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Build Tight - Ventilate Right

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How Tight?

What's Right?

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Air Barrier Metrics

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

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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

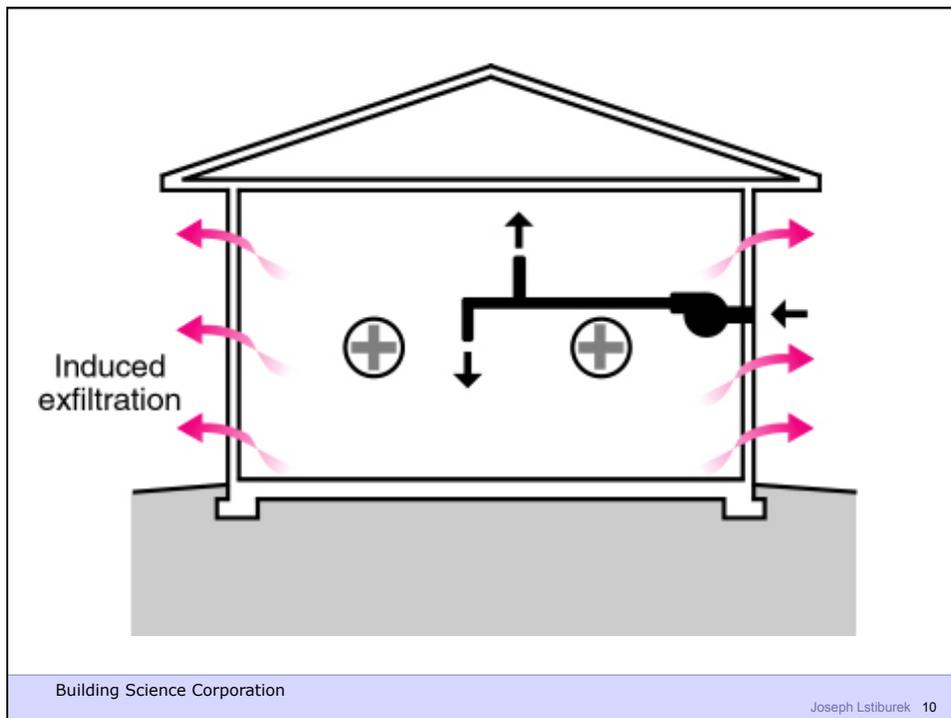
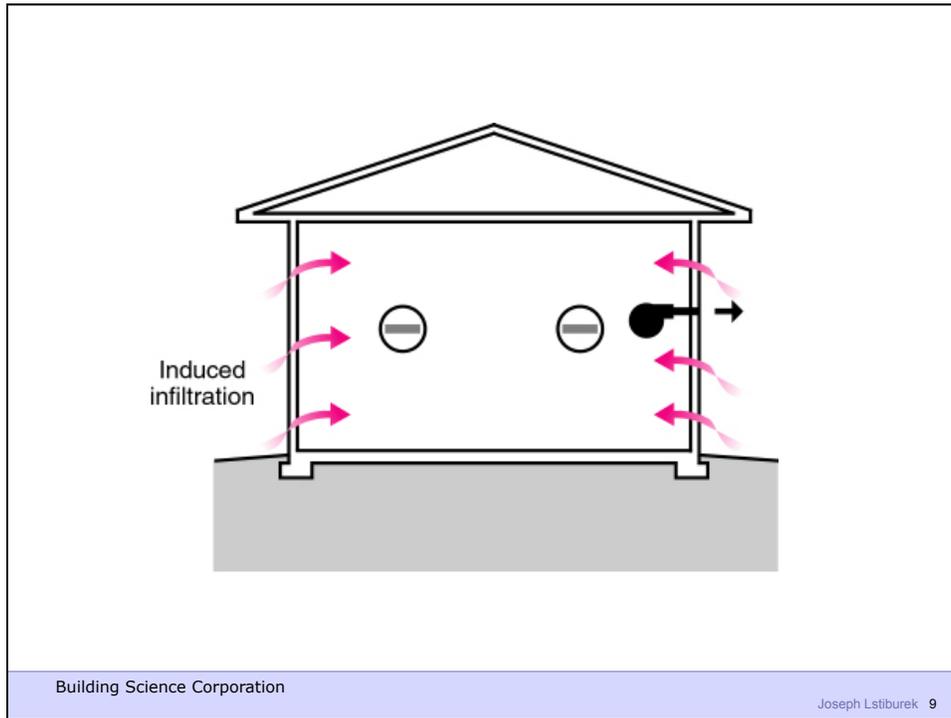
Exhaust Ventilation – with – No Distribution
and No Mixing

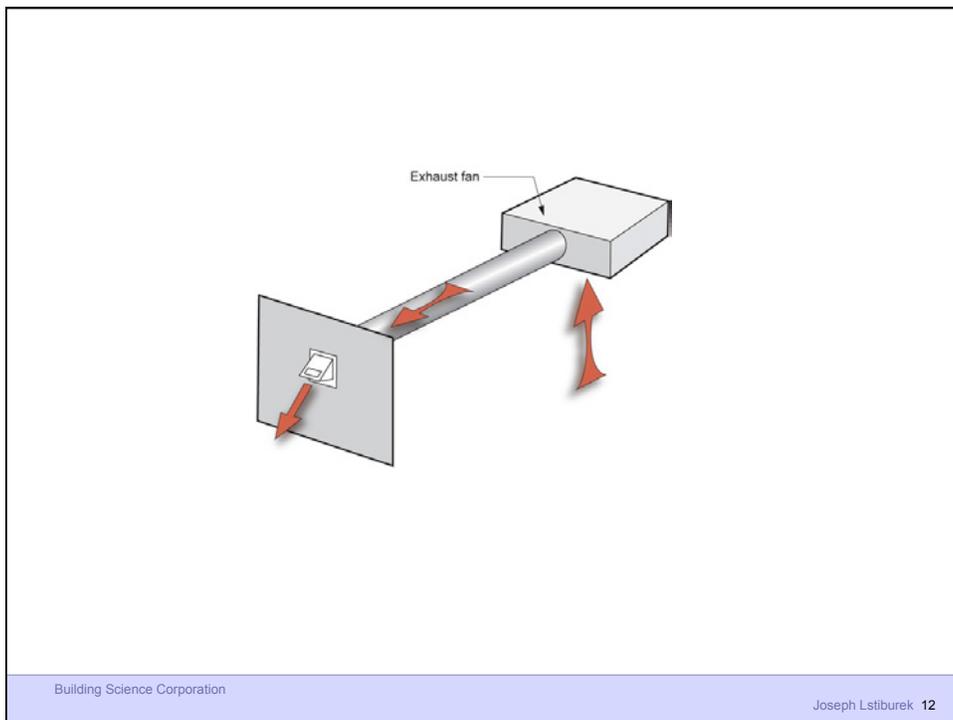
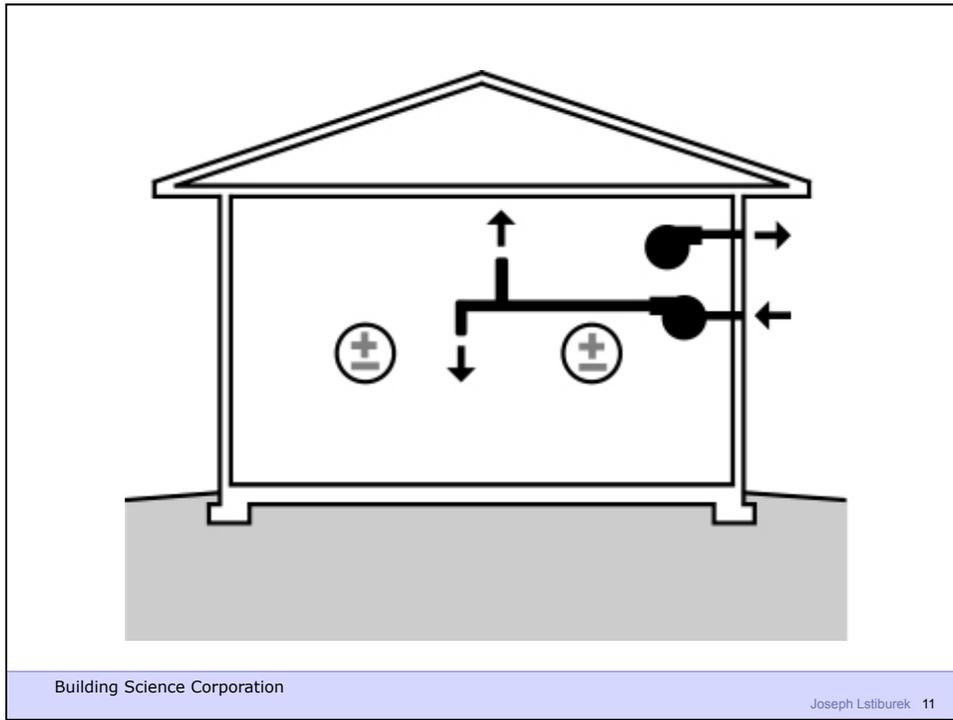
Three Types of Controlled Ventilation
Systems

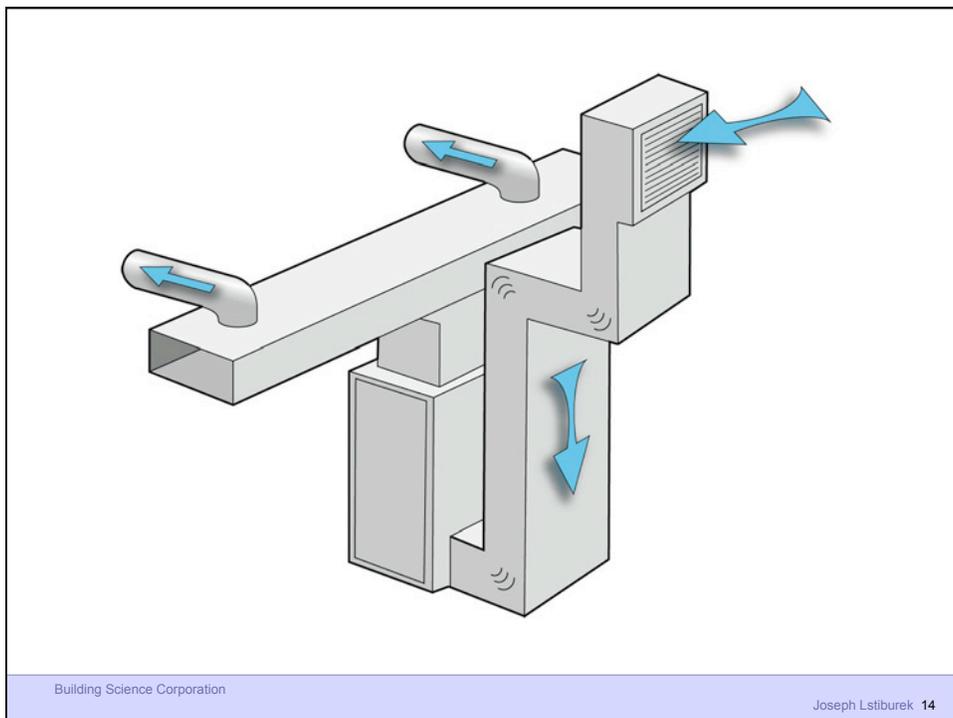
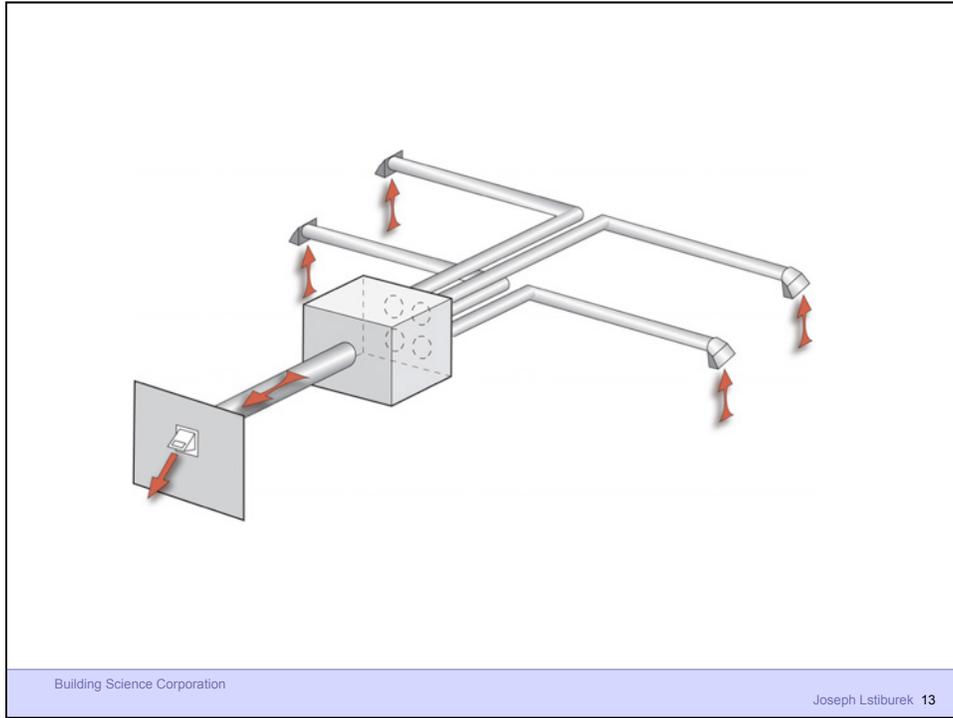
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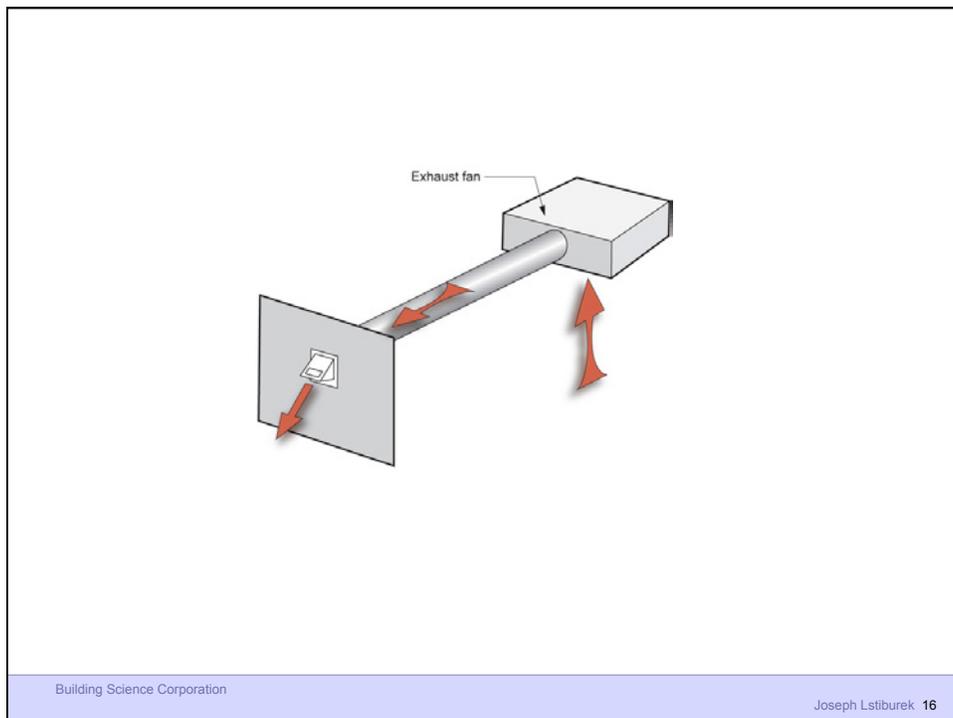
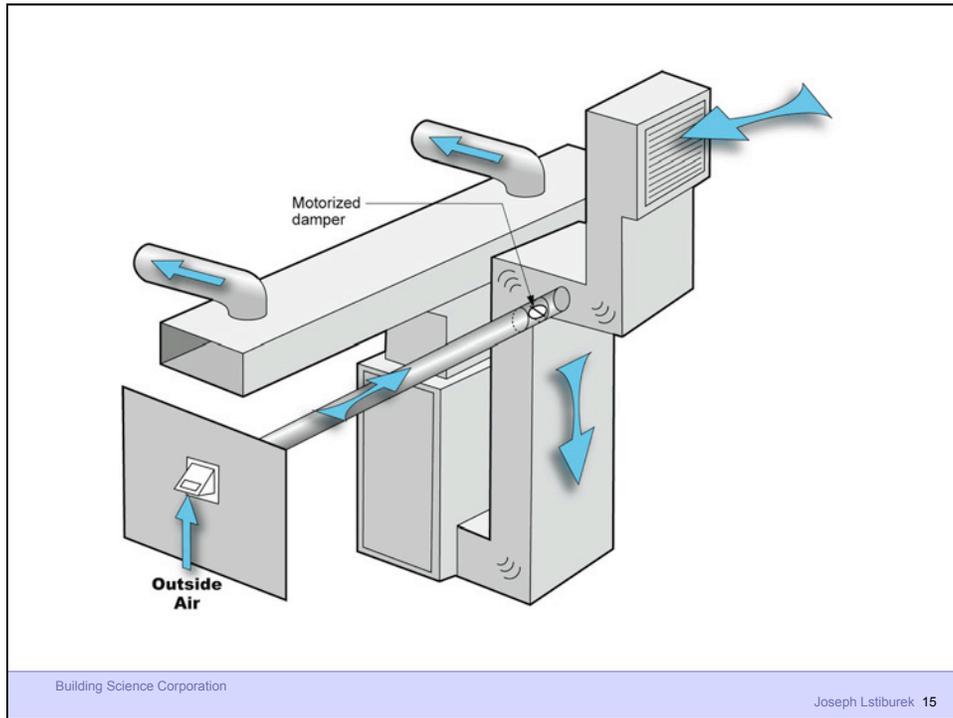
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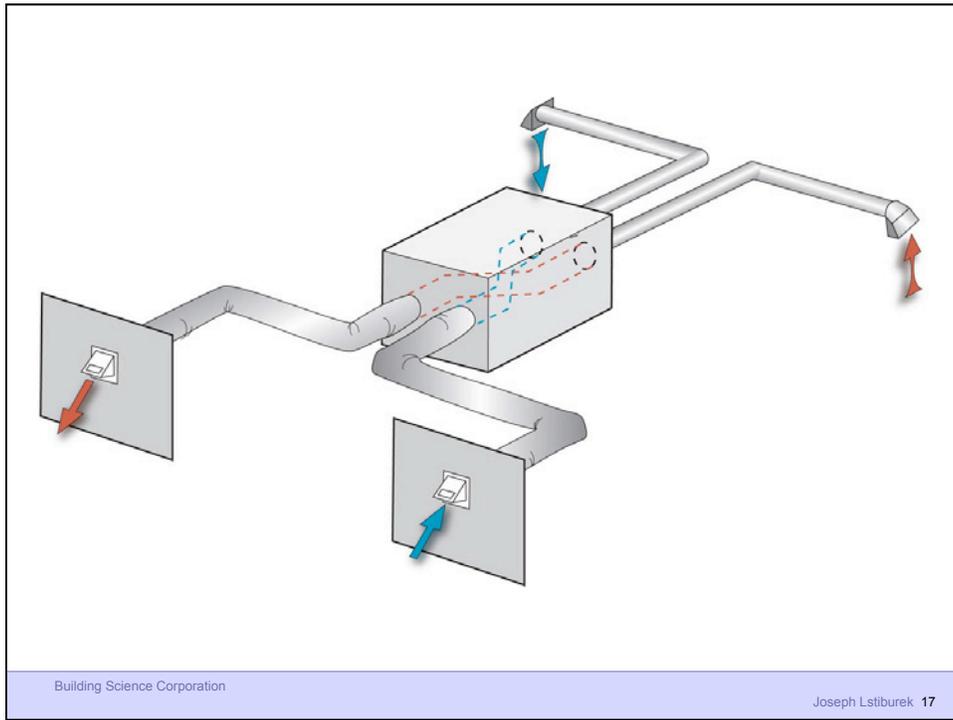
Balanced Ventilation











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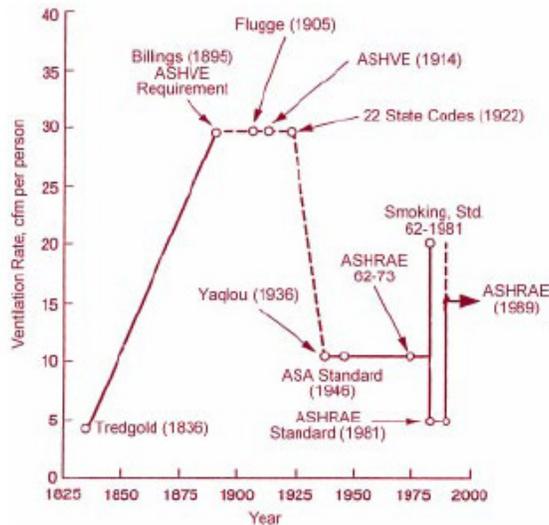
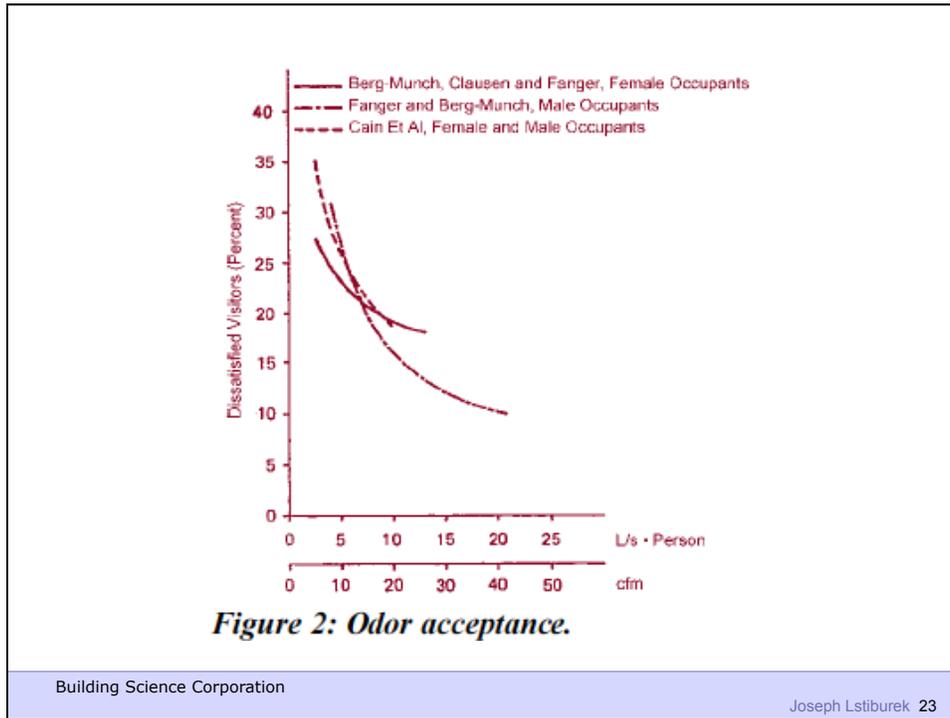


Figure 1: Minimum ventilating rate history.



House
2,000 ft²
3 bedrooms
8 ft. ceiling
Volume: 16,000 ft³

.35 ach 93 cfm
 .30 ach 80 cfm
 .25 ach 67 cfm
 .20 ach 53 cfm
 .15 ach 40 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	

Office

Occupant Density

15/1000 ft² (67 ft²/person) 62 - 89
 15 cfm/person

5/1000 ft² (200 ft²/person) 62.1 - 2007
 17 cfm/person

Correctional Facility Cell

Occupant Density

20/1000 ft² (48 ft²/person) 62.1 – 2007
 10 cfm/person

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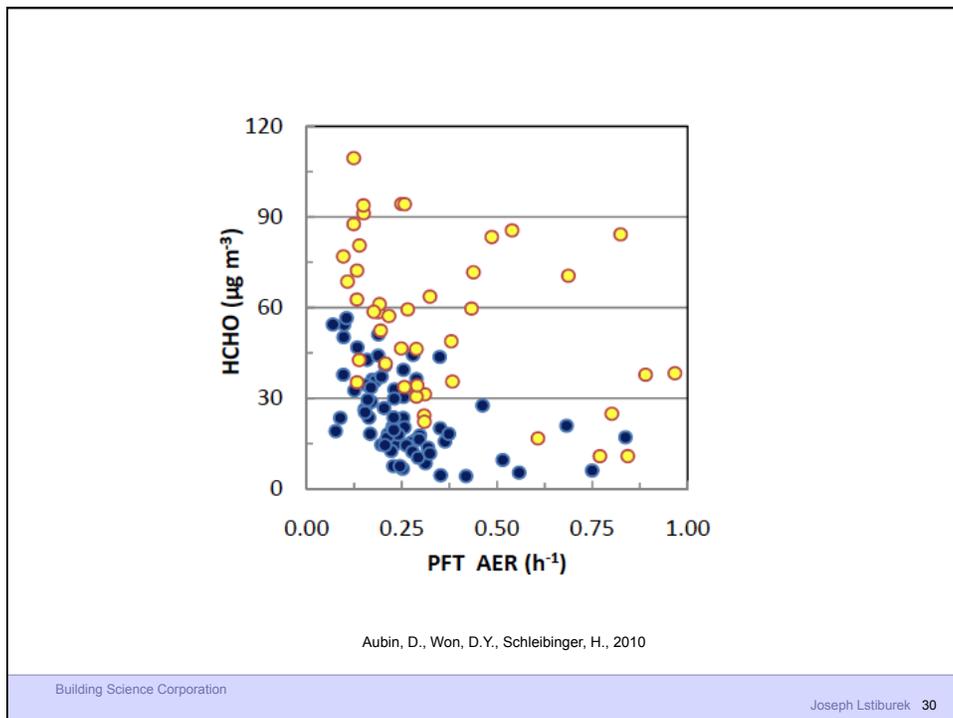
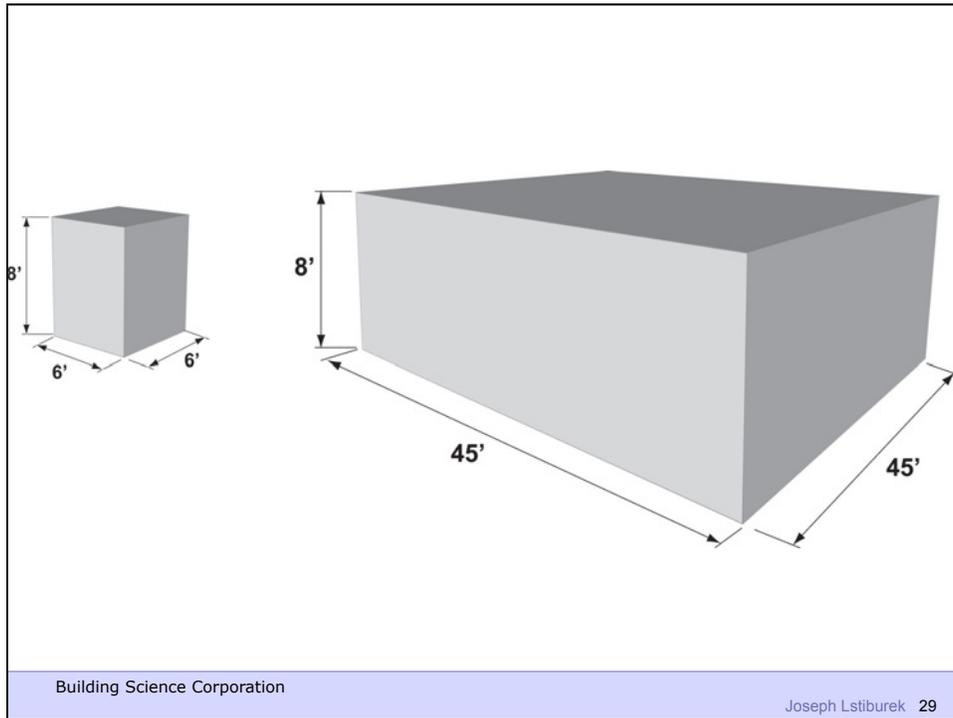
300 ft³ → 12 cfm/person 37.5 ft² 53 occupants

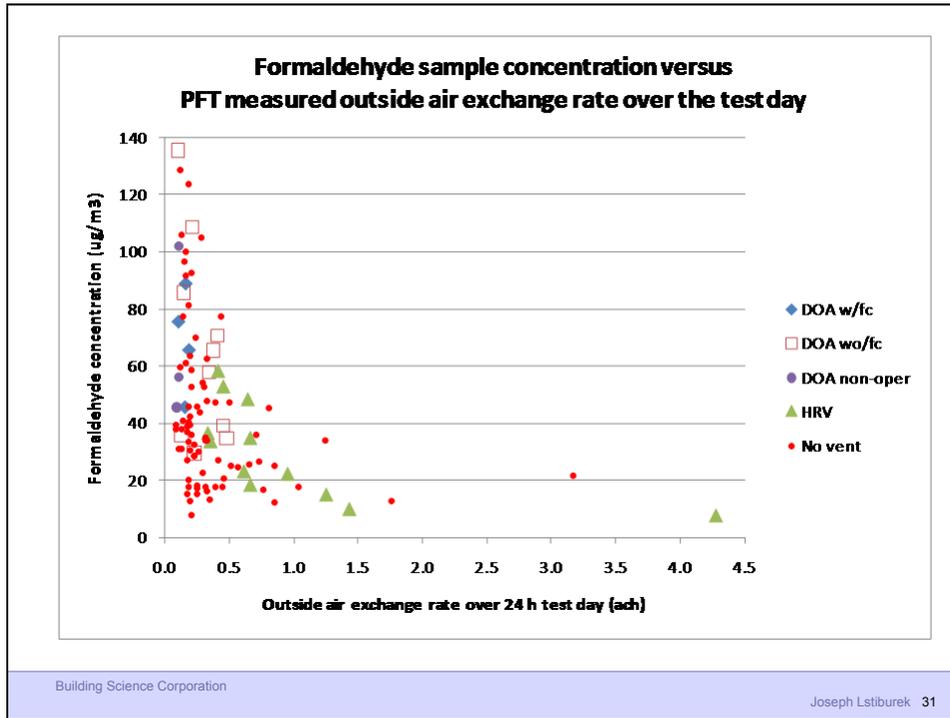
Experiment

470 ft³ → 59 ft²

200 ft³ → 25 ft²

100 ft³ → 12 ft²





The Cult of The Blower Door

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

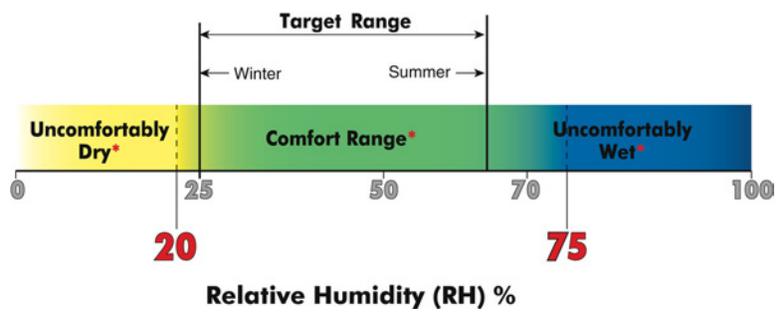
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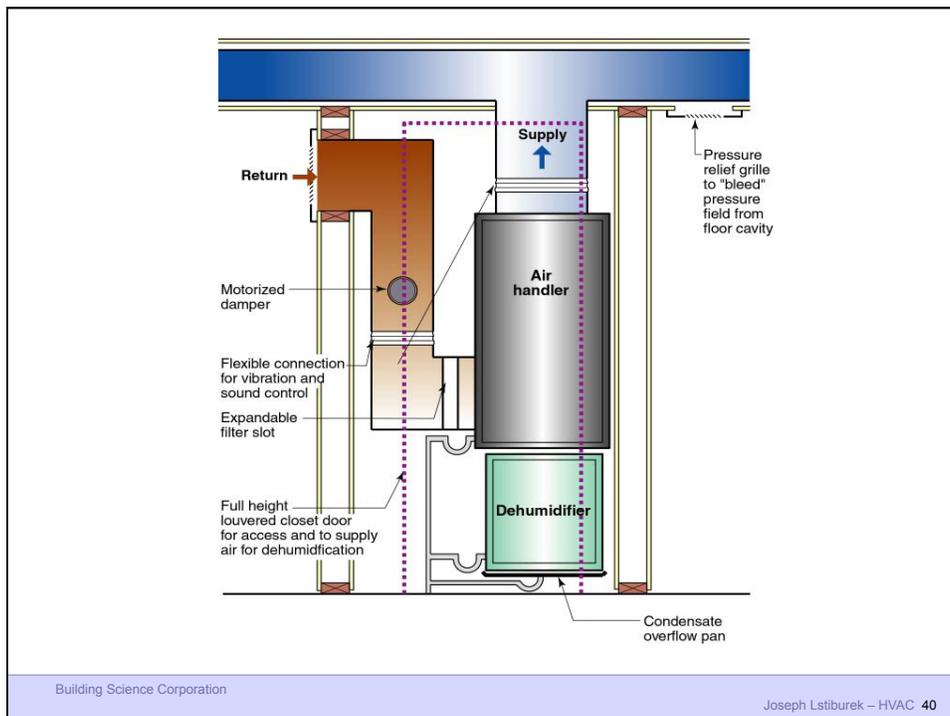
Don't Know Where The Holes Are
Don't Know The Type of Holes
Don't Know The Pressure Across The Holes

Dilution Is Not The Solution To Indoor
Pollution
Source Control

Dilution For People Source Control For The Building

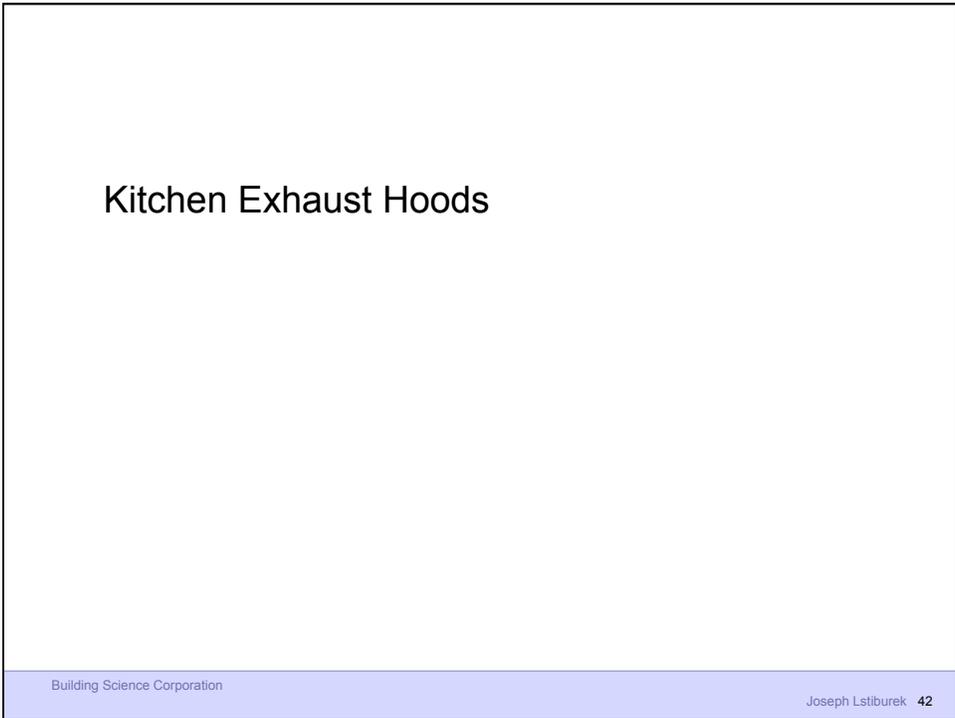


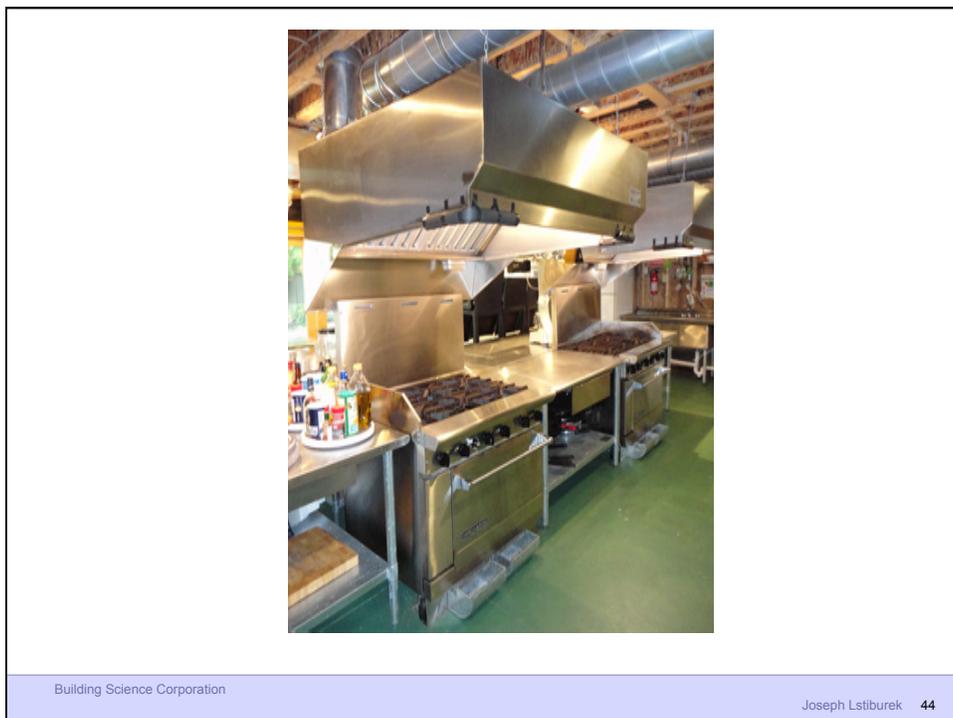
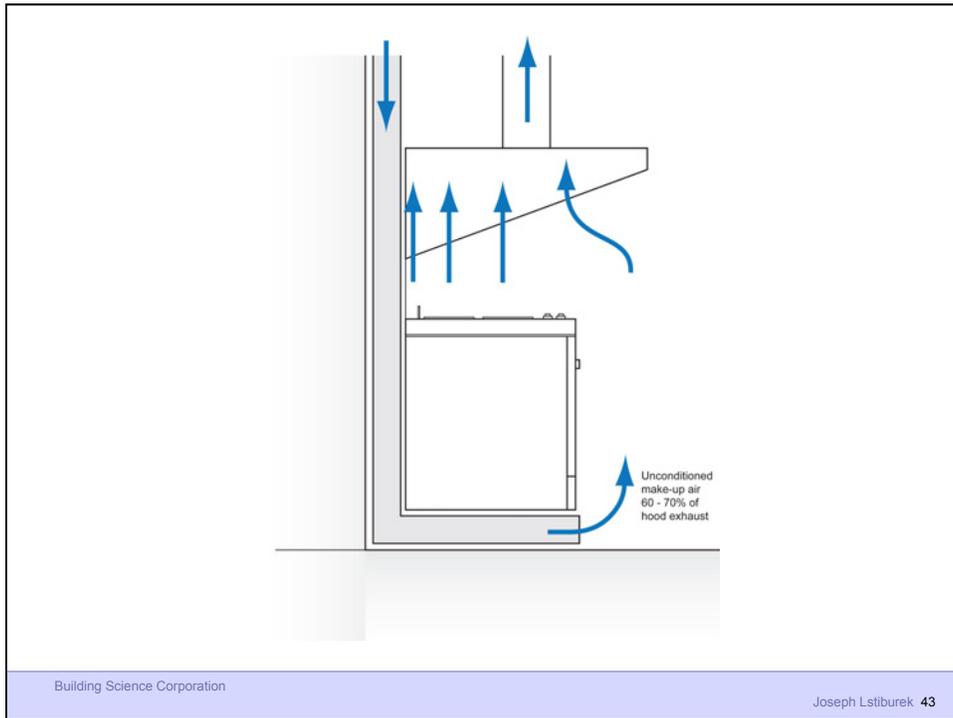
Recommended Range of Relative Humidity
Above 25 percent during winter
Below 70 percent during summer

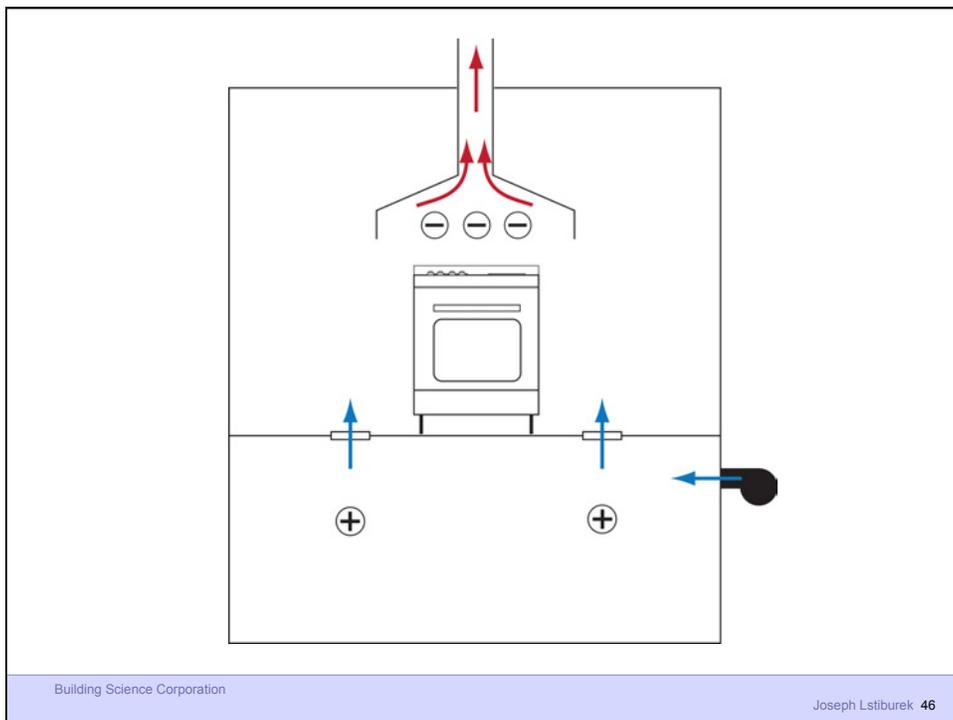
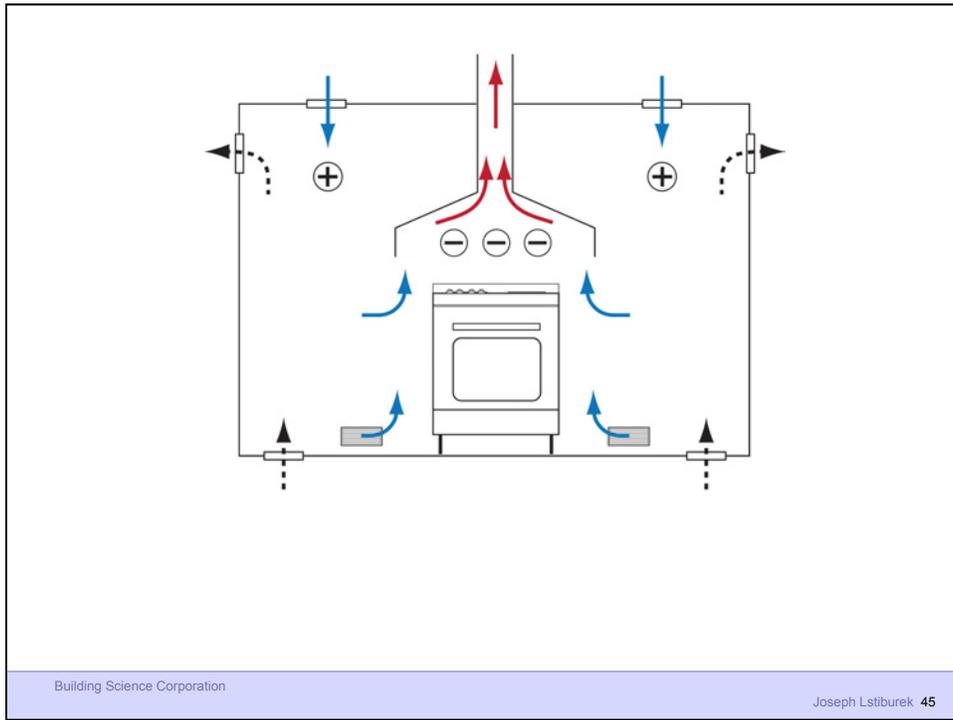


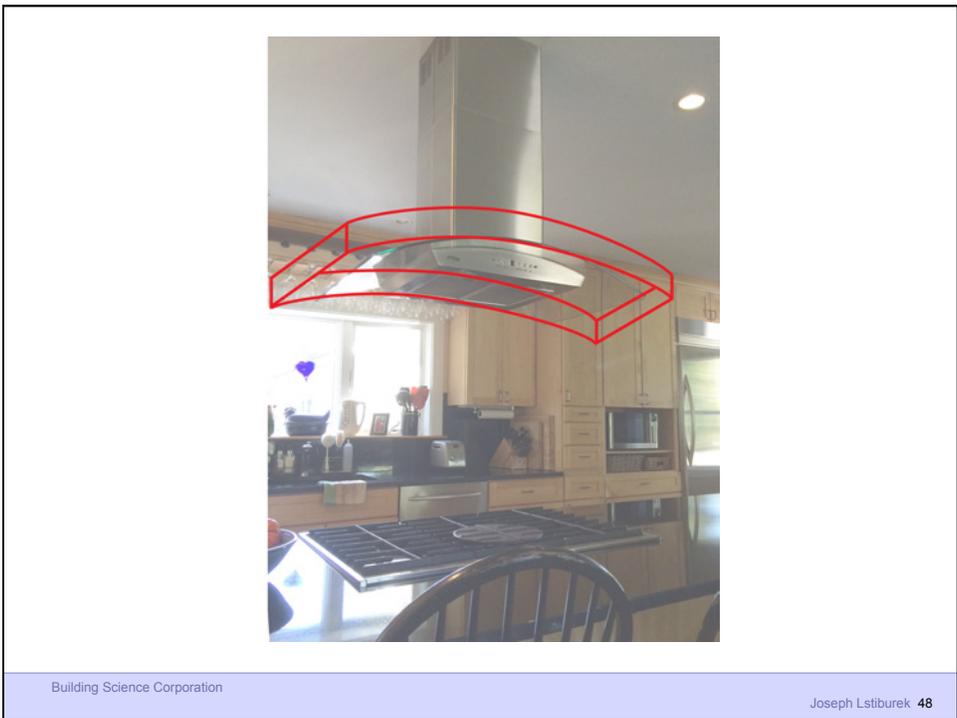
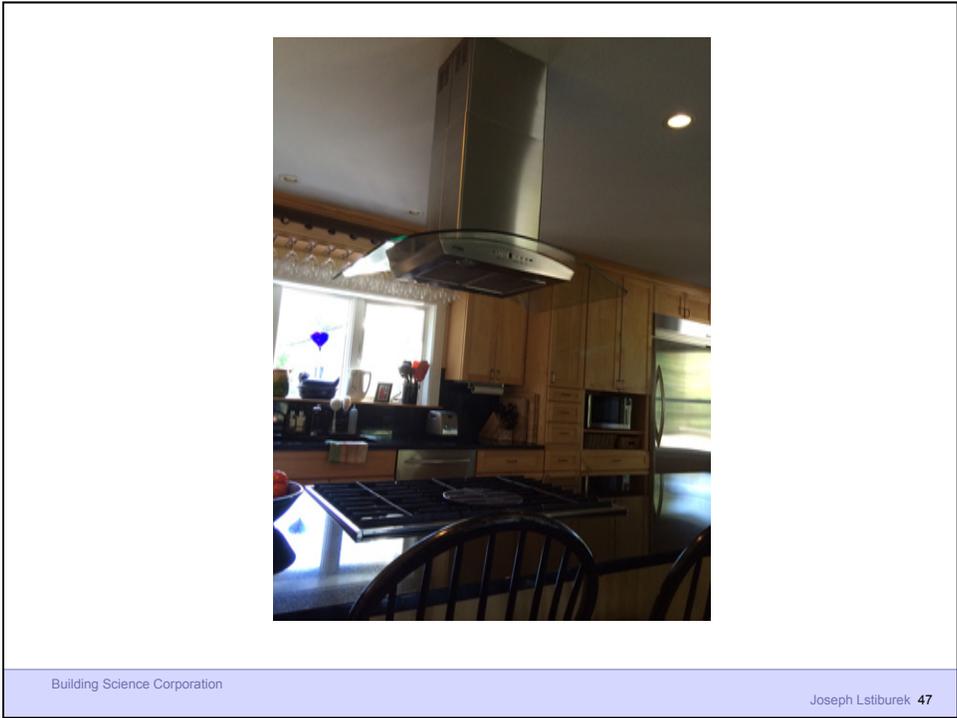


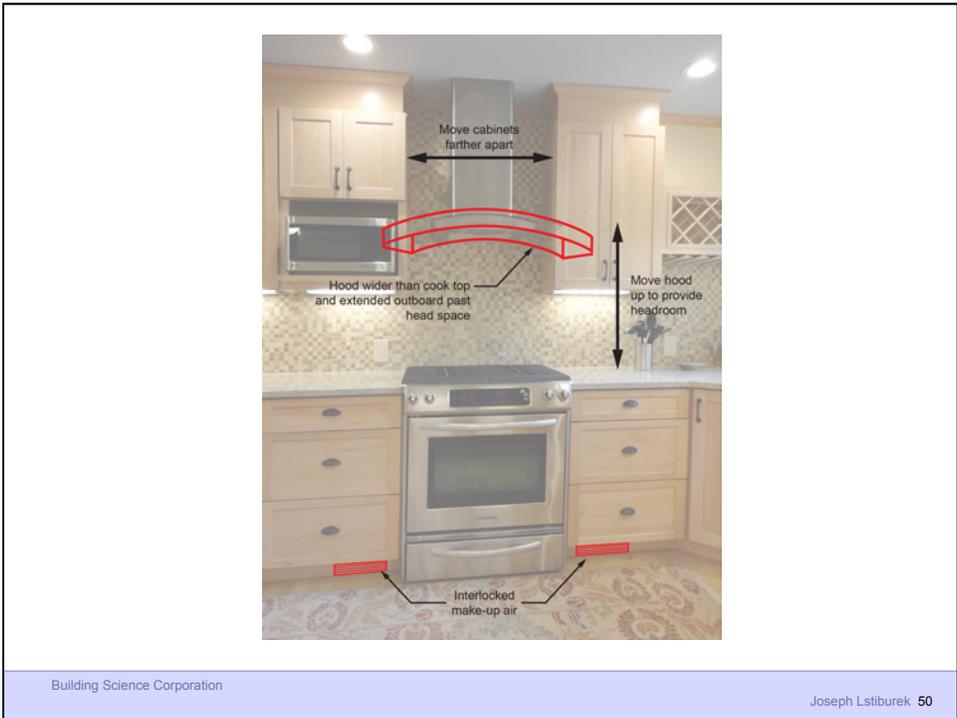
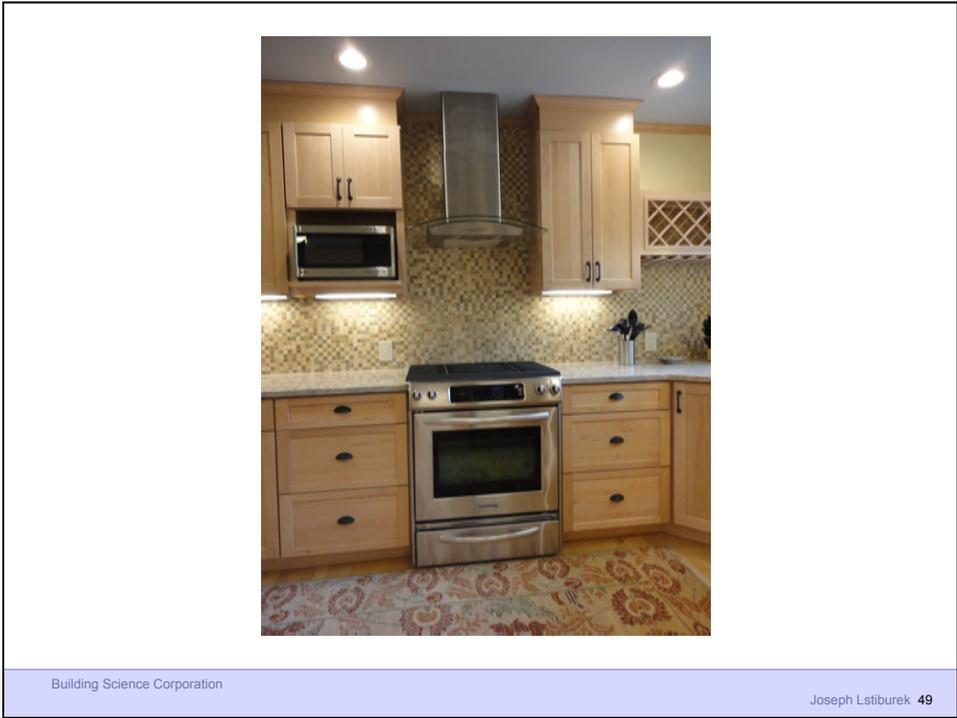
Kitchen Exhaust Hoods













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Fireplaces

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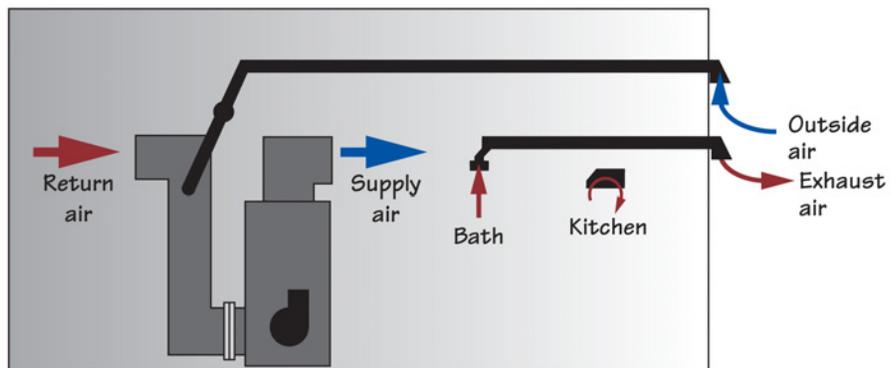
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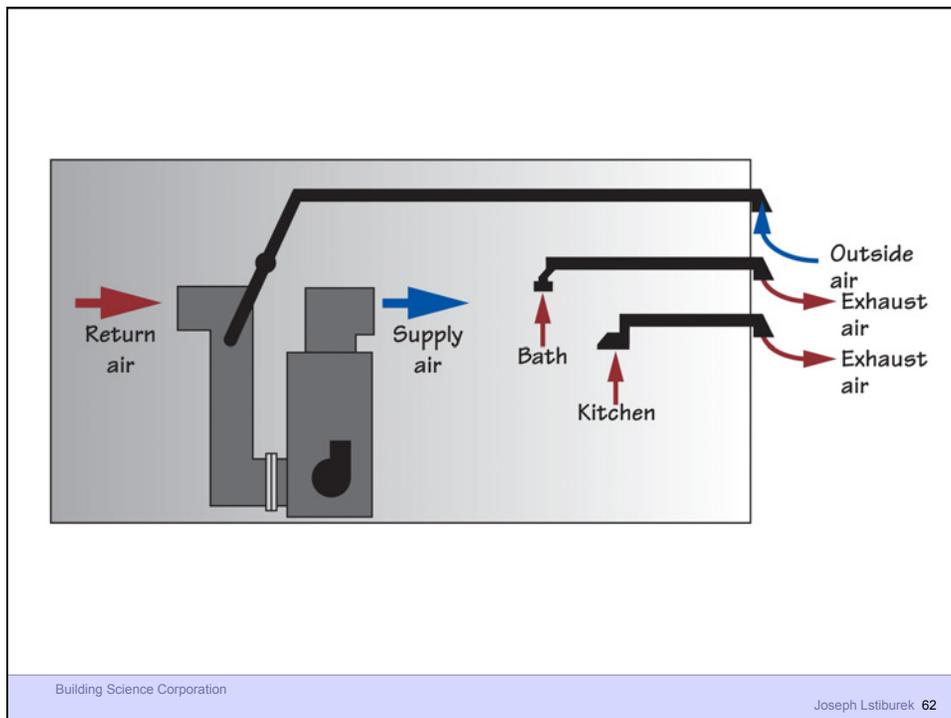
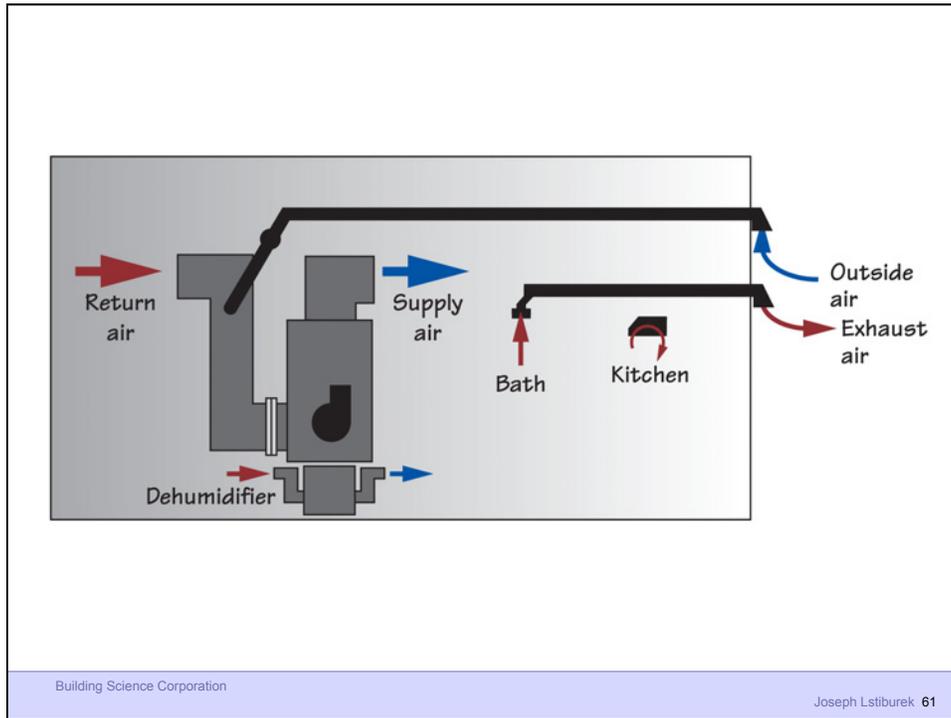


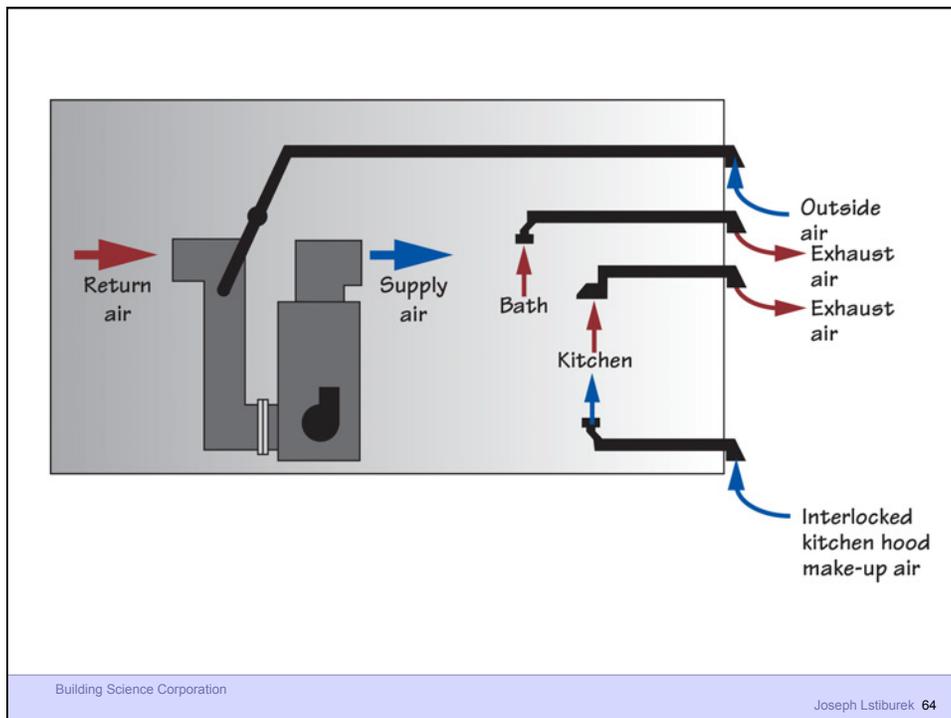
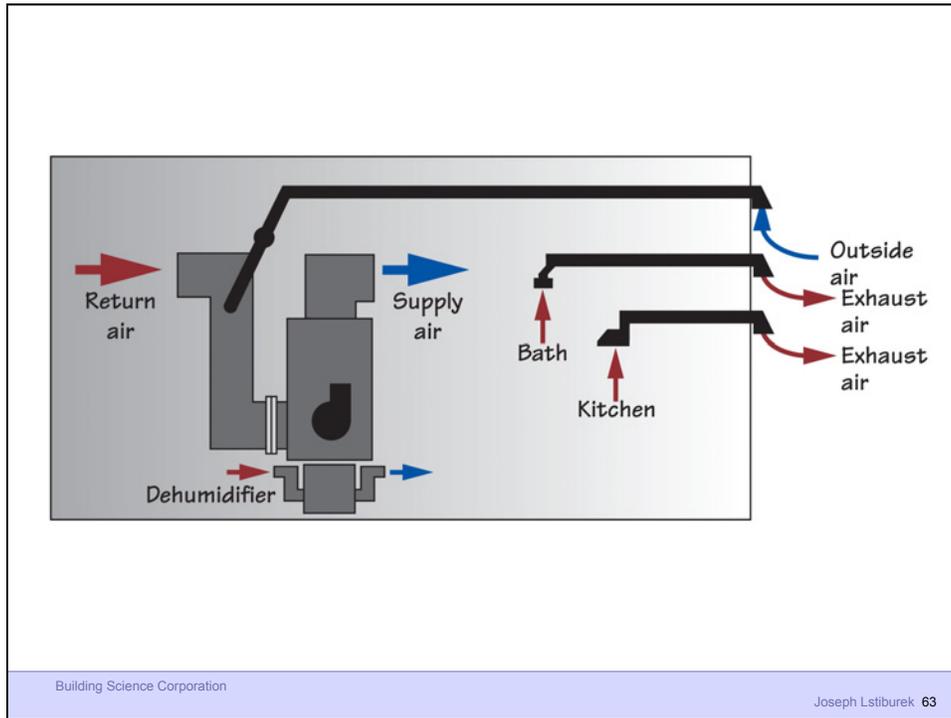
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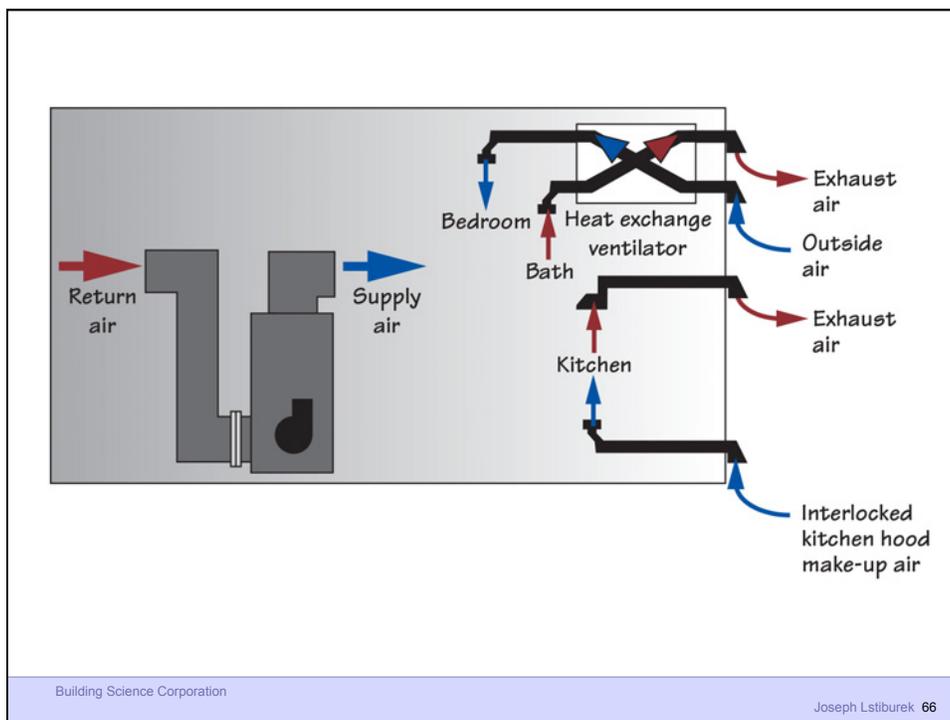
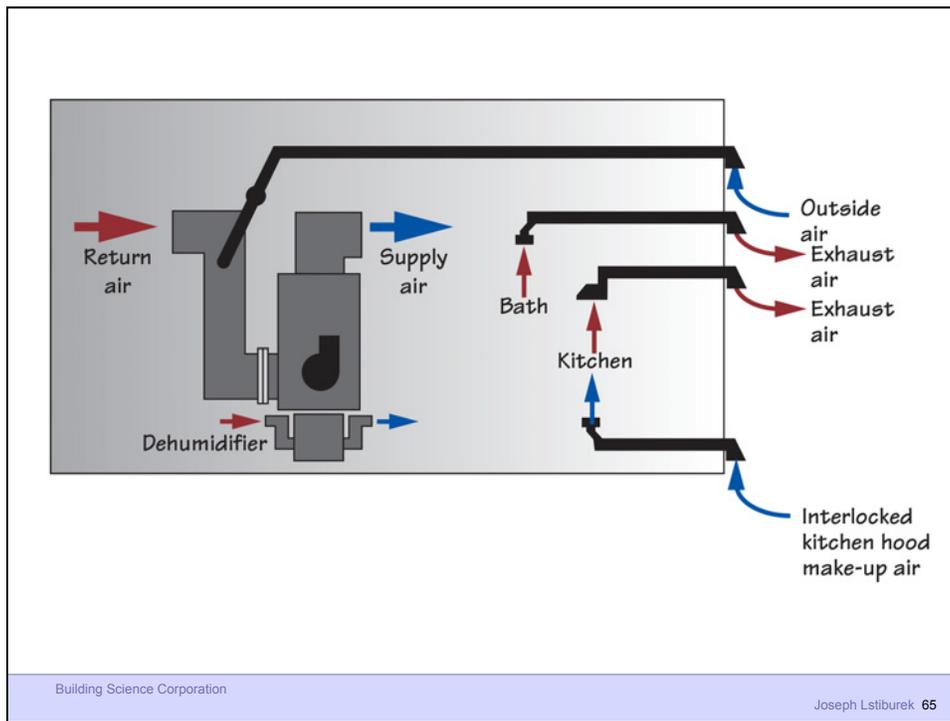
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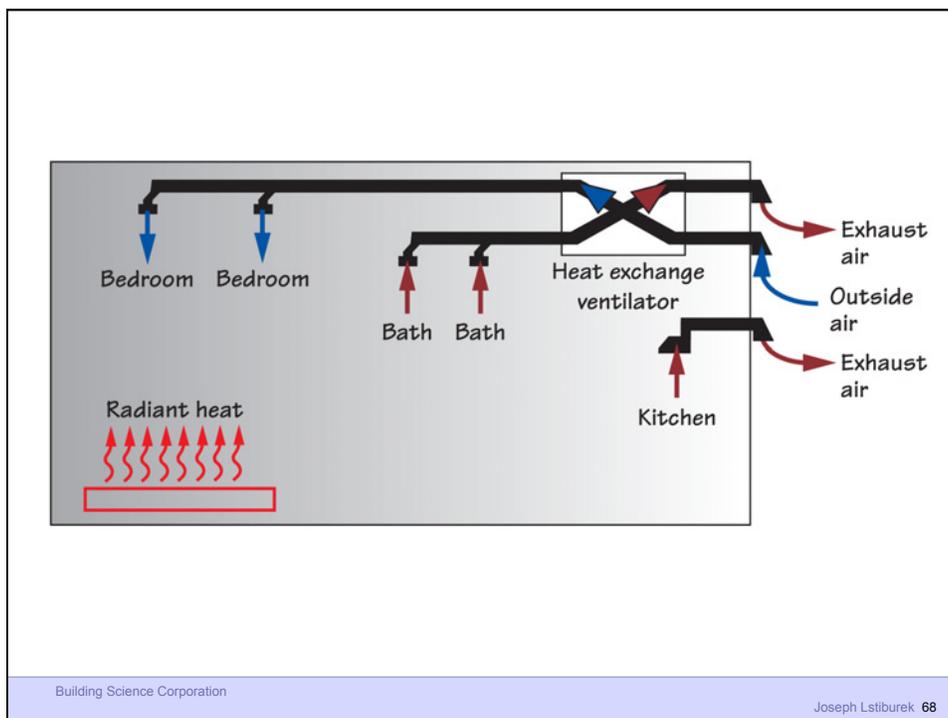
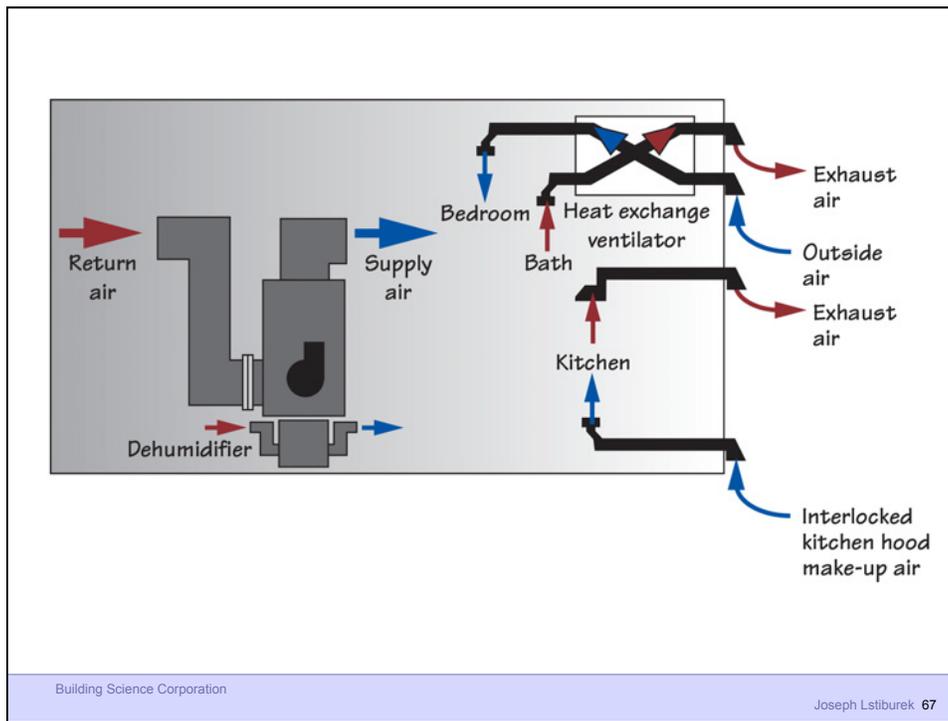
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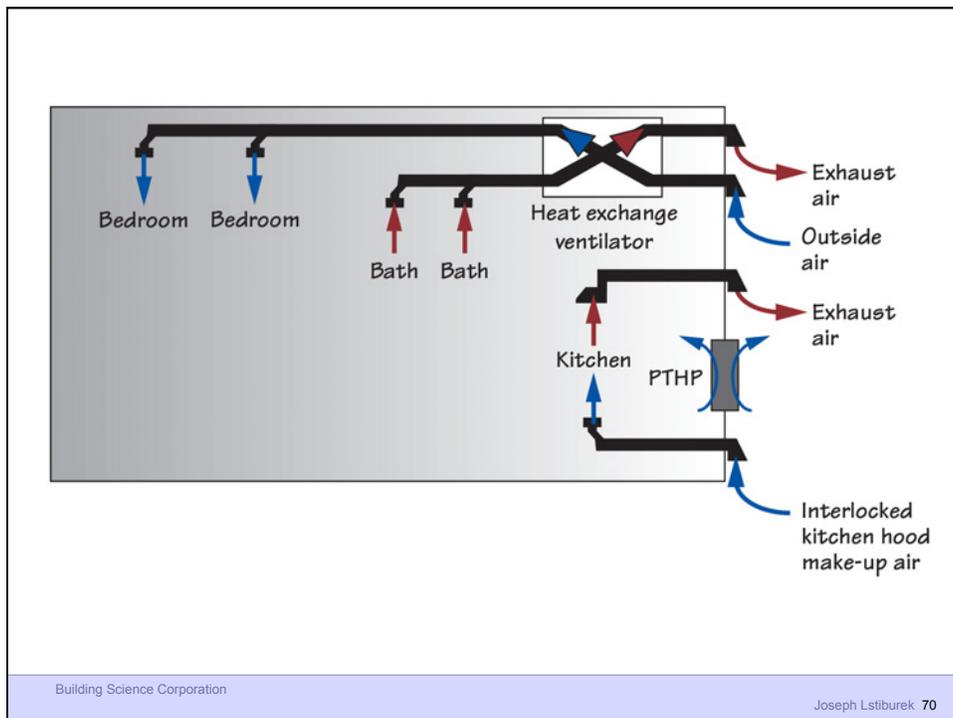
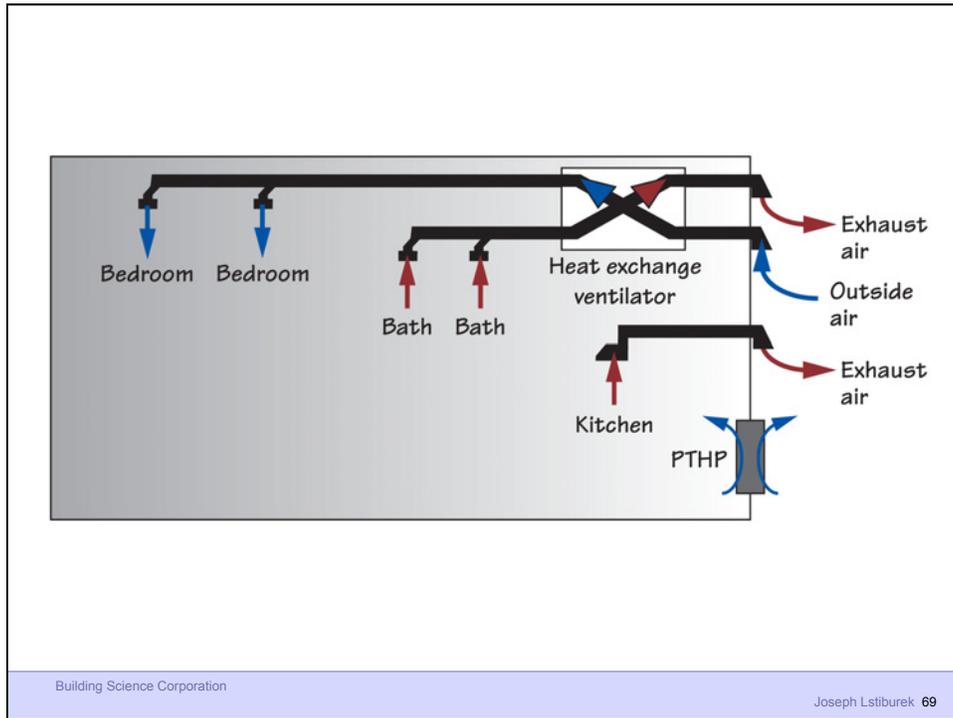


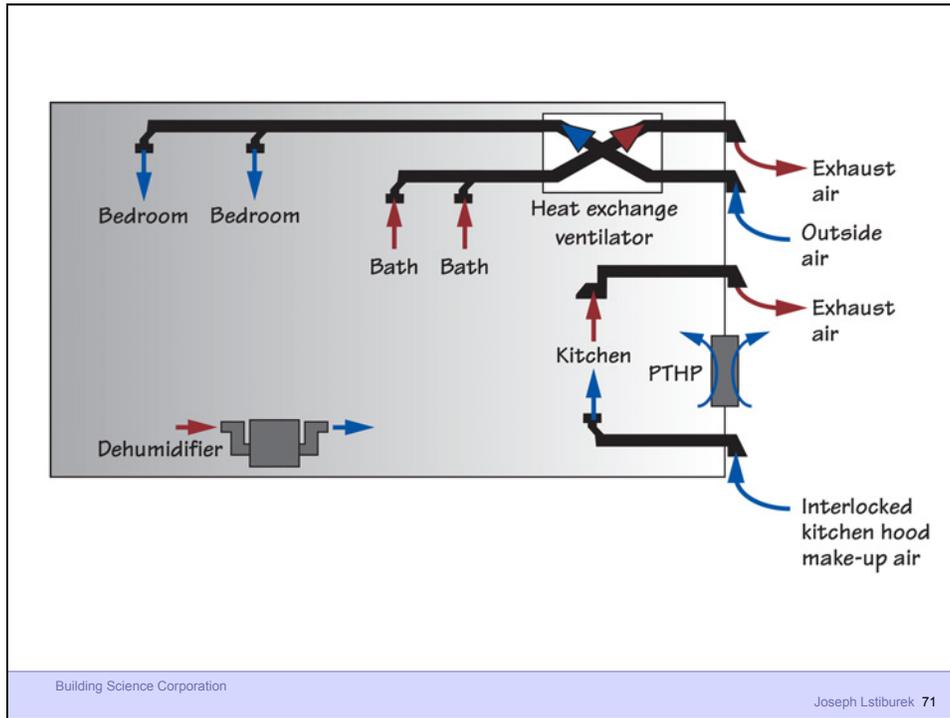












Duct Leakage Should Be Less Than 5% of Rated Flow As Tested by Pressurization To 25 Pascals

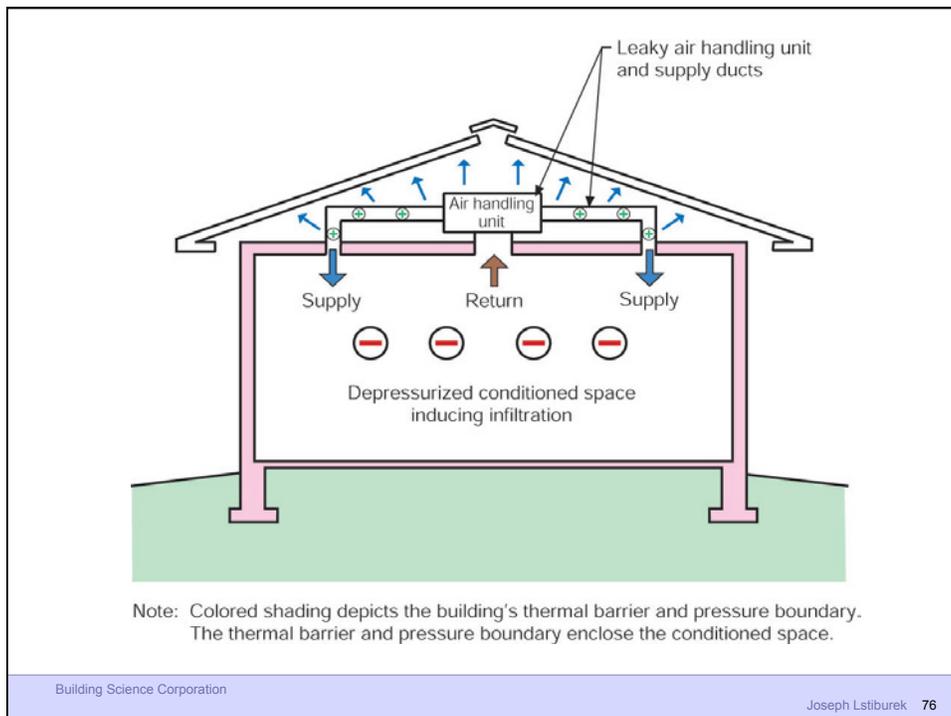
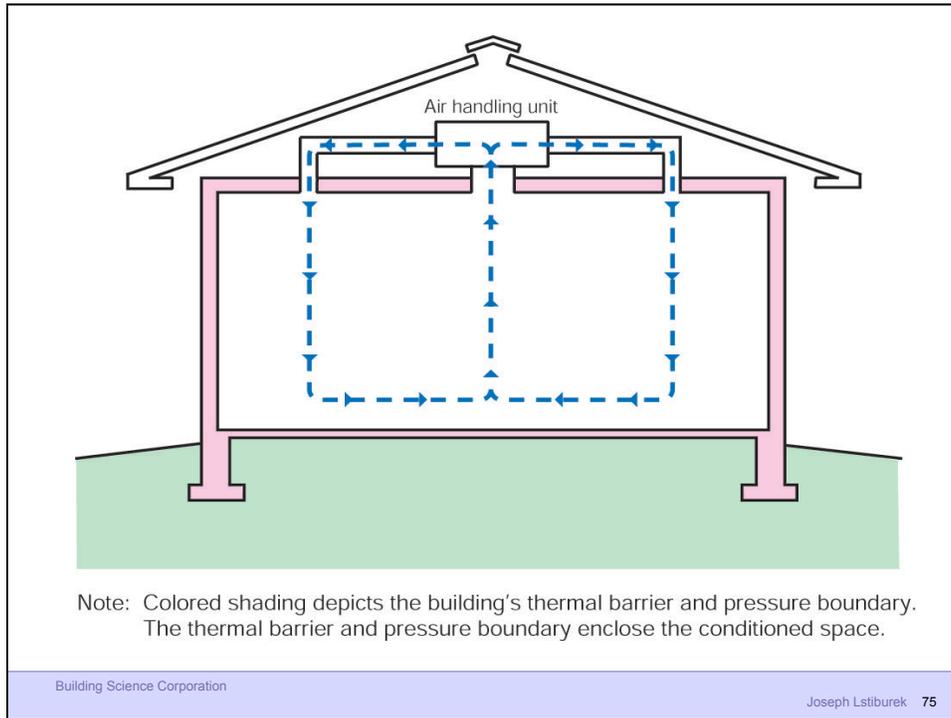
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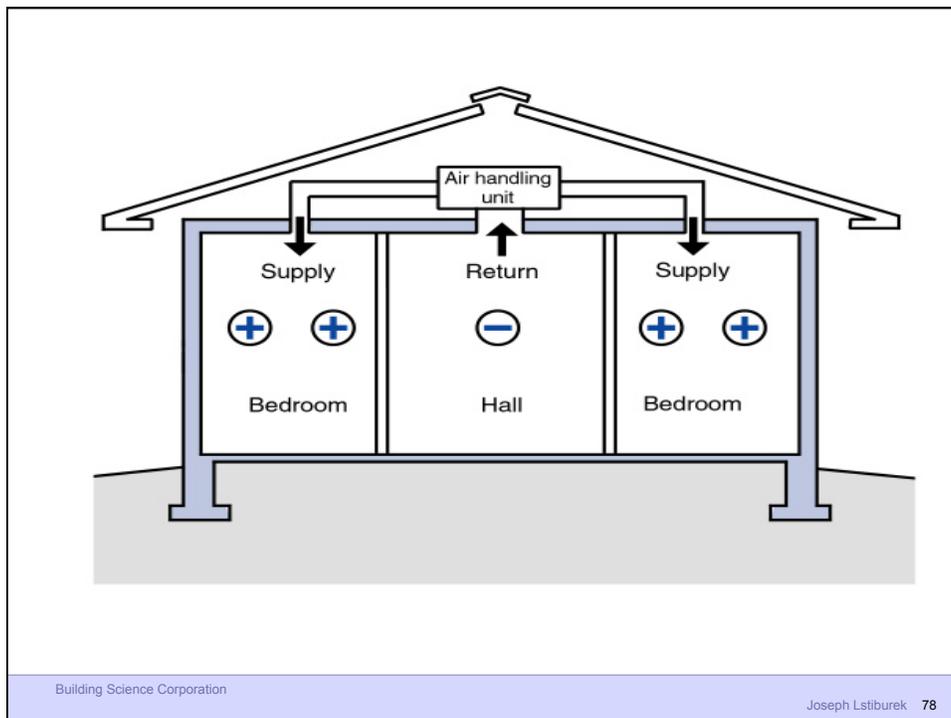
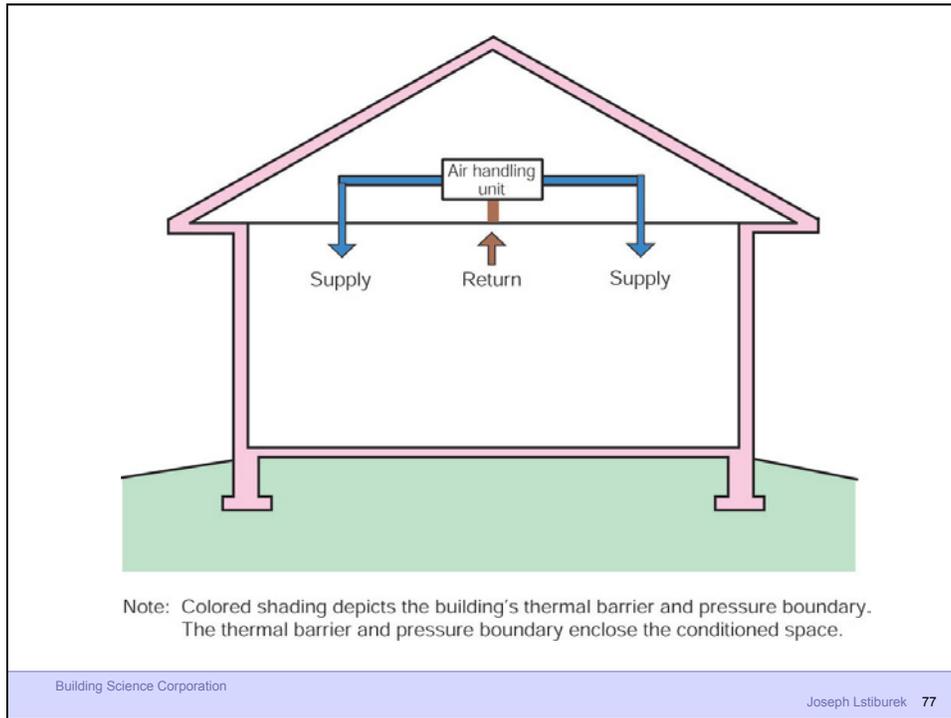
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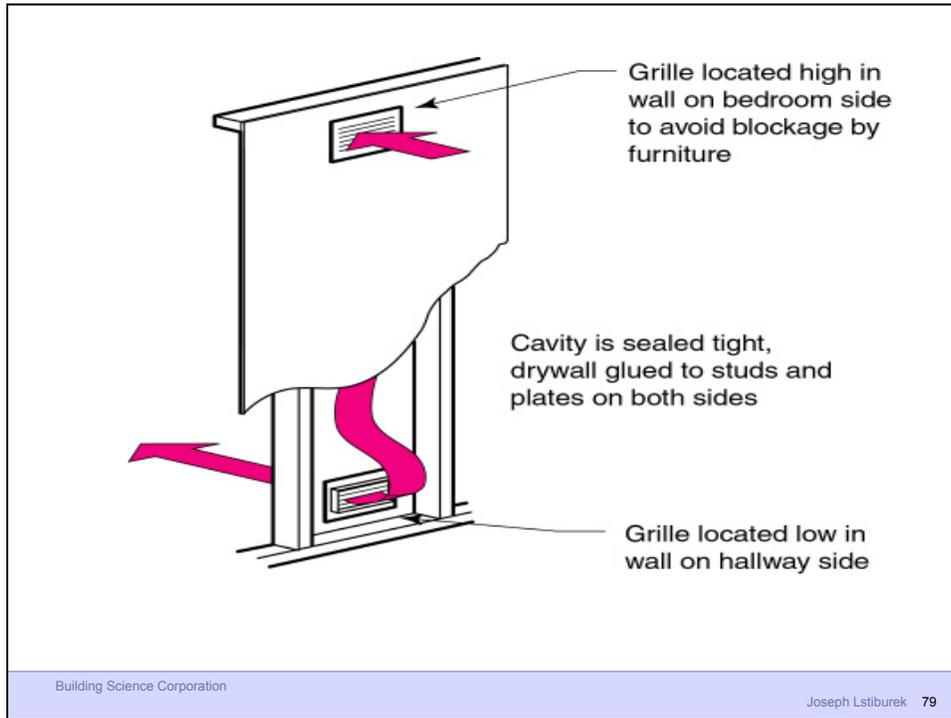


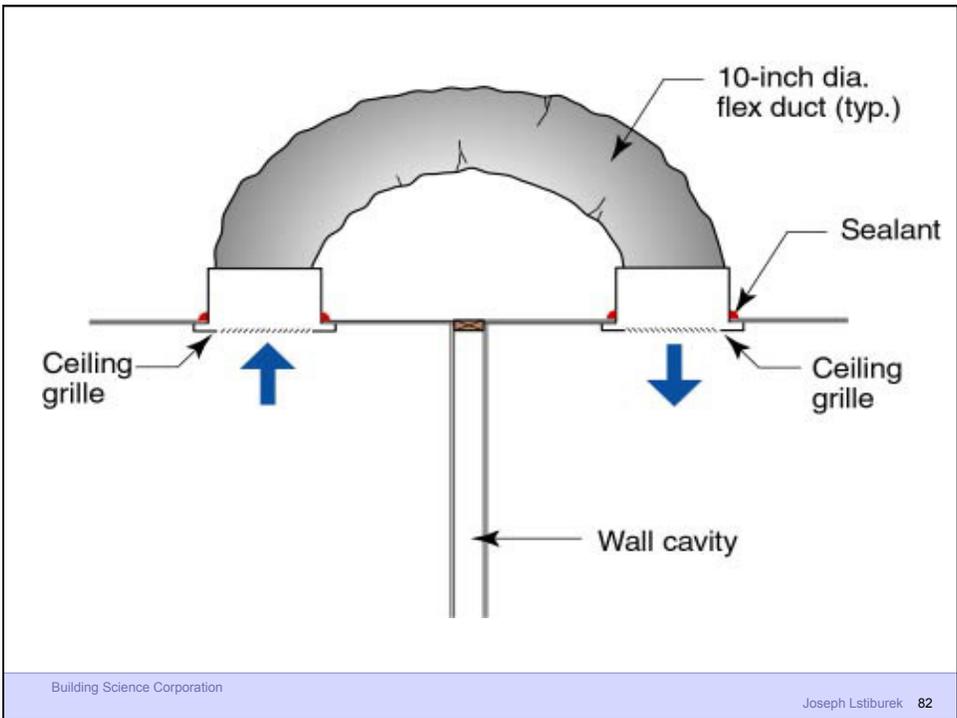
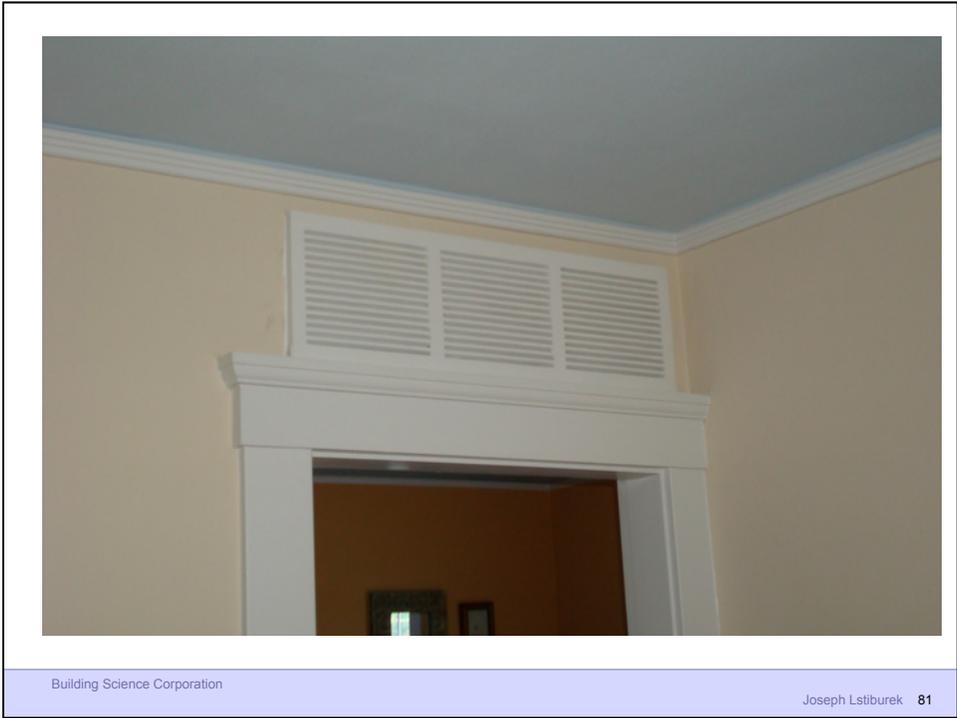
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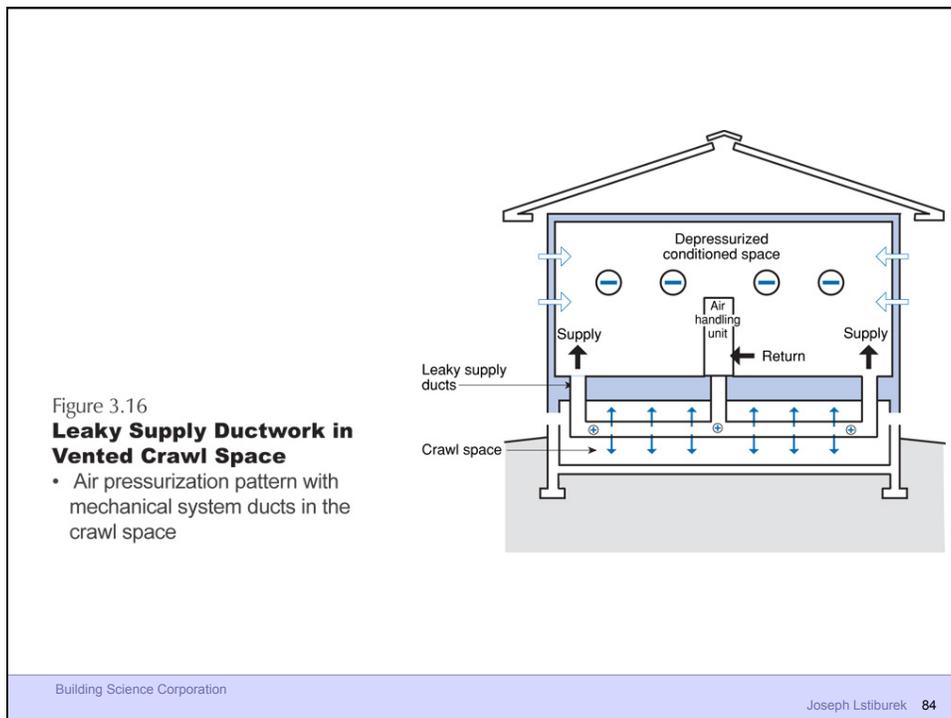
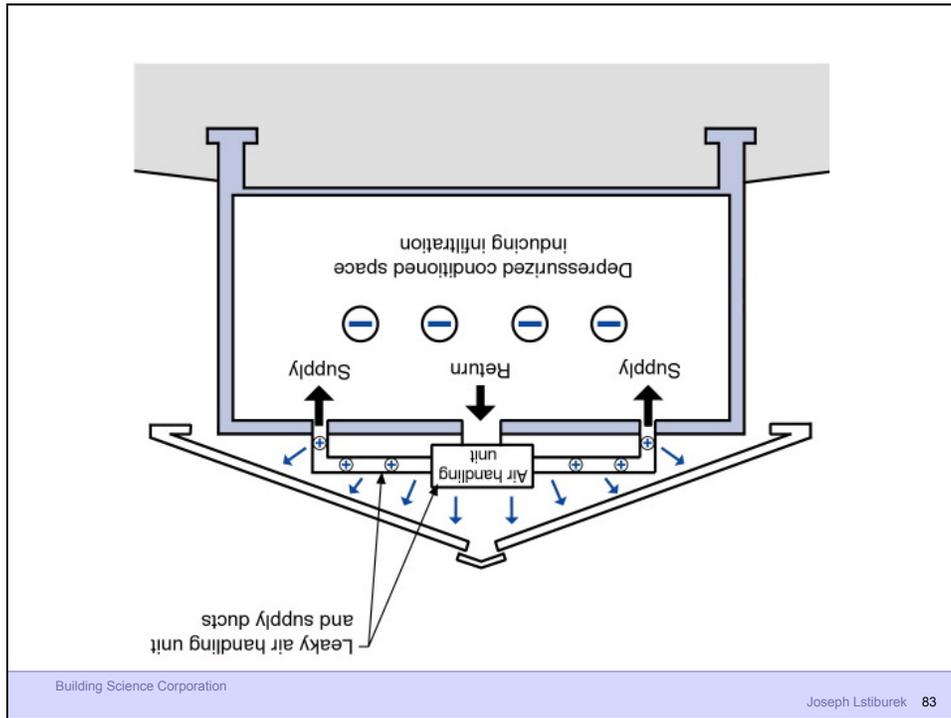
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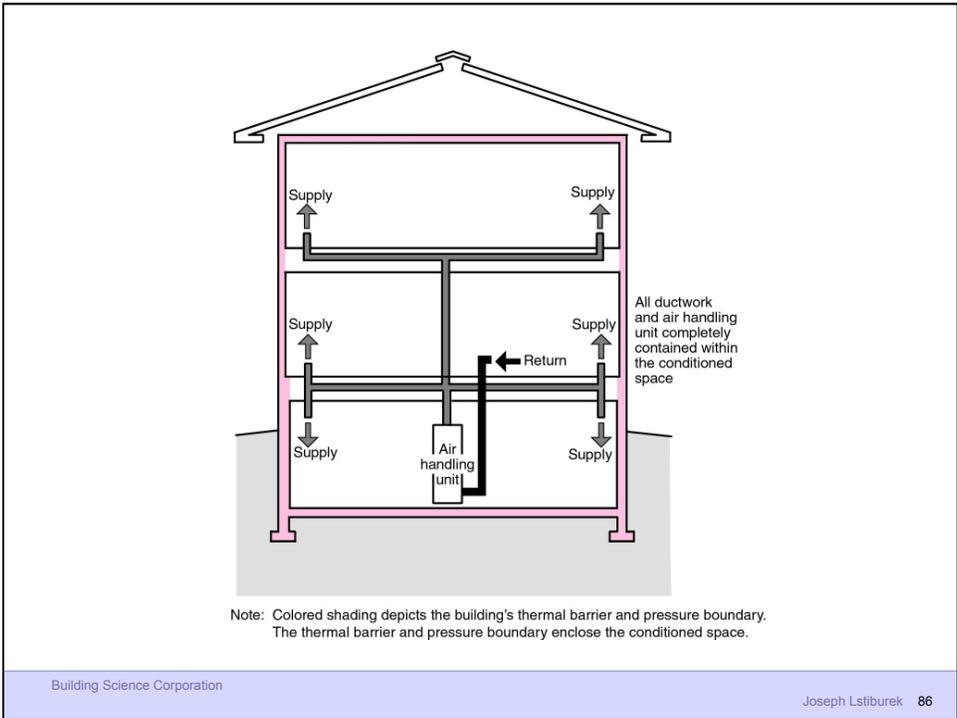














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