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# Looking to the Future - What's in Store for ASHRAE Standard 90.1

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# Timely Tales of Energy Codes: Looking to the Future - What's in Store for ASHRAE Standard 90.1



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**Topics:** Envelope Backstop, Thermal Bridging, Air-Leakage



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**Topic:** On-Site renewable Energy

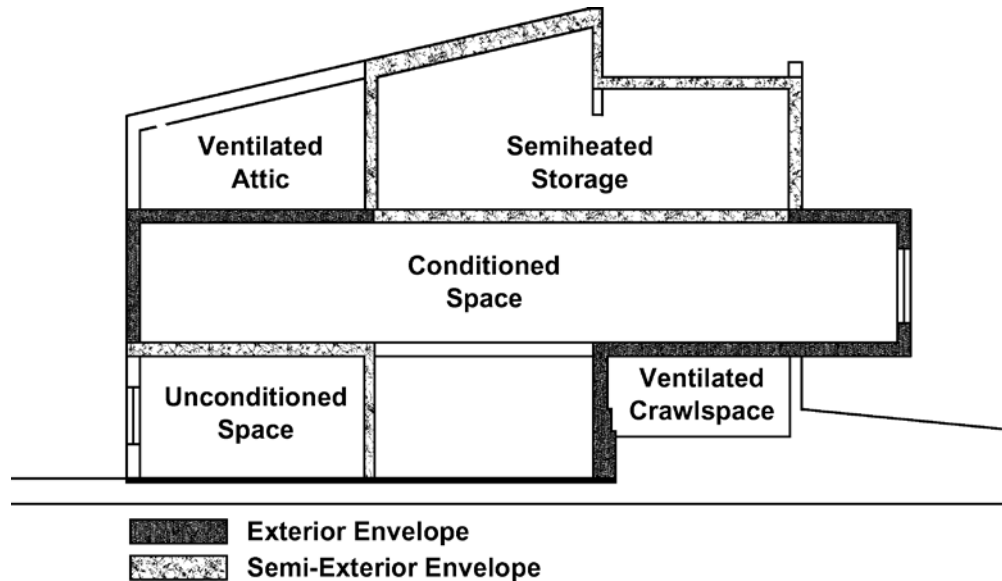


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**Topic:** Advanced HVAC Metrics

## 90.1 – Current/Future Activities

~Envelope



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Project Envelope Interior Lighting Exterior Lighting Mechanical Requirements

Roof Skylight Exterior Wall Semi-Exterior Wall Window Door Basement Floor

Component	Building	Cavity	Continuous Insulation	U-Factor	SHGC	Projection Factor	VT
1	Roof 1 Insulat			0.032			
2	Exterior Wall 1 Steel-F			0.064			
3	Window 1 Metal-F			0.310	0.35	0.00	0.39
4	Exterior Wall 2 Steel-F			0.064			
5	Window 2 Metal-F			0.310	0.35	0.00	0.39
6	Exterior Wall 3 Steel-F			0.064			
7	Window 3 Metal-F			0.310	0.35	0.00	0.39
8	Exterior Wall 4 Steel-F			0.064			
9	Window 4 Metal-F			0.310	0.35	0.00	0.39
10	Floor 1 Slab-On-Grade Unhea	1 - Multifamily	Insulation	040	linear ft		15.0

COMcheck

Check Envelope Compliance

Envelope -6% Interior Lighting TBD Exterior Lighting TBD

Envelope FAILS



- Envelope Backstop
- Thermal Bridging
- Air Leakage

# Envelope Backstop

- **Known as addendum cr in the 2016 cycle**
- **Approved by SSPC 90.1 in fall 2020**
- **Concept currently in place in NYC and Washington State**
- **Only applies to Section 11 or Appendix G**
- **Only applies to New Buildings**

# Envelope Backstop

“...weaker building envelopes can permanently limit building energy performance even as lighting and HVAC components are upgraded over time, because retrofitting the envelope is less likely and more expensive.”

One could design a uninsulated building in Buffalo, NY with a super efficient mechanical system, but long term does that make sense?

# Envelope Backstop

How does it work?

Section 11 / Appendix G currently allows full (unlimited) trade offs between different mechanical systems\*, lighting, envelope components, etc...

Addendum cr puts a limit on that unlimited trade off for Envelope Components (items under Section 5).

*\*note there is a difference in the baseline methodology between Section 11 and Appendix G and the way Energy Conservation Measures are baselined.*

# Envelope Backstop

## How does it work

- Meet Prescriptive requirements from Section 5, or
- Utilizing the methodology in Section 5.6 (Envelope Trade Off / ComCheck) Create an envelope only model that is no more than:
  - 15% worse than the baseline - residential
  - 7% worse than the baseline – non-residential

*Note ComCheck is more sophisticated Envelope Trade off that takes into account thermal mass, daylight etc...*



# Envelope Backstop

## How does it work?

MT Test File.cck - COMcheck 4.1.4.3 Code: 2020 New York City Energy Cons. Code, App. CA Modeling Envelope Backstop

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2. Enter Proposed Envelope

Project Envelope Interior Lighting Exterior Lighting Mechanical Requirements

Roof Skylight Exterior Wall Semi-Exterior Wall Window Door Basement Floor

	Component	Assembly	Building Area Type	Orientation	Fenestration Details	Construction Details	Gross Area or Slab Perimeter	Units	Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	SHGC	Projection Factor	VT
	▼ Building													
1	Roof 1	Insulation Entirely Abo...	1 - Office (No...				10000	ft2		40.0	0.025			
2	▼ Exterior Wall 1	Steel-Framed, 16" o.c.	1 - Office (No...	North			2000	ft2	20.0	15.0	0.041			
3	Window 1	Metal Frame:Fixed, < 9...			Product ID: sdfsd...		1200	ft2			0.280	0.30	0.00	0.68
4	▼ Exterior Wall 1	Steel-Framed, 16" o.c.	1 - Office (No...	East			2000	ft2	20.0	15.0	0.041			
5	Window 1	Metal Frame:Fixed, < 9...			Product ID: sdfsd...		1200	ft2			0.280	0.30	0.00	0.68
6	▼ Exterior Wall 1	Steel-Framed, 16" o.c.	1 - Office (No...	South			2000	ft2	20.0	15.0	0.041			
7	Window 1	Metal Frame:Fixed, < 9...			Product ID: sdfsd...		1200	ft2			0.280	0.30	0.00	0.68
8	▼ Exterior Wall 1	Steel-Framed, 16" o.c.	1 - Office (No...	West			2000	ft2	20.0	15.0	0.041			
9	Window 1	Metal Frame:Fixed, < 9...			Product ID: sdfsd...		1200	ft2			0.280	0.30	0.00	0.68

3. Run the analysis

4. (BEPP - 0.7%) / BEPP = -4.6%

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# Thermal Bridging

- **Known as addendum av in the 2016 cycle**
- **Currently in public review process**
- **Concept currently in place in Washington State**
  - international jurisdictions (Australia,Canada,Denmark,France,New Zealand,United Kingdom)
- **Will be a prescriptive requirement (tradeable)**

# Thermal Bridging

“...unaccounted heat flow through the cumulative impact of thermal bridges can increase the annual energy consumption associated with the building envelope when compared to a building without thermal bridges.”

ASHRAE Research Project 1365 “Thermal Performance of Building Envelope Details for Mid- and High-Rise Buildings”.

# Thermal Bridging

How does it work?

- Part of Section 5
- Prescriptive path (solutions) for some assemblies
- Trade off for other solutions via Section 5.6 / Section 11 / Appendix G

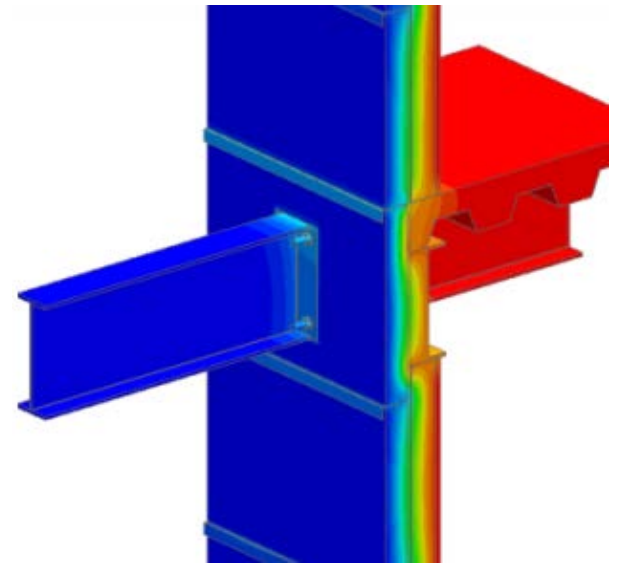
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# Thermal Bridging

How does it work?

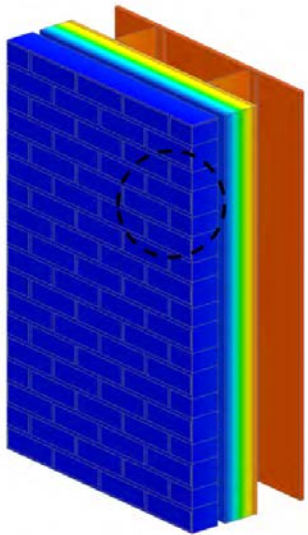
## Definitions

- Clear Field Thermal Bridges
- Linear Thermal Bridges
- Point Thermal Bridges

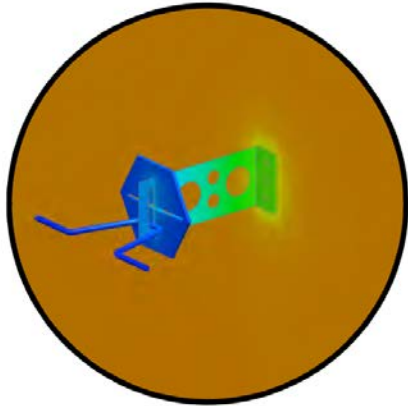


# Thermal Bridging

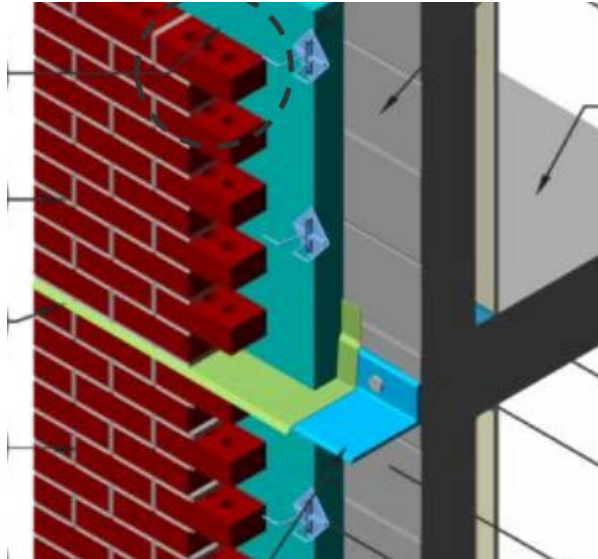
CLEAR LINEAR POINT



View of Exterior



View of Anchoring Tie



# Thermal Bridging

Roof-Wall intersections

Walls and Intermediate Floor Intersections

Opaque Wall and Vertical Fenestration Intersection

Cladding Support

Other Elements

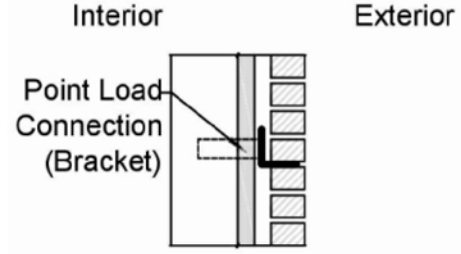
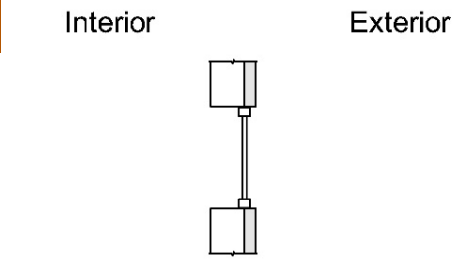
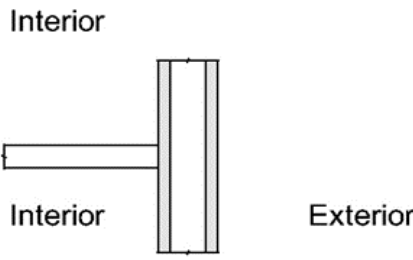
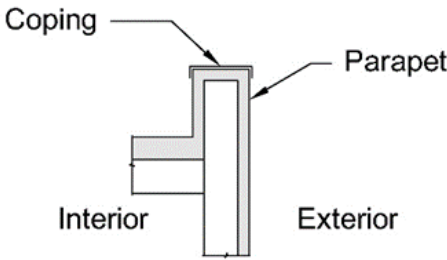
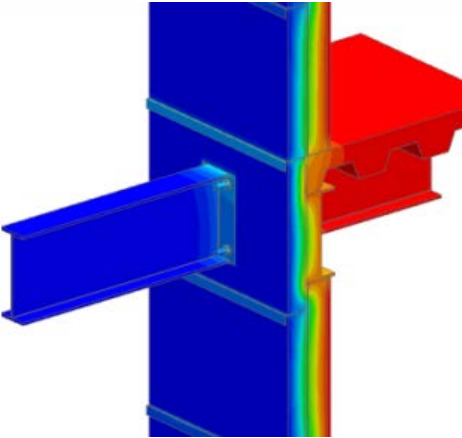
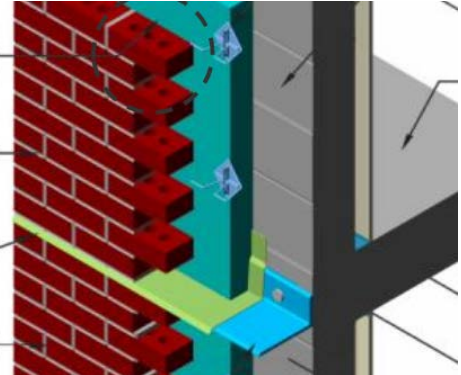
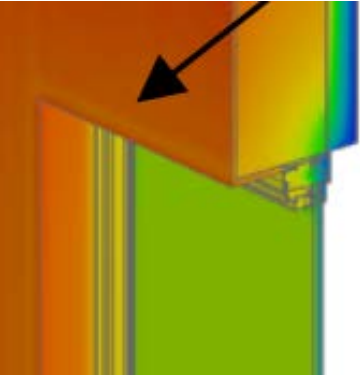
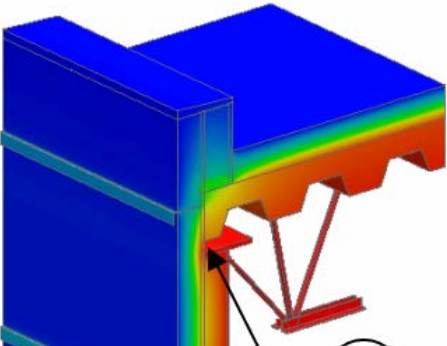


Figure 5.4.4.1 Exception 2a Wall with Exterior Continuous Insulation

Figure 5.4.4.2a

Figure 5.4.4.3a Fenestration and Continuous Insulation

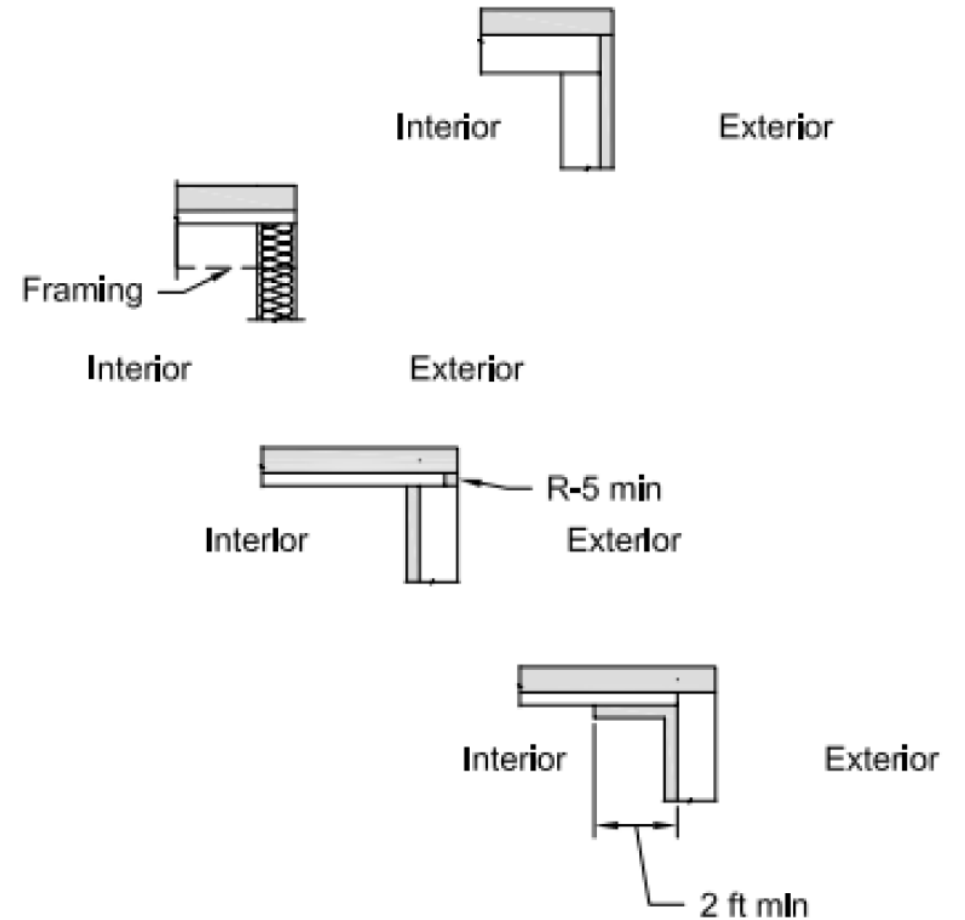
Figure 5.5.5.2 Exception 3 Shelf Angles Supporting Exterior Cladding

# Thermal Bridging

## Example of prescriptive solution

**5.5.5.1.1 Roof edges.** At *roof edges* without parapets or overhangs, the *roof* insulation and the *wall* insulation shall comply with the following, as applicable to the location of the insulation:

- Where a *wall* has exterior *continuous insulation*, the *roof* insulation shall extend to the exterior of the *wall* insulation and the *wall* insulation shall extend to the *roof* insulation;
- Where a *wall* has cavity, or integral insulation, that represents more than 50 percent of the total wall insulation.....
- Where a *mass wall* has interior insulation that represents more than 50 percent of the total wall insulation.....



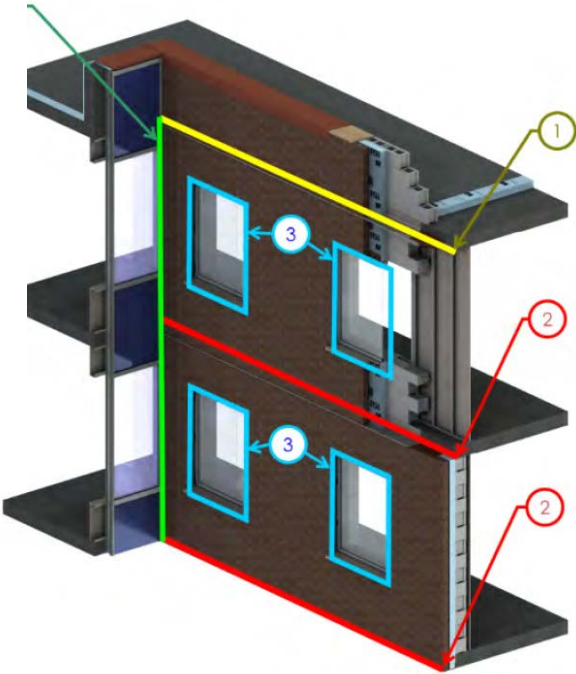
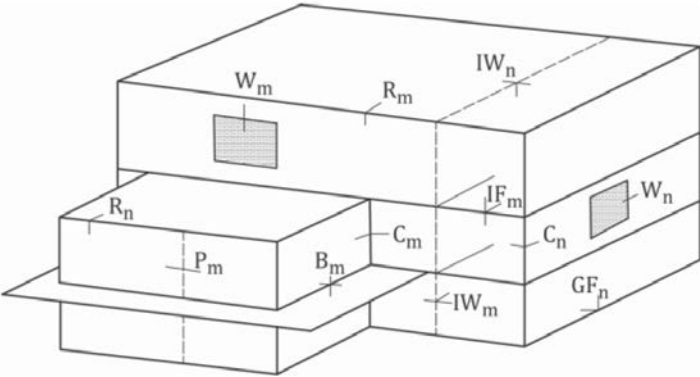
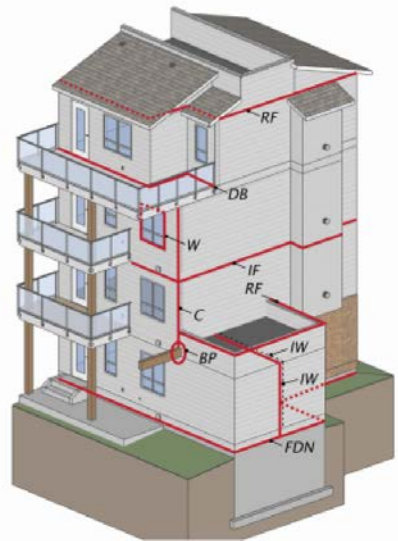


# Thermal Bridging

Trade off –  
Section 5.6 (ComCheck  
Section 11  
Appendix G

REQUIRES AREA TAKE OFFS

(ComCheck already requires building envelope take offs)



1. Parapet Length
2. Slab Lengths
3. Wall to Window Transition Lengths

# Thermal Bridging

## Appendix c (5.6)

meet prescriptive requirements-no change

or

utilize simple trade off – baseline ComCheck model will automatically utilize modified U-factors for the baseline This is all done in the background, AHJ / designer will only need to work with one set of values – what is in the project design and what is entered into the ComCheck form



**Section 1: Project Information**

Energy Code: **2009 IECC**  
 Project Title: La Crosse Lot C Office  
 Project Type: Addition

Construction Site:                      Owner/Agent:                      Designer/Contractor:

Building Location (for weather data):      La Crosse, Wisconsin  
 Climate Zone:                                      6a  
 Vertical Glazing / Wall Area Pct.:              39%

**Building Use: Activity Type(s)**    **Floor Area**  
 1-Office : Nonresidential    126624

**Section 2: Envelope Assemblies and Requirements Checklist**

**Envelope PASSES: Design 3% better than code.**

**Envelope Assemblies:**

Component Name/Description	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Proposed U-Factor	Budget U-Factor <sup>(a)</sup>
L2 Roof/Floor Assembly: Insulation Entirely Above Deck, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office]	21104	---	15.0	0.063	0.048
L4 Roof: Insulation Entirely Above Deck, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office]	580	---	26.0	0.037	0.048
L5 Roof: Insulation Entirely Above Deck, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office]	2406	---	26.0	0.037	0.048
Roof: Insulation Entirely Above Deck, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office]	17868	---	26.0	0.037	0.048
L2-6 Ext. Wall: Steel-Framed, 16in. o.c., [Bldg. Use 1 - Office]	52814	0.0	13.0	0.063	0.064
Window: , Perf. Specs.: Product ID Tu2460 w/ Solarban 60, SHGC 0.35, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office] (b)	18732	---	---	0.350	0.450
Window: , Perf. Specs.: Product ID Tubelite 200CW SSG, SHGC 0.37, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office] (b)	1956	---	---	0.390	0.450
Door: , Perf. Specs.: Product ID Tubelite Non Thermal Doors, SHGC 0.23, [Bldg. Use 1 - Office] (b)	171	---	---	0.720	0.800

(a) Budget U-factors are used for software baseline calculations ONLY, and are not code requirements.  
 (b) Fenestration product performance must be certified in accordance with NFRC and requires supporting documentation.

# Thermal Bridging

## Section 11 / Appendix G

Baseline models need to model *Linear and Point Thermal bridges* using default values in accordance with A10

Proposed models need to model *Linear and Point Thermal bridges* in accordance with A10

New Appendix A10 section with default and mitigated Psi & Chi Factors

$$U_{tot} = \left( \left[ \left( \sum \psi_i \cdot L_i \right) + \left( \sum \chi_j \cdot n_j \right) \right] / A_{total} \right) + U_o$$

FYI, Appendix G already required this.

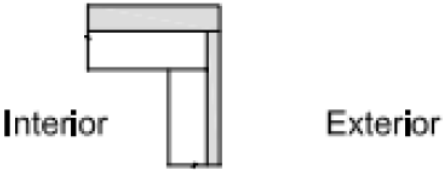
**Table A10.1 Thermal Bridging Default Psi-Factors and Chi-factors for Thermal Bridges**

<i>Class of Construction</i>	<i>Thermal Bridge Type</i>	<i>Section</i>	<u>Un-mitigated</u>		<u>Default</u>	
			<i>Psi-Factor</i> Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F)	<i>Chi-Factor</i> Btu/(h·°F)	<i>Psi-Factor</i> Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F)	<i>Chi-Factor</i> Btu/(h·°F)
<i>Steel Framed</i>	Parapet	5.5.5.1	0.289	n/a	0.151	n/a
	Floor to Wall intersection	5.5.5.2	0.487		0.177	
	Relieving Angle	5.5.5.2	0.314		0.217	
	Wall to Vertical Fenestration intersection	5.5.5.3	0.292		0.112	
	Shading Device	5.5.5.4	0.402		0.117	
	Other Element	5.5.5.5	n/a	1.73	n/a	0.91
<i>Mass</i>	Parapet	5.5.5.1	0.238	n/a	0.126	n/a
	Floor to Wall intersection	5.5.5.2	0.476		0.118	
	Relieving Angle	5.5.5.2	0.270		0.186	
	Wall to Vertical Fenestration intersection	5.5.5.3	0.188		0.131	
	Shading Device	5.5.5.4	0.352		0.140	
	Other Element	5.5.5.5	n/a	0.91	n/a	0.19
<i>Wood-framed and Other</i>	Parapet	5.5.5.1	0.032	n/a	0.032	n/a
	Floor to Wall intersection	5.5.5.2	0.322		0.049	
	Relieving Angle	5.5.5.2	0.186		0.108	
	Wall to Vertical Fenestration intersection	5.5.5.3	0.099		0.026	
	Shading Device	5.5.5.4	0.083		0.072	
	Other Element	5.5.5.5	n/a	0.19	n/a	0.07

n/a = not applicable

# Thermal Bridging

Example of CHI & PSI factors for trade off solution



Where do I get them?

## Appendix A

Table A10.1 Thermal Bridging Psi-Factors and Chi-factors for Thermal Bridges						
Class of Construction -Wall, above Grade	Thermal Bridge Type	Section	Un-mitigated		Default	
			Psi-Factor W /m K	Chi-Factor W /m K	Psi-Factor W /m K	Chi-Factor W /m K
Steel Framed and Metal Buildings	Roof Edge	5.5.5.1.1	0.650		0.020	
	Parapet	5.5.5.1	0.500		0.260	
	Intermediate floor to wall intersection	5.5.5.2	0.842		0.307	

# Thermal Bridging

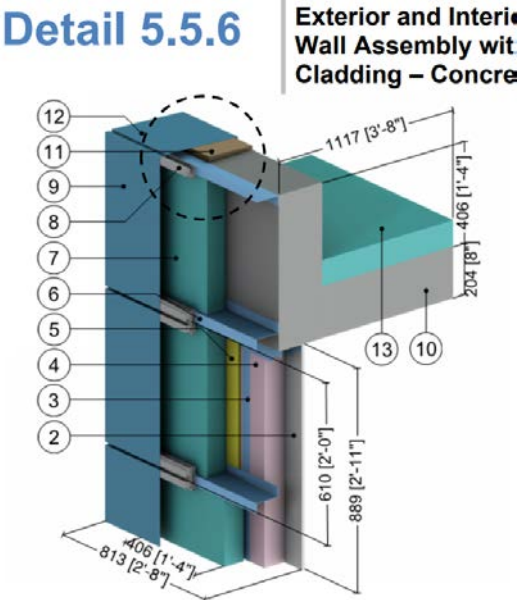
Example of CHI & PSI factors for trade off solution

Where do I get them?

**Thermal Bridging Guide / BC Hydro** (now online)

<https://betb.ca/catalogue/>

Appendix A: Catalogue Material Data Sheets



**Parapet Linear Transmittance**

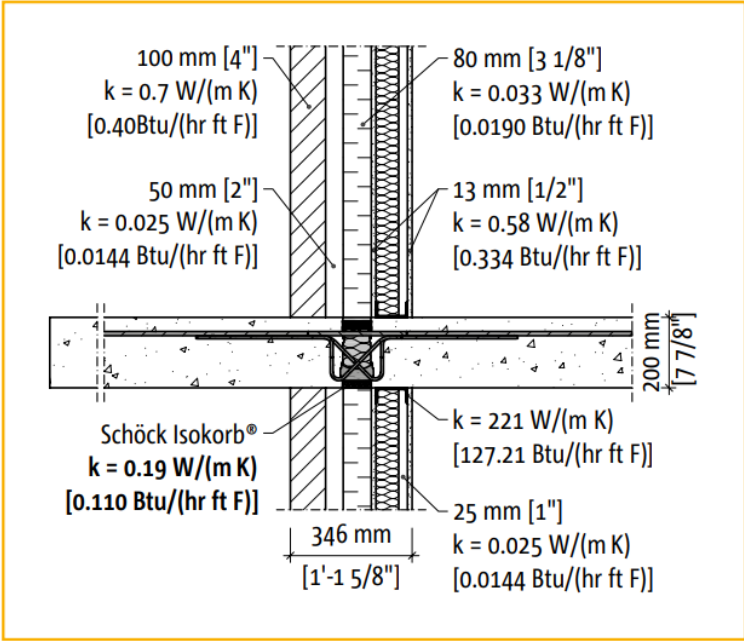
Exterior Insulation 1D R-Value (RSI)	R ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr·°F / Btu (m <sup>2</sup> K / W)	U Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr ·°F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	ψ Btu/ft ·hr·°F (W/m K)
R-10 (1.76)	R-7.9 (1.39)	0.127 (0.72)	0.448 (0.776)
R-15 (2.64)	R-8.2 (1.44)	0.122 (0.70)	0.444 (0.768)

# Thermal Bridging

Example of CHI & PSI factors  
for trade off solution

Where do I get them?

Manufacturer's

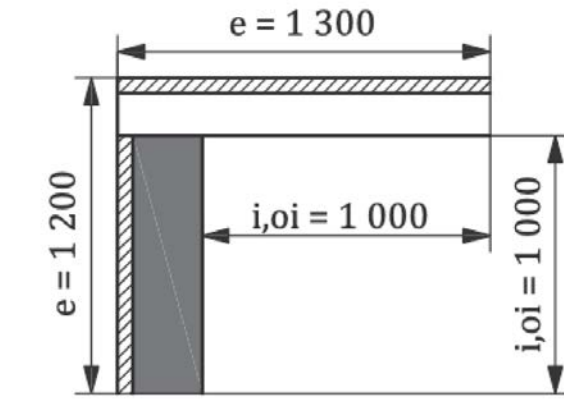
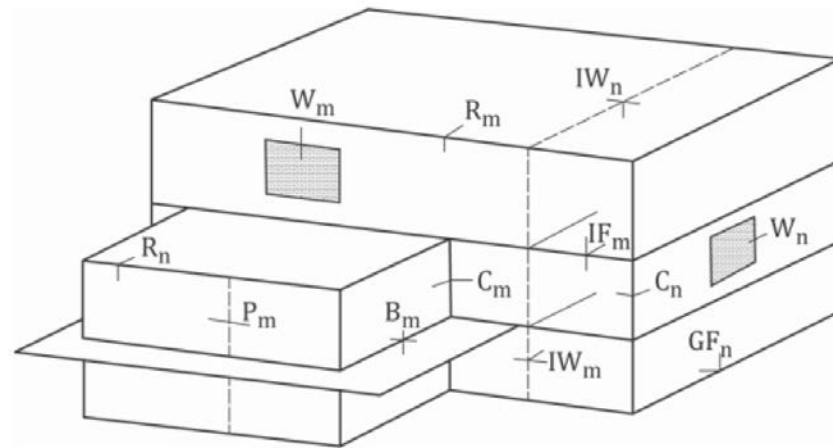


# Thermal Bridging

Example of CHI & PSI factors for trade off solution

Where do I get them?

ISO 14683



R1  
 $\psi_e = 0,55$   
 $\psi_{oi} = 0,75$   
 $\psi_i = 0,75$

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD **ISO 14683**  
 Third edition 2017-06

Thermal bridges in building construction — Linear thermal transmittance — Simplified methods and default values  
*Ponts thermiques dans les bâtiments — Coefficient linéique de transmission thermique — Méthodes simplifiées et valeurs par défaut*

# Air Leakage

- **Known as addendum t in the 2019 cycle**
- **Currently in public review process**
- **Concept currently in place in numerous codes both commercial and residential**
- **Will be / Continues to be a mandatory requirement (with options)**
- **Will be in the IECC 2021**



# Air Leakage

Uncontrolled Air Leakage is a known Energy Savings strategy.

# Air Leakage

How does it work?

- Same as before



# Air Leakage

## What Changed?

- Air Leakage Target changed to 0.30 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 75 pa for all buildings [0.45 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 75 pa]  
*current Target is 0.40 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 75 pa → .060 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 75 pa*
- New Buildings less than 25,000 SF must test. (larger buildings can still inspect or test)
- ASTM E 3158 - *“Standard Test Method for Measuring the Air Leakage Rate of a Large or Multizone Building”* was added
- “Air Infiltration” changed to “Air Leakage”



# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR ASHRAE 90.1 MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY TRENDS

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# Learn Objectives

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- The learning objective for this presentation is;
  1. Review some of the recent changes to chapter 6 as it relates to equipment efficiency metrics that were include in the 2019 standard, some of which do not go into effect immediately and are controlled by date effectivity
  2. Review possible changes to HVAC&R equipment efficiency that are being considered by ASHRAE 90.1 Mechanical Subcommittee and other organization and industry activity

Keep in mind that for item 2 the information is based on concepts that have not been thru the ASHRAE 90.1 approval process including public review and may not be approved or could change as part of the final approval process

# Background

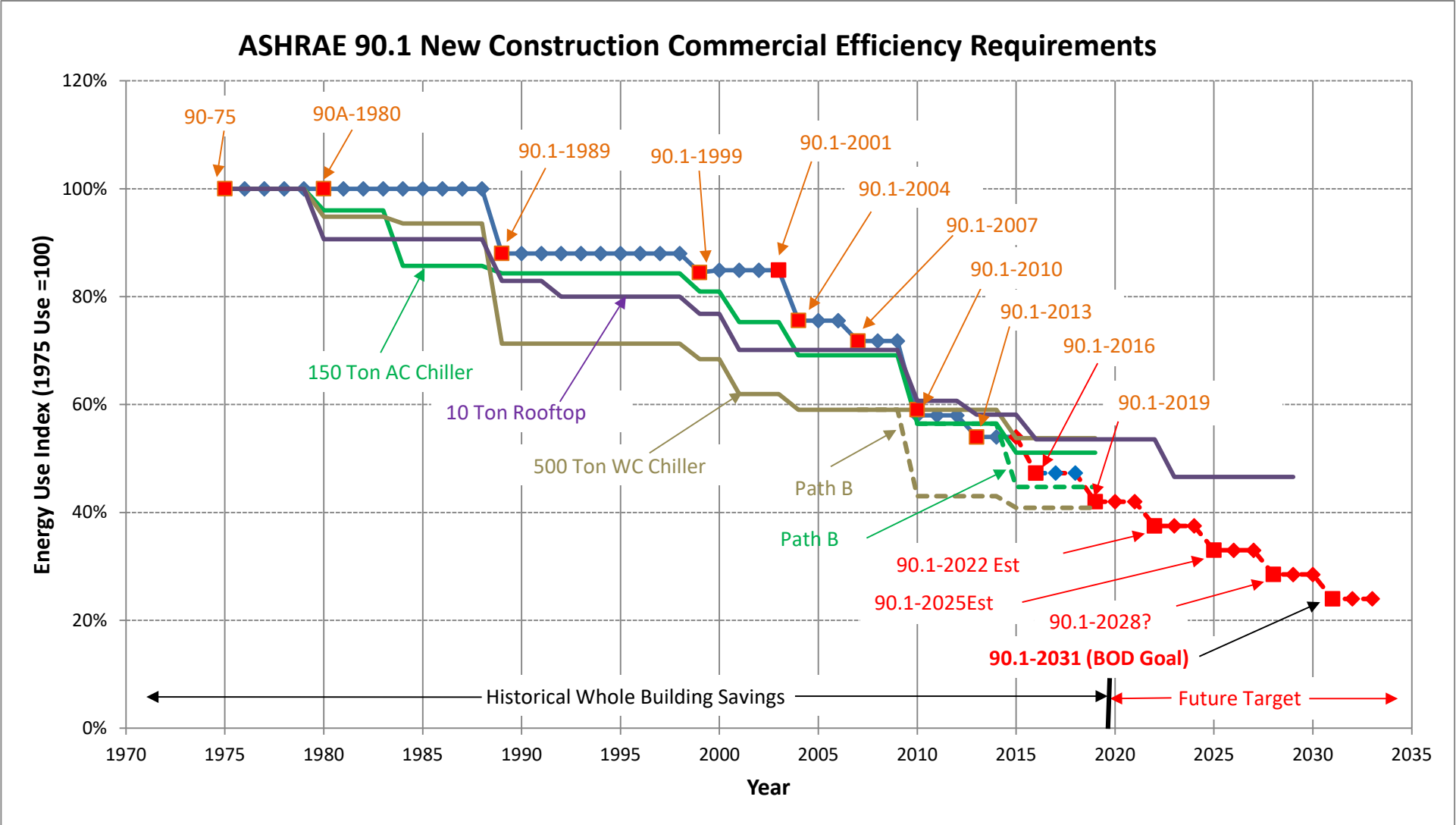
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- Since the 1970's, when efficiency standard and regulations were first implemented, the approach for HVAC Equipment has been to use **standardized efficiency metrics** combined with **prescriptive application and system requirements** to regulate and improve HVAC efficiencies in buildings.
- The **metrics** have the following attributes;
  - Based on industry rating and **test standards** (AHRI, DOE -10 CFR, AMCA, ANSI, AHAM, CTI, ISO)
  - Based on **standard rating conditions** typically at full load and at US average design temperature (i.e.. 95 OAT, 80/67 return air)
  - Separate metrics for cooling and heating operation
  - Typical for a basic products without options (i.e. no economizer, no energy recovery, no reheat)
  - **Product specific** and not capable of being used to compare different product types
  - Historical done at **full load design** conditions
  - Intended to compare like products but **not intended to predict energy use for a building or application**
- Definition and updates to metrics vary;
  - Some products are directly defined by DOE as defined NECA (i.e. residential and single-phase unitary products)
  - Some products are defined by ASHRAE and then approved by DOE as defined in ESIA
  - Typically these are aligned especially for **preempted requirements** but not always for others due to implementation timing in building codes
- Prescriptive application requirements are typically defined by Standards like ASHRAE 90.1, IECC, ASHRAE 189.1/IGCC and Title 24

# Equipment Efficiency Improvements

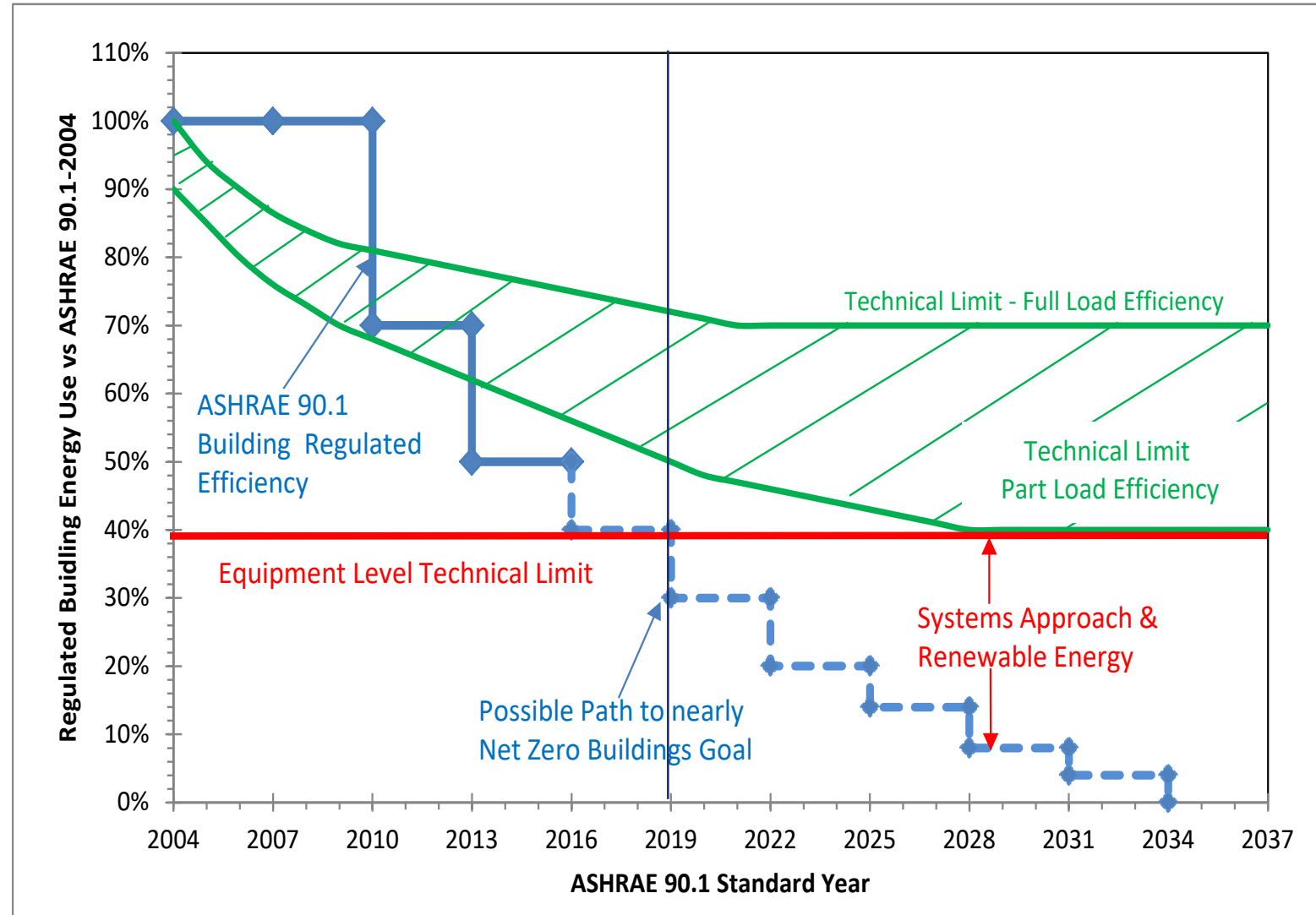
Overall the ASHRAE 90.1 standard efficiency improvements have been significant

Similar Results have been seen for HVAC&R equipment metrics



# Equipment Efficiencies “Max Tech”

- We are starting to run out of technological approaches to continue the improvement in efficiency of equipment using the old metric approach (i.e. “second law of thermodynamics”)
- The industry often refers to this as “Max Tech”
- At full load, the limits are started to be reached for some products or are not cost effective
- There is opportunity at part load and the industry is moving in that direction but for some products limits are also be reached.
- This is shown in the figure.





# Issues with Current Efficiency Metrics

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- The current efficiency metrics have been effective at guiding the improvements in HVAC product efficiencies, but there are issues with comparing different products and for use in full building analysis;
- Some of the issues are;
  - Most have been **full load based**, and equipment seldom if ever runs at full load. There are new metrics being used and developed to look at **part load and or annualized performance** (i.e. IPLV, IEER, SEER, SEER2, HSPF, HSPF2, ISMRE)
  - Metrics are based on a **common national rating conditions** and in most cases are not regional
  - Based on conditions that are **not always seen in real buildings** (i.e. return air temperatures, airflow, static pressure, barometric pressure)
  - Metrics are for **basic units** and do not include optional features(i.e. economizers, energy recover, enhanced filters)
  - Metrics are **component based** and do not consider the full system (cooling towers, pumps, terminals, ductwork and ductwork leakage)
  - Most are based on very detailed and **prescriptive testing** procedures that are run at steady state conditions
  - Metric included some cyclic degradation allowances but not all interactions of system components (i.e. thermostats)
  - Metrics do not support **building modeling** and approaches defined in ASHRAE 90.1 chapter 11, and Appendix G
  - Do not allow **comparison of systems** (i.e.. Rooftop vs VRF vs WSHP vs Chiller)
  - Some **new products** do not yet have metrics

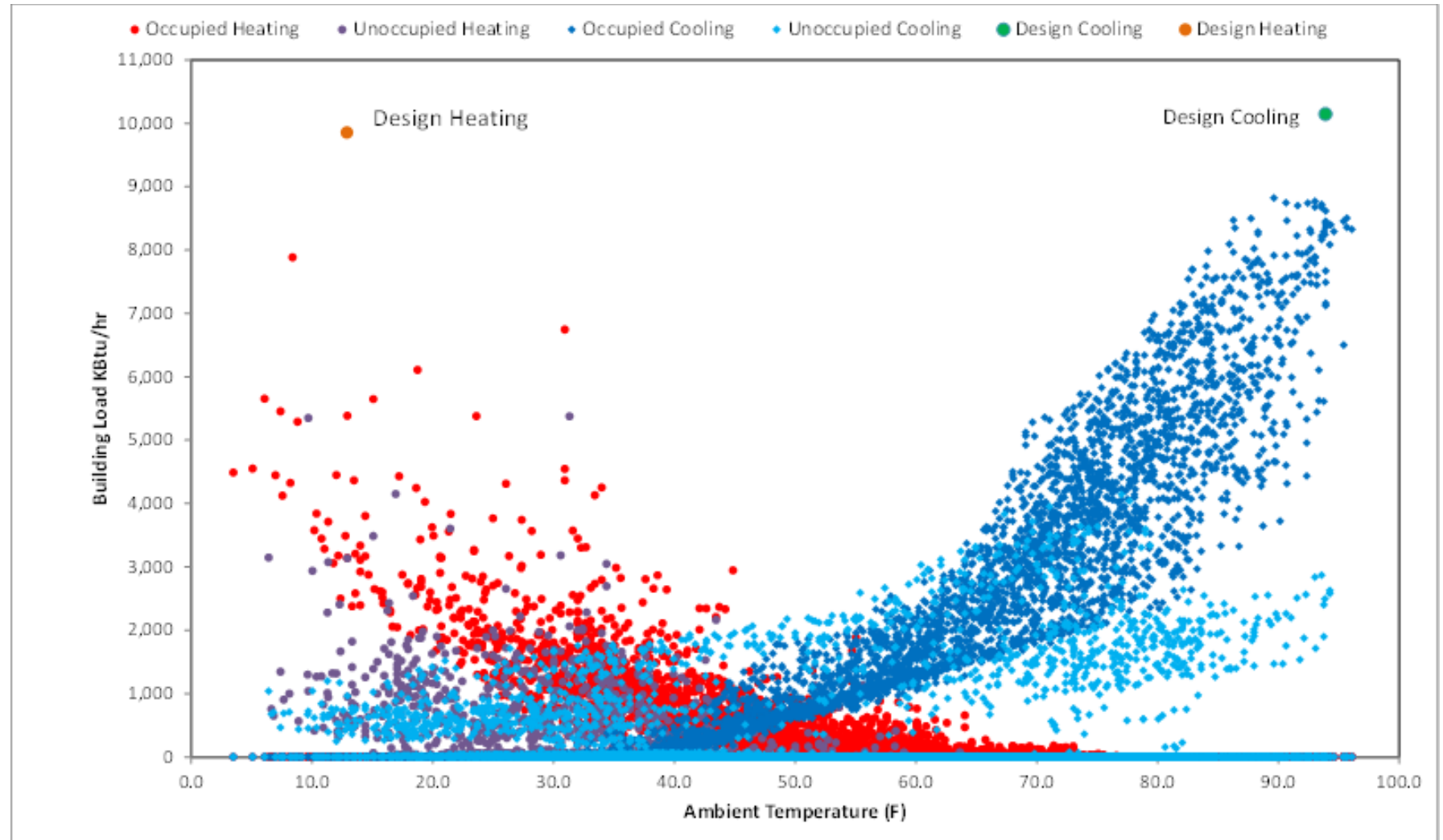
# Understand Building Energy Use

The figure shows the hourly loads of a typical large commercial building off in climate zone 4a

Typically HVAC systems are oversized by 15% for cooling and 25% for heating but all metrics assume no oversizing

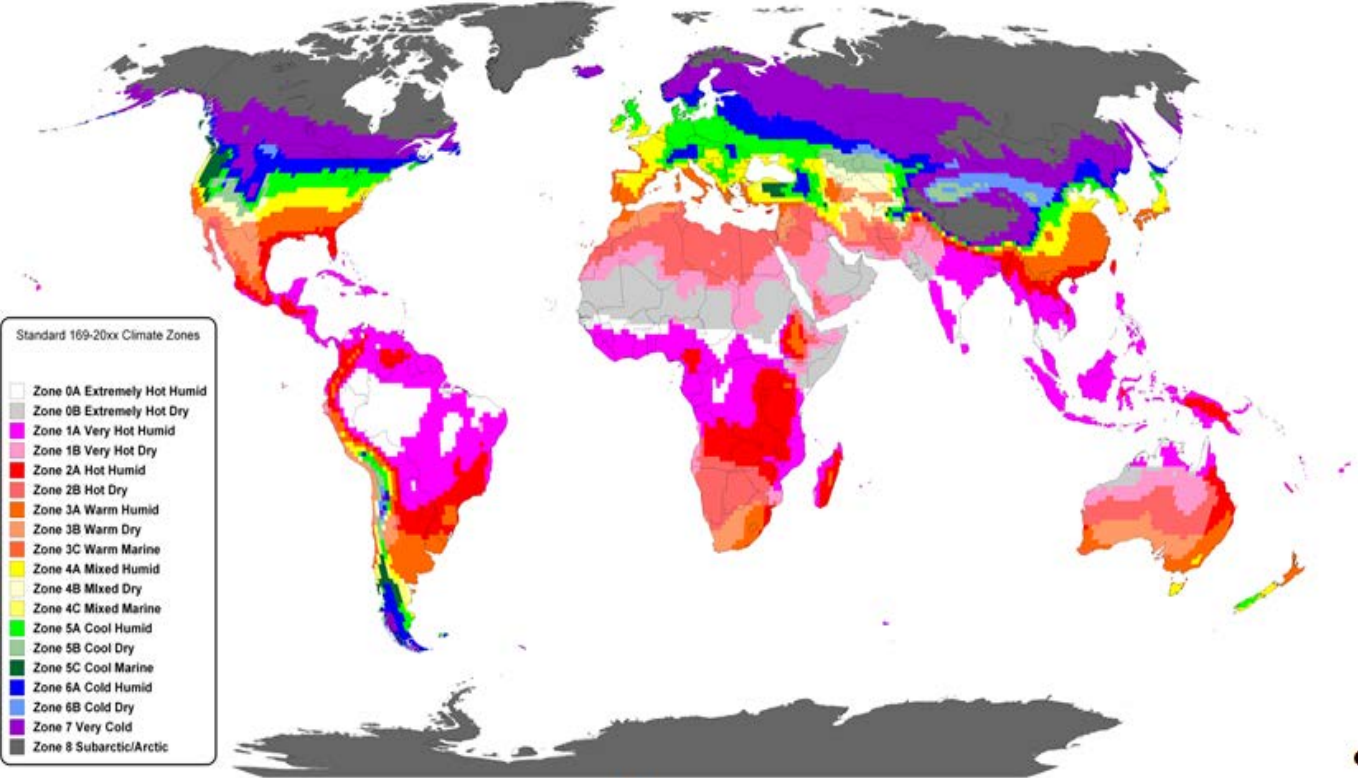
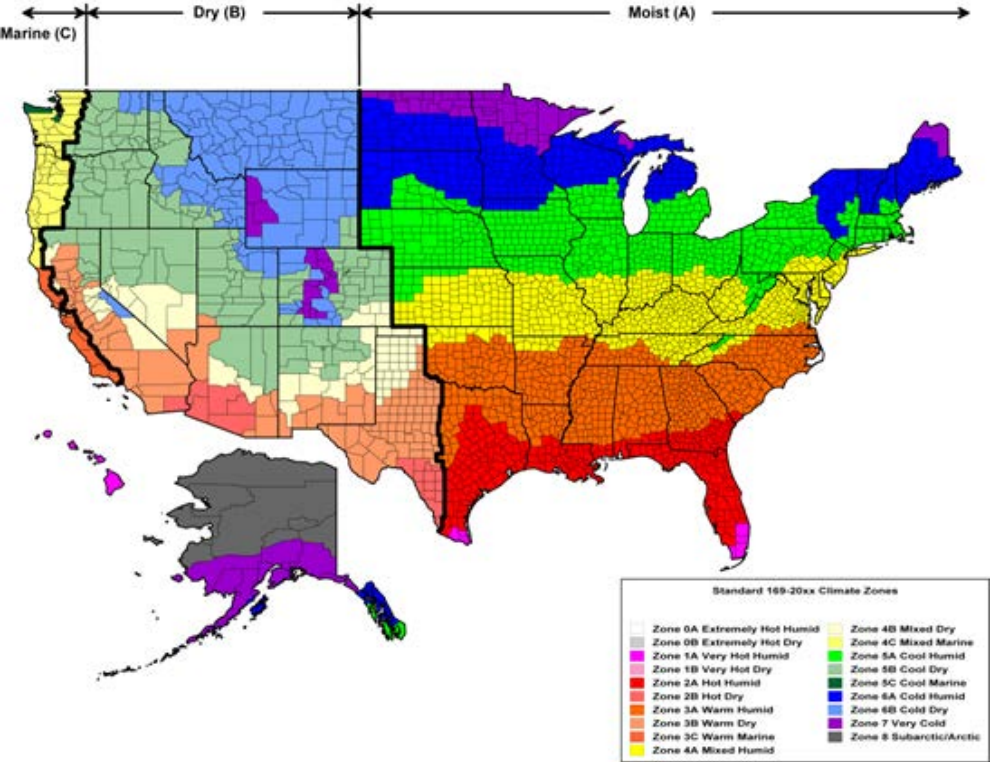
Historically energy efficiency regulations have been focused on full load efficiency which is seldom if every seen

In recent years new metrics have been developed to look at average annualized performance and this is now a focus of AHRI system initiative



# Regional Climate Impact on Efficiency

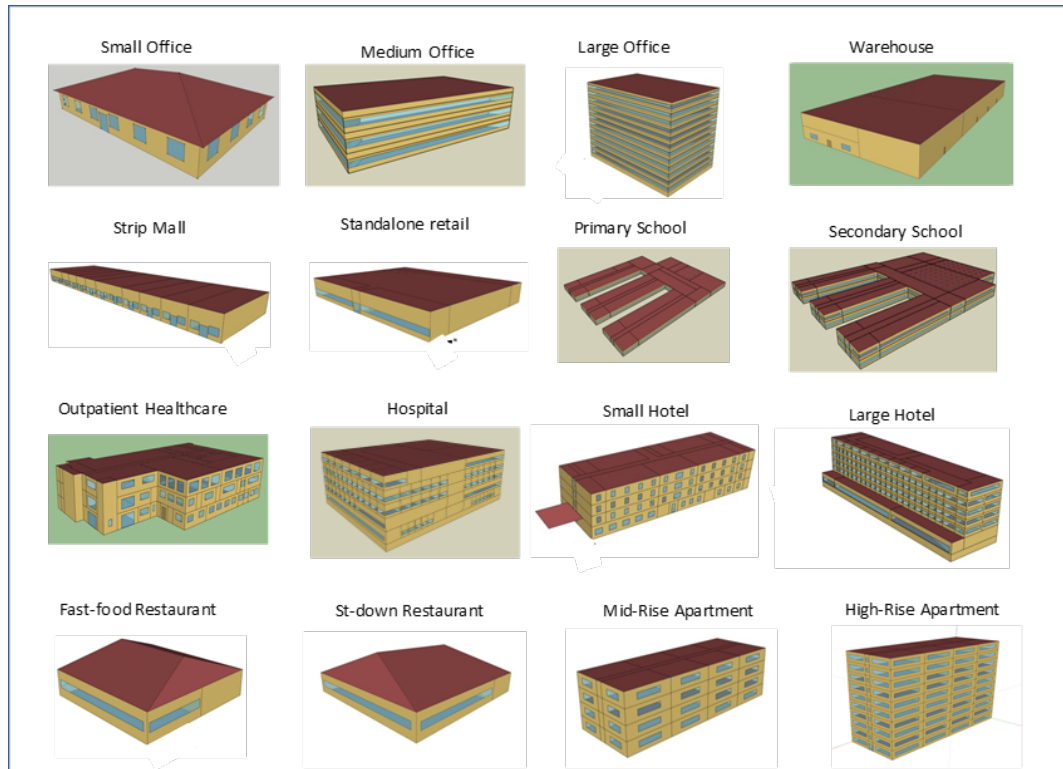
Most metrics are based on average design conditions (95 °F ambient, 85 °F condenser water) but the US gas 17 climate zones and the world has 19 climate zones as defined in the updated ASHRAE 169-2013



# Building Type Impact on Efficiency

- For commercial the building loads are not all the same and vary significantly due to occupancy and use, and are changing due to envelope improvements, reduced lighting loads, increased plug loads and possible increased ventilation
- In ASHRAE 90.1 Mechanical Subcommittee they are spending more time understanding the impact of the buildings and ASHRAE has developed standardized buildings and reference cities

## Reference Buildings

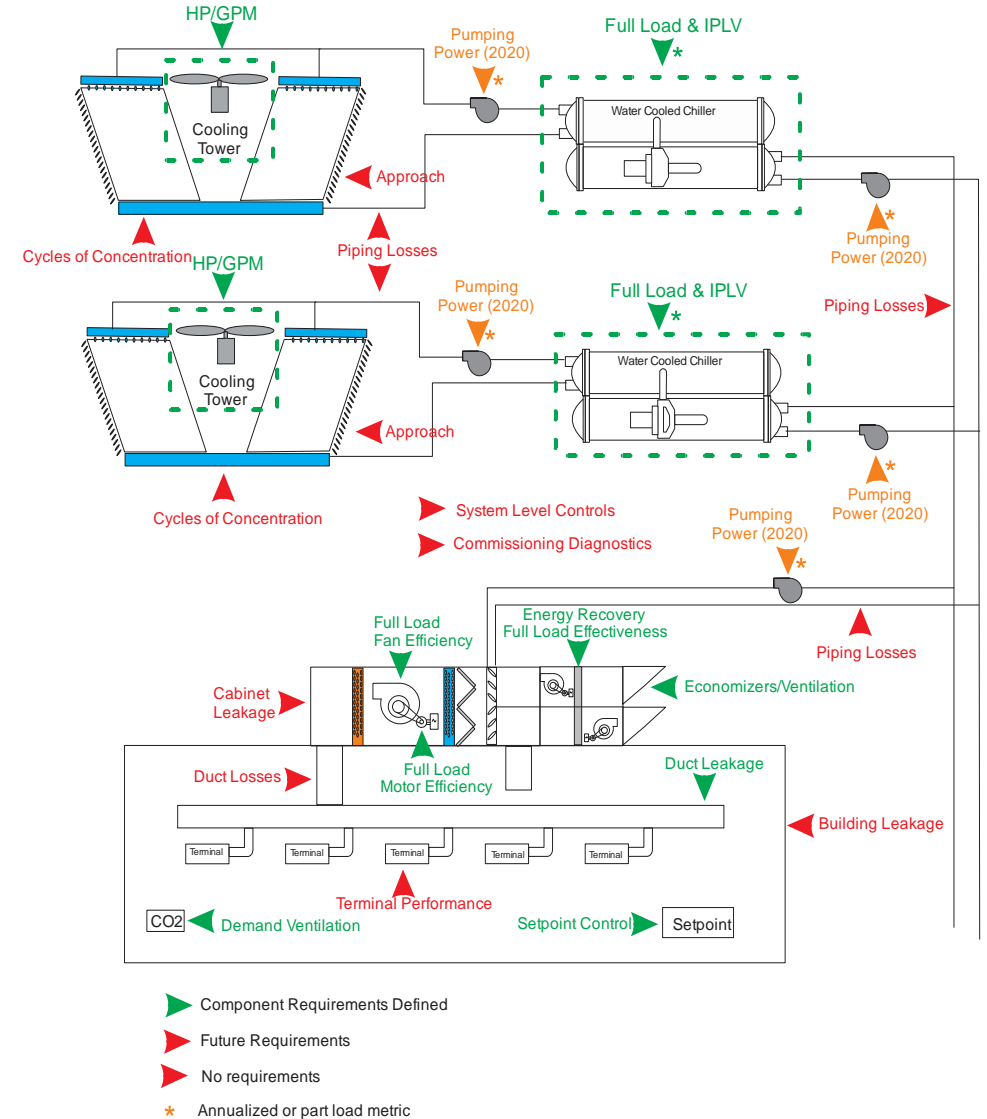


## Reference Cities

CZ#	U.S. TMY 3 equivalent	Canada CWEC equivalent	Global dataset
0A	no weather files	no weather files	Tan Son Hoa (Ho Chi Minh City/Saigon), Vietnam
0B	no weather files	no weather files	Dubai International Airport, United Arab Emirates
1A	Honolulu International Airport, Hawaii Miami International Airport	no weather files	Kaohsiung Int'l Airport, Taiwan
1B	no weather files	no weather files	New Delhi/Safdarjun, India
2A	MacDill AFB/Tampa, Florida	no weather files	Nanning, China
2B	Davis-Monthan AFB (Tucson), Arizona	no weather files	Cairo Airport, Egypt
3A	Atlanta Hartsfield Int'l Airport, Georgia	no weather files	Tokyo, Japan
3B	El Paso International Airport, Texas	no weather files	Amman Airport, Jordan
3C	San Diego/Brown Field, California	no weather files	Kunming, Ynnan, China Cape Town International Airport, South Africa
4A	New York J.F. Kennedy Int'l Airport, New York	no weather files	Seoul, South Korea
4B	Albuquerque International Airport, New Mexico	no weather files	Shijiazhuang, China
4C	Seattle Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport, Washington	no appropriate weather files	Seattle Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport, Washington USA
5A	Buffalo Niagara Int'l Airport, New York	Windsor Airport, Ontario Canada	Sapporo, Japan
5B	Buckley ANGB/Denver (Aurora), Colorado	Kamloops Airport, British Columbia	Yinchuan, China
5C	William R. Fairchild Airport (Port Angeles), Washington	Comox, British Columbia	Van, Turkey
6A	Rochester International Airport, Minnesota	Montreal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport, Quebec Canada	Montreal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport, Quebec Canada
6B	Great Falls International Airport, Montana	Medicine Hat Airport, Alberta Canada	Hohhot, China
7	International Falls International Airport, Minnesota	Winnipeg Richardson International Airport, Manitoba Canada	Ekaterinburg, Russia
8	Fairbanks International Airport, Alaska	Yellowknife Airport, Northwest Territories Canada	Magadan, Russia

# Component Approach

- Current metrics are based on **appliance approach** and focused on components and prescriptive design requirements
- Metrics are primarily focused on **design day loads and temperature** but there is some movement to annualized and part load
- Typically only 1 common metric is used for the US (federal regulations limited to 1 metric for commercial units)
- Overall systems are not typically evaluated or optimized at a system level
- Creative solutions are not always rewarded for their beneficial improvement (i.e.. Economizers, hybrid systems, duct design, etc.,)
- No real focus on sustained performance



# Recent Metrics Changes and New Approaches

For residential and light commercial products <65,000 Btu/h there have been changes to the metrics

In 2010 regional requirements were implemented for SEER and HSPF2)

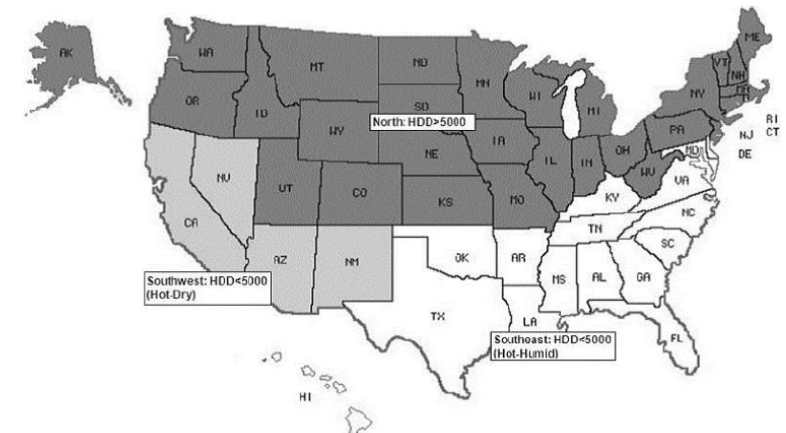
In 2023 a new metrics (SEER2 and HSPF2) will be used along with new more efficient regional requirements

Table 6.8.1-1 Electrically Operated Unitary Air Conditioners and Condensing Units—  
Minimum Efficiency Requirements

Equipment Type	Size Category	Heating Section Type	Subcategory or Rating Condition	Minimum Efficiency	Test Procedure <sup>a</sup>
Air conditioners, air cooled	<65,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	All	Split system, three phase and applications outside U.S. single phase <sup>b</sup>	13.0 SEER before 1/1/2023 13.4 SEER2 after 1/1/2023	AHRI 210/240-2017 before 1/1/2023 AHRI 210/240-2023 after 1/1/2023
			Single-package, three phase and applications outside U.S. single phase <sup>b</sup>	14.0 SEER before 1/1/2023 13.4 SEER2 after 1/1/2023	
Space constrained, air cooled	≤30,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	All	Split system, three phase and applications outside U.S. single phase <sup>b</sup>	12.0 SEER before 1/1/2023 11.7 SEER2 after 1/1/2023	AHRI 210/240-2017 before 1/1/2023 AHRI 210/240-2023 after 1/1/2023
			Single package, three phase and applications outside U.S. single phase <sup>b</sup>	12.0 SEER before 1/1/2023 11.7 SEER2 after 1/1/2023	
Small duct, high velocity, air cooled	<65,000 Btu/h <sup>b</sup>	All	Split system, three phase and applications outside U.S. single phase <sup>b</sup>	12.0 SEER before 1/1/2023 12.0 SEER2 after 1/1/2023	AHRI 210/240-2017 before 1/1/2023 AHRI 210/240-2023 after 1/1/2023
Air conditioners, air cooled	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	Electric resistance (or none)	Split system and single package	11.2 EER before 1/1/2023 12.9 EER after 1/1/2023 14.8 IEEER after 1/1/2023	AHRI 340/360
		All other		11.0 EER before 1/1/2023 12.7 EER after 1/1/2023 14.6 IEEER after 1/1/2023	
	≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h	Electric resistance (or none)		11.0 EER before 1/1/2023 12.4 EER after 1/1/2023 14.2 IEEER after 1/1/2023	
		All other		10.8 EER before 1/1/2023 12.2 EER after 1/1/2023 14.0 IEEER after 1/1/2023	

Table F-1 Minimum Efficiency Requirements for Single-Phase Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps for Sale in the U.S.

Product Class	Capacity Range	National Standards	Southeastern Region Standards <sup>a</sup>	Southwestern Region Standards <sup>b</sup>	Test Procedure <sup>f</sup>
<b>Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps<sup>c</sup></b>					
Split-system air conditioners for U.S. applications	<45,000 Btu/h single phase	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 13.0 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 13.4 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 14.0 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 14.3 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 14.0 EER = 12.2 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 14.3 EER2 = 11.7/9.8 <sup>d</sup> $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	AHRI 210/240-2017 before 1/1/2023 AHRI 210/240-2023 after 1/1/2023
Split-system air conditioners	≥45,000 Btu/h and <65,000 Btu/h single phase	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 13.0 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 13.4 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 14.0 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 13.8 $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	before 1/1/2023 SEER = 14.0 EER = 11.7 <sup>d</sup> $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W after 1/1/2023 SEER2 = 13.8 EER2 = 11.2/9.8 <sup>e</sup> $P_{W,OFF} \leq 30$ W	AHRI 210/240-2017 before 1/1/2023 AHRI 210/240-2023 after 1/1/2023



# Recent Metrics Changes and New Approaches

- For commercial equipment in 2010, the IEER was implemented and DOE adopted for air cooled products (not for water cooled) and implemented it in 2018 as their primary metric and the industry and DOE have agreed on a **significant improvement in 2023**
- Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio (IEER), is a metric that was defined to give a better representation of annual performance.

$$\text{IEER} = 0.020 * A + 0.617 * B + 0.238 * C + 0.125 * D$$

Where:

A = EER at 100% net capacity at design conditions

B = EER at 75% net capacity and reduced ambient

C = EER at 50% net capacity and reduced ambient

D = EER at 25% net capacity and reduced ambient

- The IEER is intended to be a weighted average of performance for typical buildings and was based on a weighted average of an office building, school building, and retail building in all US 17 climate zones.
- It is a **mechanical cooling only efficiency** metric and does not include economizers, energy recovery and ventilation only operation

This metric has had a significant impact on the industry as to how equipment is designed and including the use of fan speed control as well as compressor staging control to improve efficiency

# Recent Metric Changes and New Approaches

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- For chillers, the use of an annualized part load metric has been in place for many years with the use of the IPLV and has become the primary metric of interest although the full load efficiency metric is still used
- The chiller ratings also have evolved to include two paths for compliance;
  - **Path A** – Full load intensive applications with a more efficiency full load metric and slightly less efficient IPLV
  - **Path B** – Part load intensive applications with a much higher full load metric and slightly less efficient IPLV
- With the use of variable speed the path B is gain more interest and use
- Chillers ratings and certification also have gone to a full map ratings and the last step in this process for air cooled chillers will be completed in starting on 1/1/2021. Water cooled have had full certified mapped ratings for many years
- Also the mapped rating envelop has expanded to include new higher temperatures for data centers and also to cover certification and compliance for chillers with freeze protection fluids
- Also a new category of chillers was just added to cover air source heat pumps chillers, water source heat pump chillers and heat reclaim chillers which are of a lot of interest for carbon neural and electrification and these are defined in table 6.8.1-16 in 2019 and will be further updated by a new addendum Y soon to be released for public review



# Recent Metric Changes and New Approaches

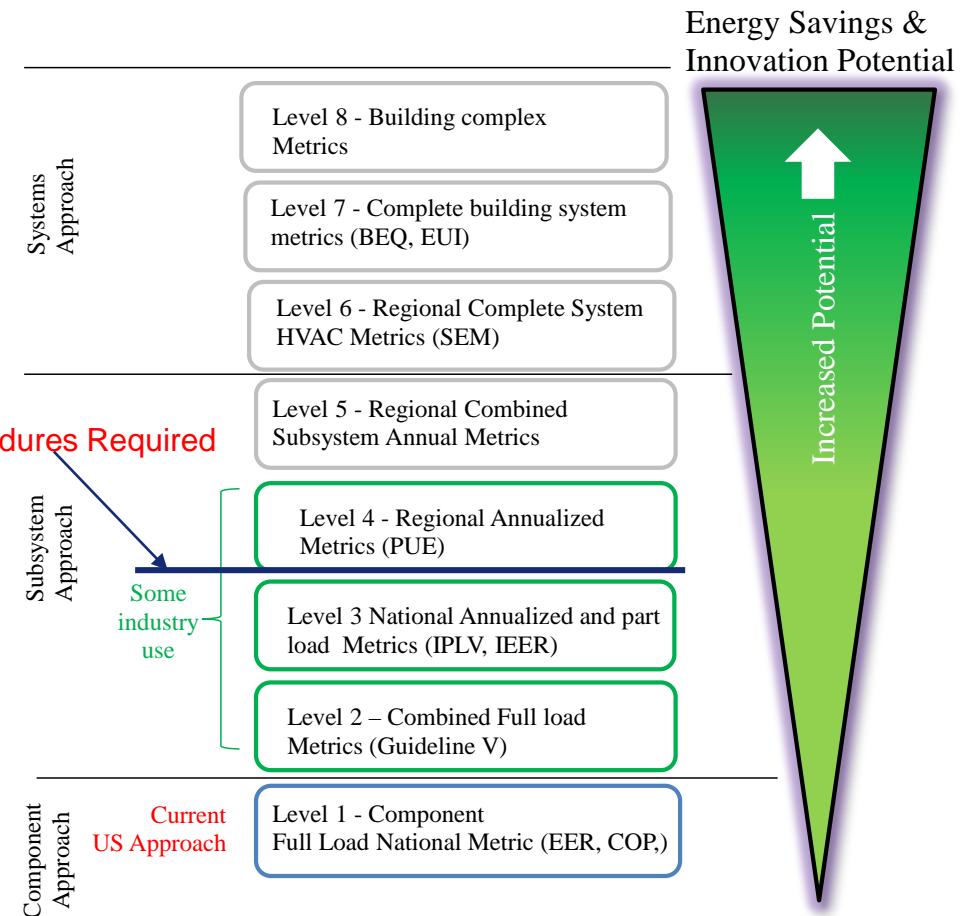
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- There have also been new products and new metrics added for the following products;
  - DOAS Units with ISMRE
  - VRF products with EER and SEER
  - Data Center CRAC Units with new ceiling mounted products and metrics for 3 different application conditions with (SCOP)
  - Data centers with PUE and also a new ASHRAE standard 90.4 metric (MLC)
  - Stand alone fan efficiency with the Fan Energy Index (FEI)

# Defining System Metrics (HVAC&R)

- Alliance to Save Energy Definition - A **building system** has been defined “as a combination of equipment, operations, controls, accessories, and means of interconnection that uses energy to perform a specific function”
- The intent of a **mechanical systems approach** will be to move up the green potential figure where we believe more energy savings can be obtained
- But conventional tools and ratings metrics will need to be revised to allow for this approach
- New tools will be needed for modeling including ASHRAE 205 for equipment models and new simulation and compliance tools.
- New compliance tools are being developed.
- It also will likely enable and result in a move to regional requirements which for chillers is already occurring globally

New Tools & Procedures Required



It also should be noted that a systems approach also could include commissioning, monitoring, reporting and maintenance and factor in benefits of connected equipment. Connected equipment is a key enabler to this (**Outcome based approach to standard**)

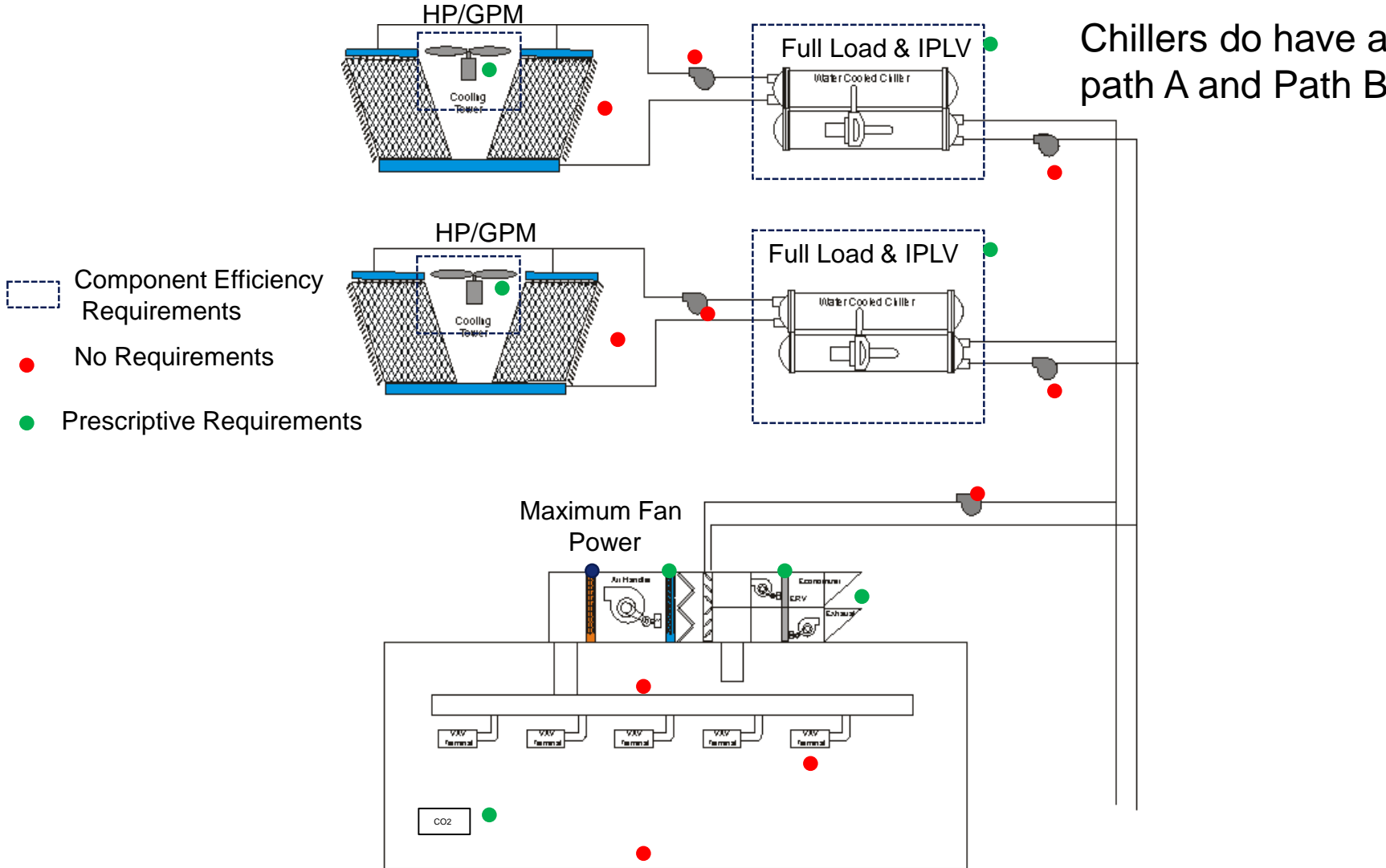
# Systems Approach to Energy Efficiency

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- A key part of a subsystems and systems approach is to understand what is included in the system
- An approach that the AHRI Systems Steering Committee has used it to create system diagrams and this has been done for the following products/systems;
  - Water Cooled Chilled Water System
  - Commercial Rooftop
  - Commercial Supermarket
- Various approaches can be taken to what is in the system and what might be included in metrics
- Setting metrics will be a key part of a systems and subsystems approach even for the lower tier appliance approaches like SEER2, IEER2, GPLV, etc.
- System diagrams as well as building and equipment models are also very important to validation of new metrics (example validation of new VRF IEER metrics)

# Defining System Boundaries – Chilled Water

## Current ASHRAE 90.1 Chilled Water Regulations (Prescriptive Approach)



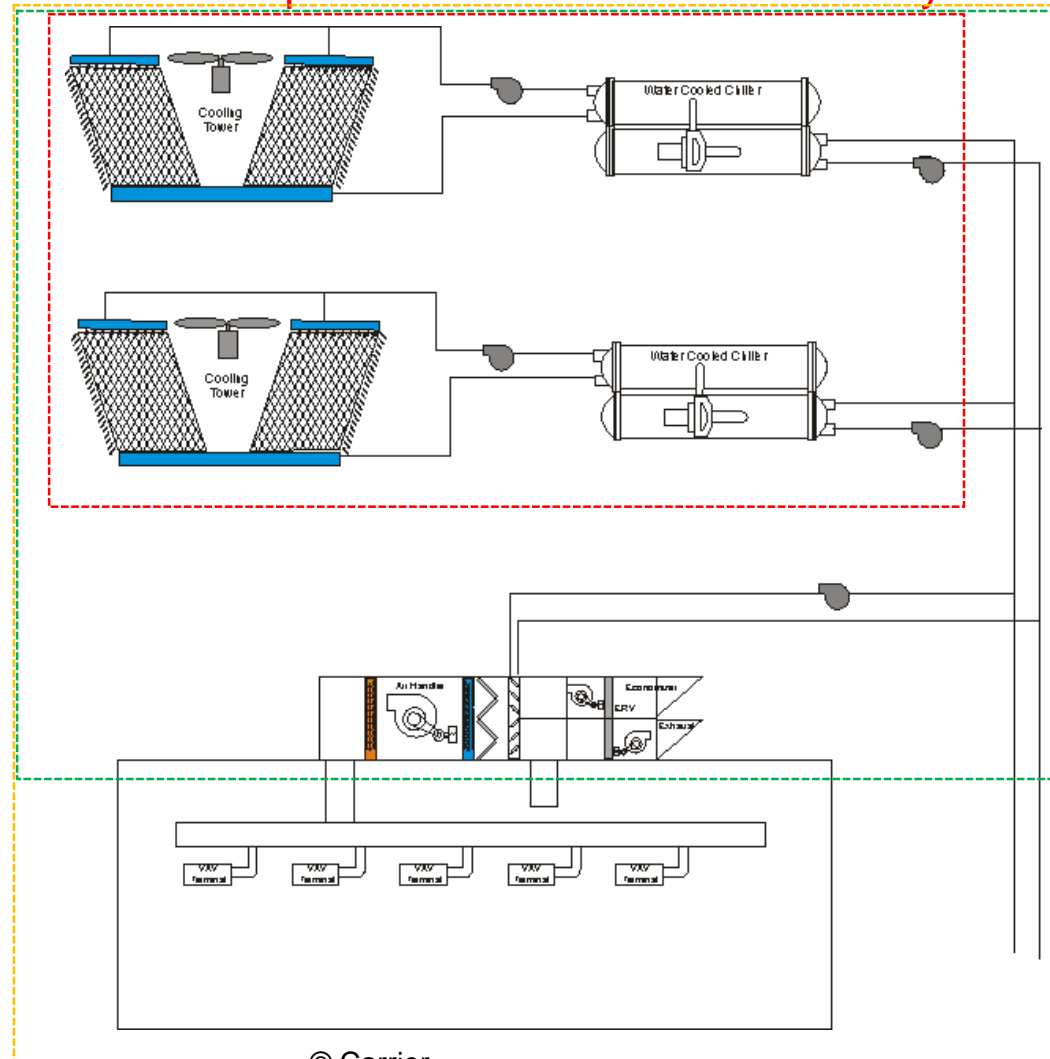
# Chilled Water System/Subsystem Example

Possible Proposed Sub-Systems Approach

Option A3 – Complete System

Option A1 – Chilled Water Subsystem

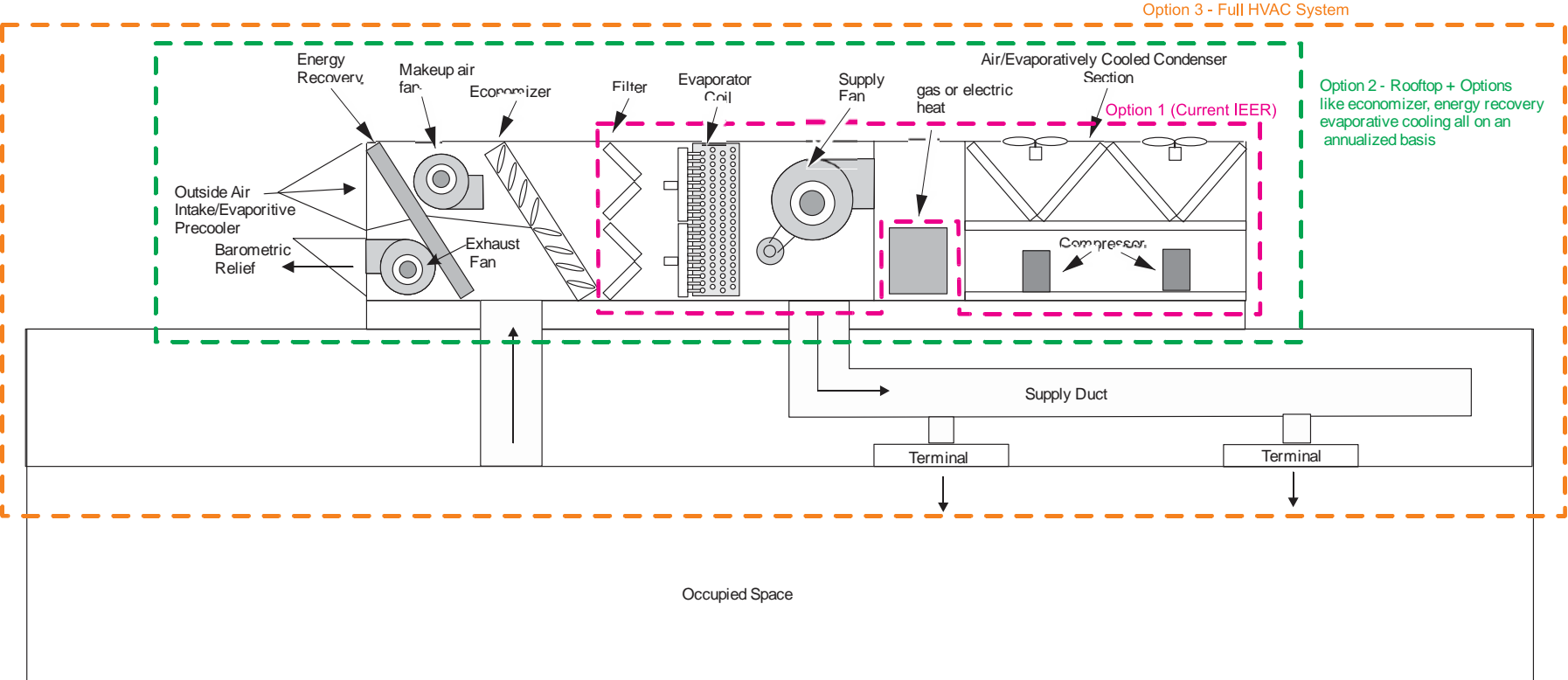
Option A2 –  
Chiller+tower+air  
handler



There is a study underway to look at the air-cooled and water-cooled chiller factoring in single and multiple chillers, cooling towers, pumping power and regional requirements

# Rooftop Benchmark Sub-System Example

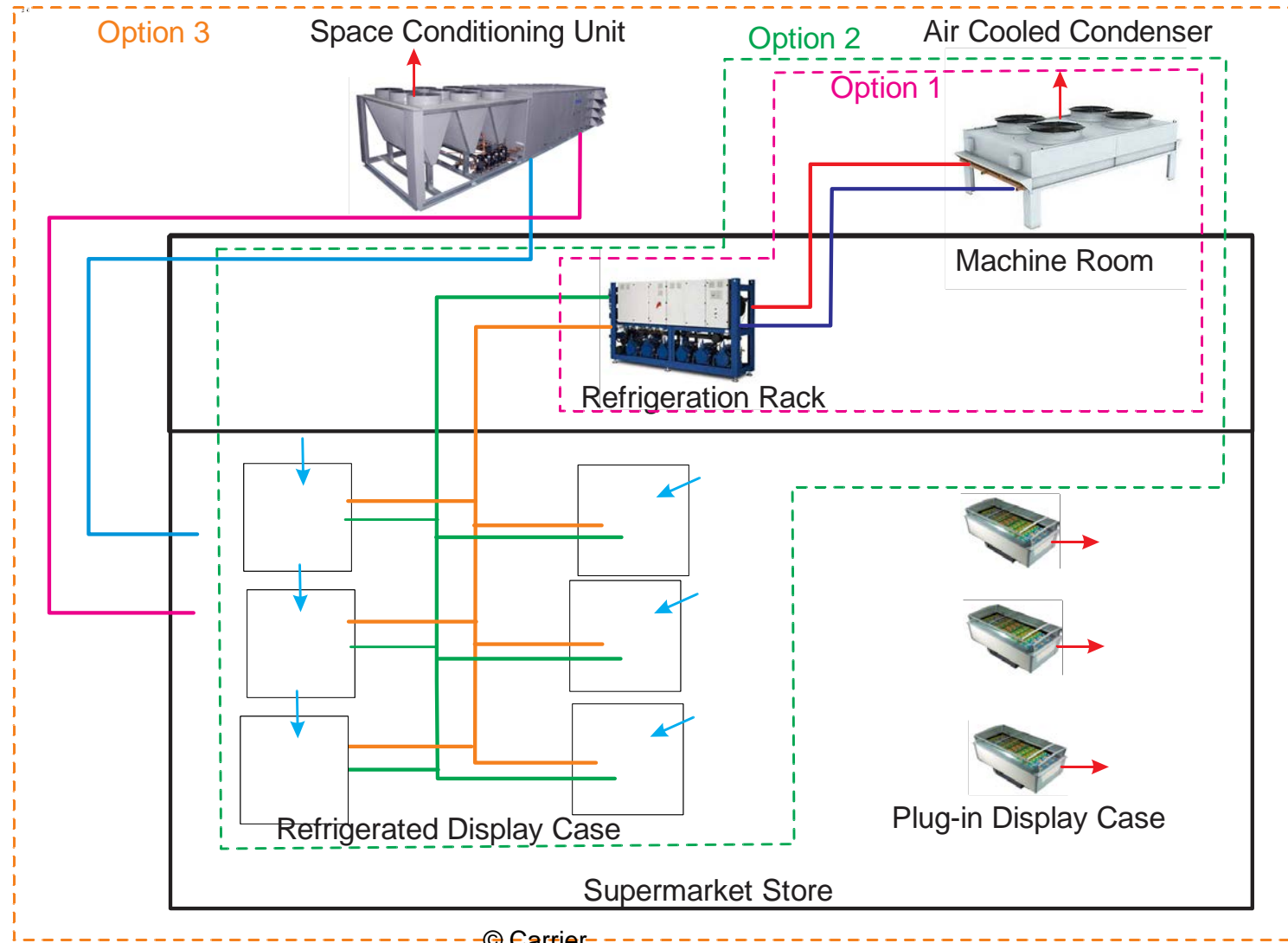
## Example Rooftop System Diagram



There is a study underway to look at the rooftop option 1 to factor in economizer, ventilation and possibly heating in a new IEER2 metric

# Supermarket System Approach Example

The following is an example of a Supermarket system level approach



# New Metric and HVAC Initiatives

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- The industry thru organizations like AHRI Systems Steering Committee, CSA 424, and Second European Directive are working on new approaches, new metrics and tools
  - **SEER2/HSPF2** – Completed and will be implemented in 2023
  - **Load Based Metrics** – Thru work started at Purdue in the HPBC the industry including CSA and AHRI have been working on a new approach to dynamically test and rate residential products vs a defined building load profile including cyclic performance and additional product features including thermostats and economizers
  - **Chiller GPLV** – Metric that includes more of the chillers, including multiple chillers and regional requirements (5 global regions). This could also include heating performance
  - **IEER2** – Next generation rooftop IEER including economizers, ventilation, heating, and regionality
  - **TSPR** – ASHRAE 90.1 with work from PNNL working on a mechanical systems approach for buildings as an alternate compliance path
  - **BEEM** – CSA approach to consider a simplified modeling tool for buildings based on work from Europe and the Second European Directive
  - **WSHP Annualized Metric** – AHRI has been working on a new metric for WSHP's similar to IEER
  - **AHRI Systems Steering Committee** – Focused on systems including new metrics, mapped ratings and certified maps
  - **CSA 424 Committee** – Focused on systems approaches to building for both residential and commercial
  - **Second European Directive** – Holistic systems approach to buildings
  - **ASHRAE 205** – Standardized approach to equipment models for use in simulation programs.



# ASHRAE 205 – Equipment Models

- The ASHRAE 205 is a new standard that has been in development for several year and as been thru and advisory public review and 2 full reviews.
- It is close to being published but will be a continuous maintenance standard with appendices covering each product type.
- They have taken a different approach then currently modeling approaches used by programs like Energy Plus and DOE2 where correlation equations are used and instead, they are using large electronic tables and interpolation.
- In the tables the actual operational limits of the equipment are included which will prevent extrapolation of the ratings
- The new approach better models the new equipment with multiple stages and or variable capacity
- The data will also better consider modeling and features like indoor fan power will be separated from the refrigeration modeling
- New tools and changes to simulation models will have to be developed to use the data, but these are already being developed
- It also has been developed to allow electronic transfer of data
- AHRI is also working mapped ratings and certified mapped ratings to support ASHRAE 205



**ASHRAE Standard 205P**  
**Public Review Draft**

## **Representation of Performance Data for HVAC&R and Other Facility Equipment**

May 2020  
(Complete Draft for Public Review)

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# Renewable Energy in ASHRAE 90.1

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# Renewable Energy in ASHRAE 90.1

- Previous versions of ASHRAE 90.1:
  - No requirement, but can take credit for use of on-site renewable energy in Energy Cost Budget method (Chapter 11) or Performance Rating Method (Appendix G).
  - Credit limited to 5% of budget building energy cost.

# Renewable Energy in ASHRAE 90.1

- **New!** Recently published addenda BY, CK, and CP to 90.1-2019.
  - **New minimum prescriptive requirement for on-site renewable energy on new buildings and additions.**
  - ➔ • First time renewable energy is being required in a base national model energy code or standard (not just above-code or green building programs).
  - Prescriptive, so can also trade-off and make up for it in performance path.
- Not in the book version of 90.1-2019, but available for jurisdictions to adopt and use at <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/standards-and-guidelines/standards-addenda/addenda-to-standard-90-1-2019>.
- Will also be incorporated in 90.1-2022 full edition.

# New renewable energy requirement in 90.1

## *What is required?*

- **The building or building site must provide on-site renewable energy systems with capacity of 0.25 W/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.85 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>) multiplied by the sum of the conditioned floor area of up to the 3 largest floors.**

## *What type of renewable energy?*

- The requirement and cost effectiveness was developed around solar PV generation as the most ubiquitous and cost-effective renewable energy resource, but can use other types of renewable energy, or make up for it in performance path.
  - Prescriptive requirement in Addendum BY.
  - Addenda CK and CP adjust the calculation and requirement in Chapter 11 and Appendix G performance paths to be consistent.
- Clarified definition of *on-site renewable energy* and *renewable energy resources*.
  - Can be energy from solar, wind, biomass or hydro, or extracted from hot fluid or steam heated within the earth harvested at the building site.
  - Cannot take credit for off-site renewable energy at this time because limited by 90.1's current scope.

# New renewable energy requirement in 90.1

## *What does this mean? Why 3 floors? How was the 0.25 W/ft<sup>2</sup> capacity set?*

- Using ‘up to the three largest floors’ allows this requirement to apply to both short and tall buildings.
  - Works for both a 1 story warehouse with lots of roof space, and a 40 story urban tower with limited space.
- 0.25 W/ft<sup>2</sup> was shown to be cost effective in all solar zones under ASHRAE’s scalar analysis for both smaller and larger system pricing, *without* any tax incentives or subsidies.
  - Using PNNL prototype buildings, installed cost of \$2.65/W or lower passes scalar of 17.2 in all zones.
  - NREL 2018 cost benchmark report showed average small residential systems at \$2.54/W (string inverter), commercial sized systems at \$1.83/W, and costs continuing to drop.
- 0.25 W/ft<sup>2</sup> was also selected based on evaluation of roof space competition, and energy use at the building.
  - Requires less than 4% of roof area.
  - No assumption of net-metering. Sized to minimize net generation.
- Energy reduction is estimated at 4.5%, based on PNNL prototype models.

# New renewable energy requirement in 90.1

## *What are the exceptions?*

- Exceptions for buildings that are shaded and/or have insufficient solar irradiation.
- Exceptions for alterations and smaller buildings. Only applies to new buildings and additions where the three largest floors are over 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.
- Exception for when > 80% of roof area covered by equipment, planters, vegetated space, skylights, or occupied roof deck.



# On-Site Renewable Energy

- Can use different types of on-site renewable energy, but most common will likely be Rooftop PV, Ground-mounted PV, Building Integrated PV (BIPV), and perhaps micro wind turbines.



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