

# Introduction to measured data, instrumentation and sensors in relation to building physics and energy performance.

## What is important to know?

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### 1 - INTRODUCTION

$Q_{\text{ventilation}} = C_v(\text{vent}) (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) = \dot{V}_{\text{air(vent)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) [1-\eta] \text{ [kW]}$   
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 $Q_{\text{ref-vent}} = \dot{V}_{\text{air(inf)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) + \dot{V}_{\text{air(vent)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) (1-\eta) \text{ [kW]}$

$Q_{\text{transmission}} = UA (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) \text{ [kW]}$

CONTROL VOLUME: Building envelope

$P_{\text{out}} \neq P_{\text{in}}$   
 $T_{\text{in}} > T_{\text{out}}$

Hot water  
Cold water

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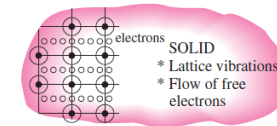
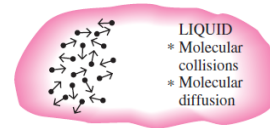
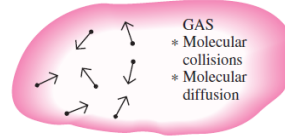
## 1 – INTRODUCTION: CONDUCTION



**Conduction** is the transfer of energy from the more energetic particles of a substance to the adjacent less energetic ones as a result of interactions between the particles. Conduction can take place in solids, liquids, or gases.

FOURIER'S LAW OF HEAT CONDUCTION:

$$\dot{Q}_{cond} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx} \quad (W)$$



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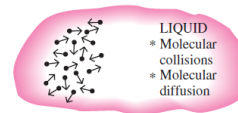
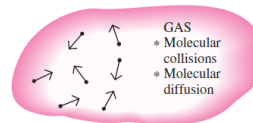
## 1 – INTRODUCTION: CONVECTION



Convection is the mode of energy transfer between a solid surface and the adjacent liquid or gas that is in motion, and it involves the combined effects of conduction and fluid motion. The faster the fluid motion, the greater the convection heat transfer.

NEWTON'S LAW OF COOLING:

$$\dot{Q}_{conv} = hA_s (T_s - T_\infty) \quad (W)$$



In the absence of any bulk fluid motion, heat transfer between a solid surface and the adjacent fluid is by pure conduction.



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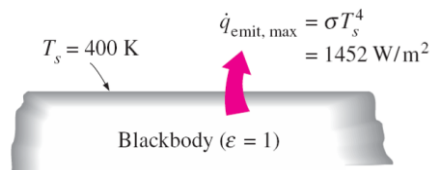
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Radiation is the energy emitted by matter in the form of electromagnetic waves (or photons) as a result of the changes in the electronic configurations of the atoms or molecules.

STEFAN-BOLTZMANN LAW:

$$\dot{Q}_{emit, max} = \sigma A_s T_s^4 \quad (W)$$



Unlike conduction and convection, the transfer of energy by radiation does not require the presence of an intervening medium. In fact, energy transfer by radiation is fastest (at the speed of light) and it suffers no attenuation in a vacuum.



# 1 – INTRODUCTION: RADIATION



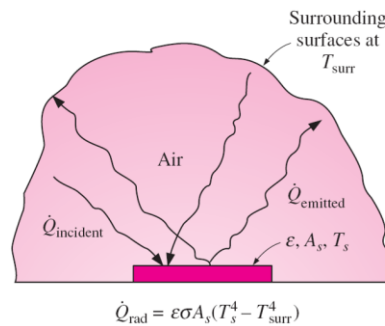
RADIATION HEAT TRANSFER:  
Difference between emitted and absorbed

$$\dot{Q}_{emit} = \epsilon \sigma A_s T_s^4 \quad (W)$$

$$\dot{Q}_{absorbed} = \alpha \dot{Q}_{incident} \quad (W)$$

KIRCHOFF'S LAW

$$\dot{Q}_{rad} = \epsilon \sigma A_s (T_s^4 - T_{surr}^4) \quad (W)$$

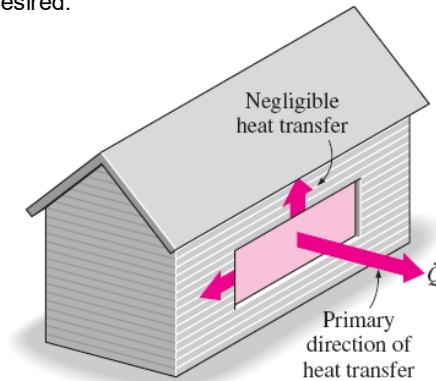


# 1 – INTRODUCTION: MULTIDIMENSIONAL HEAT TRANSFER

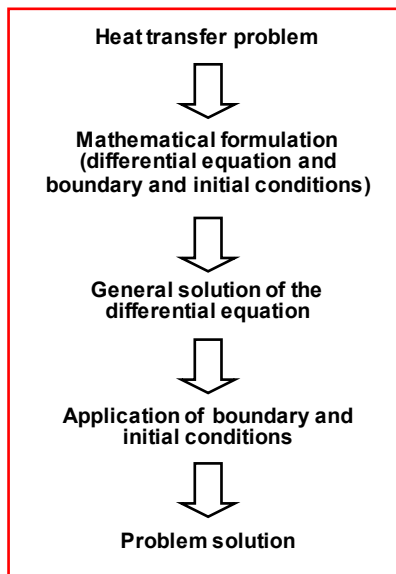


## MULTIDIMENSIONAL HEAT TRANSFER

- Heat transfer problems are classified as being one-dimensional, two-dimensional, or three-dimensional.
- Depending on the relative magnitudes of heat transfer rates in different directions and the level of accuracy desired.



# 1 – INTRODUCTION: SOLVING A CONDUCTION PROBLEM



$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\dot{e}_{gen}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$T = T(x, y, z, t) \quad [^{\circ}\text{C}]$$

$$\dot{Q}_n = -k \cdot A \cdot |\overrightarrow{grad}(T)| \quad [\text{W}]$$

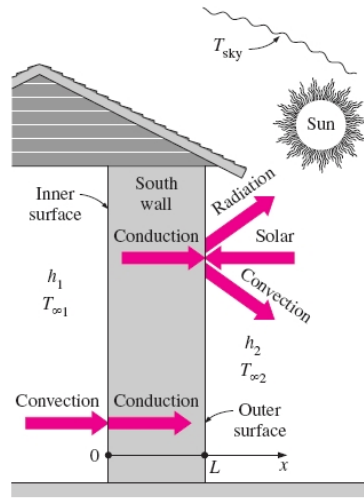
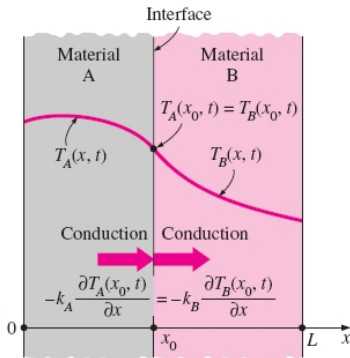
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## INTERFACE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$T_A(x_0, t) = T_B(x_0, t)$$

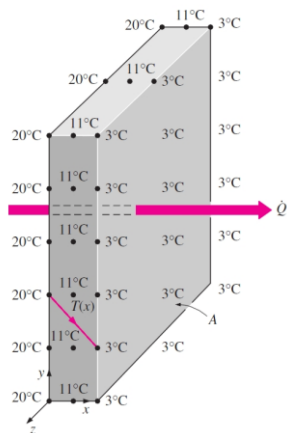
$$-k_A \frac{\partial T_A(x_0, t)}{\partial x} = -k_B \frac{\partial T_B(x_0, t)}{\partial x}$$



# 2 - STEADY HEAT CONDUCTION IN PLANE WALLS



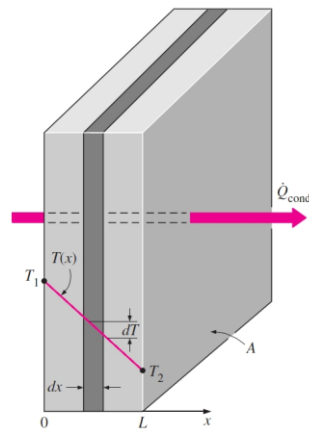
- The wall of a house during winter time



$$\dot{Q}_{cond, wall} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx}$$



$$\dot{Q}_{cond, wall} = kA \frac{T_1 - T_2}{L}$$

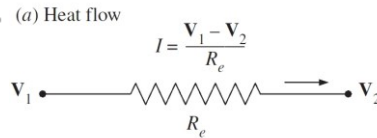
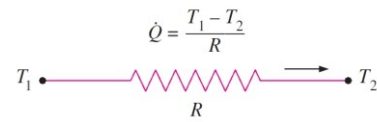


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### THE THERMAL RESISTANCE CONCEPT

**Thermal-Electrical analogy** →



- Conditions:
- Steady-state
  - NO heat generation

Conduction:

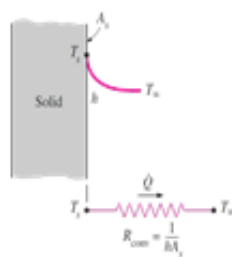
$$\dot{Q}_{cond,wall} = kA \frac{T_1 - T_2}{L} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R_{wall}} \Rightarrow R_{wall} = \frac{L}{kA}$$

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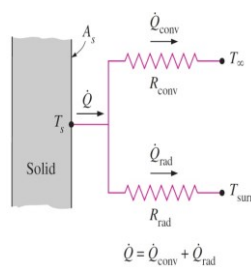
Convection:



$$\dot{Q}_{conv} = hA(T_s - T_{\infty}) \Rightarrow R_{conv} = \frac{1}{hA_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{Q}_{conv} = \frac{T_s - T_{\infty}}{R_{conv}}$$

Radiation:



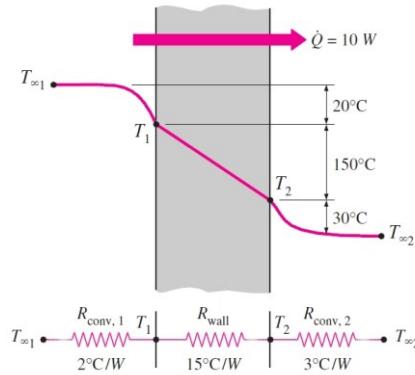
$$\dot{Q}_{rad} = \epsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot A_s (T_s^4 - T_{surr}^4) = h_{rad} \cdot A_s (T_s - T_{surr}) = \frac{T_s - T_{surr}}{R_{rad}} \Rightarrow R_{rad} = \frac{1}{h_{rad} A_s}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{Q}_{conv} + \dot{Q}_{rad}$$

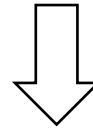
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### THERMAL RESISTANCE NETWORK



$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\Delta T}{R} = UA\Delta T$$



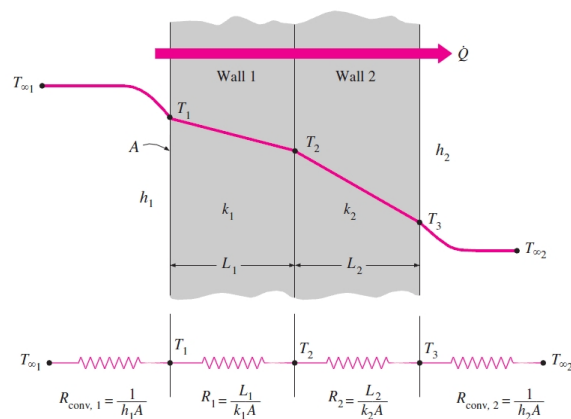
$$UA = \frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{T_{\infty 1} - T_1}{R_{\text{conv},1}} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R_{\text{cond}}} = \frac{T_2 - T_{\infty 2}}{R_{\text{conv},2}} = \frac{T_{\infty 1} - T_{\infty 2}}{R_{\text{total}}}$$

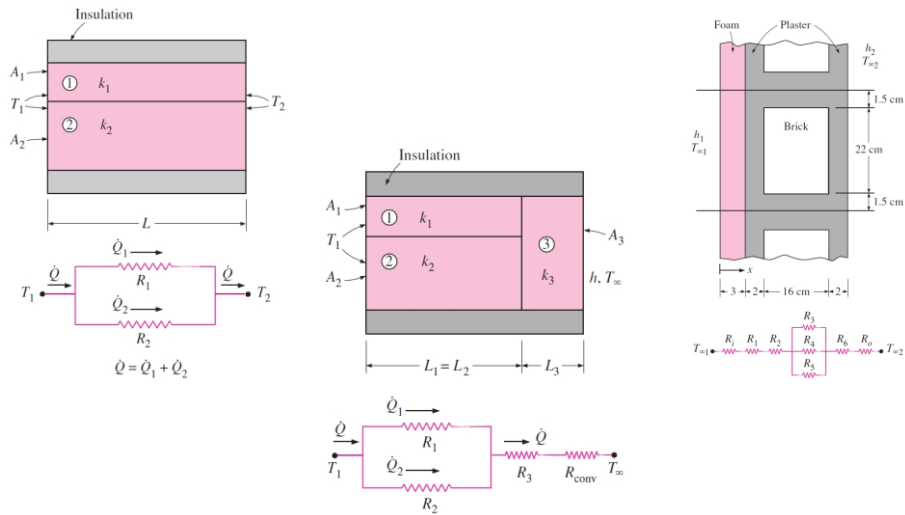
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### MULTILAYER PLANE WALLS



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## 3 – MASS TRANSFER: VENTILATION AND/OR INFILTRATION



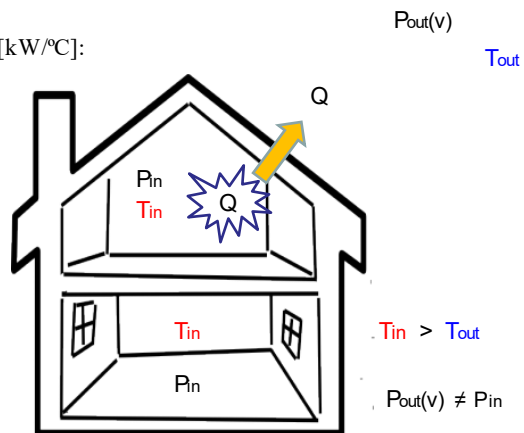
### SIMPLEST CASE: ONLY INFILTRATION

The heat that the infiltrations will require for the building's heating system [kW]

$$Q_{infiltration} = \dot{V}_{air(inf)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} (T_{in} - T_{out})$$

The infiltration heat loss coefficient is [kW/°C]:

$$C_v = \dot{V}_{air(inf)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air}$$



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### 3 – MASS TRANSFER: VENTILATION AND/OR INFILTRATION



#### GENERAL CASE: VENTILATION WITH HEAT RECOVERY PLUS INFILTRATION

The percentage of heat recovered [-]

$$\eta = \frac{T_{sup} - T_{out}}{T_{in} - T_{out}}$$

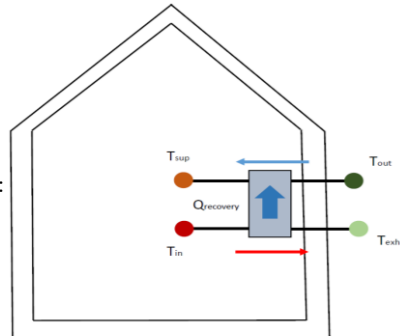
The heat exchanged inside the heat exchanger [kW]:

$$Q_{recovery} = \dot{V}_{air} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} \cdot (T_{in} - T_{exh})$$

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The heat that the ventilation system will require for the building's heating system [kW]

$$Q_{ventilation} = \dot{V}_{air(vent)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} \cdot (T_{in} - T_{sup})$$



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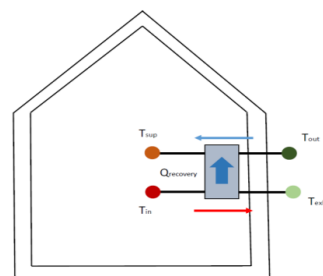
A relation between  $T_{sup}$ ,  $T_{in}$ ,  $T_{out}$  and  $\eta$  can be obtained [kW]:

$$Q_{ventilation} = \dot{V}_{air(vent)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} (1 - \eta) (T_{in} - T_{out})$$

$$Q_{infiltration} = \dot{V}_{air(inf)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} (T_{in} - T_{out})$$

Therefore, if the heat recovery system is added to the building, the ventilation plus infiltration heat loss coefficient is [kW/°C]:

$$C_v = \dot{V}_{air(vent)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air} \cdot (1 - \eta) + \dot{V}_{air(inf)} \rho_{air} c_{p,air}$$



### 4 – BUILDING ENVELOPE HEAT LOSS COEFFICIENT (HLC)

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 $Q_{\text{inf+vent}} = \dot{V}_{\text{air(inf)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) + \dot{V}_{\text{air(vent)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) (1 - \eta) \text{ [kW]}$

$Q_{\text{transmission}} = UA (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) \text{ [kW]}$

$$\frac{dE_{cv}}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{cv} - \dot{W}_{cv} + \sum_i \dot{m}_i \left( h_i + \frac{V_i^2}{2} + g z_i \right) - \sum_e \dot{m}_e \left( h_e + \frac{V_e^2}{2} + g z_e \right) \text{ [kW]}$$

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#### 4 – BUILDING ENVELOPE HEAT LOSS COEFFICIENT (HLC)



$$\sum_{i=1}^z m_i c_i (T_i(t_2) - T_i(t_1)) + \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k \Delta t + \sum_{k=1}^N K_k \Delta t = HLC \sum_{k=1}^N (T_{in,k} - T_{out,k}) \Delta t - \sum_{k=1}^N (S_a V_{sol})_k \Delta t$$

$$HLC = (UA + C_v) \text{ [kW/}^\circ\text{C]}$$

Thus, if the thermal level is not equal at the start and end of the analysis period [kW/°C]

$$HLC = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^z m_i c_i (T_i(t_2) - T_i(t_1)) + \sum_{k=1}^N (Q_k + K_k + (S_a V_{sol})_k) \Delta t}{\sum_{k=1}^N (T_{in,k} - T_{out,k}) \Delta t}$$

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#### 5 – INTRODUCTION TO MEASUREMENTS FOR BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT



- Dynamic testing of building components requires a very well controlled and positioned **set of sensors** with a correct measuring and control system that will provide high quality data sets.
- The **quality requirements** developed during the different **PASSYS** and **PASLINK** projects have been found to perform an optimal **full scale testing of a building component**.
- These results are **also valid for any building component or building in its whole** that wants to be monitored since the focus is done in optimising the measuring and monitoring systems



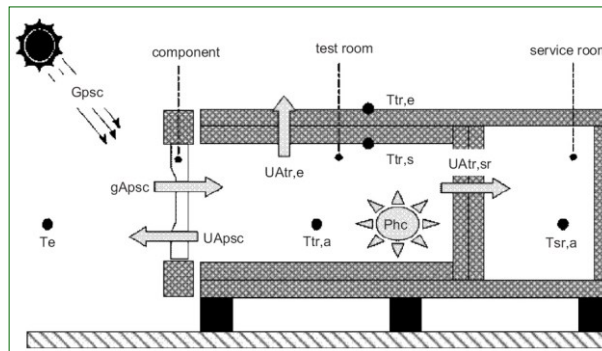
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## 6 – BUILDING COMPONENT: PASLINK METHOD



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To obtain reliable data sets for **dynamic data analysis** :

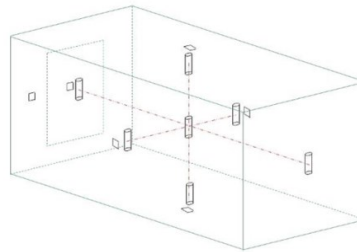
- Average temperature difference of about 20°C. 0.5°C accumulated error → 2.5%.
- Heating or cooling signals generated inside the test room must not be correlated to the exterior temperature → PRBS (Pseudo Random Binary Sequence) or ROLBS (Randomly Ordered Logarithmically Binary Sequence).
- Inner surface heat flux with accuracy must be better than a 5%: direct heat flux measurement vs. indirect measurement for semitransparent elements (HFS Tile method).

## 6 – BUILDING COMPONENT: PASLINK STANDARD SENSORS



### Internal air temperature measurements

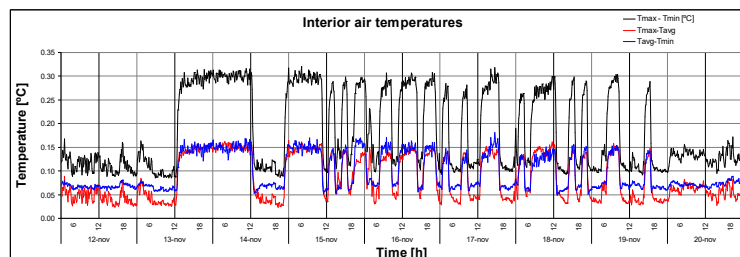
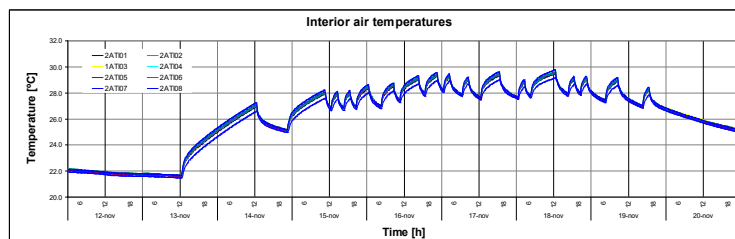
- Seven air temperature sensors (PT100) protected against radiation positioned as in figure with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1$  °C.
- The PASLINK network test requires the maximum differences of indoor air temperatures must be under 0.5 °C.
- Average of those seven sensors is used as the internal air temperature.



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### Internal air temperature measurements

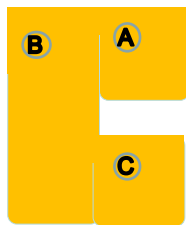


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### Considerations on temperature measurements: thermal equilibrium

- It is a matter of experience that when two objects are in thermal equilibrium with a third object, they are in thermal equilibrium with one another.
- This statement is called the **Zeroth law of thermodynamics** and is tacitly assumed in every measurement of temperature.



A thermal equilibrium B  
B thermal equilibrium C } A thermal equilibrium C

## 6 – BUILDING COMPONENT: PASLINK METHOD



### Considerations on temperature measurements: THERMOCOUPLES

The main advantages of the thermocouples are:

- Low cost
- No moving parts (less likely to break)
- Wide range of temperatures
- Reasonably short response time
- Repeatability and acceptable accuracies
- Fairly linear response

The main disadvantages of the thermocouples are:

- The sensitivity is quite low, generally  $50\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$  or less
- Generally the accuracy is not greater than  $0.5^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Requires a reference temperature.

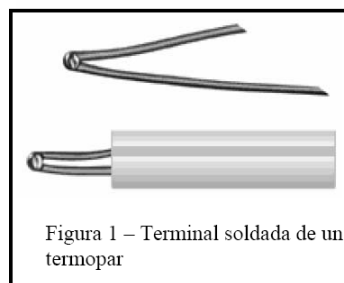


Figura 1 – Terminal soldada de un termopar

The theoretical answer for a K type of thermocouples is given by the following expression:

$$E = \sum_{i=0}^9 c_i \cdot t^i + a_0 \cdot e^{a_1 \cdot (t - a_2)^2}$$

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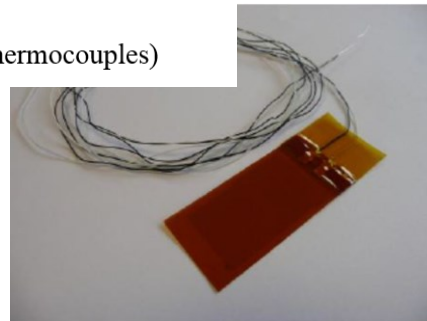
### Considerations on temperature measurements: THERMORESISTANCE

The main advantages of the thermoresistances are:

- Accuracy
- Sensitivity

The main disadvantages of the thermoresistances are:

- Fragility
- Price (more expensive than thermocouples)

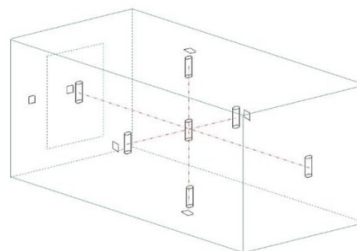


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### Internal surface temperature measurements

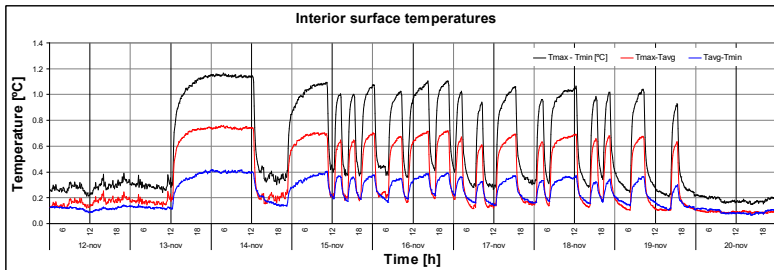
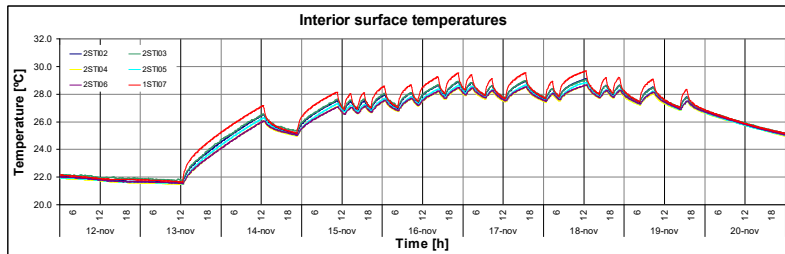
- Seven surface temperature sensors (PT100) with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1$  °C.
- The maximum deviation between sensors is reduced to around 0.5°C.
- This permits to work with a single value of surface temperature inside the test room, obtained by averaging.



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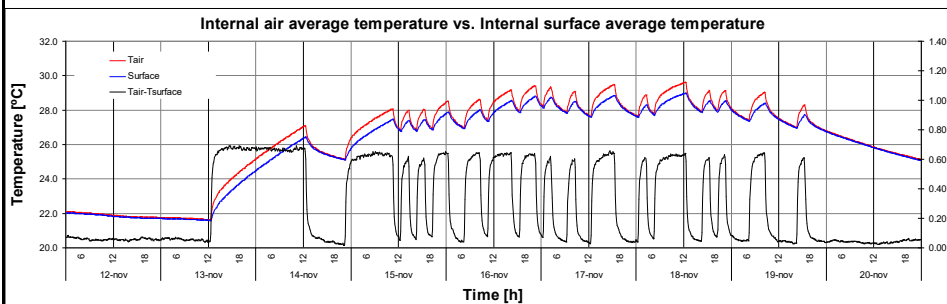
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### Internal air and surface temperature measurements





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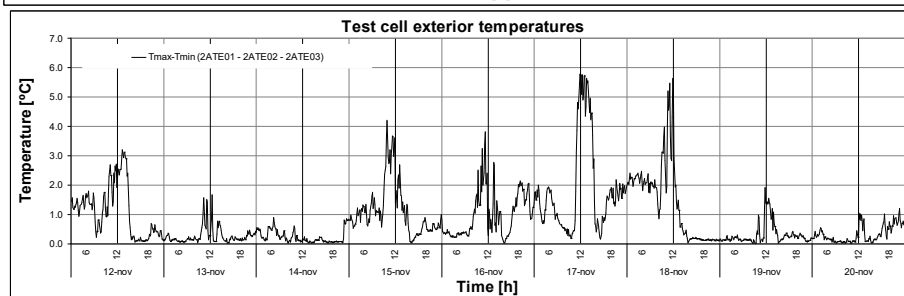
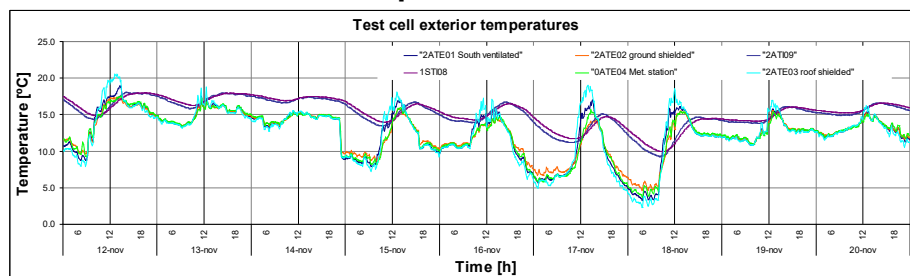
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### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

**PLANCK'S LAW:** The spectral blackbody emissive power:

$$E_{b\lambda}(\lambda, T) = \frac{C_1}{\lambda^5 [\exp(C_2/\lambda T) - 1]} [W / m^2 \mu m]$$

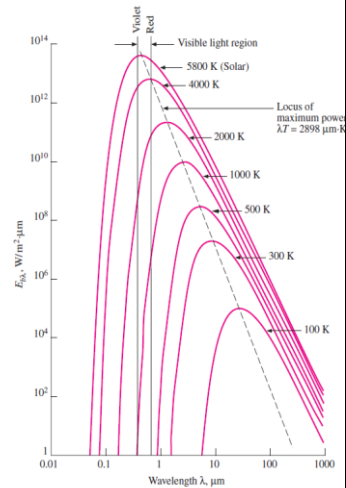
$$C_1 = 2 \pi h c_0^2 = 3.74177 \times 10^8 [W \mu m^4 / m^2]$$

$$C_2 = h c_0 / k = 1.43878 \times 10^4 [\mu m K]$$

$$k = 1.38065 \times 10^{-23} [J / K]$$

For other medium:  $C_1 = \frac{C_1}{n^2}$

n: Index of refraction

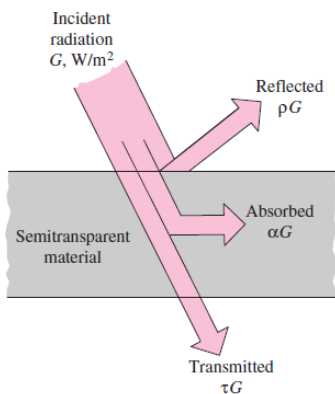


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### Solar radiation measurements - concepts



**Absorptivity:**  $\alpha = \frac{\text{Absorbed radiation}}{\text{Incident radiation}} = \frac{G_{abs}}{G}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

**Reflectivity:**  $\rho = \frac{\text{Reflected radiation}}{\text{Incident radiation}} = \frac{G_{ref}}{G}, \quad 0 \leq \rho \leq 1$

**Transmissivity:**  $\tau = \frac{\text{Transmitted radiation}}{\text{Incident radiation}} = \frac{G_{tr}}{G}, \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1$

$$G_{abs} + G_{ref} + G_{tra} = G$$

$$\alpha + \rho + \tau = 1$$

Blackbody	Specular surface	Transparent surface	Opaque surface	Matt surface
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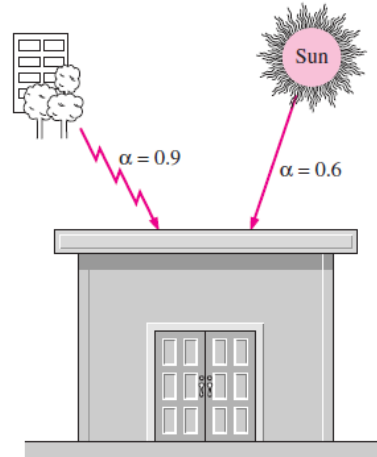
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### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

Comparison of the solar absorptivity  $\alpha_s$  of some surfaces with their emissivity  $\epsilon$  at room temperature

Surface	$\alpha_s$	$\epsilon$
Aluminum		
Polished	0.09	0.03
Anodized	0.14	0.84
Foil	0.15	0.05
Copper		
Polished	0.18	0.03
Tarnished	0.65	0.75
Stainless steel		
Polished	0.37	0.60
Dull	0.50	0.21
Plated metals		
Black nickel oxide	0.92	0.08
Black chrome	0.87	0.09
Concrete	0.60	0.88
White marble	0.46	0.95
Red brick	0.63	0.93
Asphalt	0.90	0.90
Black paint	0.97	0.97
White paint	0.14	0.93
Snow	0.28	0.97
Human skin (caucasian)	0.62	0.97



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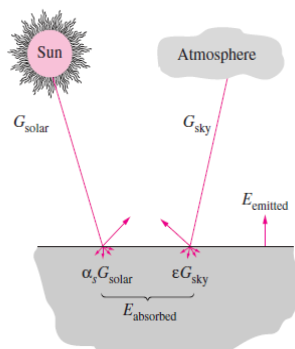


### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

#### ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION

H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>: emission at  $\lambda = 5-8 \mu\text{m}$

Effective sky temperature ( $T_{sky}$ ): depending on atmospheric conditions 230-285 K



$$G_{sky} = \sigma T_{sky}^4 \quad [W / m^2]$$

Kirchhoff's law:  $\epsilon = \alpha$

$$E_{sky,abs} = \alpha G_{sky} = \alpha \sigma T_{sky}^4 = \epsilon \sigma T_{sky}^4 \quad [W / m^2]$$

$$q_{net,rad} = \sum E_{abs} - \sum E_{emitted}$$

$$q_{net,rad} = E_{solar,abs} + E_{sky,abs} - E_{emit}$$

$$q_{net,rad} = \alpha_s G_{solar} + \epsilon \sigma T_{sky}^4 - \epsilon \sigma T_s^4$$

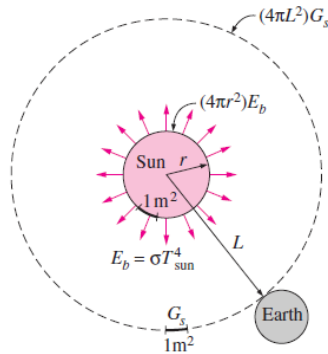
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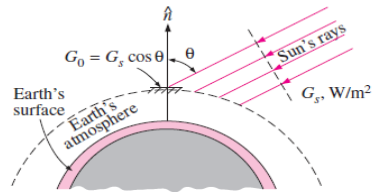


### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUN



$D = 1.39 \times 10^9 \text{ m}$   
 $L = 1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$  from the Earth  
 $E_{\text{sun}} = 3.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$   
 $E_{\text{reaching the earth}} = 1.7 \times 10^{17} \text{ W}$   
 $T_{\text{core}} = 40\,000\,000 \text{ K}$   
 $T_{\text{exterior}} = 5\,800 \text{ K}$



Total solar irradiance: solar energy reaching to the atmosphere  $G_s = 1373 \text{ W/m}^2$

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### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

#### ATMOSPHERE ABSORPTION

Solar radiation is attenuated when crossing the atmosphere

99% of the atmosphere is inside a distance of 30 km

$\text{O}_2$ : absorption  $\lambda = 0.76 \mu\text{m}$

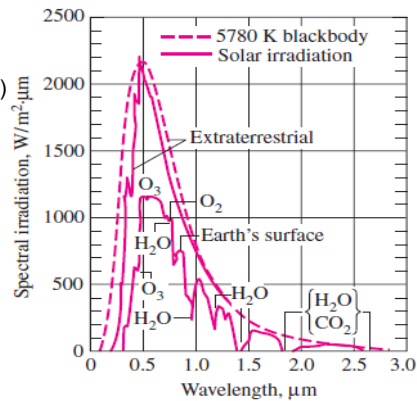
$\text{O}_3$  (ozone): absorption  $\lambda = 0.30 \mu\text{m}$  (ultraviolet region)

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ : absorption  $\lambda = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$  (infrared region)

Solar radiation incident over the **Earth surface**:

Solar radiation flux:  $950 \text{ W/m}^2$

Wavelength:  $0.3\text{-}2.5 \mu\text{m}$



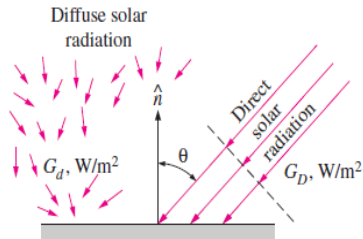
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### Solar radiation measurements - concepts

**Direct solar radiation  $G_D$ :** The part of solar radiation that reaches the earth's surface without being scattered or absorbed by the atmosphere.

**Diffuse solar radiation  $G_d$ :** The scattered radiation is assumed to reach the earth's surface uniformly from all directions.



$$G_{solar} = G_D \cos\theta + G_d \quad [W / m^2]$$

$\theta$ : angle of incidence



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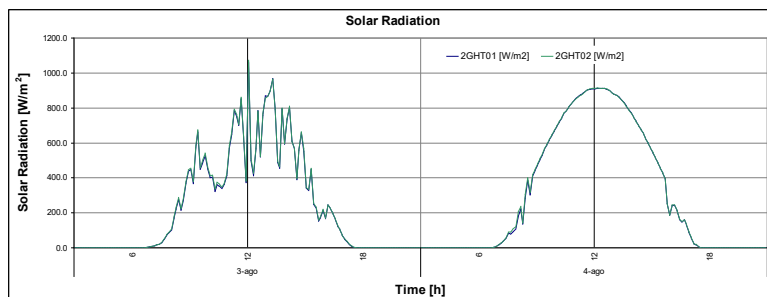
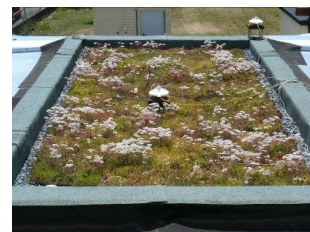
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### Solar radiation measurements

- Global solar radiation on the building component plane (**pyranometers** with a 3% accuracy) and the outdoors temperature are the most important environmental variables.
- Diffuse horizontal solar radiation (**pyranometers** 3% accuracy) and longwave radiation (**pyrgeometer** 5% accuracy) are also recommended although not used in some modelling approaches.



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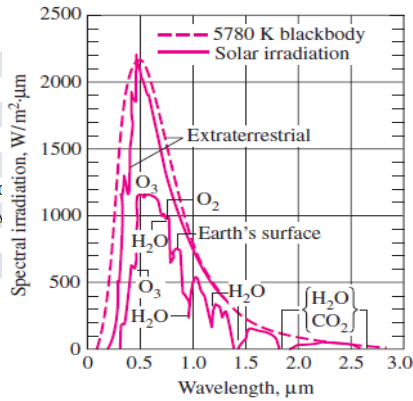


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#### Specifications

Spectral range (50% points)
Sensitivity
Response time
Zero offset A
Zero offset B
Directional response (up to 80° with 10°)
Temperature dependence of sensitivity
Operational temperature range
Maximum solar irradiance
Field of view



285 to 2800 nm
7 to 14 µV/W/m²
< 5 s
< 7 W/m²
< 2 W/m²
< 10 W/m²
< 1 %
-40 °C to +80 °C
4000 W/m²
180 °



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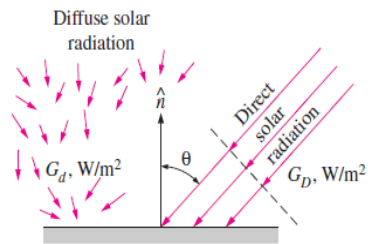
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## 6 – BUILDING COMPONENT: PASLINK METHOD



### Solar radiation measurements

- Diffuse horizontal solar radiation (3% accuracy).



$$G_{solar} = G_D \cos \theta + G_d \quad [W / m^2]$$

$\theta$ : angle of incidence



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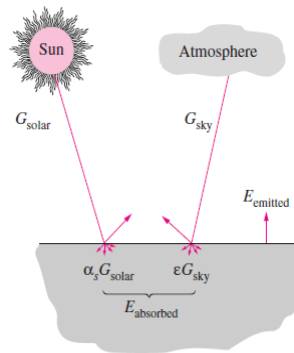
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### Solar radiation measurements

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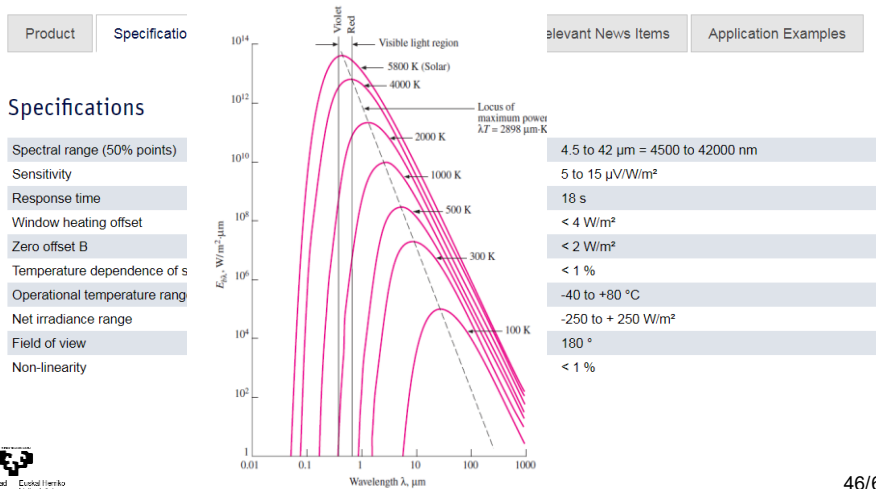
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### Solar radiation measurements

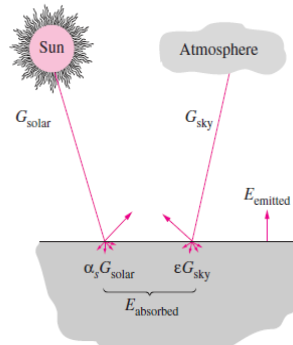
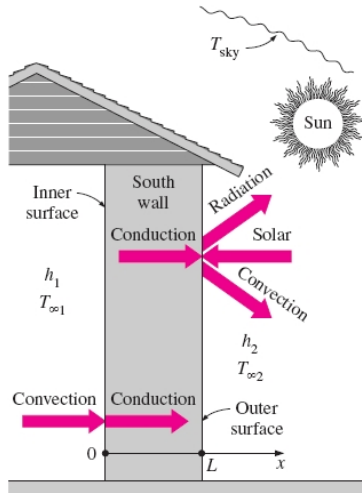
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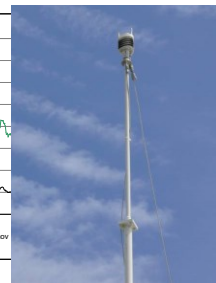
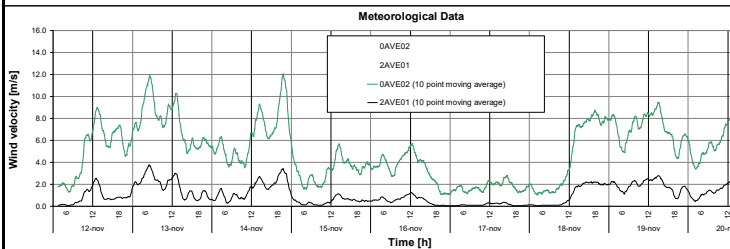
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### Other meteorological variables measurements

Name	Description	Accuracy
2AVE01	Anemometer. Wind velocity measurement in the same height of the sample.	± 1%
0AVE02	Anemometer. Measured in the VAISALA meteorological station 10 [m] height.	± 1%
2ADE01	Wind direction. Wind direction measurement in the same height of the sample.	± 10°
0ADE02	Wind direction. Measured in the VAISALA meteorological station 10 [m] height.	± 10°
ORHE01	Relative humidity of outdoors air. Measured in the VAISALA meteorological station 10 [m] height.	± 3%
0APE01	Atmospheric pressure. Measured in the VAISALA meteorological station 10 [m] height.	± 10 Pa
ORPE01	Rain precipitation. Measured in the VAISALA meteorological station 10 [m] height.	-



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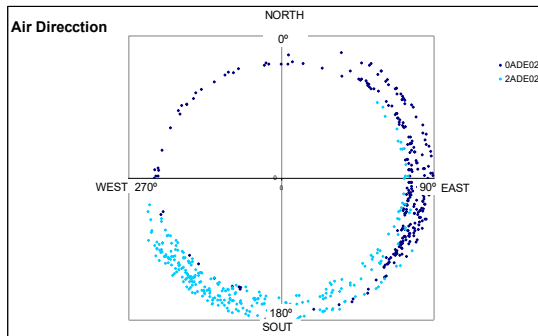
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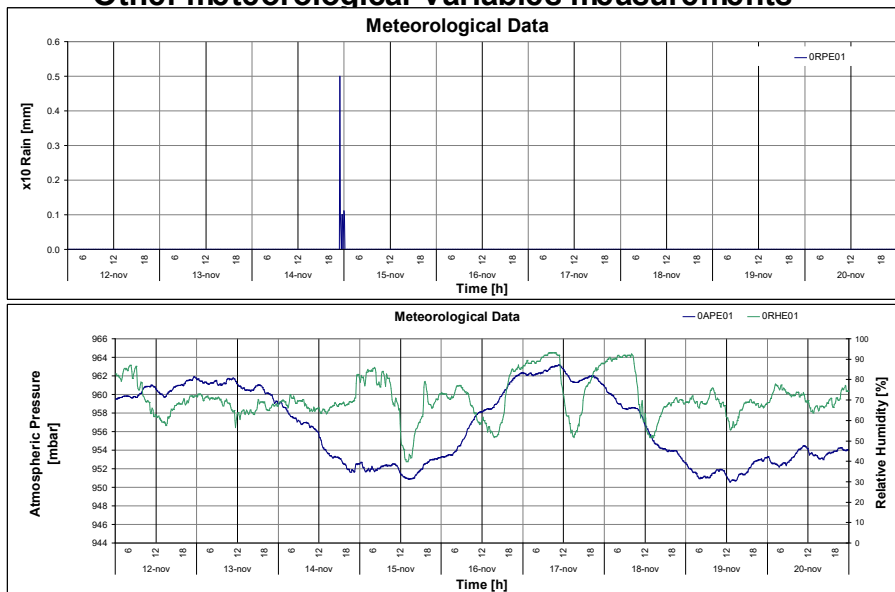
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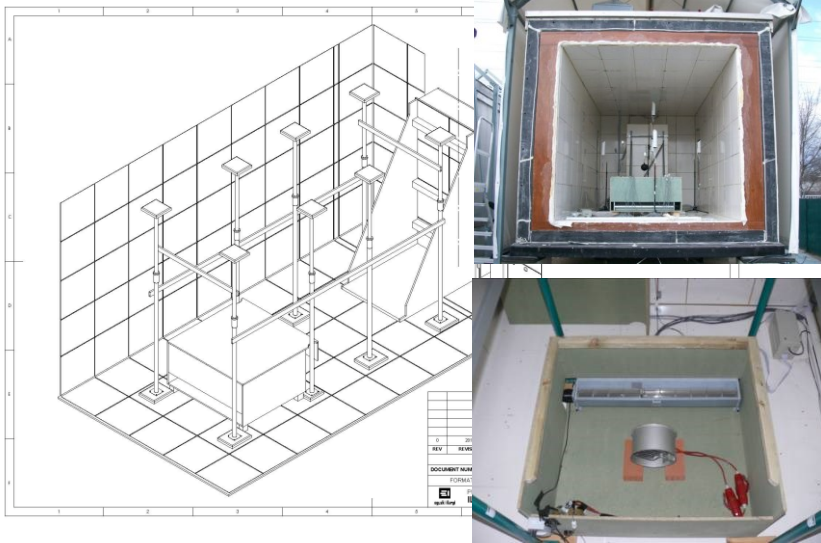
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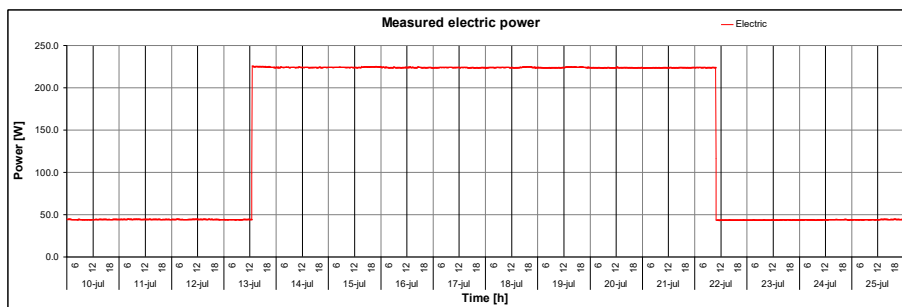
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HEAT FLUX SENSITIVE TILES (HFS TILES) AND POWER TRANSDUCER FOR HEAT BALANCE ON THE TEST ROOM - Power transducer: SINEAX model M562



Calibration: the maximum error is found to be 0.3 [W] (0.04%) when measuring 690 [W] while the maximum relative error is found when measuring 69 [W] with a 0.17 [W] absolute error making a 0.25%.



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HEAT FLUX SENSITIVE TILES (HFS TILES) AND POWER TRANSDUCER FOR HEAT BALANCE ON THE TEST ROOM - Design of the HFS Tiles arrangement



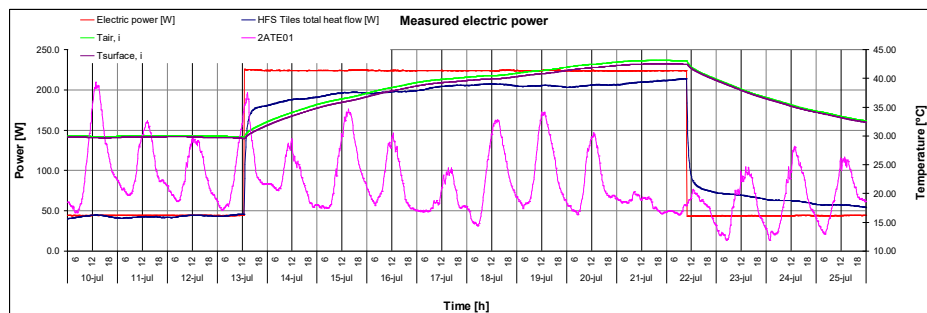
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TYPICAL SIGNALS USED FOR MODELLING PURPOSES



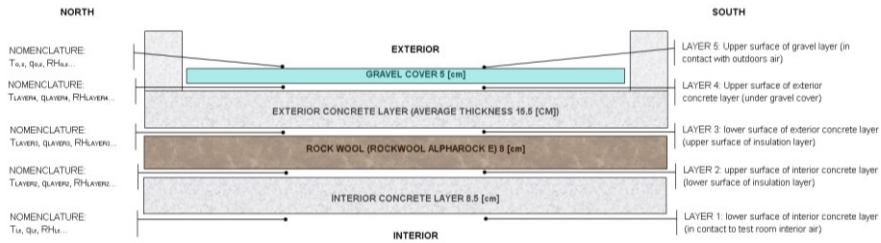
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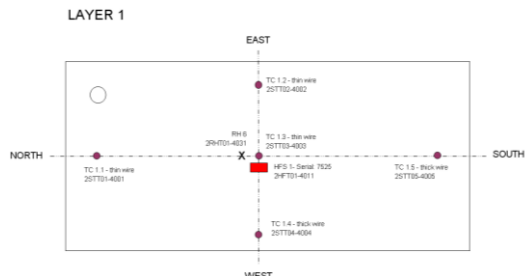
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### INSTRUMENTATION ON THE ROOF TEST SAMPLE COVERED BY GRAVEL



- Temperature sensor: TC (T type thermocouple) or PT100 (Platinum thermoresistance)
- Heat flux sensor
- X** Relative humidity sensor
- Π** Pyranometer

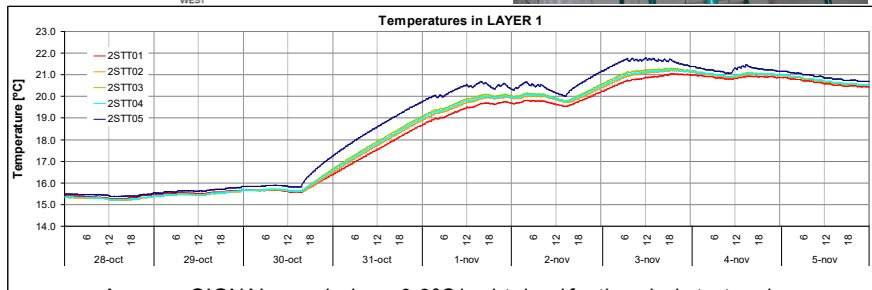
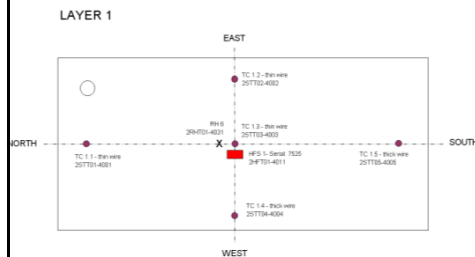


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### INSTRUMENTATION ON THE ROOF TEST SAMPLE COVERED BY GRAVEL



Average SIGNAL error below  $\pm 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  is obtained for the whole test and using the average of the four sensors without 2STT05 an average error below  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the whole test

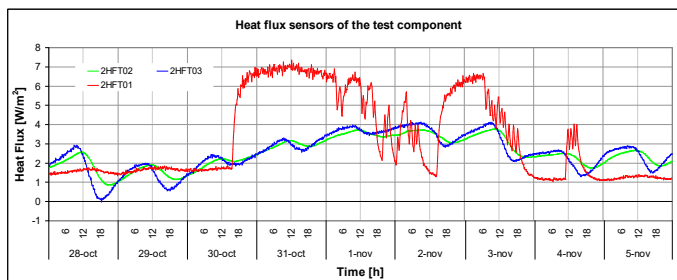
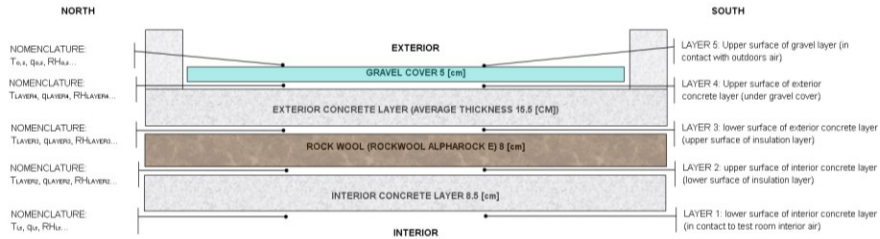
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### HEAT FLUX MEASUREMENTS IN DIFFERENT LAYERS



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- HP Agilent 34980A
- 5 multiplexer 34921A
- 1 control 34951A module
- “dayflies” where each sensor signal is recorded every minute



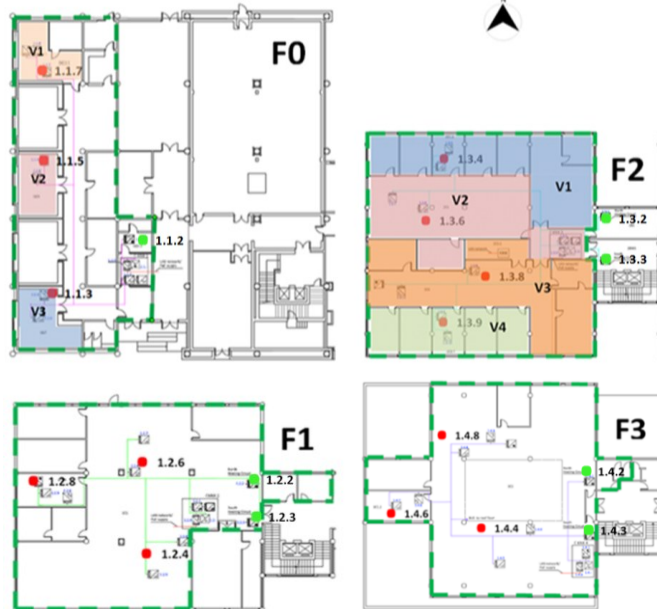
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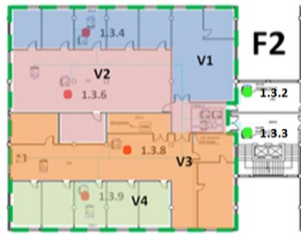
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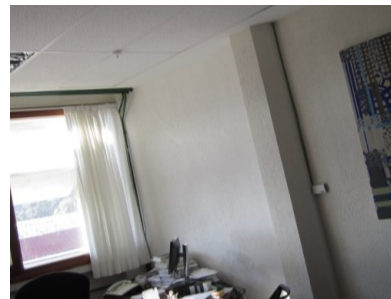
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	<p>SK04 -S8-CO2-TF</p>	<p>Plastic housing: 121 x 70 x 24 mm</p> <p>Measured temperature range: -10 .. +55 °C                  Measured humidity range: 10 .. 90% r.H.                  CO2 measuring range: 0 .. 5000 ppm</p> <p>On-wall mounting in dry indoor applications                  IP20</p>
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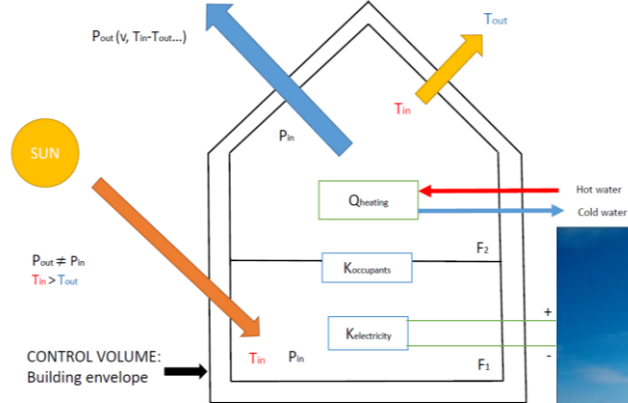


$$Q_{\text{ventilation}} = C_v(\text{vent}) (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) = \dot{V}_{\text{air(vent)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) [1-\eta] \text{ [kW]}$$

$$Q_{\text{filtration}} = C_v(\text{inf}) (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) = \dot{V}_{\text{air(inf)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) \text{ [kW]}$$

$$Q_{\text{inf-vent}} = \dot{V}_{\text{air(inf)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) + \dot{V}_{\text{air(vent)}} \rho_{\text{air}} C_{p\text{air}} (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}})(1-\eta) \text{ [kW]}$$

$$Q_{\text{transmission}} = UA (T_{\text{in}} - T_{\text{out}}) \text{ [kW]}$$





## 7 – MONITORING WHOLE BUILDINGS



### GENERAL CASE: VENTILATION WITH HEAT RECOVERY PLUS INFILTRATION

The percentage of heat recovered [-]

$$\eta = \frac{T_{sup} - T_{out}}{T_{in} - T_{out}}$$

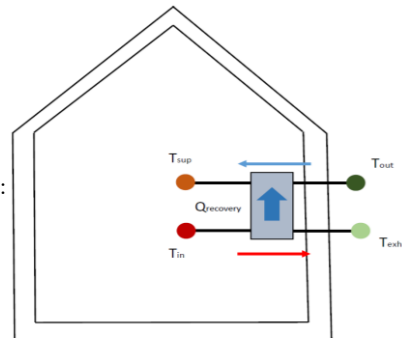
The heat exchanged inside the heat exchanger [kW]:

$$Q_{recovery} = \dot{V}_{air} \rho_{air} c p_{air} \cdot (T_{in} - T_{exh})$$

$$Q_{recovery} = \dot{V}_{air} \rho_{air} c p_{air} \cdot (T_{sup} - T_{out})$$

The heat that the ventilation system will require for the building's heating system [kW]

$$Q_{ventilation} = \dot{V}_{air(vent)} \rho_{air} c p_{air} \cdot (T_{in} - T_{sup})$$



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