# Central Valley Research Houses

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### Four Houses









### Four **Unoccupied** Houses



### **Simulated Occupants**



### Four Intensively Monitored Houses



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### **Two Cooling Systems per House**





# **Step 1: Flip Flop Experiment**

#### House System

### **Reference System**

- Switch every two days
- Simulated Occupants
- Simulated Occupant
  Thermostat Control
- Monitored Indoor and Outdoor Conditions (Incident Radiation, Wind, Temperature, Humidity)

### Caleb 2005, 4 BR, 2076 ft2, Approximately Current Code



### **HVAC & Ducts in Attic w Tile Roof**







# 2012 Caleb Site Heating Energy 2 Similar days in December



# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

#### House As Found (Yr 1)

- Forced Air Zoned Dampered System (2 Zones no Bypass)
- 9.25 EER 4 Ton AC
- Coil Airflow 215 CFM/ton
- 0.98 External Static Pressure
- ½ HP PSC Fan Motor (584W)
- No Nighttime Ventilation
- No Radiant Barrier or Roof Insulation

### **House After Retrofits**

- Capacity Shift Zoning by use of Damper Stops
- Replaced Outside Unit only 11 EER 2.5 Ton AC
- Coil Airflow 443 CFM/ton
- 0.41 External Static Pressure
- <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>2</sub> HP Concept3<sup>™</sup> (293W)
- 2075 CFM Whole House Fans on Schedule
- Foam "Globs" Under Roof Tile

#### **Caleb Annual Cooling Savings by Situation**

House Savings (Shell and System) between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 Shell Savings based on Reference System between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1

#### 35%

HVAC System Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1

#### 12%

Retrofit Round 2 will further determine the effect of Whole House Fans, 62.2 Level Ventilation, and Roof Retrofit

#### Fidelia - Built 1996, 4 BR, 1690 ft2, slab on grade



# Fidelia





# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### House As Found (Yr 1)

- 1625 CFM50
- R-30 Attic Insulation
- Double Pane Aluminum
  Windows 0.7 SHGC 0.65 U
- No Nighttime Ventilation
- No 62.2 Ventilation

#### **House After Retrofits**

- Air Sealing Top Plates and Penetrations 1168 CFM50
- Replaced with R-49
- Vinyl windows E3 glass
  SHGC-0.25 U-0.30
- 1593 CFM Whole House
  Fans on Schedule
- 62.2 Ventilation

# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### HVAC As Found (Yr 1)

- Single Zone Ducts between floors and Spider system in Attic R-4.2
- 3.5 Ton 9 EER Split AC with
  0.80 AFUE Furnace
- Coil Airflow 390 CFM/ton
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HP PSC Fan Motor (554W)

### **HVAC After Retrofits**

- Capacity Shift Zoning (damper stops) with upstairs ducts inside dropped ceiling R-8 Delivering to inside walls
- 1.4 (2) Ton 9.5 EER Heat
  Pump
- Coil Airflow 541 CFM/ton
- ECM/BPM Fan Motor (78W)

### **Original Duct System**





#### **Fidelia Annual Cooling Savings by Situation**

As Found House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System	Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System
<b>42%</b>	100%
Savings from Shell & HVAC between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 <b>71%</b>	Shell Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 <b>32%</b>
HVAC Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1	
57%	

#### Grange - Built 1948, 2 BR, 852 ft2, slab on grade







### Foil insulated ceiling and walls





# Single glazed aluminum sliders



### **Open Fireplace Cavity**



# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### House As Found (Yr 1)

- 762 CFM50
- R-5? Foil Attic Insulation
- R-5? Foil Wall Insulation
- Single Pane Aluminum Windows 1.1 U
- No Nighttime Ventilation
- No 62.2 Ventilation

#### **House After Retrofits**

- Air Sealing Fireplace Chase and Other Leaks 438 CFM50
- Replaced with R-49
- Replaced with R-10 Drill and Fill (2.5" Cavities)
- Vinyl windows E3 glass SHGC-0.25 U-0.30
- 1105 CFM Whole House Fans on Schedule
- 62.2 Ventilation

# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### HVAC As Found (Yr 1)

- Attic Ducts Branched Supply 38"10" long 14" dia. return Surface Area 33% of Floor A 95 CFM25 Leakage R-4.2
- 2.5 Ton 9.5 EER Split AC (2485 W) with 0.80 AFUE Furnace
- Coil Airflow 219 CFM/ton
- 1/3 HP PSC Fan Motor (361W)

### **HVAC After Retrofits**

- Return Shortened to 5 ft.
  Single 14" dia. trunk duct system with delivery box in new dropped ceiling in hall.
   Delivering to inside walls
   9 CFM25 Leakage R-8 Buried (R-25?)
- 1 Ton (compressor 11 EER 980 W) TXV to 6° Superheat Reorificed Furnace
- Coil Airflow 540 CFM/ton
- Concept3<sup>™</sup> BPM Fan Motor (80W)

### **Attic Air Sealing**





#### **Grange Annual Cooling Savings by Situation**

As Found House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System	Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System
65%	95%
Savings from Shell & HVAC between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1	Shell Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1
73%	61%
HVAC Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1	
31%	

#### Mayfair - Built 1953, 3 BR, 1104 ft2, crawl space







# Insulation Ceiling Minimal Wall & Floor None New HVAC



### **Only 3 Months Old**



### **Steel Casement Single Glazed**



# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### House As Found (Yr 1)

- 1437 CFM50
- R-11 Attic Insulation
- No Wall Insulation
- Single Pane Steel Casement Windows 1.1 U
- No Nighttime Ventilation
- No 62.2 Ventilation

#### **House After Retrofits**

- 212 CFM50 Reduction
- Replaced with R-49
- Drill and Fill to R-13
- Vinyl windows E3 glass
  SHGC-0.25 U-0.30
- 1520 CFM Whole House
  Fans on Schedule
- 62.2 Ventilation

# **Step 2 - Retrofits**

### HVAC As Found (Yr 1)

- Attic Ducts Branched Supply with long return 107 CFM25 Leakage R-6
- 2.5 Ton 11.5 EER Package AC
- Coil Airflow 362 CFM/ton
- X13 Fan Motor (320W)

### **HVAC After Retrofits**

- Extended supply plenum to rafters and did low tapins double insulated plenum, 27 CFM25 Leakage R-8 Buried (R-25?)
- 1.5 Ton (compressor 9.3 EER) TXV to 6° Superheat
- Coil Airflow 612 CFM/ton
- X13 Fan Motor (140W)

### **New Ducts**



# **Air Sealing**



### **R-49 Attic Insulation**



### **Drill and Fill**





#### **Mayfair Annual Cooling Savings by Situation**

As Found House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System	Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System
<b>62%</b>	89%
Savings from Shell & HVAC between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 74%	Shell Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 <b>60%</b>
HVAC Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1	
30%	