

# HYBRIDGEOTABS PASSIVE COOLING WITH CCA AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

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**HVAC CONCEPT**

**DEMONSTRATION BUILDINGS**

**DESIGN TOOLS**



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# hybridGEOTABS concept





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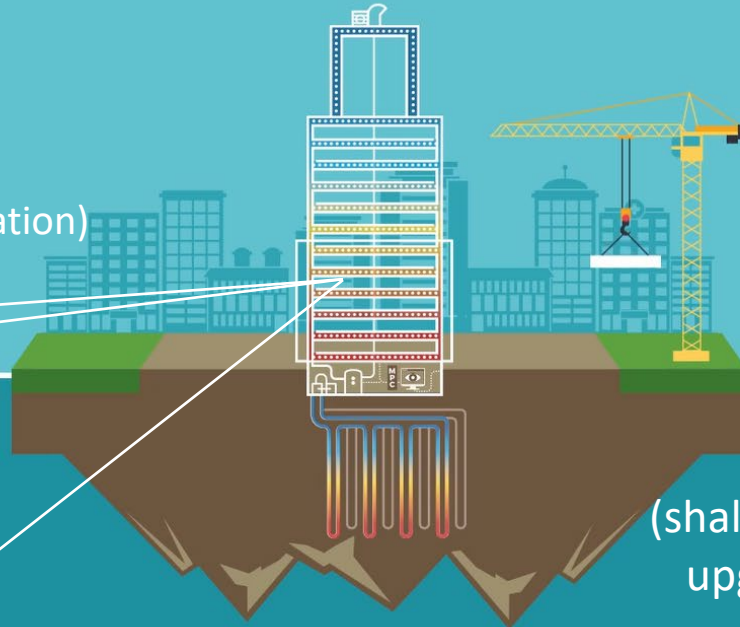
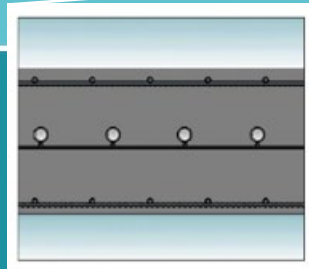
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# GEOTABS CONCEPT

## TABS

Thermally Activated  
Building System

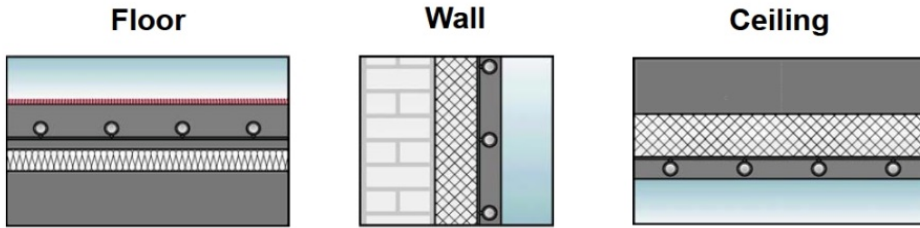
(e.g. Concrete Core Activation)



## GEO

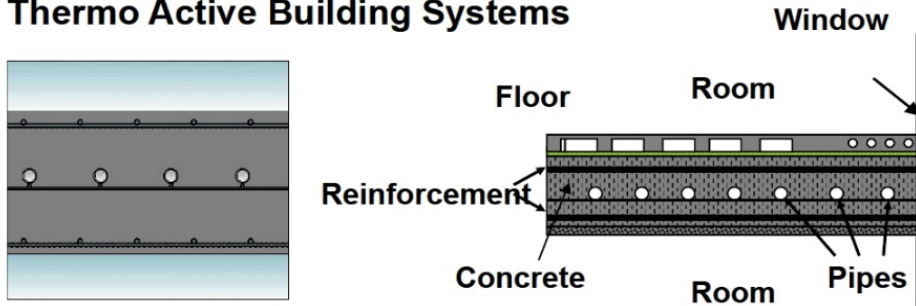
(shallow) geothermal energy  
upgraded using heat pump

# RADIANT HEATING AND/OR COOLING SYSTEMS



- Sensible heating and cooling emission
- > 50% radiant heat transfer
- **High thermal comfort & IEQ**
- Uniform temperature distribution
- Minimising risk of draught (↔ all-air systems)
- Quiet operation
- Increased room height (↔ suspended ceilings...)
- Flexibility of space (↔ radiators, FCU...)

## Thermo Active Building Systems



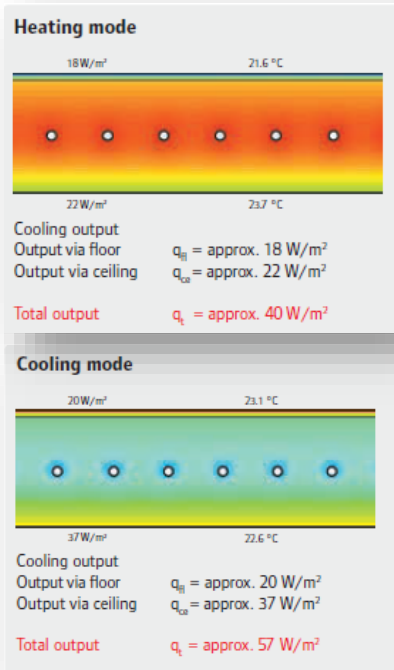
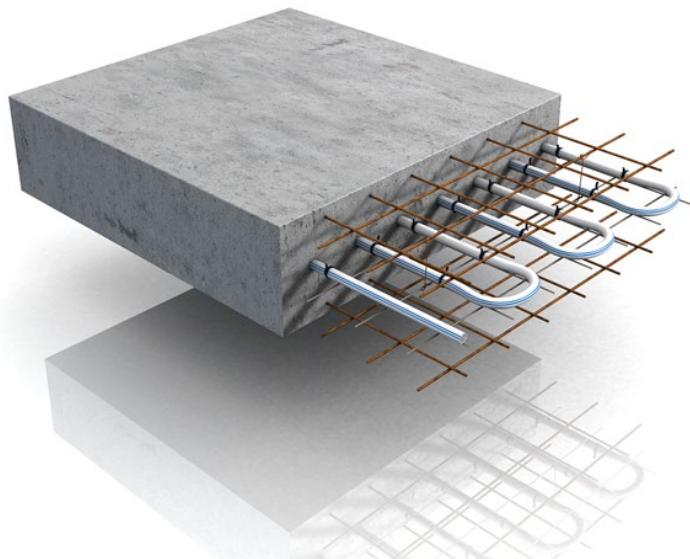


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# ACTIVATING BUILDING THERMAL MASS

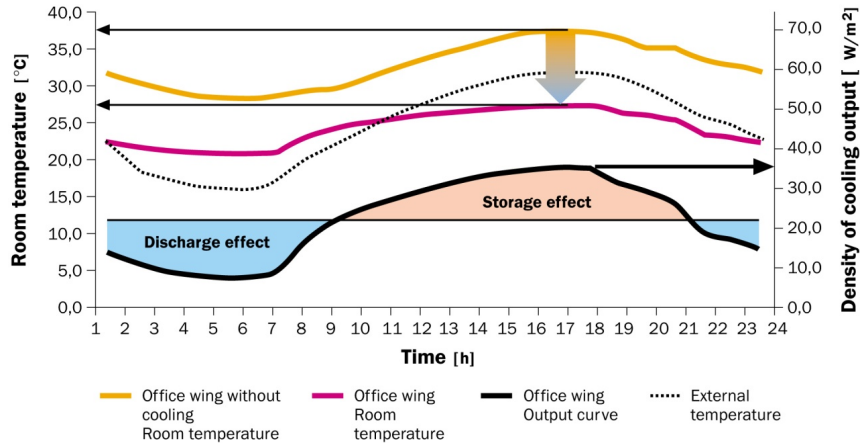


Calculation parameters	
Flow temperature	: 16 °C
Return temperature	: 20 °C
Room temperature	: 26 °C
Rel. humidity	: 50 %



# THERMALLY ACTIVATED BUILDING SYSTEM

Comparison of building with concrete core activation and building without space cooling – after a 14-day period of fine weather



- Close-to-comfort temperatures over entire surfaces
  - Very low temperature heat (24°C-28°C)
  - High temperature cooling (16°C-21°C)
- High thermal inertia emission system
- Short-term (~day(s)) thermal storage

“Smart” features towards electricity grid:

- Load buffering
- Peak shaving
- Grid flexibility

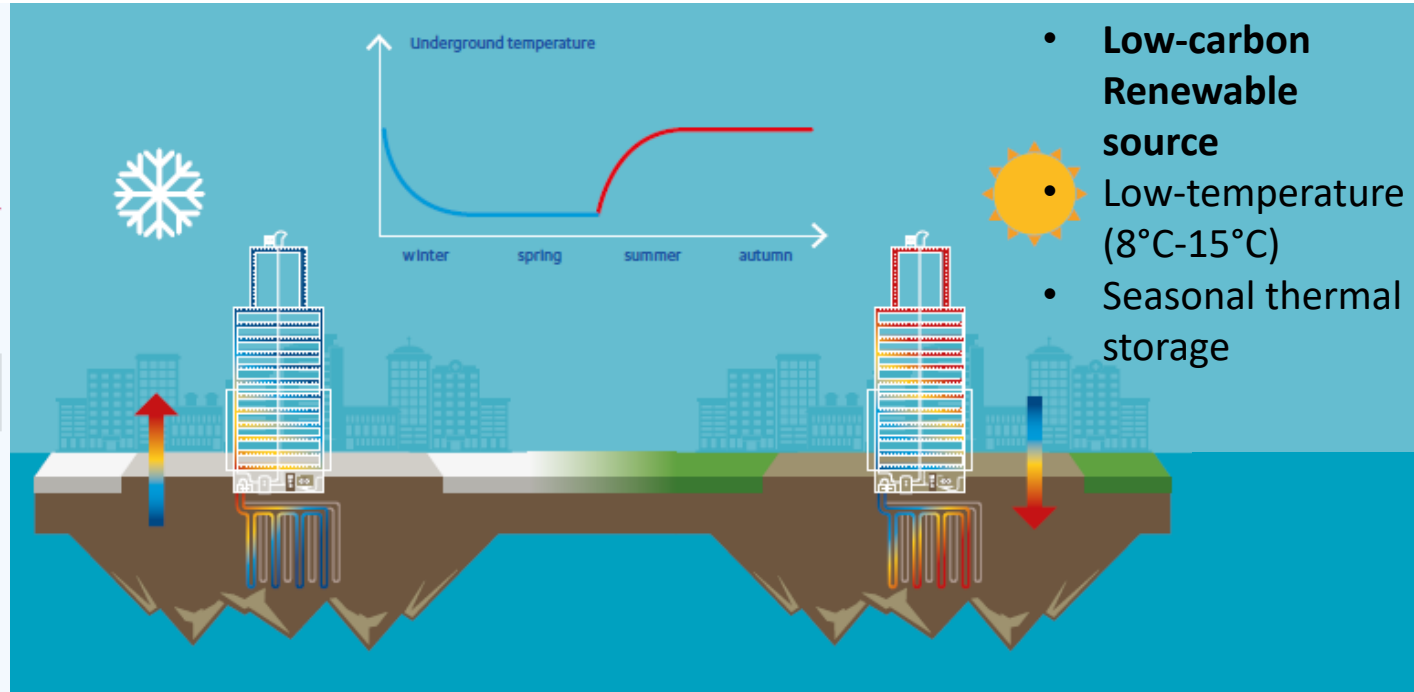
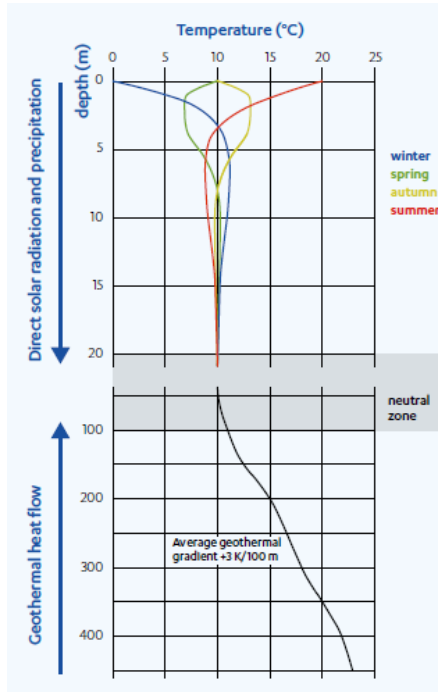


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# GEOTHERMAL ENERGY





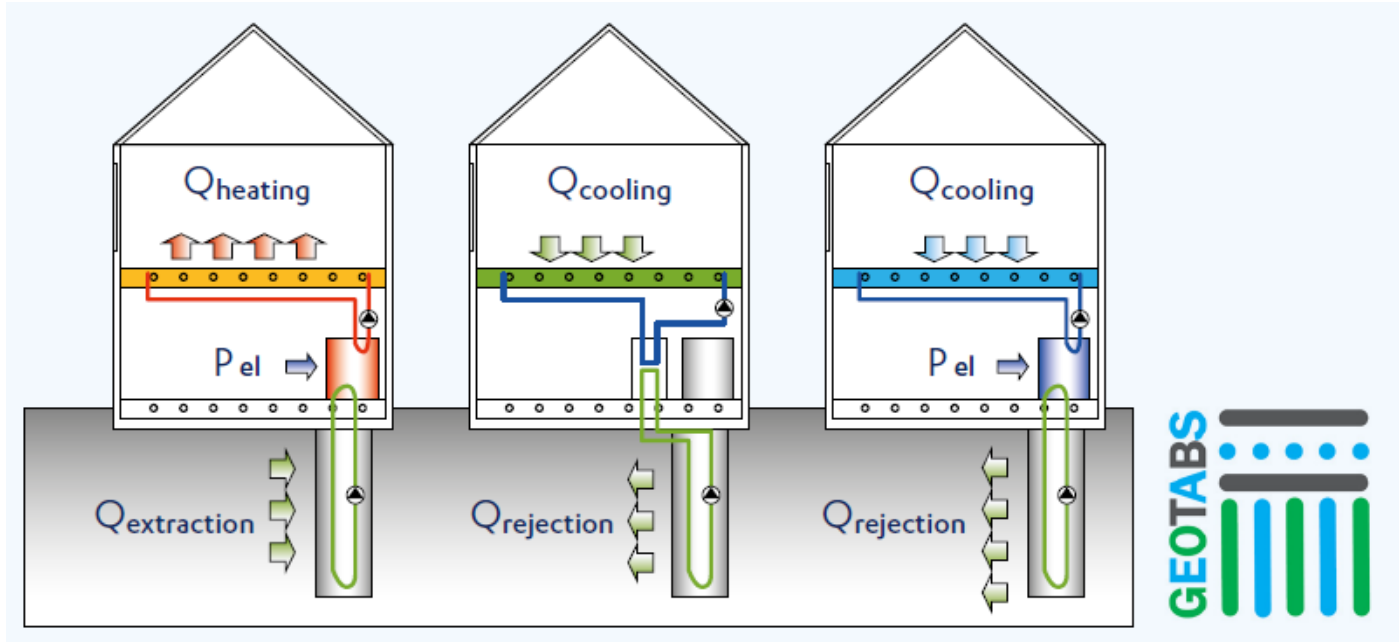


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# GEOTABS WORKING MODES



Heating

Passive cooling

Active cooling





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# GEOTABS

## TABS

- Radiant heating/cooling
- High thermal comfort
- High thermal inertia
- Load buffering, peak shaving
- Low temperature heating (24°C-28°C) & high temperature cooling (16°C-21°C)

## GEOthermal

- Low-grade RES
- Sustainable energy use
- Low-temperature source (8°C-15°C)

## HEAT PUMP

- Small  $\Delta T$
- High energy efficiency
- Passive cooling





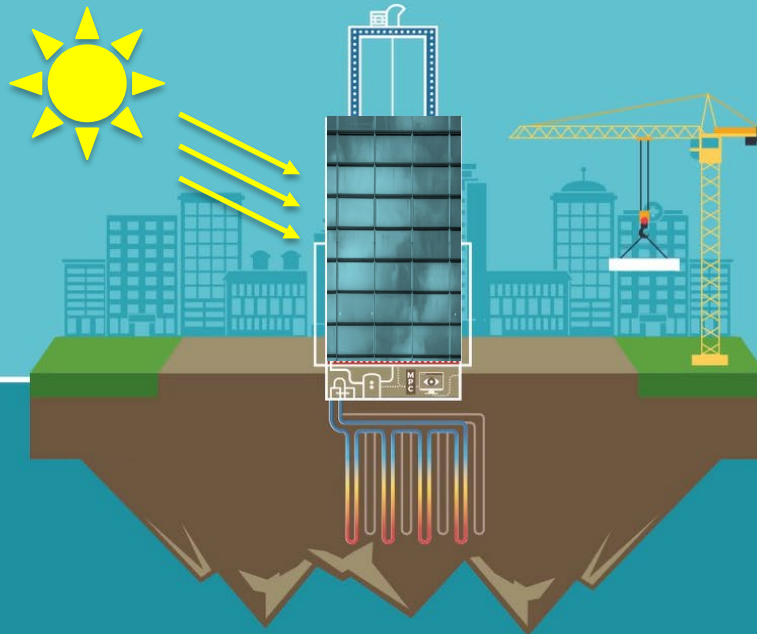
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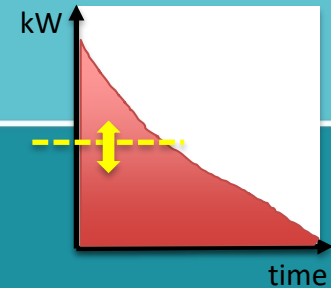
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- High thermal inertia
- Intra-day shifts  
Heating ↔ cooling?



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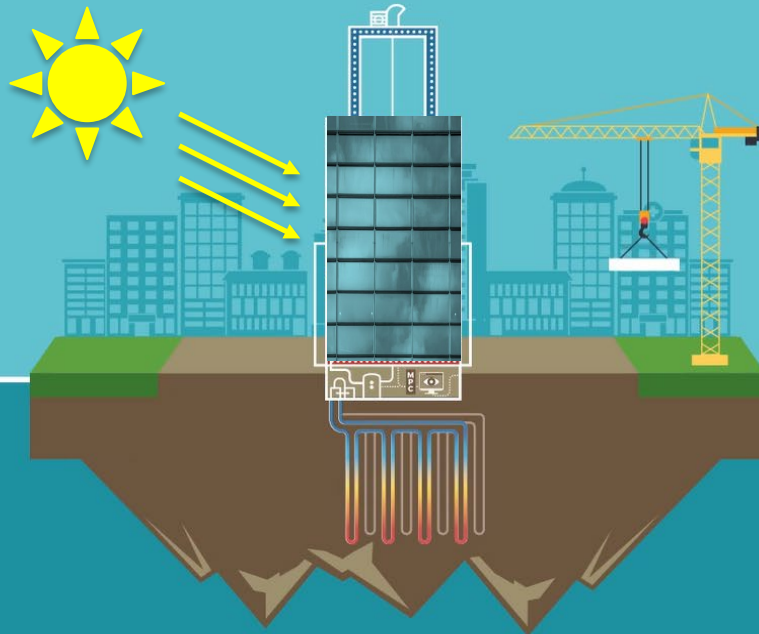
- Technical Feasibility
- Financial feasibility



# “EVERY BUILDING DESERVES A SHARE OF GEOTABS”

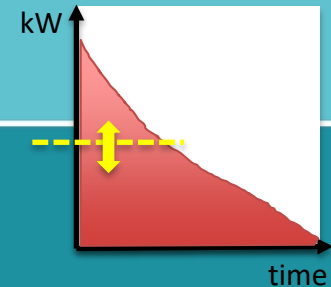
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- Technical Feasibility
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### TABS

- Intra-day shifts  
Heating ↔ cooling?
- **fast-reacting secondary emission system**

- **Optimised control MPC**

### GEOthermal

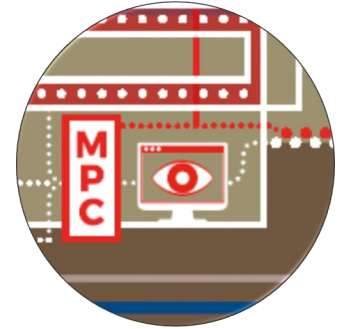
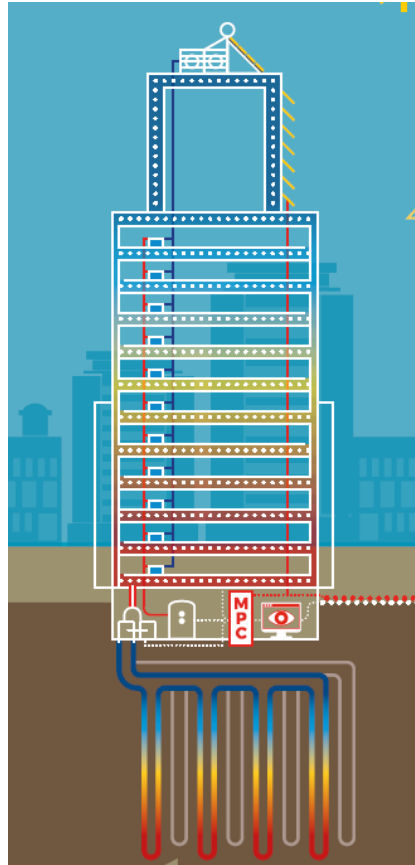
- Technical feasibility
- Financial feasibility
- **Secondary energy source**





Integrated & optimised

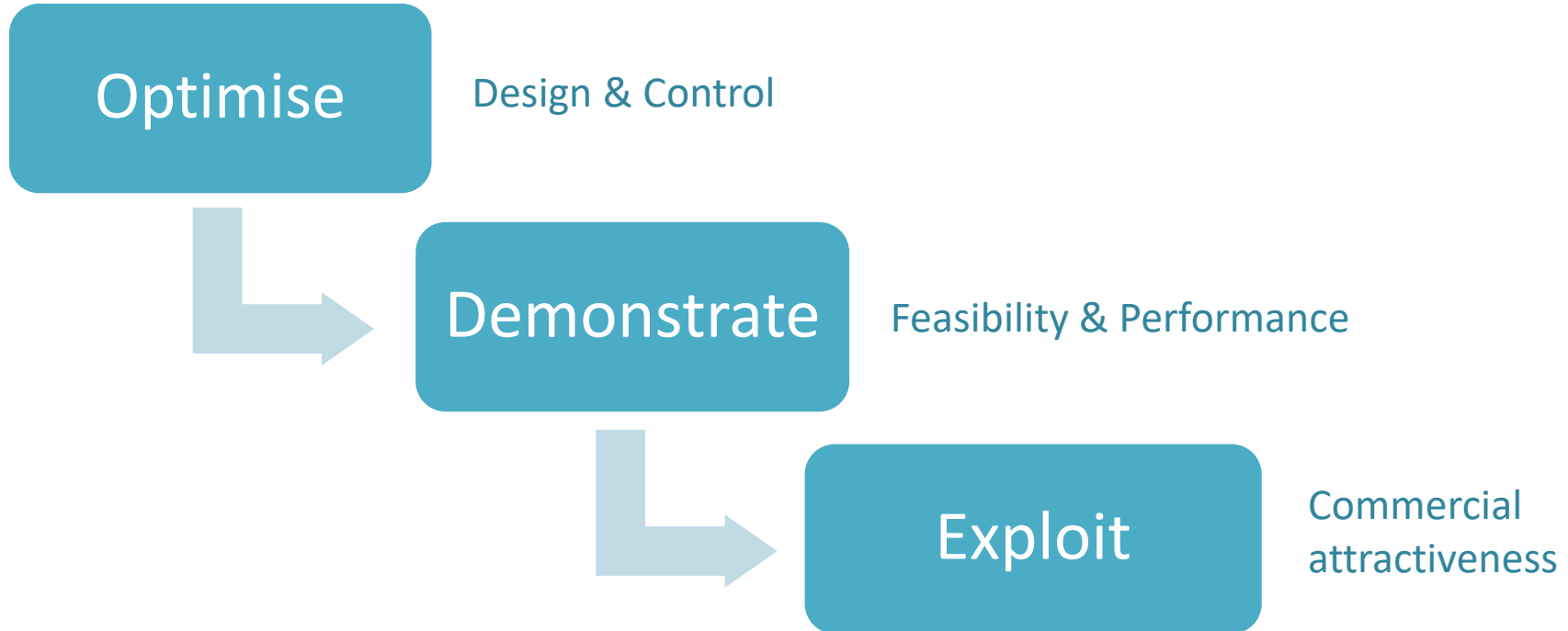
**DESIGN**



Optimised control

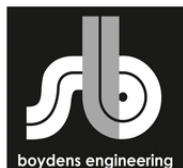
**Model  
Predictive  
Control**

## hybridGEOTABS project



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## PROJECT CONSORTIUM



The project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 723649. The original project acronym is "MPC-.GT".





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# hybridGEOTABS demonstration





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# DEMONSTRATION BUILDINGS



Libeznice school



Ter Potterie



Infrac/Fluvius office



Solarwind

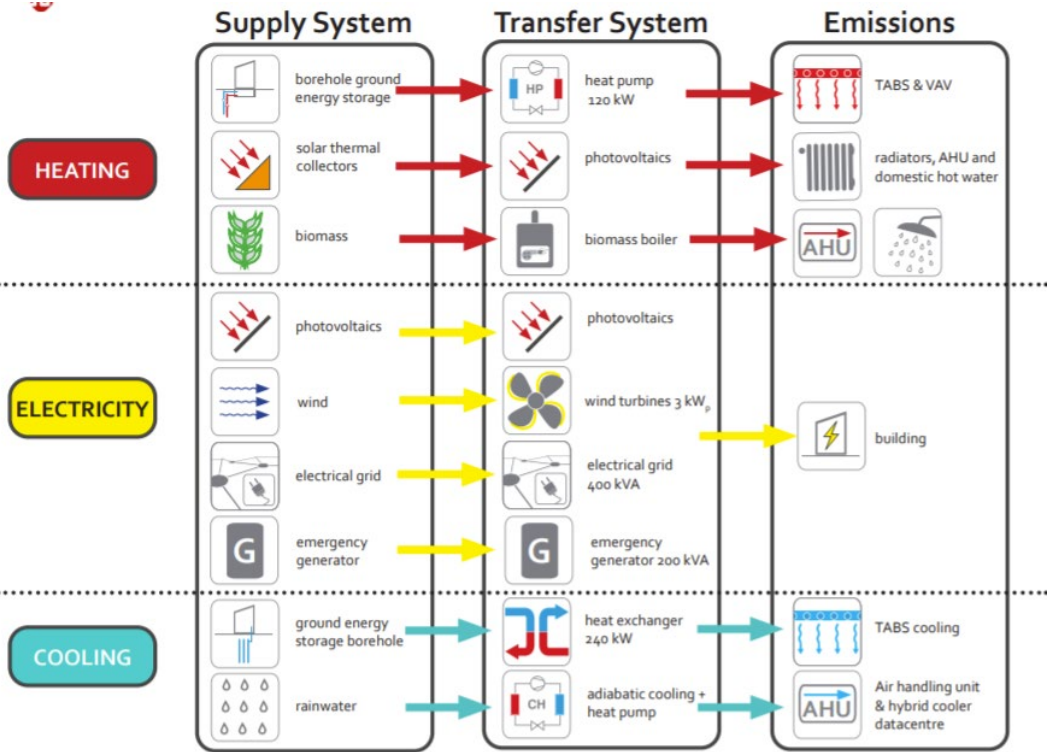


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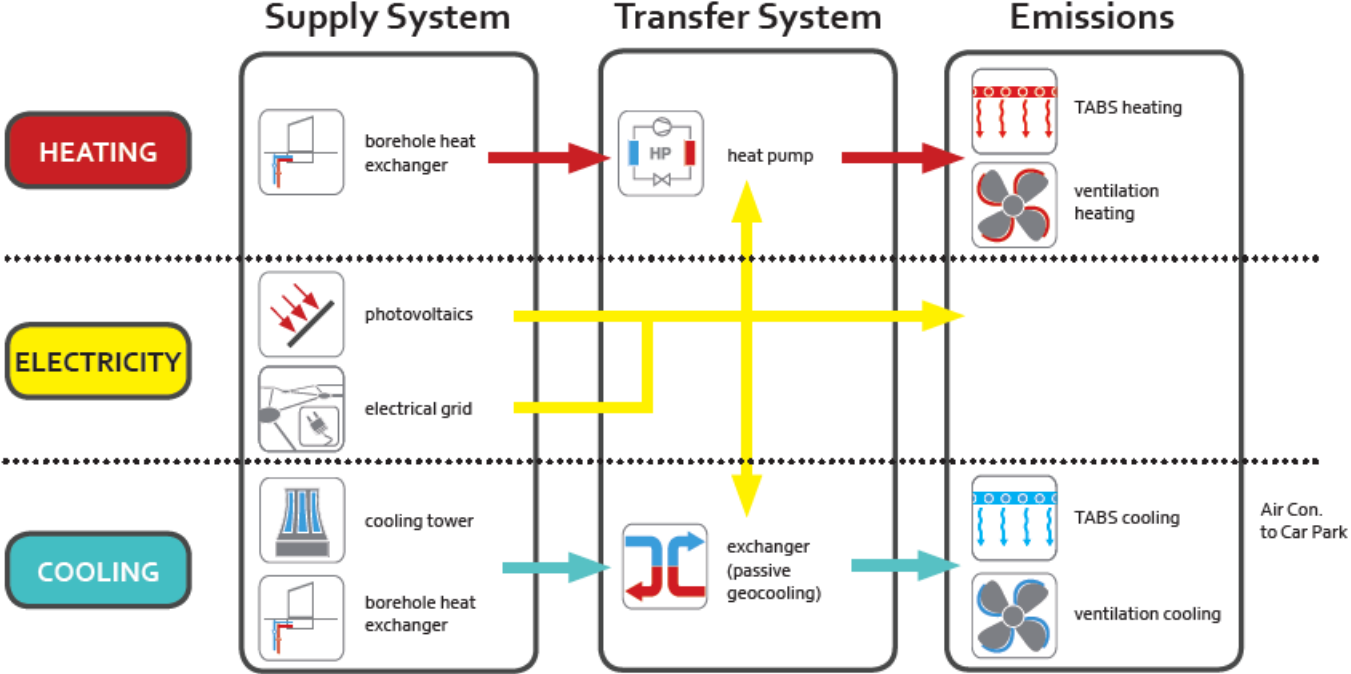


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# HYBRIDGEOTABS OFFICE IN SOLARWIND (LUX)



# FLUVIUS/INFRAK (DILBEEK, BE)

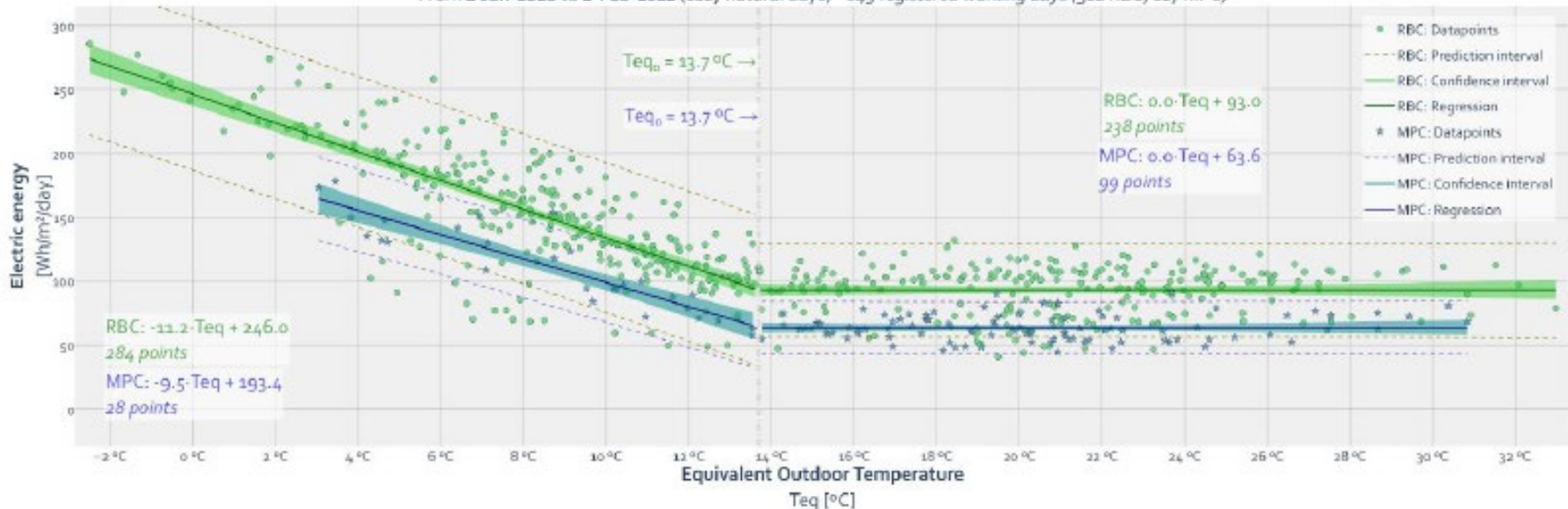


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# MPC in FLUVIUS/INFRAx (DILBEEK, BE)

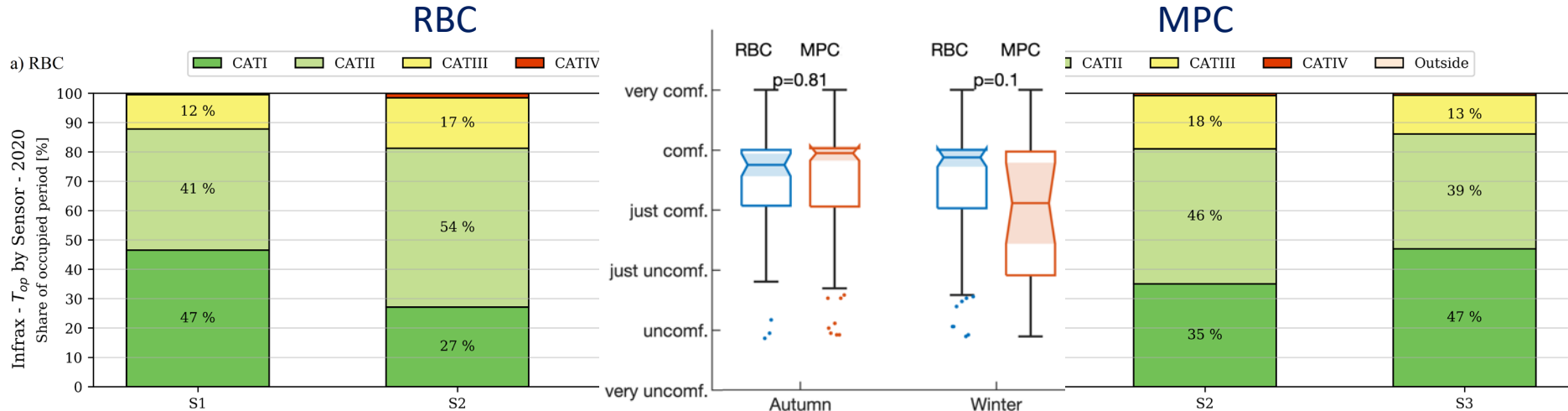
Infrac - Daily electricity used by the HVACR system - Working days  
From 1-Jan-2018 to 1-Feb-2021 (1127 natural days) - 649 registered working days (522 RBC, 127 MPC)





# INFRA/FLUVIUS THERMAL COMFORT

- No sign. differences between MPC and RBC







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# hybridGEOTABS design





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## DESIGN CHALLENGES

### TABS + hybrid

- Dynamic behaviour and peak shaving of TABS?
- System share & size?

### GEOthermal + hybrid

- System share & size?
- Geothermal balance?

### MPC

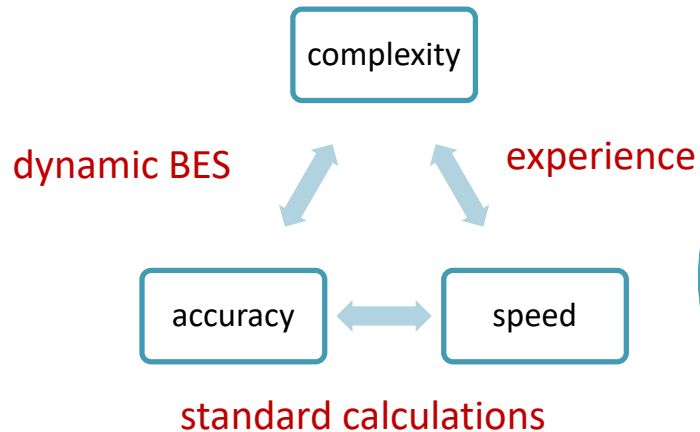
- Impact of control on sizing?



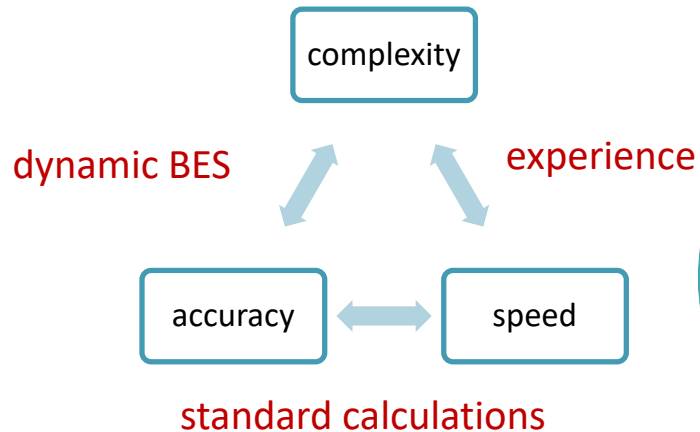
Dynamic behaviour  
<->  
steady-state design  
methods



# STRAIGHTFORWARD PRE-DESIGN METHODS FOR HYBRID STORAGE-INTEGRATED HVAC-SYSTEMS?



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- pre-simulation
- pre-engineering
- database + tool

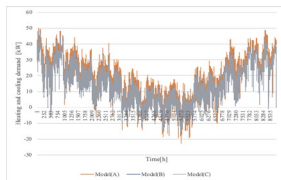


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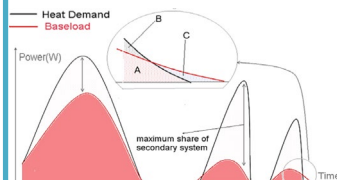
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**Building Stock Database**



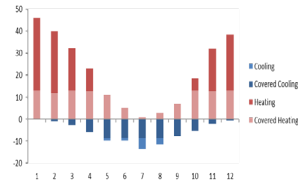
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**Step 3**  
**Load Splitting Algorithm for hybrid, storage-integrated systems**



**Step 4**  
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**Outcome**  
**Building stock Sizing and Performance**

**Database & Design tools**

**Verification Control-Integrated design study**



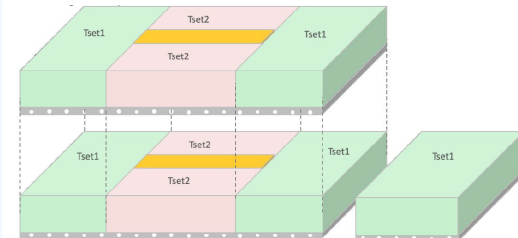
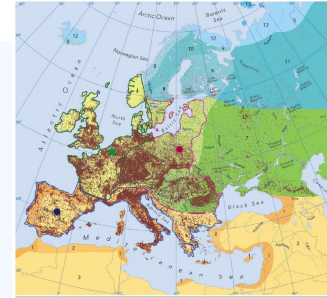
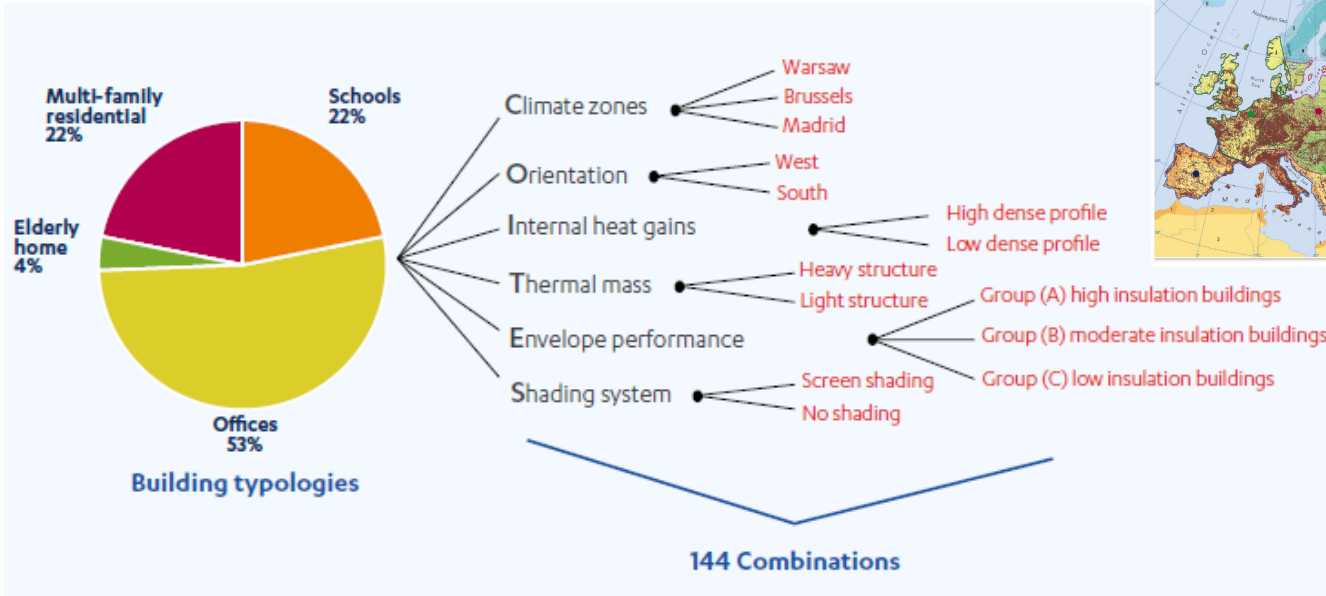
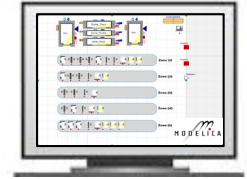
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# BUILDING STOCK MODELLING

- Pre-simulation of heating and cooling load time series
- > **140.000** building cases using dynamic multi-zone BES-models



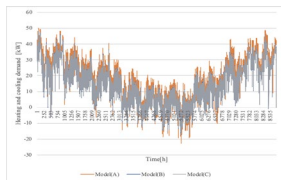


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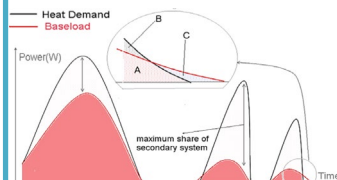
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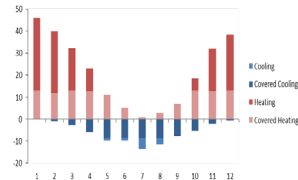
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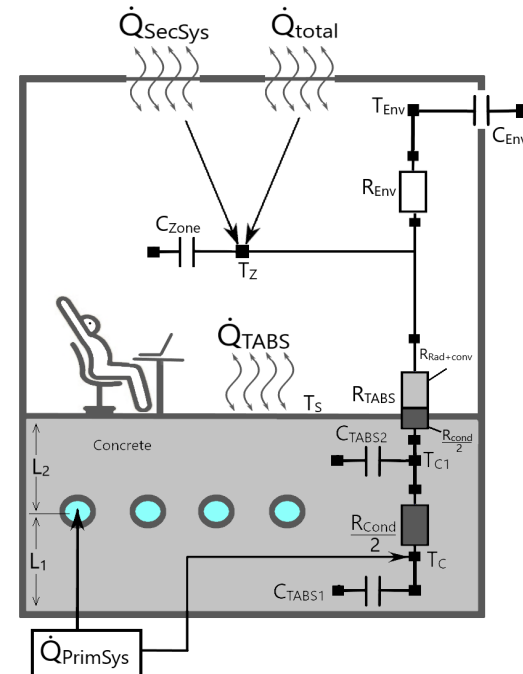
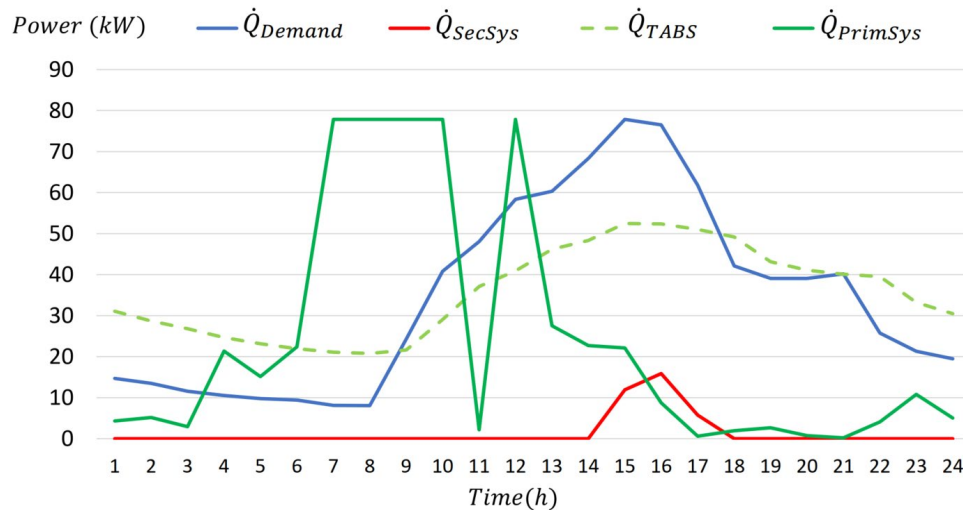
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# LOAD SPLITTING ALGORITHM

- for hybrid systems: splitting baseload and residual load
- accounting for **dynamic behaviour** of TABS thermal storage and mimicking control behaviour
- Simplified RC-model of building + **fast** optimisation algorithm





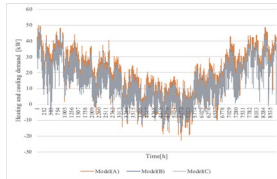


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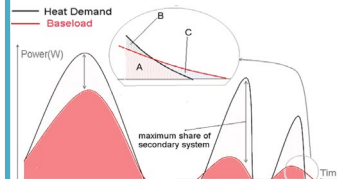
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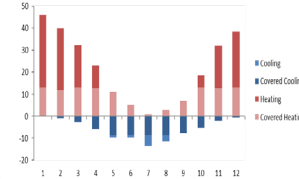
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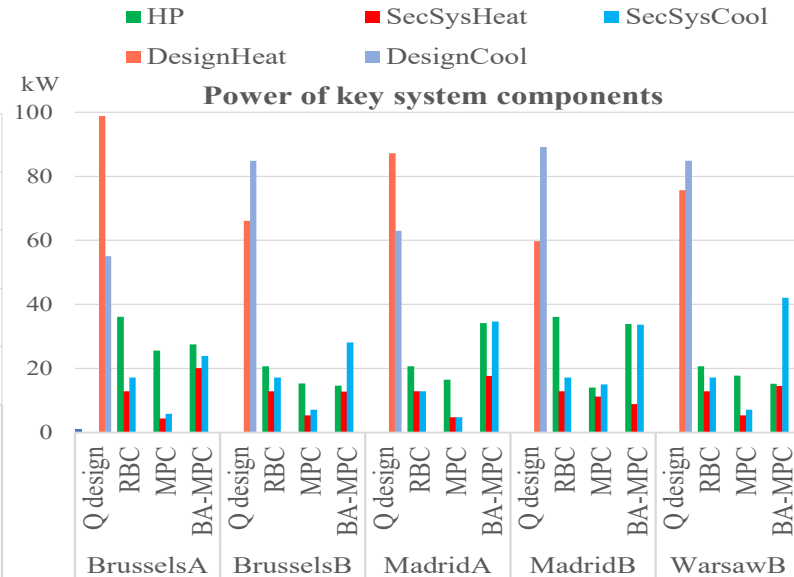
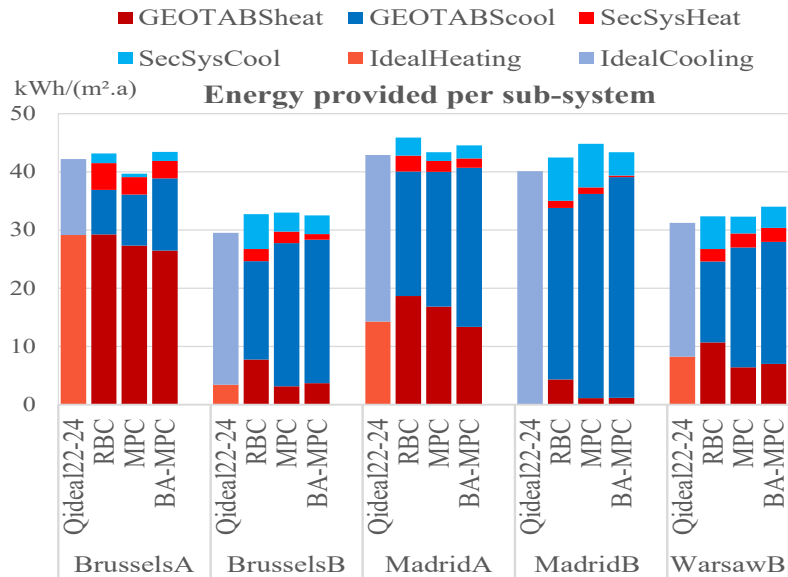
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# VERIFICATION: CONTROL-INTEGRATED DESIGN

- Nested optimisation algorithm integrating building, HVAC design and MPC
- Simulation of various HVAC component sizes and optimisation of design, for 5 cases



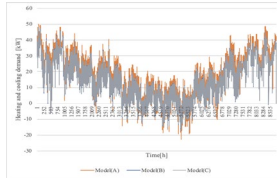


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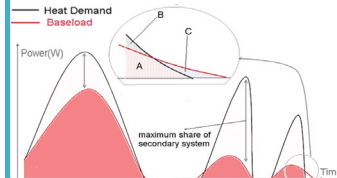
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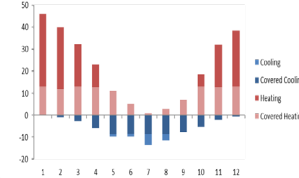
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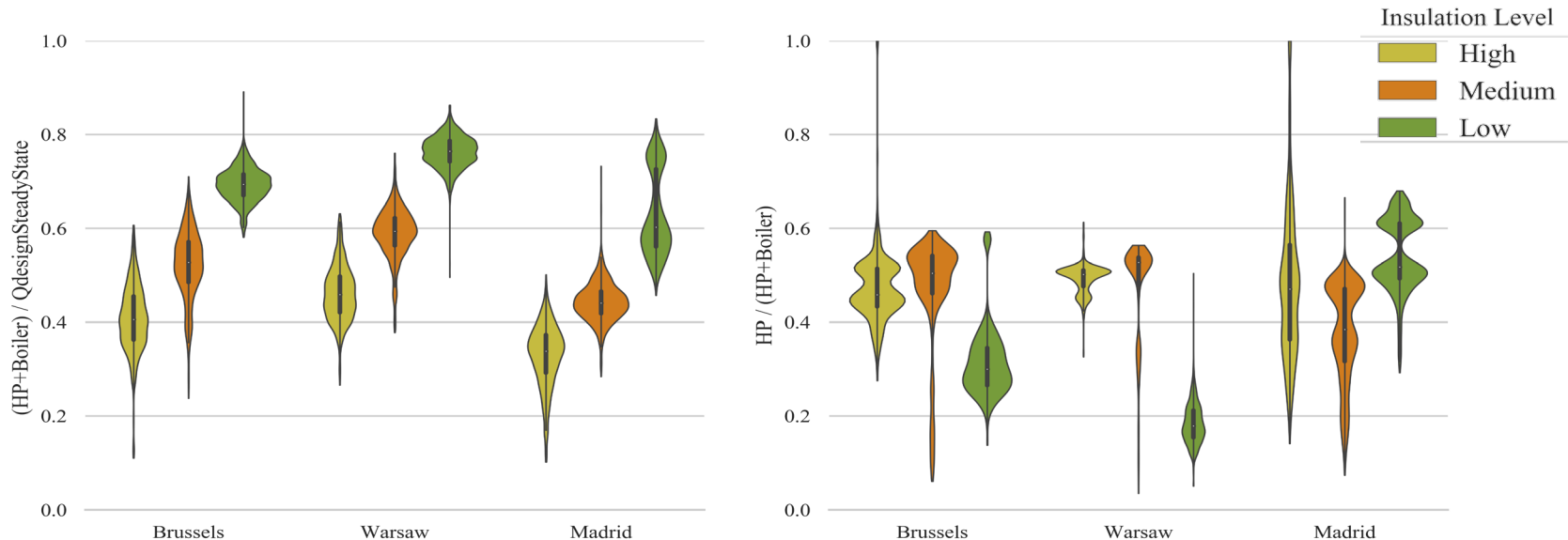
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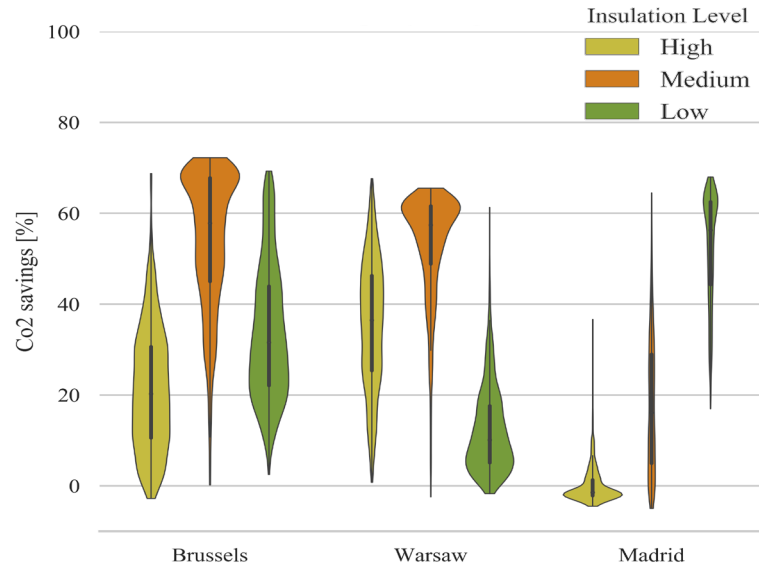
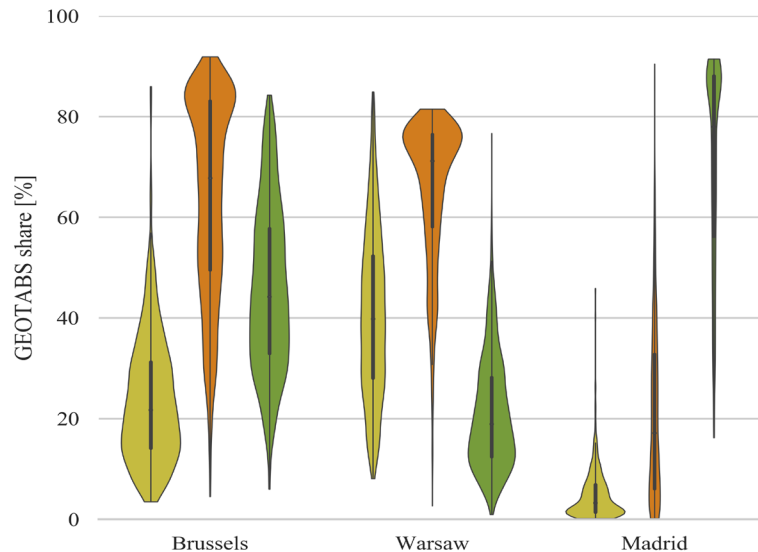
# HYBRIDGEOTABS SYSTEM POWER (40.000 OFFICES)

- Total system power: 30-80% of steady-state design power
- Heat Pump power: 40-60% of total system power



# HYBRIDGEOTABS PERFORMANCE (40.000 OFFICES)

- Share of GEOTABS up to 90%, optimising building design for each climate
- CO<sub>2</sub>-savings up to 70% compared to conventional systems
- GEOTHERMAL BALANCE CONSTRAINT

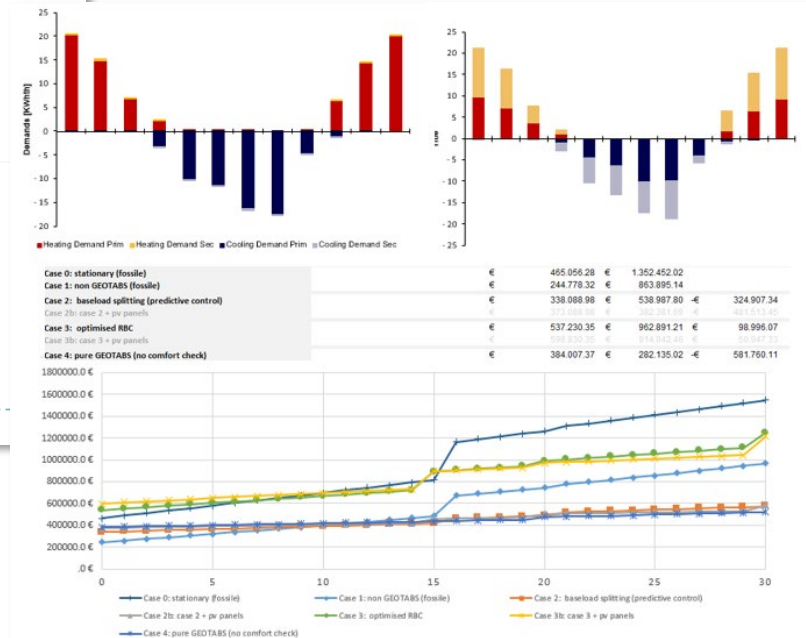


# HYBRIDGEOTABS DESIGN TOOLS

## BUILDING EFFICIENCY CALCULATOR

DEFINE YOUR DATA > 1 DATABASE BUILDING STOCK 2 DEMAND AND PEAK 3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

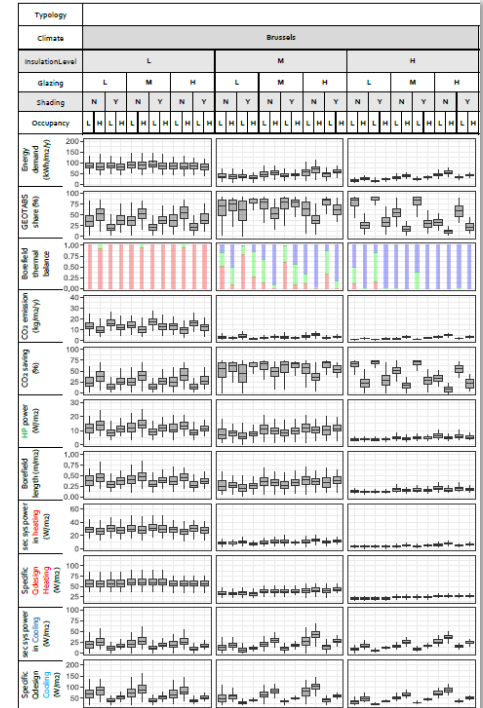
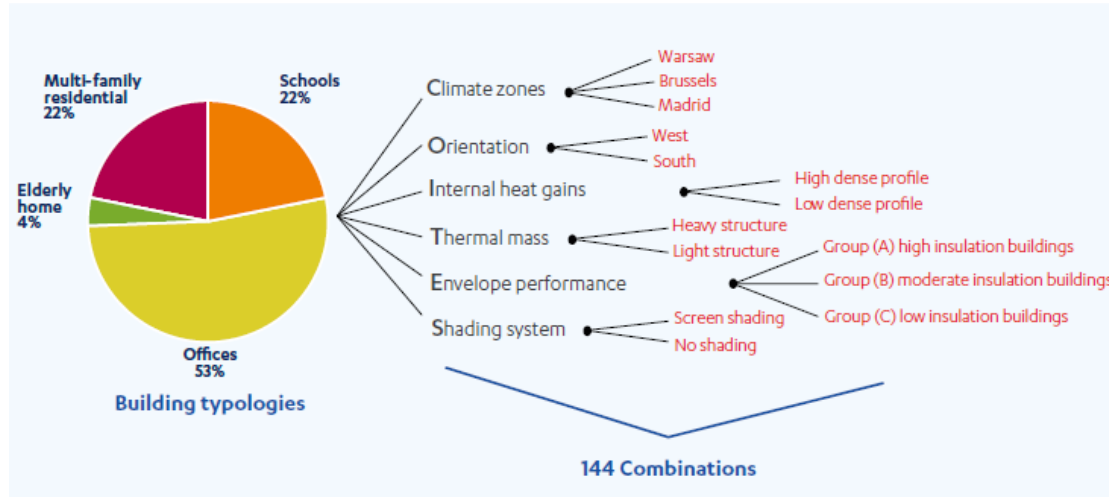
Fill in the details below to analyse your building's energy efficiency. Using database building stock we can generate accurate results on demand and peak, as well as feasibility studies.



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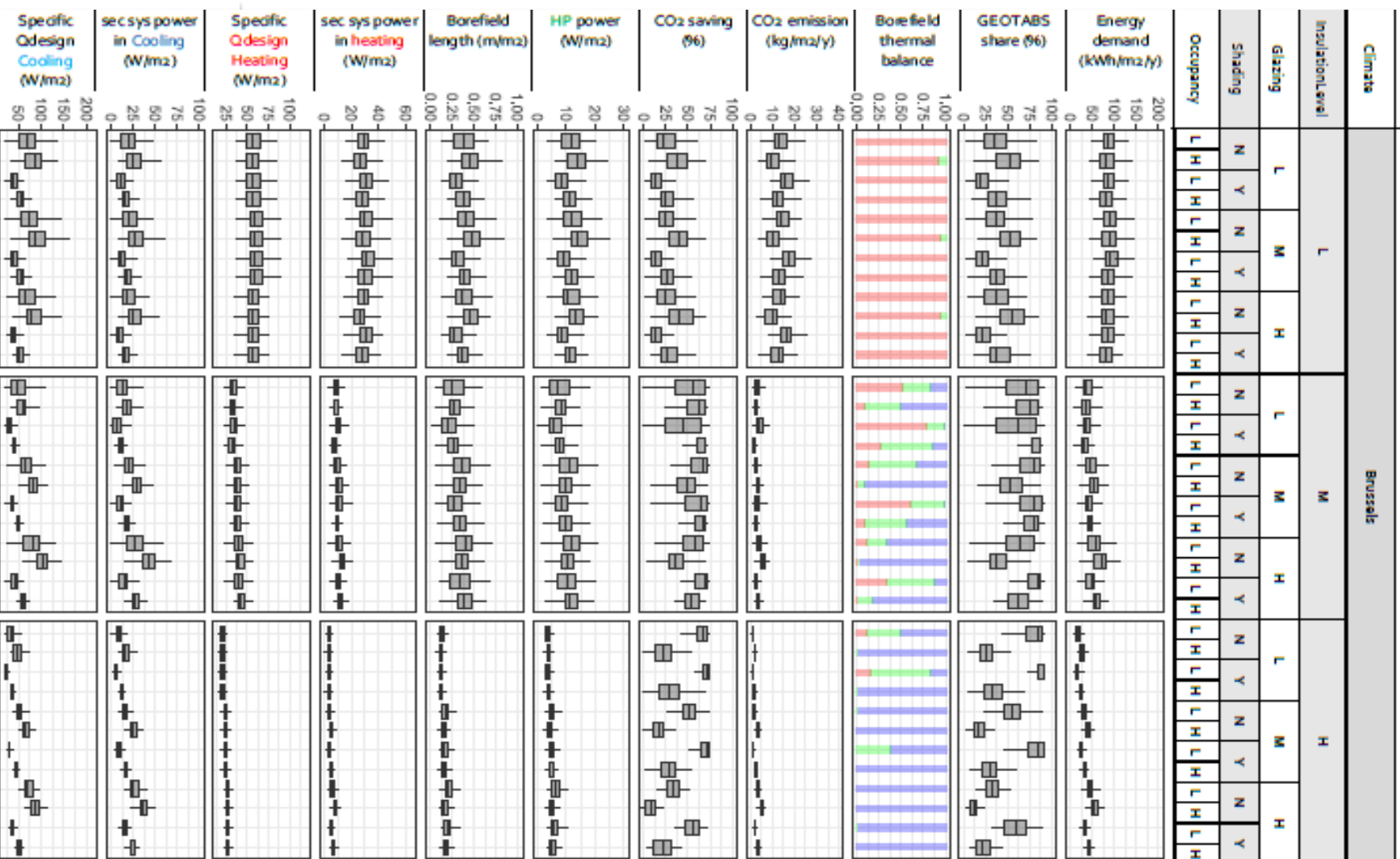
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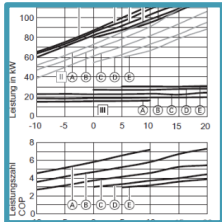


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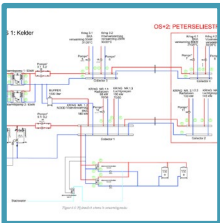


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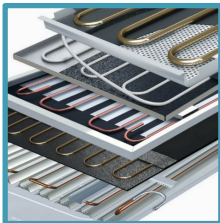


**Modular system concept  
and design optimisation  
of key components**

**Hydraulic schemes  
for hybridGEOTABS  
solutions**



**Radiant panels with  
PCM**



**Generic  
documentation for  
TENDERING**



**Energy Dashboard**





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Book

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Training curriculum

**How to exploit  
HybridGEOTABS**

This training introduces the hybridGEOTABS concept and its key assets and is accessible for everyone fascinated by sustainable building. The curriculum is targeting mainly business-oriented audiences organised in 5 modules - each of them covering a different topic - with a total duration of approximately 1hr 40min.

**Start Training**



**How to Design and Operate  
HybridGEOTABS**

This training introduces the hybridGEOTABS concept and its main benefits and challenges, providing insights into the technical principles underlying the concept and the design. The curriculum is organised in 9+1 modules - each of them covering a different topic - with a total duration of approximately 11 hrs.

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