

Can the Washington State Energy Code Leap Toward the PHIUS+2015 Standard? —

Passive House Northwest

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Book Cover: Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene
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A man in a red shirt and brown shorts is riding a blue bicycle on a paved road. In the foreground, there is a large array of blue solar panels. Behind the solar panels, a row of modern wooden houses with solar panels on their roofs is visible. The background consists of a dense forest of tall evergreen trees under a clear blue sky.

Mike Fowler

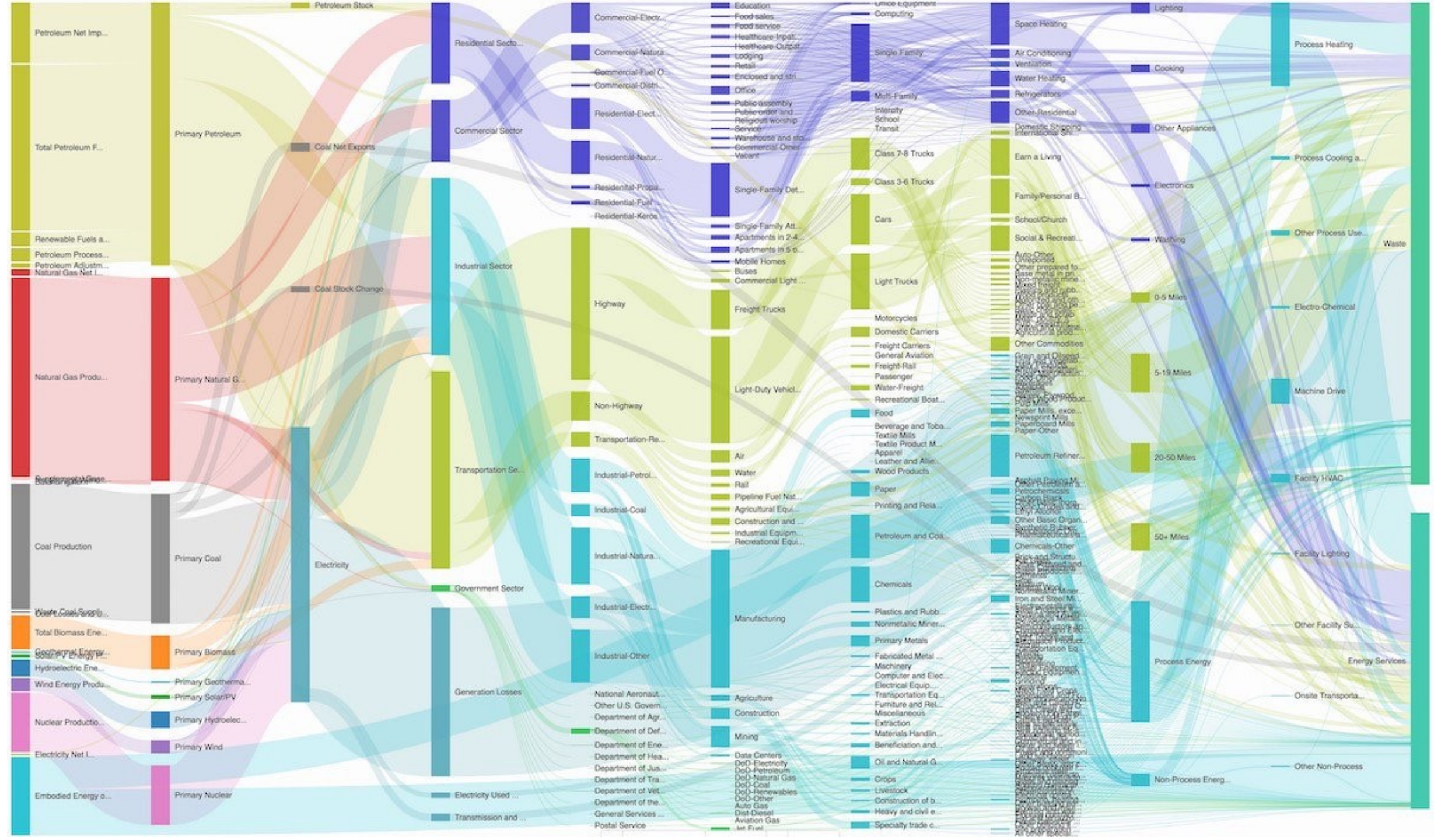
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Architect | Passivhaus. The 'crazy yahoo' energy code proposer for WA Outcome-based energy budget and passive first measures. Airtightness/CAPE. PHnw President

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PASSIVE HOUSE + POLICY

WHY?—

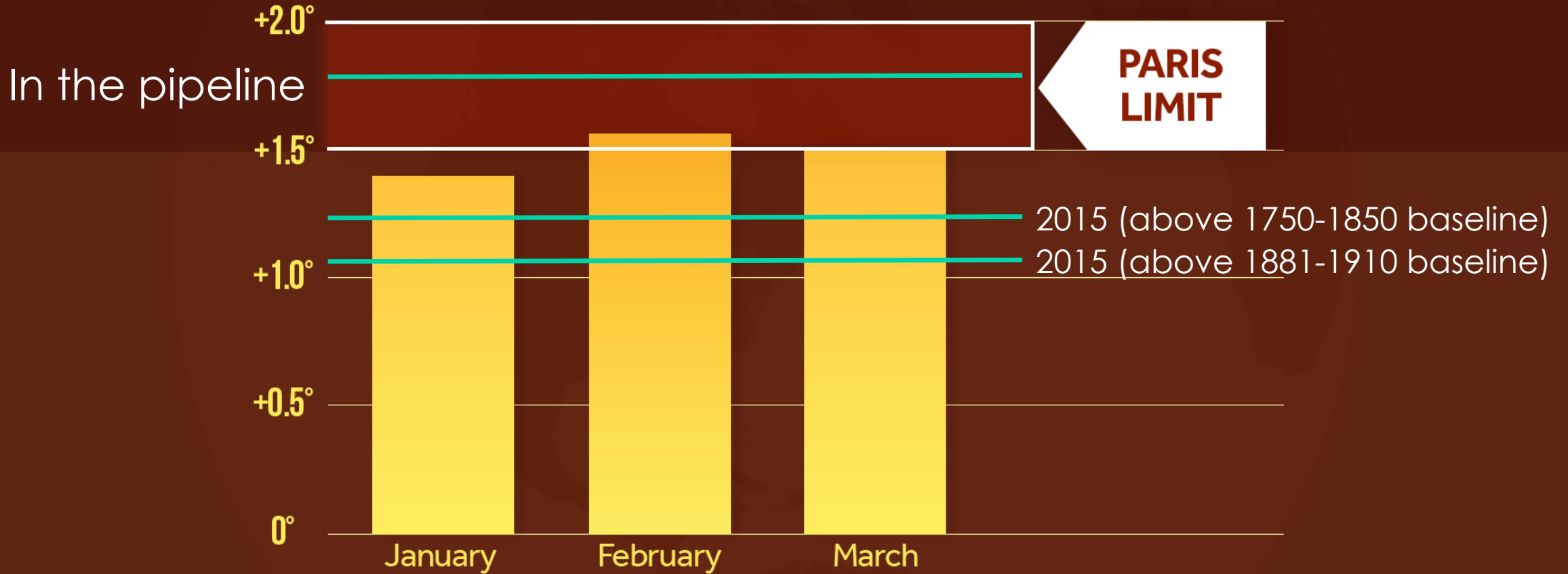


**Will the COP-21
PARIS
AGREEMENT goals
be achieved?**



ALREADY PUSHING THE LIMIT

2016 Global Monthly Temperature Anomalies (°C)

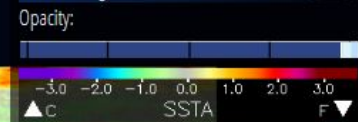


Source: NASA GISS and NOAA NCEI global temperature data averaged and adjusted to early industrial baseline (1881-1910). Data as of April 2016.

Ocean Temperatures

Satellite Layer Sorter

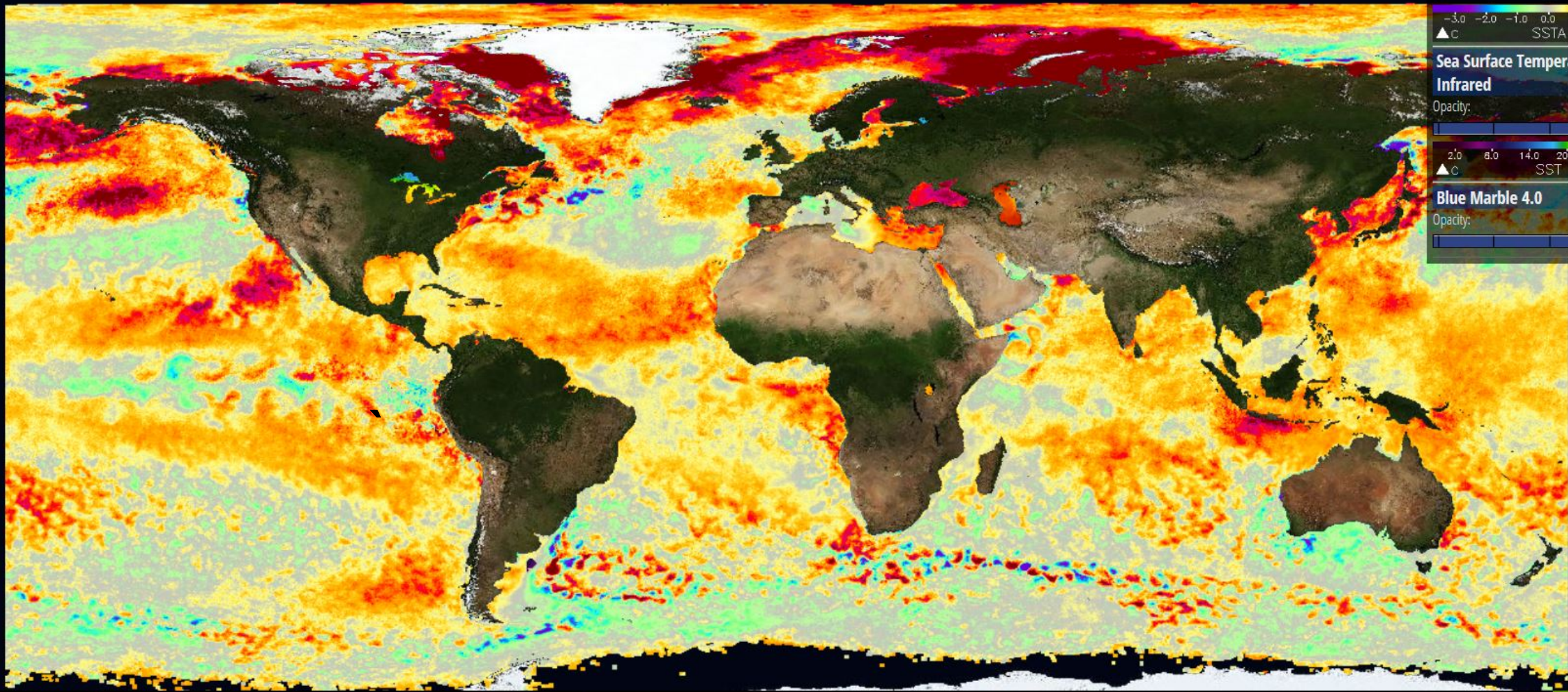
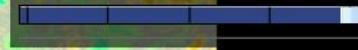
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly



Sea Surface Temperature: Infrared



Blue Marble 4.0

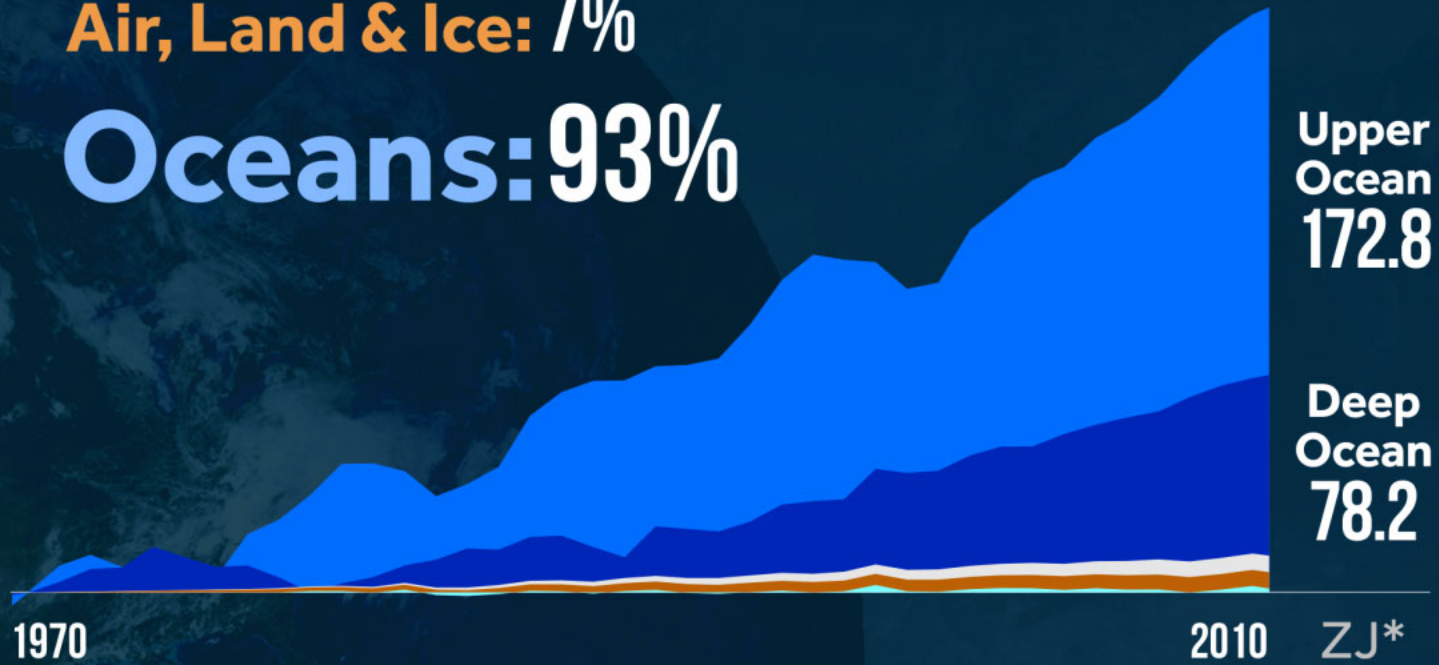


Where's the Heat?

Earth's Accumulated Energy

Air, Land & Ice: 7%

Oceans: 93%



*Accumulated Heat Energy Measured in Zettajoules
Source: Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis (IPCC) Chapter 3

FORECASTED HIGH TODAY IN BOSTON

74 degrees F

FORECASTED HIGH TODAY IN BOSTON, WITHOUT THE OCEANS

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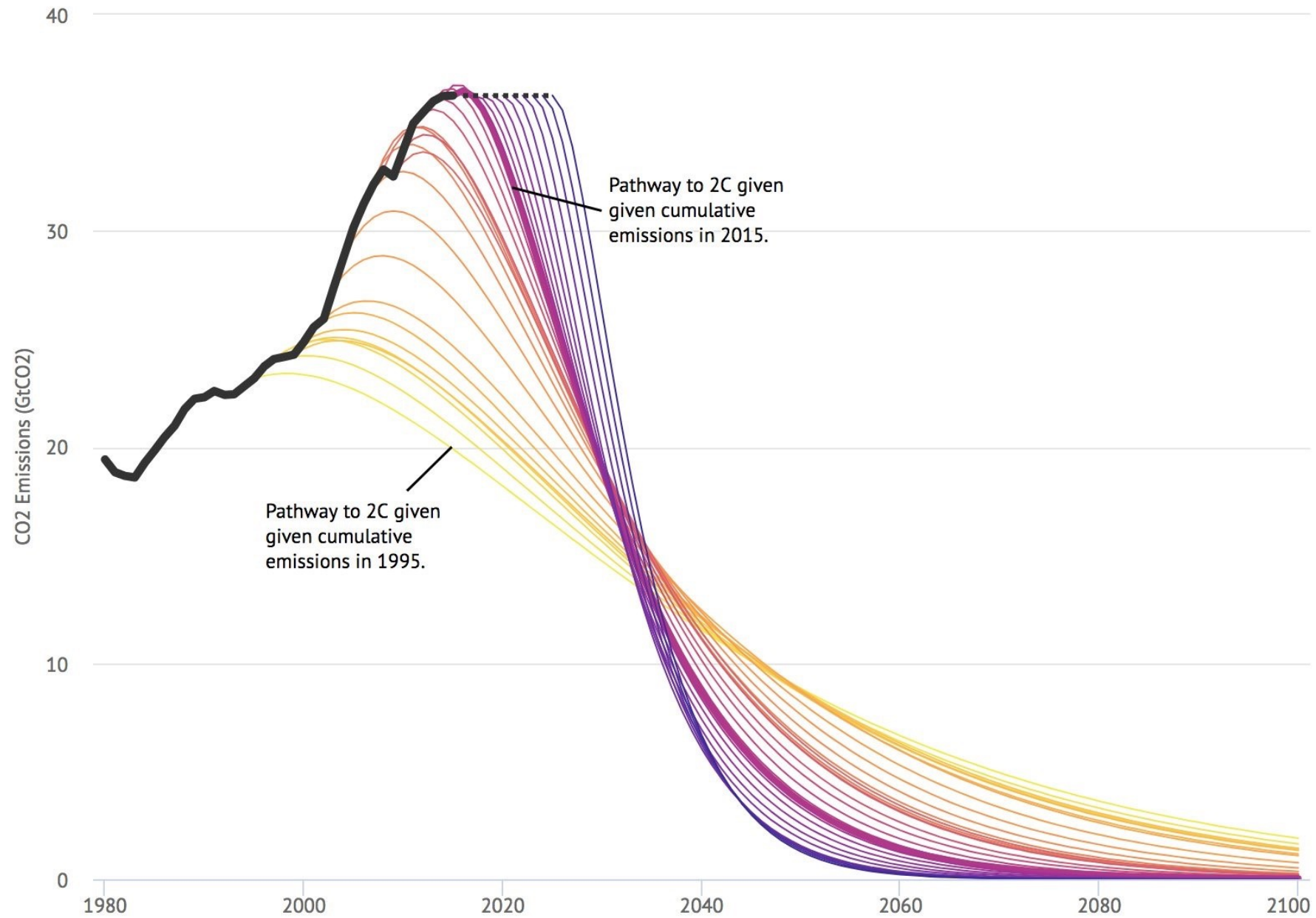
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Source: IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)

To limit warming to 2C, global emissions must fall more quickly if they peak later



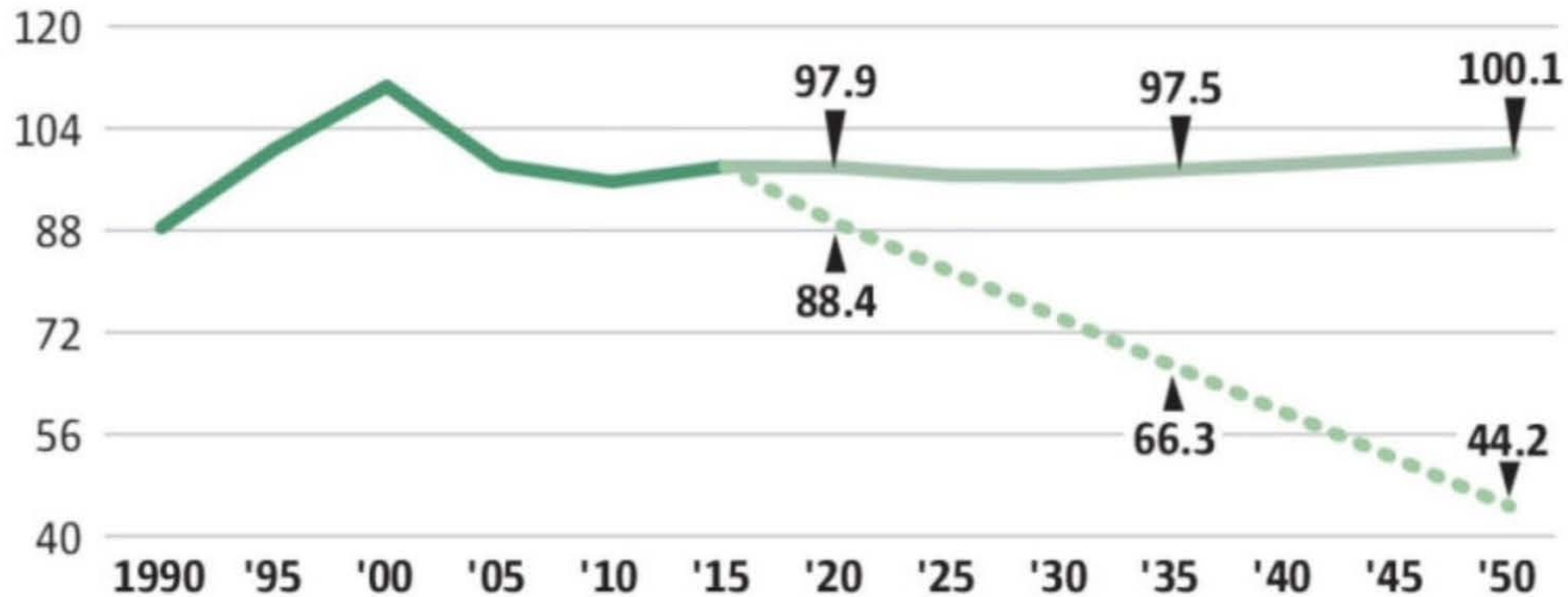
Pathway to 2C given given cumulative emissions in 1995.

Pathway to 2C given given cumulative emissions in 2015.

Washington not on track to meet climate targets

Greenhouse gas emissions (in millions of metric tons)

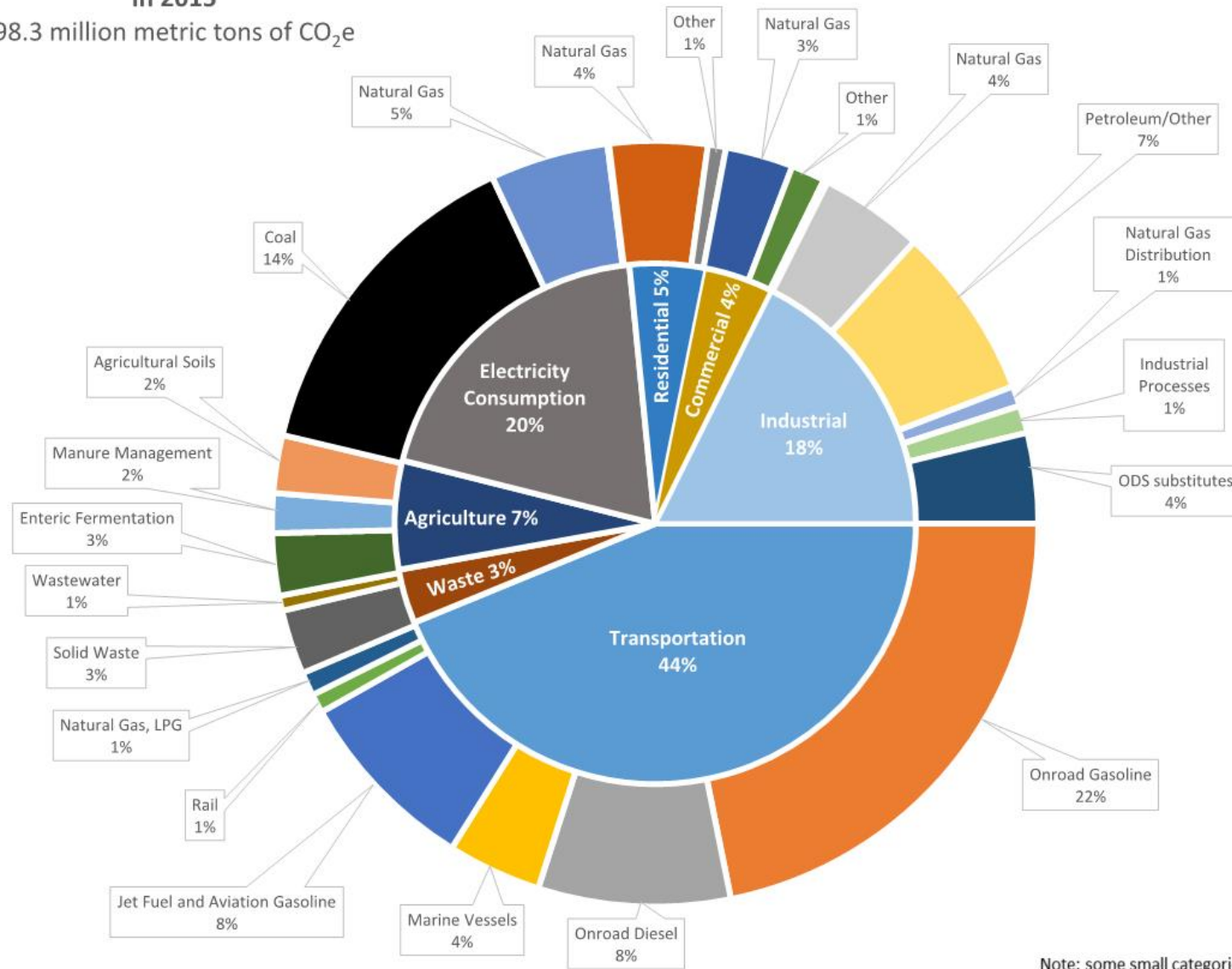
— ACTUAL EMISSIONS - - - EMISSIONS TARGETS IN STATE LAW
— PROJECTED EMISSIONS UNDER CURRENT POLICIES



Absent a carbon tax or other new policies, Washington is projected to fail to meet greenhouse-gas reduction targets in state law. Source: Washington State Department of Ecology (Stephanie Redding / The Seattle Times) (Stephanie Redding / The Seattle Times) [More](#) ▾

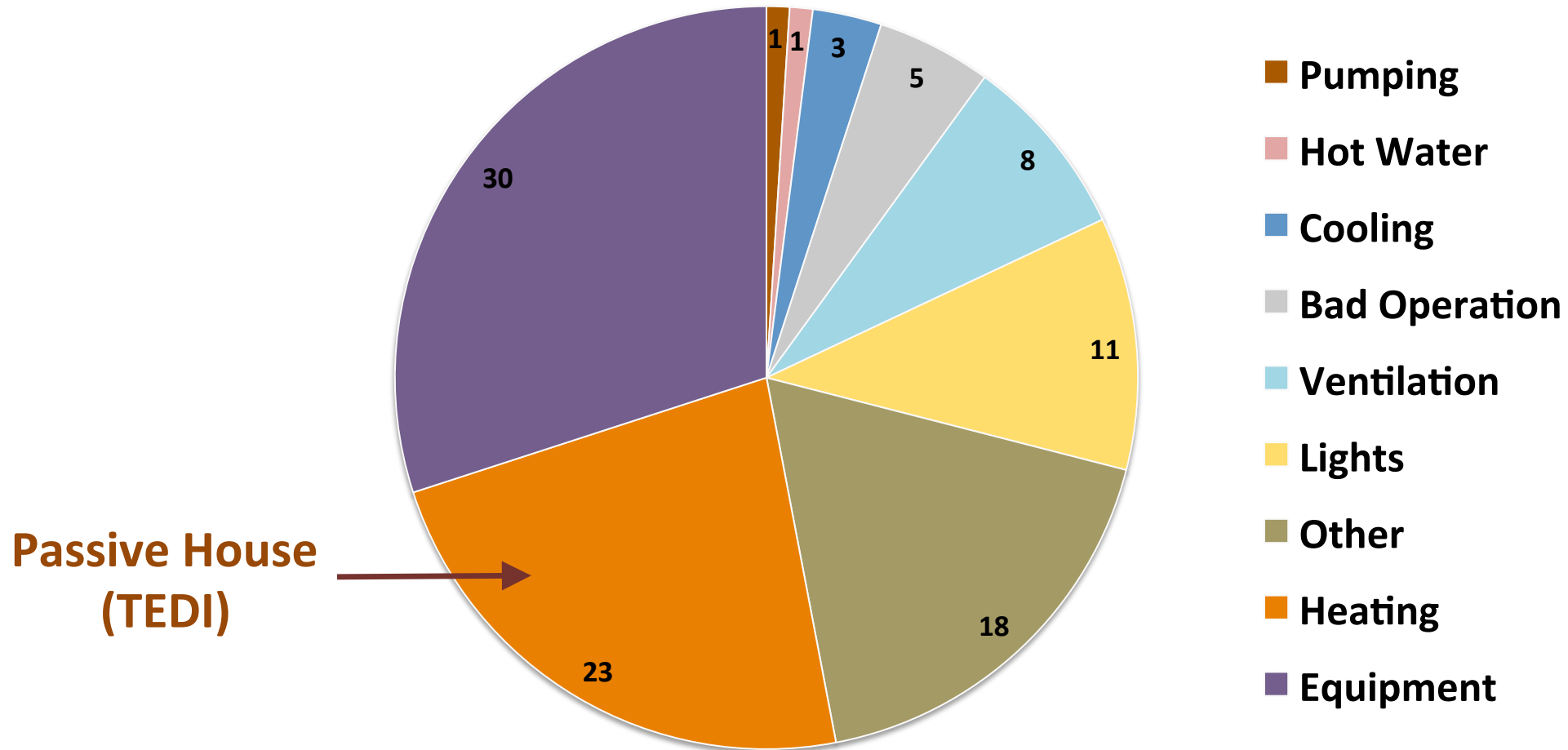
Washington Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2015

98.3 million metric tons of CO₂e



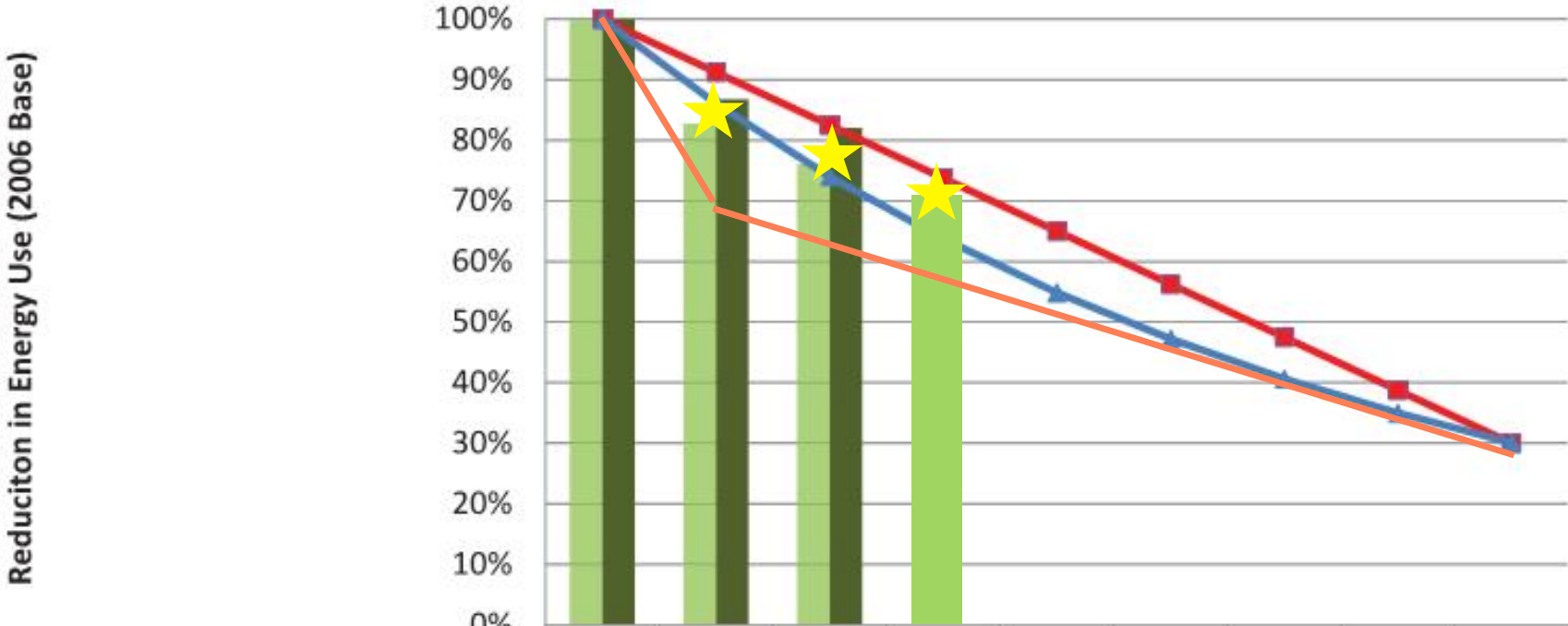
Note: some small categories (<1%) excluded

Weighted End Use Energy (across building types)



Washington State Energy Code—

Incremental Improvement Compared to Targets



	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024	2027	2030
Residential	100%	82.7%	76.1%						
Commercial	100%	86.8%	82.0%						
Target: 8.75 % savings compared to the 2006 WSEC	100%	91%	83%	74%	65%	56%	48%	39%	30%
Target: 14% savings compared to each previous code	100%	86%	74%	64%	55%	47%	41%	35%	30%

71%

— WA Climate Action Team

70%

58%

Q1 –

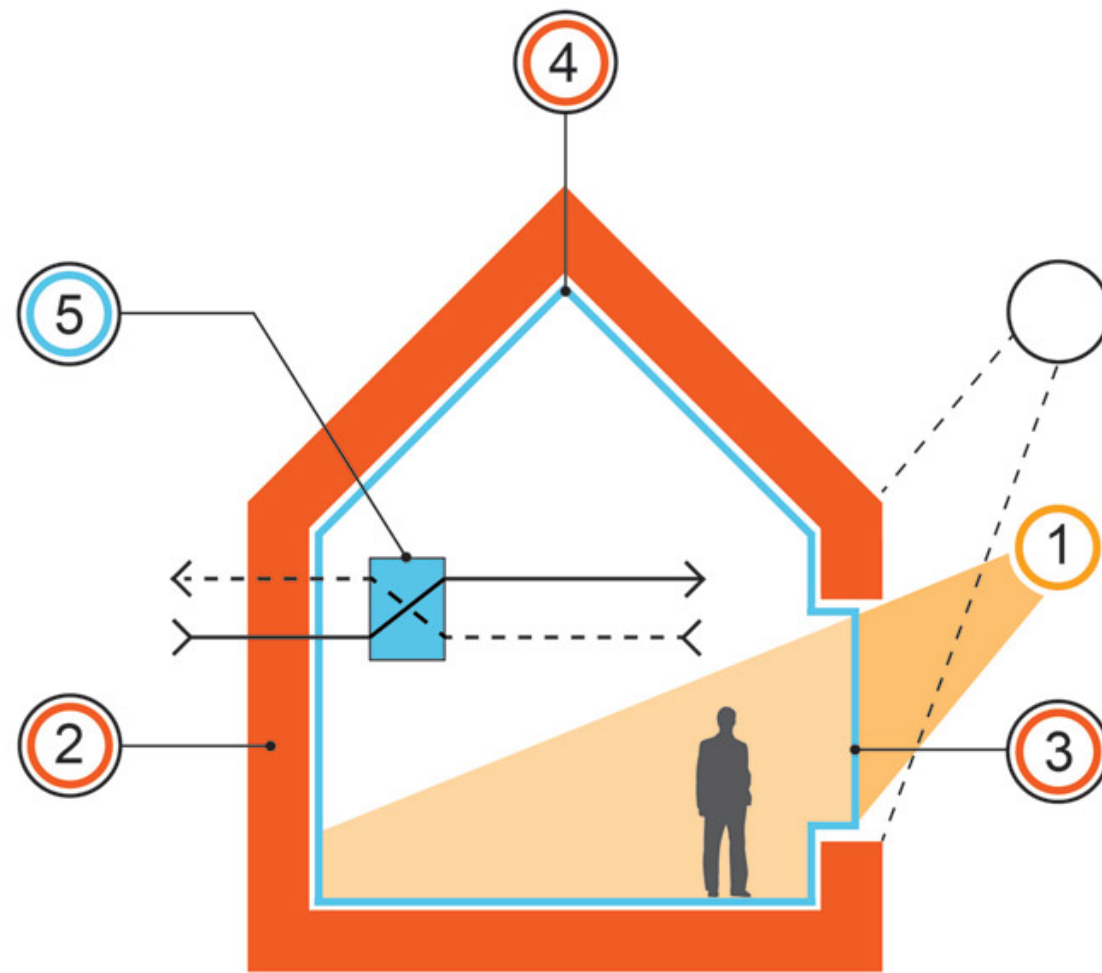
In today's political context, can we create and implement policies that :

PROVIDE ACTION QUICKLY,

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**PASSIVE HOUSE IS A
SOLUTION—**



PASSIVE HOUSE PRINCIPLES

- ① SOLAR ORIENTATION
- ② HIGH INSULATION
- ③ HIGH PERFORMANCE WINDOWS
- ④ AIR TIGHT ENCLOSURE
- ⑤ BALANCED VENTILATION WITH HEAT RECOVERY

Location – PHIUS +2015	kBTU/sf/yr heating	BTU/hr heating	kBTU/sf/yr cooling	BTU/hr cooling
Bellingham	5.9	4.0	1.0	4.4
Pasco	4.9	4.7	2.1	6.7
Pullman	6.2	4.6	1.0	5.6
Seattle-Tacoma	5.4	3.7	1.0	4.8
Seattle (Boeing)	5.1	3.7	1.0	5.6
Spokane	6.4	3.9	1.0	5.6
Walla Walla	5.0	4.5	2.1	6.6
Wenatchee	5.7	4.6	1.6	6.0
Yakima	5.8	4.6	1.2	6.0
Passivhaus Institut	4.75	3.17	4.75	3.17
EnerPHit	6.33* – 7.92**	-	4.75	-
PHI low-energy	9.50	-	4.75	-

* Seattle ** Spokane

Modeling—

TABLE 2: Four-Story Multifamily Building Prototype Energy Modeling

Measure	EUI (kBTU/sf/yr)	kWh saved	% save	Heat Demand kBTU/sf/yr	Heat Load BTU/hr/yr	First Install Cost	kWh saved/\$
Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Airtightness (CFM75) – NOTE: bold equals measures the achieved desired target range for code proposal							
0.25	36.7	48,897	11.8 %	14.81	10.76	\$7,491	6.5
0.17	34.3	72,846	17.5 %	11.75	8.41	\$10,214	7.1
0.15	33.7	78,833	19.0 %	10.95	7.79	\$11,576	6.8
0.08	31.6	99,789	24.0 %	8.44	5.74	\$13,279	7.5

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Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Windows – U-value 0.25 baseline							
.16 glass	40.7	8,981	2.2 %	19.81	14.96	\$33,367	0.3
.12 glass	40.3	12,973	3.1 %	19.31	14.81	\$67,075	0.2

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Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Heat Recovery Ventilation – baseline 0%							
60%	38.4	31,932	7.7 %	16.91	14.11	\$30,643	1.0
70%	37.9	36,922	8.9 %	16.25	13.91	\$78,991	0.5
80%	37.4	41,911	10.1 %	15.59	13.71	\$129,042	0.3
90%	36.8	47,899	11.5 %	14.94	13.52	\$177,731	0.3

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Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Wall Insulation (Effective) baseline R-17							
R-22	40.9	6,985	1.7 %	20.09	15.03	\$2,724	2.6
R-25	40.7	8,981	2.2 %	19.75	14.93	\$3,405	2.6
R-38	40.0	15,966	3.8%	18.88	14.67	\$7,491	2.1

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Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Roof Insulation – baseline R-38							
R-60	41.3	2,994	0.7 %	20.54	15.17	\$12,938	0.2

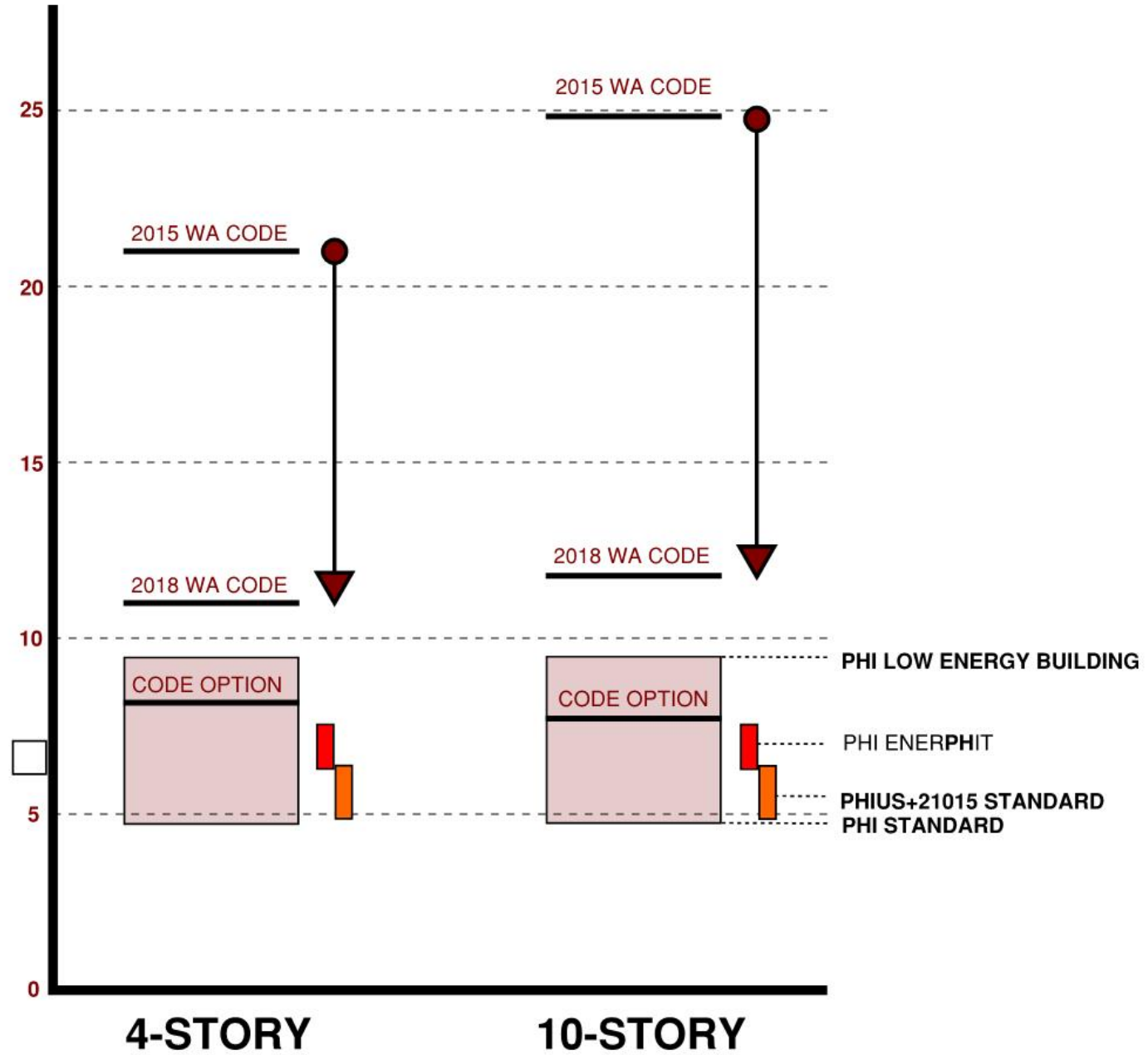
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Baseline	41.6			20.94	15.29		
Heat Pump – baseline electric baseboard							
Ductless	31.6	99,789	24.0 %	20.54	15.17	\$203,267	0.5

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Combinations							
.25 and 60%	33.7	78,833	19.0 %	10.98	9.58	\$38,134	2.1
.17 and 60%	31.5	101,785	24.5 %	8.09	7.23	\$40,858	2.5
.08 and 60%	29.0	125,734	30.3 %	5.05	4.56	\$43,922	2.9
.25 and R-22	36.1	54,884	13.2 %	14.0	10.51	\$10,214	5.4
.25 and R-25	35.8	57,878	13.9 %	13.66	10.41	\$10,895	5.3
.25 and R-38	35.1	64,863	15.6 %	12.83	10.15	\$14,981	4.3
.25 / 60% / R-22	33.0	85,819	20.7 %	10.2	9.33	\$40,858	2.1
.17 / 60% / R-22	30.8	107,772	26.0 %	7.35	6.97	\$43,581	2.5

ANNUAL HEATING DEMAND



**PARTNERS AND
STAKEHOLDERS—**

4-story MF	41.6	EUI		34,048	GSF		31	units	
Code Baseline	278,411	kWh		27.9	EUI		8,981	kWh / unit	
	4,664.58	Therms		13.7	EUI		150.5	Therms / unit	
C402.5.1.2	Cost/SF	Savings/SF		*Cost/Unit	*Savings/Unit		Cost/building	Savings/building	
Air Sealing 0.25	\$ 0.31	1.4		\$ 338.28	1,577		\$ 10,486.78	48,897	
HRV 60%	\$ 1.26	0.9		\$ 1,383.89	1,030		\$ 42,900.48	31,932	
Combined	\$ 1.57	2.3		\$ 1,722.17	2,543		\$ 53,387.26	78,833	
				* includes common area					
C406.9	Cost/SF	Savings/SF		*Cost/Unit	*Savings/Unit		Cost/building	Savings/building	
Air Sealing 0.17	\$ 0.42	2.1		\$ 461.30	2,350		\$ 14,300.16	72,846	
HRV 60%	\$ 1.26	0.9		\$ 1,383.89	1,030		\$ 42,900.48	31,932	
Combined	\$ 1.68	3.0		\$ 1,845.18	3,283		\$ 57,200.64	101,785	
Notes:	combined energy savings is lower than adding individual stand alone measures								
	savings = kWh savings								

10-story MF	45.2	EUI		85,120	GSF		79	units	
Code Baseline	780,849	kWh		31.3	EUI		9,884	kWh / unit	
	11,831.68	Therms		13.9	EUI		149.8	Therms / unit	
C402.5.1.2	Cost/SF	Savings/SF		*Cost/Unit	*Savings/Unit		Cost/building	Savings/building	
Air Sealing 0.25	\$ 0.31	2.3		\$ 331.86	2,432		\$ 26,216.96	192,094	
HRV 60%	\$ 1.26	0.9		\$ 1,357.61	979		\$ 107,251.20	77,336	
Combined	\$ 1.57	3.1		\$ 1,689.47	3,347		\$ 133,468.16	264,441	
				* includes common area					
C406.9	Cost/SF	Savings/SF		*Cost/Unit	*Savings/Unit		Cost/building	Savings/building	
Air Sealing 0.17	\$ 0.42	3.4		\$ 452.54	3,632		\$ 35,750.40	286,893	
HRV 60%	\$ 1.26	0.9		\$ 1,357.61	979		\$ 107,251.20	77,336	
Combined	\$ 1.68	4.1		\$ 1,810.15	4,453		\$ 143,001.60	351,756	

ENV 046—

C402.5.1.2 Building Test

C403.2.2.1 Ventilation – Group R-2

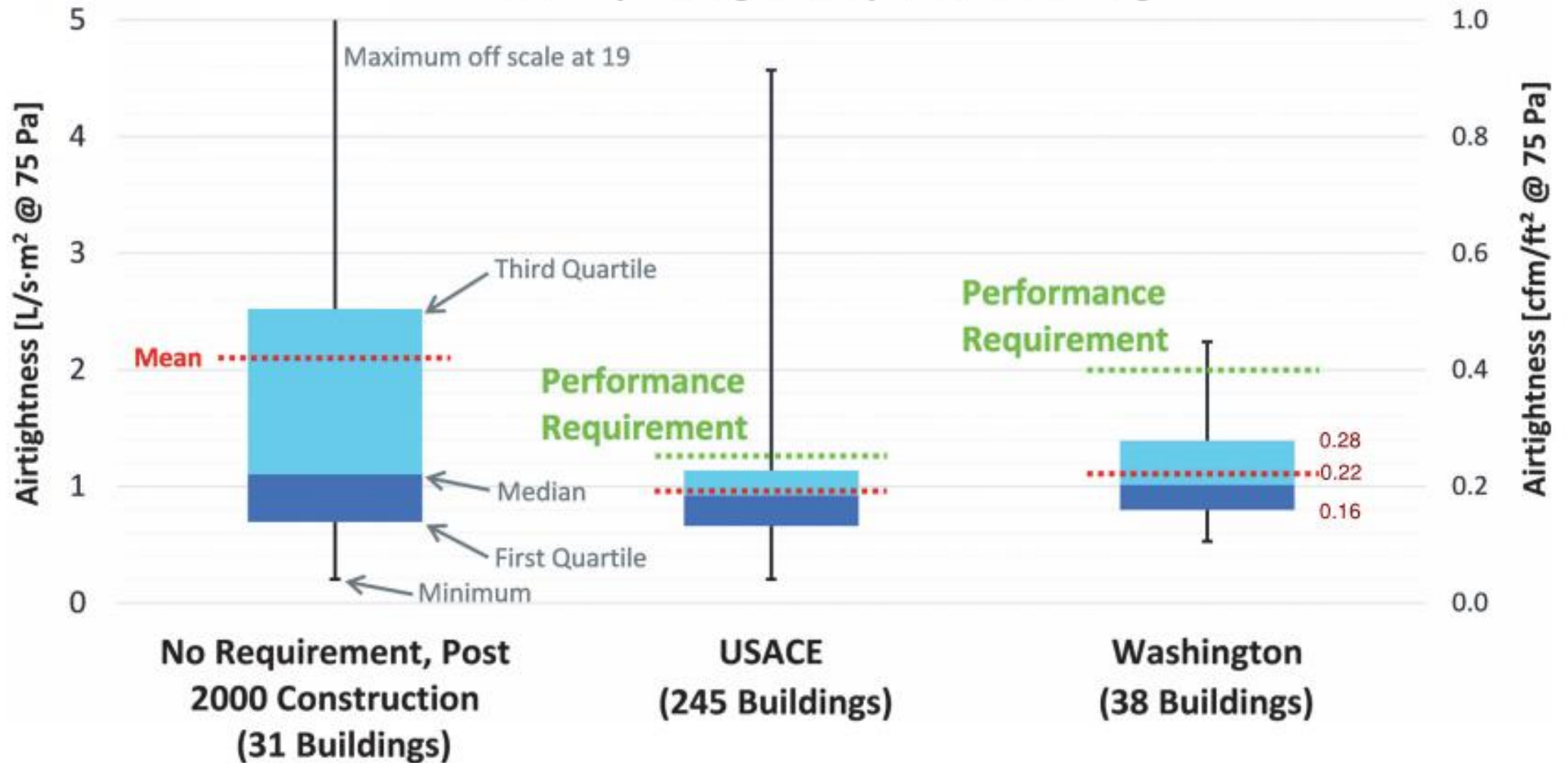
C406.9 Reduced Air Infiltration

Proposal to Washington State Building Code Council
2018 Code Cycle

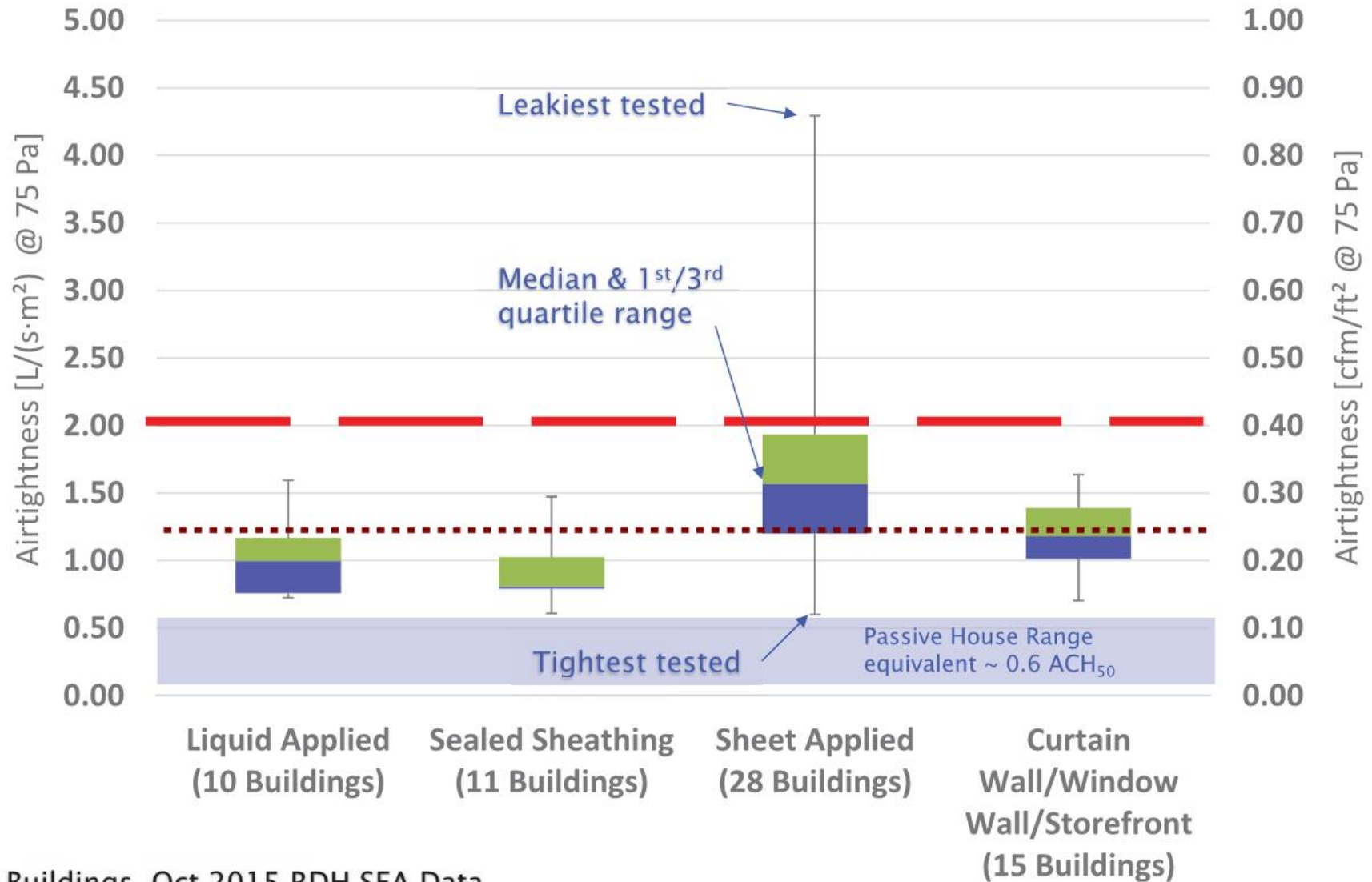
Air tightness—

Air Tightness in Large Commercial Buildings

Summary of Airtightness by Jurisdiction and Age

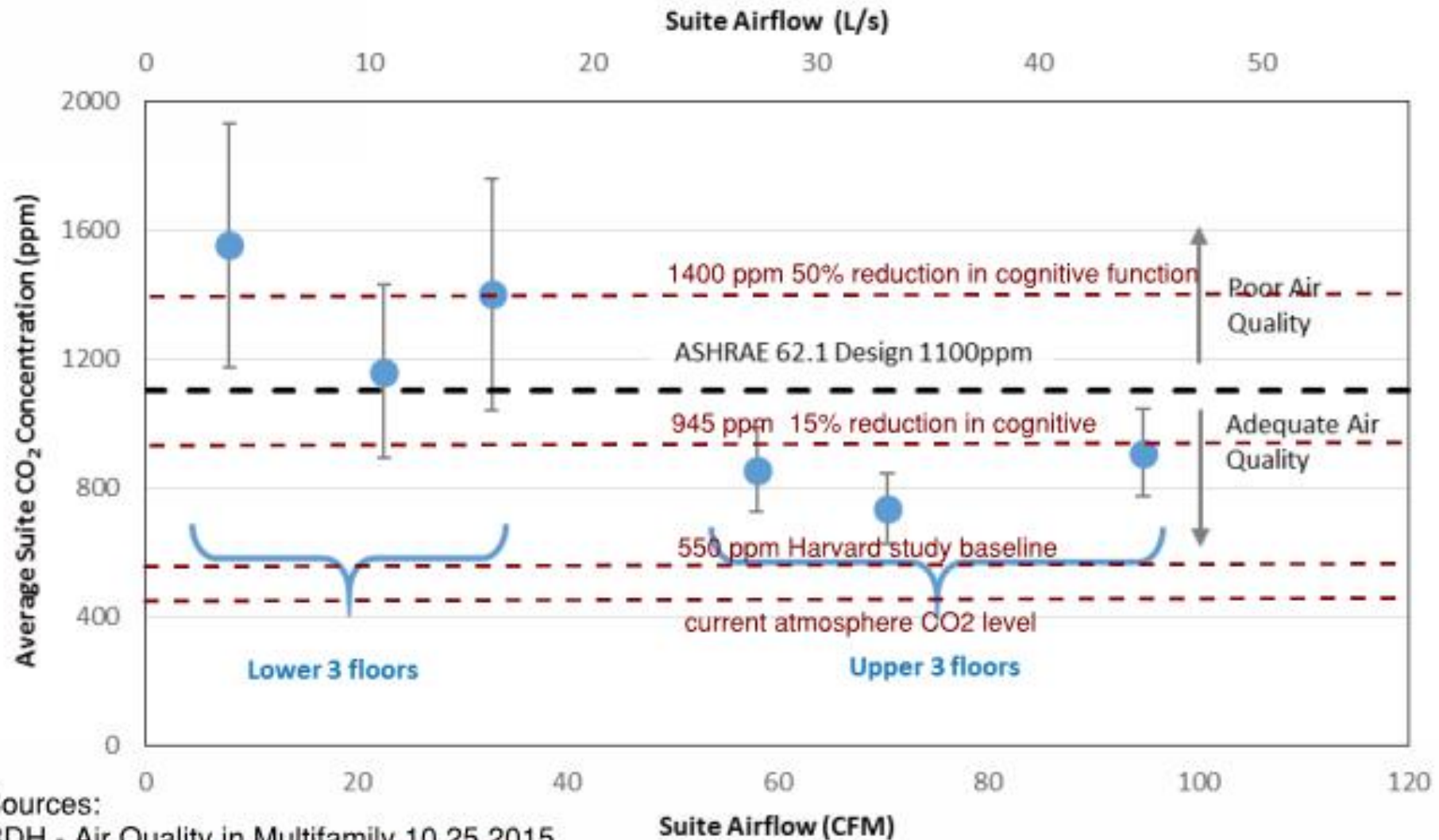


Air Tightness in Commercial Buildings



ventilation—

Air Quality in Multifamily Buildings



Sources:
RDH - Air Quality in Multifamily 10.25.2015
Harvard School of Public Health, 2015

Figure 4: Air quality differences between floors due to uneven airflow distribution

Cost effectiveness—

Executive Report

C402.5.1.2 - 4 STORY

Project Information	
Project:	4 Story, 31 Unit Multifamily
Address:	
Company:	
Contact:	Mike Fowler
Contact Phone:	
Contact Email:	

4-STORY

\$132,652
 net present
 savings

\$128,966
 net present
 savings
 (0.17 CFM75)

Key Analysis Variables		Building Characteristics	
Study Period (years)	51	Gross (Sq.Ft)	34,048
Nominal Discount Rate	3.46%	Useable (Sq.Ft)	0
Maintenance Escalation	1.00%	Space Efficiency	0.0%
Zero Year (Current Year)	2018	Project Phase	0
Construction Years	1	Building Type	0

10-STORY

\$548,952
 net present
 savings

\$800,746
 net present
 savings
 (0.17 CFM75)

Life Cycle Cost Analysis			
Alternative	Baseline	BEST	
		Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/sq.ft)	41.6	33.7	36.1
1st Construction Costs	\$ -	\$ 52,375	\$ 52,375
PV of Capital Costs	\$ -	\$ 92,513	\$ 92,513
PV of Maintenance Costs	\$ -	\$ 10,548	\$ 10,548
PV of Utility Costs	\$ 1,006,525	\$ 770,812	\$ 841,507
Total Life Cycle Cost (LCC)	\$ 1,006,525	\$ 873,873	\$ 944,568
Net Present Savings (NPS)	N/A	\$ 132,652	\$ 61,956

Societal LCC takes into consideration the social cost of carbon dioxide emissions caused by operational energy consumption

(GHG) Social Life Cycle Cost			
	Baseline	BEST	
		Alt. 1	Alt. 2
GHG Impact from Utility Consumption			
Tons of CO2e over Study Period	7,111	5,456	5,952
% CO2e Reduction vs. Baseline	N/A	23%	21%
Present Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)	\$ 438,520	\$ 336,428	\$ 367,047
Total LCC with SCC	\$ 1,445,045	\$ 1,210,301	\$ 1,311,616
NPS with SCC	N/A	\$ 234,744	\$ 133,429

Essential step to 70% goal—

ENERGY SAVINGS

4-story multifamily prototype

w/ C406

19% reduction in building energy use

24%

47% reduction in annual heating demand

61%

37% reduction in peak heating load

52%

10-story multifamily prototype

w/ C406

23% reduction in building energy use

31%

53% reduction in annual heating demand

70%

39% reduction in peak heating load

57%

examples—

< 0.08 CFM75 and heat recovery ventilation

2060 FOLSOM

167,500 sf

8 stories, 127 units

19.9 EUI kBTU/sf/yr

15.4 NET EUI

* < 0.20 CFM75



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Affordable Housing – San Francisco

UC SANTA CRUZ

1.19 million sf

4-12 stories

777 units

12.7 EUI kBTU/sf/yr

2.9 NET EUI

Schematic Design
Competition Proposal

Balfour Beatty
Campus Solutions

SWINERTON
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BUILD THE BULLITT CENTER 24 TIME



HILLSBORO, OR

PHASE 1
57 UNITS
57,759 SF

22.5 EUI
MODELED
20.9 EUI ACTUAL

PHASE 2
58 UNITS
49,900 SF

22.2 EUI
MODELED



Orchards at Orenco



Photo Credit: Casey Braunger

FIRST PLEDGED PROJECT



**BUILDING
CHALLENGE**

**4 STORIES
35 UNITS
20,100 GSF
18.5 EUI kBTU/sf/yr
NET ZERO READY**



PAX FUTURA
by NK Architects and Cascade Built
COLUMBIA CITY, SEATTLE

THE GOAL:

**20 PASSIVE HOUSE PROJECTS
OF 20,000 SQUARE FEET OR LARGER
UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN KING COUNTY BY YEAR 2020**

ENCOURAGE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO:

- 1. PURSUE PASSIVE HOUSE FOR THEIR OWN PROJECTS, AND**
- 2. CREATE INCENTIVES FOR PASSIVE HOUSE DEVELOPMENT**

PLEDGE PROJECTS ON WWW.PHNW.ORG

320 QUEEN
ANNE

6 STORIES
59 UNITS
42,000 GSF

17 EUI (estimate)

SEATTLE, WA



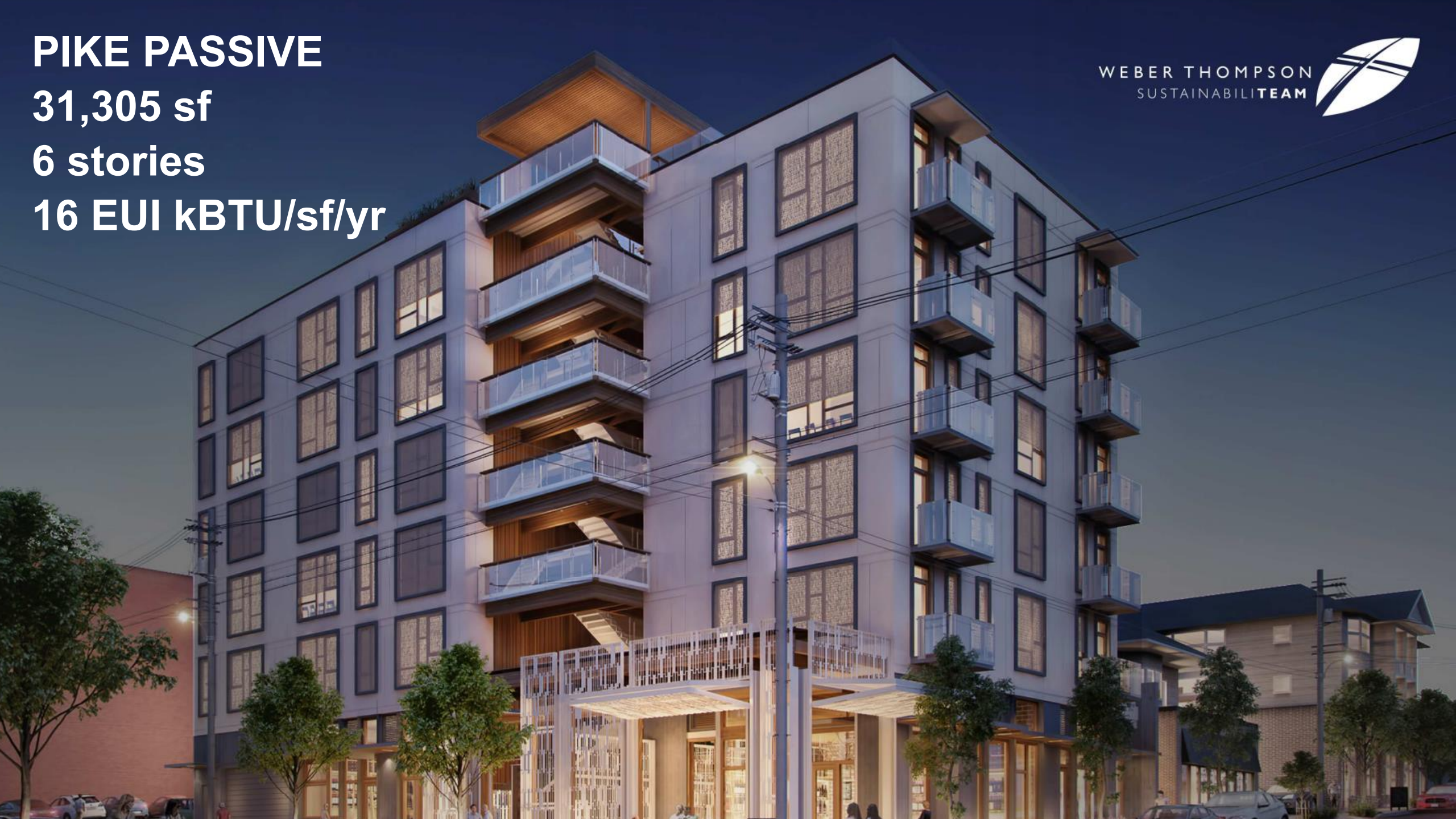
PIKE PASSIVE

31,305 sf

6 stories

16 EUI kBTU/sf/yr

WEBER THOMPSON
SUSTAINABILITEAM



11TH AND
REPUBLICAN

4 STORIES
NEW and
RENOVATION

20 UNITS
18,700 GSF

NET ZERO
ENERGY

SEATTLE, WA



Achievable —

Comfort and health —

Cost effective —

Energy savings —

WASHINGTON CODE PROCESS – TIMELINE:

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

July 13, 2018



Mechanical Ventilation Energy Committee (MVE)

September 13, 2018



State Building Code Council (SBCC) Public Hearing

November 2018

State Legislature

Spring 2020

An aerial photograph of Seattle, Washington, showing the city skyline, waterfront, and a large ferry in the foreground. The Space Needle is visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Thank You

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