

# Deep renovation and prefabricated solutions.

## The EU H2020 project 4RinEU



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### Specific challenges to tackle:

- Inefficiency of the building stock
- Few buildings under deep renovation
- Feasible business approach



### Needs:

- Comprehensive deep renovation packages
- Reduction of time and cost of renovation

### Expected impact:

- **60%** Net primary energy saving
- **15%** Cost reduction (compared with a typical renovation)
- **-50%** time for deep renovation

# The Consortium

## R&D

IT **eurac research** Applied Research Centres

NO  **SINTEF**

## DEMO OWNERS

NL  **WOONZORG NEDERLAND**

NO  **BOLIGBYGG**

ES  **Agència de l'Habitatge de Catalunya** Social housing agencies

## CONSULTANCY

IT  **adermalocatelli** Energy audit

ES  **acciona** Infraestructuras Construction company

IT  **REM SOLUTION** Research to market

ES  **AIGUASOL** Engineering companies

NL  **Trecodome**

## TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

DE  **gumpp & maier** Manufacturer - prefab timber facades

IT  **Thermics** Manufacturer - H&C + RES

UK  **IES** Software developer

**Start date:** 1 October 2016 - **Duration:** 48 months

# Project overview

**Fact: we are far from the targeted 3% EU building stock renovation**



**4RinEU PILLARS** →



**TO ACCURATELY UNDERSTAND THE  
RENOVATION POTENTIALS**

**TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND  
PARTICIPATED DESIGN**

**TO REDUCE CONSTRUCTION TIME  
AND FAILURES**



**TO ENHANCE THE LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE & TO  
IDENTIFY THE LEVEL OF RISKS**

**Impact: to increase efficiency of whole deep renovation process**

# 4RinEU technologies

TO REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND

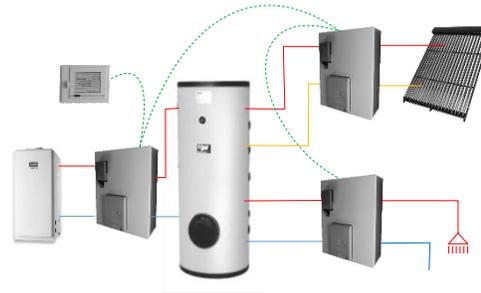


Prefabricated Multifunctional facade

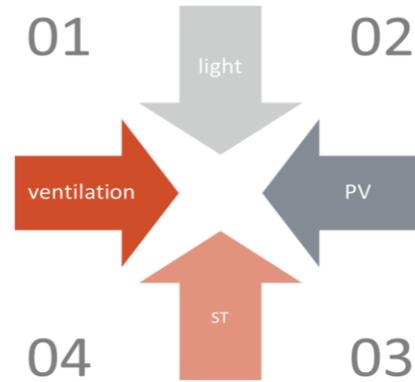


Comfort ceiling fan operation

TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

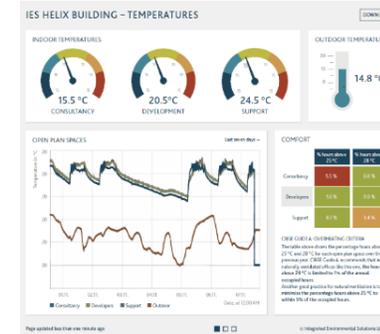


Plug&Play Energy Hub



Early Reno

TO IMPROVE OPERATION

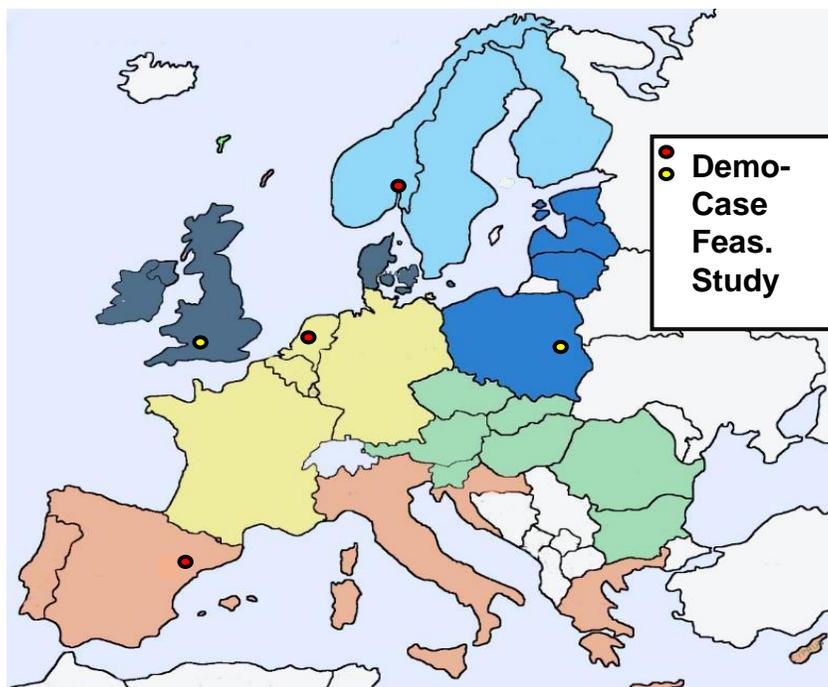


Sensible Data Handler



Component end of life

# 4RinEU implementation



Europe divided in 6 geoclusters

Different levels of implementation:

- 3 demo cases → whole renovation
- 3 Early adopter buildings → feasibility study

EARLY ADOPTER  
TEAM

Geo-Cluster	HDD	U* [W/m <sup>2</sup> K]	% SFH	% MFH	4RinEU Implementation
1. Northern	5445	0.27	62	38	Demo-Case - Norway
2. North-East	3958	0.22	51	49	Early Adopter Poland
3. Cont. West/Central	2758	0.31	67	33	Demo-Case - Nederlands
4. Atlantic	3022	0.27	84	16	Early Adopter - UK
5. Cont. East	2956	0.32	63	37	Hungary
6. Mediterr.	1363	0.85	52	48	Demo-Case - Spain

DEMO CASES

**HAUGERUDSENERET**  
Oslo - Norway

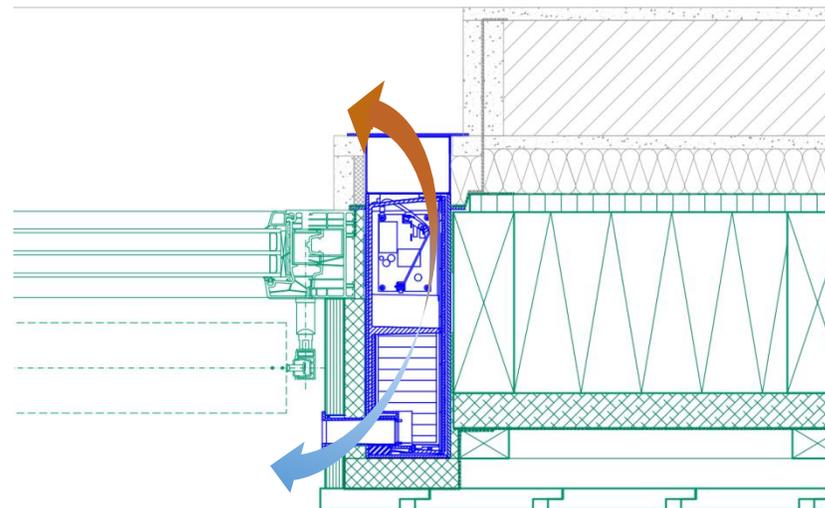


**MARIËNheuvël**  
Soest – The Netherlands



**Bellpuig**  
Spain





## Prefabricated multifunctional timber-frame façade

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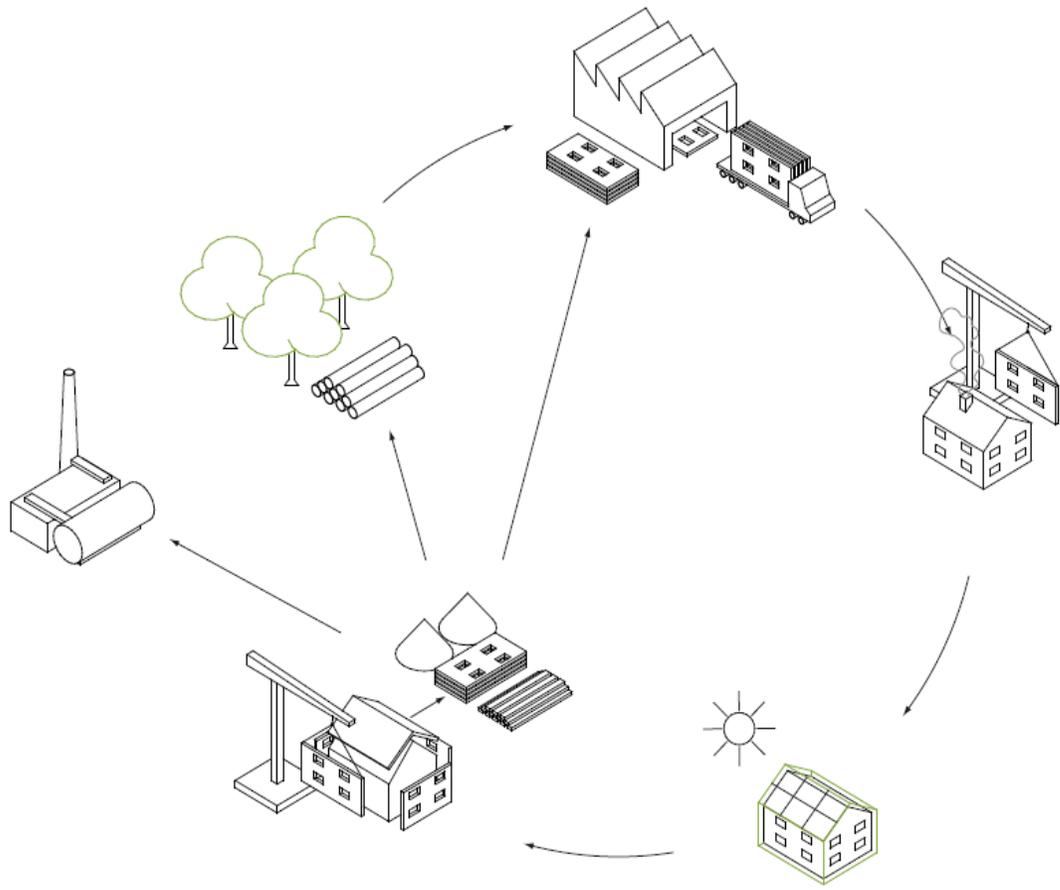
# Prefabricated facade elements for renovation

- **New building skin** – fits like a stamp to the existing façade openings
- More than mere thermal insulation
- Deep renovation approach **for buildings at the end of their lifetime**
- Reach state like **new built with new lifetime**
- **Maximize the level of prefabrication**
- **Minimize works on site** and disturbance of tenants



Pictures show renovation project in Grüntenstraße, Augsburg, Germany. Source: Gumpp & Maier GmbH

# Why WOOD?



**renewable** building material

**environment friendly** and consumes the **least amount of energy** when processed

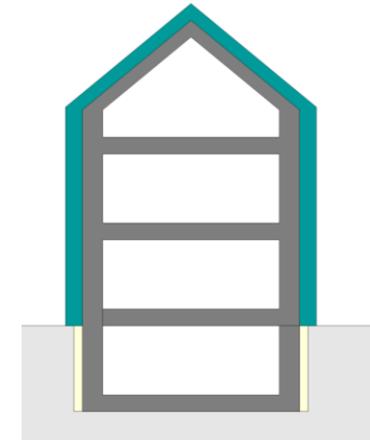
**stores up carbon** and has a very **low carbon footprint**

**high degree of prefabrication,** rapid installation on site

Excellent **earthquakes** and **fire resistances**

## Renovation ↔ Demolition and new building

- Demolition:
  - Additional costs, time effort and disturbance
  - Destruction of embedded grey energy
  - Emissions from demolition and new building
- Minimal renovation:
  - Low investment for the renovation, but
  - Short lifetime of ETICS, high maintenance costs
  - Poor aesthetical appearance outside and low comfort conditions inside
  - Low quality building services:
    - High lifetime costs: energy costs and maintenance costs
  - Disturbance of tenants



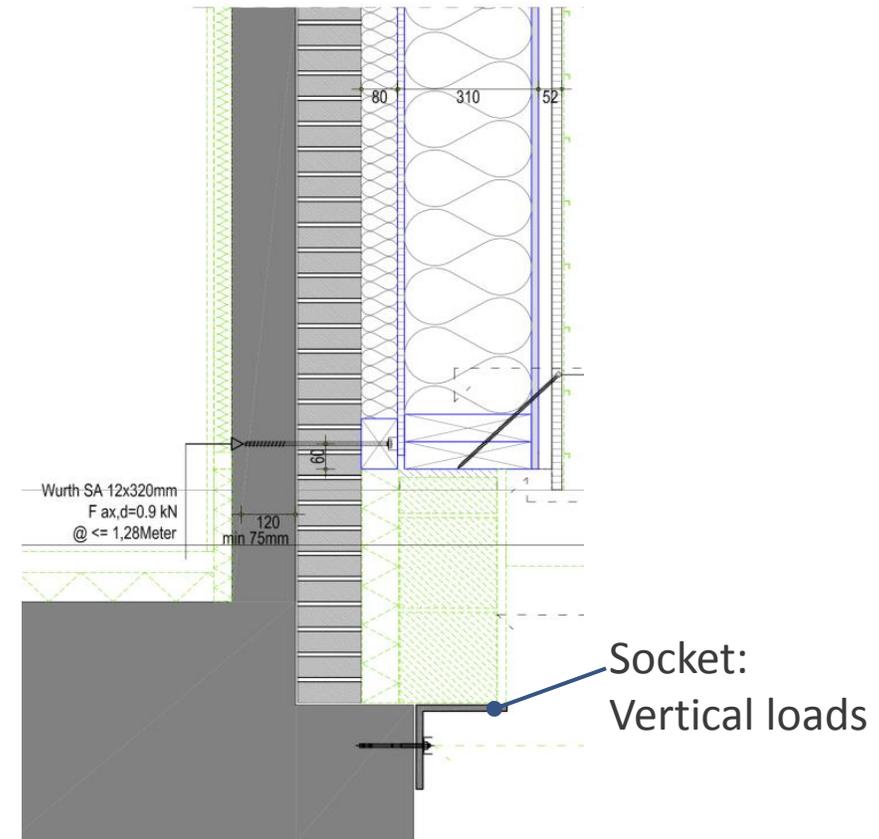
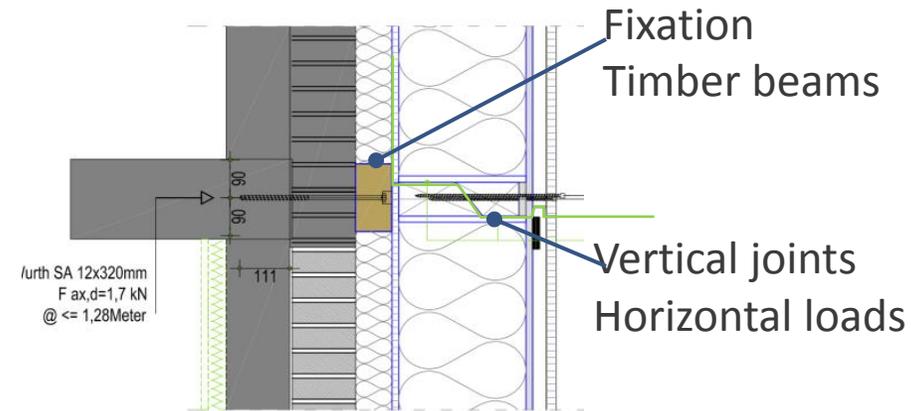
# Prefabricated retrofit module

- simple, **easy to apply**, ensure high quality
- **integrated solution** capable of including hot water, ventilation, heating and/or cooling ducts inside the module;
- Apply materials with high potential for **reuse/recycling** and incorporate materials with low embodied energy;
- **Low execution time**;
- Renewal or **improvement of windows**, modification of window openings;
- Reach state like **new built with new lifetime**



# Building system

- Solving the joints
- Design planning and developing all details prior to construction
- Example: Vertical element connection



## Transport and mounting

- Typical Element size: 1 storey in height, up to 12 m in length
- Scaffold: Mounted with a gap according to element thickness

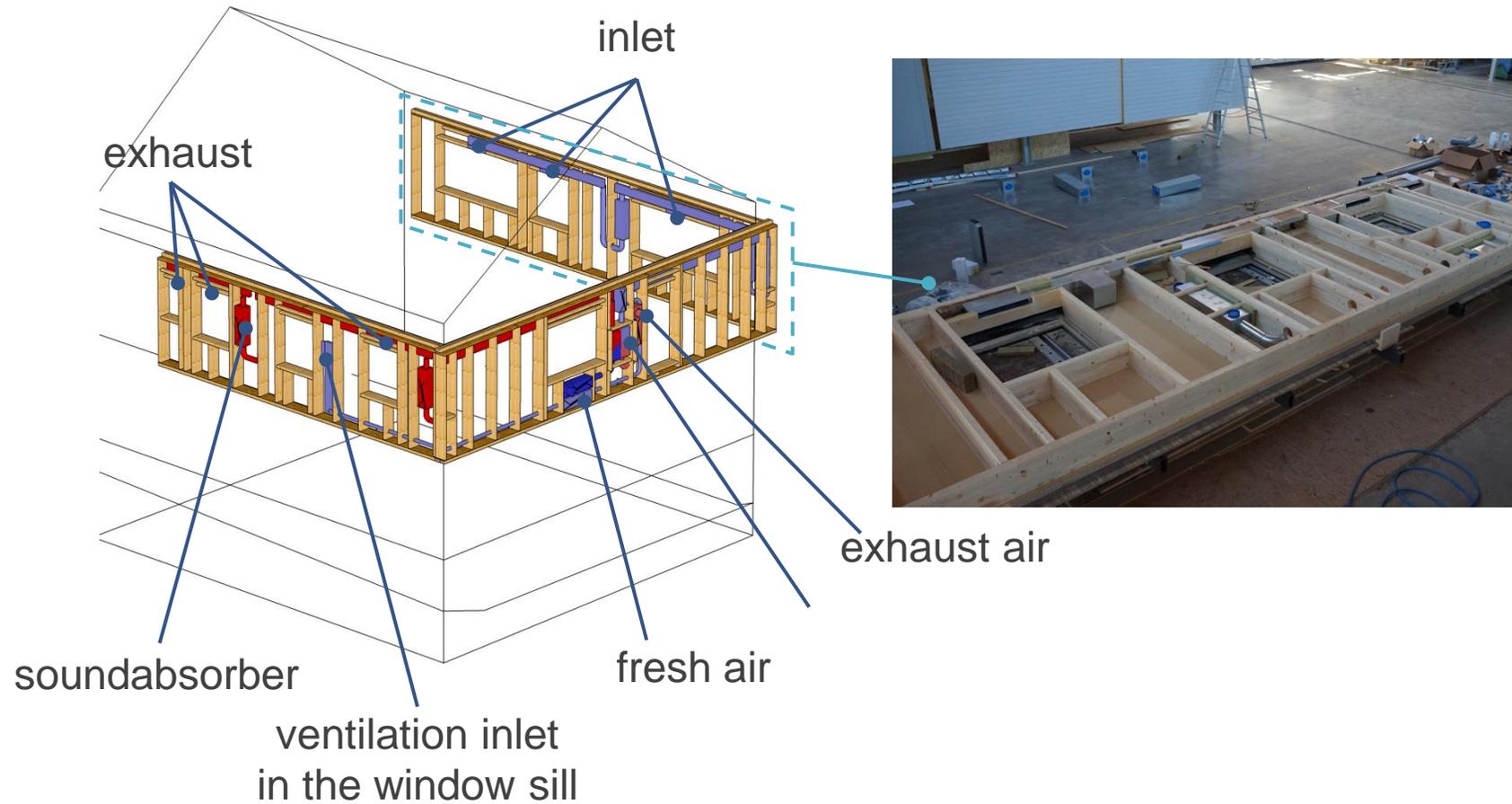


## Main functions of TPMF

- Minimisation of thermal **transmission losses**
- Improving the **airtightness**
- Using **mechanical ventilation** with an heat recovery system
- Exploiting the integration of **shading devices**
- Integrating **solar active components**
- **New windows**

## Ventilation integrated into the facade

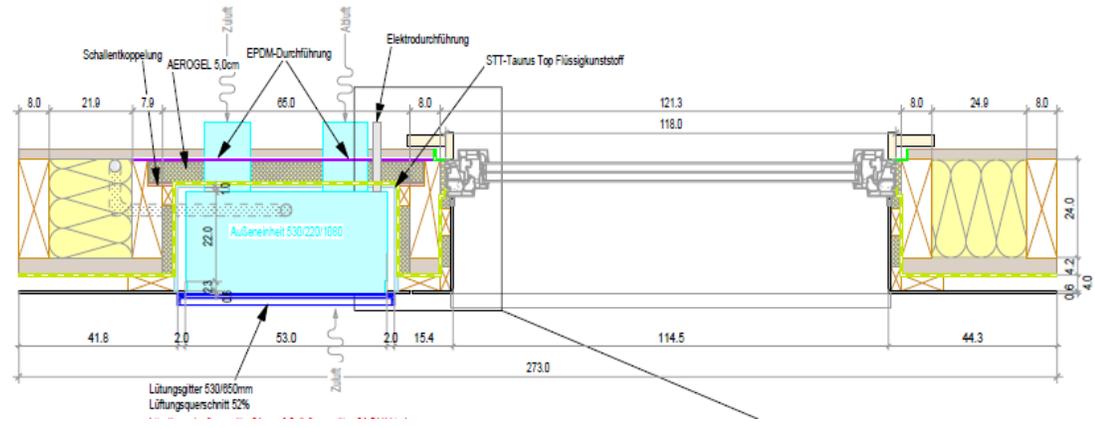
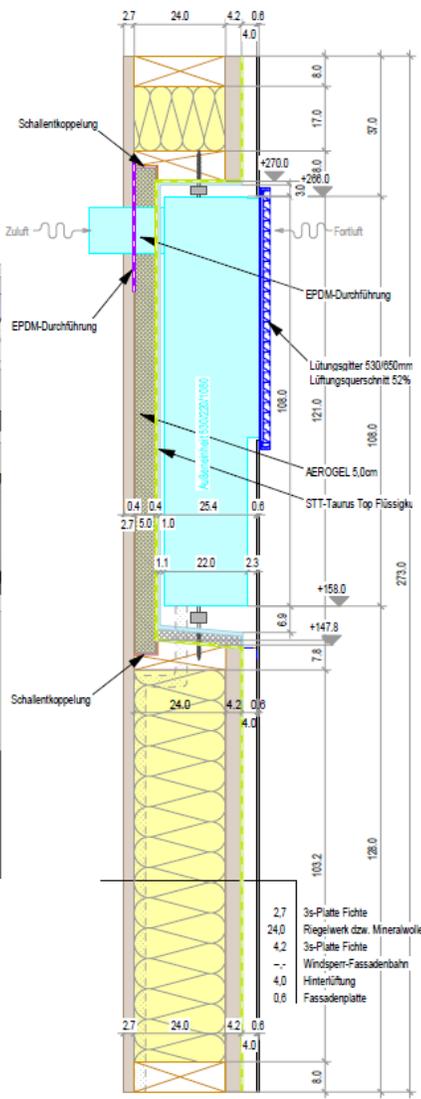
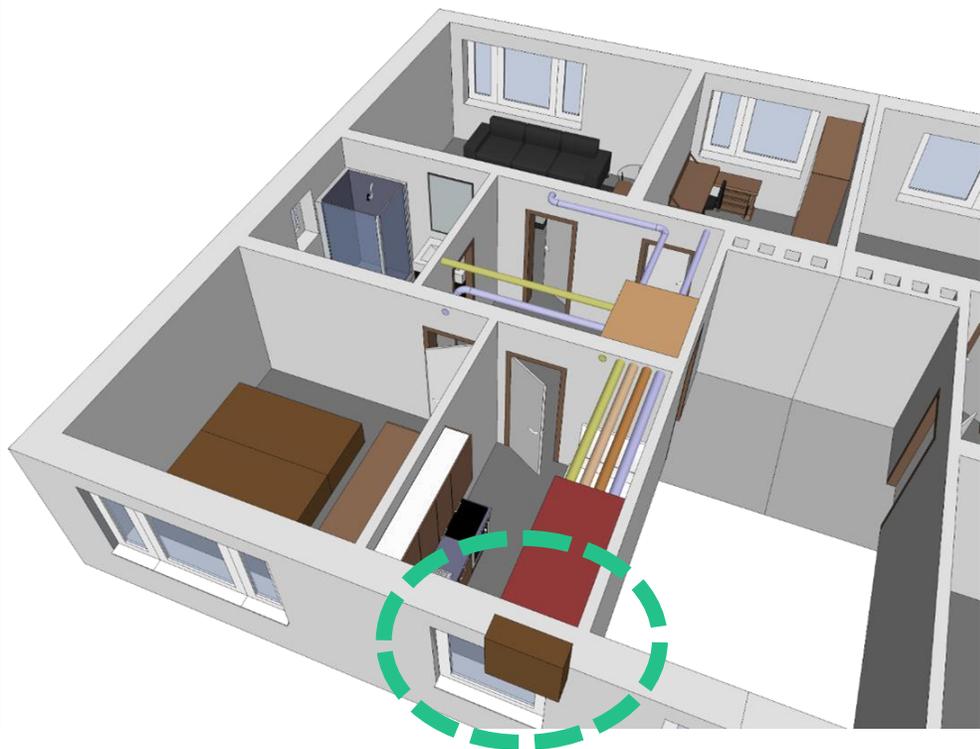
- Ventilation integrated into the façade
- Example: decentralized system per floor





# SaLüH!

Sanierungsansätze für Lüftung, Heizung und Warmwasser





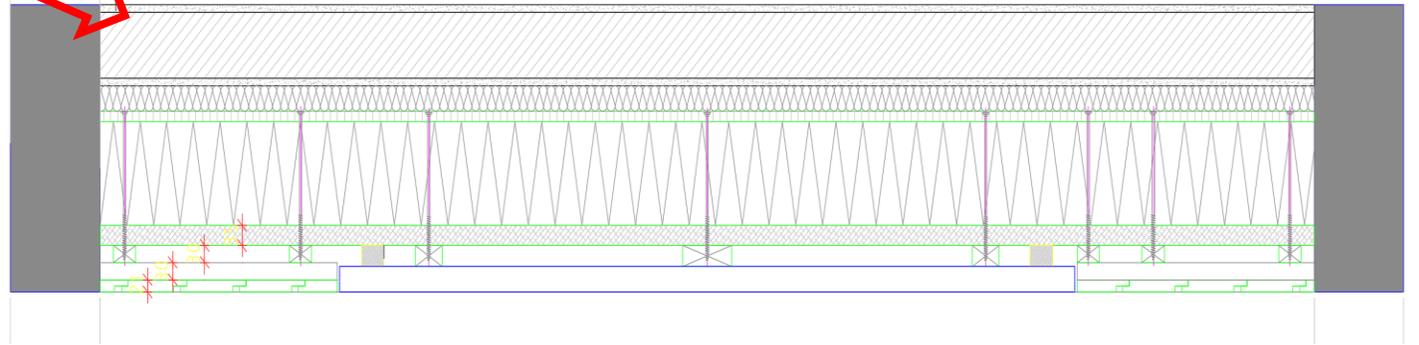
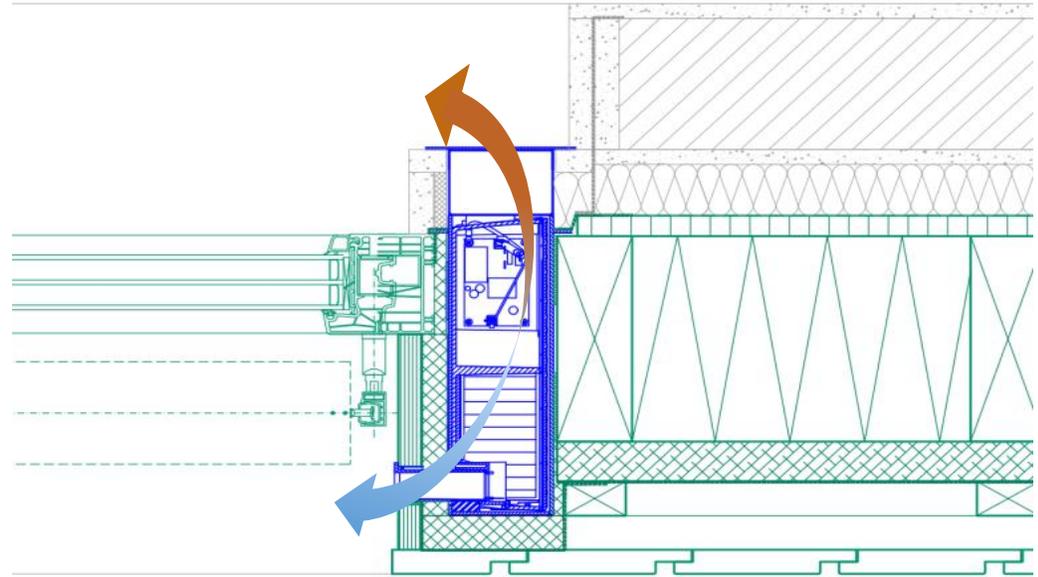
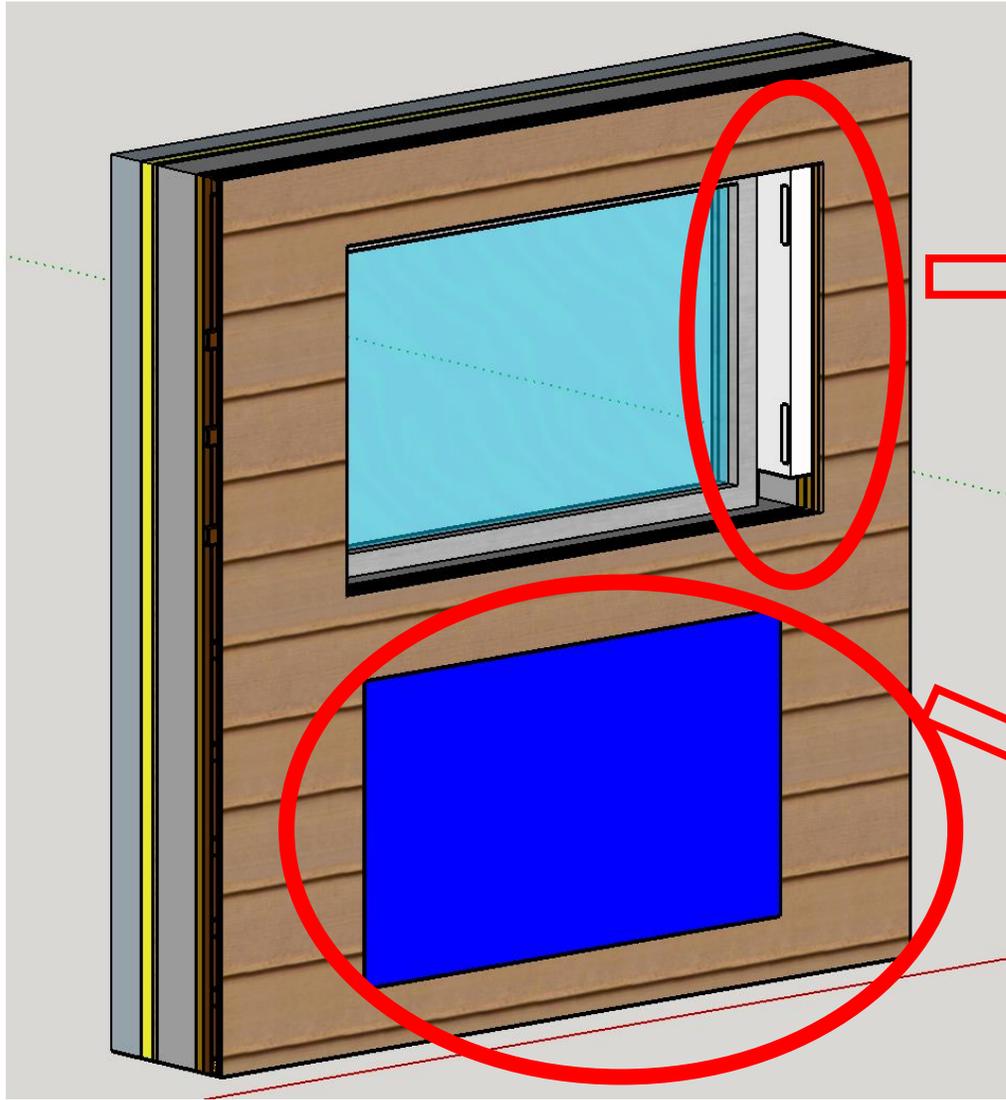
## Maximized level of prefabrication

Demonstration wall element developed within 4RinEU project

Prefabricate and transport elements with:

- Cladding
- Windows
- Sun shading
- Decentralized ventilation device with heat recovery
- Solar thermal panel already connected to water pipes





## MECHANICAL VENTILATION MACHINE



## WINDOW



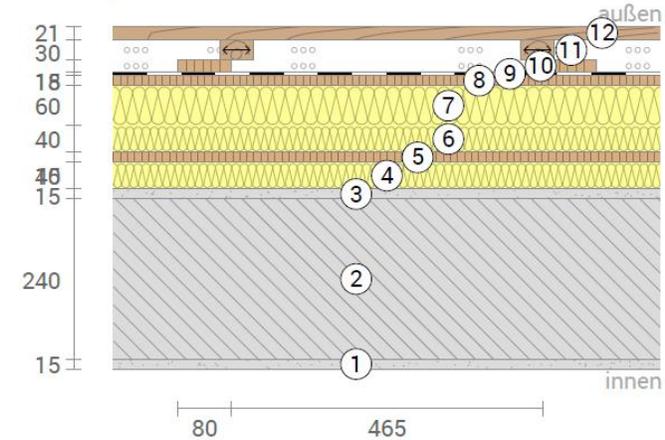
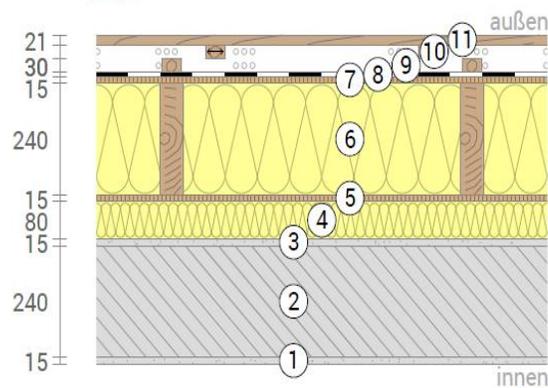
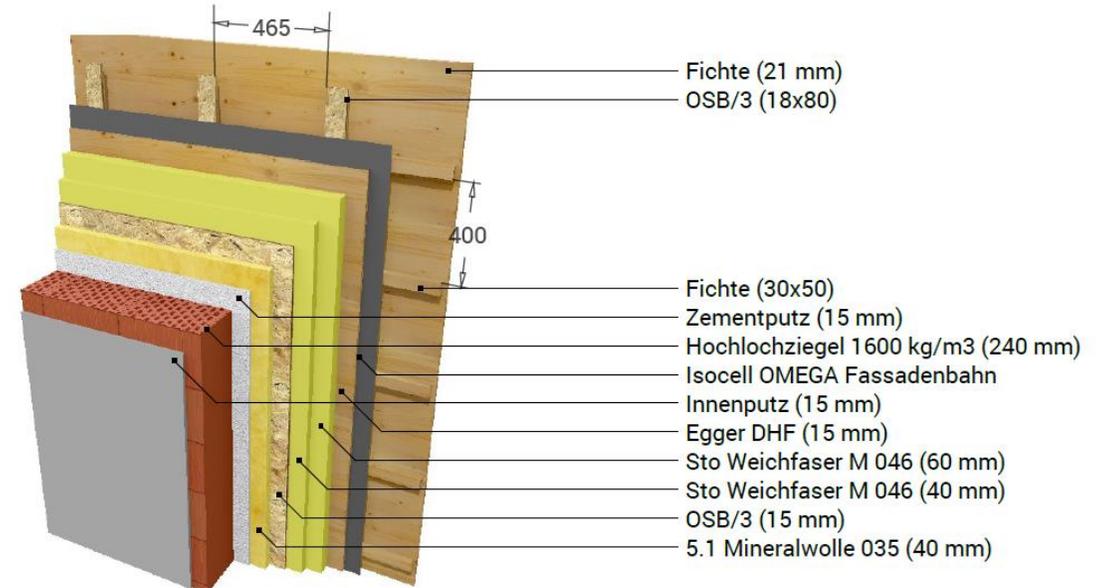
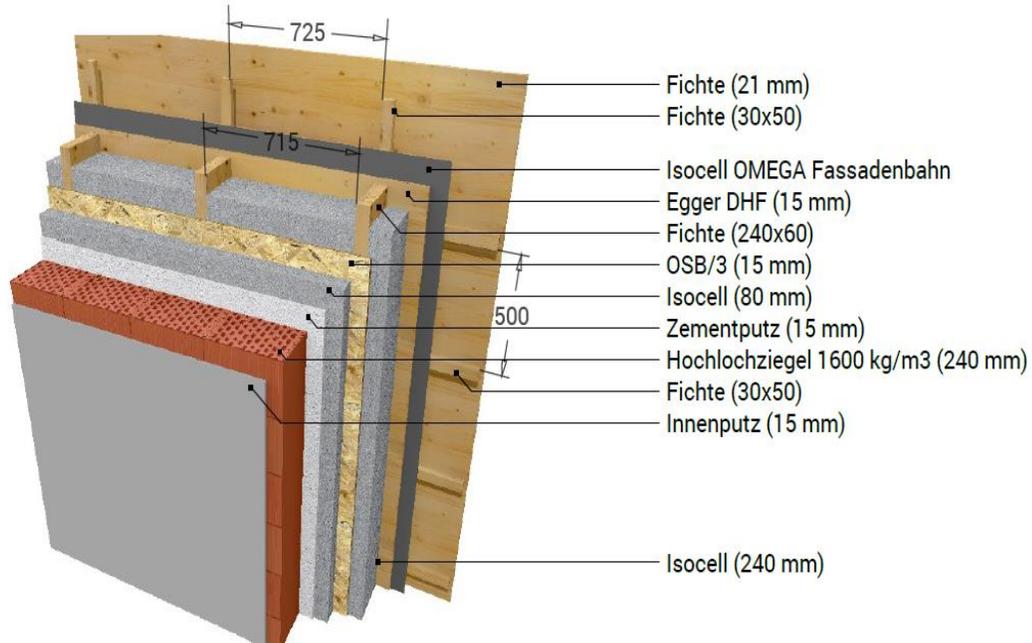
## SOLAR THERMAL PANEL



Cross flow mechanical ventilation machine with heat recovery (Thesan Aircare ES)  
→ 15 to 43 m<sup>3</sup>/h with 82 to 69 % HR

Thin solar thermal panel (Costruzioniisolari, PANDA super slim)  
→ 1.6m<sup>2</sup>, 43mm thickness, 90% absorptivity

## 2 PROTOTYPES TO BE COMPARED: DIFFERENT LAYOUT & COMPOSITIONS OF PREFABRICATED MODULE



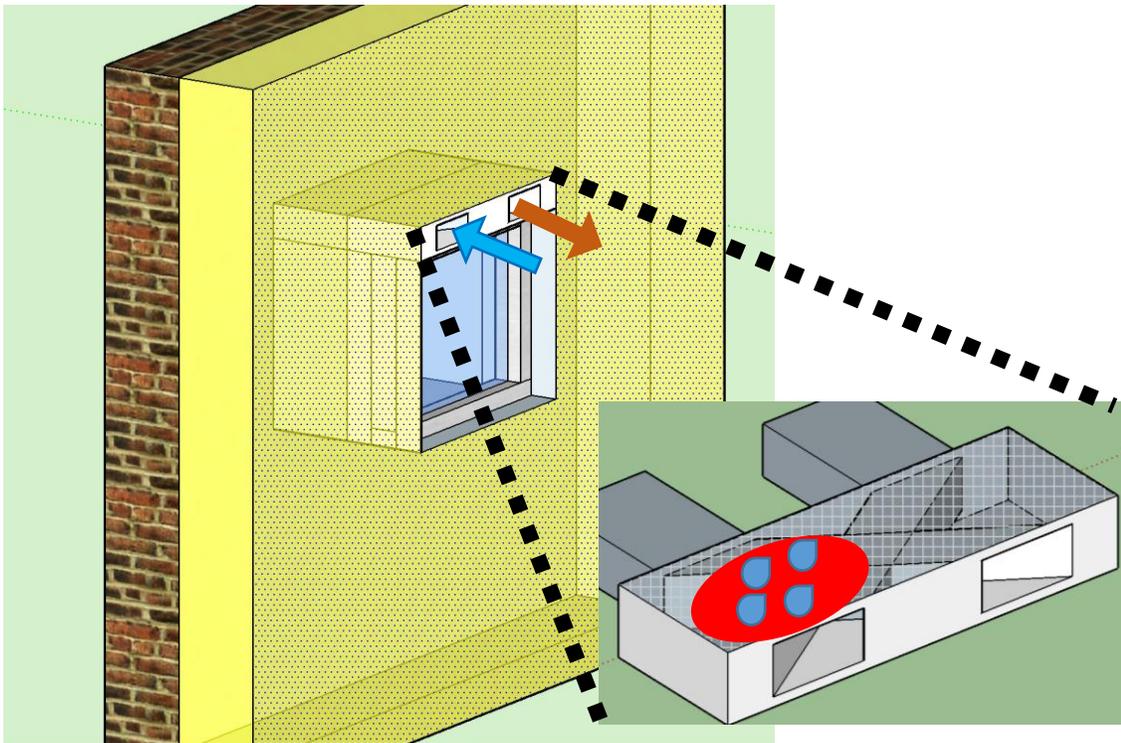
# PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HUMIDITY IN BUILDINGS

- **Comfort and human health**  
Respiratory problems and allergic reaction  
due to mold and spores  
*(Conditions for mold growth: surface RH >80%, Surface temperature >5°C)*
- Mechanical and performances  
**degradation** of materials
- **Aesthetic**  
**degradation**



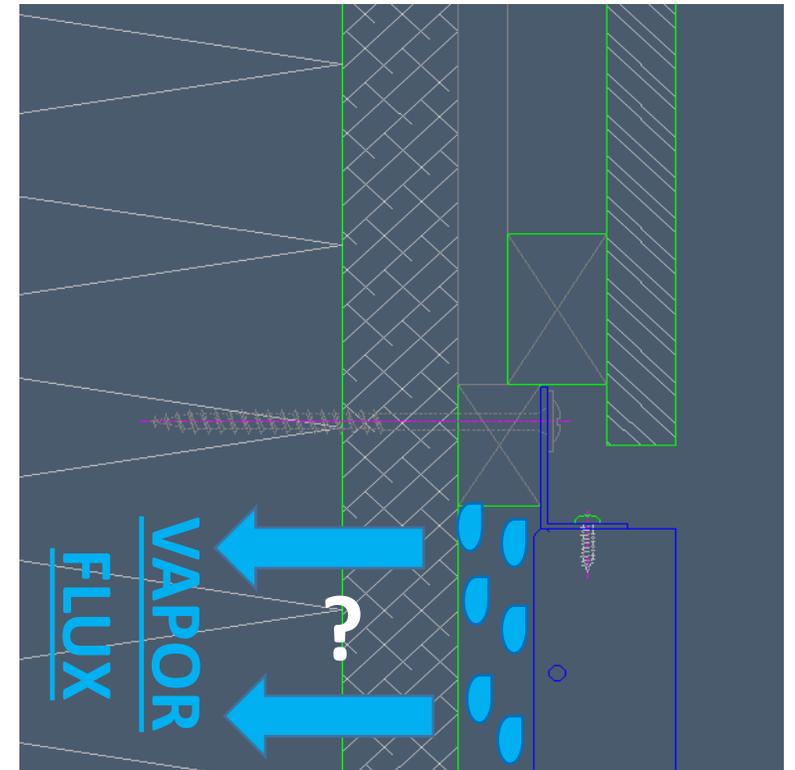
### Mechanical ventilation machine integration

- Hygrothermal analyses around the envelope of the machine → avoiding condensation at interface machine(cold inlet)/module insulation
- Thermal bridge at interface machine/window frame

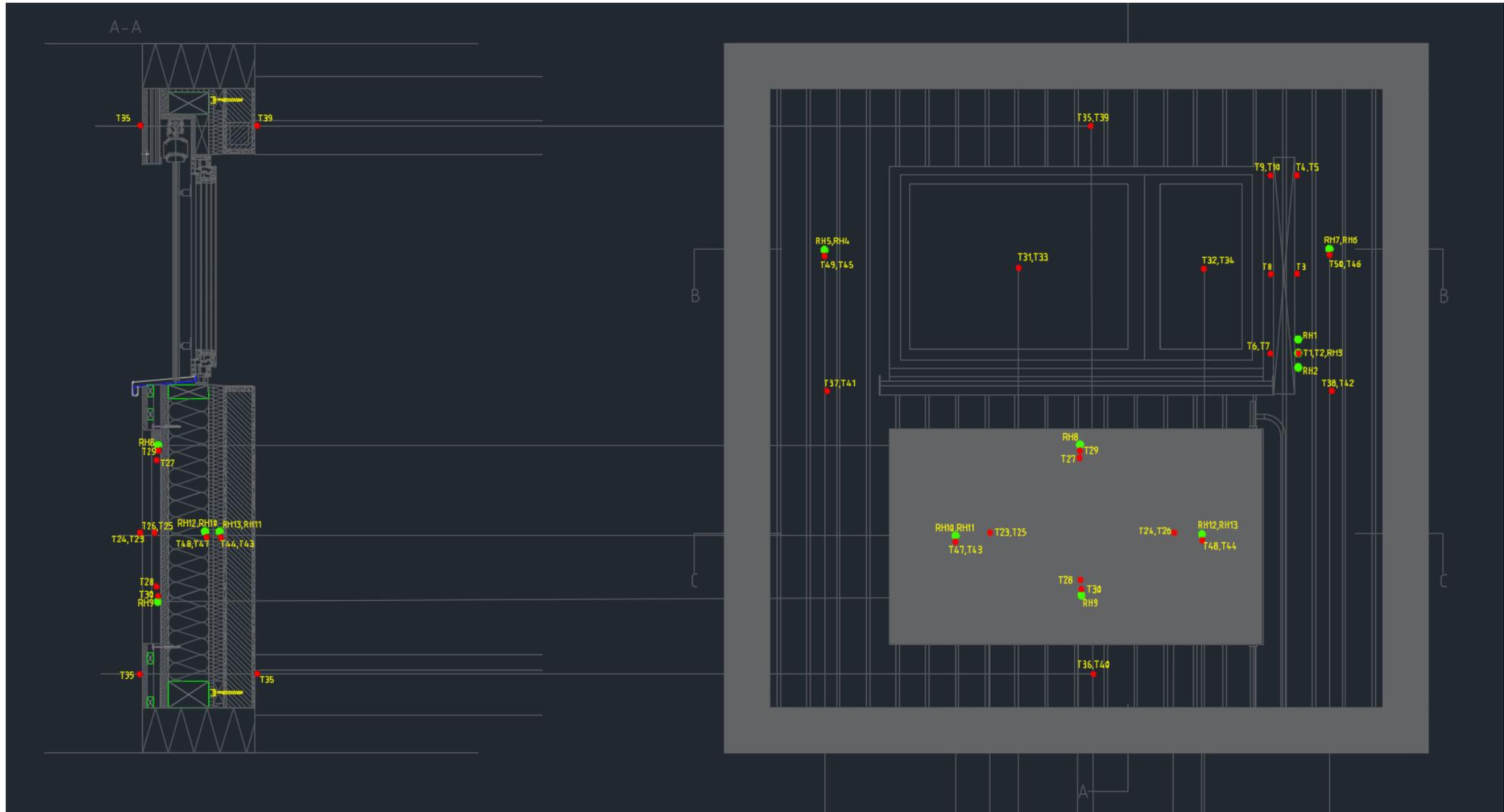


### Solar thermal panel integration

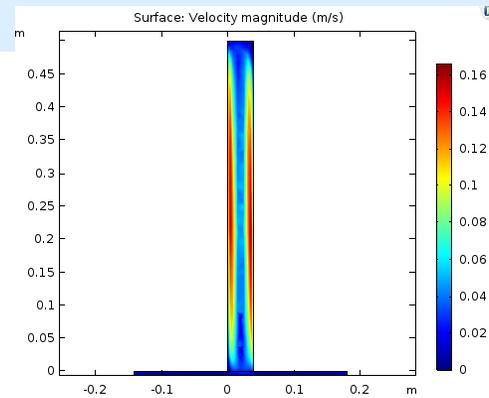
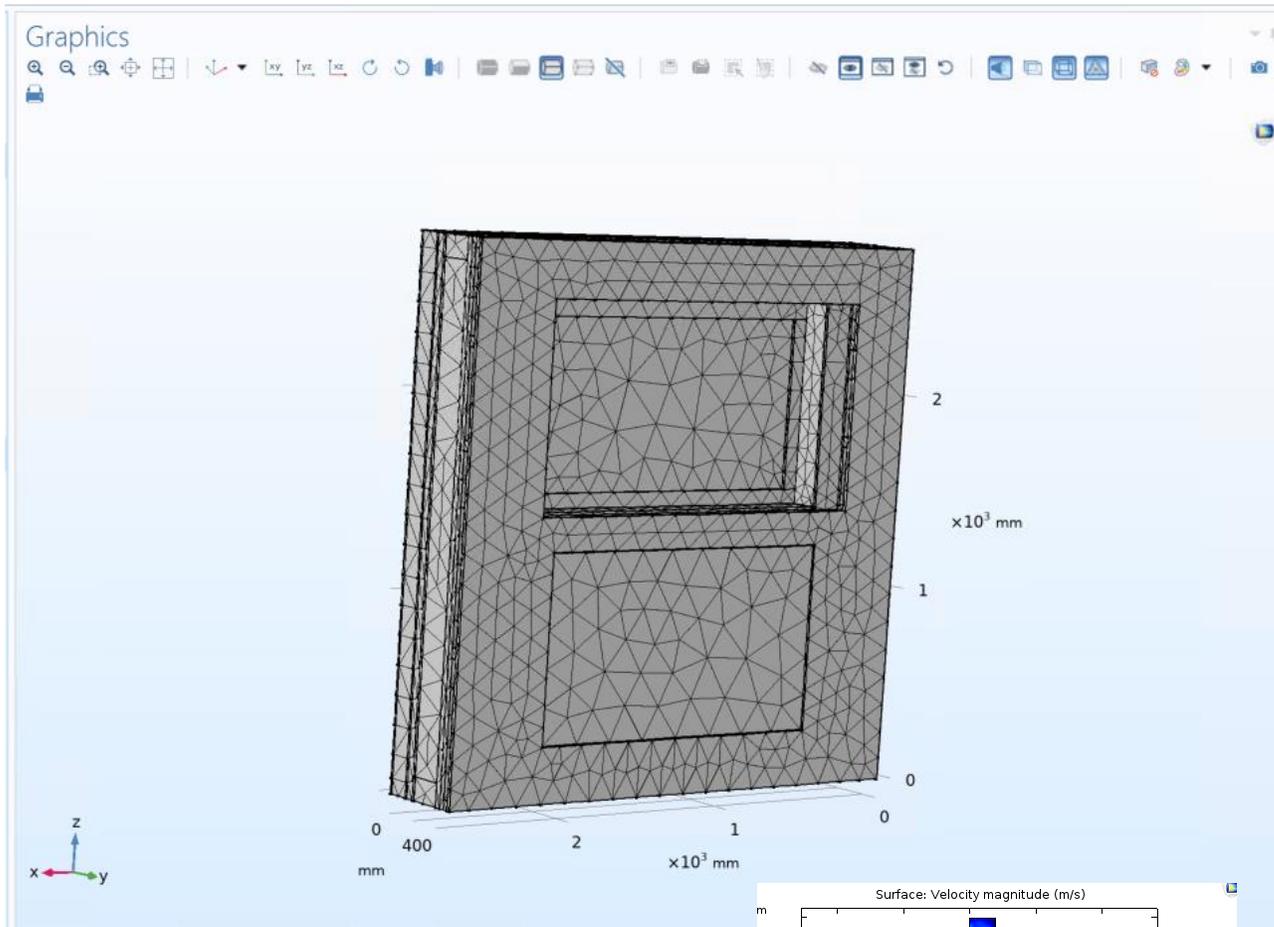
- Hygrothermal analyses of the cavity behind the ST panel → vapor transfer may occur from outside to inside



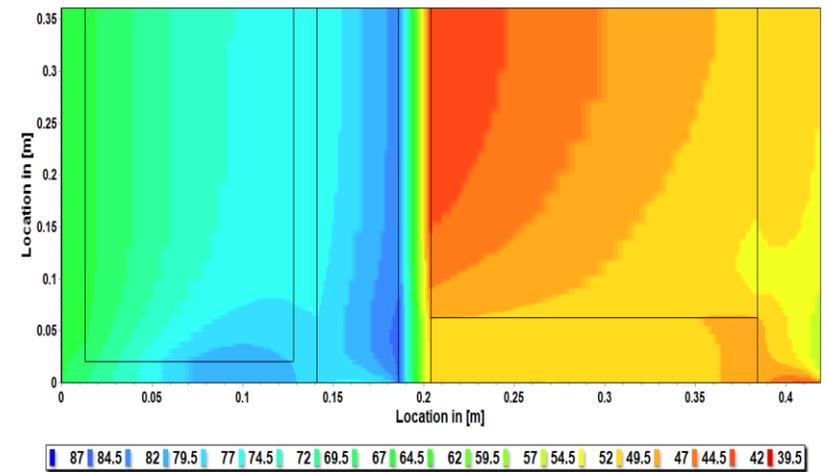
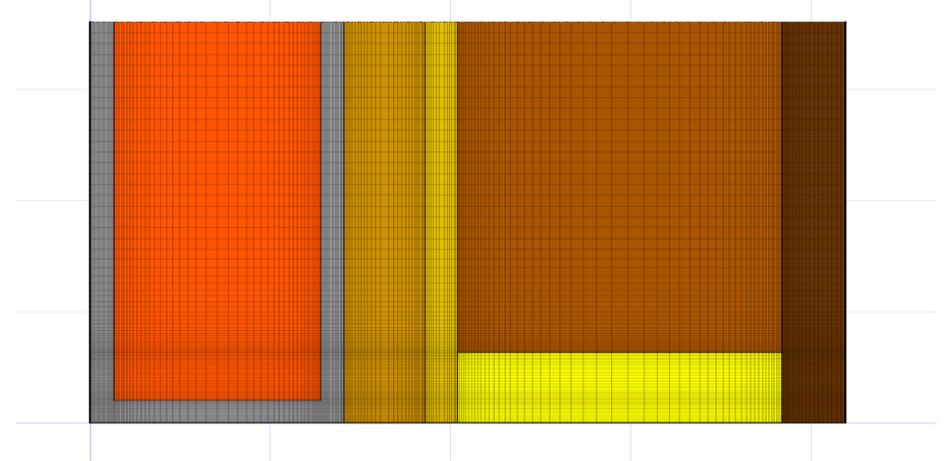
# TESTS AT EURAC LABORATORIES







## VENTILATION MACHINE/FACADE INTERACTION



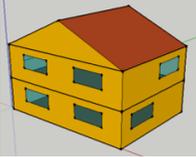
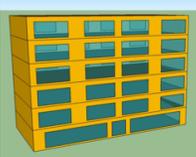
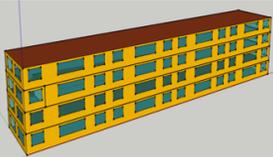
# SIMULATION ACTIVITY ON BUILDING LEVEL



## APPLYING & EVALUATING PERFORMANCES OF THE RENOVATION PACKAGES

### OUTPUT:

- ENERGY
- ENVIRONMENT
- COMFORT

Geo-cluster Geometry	Building characteristics
	Archetype: TERRACED HOUSE (TH) Reference floor area: 88 m <sup>2</sup> Floor Height: 2.8 m
	Archetype: SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE (SFH) Reference Floor Area: 228 m <sup>2</sup> Floor Height: 2.5 m
	Archetype: APARTMENT BLOCK (AB) Reference Floor Area: 1330 m <sup>2</sup> Floor Height: 2.6 m
	Archetype: MULTIFAMILY HOUSE (MFH) Reference Floor Area: 3456 m <sup>2</sup> Floor Height: 2.8 m

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PARAMETER	Involved controls/technologies	RESULTING COMBINATIONS
RETROFIT CONDITION	Shading control, infiltration control, traditional heating system efficiency, cooling system operability	1
TRADITIONAL HEATING SYSTEM	Heating performed by a traditional system	2
HEAT PUMP HEATING SYSTEM	Heating performed by an heat pump	
NO MECHANICAL VENTILATION	No mechanical ventilation is used	3
DECENTRALIZED VENTILATION MACHINE	Mechanical ventilation provided by a decentralized system	
CENTRALIZED VENTILATION MACHINE	Mechanical ventilation provided by a centralized system	
PV INTEGRATED	PV panels presence within the building	2
CEILING FAN & COOLING SYSTEM	Ceiling fan presence within the building (different working combinations)	3
RETROFIT WALL TYPOLOGY	Two different layouts of the prefabricated panel performing the retrofit of the envelope	2
WINDOW TYPOLOGY	Two different new window typologies to be installed in the building	2
INFILTRATION	Takin into account infiltration effect	2
<b>TOT =</b>		<b>288 + 1 (existing case)</b>

# DEMO CASE: Oslo - Norway



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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_Pf-mg1fkl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_Pf-mg1fkl)

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