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# All Electric High-Performance Retrofits

## Goals:

- Great indoor air quality
- Comfort
- Efficiency
- All electric



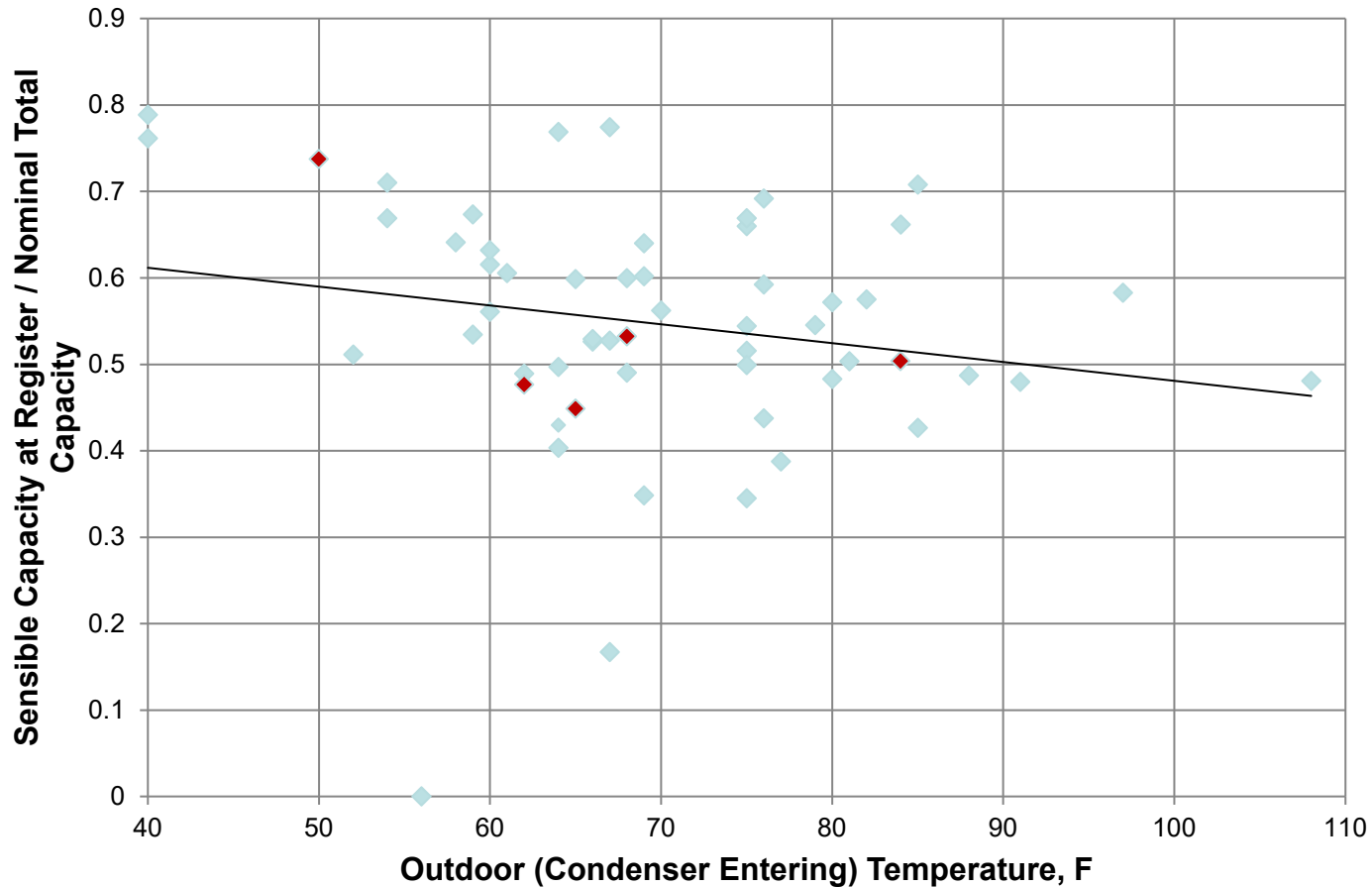
# All Electric High Performance Retrofits

All electric retrofits  
Ducted heat pump  
Attic insulation removal  
Air seal and insulate attic  
Vapor barrier/condition  
Ventilation  
Heat Pump water heater



# State of the Industry

## CEC Study on HVAC Performane





# Commissioning

Supply Airflows (use only Energy Conservatory FlowBlaster)	Temp (F)	CFM	Flow Correction	Constant	Delta T	Calculation	Btu/Hr	Calculation
Supply Grille #1 Room:	51.5	143.0	1.01	1.08	20.5	Delta SG1 -Weighted Return Temp	3208	BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #2 Room:	50.5	134.0	1.01	1.08	21.5	Delta SG2 -Weighted Return Temp	3153	BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #3 Room:	53.0	96.0	1.01	1.08	19.0	Delta SG3 -Weighted Return Temp	1992	BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #4 Room:	52.0	113.0	1.01	1.08	20.0	Delta SG4 -Weighted Return Temp	2468	BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #5 Room:				1.08		Delta SG5 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #6 Room:				1.08		Delta SG6 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #7 Room:				1.08		Delta SG7 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Airflow (continued from page 1)	Temp (F)	CFM	Flow Correction					
Supply Grille #8 Room:				1.08		Delta SG8 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #9 Room:				1.08		Delta SG9 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #10 Room:				1.08		Delta SG10 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #11 Room:				1.08		Delta SG11 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
Supply Grille #12 Room:				1.08		Delta SG12 -Weighted Return Temp		BtuH (delta x 1.08 x CFM x Flow Correction)
<b>Totals</b>		<b>486.0</b>	<b>CFM Total (Indicated airflow)</b>				<b>10820</b>	<b>Total Btu/Hr Delivered (sum entire column)</b>

Total Delivered BtuH as measured at supply grilles

Heat Pump Capacity at test condition -or- Sum of furnace rated output & (Furnace Fan Watts x 3.4)

Total Delivered BtuH(1) ÷ by capacity BtuH(2)

Manufacturer System Power at test condition (indoor + outdoor) AC & Heat Pumps only

Delivered EER divided by Manufacturer EER

10820	BtuH (1)
12110	BtuH (2)
89%	% Sensible Delivered energy
930	Watts
86.6%	% Sensible Delivered EER

Gas furnace tests- Calculate % Sensible Delivered energy and leave EER sections blank

Manuf. EER  
13.0

Manuf capacity divided by kW (x1000)

Measured System Power  
960

Measured System Pwr (Watts) ÷ by 1000 = Delivered EER

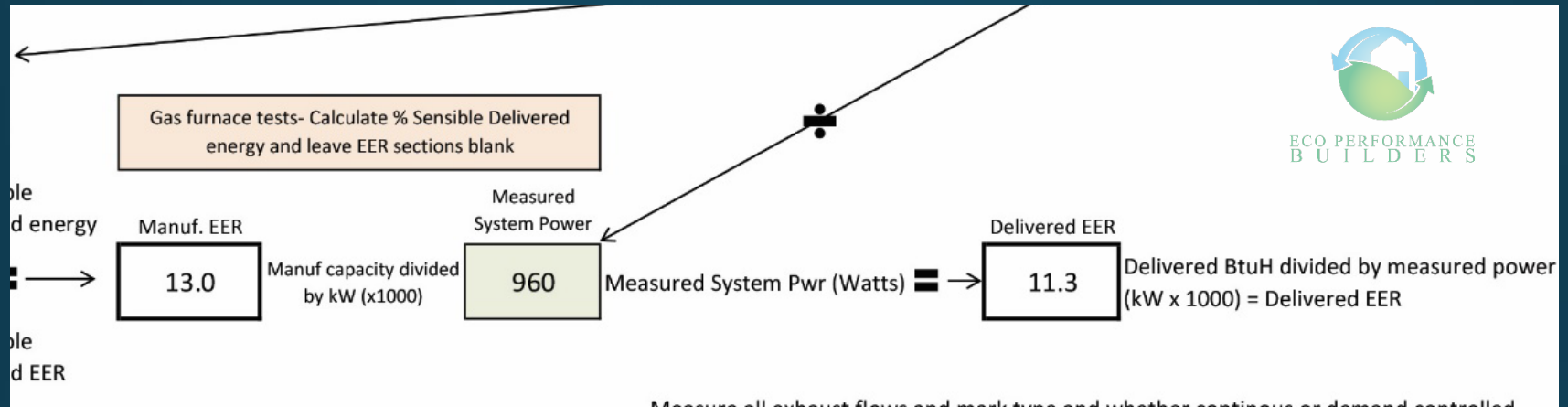
Delivered EER  
11.3

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Measure all exhaust flows and mark type and whether continuous or demand controlled

6)	Room temperature stratification testing at 3' AFF, center of all rooms				7)	Ventilation Location	CFM Flow	Supply or Exhaust / continuous or switched
	All temps after continuous minimum 15 minutes of system operation, system running, all doors open							
#1 Room:	71.0	(F)		Pascals across door	#1 Room:	Up Bath	116	exh / continuous
#2 Room:	70.0	(F)		Pascals across door	#2 Room:			
#3 Room:	70.0	(F)	0.5	Pascals across door	#3 Room:			
#4 Room:	69.0	(F)	2.5	Pascals across door	#4 Room:			
					#5 Room:			

# Commissioning





# All Electric High-Performance Retrofits

## Barriers:

- Our housing stock
  - Is leaky
  - Is poorly insulated
  - Has terrible duct systems
  - Some has knob and tube wiring
  - A lot have asbestos ducts
  - Need the air handler relocated
  - Has small crawlspaces
  - Has small attics
  - Small accesses



# All Electric High-Performance Retrofits

## Barriers continued:

- Space for equipment and return
- Space for outdoor units
- Complicated houses are tough
- Attic insulation should be removed
- Finding workers is very difficult
- Current supply acquisition issues
- Supply and labor prices are increasing
- Heat pump water heater location & noise issues

# All Electric High-Performance Retrofits

## Barriers continued:

- The HVAC industry is largely unaware of how poorly their equipment performs and how to design, install or commission properly.
- Good people that don't know their work isn't good.
- Pricing issues are a part of this.
- Going off of old myths about equipment and duct sizing and selection.

# Fixing Houses

There are a lot of houses  
They're all different  
None were designed for us to fix them!



# Attics

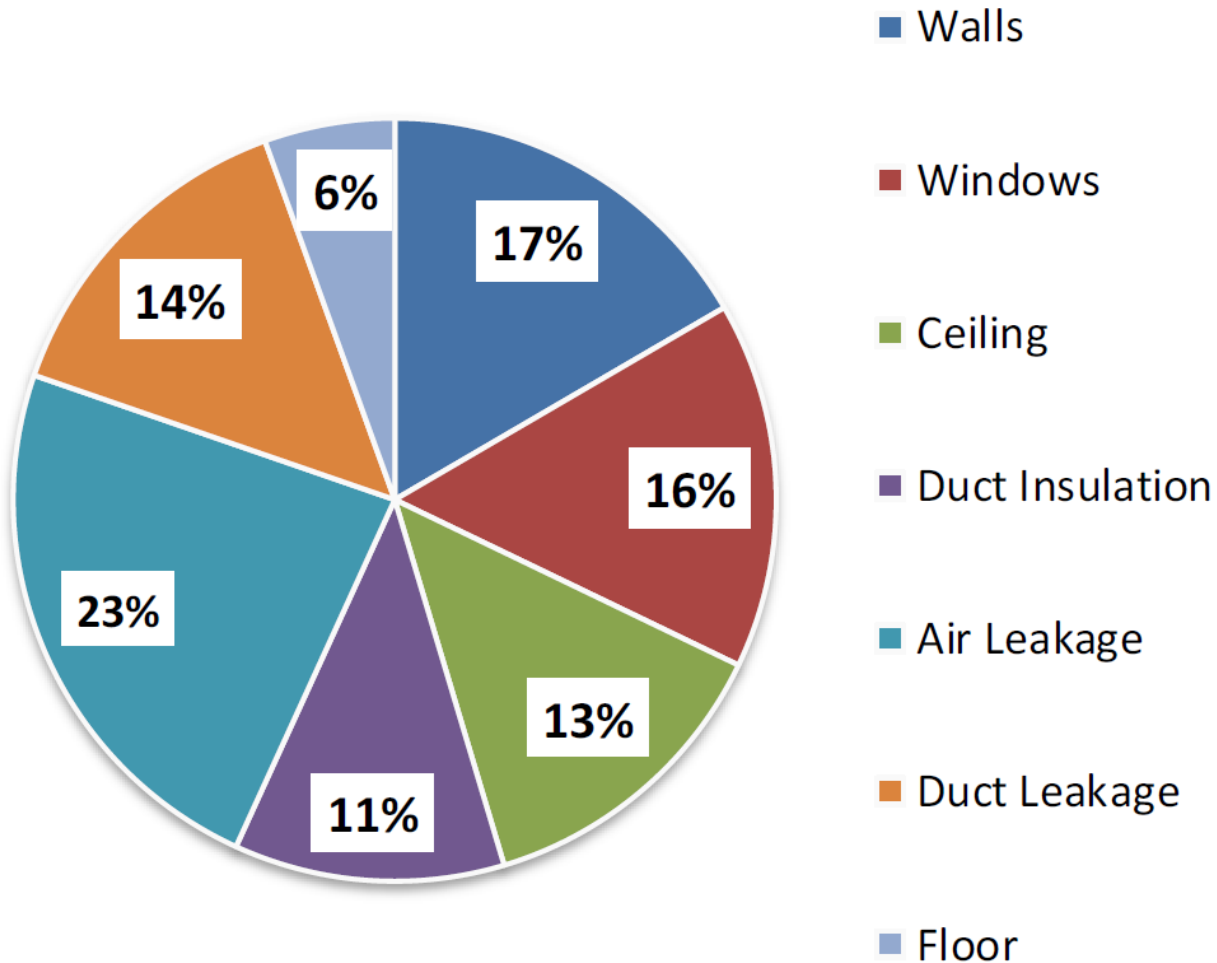




# HVAC Systems



# Energy Losses



# Multi Zones





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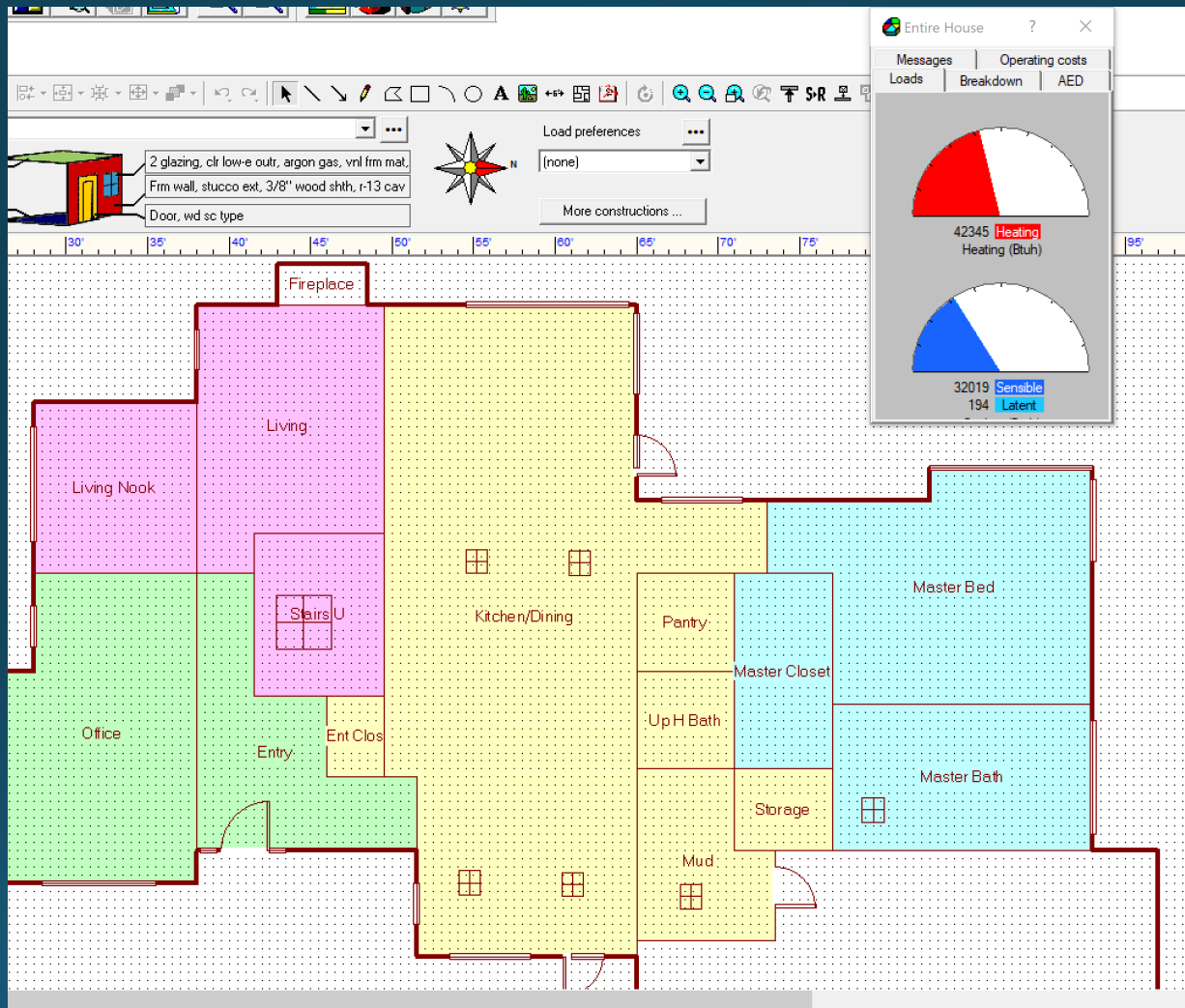
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# Mechanical design for ductless





# Ducted Mini Splits Work Best in Most Cases





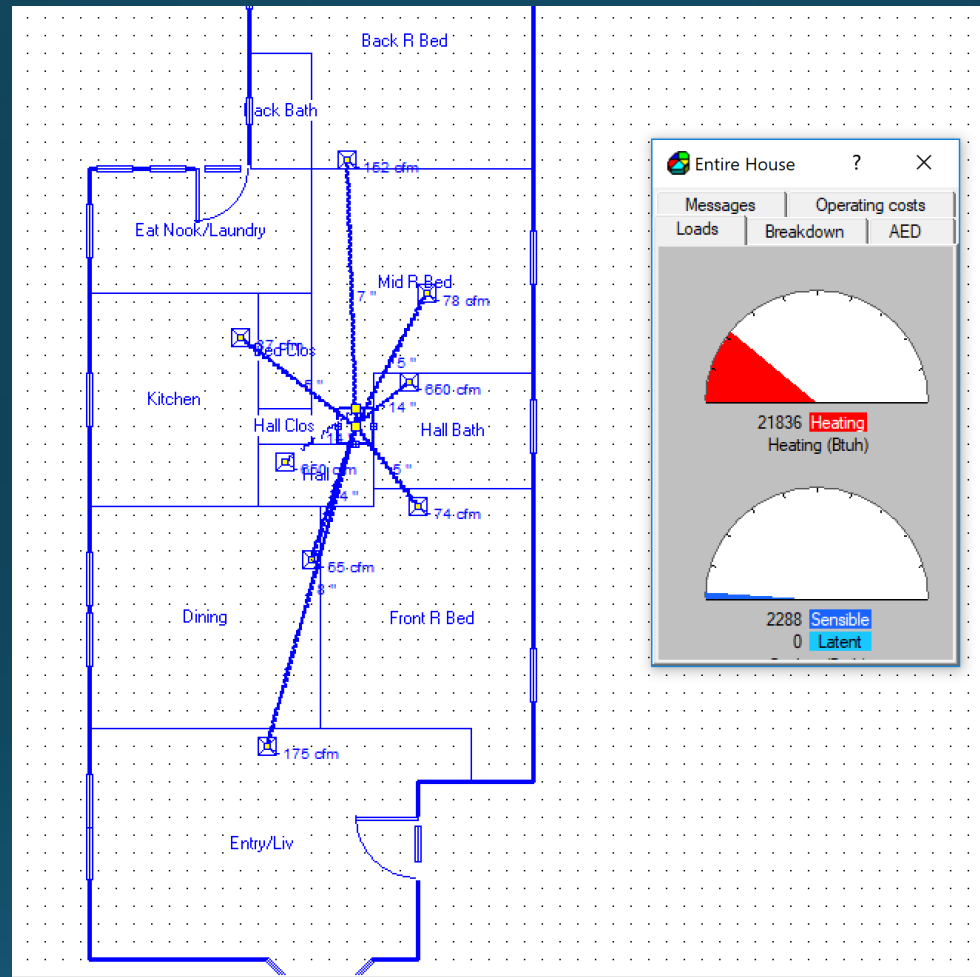
# Duct Location Considerations

## Duct locations

- Attics with buried ducts
- Ducts as short as possible
- Sealed crawlspace
- Ducts always as short as possible



# Mechanical Design



# Air Sealing Before and After









# Quality and Air Quality



# Simple Filtration





# Home Ventilation

## Minimum standard

- Continuous running low flow bath fan(s)
- Ducted range hood with good flow and low noise

## The great solution

- Balanced HRV/ERV ducted to bedrooms and bathrooms





# Electrification

Why does it have to be so complicated with ducts, insulation, etc?

- **Smaller systems**
  - Smaller ducts to fit in the space
  - Less air = one central return
  - Lower watt draw
    - Battery capable, peak demand, etc.
  - Low noise
  - Better comfort.
  - Panel space / capacity
  - Less energy usage
  - We're already in there and it will be much harder later.
  - Lower equipment cost and easier to purchase
  - Less grid impact
  - Air sealing and insulation is fantastic load shifting battery
  - People will tell their riends that it's great!