# Pre-Fabricated Building Envelope Systems in Passive House New Construction

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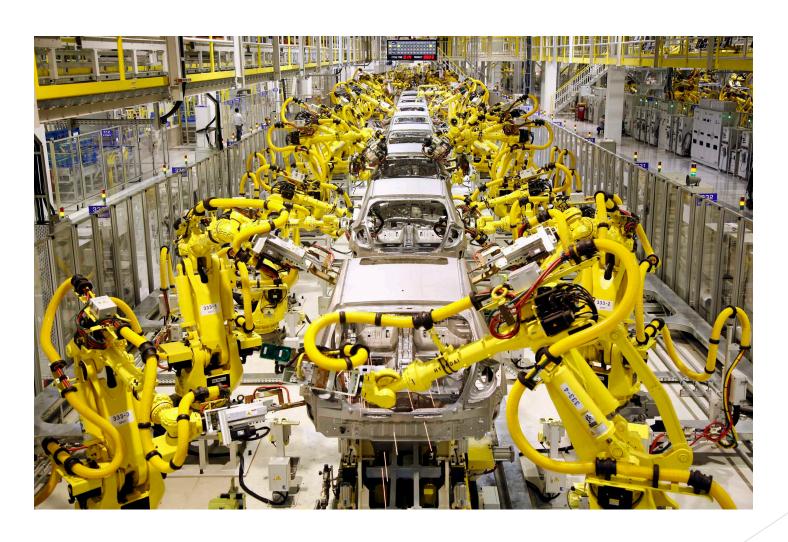
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### Who is this guy?

- Karan Gupta
  - pronounced KUH-run
  - you can call me KG
  - Energy Efficient Design Specialist for Build SMART
    - ▶ based in Lawrence, KS
    - ▶ manufacturer of high-performance, pre-fabricated building envelope systems
  - Certified Passive House Consultant
  - ► PHIUS Certified Builder

# Why Pre-Fabricated?



### Why Pre-Fabricated? (continued)



Wall System

#### Framing:

2x4 to 2x12 engineered lumber framed in a jig system to guarantee precision and stability; allows for cavity insulation for varying climates; familiarity to trades

#### Air barrier:

Factory sealed OSB joints; fastened to meet shear wall requirements

#### Insulation:

3.5" to 11.5" termite treated EPS according to climate requirements; factory laminated to OSB

#### Exterior sheathing:

OSB with integrated weather membrane factory laminated to EPS - no need for house wrap and ready to accept all standard exterior finishes

#### Flashed window buck:

All the window panels come with a sloped sill and liquid applied flashing around the rough opening to provide a watertight and airtight installation

#### Super efficient windows:

Triple-paned filled with inert gas. The windows and doors are factory installed and sealed to guarantee weather tightness

# Framing



### Preinstalled Windows & Doors

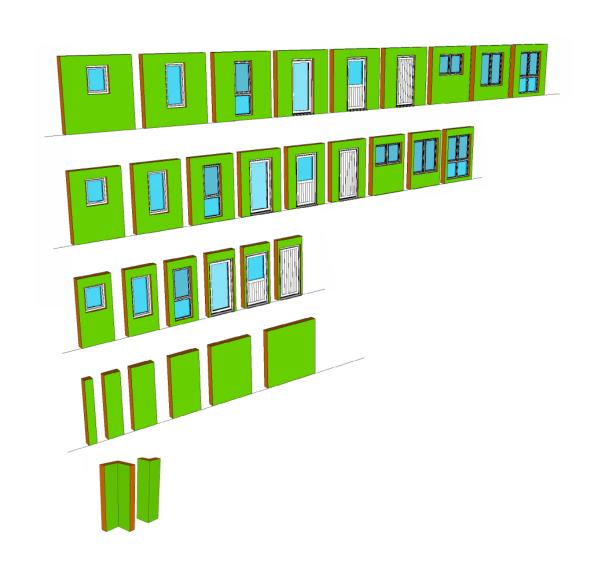


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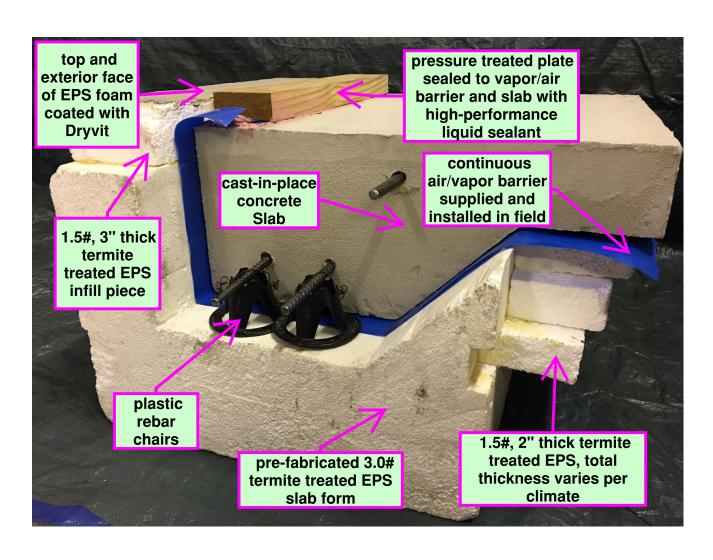


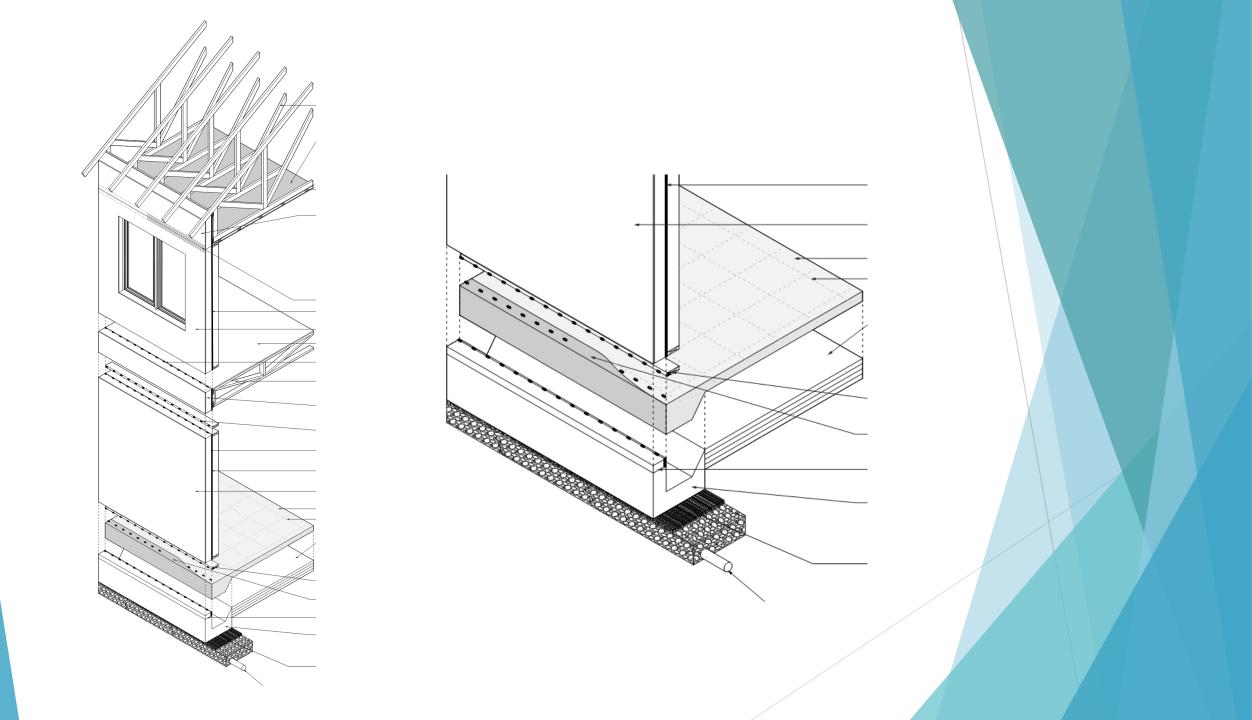


# Panel Types



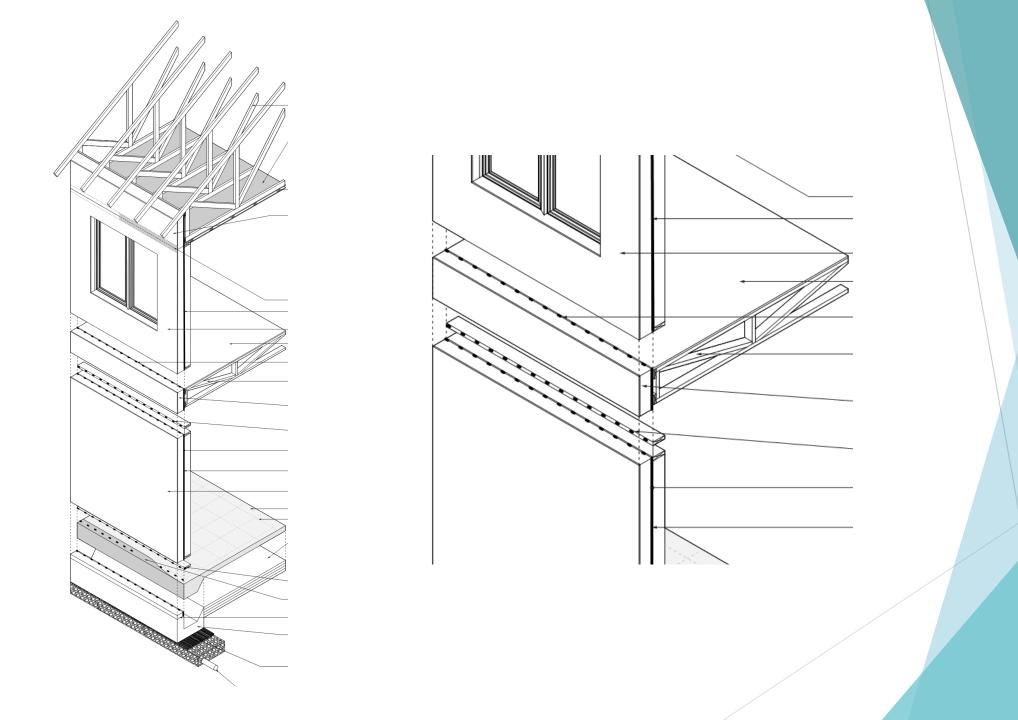
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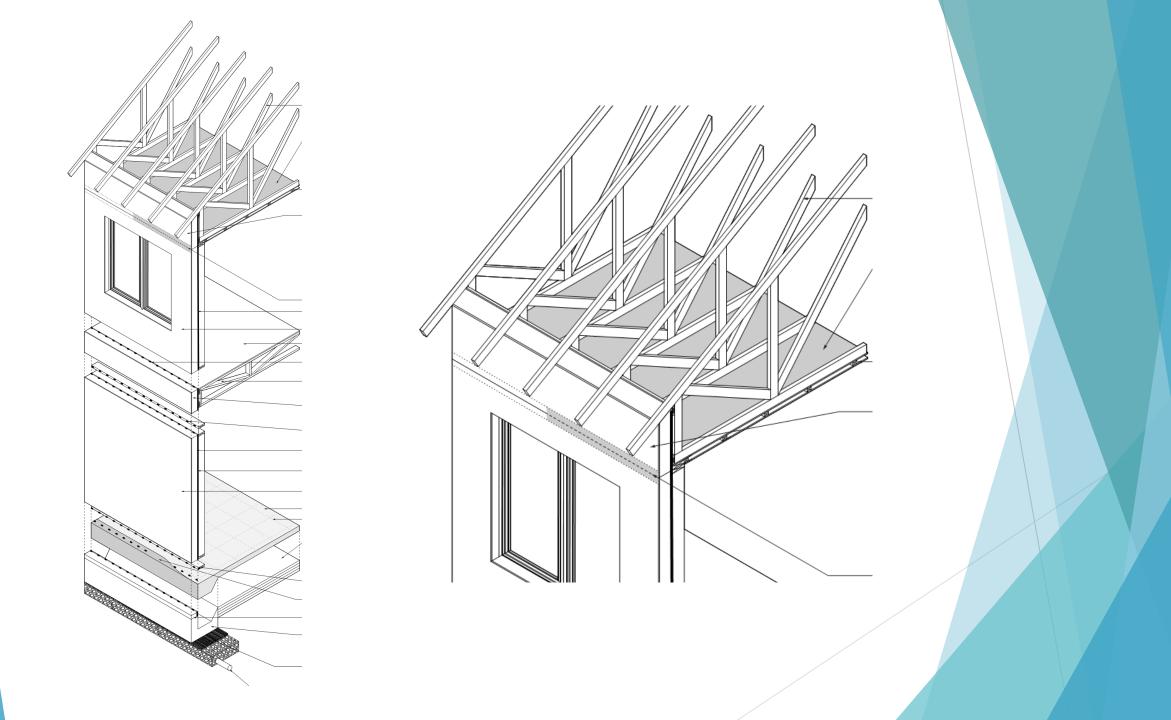






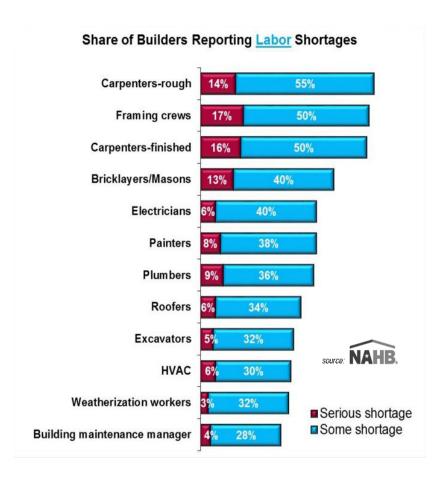








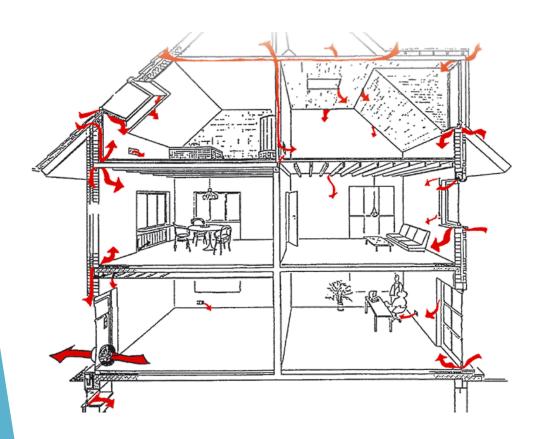
#### Benefits of Pre-fabrication



- A stick-framed house creates nearly 30x more jobsite waste than a component-framed house.
- **2.5x faster.** A crew can frame two and half homes with structural building components in the time it takes to stick-frame one house.
- ▶ It takes 75% more lumber wood product to stick frame a structure than to frame it with components.



# Airtightness





### **Blower Door Results**

Gross Envelope Area	63641 ft <sup>2</sup>			
dry-in (9/26/2017)	3550 CF	-M <sub>50</sub> =	0.056	CFM <sub>50</sub> /ft <sup>2</sup> gross envelope area
completion (4/17/2017)	2996 CF	-M <sub>50</sub> =	0.047	CFM <sub>50</sub> /ft <sup>2</sup> gross envelope area



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Install Band

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Prosoco Joint & Sear



# **Cost Comparison**

	Pre-2012 code	Field install Passive House		Pre-fabricated wall panels Passive House
1-Window & Door Materials Cost	\$144,220	\$ 292,660	\$	220,000
2-Wall Materials Cost	\$ 40,652	\$ 221,336	\$	267,070
3-Window Door Wall Cost	\$ 184,872	\$ 513,996	\$	487,070
4-Cost per Floor Sq Ft	\$ 3.50	\$ 9.74	\$	9.22
5-Wall, Window & Exterior Door Labor Cost	\$144,350	\$ 214,125	\$	99,025
6-Total Wall, Window & Exterior Door Labor & Materials Cost	\$329,222	\$ 728,121	\$	586,095
7-Cost per Floor Sq Ft	\$ 6.24	\$ 13.80	Q,	11.10

### Impact of Lower Utility Costs on Underwriting

- Total Tenant Payment Must Be Less than or Equal to the Max Tax Credit Rent or FMR
- ► Total Tenant Payment = Rent + Utilities
- ► Rent = Total Tenant Payment Utilities.....Utilities Often Underwritten using Housing Authority Allowances
- We had Qualified Expert Calculate the difference between typical Housing Authority Allowances and Passive House projected utility allowances



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# Impact of Utility Costs on Borrowing Capacity

	Housing Authority Allowances	Calculated Passive House
Net Operating Income	\$99,116	\$136,292
Debt Coverage Ratio*	1.8	1.8
Payment (NOI/DCR)	\$55,064	\$75,718
Max Mortgage (30 yrs @ 5.5%)	\$800,000	\$1,100,000
*1.07 in Year 15		



CHIP: "Passive House lets you borrow/leverage more money to build more housing."

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### Impact of Utility Costs on Developer Fee

	Housing Authority Allowances	Colculated Dessive House
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Total Development Cost	\$12,750,000	\$12,750,000
LIHTC Equity	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
Soft Debt/Grants	\$450,000	\$450,000
Mortgage	\$800,000	\$1,100,000
Total	\$12,250,000	\$12,550,000
Deferred Fee Required	\$500,000	\$200,000
Gross Fee	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Net Fee	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000



CHIP: "We're a nonprofit, which means we don't put the net fee in or pockets. We put that it ney into new developments. Higher net fees mean we can house more people?"

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#### "WOULD WE DO IT AGAIN?"

- I.We built it within the budget we proposed
- 2. Significant savings on utilities allows us to leverage fees to build more housing
  - 3. No major screw-ups during construction (related to Passive House)
    - 4. Healthier, more comfortable environment for our tenants

