

“RESNET, Home Raters, and Reflective Insulation Manufacturers: How All Can Work Together”

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Outline

- Introduction to Radiant Barriers (RBs) and Interior Radiation Control Coatings (IRCCs)
- Reflective Insulation Manufacturers' Association – International (RIMA-I)
- RESNET and RB and IRCCs
- RIMA-I Available Information Related to RBs and IRCCs
- Technical and Scientific Information
- Performance Data – Reduced Energy Consumption in Homes with Installed RBs and IRCCs

Radiant Barriers and Interior Radiation Control Coatings

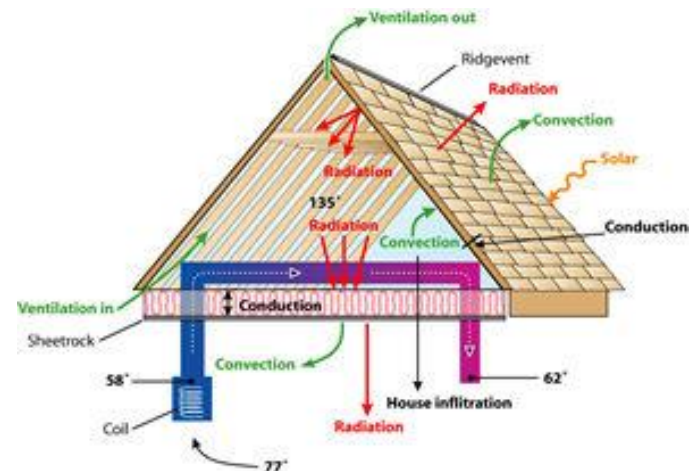
- Radiant Barriers (RBs) and Interior Radiation Control Coatings (IRCCs) function by reducing heat transfer by *radiation*.
- The thermal performance or the reduction of radiant heat transfer is proportional to the surface *emittance* of the RB and IRCC surface material and follows:

$$\dot{q}_{12} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{A_1 \epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \epsilon_2}{A_2 \epsilon_2}}$$

- Common building materials, such as wood, masonry, and fiberglass insulation have average surface emittances of approximately *0.85*; products defined as **radiant barriers** have surface emittances less than or equal to *0.1* and products defined as **interior radiation control coatings** convert surface emittances to *0.25* or less.

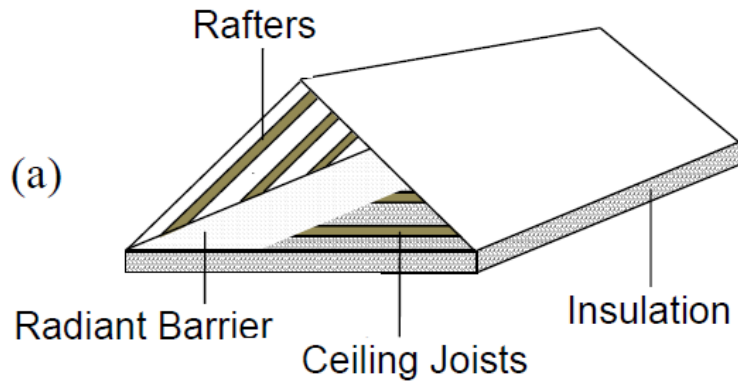


Source: “**Radiant Barriers: Performance Revealed**”
September/October 2000 Issue, Home Energy Magazine
By Mario A. Medina

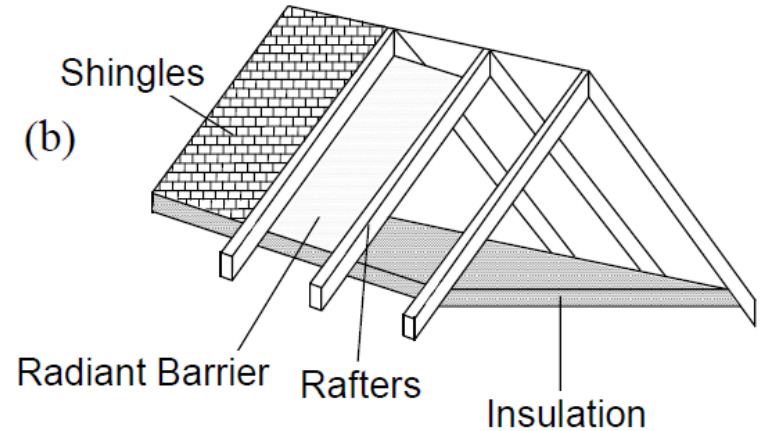


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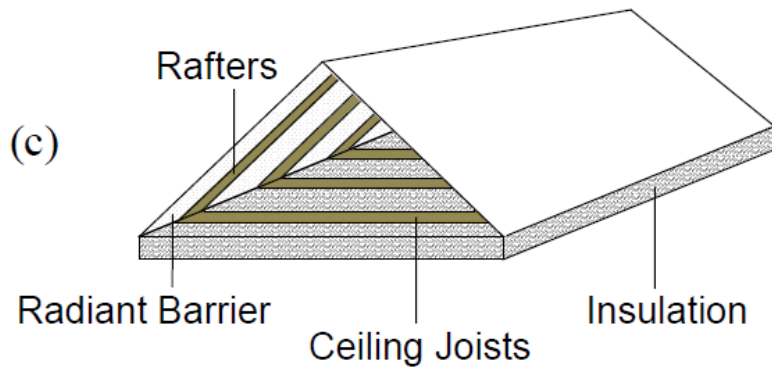
RB and IRCC Installations



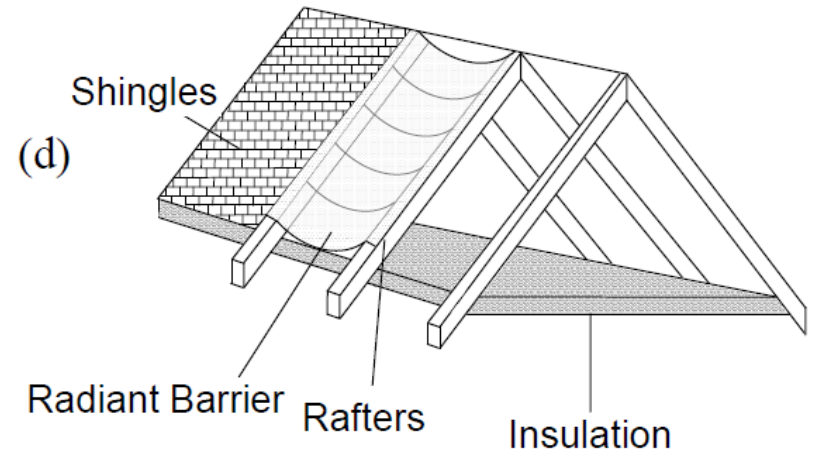
Horizontal Radiant Barrier



Truss Radiant Barrier



Deck Applied Radiant Barrier
Interior Radiation Control Coating



Draped Radiant Barrier

RB and IRCC Installations



**“Truss Radiant Barrier”
(TRB)**

**“Horizontal Radiant Barrier”
(HRB)**



**“Deck Applied Radiant Barrier”
(DARB)**



**“Interior Radiation Control Coating”
(IRCC)**

RB and IRCC Installations

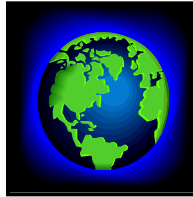


“Radiant Barrier Below Roof Tile”

About RIMA-I

The Reflective Insulation Manufacturers Association International is a non-profit association that represents manufacturers and distributors of reflective insulation, radiant barriers and interior radiation control coating materials (IRCCs).

RIMA-I's activities are guided by an active board of industry members who participate on national and regional levels of building code organizations and governmental agencies. The association went international in 2008 when more than 1/3 of the membership were outside North America.



I-RIM Conference

International Reflective Insulation Manufacturers Conference

Saving Energy Today for a Better World Tomorrow

Because of the growing interest and need for reflective research around the world, RIMA-I recently launched the International Reflective Insulation Manufacturers Conference which is held bi-annually alternating between North America and overseas.

For example, the last two events were held in 2010 in Barcelona, Spain and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in May 1-2, 2012.

RESNET and RBs and IRCCs

- About RBs Chapter 4 (Insulation) of the RESNET Accredited Rater Training course states:
 - *Radiant Barriers*
 - *Aluminum material bonded to Kraft paper.*
 - *Normally applied to the underside of the roof decking*
 - *Will drop attic temperature 20 to 30 F*
 - *Has to have air against the side with the barrier (attic) → RB/IRCC should face the attic space.*
- About RBs and IRCCs Chapter 8 (Cooling) of the RESNET Accredited Rater Training course states:
 - *Mentions paper faced radiant barrier*
 - *Refers to the one stapled to the rafters*
 - *Mentions IRCCs*
 - *Drops the attic temperature 20 to 30 F*
 - *Poor emitters*
 - *“You can expect up to 10 % energy savings depending on the climate and insulation level”*
 - *“We can expect more saving from using RBs than from improving attic ventilation”*

RESNET and RBs and IRCCs

- About RBs Section 115R Plans Specs and Gathering Data for RemRate of the RESNET Accredited Rater Training course states:
 - *“Check to see if radiant barriers are installed...”*

RIMA-I Information Available About RBs and IRCCs



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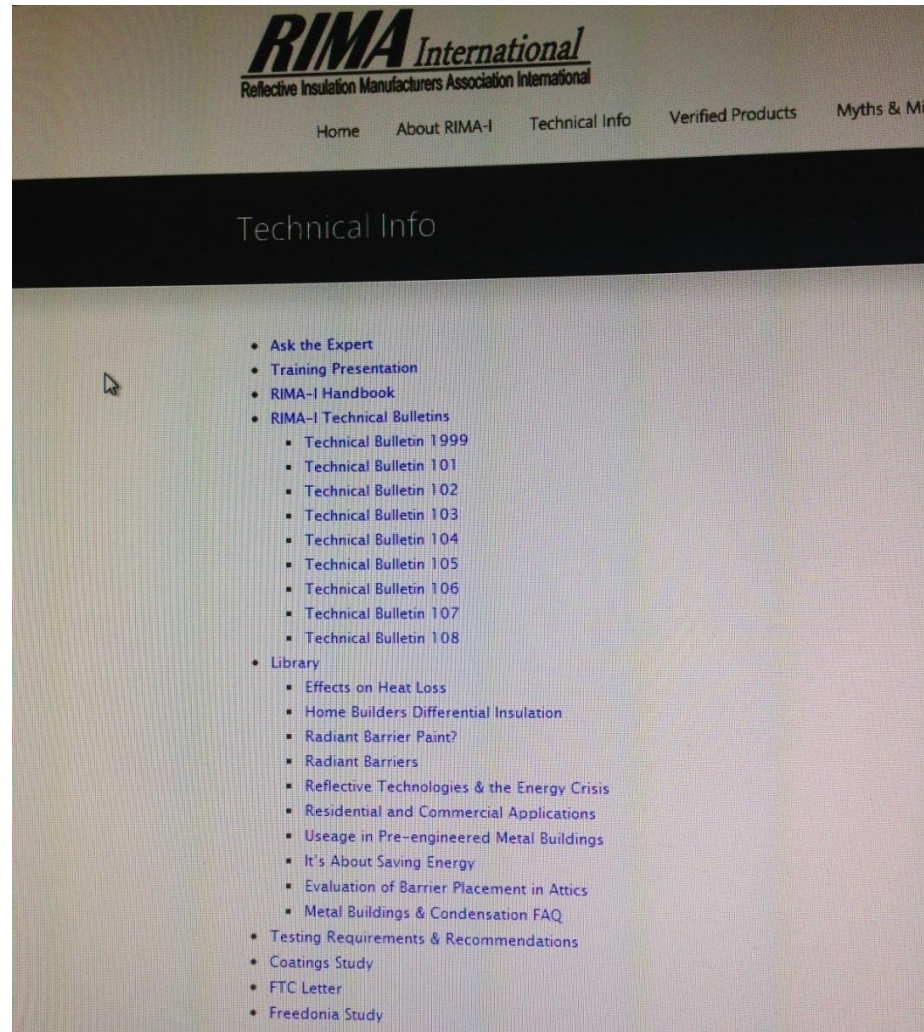
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From RIMA – International 's Website
<http://www.rimainternational.org/>

RIMA-I Information Available About RBs and IRCCs



Technical and Scientific Information

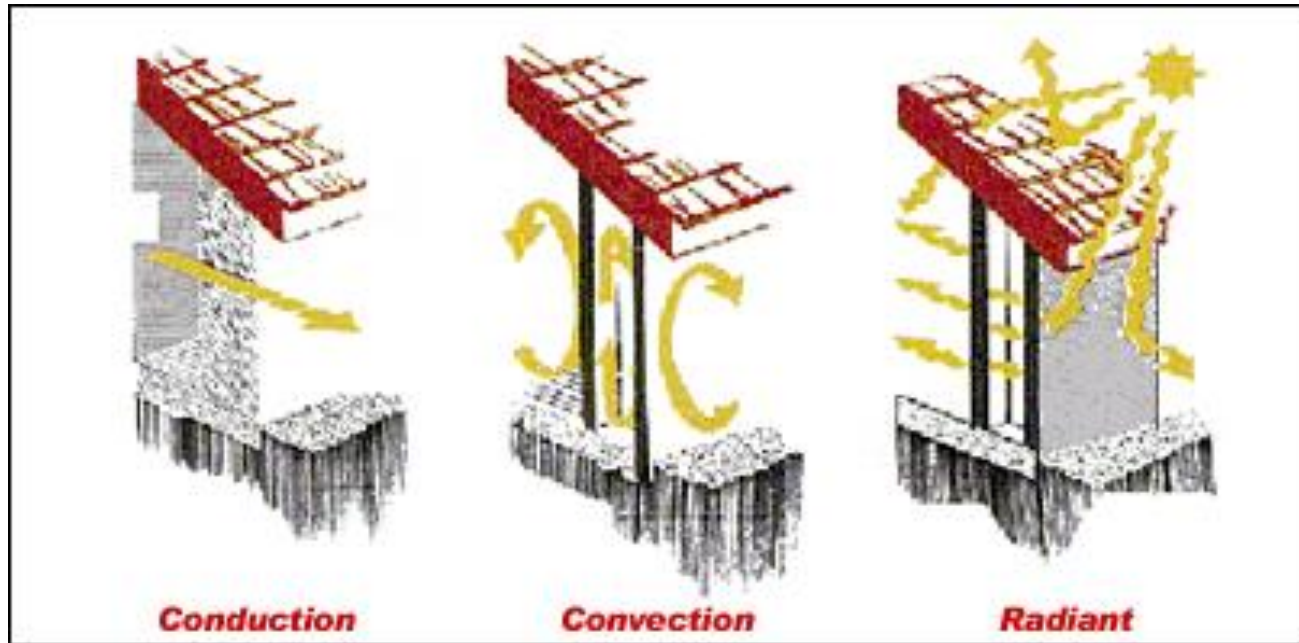
- Radiant barriers function by reducing heat transfer by radiation.
- The thermal performance or the reduction of radiant heat transfer is directly proportional to the surface emittance of the radiant barrier material.
- Emittance measurements of all materials range between zero (0), no radiant heat transfer, and one (1) that of a “blackbody” surface or complete radiant heat transfer.
- Common building materials, such as wood, masonry, and fiberglass insulation have surface emittances of approximately 0.85 and therefore have high radiant heat transfer rates.
- *Products defined as radiant barriers have surface emittances less than or equal to 0.1 or low radiant heat transfer rates and products defined as **interior radiation control coatings** convert surface emittances to 0.25 or less.*

How They Work

RBs and IRCCs work by reducing radiation heat transfer *across air spaces*.

Example: in residential attic applications, this radiation heat transfer is the one between the roof deck and/or end gables and the attic floor. This is the heat energy that is controlled (e.g. blocked) by the radiant barriers.

Modes of Heat Transfer

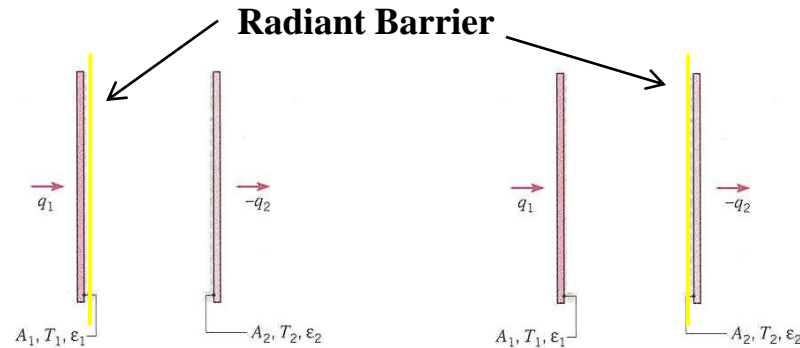


Source: Energy Savers of America

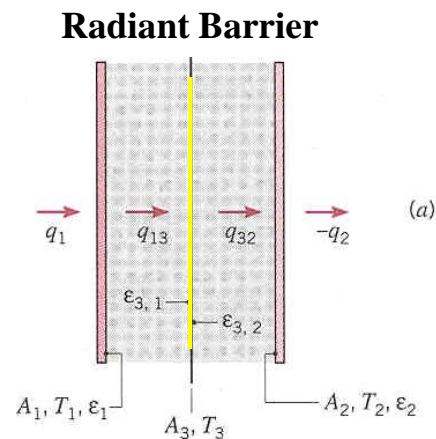
<http://www.btubusters.com/typesofheat.gif>

Radiant Barriers and IRCCs

Heat Transfer Schematic

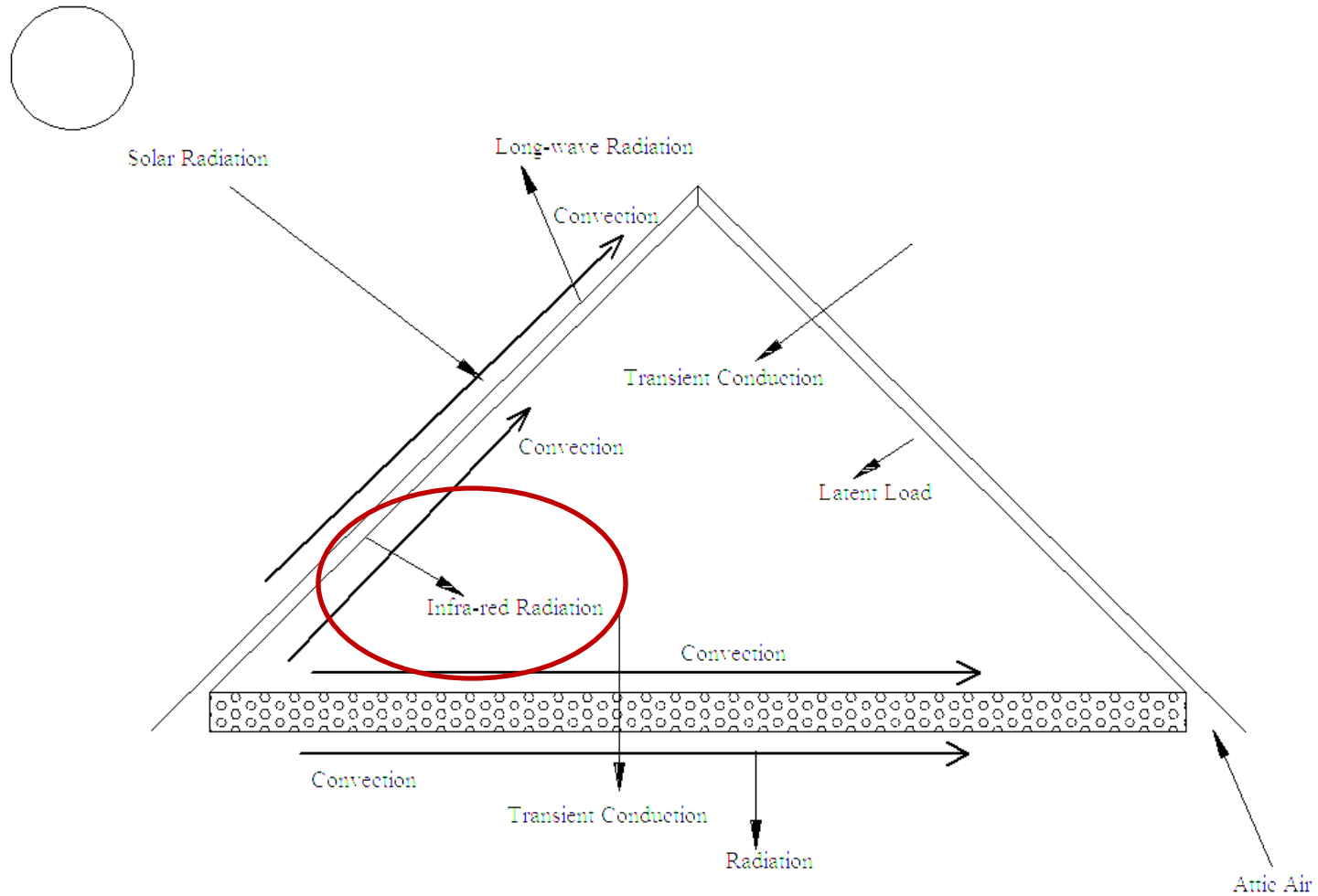


$$\dot{q}''_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1}$$

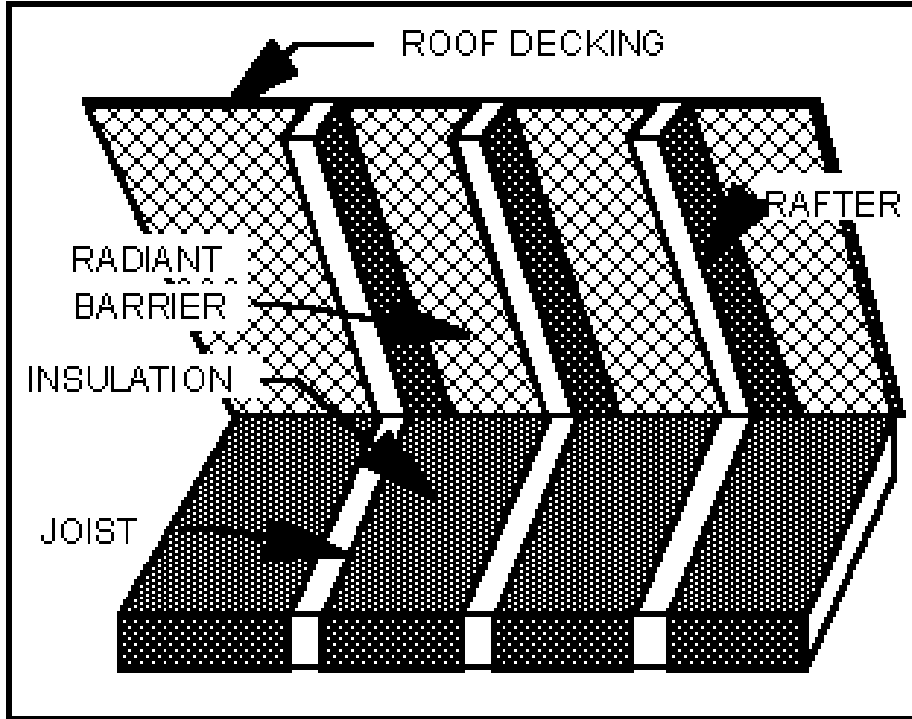


$$\dot{q}''_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,1}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{3,2}} - 1 \right)}$$

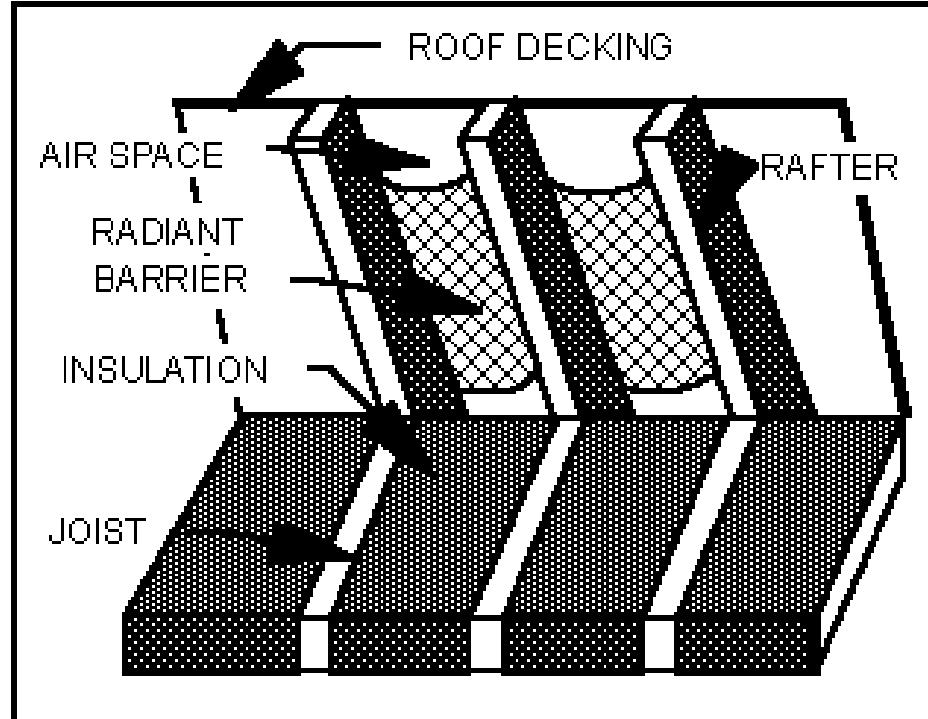
Attic Heat Transfer Schematic



Installation Configurations

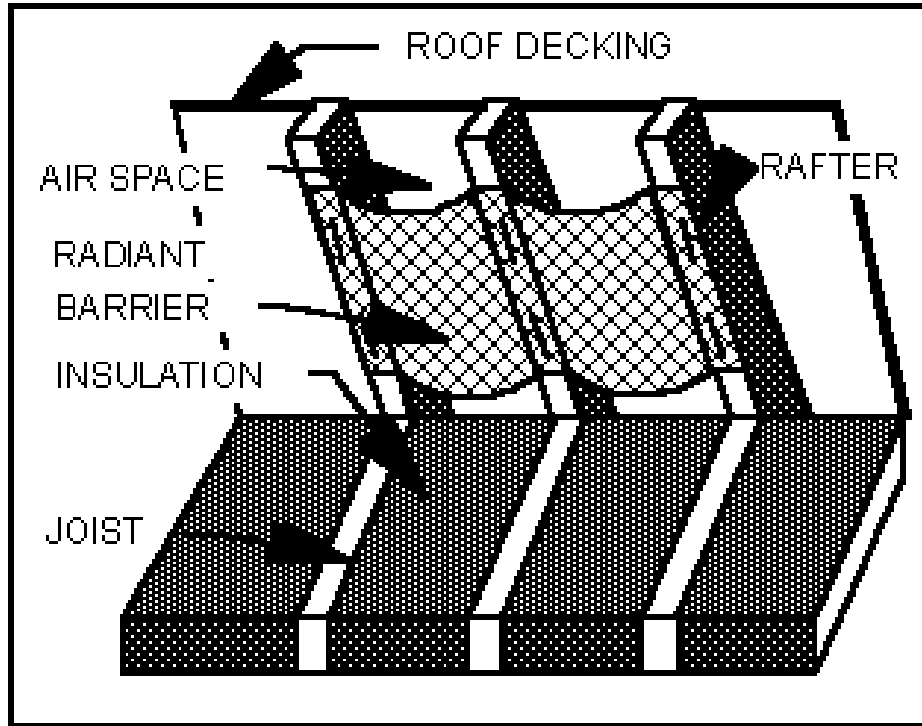


Deck Applied RB (IRCC)

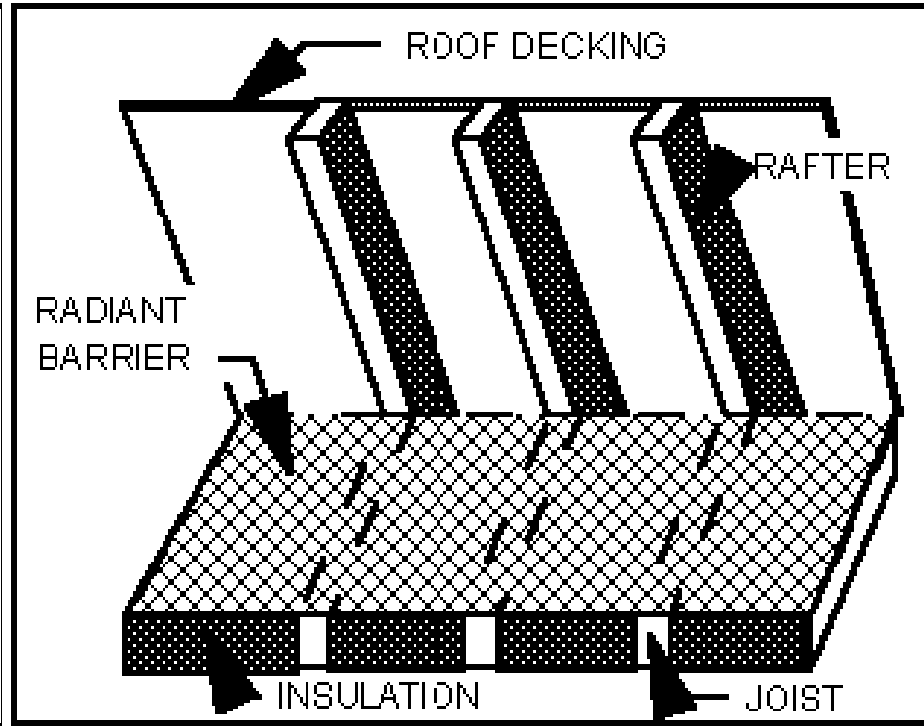


Draped RB

Installation Configurations



**Truss Radiant Barrier
TRB**



**Horizontal Radiant Barrier
HRB**

How Is Their Performance Assessed

Experiments

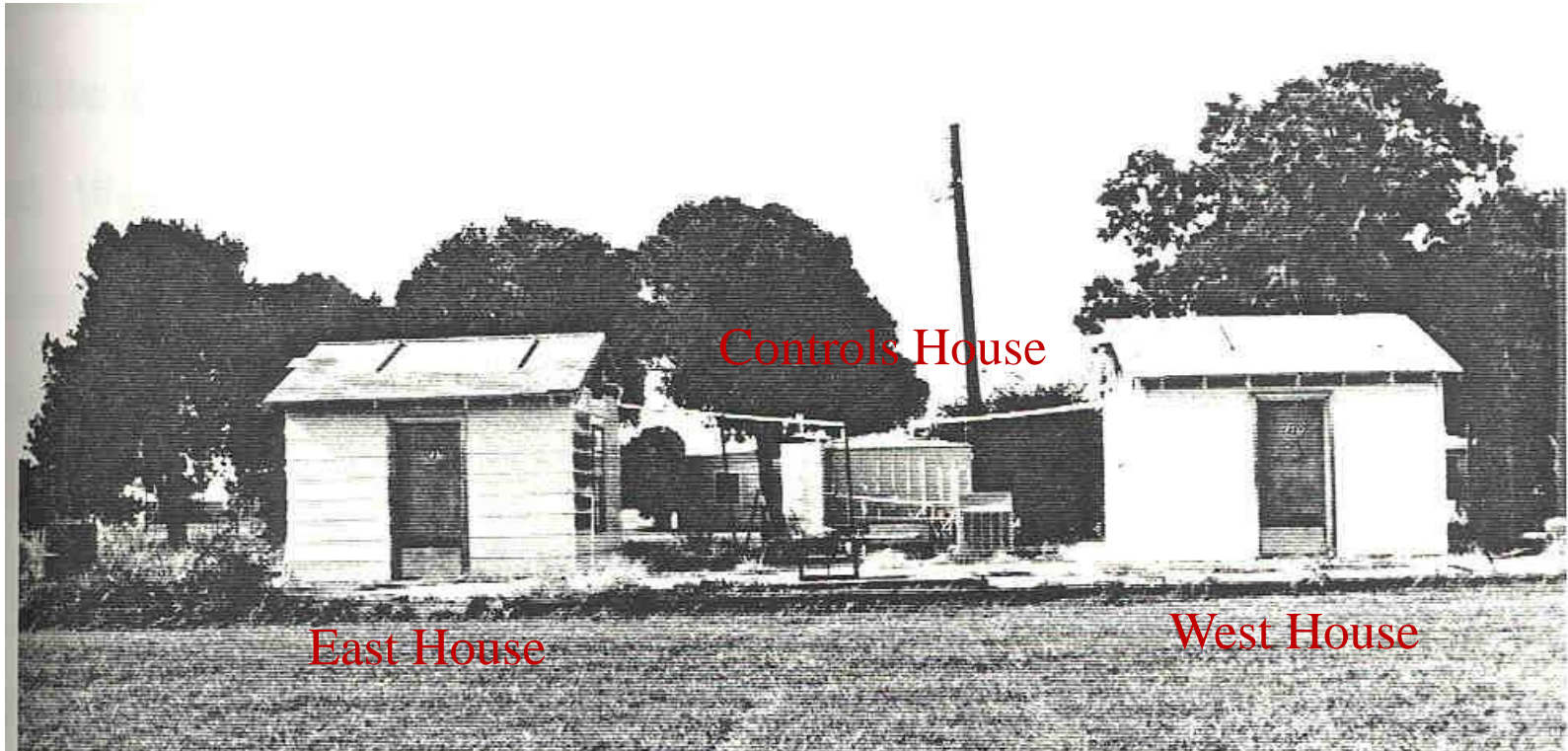
Side by side monitoring of pre- and post-retrofit data.

Modeling

Mathematical combination of thermal science theories that describe the heat and mass processes that take place in attic systems. Usually implemented with computers.

Model/Experiment Verification (Validation)

Experiments: Test Houses



Houses were 12 ft by 12 ft with 8 ft ceilings.

The houses were located in Central Texas. Climate is humid subtropical.

Houses thermal responses were identical prior to the retrofits.

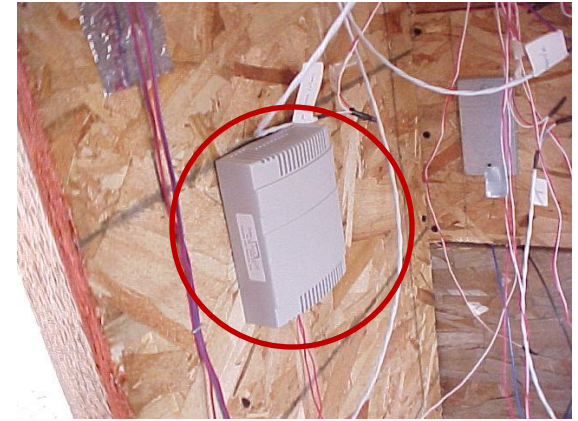
Experiments: Sample Sensors



Heat Flux Meter



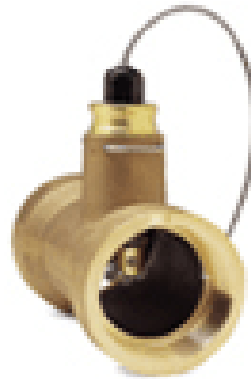
Thermocouple



**Relative Humidity
Transducer**



Pyranometer

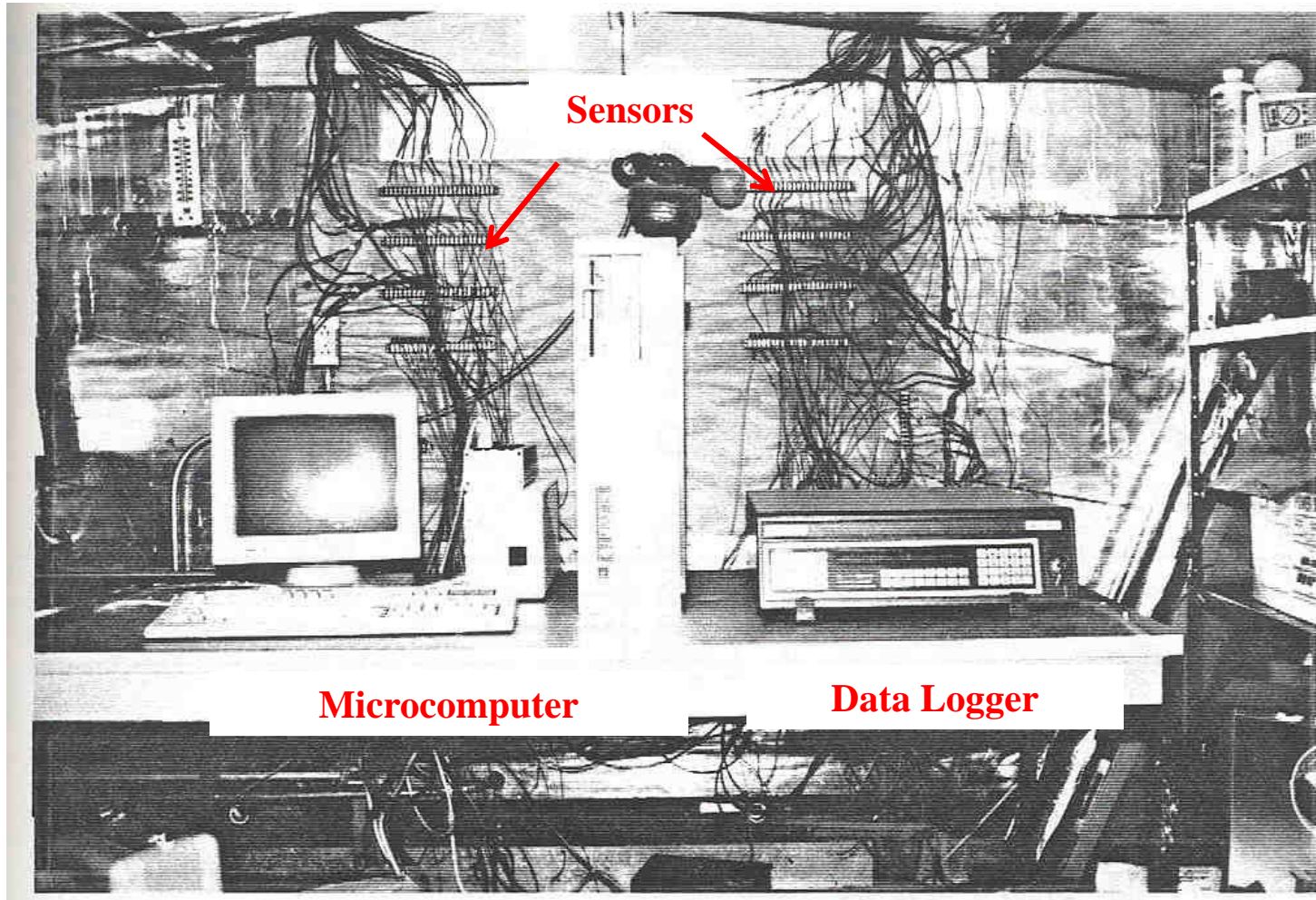


Turbine Mass Flow Meter



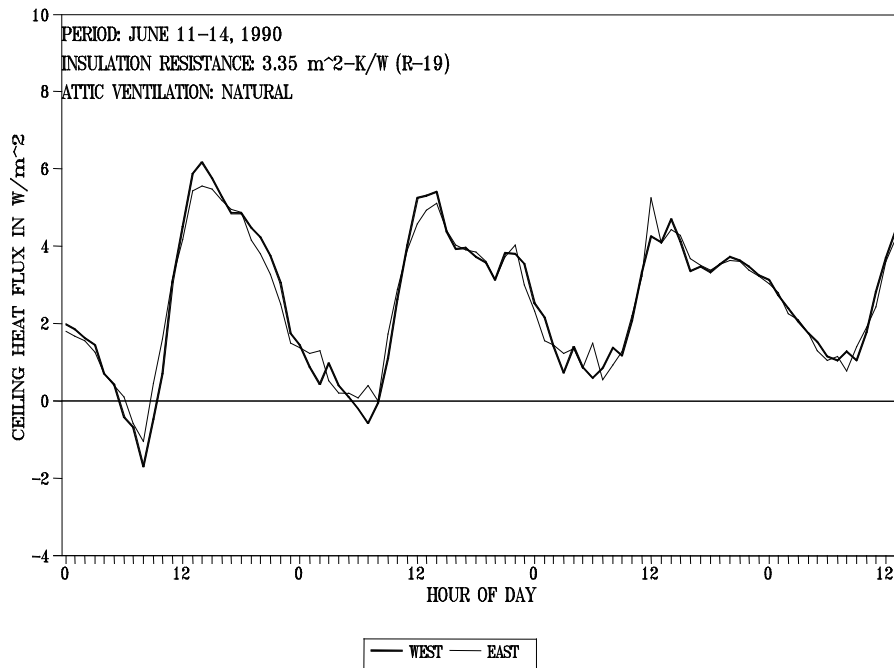
Anemometer

Experiments: Monitoring Equipment

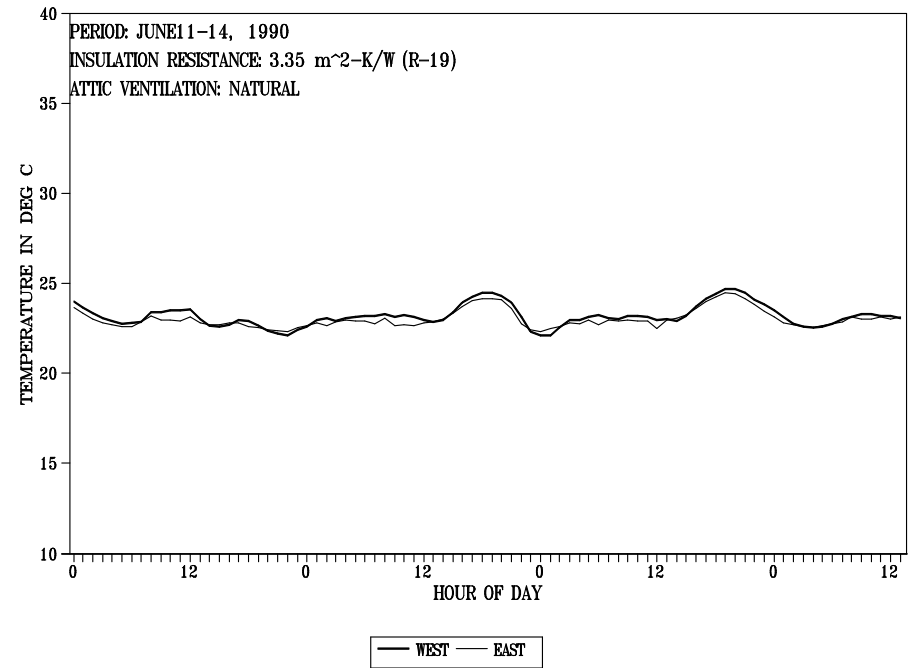


Experimental Results: Calibration (No RB)

Ceiling Heat Flux

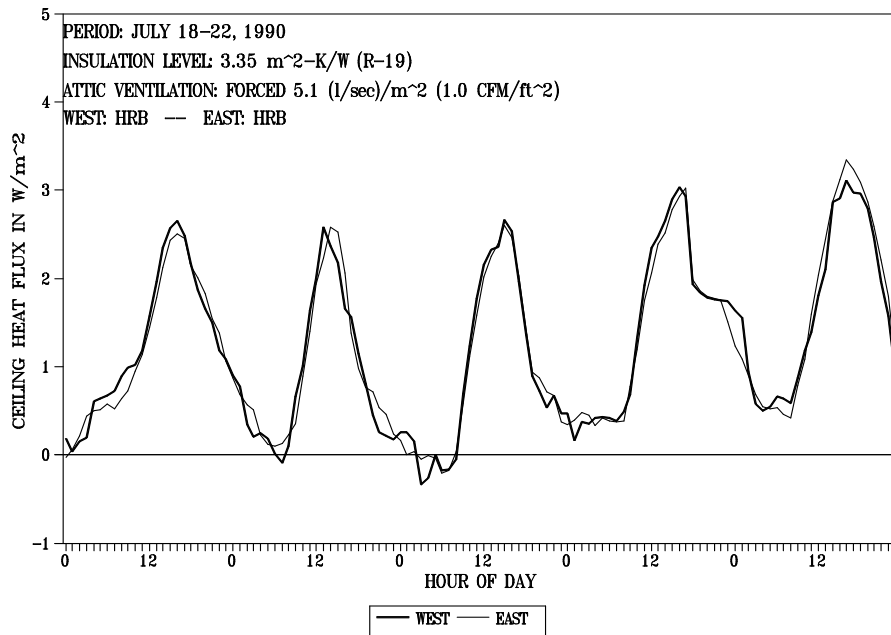


Indoor Air Temperature

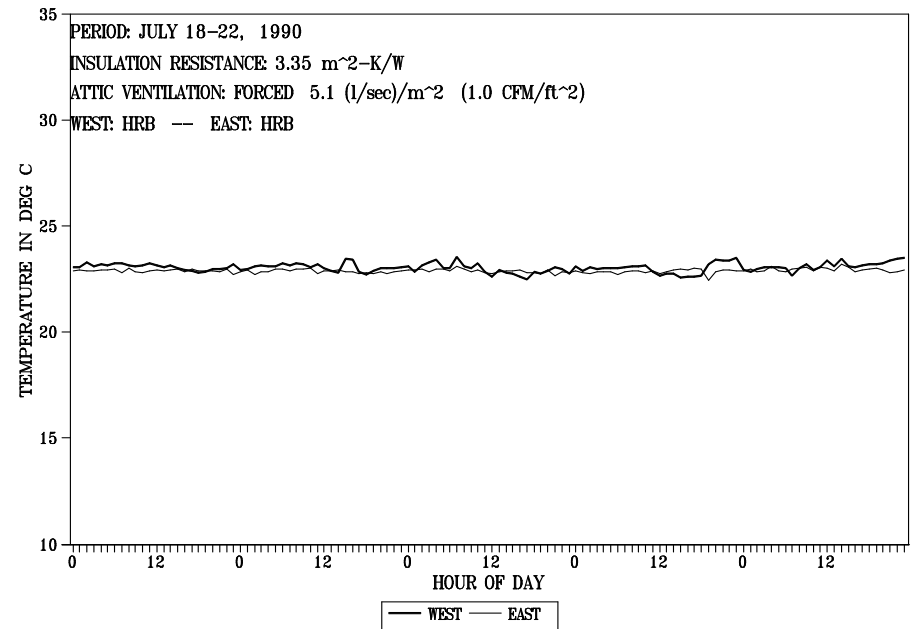


Experimental Results: Calibration (RB)

Ceiling Heat Flux



Indoor Air Temperature

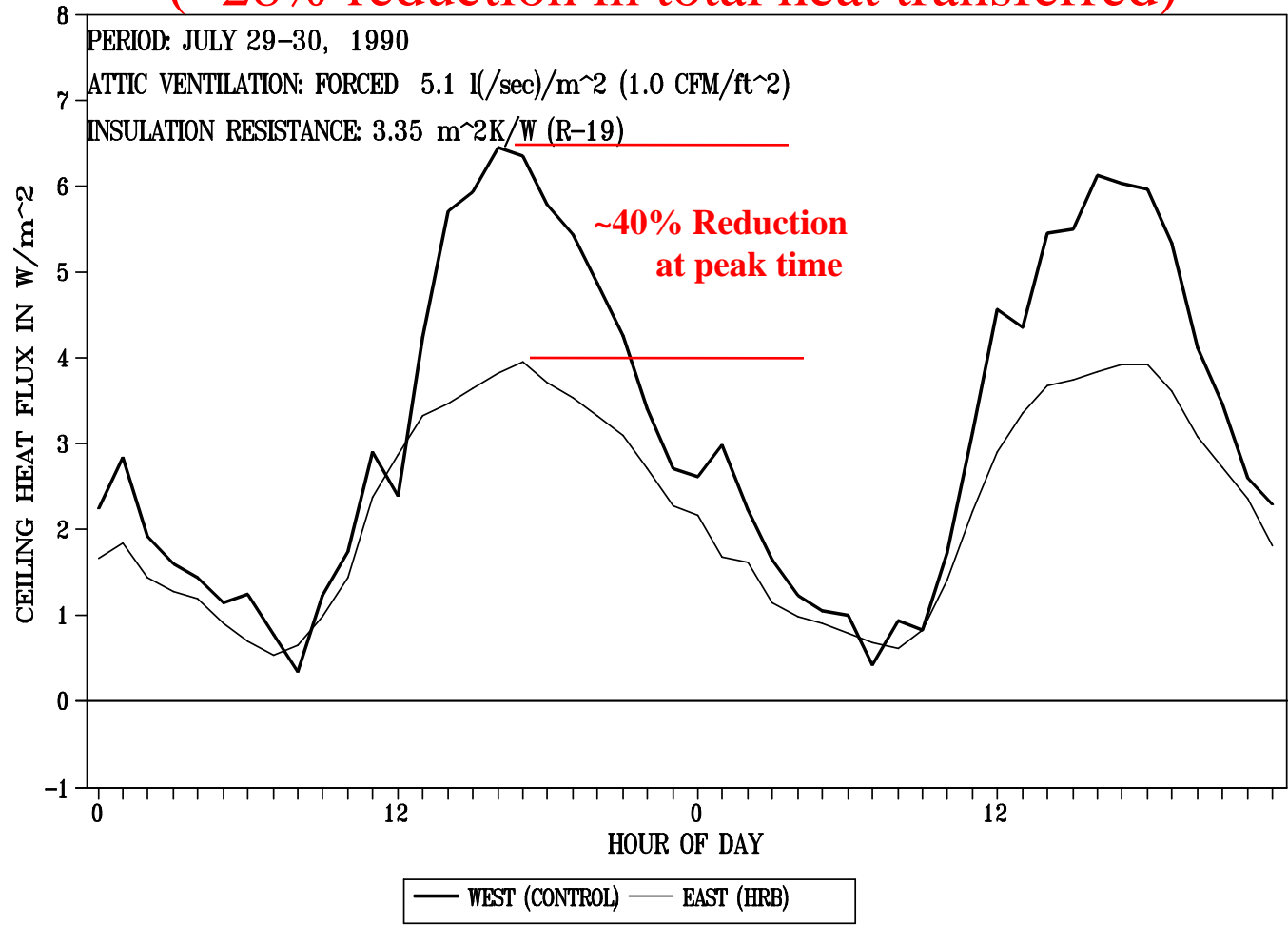


Experimental Results

Attic w/Radiant Barrier vs. Control

Attic

(~28% reduction in total heat transferred)



Radiant Barrier Performance

$$\% \text{ Reduction} = \frac{\int_{\text{Test Period}} q_{\text{Control}} dt - \int_{\text{Test Period}} q_{\text{Retrofit}} dt}{\int_{\text{Test Period}} q_{\text{Control}} dt} \times 100$$

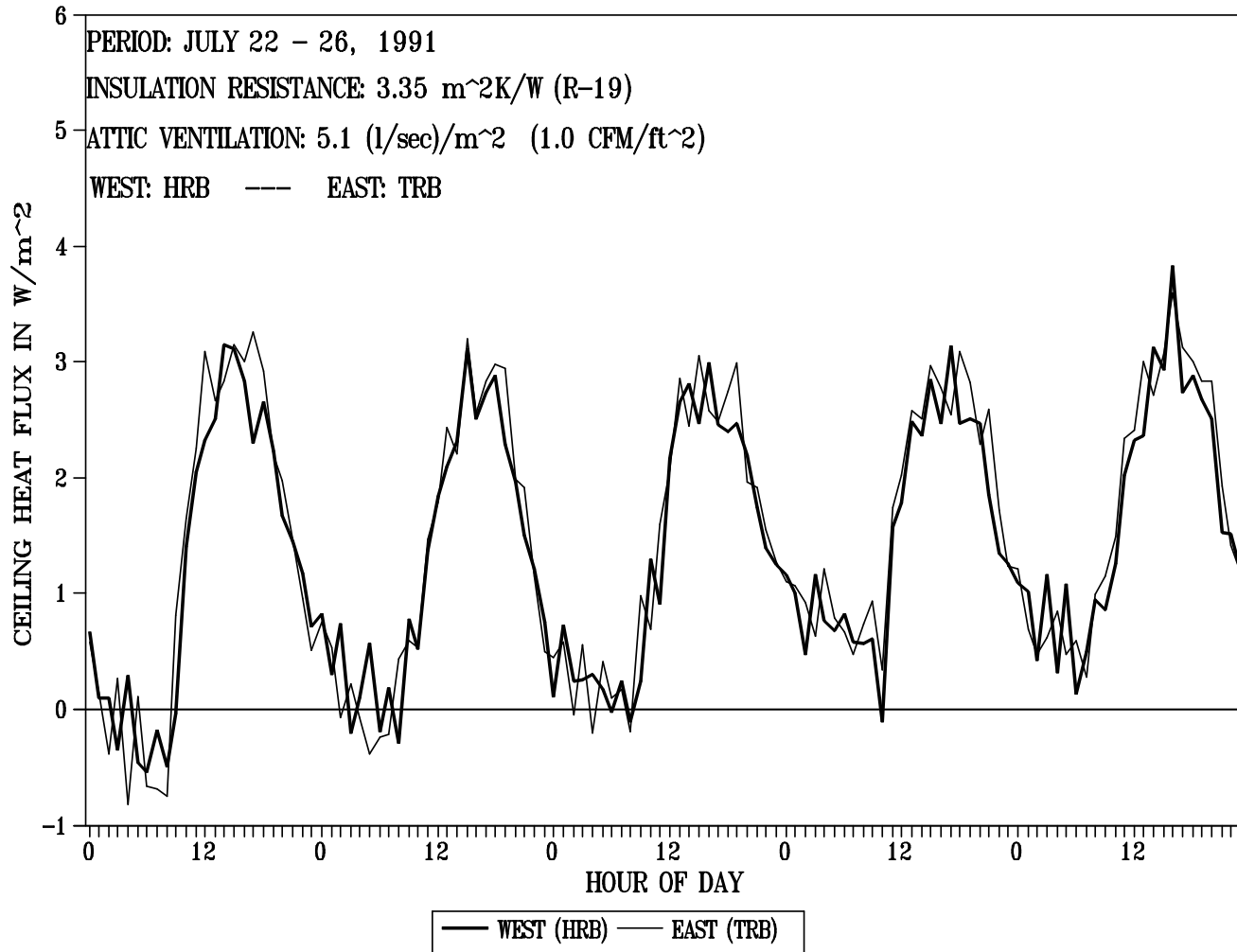
q_{Control} : Ceiling heat flux from the control attic [Btu/hr-ft², W/m²]

q_{Retrofit} : Ceiling heat flux from the retrofit attic [Btu/hr-ft², W/m²]

Test Period: Testing period used in the integration

Experimental Results Installation Comparisons

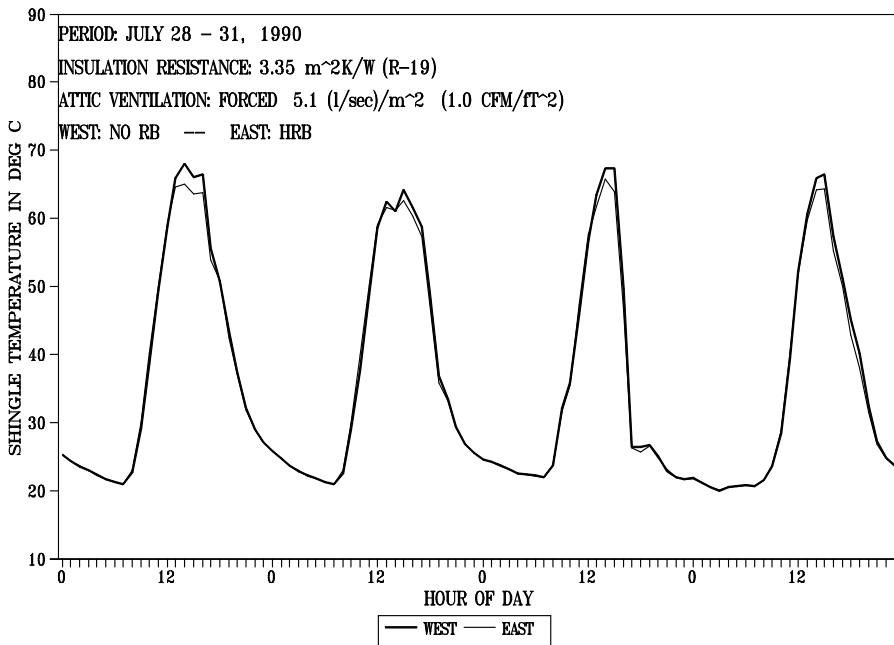
(HRB performs slightly better ~ 5%)



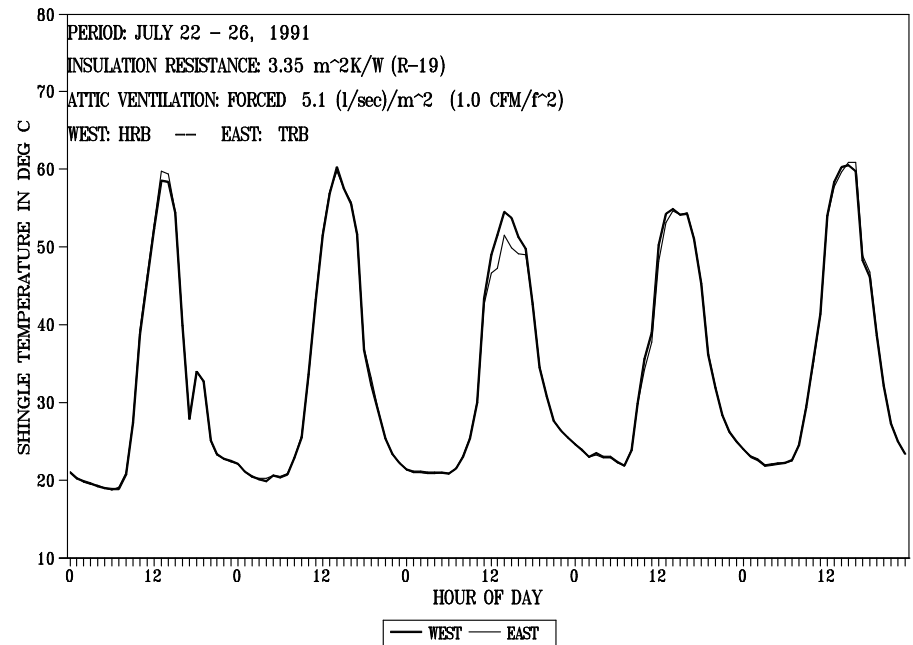
Experimental Results

Roof Shingle Temperatures

HRB vs No RB

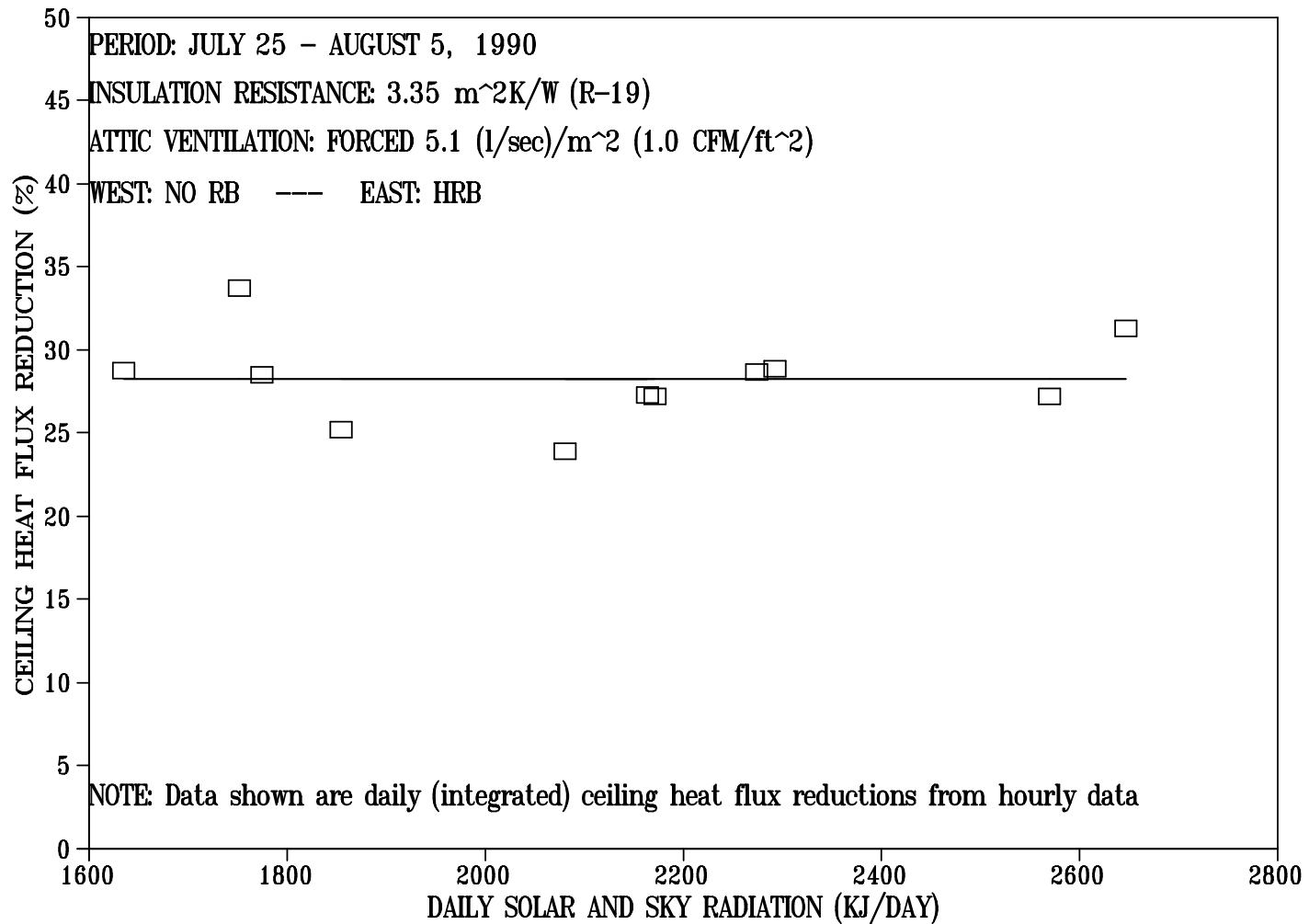


HRB vs TRB



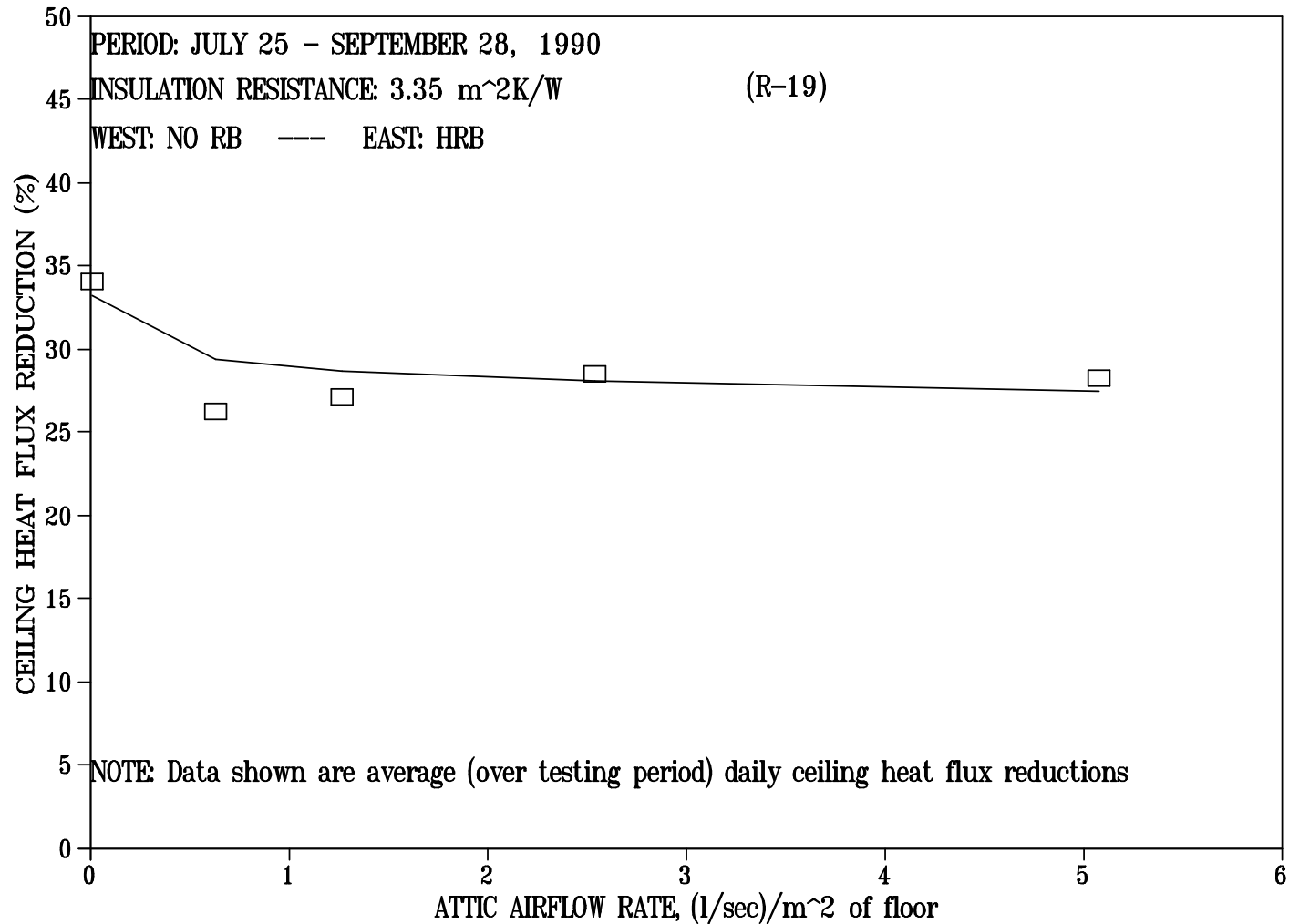
Experimental Results

Effects of Daily Solar Radiation



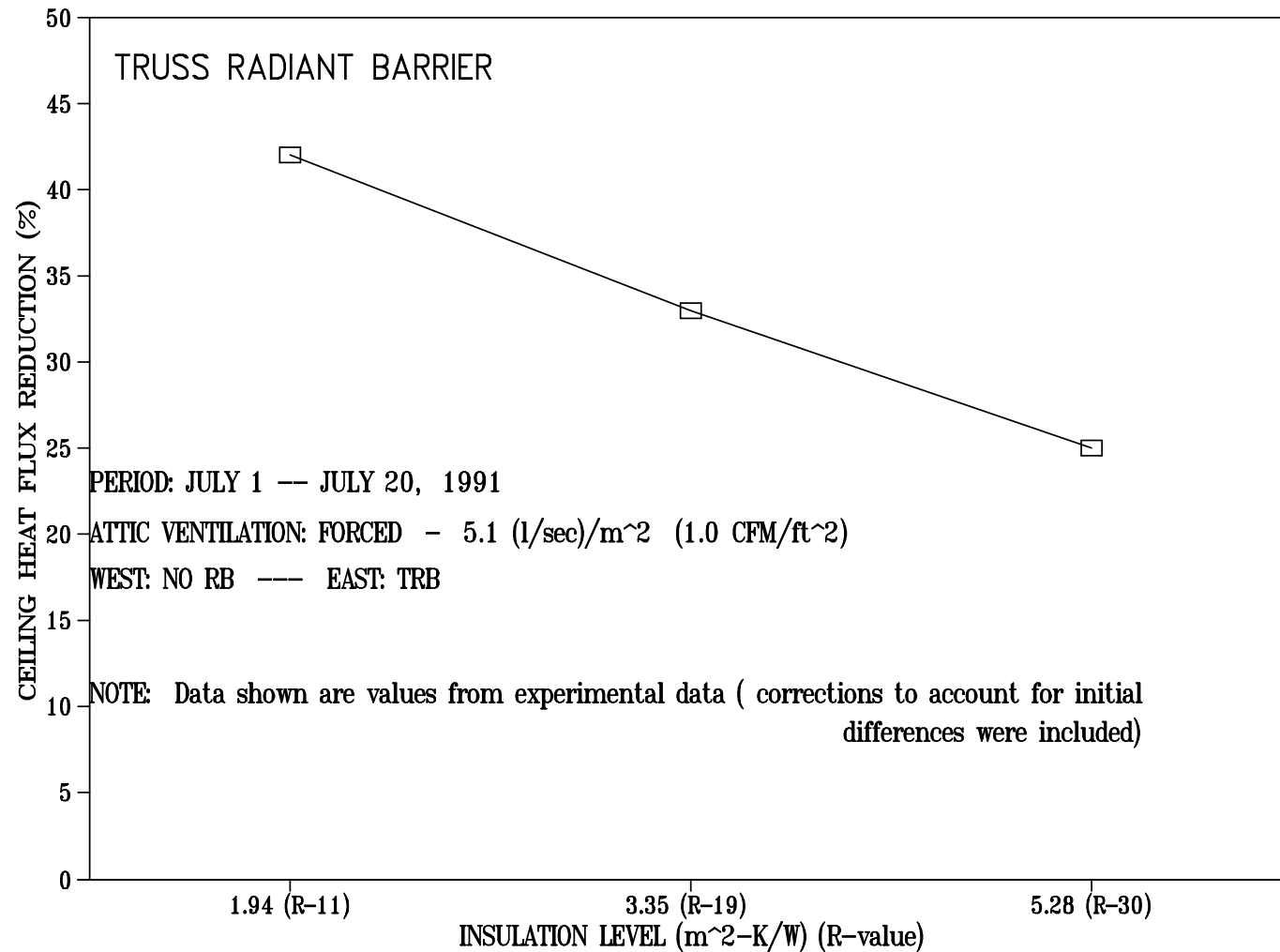
Experimental Results

Effects of Attic Ventilation

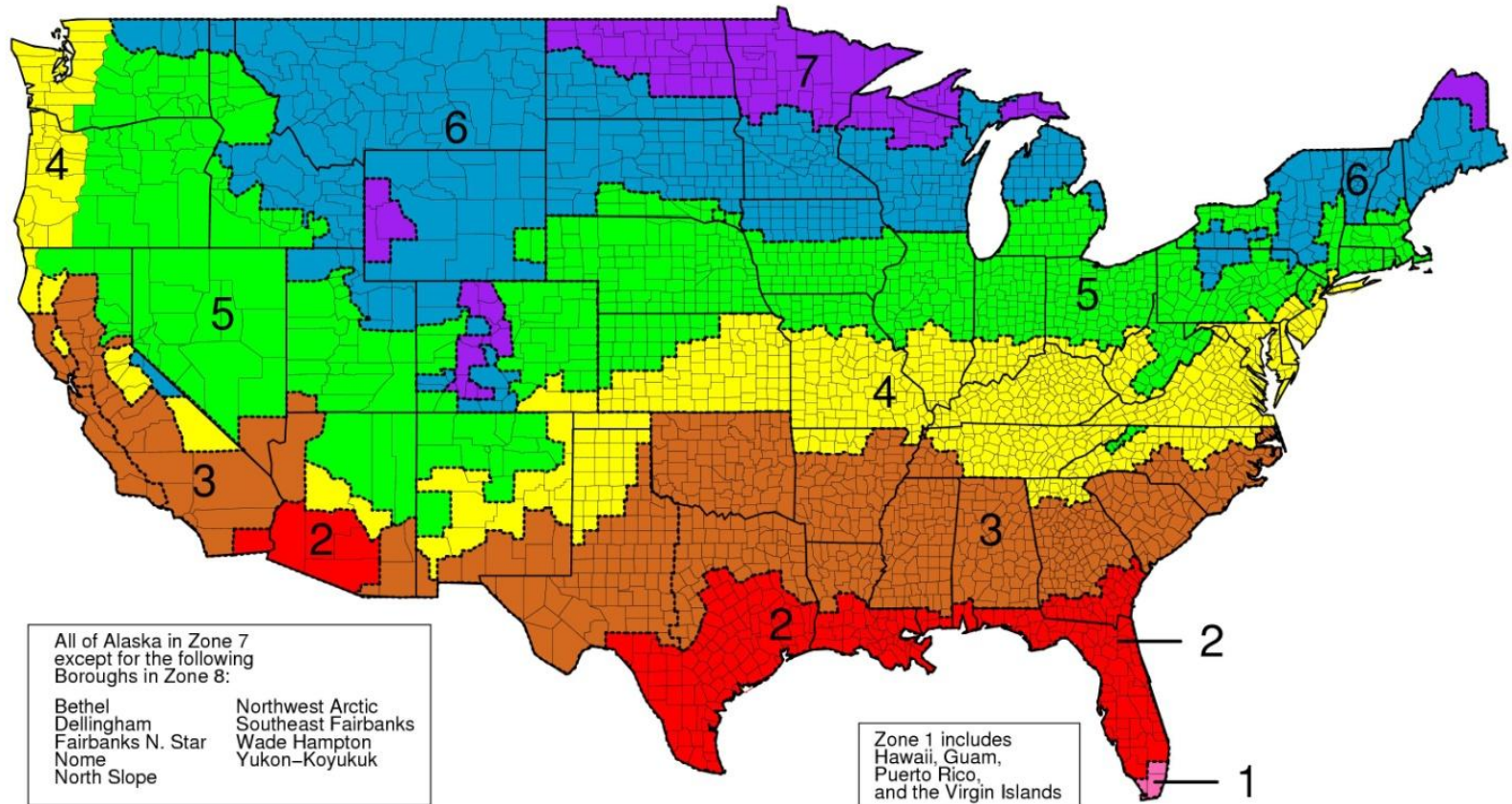


Experimental Results

Effects of Attic Insulation Level



Radiant Barrier Performance



U.S. Climate Zone Map (ASHRAE Standard 169-2006, 2006)

Radiant Barrier Performance

Ceiling Heat Flow

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTING CEILING HEAT FLOW REDUCTIONS PRODUCED BY THE RADIANT BARRIERS AND INTERIOR RADIATION CONTROL COATINGS DURING THE COOLING SEASON

Season	Reference	Nominal Insulation Level R-Value	Testing Protocol	Method	Ceiling Heat Flow Reductions Over Test Period (%)												City, St	CDD	Climatic Zone	Ventilation			Occupied		Comments	Average			
					Summer															Vents	FV	NV	N	Y					
					-5	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54											55 - 59	60	
Cooling	Joy (1958)	R-7.5	Laboratory Controlled	HRB												50	N/A		S	S	X		X		Flat Roof	41%			
	Katipamula & O'Neal (1986)	R-11		HRB												46	N/A		-	-	-	-	X		Flat Roof				
	Yarbrough (2010)	R-13		HRB											41		N/A		-	-	-	-	X		Pitched Roof				
	Joy (1958)	R-7.5		HRB							28							N/A		S	S	X		X			Pitched Roof		
	Swami and Fairey (1986)	R-19	Laboratory Controlled	IRCC												32		N/A		-	-	-		X		Flat Roof	32%		
	Ashley et al. (1994)	R-11	Side-by-Side	HRB/TRB													60	Kingsville, TX	3,404	2	G	G		X		X	Attic fully wrapped	45%	
	Medina (2000a)			TRB													42	College Station, TX	2,938	2	S	G	X		X				
	Hall (1988a)			TRB													34	Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X				
	Fairey (1985)	R-19	Side-by-Side	TRB													43	Cape Canaveral, FL	3,300	2	S	S	X		X		5 ACH, 1 AS f/down	30%	
	Fairey (1985)			TRB														43	Cape Canaveral, FL	3,300	2	S	S	X		X			5 ACH, 2 AS
	Hall (1986)			HRB														40	Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	Fairey (1990)			TRB														39	Cape Canaveral, FL	3,300	2	-	-		X	X			
	Parker and Sherwin (1998)			TRB														36	Cocoa Beach, FL	3,300	2	S	R		X	X			Vent area = 1:150
	Levins et al. (1986)			HRB														35	Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X			
	Medina (2000a)			TRB														34	College Station, TX	2,938	2	S	G	X		X			
	Levins et al. (1986)			TRB														30	Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X			
	Hall (1988a)			TRB														30	Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	Medina et al. (1992a)			HRB														30	College Station, TX	2,938	2	S	G	X		X			
	Parker and Sherwin (1998)			TRB														26	Cocoa Beach, FL	3,300	2	S	R		X	X			Vent area = 1:300
	Hall (1986)			TRB														23	Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	McQuiston et al. (1984)			HRB														20	Stillwater, OK	1,881	3	-	-	X		-	-		Curved Roof
	Ober & Volckhausen (1988)			DRB														20	Orlando, FL	3,428	2	S	G		X	X			
	Fairey (1985)			TRB														19	Cape Canaveral, FL	3,300	2	-	-			X			Unvented Attics
	Fairey (1985)			HRB														18	Cape Canaveral, FL	3,300	2	-	-			X			Unvented Attics
	Hall (1986)			DRB														16	Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	Medina (2000a)			R-30	Side-by-Side	TRB												25	College Station, TX	2938	2	S	G		X	X			
	Hall (1988a)	TRB															20	Chattanooga, TN	1608	4	S	G		X	X				

Legend: CDD = Cooling Degree Days, HDD = Heating Degree Days, HRB = Horizontal Radiant Barrier, TRB = Truss Radiant Barrier, DARB = Deck-Applied Radiant Barrier, DRB = Draped Radiant Barrier, IRCC = Interior Radiation Control Coating, FV= Forced Ventilation, NV= Natural Ventilation, S = Soffit Vent, G = Gable Vent, R = Ridge Vent, P = Power Fan, ACH = Air Changes per Hour, AS = Aluminized Side, f/ = Facing, N/A = Not Applicable, (-) = Not Specified

Radiant Barrier Performance

Ceiling Heat Flow

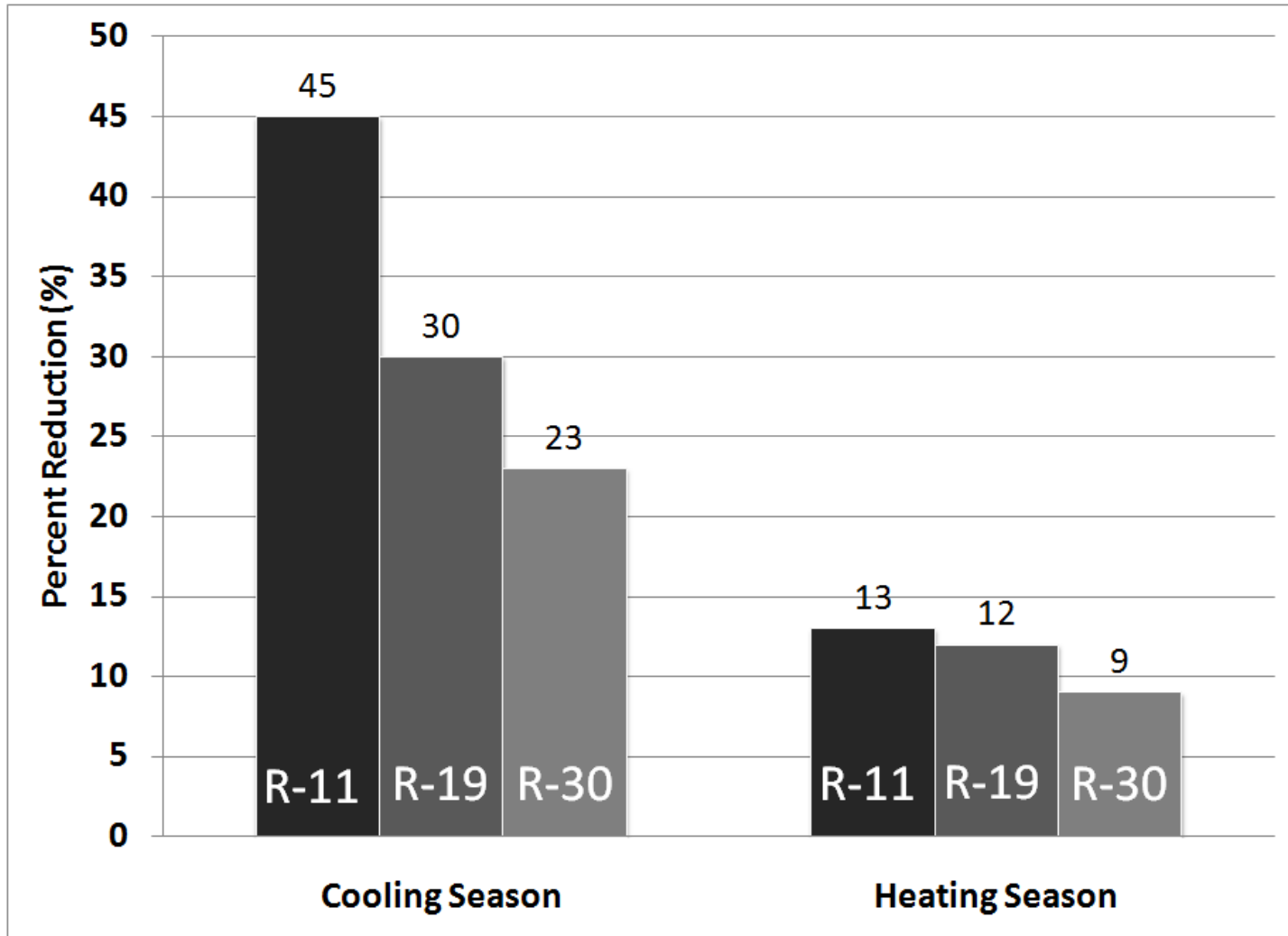
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Season	Reference	Nominal Insulation Level R-Value	Testing Protocol	Method	Ceiling Heat Flow Reductions Over Test Period (%)																City, St	HDD	Climatic Zone	Ventilation			Occupied		Comments	Average		
					Winter																			Vents	FV	NV	N	Y				
					-5	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60														
Heating	Levins and Karnitz (1988)	R-11	Side-by-Side	HRB					19										Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				13%		
	Hall (1988)			HRB					17											Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X					
	Levins and Karnitz (1988)			TRB			8														Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				
	Hall (1988)			TRB			6														Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Levins and Karnitz (1987b)	R-19	Side-by-Side	TRB										30					Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				12%		
	Fairey (1990)			TRB						24										Cape Canaveral, FL	677	2	-	-	-	X	X					
	Medina et al. (1992b)			HRB					17												College Station, TX	1,616	2	-	-	-	-	X			Non-vented Attics	
	Hall (1986)			HRB					15												Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Medina et al. (1992b)			TRB						15											College Station, TX	1,616	2	-	-	-	-	X			Non-vented Attics	
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	McQuiston et al. (1984)			HRB					10												Stillwater, OK	3,989	3	-	-	X		-	-		Curved Roof	
	Medina et al. (1992b)			TRB					9												College Station, TX	1,616	2	S	G	X		X				
	Hall (1988a)			HRB					5												Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Hall (1986)			TRB					8												Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Hall (1986)			DRB					4												Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Hall (1988a)			TRB					-5												Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X				
	Hall (1988a)	R-30	Side-by-Side	HRB					15											Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X					
	Levins and Karnitz (1988)			HRB					10											Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X					
	Hall (1988a)			TRB					6											Chattanooga, TN	3,427	4	S	G		X	X					
	Levins and Karnitz (1988)			TRB					4											Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X					

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Radiant Barrier Performance

Ceiling Heat Flow



Radiant Barrier Performance

Space Cooling Load

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTING SPACE COOLING LOAD REDUCTIONS PRODUCED BY THE RADIANT BARRIERS

Season	Reference	Nominal Insulation Level R-Value	Testing Protocol	Method	Ceiling Area	Space Load Reduction (%)								City, St	CDD	Climatic Zone	Ventilation			Occupied		Includes Ducts in the Attic		Average			
						Cooling											Vents	FV	NV	N	Y	Y	N				
						-5	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30														
Cooling	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)	R-11	Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200					16				Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X			X	14%		
	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)			TRB	1,200				11						Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X				X	
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)	R-19	Pre-and-Post	TRB	2,440							27		Orlando, FL	3,428	2	-	-	-	-		X		X	20%		
	Levins et al. (1986)			Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200						21			Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X				X	
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)			Pre-and-Post	TRB	2,200							20			Largo, FL	3,718	2	-	-	-	-		X		X	
	Levins et al. (1986)			Side-by-Side	TRB	1,200				13						Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X				X
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)	R-30	Pre-and-Post	TRB	1,520					16				Tarpon Springs, FL	3,414	2	-	-	-	-		X			6%		
	Davis and Tiller (2009)			Side-by-Side	TRB	3,205				14					Charlotte, NC	1,681	3	S	R		X	X		X			
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)			Pre-and-Post	TRB	1,840			5						Apopka, FL	3,428	2	S	P	X	X		X	X			
	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)			Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200		2							Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X				X	
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)			Pre-and-Post	TRB	2,140		0							Orlando, FL	3,428	2	P	P	X			X			Partially	
	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)			Side-by-Side	TRB	1,200		-1							Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X		X			X

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Radiant Barrier Performance

Space Heating Load

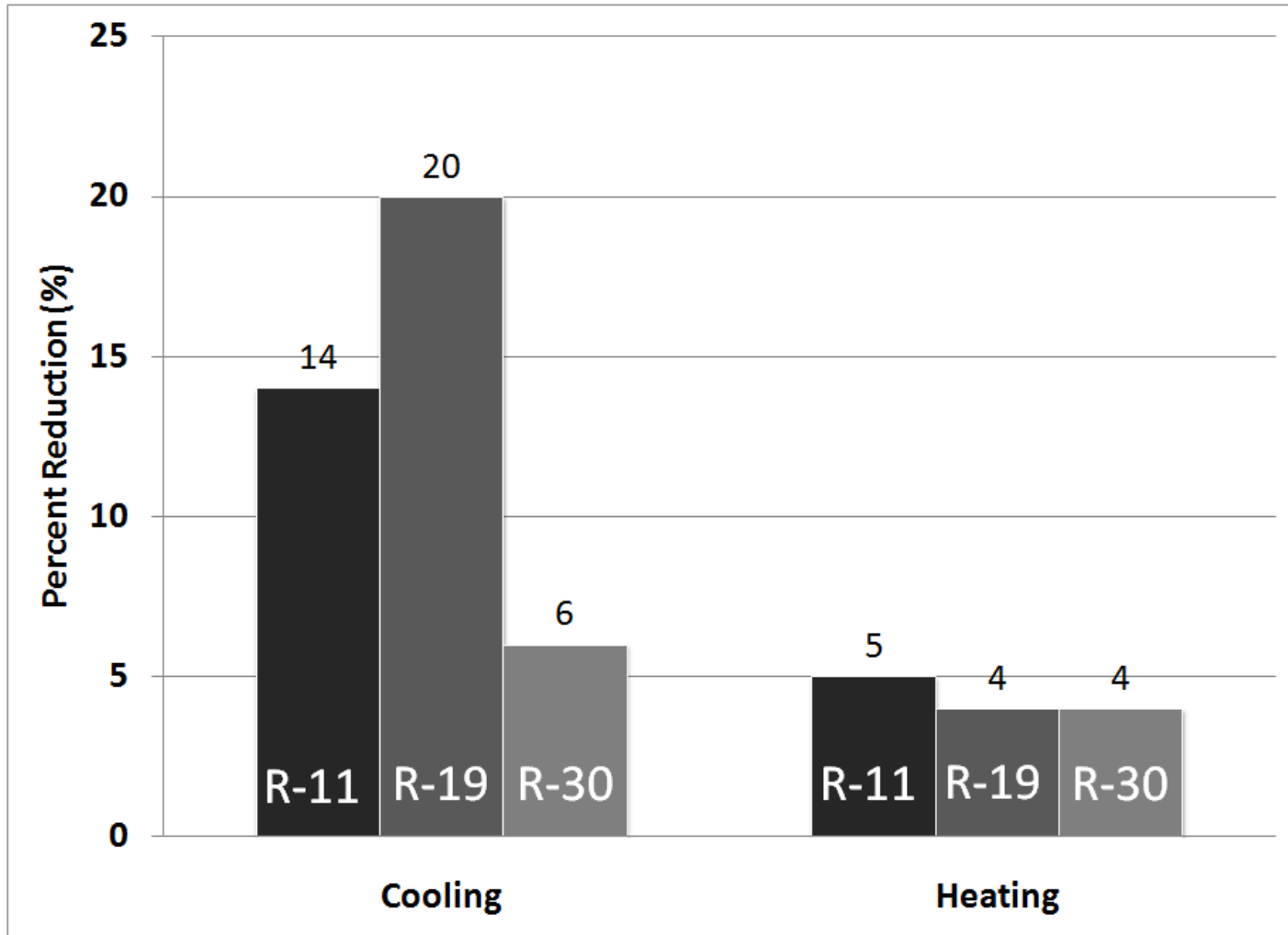
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTING SPACE HEATING LOAD REDUCTIONS PRODUCED BY THE RADIANT BARRIERS

Season	Reference	Nominal Insulation Level R-Value	Testing Protocol	Method	Ceiling Area	Space Load Reduction (%)								City, St	HDD	Climatic Zone	Ventilation			Occupied		Includes Ducts in the Attic		Average			
						Heating											Vents	FV	NV	N	Y	Y	N				
						-5	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30														
Heating	Levins and Karnitz (1987b)	R-11	Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200			9						Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				X	5%	
	Levins and Karnitz (1987b)			TRB	1,200			0							Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X					X
	Levins et al. (1986)	R-19	Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200				10					Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				X	4%	
	Levins et al. (1986)			TRB	1,200	-3									Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X					X
	Levins and Karnitz (1987b)	R-30	Side-by-Side	HRB	1,200			4							Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				X	4%
	Levins and Karnitz (1987b)			TRB	1,200			4								Karns, TN	3,993	4	S	G		X	X				

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Radiant Barrier Performance

Space Cooling and Space Heating Load



Radiant Barrier Performance

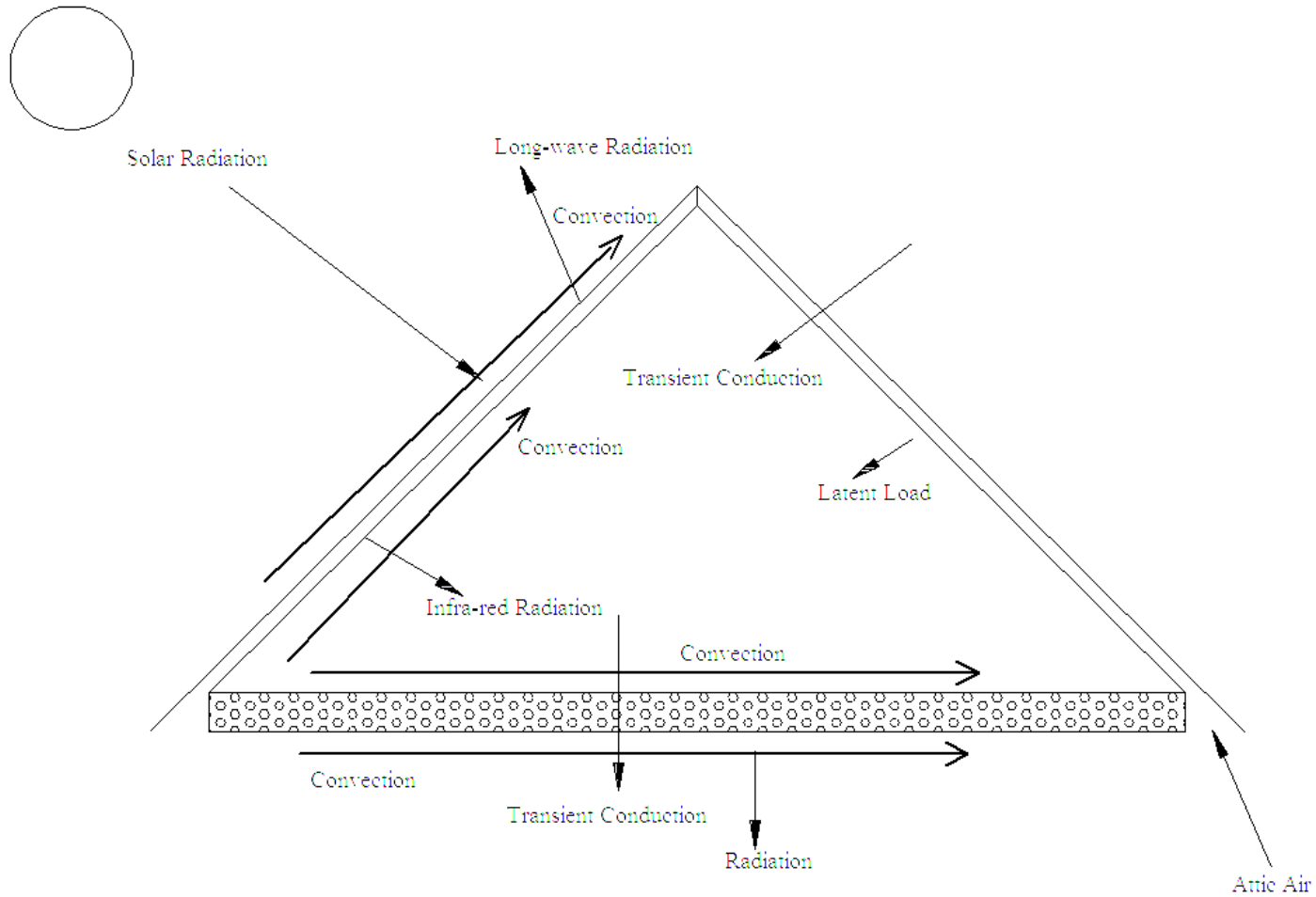
Attic Temperature Reductions

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTING ATTIC AIR TEMPERATURE REDUCTIONS PRODUCED BY THE RADIANT BARRIERS DURING THE COOLING SEASON

Season	Reference	Nominal Insulation Level R-Value	Testing Protocol	Method	Temperature Reductions (Deg F)																City, St	CDD	Climatic Zone	Ventilation			Occupied		Comments	Average		
					Summer																			Vents	FV	NV	N	Y				
					0	0 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 16	17 - 18	19 - 20	21 - 22	23 - 24	25 - 26														
Cooling	Hall (1988a)	R-11	Side-by-Side	TRB						10									Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X				9 F		
	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)								7												Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X				
	Parker and Sherwin (1998)	R-19	Side-by-Side	TRB														20		Cocoa Beach, FL	3,300	2	S	R		X	X		Vent area = 1:150	14 F		
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)				Pre-and Post-														16		Orlando, FL	3,428	2	-	-	-	-		X			
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)				Pre-and Post-															15		Largo, FL	3,718	2	-	-	-	-			X	
	Levins and Karnitz (1986)				Side-by-Side															15		Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X			
	Hall (1988a)				Side-by-Side								10									Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	Parker and Sherwin (1998)				Side-by-Side				6													Cocoa Beach, FL	3,300	2	S	R		X	X			Vent area = 1:300
	Hall (1986)	Side-by-Side	HRB	Side-by-Side					8										Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			4 F			
	Levins and Karnitz (1986)	Side-by-Side				0														Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X					
	Davis and Tiller (2009)	Side-by-Side	R-30	Pre-and Post-	TRB													23		Charlotte, NC	1,681	3	S	R		X				11 F		
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)	Pre-and Post-																		22		Tarpon Springs, FL	3,414	2	-	-	-	-			X	
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)	Pre-and Post-												11								Apopka, FL	3,428	2	S	P	X	X			X	
	Hall (1988a)	Side-by-Side											10									Chattanooga, TN	1,608	4	S	G		X	X			
	Levins and Karnitz (1987a)	Side-by-Side								7												Karns, TN	1,301	4	S	G		X	X			
	Parker and Sherwin (2002)	Pre-and Post-							3													Orlando, FL	3,428	2	P	P	X				X	

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Modeling Based on Energy Balances



Modeling and Its Importance in RemRate

Energy Balance (General)

$$Q_{\text{conducted}(to / from)} + Q_{\text{convected}(to / from)} + Q_{\text{radiated}(net)} + Q_{\text{latent}(condensation/ evaporation)} = 0$$

Energy Balance (Heat Transport Processes)

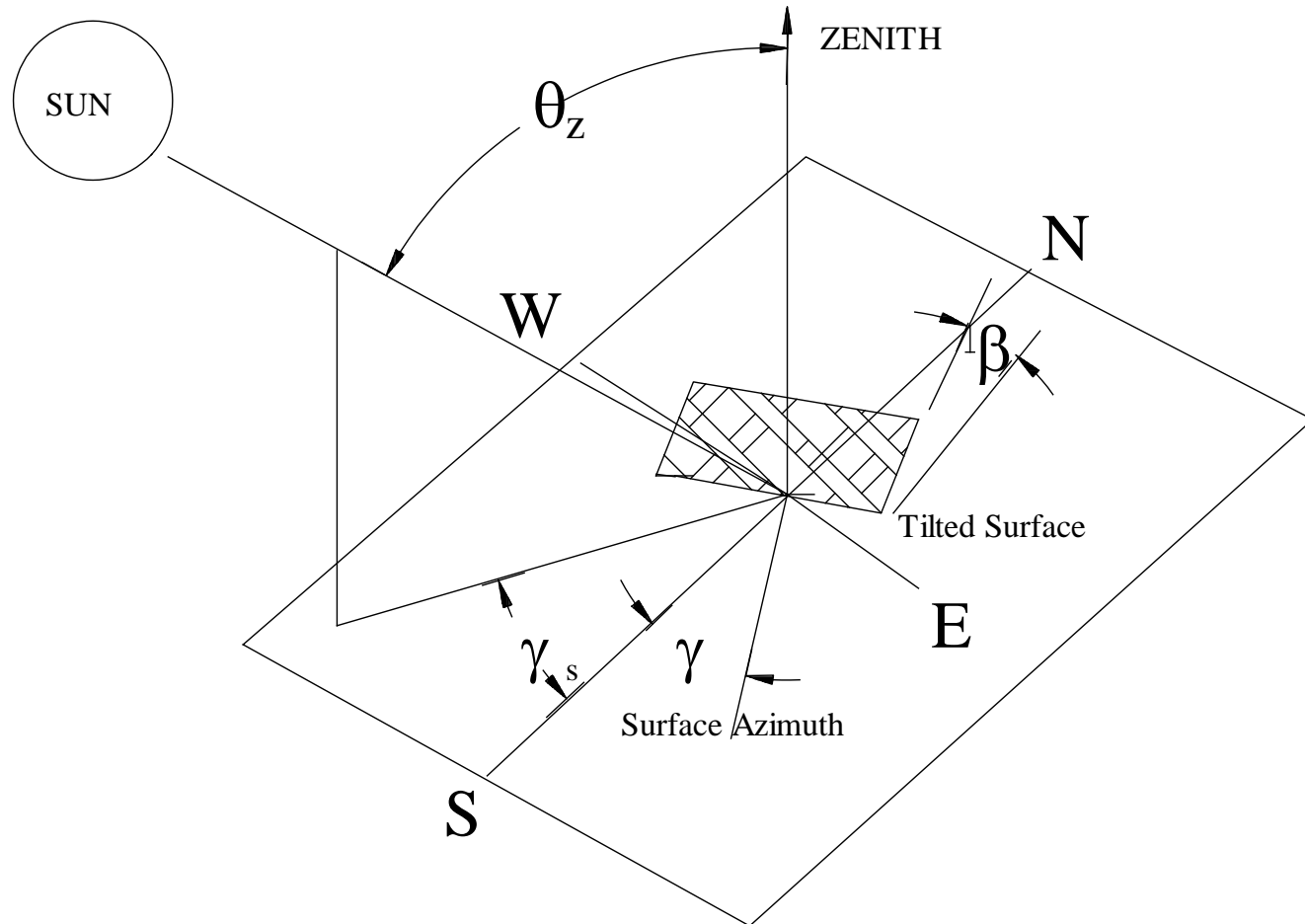
$$\sum_{j=0, i=1}^{N, S} Y_{i, j} (T_{si, n\Delta - j} - T_r) - \sum_{j=0, i=1}^{N, S} X_{i, j} (T_{soi, n\Delta - j} - T_r) \\ + CR_i q''_{o(i, n\Delta - 1)} + h_{oi} (T_{amb} - T_{soi, n\Delta}) \\ + h_{ro} (T_{sky / surr} - T_{soi, n\Delta}) + \alpha q''_{sol, i} = 0$$

Indoor Energy Balance →

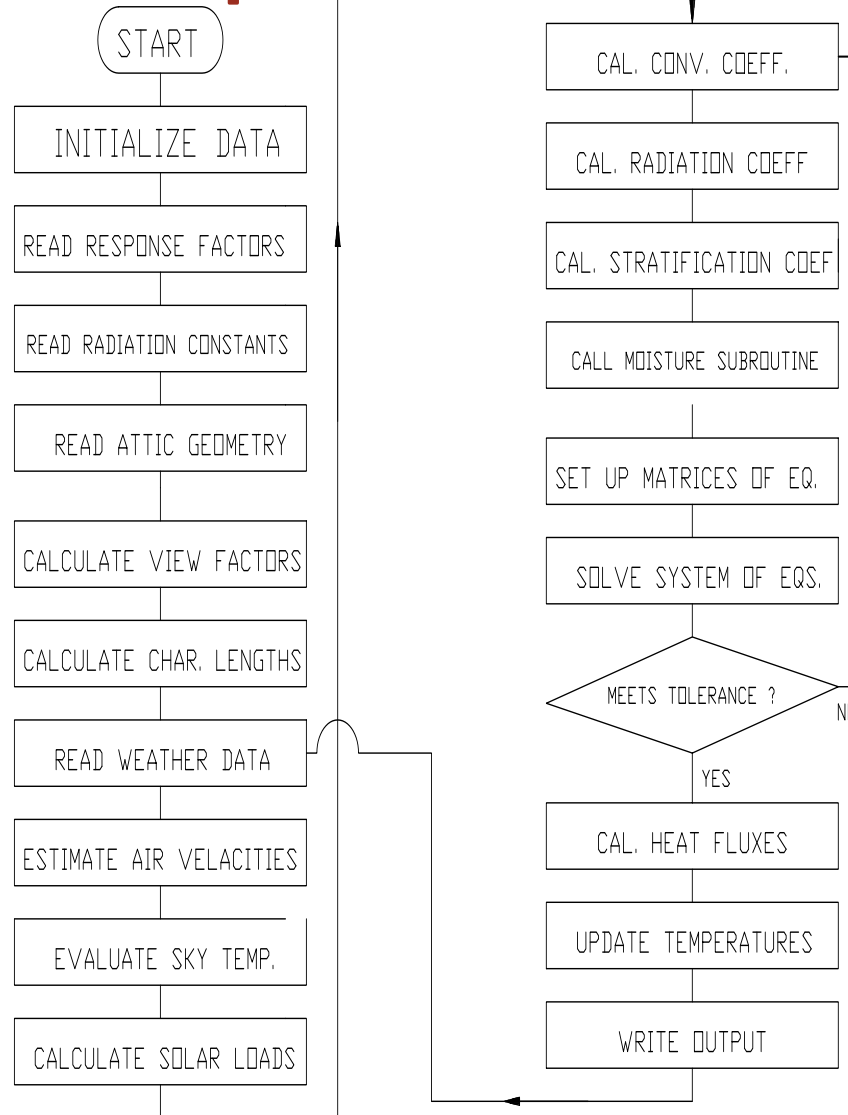
← Outdoor Energy Balance

$$\sum_{j=0, i=1}^{N, S} Z_{i, j} (T_{si, n\Delta - j} - T_r) - \sum_{j=0, i=1}^{N, S} Y_{i, j} (T_{soi, n\Delta - j} - T_r) \\ + CR_i q''_{i(i, n\Delta - 1)} + h_{ii} (T_{si, n\Delta} - T_{atticair, n\Delta}) \\ + \sum_{k=1, i=1}^{S, S} h_{ri, k} (T_{si, n\Delta} - T_{sik, n\Delta}) + q''_{latent, i} = 0$$

Modeling Solar Radiation

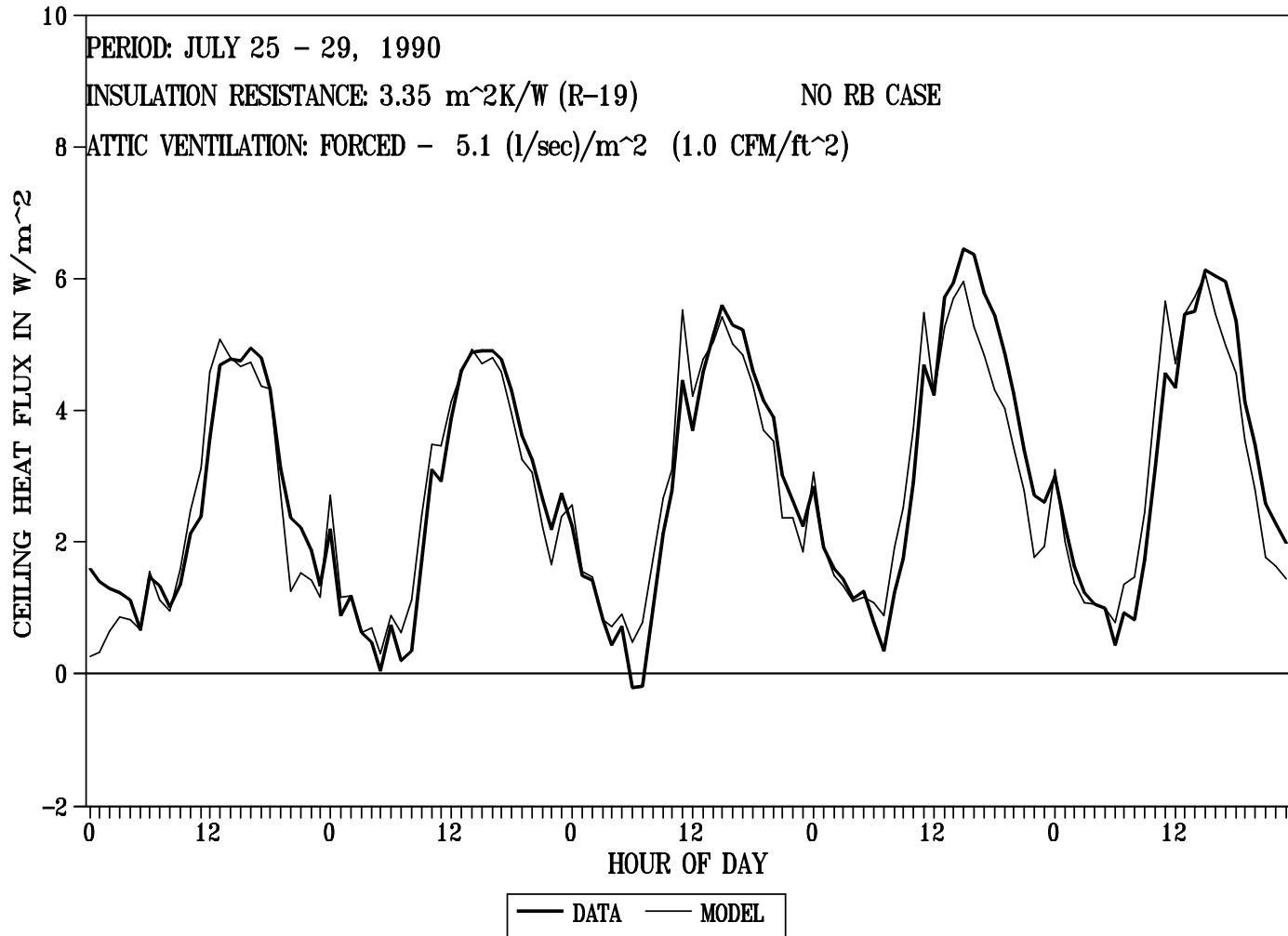


Modeling Implementation



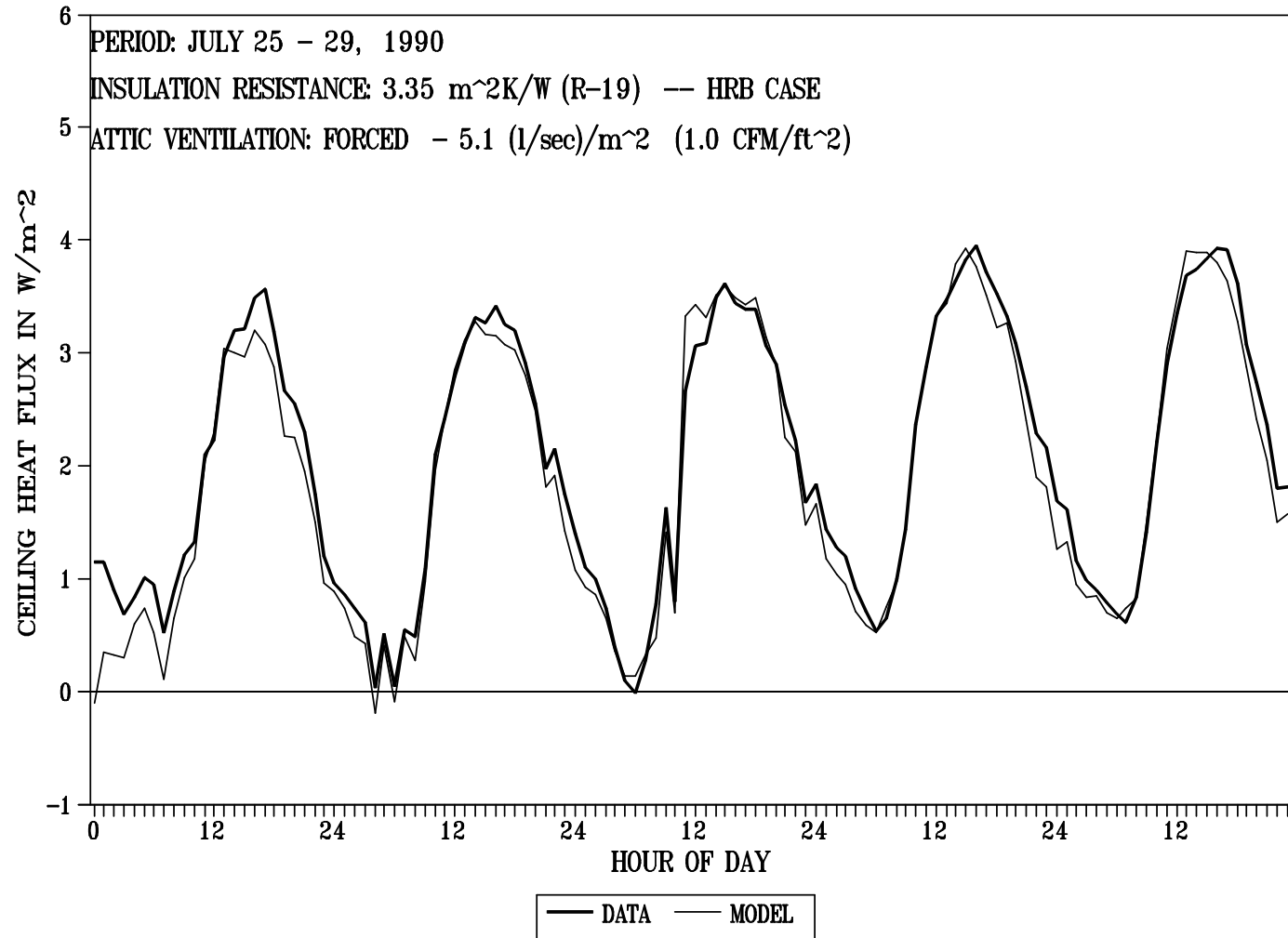
Modeling

Model Verification vs Exp. Data (No RB)



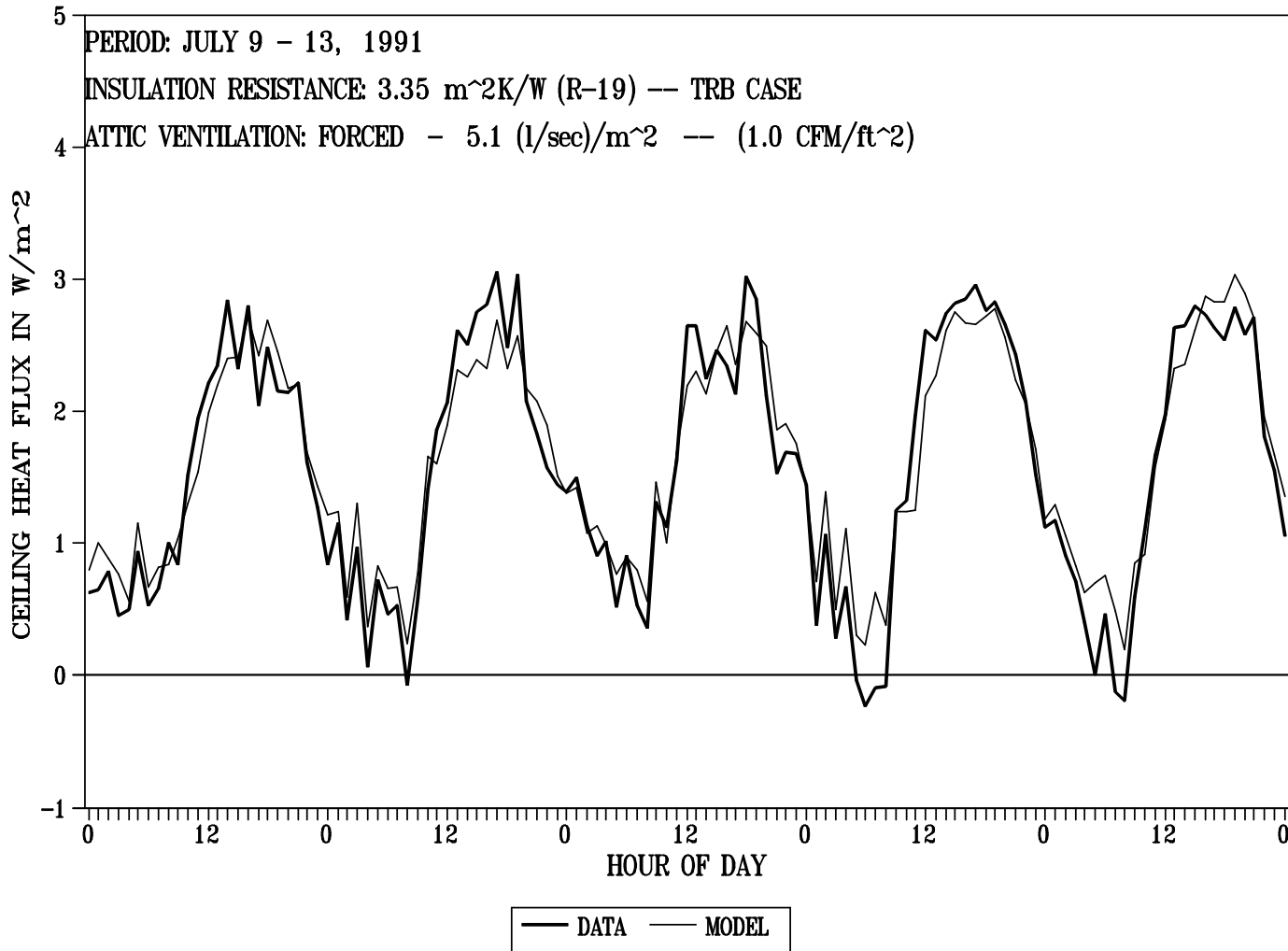
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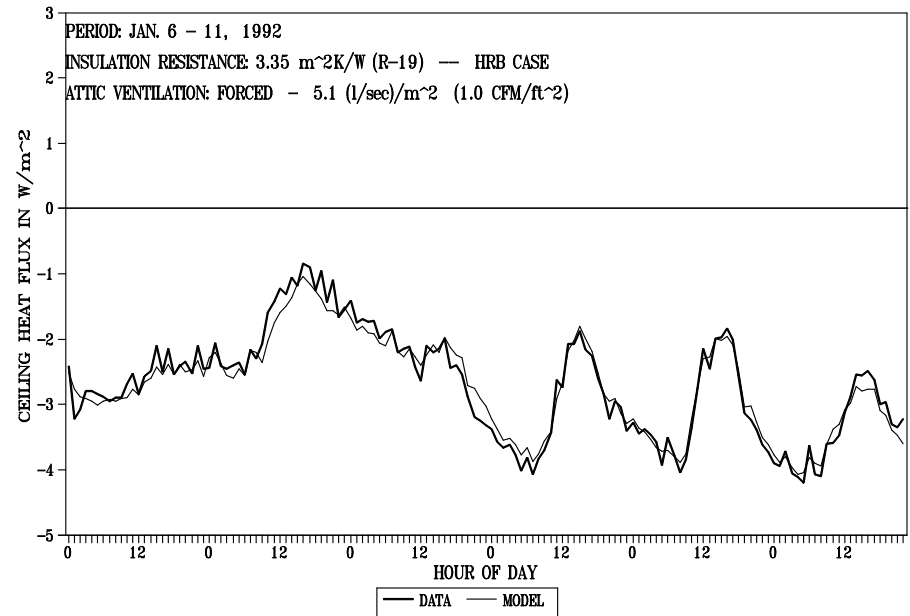
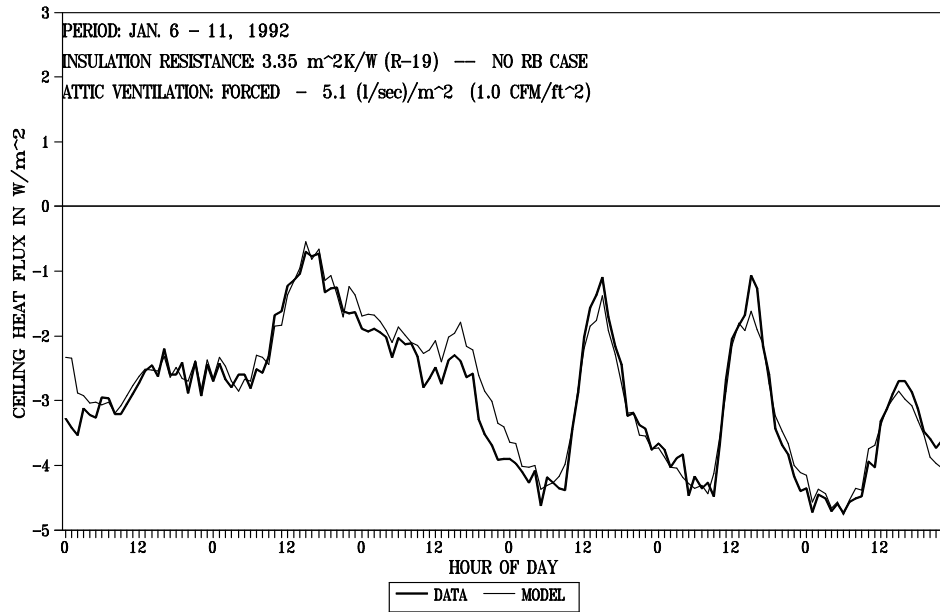
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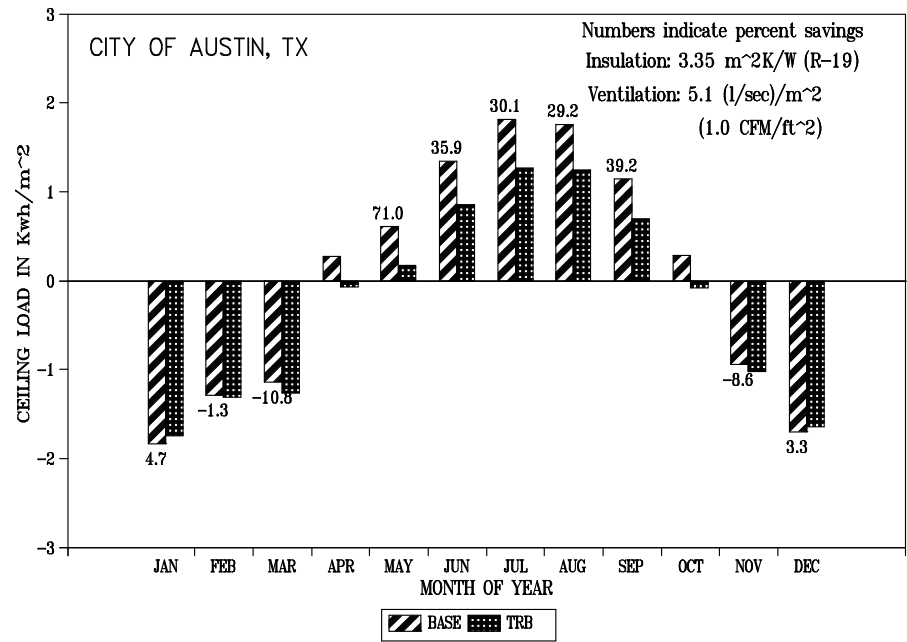
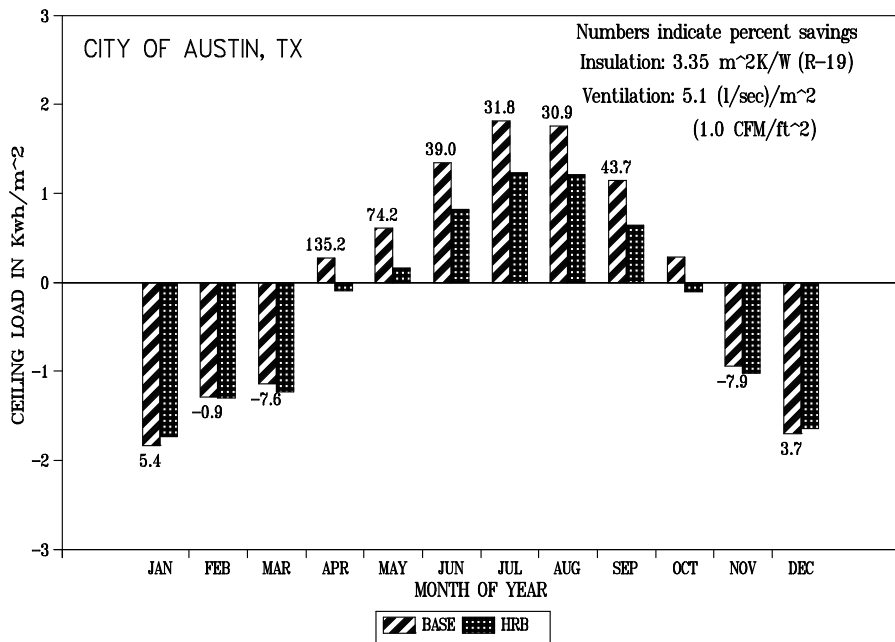
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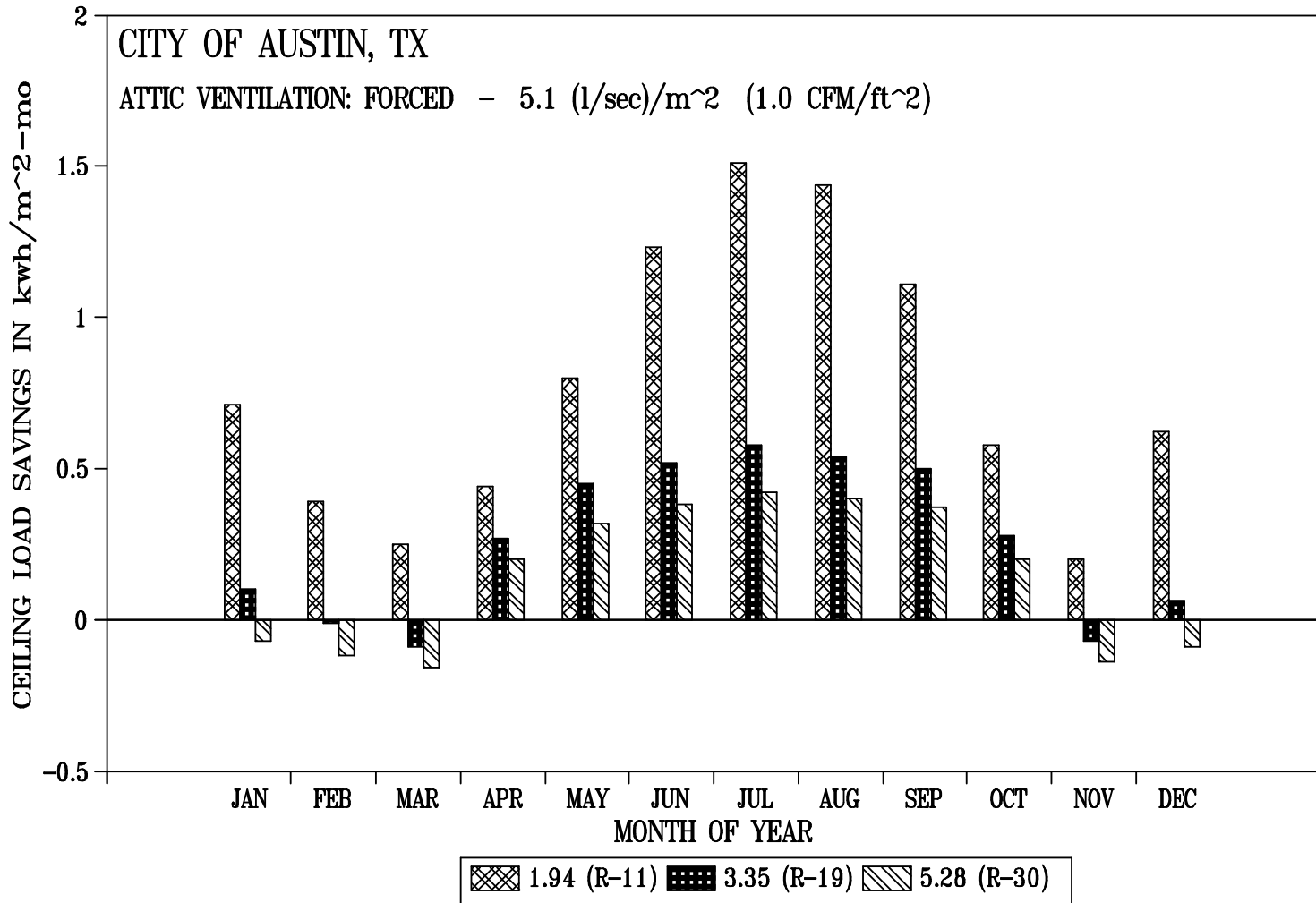
Computer Simulations

Yearly Performance



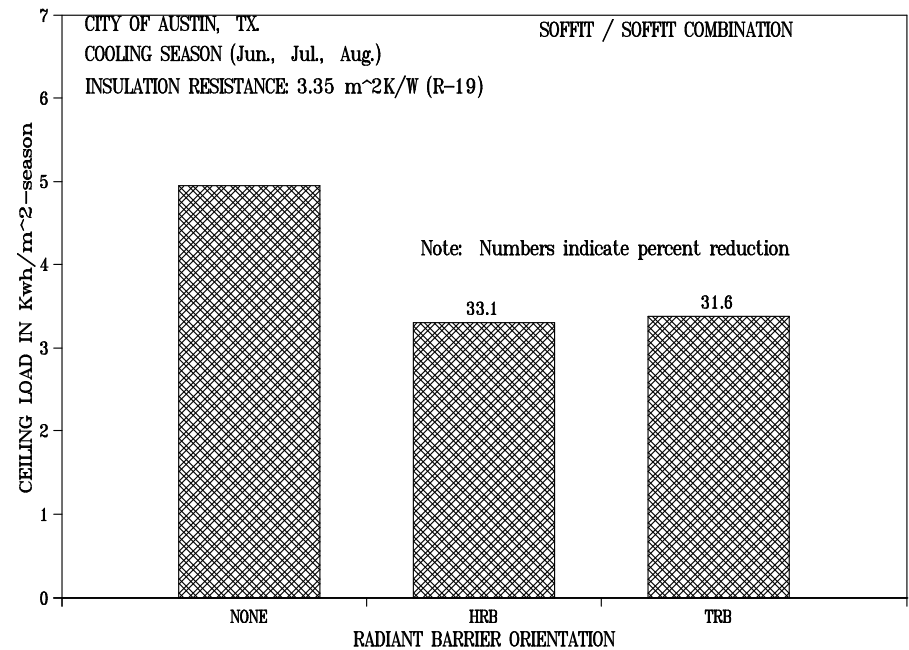
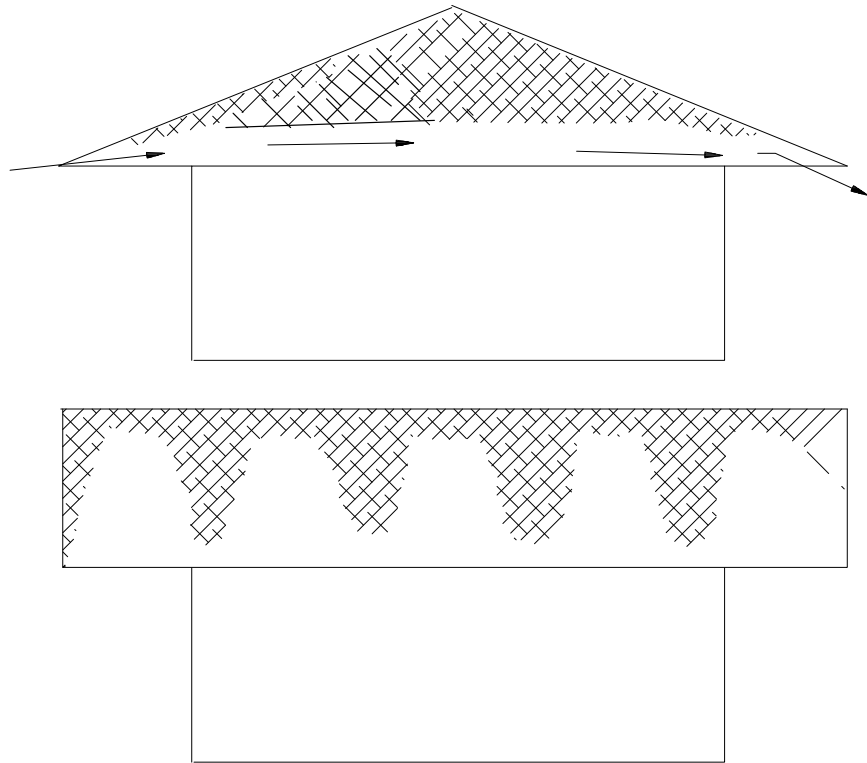
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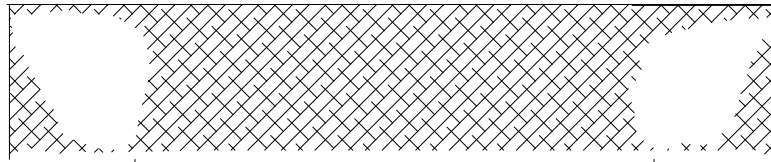
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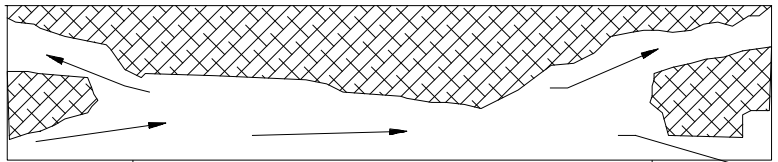


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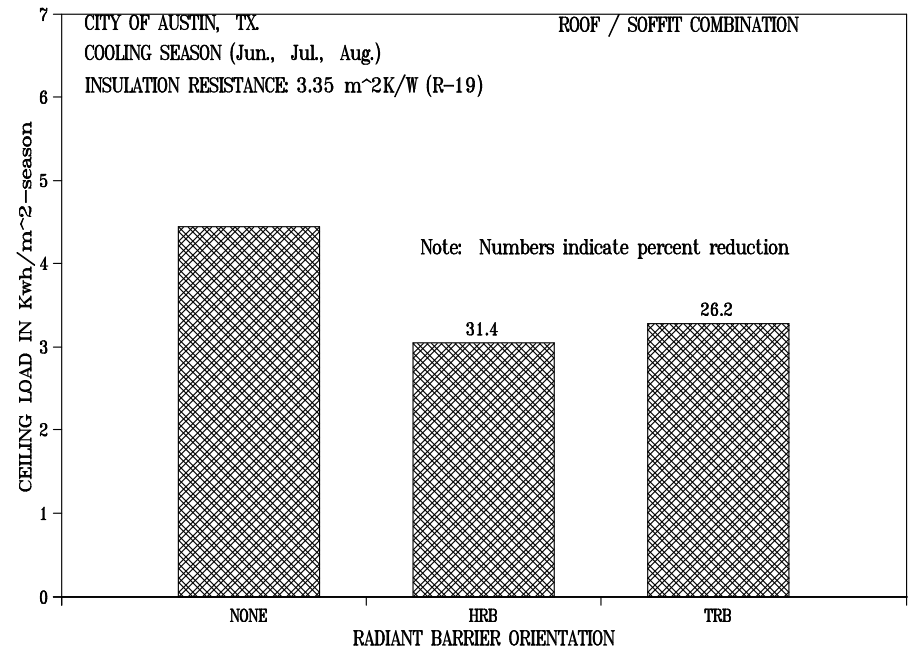
(Roof/Soffit)



When wind is perpendicular to the ridge line

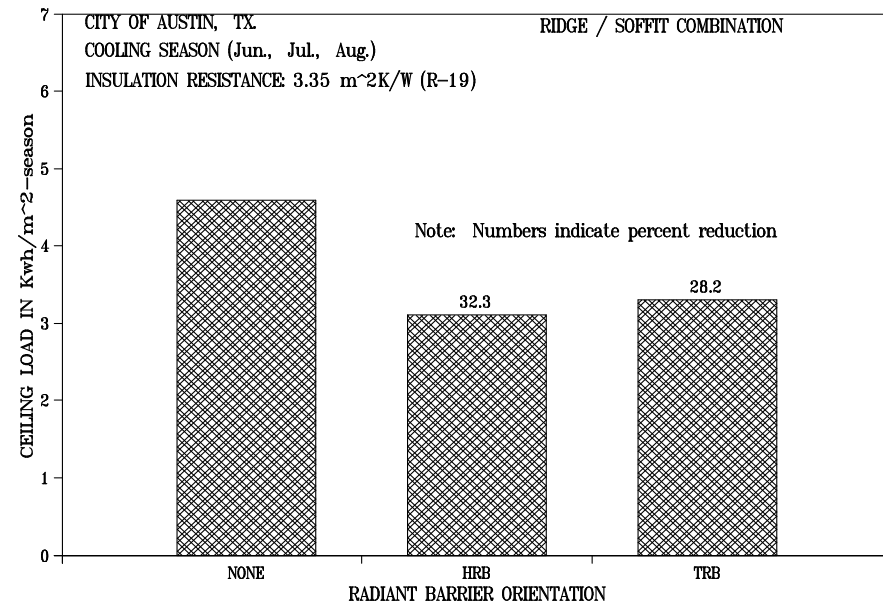
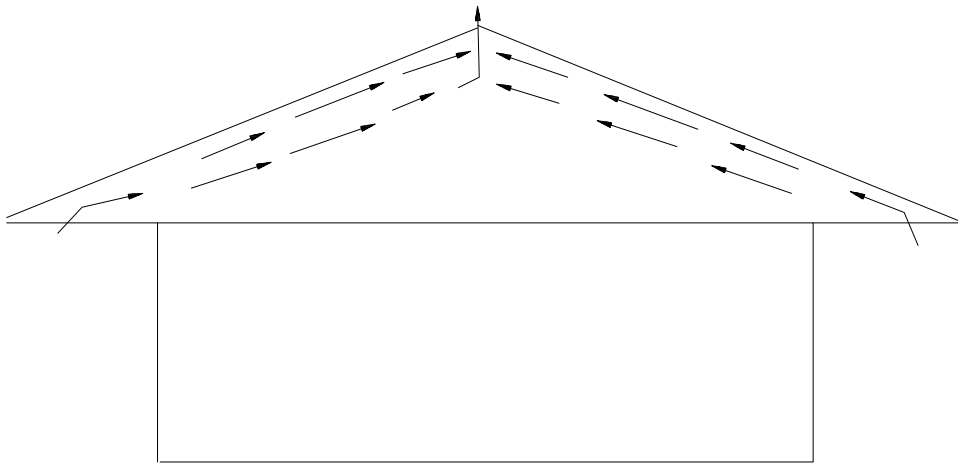


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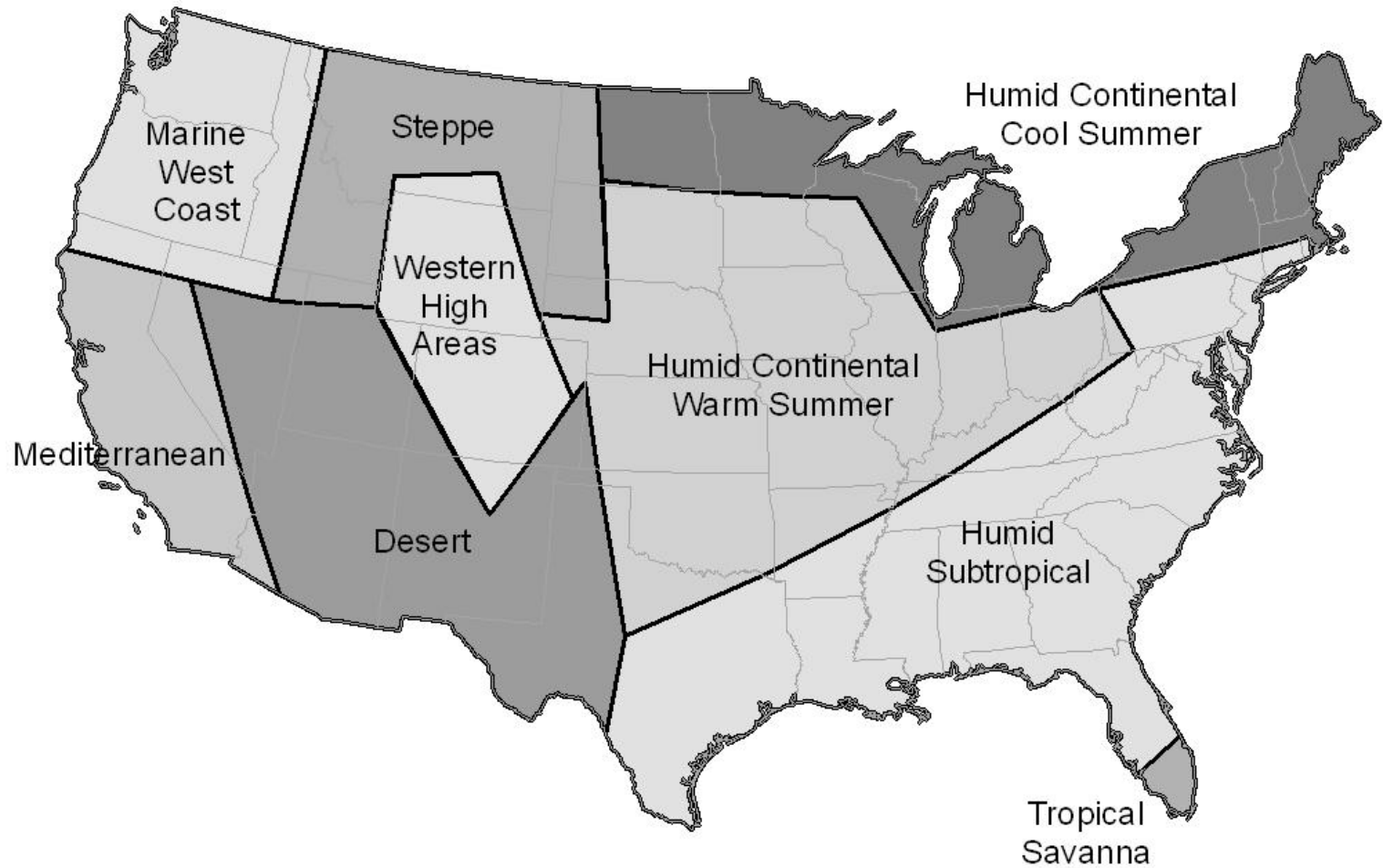


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(Soffit/Ridge)



Computer Simulations Climatic Influences



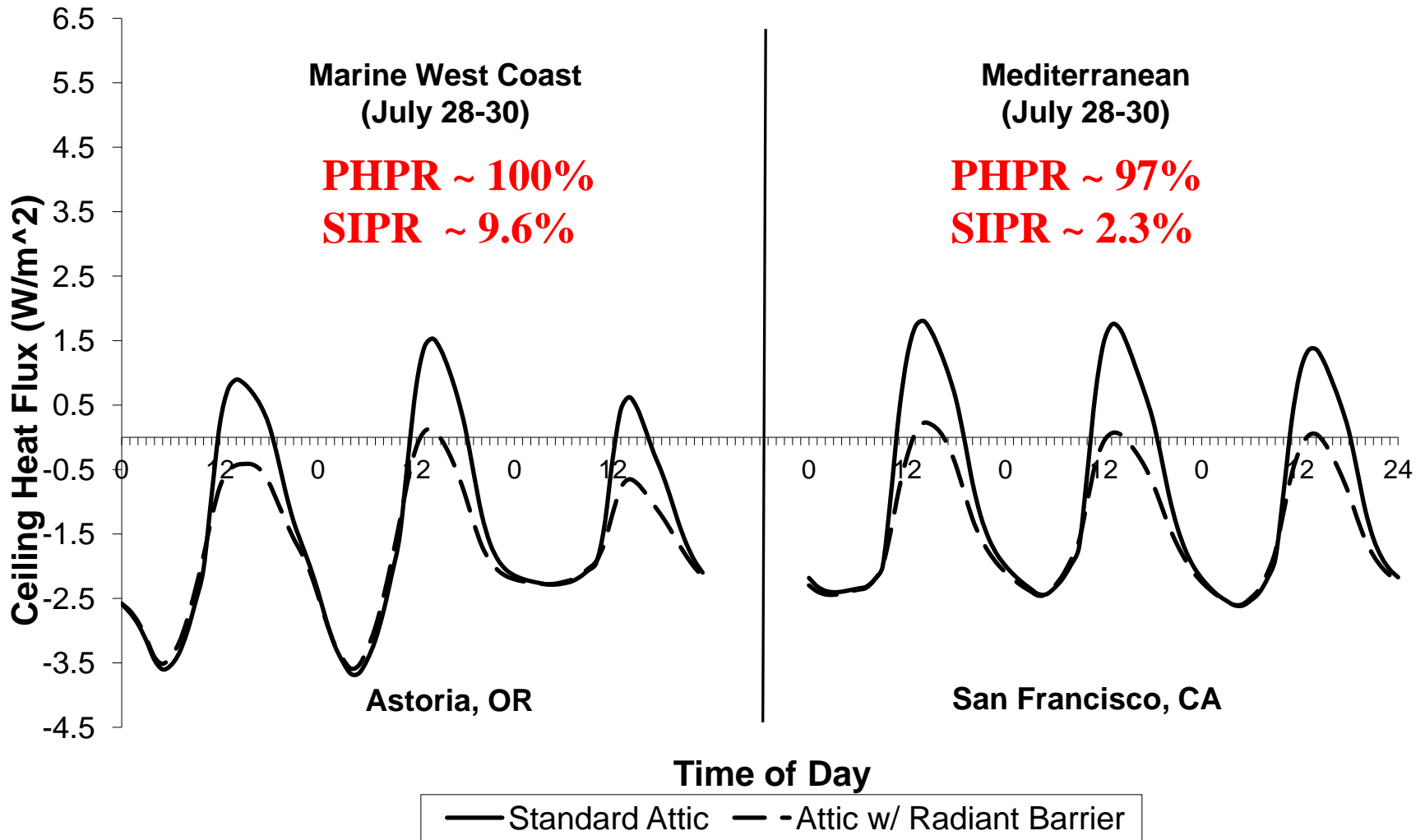
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Climatic Influences

Summer weather data for Continental United States

Climate	Summer Monthly Dry Bulb Temperature (°F)	Summer Monthly Relative Humidity (%)	Summer Monthly Wind Speed (mph)
Marine West Coast	59	80	8.3
Steppe	62	43	7.9
Humid Continental Cool Summer	70	67	8.7
Mediterranean	63	74	10
Desert	83	47	8.1
Western High Areas	68	50	8.5
Humid Continental Warm Summer	77	70	8.8
Humid Subtropical	84	68	8.5
Tropical Savanna	83	77	8

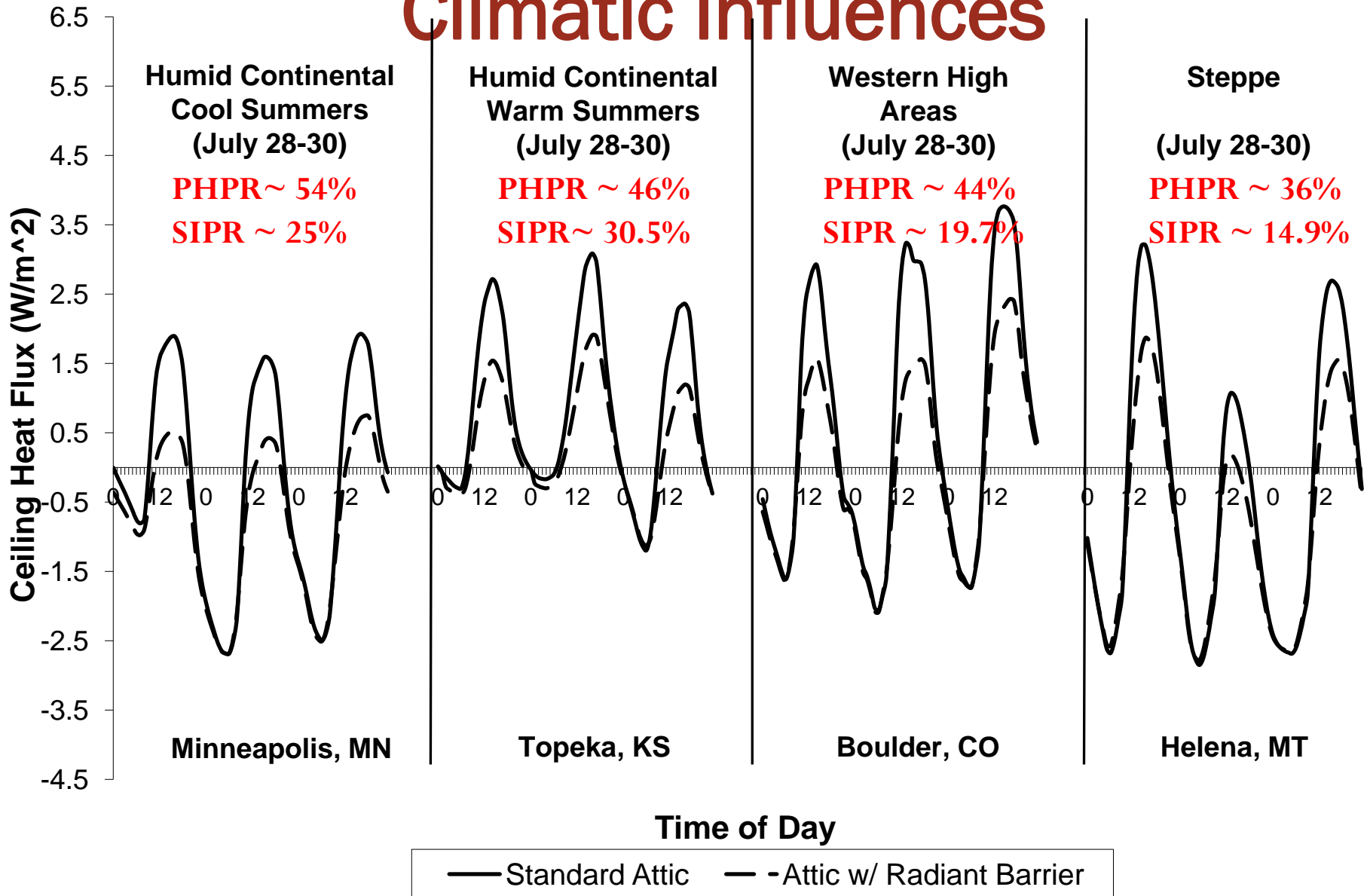
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PHPR: Peak Hour Percent Reduction SIPR: Summer Integrated Percent Reduction

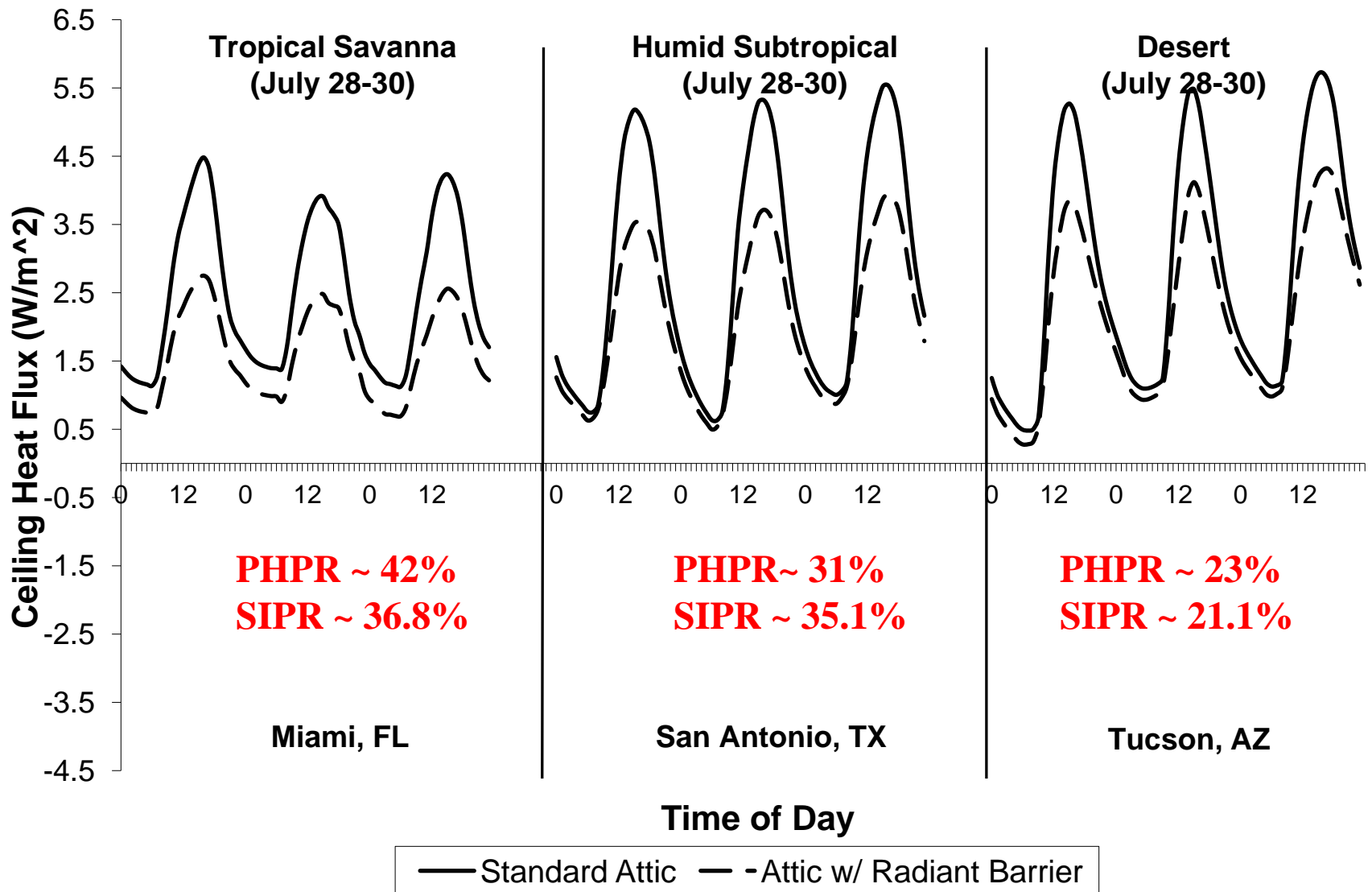
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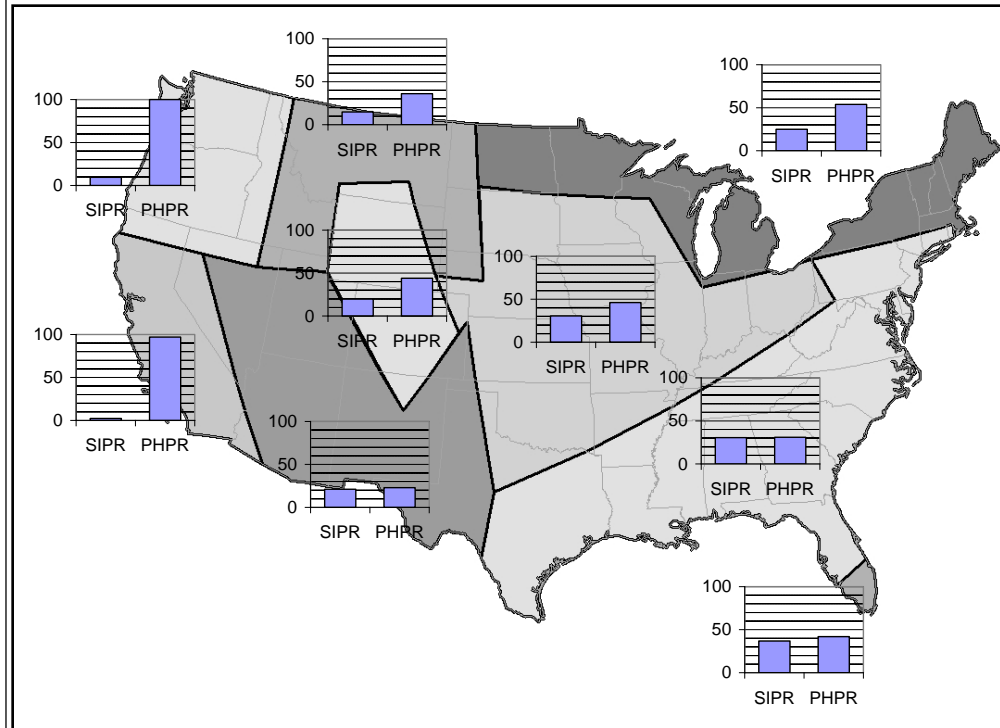
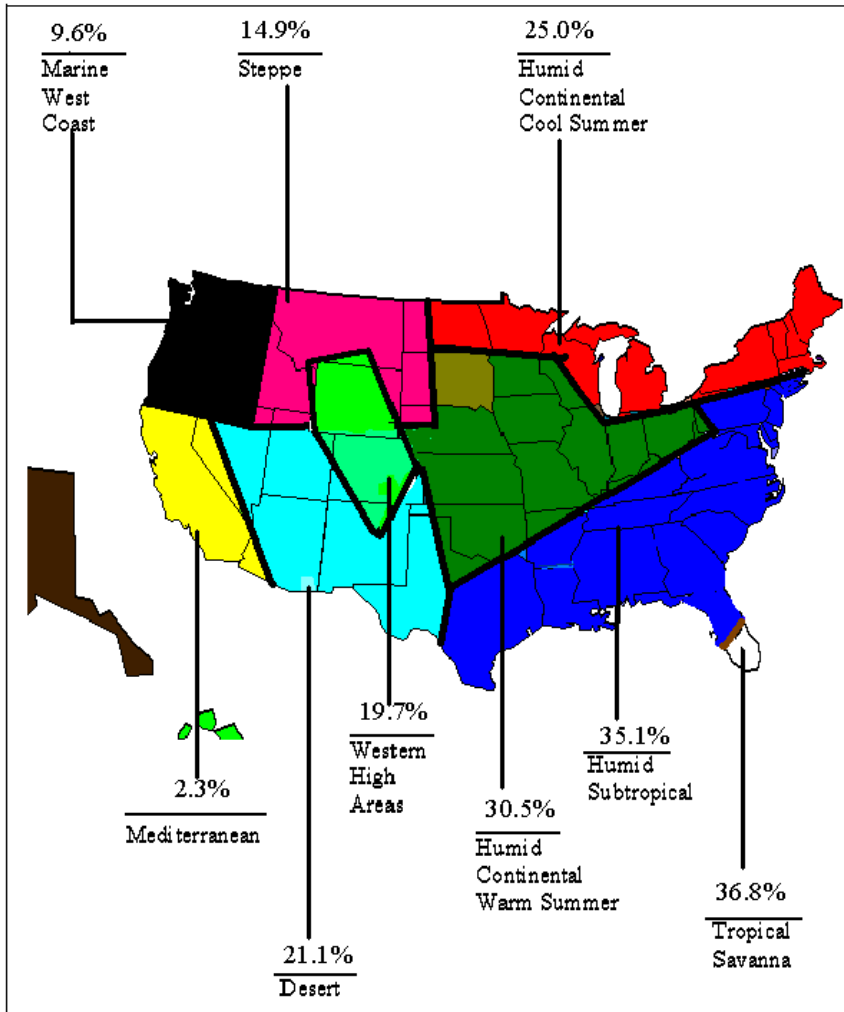


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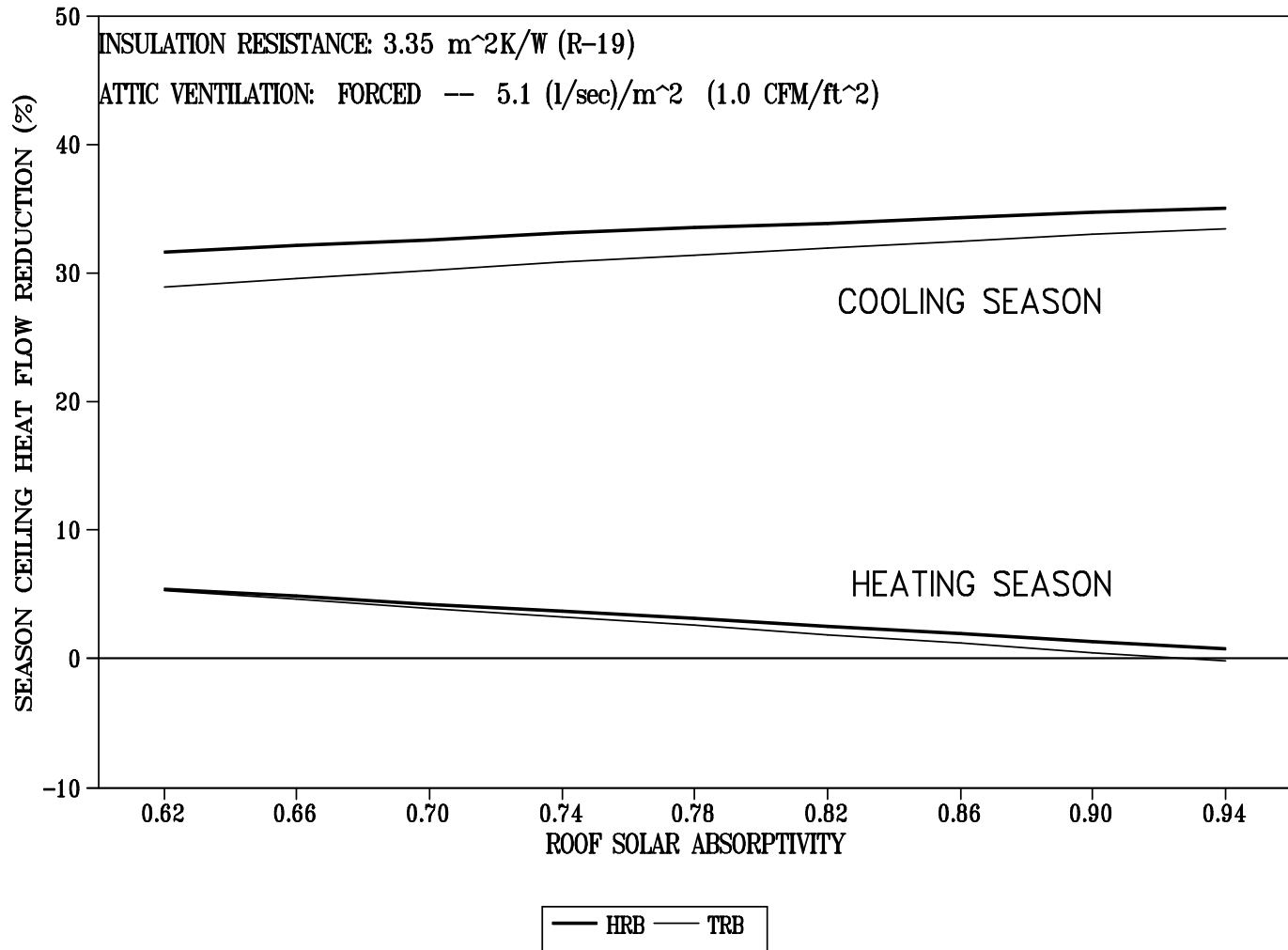


Computer Simulations Climatic Influences

Climate	Sample Station	Sample Summer Integrated Percent Reduction (SIPR) (%)	Average	Peak-Hour Percent Reduction (PHPR) (%)
Humid Subtropical	San Antonio, TX	34.3	35.1	31
	New York- NY	32.5		
	Atlanta, GA	38.5		
Humid Continental Warm Summer	Topeka, KS	30.0	30.5	46
	Indianapolis, IN	30.1		
Desert	Las Vegas, NV	19.2	21.1	23
	Tucson, AZ	23.0		
Humid Continental Cool Summer	Minneapolis, MN	25.7	25.0	54
	Detroit, Michigan	24.3		
Steppe	Pocatello, ID	16.0	14.9	36
	Helena, MT	13.7		
Marine West Coast	Astoria, OR	9.6	9.6	~100
Mediterranean	San Francisco, CA	2.3	2.3	97
Western High Areas	Boulder, CO	19.7	19.7	44
Tropical Savanna	Miami, FL	36.8	36.8	42

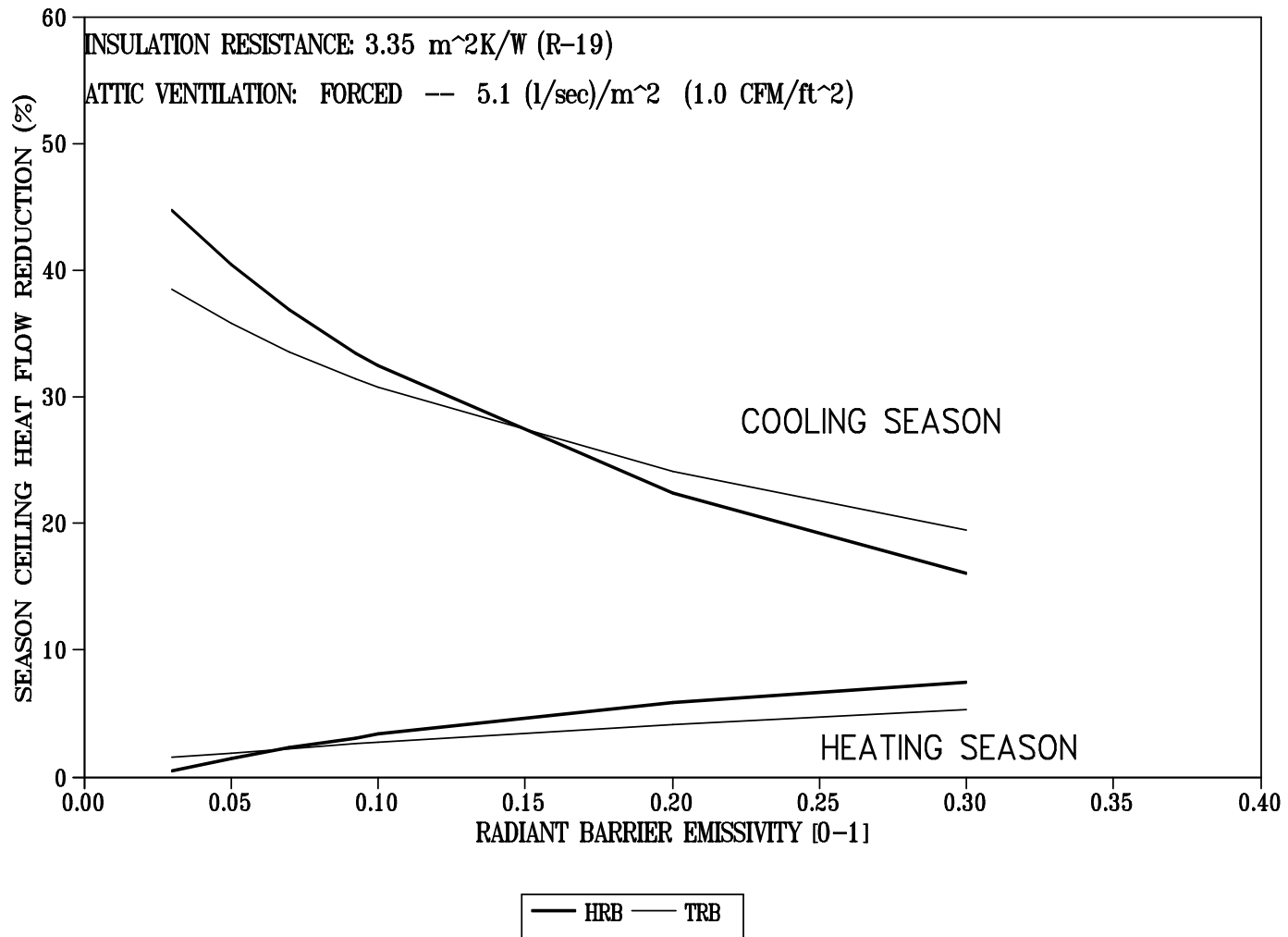
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Roof Solar Absorptivity



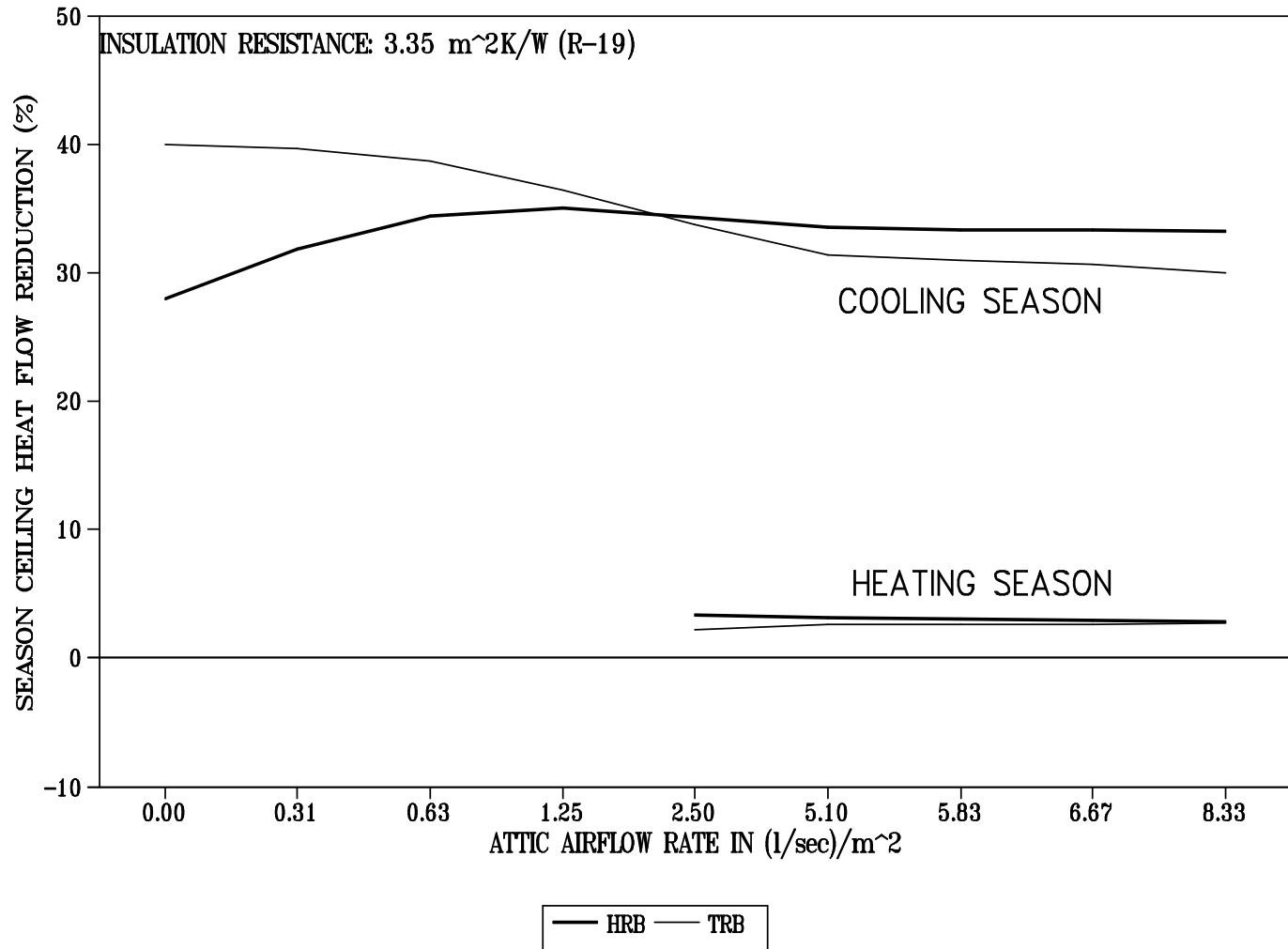
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Radiant Barrier Emissivity



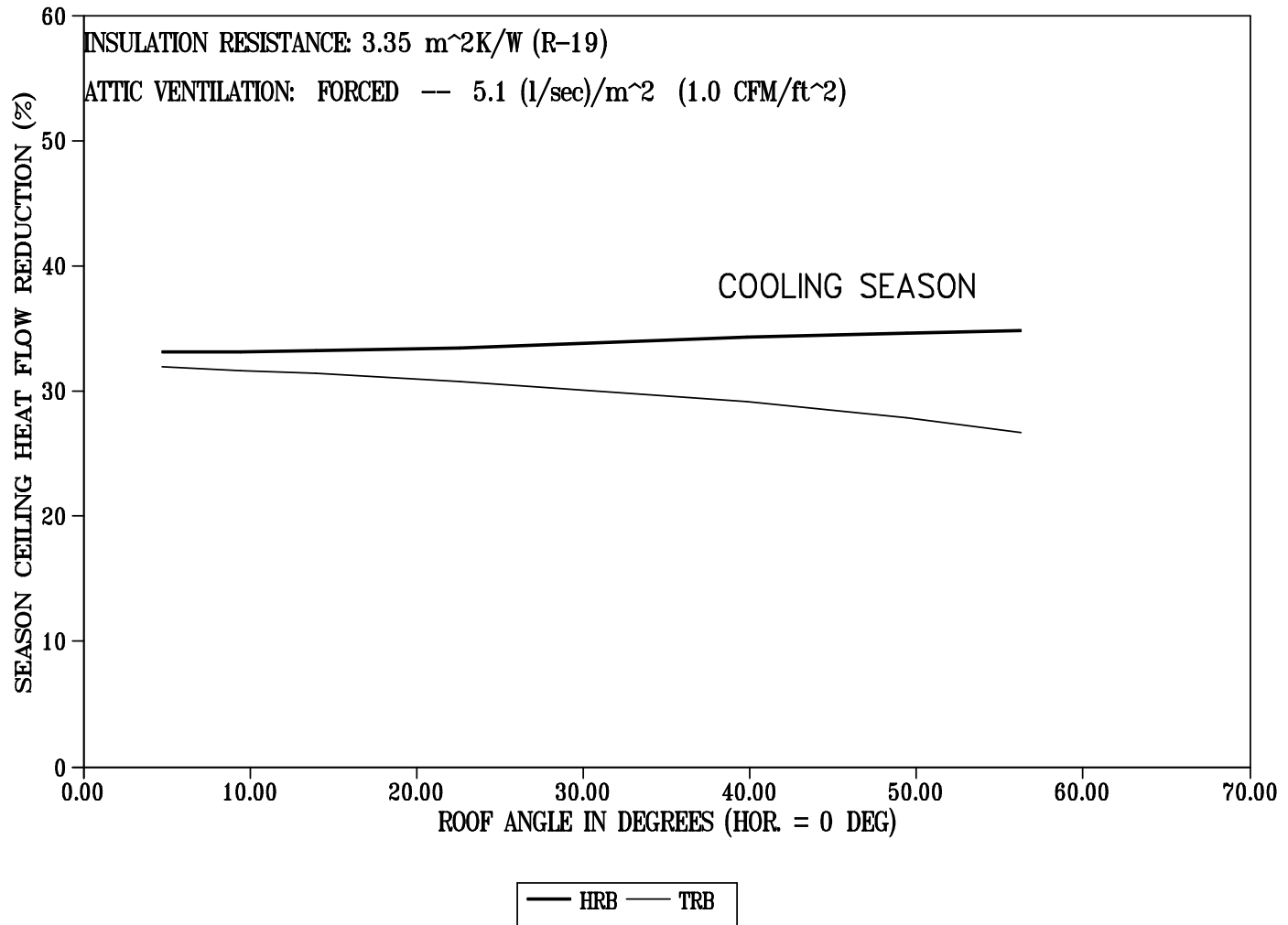
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Attic Airflow Rate



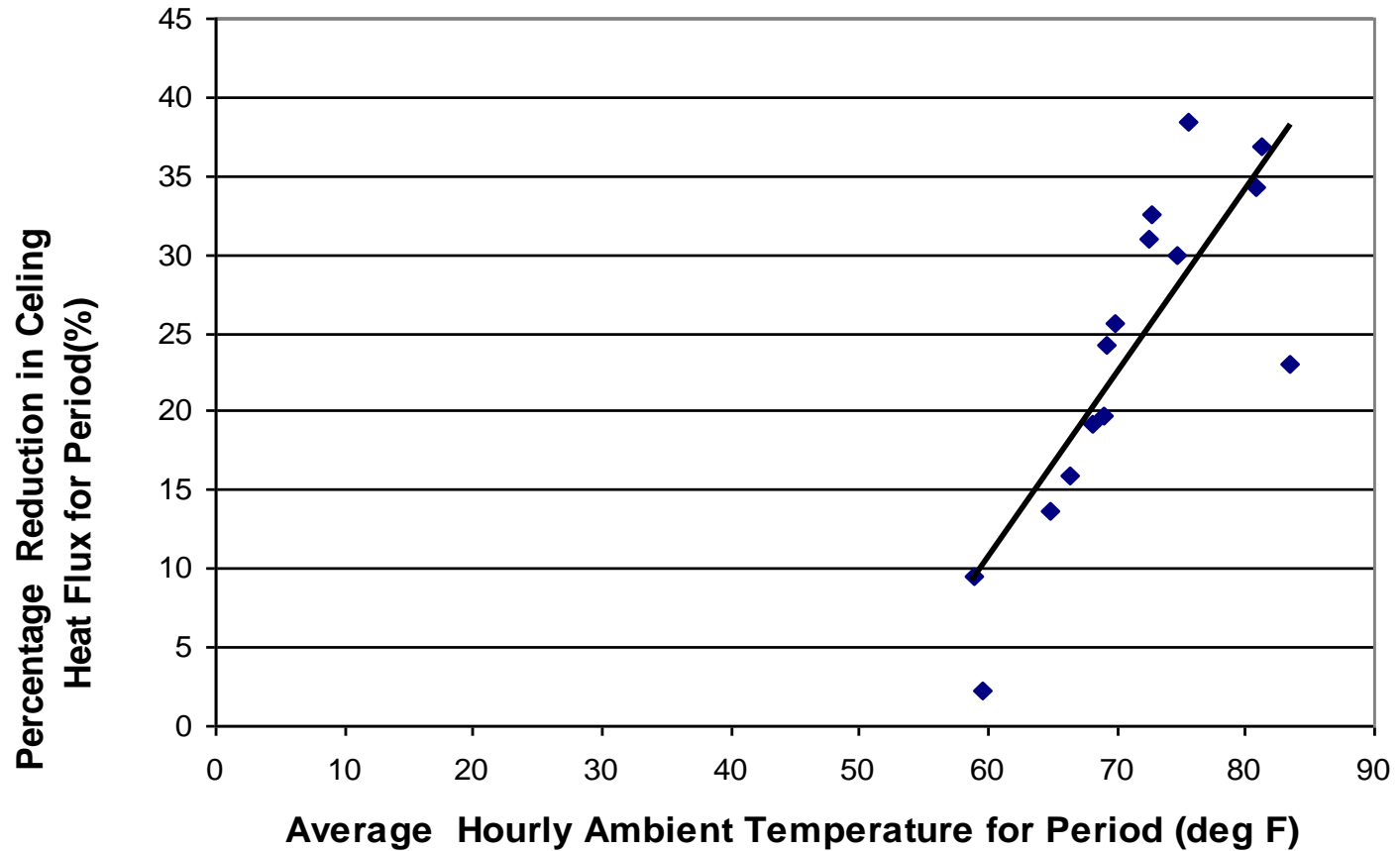
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Roof Slope



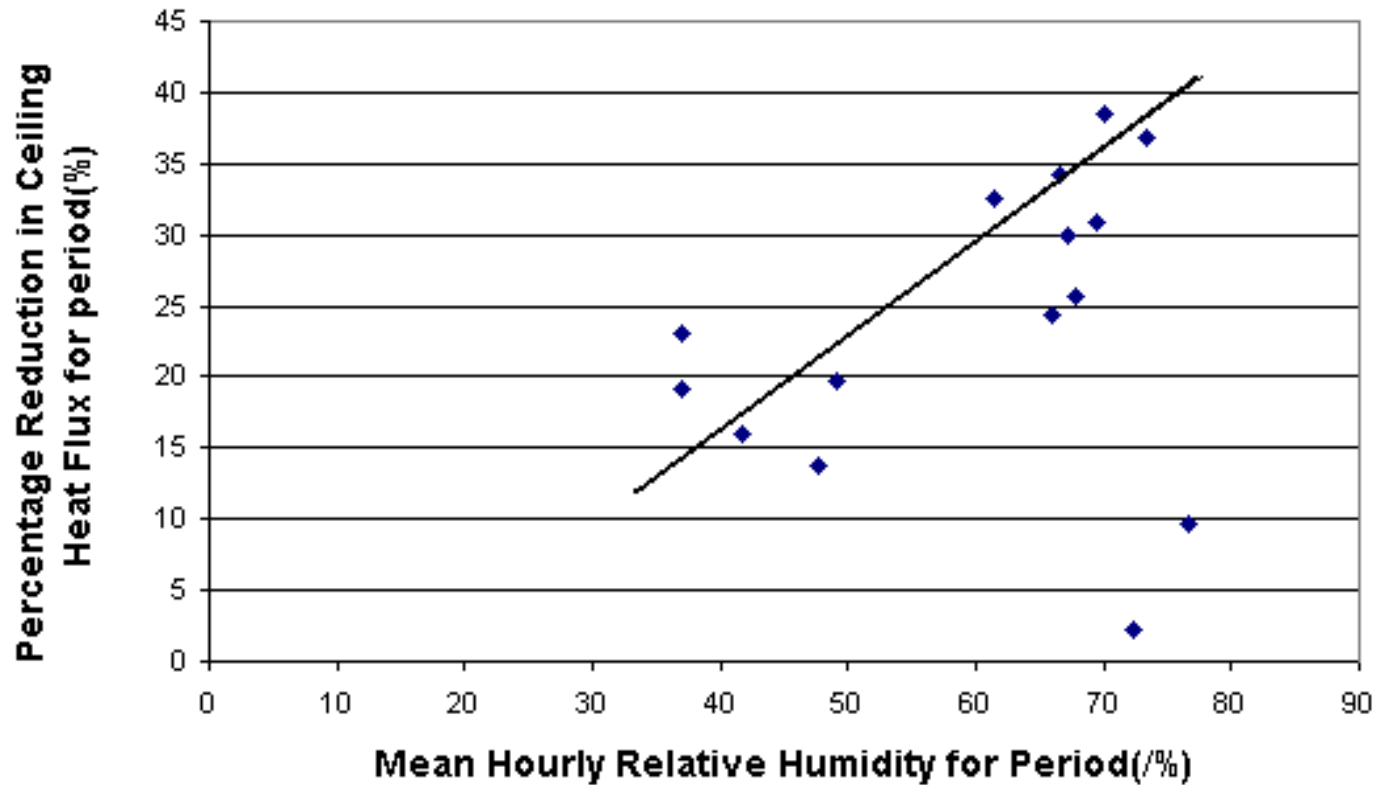
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Outdoor Air Temperature



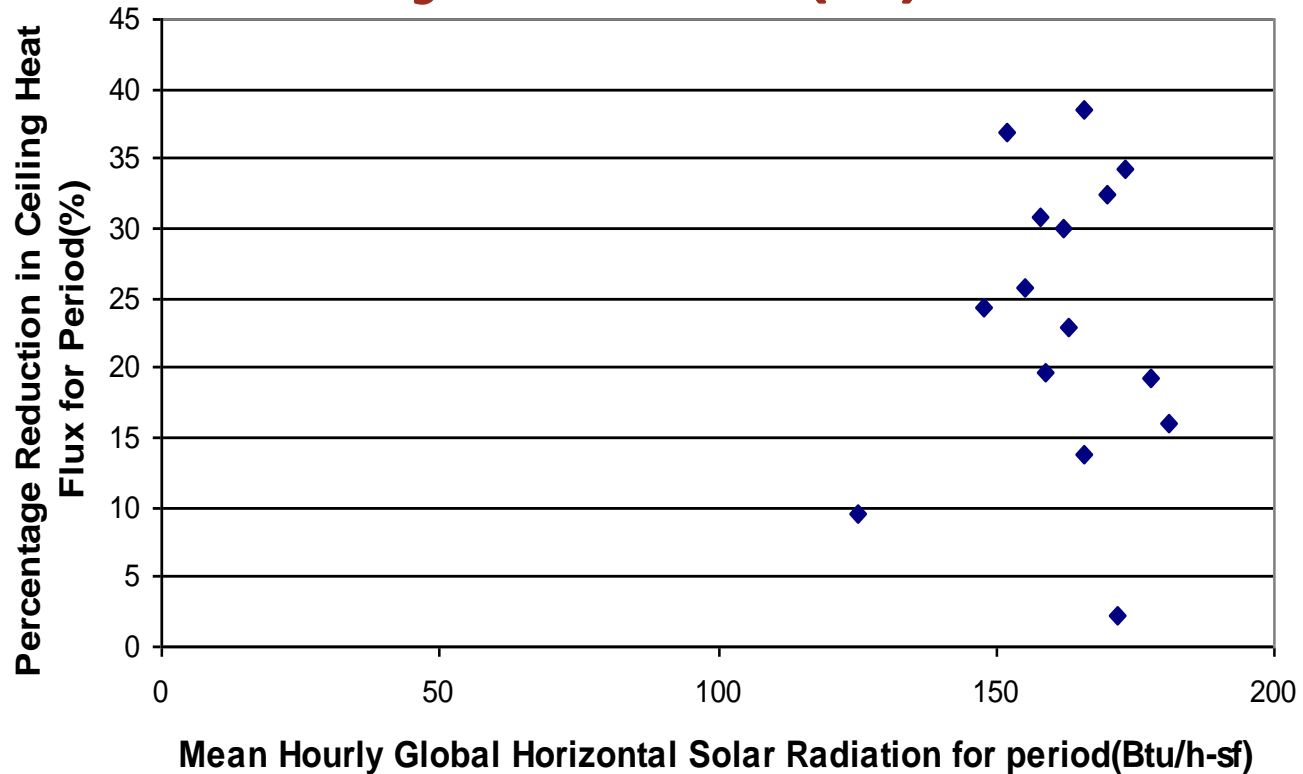
Parametric Analyses

Mean Hourly Relative Humidity



Parametric Analyses

Mean Hourly Global (H) Radiation



Conclusions

- On average, RBs reduce summer ceiling heat flows by approximately 23 to 45% depending on the insulation level. Winter ceiling heat flow reductions are approximately 40% of the summer values for the same insulation levels.
- Space cooling loads are reduced by 6 to 20% and space heating load reductions would be approximately 40% of the space cooling load reductions for the same insulation levels.
- IRCCs with an emittance of 0.25 or less would provide reductions in ceiling heat flows equivalent to 61% of the values produced by RBs.
- DARBs and TRBs would reduce attic temperatures by an average of 13 °F, while RBs in the HRB configuration would reduce the attic temperature by an average of 4 °F

Conclusions

- Climate (e.g., temperature and humidity) and radiant barrier emissivity have first order effects on the performance of radiant barriers.
- Attic ventilation flow rate, amount of solar radiation, shingle color, roof pitch have little to no effect on the performance of radiant barriers.

THANK YOU