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Energy and Comfort in Buildings

Building Envelope

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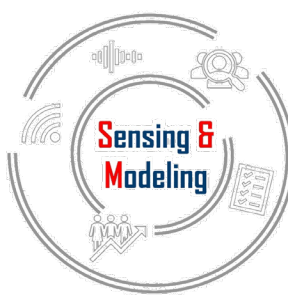
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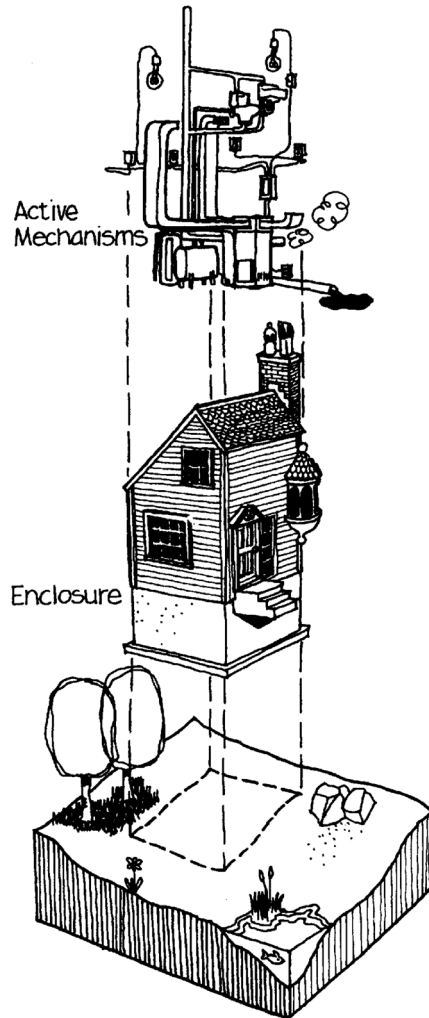
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Advancing human comfort studies and the design and control of occupant-centered thermal systems



Week	Date	Topic	Timing	Teacher	Project (AS, MF, TAs)
9	06/11	Building envelope, thermal performance of building elements	45' x 2	DK	Tutorial building envelope
		Exercises	45'		
10	13/11	Heating and cooling demand in buildings	45' x 2	DK	Free work
		Exercises	45'		
11	20/11	Thermal systems for heating and their effect of human comfort	45' x 2	DK	Free work
		Exercises	45'		
12	27/11	Thermal systems for cooling and their effect of human comfort	45' x 2	DK	Tutorial heating systems (emission systems)
		Exercises	45'		



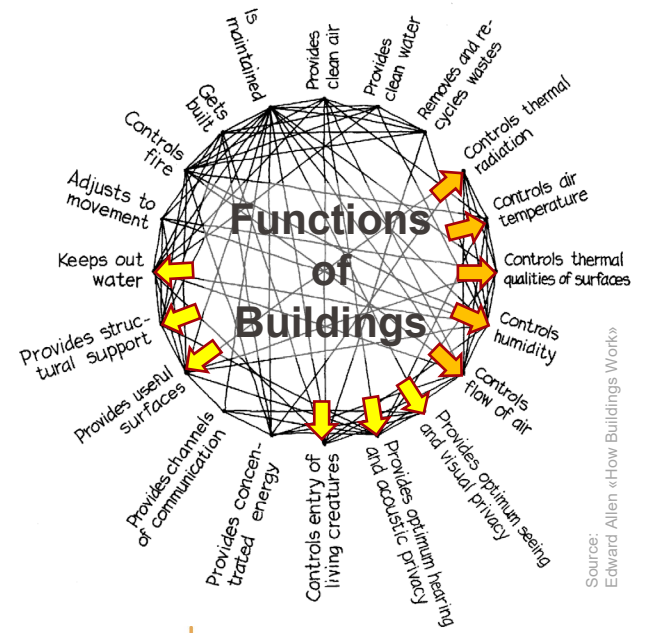
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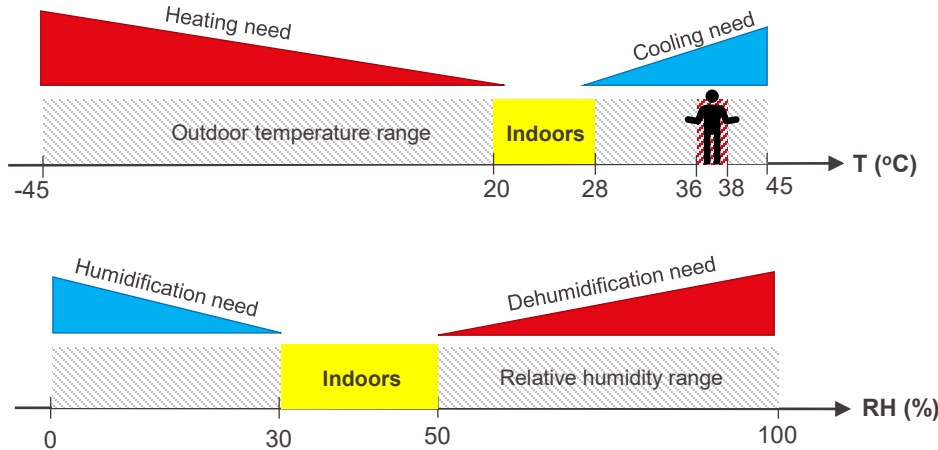
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Building Envelope

- A **physical barrier** between the **interior** and the **exterior**
- The **place** where **energy flow is interrupted** (protects the house against energy loss and air and water infiltration)
- An **enclosure** that *maintains stable temperature and humidity* inside for comfort of occupants

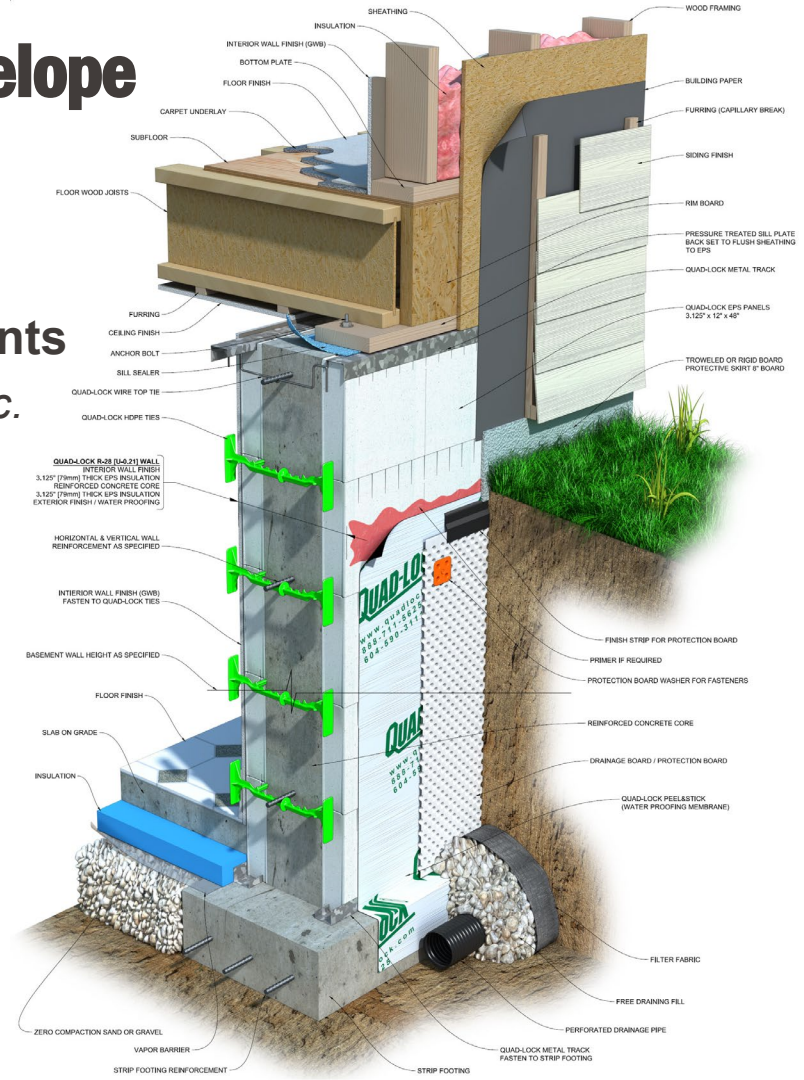


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Elements of the Building Envelope

- **Structural elements**
steel, concrete, timber, masonry, *etc.*
- **Insulating (thermal control) elements**
glass wool, stone wool, EPS, PU/PIR, *etc.*
- **Transparent elements**
windows, skylights
- **Water, air, vapor control elements**
wraps, membranes, *etc.*
- **Finishing**
interior finishing, external façade
- **Connections**
joints, ties, battens, *etc.*



Opaque

(traditional façade)

without air gap or with air gap
(vented, ventilated, enclosed)



Source: www.swisspor.ch

Curtain Wall

(double-skin façade)

reduced DSF, closed cavity
façade, internal sunshield

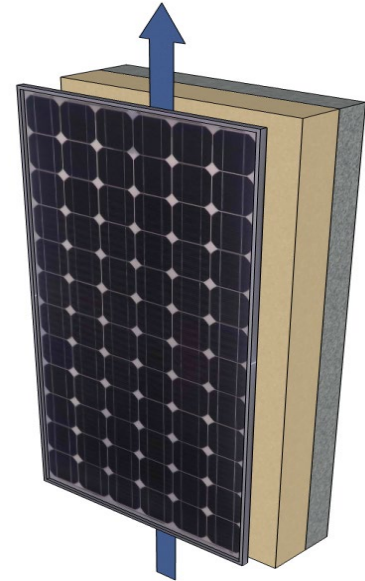


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BIPV

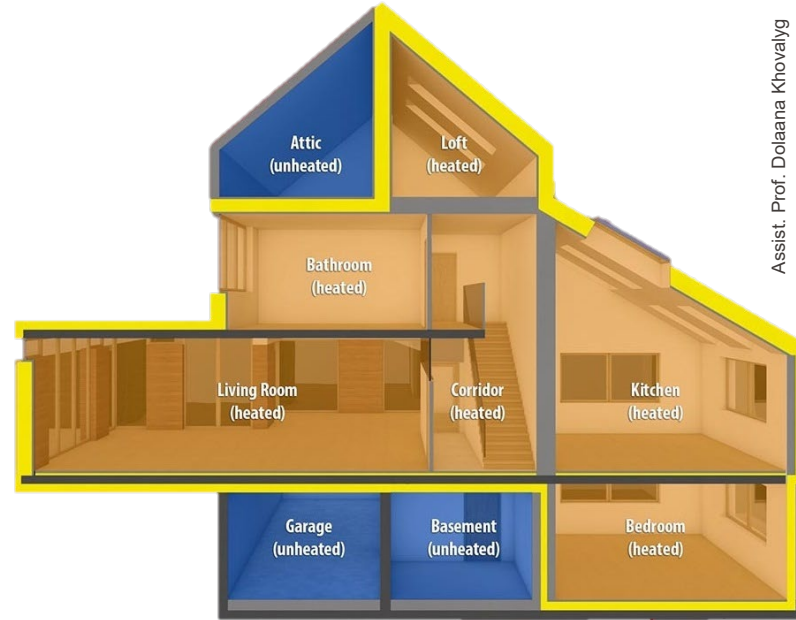
(active façade)

opaque, translucent,
transparent



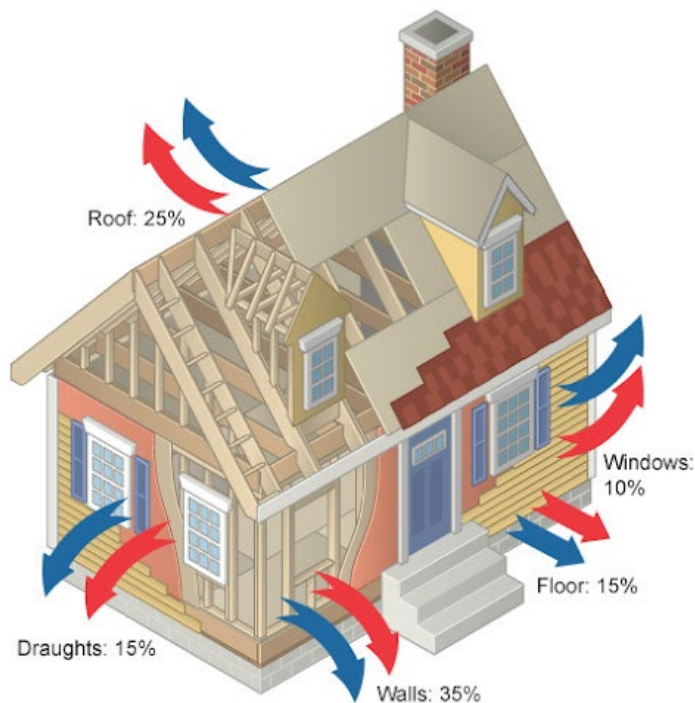
Thermal Boundary

- A boundary where **heat losses** and **heat gains** are *accounted* and *effectively controlled*
- It *fully wraps* the **indoor conditioned space**, it often located *over the building outer envelope*.
- A well-thought design of the thermal boundary is *a crucial factor* for *enhanced building performance* in terms of **comfort** and **energy use**



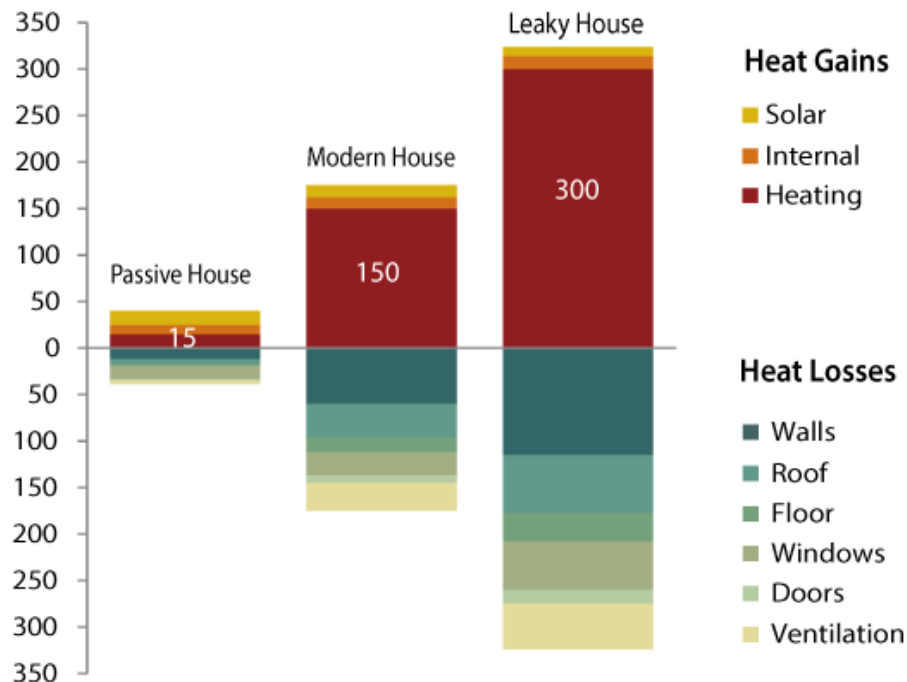
Where to Insulate?

1. In **unfinished attic spaces**, insulate between and over the floor joists to seal off living spaces below
2. In **finished attic rooms** with or without dormer
3. All **exterior walls**
4. **Floors** above cold spaces, such as vented crawl spaces and unheated garages
5. **Band joists**
6. Replacement or storm **windows**, and caulk and seal **around** all the **windows** and **door**



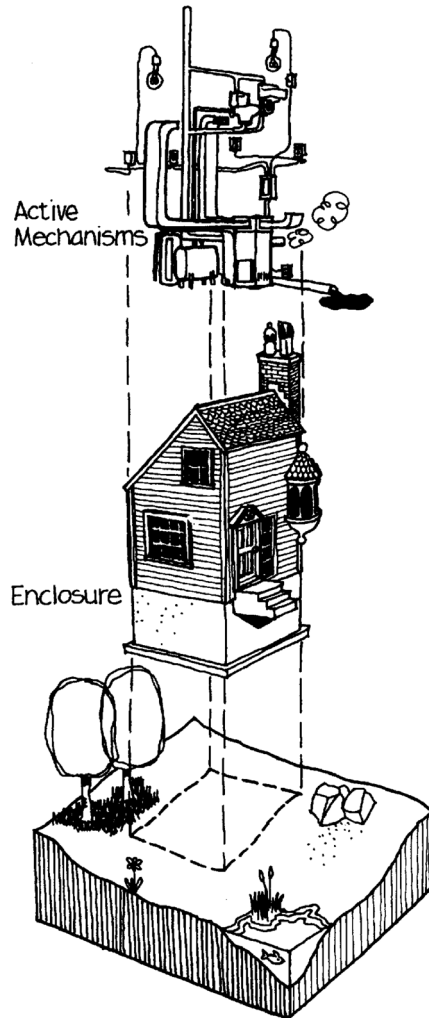
The Value of a Well Insulated Home

Average heating gains and losses by house type in kWh/m²a



Data: typical values for Northern European climates

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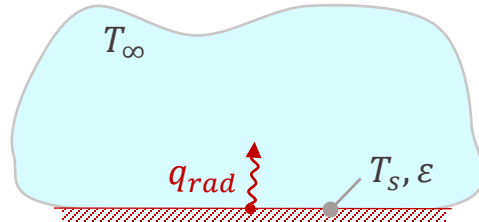
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Radiation

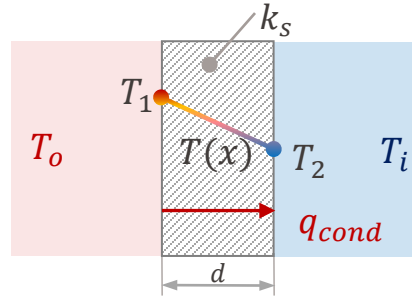
energy transfer in the space by electro-magnetic waves (no need in a medium)



All objects at $T_s > 0$ K spontaneously emit electromagnetic waves

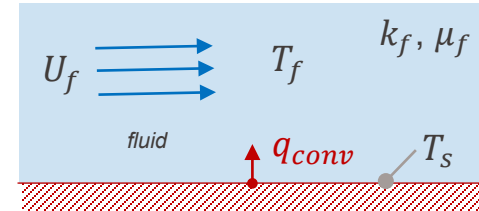
Conduction

energy transfer from molecule to molecule due to the temperature gradient (in solids)



Convection

transport of energy due to **diffusion** (random molecular motion) and by **bulk motion** of the fluid



If $T_s > T_f$, the convection heat flux is transferred **from** the surface

Heat flux q (W/m^2)

Stefan – Boltzmann's Law:

$$q_{rad} = \varepsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot T_s^4$$

$$\Delta q_{rad} = h_{rad} \cdot (T_s - T_\infty)$$

Temperature gradient should be positive since heat flows **spontaneously** from the **hot** to the **cold** medium according to the 2nd law of thermodynamics

Heat transfer coefficient h ($W/m^2 K$)

Fourier's Law:

$$q_{cond} = \frac{k_s}{d} \cdot (T_1 - T_2)$$

Newton's Law of Cooling:

$$q_{conv} = h_c \cdot (T_s - T_f)$$

$$h_{rad} = \varepsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_s^2 + T_\infty^2) \cdot (T_s + T_\infty)$$

$$h_{cond} = \frac{k_s}{d}$$

$$h_{conv} = f(\text{surface, fluid properties, velocity})$$

EPFL Properties defining intensity of Heat Transfer

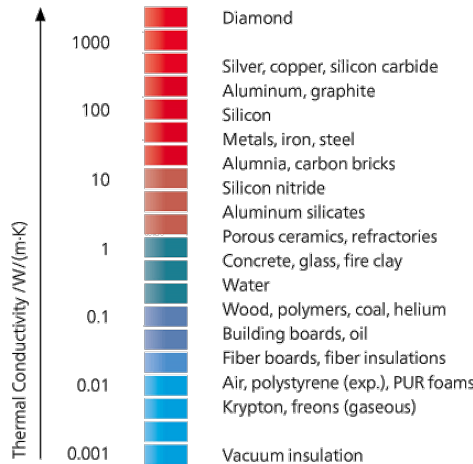
Radiation

Emissivity ε (-): effectiveness of the surface in emitting energy as *thermal radiation*, can have a value from **0** (shiny mirror) to **1** (blackbody). Per Kirchhoff's law, **emissivity (ε)** is equal to **absorptivity (α)** of the material.

Metal	Emissivity	Non-metal	Emissivity
Bare aluminum	0.02–0.4	Concrete (rough)	0.93–0.96
Gold	0.02–0.37	Glass	0.76–0.94
Copper	0.02–0.74	Wood	0.8–0.95
Lead	0.06–0.63	Carbon	0.96
Brass	0.03–0.61	Human skin	0.98
Nickel	0.05–0.46	Paper	0.7–0.95
Steel	0.07–0.85	Plastic	0.8–0.95
Tin	0.04–0.08	Rubber	0.86–0.94
Silver	0.01–0.07	Water	0.67–0.96
Zinc	0.02–0.28	Sand	0.76–0.9

Conduction

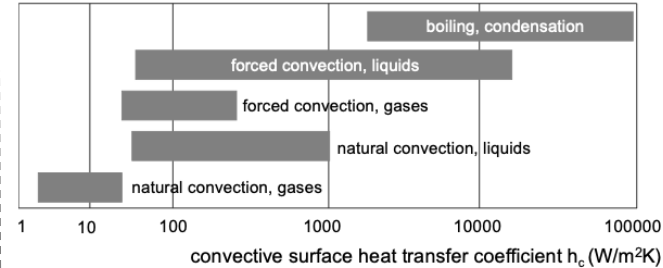
Thermal Conductivity k or λ (W/m^2K): amount of heat than can be conducted during **1 second** through **1 m²** of a **homogeneous layer** of material subjected to a **temperature gradient 1 K/m**.



(Thermal Conductivity at RT)

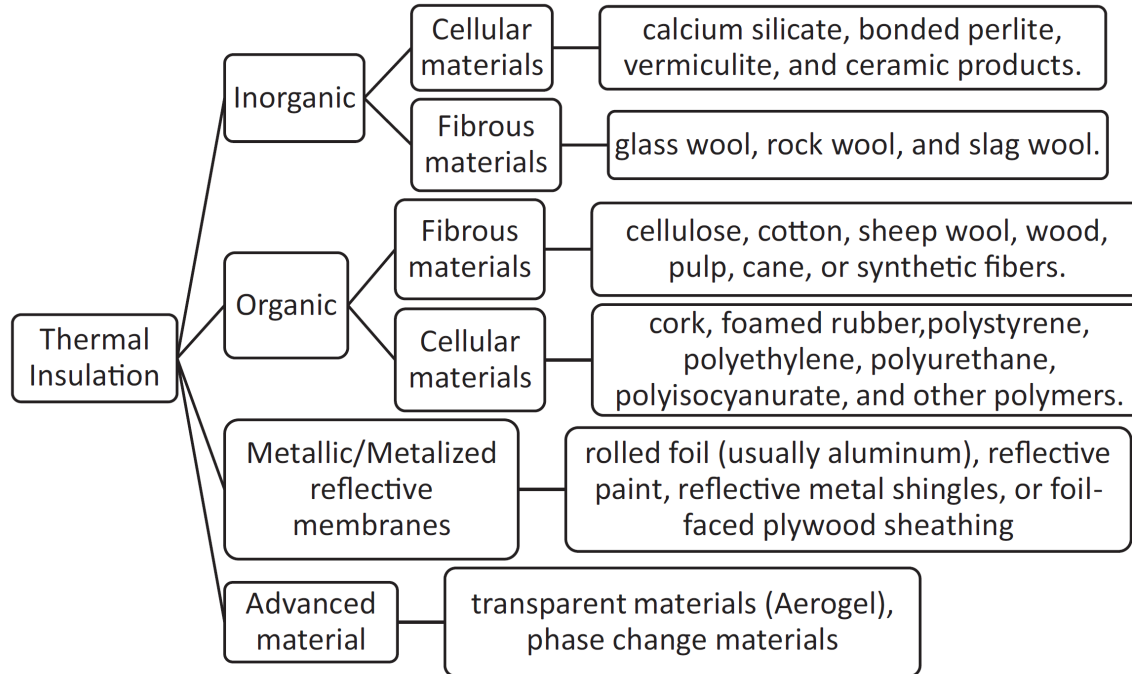
Convection

Convective heat transfer coefficient h_{conv} (W/m^2K): quantitative characteristic of convective heat transfer between a fluid medium and the surface (wall) flowed over by the fluid. Varies for *free* and *forced* convection, *internal* or *external* flow, and *laminar* or *turbulent* flow.



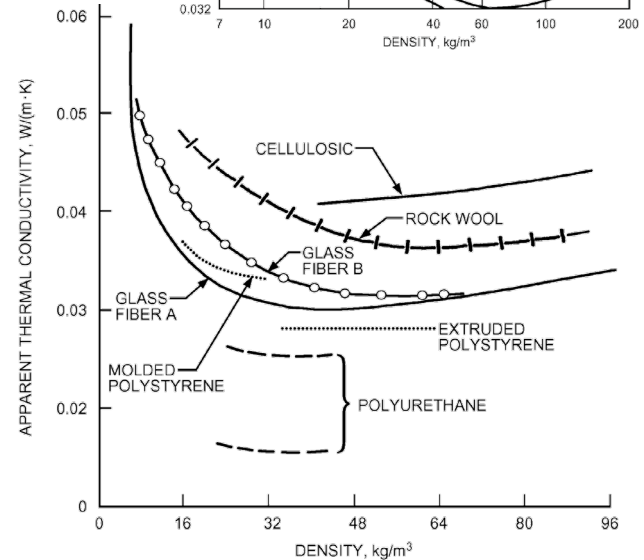
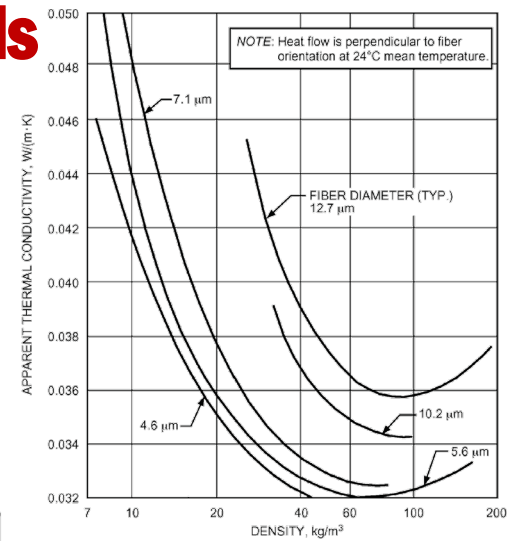
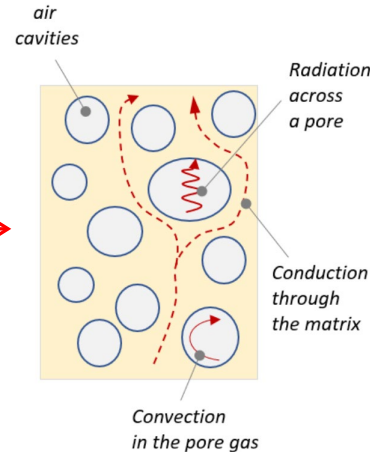
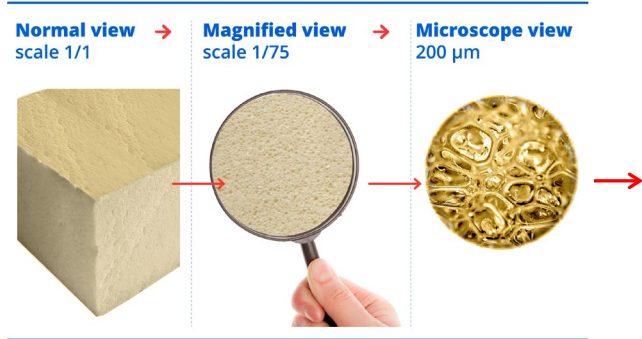
Insulation Materials: Overview

- Insulation materials restrict the flow of heat
(which in turn **reduces** ability of **building assemblies to dry out** when wet)



EPFL Conductive Properties: Insulation Materials

- Apparent Thermal Conductivity** ($W/m \cdot K$) – amount of heat that can be conducted during 1 second through 1 m^2 of a porous layer of material subjected to a gradient in temperature of 1 K/m .
 - captures the effect of convection and radiation in pores
 - affected by structural parameters such as density, matrix type (fibrous or cellular), and thickness

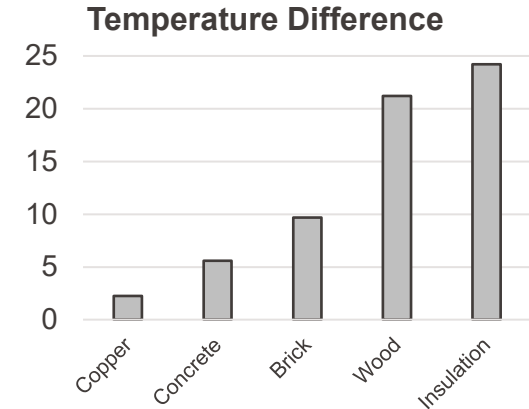
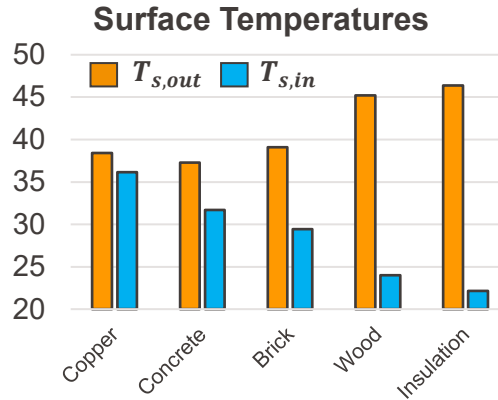
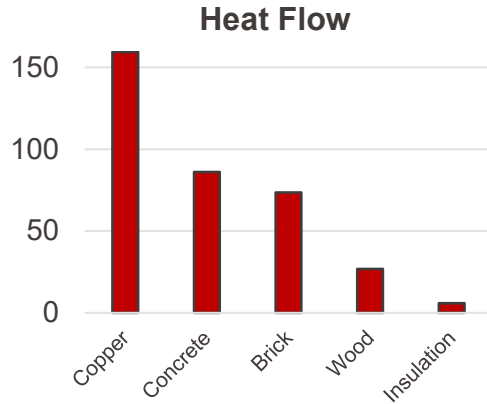


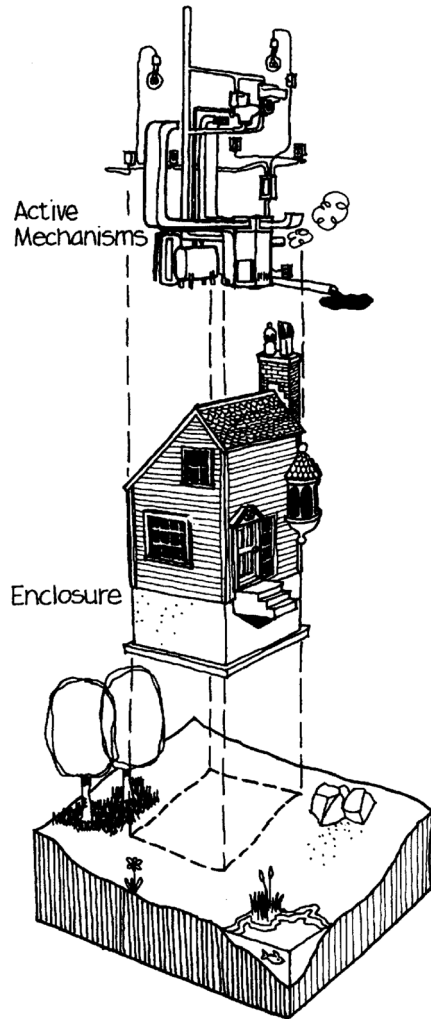
EPFL Performance of Materials (lab measurements)



Materials	Thickness (mm)	Weight (kg)	ρ (kg/m^3)	k ($W/m \cdot K$)
Copper	0.6	1.27	8470	~385
Concrete	75	46.68	2490	~1.51
Brick	75	36.36	1940	~0.83
Wood	75	9.57	510	~0.19
Insulation	75	3.01	160	~0.038

* Test conditions: IN temperature 21°C, OUT temperature 47°C





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- Rate of heat transfer per *unit area* driven by the temperature gradient, [W/m²]:

$$q = U \cdot (T_{hot} - T_{cold})$$

1D, Steady-state

Thermal transmittance,
Overall heat transfer coefficient, [W/m²K]

Temperature gradient, [K]

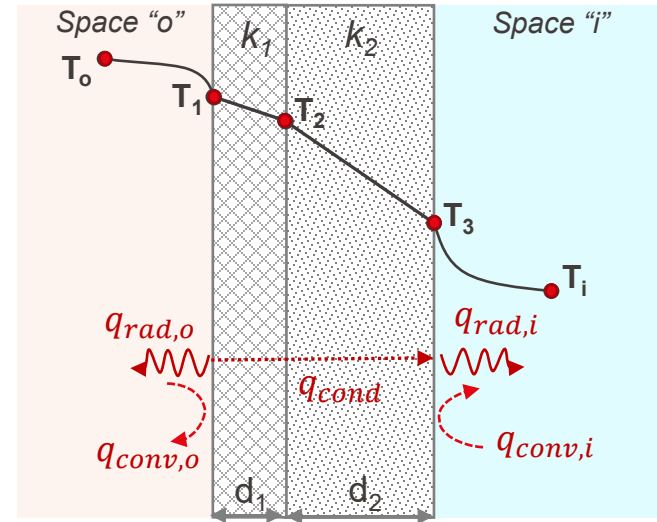
- Thermal Transmittance (**U-value**, W/m²K) – heat transfer coefficient, an indicator of the efficiency to promote heat conduction by the material
- Thermal Resistance (**R-value**, m²K/W) – the capacity of a material to *resist* heat flow

$$U = \frac{1}{R_{tot}}$$

- Conduction:** $q_{cond} = \frac{k}{d} \cdot (T_1 - T_2) \Rightarrow R_{cond,i} = \frac{d_i}{k_i}$
- Convection:** $q_{conv} = h_{conv} (T_s - T_\infty) \Rightarrow R_{conv} = \frac{1}{h_{conv}}$
- Radiation:** $q_{rad} = h_{rad} (T_s - T_\infty) \Rightarrow R_{rad} = \frac{1}{h_{rad}}$

- Using *the electrical circuit analogy*, **heat transfer problems** can be analyzed using **network of thermal resistances** forming a **thermal circuit**
- Example for a simple **composite wall**:

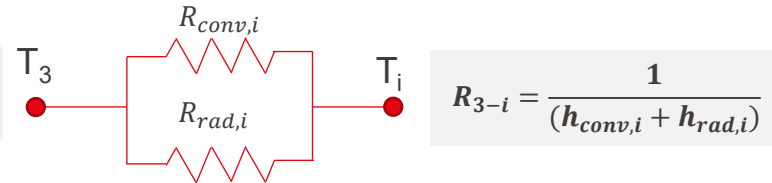
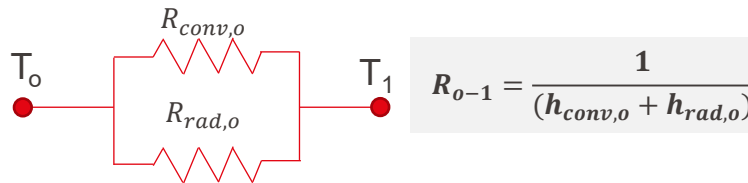
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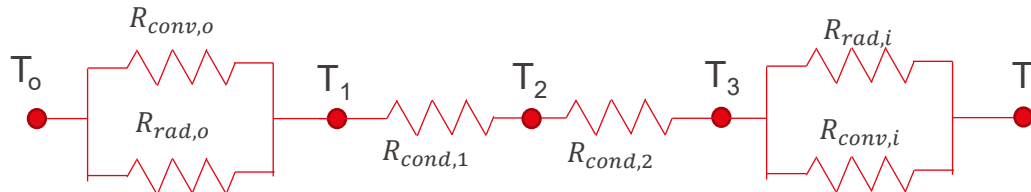
Linear network:



Parallel network:



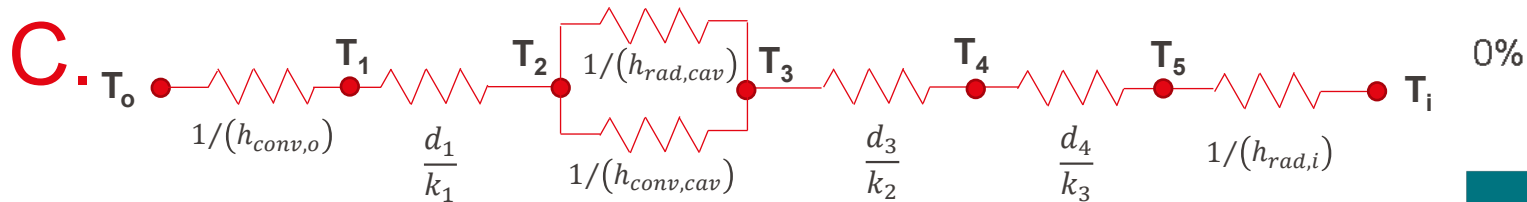
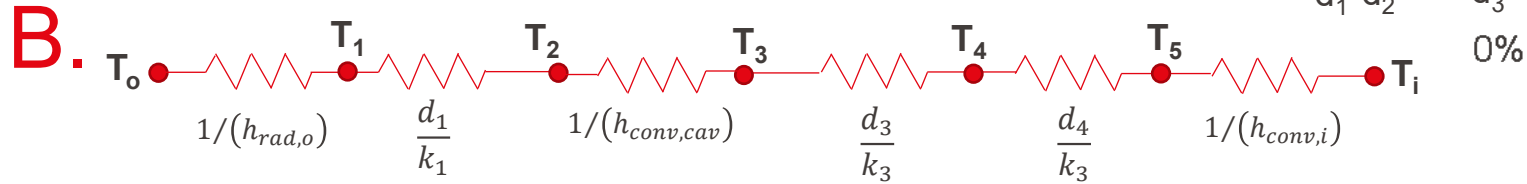
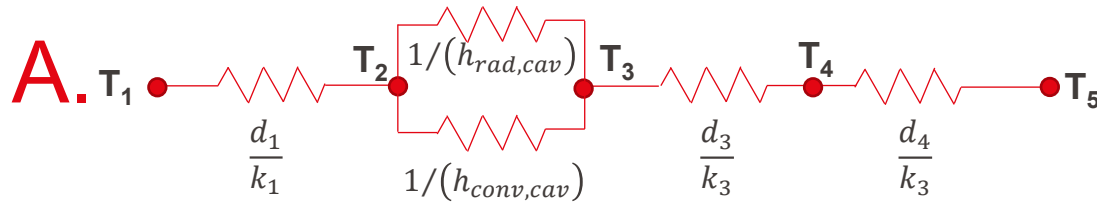
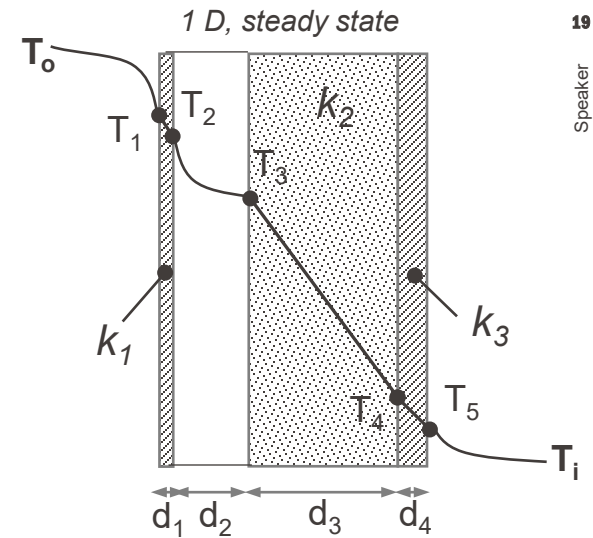
Overall network:



$$R_{tot} = \frac{1}{U} = R_{o-1} + R_{1-3} + R_{3-i}$$

EPFL Network of Thermal Resistances

Which of the following thermal circuits corresponds to the overall thermal resistance through a composite wall with a sealed air cavity?

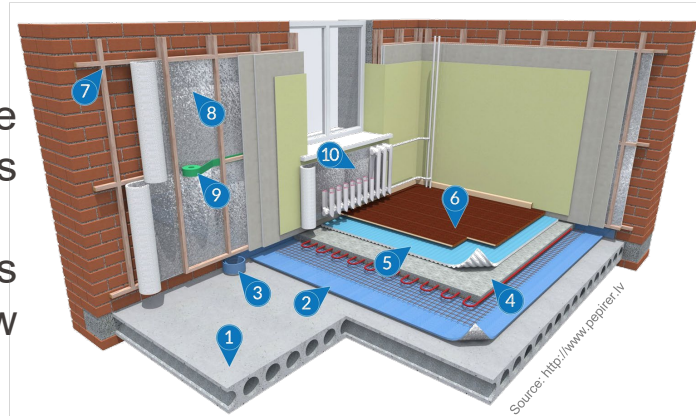


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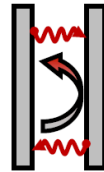
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Reflective Insulation

- Usually **aluminum foil**, which is applied to *one* or *both sides* of a number of substrate materials (kraft paper, plastic films, cardboard, etc.)
- Reduces **radiant heat transfer** using surfaces having **high reflectance** (low emissivity = low absorptivity) for *long wave radiation*

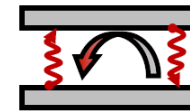


Vertical gap (e.g., wall)



Air gap thickness

Horizontal gap (e.g., roof)



in (m² · K)/W

Air gap thickness	Vertical gap (e.g., wall)		Horizontal gap (e.g., roof)	
	NO reflective insulation	WITH reflective insulation	NO reflective insulation	WITH reflective insulation
0.5" (1.27 cm)	0.14	0.44	0.14	0.43
0.75" (1.905 cm)	0.15	0.63	0.15	0.62
1.5" (3.81 cm)	0.17	1.07	0.15	0.70
3.5" (8.89 cm)	0.18	1.77	0.15	0.65

Source: ASHRAE Handbook 2017. Fundamentals

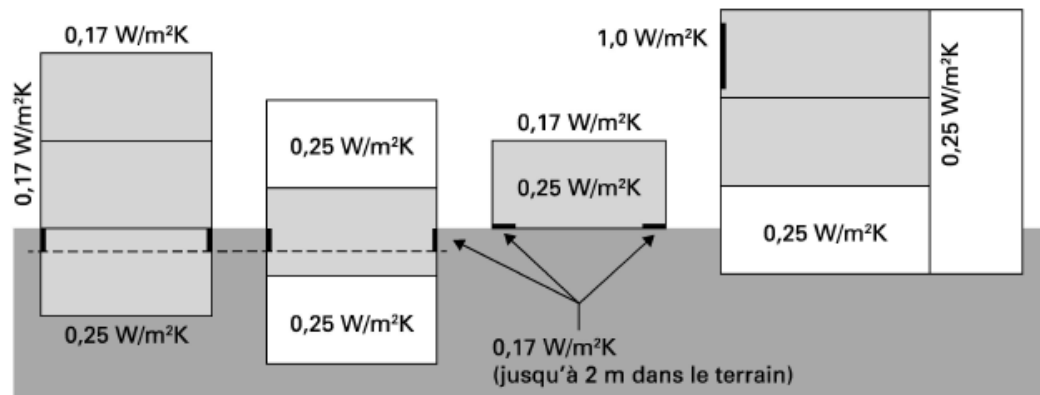
Standard	Title
ISO 6946	Building components and building elements – Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance – Calculation methods
ISO 7345	Thermal Insulation – Physical quantities and definitions
ISO 10211	Thermal bridges in building construction – Heat flows and surface temperatures – Detailed calculations
ISO 10456	Building materials and products – Hygrothermal properties – Tabulated design values and procedures for determining declared and designed thermal values
ISO 14683	Thermal bridges in building construction - Linear thermal transmittance - Simplified methods and default values
SIA 2024	Données d'utilisation des locaux pour l'énergie et les installations du bâtiment
SIA 180	Protection thermique, protection contre l'humidité et climat intérieur dans les bâtiments
SIA 380/1	Besoins de chaleur pour le chauffage

- Maximum permitted **U-values** (SIA 180)
- Limiting values of **U-value** for **renovated** and **new** buildings (indoor temperature 20°C) (SIA 380)

Building element	Envelope adjacent to exterior [W/m ² K]	Envelope element adjacent to unheated premises [W/m ² K]
Roof	0.4	0.6
Wall	0.4	0.6
Floor	0.4	0.6
Windows, door	2.4	2.4
Blind casing	2	2

Building element	Envelope element adjacent to exterior [W/m ² K]		Envelope elements adjacent to unheated premises [W/m ² K]	
	<i>renovation</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>renovation</i>	<i>new</i>
Opaque elements	0.25	0.17	0.28	0.25
Windows	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3
Door	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5
Blind casing	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

- Illustration for new constructions:
 - *Standardized boundary conditions:
Indoor: +20°C
Outdoor: -10°C



Surface Thermal Resistance

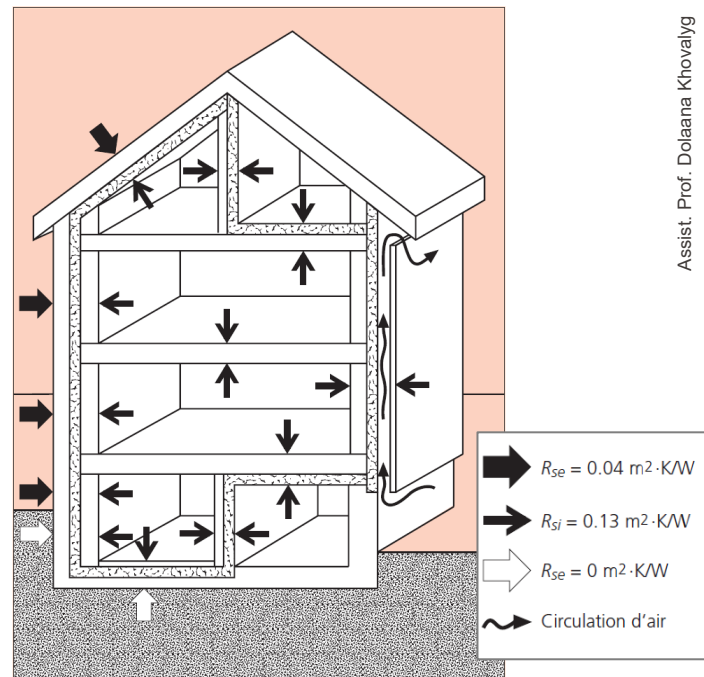
Design surface resistance (ISO 6946):

Values of **external** and **internal** film surface resistance depending on heat flow direction:

Surface resistance (m ² K/W)	Direction of heat flow		
	Upwards ↑	Horizontal →	Downwards ↓
Interior R_{si}	0.1	0.13	0.17
Exterior R_{se}	0.04	0.04	0.04

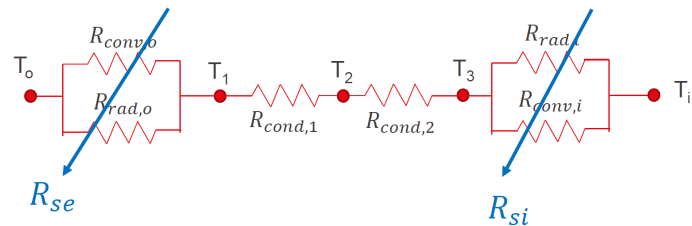
Design values are considered for the following conditions:

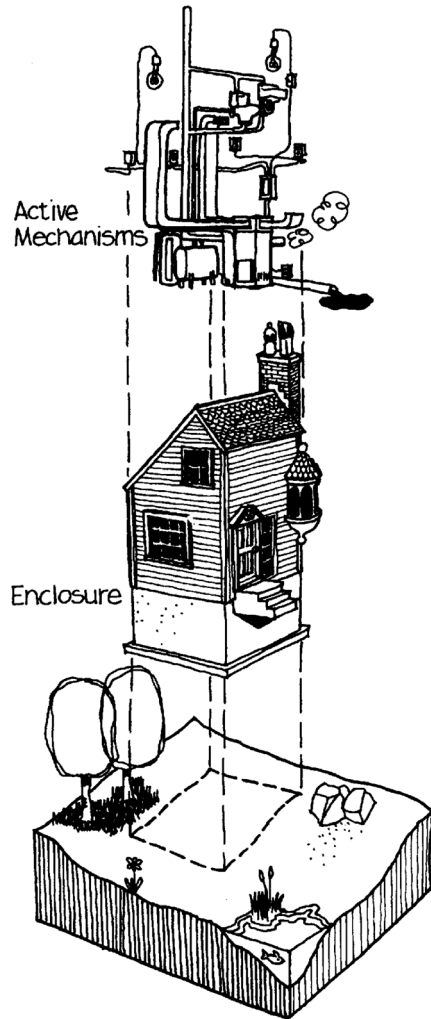
- internal surface resistance is calculated for $\varepsilon = 0.9$, h evaluated at 20°C
- external surface resistance is calculated for $\varepsilon = 0.9$, h evaluated at -10°C, $v = 4 \text{ m/s}$



If surface resistances are known, the example for a composite wall on slide 18 simplifies as follows:

$$U_{tot} = \frac{1}{R_{tot}} = \frac{1}{R_{se} + R_{1-3} + R_{si}}$$





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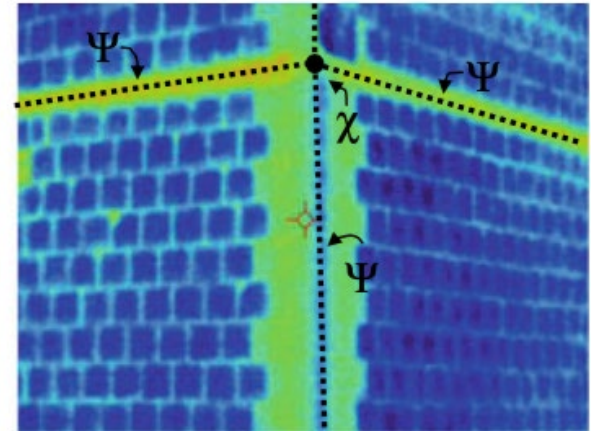
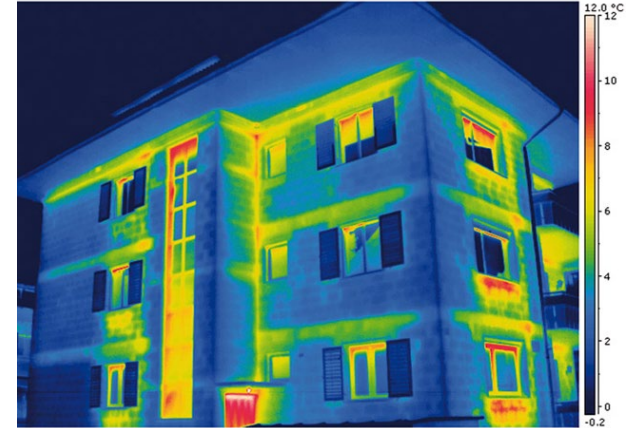
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- Total specific heat flux through the **opaque elements** of the building envelope [W/K]:

$$H = \underbrace{\sum_i A_i \cdot U_i}_{1\text{-dimensional}} + \underbrace{\sum_j l_j \cdot \psi_j}_{2\text{-dimensional}} + \underbrace{\sum_k \chi_k}_{3\text{-dimensional}}$$

- A_i [m²] - area of element i of the building envelope
- U_i [W/(m²·K)] - thermal transmittance of element i -th of the building envelope
- l_j [m] - length of the j -th linear thermal bridge
- ψ_j [W/(m·K)] - linear thermal transmittance of linear j -th thermal bridge
- χ_k [W/K] - point thermal transmittance of the k -th point thermal bridge



Source: Medved, Building Physics

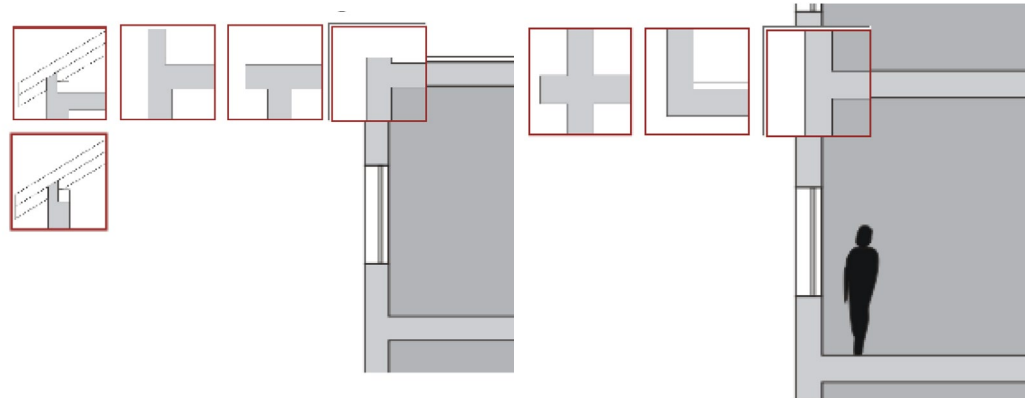
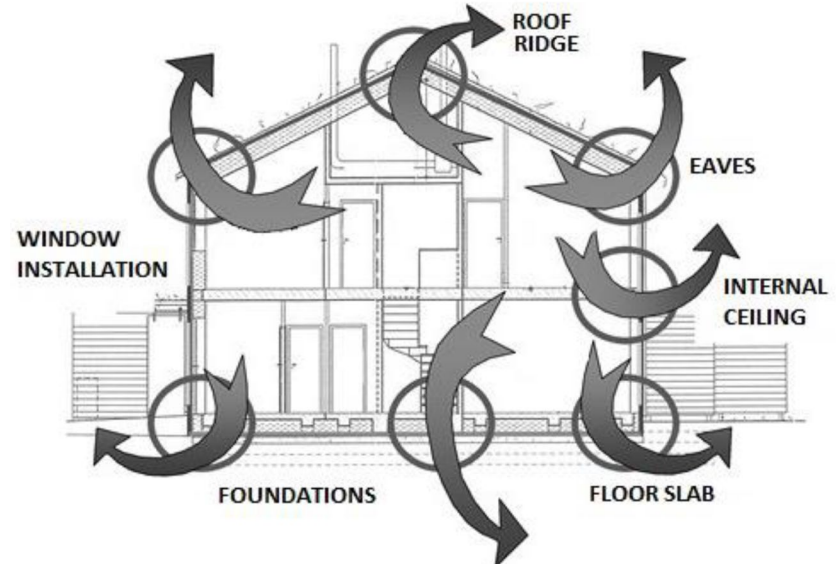
EPFL Thermal Bridges

Thermal Bridge

(cold bridge, heat bridge) –

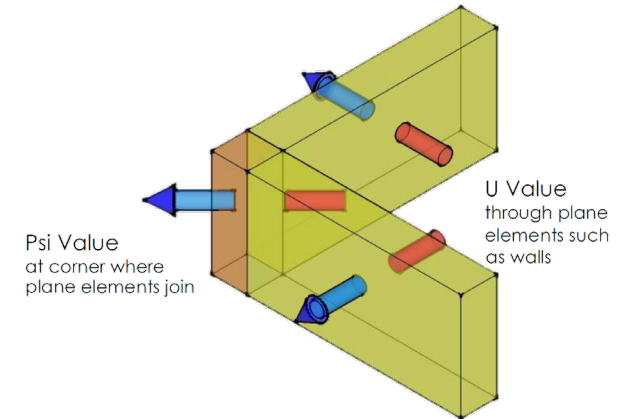
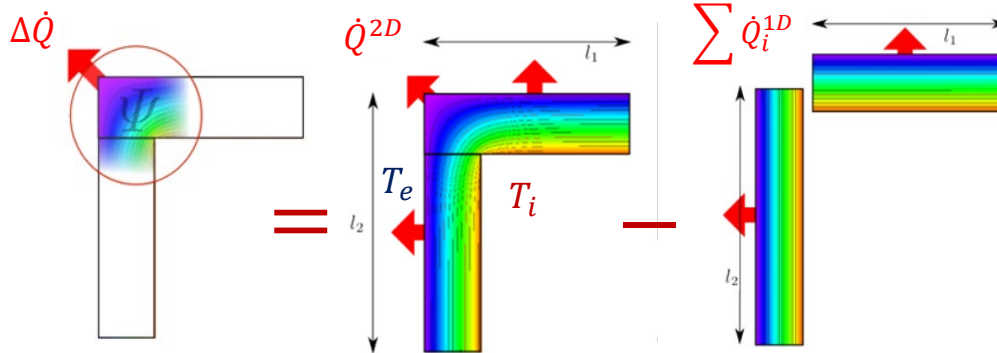
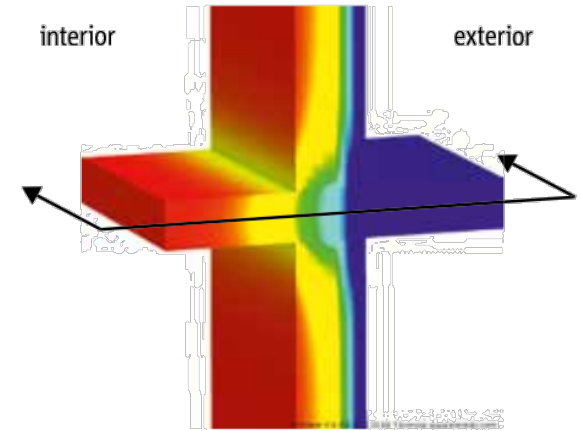
a localized area of the building envelope where the heat flow is different (usually increased) in comparison with adjacent areas if there is a temperature gradient between the inside and the outside.

The heat leak *occur due to the higher thermal conductivity of the area compared to the surrounding materials* creating a path *of least resistance for heat transfer.*



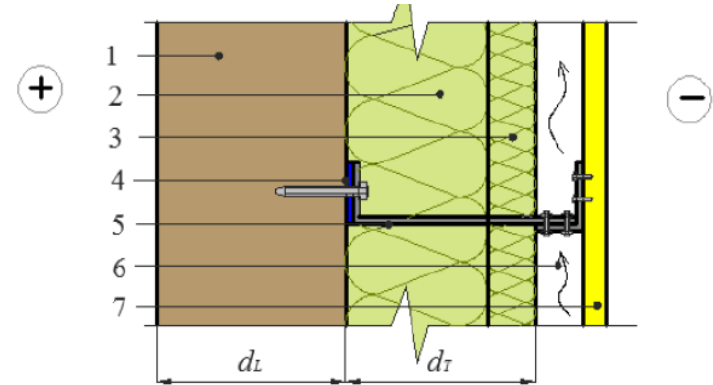
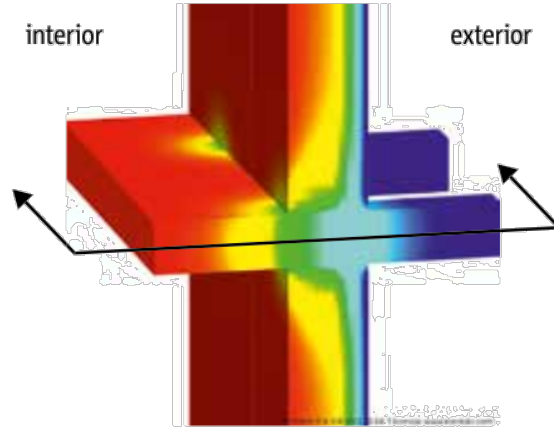
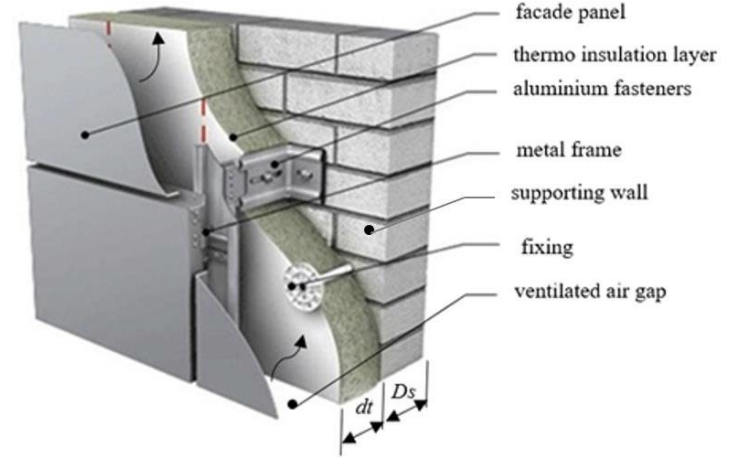
Linear Thermal Bridge (2D)

- Linear Thermal Bridge** emerges at joints *over the length* of building components
- Linear thermal transmittance, Psi-value** [ψ , W/m²*K] – an indicator of the *heat loss across a given junction* between the *external wall* and *another element* for every linear **1 m** of that junction and **1 K** difference between inside and outside.
- The thermal transmittance due to *the thermal bridge* is **the difference** between the **thermally interrupted** and the **uninterrupted** components



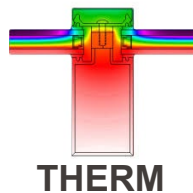
Point Thermal Bridge (3D)

- **Point Thermal Bridge** emerges when a building envelope is interrupted in a point (e.g., by a fastener)
- **Point thermal transmittance, Ksi-value** [χ , W/K] – an indicator of the *heat loss across a given point* between **the external wall** and **another element** at 1 K difference between *inside* and *outside*.



Methods to calculate thermal bridges

Method	Accuracy	Considerations
Numerical calculations	$\pm 5\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Description elaborated in ISO 10211:2017
Thermal bridge catalogues	$\pm 20\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have essentially fixed parameters (e.g. fixed dimensions and materials) ○ Less flexible than calculations ○ Do not exactly match the actual detail being considered
Manual calculations	$\pm 20\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performed by simple computer software ○ Apply only to a specific type of thermal bridge (e.g. constructions with sheet metal) ○ It can be very inaccurate outside of the range of the specified range of application
Default values	0 % to 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calculated for parameters representing worst-case situations ○ Based on two-dimensional numerical modelling in accordance to ISO 10211:2017 ○ To be used in the absence of more specific data for the thermal bridges concerned

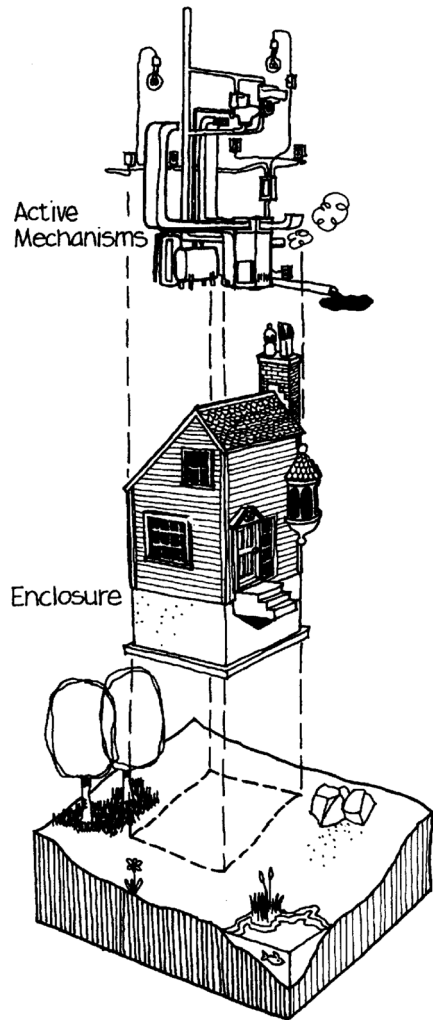


and more...

EPFL Thermal Bridges: **Standardized Requirements**

Limiting values per SIA 380/1 of thermal transmittance of thermal bridges in **new buildings**:

Linear Thermal Bridges		ψ (W/m ² *K)
Type 1	Protruding parts (balconies eaves)	0.30
Type 2	interruption of the insulating envelope by walls, floors and ceilings	0.20
Type 3	Interruption of the insulating envelope by the horizontal or vertical edges	0.20
Type 5	Window still	0.15
Point Thermal Bridges		χ (W/K)
Type 6	Point element passing through the thermal insulation	0.30



Source: Edward Allen «How Buildings Work» (2005)

CONTENT:

- Introduction to the Building Envelope
- Modes of Heat Transfer and their Properties
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 - Opaque Elements (walls, roofs)
 - Thermal Bridges (linear and point)
 - Transparent Elements (windows)

■ Radiation:

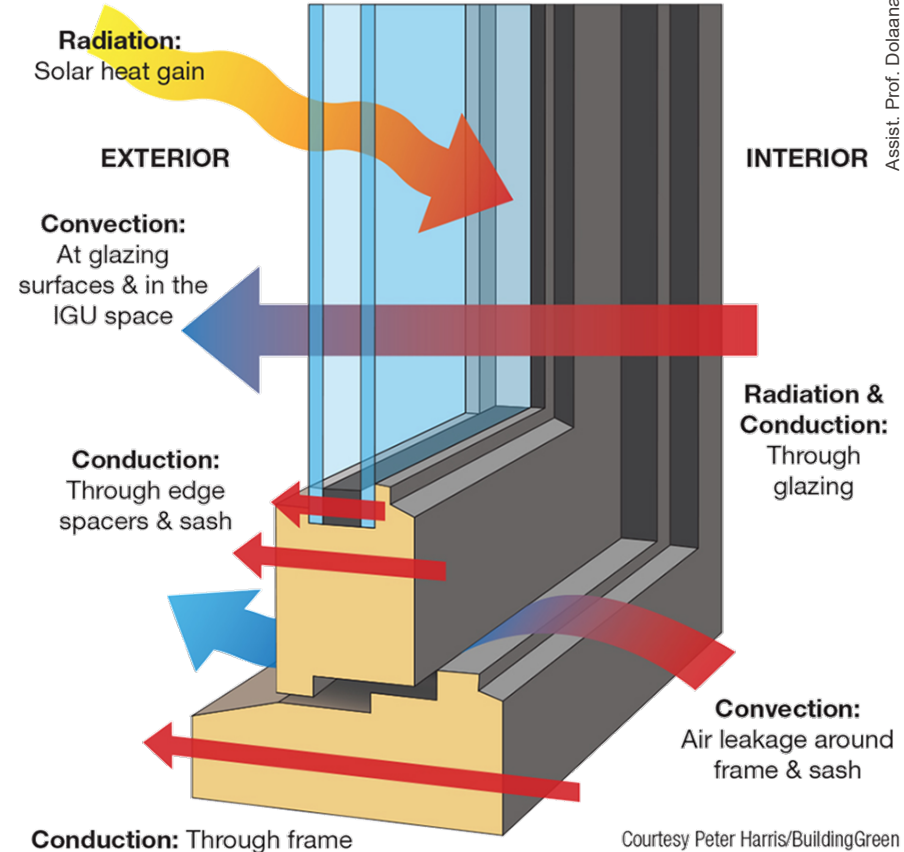
- Short-wave solar radiation (< 2500 nm) incident on the fenestration
- Long-waver radiative heat exchange (> 2500 nm) between fenestration and its surroundings

■ Convection:

- At the outward surface of the outer pane
- At the inward surface of the inner pane
- In the inter-pane space
- Air leakage around frame and edges (infiltration)

■ Conduction:

- Through the frame, glass, edge spaces and sash

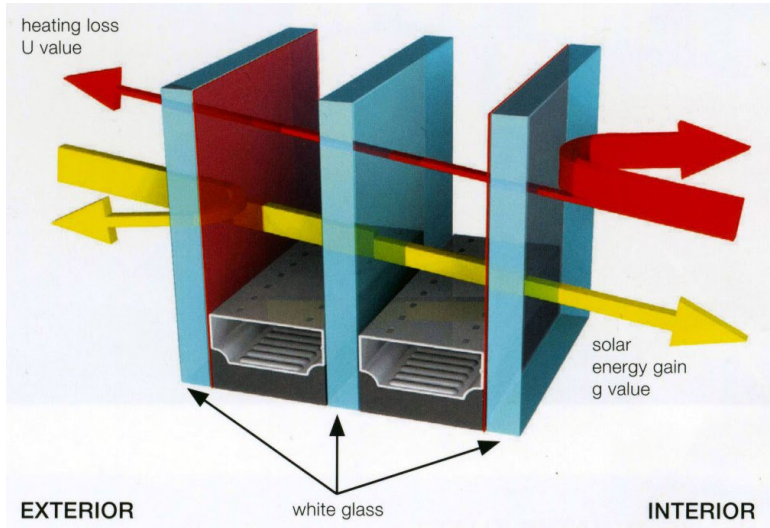


Windows: Instantaneous Energy Flow

Heat transfer due to conduction Heat transfer due to solar radiation Heat transfer caused by air leakage 1D, Steady-state

$$\dot{Q} = U_w \cdot A_{pf} \cdot (T_{out} - T_{in}) + g \cdot A_{pf} \cdot I + AL \cdot A_{pf} \cdot \rho \cdot C_p \cdot (T_{out} - T_{in})$$

Overall **U-value** of the window Total projected area of fenestration Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (**g-value**) Incident solar irradiance [W/m²] Air leakage through the frame [m³/s*m²]



Source: ASHRAE HOF 2017, Chapter 15

 National Fenestration Rating Council® CERTIFIED	World's Best Window Co. Series "2000" Casement Vinyl Clad Wood Frame Double Glazing • Argon Fill • Low E ABC-X-1-00001-00001	
	ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
U-Factor (U.S. / I-P)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient	
0.35	0.32	
ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS		
Visible Transmittance	Air Leakage (U.S. / I-P)	
0.51	≤ 0.3	
<small>Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined for a fixed set of environmental conditions and a specific product size. NFRC does not recommend any product and does not warrant the suitability of any product for any specific use. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information. www.nfrc.org</small>		

Thermal Transmittance of Windows

Factors defining **overall U-value of the window** (U_w):

- U-value of the **glazing** (U_g)
- U-value of the **frame** (U_f)
- Thermal bridges (l_g and Ψ_g)

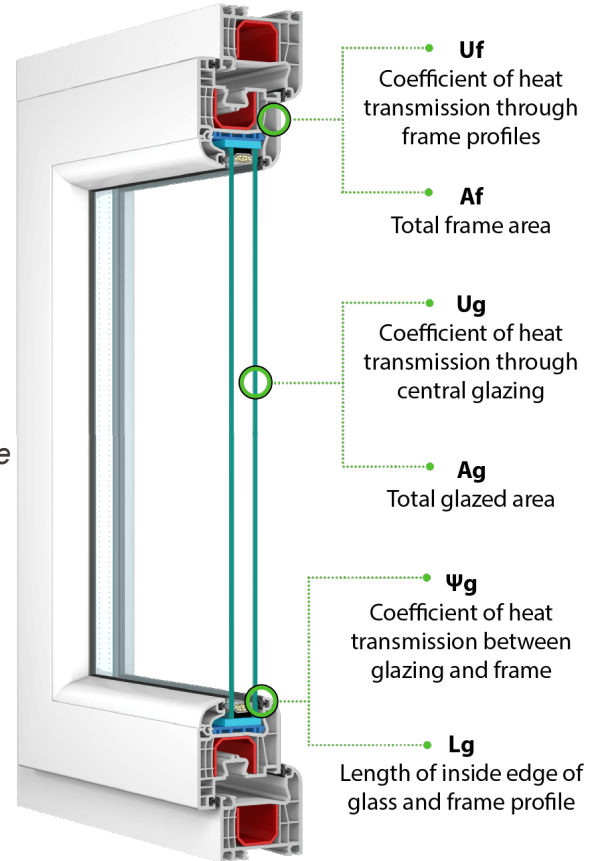
linear thermal transmittance of the insulated glazing edge seal

length of inside edge of frame profile

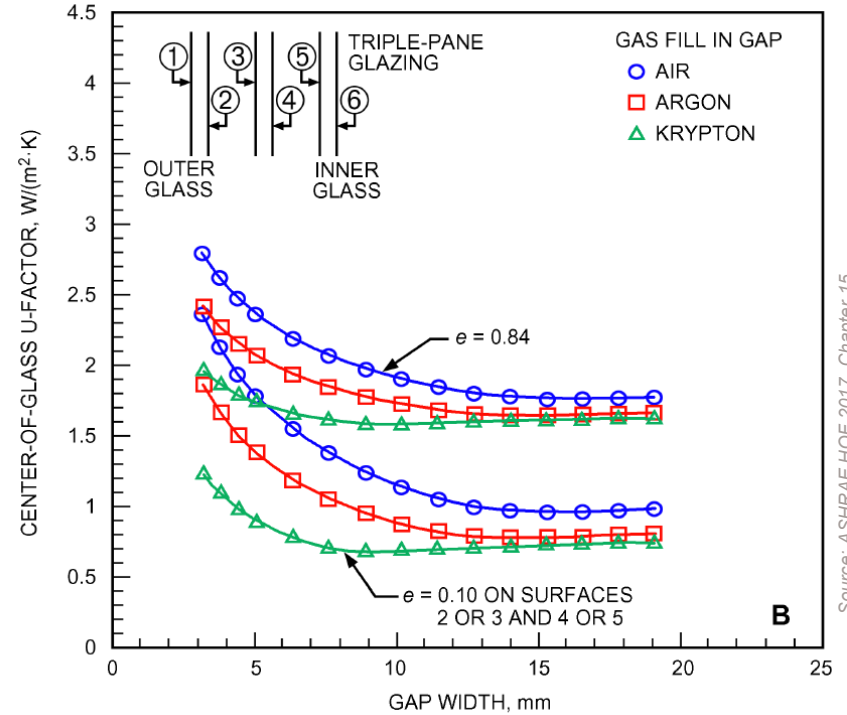
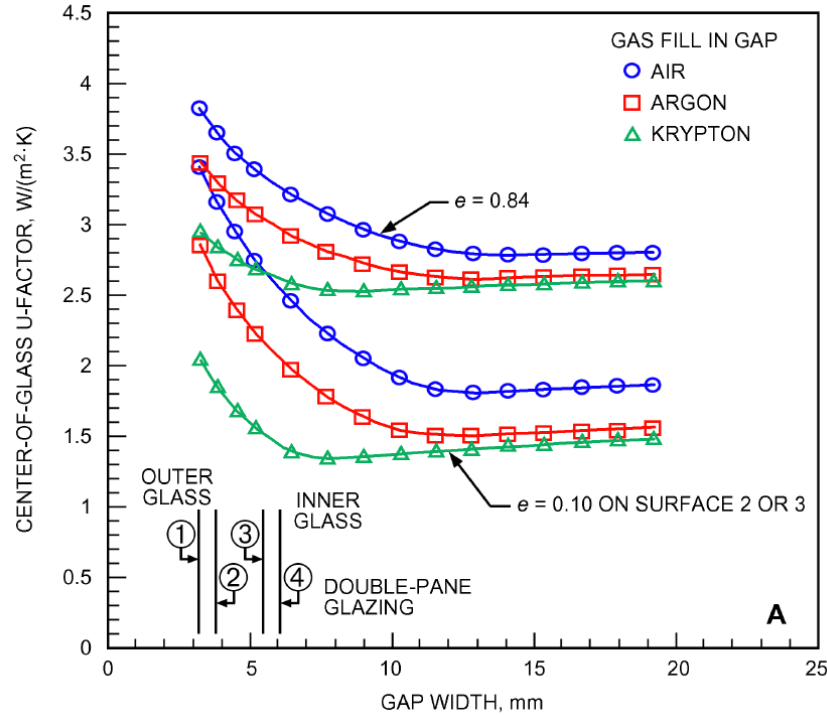
$$U_w = \frac{(U_g \cdot A_g + U_f \cdot A_f + \psi_g \cdot l_g)}{(A_g + A_f)}$$

glass area

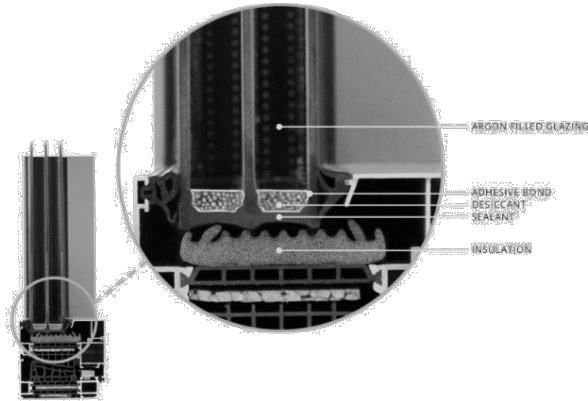
area of the frame



U-factor of the glass (U_g) for vertical double- and triple-pane glazing units



- Linear thermal transmittance ψ_g value depends on the **frame type** (e.g., material and presence of a thermal break) and **glazing type** (e.g., gas-filling).





- Thermal transmittance of the frame U_f is *the highest* for frames with **metal core** and decreases with *the number of hollow chambers*.

Frame type	Linear thermal transmittance for different types of glazing ψ_g	
	Double or triple glazing uncoated glass air- or gas-filled	Double ^a or triple ^b glazing low-emissivity glass air- or gas-filled
Wood or PVC	0,06	0,08
Metal with a thermal break	0,08	0,11
Metal without a thermal break	0,02	0,05

^a One pane coated for double glazed.
^b Two panes coated for triple glazed.

ISO 10077-1:2017

Table F.1 — Thermal transmittances for plastic frames with metal reinforcements

Frame material	Frame type	U_f W/(m ² ·K)
Polyurethane	with metal core thickness of PUR ≥ 5 mm	2,8
PVC-hollow profiles ^a	two hollow chambers external  internal	2,2
	three hollow chambers external  internal	2,0

^a With a distance between wall surfaces of each hollow chamber of at least 5 mm

Which window type would have the lowest U_w value?

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A double-glazed window with a wooden frame ($U_g = 1.1 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, $U_f = 1.3 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$), the total projected area of each window is the same.

100% Option A

0% Option B

0% Option C



(A)



(B)



(C)

EPFL Solar Heat Gain Control

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) or g-value –

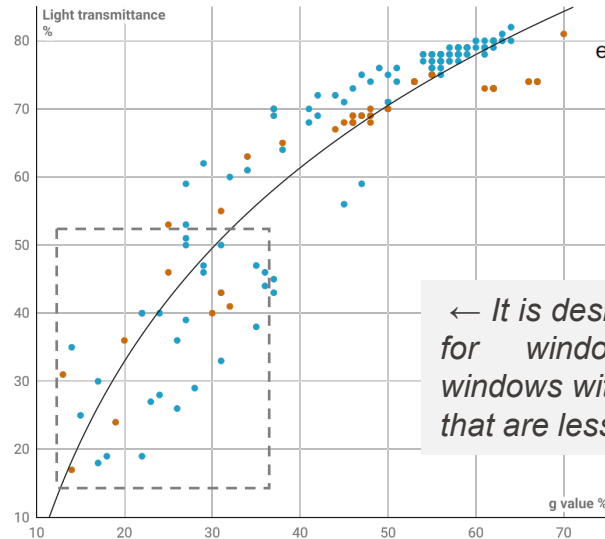
the percent of solar energy incident on the glass that is **transferred indoors** both *directly* and *indirectly* through the glass.

The *direct* gain portion is the **solar energy transmittance**, while the *indirect* is the **fraction of solar energy incident** on the glass (+ blind) that is **absorbed** and **re-radiated** or **transmitted** through convection indoors.

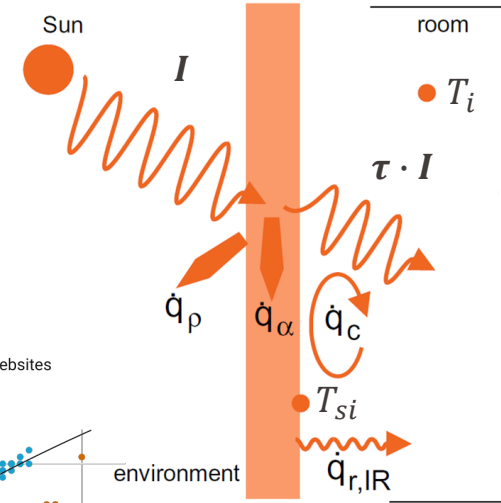
$$g = \frac{\text{solar gains}}{\text{incident radiation}}$$

$$g = \frac{\tau \cdot I + q_c + q_{r,IR}}{I}$$

Characteristics taken from two European glass manufacturers' websites



← It is desired to have the lowest g-value for windows, however engineering windows with low g-value lead to windows that are less transparent.

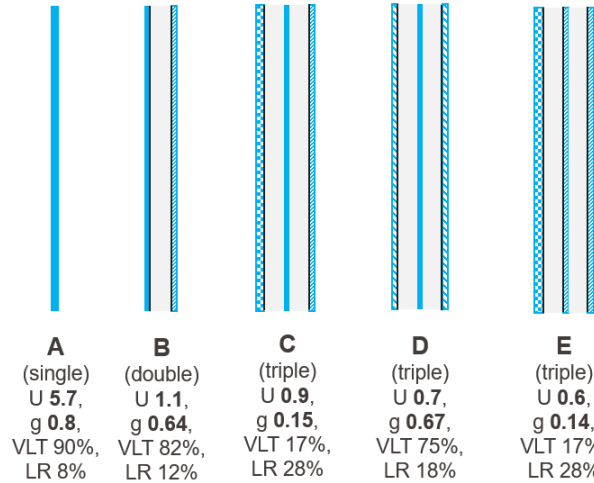


Source: Medved, Building Physics, p. 65

Performance of Glasses (lab measurements)



* Test conditions: IN temperature 21°C, OUT temperature 46°C



Types of glasses:

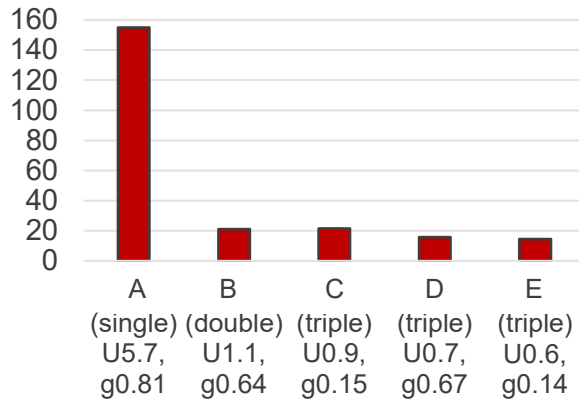
- Float (4 mm, only for A - 6 mm)
- SILVERSTAR EN2plus (4 mm)
- SILVERSTAR TRIII E (4 mm)
- Sunstop T argent 20 (6 mm)

— Low-e coating

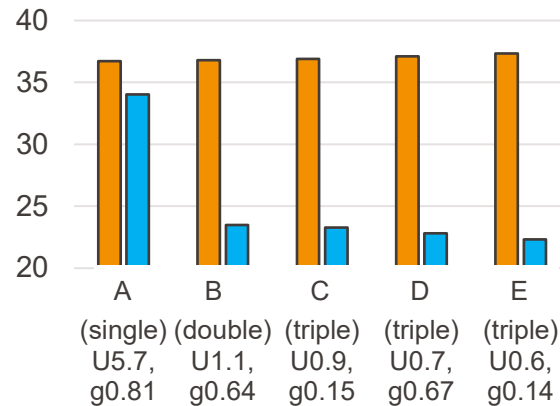
■ Argon-filled gap (14 mm)

VLT – visual light transmittance
LR – light reflection

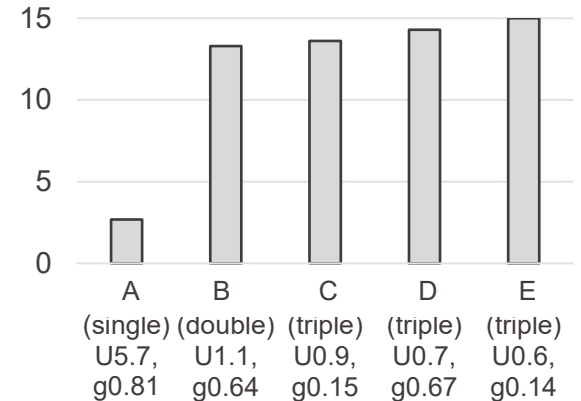
Heat Flow



Surface Temperatures



Temperature Difference

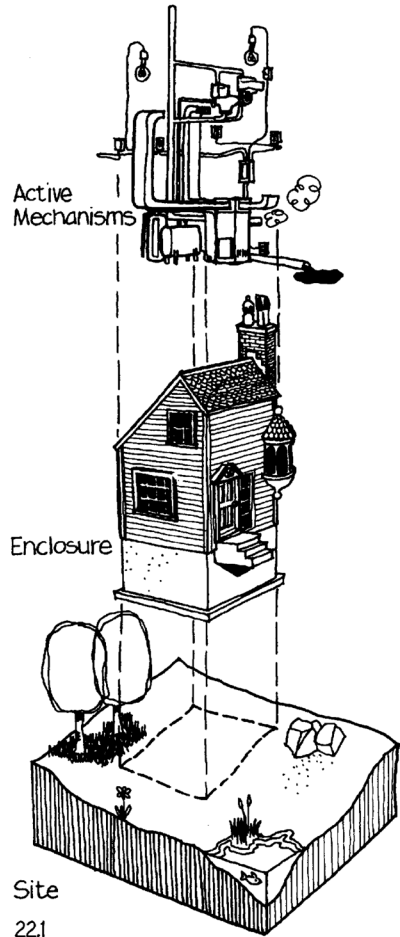


EPFL Performance of Transparent Elements: Standards

Code	Title
ISO 15099:2003	Thermal performance of windows, doors and shading devices -- <i>Detailed calculations</i>
ISO 10077-1:2017	Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters -- Calculation of thermal transmittance - Part 1: <i>General</i>
ISO 10077-2:2017	Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters -- Calculation of thermal transmittance - Part 2: <i>Numerical method for frames</i>
ISO 19467:2017	Thermal performance of windows and doors - <i>Determination of solar heat gain coefficient using solar simulator</i>



- Definition of **the thermal boundary**
- **Opaque building elements**
 - Heat transfer modes (q_{cond} , q_{conv} , q_{rad})
 - Concepts of R -value and U -value
 - Network of thermal resistances (R_{tot} and U_{tot})
 - Permitted and limiting U -values according to standards
 - Film surface resistance (internal R_{si} and external R_{se})
 - Thermal bridges, the difference between U , ψ , and χ
 - Measures to reduce the heat transfer through walls
- **Transparent building elements**
 - Overall U-value of the window (U_w), contributions of U_g , U_f , ψ_g
 - Permitted and limiting U_w -values according to standards
 - Solar heat gain coefficient (g) of glasses vs.
 - Linear thermal transmittance (ψ_g) of frames
 - Measures to reduce the heat transfer through windows



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