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architecture + science



BUILDING ENCLOSURE  
COMMISSIONING



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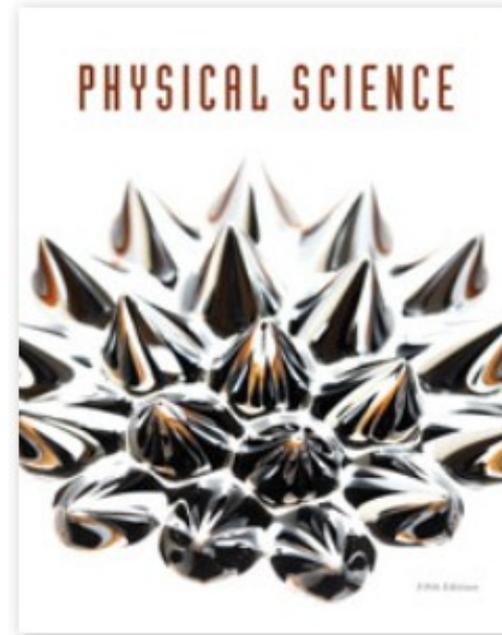
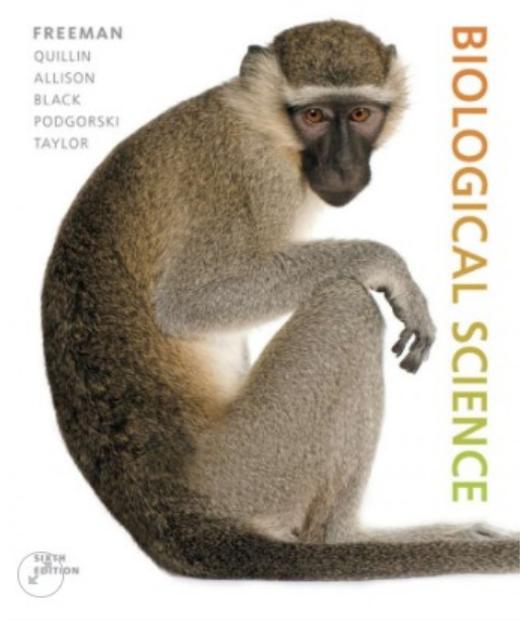
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**HAGYS FORD STUDIO**  
a r c h i t e c t u r e + s c i e n c e

Background in Science | B.S. Biology (1997)  
Degree in Architecture | M.Arch (2003)  
Specialty with Enclosures | BECxP (2016)

# Architecture + Science

## *Intersections*



Two major branches of natural science

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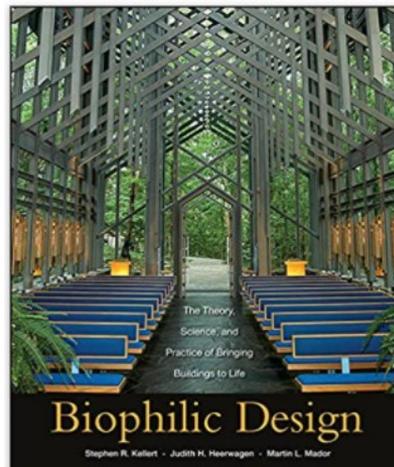
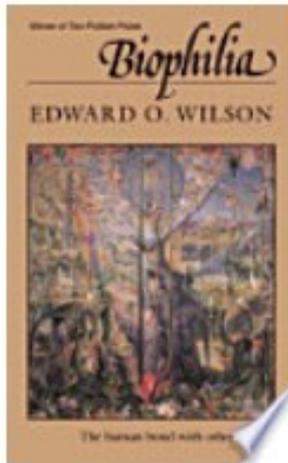
Biological Science | encompasses all the divisions of natural sciences examining various aspects of vital processes. The concept includes anatomy, physiology, cell biology, biochemistry and biophysics, and covers all organisms from microorganisms, animals to plants.

# Architecture + Science

## *Intersections*

Biological Science + Architecture...

- Biophilia
- Biomimicry
- Neuroscience and architecture



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## *Intersections*

Physical Science | Physical sciences are those academic disciplines that aim to uncover the underlying laws of nature - often written in the language of mathematics. It is a collective term for areas of study including astronomy, chemistry, materials science and physics.

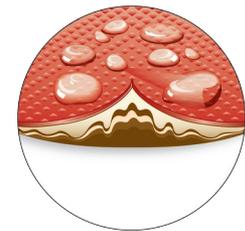
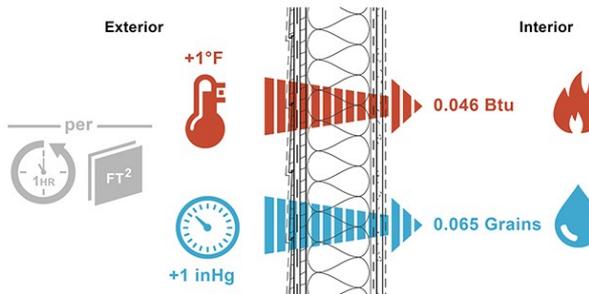
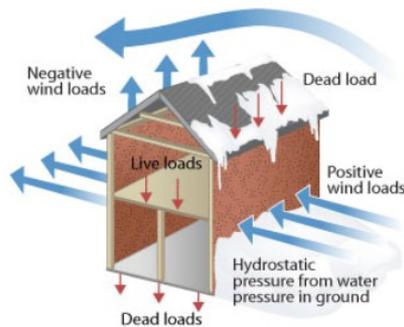


# Architecture + Science

## *Intersections*

Physical Science + Architecture...

- Structures and Forces
- Heat, Air, and Moisture Management
- Material Science



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# Architecture + Science

*Intersections*

**Building Science** | biological + physical sciences

**BECx** | physical science



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

**Validation** | the action of checking or proving the validity or accuracy of something  
(Design Phase)

**Verification** | the process of establishing the truth, accuracy, or validity of something  
(Construction Phase)



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

“Qualify-focused process for enhancing the delivery of a project by focusing on **VALIDATING** during the design phase and **VERIFYING** during the construction phase that the performance of building enclosure materials, components, assemblies and systems are design and installed to meet the **OWNER’S PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**”

*ASTM E2947 | Standard Guide for Building Enclosure Commissioning*



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

## Guides + Standards

ASHRAE Guideline 0  
The Commissioning Process



NIBS Guideline 3  
Building Enclosure Commissioning Process

ASTM E2947  
Standard Guide for Building Enclosure Commissioning



ASTM E2813  
Standard Practice for Building Enclosure Commissioning



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

LEED v4



NIBS Guideline 3  
Building Enclosure  
Commissioning  
Process

LEED v4.1



ASTM E2947  
Standard Guide for Building  
Enclosure Commissioning

ASTM E2813  
Standard Practice for Building  
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# Building Enclosure Commissioning

## LEED v4

Prerequisite |  
OPR input & review  
BoD input & review  
Project design review

Enhanced |  
Commissioning per NIBS  
Guideline 3 for the thermal  
enclosure and issues related  
to energy, water, IEQ, and  
durability.

## LEED v4.1

Prerequisite |  
OPR input & review  
BoD input & review  
Project design review

Enhanced |  
Commissioning per ASTM  
E2947 for the thermal  
enclosure and issues related  
to energy, air + water  
tightness, IEQ, and durability.



# Building Enclosure Commissioning



**VS**



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

Best Practice  
Fundamental  
Commissioning      vs      Best Practice  
Enhanced  
Commissioning

ASTM E2813 (Practice) defines the two  
levels of BECx



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

	Fundamental BECx	Enhanced BECx
BECxP engagement	By start of DDs	By start of Pre-design
Number of IDRs	One	Three
Mock Up Testing	First installation mock up	First installation mock up; AND either a pre-construction laboratory mock up OR an on-site free standing building mock up
Participation during Bidding + Negotiation	BECxP	BECxP & BECxG

*IDR : Independent 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Design Peer Review*



# Building Enclosure Commissioning

	TASKS
DESIGN	<p>BECx Plan                      Scope + Budget Document                      Technical Independent Design Reviews (IDR)                      Review OPR and BoD                      BECx Specification</p>
BIDDING	<p>Reviews proposals and assist with BECx coordination</p>
CONSTRUCTION	<p>Construction Kick Off Meeting                      Submittal Review                      Field Observations at Milestones                      Verification Testing</p>
OCCUPANCY	<p>Prepare Systems Manual                      Issue final BECx Report                      10 month post occupancy site visit                      Owner training</p>



# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Team**

**CLIENT** | Owner, Representative, User

**DESIGNERS** | Architect, Engineer, Sub-consultants

**BECxG** | Authority, Provider, Specialist, Technologist

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# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

- BECxP** | Provider ..... 
- BECxS** | Specialist .....  
- BECxT** | Technologist ..... 

*The BECxP and BECxS, who are retained by the Owner, should maintain third party independence.*

# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

## **Core Competencies |**

The BECxP shall assemble a group (BECxG) that, at a minimum, demonstrates a level of proficiency in the core competencies listed below that meets or exceeds the requirements of building codes, standards, guidelines, and regulations applicable to or otherwise voluntarily adopted by the Owner to govern enclosure-related design, construction, and performance. Determination of the qualification of the BECxG is at the discretion of the Owner.

Building & Material Science

Procurement & Project Delivery

Contract Documents & Construction Administration

Performance Testing Standards & Methodology

*ASTM E2813 | Standard Practice for Building Enclosure Commissioning*



# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

**BECxP** | Provider



Authorized person or firm in the jurisdiction of the project retained by the Owner to develop, manage, and be in responsible charge of the BECx process.



# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

**BECxS** | Specialist



A registered design professional and/or duly authorized firm in the jurisdiction of the project, who is retained by the Owner with the applicable experience and technical knowledge of the performance of building enclosure systems and who is able to demonstrate and maintain throughout the project third party independence in order to avoid conflicts of interest.



# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

**BECxT** | Technologist



Individuals and/or accredited testing agencies who possess the skills, knowledge, experience and certification, as required, to perform the testing outlined in the building enclosure commissioning specification.

# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Group**

The BECx Process is **NOT** intended to replace QA/QC processes (including inspections, checks and/or tests) that the contractor should perform to ensure that the product furnished and installed meets their contractual obligations



# Building Enclosure Commissioning **Experience**

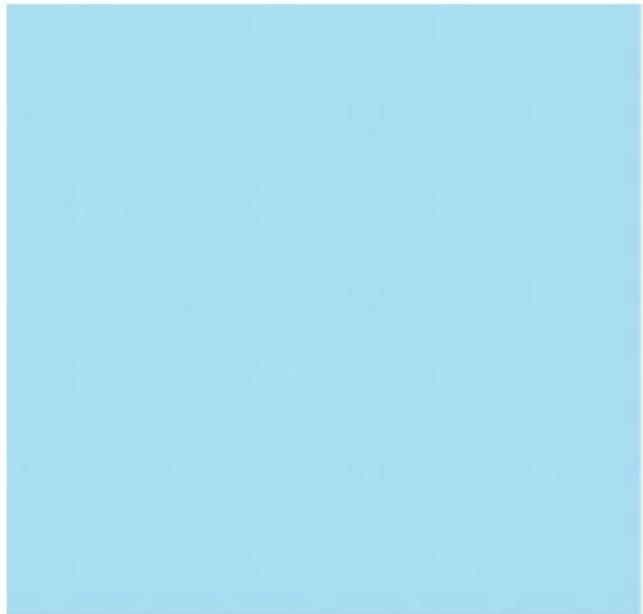
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Secondary Education | Academic

Higher Education | Academic + Residence

Commercial | Office + Warehouse





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**ALSO**

AIR	WATER	THERMAL	ADHESION
<p>ASTM E783 Leaks through Installed Exterior Windows &amp; Doors <i>Air Pressure Difference</i></p>	<p>ASTM E1105 Water Penetration Of Windows, Skylights, Doors &amp; Curtain Walls <i>Spray Rack / Test Chamber</i></p>	<p>ASTM C1060 Thermal Gradients Across Building Enclosure Assemblies</p>	<p>ASTM D4541 Pull Off Strength of Membranes</p>
<p>ASTM E1186 Leaks in Building Envelopes &amp; Air Barrier Systems <i>Pressurized / Bubble Gun</i></p>	<p>ASTM D7877 Leaks In Roof Waterproofing Membrane</p>		
<p>ASTM E1827 Air Tightness Of Whole Building <i>Orifice Blower Door</i></p>	<p>AAMA 501.2 Leaks Of Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls &amp; Sloped Glazing Systems <i>Hose Nozzle Test</i></p>		
<p>ASTM E779 Air Tightness Of Whole Building <i>Non-Orifice Blower Door</i></p>			

IECC 2018 does not require whole building testing, but IRC 2015 does require it.