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Process and case studies

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- 1. CLIMATE BASED DESIGN TIMELINE
- 2. DESIGN METHOD AND PARAMETERS
- 3. CASE STUDIES









































CLIMATE AND FORM



Norbert Lechner 2015 Heating, Colling, Lighting : sustainable design methods for architects







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Case Study 1







Site: Urban neighborhood





















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PV TO ZERO 5KW



TREATED FLOOR AREA



1.750 SQFT.

Passive house of the year Logo and quote

















































































DESIGN PARAMETERS

A Science / Quantitative

Orientation

Compact volume (Form)

Efficient geometry (SVR)

R value

Glazing placement

Glazing ratios

Shading

Thermal bridging

Air tightness

Ventilation

Water management

Vapor management

System design

Equipment efficiency

Renewables


DESIGN PARAMETERS

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Ventilation	Experience
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Equipment efficiency	Sound
Renewables	Space



LOW ENERGY BUILDING DESIGN MAP

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Glazing placement		Technology
Glazing ratios		Social patterns
Shading	FORM	Culture
Thermal bridging		Structure
Air tightness		Materials
Ventilation		 ← Experience
Water management		Comfort
Vapor management		Health
System design	SDACE	Light
Equipment efficiency	JFACE	Sound
Renewables		E Space



Case Study 2







Site: Rural farm country with views













GENERAL INFO	MECHANICAL		PASSIVE HOUSE METRICS	
BECHTELSVILLE, PA	BALANCED VENTILATION	ZEHNDER 350	ANNUAL HEAT DEMAND	4.75 KBTU/(FT2YR)
2,600 SQFT	HEAT / COOL	MITSUBISHI ASHP	HEAT LOAD	2.84 KBTU/(FT2YR)
CLIMATE ZONE 5/6	HOT WATER	GE HWHP	PRIMARY ENERGY	34.5 KBTU/(FT2YR)
HERS 30	WINDOWS	INTUS EFORTE	AIR TIGHTNESS	0.22 ACH@50PA
PV TO ZERO 6KW			TREATED FLOOR AREA	2,440 SQFT.











"My favorite thing is the **peace of mind** that comes with a high performance building, **knowing that we didn't compromise when it comes to the environmental impact**.

Shawn Soeder





Quote from chris mctaggart







"Our house has been extremely comfortable! Both my wife and I feel the main living spaces tend to be the right temperature and humidity through all the seasons. We do have one upstairs bedroom that tends to be too warm at times, and that takes some attention (door open during the day, sometimes use a fan)." Shawn Soeder































800	ft²		Require	ements	Fulfilled?*
5.20	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	88% of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
4.41	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	96% of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
0.92	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	37% of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
2.23	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	54% of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%		-		•
53.9	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	101% of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
15.3	kBTU/(ft ² yr)				
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		2		-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: o	lata missing; '-'	no requirement
					no

800	ft²		Requir	ements	Fulfilled?"
5.74	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	97% of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
4.68	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	102% of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	-
1.00	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	40% of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
2.31	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	56% of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%		-		-
56.4	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	106% of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
16.2	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-		-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)				-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: o	lata missing; '-'	no requireme
					no

800	ft²		Require	ements	Fulfilled?*
6.61	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	112% of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
5.03	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	109% of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	no
0.93	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	37% of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
2.27	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	55% of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%		-		· ·
55.1	kBTU/(ft²yr)	104% of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
16.5	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-		•
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		1		-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: c	lata missing; '-'	no requirement
					no

			Require	ements	Fulfilled?*
6.79	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	115% of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
4.78	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	104% of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	no
0.16	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	6% of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
1.09	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	27% of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%		-		-
28.1	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	53% of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
11.1	kB⊤U/(ft ² yr)				-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-		-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: d	lata missing; '-'	no requireme

11.1	kBTU/(ft ² yr)				-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-		-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: c	lata missing; '-	no requirement
					no
3200	ft²		Require	ements	Fulfilled?*
3200 5.87	ft ² kBTU/(ft ² vr)	99% of	Require 5.90	ements kBTU/(ft*yr)	Fulfilled?*
3200 5.87 4.66	ft² kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²)	99% of 101% of	Requir 5.90 4.60	e ments kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²)	Fulfilled?* no no
5.87 4.66 0.07	ft² kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²) kBTU/(ft ² yr)	99% of 101% of 3% of	Requir 5.90 4.60 2.50	ements kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) kBTU/(ft²yr)	Fulfilled?* no no yes
3200 5.87 4.66 0.07 0.79	ft ^z kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²) kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²)	99% of 101% of 3% of 19% of	Require 5.90 4.60 2.50 4.10	kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²) kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²)	Fulfilled?* no no yes yes
3200 5.87 4.66 0.07 0.79	nt² kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²) kBTU/(ft ² yr) BTU/(hr.ft ²) %	99% of 101% of 3% of 19% of	Require 5.90 4.60 2.50 4.10	kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²)	Fulfilled?*
3200 5.87 4.66 0.07 0.79 19.0	nt² kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) % kBTU/(ft²yr)	99% of 101% of 3% of 19% of 36% of	Require 5.90 4.60 2.50 4.10 - 53.2	kBTU/(ft*yr) BTU/(ft*yr) kBTU/(ft*yr) BTU/(ft*yr) kBTU/(ft*yr)	Fulfilled?*
3200 5.87 4.66 0.07 0.79 19.0 9.5	it² kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) kBTU/(ft²yr) BTU/(hr.ft²) % kBTU/(ft²yr) kBTU/(ft²yr) kBTU/(ft²yr)	99% of 101% of 3% of 19% of 36% of	Requir 5.90 4.60 2.50 4.10 53.2	kBTU/(ft*yr) BTU/(ft*yr) kBTU/(ft*yr) BTU/(ft*yr) kBTU/(ft*yr) kBTU/(ft*yr)	Fulfilled?*

5	23	6.79	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	115%	of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	
s		4.78	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	104%	of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	
s		0.16	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	6%	of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	
s		1.09	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	27%	of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	
			%			-		
s		28.1	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	53%	of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	
		11.1	kBTU/(ft ² yr)					
			kBTU/(ft ² yr)			-		
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1800	ft²			Require	ements	Fulfilled?
5.49	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	93%	of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
4.42	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	96%	of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
0.11	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	4%	of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
1.11	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	27%	of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%			-		-
31.8	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	60%	of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
14.8	kBTU/(ft ² yr)			-		-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)			-		-
0.6	1/h			0.6	1/h	yes
		*	em	pty field: c	lata missing; 🖓	no requireme
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						yes

1800	ft²		Require	ements	Fulfilled?*
4.08	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	69% of	5.90	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
3.67	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	80% of	4.60	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
0.14	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	6% of	2.50	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
0.98	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	24% of	4.10	BTU/(hr.ft²)	yes
	%		-		-
25.7	kBTU/(ft²yr)	48% of	53.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
8.8	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-		-
-	kBTU/(ft ² yr)				-
0.6	1/h		0.6	1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: d	lata missing; 🖓	no requirement
					yes

3200	ft²		Requirements	Fulfilled?*
2.58	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	44% of	5.90 kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
3.25	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	71% of	4.60 BTU/(hr.ft ²)	yes
0.06	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	2% of	2.50 kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
0.64	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	16% of	4.10 BTU/(hr.ft ²)	yes
	%		-	-
16.2	kBTU/(ft²yr)	30% of	53.2 kBTU/(ft²yr)	yes
6.6	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-	-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-	-
0.6	1/h		0.6 1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: data missing;	: no requirement
				yes

3200	ft²		Requirements	Fulfilled?*
51.11	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	866% of	5.90 kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
27.00	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	587% of	4.60 BTU/(hr.ft²)	no
5.11	kBTU/(ft ² yr)	204% of	2.50 kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
5.37	BTU/(hr.ft ²)	131% of	4.10 BTU/(hr.ft ²)	no
	%		-	-
148.7	kBTU/(ft²yr)	280% of	53.2 kBTU/(ft²yr)	no
66.7	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-	-
	kBTU/(ft ² yr)		-	-
0.6	1/h		0.6 1/h	yes
		* em	pty field: data missing; '	': no requirement
				no

		kBTU/(ft ² yr)		j.		-
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It's a box















Fig. 10. A: typical room with walls joined at four corners. B: Wright's first step: eliminate the corners, thus turning the walls into freestanding, movable slabs. C: Wright's second step: define, by reassembling segments of these slabs, a new spatial context that integrates the former functions of the demolished rooms; this is the schematic plan of a Usonian house (author after Wright).









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DESIGN PARAMETERS

A Science / Quar	<u>ntitative</u> B	Architecture / Qualitative
Orientation		Place
Compact volume (Form) ······	SILE	 ▲ Landscape
Efficient geometry (SVR)		Aesthetics
R value	V	Order
Glazing placement		Technology
Glazing ratios		Social patterns
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Ventilation		← Experience
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Renewables		Space





Case Study 3







Site: In a forest on a lake







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ENVELOPE R VALUE = 38.5

GENERAL INFO	MECHANICAL		PASSIVE HOUSE METRICS	
HAWLEY, PA 2,900 SQFT	BALANCED VENTILATION HEAT / COOL	ZEHNDER 350 MITSUBISHI ASHP	ANNUAL HEAT DEMAND HEAT LOAD	4.65 KBTU/(FT2YR) 2.93 KBTU/(FT2YR)
CLIMATE ZONE 5 HERS 32 PV TO ZERO 7KW	HOT WATER WINDOWS	INTUS EFORTE	PRIMARY ENERGY AIR TIGHTNESS TREATED FLOOR AREA	27.3 KBTU/(FT2YR) 0.29 ACH@50PA 2,304 SQFT.















"Whenever we arrive the inside air feels fresh, without musty odors."










































"The outdoor fireplace on the screened porch is great visually and it is wonderful on cooler nights in the summer, early fall, and late spring."

Tom Keffer





"The passive house structure's large south-facing windows provide lots of natural light." Lynn Keffer

and the with





LESSONS LEARNED

1. SITE



Site: Urban neighborhood



Site: Rural farm country with views





LESSONS LEARNED

1. SITE



Site: Rural farm country with views



2. FORM









LESSONS LEARNED

1. SITE



Site: Rural farm country with views



2. FORM



3. SPACE













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