



# AUTARKIC COOLING VIA BUILDING SKINS - RESULTS FROM COOLSKIN-PROJECT

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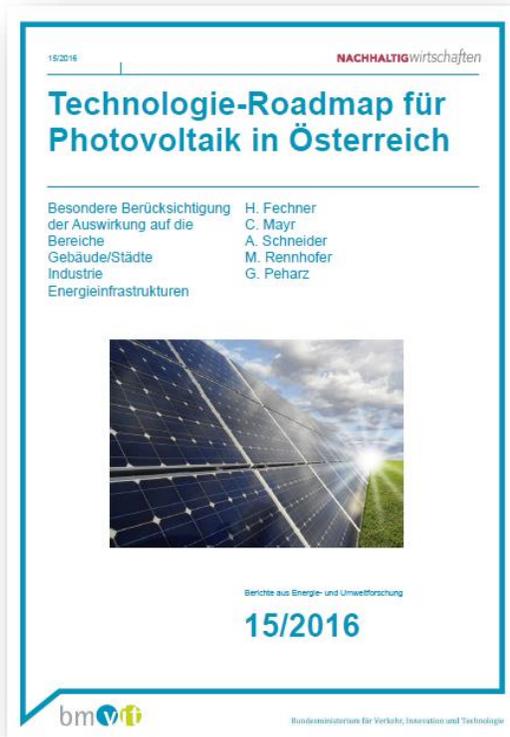
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# PHOTOVOLTAICS IN AUSTRIA TECHNOLOGIE ROADMAP



## Austrian Energy Targets

- **2030 - 100% Electricity from renewables**
- **2050 - 100% Energy from renewables in the entire energy system:**

## Dimension of Implementation

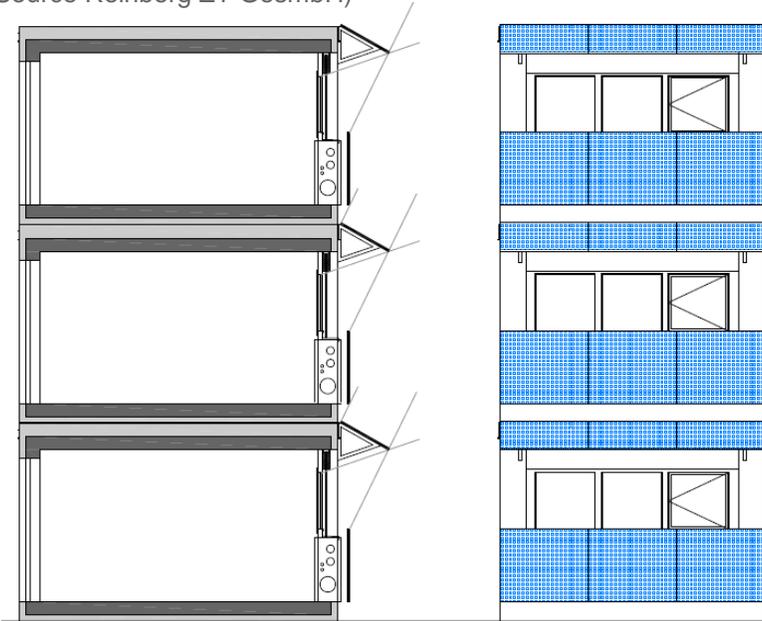
*For achieving a 100 percentage energy delivery by using renewable energy sources in 2050 requires an annual solar electricity generation by photovoltaics of approx. 29,9 TWh. This corresponds to 26 MW<sub>peak</sub> installed. An annual new installation capacity of 600 MW<sub>peak</sub> and starting with 2030 820 MW<sub>peak</sub> have to be put into operation annually.*

## Finding

*Using all areas with high solar irradiation potential  
→ Building integrated is one good option*

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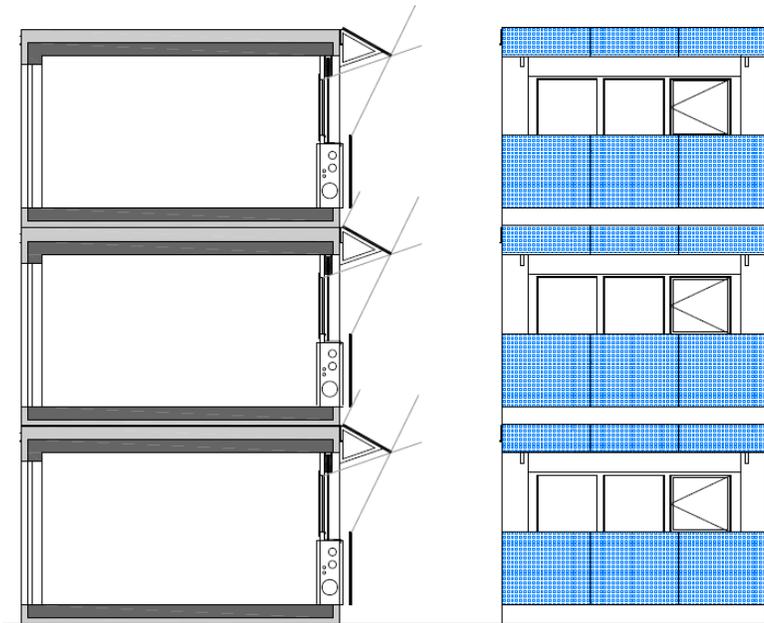
## General idea:

- *Development, assessment and testing of different façade concepts*
- *Technical integration of both photovoltaics (PV) and air-conditioning or cooling system into the façade element*
- *High grades of energy autarky in system operation*
- *Plug and play character of the façade construction*
- *High level of pre-fabrication of the technical façade solution*

## Project Partner

- Institut für Wärmetechnik – Technische Universität Graz
- AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH (AIT-Energy)
- SFL technologies GmbH
- qpunkt GMBH
- Architekturbüro Reinberg ZT GesmbH

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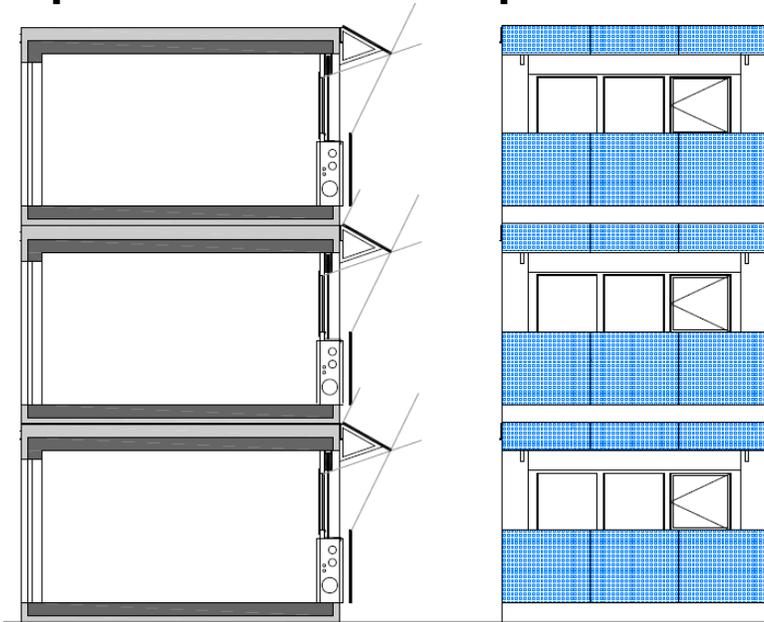
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## Focus of the development:

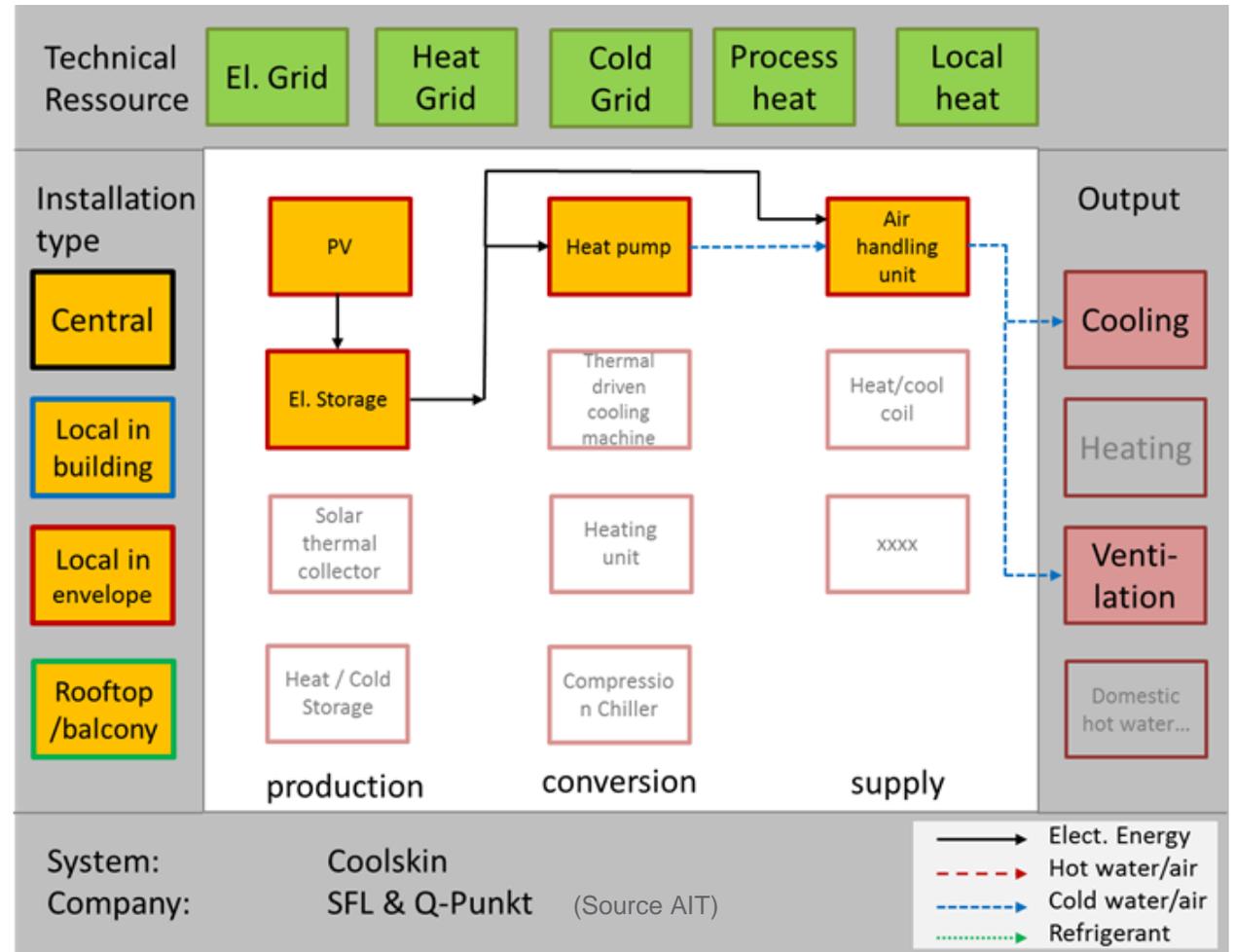
- *Office buildings* offers a greater potential for decentralized cooling system solutions compared to residential buildings.
- *Europe* is the primary target market – Increasing demand for cooling and air-conditioning in the building sector and the climate change will lead to additional markets.
- *Primarily technical solution for covering the cooling demand in buildings; **all-year operation**; other energy demands like heating and electricity for other appliances are going to be investigated as well.*

# COOLSKIN – ENERGY MODELLING OF THE REFERENCE ROOMS

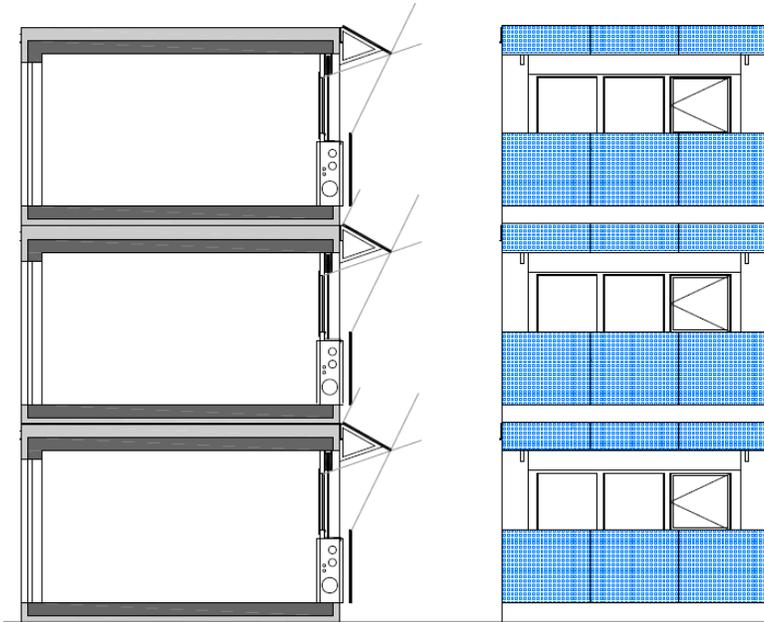
## Square View of the implemented COOLSKIN system



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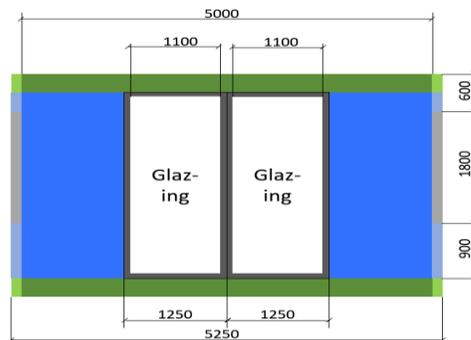
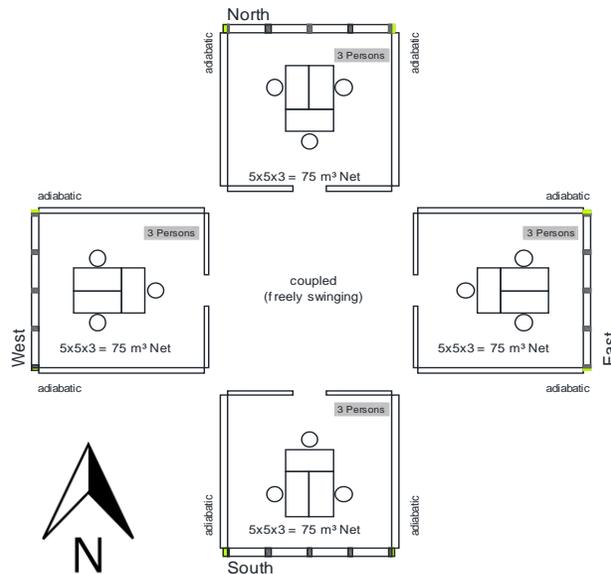
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**For achieving the COOLSKIN target the research project is subdivided into three development steps:**

- Elaborated system simulations
- Experimental tests with a functional model of the system
- Field tests under real operating conditions.

# COOLSKIN ENERGY MODELLING OF THE REFERENCE ROOMS

Source TU Graz



	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Fraction %
<b>PV</b>	11.22	59.9
<b>Frame</b>	1.31	7.0
<b>Glazing</b>	6.19	33.1
<b>Sum</b>	18.72	100

## Approach

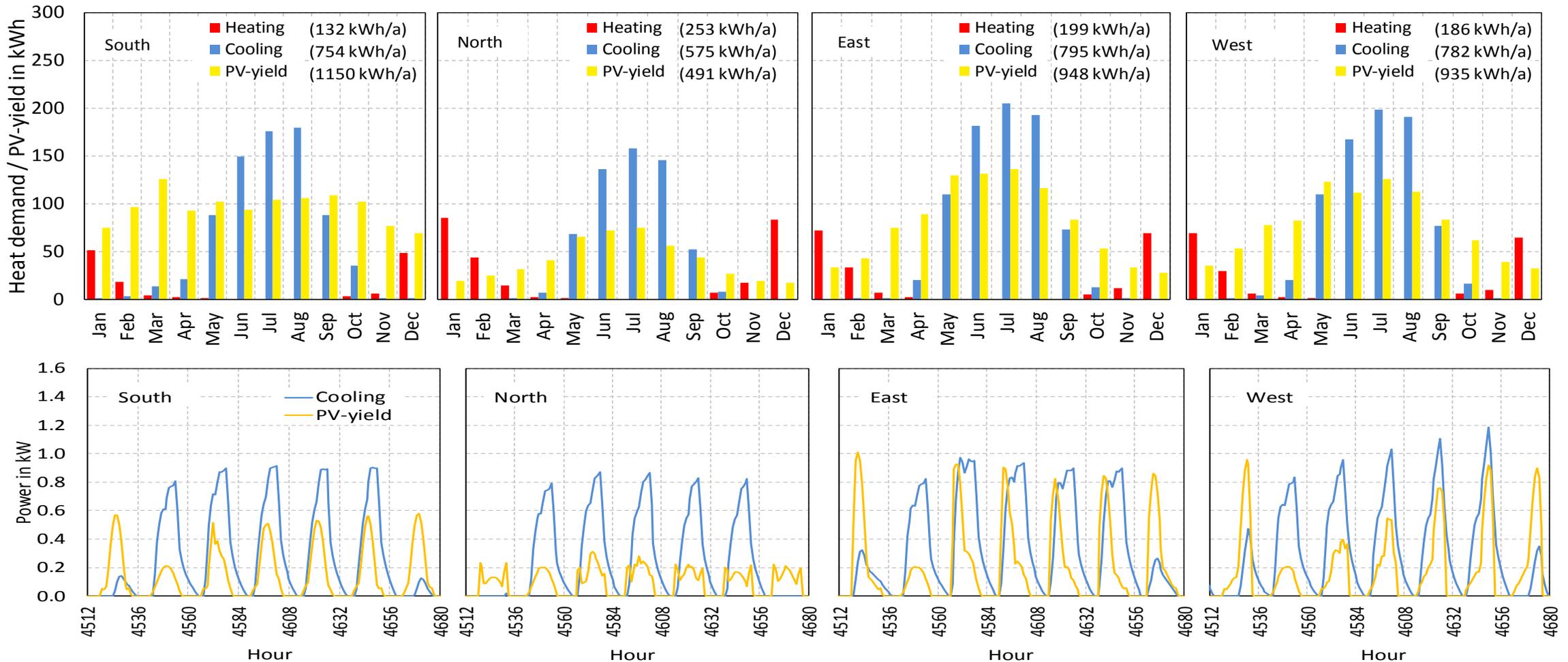
- *Thermal building model created in the simulation environment (TRNSYS, 2011)*
- *10-year average climate taken from Meteonorm software (Meteotest 2009) for Helsinki (cold), Ljubljana (moderate) and Madrid (warm)*

## Modelled building parameter

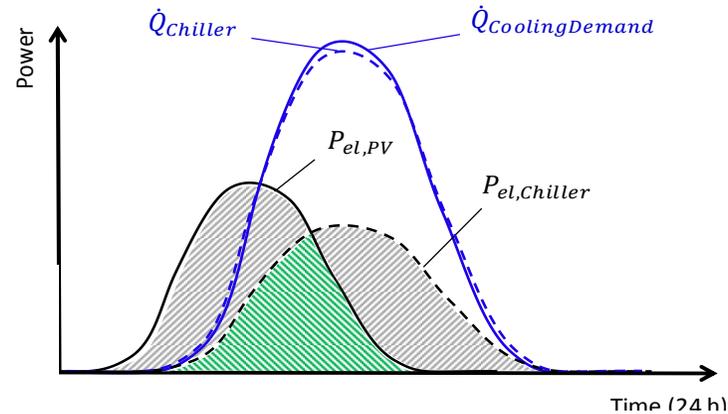
- *25 m<sup>2</sup> net floor space / 75 m<sup>3</sup> volume*
- *Set temperatures: 21 ° C (heating), 26 ° C (cooling)*
- *Fresh air supply per room: 108 m<sup>3</sup> /h; Air change rate 1.44 [1/h]*
- *Facade opaque: U-value total 1.004 W/m<sup>2</sup>K*
- *Facade transparent*
  - *U-value glazing 0.59 W/m<sup>2</sup>K*
  - *U-Value frame 2.08 W/m<sup>2</sup>K*
  - *g-value 0.59*
- *External Shading factor 0.75*

# COOLSKIN – RESULTS OF ENERGY MODELLING

## Investigated location of Ljubljana (moderate European climate)

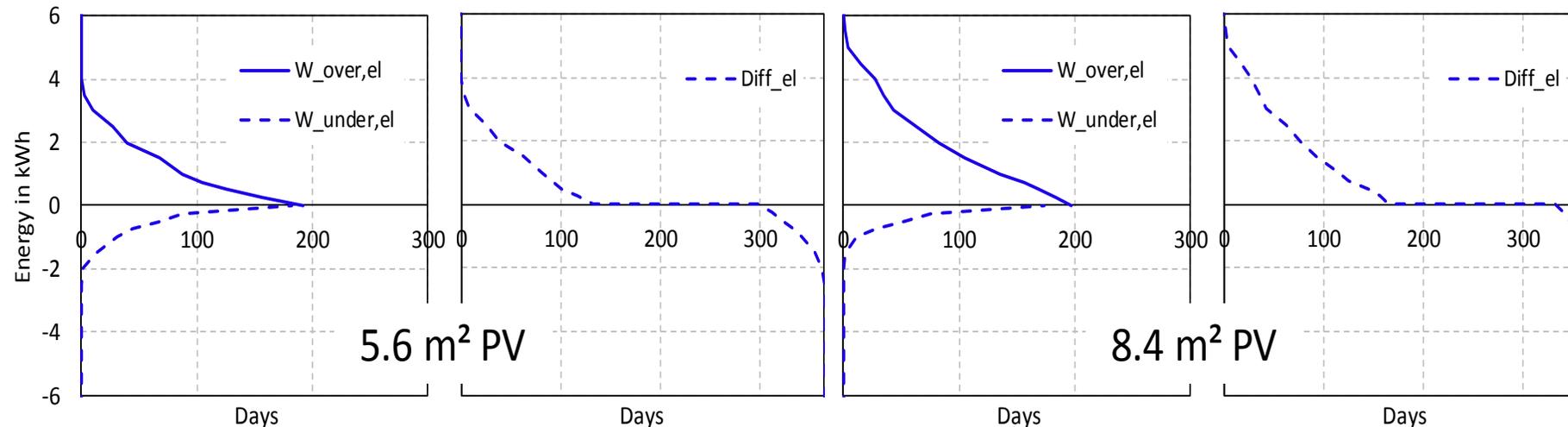


# COOLSKIN – ENERGY MODELLING OF THE BUILDING



## Indication of storage capacity

- Using the previous presented simulation results
- Simple model of a compression chiller, operated only when a cooling load occurs,  $0.85 \text{ kW}_{thermal}$  cooling capacity
- Daily energy balances
- Ljubljana climate/ south-oriented façade integrated PV



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# COOLSKIN – EXPERIMENTAL COMPONENTS AND SYSTEM TESTS

## TEST PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES



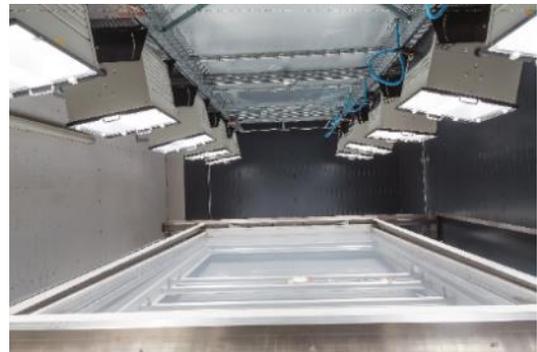
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Digital print



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Black line



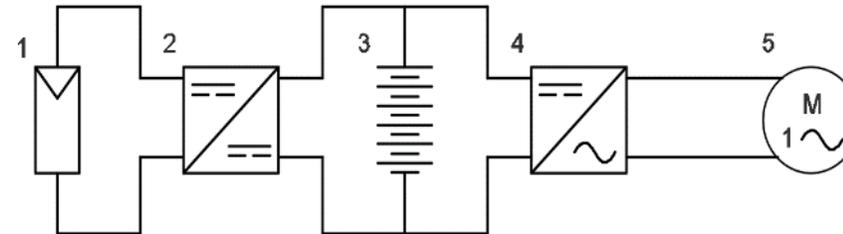
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Stat. Sun Simulator 9 m<sup>2</sup>



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Flasher 9 m<sup>2</sup> A+A+A+



Experimental components		
Number	Name	Value
1	Photovoltaics modules	1167 W
2	MPP-Tracker	1680 W
3	LiFePo Battery	2300 Wh
4	Inverter	1600 W
5	AC Compressor	500 W

Source AIT

$$\eta_{MPP} 98\% \times \eta_{Bat} 92\% \times \eta_{Inv} 94\% = \eta_{Con} 85\%$$

Type	Number of Cells	V <sub>OC</sub> [V]	V <sub>MPP</sub> [V]	I <sub>SC</sub> [A]	I <sub>MPP</sub> [A]	P <sub>MPP</sub> [W]	η [%]
Digital print	60	39.05	31.90	6.69	6.34	202.17	11.56
Digital print	60	38.99	32.80	6.65	6.05	198.51	11.35
Digital print	84	54.60	46.23	6.73	6.02	278.28	11.61
Digital print	84	54.41	46.08	6.71	5.93	273.38	11.41
Black line	60	39.45	33.32	7.93	7.11	236.95	13.55
Black line	60	39.34	32.52	8.03	7.53	244.82	14.00
Black line	84	55.05	46.60	8.07	7.15	333.11	13.90
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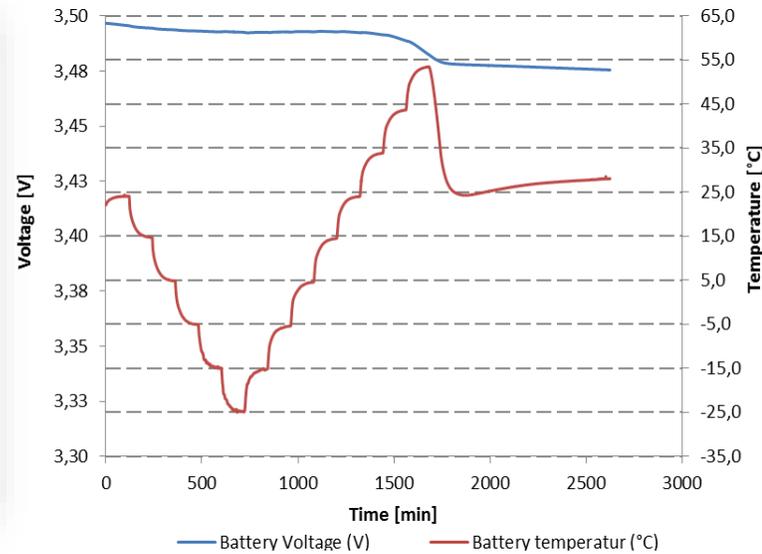
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## TEST BATTERIES

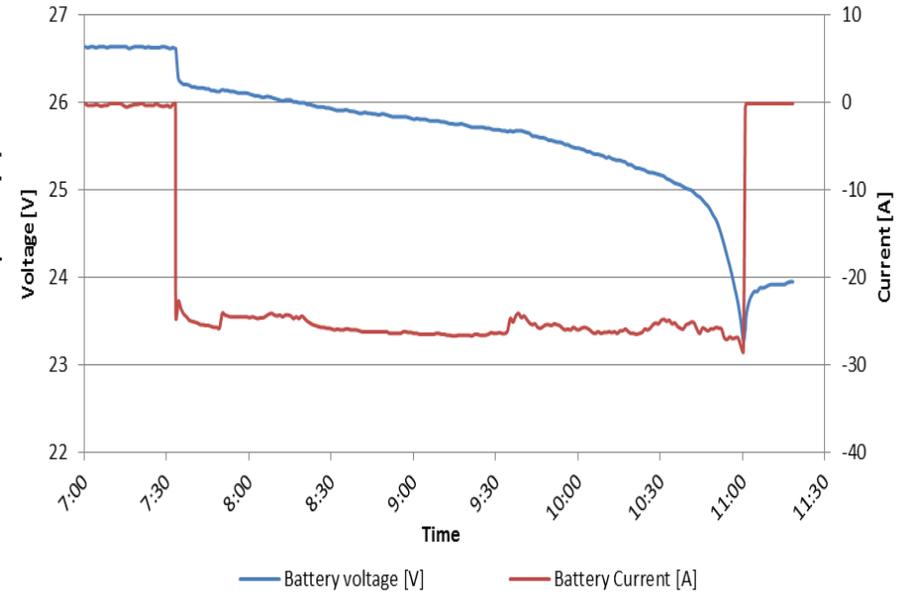


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2 Lithium iron phosphate battery  
(LiFePO<sub>4</sub>)  
Each 12.8 Volt / 90Ah / 1152 Wh



Voltage curve of a LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cell in a temperature range from -25 ° C to 55 ° C.



Battery discharge process with a 500 Watt load of the compressor unit of **the two batteries**

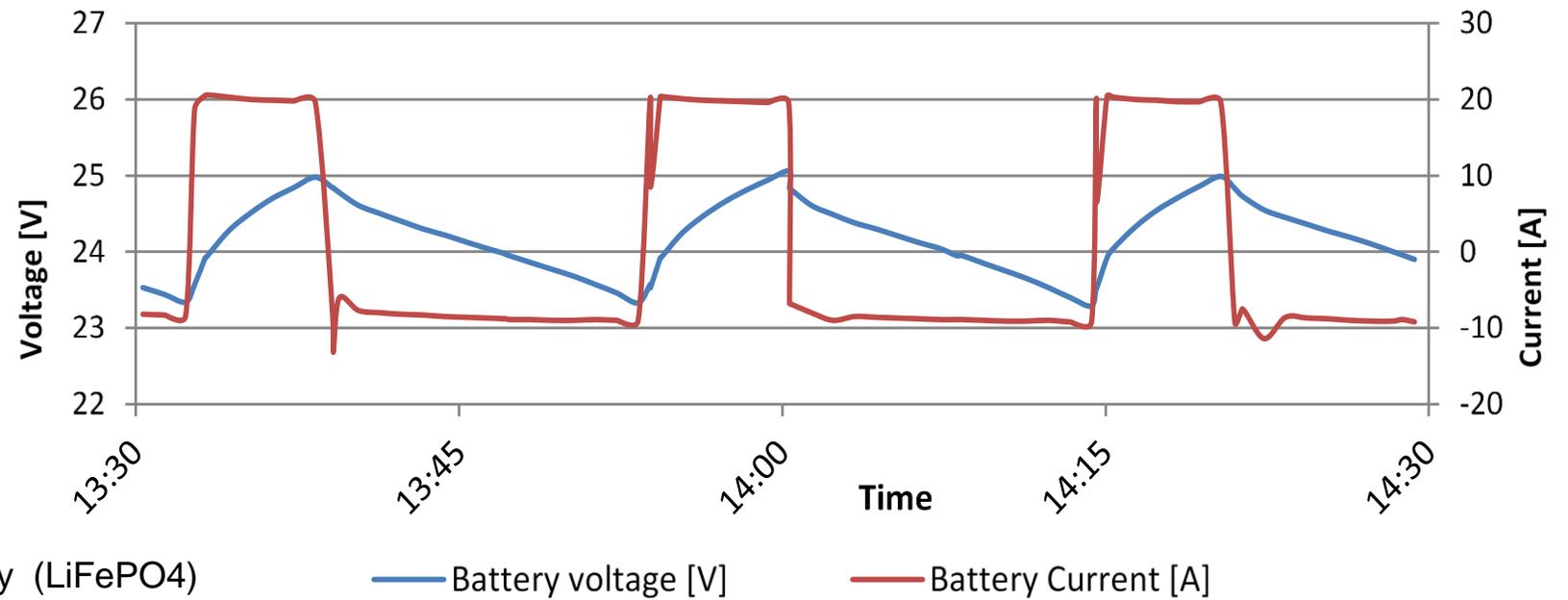
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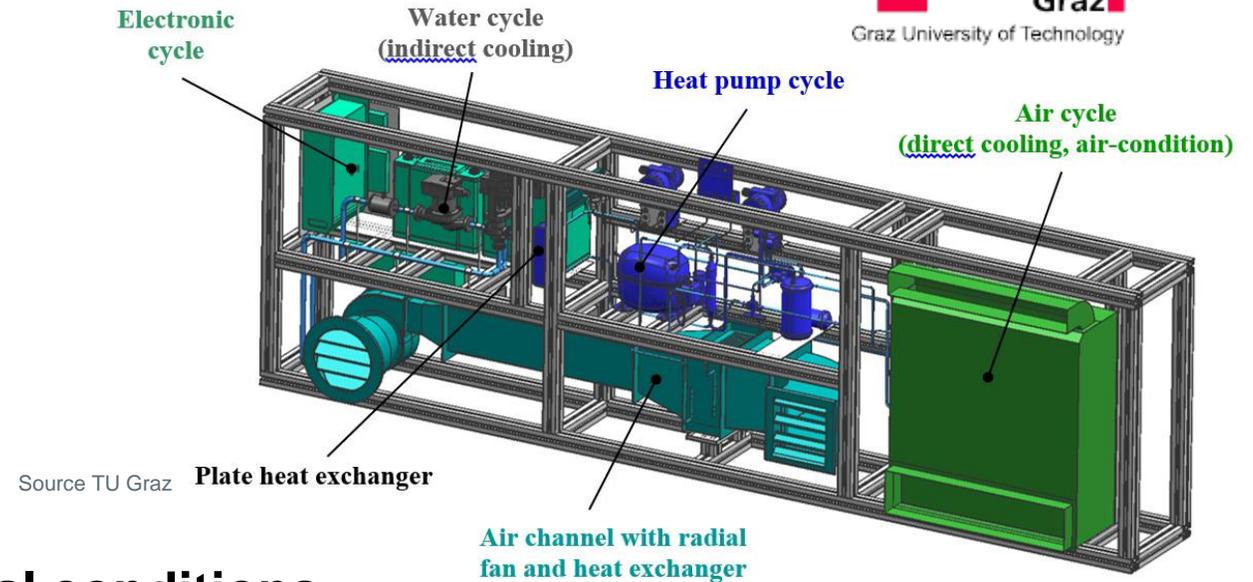


## Flickering

- Start and stop performance when the load is higher than the photovoltaic yield

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## OUTLOOK



## Scientific long-term Monitoring under real conditions

- *Two test boxes at the campus of TU Graz (nearly same thermal performance)*
- *One reference box with PV modules (digital print) without air-conditioning*
- *Assembled PV modules (Black line & Digital print)*
- *Development and implementation in façade of the rack containing HVAC system*
- *Planned experimental cases i) Continuous loading while load is connected, ii) Continuous de-charging while load is connected, iii) Voltage all day between 23 V and 28 V and iv) Flickering*

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## Findings

### *Simulation*

- *Solar electricity generation by PV modules differs more than the indicated cooling demand as a function of façade orientation*
- *South, West and East façades are suitable for PV driven decentralized cooling systems*
- *North facades require energy storages*
- *The daily profiles for cooling demand and solar electricity production depend very much on the different façade orientation*
- *Approximately a 2 kWh battery compensates the gap between PV-Yield and electricity consumption*

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## Findings

### *Component tests*

- *Not more than 85 % of energy harvested by the photovoltaic modules can be used to operate the compressor motor;*
- *Average battery power output of 640 W; compressor motor consumes 500 W electric power, 140 W can be assigned to conversion losses and standby energy consumptions. i.e. technical solution for heat rejection matters*
- *Direct coupling of the battery and the load in series does not allow to bypass the battery; PV electricity charges the battery; the bypass is essential*
- *Start and stop performance when the load is higher than the photovoltaic yield, which leads to a discharge of the battery and hand in hand with that to a negative battery current.*

# THANK YOU!

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