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**Build Tight - Ventilate Right**

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How Tight?  
What's Right?

## Air Barrier Metrics

Material	0.02 l/(s-m <sup>2</sup> ) @ 75 Pa
Assembly	0.20 l/(s-m <sup>2</sup> ) @ 75 Pa
Enclosure	2.00 l/(s-m <sup>2</sup> ) @ 75 Pa
	0.35 cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> @ 50 Pa
	0.25 cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> @ 50 Pa
	0.15 cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> @ 50 Pa

Getting rid of big holes	3 ach@50
Getting rid of smaller holes	1.5 ach@50
Getting German	0.6 ach@50

## Best

As Tight as Possible - with -  
Balanced Ventilation  
Energy Recovery  
Distribution and Mixing  
Source Control - Spot exhaust ventilation  
Filtration  
Material selection

Worst

Leaky - with – Nothing

Spot Ventilation in Bathroom/Kitchen

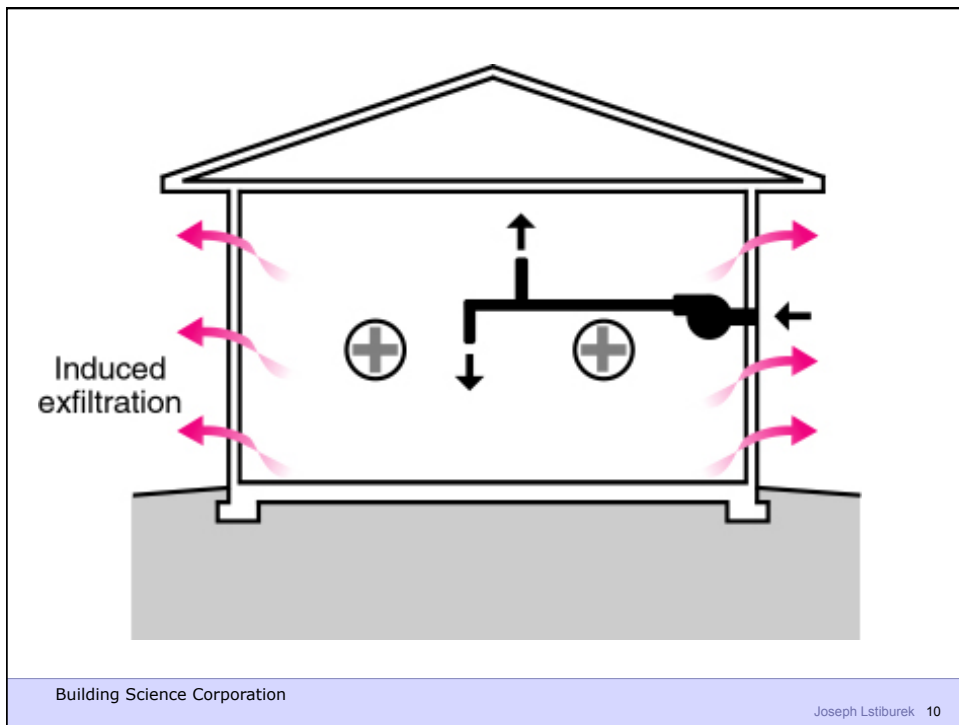
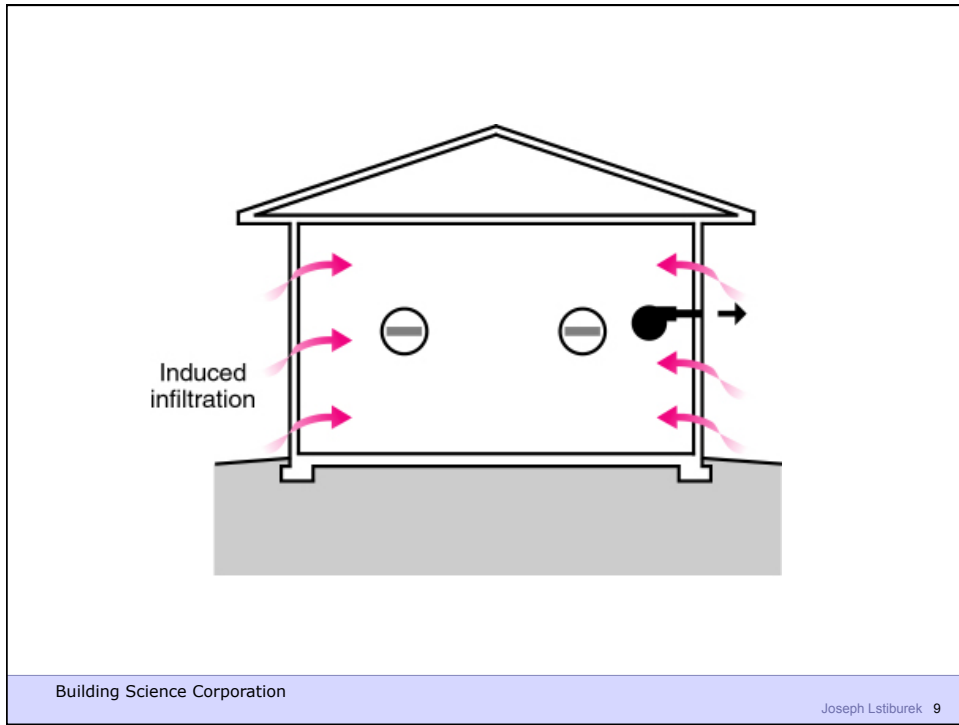
Exhaust Ventilation – with – No Distribution  
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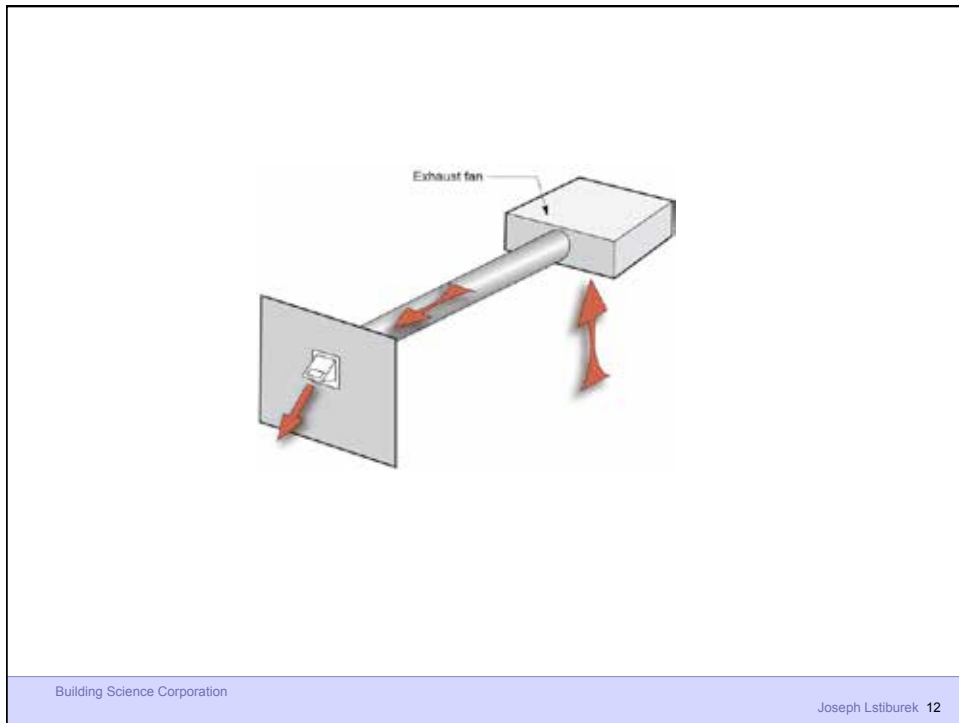
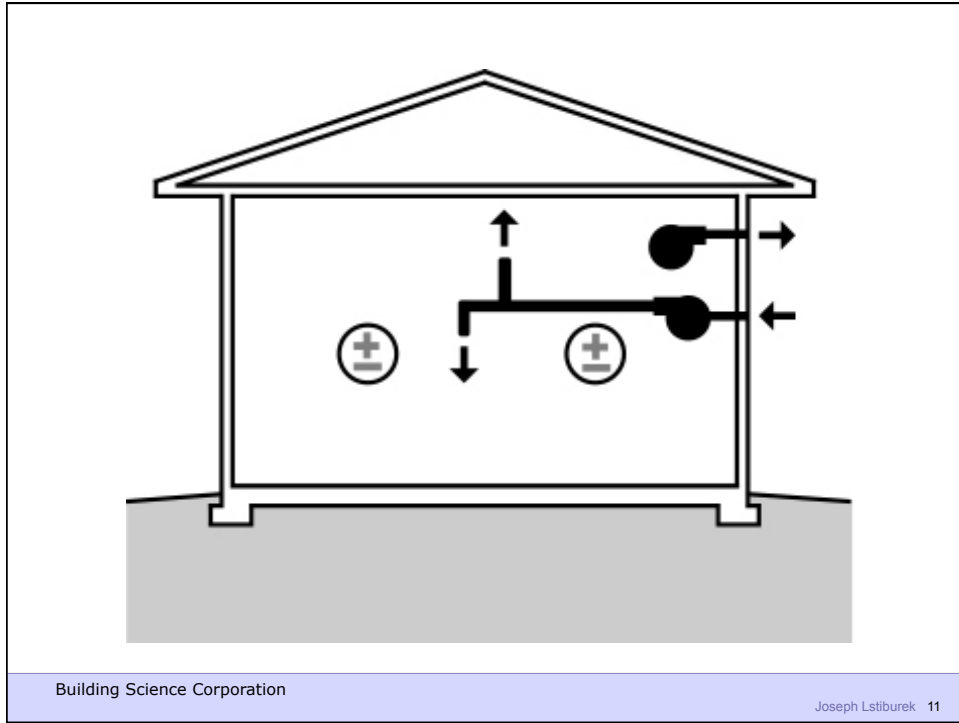
## Three Types of Controlled Ventilation Systems

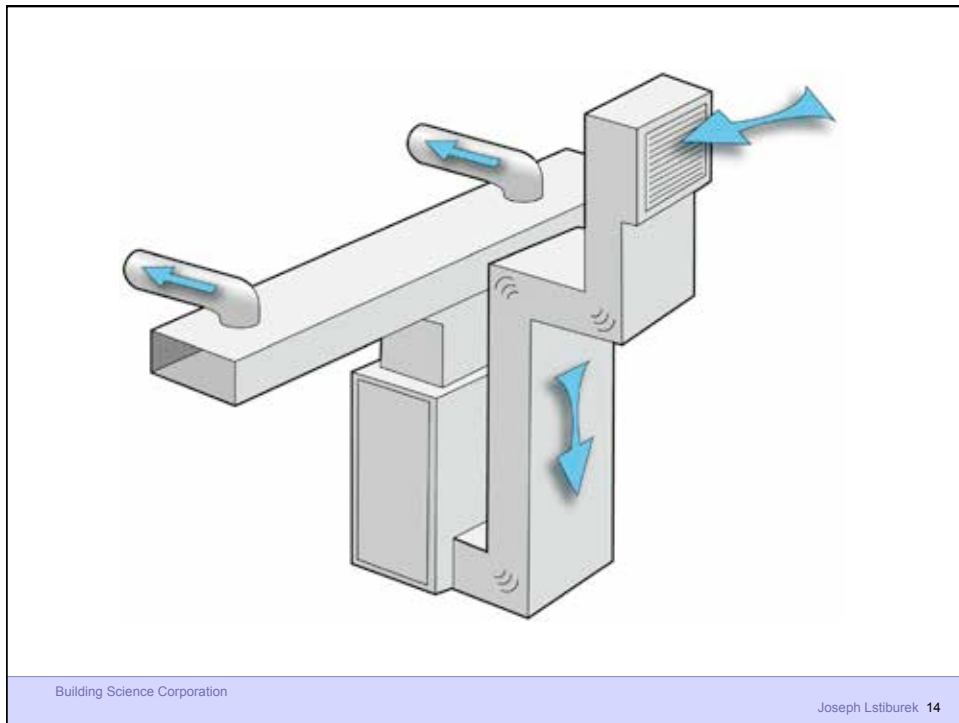
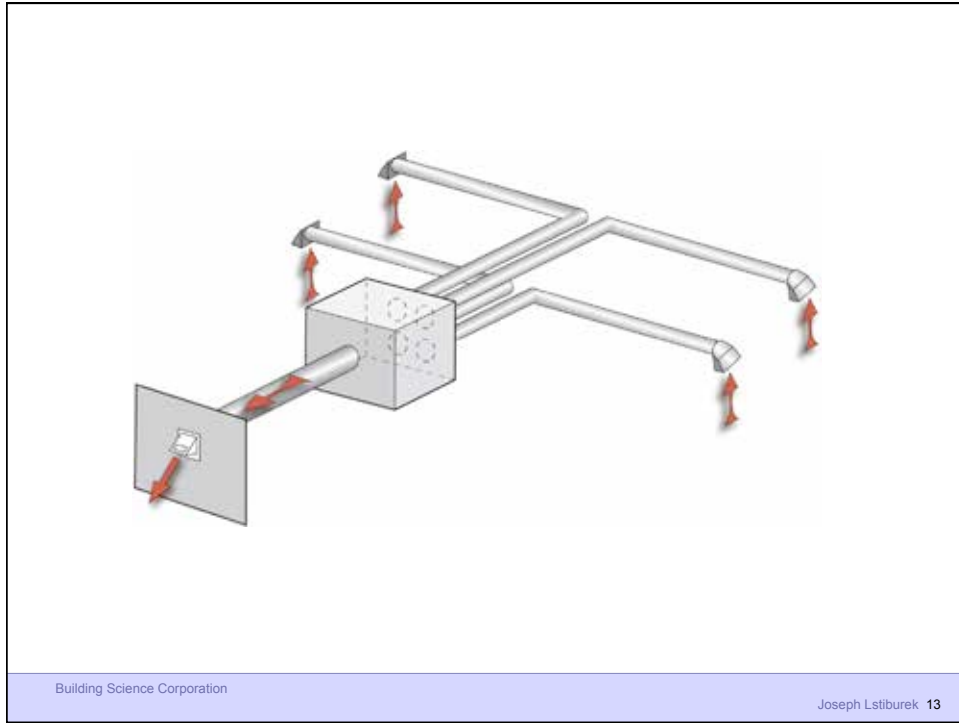
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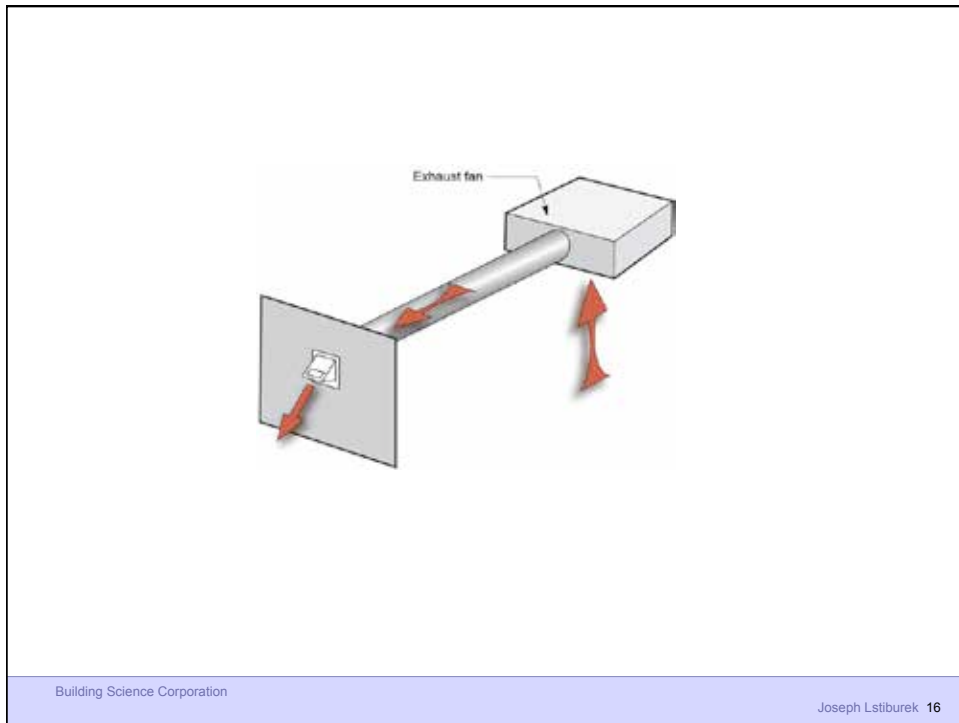
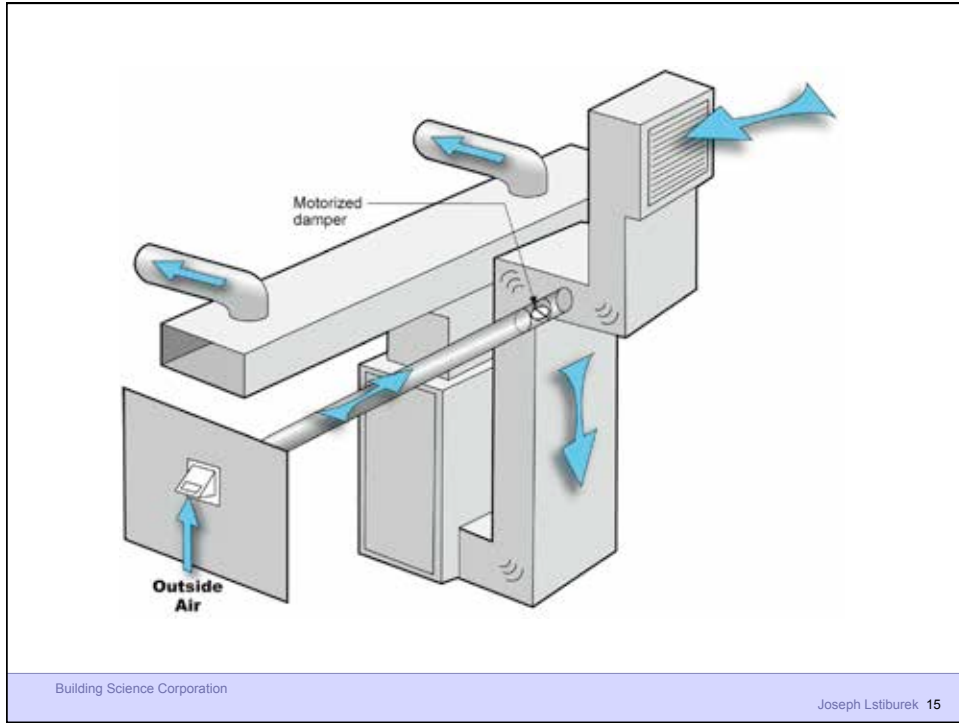
Supply Ventilation

Balanced Ventilation

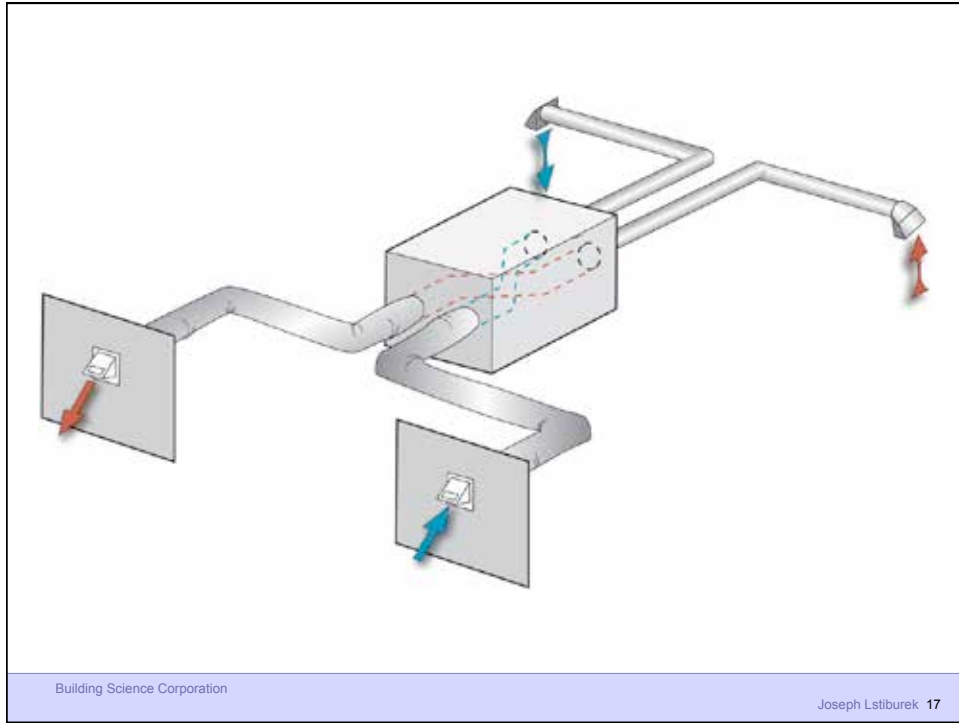




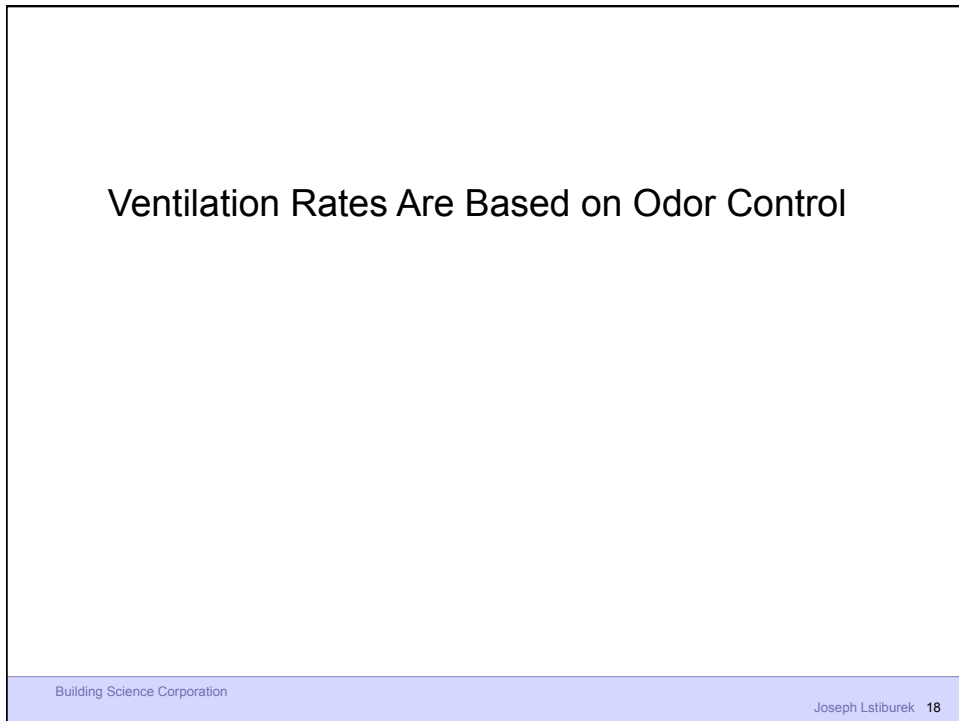








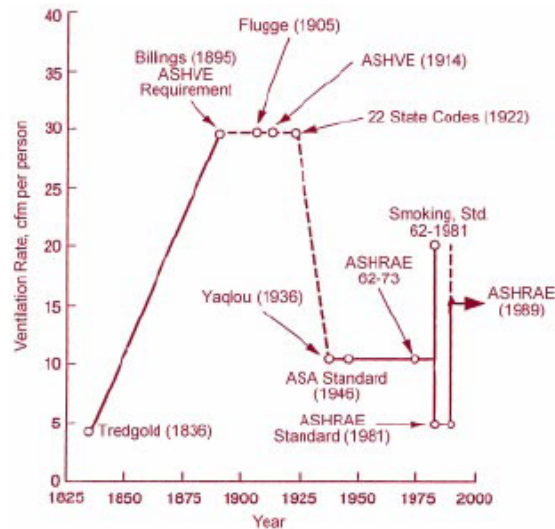
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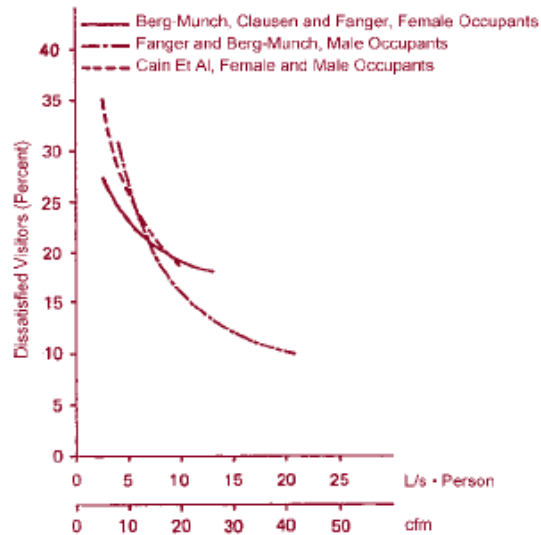
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**Figure 1: Minimum ventilating rate history.**



**Figure 2: Odor acceptance.**

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**2,000 ft<sup>2</sup>**

**3 bedrooms**

**8 ft. ceiling**

**Volume: 16,000 ft<sup>3</sup>**

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.25 ach 67 cfm

.20 ach 53 cfm

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		Ventilation Rates		
.35 ach	93 cfm	62 - 73	5 cfm/person	20 cfm
.30 ach	80 cfm		10 cfm/person	40 cfm
.25 ach	67 cfm	62 - 89	15 cfm/person	60 cfm
.20 ach	53 cfm		.35 ach	90 cfm
.15 ach	40 cfm	62.2 - 2010	7.5 cfm/person	50 cfm
			+ 0.01	
		62.2 - 2013	7.5 cfm/person	90 cfm
			+ 0.03	

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## Office

### Occupant Density

15/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (67 ft<sup>2</sup>/person)      62 - 89  
 15 cfm/person

5/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (200 ft<sup>2</sup>/person)      62.1 - 2007  
 17 cfm/person

## Correctional Facility Cell

### Occupant Density

20/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (48 ft<sup>2</sup>/person)      62.1 – 2007  
 10 cfm/person

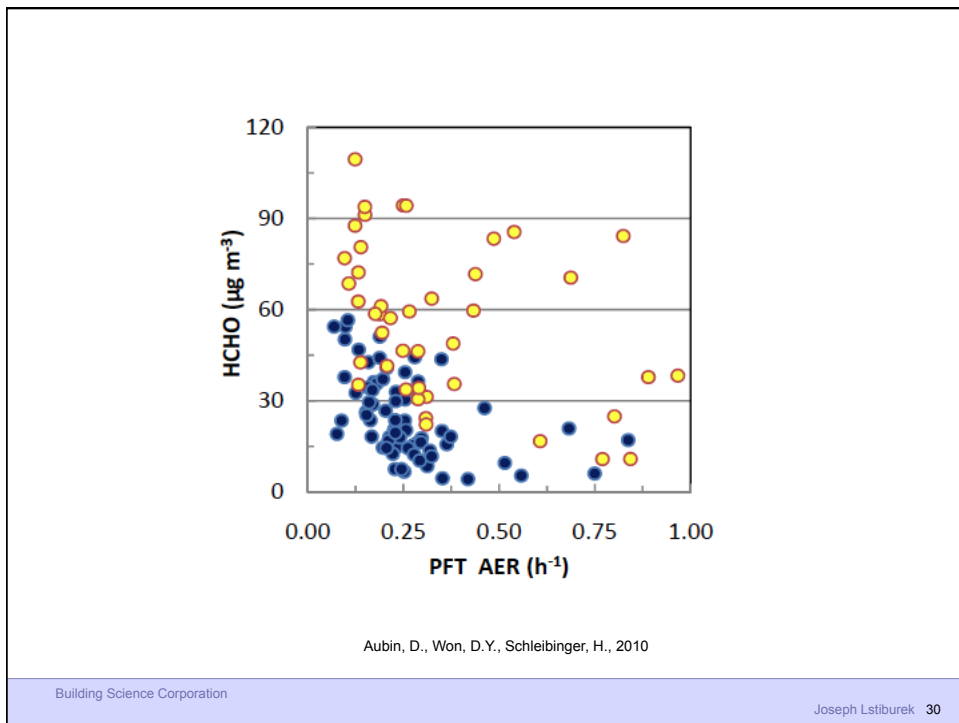
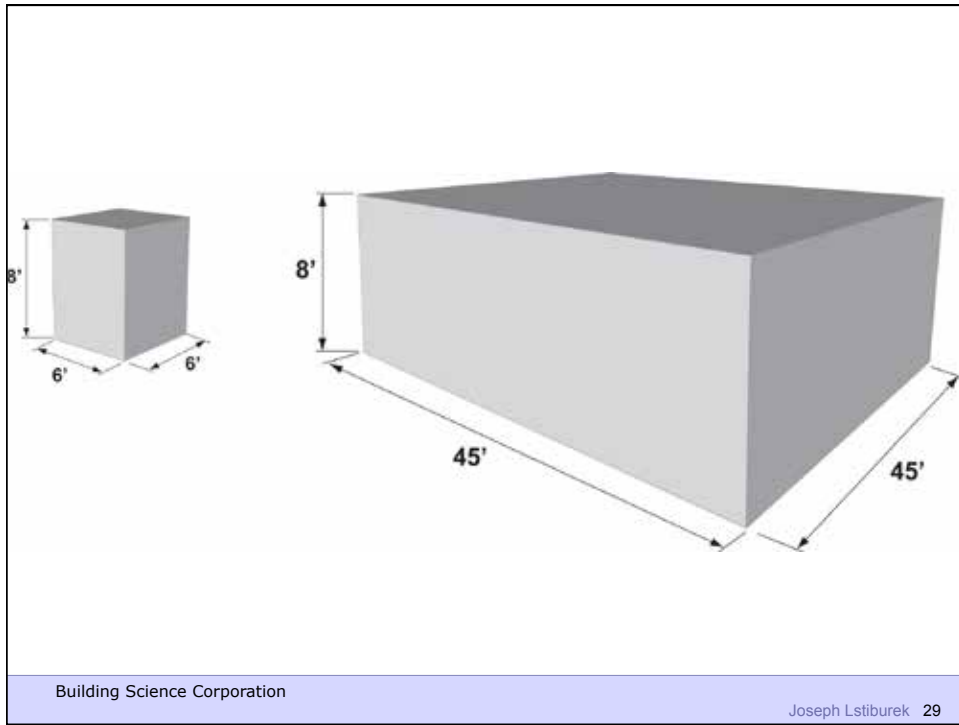
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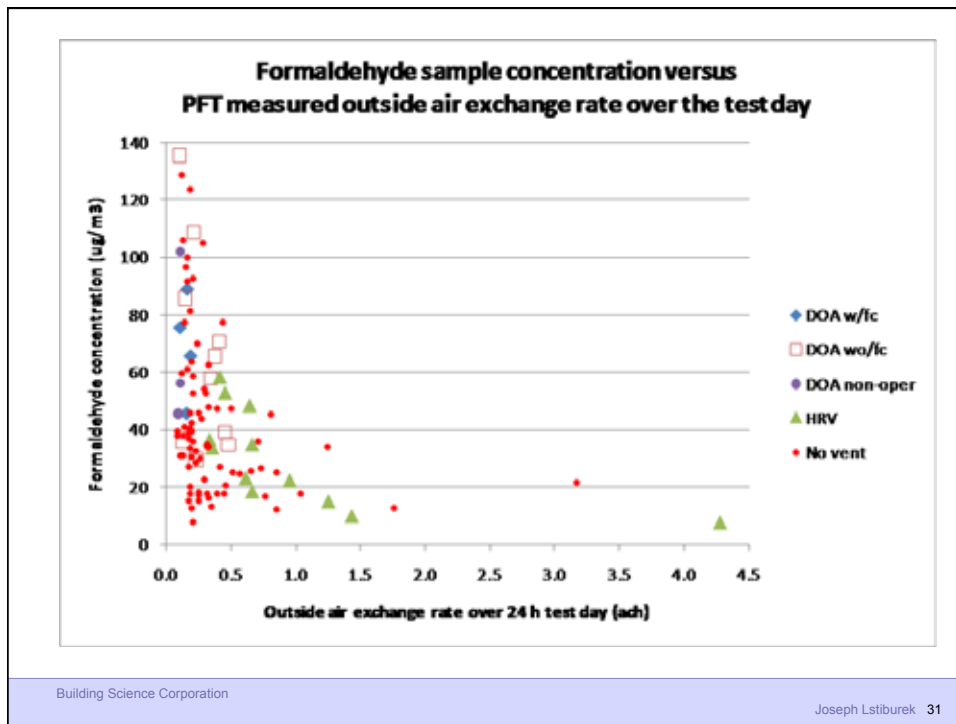
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Outcome is often bad – part load humidity problems, dryness problems, energy problems

IRC 2015 and 2018 calls for 7.5 cfm per person plus 0.01 cfm per square foot of conditioned area

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3 Bedroom House – 2,500 ft<sup>2</sup>  
30 cfm plus 75 cfm  
105 cfm

3 Bedroom House – 2,500 ft<sup>2</sup>  
30 cfm plus 25 cfm  
55 cfm

## The Cult of The Blower Door

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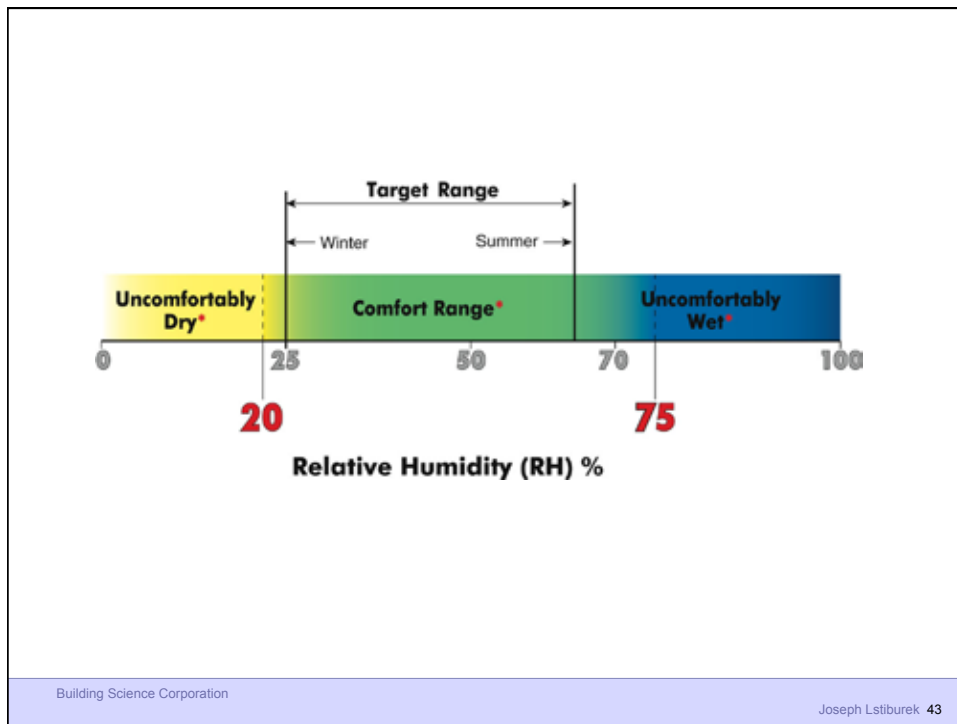
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Blower Door Can't Get You The True ACH  
On A Short Term Basis – Hour, Day, Week

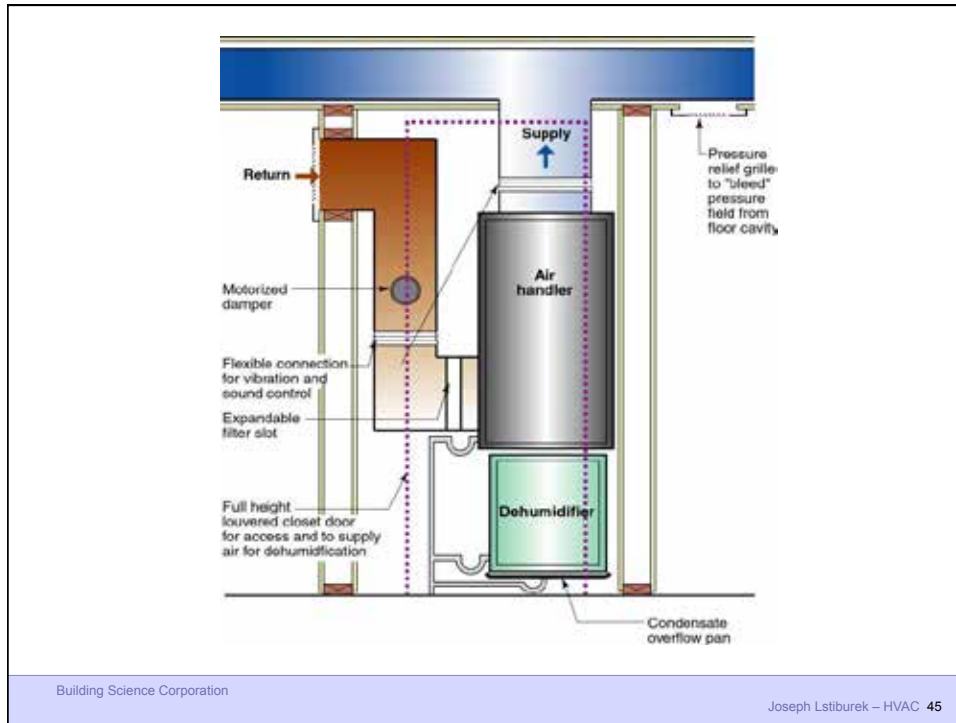
Don't Know Where The Holes Are  
Don't Know The Type of Holes  
Don't Know The Pressure Across The Holes

Dilution Is Not The Solution To Indoor  
Pollution  
Source Control

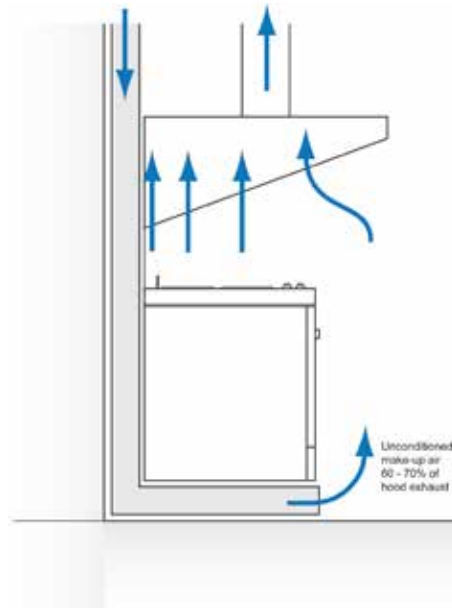
Dilution For People  
Source Control For The Building



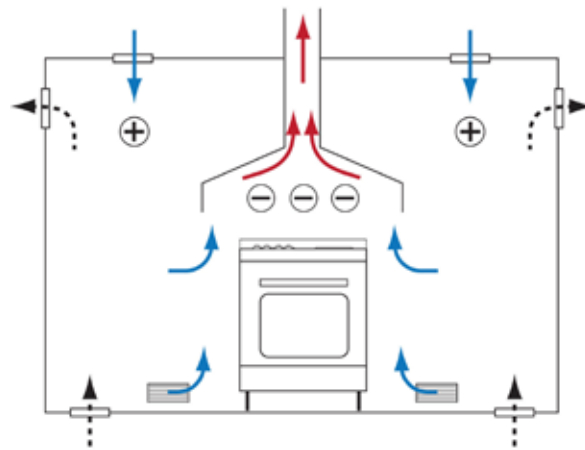
Recommended Range of Relative Humidity  
Above 25 percent during winter  
Below 70 percent during summer

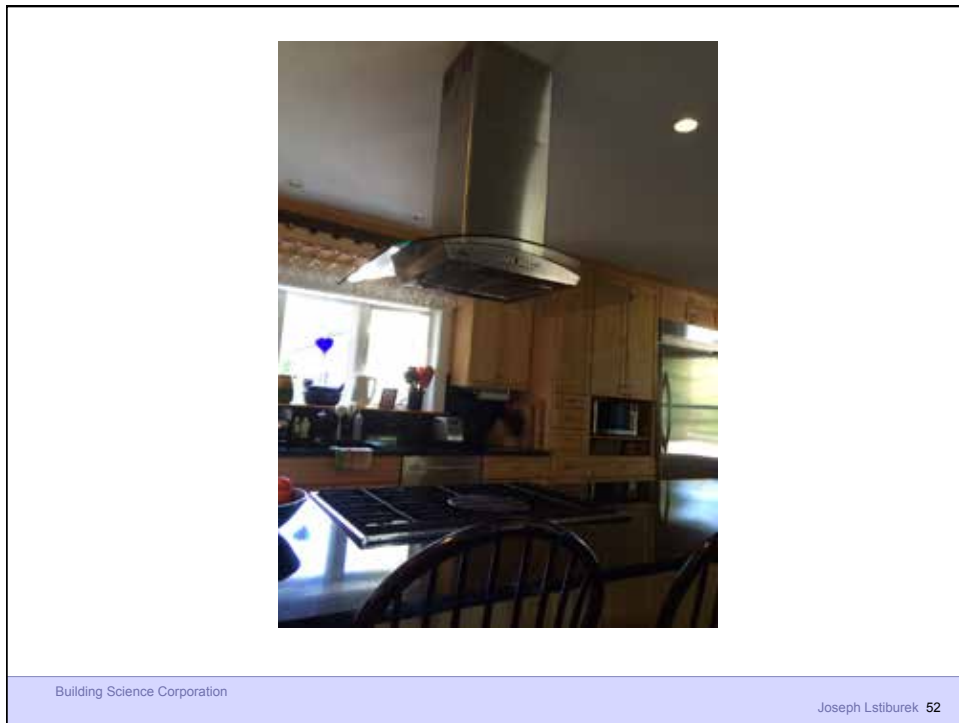
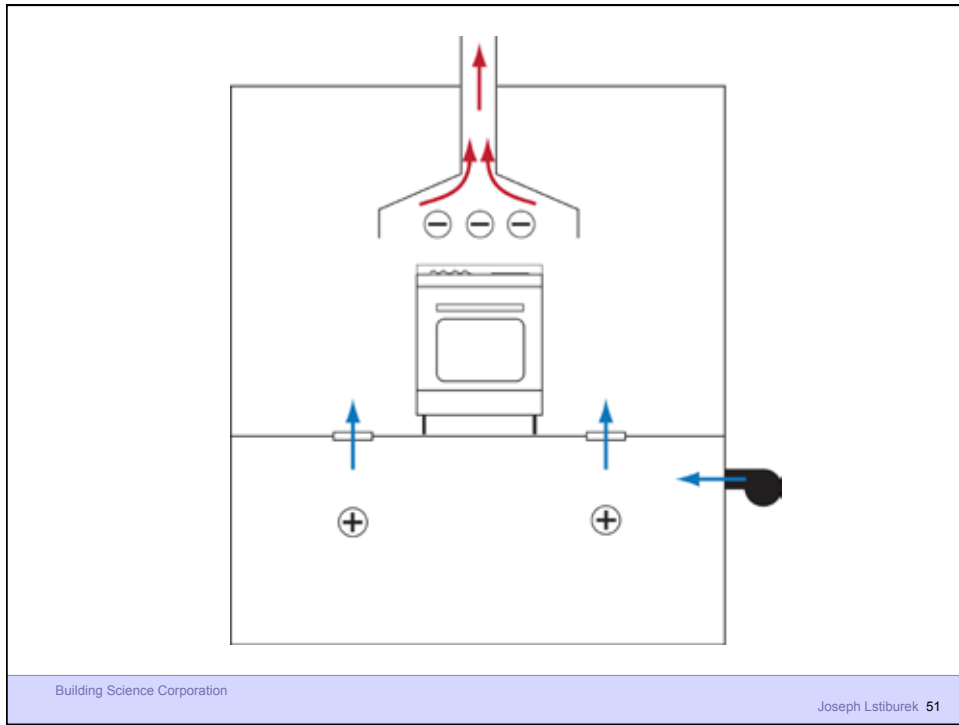


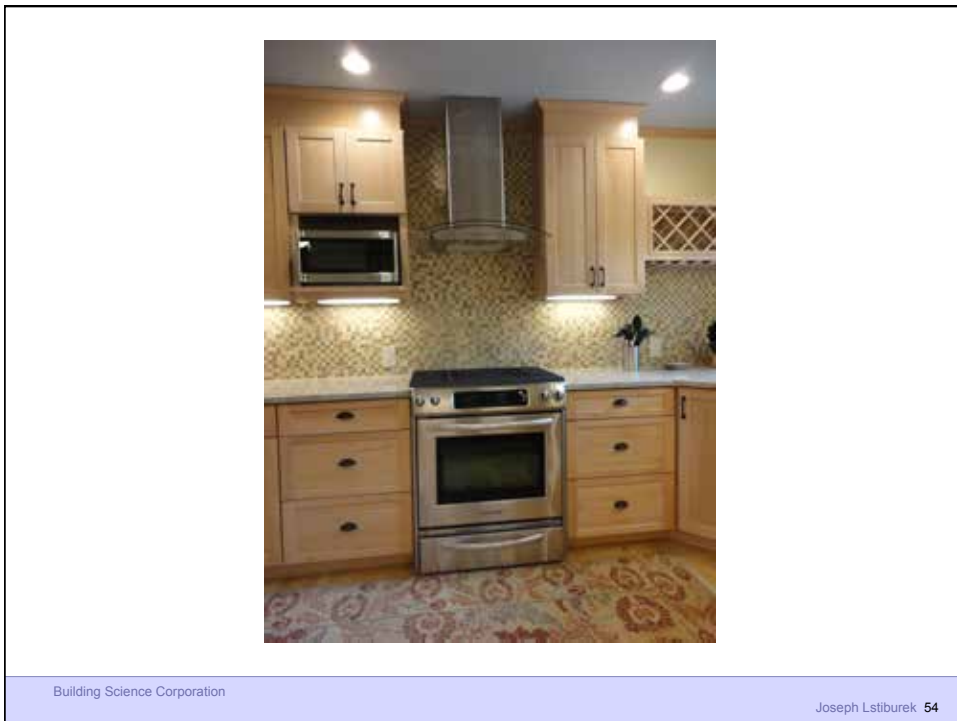
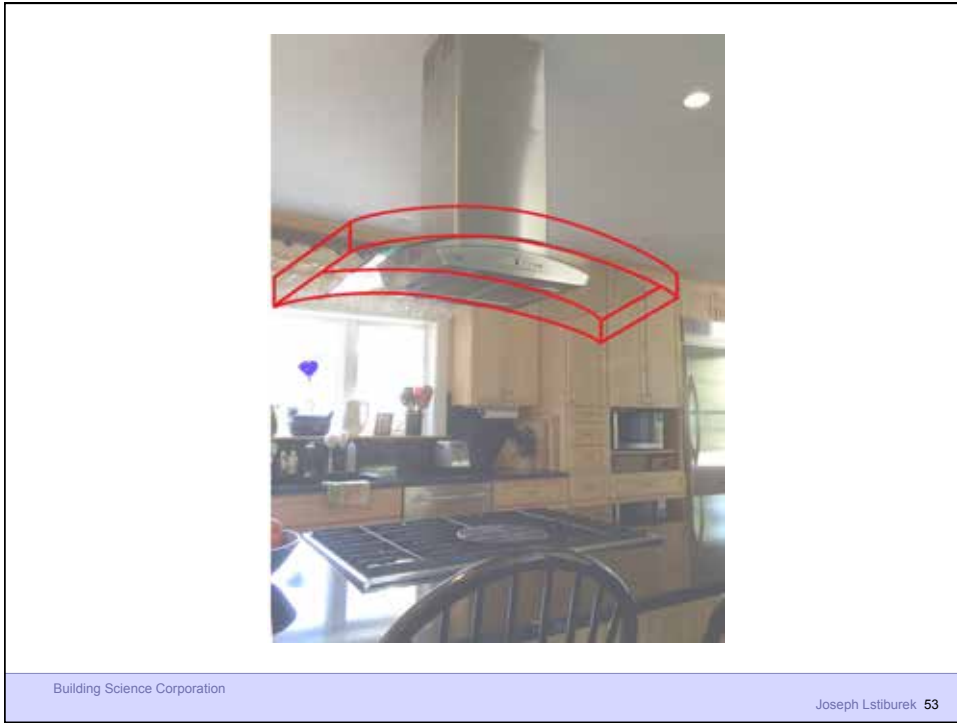
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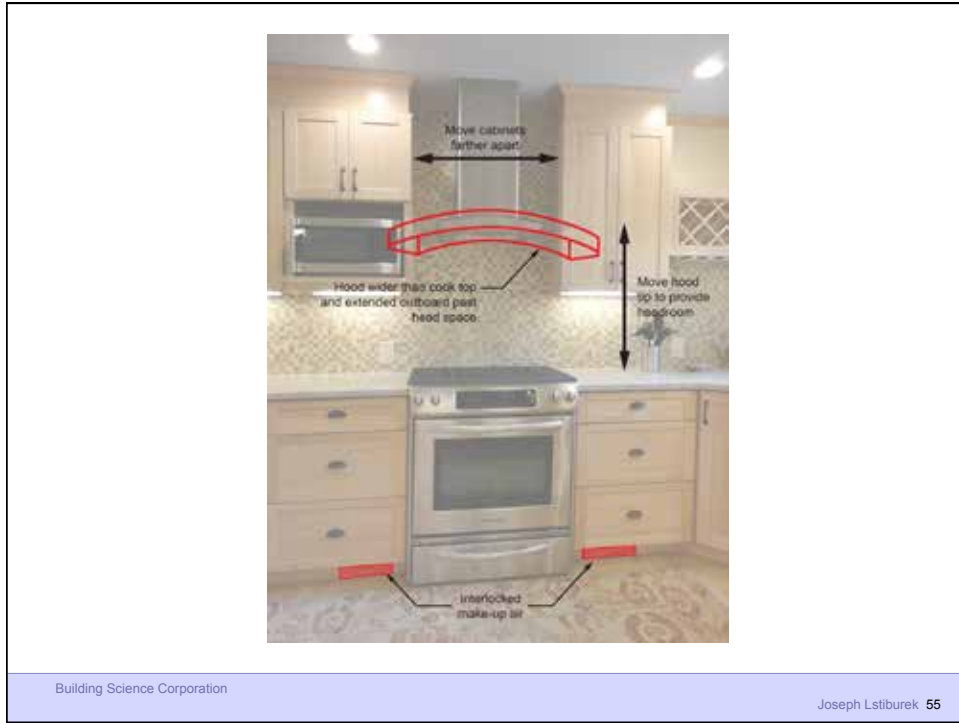












## Clothes Dryers





## Fireplaces



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## Approaches



