

# Reduction of Consumption

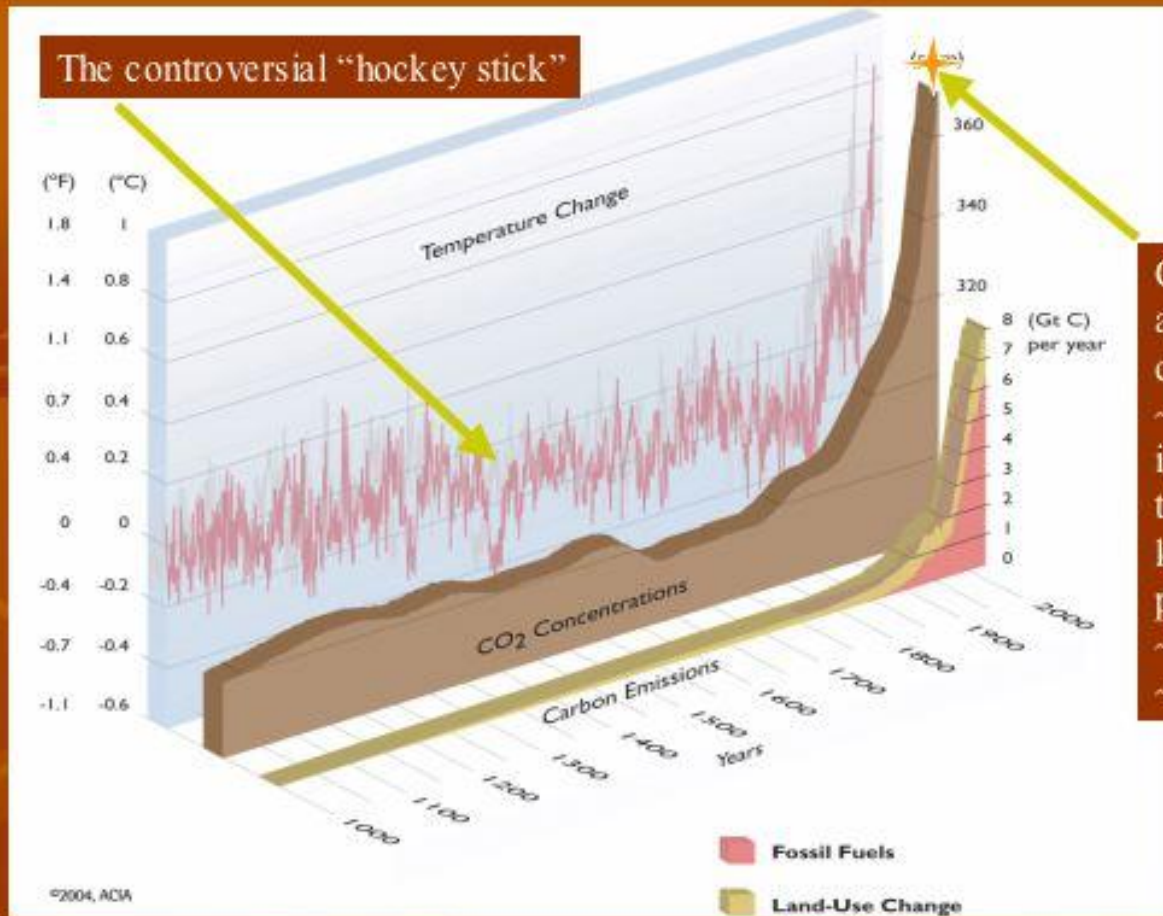
## How Buildings and Their Users Can Help the Grid

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# The Motivation and Driving Factors



Current, 2007, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is ~383 ppmv, which is to be compared to the pre-industrial level of ~280 ppmv, an increase of ~36% over the past ~160 years

That global warming would be caused by increasing CO<sub>2</sub> levels was predicted by the Nobel chemist Arrhenius ~1840













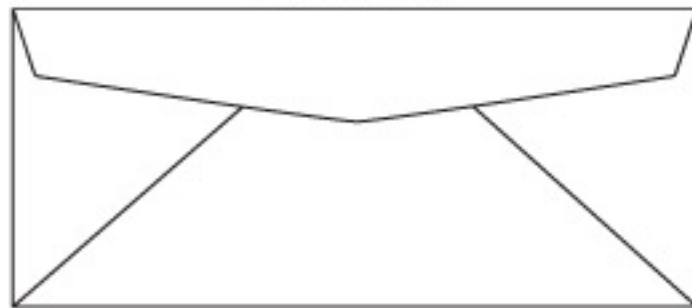
# The Problems







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**It Makes Sense to Conserve**

# Capital Costs of Electricity Generation

The California Energy Commission + Connecticut Integrated Resource Plan  
CC&C = Carbon Capture and Storage

**Capital Cost  
(US\$/kW)**

Nuclear

2000- 5000

Supercritical Coal + CC&S

3500 - 4500

Gas-combined cycle + CC&S

1400- 1600

Gas combined Cycle

850- 950

Fuel Cell

3,500- 10,000

Photovoltaic

4,500- 6,000

Wind Turbine

800- 3,500

## Capital Costs of Electricity Conservation

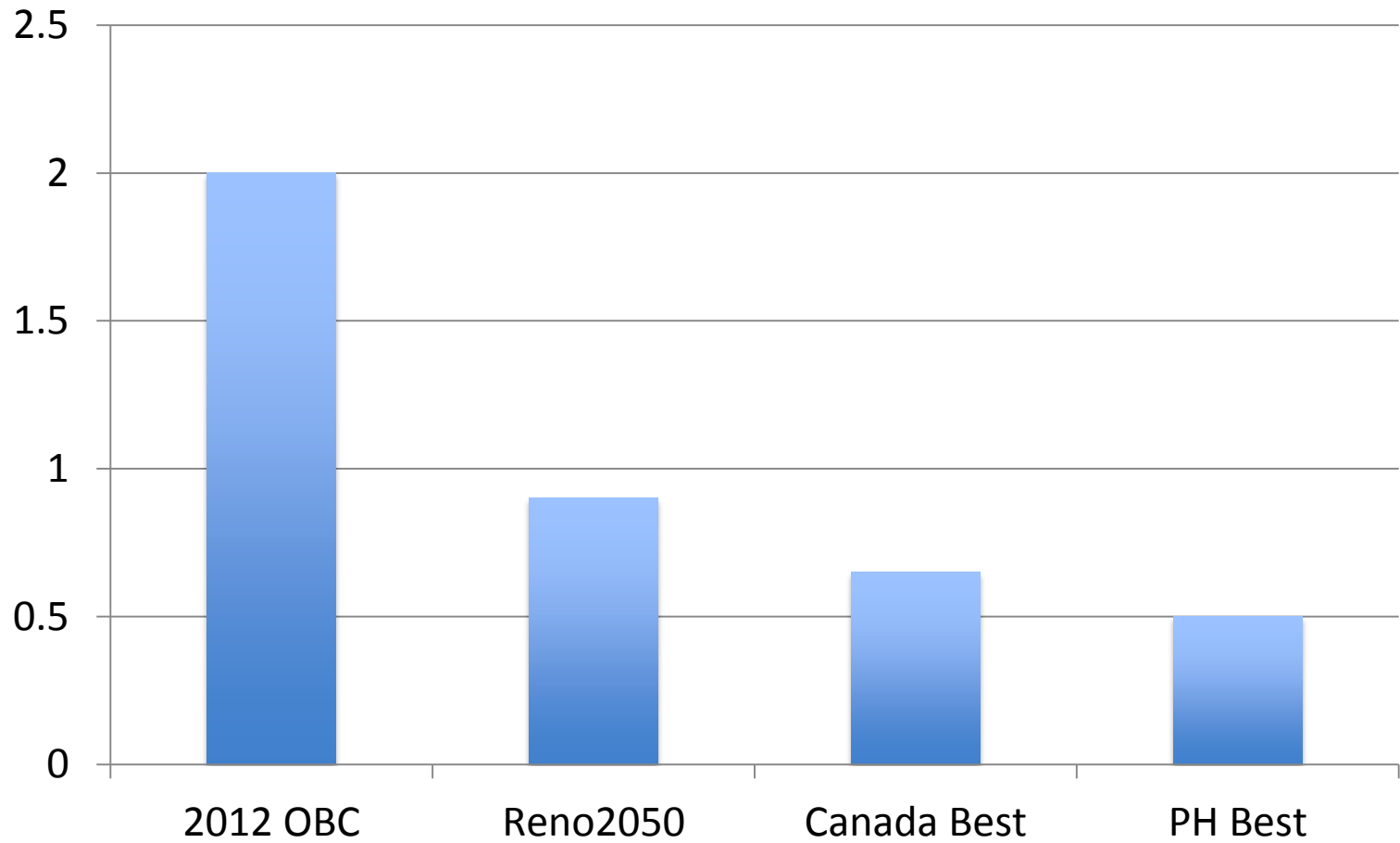
<small>The California Energy Commission + Connecticut Integrated Resource Plan CC&amp;C = Carbon Capture and Storage</small>	<b>Capital Cost (US\$/kW)</b>
Seal Ducts	1,500
Insulate Basement	1,500
Install Programmable Thermostat	1,300
Insulate Attics	2,000



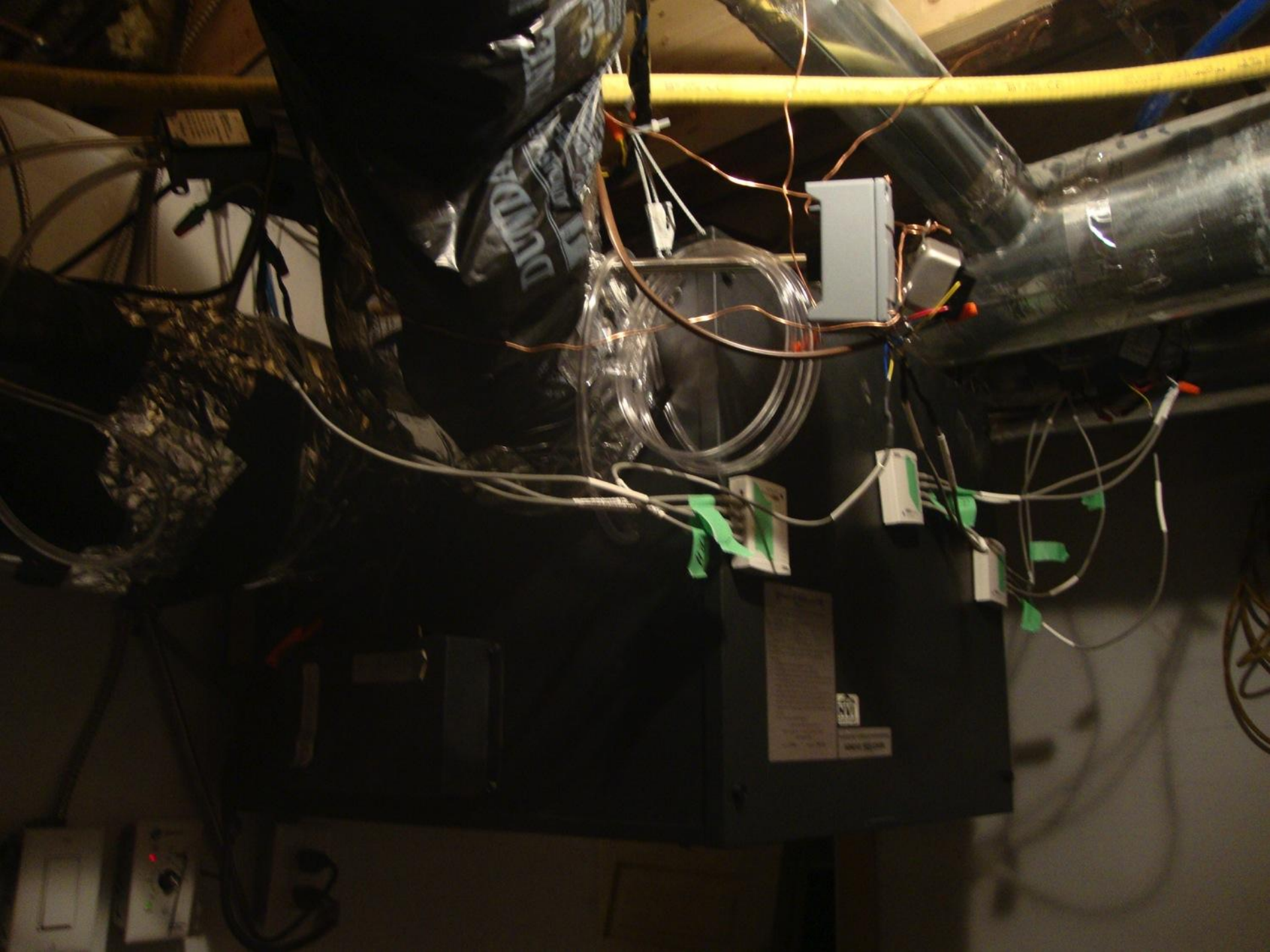
**We Have the Technology**



## Window U-Value (W/m<sup>2</sup>K)













# The Low Hanging Fruit (the first 10%)









# Elements Requiring More Effort (the next 10%)



100%





A Lofty Goal  
(getting to 80% or 90%)

# Legislation

























# Innovation



- Below Grade Preheating Water
- Earth Tubes Preheating Air
- Passive Heating and Cooling
- 'Black Box' Mechanical Systems

# What We Need (the research)



# Data

# Understand the User

# Constructability

# Cost

# Policy



**thank you**

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