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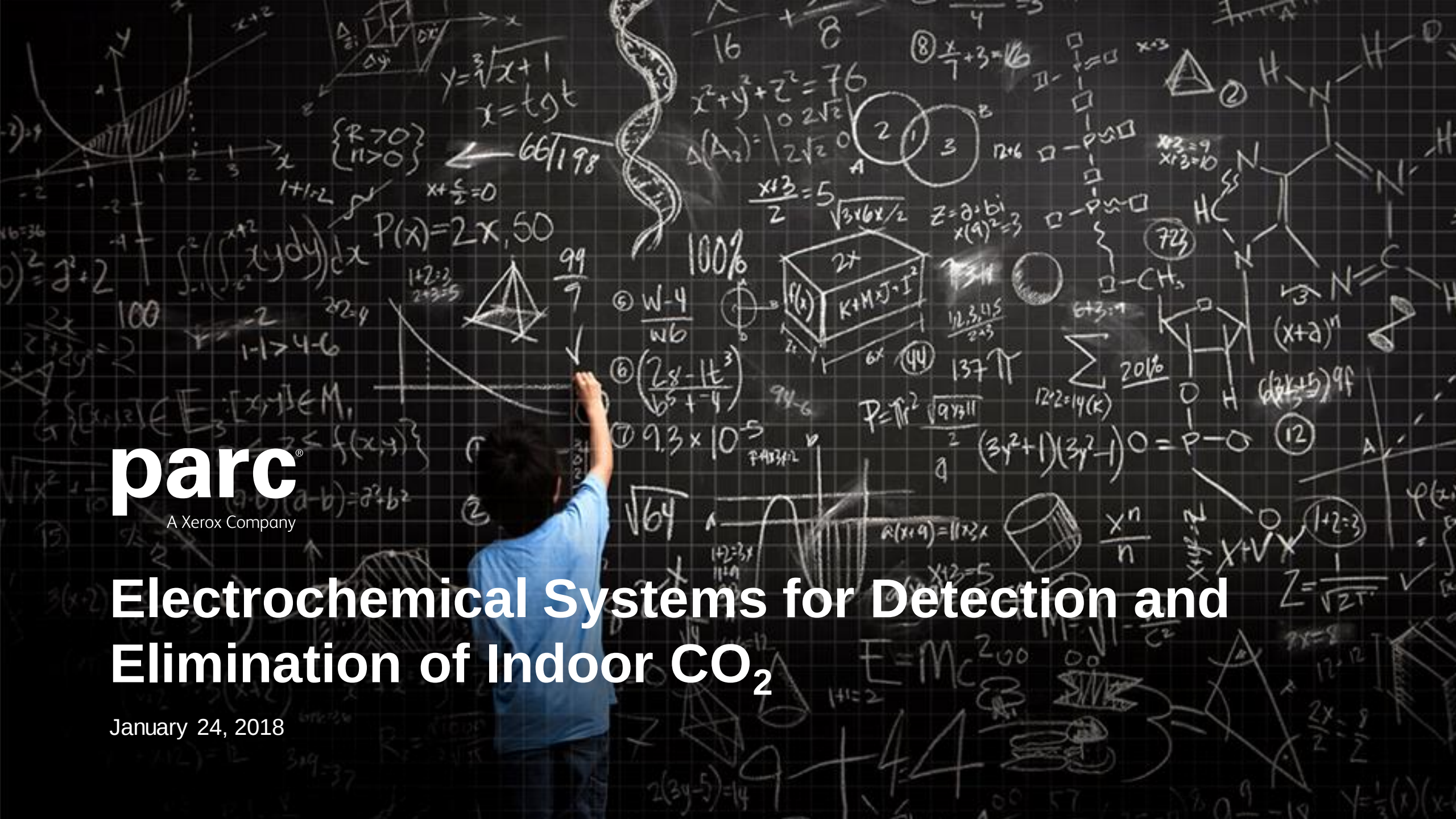
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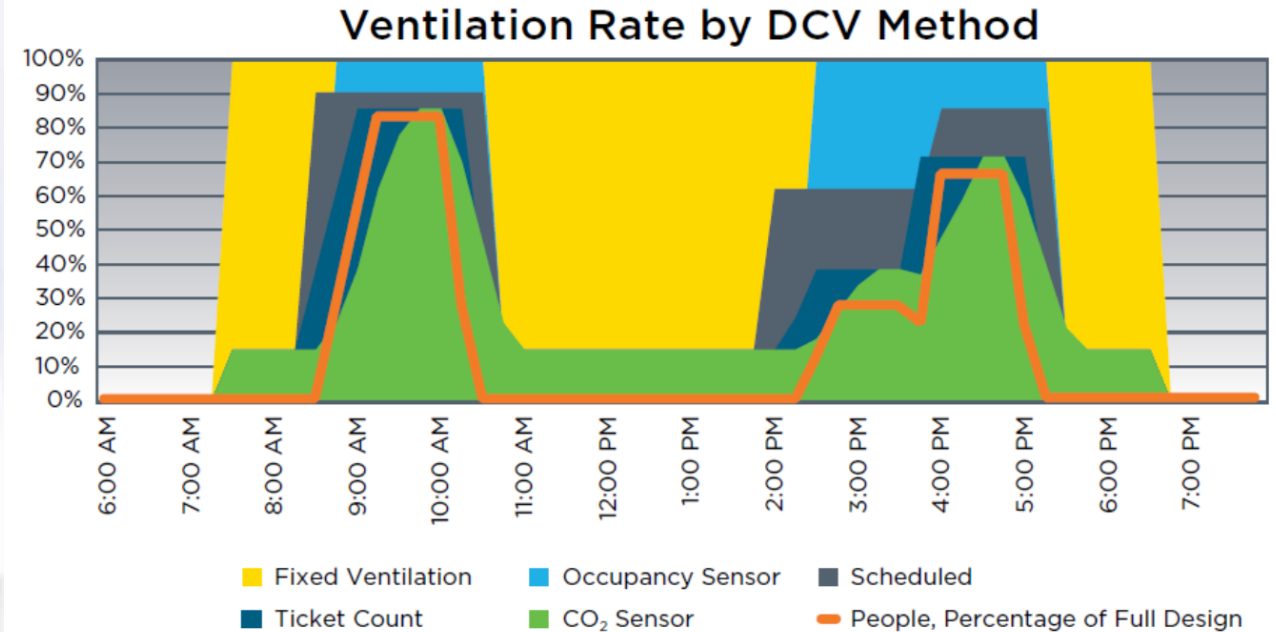
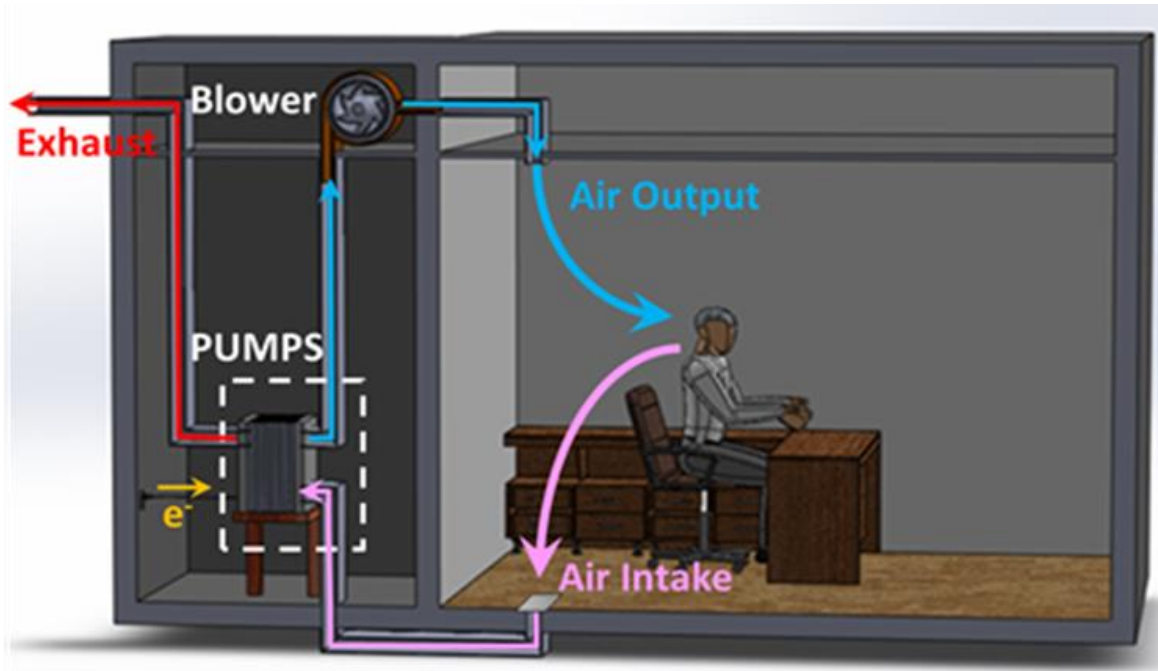


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Electrochemical Systems for Detection and Elimination of Indoor CO₂

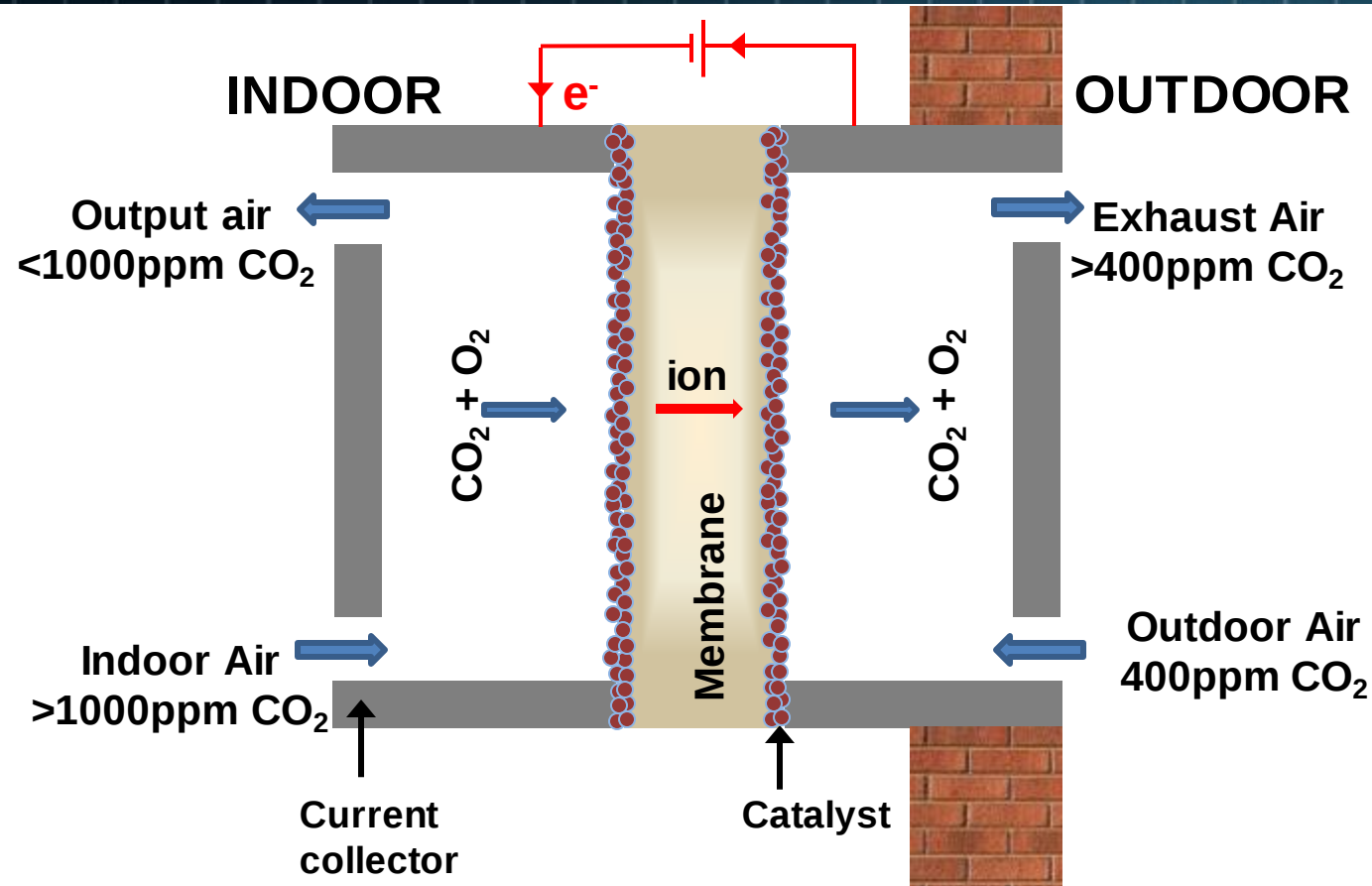
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Technical Concept



- HVAC comprises 32% of the energy consumed by U.S. buildings. Direct removal of CO₂ reduces overall energy consumption by **1%**.
- CO₂-selective removal systems could result in greater energy savings than DCV (Mysen et al, Energy & Buildings, 2005).
- CO₂ removal is key to maintaining indoor air quality. Elevated CO₂ concentration affects human activity levels and cognitive function, especially in the key area of strategic thinking (Allen, JG et al, Environ Health Perspect (2016), 124 (6), 805-812)

Electrochemical CO₂ Pump



- › Electrochemical CO₂ pump is activated by electrochemical sensor feedback.
- › Reversible CO₂ electro-reduction at electrodes to form mobile ion that is transported across the membrane
- › Exhaust gas is rejected to surroundings, limiting the need for excessive outdoor ventilation.

Performance Summary

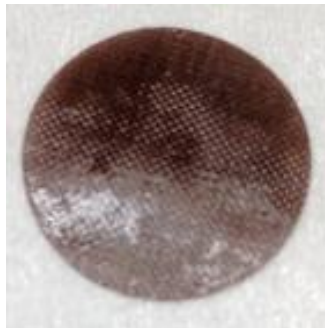
MEA FABRICATION

Membrane synthesis

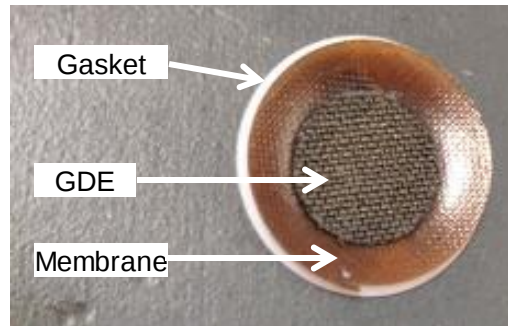
Pristine Membrane



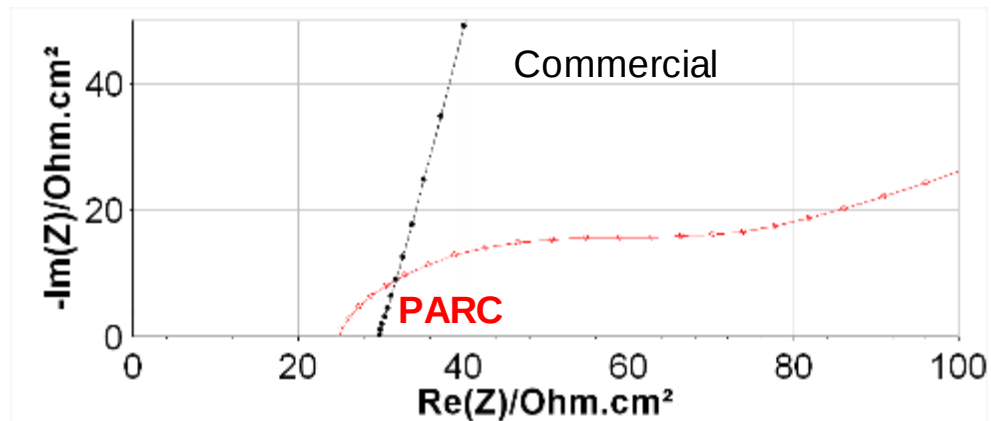
Functionalization



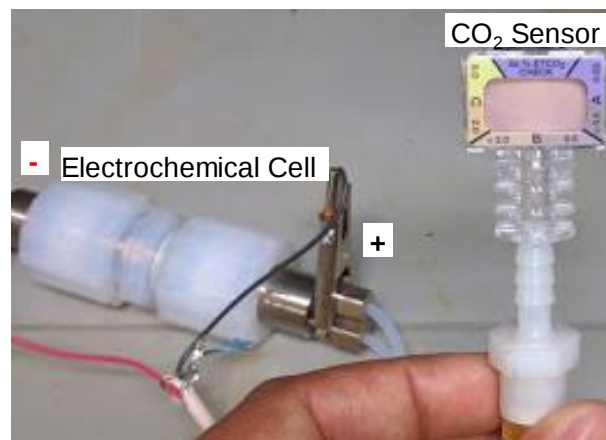
MEA fabrication



MEMBRANE CHARACTERIZATION (EIS)

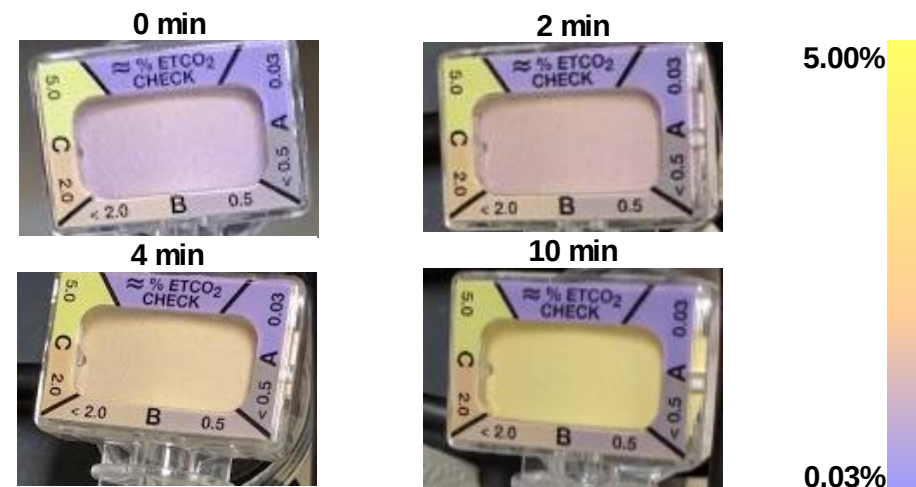


EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



- Custom-designed cell using ECR membrane
- Performance validated in pure CO₂ feed
- Sensor response determined using a colorimetric CO₂ sensor

SYSTEM RESPONSE OF EXHAUST GAS (100% CO₂ Feed)



Benchmarks: Sorbents, plants and photobioreactors

Solid CO₂ sorbent



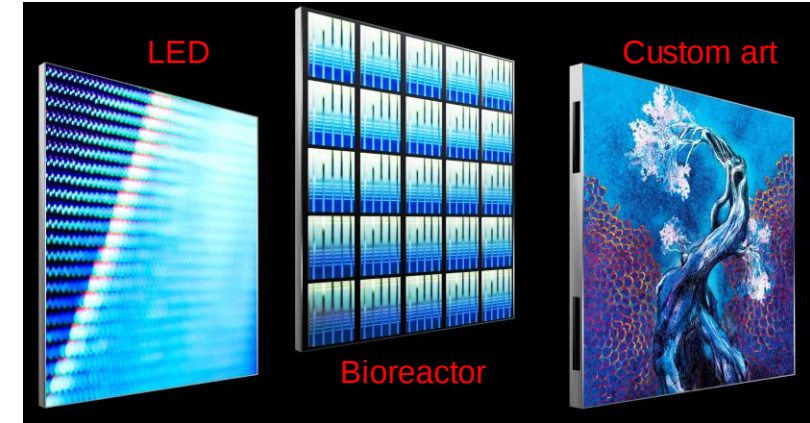
High energy consumption (1 MJ/mol)
Source: DOI: [10.1039/C0EE00064G](https://doi.org/10.1039/C0EE00064G)

Indoor plants



Poor CO₂ removal rate
Source: Tarran, J et al, *Proceedings Of 6 th Internat. Conf. On Indoor Air Quality, Ventilation & Energy Conservation, -Sustainable Built Environment*. 2007.

Algal Photobioreactors



Need a continuous light source
Source: Artveoli microfluidic photobioreactor

- › Adsorption air cleaning using CO₂ sorbents is the current state of the art (60% reduction in thermal load). However, sorbents have a high energy consumption (6 kWh/kg CO₂), which erodes the energy impact.
- › Plants have been used for indoor CO₂ remediation and reduce HVAC load but have a poor CO₂ removal rate (<0.1 L/h/plant, Torpy et al, *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* (2014), 13 (2), 227-233)

Economic Assessment

- › Designed to remove 50 L CO₂/h (1 person), and estimated to have an energy consumption of 75 W. Modular stack form factor and operates at a current density >100 mA/cm².
- › Capital costs expected to scale similarly to an fuel cells, equivalent to \$52/occupant.
- › Expected payback period would change based on energy savings/region of installation. We estimate a payback period of <3 years for an electrolyzer for the above scenario.

Metric	Value
Target Indoor gas concentration (ppm)	1,000
Operating temperature	ambient
Specific energy consumption (kJ mol ⁻¹)	100
CO ₂ removal rate (LPH/person)	50
Power consumption (W/person)	60
Energy savings (kWh m ⁻² y ⁻¹)	48
Annual cost savings (\$ m ⁻² y ⁻¹)	0.31
Installed cost (\$/person), no PGM catalyst	52
Simple payback (y)	2.8

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Challenges

- › Inexpensive catalysts
- › Improve system reversibility
- › Improve removal rate



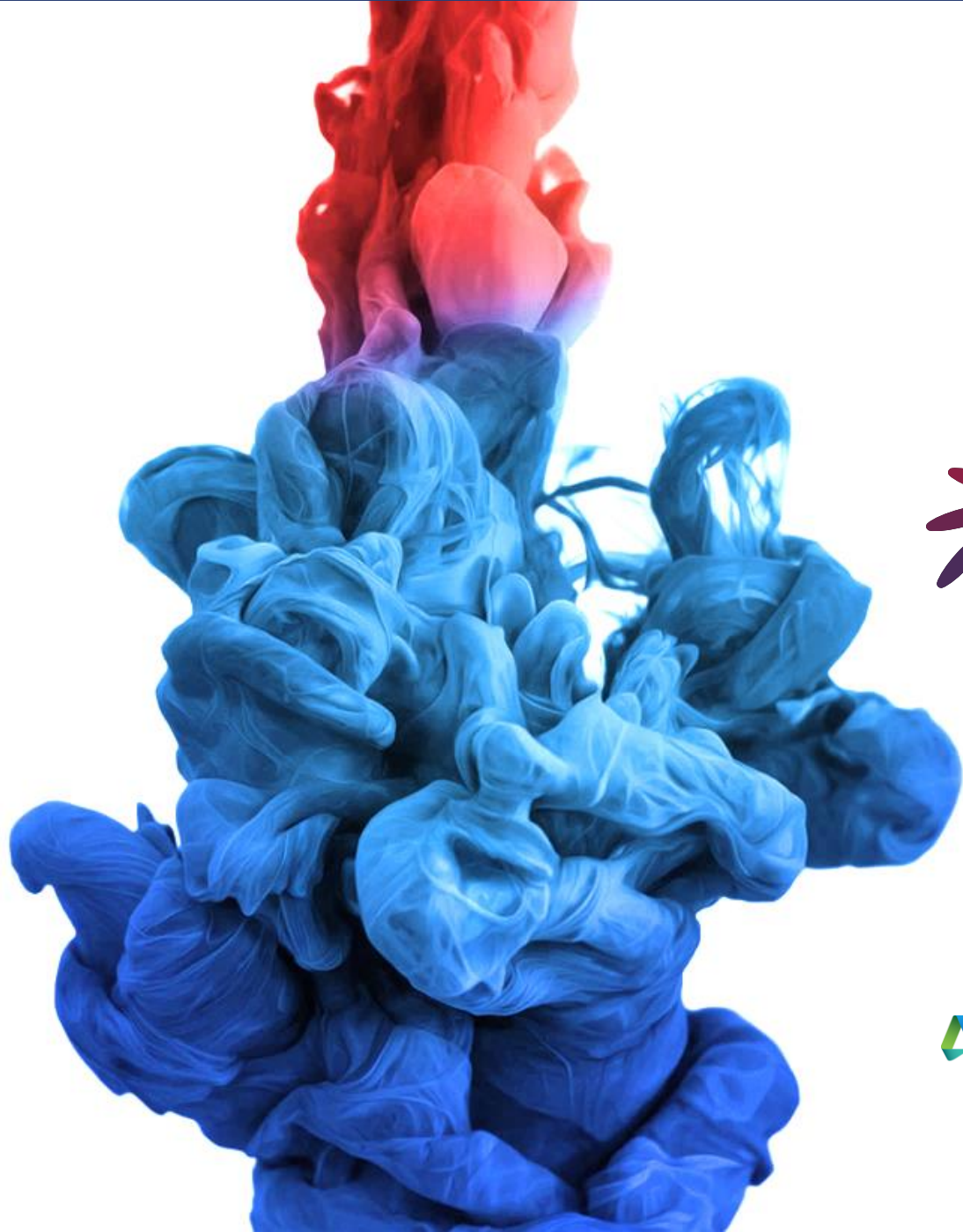
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NATIVUS

A Heating & Cooling Technology Platform



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ARCHITECTURAL REDESIGN

Based on a patented heat exchanger platform that is 10x more efficient than current technology.

ROTARY
Air-Conditioner



Fan + Heat Exchanger
In One



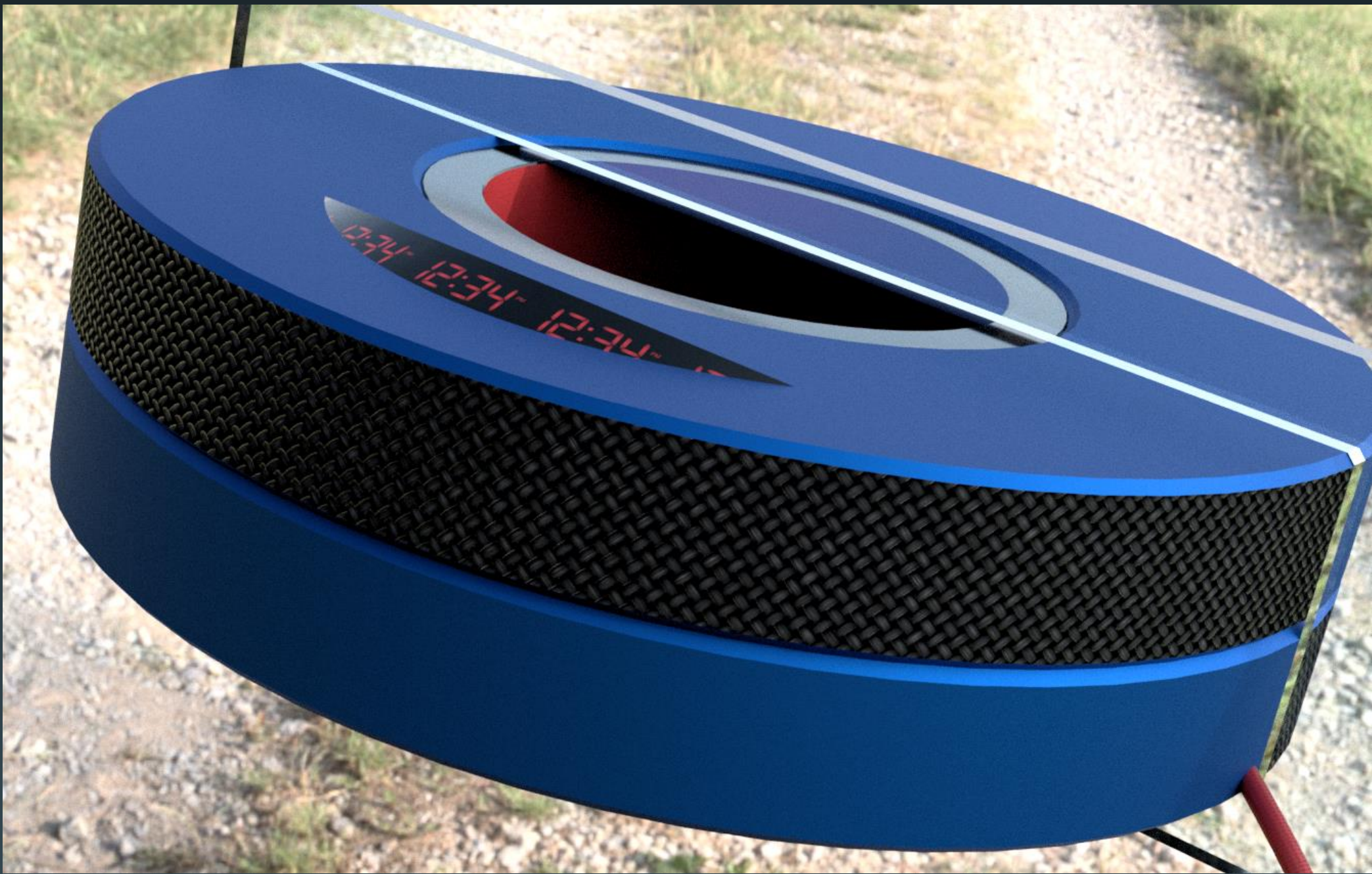
Boundary Layer Sheared Away Via Centrifugal Force



System Operates Standard Vapor-Compression Cycle



Completely Sealed Refrigerant System





“World's Hottest Market: Air Conditioners For India
And Hundreds Of New Electric Plants To Power Them”
- Forbes, May 2017





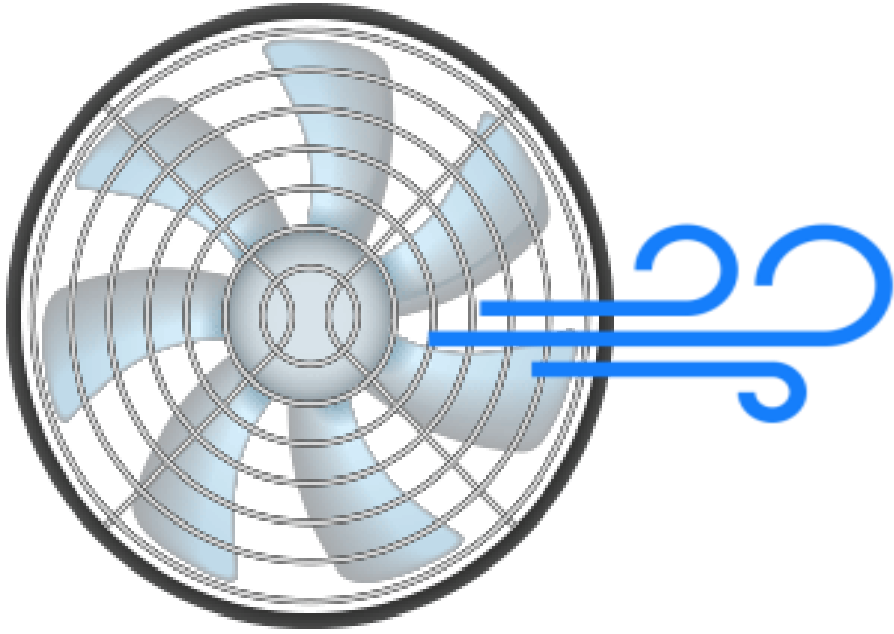
Global HVAC
Energy Demand

\$9T

12% Global GDP¹

1. EIA. Assumes \$,15 kWh Global COE Average.



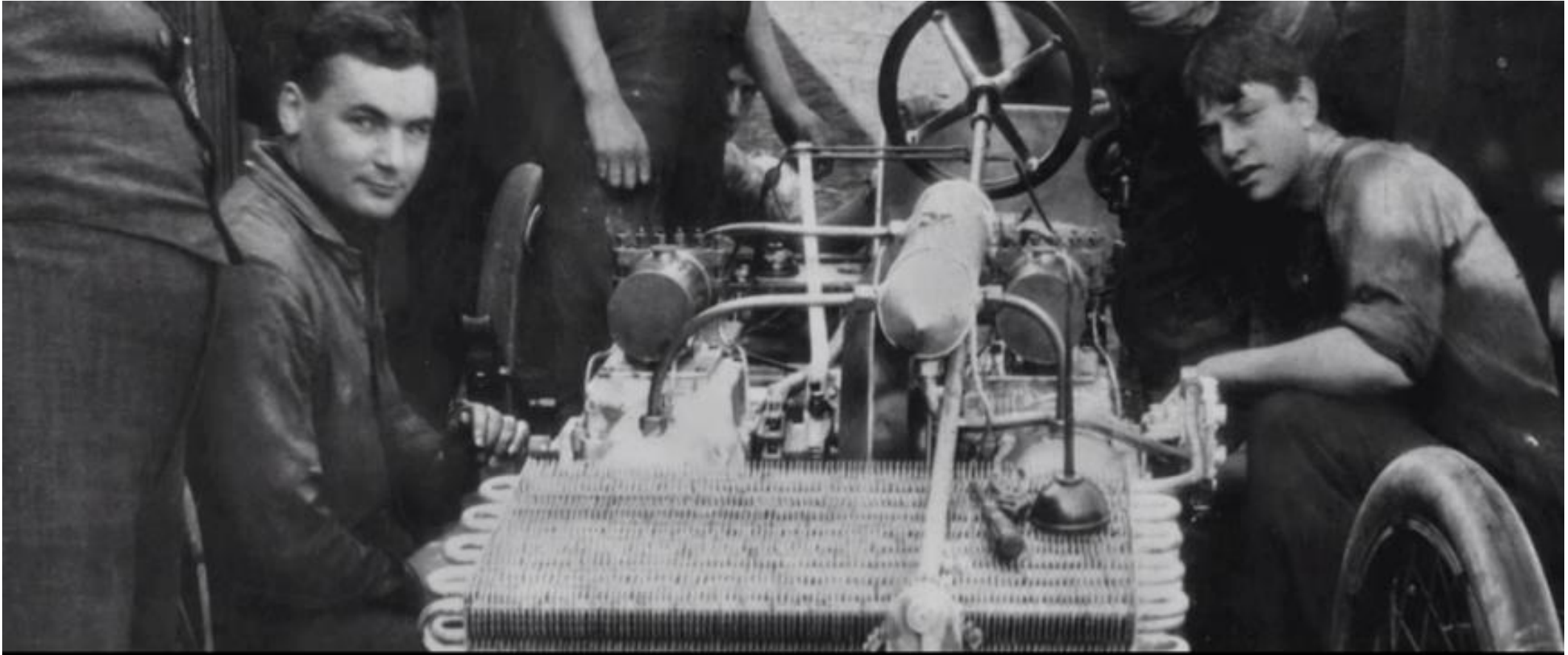


Stationary
'Finned Tube + Fan'
Heat Exchanger

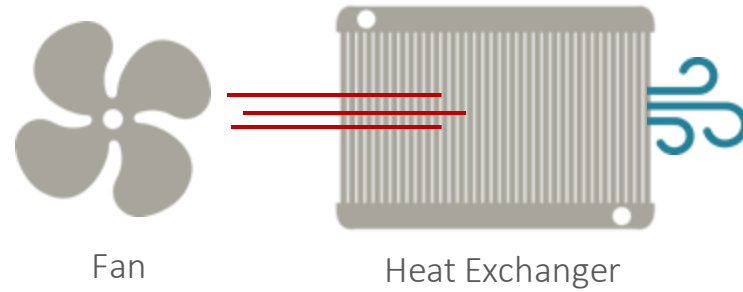


We are long overdue for a system redesign...

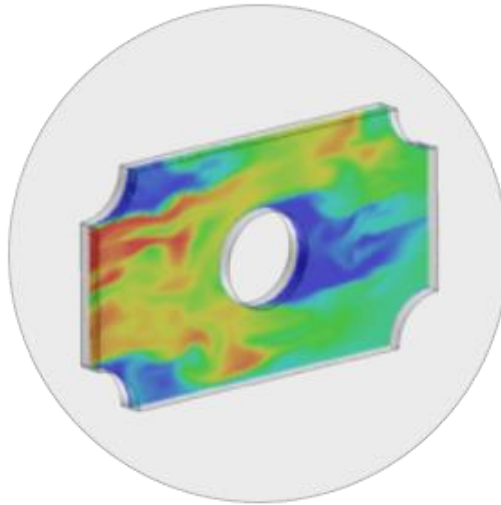
In the foreground, a Finned-Tube Heat Exchanger (radiator) installed on an early car over a century ago.



Problem: Poor Heat Exchange¹



Fouling



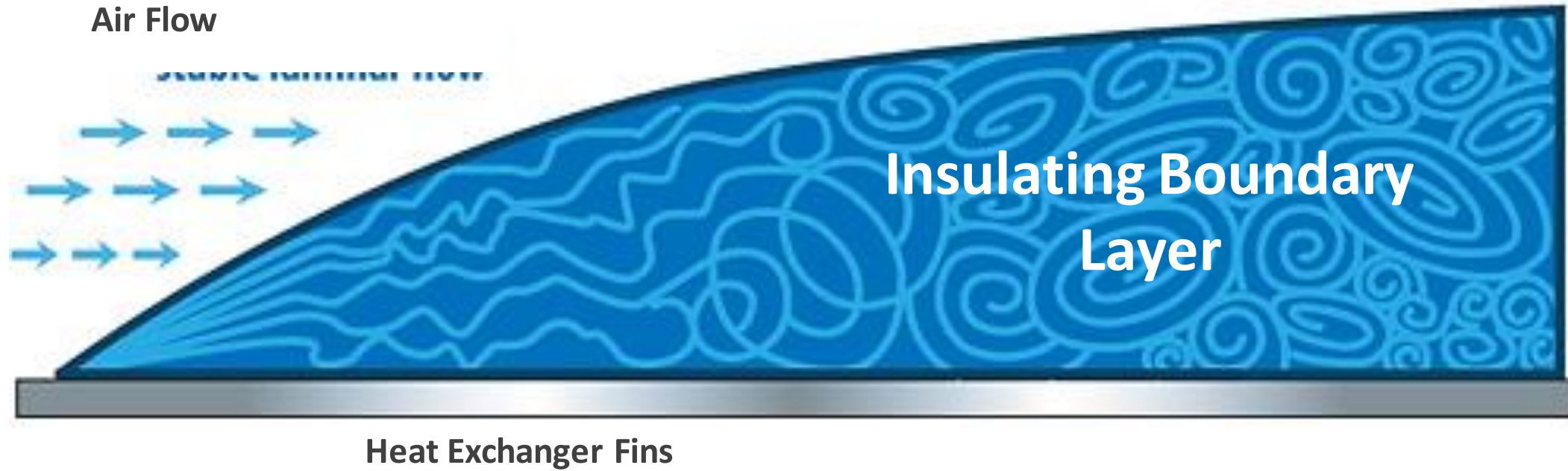
Boundary Layer



Condensate

¹ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. *Fouling of HVAC Fin and Tube Heat Exchangers (White Paper)*. Berkeley, Sept. 2001.

The Boundary Layer



CRYO™ Air-Conditioner

Precision Climate-Control



Lower
Operating Expense*



Light & Easy
Single-Person Install



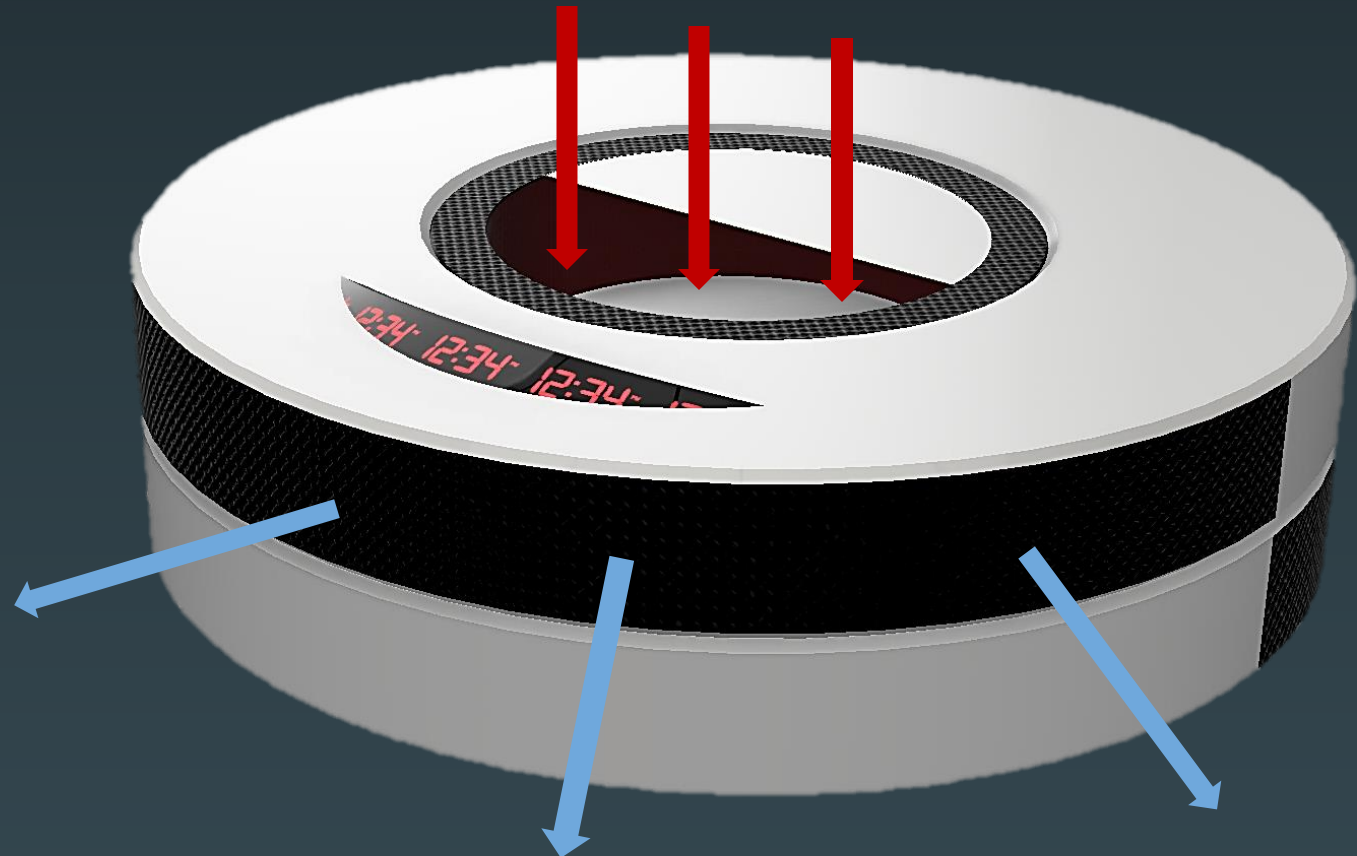
Single-Motor
Quiet While in Operation



WiFi-Enabled
Manage Usage



Air Filter
Replaceable Filter for Cleaner Air



*Energy Savings based on a comparable capacity leading room air-conditioning system.
Initial estimates based on materials and components selected for manufacturing.





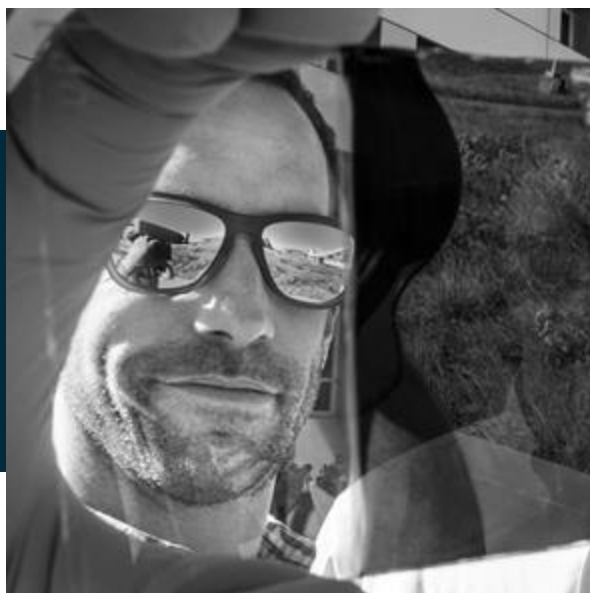
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Good window OR Good solar panel: Why not both?

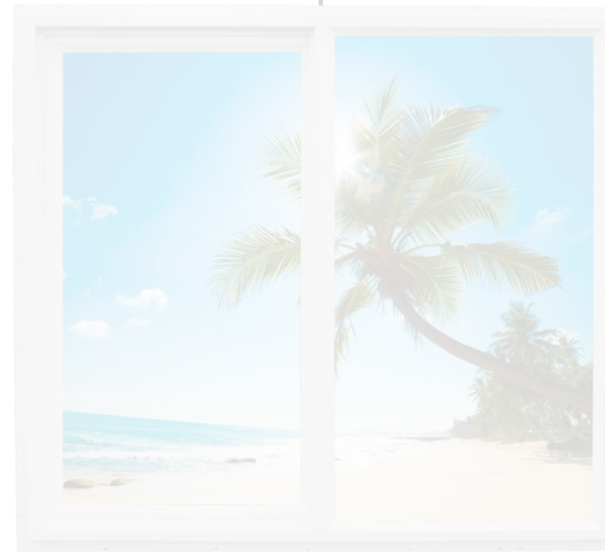
Dynamic windows



~20+ year ROI!
No energy generation

Solar windows

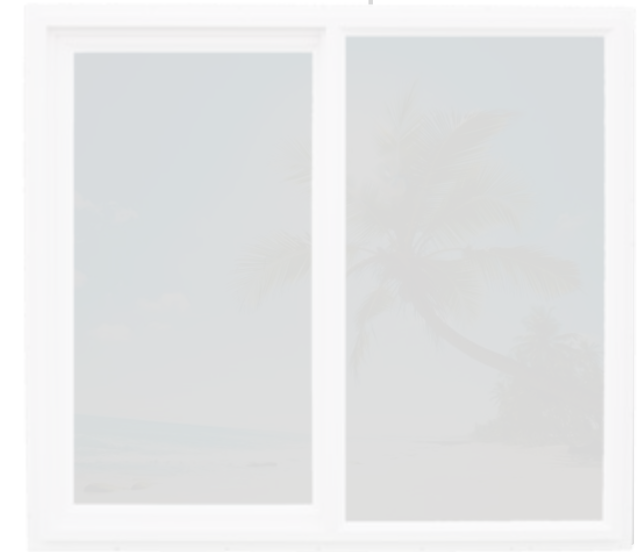
Transparent



4% IR lab efficiency
2.5% UV theory efficiency



Semitransparent



The value of SwitchGlaze

Commercial



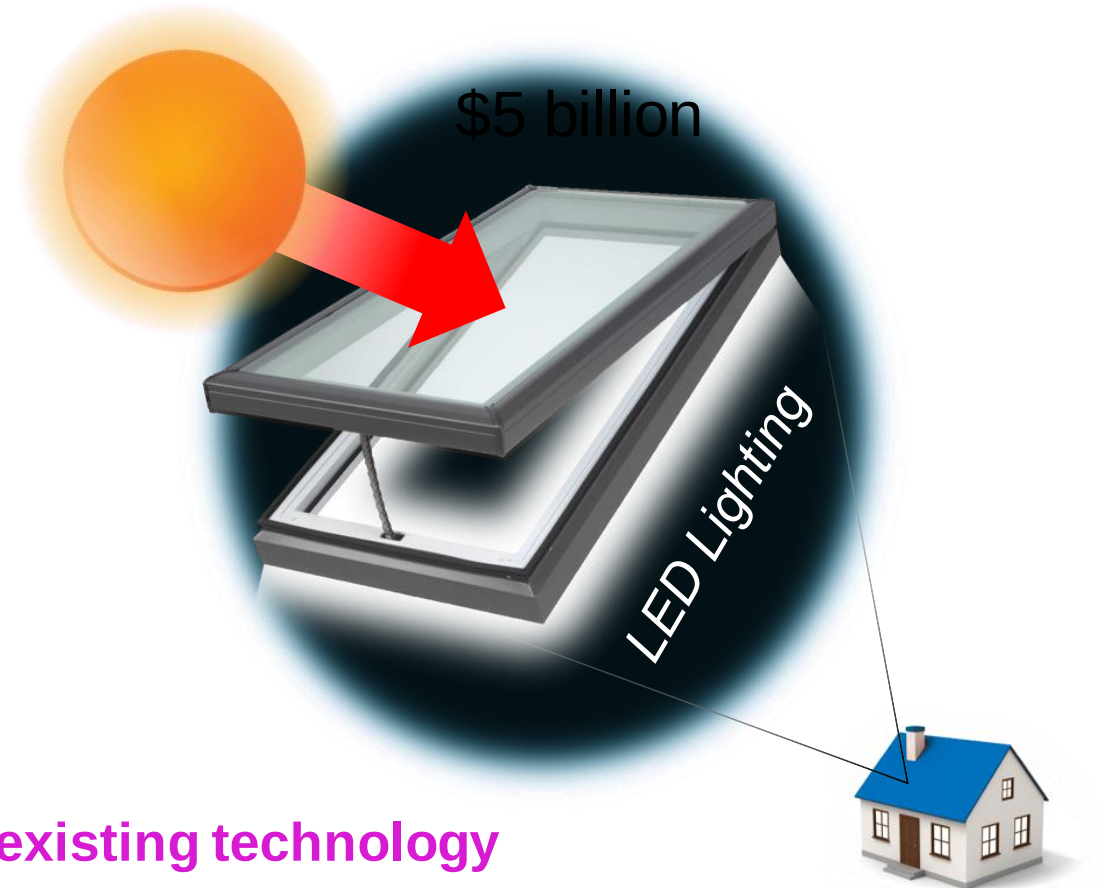
Solar Mitigation
\$3.90 / ft² / year

Solar Conversion
\$2.38 / ft² / year

Efficiency higher than *any* existing technology
Drop-in (no destruction) retrofit

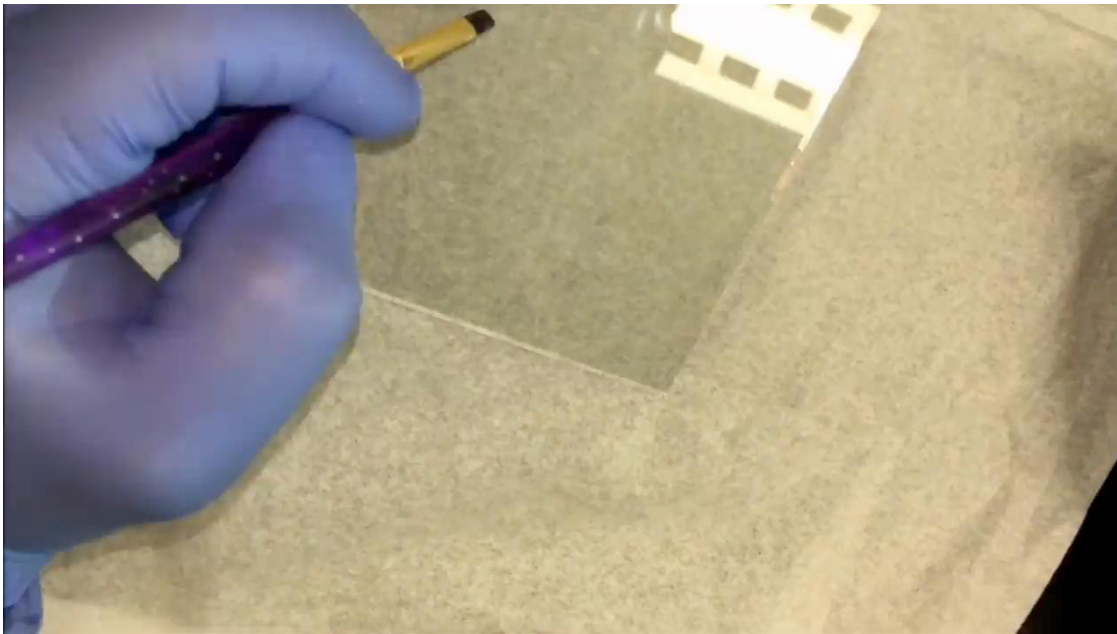
1-4 year ROI

Residential

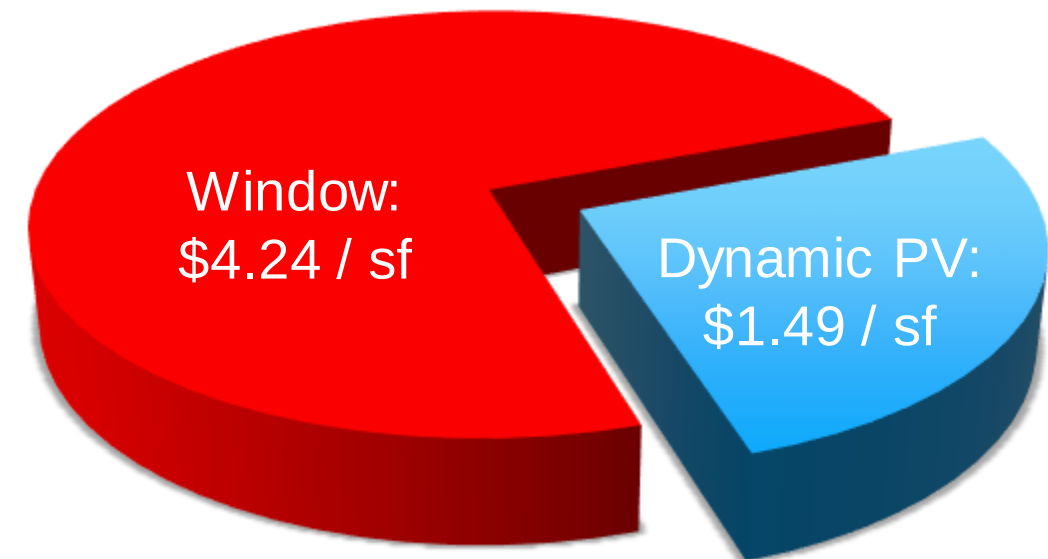


Incremental cost of SwitchGlaze

Roll-to-roll printing technology



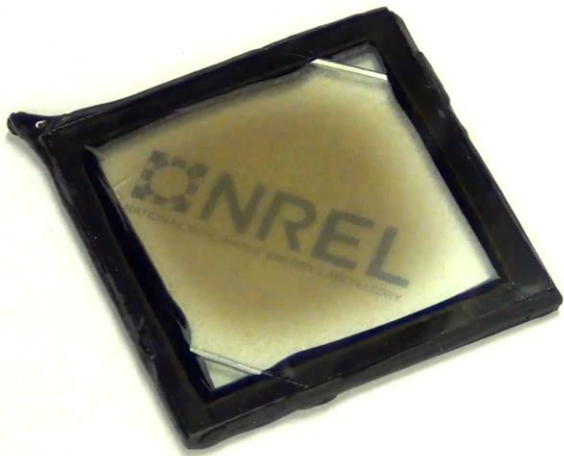
Cost of a SwitchGlaze window



Bailie, C. et al. Preliminary Technoeconomic Analysis of Single-Junction Perovskites and Perovskites-on-Silicon. in (2015).

SwitchGlaze path to market and partnership needs

Proof of Concept



- *Multiple Non-prov. patents filed*
- *Large NREL portfolio*

Prototype



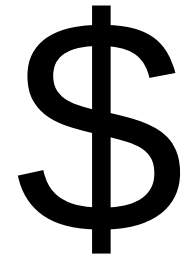
Investment needs:

- Research on Improved durability
- Scaling

Demo Installation



Product





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