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# Micro-Climature Change and Envelopes

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## Agenda: Day 2

### 10:00-10:50 Session 4 Energy and Climate Change

András Reith, ABUD

Umberto Berardi, Toronto Metropolitan University; Polytechnic University of Bari

Gabriele Lobaccaro, Mattia Manni, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Giovanni Betti, HENN

### 10:50-11:50 Session 5 Envelopes in Light of Climate Change

Jesus Lizana, University of Oxford

Miren Juaristi, Eurac

Ioannis Kousis, University of Perugia

Alessandro Cannavale, Polytechnic University of Bari

Fabio Favoino, Valentina Serra, Stefano Fantucci, Polytechnic University of Torino

### 11:50-12:20 Coffee Break



## Agenda: Day 2

### **12:20-13:00 Session 6 Nature Based Envelopes for Climate Change**

Roberta Cocci Grifoni, University of Camerino

Katia Perini, University of Genova

Maria Beatrice Andreucci, University La Sapienza Rome

### **13:00-13:20 Session 7 Linking Scale, Tool and Design**

Emanuele Naboni, UniPR, Royal Danish Academy, UNSW, UC Berkeley, SOS Mario Cucinella

### **13:20-14:00 Conclusion and Discussion**

Emanuela Giancola, Centre for Energy, Environmental and Technological Research, CIEMAT

Emanuele Naboni, UniPR, Royal Danish Academy, UNSW, UC Berkeley, SOS Mario Cucinella

# Data driven statistical UBEM for the resilience to Climate Changes: Toronto2030 platform

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# Toronto 2030



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Emerging Districts

## TORONTO

27 MILLION  
SQUARE FEET COMMITTED



The Toronto 2030 District is a cross-sector public-private collaborative working to create a groundbreaking high-performance building district in downtown Toronto, the economic heart of Canada's largest city. The Toronto 2030 District is the first in Canada and the first outside the continental US.

### OUR GOALS:

- To cut district-wide emissions in half, including zero-emissions from new buildings by 2030.
- Support a better understanding of where and why energy use, water use, and GHG emissions occur across the District.
- Work in partnership with building owners, service providers and conservation groups to accelerate the adoption of best practices for building design and management.
- Facilitate broad stakeholder dialogues to uncover and overcome systemic barriers to long term reductions in energy use, water use and GHG emissions.

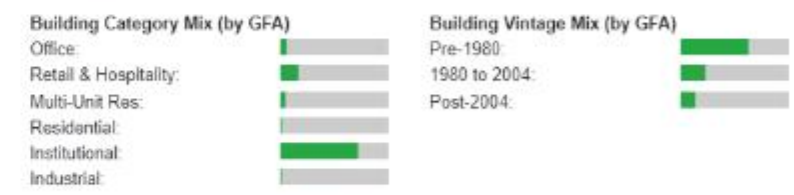


<http://www.2030districts.org/toronto>

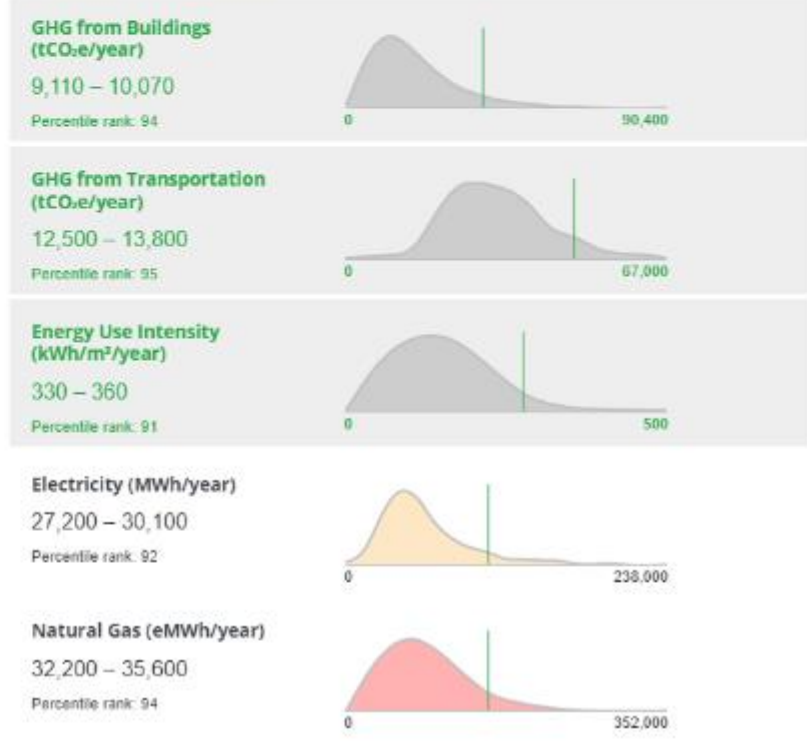


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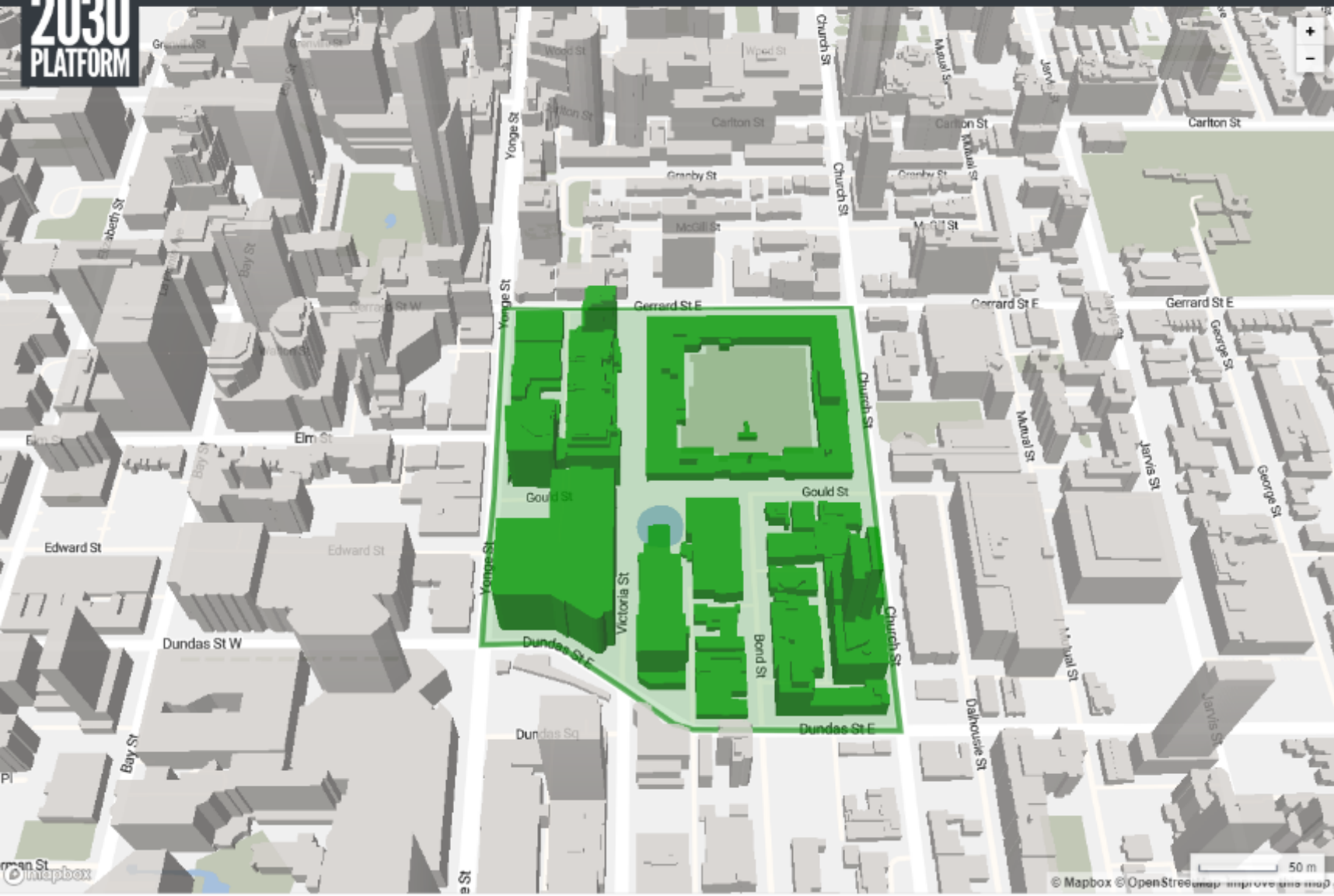
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### Performance and comparison to other blocks in the District:

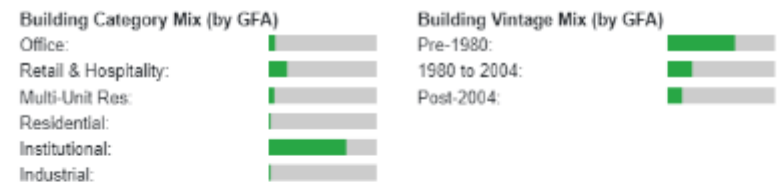






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### Block Profile:



### Performance and comparison to other blocks in the District:



# Challenges

UBEM results have to be reported back to the user in spatial and/or temporal form or otherwise.

The challenge of communicating massive amounts of energy data to stakeholders as actionable information falls under the exponentially growing field of **big data visualization**..

Privacy concerns oftentimes preclude utilities or public agencies to release data and in doing so to calibrate model

Building occupants should be treated as individual agents rather than identical robots. Stochastic user behavior models are needed.

Stronger intellectual engagement between planners, policymakers, utility representatives and the building modeling community is necessary.

# Climate change impact on buildings and climate



Location ▾ Variable ▾ Sector ▾ Analyze Download

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## Climate Data for a Resilient Canada

ClimateData.ca provides high-resolution climate data to help decision makers build a more resilient Canada.

### QUICK START

Explore by Location

Explore by Variable

Explore by Sector

Analyze

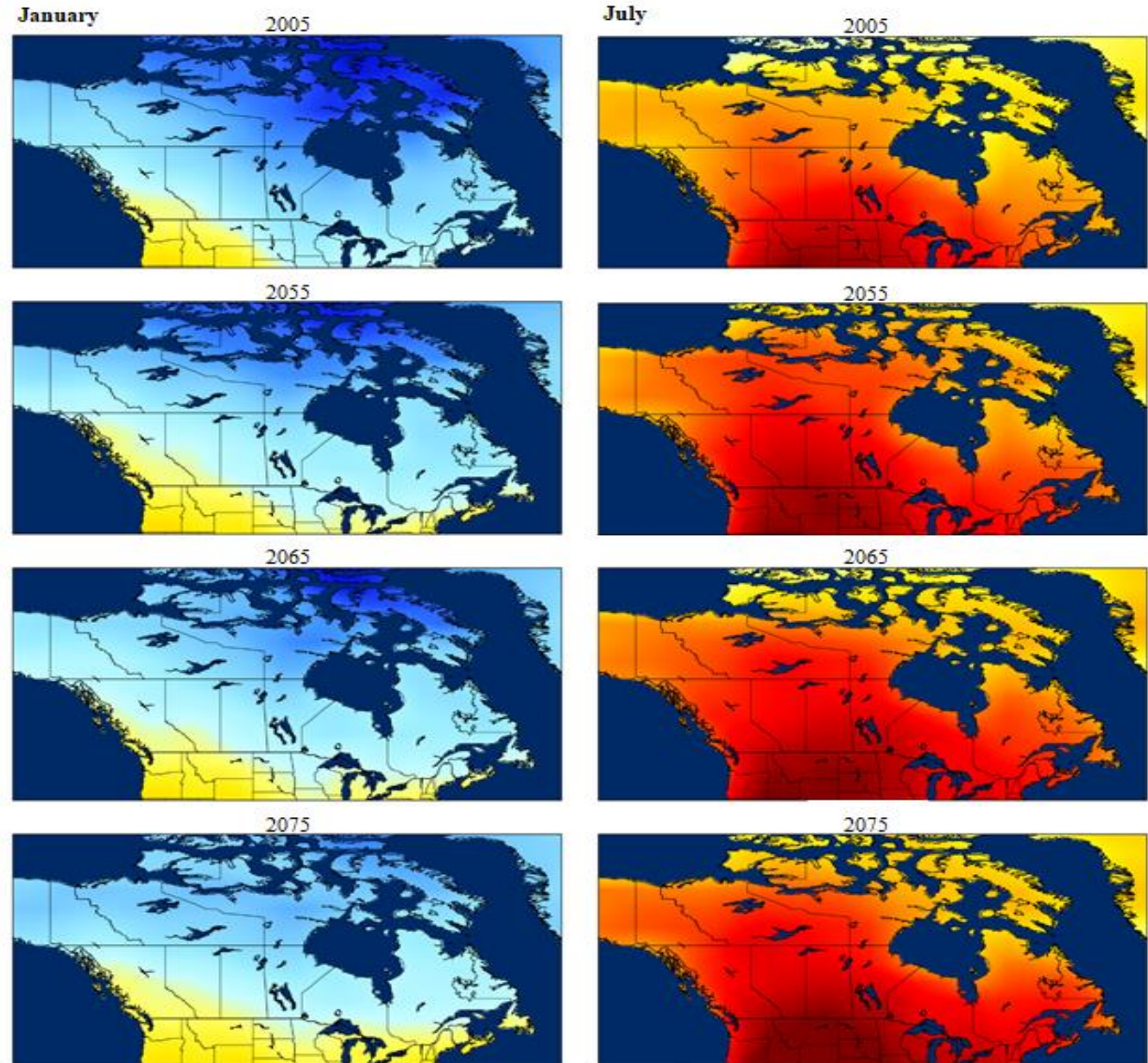
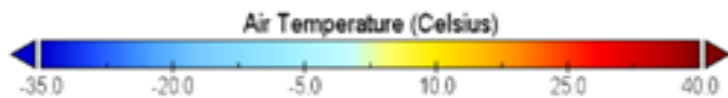
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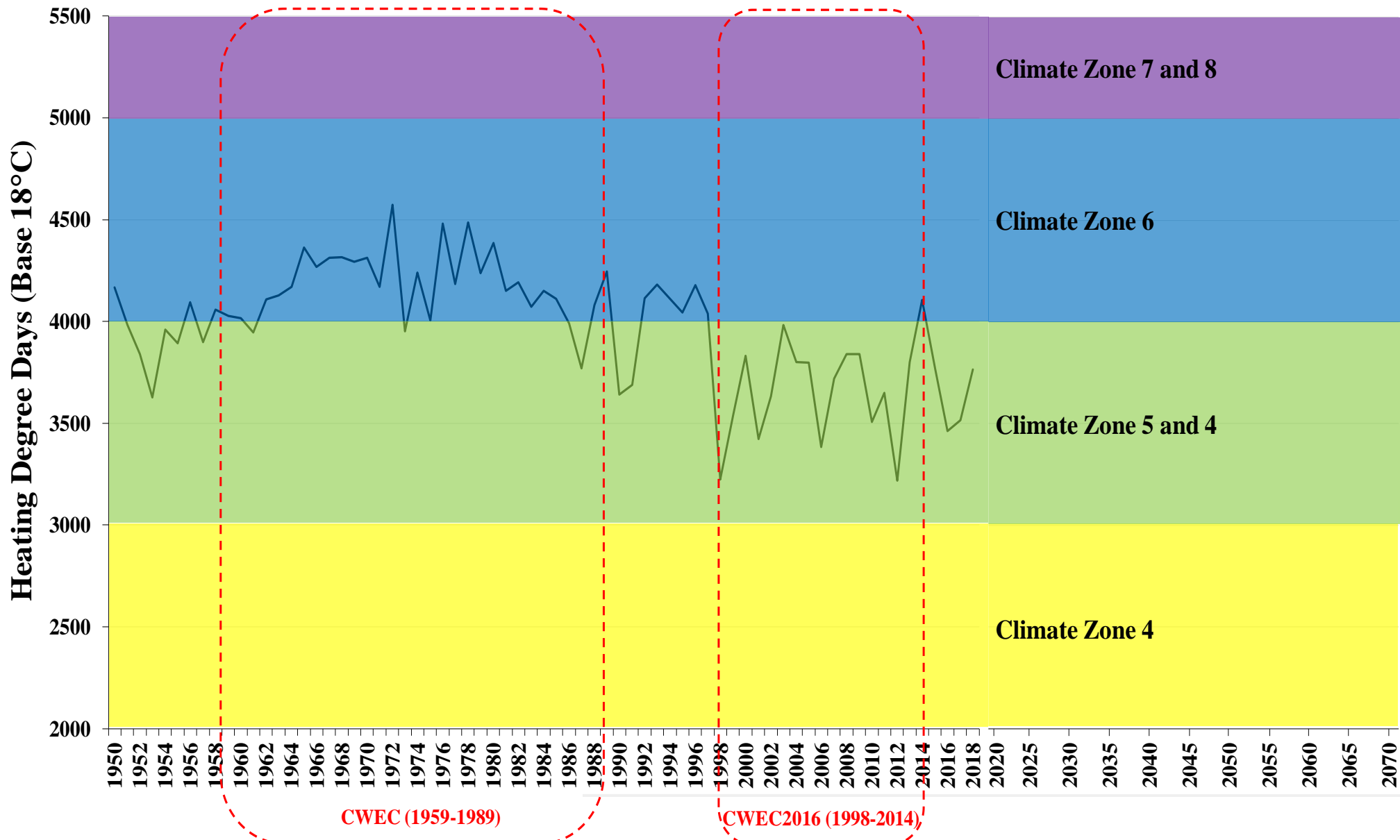
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# Canada

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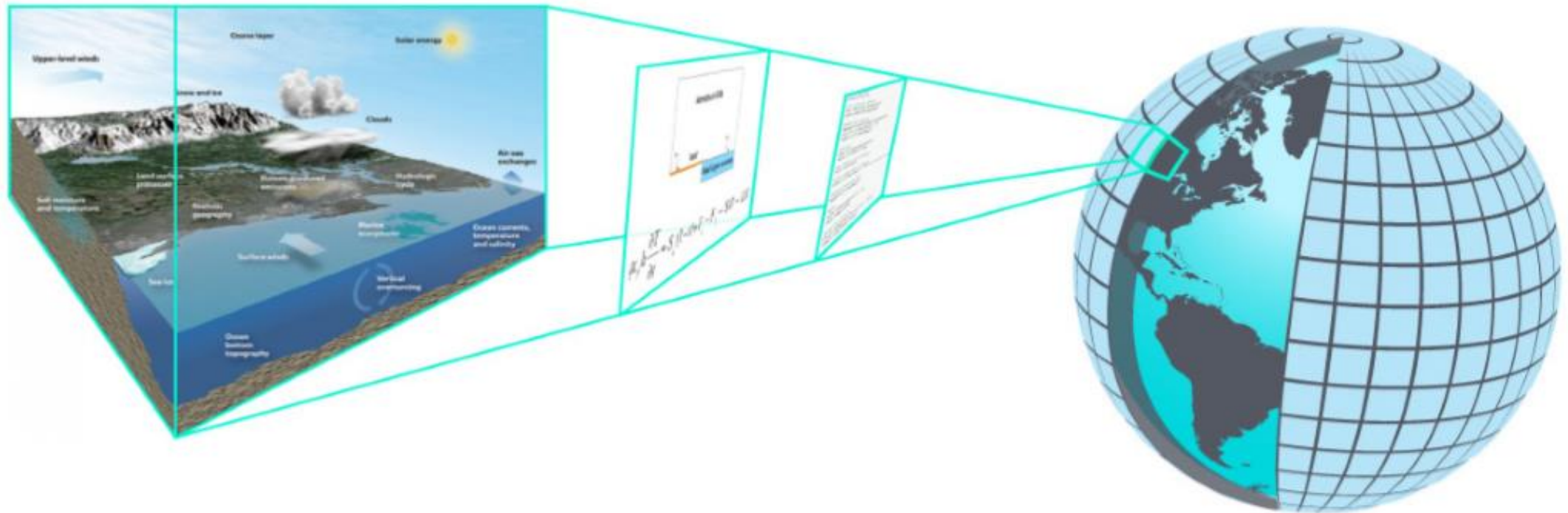
Temperatures in Canada under CanESM2 (Global Climate Model [GCM]) projections for 2055, 2065, and 2075 compared to 2005 temperatures



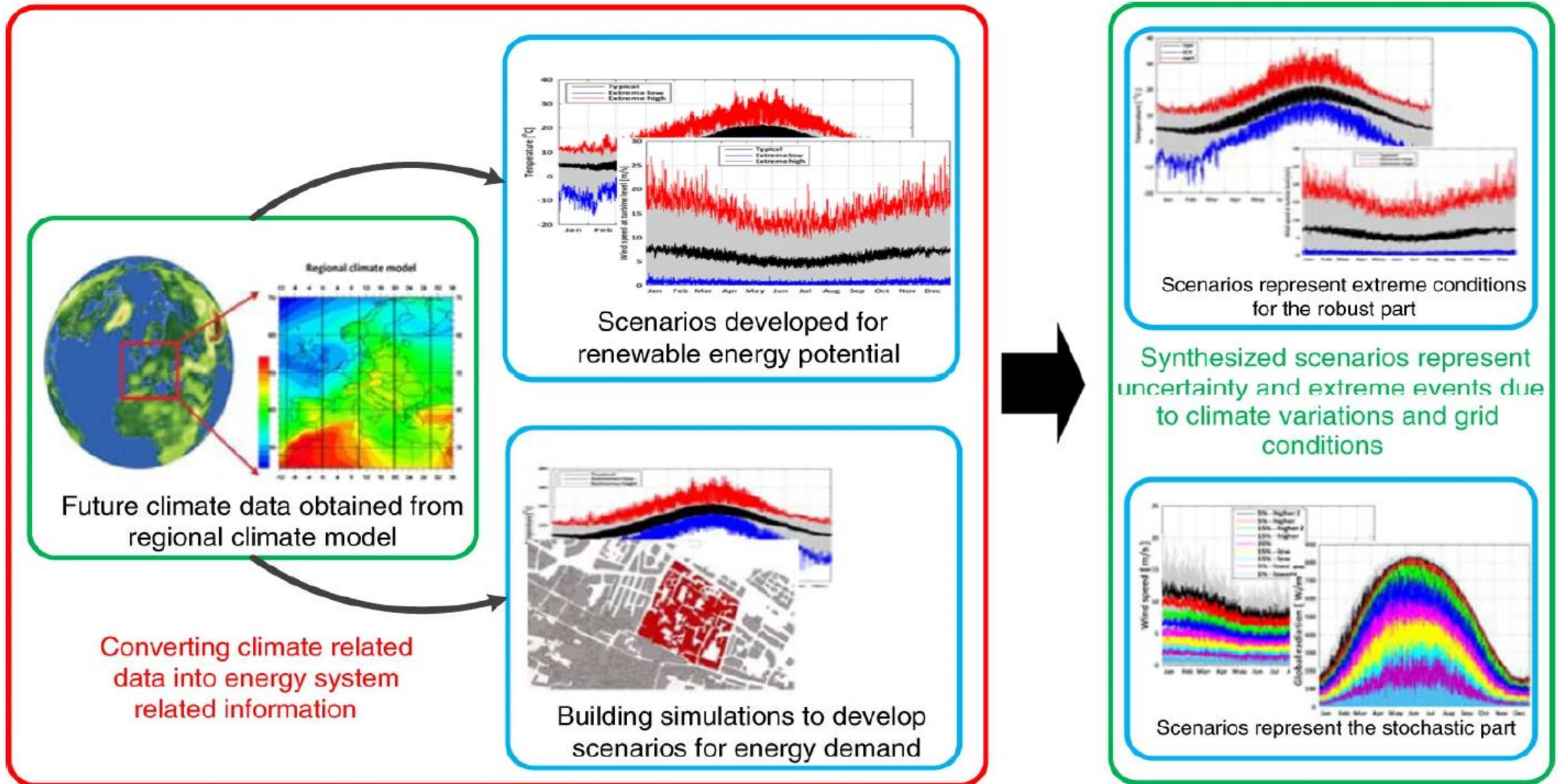


# Creating Future Weather Files – WRF

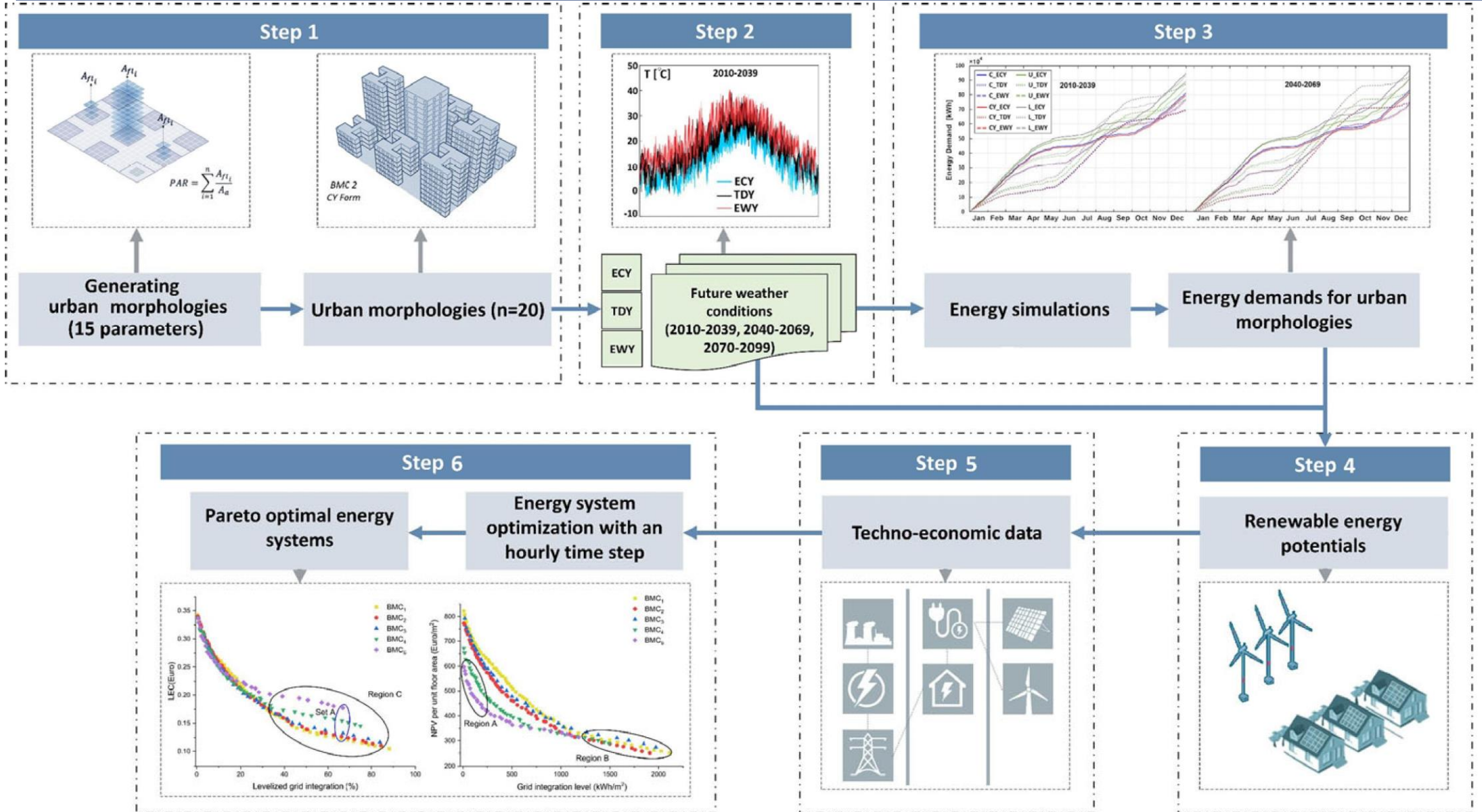
- Complex computer models are used to reconstruct atmosphere, ocean, and land interactions
- Mathematical equations describing physical processes are solved on three-dimensional grid



The interlinks between climate models and energy models are not straightforward. We need to develop a workflow to synthesize a pool of scenarios and link climate models with energy system models.



# Interconnected infrastructures in urban areas – Urban climate and extreme weather events





# Study 1

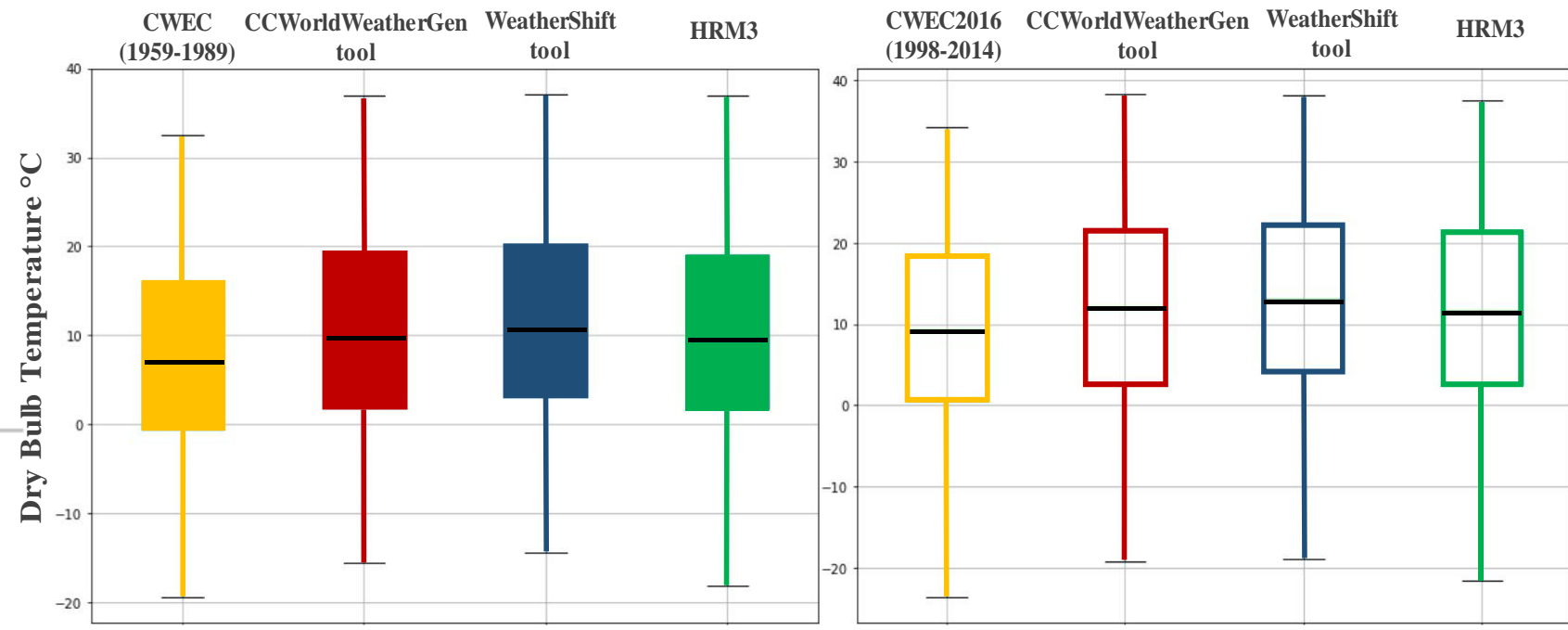
## IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON BUILDING HEATING AND COOLING ENERGY DEMAND IN TORONTO

Investigate the effects of climate changes on the heating and cooling energy demand of buildings in the most populated urban region in Canada, i.e. the City of Toronto using various climate models.

# Future weather files for Toronto

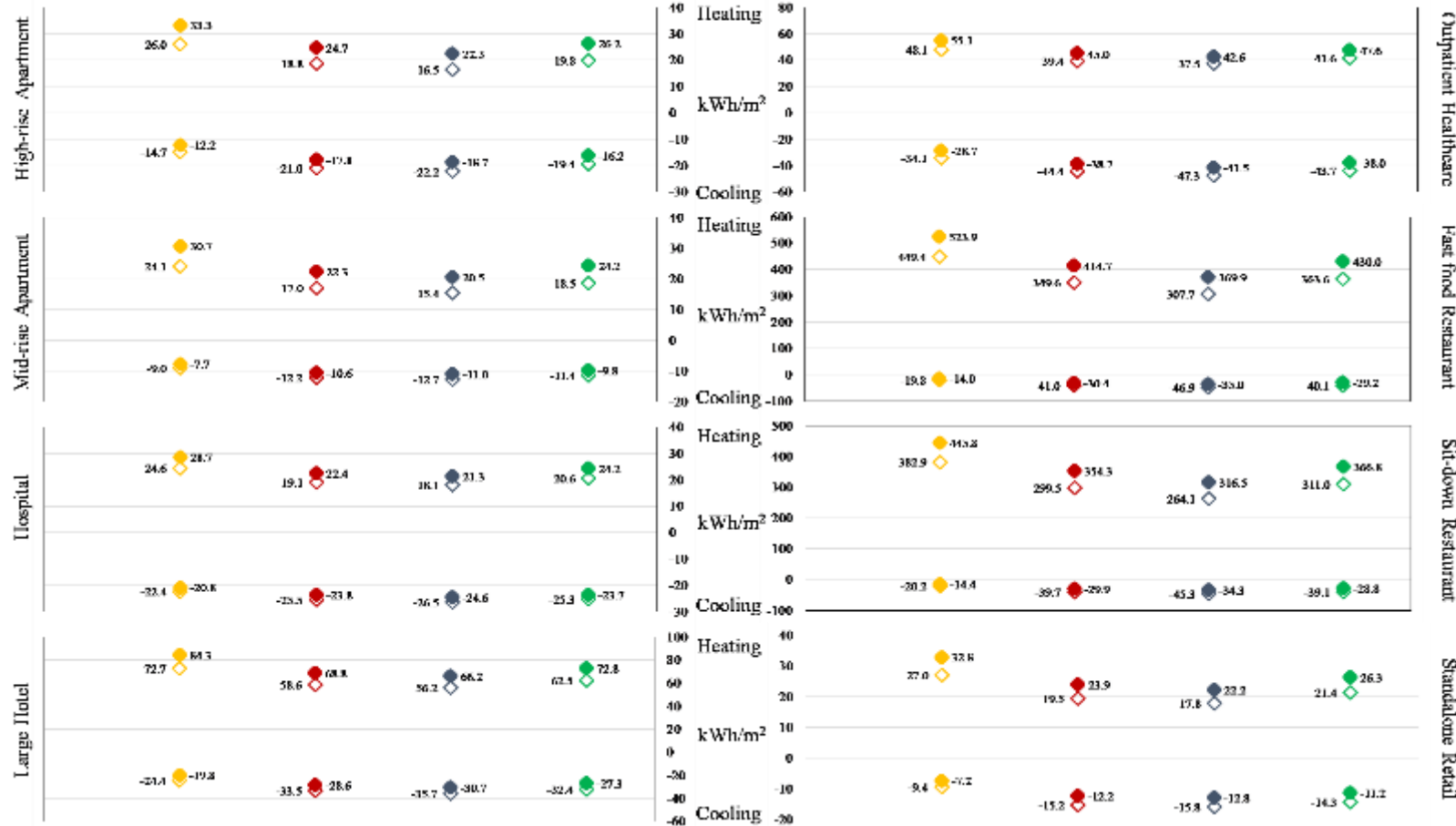
- The future weather files forecast a mean temperature increase of 3.7–4.5 C for Toronto. This increase is 2.0 C greater than the IPCC forecast of global mean surface temperature

Weather Files	HDD
CWEC (1959-1989)	4,179
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCWorldWeatherGen tool</li> <li>WeatherShift tool</li> <li>HRM3</li> </ul>	3,427
CWEC2016 (1998-2014)	3,695
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCWorldWeatherGen tool</li> <li>WeatherShift tool</li> <li>HRM3</li> </ul>	3,033
	2,769
	3,122



# Results: Building Energy Simulation

Historical Weather File ◆ CCWorldWeatherGen tool ◆ WeatherShift tool ◆ HRM3 ◆



## Heating and Cooling Energy Use Intensity (EUI)

# Study 2

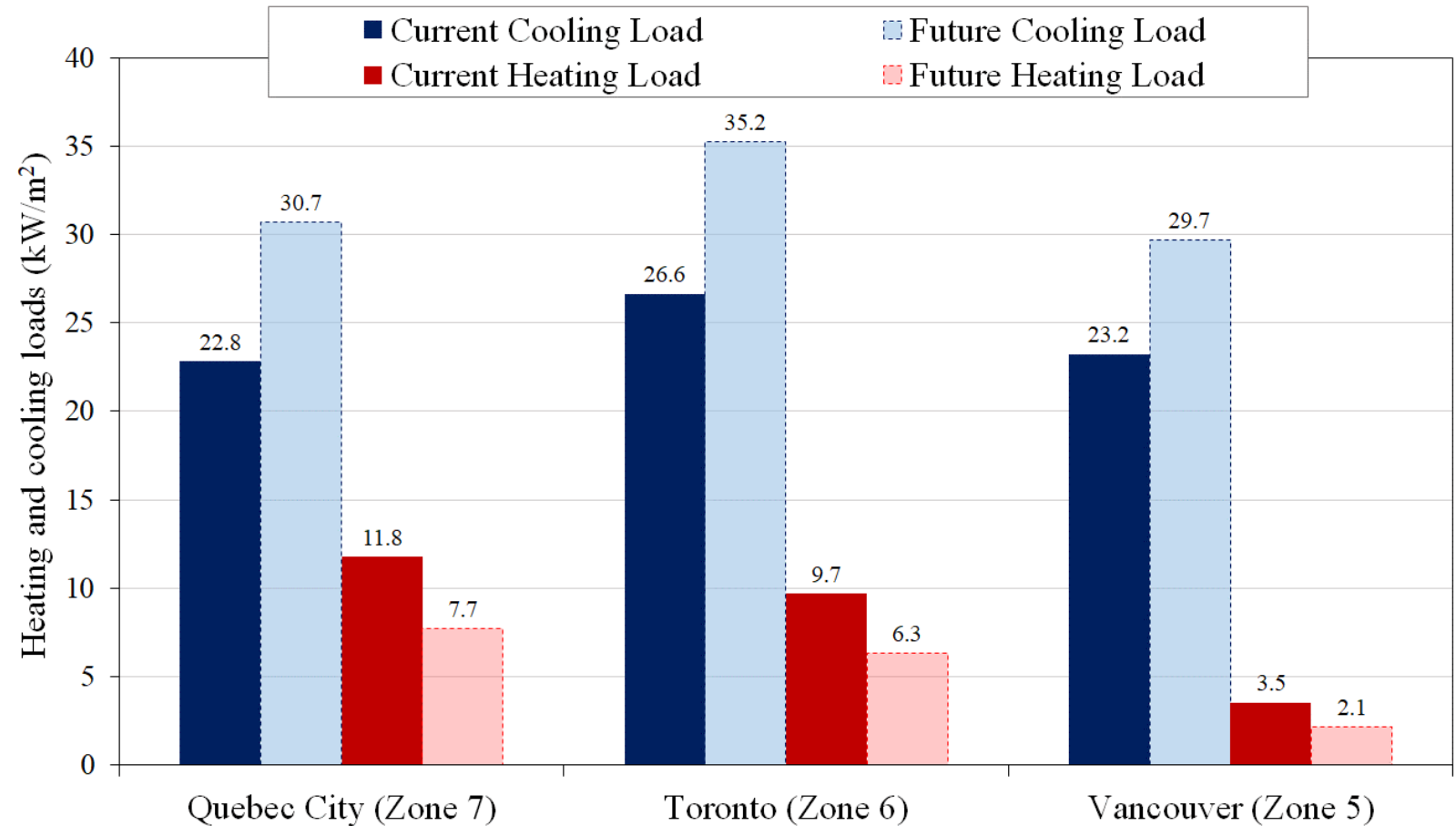
## **INFLUENCE OF SETPOINT TEMPERATURE ON THE ENERGY DEMAND**

Quantify the energy demand for various thermal comfort target of a office building in three climate zones across Canada: Vancouver (cool-humid), Toronto (cold-humid), and Quebec City (very cold).

# Results: cooling and heating loads

There is an increasing trend in cooling load across all cities for the future.

The projected increase in cooling load varies between cities, corresponding to the magnitude of temperature increases in summer.

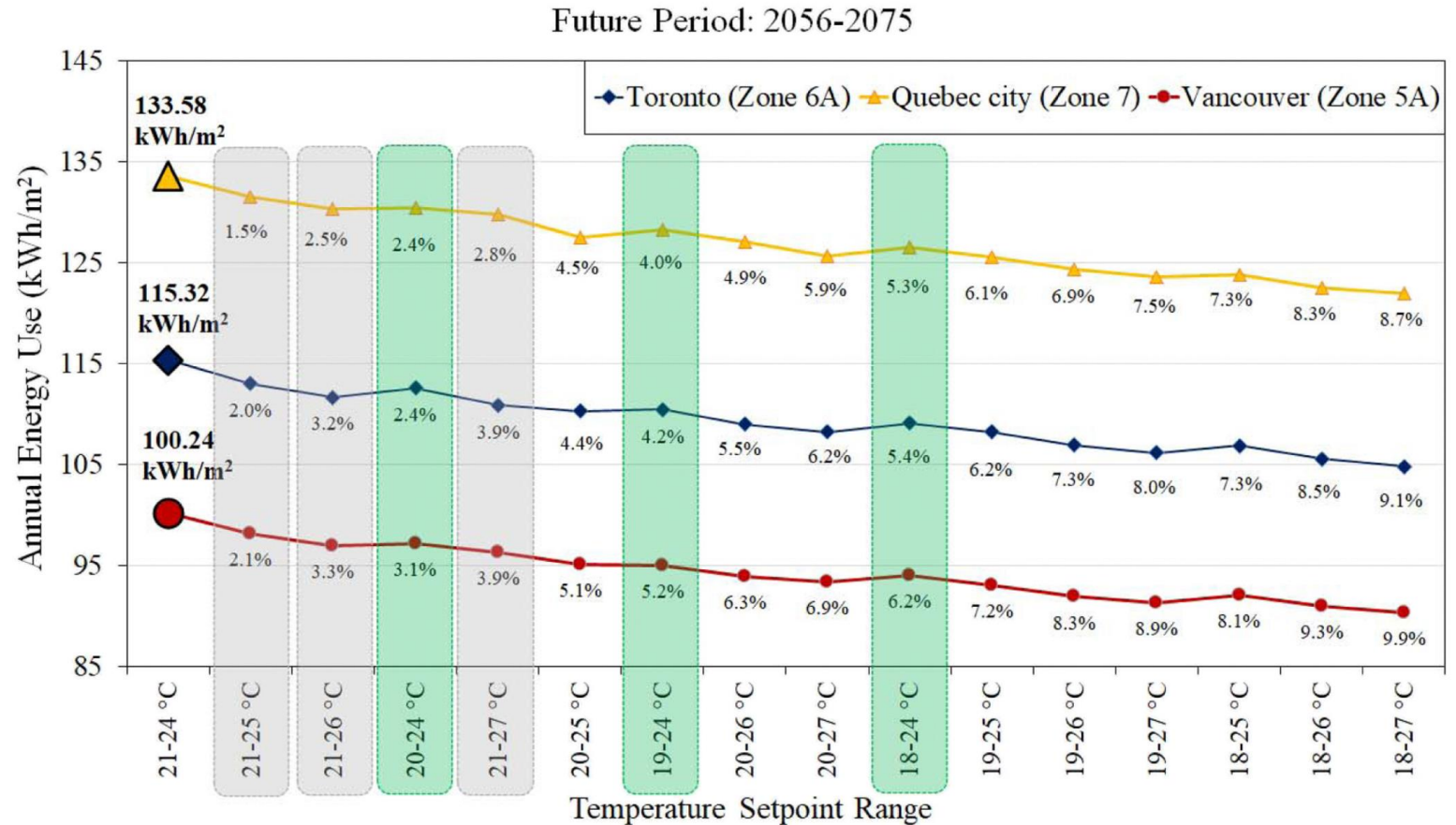


# Results: cooling and heating loads

**Quebec City:** Decreasing heating setpoint by 1°C reduced energy use by an average of 3.8%, while increasing cooling setpoint by 1°C resulted in an average saving of 2.4%.

**Toronto:** 1°C reduction in heating setpoint lowered energy use by an average of 2.0% and a rise of 1°C in cooling setpoint saved an average of 0.9%.

**Vancouver:** Decreasing heating and increasing cooling setpoints resulted in an average saving of 2.3% and 0.8% for every 1°C.

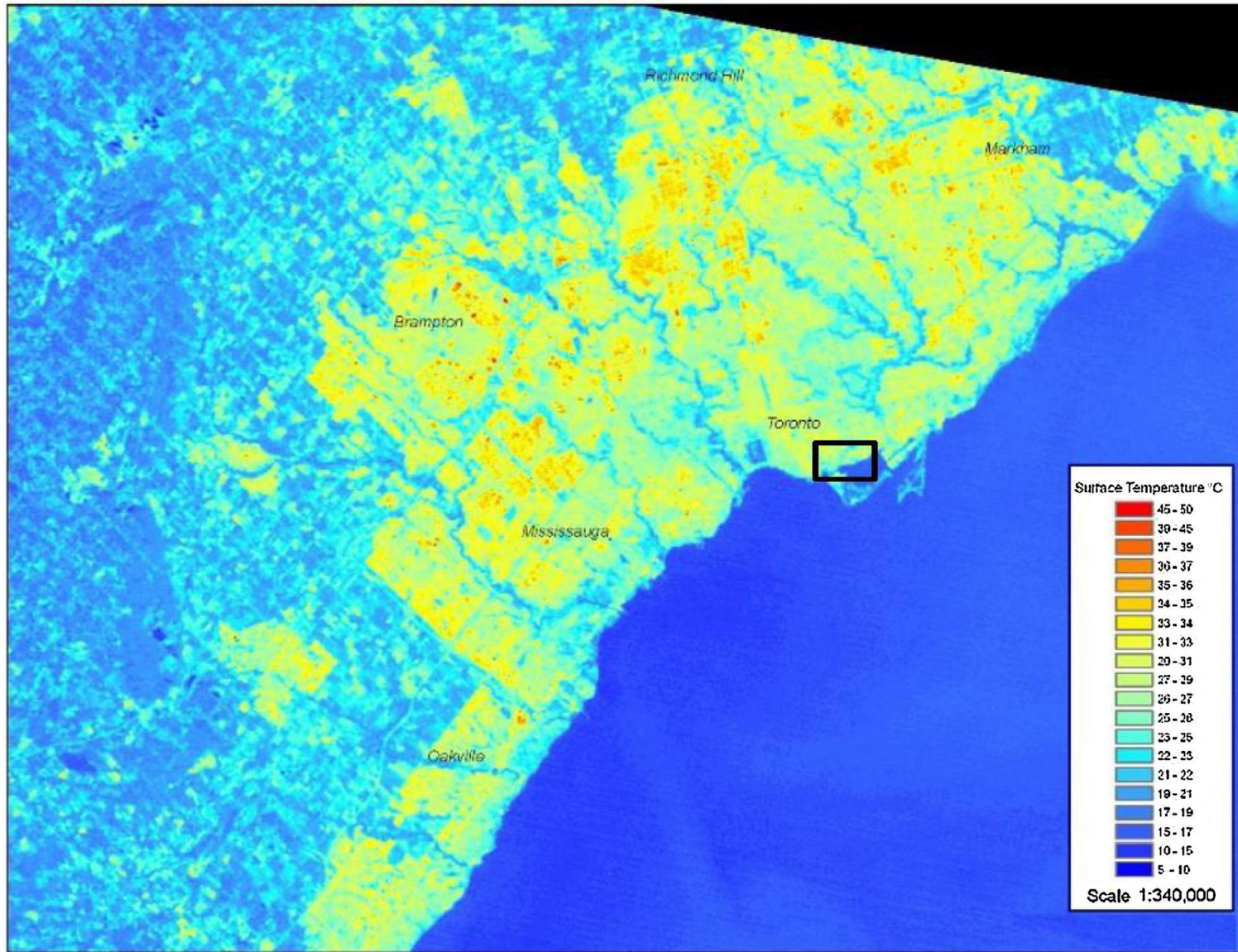



# Study 3

## URBAN HEAT ISLAND (UHI) and (MICRO-)CLIMATE

# UHI

Land Surface Temperatures - Greater Toronto Area - September 3, 2008



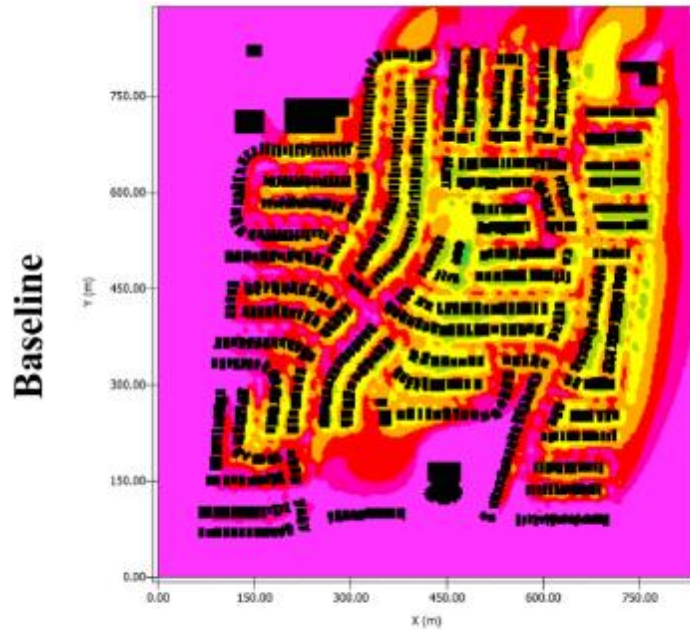
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Surface temperatures derived from Landsat TM Imagery  
Contact: Matthew Maloley, Natural Resources Canada

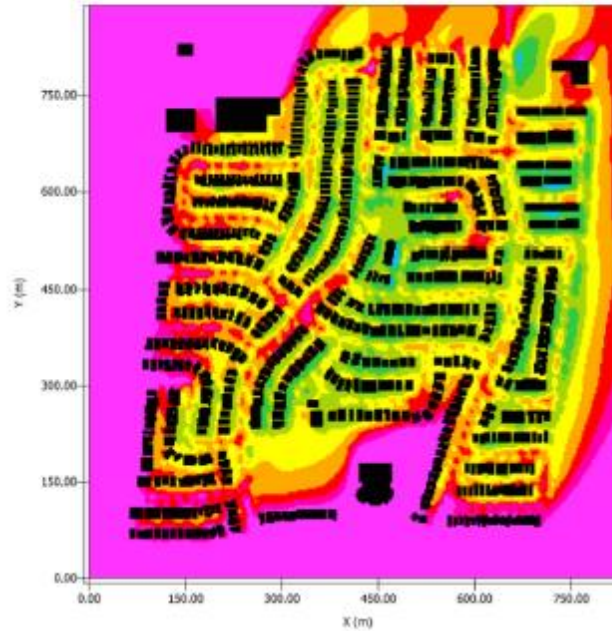


# Mesoscale (WRF) and microscale (Envi-met) modeling

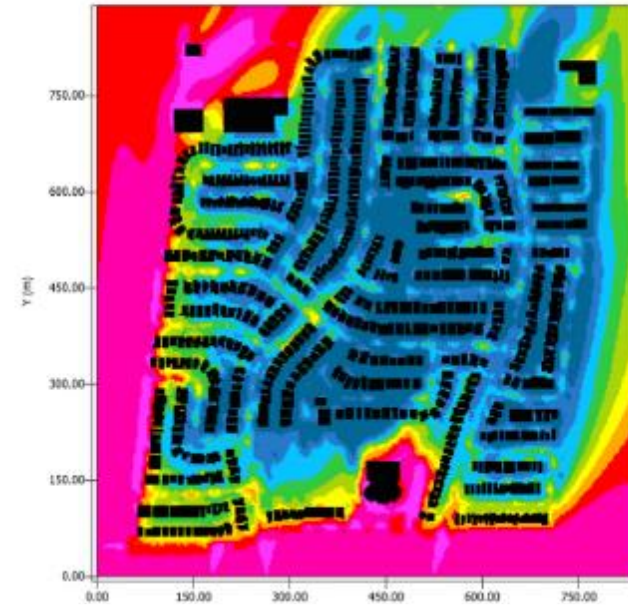
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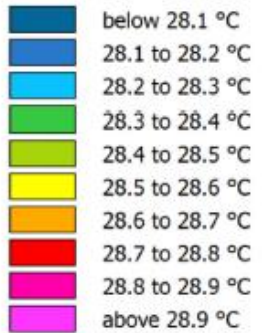
**Moderate Green Scenario**



**Intensive Green Scenario**



**Air Temperature**



# Next steps

1. **Real-time evaluation** for balancing energy networks
2. **Synergies** (and energy exchanges) between different subsystems
3. **Integration** of technical aspects with user behaviors
4. Integration of historical data but also of **externality** and **uncertainties**
5. Availability of **large computer clusters** for launching massive parallel simulations
6. ..finally, **ability to visualize**, share and manage future energy consumption

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# HELIOS

Enhancing exploitation of solar energy at high latitudes through the digitalization of the built environment



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By 2050, the GHG emissions from the **building sector** are expected to be reduced by **66%**

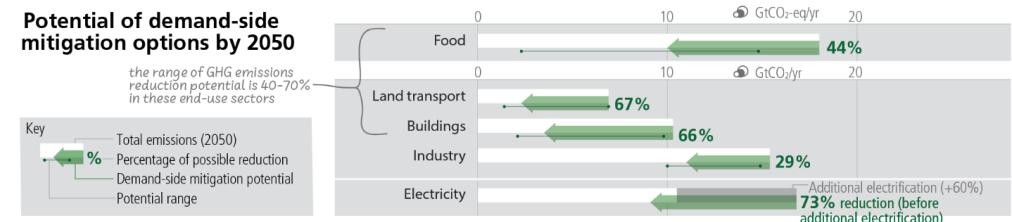


Optimal and full exploitation of building **solar potential** can positively impact on **solar energy supply** and building's **energy efficiency**



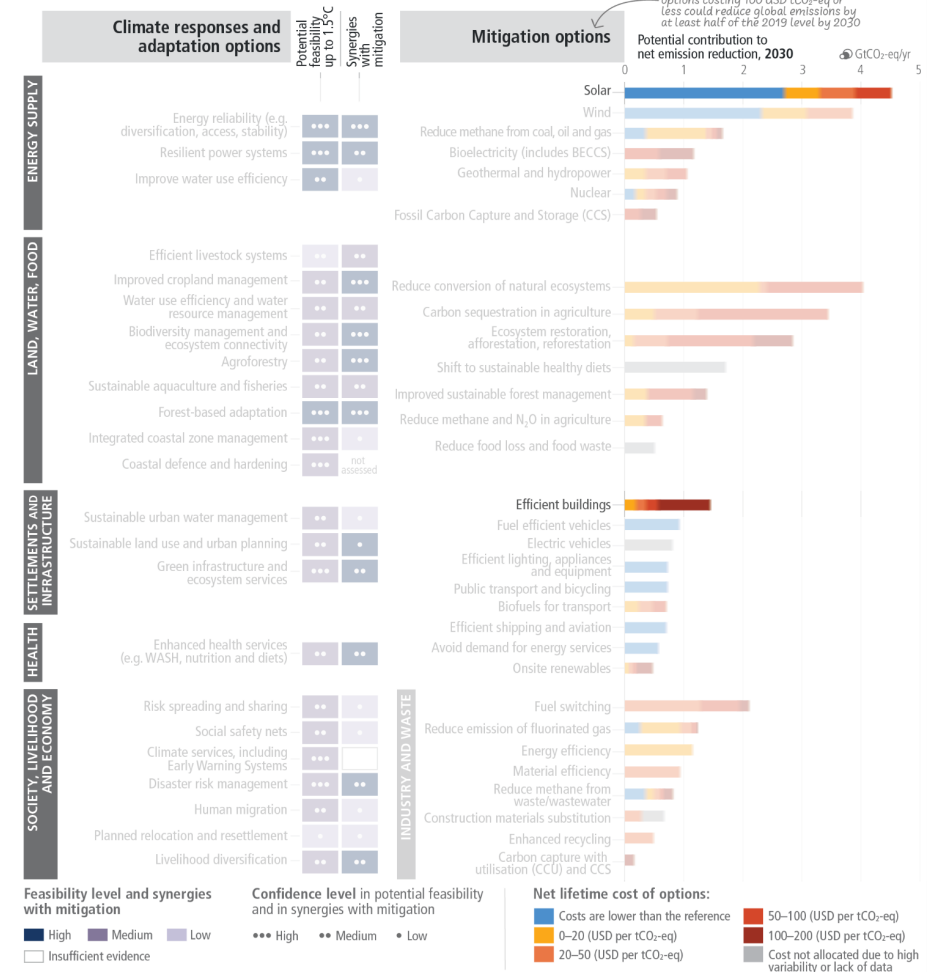
**Land use and habitat loss** represent **risks** associated to the uncontrolled and unplanned exploitation of solar energy

From *Synthesis report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6)*, March 2023



There are multiple opportunities for scaling up climate action

a) Feasibility of climate responses and adaptation, and potential of mitigation options in the near-term





The **unit costs** of solar technologies have fallen consistently since 2010



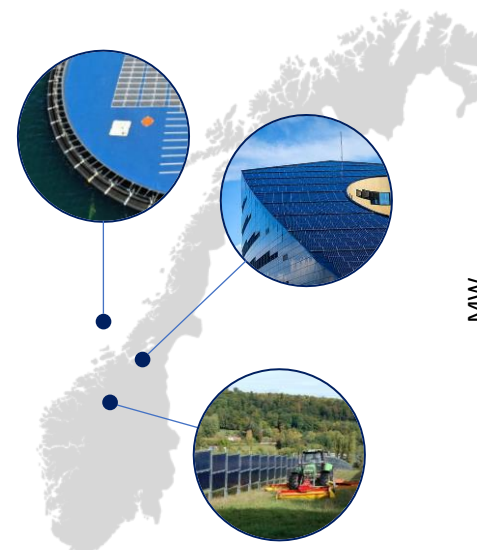
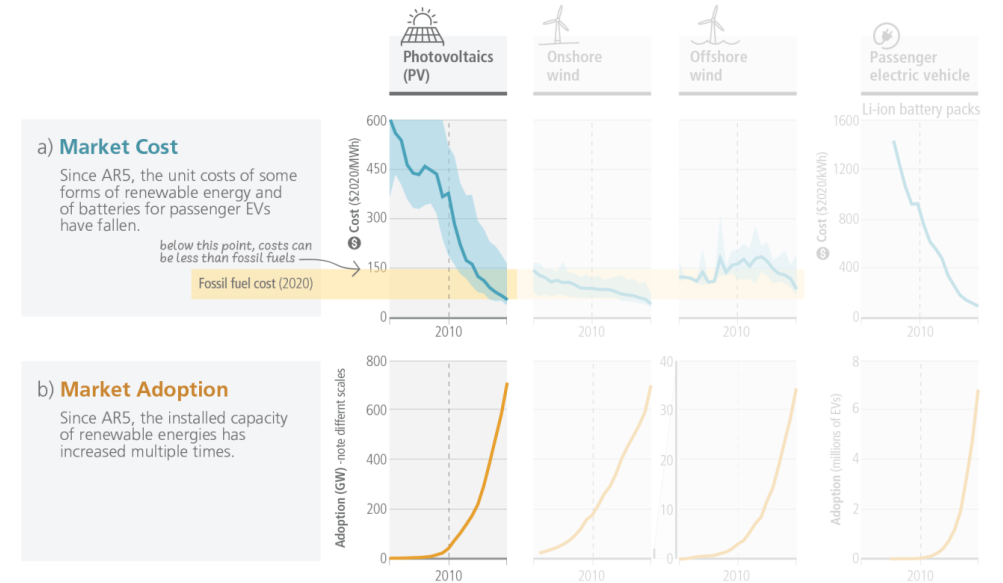
**Near-commercial availability** of low and zero emissions options in buildings, transport and industry

**In Norway:**

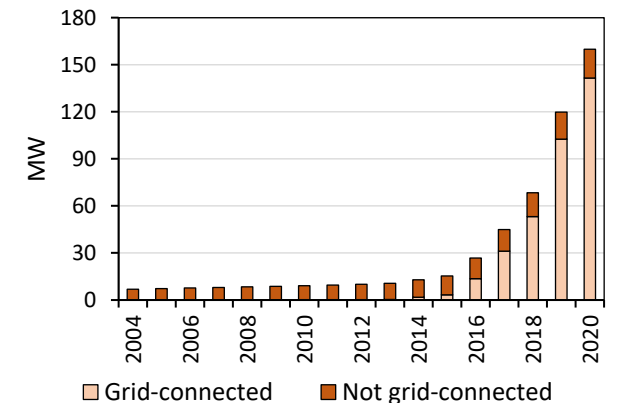
- Installed capacity for solar power in Norway has increased tenfold during the last five years
- New opportunities** for solar energy (i.e., building-integrated photovoltaic, agrivoltaic, floating solar systems)
- Needs for **tools** and **platforms** such as the Solar Cadaster to support designers and urban planner

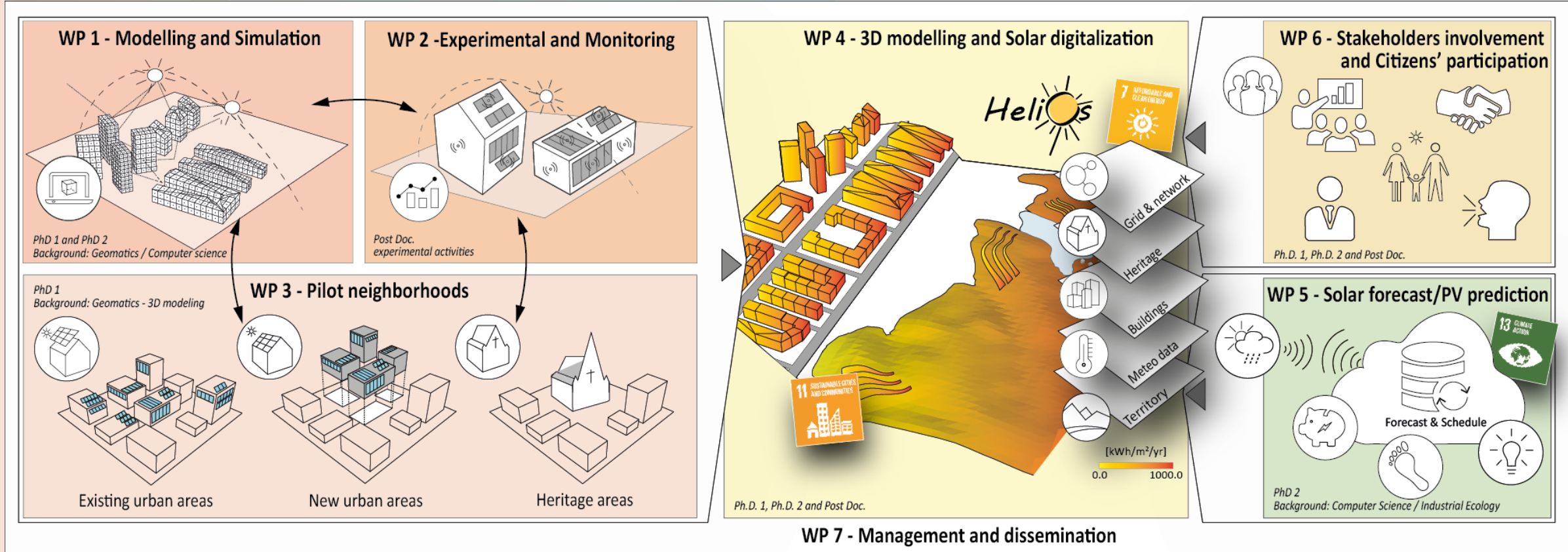
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**Renewable electricity generation is increasingly price-competitive and some sectors are electrifying**



**Installed solar power capacity in Norway**





Project owner: **NTNU / IV / IBM**

Project manager: **Ass. Prof. Gabriele Lobaccaro**

NTNU Partners: **IDI, IndEcol, MTP, IMA**

National partners: **SINTEF Community, Trondheim Kommune**

International partners:

**HEPIA - Geneva School of Eng., Arch. and Landscape – Univ. of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland;**

**USMB/INES - University Savoie Mont Blanc / National Institute of Solar Energy (France);**

**UCB Lyon 1/CETHIL - Claude Bernard University / Centre d'énergétique et de thermique de Lyon (France).**

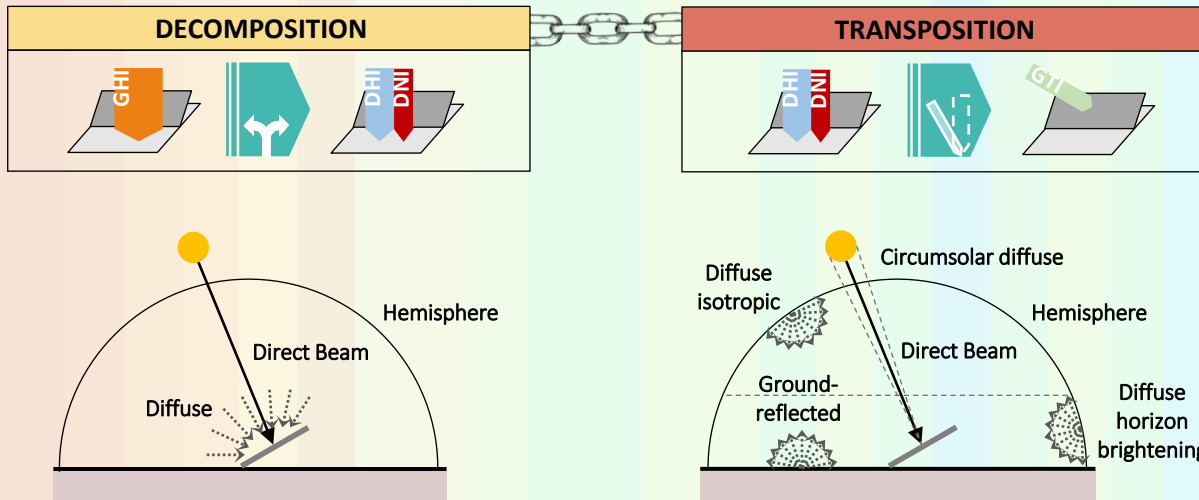
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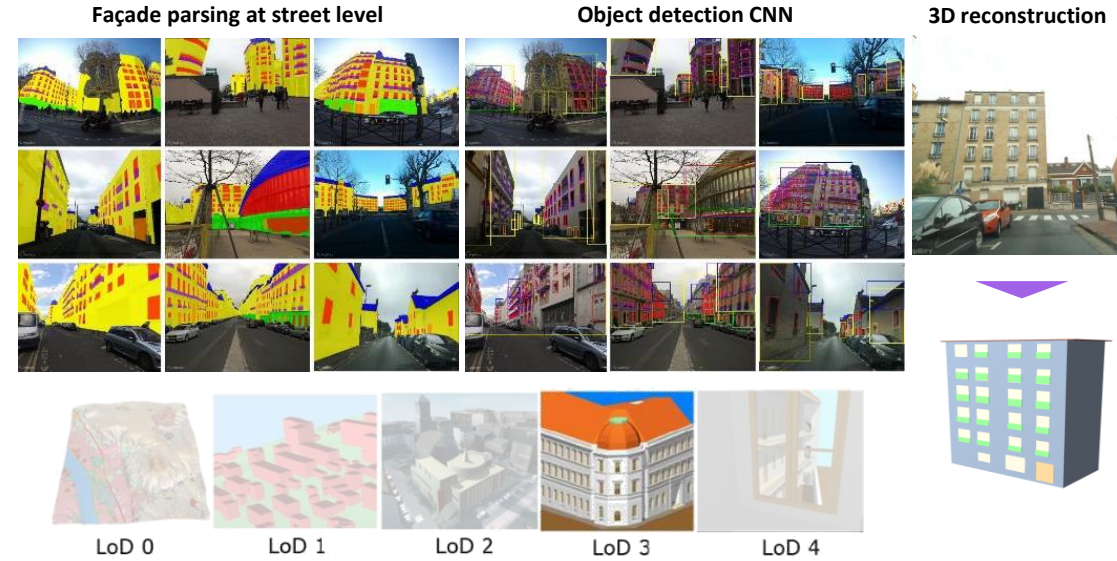
Numerical reanalysis and satellite observations

Ground monitoring network at high latitudes

## PILLAR THREE Solar irradiance model chain



## PILLAR TWO Semi-automated geometry detection



## PILLAR FOUR Citizens engagement

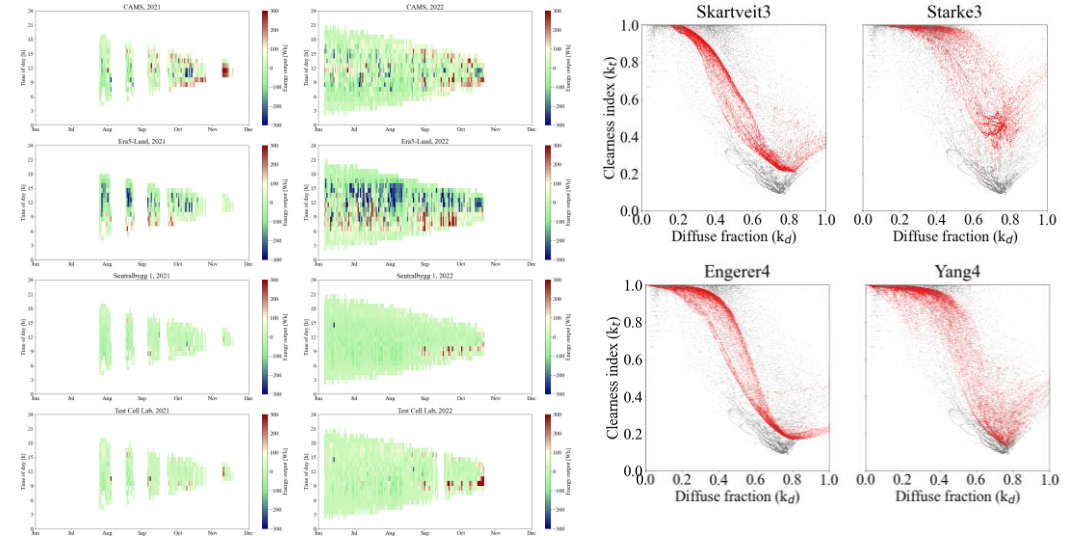




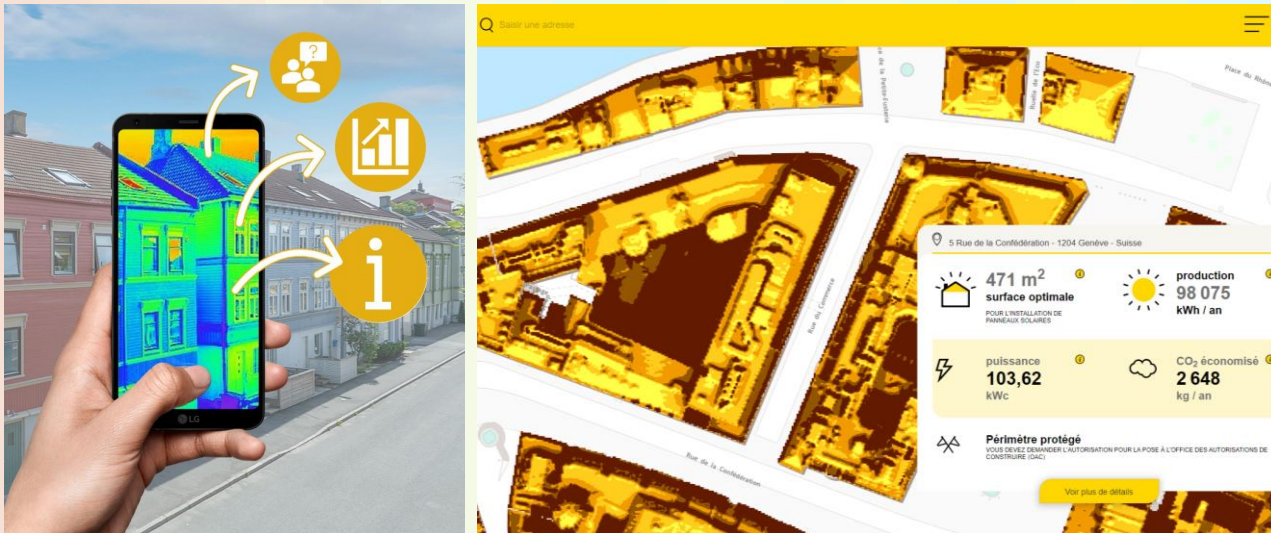
## APPLICATION ONE Advanced photovoltaic simulations



## APPLICATION TWO Solar Neighborhood planning



## APPLICATION THREE Key Performance Indicators



## APPLICATION FOUR Arctic decomposition model



# Take home message

- **Solar energy potential** can contribute to achieve GHG reduction target
- There are many **opportunities** for solar energy at high latitudes
- There will be a **tool** to support you in designing solar strategies

# THANKS

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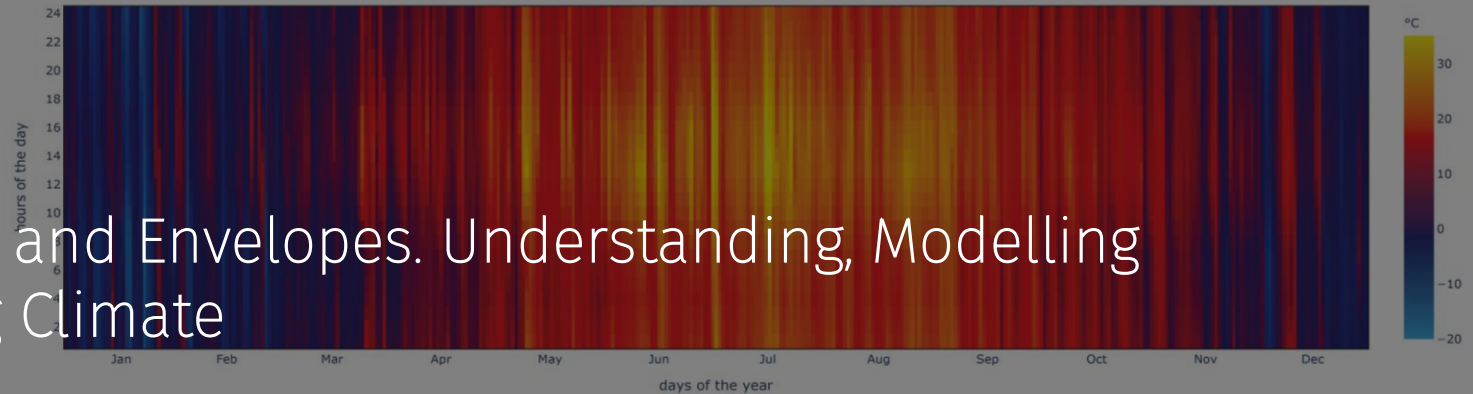
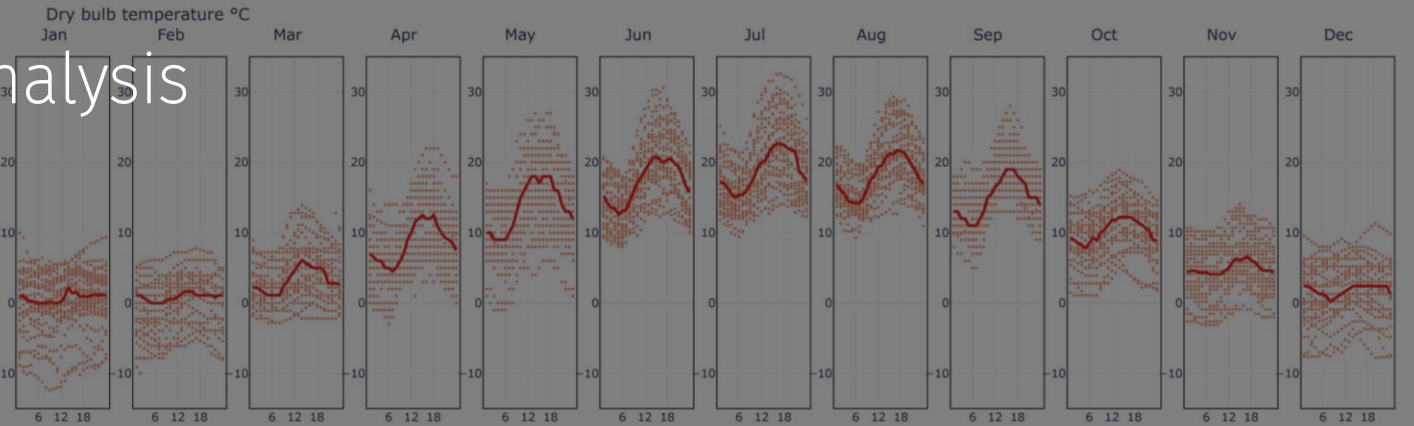
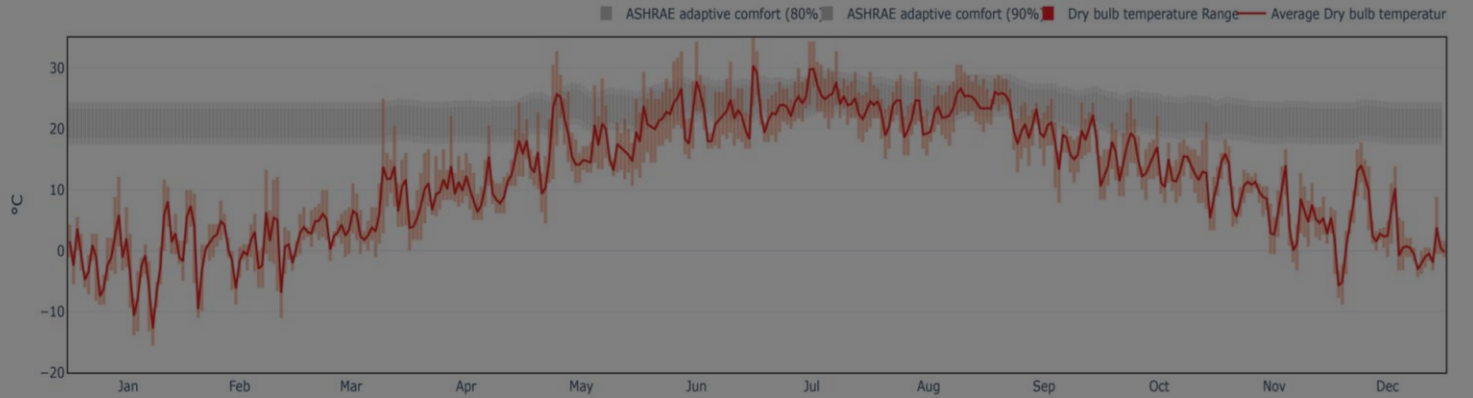
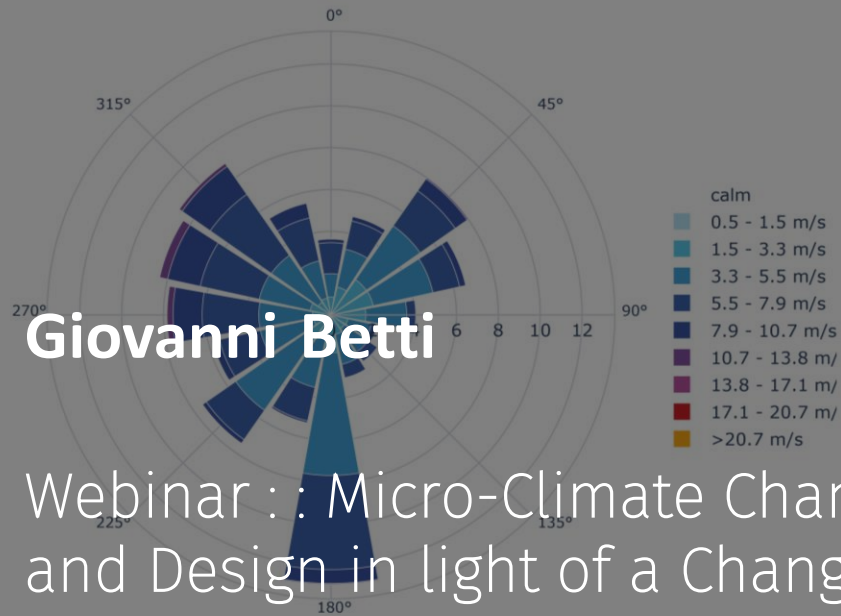
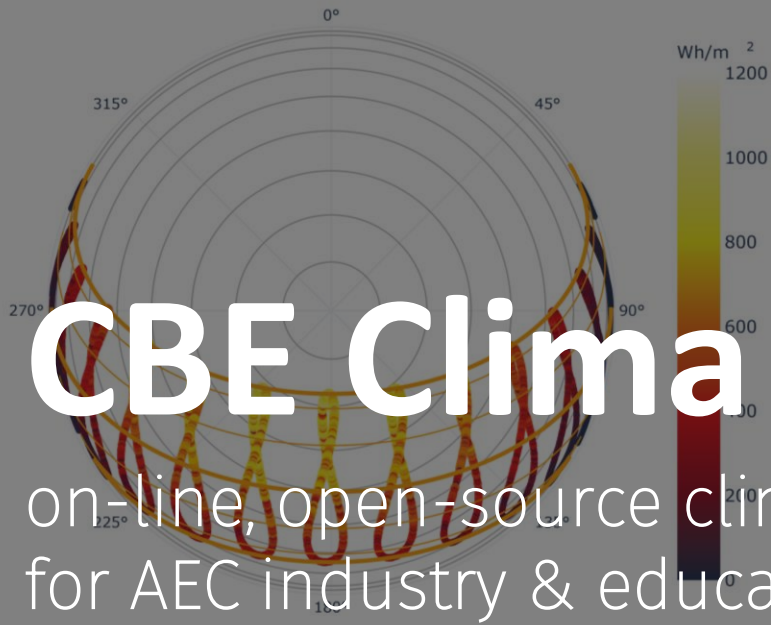


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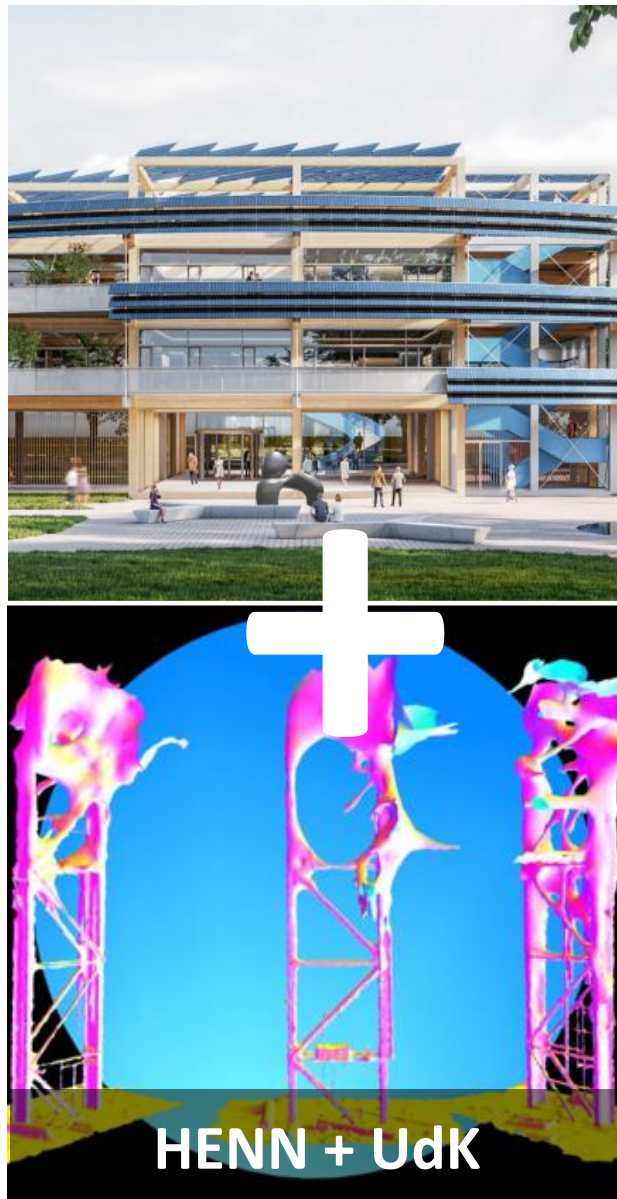
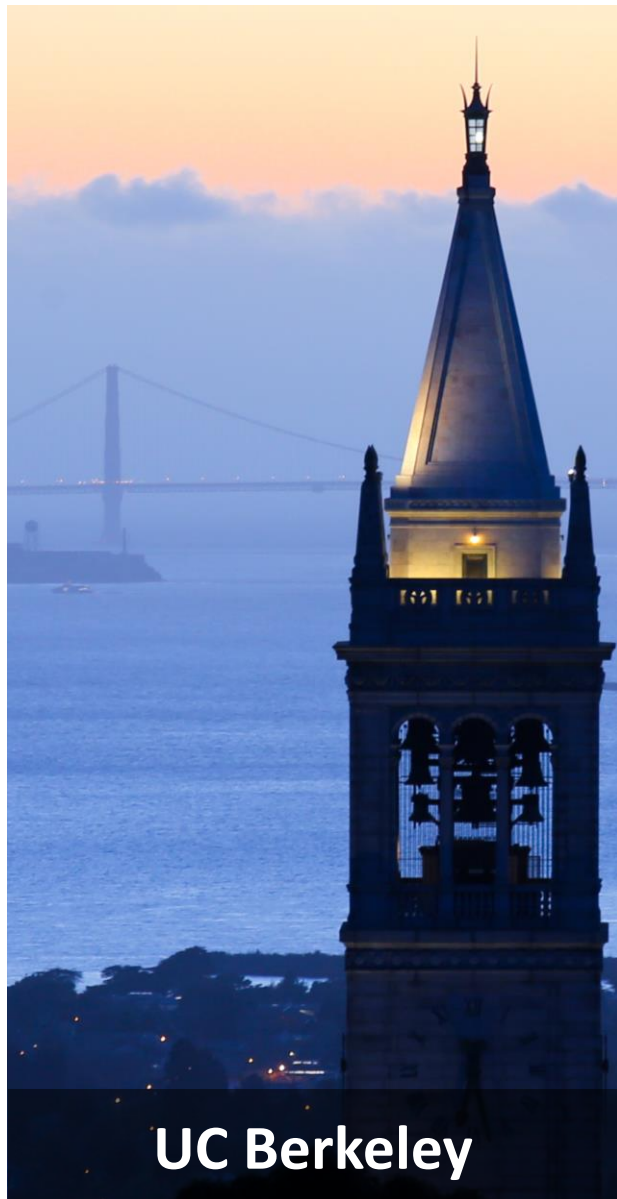
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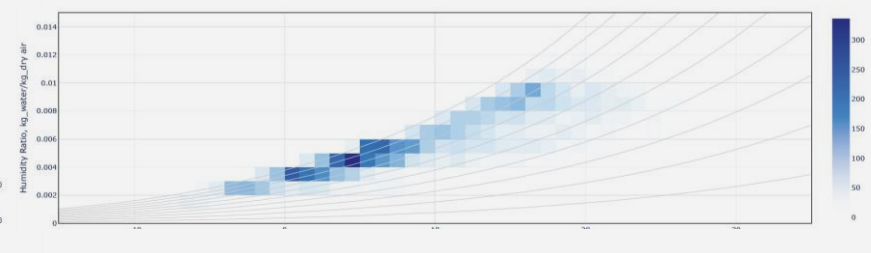
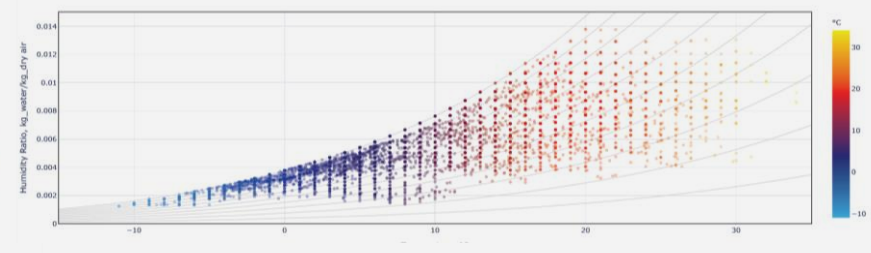
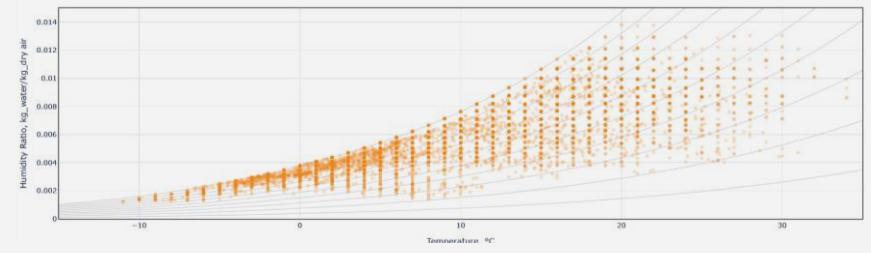
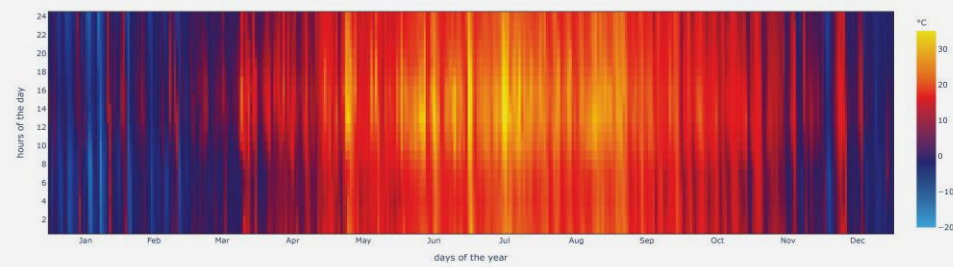
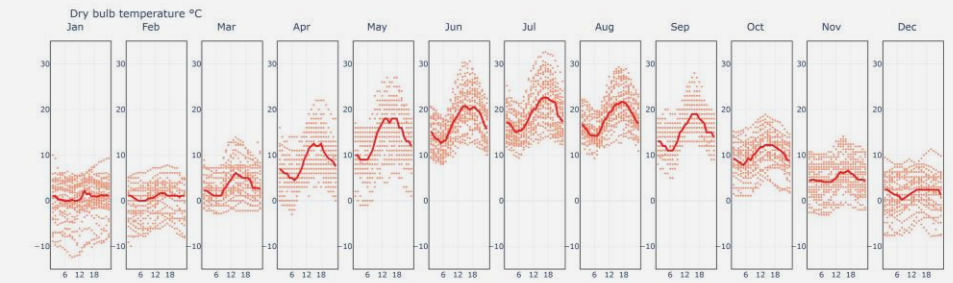
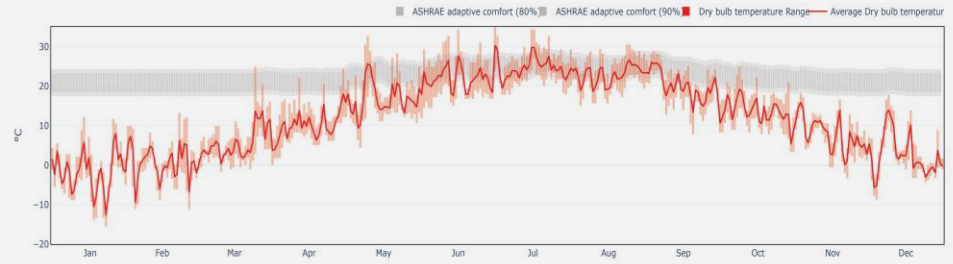
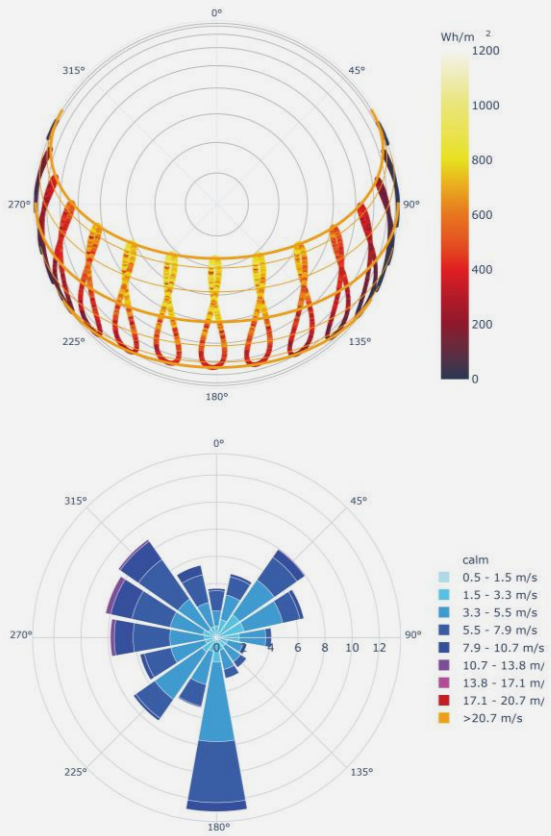
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**Climate  
Responsive  
Architecture**

nothing new  
under  
the scorching sun

Iran Yazd, خیابان مسجد جامع، Yazd Province





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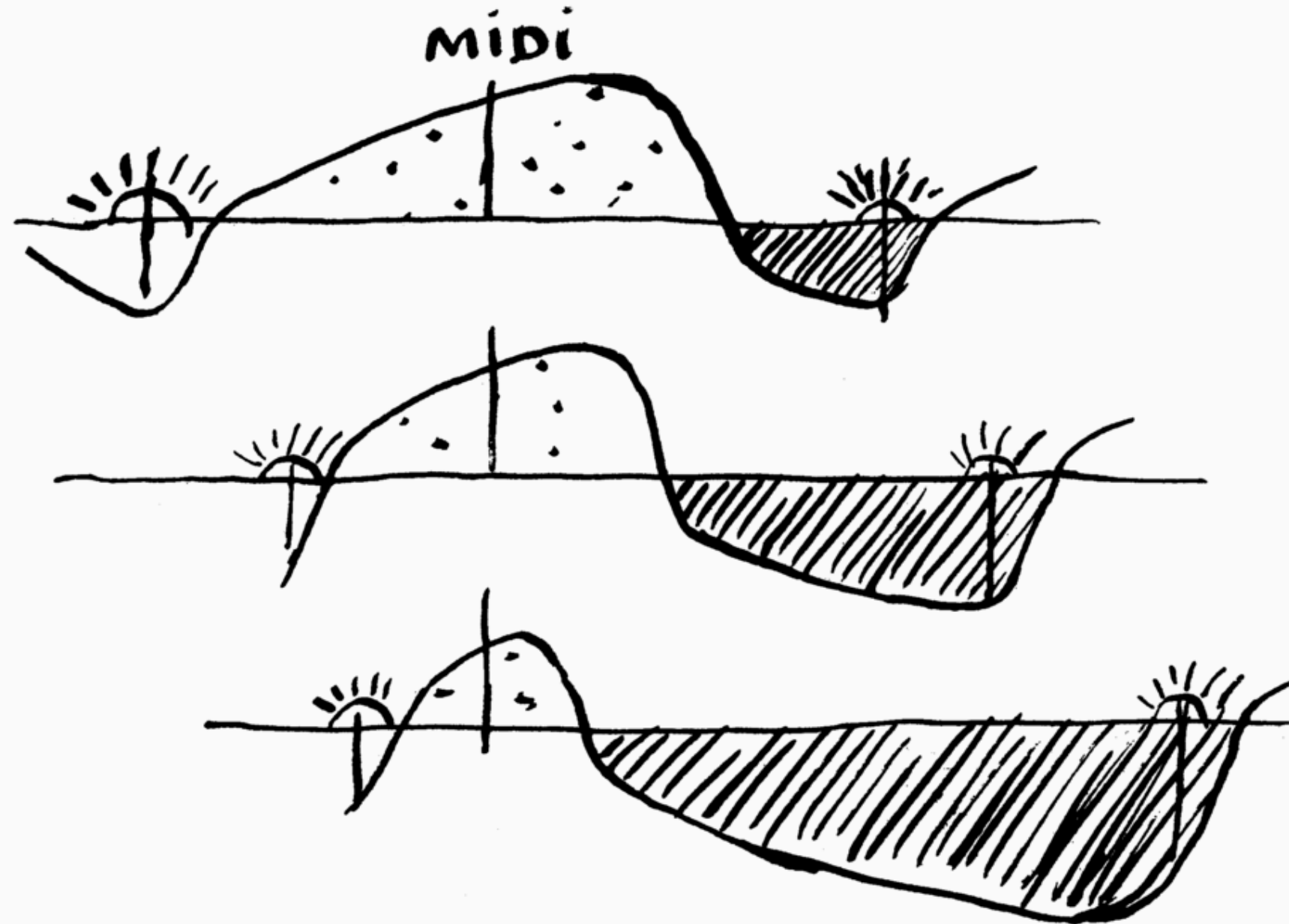
Wae Rebo village, Satar Lenda, Manggarai  
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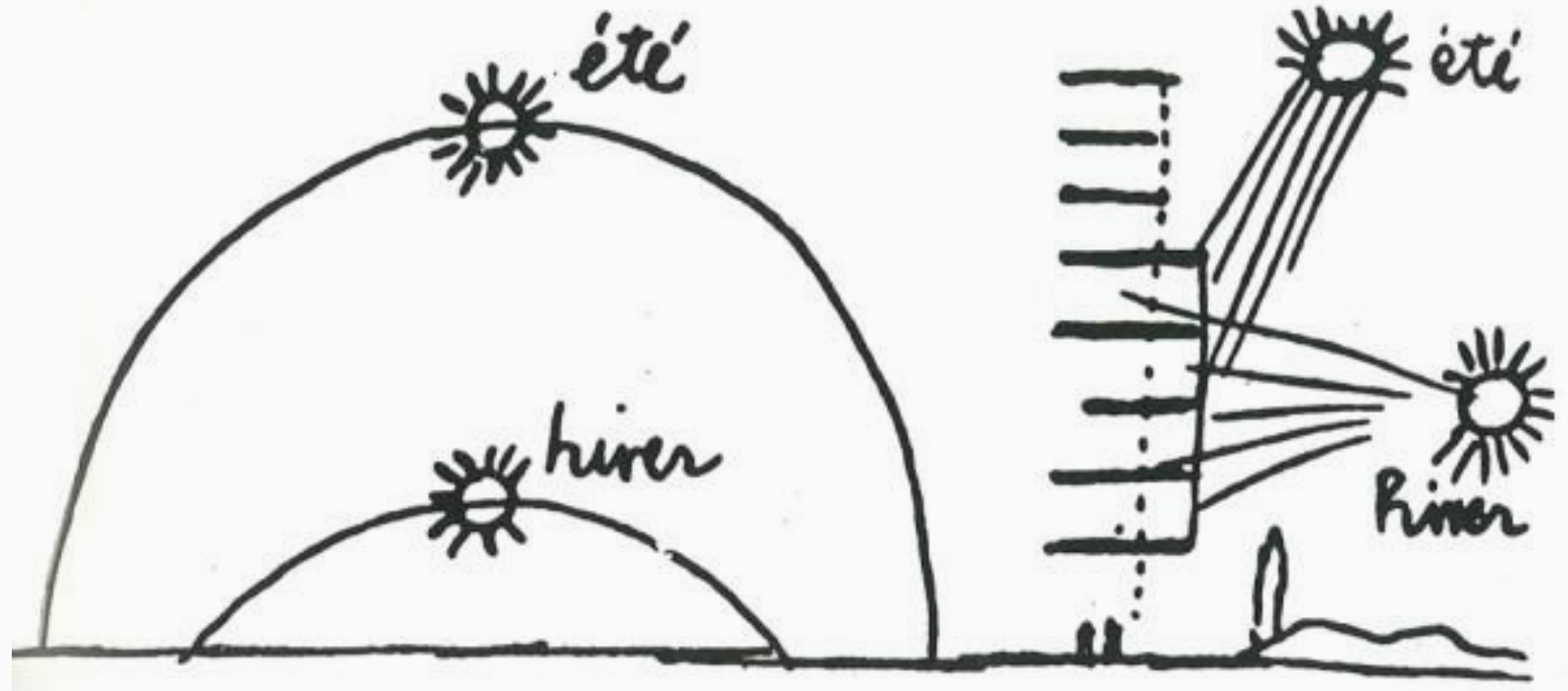


Climate Analysis:  
A modern invention



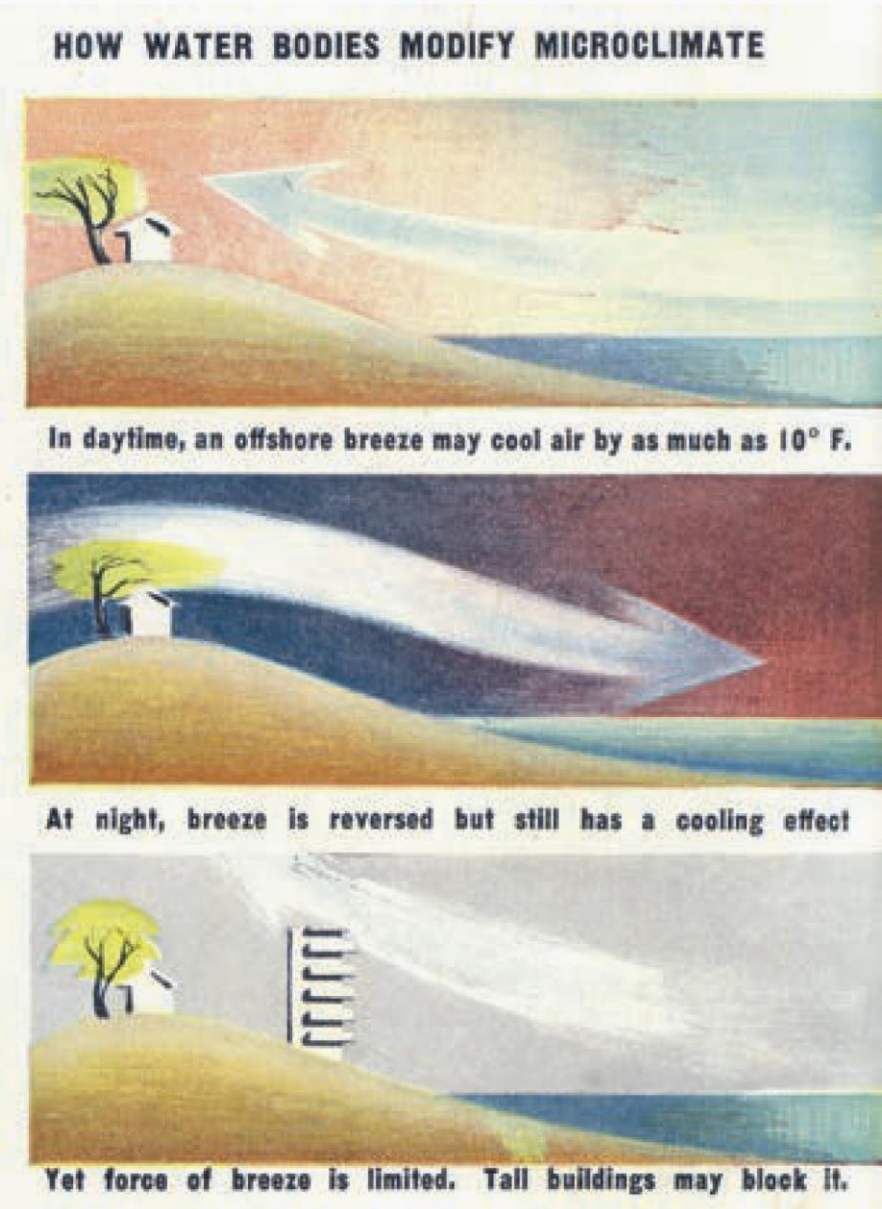
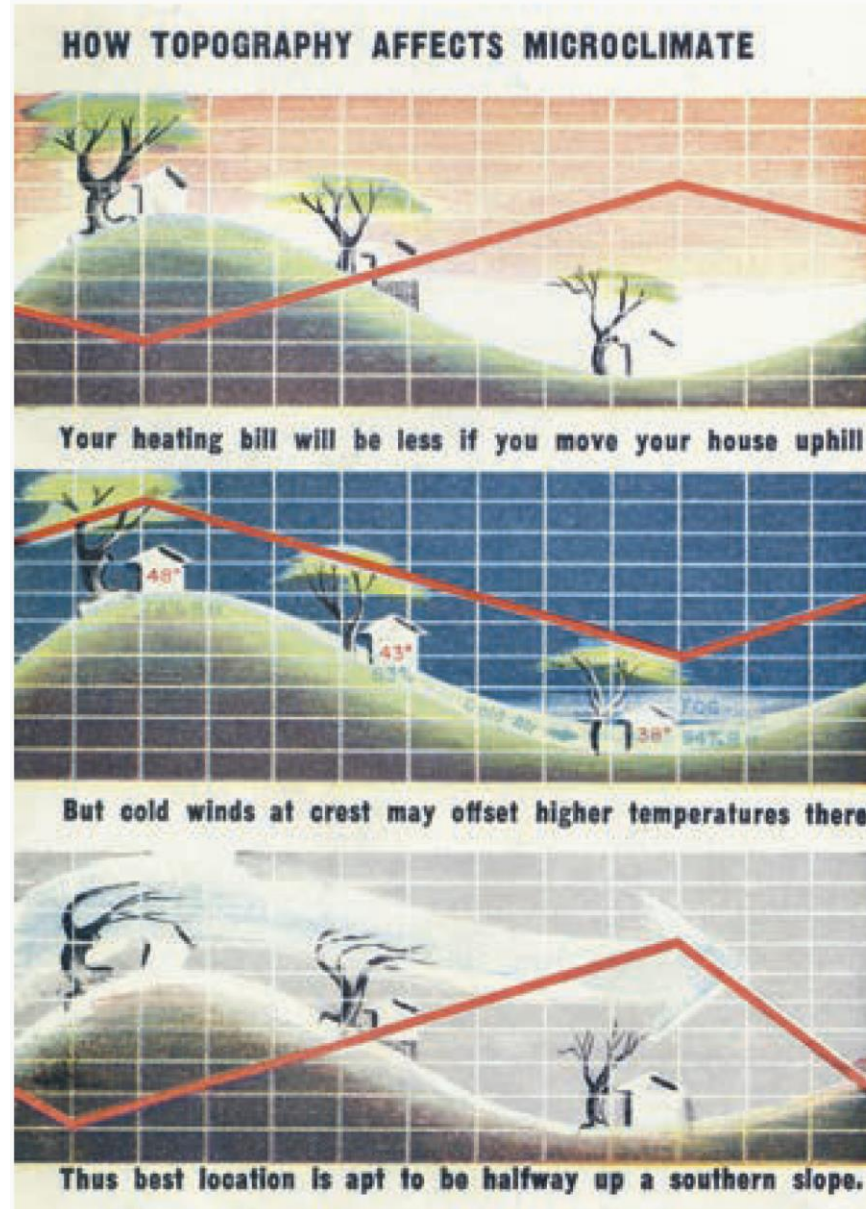
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Day-Night Sun Path Diagram

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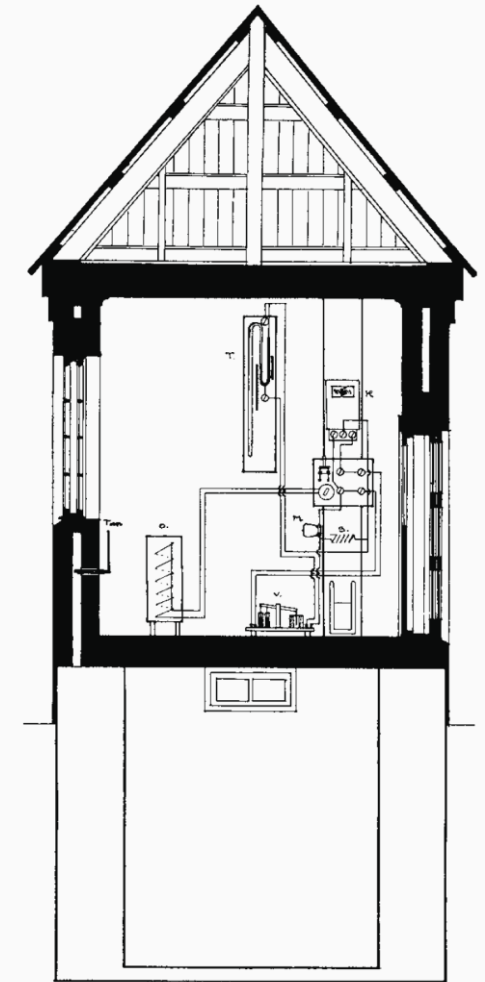
# Climate Analysis: A modern invention



Illustrations of microclimatic factors from Helmut Landsberg, "Microclimatology," in Architectural Forum, March 1947.

# Climate Analysis: A modern invention

Andreas Fredrik Bugge,  
“Warm and Cheap” test huts,  
Trondheim, Norway, 1930-1960

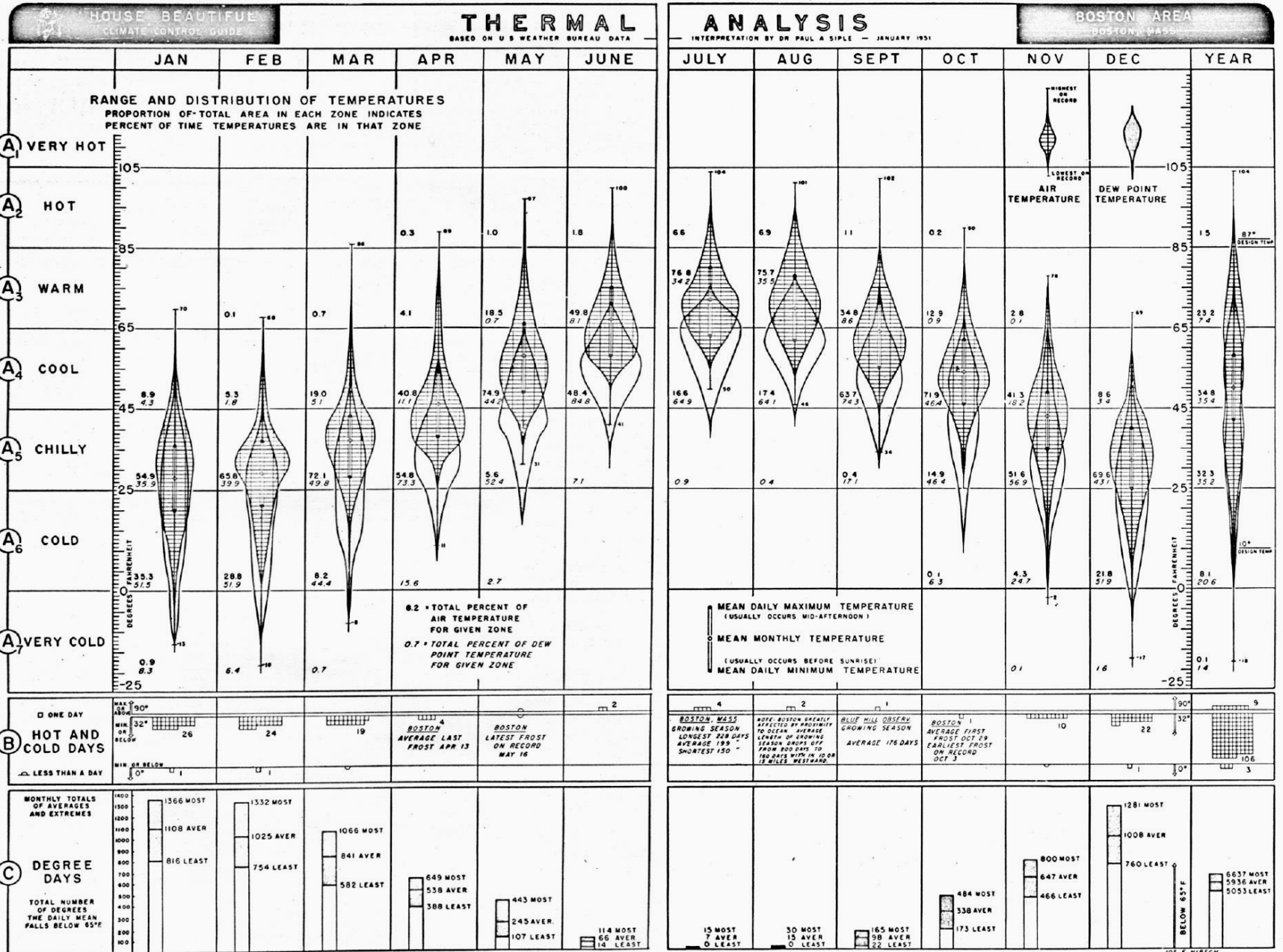


*Mounting of the Instruments.*

- K = kilowatt-hour-indicator.    M = resistance-lamp.
- O = electrical stove.            T = thermo-regulator.
- S = shunt.                            V = current-switch.
- Tm = Thermometer.

Fig. 30.

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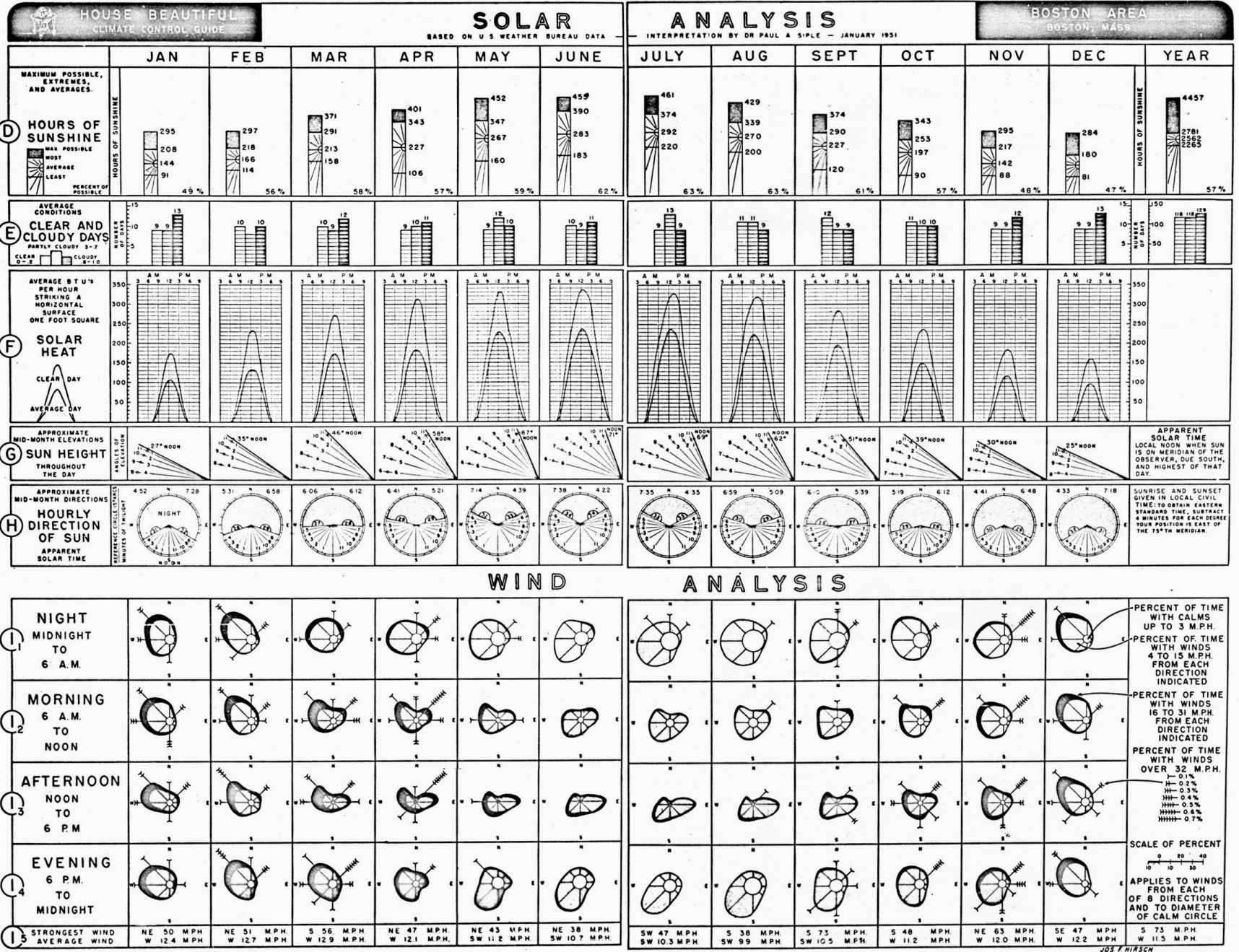


Thermal Analysis of the Boston Area, from the AIA's Regional Climate Analyses and Design Data, March 1951 Bulletin.

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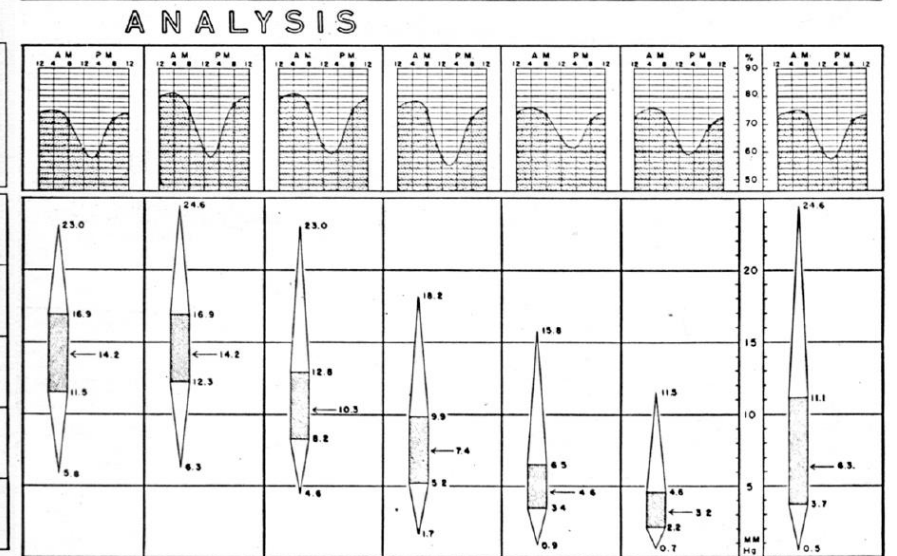
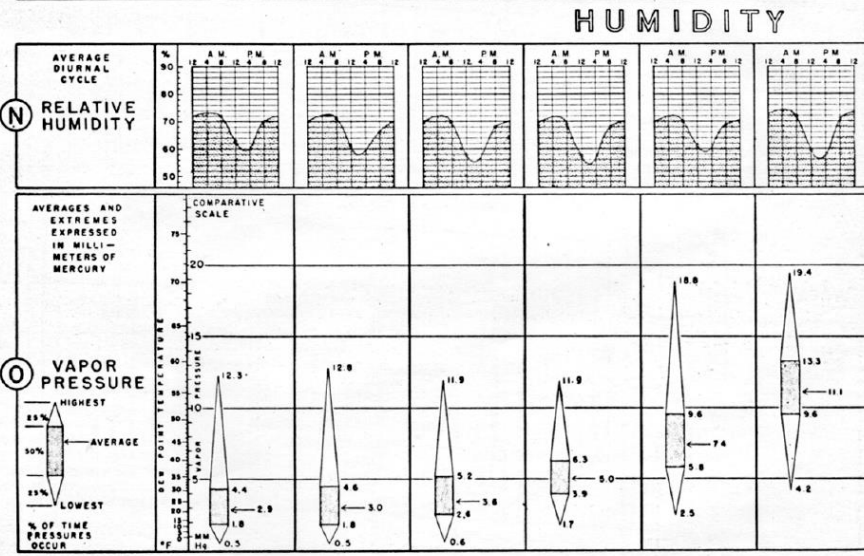
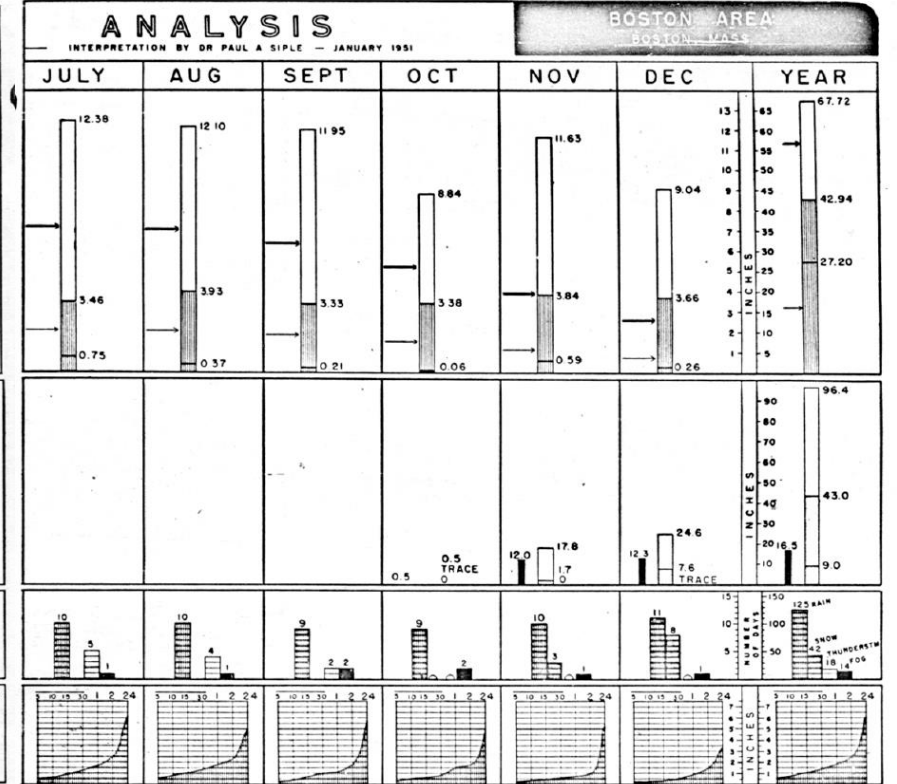
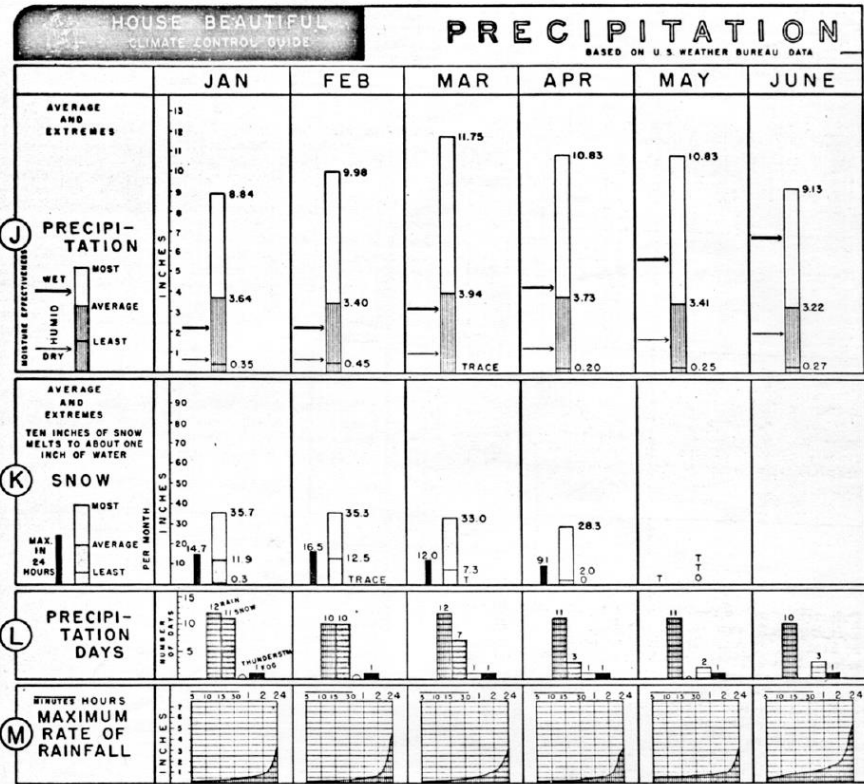
A modern invention



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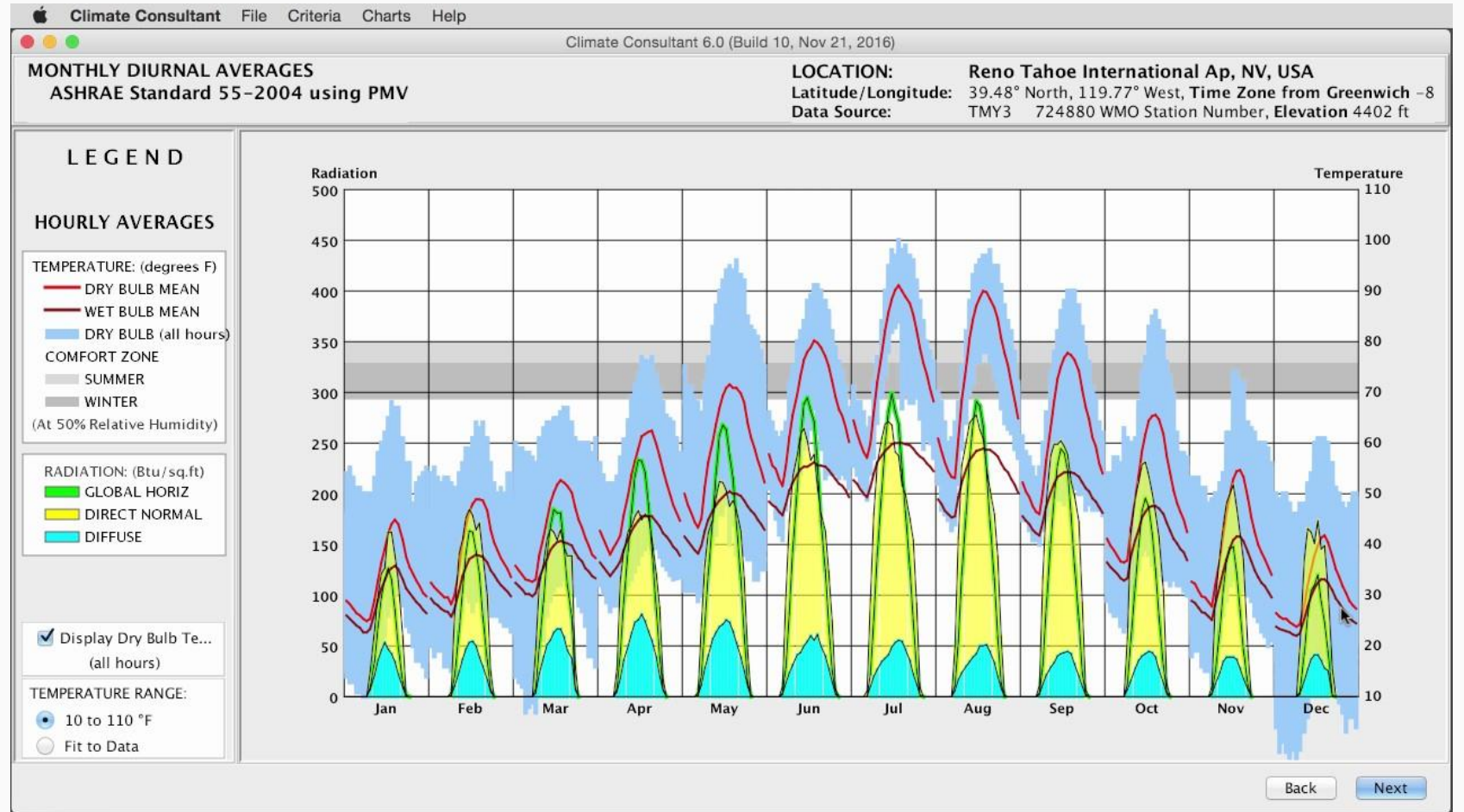
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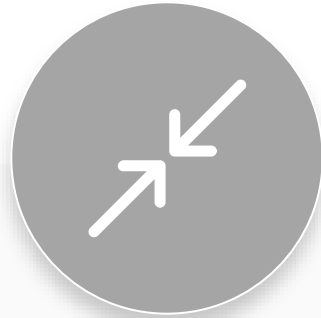
Climate analysis is a niche and time consuming task



## Goals for a climate analysis tool



**Easy to access**



**Easy to use**

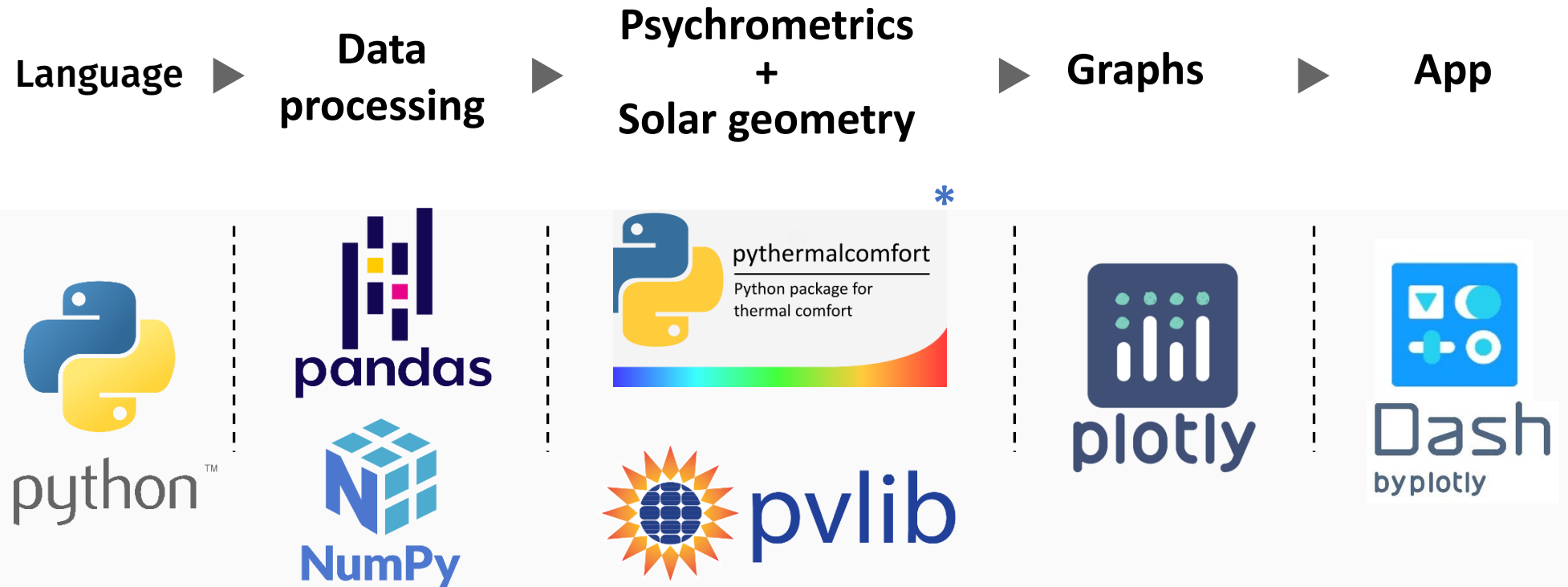


**Easy to understand**



**Flexibile**

## What is under the hood?

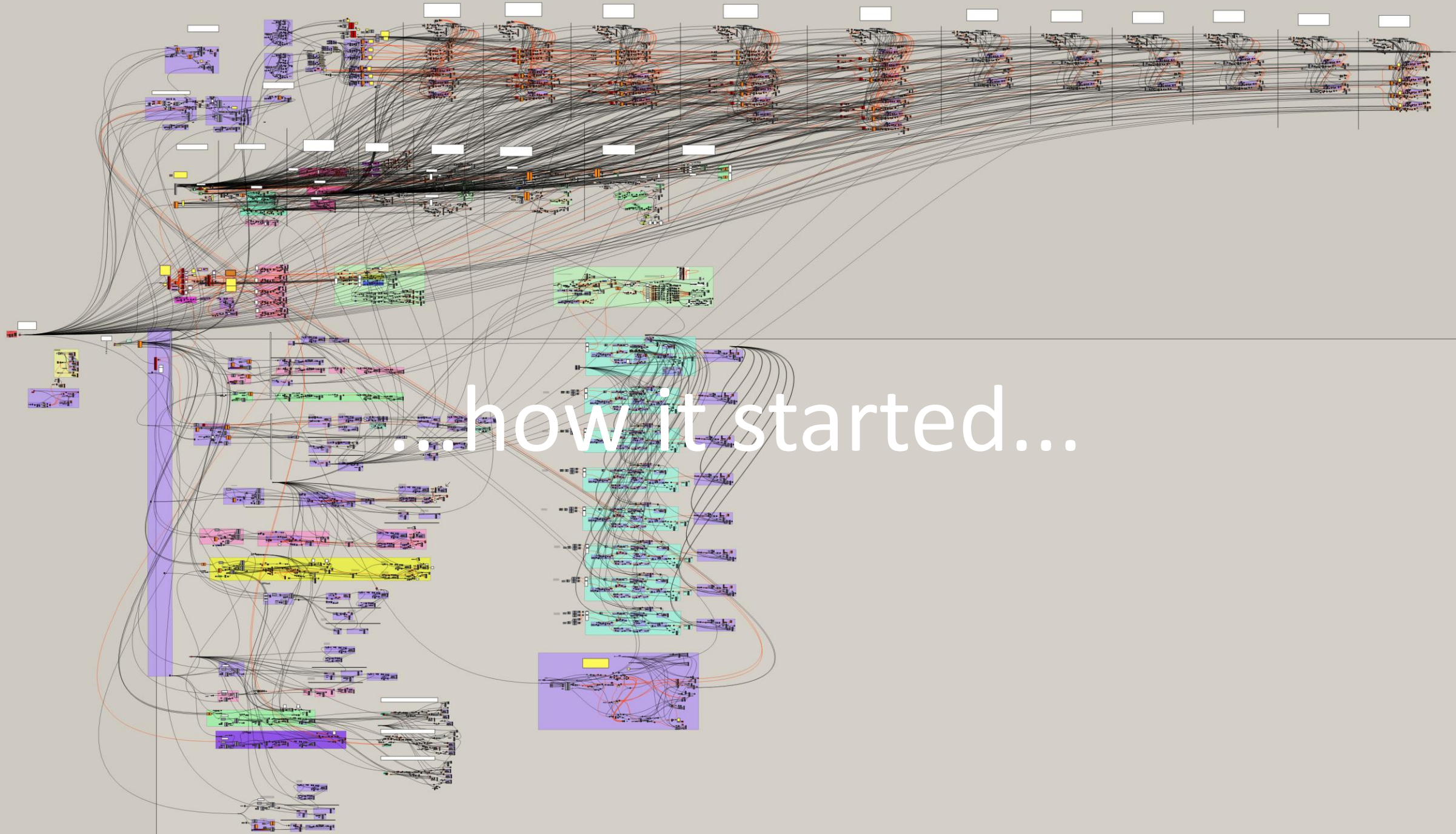


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...how it started...



...how it started...



# CBE Clima Tool

Current Location: N/A

● Global Value Ranges

● Local Value Ranges

Select Weather File

Climate Summary

Temperature and Humidity

Sun and Clouds

Wind

Psychrometric Chart

Natural Ventilation

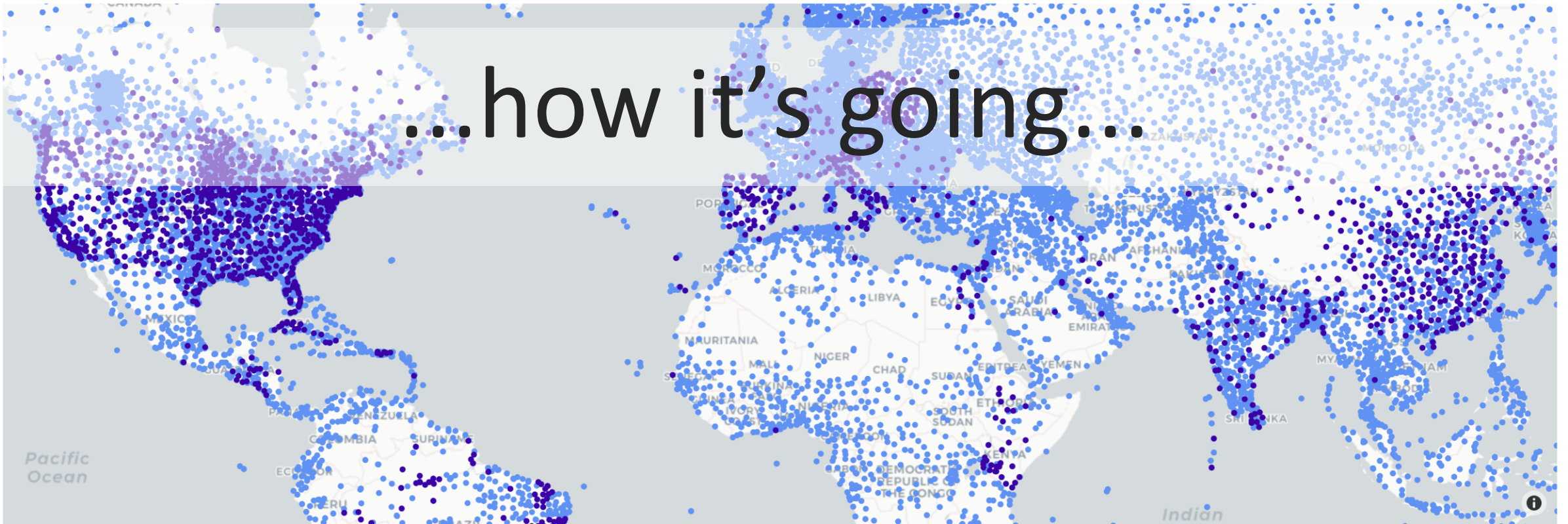
Outdoor Comfort

Data Explorer

To start, upload an EPW file or click on a point on the map!

Drag and Drop or Select an EPW file from your computer

...how it's going...



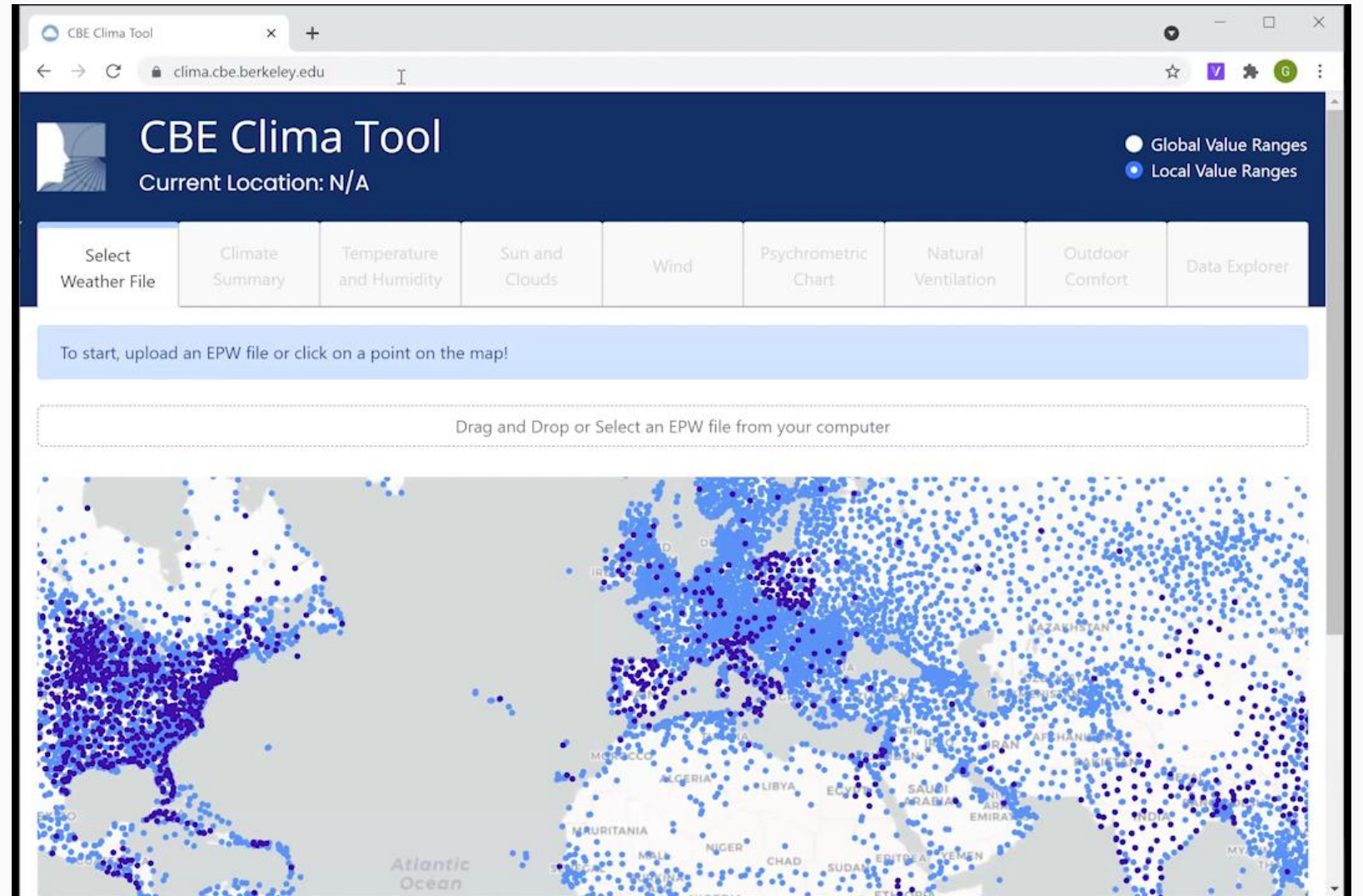


Intuitive navigation  
through  
**interactive map**

Access to  
**~30,000 weather files**  
worldwide

High quality data  
from:

**Energy Plus**  
**OneBuilding.org**  
**Upload your own**



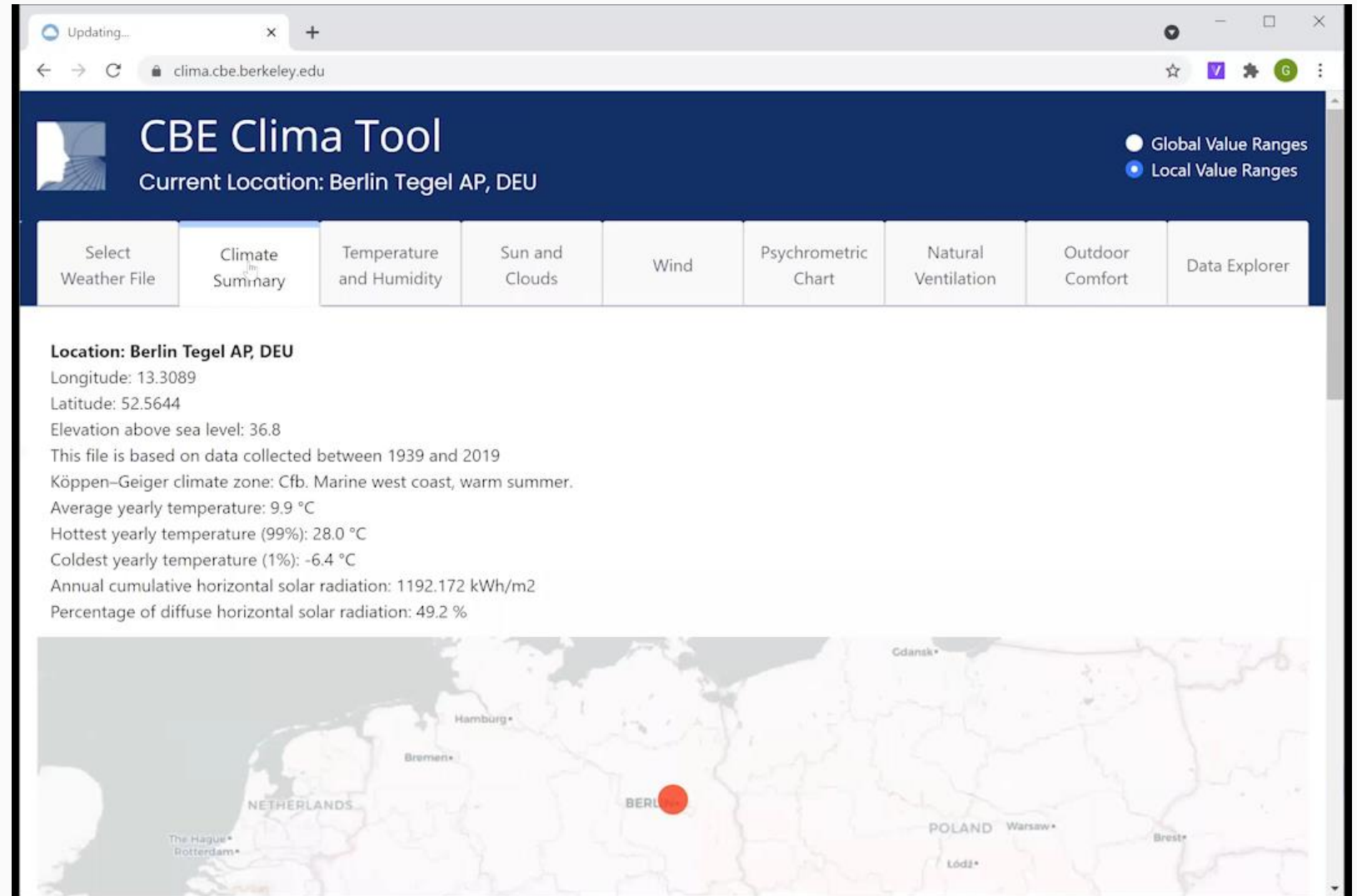
## Climate Summary

Weather Location  
Check

Summary statistics

(customizable)  
Heating/Cooling  
degree Days

Climate Profiles



The screenshot displays the CBE Clima Tool web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `clima.cbe.berkeley.edu`. The page title is "CBE Clima Tool" and the current location is "Berlin Tegel AP, DEU". The interface features a navigation menu with the following options: "Select Weather File", "Climate Summary" (which is the active tab), "Temperature and Humidity", "Sun and Clouds", "Wind", "Psychrometric Chart", "Natural Ventilation", "Outdoor Comfort", and "Data Explorer".

Under the "Climate Summary" tab, the following information is displayed:

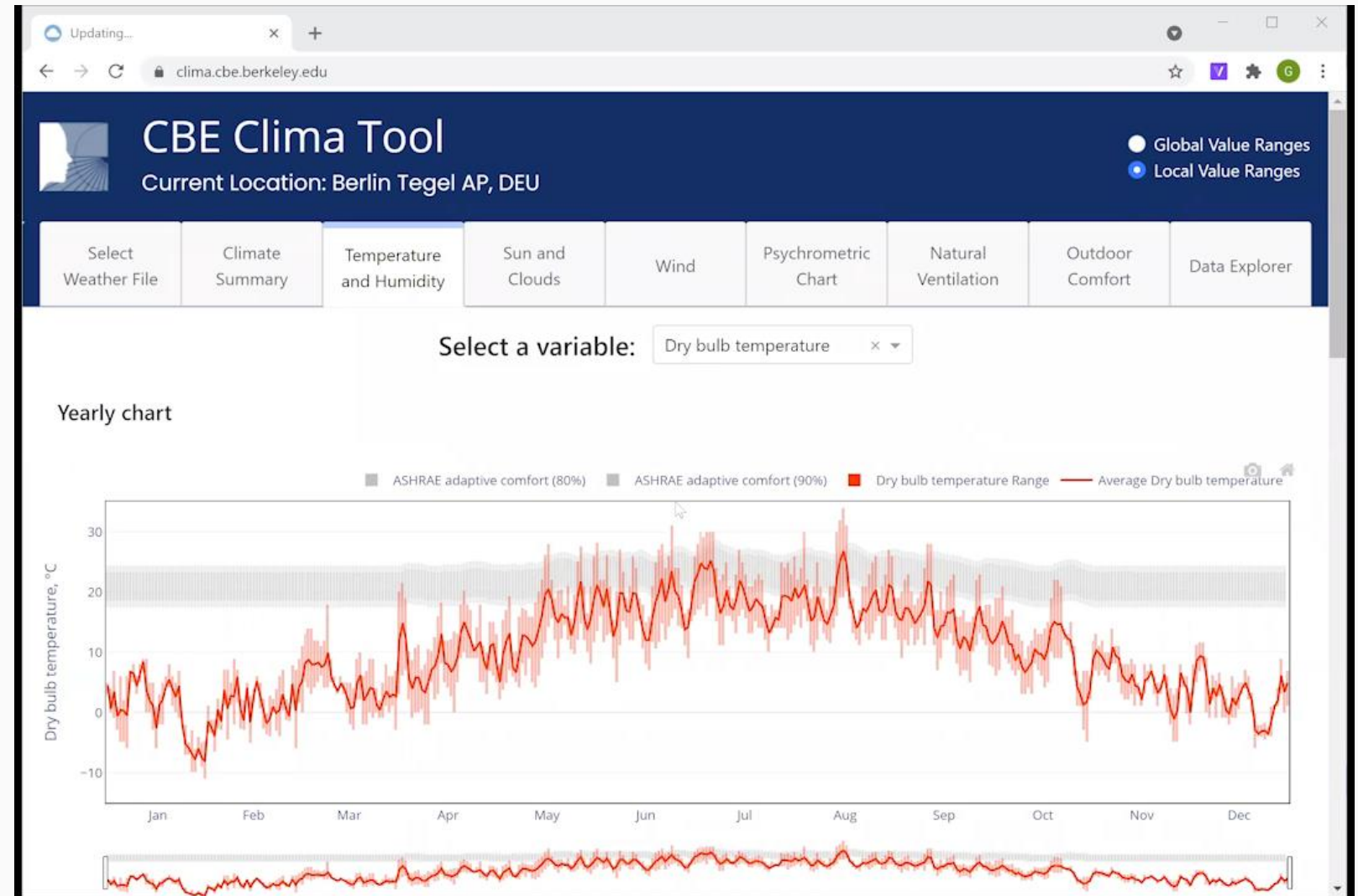
- Location: Berlin Tegel AP, DEU**
- Longitude: 13.3089
- Latitude: 52.5644
- Elevation above sea level: 36.8
- This file is based on data collected between 1939 and 2019
- Köppen-Geiger climate zone: Cfb. Marine west coast, warm summer.
- Average yearly temperature: 9.9 °C
- Hottest yearly temperature (99%): 28.0 °C
- Coldest yearly temperature (1%): -6.4 °C
- Annual cumulative horizontal solar radiation: 1192.172 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
- Percentage of diffuse horizontal solar radiation: 49.2 %

At the bottom of the page, there is a map of Europe with a red dot indicating the location of Berlin. Other cities labeled on the map include Gdansk, Hamburg, Bremen, Warsaw, Lodz, Brest, The Hague, and Rotterdam. The countries "NETHERLANDS" and "POLAND" are also labeled.

## Temperature and Humidity

Annual profile  
Monthly profile  
Hourly profile

Interactive, data-rich mouse-over interactions  
Zoomable, interactive graphs



## Sun and Clouds

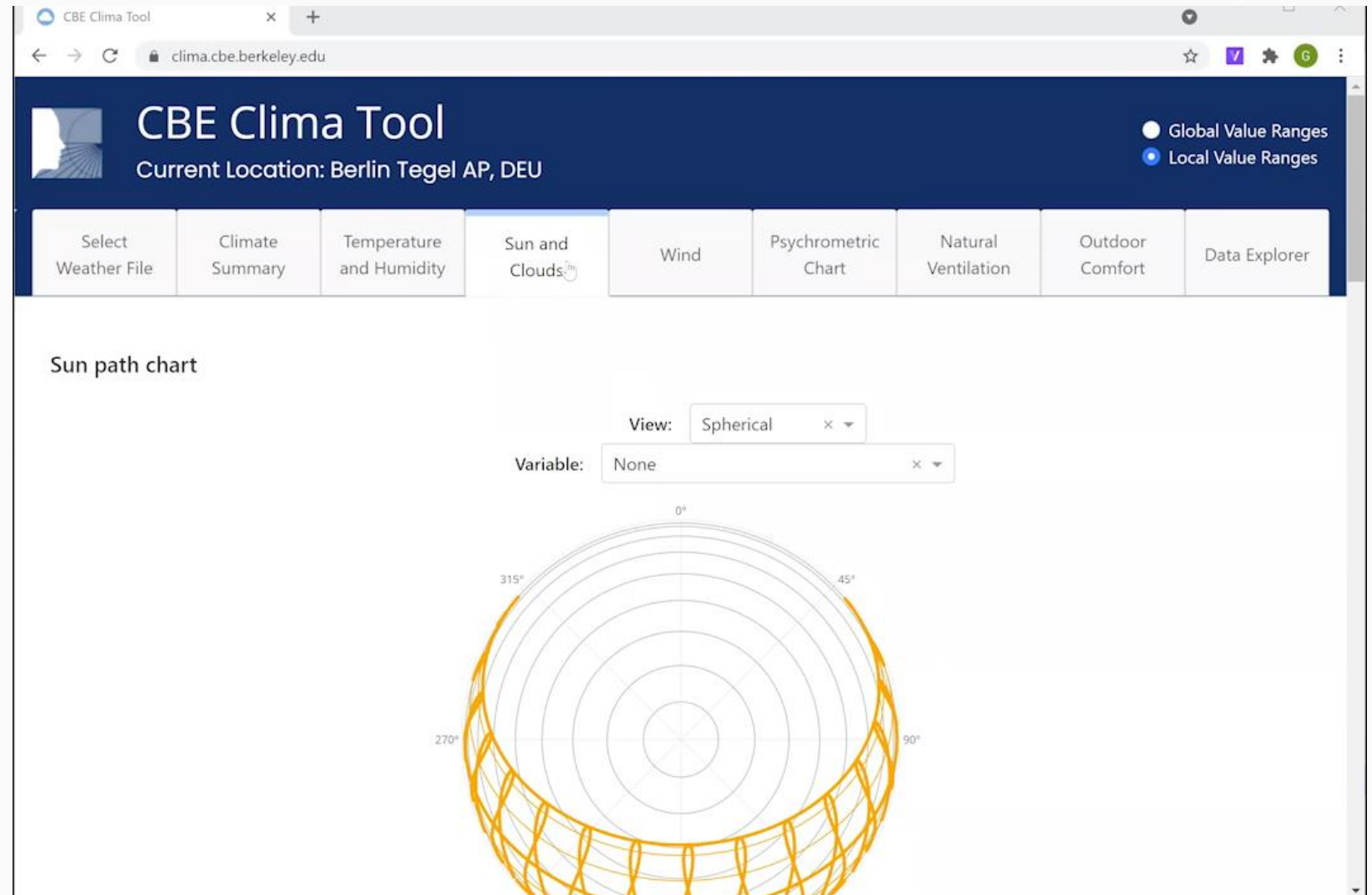
Selection of sun  
path projection

Spherical  
Cartesian

Overlay data on  
sunpath

Global vs diffuse  
horizontal radiation

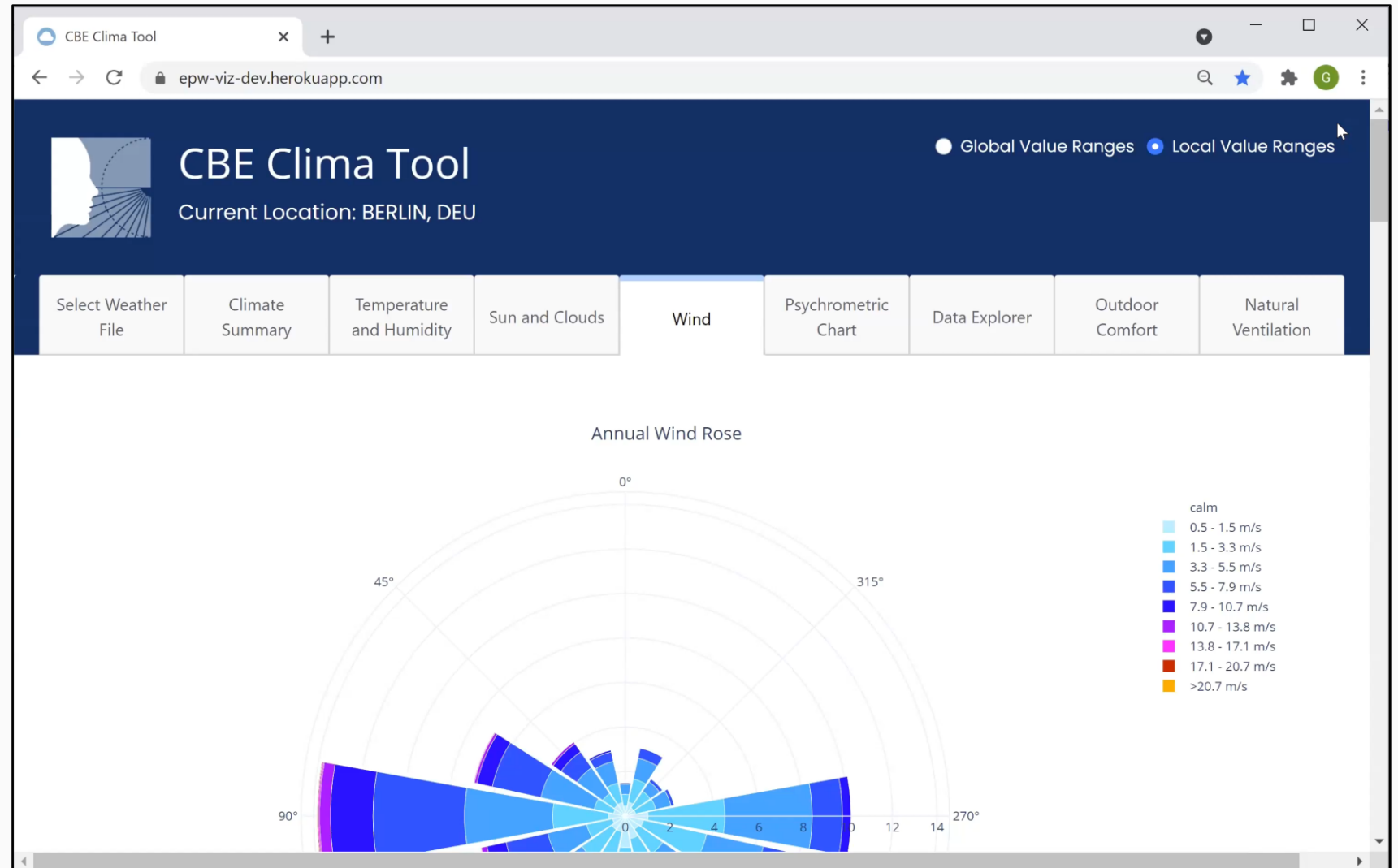
Cloud cover  
Plot custom  
variables



# Wind

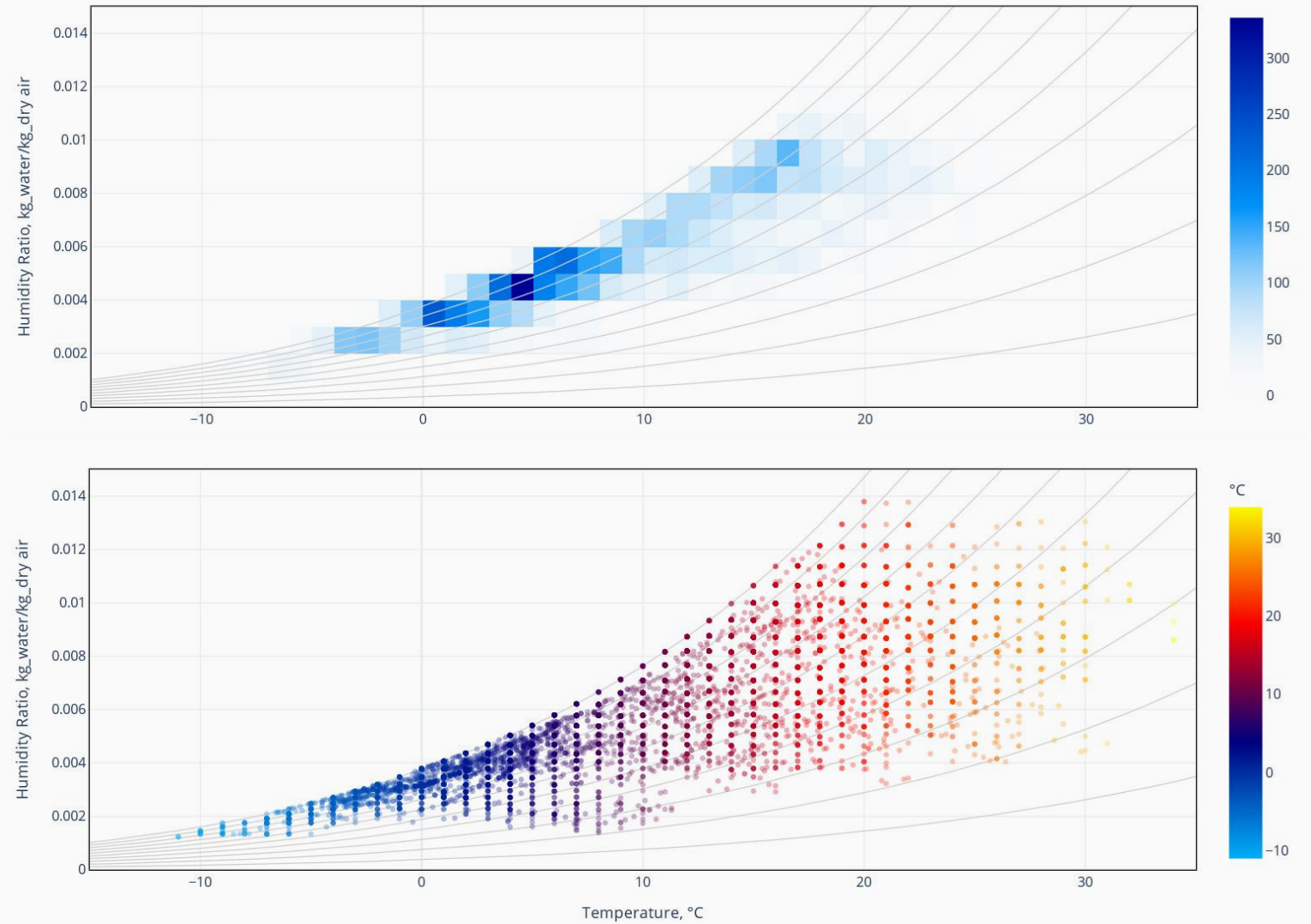
Wind roses:  
Yearly  
Seasonal  
Daily  
Custom

Hourly profiles:  
Wind speed  
Wind direction



...and more!

Customizable  
psycrometric charts

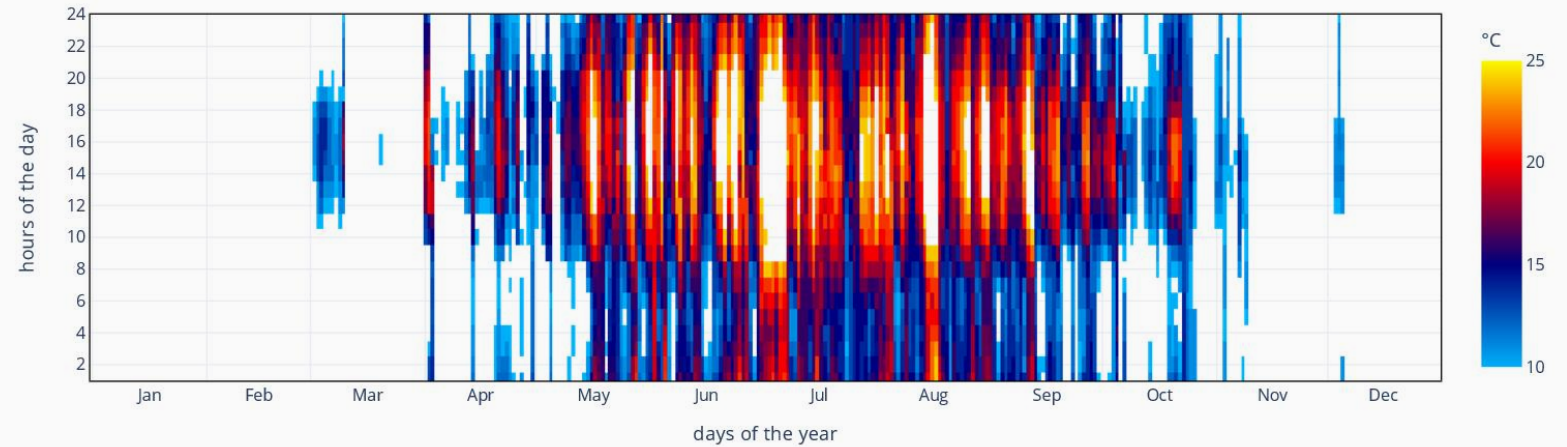


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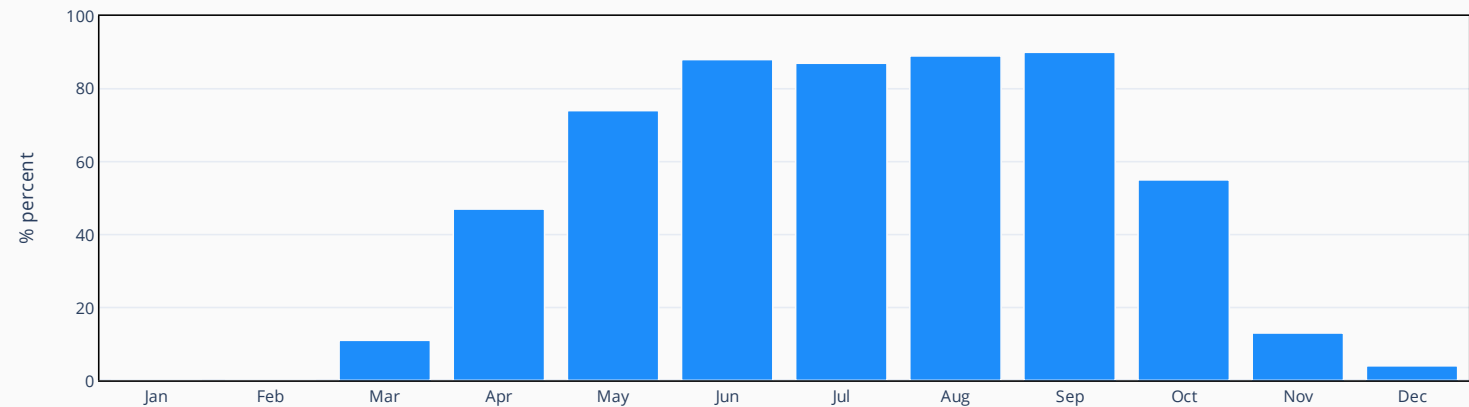
Customizable  
psychrometric charts

Natural Ventilation  
Potential

Hours when the Dry bulb temperature is in the range 10 to 24 °C



Percentage of hours the Dry bulb temperature is in the range 10 to 24 °C

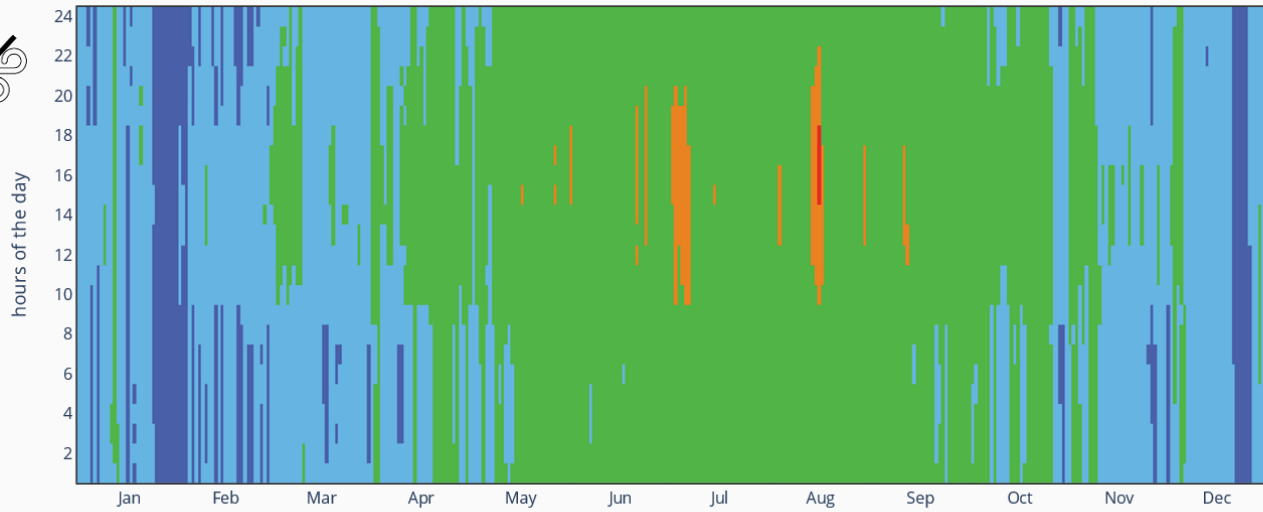
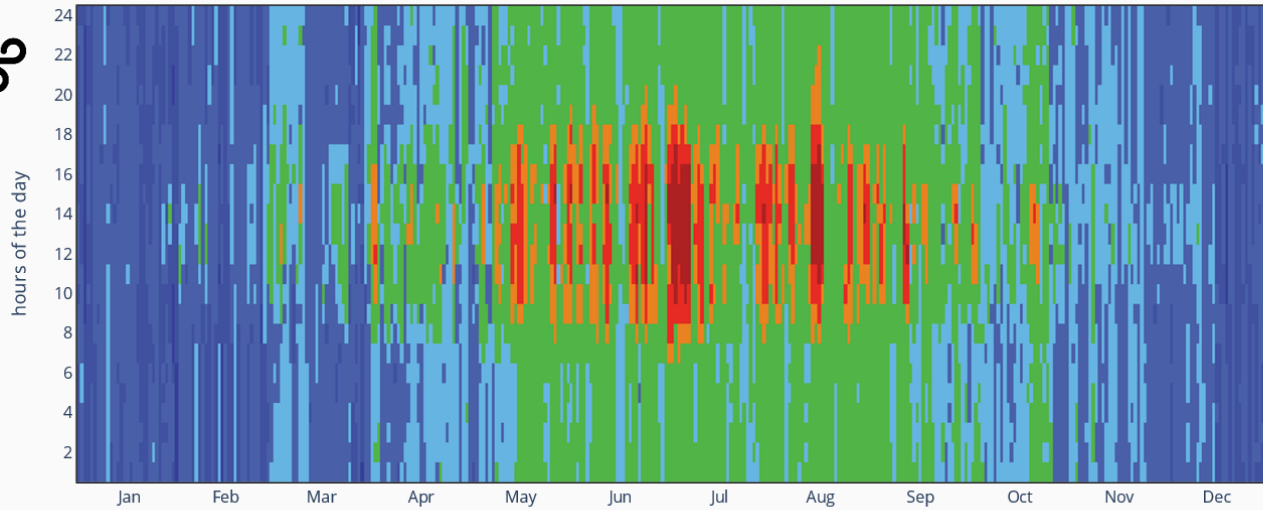
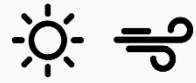


...and more!

Customizable  
psychrometric charts

Natural Ventilation  
Potential

Outdoor “felt”  
temperature (UTCI)





...and more!

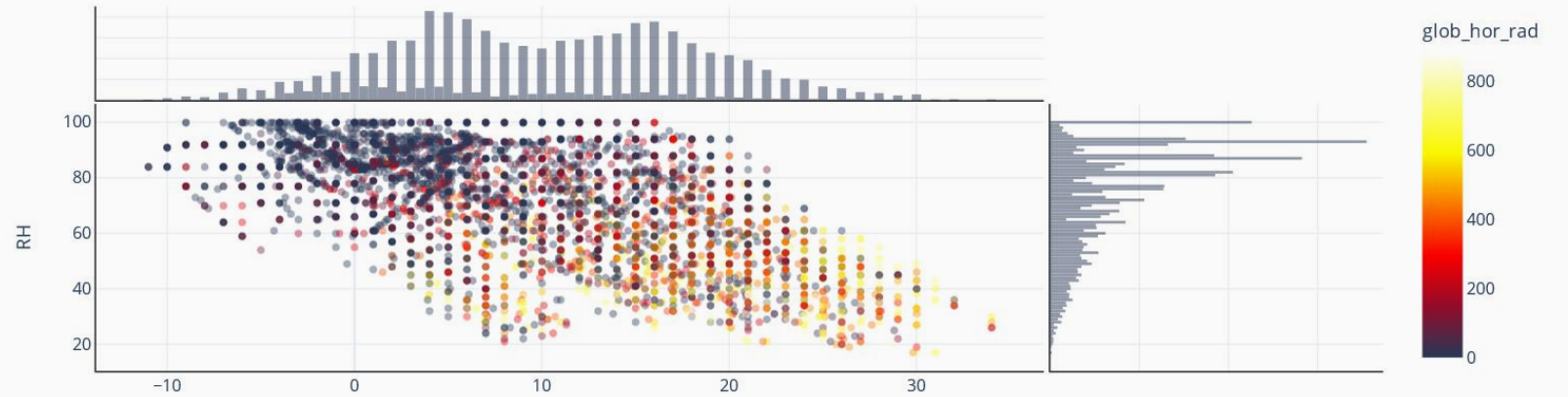
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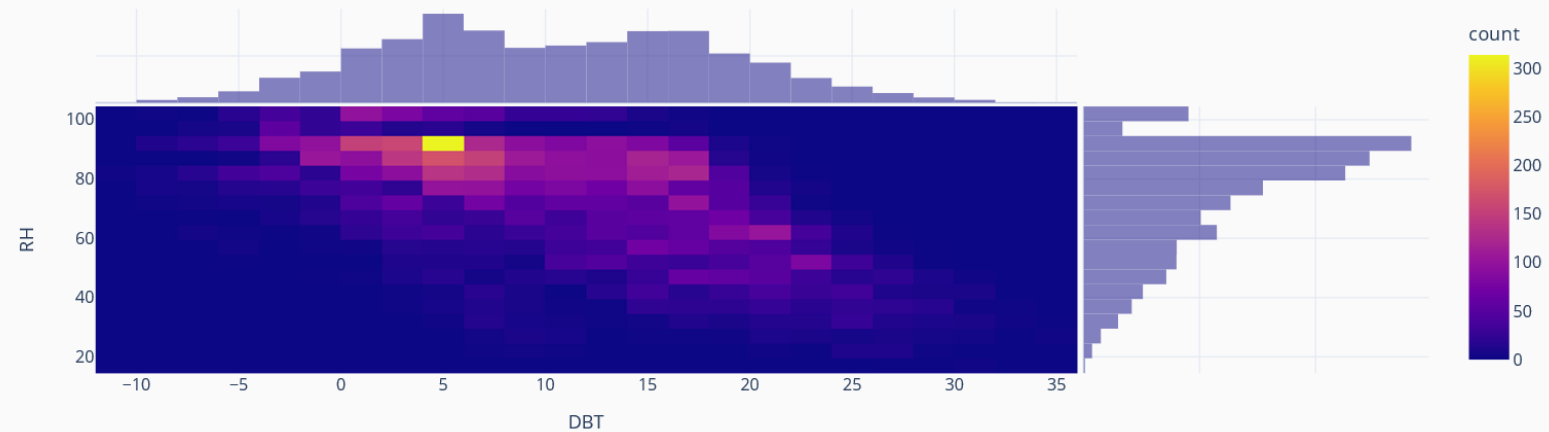
Outdoor “felt”  
temperature (UTCI)

Custom  
multivariable plots

Dry bulb temperature vs Relative humidity colored by Global horizontal radiation

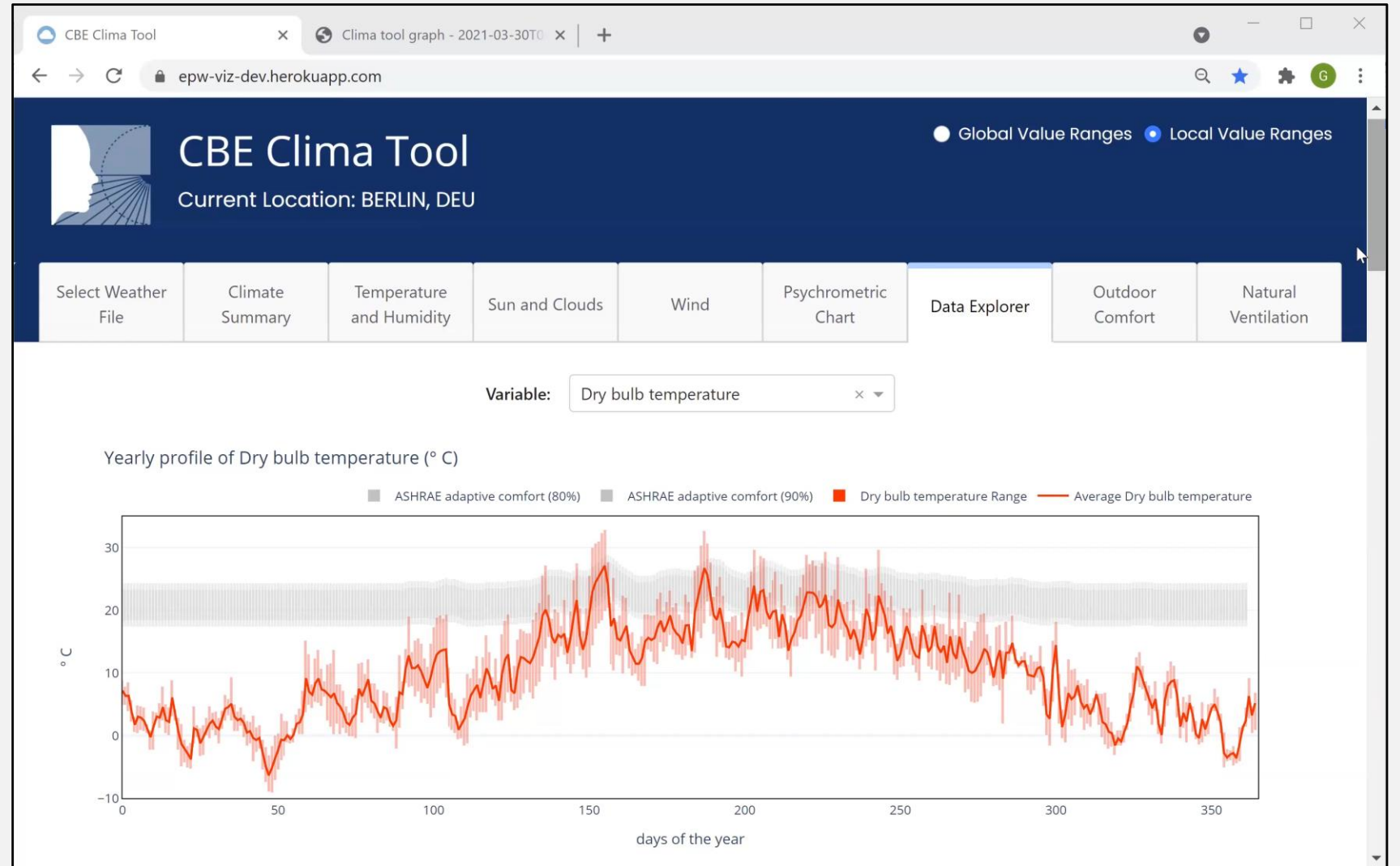


Simultaneous frequency of Dry bulb temperature and Relative humidity



## Vector graphics

All graphs are downloadable in their current state as vector graphics (\*.svg)

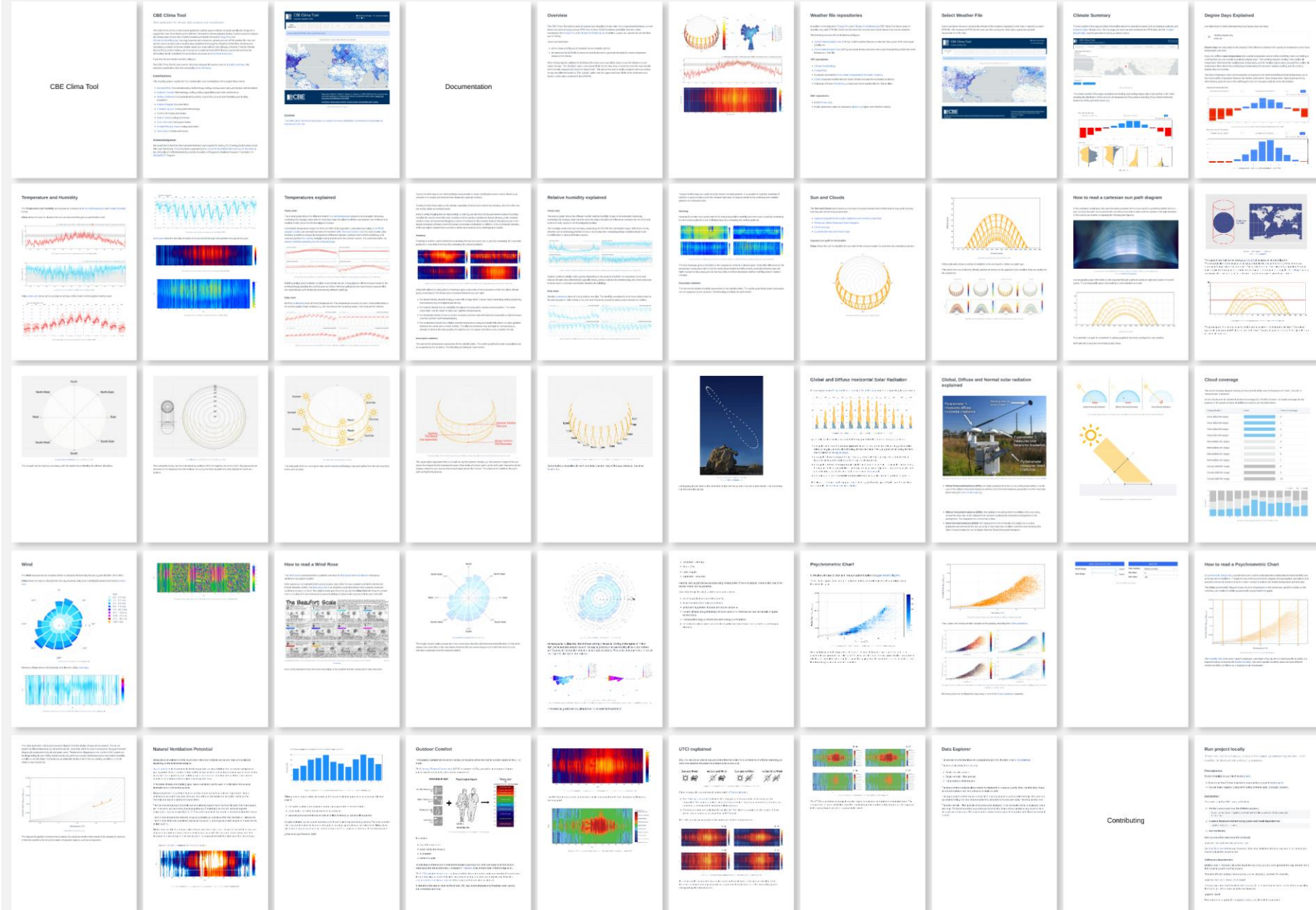


# Documentation

Over 50 pages of graphics and text explaining each graph and climate analysis



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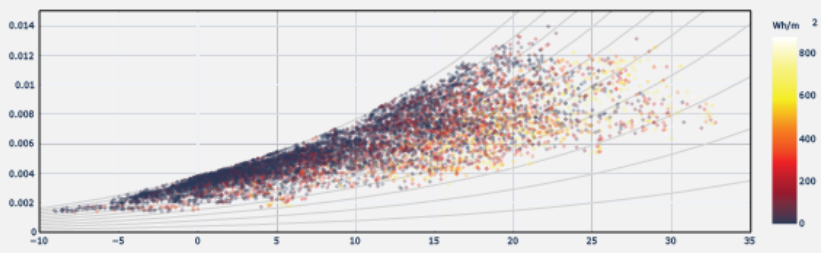
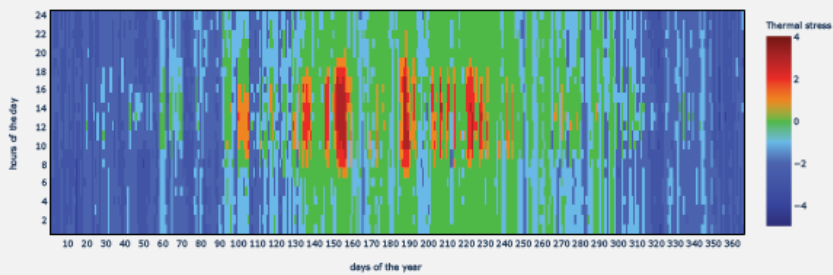
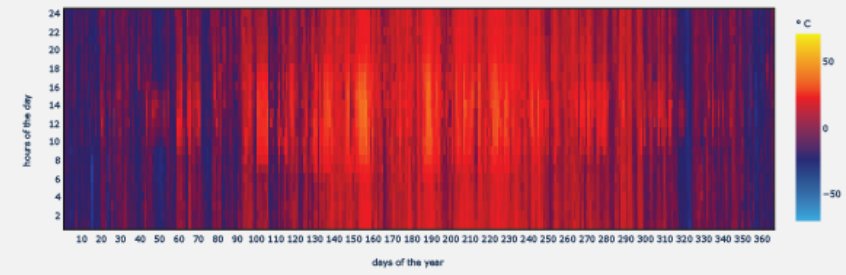
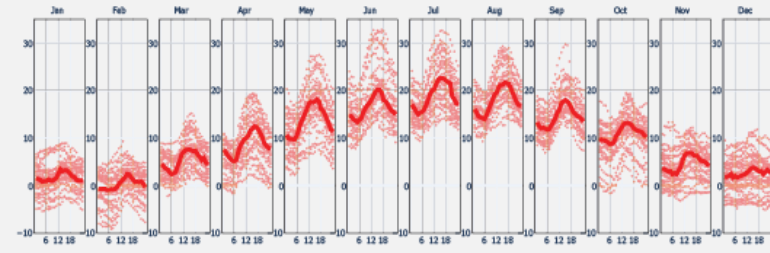
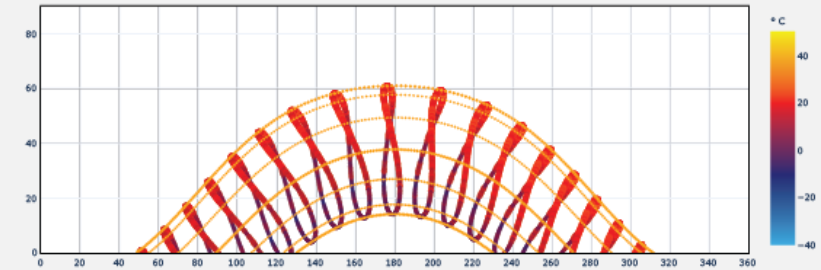
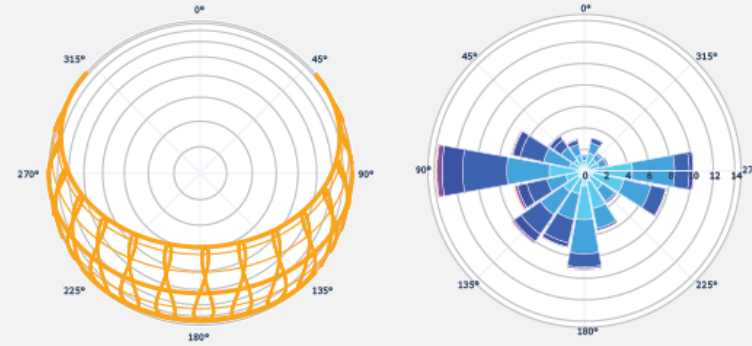
## Next steps

Gather User Feedback!

Various UI improvements

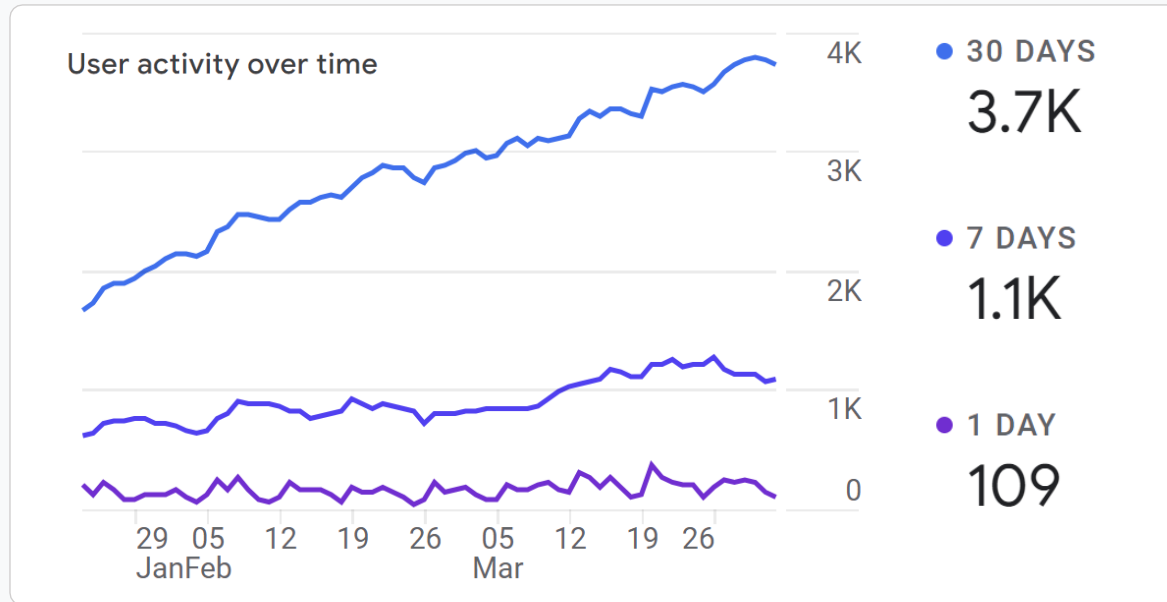
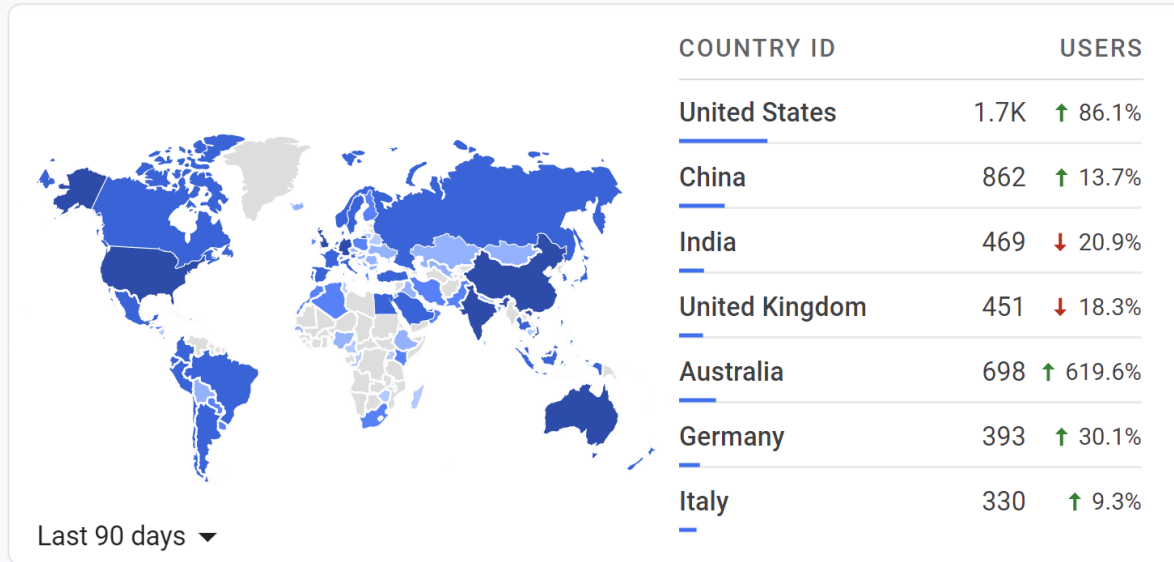
Hunting bugs

Future Weather Files



**Beta Version**  
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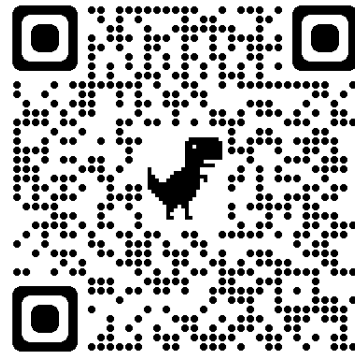
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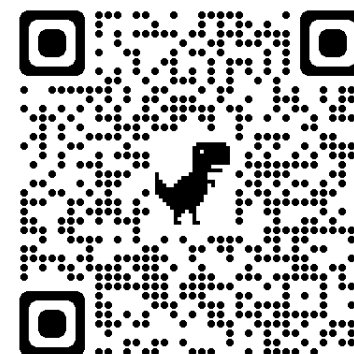
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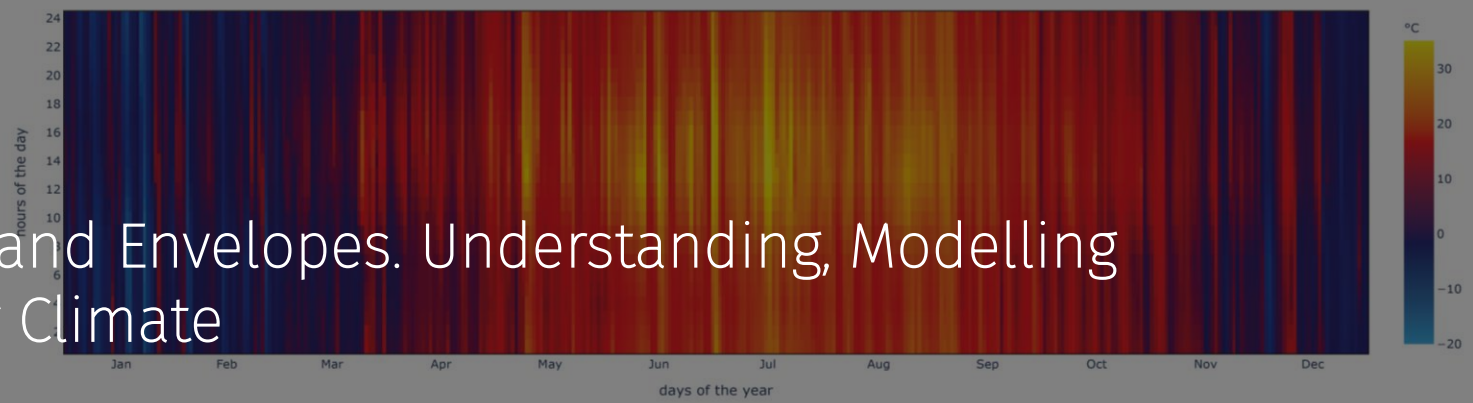
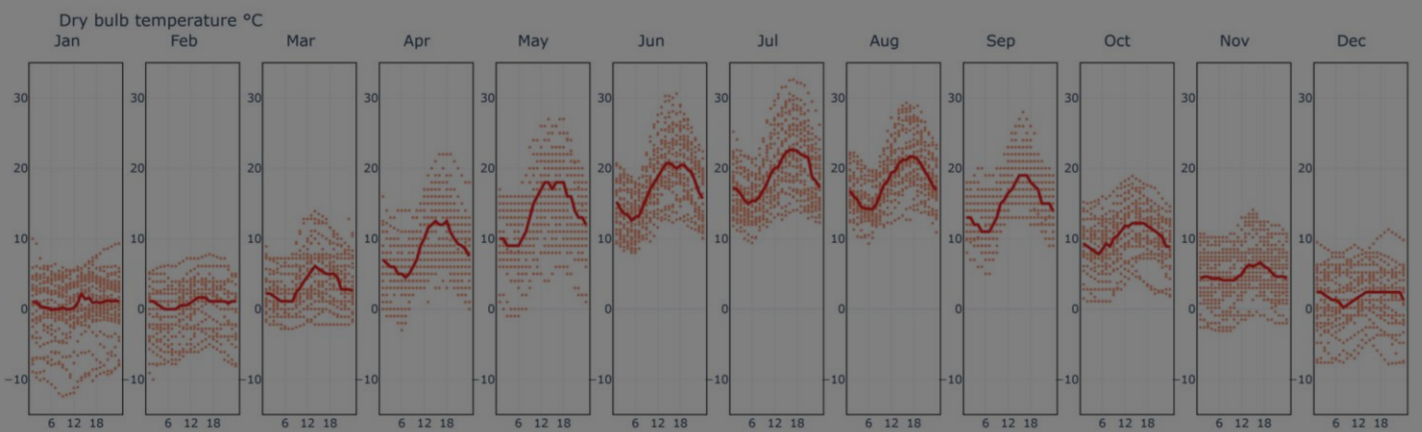
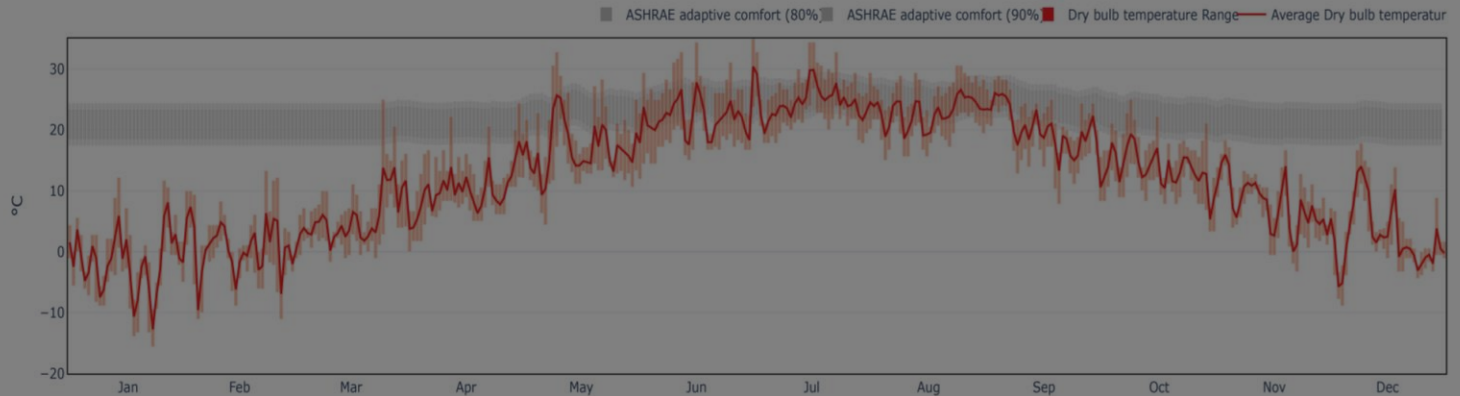
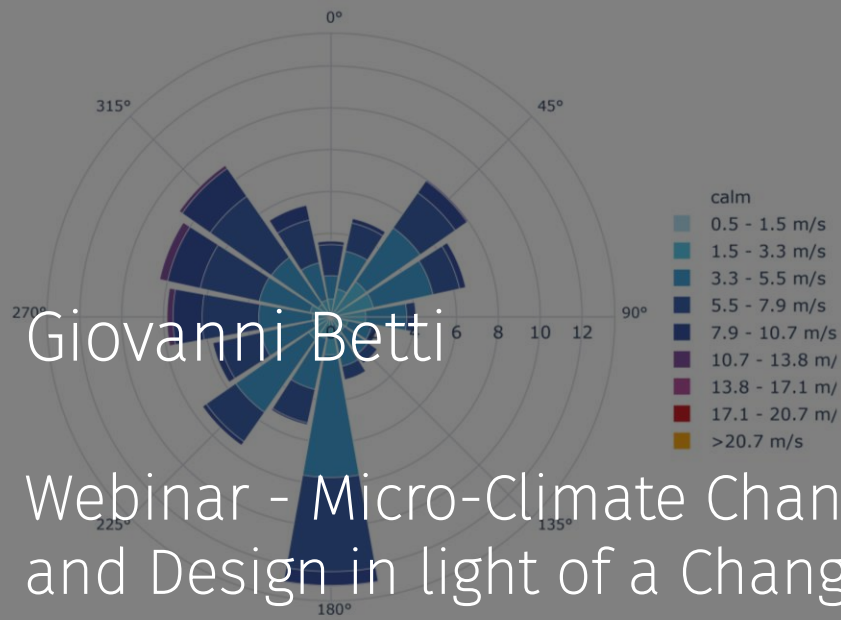


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# The role of citizen data towards climate resilient cities

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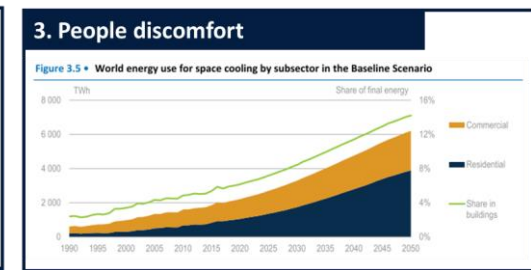
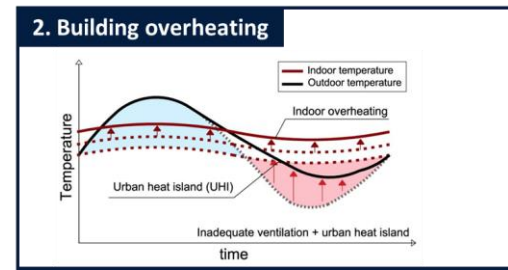
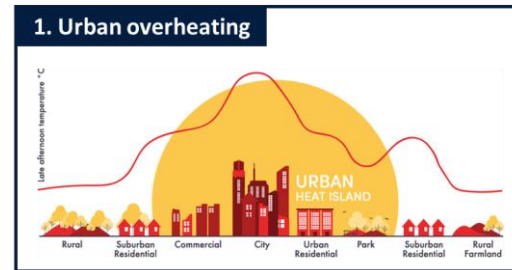
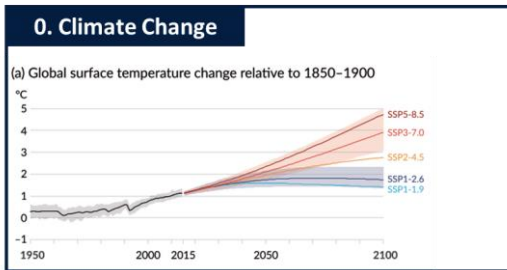
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# WHAT CAN WE DO TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF HEAT?

## ACTION SCALES



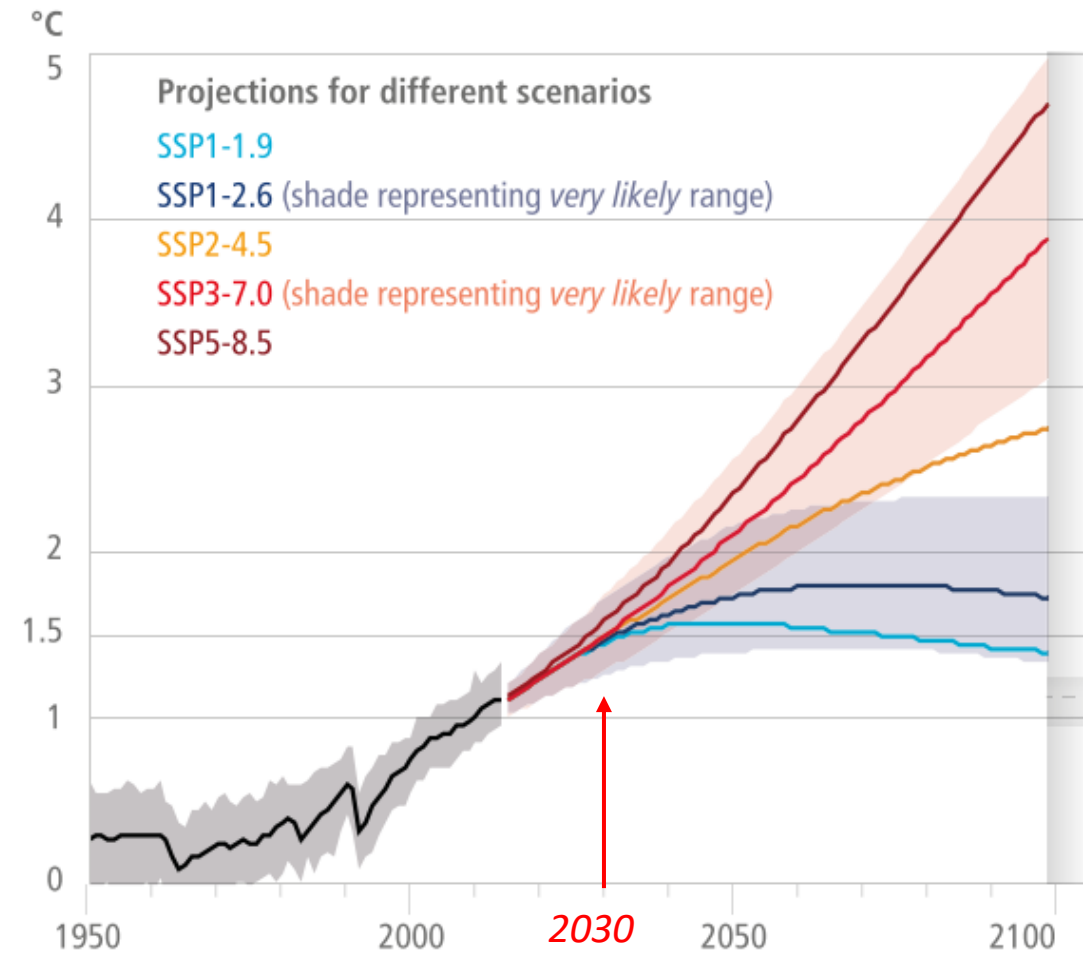
# Challenge

Increase in global surface temperature above pre-industrial levels

-1.09°C by 2011-2020

-Keeping temperature increase below 1.5°C is out of reach

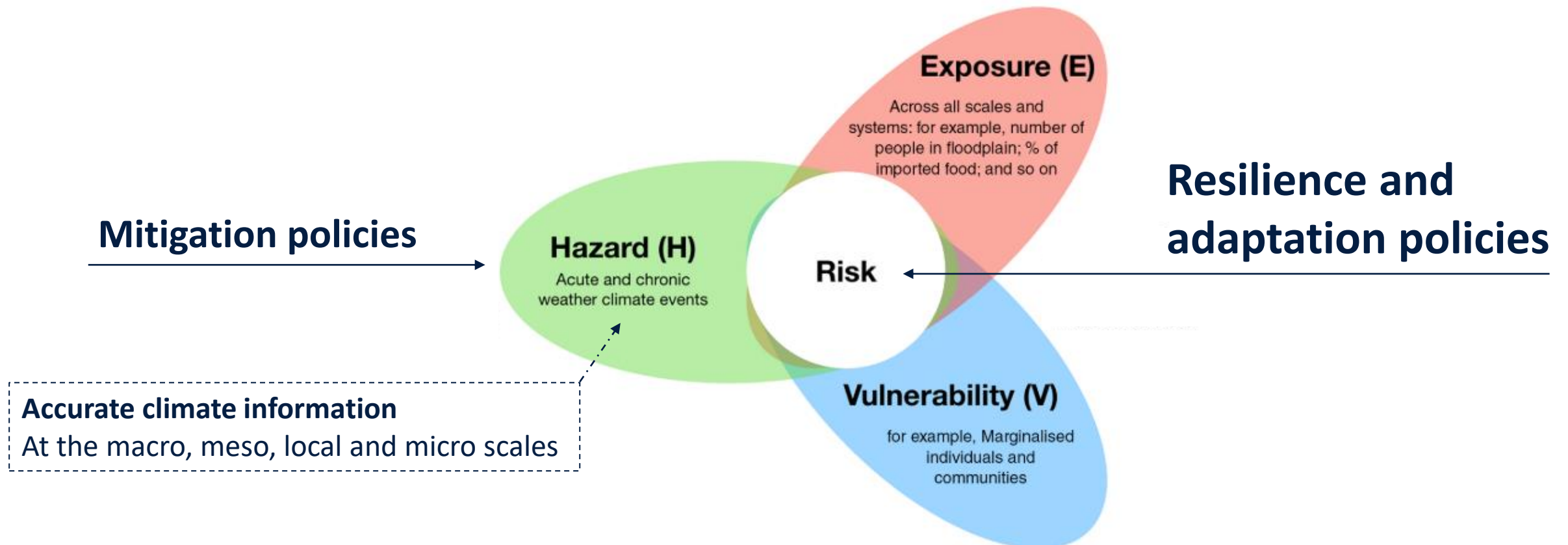
-1.5°C is expected by 2030



# Challenge

Looking at from 1.5°C to 2°C global warming

Which cities and regions are under the highest climate risk?



# Citizen science for accurate climate information

## Citizen-driven distributed computing

### Global climate modelling

Scale: global (macro and meso)

Spatio-temporal resolution: 6h at 60km<sup>2</sup>

Platform: Climateprediction.net(CPDN)

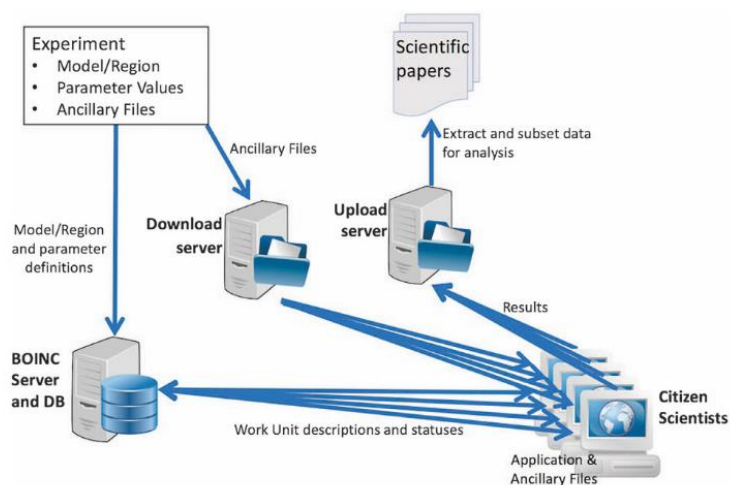


Fig. 1. Workflow of publically volunteered computers for climate modelling

## Citizen weather data

### Local climate information

Scale: city (local and micro)

Spatio-temporal resolution: 1h at 1km<sup>2</sup>

Platform: Netatmo, Wunderground

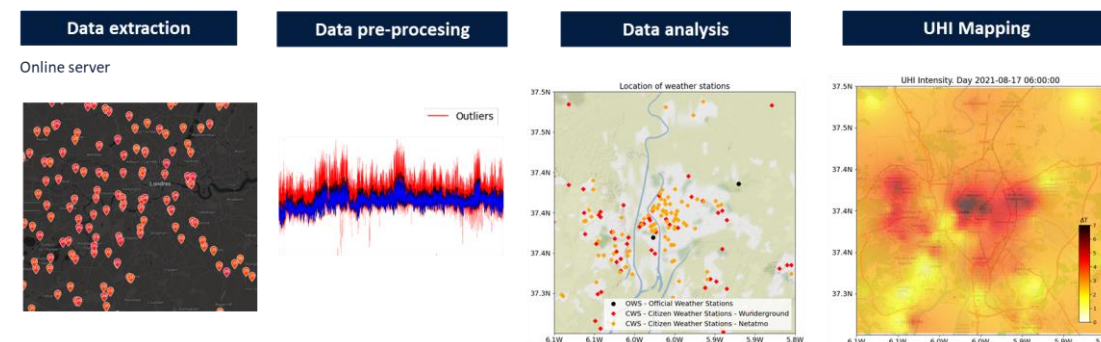
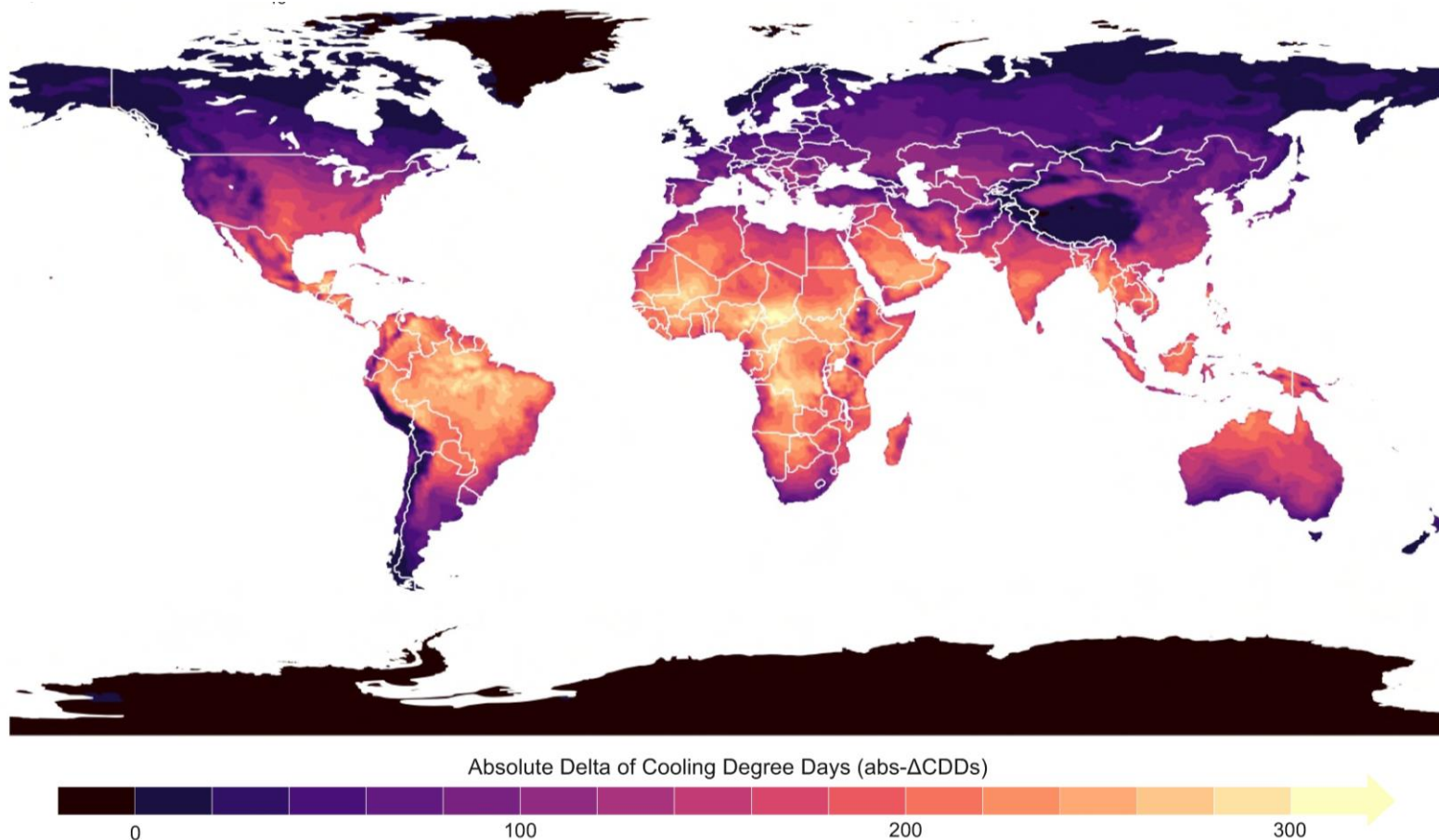


Fig. 2. Workflow of citizen weather data for high-resolution urban climate mapping

# Citizen-driven distributed computing

Increase in Cooling Degree Days from 1.5°C to 2°C



*Largest spatiotemporal resolution of 1.5°C and 2.0°C climate change scenarios  
Identification of regions more affected using Cooling Degree Days*

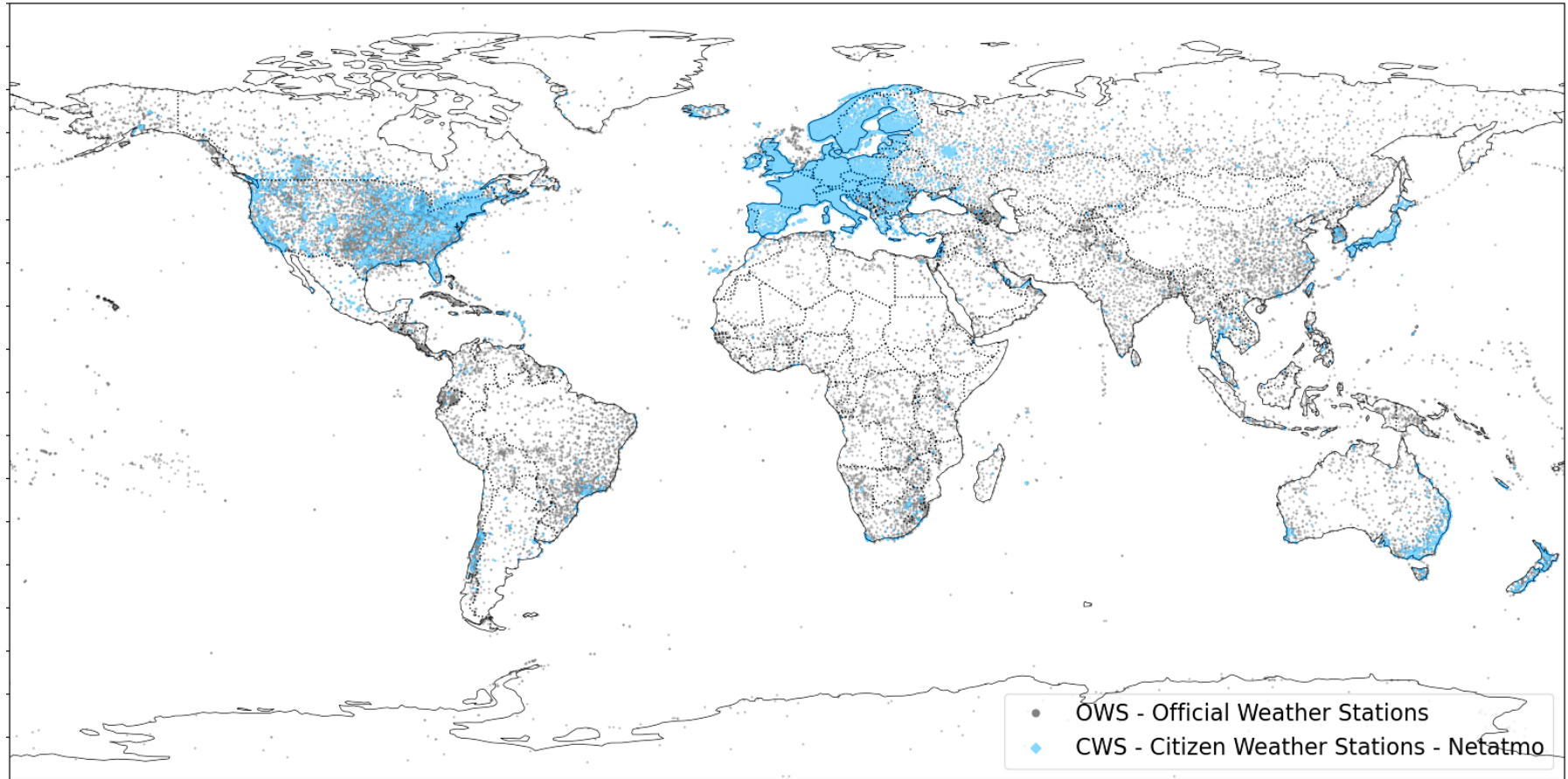
-African countries have the highest increase in cooling requirements.

-In Europe, Mediterranean countries will suffer the highest increase in cooling needs.

# Citizen weather data

*550,000 citizen weather stations are found globally*  
*Higher citizen weather data density in Europe*

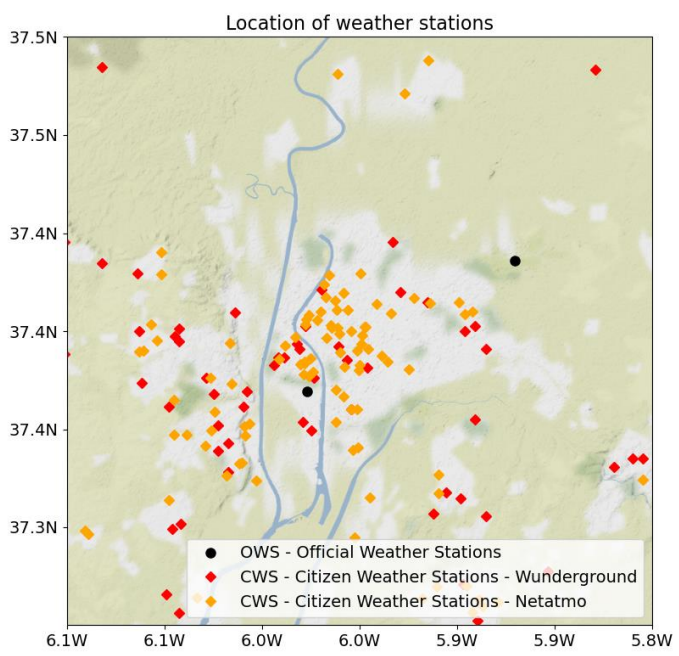
Gobal distribution of weather stations



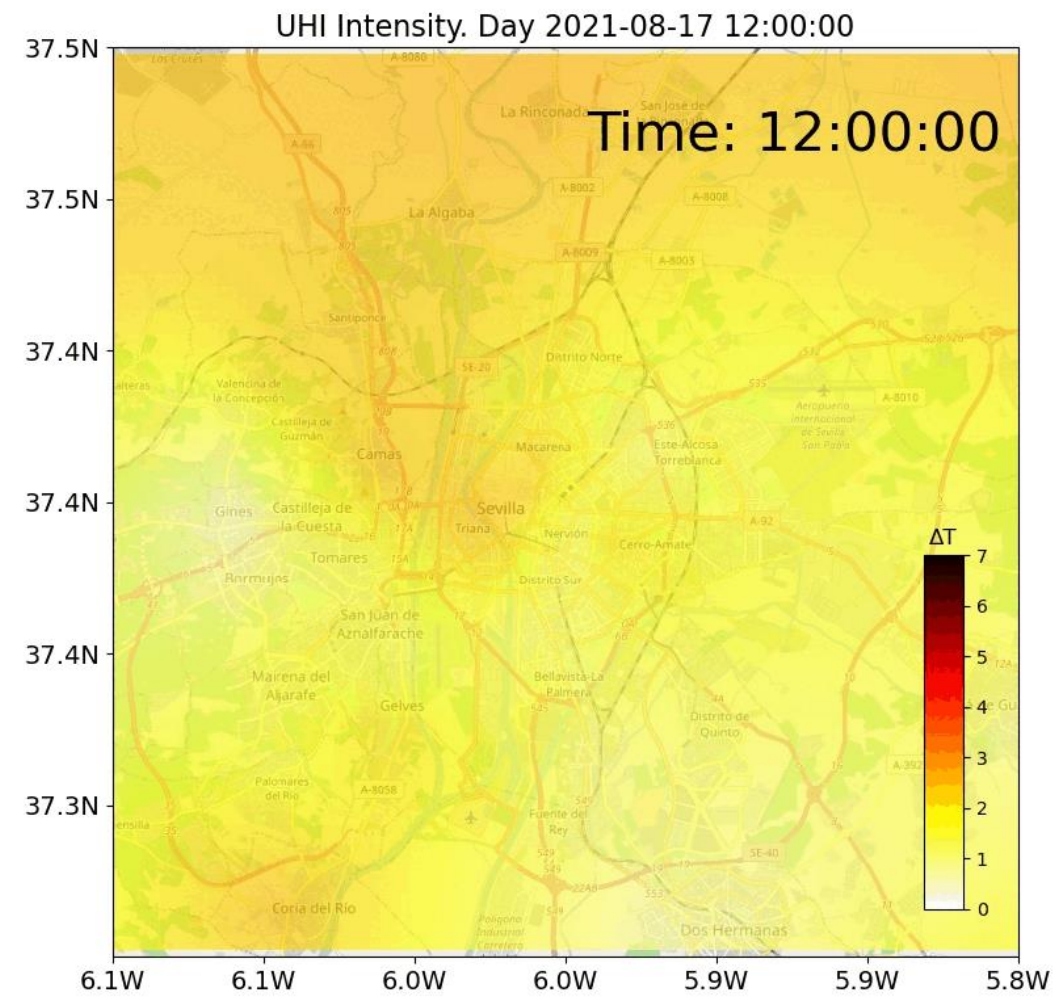


# Citizen weather data

## Atmospheric urban heat island mapping



-Identification of urban areas with an additional temperature increase by 6°C

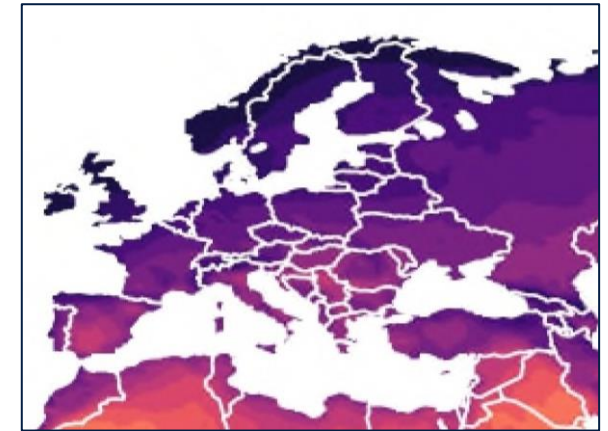


# The role of citizen data

- Citizen science can play an important role in supporting the generation of accurate climate information:
- to evidence the regions with higher climate-related impact;
- and to prioritise the climate adaptation policies in the built environment;
- towards climate-resilient cities

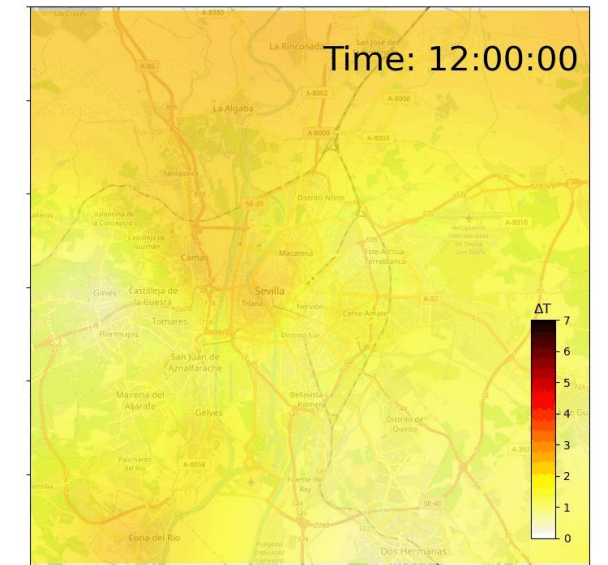
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*Citizen-driven computing*



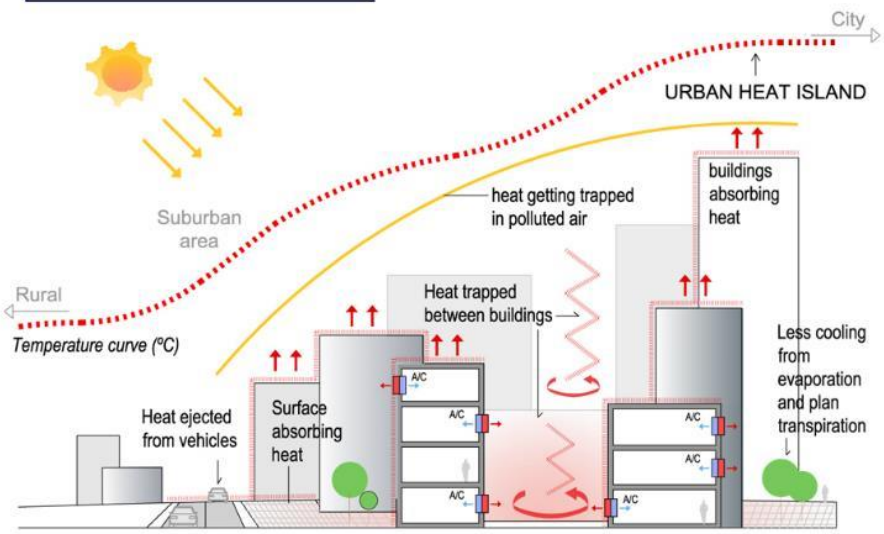
Local and micro scales

*Citizen weather data*

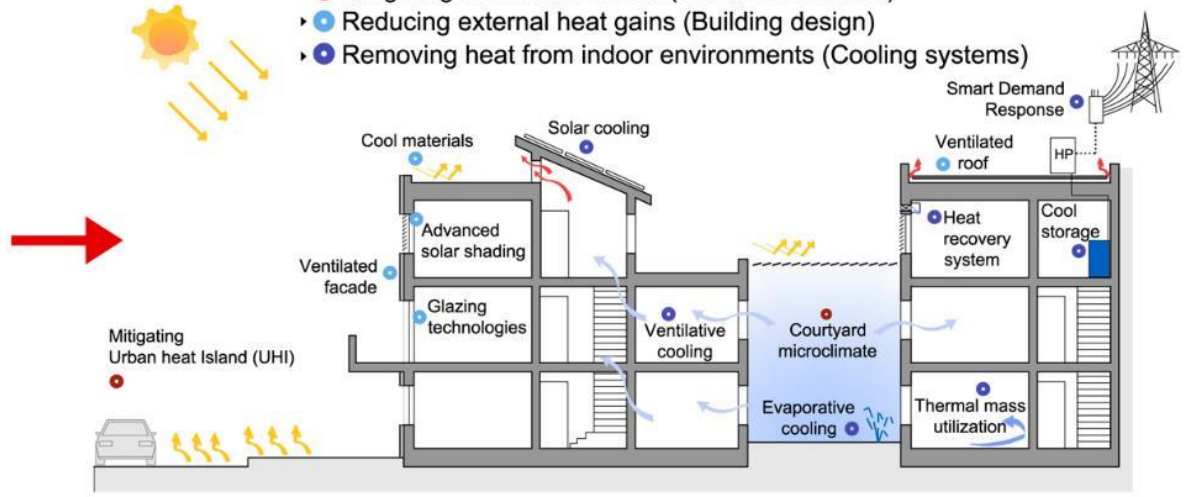




# a H2020 Marie Curie Project



- Mitigating heat wave effects (Urban microclimate)
- Reducing external heat gains (Building design)
- Removing heat from indoor environments (Cooling systems)



## Climate risk assessment



## Climate risk mitigation

ResCool - Resilient cooling towards climate change adaptation of cities and buildings



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# Envelopes in Light of Climate Change

## Adaptive Opaque Facades

Shifting from highly-insulated envelopes to thermal modulators

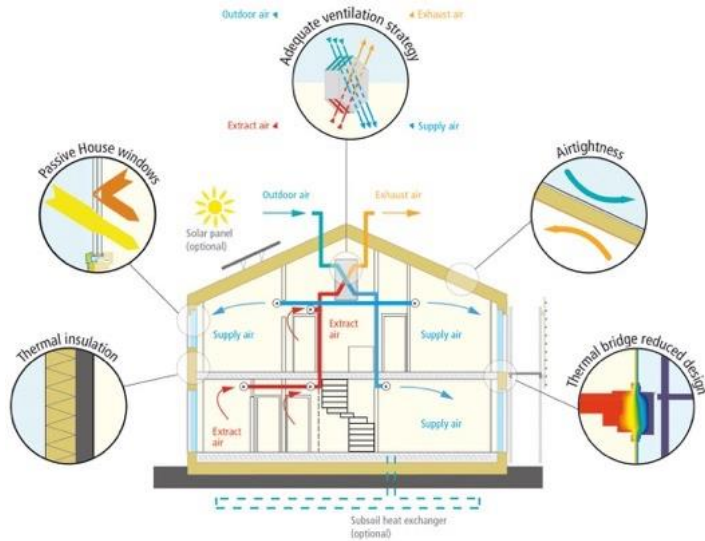
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# How do we build energy efficient building envelopes?



Excluding approach



High insulation level

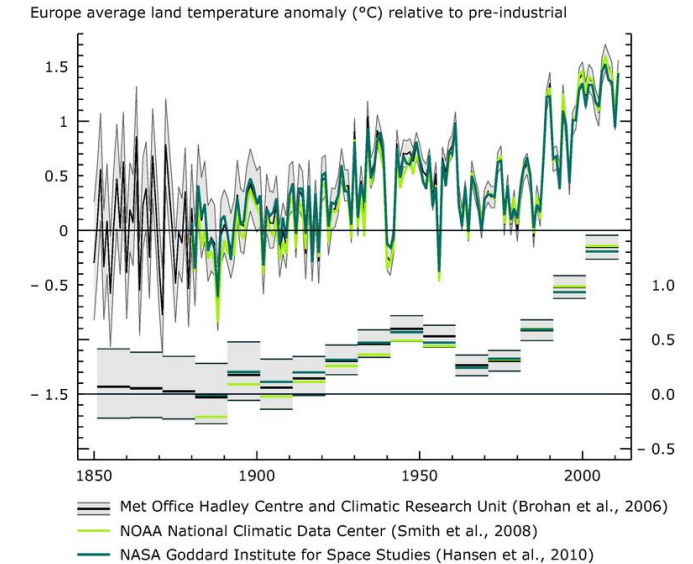
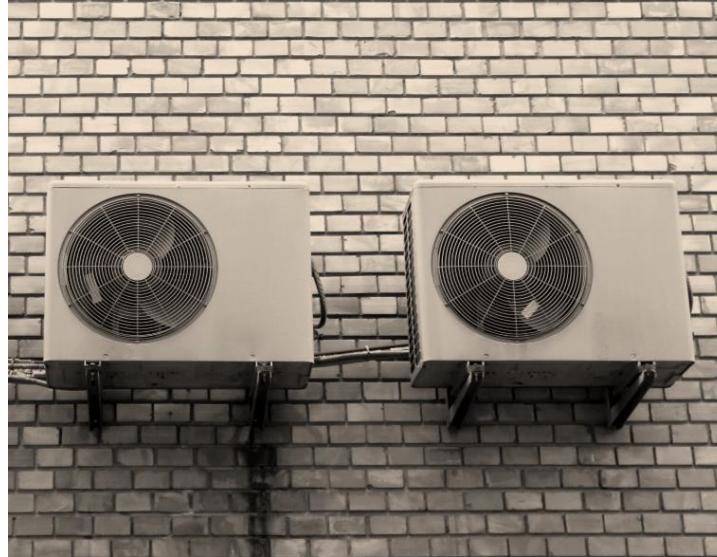


Air-tightness

# The problem of building for average situations

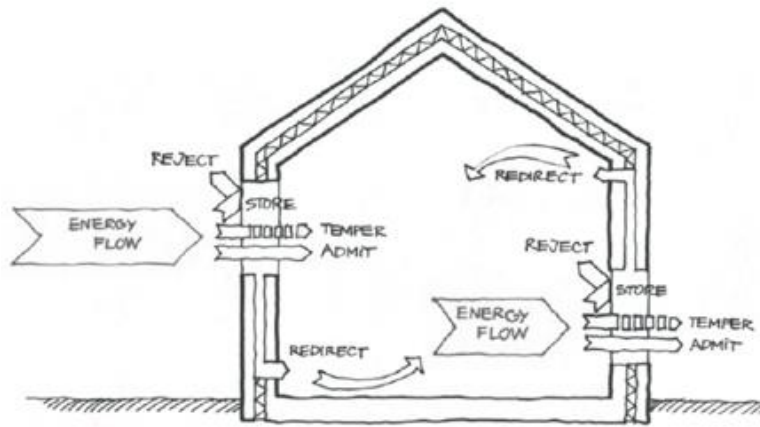


Internal heat gains  
may not be constant



Climate change: average  
conditions are changing, and thus  
energy demand could evolve

# Selective approach or Adaptive Facade concept



[http://: IEA EBC Annex 44](http://iea.org/publications/annexes/annex44)  
adapted by Fernández Solla

Selective approach

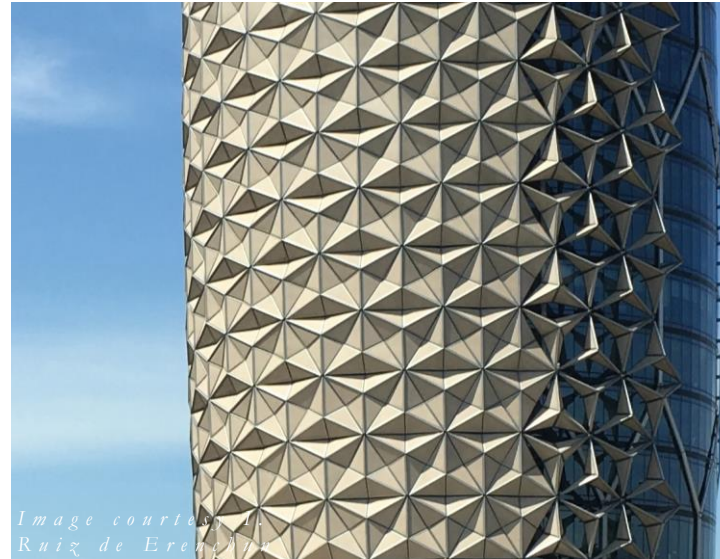


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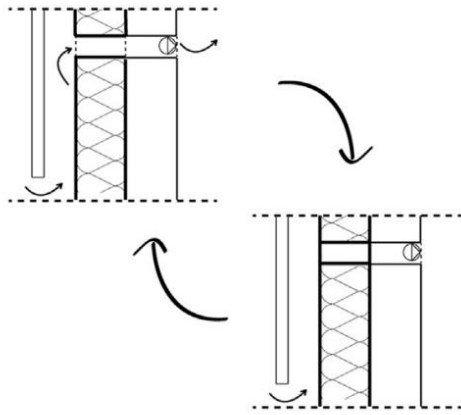
There are already buildings with transparent Adaptive Facades





Adaptive opaque façades have not yet been successful in the market uptake

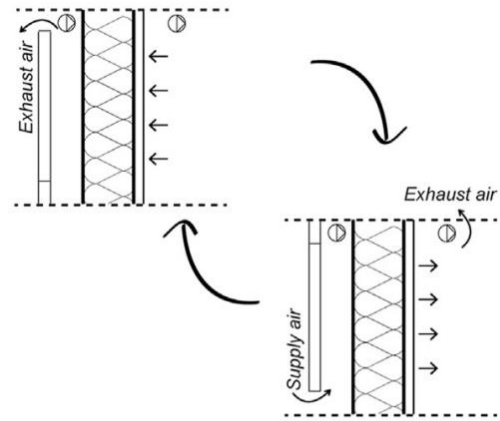
# Adaptive Opaque Facades

They could also be useful in reducing the urban heat island effect.



  Parietodynamic Insulation

Parietodynamic walls



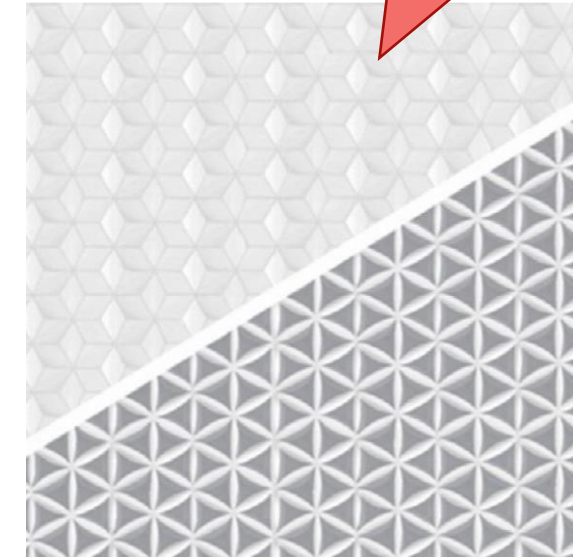
  Permeodynamic Insulation

Permeodynamic walls



Dynamic Insulations

*Image by author. Prototype at Larson Building System Laboratory at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Concept patented by Krarti and tested in a laboratory to characterise its dynamic thermal behaviour*



Kinetic claddings

*Source: Juaristi M, Loonen R, Isaia F, et al. (2020) Dynamic climate analysis for early design stages: A new methodological approach to detect preferable adaptive opaque facade responses. Sustainable Cities and Society 60: 102232*



# Adaptive Opaque Facades

Which solution is best for... ?

Heat control solution type	Noise insulation	Air pollution insulation	Durability	Cooling demand reduction	Heating demand reduction
NATURAL VENTILATION	★	★	★★★★	★★	★
PARIETODYNAMIC	★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★
PERMEODYNAMIC	★★★★	★★★★	★	★★	★★
GAS-FILLED PANELS	★★	No air exchange	★★	★★★★	★★★★
CLOSED-LOOP DYNAMIC INSULATION	★★	No air exchange	★★	★★★★	★★★★
MOVABLE MULTI-LAYER PANELS	★	No air exchange	★★	★★★★	★★★★
MOBILE COATINGS	No noise insulation	No air exchange	★★	★	★★★★

*Build up, infographics made by EURAC*

# Adaptive Opaque Facades need to be further tested

## ZERAF – A Disruptive Facade Concept for Zero-Carbon Buildings

### Objectives

The aim of the **EIC-EU funded project** is to scientifically prove that ZERAF concept **can control all heat transfer mechanisms in opaque building facades to a significant level**. Prototypes will be manufactured for the first time and their thermal behaviour will be characterized in a dedicated laboratory. To prove that used materials, fabrication processes and assembly methods do not jeopardize the carbon footprint reduction, most relevant sustainability parameters will be quantified through a building life cycle method.



First prototyping of adaptive opaque facade systems



Prototypes testing to identify dynamic thermal properties



Calculating the impact of reducing energy demand throughout the life cycle



Planning exploitation strategies for a future market uptake



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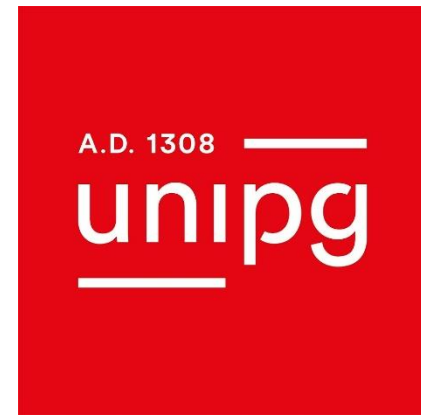


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# BUILDING RESILIENT CITIES:

## How Materials and Urban Monitoring are Driving Climate Action in Urban Environments

Ioannis Kousis



# URBAN MONITORING



Drone meteo-station



Fixed meteo-station



Smart mobile meteo-station  
atop of a bicycle helmet



Mobile meteo-station  
atop of a vehicle



Mobile meteo-station  
on a cart



Questionnaire survey

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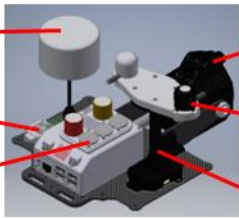
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Anemometer

Thermo-hygrometer

Air Quality  
(CO<sub>2</sub>/CO/VOC)



IR/VIS  
cameras

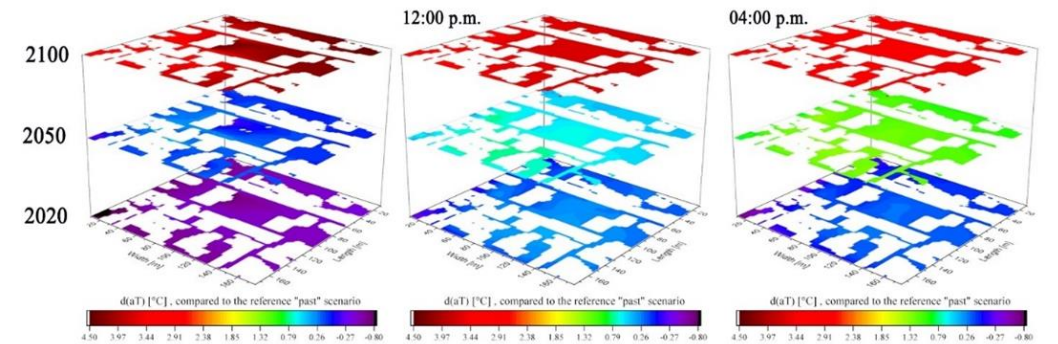
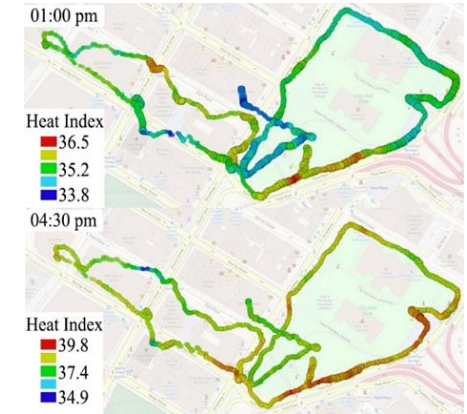
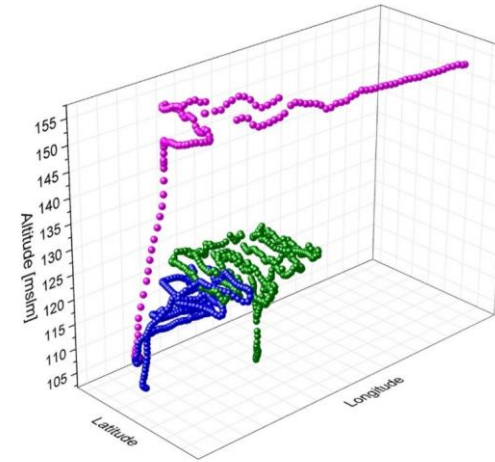
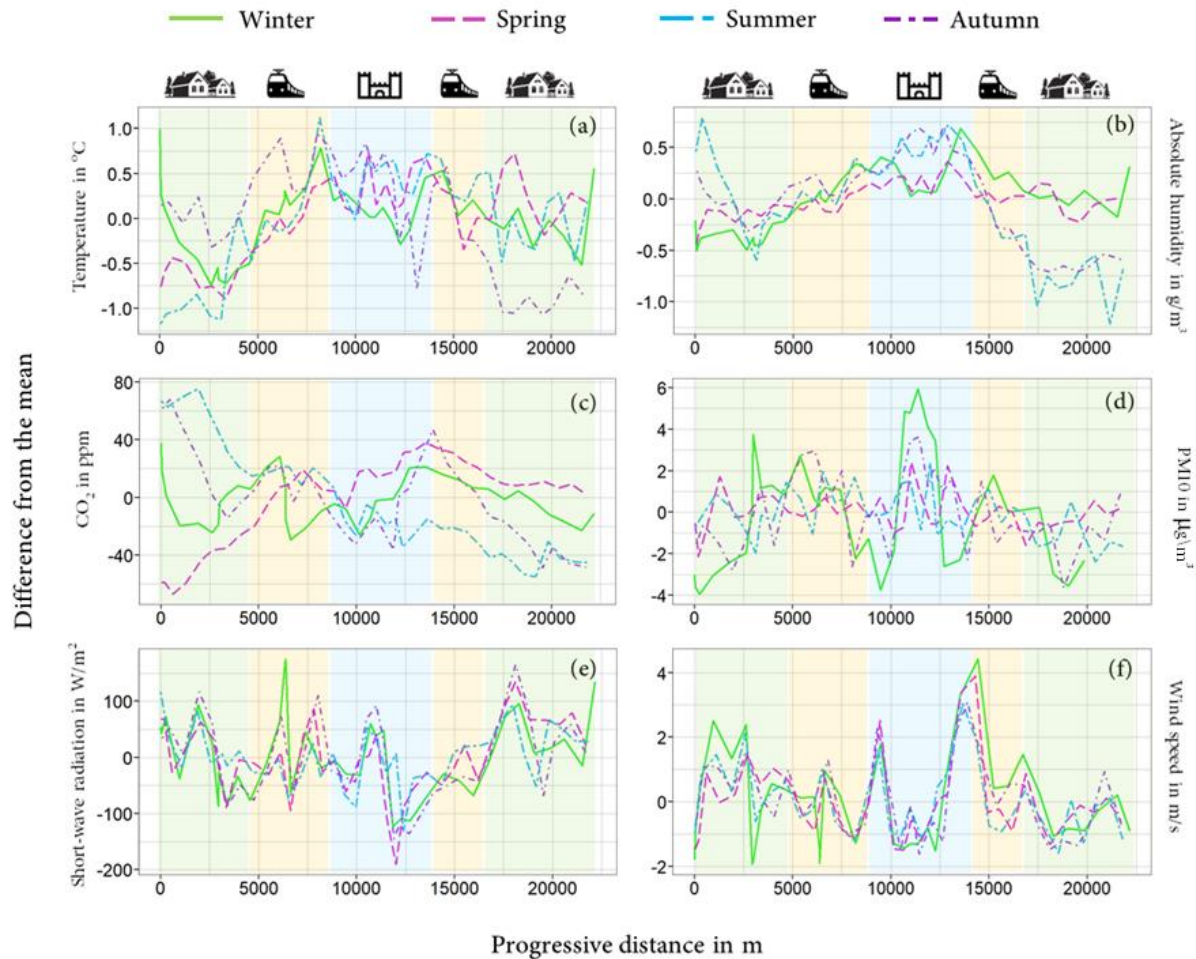
Pyranometer  
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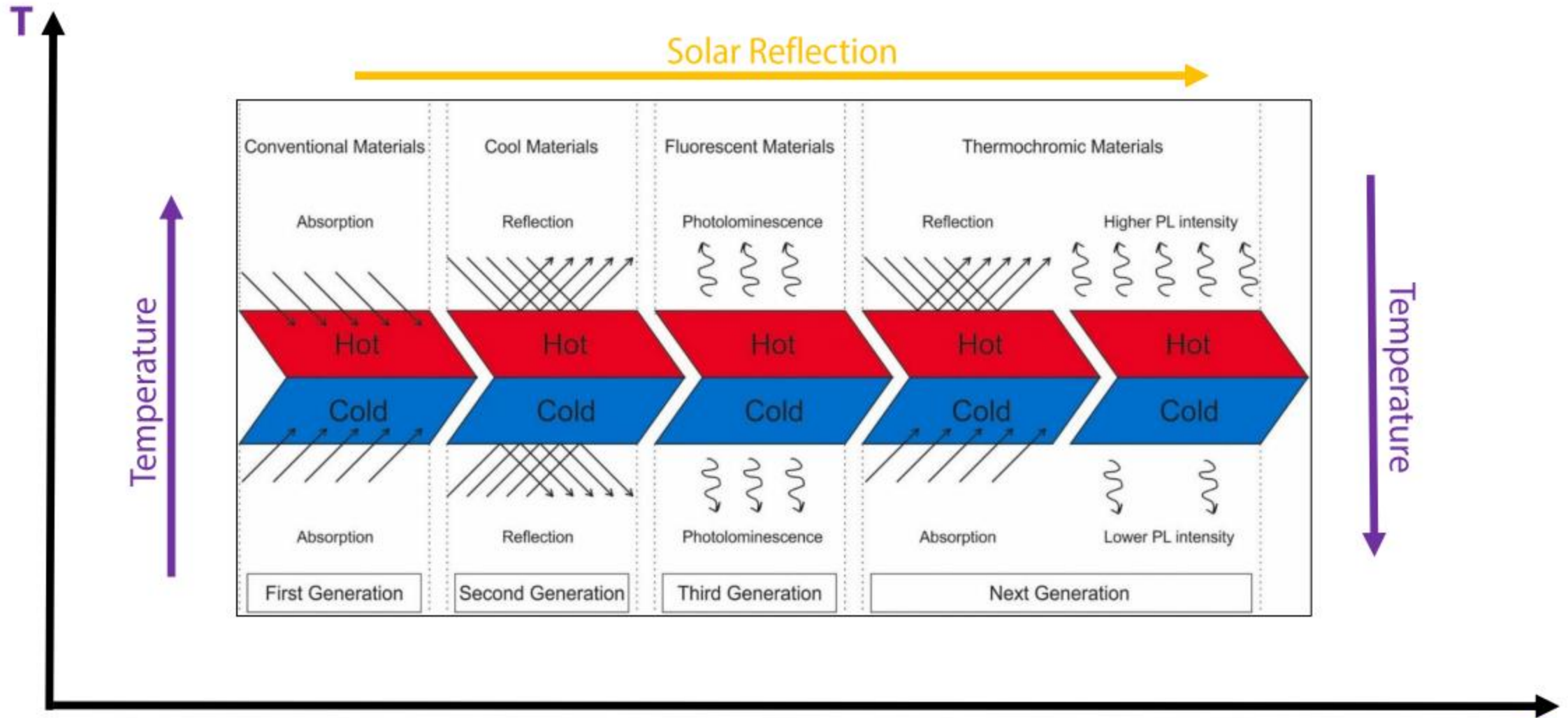
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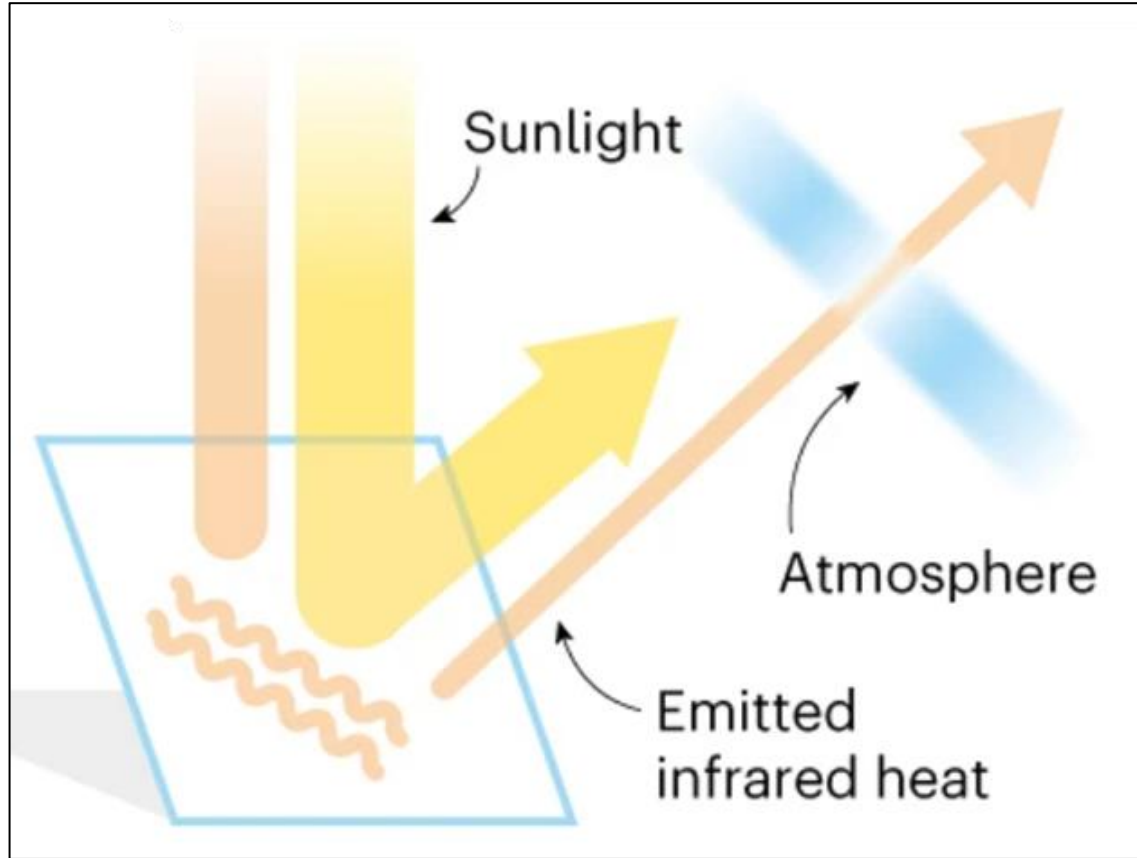


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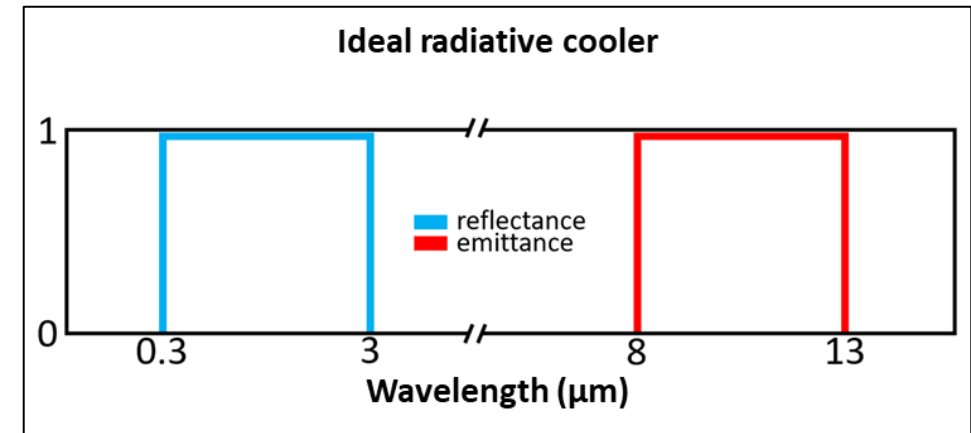


# URBAN MATERIALS: Radiative Cooling

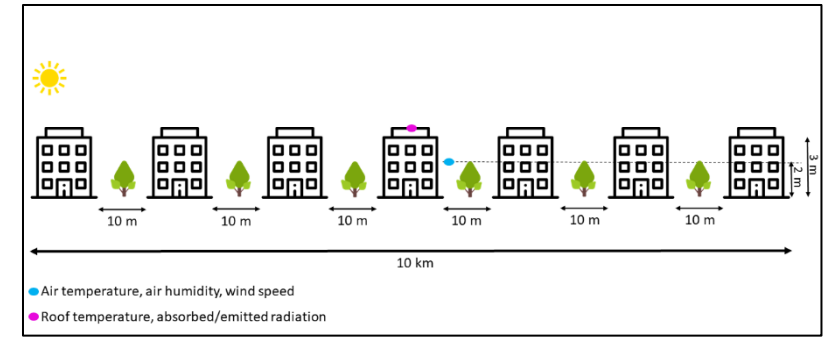
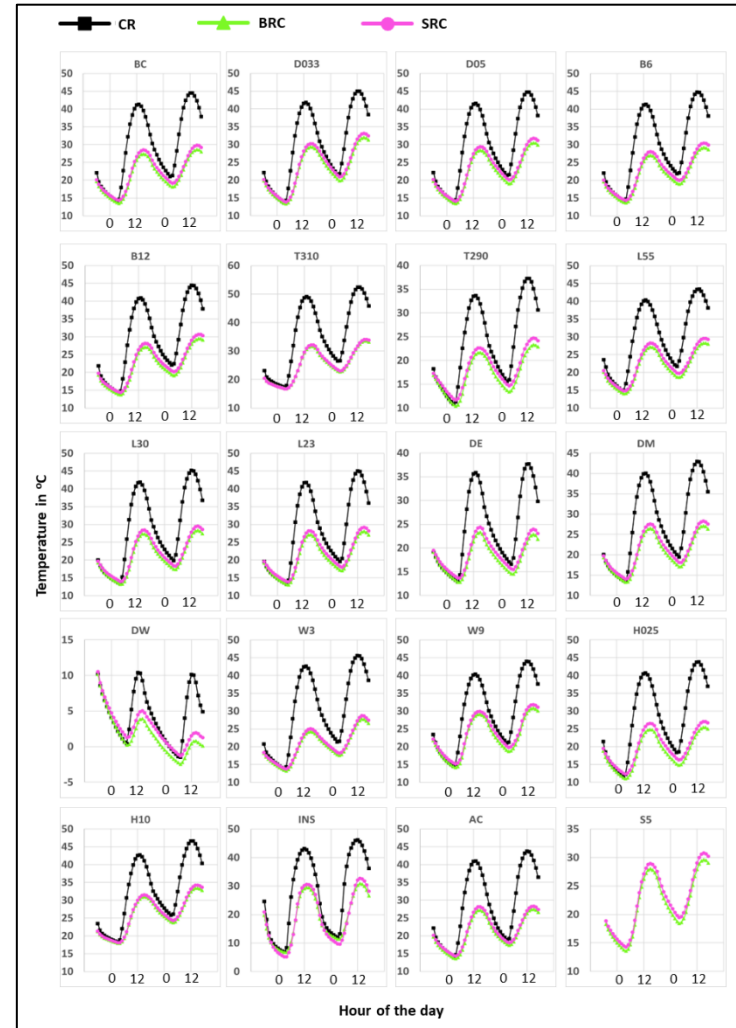
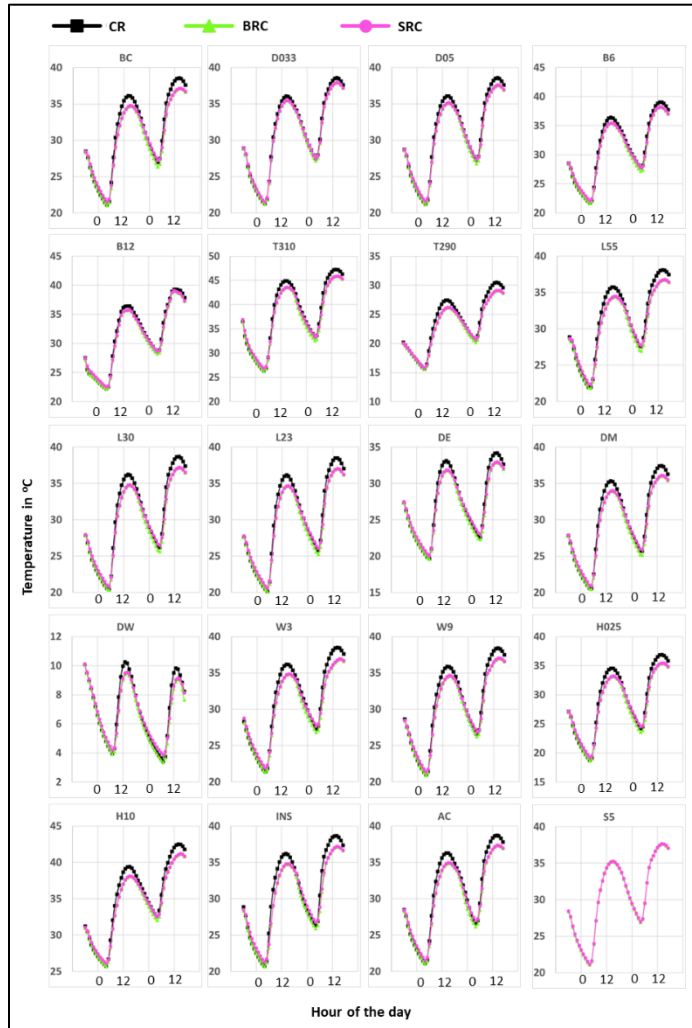


 **Reflect**  
incoming  
Sunlight

 **Emit**  
through the  
atmospheric window



# URBAN MATERIALS: Radiative Cooling



Surface temperature reduction

Air temperature reduction



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# KEY MESSAGES

Detailed intra-urban evaluation of urban environment

Human-centered approaches

Understand the microclimate boundaries and patterns

Be smart: use smart materials

Radiative Cooling: substantial cooling effect with a variety of applications



# THANK YOU

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# The role of chromogenics in the energy transition

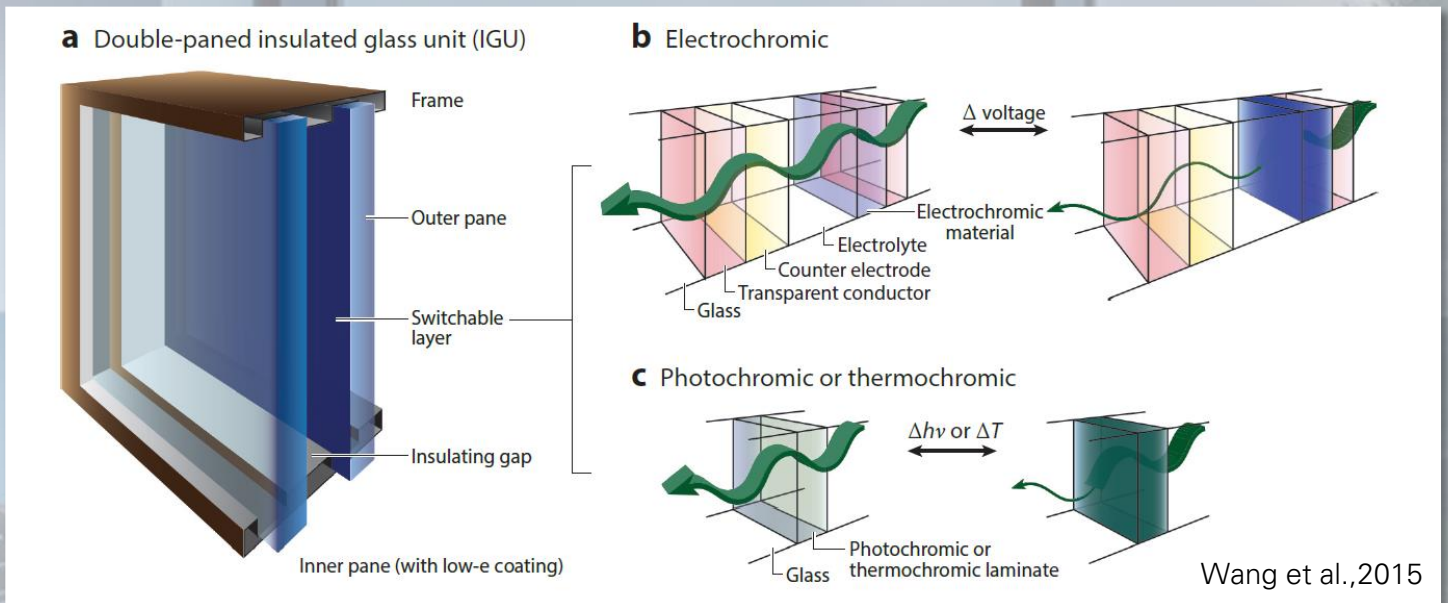
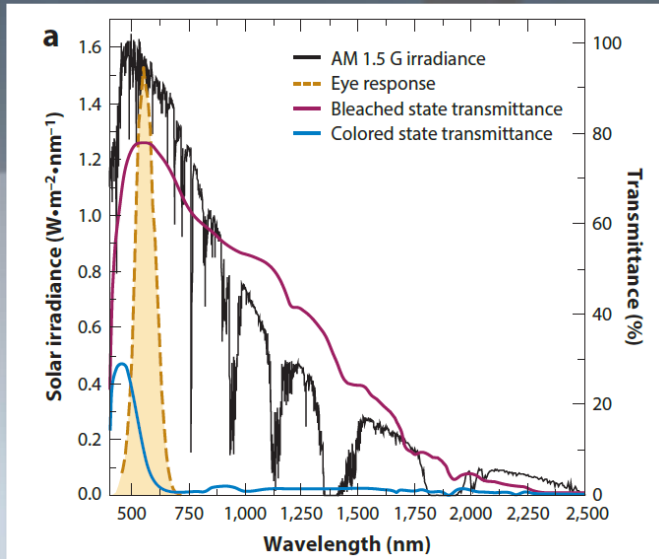
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# The role of chromogenics in the energy transition

New regulations require higher standards for indoor illuminance and effective shading strategies.

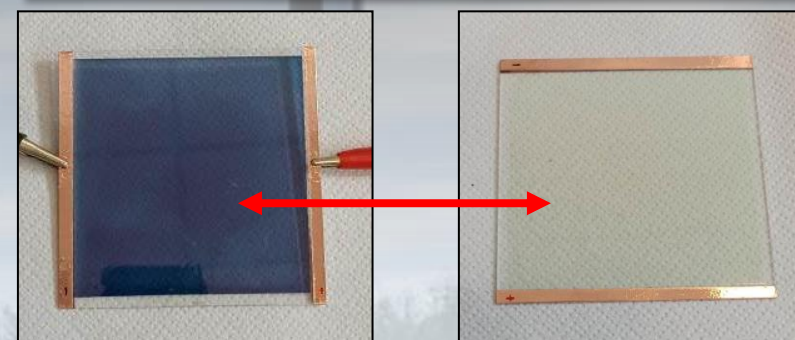
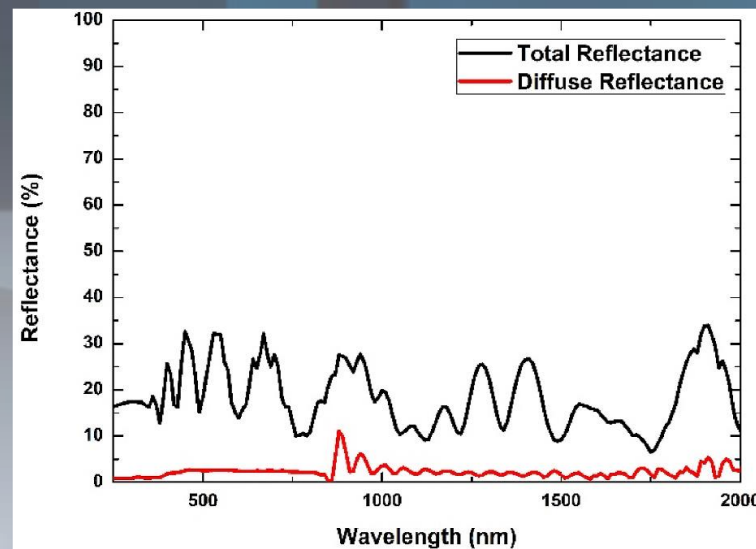
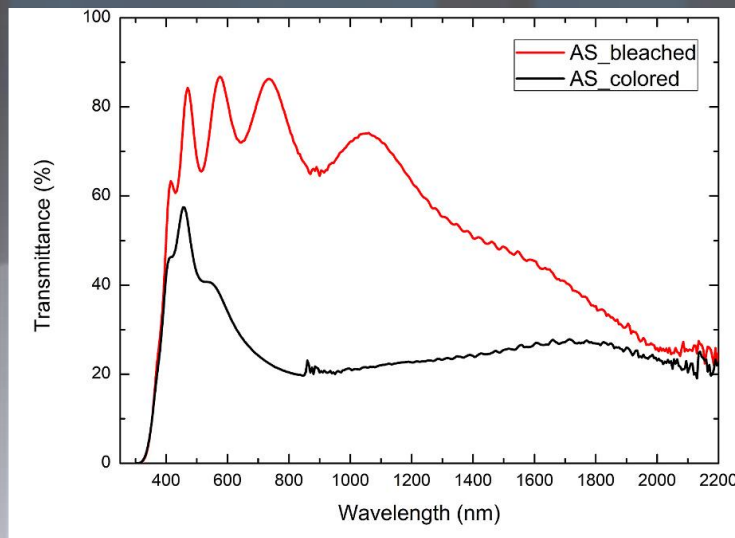
Indoor Visual comfort and energy saving are interconnected, in the roadmap towards the energy transition.

Chromogenic technologies could play an important role in responding with innovative solutions to these multiple needs.



Wang et al., 2015

# Low-cost electrochromic devices



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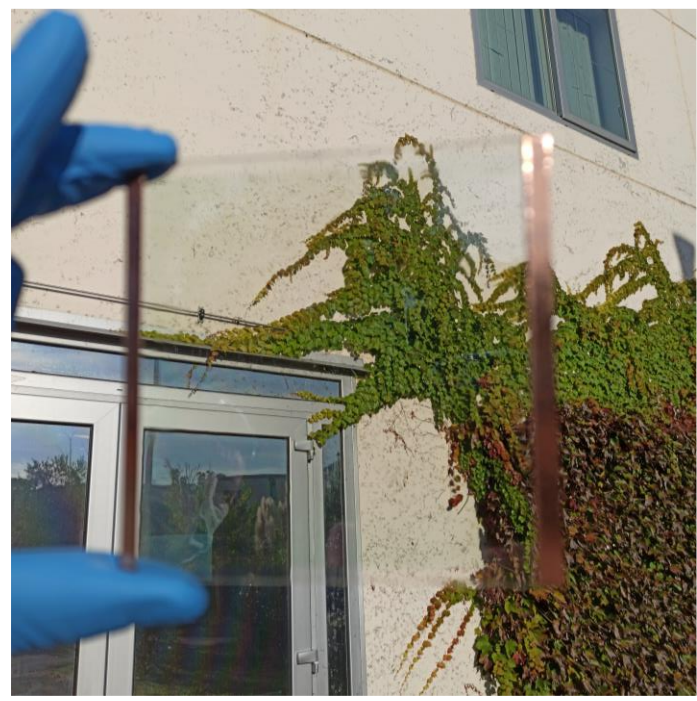
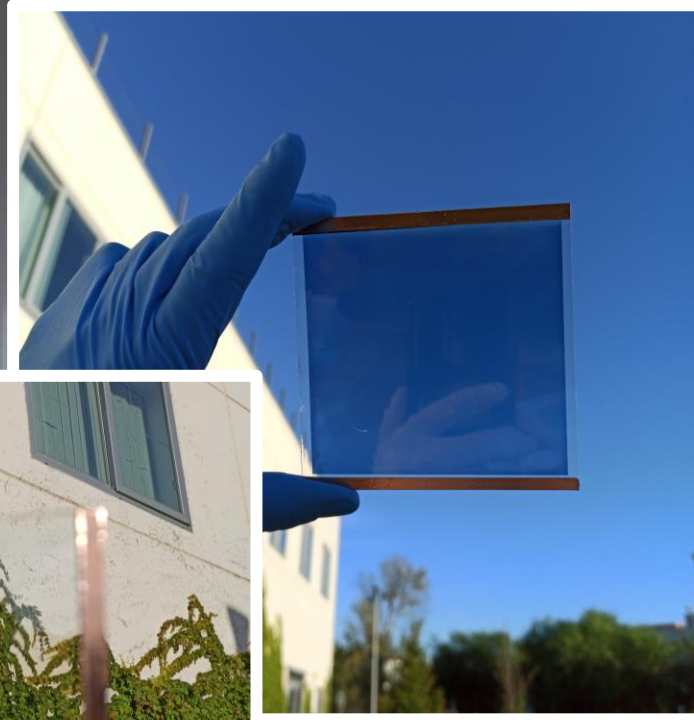
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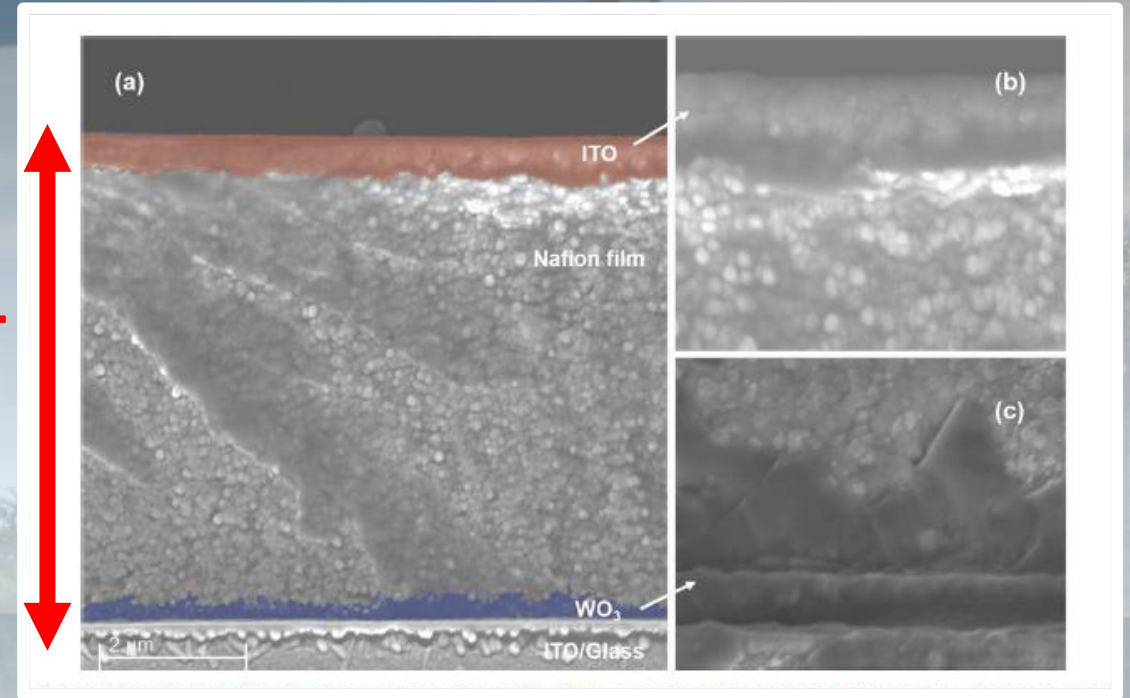
Thermal and optical properties of Device AS in bleached and colored conditions ( $\epsilon_f$  and  $\epsilon_b$  represent the emissivity of front and back surface of glazing, respectively).

Device state	$T_{vis}$	$T_{sol}$	$R_{fvis}$	$R_{bvis}$	$R_{fsol}$	$R_{bsol}$	$\epsilon_f$	$\epsilon_b$	SHGC
AS bleached	0.77	0.67	0.08	0.18	0.08	0.16	0.84	0.52	0.73
AS colored	0.26	0.25	0.08	0.18	0.08	0.16	0.84	0.52	0.39

# Low-cost electrochromic devices



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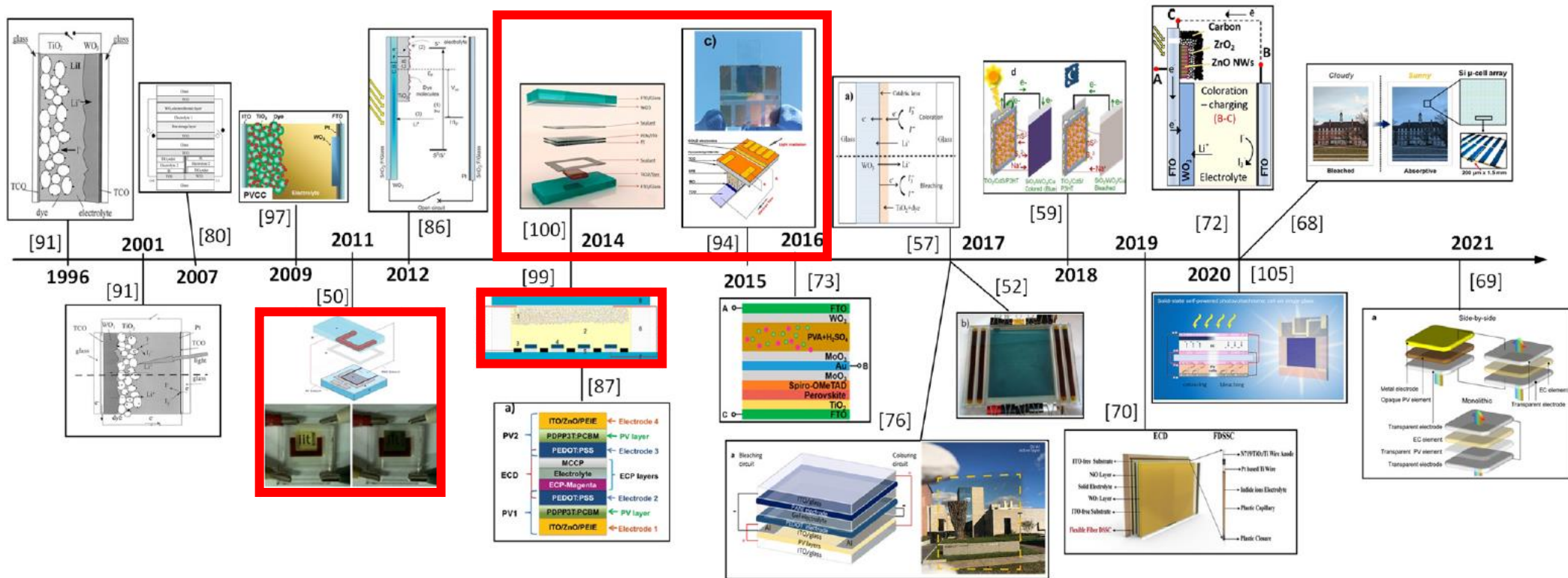




# Photoelectrochromic/Photovoltachromic Devices

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Smart shading but also PV conversion



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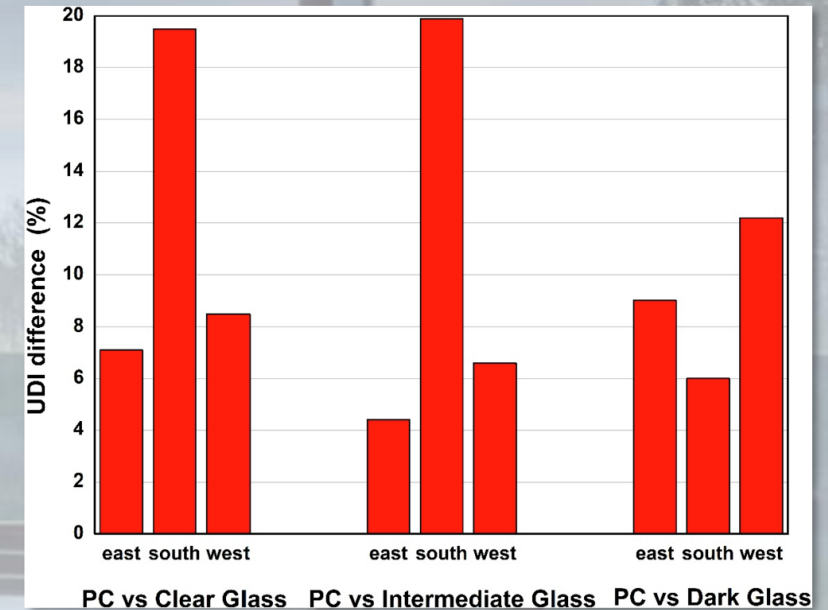
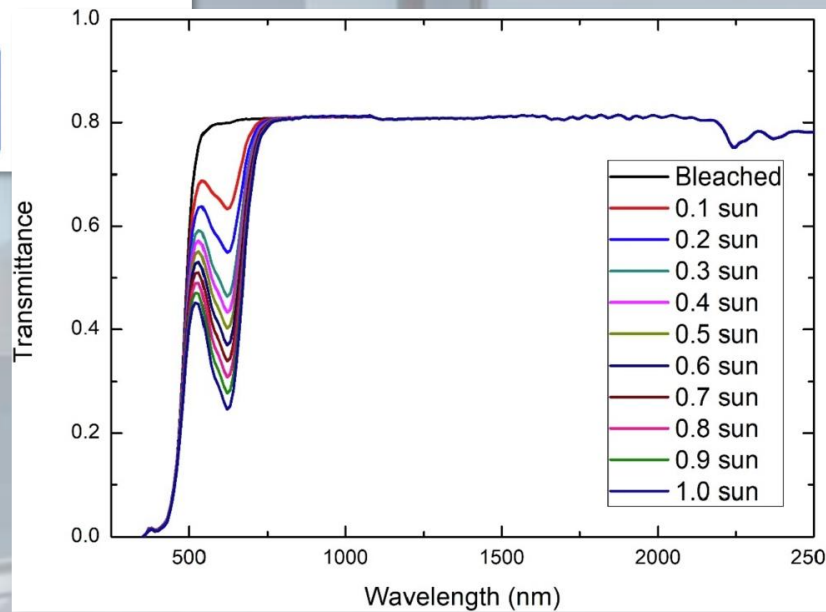
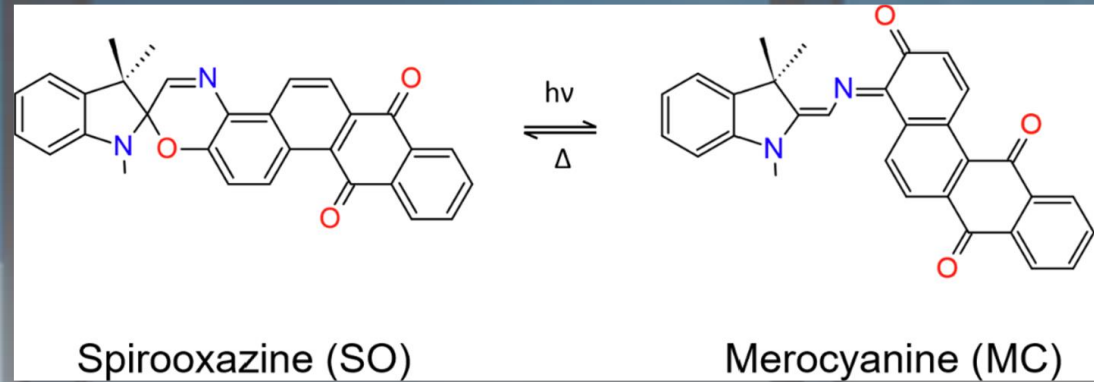
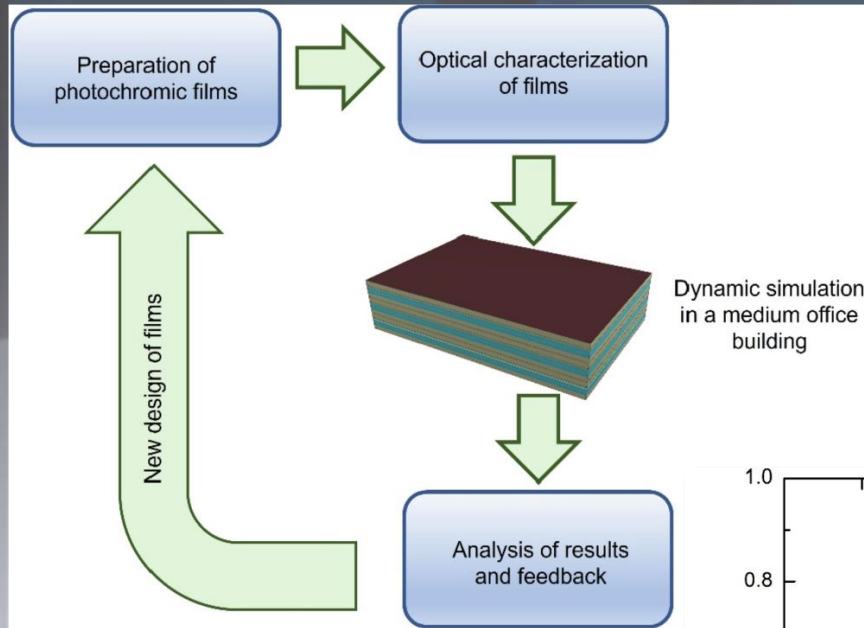


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# Passive technologies: the role of photochromics.



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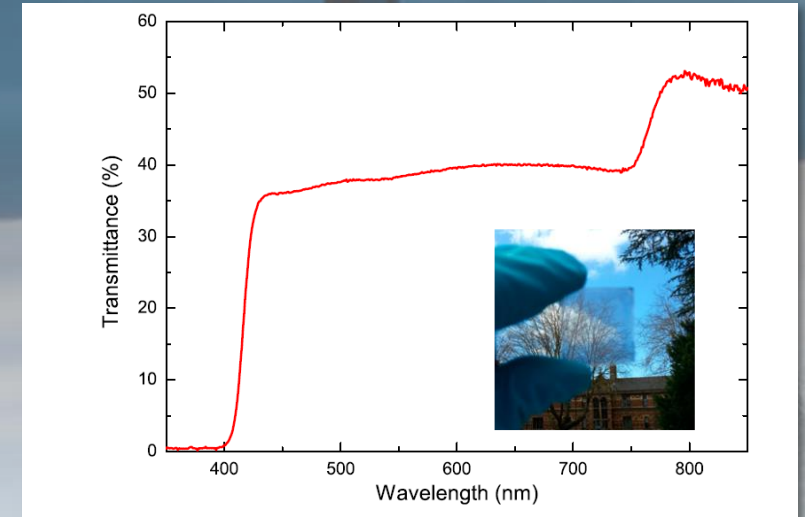
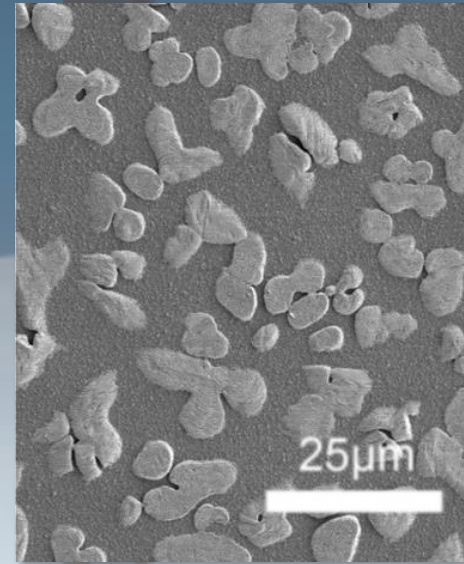
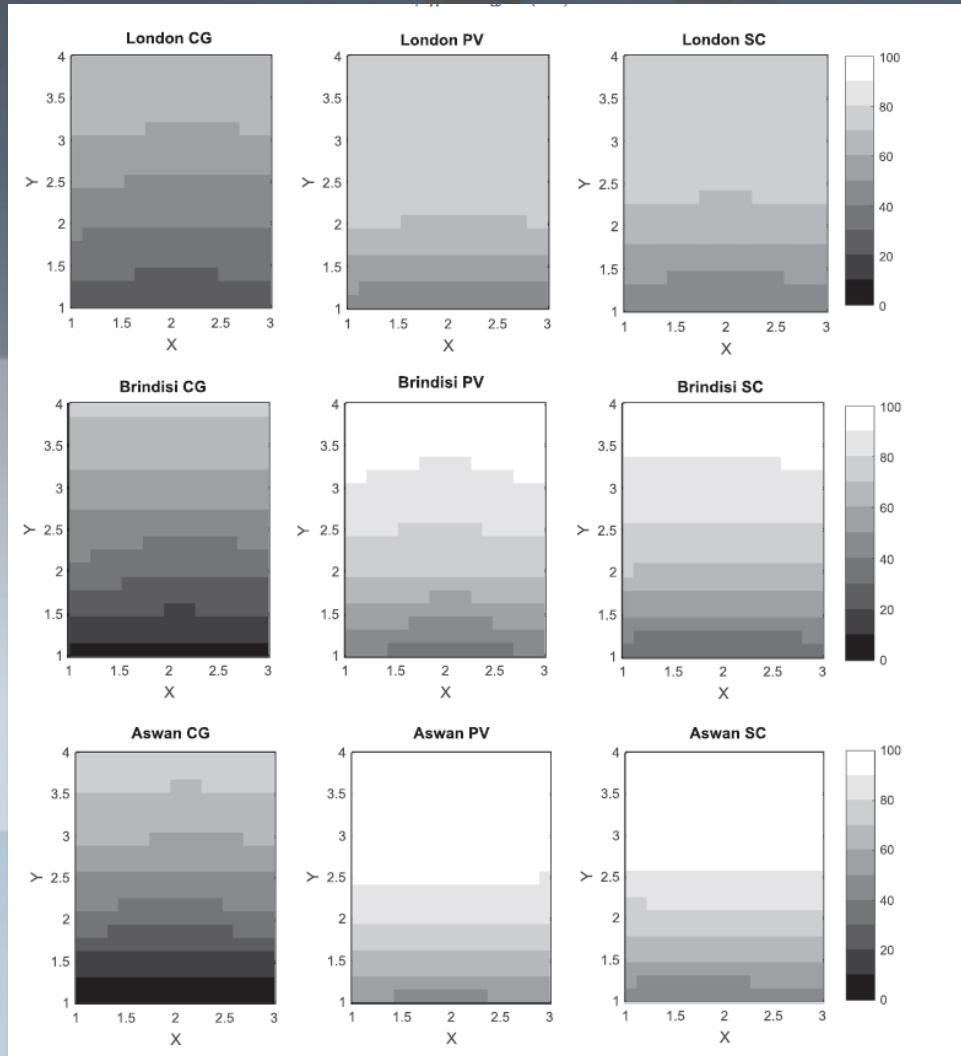


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# Highly transparent PVs: is it really an oximoron?



**Table 6**

Use of electric lighting for offices having strip windows with a WWR = 32%. Load is meant as the annual electric lighting energy load in the test room; Yield is the Annual Electric energy yield (including temperature effect).

Location	Type of glazing	LOAD [kWh/yr]	YIELD [kWh/yr]	Yield/Load [%]
Brindisi	CG	78	-	-
	SC	108	-	-
	PV	118	129.0	109.3
London	CG	136	-	-
	SC	198	-	-
	PV	200	82.40	41.2
Aswan	CG	52	-	-
	CG	68	-	-
	PV	68	143.40	210.9



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# Thank you very much for your kind attention!



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# Technology Energy in Building Environment research group

## High performance building envelopes & Special environments

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approx. 50 people strong ( 40% permanent staff )

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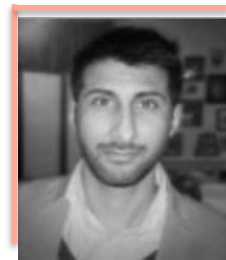
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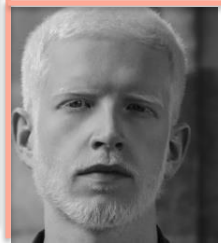
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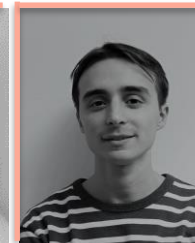
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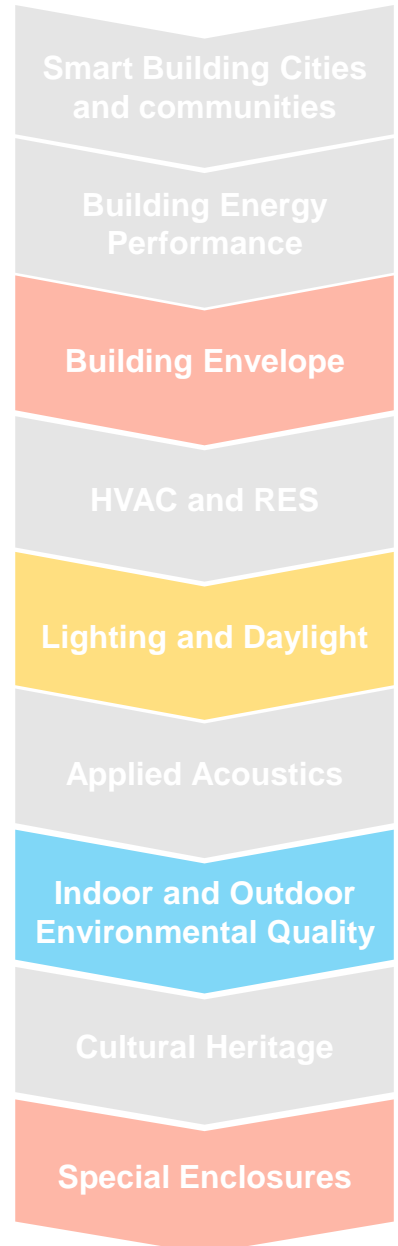
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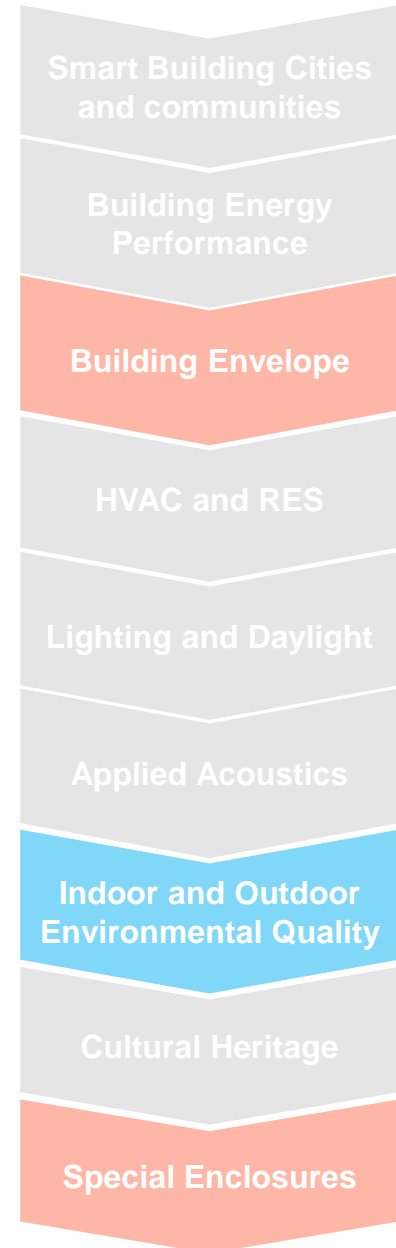


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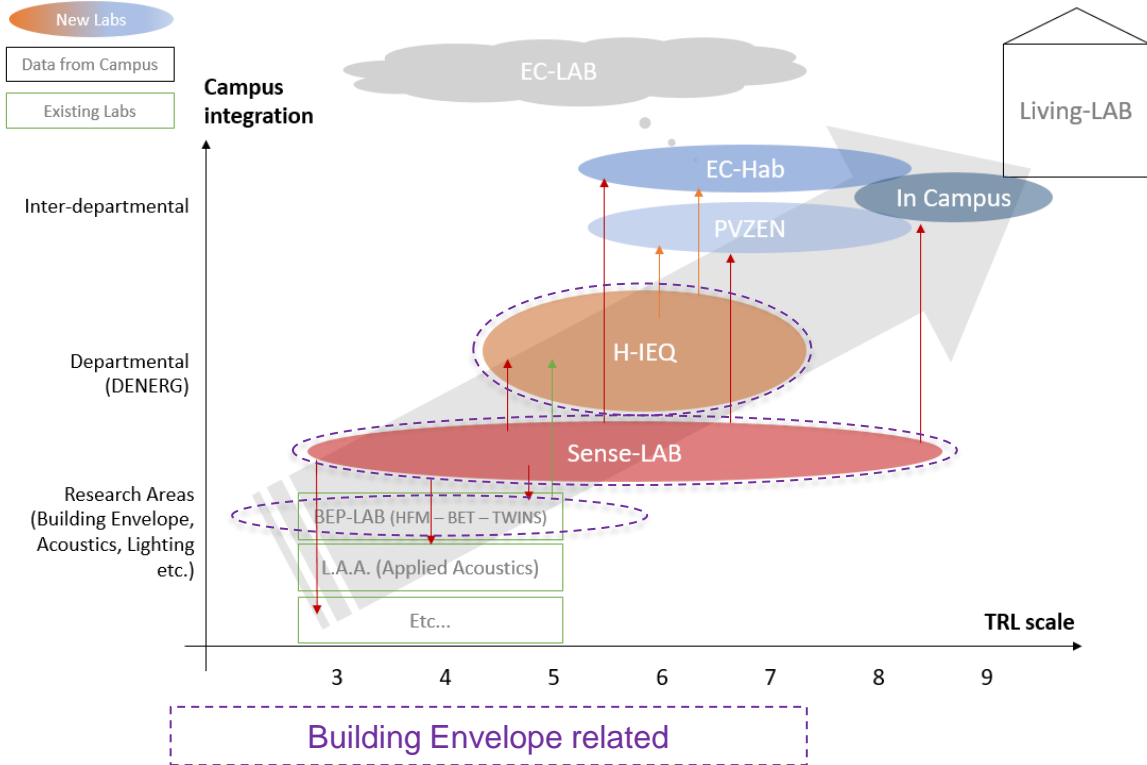
# Main research areas

- 1. Development, Characterisation and Intergration of innovative building envelope technologies:**
  - a) Responsive and adaptive opaque facades (Double skin Façades, smart glazings)
  - b) Responsive and adaptive opaque facades (i.e. PCM, active insulation etc.)
  - c) Vegetated envelopes (green roof, living wall)
  - d) Superinsulation (VIP, Aerogel...)
  - e) Integration of building envelope with HVAC systems and RES
- 2. Measuring / Simulating impact of innovative building envelope technologies on IEQ and personalised comfort** (thermal and daylight comfort in perimeter zone, personal comfort devices)
- 3. Advanced control of building envelope technologies integrated with HVAC components**  
(embedded controllers and IoT, from rule to model based and model free controls, digital twins)
- 4. Low Carbon Building Envelopes for heat resilient buildings**
- 5. Special enclosures (envelope for museum showcases, transportation etc.)**

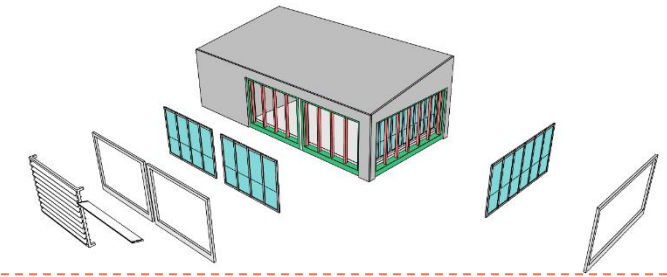


# TEBE Lab platform

## Building Envelope Related Labs



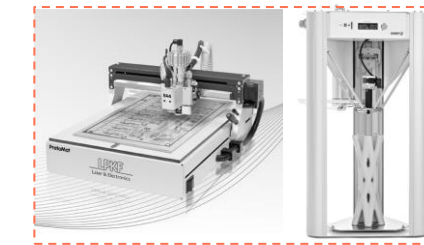
### H-IEQ Living-Lab



### Sense-LAB Advanced sensors and IoT Lab



### 3D prototyping LAB



### HTC-LAB Material Hygro-Thermal Characterisation



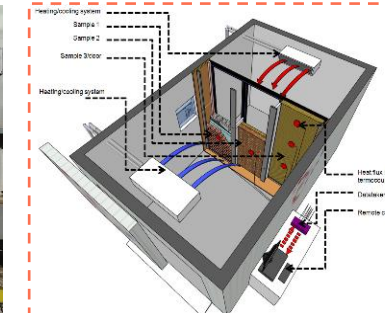
### TWINS



### BEBI



### BET cell



### TRIS



Currently being built





# TWINS Test facility - 2023

New HVAC fully controllable remotely (T air indoor, ACH)  
DAQ on HVAC system

## TWINS (Testing Window INnovative Systems) test cells

BEBI test cell  
1 single module  
~1400 x ~1500 mm

2 small modules  
~60 x ~1500 mm

4 small modules  
~60 x ~80 mm  
(actually)



TWINS test cells  
1 single module  
1430 x 2850 x 59mm

3 small modules  
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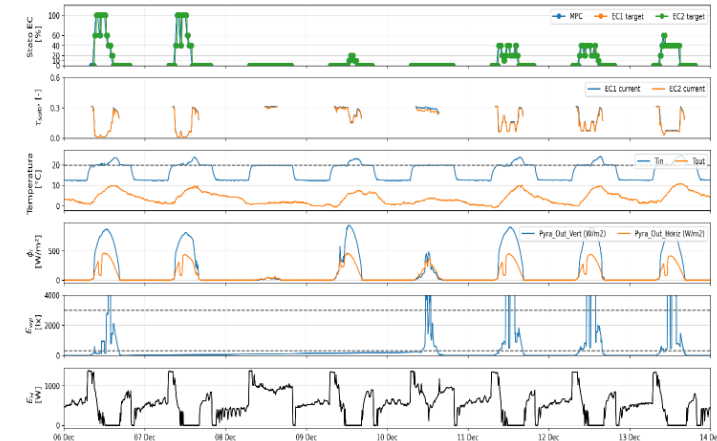


Data Acquisition, Monitoring and Control system of Building Envelope and indoor environment:

- NI dataloggers
- Dataloggers
- Rspy
- Data storage on FTP
- Automatic Data integration & post-processing
- Data Visualisation
- Real Time Simulation and Control

## + DigiTWINs

(real time visualization, control on HVAC and facades and what-if scenarios)



# Research activity by means of virtual – physical testing

2005

2010

2020



2010

2020



# Building Envelope as heat and mass transfer regulator of indoor environment



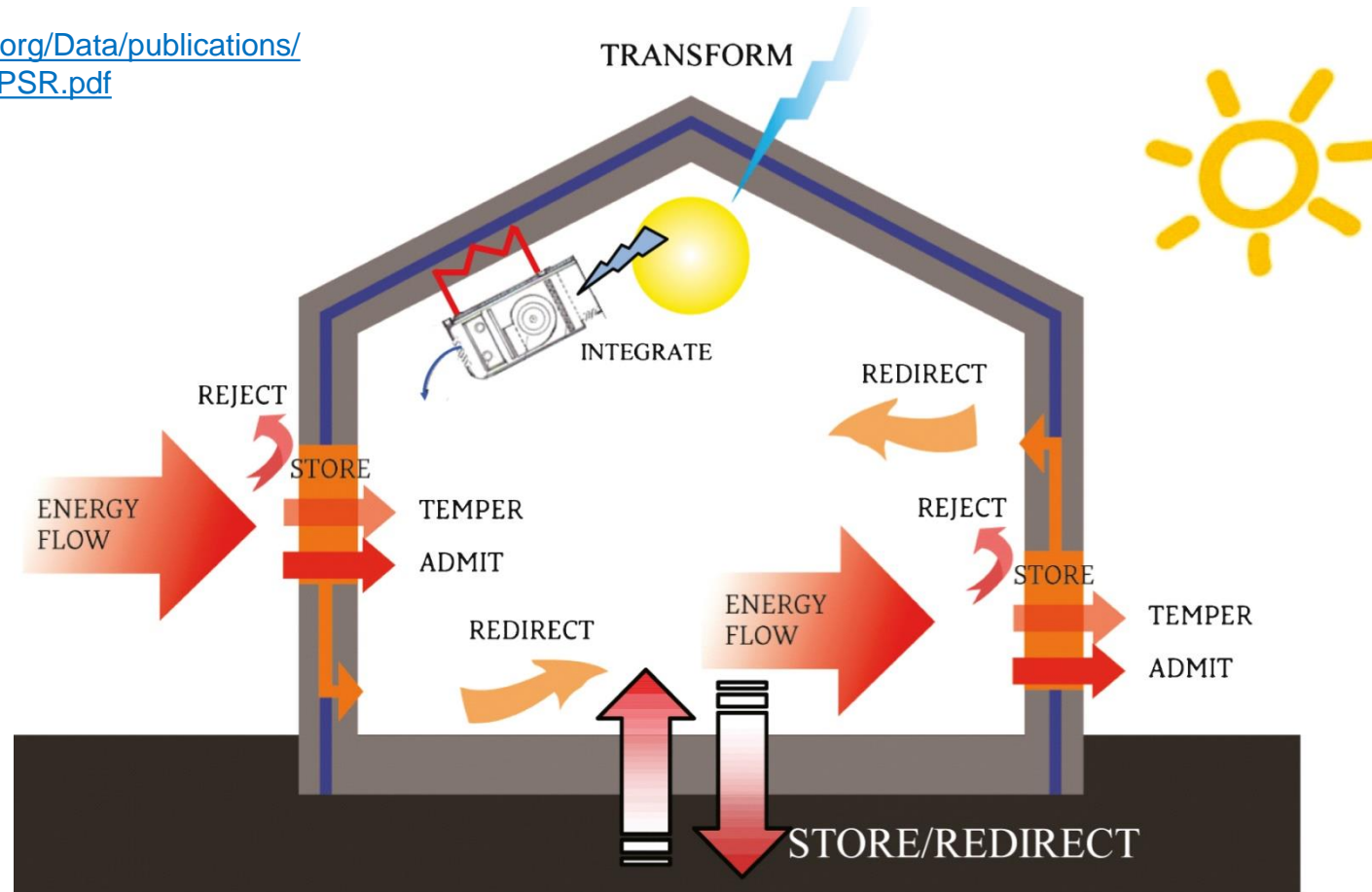
**ECBCS Annex 44**

## Integrating Environmentally Responsive Elements in Buildings

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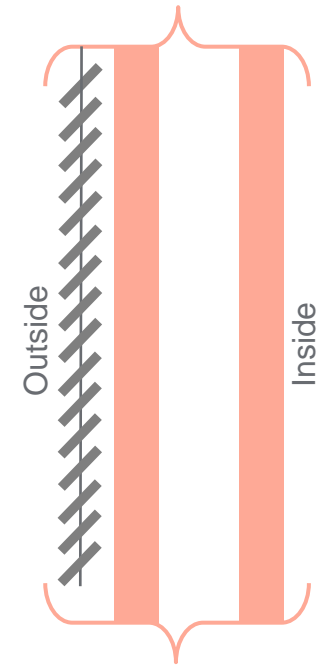
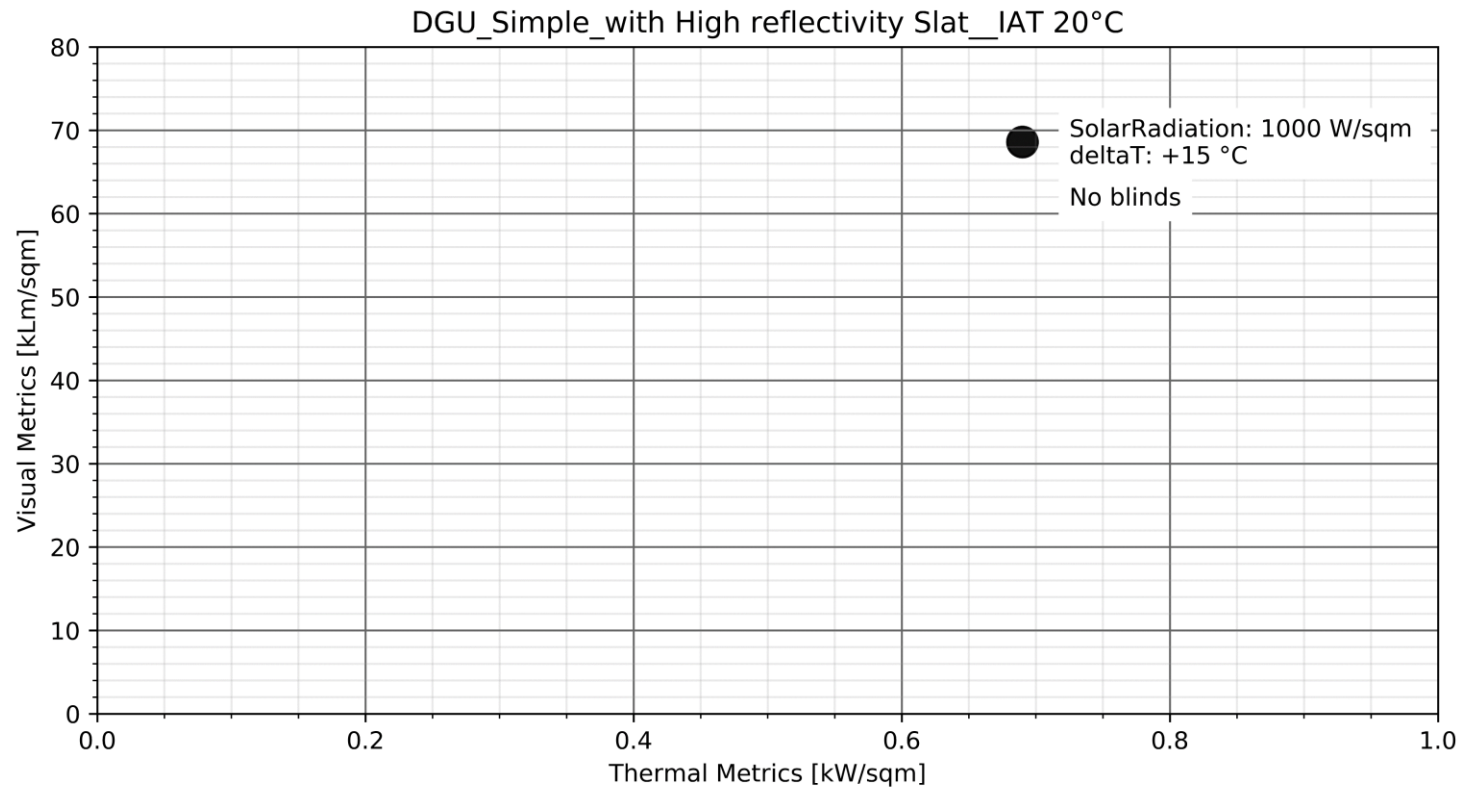
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Conceptual scheme of dynamic, responsive, multifunctional and integrated facades (adapted from Van der Aa et al., 2011).

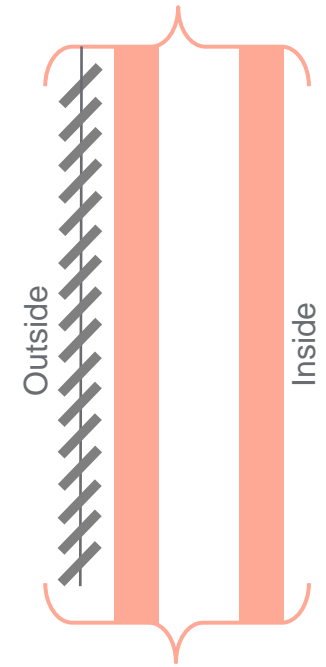
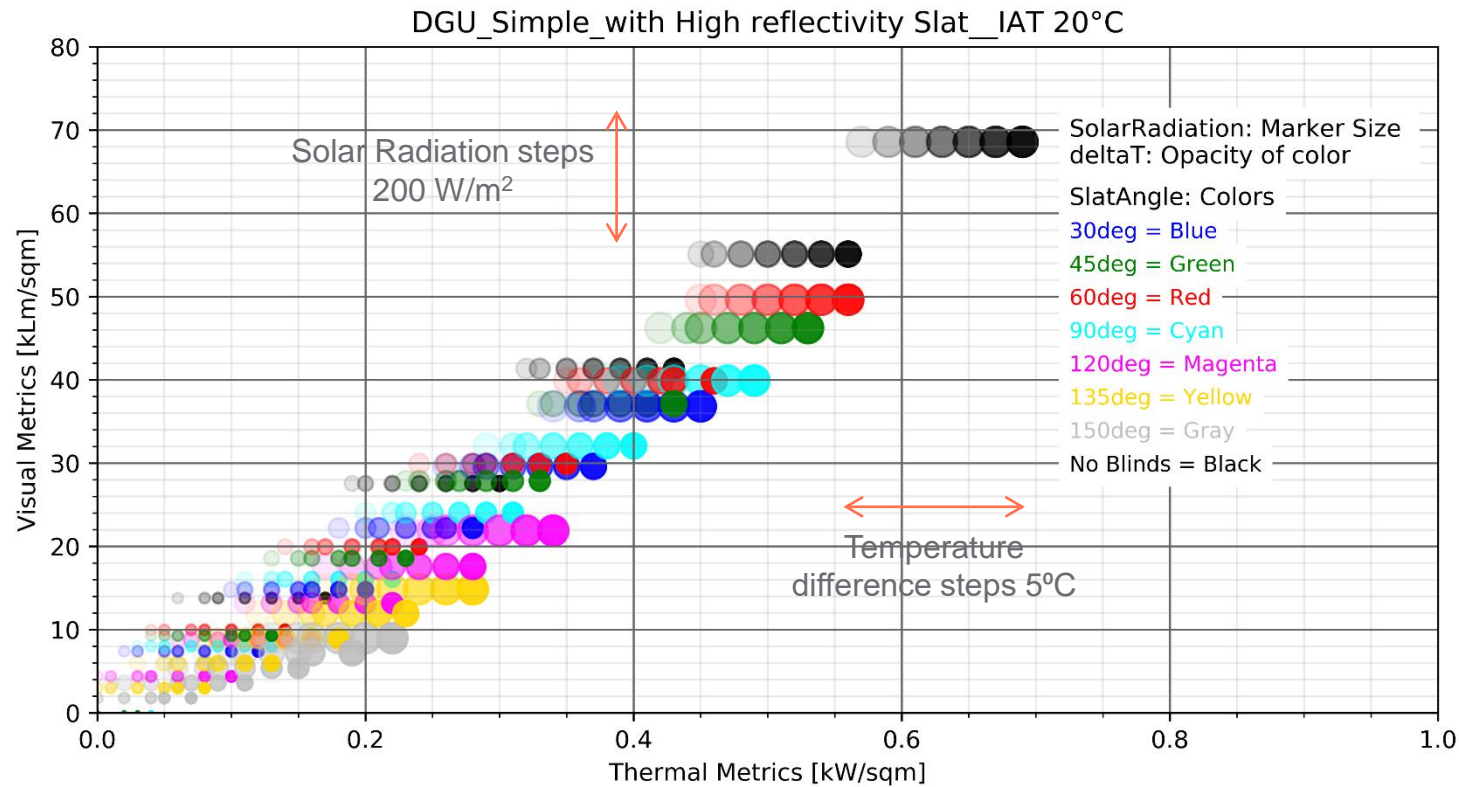


# Performance of IGU with integrated blinds



**Simple Double glazing**  
U-value = 2.526 W/m<sup>2</sup>-K,  
G-value = 0.770, VLT = 0.8

# Performance of IGU with integrated blinds



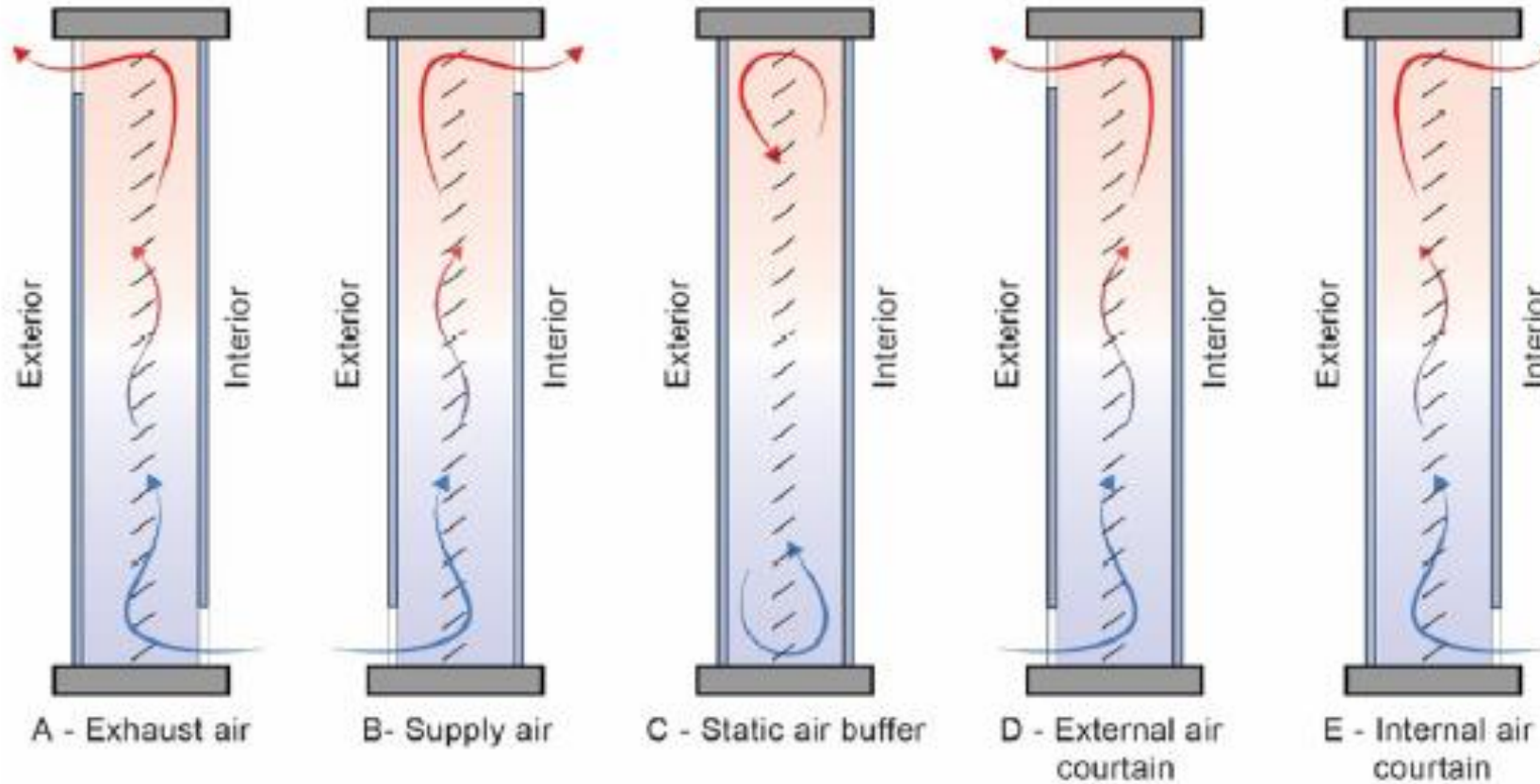
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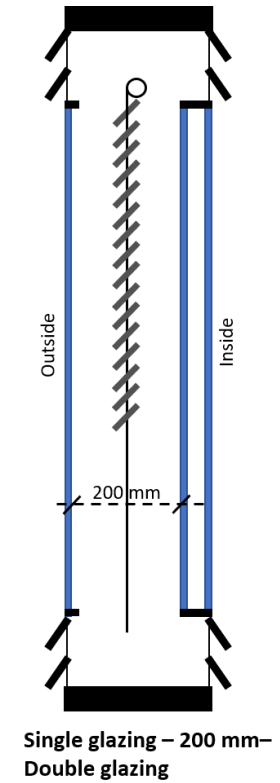
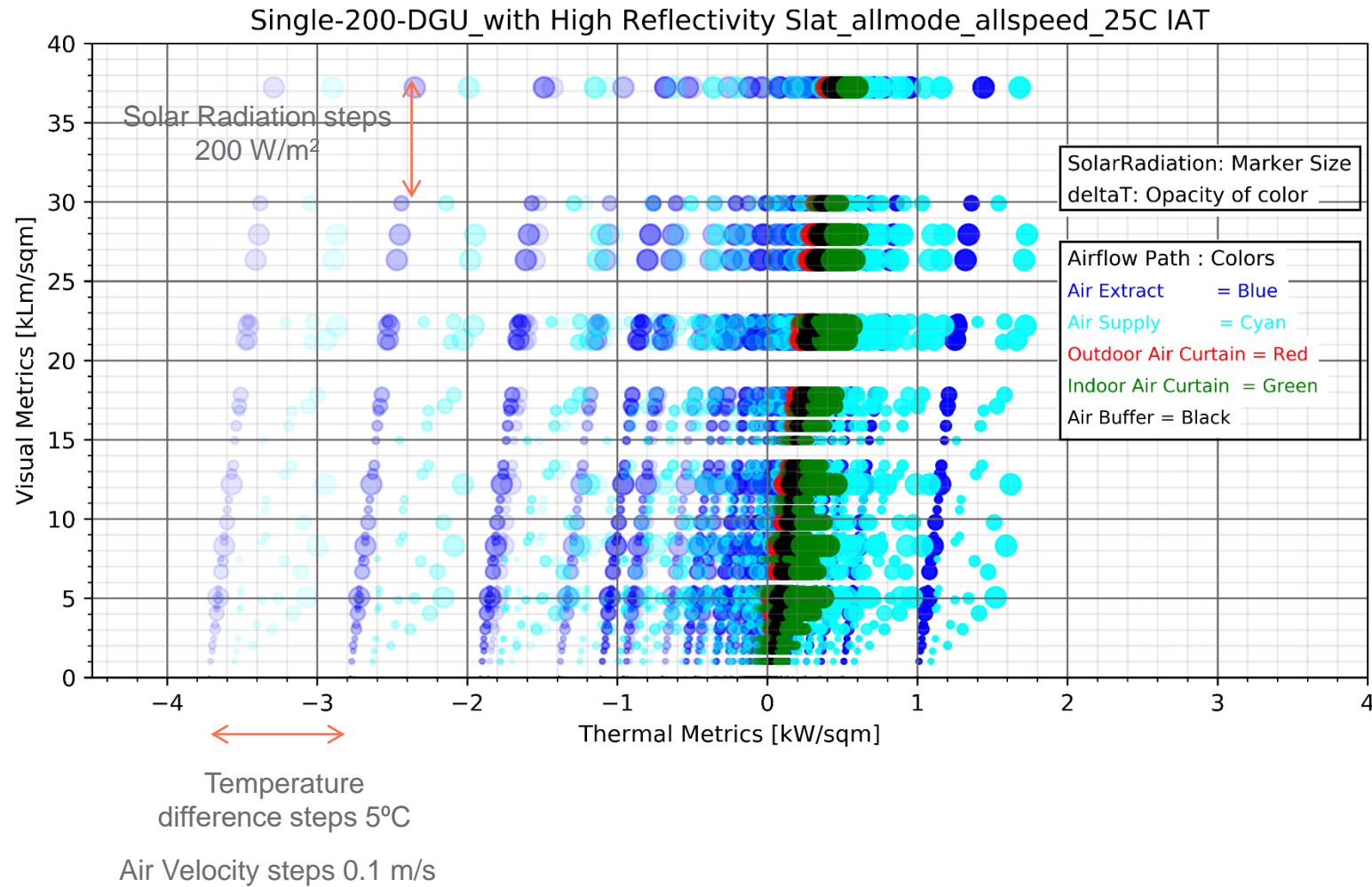
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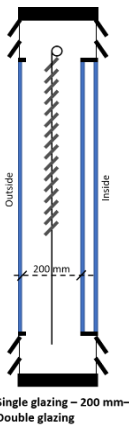
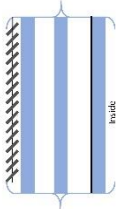
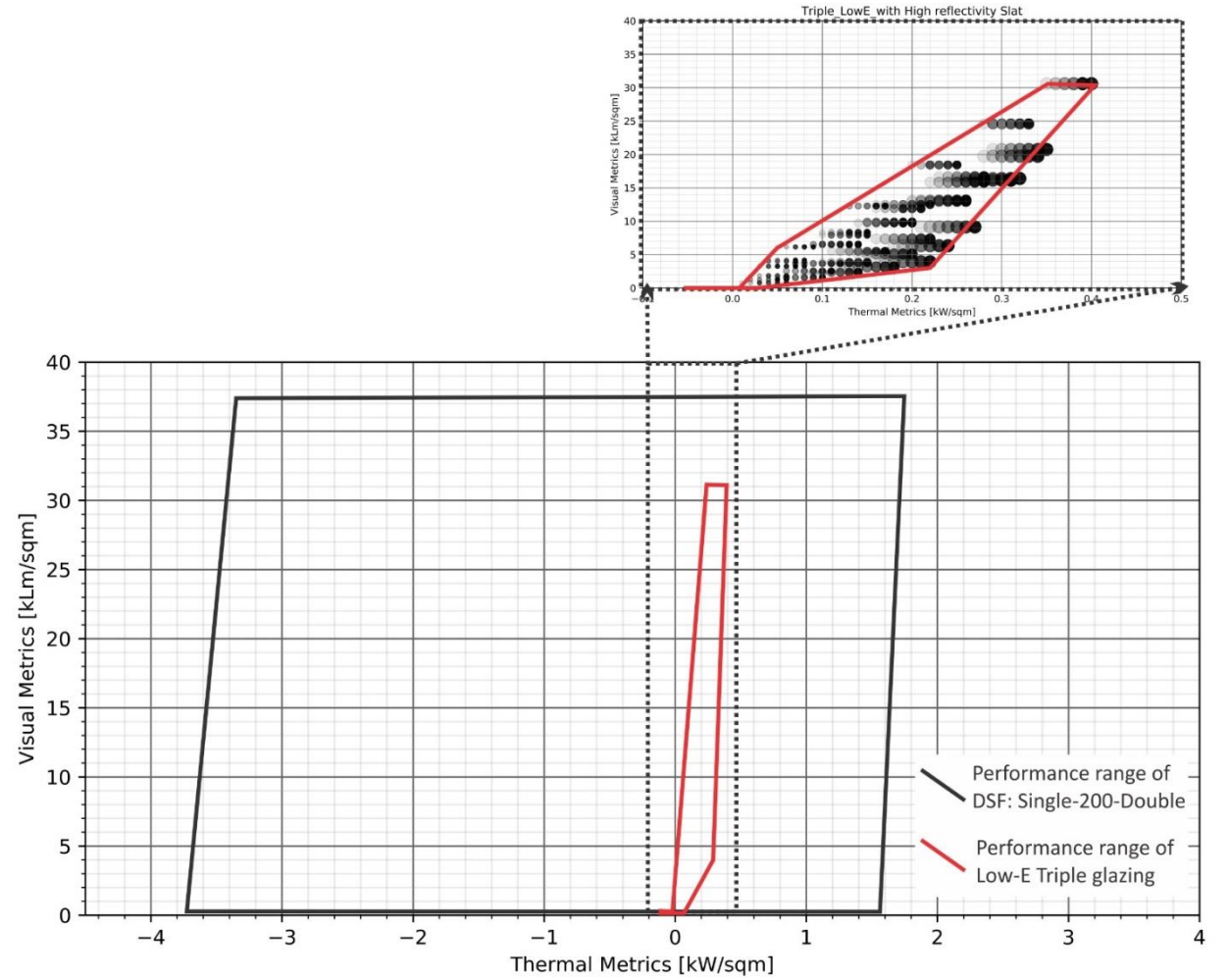
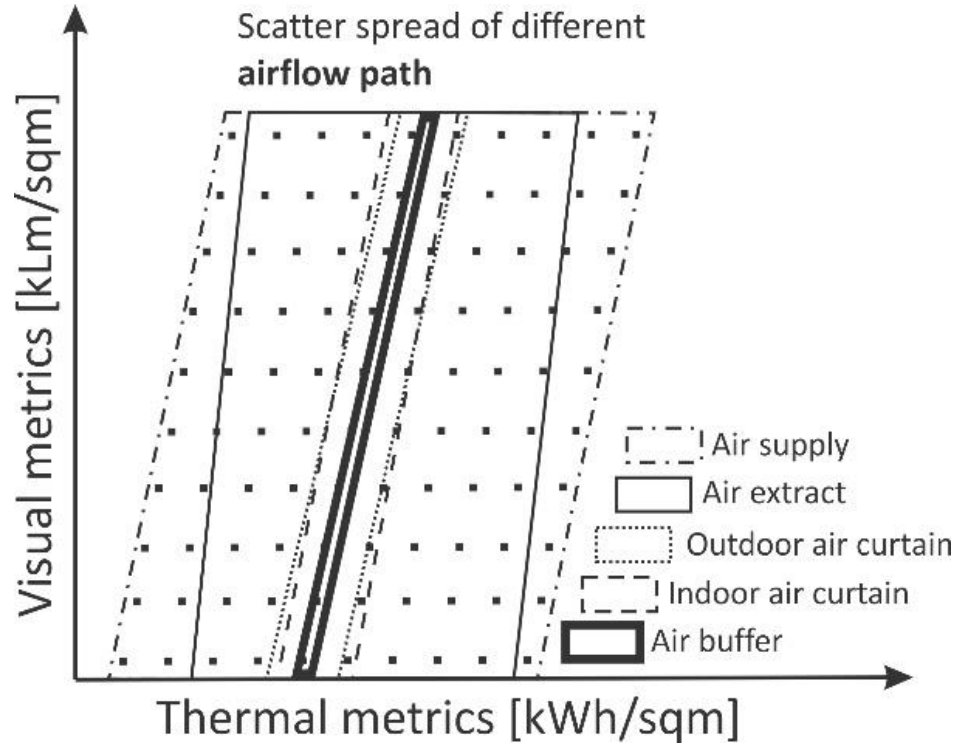
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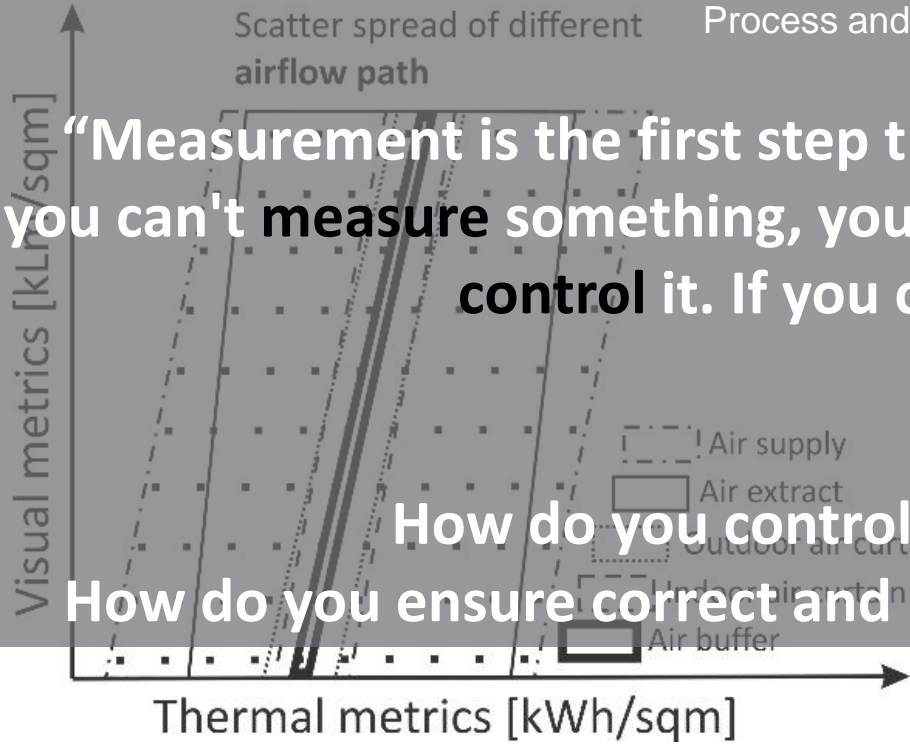
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Process and Quality Management and its Implementation

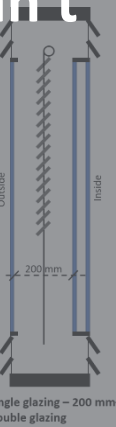
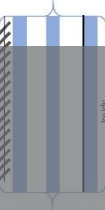
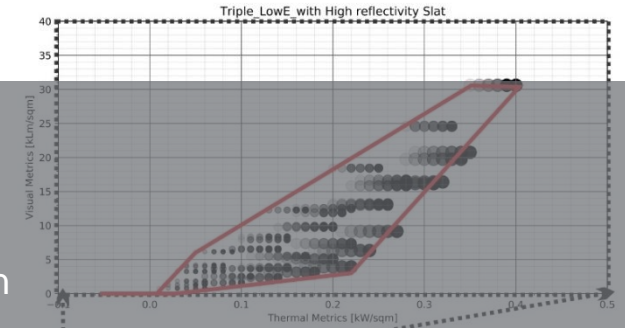
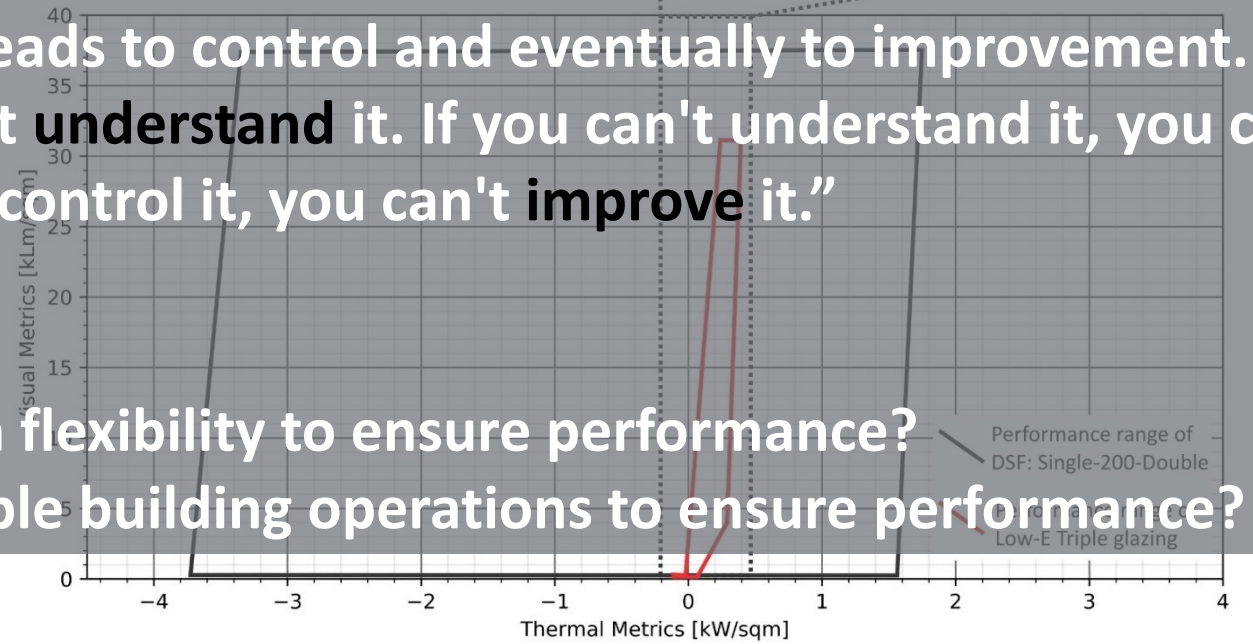
Scatter spread of different  
airflow path



“Measurement is the first step that leads to control and eventually to improvement. If you can't measure something, you can't understand it. If you can't understand it, you can't control it. If you can't control it, you can't improve it.”

How do you control such flexibility to ensure performance?

How do you ensure correct and reliable building operations to ensure performance?



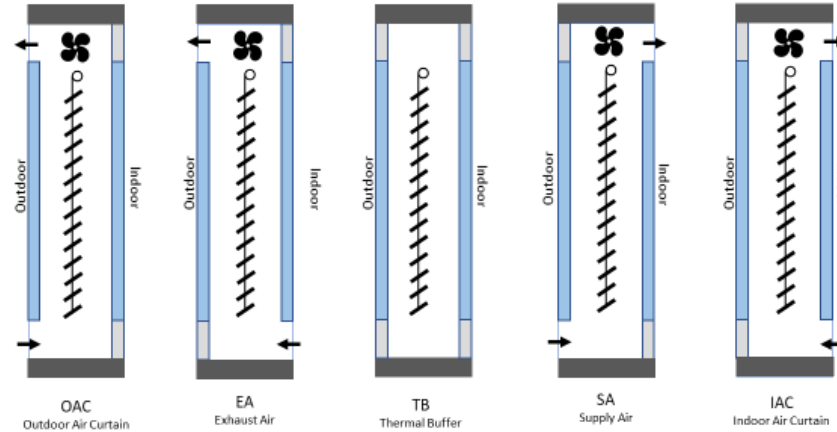
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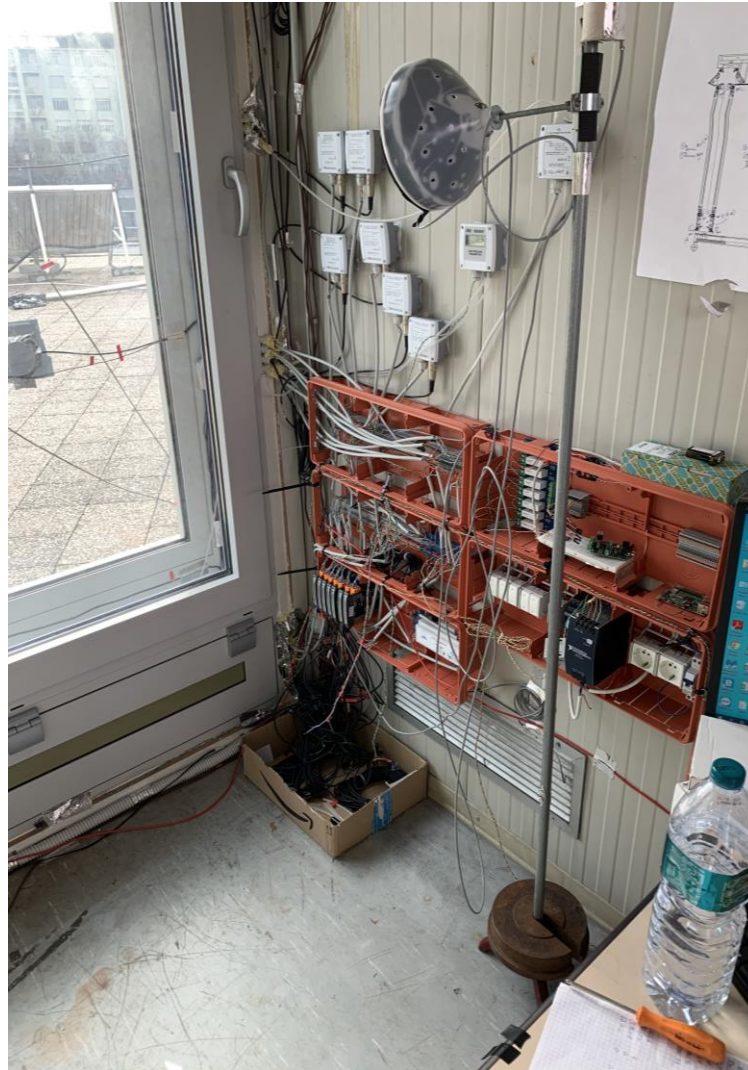


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More than 70 DSF configurations!

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Modelling flexible DSF (naturally and mechanically ventilated) BES tools

Enhancing BES tools performance through co-simulation with improved ISO standard DSF model, validated with experimental data of 1.5 y exp. campaign)

Design and in field implementation of advanced control strategies for highly complex façade

Proof of concept / demonstration at experimental level

Evaluate impact at building level by virtual experiments

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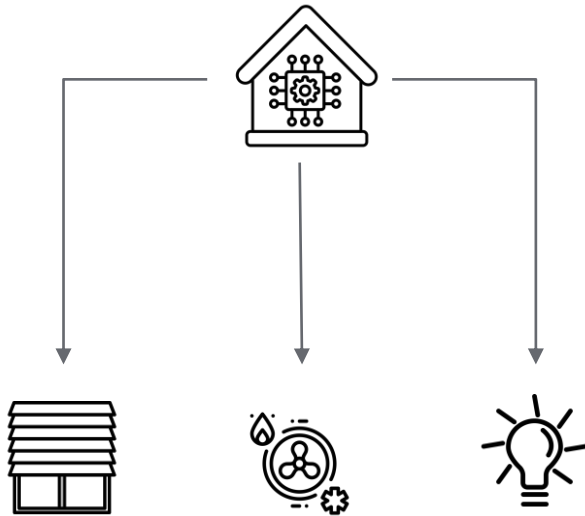
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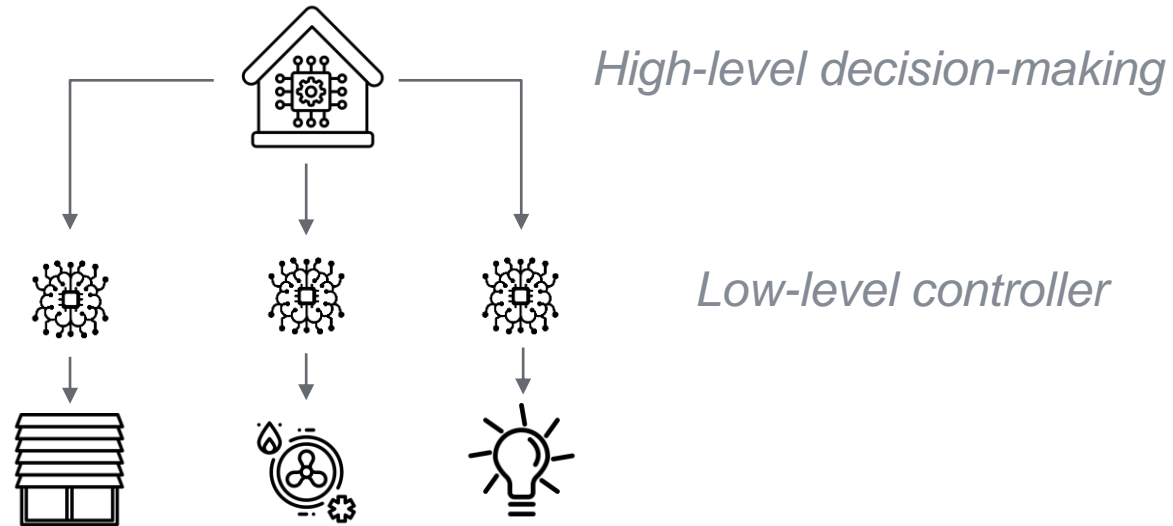
## Traditional BMS

- Centralized architectures;
- Simple control strategies (e.g. RBC, schedule)



## Novel BMS

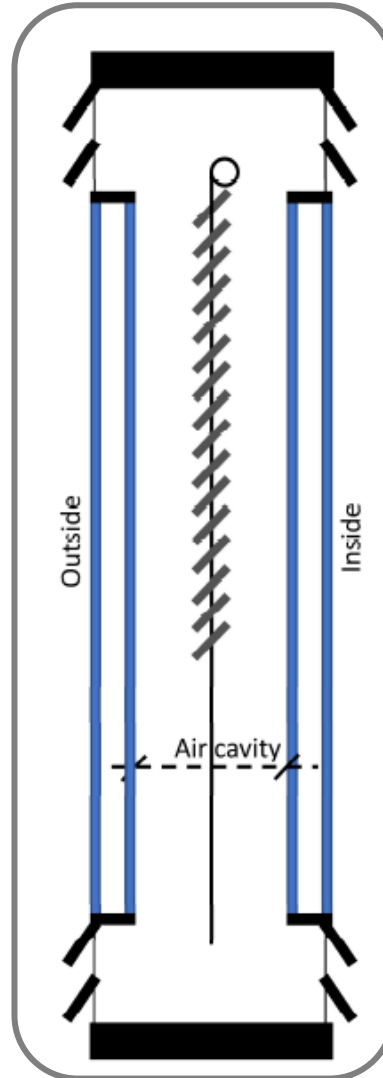
- De-centralized architecture;
- Dedicated low-level controllers;
- Advanced control strategies (e.g. MBC)



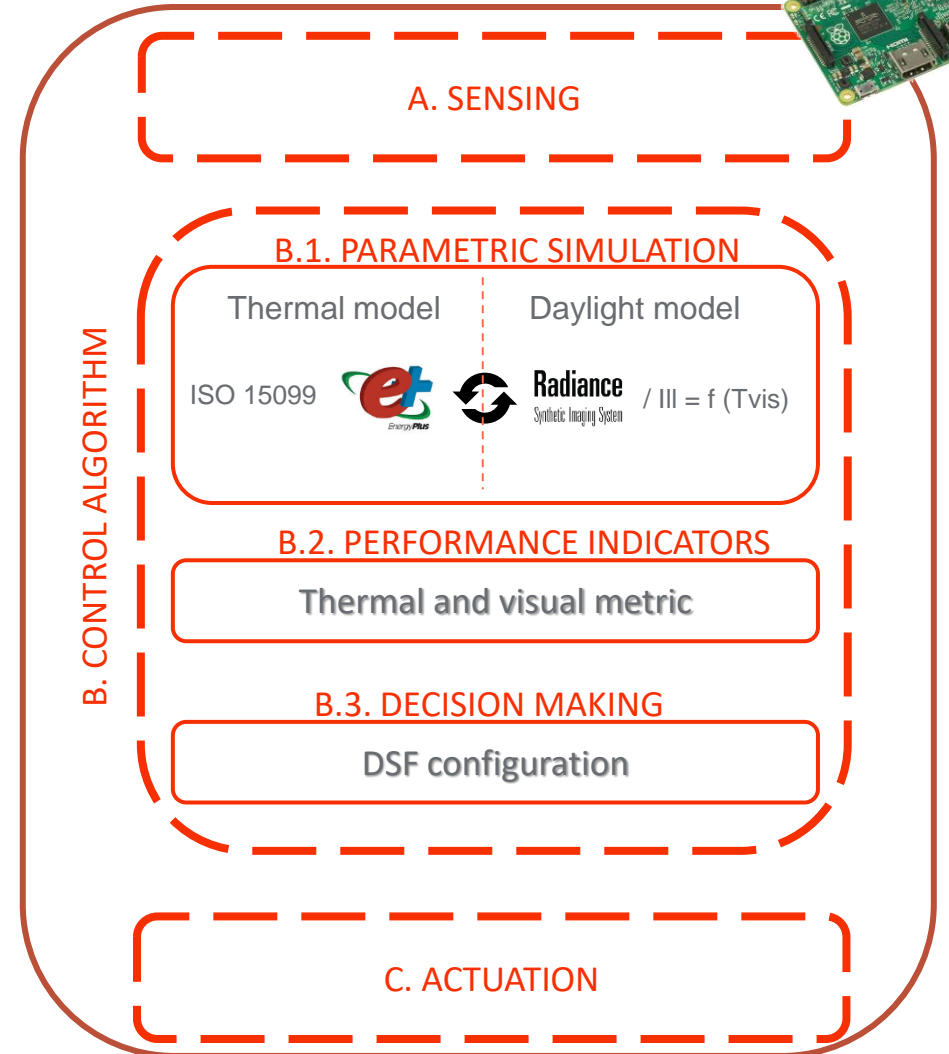
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DSF



SINGLE BOARD CONTROLLER



A. SENSING

B.1. PARAMETRIC SIMULATION

Thermal model

Daylight model

ISO 15099



Radiance  
Synthetic Imaging System

$III = f(T_{vis})$

B.2. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Thermal and visual metric

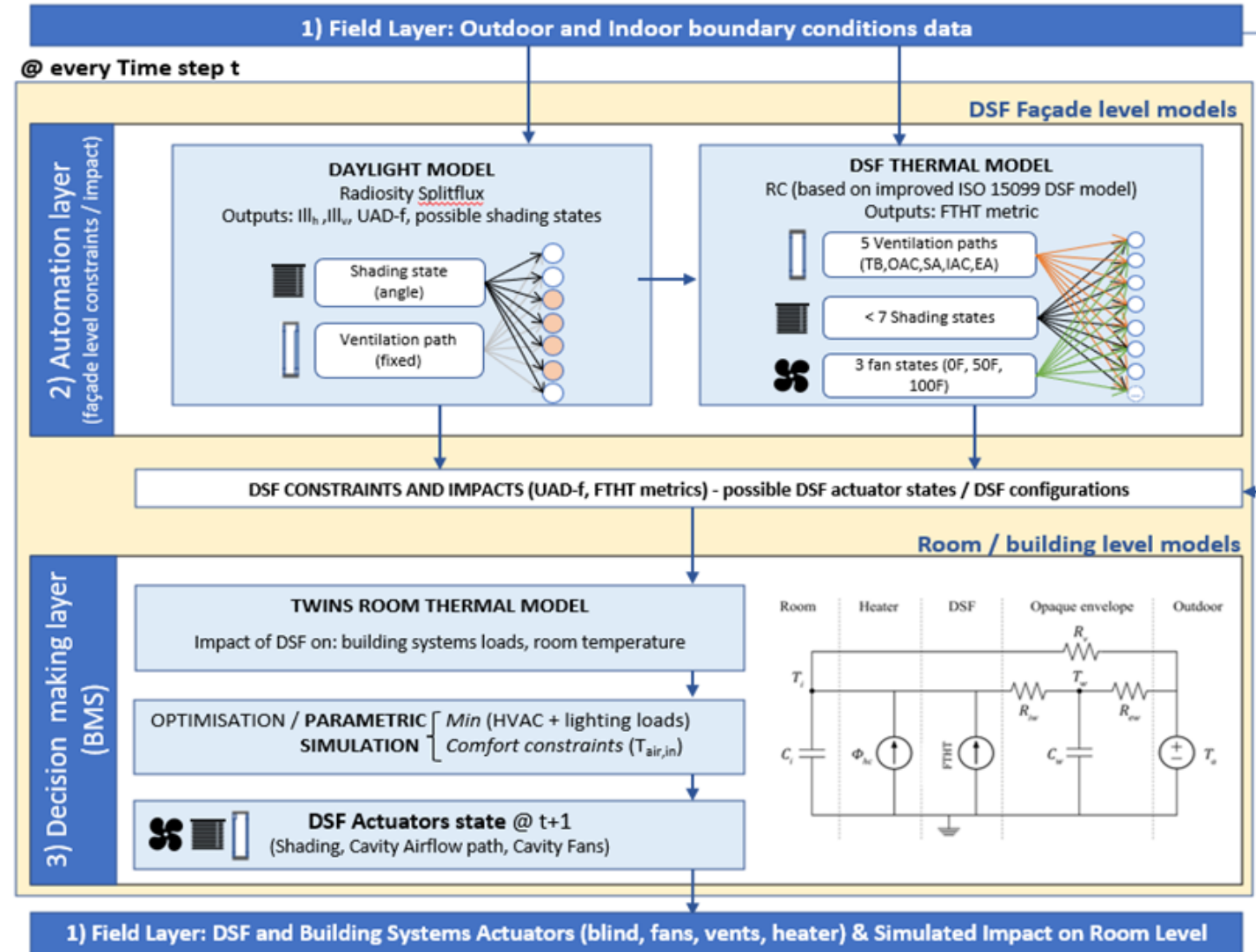
B.3. DECISION MAKING

DSF configuration

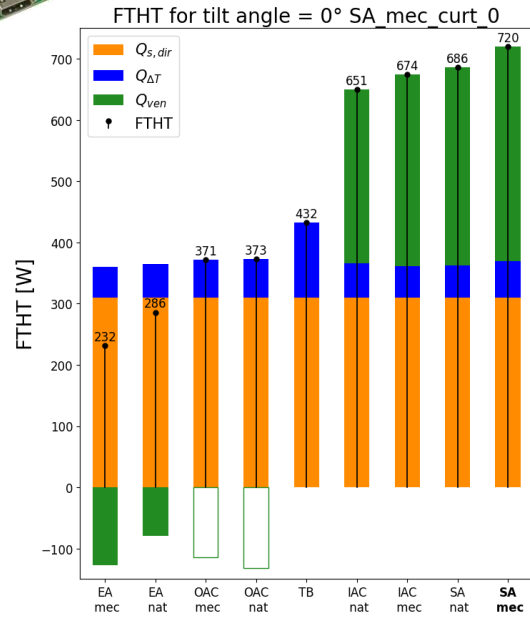
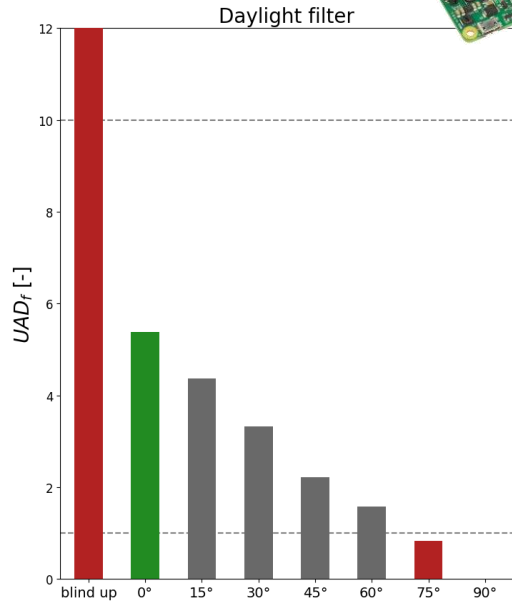
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B. CONTROL ALGORITHM

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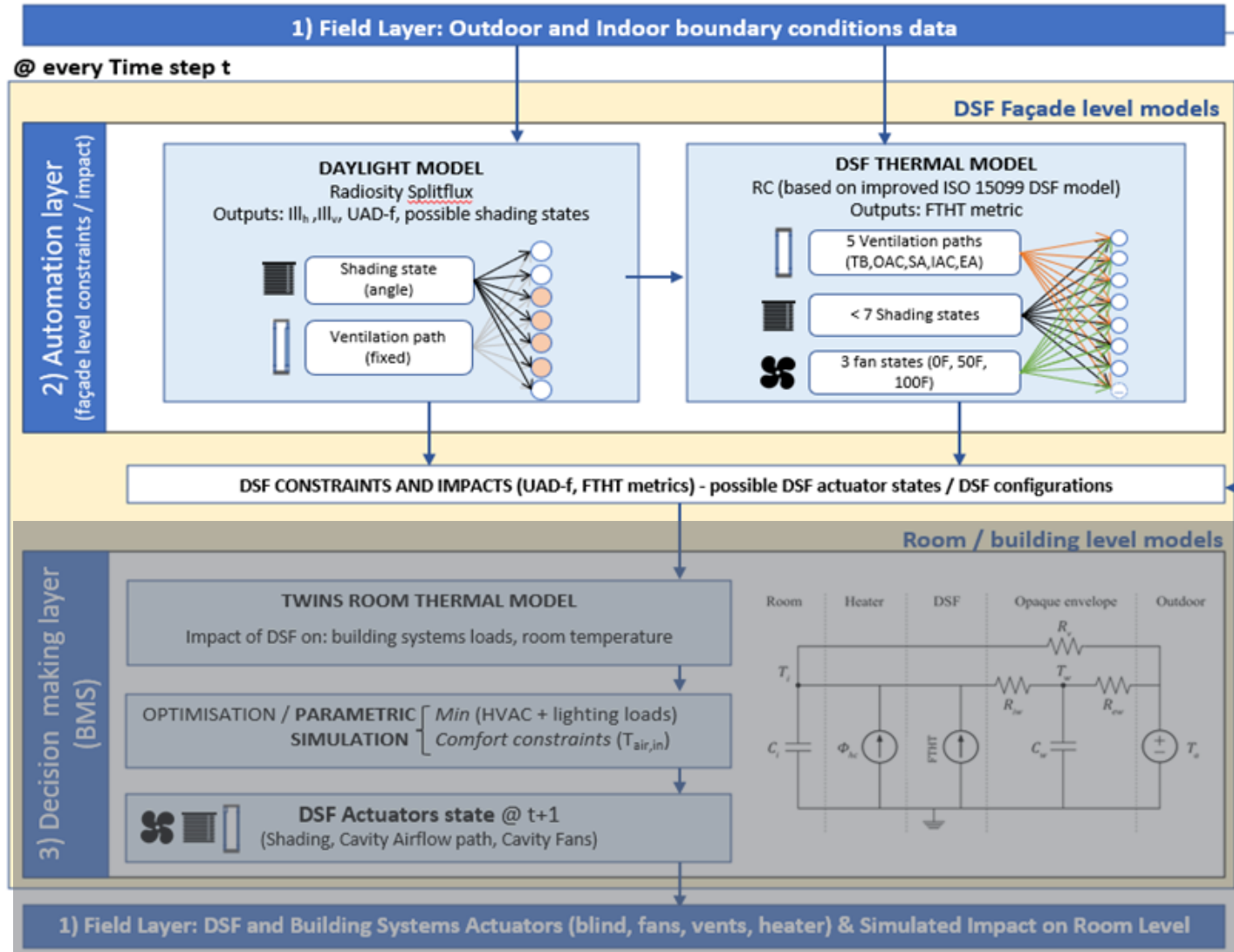
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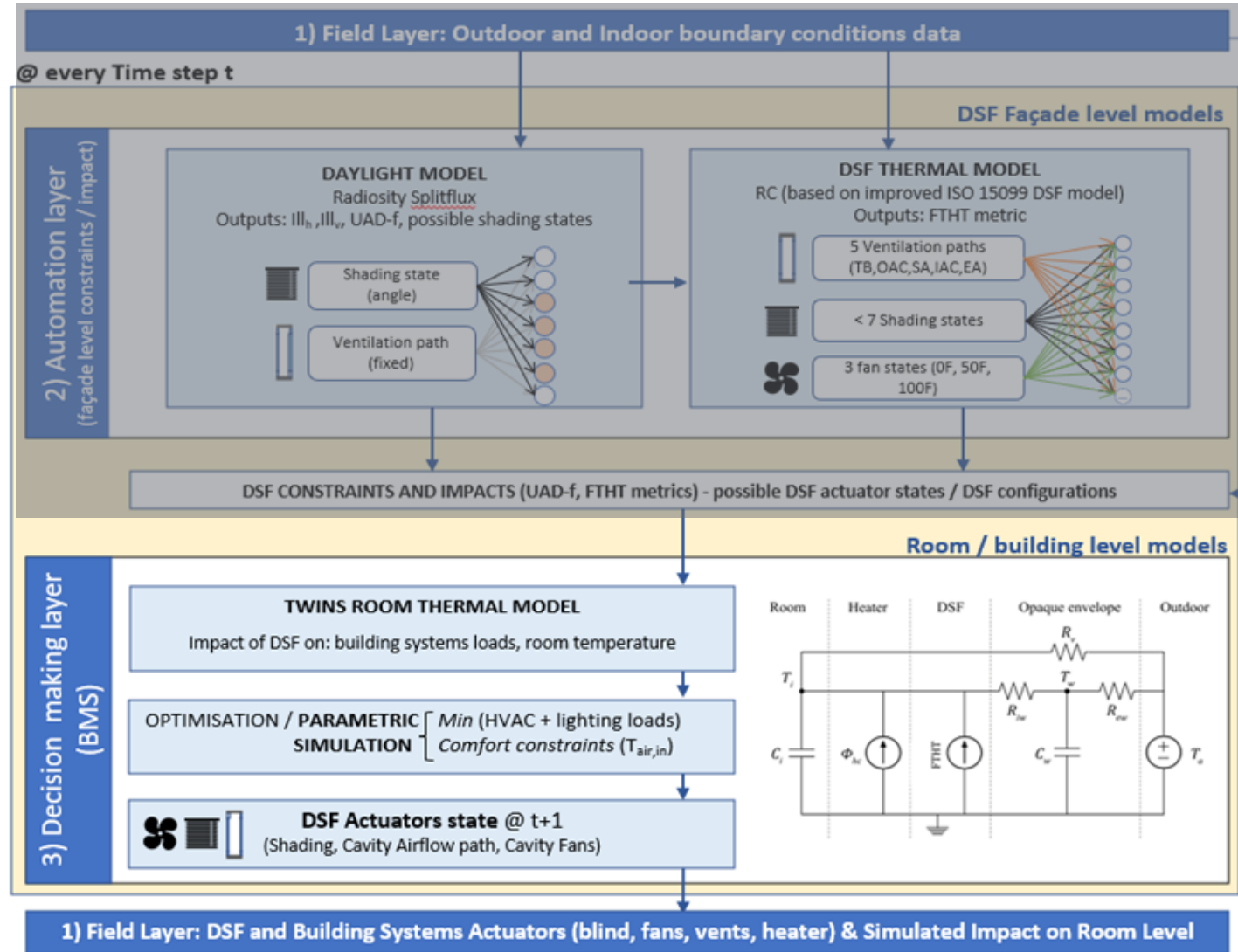
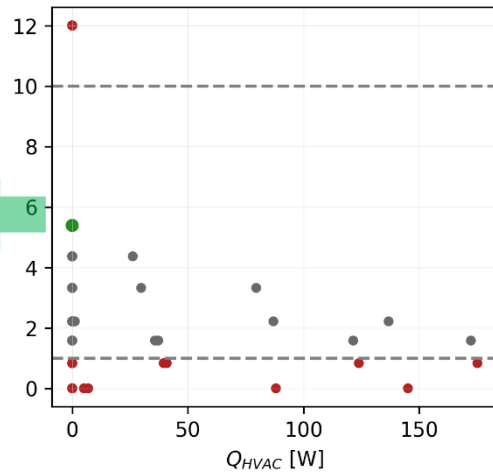
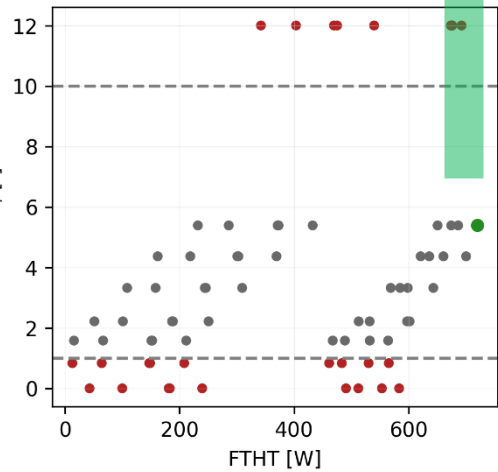
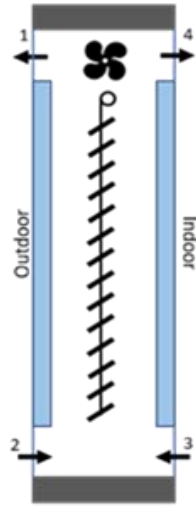
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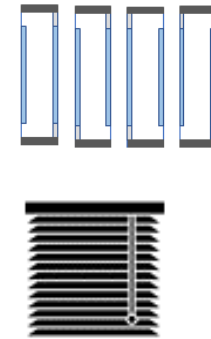
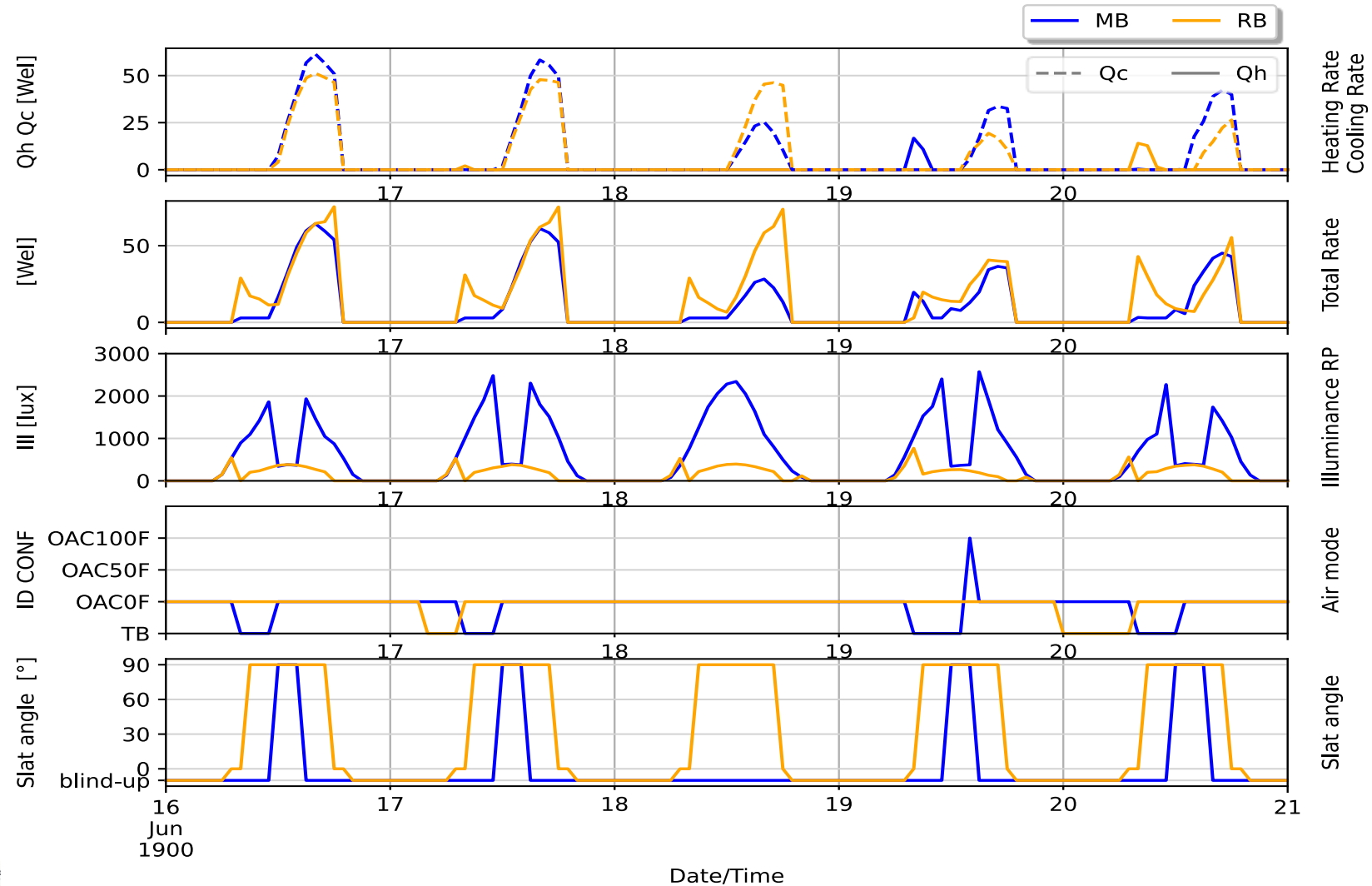




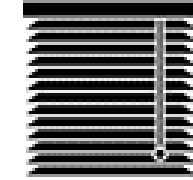
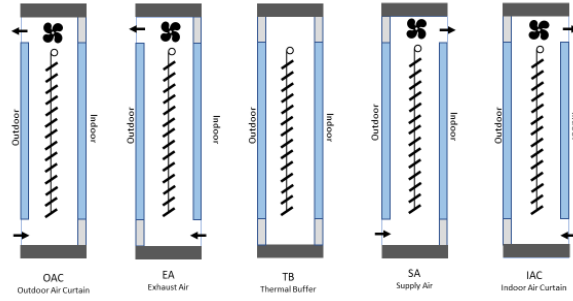
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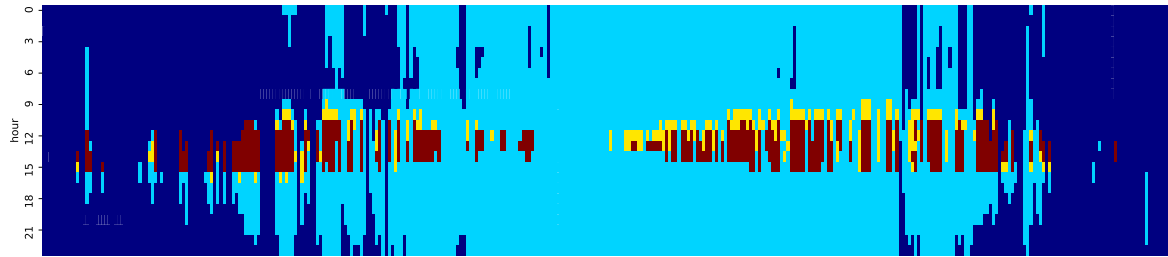
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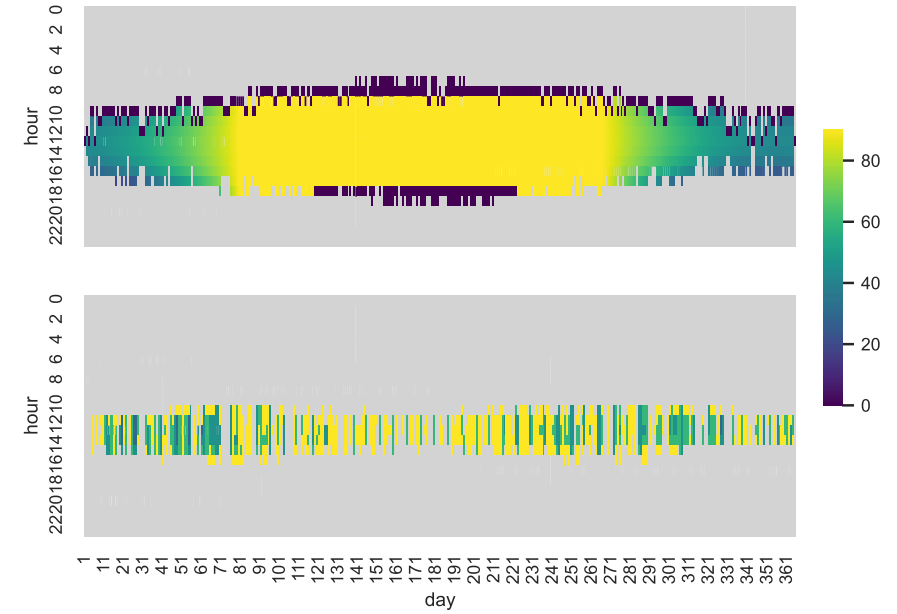
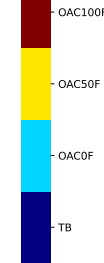
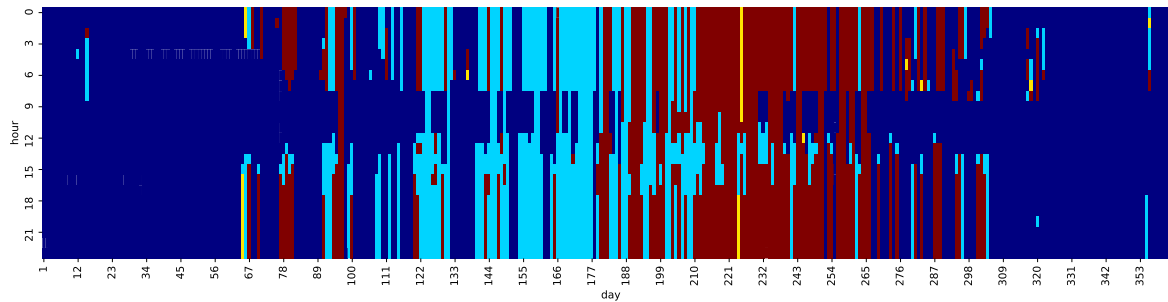
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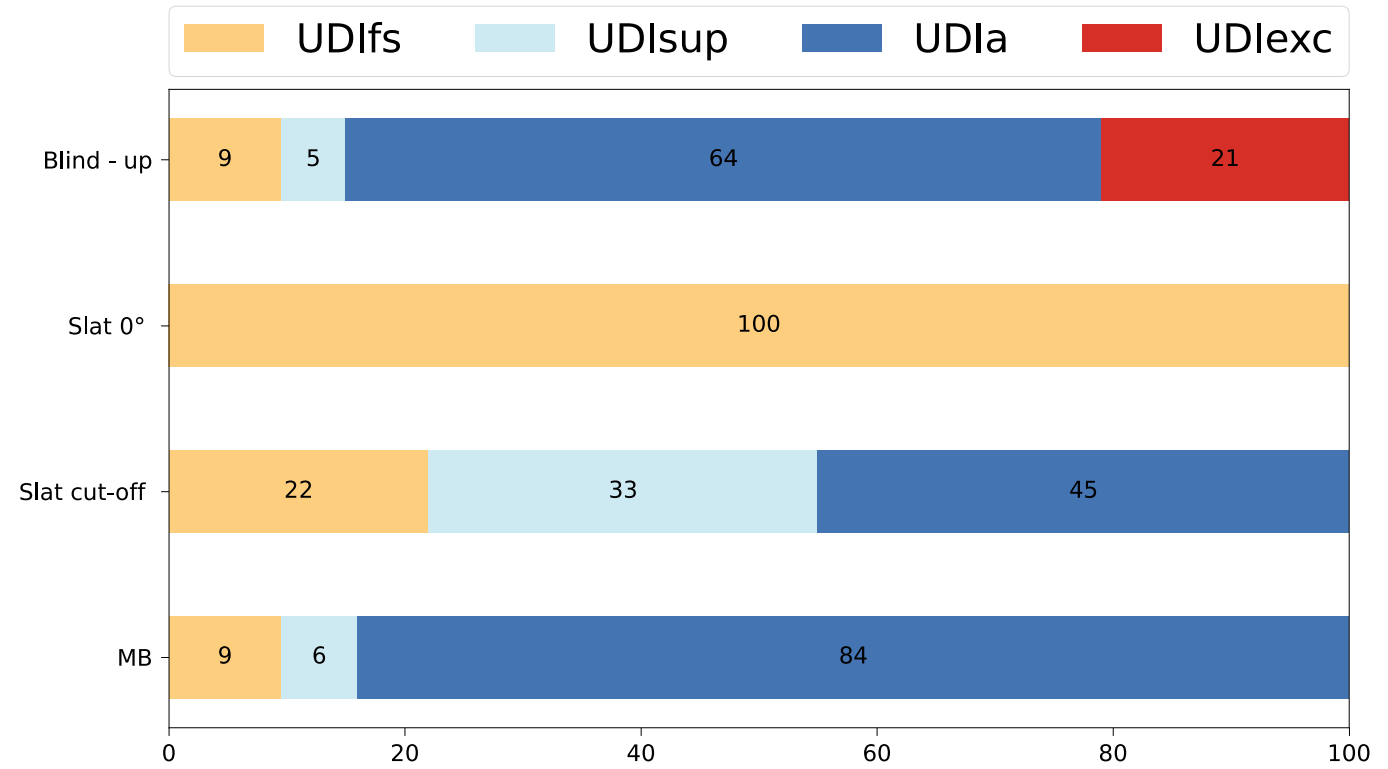
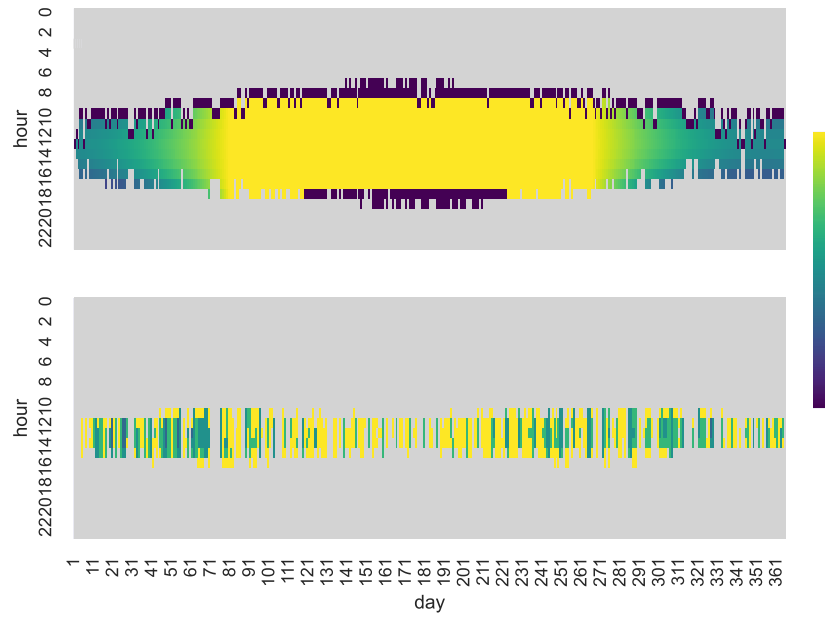
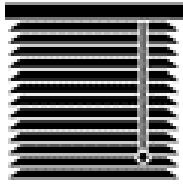
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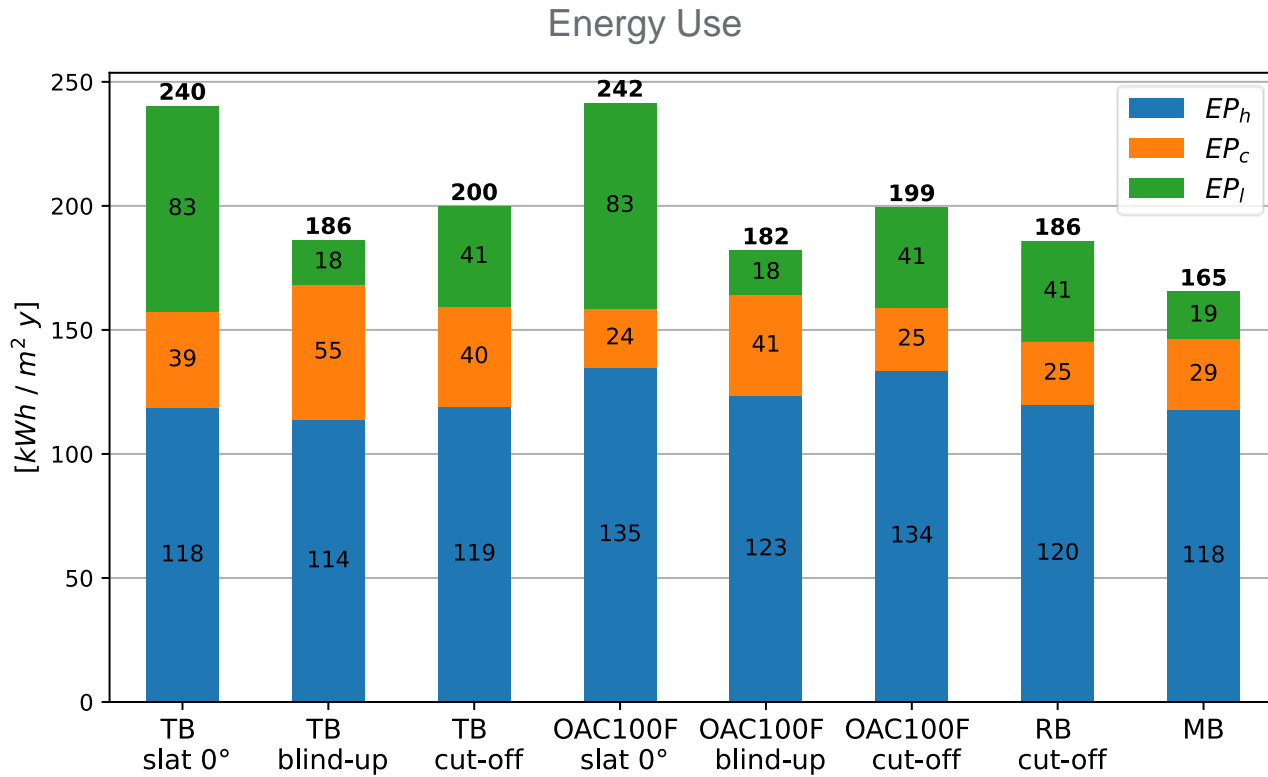
Model Based



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Cut-off blind control

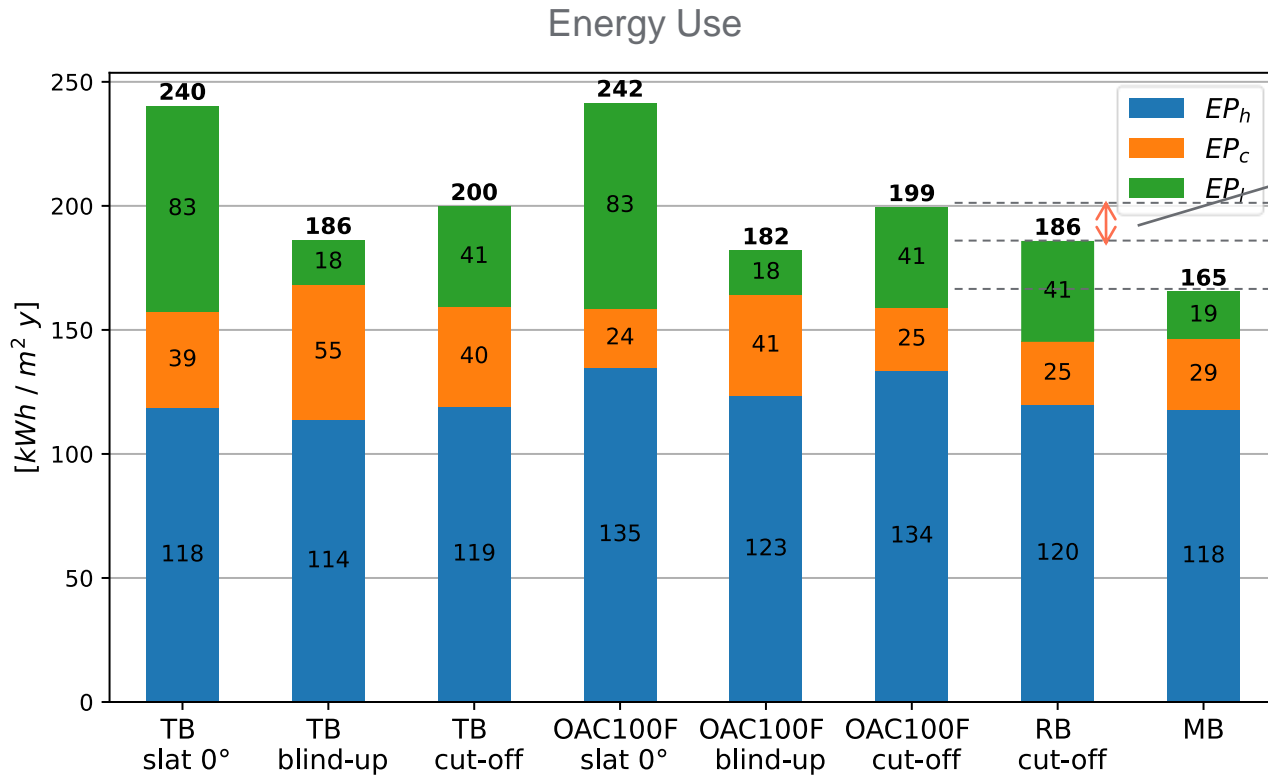
Mech OAC DSF  
Rule based control  
Cutoff + Temp

Flex DSF (TB+OAC)  
Rule based control

Flex DSF (TB+OAC)  
Model based control



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Closed Cavity  
Cut-off blind control

Mech OAC DSF  
Rule based control  
Cutoff + Temp  
Flex DSF (TB+OAC)  
Rule based control  
Flex DSF (TB+OAC)  
Model based control

**Flexible DSF + Rule based (industry standard)**

3.12 €/m<sup>2</sup> (of 5 m perimeter zone) saving  
For 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> of façade, there are 52'000 € saving (1.3 M€ for 25 years)

**Flexible DSF + Model based (no additional hardware costs)**

7.58 €/m<sup>2</sup> (of 5 m perimeter zone) saving  
For 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> of façade, there are 126'367 € saving (3.2 M€ for 25 years)

(10000 m<sup>2</sup> bespoke unitized systems, 100k €)

Cost of performance mock ups 50-100k €  
Cost of controllers 10 €/m<sup>2</sup> of façade – 100k € total (now accounted in BMS)  
Similar cost of maintenance for DSF  
Not accounting for now long-term costs and maintenance of façade level controllers (now accounting in the BMS)  
Cost of BEC (excluding performance mock-ups) depending on m<sup>2</sup>, overall size of building and complexity

**Potential ROI of 3-4 years compared to Rule Based control**



# iclimabuilt (H2020) – OITB



Functional and advanced insulating and energy harvesting/storage materials across climate adaptive building envelopes

**Objective:** Support the translation of research results into innovations and help small high-tech firms to scale up and cope with the continuous rising of technological complexity by providing a **Single-Entry-Point** for necessary infrastructures and tools to test, validate and upscale new technological solutions

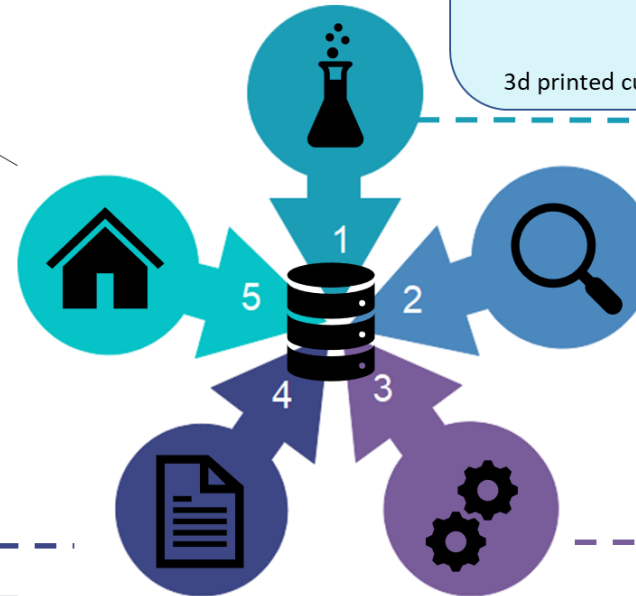


## Technology validation in 'living laboratories' & sustainability

materials performance verification under different climates for highly promising applications in energy and resource efficient buildings

## Standards, testing protocols and regulation

Structural, mechanical, functional properties, Safety, hazard, toxicity and environmental impact assessment, current regulations in national building codes



## Pilot Lines

- PCMs
- BIPVs
- TEGs
- Aerogels
- Omniphobic Coatings
- Advanced cement-based materials
- Insulation components from wastes
- Multifunctional Composite Sandwiches
- 3d printed customizable passive components for wellbeing

## Advanced characterization

Material/component characterisation metrics and testing

## Multi-scale simulations and virtual performance analysis

Materials-components-whole building simulation





Pilot Lines

- PCMs
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- Omniphobic coatings



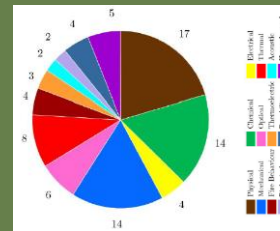
Test Cases

- Smart ventilated heat harvesting window
- BIPV & BIST collectors
- TEG modules
- TRC/CLCi composite panels
- Eco-sustainable insulating components (+ waste material)
- MCS solutions
- 3D printed customizable components

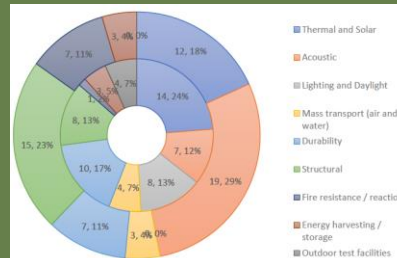


Upscaling support

- Multiscale simulation: from nano-material to building component to whole Building performance
- Exp. Characterisation: Material characterisation (137)



Building component performance testing (120, 4 OTF)



Demos

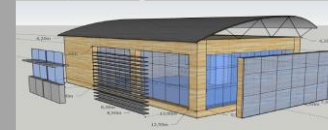
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Open Call

- Validation to technological solutions from outside consortium
- Call dedicated to SMEs and research center
- Supporting Upscaling from TRL4 to TRL6-7
- 70%-30% funding (on eligible costs)
- End of August opening

MTaaS Platform

Customer-oriented configuration capability to translate user needs to adaptive workflows





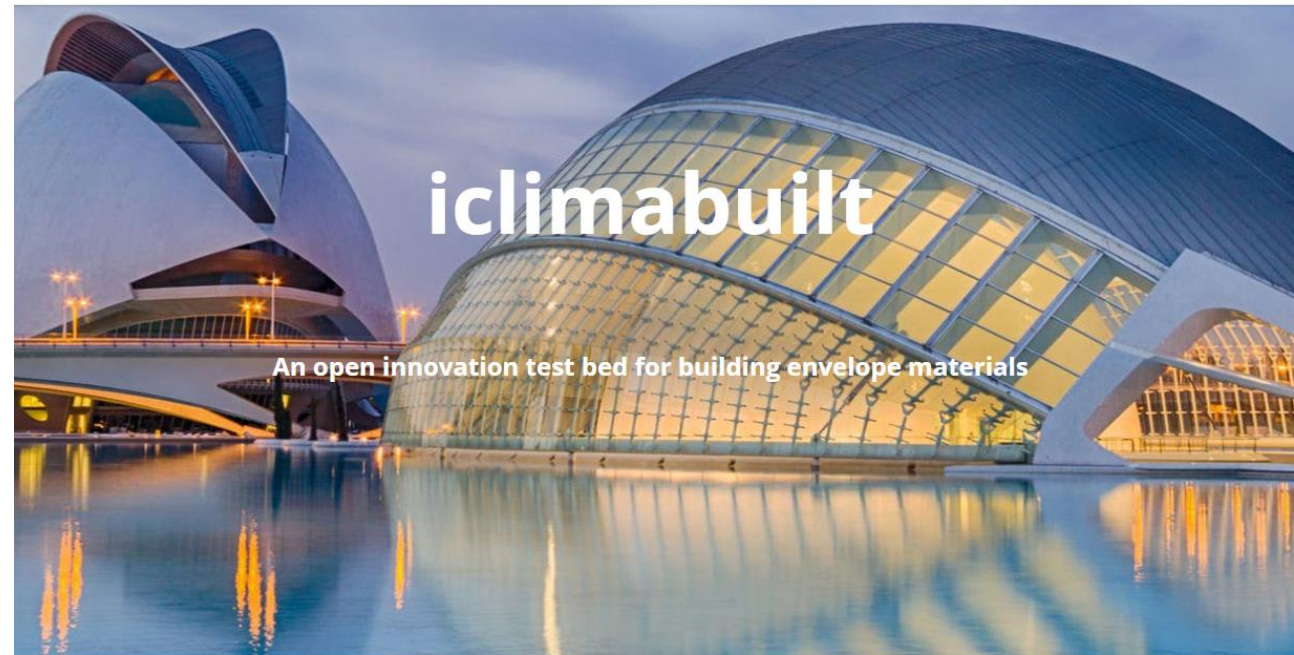
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## Project Goals

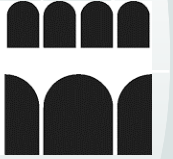
iclimabuilt's goal is to create an open access ecosystem for developing, upscaling and testing innovations in building envelope materials and technical systems via its 9 Pilot Lines (PLs) to reach Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (nZEB) balance. At the same time, iclimabuilt will support and help small high-tech firms to scale up and cope with the continuous rising of technological complexity, assisting in the transformation of research results into innovations.

# Green envelopes as a microclimatic boundary condition

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Roberta Cocci Grifoni



# Agenda in 8 minutes



- Nature as design material
- Green envelopes/boundary conditions
- Parametric optimization
- Microforestation as environmental acupuncture



# Green Mind Theory



Artist: Paola Tassetti

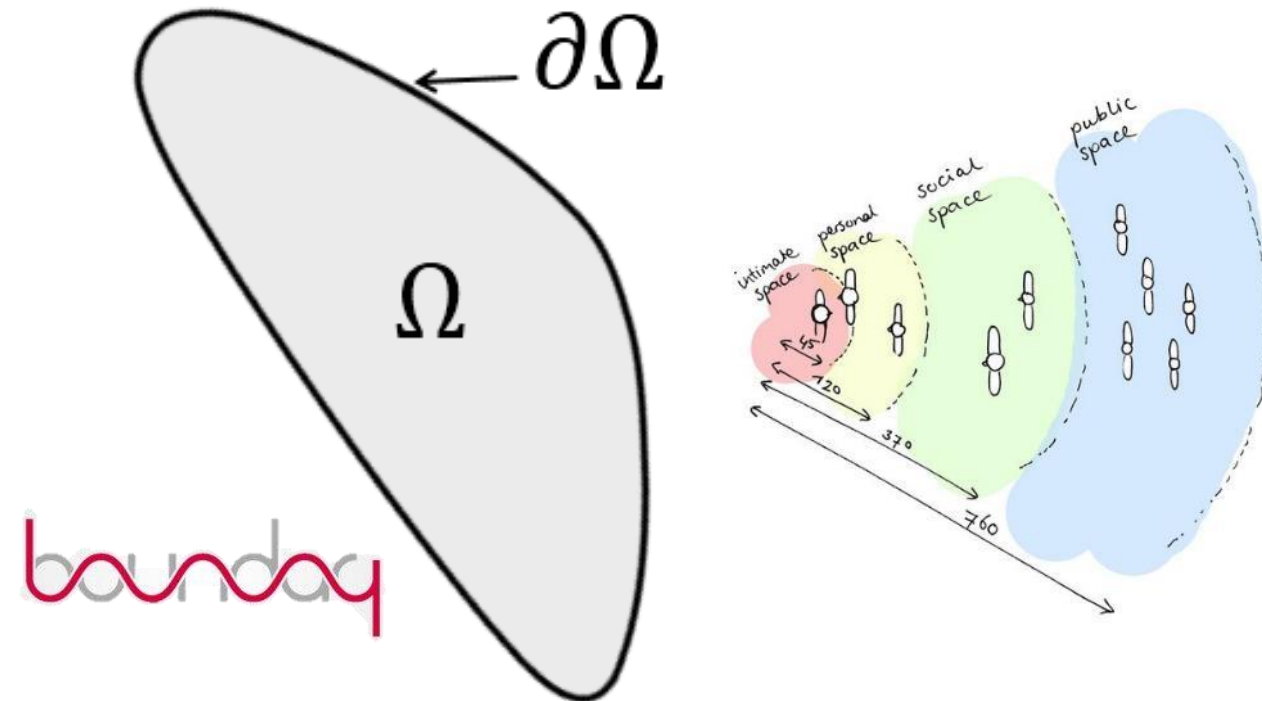
# Boundary Conditions



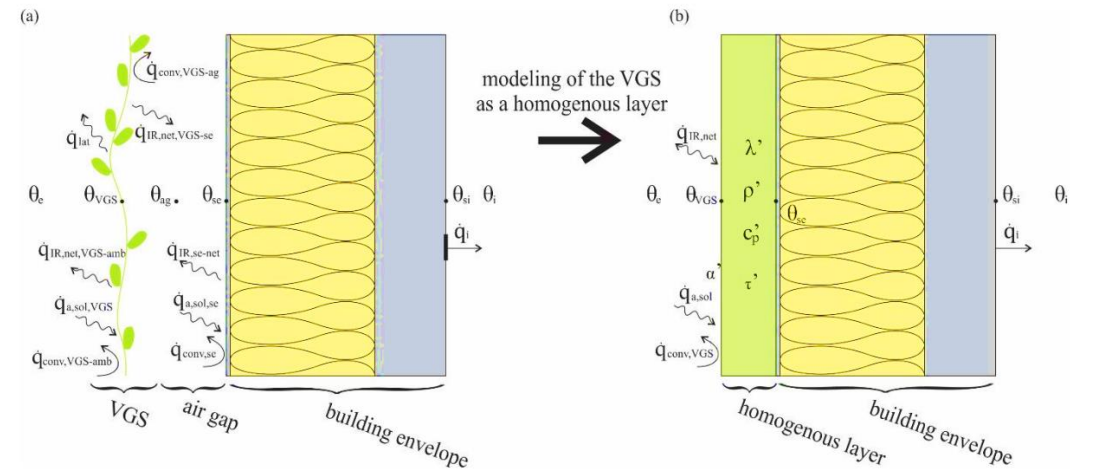
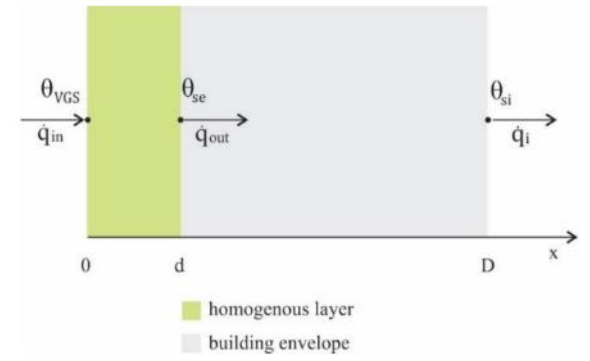
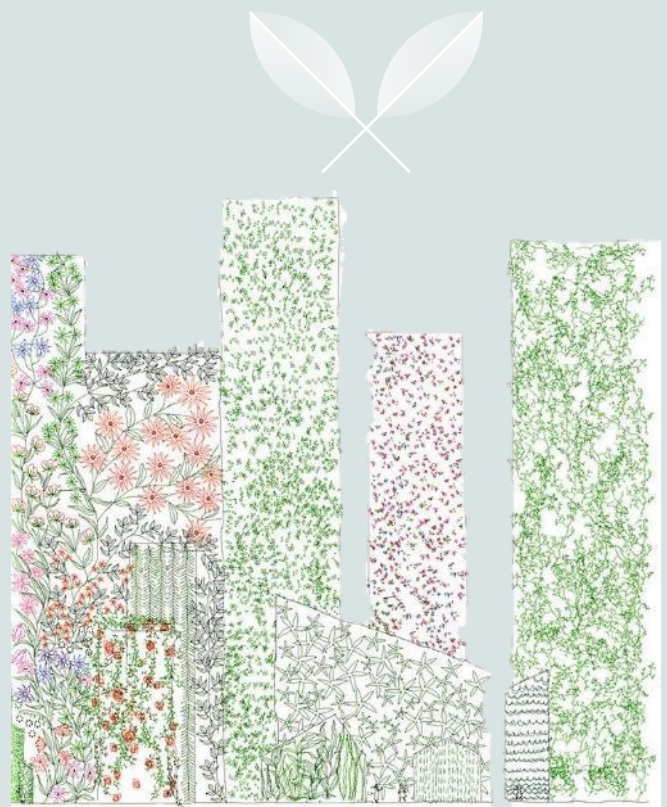
Resolution domain and boundary

Boundary conditions are constraints necessary for the solution of a boundary value problem.

A boundary value problem is a differential equation (or system of differential equations) to be solved in a domain on whose boundary a set of conditions is known.



# Vertical Green System as homogenous layer (Boundary conditions)



Šuklje, Tomaž & Hamdy, Mohamed & Arkar, Ciril & Hensen, Jan & Medved, Saso. (2018). An inverse modeling approach for the thermal response modeling of greenfaçades. Applied Energy. 235. 1447-1456. 10.1016/j.apenergy.2018.11.066.



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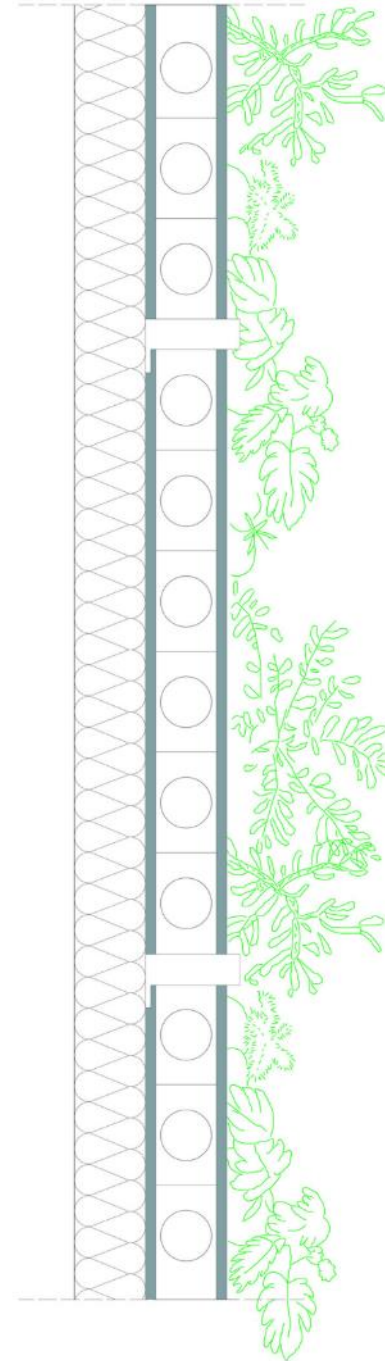


Fig. 4. Section of the green wall.

## An experimental method to quantitatively analyse the effect of thermal insulation thickness on the summer performance of a vertical green wall



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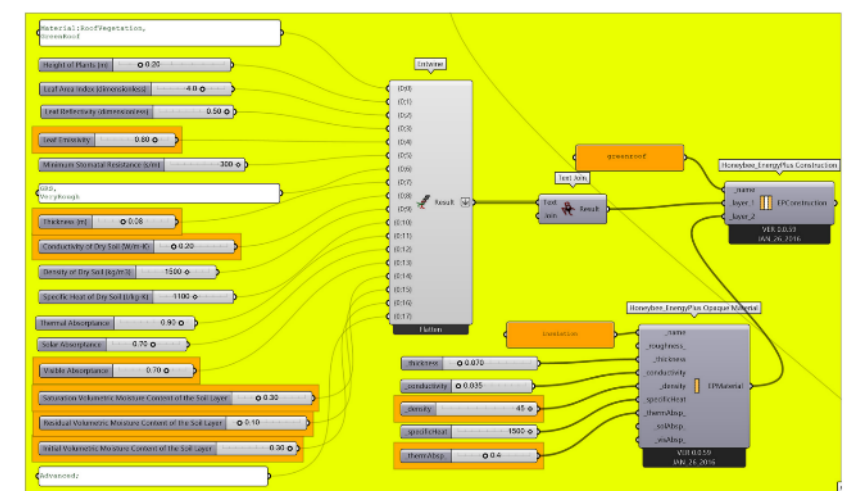
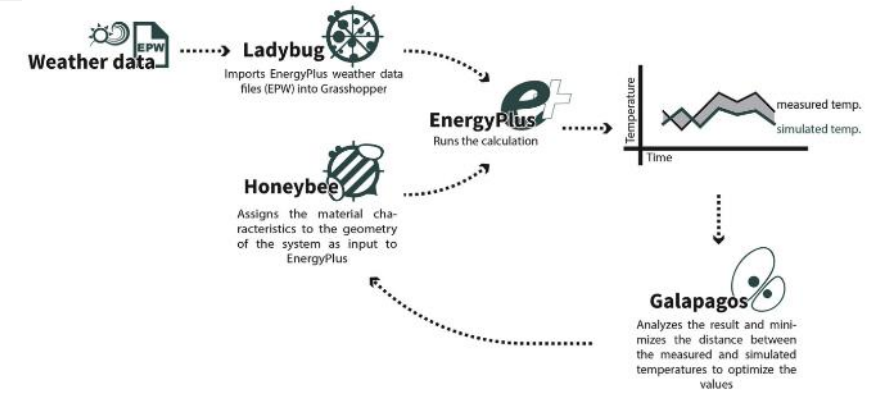
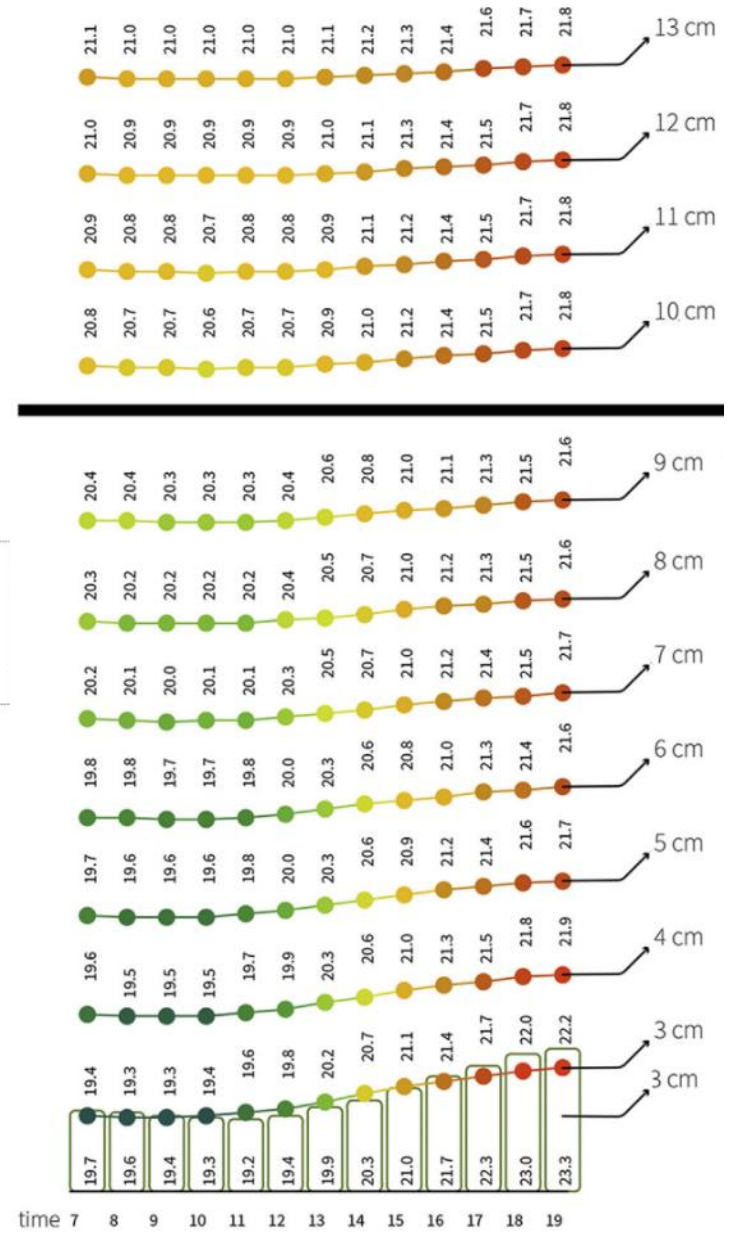
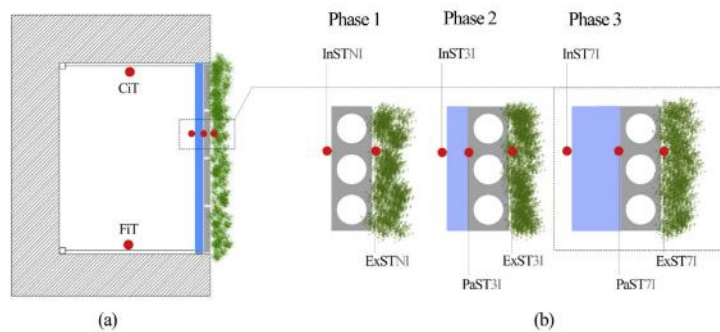


Fig. 10. Parameters of the GreenRoof module.

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# A Parametric Optimization Approach to Mitigating the Urban Heat Island Effect: A Case Study in Ancona, Italy

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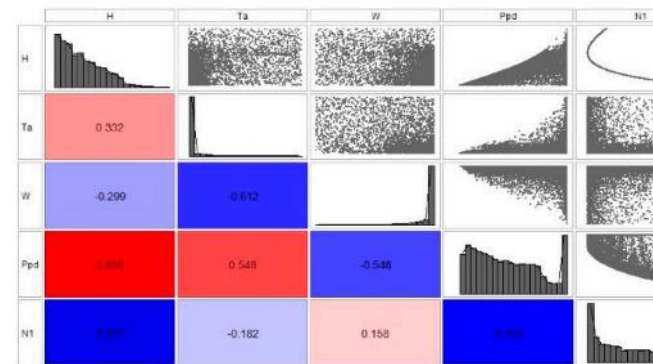


Figure 9. Matrix representation of the relation among optimization variables for parameter  $N_1$ .

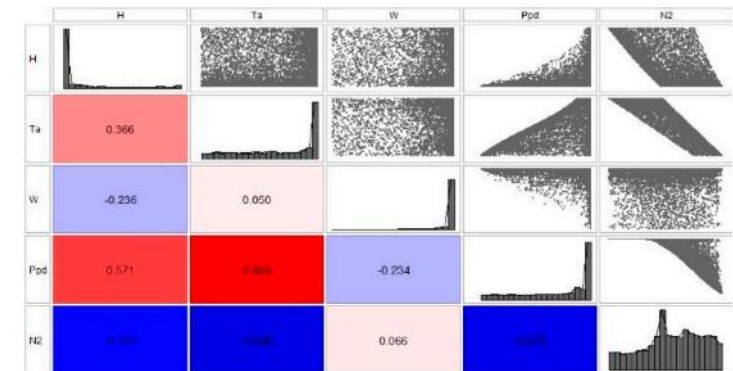


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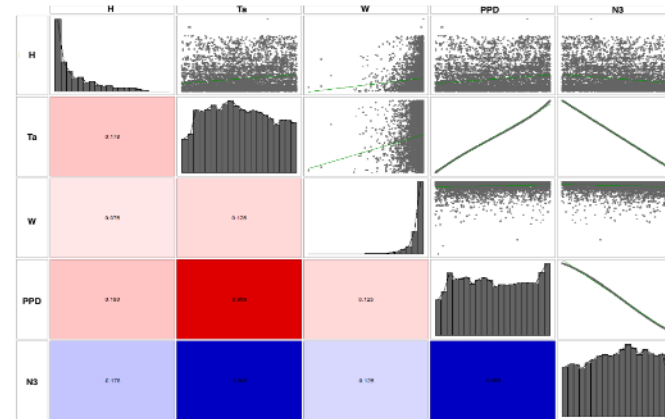
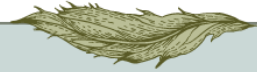


Figure 11. Matrix representation of the relation among optimization variables for parameter  $N_3$ .

Table 2. Possible mitigation measures to control the urban heat island [2].

Scale	Intervention	Control
		Roughness
Neighborhood	Trees, overhangs, narrow spaces	Provide shade and shelter
	Impervious surface fraction	Energy partitioning between sensible (heating) and latent, evaporative (cooling) exchanges
	Porous pavement	Increase surface wetness, evaporative cooling, reduce runoff
	Vegetated roofs	Cool rooftop through shading and evaporative cooling and provide additional insulation to improve building energy performance
Building	High albedo, light surfaces	Influences surface heat absorption and ensures high reflection of radiation
	Sky view factor	Influences solar access and radiative cooling
	Thermal admittance	Modulates heating and cooling cycles of materials
	Thick walls, roof insulation	Modulates heat storage
Neighborhood	Morphology, building and pavement materials, amount of vegetation and transport	Influence airflow, ventilation, energy use, anthropogenic heat emissions, pollution, and water use via city form and function

# Green Optimization



## 2.1. Parameters

The UHI effect, the difference in temperature between urban and rural areas, is directly related to the urban morphology. Oke [29] related this temperature difference to the height-to-width ratio ( $H/w$ ) of the urban streets, which defines the sky view factor (SVF) and urban compacity:

$$\Delta t_{(u-r)} = 7.45 + 3.97 \ln\left(\frac{H}{w}\right) \quad (3)$$

According to Salat and Morterol [30], the non-dimensional parameter compacity,  $N_1$  (Equation (4); [31]), is an interesting descriptor of urban morphology. It describes the amount of exposed building envelope ( $A_{ext}$ ) per unit volume ( $V$ ):

$$N_1 = \sum_{buildings} \frac{A_{ext}}{V_b^{2/3}} \quad (4)$$

and determines the thermal losses of buildings in an urban environment. To focus on the form rather than the size, the ratio  $A/V^{2/3}$  is considered; the lower the ratio, the higher the compacity.

Other factors that influence the thermal state of the city include the solar radiation,  $H_s$ , the temperature difference between the average indoor ( $T_i$ ) and outdoor temperatures, and the energy coefficient  $K$ , which is the ratio of the total energy needs of the building to the average external air temperature. Two external temperatures were considered:  $T_a$  is the ambient temperature and  $T_c$  is the sky temperature.

The collective behavior of these parameters was studied by considering three dimensionless numbers that are closely related to the urban morphology and the local climate conditions [33,34]:

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= A_{ext} / V_b^{2/3} \\ N_2 &= A_{ext}^{0.5} K (T_i - T_a) / H_s = A_{me}^{0.5} K \Delta T / H_s \\ N_3 &= A_{ext}^{0.5} K (T_a - T_c) / H_s = A_{me}^{0.5} K \Delta T' / H_s \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$N_1$  is the compacity of the building as described above (Equation (4)). On the building scale,  $N_2$  is related to energy consumption and describes the ratio of the building's energy loss to the solar energy gain.  $N_3$  is another energy consumption parameter, but it expresses energy loss on a larger, citywide scale, between the built area and the sky;  $N_2$  and  $N_3$  differ in the temperature difference used.  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ , and  $N_3$  represent thermodynamic energy system indicators for urban energy planning. Each of these aggregate parameters encompasses many variables in the built environment and can be used to define the built area, the extent of green space, and service areas. They also allow the quality of an urban area to be evaluated by referring to the analysis made on the current conditions [34].



Figure 3. The case study (City of Ancona, in central Italy).

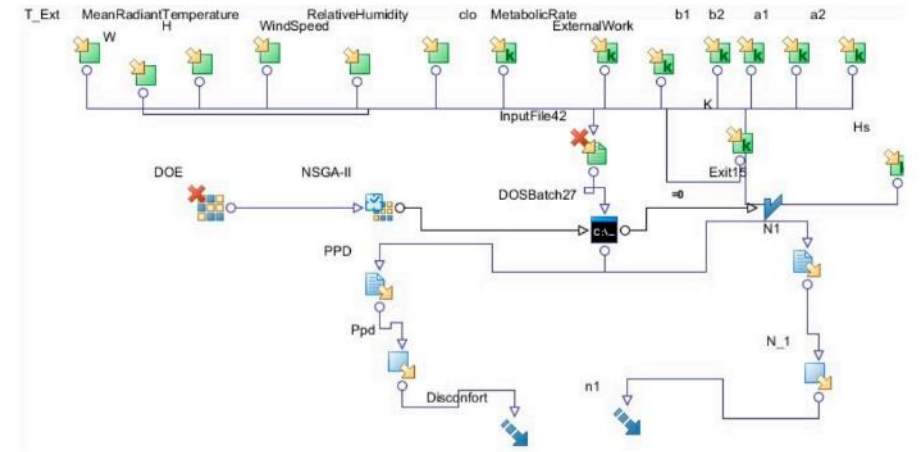


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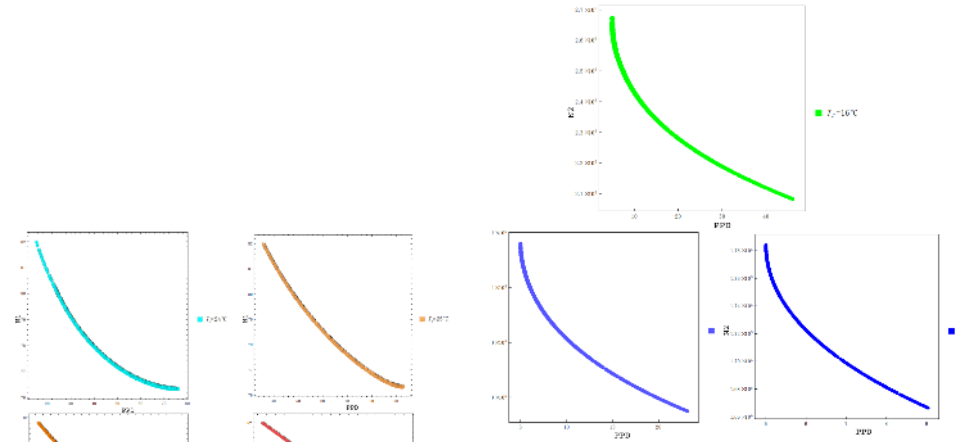


Figure 7.  $N_2$  vs. PPD for different temperatures. No Pareto frontier is formed for higher temperatures.

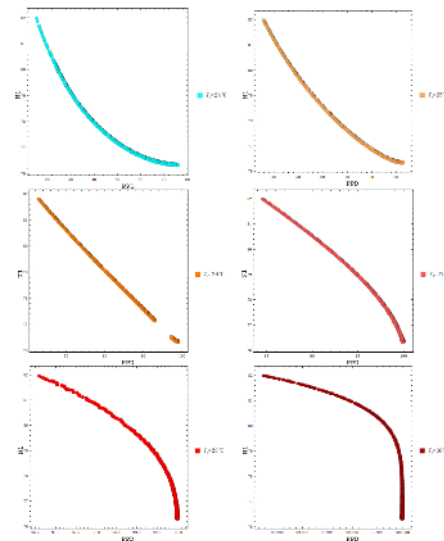


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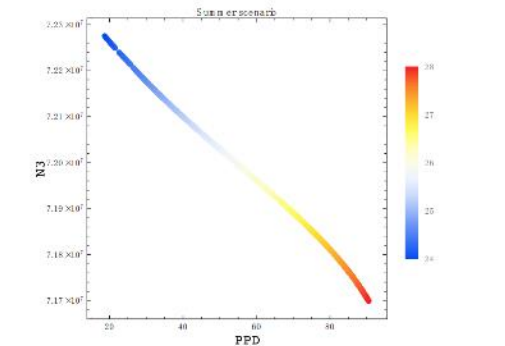


Figure 8. Pareto frontier of solution clusters for the summer scenario. The  $N_3$  parameter is on the y-axis and PPD is on the x-axis.

#### 4. Conclusions

In recent years, a lot of research and applications have looked at the energy efficiency of buildings. Many models have developed knowledge regarding insulation, thermal inertia, and renewable energy production. In contrast, themes related to phenomena on the larger urban scale have not been sufficiently investigated, and a well-accepted theory that can be used by planners still has not been

formulated. One aspect that remains unresolved is the general trend to increase building density and its impact on microclimate and the quality of life in the city. This trend is not always in line with energy efficiency, but there are numerous parameters that need to be considered, specifically, and reciprocal relationships that need to be explored to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency. Wider adoption of a global vision for buildings, the effectiveness of new technologies in a consistent manner. This, then, becomes the way to orient the

The main objective of this research was to explore the relationships between different attributes of the city. The results of this type of multi-objective optimization show that building scenarios leading to the selection of the most effective policies for change indicated as objectives for energy efficiency and their effectiveness in mitigating the UHI effect.

Analysis of the case study (Ancona) allowed for the identification of effective support for the parametric analysis of

indicators with meteorological parameters. Thermodynamic indicators ( $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ , and  $N_3$ ) useful for the energy planning of urban areas, and for defining scenarios of integrated low-environmental-impact energy strategies and actions in an urban area were considered. The results show that compactness ( $N_1$ ) and thermodynamic indicator  $N_2$  can be useful parameters when designing comfortable cities. Their optimization implies different planning/building layouts to improve thermal comfort, such as wide streets and medium-height buildings in places where the wind speed is low. Parameter  $N_3$ , on the other hand, shows that, within the limits of the model, it is even more difficult to find optimal solutions when dealing with the city as a whole. The temperatures examined are not at all extreme for summers in Ancona but represent typical real values in the representative summer scenario. This analysis shows that the external temperature can be considered the “dominant” variable in planning. On the building scale ( $N_1$ ), increasing the external temperature leads to an inversion of the Pareto frontier and therefore for temperatures greater than 33 °C (in the case study presented here) there are no possible solutions. Analogously for  $N_2$ , there are no solutions for temperatures higher than 30 °C, and there is complete discomfort (100% PPD) even at 28 °C.

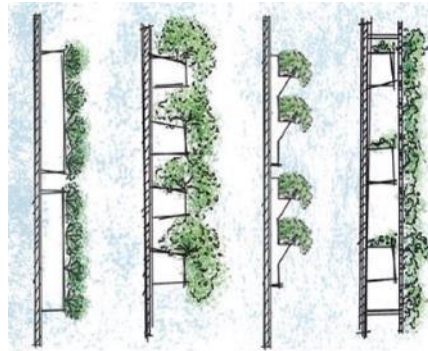
External temperatures are increasing due to climate change, and Italy in particular is seeing a higher increase in temperature compared to the European average. The analysis thus highlights the importance of reducing the outdoor temperature with physical elements such as green areas, green canopies, highly retroreflective materials, and urban shading. This initial result, applied to a typical Mediterranean city (Ancona), shows how important it is to mitigate the increase in temperature from a planning point of view. This research highlights a series of possible solutions that would allow energy consumption to be limited while improving the thermal comfort for users.

However, this is only the first step in this new technique and further development efforts are already being considered. In particular, an in-depth analysis should also be carried out for the winter

# Microforestation



Microforest



1. Support System  
2. Cassette System  
3. Planter System  
4. Pocket System

Vertical Green Systems



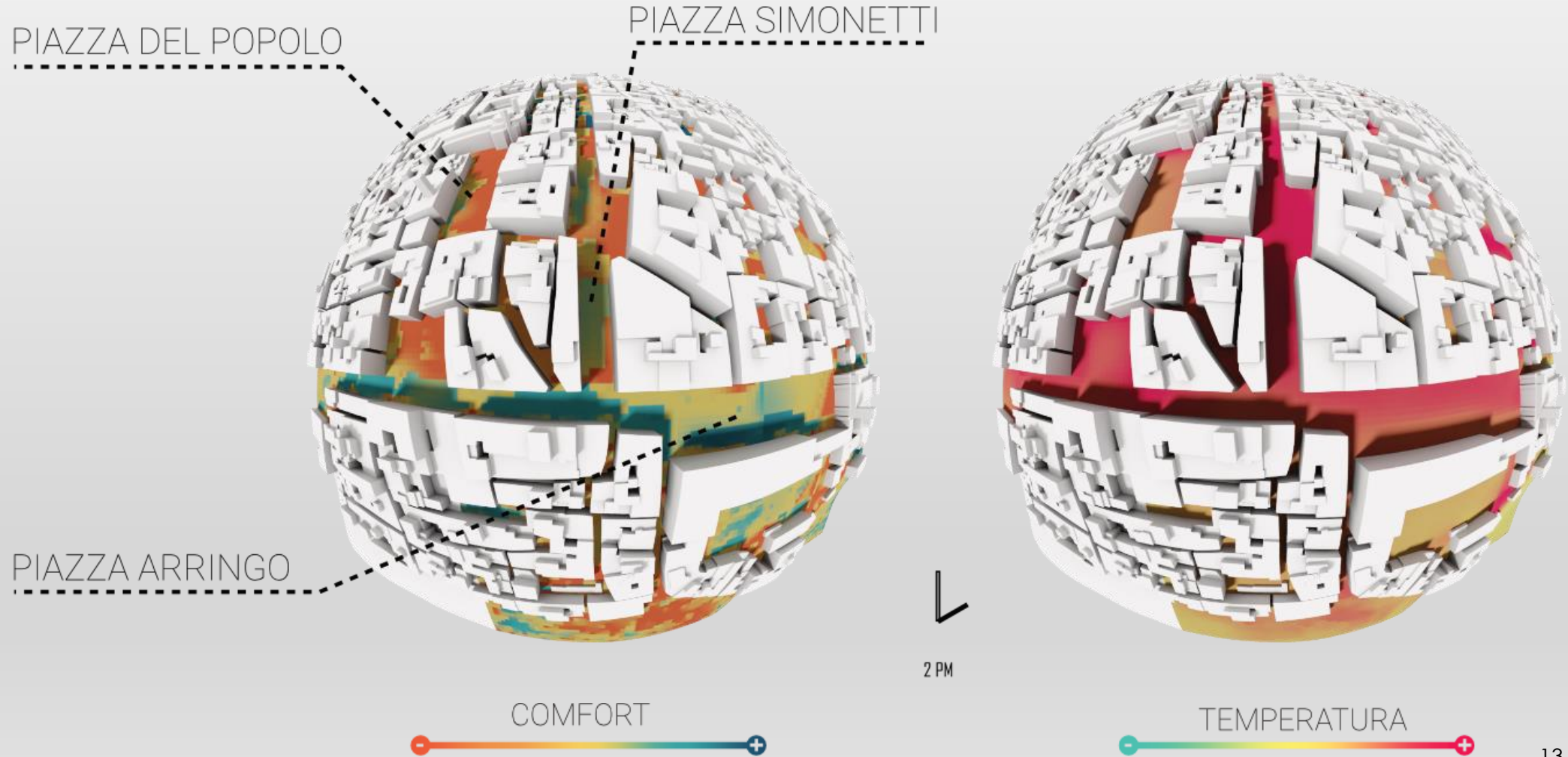
Horizontal Green Systems



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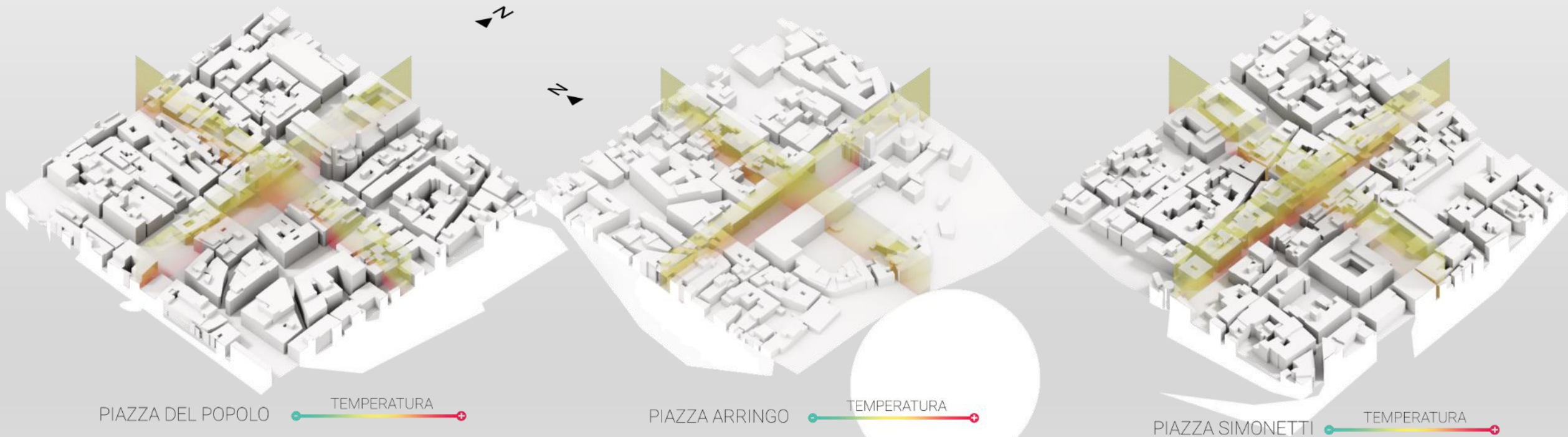
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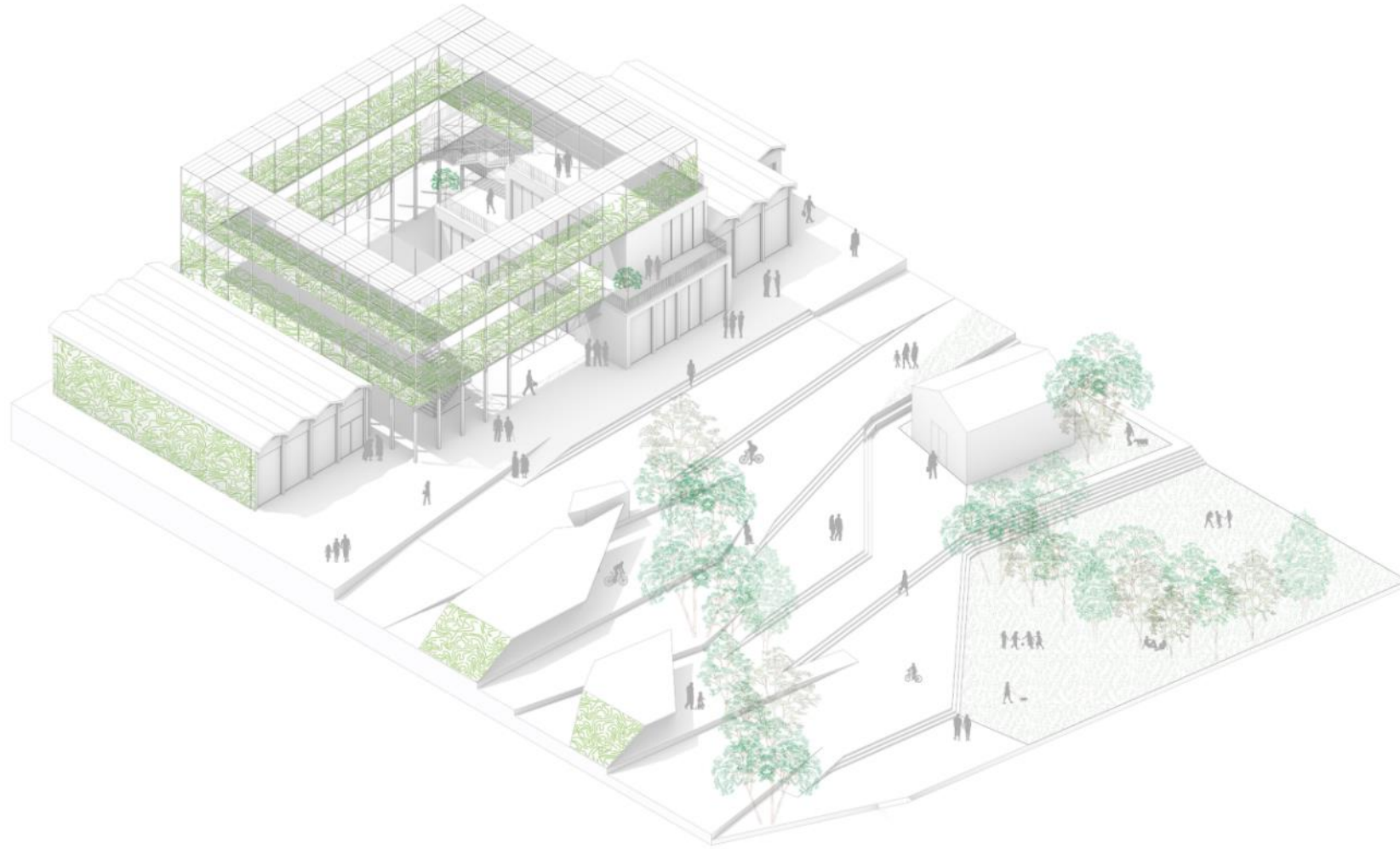


# TENS Analysis



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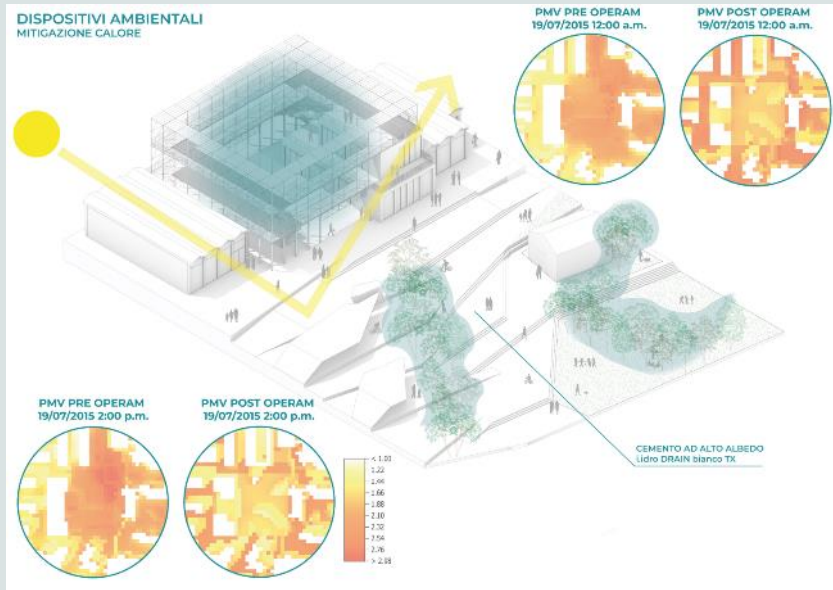




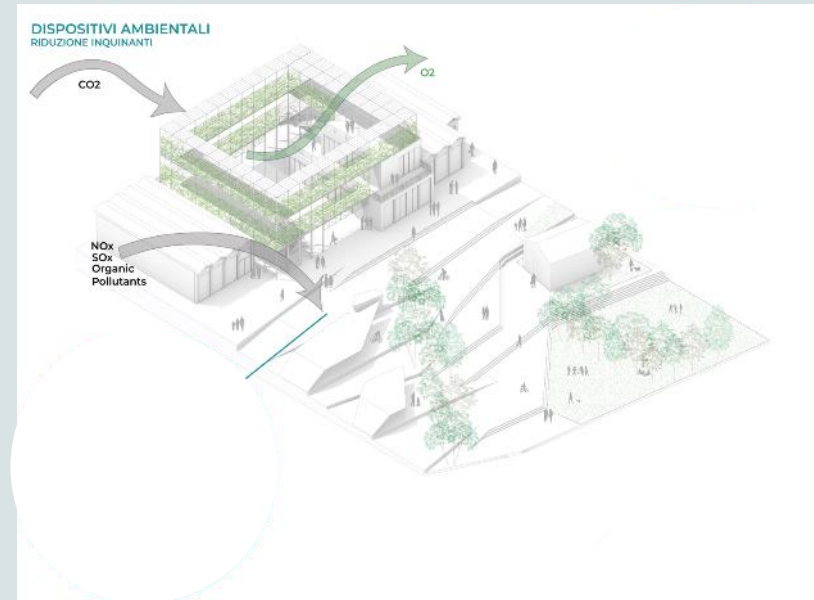
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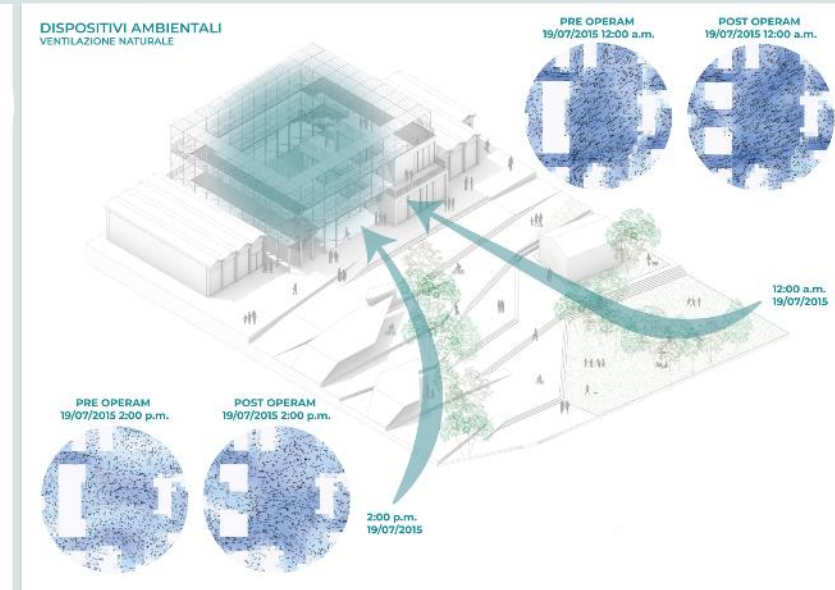
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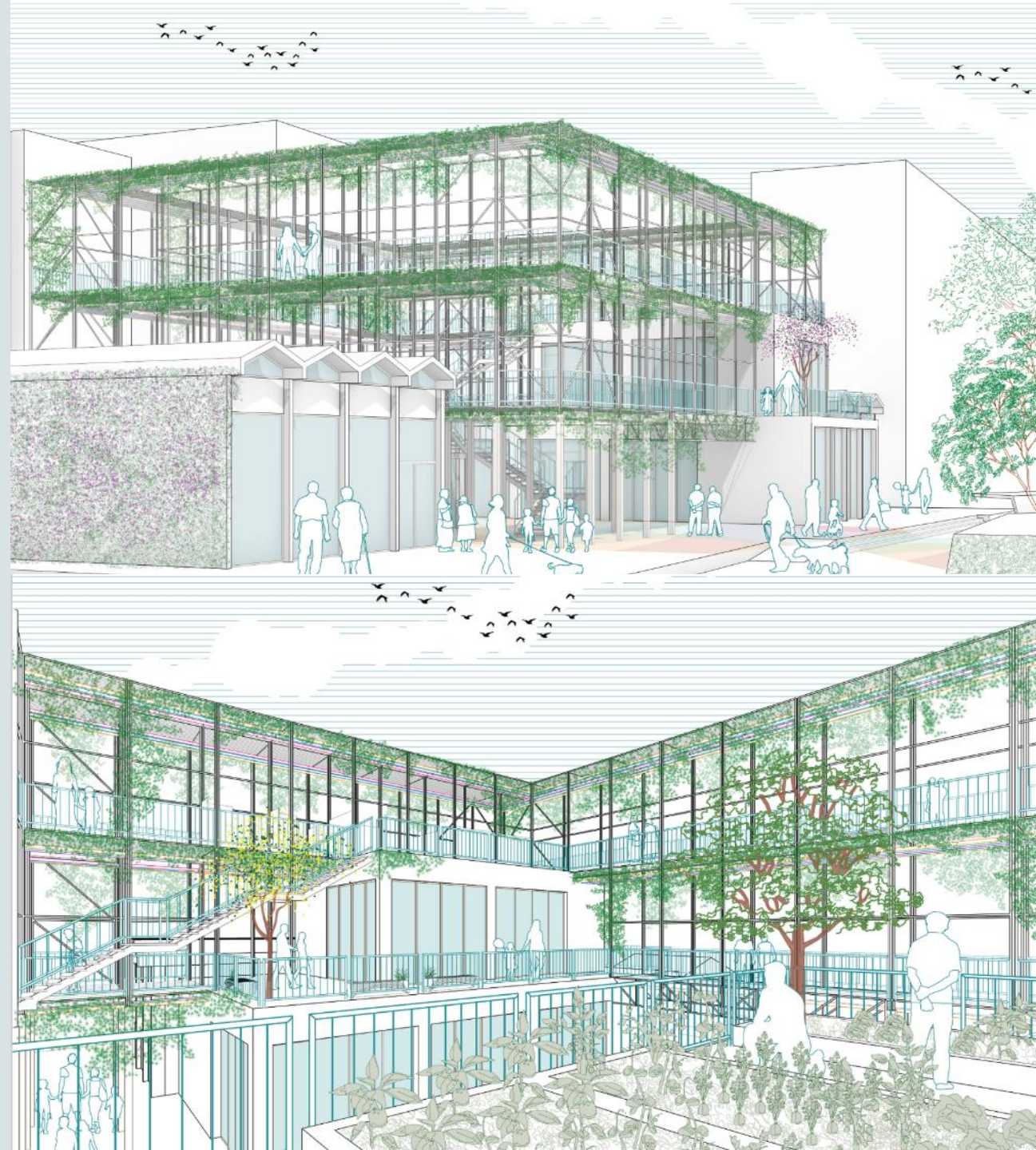


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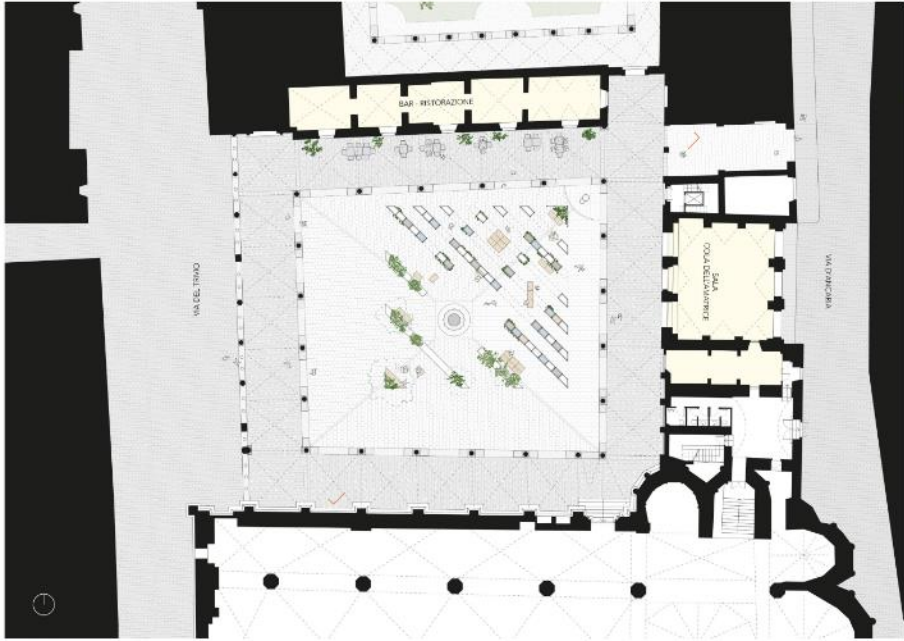
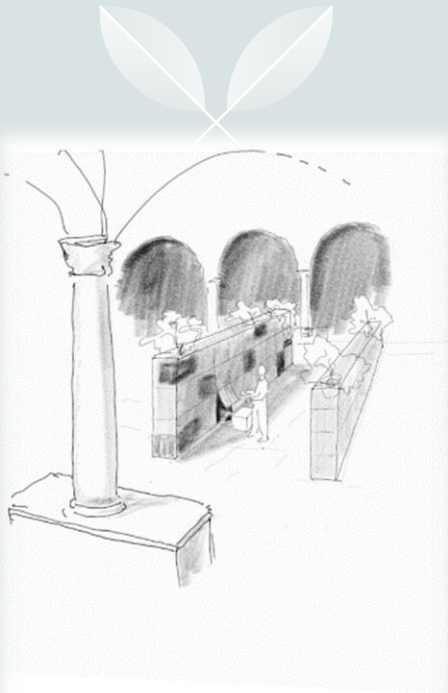
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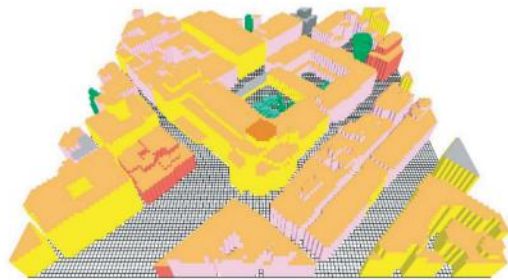


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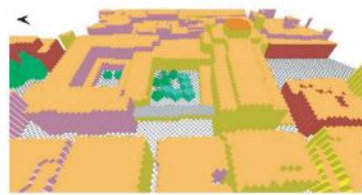


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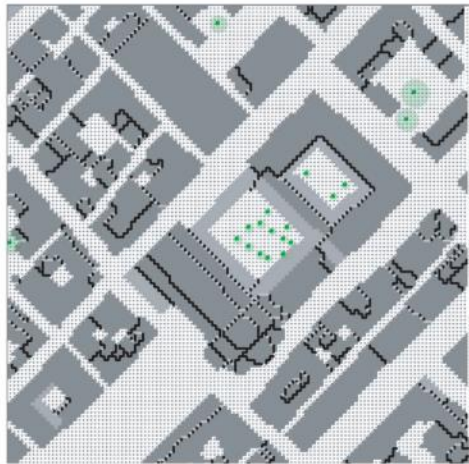
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Costruzione del progetto tramite single wall



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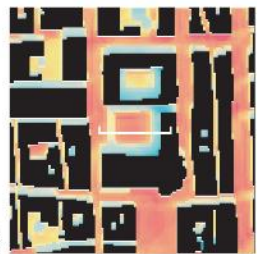
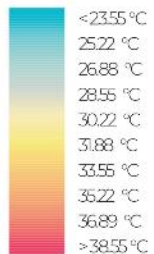
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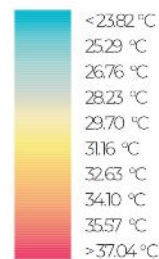
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# Present and future work

## Eu Research&Innovation



## Regional Research&Innovation



## Pnrr Research&Innovation





Thank you

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# ECOLOPES

ECOLOGical building enveLOPES

Microclimatic Change and Envelopes – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

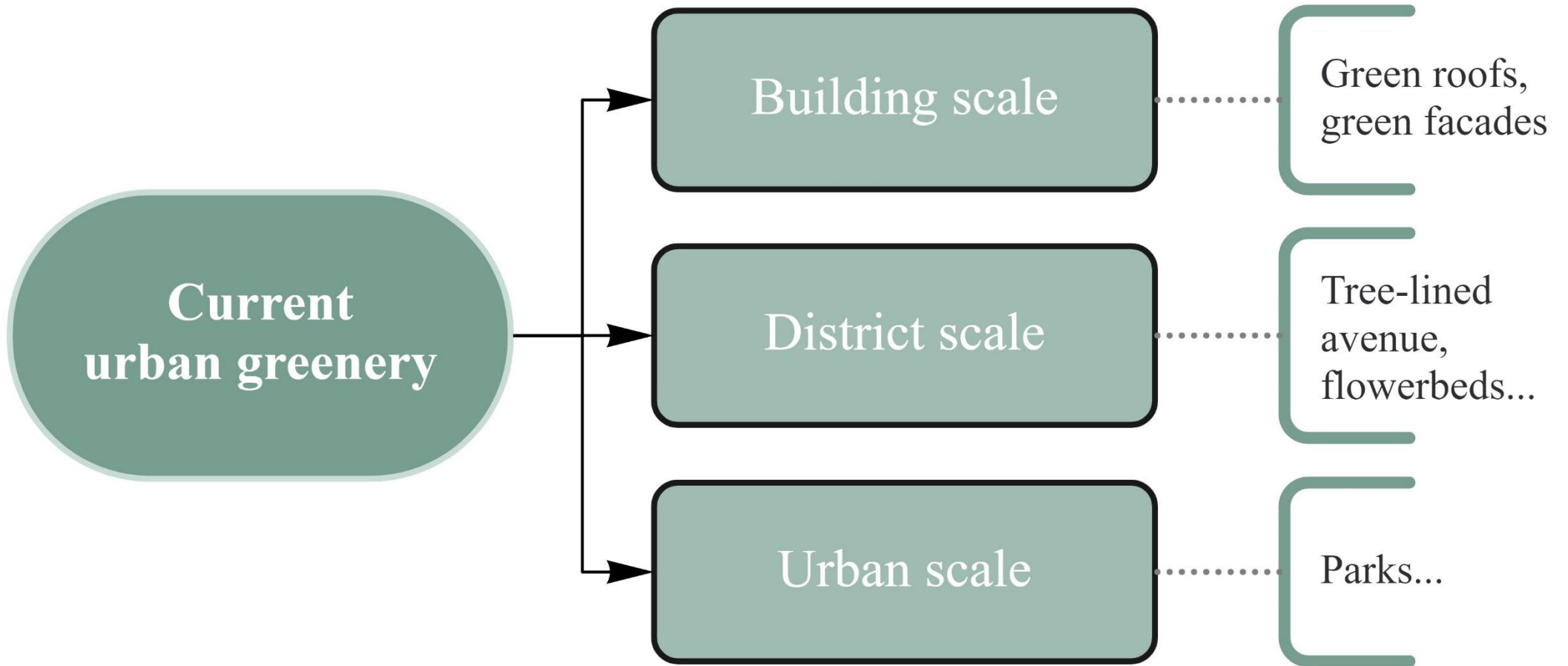
**ECOLOPES: multi-species building envelopes**

Katia Perini – Università degli Studi di Genova - DAD





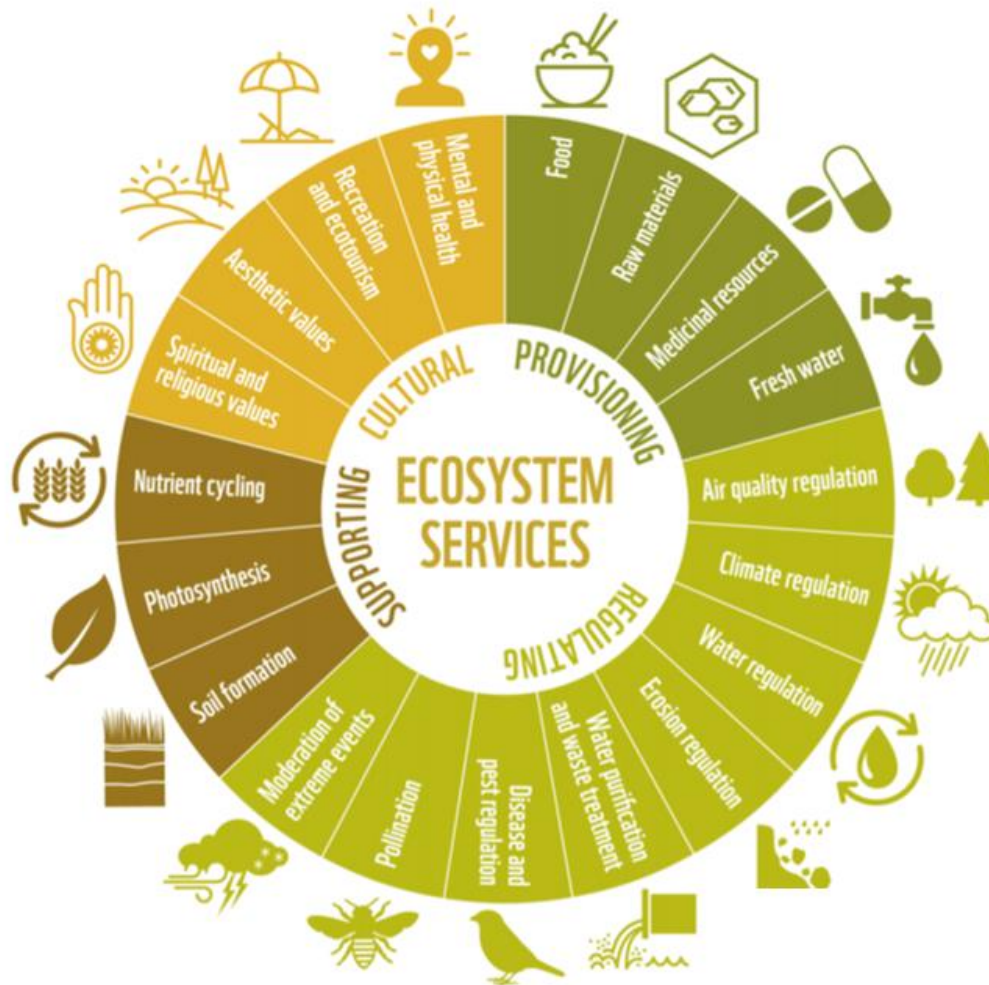
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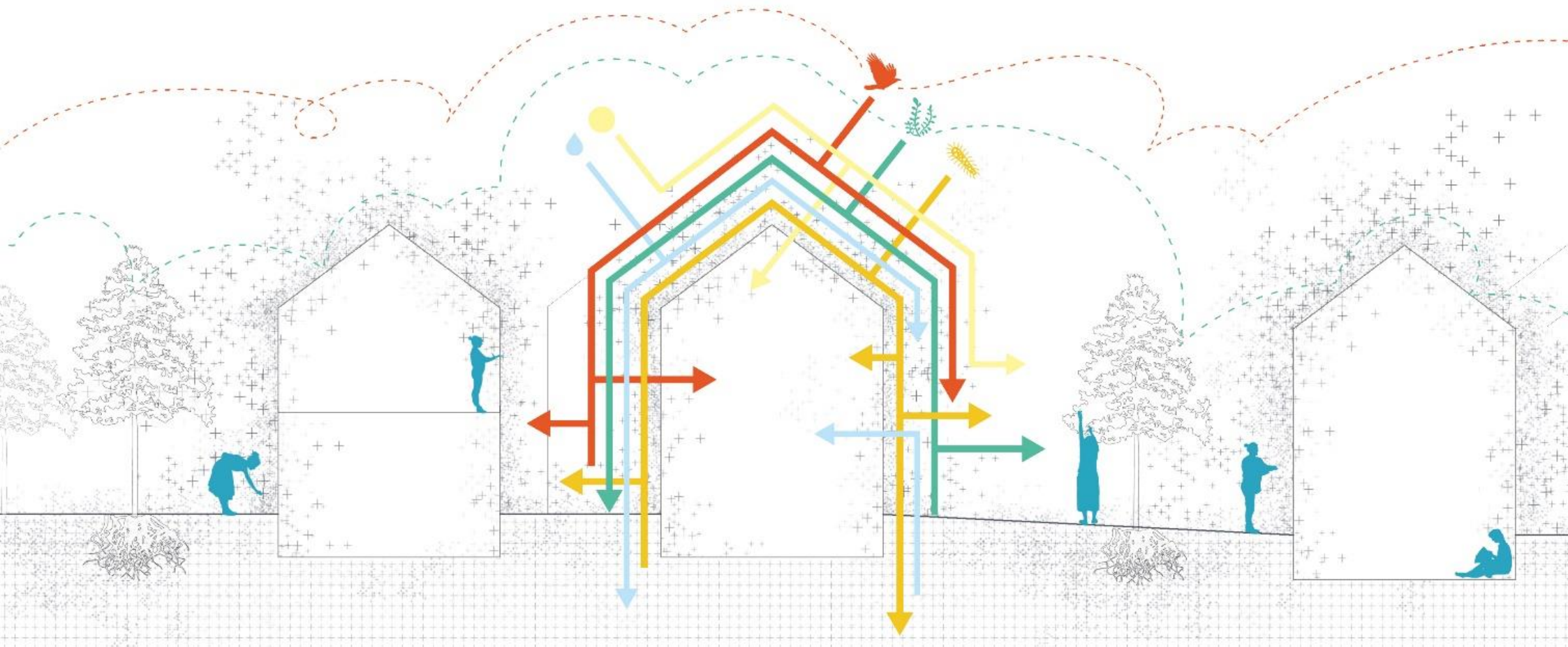
## Background



Range of ecosystem services provided by nature to humans  
(WWF Living Planet Report, 2016)



## Aim of ECOLOPES



We propose a data-driven design recommendation system to assist architects and planners in the design of *ecolopes*, a multi-species living space for four types of inhabitants: humans, plants, animals, and microbiota

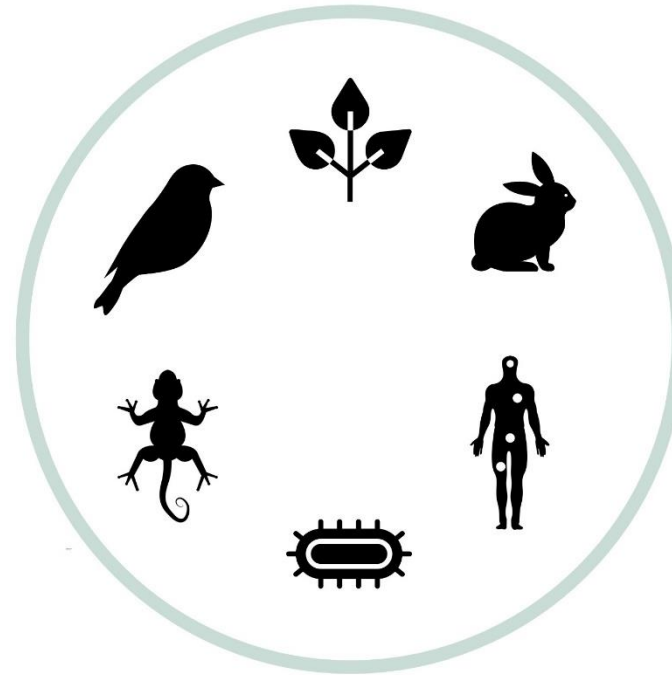


## Aim of ECOLOPES

### Human-centered perspective



### Nonhuman perspective



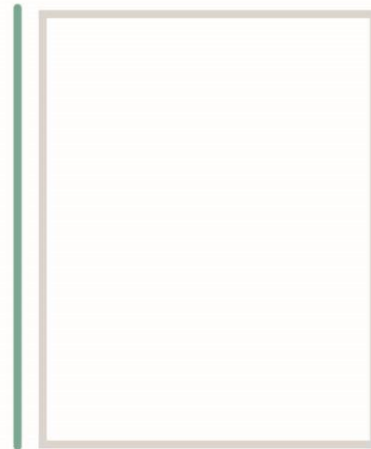
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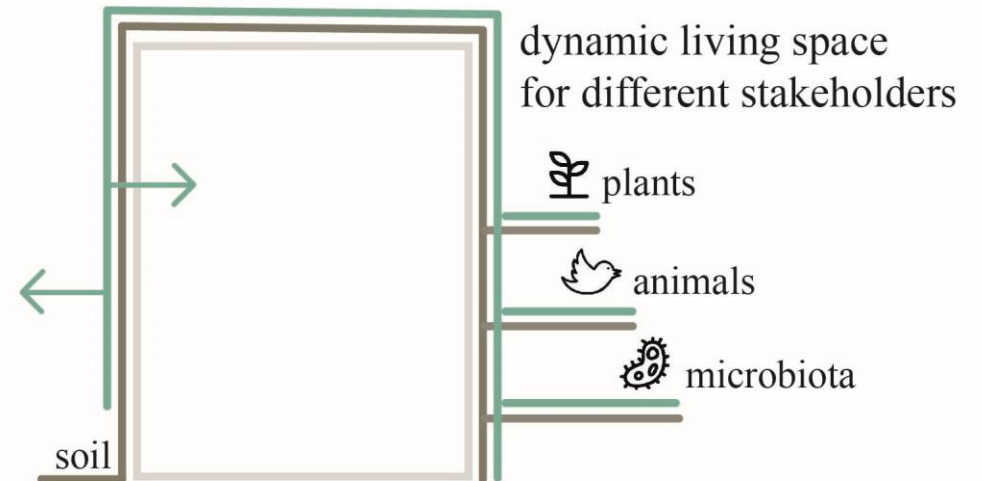
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**Green roof**



**Green facade**



**Ecological envelope**

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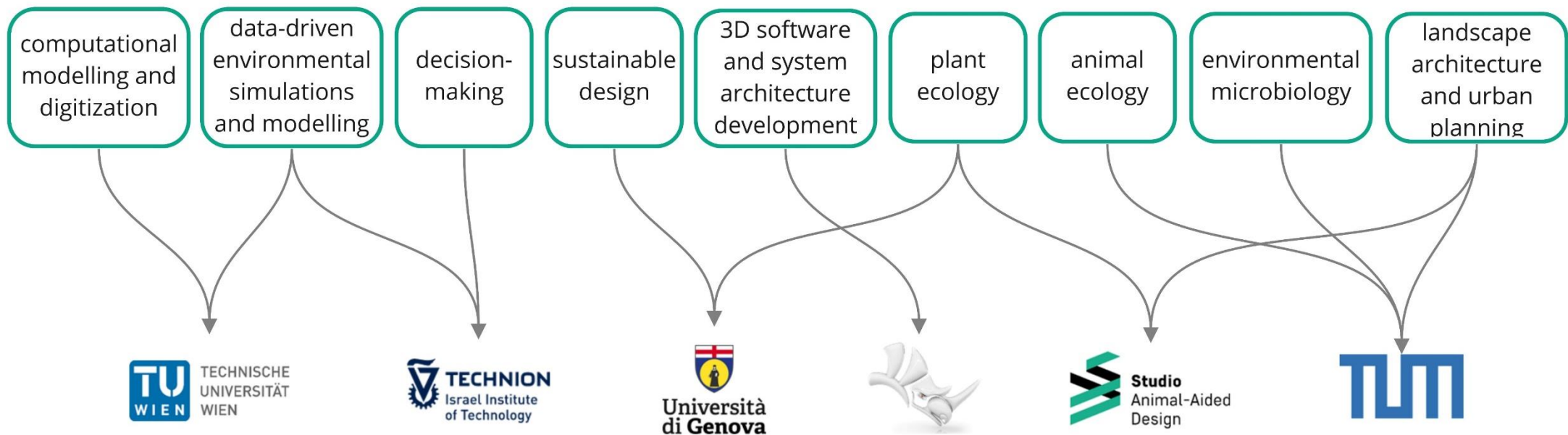


## Consortium and expertise

PE: interactions between biotic and abiotic components;

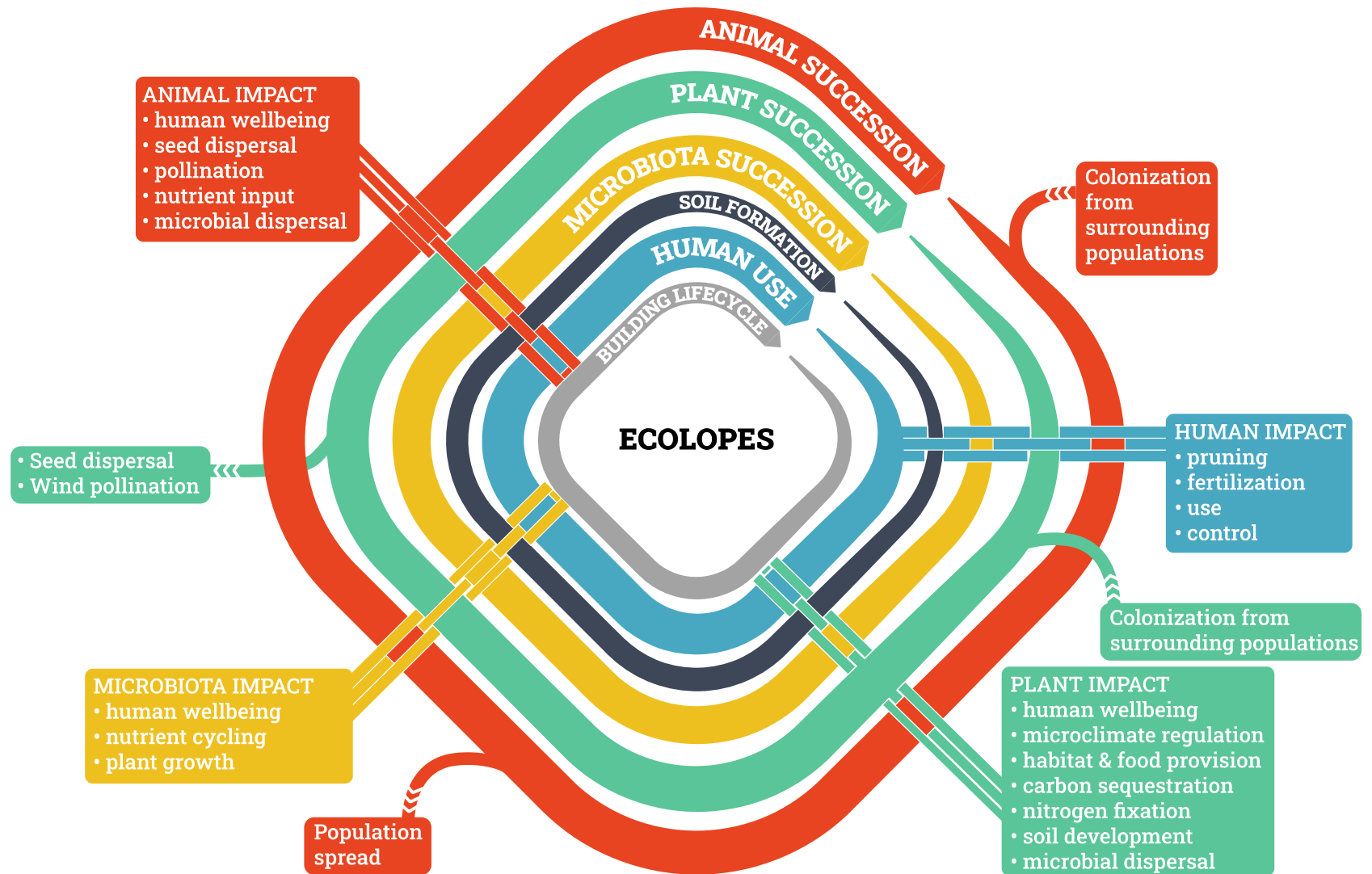
LS: identification and modelling of the interactions;

SH: requirements of a building envelope and perception of novel designs.



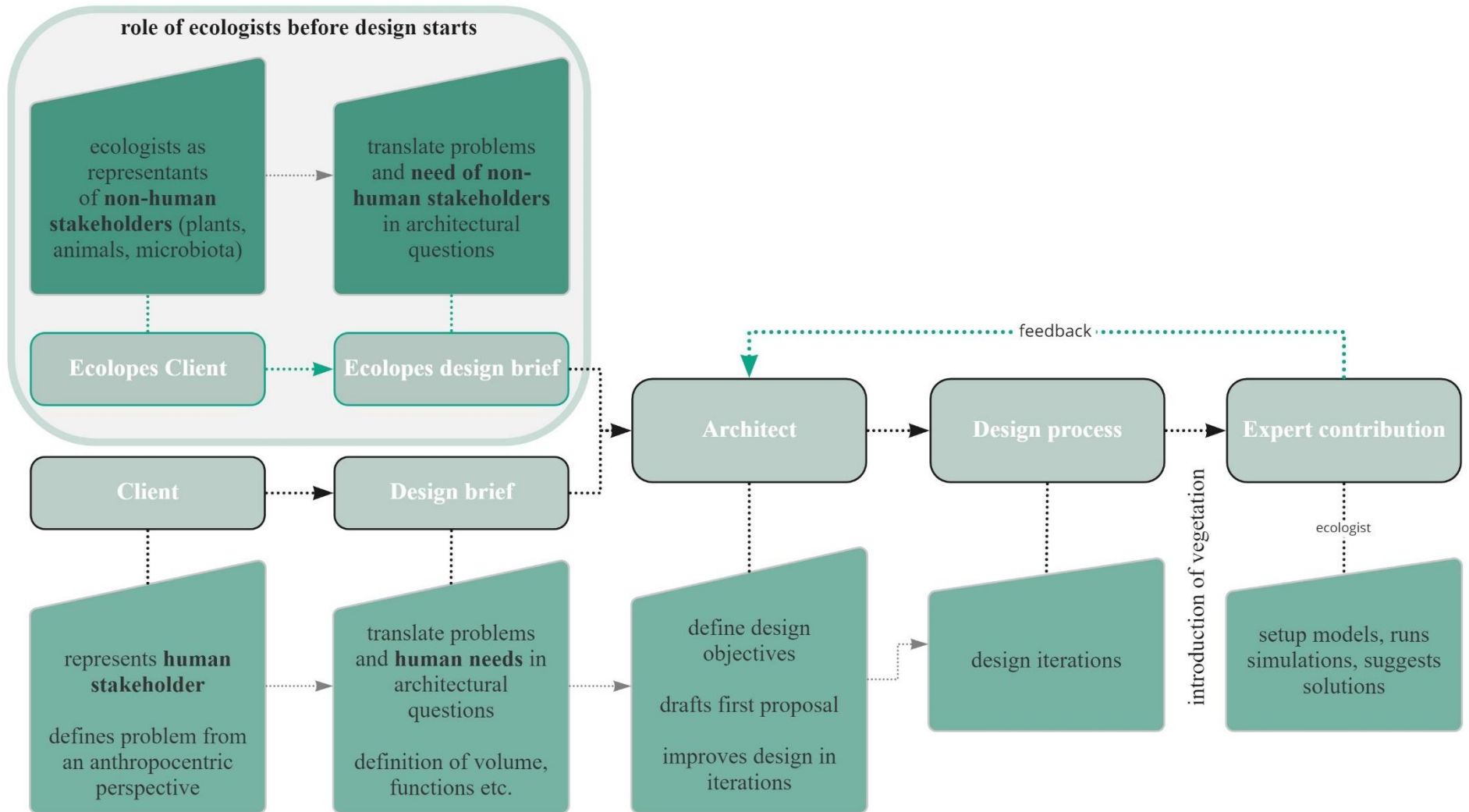


# ECOLOPES dimensions





## ECOLOPES design workflow

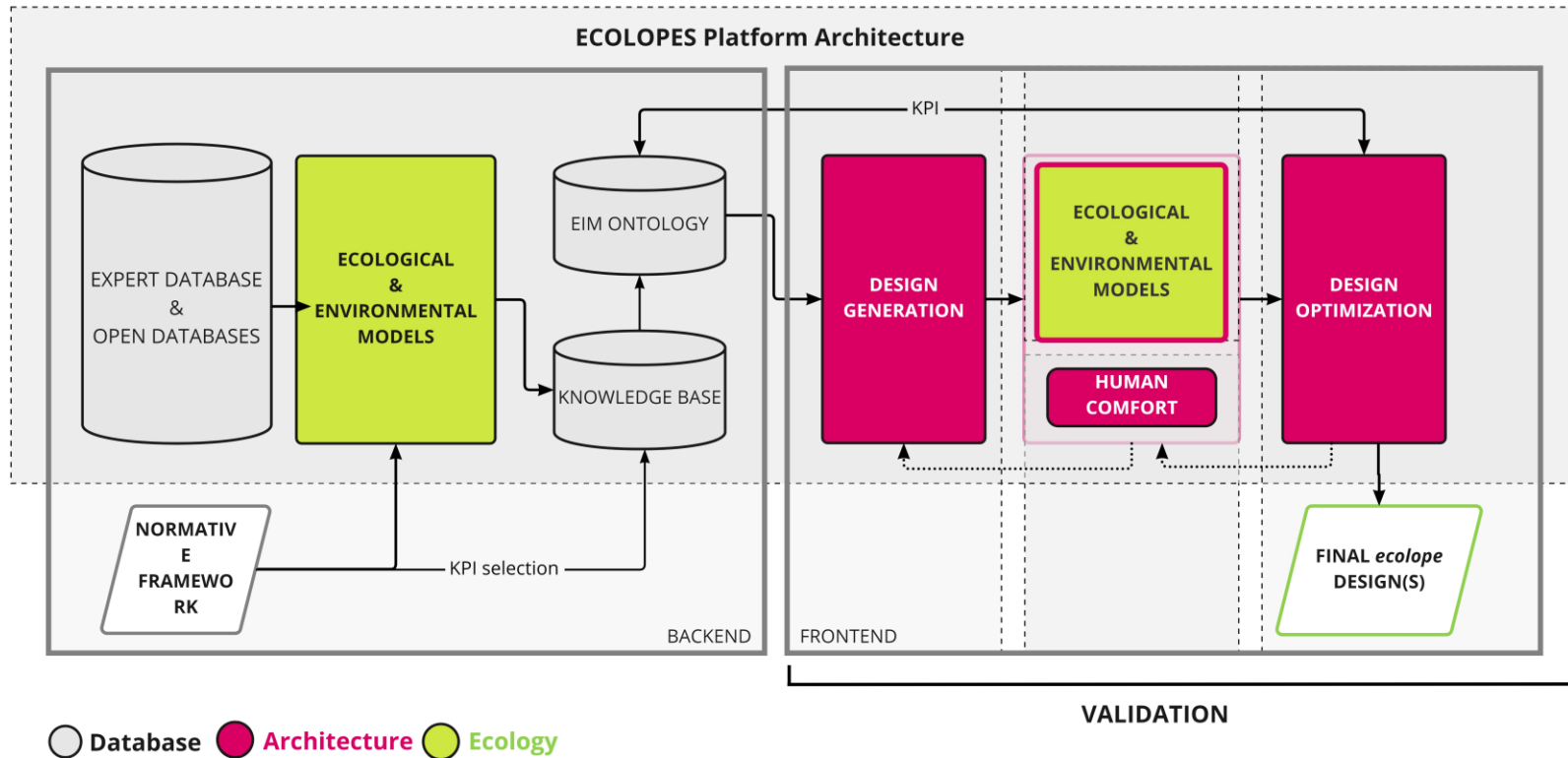


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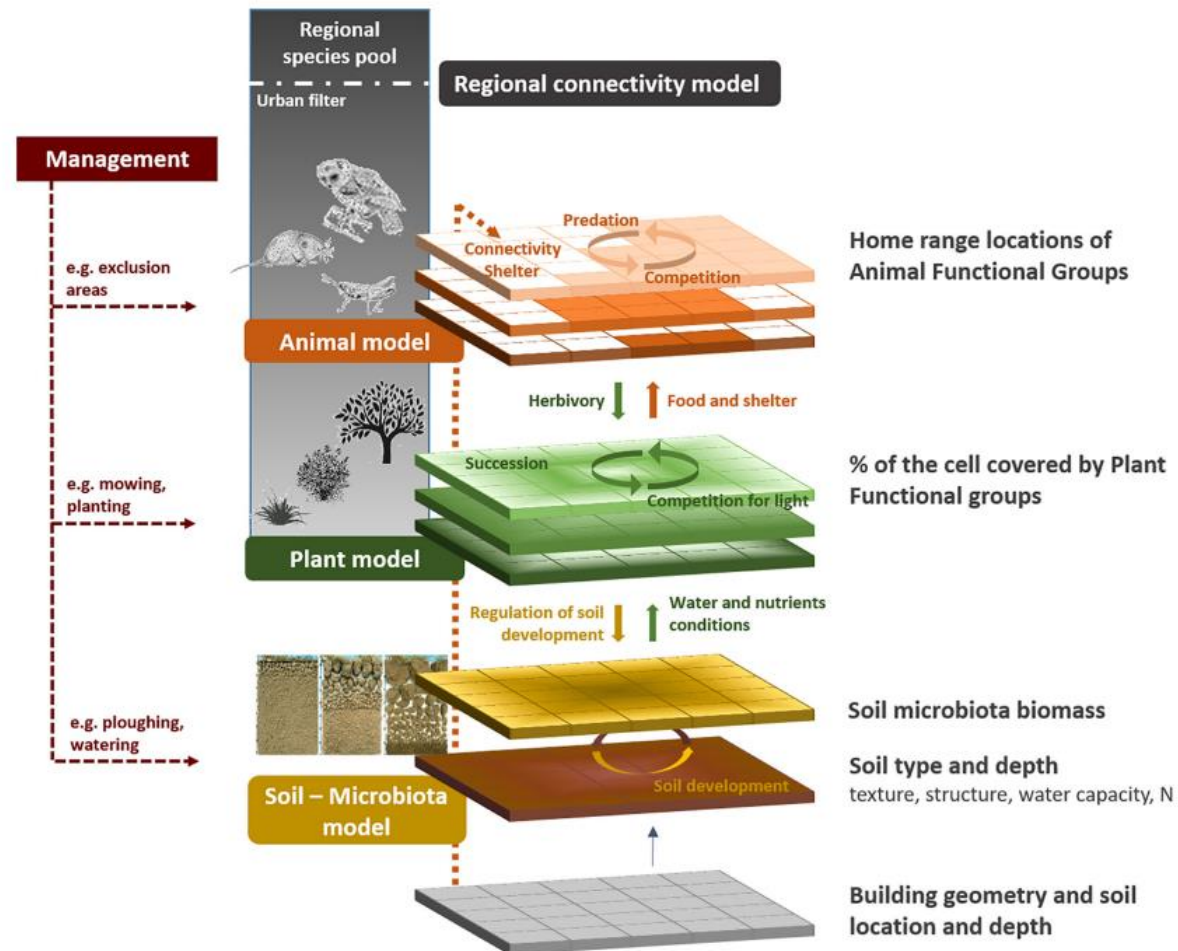
# ECOLOPES computational framework



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## Integration of environmental and ecological models



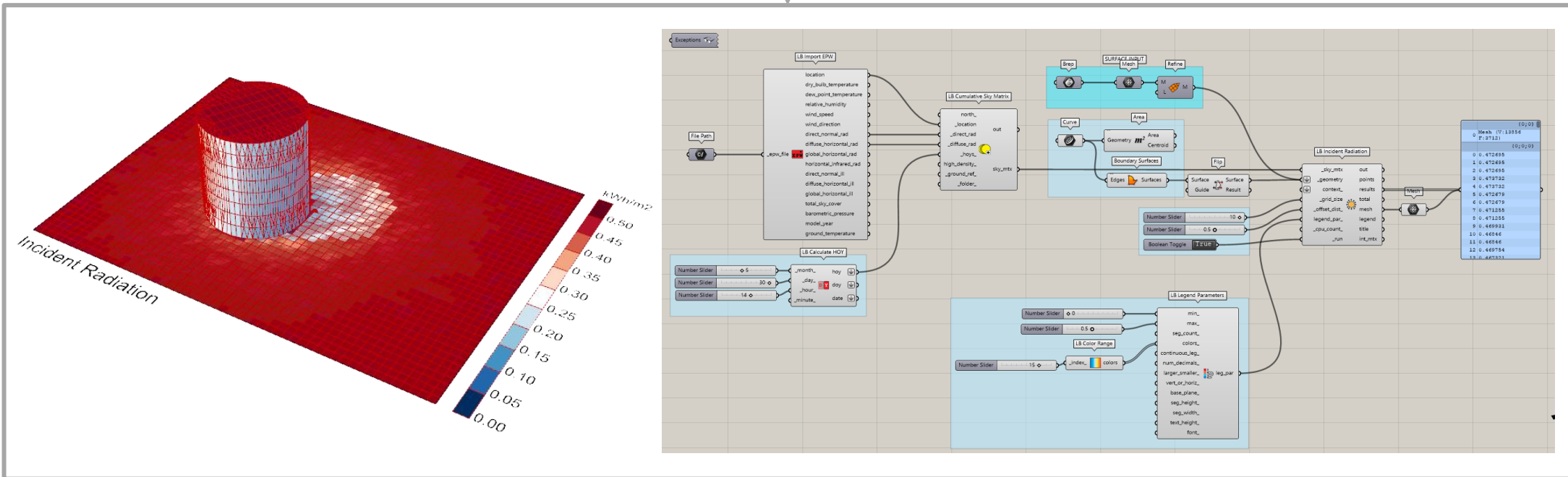
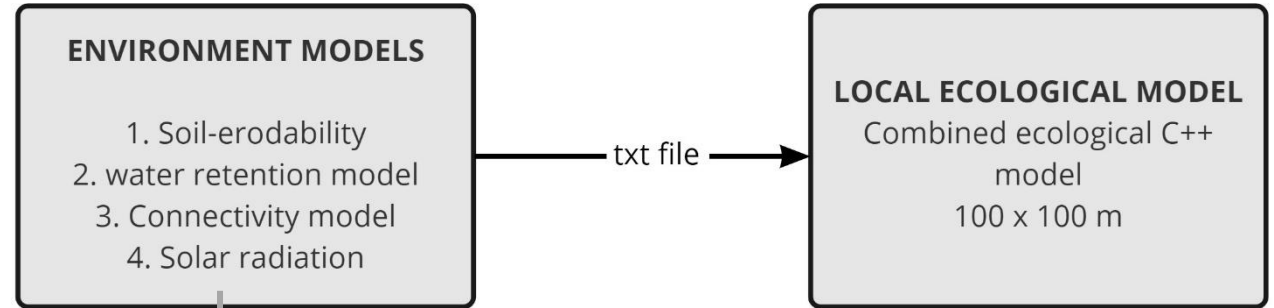
ECOLOPES ecosystem model includes a number of models and elements

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## Integration of environmental and ecological models

Environmental model outputs are Used as input for local ecological Models, in order to start combining Building form and orientation with Ecological performances:



Francesca Mosca, 2022: Solar radiation model setup with Ladybug (GH, Rhino 3D) – outputs from the model are input for the Plant FG model (shading effects of the building on plants).



## Work-in-progress: Evaluation of ECOLOPES design outcomes multifunctionality



x n



**MUNICH**



x n



**GENOA**



x n



**VIENNA**



x n



**TEL AVIV**

Analysis of trade-offs and synergies among the inhabitants

Overall validation of ECOLOPE with a cost-benefit approach

Identification of indicators of success for real-world realizations of buildings designed using our algorithms



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# *Closing the Water Cycle at the Building Scale: The Contribution of Multifunctional Envelopes*

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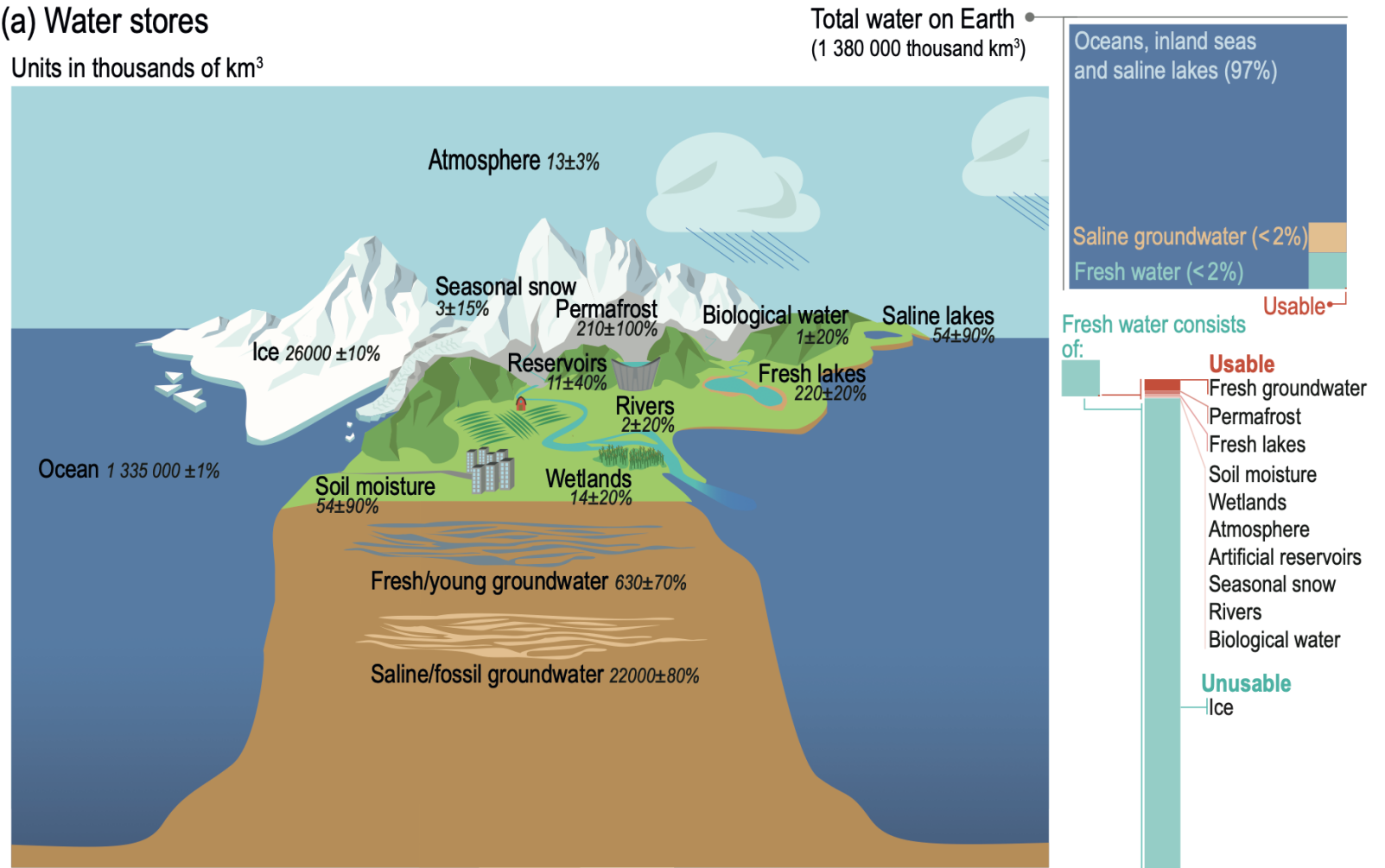
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# Global Water and Climate Change

- Human pressure on freshwater resources is increasing, as is human exposure to weather-related extremes (droughts, storms, floods) caused by climate change.

(a) Water stores  
Units in thousands of km<sup>3</sup>



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## Water issues at urban and building scale

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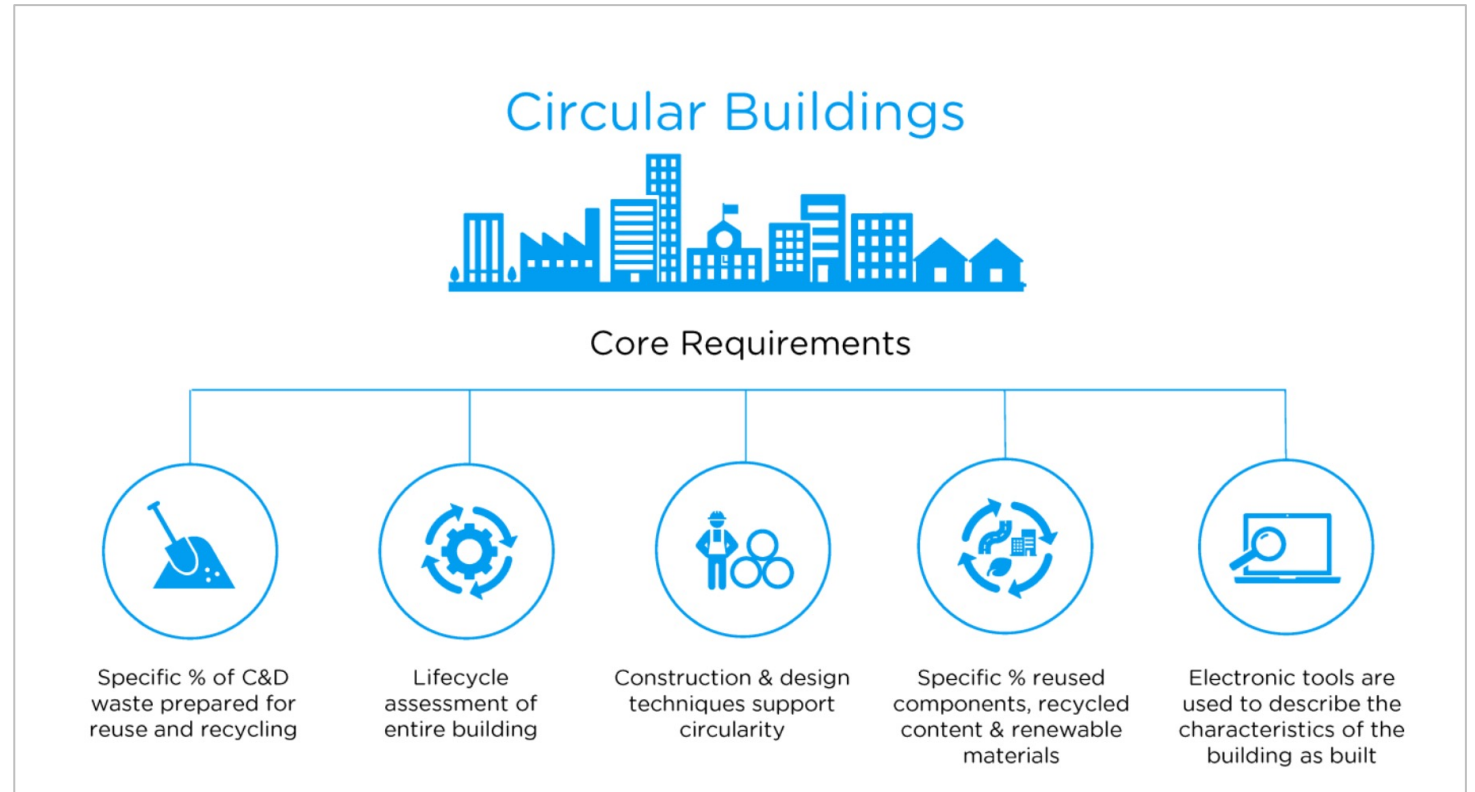
- The restoration and maintenance of the water cycle, as well as the treatment, recovery and reuse, are among the greatest challenges of the urban built environment.

The Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant on the California coast provides 190 million liters of fresh water a day to San Diego. POSEIDON WATER



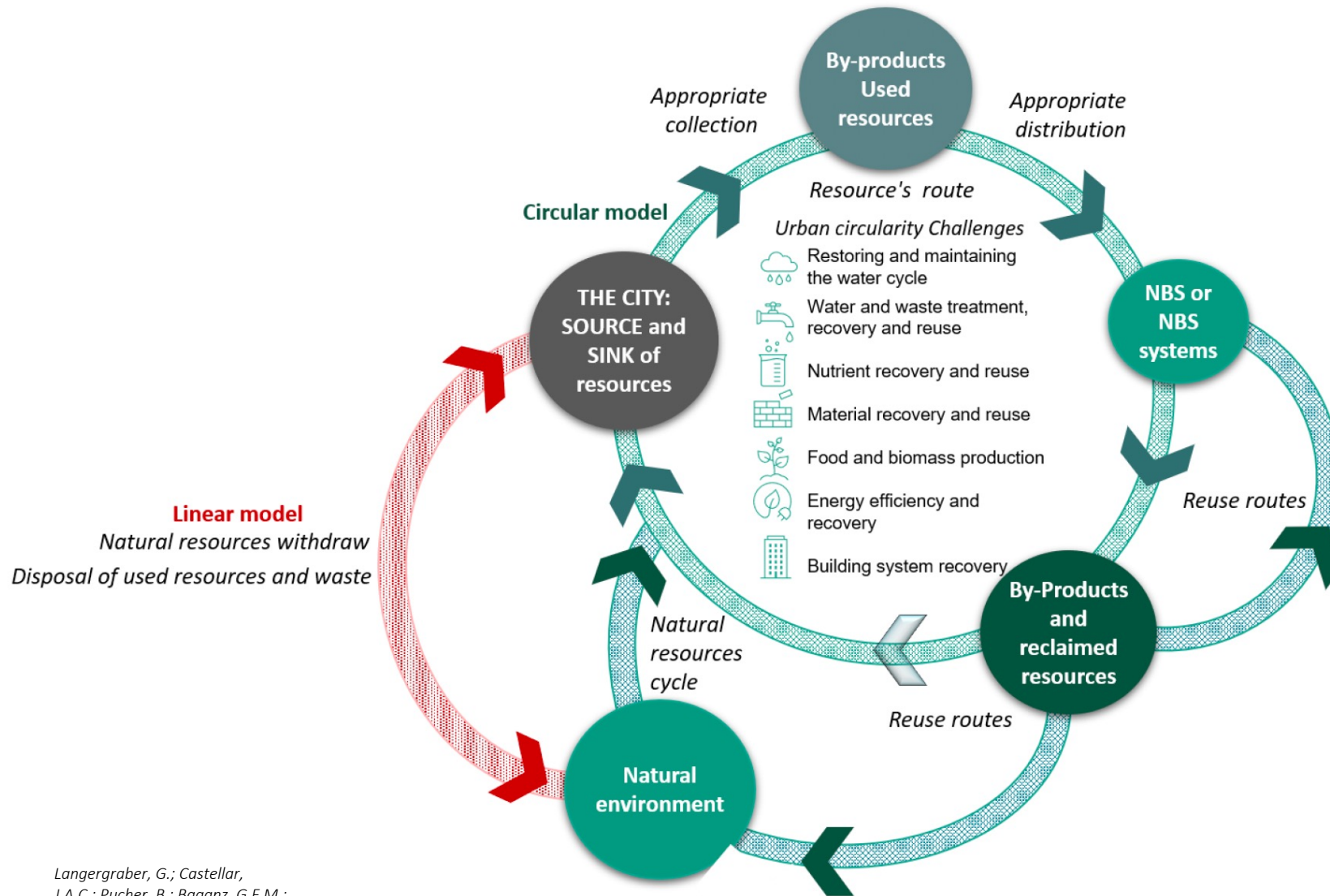
# Circular Buildings

- The building value chain has been experiencing in the last few years increased emphasis on the transition to a circular economy.



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# NbS to address urban circularity challenges



- With the introduction of the *circular economy* and *circular city* concepts and the definition of urban circularity challenges, NBSs are emerging as effective strategies to foster sustainable urban development and resource reuse strategies.



*Nature-Based  
Solutions for  
Greywater  
Treatment at the  
Building Scale*

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# The Contribution of Green Multifunctional Envelopes: *Simulation Case study*



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Pombaline buildings, Lisbon, Portugal. Ph Kyle Magnuson



Kadıköy district, Istanbul, Turkey. Ph Andra Moclinda-Bucuța



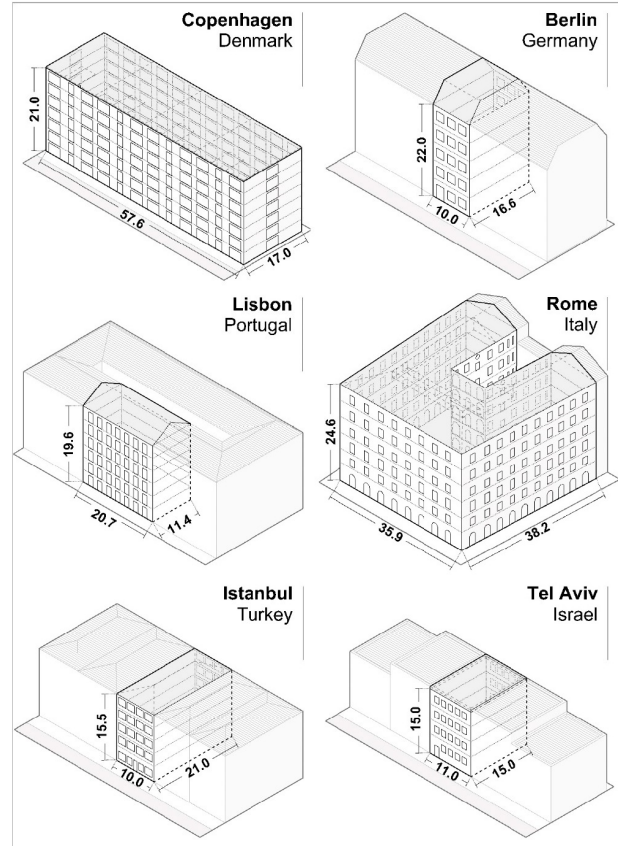
Esquilino district, Rome, Italy. Ph Antonio Bevilacqua

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# The Contribution of Green Multifunctional Envelopes: Simulation Case study



Selection of buildings representing typical architecture in neighbourhoods that are severely affected by UHIs in individual cities. The drawings are isometric. Illustration: Alessandro Stracqualursi.



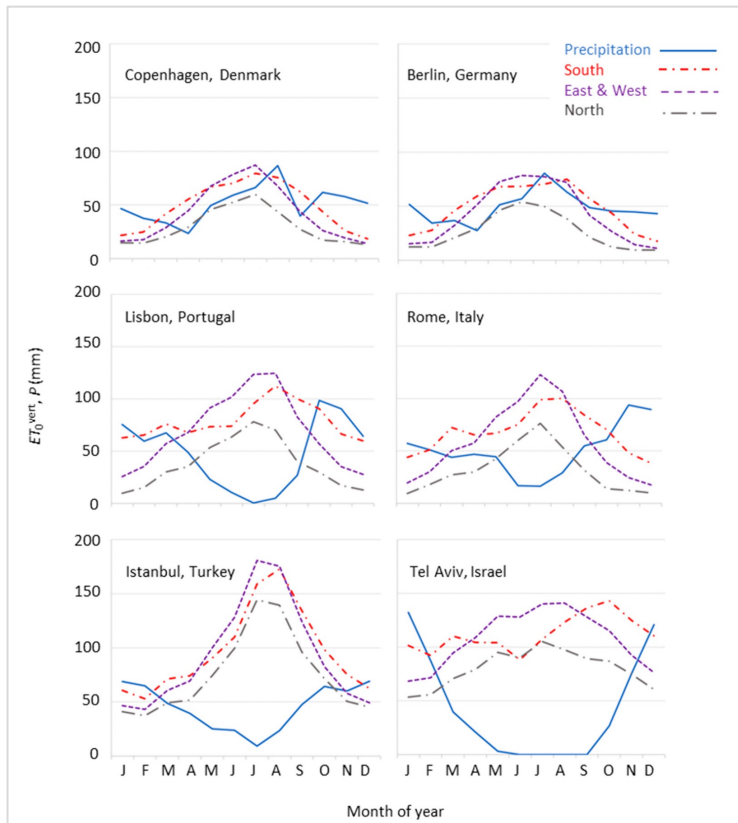
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**Table 1.** Parameters describing the climatic, architectural, and hydrological characteristics of the case studies. The presented data included precipitation (P), temperature (T), evapotranspiration (ET), greywater (GW) production per inhabitant, occupancy (O) and run-off (RO) generation.

City	Class <sup>(1)</sup>	Climate <sup>(2)</sup>				Typical Building				Water Availability			
		P	T	P-ET		Ground	Facade	Window	v/h	O	GW Capita	GW Facade	RO Facade
		mm/a	°C	Oct	Mar-Apr-Sep	m <sup>2</sup>			(-)	inh/m <sup>2</sup>	L/inh d	L/m <sup>2</sup> d	
Copenhagen	Dfb	614	9.4	151	-206	980	3206	1408	3.27	0.044	51	0.69	0.37
Berlin	Dfb	585	10.3	118	-238	166	440	132	2.65	0.065	63	1.54	0.43
Rome	Csa	605	17.8	135	-644	1302	3996	813	3.07	0.029	90	0.85	0.41
Lisbon	Csa	571	17.4	126	-791	237	407	142	1.72	0.021	81	0.99	0.71
Istanbul	Csa	546	16.0	-18	-840	231	310	132	1.34	0.170	58	7.35	0.82
Tel-Aviv	Csa	506	21.5	-171	-1090	165	330	66	2.00	0.040	58	1.16	0.57

<sup>(1)</sup> acc. to Köppen-Geiger, <sup>(2)</sup> acc. to Meteornorm 8, Meteotest Bern, Switzerland 2000–2019.

# The Contribution of Green Multifunctional Envelopes: Simulation Case study



Long-time average standard evapotranspiration for vertical greening systems for the different cities together with precipitation (Meteonorm, 2021; years 2005-2019).

	$e_{RO}$												$e_{GW}$												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Berlin	1.2	2.2	3.6	7.7	4.7	4.4	2.9	3.5	3.0	2.1	1.3	1.2	Istanbul	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Copenhagen	1.8	2.3	4.5	10.3	5.7	5.0	5.2	3.1	5.3	2.0	1.6	1.4	Berlin	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.3
Istanbul	1.3	1.3	2.4	3.2	6.9	8.8	39.2	11.9	4.1	2.2	1.8	1.4	Copenhagen	0.8	1.0	1.5	2.2	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.1	2.2	1.4	1.0	0.7
Rome	1.7	2.6	5.1	4.8	6.2	23.7	25.4	11.8	4.3	2.6	1.1	0.9	Lisbon	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.6	3.6	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.1
Lisbon	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.8	8.3	18.0	nd	51.1	6.3	1.3	0.9	1.1	Rome	0.9	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	3.4	4.2	3.6	2.5	1.6	1.1	0.8
Tel Aviv	1.3	2.0	5.9	11.9	121.3	nd	nd	nd	nd	10.8	3.0	1.6	Tel Aviv	2.1	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.3

Monthly values of  $e_{RO}$  and  $e_{GW}$ , with  $e$  being the efficiency number describing how much of the accruing respective water can be evapotranspired by VGS, calculated here as the ratio of monthly sums of  $ET_{Overt}$  and the respective water resource (**left**: available rainwater runoff from the roof RO; **right**, greywater accruing in the building GW) for the different cities (applying long-term average for meteorological parameters 2005-2019; Meteonorm 8, Meteotest Bern, Switzerland).

City	Water Management Potential							
	(a) Solely RO Irrigation		(b) Optimized RO Irrigation			(c) Full RO + GW Irrigation		
	Facade Greened	Evaporated RO	Facade Greened	Evaporated RO	Evaporated GW	Facade Greened	Evaporated RO	Evaporated GW
	%		%			%		
Copenhagen	10	35	26	79	11	46	92	41
Berlin	13	39	64	95	29	87	100	47
Rome	4	17	24	64	21	28	67	27
Lisbon	-	-	28	44	28	28	44	28
Istanbul	3	9	100	100	30	136	100	45
Tel-Aviv	-	-	28	60	53	28	60	53

Water management potential for 3 different irrigation regimes: a) solely RO; b) RO prioritised but dry months outbalanced with GW; c) Ro irrigation prioritised but all months added with GW.



**Green buildings can bring fresh air to design, but they can also bring pests**

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## Closing the Water Cycle at the Building Scale: Challenges & Opportunities

- Structural Issues
- Ecosystem (Dis)Services
- Future-Proof NBS
- Policy Framework

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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is crouching in a greenhouse. He is working on a piece of equipment on a metal stand. The equipment has three vertical cylindrical chambers filled with a green liquid. The greenhouse is filled with rows of white vertical hydroponic towers. Each tower has a white control box at the top and green plants growing in the vertical channels. The floor is wet and reflective. The background shows more rows of the hydroponic towers and the structure of the greenhouse.

**Envelope , Microclimate, Energy**

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# Present Positions



Environmental Sustainability Module - **SOS School of Sustainability** - with Mario Cucinella  
Since 2021



Associate Professor of Sustainable Design. Institute of Architectural Technology  
**The Royal Danish Academy**. Since 2010 (half time since 2022)



Associate Professor of Climate Change and Regenerative Architecture. **UNIPR**  
Since 2021



Adjunct Professor, **University of New South Wales**  
March 2023 to October



Visiting Professor, Architectural and science researcher at **CBE UC Berkeley**, College Of Environmental Design  
Since 2023

# Past Position



Visiting Professor, **Norwegian University of Science and Technology**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Faculty of Engineering  
2022



Invited Professor at **ETH**. Future Cities Lab Singapore  
2019



Researcher at **EPFL**  
2016, 2017



Invited Professor at **Architectural Association**  
2013



Visiting Professor at **The University of Nottingham**  
2015



Adjunkt at **UC Berkeley**, CED, College Of Environmental Design  
2012



Post Doc Rsearcher at **LBNL**  
2006 - 10 + 2011



Sustainable Design Tools Development Consultant for **Autodesk**  
2010 – 2012



Sustainable Design Specialist at **SOM** (Skidmore Owings and Merrill, Llp)  
2006 – 2010



Sustainable Design Specialist **William McDonough** and Loisos + Ubbelohde  
2005



Phd Building Science, **Politecnico di Milano + University of California**  
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## 2023 active projects



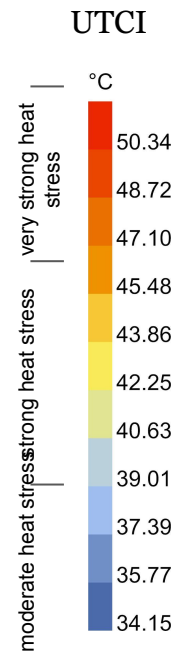
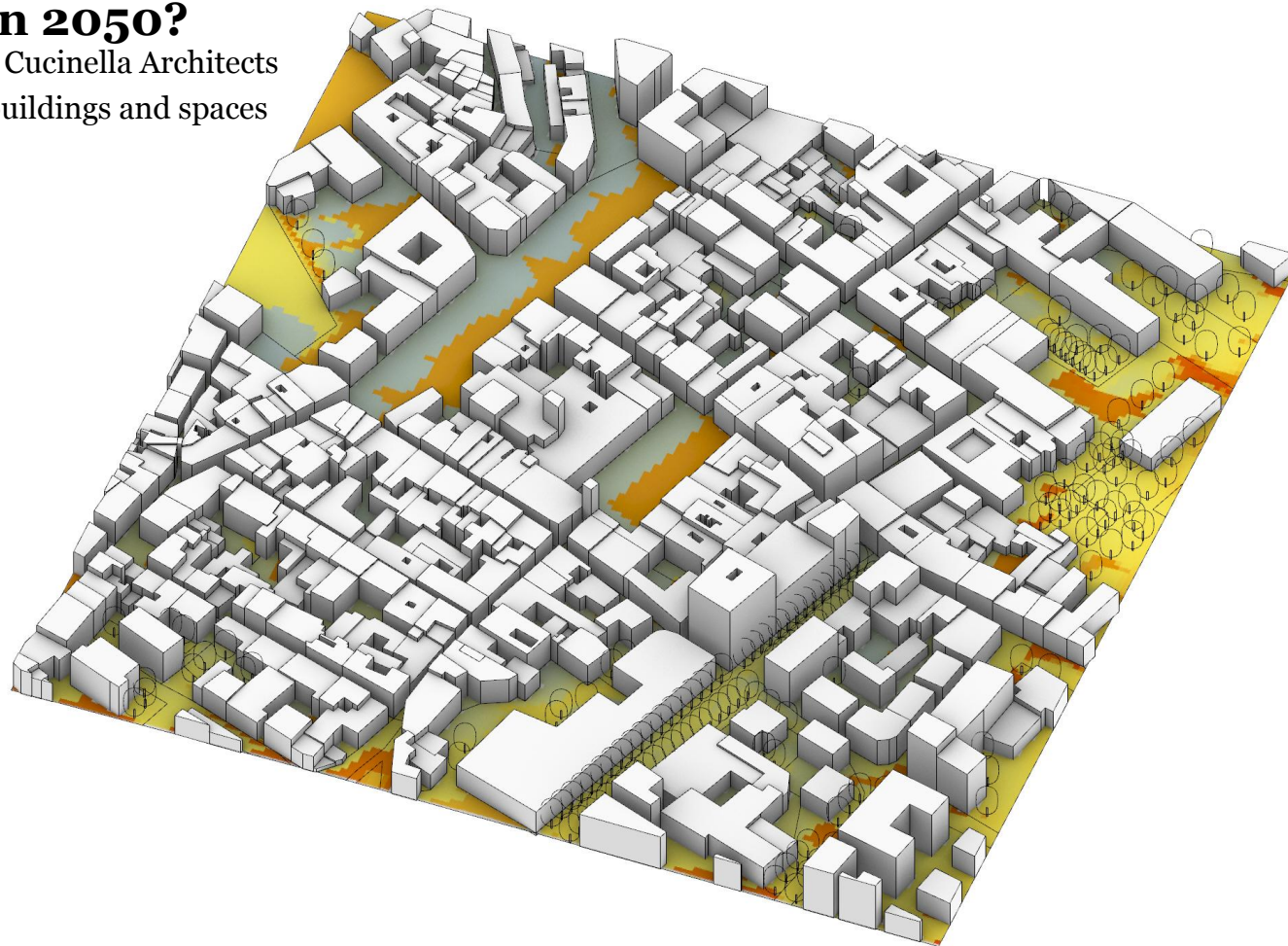


# **MESOSCALE - MICROCLIMATIC MODELLING FOR PLANNERS**

*Bologna Province with Mario Cucinella Architects  
(Naboni, Turrini, Gherri)*

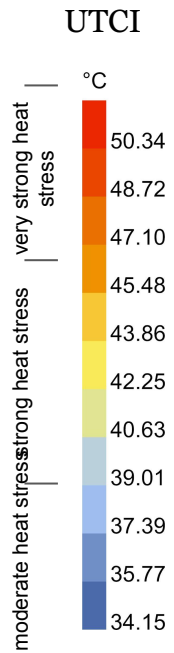
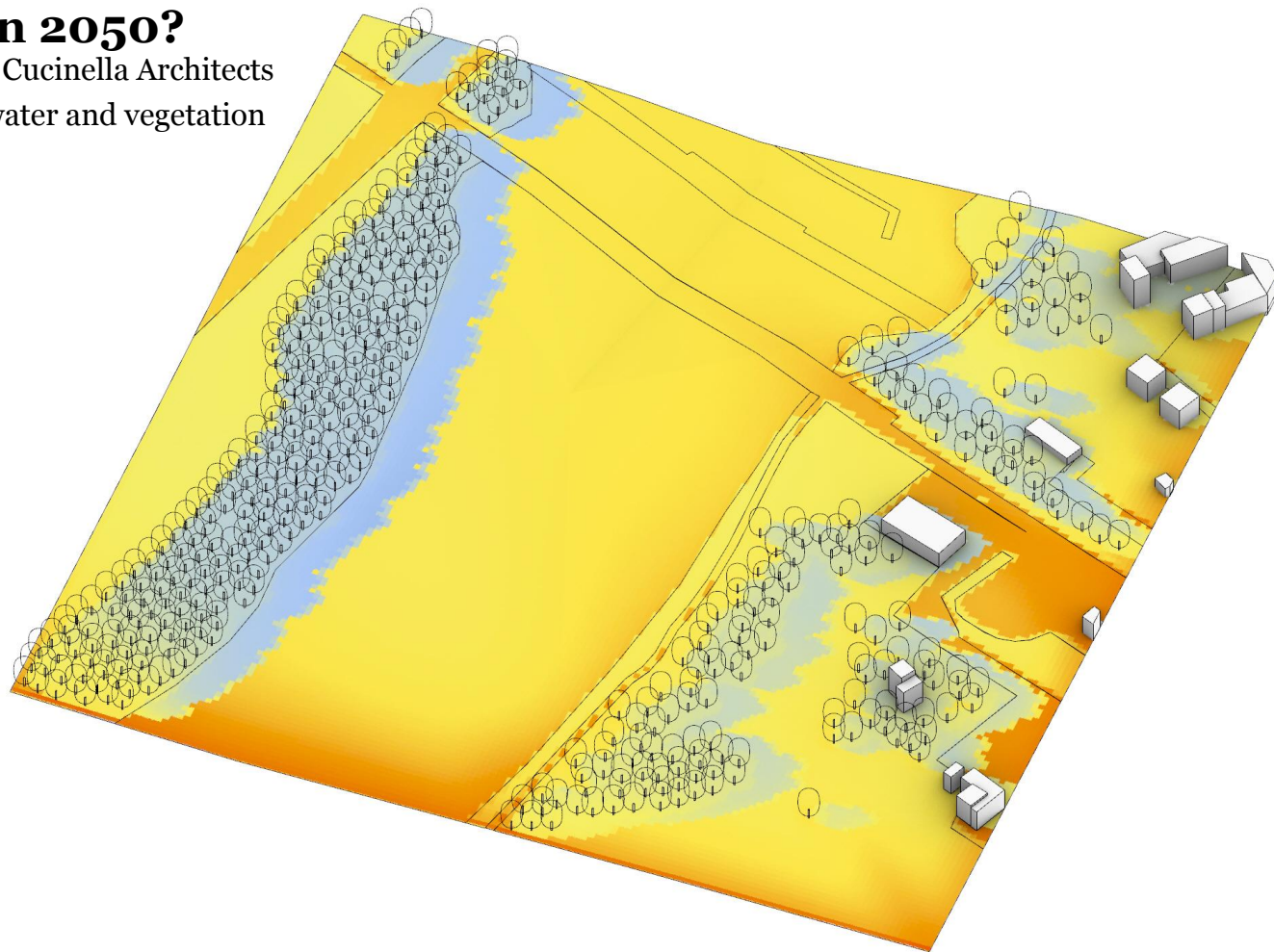
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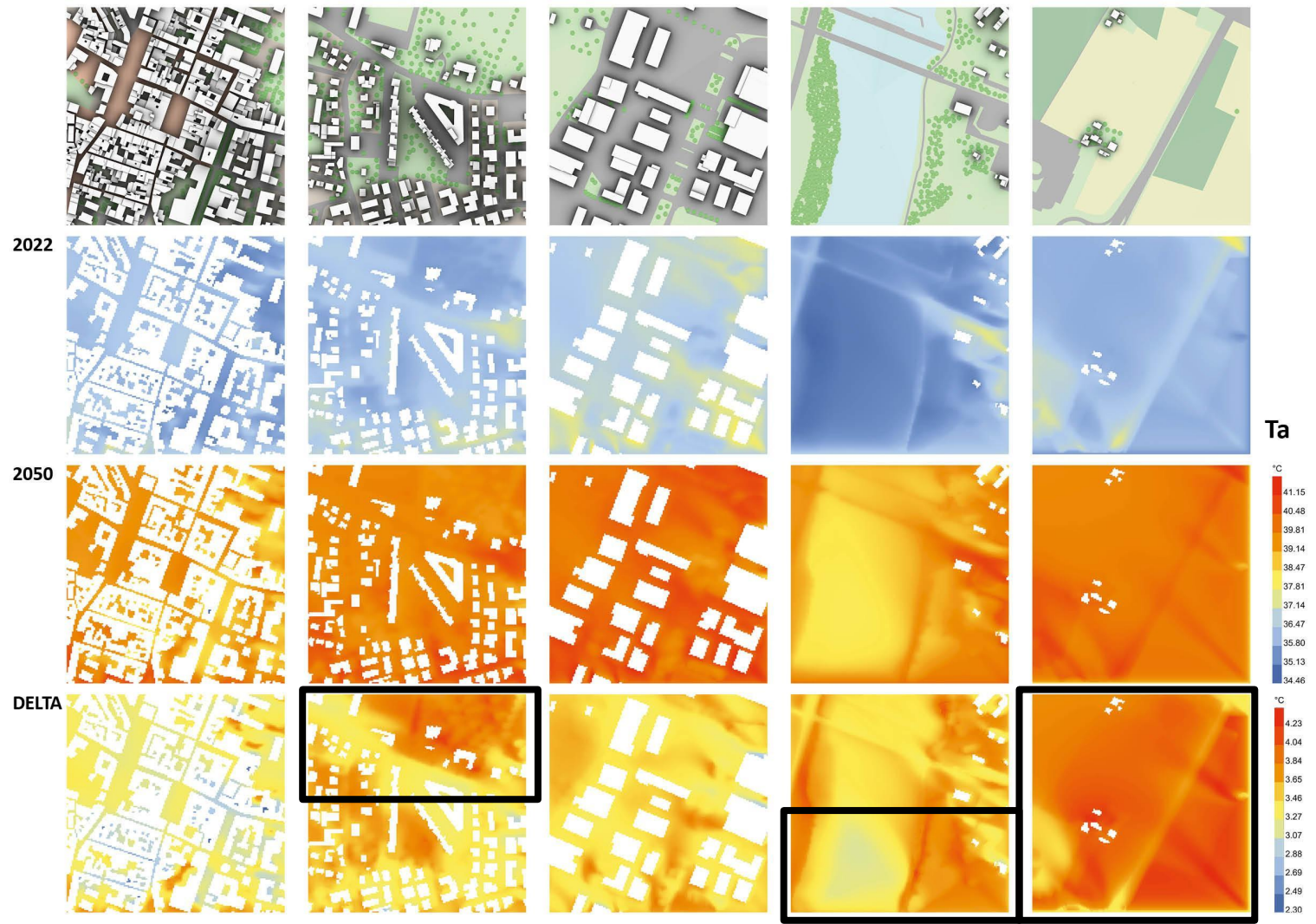
With Mario Cucinella Architects  
modelling buildings and spaces



# What in 2050?

With Mario Cucinella Architects  
modelling water and vegetation

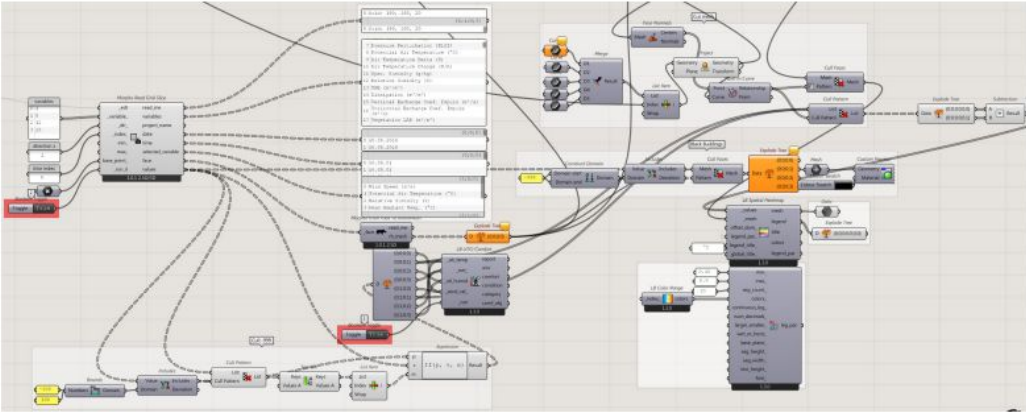




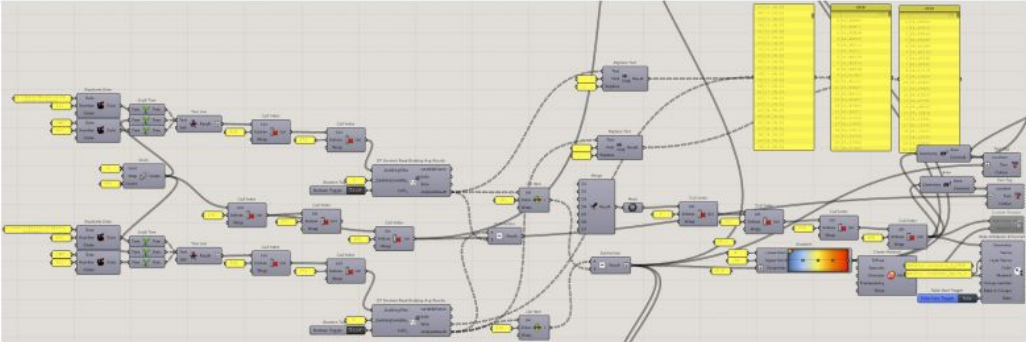


# Parametric Modelling to join - domains

Climate Change and Eco-data. With Environmental Agencies



Grasshopper script for atmosphere data

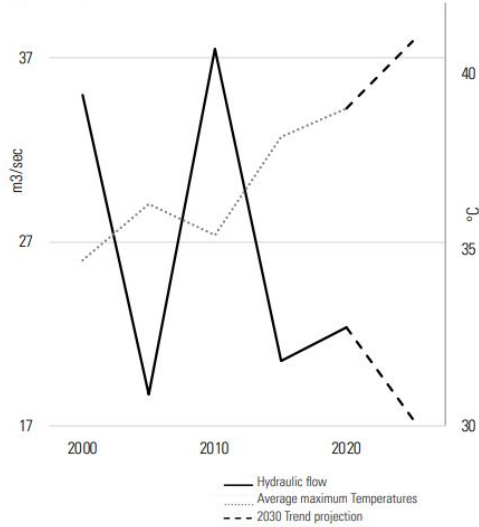


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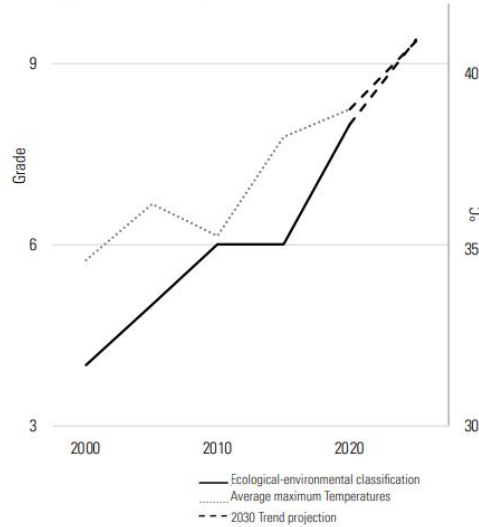
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## Parametric Modelling

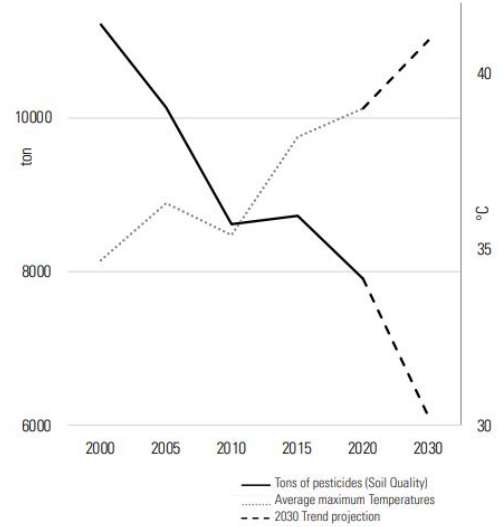
Hydraulic Flows



Ecological River Water Status



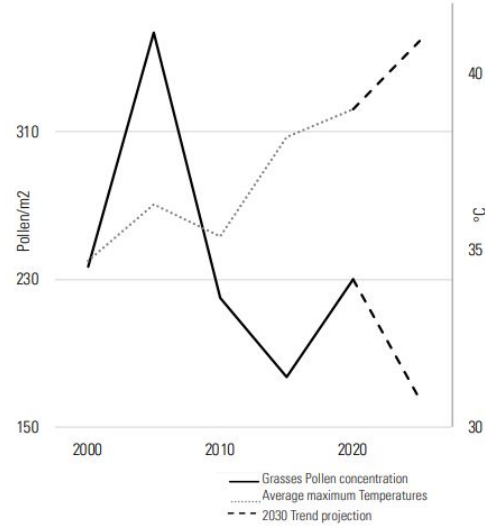
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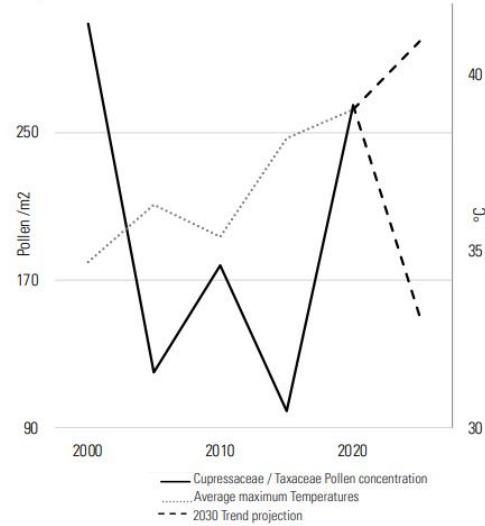
# Ecosystem Health - Pollination

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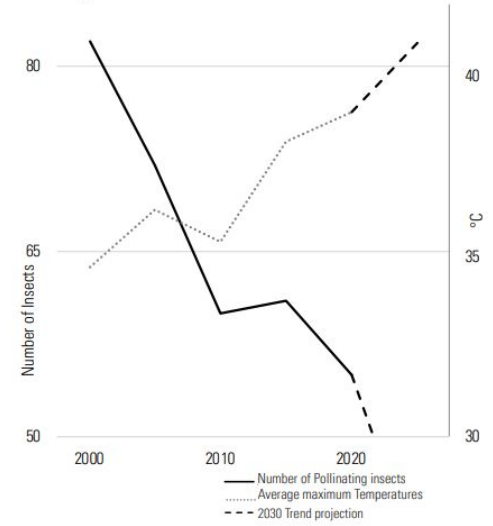
Pollen Concentration



Cupressaceae/Taxaceae concentration



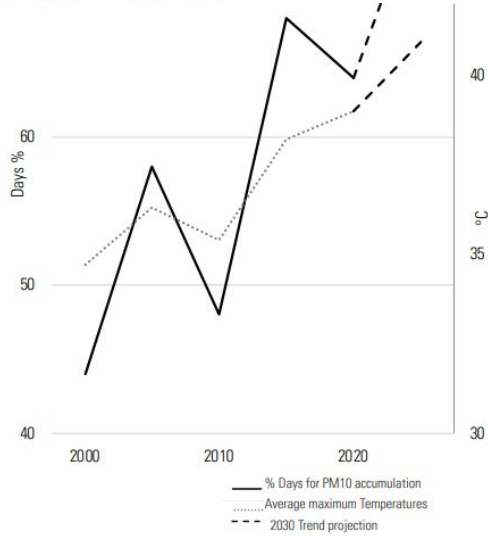
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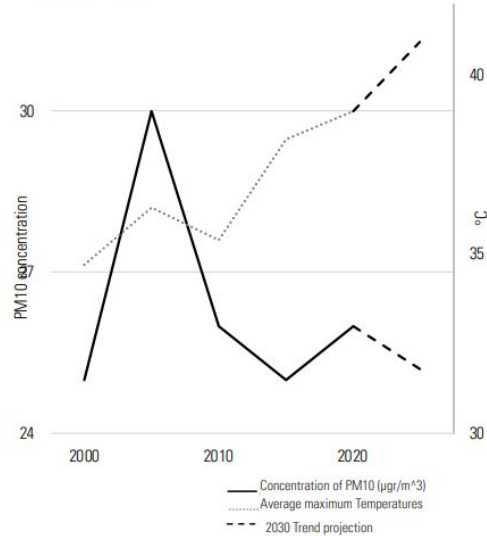
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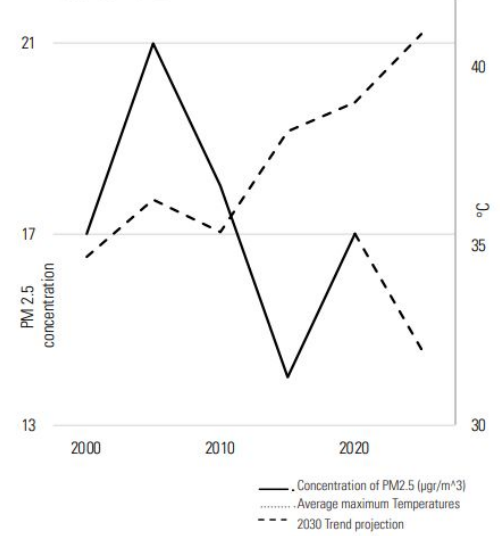
% Days for PM10 accumulation



PM10 Concentration



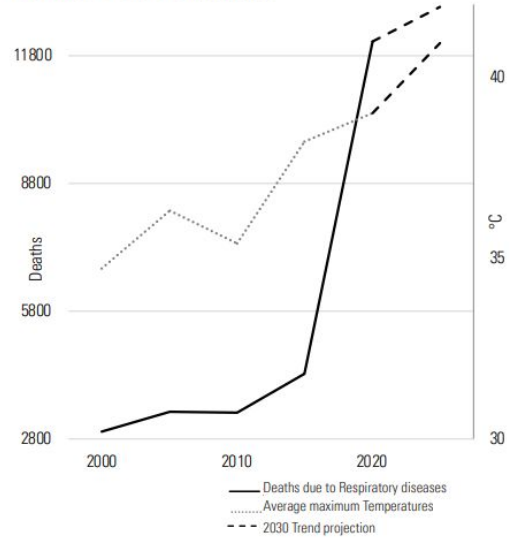
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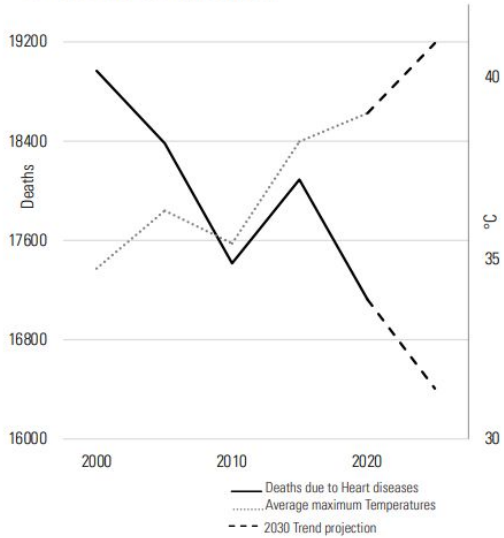
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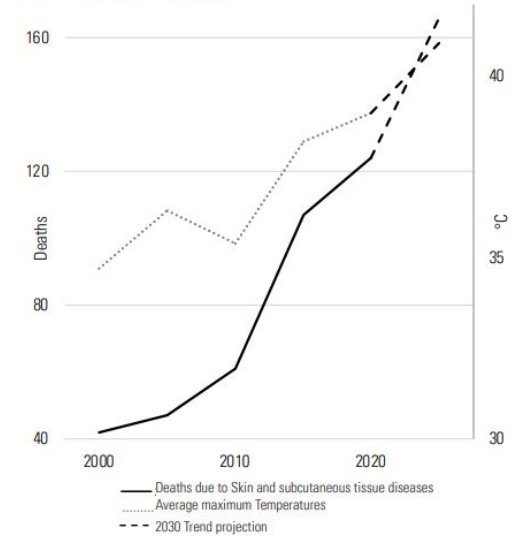
Deaths due to respiratory diseases



Deaths due to circulatory diseases



Deaths due to skin diseases





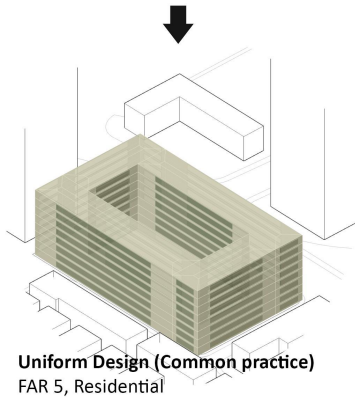
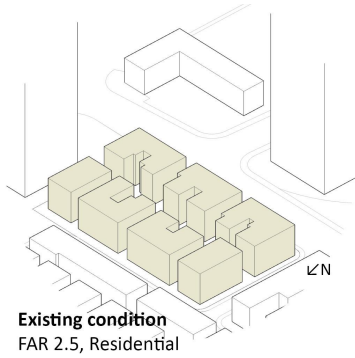
## **URBAN BLOCK**

Craft the block for different cities

Malaga, Tallinn, **Tel Aviv**

# City of Tel Aviv

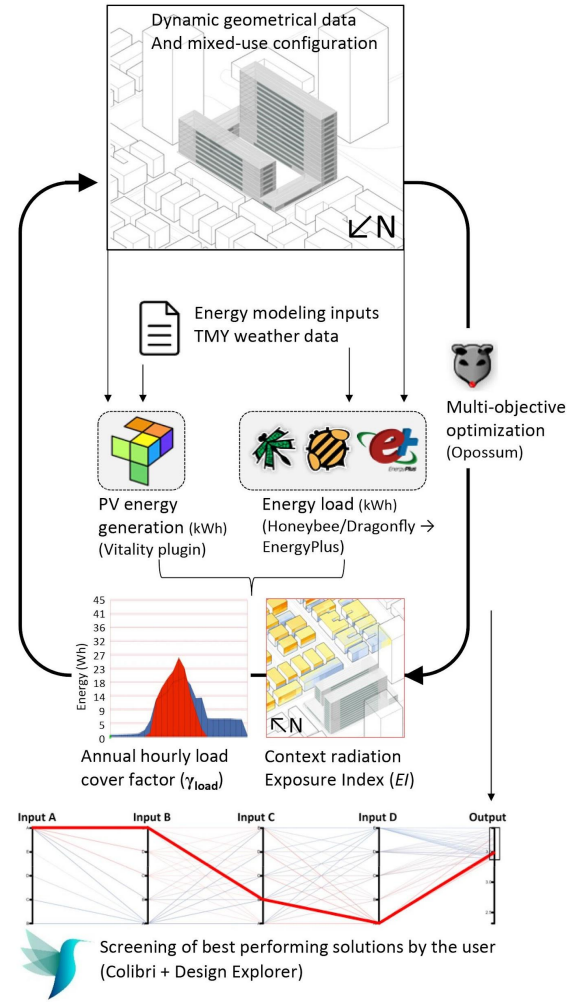
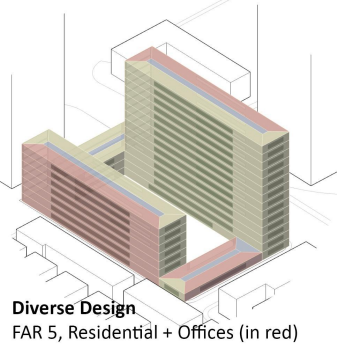
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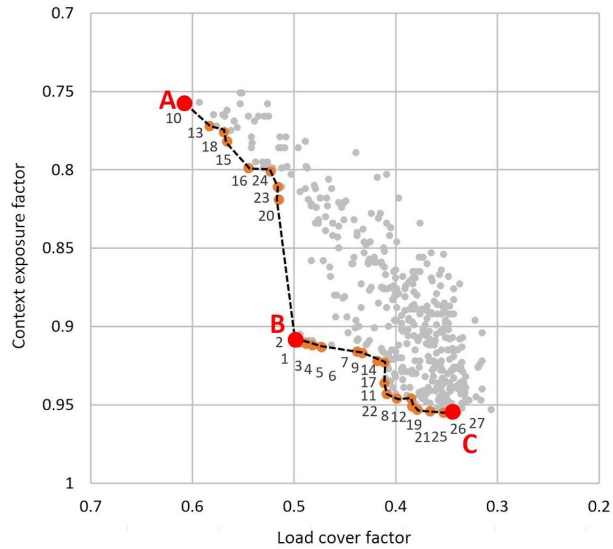


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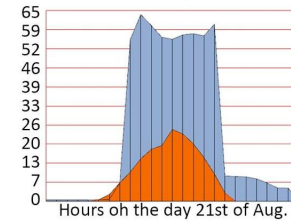
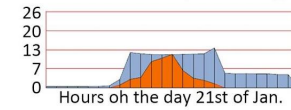
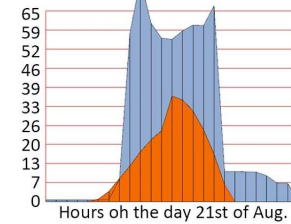
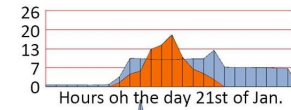
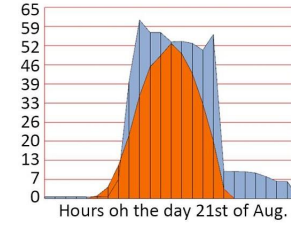
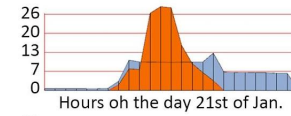
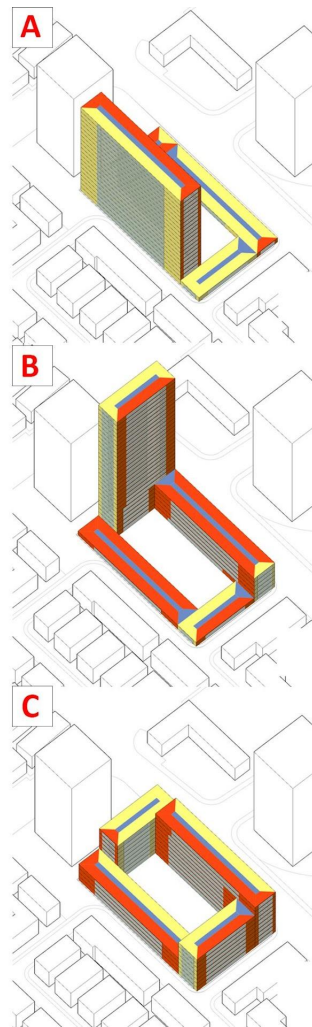
**(1) Building mass height**  
Range: 4 to 100 m  
Spatial boundary: for each building wing

**(2) Building use**  
Range: Residential or Office use  
Spatial boundary: for each perimeter zone cluster

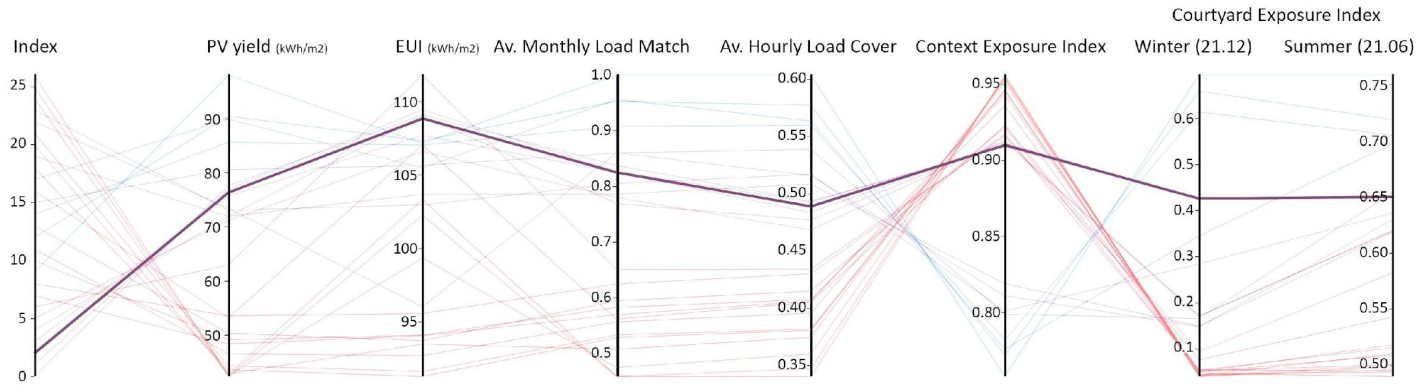




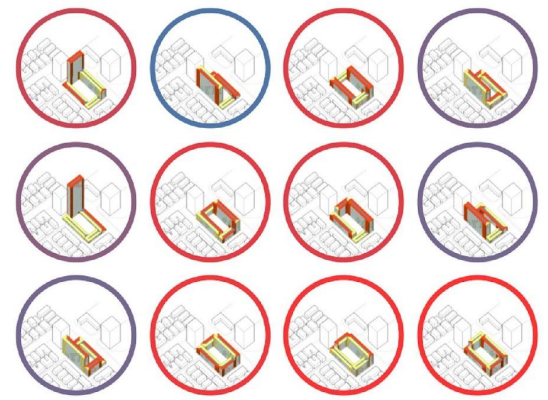
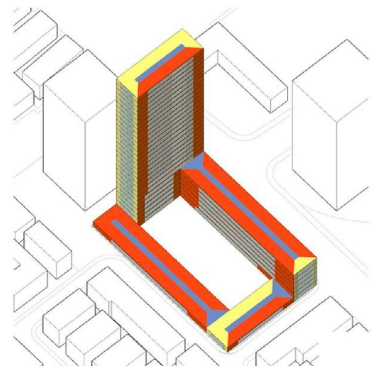
- Energy supply
- Energy demand
- Offices
- Residential







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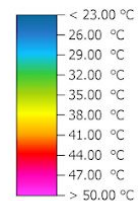
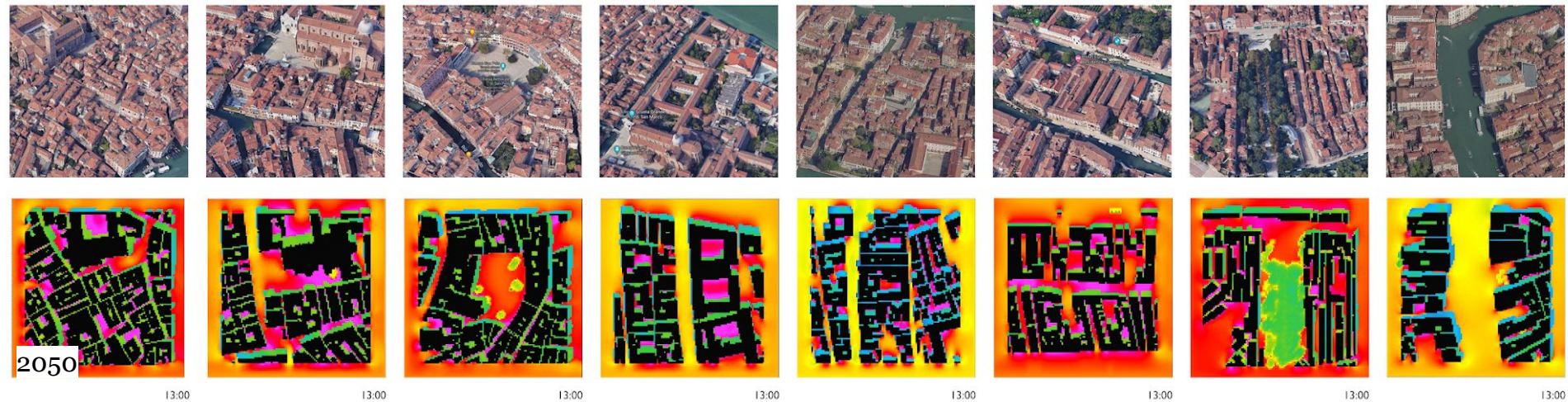


## **4) THE HISTORICAL CITY**

Understanding of Human Health and Energy flows  
(With Gherri, Daniela Maiullari)

# Venice Microclimatic Studies 2020 + 2050 (with TU Delft)

Hotter Summer Day at 13:00 (PET Studies)

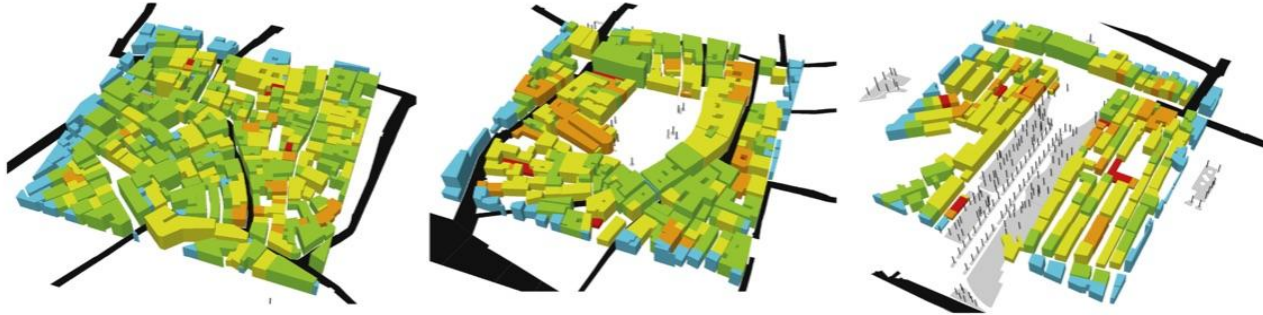


# Climate Resilience

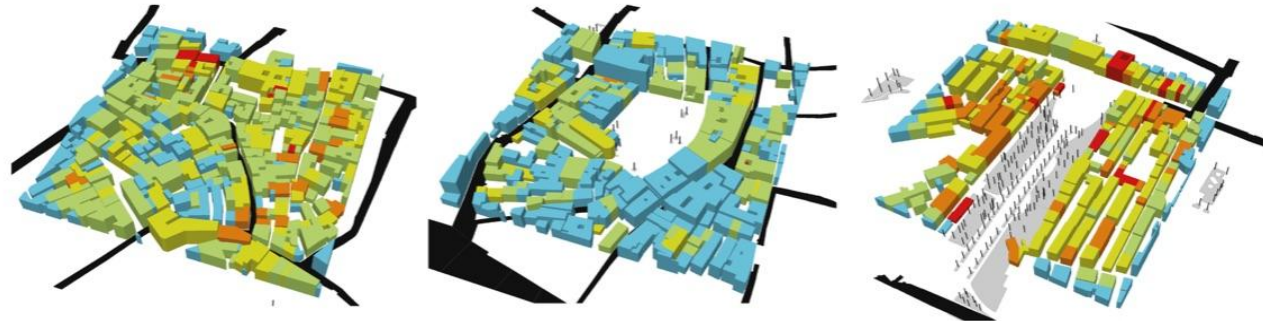
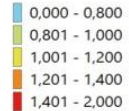
average outdoor temperatures in 2050 (avg. 6°C)

the higher the urban fabric compactness, the lower the frequency of high indoor temperatures

Ind<sub>max</sub> S20 (°C)



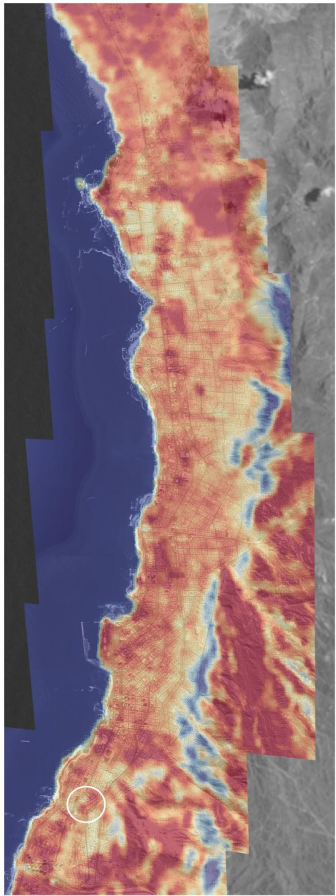
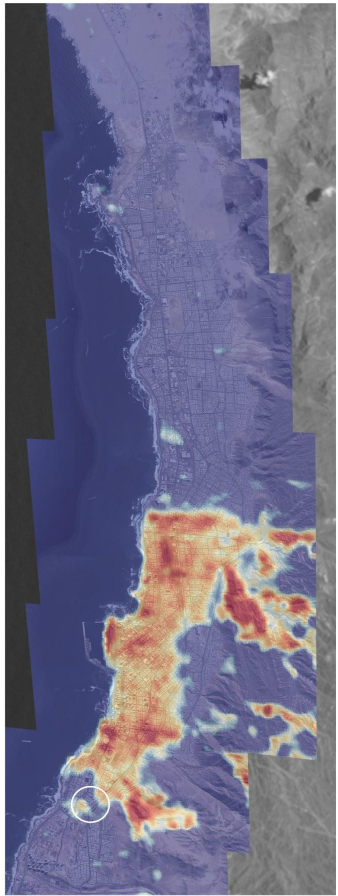
$\Delta$  Ind<sub>max</sub> S20-S50 (°C)



# Aftamagosta (Atacama Desert Chile)

with Aimee Desert and David Garcia AEE

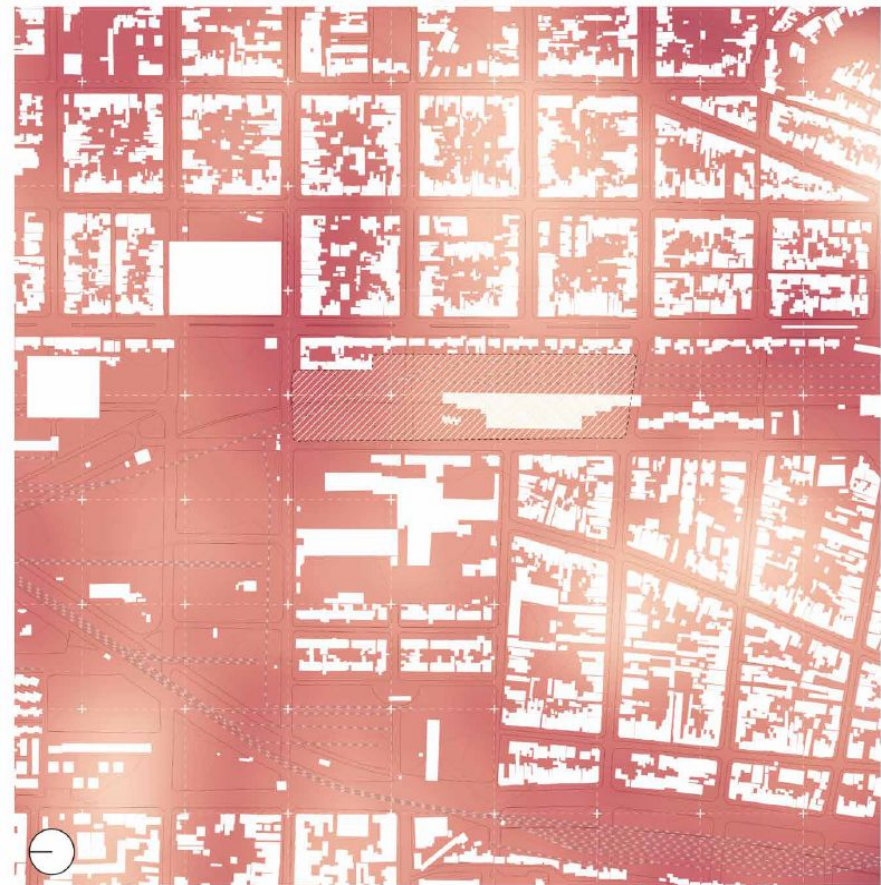
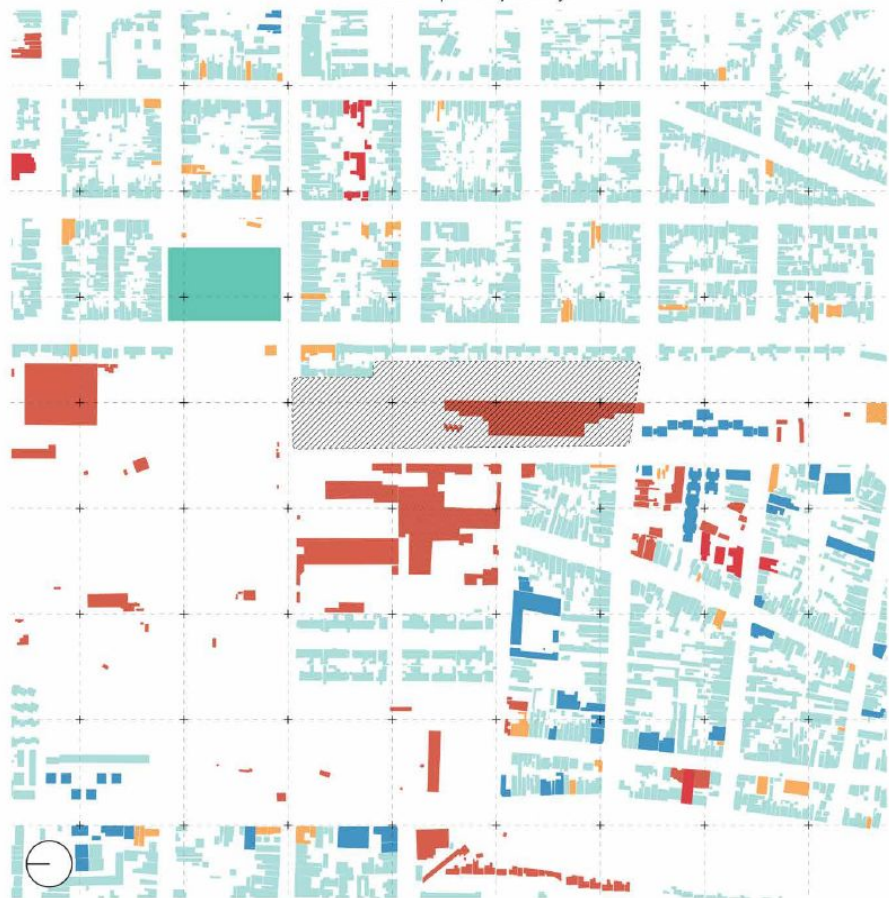


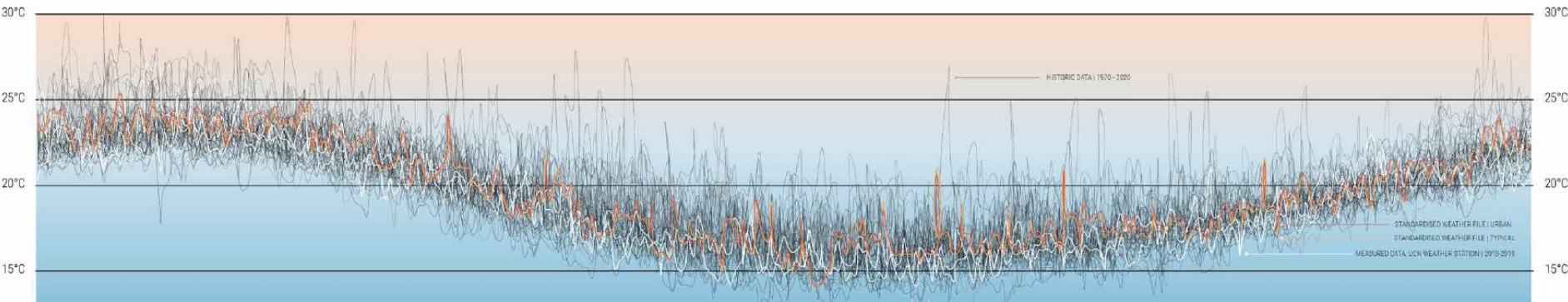


> 30°C

Surface temperature











> 40°C

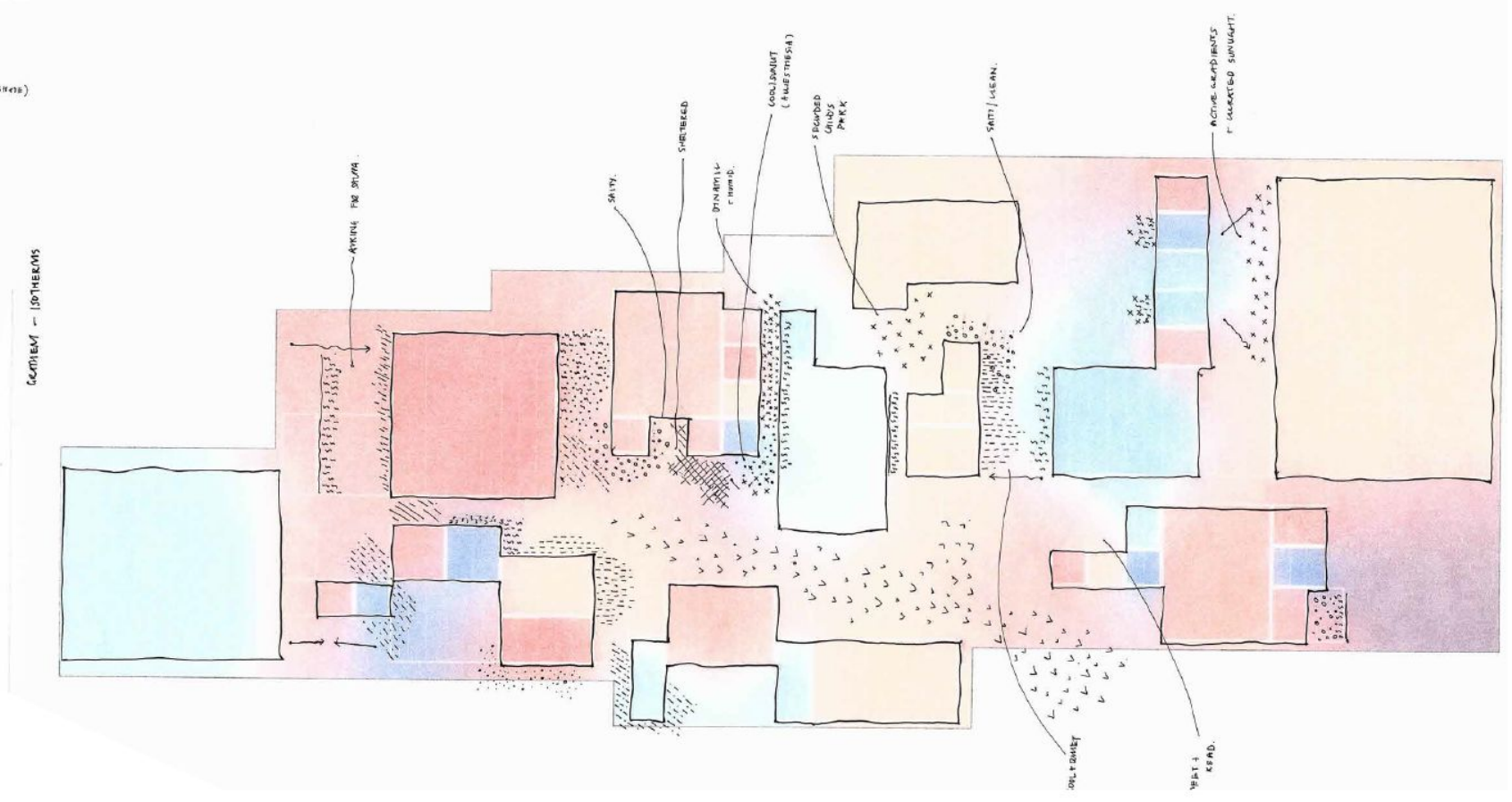






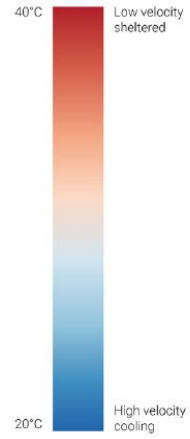
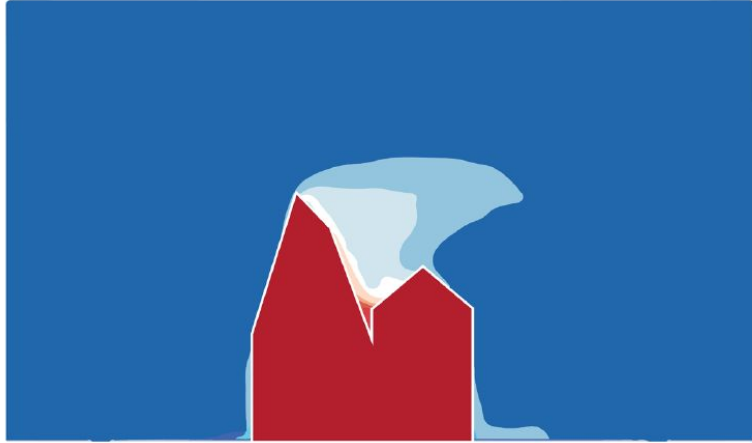
# Use climate change as a resource

-  SALT
-  HUMIDITY
-  SPINAL (VENTED W. SHEET)
-  WALLS
-  DRY
-  CONDENSING
-  STEAMING
-  DRY (HUMIDITY)
-  AIR MOVEMENT
-  SHADDED



# Adaptation of Functions by CFD studies









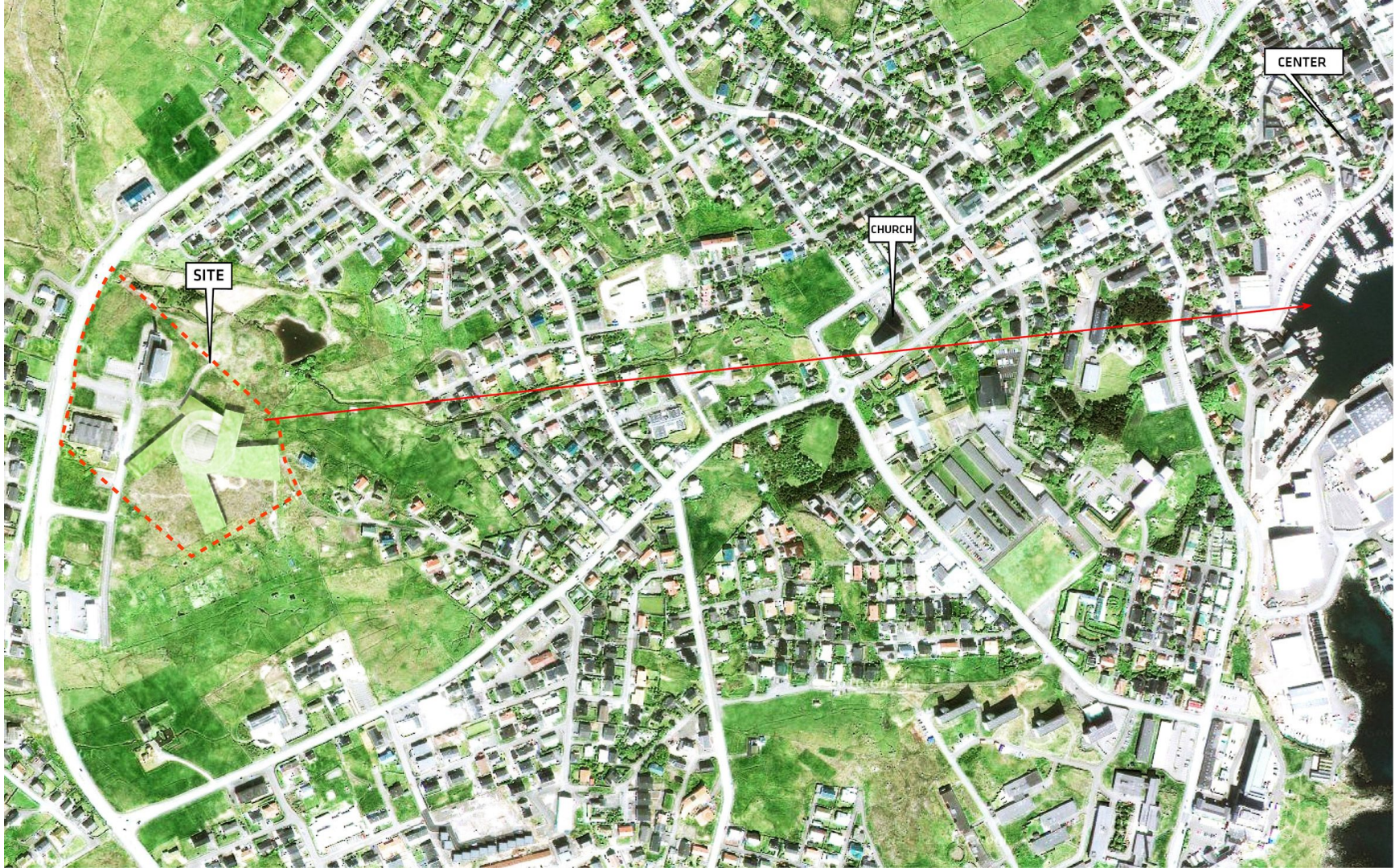
# **BUILDING FORM**

AIRFLOW + THERMODYNAMIC SHAPING

# Playing with new climatic extremes

Consultancy for BIG – FarOer Educational Center

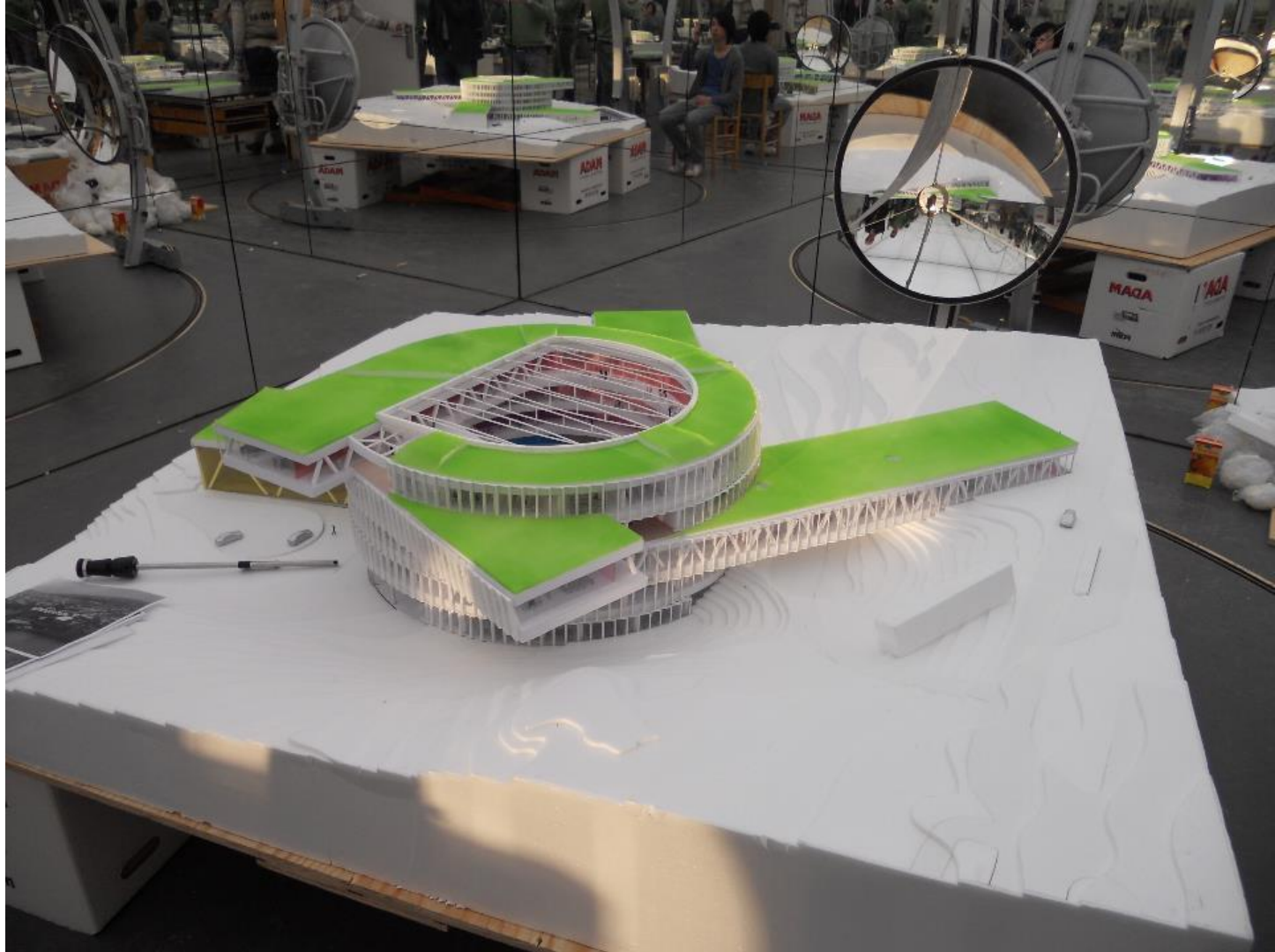




SITE

CHURCH

CENTER









# **FACADE DESIGN**

AIRFLOW + THERMODYNAMIC SHAPING

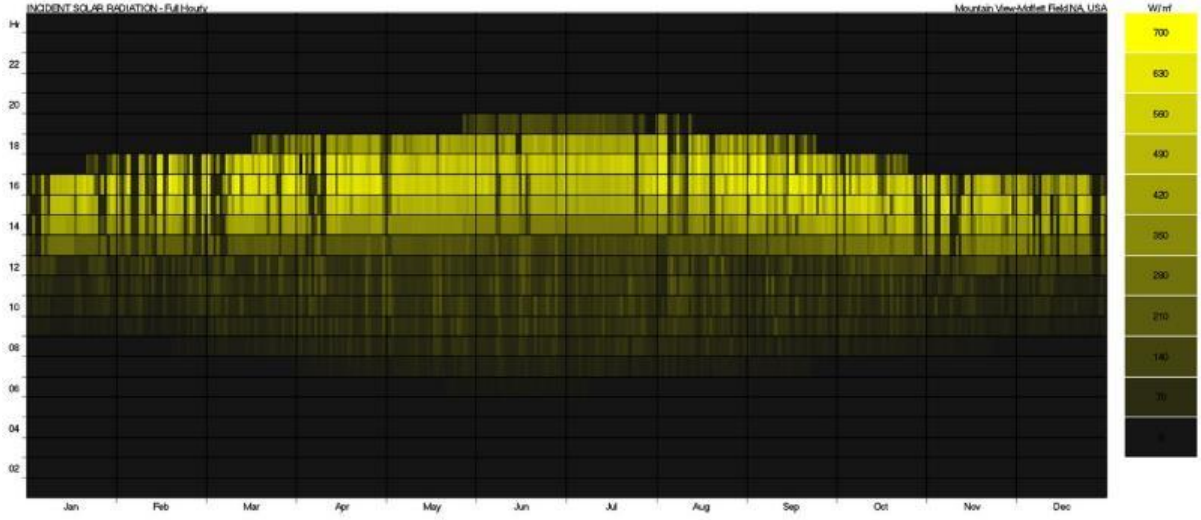


**RELATE TO SUN**  
**Nasa Sustainability Base / William McDonough / Ubbelhode**

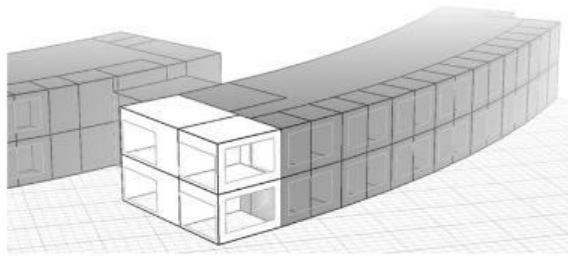






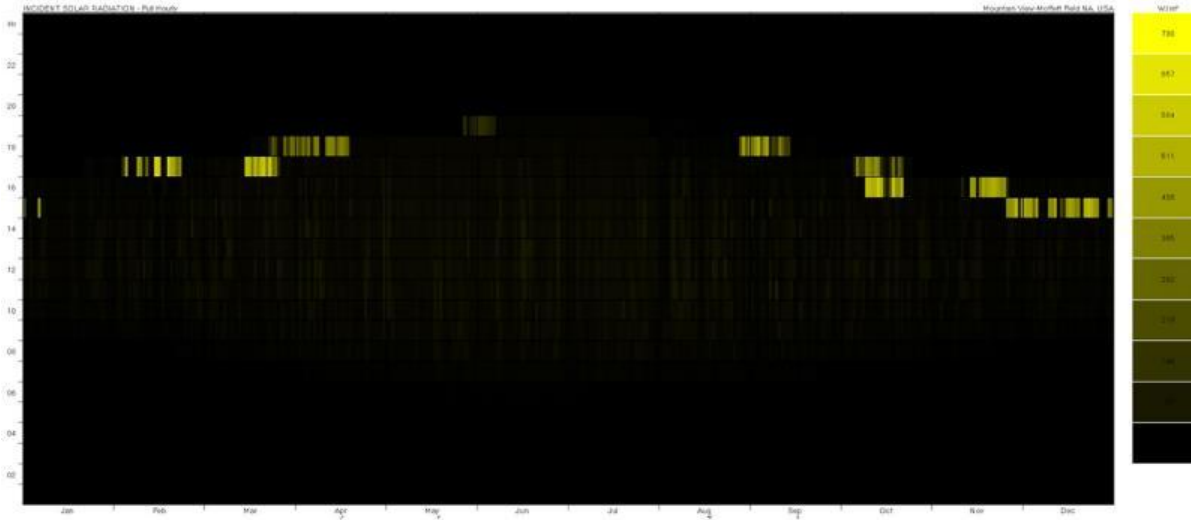


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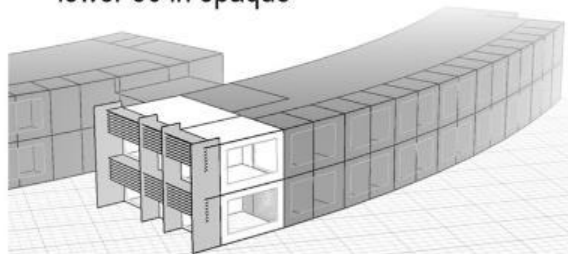


TOTAL MONTHLY SOLAR EXPOSURE  
Mountain View-Moffett Field NA, USA  
Object: 429 (16.874 m²) (Azi: -112.31°, Alt: 0.00°)

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Current Design  
 Horiz Louvers (half height of bay)  
 lower 30 in opaque



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# Beyond uniform Thermal Comfort

with Rich Kramer, University of Maastricht

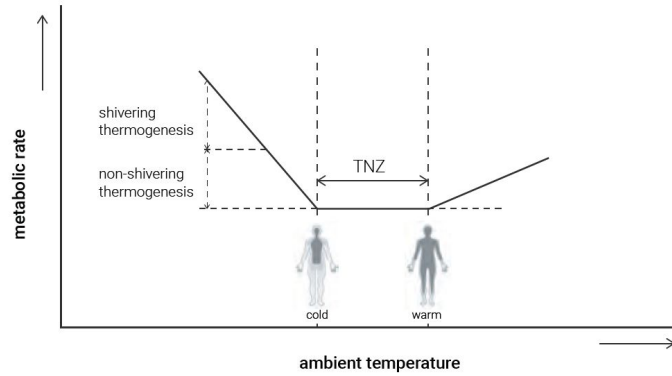
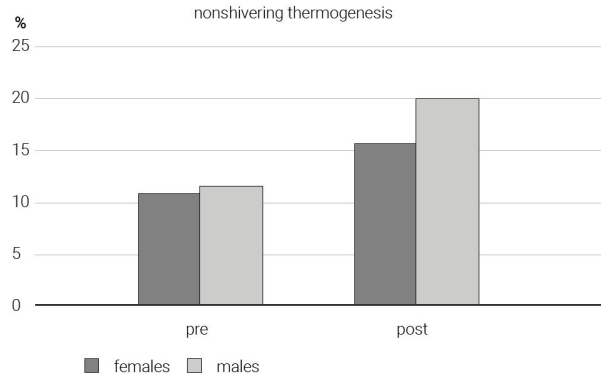


Figure 12

The physiological thermo-neutral zone (TNZ, adapted from [18]) (non-shivering thermogenesis, NST; shivering thermogenesis).

Figure 13

Cold acclimation increases non-shivering thermogenesis and brown fat activity (arrows) before (PRE) and after (POST) cold acclimation [19].

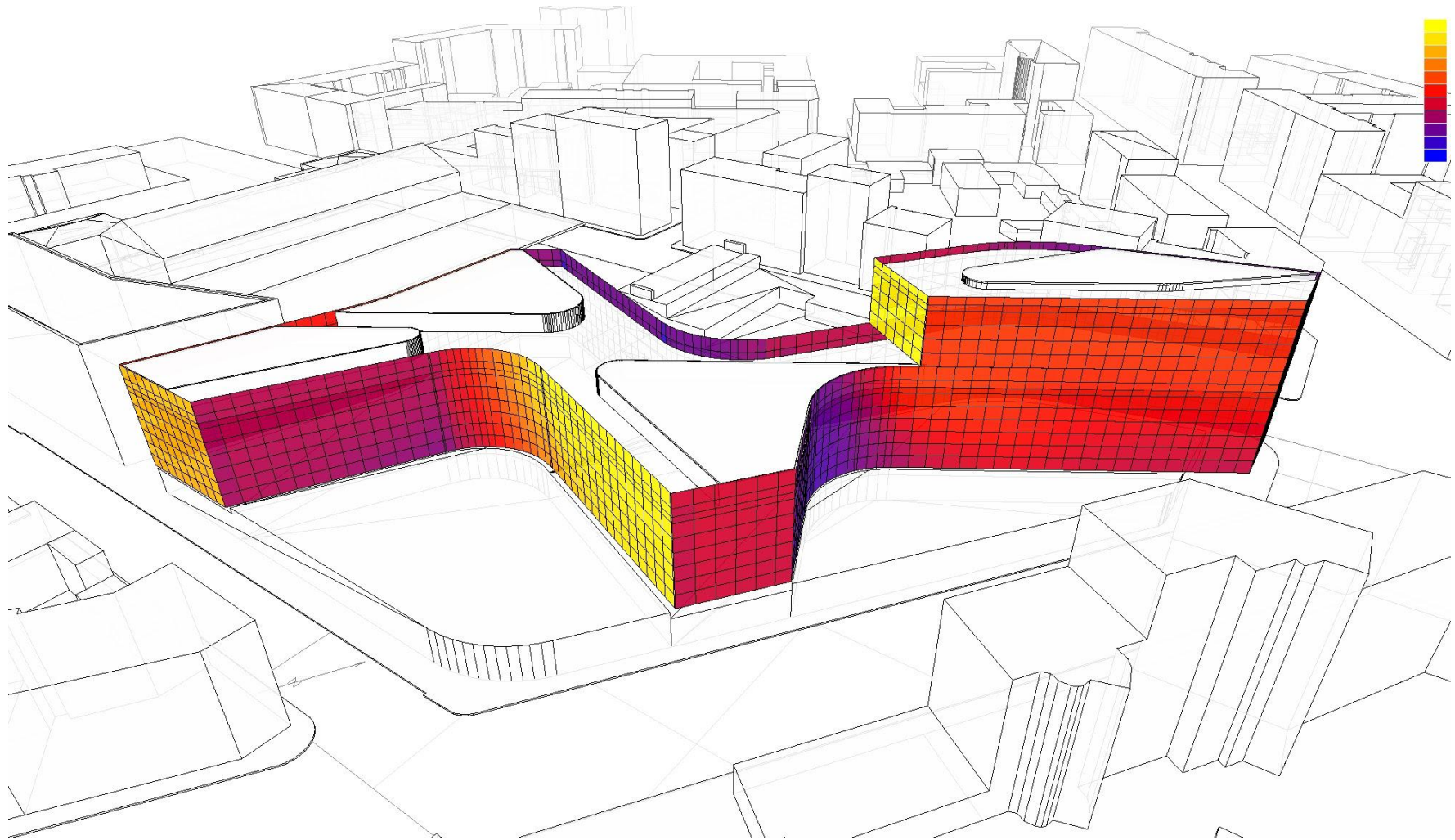


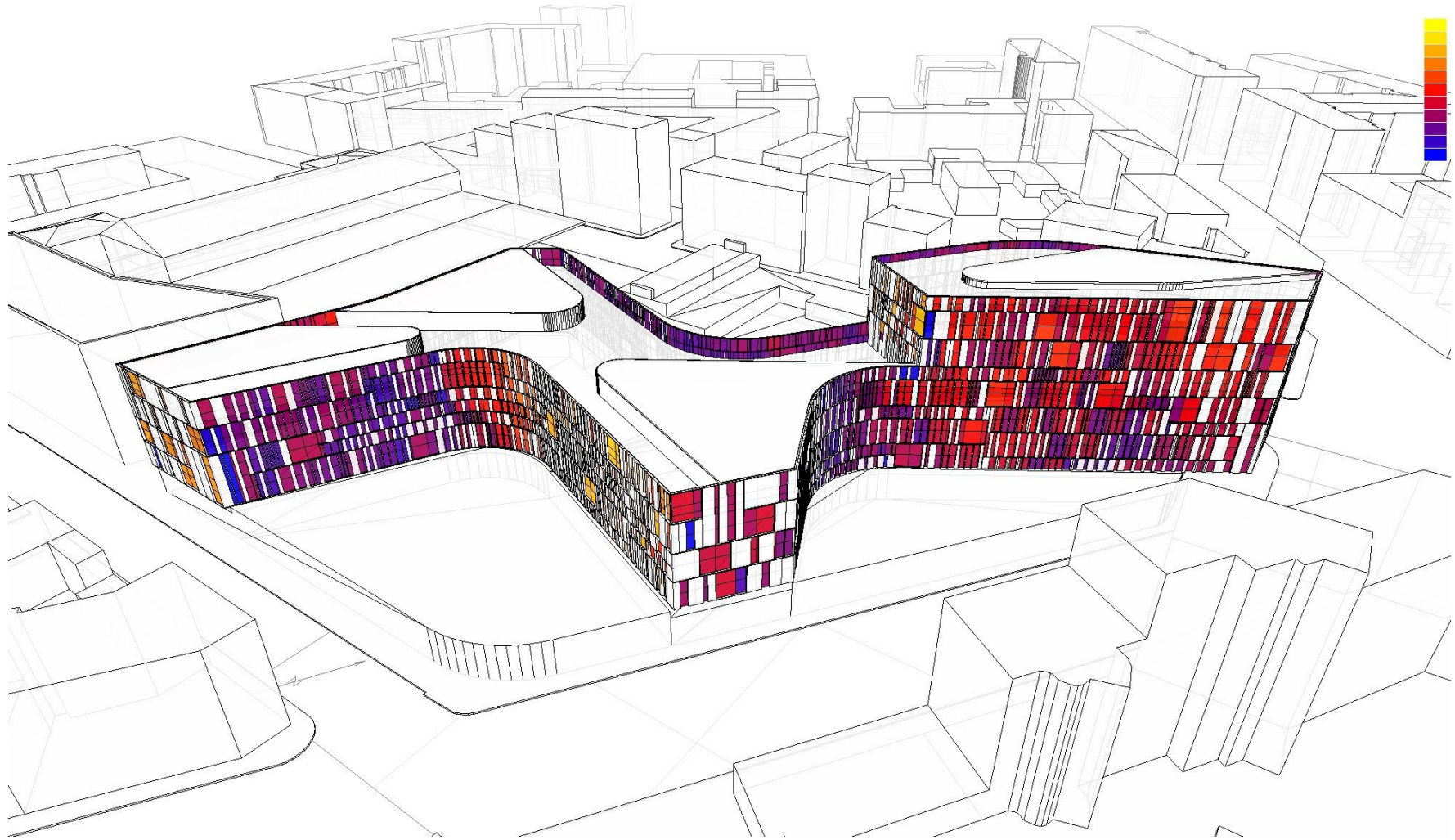
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Lavazza, with Cino Zucchi



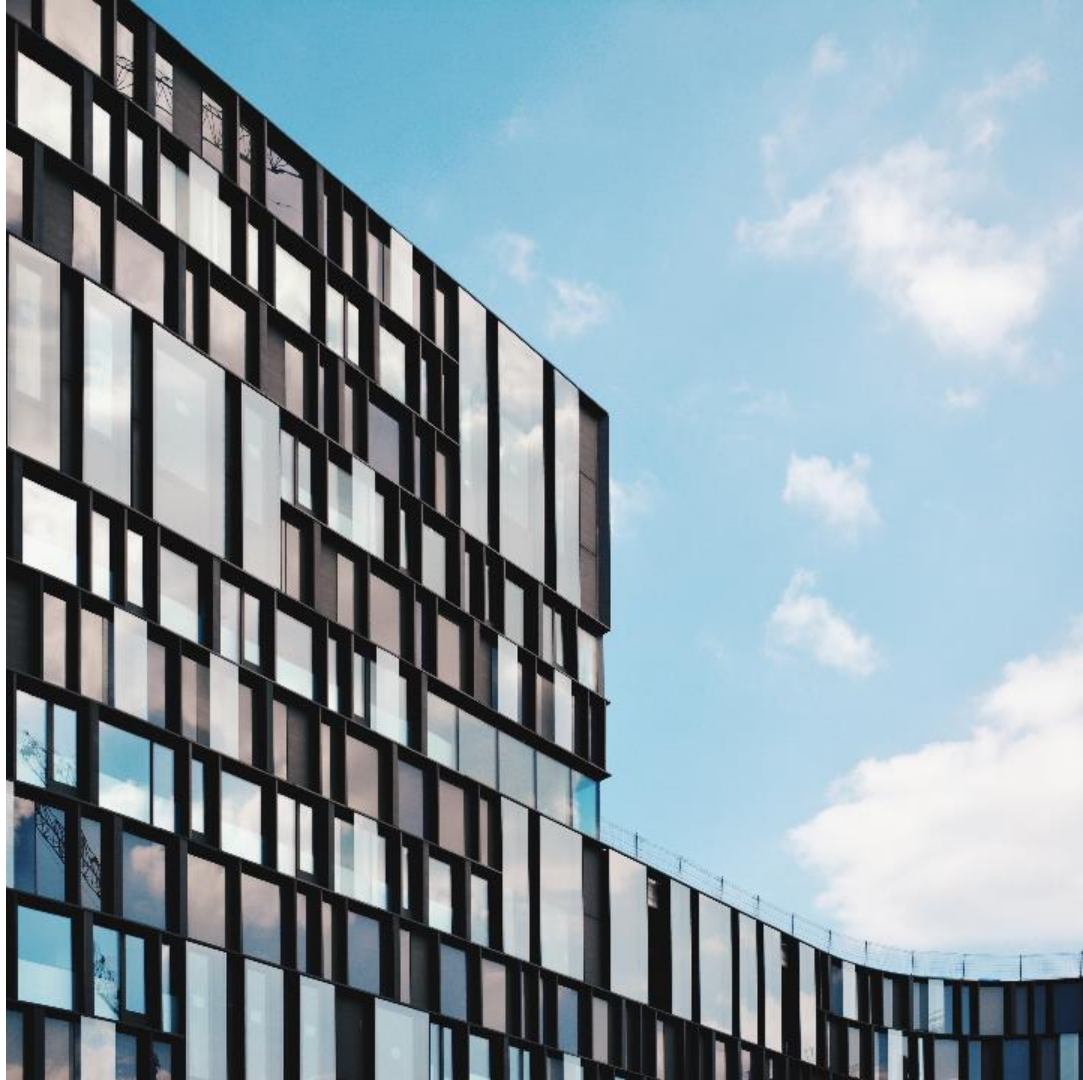






## Ever Changing Thermal and Light Conditions





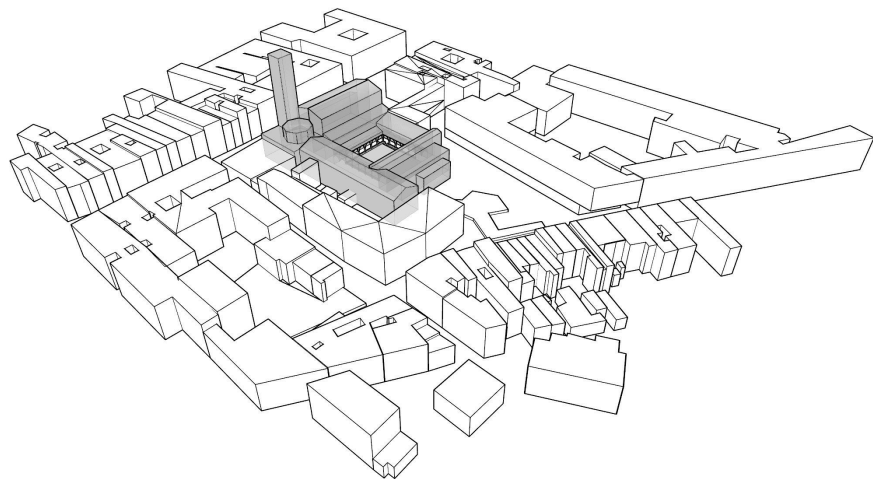
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Oakland Cathedral with SOM



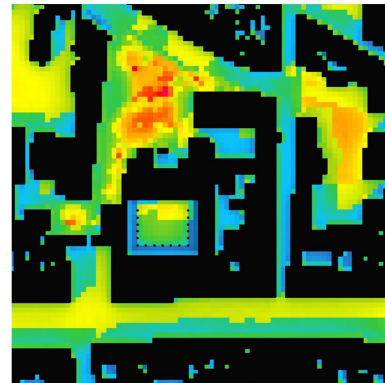




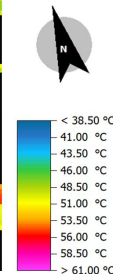
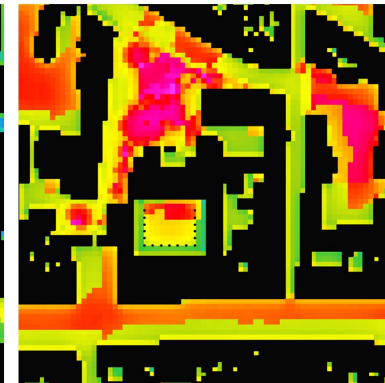
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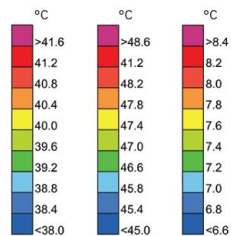
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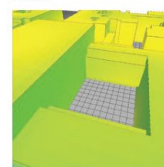
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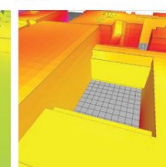
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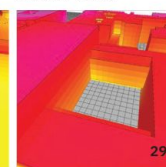
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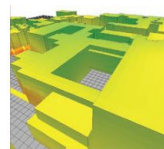
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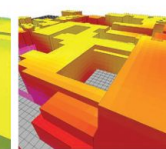
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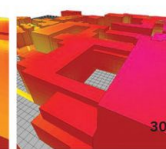
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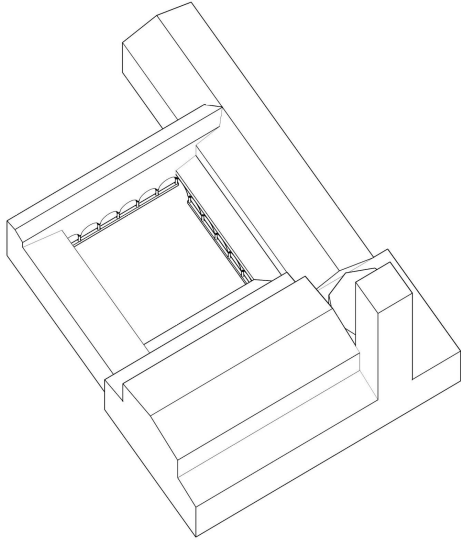


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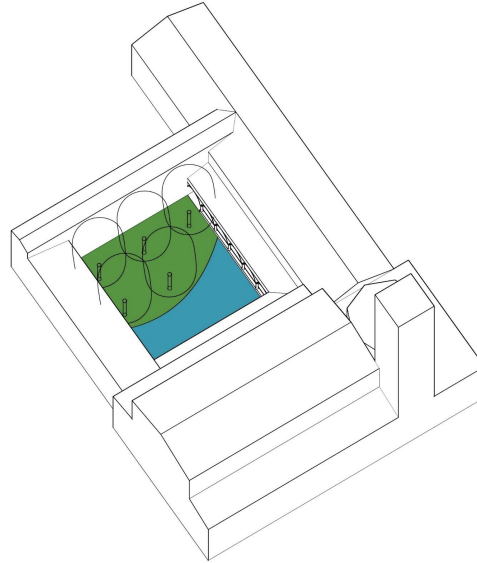


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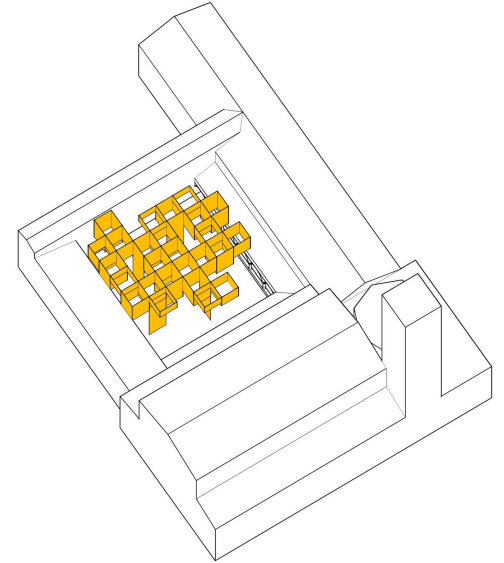
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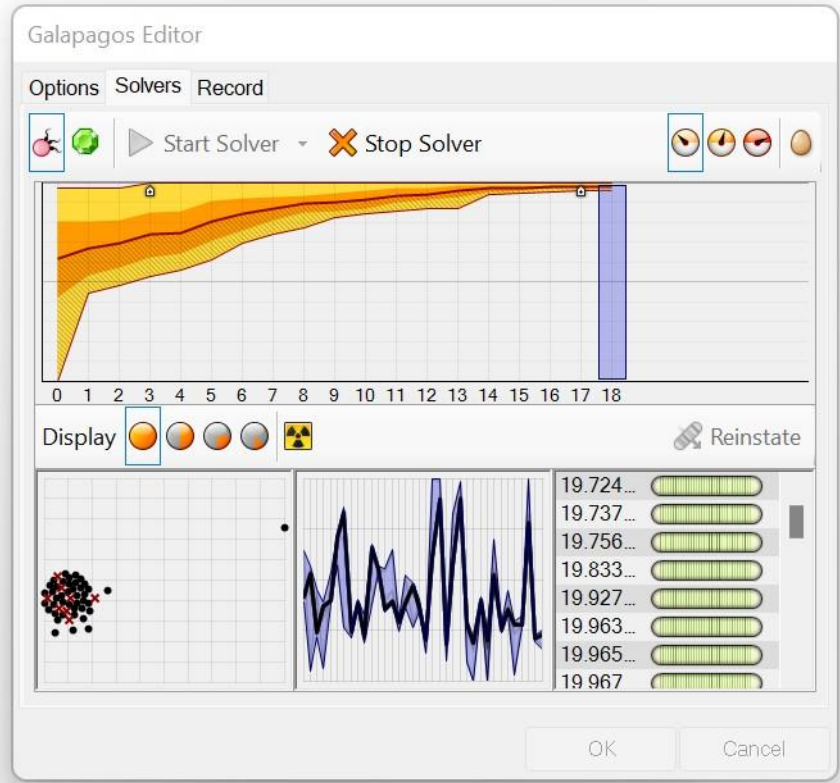
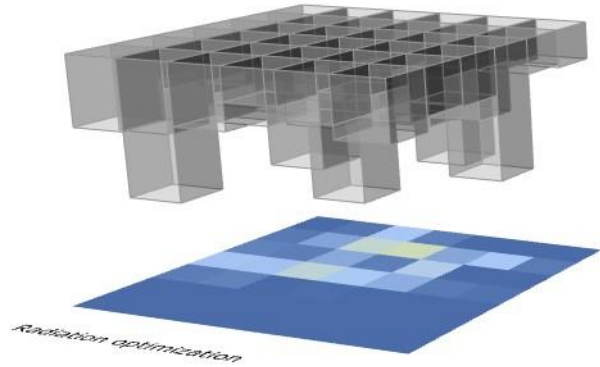
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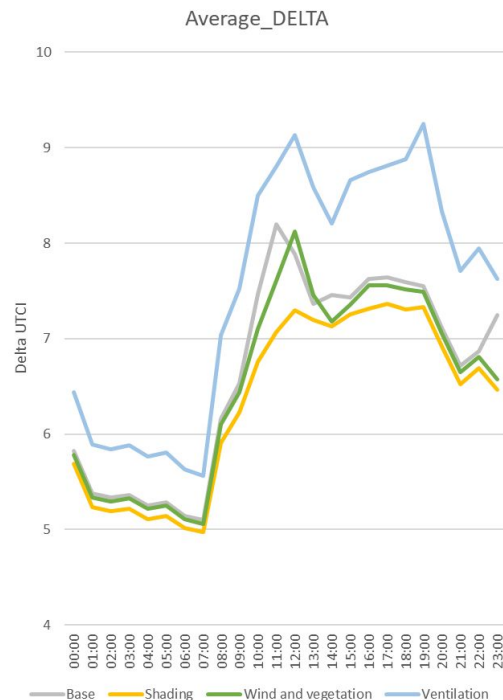
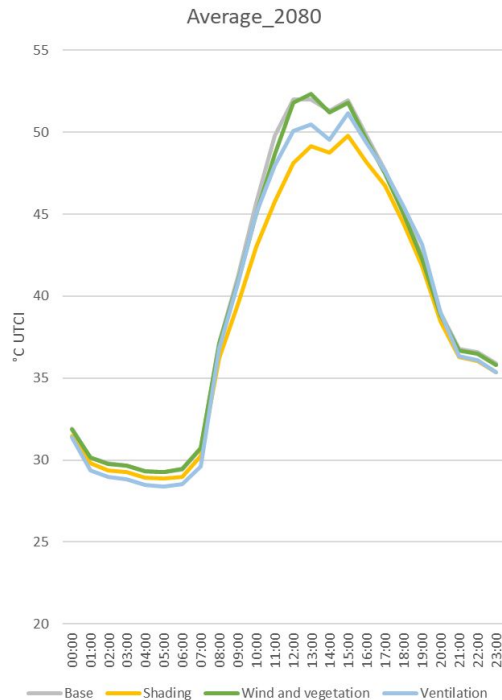
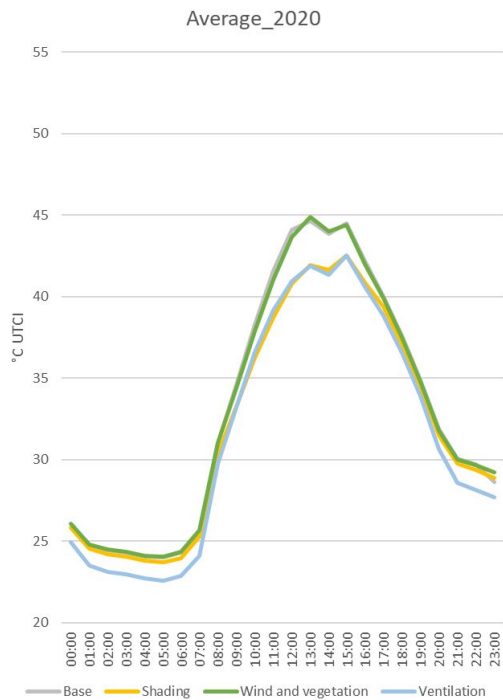
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# Optimization with UTCI of both shading systems and Green - Blue



# UTCI 24 hours - summer

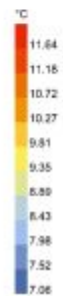
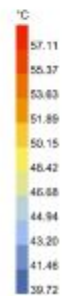
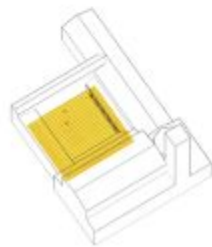
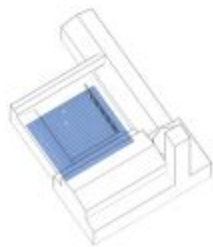
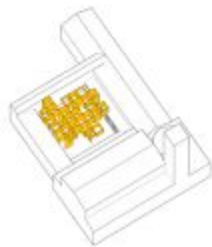
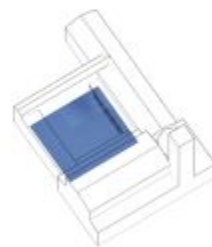
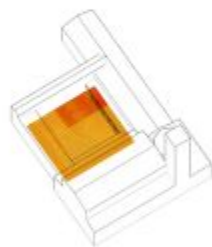
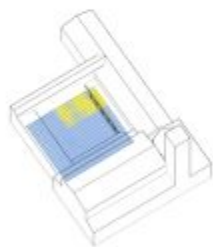
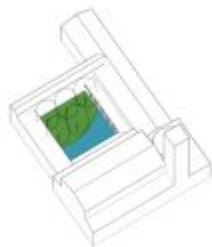
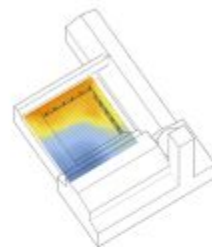
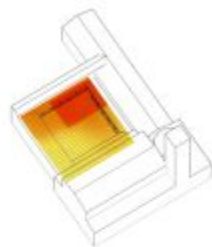
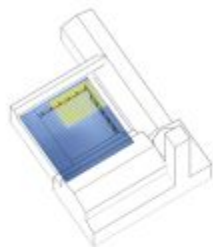


# UTCI at 15 summer

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*UTCI 2050*

*DELTA*

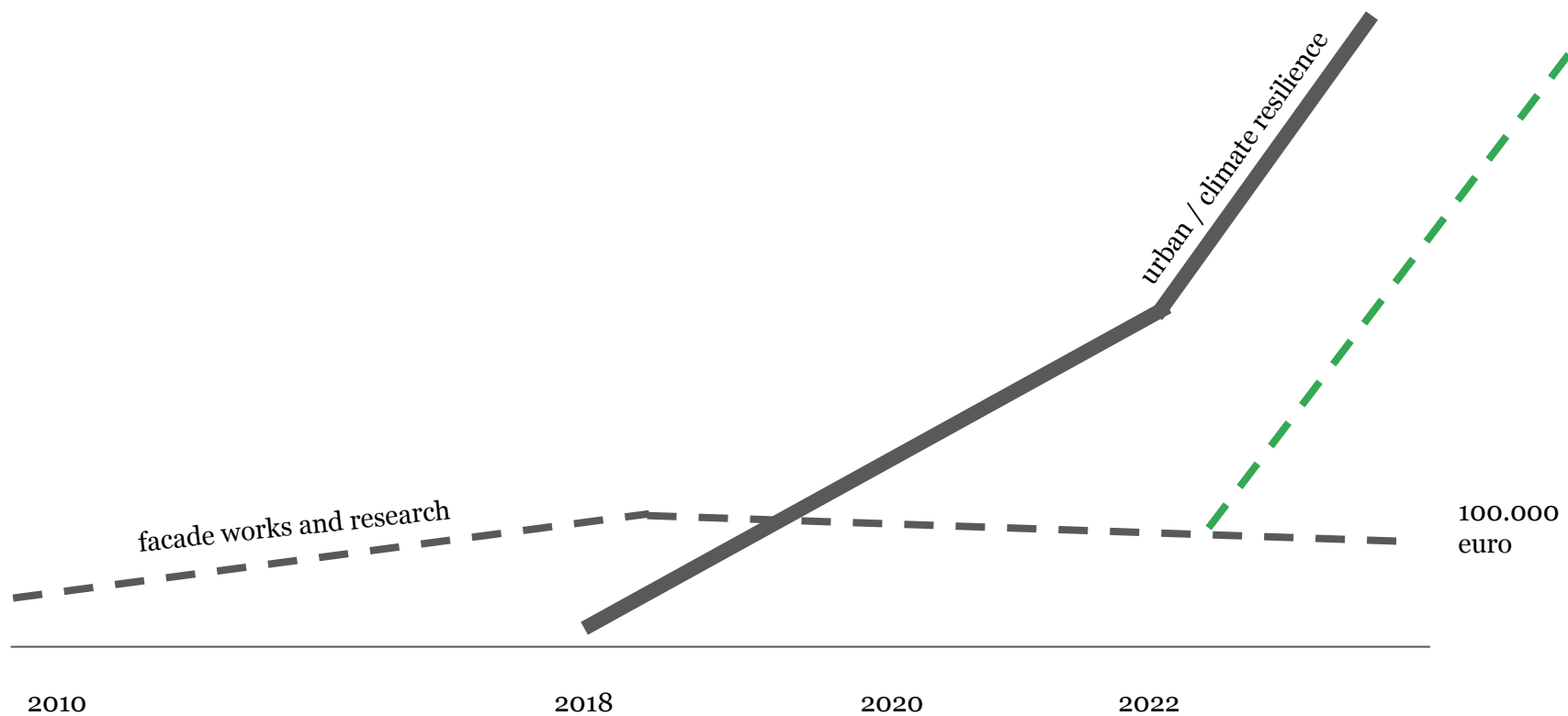


# Optimization with UTCI



# Design Direction

Fundings and Projections



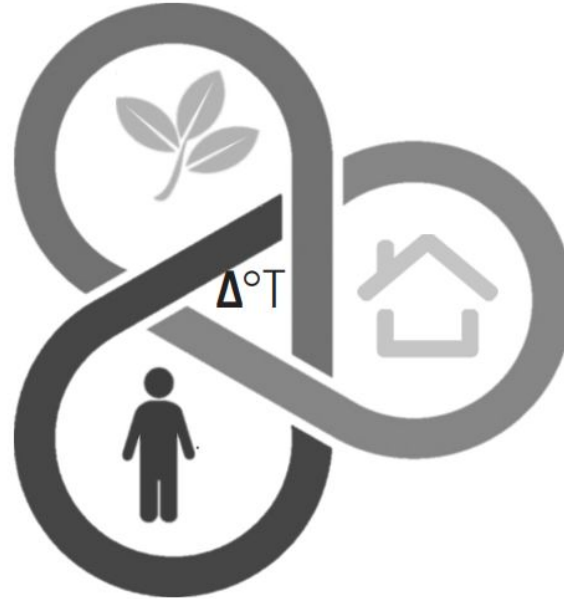


# Leveraging Climate Change for achieving Co-benefits

Core Values of my Urban Design and Facade Design Research

Increase biodiversity  
Urban Agriculture  
Restorative Green, Blue Spaces  
Water Flow

Increase Outdoor Thermal Comfort  
Increase Air Quality  
Achieve biophilia



Create Microclimate for Operations  
Energy Positive Solutions  
Maximize Existing Spaces Activation

# Scheme of Collaborations

District Energy Specialist

Digital Twin Specialist

Smart City Specialist

Indoor Comfort

Indoor Air Quality

Psychophysiologicalist

Indoor HVAC Specialist

*Microclimatic Cities*

*Facade Interfaces*

Climatologist

Ecosystem Engineering /  
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Agriculture

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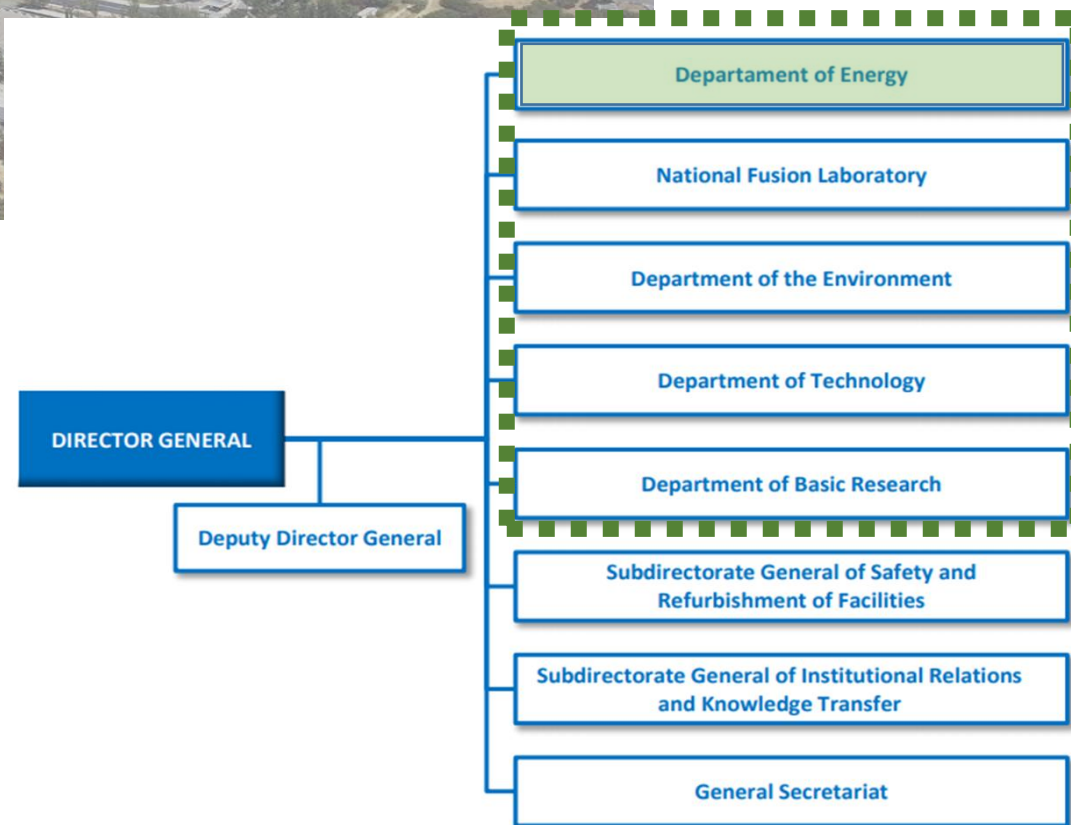
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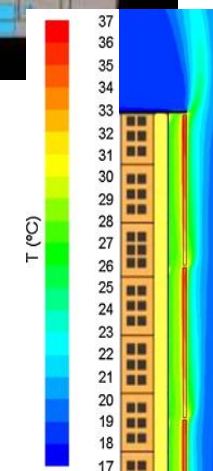
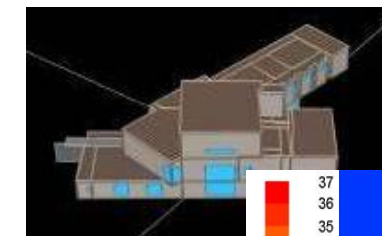
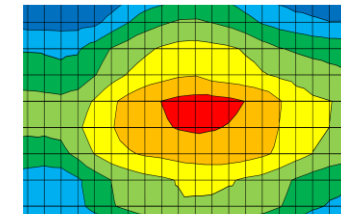
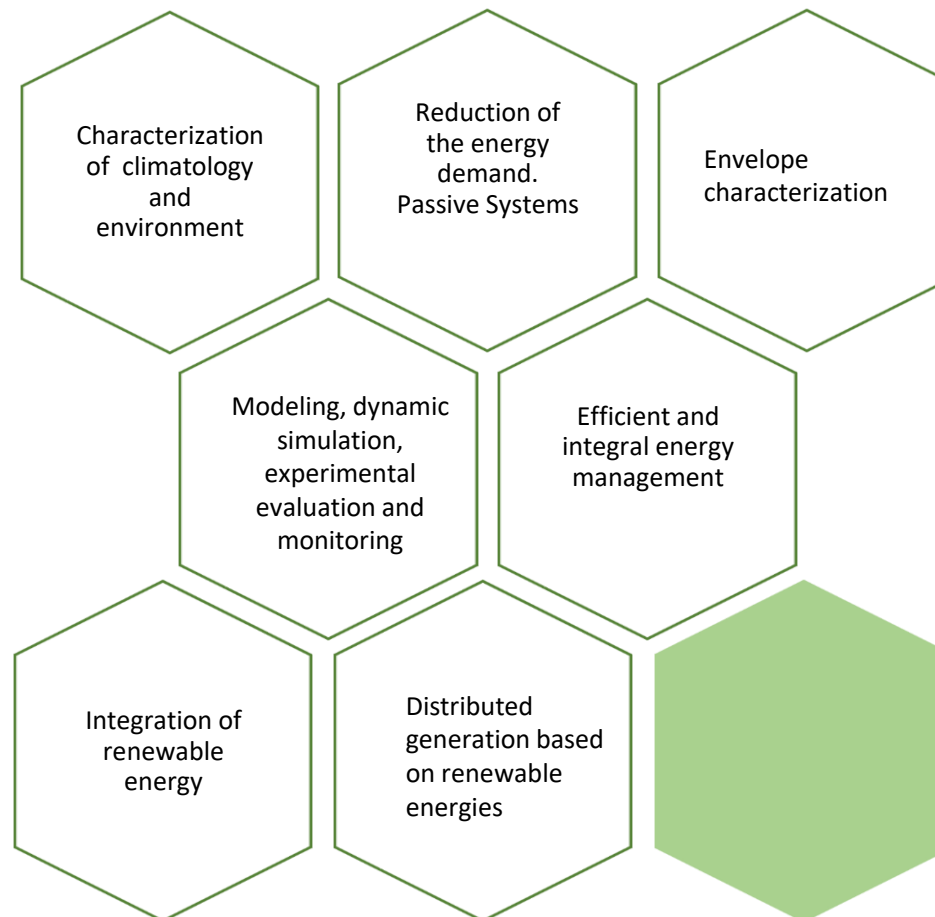


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## Energy Efficiency Activities



**Spanish research coordinated project** based on the hypothesis that optimized materials, like chromogenic smart materials for urban surfaces can provide efficient solutions to the Urban heat Island (UHI) effect.

## mateMAD Concept

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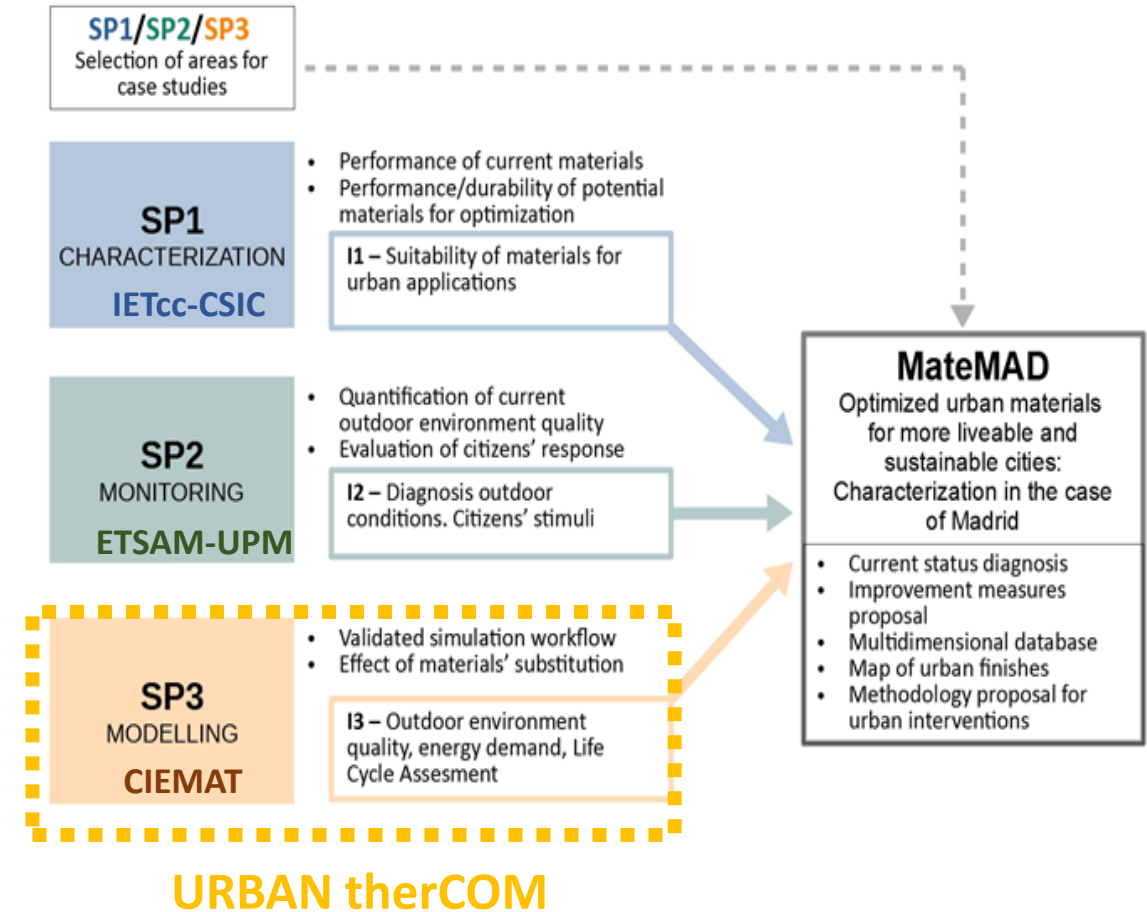
Multidisciplinary approach for the systematic analysis of representative case studies of **vulnerable areas of the city of Madrid**. The goal is to generate:

- knowledge about the **impact of urban materials** on the habitability and sustainability of cities
- a reliable proposal to **improve the quality of the outdoor environment**, the energy demand and the well-being of the inhabitants through the substitution of outdoor surface materials

# mateMAD Concept

Activities performed under three subprojects:

- Subproject 1 (SP1). **Characterization of urban materials.**
- Subproject 2 (SP2). **Monitoring of environmental parameters.**
- Subproject 3 (SP3), named **URBAN therCOM. Modelling outdoor thermal comfort and energy demand in urban areas.**





# MEASURE, CALIBRATION AND SIMULATION STRATEGY

The first step assess the of **vulnerability** within the city, on those aspects related to Climate Change, discomfort

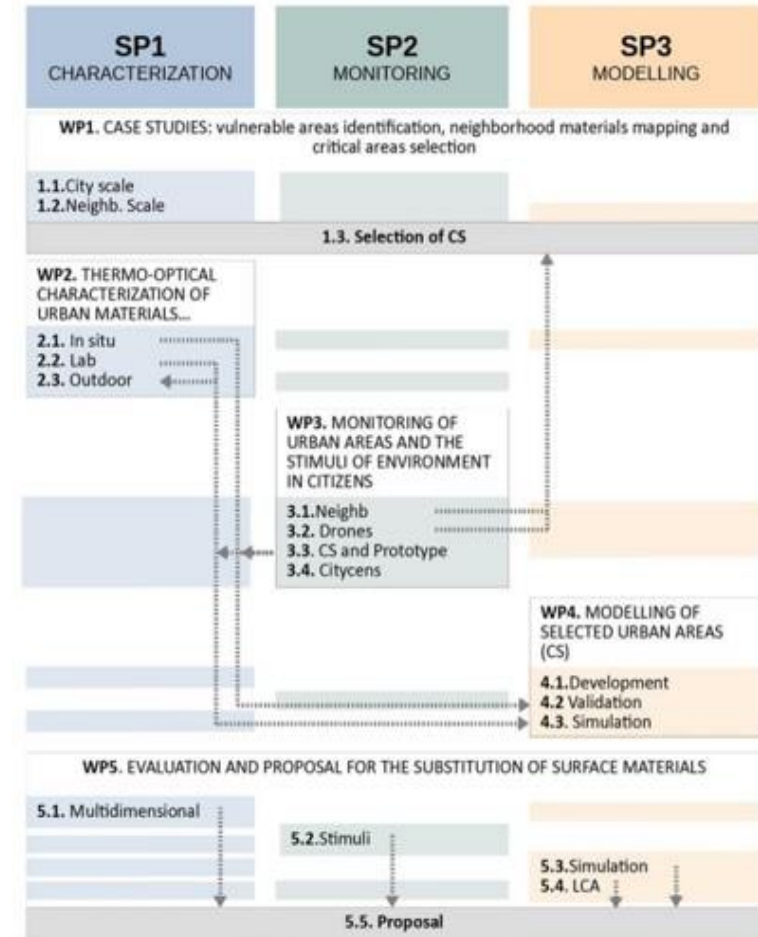
The second details thermo-optical (**TO**) characterization of a wide range of surface urban materials: in-situ, laboratory

The third step **monitors** at four levels: neighbourhood, case study areas, outdoor tests, and citizens

The fourth provides a **modelling strategy** to evaluate mutual relations amongst relevant urban factors building energy performance and outdoor thermal comfort

The final step **prepares a complete and justified proposal for the substitution of surface materials** in the case studies based on the results obtained from previous steps. And assess the environmental impact of the materials along their life cycle

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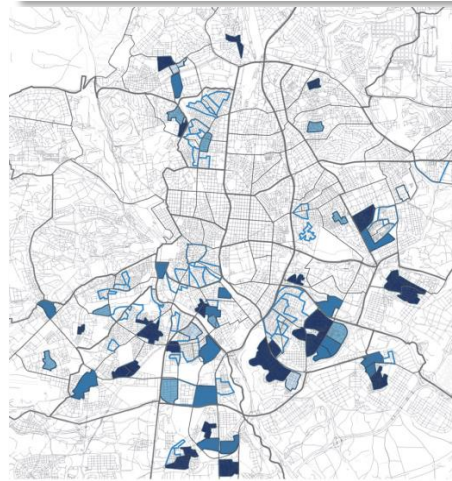


# SELECTION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Severity of urban vulnerability

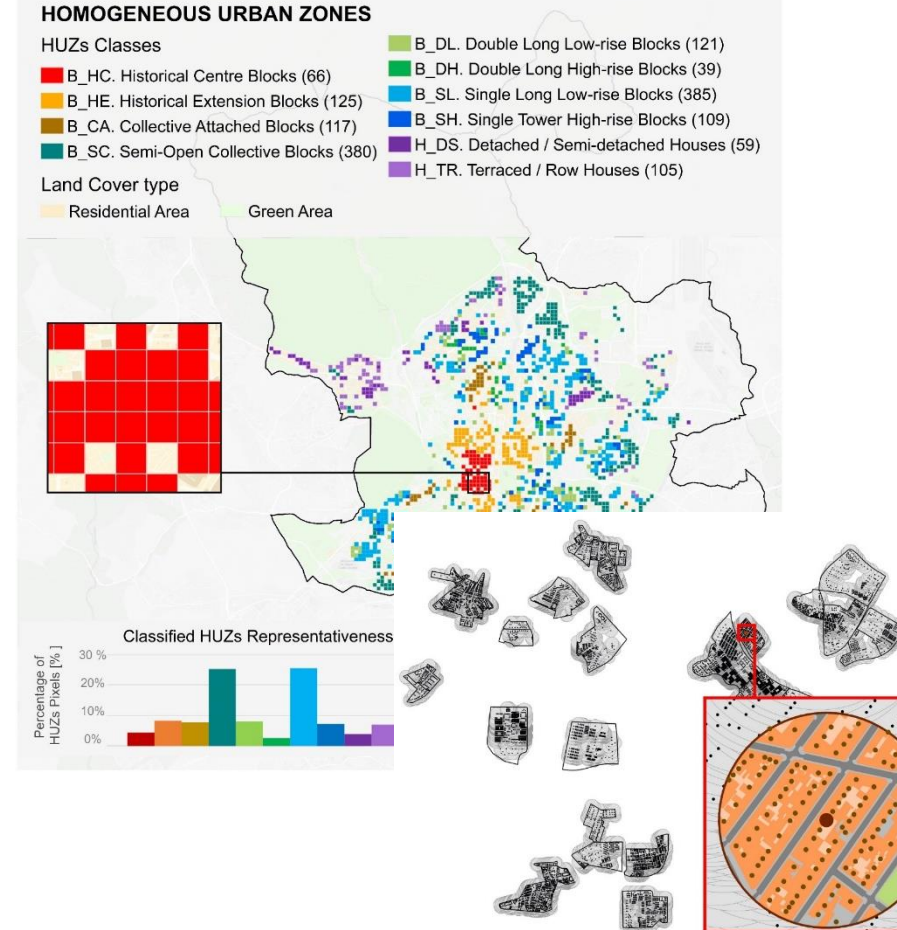


Energy poverty index



27 vulnerable neighborhoods affected simultaneously by problems of energy poverty and high intensity of the urban heat island

UHI intensity day+night



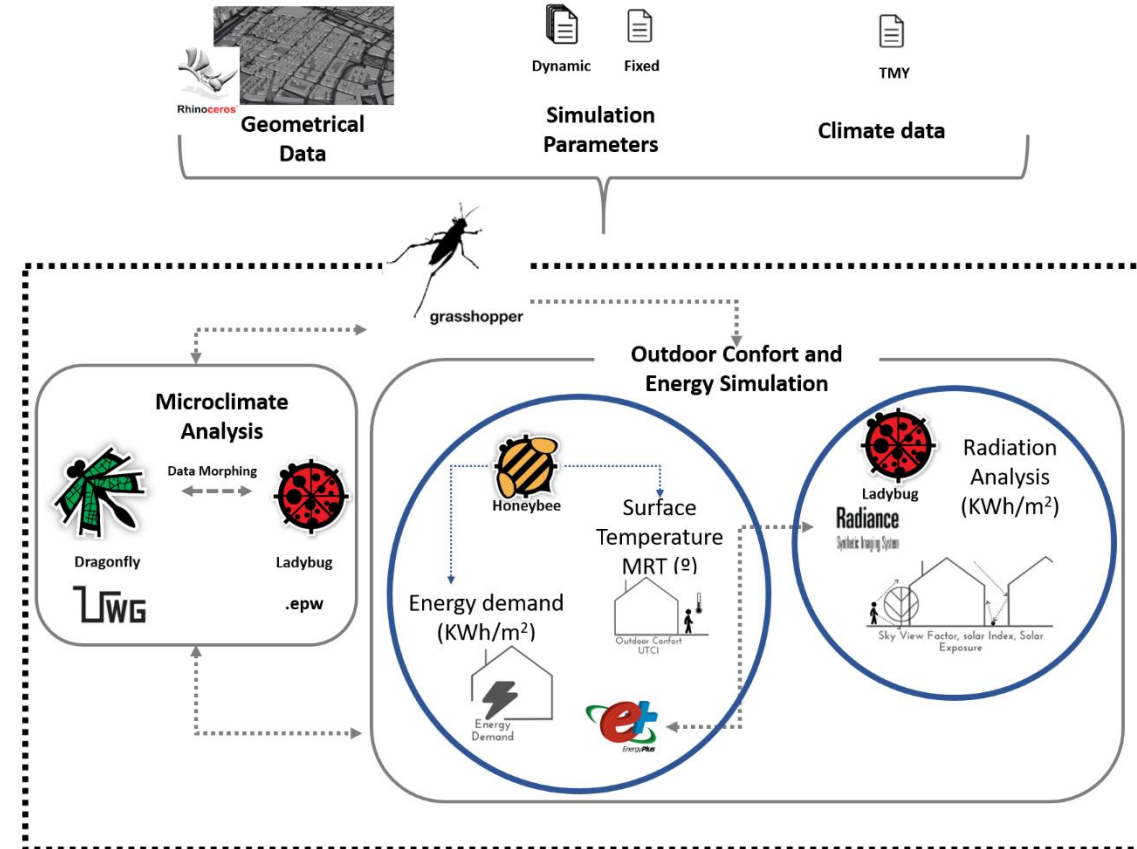
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## HUZ (Homogeneous Urban Zones) METHODOLOGY

- **Objective:** facilitate the energy analysis of residential buildings.

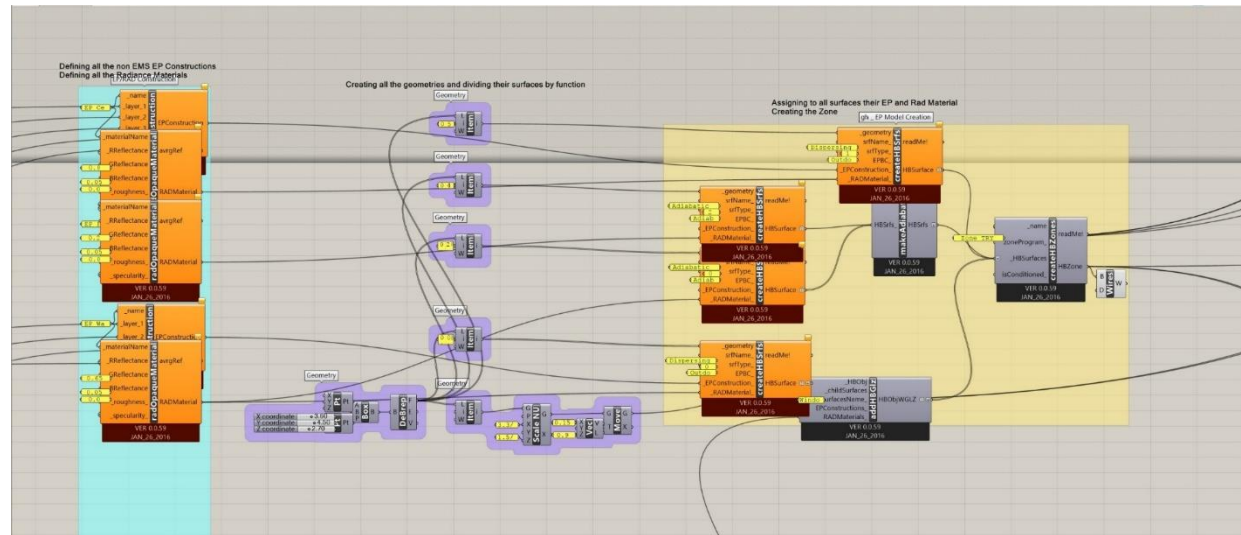
# MODELLING OF SELECTED URBAN AREAS

An ad-hoc developed BPS tool which enables to appropriately simulate the simulation of indoor and outdoor thermal field through an integrated approach, Grasshopper (GH) based digital workflow by means of add-ons Droagonfly, HoneyBee and LadyBug.



# MODELLING OF SELECTED URBAN AREAS

The timestep-by-timestep simulation approach allows the variation of the thermo-optical properties of the TC material within the simulation runtime itself, which in turn implies precisely considering the thermal inertia of the building and its effects on the energy demands for heating and cooling



## Conclusions & Future Work

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The preliminary results are used to test the simulation strategy of TC materials and are presented in the **perspective of extending the developed BPS** to be applied to the evaluation of this problem generally and to be more seamlessly integrated into the design process.

Future work and further investigation is needed **to test and validate the strategy and the general digital workflow with real cases studies of Madrid** through the information that will be acquired throughout the duration of the mateMad project.

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