

Part 1
Strategy,
Process &
Design

Introduction





Performance & Occupant Evaluation Late 2022

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16
Net-Zero
Energy
Projects

23
Passive House
Designers/
Consultants

Passive House Projects

Net-Zero Carbon projects

Introduction

Integrated Team

- UBC SALA: research
- NRCan: funding body
- AME Group
- Jarvis Engineering
 Consultants
- Aquacoast
- RDH
- RJC



- Perry + Associates
- CFT: code consultant
- Terratek: PV
- Enerpro: metering
- CADmakers: constructibility review

Introduction

About Evolve

- 103,000 SF
- 6 storeys
- Wood-frame
- 110 rental units
- Faculty & staff housing
- In construction
- UBC Vancouver



Passive House Certification targeted	Evolve	Req's
Heating Demand kWh/m²/yr	11.0	≤15
Heating Load W/m²	8.5	≤10
Cooling Demand kWh/m²/yr	0.4	≤15
Cooling Load W/m ²	0.0	≤10
Frequency of Overheating %	0	≤10
Primary Energy Renewable kWh/m²/yr	65	≤60

Building Performance Strategy



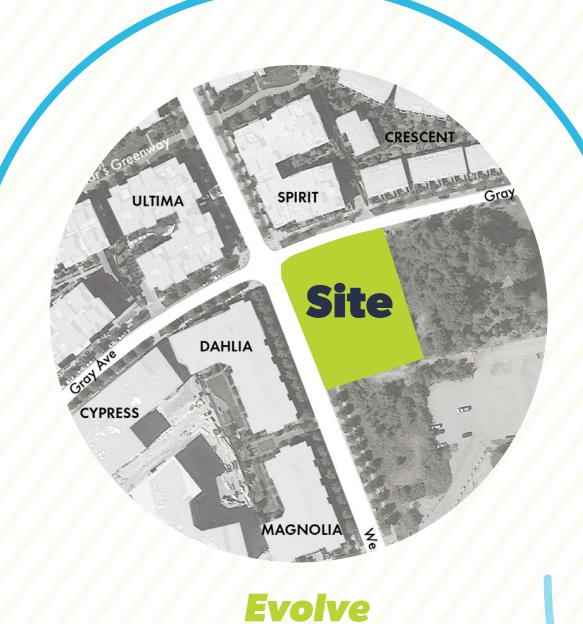
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Why Evolve?



Lot 11 (late DD)







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...energy performance drives design decisions?

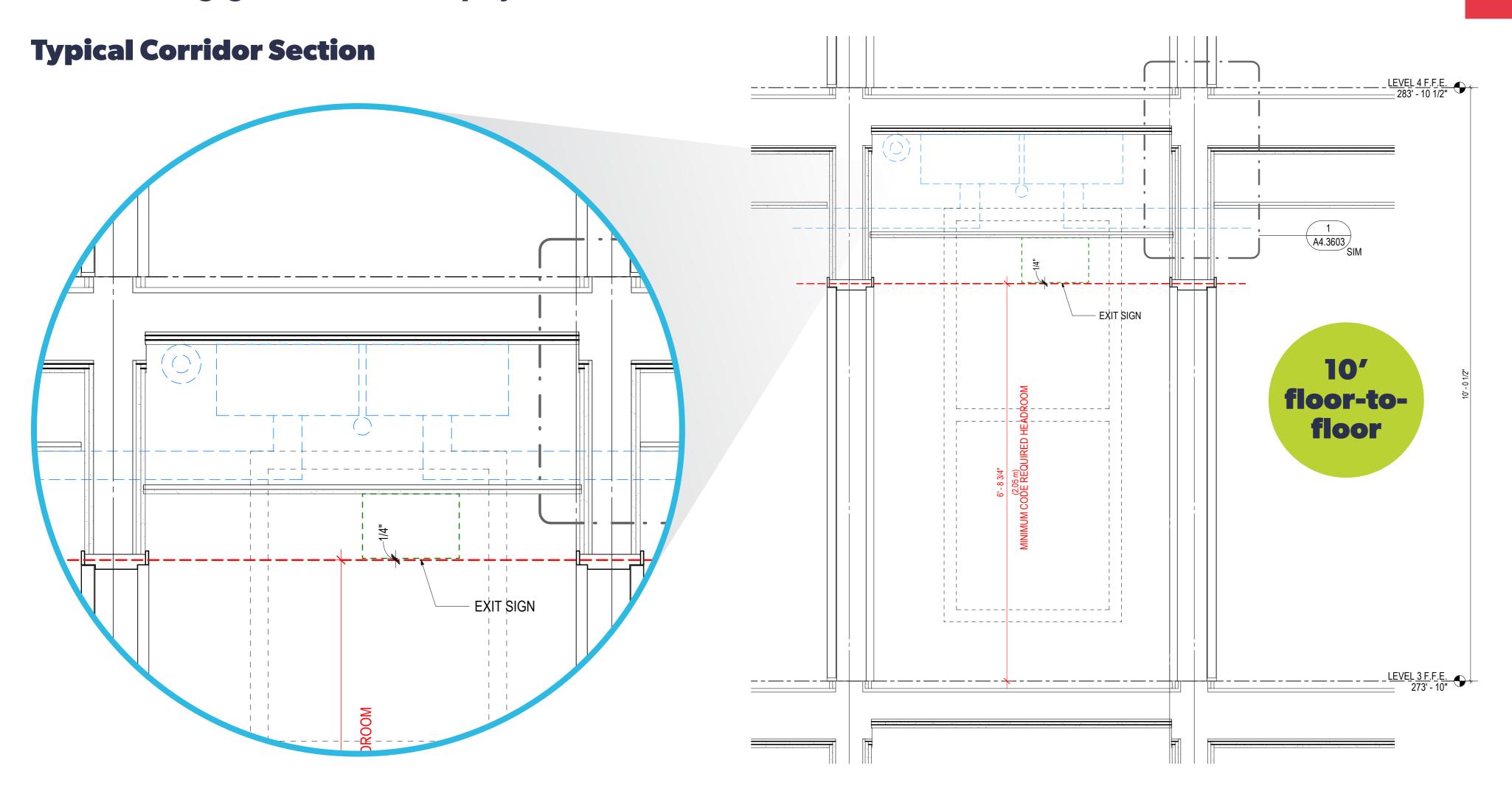
...we share lessons learned

...we consider overheating as a design driver?

...Evolve can be a demonstration project?

WHAT IF we engage consultants from project kick-off?





Leverage team experience to achieve cost savings and energy use reduction through coordination.

















WHAT IF energy performance drives design decisions?





Be unapologetic—let the Passive House be a Passive House and the energy performance targets will be much simpler to meet.















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Shading

• Operable and fixed exterior shades and fin walls on east/west elevations help mitigate solar heat gains.



• Shading strategy designed specifically for each elevation.



Partial Cooling

- Cooling coil integrated in HRV for partial cooling.
- VRFs and high efficiency HRVs.
- Zoned HRVs (north/south wing and west/east wing) with 85% efficiency provide simultaneous heating and tempered cooling throughout.





Future (warmer) climate conditions are real and must be planned for early in design.













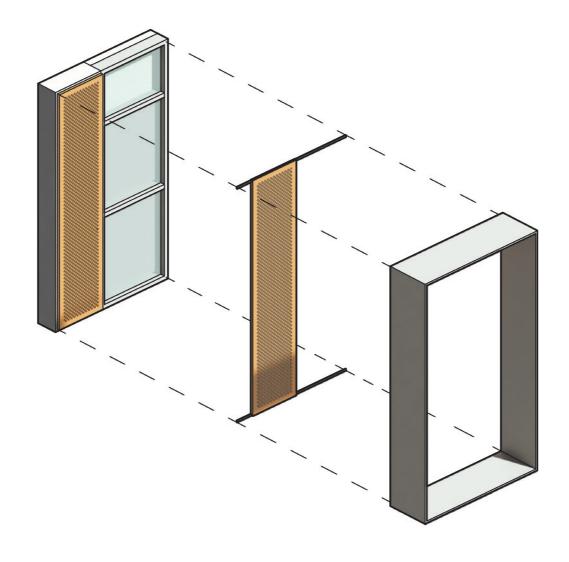




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Typical Window



Summer Solstice



Equinox (hot day)



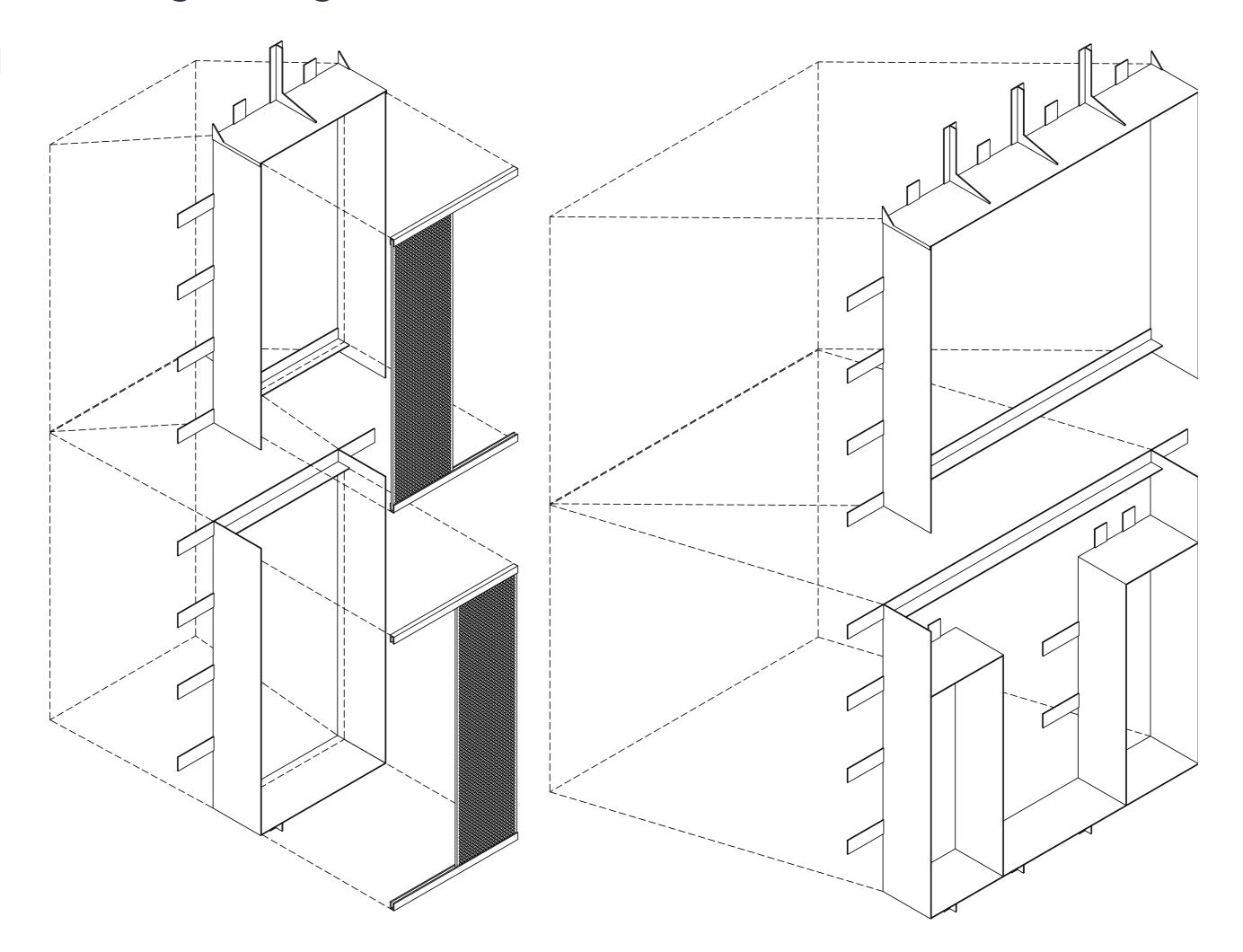
Equinox (cold day)



Winter Solstice



Window Shroud Assembly



Understanding the overheating challenge early presented a design opportunity for passive strategies.











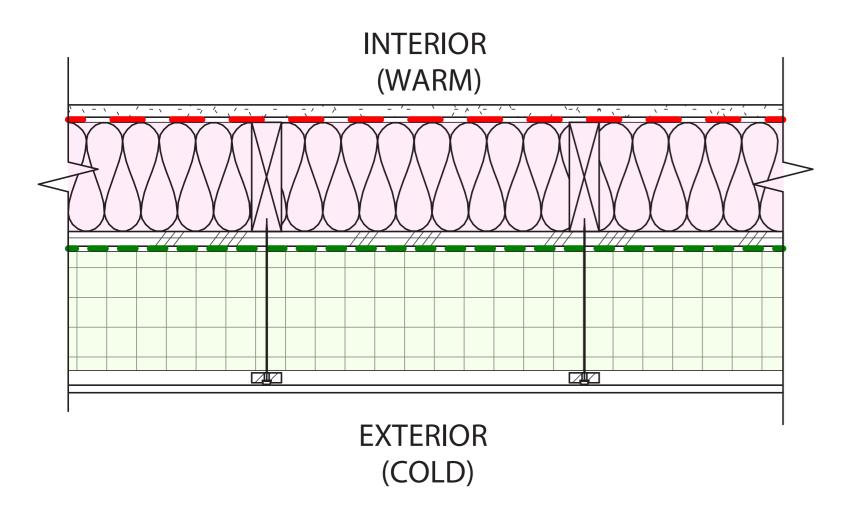




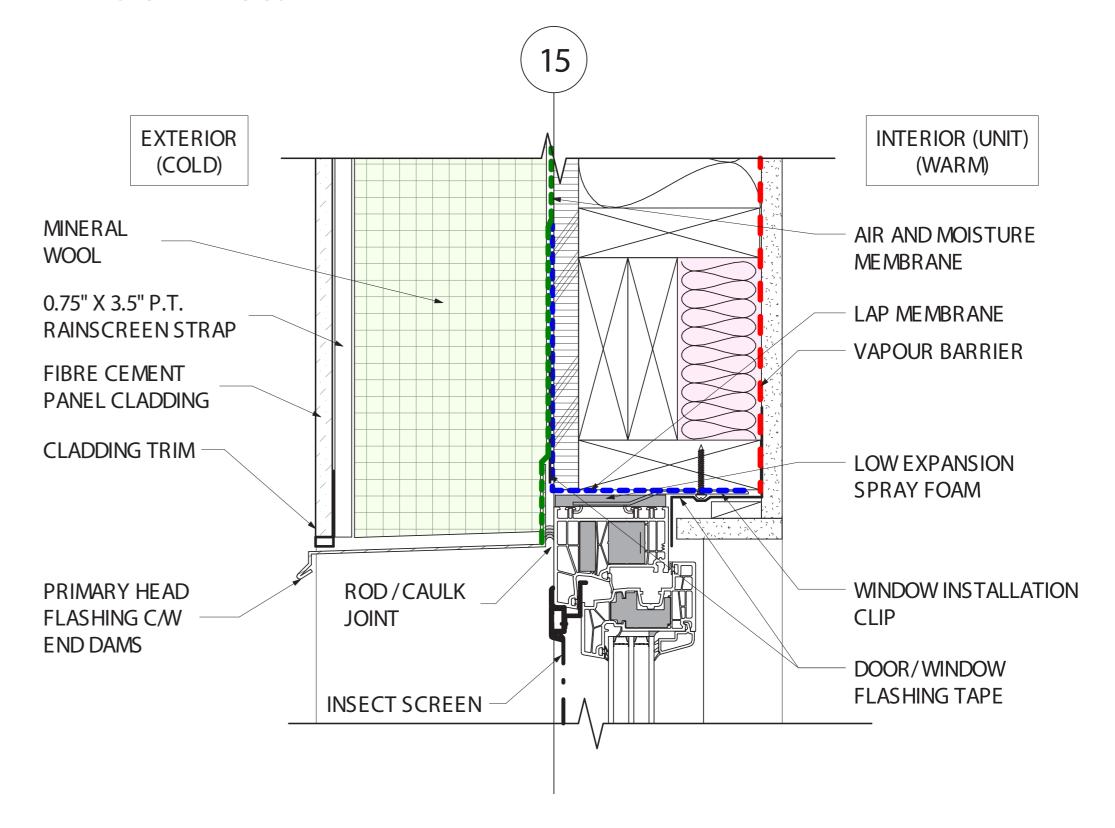
WHAT IF Evolve can be a demonstration project?



Wall Assembly



Window Detail



Keep it simple, investigate key challenges, innovate where necessary.











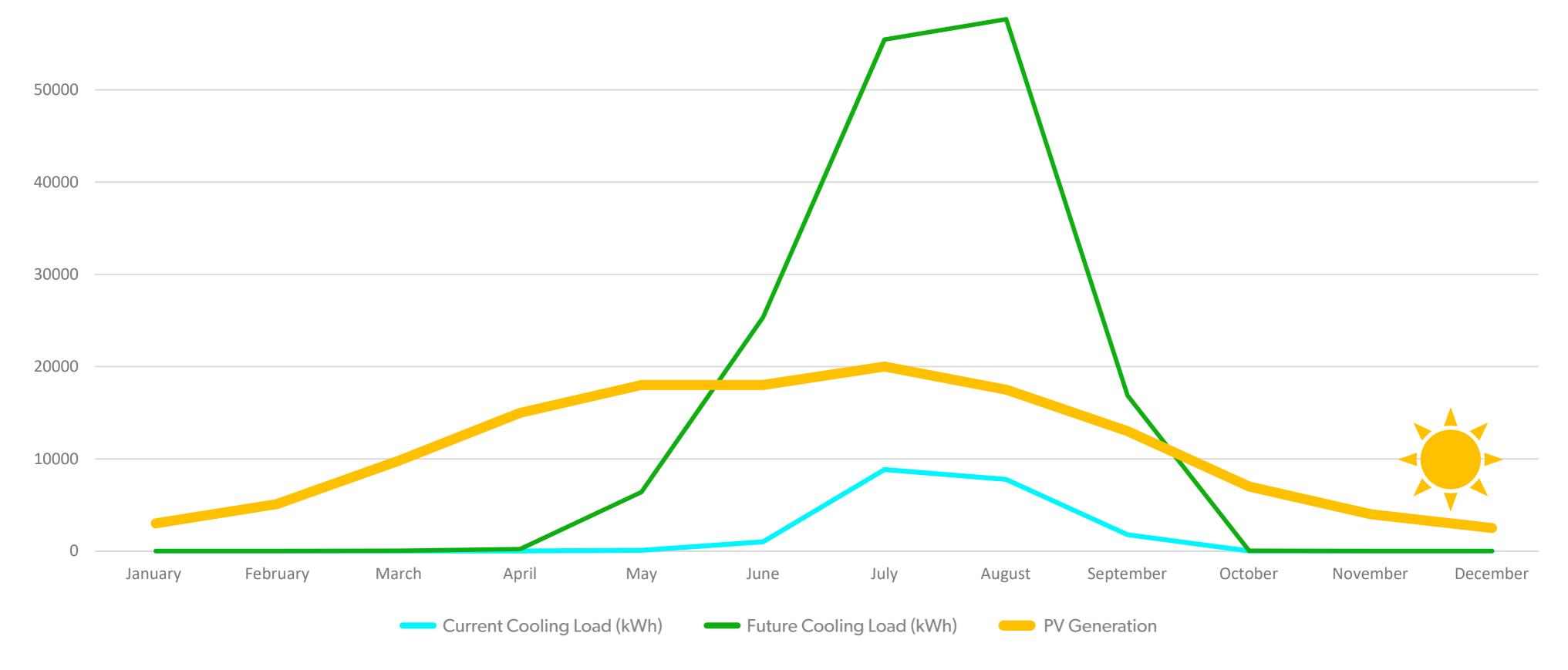






Cooling Load vs PV Generation

The proposed PV array has a 9.5 year payback and is able to offset the costs for cooling.













Overcoming Barriers + Repeatability in Design + Simplicity + Challenging Assumptions



Industry Transformation

















How much further could we have gone?

- Optimize plug loads
- Laundry (centralized vs in-suite)
- Off-site or campus PV strategy







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