

Assessing Thermal and Moisture Control Benefits of PCM Components by Hygrothermal Simulation

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Measuring interior surface temperature to determine risk of condensation (mold)

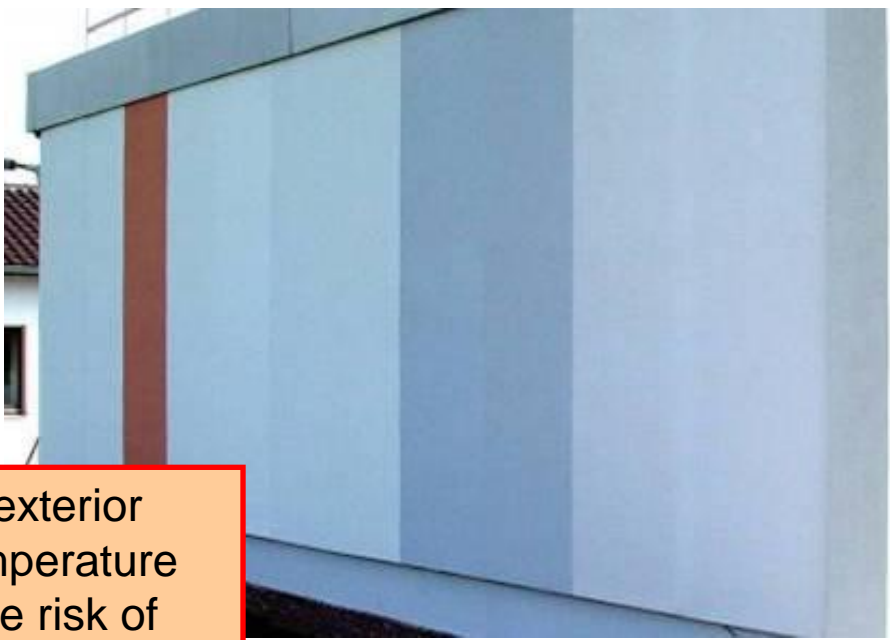


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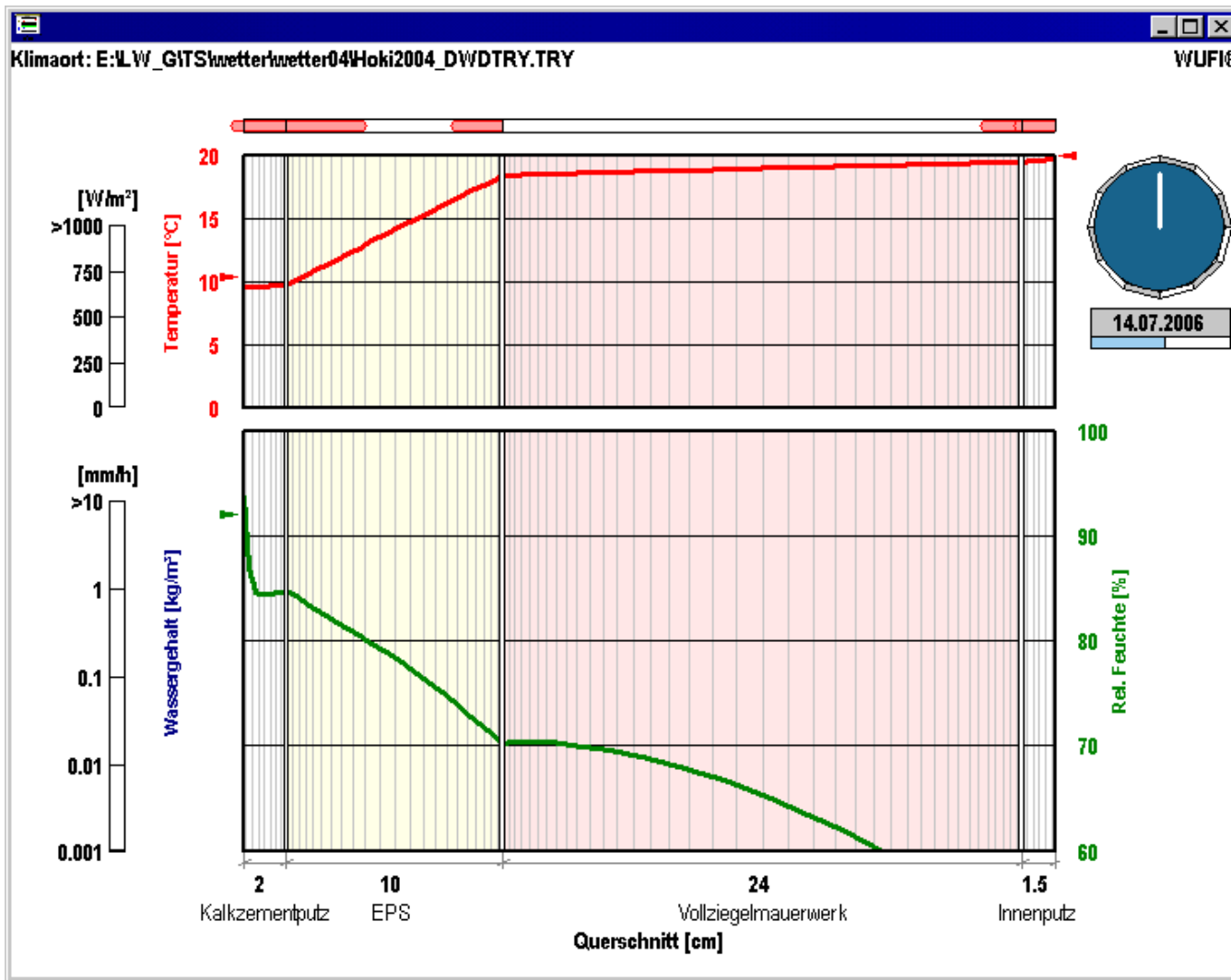
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Recording exterior surface temperature to determine risk of condensation (algae)



Introduction – Hygrothermal Simulation



Hygrothermal building envelope simulation with detailed radiation balance

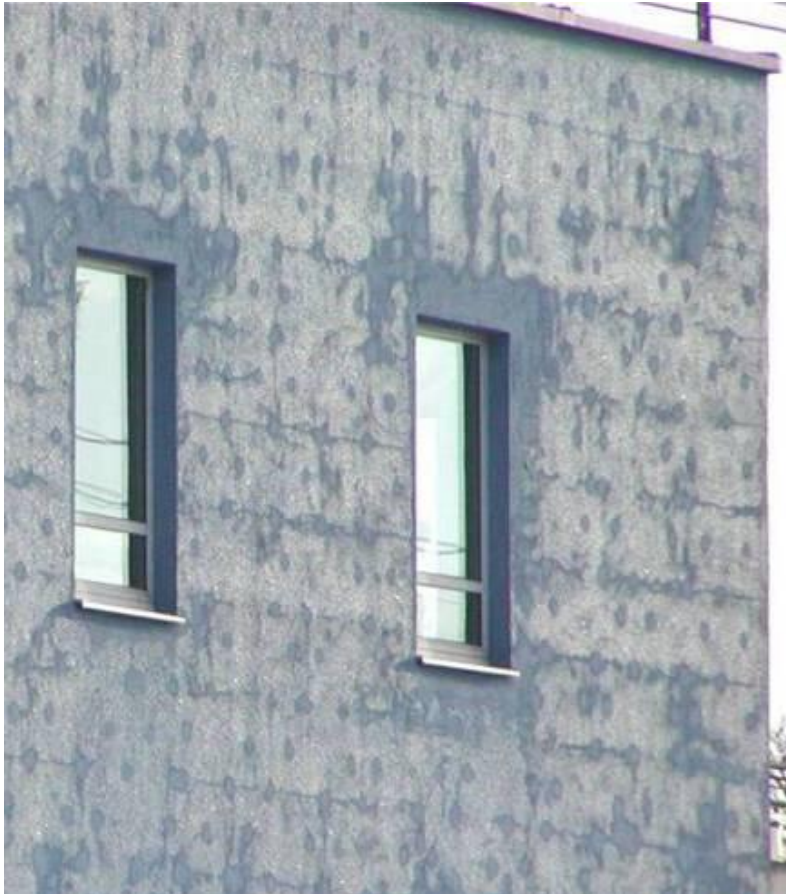
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“Tiger” pattern caused by wind driven rain



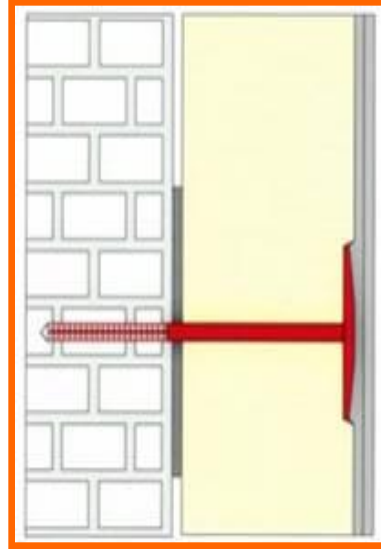
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“Leopard” pattern caused by exterior condensation



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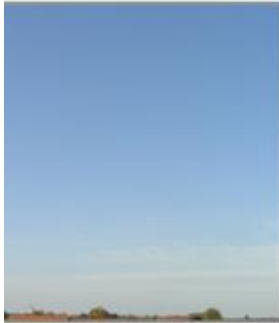
Microbial growth on EIFS façades



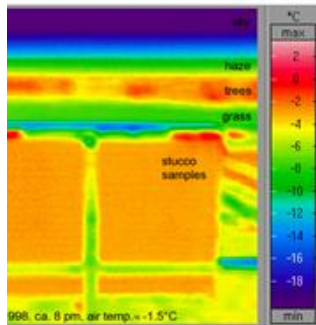
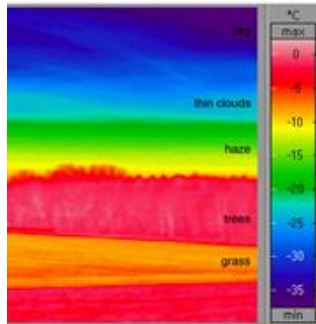
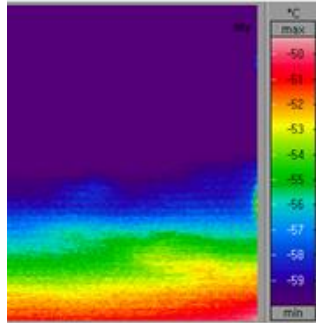
Fasteners act as thermal bridges and raise surface temp. above dewpoint

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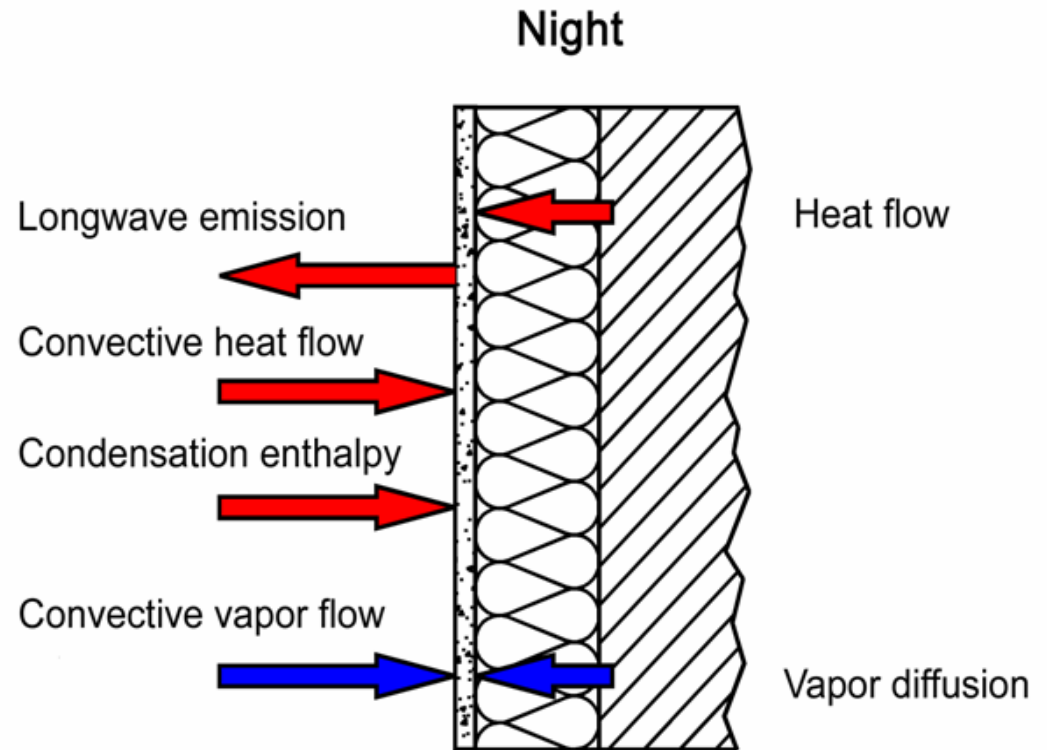
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Night

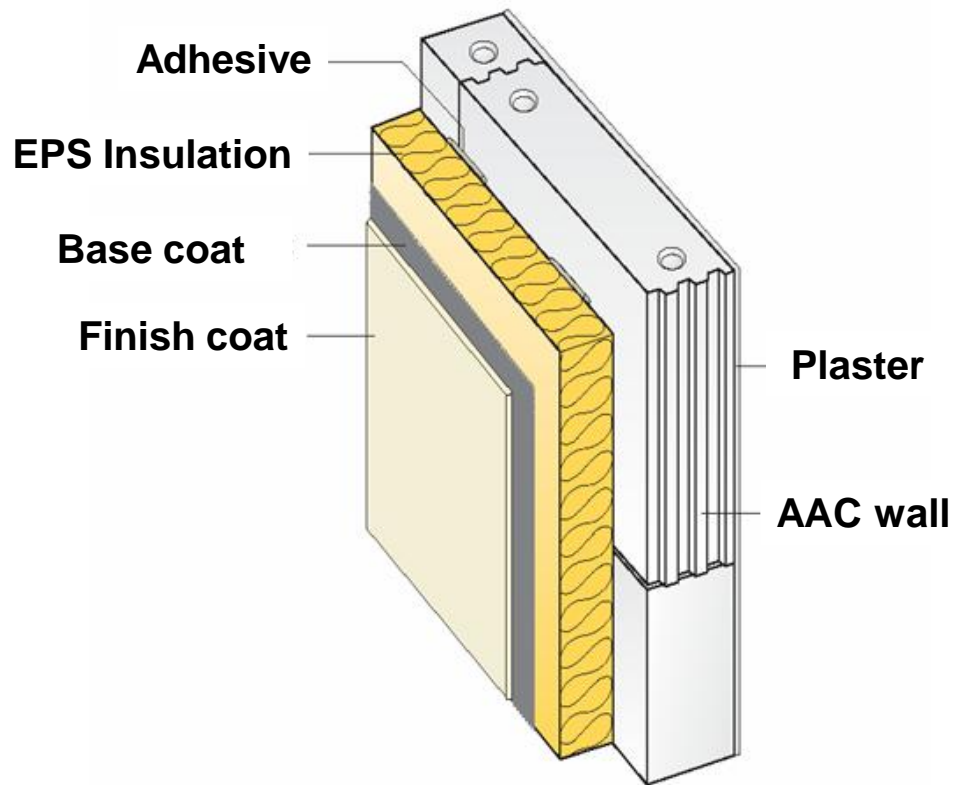


Hygrothermal transfer processes at the surface of an EIFS



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Field tests comparing façade sections

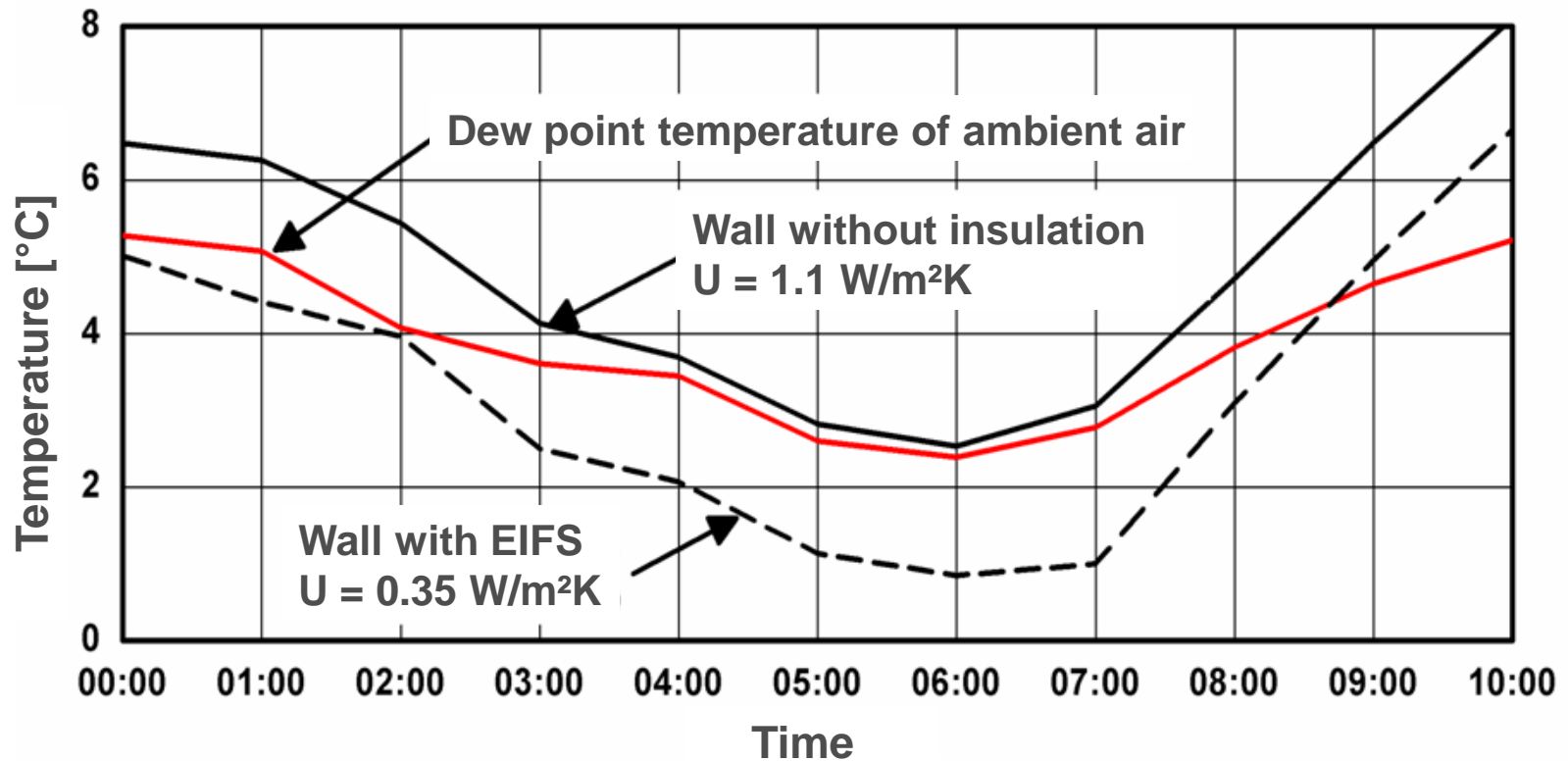


Test wall sections facing west

$U = 0.3 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$

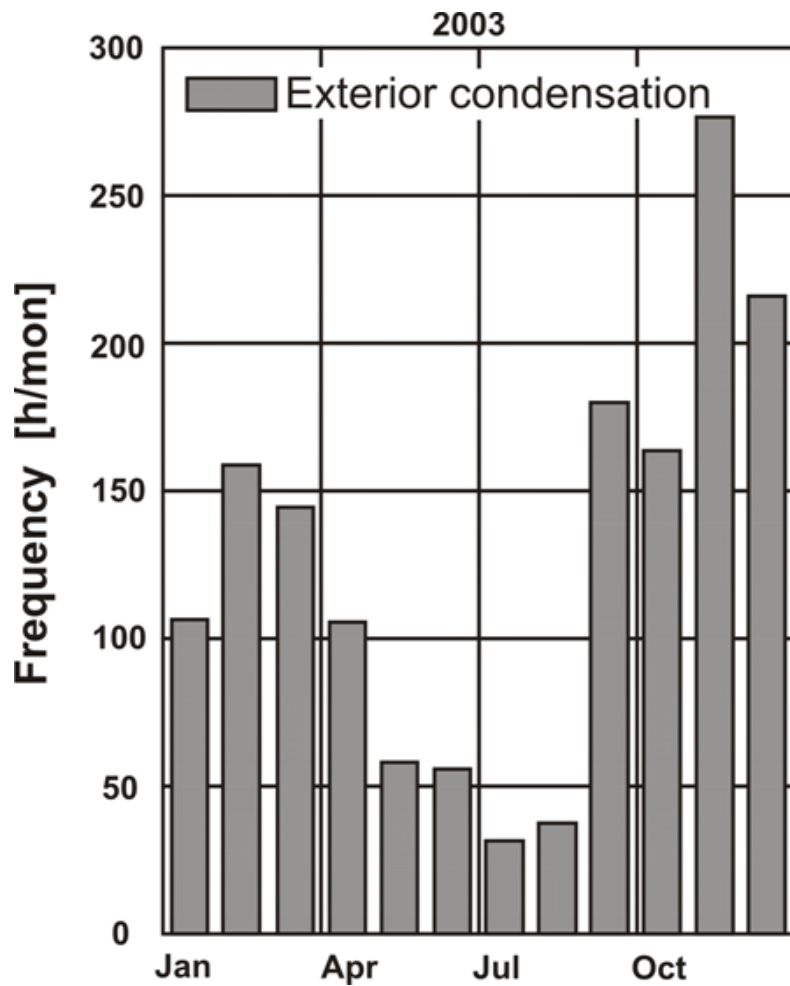
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Temperature recordings at field test site



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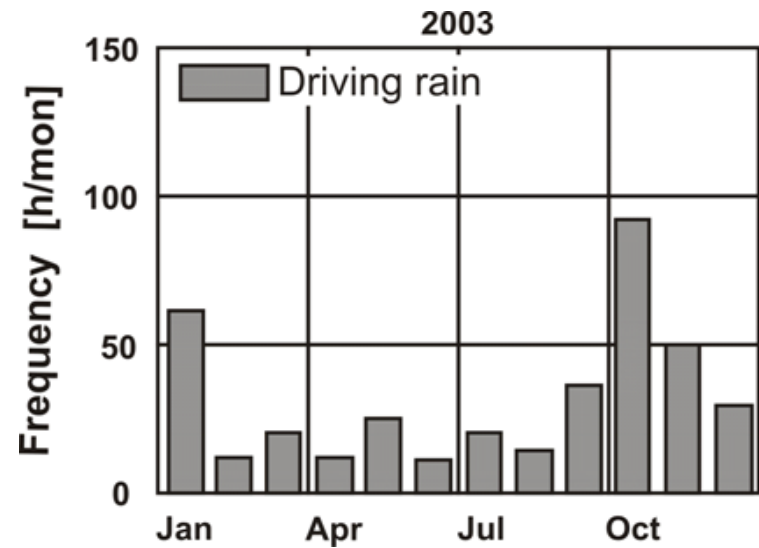
Frequency of load occurrence



Exterior condensation occurs more often than driving rain

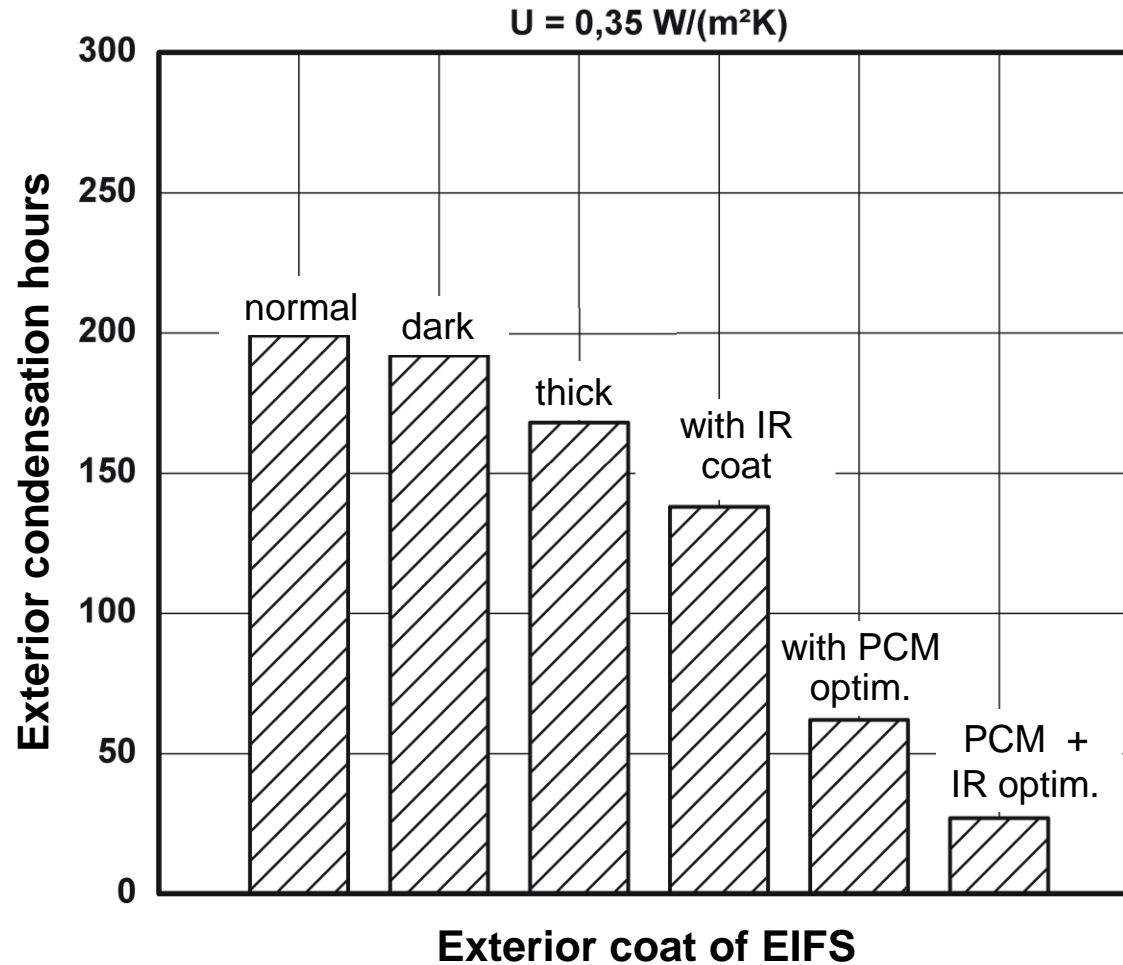
But

Amount of water from driving rain is approx. 10 times higher



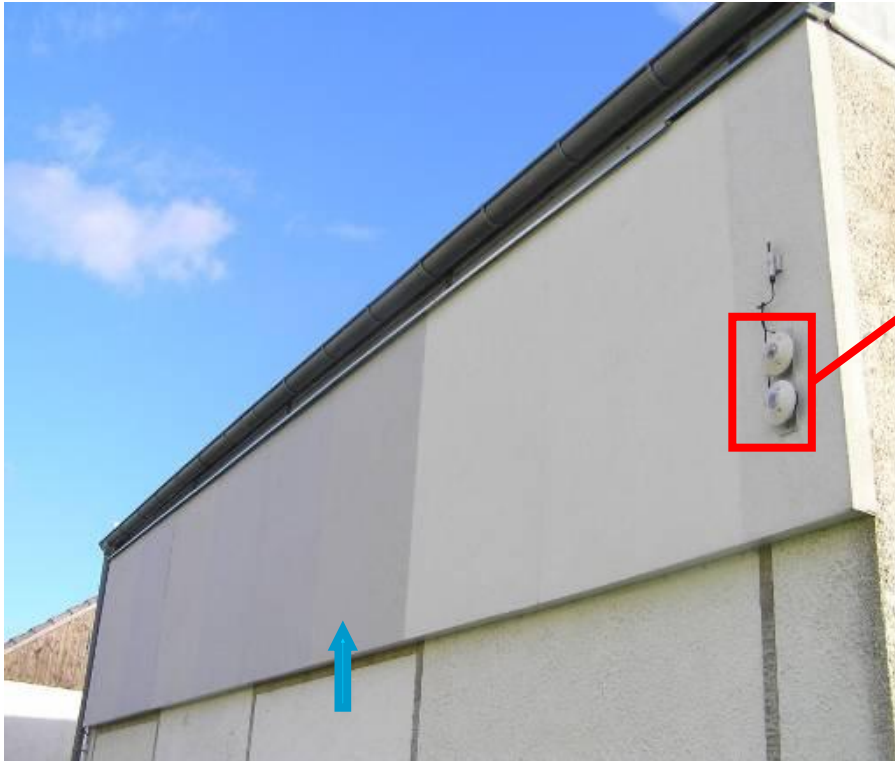
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Hygrothermal simulation results for masonry with 10 cm (4") EIFS



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Field test



Solarimeter
(short wave
 $0.3 - 2.8 \mu\text{m}$)

Pyrgeometer
(long wave
 $5 - 25 \mu\text{m}$)

- ▶ Continuous recording of short and long wave incident radiation as well as stucco surface temperature

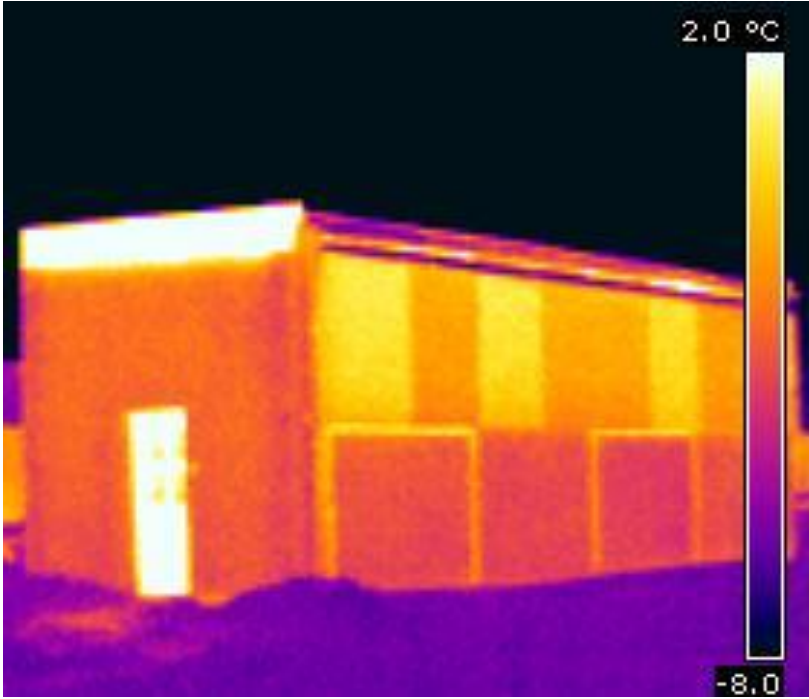
Brick wall with EIFS (10 cm EPS; 5 mm stucco)

Location: Holzkirchen

Orientation: North

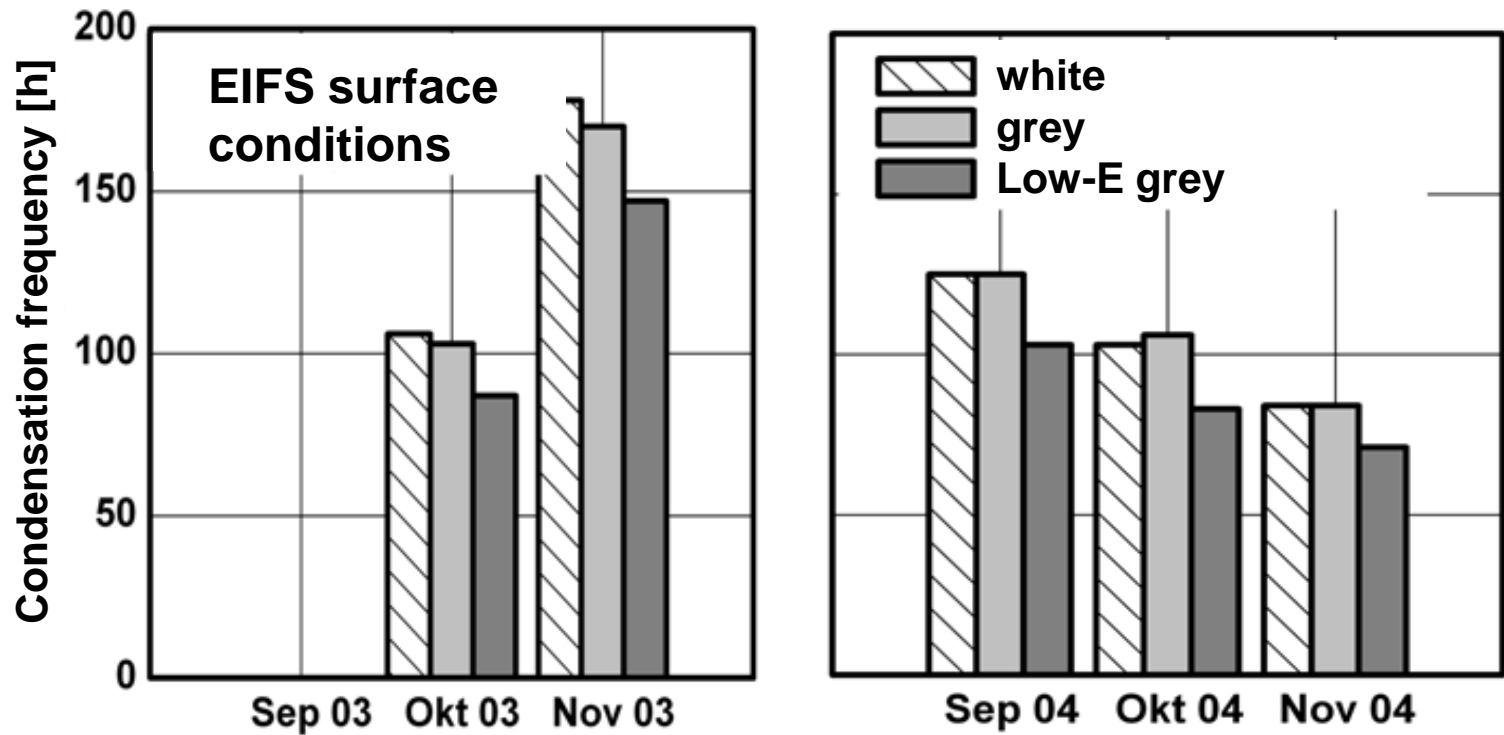
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Effect of low-E paint



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Field test results



Long wave emissivity

white: 0.95

grey: 0.96

Low-E grey: 0.74

Short wave absorptivity

white: 0.23

grey: 0.39

Low-E grey: 0.39

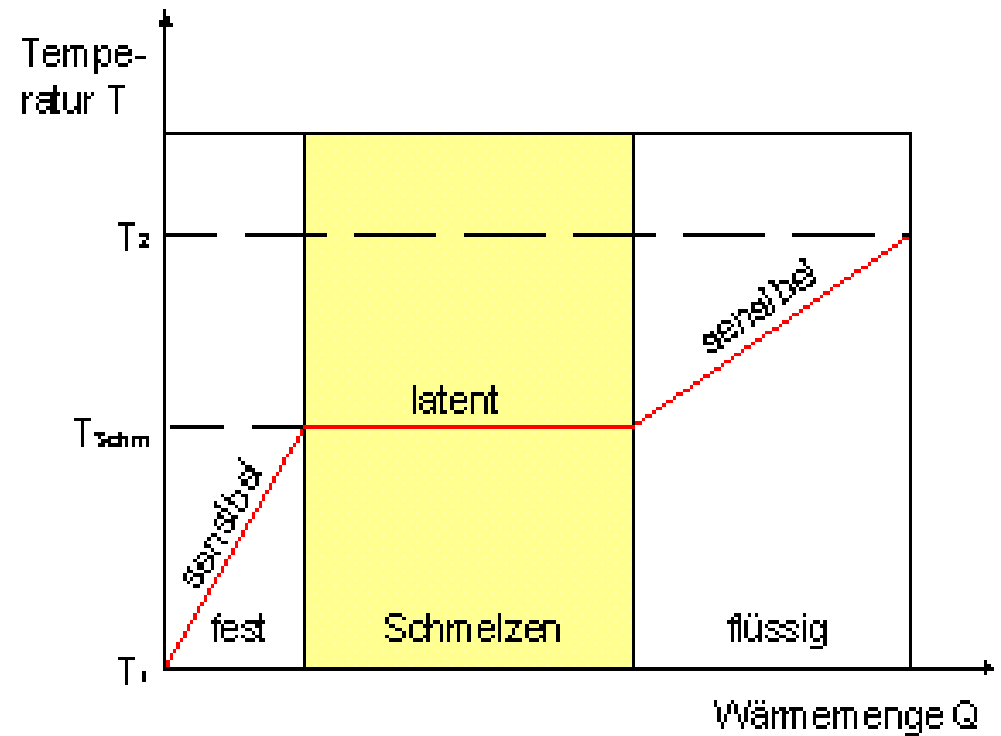
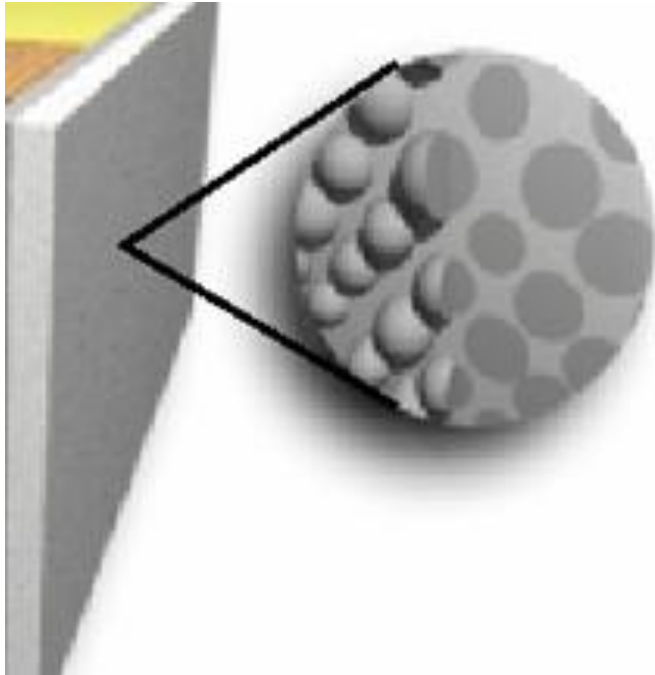
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Durability of Low-E Paint



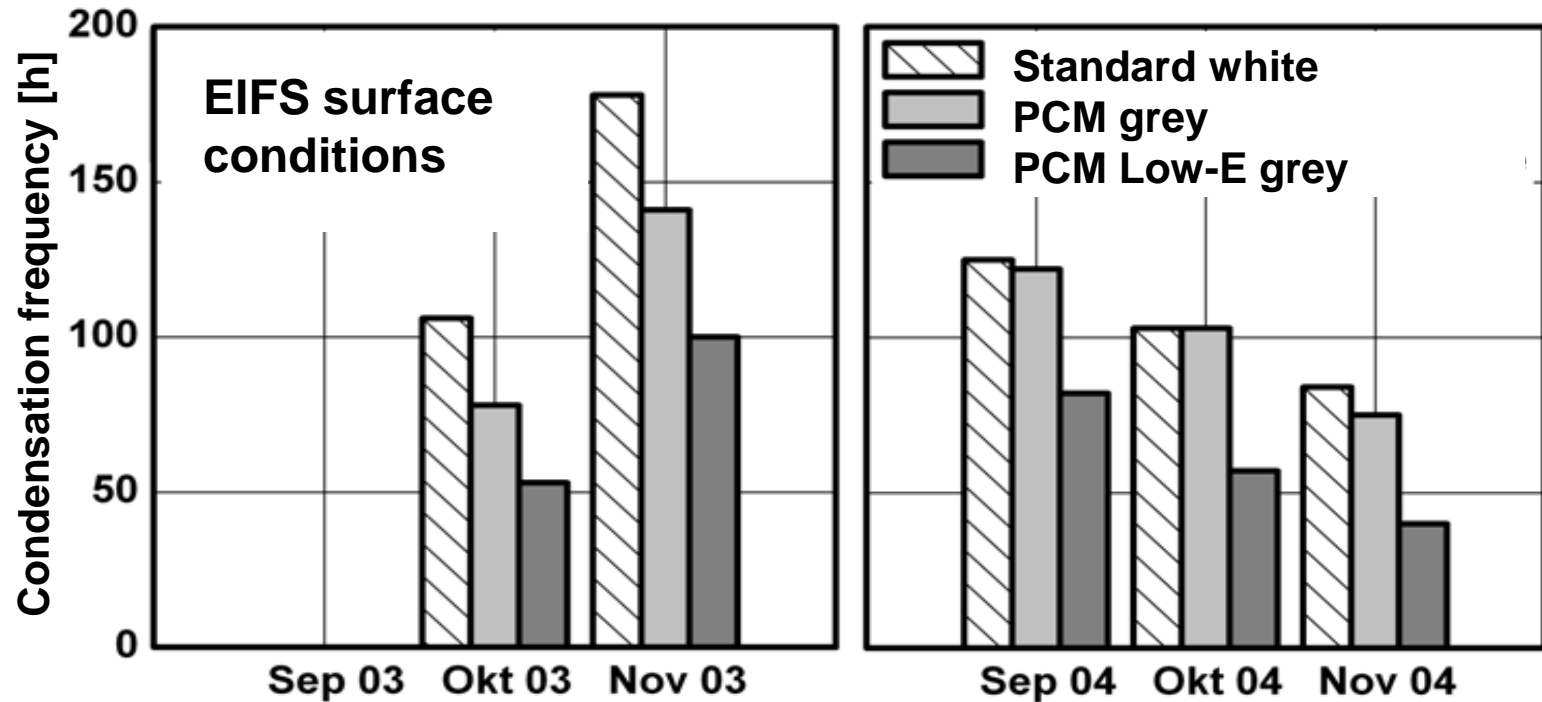
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Stucco with phase change materials (PCM)



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Field test results



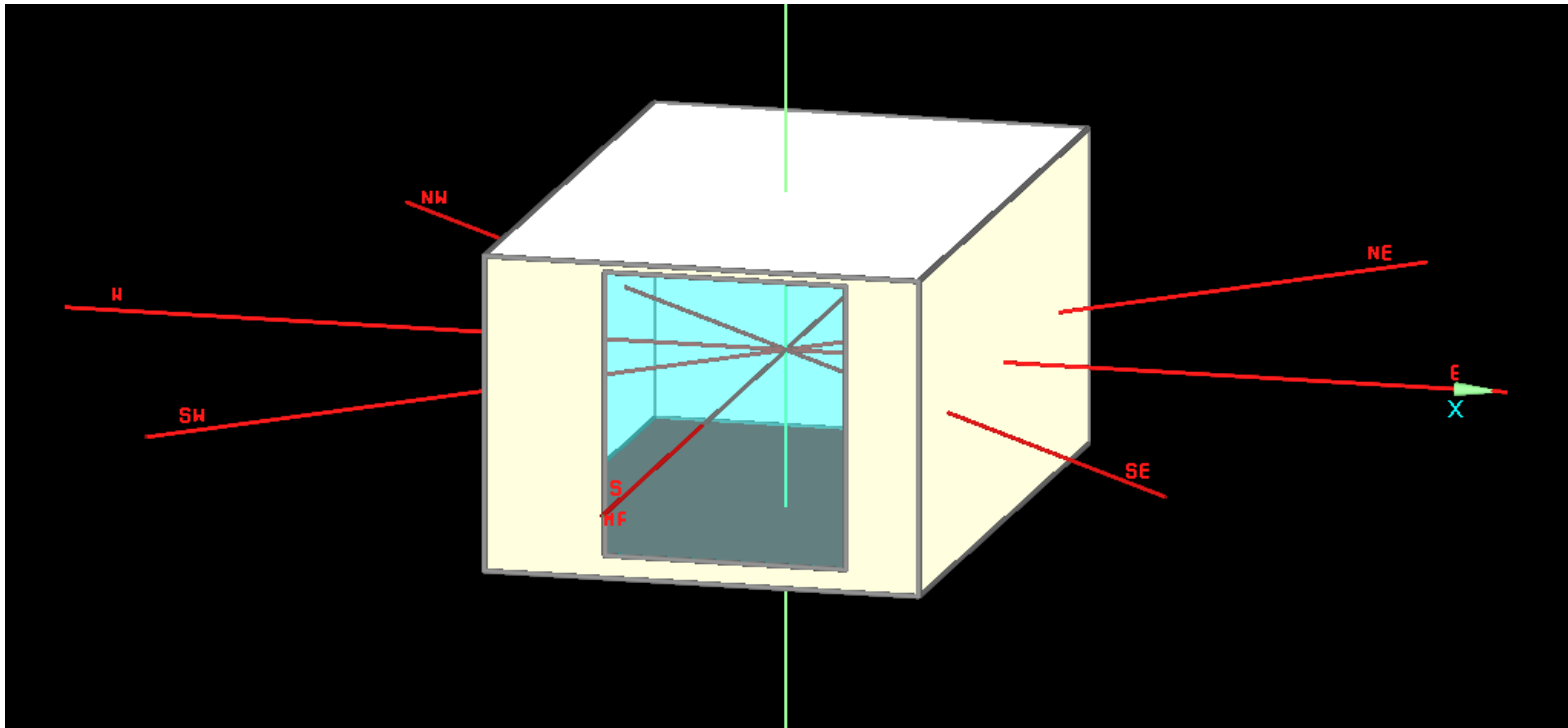
Monthly mean outdoor temperature

October 2003: 5°C

October 2004: 10°C

Energy Efficiency Benefits in Winter

Example case: Office with large window facing south
Hygrothermal building simulation



Energy Efficiency Benefits in Winter

Window Parameters

Main Parameters

U	[W/m ² K]	1,5
Frame factor	[-]	0,7
SHGC hemispherical	[-]	0,53
Emissivity of external surface	[-]	0,2

SHGC detailed

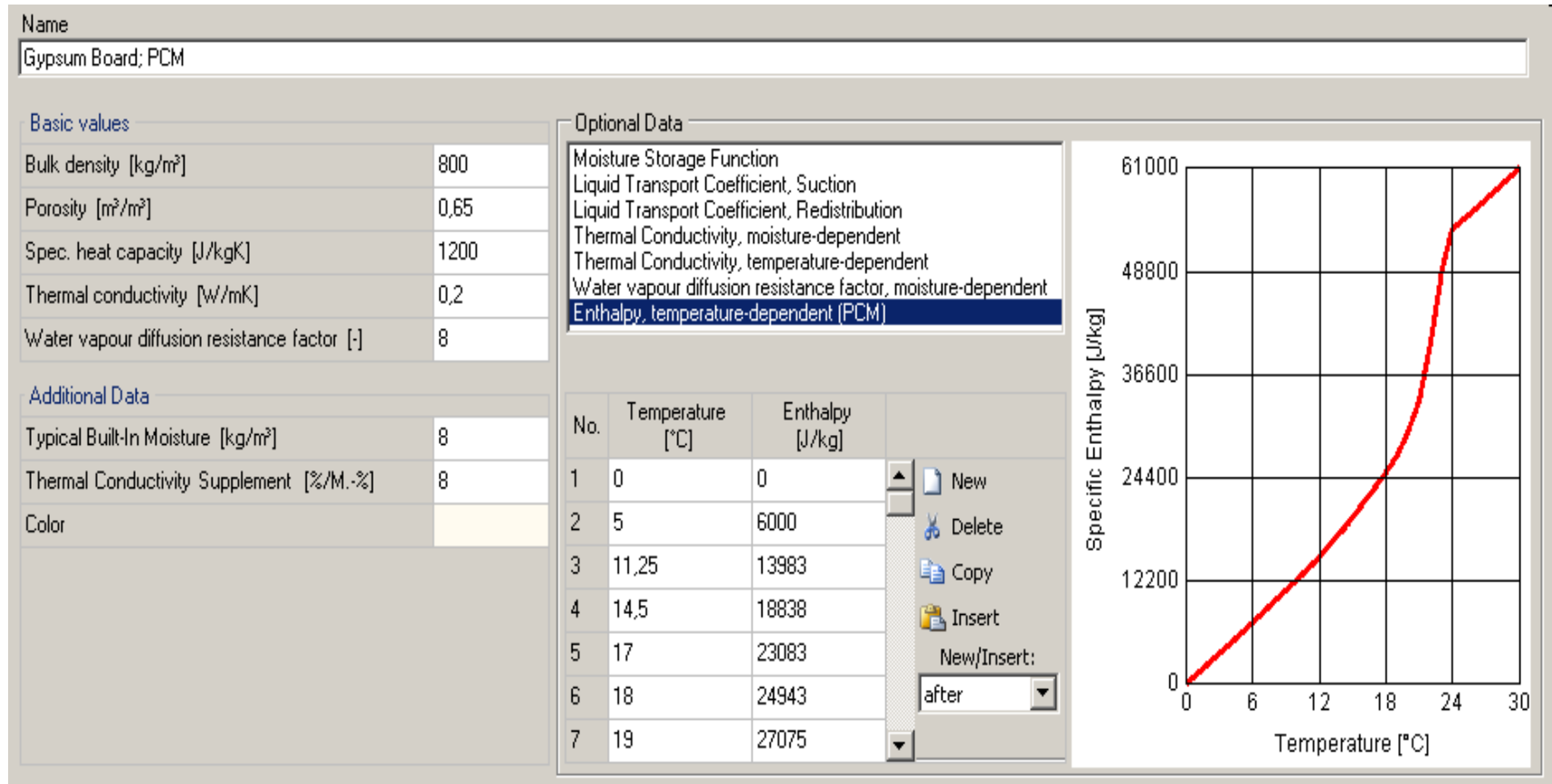
Incident Angle [°]	SHGC [-]
0	0,6
60	0,51
80	0,21

Parameters

Reduction factor of solar radiation (b-value)	[-]	0,4
Thermal resistance supplement	[m ² K/W]	0
Operation mode	Reduce overheating / Cooling	

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PCM characteristics



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Light-weight external walls (without PCM)

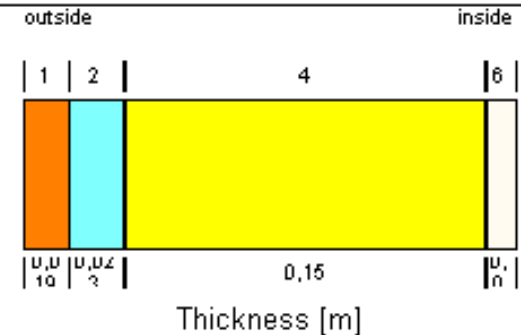
Assembly (Id.2): Lightweight timber framed wall

Homogenous layers

Thermal resistance: 4,17 m²K/W

Heat Transfer Coefficient (U-value): 0,23 W/m²K

Thickness: 0,2 m



Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [kg/m ³]	c [J/kg]	λ [W/mK]	Thickness [m]
1	Spruce, radial	455	1500	0,09	0,019
2	Air Layer 25 mm	1,3	1000	0,155	0,023
3	60 minute Building Paper	280	1500	12	0,001
4	Mineral Wool (heat cond.: 0,04 W/mK)	60	850	0,04	0,15
5	PE-Membrane 0,15 mm (sd = 70 m)	130	2200	2,2	0,001
6	Gypsum Board	850	850	0,2	0,012

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Floor assembly with PCM

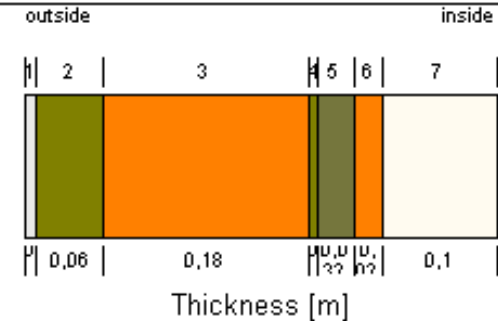
Assembly (Id.3): jah_Bodenaufbau

Homogenous layers

Thermal resistance: 5,124 m²K/W

Heat Transfer Coefficient (U-value): 0,19 W/m²K

Thickness: 0,4 m



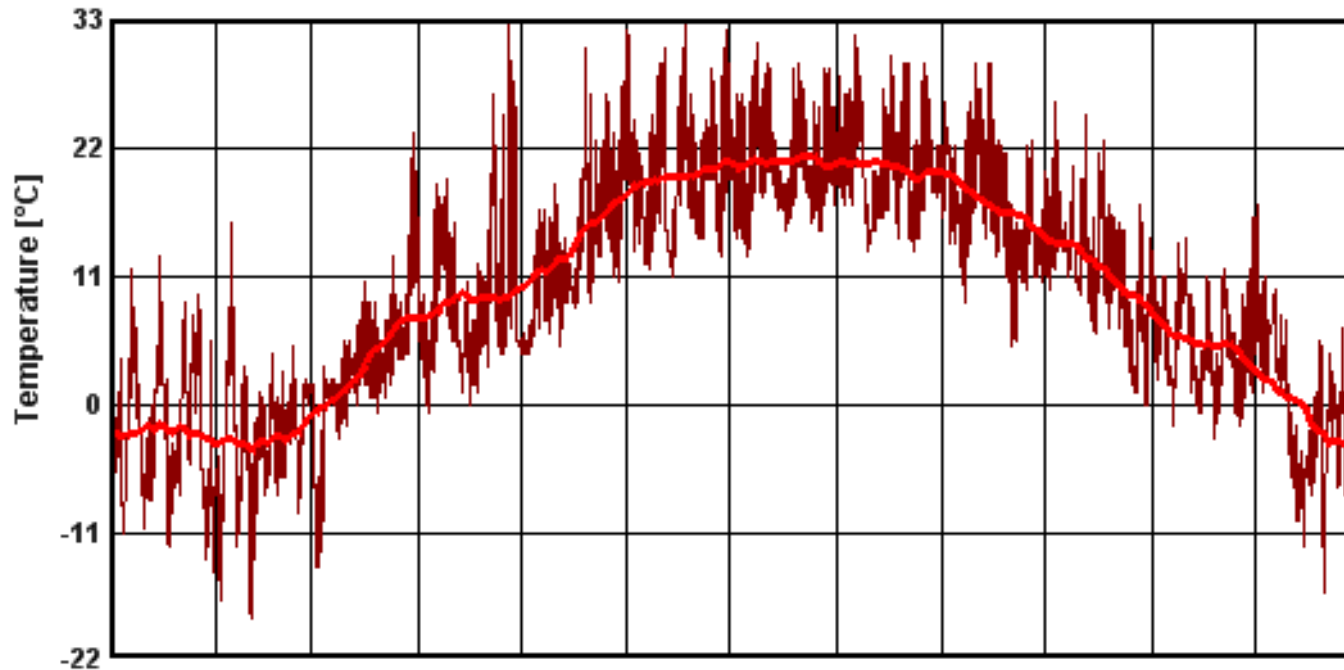
Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [kg/m ³]	c [J/kg]	λ [W/mK]	Thickness [m]
1	Gypsum-Fibreboard	1153	1200	0,32	0,01
2	Flax Insulation Board DP	38	1660	0,036	0,06
3	Softwood	400	1500	0,09	0,18
4	Felt	70	2500	0,04	0,008
5	Pearlite fill	165	850	0,06	0,032
6	Oriented Strand Board (density: 630 kg/m ³)	630	1500	0,13	0,025
7	Gypsum Board; PCM_jah	800	1200	0,2	0,1

Energy Efficiency Benefits in Winter

Location and climate



Boston (cold year)



Temperature [°C]:

Max. 32,8

Mean. 9,69

Min. -20

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Temperature set-points
with night-time and
weekend set-backs

21°C / 16°C

Temperature | Relative Humidity | Ventilation | Max. CO2 Concentration

Minimal (heating) | Maximal (cooling)

Use data from extern file

Periods

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Day-profile

Hour	Value	
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7	21	Delete
20	16	Copy

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Min. Temperature (heating) [°C] Daily average: 18,71

Time [h]

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Internal heat and moisture sources

21°C / 16°C

Use data from extern file

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Day-profile

Hour	Heat conv. [W]	Heat radiant [W]	Moisture [g/h]	CO2 [g/h]	Human activity [met]	
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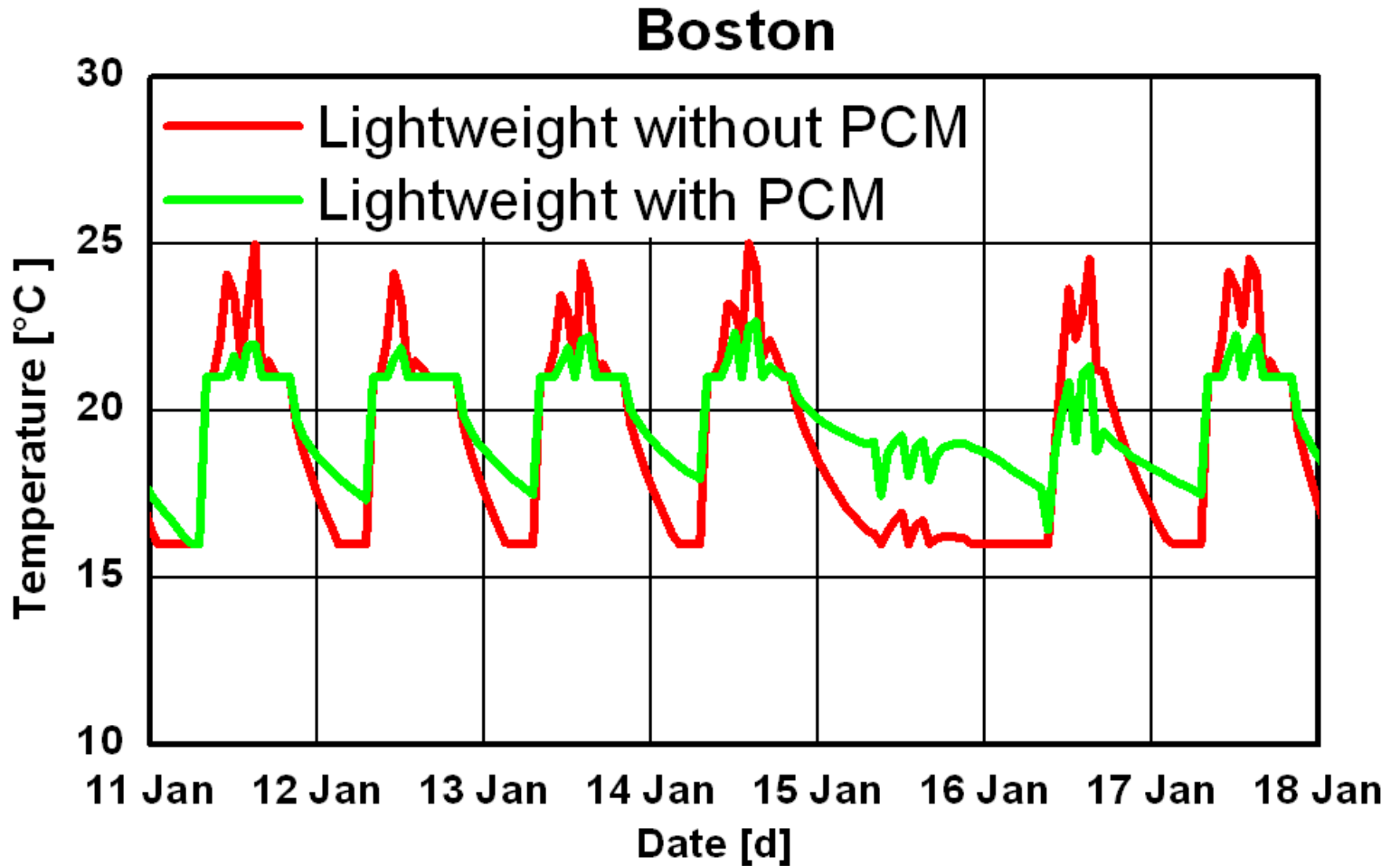
Calculator inner sources

Heat gain convective [W] Daily sum: 880

Time [h]	Heat gain convective [W]
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4	0
6	0
7	80
8	80
9	80
10	80
11	80
12	80
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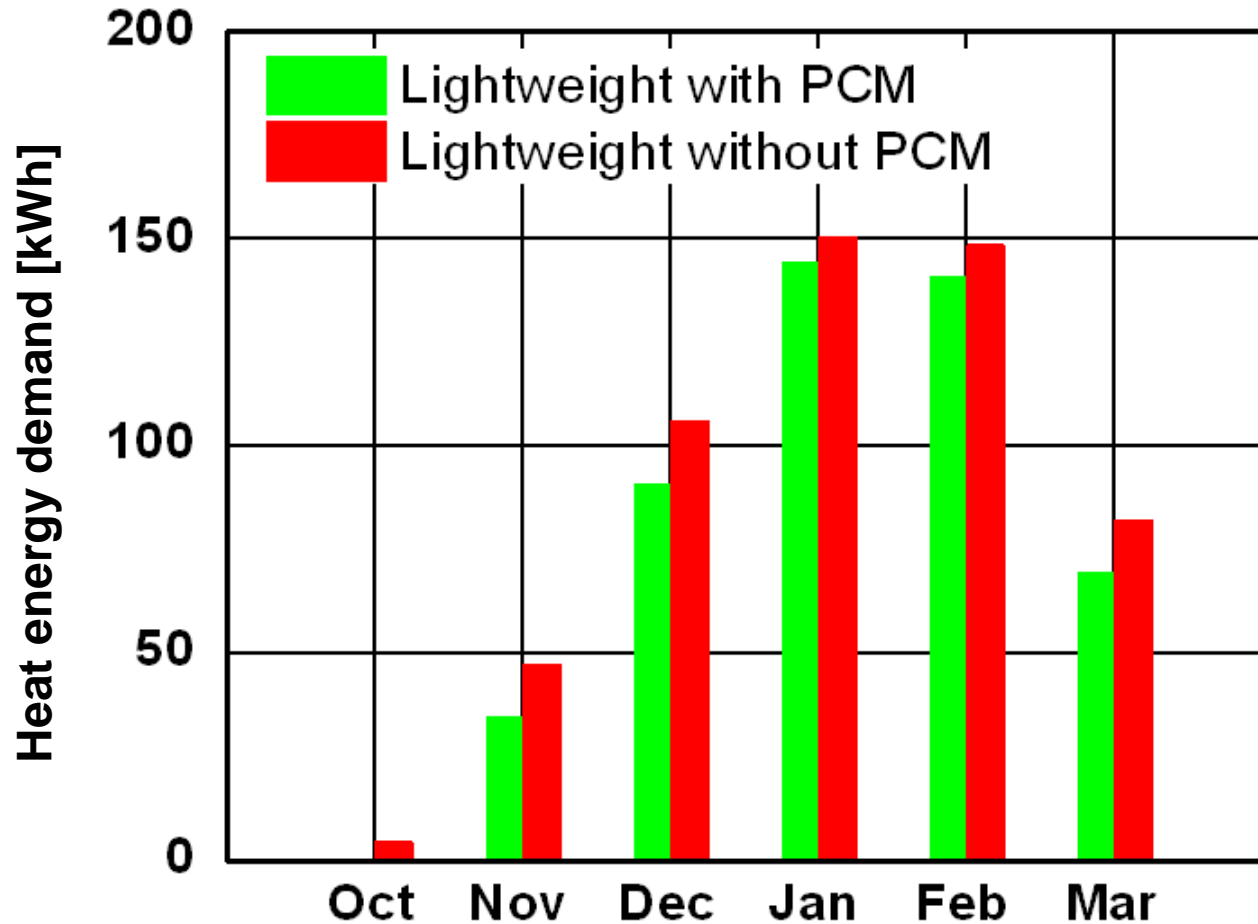
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Calculation results



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Heavy-weight external walls

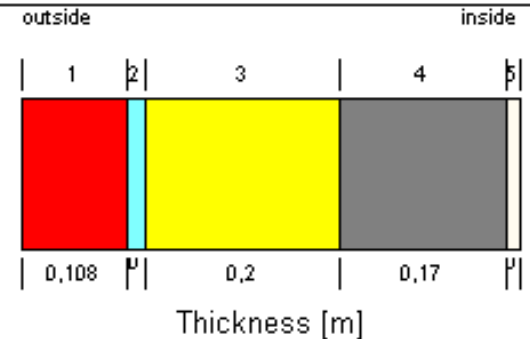
Assembly (Id.2): Masonry wall

Homogenous layers

Thermal resistance: 5,459 m²K/W

Heat Transfer Coefficient (U-value): 0,18 W/m²K

Thickness: 0,5 m



Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [kg/m ³]	c [J/kg]	λ [W/mK]	Thickness [m]
1	Solid Brick Masonry	1900	850	0,6	0,108
2	Air Layer 20 mm	1,3	1000	0,13	0,02
3	Mineral Wool (heat cond.: 0,04 W/mK)	60	850	0,04	0,2
4	Concrete, C35/45	2220	850	1,6	0,17
5	Cement Lime Plaster (stucco)	1900	850	0,8	0,015

Heavy-weight floor

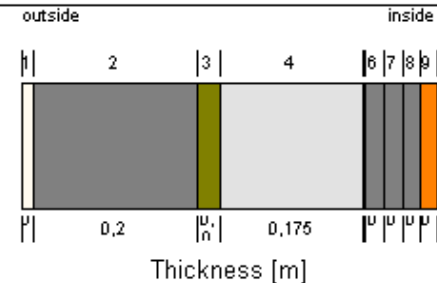
Assembly (Id.4): jah_Boden, massiv

Homogenous layers

Thermal resistance: 5,181 m²K/W

Heat Transfer Coefficient(U-value): 0,19 W/m²K

Thickness: 0,5 m

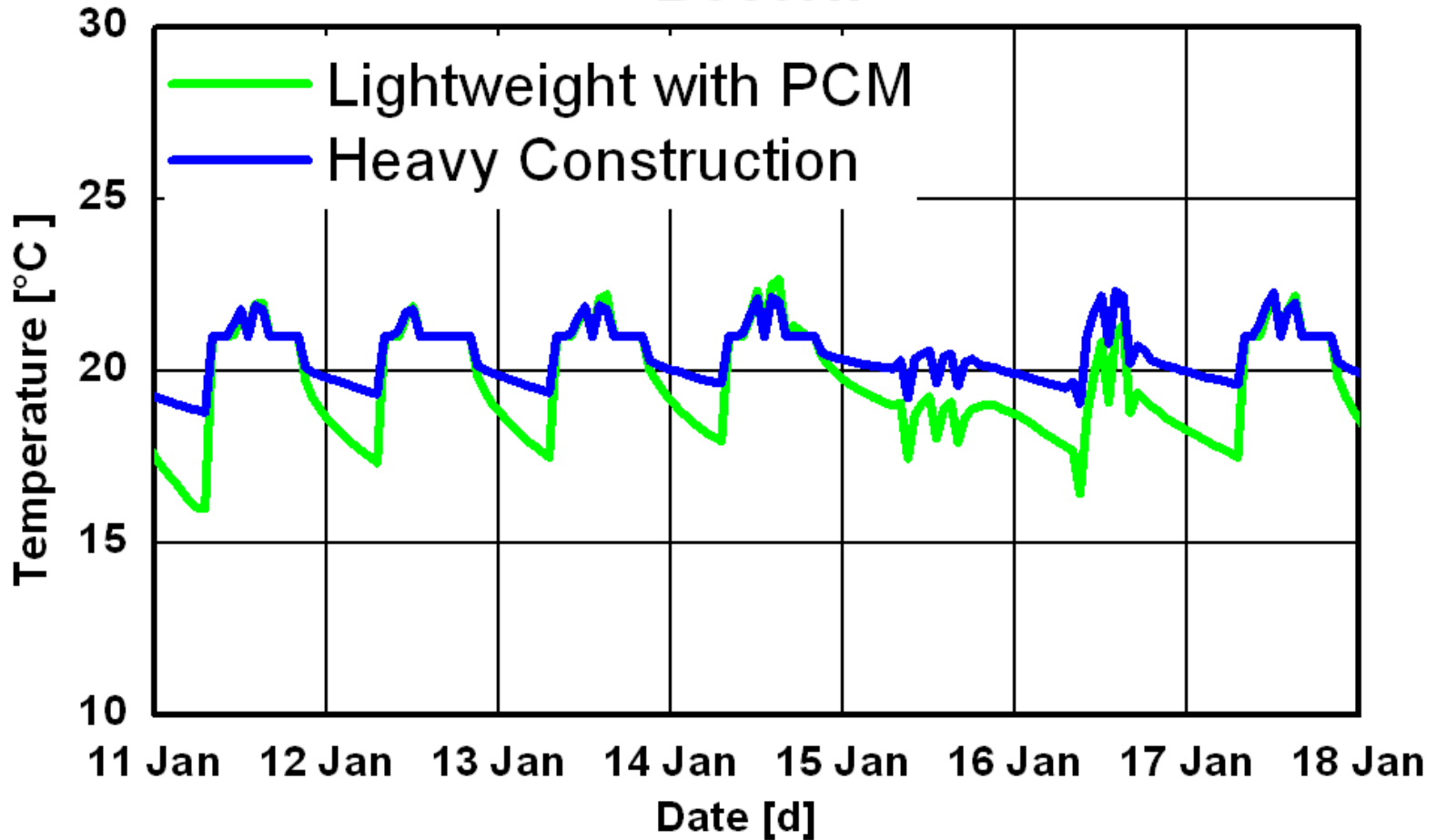


Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [kg/m ³]	c [J/kg]	λ [W/mK]	Thickness [m]
1	Interior Plaster (Gypsum Plaster)	850	850	0,2	0,015
2	Concrete, C12/15	2200	850	1,6	0,2
3	Wood-Fibre Insulation Board	155	2000	0,042	0,03
4	Mineral Insulation Board	115	850	0,043	0,175
5	PE-Membrane (Poly; 0.07 perm)	130	2300	2,3	0,001
6	Concrete Screed, bottom layer	1990	850	1,6	0,023
7	Concrete Screed, mid layer	1970	850	1,6	0,023
8	Concrete Screed, top layer	1890	850	1,6	0,023
9	Hardwood	650	1500	0,13	0,02

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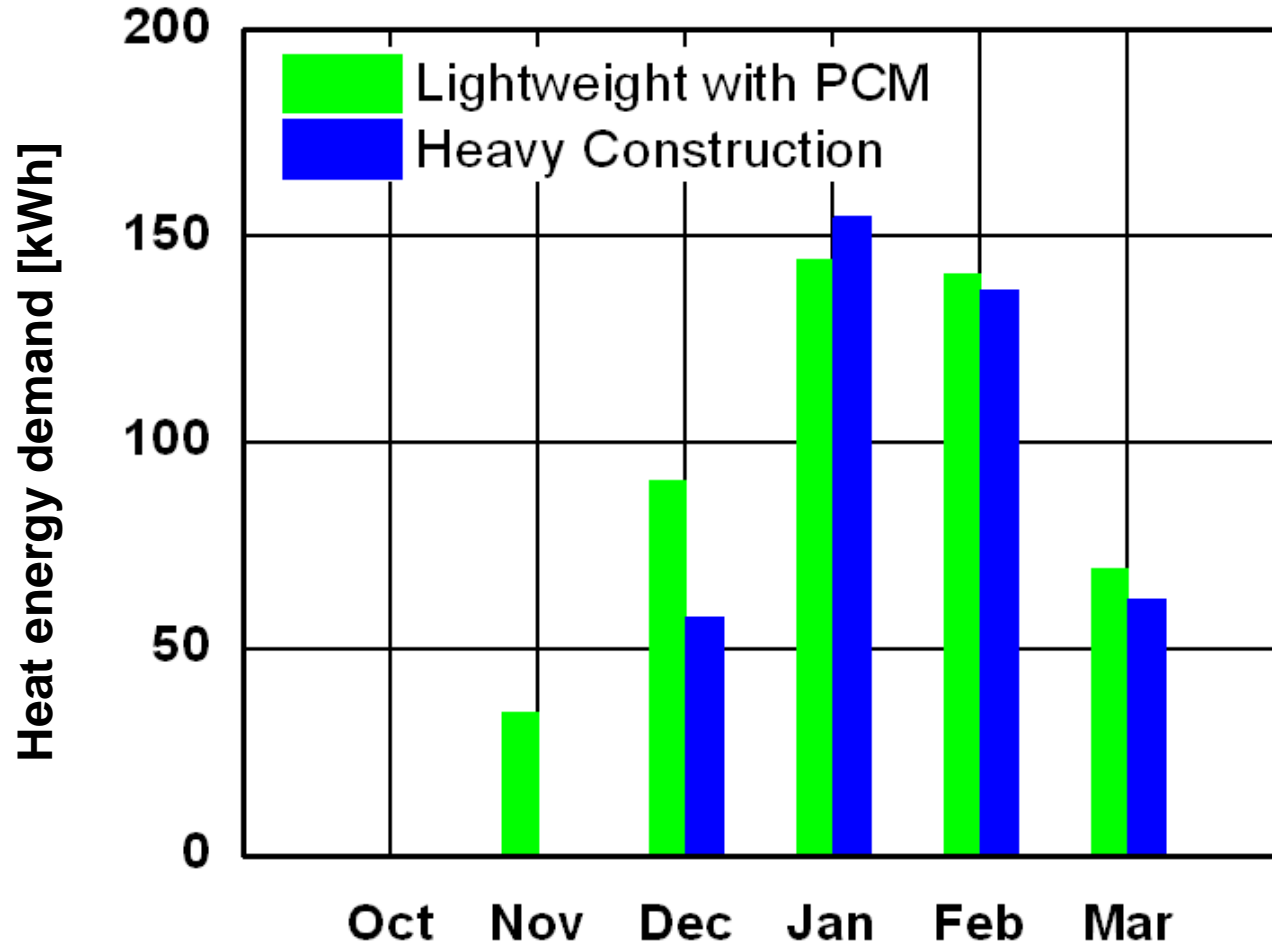
Calculation results

Boston



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Calculation results



Conclusions and Outlook

PCM in stucco of EIFS may help to reduce night-time surface condensation if phase-change temperature range is adapted to local climate conditions

PCM may reduce the heating energy demand of light-weight buildings in winter by making better use of solar heat gains

For both applications a small hysteresis is not a problem. It could be even beneficial

Introducing PCM hysteresis into hygrothermal simulation models

