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Presentation Outline

- Overall Theme: The Building Envelope
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Project Overview

- WPR is part of a 1.1 million SF mixed use development



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Project Overview

- Size
 - 485,000 SF; 15 stories
- Cost
 - \$90 million
- Schedule
 - June 2007 - February 2009
- Structure
 - Post-tensioned concrete
- Façade
 - Brick, stone, glass, metal
- 4 CM's and 3 developers working on a single podium

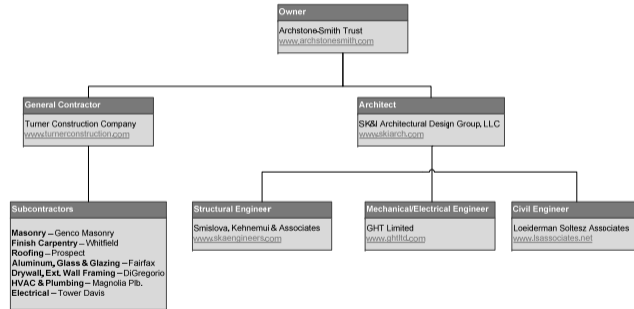


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- **MODEX & Neoromodex**
 - Performs prefab feasibility study for industrial plants
 - 5 Categories
 - Plant location
 - Environment
 - Labor
 - Plant characteristics
 - Project risks
 - Easily be translated to construction



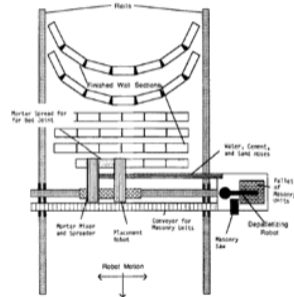
- **2000 Study**
 - Software use  13% over past 15 years
 - Top driving factors for prefabrication
 - Cost, schedule, workforce issues
 - Barriers to prefabrication
 - Additional planning, increased transportation, design inflexibility, procurement requirements

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- The Brick Robot

- University of Maryland design team
- Automated brick placement system
- Accurate placement
- Issues with bond strength



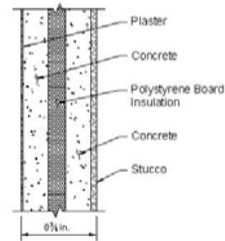


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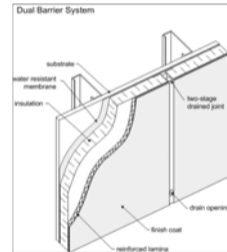
- Sandwich Panel

- Closed-cell insulation between 2 concrete panels
 - Do not have the best thermal properties because insulation is so thin
- Pre-finished interiors could get damaged during placement



- EIFS

- Exterior Insulating Finishing System
- Synthetic stucco panel
- Thin and lightweight
- Outermost layer protects against moisture penetration
 - Mold can be an issue



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- **Problems**

- Many constraints: time, money, resources, space

- **Goals**

- Simplify façade construction by unitizing components
- Maintain envelope integrity while reducing cost and schedule

- **Expected Outcome**

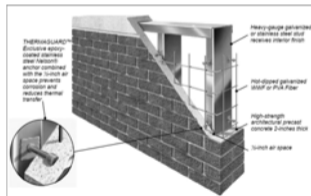
- Alleviate site congestion by switching to a precast system
- Eliminate need for masonry hoist and scaffolding

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Precast: Product Selection

- Slenderwall Panel System
 - By Smith-Midland



SLINDERWALL™
Architectural Precast Concrete/Steel Stud Building Panels

Precast: Product Selection

- Slenderwall Components
 - 16 gauge 6" galvanized steel studs on 2' centers
 - 1/2" air space
 - 2" concrete facing
- Second Nature Precast Concrete Brick

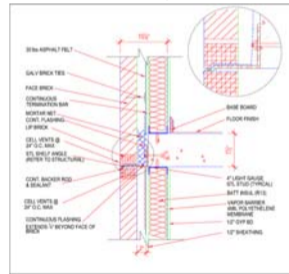




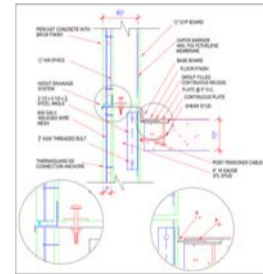
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- Typical Brick Veneer System



- Typical Slenderwall Construction



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- Weight Comparison

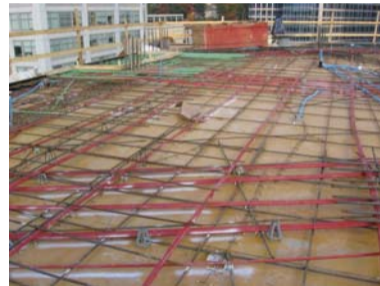
- 62 psf difference
- Potential structural system reduction not analyzed because the slab is already crowded with various building elements

Existing System

Component	Weight (psf)
Gypsum Board	2
Steel Studs	18
Sheathing	50
Mortar	39
Brick	35
Total Weight	144

Proposed System

Component	Weight (psf)
Slenderwall Panel	30
Gypsum Board	2
Sheathing	50
Total Weight	82

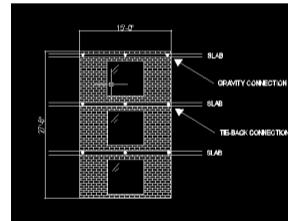


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- Typical Panel Connection Design

- 15' x 27.5' vertical panel containing (3) 6' x 6' window openings
- Tributary Area = 10' x 27.5' = 275 SF
- Gravity connections spaced at 5'
- Point Load = 275 SF x 87.75 PSF = 24.13 kips



- Angle Design

- L2.5" x 2.5" x 3/16"

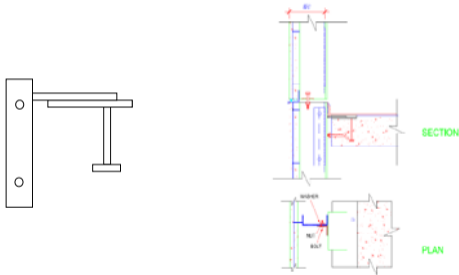
- Bolt Design

- A325 3/4" threaded bolt

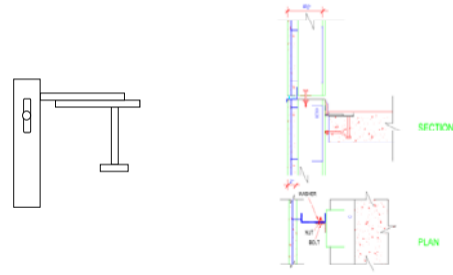


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- Typical Slenderwall Gravity Connection



- Typical Slenderwall Tie-Back Connection



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- R-Value Calculation for Existing System

Existing System

Component	Thickness (inches)	Unit R-Value	Unit	Total R-Value
Inside air layer	N/A	0.68	ea	0.68
Gypsum board	0.5	0.45	ea	0.45
R-13 insulation	4	13	ea	13
Sheathing	0.5	1.09	ea	1.09
Asphalt felt	N/A	0.12	ea	0.12
Air gap	2	1.68	inch	3.36
Standard 4" brick	4	0.44	ea	0.44
Outside air layer	N/A	0.17	ea	0.17
Total Thickness	11	R-Value	hr-sf-F/BTU	19.31
		U-Value	BTU/hr-sf-F	0.0518

- R-Value Calculation for Proposed System

Proposed System

Component	Thickness (inches)	Unit R-Value	Unit	Total R-Value
Inside air layer	N/A	0.68	ea	0.68
Gypsum board	0.5	0.45	ea	0.45
Vapor barrier	N/A	0.12	ea	0.12
R-13 insulation	6	13	ea	13
Air gap	0.5	1.68	inch	0.84
Foamed-in-place insulation	0.5	6.25	inch	3.125
Concrete w/ admixtures	2	2.615	ea	2.615
Outside air layer	N/A	0.17	ea	0.17
Total Thickness	9.5	R-Value	hr-sf-F/BTU	21
		U-Value	BTU/hr-sf-F	0.0476

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- Summer Heating Loads: $T_o = 90F$, $T_i = 75F$
- $\Delta T = 15F$

Summer Heat Gain

System	Area (SF)	U-Value	ΔT (°F)	Heat Gain (BTU/hr)
Standard Brick	79208	0.0518	15	61544.616
Slenderwall Panels	79208	0.0476	15	56554.512
			Difference	4990.104
				8.11%

Reduction of Heat Gain

- Winter Cooling Loads: $T_o = 15F$, $T_i = 70F$
- $\Delta T = 55F$

Winter Heat Loss

System	Area (SF)	U-Value	ΔT (°F)	Heat Loss (BTU/hr)
Standard Brick	79208	0.0518	55	225663.592
Slenderwall Panels	79208	0.0476	55	207366.544
			Difference	18297.048
				8.11%

Reduction of Heat Loss

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- Cost at a glance...

Wall System Cost Comparison

System	Quantity	Unit	Cost/SF	Total Cost
Brick w/ Metal Studs	79208	SF	\$35	\$2,772,280
Slenderwall	79208	SF	\$50	\$3,960,400
		Difference		\$1,188,120
				42.86% Increase in Cost

- Cost Considerations for...

Scaffolding Cost

Cost	Unit	Surface Area	Total Cost
\$252	SFCA	2700	\$680,400

Masonry Hoist Cost

Cost	Unit	Rental Period	Total Cost
\$4,775	month	10	\$47,750

Tower Crane Cost

Cost	Unit	Rental Period	Total Cost
\$35,200	month	2	\$70,400



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- All things considered...

Costs	
Slenderwall Cost Differential	\$1,188,120
Crane Usage (2 months)	\$70,400
Total Cost	\$1,258,520
Savings	
Scaffolding Removal	\$680,400
Hoist Removal	\$47,750
Cancel Ext. Framing Contract	\$1,940,000
Total Savings	\$2,668,150

**Net Money Saved
\$1,409,630**



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Durations

System	Quantity	Unit	Daily Output	Days
Brick w/ Metal Studs	79208	SF	565	140.2
Slenderwall	79208	SF	2500	31.7
		Difference:		108.5 Day Reduction

22 Week Schedule Reduction

Crane Usage Calculations

- 250 panels x .333 hours/panel = **83.33 hours of crane usage**
- 83.33 hours/32 day duration = **2.6 hours/day of crane usage**



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- Replace the hand-laid brick façade with Slenderwall panels because:
 - It saves time and money
 - Thermal resistance is increased
 - It reduces site congestion by limiting the number of trades working on the façade



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- **Problems**
 - Building operating costs are expensive
 - Tenants pay for utilities individually
- **Goals**
 - Lower utility bills for tenants by implementing solar power
 - Reduce energy consumption of building by same token
- **Expected Outcome**
 - To save the owner money in the long run by investing a bit more upfront
 - To introduce a functional and value-enhancing façade alternative

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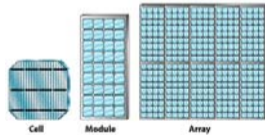
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- **Photovoltaic cells**

- Made of multicrystalline silicon
- Convert solar radiation from the sun into electrical energy that can be used to power a building
- Reliable and virtually maintenance free



- **Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) System**

- PV panels replace window panes in aluminum frame
- Serves form and function simultaneously

- **Grid-Tied Systems**

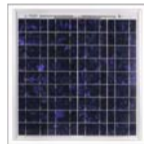
- Connected to local utility
- On-site production of solar electricity is greatest at the time of the building's peak utility loads
- The state of Maryland allows net metering

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- BP Solar 50 Watt Panels

- 72 cells in a 4 x 18 matrix connected in 2 parallel strings of 36 in series



Performance


Rated power (P_{max})	50W
Nominal voltage	12V
Limited Warranty,	25 years

Electrical Characteristics²

	BP 350
Maximum power (P_{max}) ¹	50W
Voltage at P_{max} (V_{mp})	17.5V
Current at P_{max} (I_{mp})	2.9A
Warranted minimum P_{max}	45W
Short-circuit current (I_{sc})	3.2A
Open-circuit voltage (V_{oc})	21.8V
Temperature coefficient of I_{sc}	(0.065±0.015)%/°C
Temperature coefficient of V_{oc}	-(80±10)mV/°C
Temperature coefficient of power	-(0.5±0.05)%/°C
NOCT (Air 20°C, Sun 0.8kW/m ² , wind 1m/s)	47±2°C
Maximum series fuse rating	20A
Maximum system voltage	50V (U.S. NEC & IEC 61215 rating)

- Xantrex GT5.0 Inverter

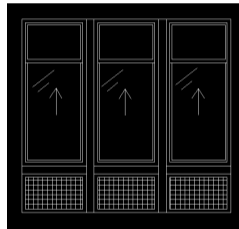


Model	Features	xantrex
GT2.0 Inverter	208VAC Max. Output: 2700W 240VAC Max. Output: 2800W Convection cooled (no fan) Outdoor Rated NEMA 3R 10 year warranty	 Xantrex GT Series Inverter
GT3.3N Inverter	208VAC Max. Output: 3100W 240VAC Max. Output: 3300W Convection cooled (no fan) Outdoor Rated NEMA 3R 10 year warranty	
GT4.0N Inverter	208VAC Max. Output: 3800W 240VAC Max. Output: 4000W Convection cooled (no fan) Outdoor Rated NEMA 3R 10 year warranty	
GT5.0 Inverter	208VAC Max. Output: 4500W 240VAC Max. Output: 3000W Convection cooled (no fan) Outdoor Rated NEMA 3R 10 year warranty	



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- **Replace all foot-level panels in aluminum window frames with PV panels**
 - 2,342 panels total (33% façade glass)
 - View from apartment not obstructed
 - Panels will be shipped to window manufacturer and factory installed in frames, keeping windows unitized



- **Architectural Impact**



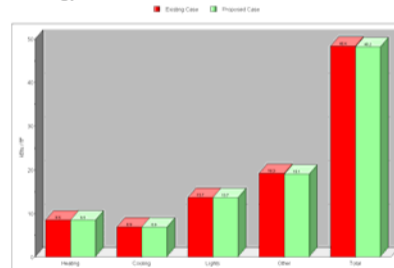
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- Energy Use Comparison Report – 50 Watt Panels

Results	Existing Case	Proposed Case	% Change
Energy cost			
\$/Therm	0.4	0.4	
\$/kWh	0.078	0.078	
\$/kW	2.47	2.47	
Simulation dates	01-Jan to 31-Dec	01-Jan to 31-Dec	
Energy use, kBtu	21765730	21693586	-0.33
Energy cost, \$	546526	544872	-0.3
Saved by daylighting, kWh	-	-	-
Unregulated/process loads	1071873	1071873	0
Peak Electric, kW	2973.2	2973.2	0
Annual Emissions			
CO2, lbs	8572851	8544436	-0.33
SO2, lbs	50391	50224	-0.33
NOx, lbs	26152	26066	-0.33
Construction Costs	\$82,087,992	\$82,267,384	0.22
Life-Cycle Cost	\$100,265,040	\$100,374,976	0.11

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- Annual Energy Savings = \$1,654
- Payback Period = 108 years
- Construction cost of proposed system is \$179,392 more than the existing system
- Life cycle cost of proposed system is \$109,936 more than the existing system, so there is no savings over time





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- The 50 Watt panels are not strong enough to produce any significant energy savings
- A simulation was run using 200 Watt panels, and this showed a reduction in life cycle cost as well as a \$34,650 annual energy cost savings
- Use higher wattage panels in the form of solar shades or skylights

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- **Prefabrication**

- Driving factors for industry
- Technology to simplify prefab decision process

- **Precast Brick Façade**

- Cost and schedule reduced
- Thermal resistance increased
- Site congestion alleviated through consolidation of trades
- Exterior thickness decreased, floor space increased

- **PV Glass Replacement**

- Must use higher power panels to achieve significant energy-saving results
- Owner could introduce more solar panels to the building in the form of skylights or solar shades



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- Thesis ideas will evolve throughout the entire year, so don't sweat it if you don't have an analysis or your topic keeps changing
- Industry members are willing to help if you can get past the angry hang ups
 - HINT: Don't tell them you're a student
- You can teach an old dog new tricks
- You know a lot more than you think
 - You might just need to dust off the old textbooks
- Completing your thesis is an achievable goal

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- **Penn State Faculty**
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- **Smith-Midland Corporation**
- **PACE industry members**
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