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Practical Guide to Energy Efficient Design

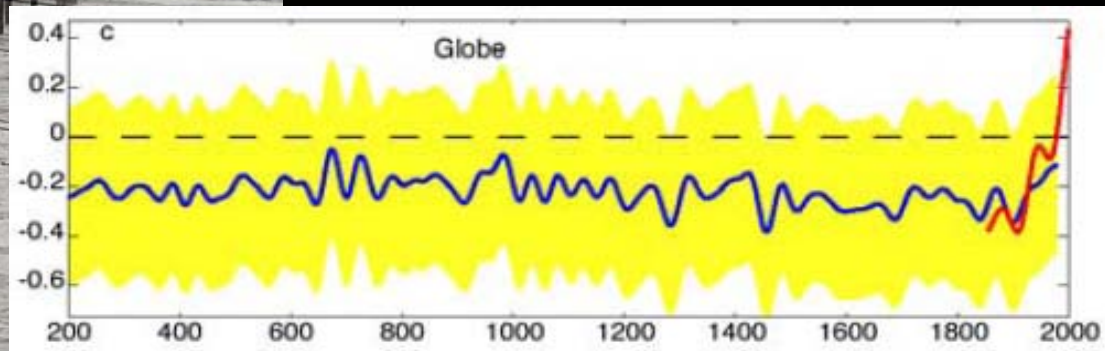
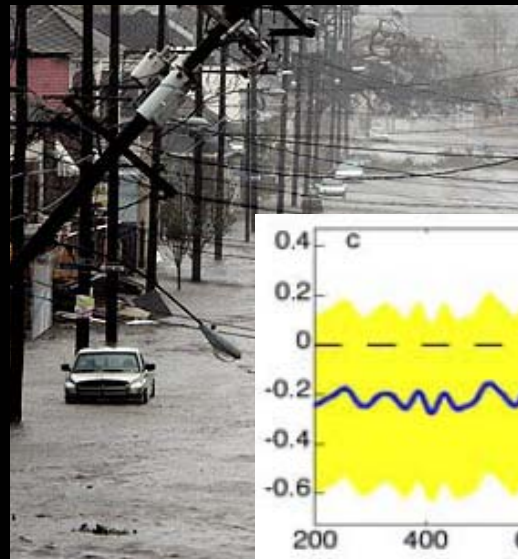
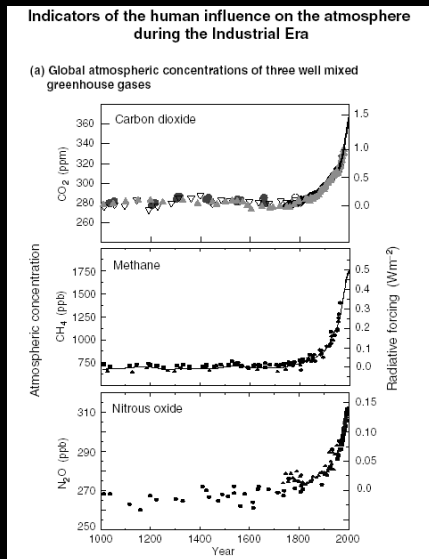
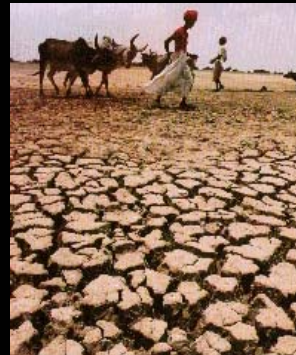
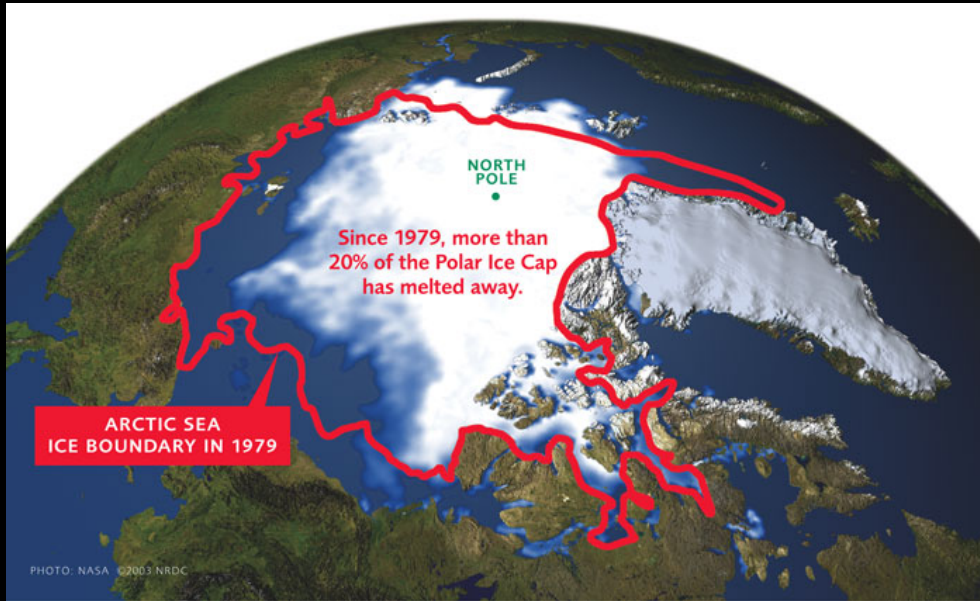
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Presentation Overview

- Sustainability
- Sustainability Features
- Case Study – Tahoe Center for Environmental Studies
- Case Study – 1084 Foxworthy
- Conclusions



Why Sustainable Design



Green Building



Integrated Design:

When designing a Swiss watch or a green building, you don't design each piece in isolation from the others.

Sustainable Design



Sustainability = No Waste

Sustainable Design

The Engineering Paradox: Is it our education?

How Engineers are Taught....and design

Accept Givens

Perform Calculations

Create Details

Integrate with Project

- Linear Solutions
- Solves Engineer's Problems
- Textbook Approach
- Safe for Engineer



A Collaborative Approach

Respond to Project Goals

Integrate Design with Project

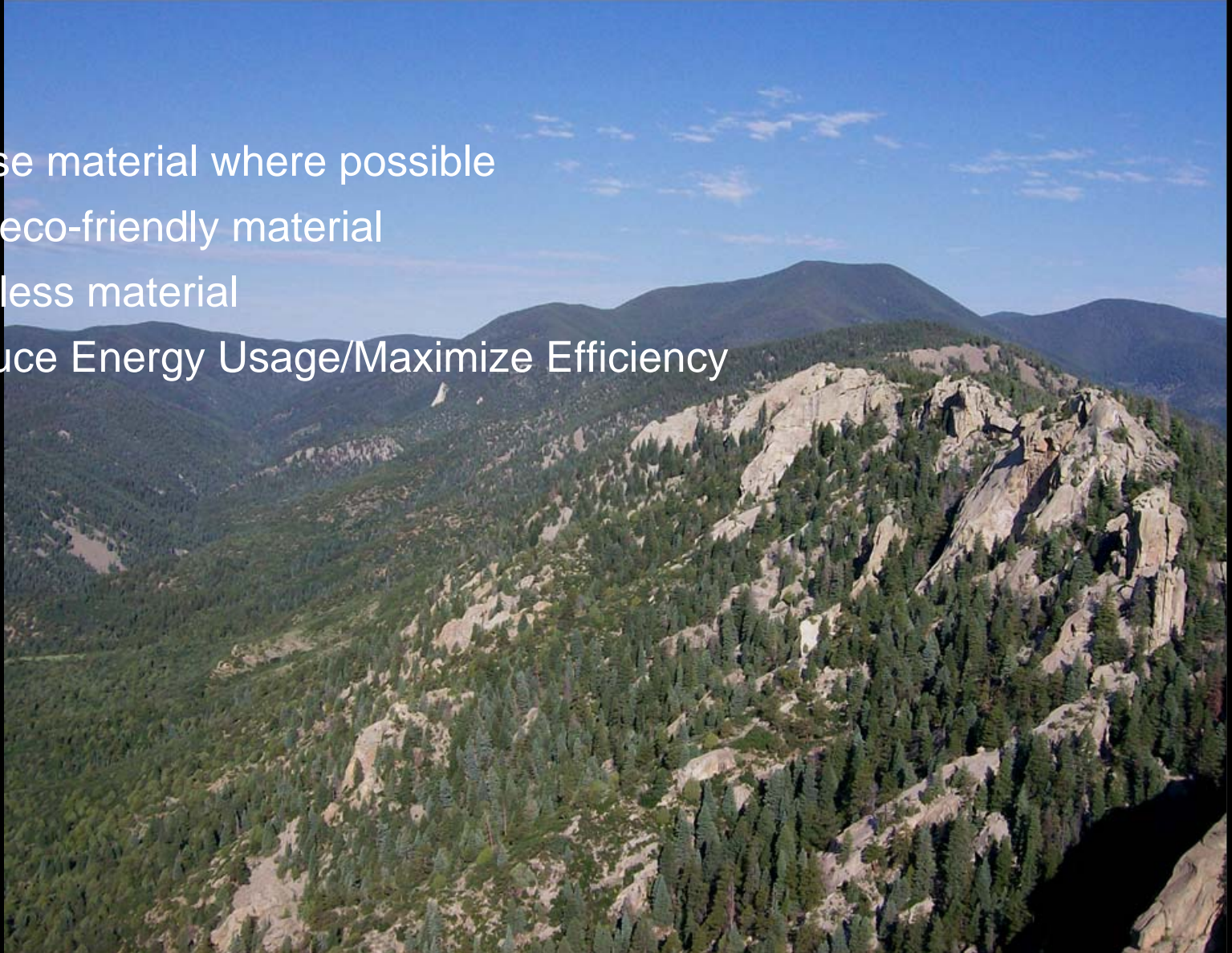
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Perform Calculations

- Solves Project's Problems
- Adds Value
- Leads to Innovation
- Riskier for Engineer
- Requires Technical Expertise

Sustainable Features

- Reuse material where possible
- Use eco-friendly material
- Use less material
- Reduce Energy Usage/Maximize Efficiency



Reuse Materials

- Building Reuse
- Reuse electrical systems that have remaining life

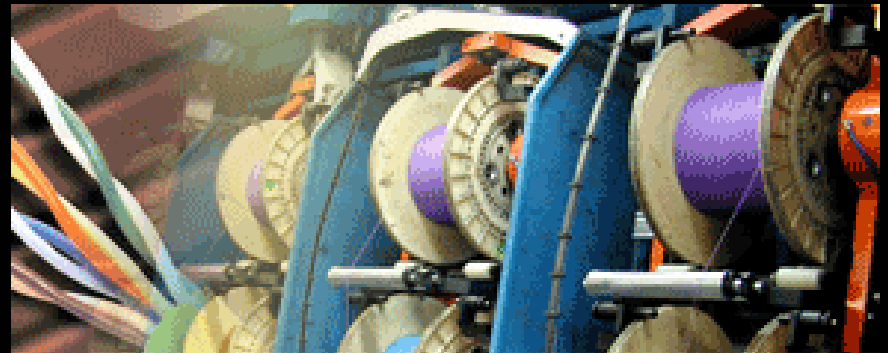


Eco-Friendly Materials

- Avoid PVC
- Avoid Mercury
- Materials with lots of embedded energy



Courtesy Sylvania/Osram



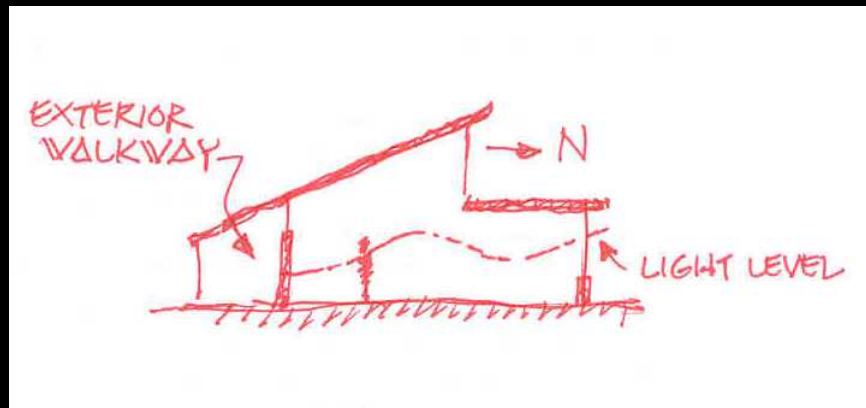
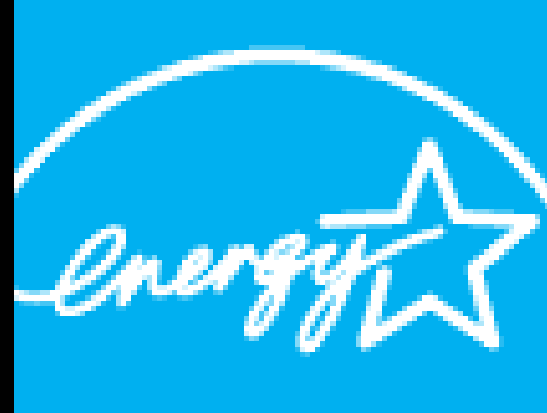
Use Less Material

- Use 480/277 volt where possible to limit wire size
- Think “wireless”
- Double usage - VOIP



Reduce Energy/Maximize Efficiency

- Use Energy Efficient Equipment
- Controls to Minimize Usage
- Building Orientation
- Thermal Envelope



Courtesy Wattstopper

Case Study – Tahoe Center for Environmental Science

- High efficiency light sources
- Astronomic time clocks
- Task/ambient lighting
- Light pollution reduction
- Daylight switching photosensors
- Daylight dimming photosensors
- Photovoltaic systems
- Natural Gas Microturbine
- Upsized wiring
- High efficiency transformers
- Energy star equipment
- Plug load controls
- Wireless data
- VOIP



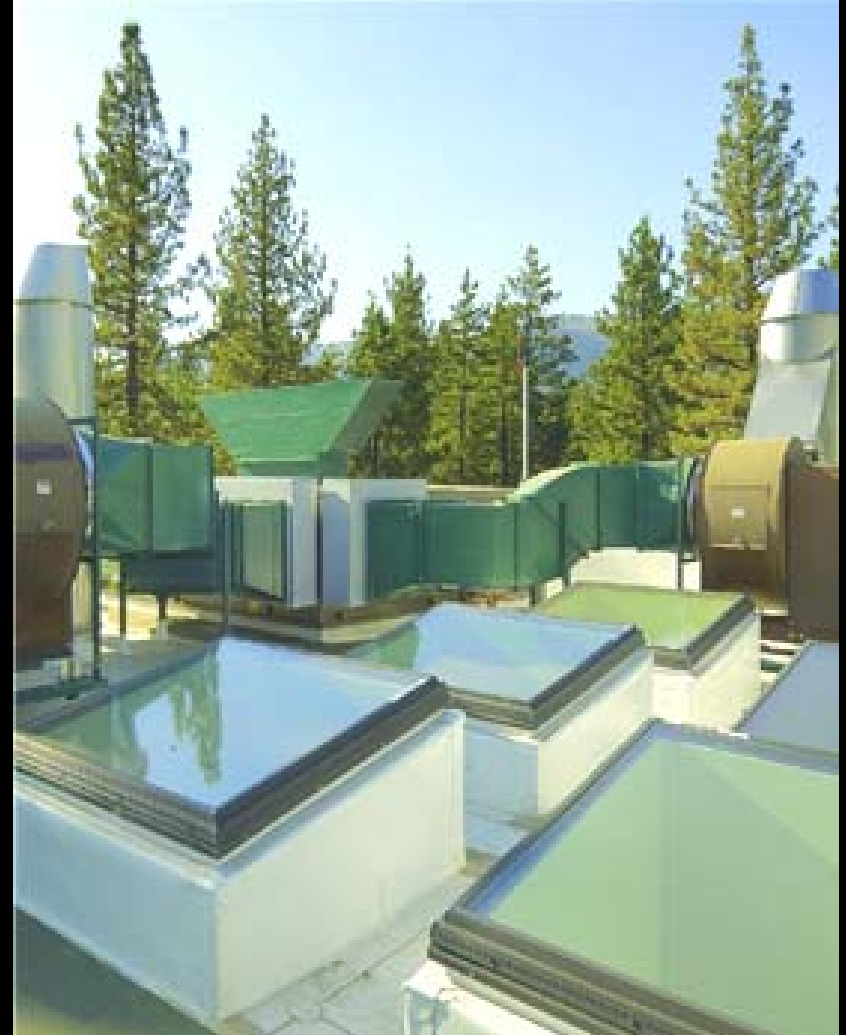
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- High efficiency light sources



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- Daylight switching photosensors
- Daylight dimming photosensors



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■ Upsized wiring

1. Larger wires = less resistance

2. Less resistance = less energy loss

3. Less energy loss = lower wire temperature

4. Lower wire temperature = less resistance (see #2)

Payback can be as low as 2 years!!



Courtesy: Copper.org

conductor size	length	resist/lf	resist (ohms)	amps	loss (va)	conductor size	length	resist/lf	resist (ohms)	amps	loss (va)
Row 1											
#12	80	0.00170	0.2720	12.0	39.17	#10	80	0.00105	0.1680	12.0	24.19
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	3.2	0.28	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	3.2	0.17
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	2.4	0.16	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	2.4	0.10
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	1.6	0.07	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	1.6	0.04
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	0.8	0.02	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	0.8	0.01
Row 2											
#12	10	0.00170	0.0340	8.0	2.18	#10	10	0.00105	0.0210	8.0	1.34
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	3.2	0.28	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	3.2	0.17
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	2.4	0.16	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	2.4	0.10
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Row 3											
#12	10	0.00170	0.0340	4.0	0.54	#10	10	0.00105	0.0210	4.0	0.34
#12	8	0.00170	0.0272	3.2	0.28	#10	8	0.00105	0.0168	3.2	0.17
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Total:					43.45						26.84

use: 12 hrs/day, 5 days/week
cost of electricity: \$0.12/kwh
light fixture: 3 lamp, 32w/lamp

Annual Loss 136 kwh
Annual Cost \$16.31

Annual Loss 84 kwh
Annual Cost \$10.08

Difference \$6.24
Payback 27 months

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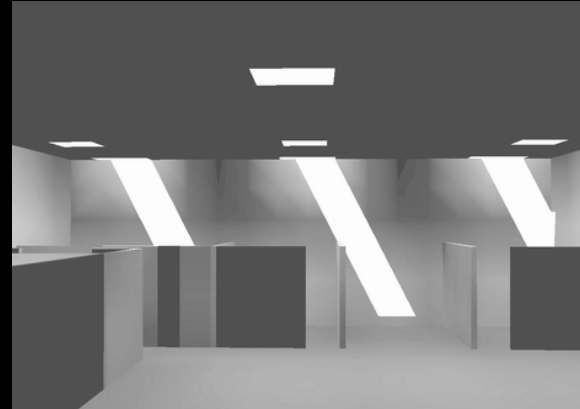
- Biodeisel/Natural Gas Microturbine
- Grid Tied – Electricity
- Waste Heat – Hot Water
- Biodeisel avoids releasing new carbon into atmosphere



Courtesy: Capstone

Case Study - 1084 Foxworthy

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- Astronomic time clocks
- Task/ambient lighting
- Individual occupancy sensor task lighting controls
- Occupant sensor ambient lighting controls
- Mesopic lighting
- Light pollution reduction
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- Photovoltaic systems
- Upsized wiring
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- Reuse an existing building



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- High Efficiency Light Sources



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- Control Solar Heat Gain



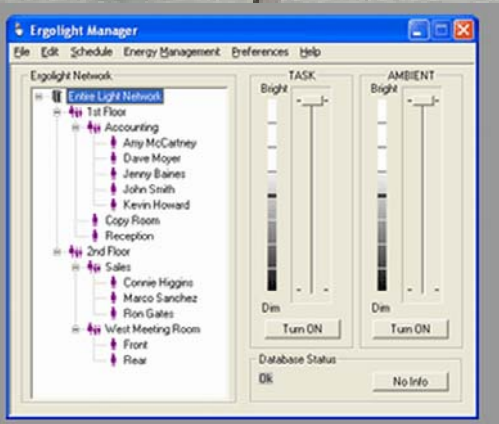
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- Task Ambient Lighting
 - 17 fc ambient light level
 - 90% reflective paint
 - 83% reflectance ceiling tiles



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■ Automatic Lighting Controls



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■ Combination Lighting Controls



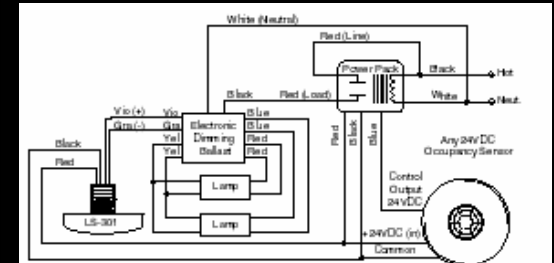
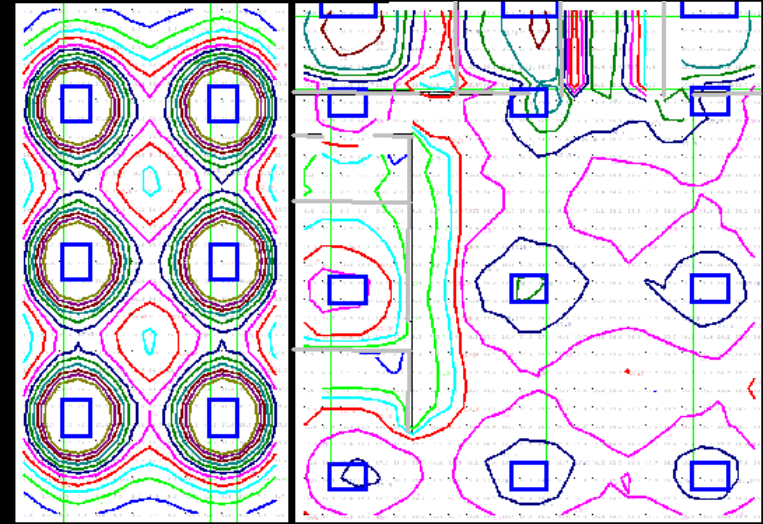
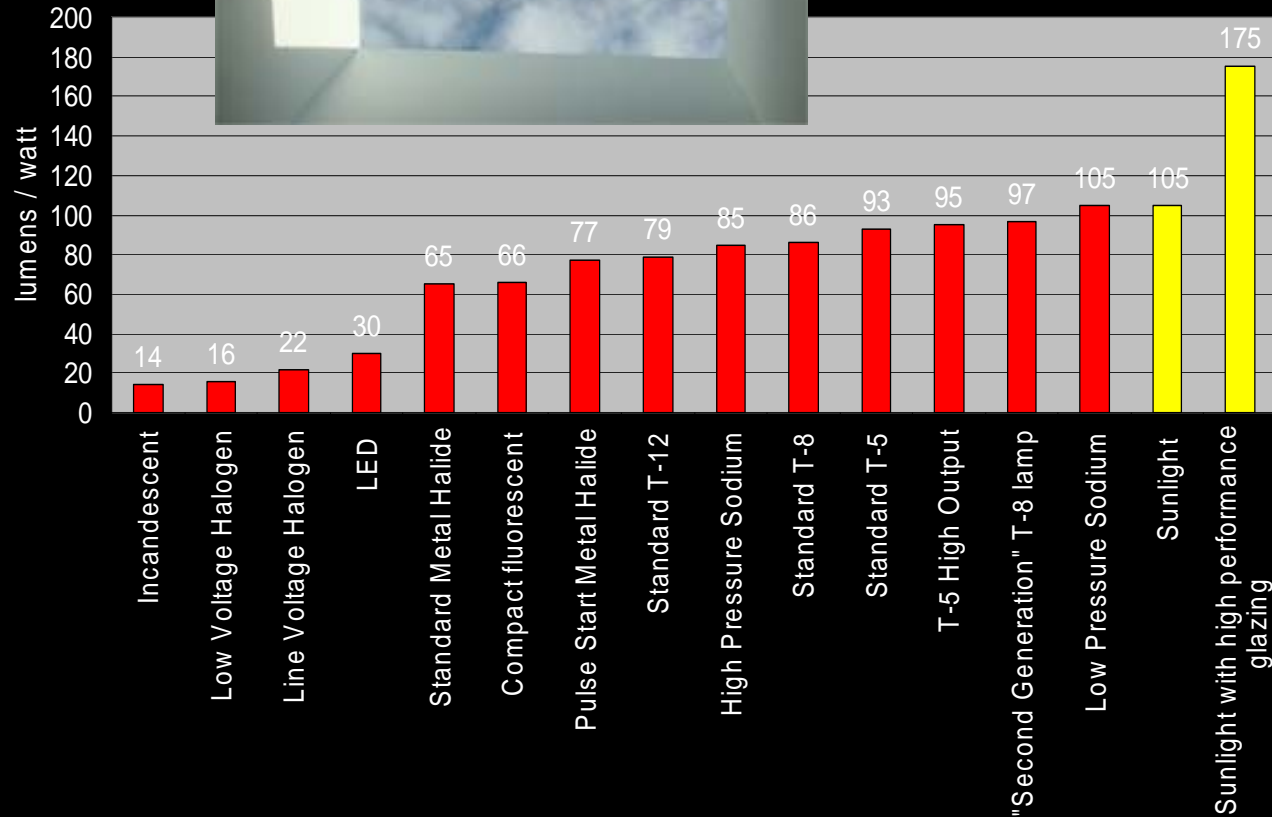
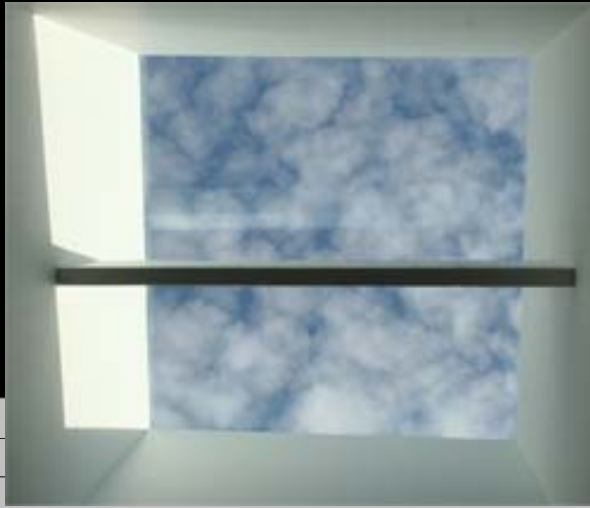
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- Maximize Daylight and Views



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■ Daylight Harvesting



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- Minimize Plug Loads
 - High efficiency equipment
 - Software based shut off
 - Occupancy based controls



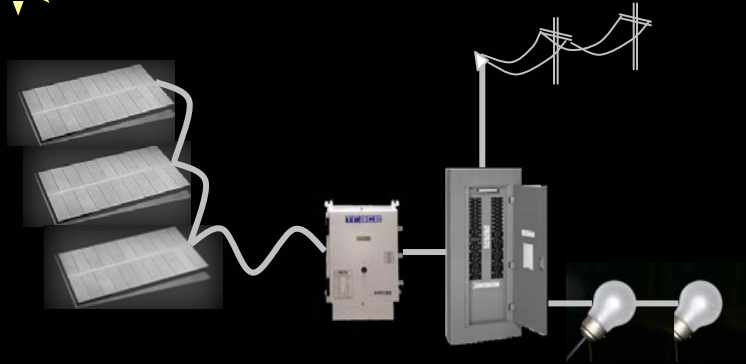
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- Night Time Plug Load Shutoff
- Security system circuit controls



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- Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV)

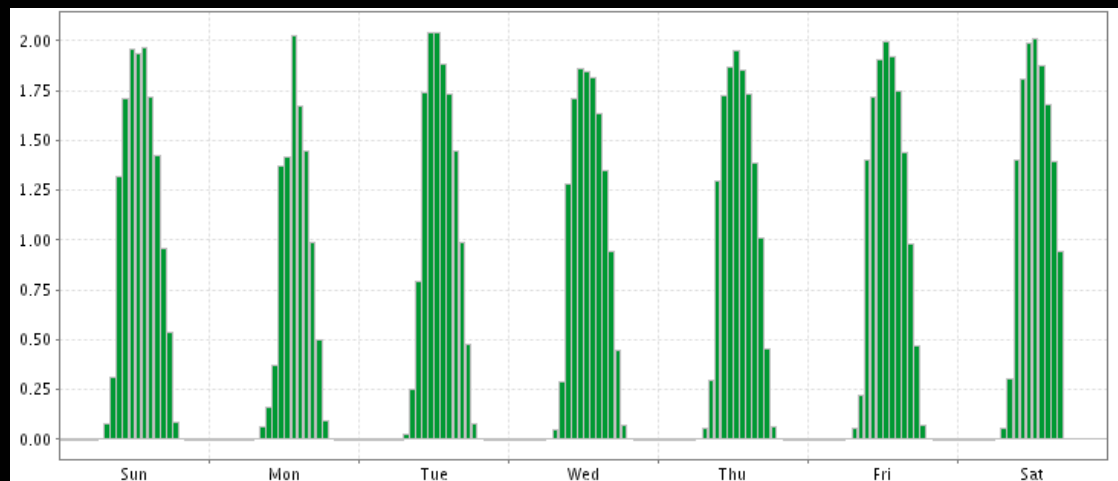


- All electric building
- Net zero energy
- Zero carbon emissions

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■ Analysis: Energy Use

- Building is all electric - no CO₂ is generated from burning natural gas.
 - Estimated annual energy consumption (DOE 2.1):
 - 54,000 kWh per year
 - 60% below ASHRAE 90.1 1999 Standards
 - PV Capacity: 30 kW,
54,756 kWh / year
 - PV's sized to generate 100% of the net electrical load.
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- | Month | Consumption (Blue) | PV Generation (Orange) | Net Load |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 1.30 | 0.60 | 1.90 |
| 2 | 1.40 | 0.60 | 2.00 |
| 3 | 1.50 | 0.50 | 2.00 |
| 4 | 1.30 | 0.70 | 2.00 |
| 5 | 1.10 | 0.90 | 2.00 |
| 6 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| 7 | 0.80 | 1.20 | 2.00 |
| 8 | 0.80 | 1.20 | 2.00 |
| 9 | 0.90 | 1.10 | 2.00 |
| 10 | 1.10 | 0.90 | 2.00 |
| 11 | 1.30 | 0.70 | 2.00 |
| 12 | 1.40 | 0.60 | 2.00 |



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- Analysis: PV System Incentives

- PV Capacity 30 kW, 54,756 kWh / year

- Estimated PV Cost:

\$255,000	installed cost (\$8.50/watt)
-78,000	CEC rebate (\$2.60/watt)
34,206	tax on CEC rebate (35% fed tax, 8.854% state tax)
-76,500	30% federal tax credit
<u>-89,250</u>	accelerated depreciation* (35% federal corp tax)
\$45,456	cost of system after 5 years

* calculation does not include the time cost of capital

- the cost after rebates, tax credits and depreciation is about 20% of the installed cost.
 - Energy savings at \$ 0.16 / kWh = \$8,760/year
 - Payback is about 5.2 years



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■ Analysis: Estimated Additional Cost

Key differences from a conventional building:

\$20,000 cost of upgraded glass
97,500 cost of radiant mechanical system over
traditional system.

38,000 cost of concrete for radiant floor

45,500 cost of PV systems (after rebates and tax
incentives)

\$201,000 total

241,000 total with soft costs

\$4,100,000 total cost of building

6.2% premium to build a net zero energy building



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- Analysis: Estimated CO₂ previous (lbs)



5,644	Previous gas use - 460 therms @ 12.27 lbs CO ₂ / therm (1)*
35,053	Previous electricity use - 36,424 kWh @ 0.88 lbs CO ₂ / kWh (2)*
37,228	Automobile travel - 43,775 miles / 23 mpg (4) = 1903 gals @ 19.56 lbs CO ₂ / gal (3)*
<u>15,613</u>	Air travel - 35,484 miles @ 0.44 lbs CO ₂ / mile (5)*
93,538	Total (lbs)

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(2) EPA's eGrid database for calendar year 2000, emissions include adjustment for 9 percent line loss.

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(4) Weighted average of reported employee vehicle mileage.

(5) Carbon Fund, <http://carbonfund.org/site/pages/calculator/category/Assumptions/>

*based on 2005 statistics

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■ Analysis: Estimated Final CO₂ (lbs)

0 Gas use - 0 therms @ 12.27 lbs CO₂ / therm (1)*

0 Electricity use - 0 kWh @ 0.88 lbs CO₂ / kWh (2)*
sub total building CO₂ (lbs)

0

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52,841 sub total travel CO₂ (lbs)

(52,841) Carbon offsets

0 Total



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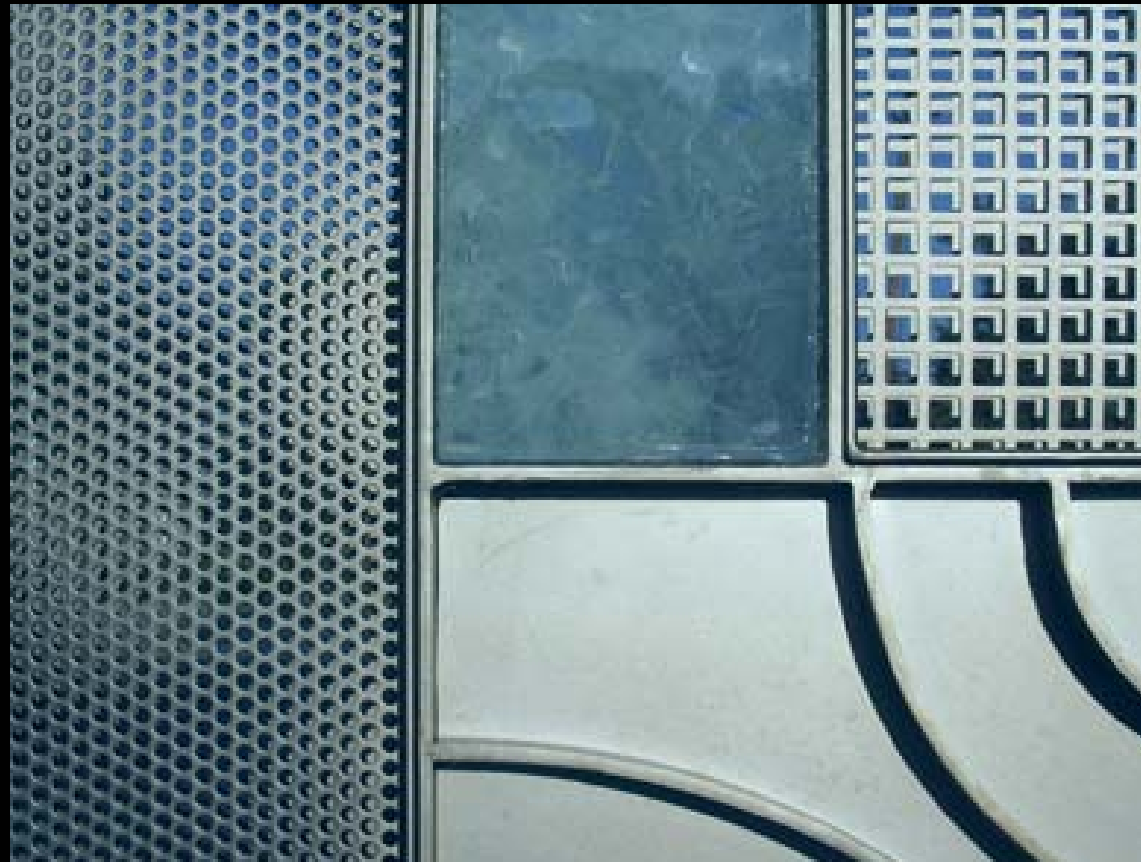
Lessons learned

- Use simple user interfaces
- Complex controls have complex commissioning
- City planning staffs are behind on the green building curve
- Using things for two purposes saves money
- Using things for two purposes can have unintended results (heat pump as water heater)



drawn by Giselle, age 5.

Conclusions



Successful Green Projects

- Have a client who is committed to sustainability and willing to take risks.
- Hire a team who is experienced in sustainable design.
- Bring together the entire team during conceptual design.
- Minimize energy consumption first, size PV's second.
- Look for LEED points after the design is completed. (*The building will probably be Gold or Silver.*)



One final thought:

The scientific community has come to a consensus that
Global Warming is a real phenomenon...

Buildings contribute nearly 50% of the CO₂ generated in the US...

America is one of the leaders in development of efficient building
standards and technologies...

Imagine the impact we would have if all of our buildings were
Z Squared.



Think about it.