

Zero2020

A low energy Building retrofit

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What is the zero2020?

The Regional Technical Colleges (RTC)

Design concept based on M&M building Birmingham

Designed by Scotts & Arup as a system build that could be rolled out

Precast concrete frame
 Pre cast concrete elevation and roof panels
 Blockwork infill
 All to a strict 7.2m grid

11 RTC's constructed around Ireland between 1970 & 1977
 Designed for a 20 year life

Coady Arup report in Feb 2011 for redevelopment.

Existing redevelopments at Leterkenny, Carlow, Waterford and Dundalk.

- A low energy retrofit targeting Net Zero energy building (site) performance over 3 stages.

- It's a pilot for a full building retrofit.



European construction market
 index 1997=100



European construction outlook to 2024 - December, 30th December 2021

Existing Condition

Brief:

- A phased, modular, scalable, flexible, Durable
- Original structure poor thermal envelope performance
- poor thermal comfort conditions.

Envelope

- 100mm block leaf
- precast concrete aggregate panel
- well-ventilated cavity
- no insulation
- aluminium window frame
- 6mm single glazing

Roof

- 150mm two way waffle slab & beam
- 25mm thermally drifting Styrofoam and 25mm locally failing asphalt

Existing

No Temperature Control

Un-insulated fabric UA
2.4 W/m²K

High Air Permeability
14.77 m³/h/m²

Space Heat Demand
99 kWh/m²a

Poor Ventilation Control

Summer Overheating

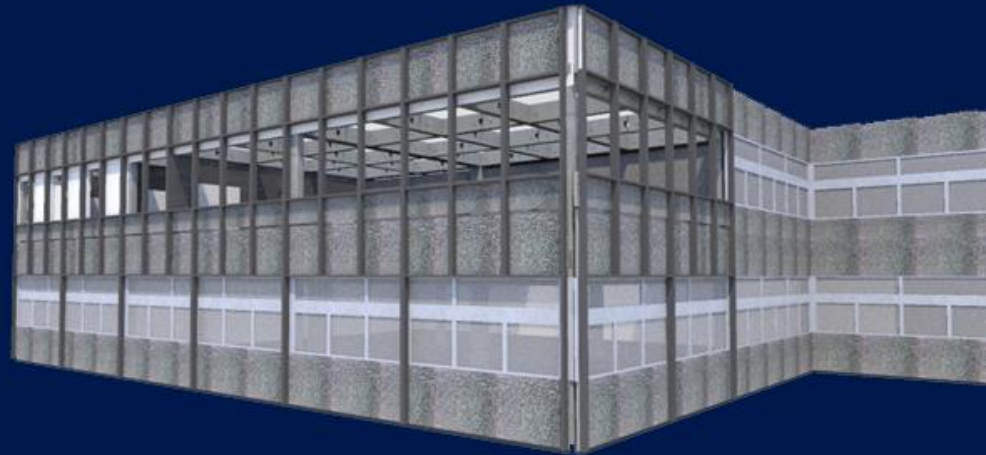
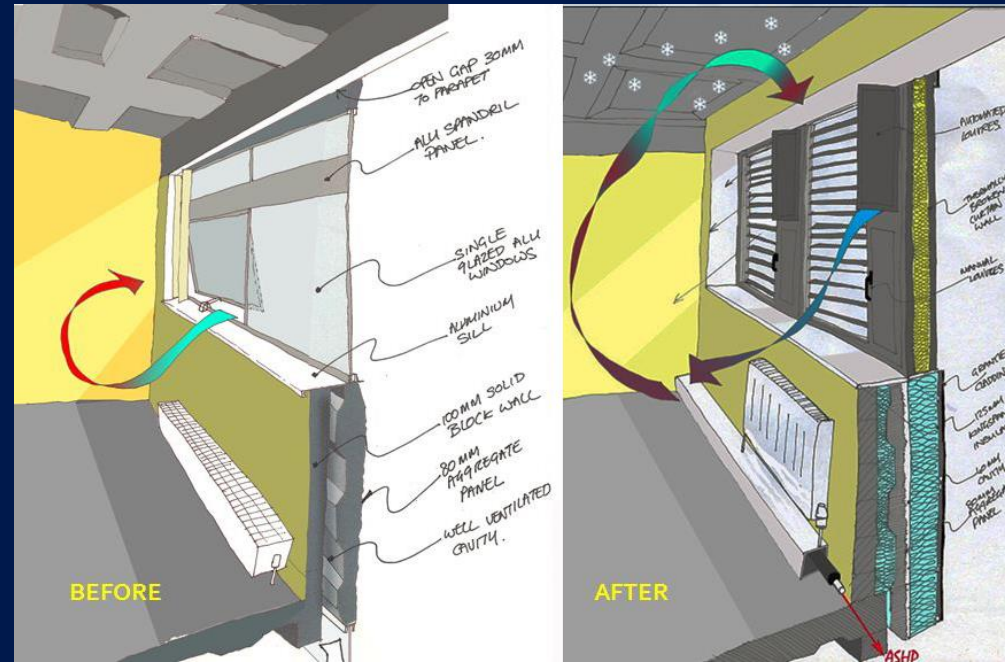
No Energy Monitoring

Recessed T5 manual



Design Solution/Research Team

- Overcladding solution
- locally developed products
- thermal bridging mitigation,
- vastly improved air tightness
- natural ventilation
- Scalable
- Modular
- no structural change
- Maximised material retention
- External granite aggregate panel
- reduced hygroscopic transfer
- highly ventilated cavity
- reduced summer heat transfer
- Interstitial shading

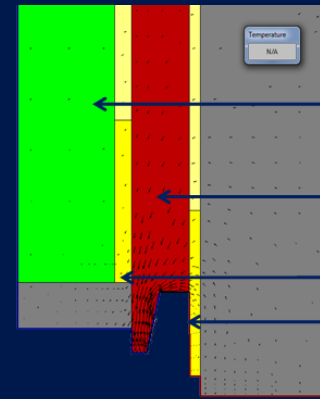


Design Team Appointment

- Initial ARUP-Engineering
- Later Henry J Lyons-Architecture

Research Simulation

- IES dynamic simulation modelling (ARUP 2011).
- Therm 5-thermal performance
- Heat-transfer analysis helped iterate
- Lowered thermal bridging
- Lowered condensation risk
- Indigenous Product Solutions
- Kingspan, AMS & Wesco
- Turnkey solution
- scalable solution



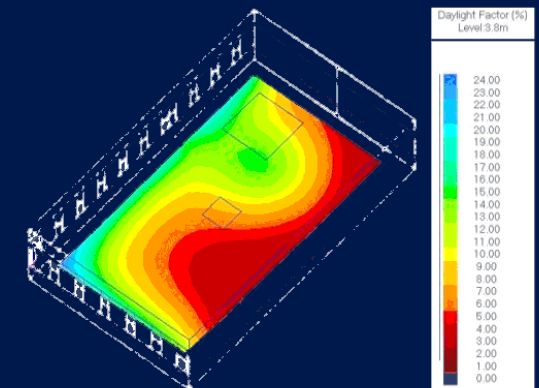
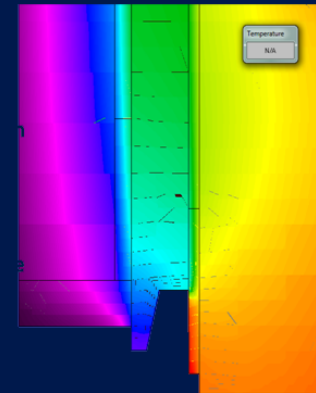
Kingspan EPS
Cast
Reinforced
Concrete
Rockwool

This image clearly illustrates the heat movement through the exposed aggregate panel.

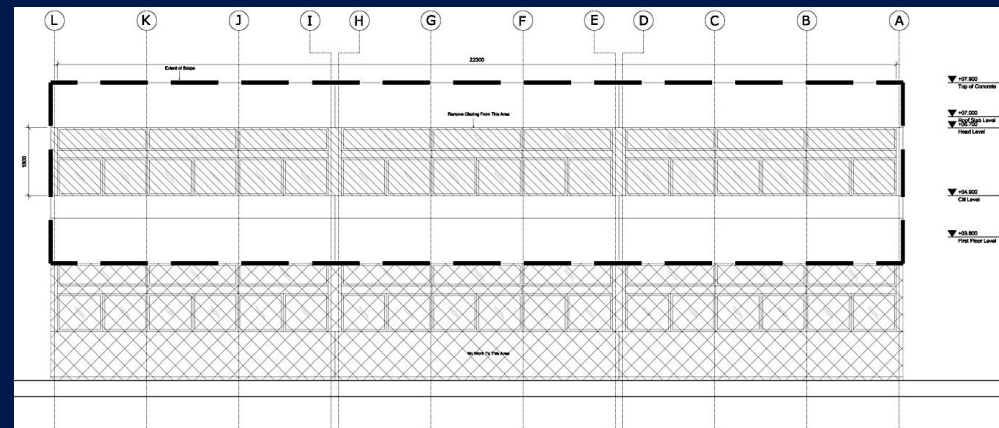
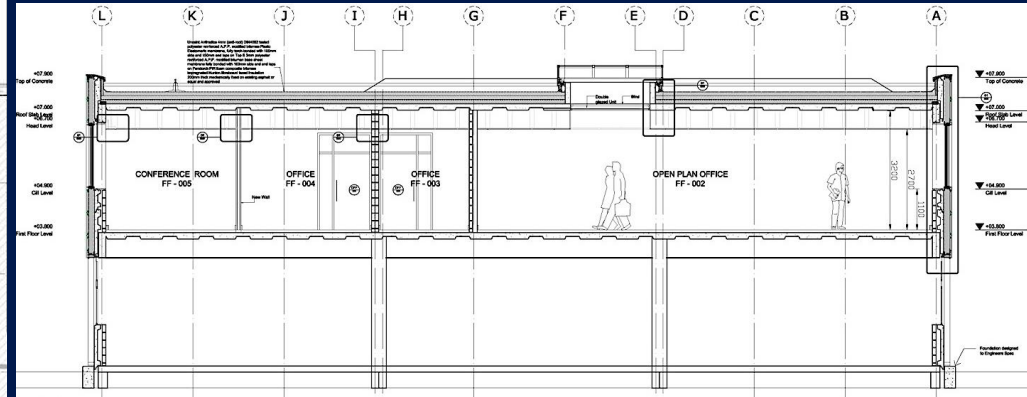
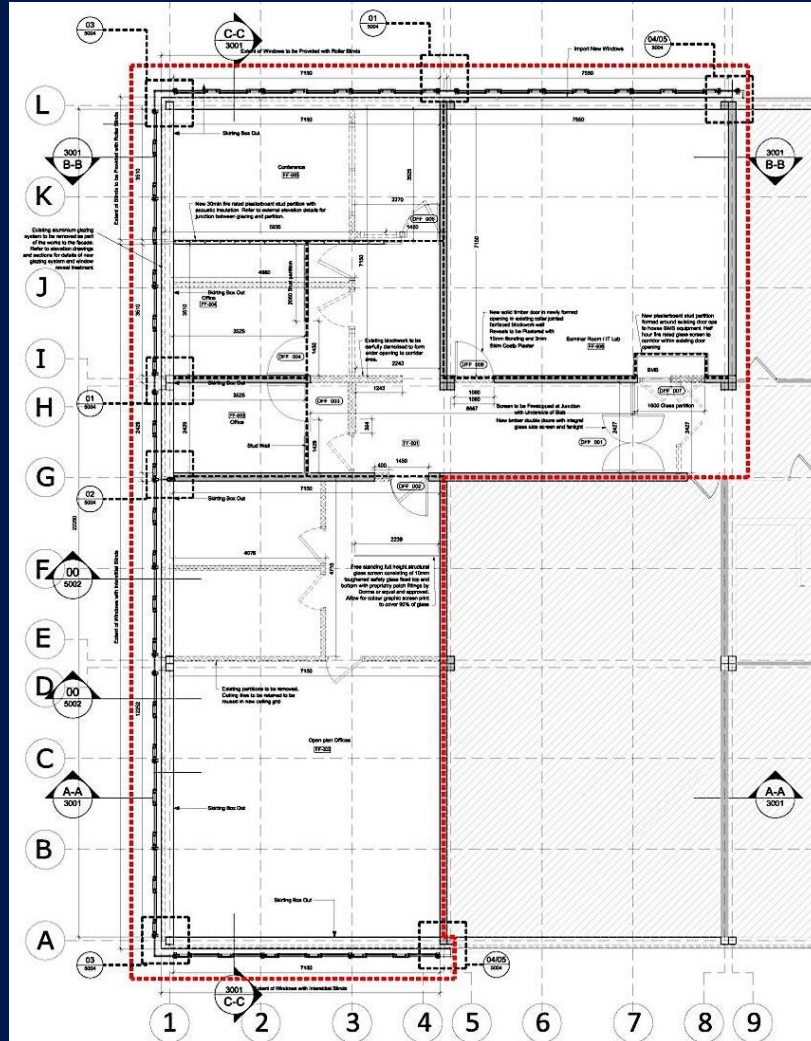
We clearly need to address this if the research project is to be achieved.

By taking 2 simple steps, a further 30% improvement in U value performance for this junction can be delivered.

1. Replace Rockwool with EPS insulation sandwiched between the new Kingspan panel and the aggregate panel.
2. Phenolic injection foam into the interior cavity which would also help with air sealing. It has minimal shrinkage and non VOC.



Project Area



Principal elements

Roof Options

- Restricted by limitations of project extent
- Inverted roof system
- Cladding System

Wall Options

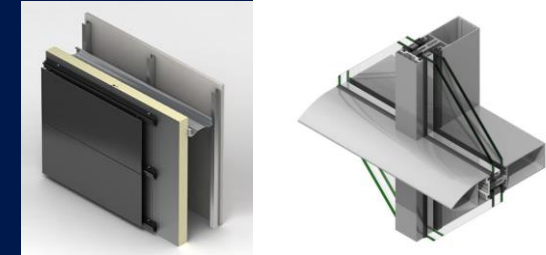
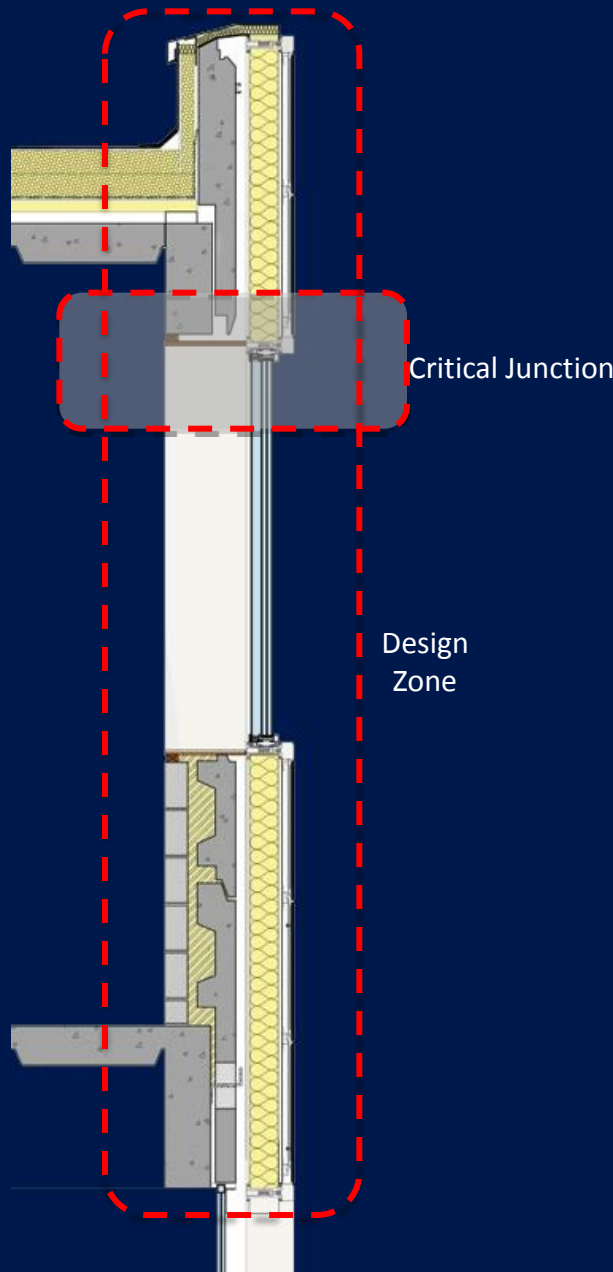
- Leave existing panels in place – quality?
- Insulated render system
- Insulated Cladding Panels
- Rainscreen System

Glazing Options

- uPVC
- Thermally Broken Aluminium
- Alu Clad

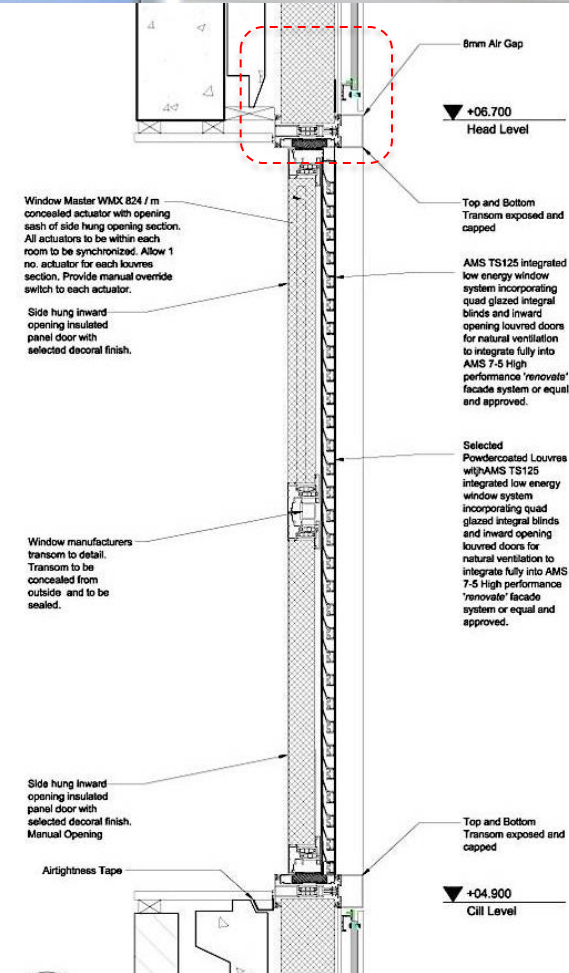
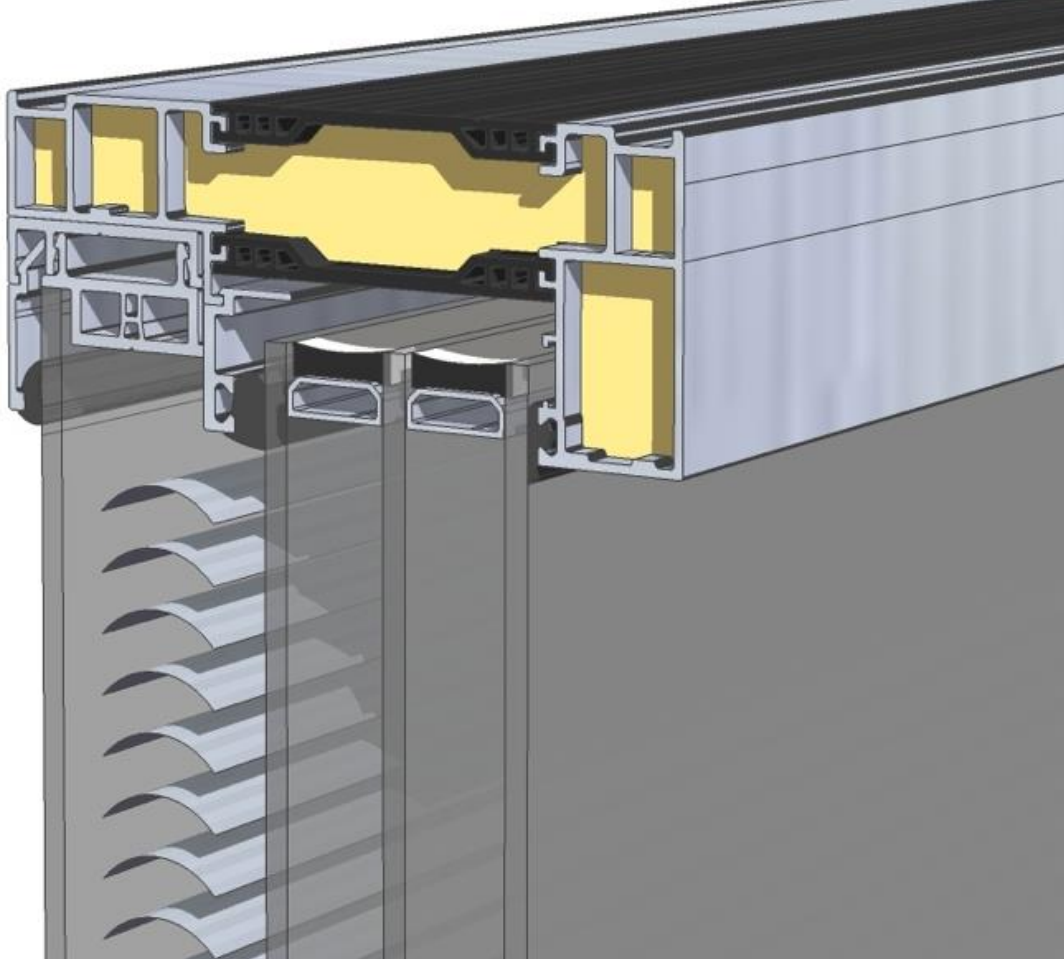
Design Considerations

- Junctions between three elements
- Airtightness
- Ventilation Strategy
- Cooling Strategy
- Glare
- Solar Gain

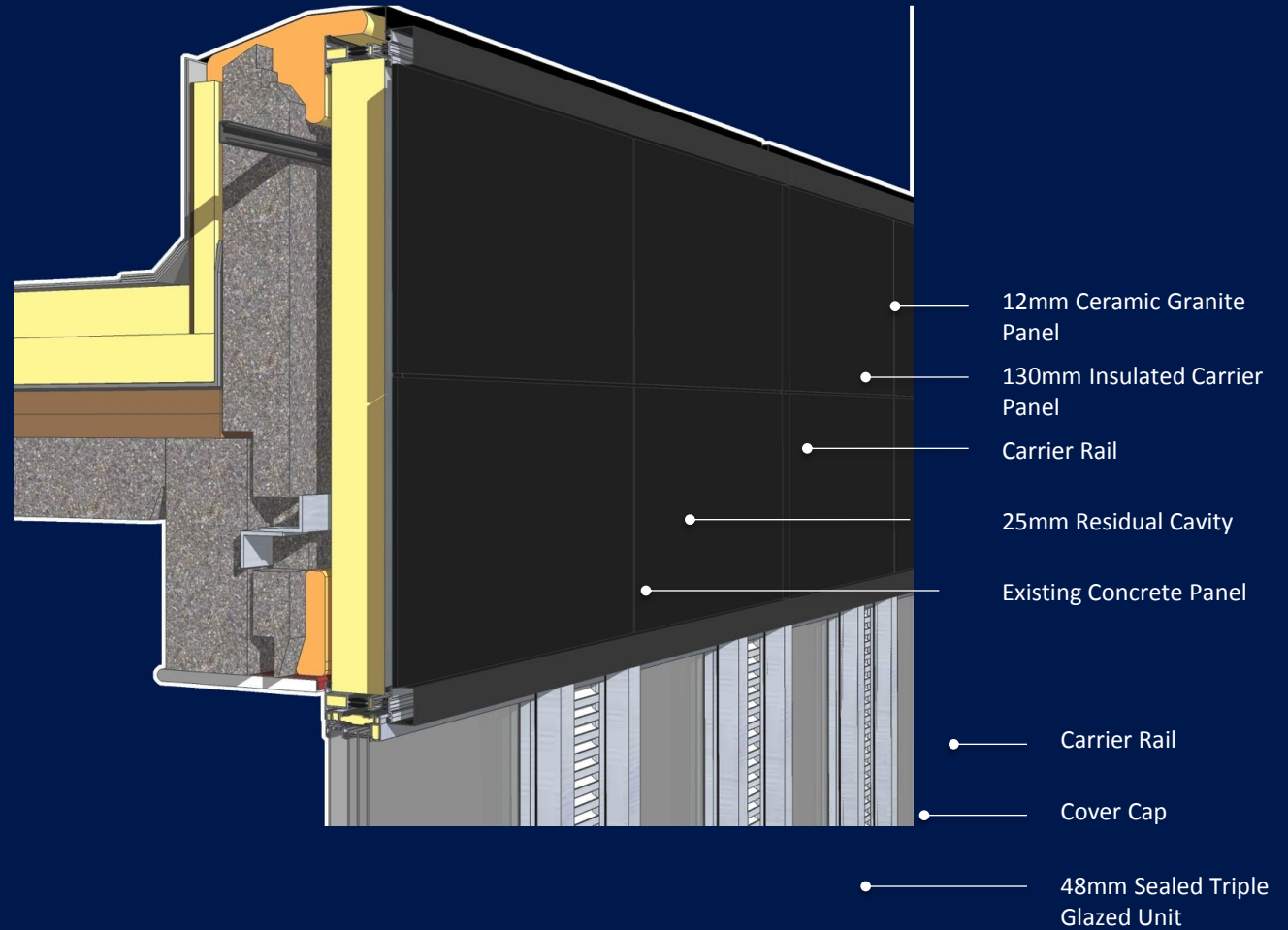
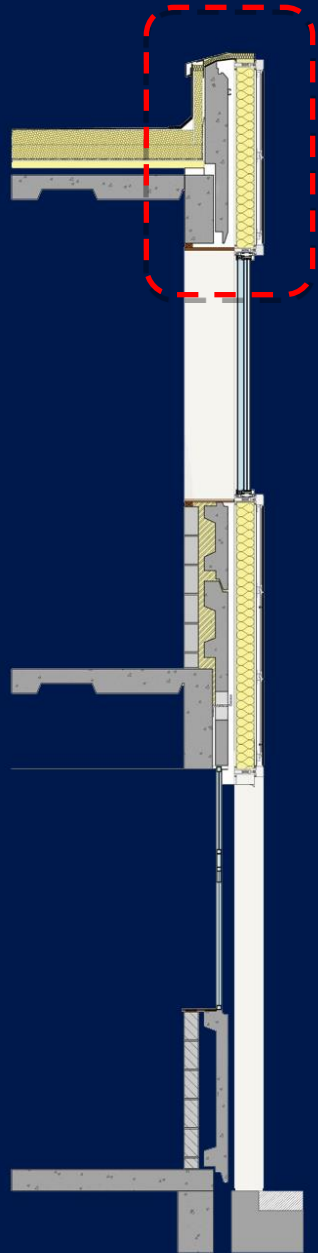


- Patented Thermal Break
- Profile design 'in house'
- On site testing rig
- On site aluminium extrusion line
- On site powdercoating
- On site fabrication
- Certified u-values
- Range of finishes including
- Zinc
- Cassette Panel
- Corten
- Timber
- Ceramic Granite
- CWCT tested
- "Dry System"
- Certified U-values

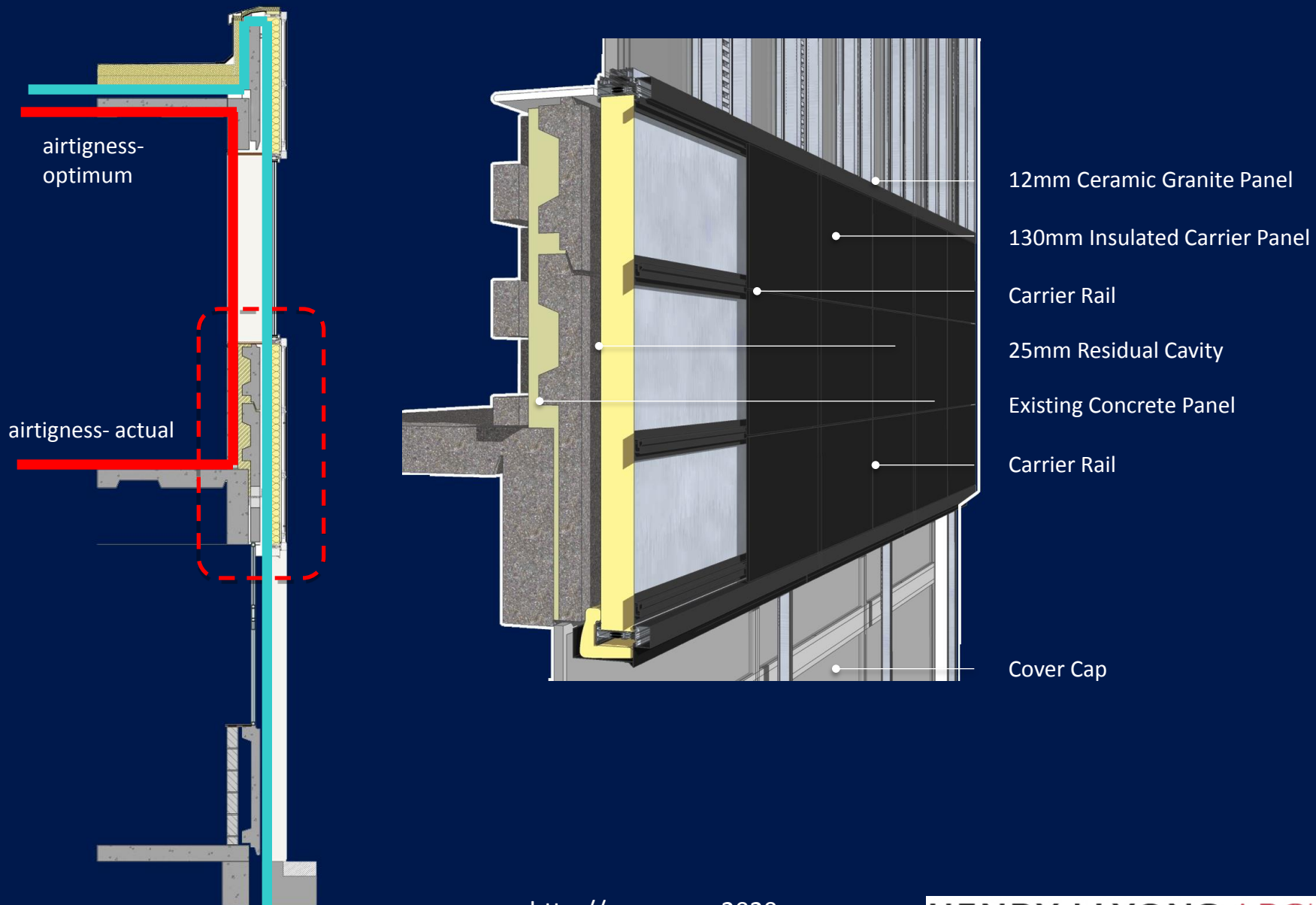




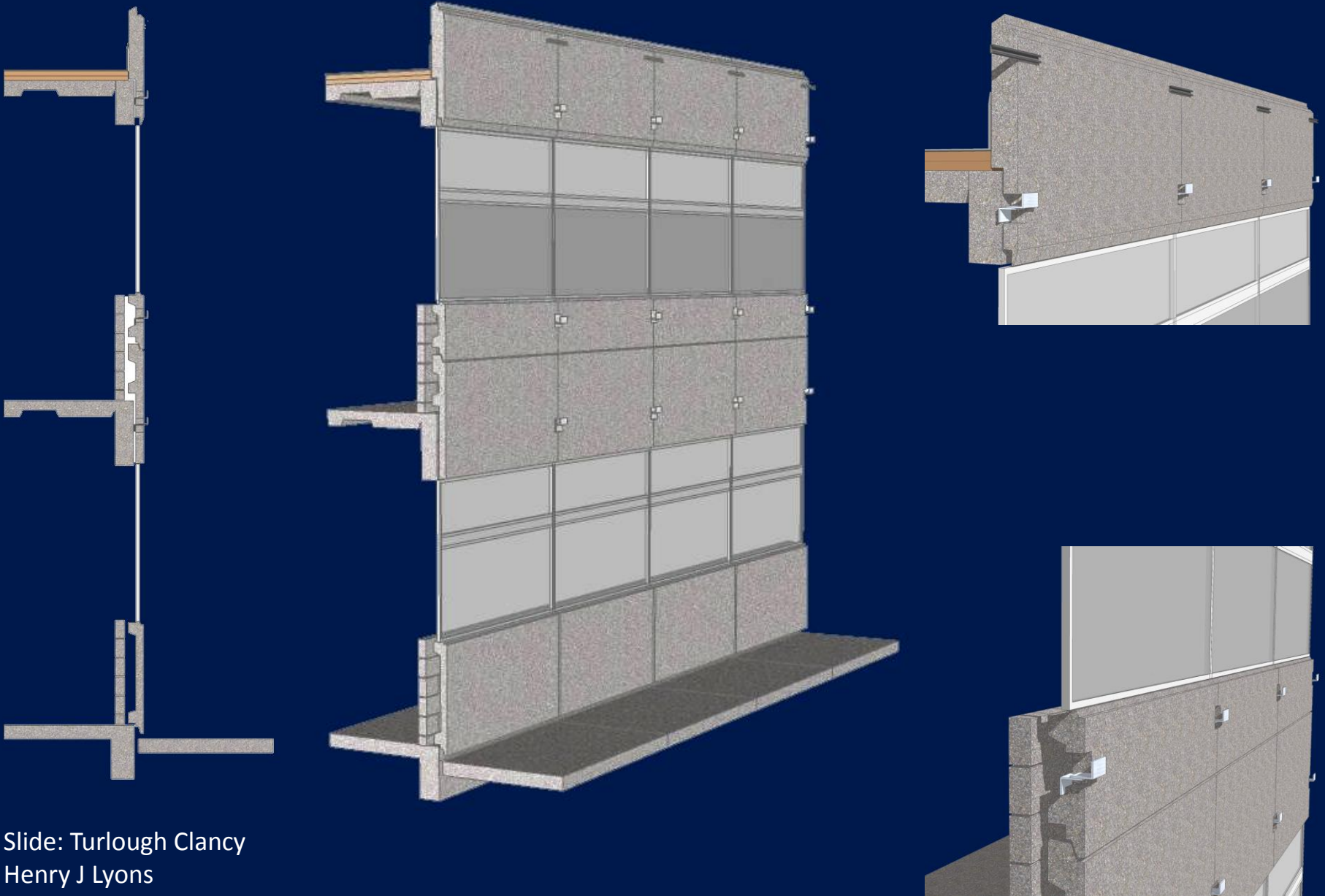
- Aluminium foam filled thermally broken curtain wall system
- 48mm triple glazed krypton filled sealed unit
- 24mm interstitial blinds behind 4th (removable) pane of 4mm clear float glass with thumb turn open/close operation
- Certified U-Value of
- High and Low inward opening vents (soild – insulated)
- Top opening vent has concealed motorised actuator linked to BMS
- Manual override button for motorised vents
- Fixed louvres to exterior
- All aluminium profiles designed & extruded in Cork – 14 no profiles
- Foam filling of aluminium by Munster Joinery



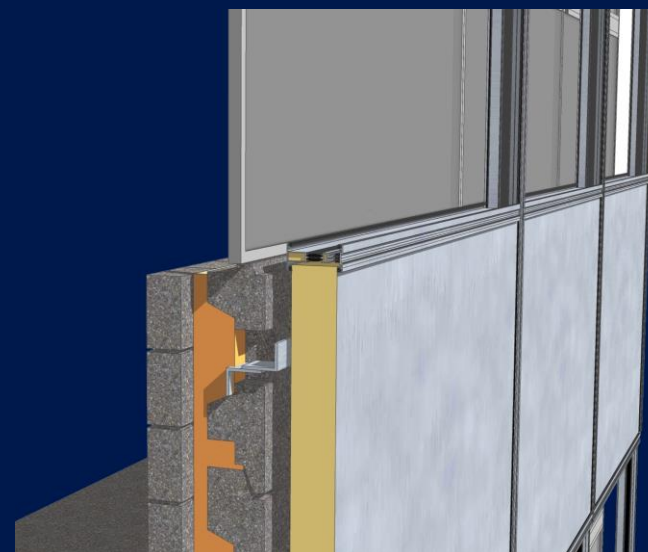
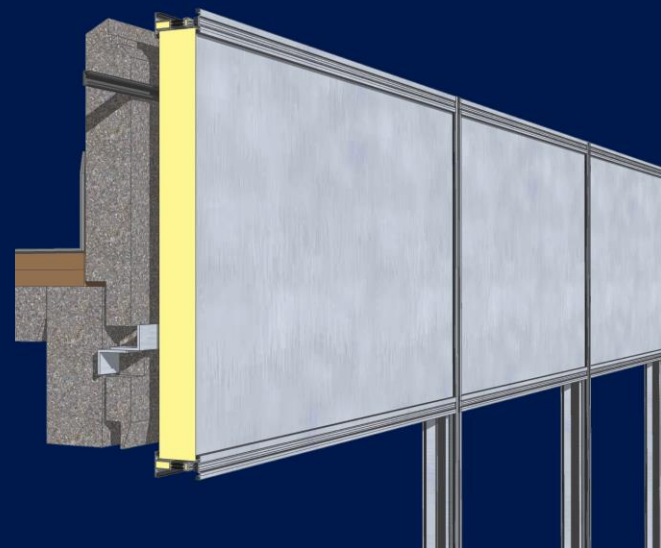
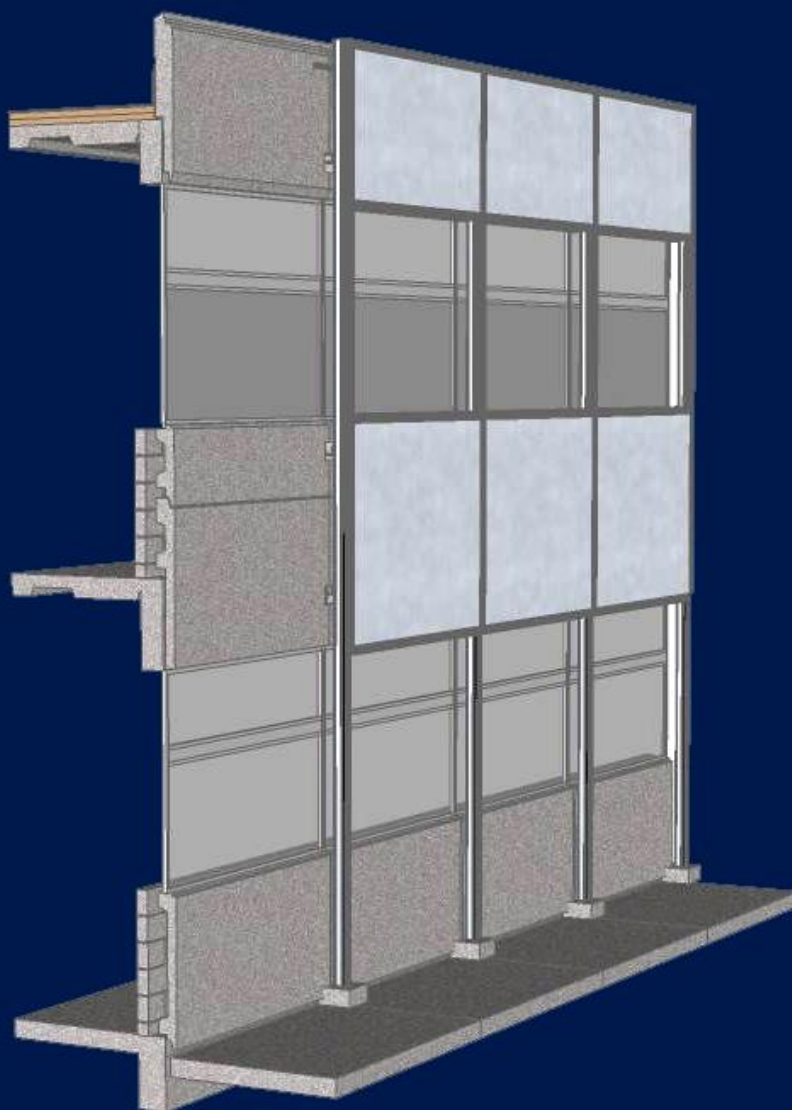
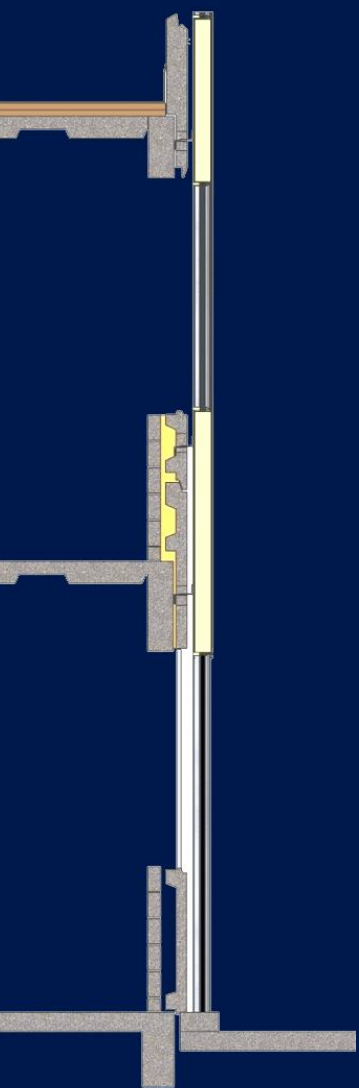
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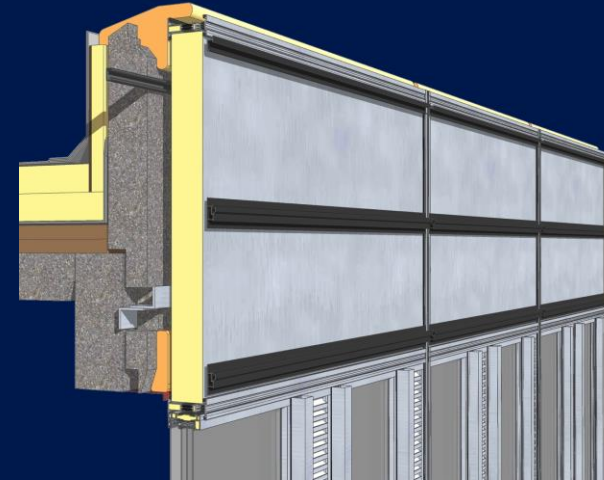
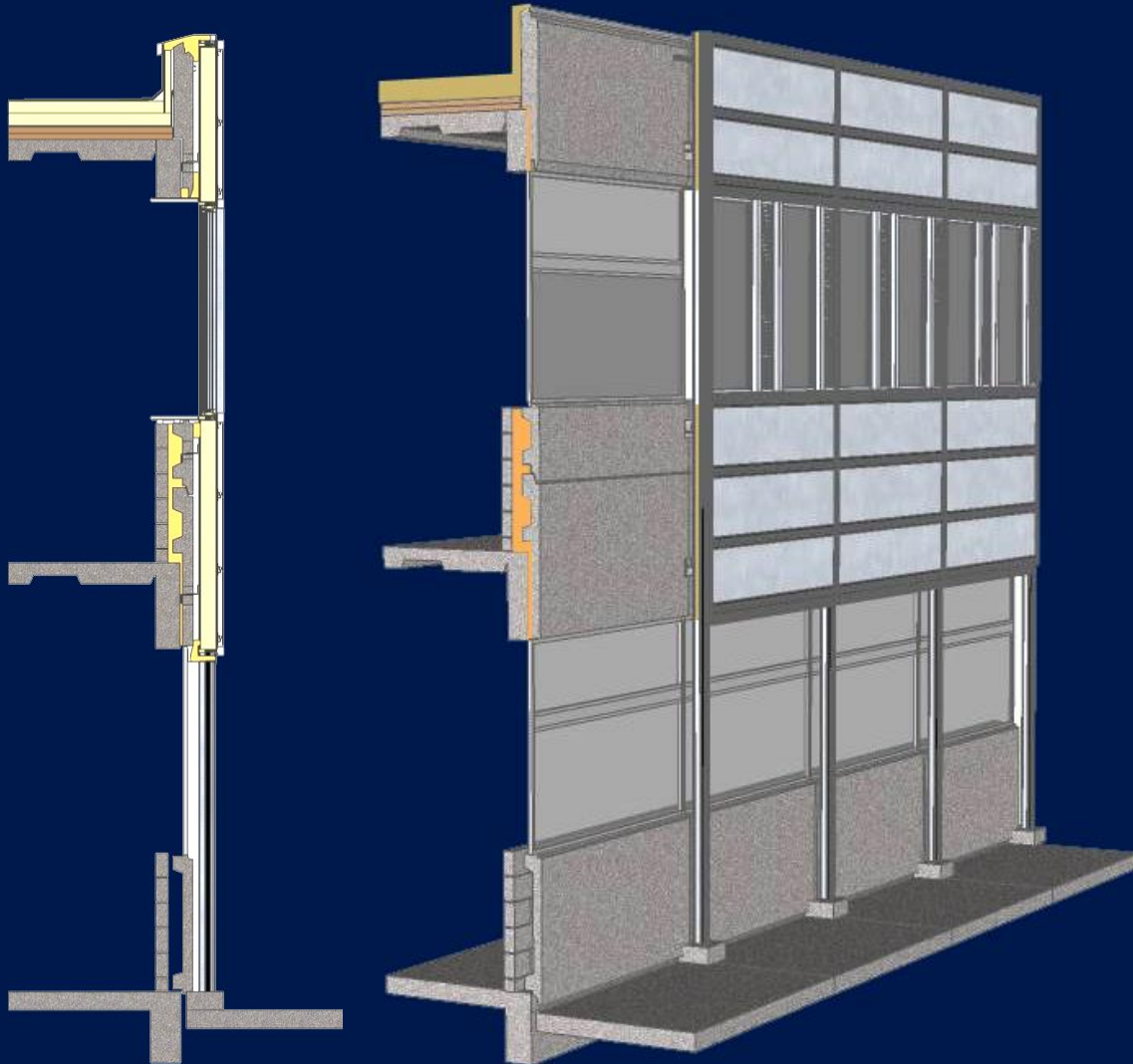


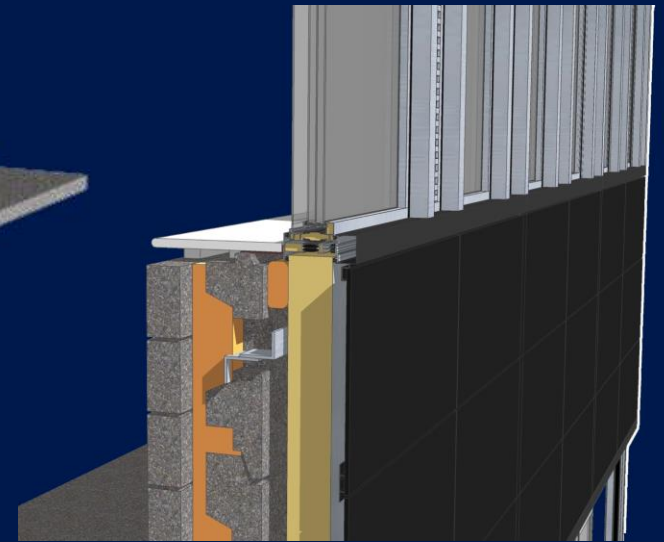
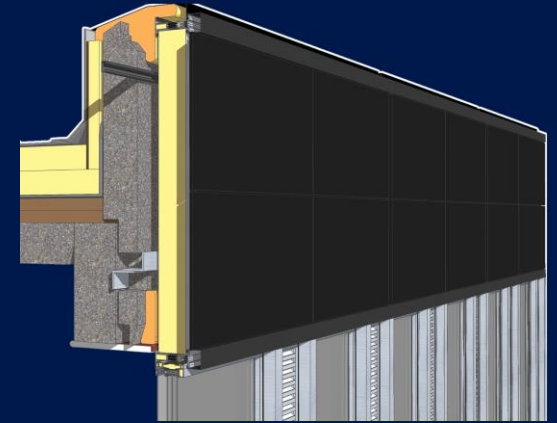
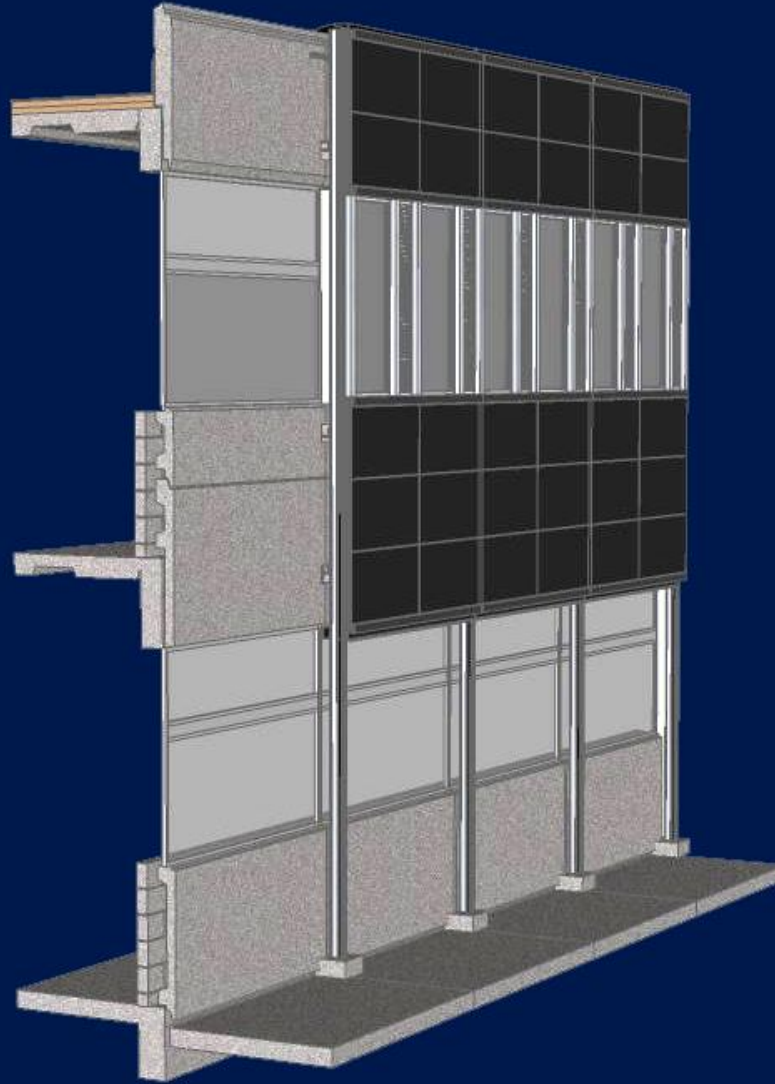
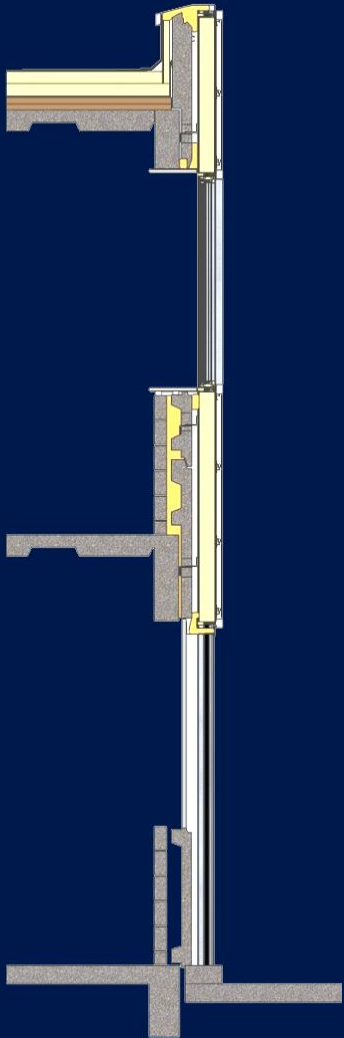
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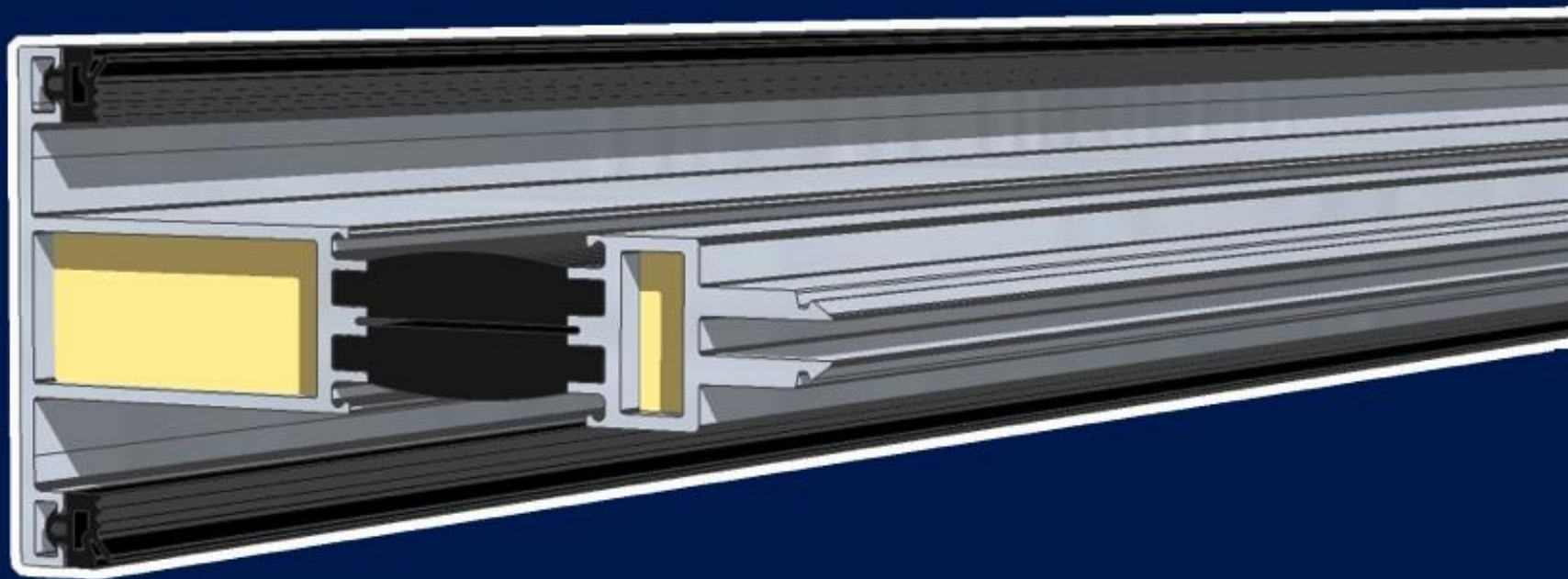


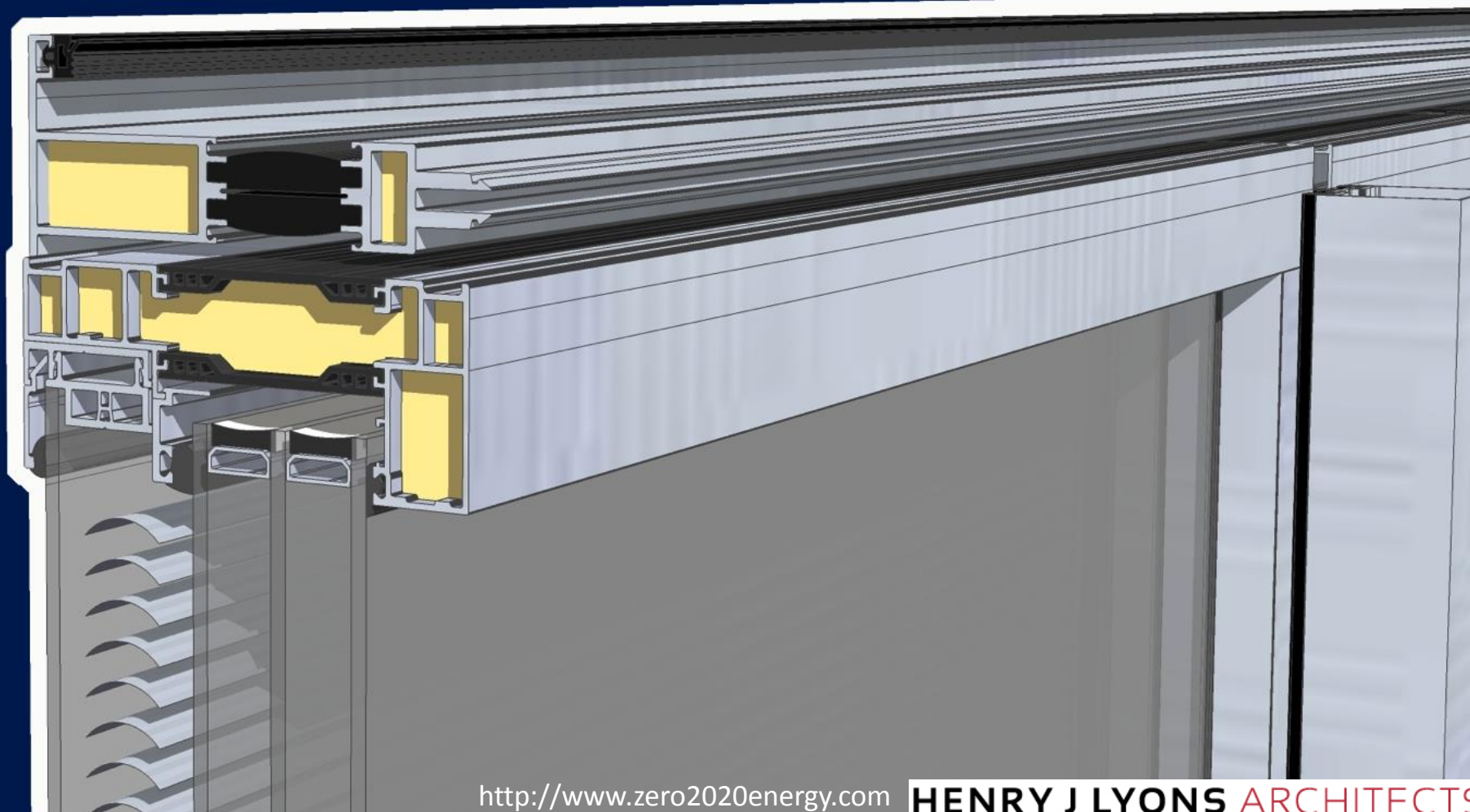
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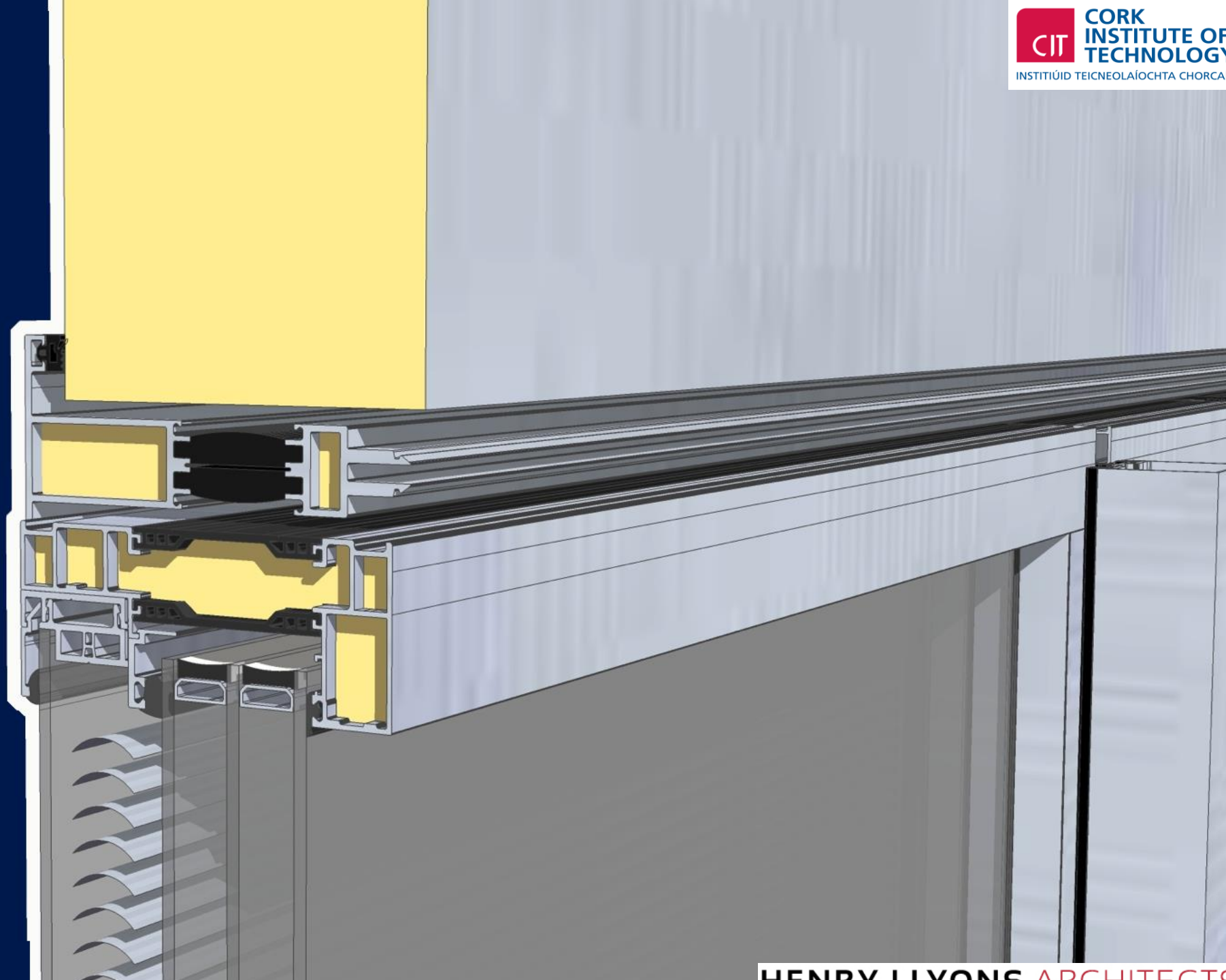


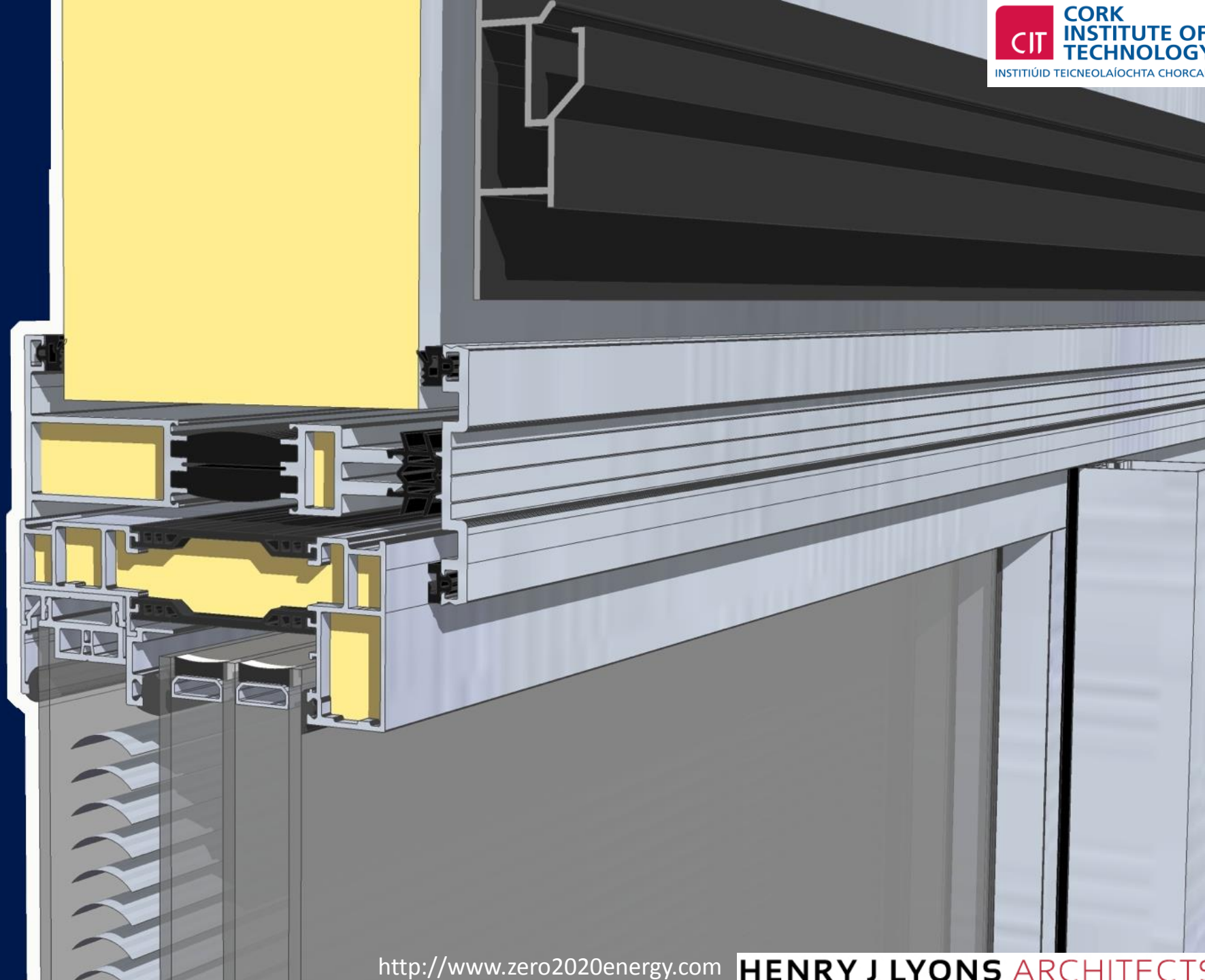


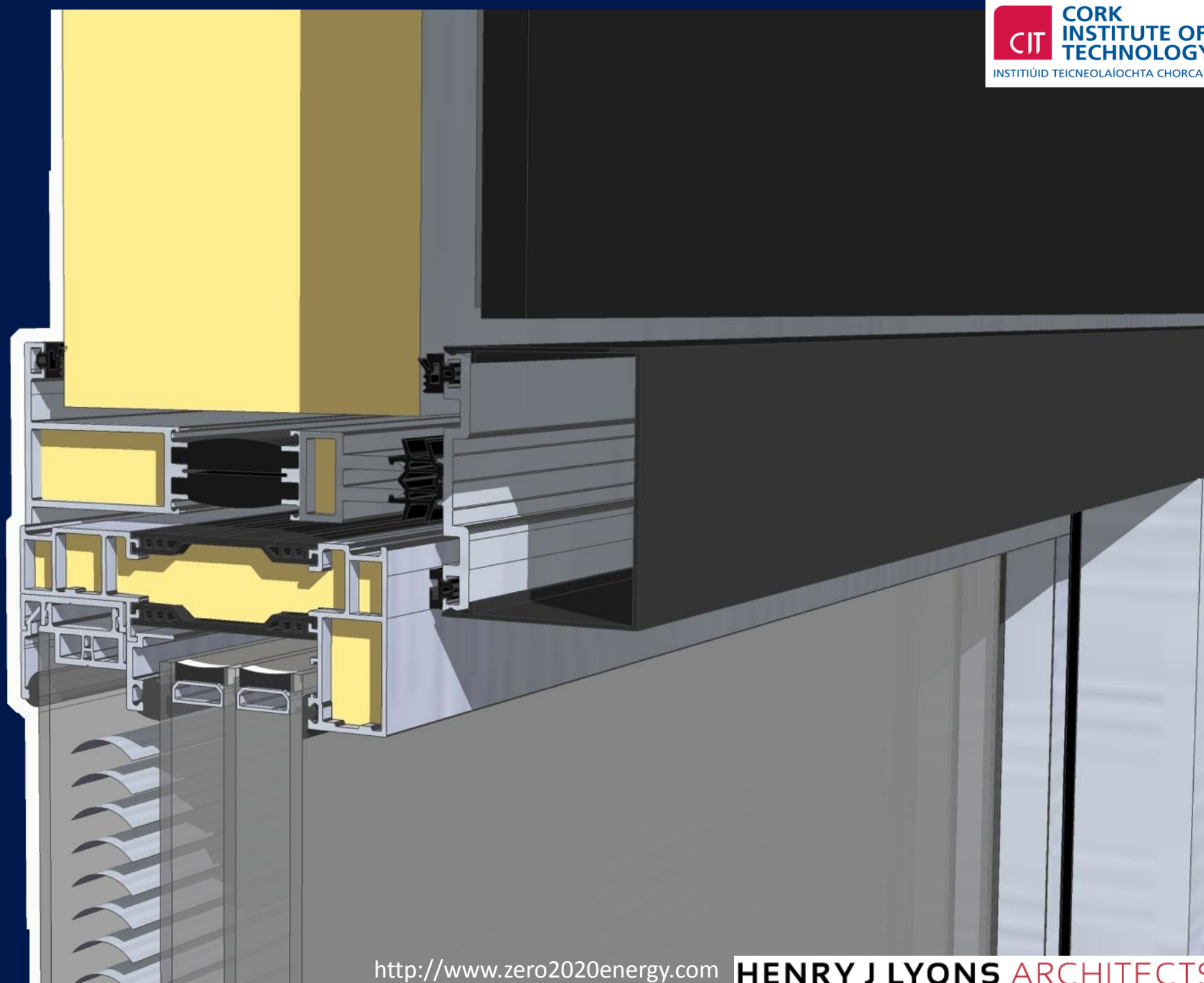


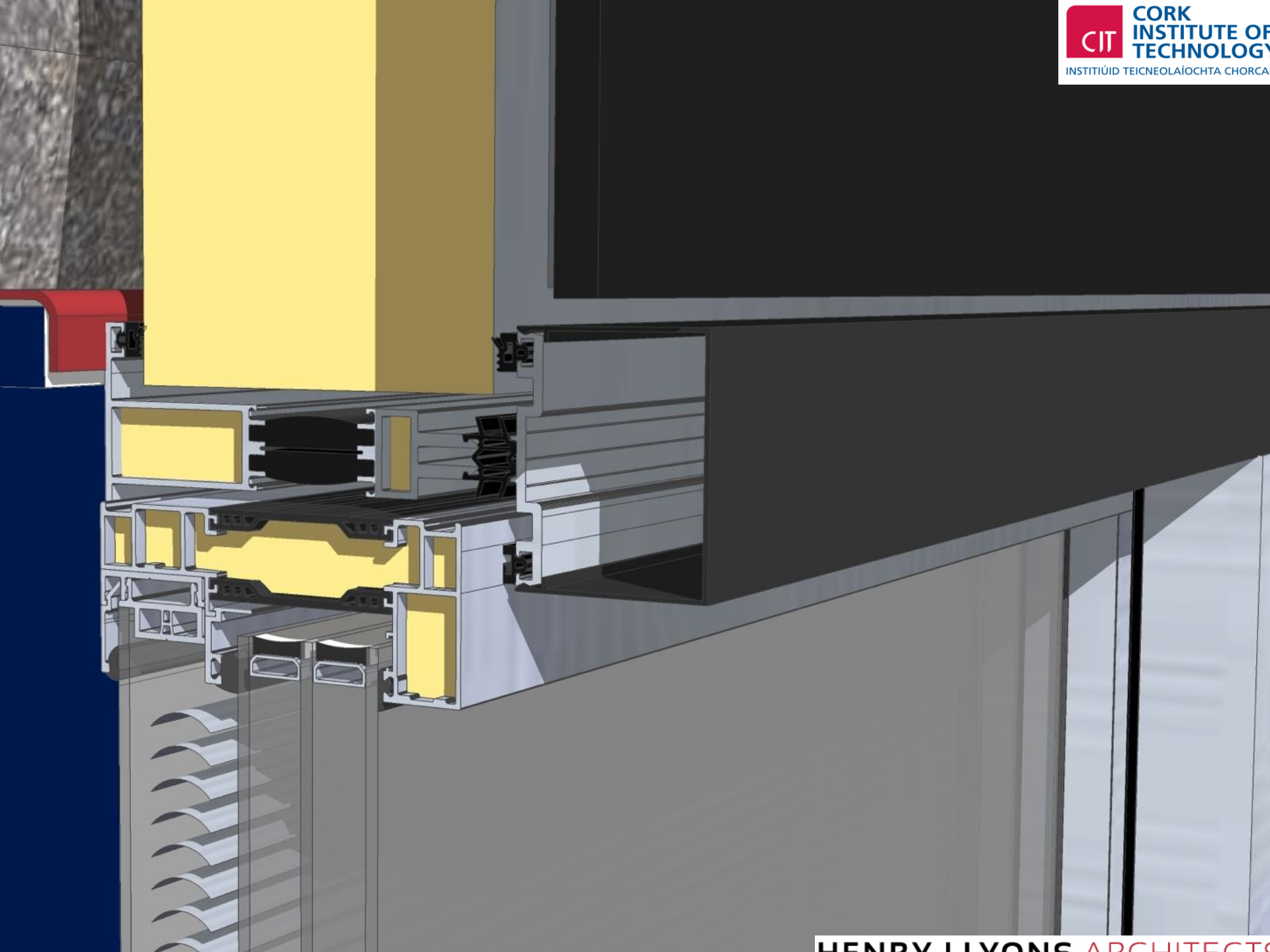














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Lessons Learned

Temperature fluctuations are highly moderated by thermal mass.

There is more scope in plug loads for savings. Watch out for Vampire loads

Thermal bridging detailing is more important than you think

Inter disciplinary communication can lead to poor performance decisions

Air tightness is critical to energy performance

Post Occupancy Evaluation is critical to continued professional development

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