

A photograph of a young boy with light brown hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt and tan shorts, crouching in a sandpit. He is holding a blue plastic shovel and is in the process of digging up a mound of sand. In the foreground, a large red ball with white polka dots lies on the sand. A yellow plastic shovel and a blue plastic bucket are also visible in the sandpit. The background shows a grassy area and a wooden fence.

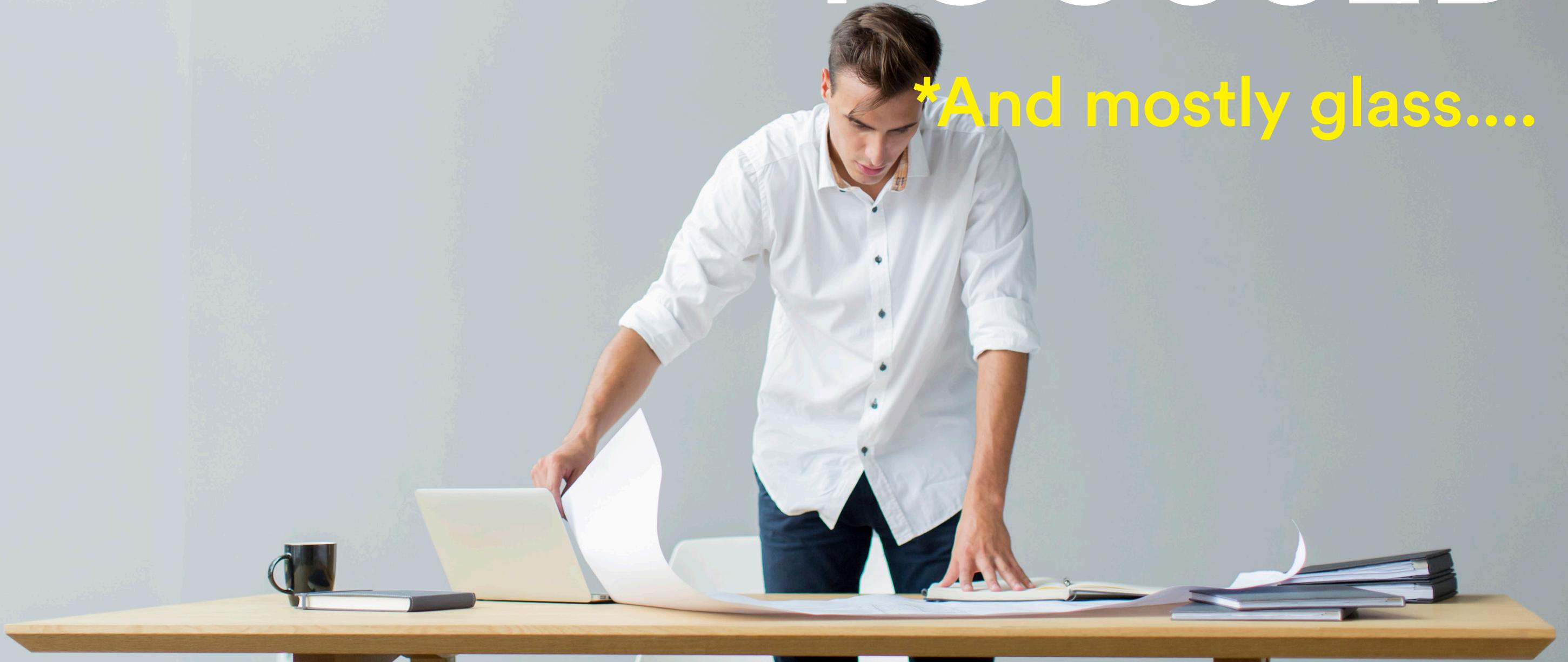
# CREATING THE SANDBOX

\*For a market rate Passive House office building in the Upper Midwest

SCB

MAINLY  
ENVELOPE  
FOCUSED

\*And mostly glass....

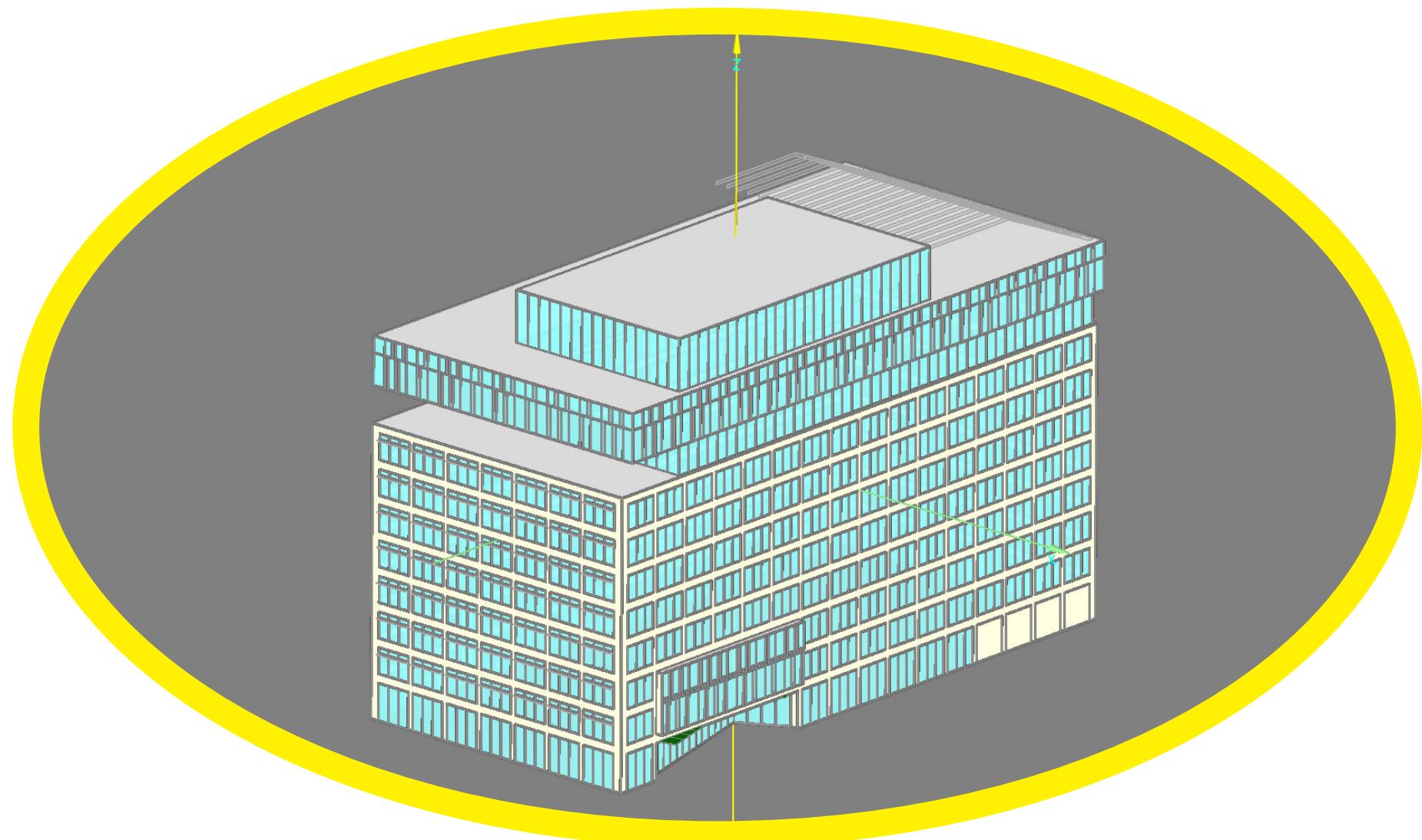


# REAL PROJECT

- 270,000 SF SPEC OFFICE
- 9 STORIES
- 68% WINDOW TO WALL
- IN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN/PRICING



# MODEL IT



FIND A SET OF TARGET VALUES

# COMPARE TO A REFERENCE PROJECT

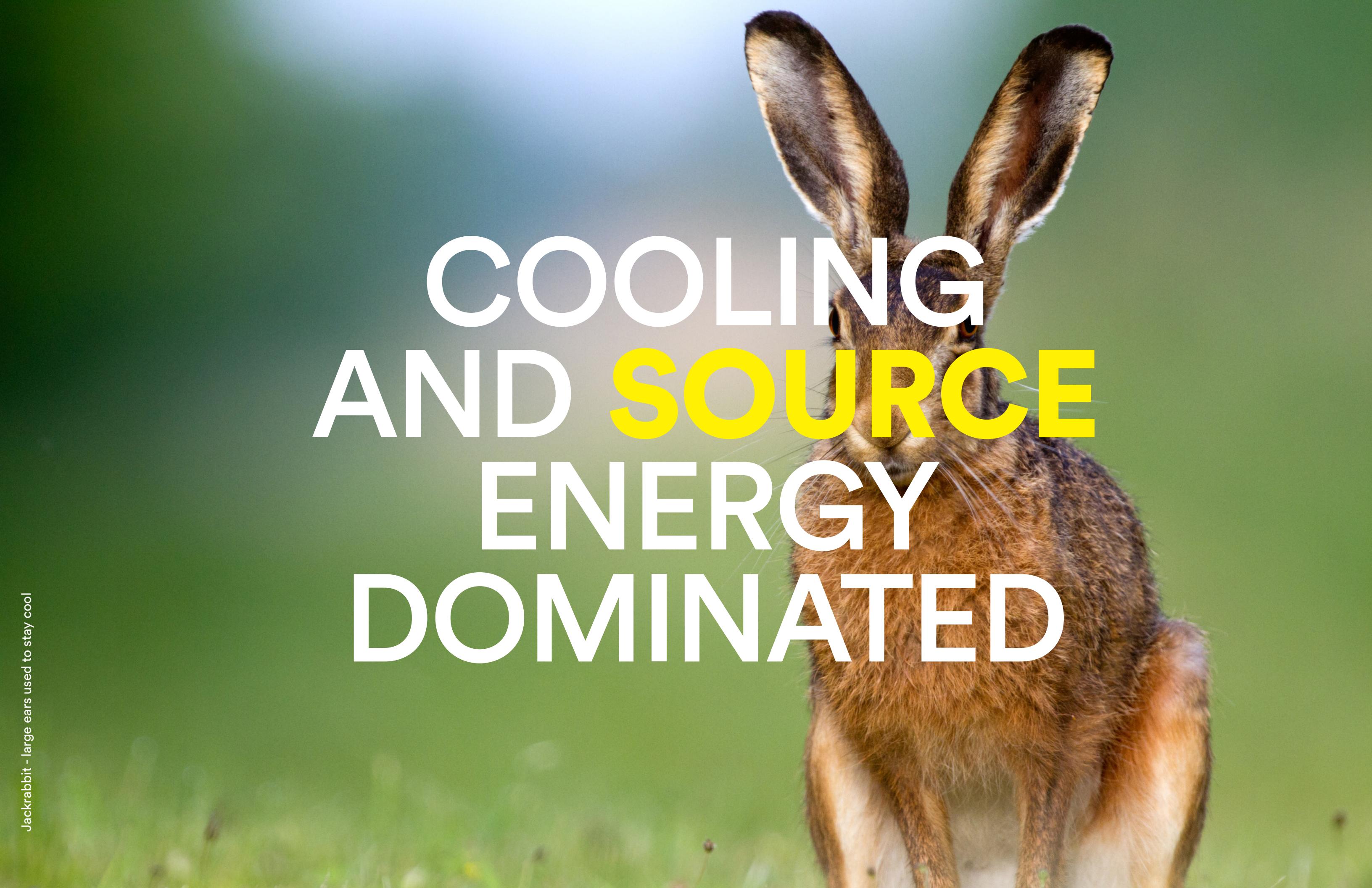
- 300,000 SF SPEC OFFICE
- 12 STORIES
- 69% WINDOW TO WALL
- UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a white top and a sequined brown jacket. In her hands, she holds a small, decorated Christmas tree with green branches, red ornaments, and glowing lights. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# WHAT WE FOUND

NOT THAT SURPRISING...MOSTLY



COOLING  
AND SOURCE  
ENERGY  
DOMINATED



Common Poorwill - daily enters periods  
of torpor to conserve energy

**LOW PLUG  
LOAD &  
LIGHTING  
POWER**

**WHAT WILL TENANTS THINK?**



# PV ROOF ARRAY REQUIRED

Wood Ants - Maximize solar heat absorption by the nest via optimum angle

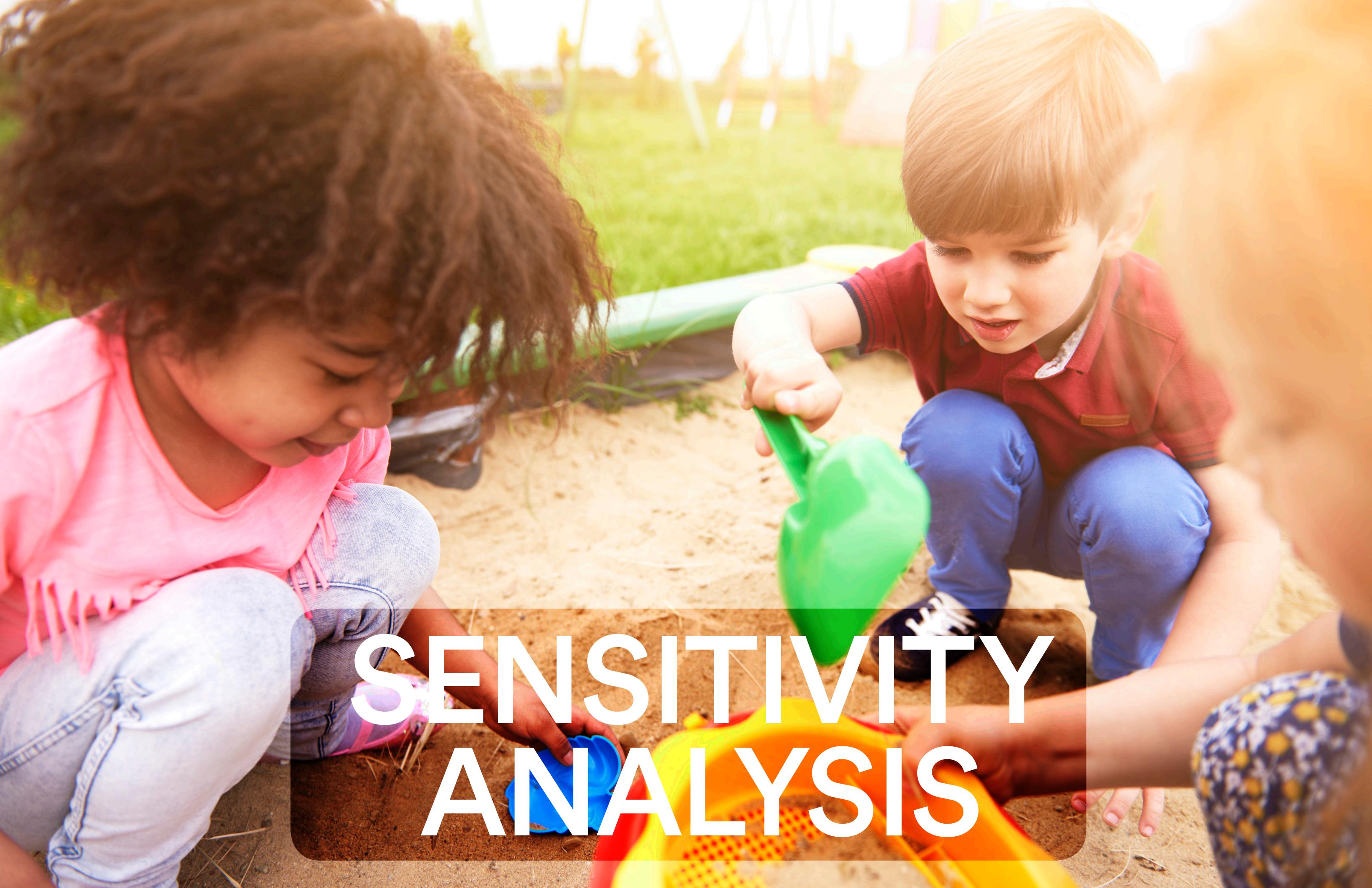
Emperor Penguin - Use blubber and special feathers to retain heat

A photograph of two Emperor penguins standing on a snowy surface. They are facing each other, their heads tilted upwards and slightly towards the center. The penguin on the left is in sharp focus, showing its dark brown back, white belly, and bright yellow patch around its eye. The penguin on the right is slightly out of focus, appearing more blurred. The background is a soft-focus view of a cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow hues near the horizon.

ONLY SLIGHTLY  
MORE INSULATION

**HOWEVER...**  
**TRIPLE**  
**GLAZING IS**  
**REQUIRED**

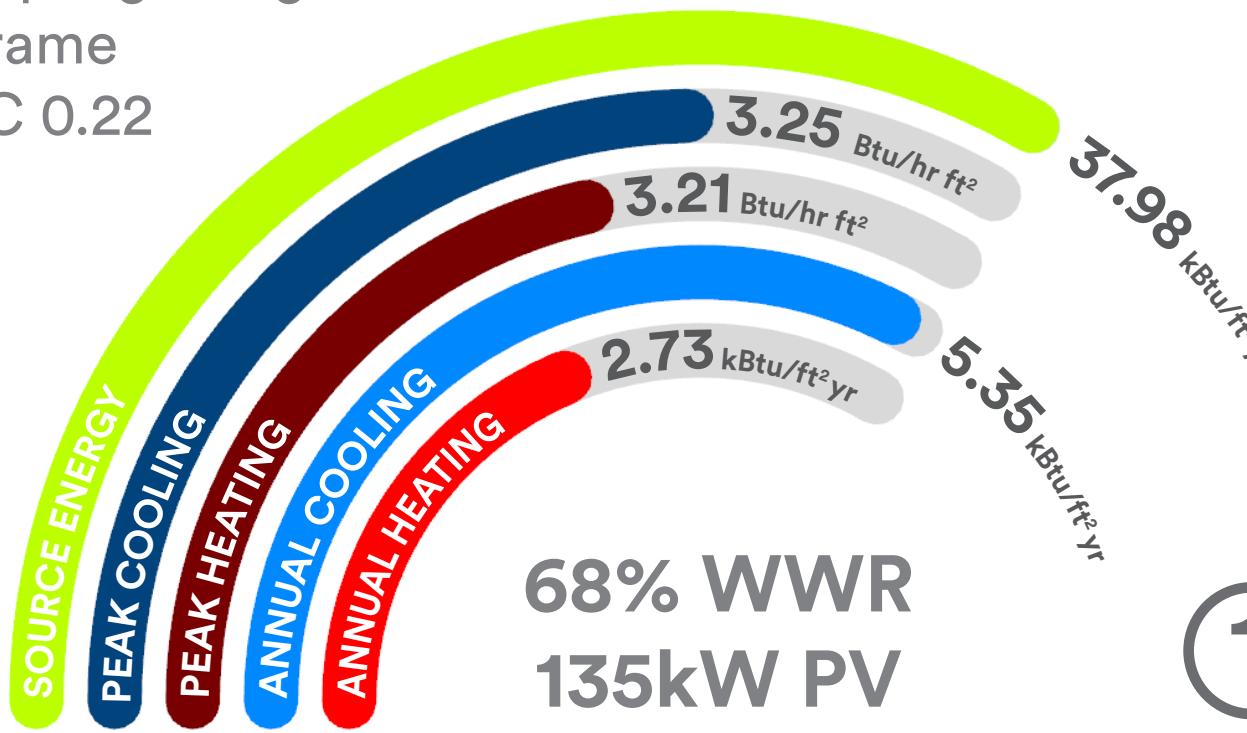
**DOUBLE PANE POSSIBLE NEAR  
40% WWR**

A photograph of three young children playing in a sandpit. A girl with curly brown hair, wearing a pink shirt and jeans, is on the left, focused on a blue toy. A boy with blonde hair, wearing a red polo shirt and blue pants, is in the center, holding a green shovel. Another child's arm and hand are visible on the right, reaching into the sand. The background shows a grassy field and a fence under a bright sky.

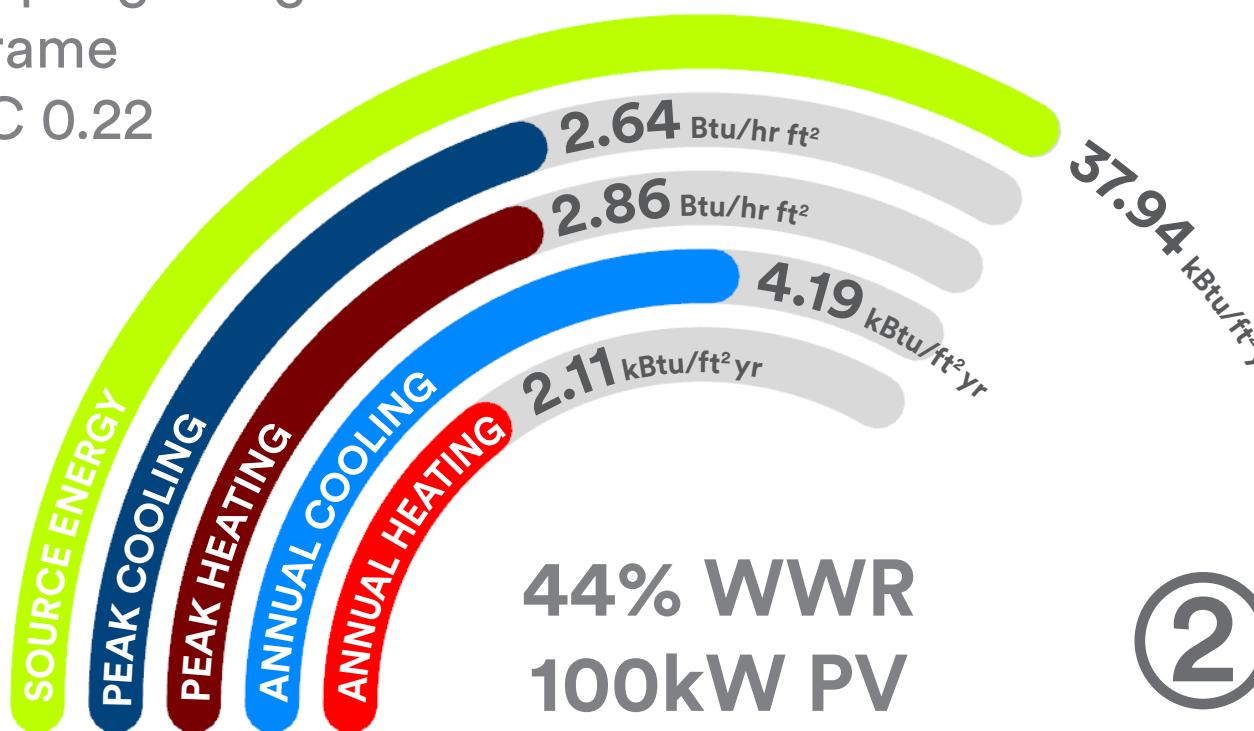
# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

# SCENARIOS

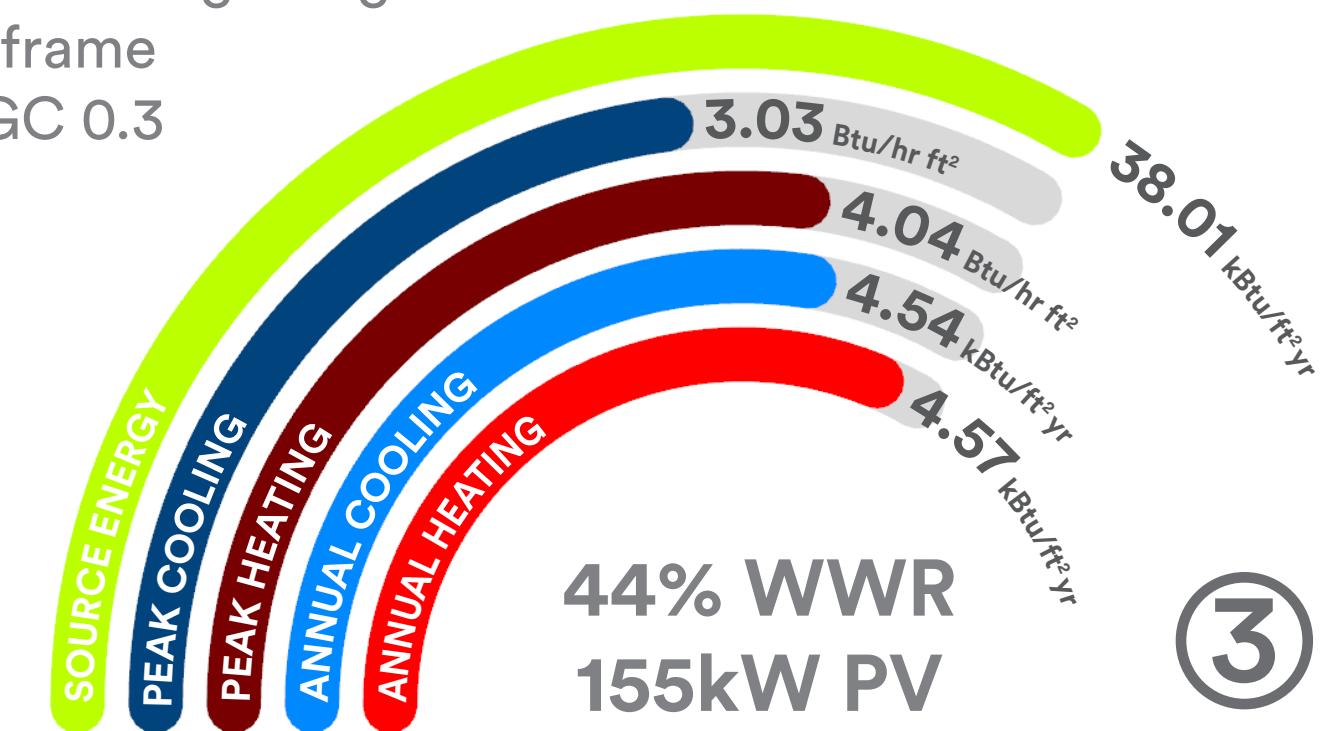
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R-4 frame  
SHGC 0.22



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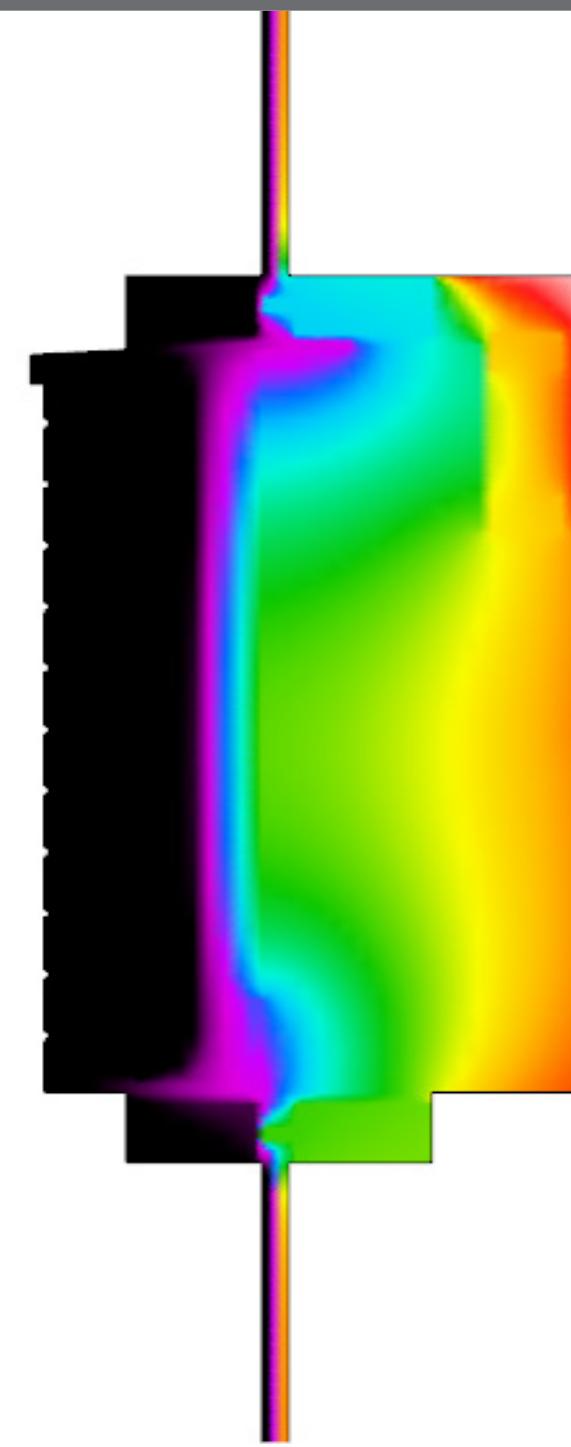
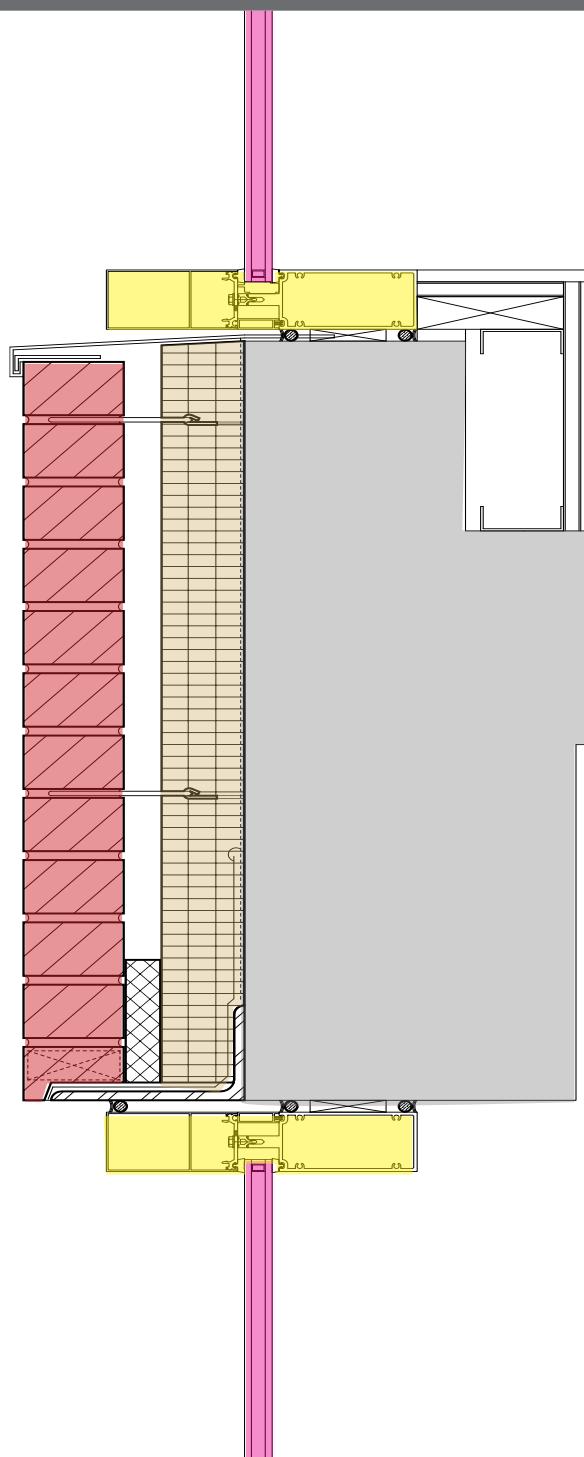


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SHGC 0.3

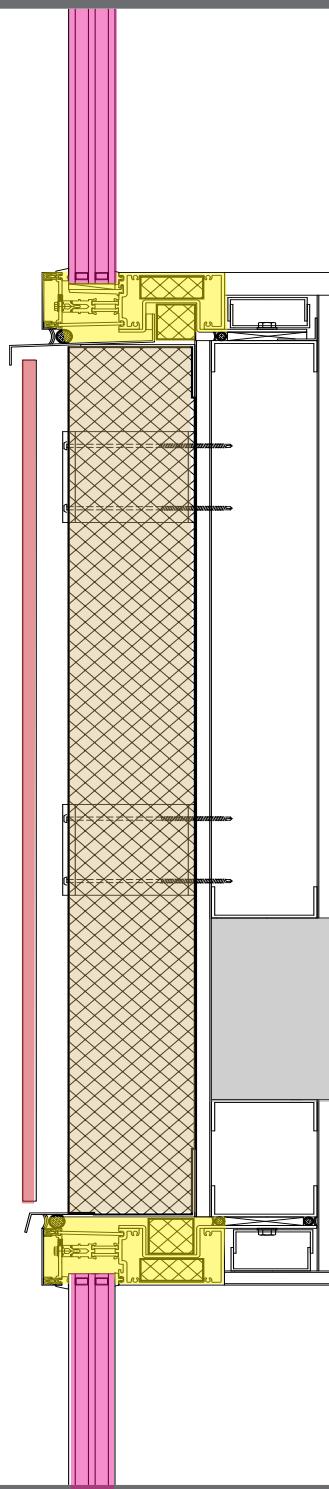




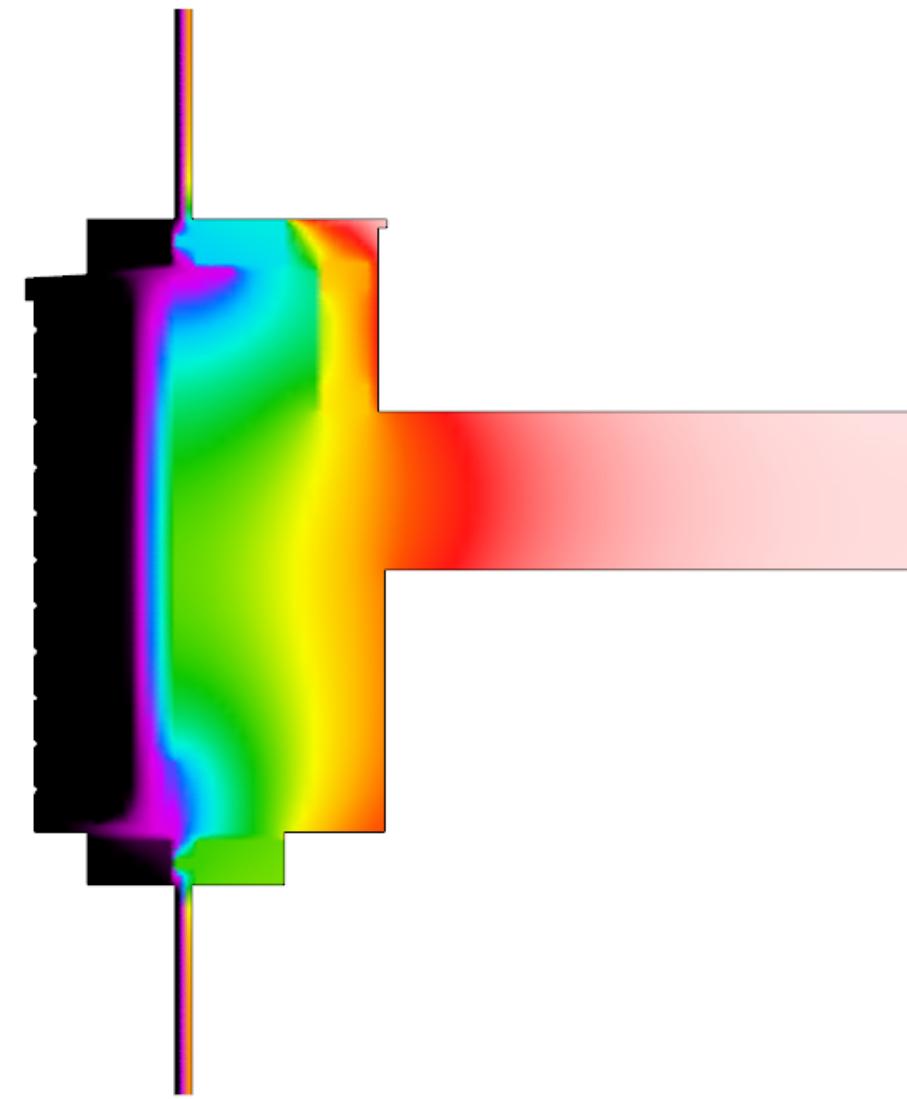
EVALUATE  
DETAILS



**REFERENCE BUILDING  
WALL**

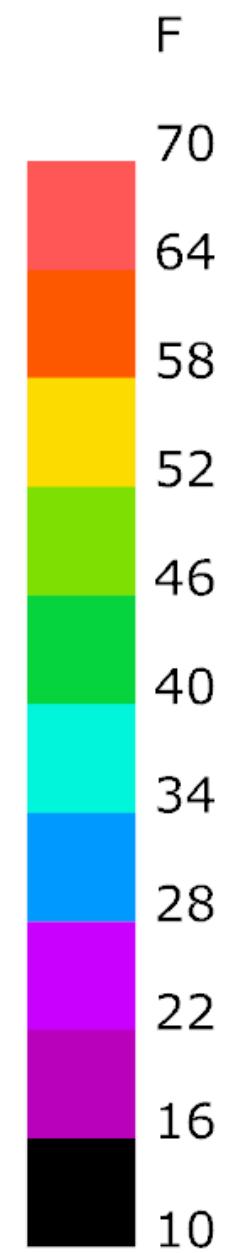


**IMPROVED WALL**



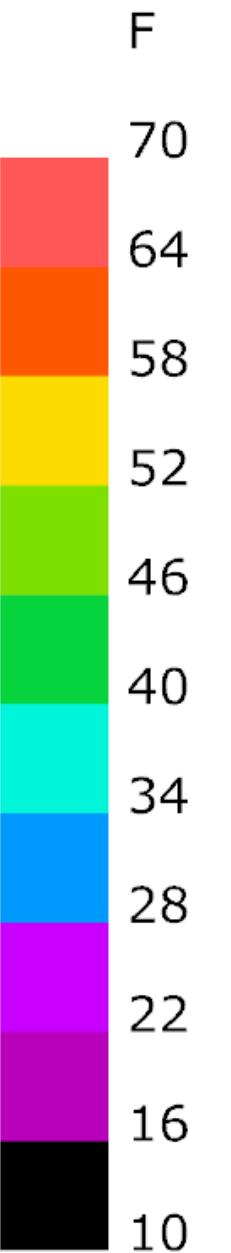
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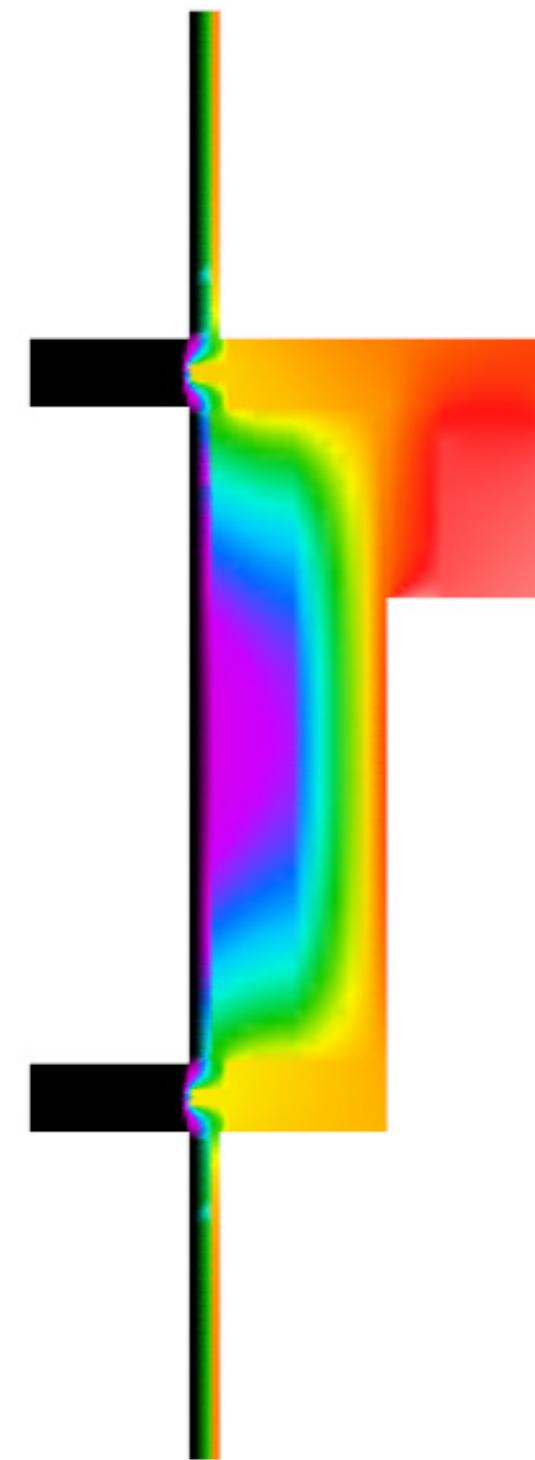
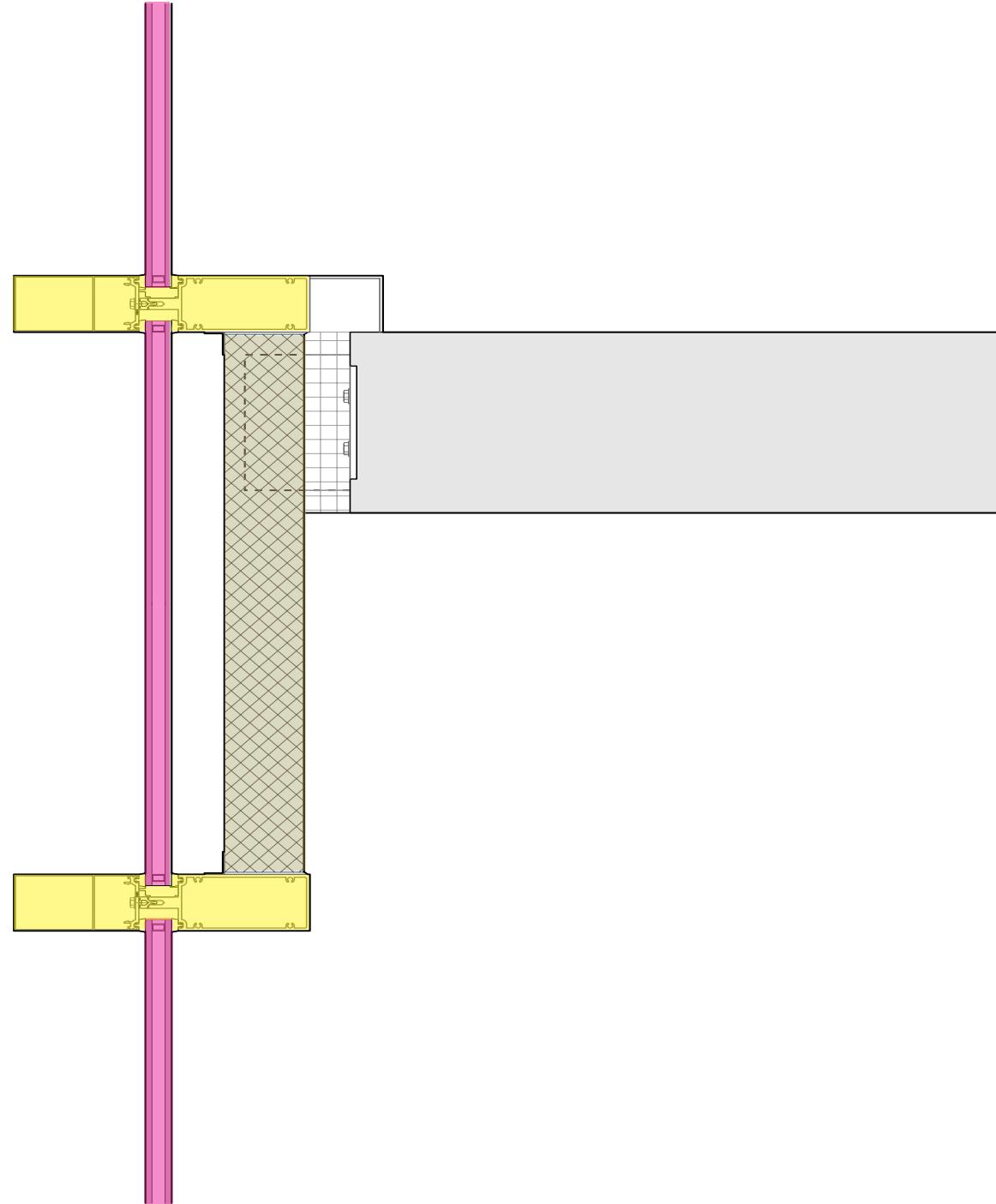
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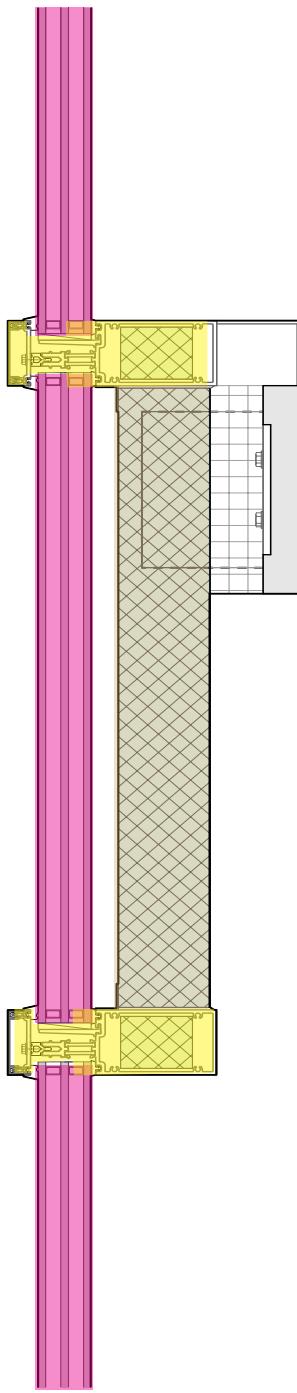
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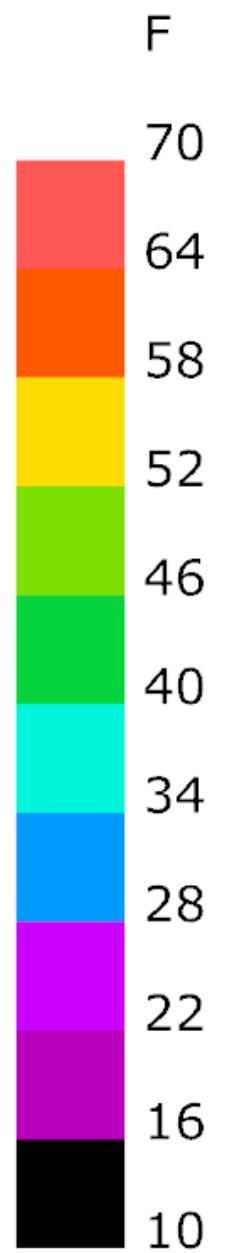


**REFERENCE BUILDING  
SPANDREL**

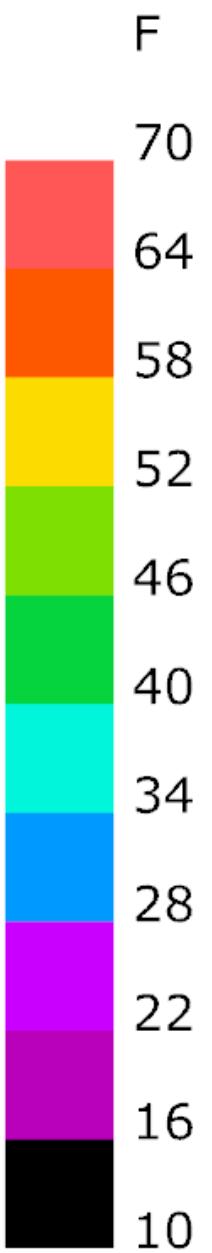


IMPROVED SPANDREL

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**REFERENCE BUILDING**

**IMPROVED**

# SUMMARY



# FENESTRATION

LOW GLASS % (40%)  
+ SLIGHTLY BETTER  
WINDOW (U0.30)



HIGH GLASS % (>45%)  
+ REALLY GOOD  
WINDOW (<U0.20)

# GLASS/SHADING

LOW GLASS % (40%) +  
GOOD SHGC (0.30)



HIGH GLASS % (>45%)  
+ SHADING OR LOW  
SHGC (< 0.25)

LIGHTING



AGGRESSIVE LPD  
REDUCTIONS

TARGET **0.50 WATTS/SF**

90.1 2013 = 0.82

PLUG LOAD



ALL ENERGY  
**STAR** EQUIPMENT  
&APPLIANCES + PLUG  
LOAD CONTROLS

## PLAN FOR ROOFTOP PV

- STRUCTURE
- ELECTRICAL
- ROOF AREA
- COST

# THERMAL BRIDGES

IN DESIGN STUDIES  
CONSIDER **WINDOW**  
**PLACEMENT** IN WALL  
SECTION CAREFULLY



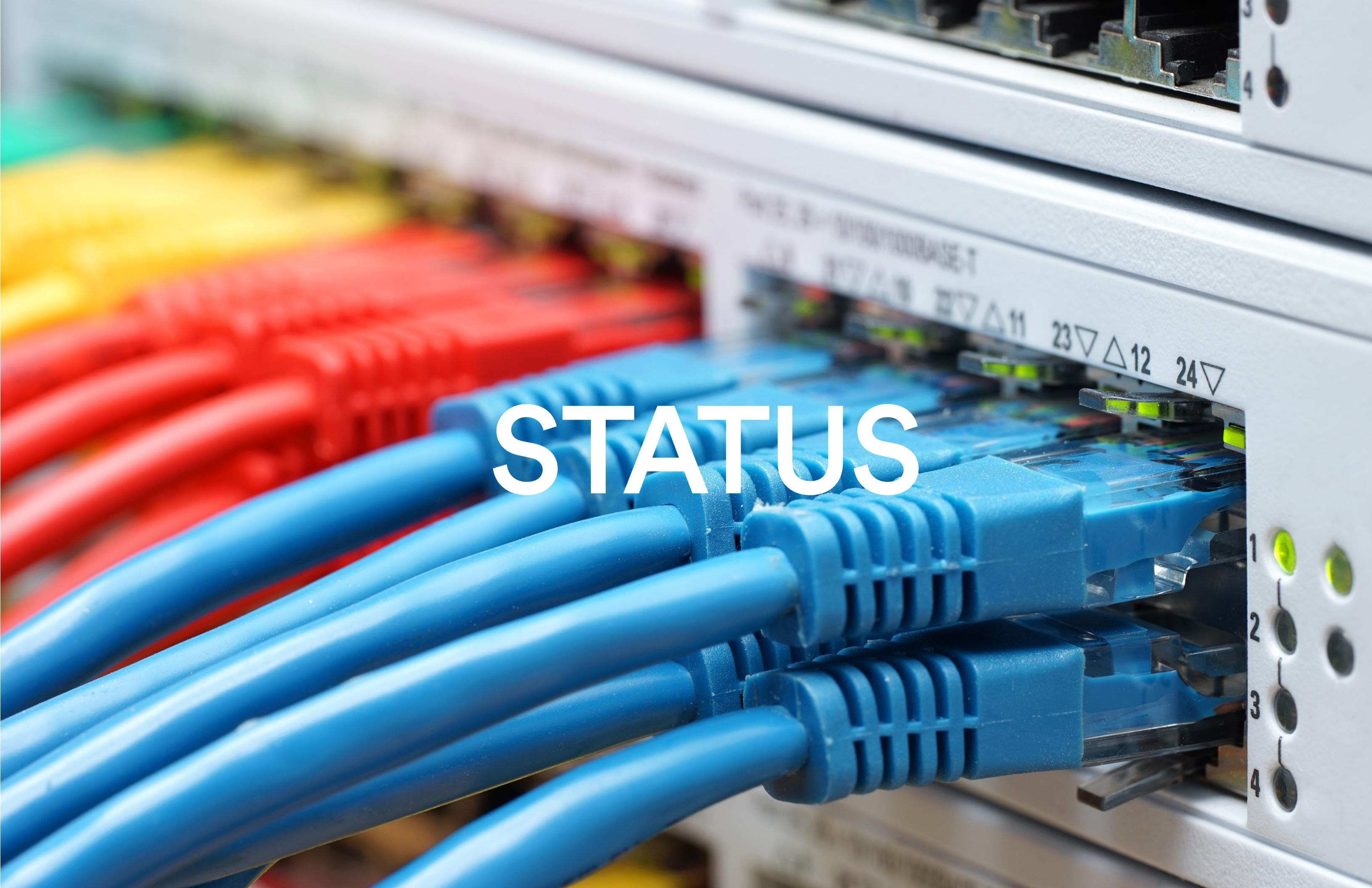
# MECHANICAL

- STARTING POINT IS DOAS + VRF
- GSHP FOR PARTIAL CAPACITY WORTH LOOKING AT

AIR TIGHTNESS



COMMERCIAL  
CONSTRUCTION +  
ASSEMBLY VALUES OF  
WINDOWS



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