

# Elithis Tower

## Low energy project



Elithis Tower  
France

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*"MORE GREY MATTER FOR SMALLER CARBON FOOTPRINT"*

## A new Engineering for a paramount global issue

The exploratory areas in the field of High Energy Efficiency are gigantic.

### **Our goal :**

Be one of the leaders in energy performance in buildings in Europe by 2015



# Our five occupations

**Elithis INGENIERIE**  
Fluid Technology Engineering

**BENEFICIENCE**  
Sustainable engineering  
Management in energy saving and Environnement

**QUINTESSIA**  
Know how engineering  
Behavioral Management  
Training / Sandwich courses

**ODAXIA**  
Cost effective engineering  
Quantity surveying

**EGIDIA**  
Green Building Contracting



The Elithis Tower is the Headquarters of Elithis

This building is among the most sober office buildings throughout the world, international emblem of sustainable development and giving solid form to our pioneering adventure.

## Main locations : Headquarters

1 C Bld de Champagne  
BP 41 249  
21012 DIJON Cedex

Agency: Paris  
8 rue Sentier  
75002 PARIS

## Main Locations





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Sponsor	Elithis / Thierry BIEVRE President
Architect	Jean-Marie CHARPENTIER – ARTE Charpentier – Paris
Location	Dijon / Burgundy / France
Surface	5000 m <sup>2</sup> floors
Height	Ten floor building, 33,5m high
Stage of project	Research and development began in july 2006, the conception began in december 2006, the works began in december 2007, the delivery took place at the end of march 2009
Financial data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the cost of construction : 7 M€ (like standard price)</li><li>• the sales cost is about 14M€ (40% above real estate market price)</li></ul>

# The genesis of the project

## The Elithis Tower



*Drawing by Jean-Marie Charpentier (Architect)*

# Lateral management

The lateral manager conveys the pair :  
« **positive energy efficiency / standard price** »  
to each of the actors



- **birth of program** (sponsors / investors)
- **research and development** (engineers)
- **conception** (engineers / architects)
- **Architectural Design** (architects)
- **Technical and technological recommendations** (Engineers / Industrialists)
- **Economical competition** (companies)
- **Building construction** (companies / industrialists / workers)
- **Delivery operation** (specialized companies)
- **Facilities management** (specialized companies)
- **Using** (users / tenants)

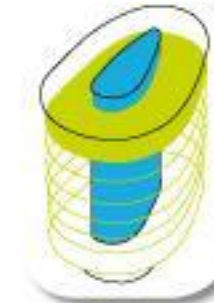
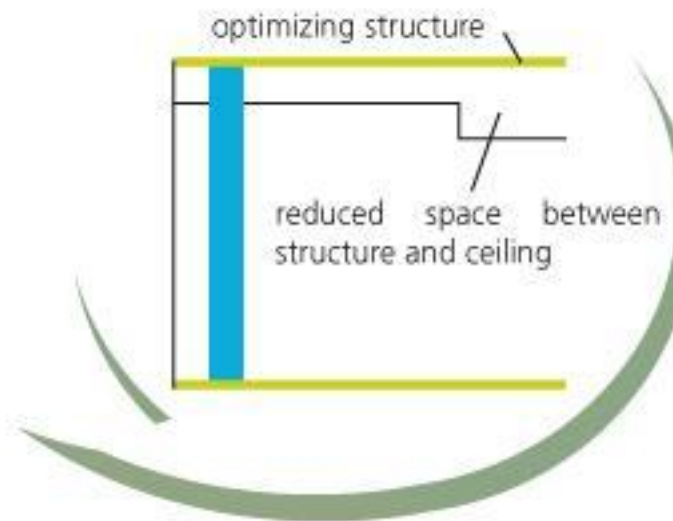
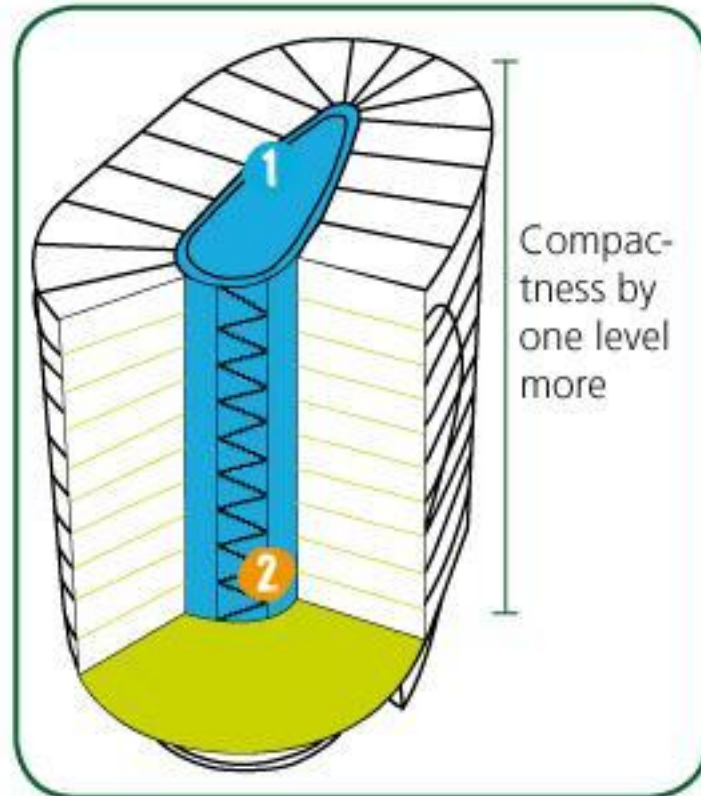


## Our Motto

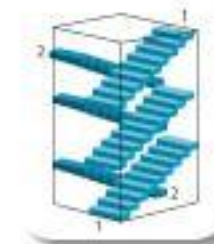
*"More grey matter  
for smaller carbon footprint"*



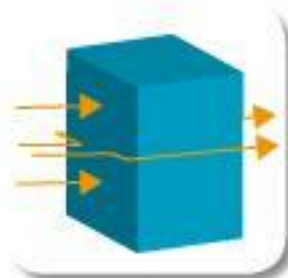
# Compactness values



1 growth inertia by a circular concrete core

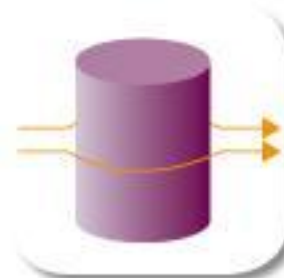


2 more usable space by double helix stairs « chambord stairs »



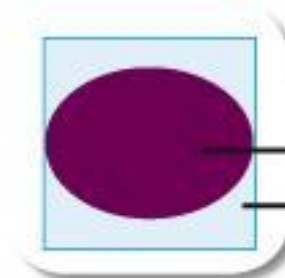
**Traditional Tower**

- High exposure to wind
- Significant façade surface



**Elithis Tower**

- Low exposure to wind
- Reduced façade surface



**Elithis Tower=20% less façade surface**

Elithis Tower

Traditional Tower



# Integration on the site

**Offering a building in harmony** with site requirements.  
Clean lines and a sleek look.

**Established in a  
mixed-use urban zone**

(residential/office) facilitating transport  
systems (combined parking, public  
bicycle system, Tram,  
TGV station)



**Taking into account**

climatology, weather forecasts,  
use of space, current and future  
constructions,  
energy on site, etc.

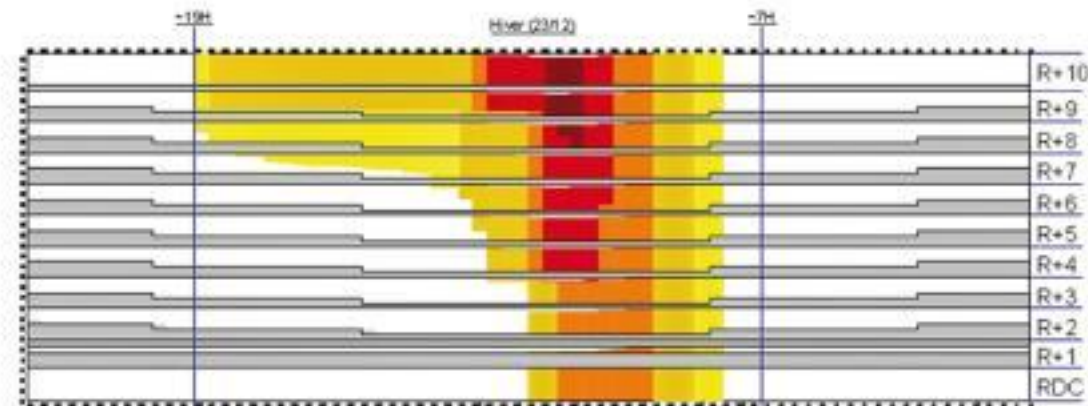
# Site view before building



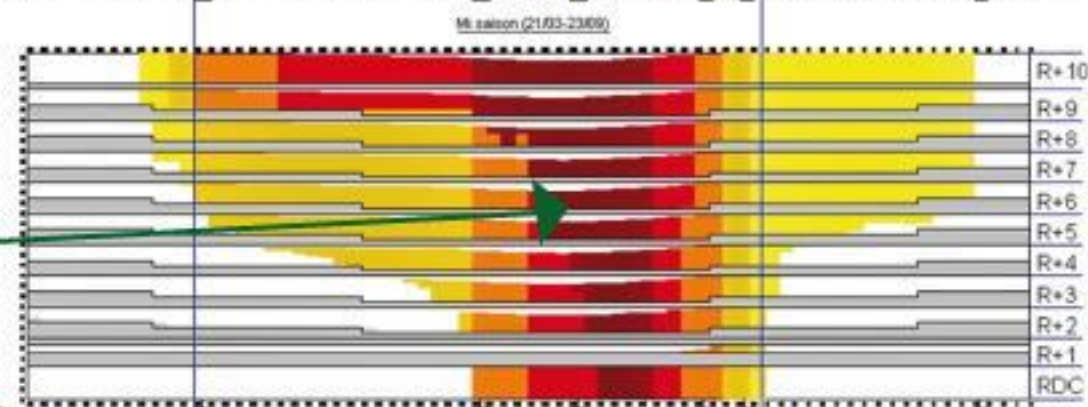


# Insulating modelisation

Winter

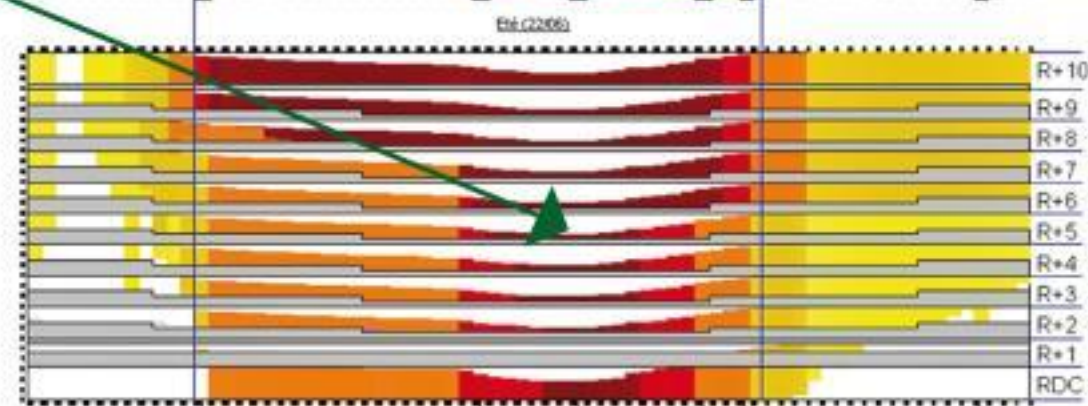


Mid-seasons

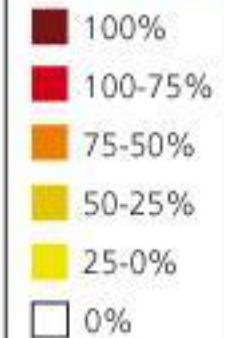


sun visor  
impact

Summer

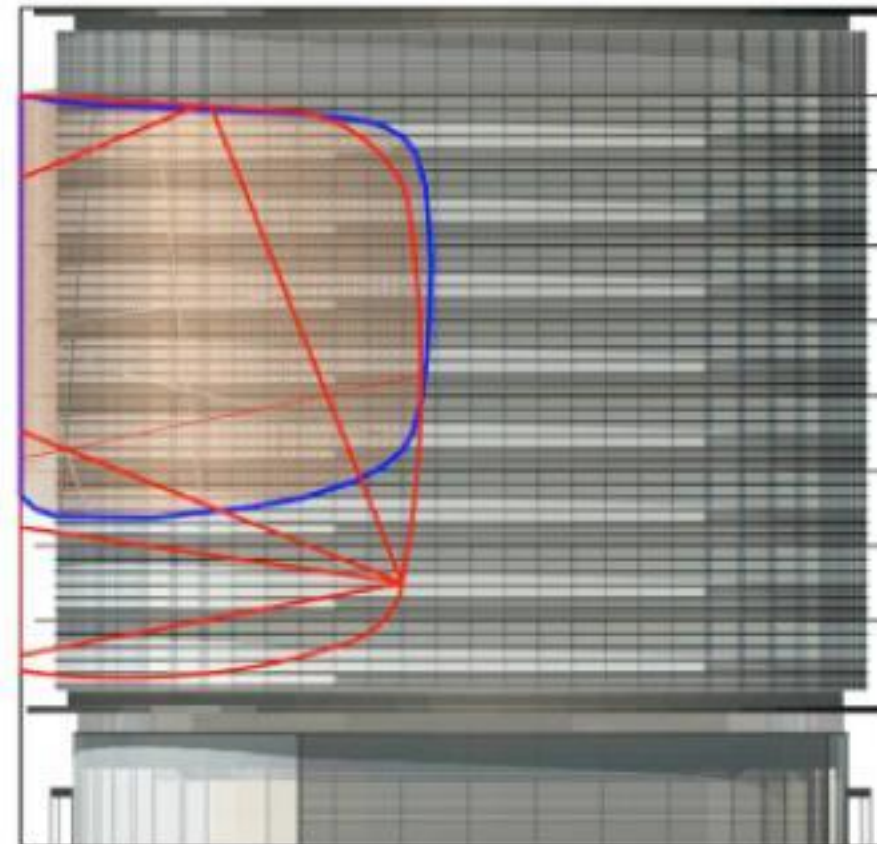
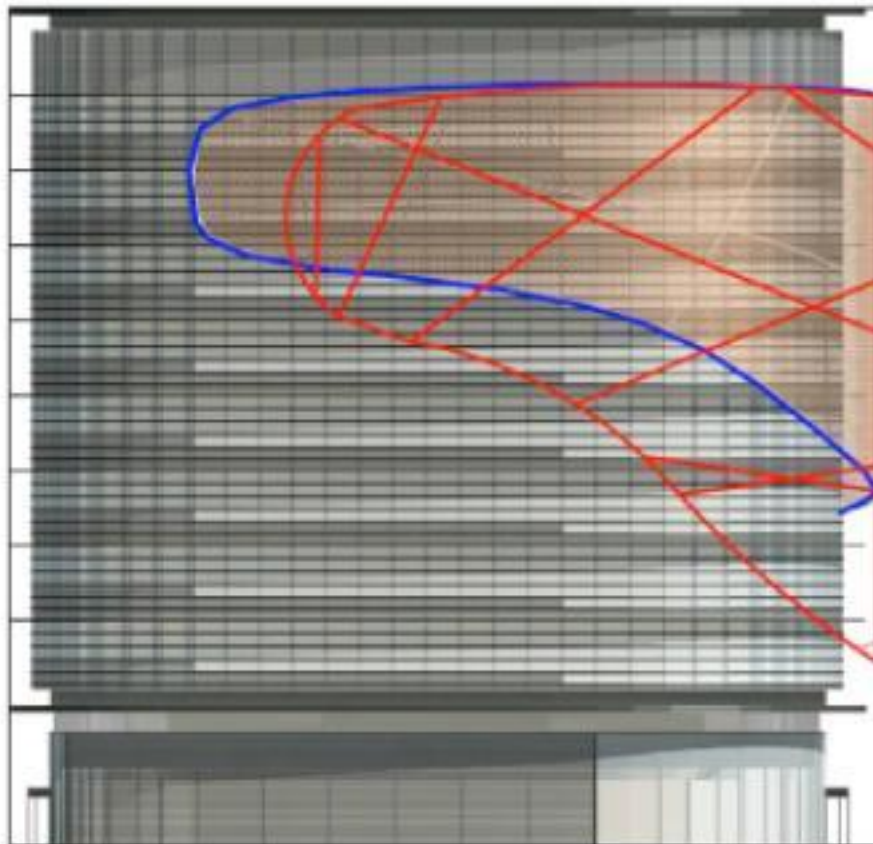


Solar rate



# Solar shield

Different drawings to meet insulating  
modélisation stipulations



Blue → shield's architect

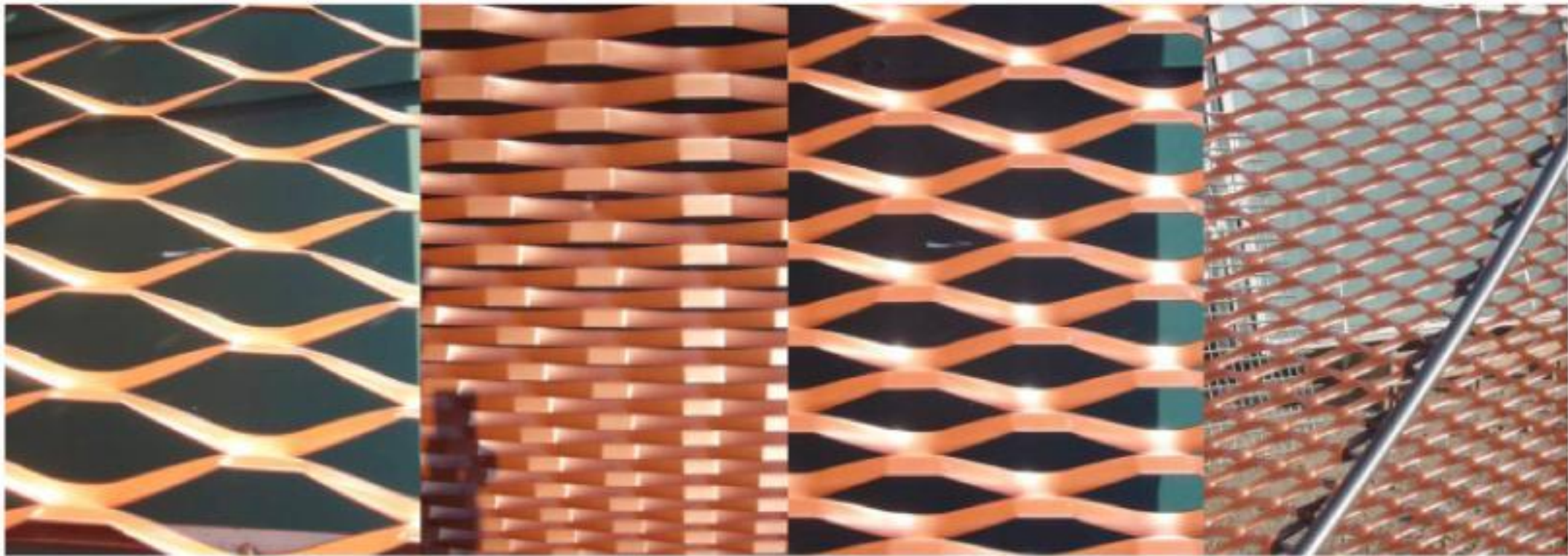
Red → shield's Elithis



# Solar shield

## Various solar vibrations

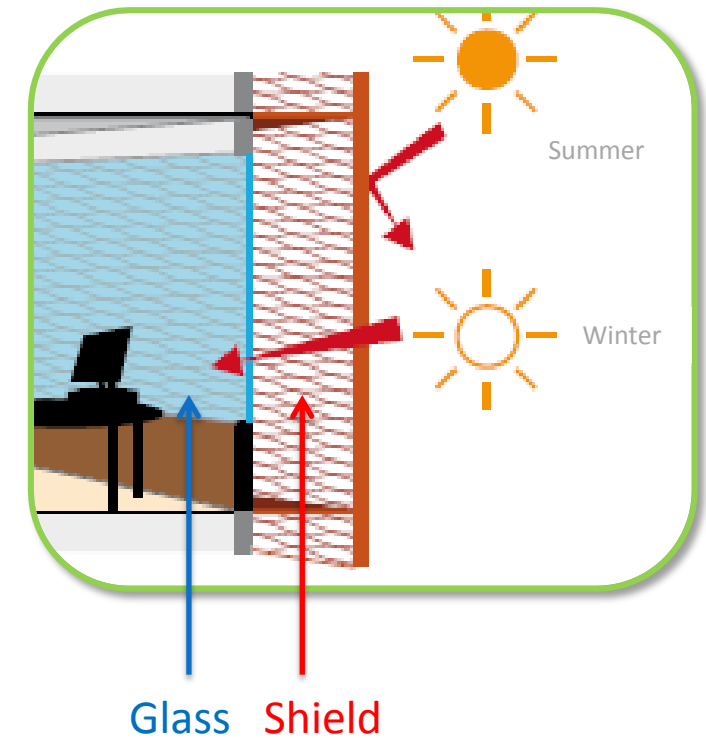
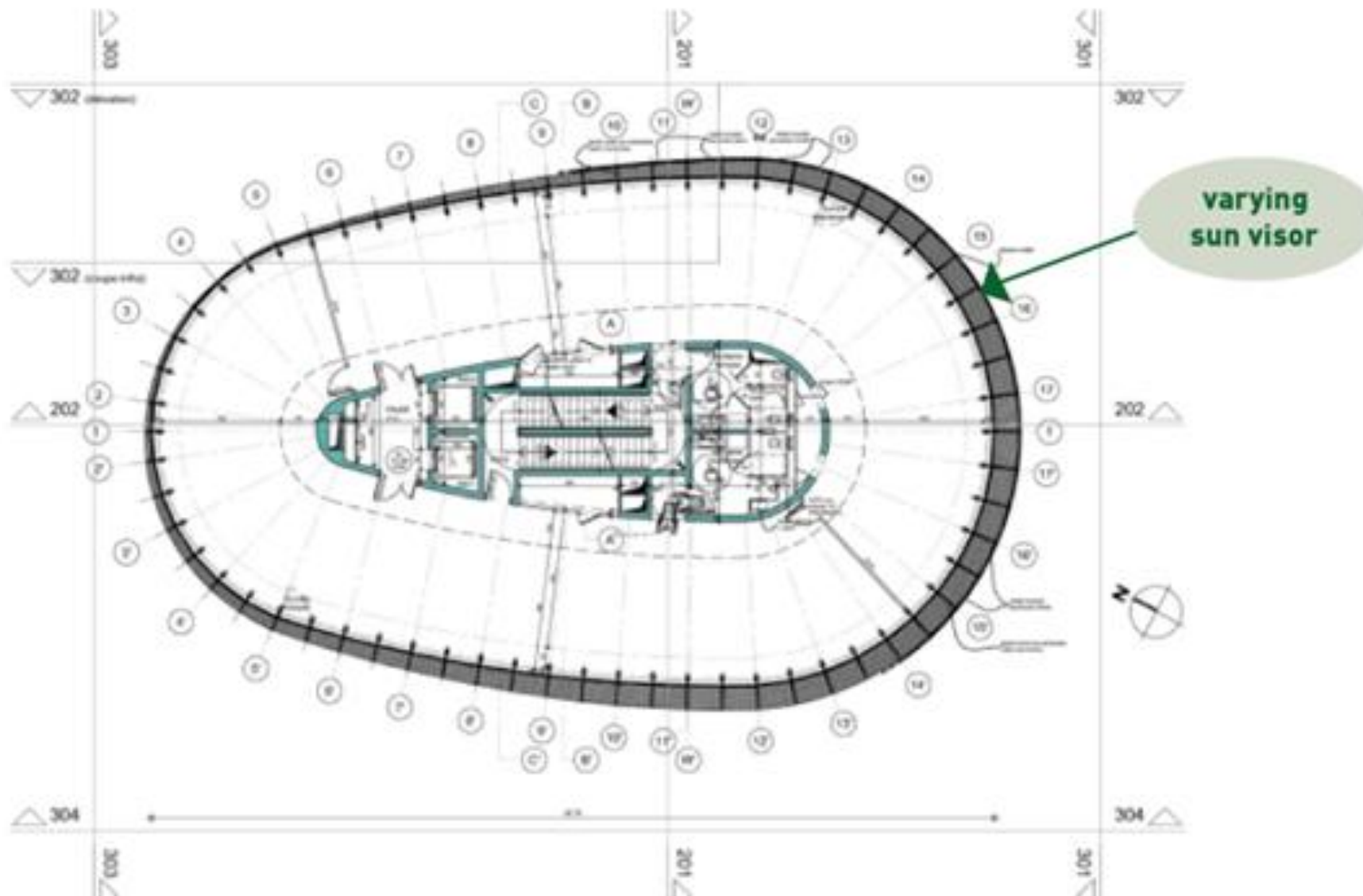
The shield lets natural light enter without dazzle



# Insulating modelisation

## Thanks to the solar shield :

Winter → Solar heat can enter  
Summer → Solar rays are deflected





# Solar shield

## During construction





# Solar shield

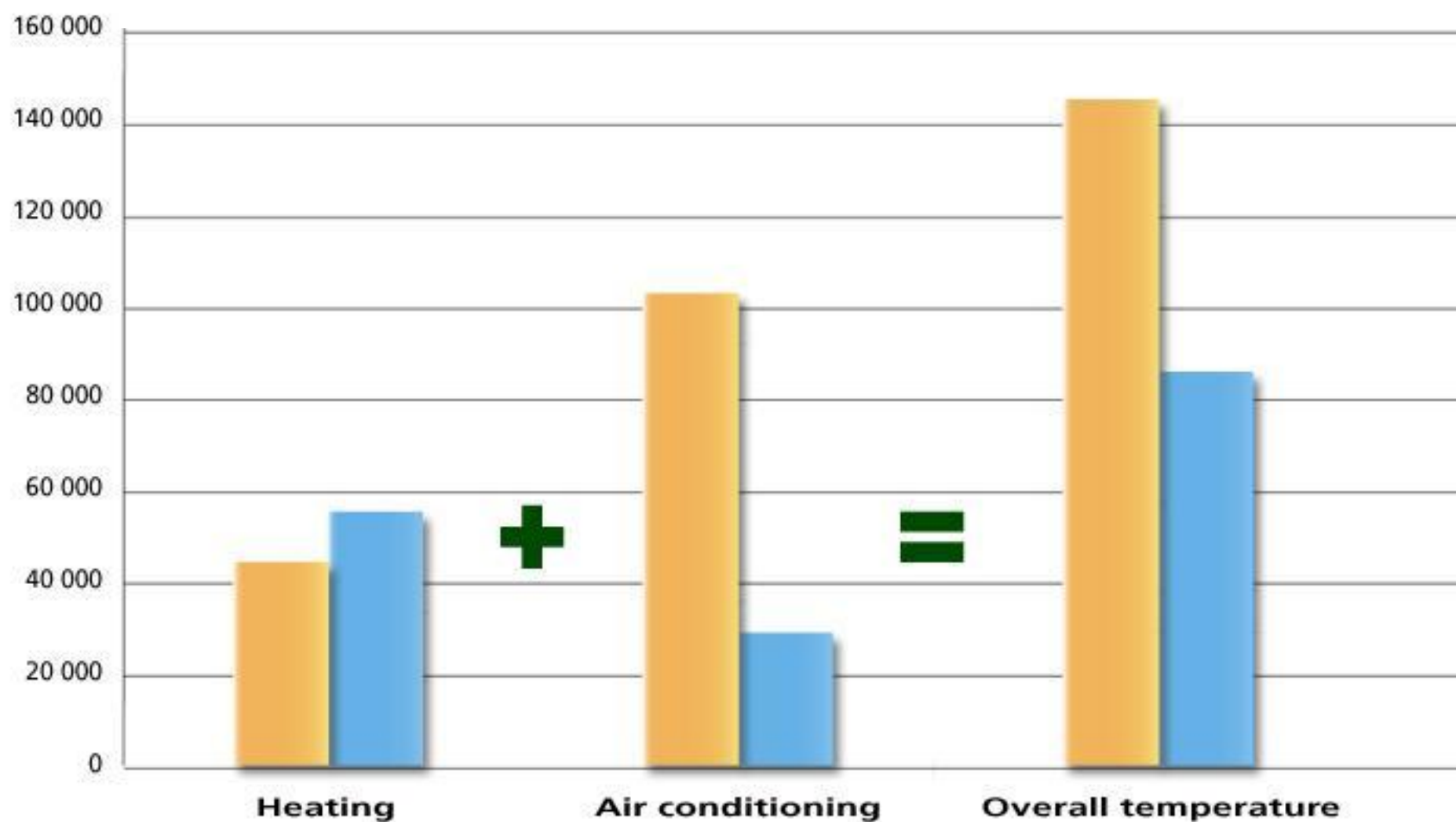
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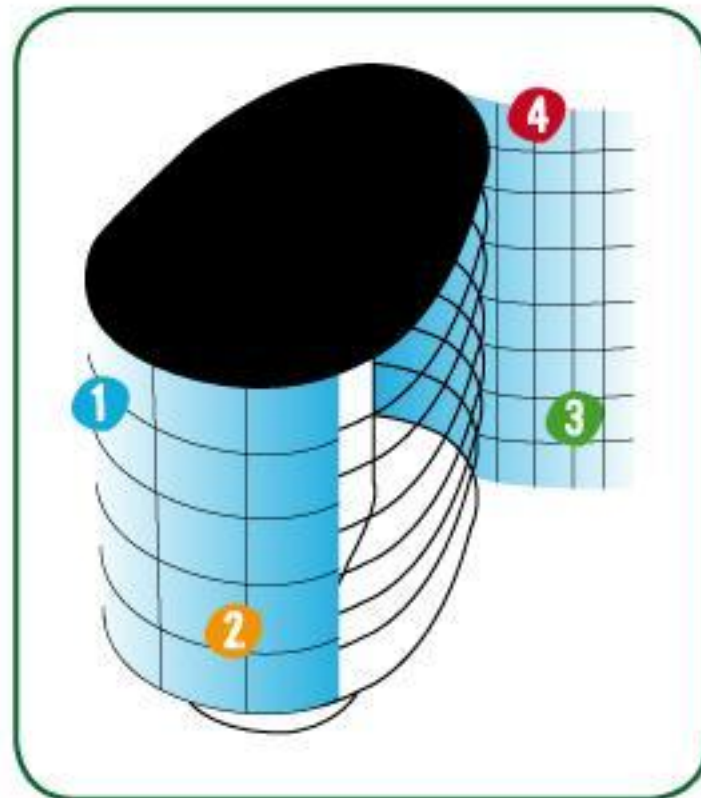
# Solar shield

## Energy savings



# A natural façade covers the building

## Main stipulations



**1 Wooden supporting structure** (glued laminated pine, PEFC EU approved) covered with aluminium facing



**2 Large high-performance glass surface** (8/20/6 Argon 90% Ug=1.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>.K FS=40%)



**3 Wooden sill + high performance insulation** of cellulose lining 120mm (recycled paper), aluminium cladding to preserve wood and facilitate maintenance



**4 Façade=Waterproof covering**



**Tests conducted on a prototype and on site** to ensure building is waterproof

**The façade is a truly dynamic comfort regulator**





Elithis  
groupe

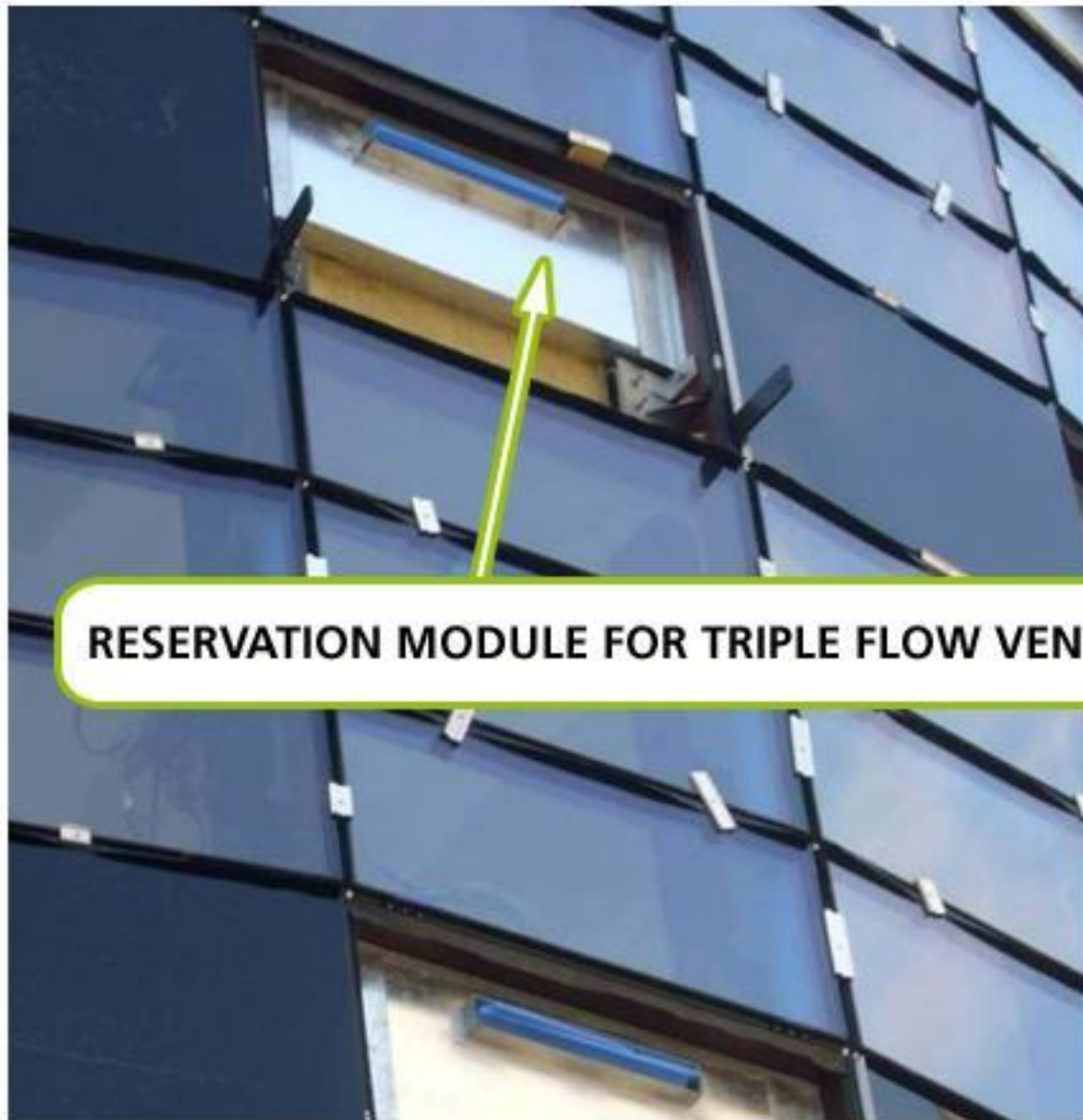
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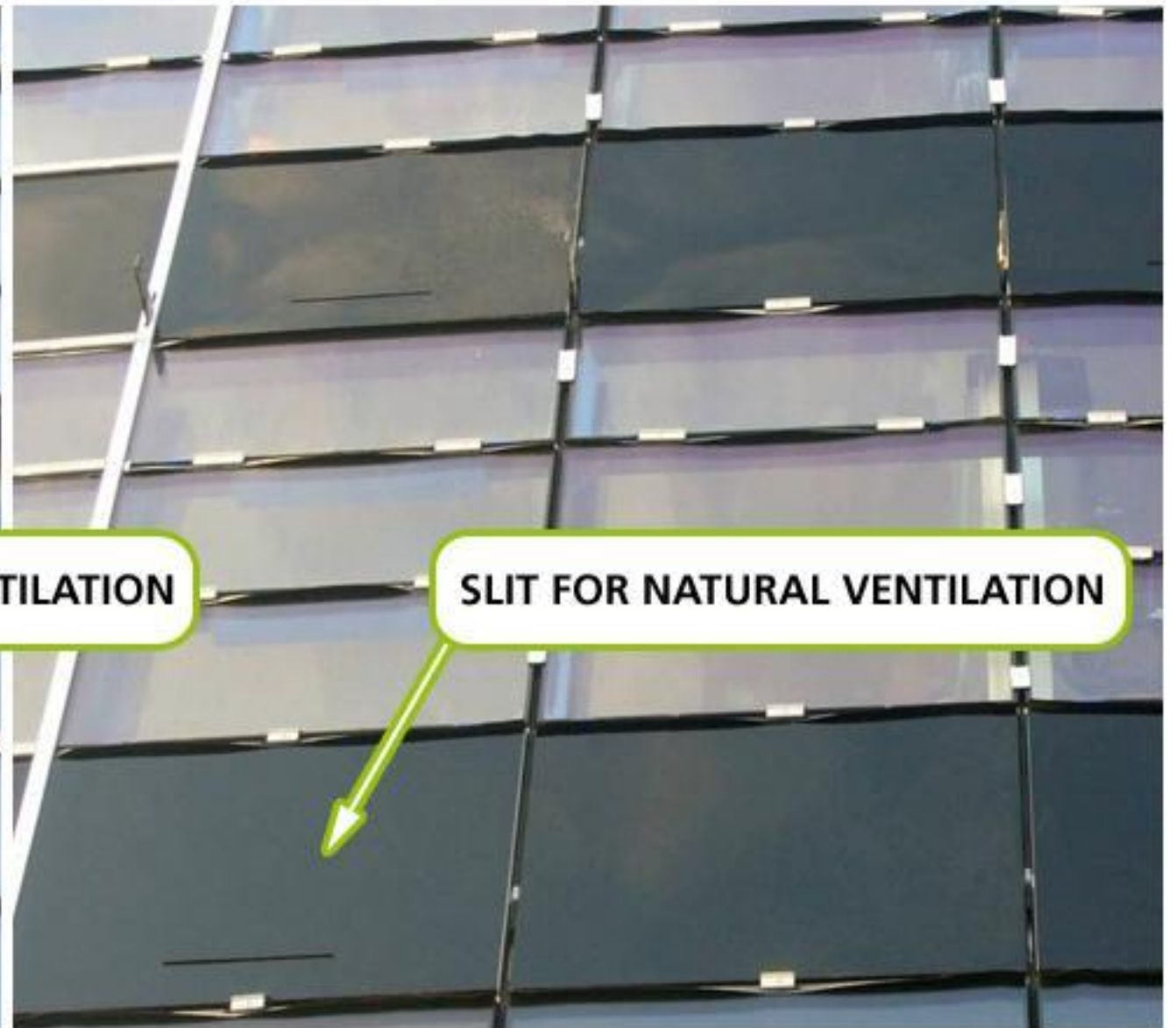


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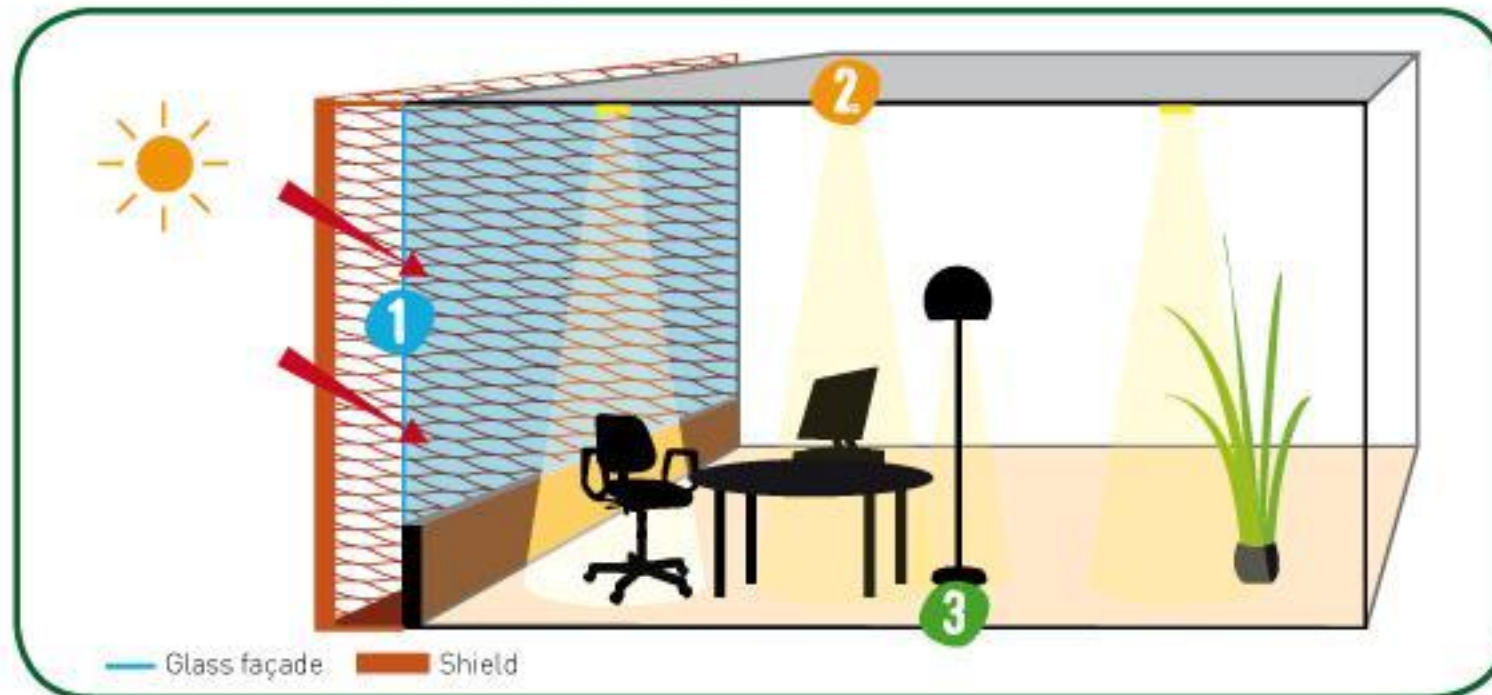
RESERVATION MODULE FOR TRIPLE FLOW VENTILATION



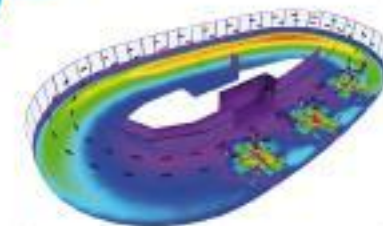
SLIT FOR NATURAL VENTILATION



# Lighting work station



1



The many windows, the transparency of the solar shield, and the layout of offices into direct day-

light ensure natural light.

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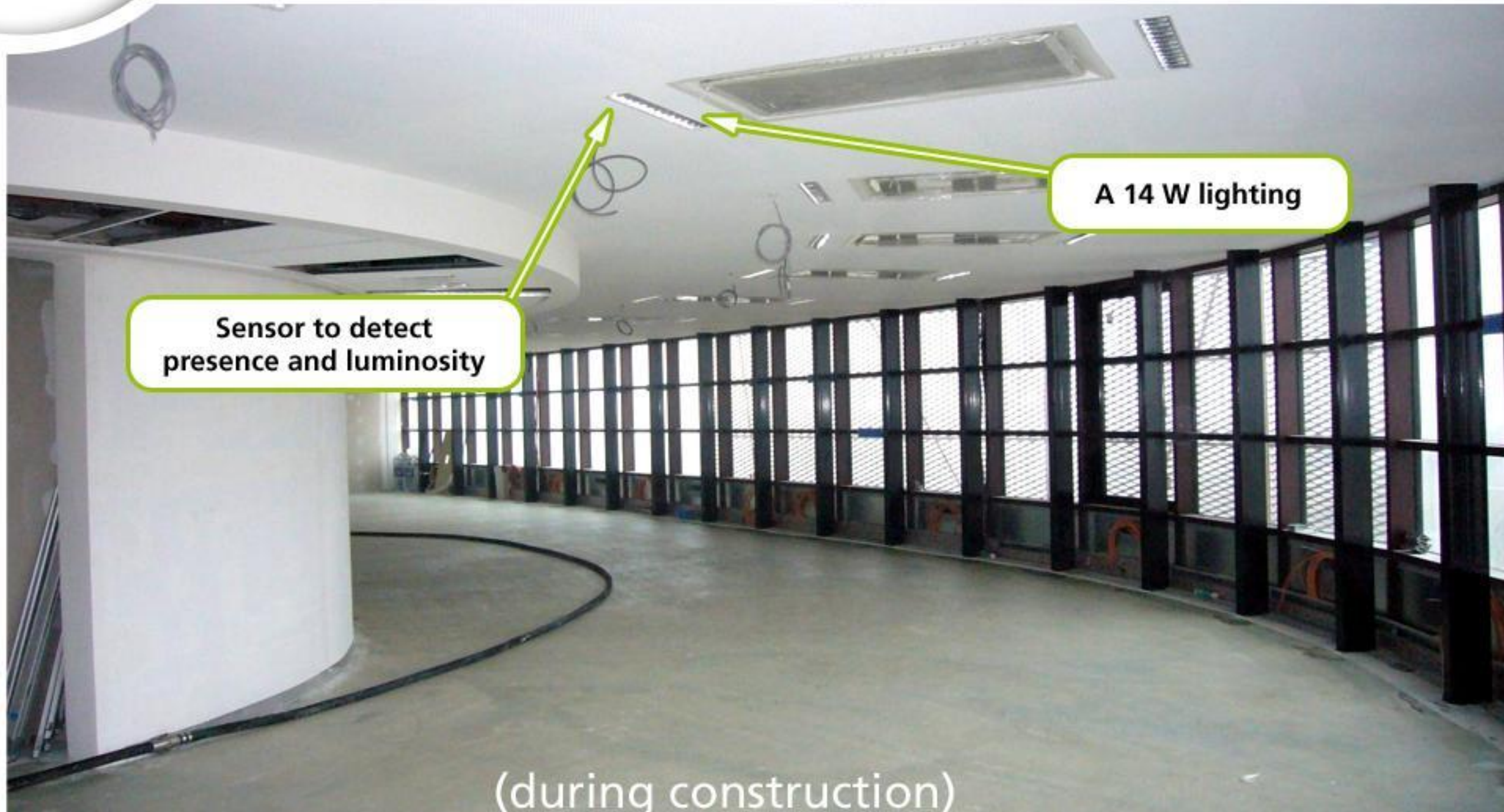


Light fittings in the ceiling fitted into the beams bring 200/300 average Lux over the entire office space with

presence detection control and luminous gradation (from 30% to 100% depending on ambient intensity).

## Lighting: less is more

# Lighting





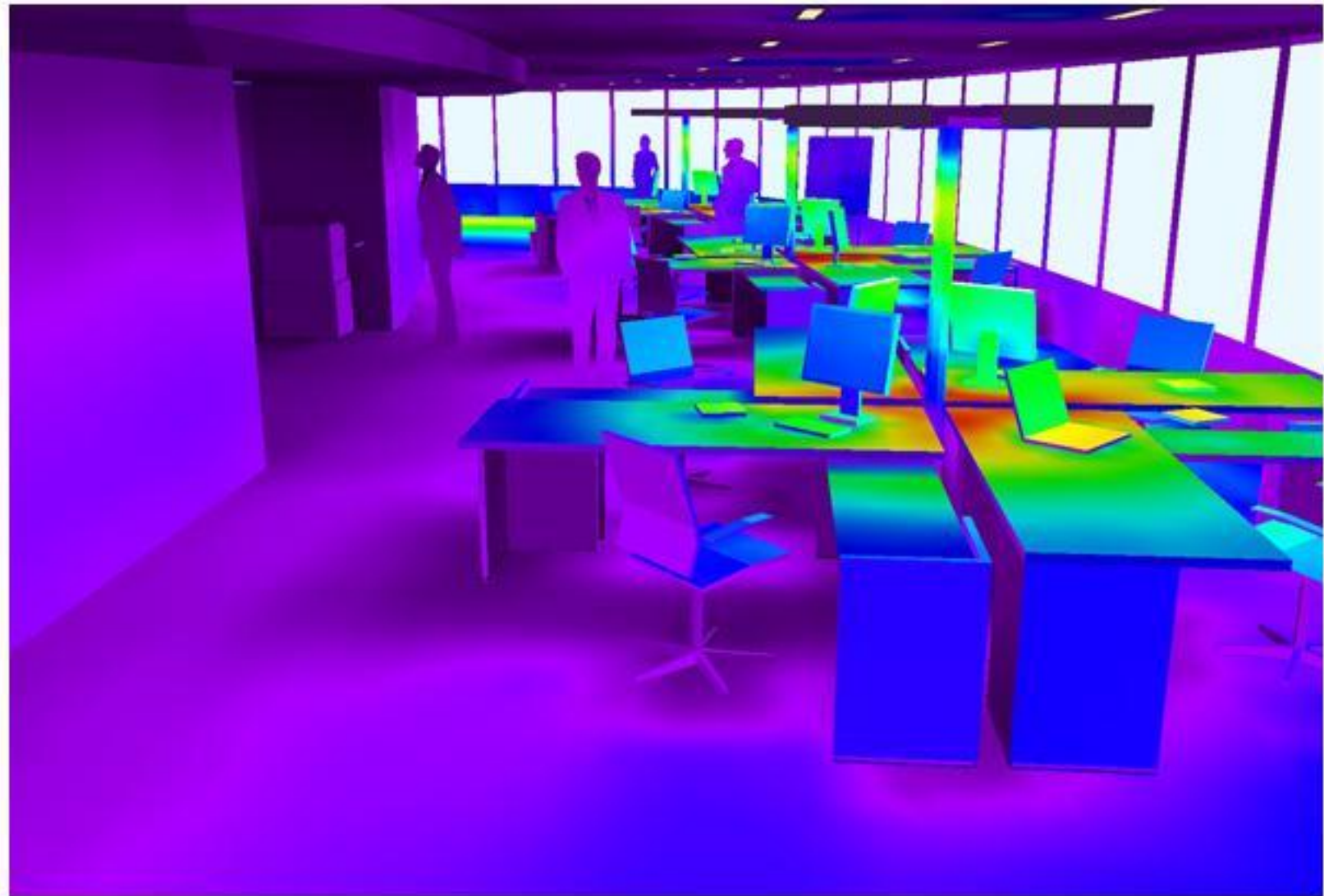
# Nomad Lighting

## COMPUTERS PROCESS

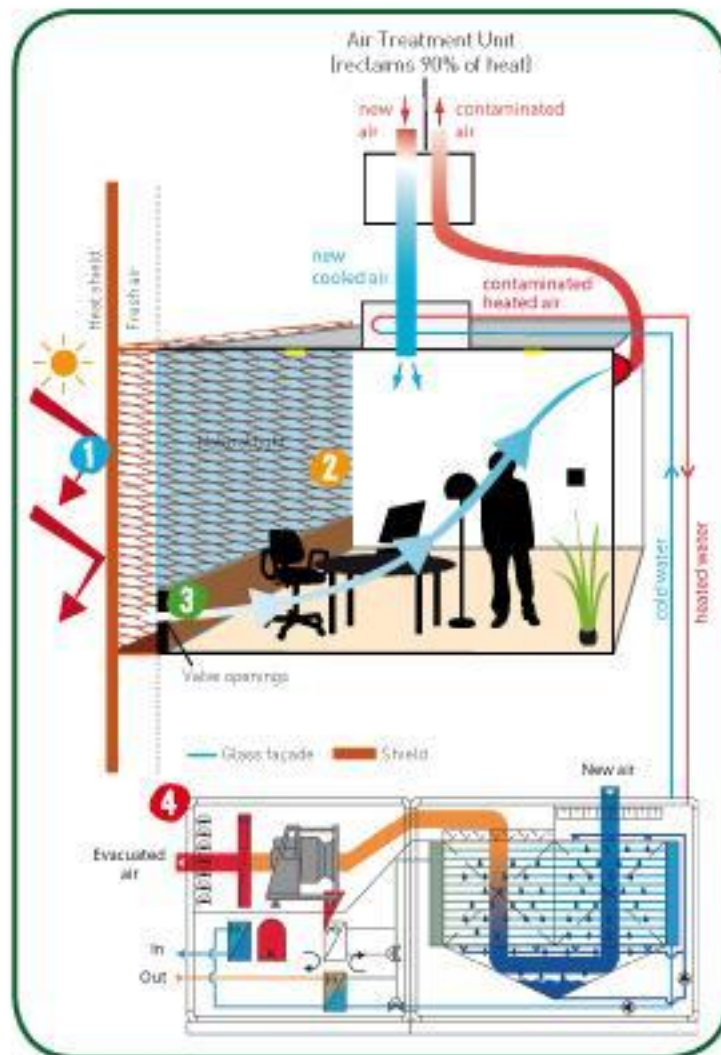


## NOMAD LIGHTING

Low-consumption nomadic lighting (presence detection control and luminous gradation) ensures complementary light at work stations thanks to a network of dedicated outlets.



# Technological step : Ventilation cooling



- 1 The thermal shield** protects the building from summer/mid-season solar radiation
- 2 Reduction of internal contributions** (lights and computers)
- 3 Natural triple-flux controlled ventilation:** An Elithis innovation whereby adjusting the façade aeration valves provides natural cooling. At night, heat is drawn out by low energy-consuming air-turning vanes.

Reducing Consumption

- 4 The very high-output adiabatic unit** [heat pump COP to 11] associated with cold beam diffusers ensures air conditioning if the temperature  $\rightarrow 26^\circ$ .  
**Two stages of cooling:** Adiabatic: heat evacuated evaporation on water/air plate interchange. Thermodynamic : heat evacuated by water and air condensers

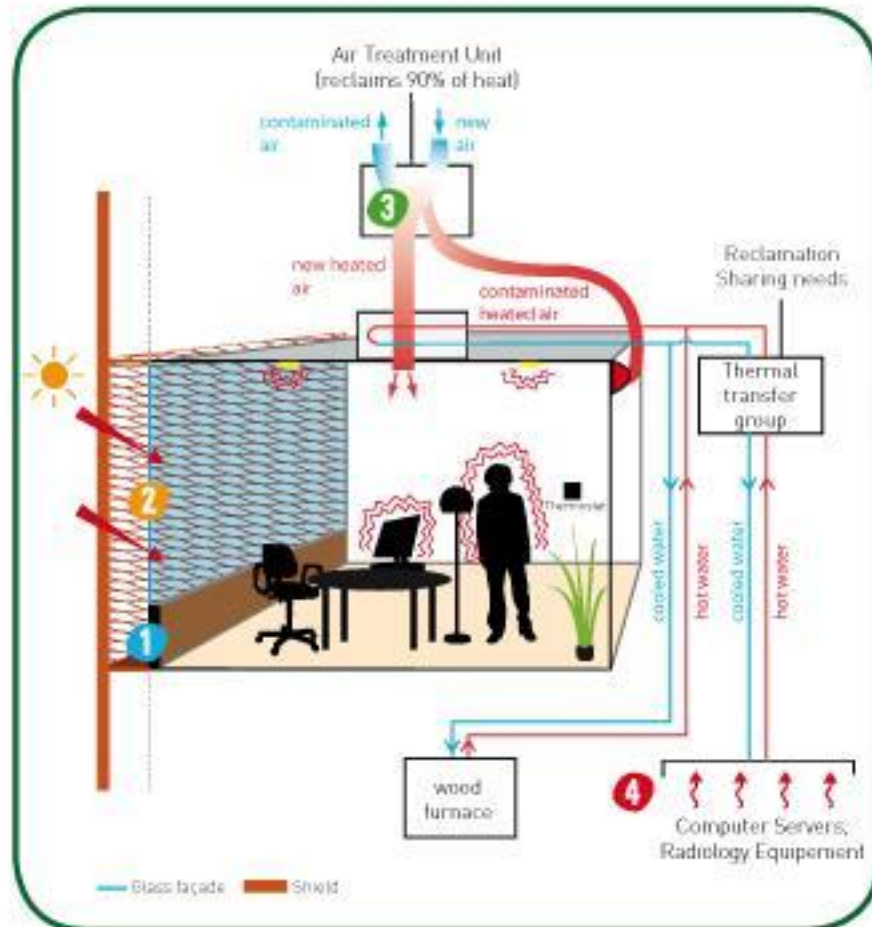
Renewable Energy

## Triple flow System: a free cooling resource



# Technological step : Heating

## Hybrid and Renewable Technologies



**1 Façade=Waterproof covering**

**2 Many high-performance windows** to facilitate solar contribution in winter ( $U_g=1.1W/m^2$ )

**3 Taking into account internal contributions:** humans, computers, lights, etc. Double-flux adiabatic unit that allows renewal of air by blowing new air pre-heated by internal contributions on the cold beam diffusers.

**4 Heat reclamation** by the restaurant's cold units and the computer servers.

Reducing Consumption

**5 A very low-power wood furnace (100kW)** ensures heating needs if necessary and the maintenance of the recommended temperature at 20°C. A second furnace is installed in case of failure of the first furnace.



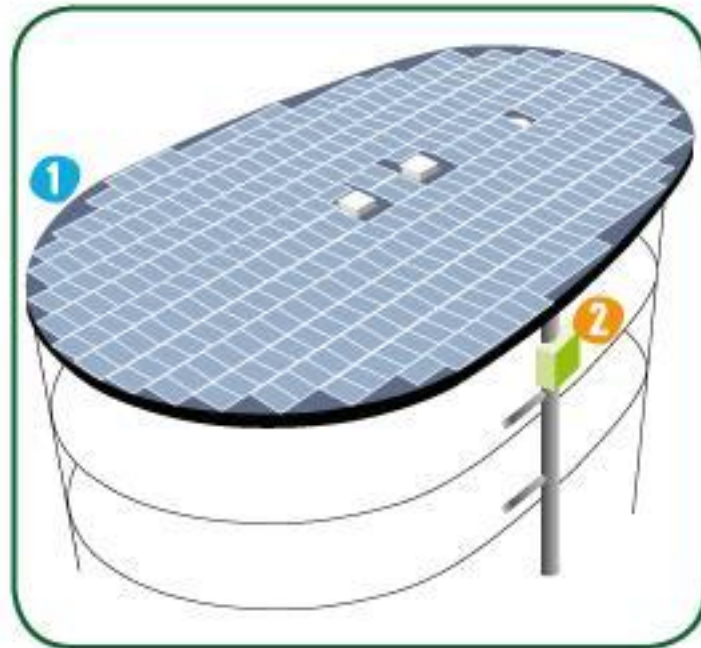
Renewable Energy

## Heating resources in the hustle and bustle of work activity and free contributions



# Technological step : Resources

## Hybrid and Renewable Technologies



**1** The roofing is covered with 560 m<sup>2</sup> of solar panels that ensure an annual production of 82000 kWh



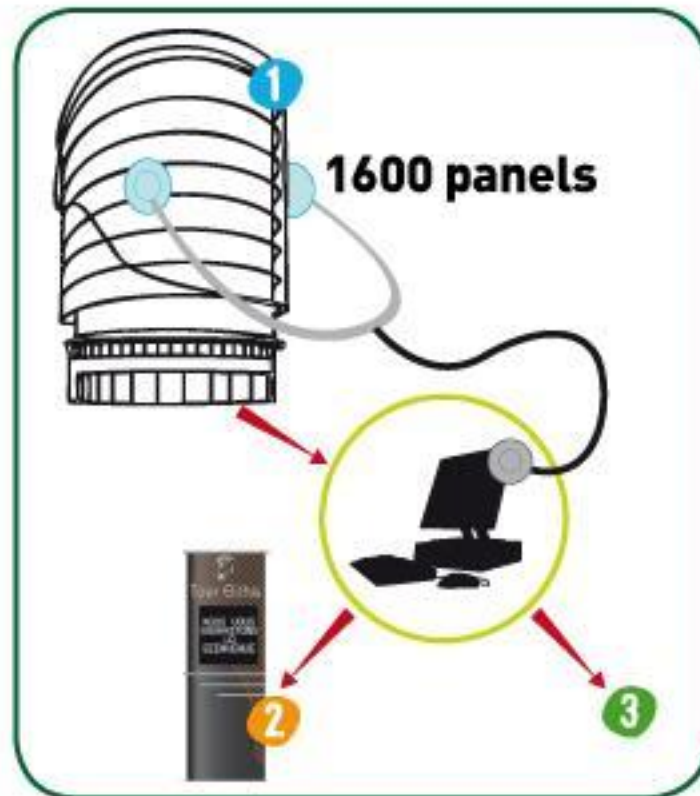
**2** Rainwater is collected on the roof, saved in a 8m<sup>3</sup> reservoir, and reused for the toilets



## Energy that leaves no footprint on the environment



# Technological step : Use Scientific laboratory



**1 Real-time information collection** delivered by 1600 data points feeding a centralised database and a technical building management programme.

**2 Advertising tower by public road** showing the decrease of greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.

**3 Publish consumption differences** between theoretical models and reality.



## A wide network of measuring systems for continuous improvement

# Energy consumption balance

## First year

	Forecast consumption (kWh <sub>PE</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> <sub>SHON</sub> /year)	Measured consumption (kWh <sub>PE</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> <sub>SHON</sub> /year)
<b>Regulatory Frame</b>		
Heating (wood)	2	6,32
Cooling	10,6	6,23
Ventilation	13,1	14,08
Pumps and auxiliaries	1,1	2,6
Lighting	10,5	9,5
Photovoltaic	- 41,28	- 40,24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- 3,98</b>	<b>- 1,51</b>
Elevators	3,6	3,58
<b>Occupation</b>		
Office automation - Computer - Fittings (fridge, coffee machine...) - Cleaning - Instrumentation tower		
	24,2	54,6

*Coefficient of conversion into primary energy :*

*For wood → 0,6*

*For electricity → 2.58*



## EARNINGS FOR THE USERS



**4,29 €/m<sup>2</sup><sub>SHON</sub>/year**

**The operator of one floor in the Elithis Tower (500m<sup>2</sup>) receives ≈ 2 146 € per year**

# Experimental Laboratory of Behavior

"Users are the real winners  
in the fight against global warming"

Device to cut off  
computer power



Artistic paintings to incite  
users to take the stairs more often

































