# Central Valley Research Houses

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## Four Houses









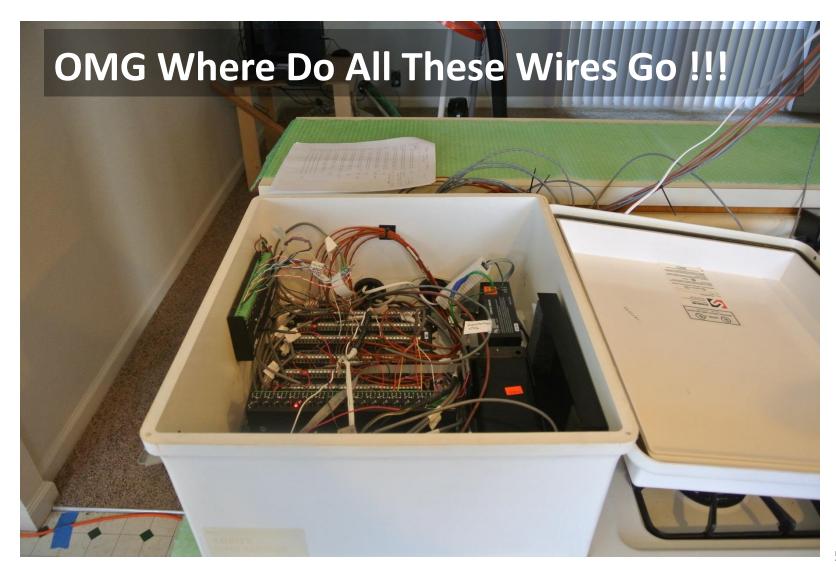
## Four **Unoccupied** Houses



## **Simulated Occupants**

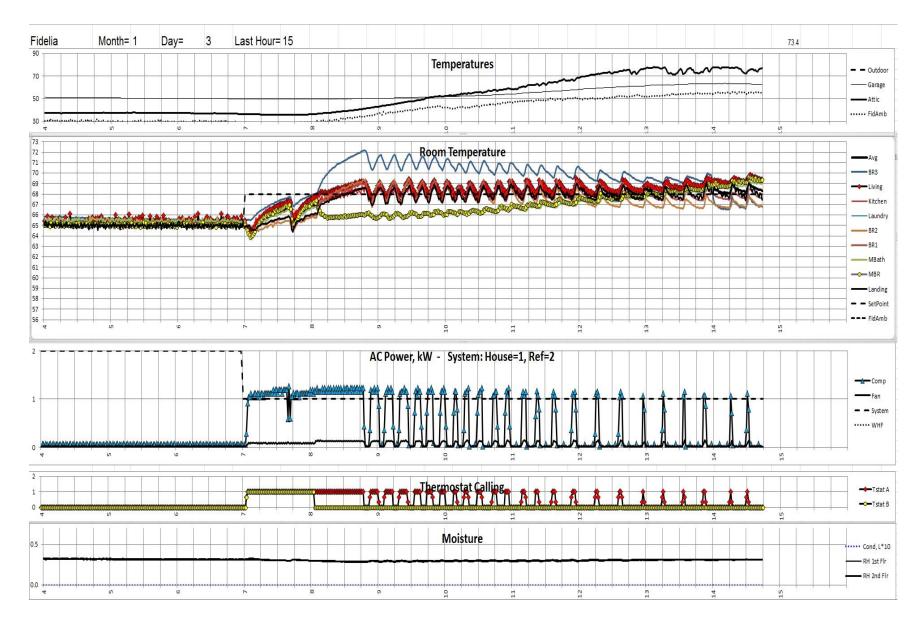


## Four Intensively Monitored Houses



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## **Two Cooling Systems per House**





## **Step 1: Flip Flop Experiment**

#### **House System**

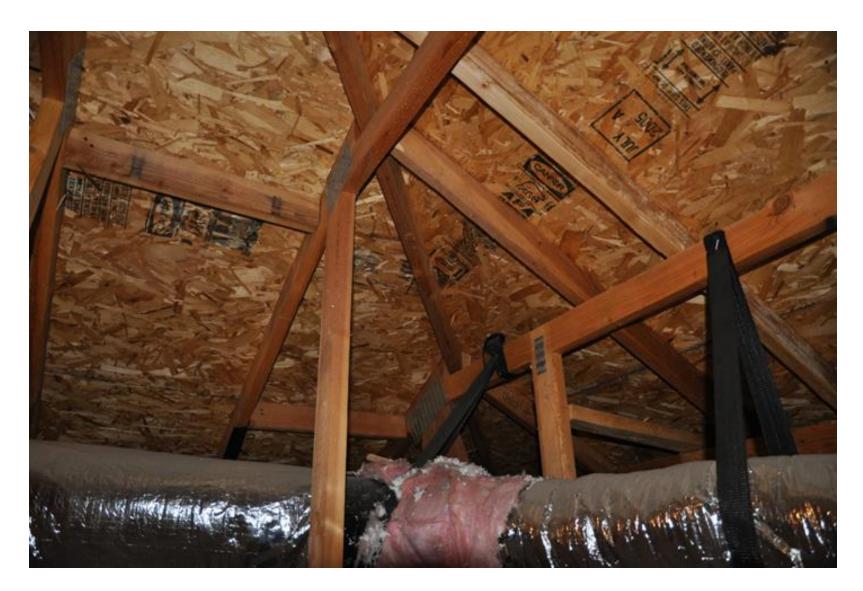
#### **Reference System**

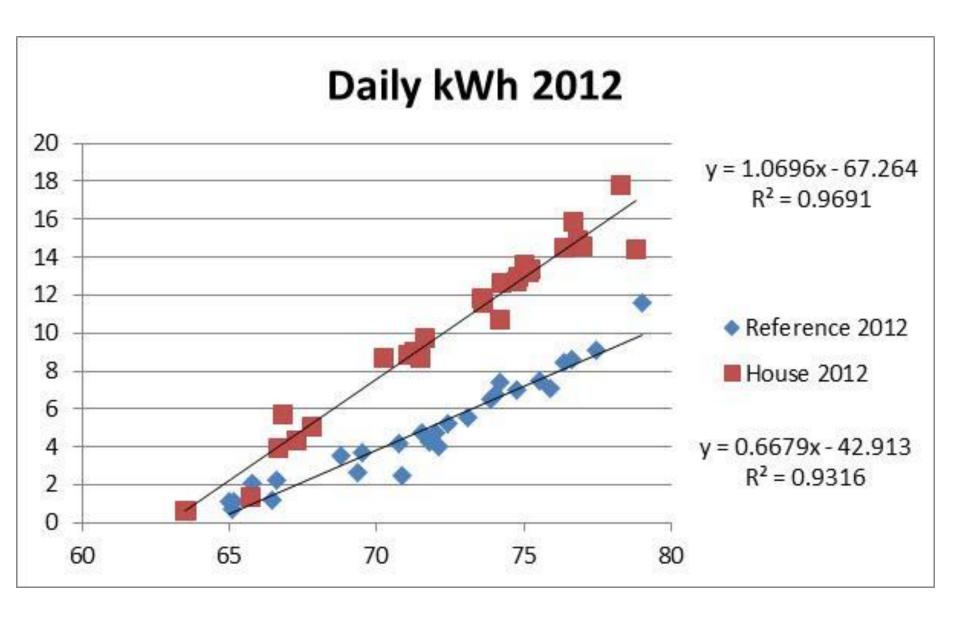
- Switch every two days
- Simulated Occupants
- Simulated Occupant Thermostat Control
- Monitored Indoor and Outdoor Conditions (Incident Radiation, Wind, Temperature, Humidity)

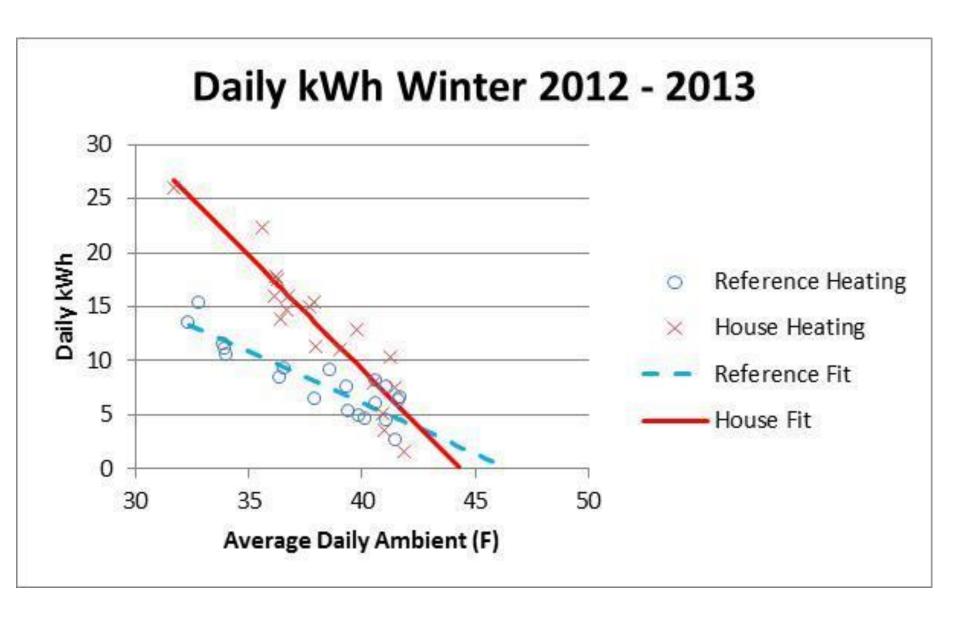
## Caleb 2005, 4 BR, 2076 ft2, Approximately Current Code



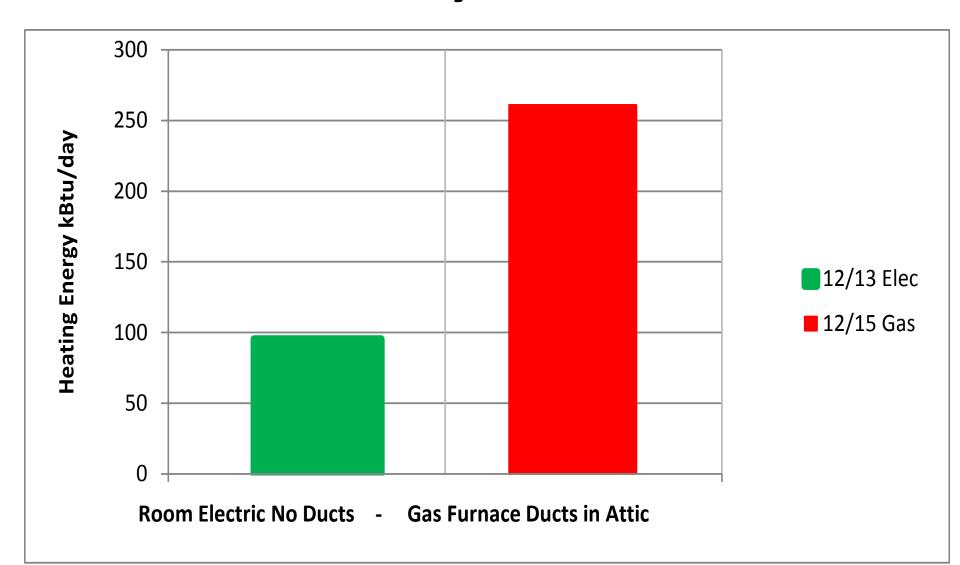
## **HVAC & Ducts in Attic w Tile Roof**







## 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
- ½ HP Concept3™ (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%

**12%** 

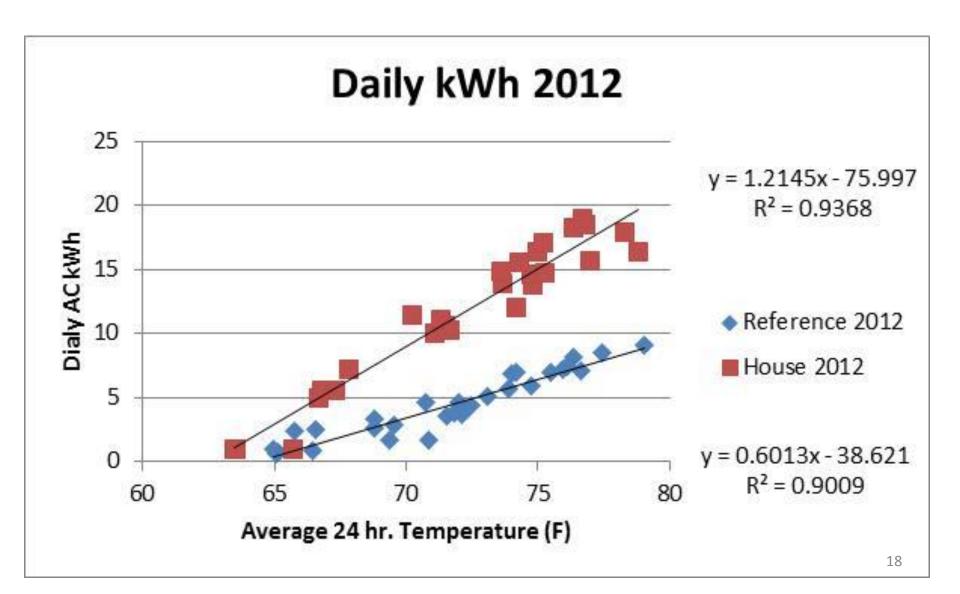
HVAC System Savings between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1 Retrofit Round 2 will further determine the effect of Whole House Fans, 62.2 Level Ventilation, and Roof Retrofit

**27%** 

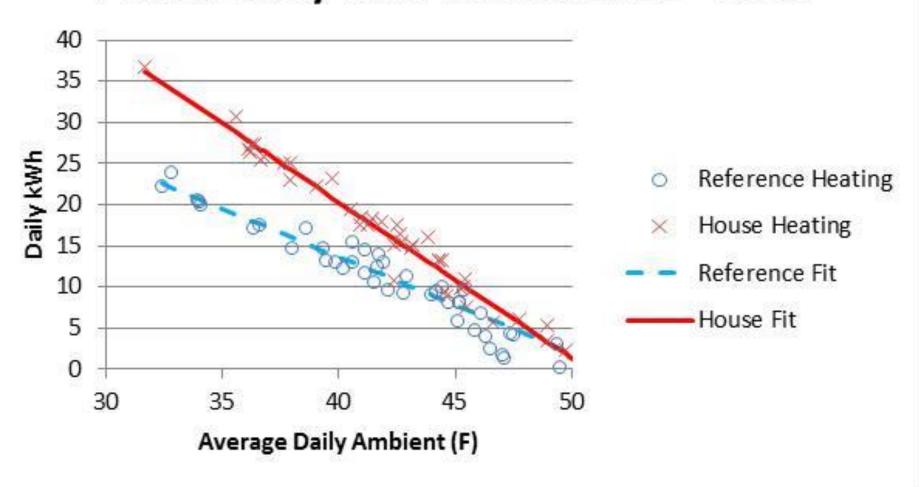
### Fidelia - Built 1996, 4 BR, 1690 ft2, slab on grade



## 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
- ½ HP PSC Fan Motor (554W)

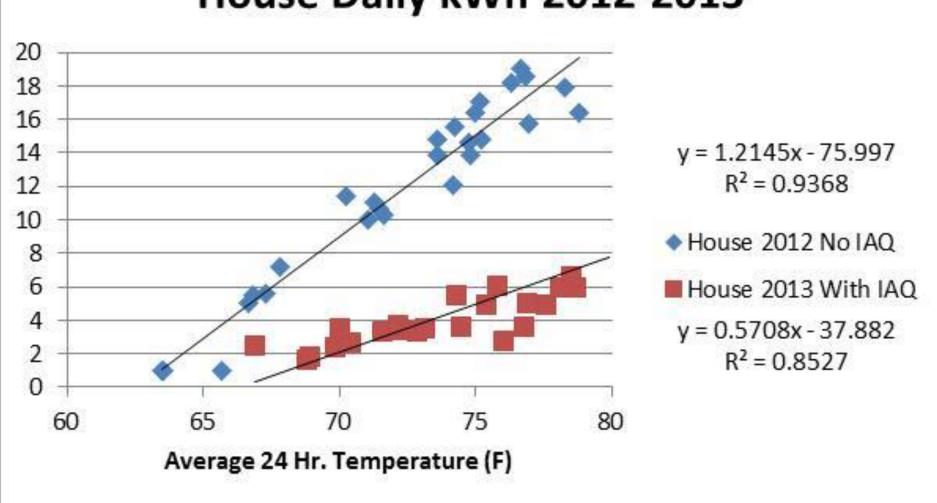
#### **HVAC After Retrofits**

- 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





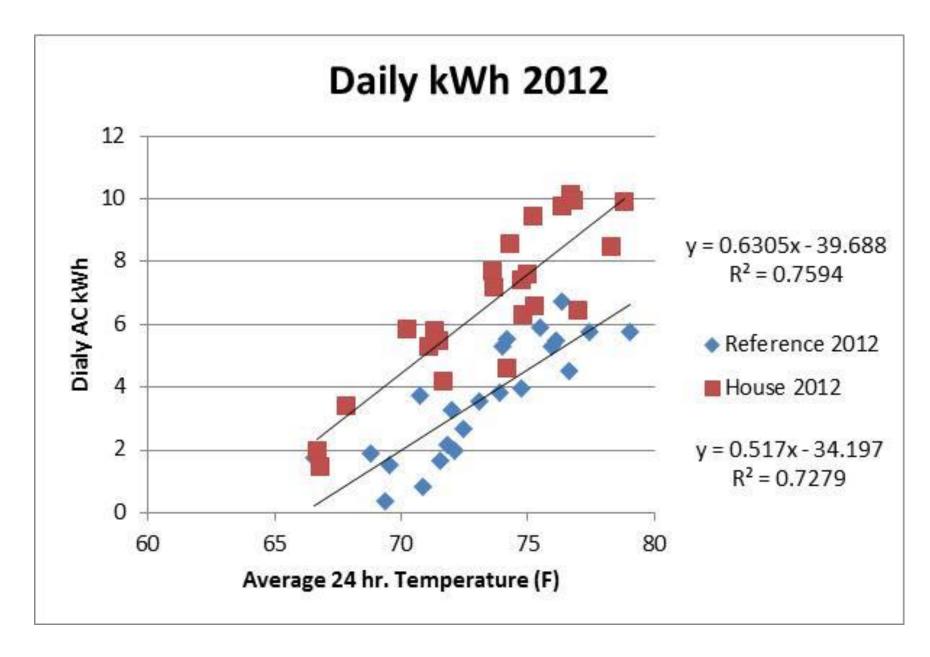


### **Fidelia Annual Cooling Savings by Situation**

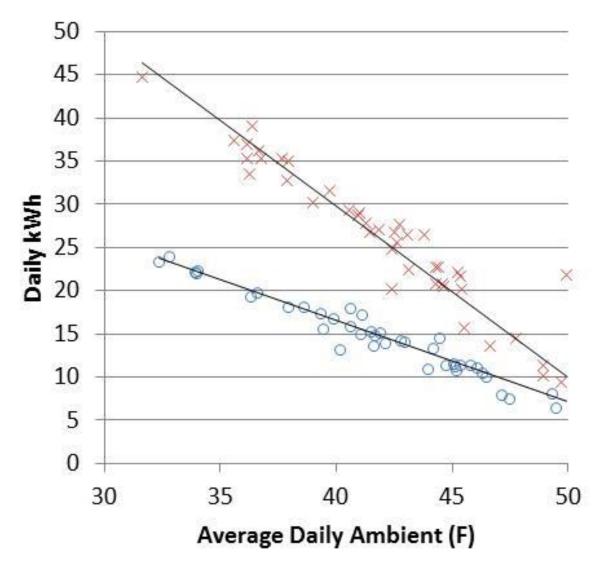
As Found House HVAC System Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System Efficiency vs. Ref System 42% 100% Savings from Shell & HVAC Shell Savings between As Found between As Found and Retrofit and Retrofit **Round Number 1 Round Number 1 71% 32% HVAC Savings between As Found** and Retrofit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

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





### Grange Daily kWh Winter 2012 - 2013



$$y = -0.9443x + 54.301$$
  
 $R^2 = 0.9261$ 

- Reference Heating
- × House Heating

$$y = -1.9847x + 109.21$$
  
 $R^2 = 0.9277$ 

## 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)

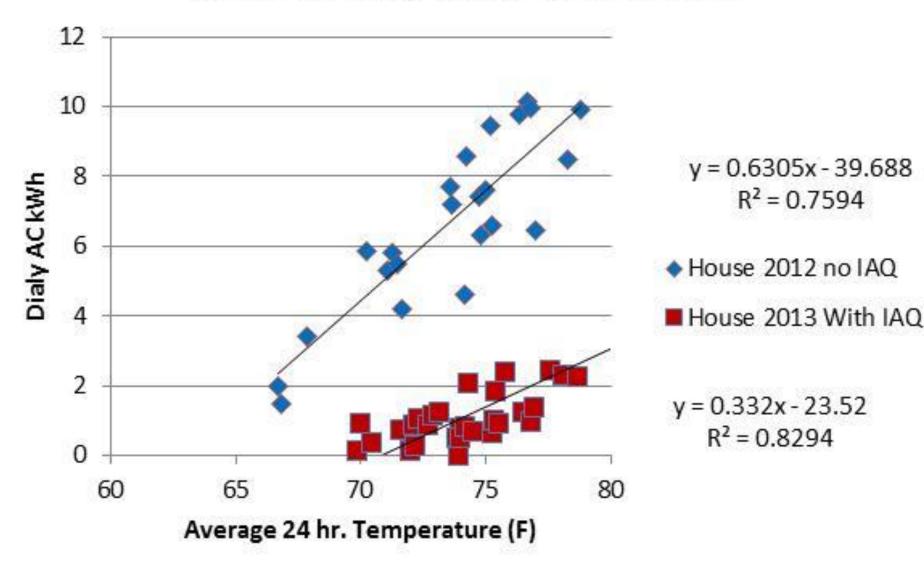
#### **HVAC After Retrofits**

- 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™ BPM Fan Motor (80W)

## **Attic Air Sealing**



## House Daily kWh 2012-2013



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

As Found House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System

65%

Savings from Shell & HVAC between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1

**73%** 

HVAC Savings between As Found and Retrofit

Round Number 1

31%

Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System

95%

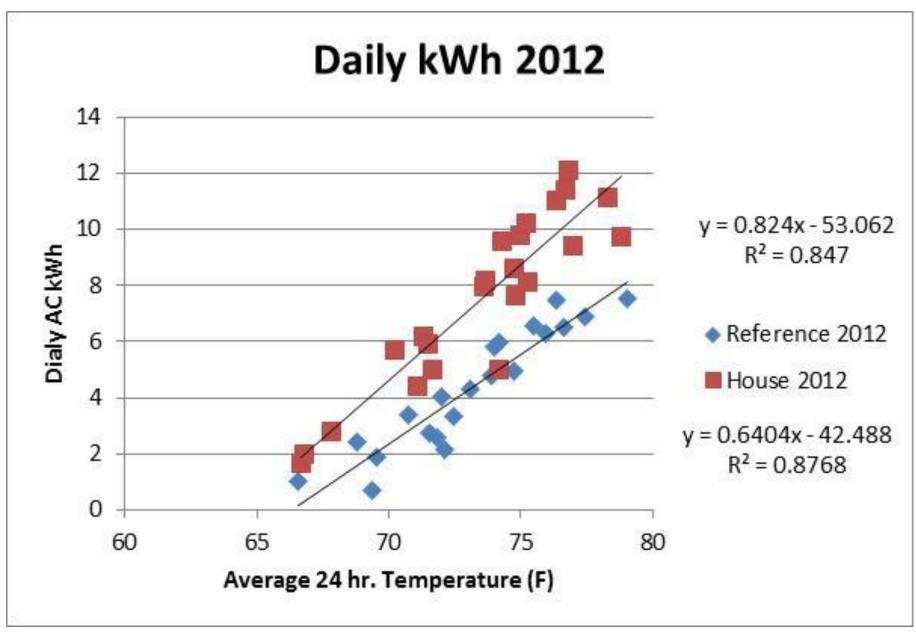
Shell Savings between As Found and Retrofit

Round Number 1

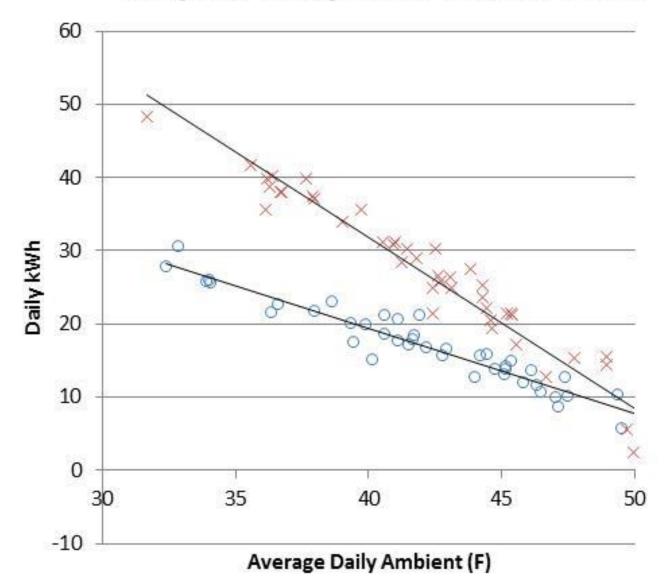
61%

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





### Mayfair Daily kWh Winter 2012 - 2013



$$y = -1.1616x + 65.919$$
  
 $R^2 = 0.9565$ 

- Reference Heating
- × House Heating

$$y = -2.335x + 125.16$$
  
 $R^2 = 0.9661$ 

# 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**

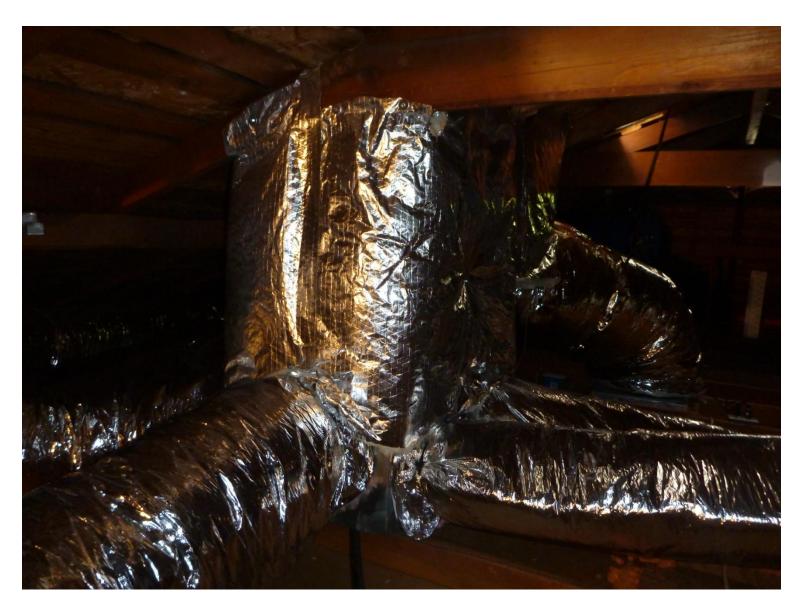
#### **HVAC** As Found (Yr 1)

- 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**



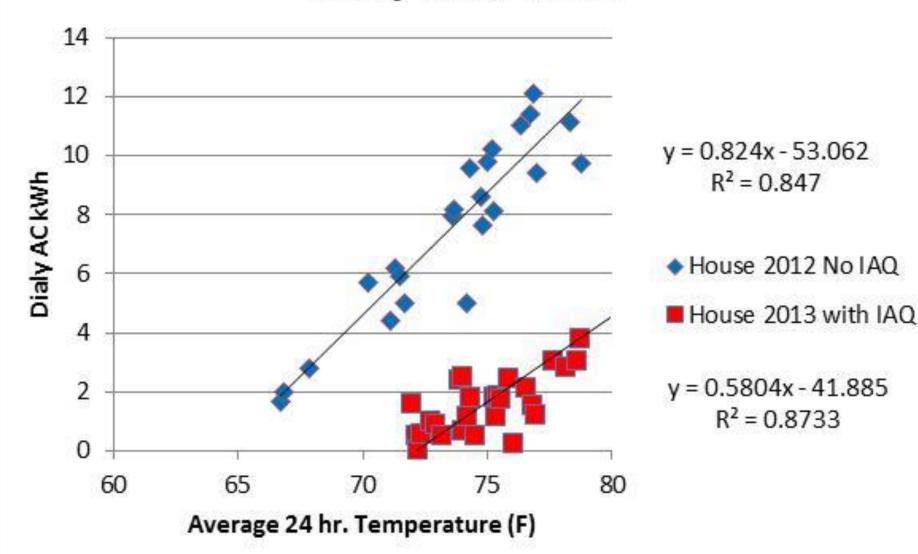
## **R-49 Attic Insulation**



## **Drill and Fill**



## Daily kWh 2012



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

As Found House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System

62%

Savings from Shell & HVAC between As Found and Retrofit Round Number 1

74%

HVAC Savings between As Found and Retrofit
Round Number 1

30%

Retrofitted House HVAC System Efficiency vs. Ref System

89%

Shell Savings between As Found and Retrofit

Round Number 1

60%