



INVESTIGATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 'PV-CHIMNEY' SYSTEM ON BUILDING ENVELOPES

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01

FRAMEWORK

BACKGROUND

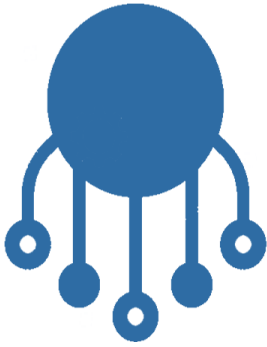
FRAMEWORK

Population growth causes
environmental problems....



BACKGROUND

FRAMEWORK



35% GLOBAL
RESOURCES



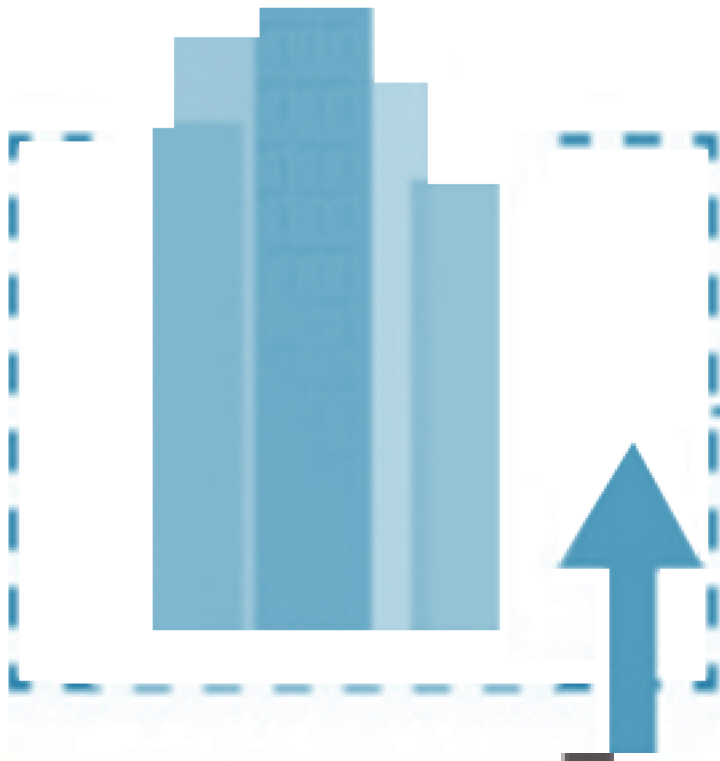
40% OF THE
ENERGY



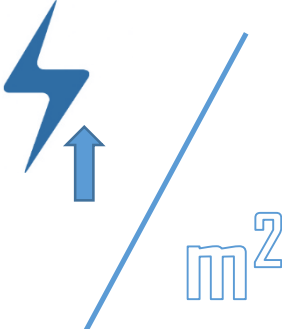
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CARBON EMISSIONS

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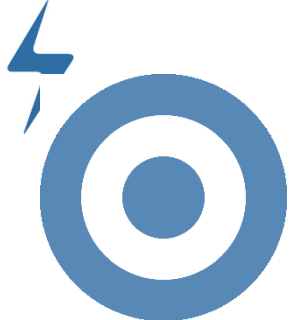
Intensification of urbanization enhances the vertical development ...



FRAMEWORK



HIGHER
OPERATIONAL ENERGY



HIGHER ENERGY
PERFORMANCE

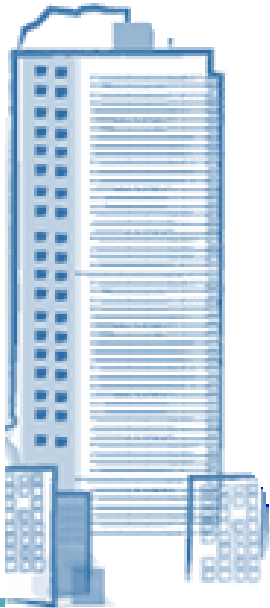




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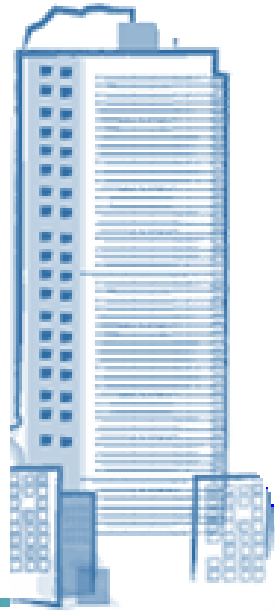
FRAMEWORK

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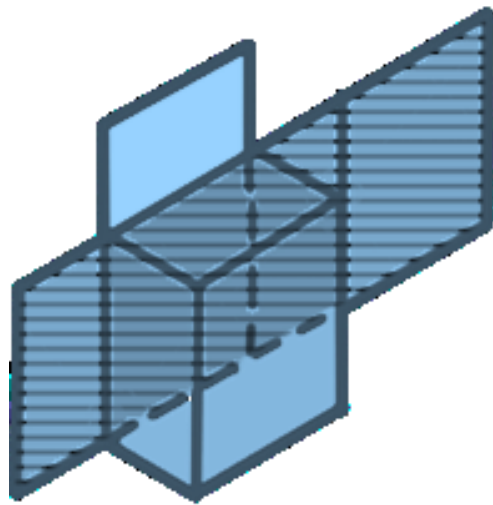
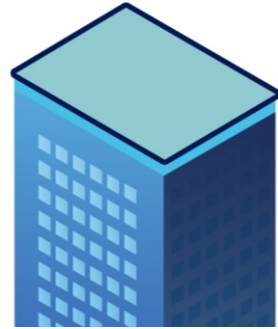
+

PRODUCE energy



RESEARCH PROBLEM

FRAMEWORK



LIMITED ROOF
surface area



FAÇADE
offers large available surface area

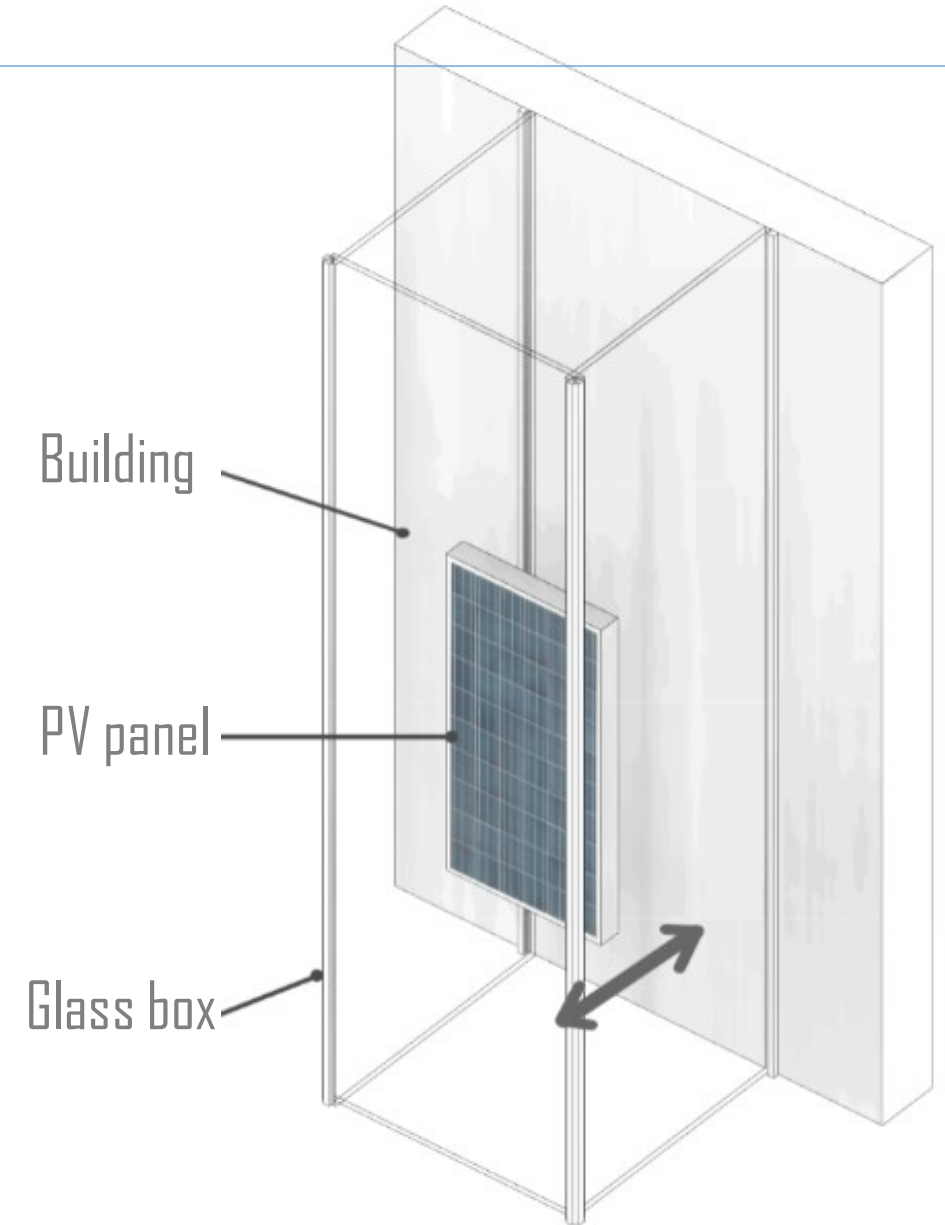
RESEARCH PROBLEM

FRAMEWORK

Implementation of solar systems
on facades

PV+CHIMNEY

RESEARCH PROGRAMME



FRAMEWORK

ARCHITECTURE



PERFORMANCE

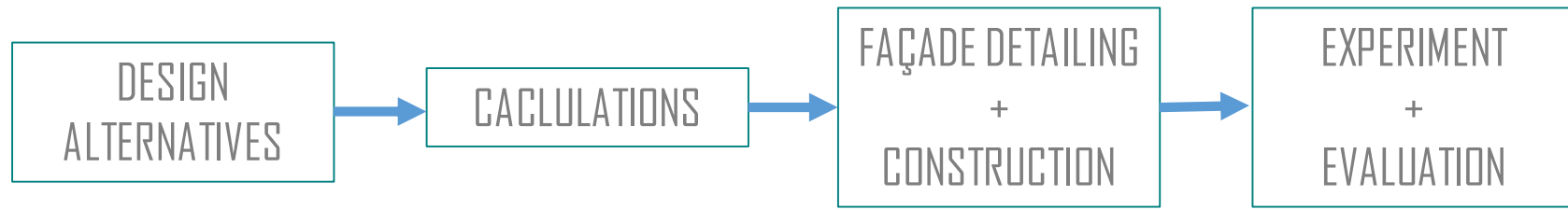
RESEARCH QUESTION

FRAMEWORK

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SYSTEM EXPLORATION

ARCHITECTURE



PERFORMANCE

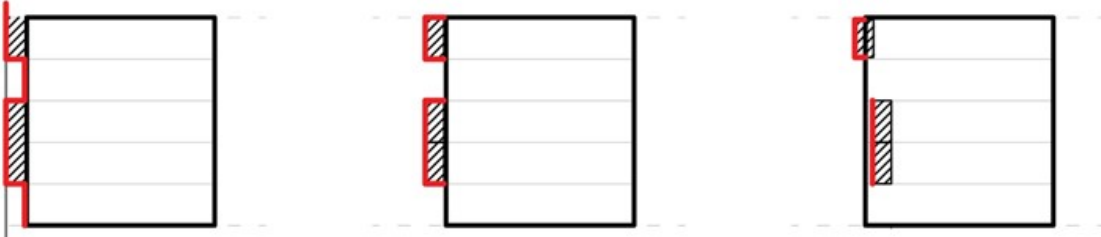
DESIGN EXPLORATION

TYPOLOGIES

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



MASK



FULL CLOSED MASK



SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

PATTERNS



TRANSPARENT



HORIZONTAL DESIGN



VERTICAL DESIGN



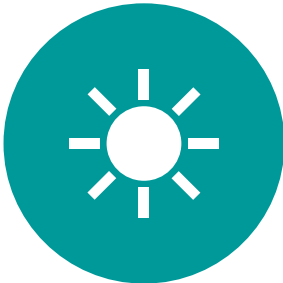
FREE FORM DESIGN



GRID DESIGN

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

DISCUSSION CRITERIA



NATURAL LIGHTING



OPENINGS



GOMETRY



CLIMATE

openings

● ● ● ● ●
● ● ● ● ○
all-almost all openable

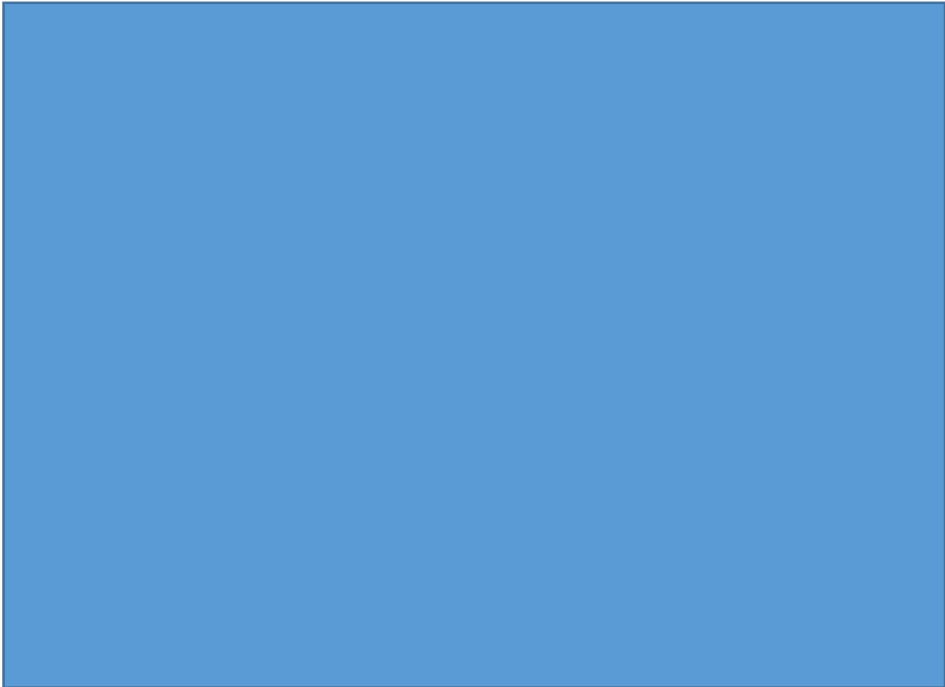
● ● ● ○ ○
a lot of them openable

● ● ○ ○ ○
● ○ ○ ○ ○
few openable windows

○ ○ ○ ○ ○
no openable windows

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

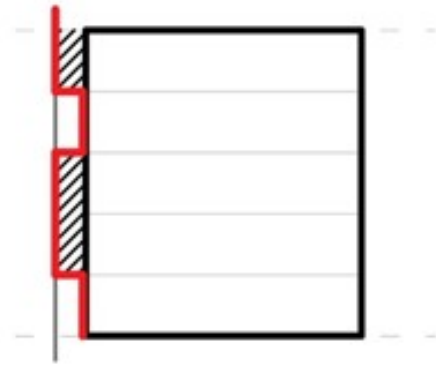


FULL CLOSED MASK



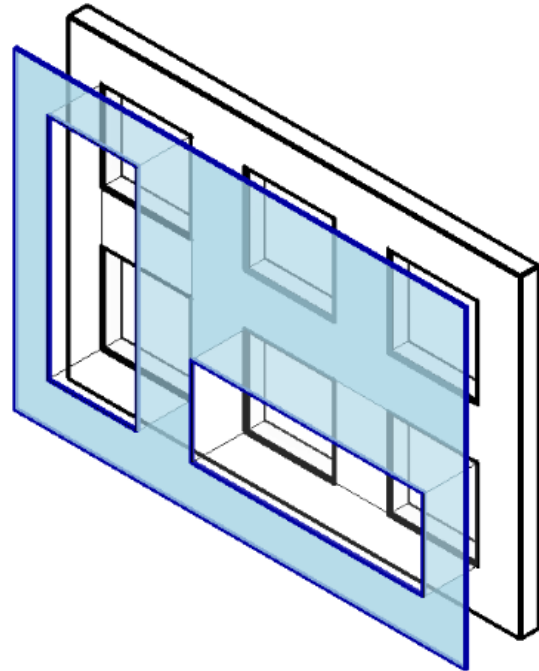


DESIGN EXPLORATION



The building is covered and some parts are breathing

SYSTEM EXPLORATION

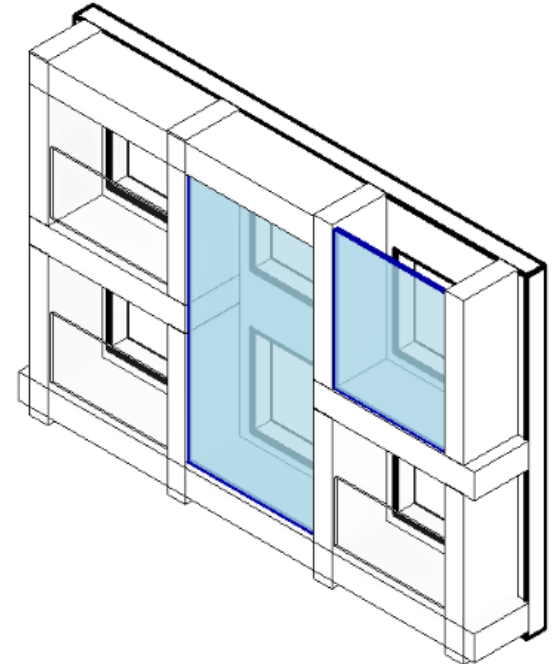


Functional

natural lighting ●●●●○ openings ●●●●○

Performance

depth ●●●●○ height ●●●●● width ●●●●● climate ☁️☀️❄️



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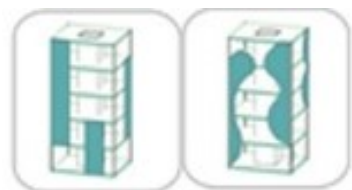


MASK

DESIGN EXPLORATION

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

The system is attached to the building

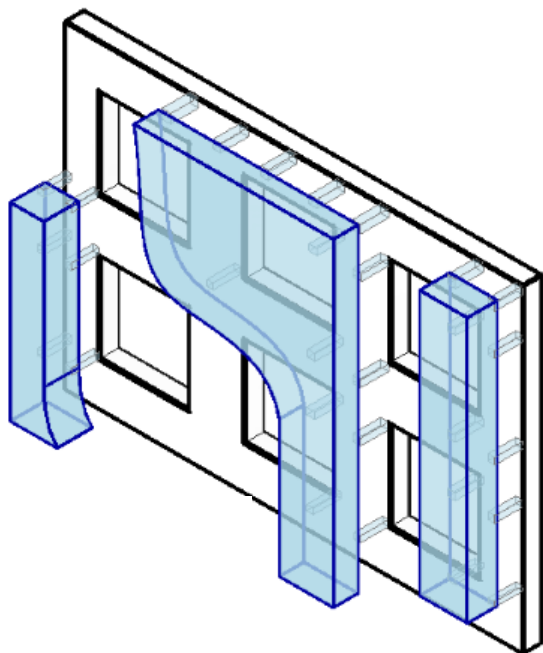


Functional

natural lighting



openings

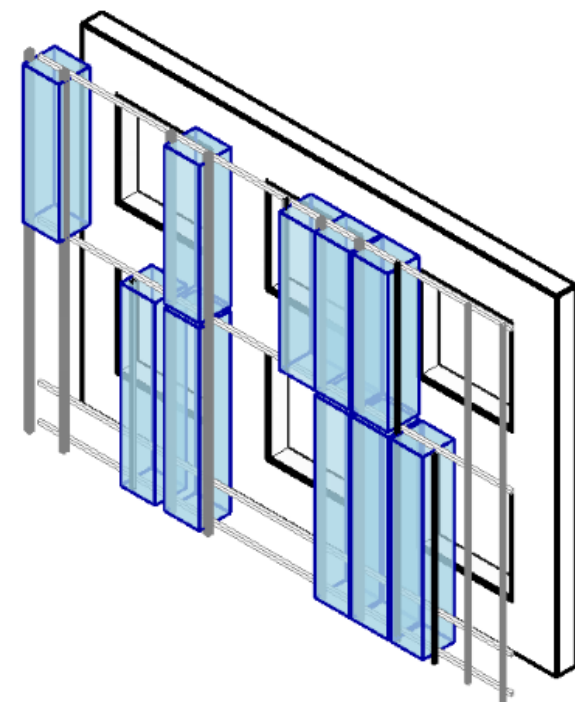


Functional

natural lighting



openings



Performance

depth



height



width



climate



Performance

depth



height



width

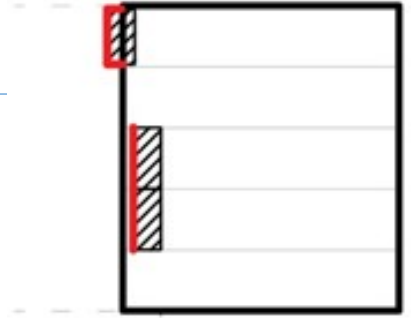


climate





DESIGN EXPLORATION



The system is mounted on the building

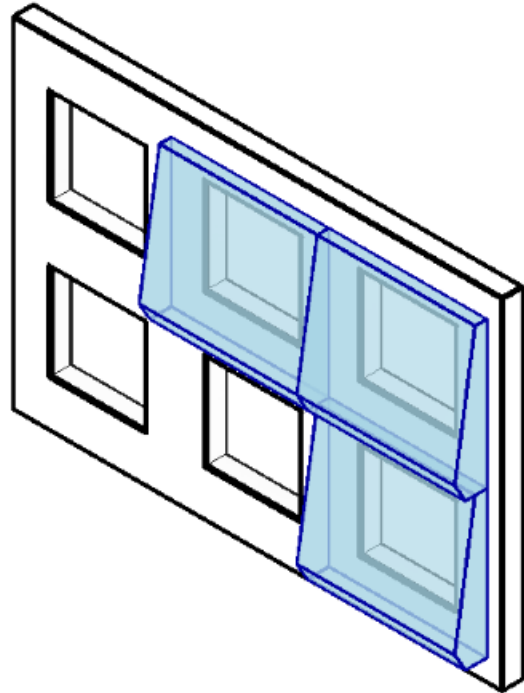
SYSTEM EXPLORATION



Functional



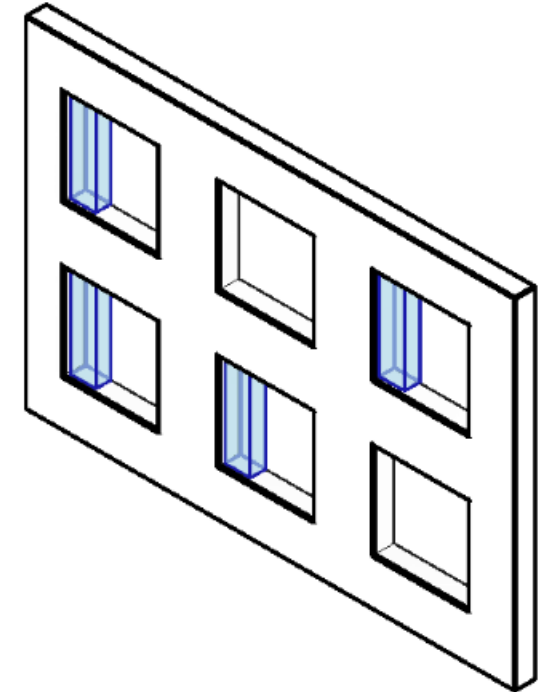
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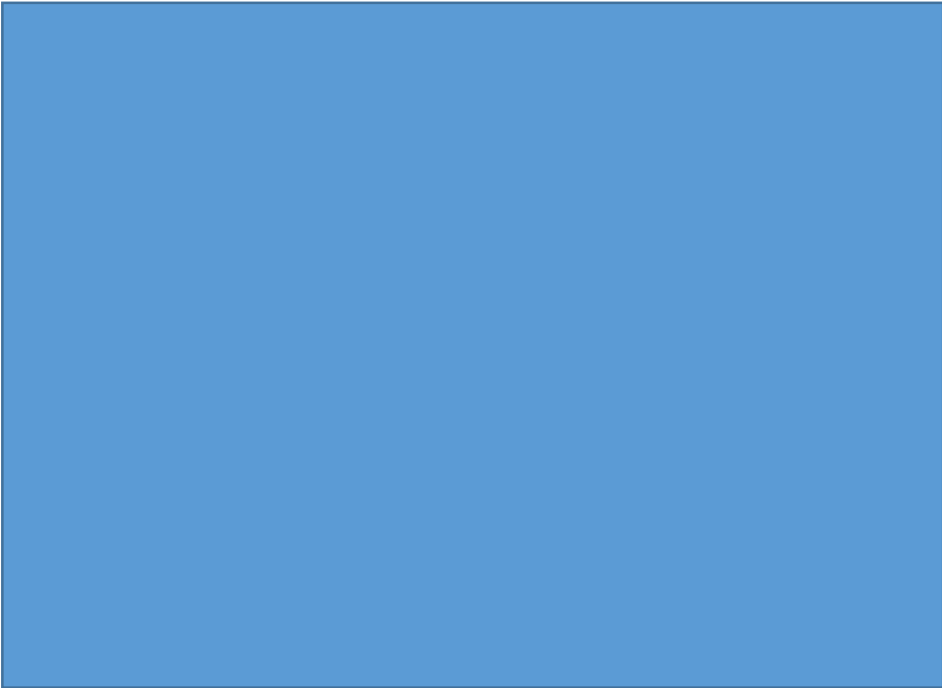


Performance



SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

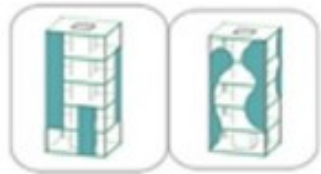
DESIGN ALTERNATIVES





FULL CLOSED MASK

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



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natural lighting



openings



Performance

depth



height



width

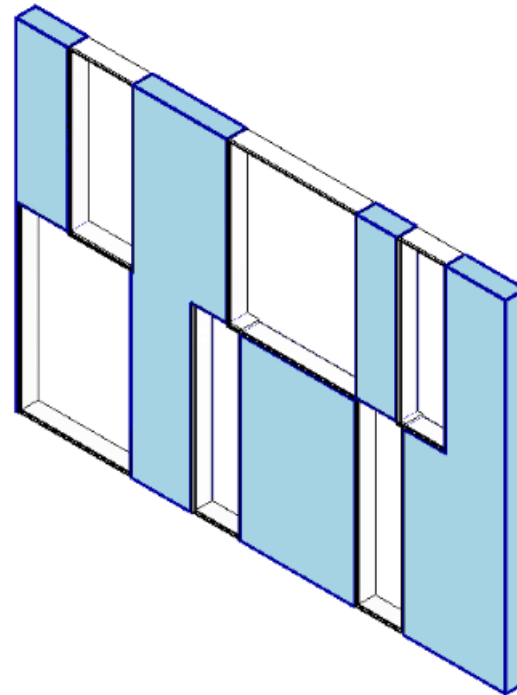


climate



DESIGN EXPLORATION

The system as part of the cladding



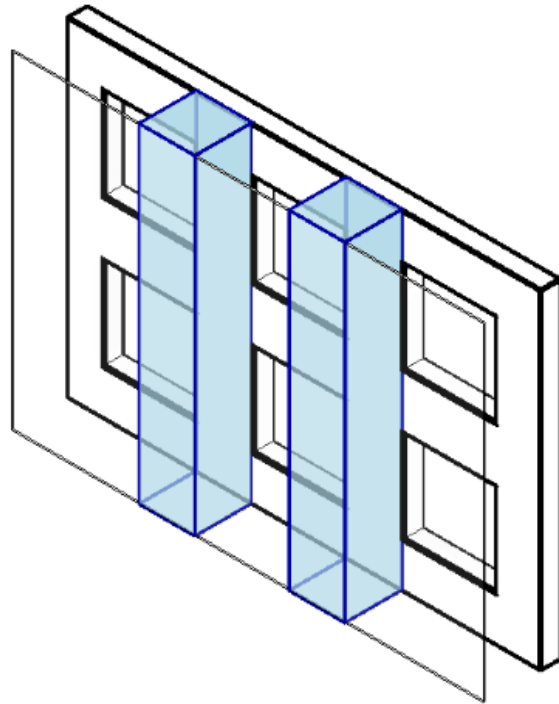


DESIGN EXPLORATION



The system as second façade layer

SYSTEM EXPLORATION



Functional

natural lighting ●●●●○ openings ●●●●●

Performance

depth ●●●●○ height ●●○○○ width ●●●○○ climate ☁️ ☀️

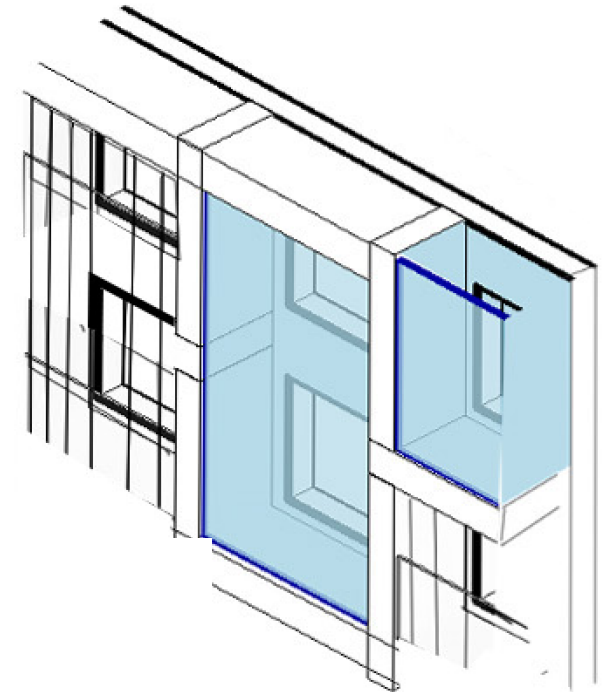


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Performance

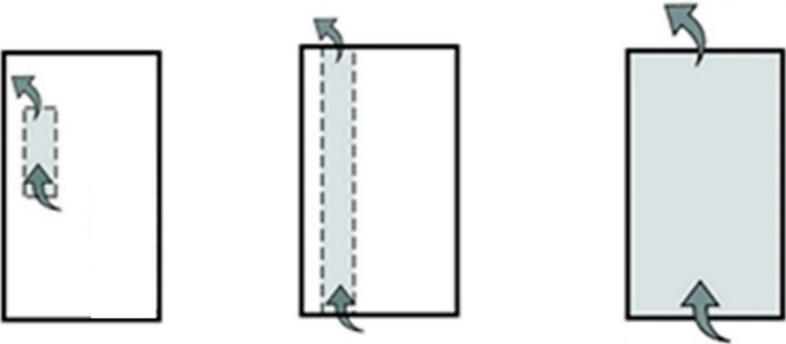
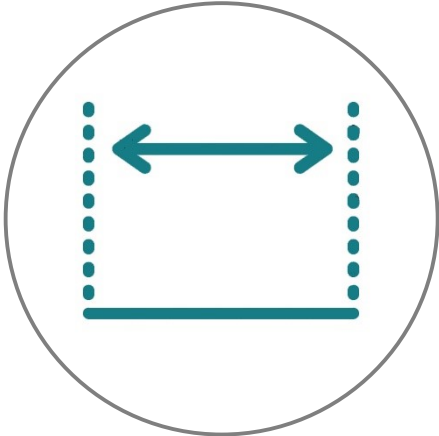
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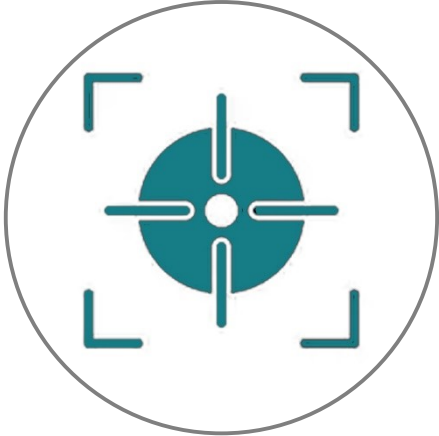
CONCLUSIONS

SYSTEM
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PV-CHIMNEY SCALE



FACADE PATTERN





SYSTEM EXPLORATION

ARCHITECTURE



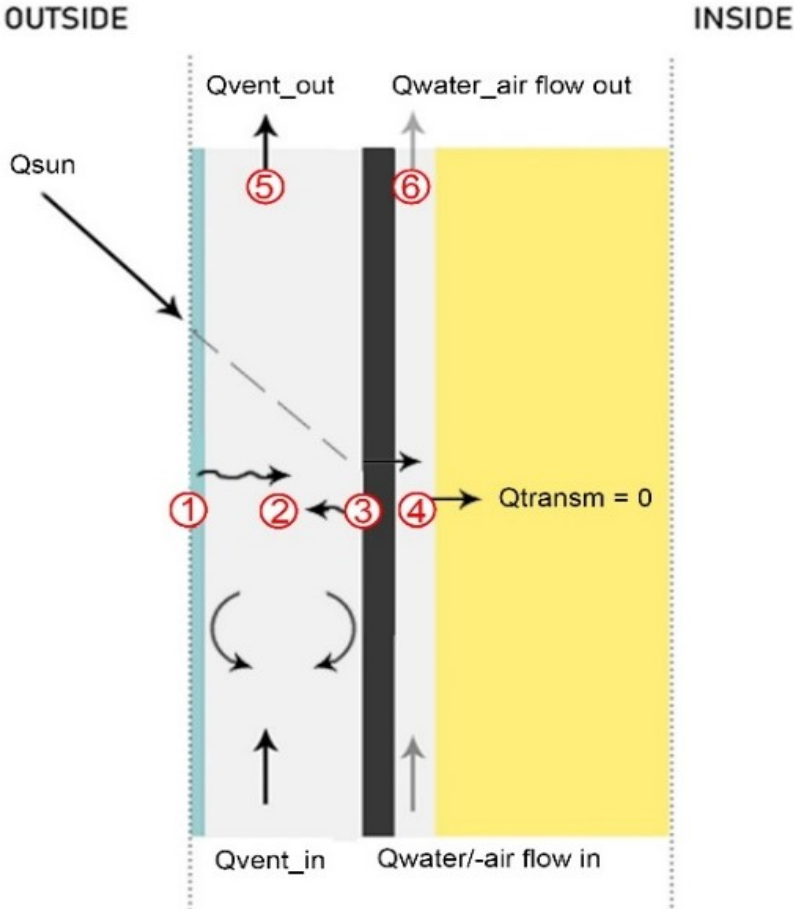
PERFORMANCE

HAND CALCULATIONS

MODEL

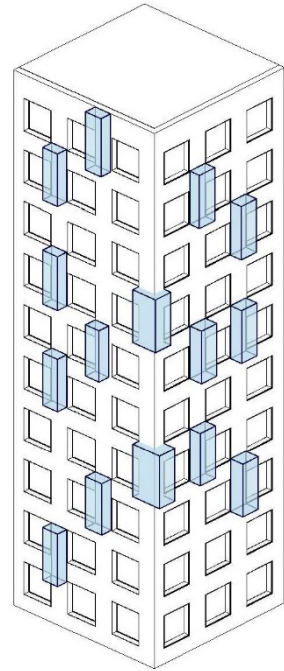
SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

- node1: T_{glass}
- node2: T_{air}
- node3: T_{pv}
- node4: T_{water}
- node5: $T_{\text{air_out}}$
- node6: $T_{\text{water_out}}$



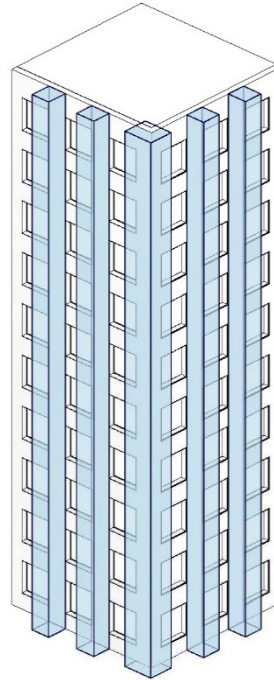
SCALES _ DIFFERENT HEIGHTS AND WIDTHS

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



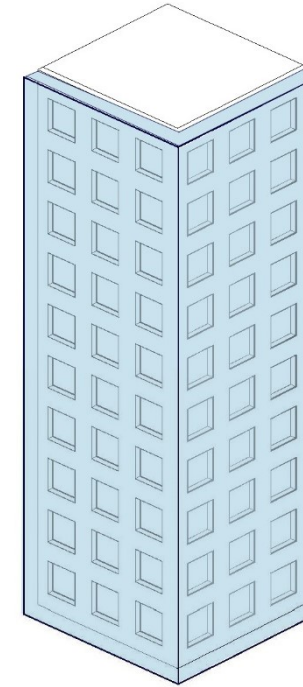
FLOOR CHIMNEY

Chimney dimensions:
1 x 4.35 m



COLUMN CHIMNEY

Chimney dimensions:
1 x 95 m



BUILDING CHIMNEY

Chimney dimensions:
33 x 95 m

DIFFERENT CLIMATES

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

NETHERLANDS

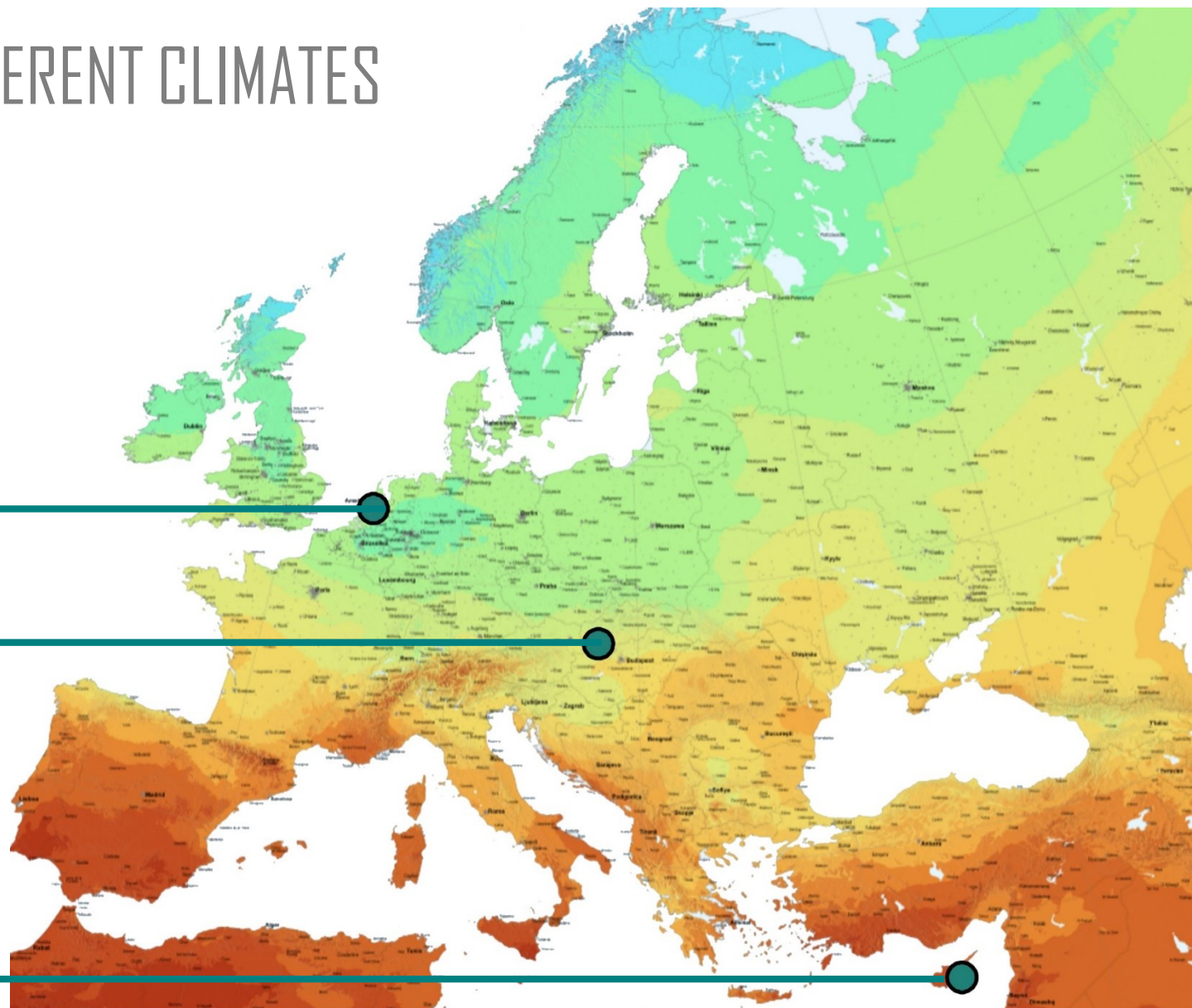
MODERATE

HUNGARY

TEMPERATE

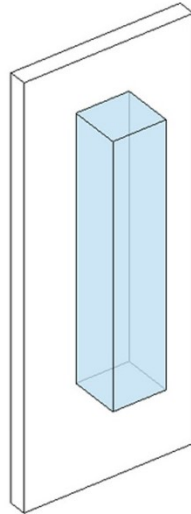
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MEDITERRANEAN



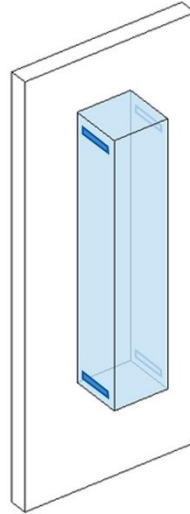
DIFFERENT VENTS

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



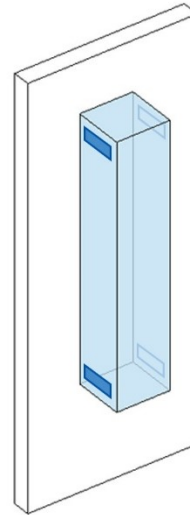
VENT 0

No ventilation



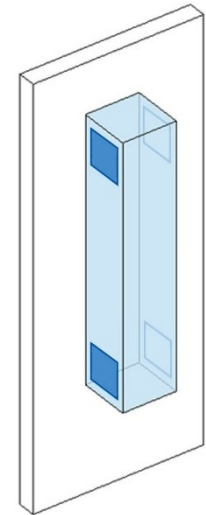
VENT 1

Vent dimensions:
0.9 or 33 x 0.05 m



VENT 2

Vent dimensions:
0.9 or 33 x 0.1 m

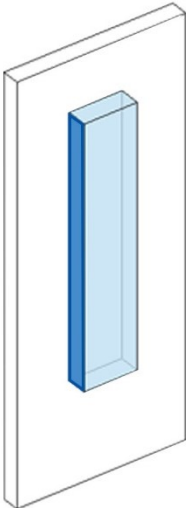


VENT 3

Vent dimensions:
0.9 or 33 x 0.5 m

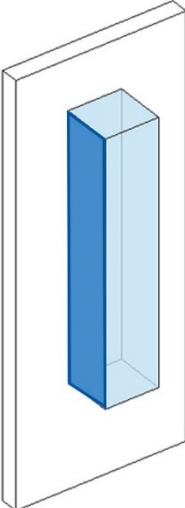
DIFFERENT DEPTHS

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



DEPTH 1

Depth:
0.2 m



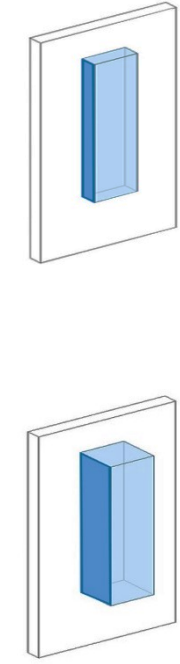
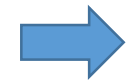
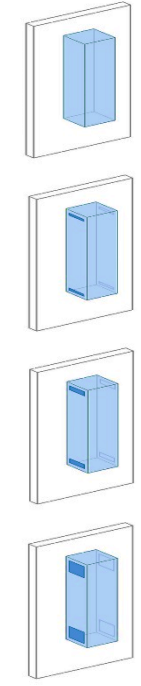
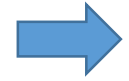
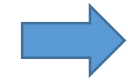
VENT 2

Depth:
0.4m

HAND CALCULATIONS

SCENARIOS

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



- ◇ CAVITY TEMPERATURE
- ◇ PV TEMPERATURE
- ◇ PRESSURE DIFFERENCE
- ◇ AIR FLOW
- ◇ AIR VELOCITY

3x SCALES

3x CLIMATES

4x VENTS

2x DEPTHS

METHODOLOGY

SYSTEM
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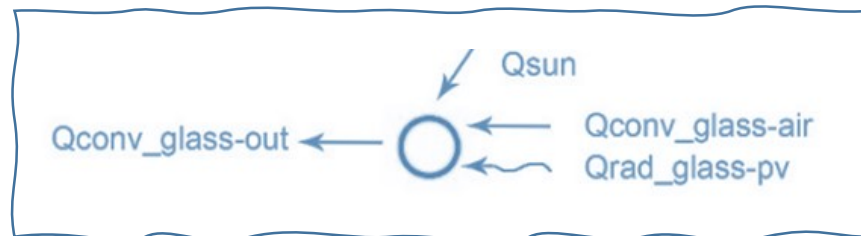
TEMPERATURES

$$\Sigma Q = 0$$

$$q_{convection} = \alpha_{convection} (T_{sheet} - T_{air})$$

$$q_{radiation} = \alpha_{radiation} (T_{sheet1} - T_{sheet2})$$

$$q_{conduction} = \alpha_{conduction} (T_{material1} - T_{material2})$$



PRESSURE DIFFERENCE

$$\Delta P = \rho g h \frac{\Delta T}{T}$$

AIR FLOW

$$Q = A_{eff} C_d \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}}$$

AIR VELOCITY

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}}$$

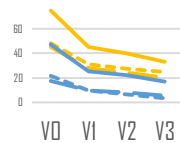
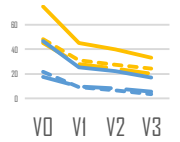
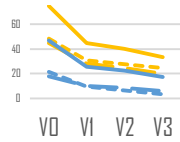
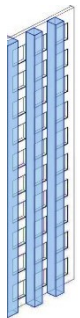
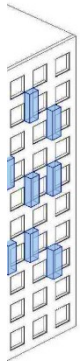
Temperatures

- Cavity air
- PV
- Water

Air

- Air flow
- Velocity

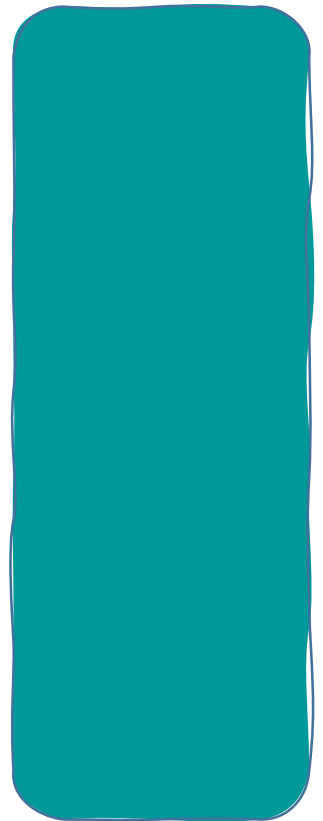
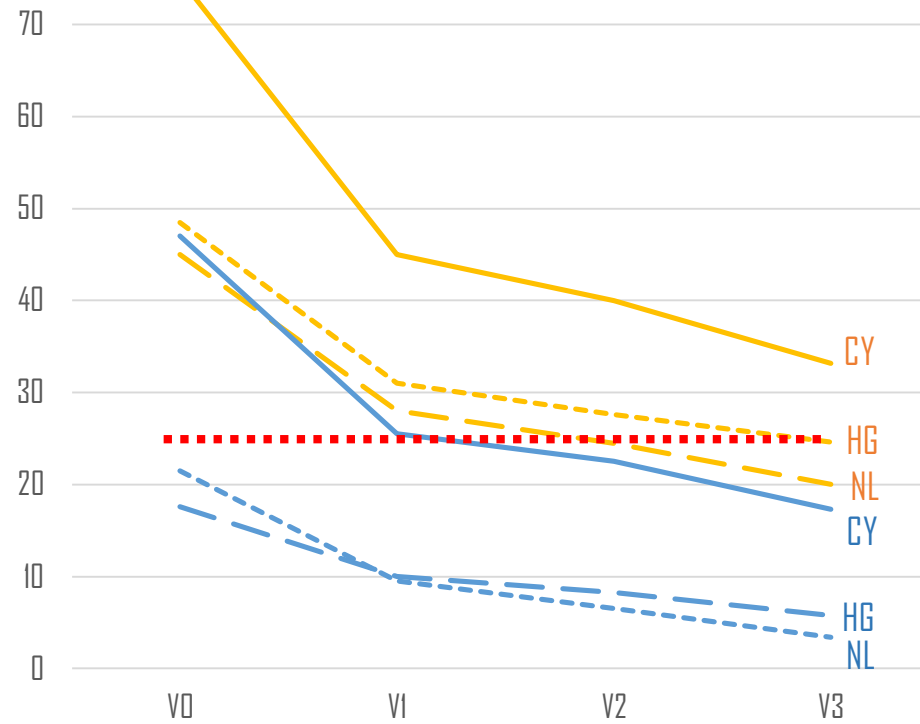
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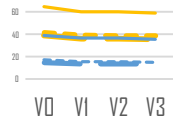
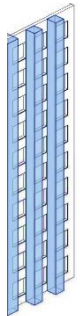
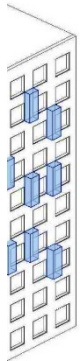
ambient T[°C]	W	S
NL	4	17
HG	1	20
CY	14	29

RESULTS

Temperatures [°C]_CAVITY AIR

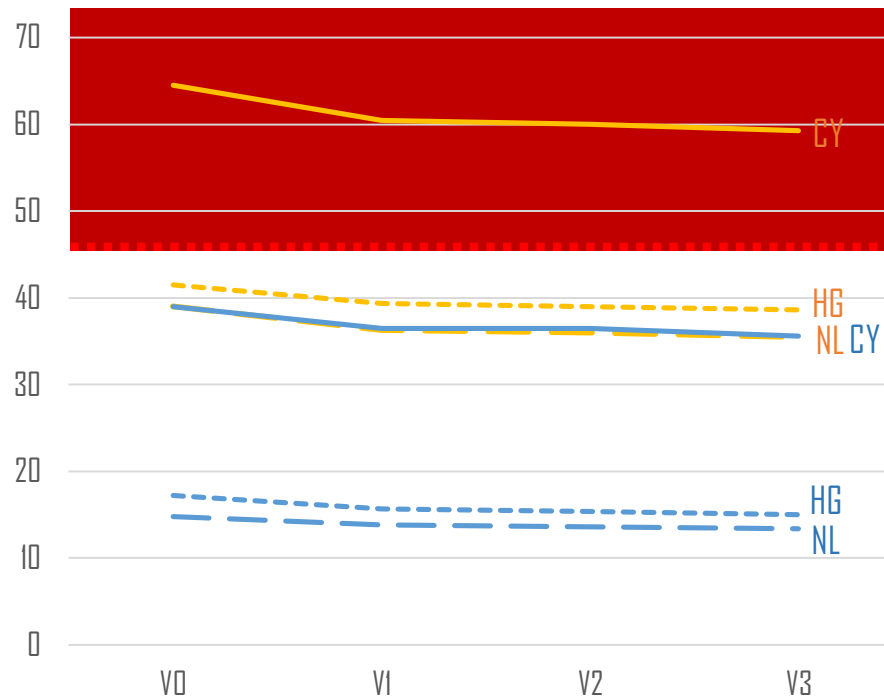
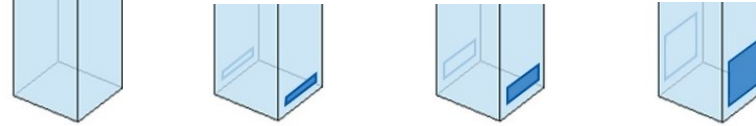


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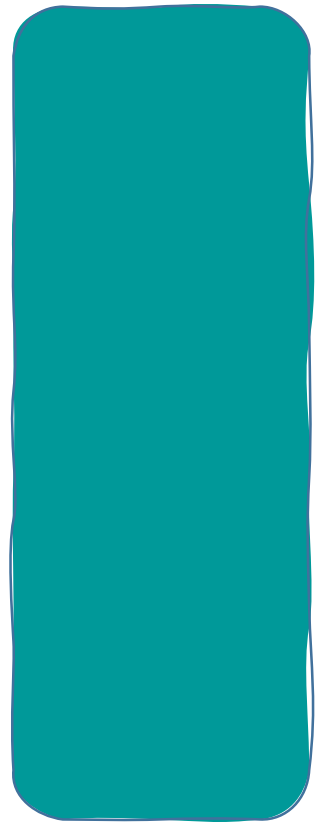


RESULTS

Temperatures [°C]_PV



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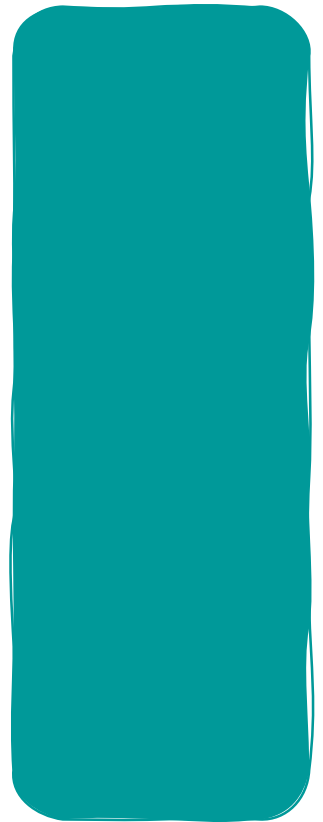
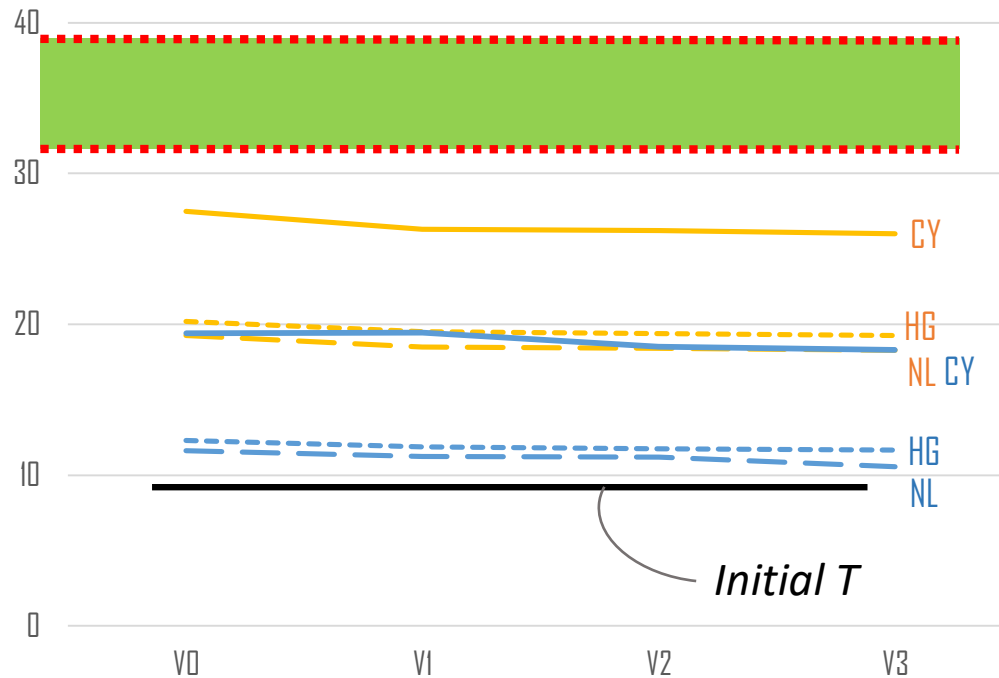
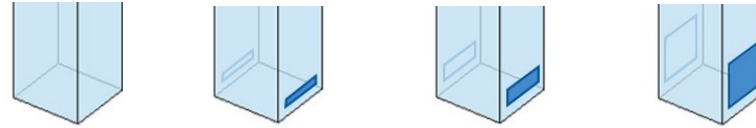
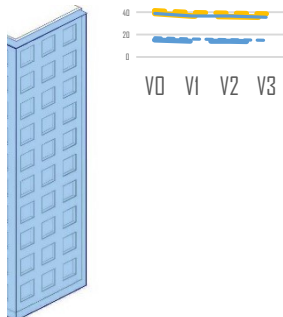
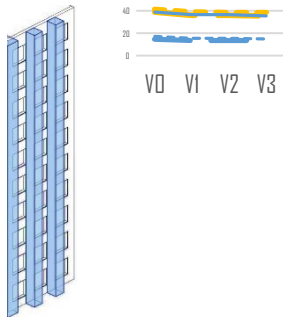
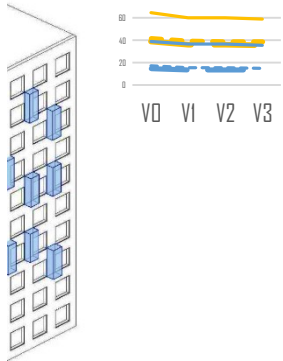
Temperatures [°C]_Water

SYSTEM EXPLORATION

Initial temperature:
10°C

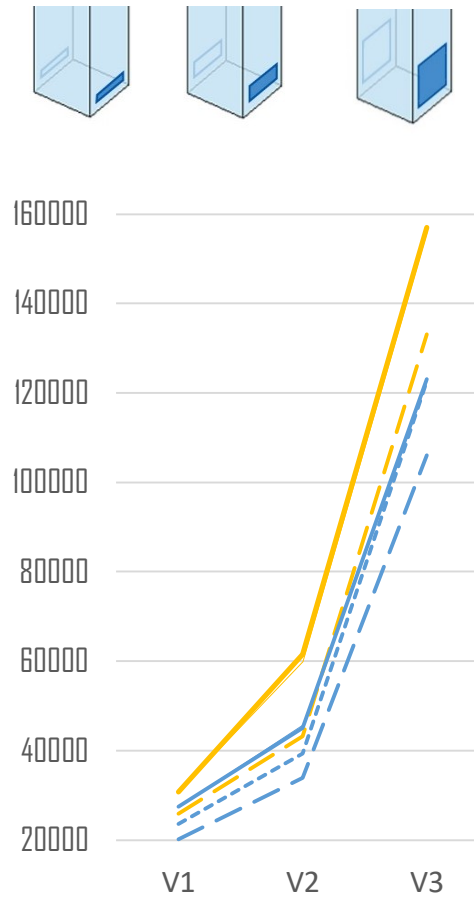
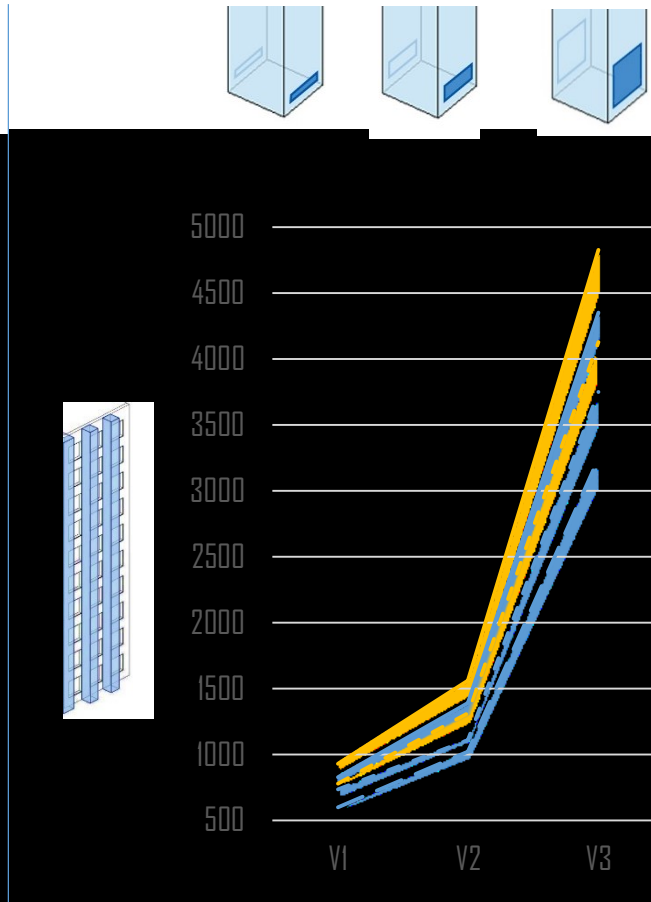
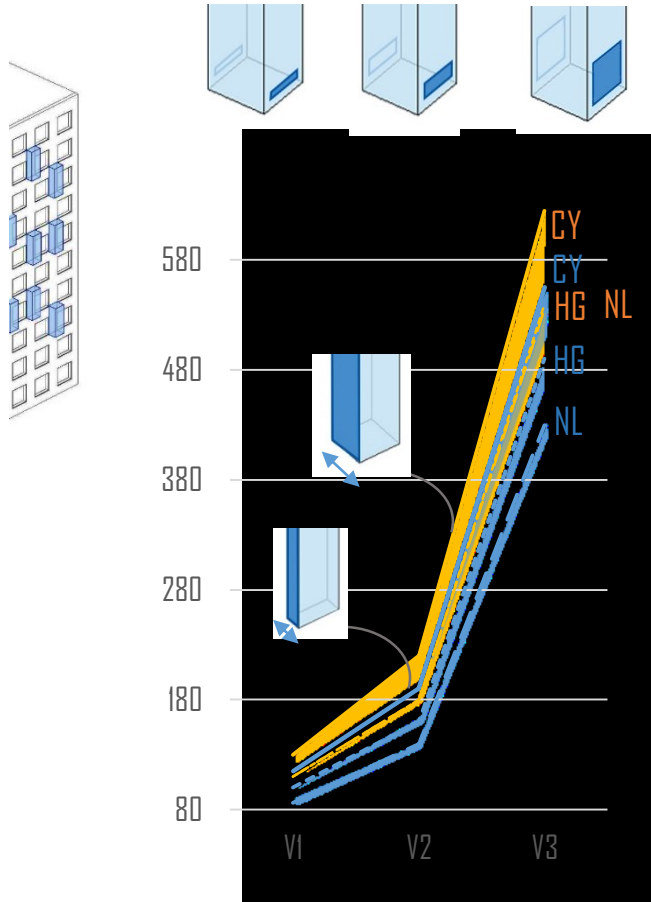
Water velocity:
0.1m/s

ambient T[°C]	W	S
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RESULTS

AIR FLOW [m³/h]



Depth
increase

Vent
Important
increase

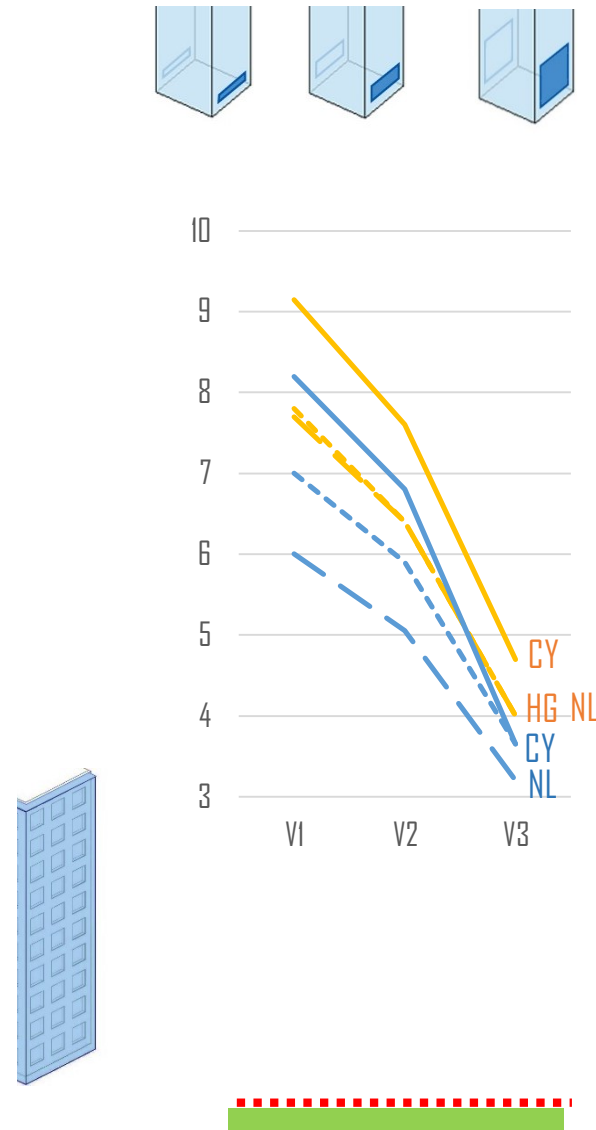
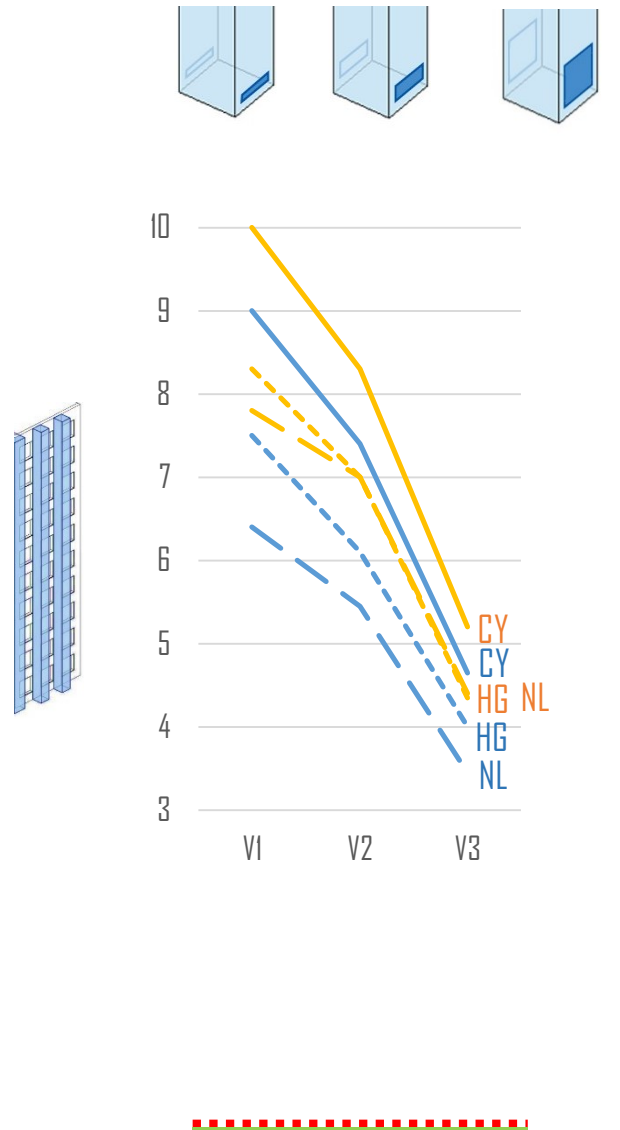
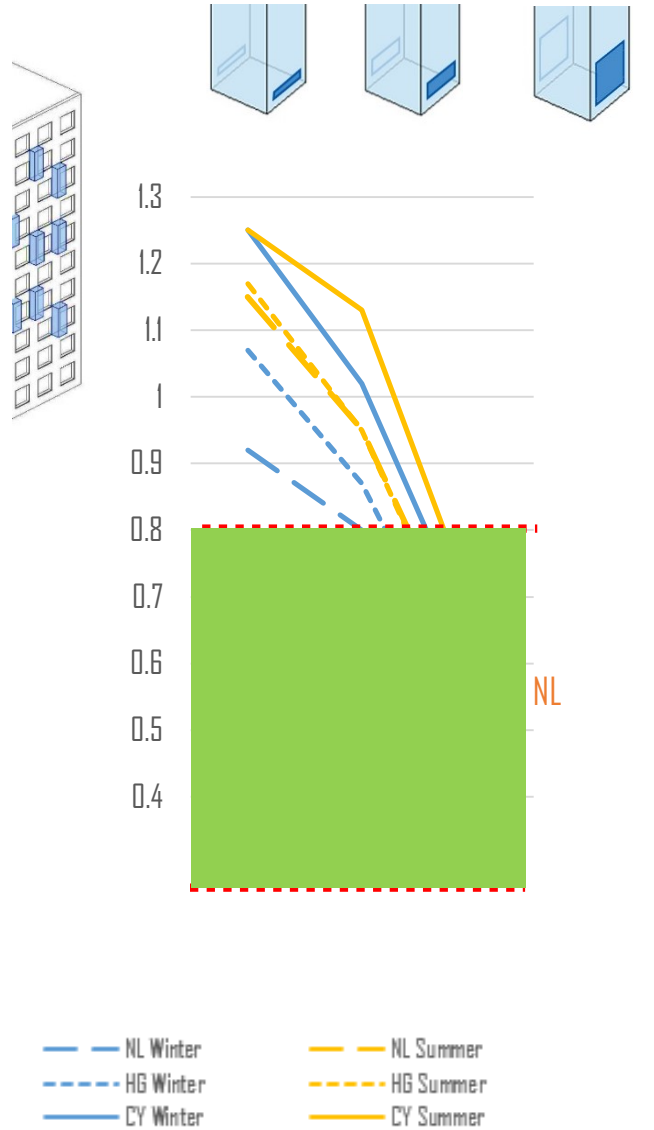
Height
Important
increase

Width
Slight increase

- NL Winter
- - - HG Winter
- CY Winter
- NL Summer
- - - HG Summer
- CY Summer

RESULTS

AIR FLOW [m³/h]



Depth
Slight increase

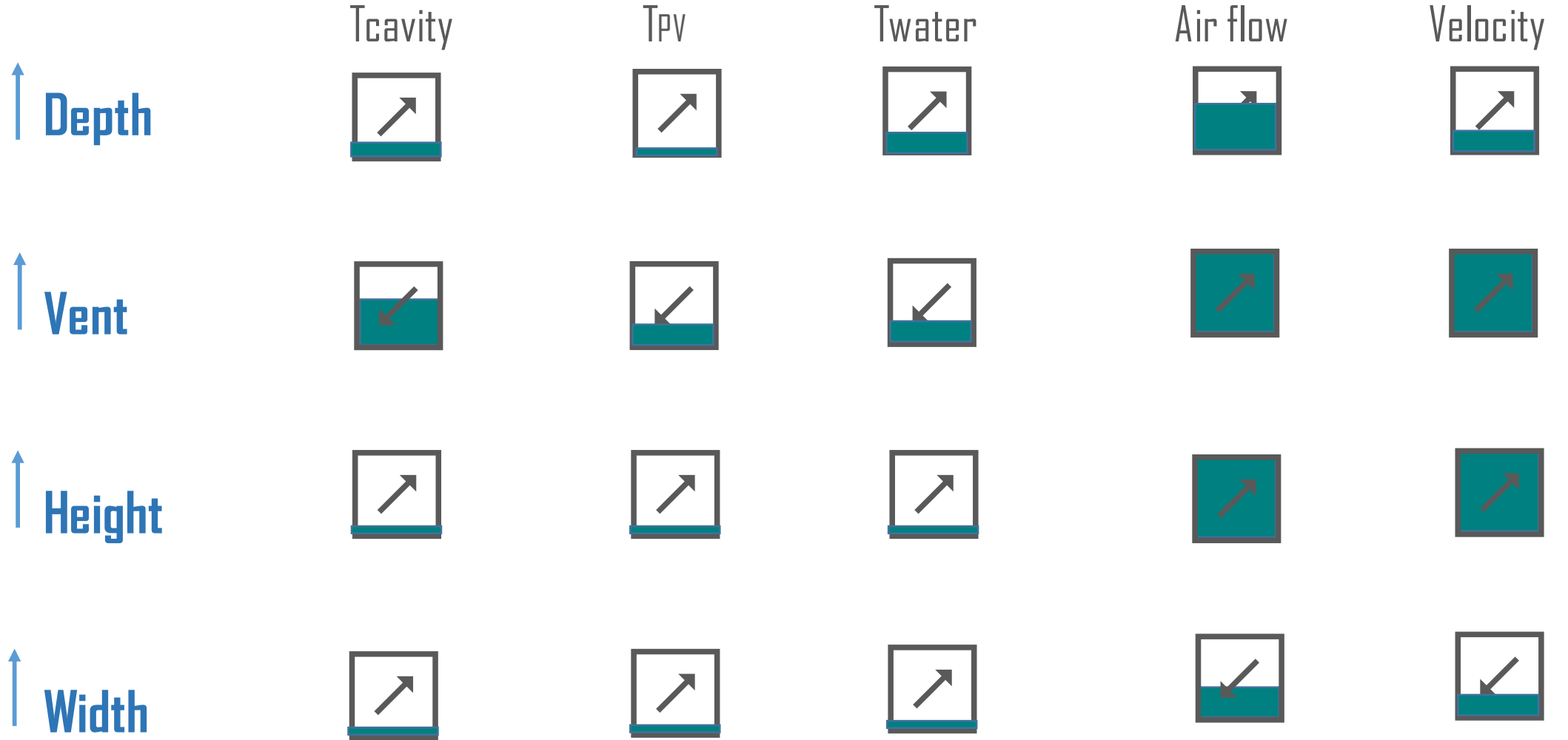
Vent
Important increase

Height
Important increase

Width
Slight increase

Summarizing...

SYSTEM
EXPLORATION



SYSTEM
EXPLORATION

Moderate climate

Netherlands



Temperate climate

Hungary



Mediterranean climate

Cyprus



CONCLUSION

Height/Width

Depth

Vent

PASSIVE?

Floor chimneys

0.4m

Summer $\geq 0.09\text{m}^2$



Winter close vents



Floor chimneys

0.2m

Summer $\geq 0.45\text{m}^2$



Winter close vents



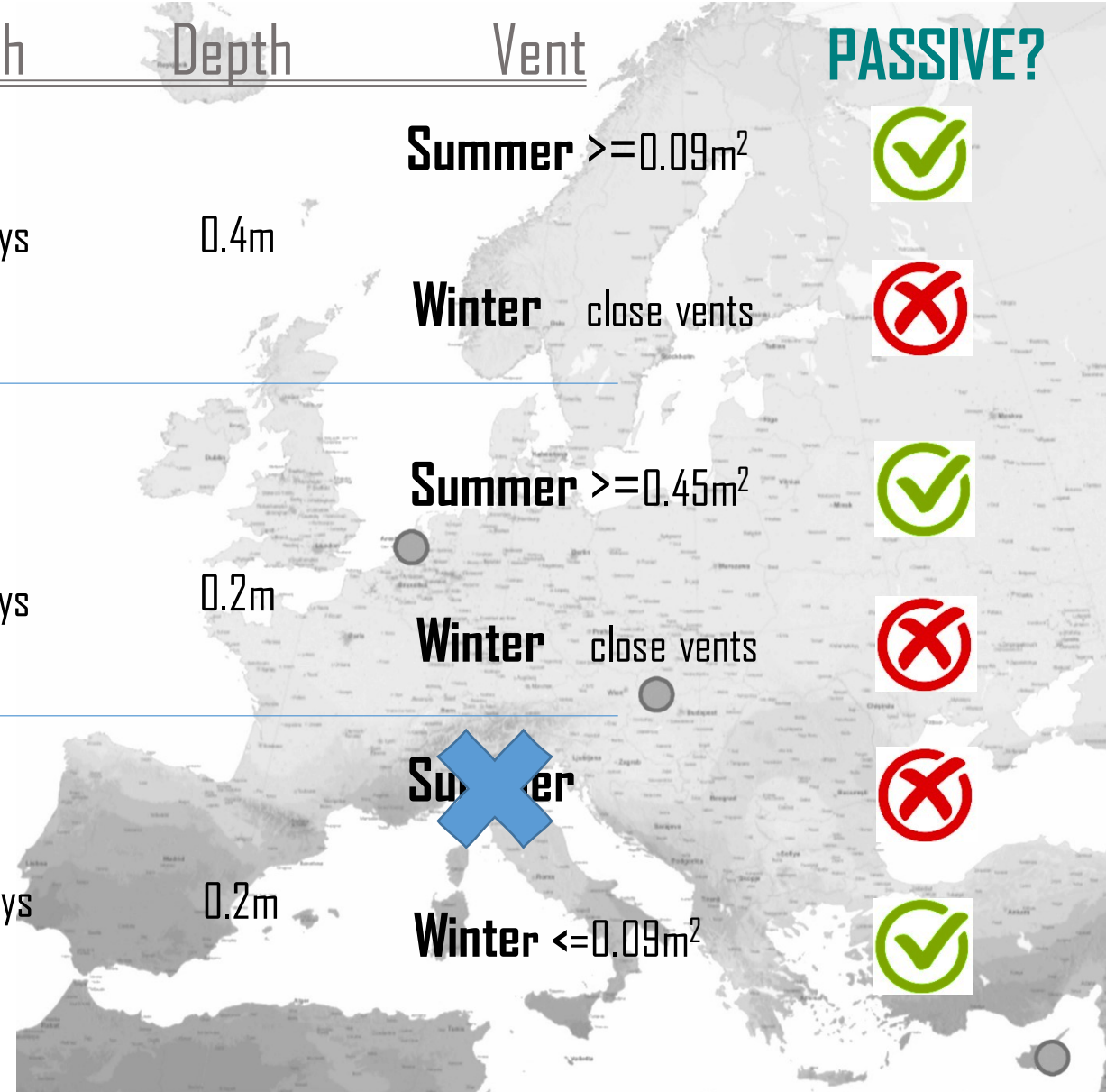
Floor chimneys

0.2m

Summer



Winter $\leq 0.09\text{m}^2$





03

DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION

FACADE CONCEPT

DESIGN
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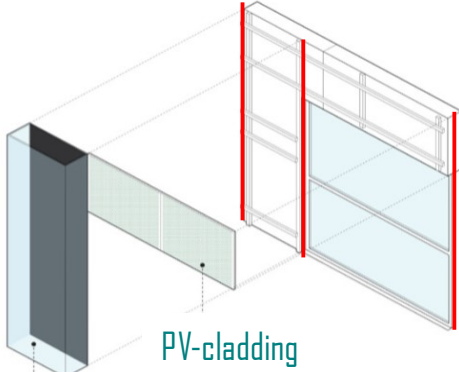
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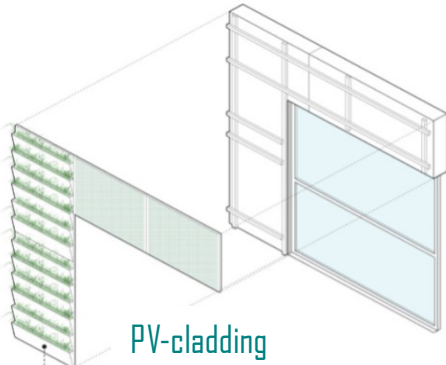


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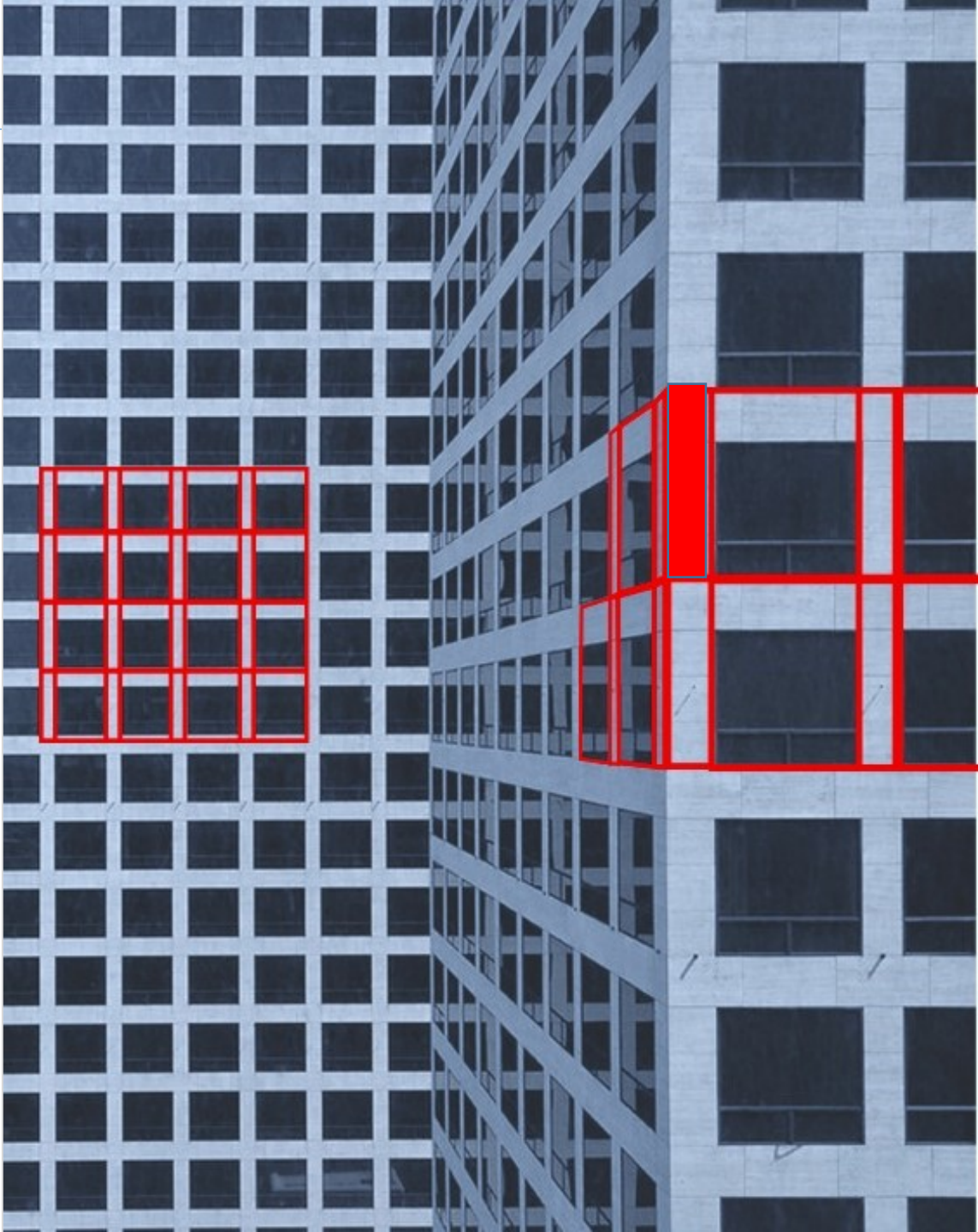
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PV/T-chimney



Green
panels



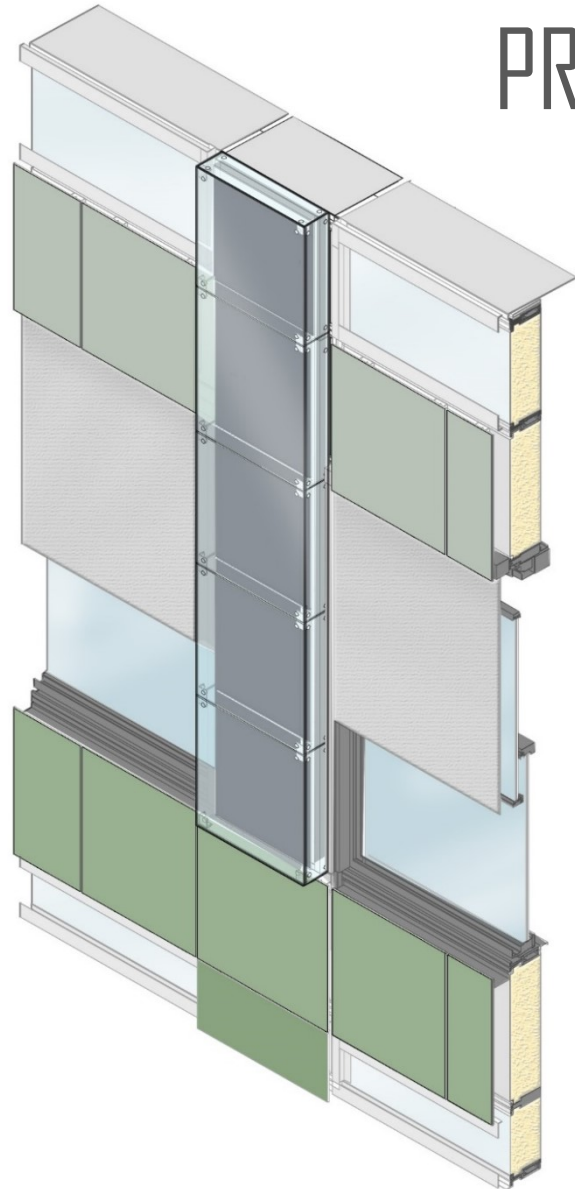
PV/T-CHIMNEY

DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION

- ◇ FLOOR CHIMNEY
- ◇ MASK DESIGN
- ◇ ADDITIONAL ELEMENT

DESIGN

PROPOSAL



DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION

PV/T - chimney solution

Height: 4.35 m

Width: 0.815 m

Depth: - with PV/T: 0.24 m

- cavity: 0.11 m

Vents: 0.072 m²

Glazing: - single 0.08 mm

- g-value: 0.9

Structure: aluminum

PV: ColarBlast (black ,13% effic.)

PV/T: -cooper pipes 12 mm diam.

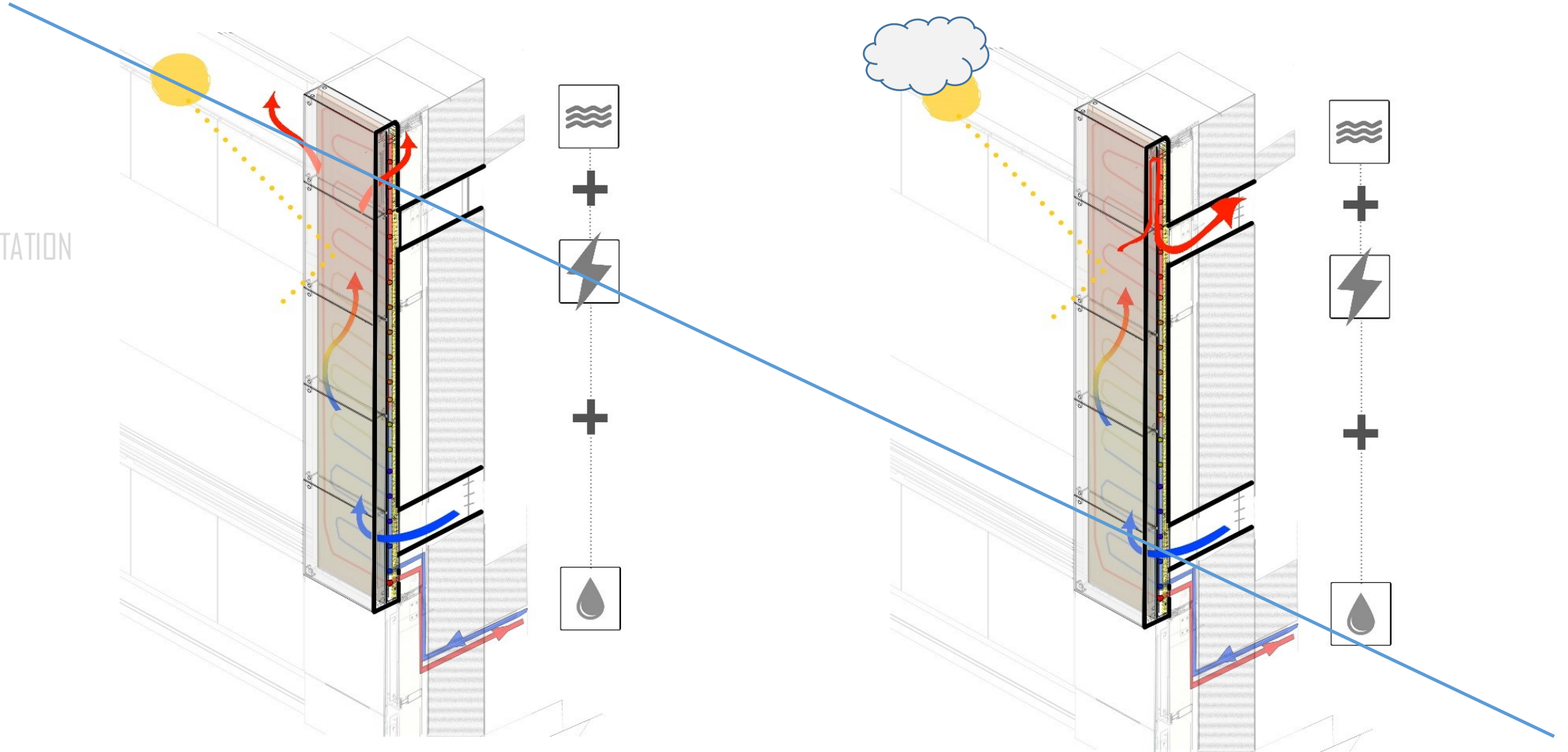
-cooper plate 3 mm

Insulation: Rockwool

Initial...

OPERATION

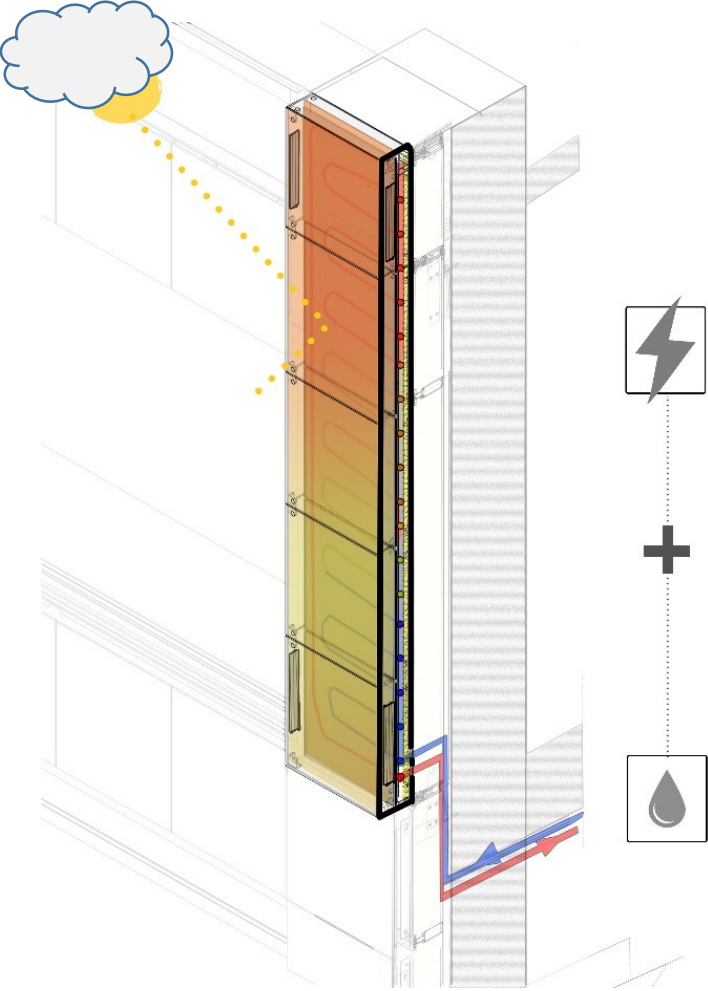
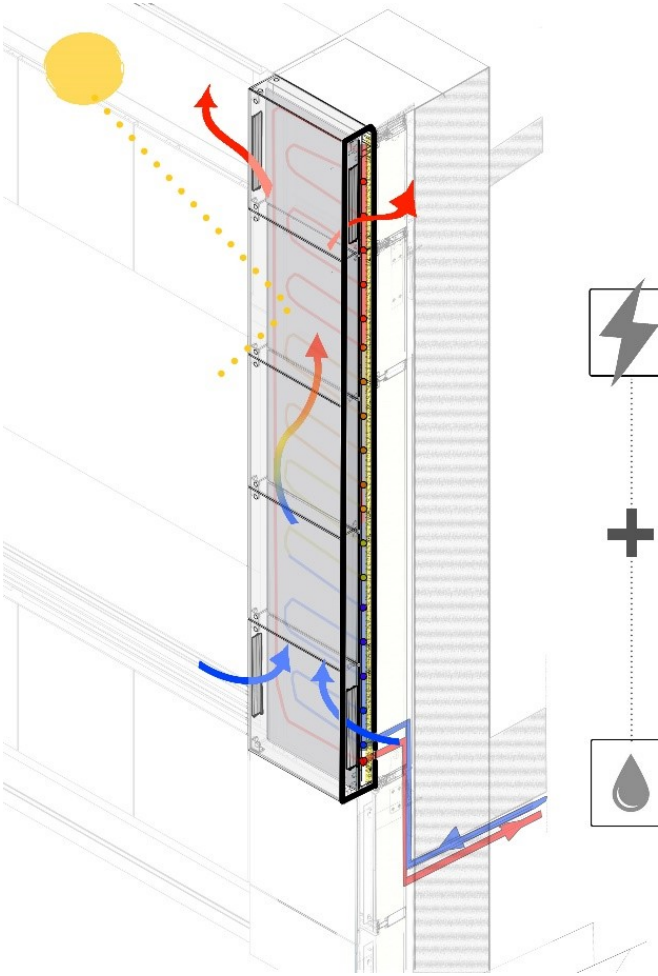
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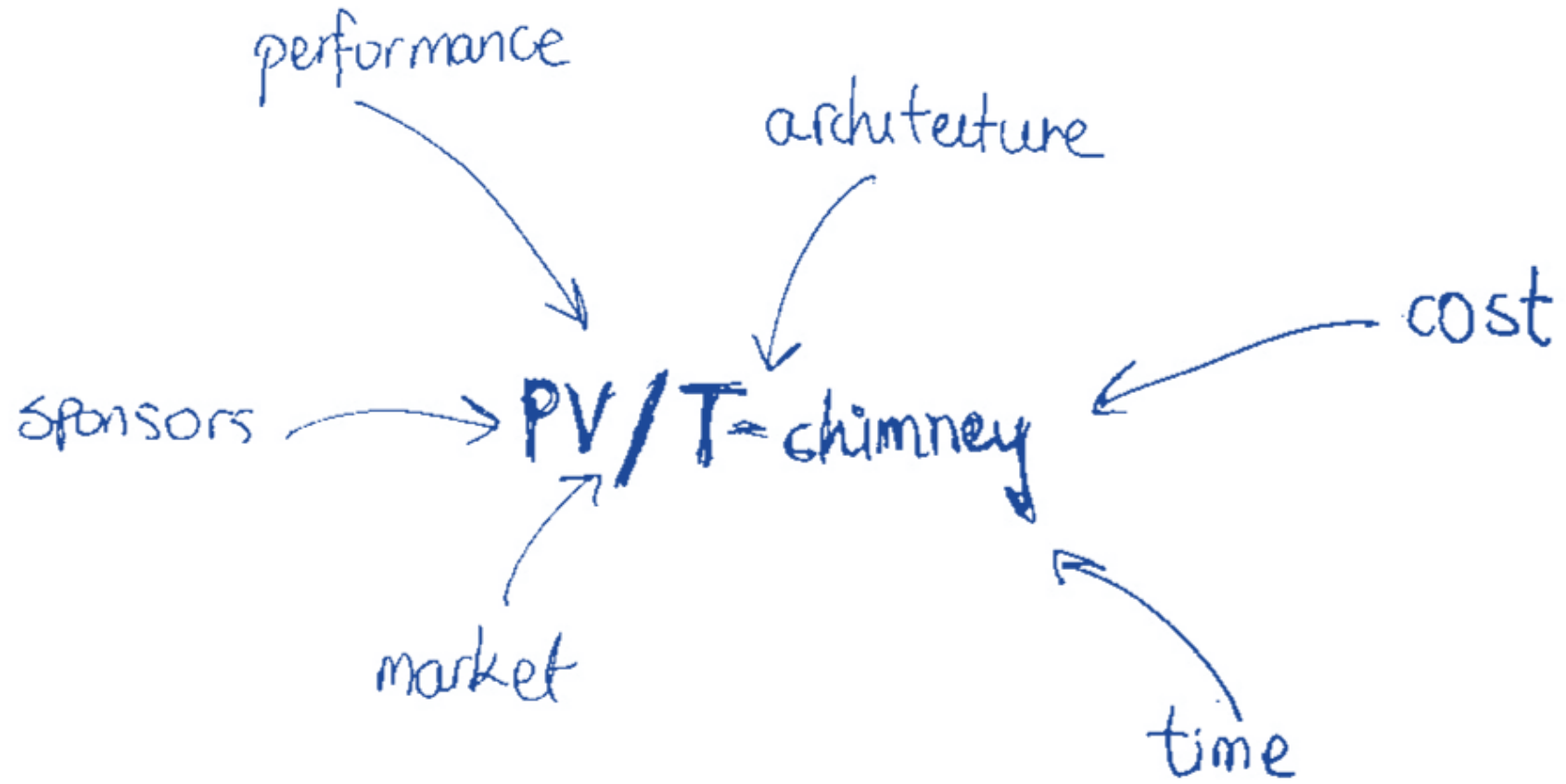
OPERATION

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DESIGN DECISIONS

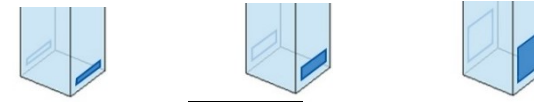
- ◇ VENTS
- ◇ DEPTH
- ◇ GLAZING
- ◇ PV/T

DESIGN
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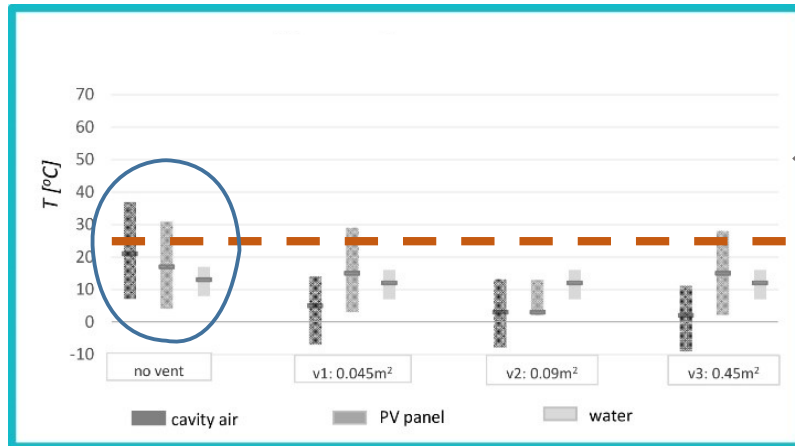
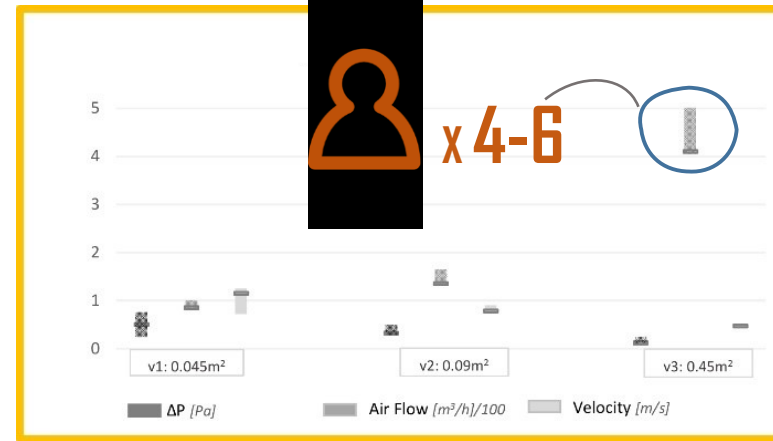
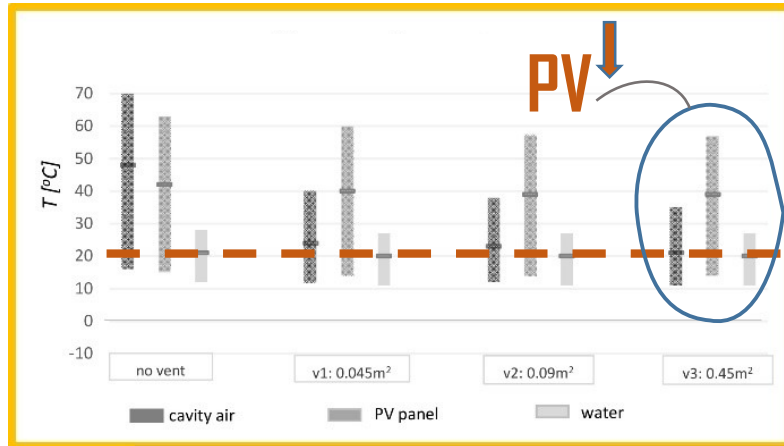
PERFORMANCE



VENTS



DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION

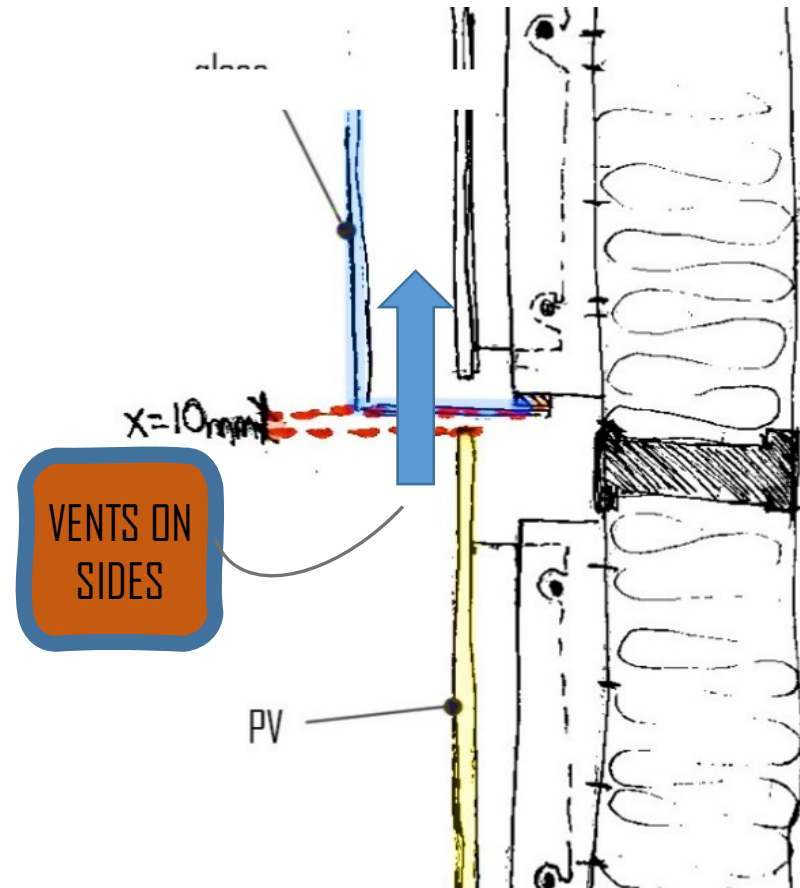
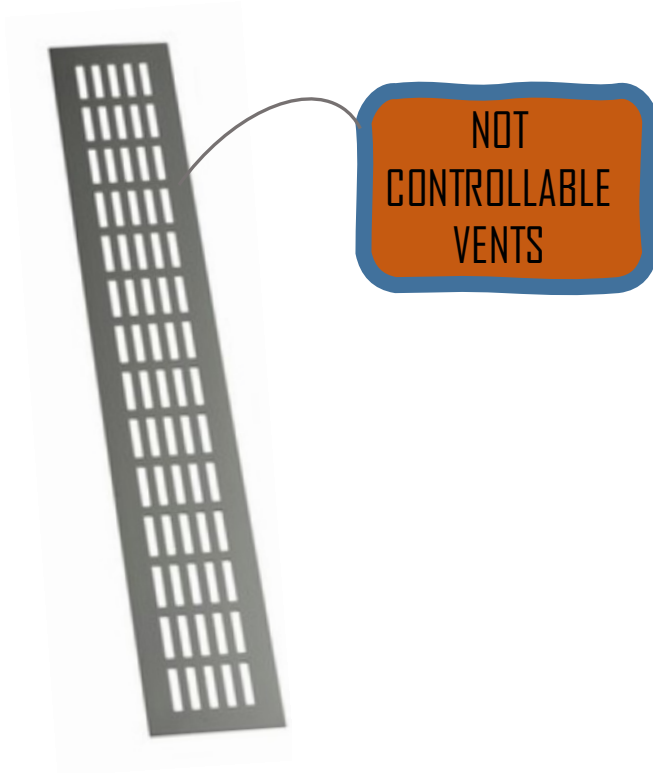


Vent size: >0.45m²

COST_TIME_MARKET

PRACTICE

DESIGN
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DEPTH

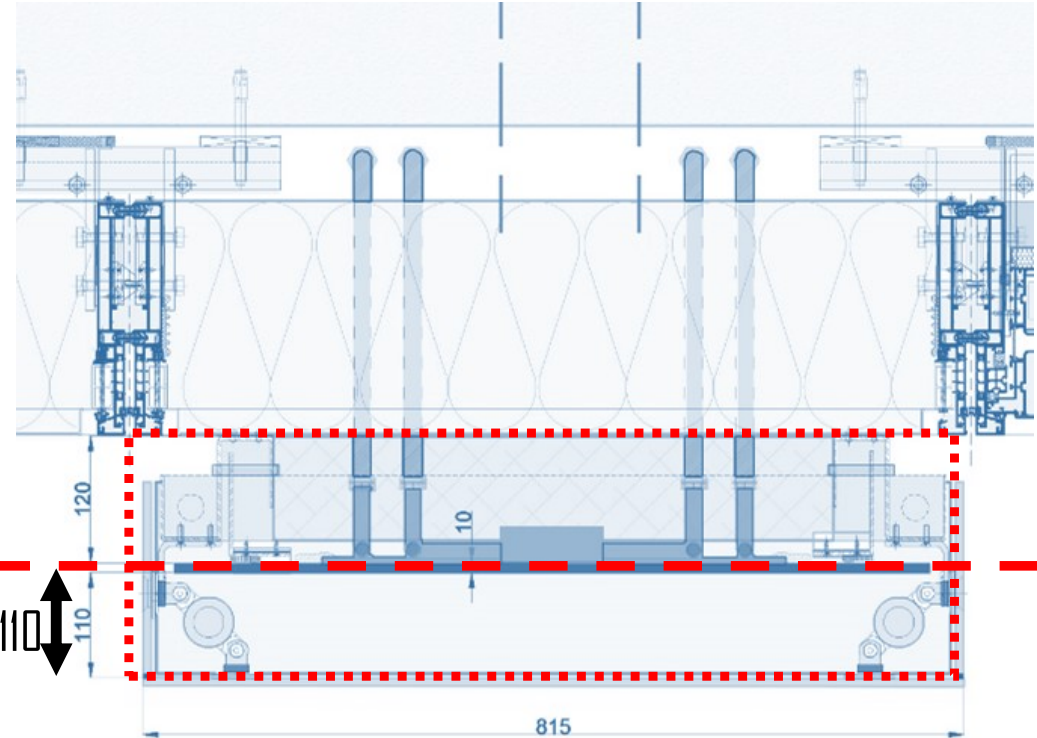
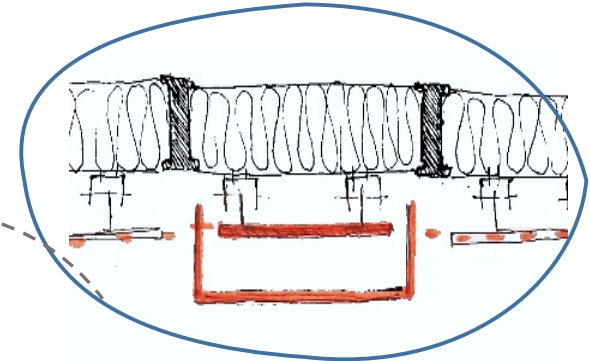
The depth has **negligible** impact on its performance

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ARCHITECTURAL INTENTION → **FLAT FACADE**



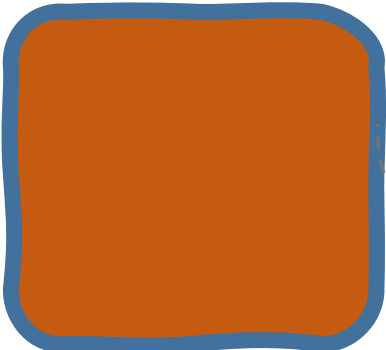
LITERATURE → **OPTIMAL RATIO** (HEIGHT/DEPTH)



PERFORMANCE

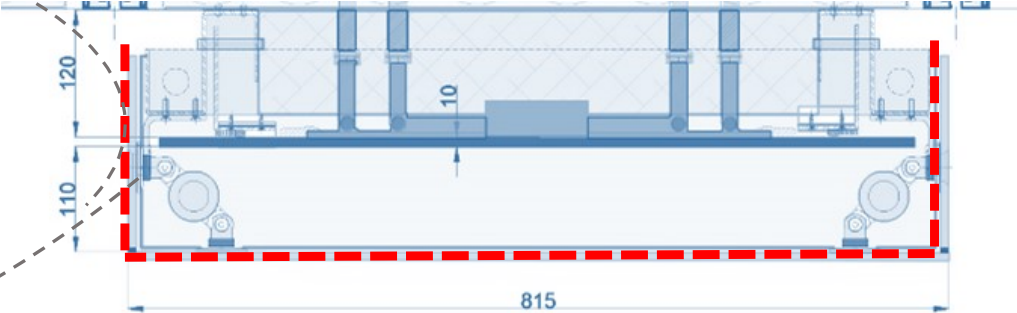
LITERATURE

SINGLE
GLAZING



GLAZING

COST DELIVERY TIME

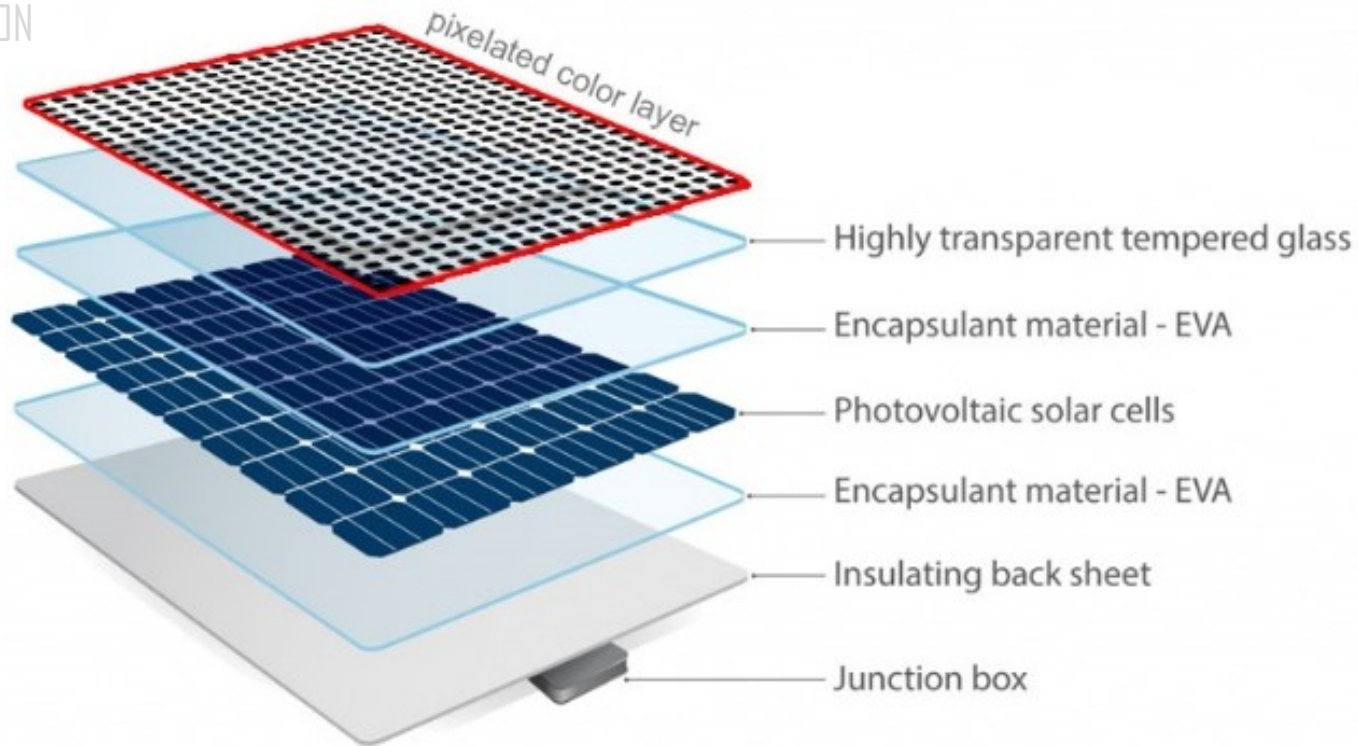


DESIGN
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PV/T PVs

ARCHITECTURAL INTENTION → GRID LINES AND TEXTURE

DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION



KAMELEON
SOLAR PVs

DESIGN

DESIGN DECISIONS

PV/T

Thermal collector

DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION

COOPER

$\lambda = 385 \text{ W/mK}$

COOPER plate

SOLDERING

DOUBLE PIPING

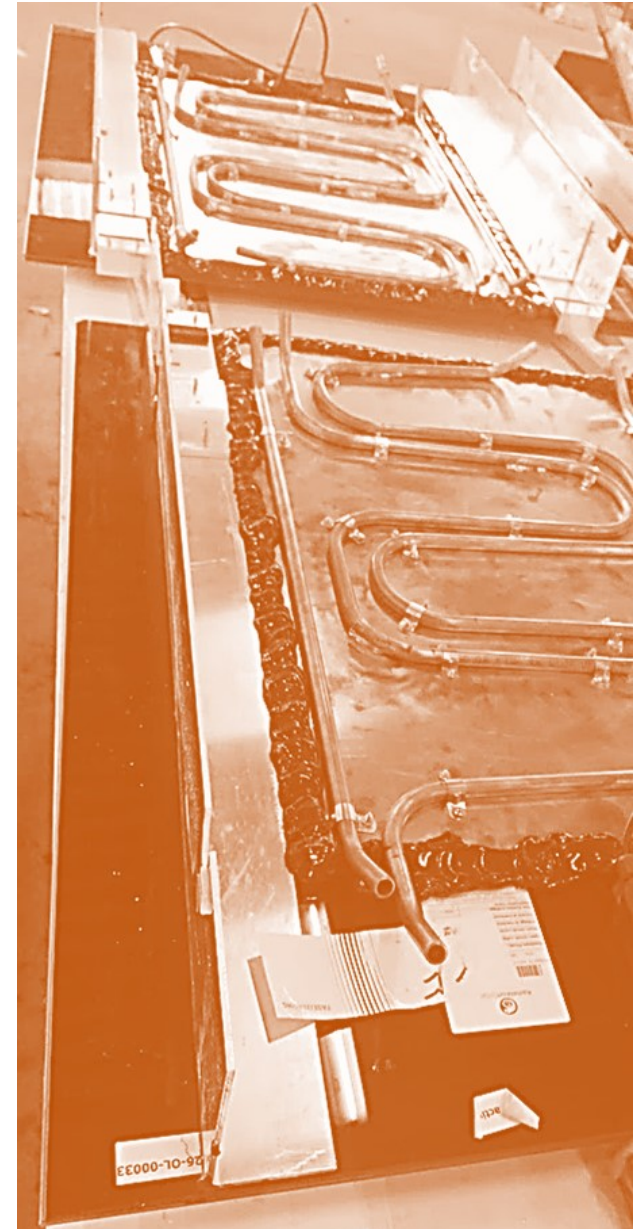
+ INSULATION

GOOD thermal properties

BETTER distribution

ENHANCE heat transfer

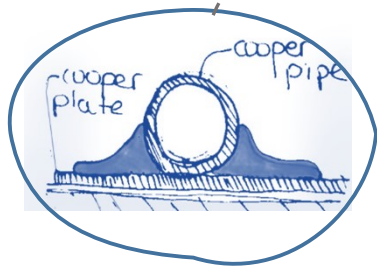
ENHANCE absorption
+ more water



$\phi 12$

Usual in conventional PV/Ts

- Market availability
- Bending tools



DESIGN

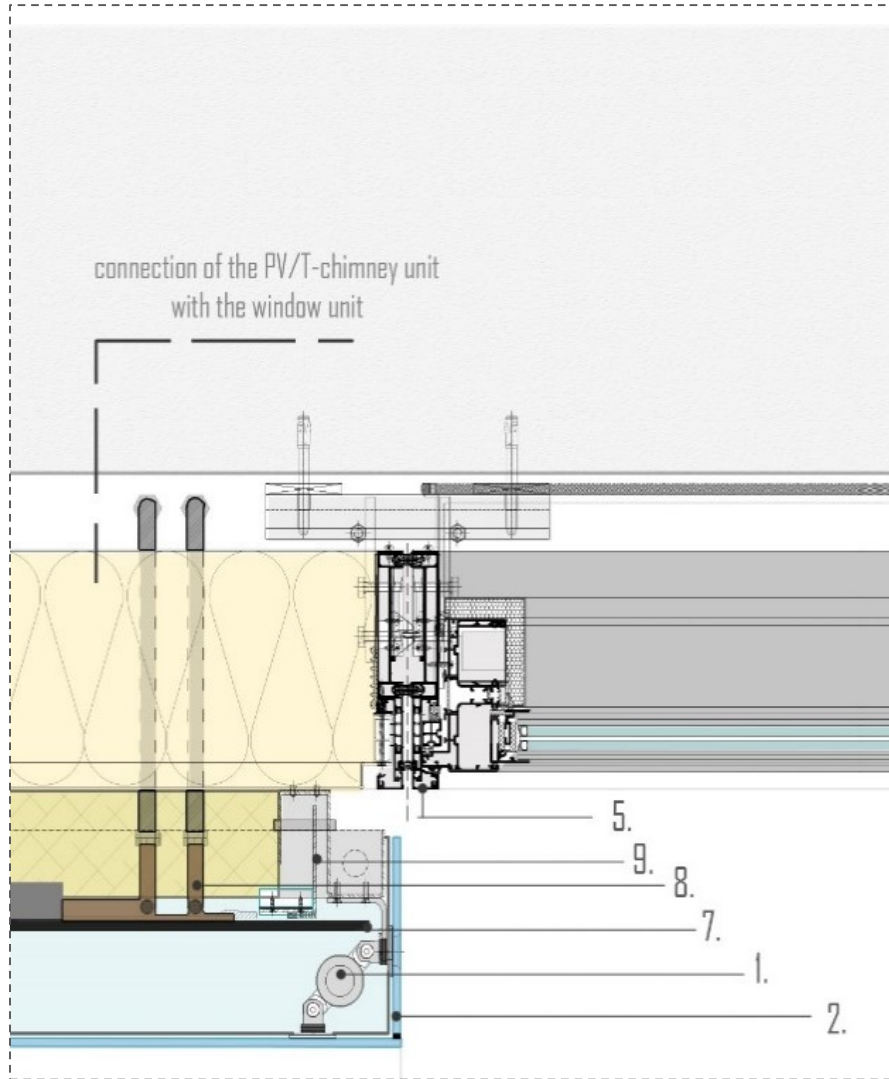
DETAILING

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DESIGN

DETAILING

DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION



1. Spider_glass to
glass connectors

2. Safety glass 8mm
-g-value:0.9

3. Permanent aluminum
vents (0.08x0.46m)

4. Rockwool Insulation
 $\lambda=0.035$ W/mK

5. Schuco Profile (331990)

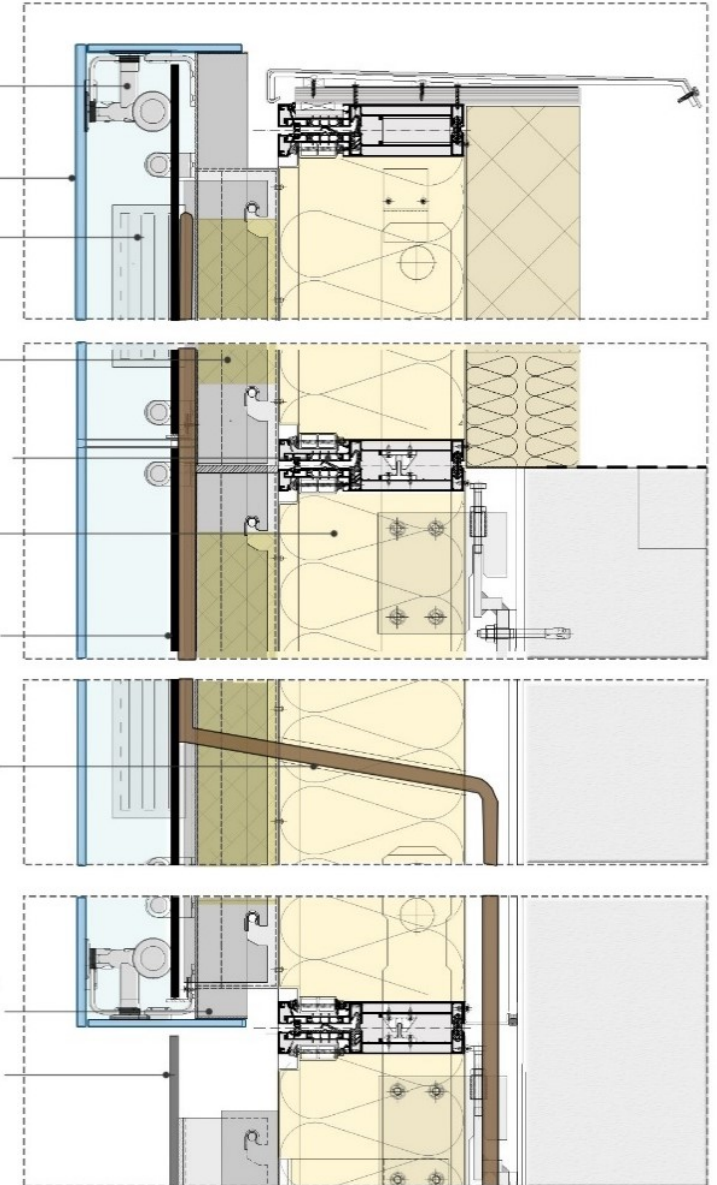
6. Spandrel panel
-thick. 226mm
-Rockwool
 $\lambda=0.035$ W/mK

7. Color Blast PV cladding
-thick. 10mm
-black colour

8. Cooper pipes and plate
-pipes :12 mm diameter
-cooper plate 3mm

9. PV/T-chimney structure
aluminum frame

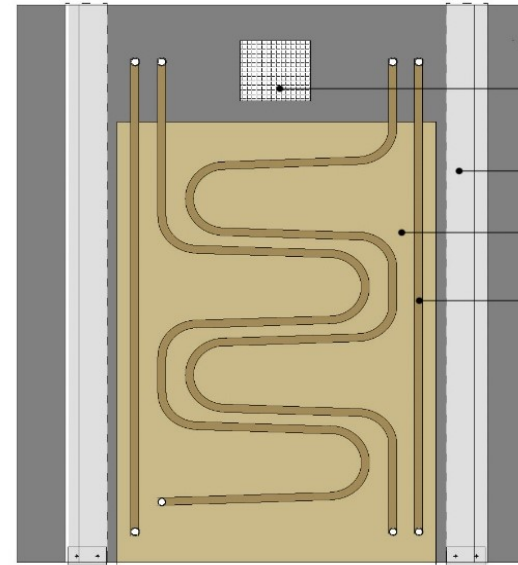
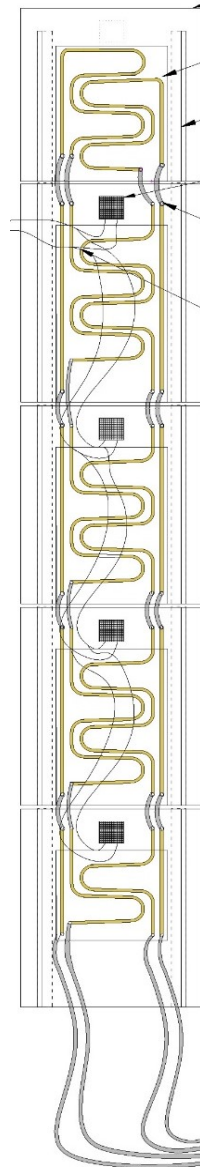
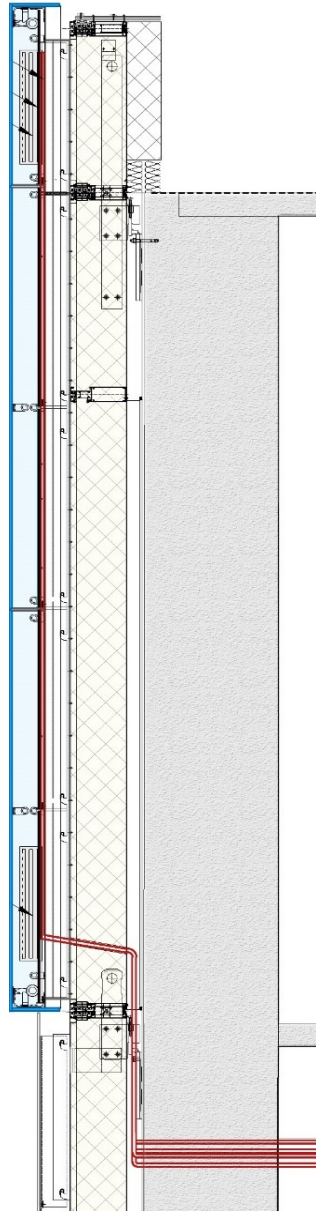
10. Color Blast PV cladding
-thick. 10mm



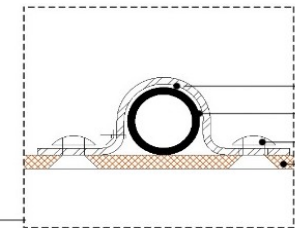
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DETAILING

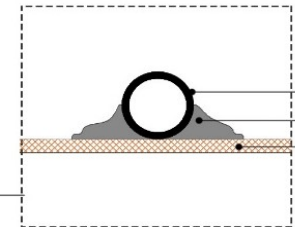
DESIGN
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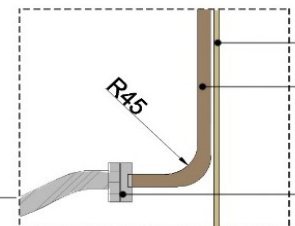
- PV module
- Junction box
- L-profile (hanging system of PVs)
- Copper plate 3mm
- Copper pipes $\phi 12\text{mm}$



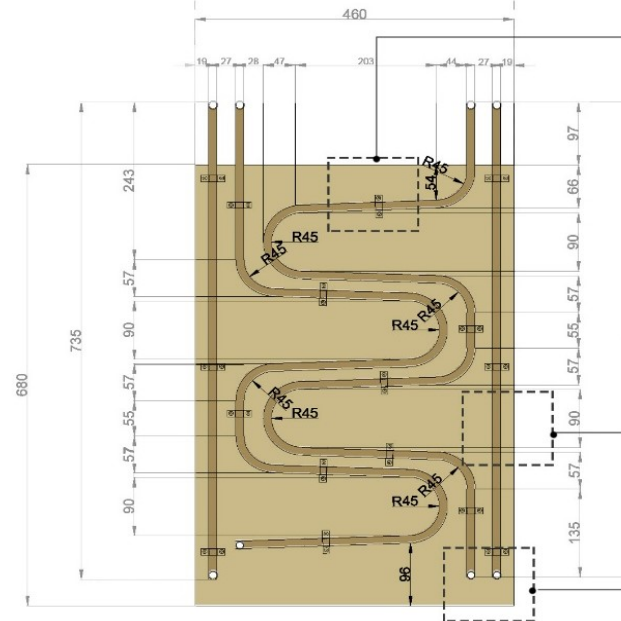
- Copper bracket
- Copper pipe
- Countersunk screw
- Copper plate



- Copper pipe
- Salting by tin
- Copper plate

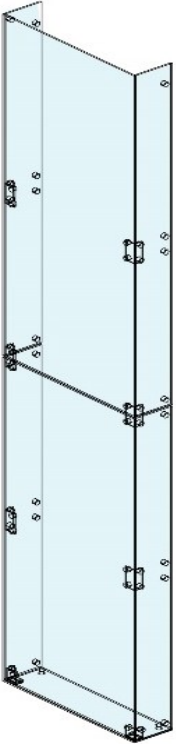


- Copper plate
- Copper pipe
- Flexible pipe

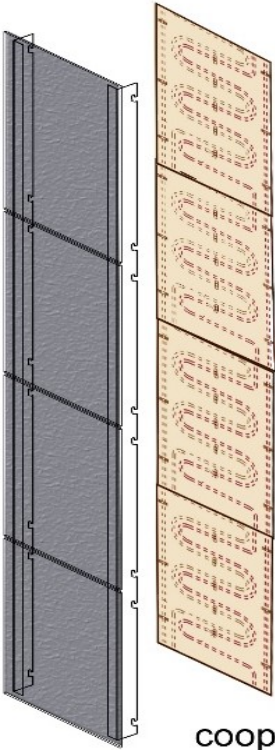


ASSEMBLY

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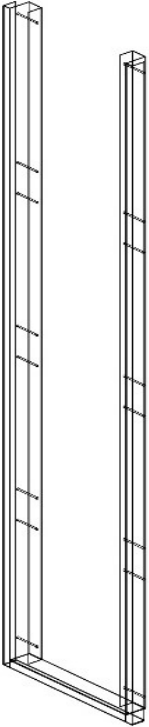


glass box

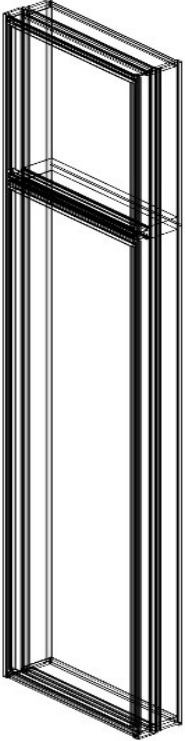


PV

copper pipes



aluminum frame

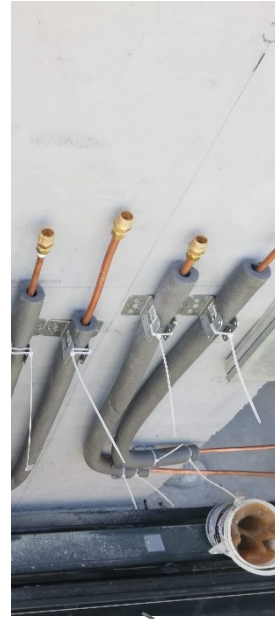


facade spandrel panel

DESIGN

ASSEMBLY

DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION



piping

connection

stacking

preparation

On-site
connection

assembly

piping

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PROTOTYPE

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BLACK PVs

GLASS

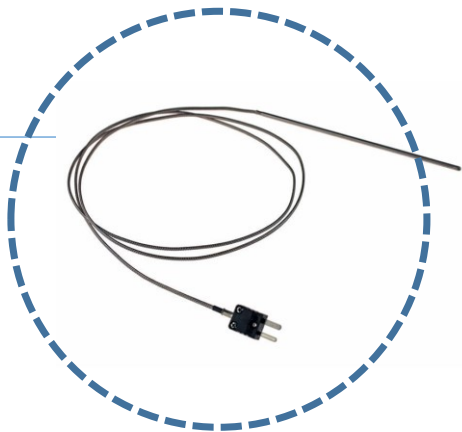


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EXPERIMENT

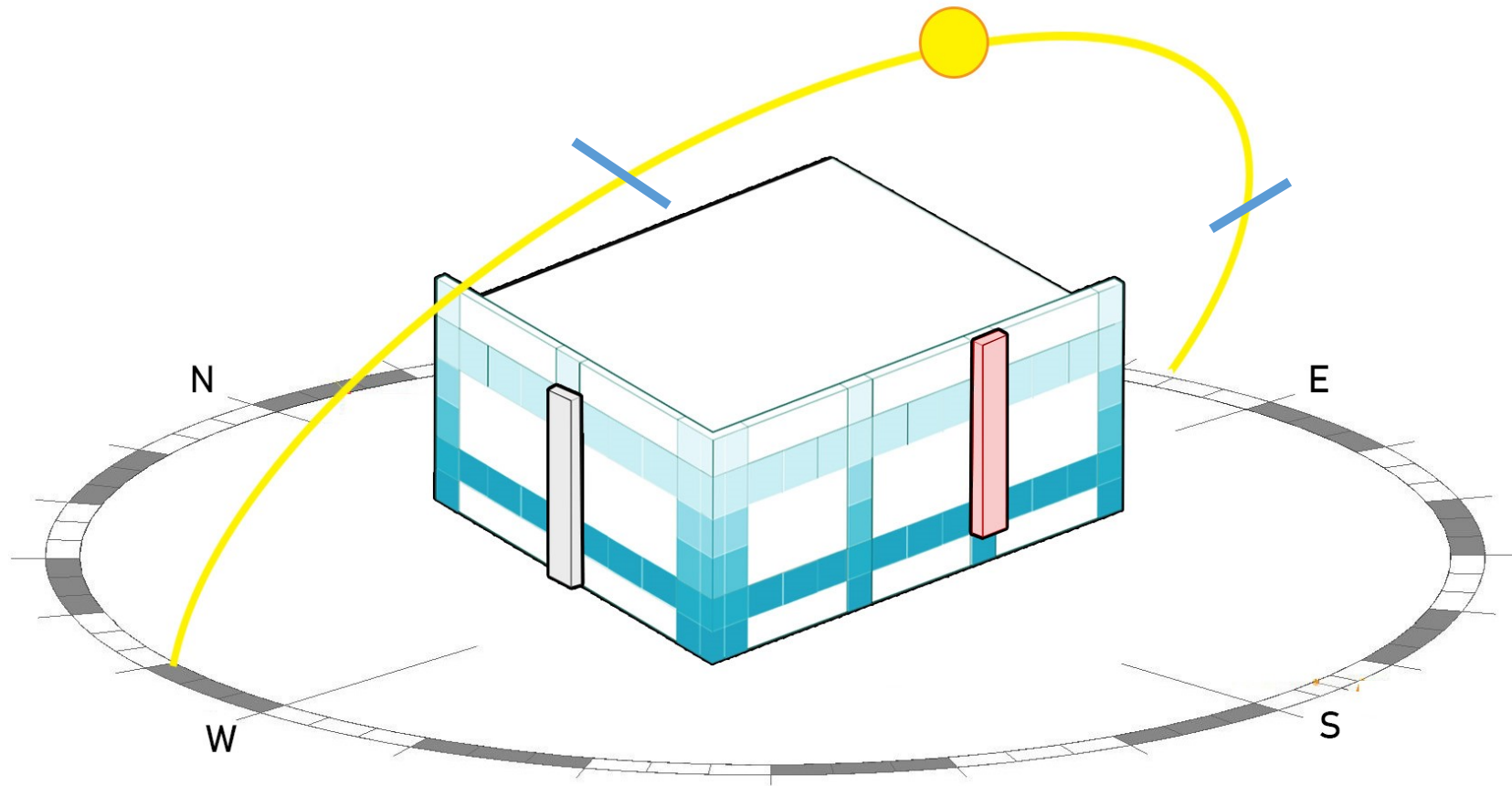
TOOLS

EXPERIMENT



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

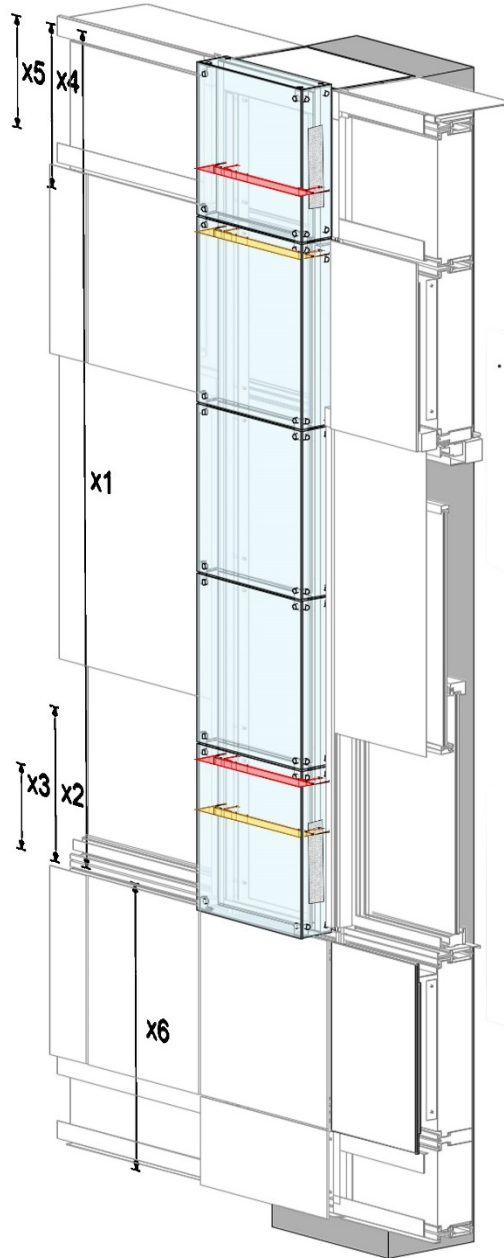
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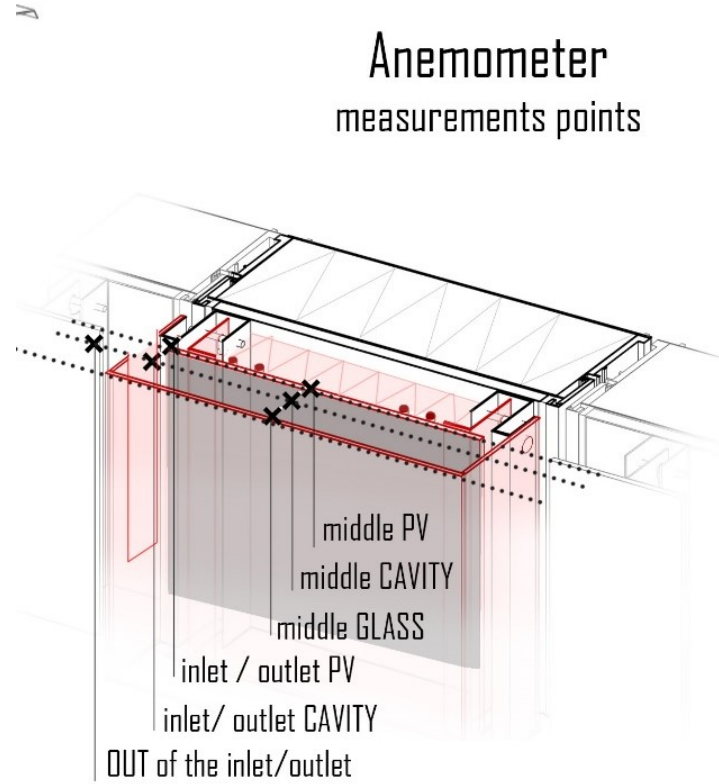
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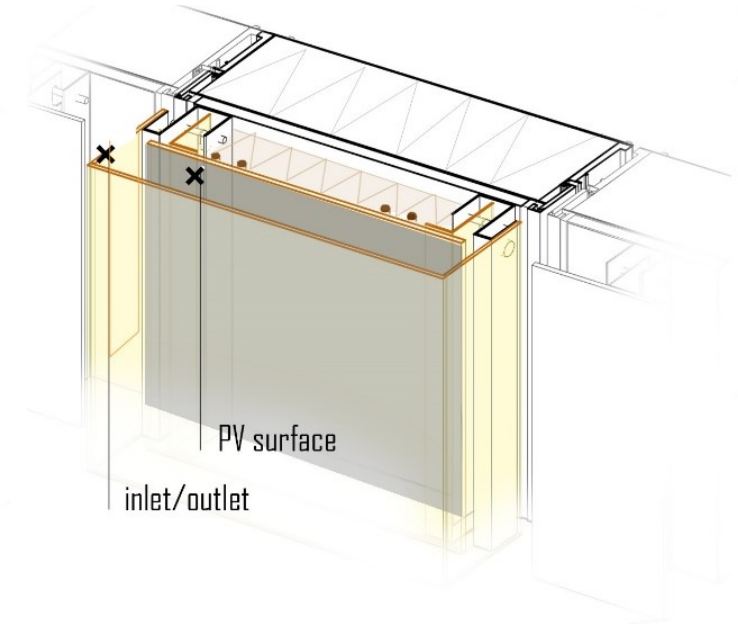
- x1: 4.35m
- x2: 0.82m
- x3: 0.46m
- x4: 0.90m
- x5: 0.62m
- x6: 1.45m



Anemometer measurements points



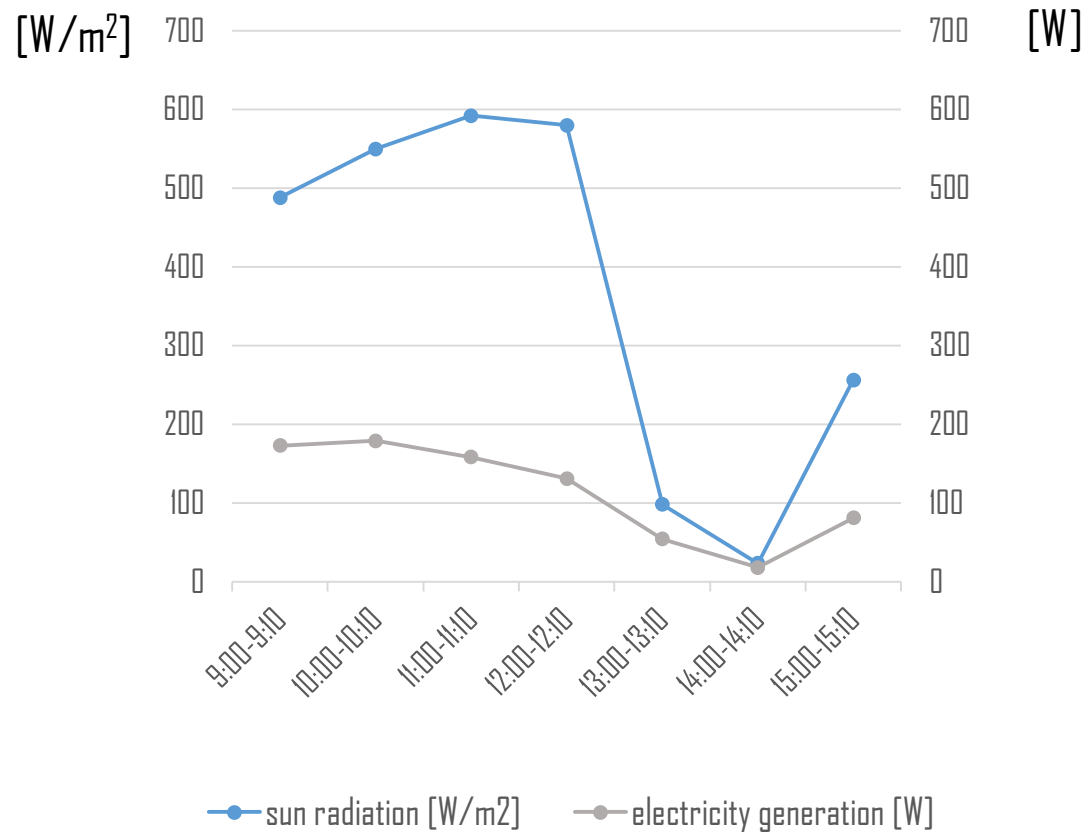
Thermocouple's measurements points



MEASUREMENTS

SOLAR IRRADIANCE-ELECTRICITY pyranometer

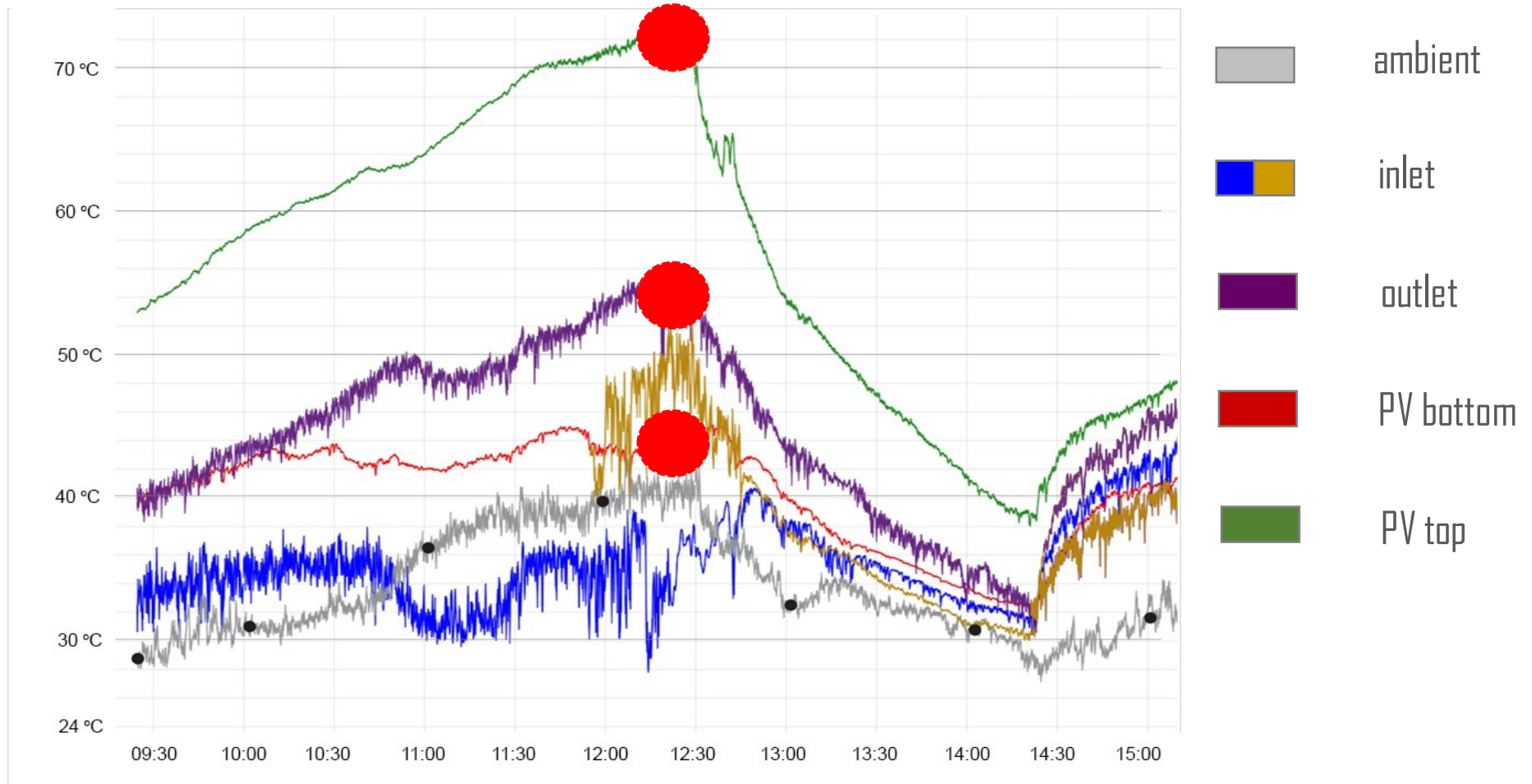
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MEASUREMENTS

TEMPERATURE thermocouples

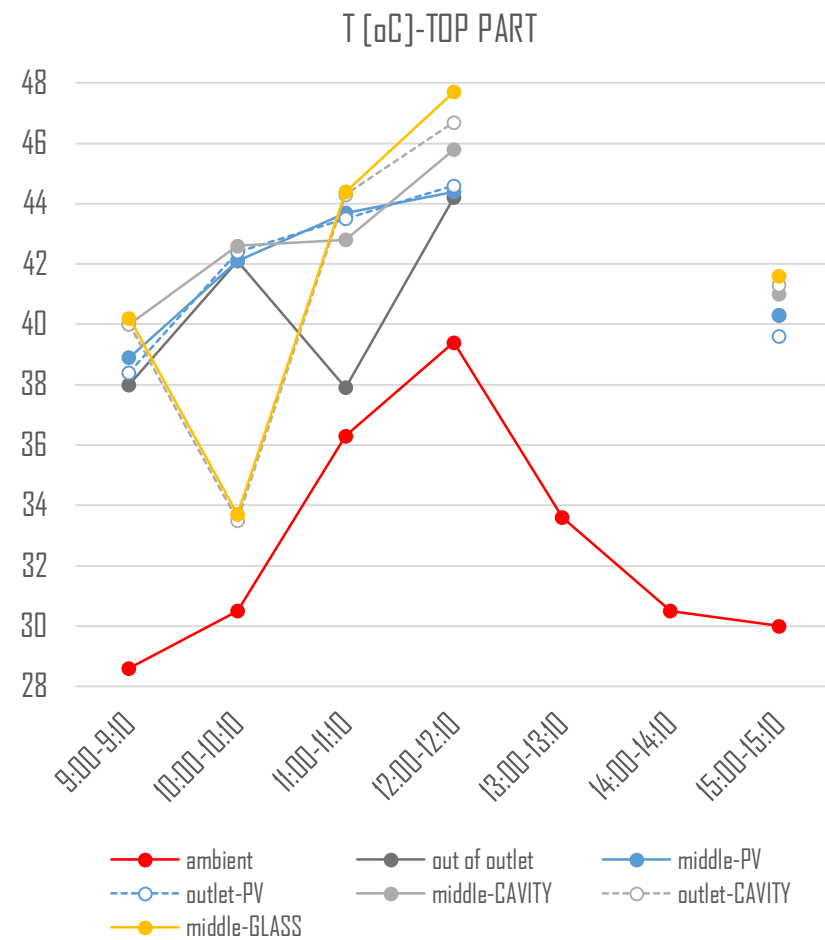
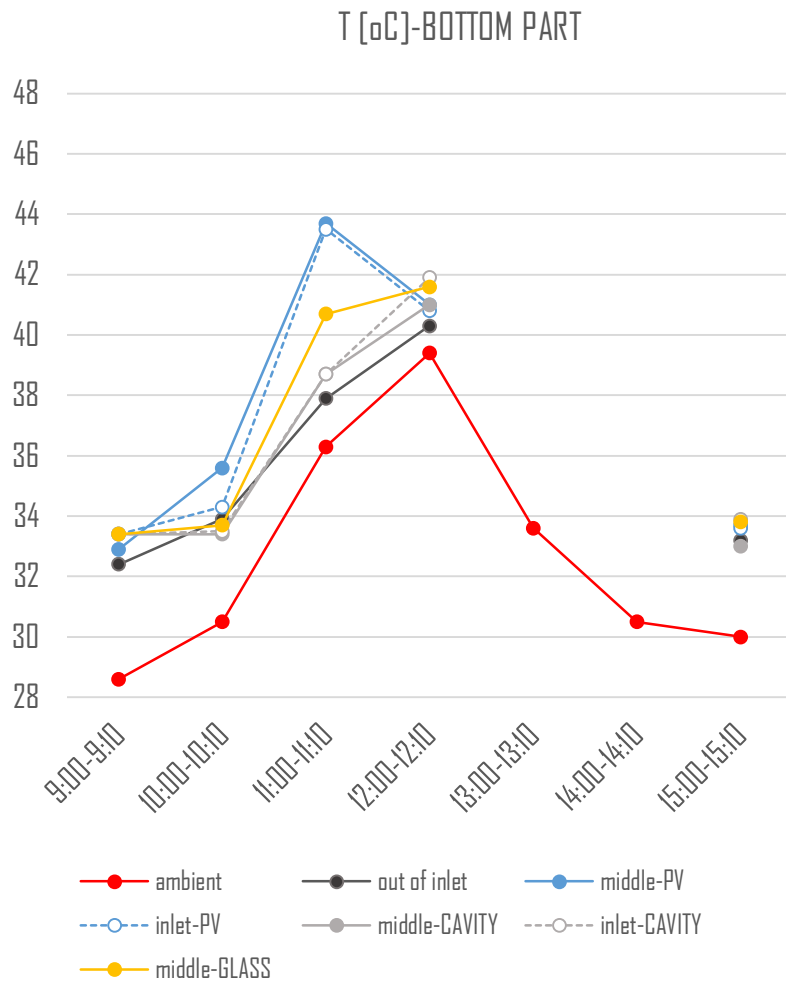
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MEASUREMENTS

TEMPERATURE anemometer

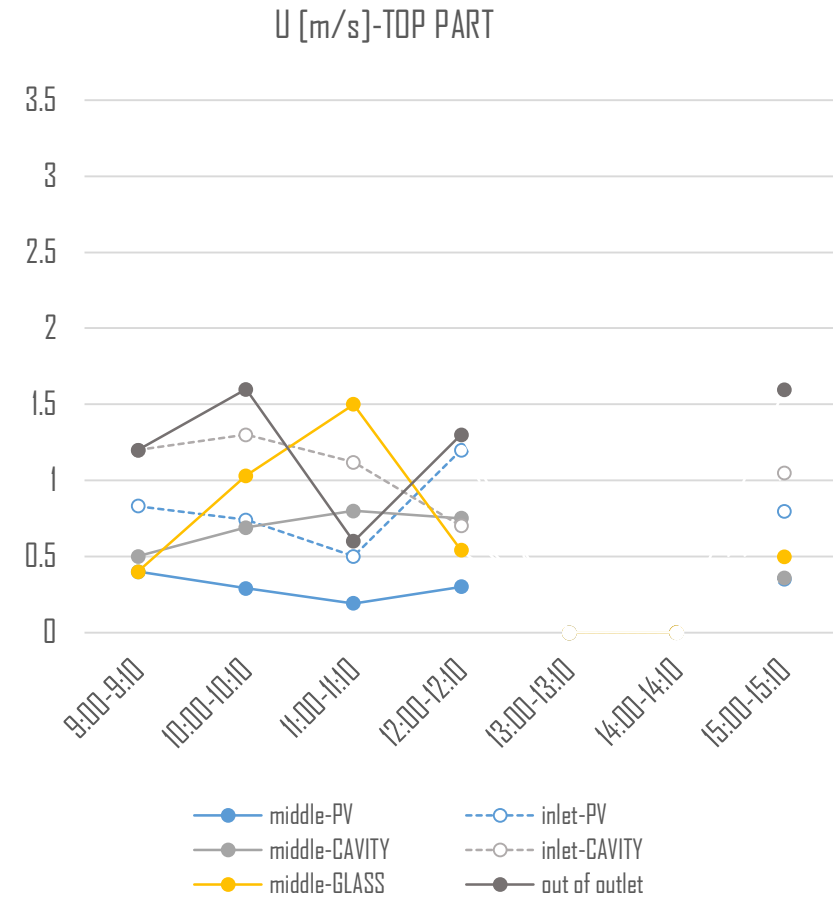
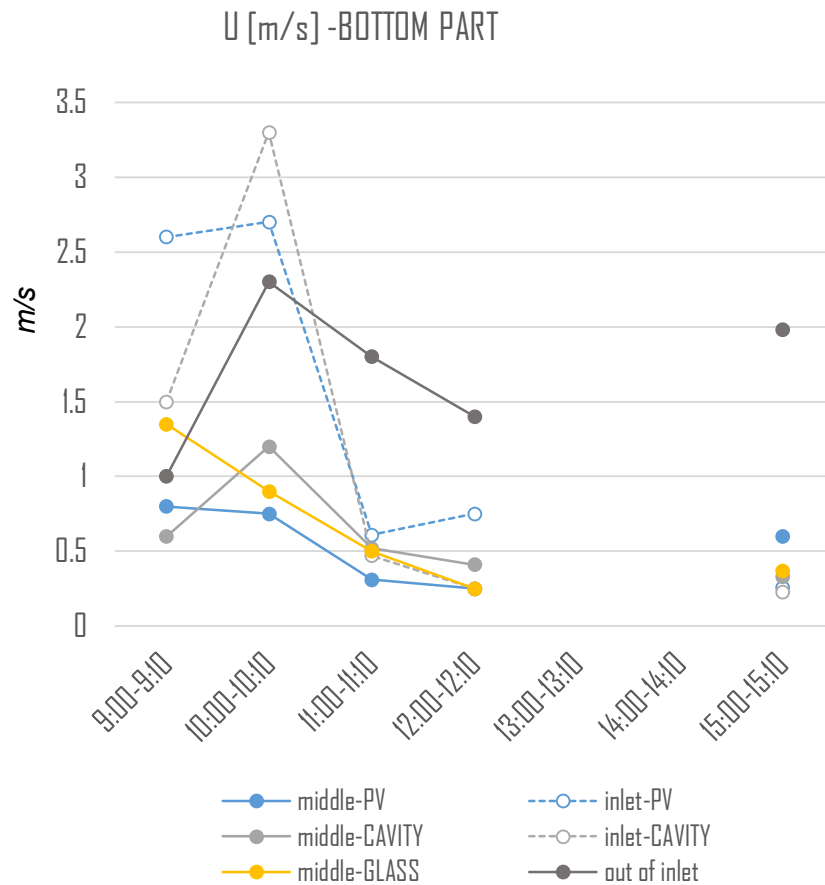
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MEASUREMENTS

AIR VELOCITY anemometer

EXPERIMENT



CONCLUSIONS



- ◇ Bottom part follows the T_{ambient}
- ◇ Top part T is influenced by the air input
- ◇ 13°C max difference from ambient
- ◇ T_{pv} max: 72°C (PV/T???)



- ◇ Bottom part:
follows the air input with
lower values (except the air
velocity close to the inlet)
- ◇ Top part:
Fluctuated –turbulence
(except the air close to glass)
- ◇ Outlet: till 1.3m/s

EXPERIMENT

COMPARISON WITH SIMULATIONS

T_{air} [°C]

Time:	anemometer	thermocouples	stationary calc.
9:00	40	40.05	34
10:00	33.5	43.5	35
11:00	44.3	49.5	40
12:00	46.7	52.4	42

Air Velocity

time:	anemometer	stationary calc.
9:00	1.2	1.15
10:00	1.6	1.4
11:00	0.6	1.8
12:00	1.4	2

Temperature +/-
5-10°C

Air velocity +/-
0.05-0.6m/s

EXPERIMENT



05

EVALUATION

METHOD



Comparison of expected
and the measured power

$$E = A * r * H * PR$$



Comparison of the losses
with thermal gains

$$Q = m (T_{out} - T_{in}) * C_p * A$$

EVALUATION

Where:

E = Energy (kWh)

A = Total solar panel Area (m²)

r = solar panel yield (%)

H = Annual average irradiation on tilted panels (shadings not included) *

PR = Performance ratio, coefficient for losses (range between 0.9 and 0.5, default value = 0.75)

Where:

Q = power (kW)

T_{in} = the temperature of the supplied fluid

T_{out} = the final temperature

C_p = Heat capacity (KJ/kgK)

A = supply surface area (m²)

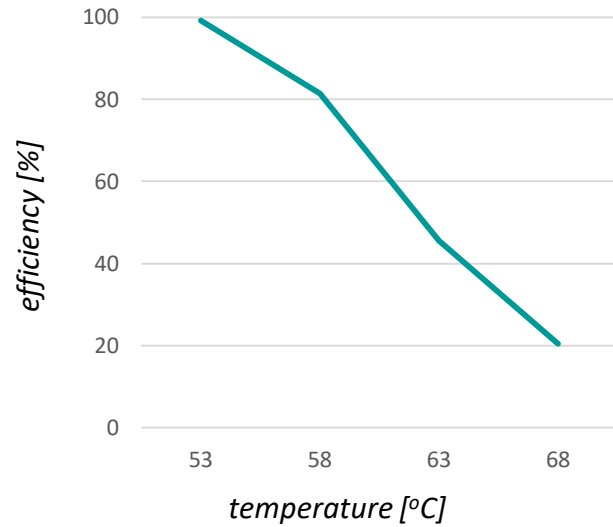
$m = \rho * \text{Volume} / A * t$

COMPARISON

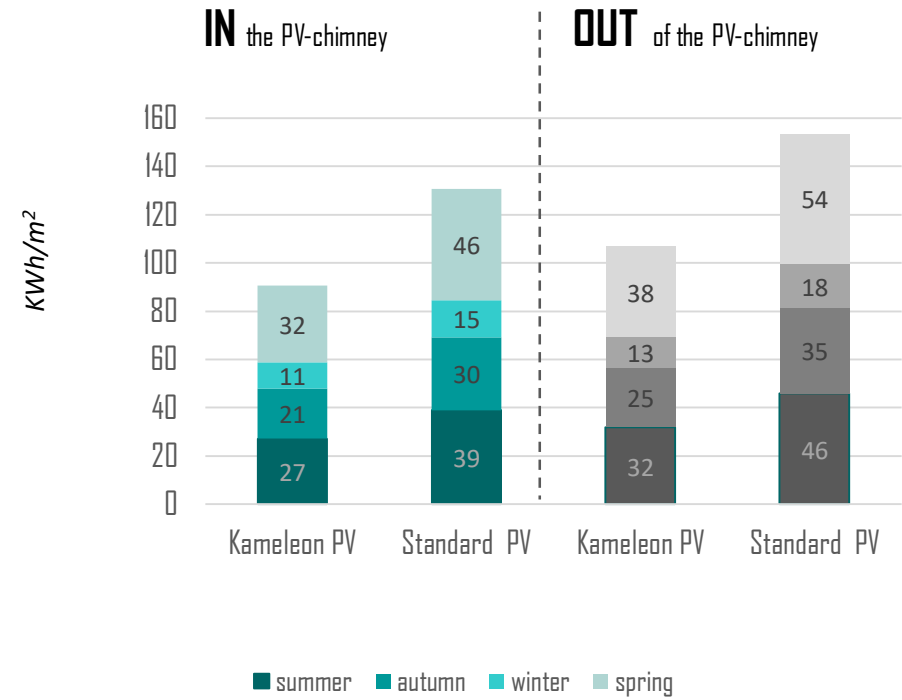


EVALUATION

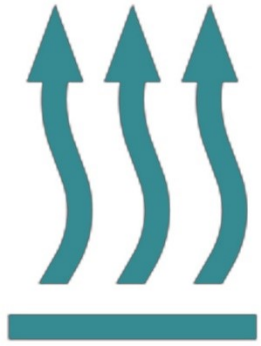
Electrical Efficiency



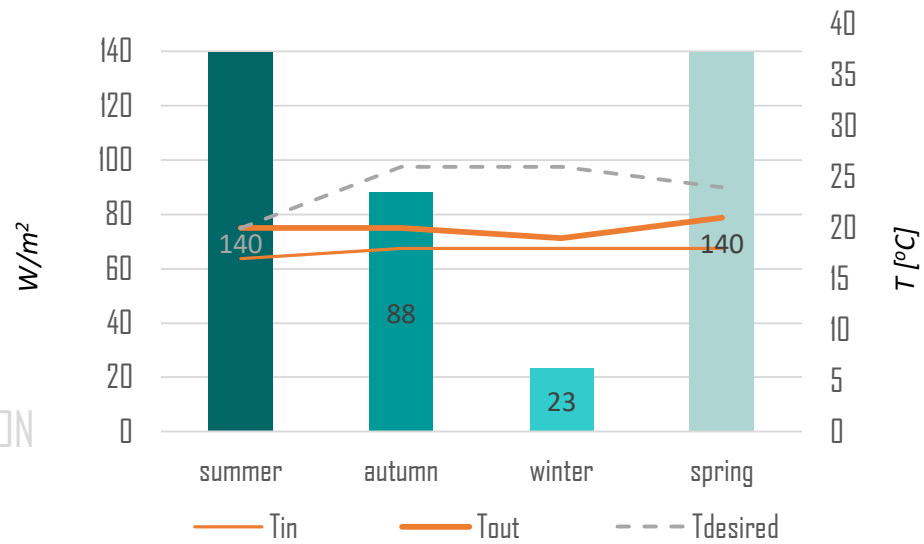
Annual Electricity generation



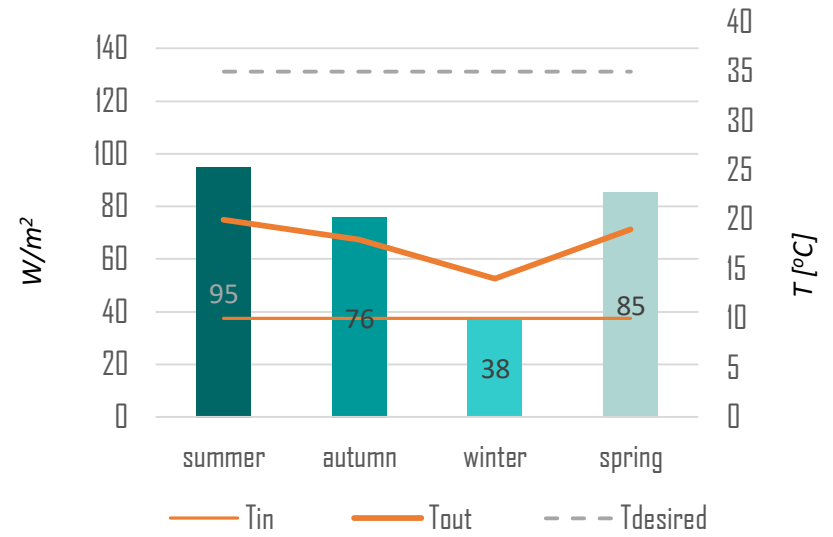
COMPARISON



Thermal power_AIR



Thermal power_WATER

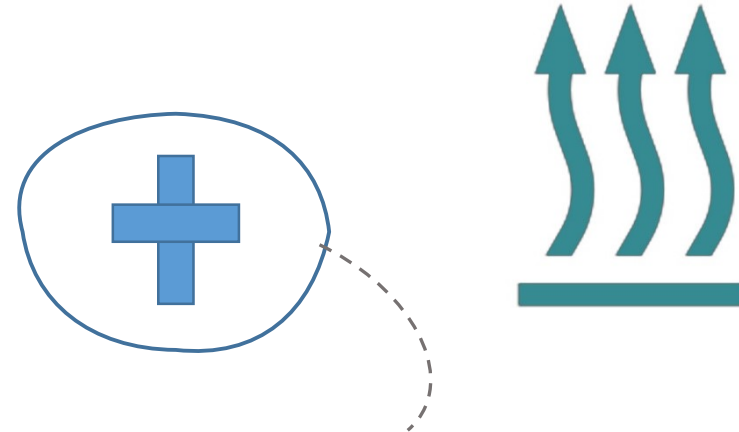


EVALUATION

CONCLUSIONS



- ◇ IMPORTANT losses due to high temperatures (>53°C)
- ◇ 30% annual losses due to product choice
- ◇ 15% losses due to the system



- ◇ The thermal gains are higher than the losses of electricity

-good to investigate the thermal losses due to the connection of the system with the HVAC system



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CONCLUSION

CONCLUSIONS

- ◇ The system seems to have positive sign
- ◇ To make sure that the system can be part of the future net positive energy strategies, a lot more parameters should be investigated
 - ◇ Operational losses
 - ◇ Embodied energy
 - ◇ Energy footprint


Lesson to be learn.....

Product design:

- ◇ **Formation** of the architectural inventions → conceptual phase
- ◇ **Physics** confirmation → simulation phase
- ◇ **Practical** inventiveness → product development phase
- ◇ **Economic, technical** and **time** effectiveness → construction and assembly phase




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