



Heat Transfer and the Building Envelope

ARCH 331/431 Spring 2008
Lecture 6

announcements 4/17/08

A3: Envelope Heat Transfer

Assignment: Available later today (course website)

References: Available by this weekend (course website)

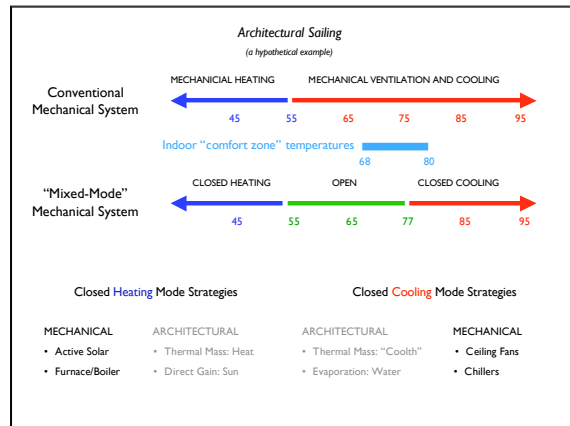
Due: week 5

Quiz 2: Tuesday 4/22

Assigned Readings by Section (not page)

9th Edition Chapter 4
Thermal Properties of Building and Insulations Materials (beginning on page 147)

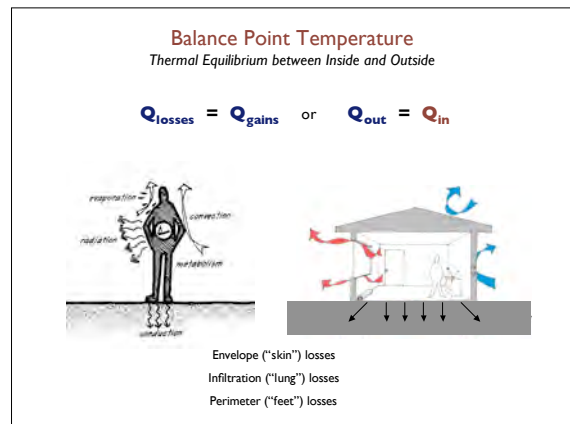
10th Edition Appendix E
Thermal Properties of Materials and Assemblies (beginning on page 1547)



Seattle 2-hour temperatures

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
12 midnight	37	40	42	45	49	56	60	60	56	49	42	38
2	37	38	40	43	46	54	58	58	54	46	42	37
4	38	39	39	42	47	53	56	57	53	47	41	36
6	35	37	39	41	46	52	55	56	52	46	40	36
8	36	39	40	43	48	54	57	58	54	47	41	37
10	41	44	47	51	57	62	67	67	62	54	46	41
12 noon	44	49	51	55	61	67	72	72	67	58	49	44
2	45	50	53	57	64	70	75	75	69	60	51	45
4	44	49	52	56	62	68	74	74	68	59	50	44
6	42	46	48	52	59	64	69	69	64	55	47	42
8	40	45	45	48	54	60	64	64	60	52	45	40
10	40	41	45	48	52	57	61	62	57	50	43	39

Balance Point = 55° F
Change-over Temperature = 75° F



Balance Point Temperature
 Thermal Equilibrium between Inside and Outside

$$Q_{in} = Q_{out}$$

$$Q_{gains} = Q_{losses}$$

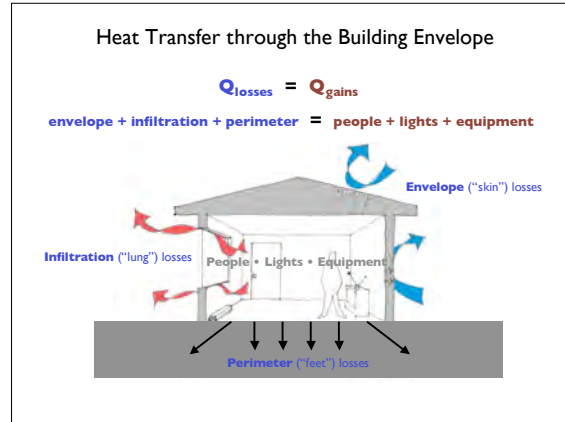
$$Q_{gains} = Q_{free} + Q_{purchased} = Q_{losses}$$

$$Q_{free} = \text{people} + \text{lights} + \text{equipment (and sun!)}$$

$$Q_{purchased} = \text{purchased heat (boiler, furnace, etc.)}$$

$$Q_{losses} = UA \times (T_{in} - T_{outside}) = UA \times \Delta T$$

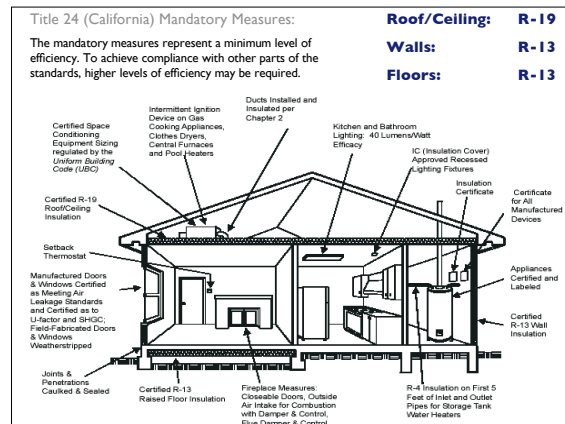
Balance Point Temperature:
 $T_{balance\ point} = T_{in} - Q / UA$



Thermal Envelope
 "Insulate before insolate"

- Keep the heat in and the cold temperatures out in the winter.
- Keep hot temperatures out during the summer.

In California: Title 24 Energy Code
Elsewhere in the US: ASHRAE 90.1



Insulation

BATT:
fiberglass, mineral wool

FOAM:
air-krete, enduracite

RIGID BOARD:
polystyrene, polyurethane

LOOSE FILL:
cellulose, fiberglass

Insulation
 minimize conductive heat transfer or heat flow to the outside

Resistance

- R-value
- Units: (hr sf °F) / Btu
- Resistivity - (r) per unit thickness

Conductance

- U-values (and C-values)
- Units: Btu / (hr sf °F)
- Conductivity - (k) per unit thickness
- Conductance - (C) = 1/R

Heat Transfer and the Building Envelope
Predicting Building Heat Transfer Under Steady State Conditions:

$Q_{losses} = \text{heat loss due to:}$

Step 1. Envelope ("skin") or $UA_{envelope} \times \Delta T$
 Step 2. Infiltration ("lungs") or $"UA"_{infiltration} \times \Delta T$
 Step 3. Perimeter ("feet") or $"UA"_{perimeter} \times \Delta T$

$Q_{losses} = UA_{ref} \times \Delta T$

where $UA_{ref} = UA_{envelope} + "UA"_{infiltration} + "UA"_{perimeter}$

Determining Whole Building UA_{ref}

ENVELOPE: walls, floor, roof, windows, doors, etc. $UA = U \times A$
BTU/hr ft² °F x ft²

INFILTRATION: air exchange via leaks, cracks and ventilation $"UA" = VHC_{air} \times Volume \times ACH$
0.18 BTU/ft³ °F x ft³ x no./hr

PERIMETER: loss through the ground via floor slabs, footings and basements $"UA" = F \times P$
(BTU/hr ft °F) x (ft)

U The conductive heat loss coefficient for a series of materials (layers), such as heat transfer through the interior air film, gypsum board, insulation, exterior siding and exterior air film.

A Surface area of building element.

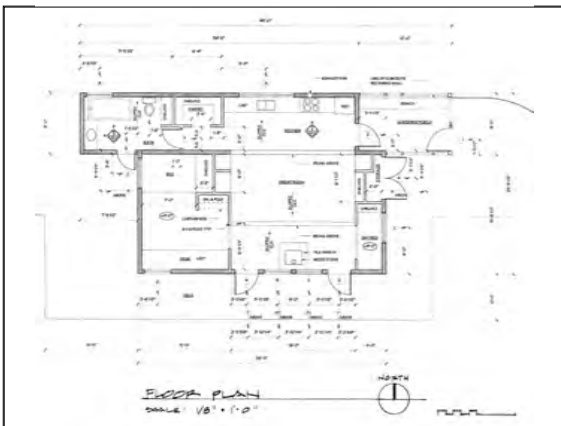
UA_{ref} The reference "UA" which is a sum of the three major routes of heat transfer.


VHC The Volumetric Heat Capacity of air, which is equivalent to the specific heat, or ability of air to store energy (like thermal mass).

F This is an empirically derived constant found by referring to Table 4.8, pg. 165.


P Is the linear measure of the entire perimeter of the building.

ACH The Air Changes per Hour usually estimated by assessing the relative tightness of the building, and using Table 4.23 pg. 188.





Farnsworth House
Plano, Illinois
 Mies Van der Rohe, 1946 - 1951



Chicago Design Conditions
(Plano is ~50 miles WSW of Chicago)

Winter Design Temp. (97.5%)	-4°F
HDD65°F	6013
Summer Design Temp. (2.5%)	89/74

