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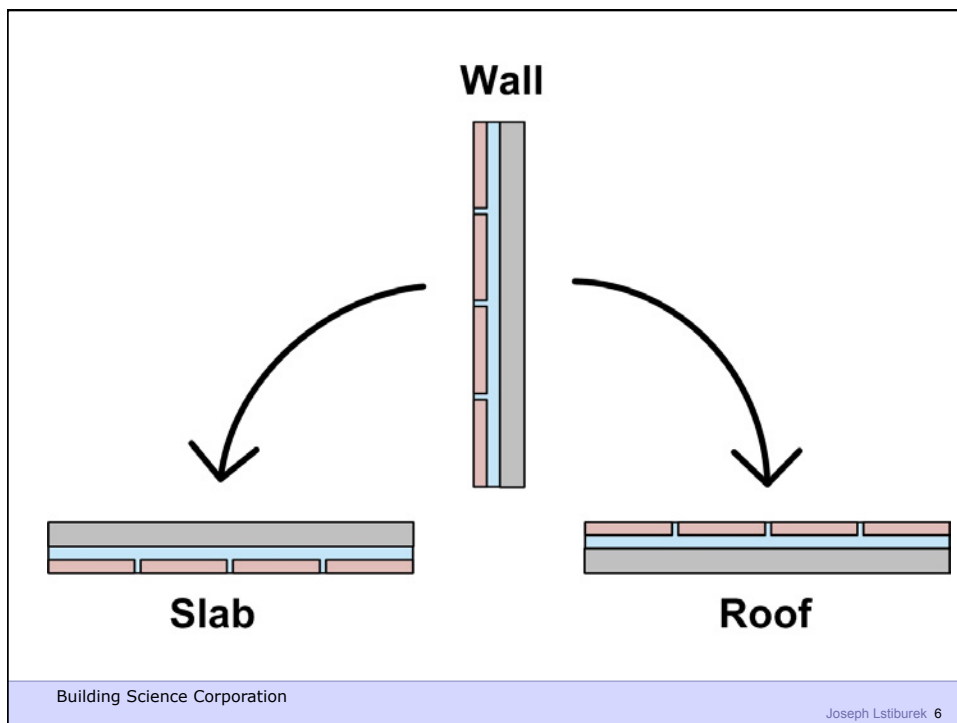
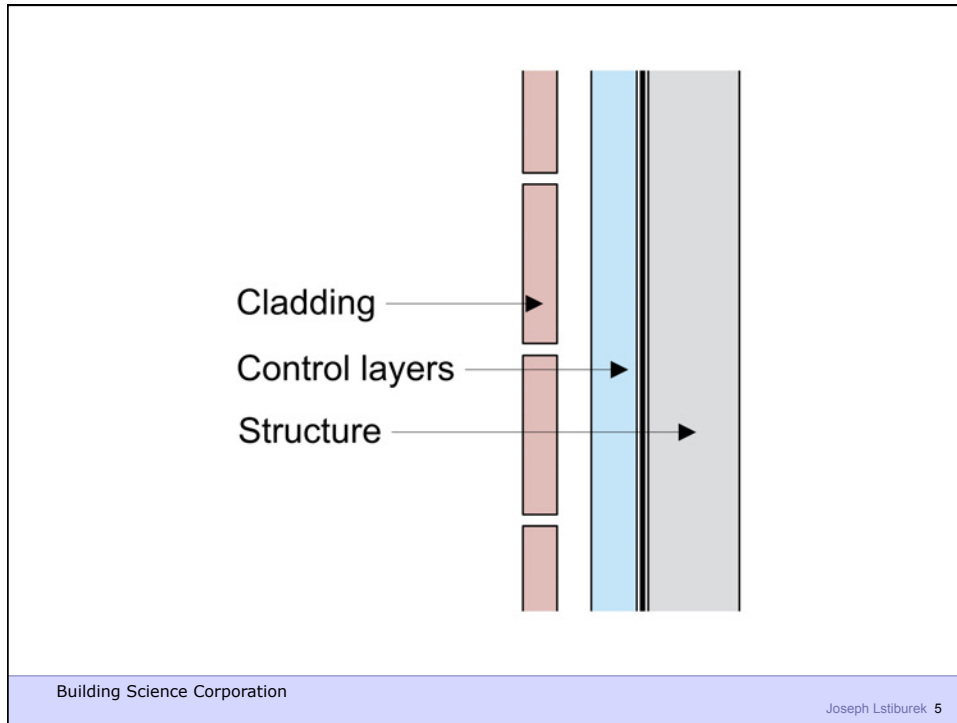
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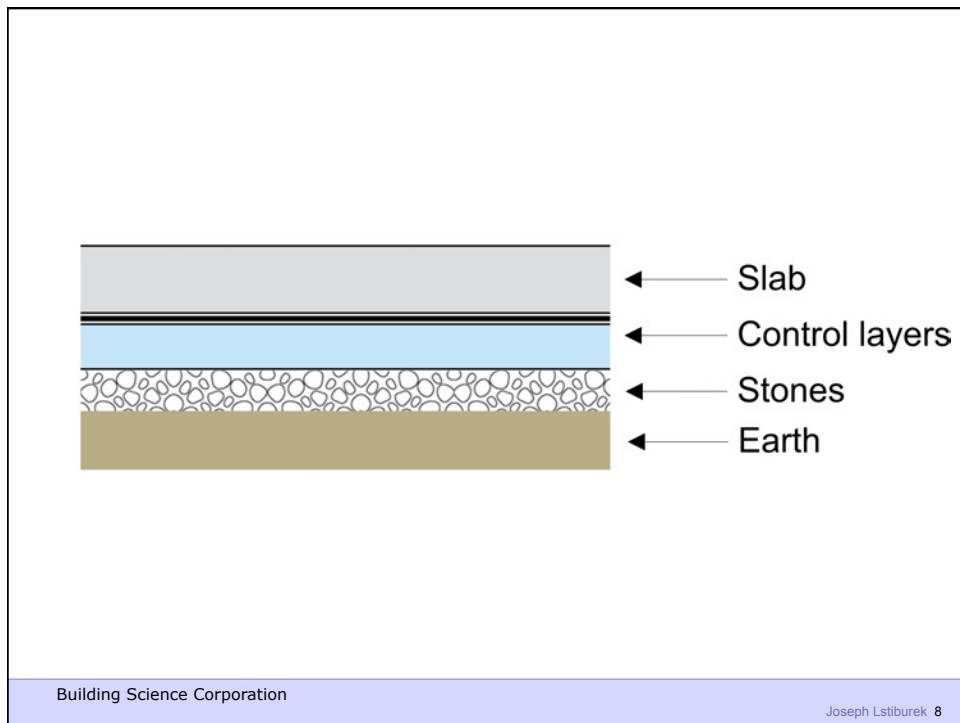
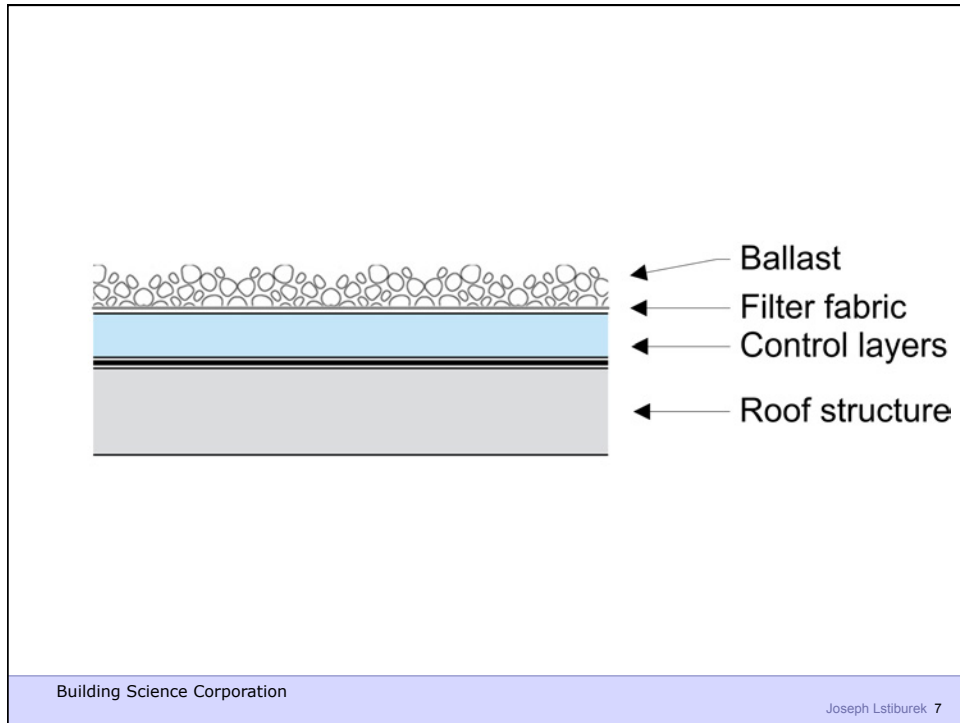
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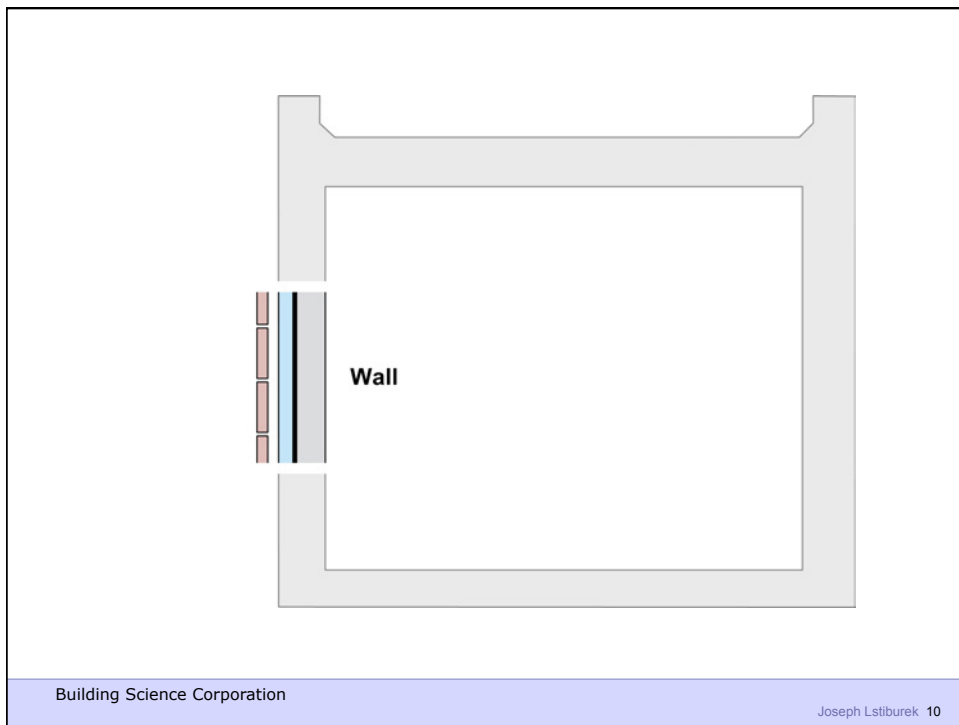
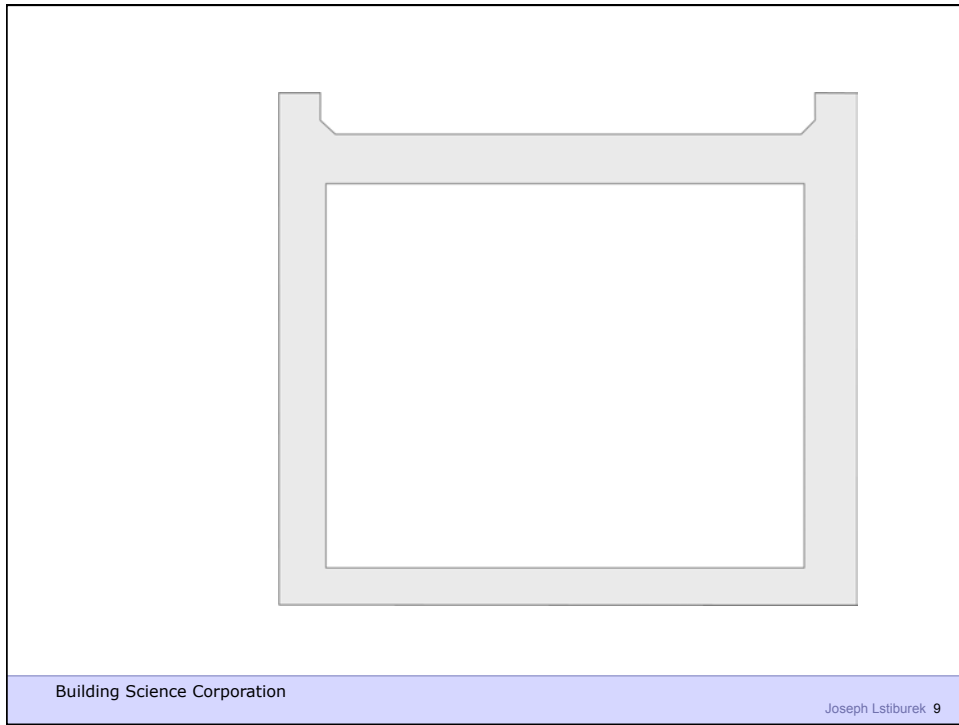
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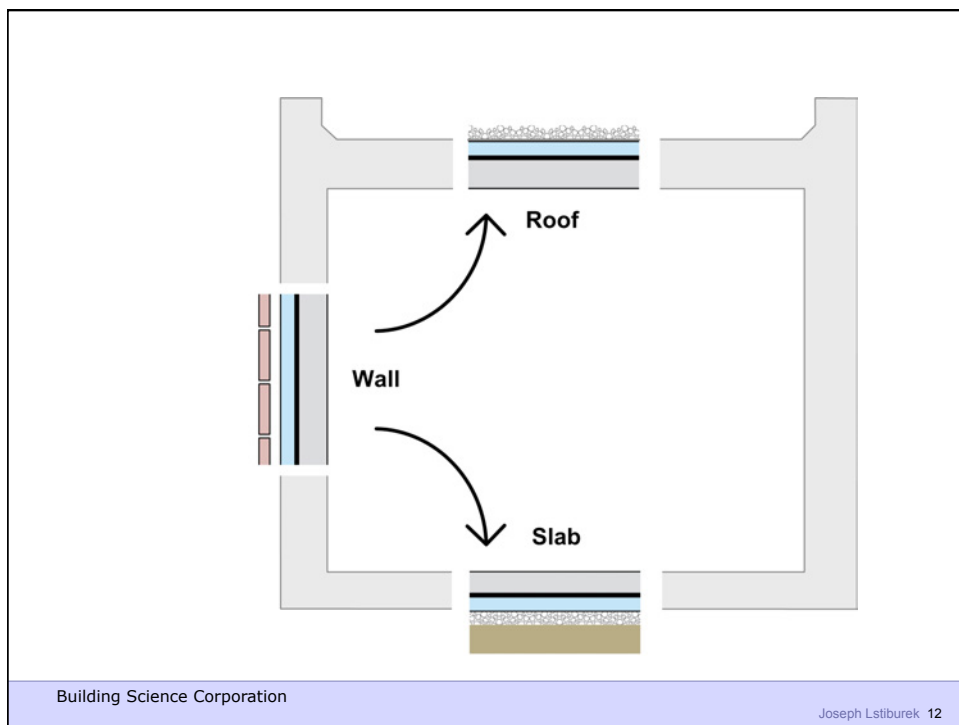
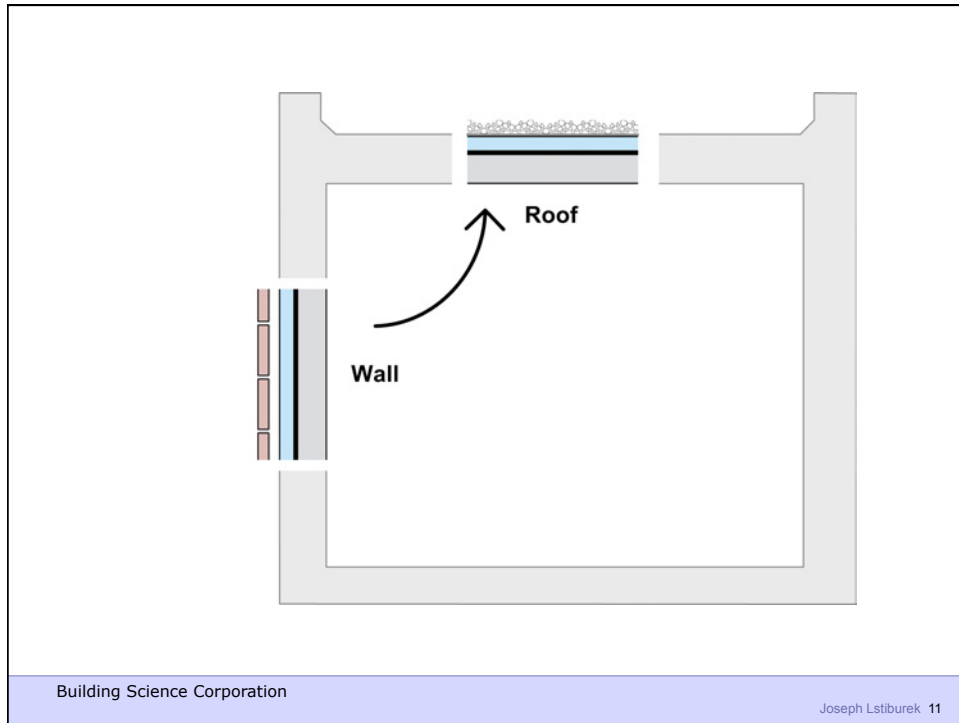
- Control heat flow
- Control airflow
- Control water vapor flow
- Control rain
- Control ground water
- Control light and solar radiation
- Control noise and vibrations
- Control contaminants, environmental hazards and odors
- Control insects, rodents and vermin
- Control fire
- Provide strength and rigidity
- Be durable
- Be aesthetically pleasing
- Be economical

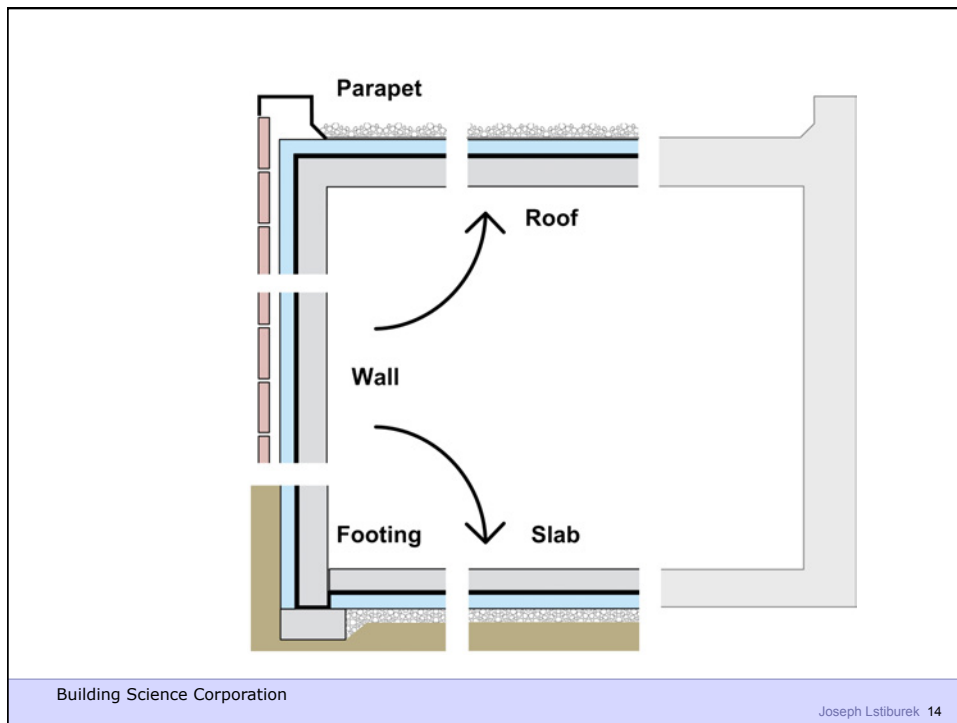
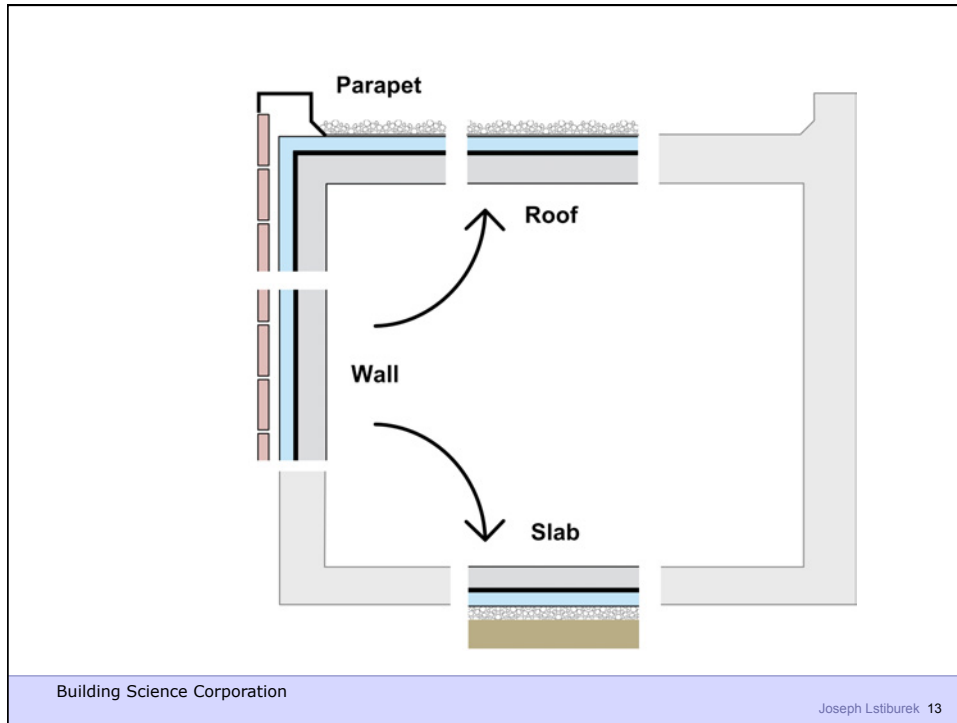
Water Control Layer
Air Control Layer
Vapor Control Layer
Thermal Control Layer

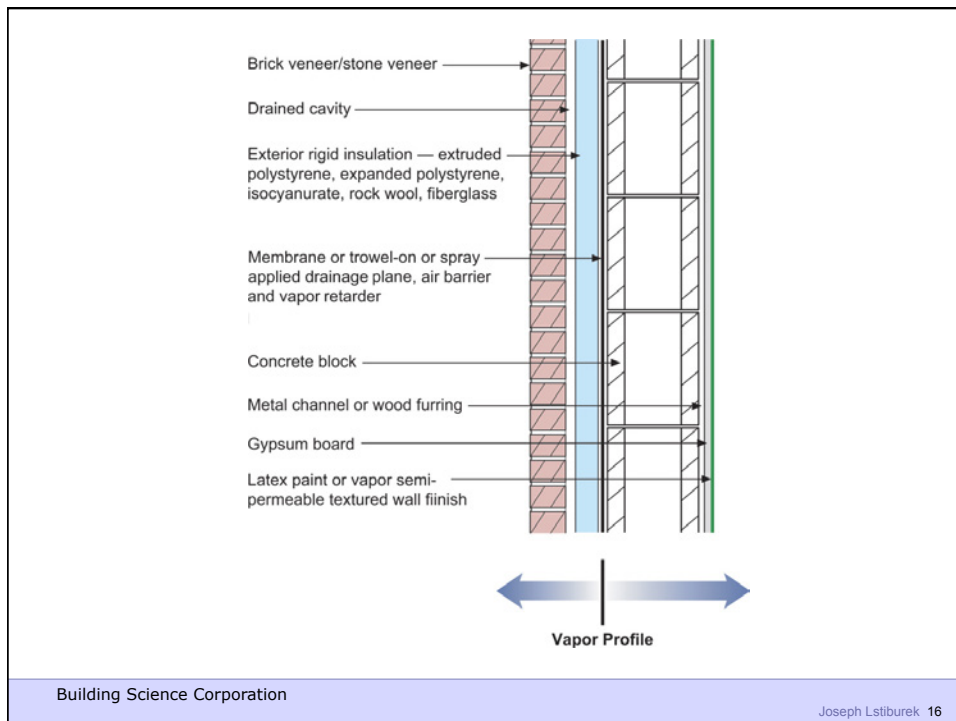
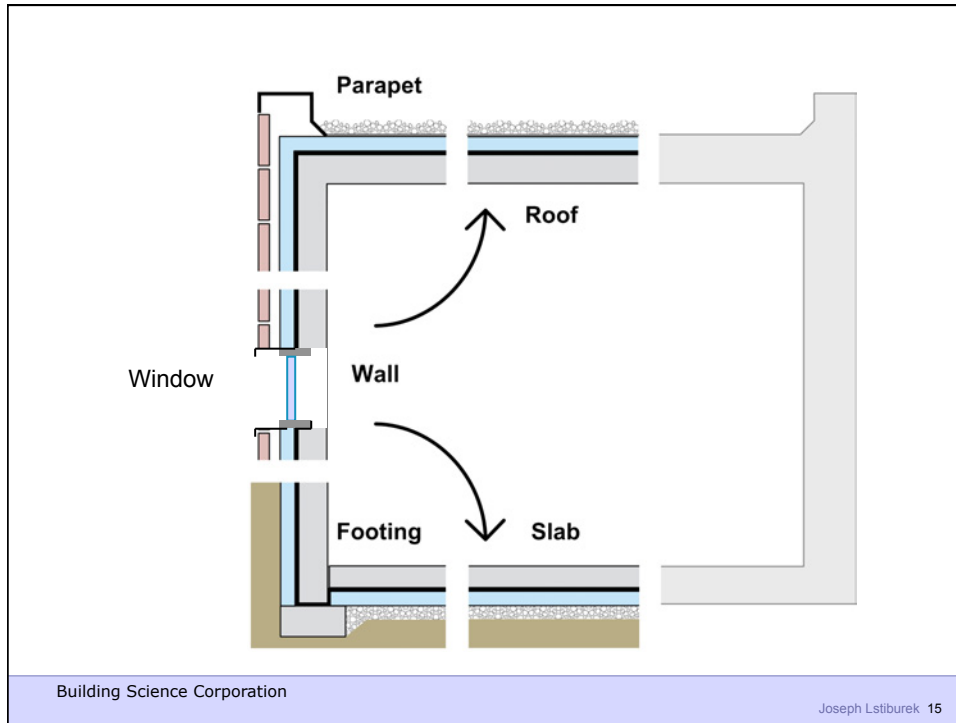


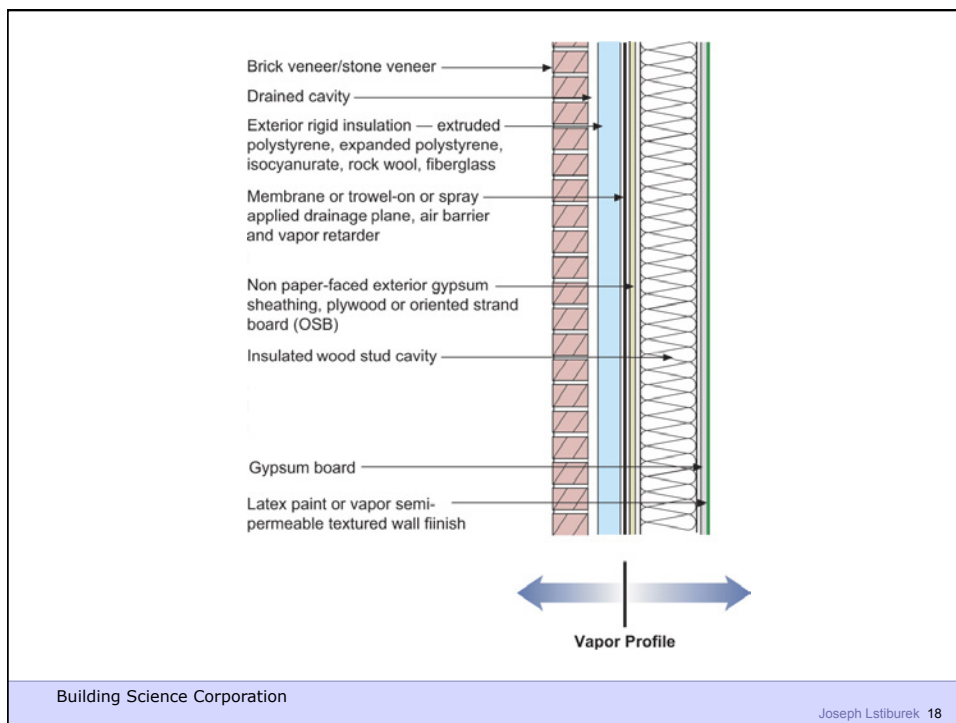
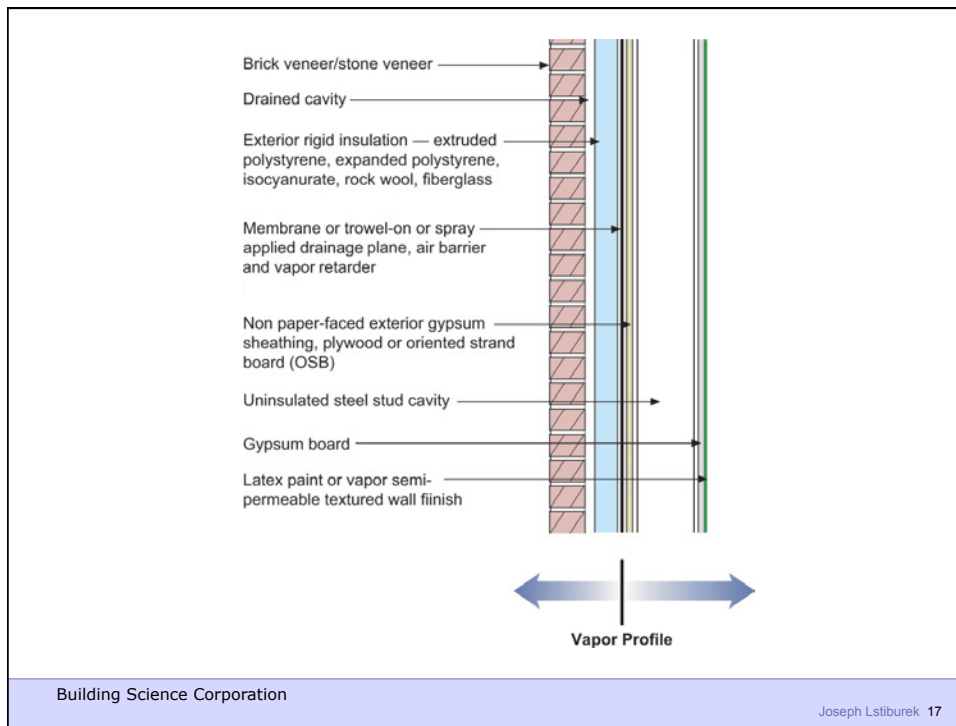




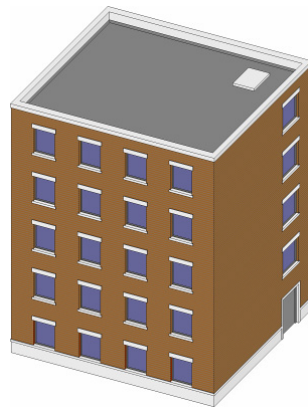








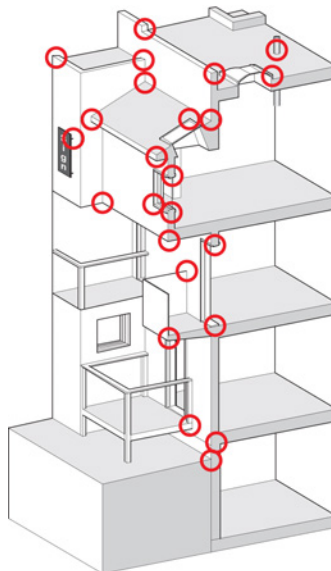
Commercial Enclosure: Simple Layers



- Structure
- Rain/Air/Vapor
- Insulation
- Finish

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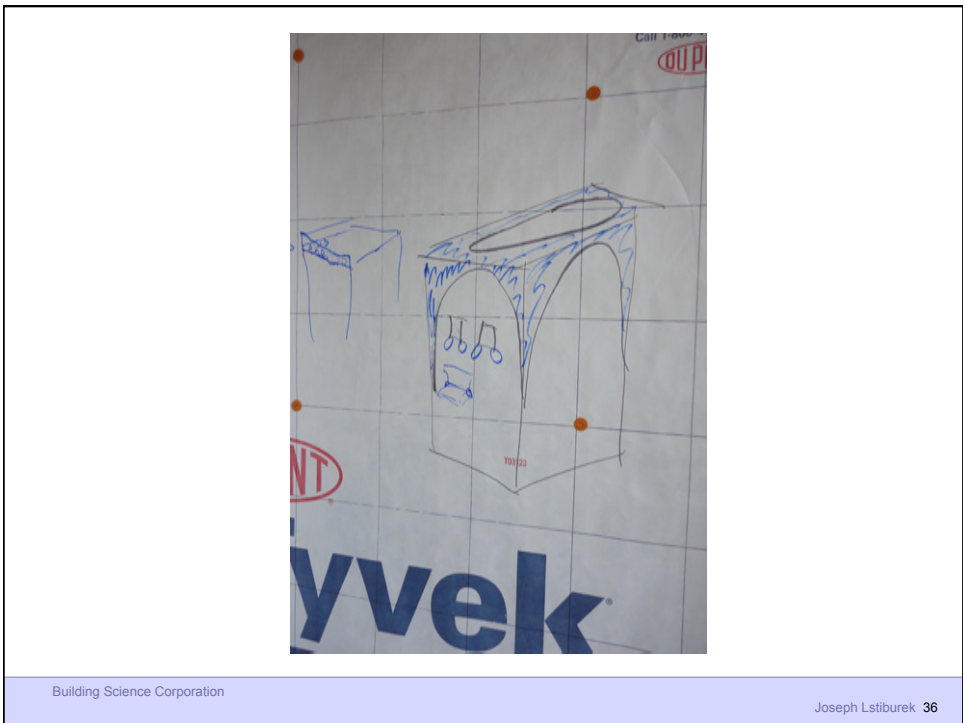
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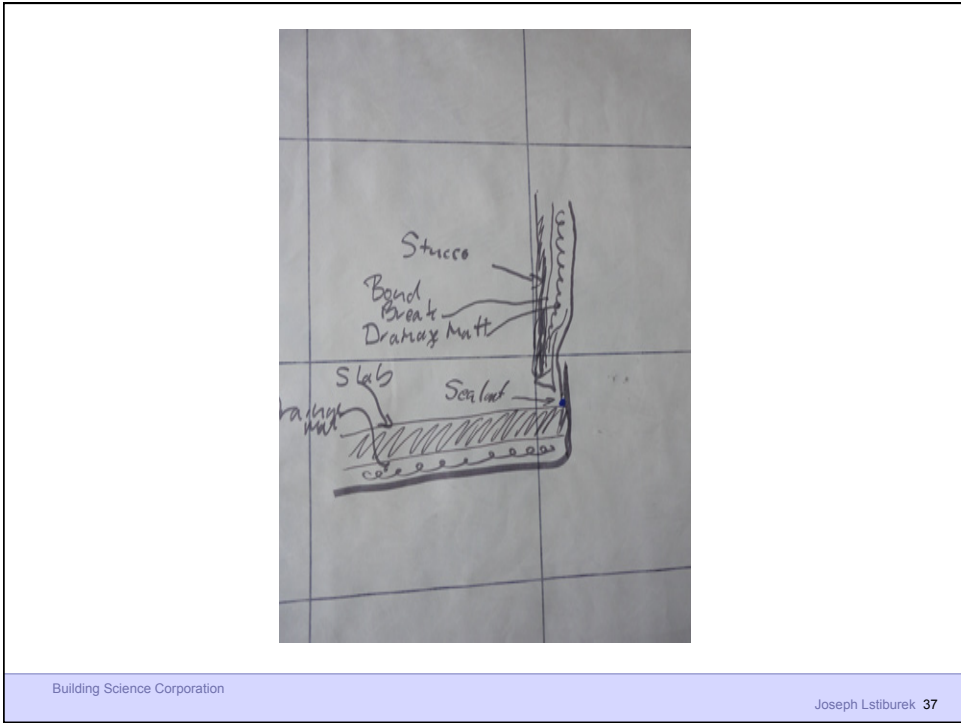
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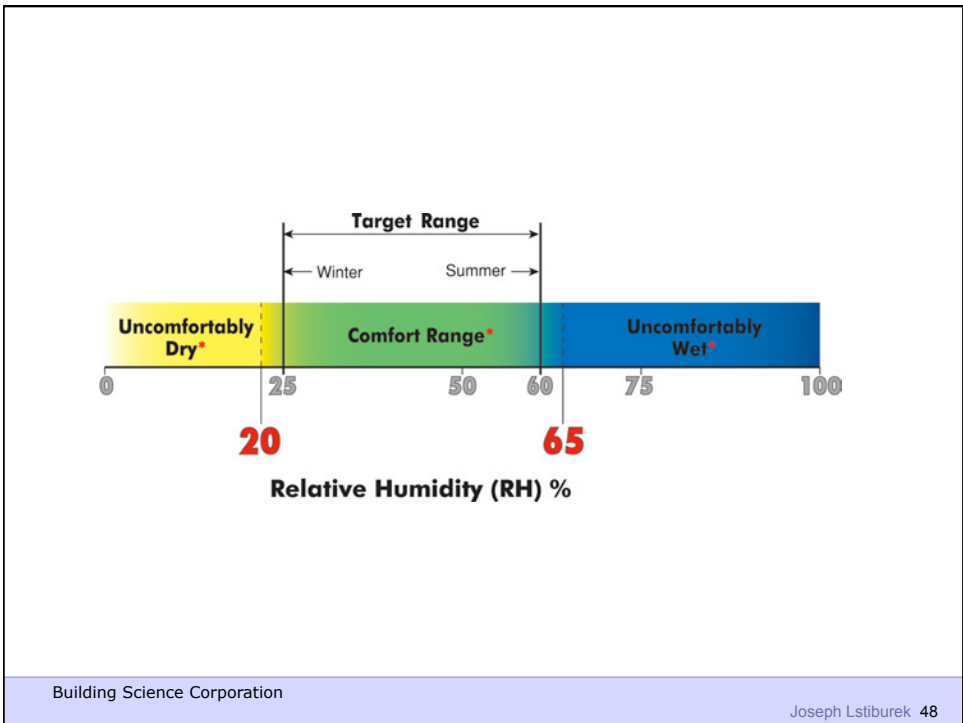
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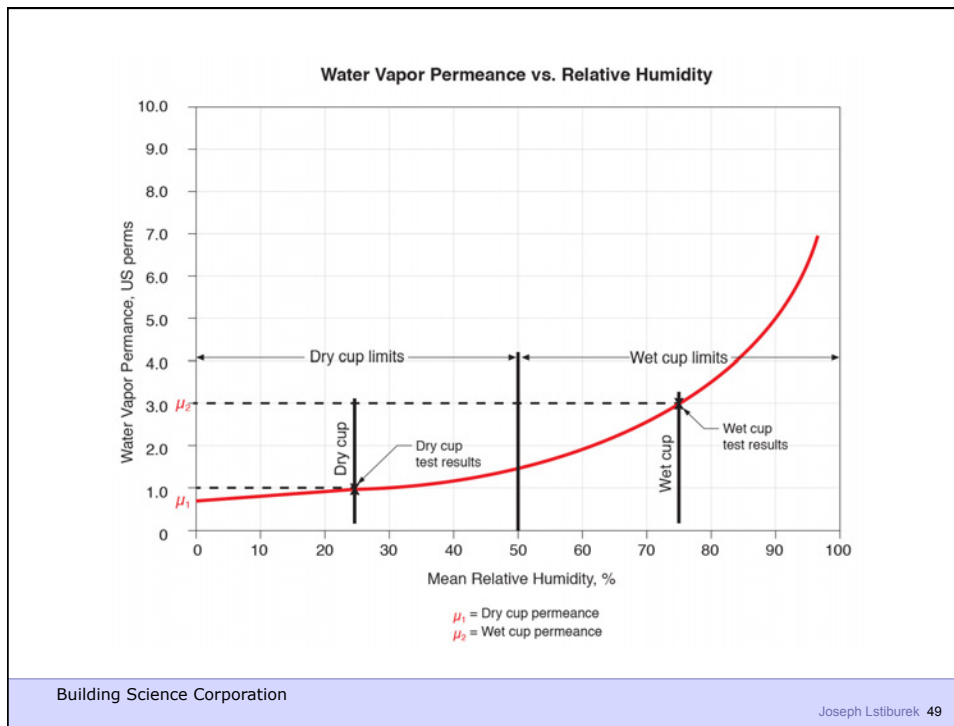
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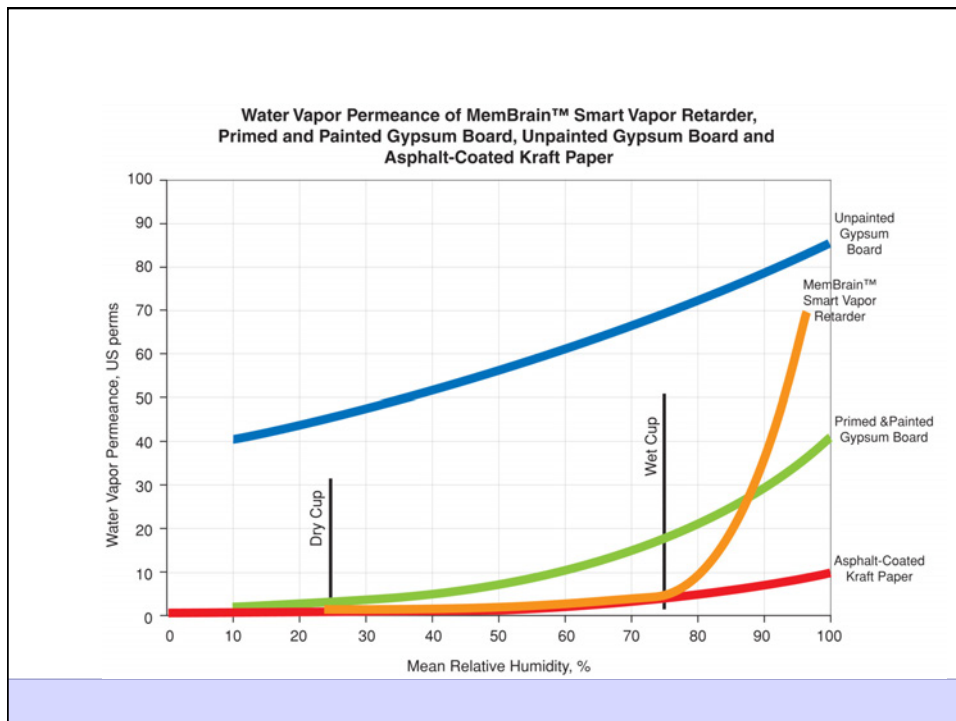
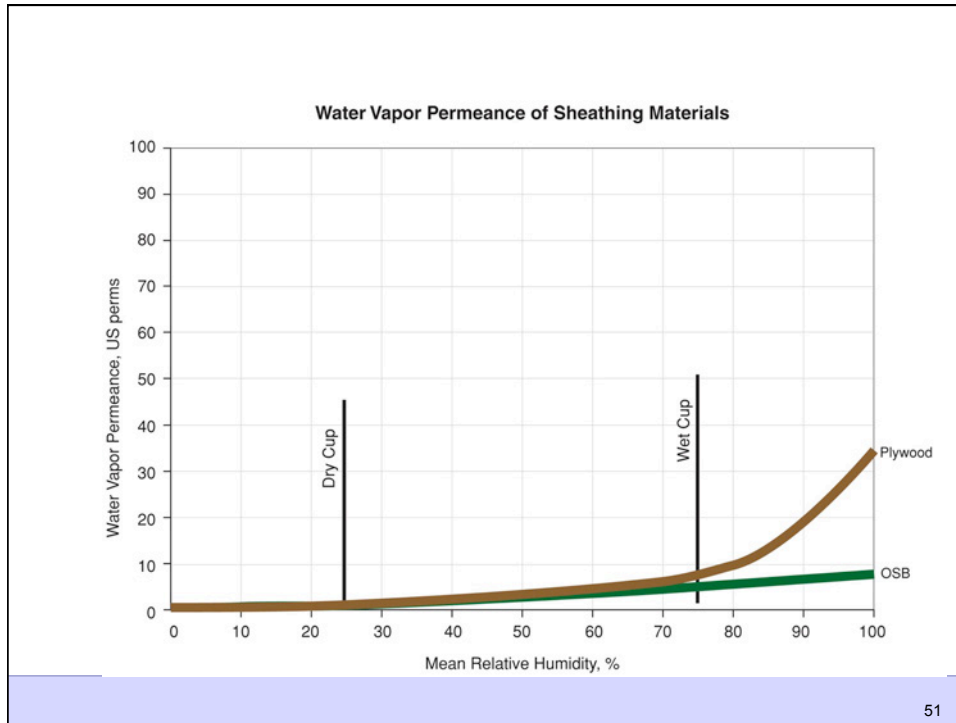


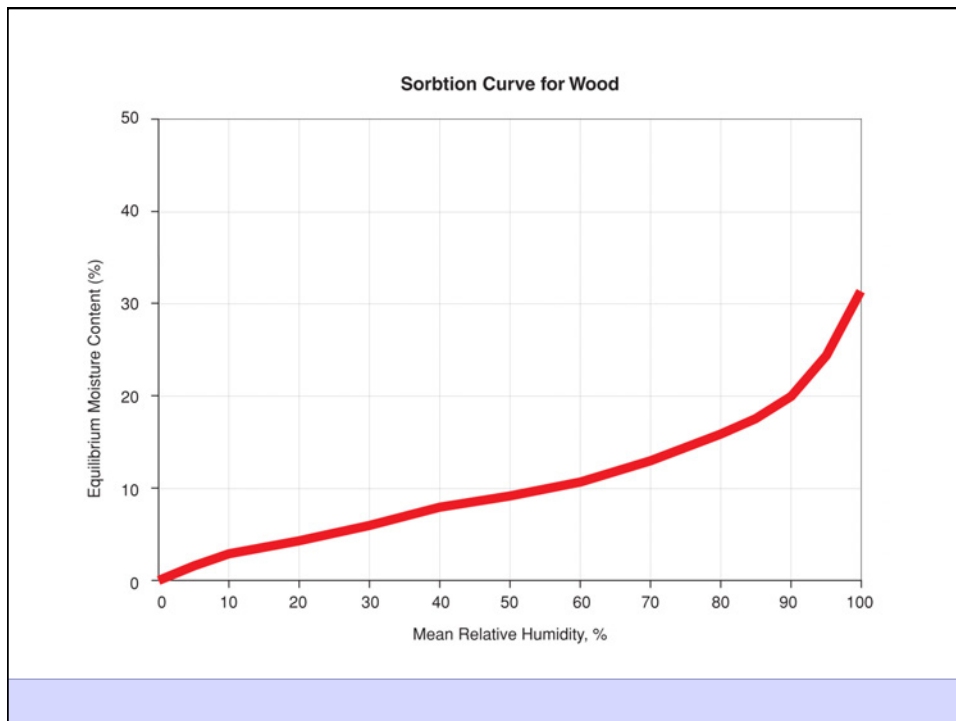
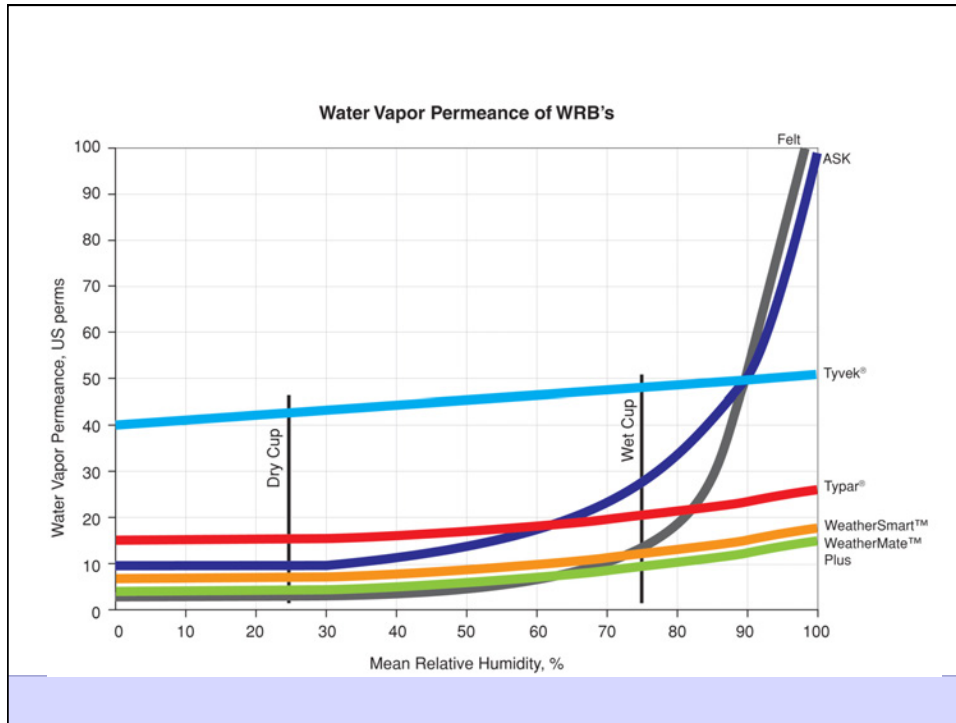
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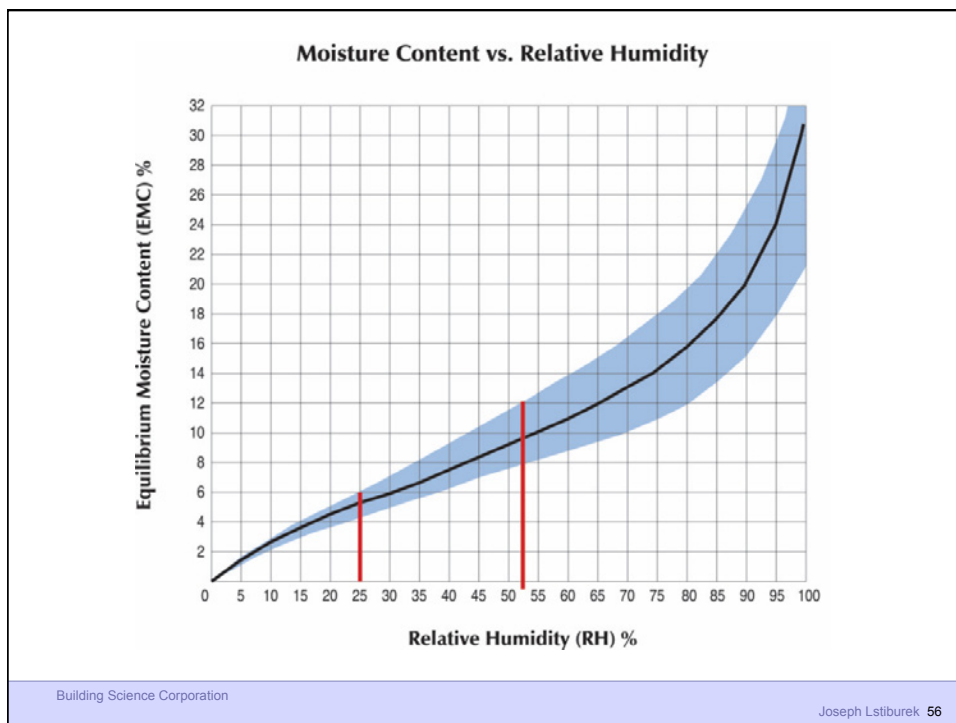
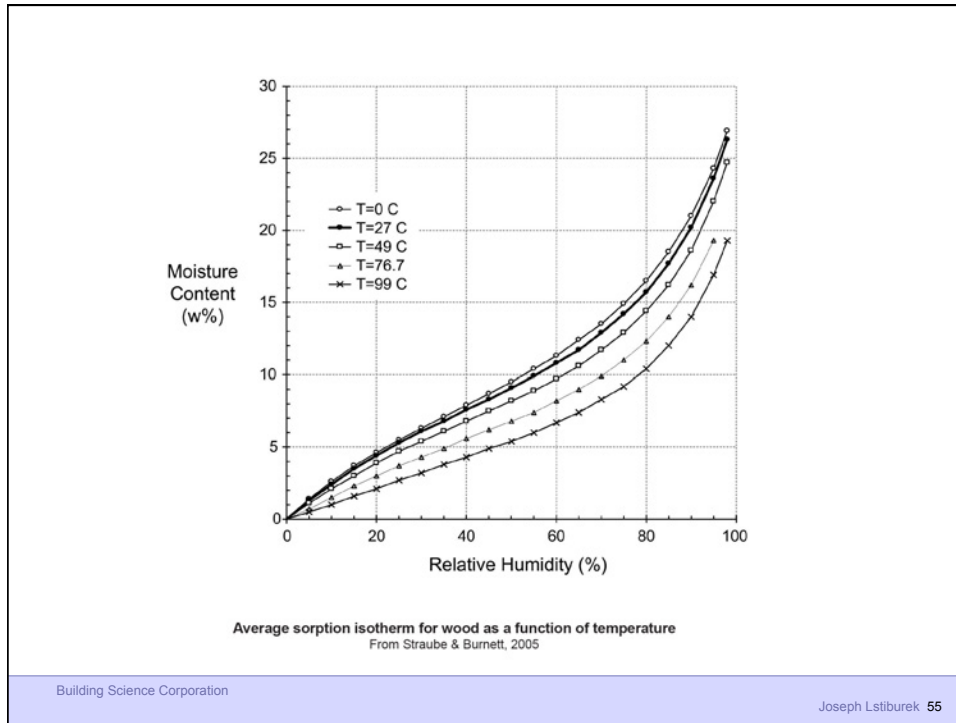
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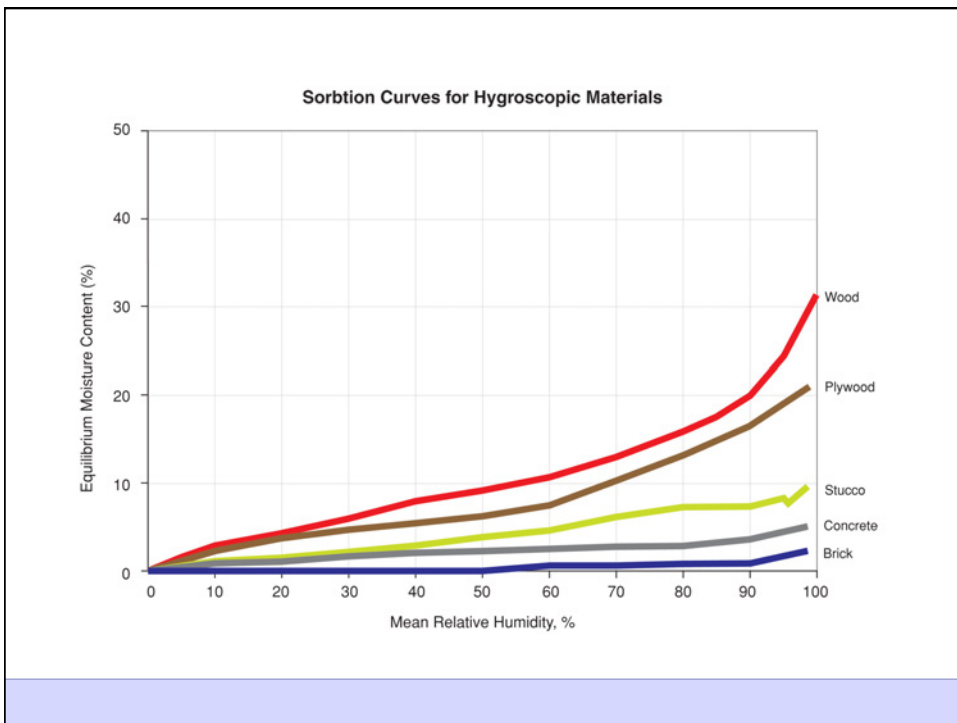














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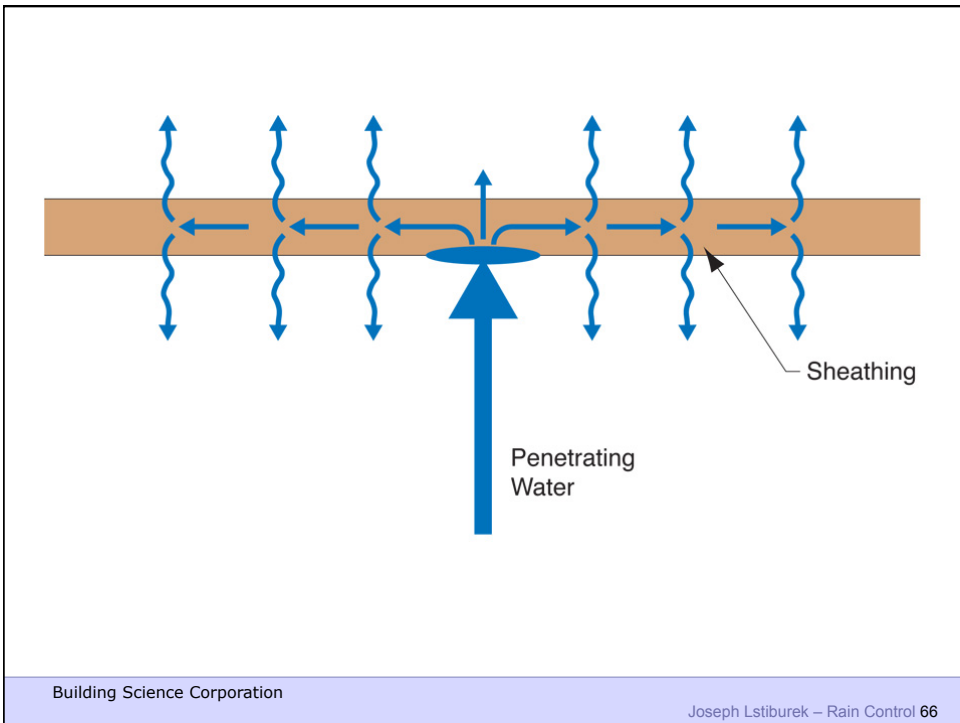
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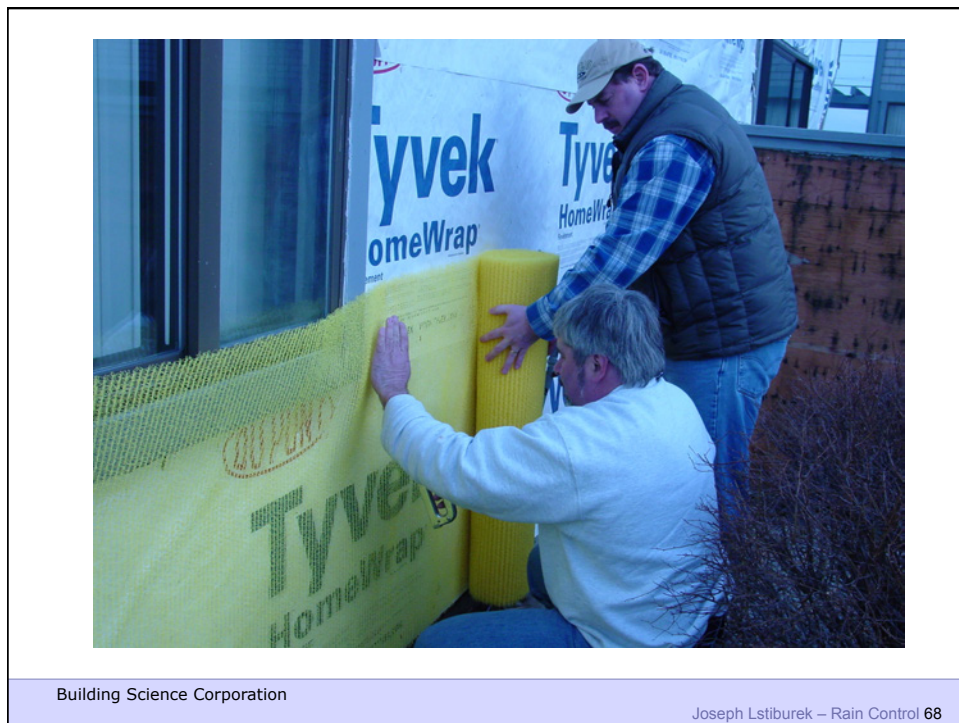
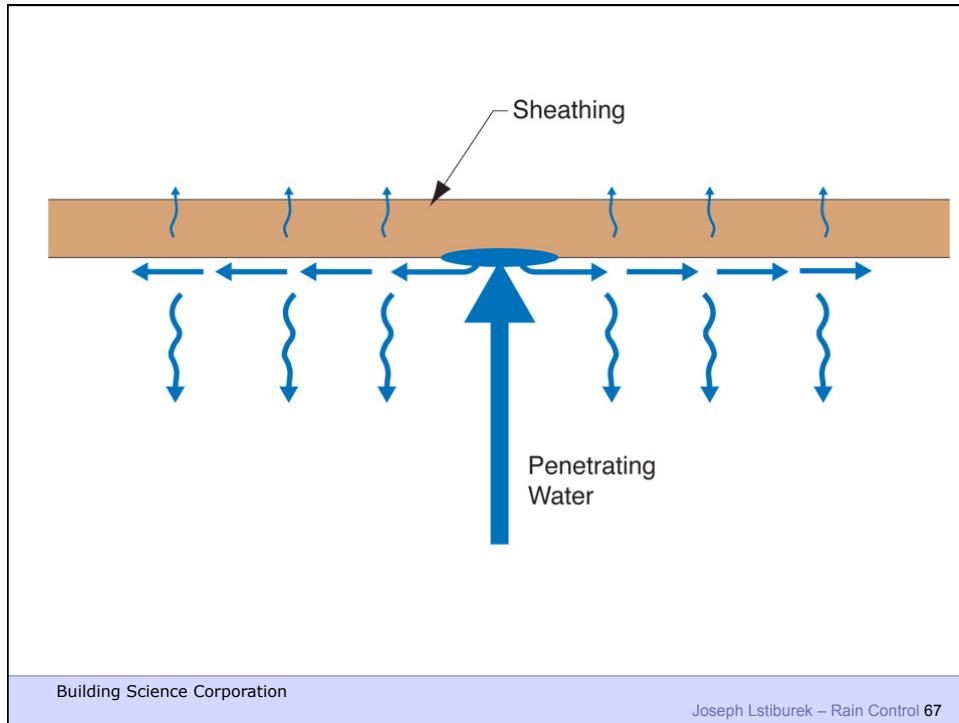
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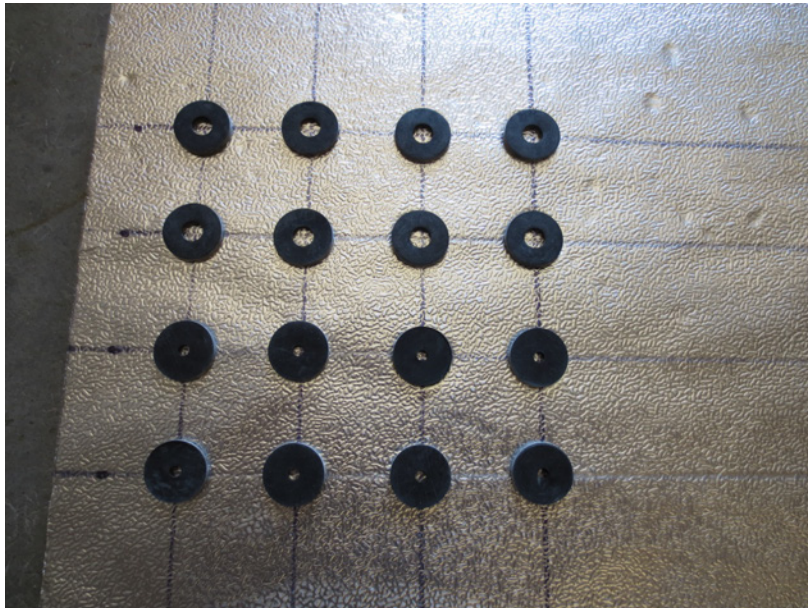




Rain Screen

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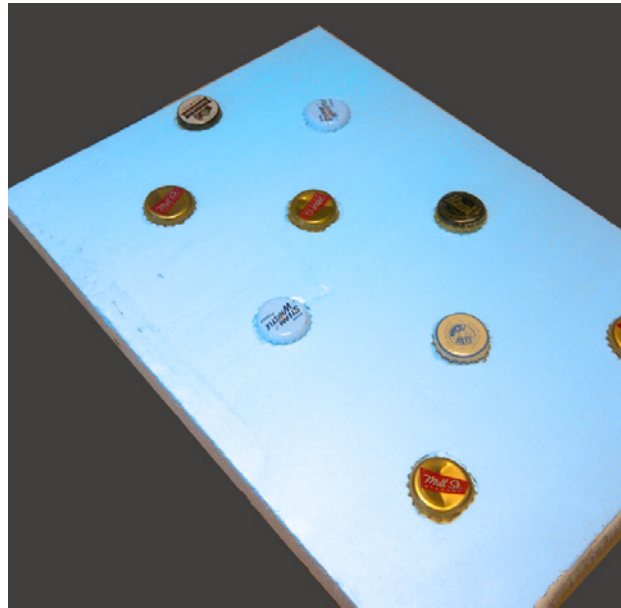
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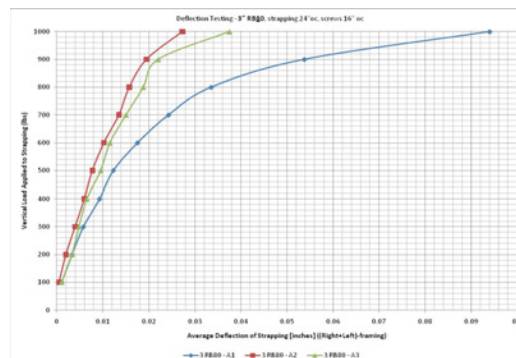
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Rockwool

1x3 furring @ 24" o.c.
 #10 screws @ 16" o.c. vertically
 Result: 20 psf cladding weight
 with < 2/100" deflection



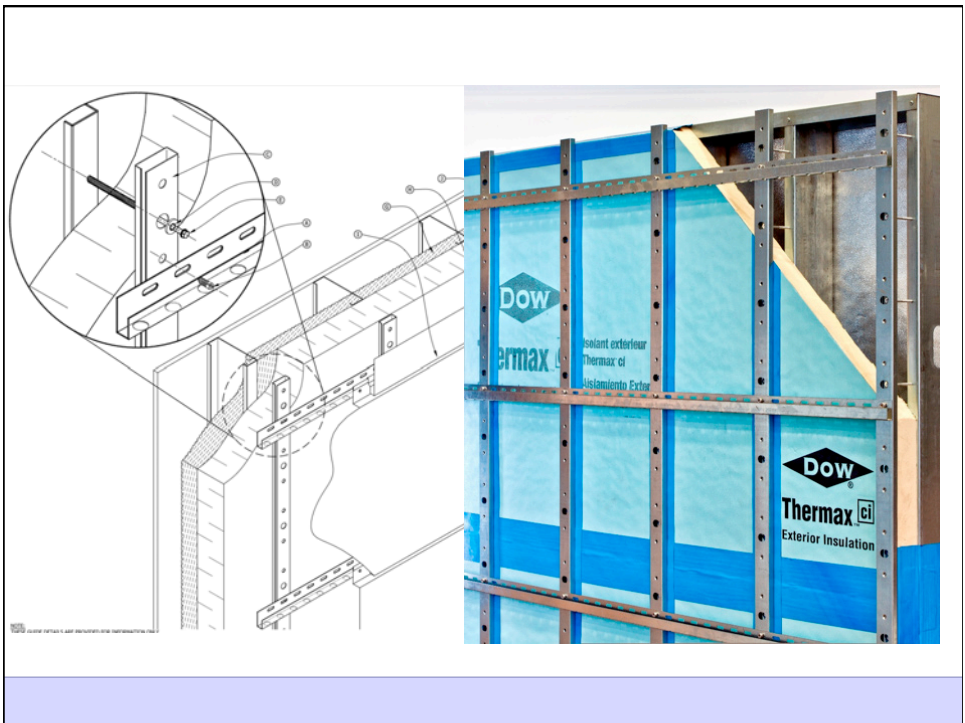
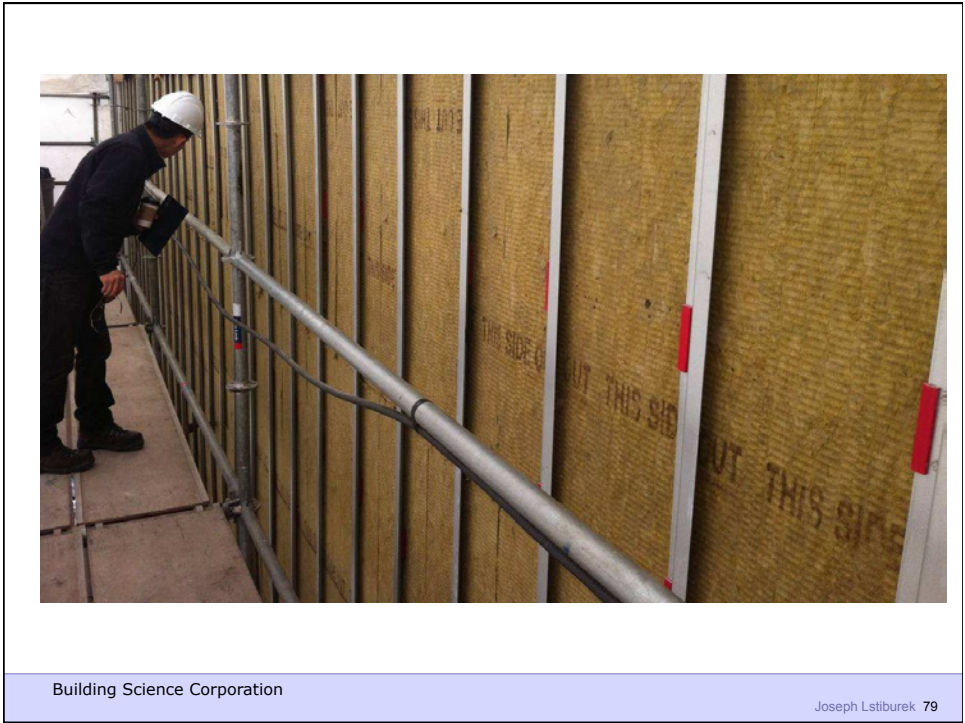


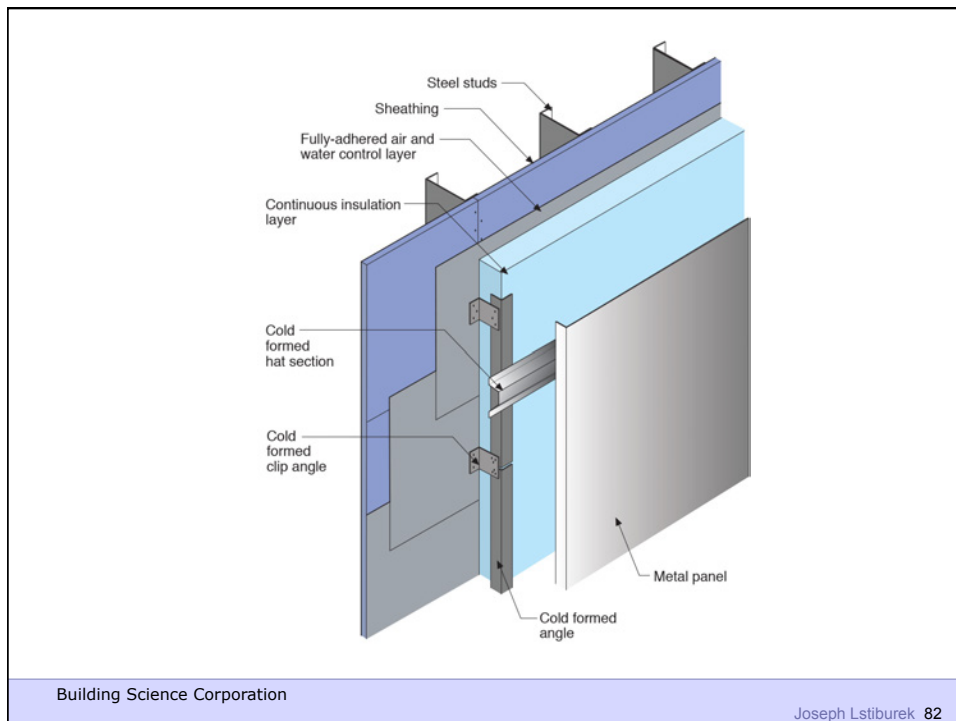
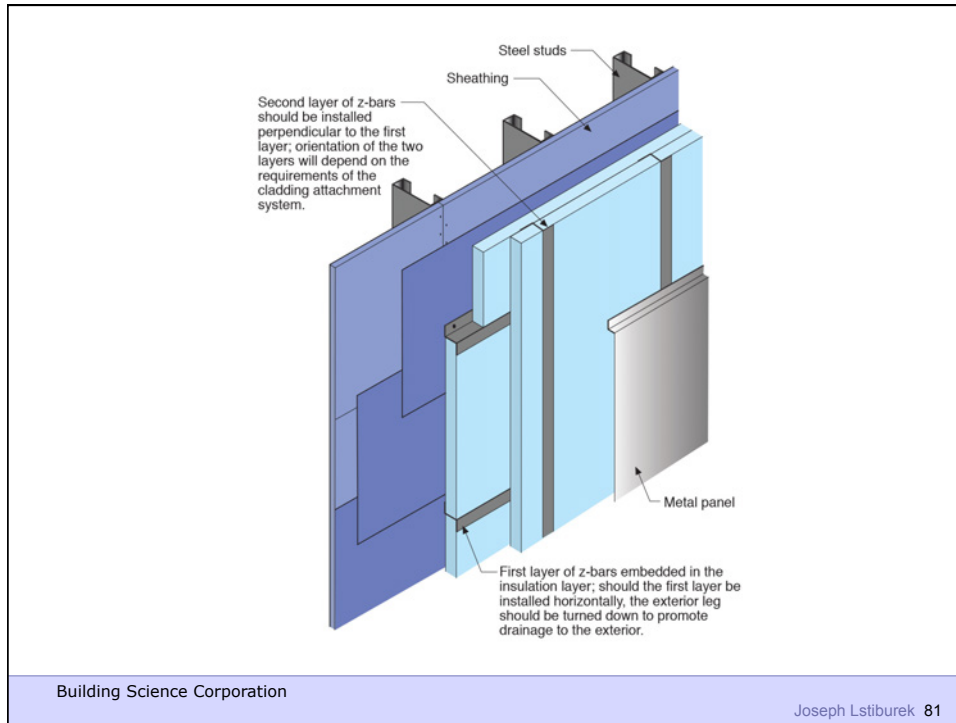
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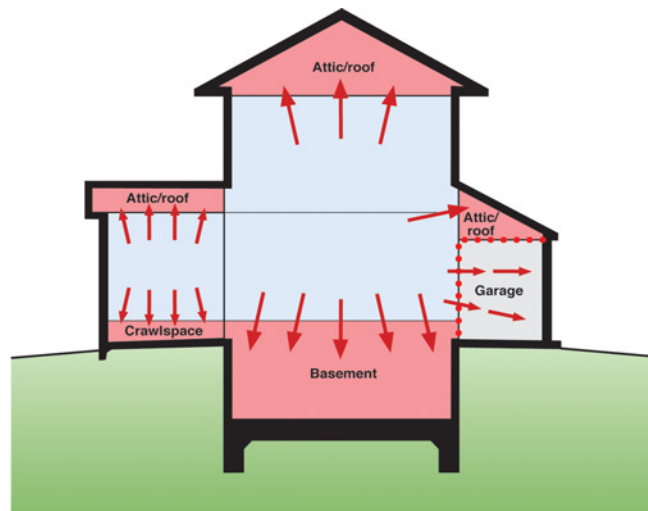


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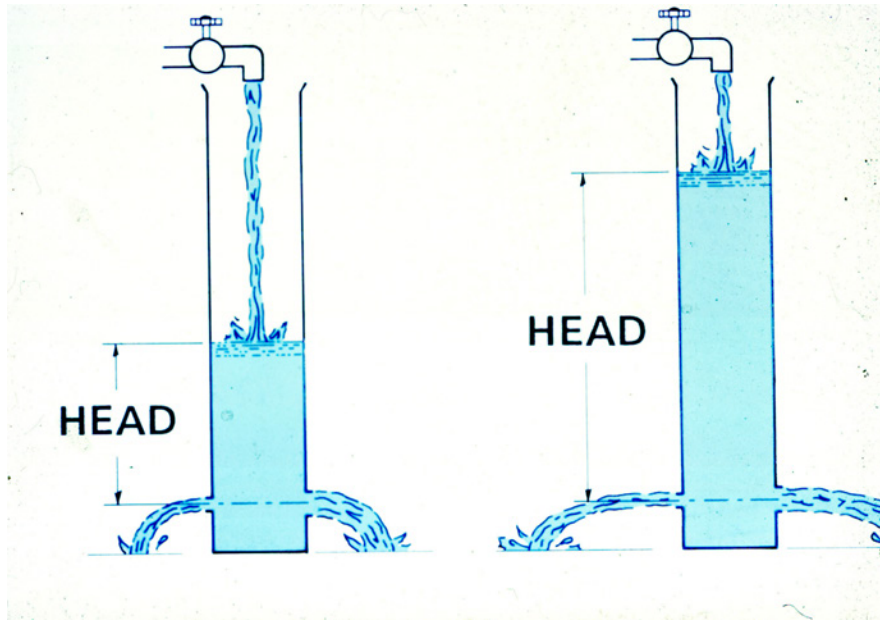


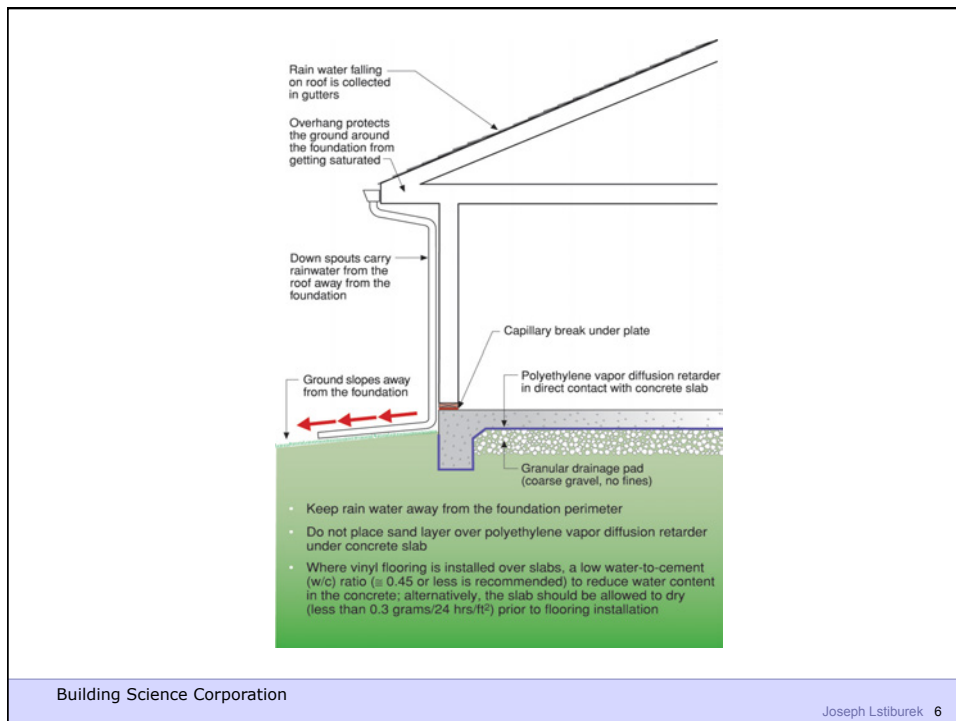
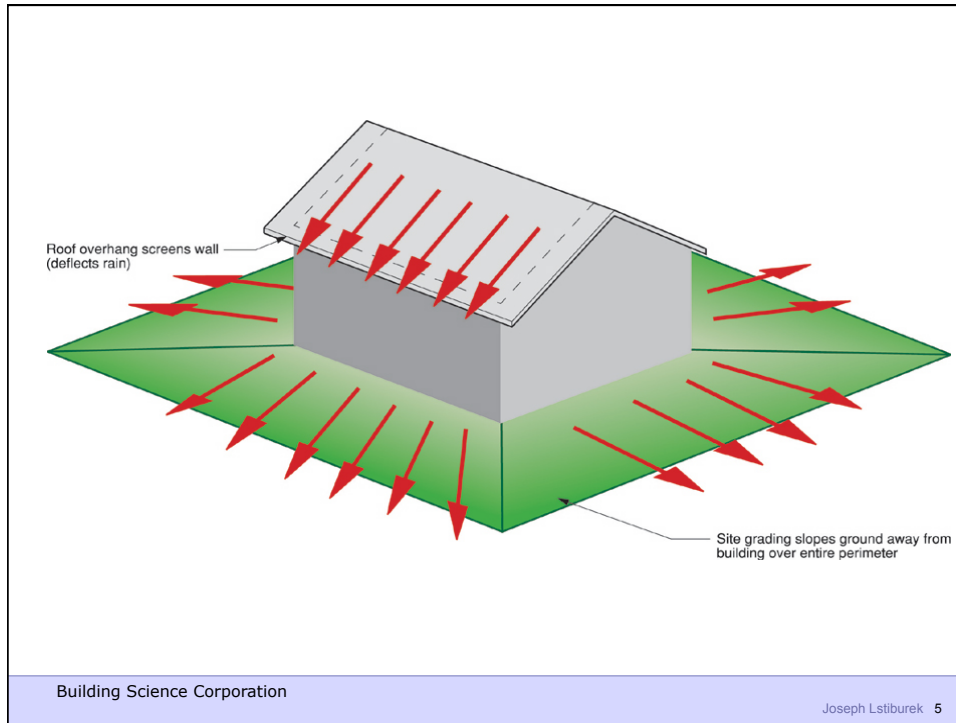
Expansion of Conditioned Space

- Conditioned space boundaries moving towards exterior surfaces of building
- Garage isolated from house by air barrier/pressure boundary
- Garage ventilated and conditioned independently of rest of conditioned spaces

Mechanisms of Flow

- Liquid
 - Gravitational
 - Capillary
 - Osmosis
 - Vapor
 - Diffusion
 - Convective
- | |
|----------------------|
| Hydrostatic Pressure |
| Suction Pressure |
| Solute Concentration |
| Vapor Pressure |
| Air Pressure |





Rain water falling on roof is collected in gutters
 Overhang protects the ground around the foundation from getting saturated
 Flash roof into gutter
 Down spouts carry rainwater from the roof away from the foundation
 Capillary break under plate
 Conditioned space
 Polyethylene ground cover acting as both an air barrier and a vapor barrier
 Interior grade of crawspace higher than surrounding grade
 Ground slopes away from the foundation

- Keep rain water away from the foundation perimeter
- If the interior crawspace is lower than the exterior grade, a sub-grade perimeter footing drain is necessary as in a basement foundation
- The crawspace is conditioned space; it is part of the "interior" of the building and should be heated, cooled and ventilated as part of the building's heating, cooling and ventilating strategy

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Rain water falling on roof is collected in gutters
 Overhang protects the ground around the foundation from getting saturated
 Flash roof into gutter
 Down spouts carry rainwater from the roof away from the foundation
 Ground slopes away from the foundation
 Concrete foundation wall
 Impermeable top layer of backfill (clay caps) prevents ground adjacent to foundation from getting saturated
 Free-draining backfill (or drainage board)
 Filter fabric above and below drain pipe
 Coarse gravel (no fines)
 Perforated drain pipe located below floor slab level (piped to sump or daylight)
 Pipe connection through footing connects exterior perimeter drain to granular drainage pad under basement slab
 Capillary break over footing
 Slab isolation joint
 Polyethylene vapor diffusion retarder
 Granular drainage pad (coarse gravel, no fines)
 Groundwater flow is downward (not horizontal) under the influence of gravity to the perimeter drainage system

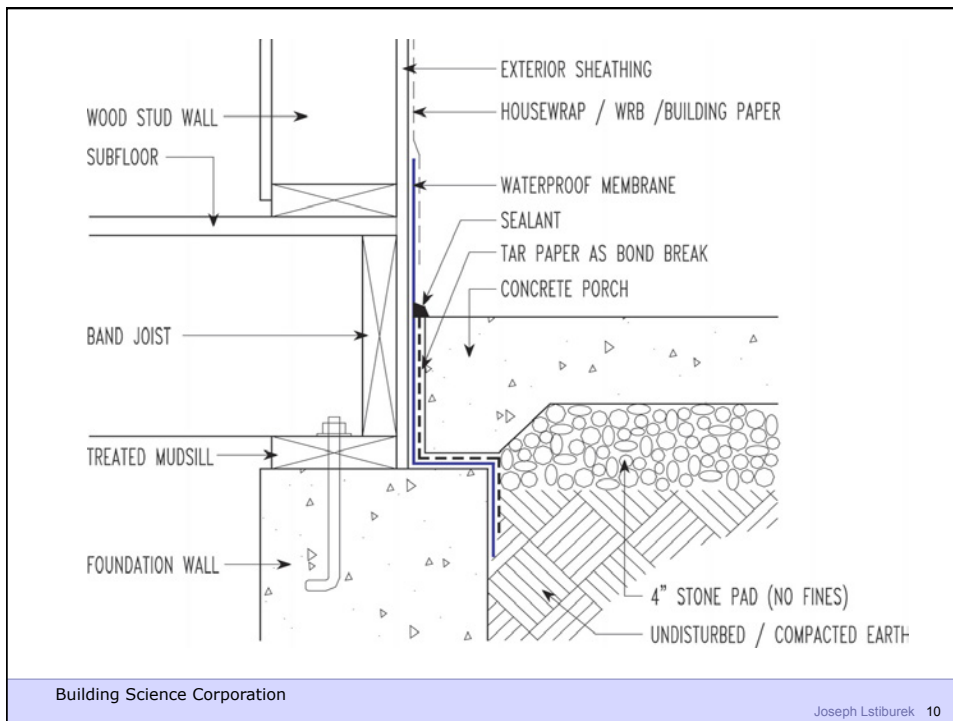
- Keep rain water away from the foundation perimeter
- Drain groundwater away in sub-grade perimeter footing drains before it gets to the foundation wall

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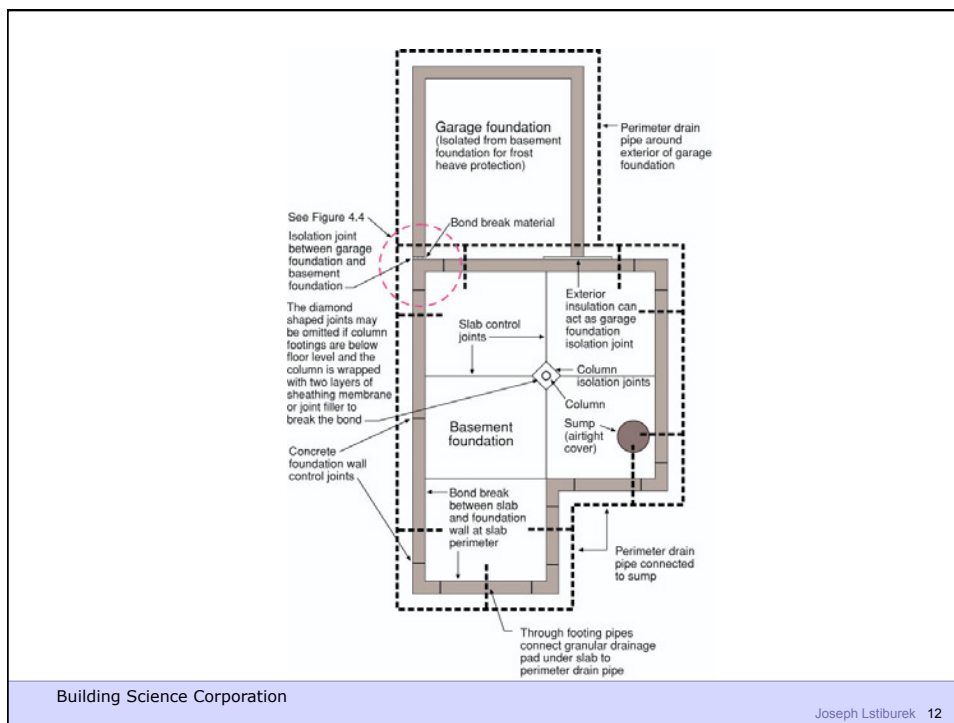
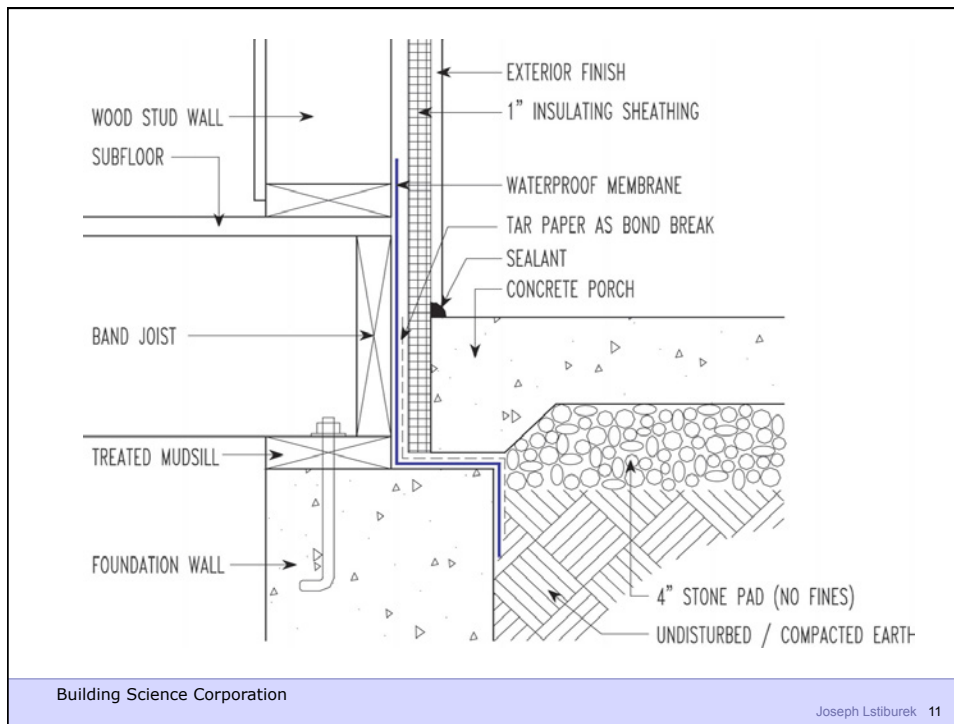
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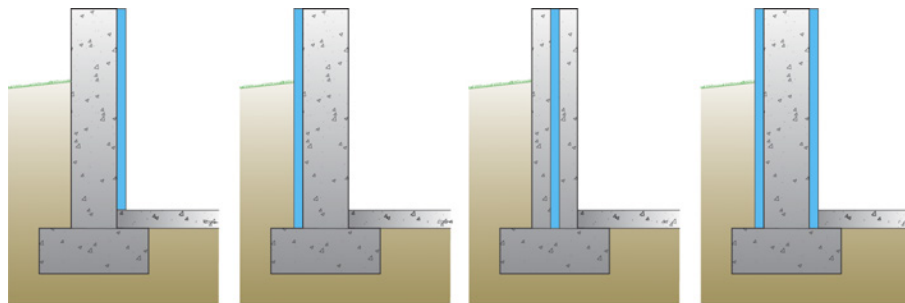






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**Internally Insulated
Basement**

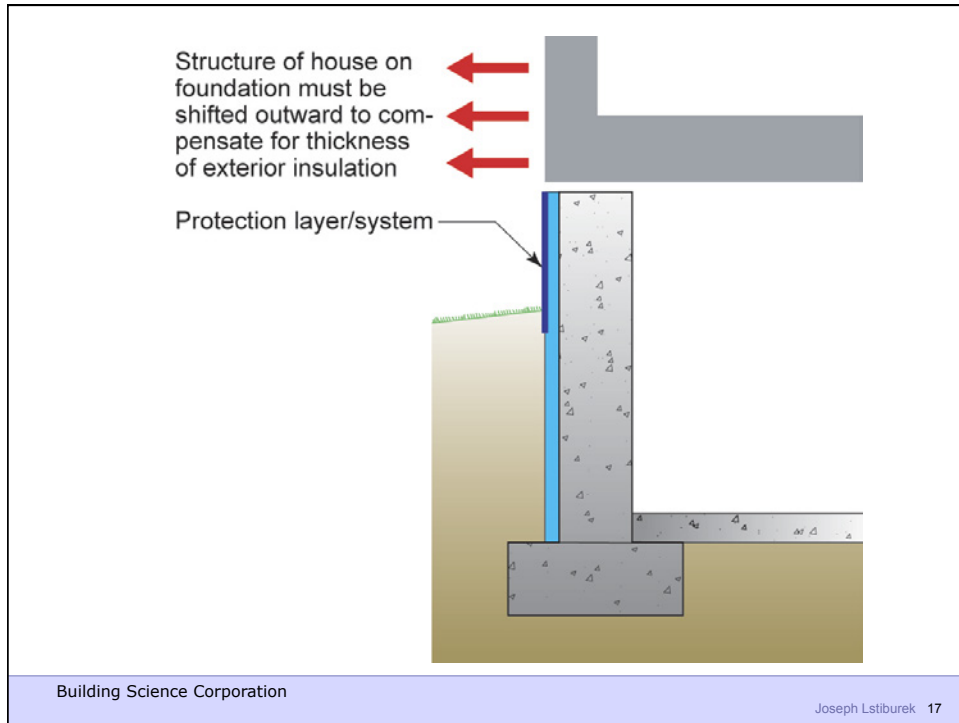
**Externally Insulated
Basement**

**Basement Insulated in
the Middle**

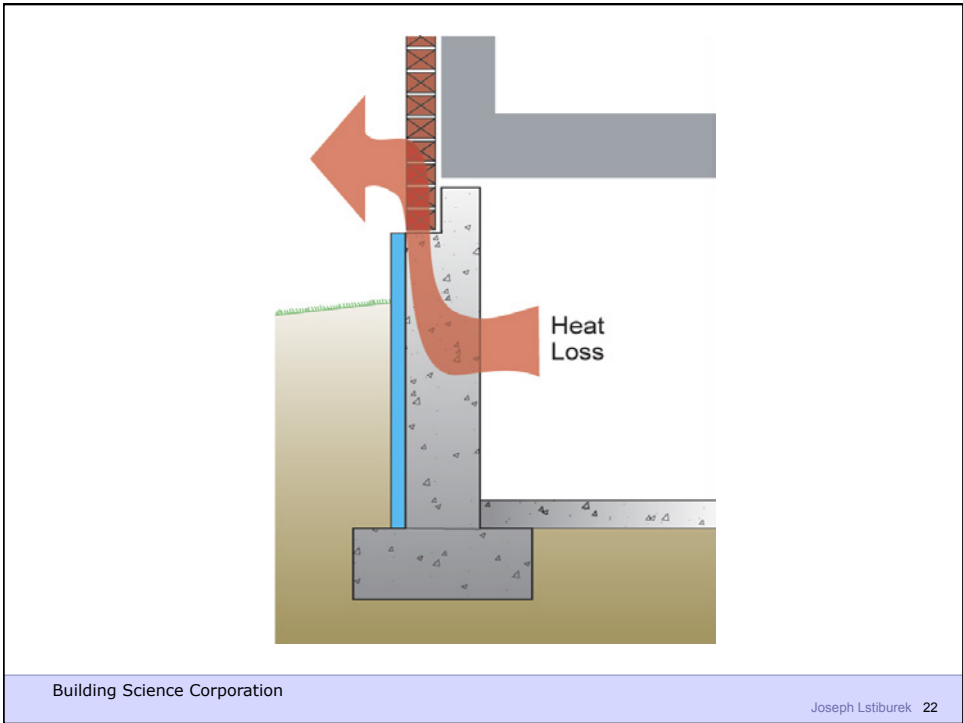
**Basement Insulated Both
Externally and Internally**

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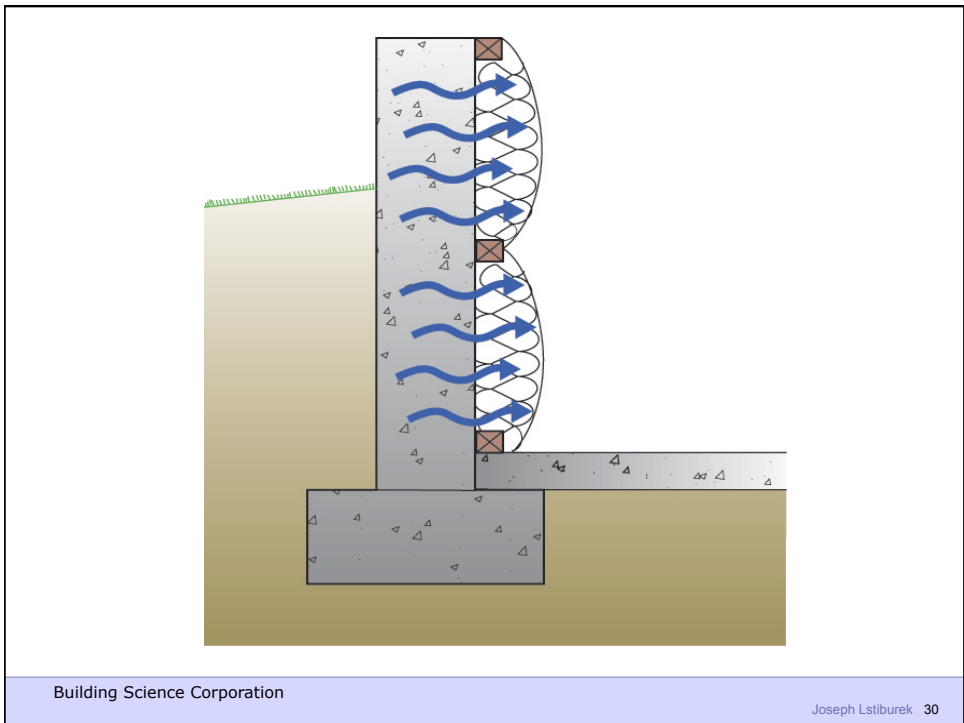
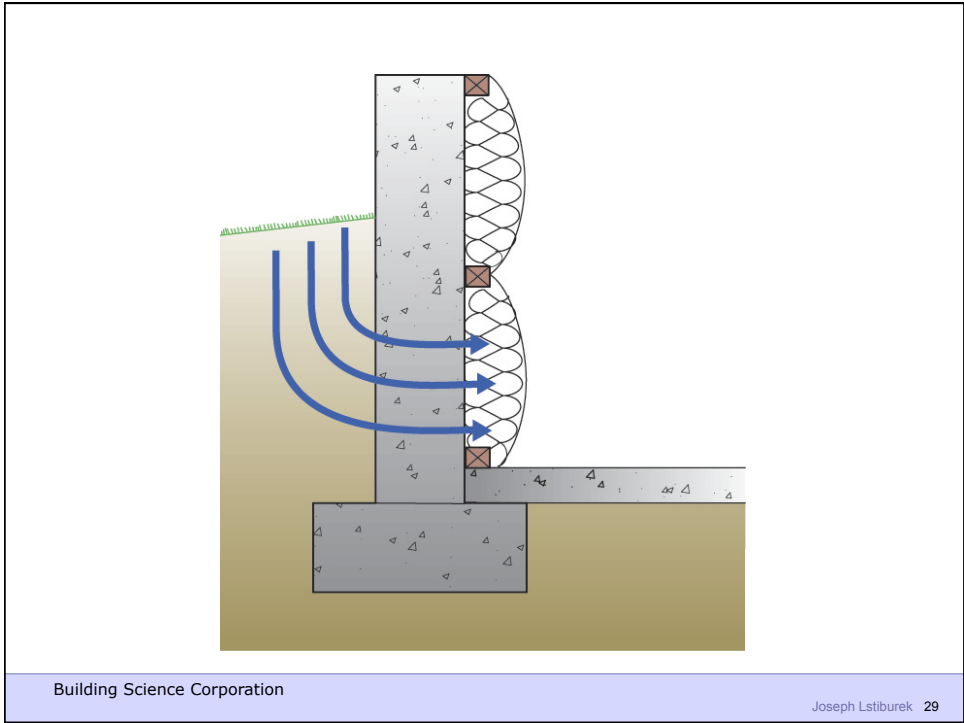
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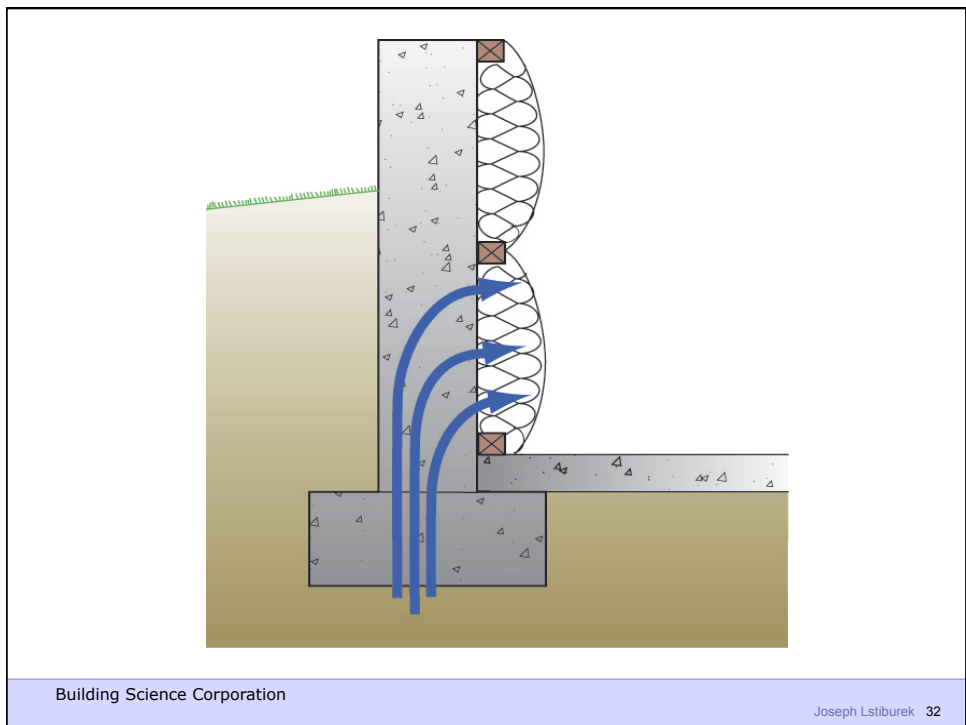
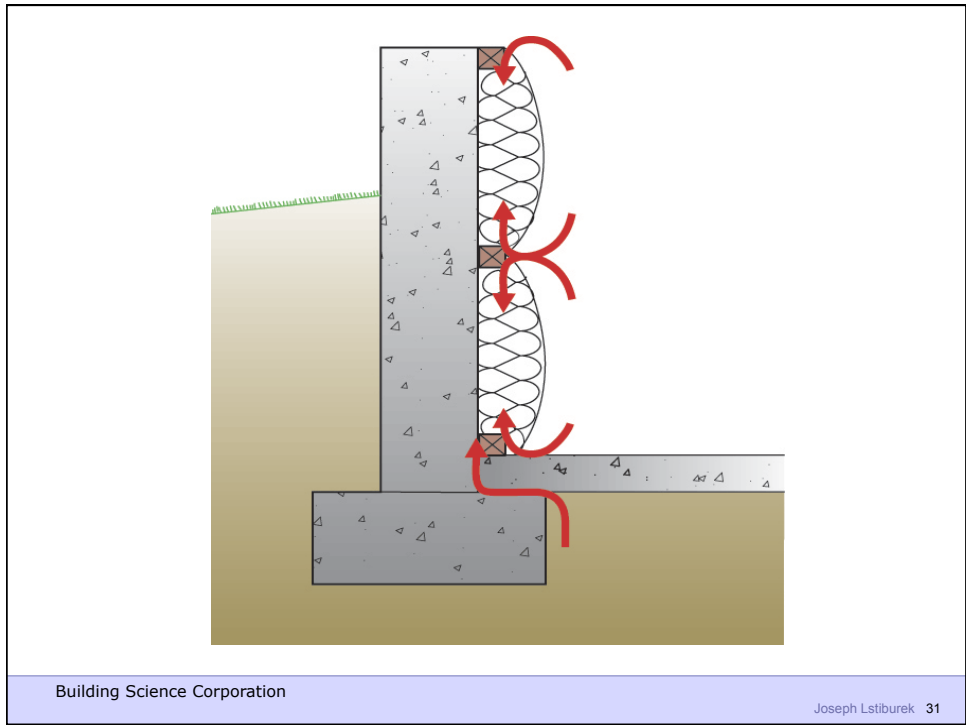


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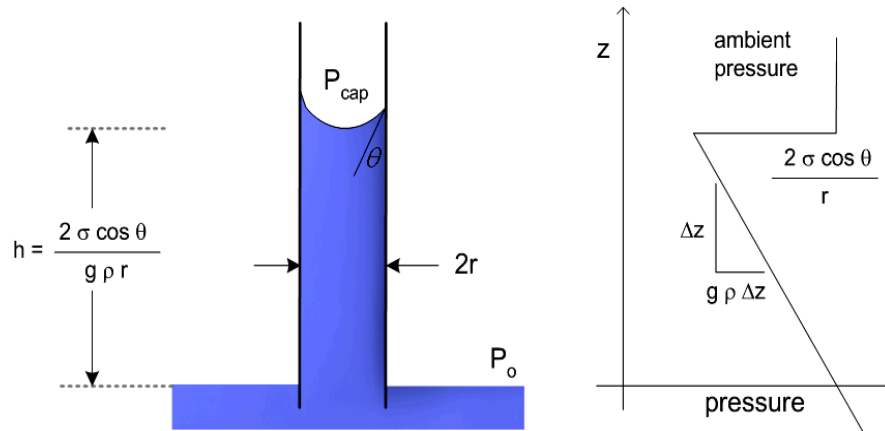
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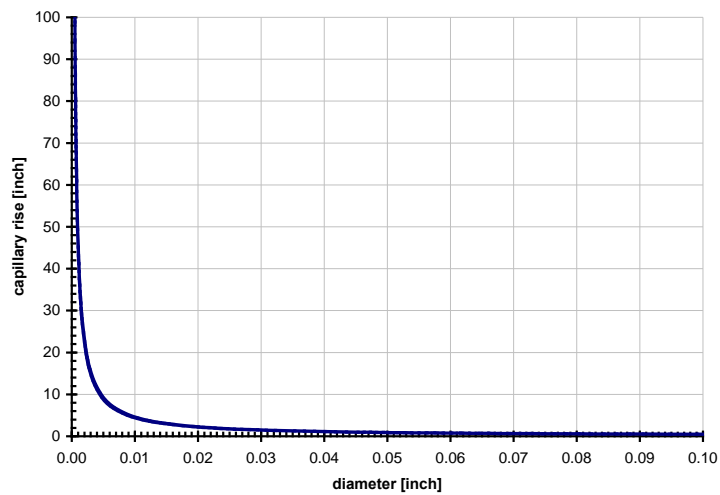
Calculating capillary rise



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Capillary rise versus diameter



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Capillary Flow

Siding laps



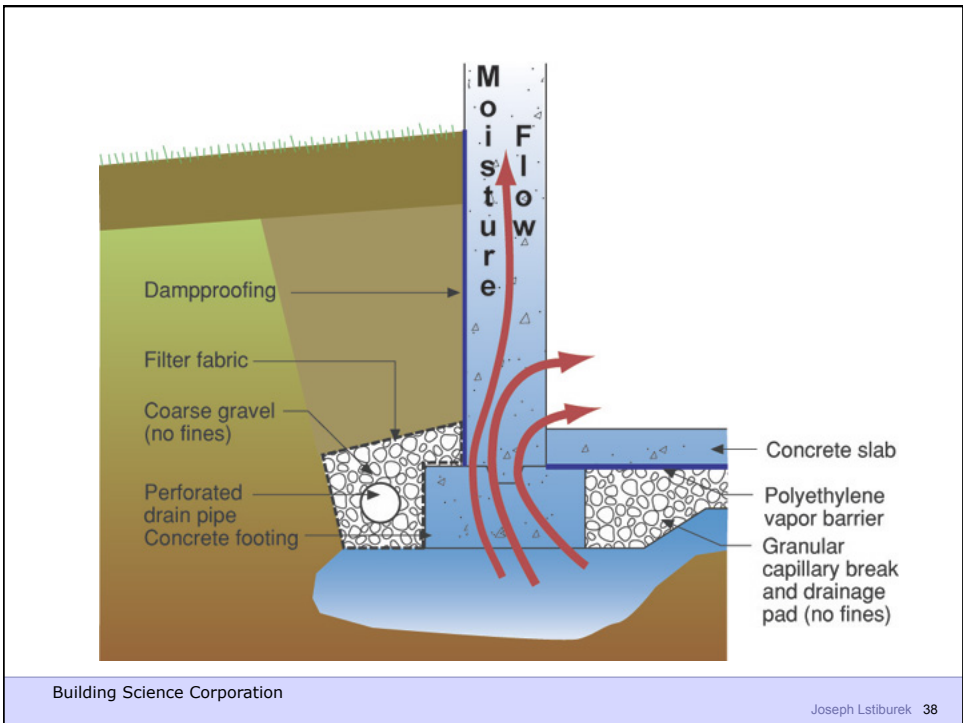
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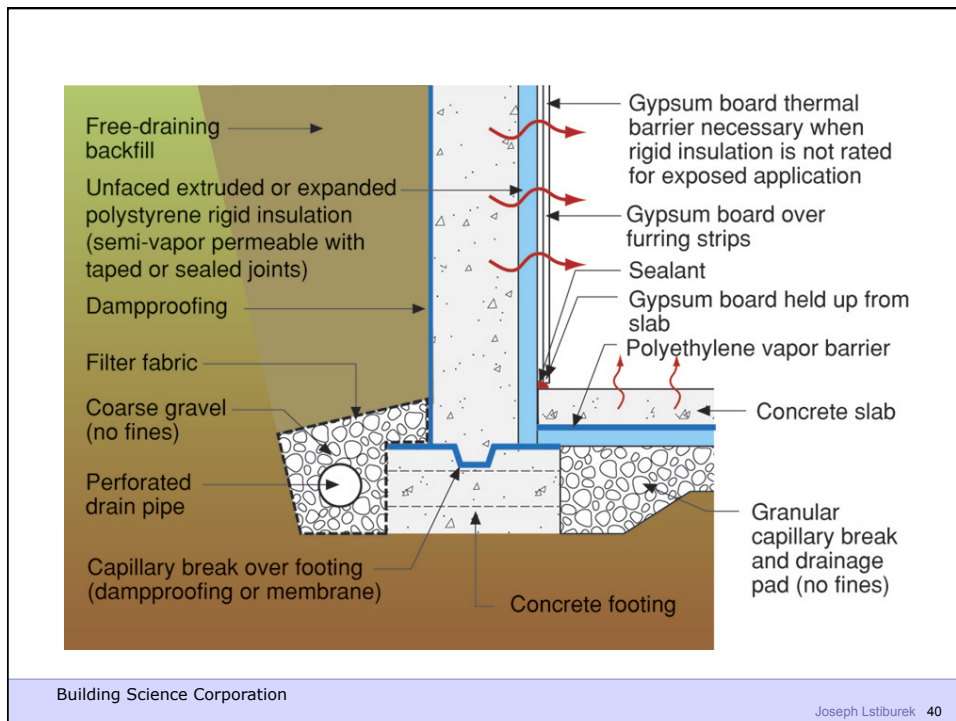
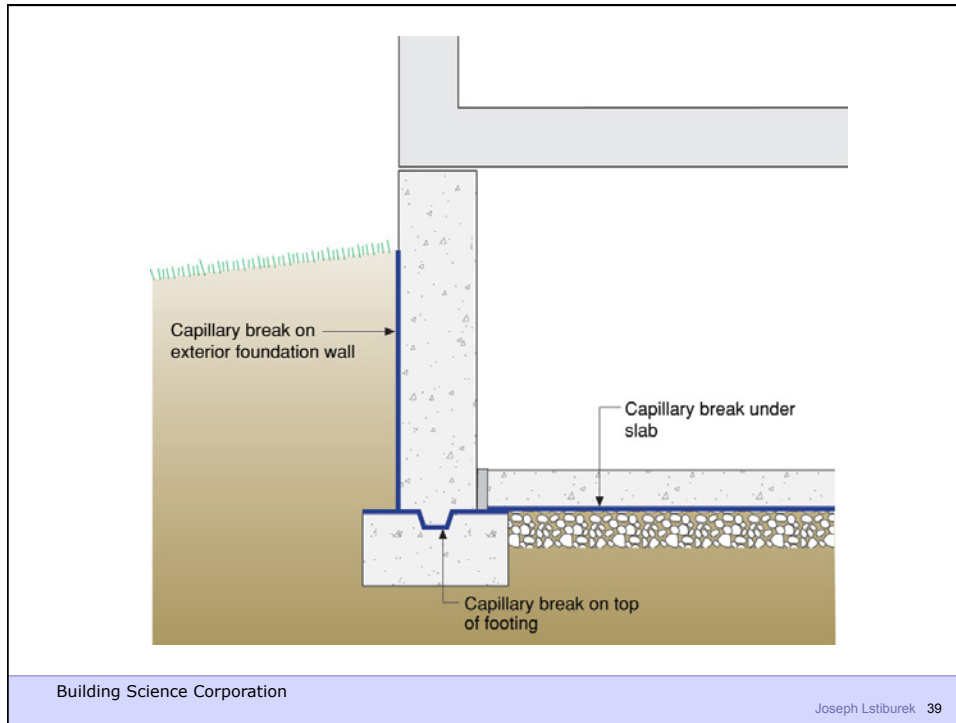
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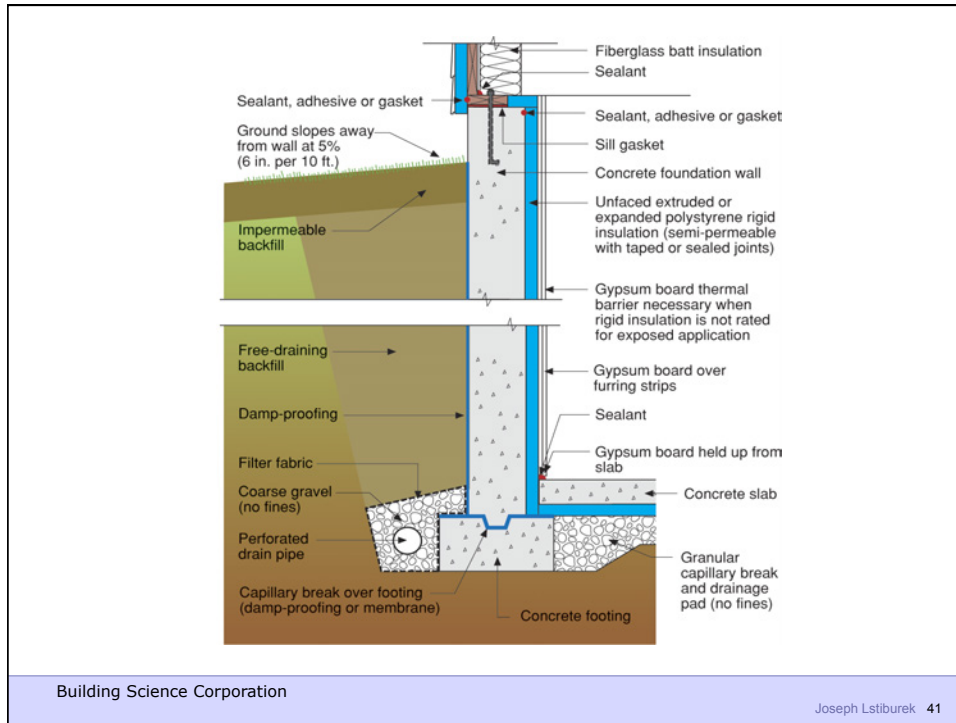


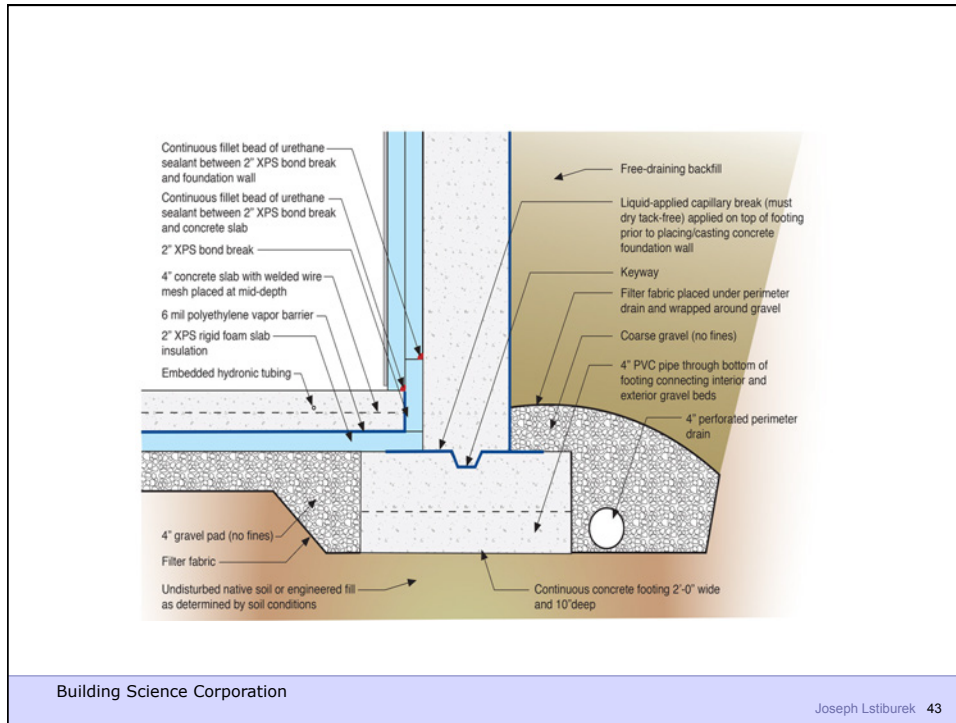
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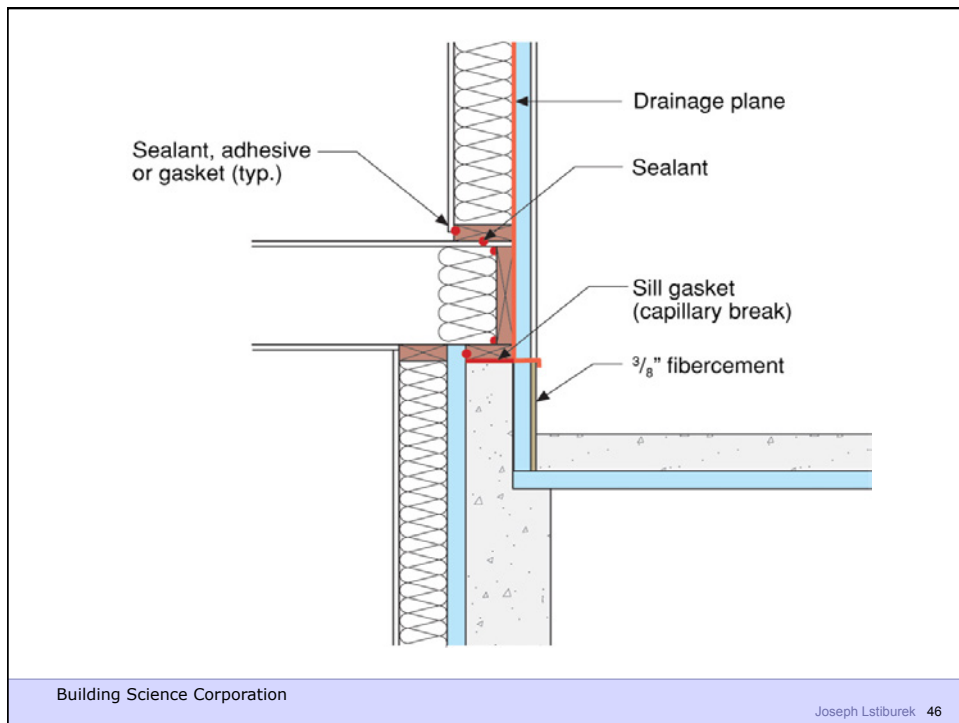
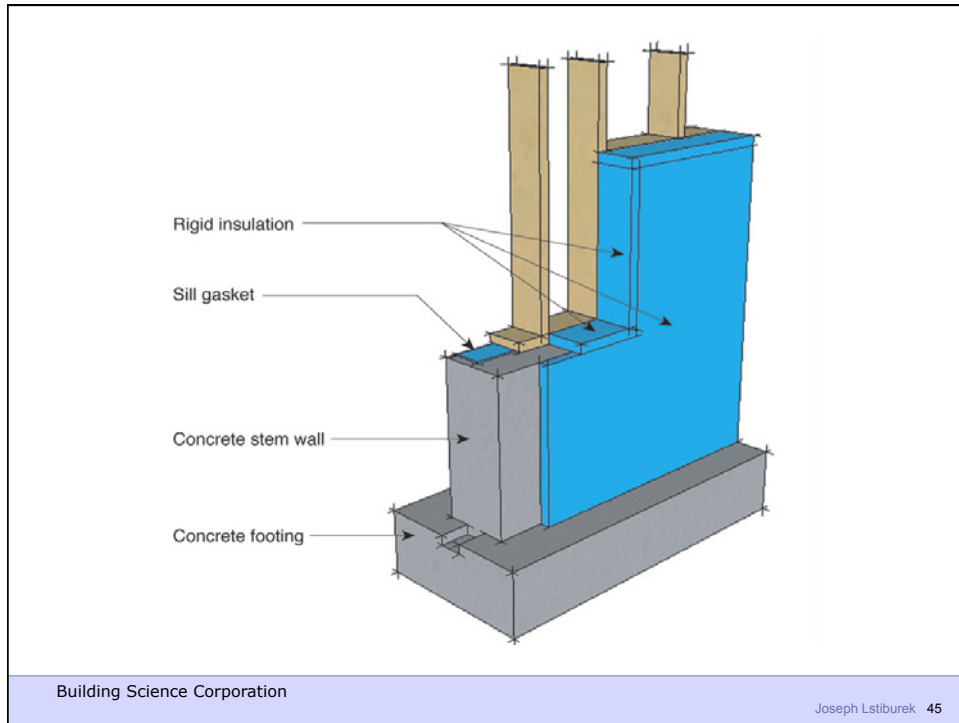
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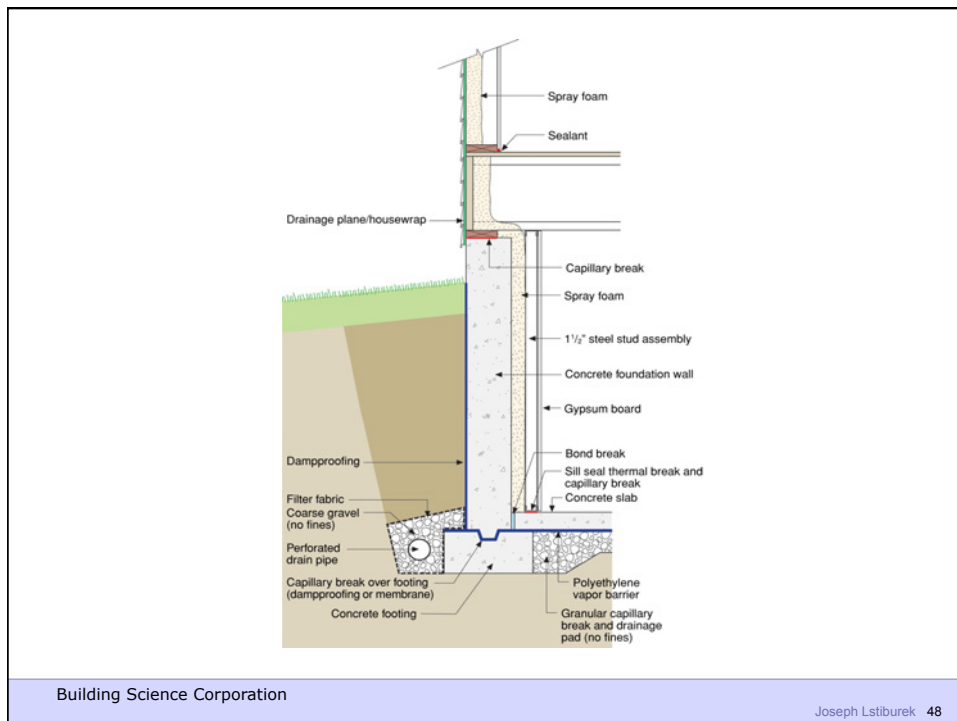
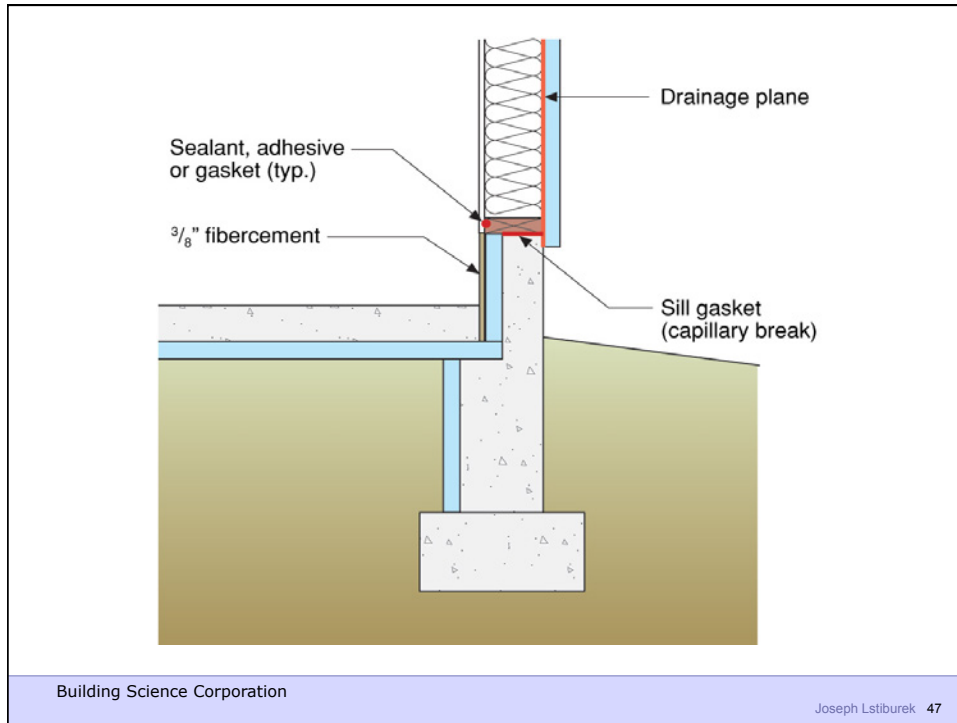
















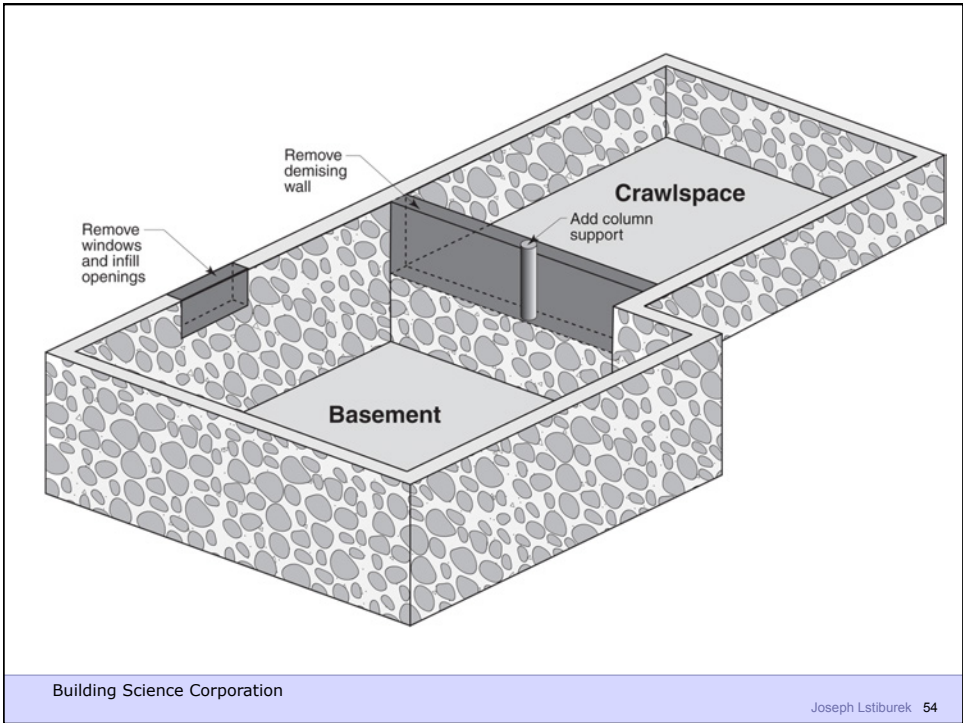
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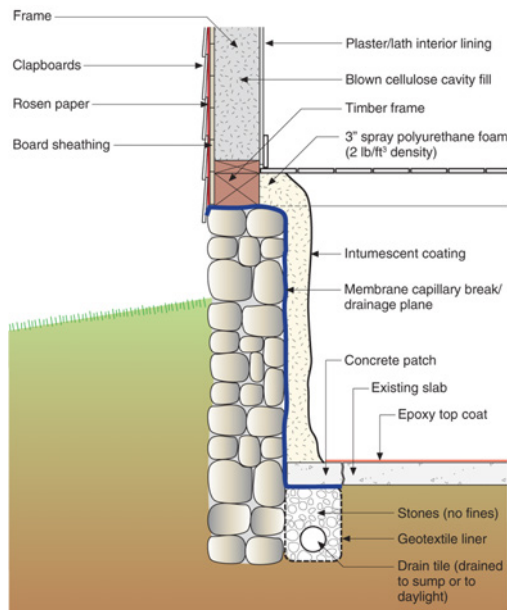






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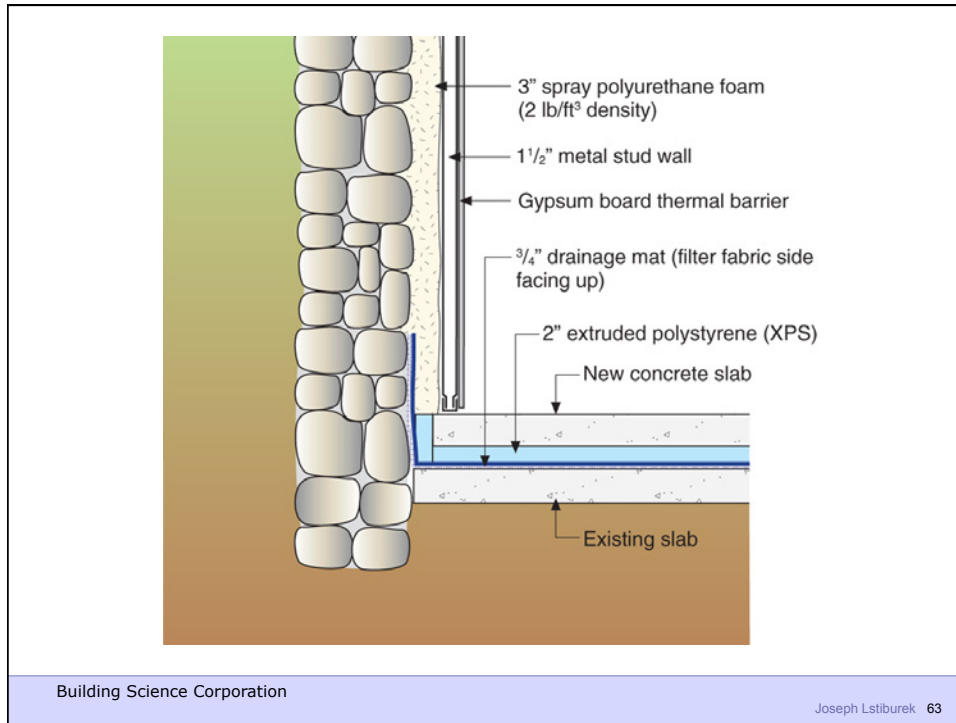
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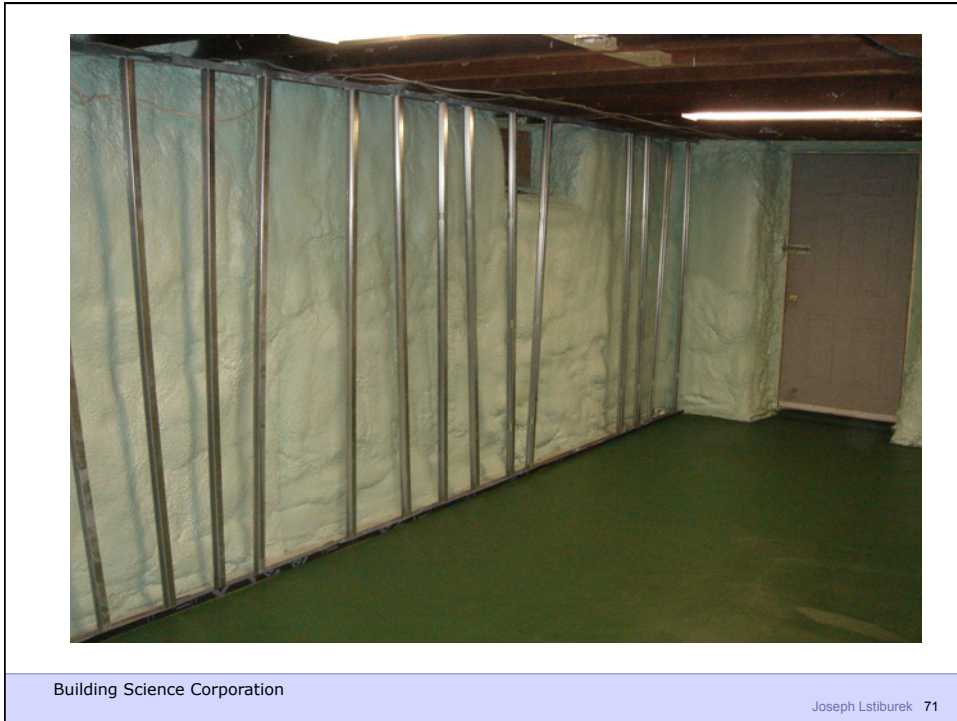
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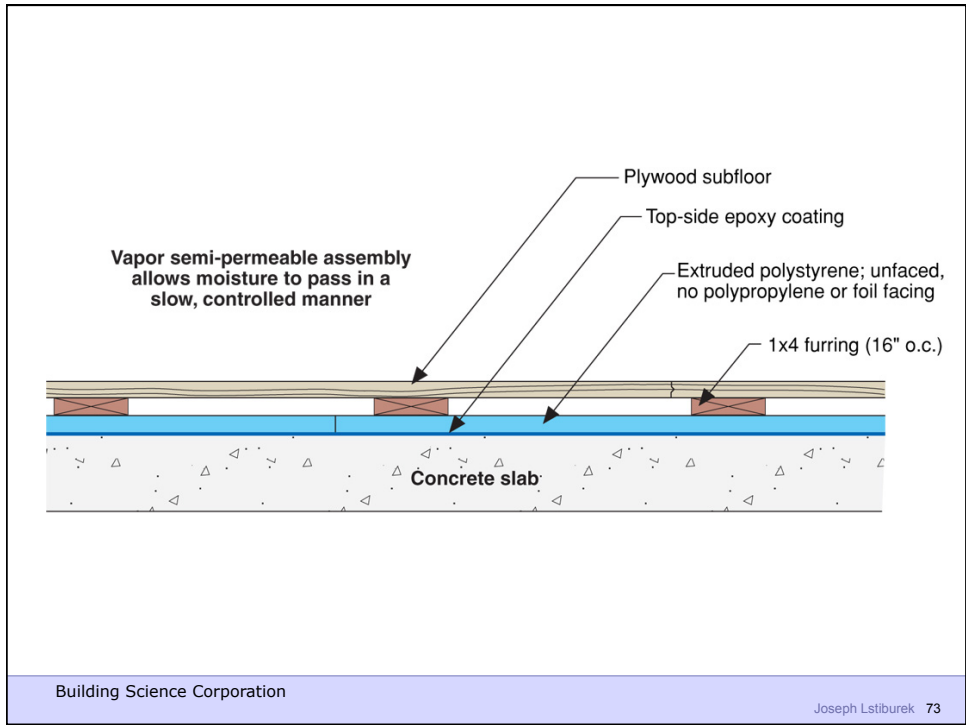
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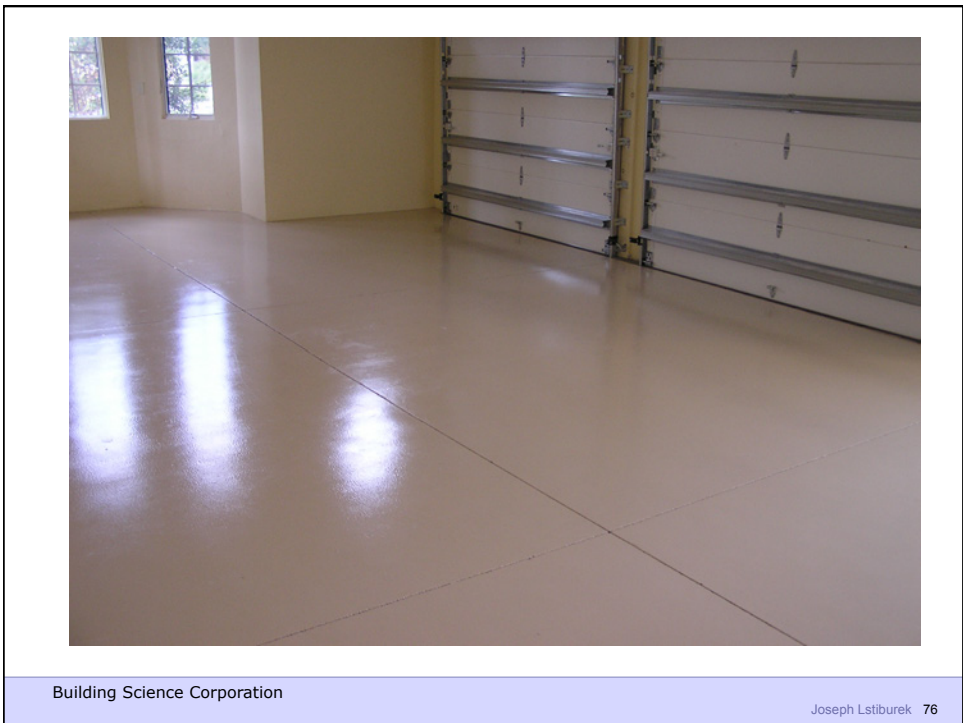


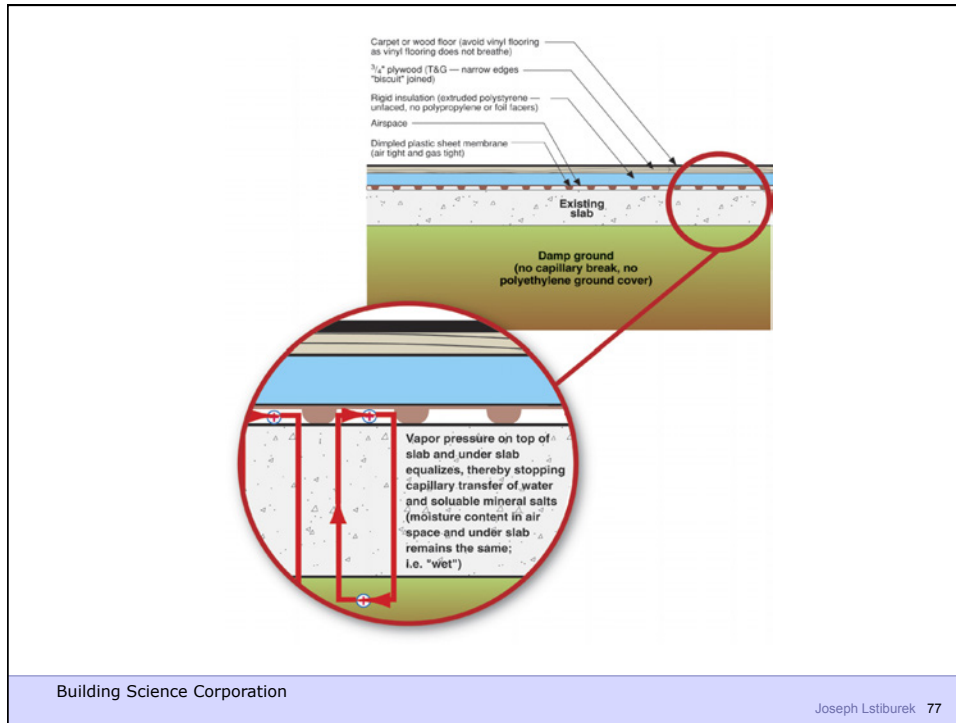
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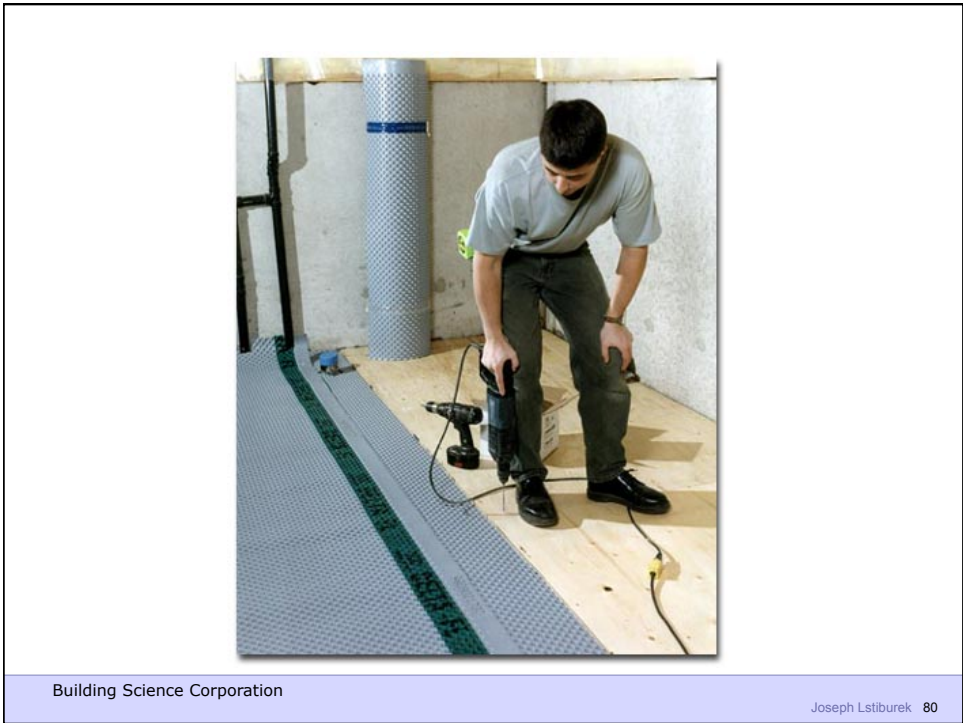
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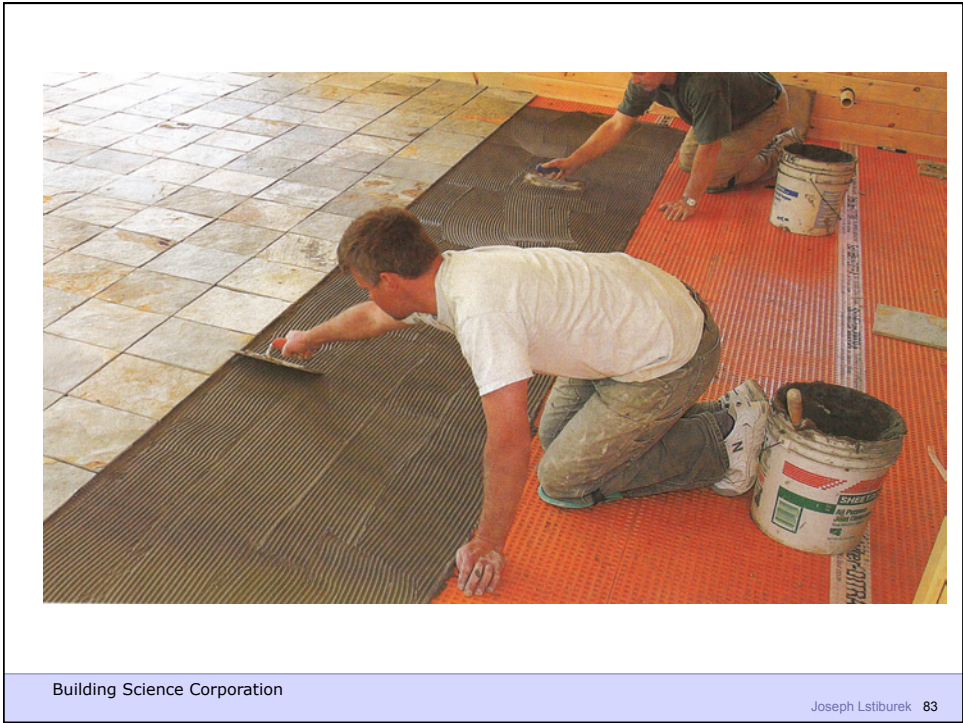
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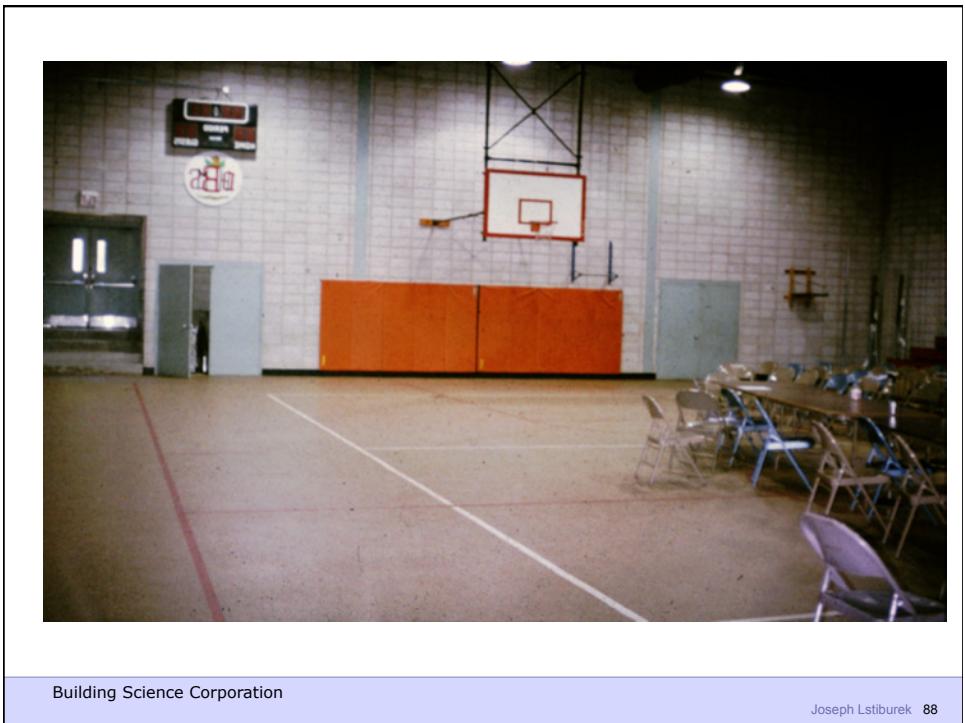


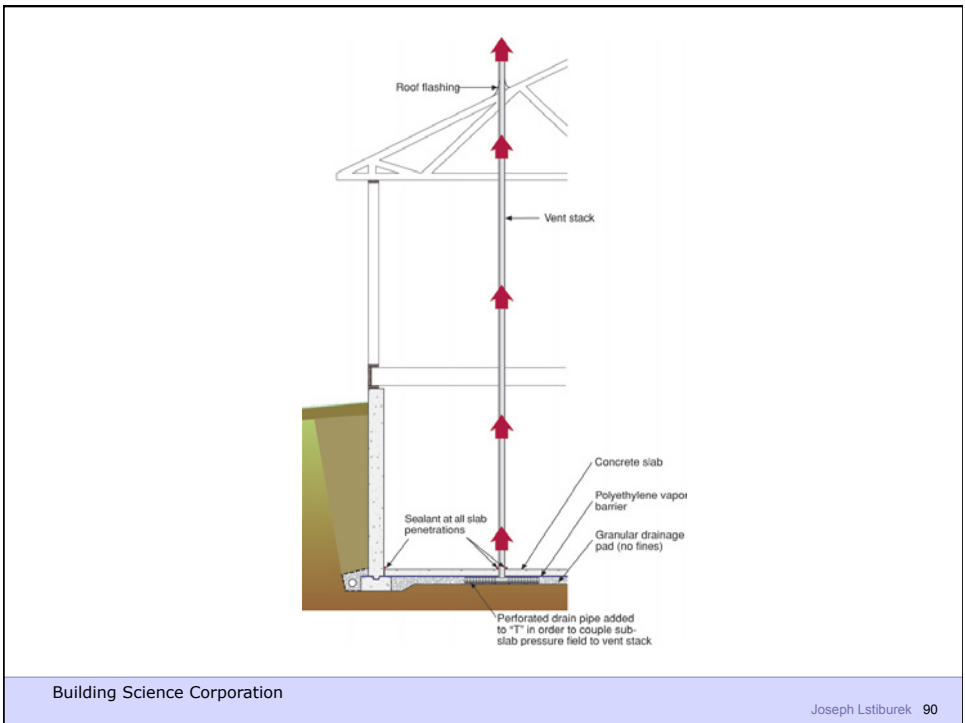
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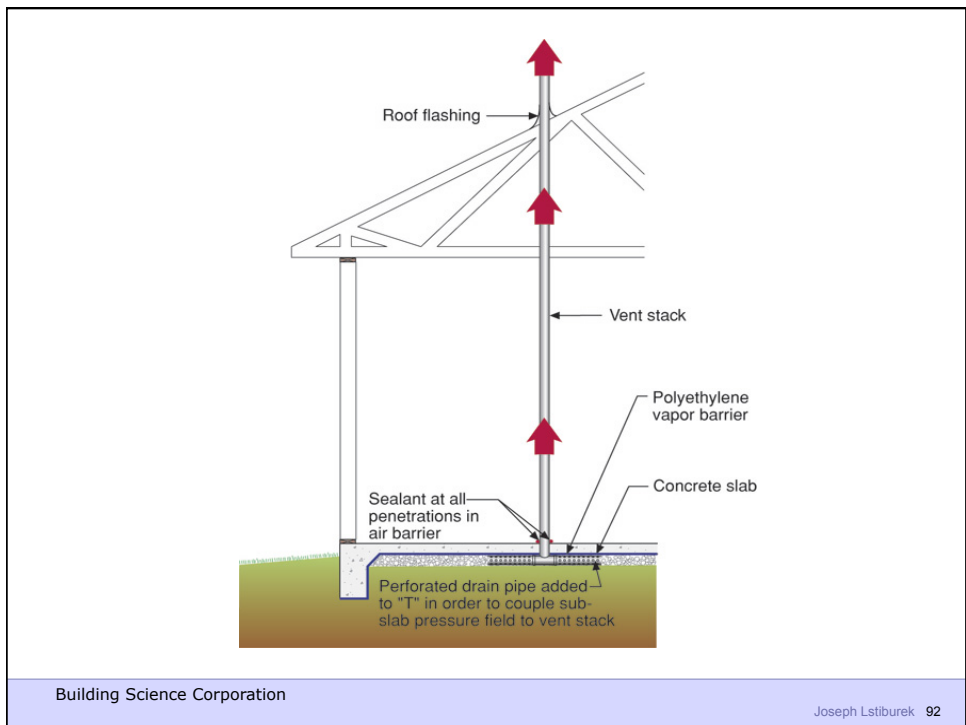
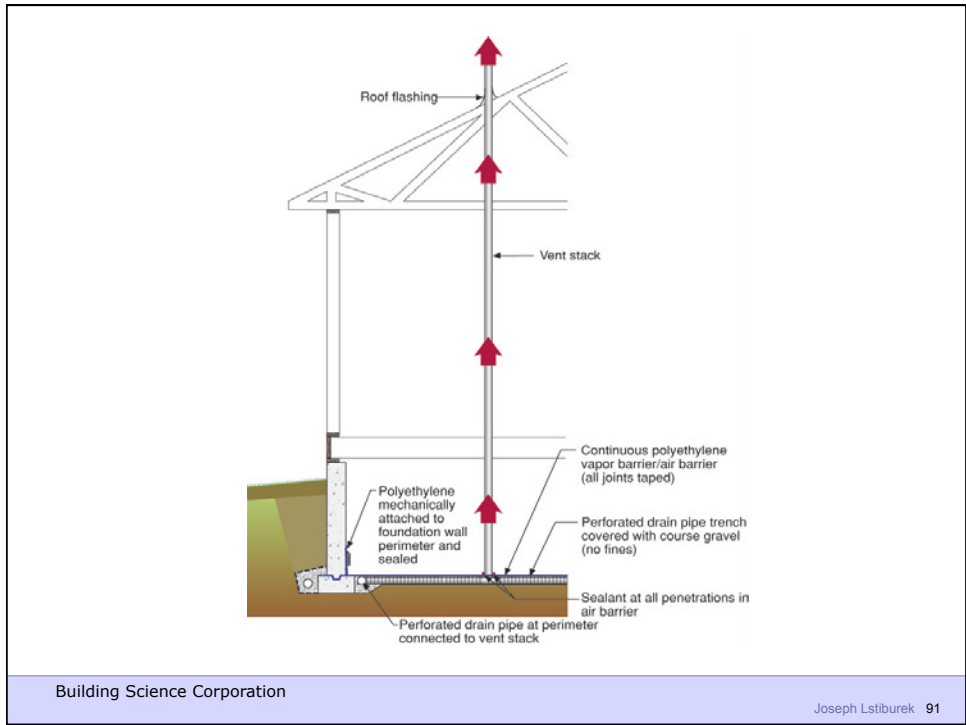
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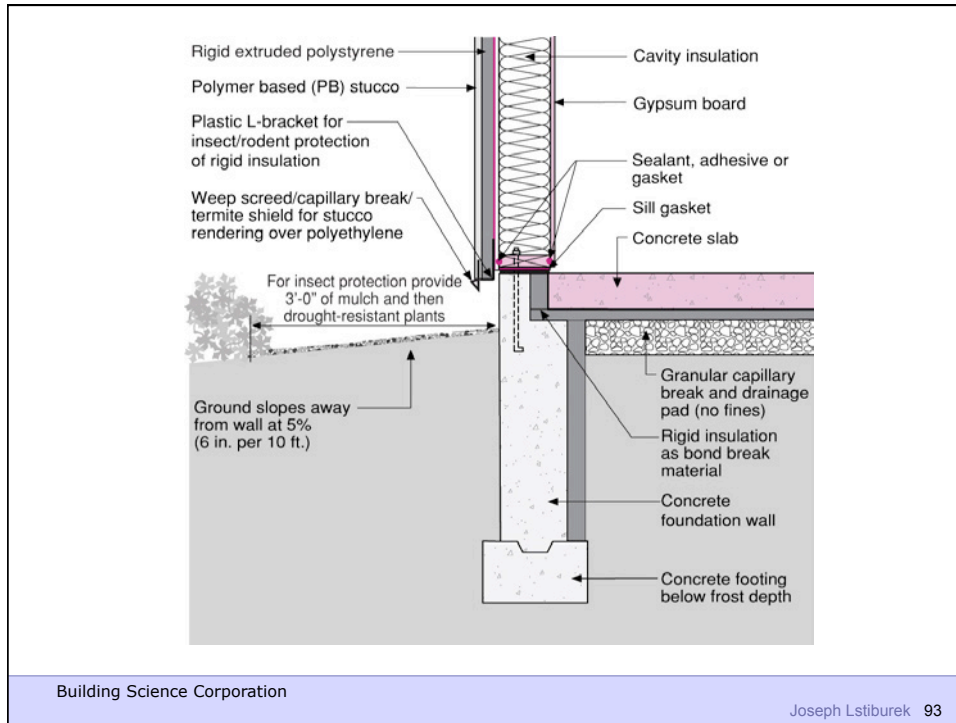






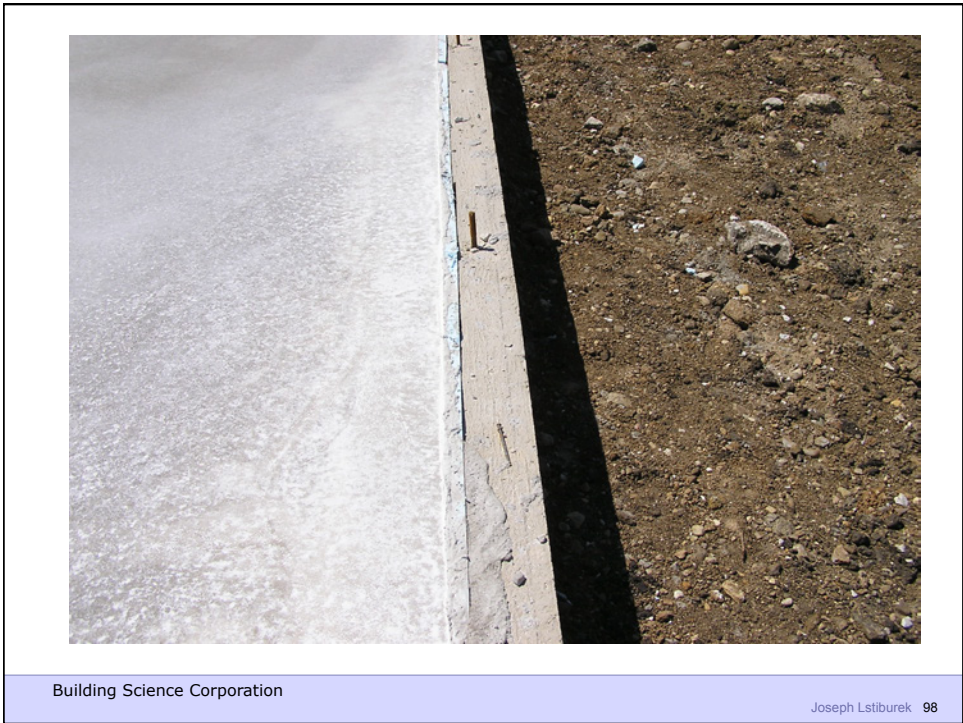






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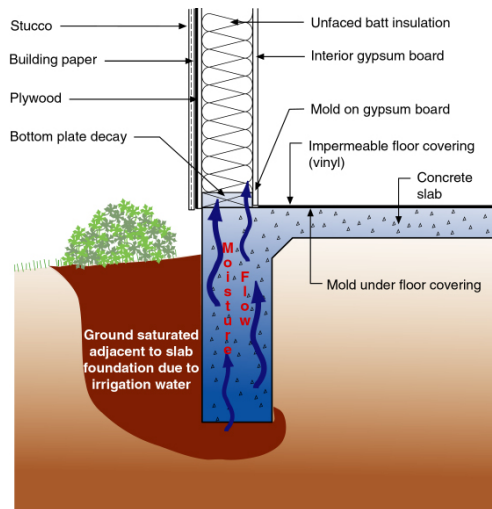






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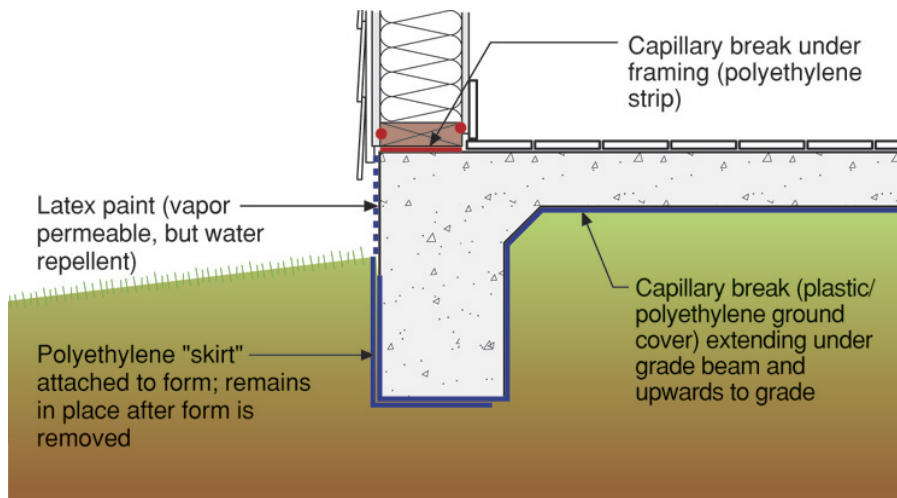






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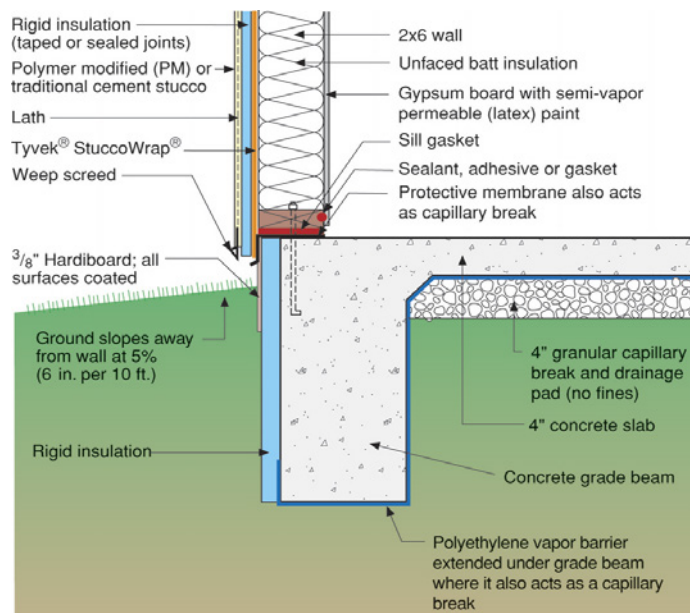
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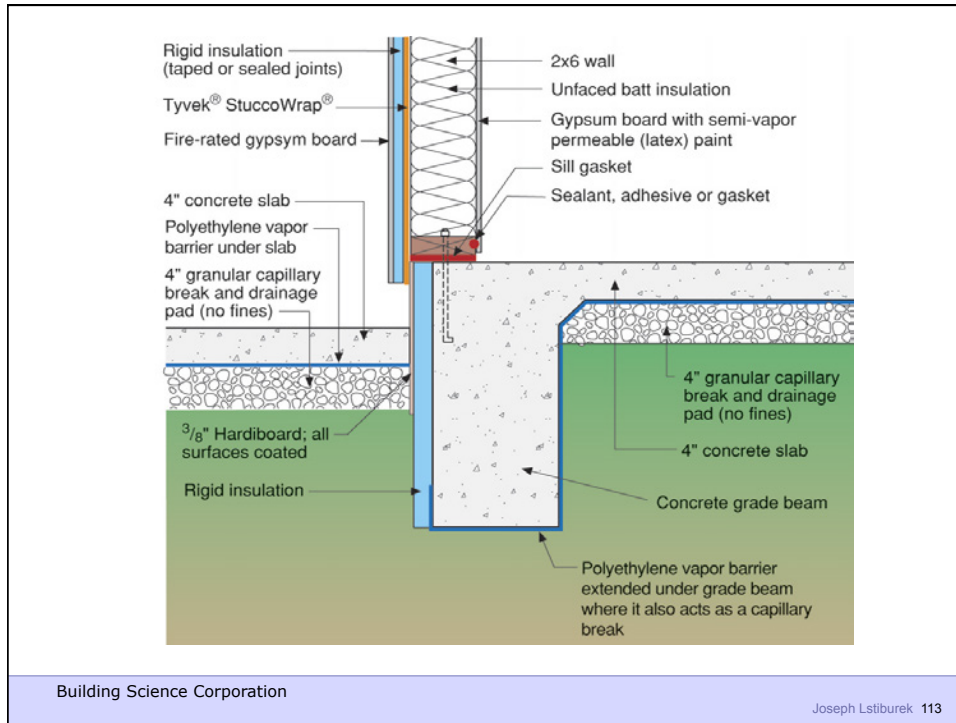
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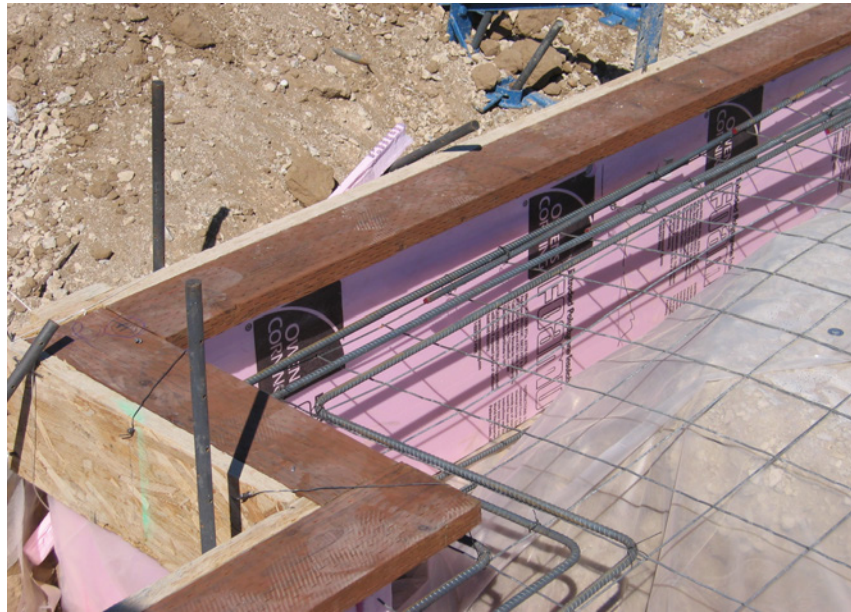
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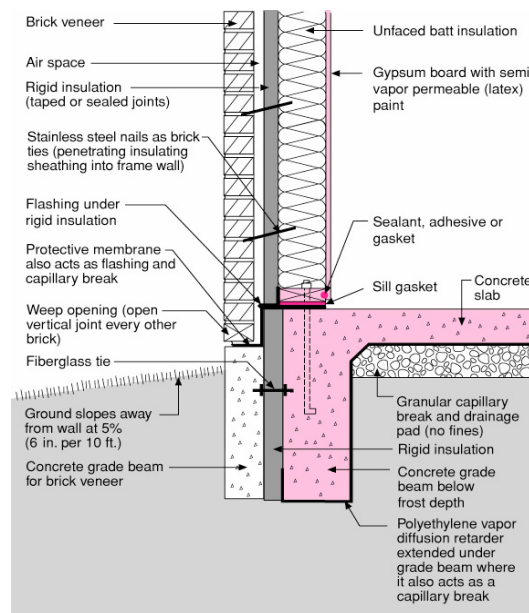
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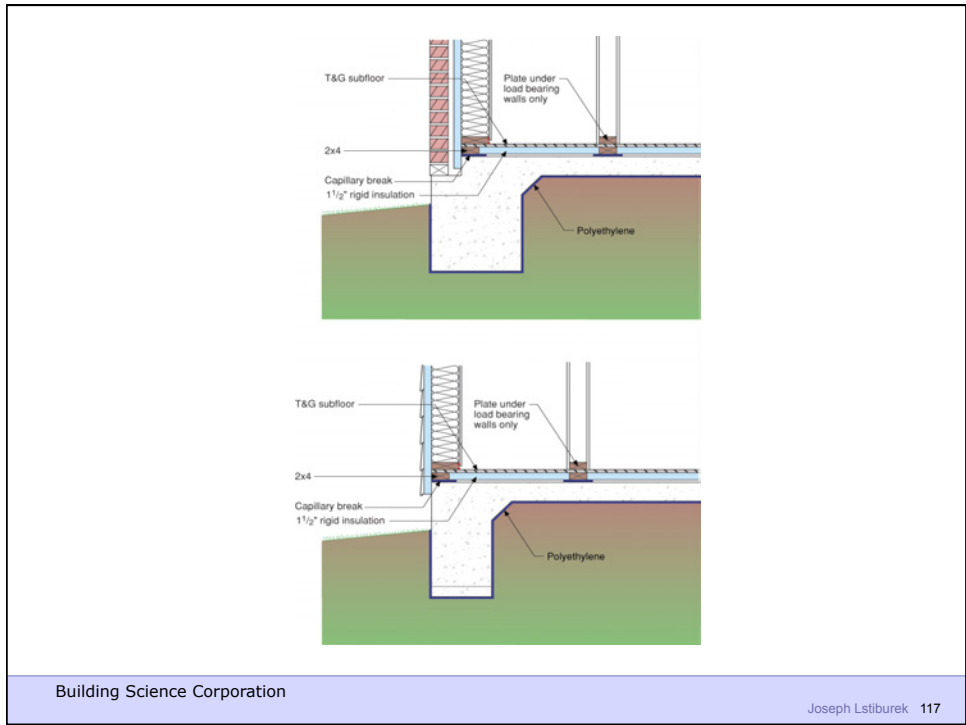
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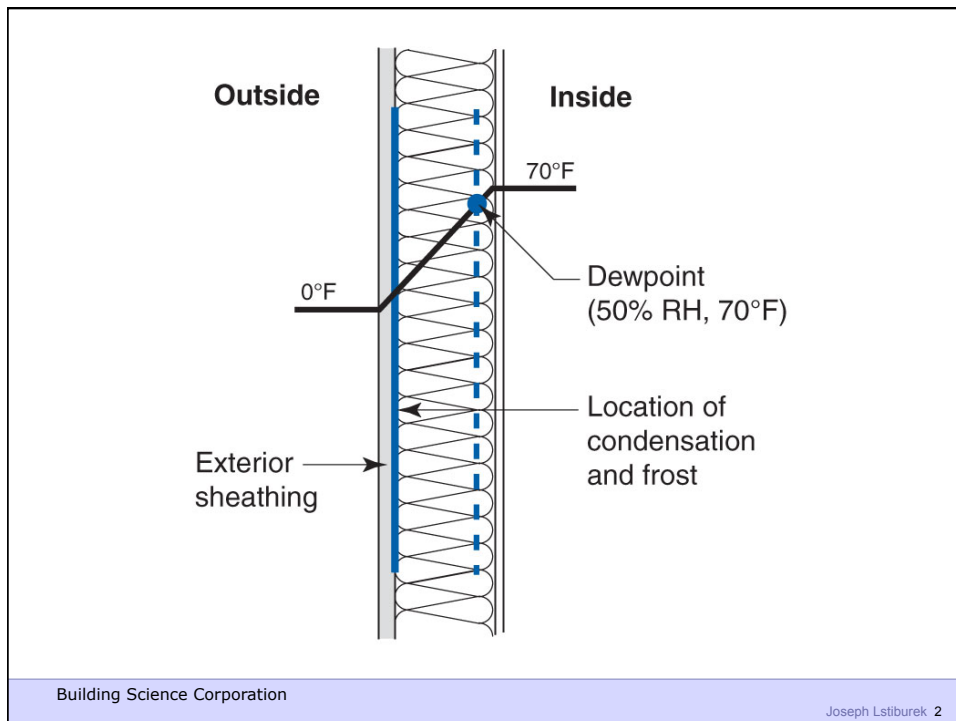


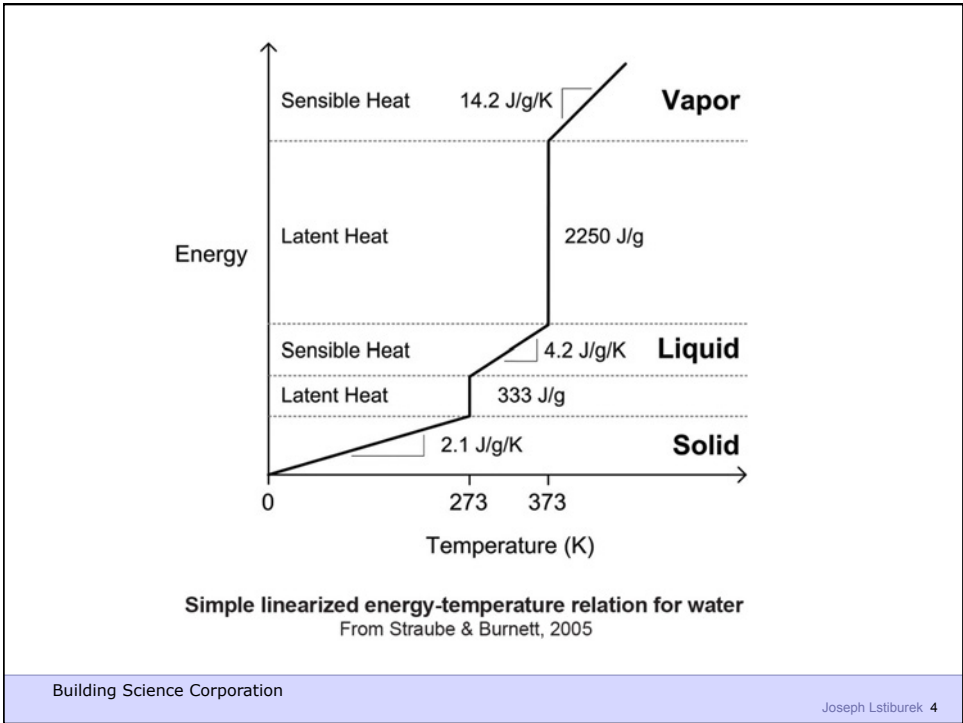
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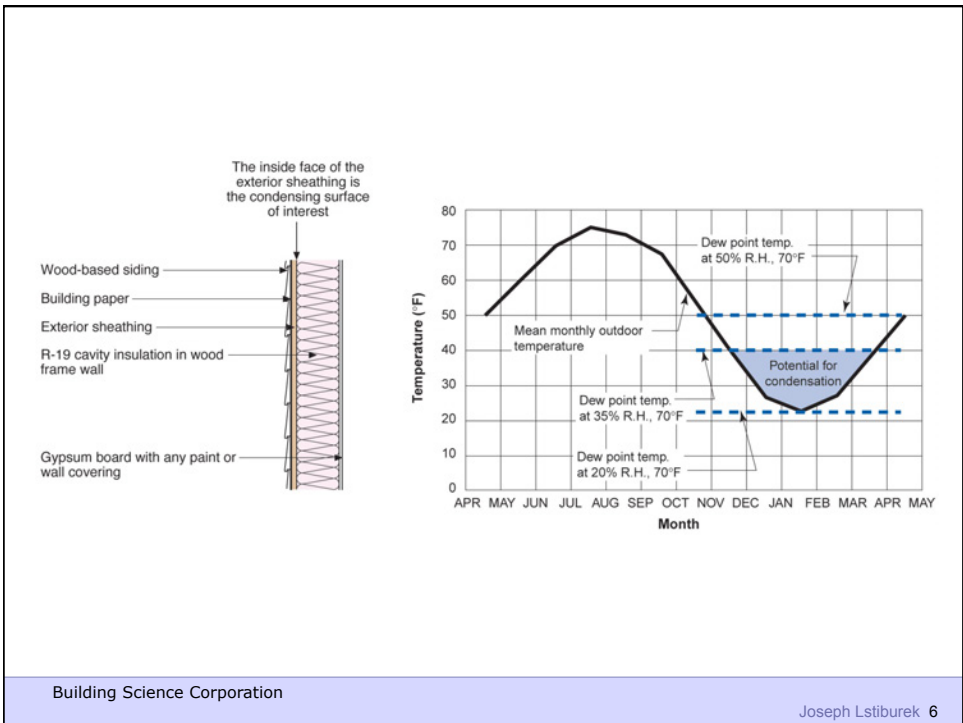
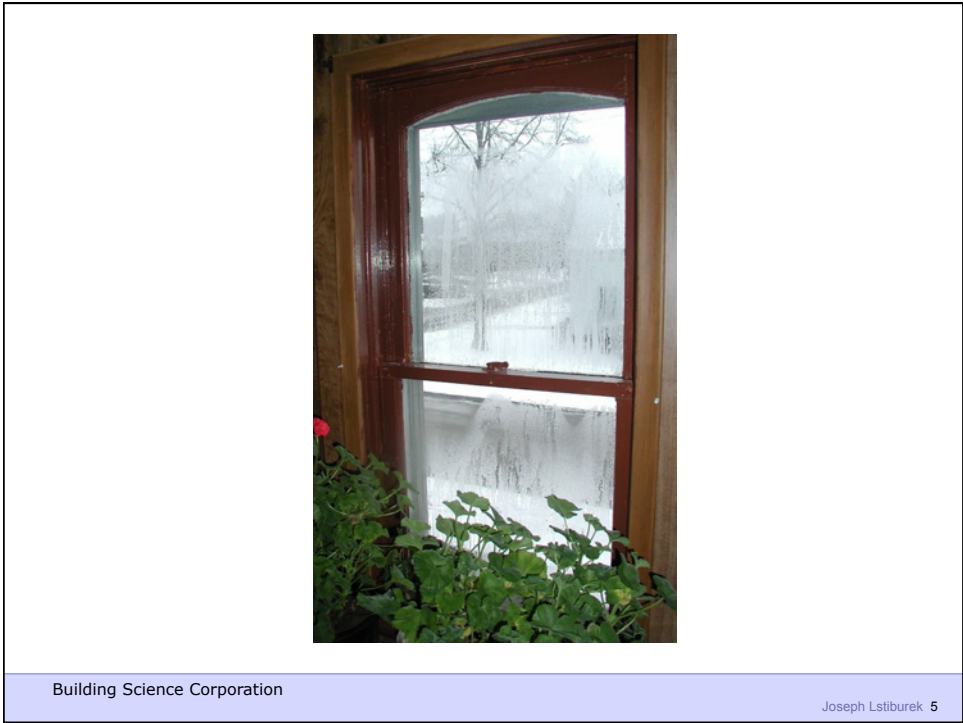
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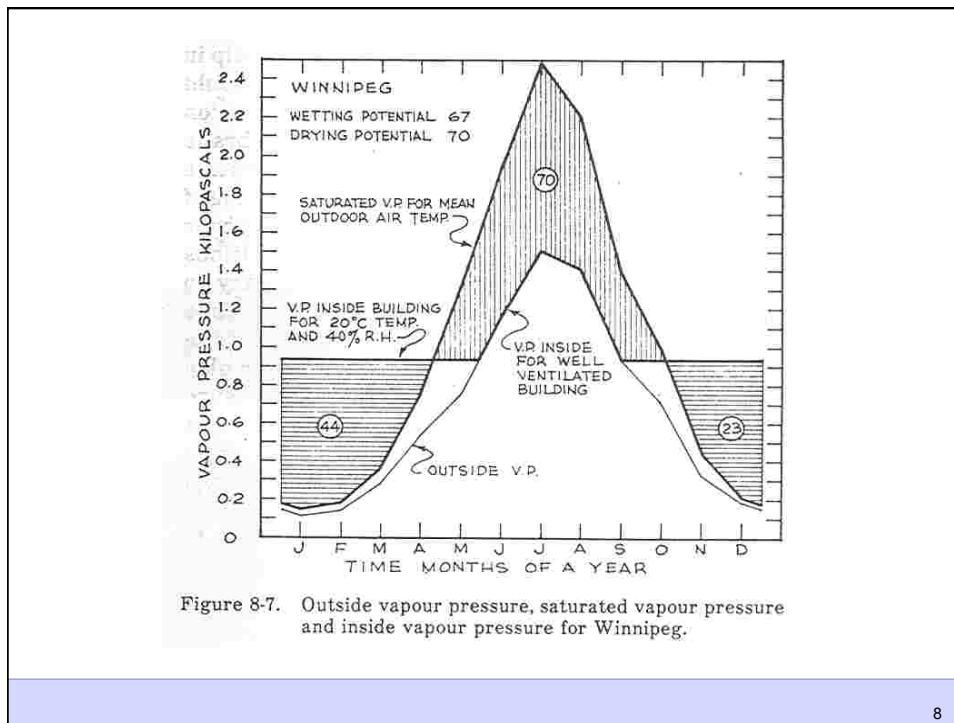
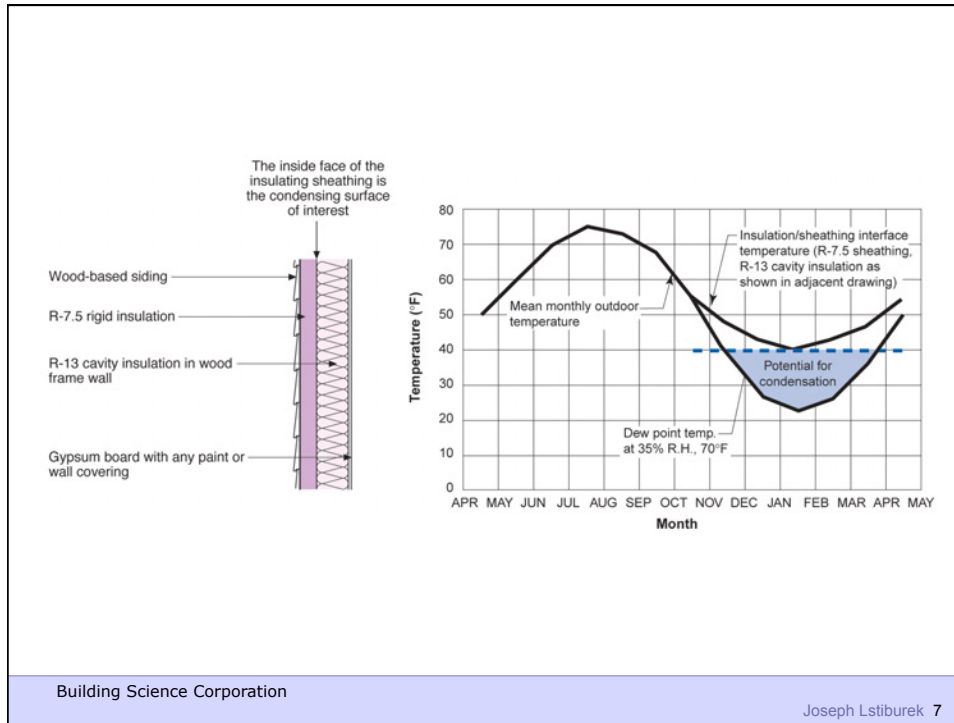
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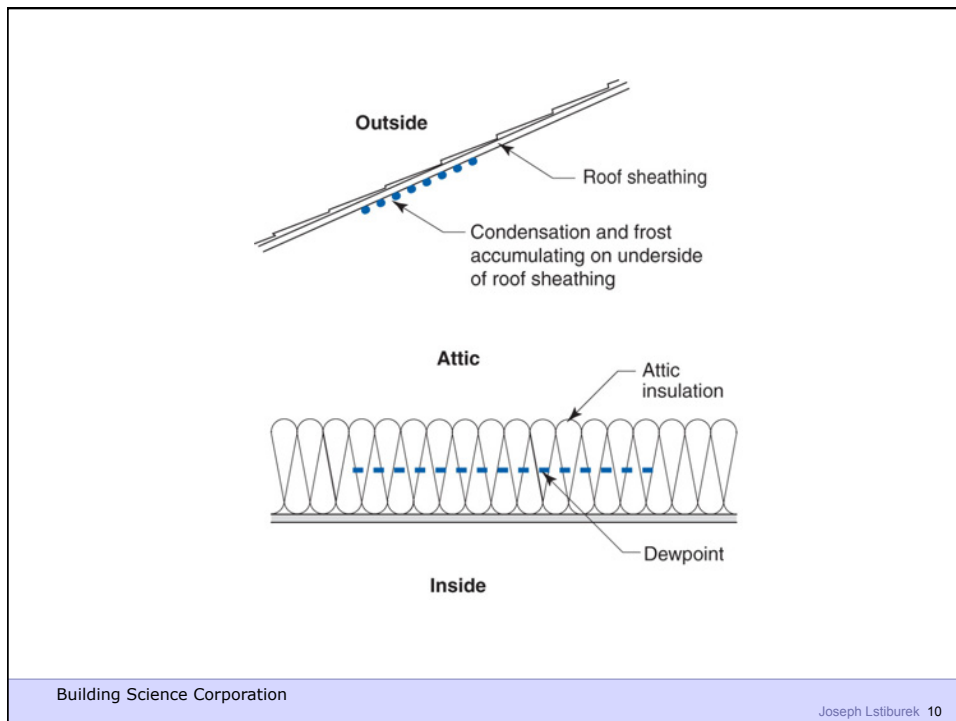
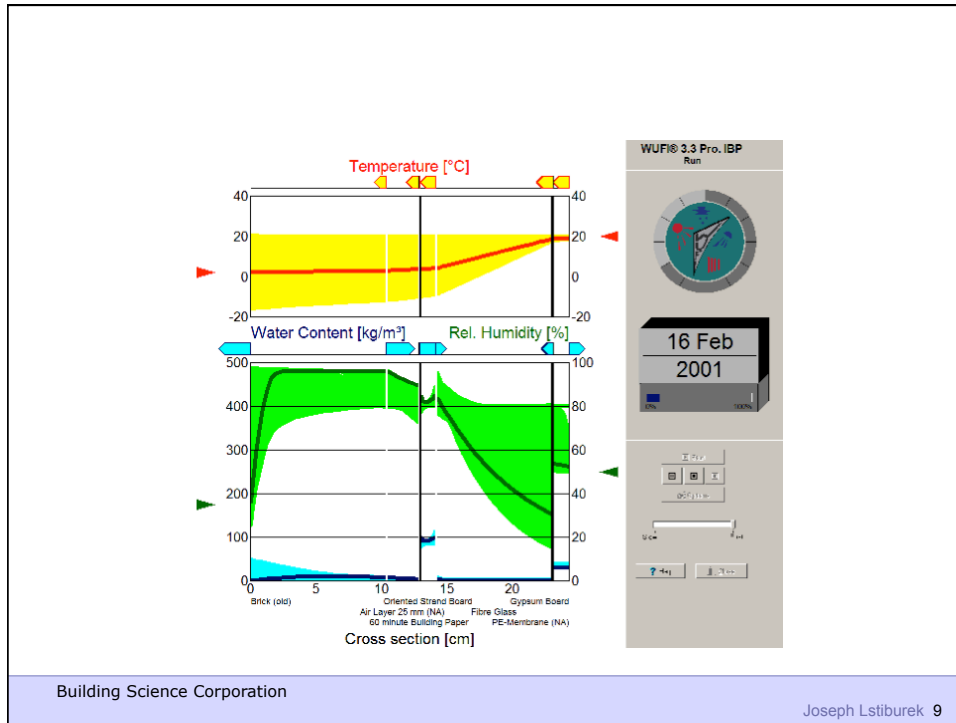
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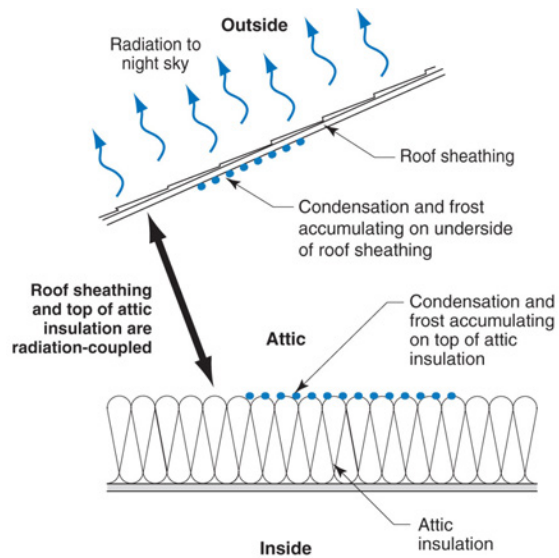






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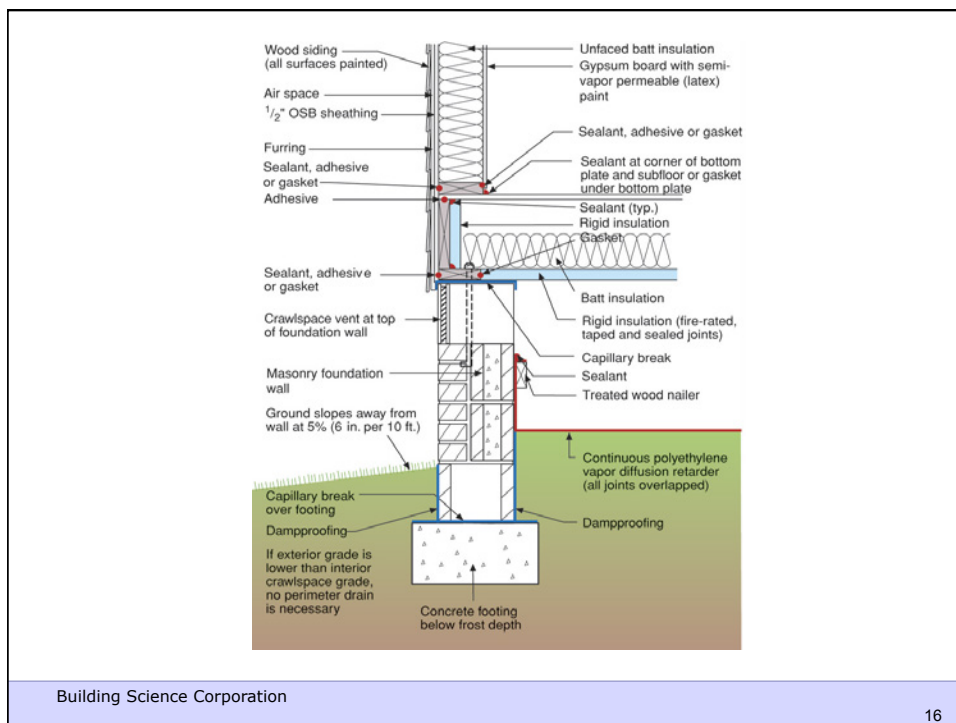
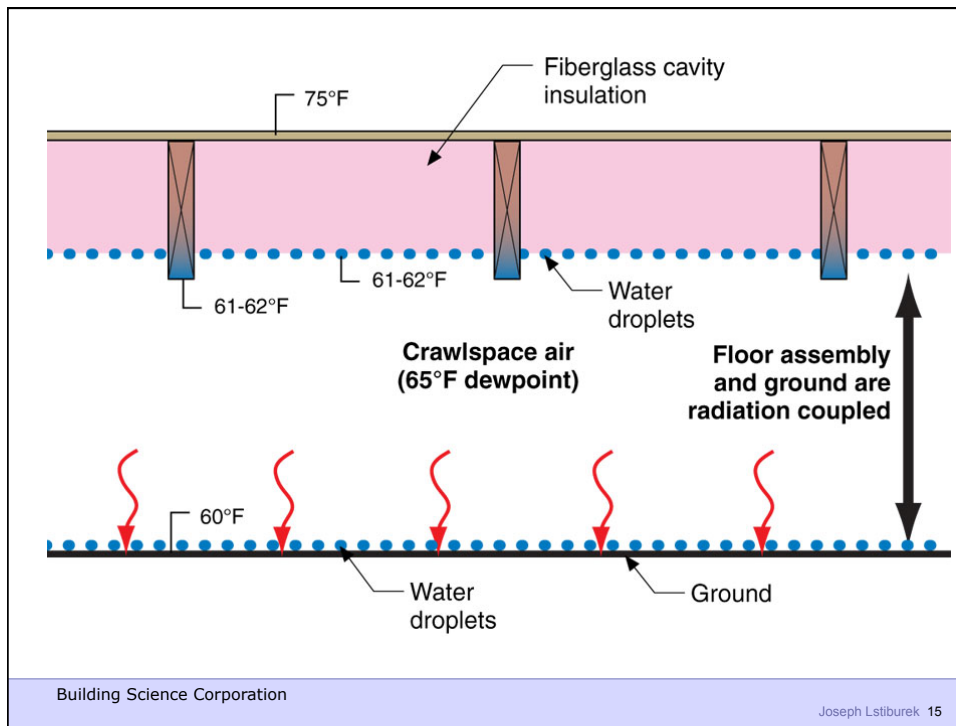
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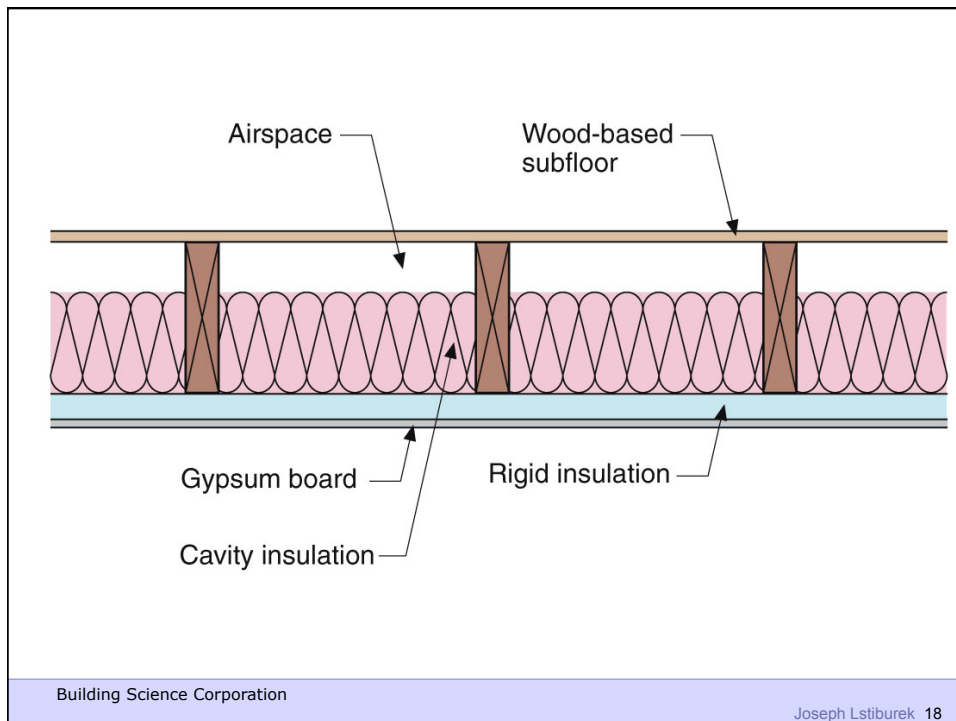
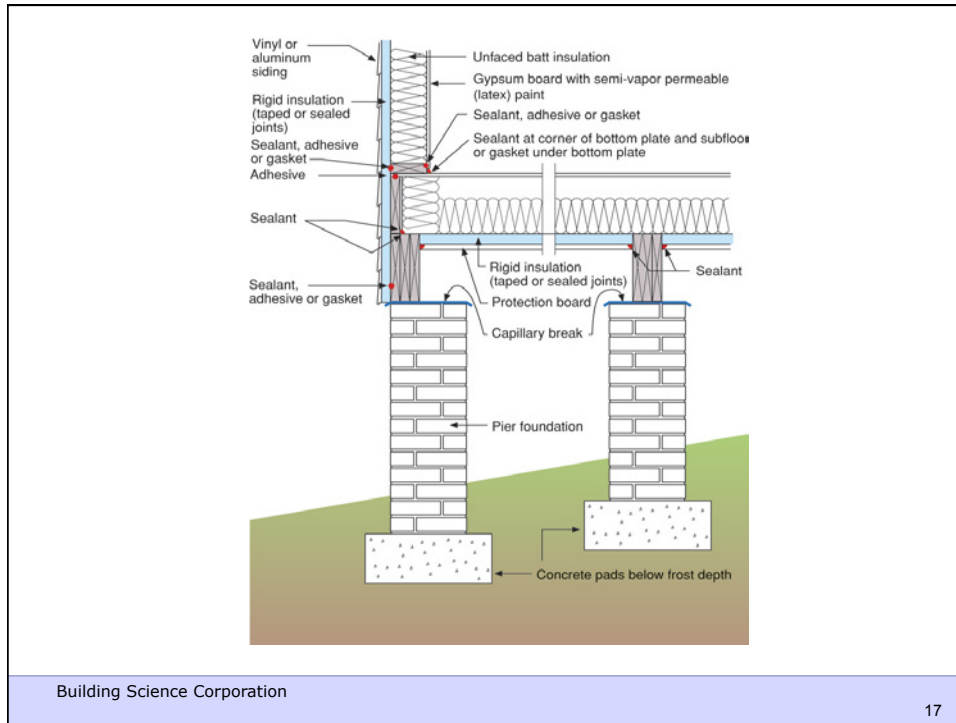
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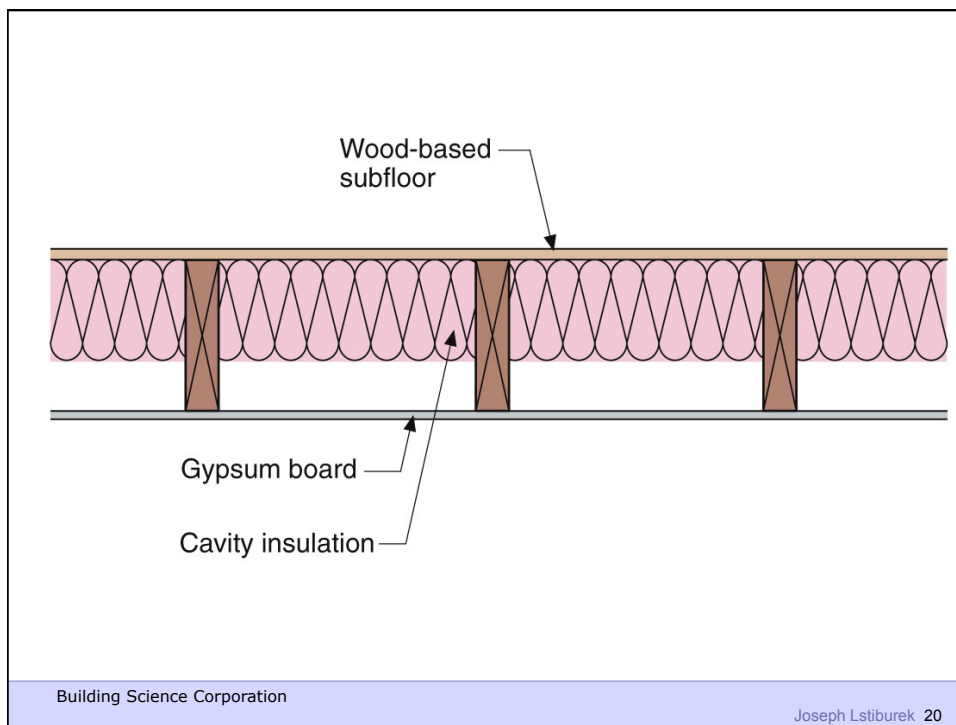
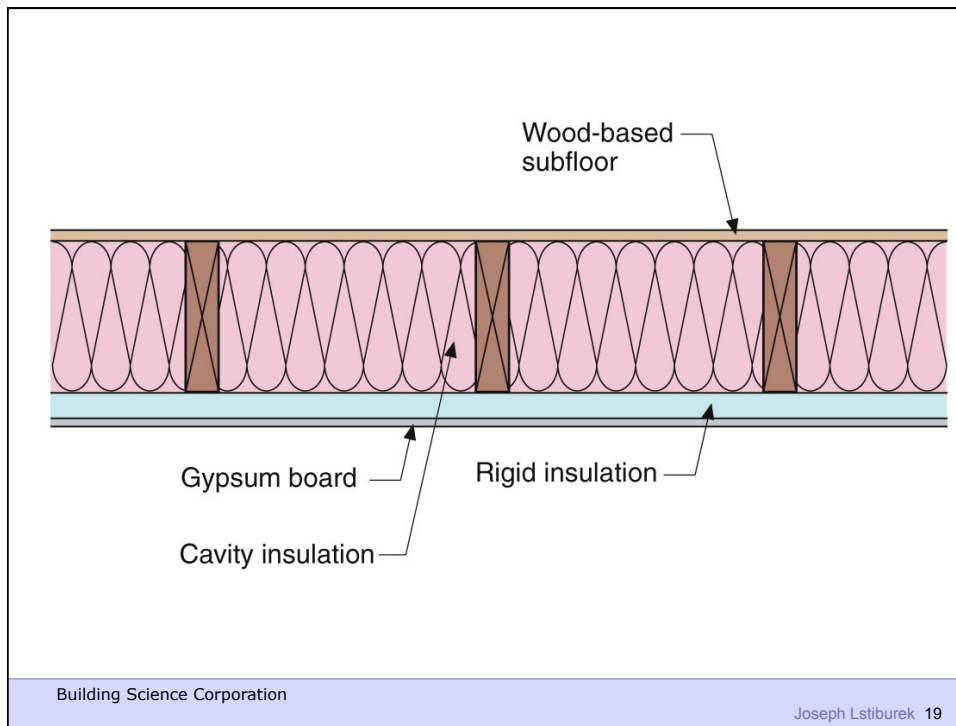


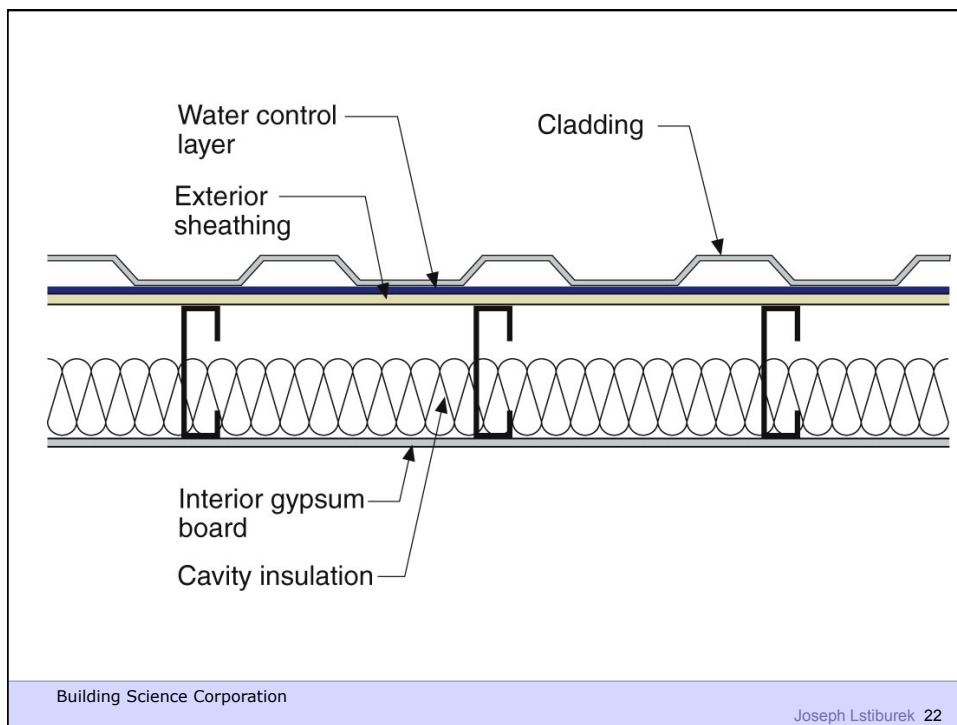
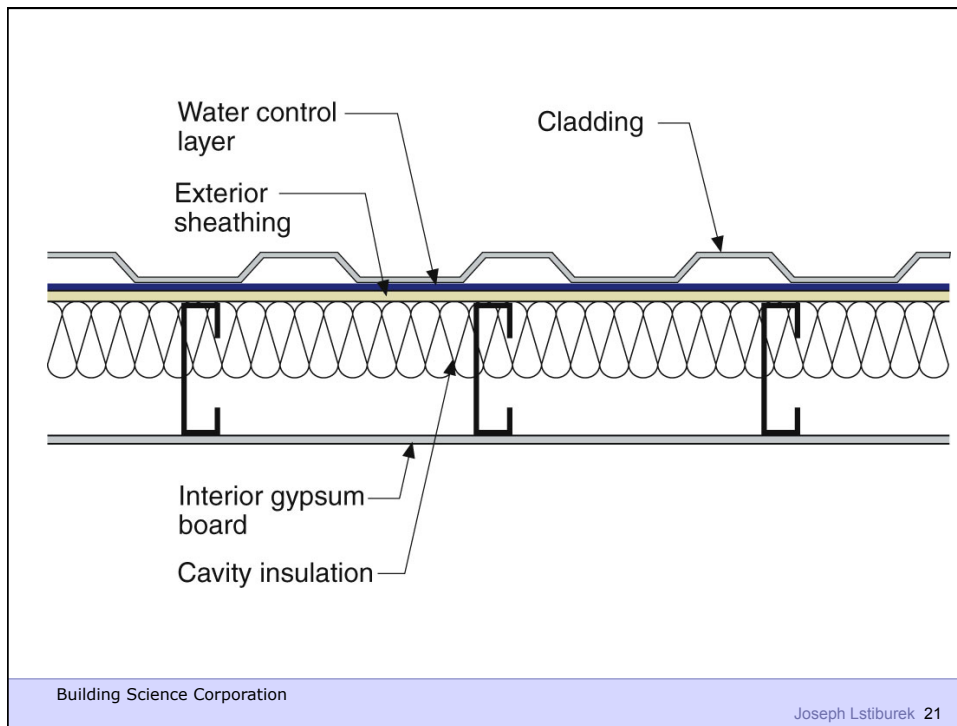
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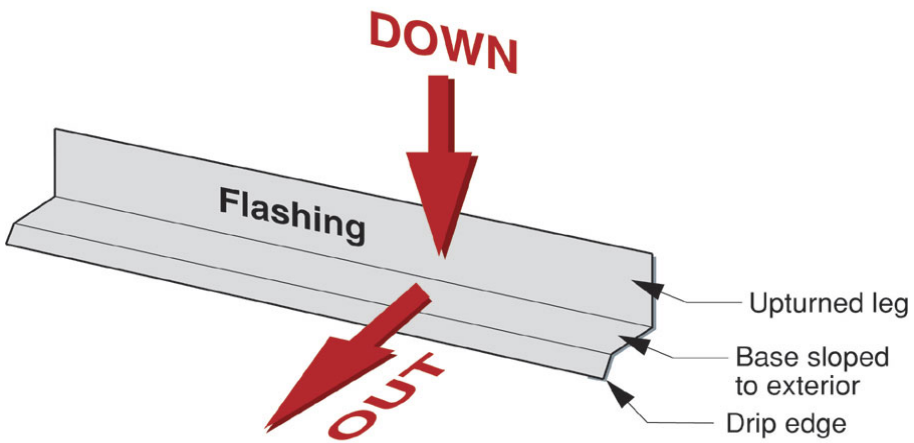
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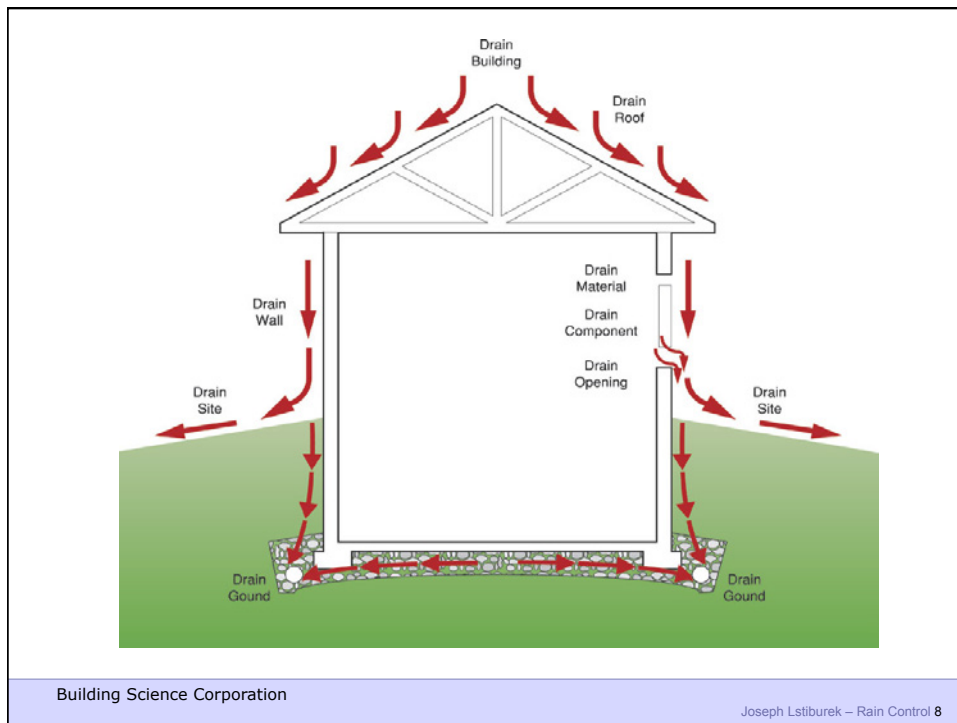
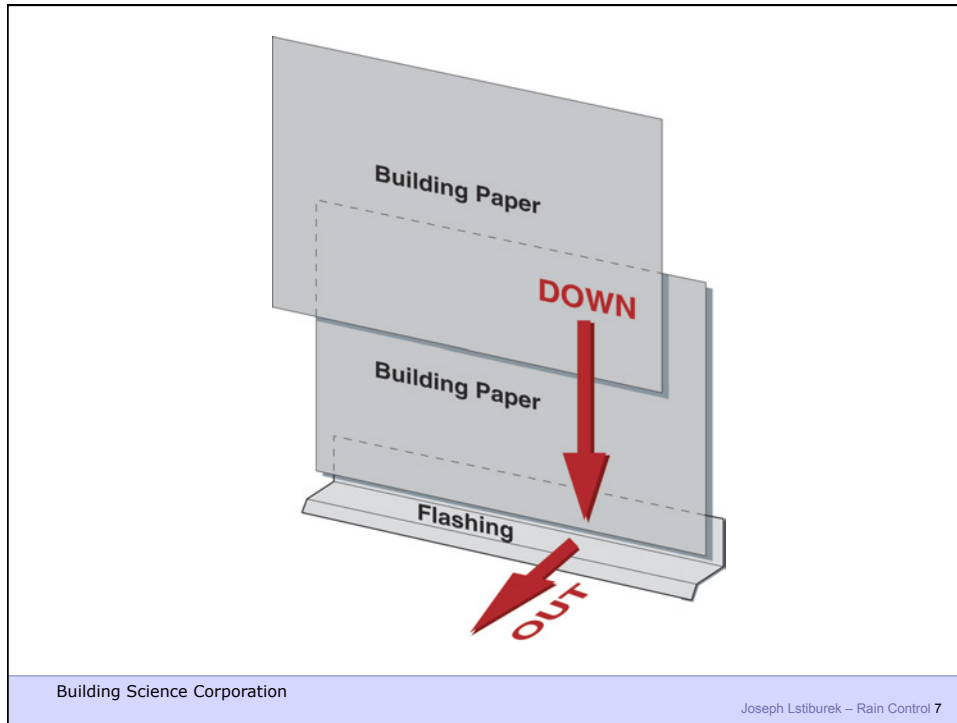
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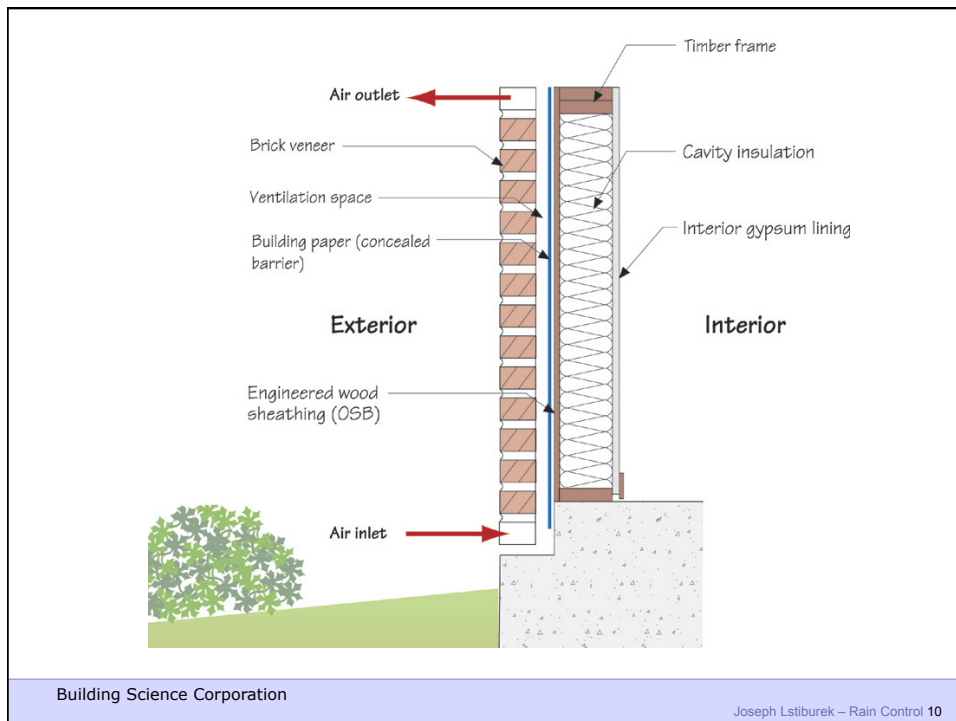
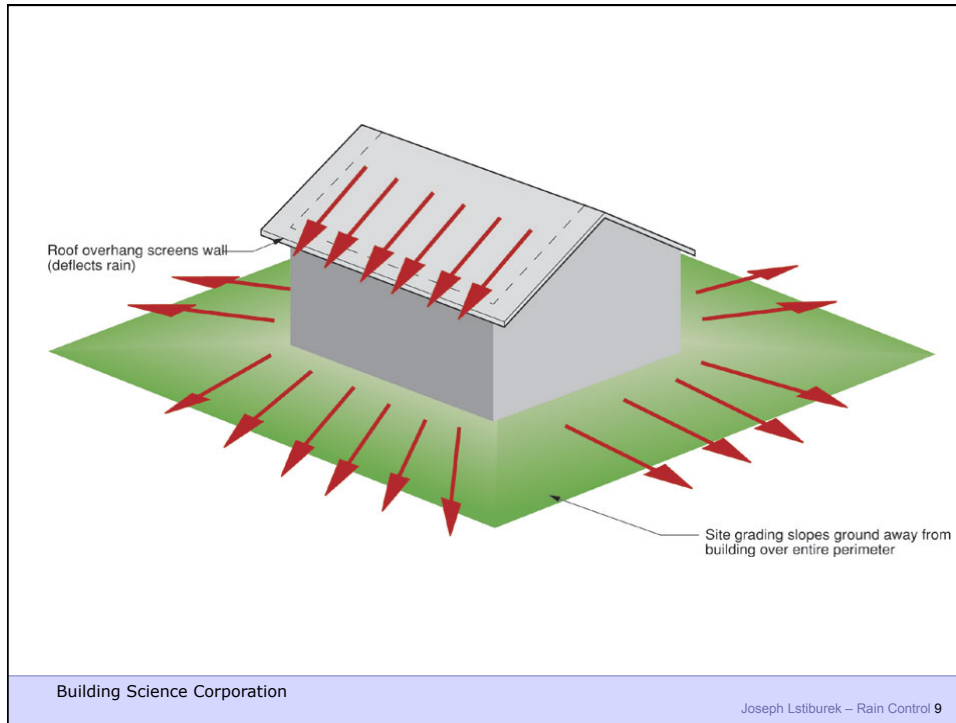
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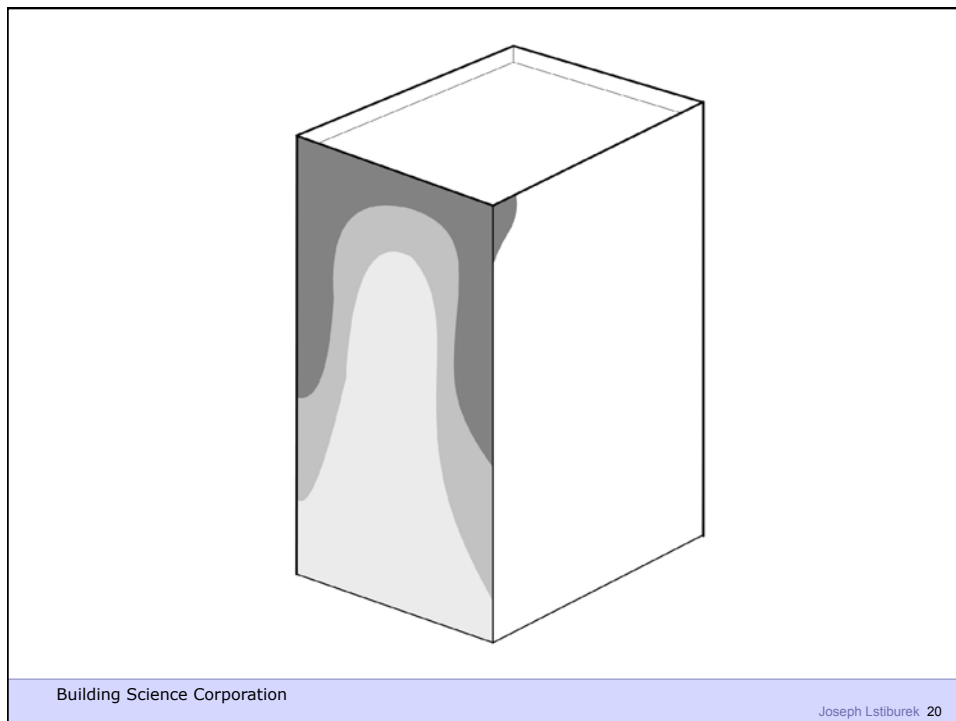
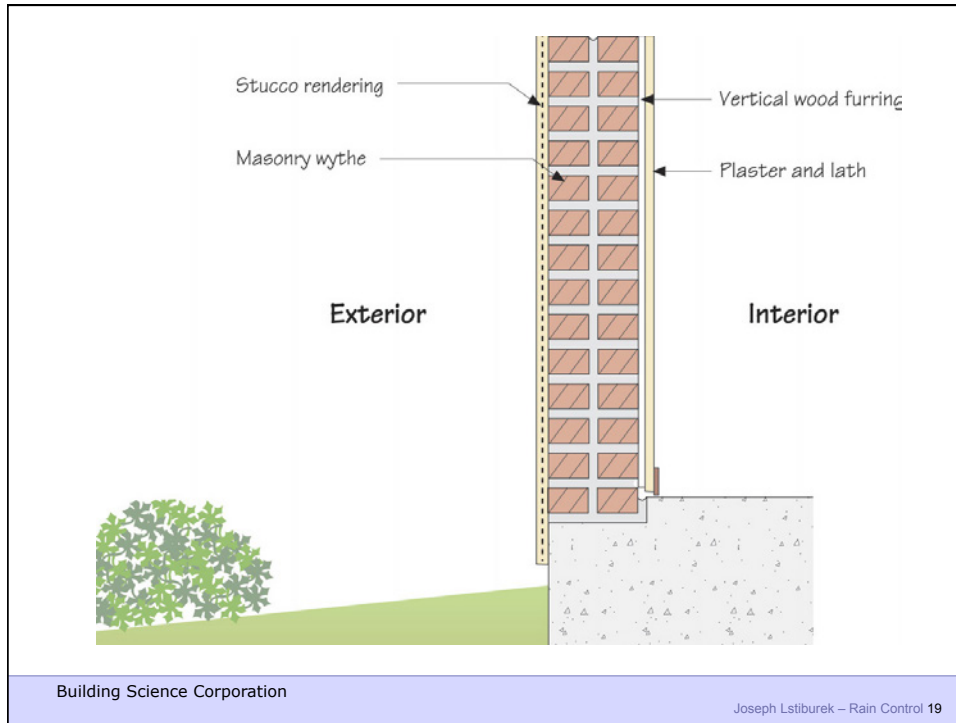
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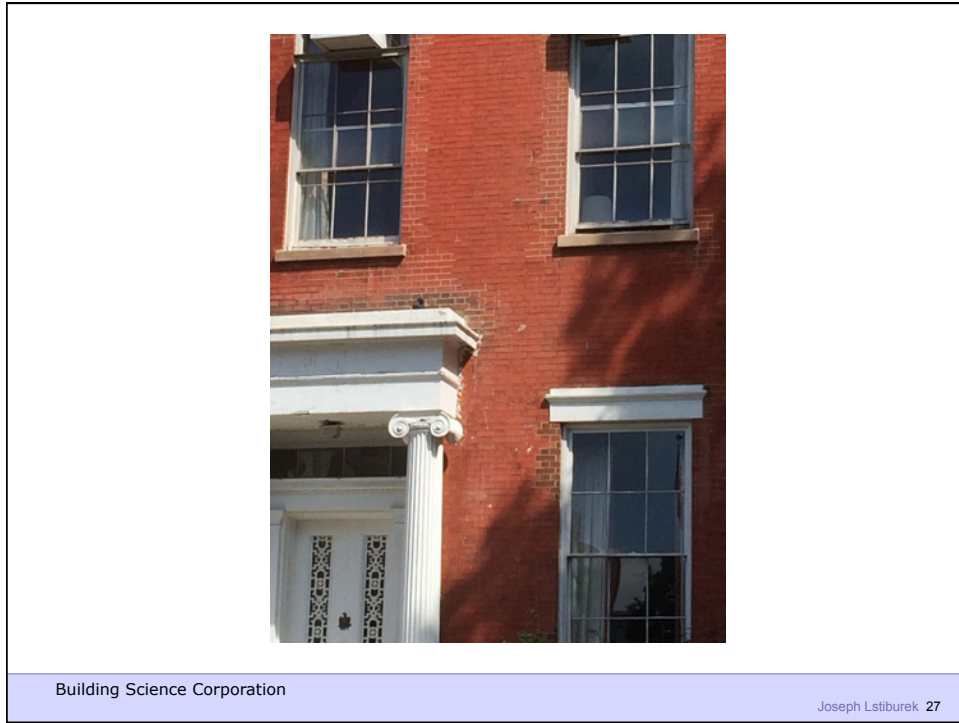
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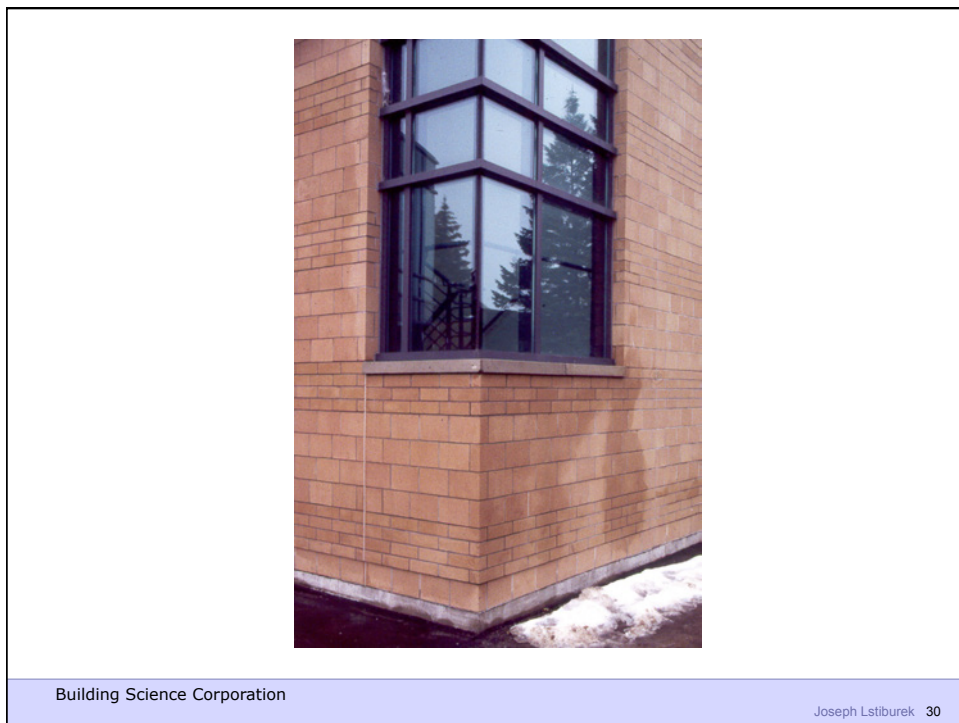
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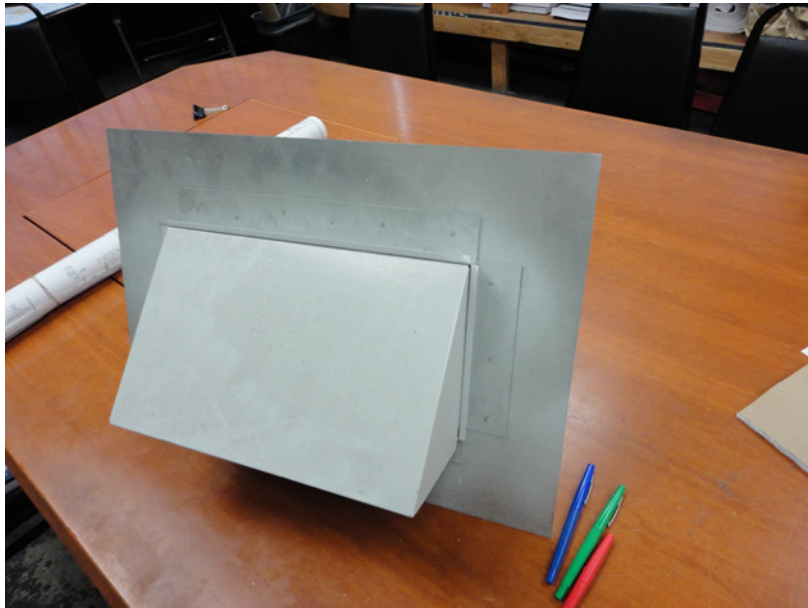
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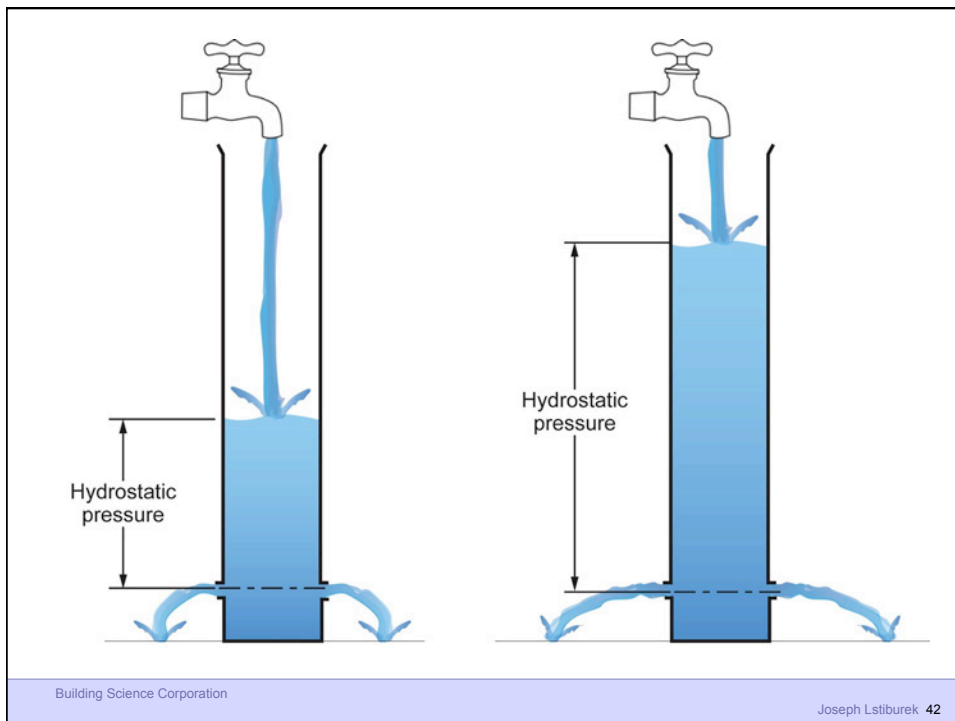
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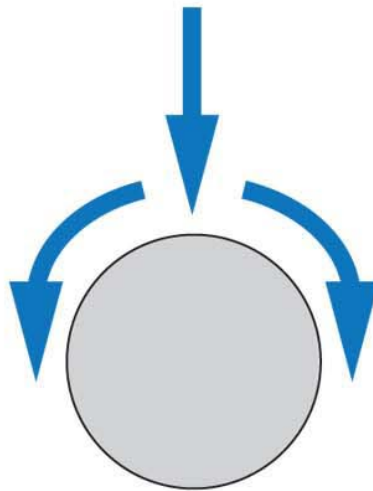
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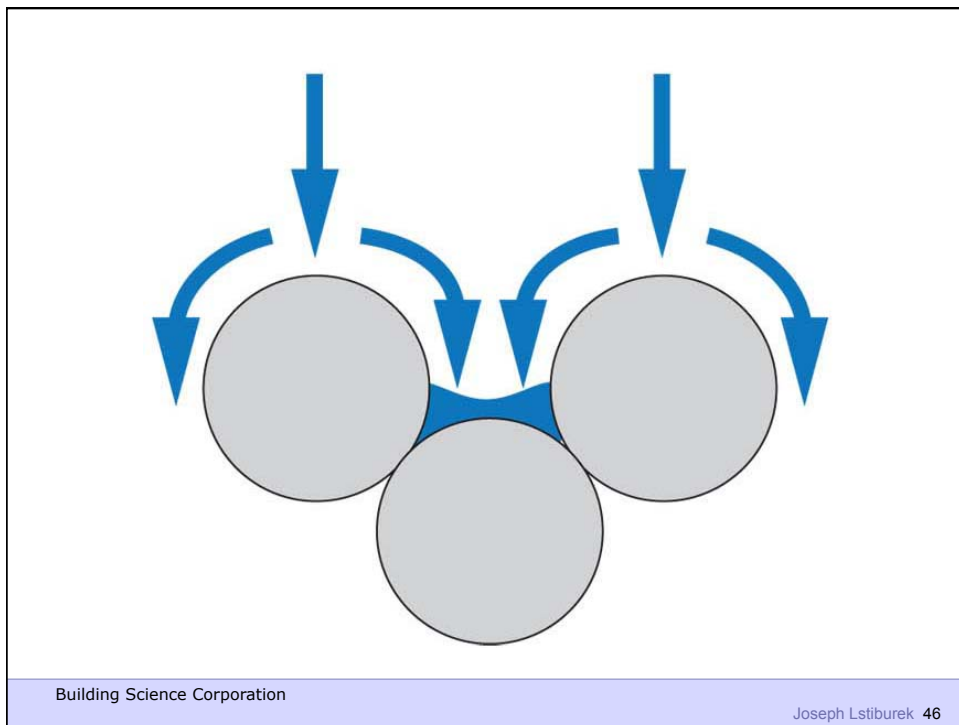
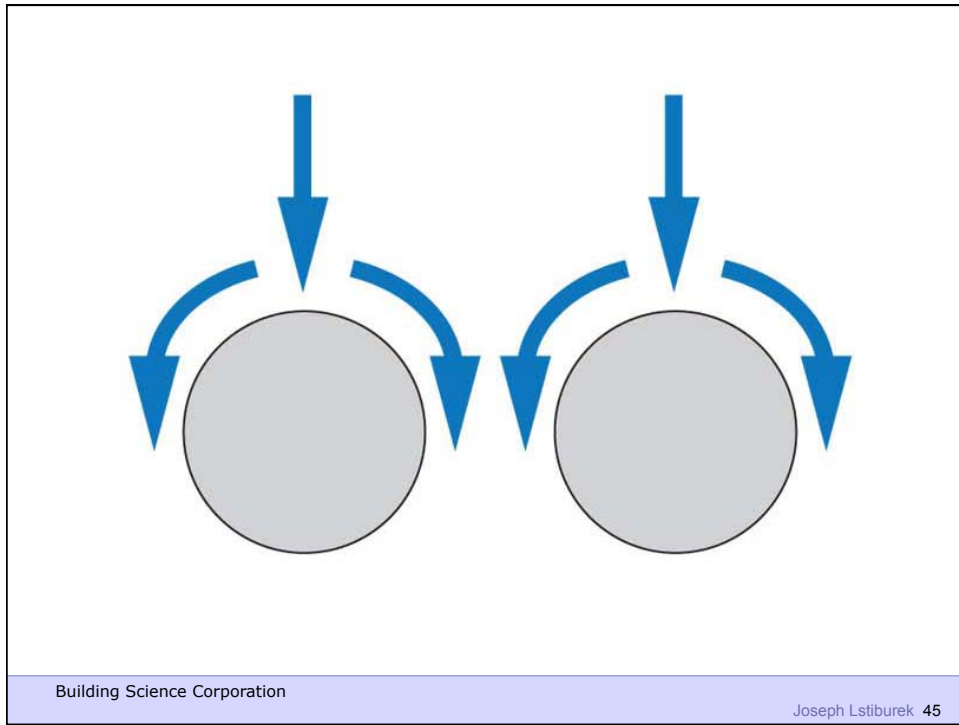
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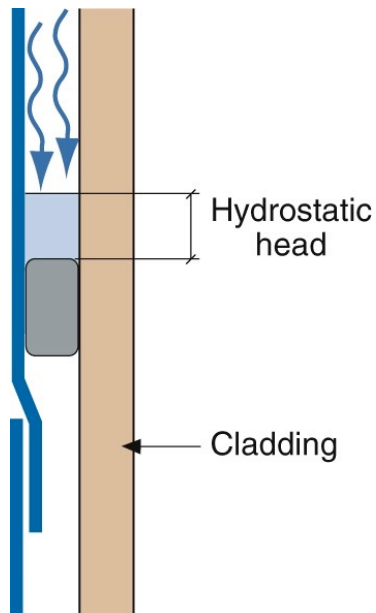
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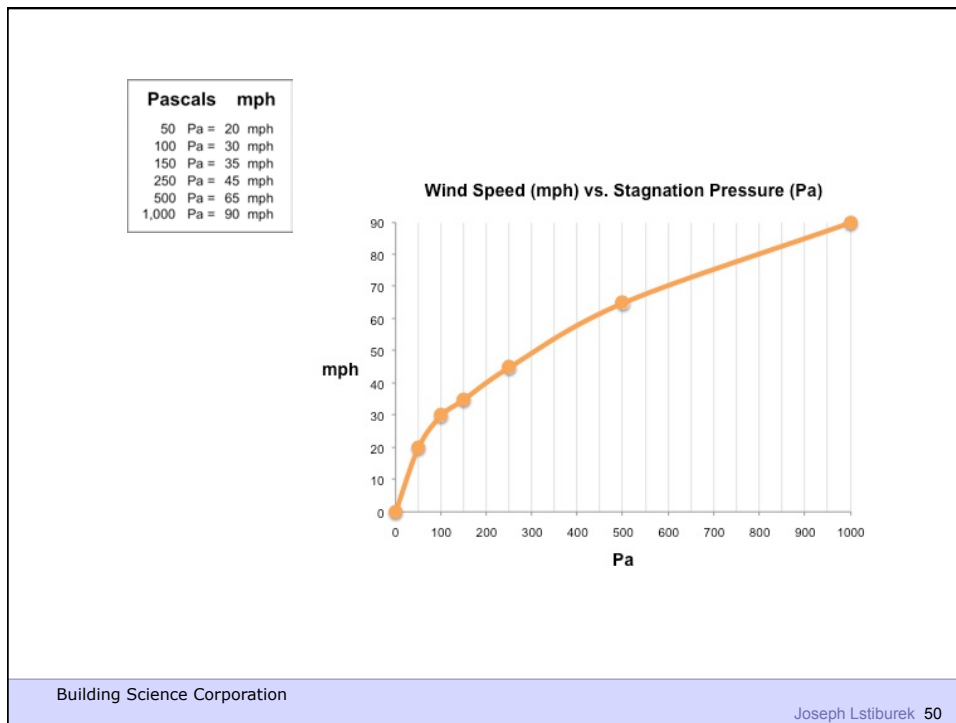
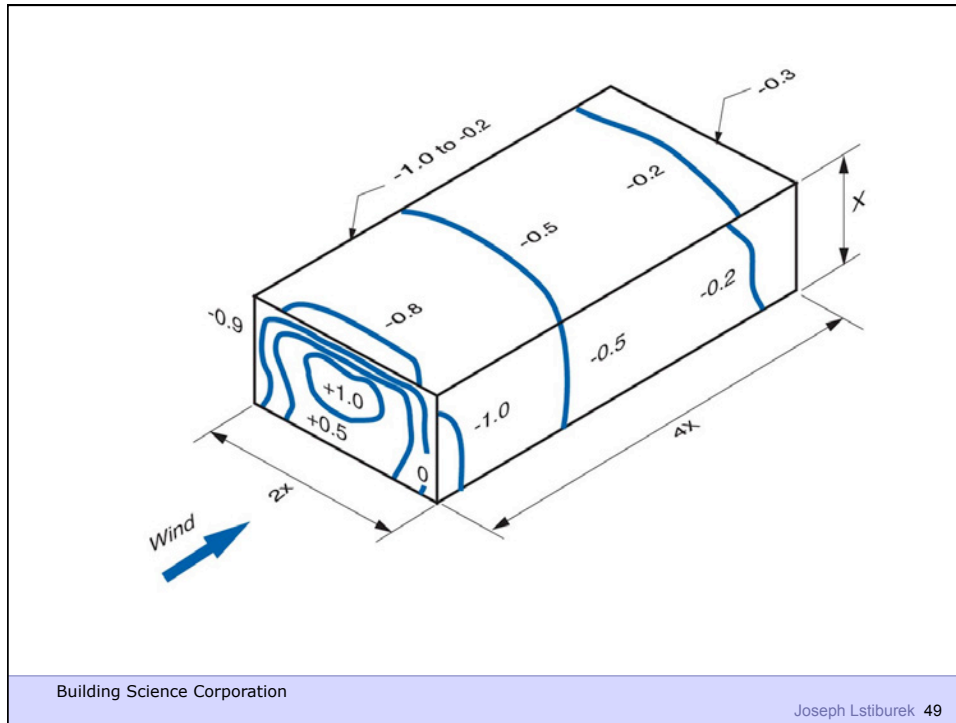
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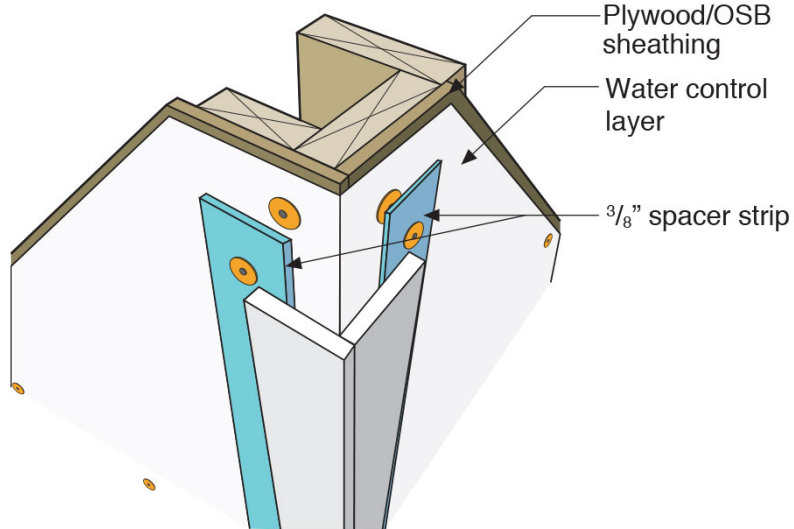
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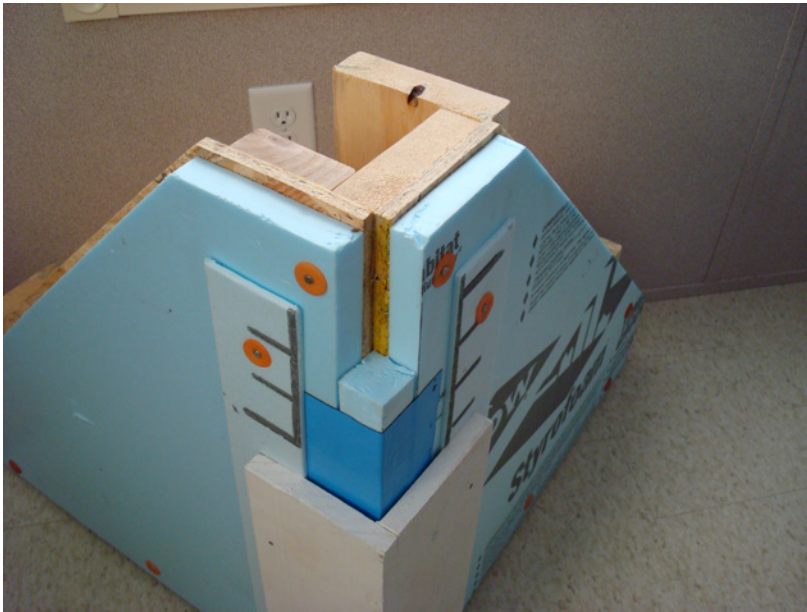




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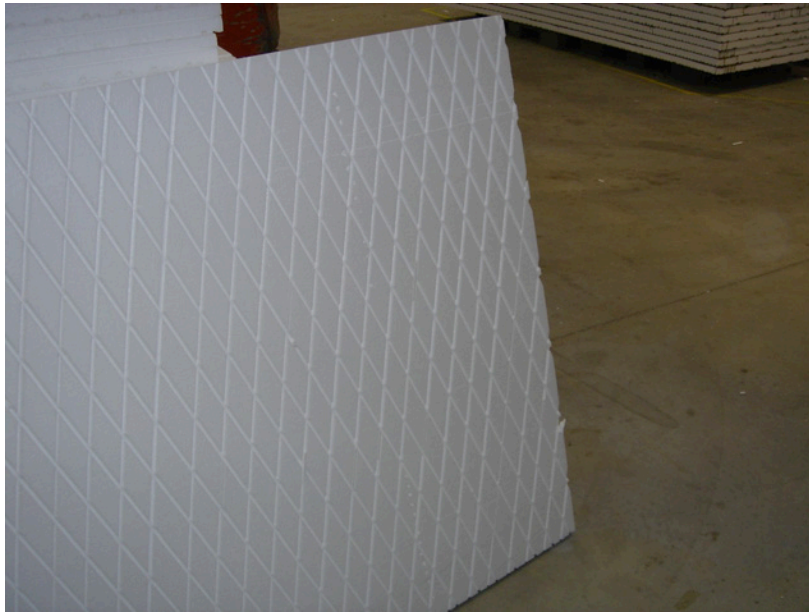
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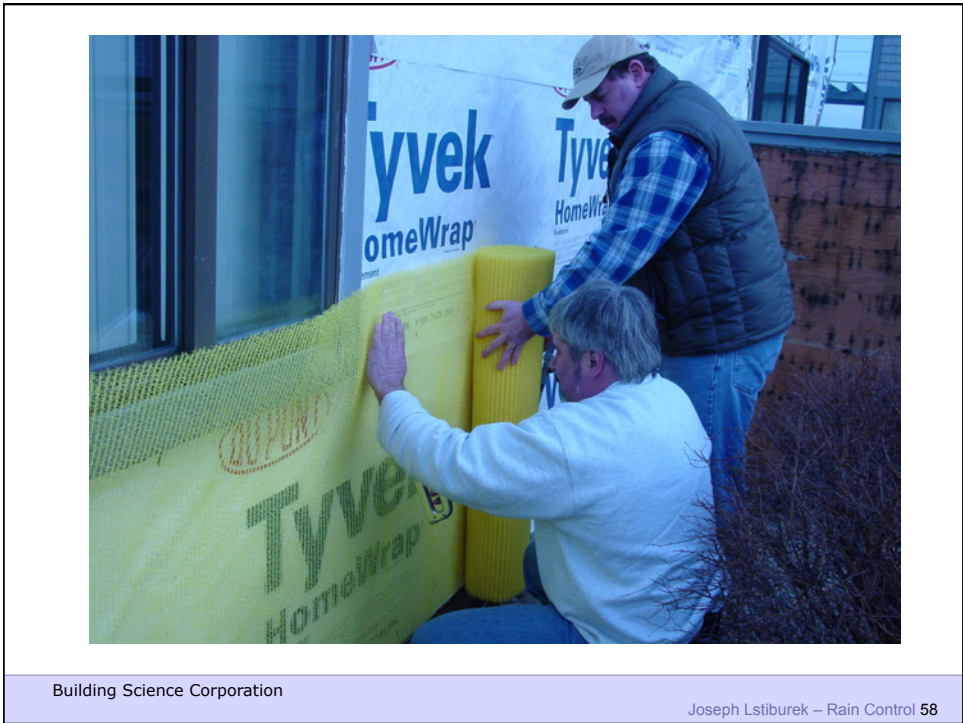
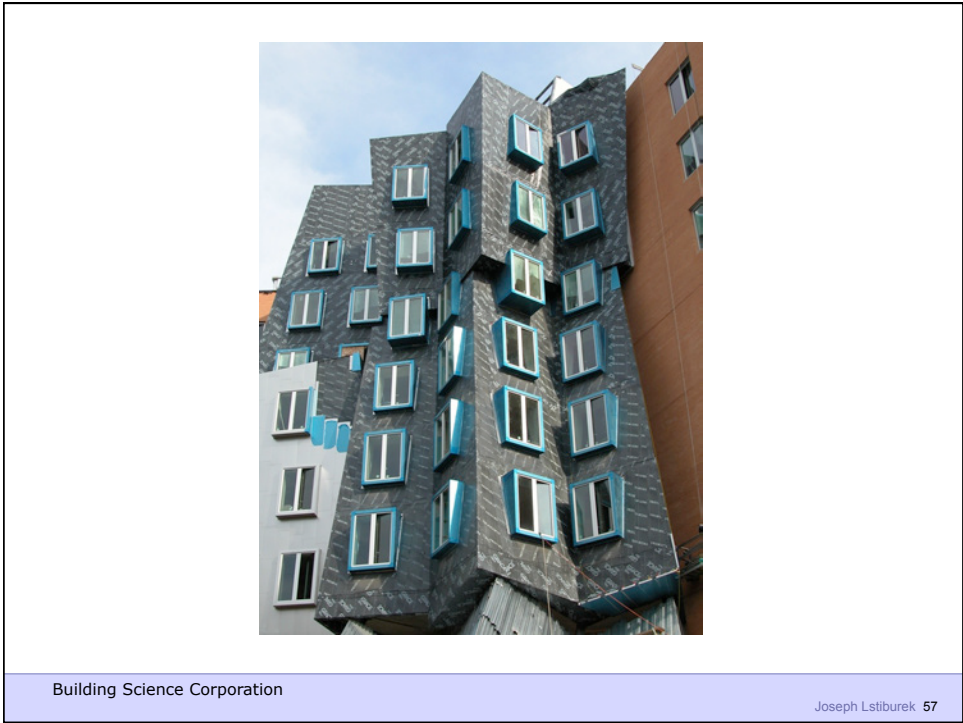
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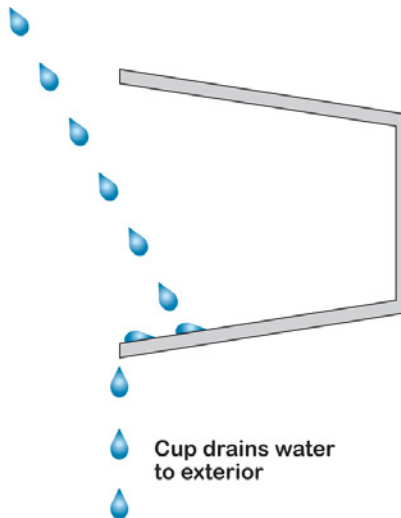




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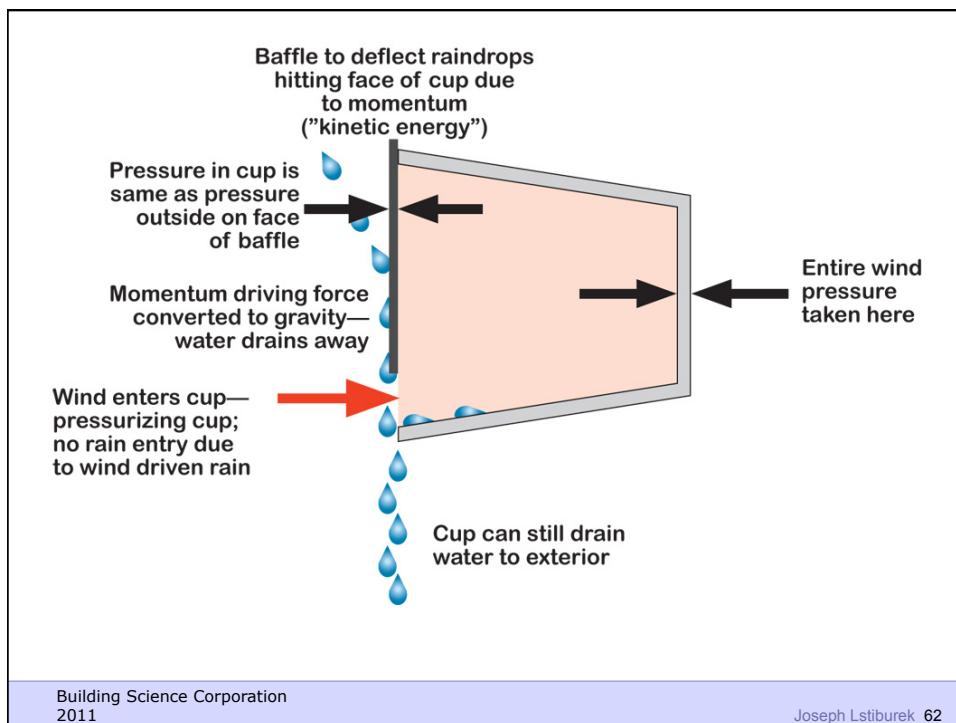
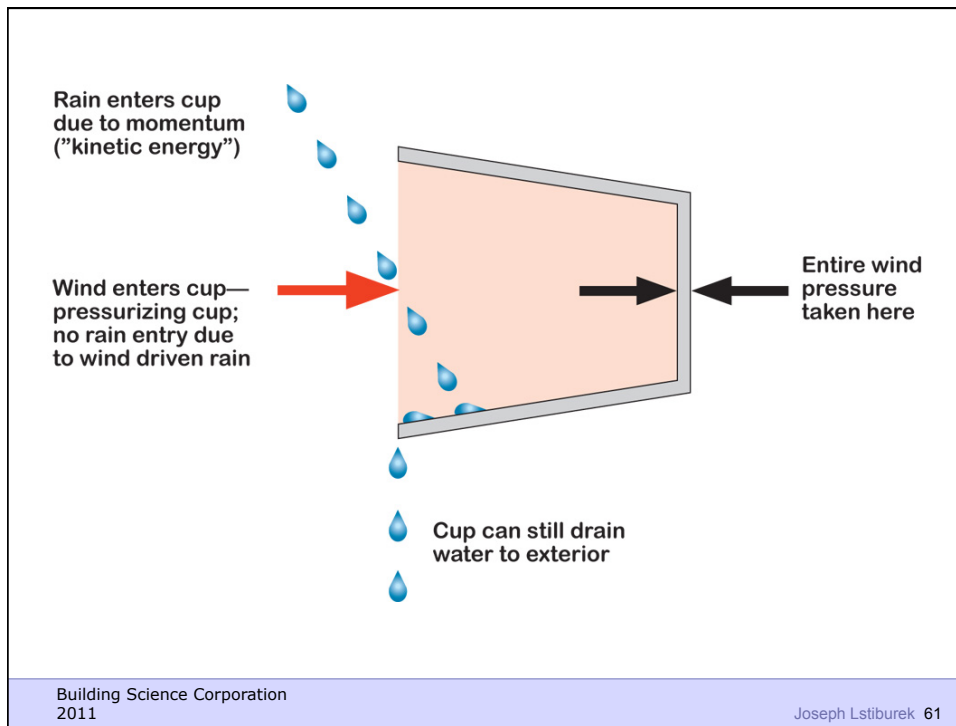
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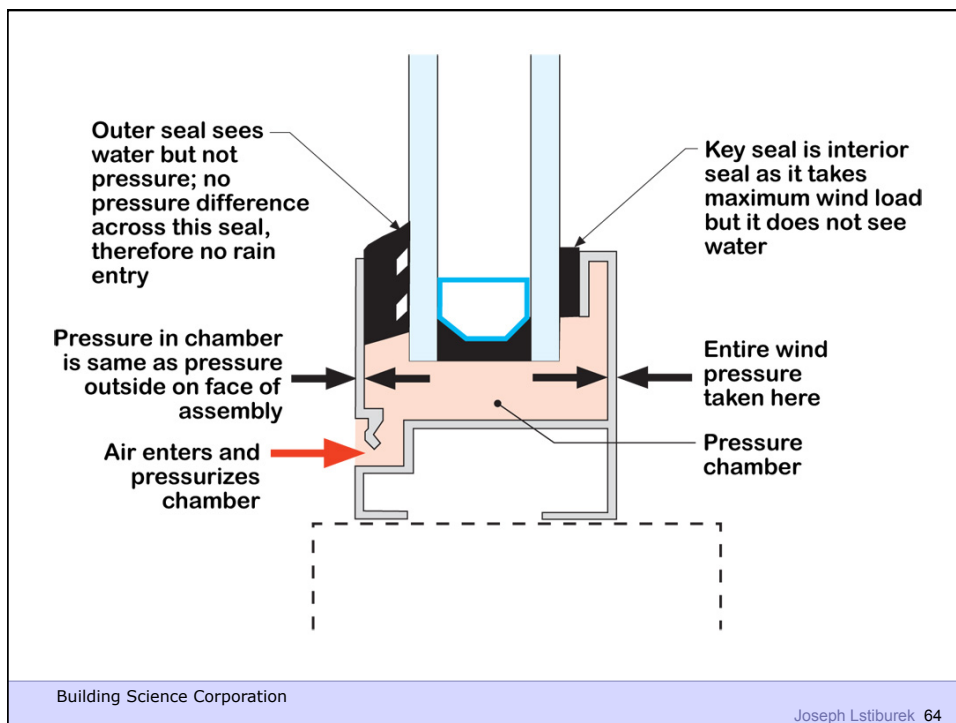
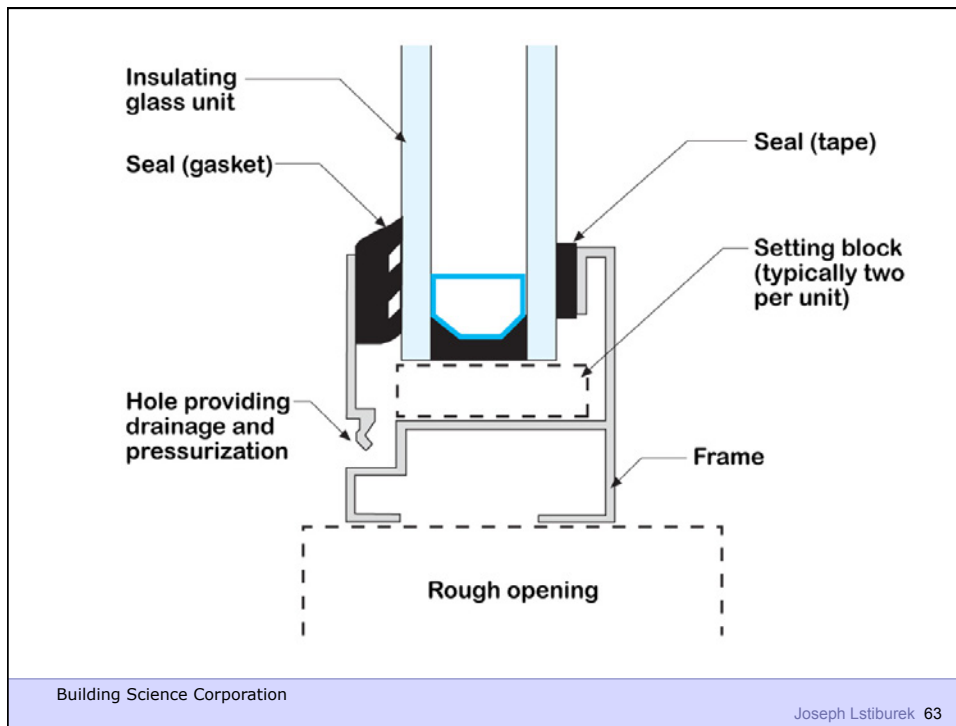
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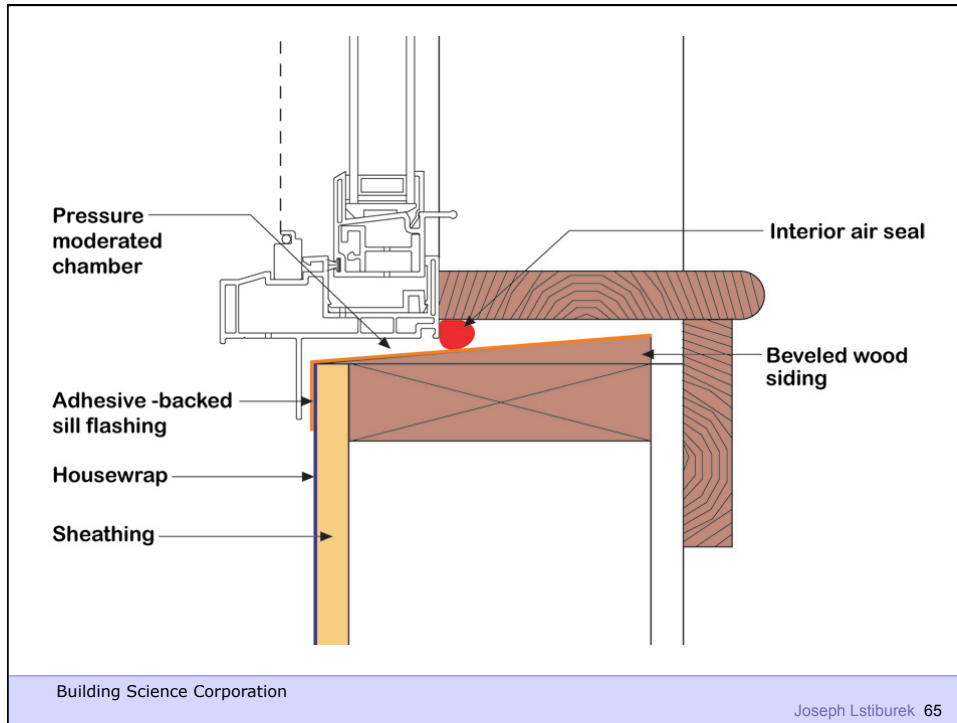


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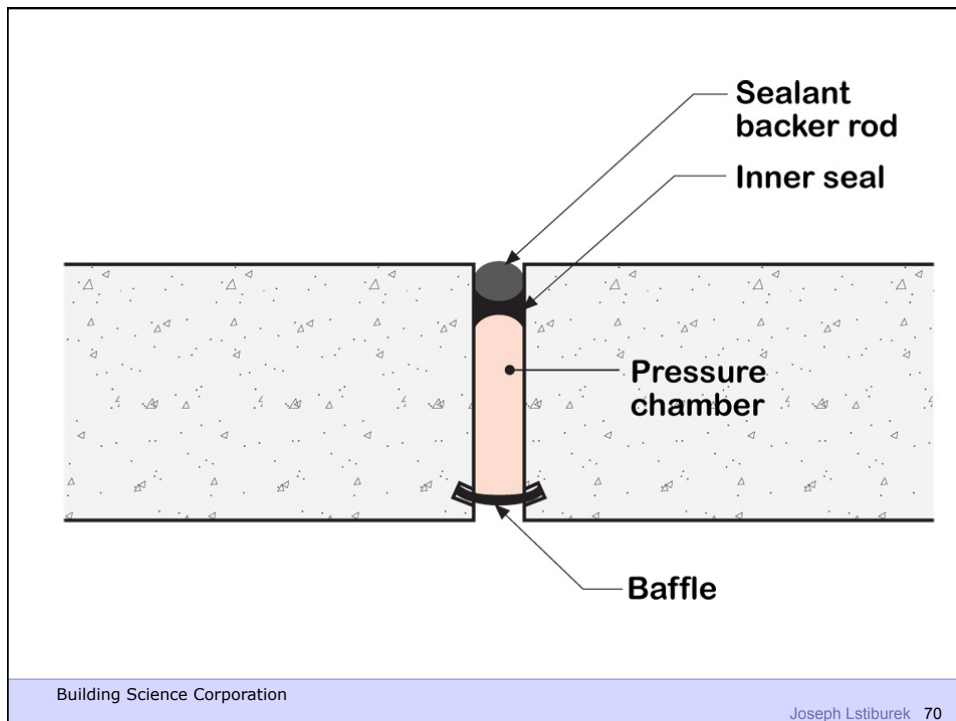
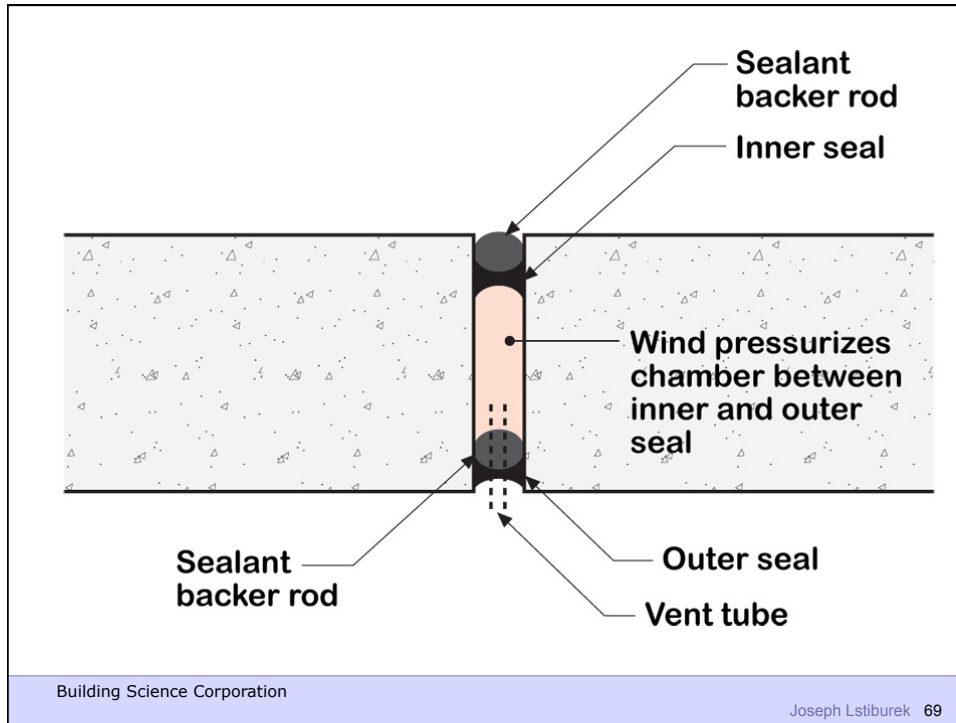
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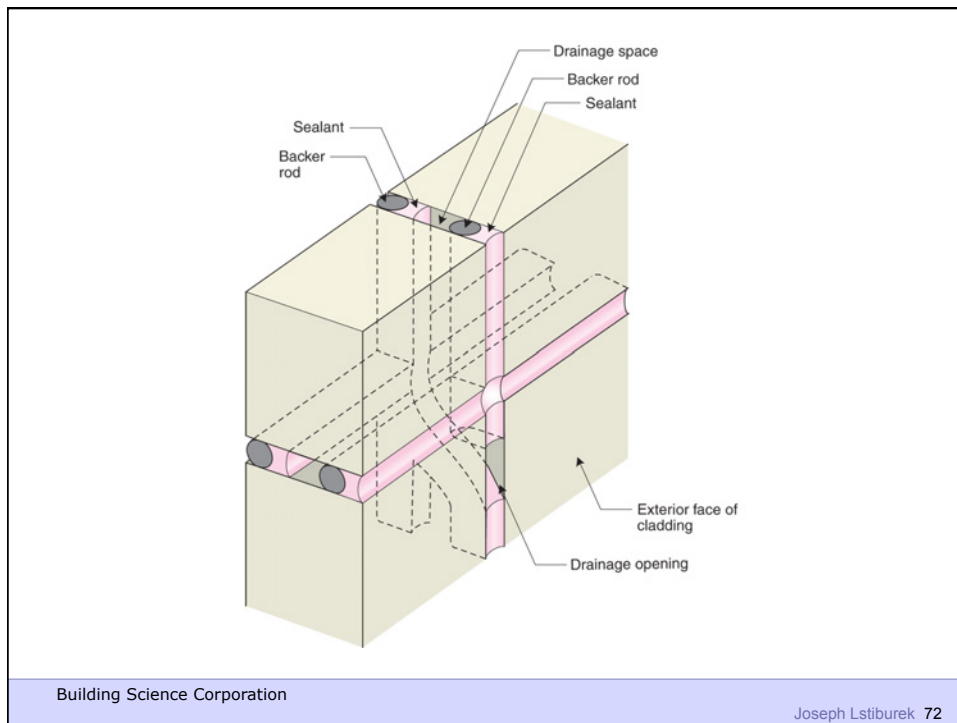
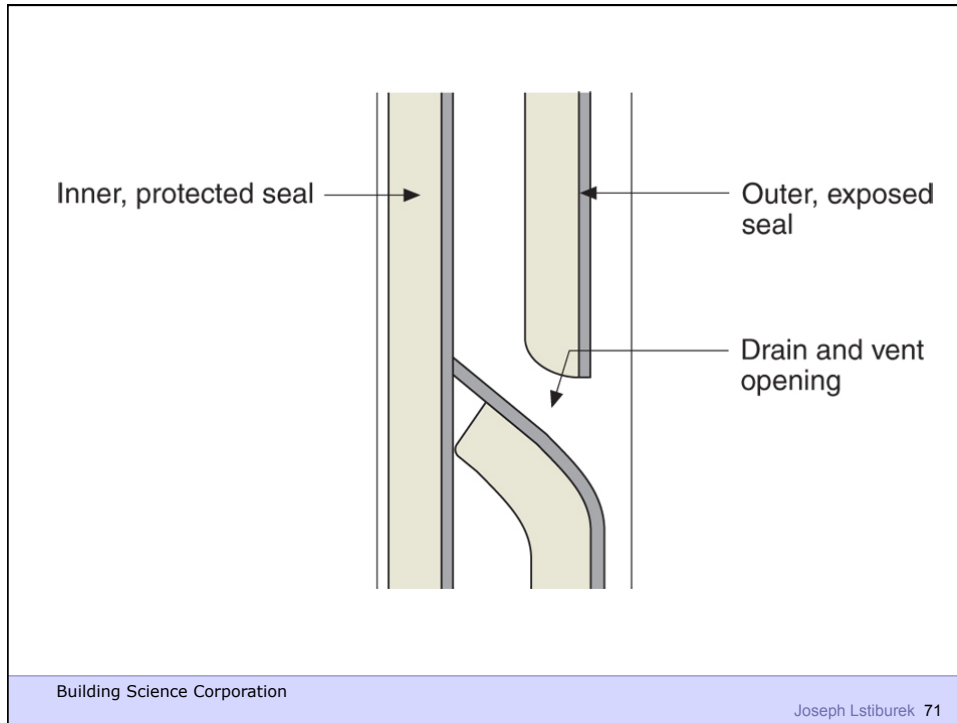














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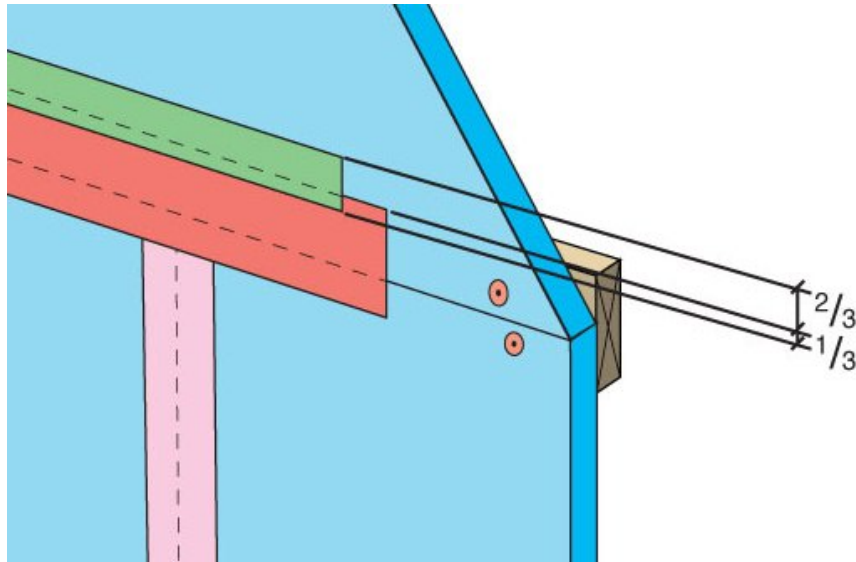
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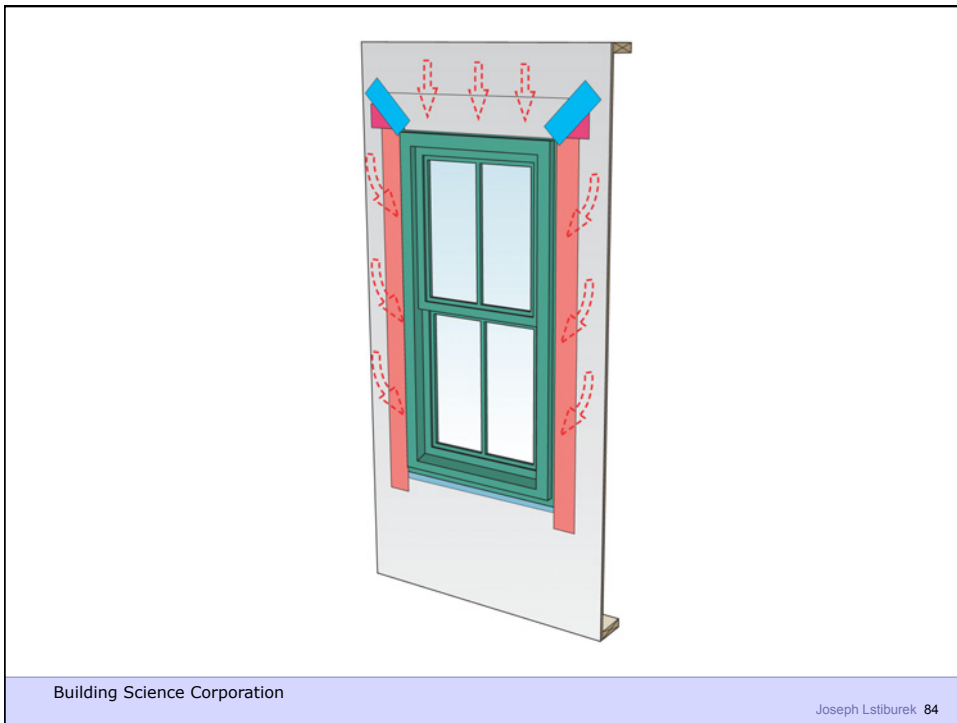
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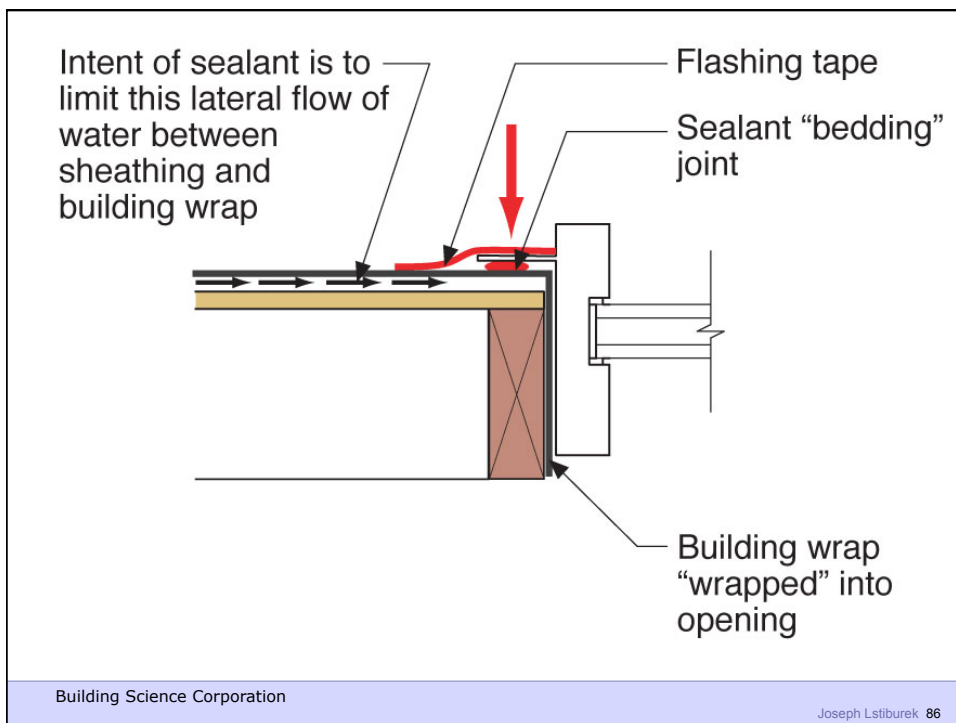
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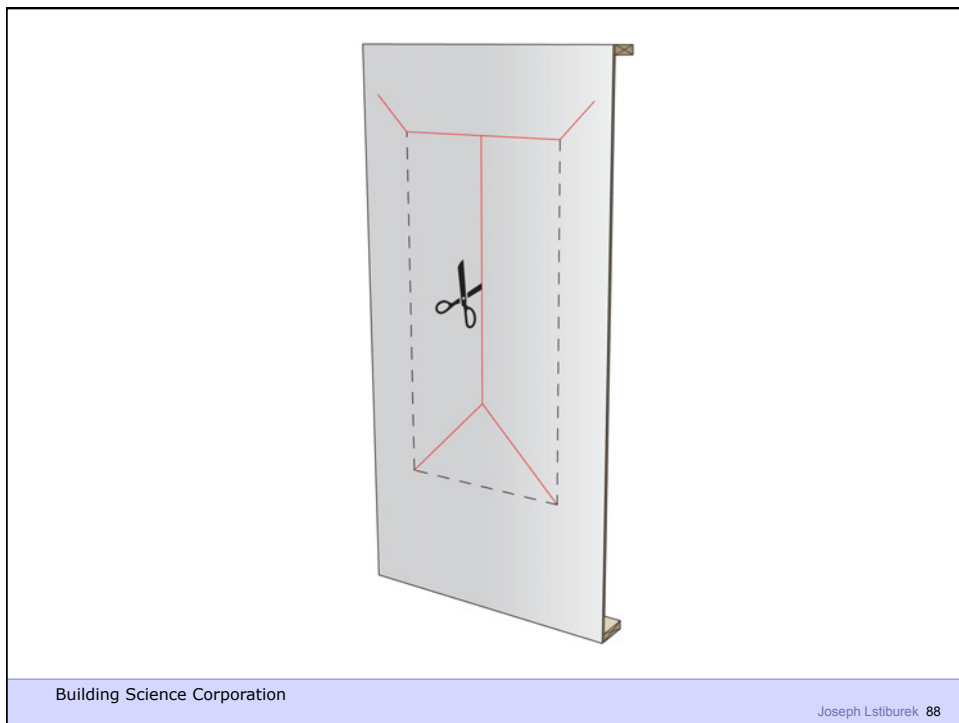
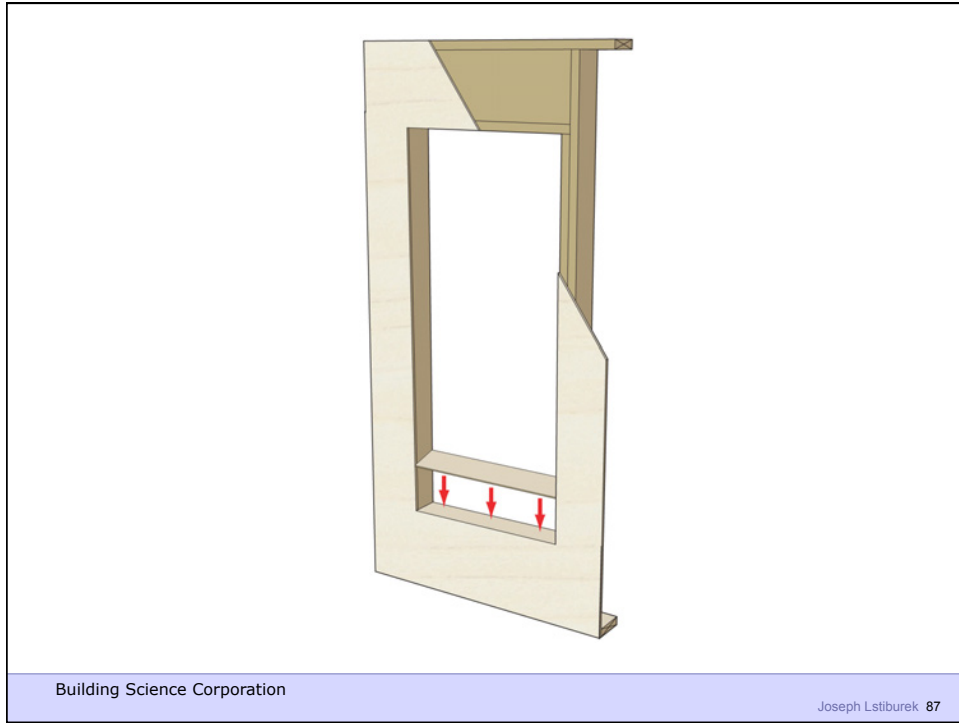


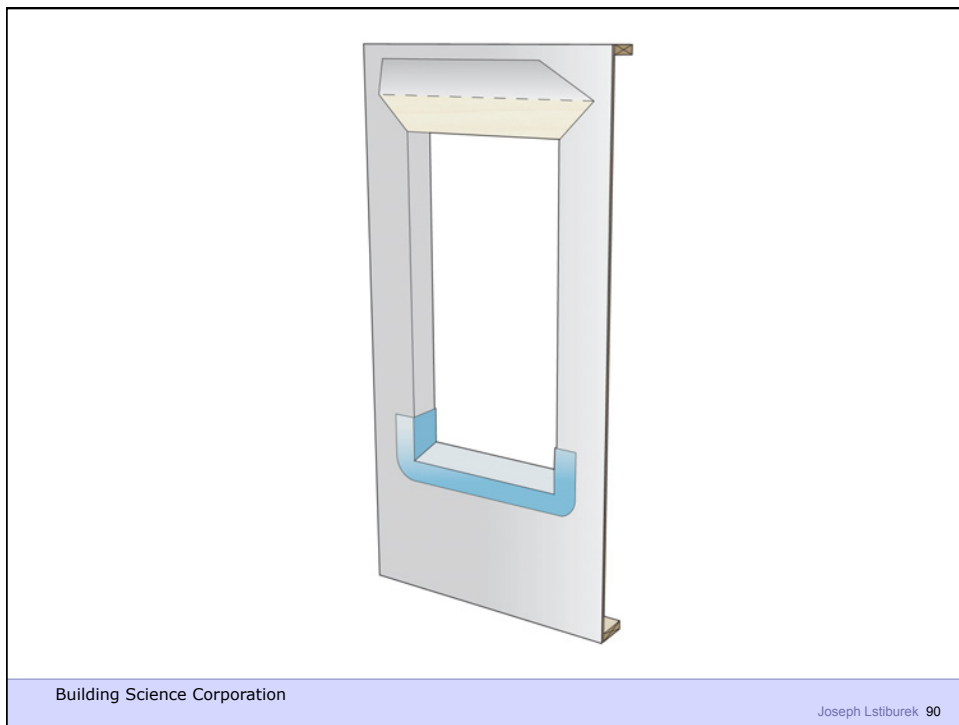
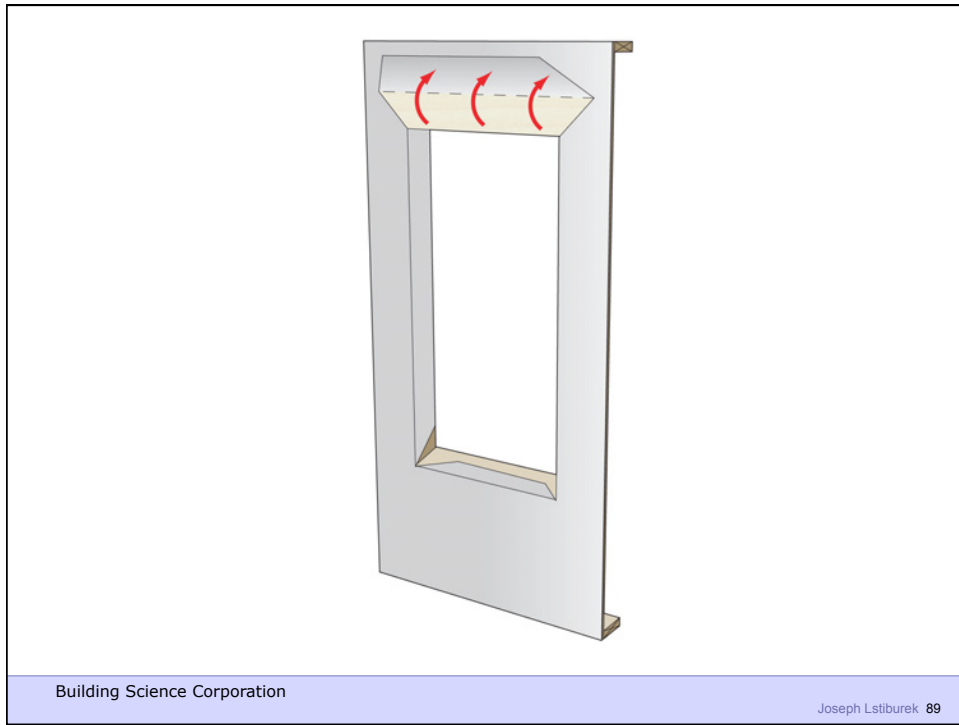
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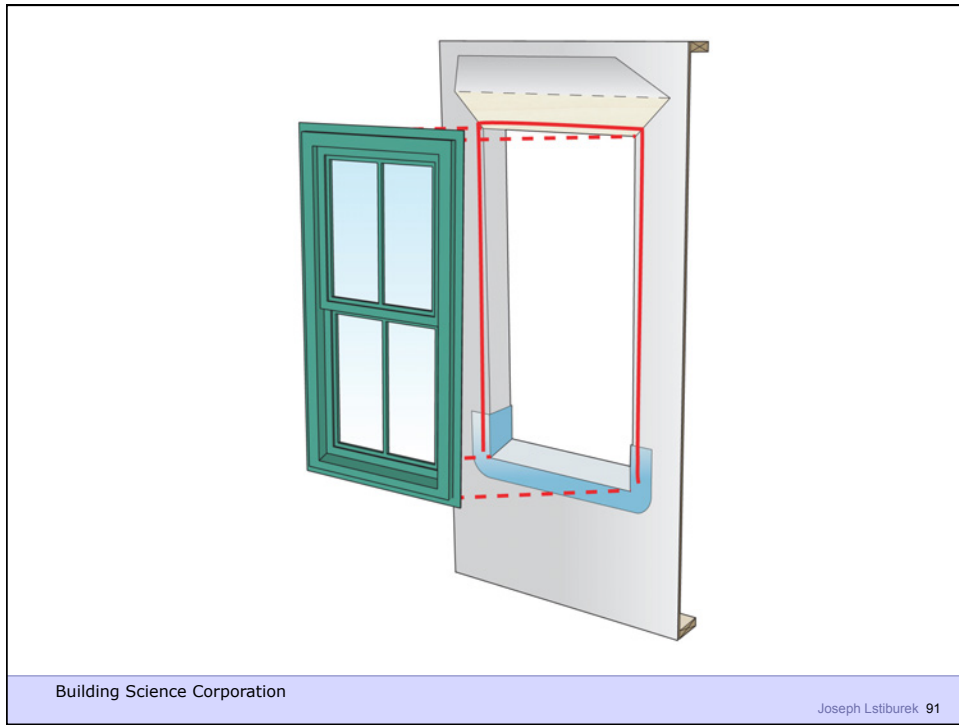
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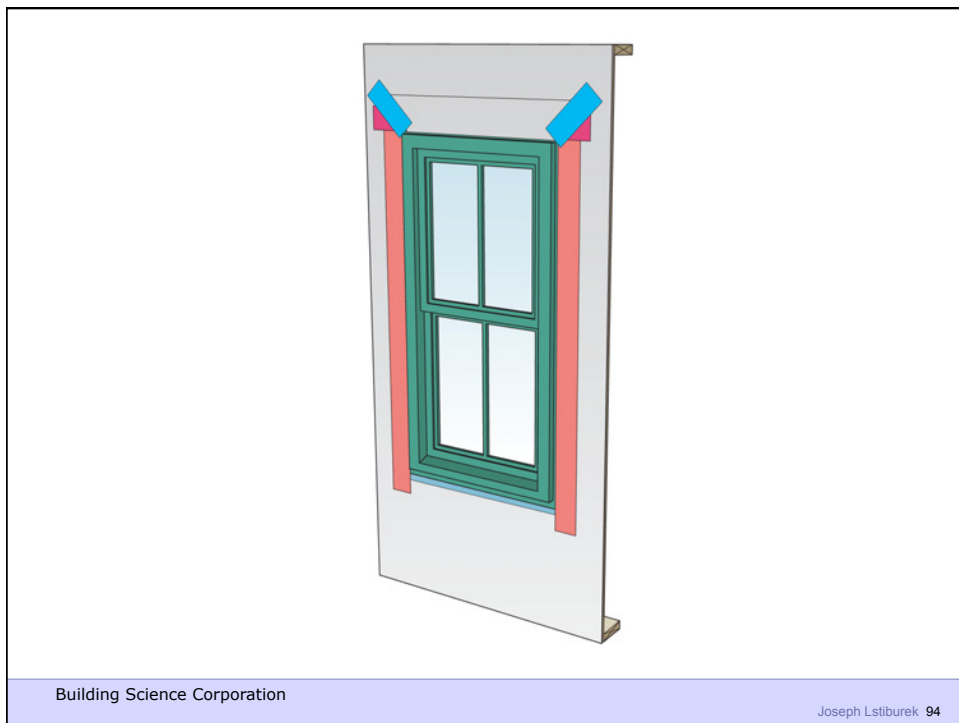
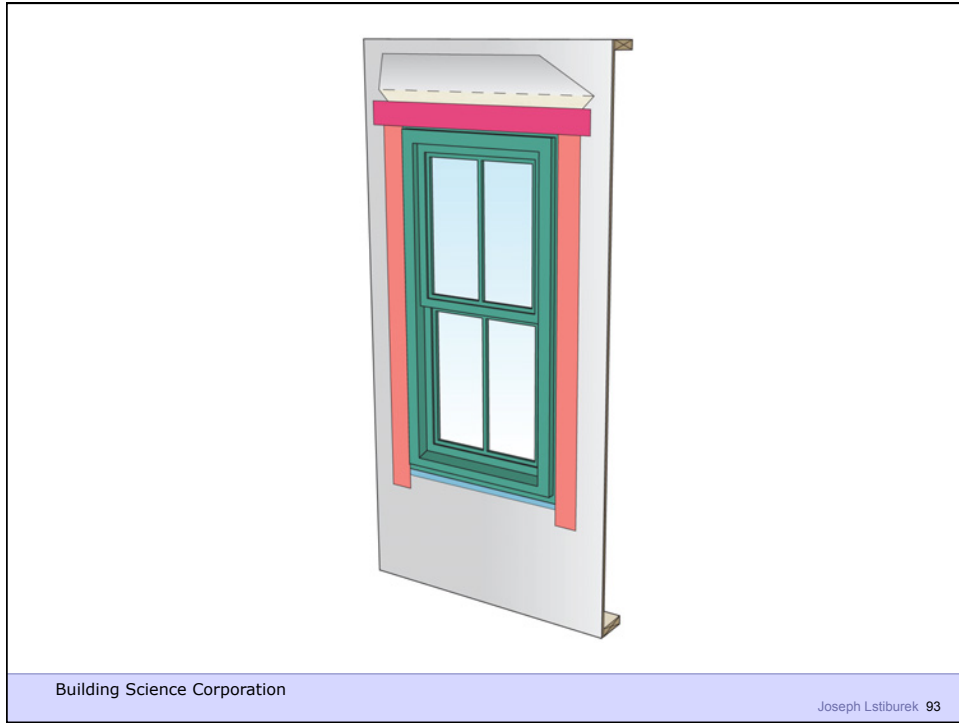


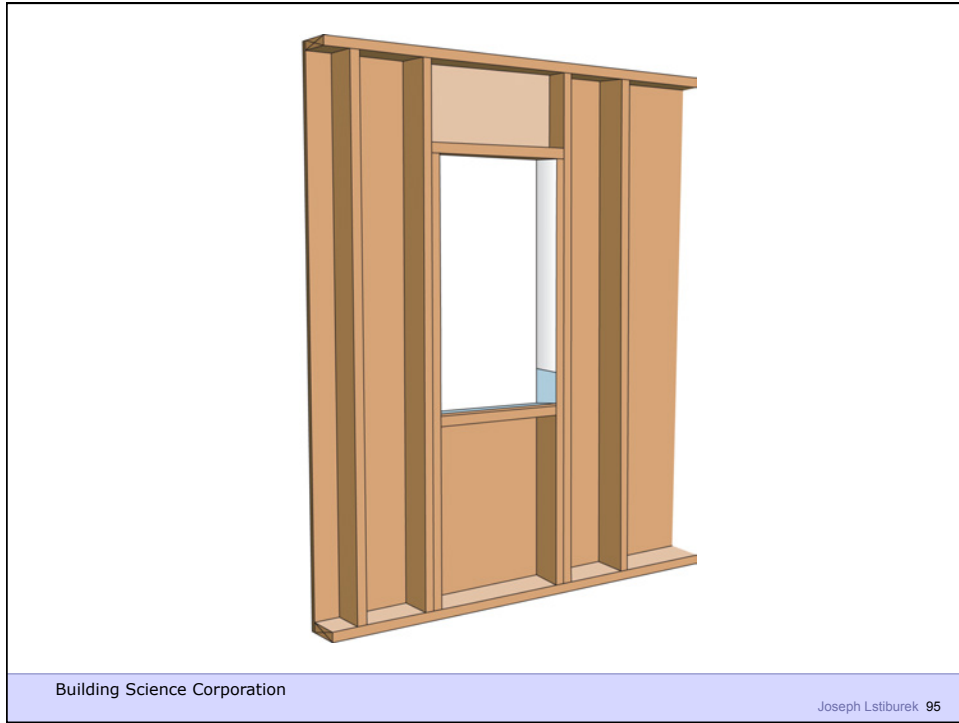


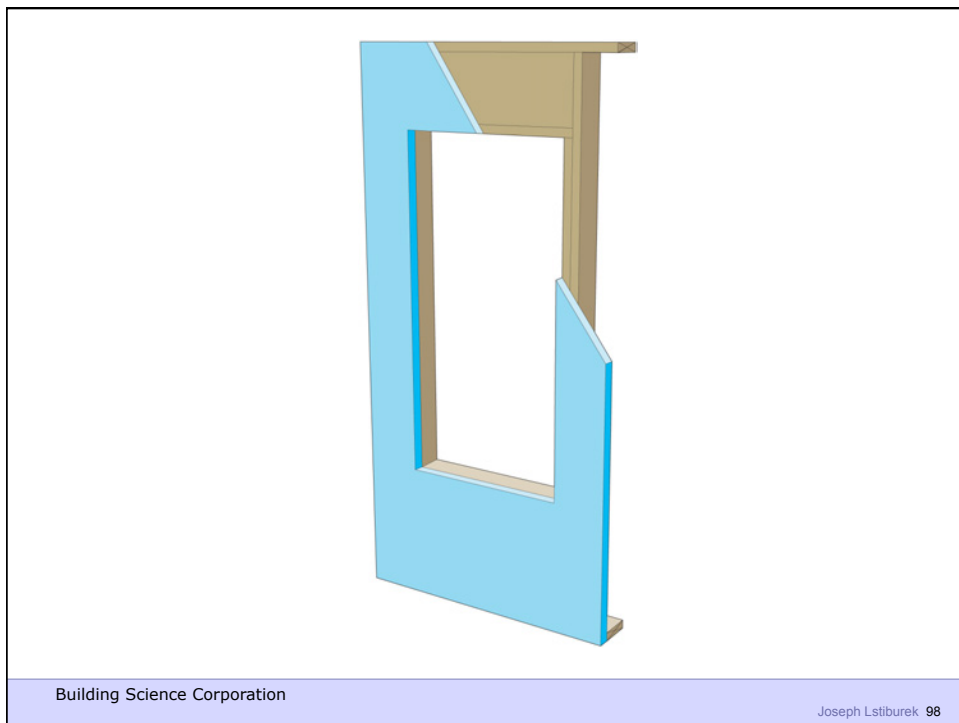
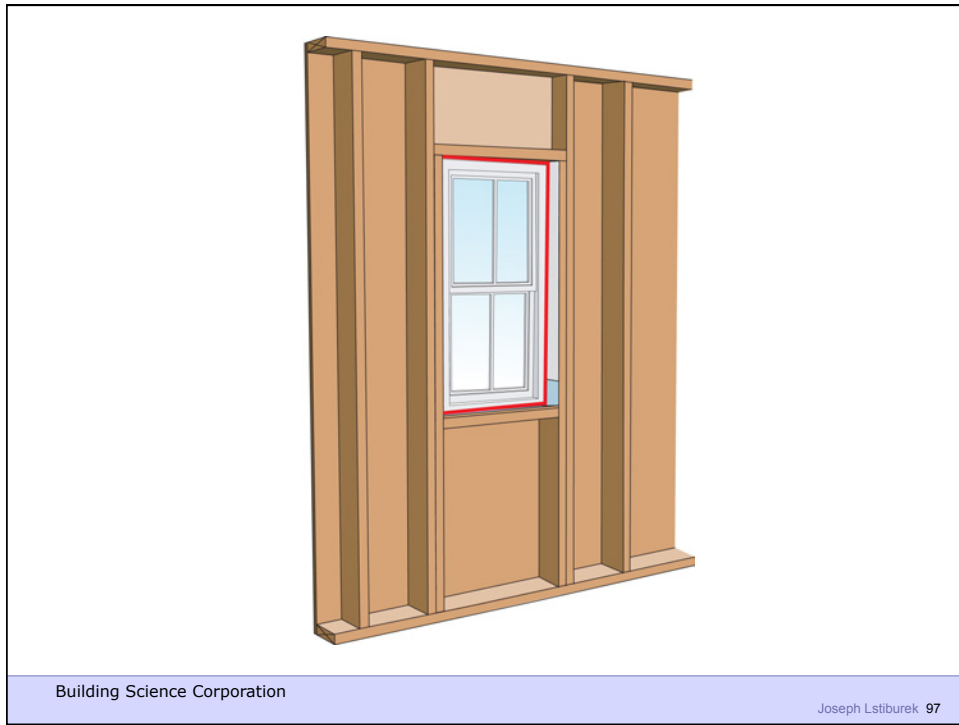


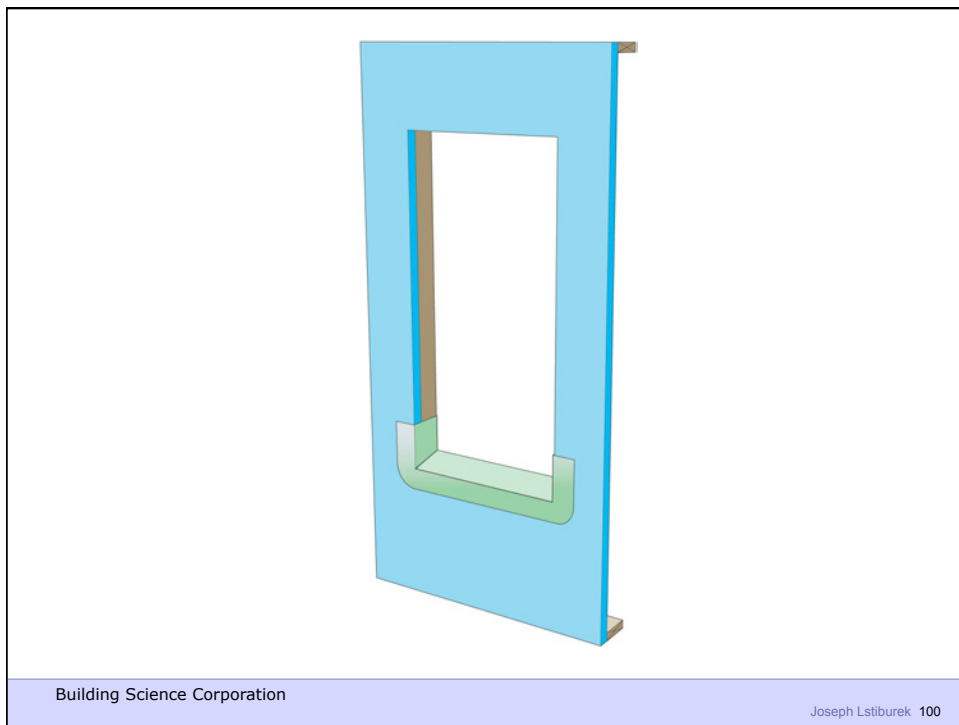
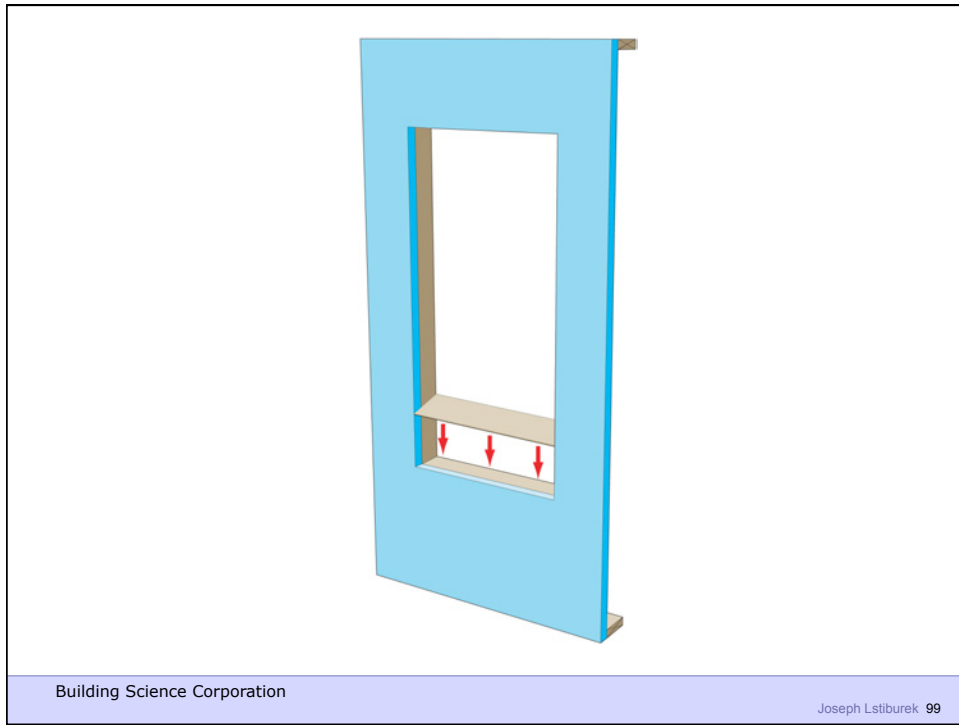


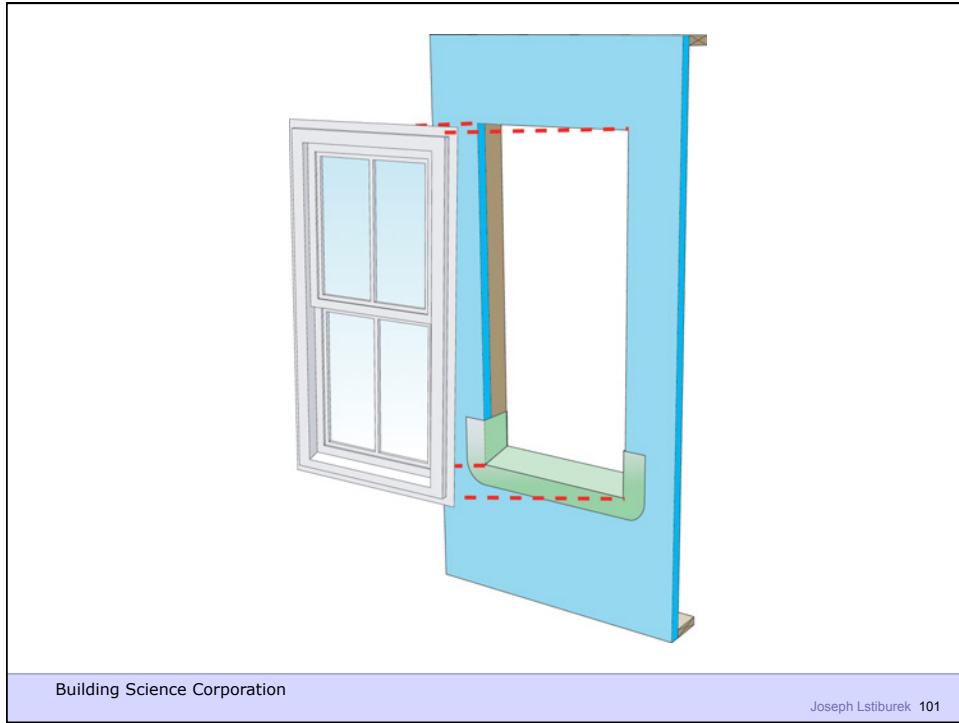


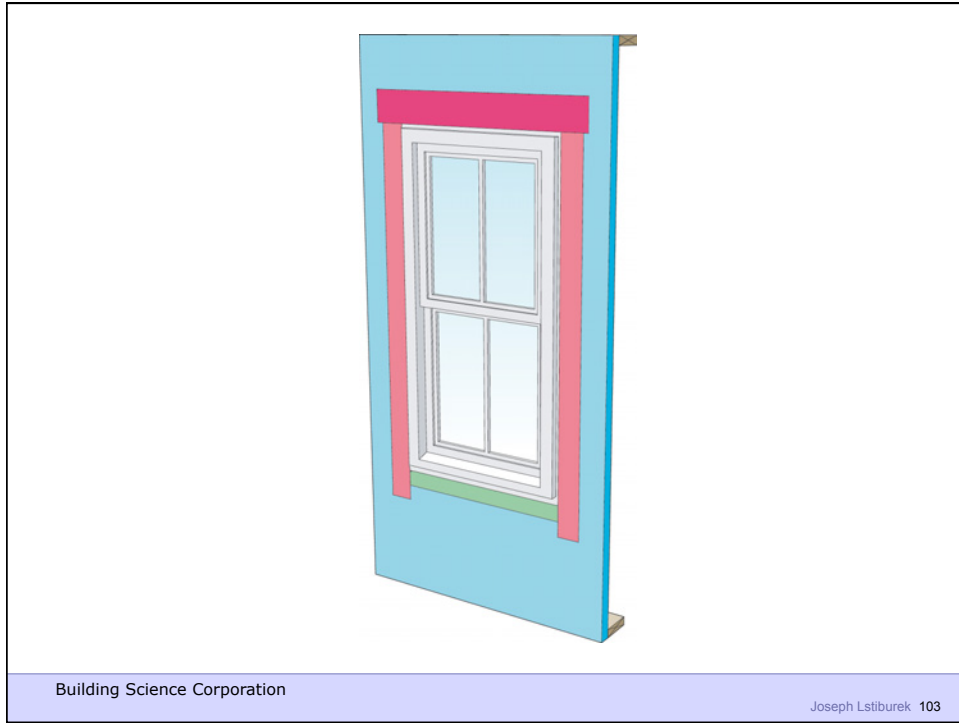


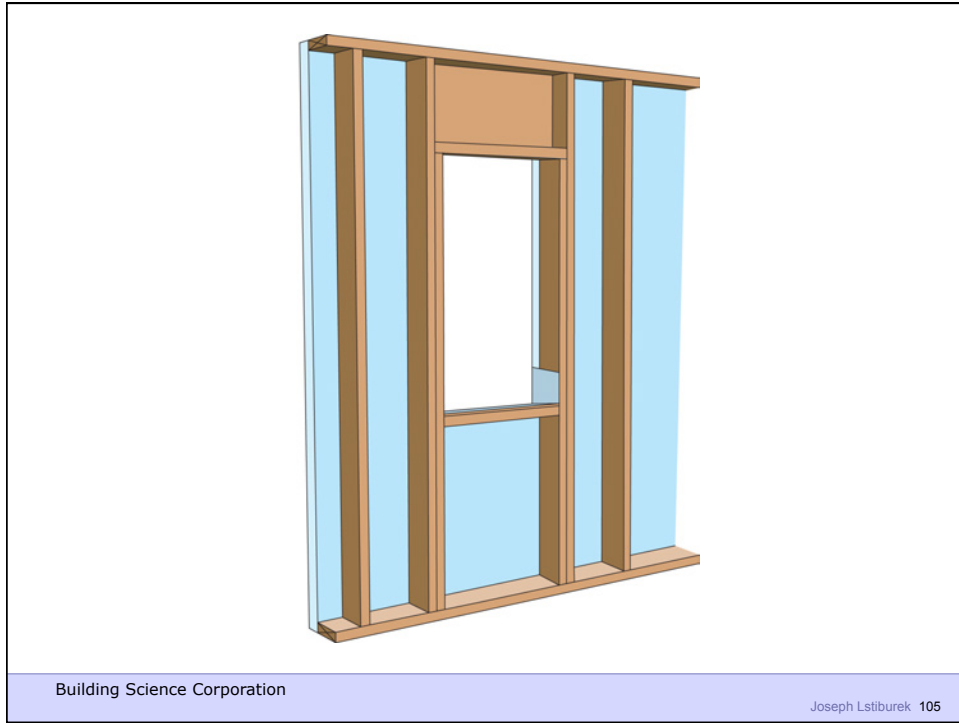
















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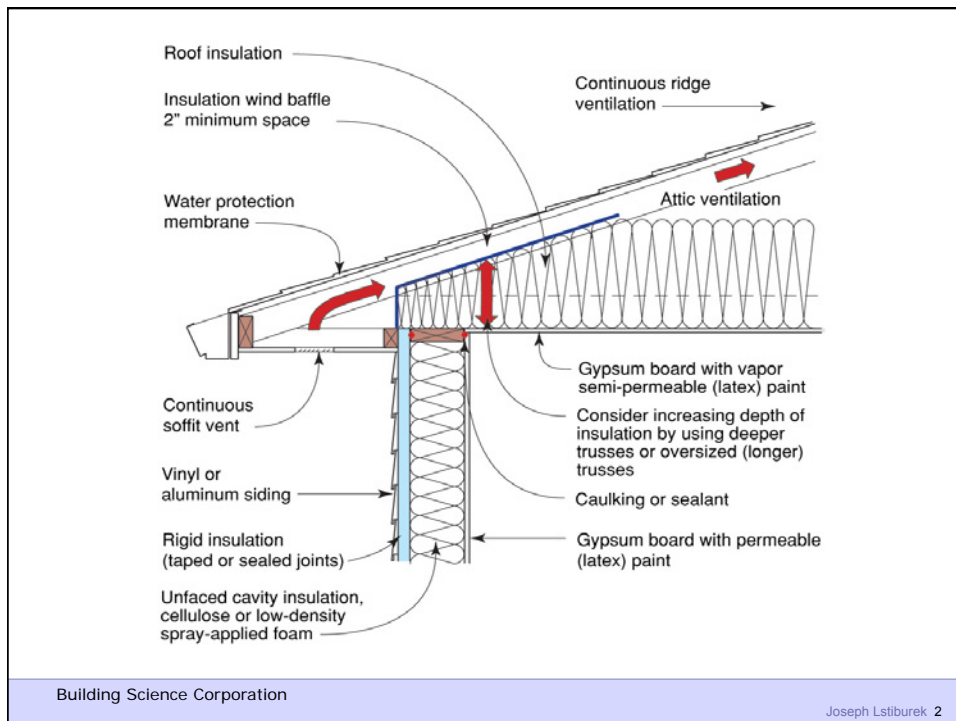
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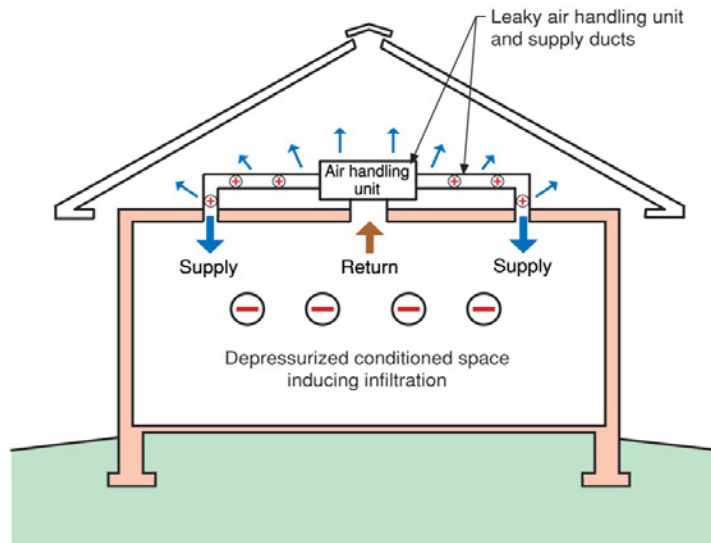
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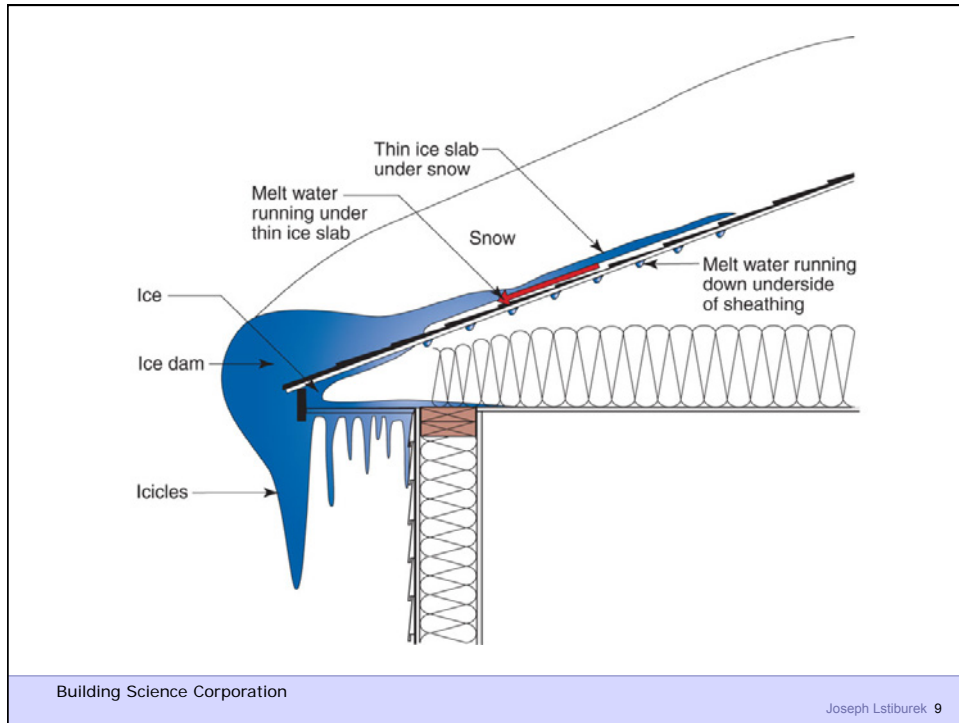
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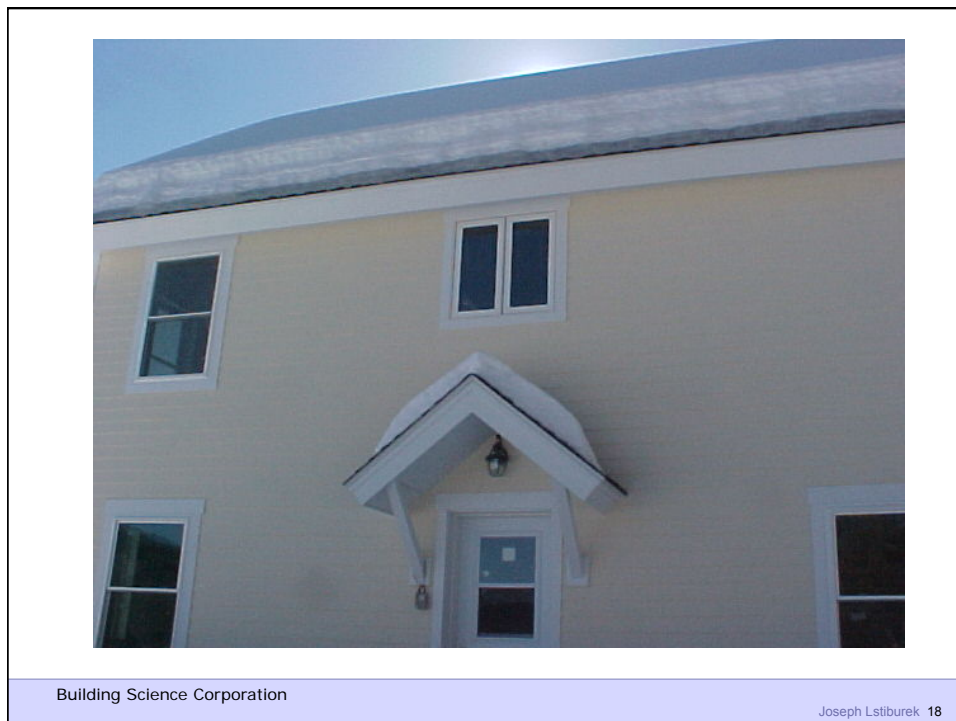
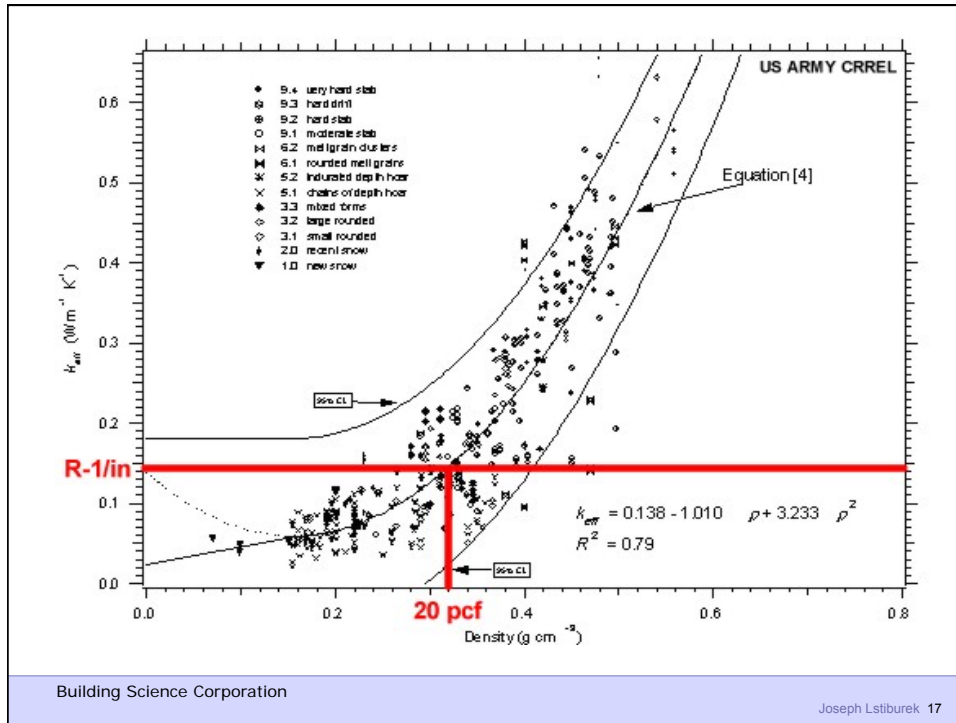
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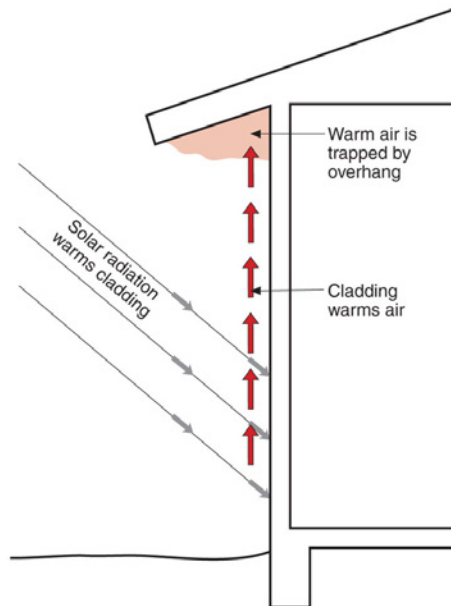
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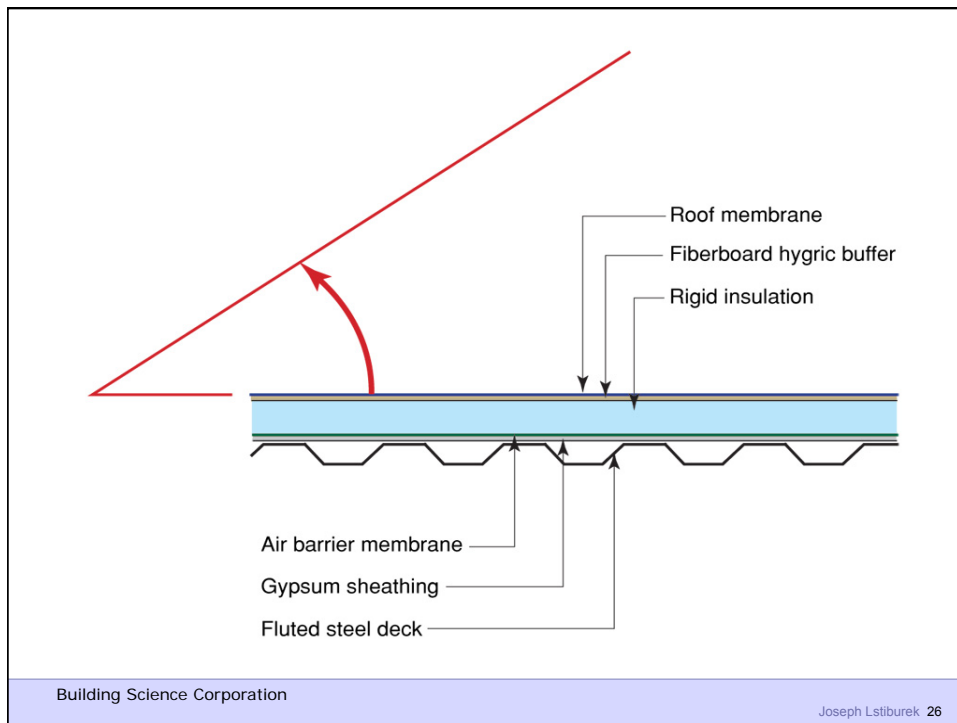
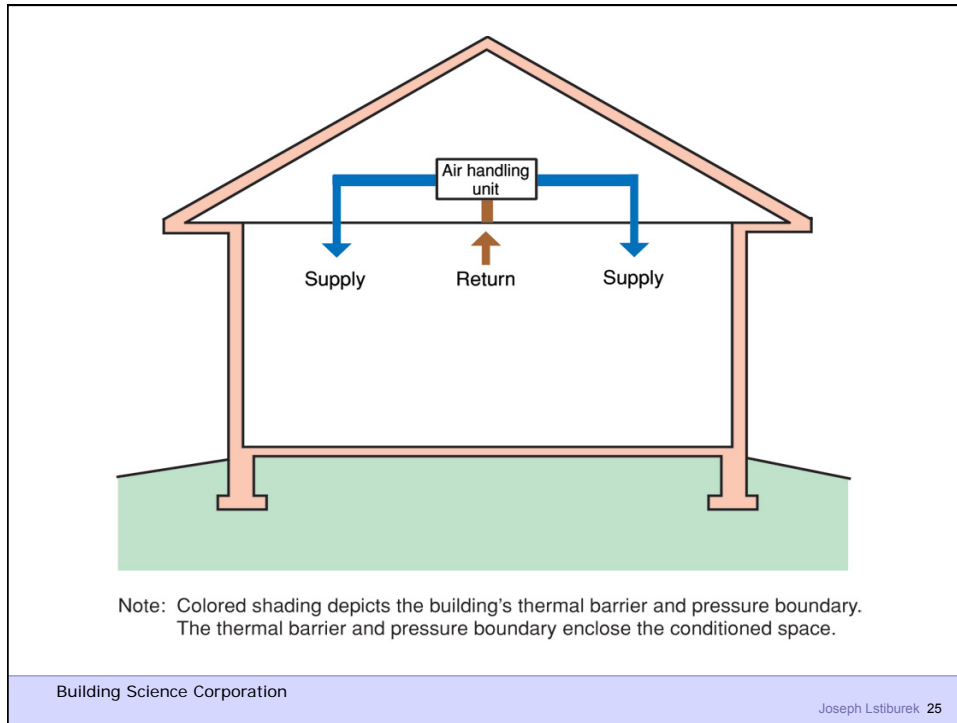
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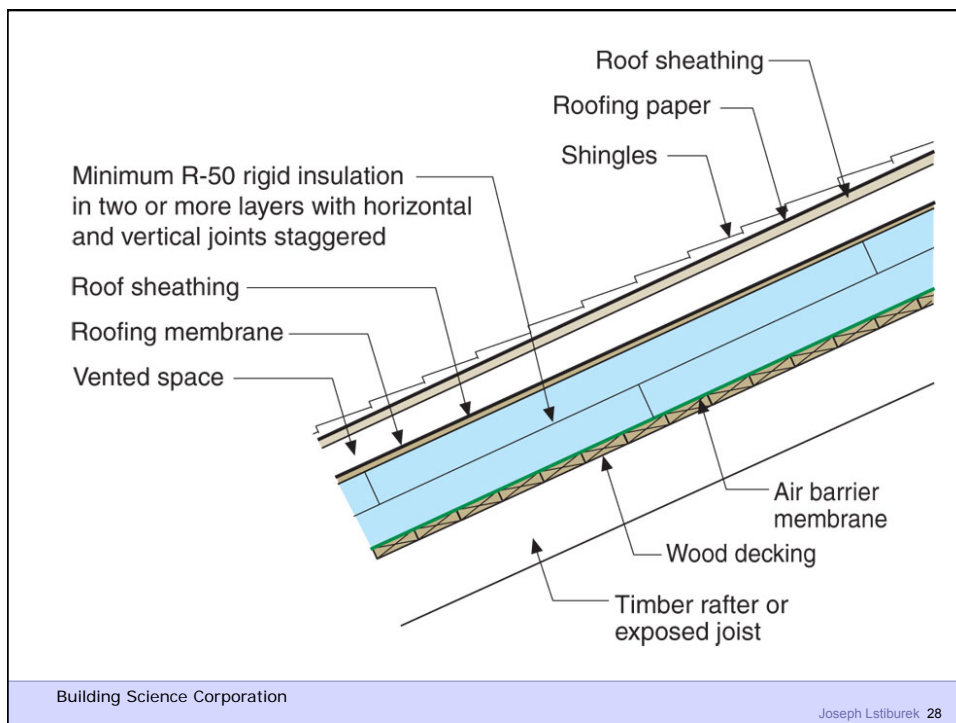
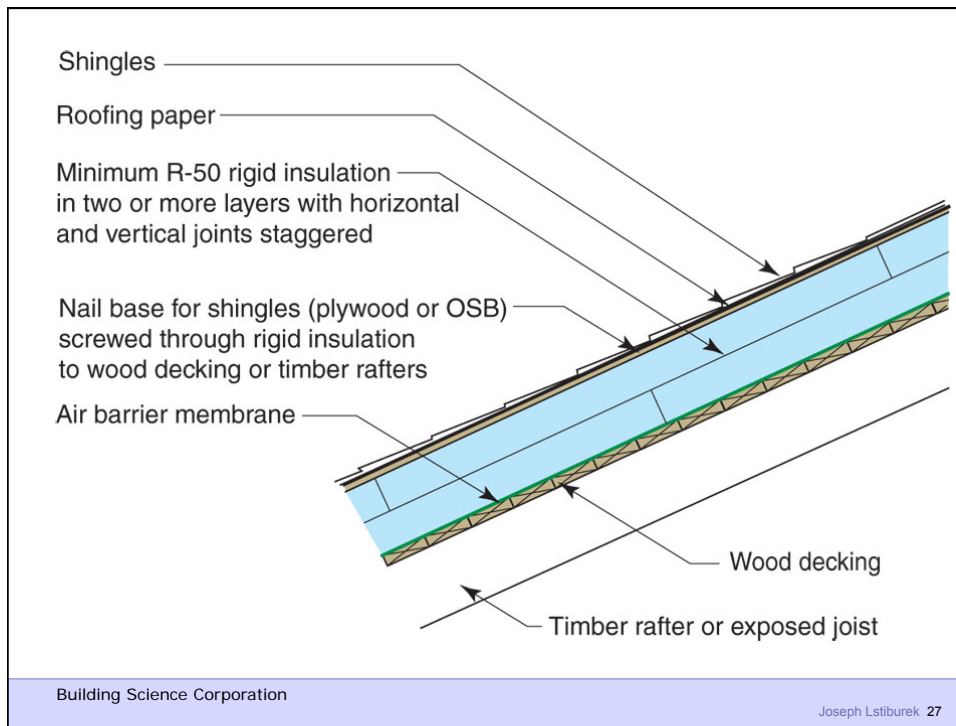
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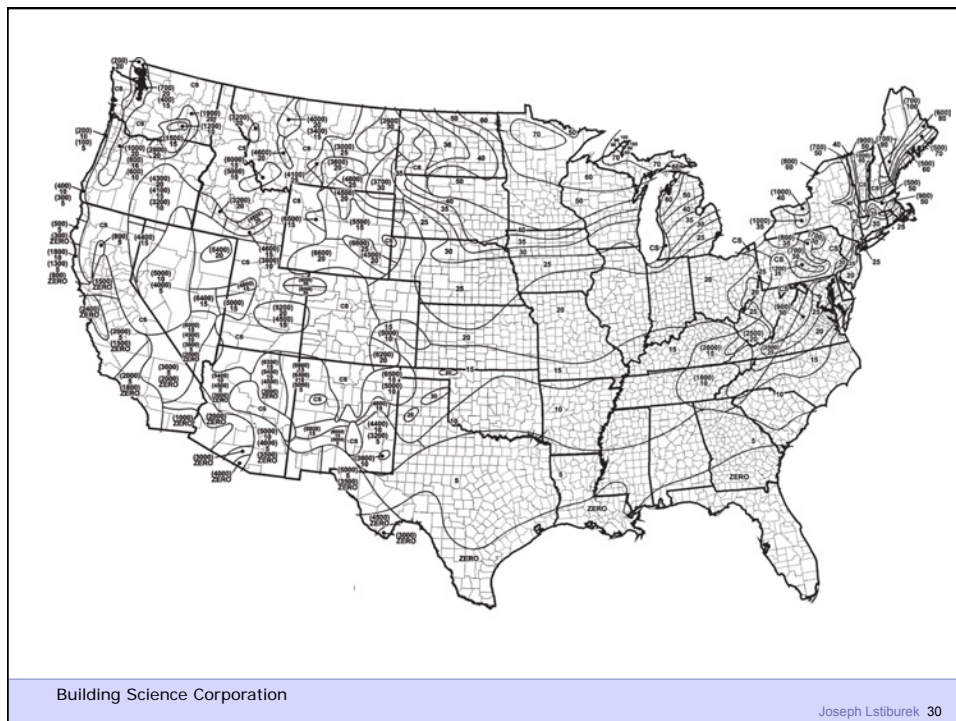
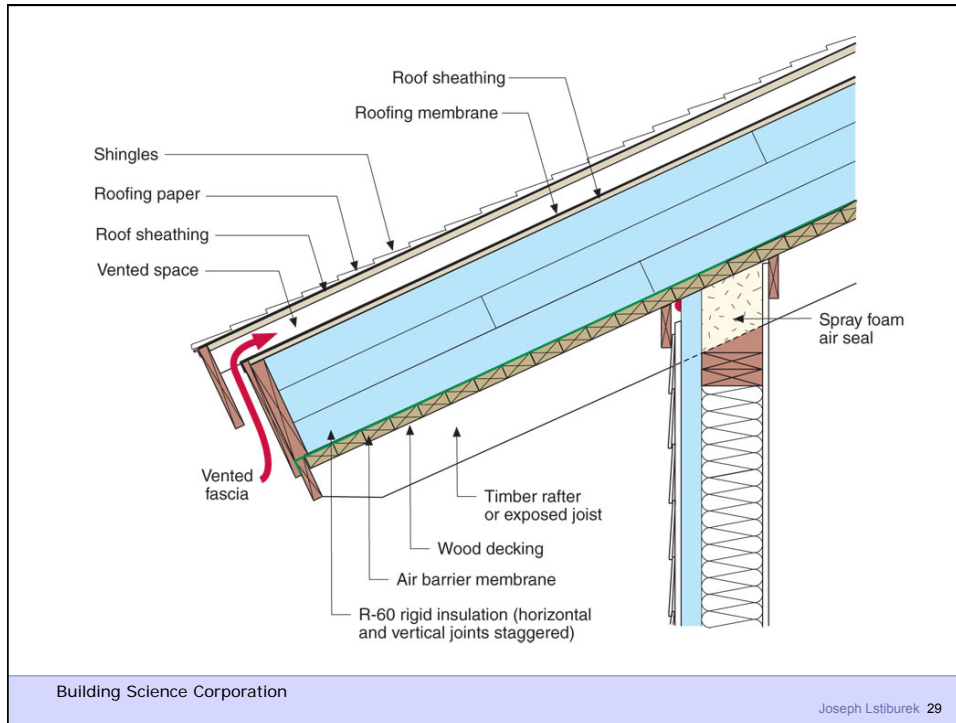


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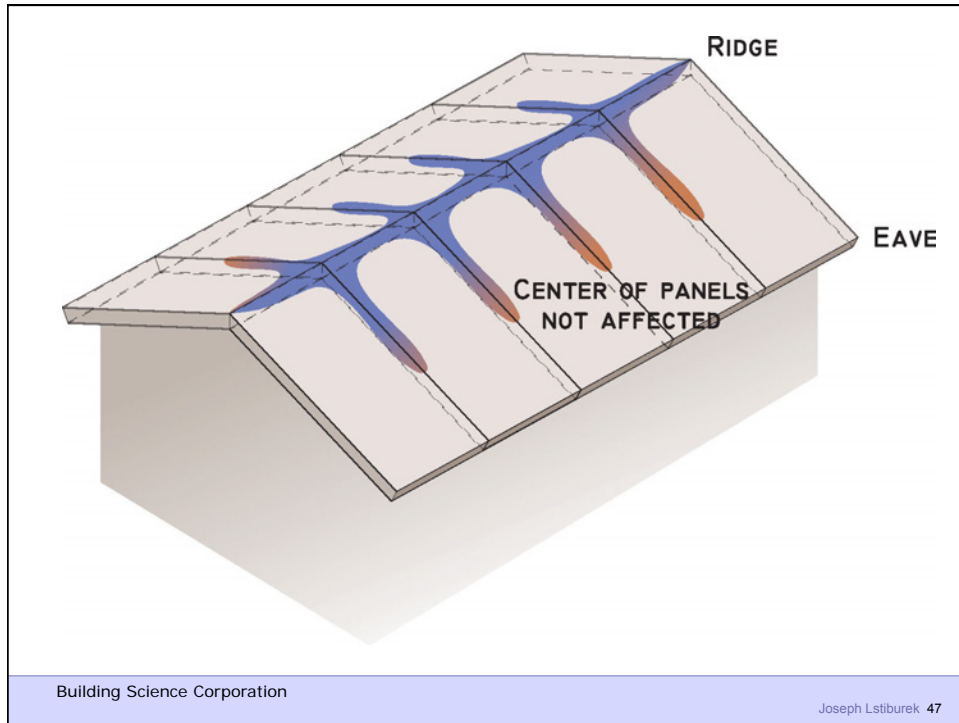
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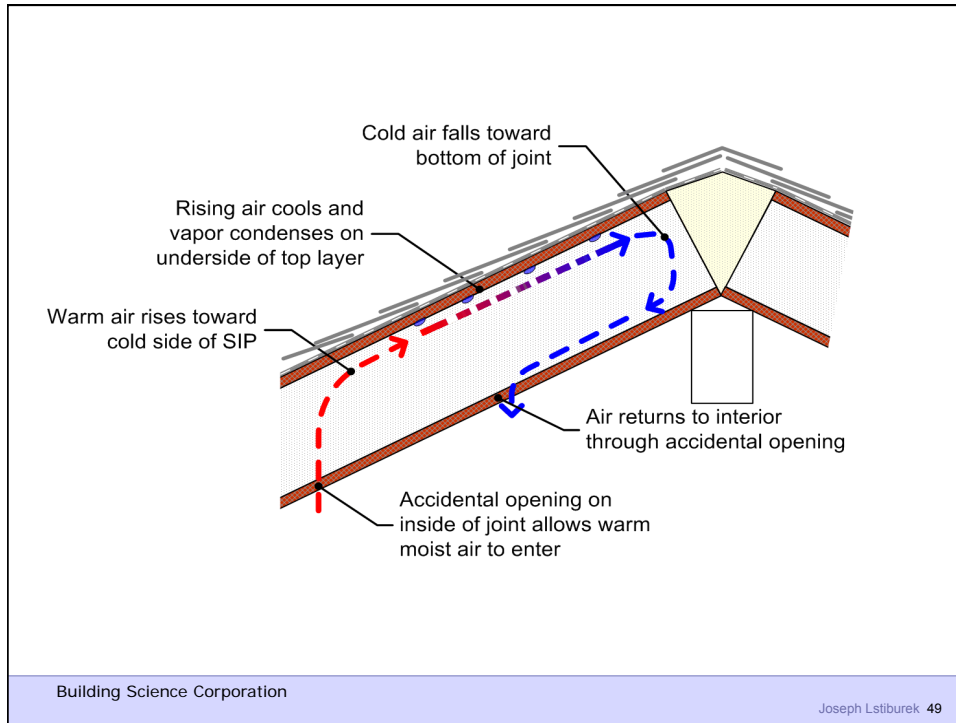
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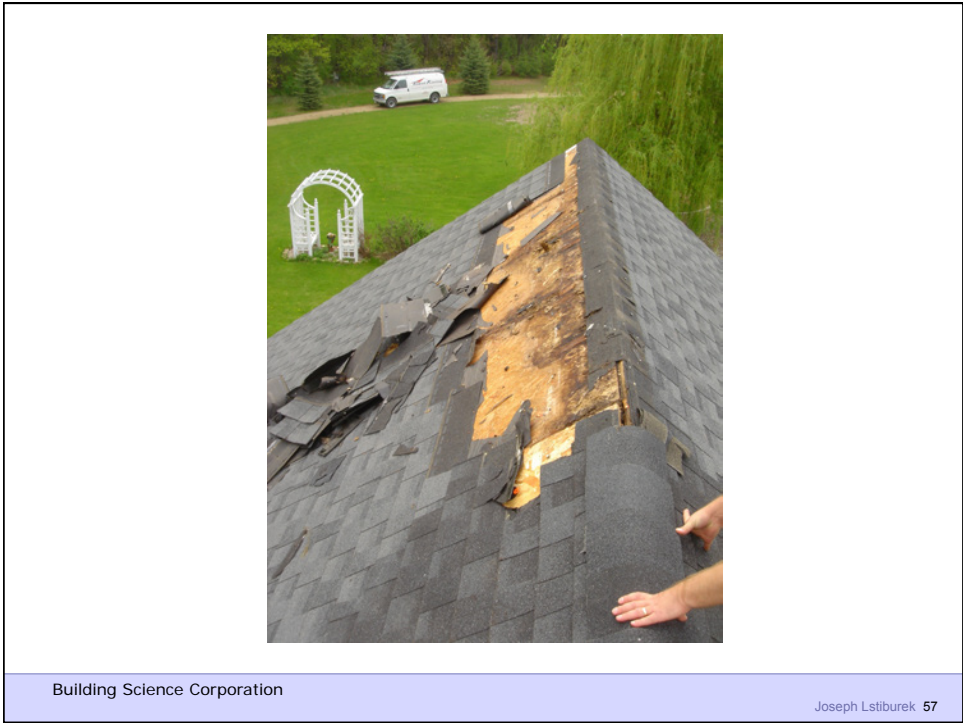
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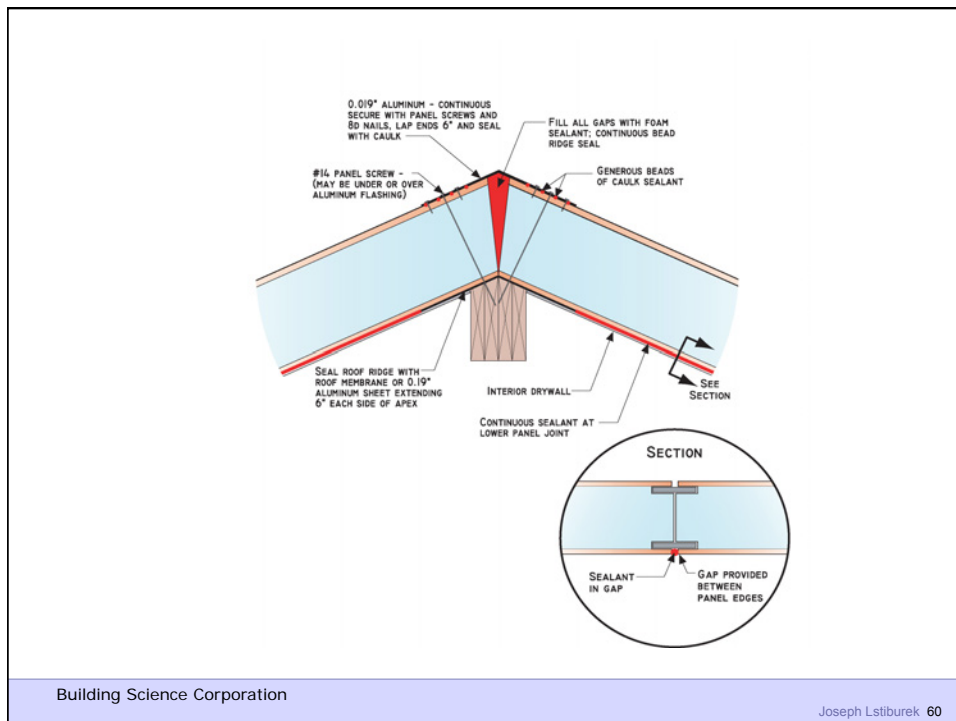
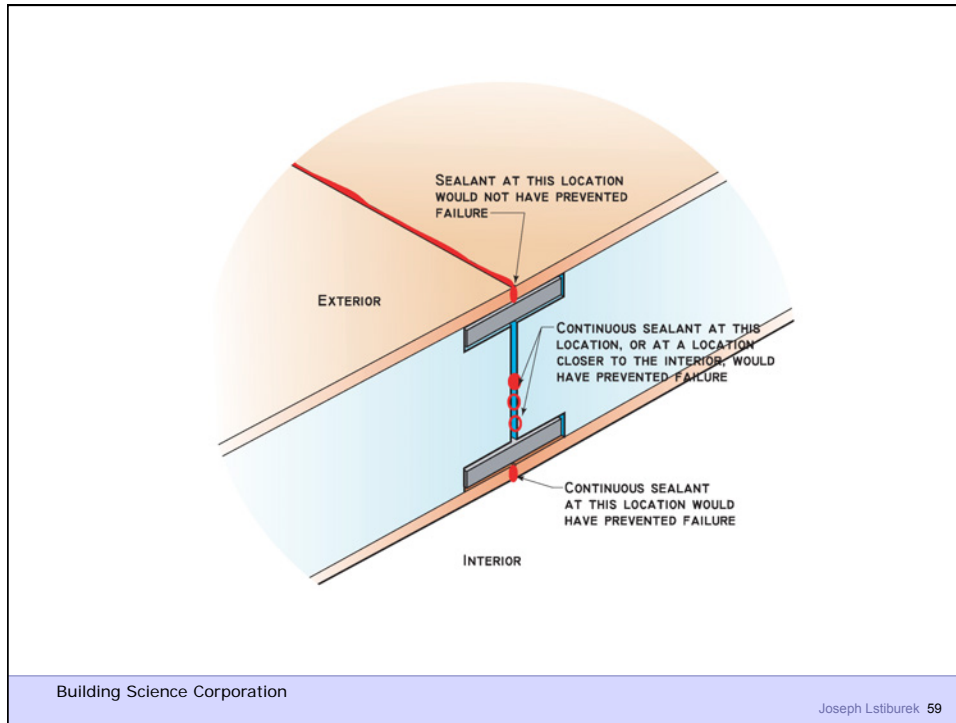
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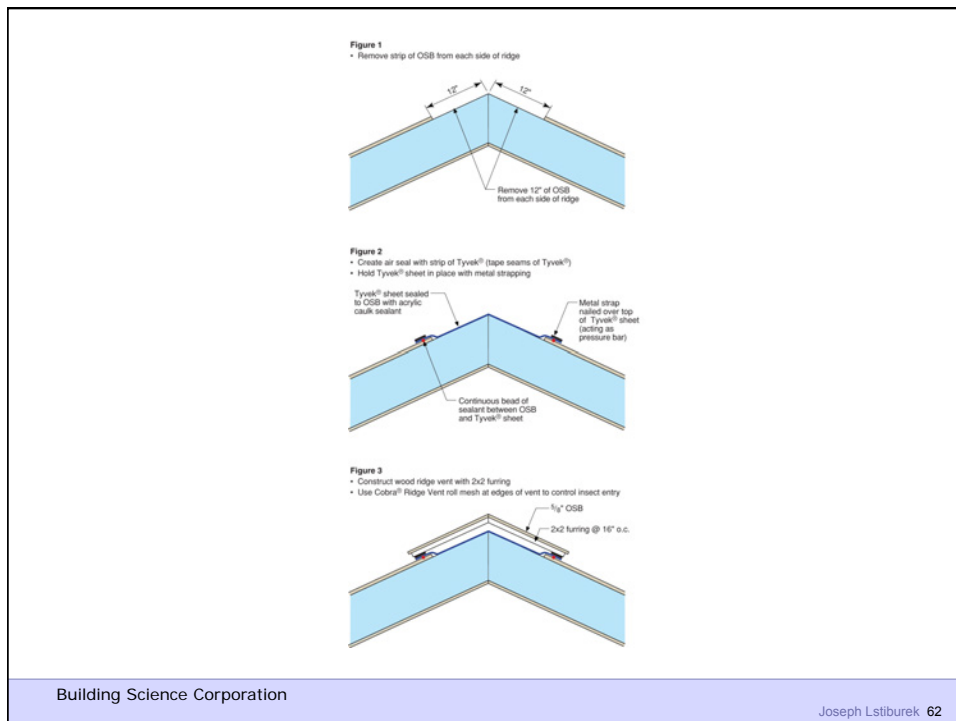
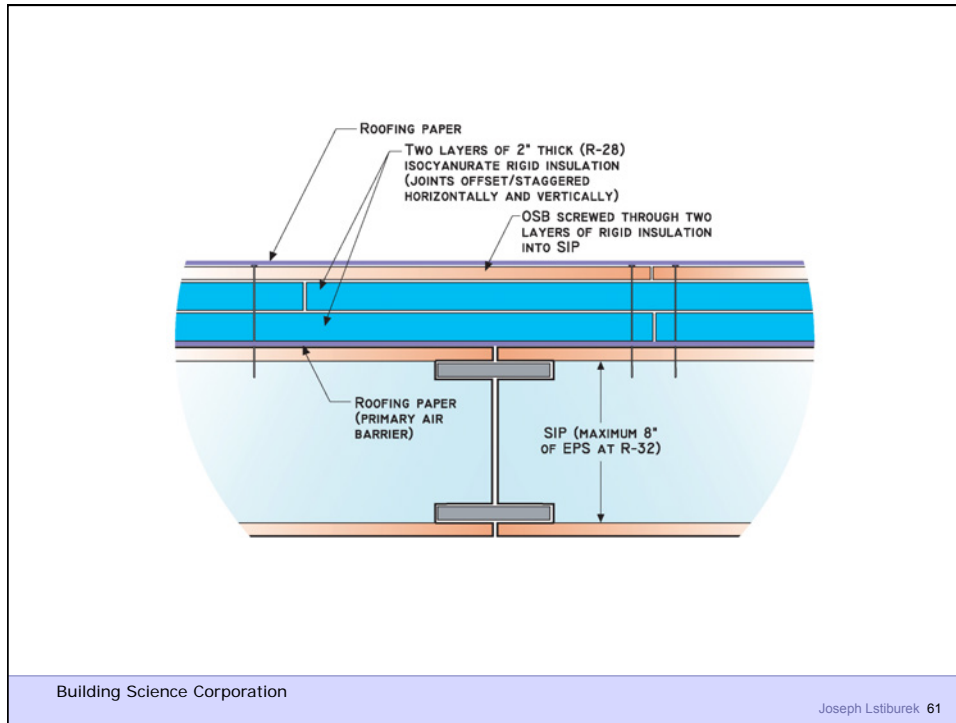


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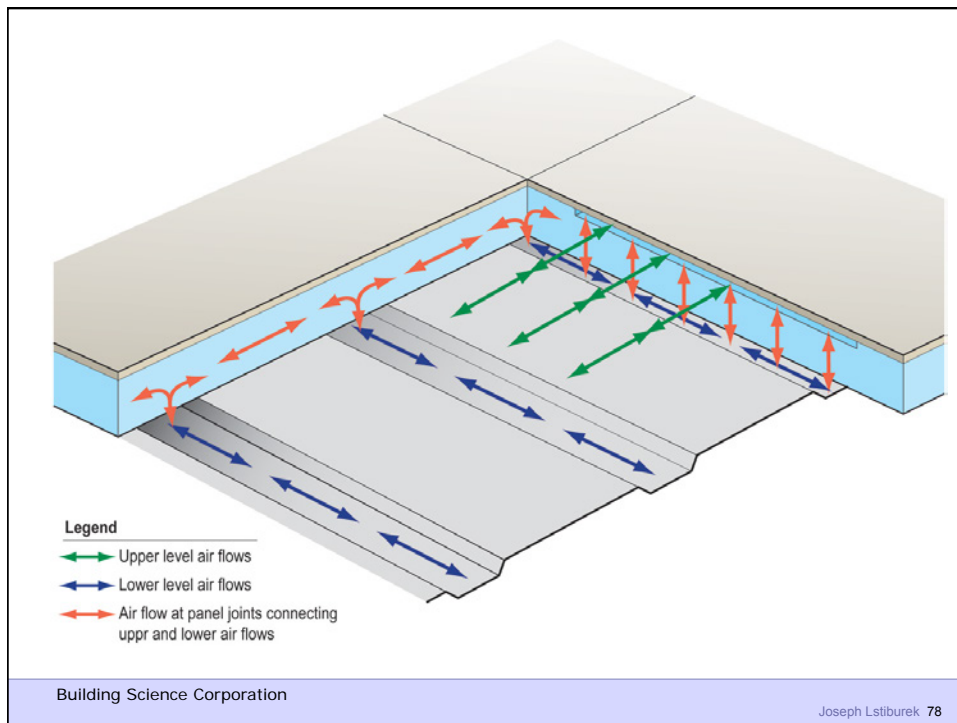
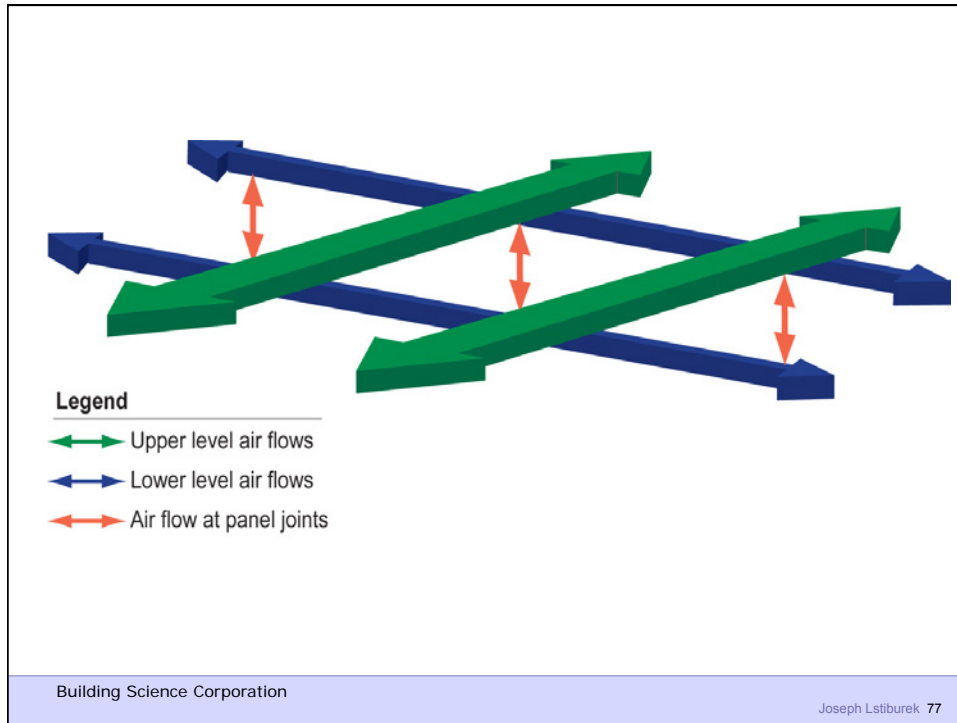
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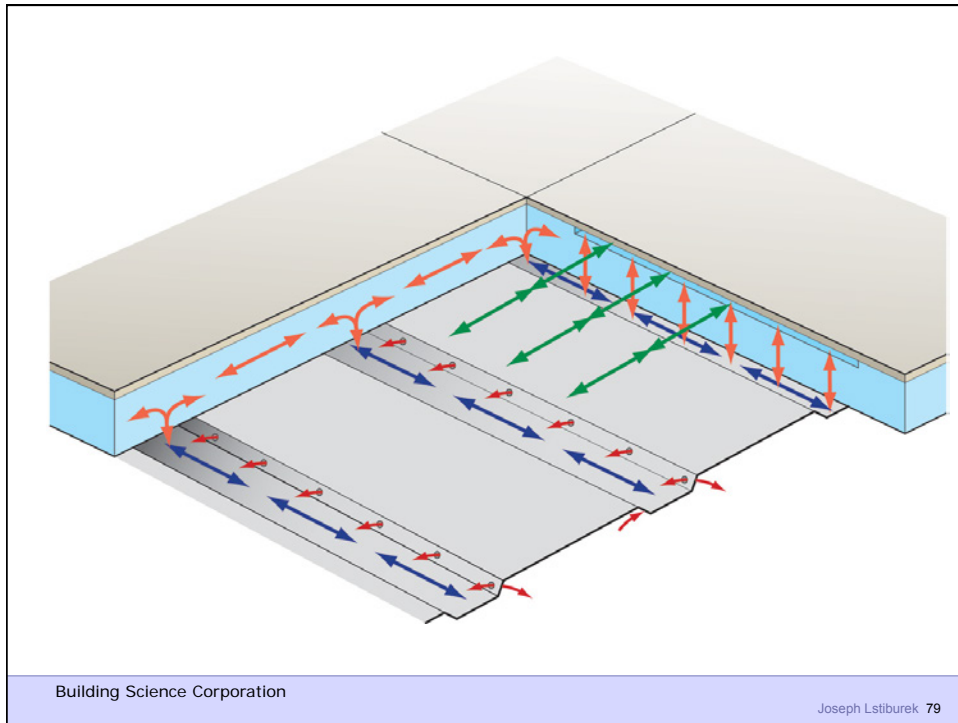
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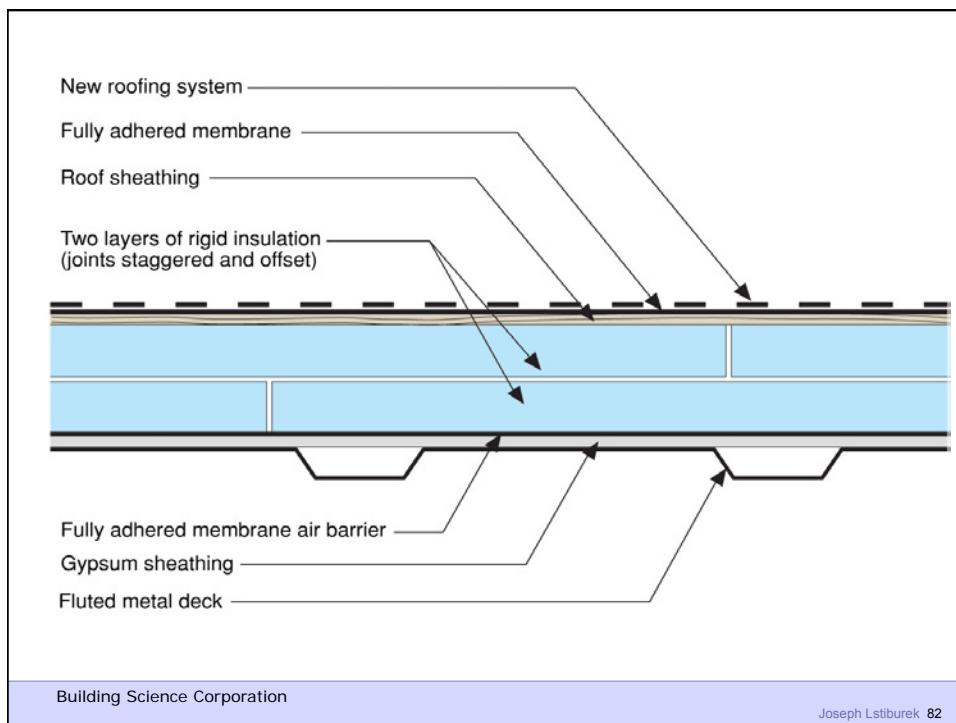
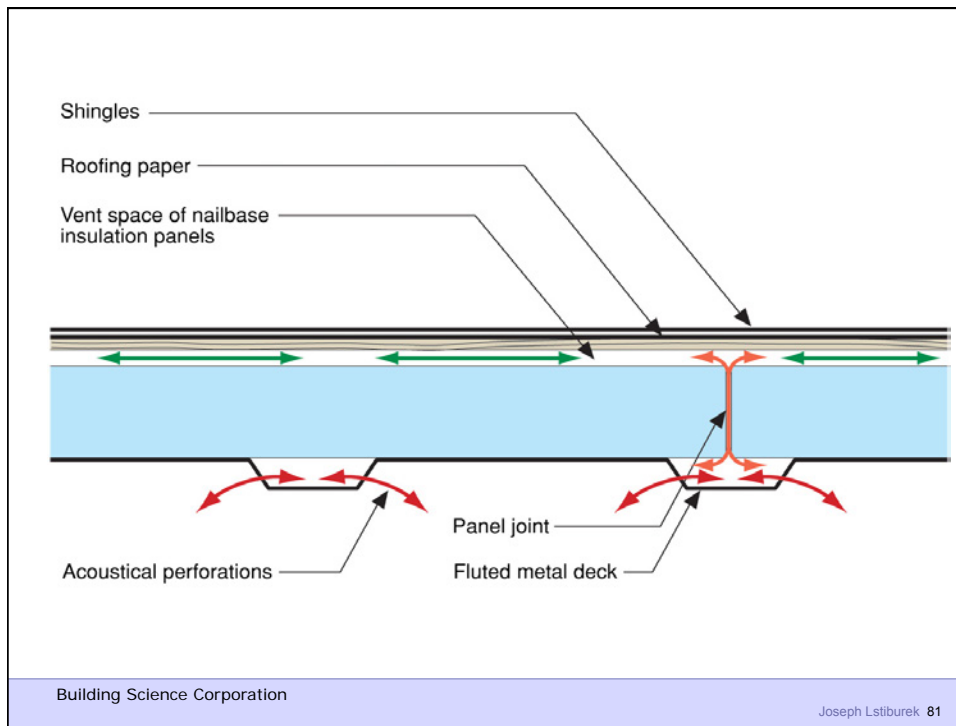


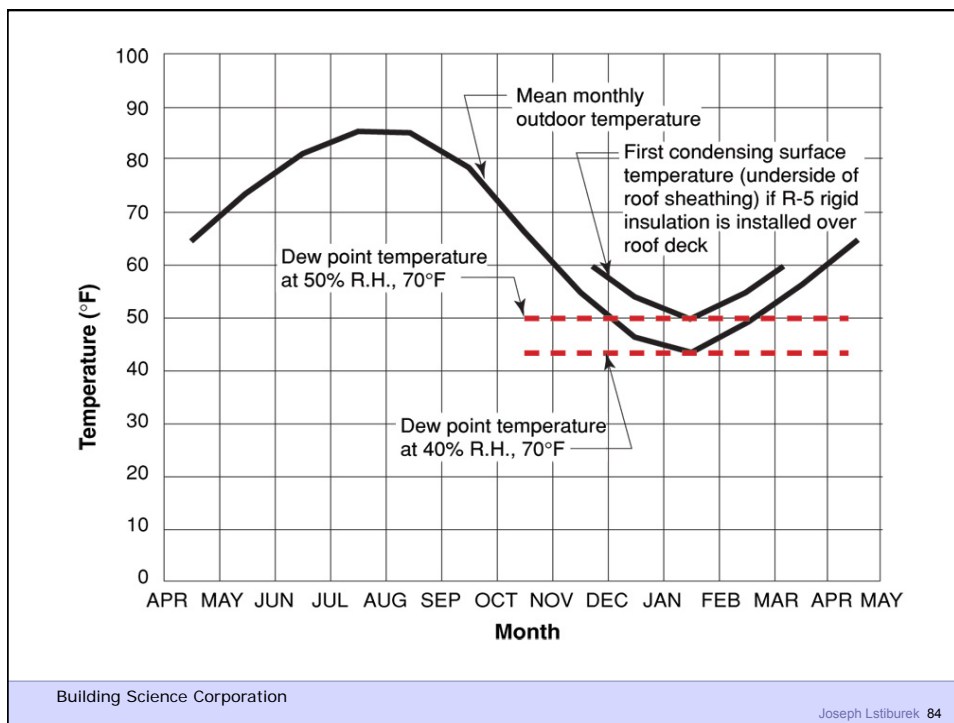
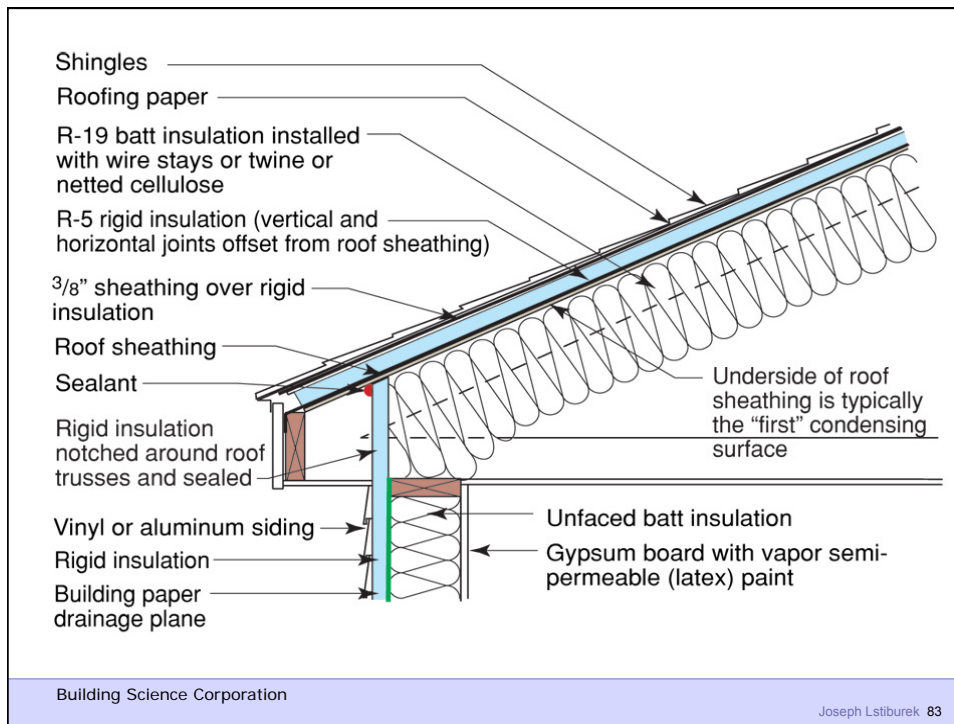
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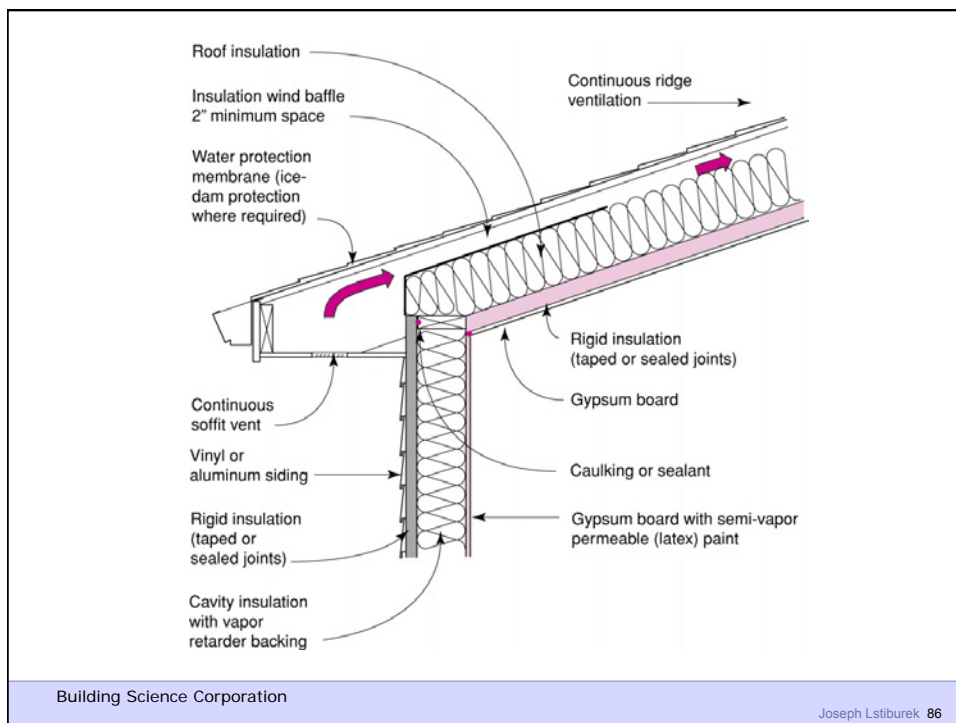
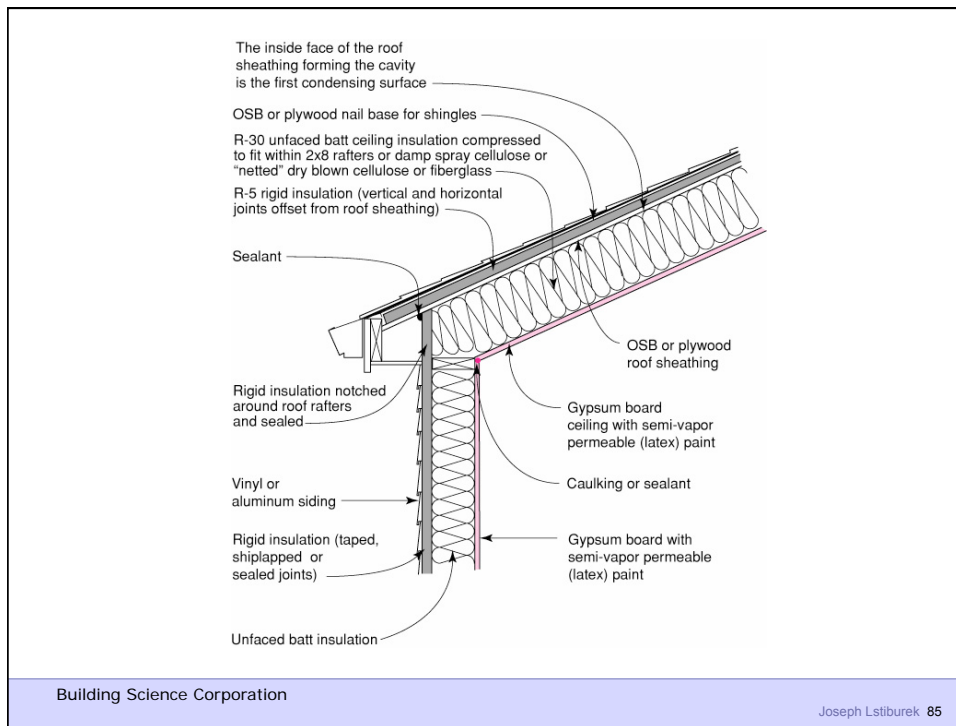
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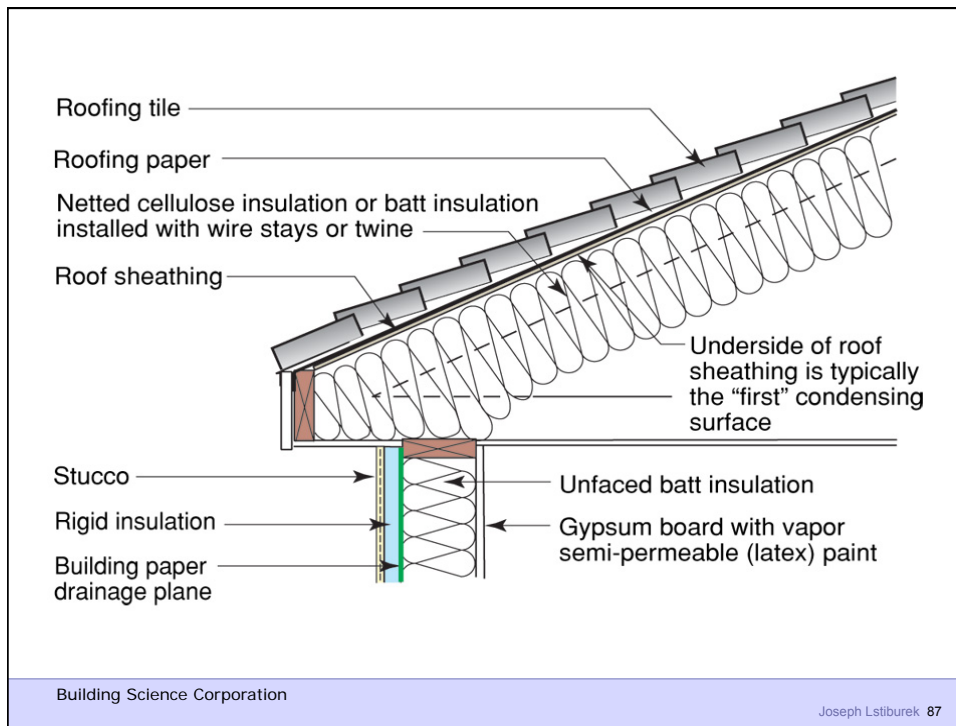














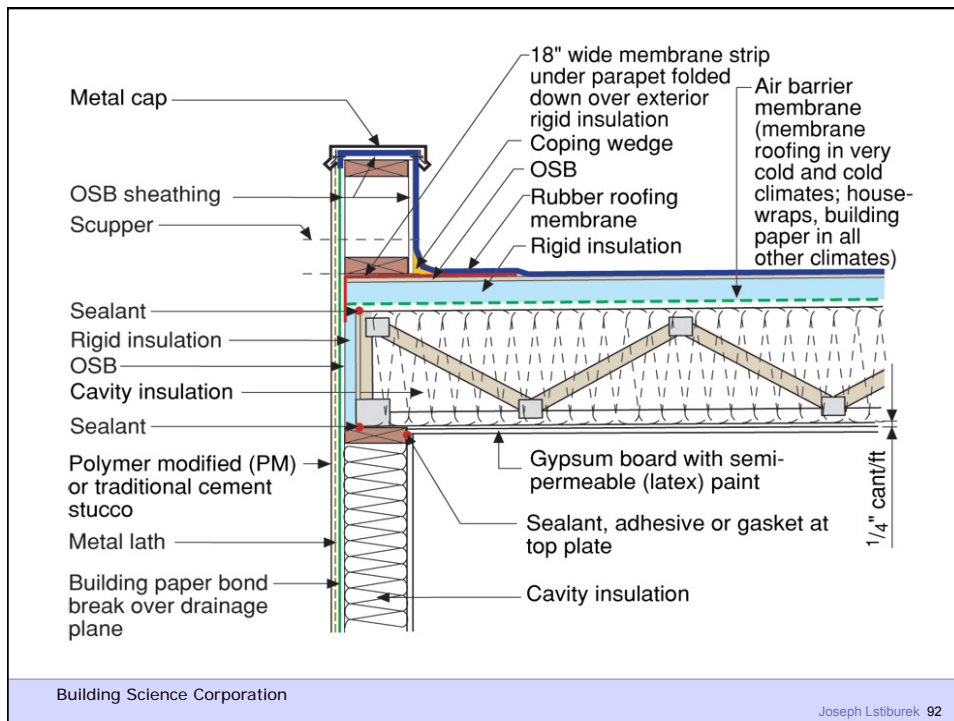
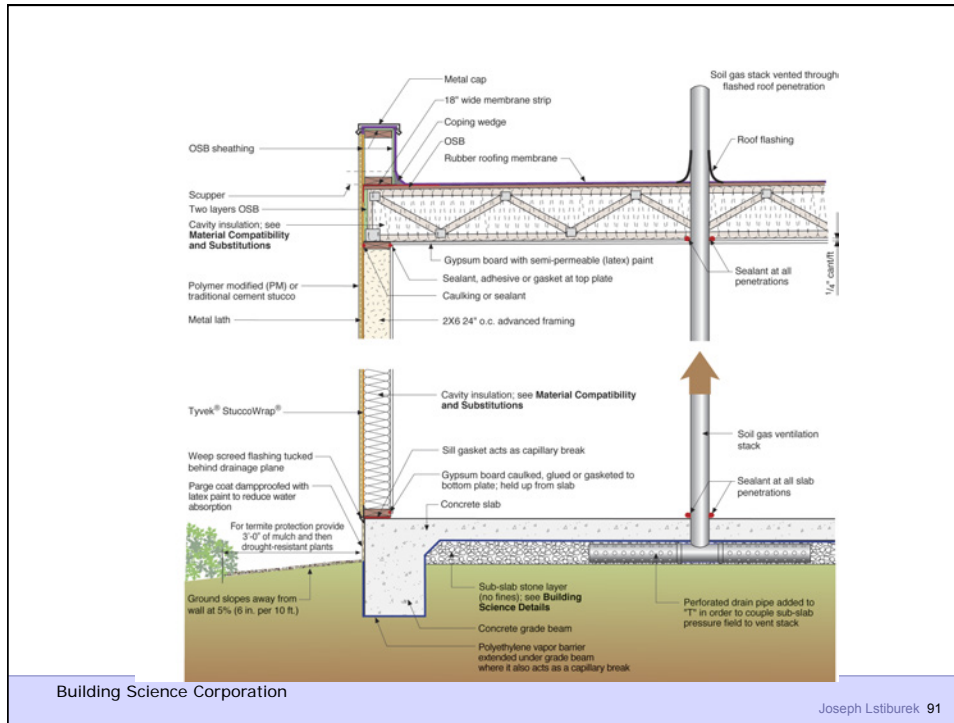
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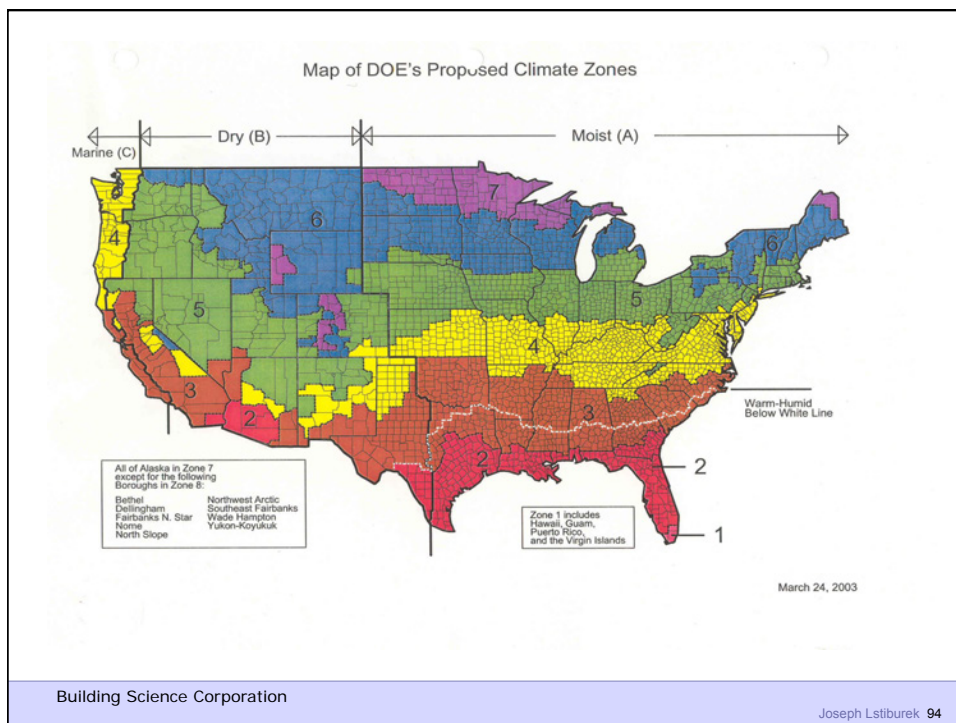
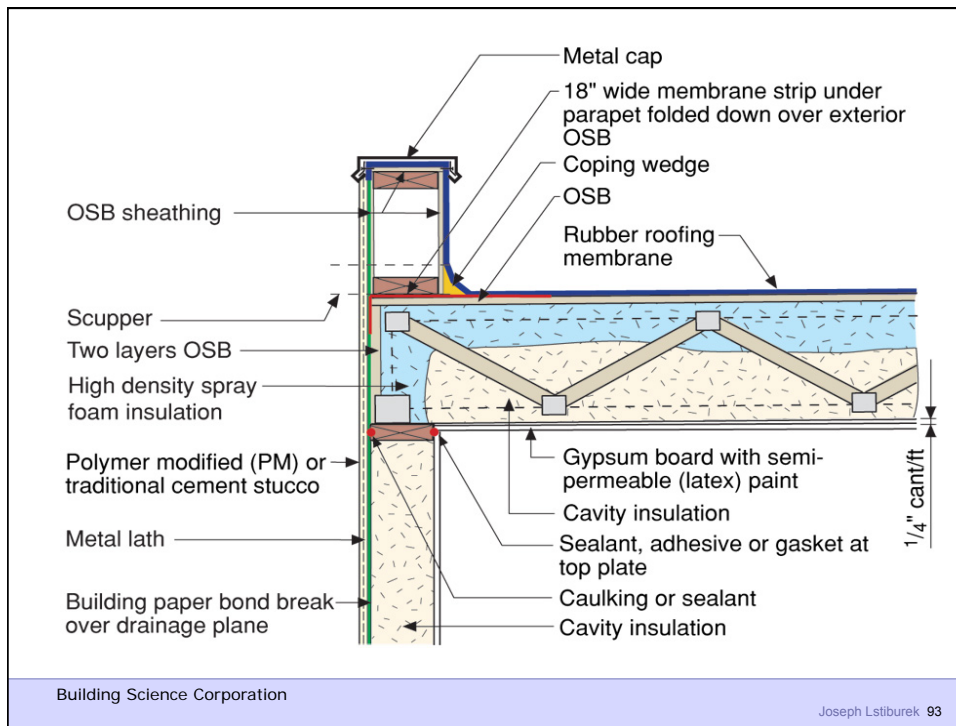
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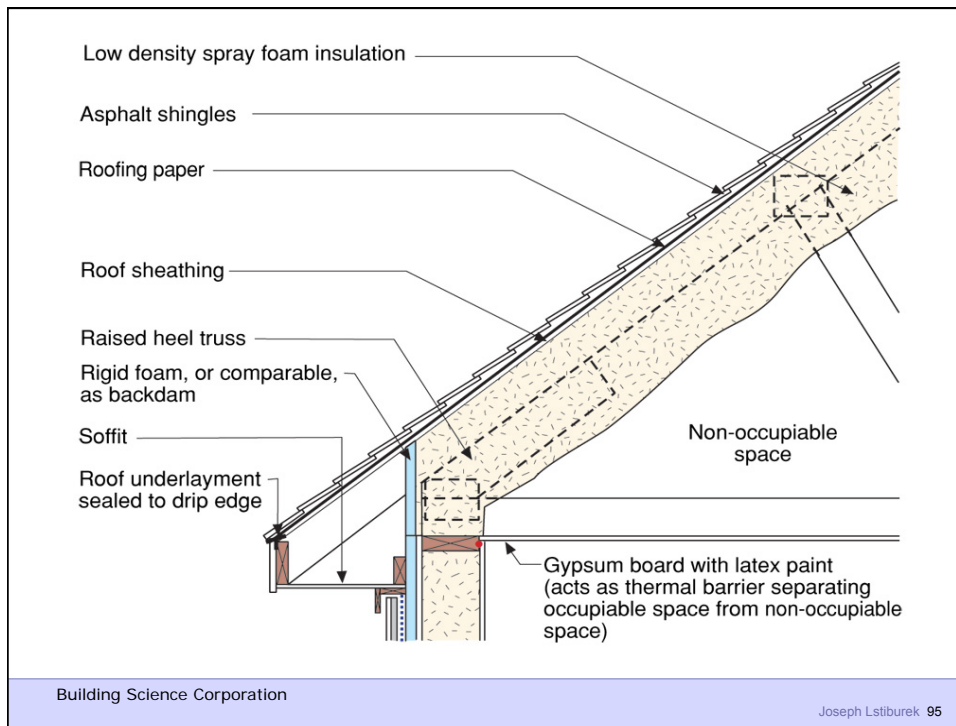


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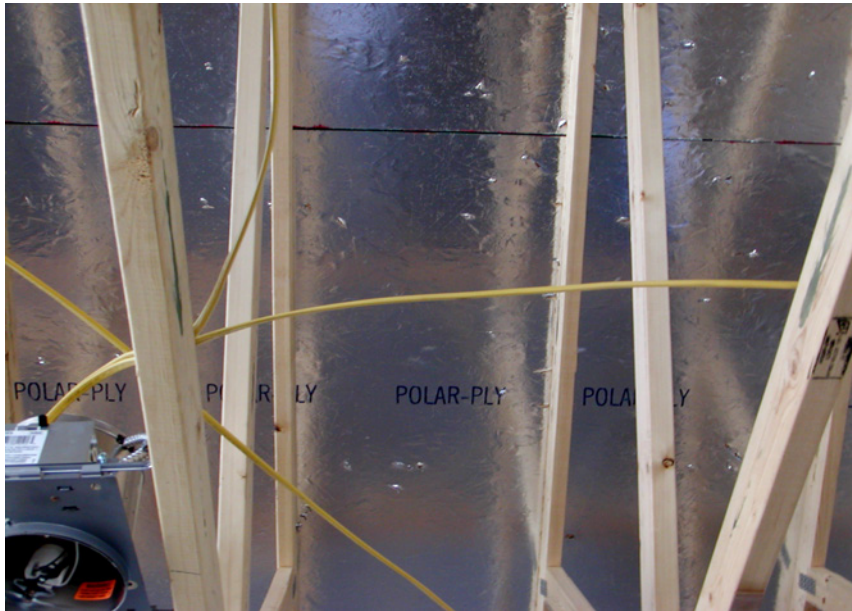
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