



Residential retrofit assessment platform and demonstrations for near zero energy and CO2 emissions with optimum cost, health, comfort and environmental quality.

A H2020 project which includes a demo building at Brunel campus started in Jan 2018 to finish in Dec 2021 (four years)

Brunel is Technical Manager, University of Aalborg co-ordinates

Total project budget 9M Euros with 17 partners



Innovation/Ambition



COST & TIME EFFICIENCY

- Modular Action Plans with adaptable solutions
- Integrated Project Delivery
- Least Cost Approach
- Synergies between technologies



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Ultra-Thin Vacuum Insulation
- Compact PV arrays
- Smart Windows
- Cooling Materials
- System monitored & controlled by BEMS



HUMAN HEALTH & COMFORT

- Thermal, acoustic & visual comfort
- Passive on demand ventilation
- Nature based air treatment
- Streamlined and intuitive IEMS optimized for IEQ



ENVIRONMENT

- Urban microclimate improvement
- RES energy generation
- Low CO₂ footprint of solutions
- Decarbonized refurbishment





ReCO₂ST

3-step approach

REFURBISHMENT ASSESSMENT

REFURBISHMENT PLANNING

RENOVATION PROCESS

through
Rebubrishment Assessment Tool
(RAT)

a holistic overview (cost, energy,
user requirements, LCA) of
the renovation potential for
user-driven refurbishment scenarios

with
Least Cost method and
Integrated Project Delivery
(IPD)

selection of
optimal Action Plan
and optimisation of installation process

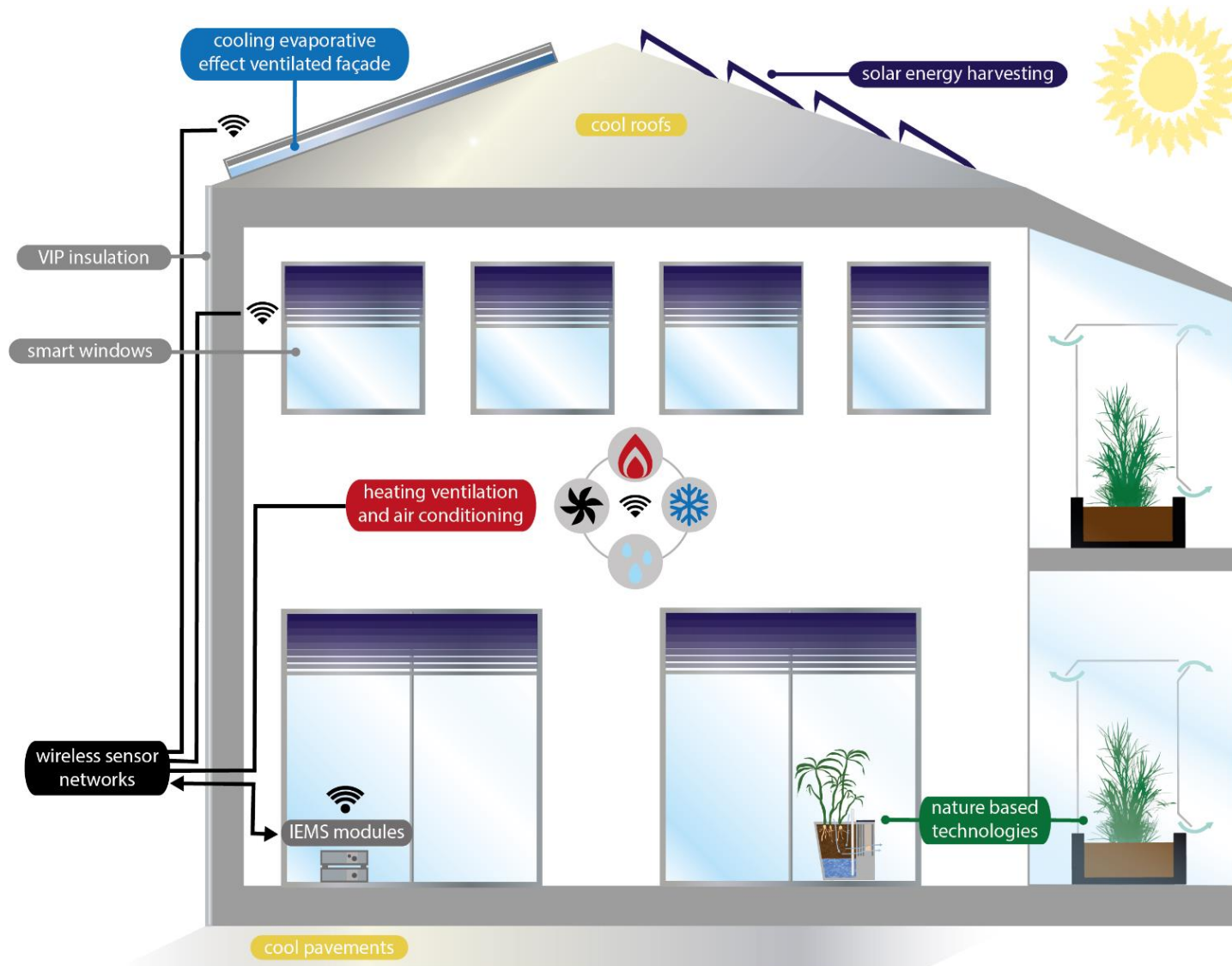
Installation of personalised
Retrofit-Kit



Residential Demonstration Buildings



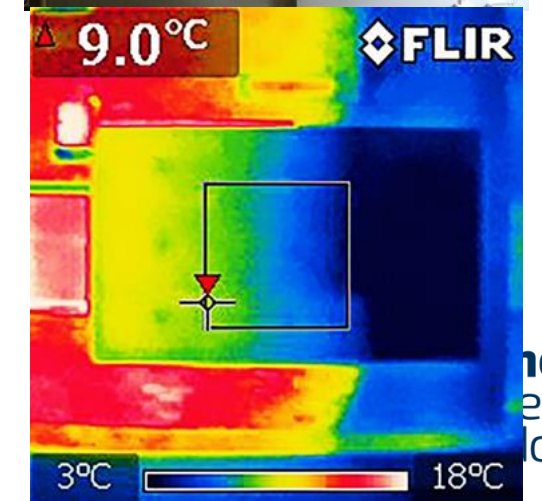
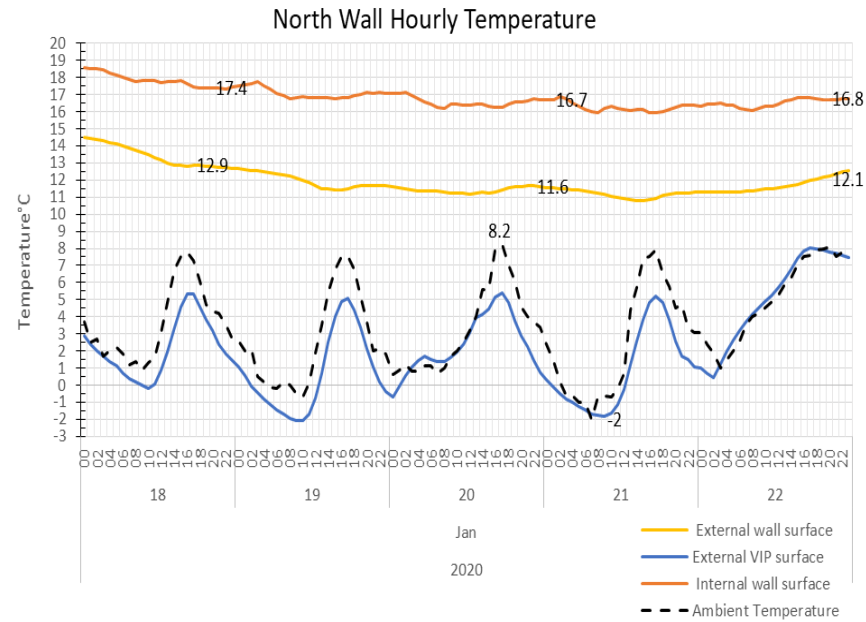
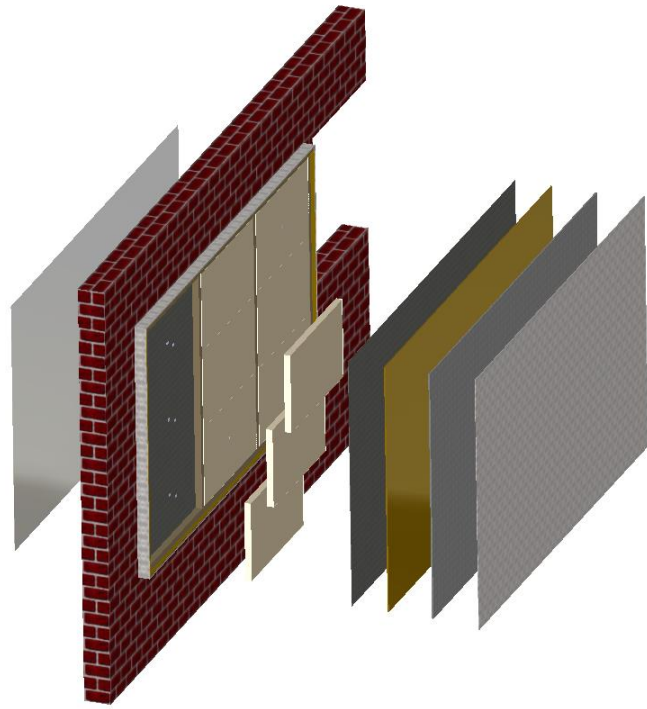
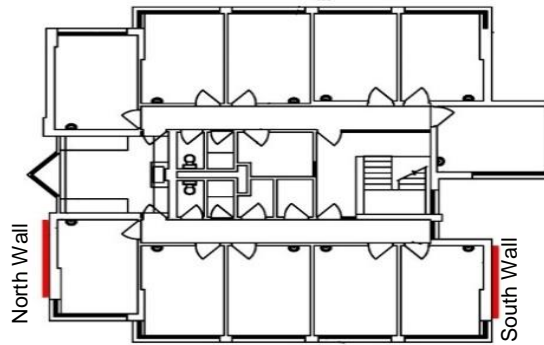
Technologies



Demo building at Brunel

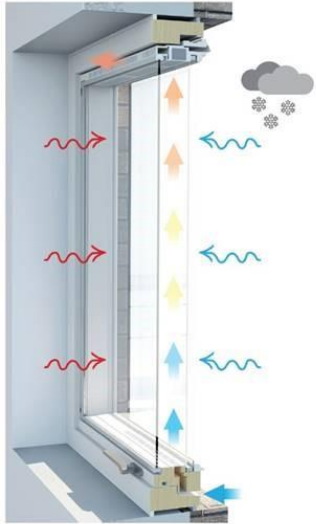
- Brunel Estates agreed for one of the campus buildings to be a demo building.
- A range of buildings were investigated and Clifton Hall was identified as a good candidate which was also due for some upgrades.
- ReCO2ST team was involved in meetings with Estates and external contractors in winter 2019
- Interventions were carried out in summer 2019 when ReCO2ST team, Estates and external contractors worked well together.
- Residences were involved during post interventions
- Required energy data were made available

Building Envelope: Insulation – va-Q-tec

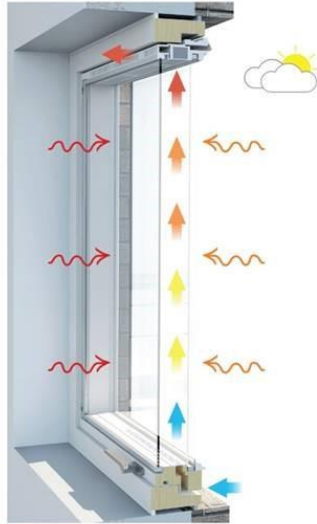


Building Envelope: Windows - Horn

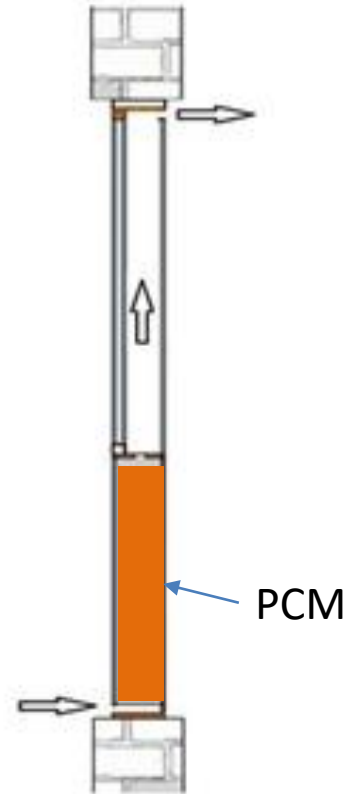
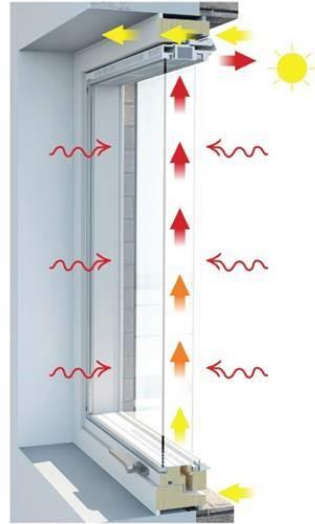
Minimal situation



Normal situation



Selvkølede situation



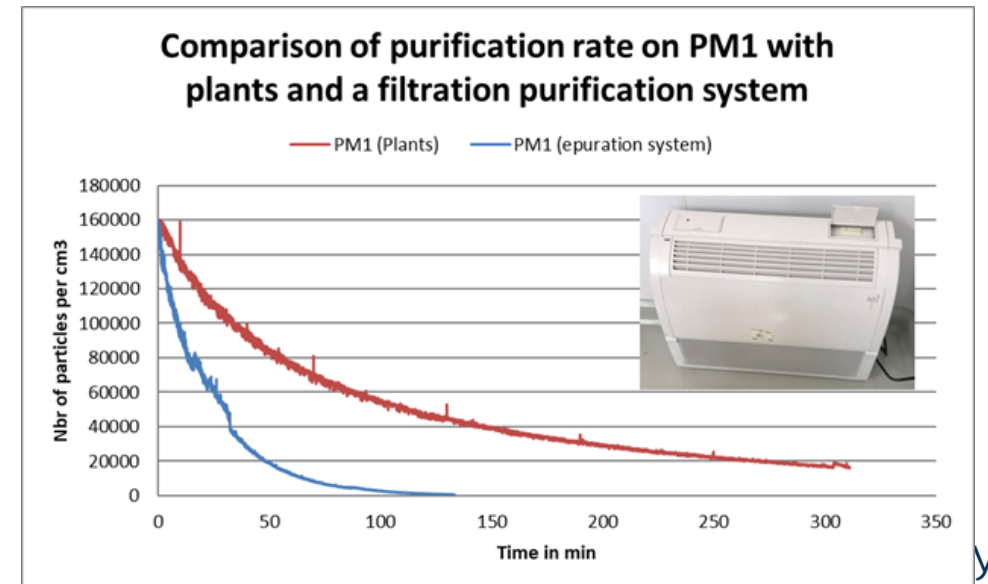
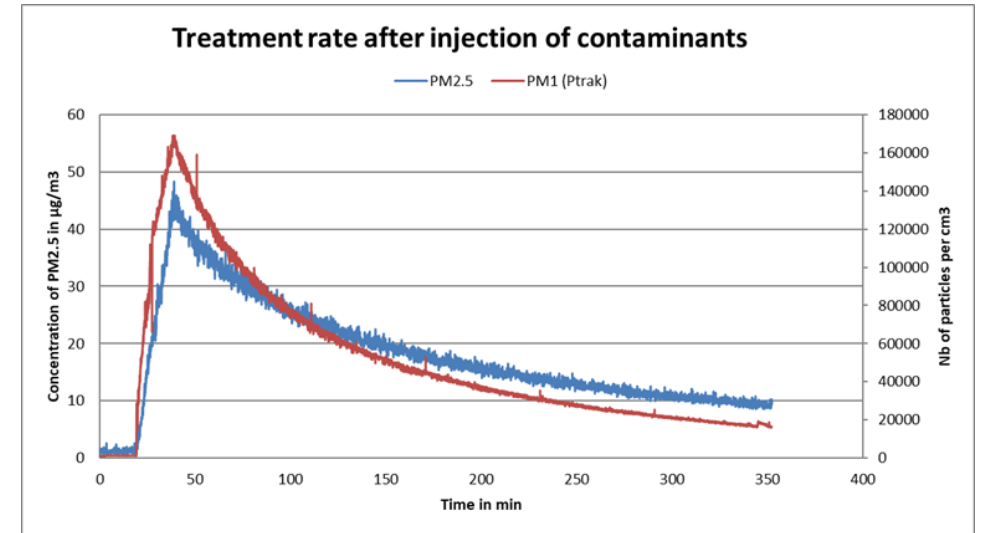
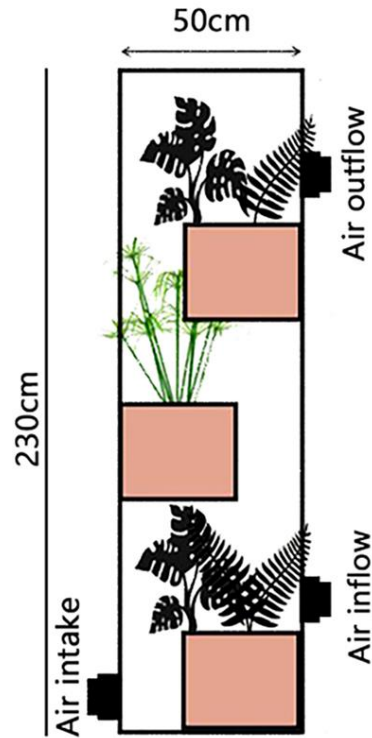
(b) Ventilation pre-heating mode. Ventilation goes through the PCM heat exchanger to be heated up by the storage.

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Building Envelope: Nature based IAQ solutions – alchemia-nova



Building Envelope: Cool Materials - ECRC

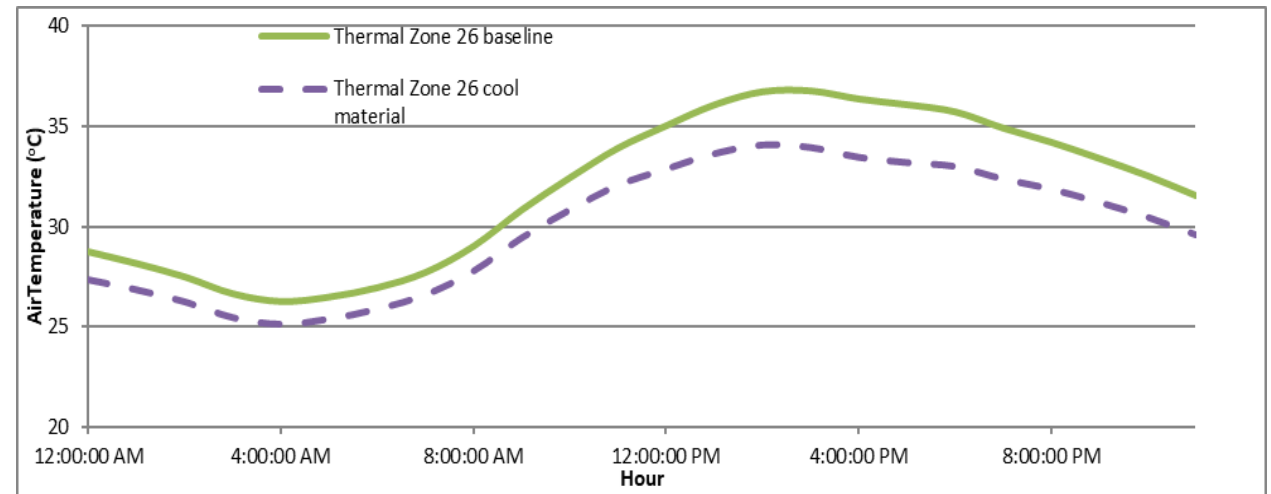


Figure 1. Room air temperature in London demo site

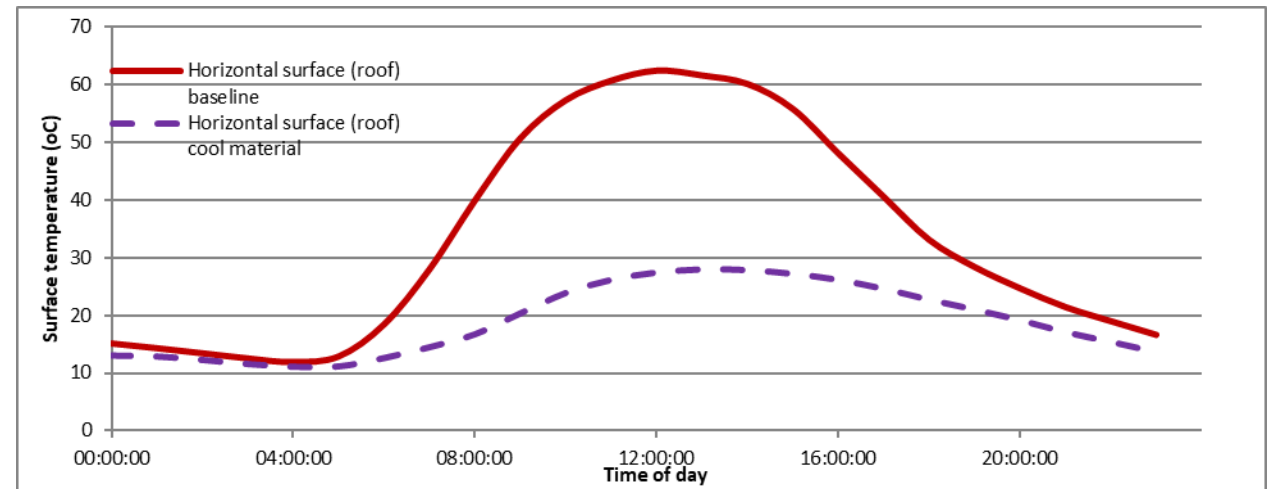


Figure 2. Surface temperature of a horizontal surface at London demo site



Building Systems: HVAC systems

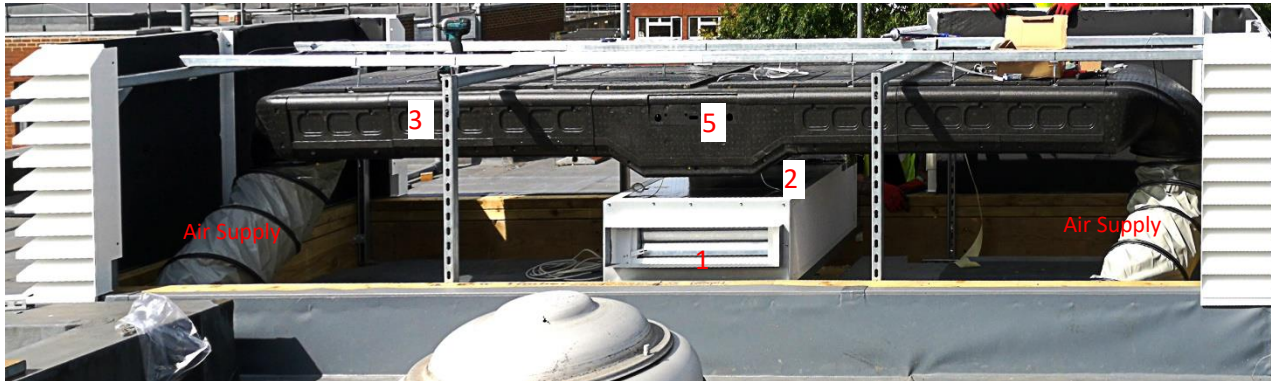


Fig. Cool-Phase outside layout

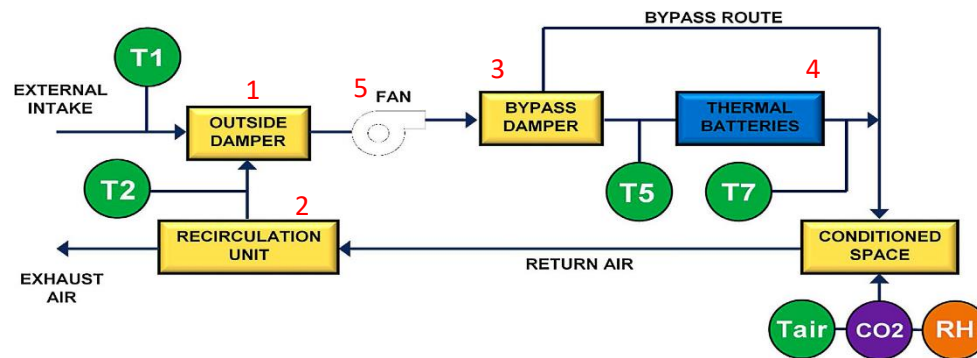


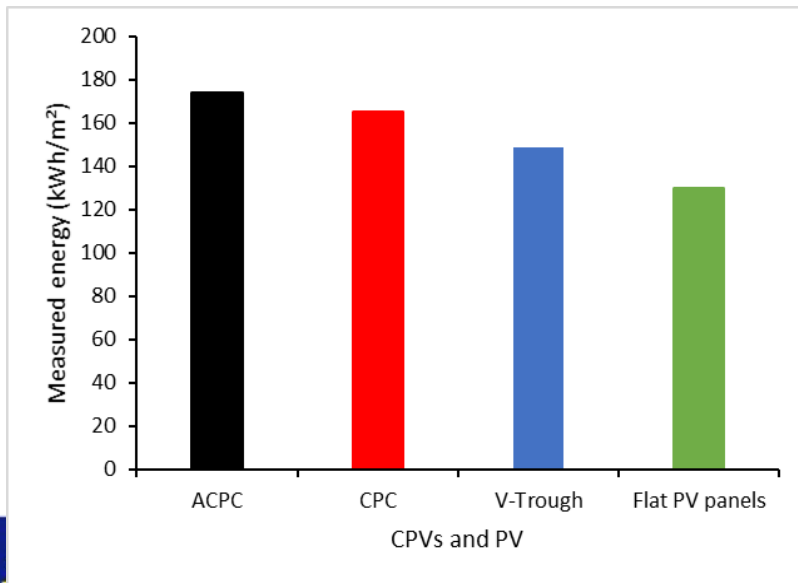
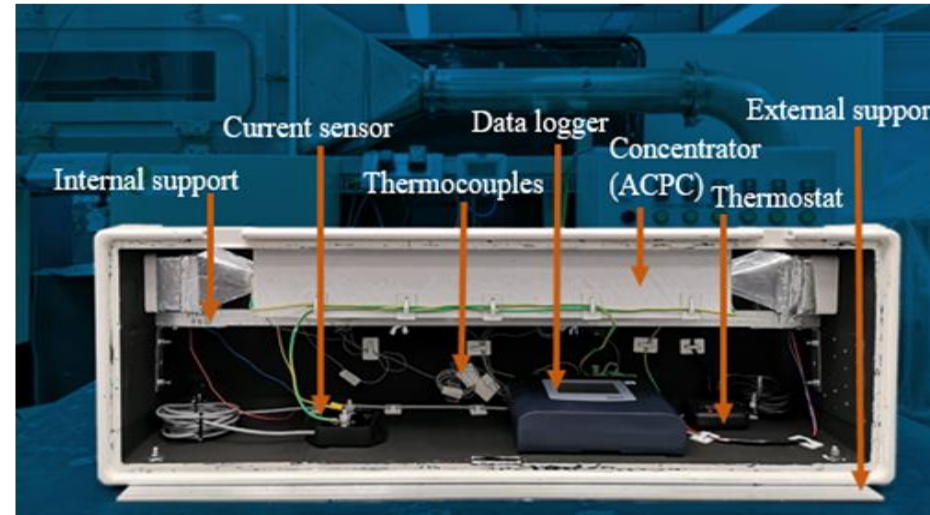
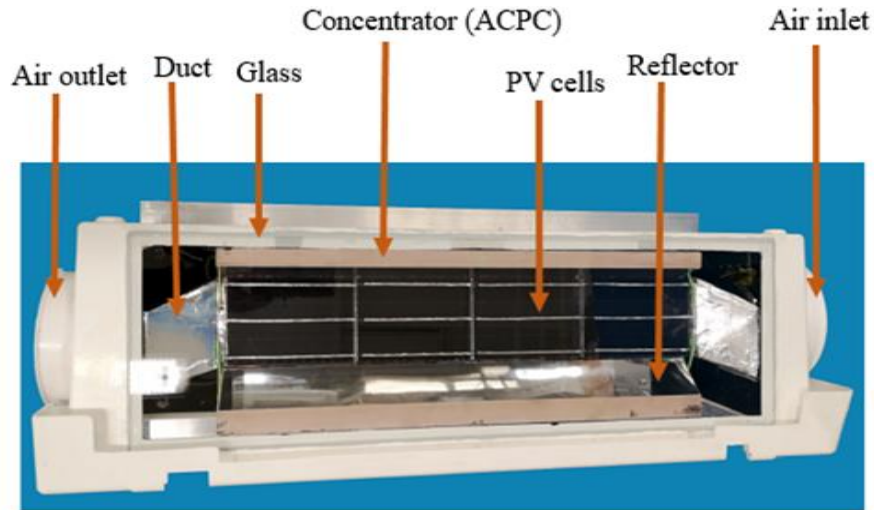
Fig. Cool-Phase diagram



PCM Based ventilation and cooling is installed in the UK demo building



Energy harvesting: CPV and PV - BUL

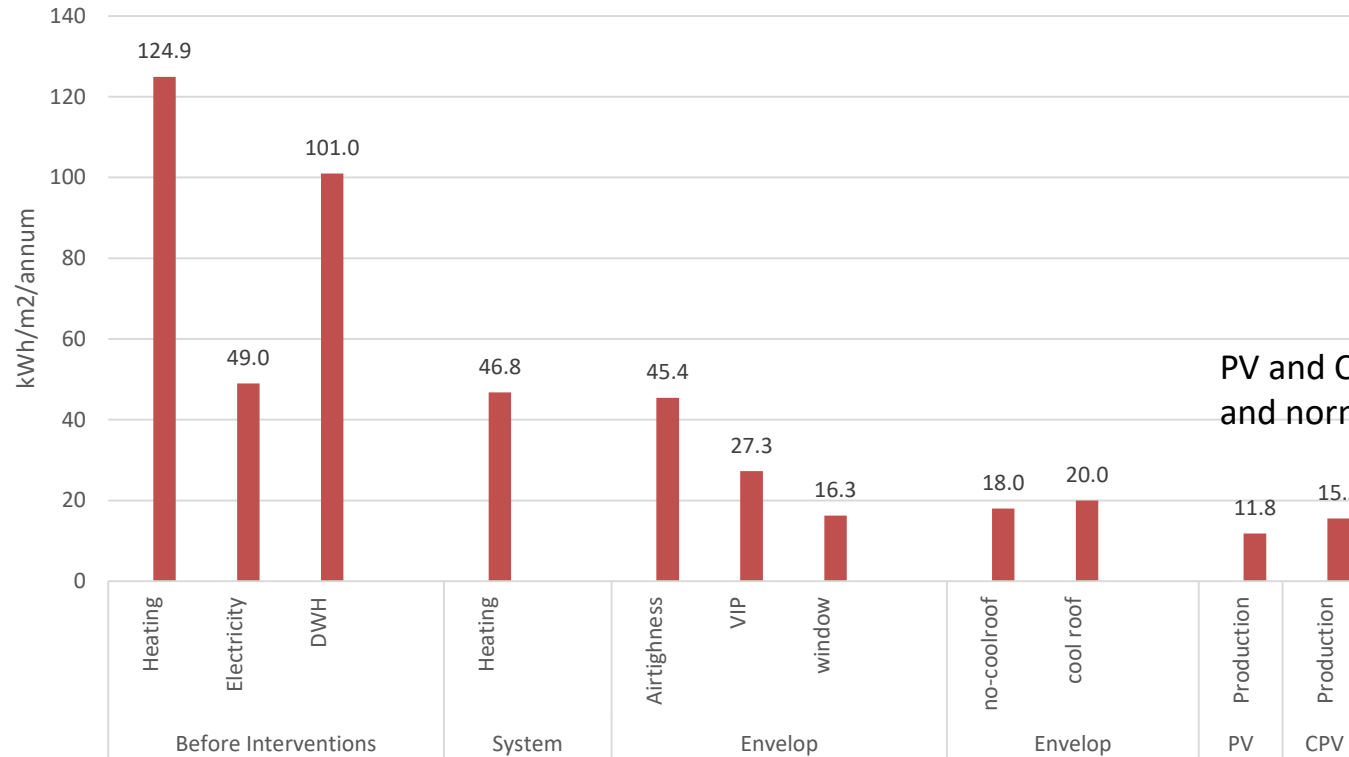


Other measures:
RAT will identify them and cost them

- Domestic hot water
- Improved Air-tightness
- Reduce equipment heat gains: A++ appliances
- LED Lighting
- Heating systems: improvement in London



Simulation results for the London demo building



PV and CPV production is for roof area of 195m² and normalised for building floor area of 750m²



Users' engagement

- Energy data for comparison
- Students were engaged with some questionnaire and more widely through a design competition enabled by Residences



one building at a time....for a cleaner campus



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