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# IAQ & Ventilation



# Indoor Air Quality is Important to our Clients

20% of households have someone with asthma, allergies or respiratory problems



*...poor IAQ may cost 10's of billions annually in lost productivity*  
EPA



Air cleaners are a \$1.2 Billion industry



# IAQ Control Strategies

REMOVE  
SEAL  
VENTILATE  
FILTER  
and more....



# IAQ...Why is it a bigger issue than ever?

## Change in the way we build

- Tighter
- More chemicals
- Air conditioning



## Change in the way we live

- 90% of time indoors
- Don't open windows
- More moisture



## Change in products we use

- Carpets & furnishings
- Cleaners & hygiene
- More "stuff" inside



# IAQ Control Strategies

## 1. Remove Pollutants

## 2. Source control

- “Seal” or Isolate
- If you can’t remove it find a way to isolate or seal it

## 3. Ventilate

- Dilute pollutants with “fresh” outdoor air
- Point source removal

## 4. Filter

## 5. Humidity Control, UVG, and more....



# HVAC and Ventilation

## Ventilation system considerations:

- A ventilation system does NOT provide make-up air.
- A ventilation system does NOT provide combustion air.
- Balanced ventilation systems are not affected by opening or closing windows.
- Forced air heating (and cooling) alone does not provide ventilation.



# HVAC and Ventilation

## Why can't I just open a window?

Why natural ventilation is inadequate:

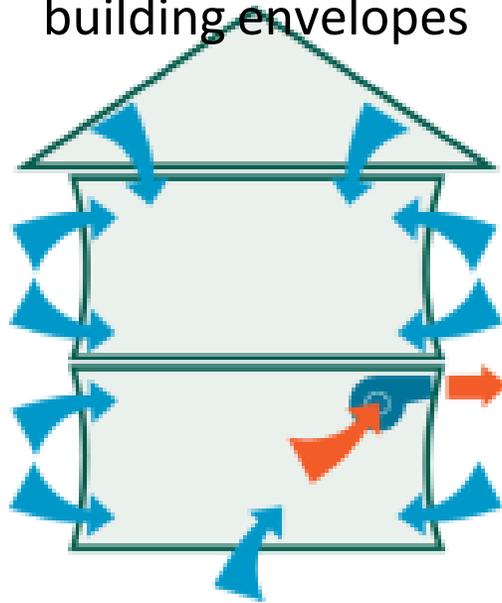
- Is minimized by better design and construction practices.
- Will not be provided unless pressure differences are at work.
- Is incapable of removing high moisture and contaminant loads.
- Implies cold drafts and discomfort during the heating season.
- Is not evenly distributed. Some areas may not be ventilated and others possibly over ventilated.



# Ventilation Strategies may impact air leakage patterns

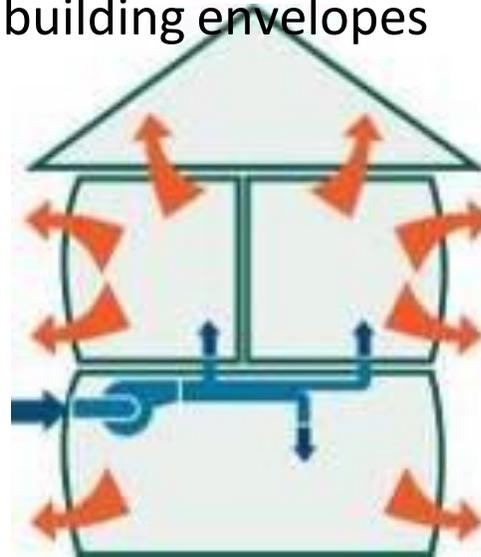
## Negative Pressure (Exhaust only)

- In humid climates can pull moist air into building envelopes



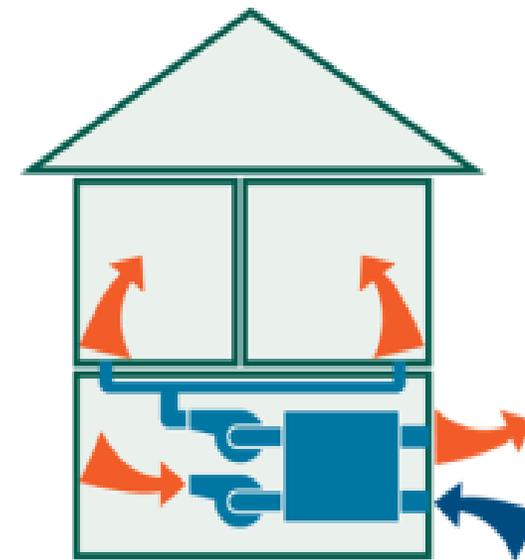
## Positive Pressure (Supply only)

- In cold climates can force moist air into building envelopes



## Balanced

- Best in all climate zones



*The tighter the house, the greater the pressure effect*



# How Much Ventilation?

## ASHRAE 62.2 - 2013

### Whole House - Continuous “Capacity”

Based on # of occupants & size of home

$$\text{CFM} = (\# \text{ of bedrooms} + 1) \times 7.5 + (0.03 \times \text{cond. ft}^2)$$

OR USE THE TABLE

*Controls moisture and common occupant pollutants*

Floor Area Sq. ft	# of Bedrooms		
	1	2-3	4-5
<1500	60	75	90
1501 - 2500	90	105	120
2501 - 3500	120	135	150
3501 - 5000	165	180	195



# Local Exhaust Ventilation



*ASHRAE 62.2 minimum requirements for bath rooms & kitchens*

<b>ASHRAE 62.2 Minimum Exhaust Flow Rate</b>		
	<b>Continuous</b>	<b>Intermittent</b>
<b>Kitchen</b>	60 CFM	100 CFM
<b>Bathroom</b>	20 CFM	50 CFM

<b>HVI Kitchen Range Exhaust Flow Rate</b>		
<b>Location of Range</b>	<b>Recommended per Linear Ft of Range</b>	<b>Minimum per Linear Ft of Range</b>
Against a Wall	100 CFM	40 CFM
In an Island	150 CFM	50 CFM

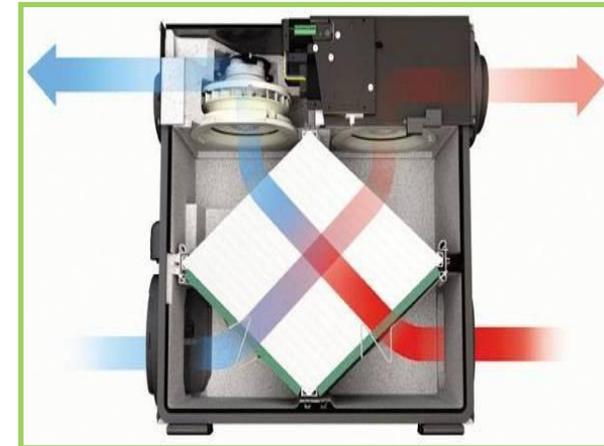
*For Gas Ranges recommend 100 CFM / 10,000 BTUs of burner capacity*



# Ventilation Opportunities

## Rated, Tested, Labeled Product

- Always use HVI Certified fans
- Choose ENERGY STAR Qualified Fan and HRVs



# Ventilation & High Performance Homes

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## **Ventilation is an important part of the House as a System**

- Allows for houses to be built tighter
- Provides interior moisture and pollutant control

## **Ventilation will impact other HVAC systems**

- Impact on HVAC load calculations
- Impact on moisture balance
- Impact on house pressures
- Impact on control strategies



# Ventilation Impact on Heat / Cool Loads

75 CFM of ventilation will increase HVAC loads

## Cold Weather

At -20 °F

- Ventilation adds 7300 BTUs to heating loads
- Ventilation can remove up to 7 gallons of water per day

## Hot Weather

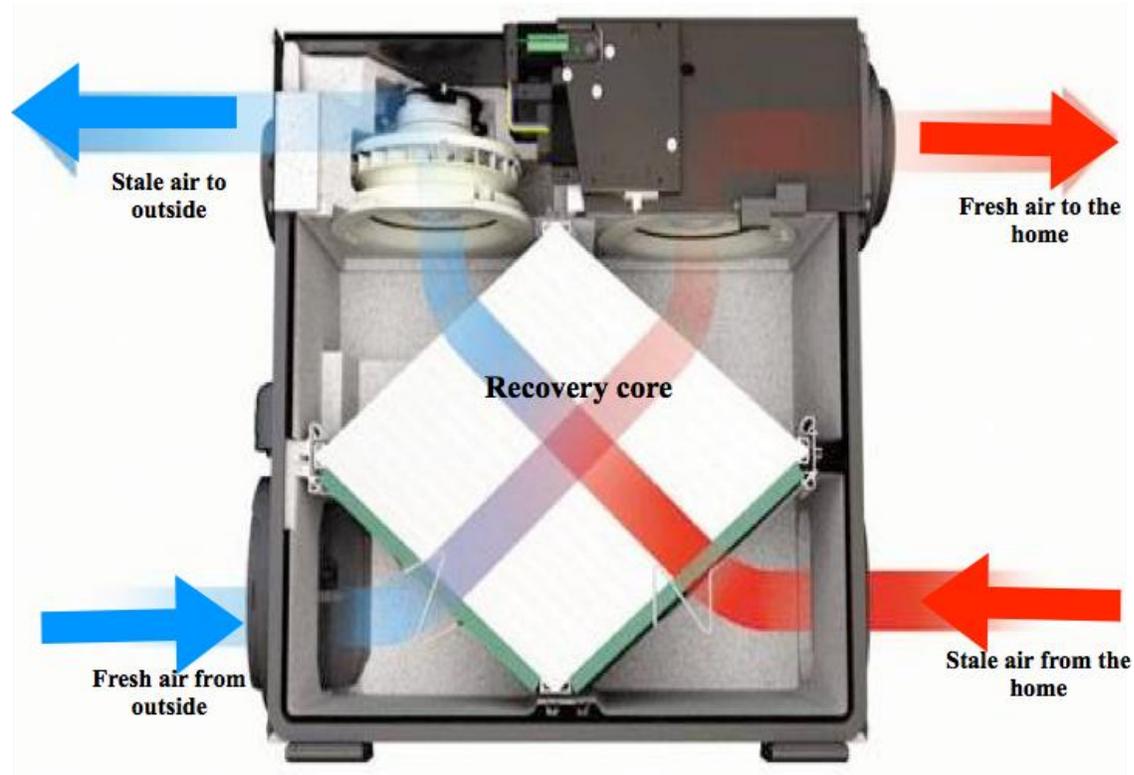
At 105 °F and dry

- Ventilation adds 2500 BTUs (1/5 of a ton) to cooling loads
- At 95 °F and humid
- Ventilation adds 4500 BTUs (just over 1/3 of a ton) to cooling loads
- 2/3 of this load is latent (moisture)

*These loads can be reduced by up to 80% through the use of heat / energy recovery technology*

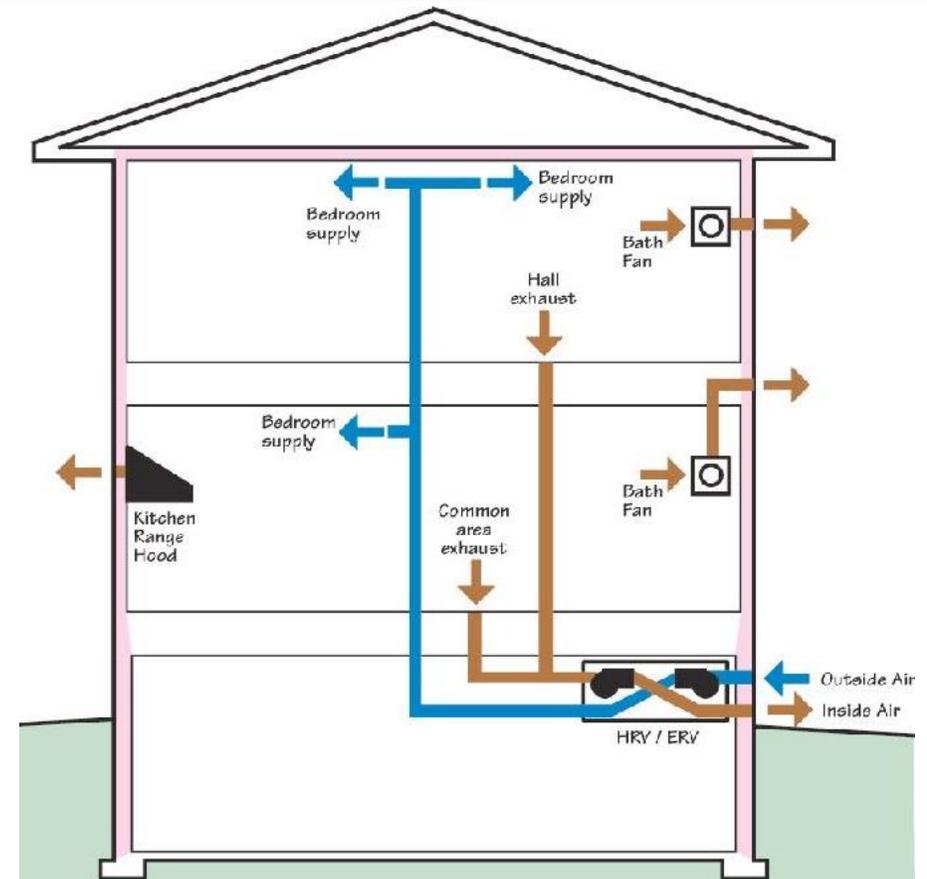


# The Lungs of the Home: HRV or ERV “Fresh Air Machine”



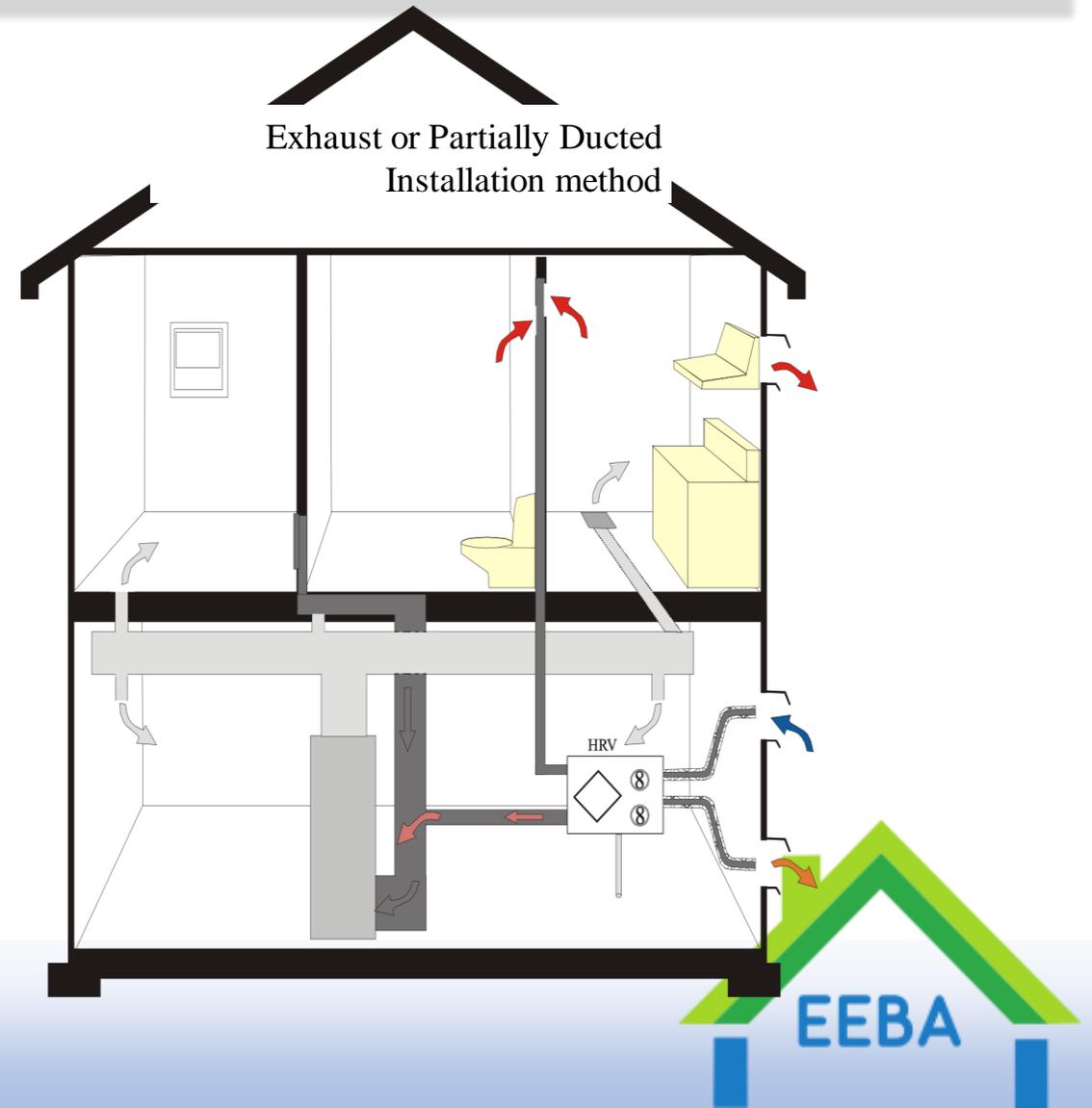
# Balanced ventilation with heat or energy recovery

- Remote mounted multiple room pick-up and delivery
- Draw from the common area and supply to all bedrooms
- Central fan integration is also used



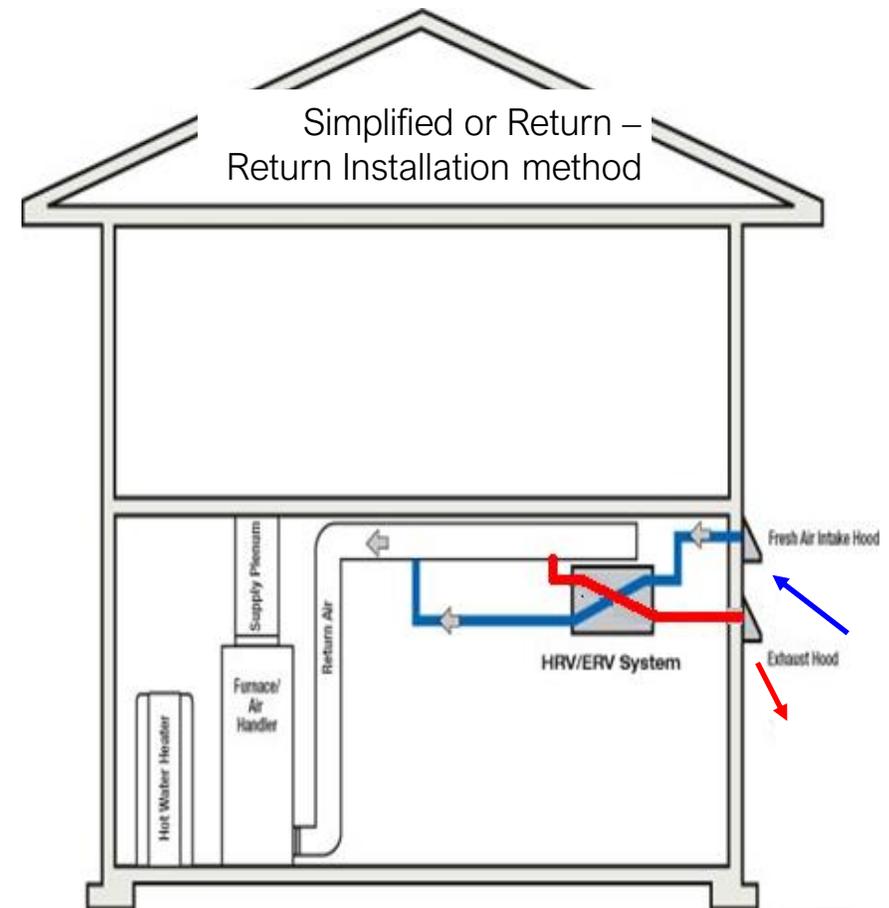
# Installation Options

- There are different options for installation depending on application needs
- Often the furnace duct system is used to distribute fresh air
- When possible, run exhaust ducts from bathrooms & kitchens



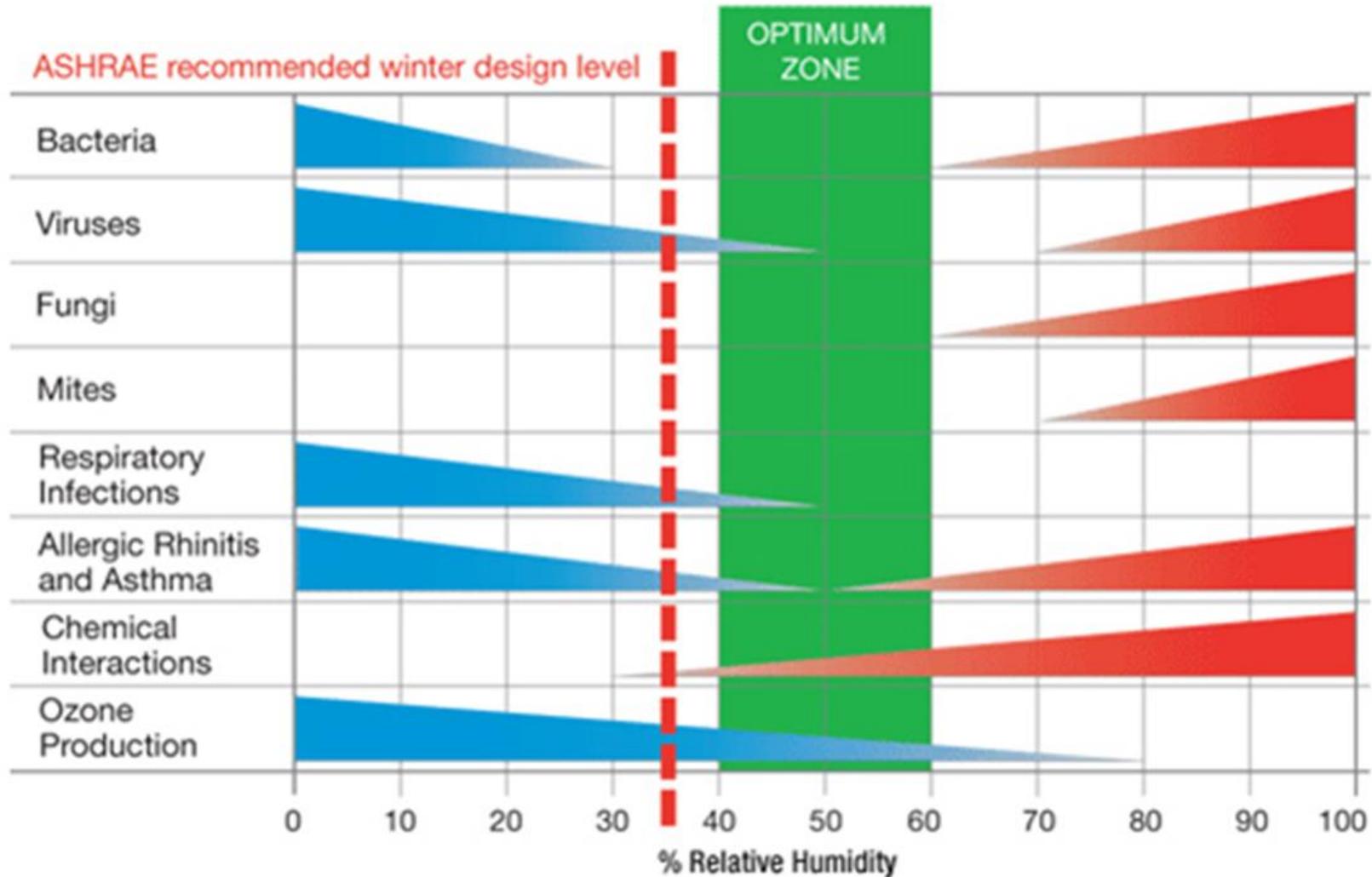
# Balanced Ventilation with Heat Recovery

- HRVs / ERVs for continuous ventilation
- Choose Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) certified
- Select units with the right air flow.

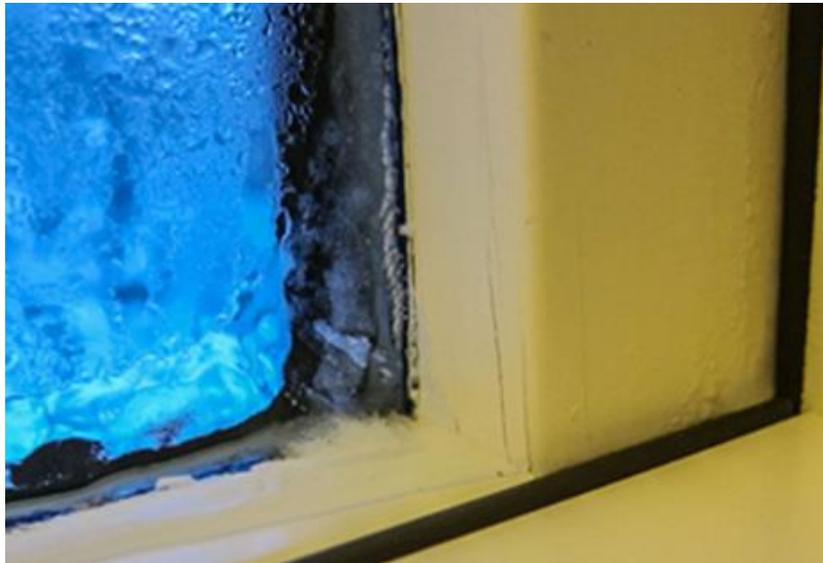


# Ventilation: IAQ & Humidity

How much humidity do we assume in the winter ...Or how much humidity do we need?

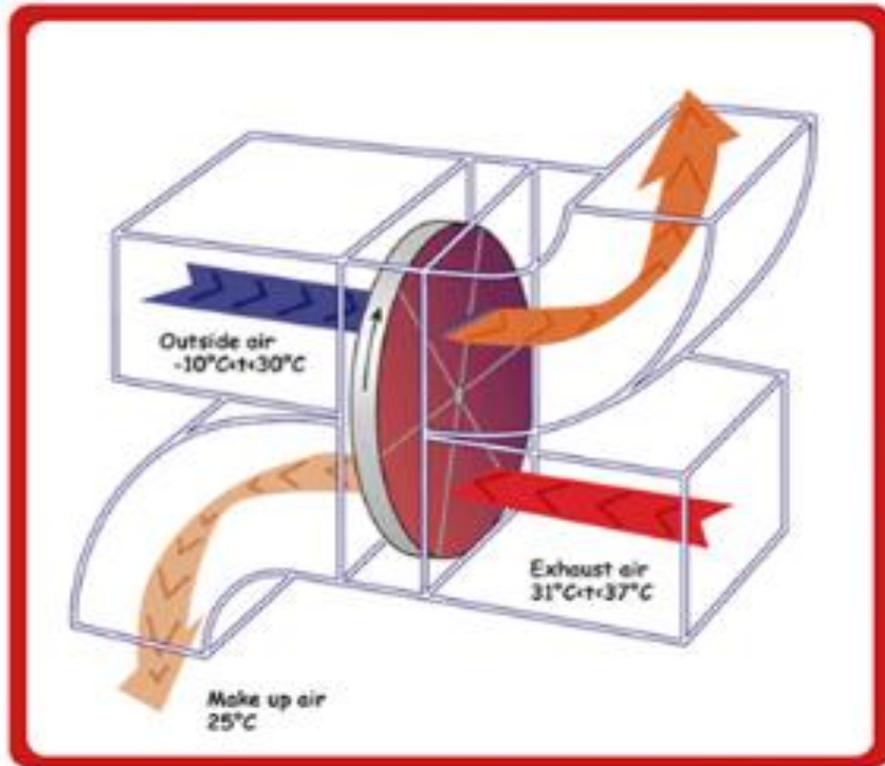


Just how important is RELATIVE HUMIDITY CONTROL?  
OUR CLIENTS DON'T LIKE THIS...



# HVAC and ventilation: What is an ERV?

## Energy Recovery Ventilation



### Heating Season



# Ventilation: IAQ & Humidity

## RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND HEALTH

When  $RH < 40\%$ , humans suffer!

*Sitting in room air with 20% RH, the average person becomes clinically dehydrated in 8 hours*



more infections &  
asthma attacks



impaired brain function



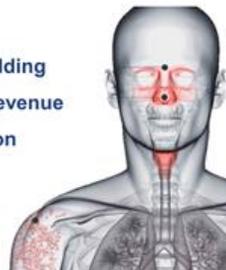
skin cracking,  
decreased wound  
healing



dry eyes,  
excessive tearing



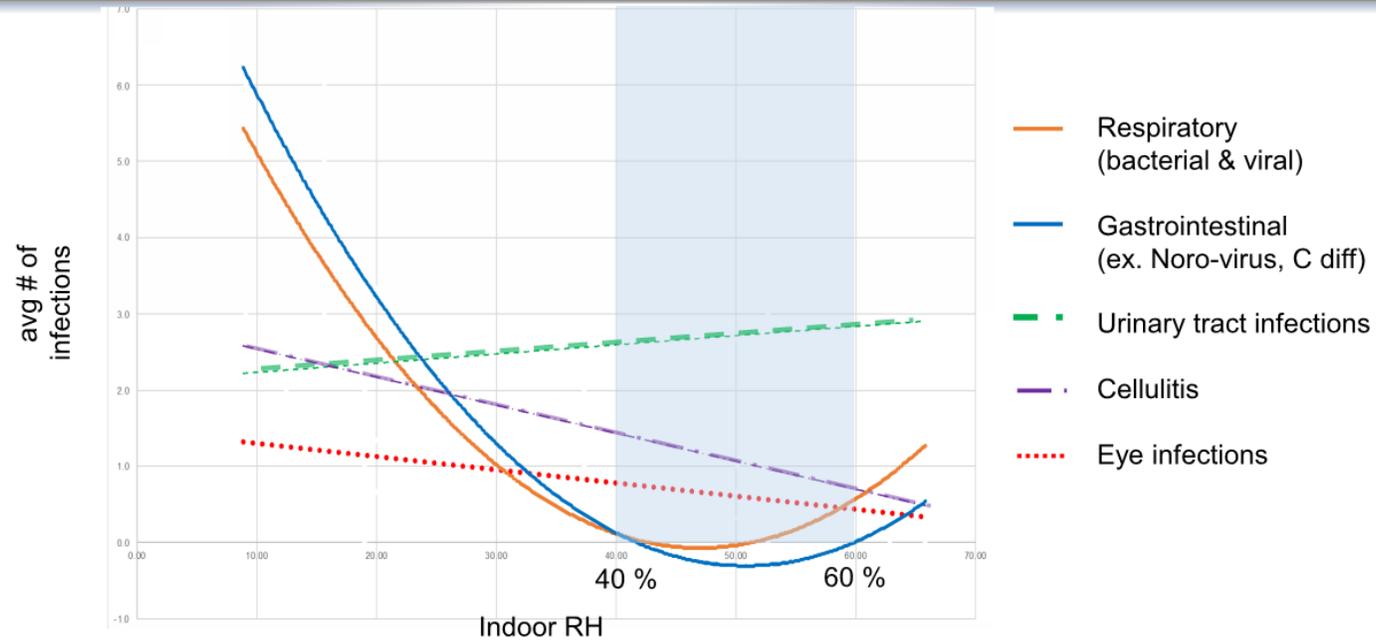
Optimize Occupant Health, Building  
Energy Performance and Your Revenue  
Through Indoor-Air Hydration



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## RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND HEALTH

Respiratory & GI infection rates were lowest when indoor RH = 40-60%



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# Ventilation: IAQ & Humidity

Humidity affects the size and weight of the virus

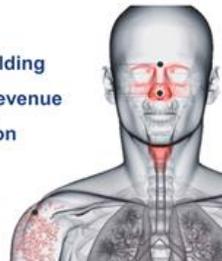
Infectious droplets shrink, travel far and evade surface cleaning when the air is dry

Droplet diameter in microns (um)

Float time



Distance travelled: 1m  10m+

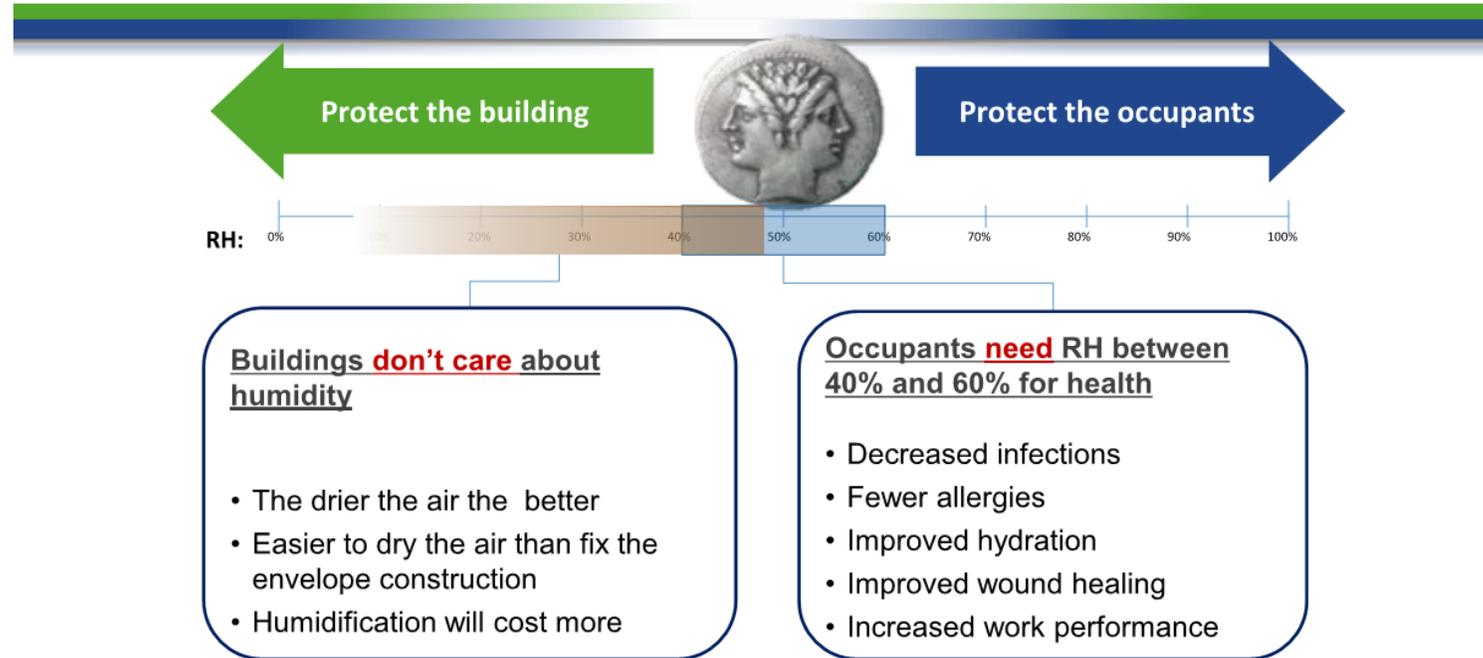


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# Ventilation: IAQ & Humidity

## RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND BUILDINGS

The great indoor air RH debate!



HARVARD  
MEDICAL SCHOOL

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# Humidification Applications

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- Winter in cold climates
- Large homes with low occupancy levels

## Sizing:

- **Required capacity is a function of:**
  - Air tightness of the home
  - Ventilation strategies
  - Occupancy generation



# Depressurization in High Performance Homes

Air Tight Homes: Need to watch for

1. Backdrafting of “spillage susceptible” combustion appliances: 3 to 5 Pa< limit
2. Proper operation of the exhaust appliance
  - 25 to 50 Pa limit
  - Know the fan curves of the exhaust appliances
  - IRC: 400< CFM Range Hood will require MUA



# Depressurization Testing

- Use a pressure gauge to measure pressure between outside and inside
- Turn on exhaust fans
- If pressure is below 5 Pa (0.02" w.g.) then no action is required (typically)
- Otherwise provide make-up air

All Fans  
Operating

Windows  
Closed

Interior Doors  
Closed

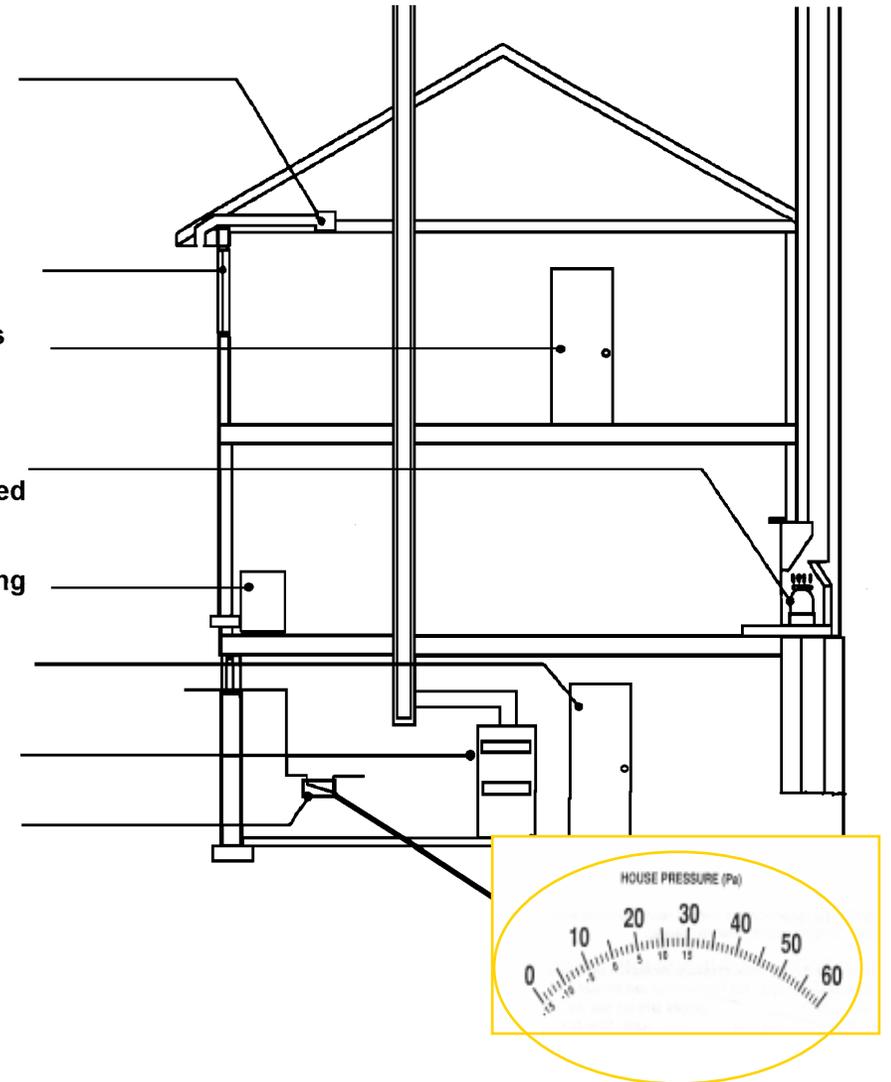
Fireplace on  
or  
Damper Closed

Dryer Operating

Door Closed

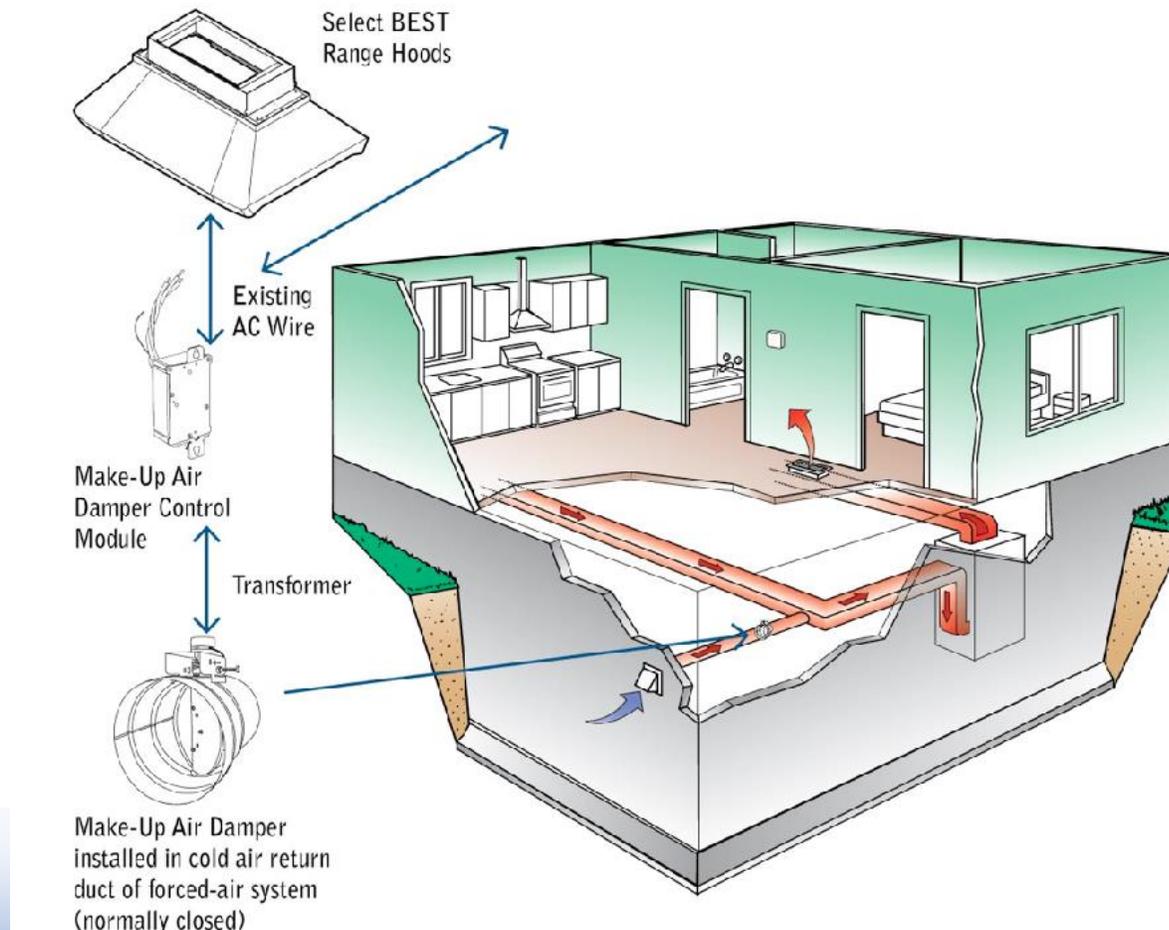
Furnace On  
or  
Flue Blocked

Magnehelix  
Gauge



# What about make-up air?

*Fan manufacturers have new, helpful strategies*



*Over 400 CFM ??*



# NEW “Capture Efficiency “ Rating for Range Hoods



[Tips for Successful Operation.](#) Best Range Hood LLC.

ASTM E3087 - 18

Standard Test Method for Measuring Capture Efficiency of Domestic Range Hoods

*Range hood Sizing is MORE THAN CFM capacity. Capture “efficiency” is affected more by:*

1. Geometry/Coverage of the hood(COVER entire stove area)
2. Distance from burner (24-32”)
3. Air availability(e.g. make-up air)
4. Consider shielding sides(w/cabinets of range box)
5. CFM : e.g Volume of kitchen area vs CFM
6. Select DEEP Hood w/ open bottom
7. Select Hood with 3 sones @ 200cfm >
8. Target 200-350cfm (depending on installation and stove type)
9. Ideal CE Capture Efficiency = 75-80%<
10. Consider OVEN VENTING

Refer to Home Ventilation Institute guidance (HVI) for range hood selection

*Certified Home Ventilating Products Directory, <https://www.hvi.org/proddirectory/index.cfm>*

**About the Home Ventilating Institute**

The world's leading residential ventilation manufacturers ensure customer satisfaction with HVI Certified Performance Ratings available exclusively through the Home Ventilating Institute.



**RANGE HOODS**  
*A Consumer Guide*



The Home Ventilating Institute (HVI), founded in 1955, is a nonprofit association of the manufacturers of home ventilating products. Through a Certified Ratings Program, HVI provides a voluntary means for residential ventilation manufacturers to report comparable and credible product performance information based upon uniformly applied testing standards and procedures performed by independent laboratories. Today, HVI represents manufacturers from the United States, Canada, Asia, and Europe, producing the majority of the residential ventilation products sold in North America.

Whether it's a range hood, bathroom exhaust fan, or other residential ventilation product, choose only products with the 'HVI Certified' label for peace of mind, confidence, and reliability.



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<b>Range Hood CFM Calculator</b>			
<b>AGAINST A WALL HOOD</b>			
<b>HVI Suggest</b>	<b>30"/2.5'</b>	<b>36"/3'</b>	<b>48"/4'</b>
<b>Recommended</b>	250 CFM	300 CFM	400 CFM
<b>Minimum</b>	100 CFM	120 CFM	160 CFM
<b>FOR ISLAND RANGE HOOD</b>			
<b>HVI Suggest</b>	<b>30"/2.5'</b>	<b>36"/3'</b>	<b>48"/4'</b>
<b>Recommended</b>	375 CFM	450 CFM	600 CFM
<b>Minimum</b>	125 CFM	150 CFM	200 CFM

# Filtration

- Filtration at the furnace works and is cost effective
- Commonly located in the return duct of the air handler
- Choose a filter with a rating of MERV 13 or better
- The better the filter, the more it restricts air flow, understand the appliance needs



# Filtration Options



## 1" – 4" Pleated Filters

- MERV 8-13
- May restrict air flow



## 1" Electrostatic

- MERV 6-10
- Simple, washable
- May restrict air flow



## Electronic Filter

- No MERV ratings
- Good at removing small particles
- Needs cleaning every 6-8 weeks
- May give off small amounts of ozone

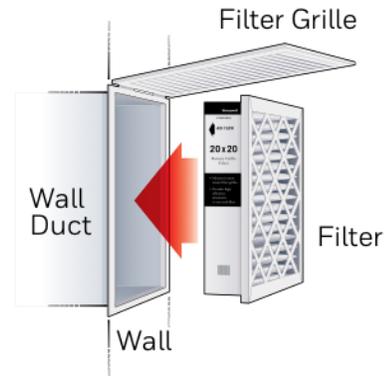


# Media Filters offer flexibility

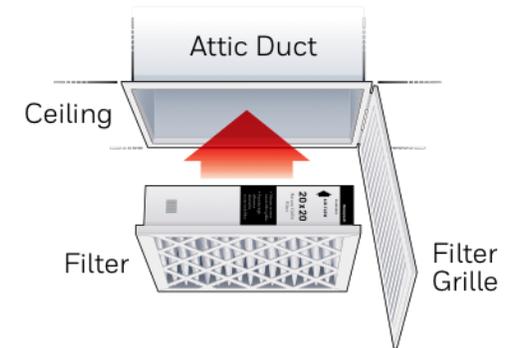


Air Handler Cabinet

**Wall Mount**



**Ceiling Mount**



Return Air Grille Filter

Consider Pressure Drop across the filter:  
Less than 0.2" W.C. should be adequate



# HVAC & Filtration

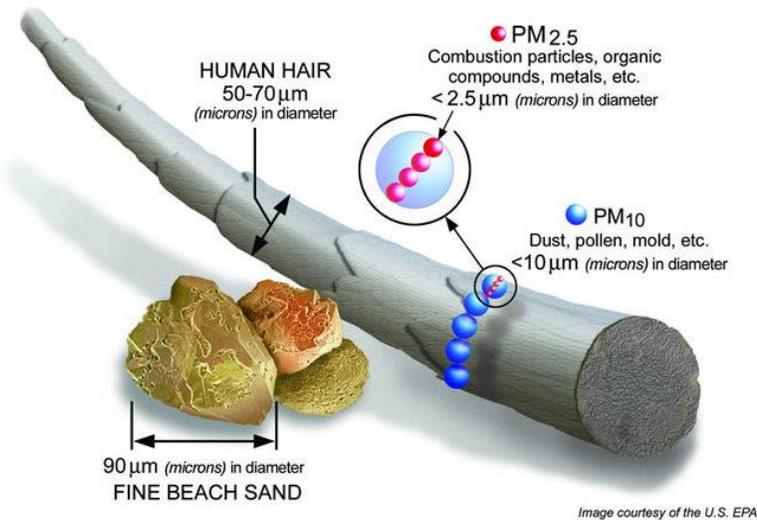
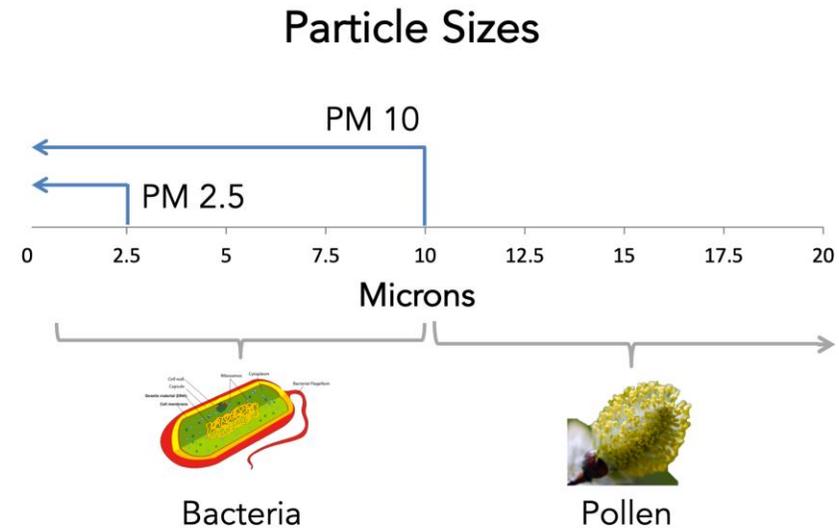
Filtration is the 4th of IAQ strategies: Remove, Seal, Ventilate, then Filter

- Filtration comes last in the IAQ hierarchy
- Commonly located in the return duct of the air handler OR provided at room-level (Space filtration units)
- Choose a filter with a rating of MERV 10 or better
- The better the filter, the more it restricts air flow, understand the appliance needs
- Remember: the first job of air handler “filters” is to protect the equipment
- HVAC designer must adjust equipment and duct design to ensure no PRESSURE DROP from filtration package.



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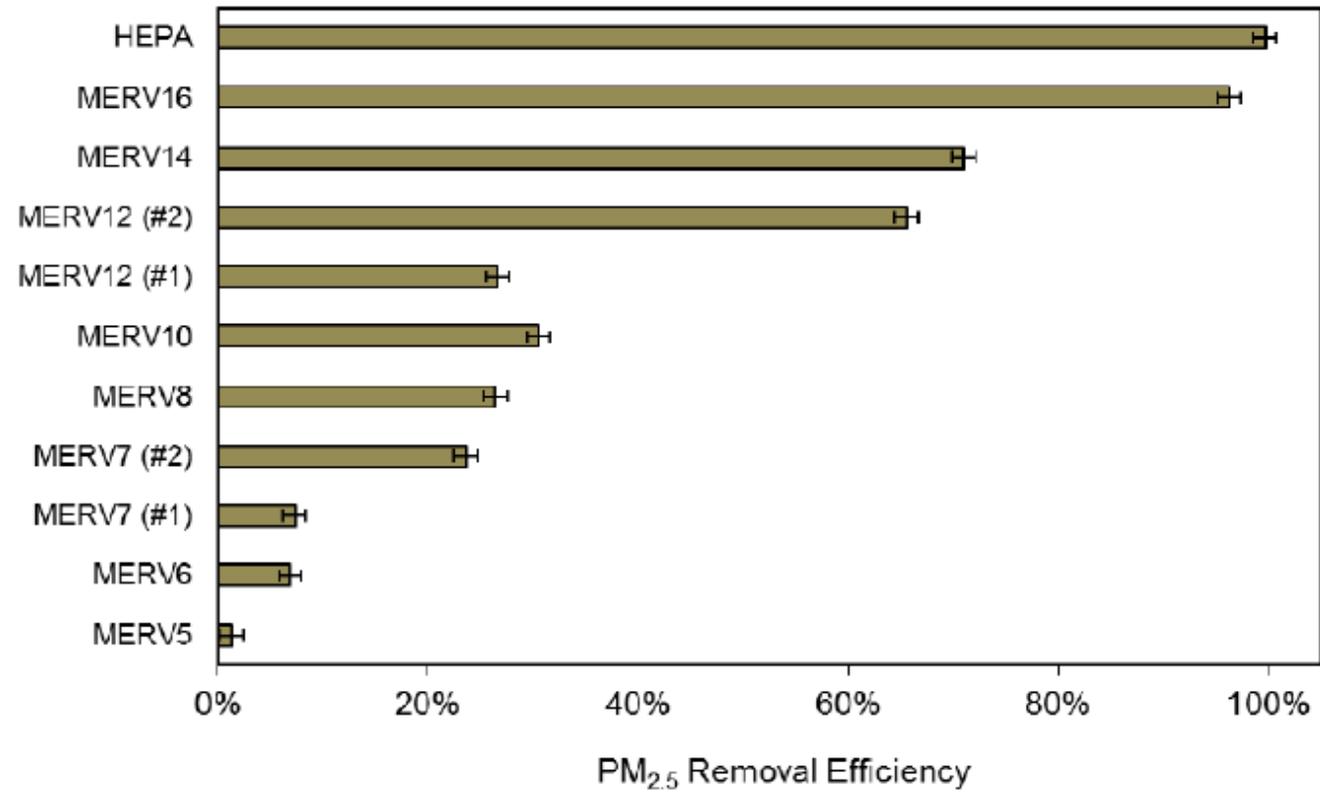


FYI: Viruses are around PM 0.1



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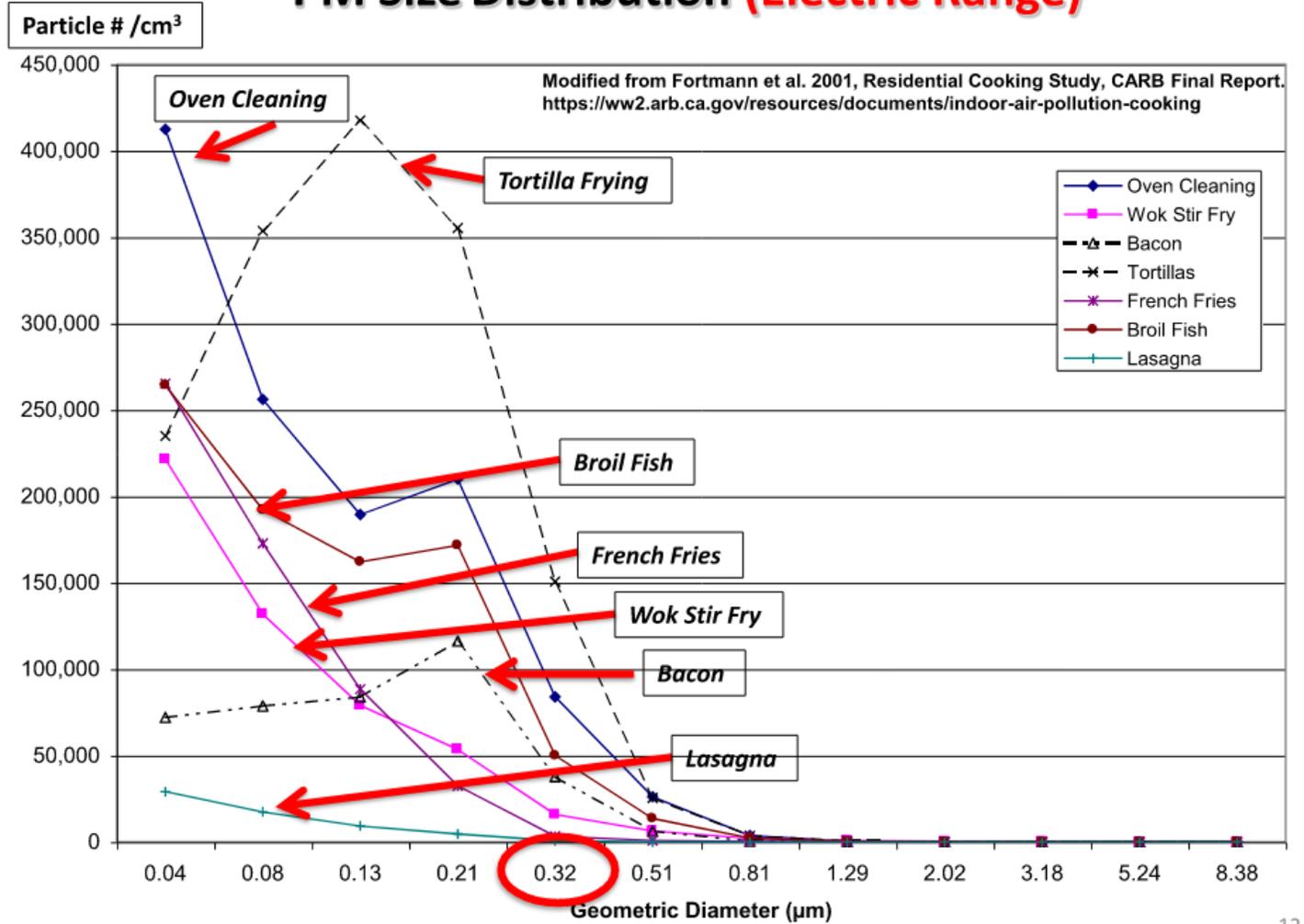


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## PM Size Distribution (Electric Range)



# HVAC & Filtration

Space –Room air filtration:

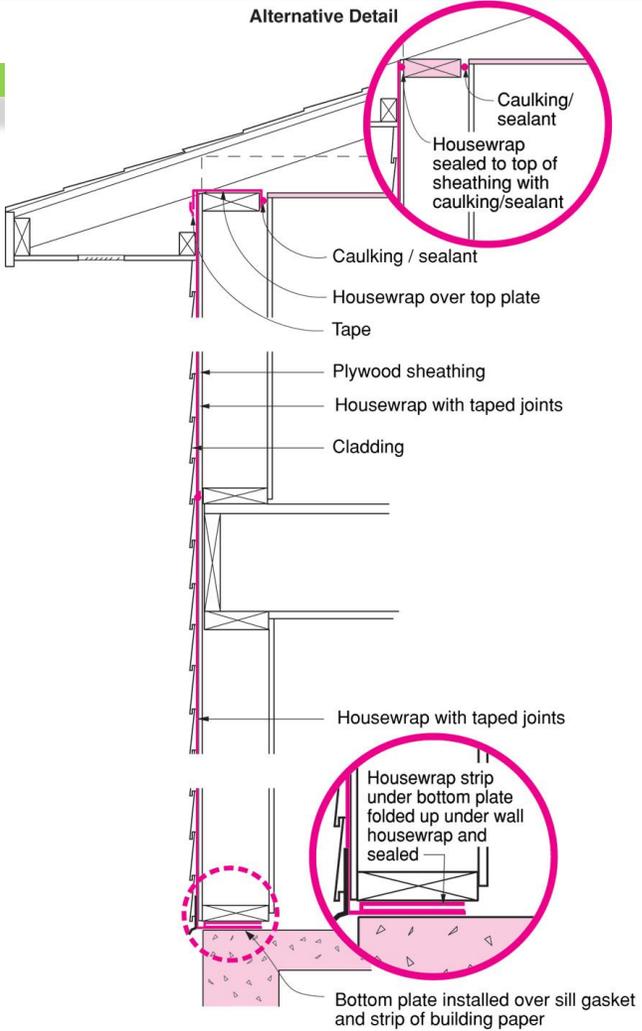
- Effective vs Central air

handler filtration

- Flexible



# The right choices in the right order



Note: shaded components designate air barrier system

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# The pay off

\$5,000 / kW Installed  
=\$4 / kWh / 1<sup>st</sup> yr generated

**Energy  
Investments**

\$ 0.5 - 1 / kWh / yr 1<sup>st</sup> saved





# Summary

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- Creating better envelopes
- Include ventilation on every project, performance and rationalize costs
- Choose effective, efficient, quiet fans and appliances
- Challenge your mechanical contractor to participate in your quest improving total system performance



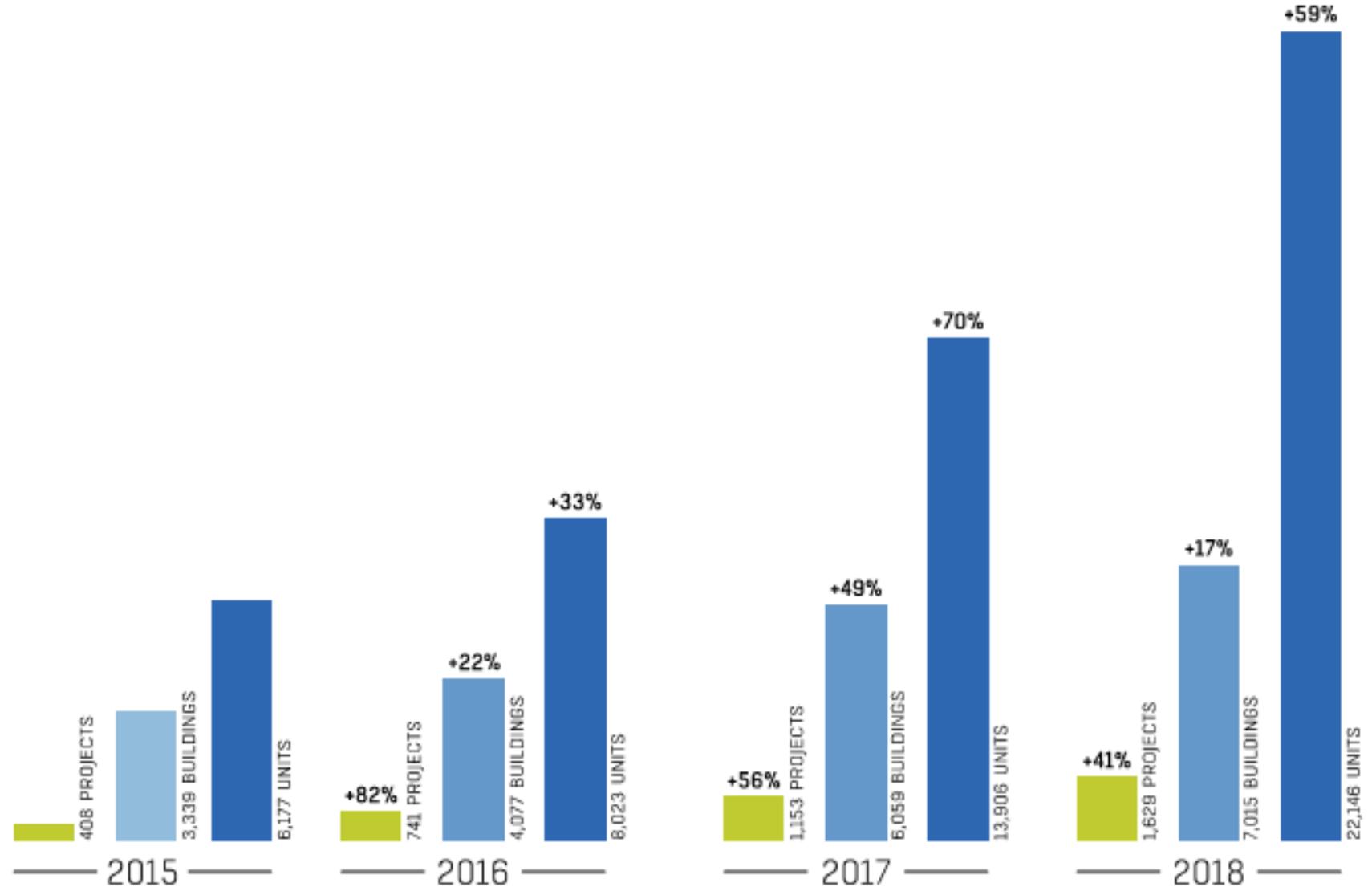
# It's coming

Be a leader ahead of the wave

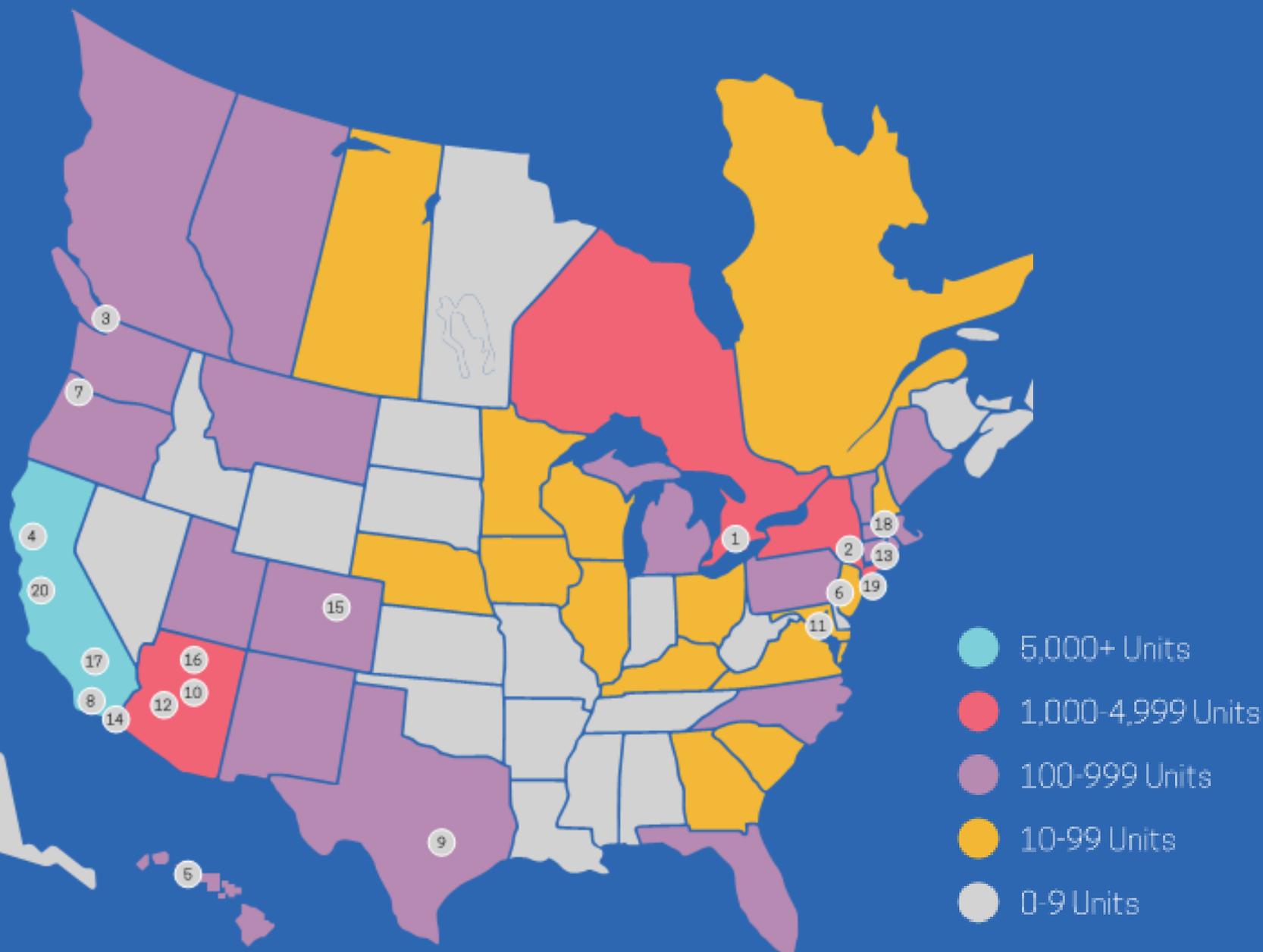


# FINDINGS

The growth our contributors reported in 2018 was once again very robust – the number of ZE housing units increased by 59% over the prior year’s inventory: 22,146 total units in design, in construction, and completed, as compared with 13,960 units in those combined categories in 2017.<sup>1</sup>

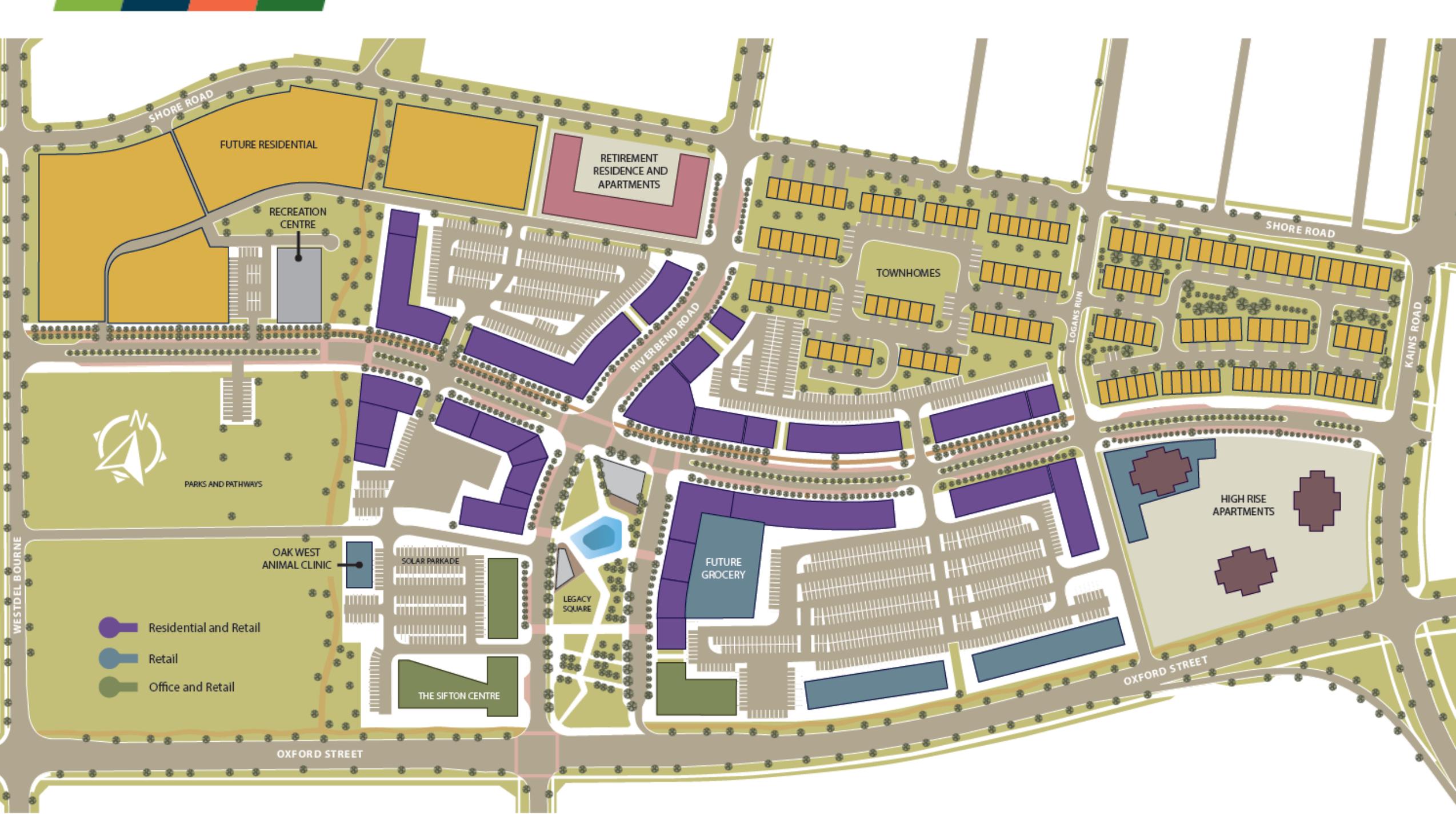


# PATH TO ZERO



## TOP 20 ZERO ENERGY CITIES BY NUMBER OF UNITS

1. London, ON	2001
2. New York, NY	1811
3. Vancouver, BC	749
4. Davis, CA	670
5. Honolulu, HI	389
6. Philadelphia, PA	367
7. Portland, OR	366
8. San Diego, CA	352
9. Austin, TX	347
10. Clarkdale, AZ	323
11. Washington, DC	318
12. Chino Valley, AZ	308
13. Bronx, NY	308
14. National City, CA	268
15. Denver, CO	265
16. Bellmont, AZ	253
17. Rialto, CA	248
18. Townsend, MA	238
19. Far Rockaway, NY	22
20. Pleasanton, CA	210



SHORE ROAD

FUTURE RESIDENTIAL

RECREATION CENTRE

RETIREMENT RESIDENCE AND APARTMENTS

TOWNHOMES

SHORE ROAD

RIVER BEND ROAD

LOGAN'S RUN

KAINS ROAD



PARKS AND PATHWAYS

OAK WEST ANIMAL CLINIC

SOLAR PARKADE

LEGACY SQUARE

FUTURE GROCERY

HIGH RISE APARTMENTS

THE SIFTON CENTRE

OXFORD STREET

WESTDEL BOURNE

-  Residential and Retail
-  Retail
-  Office and Retail

OXFORD STREET



# TOWNHOMES



# HELIO



WORK IN WEST 5

# SIFTON CENTRE NET ZERO BUILDING

DESIGNED & CONSTRUCTED TO POWER ITSELF.

SOLAR PANELS

FREE PARKING

GREEN ROOF

AUTOMATED LIGHTING

DYNAMIC GLASS WINDOWS

SECURED BIKE PARKING



275W



325W



400W



Technology is rapidly advancing, calling for renewed training and understanding more frequently.

PV (PANEL) vs BIPV (INTEGRATED ROOF)

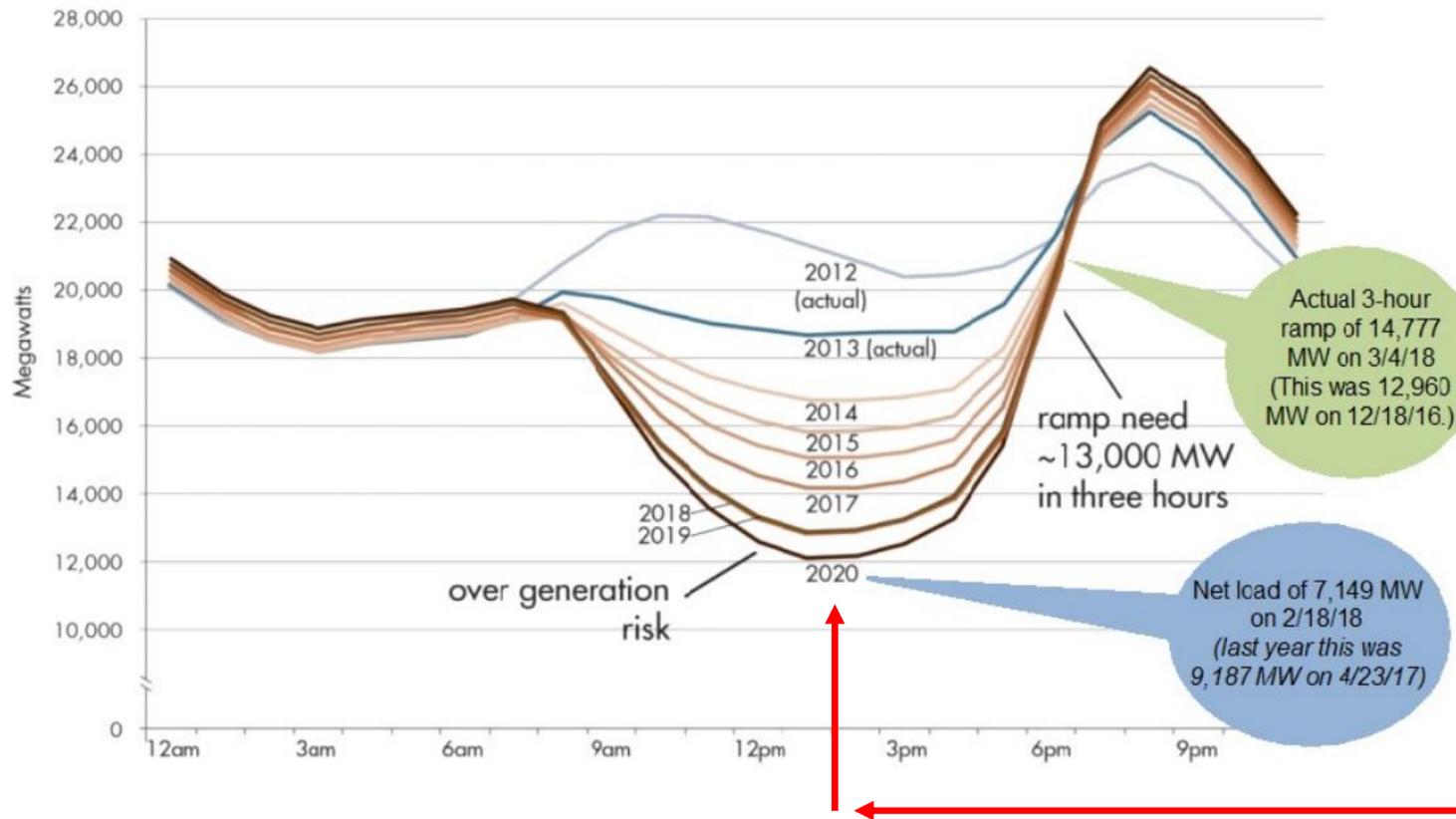


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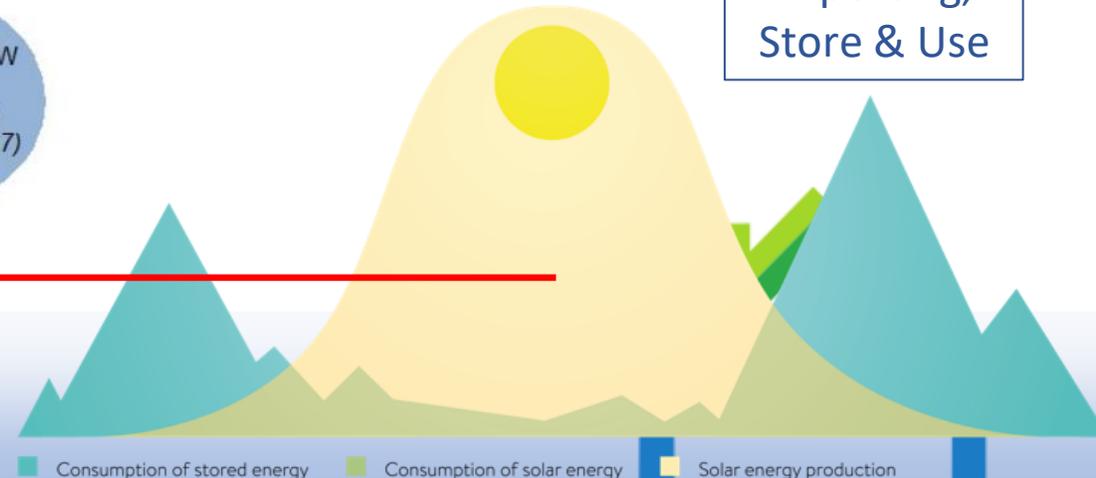


# Battery Storage - Benefits



Generation Exceeds Load During Day Time

Instead of Exporting, Store & Use



# Batteries (Solar + Storage)

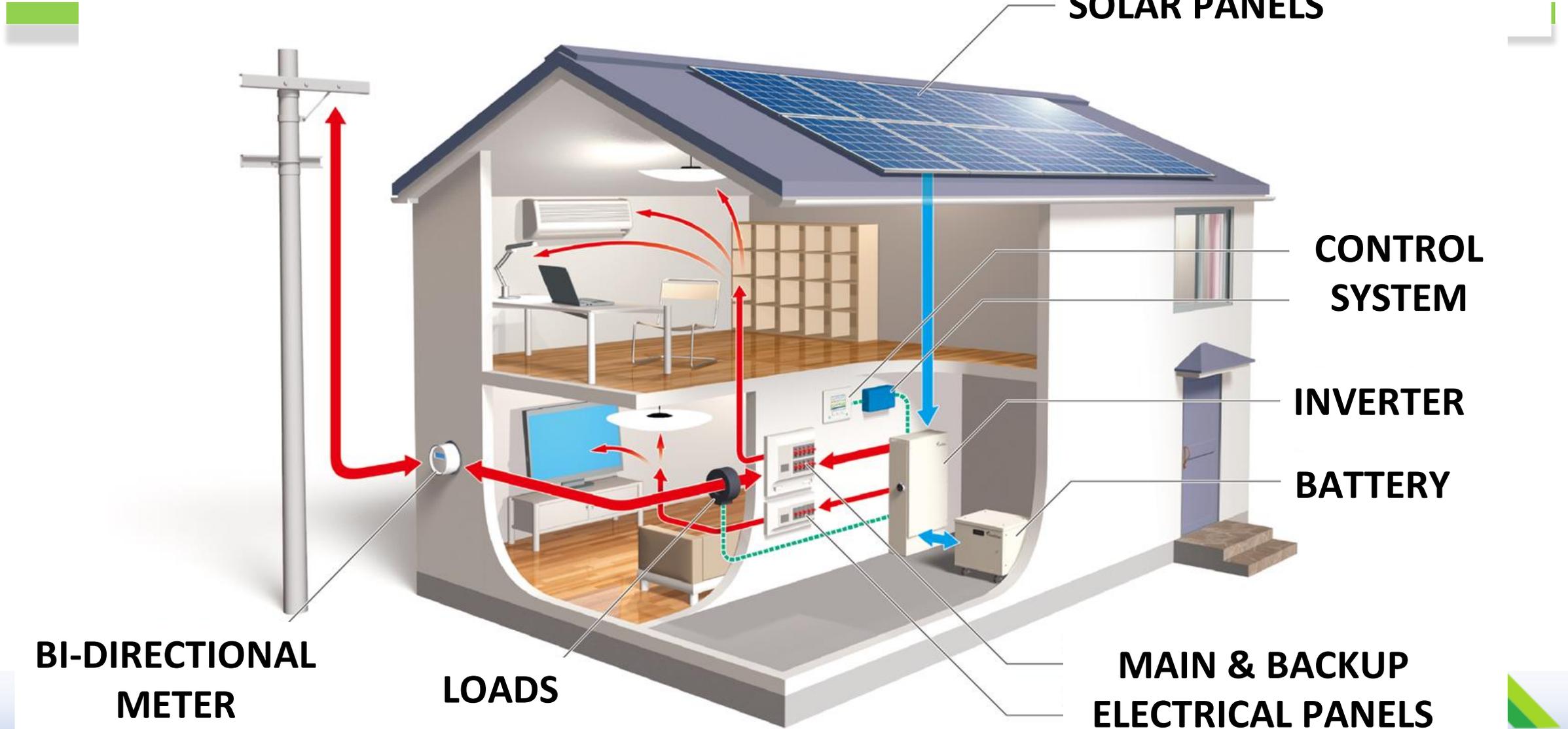
What battery storage was...



What battery storage is...



# SOLAR ENERGY STORAGE: SYSTEM OVERVIEW



# THE FUTURE LANDSCAPE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION ARE ONE...



# THE NET FUTURE LANDSCAPE

## MODULARIZATION AND ZERH HOMES



Changing your  
process

Where does actual  
change begin?





# Who will be responsible for change?

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## Select key people

- Top management
- Top field staff
- Key sub-contractors
- Testing professionals
- Architects & designers
- Sales management staff



# Creating a plan to move forward

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- Define the concerns, plan for the solution and set a timeframe

