

Double Skin Facades: Why, Where, What?



Classifying Double Skin Walls

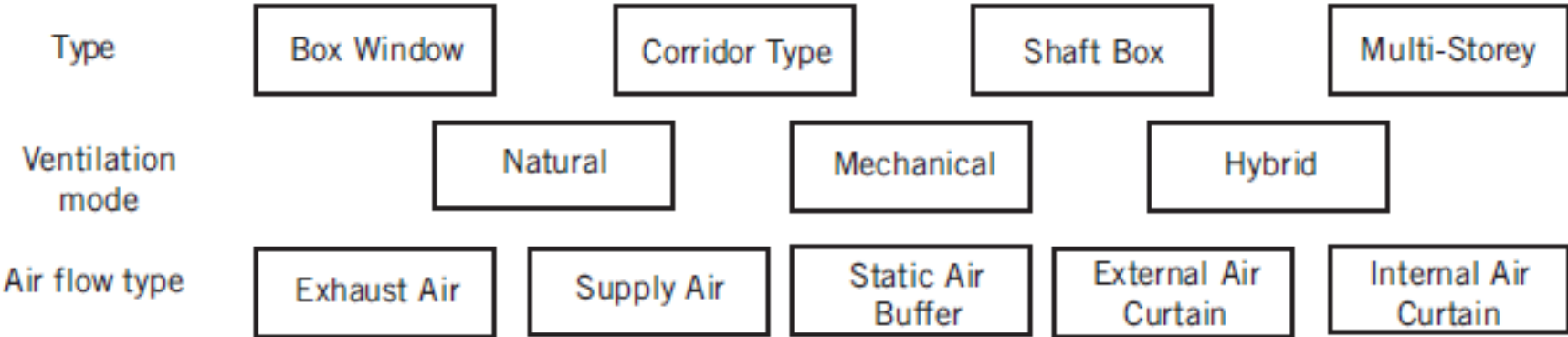
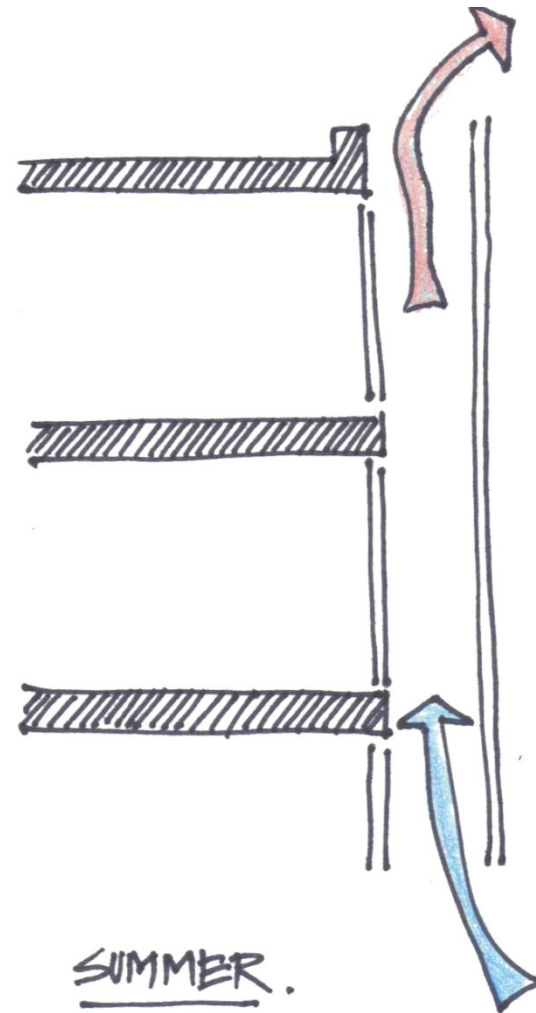
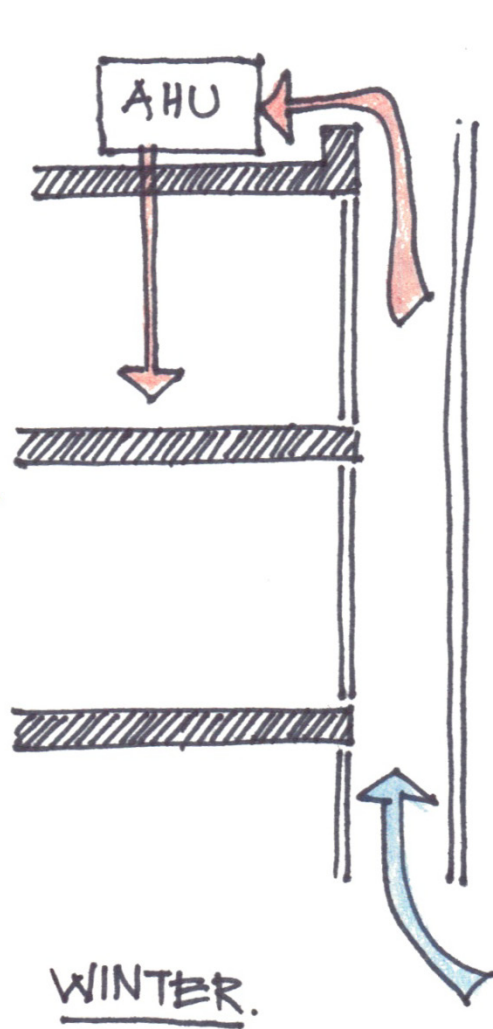


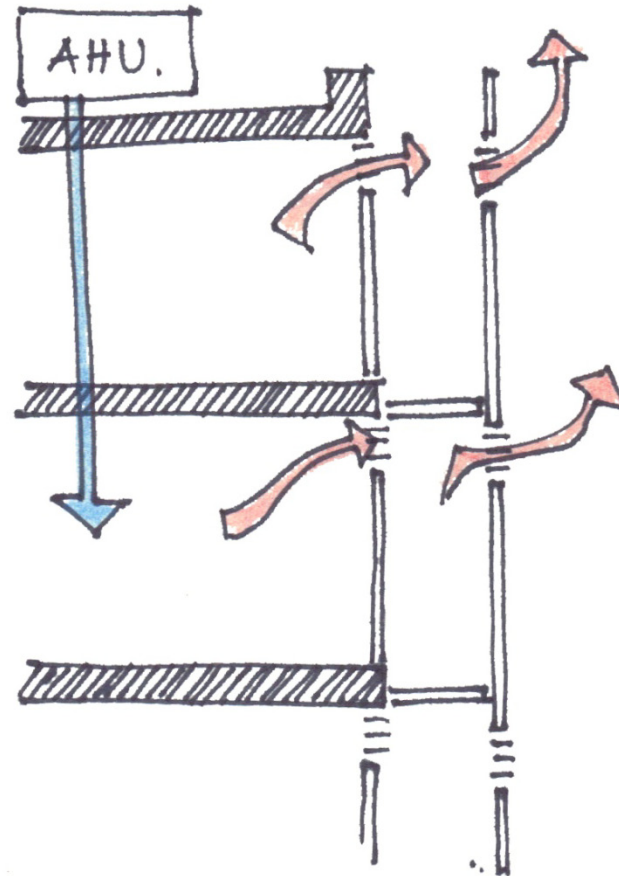
Figure 1: Classification of double skin walls.

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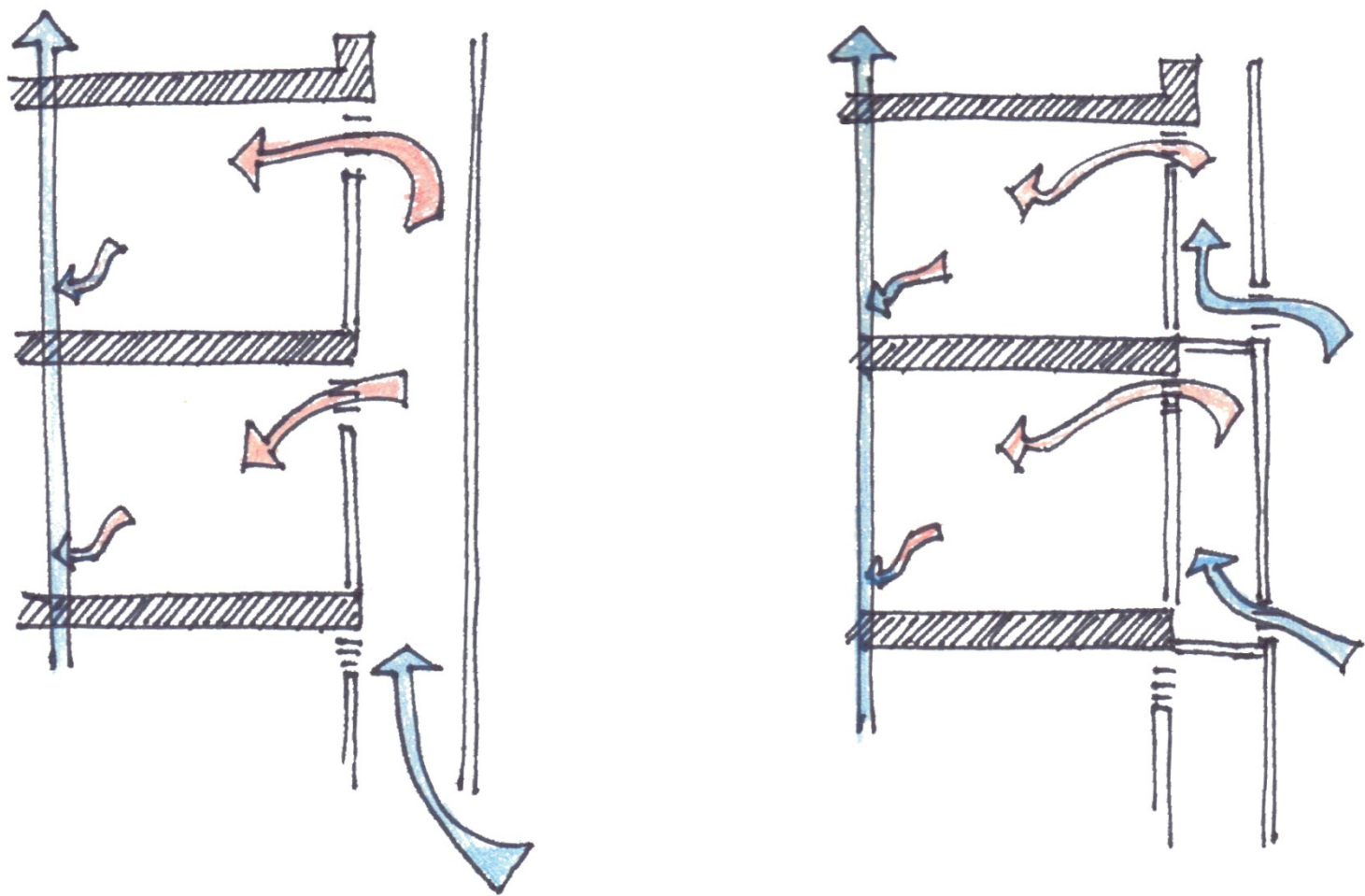
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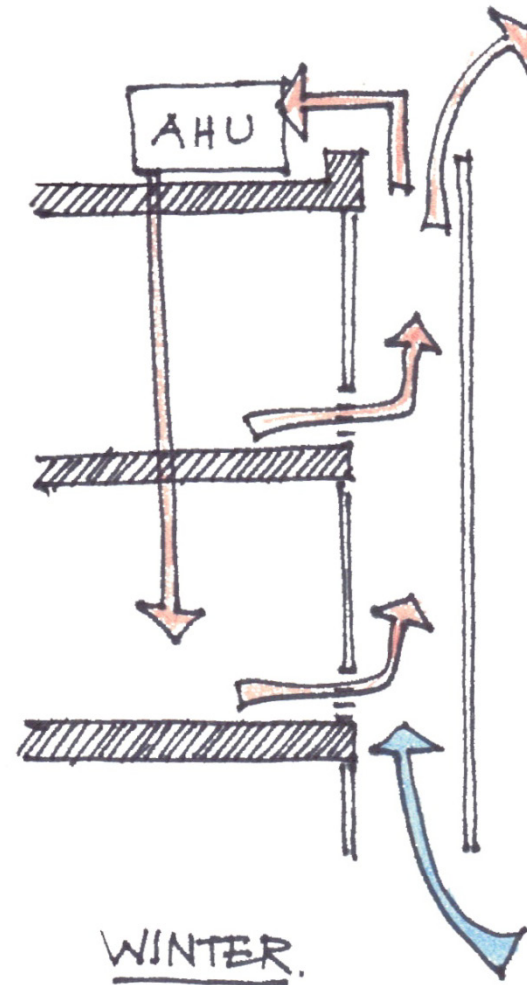
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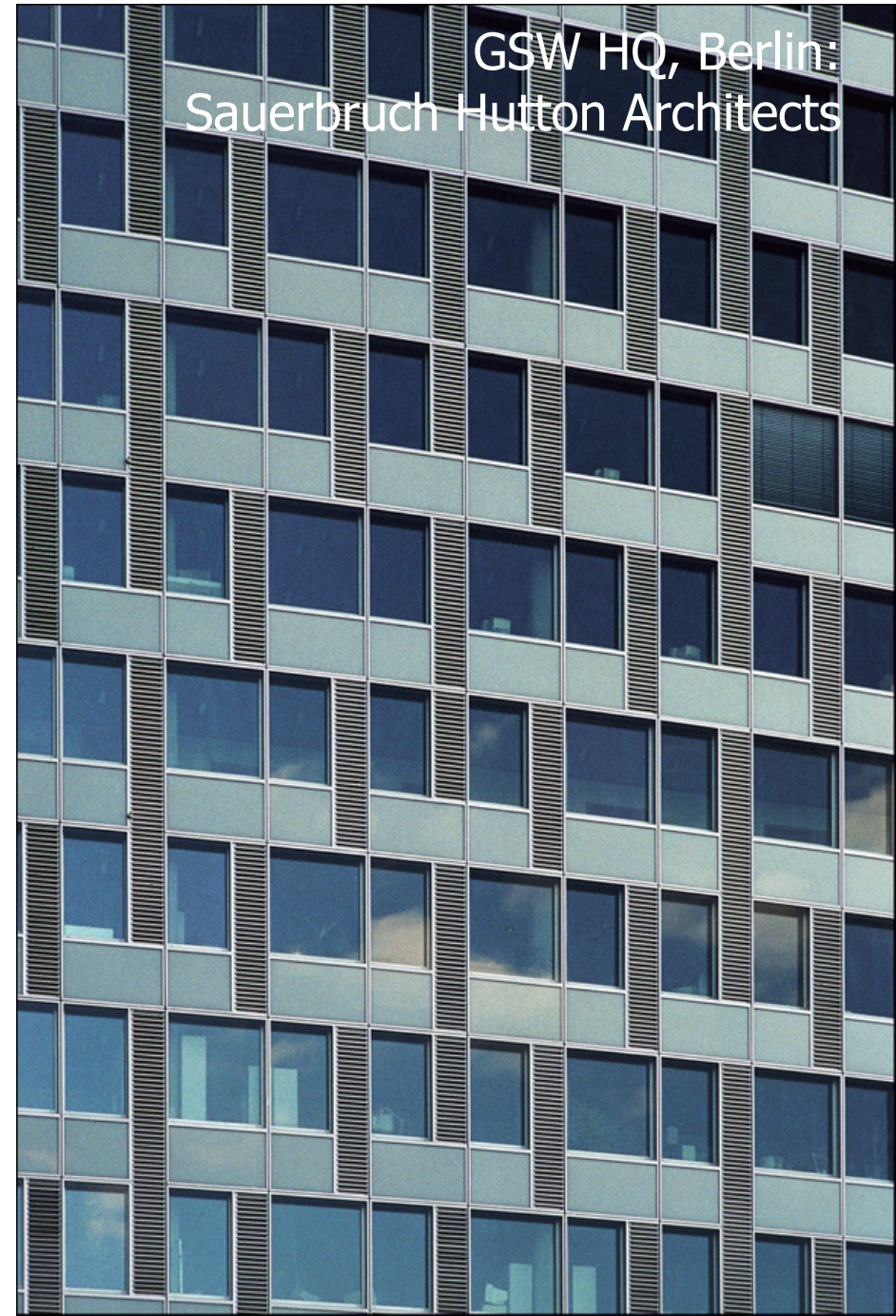


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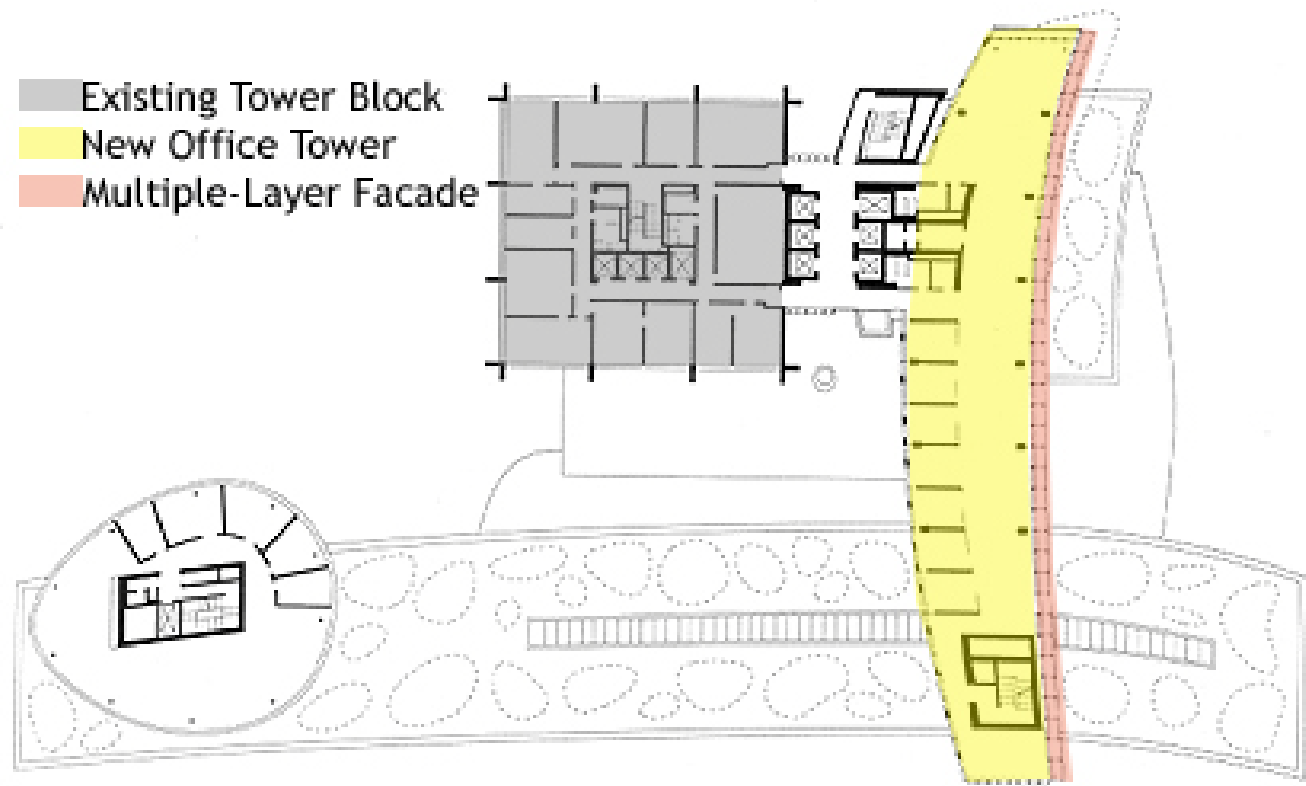


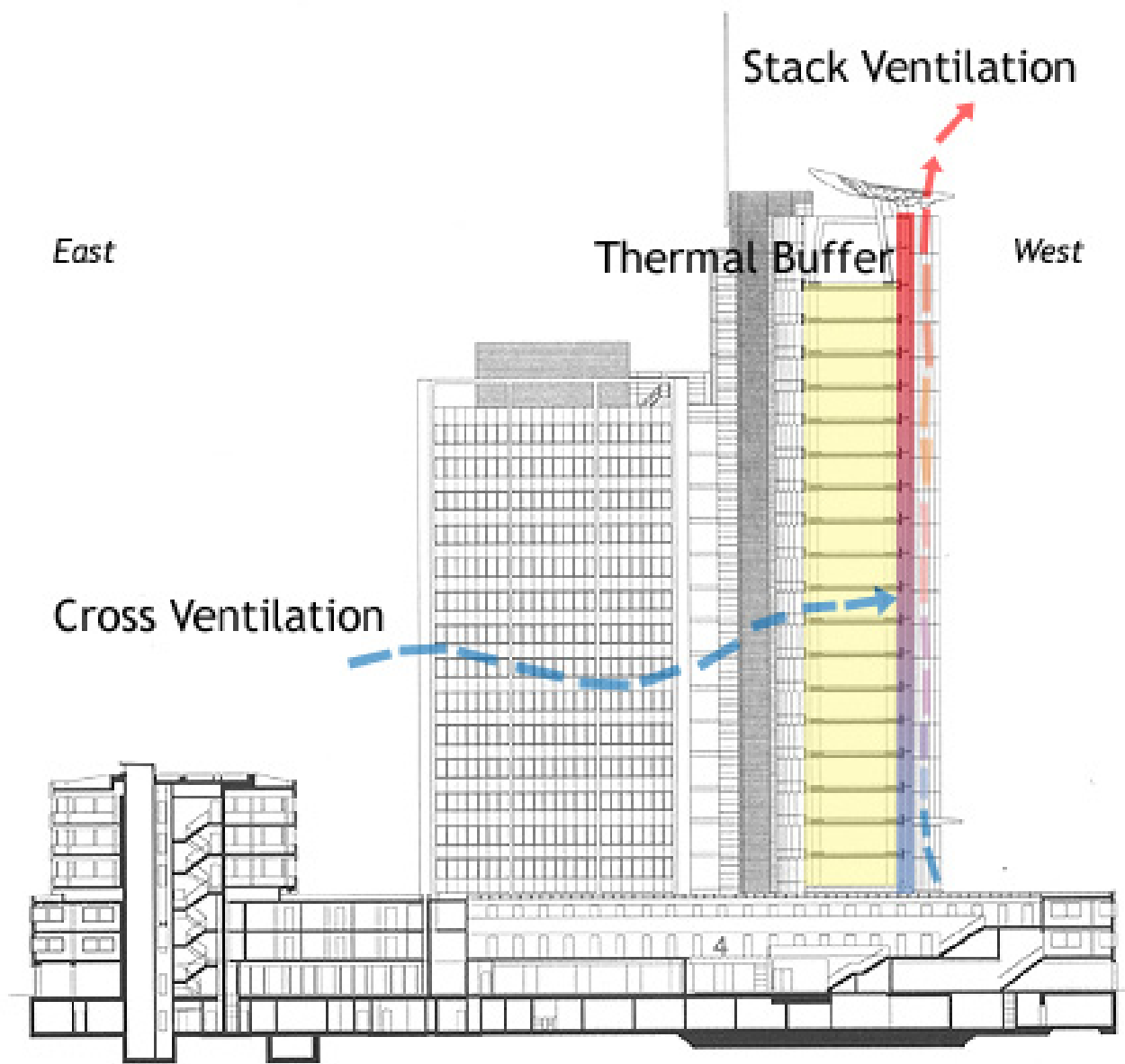
Double Skin Façade as a central exhaust duct for the ventilation system

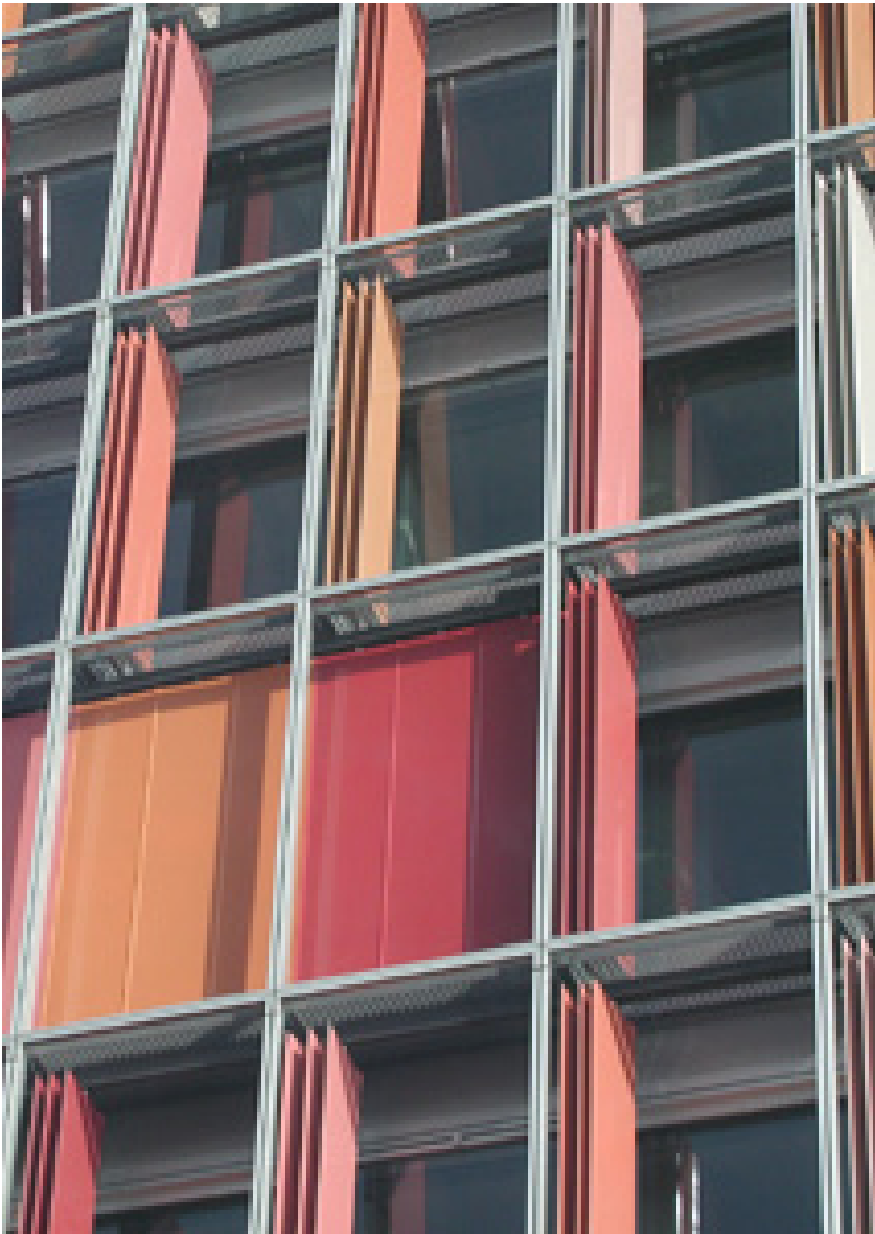




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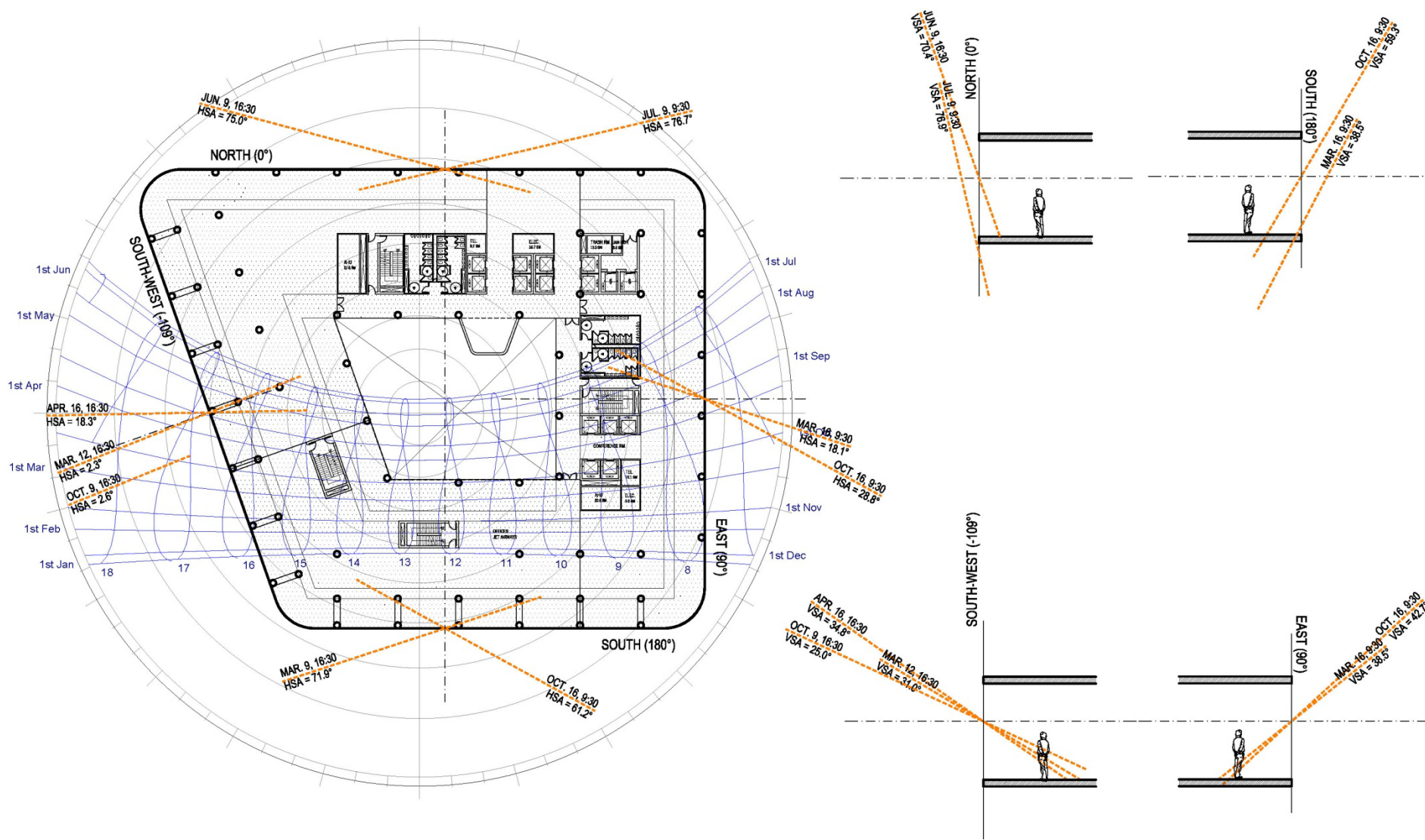


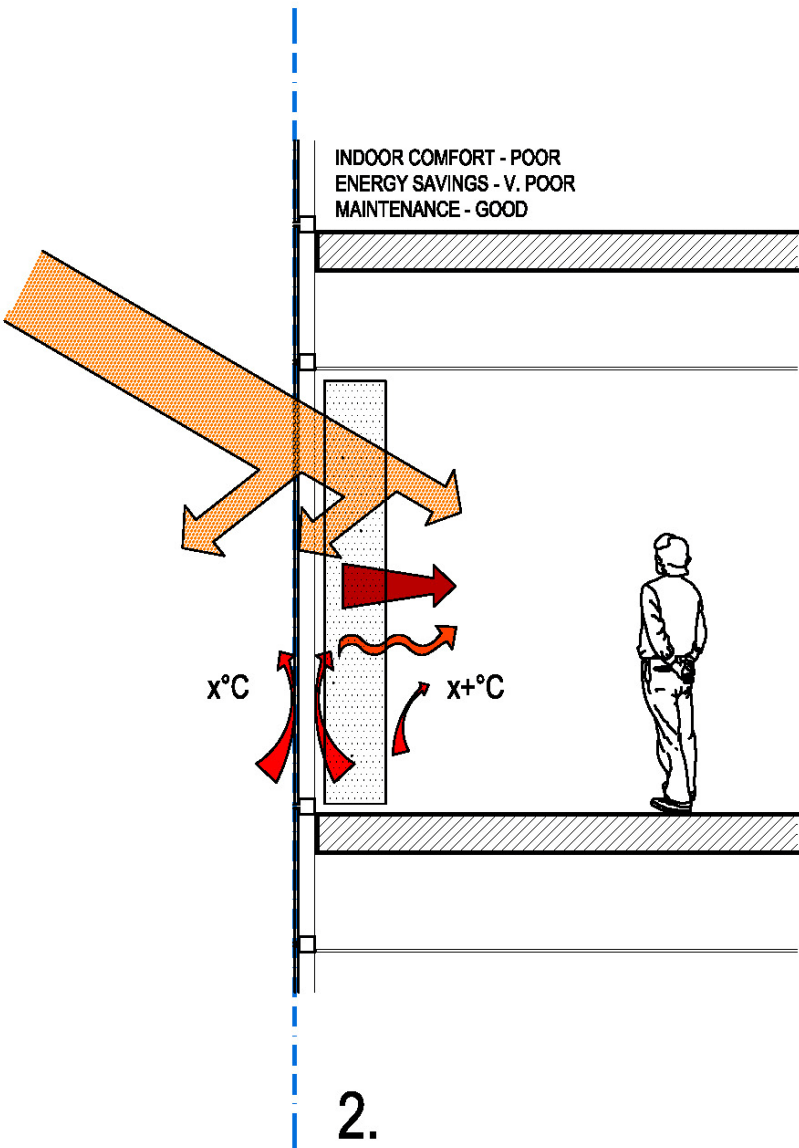
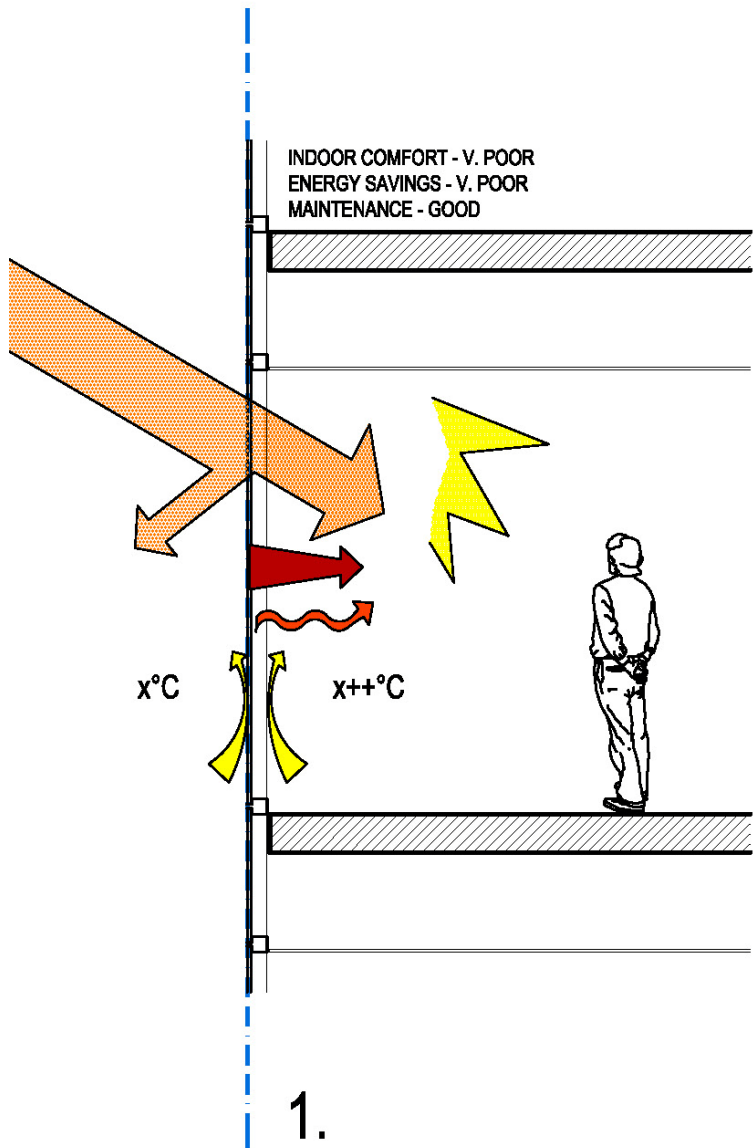




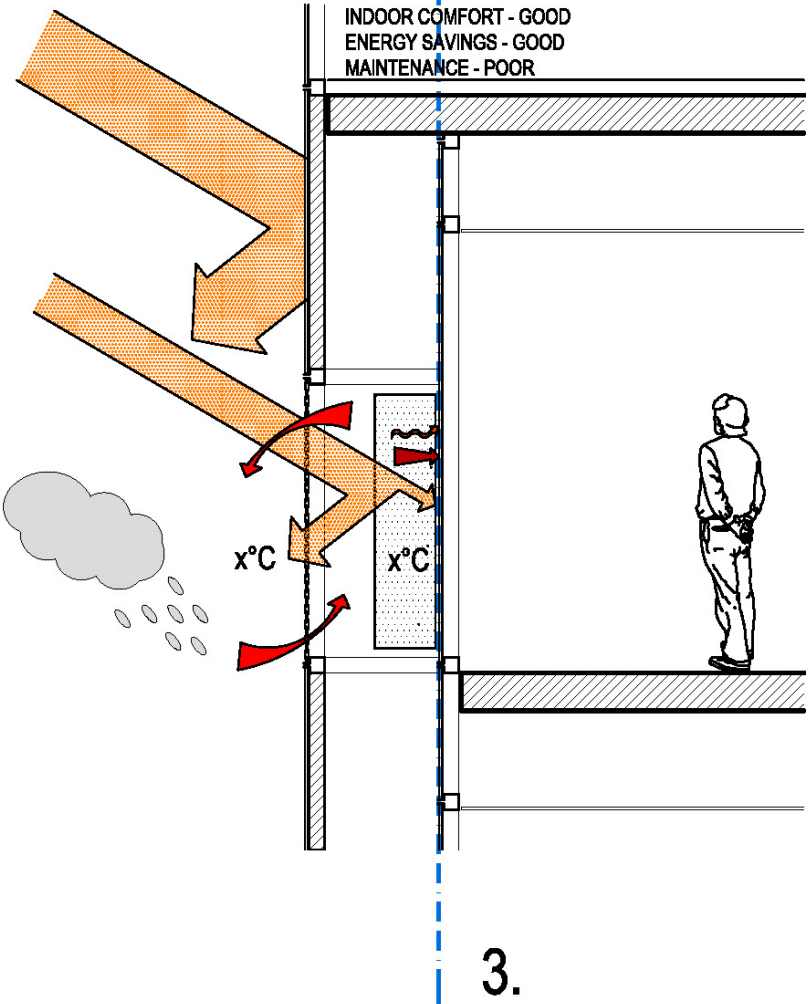
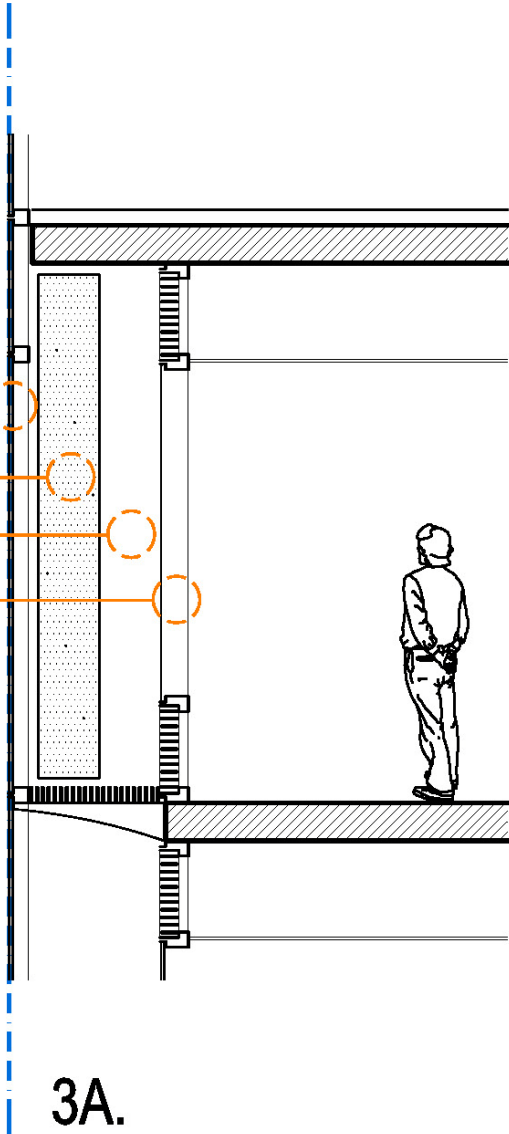
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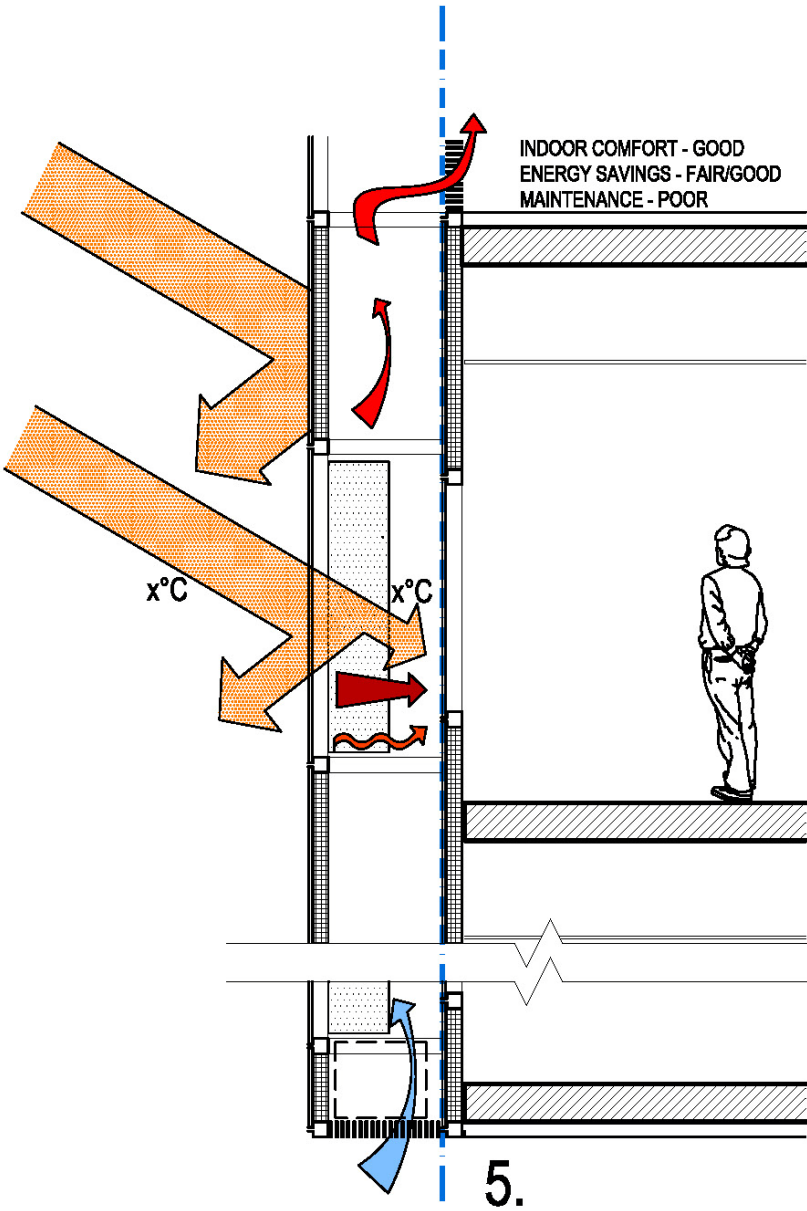
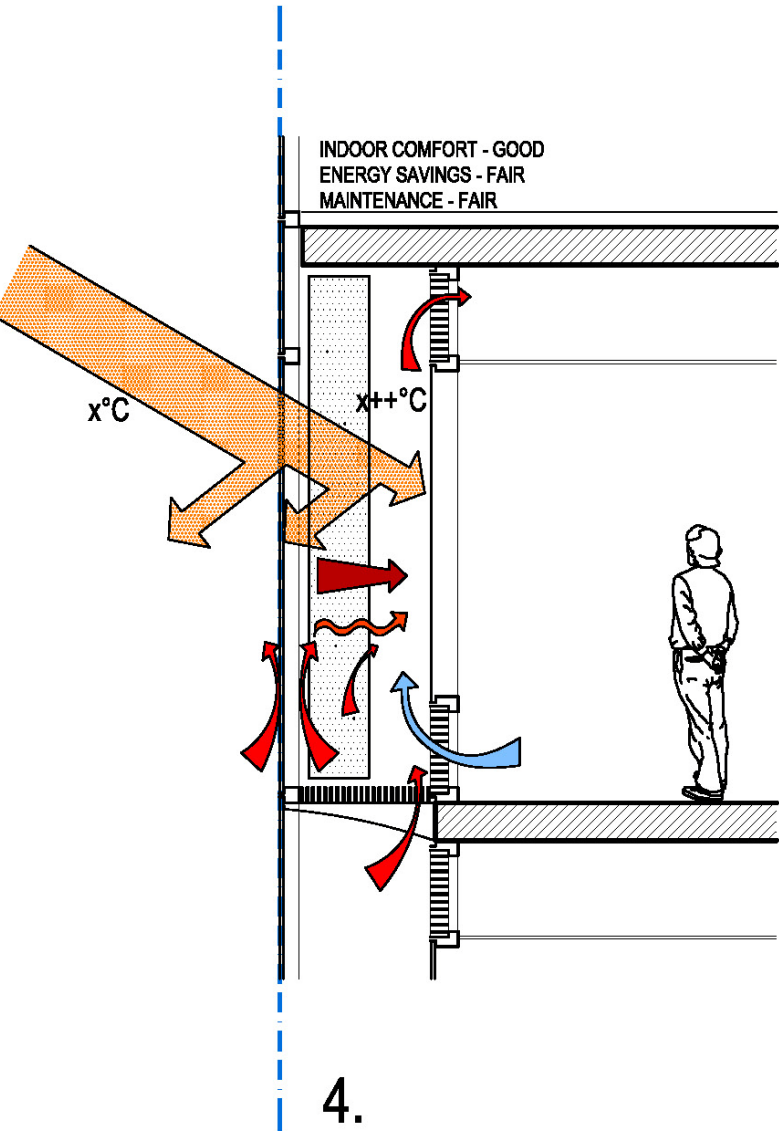


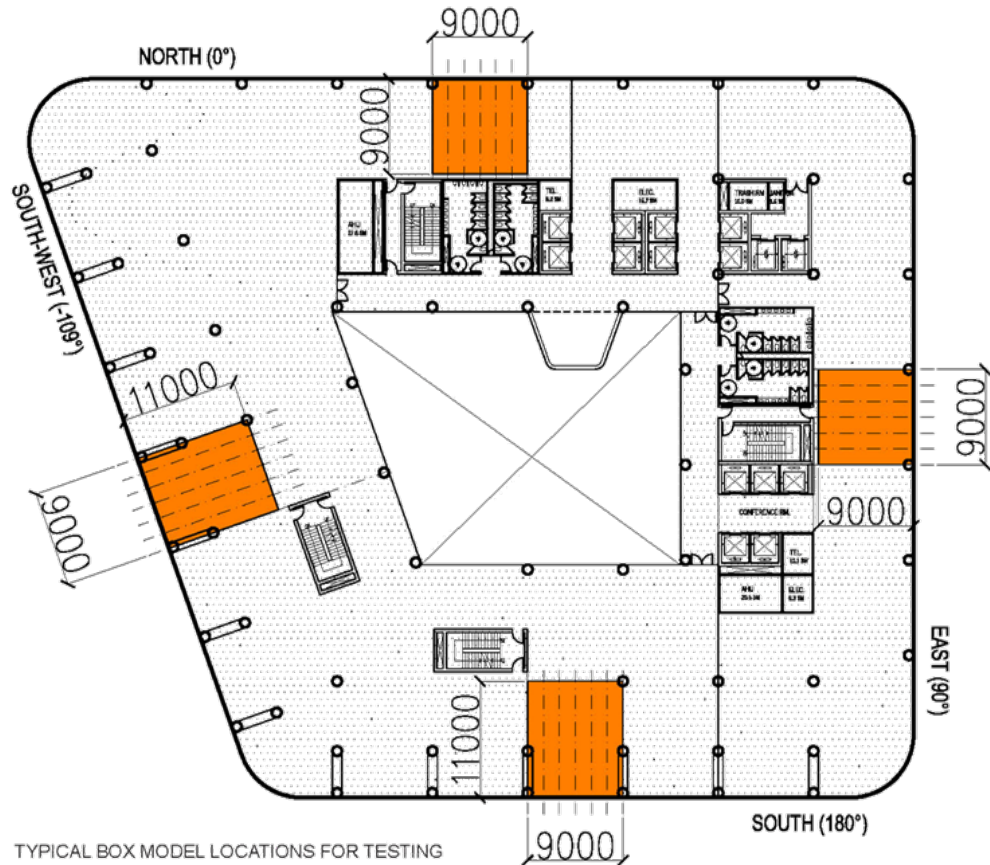




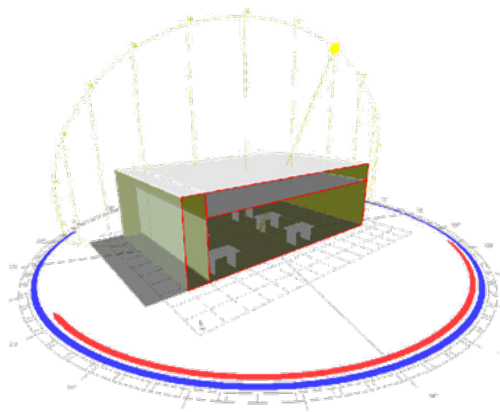
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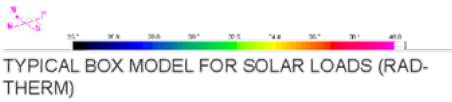
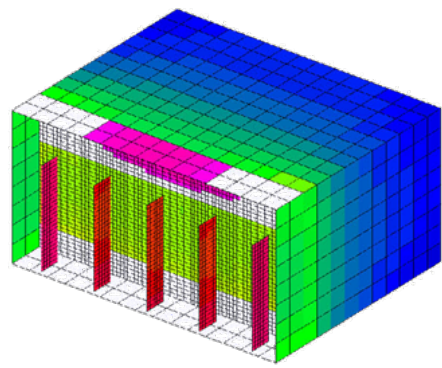


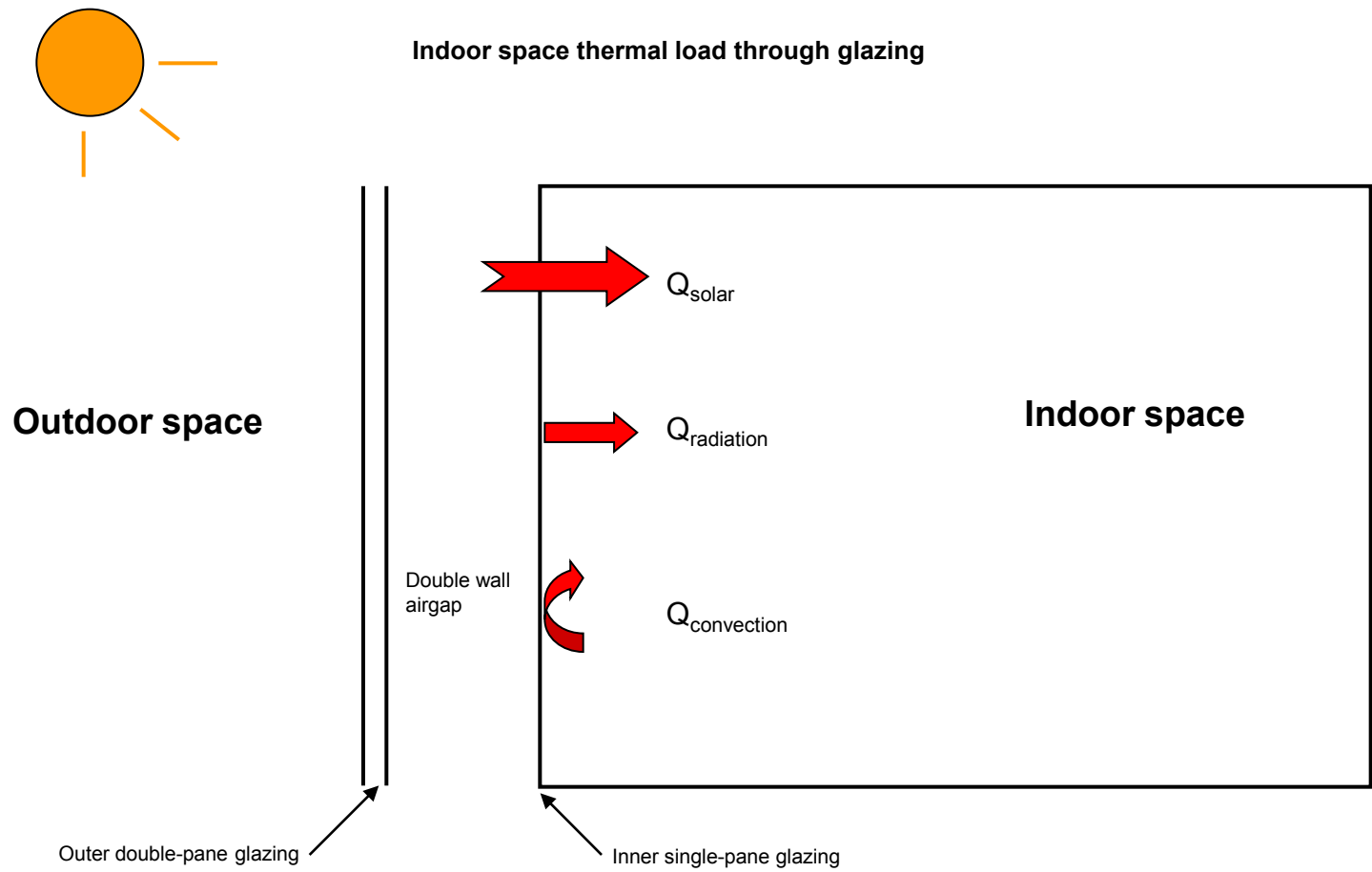


TYPICAL BOX MODEL LOCATIONS FOR TESTING



TYPICAL BOX MODEL FOR DAYLIGHTING (ECOTECT)





$$Q_{total} = Q_{solar} + Q_{radiation} + Q_{convection}$$

Where:

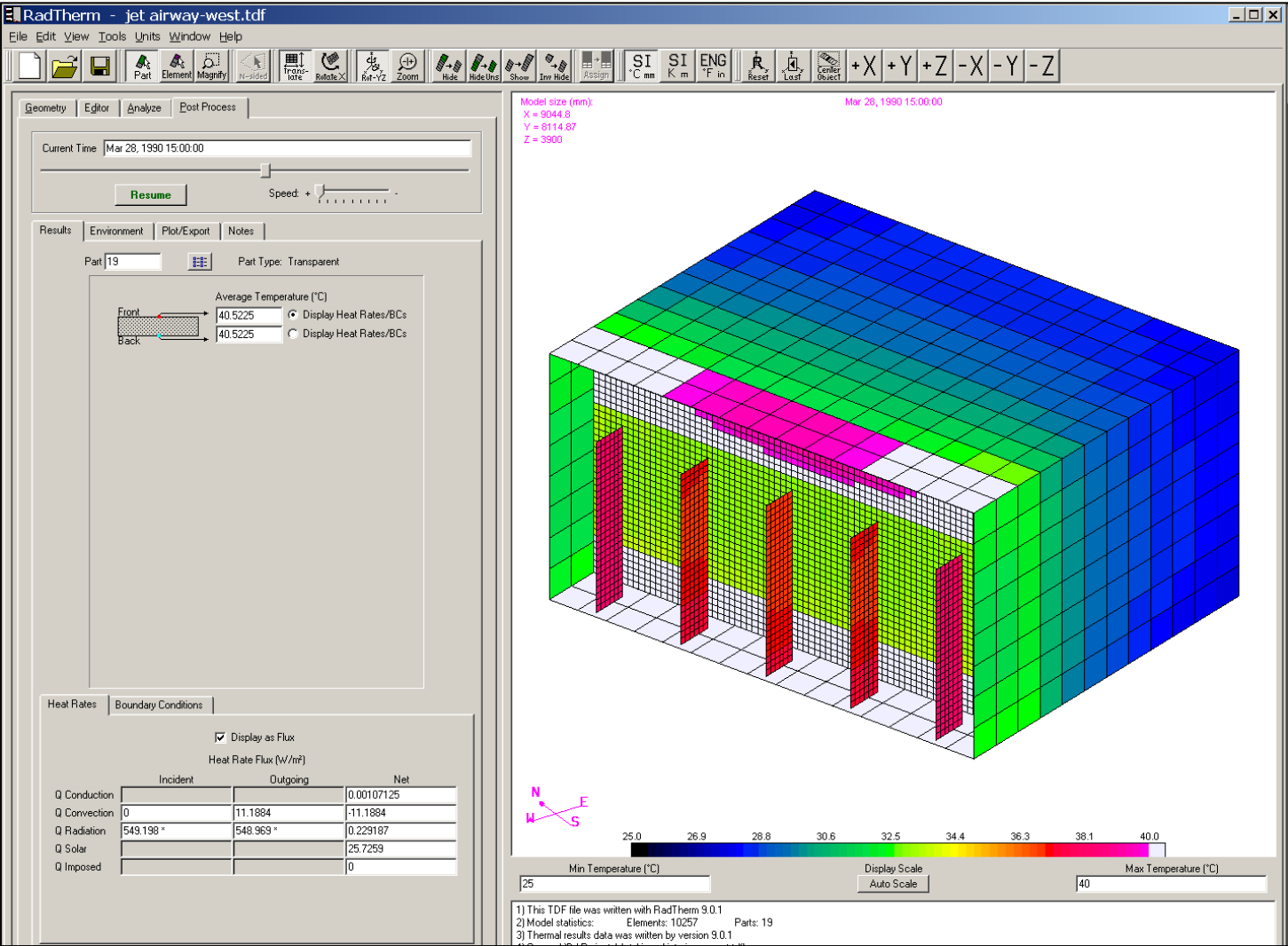
Q_{total} is the total heat entering the indoor space through glazing.

Q_{solar} is the solar heat entering the indoor space through glazing.

$Q_{radiation}$ is the heat entering the indoor space by thermal radiation from the glazing internal surface.

$Q_{convection}$ is the heat entering the indoor space by thermal convection from the glazing internal surface.

Radtherm Thermal Analysis Software



Surface physical properties of modeled double wall glazing system

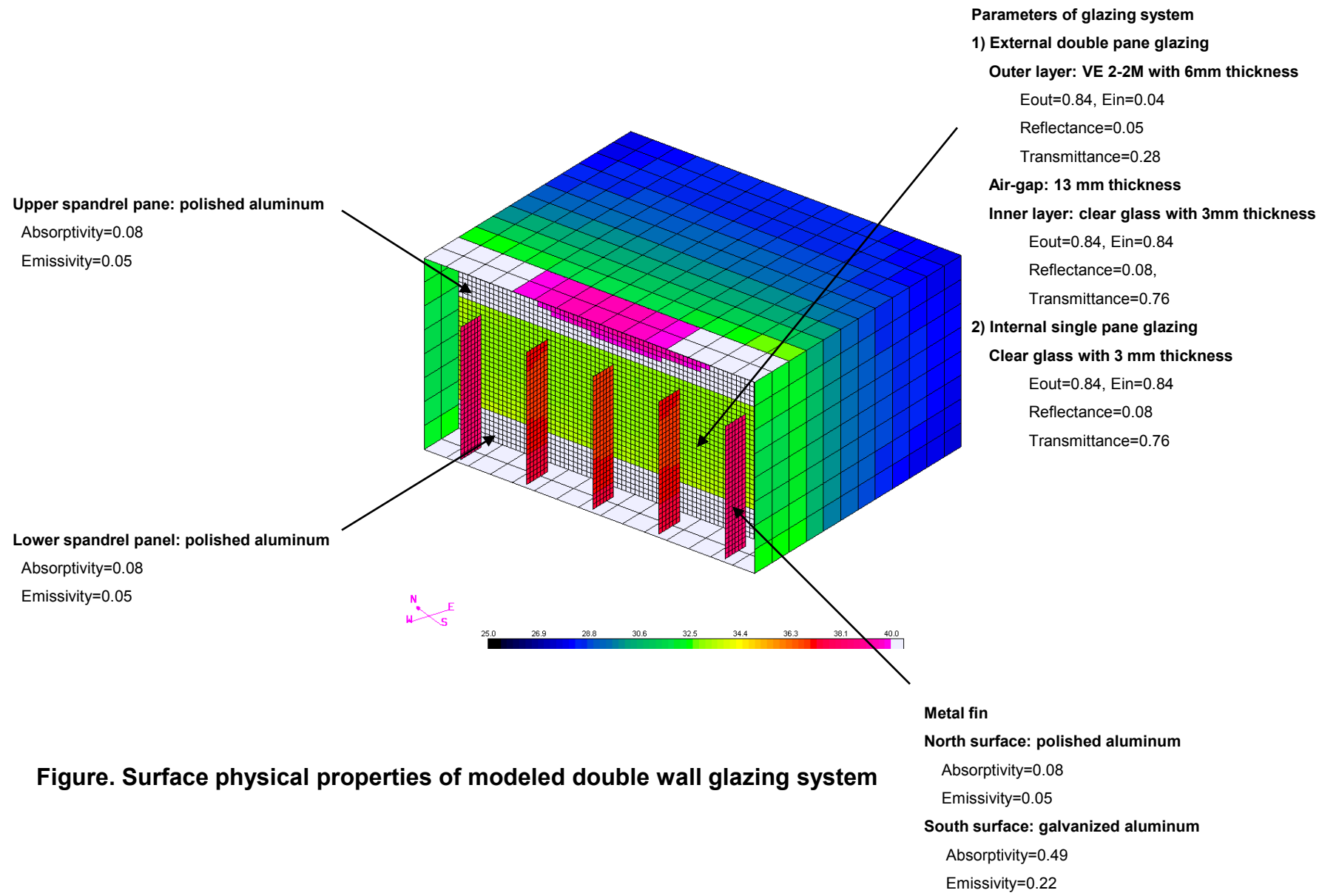
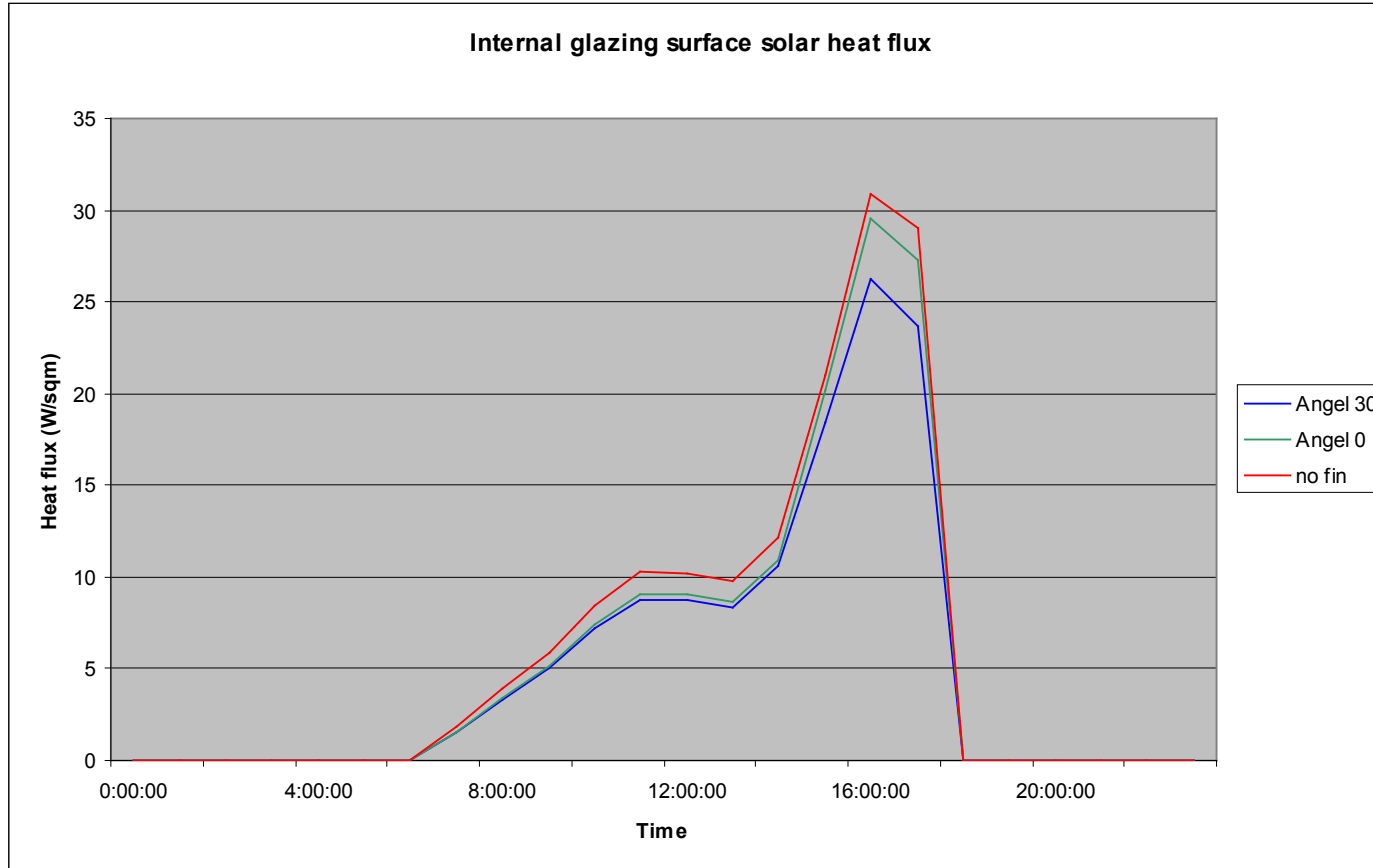


Figure. Surface physical properties of modeled double wall glazing system

West-facing internal glazing surface solar heat flux comparison



Fin distance = 1500 mm

Fin width = 600 mm

Fin shade can reduce solar radiation penetrating into the building space.

Comparison in the Figure above shows that the peak solar radiation heat flux can be reduced by 1.3~4.7 W/sqm of window area. Fins with angle of 30 degree give the largest solar heat flux reduction.

EXTERNAL WALL ANALYSIS MATRIX																				
WEST FAÇADE																				
			External Wall				Air Cavity	Shading Device			Ventilation	Internal Wall				Results				
		Type	WWR (%)	U-Value (w/m²k)	SHGC	VT	Depth (mm)	Type	Spacing (mm)	Depth (mm)	Ventilation Strategy	WWR (%)	U-Value (w/m²k)	SHGC	VT	Peak Wall Temp. (°C)	Peak glazing total load (W/m²)	Peak glazing solar load (W/m²)	Int. Wall Shading (%)	Energy Usage (kWh/m²)
SINGLE WALL SYSTEM																				
	S1	Base Run - ECBC Code Compliant (VRE 2-38 single pane)	40%	3.25	0.25	0.34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	51.3	219.3	142.1		1.9
	S2	IGU + Low-e coat (6mm-12mm-6mm, VRE 2-54, Green)	70%	1.70	0.24	0.40	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	34.0	148.0	112.1		
		IGU + Low-e coat (6mm-12mm-6mm, VE 2-2M, Green)	70%	1.66	0.32	0.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					3.2
	S3	IGU + Low-e coat (6mm-12mm-6mm, VRE 1-38, Clear)	70%	1.60	0.23	0.36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
DOUBLE WALL SYSTEM																				
External Wall	D1	Ext. - Clear SG (6), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	5.81	0.84	0.89	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	42.9	540.9	455.3		
	D2	Ext. - IGU (6-12-6), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	2.80	0.70	0.79	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	46.5	560.8	436.5		
	D3	Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6, VE 2-2M, Green), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	1.66	0.32	0.60	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	40.2	260.4	179.6		
		Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6, VRE 2-54, Green), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	1.70	0.24	0.40	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.0	202.8	136.5		
	D4	Ext. - IGU + Cricursa Cal. Film, Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	?	0.44	0.57	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
	D5	Ext. - Tripple Laminate (Cricursa) Cal. Film + Chromascreen, Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	?	?	?	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
	D6	Ext. - WWR Reduction	75	?	?	?	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
Air Cavity		Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6, VRE 2-54, Green), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	1.7	0.24	0.40	300	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	36.3	177.5	117.5		
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	600	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.2	182.7	115.4		
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1200	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1500	NA	NA	NA	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.7	191.9	111.1		
Shading Device		Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6, VRE 2-54, Green), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	Vertical	1500	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.2	194.3	128.4		
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	Vertical	750	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	Vertical	500	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	Vertical	750	300	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	Vertical	500	300	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	38.3	201.3	130.2		
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	30° CCW	1500	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.0	178.9	113.8		
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	30° CCW	750	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	30° CCW	500	600	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	30° CCW	750	300	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89					
			100	1.7	0.24	0.40	1000	30° CCW	500	300	Sealed	55	5.81	0.84	0.89	37.2	175.7	109.7		
Ventilation		Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6)), Int. - Clear SG (6)									IAW									
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Internal Wall		Ext. - IGU + Low-e coating (6-12-6)), Int. - Clear SG (6)	100	?	?	?	1000	Vertical	1500	600	IAC	100	5.7	0.82	0.88					
			100	?	?	?	1000	Vertical	1500	600	IAC	75	5.7	0.82	0.88					
			100	?	?	?	1000	Vertical	1500	600	IAC	50	5.7	0.82	0.88					
			100	?	?	?	1000	Vertical	1500	600	IAC	40	5.7	0.82	0.88					
			100	?	?	?	1000	Vertical	1500	600	IAC	30	5.7	0.82	0.88					

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