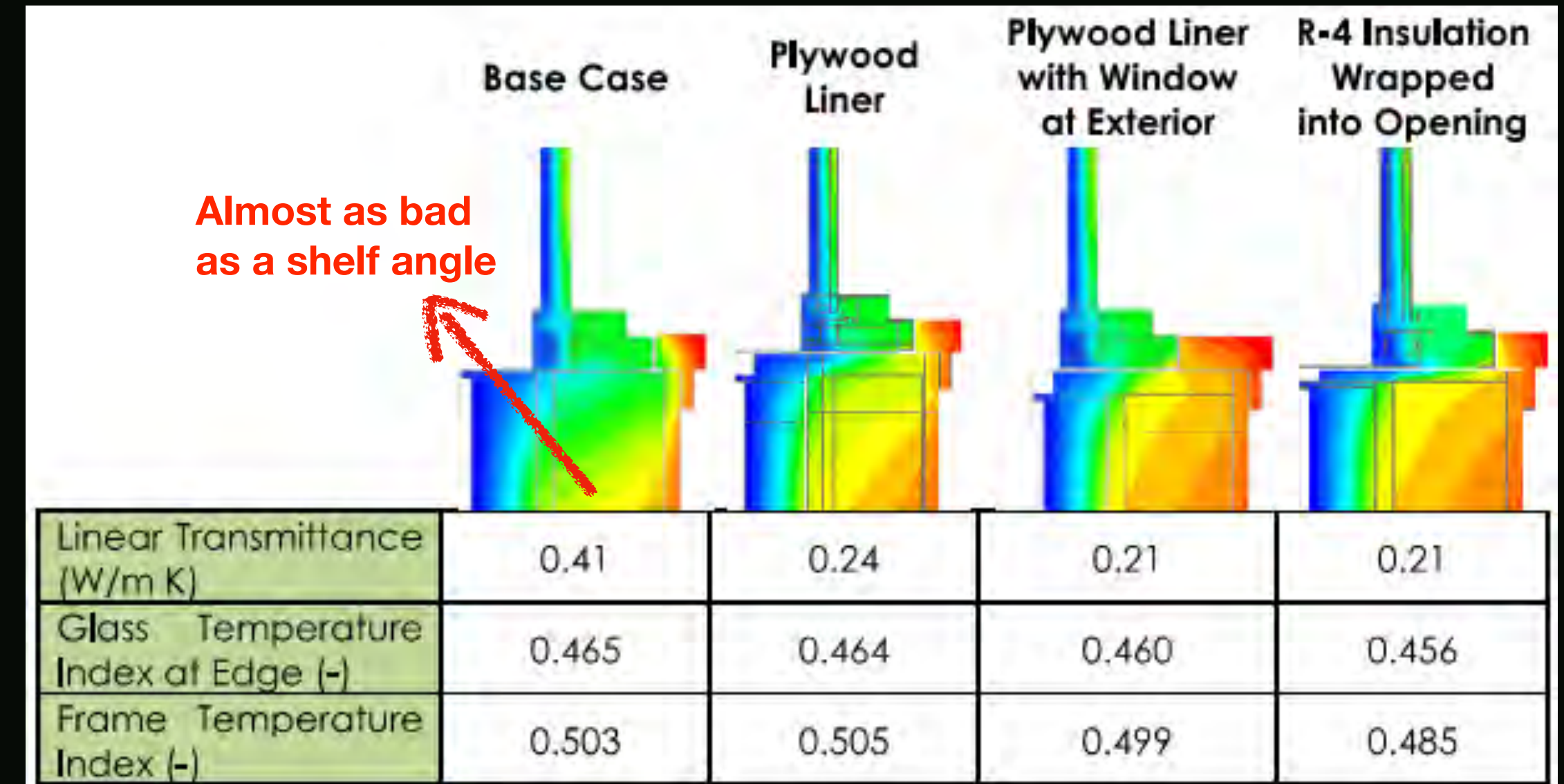
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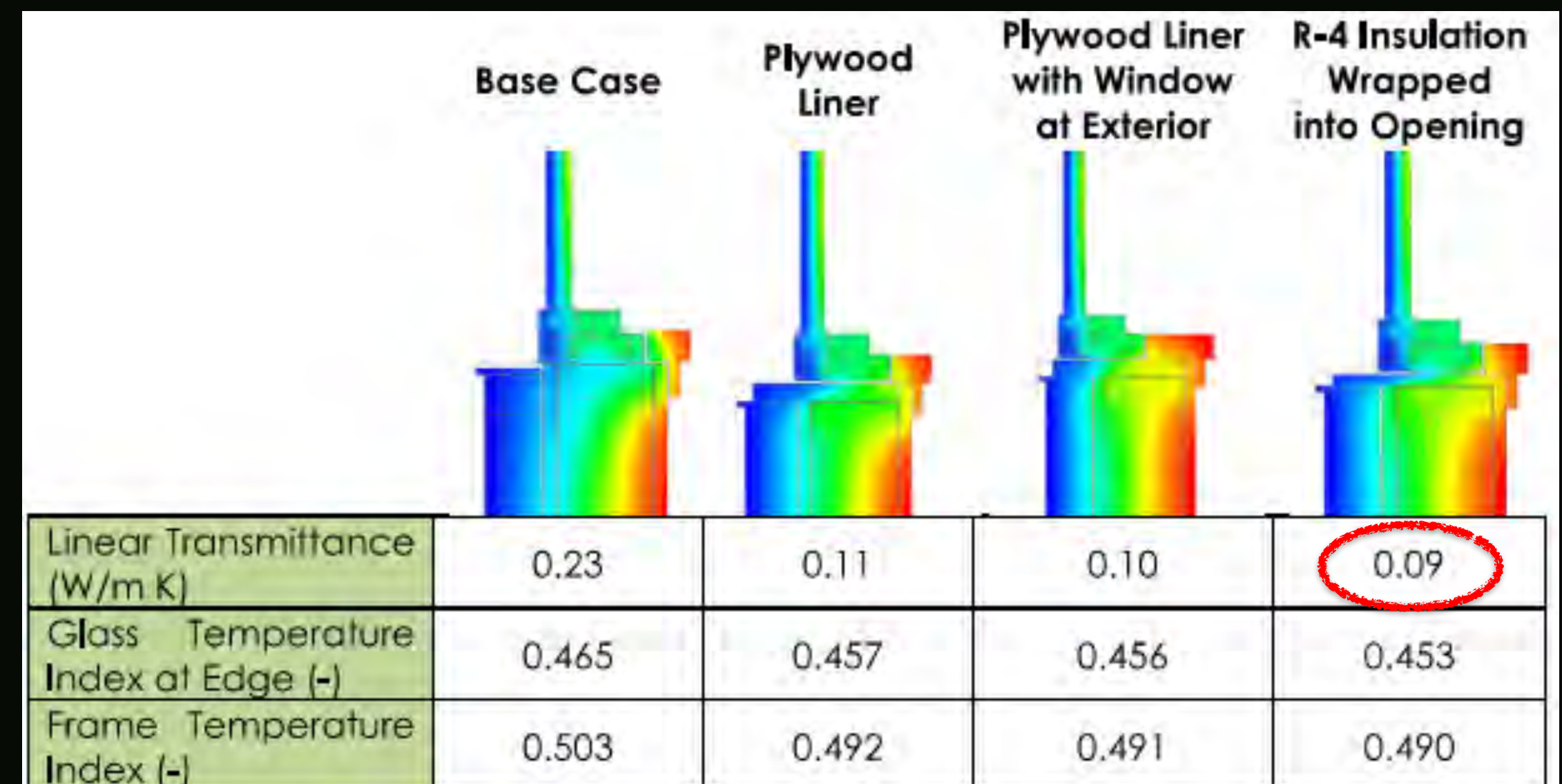
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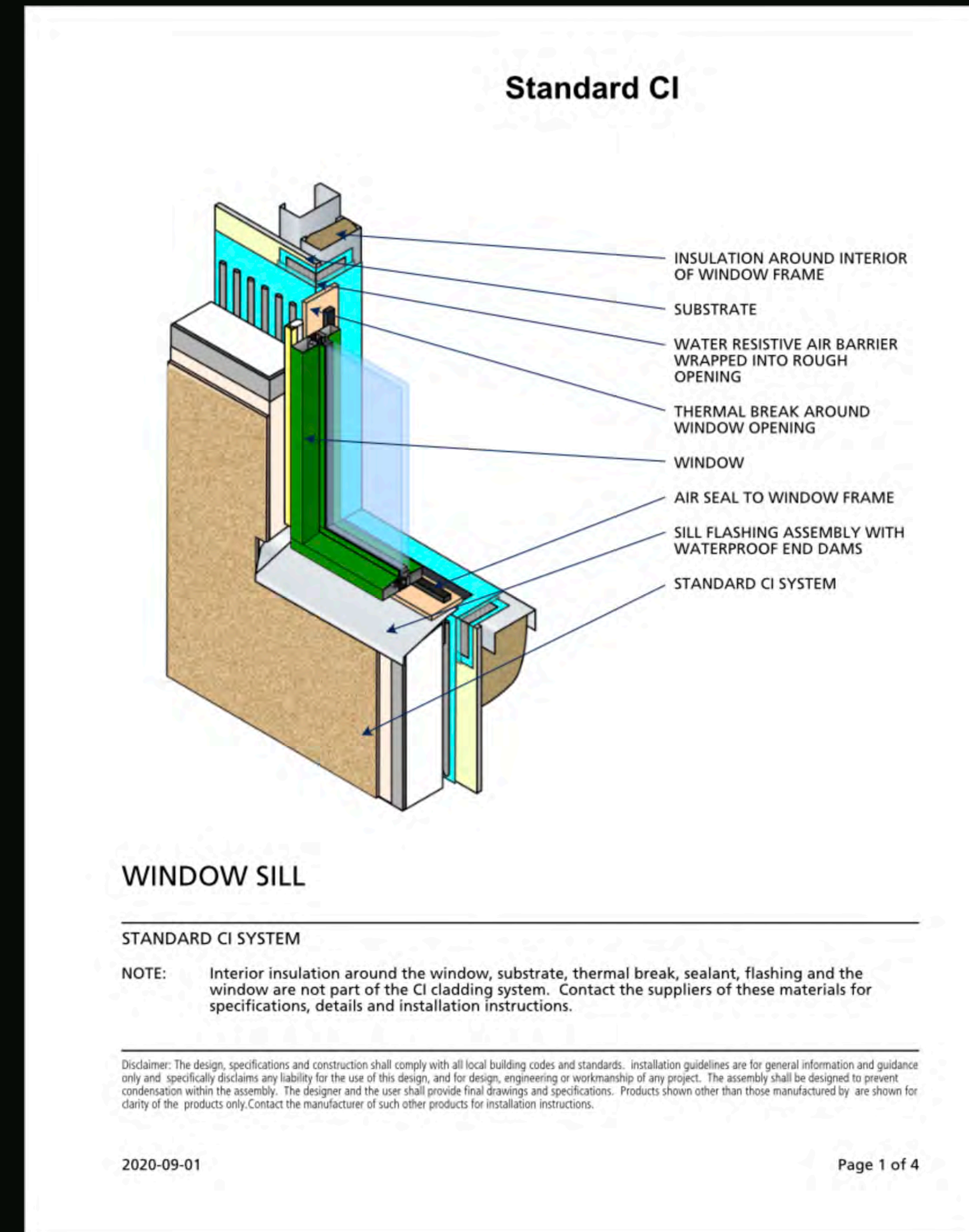
Manufacturer Detail

Window Sill

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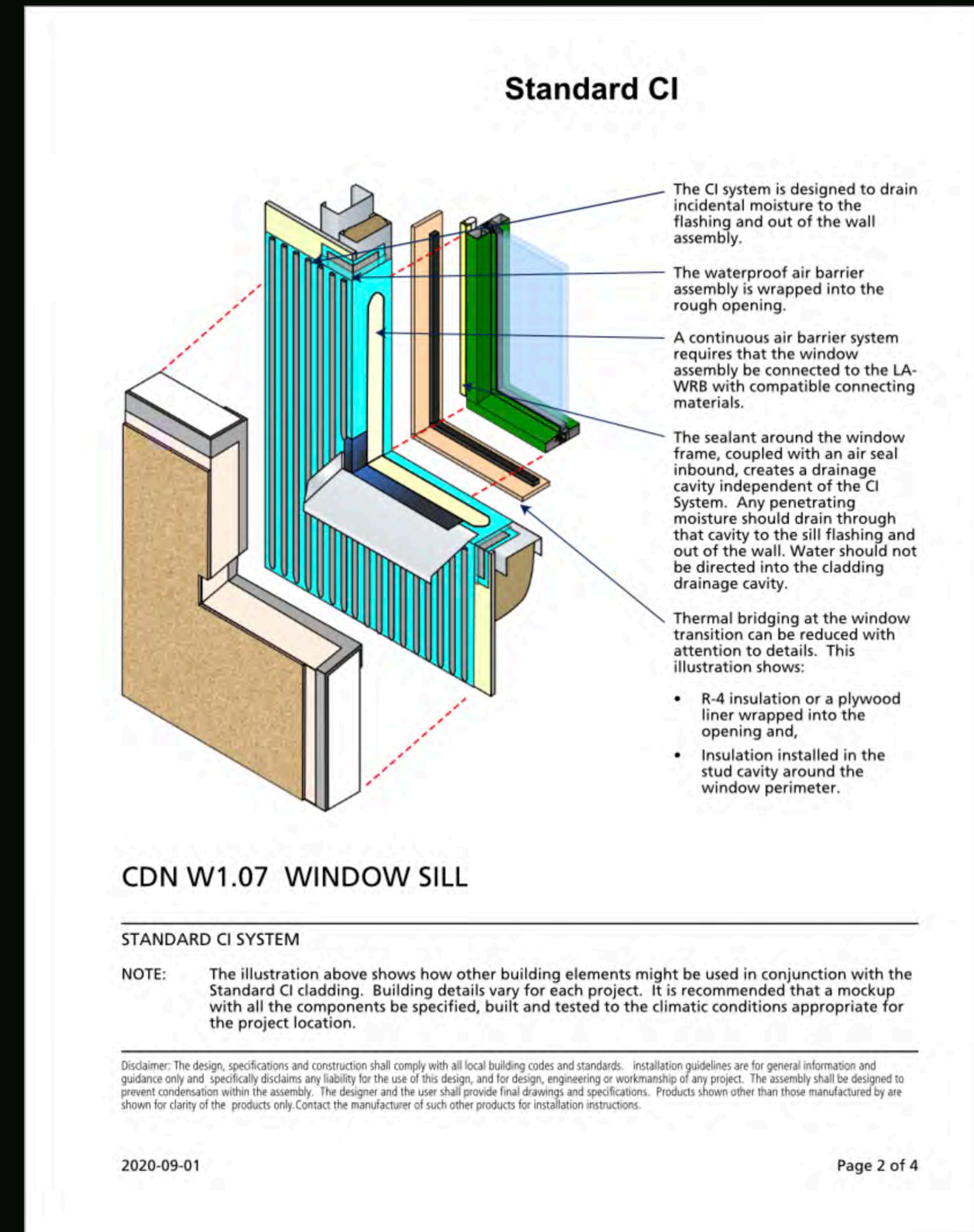
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Standard CI				
Uninsulated Cavity				
	Base Case	Plywood Liner	Plywood Liner with window at exterior	R-4 wrapped into opening
				
Linear Transmittance (Ψ) (W/mK)	0.41	0.24	0.21	0.21

Insulated Cavity around opening				
	Base Case	Plywood Liner	Plywood Liner with window at exterior	R-4 wrapped into opening
				
Linear Transmittance (Ψ) (W/mK)	0.23	0.11	0.10	0.09

Linear transmittance values calculated for punched window transition detail of fully insulated and split insulated EIFS assemblies. Pp 6-7, "Thermal and Whole Building Energy Performance of Exterior Insulated Finishing Systems Assemblies", Report for the EIFS Council of Canada, Morrison Hershfield, May 26, 2014.

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Durability and Resilience

Durability

EIFS

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EIFS

- ULC S716.1 Materials and Systems
 - No other cladding assembly is tested as severely
 - No other waterproof air barrier is tested as severely
- ULC S716.2 Installation
- ULC S716.3 Design Application
- These are now ISO 17738 standards

Resilience

- To endure daily wear in the intended service circumstances
- To be easily repaired after a catastrophic occurrence without the need for complete replacement

Resilience

The Lido

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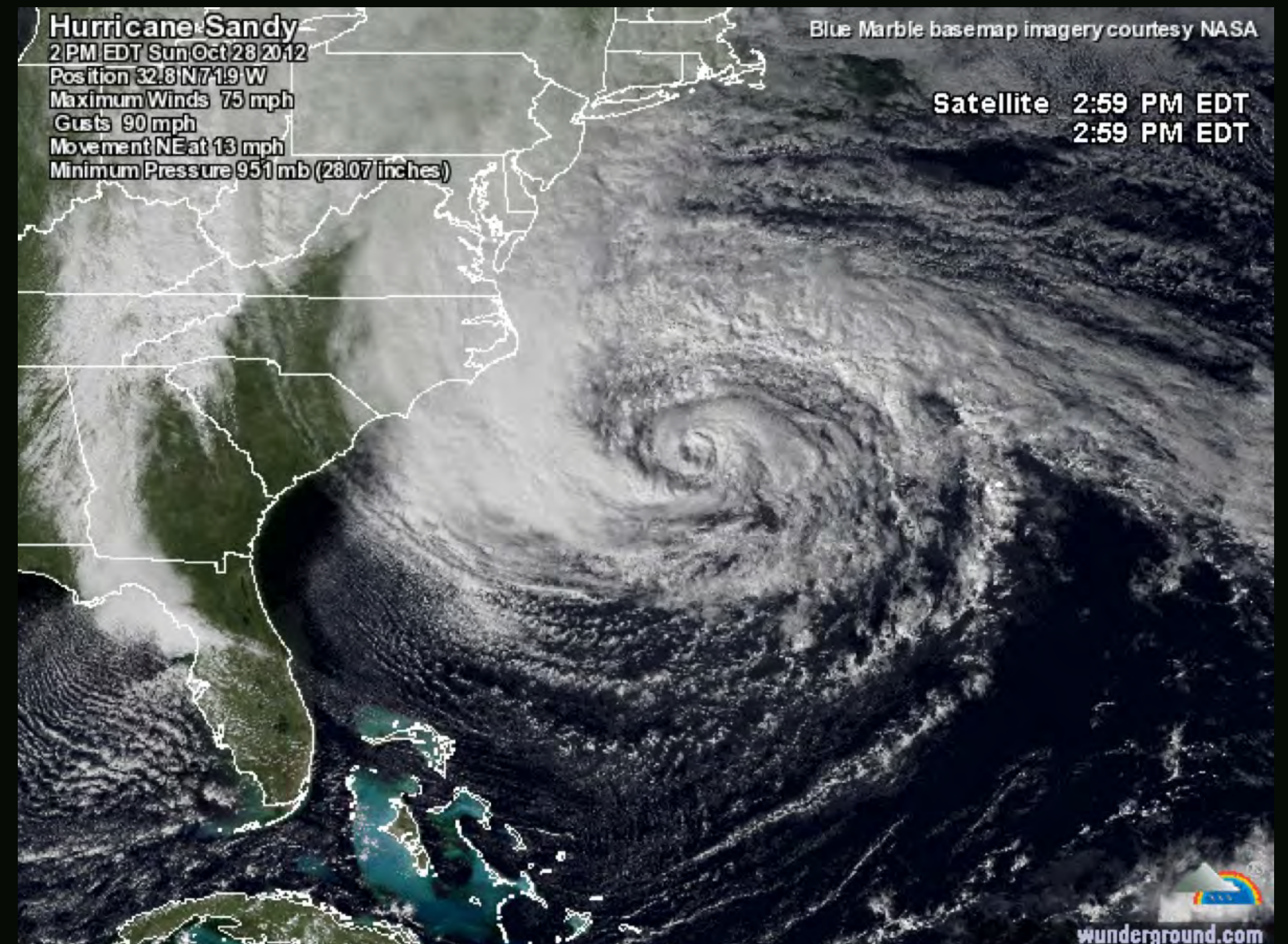
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- What could possibly go wrong?
- The Lido withstood the storm with minor damage and continued to be occupied
- Resilient



Where we've been



Where we've been

- EIFS = a method of construction
- Climate crisis
- Codes
- Effective insulation
- Thermal bridging
- Detailing
- Durability and resilience



Questions ?