

Energy Efficiency in buildings – day 2

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Welcome back!

- Review: What we learned yesterday and questions
- Polls:



Which aspects of regional collaboration could benefit you the most?

Selecione uma ou mais respostas





By which year do you think that all new buildings could be mandated to be net zero energy in your country?

Selecione uma resposta:

2030	
2040	
2050	
Other	



Results

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Toolkit: Energy efficient building design technologies

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Energy Efficiency Training Week: Buildings programme

- 1. Where to start: Energy use in buildings
- 2. Where to start: Energy efficiency potential in buildings Special session: GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps
- 3. Toolkit: Energy efficient building design technologies
- Toolkit: Energy efficient building system technologies
 Special session: Green Building in Africa *Elizabeth Chege, KGBS* Special session: The GlobalABC Africa Roadmap for buildings and construction
- 5. What are the steps? Determining the current status of policies
- 6. Toolkit: Energy efficiency policies and target setting with guest speaker: Hlompho Vivian, GBC SA
- 7. What are the steps? Implementing codes and standards

8. What are the steps? Building operations and procurement with guest speaker: Christelle Van Vuuren, Carbon Trust

Special session: The multiple benefits of energy efficiency

9. Did it work? Evaluation and energy efficiency indicators

Special session: Financing energy efficiency in buildings

10. Buildings quiz



3. Toolkit: Energy efficient building design technologies

Trainers: Maxine Jordan, IEA

Purpose: To teach the fundamentals of how energy use in buildings can be reduced through design. This course will also describe how an integrated design process and the use of simulation tools can achieve cost effective and energy efficient buildings.

Scenario: Builders are saying that building construction timelines are short and that it is not possible to design buildings that are more efficient because it is too complicated.

Discussion question: What design feature or part of a building do you think most <u>needs to be addressed</u> <u>today</u> to support low energy buildings? Take 5 mins to write your thoughts on a post-it

- which sector
- which part of the building
- why is it the most urgent



Path to zero emissions or net zero energy buildings



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Integrated design process

Sufficiency, efficiency, renewables

Tiered approach to integrated design

Design charrette



The tiered approach for the integrated design process



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Integration of:

- Multiple design professionals
- Multiple aspects of building design and construction

We will talk about both the **strategies** and the **technologies** themselves.



Integrated Design Process: Tier 0 – Site Design



Landscaping

- Impact of solar gains on building
- Impact on airflow
- Seasonal variation

Wind patterns

- Dominant wind direction in hot summer
- Layout of buildings for natural ventilation potential

Building orientation & building shape

- Solar gains on facades
- Optimal orientation of facades











Integrated Design Process: Tier 0 – Site Design



Facade orientation

- Crucial, especially for long buildings
- Account for annual solar gains by orientation



Isometric view from South West



Long facades facing East and West

Source: India BEEP and India BEE. Design Guidelines For Energy-Efficient Multi-Storey Residential Buildings (Composite and Hot-Dry Climates) IEA 2019. All rights reserved.



Integrated Design Process: Tier 0 – Site Design



Influence of buildings on wind velocity

• Building shape, size and layout all influence wind speeds

Air velocity when wind is perpendicular to building facade orientation







Integrated Design Process: Tier 1 – Building Design

Walls, windows, shading and solar gains

- Wall should be designed to have insulation: materials
- Light surface <u>finishes</u> reflect heat from the sun
- Window area should be limited
- Windows should be highly efficient, particularly if more than 25% of the wall area (both thermal protection and solar protection)
- <u>Shading</u> with overhangs should be designed based on solar angles (i.e. typically overhangs are more effective on North and South walls)
- Shading with movable external shades can be highly effective for optimized daylighting and controlling solar gains.
 - Shutters

Materials

Glazing area,

Air tightness

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Tier

Colours

type and orientation

Shading

- Movable blinds
- Infiltration should be controlled by better <u>air tightness</u> of the building.

Sun chart for designing shading devices

32"N LATITUDE



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Integrated Design Process: Tier 1 – Building Design - Envelope

Building envelope is often the main source of heat gain/loss

- Walls, windows, roof, uncontrolled air infiltration
- There is a wide variation in the quality of building envelopes:



Materials

Glazing area,

Air tightness

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Building

Tier 1:

Colours

type and orientation

Shading

 $U \sim 3.5 W/m^2.K$ Monolithic concrete wall

 $U \sim 0.5 W/m^2.K$

35% Windows with inadequate shading



10% Windows with shading





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Building envelope technology: insulation

 Recommended average wall and roof U-values based on lifecycle cost effectiveness:



Insulation levels vary widely in the existing building stock. Efficient new buildings have increased insulation (low U-value).

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Source: IEA Building Codes Policy Pathway and Transition to Sustainable Buildings

Building envelope technology: roof as a system



Insulation, air sealing, ventilation, radiant barriers, are all important factors, with the best approach depending on the type of roof (pitched, low-slope, or flat).



Integrated Design Process: Tier 1 – Building Design – glazing

The building envelope is often the main source of heat gain/loss

• Window area has a significant impact on cooling energy use:





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Building envelope technology: windows



Single glazing windows are highly inefficient in all climate types.



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Building envelope technology: window market



The majority of the world's installed windows can be significantly improved and more work is needed to bring costs down to improve financial feasibility.



Building envelope technology: window coatings

Low emissivity films

- Transparent metal coatings that reflect radiant heat (long wave radiation) combined with solar selective coatings that reflect visible light and near-infrared light (heat we feel)
- Typical savings of 30% to 40%
- Commonly applied to new windows, but can also be installed in retrofit low-e storm panels and low-e window films when window replacement is not possible



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Low-e coatings can be a low cost and highly efficient addition to windows. Do you know the market share of low-e glass in your country?

Building envelope technology: window frames





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Building envelope technology: window and building shading



Ancient and modern shading can be a low cost demand efficiency measure.



Building envelope technology: internal vs. external shading



Internal shades still allow the solar heat gain to enter the building.

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Building envelope technology: internal vs. external shading



External shades keep out much more heat than internal shades.

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Integrated Design Process: Tier 1 – Building Design

A high solar reflectance rejects heat from sun.

• The visible colour or the presence of near infrared reflective pigments affect the amount of heat that enters the building.



and



Lighter colours or reflective pigments increase the higher solar reflectance of materials, absorbing less heat.



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Million Cool Roofs Challenge



A \$2 million global competition to rapidly scale up the deployment of highly solar-reflective "cool" roofs in developing countries suffering heat stress and lacking widespread access to cooling services.

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Building envelope technology: reflectance impact on heat island



High density of low solar reflectance surfaces increases the heat absorption and heat islands in cities.



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Building envelope technology: air sealing

• Air sealing can account for 10-30% of heating and cooling loss. However, air sealing can be easily applied and verified with infrared camera and air pressure tests.





Sealing the connection



Thermal image



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Building envelope technology: air sealing



- Validated air sealing is a critical measure for building codes and renovation
- Testing of large multi-family buildings can be expensive possible to institute sampling and workmanship criteria to reduce cost
- More research needed to offer more affordable testing but many low cost and simple solutions exist today
 - New research is occurring on a whole building air-based sealant (to seal the building envelope), by the inventors of Aeroseal (for duct sealing)



Advanced technologies: building envelope and modelling

Examples of some of the newest technologies

• Sealing:

- Aeroseal for ducts
- Aeroseal for building envelopes
- Insulation:
 - Vacuum insulated panels
 - Aerogel insulation
 - Phase-change material insulation

• Windows:

- Dynamic glazing (tinting)
- Solar PV integrated clear windows
- Data collection and energy models:
 - Drive by image collection and satellite image collection translated to building energy models



Integrated Design Process: Tier 2 – Passive Systems



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Integrated Design Process: Tier 2 – Passive Systems

Passive systems are reliant on Tier 0 (site design) and Tier 1 (building design), and include:

- Passive cooling
 - Ventilative cooling (natural ventilation)
 - Evaporative cooling (airflow and water)
 - Earth cooling (underground)
- Passive heating (trombe wall and greenhouse effect)
- Passive lighting (daylighting)

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Heat gains Natural ventilation Light shelves **Systems**

Integrated Design Process: Tier 3 and 4 – Mechanical Systems

Tier 3: After all of the passive options are used, mechanical systems can deliver the designed comfort:

- Active heating systems
- Active cooling systems
- Fans
- Active lighting





Tier 4: Meet the rest of the energy demand through renewables to get to net zero

- Renewable heat: solar thermal, waste heat, cogeneration
- Renewable electricity: solar photovoltaic, wind, purchased renewable energy

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How the integrated design process works in practice



• Design charrettes

- Working together to benefit from synergies offered between disciplines.
- Regular design charrettes throughout project.

Why?

For example, by optimising the glazing area, building orientation, materials, and lighting power density, it may be possible to save on installed air conditioning capacity, or even remove the need for air conditioning altogether.



Experience shows:

- Cost-effective and energy efficient design (25-40% energy savings at no/ marginal cost increase) is possible if the **architect**, **engineer and client** work together in a design charrette/workshop during the early design phase.
- More savings are achieved when the architects and engineers continued to work together in the design phase



Timing for design charrette



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Supporting efficient design

Modelling tools

Certification

Commissioning





Example: high rise office building for France Ministry of Ecology



Option 3 ("bioclimatic" design): shallow floor plate (15.4 m depth) and longer building, with the same energy efficient technologies and

Option 4 ("bioclimatic" design with cross ventilation): shallow floor plate (15.4 m depth) and longer building with increased cross ventilation for peripheral and central zones and the same energy efficient technologies and ventilation as Option 2 & 3



Source: BEEP India

Building energy modelling

Example: thermal comfort without active cooling



Low cost housing project Smart Ghar, India

Source: BEEP India

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- Should be used throughout the design process from schematic design (early) to construction (end of design) to understand the impact of design decisions.
- At the early design stage, use simplified models or simplified modelling:
 - Simplified model: such as using "wizard mode" in eQUEST that pre-fills information so that you do not have to enter in all data.
 - **Simplified modelling**: such as modelling one zone of the building

eQUEST ... the QUick Energy Simulation Tool







Building energy modelling

• Examples of analyses possible through modelling:



3D modelling of the building geometry



Daylight simulation of light levels Source: DesignBuilder



Internal and external temperatures over the course of a year

• Other building energy modelling software:





OpenStudio





BIM: Building Information Modelling

- What is it? Modelling in 3+ dimensions
- Why is it important?
 - Standardisation, lower cost
 - Facilitate resolving conflicts
 - Facilitates working as a cross disciplinary team
 - Modules for energy simulation, CFD, daylight modelling
 - Management over whole lifecycle of project







Source: Autodesk.com

Commissioning

• Commissioning is the process by which it is assured that the systems and components of the building are designed and installed according to the requirements of the client.

At each project stage: "Is the project still in line with what the client wants?"





Commissioning agent responsible for verifying that the design meets the requirements.



Building performance evaluation tools

Tools are available to help assess the design of a building project without requiring full building energy modelling, such as:

- **EDGE** is a free software, developed by the IFC, which quickly assesses the resource efficiency of a building design as compared to a baseline.
- The software evaluates the annual energy and water consumption, as well as the embodied energy of the materials.
- Can be used as a design tool to test the impact of different measures.
- The EDGE standard is also a certification.
- Accessible to not only building energy modellers, but the whole design team as well as the client.
- <u>www.edgebuildings.com</u>

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EDGE



Energy Efficiency Measures

- Reduced Window to Wall Ratio WWR of 40%
- External Shading Devices Annual Average Shading Factor (AASF) of 0.58
- Insulation of Roof Surface U Value of 0.45
- Insulation of External Walls U Value of 0.45
- Low-E Coated Glass U Value of 3 W/m² K and SHGC of 0.45
- Higher Thermal Performance Glass U Value of 1.95 W/m² K and SHGC of 0.28
- Natural Ventilation Corridors
- Natural Ventilation Guest Rooms with Auto Controls
- Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) Cooling System COP of 3.45
- Air Conditioning with Air Cooled Screw Chiller COP of 3.2
- Air Conditioning with Water Cooled Chiller COP of 5.39
- Ground Source Heat Pump COP of 4.65
- Absorption Chiller Powered by Waste Heat for Space Heating- COP of 0.7
- Recovery of Waste Heat from the Generator for Space Heating
- Variable Speed Drives on the Fans of Cooling Towers
- 🔲 Variable Speed Drives Pumps

- Sensible Heat Recovery from Exhaust Air Efficiency of 60%
- High Efficiency Condensing Boiler for Space Heating Efficiency of 90%
- High Efficiency Boiler for Water Heating Efficiency of 90% Variable Speed Hoods with Automated Fan Controls

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