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Architecture

Market Appeal

Communications

Engineering

Affordability

Entertainment

Hot water

Comfort Zone

Appliances

Energy Balance

































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BEYOND THE FIRST LIGHT^{NZ} HOUSE

From prototype to production

Ben Jagersma

INTRODUCTION – Point of departure

PROTOTYPE – A net zero energy bach

PRODUCTION – Learning from the construction & transportation of the First Light house

WHERE TO FROM HERE

prototype production





prototype production





prototype



production



prototype production



This is NZ



prototype

production



production

production



Making homes affordable

National is working to make homes more affordable for all New Zealanders.

Affordable housing means more people can achieve the Kiwi dream of owning their own home. Good quality, affordable housing is important for the health and wellbeing of New Zealand families and communities.

National has a wide programme of practical work underway to improve home affordability.

National will:

- ✓ Free up land for new sections.
- ✓ Make the construction sector more productive by expanding the Apprenticeship Reboot to a total of 20,000 places and reducing compliance costs.
- ✓ Keep helping families into their first home with increased access to the KiwiSaver First Home Deposit Subsidy and Welcome Home Loans, announced last year.
- ✓ Reduce building costs by \$3,500 on average by suspending duties and tariffs on building products.
- ✓ Rein in council development charges – these had trebled over the past decade and National is restricting what councils can charge on new sections and developments.
- ✓ Reform the Resource Management Act to reduce unnecessary costs and delays.
- ✓ Keep interest rates near 50-year lows by continuing to responsibly manage government finances.

This page will be updated as policies are announced in the run-up to the election.

More Information

 [Housing affordability summary](#)
Feature: First Home Buyers

“National values home ownership. It provides stability for communities and security for retirement. We want to help more Kiwis into their own home.” – Prime Minister John Key





| Home

[« All policies](#)

Everyone should have the chance to own their own home but home ownership rates are the [lowest they've been in 50 years](#). We'll restore this Kiwi dream by making home ownership and rent more affordable.

Labour will:

- build 100,000 starter homes for Kiwi families - we call it KiwiBuild,
- cut down on speculation by restricting the ability of non-residents to purchase New Zealand houses, farm land, and monopoly services,
- require landlords to ensure every rental house in New Zealand is warm and dry,
- create new jobs, 2,000 apprenticeships and give a \$2 billion boost to the economy through our building programme,
- introduce fairness with a capital gains tax and monetary policy reform to take pressure off house prices,
- introduce a National Policy Statement to ensure Councils are more likely to approve projects involving affordable housing,
- build 10,000 houses and take other measures to kickstart the rebuild in Christchurch and Canterbury.

What are we building?



prototype? production



1940-60 State houses



prototype? production



1970's un-insulated houses



prototype? production



Today



prototype? production



Today



prototy



Today



Do we have the prototype right?

28% of New Zealand homes, the average indoor air temperature is below the healthy minimum (16°C) recommended by the World Health Organisation

A photograph of a residential neighborhood on a hillside in New Zealand. The houses are built on a slope, with some having multiple stories and others being single-story. The roofs are mostly grey or blue, and the walls are light-colored. There are many trees and greenery around the houses, and the sky is overcast. The text "New Zealand Homes are Cold Damp and Unhealthy..." is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**New Zealand
Homes are Cold
Damp and
Unhealthy...**

...and waste energy

Residential homes



1/3rd of all electricity consumed

Residential homes

20% of CO2 emissions



Residential homes



Where we need to be

*Average Electricity
Consumption
for New Zealand homes
has remained constant
for more than 30 years!*

*C'mon NZ
We can do better!*







The Kiwi Bach

Traditional

Low Performance

Piecemeal Construction

Energy Inefficient

The Solar Decathlon

Competitive

High Performance

Transportation and Prefabrication

Energy Conservation

Energy Generation

International

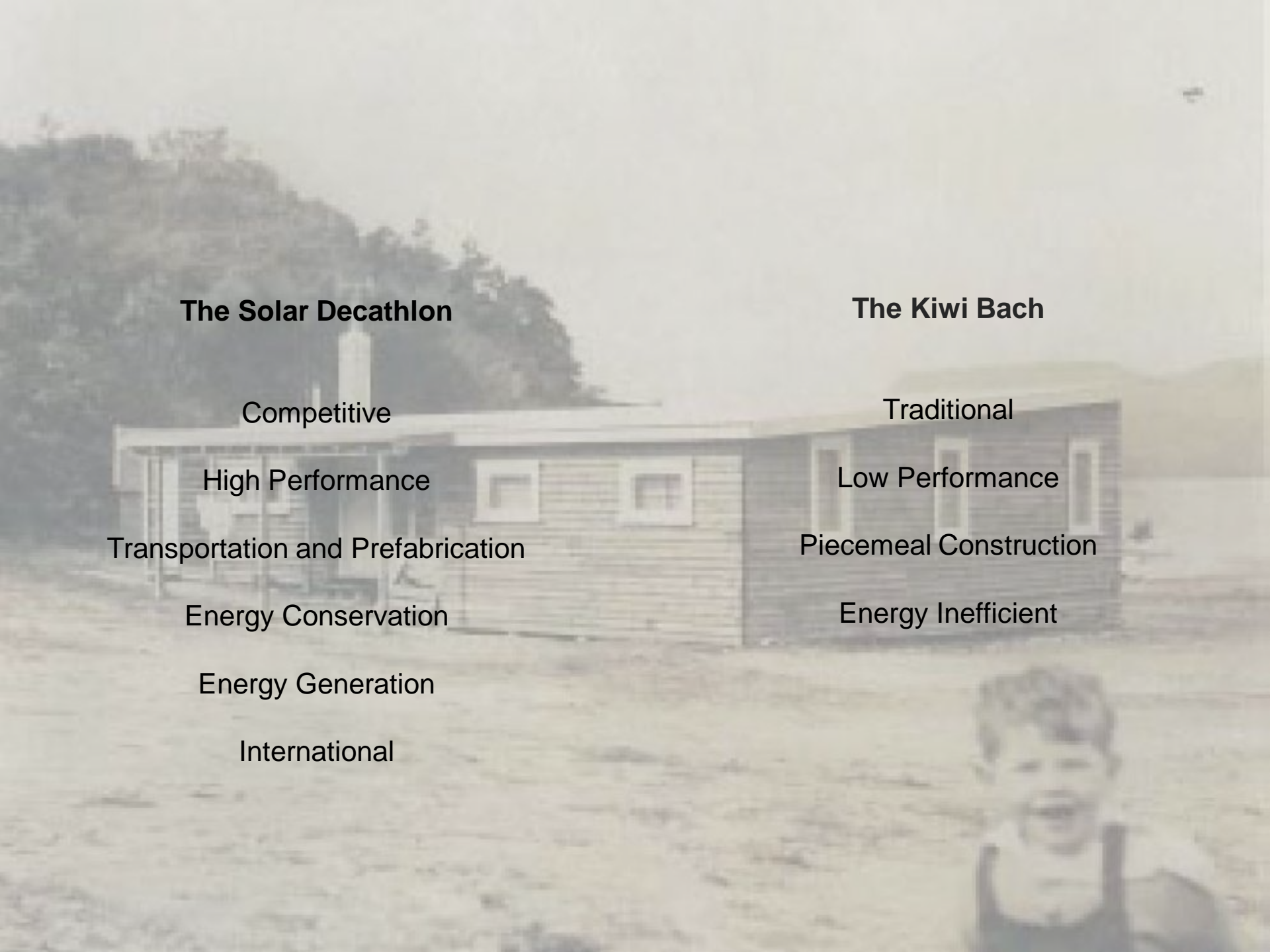
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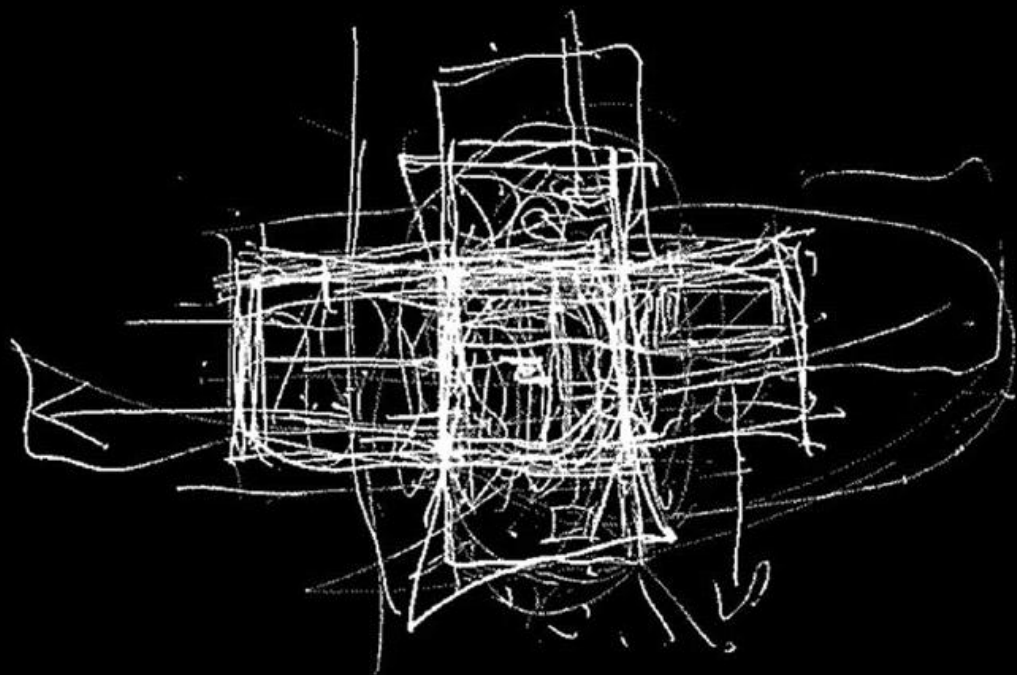
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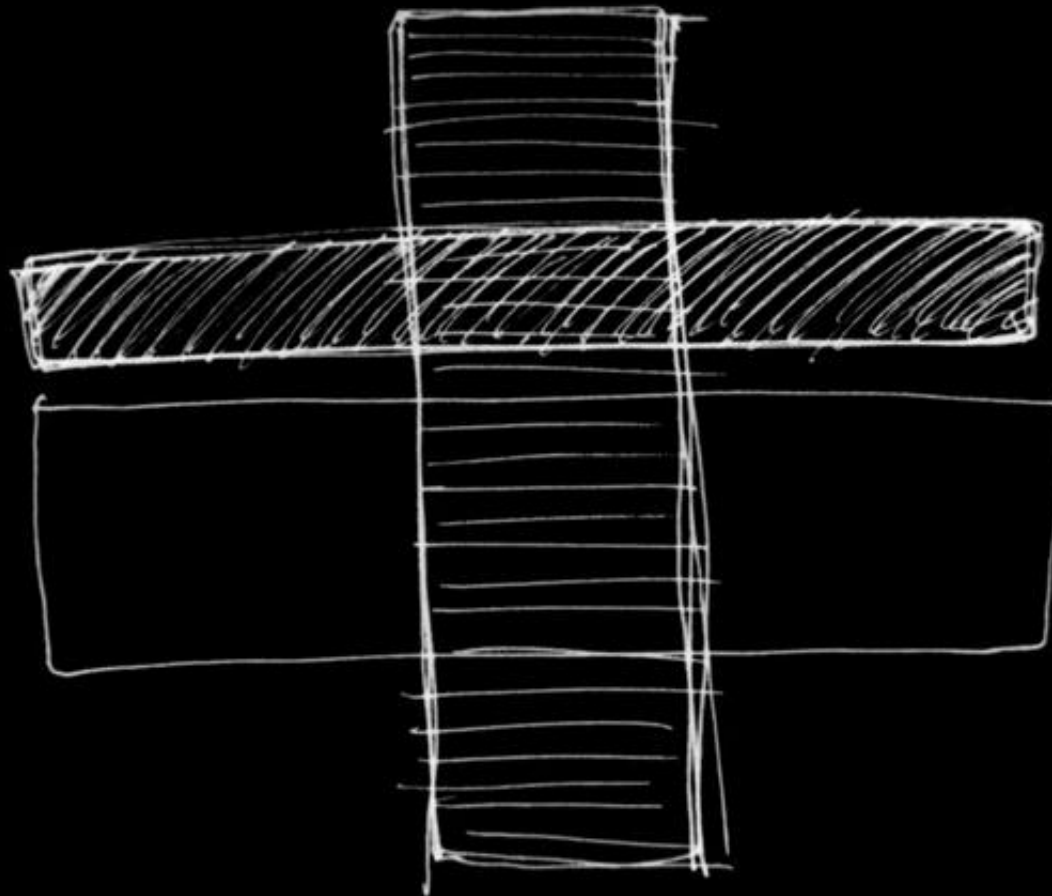
Low Performance

Piecemeal Construction

Energy Inefficient







3 – Humanising technologies

1 – Focusing on social interaction

2 – Reconnecting with the landscape

Send Along

KEY

- FLUORESCENT DAMP PROOF SHOWER LIGHT (20W)
- LED STANDARD LAMP
- OP TABLE LAMP
- OP RUG
- A-1 LED DOWNWASH LIGHT (20W)
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AVITY AND AUTEK AAT 35-17
ACOUSTIC BLANKET
REMOVABLE PLANK COVER
MODULE (JOINS)

18MM WHITEWASHED PLY
INTABLE WALL LINING HUNG

3 RECLAIMED RIMU BOARD
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LANDSCAPE LIGHTING





The First Light House – A net zero energy bach

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- LED STANDARD LAMP
- CFL TABLE LAMP
- CFL R18.8
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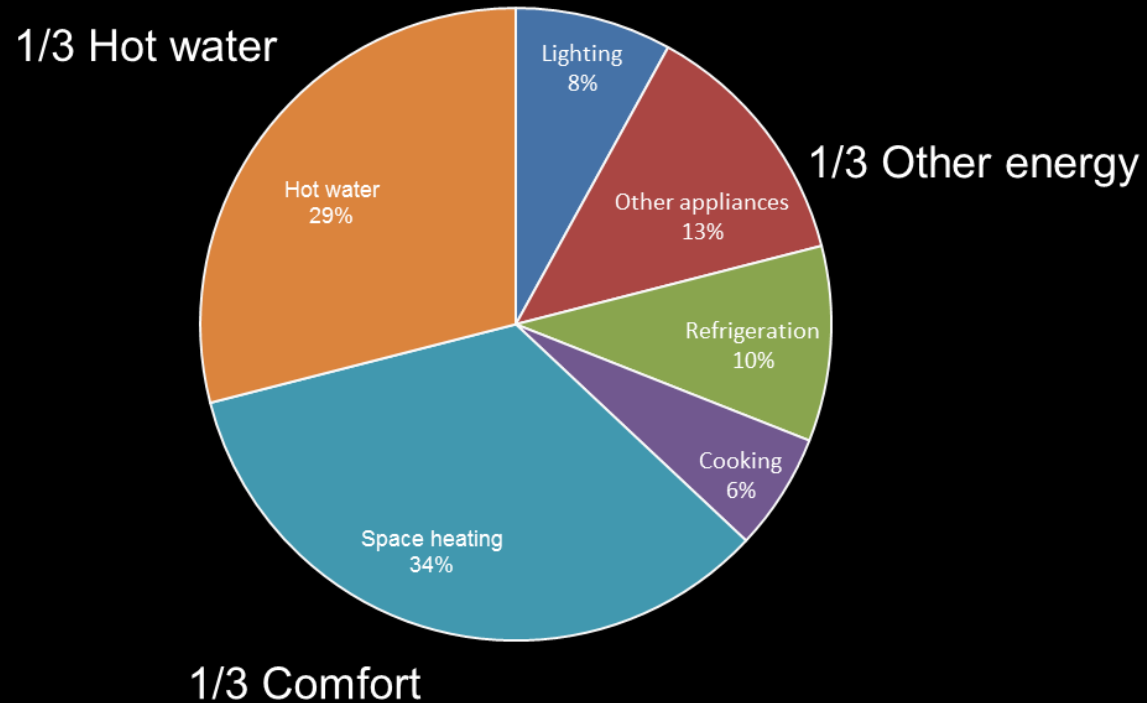
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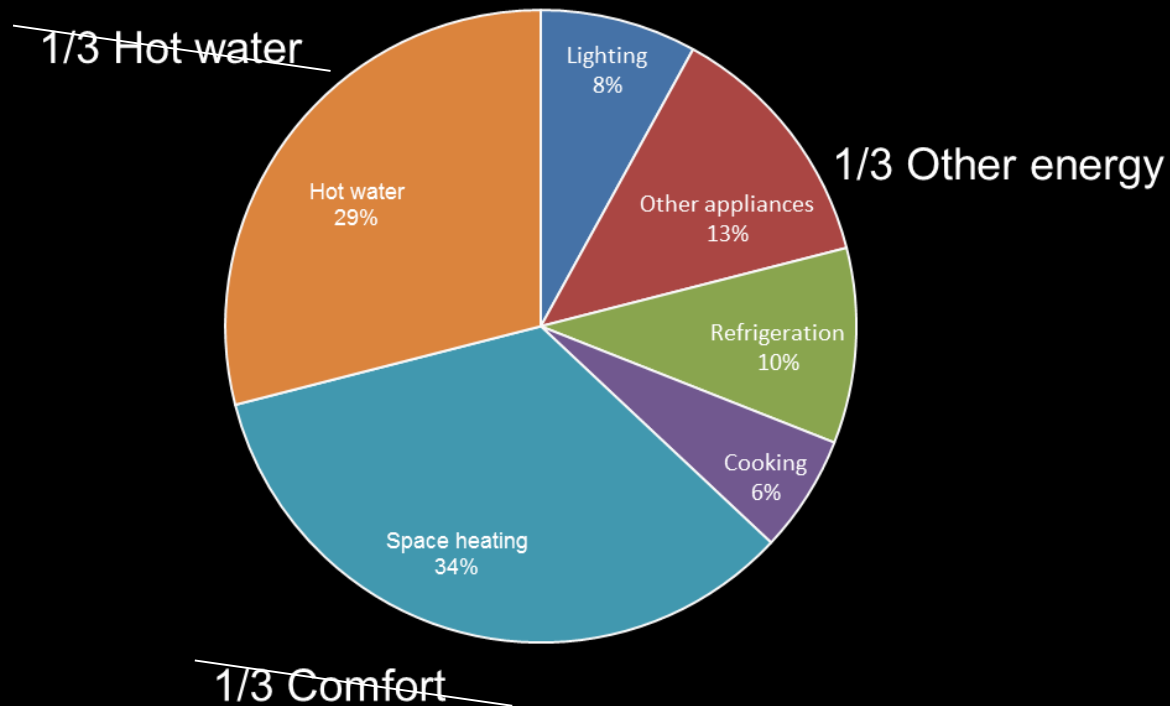


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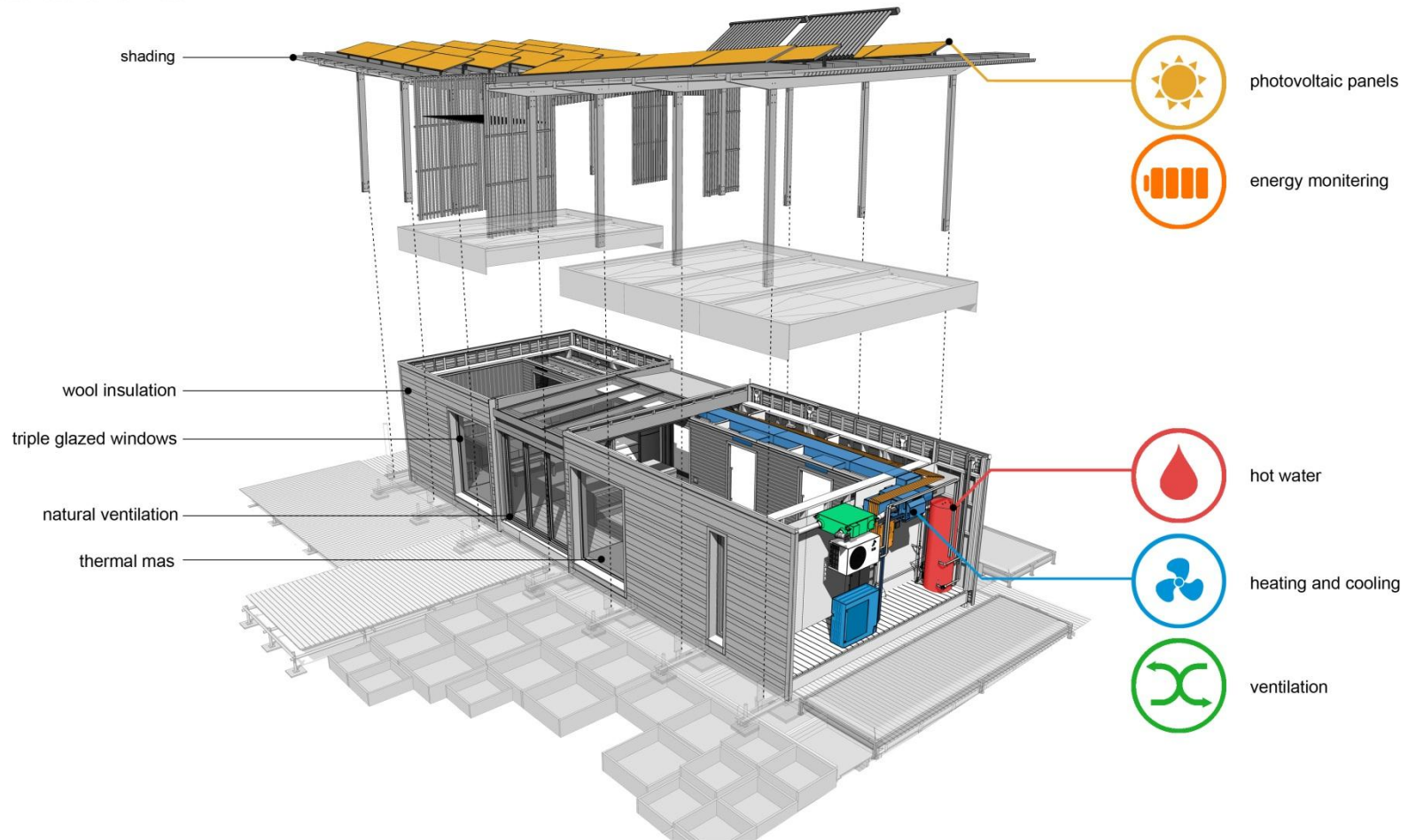
The average NZ home consumes 11,410kWh of electricity per year

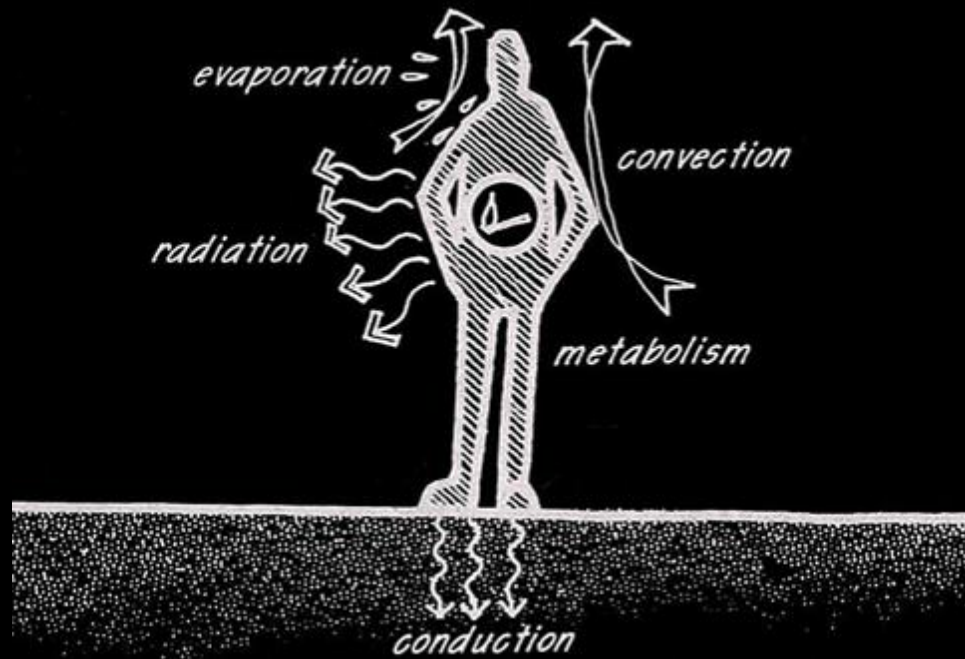


The First Light house consumes 3226kWh per year
All of which is generated with PV solar panels on the roof

passive

active





Solar Decathlon
21.7-24.4°C

**World Health
organisation**
18-24°C

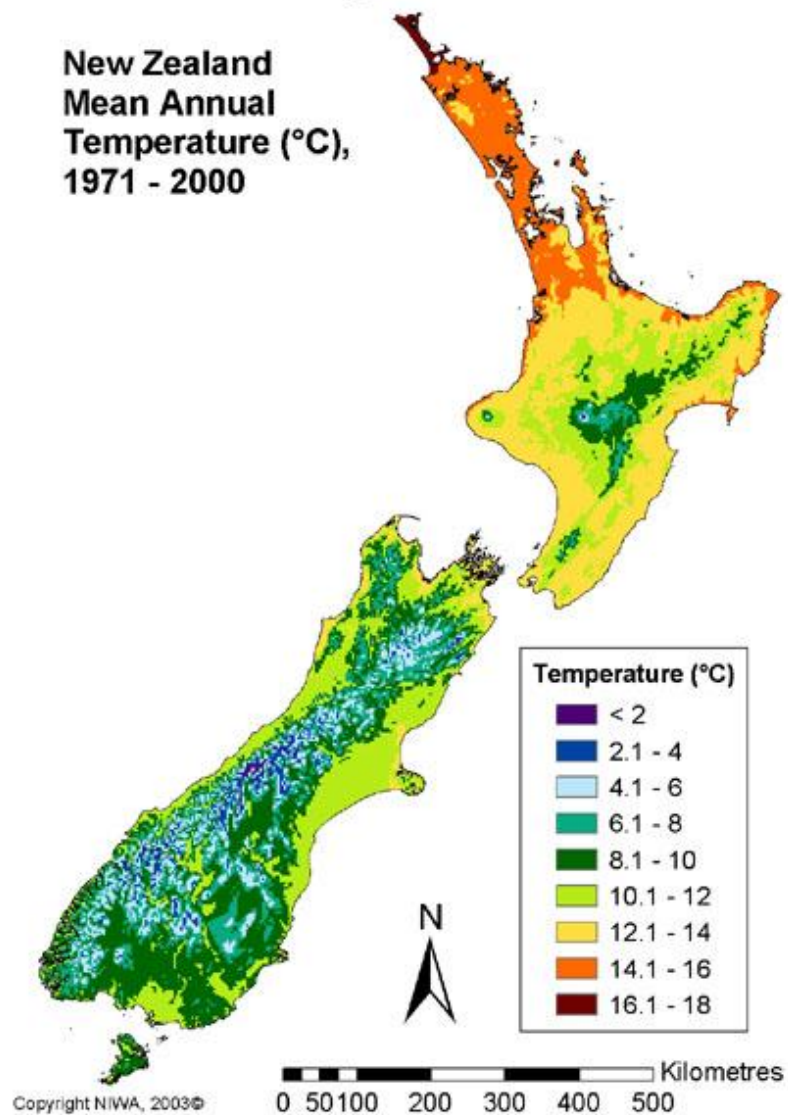


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**New Zealand
Mean Annual
Temperature (°C),
1971 - 2000**



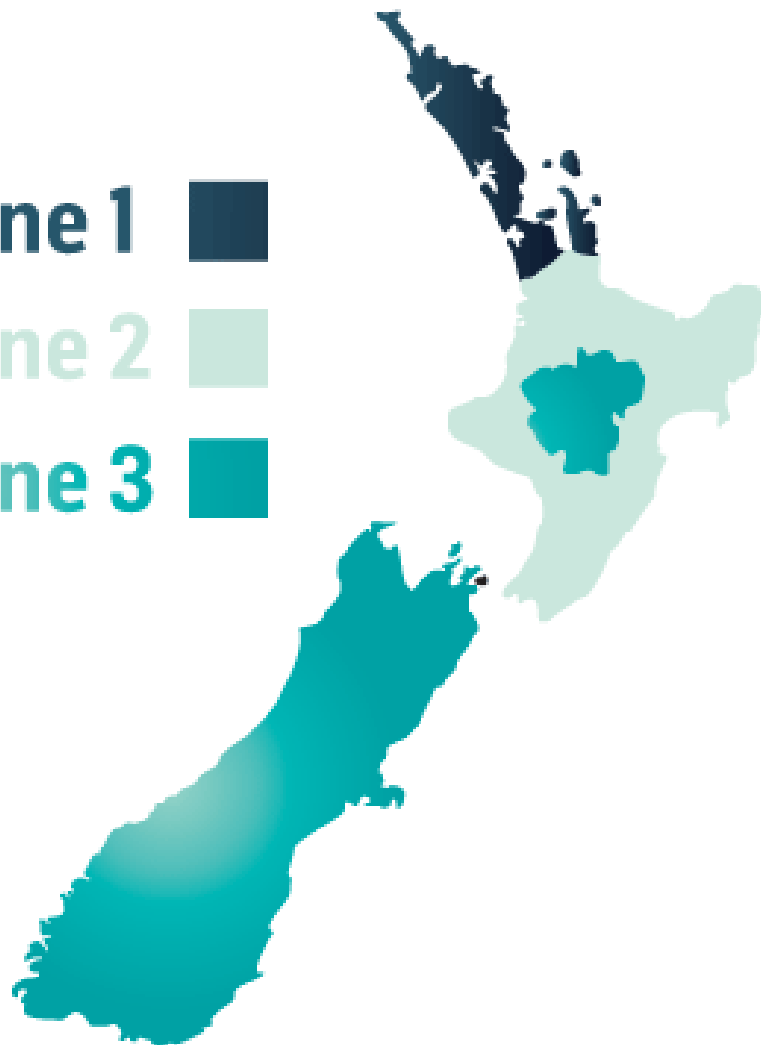
zone 1



zone 2



zone 3





Tauranga



Wellington



Tauranga



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Queenstown



Nelson

18.9 °C

Thermal modeling

Insulation

Thermal Mass

Glazing, Skylight & Shading

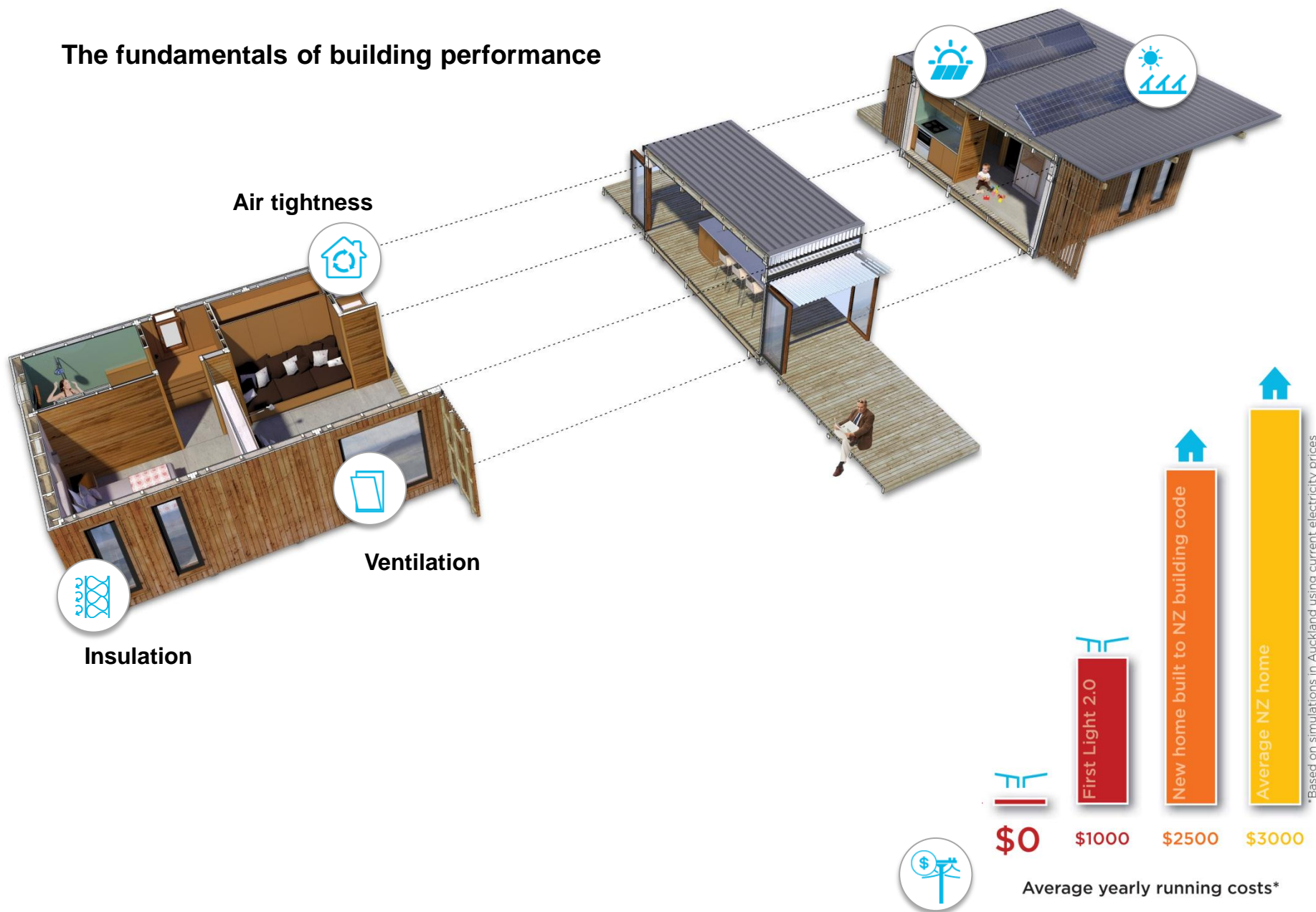
Ventilation

Air tightness

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Why leave the design of our buildings up to chance?

The fundamentals of building performance

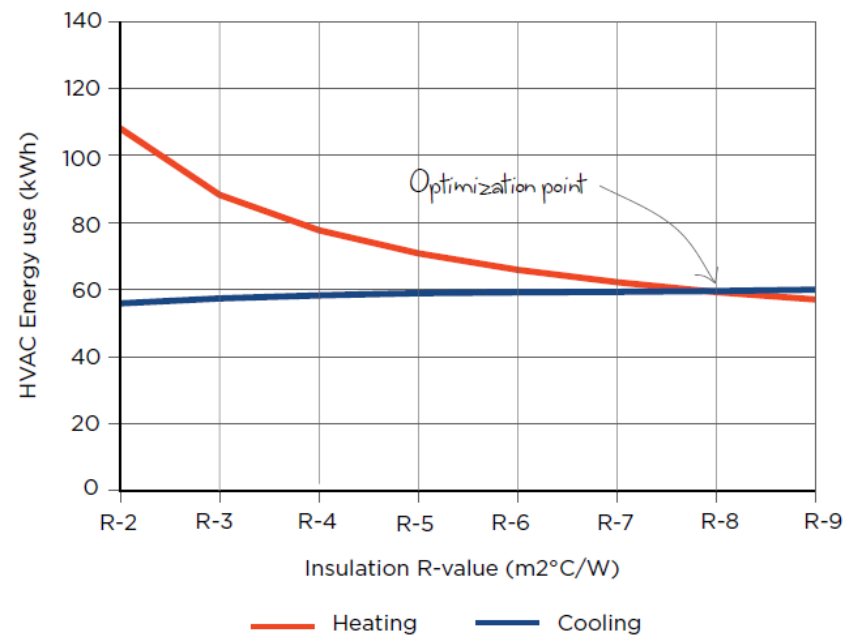
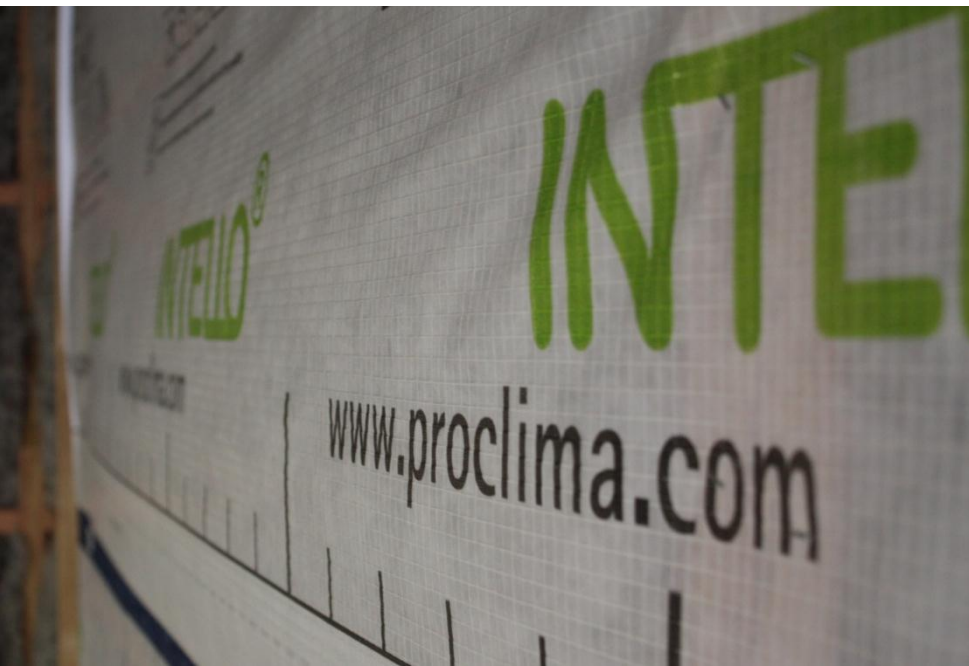


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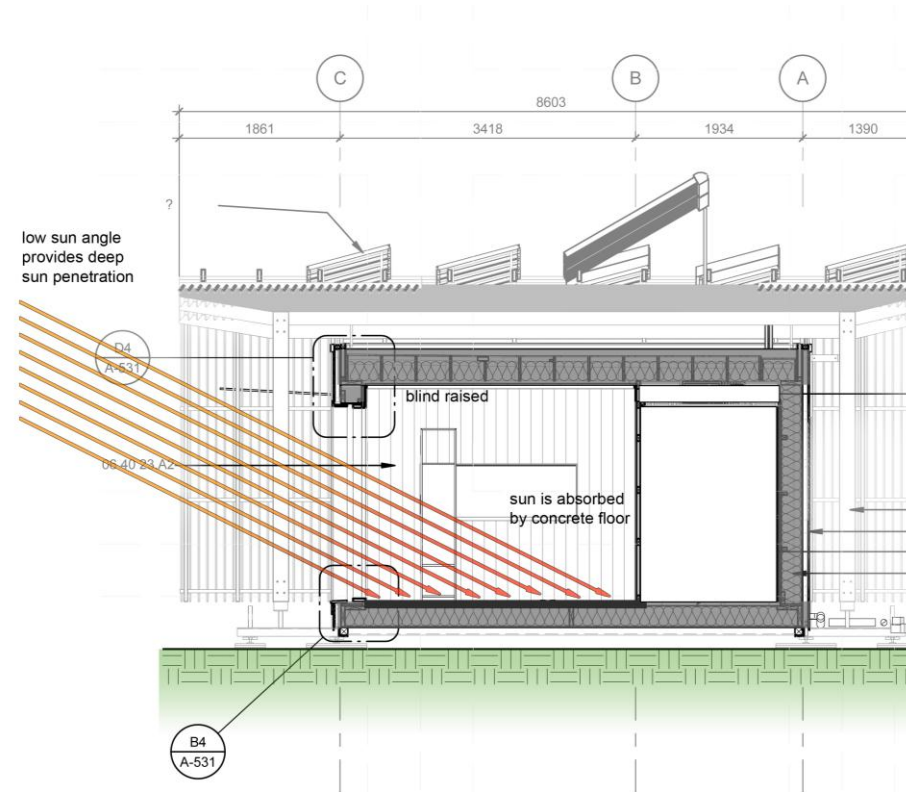
Thermal resistance of building envelope

Building Element	Construction R-value (m ² .°C/W)	Construction R-value (m ² .°C/W)	Construction R-value (m ² .°C/W)	Construction R-value (m ² .°C/W)
	FL House	FL Home	Zone 1 & 2	Zone 3
Roof	6.48	4.2	2.9	3.3
Wall	5.77	3.2	1.9	2.0
Concrete Floor	5.46		1.3	1.3
Timber Floor	5.88	2.6	1.3	1.3
Glazing	1.11	1	0.26	0.26
Door	-			
Skylight	1.11		0.26	0.31

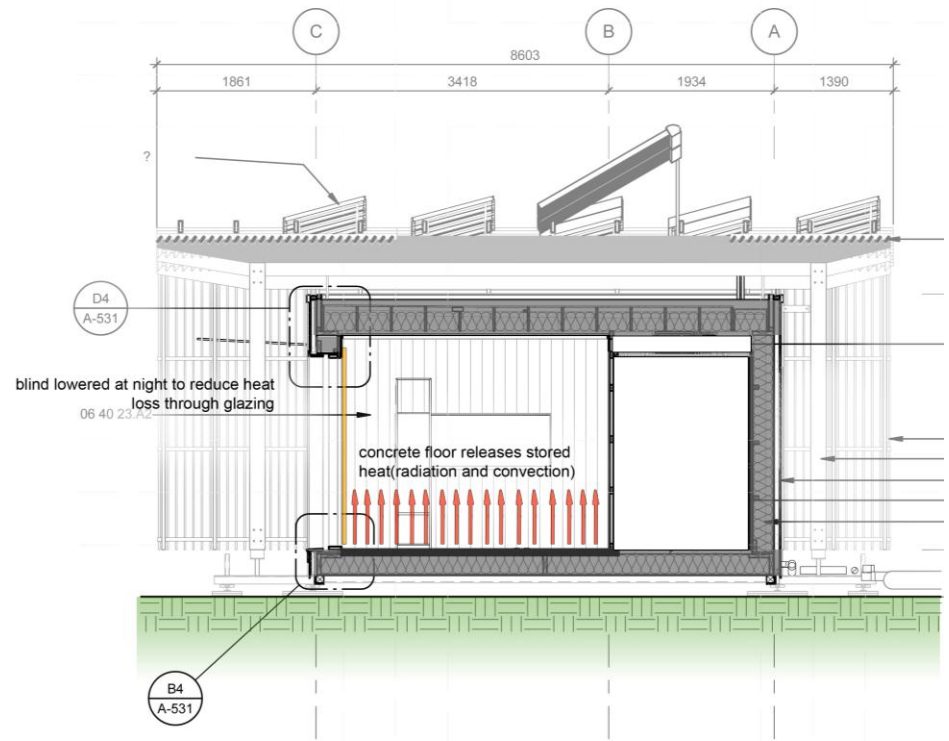


Thermal mass

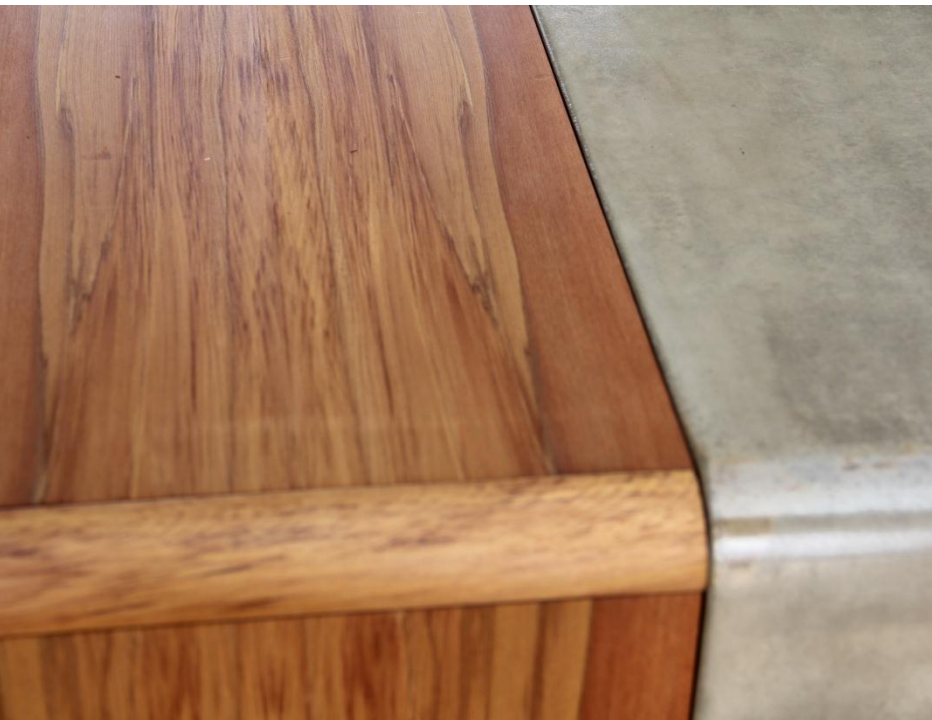
Optimizing the efficiency of the building envelope



Winter day

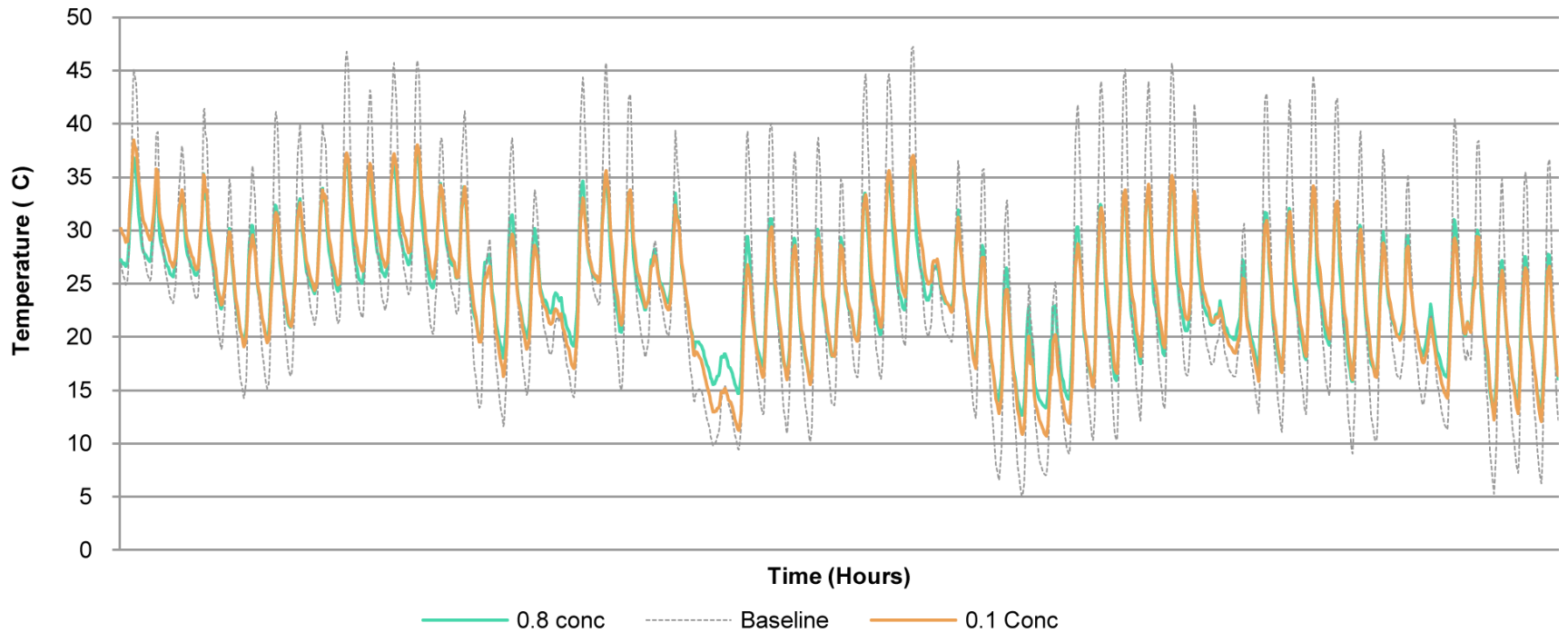


Winter Night



Thermal mass

Optimizing the efficiency of the building envelope



Glazing

Type of glass & Frame (Timber versus aluminium)

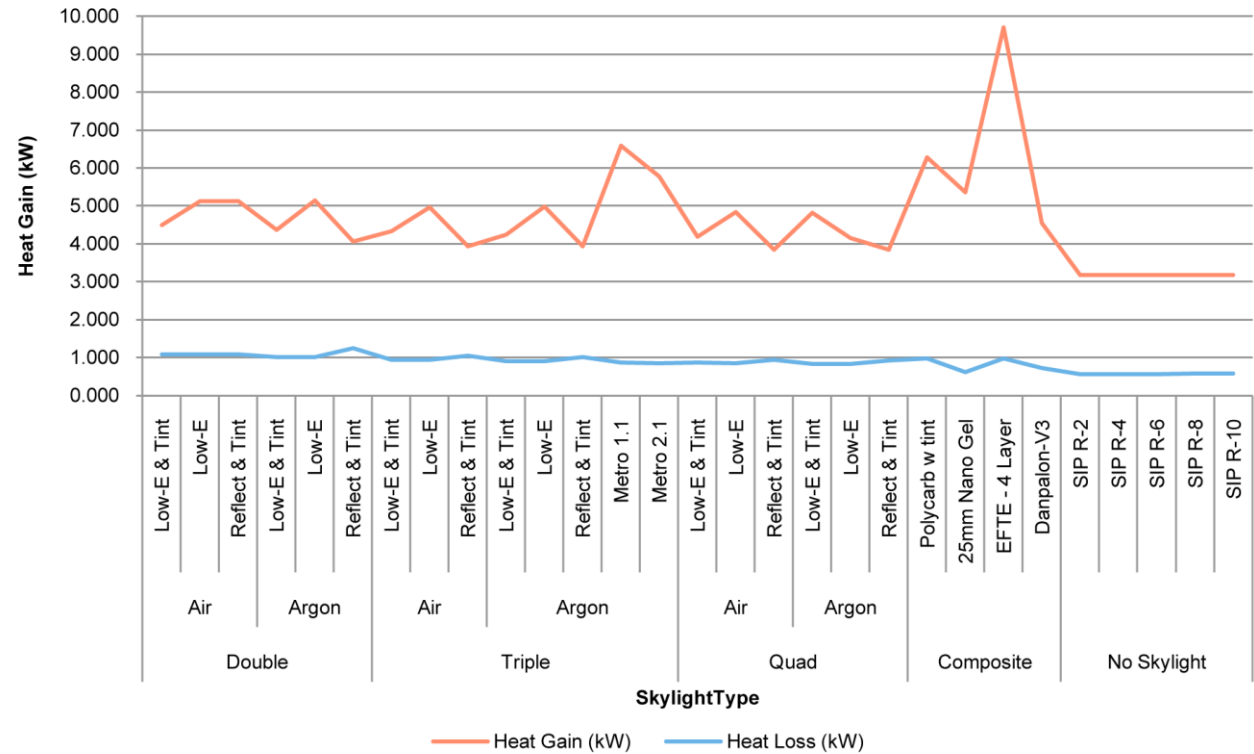


Chart 13: Maximum heat gain & loss (kW) through the glazing for the period from September 1st to October 31st

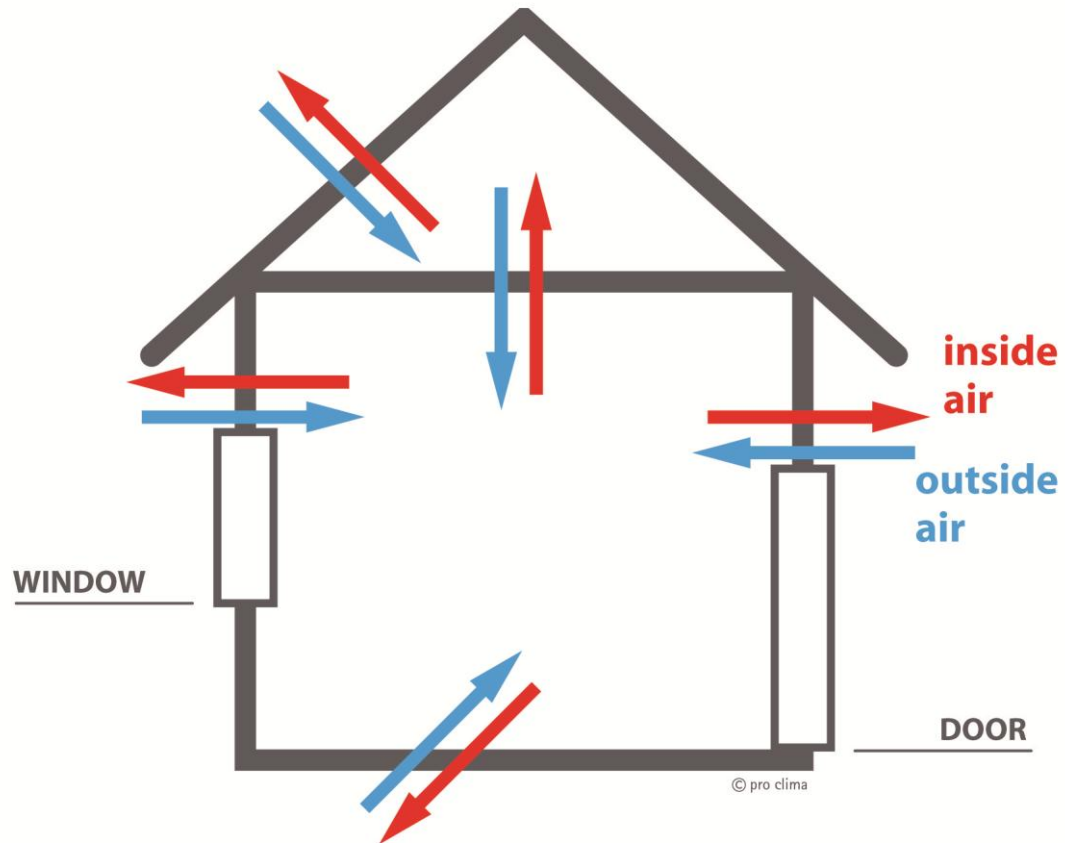


NZBC H1.3.3

H1.3.3 Account must be taken of physical conditions likely to affect energy performance of *buildings*, including—

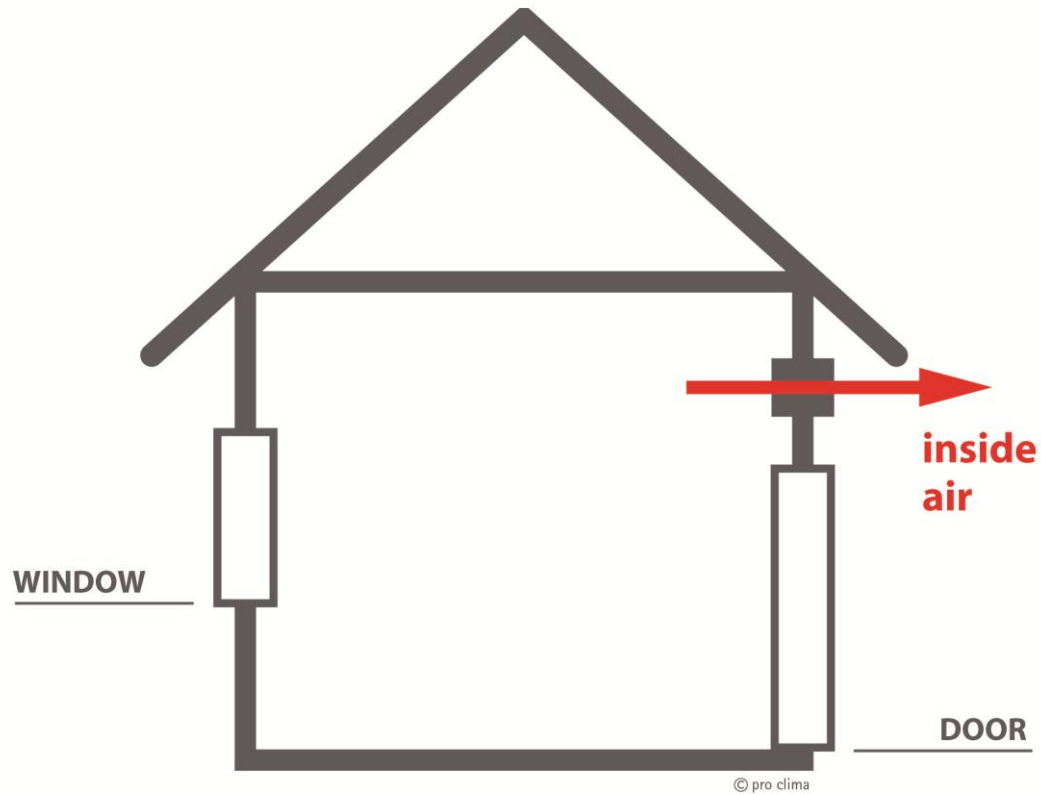
- (a) the thermal mass of *building elements*; and
- (b) the building orientation and shape; and
- (c) the airtightness of the building envelope; and
- (d) the heat gains from services, processes and occupants; and
- (e) the local climate; and
- (f) heat gains from solar radiation.

INFILTRATION



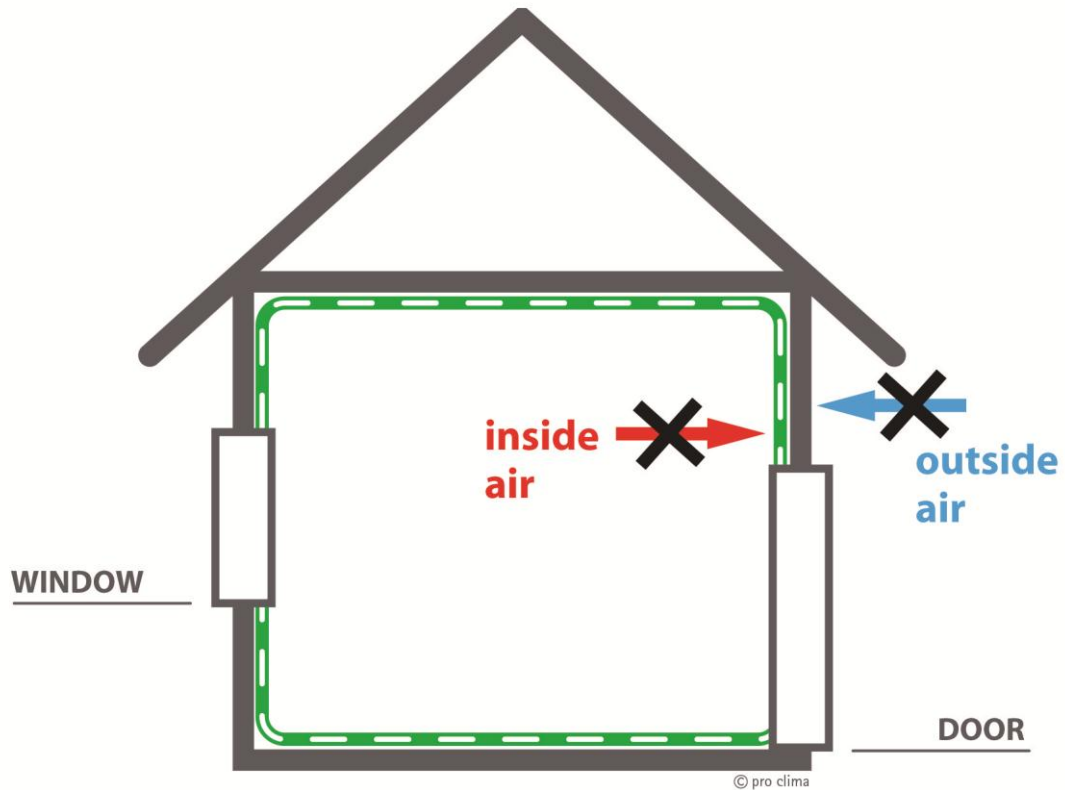
Uncontrolled air movement through the building envelope.

EXFILTRATION



Forced air movement from the inside towards the outside through extraction fans, range hoods, etc.

AIRTIGHTNESS



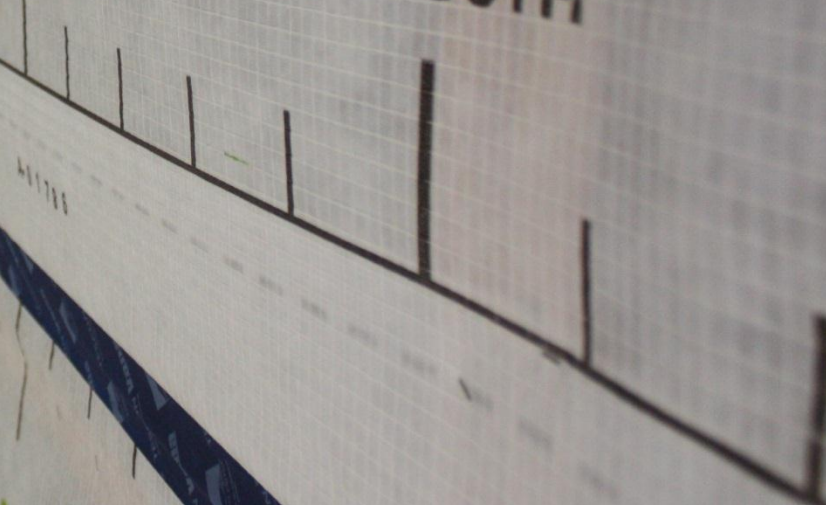
Preventing uncontrolled air movement (infiltration) through the building envelope.

High relative humidity
Heightened humidity levels during cold
Evaporer rapidement l'excès d'humidité provoqué par la

INTEL

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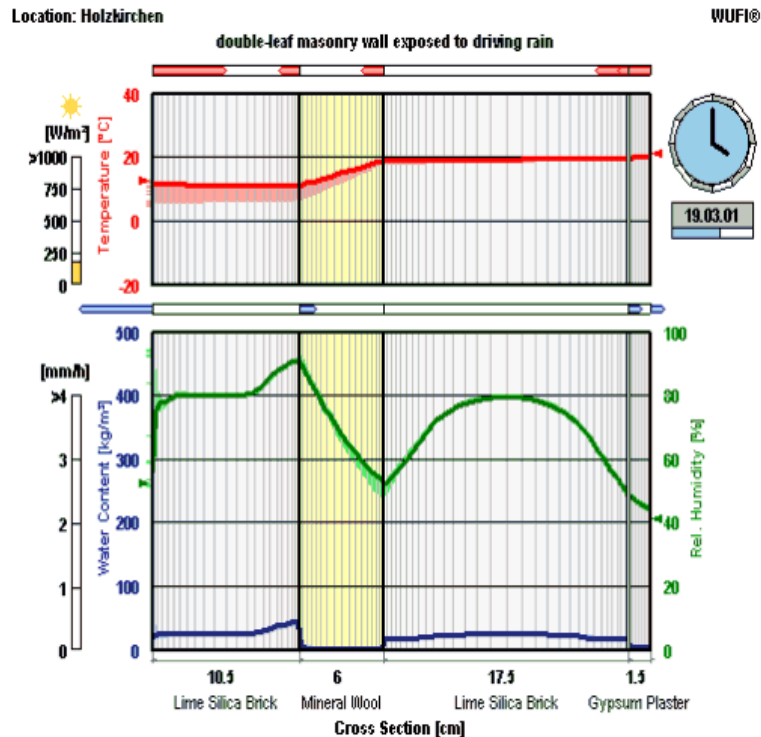
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PC Programs for calculating the coupled heat and moisture transfer in building components



Calculation Methods

WUFI

**computer-assisted
[dynamic] simulation
program for heat and
humidity transport
(Fraunhofer, Germany)**

- real climatic data
- inside and outside temperature
- inside and outside humidity
- light absorption
- moisture storage capability
- capillary action

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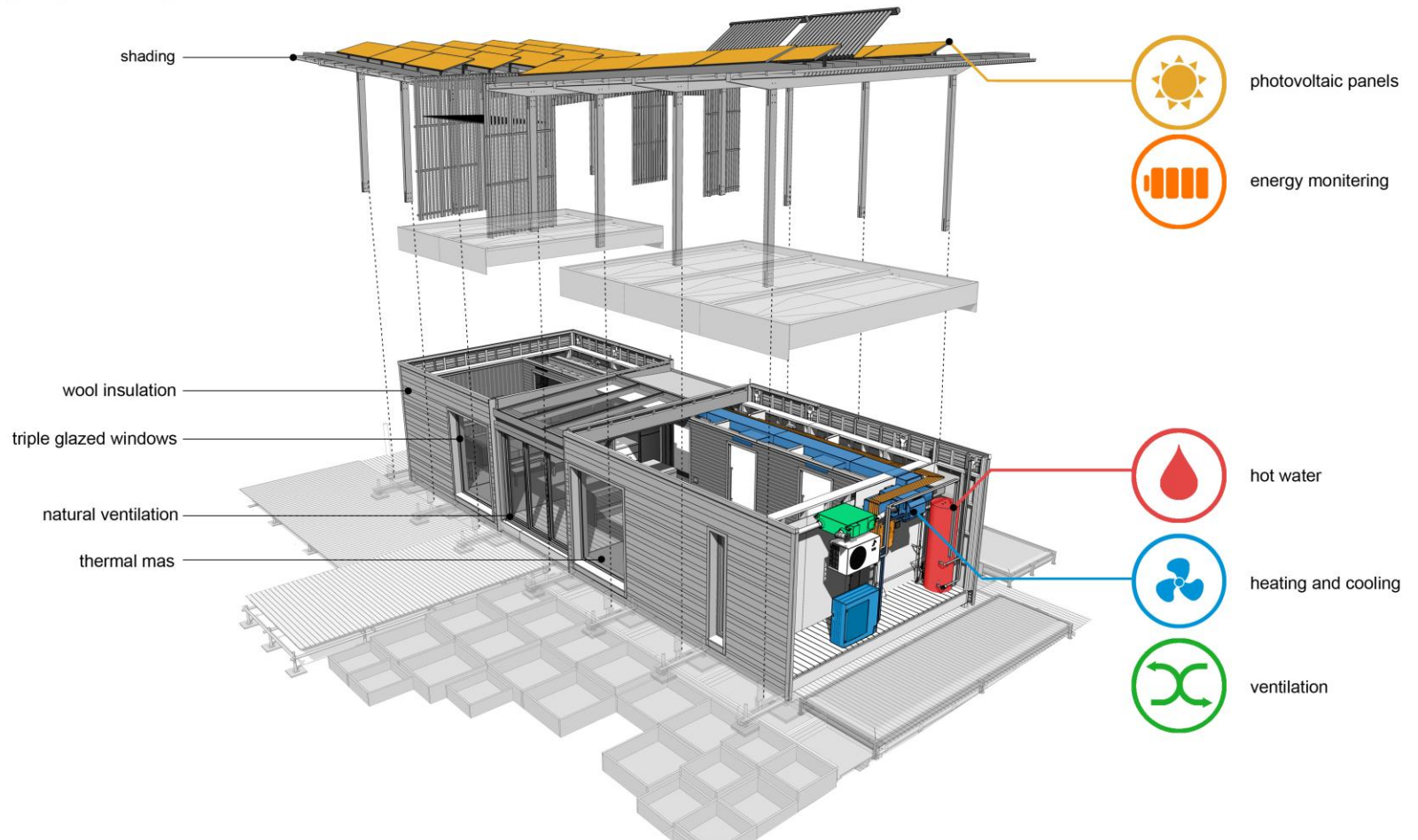


Blower door testing will identify the amount of air leakage occurring in the building.

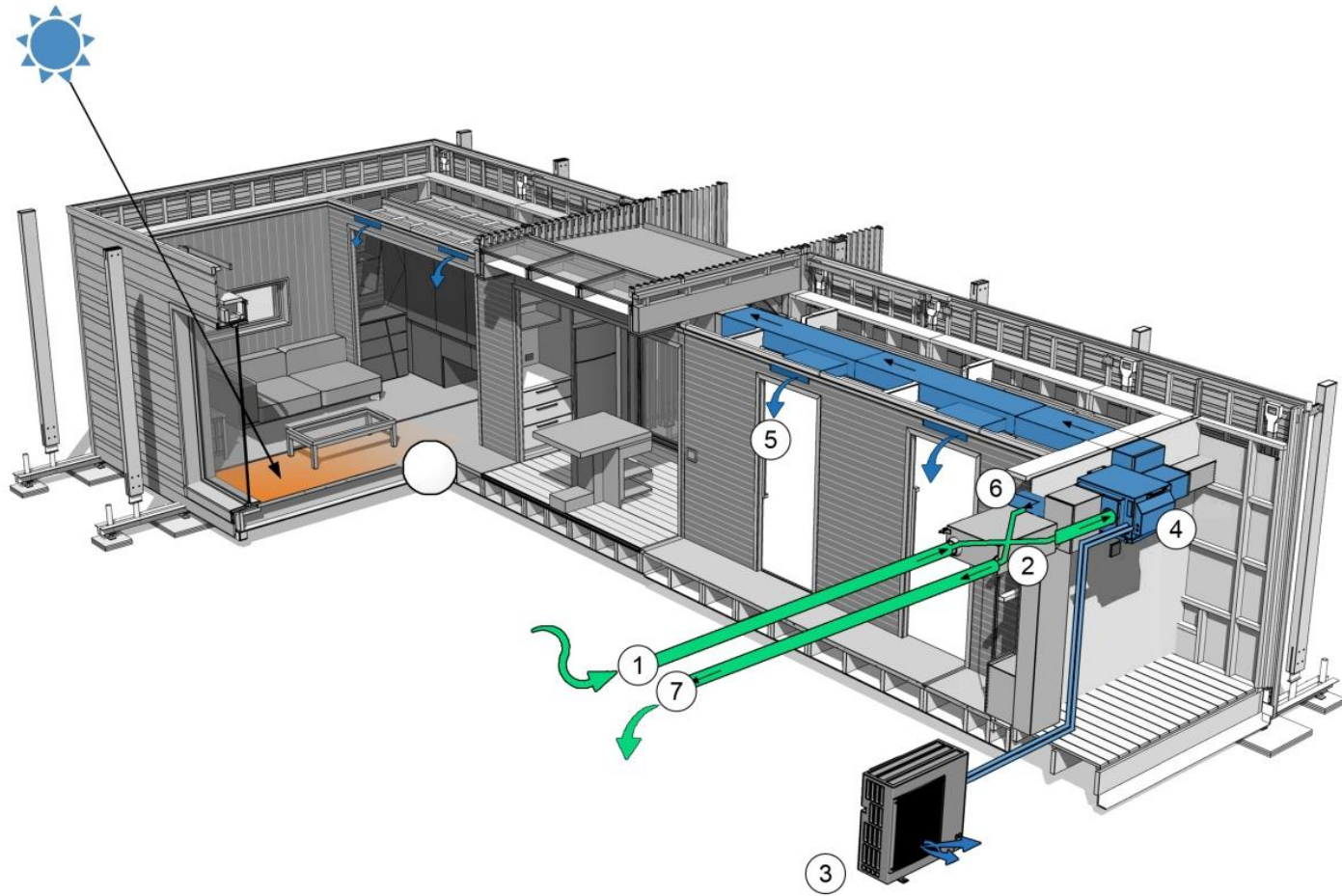
More importantly, it will provide insight as to whether or not a building has a sufficient air barrier.

passive

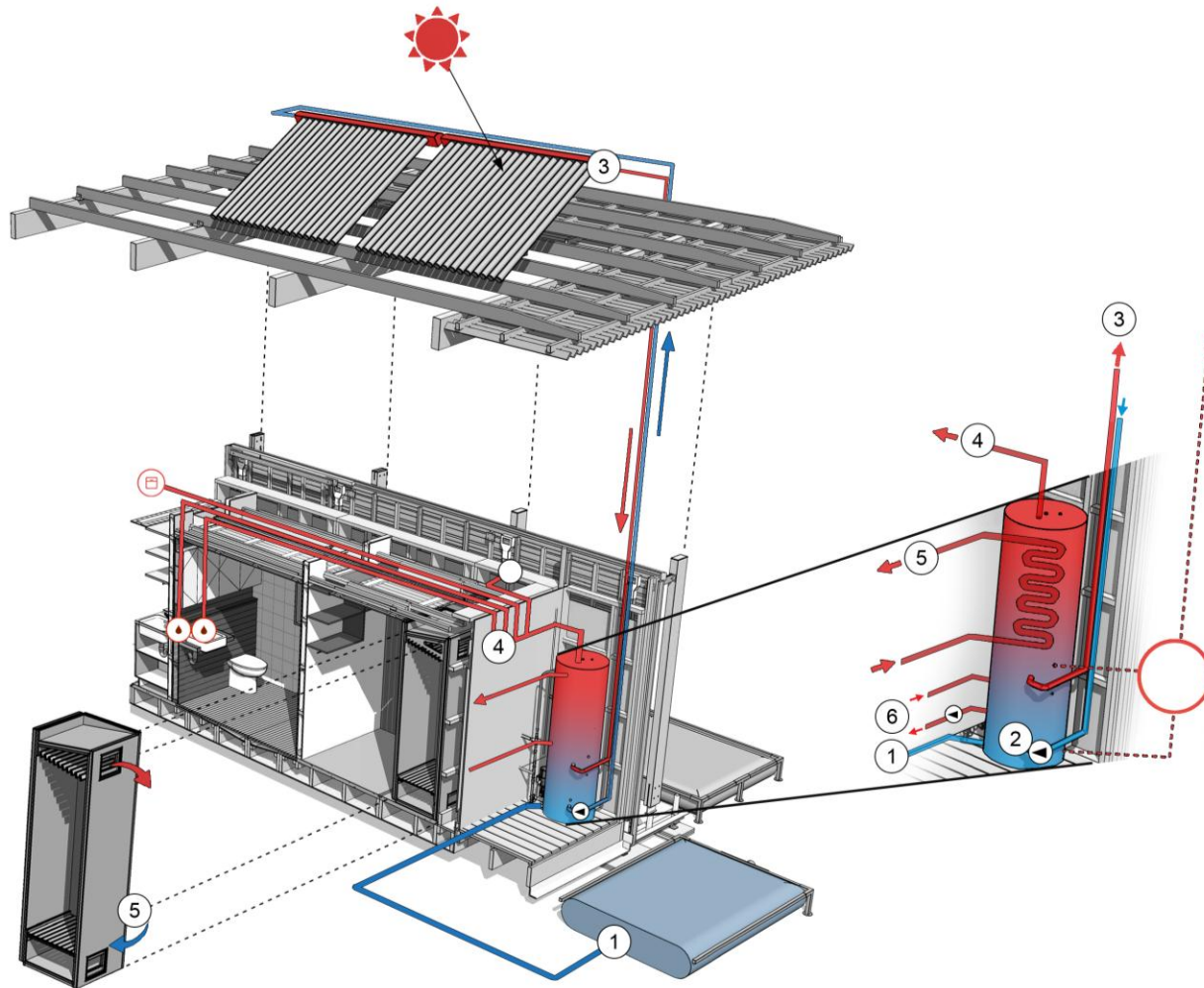
active



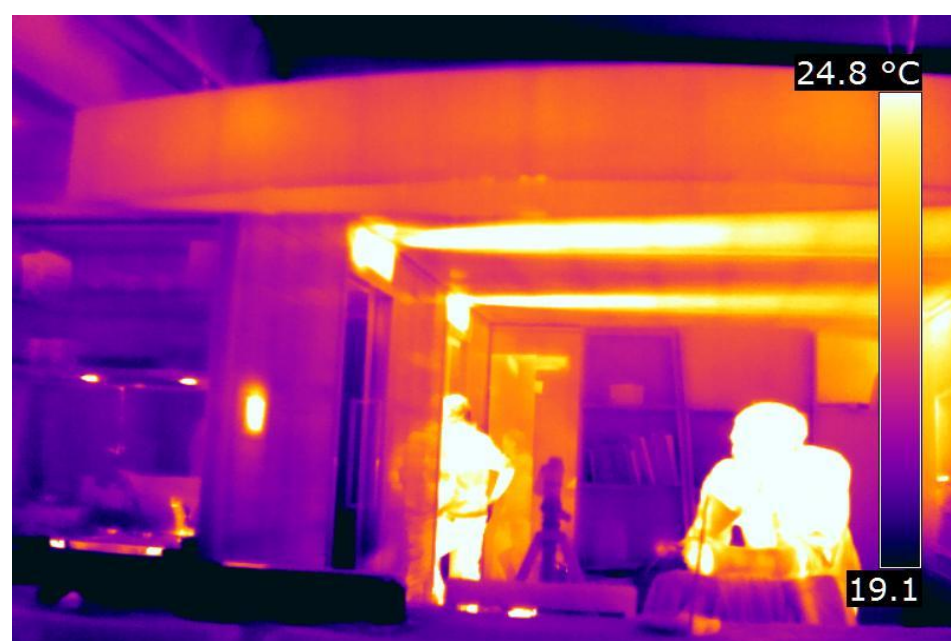
Heating & Cooling



Hot Water







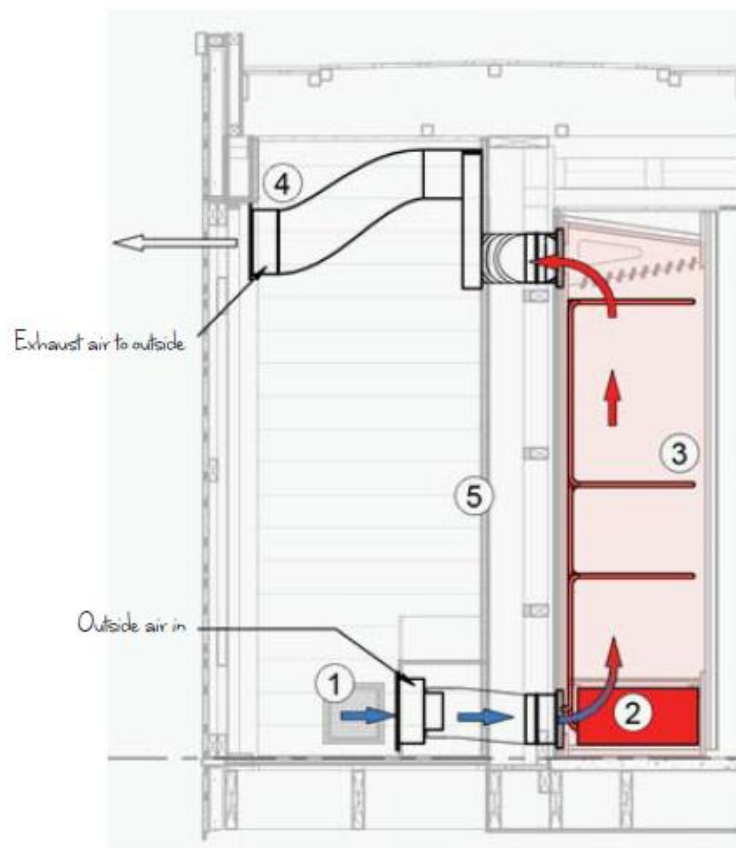
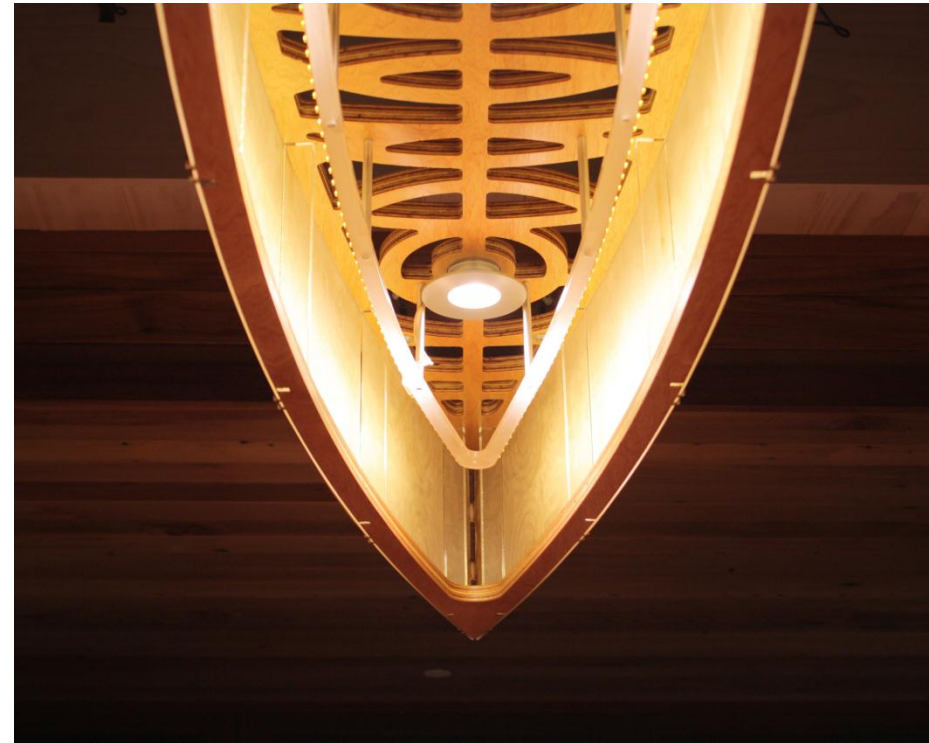
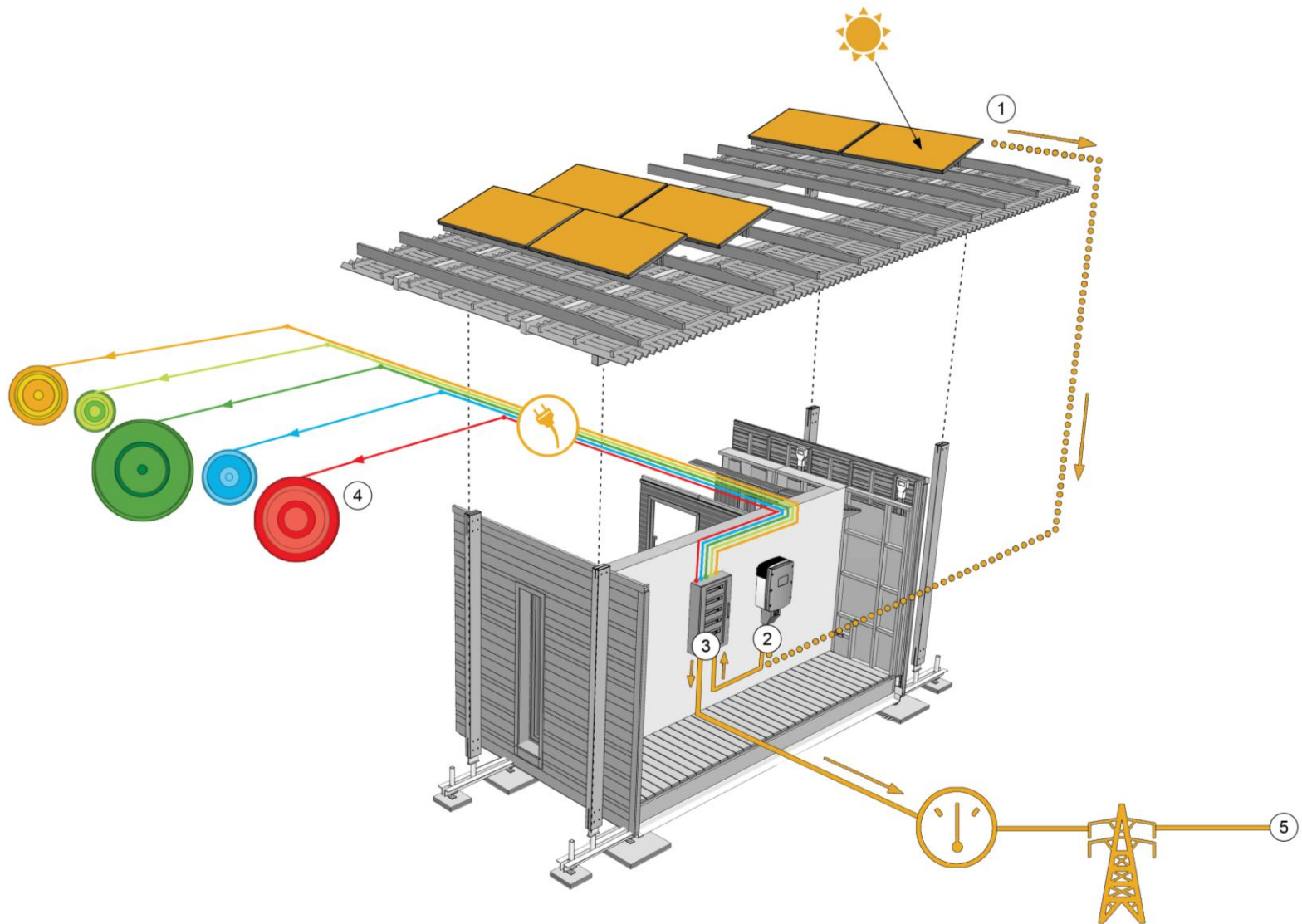


Figure 66: Diagram of hydronic drying cupboard



Energy generation





Net zero energy housing

Reducing our energy use to optimize our energy generation

- Designing with climate in mind to reduce our energy consumption
- Use thermal modeling to test building performance during the design phase and create an optimal thermal envelope
- Using basic technology to improve energy efficiency
- Test building to ensure it meets minimum standards
- Reducing energy use in day to day lives
- Generating the power using PV's

prototype **production**

Modular versus panelised

Learning from the construction of the Meridian First Light House



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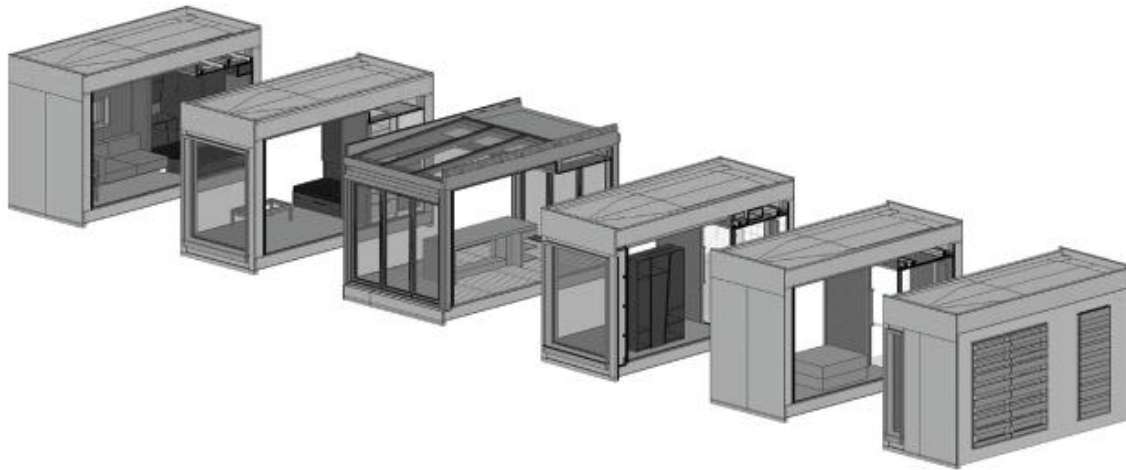


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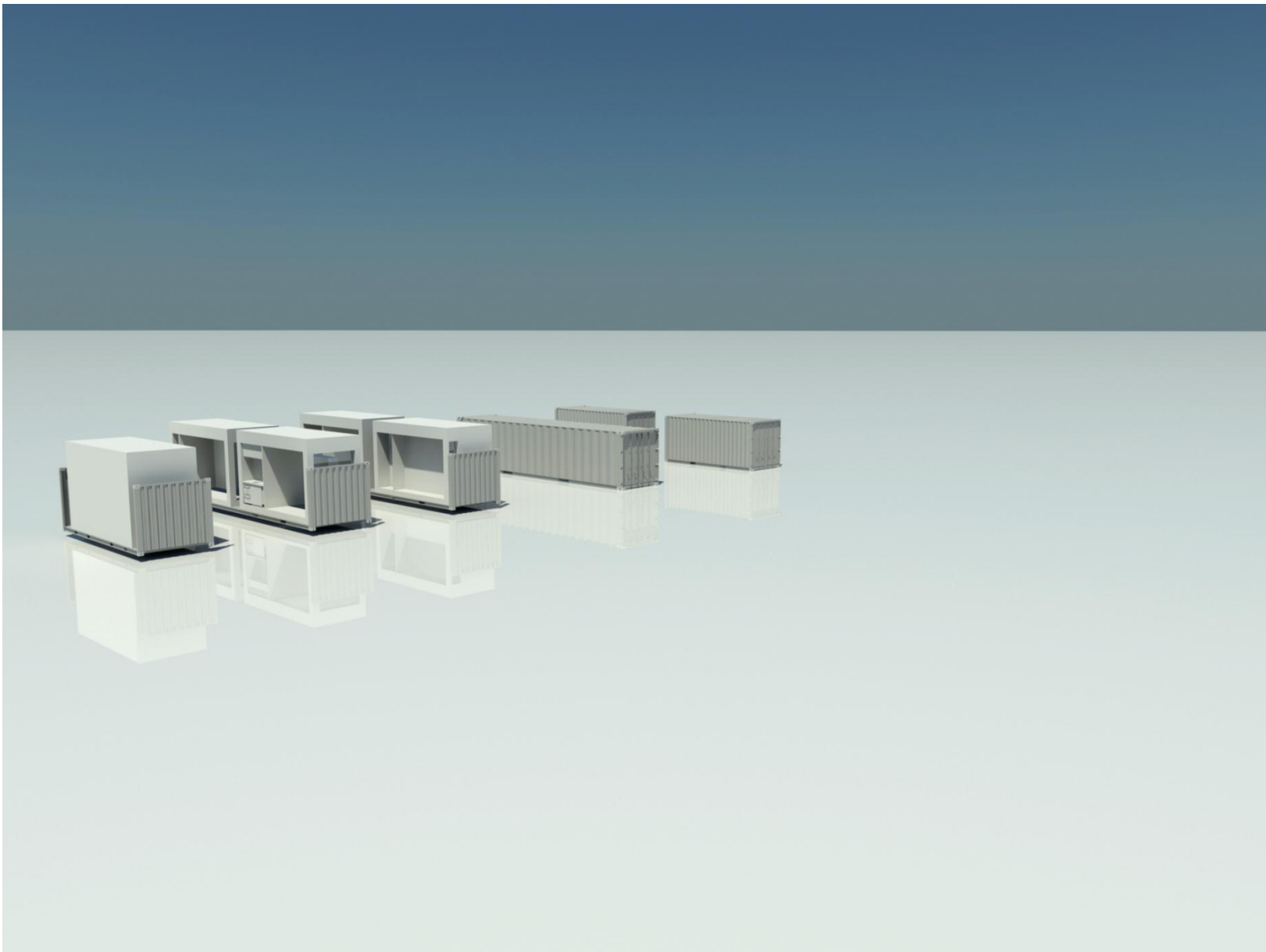
BUILT FOR TRANSPORT



- CONSTRAINED BY TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS
- 7 DAY ASSEMBLY TIMEFRAME
- MODULAR
- PREFABRICATED



- 5 EQUAL MODULES
- 'FLAT PACKED' CENTRAL MODULE
- 2x 40' FLAT RACKS
- 1x 20' FLAT RACK
- 3x 40' HI CUBE CONTAINERS

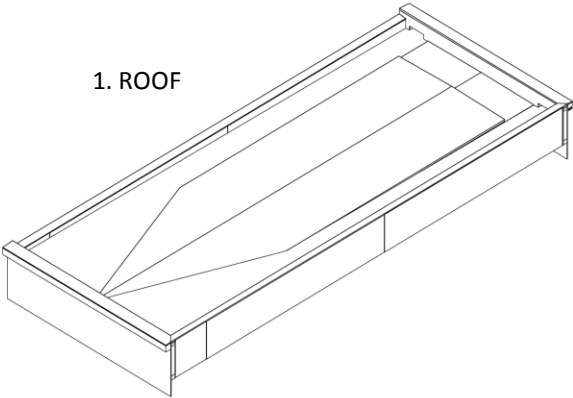


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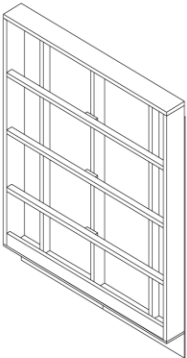


TYPICAL MODULE
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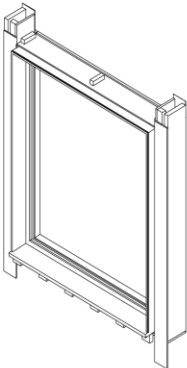
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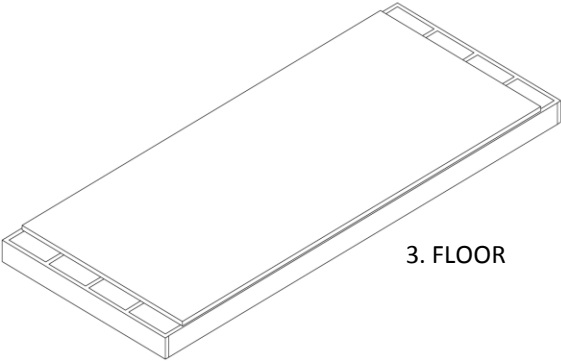
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2. WALL



2. WALL & WINDOW



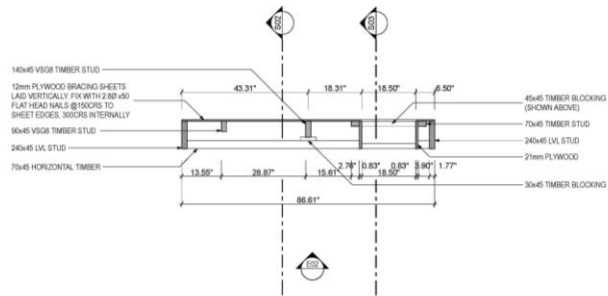
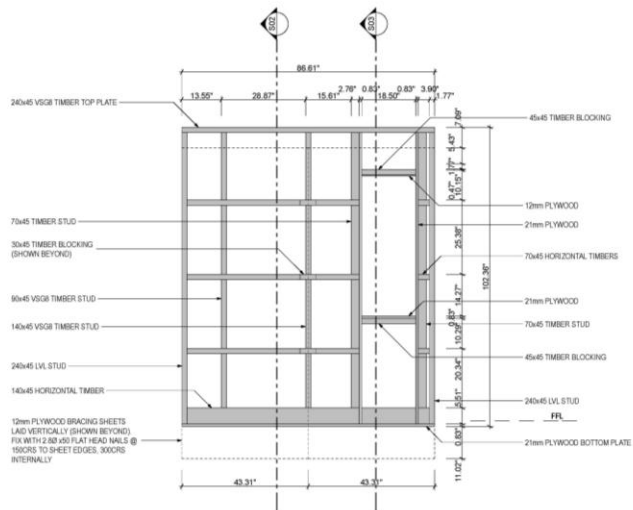
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EXPLODED MODULE
PREFABRICATED

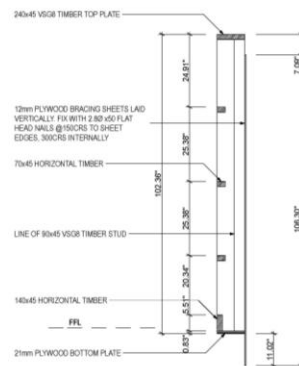




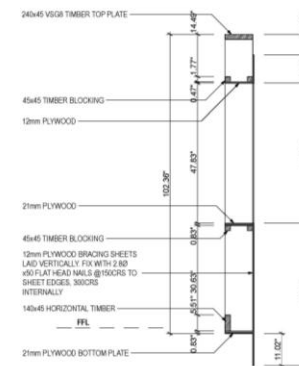
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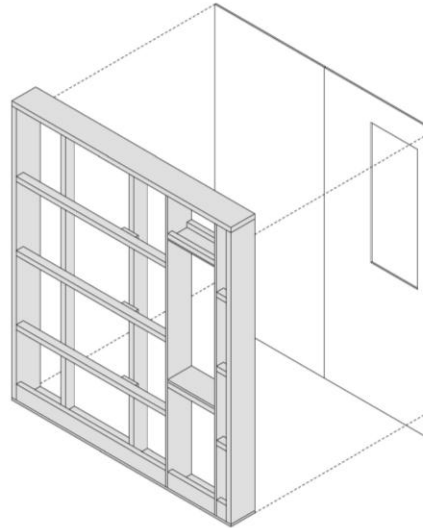
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S02 SECTION
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S03 SECTION
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GENERAL NOTES

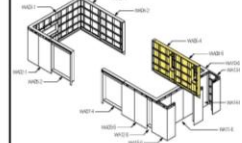
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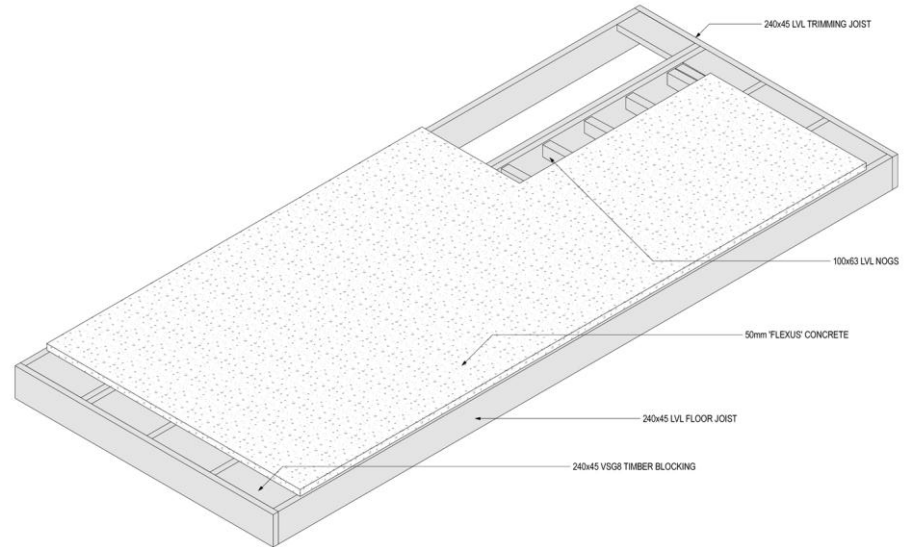
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FLEXUS CONCRETE AND LVL COMPOSITE FLOORS



Installing Ecoinsulation wool to underside of floor panel



- 50mm THERMAL MASS
- LVL JOISTS
- RESISTANCE TO CRACKING
- 5.4m SPAN









Hybrid construction

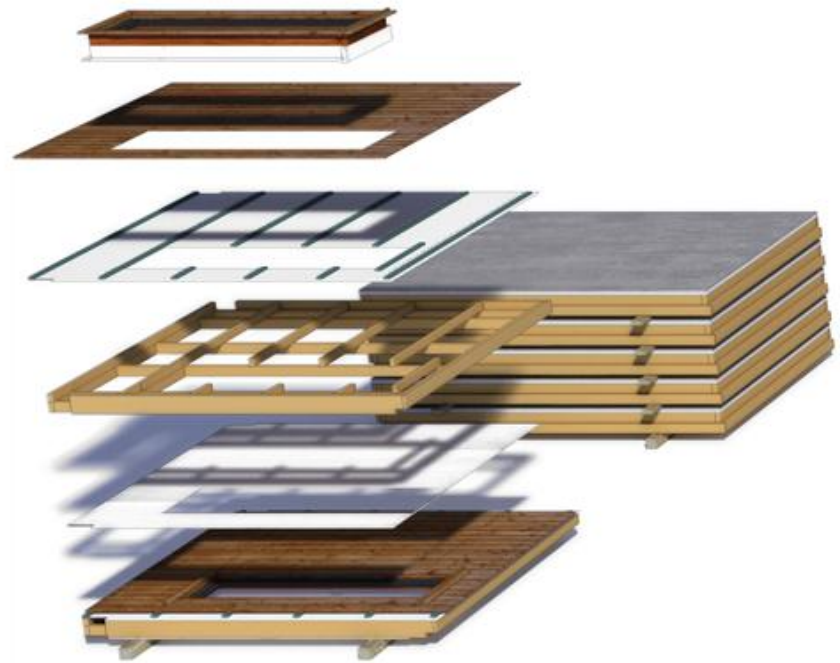
Precision engineered in a factory





Factory built

Building houses on site from scratch is messy, wasteful, and outdated. We build all our houses in a carefully controlled factory environment and we are working at the leading edge of the industry. By making the most of the latest in construction technology, we build efficiency and quality right into your new home, from day one.



Factory Built



Precision engineered

By designing our walls, roof and floors on the computer, and constructing them as individual panels in a factory, we take the hassle and room for error away from those working on site. Engineered panels are delivered direct, made to measure.



Panels



Trucked direct

Take advantage of our central building location, and have your new home trucked direct to site. All our materials are delivered direct to us, and then we deliver the house direct to you. No double or triple handling. No lost deliveries. No sending things back that don't fit. With First Light, your home will be working as it should, right from the speedy start.



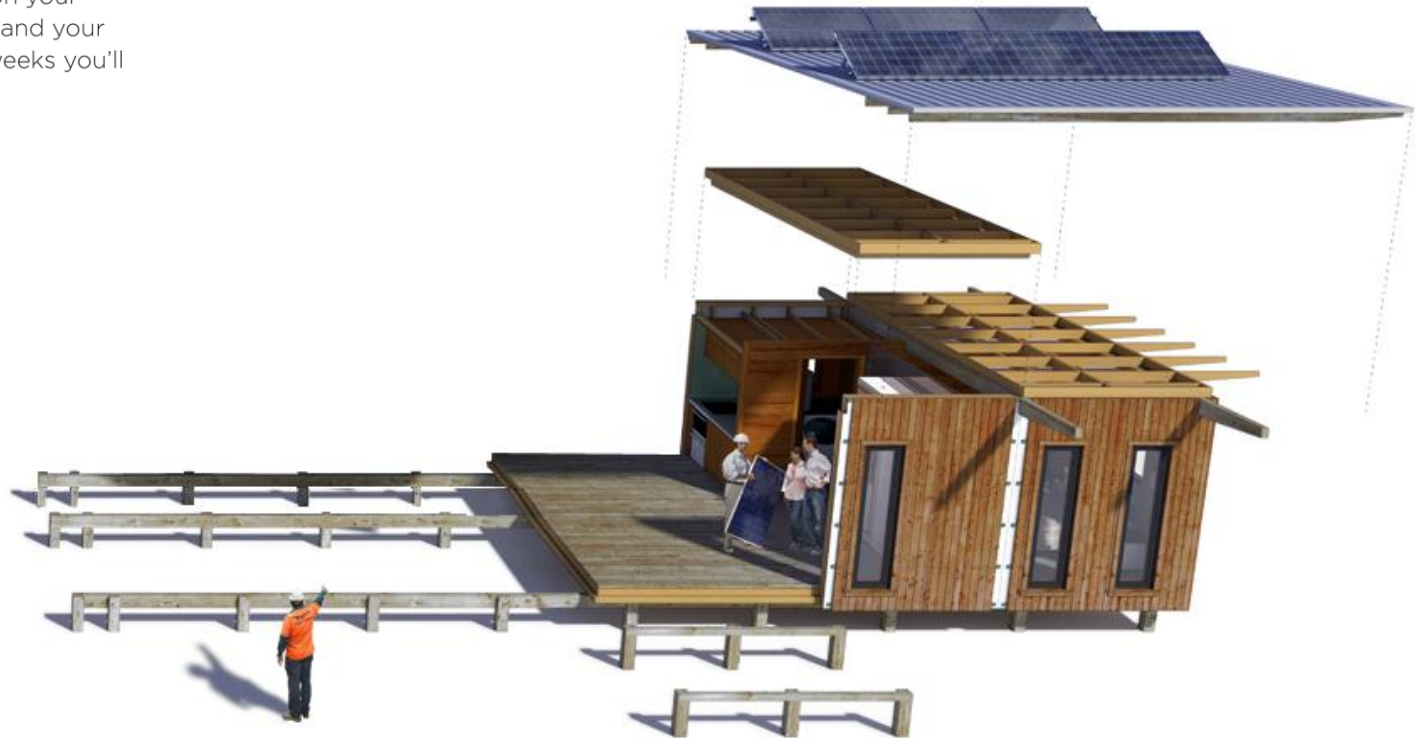
Pods



Rapid assembly

Don't blink, you'll miss it!

Houses don't need to take months to build, and months to finish. At First Light, they won't. After the foundations are in, give us two weeks on site, and we'll give you a house. Depending on your specifications for finishes and your site, within the next few weeks you'll be in your home! That's it!



Hybrid prefabrication

Whakahoro Eco Lodge















WHAKAHORO
ECO LODGE
WALL 2

WHAKAHORO
ECO LODGE
POD 1

WHAKAHORO
ECO LODGE
WALL 4





Where to from here?

*Lets create a new generation of NZ homes
where energy efficiency and contemporary living
are brought together to create a place that is
both sympathetic to the environment and tuned
to our way of life - for future generations to enjoy*

What are we waiting for?

Information & resources?

Experience & expertise?

Innovation & improvement?

Government?



*Whatever it is we are not going to get there
without working together...*



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