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Lavtemperatur-opvarmning og højtemperatur-køling

- Kendte systemer
- Gulvvarme er ofte standard i boliger.
- Nye randbetingelser
 - Forsyning
 - CO₂ emission fra bygninger i drift
 - CO₂ emission under produktion, installation og vedligehold

Fremtidig energiforsyning i Danmark

- Fjernvarme og Fjernkøling
 - Lavtemperatur fjernvarme
 - Lav temperatur (55/25°C)
 - Ultra-lav temperatur med elektrisk “boosting” (45/25 °C)
 - Ultra-lav temperatur med varmepumpe “boosting” (35/20 °C)
 - Sænkning af returtemperatur
- El
 - Varmepumpe
 - Individuel PV-anlæg
- Energilagring
 - Termisk lagring (bygning, systemer)
 - Elektrisk lagring (batterier, bil)
- Elnet
 - Varierende forsyning
 - Varierende priser

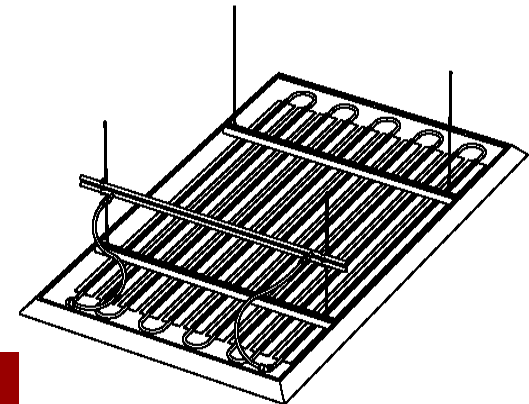
What is Low Temperatur Heating/ High Temperature Cooling?

- Heat exchange through large surfaces (floor, ceiling, walls)
- Supply water temperatures:
 - Heating: 25 – 40 °C
 - Cooling: 16 – 23 °C
 - temperature limited by dew-point to avoid condensation)
- Wide range of systems, solutions both for residential and non-residential buildings

Suspended cooled ceilings



Bild 22 Metallsegel, Kühltechnik



Suspended cooled ceilings



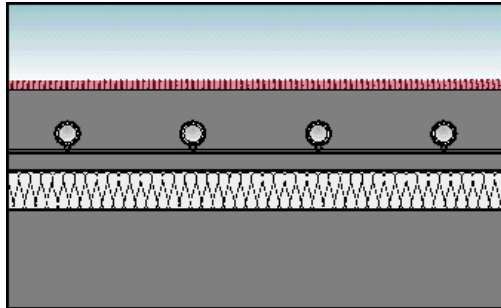
Top view and bottom view of
Comfort Panel HL



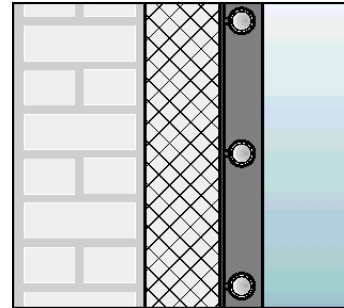
Capillary Tubes

Radiant surface heating and cooling systems

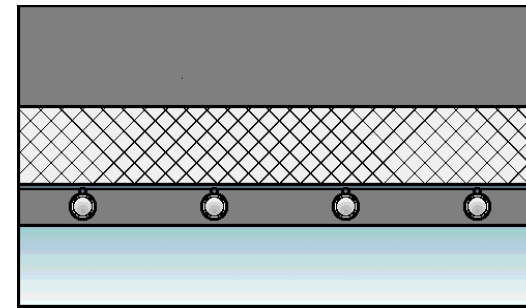
Floor



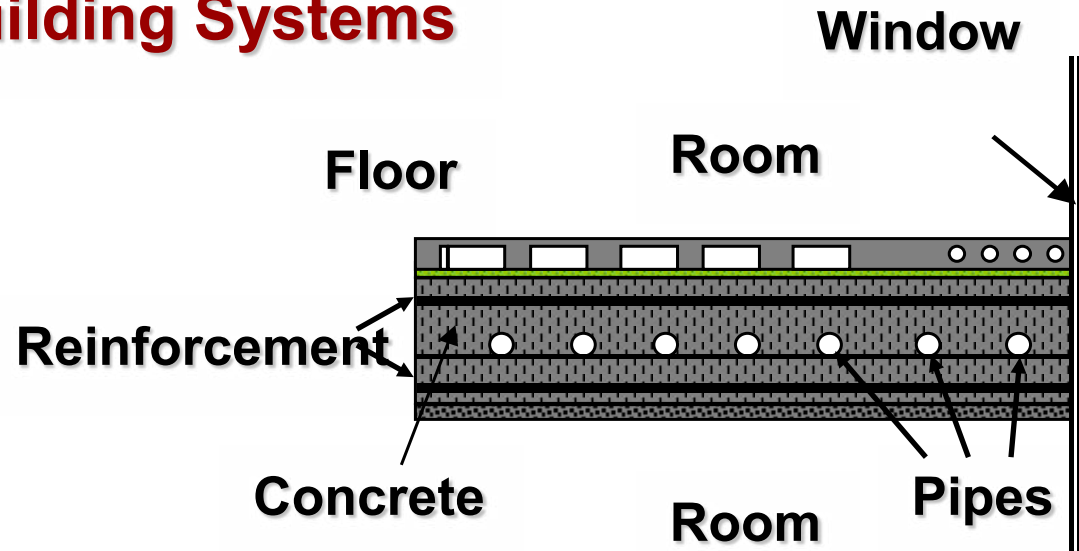
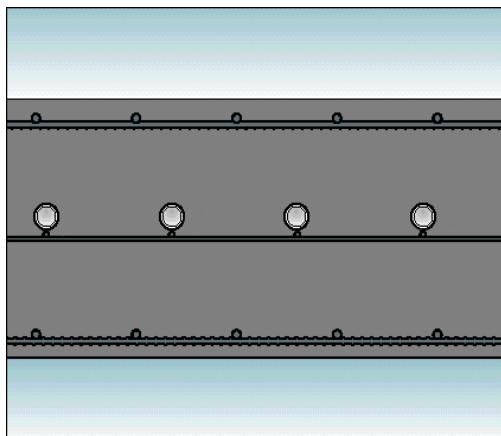
Wall



Ceiling

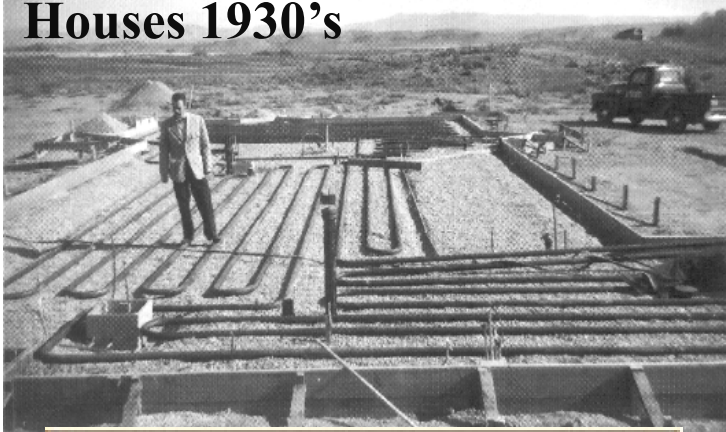


Thermo Active Building Systems



HISTORY

Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Houses 1930's



A lightweight floor slab was used and the traditional basement was dispensed with. By using steam or hot water piping, it became possible to heat the floor, therefore eliminating the need for radiators. The overall result was heat without a draft or temperature variation of the most comfort - cool head and warm feet.

c. 10,000 B.C.,
China



c. 10,000 B.C., China, the word “kang,” can be traced back to the 11th century B.C. and originally meant, “to dry” before it became known as a heated bed.

c. 5,000 B.C., evidence of baked floors are found foreshadowing early forms of “kang” and “dikang” (heated floor) later “ondol” (warm stone) in China and Korea, respectively.

HISTORY

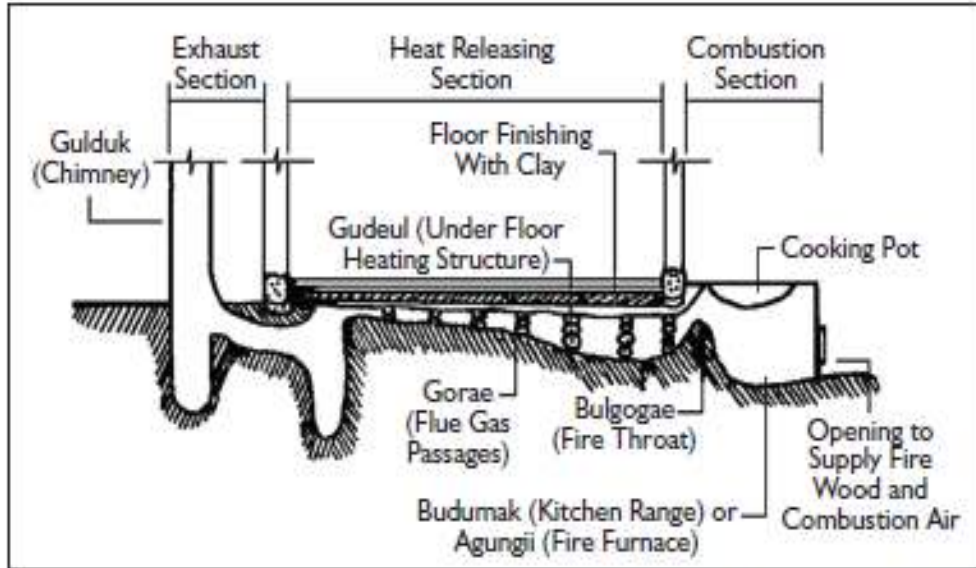


Figure 2: Structure of entirely ondol floored room.⁹

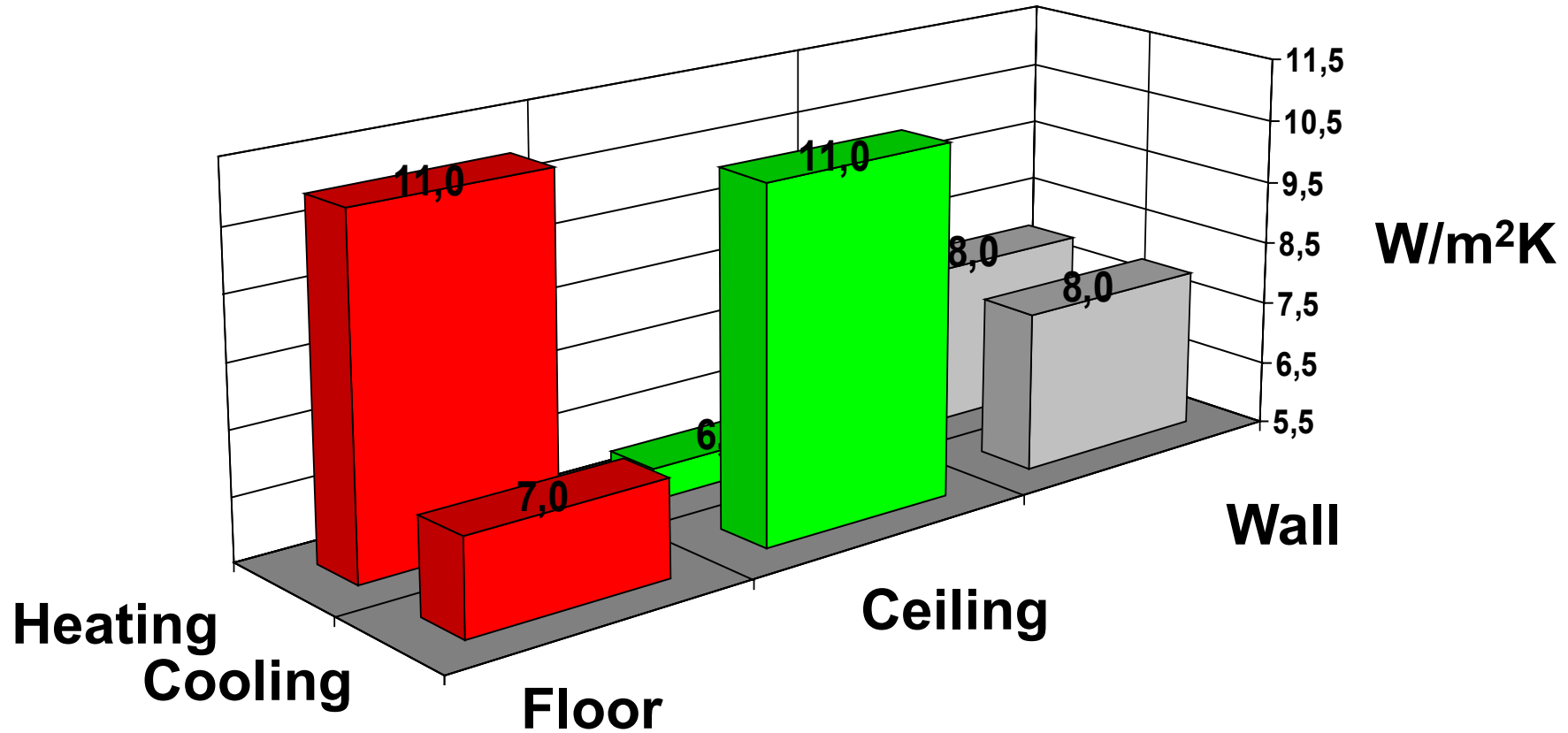


Hypocausts were used from the third century B.C. in ancient Europe.

Determination of Heating and Cooling Capacity

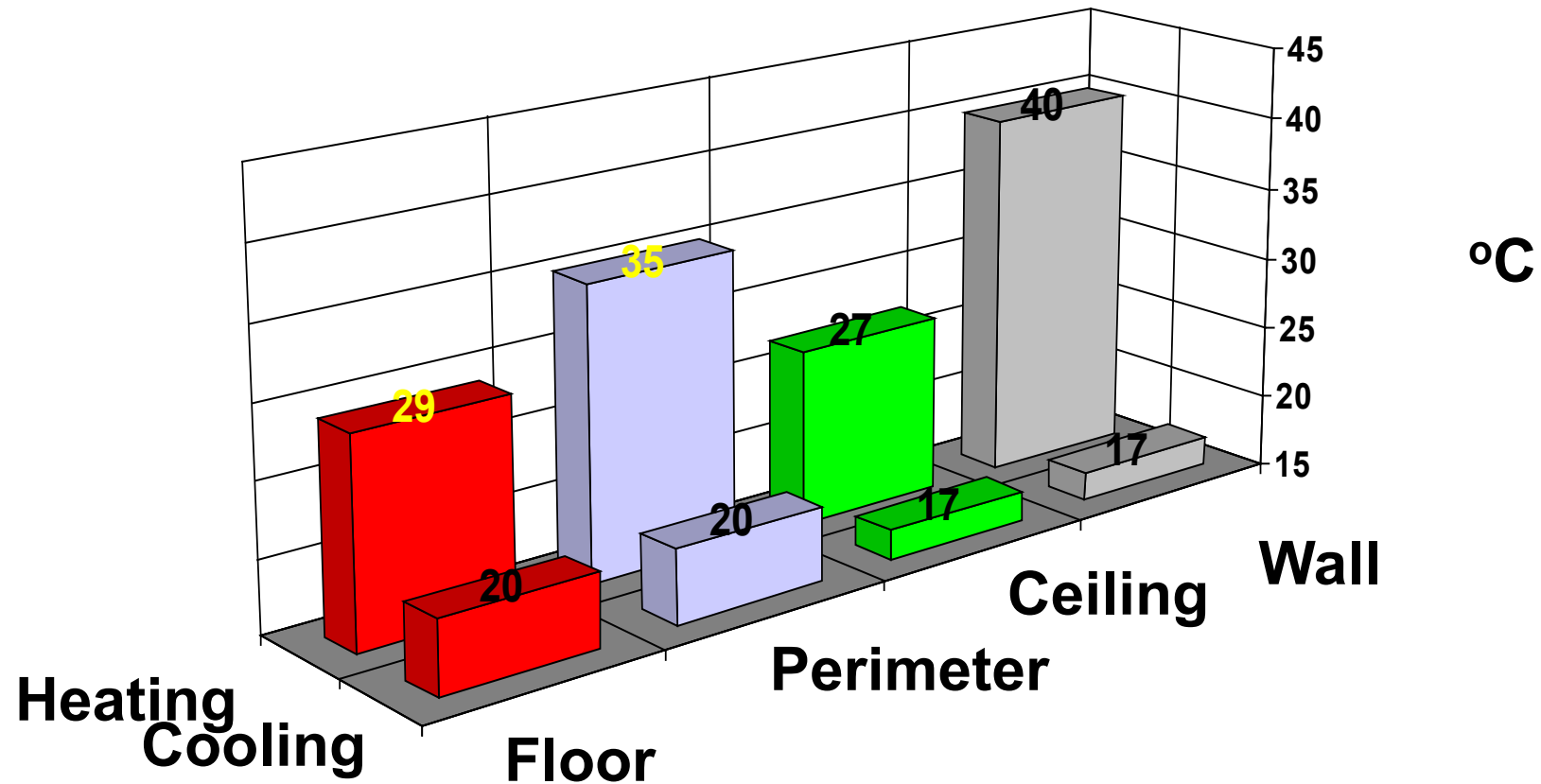
SURFACE HEATING AND COOLING

Heat transfer coefficient

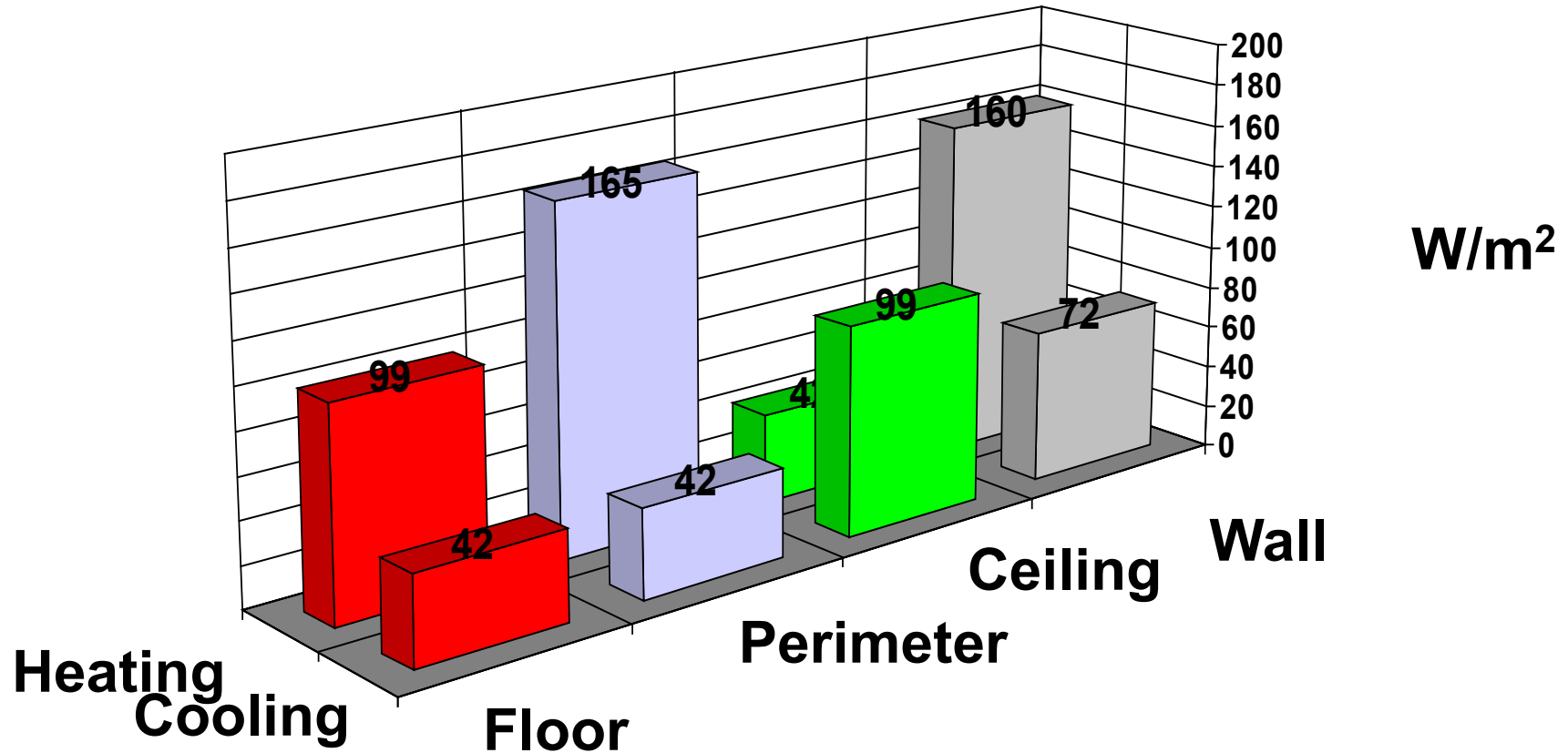


SURFACE HEATING AND COOLING

Max. - Min. Surface temperature

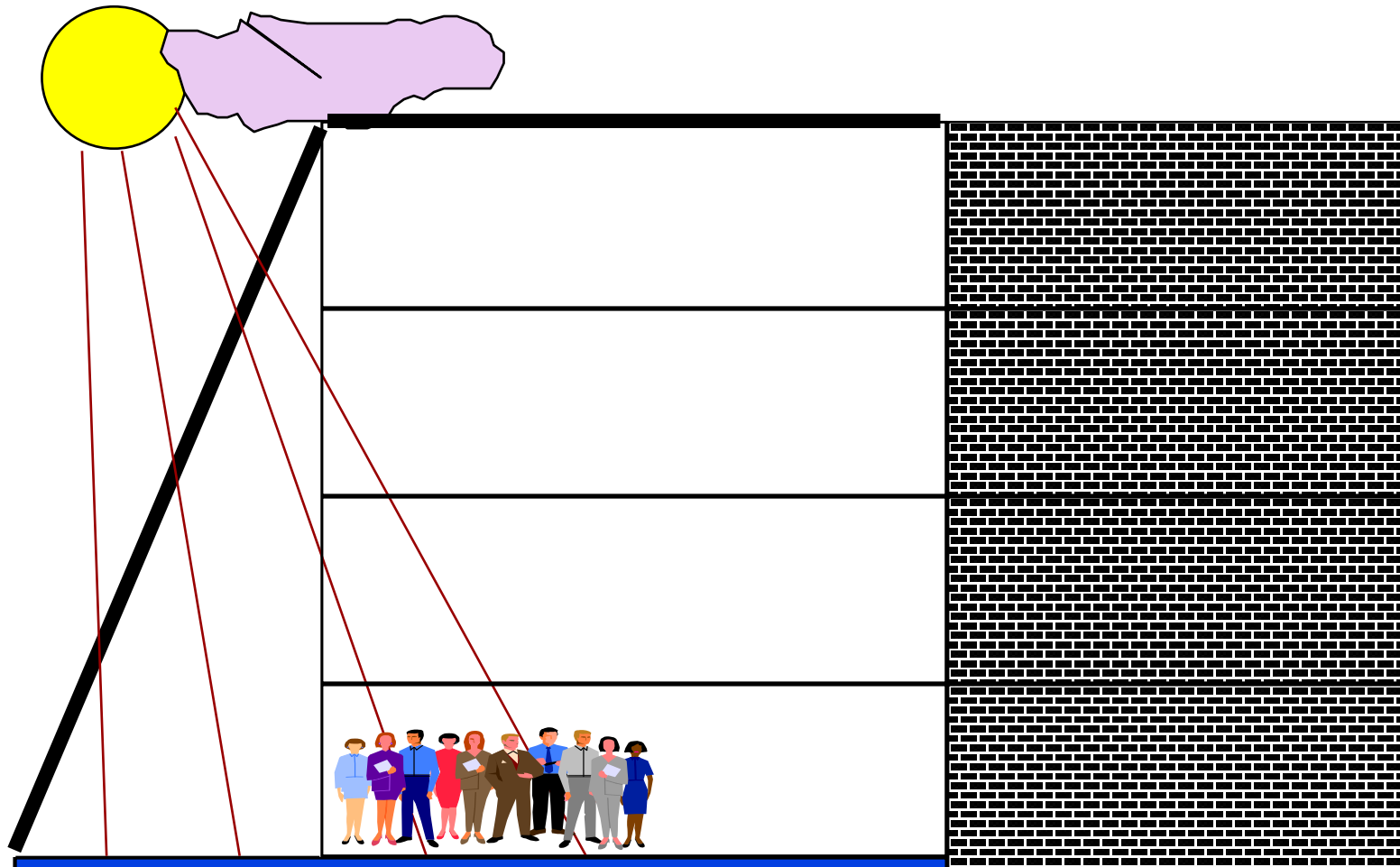


MAXIMUM HEATING AND COOLING CAPACITY



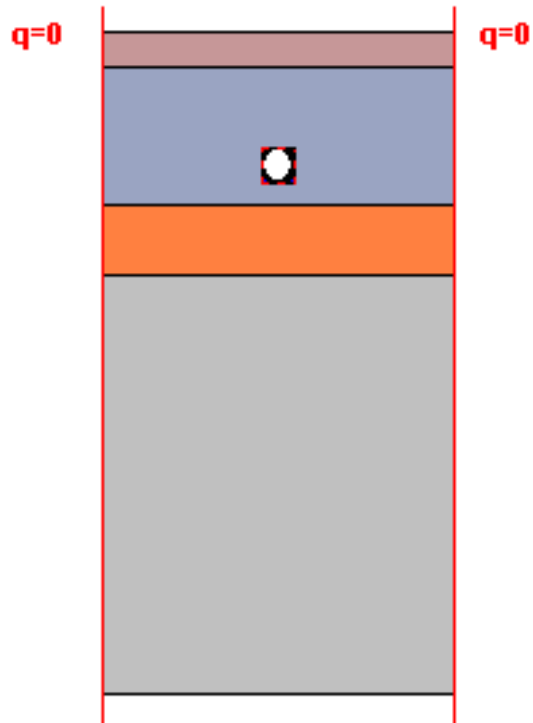
Radiant Floor Cooling

More than 100 W/m^2



Method for verification of FEM and FDM calculation programs

Structure S 4

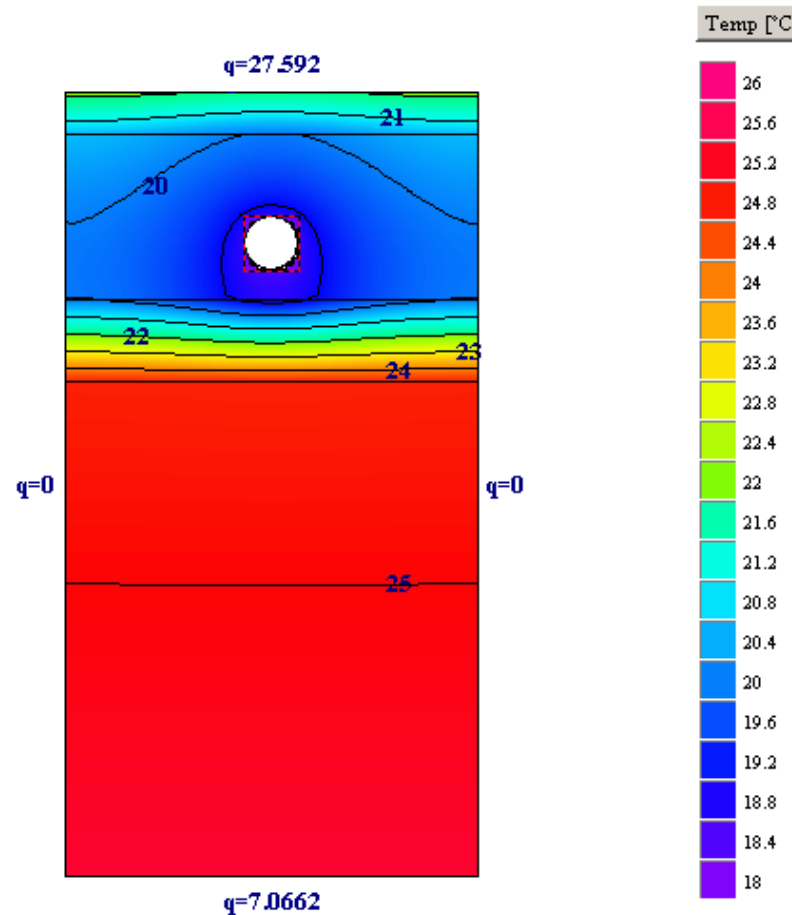


MATERIAL

	floor covering
	$\lambda = 0.23 \frac{W}{m K}$
	$s = 0.015 \text{ m}$
	screed
	$\lambda = 1.2 \frac{W}{m K}$
	$s = 0.06 \text{ m}$
	thermal insulation
	$\lambda = 0.04 \frac{W}{m K}$
	$s = 0.03 \text{ m}$
	concrete
	$\lambda = 2.1 \frac{W}{m K}$
	$s = 0.18 \text{ m}$

Method for verification of FEM and FDM calculation programs

	Btu _{rr} /(ft ² *h)
W/m ²	
10	3,2
20	6,3
30	9,5
40	12,7
50	15,8
60	19,0
70	22,2
80	25,4
90	28,5
100	31,7



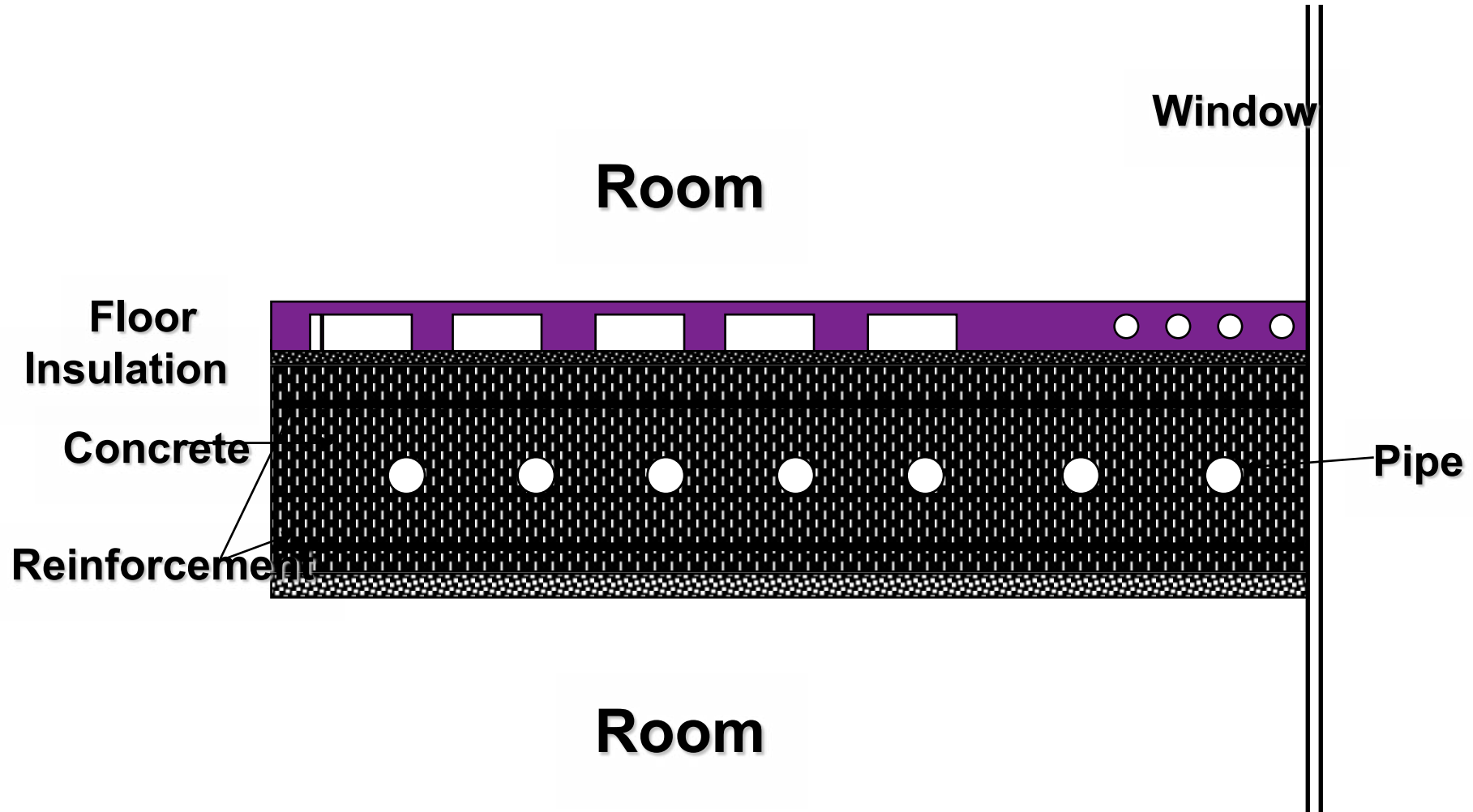
degC	F
17	62,6
18	64,4
19	66,2
20	68
21	69,8
22	71,6
23	73,4
24	75,2
25	77
26	78,8
27	80,6
28	82,4
29	84,2
30	86
31	87,8

Standards

- DS EN ISO 11855 Building environment design – Embedded radiant heating and cooling systems
- Part 1: Definitions, symbols, and comfort criteria
- Part 2: Determination of the design heating and cooling capacity
- Part 3: Design and dimensioning
- Part 4: Dimensioning and calculation of the dynamic heating and cooling capacity of Thermo Active Building Systems (TABS)
- Part 5: Installation
- Part 6: Control
- Part 7: Electrical heating systems

TABS

Thermo Active Building Systems



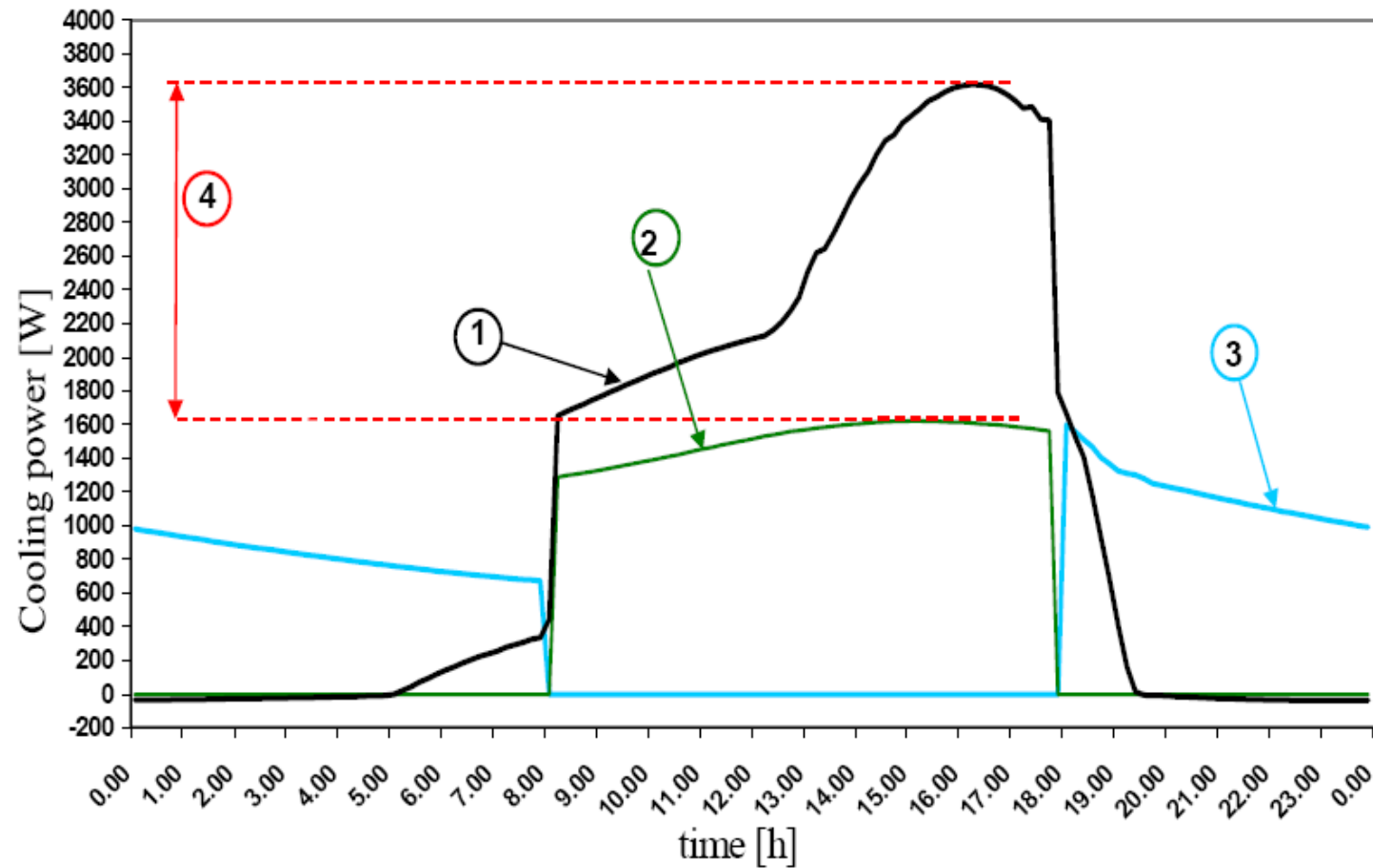
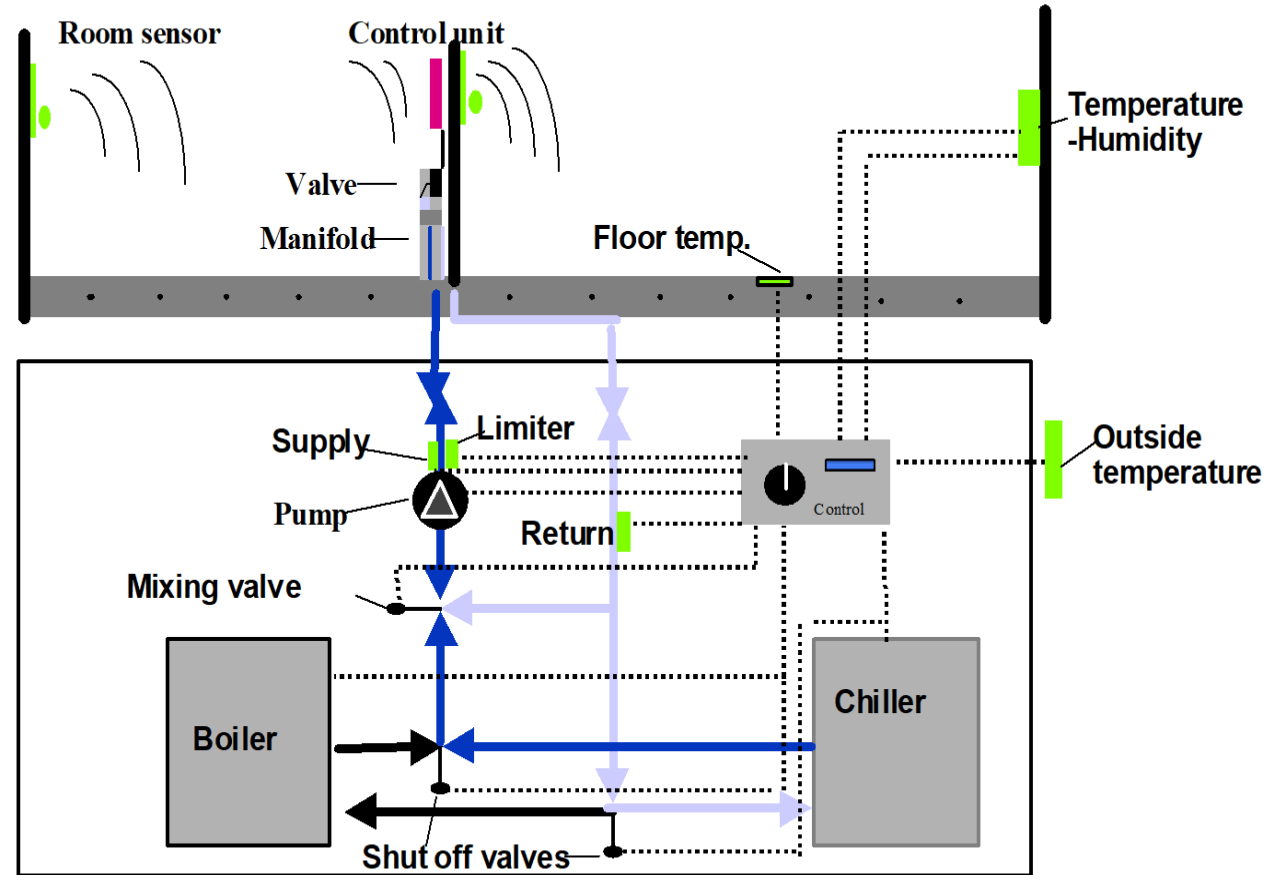


Figure 2 – Example of peak-shaving (reducing the peak load) effect (time vs. cooling power [W],)

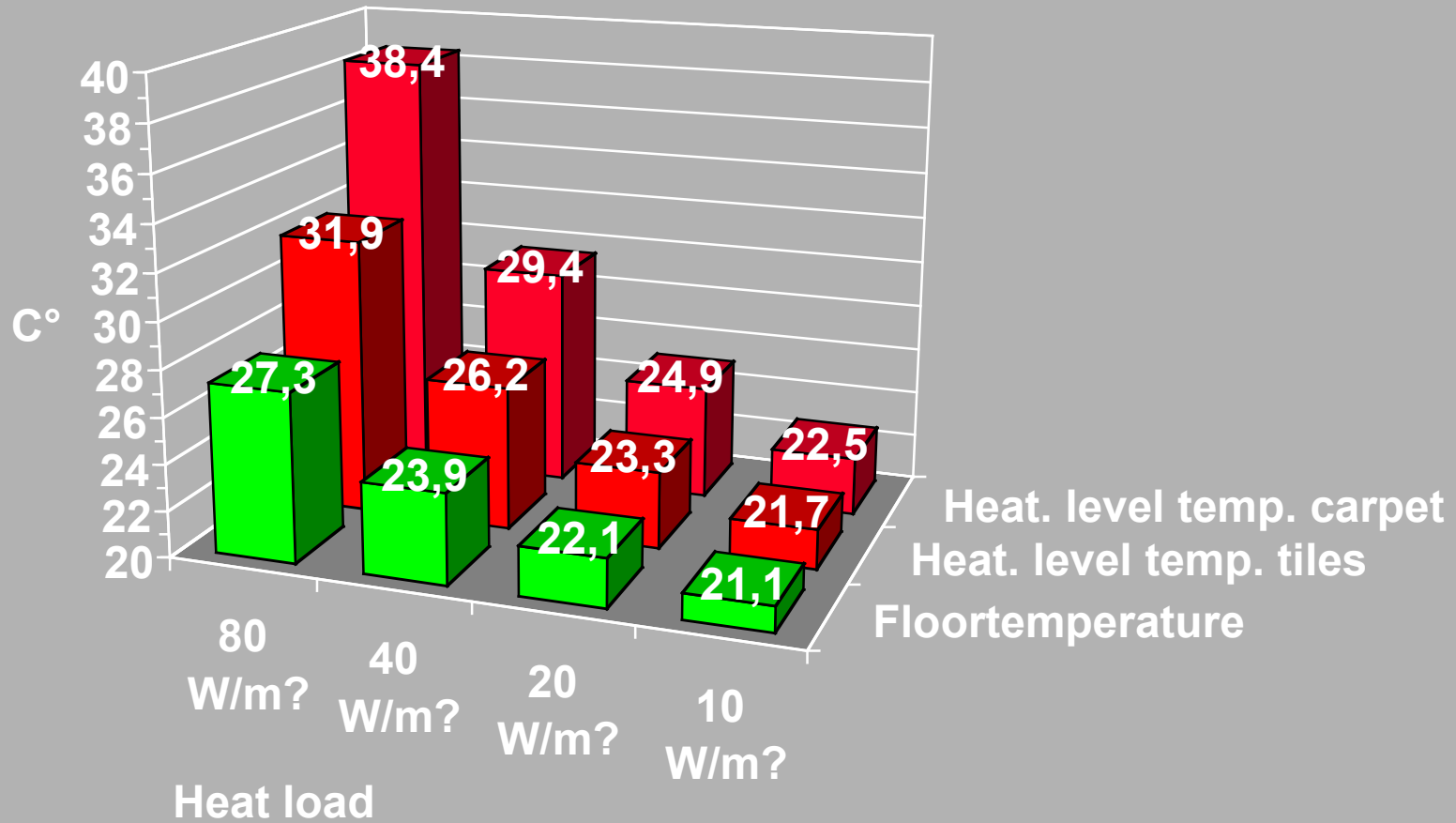
Control of radiant heating and cooling systems

Control of a combined floor heating-cooling system with individual room control



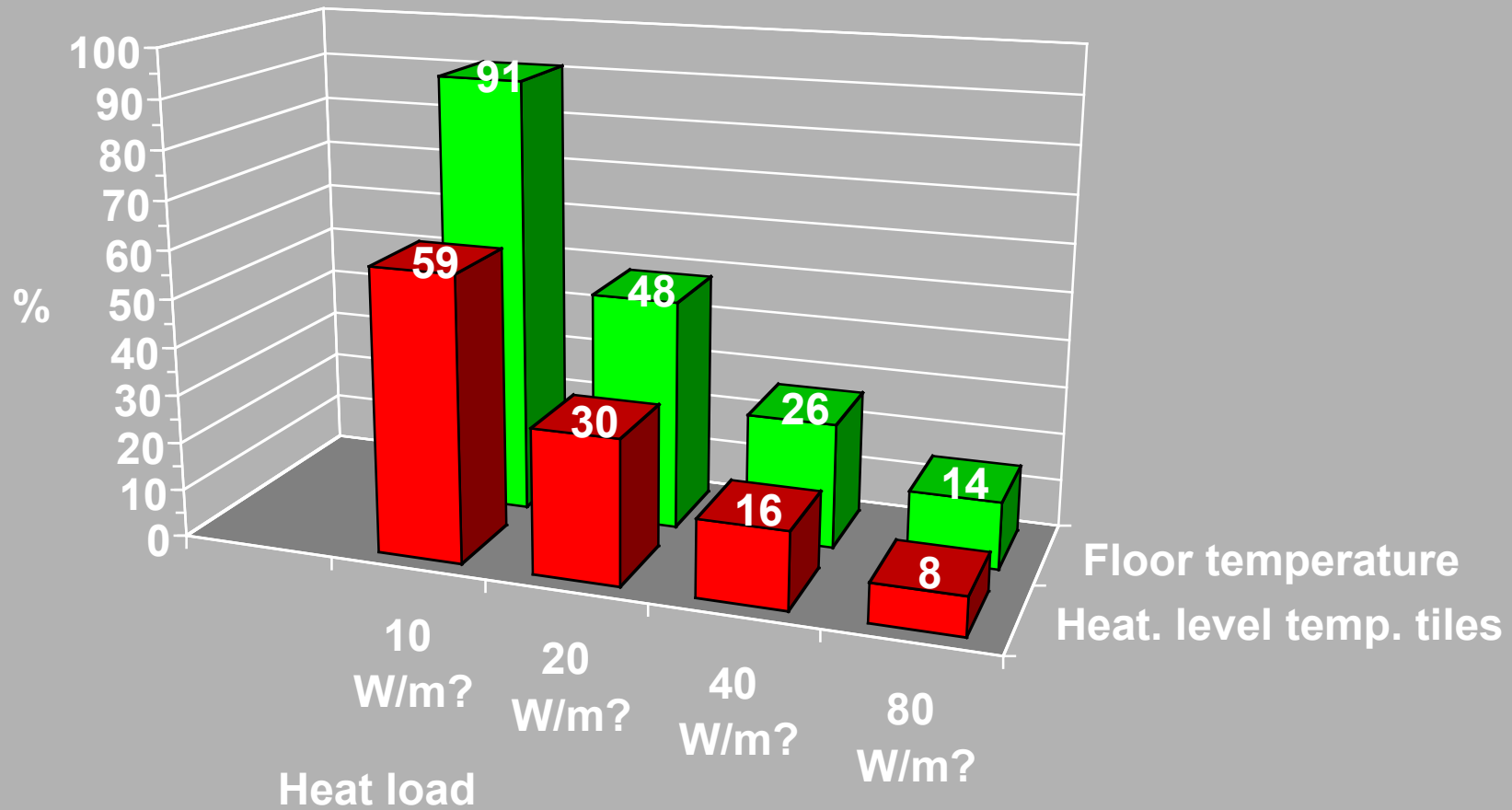
SELF CONTROL

Floor temperature at 20 °C Room temperature



SELF CONTROL

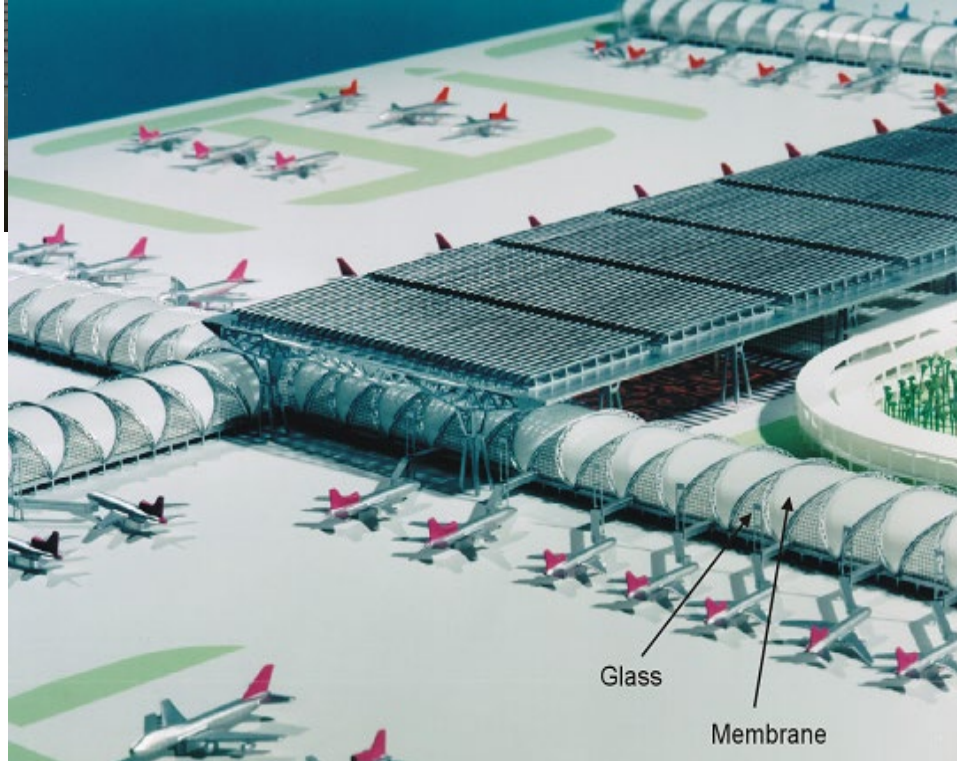
% decrease in heat output by 1 K room temperature increase



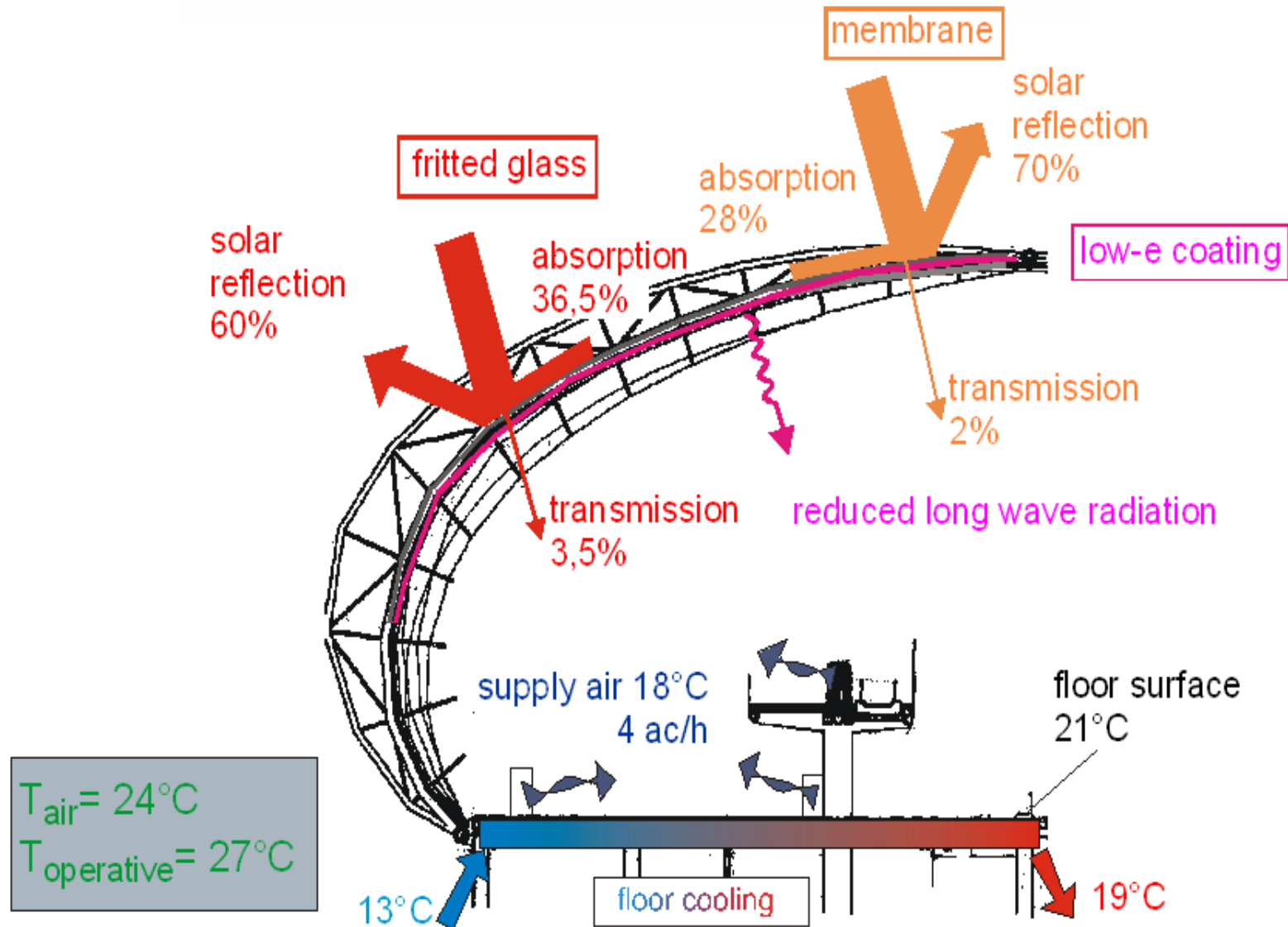
Construction and Installation Technologies

Examples

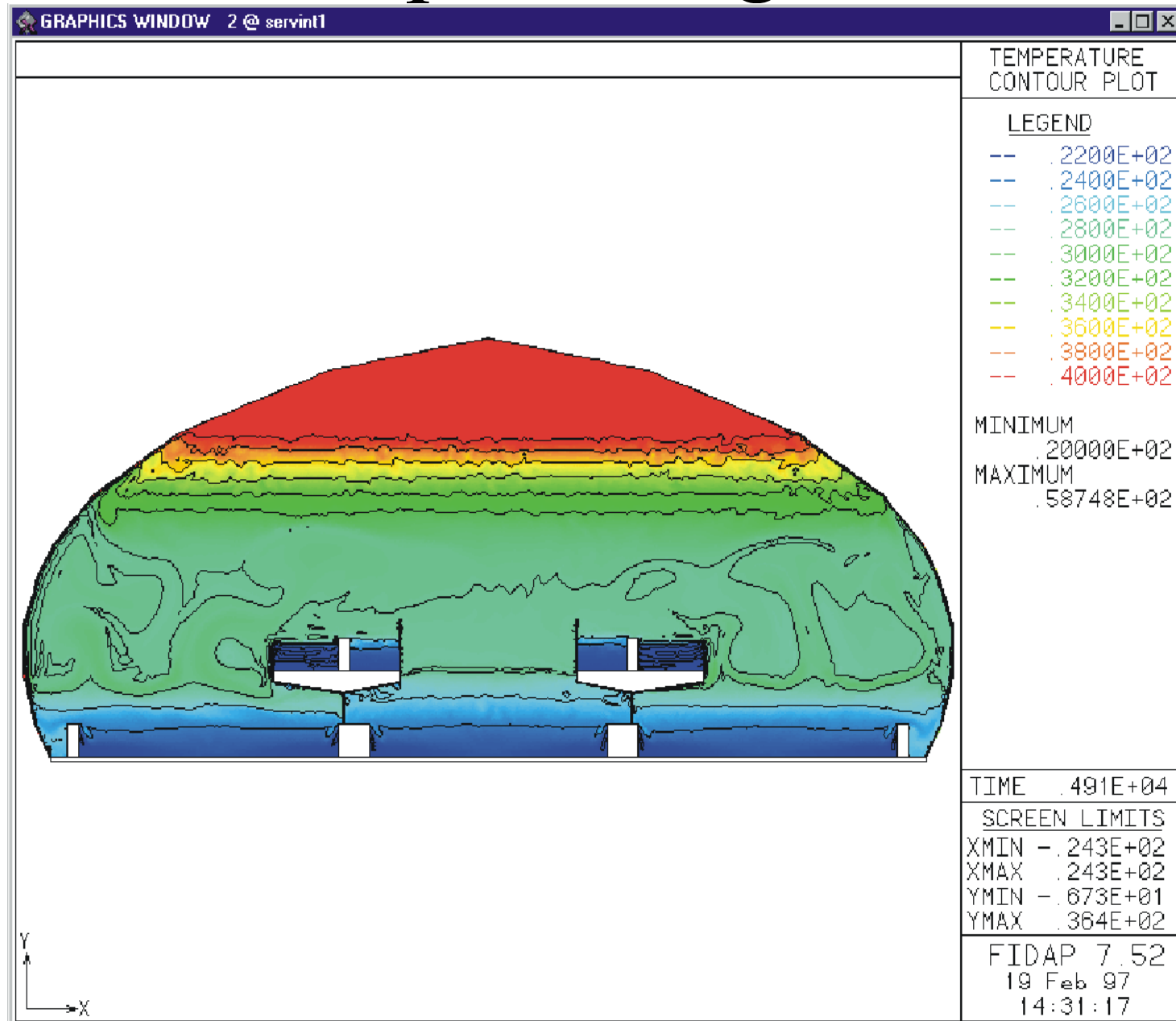
Airport Bangkok



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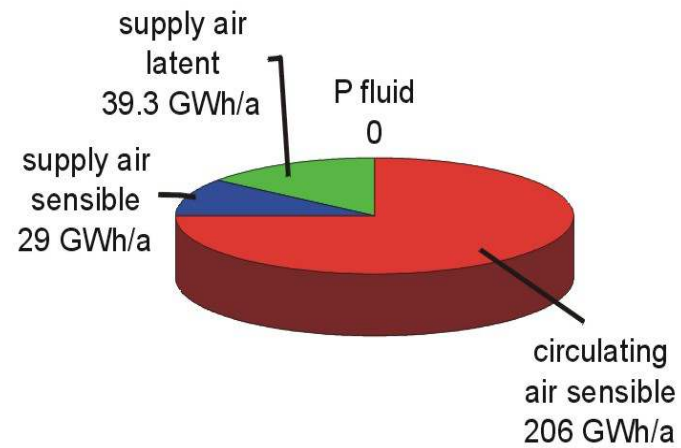
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NEW BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



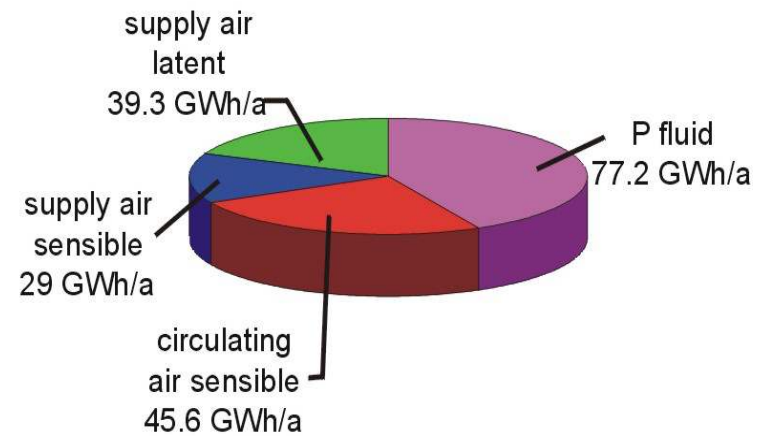
Comparison of Cooling loads entire Airport

Original Concept



total load: 275 GWh/a
739 kWh/m²a

Optimized Concept



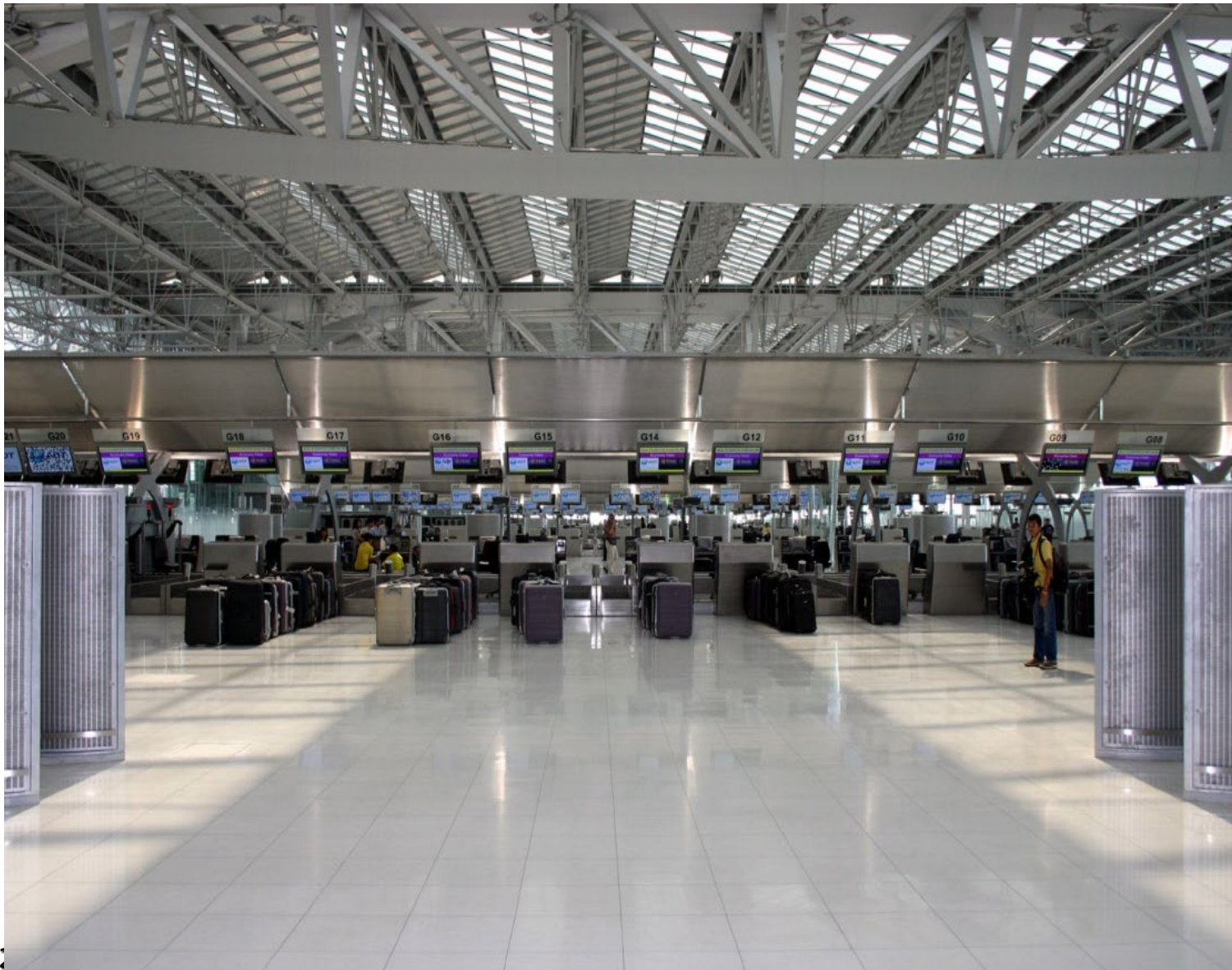
total load: 191 GWh/a
513 kWh/m²a

Installation of PEX pipes

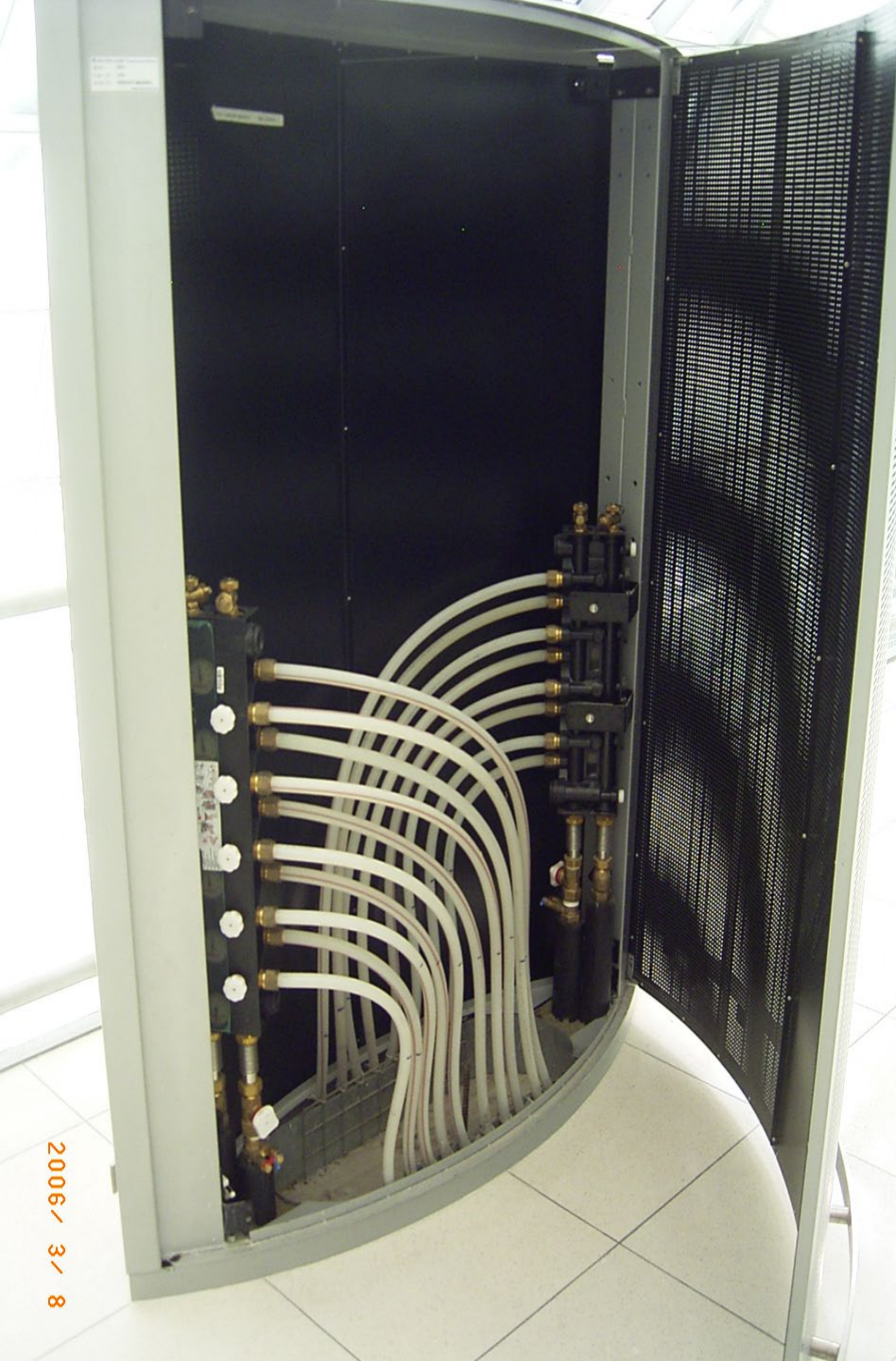


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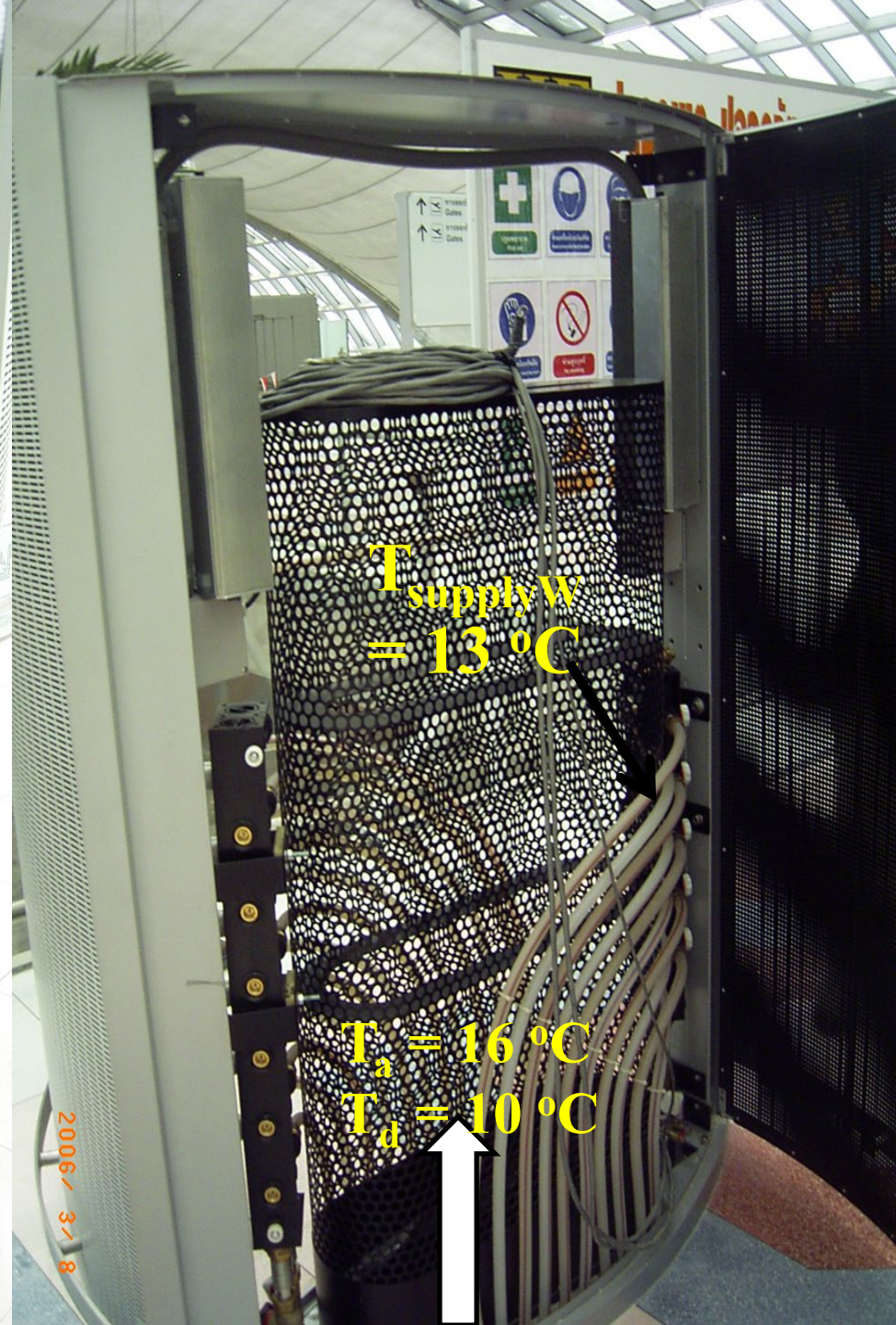
Terminal building



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$T_{\text{supply W}}$
 $= 13\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_a = 16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_d = 10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

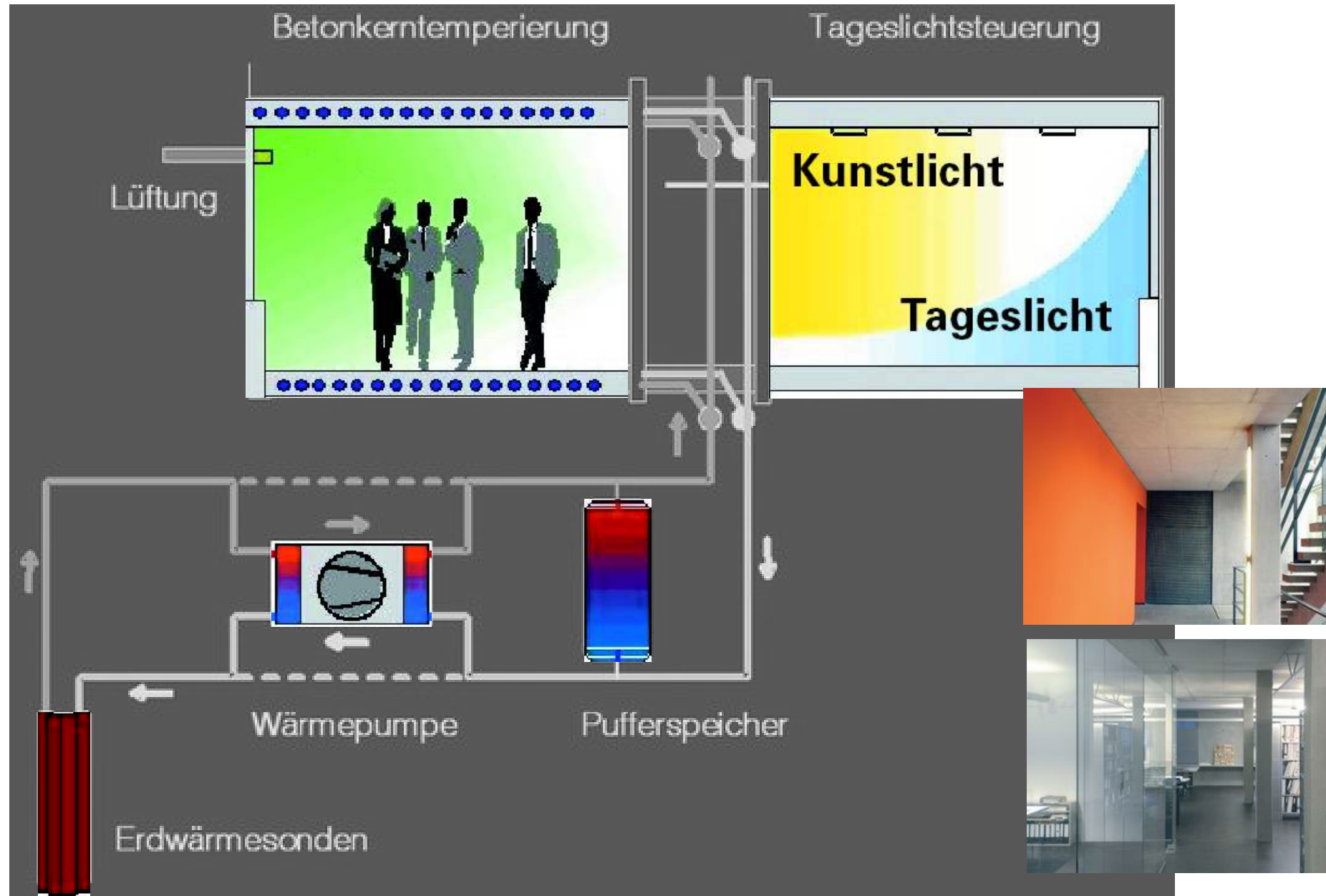
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Balanced Office Building (BOB.1) Aachen, Germany

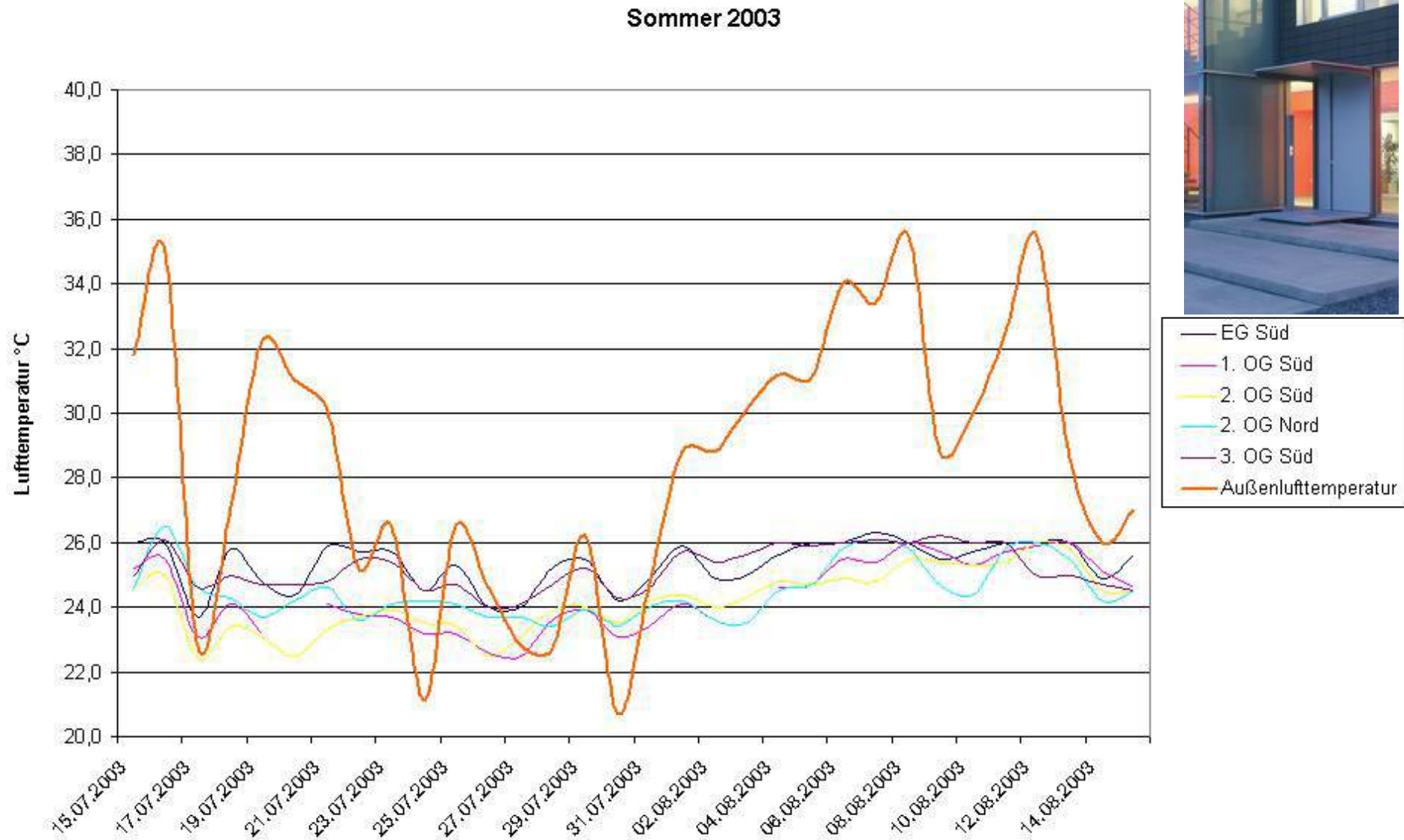
- Gross floor area 2,151 m²
- 4 storeys
- Efficiently insulated external envelope
- Ground-coupled heating and cooling with TABS
- Ventilation system with heat recovery
- Daylight-controlled lighting
- Rainwater collection for use in toilet flushing



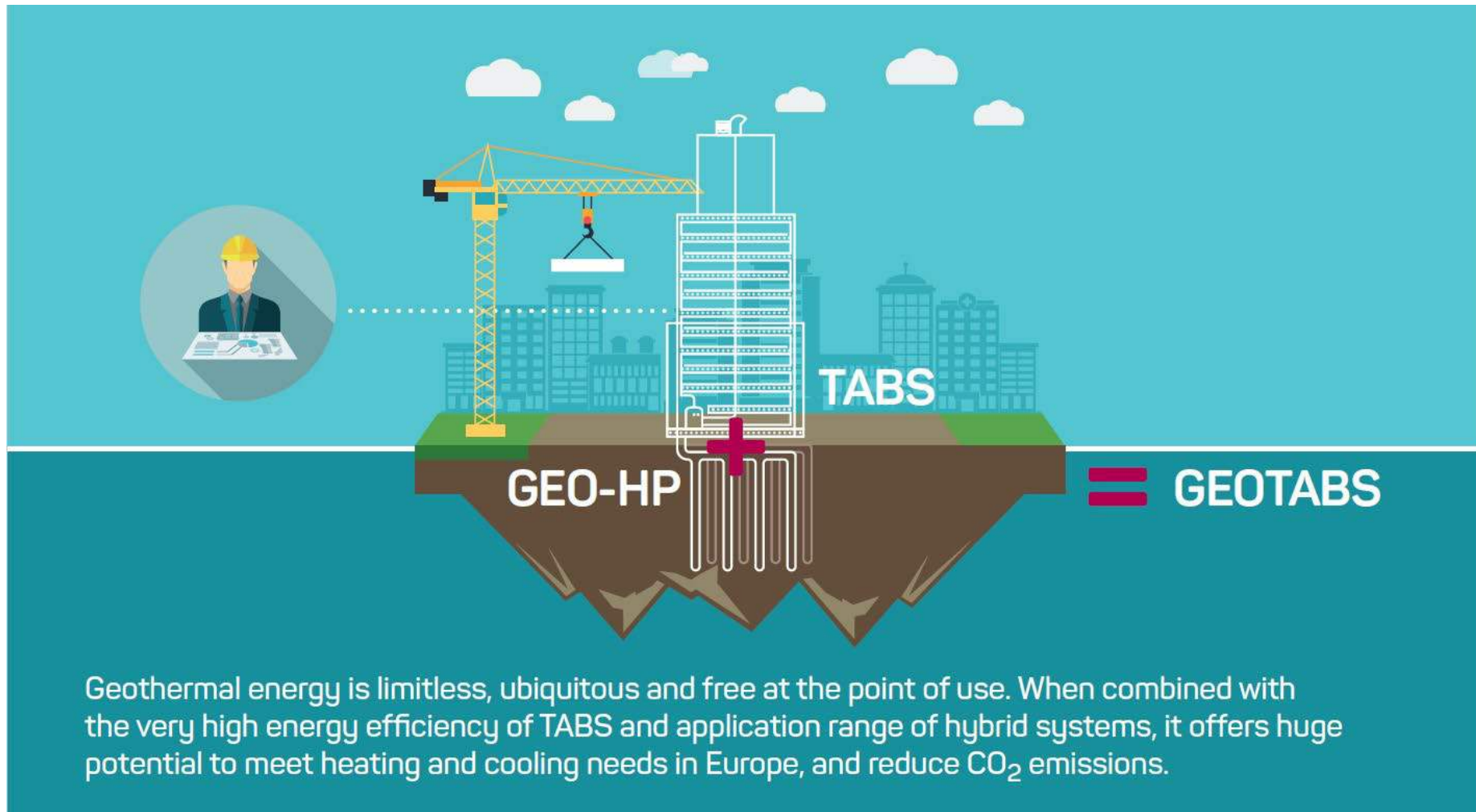
Energy concept in BOB.1



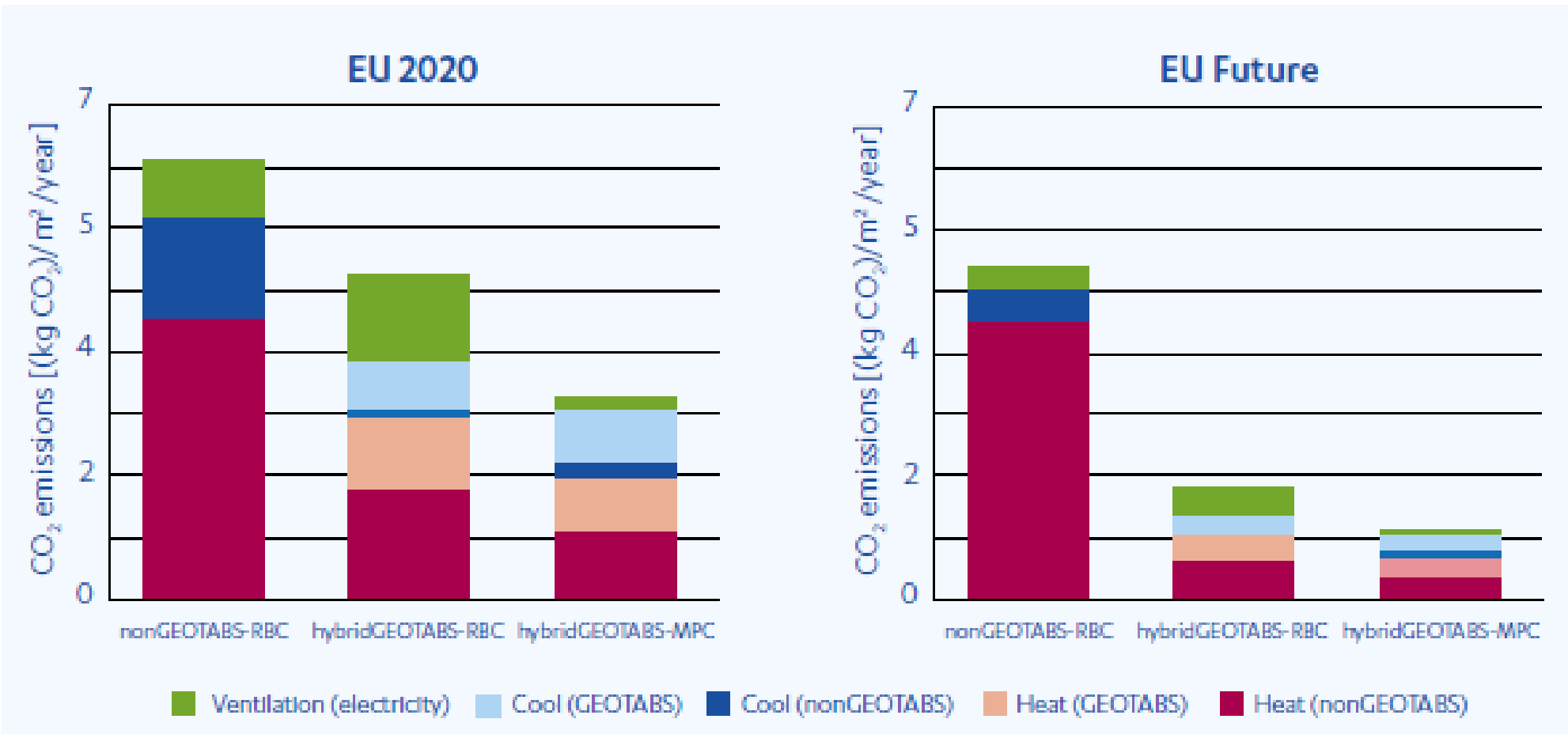
cooling period in BOB.1



EU Project: Hybrid GEOTABS



Energy and CO₂ emission savings



Introducing GEOTABS as a primary system reduces CO₂ emissions by about 26%, and additional savings of 38% are achieved by replacing the RBC with MPC.

The savings from MPC are mainly due to the reduction of electricity and preheating in the ventilation system and reduction of heating demands of the secondary system.

Yearly CO₂ emissions by net-conditioned area for a nonGEOTABS-RBC, hybridGEOTABS-RBC and hybridGEOTABS-MPC office building simulation, considering the CO₂ emissions in the average EU electricity mix in 2020 (260 g CO₂/kWh) (left) and a low-carbon electricity mix (90 g CO₂/kWh) (right)

Demonstration buildings



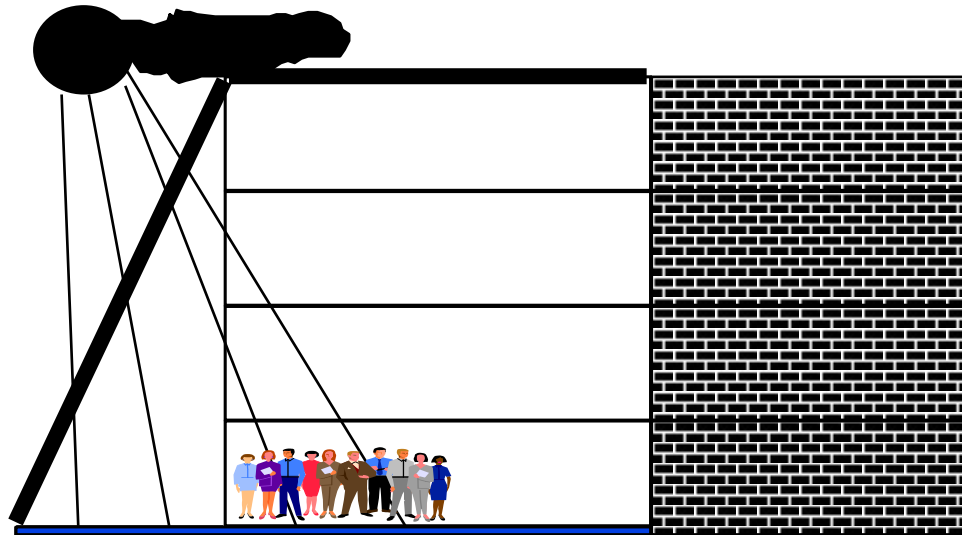
- a. Solarwind office building
- b. Infrac office building
- c. Ter Potterie elderly home
- d. Libeznice primary school



Conclusions

- No significant difference in IEQ between RBC and MPC according to physical measurements
- On average, IEQ-aspects were rated as good by the building occupants
- Despite a very uniform climate large interindividual differences were found
- MPC significantly improved energy-efficiency without any negative influences on the indoor climate

Radiant Floor Cooling

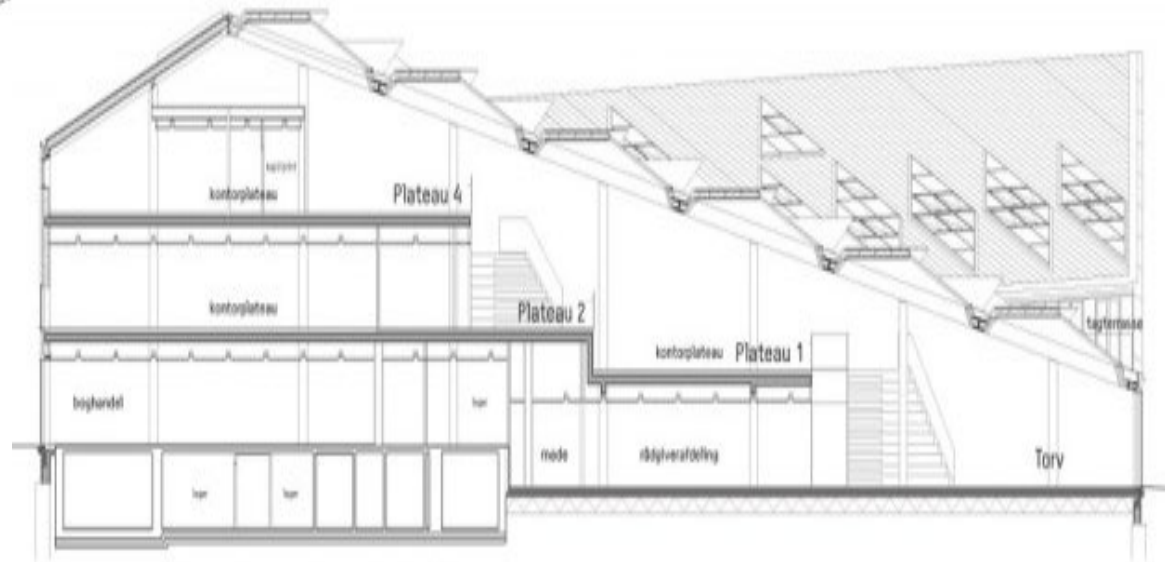
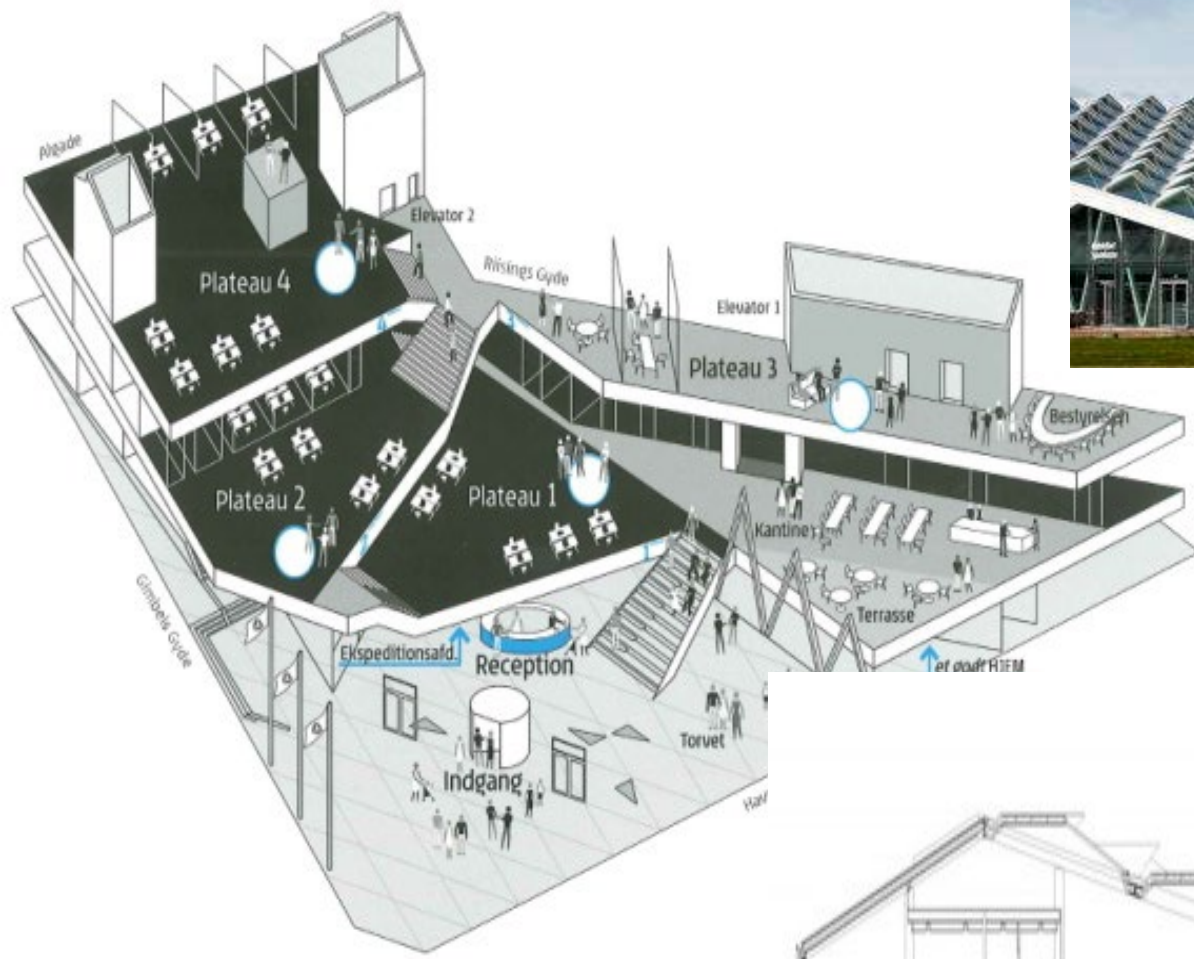


Opera House in Copenhagen

Summer indoor climate in Foyer

- Radiant floor cooling with stone cover down the structural slabs to reduce peak cooling load
- High air change by displacement ventilation system.
- Humidity control prevents condensation on floor.





References / South, West Europe

- Modern Old Port of Savona, NW coast of Italy
 - Underfloor heating for 140 high-end residential apartments and shopping area at ground level
- Dolce Vita Tejo, Lisbon, Portugal
 - one of Europe's largest shopping centre, floor heating and cooling



Industrial heating/cooling application: BWM

World Munich, Germany - 2007

- 16.500 m² of floor, glass and steel, architecture in the **BWM museum**
- 5,000 m² of industrial radiant cooling and heating with PE-Xa pipes integrated into the hall floor = **massive invisible cooling or heating panel**
- Full architectural freedom provided: An experience which appeals to all senses, allowing visitors to experience **the fascination of mobility**
- Energy-saving and environmentally friendly operation



THE WORLD'S LARGEST SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON OF VAV AND RADIANT COOLING



Figure 1 - Infosys SDB-1 Hyderabad - 125,000 sf of radiant cooling and 125,000 sf of VAV cooling

Sun shading and daylight penetration

RADIANT

VAV

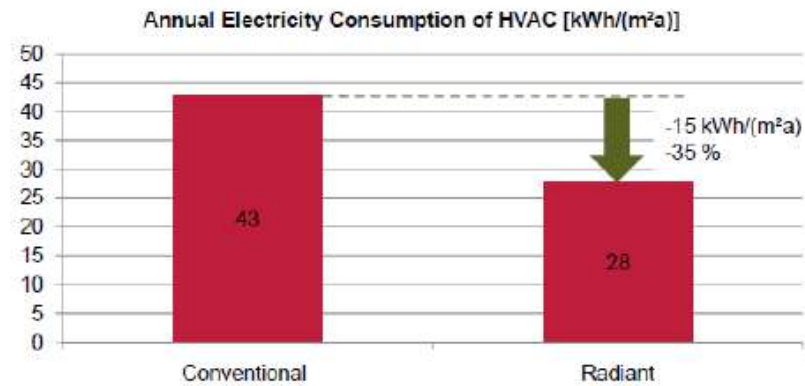


Energy

Radiant Cooling – Third Party Evaluation

Evaluation Infosys – Hyderabad, India 2. Analysis of Energy Consumption

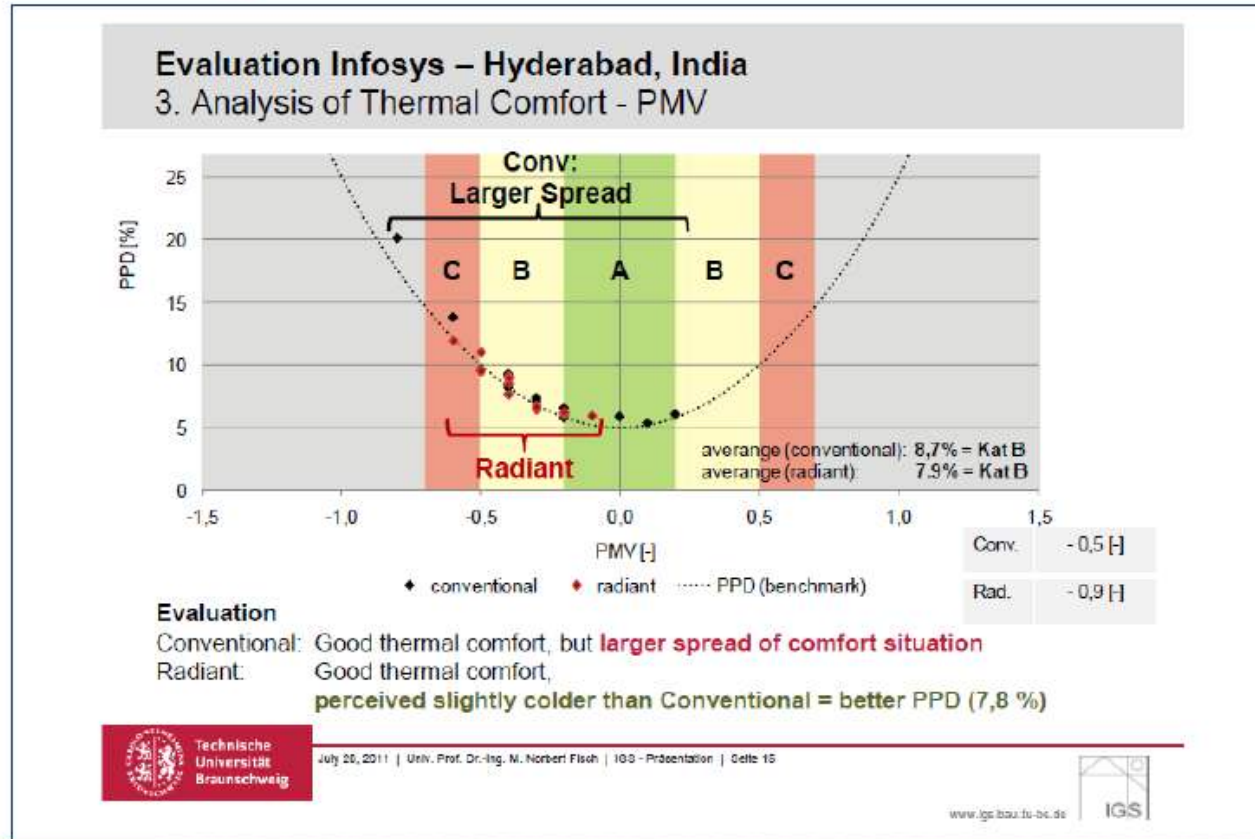
SDB1: HVAC



Evaluation
Conventional: HVAC consumption 16 kWh/(m²a) respectively 50 % higher compared to Radiant.

Thermal Comfort

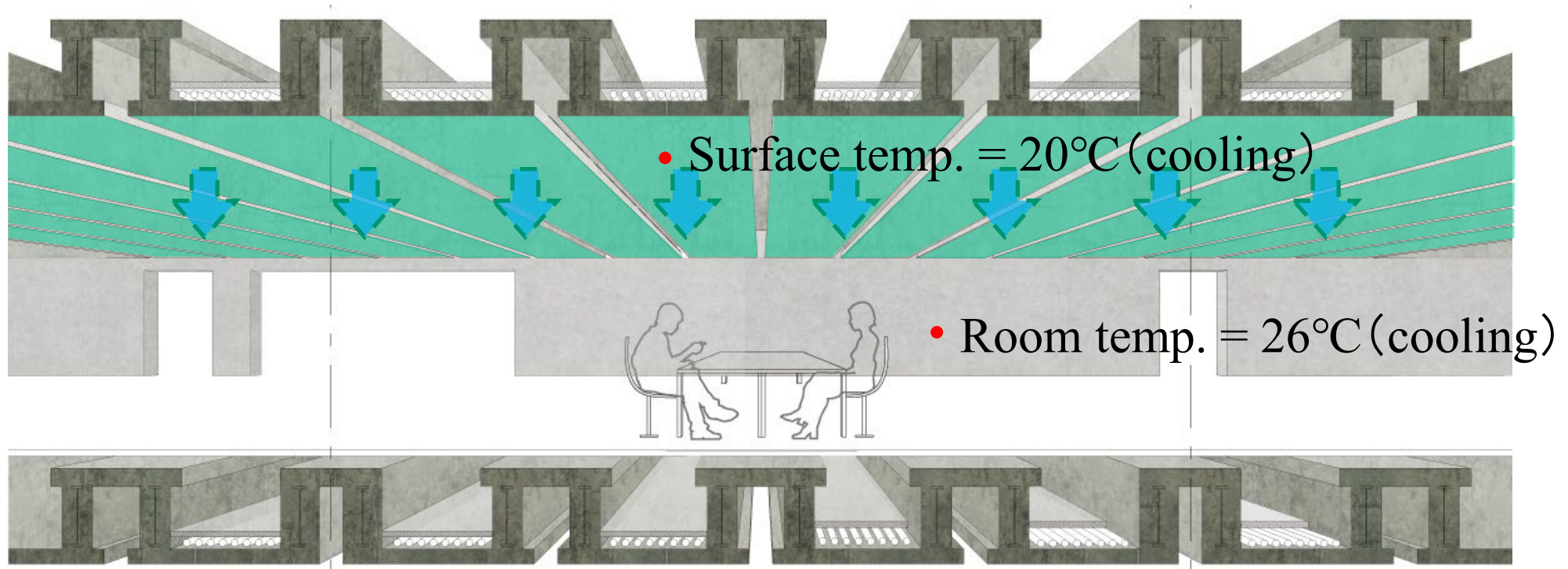
Radiant Cooling – Third Party Evaluation



A photograph of the Shogakukan Building at dusk. The building is a large, modern structure with a light-colored facade and a grid of windows. Two large, dark, perforated rectangular panels are mounted on the roof. The building is illuminated from within, and the sky is a deep blue. The text "Shogakukan Building" is overlaid in white on the center of the image.

Shogakukan Building

Radiation Cooling and Heating



Healthy and comfortable

- Improvement in quality of room air by increasing supply rate of fresh air.

Energy Conservation

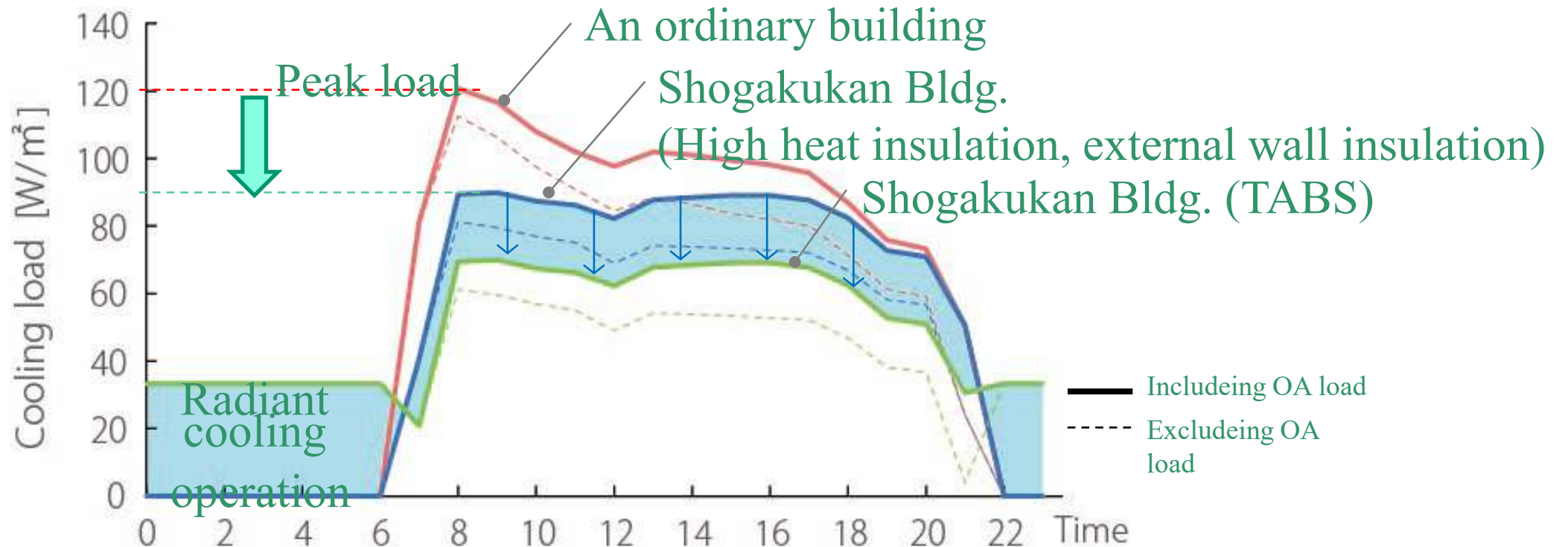
- Reduction in heat transfer energy by converting heating medium (air→water).
- Improvement in heat pump COP by raising temperature of supply chilled water.

TABS

With the situation that nuclear power plants remain inoperable, the electricity in Japan is still tight.

⇒ **Reduce power demand**

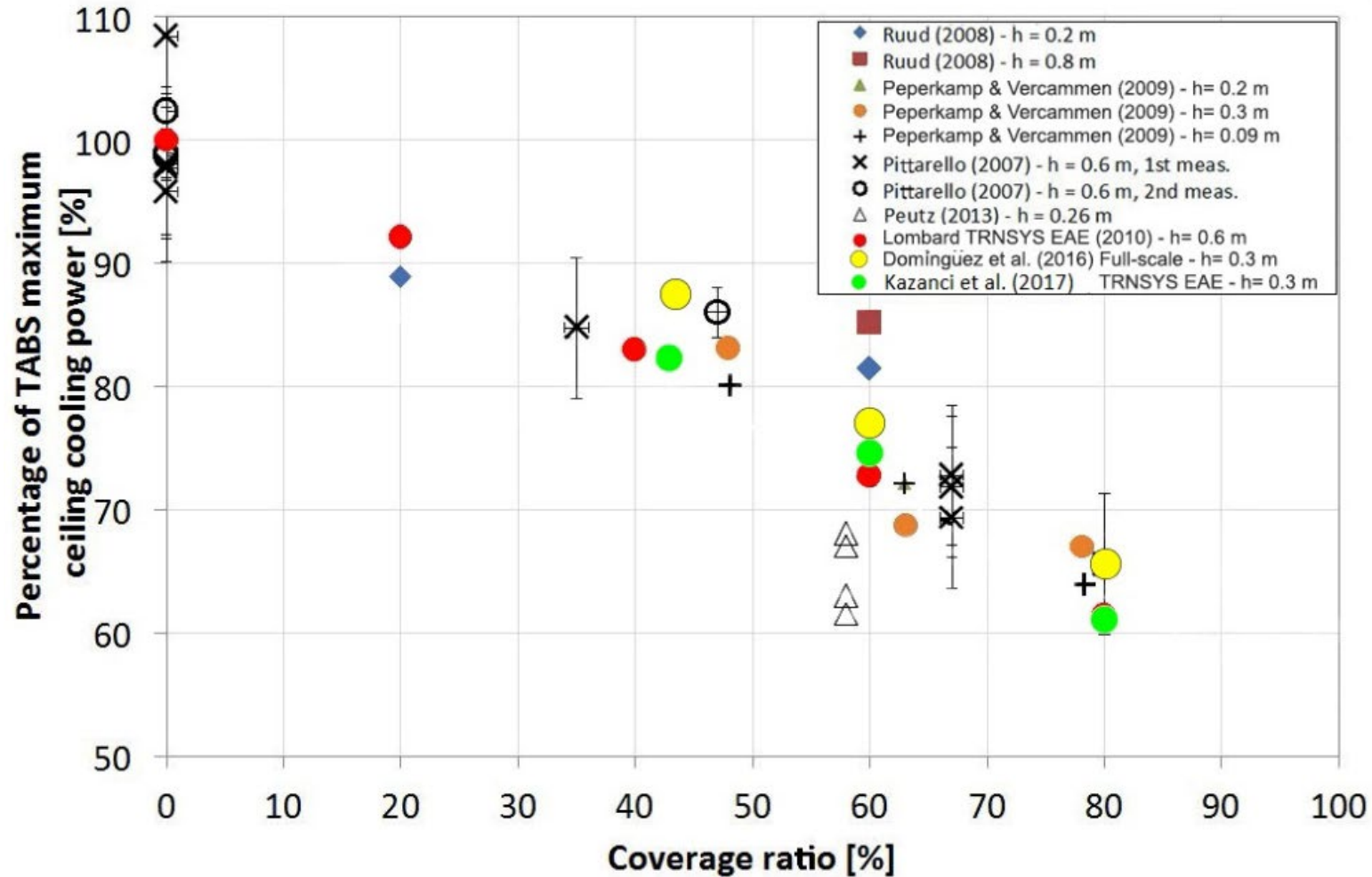
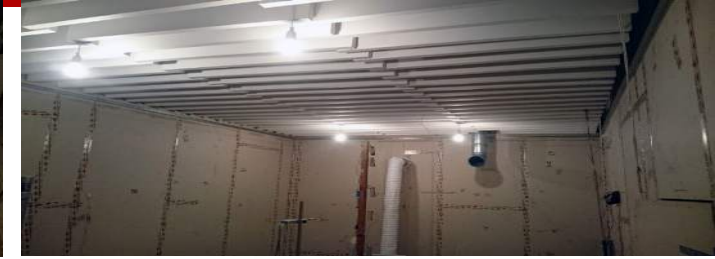
~ Comparison of the cooling loads ~



Run radiant operation at night ⇒ $20W/m^2$ is decreased in daytime

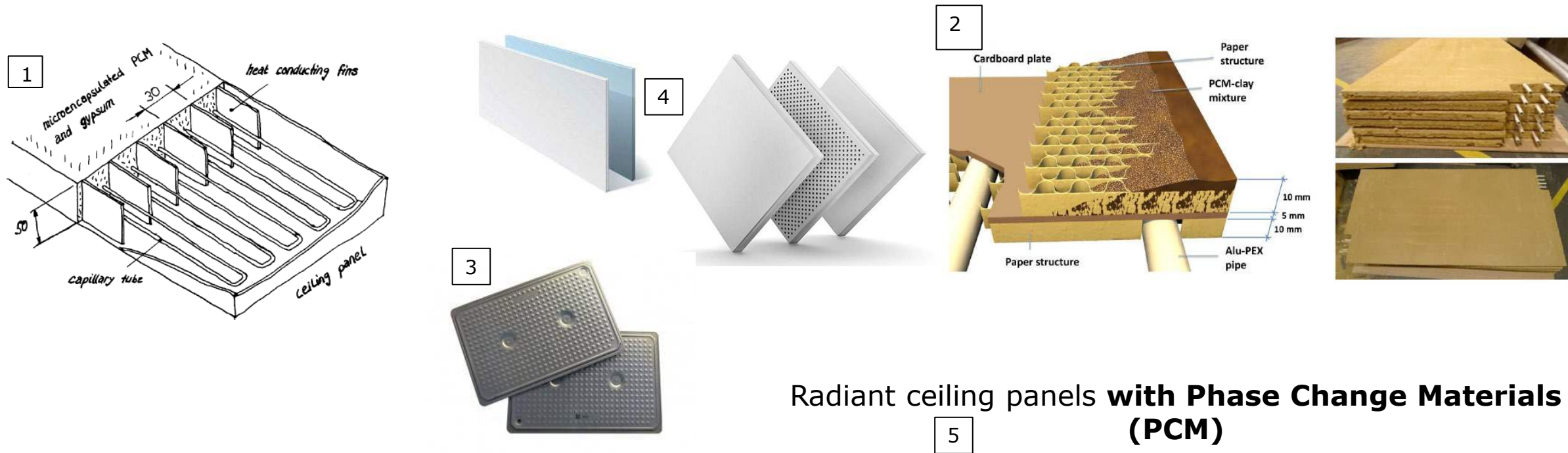
TABS-ACOUSTIC

- Cooling performance reduction as a function of the ceiling coverage ratio



Adapted from Lombard, 2010 and Dominguez et al. 2017. h in the legend is the distance between the ceiling and sound absorbers

How to get similar TABS benefits in existing buildings?



Radiant ceiling panels with Phase Change Materials (PCM)

¹Markus Koschenz and Beat Lehmann, "Development of a thermally activated ceiling panel with PCM for application in lightweight and retrofitted buildings", Energy and Buildings, 2004

³R. T. GmbH, "rubitherm.eu," Rubitherm, 2022. [Online]. <https://www.rubitherm.eu/en/index.php/productcategory/makroverkaspelung-csm>. [Accessed 21 April 2022]

⁴Thermacool Panel and Tile, [Phase Change Materials | PCMs | Ceiling Systems : ThermaCool](#), [Accessed 21 April 2022]

²Georgi Krasimirov Pavlov, "Building Thermal Energy Storage", PhD Thesis DTU, 2014

⁵Bogatu et al., An experimental study of the active cooling performance of a novel radiant ceiling panel containing phase change material (PCM), Energy and Buildings, 2021

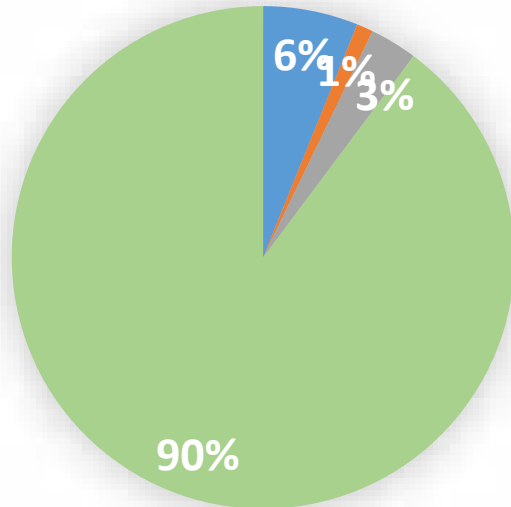
ZERO-Carbon Emission Buildings

- Carbon emission during operation
- Carbon emission during production, maintenance, destruction

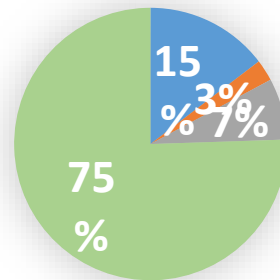
Whole Life Carbon Emission Distribution for Average Commercial Building

Annual: **225** kWh/M² Annual: **100** kWh/M²

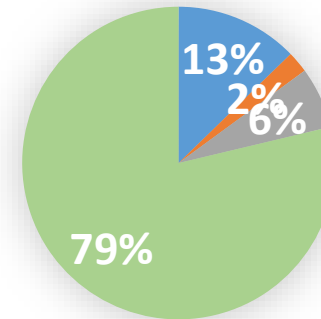
Global Average Grid
(0.475 kg CO₂/KWh)



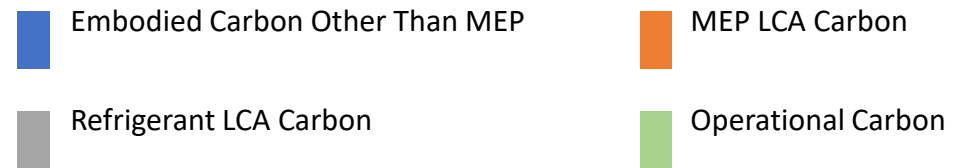
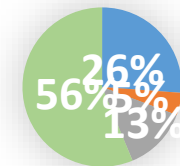
Cleaner Grid (Spain)
(0.167 kg CO₂/KWh)



Global Average Grid
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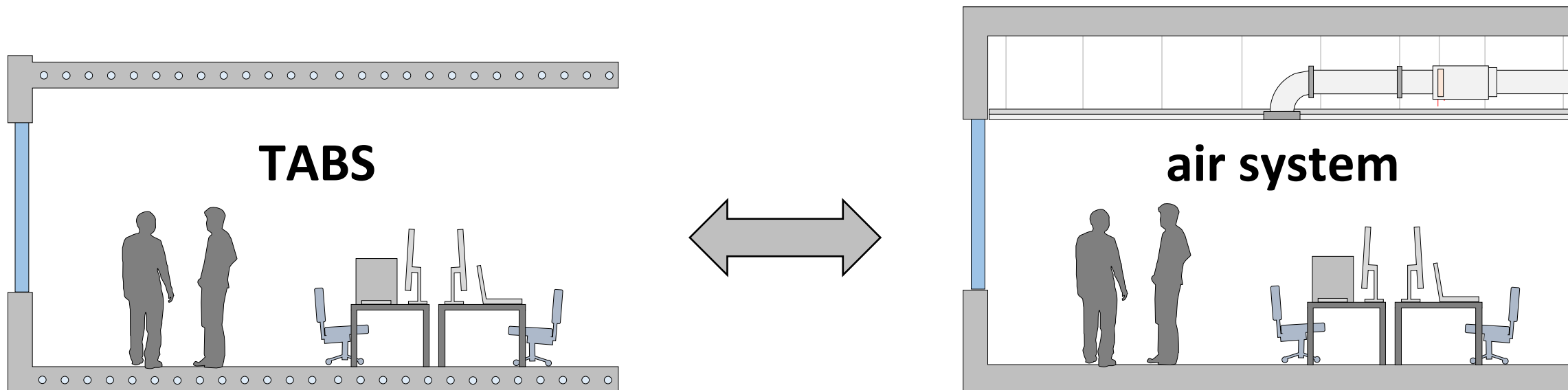


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<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-energy-co2-status-report-2019/emissions>

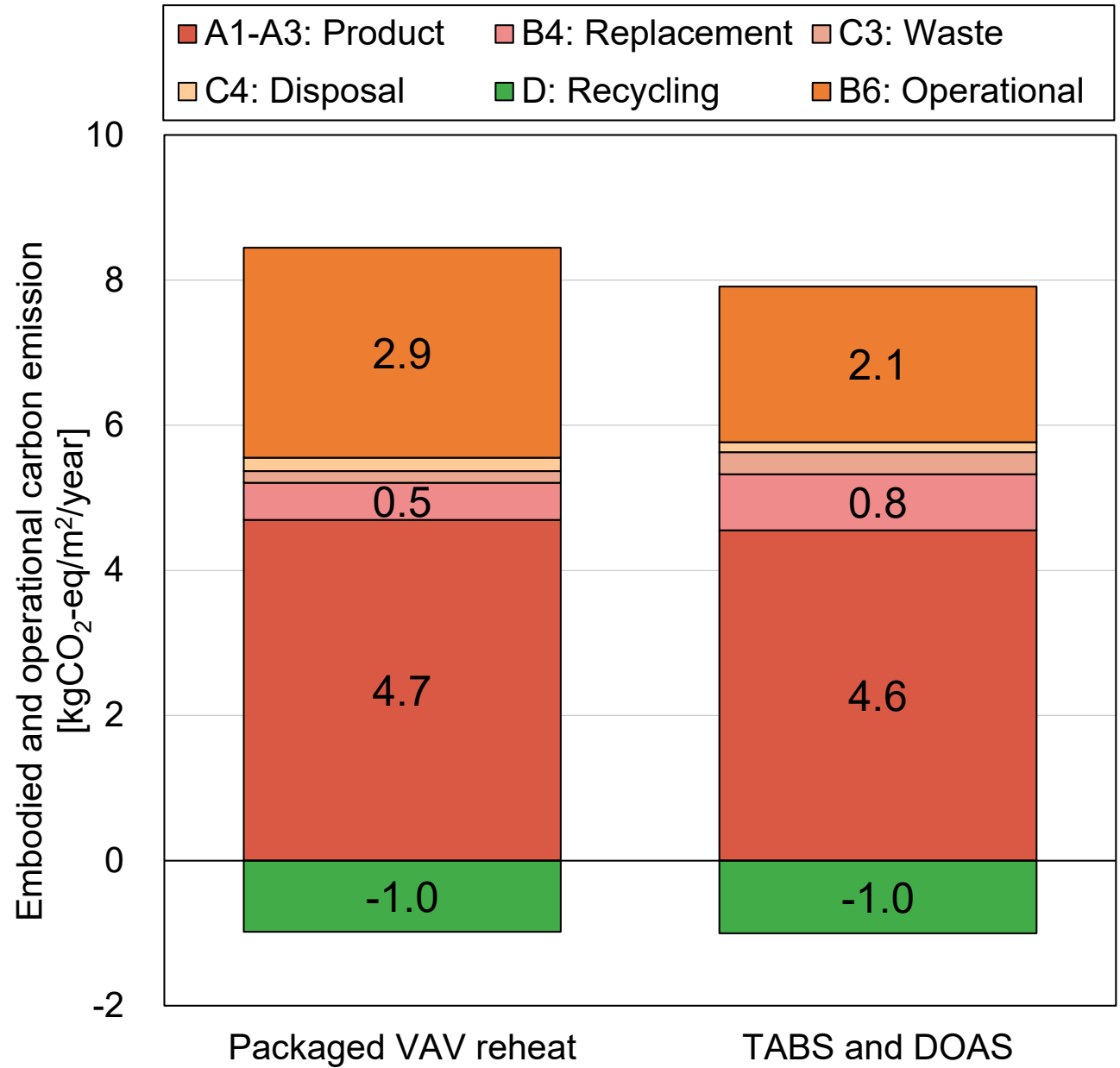
Operational and embedded carbon in TABS and air system



- Energy efficiency and sizing
- Embedded carbon of MEP
- Floor height and non-ceiling panel
- Renewable resource (Geothermal)

Utilities	Emission Factors, GWP [kgCO ₂ -eq/kWh]	
	EN/ISO 52000-1:2017 Table B.16	Building Regulations, (BR18)
Electricity	0.420	0.187
District Heating	0.260	0.105

Case study results



Konklusion

Også under fremtidige krav til:

- Lav CO₂ emission i brugsfasen
- Lav CO₂ i produktion, vedligeholdelse af systemer
- Øget brug af regenererbar energi (vind, PV, jordvarme etc.)
- Flexibelt energiforbrug
- Et komfortabelt og produktivt indeklima

Er lav-temperatur opvarmning og høj-temperatur-køling “et godt tilbud”