# facades – a roadmap:

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## Photovoltaic in Buildings

Photovoltaics panels are conventionally mounted on South oriented roofs and facades to maximize their annual power generation. Since a new EU regulation will possibly demand much more photovoltaic to be used in the building envelope a deeper understanding of non due South oriented photovoltaic is required.

As per the European Parliament Directive 2010/31/EU, Article 9.1 all new buildings will have to be "nearly net zero energy" by 2020 (2018 for public buildings). Thus any energy required for the operation of the building will have to be compensated by the equivalent amount of energy supplied back by the building.

In order to be creditable, the energy provided back .... necessarily has to be created from renewable sources.

The current studies focus on the dependency of the shape and orientation of building surfaces of residential as well as commercial buildings onto the electricity generation by photovoltaic panels. As very large areas will be required to meet the upcoming requirements of the EU-directive, it is essential to know up front how much useable pv-area will be provided by the building topology its orientation and height.

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Since photovoltaic panels generally are preferably oriented towards south to gain a annual maximum yield, a very significant impact onto electricity generation and their time wise and technology wise distribution in the public grid is expected.



The possibilities of peak shifting by modulation of orientation and tilting angle of photovoltaic are investigated.



Power supplied by photovoltaic in dependency of tilting and orientation angle incl. time shift of maximum power output

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#### Facade integrated energy generation and long term energy storing

#### Research on energy autarkic buildings

Facades have more and more changed to be appreciated as energy envelopes than only as weather climatic shelters. The amount of fossil energy ressources on earth is endless. The use of energy for building climatisation has to be more sufficient than several decades ago. Building envelopes need to be less energy permeable in case of fossil energy driven complexes or need to generate energy for conditioning in respect to environmental energy souces by themselves. Long term or saisonal energy storages are necessary for demand related provisions.

Current european primar energy supply regulations, a dislocation of renewable energy generation and energy consumption abroad BRD and an overstrained and insufficient public supply network in Germany as well emphasize the necessity of research in decentralized energy generation and storing.

Several technologies have established throughout the decades being sufficiently as energy collectors based on environmental renewable energy sources. Appropriate solutions for every scale of usage or building offer a huge variety and independance towards fossil sources. Facades are constructive layers which regulate climatic exchange and energy losses of a building.

It seems to be obvious that facades should also be able to manage climatic exchange and energetic generation in one.

Environmental energy sources are extremely linked to daytime and season. The temporal differences between offering and demand make energy storages essential.

Modern volumetrical and gravimetrical energy storage technologies are physically and chemically complex. The engineering task will be defined by a sufficient adjustment of facade integrated energy collectors, energy storages and technical devices to provide specific levels of thermal comfort.

Researches on the three above mentioned key topics require an integral method of analysing and working.



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#### Ecologic assessment of the building envelope

The effort linked to the building substance increases in relevance for reducing the environmental impact as the demand for heating, cooling, ventilation and electricity is sinking. The energy to produce the building elements accounts for a relevant part of the overall energy consumption in the context of a building. Energy concepts rarely include the energy invested to construct, maintain and demolish a building. This share -the embodied energy- can account for half of the buildings overall balance. Both the performance and the embodied energy are relevant in the design phase and need to be balanced at this stage of planning

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Embodied energy in facade

As today's buildings have to meet a very high standard concerning sustainability it is essential to approach not only one parameter but regard the energy balance holistically. Throughout its life cycle the energy consumption in the context of building consists of transportation energy, the amount to operate a building and the embodied energy. This study focuses on the last mentioned: the energy amount linked to the building substance.

For a residential building with massive construction and EnEV 07 standard the performance energy approximately accounts for 30 years of operational energy. As actual improvement can only be made in the design phase the planner needs an instrument to display different scenarios in order make a decision.

The façade can account for one third of the embodied energy depending on the building structure and the building envelope's typology. Materialization and mass of the façade define the extend of environmental impact. The ratio of invested (embodied) energy and the gained functions and qualities bear the basis to judge environmental sensible decisions.

The finding of this study is an instrument that assesses the overall energy performance over the whole life cycle including the building materials, comfort zone and the service life of the building. The insights gained from developing the tool and assessing the case studies will be put into a comprehensible format for architects in strategies to for architects during the design phase.

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## Integrated Façade Components

A new product architecture for metal-glass facades

Metal-glass facades belong to the most successful products in the building industry. Since their invention at the end of the 19th century they have developed from architectural applications to highly developed facade systems, but their constructional principle has remained unchanged. New requirements in saving energy ask for a rethinking of this type of facade.

Simply spoken the purpose metal-glass facades is to connect different façade filings, such as glass panels. It is responsible take care of wind- water tightness and architectural design. The constantly rising need for saving energy has resulted in a need for better Uvalues and that has lead to a high complexity of this subtle interface.

An improvement of metal-glass facades is hardly possible. Another thing that proves to be a new challenge for facade construction is the need to integrate building service components into the physical façade area. Basically façade system are facing the problem to become innovation blockers.

In this PhD research the product architecture of existing facade constructions is analysed. The comparison to other disciplines, such as the automotive industries and ship building, shows how radical changes can effect construction from design to production and assembly processes.

New constructional concepts are developed and it becomes clear that they will have to face the incrementally evolved building industry. Will the market determine future facade construction or will a new way of construction create a different kind of façade industry?



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Panel mit vorgesetztem Heizkörper

## facade heating / cooling panel

To avoid the classical heating units in front of the glass surfaces these unglazed units should be used as heating / cooling surfaces. The developed facade panels are formed of fiber reinforced concrete which is imbedded with textile.

They are used as load bearing construction of the panels and can be inserted into the facade framew ork. The surface oriented towards the room is inlaid with meadows of capillary tubes which heat in summer and cool in winter. The use of fiber reinforced concrete provides a good heat conduction as well as stability.



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# integrated sandwich construction / Jackbox

Idea of the project JACKBOX refers to a sensible combination of technical possibilities and intelligent materials to be able to produce multifunctional system components. The sandw ich panels made in vacuum procedure exist of the follow ing construction:

- external GRP skin as weather protective coating
- sandw ich core out of PU foam, in addition, as a heat insulation

- inside layer of fiber reinforced concrete with integrated cooling-heating capillary pipe mats, beside thermal component mass, in addition, an efficient radiation heating.

The parts of the building conceived as single modules were produced as a GRP sandwich with fiberglass-reinforced plastic skin and hard foam cores as large-size elements and afterwards were cutted. It is to be folded by incisions in the roof area possibly the wall elements in the desired form. After the elements were fixed in the desired form, became the inside layer of textile-reinforced concrete with inlaid capillary pipes sprayed.

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Application - layout for demonstration installation











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#### Integral Facades Integrating building services into solid facades

Through the last decades the facade industry has witnessed significant development. New materials were introduced, energy performances were enhanced, and new functions were added. But on the other hand, the industry is still depending on scattered decisions taken by scattered disciplines and that results at the end in a layered façade system. Other more developed industries, like car and airplane industries, are trying to enhance their products through more applying more integrated designs. The façade industry must adopt the same integration strategy in order to move forward. But how can the facade industry respond to such a strategy?

In today's façade industry, every specialist is concerned with certain aspects related to his discipline, which results mostly in a final product composed of many layers, each representing a function. Nore functions means more layers. The industry is adopting the layered strategy for many years now for the sake of practicality and cost saving. On the other hand, other developed industries, like car industry for example, although their production is of highly precise measurements and they relay totally on industrial and technological process in manufacturing their products they are trying to lessen their product's parts through more integrated designs. This helps them to enhance the quality of their products



Layered facade

The scattered design solutions, is something the building industry in general, and the façade section in particular, must abandon if it is to move forward and improve. Solutions should be oriented towards integrated designs. However, such strategy cannot be implemented in the current design process with scattered parties and decision makings. Implementing any integrated design solution will then result in major changes in the current design processes, disciplines will come together in a new different way, with new shared decisions, demands, inputs...etc.

The objective of this research is to enhance the building industry by proposing new integrated design strategies for solid facades. This will take place through investigating how the design and construction proæss in the façade section will respond to the integrated design approach, then proposing methods that can be followed to implement integrated façade design solutions.





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The amount of building construction related knowledge and the amount of existing constructional solutions are enormous. There is no point in attempting to create books that contains all this knowledge and all these solutions since this would lead to a voluminous, expensive and rapidly out-of -date product.

Moreover, it would not challenge or tempt students ort young professionals to design their own constructional solutions because many solutions are already given. Thus, the concept is to describe problem types and solution types on an abstract level, suitable for a technical understanding. The main task is to identify and describe the typology of problems and solutions in a systematic manner. The aim is not to describe as much as possible, but as little as possible, to give the reader a theoretic foundation, that can be used for his/her own design.

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