

Why building physics did not solve moisture problems (yet)

It's your fault

VDF: Vapour Diffusion Fetish

Instagram

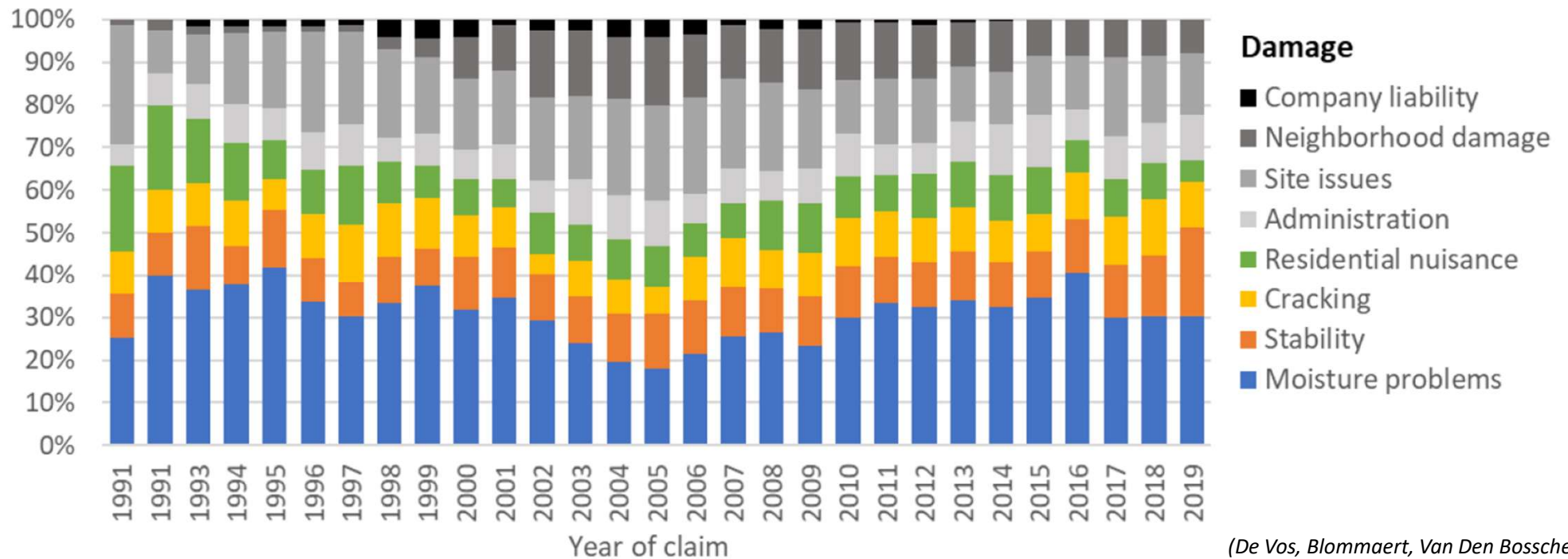
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Pathologies

- ☐ Insurance company
 - New construction
 - 10 year liability
 - 26.392 insurance cases

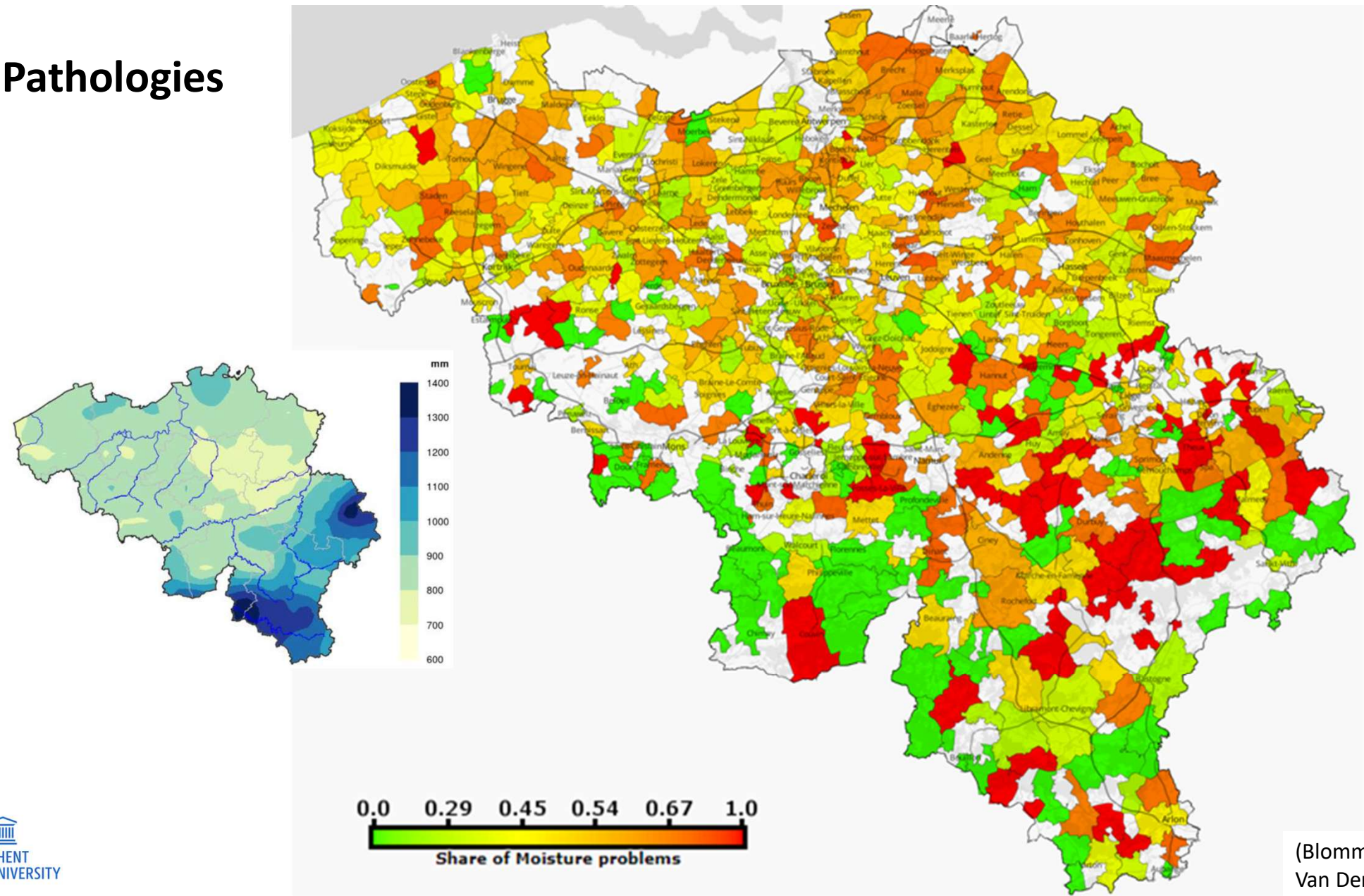
- ☐ Only technical problems:
 - 49% moisture problems
 - 19% mechanical problems
 - 17% cracking
 - 16% residential nuisance (HVAC, fire, glass...)

- ☐ Moisture problems:
 - Internal leakage (tubes, sinks)
 - Rainwater infiltration (roof, wall)
 - Rising damp
 - Condensation



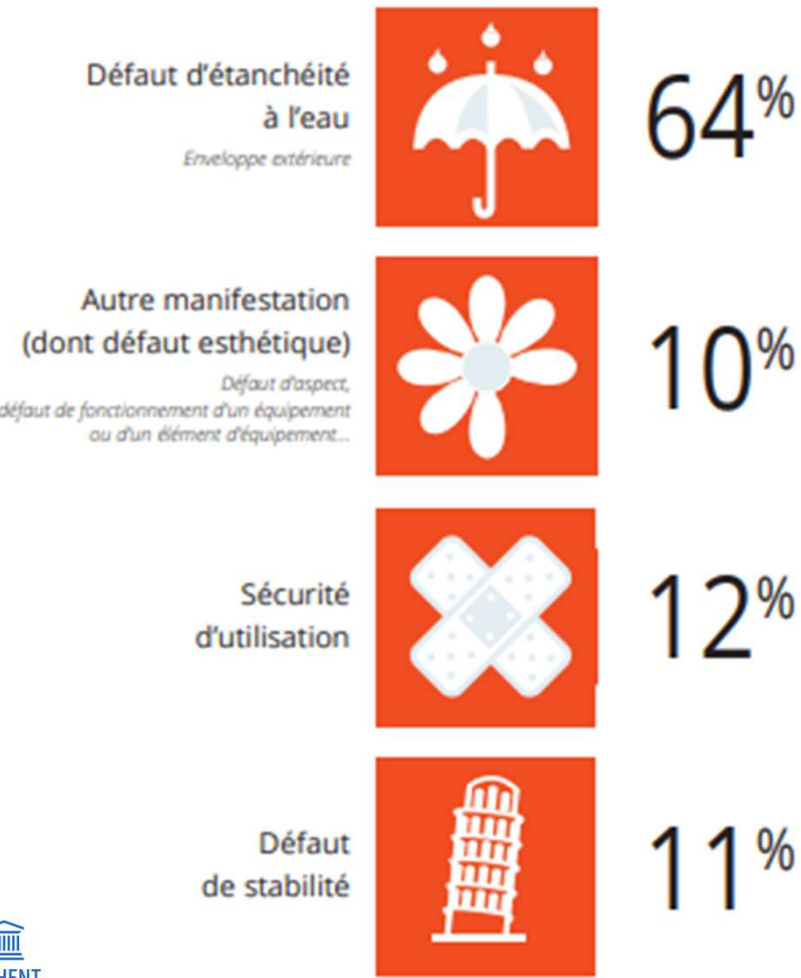
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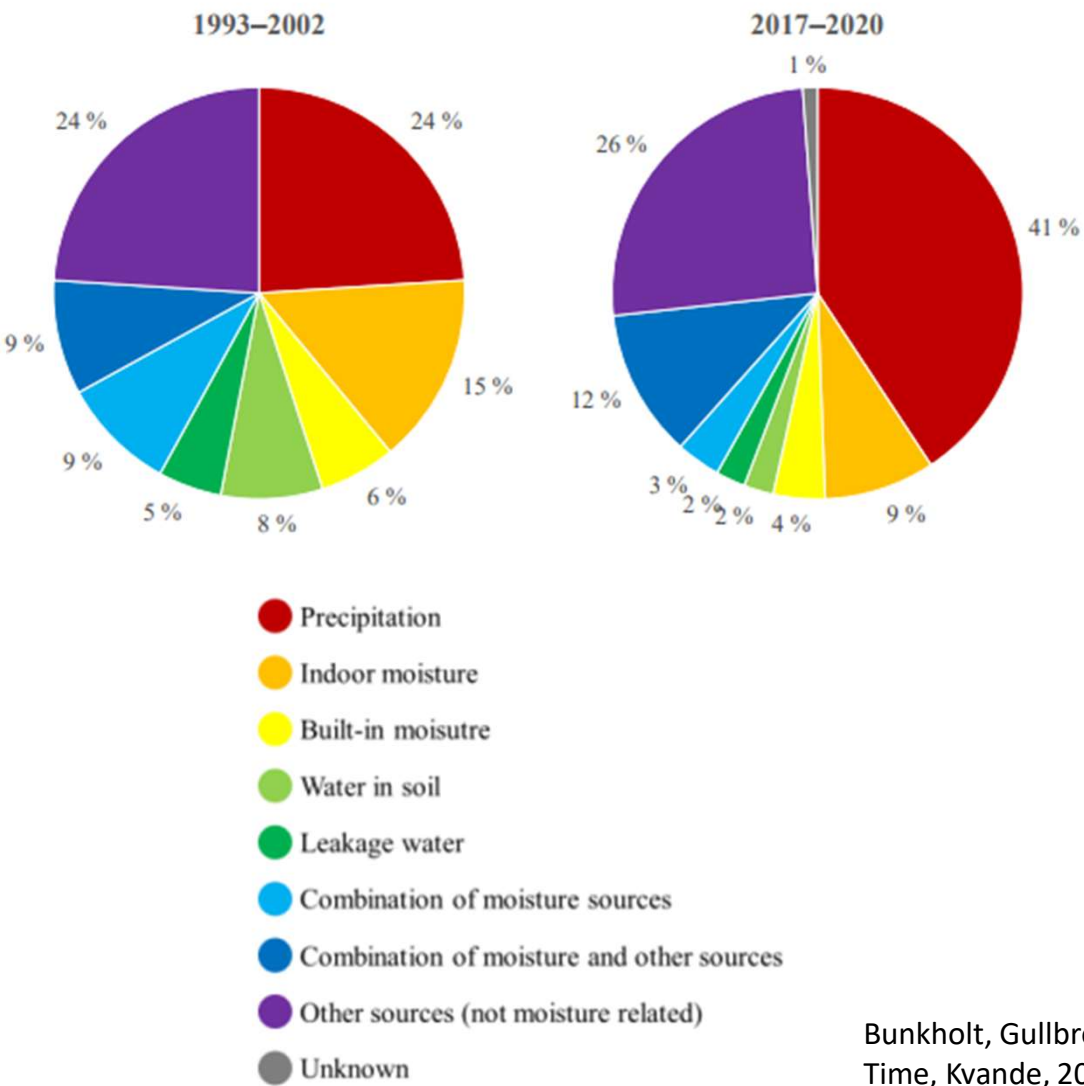
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Pathologies France



AQC, 2022

Pathologies Norway

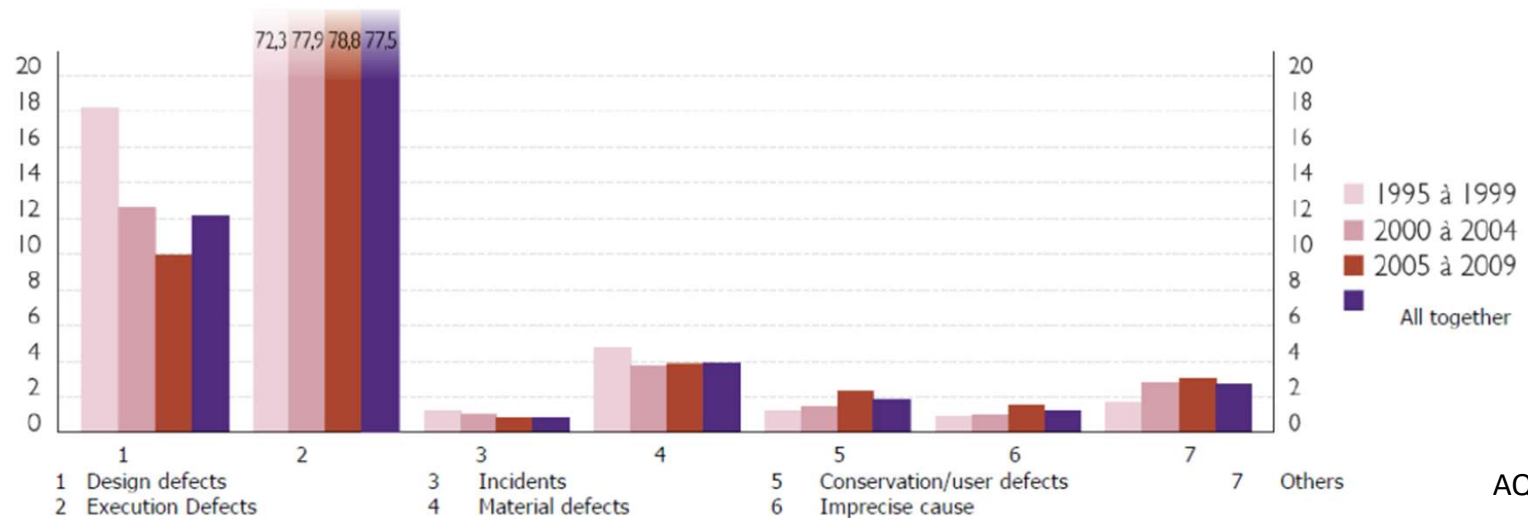


Bunkholt, Gullbrekken, Time, Kvande, 2021

Who is responsible?

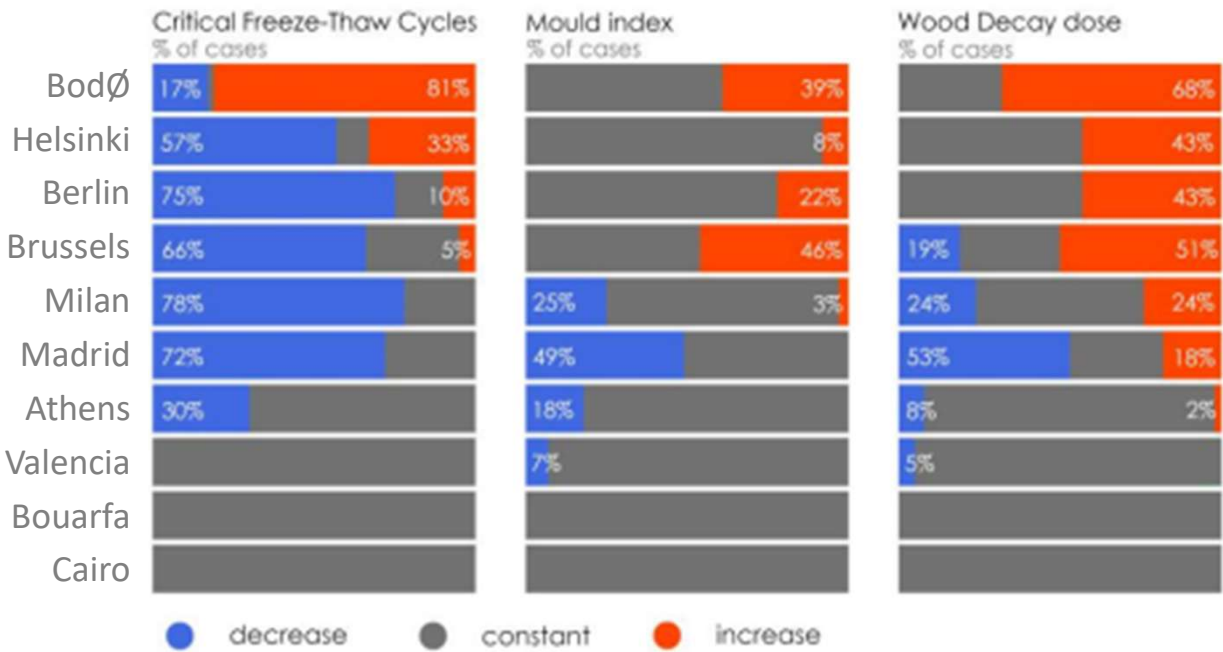
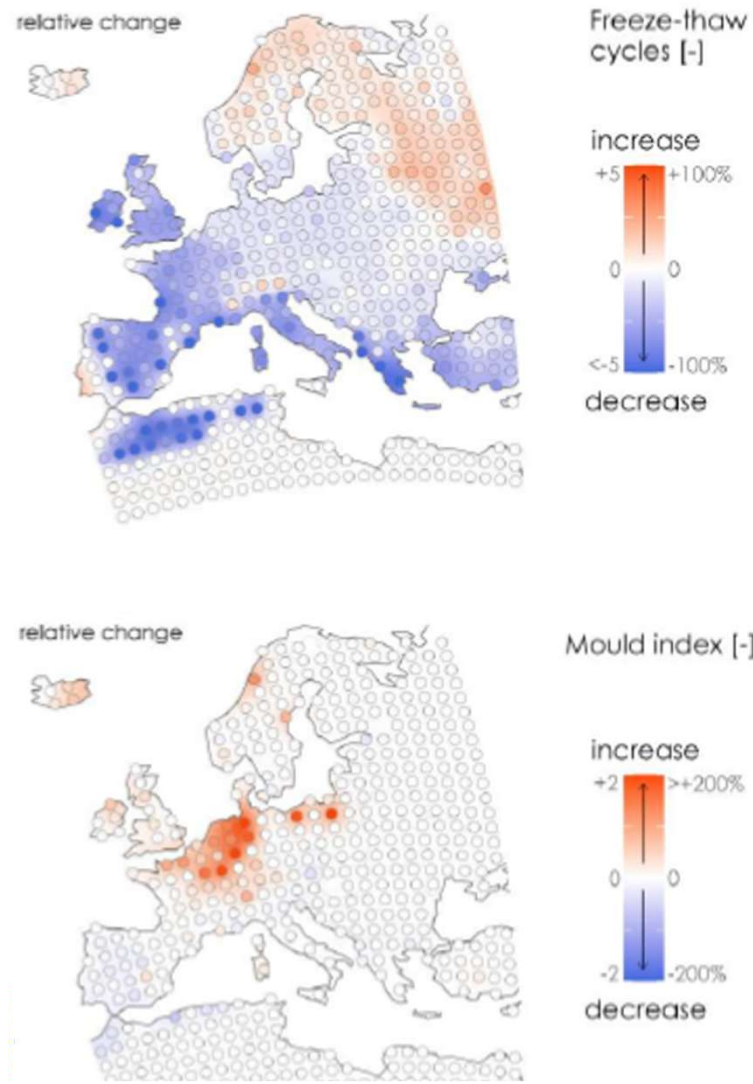
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France	30	60	10		
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Great Britain	40	50	10		
Netherlands	40	35	10	10	5
Norway	45	40	15		
USA	50	25	15	10	
average	43	38	14		
Czechoslovakia	5	70	25		
Hungary	20	38	42		
Poland	15	63	22		
average	13	57	30		

CIB W086, 1993



AQC, 2010

Projections for the future

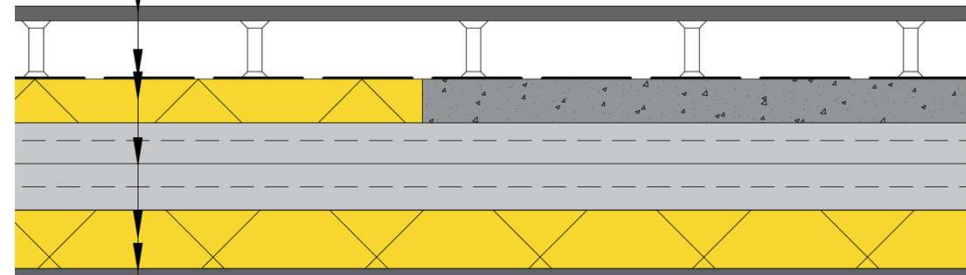


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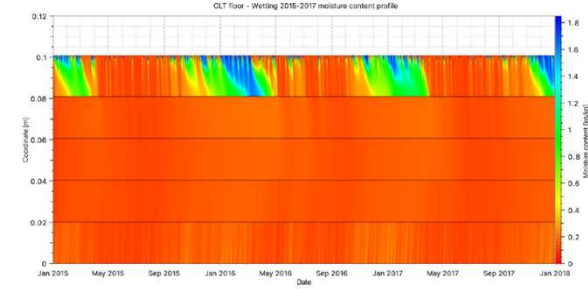
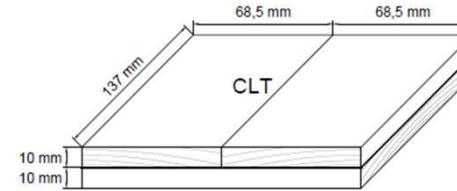
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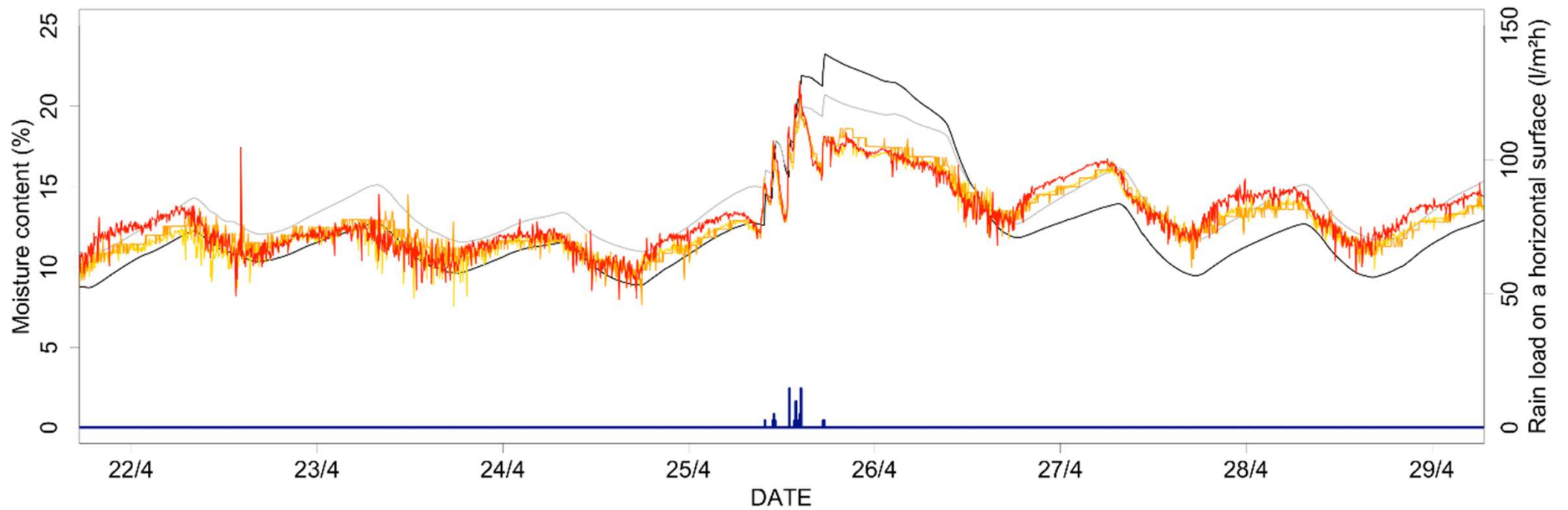
- 20mm tiles
- 80mm tiles supports
- FPO waterproofing layer
- 60mm EPS insulation
- 120mm CLT
- 80mm EPS insulation
- 10mm silicone-based render



Case-study



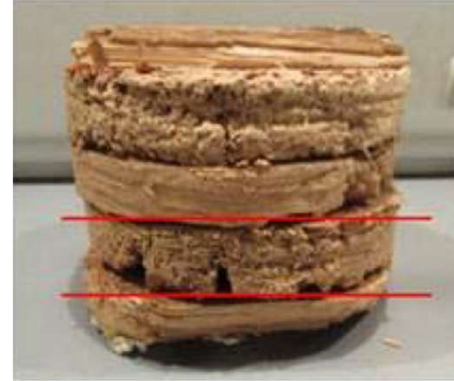
— CLT1 — CLT2 — CLT3
— Spruce Tangential (from Saxony) [713] — Spruce tangential [695] — Rainload



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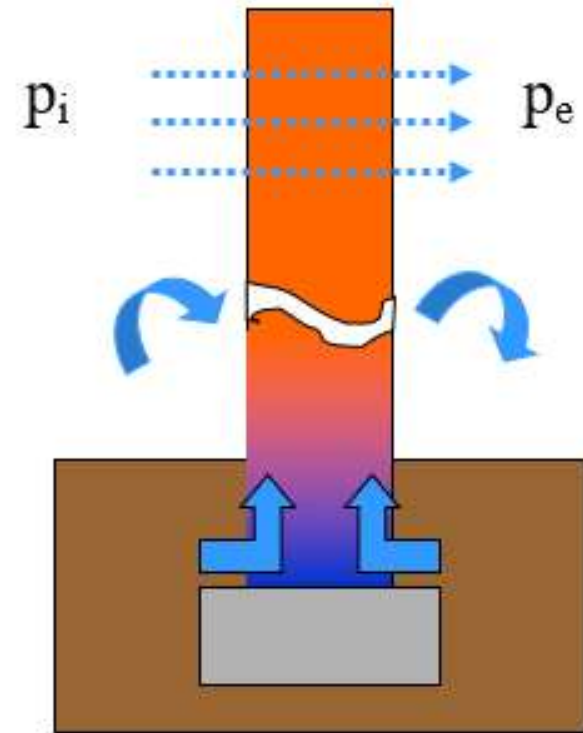


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Moisture transport

- Different transport modes
 - Vapour diffusion
 - Vapour transport by convection
 - Capillary water transport
 - Water transport ~Hydraulics

How long does it take to transport 1kg of moisture?



Moisture transport

- Different transport modes
 - **Vapour diffusion**

$$g = \frac{p_i - p_e}{Z_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{p_i - p_e}{\sum \mu d / \delta_a}$$

Impact surface transfer coefficients is negligible
 $\delta_a = 2 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ [kg/msPa = s]}$

- Example:
 - Concrete $d = 10\text{cm}$, $\mu = 100$
 - Annual vapour pressure difference = 400 Pa [$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ kg}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^2)$]
 - $Z = 5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ m/s}$
 - $g_v = 80 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ kg/m}^2/\text{s} = 0.25 \text{ kg/m}^2/\text{year}$ ($31.536.000 \text{ s/year}$)

=> 4 years

Moisture transport

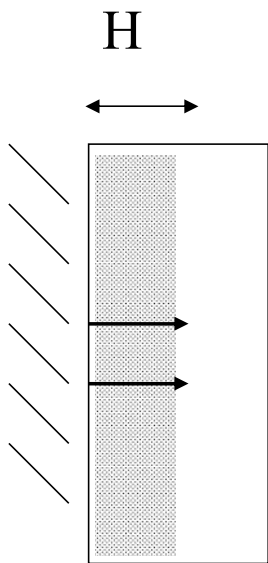
- Different transport modes
 - **Vapour transport by convection**
- Example:
 - Indoor 20°C, 50% RH (8,64g/m³)
 - Outdoor 0°C, 90% RH (4,23g/m³)
 - Bedroom of 40m³, ACH 0,5
 - $g_v = 20\text{m}^3/\text{h} * (8,64-4,23)\text{g}/\text{m}^3 = 88,2\text{g}/\text{h}$

=> 11,3 hours

temp. [°C]	p _s [Pa]	c _{max} [g/m ³]
35	5627	39,56
34	5323	37,54
33	5033	35,62
32	4757	33,77
31	4496	32,02
30	4245	30,34
29	4007	28,73
28	3782	27,21
27	3567	25,75
26	3363	24,36
25	3169	23,05
24	2985	21,78
23	2811	20,55
22	2645	19,43
21	2488	18,35
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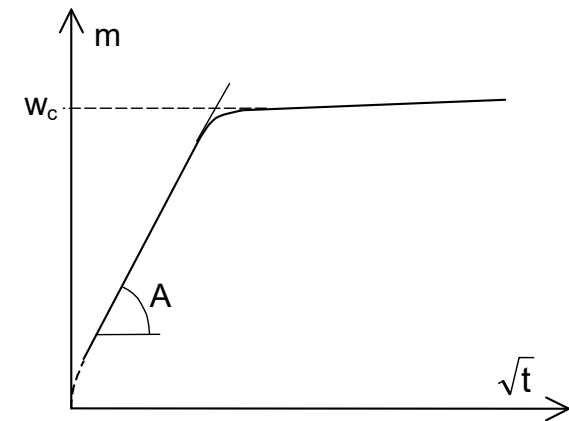
Moisture transport

- Different transport modes
 - **Capillary water transport**



Penetration depth H
moisture front?

1 hour WDR



- Brick (large pores):

- $A = 0.50 \text{ kg/m}^2/\text{s}^{1/2}$

- $w_c = 300 \text{ kg/m}^3$

- $H = 0.10 \text{ m}$

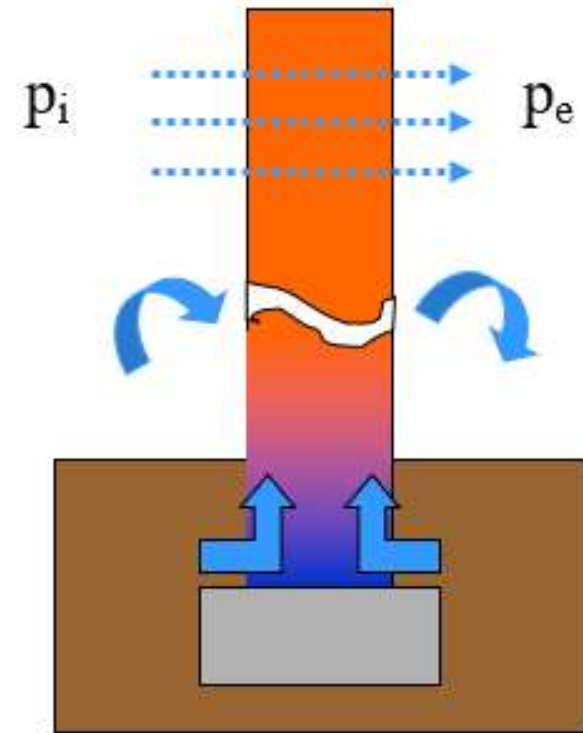
- $m = 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$

=> 4 seconds

Moisture transport

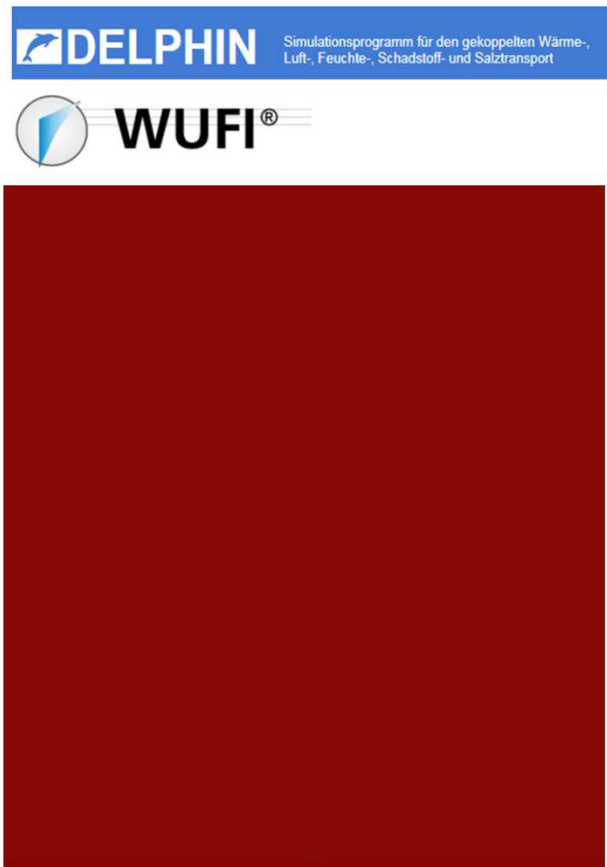
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 - Capillary water transport => **4 seconds**
 - Water transport ~Hydraulics => **1 second**

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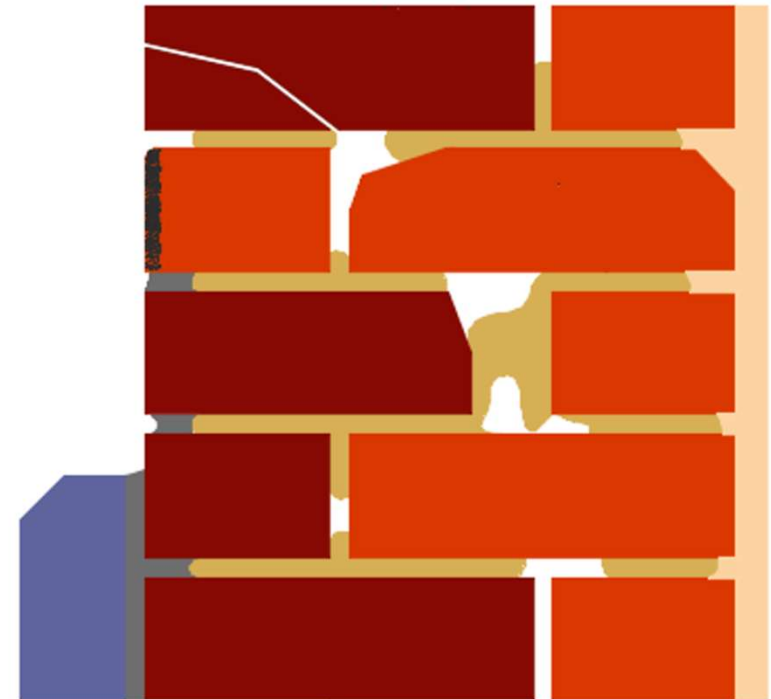


Vapour Diffusion Fetish

- WDR loads
- Splashing
- Runoff
- Infiltration
- Deficiencies
- Air leakage
- 2D
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- Materials
- Hysteresis
- Indoor climate
- Outdoor climate
- Salt
- Degradation

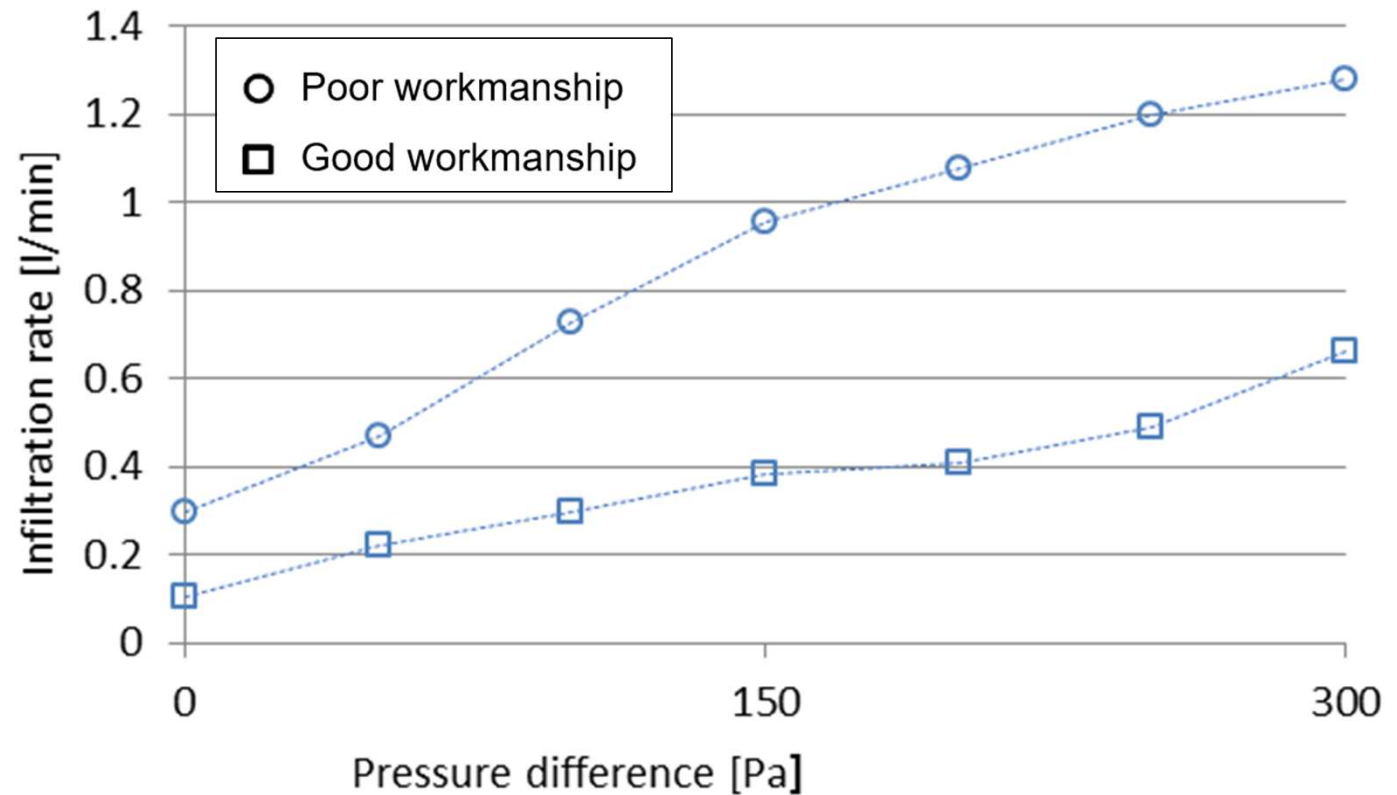


Reality



Vapour Diffusion Fetish

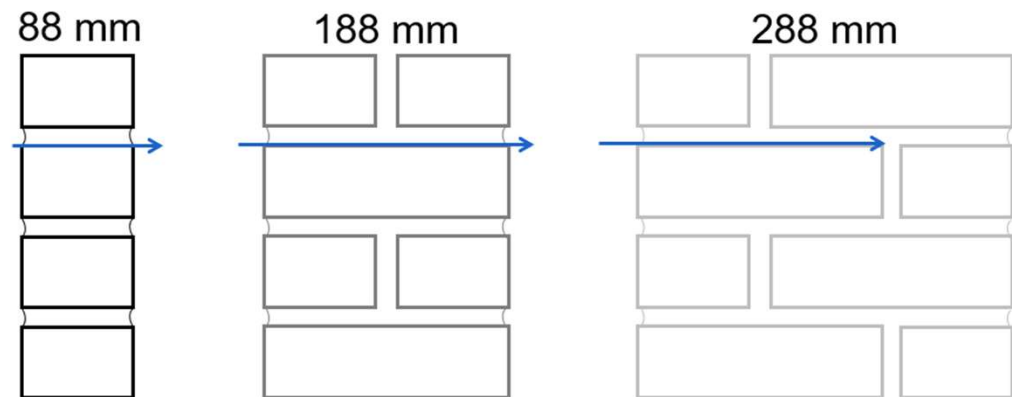
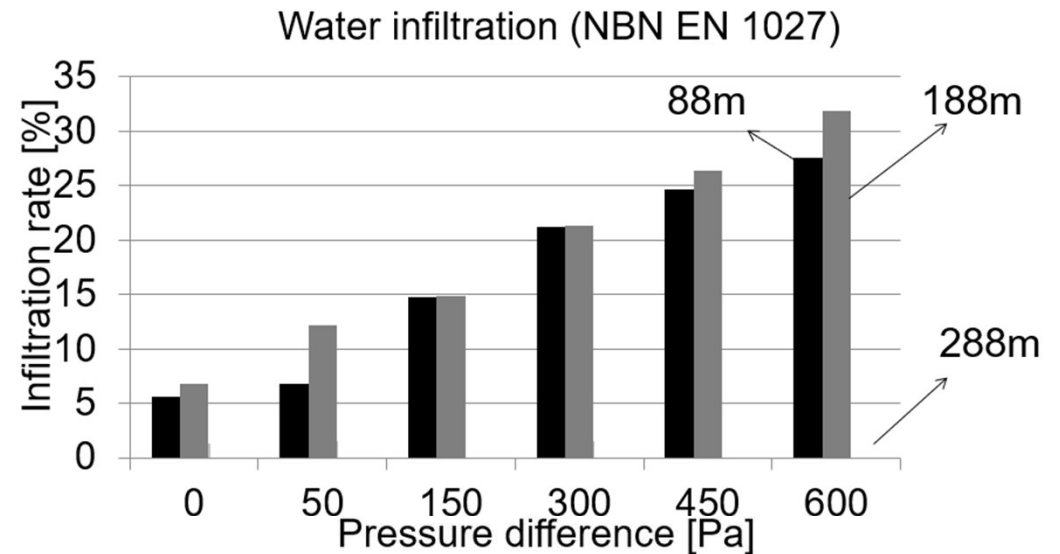
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(Van Goethem, Van Den Bossche, 2015)

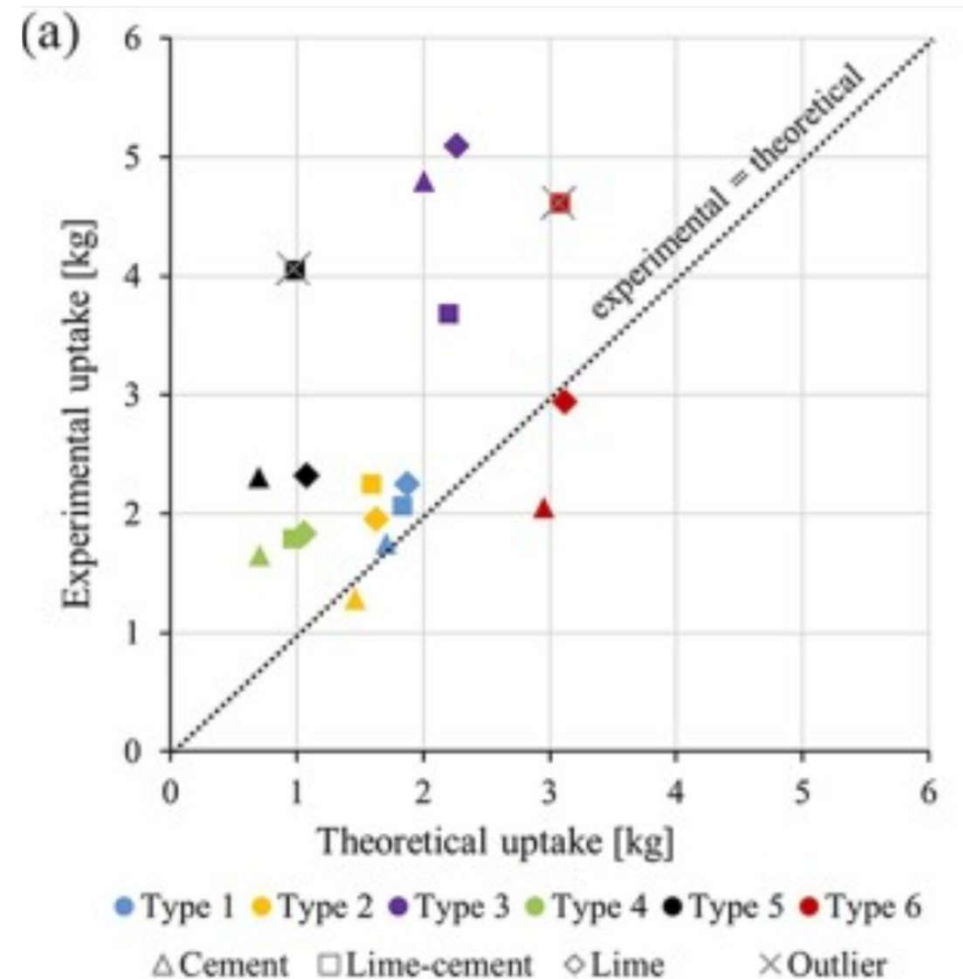
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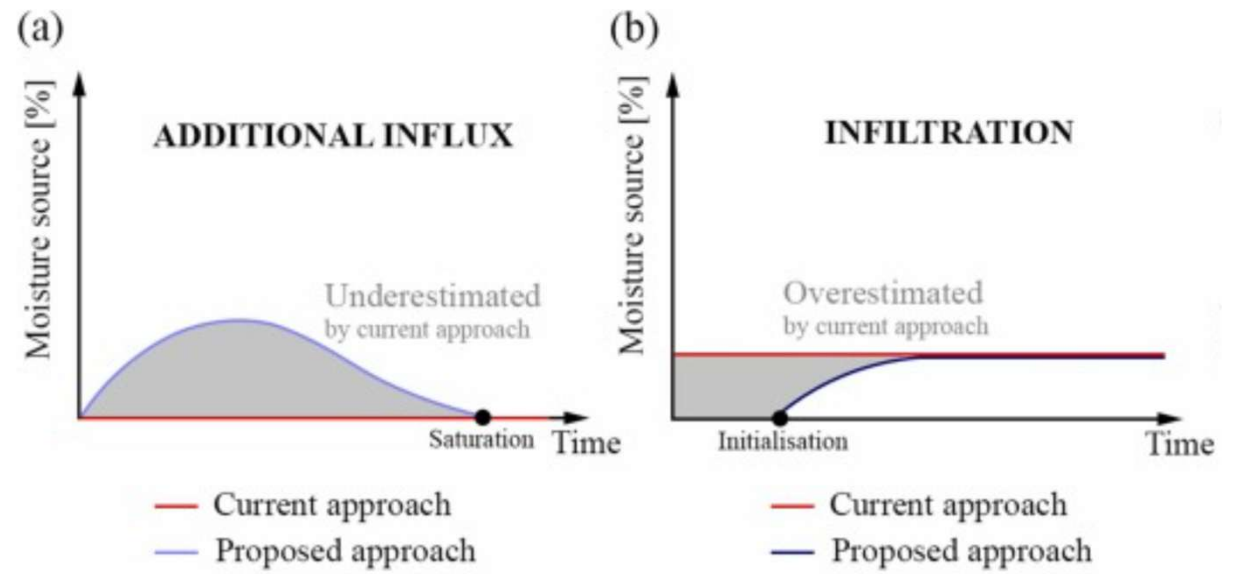
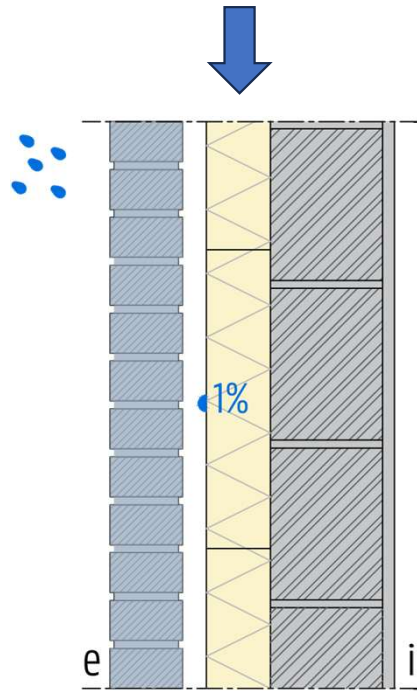


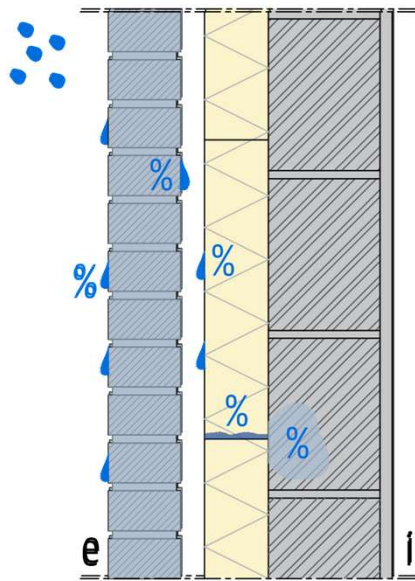
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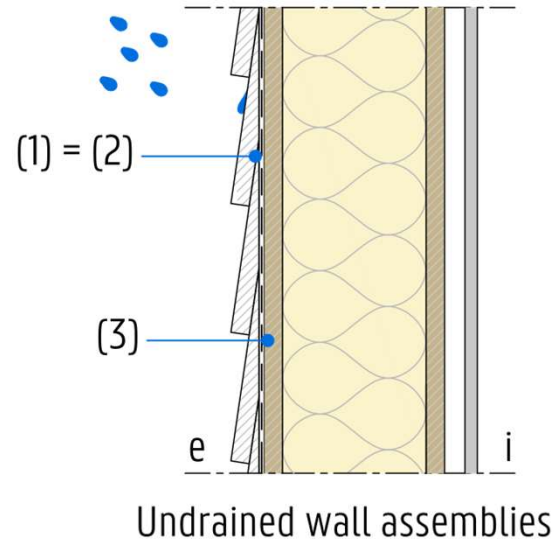
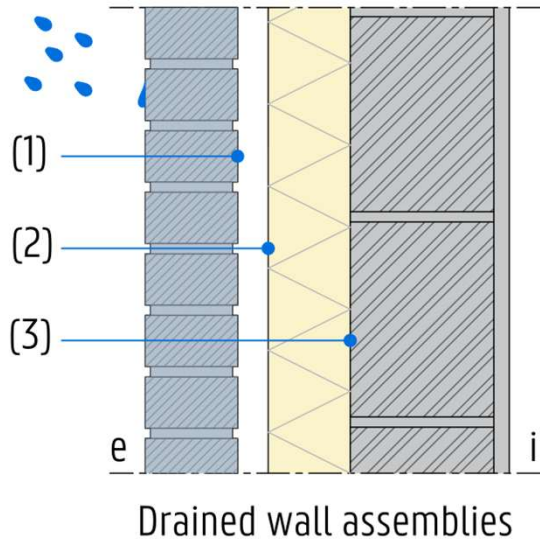
Quantified watertightness performance

ASHRAE Standard 160 – 1%

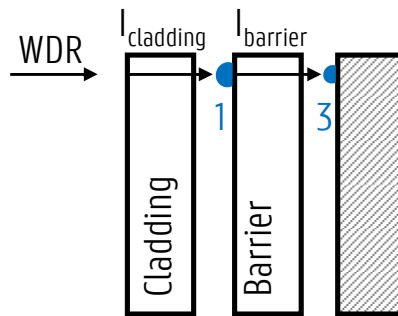
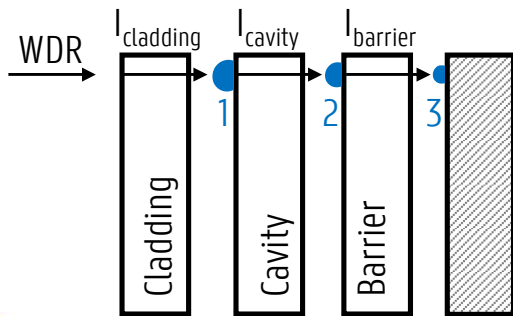
- Independent of cladding or cavity width
- North American context
- Stochastic nature of water infiltration requires numerous experiments

How can we quantitatively predict the watertightness of various wall assemblies?

Infiltration percentages as input for hygrothermal simulations



We need to know 4 things
% through cladding
% crossing cavity
Drainage & retention
% crossing WRB



Review of rainwater infiltration rates in wall assemblies

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ABSTRACT

Detailed knowledge on expected infiltration percentages through various exterior cladding surfaces is of importance when conducting hygrothermal simulations to evaluate the long-term performance of wall assemblies. Due to the stochastic nature of rainwater infiltration through wall assemblies, it is not possible to precisely predict the amount of rainwater that will infiltrate. However, laboratory and field tests may provide insight into the range of infiltration rates that can be expected for a given cladding and insight into the impact of deficiencies and the parameters affecting infiltration. Therefore, quantitative studies concerning infiltration rates, which were mostly laboratory studies, were reviewed. Based on the reviewed studies, the driving forces for infiltration were determined and the impact of the applied test method, pressure difference and water deposition rate on the infiltration rates was analysed. A methodology to obtain information on infiltration percentages without performing additional laboratory tests was proposed and a categorization of cladding materials was developed.

Table A.1

Water infiltration rates and percentages through slabs

Ref.	Materials	Specimen size (m ²)	Defect	Test procedure	Water pressure (kPa)	Water flow rate (L/h)	Water flow rate (L/h/m ²)	Infiltration (L/m ² per pressure step ΔP (Pa))	Infiltration (%) per pressure step ΔP (Pa)
Boussier and Guez [10]	Vinyl top siding	9.3	2 wedges drilled up between the siding	ISO 15797	Static pressure	6.6	17–30	0.001–0.003	0.001–0.003
Naghibi [11]	Vinyl top siding	4.2	Unintentional defect at window wall	ISO 15797	Static pressure	1.2	6.5	0.001	0.001

Table A.2

Water infiltration rates and percentages through ETICS

Ref.	Materials	Specimen size (m ²)	Defect	Test procedure	Water pressure (kPa)	Water flow rate (L/h)	Water flow rate (L/h/m ²)	Infiltration (L/m ² per pressure step ΔP (Pa))	Infiltration (%) per pressure step ΔP (Pa)
Uster et al. [11]	2 mm seal over 50 mm EPS	2.9	Horizontal cut	ISO 15797	Static pressure	4.2	0–137	0.001–0.003	0.001–0.003
			No defect						
			Horizontal cut						
			No defect						

Table A.3

Water infiltration rates and percentages through the interface between walls and circular ducts

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Water infiltration rates and percentages through brick masonry walls

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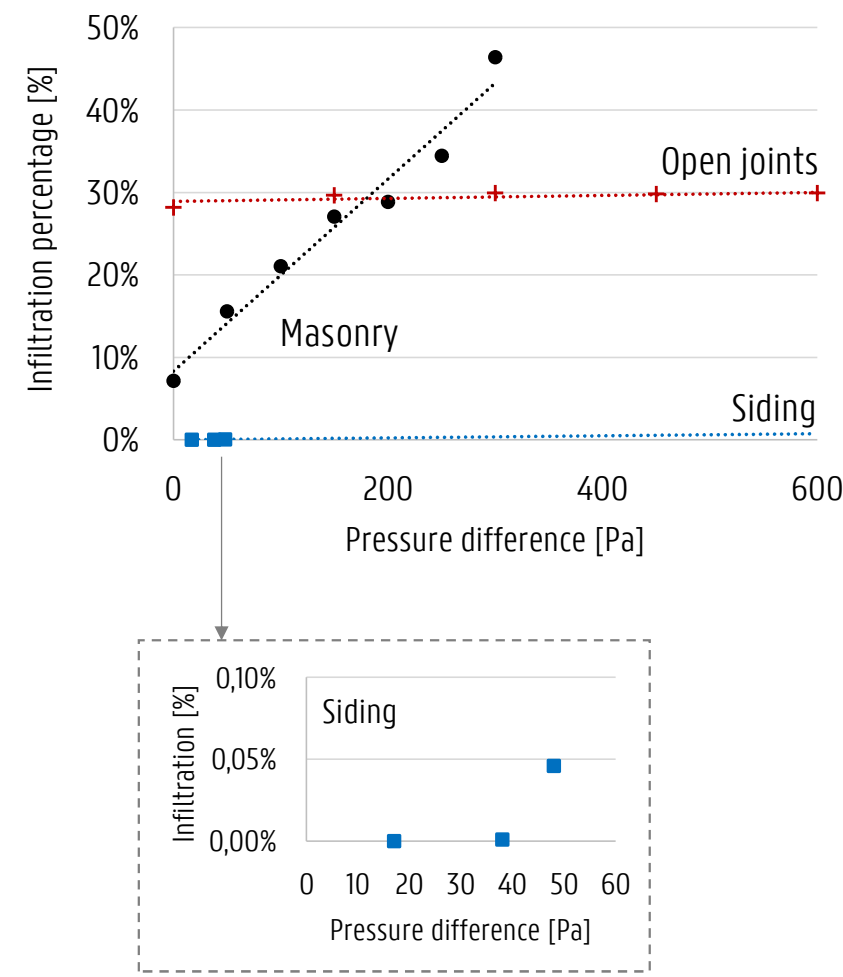
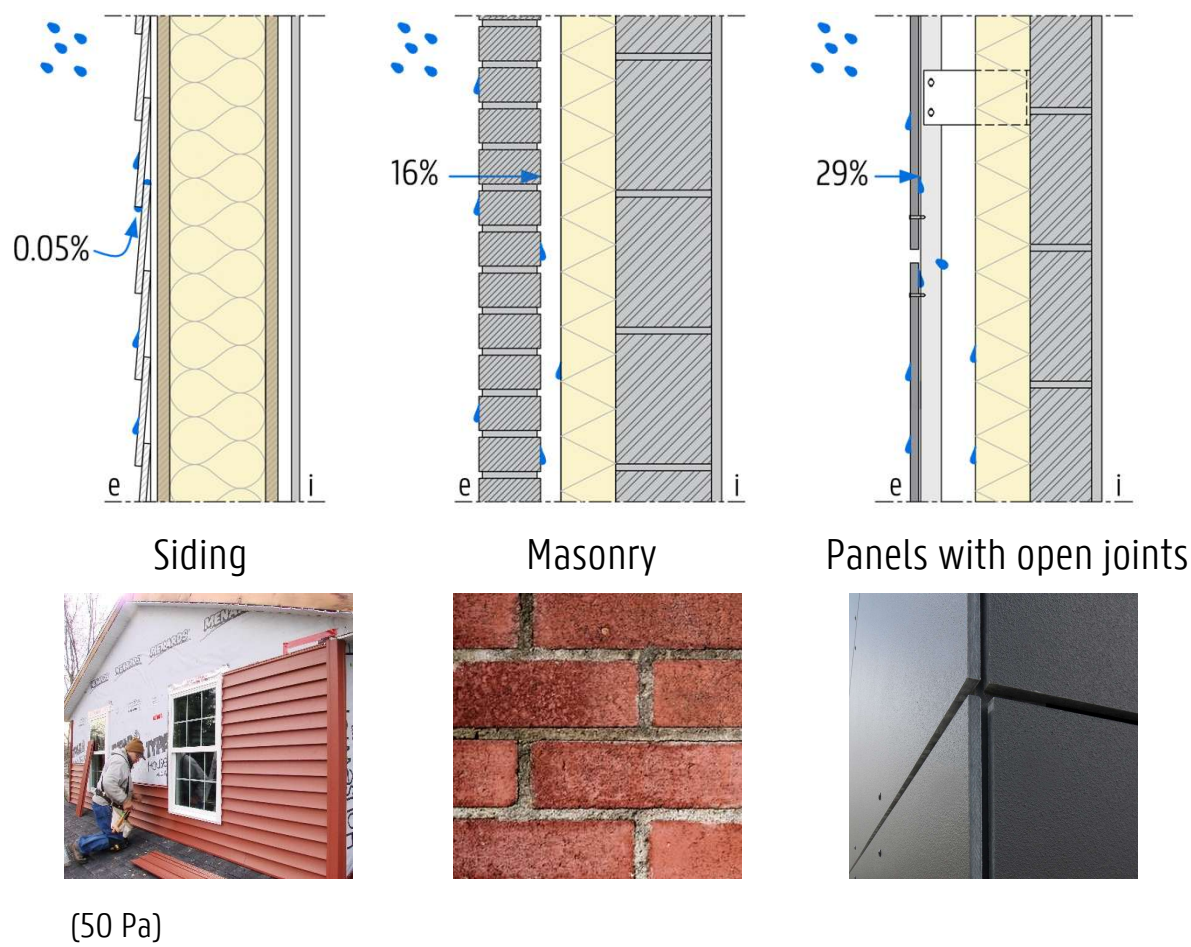
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Infiltration percentages depend on cladding type and vary linearly with pressure





EXTERIOR CLADDING SURFACE

CONTINUOUS

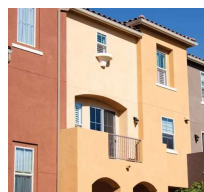
- High robustness
- Average robustness
- Low robustness



e.g. glass, precast concrete



e.g. ETICS (0.78%)



e.g. stucco (1.47%)

DISCONTINUOUS

LAP JOINTS



$\Delta P \approx 0$

$\Delta P > 0$

High WM

Low WM

High WM

Low WM

e.g. vented vinyl siding with tight air barrier

e.g. vented vinyl siding but with open butt joints

e.g. vinyl siding (0.27%)

e.g. vinyl siding with open butt joints (1.84%)

SEALED JOINTS



$\Delta P \approx 0$

$\Delta P > 0$

High WM

Low WM

High WM

Low WM

e.g. curtain walls (0.02%)

e.g. curtain walls with tilted pressure plate (0.20%)

e.g. mortared bricks (10.03%)*

e.g. mortared bricks with cracks (44.6%)*

OPEN JOINTS



Panels

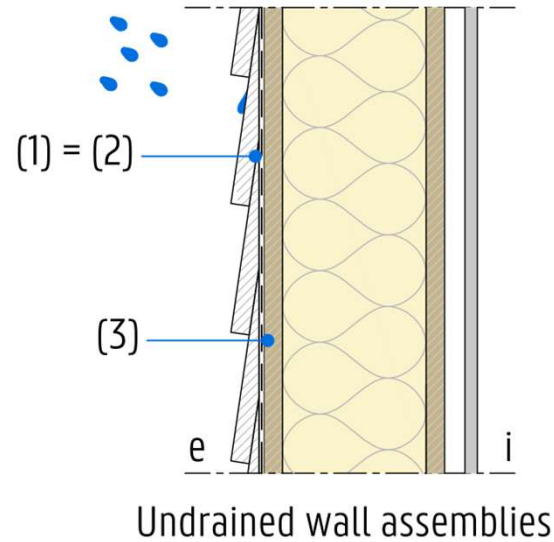
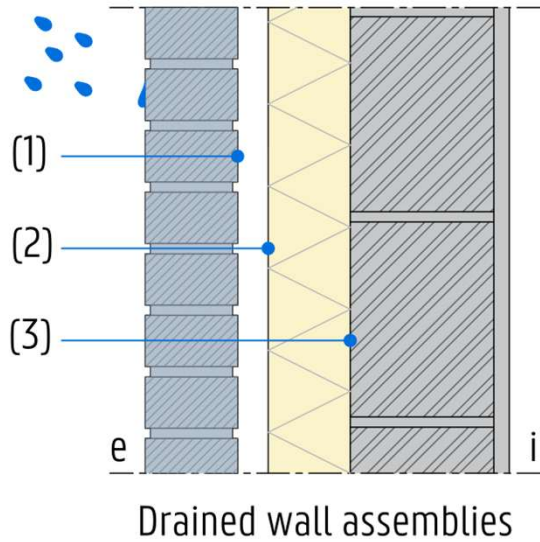
Blocks

e.g. fibre cement or natural stone panels (26%)

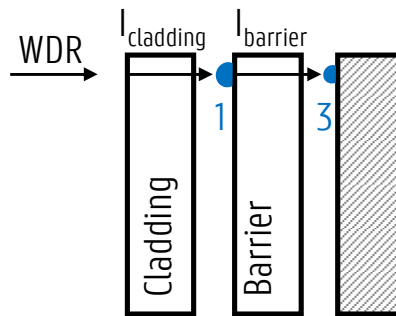
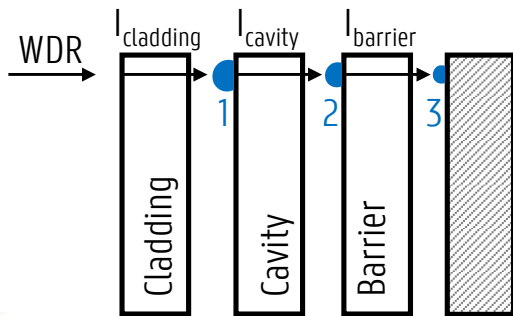
e.g. glued concrete blocks with open head joints (83.42%)*

ROBUSTNESS = likelihood of cracks and deficiencies
 ΔP = Pressure difference over cladding
WM = level of workmanship = quality of joints
* Percentages are only valid in saturated conditions

Infiltration percentages with QPA-method as input for hygrothermal simulations



We need to know 4 things
% through cladding
% **crossing cavity**
Drainage & retention
% crossing WRB





Drainage of infiltrated rainwater in wall assemblies: Test method, experimental quantification, and recommendations

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Abstract

Drainage reduces the amount of water able to infiltrate toward the interior of wall assemblies. However, a portion of the infiltrated water remains in the assembly after drainage has occurred. The degree to which this retained portion of water affects the durability of the wall assembly can be evaluated by means of hygrothermal simulations. However, the number of studies reporting information on the retention percentage that can be applied as input for hygrothermal simulations and on the drainage performance of wall assemblies is, in general, quite limited. Therefore, an experimental study was developed, to assess governing test methods to evaluate drainage characteristics and to quantify retention of water in wall test specimens having various cavity widths and incorporating different drainage materials. It was concluded that apart from the absolute amount of retained water, the lateral spreading of water in the cavity and the overall wetted area, should also be considered, thereby resulting in reporting the retained amount relative to the wetted area. The latter values provide more detailed information on the behavior of water in the cavity. Additionally, it was concluded that a clear cavity of 1 mm can drain water more efficiently than a cavity of 10 mm. As well, the surface texture of drainage materials affected the spreading and retention of water within the

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Ref.	Sheathing	Drainage plane	Cavity	Width (mm)	Cladding	DE (%)	V _m (g)	V _m (g/m ²)	V _{m,rel} (g/m ²)
[167]	OSB	H30 BP	-	-	XPS	0.0%	8030.0	2697.5	
	OSB	H15 BP - DEHW	-	-	XPS	1.7%	7893.5	2651.7	
	OSB	H15 BP	PF	6.35	XPS	97.0%	240.9	80.9	
	OSB	H15 BP	FF	6.35	XPS	75.4%	1975.4	663.6	
	OSB	H15 BP	PF	19	XPS	90.9%	730.7	243.5	
	OSB	HW	-	-	XPS	9.0%	7304.6	2453.9	
	OSB	HW	PF	6.35	XPS	94.5%	441.7	148.4	
	OSB	HW	FF	6.35	XPS	77.5%	1806.8	606.9	
	OSB	HW	DM	NR	XPS	94.1%	473.8	159.2	
	OSB	DEHW	-	-	XPS	71.0%	2330.3	782.8	
	OSB	DEHW	PF	6.35	XPS				
	OSB	DEHW	FF	6.35	XPS				
	OSB	DB	-	-	NR				
[165]	-	PE sheet	-	-					
	-	Acrylic sheet	clear cavity	1	PM				
	-	Acrylic sheet	-	-					
	Gypsum	Gypsum	adhesive	>1	ET				
	Gypsum	Trowel	adhesive	1.5	ET				
	Gypsum	Trowel	grooves	6.35	ET				
	Gypsum	Trowel	adhesive	3	ET				
	Gypsum	Trowel	adhesive	2	ET				
	Plywood	HW	grooves	NR	ET				
	Gypsum	H15 BP (2 layers)	-	-	Stu				
	Gypsum	H15 BP (2 layers)	PF	19	Stu				
	OSB	dimpled DM	dimpled DM	3	Vi				
	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	Vi				
	NR	HW	-	-	Vi				

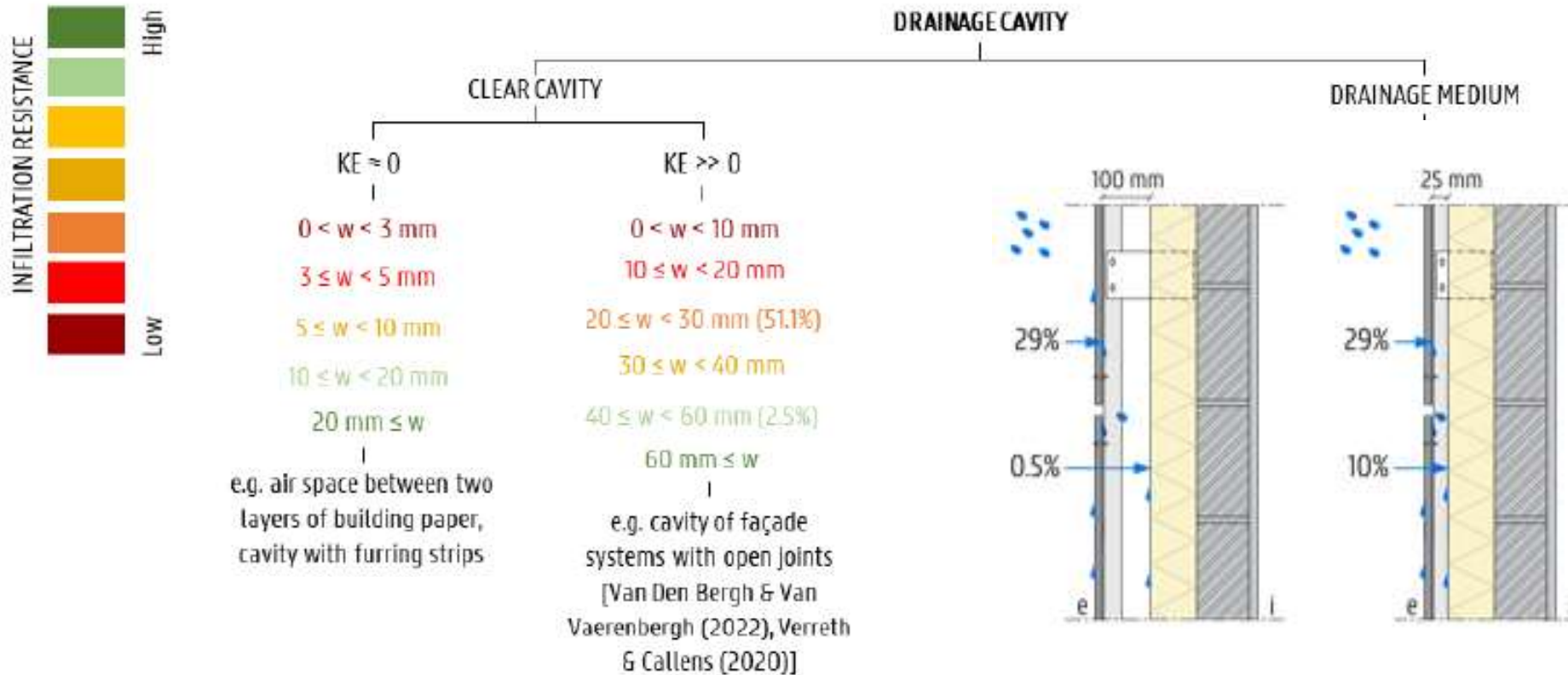
NR	H15 BP	-	-	Vinyl	74.2%	556.8	151.0	151.0
NR	HW	wrinkled HW	NR	FC sheet	62.5%	562.9	219.9	373.3
NR	HW	-	-	FC	34.0%	239.8	93.7	130.0
NR	H15 BP	-	-	FC	83.6%	241.9	94.5	140.0
NR	HW	-	-	Cedar	66.1%	505.6	197.5	331.5
NR	HW	-	-	Cedar	35.4%	218.9	85.5	116.5
[168]	OSB	LAB	adhesive ribbons	2-3	EPS	99.1%	74.0	24.9
	OSB	HW	-	-	Vinyl	97.1%	230.0	77.3
	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	Vinyl	85.6%	364.0	122.3
	OSB	HW	-	-	Hardboard	86.5%	123.5	41.5
	OSB	HW	channelled nylon DM	6.7	Hardboard	97.1%	231.0	77.6
	OSB	HW	nylon DM	6.9	Hardboard	86.5%	234.0	85.4
	OSB	HW	-	-	Wood	64.7%	426.0	148.1
	OSB	HW	dimpled DM	6.3	Wood	86.5%	260.0	87.3
	OSB	HW	FF	19	Wood	84.2%	467.0	156.9
	OSB	HW	-	-	FC	85.6%	340.0	114.2
	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	FC	97.5%	197.0	66.2
[170]	OSB	HW	-	-	EPS	86.8%	12.0	32.2
	OSB	HW	-	-	EPS	87.2%		
	OSB	HW	DM	NR	EPS	86.8%		
	OSB	HW	DM	NR	EPS	86.4%		
	OSB	BP	DM	NR	EPS	89.0%		
	OSB	BP	DM	NR	EPS	85.6%		
	OSB	BP (2 layers)	-	-	EPS	86.8%		
	OSB	BP (2 layers)	-	-	EPS	85.6%		
	Gypsum	LAB	notch adhesives	9.5	EPS	86.7%		
	Gypsum	LAB	notch adhesives	9.5	EPS	89.0%		
[175]	-	HW	nylon DM	NR	FC (A)	50.6%		
	-	HW	nylon DM	NR	FC (NA)	94.5%		
	-	HW	nylon DM with filter fabric	NR	FC (A)	46.0%		
	-	HW	NR	20	EPS	96.5%		
	-	HW	-	-	FC (A)	27.2%		
	-	HW	-	-	FC (A)	66.5%		
	-	HW	channelled DM	11	FC (A)	54.8%		
	-	HW	channelled DM	11	FC (NA)	94.2%		
	-	HW	channelled DM	6	FC (A)	38.8%		
	-	DEHW	-	-	FC (A)	40.7%		

Ref.	Sheathing	Drainage plane	Cavity	Width (mm)	Cladding	IRW (%)	WWR (h/m)	ISO
[167]	OSB	H30 BP	-	-	XPS	No drainage		
	OSB	H15 BP - DEHW	-	-	XPS	No drainage		
	OSB	H15 BP	PF	6.35	XPS	23.0		
	OSB	H15 BP	PF	19	XPS	13.0		
	OSB	HW	-	-	XPS	1646.7		
	OSB	HW	PF	6.35	XPS	13.7		
	OSB	HW	DM	NR	XPS	22		
	OSB	DEHW	-	-	XPS	134.8		
	OSB	DEHW	PF	6.35	XPS	10		
	OSB	DB	-	-	NR	XPS	16	
[167]	OSB	HW	-	-	XPS	120 s		
	OSB	DEHW	-	-	XPS	5 s		
	OSB	HW	F	NR	XPS	Immediate		
	OSB	DEHW	F	NR	XPS	Immediate		
[172]	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	PIR	120	0.69	600
	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	EPS	75	19.87	3600
	OSB	H15 BP	F	0.8	EPS	5	309.24	300
	OSB	H15 BP	-	-	Cement board	10	531.55	180
	OSB	H15 BP	DM	3.2	Cement board - EPS	7	1235.72	300
	OSB	H15 BP	Grooves	NR	EPS	5	2568.32	180
[173]	OSB	BP (2 layers)	-	-	stucco		26.72	
	OSB	BP - higher perm HW	-	-	stucco		40.03	
	OSB	BP - DEHW	-	-	stucco		40.03	
	open frame	BP	-	-	stucco		53.44	
	OSB	BP (2 layers)	-	-	one-coat stucco		53.44	
	OSB	BP (2 layers)	Channelled	NR	stucco		30.16	
	OSB	BP (2 layers)	-	-	cracked stucco		347.37	
NR	BP (2 layers)	NR	NR	NR	PIR		14.7	17

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Effect of cavity with on drainage and rain water transfer



KE = Kinetic Energy

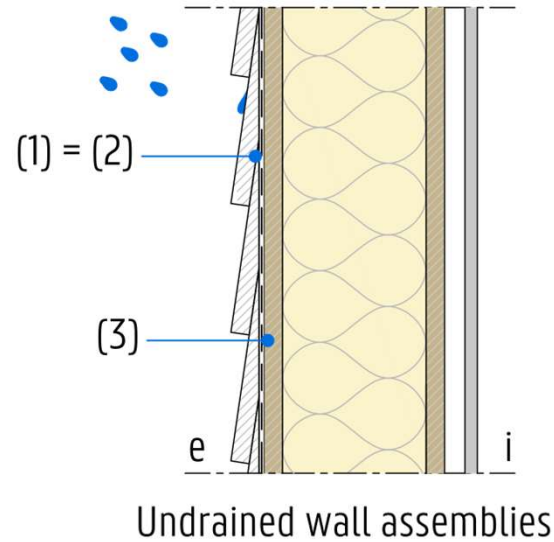
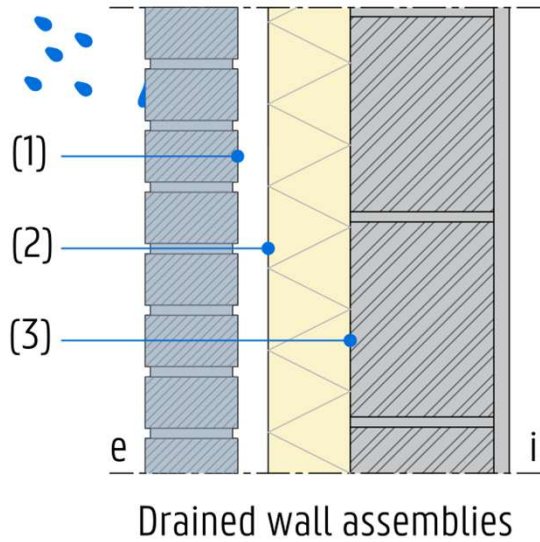
KE ≈ 0 water enters cavity through cracks or small deficiencies after breaching of meniscus

KE >> 0 water enters cavity through large openings in an unobstructed manner

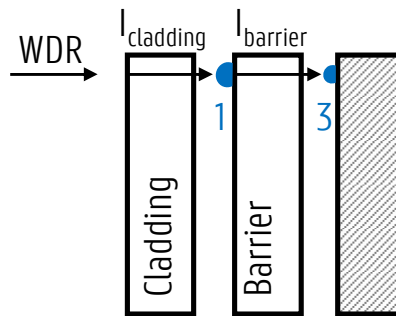
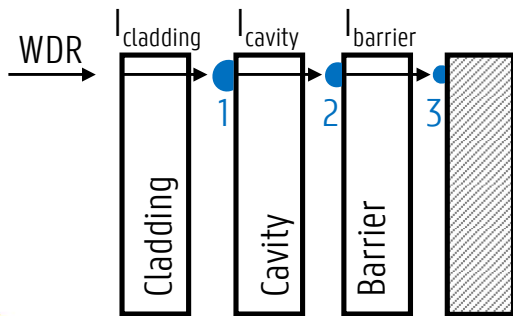
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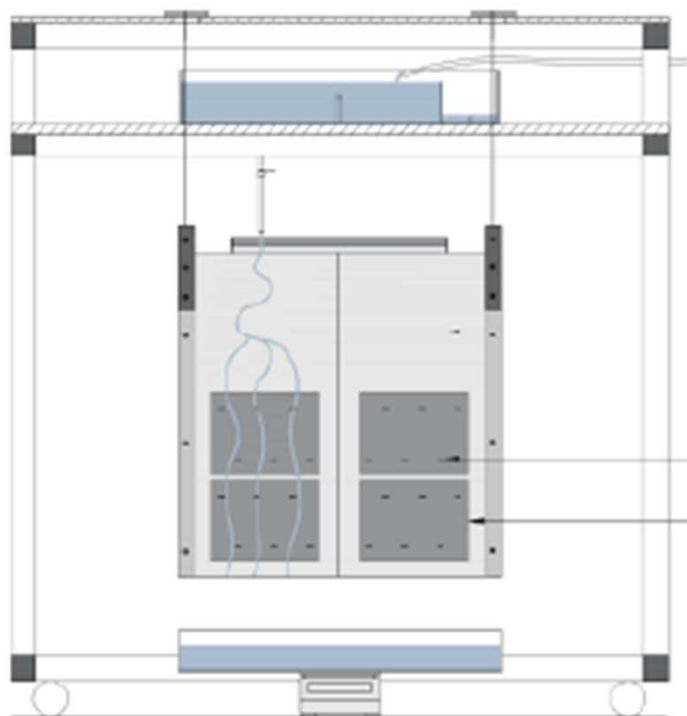
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Infiltration percentages with QPA-method as input for hygrothermal simulations



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% crossing cavity
Drainage & retention
% crossing WRB

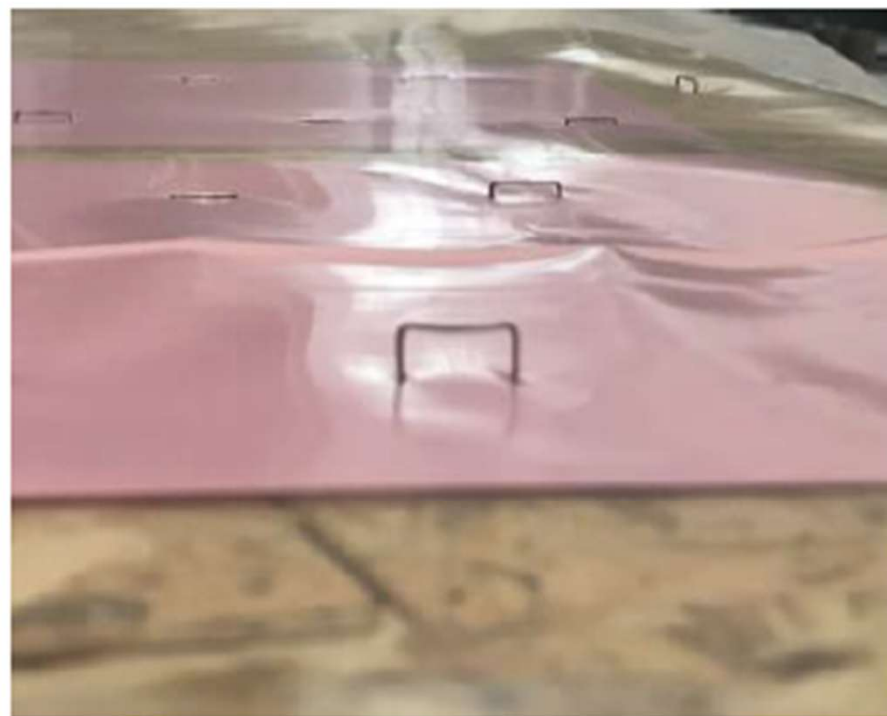


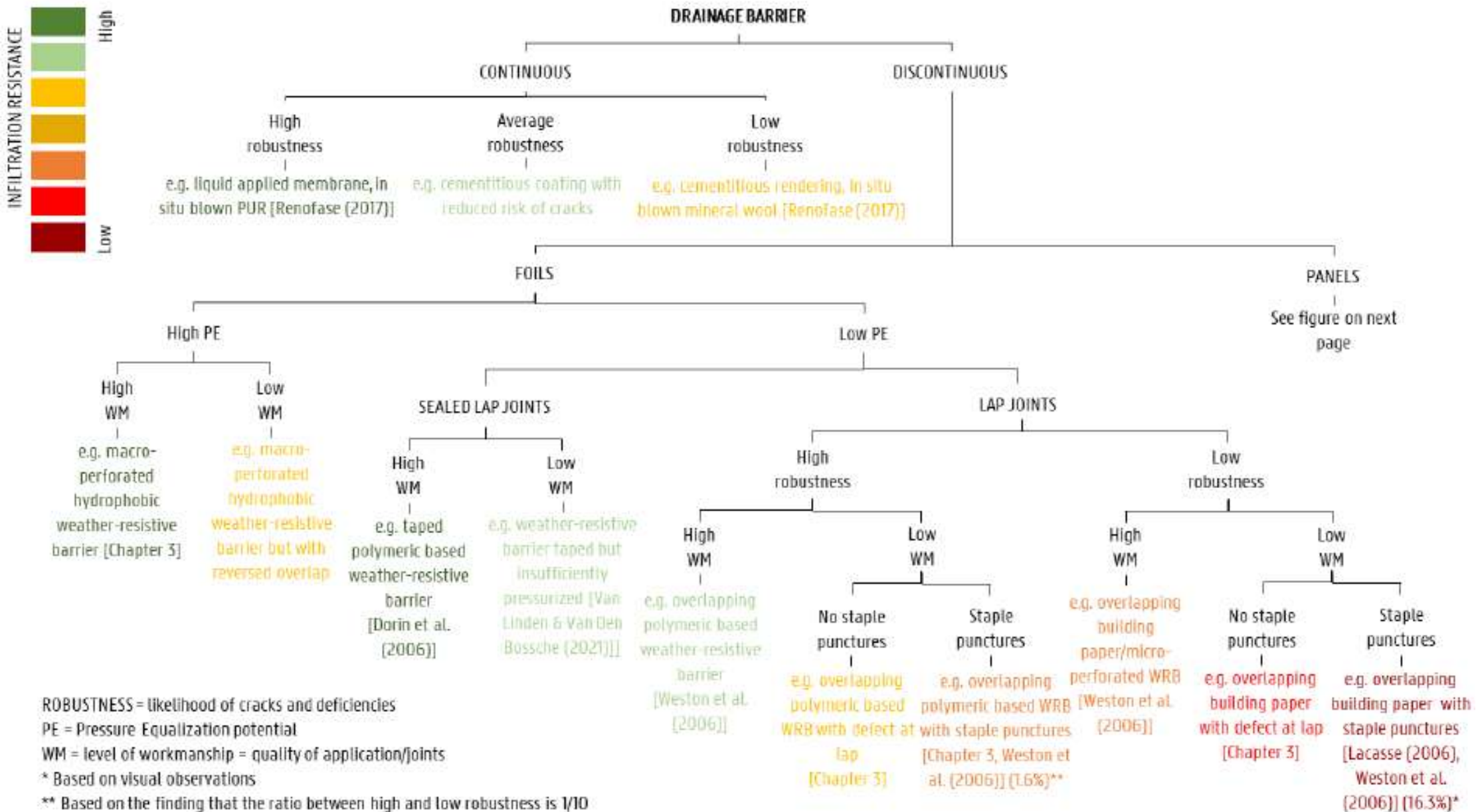


WRB stapled to OSB

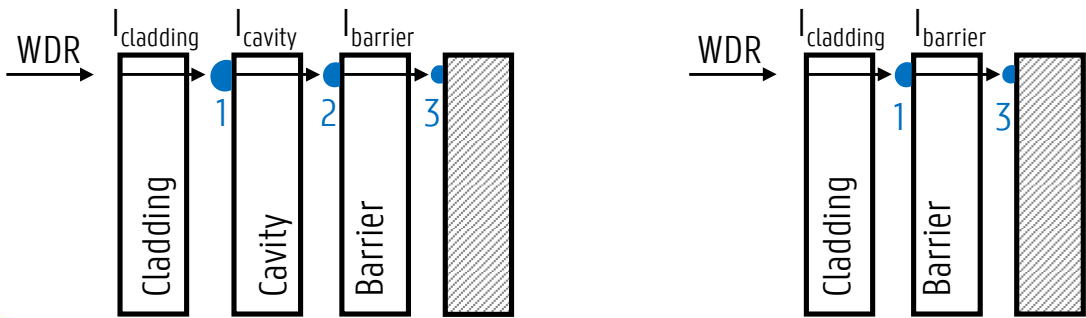
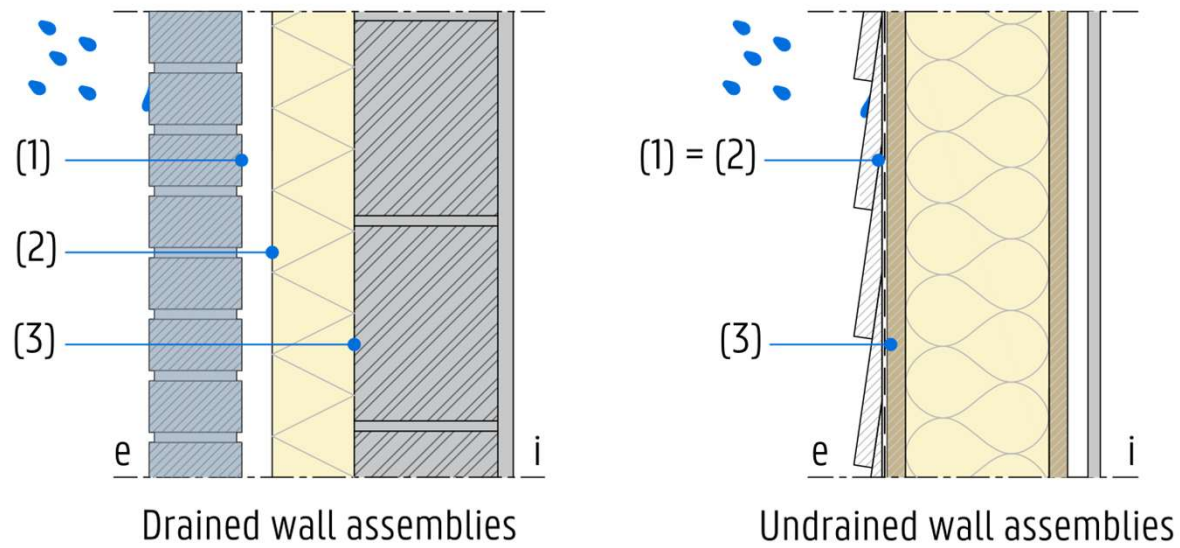
Staple

Blotting paper underneath WRB





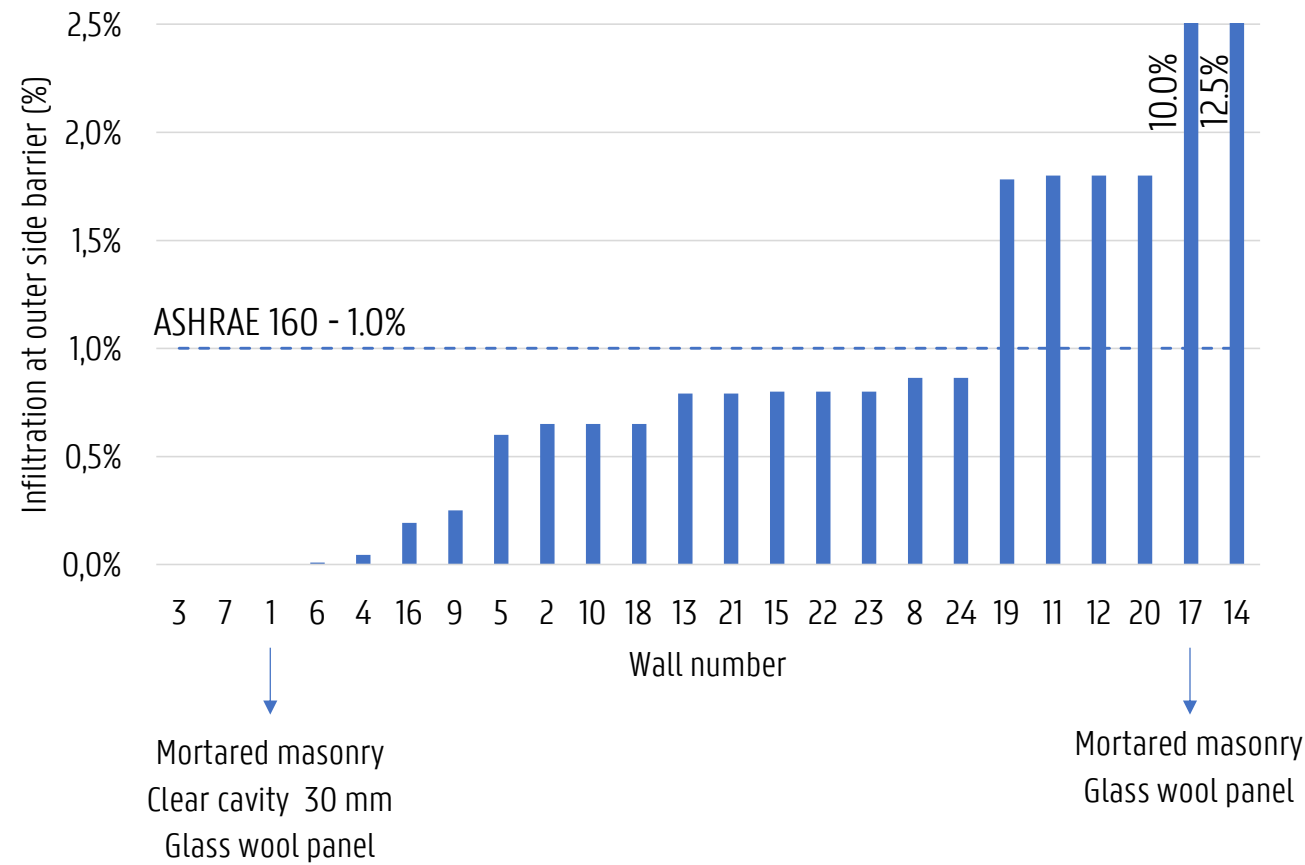
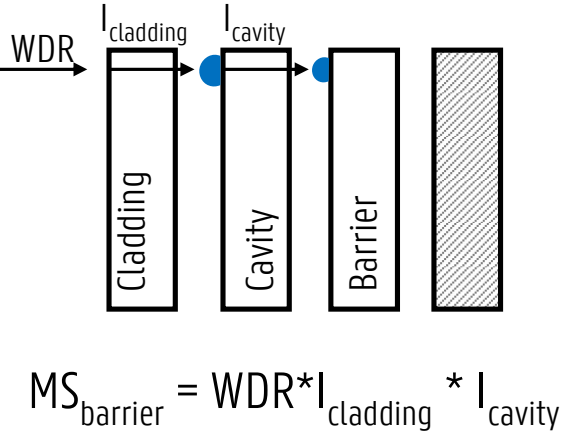
Infiltration percentages with QPA-method as input for hygrothermal simulations



$I_{CLADDING}$	I_{CAVITY}	$I_{BARRIER}$
0.02%	0.01%	0.001%
0.8%	2.5%	0.01%
1.8%	5.8%	0.2%
10%	24%	0.5%
26%	48%	1.6%
45%	75%	3.4%
84%	99%	16%

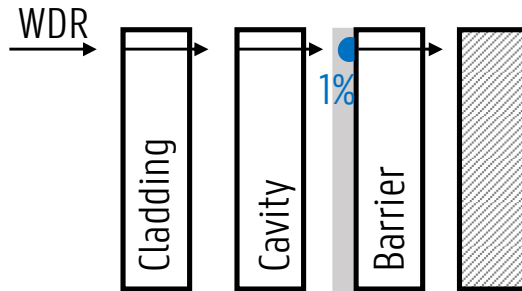
Retention: 200g/m²

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Implementation of rainwater infiltration in hygrothermal simulations

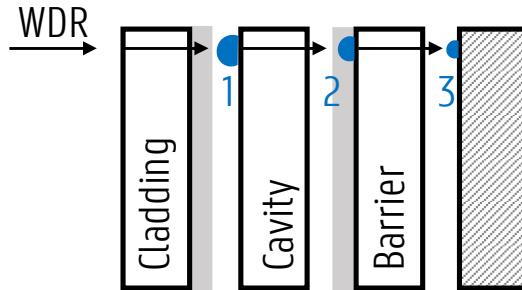
Minimum



● 1% - according to ASHRAE 160

■ Retention 200 g/m²

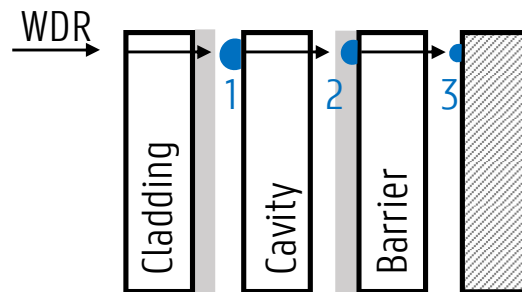
Advanced



● According to QPA-method

■ Retention 200 g/m² or drainage tests
Simulate the exterior surface absorption first

Superior



● Based on watertightness tests

■ Based on drainage tests
Simulate the exterior surface absorption first

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VDF: Vapour Diffusion Fetish

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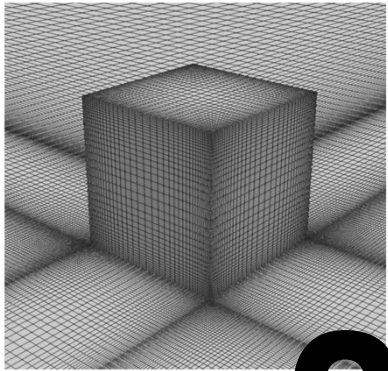
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+

HAM

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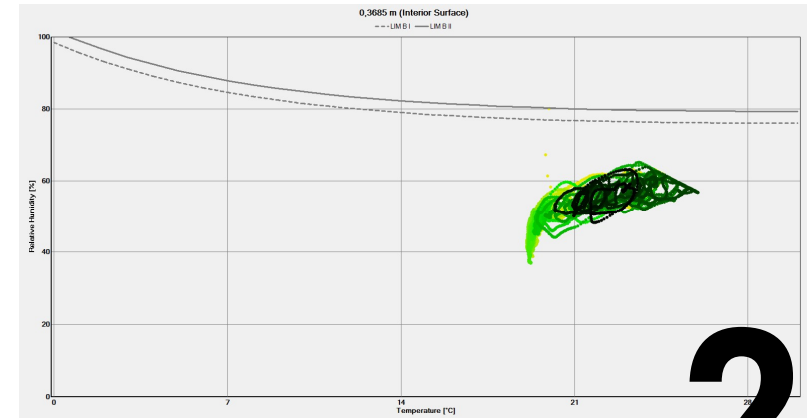
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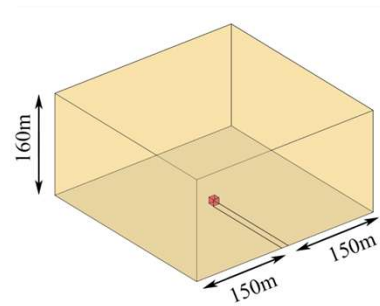
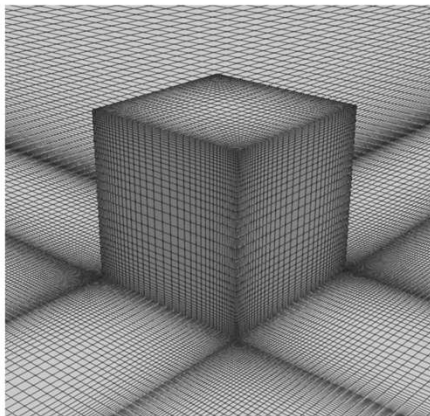
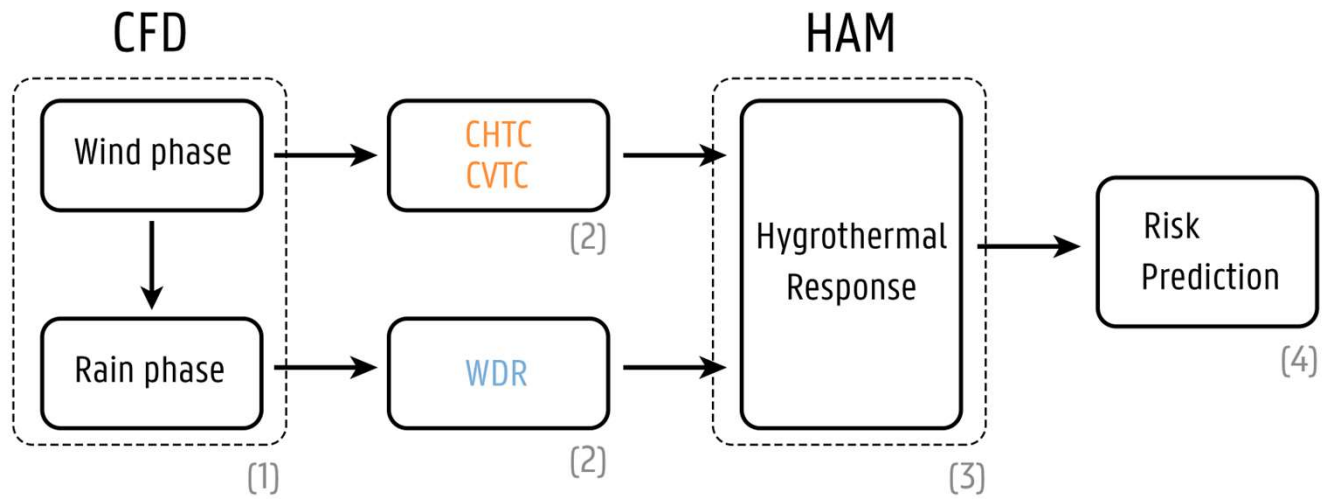


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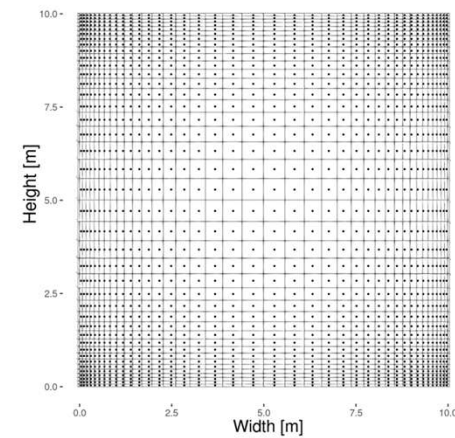


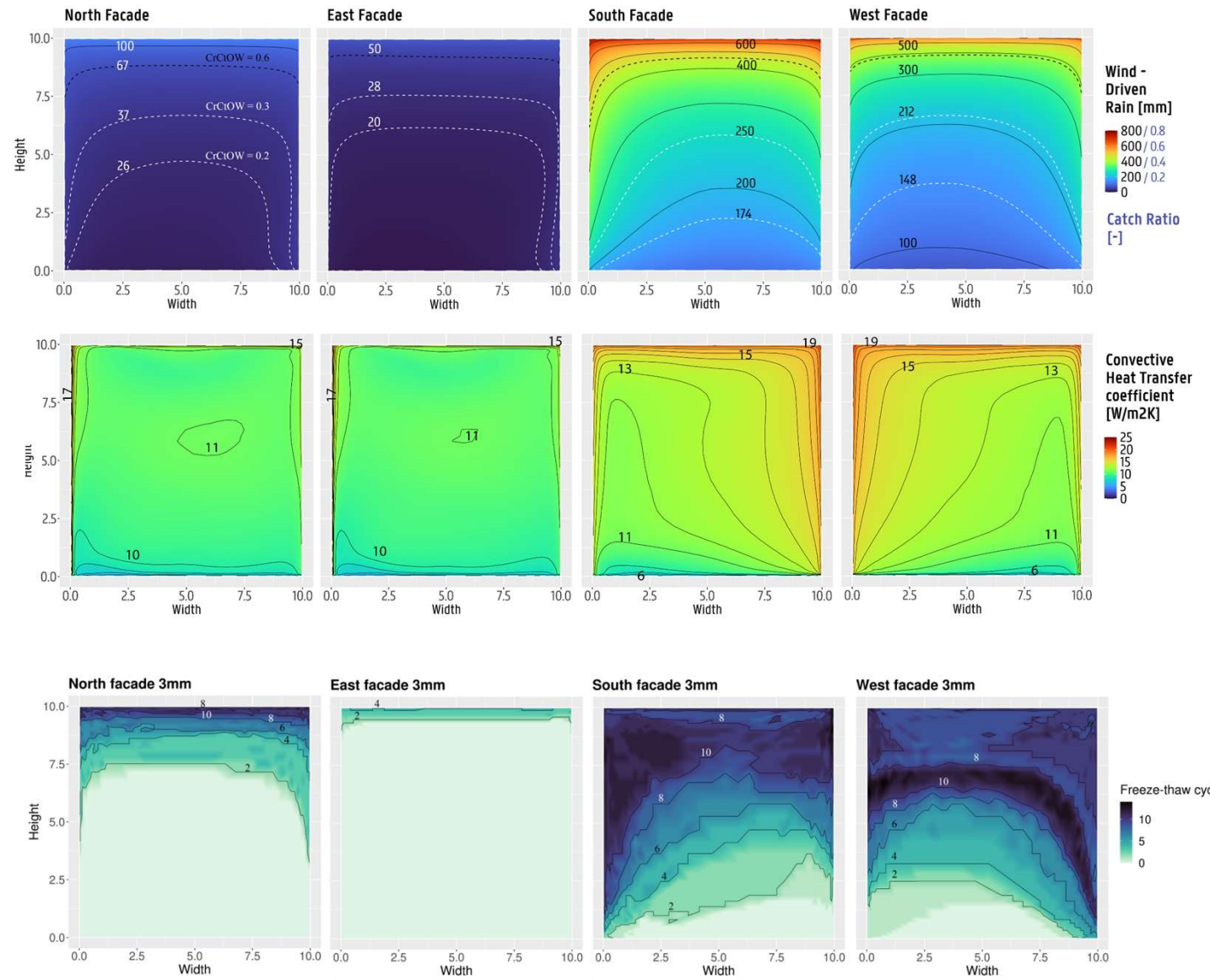
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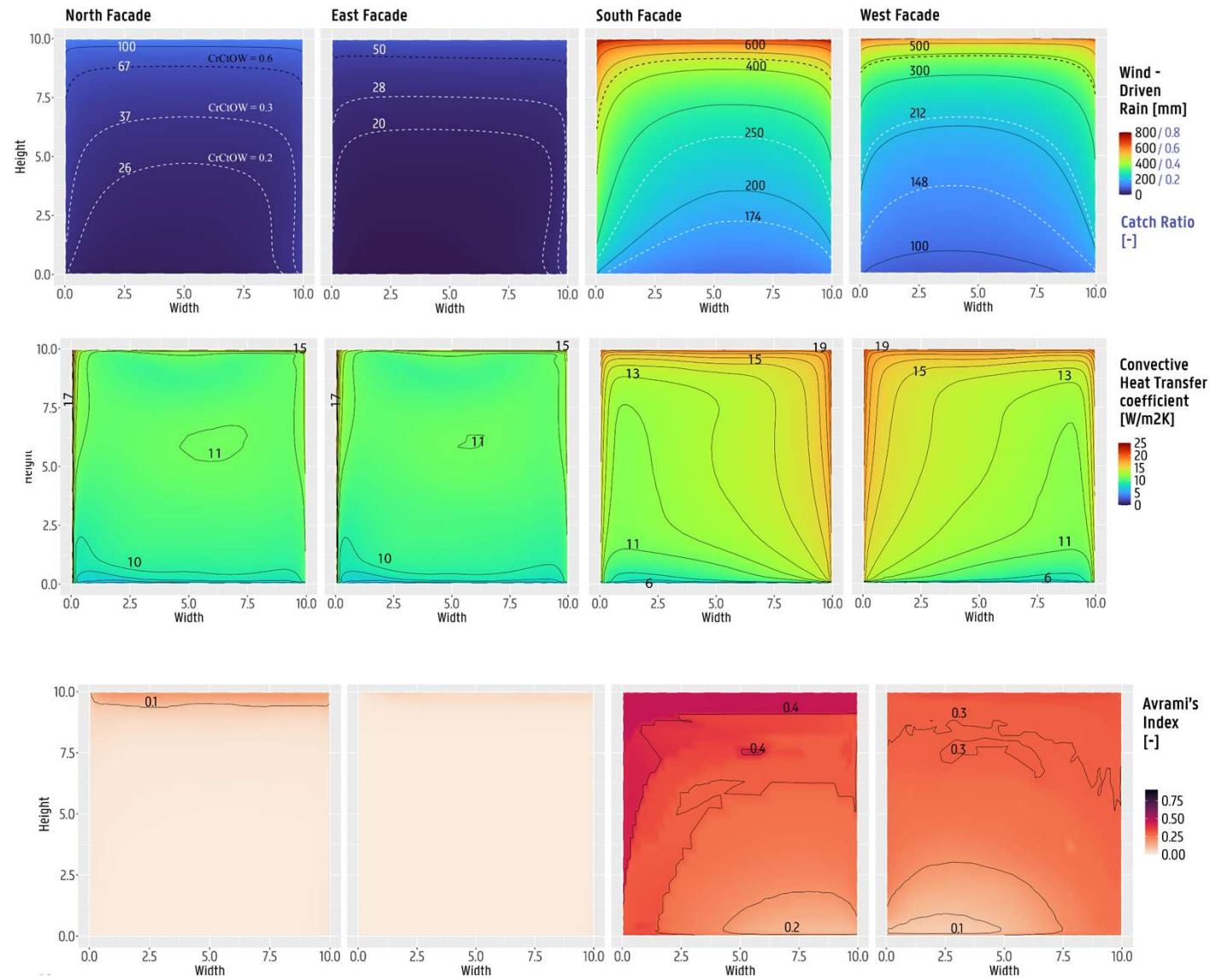
Validation



Cube: 10x10x10m



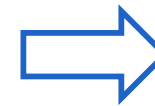
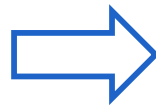
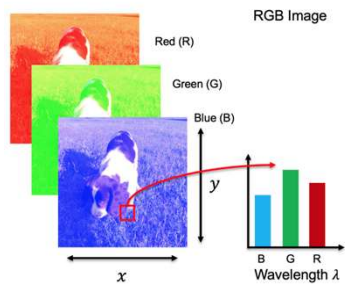




Hyperspectral imaging

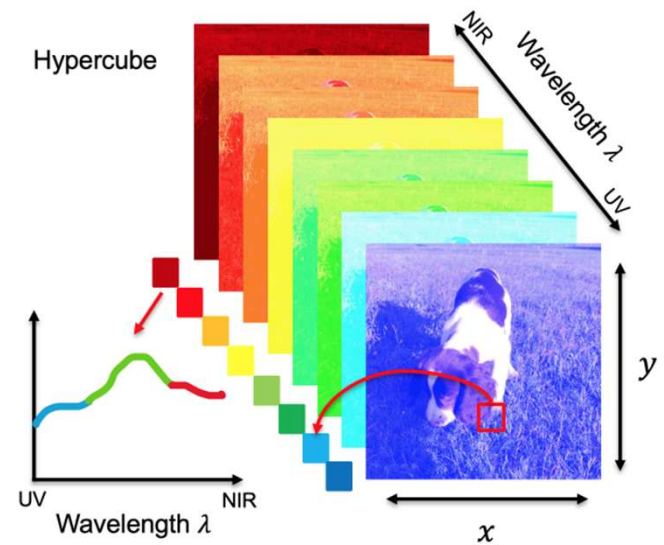
Important for
vegetation detection

visible, VIS
NIR, near infrared



Our Hyperspectral setup:

- ❑ Every pixel: 3 $\rightarrow$ 31 properties
- ❑ VIS and NIR

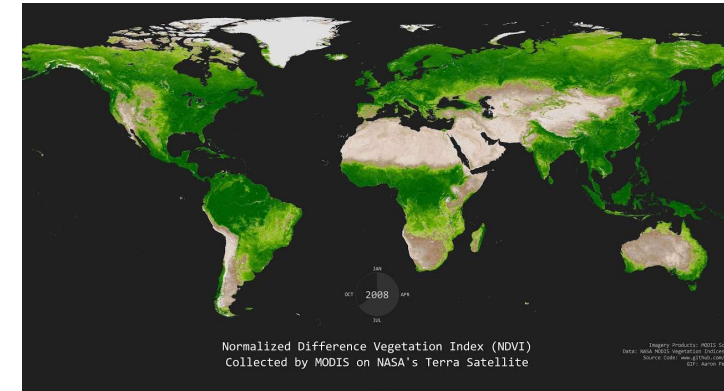


Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

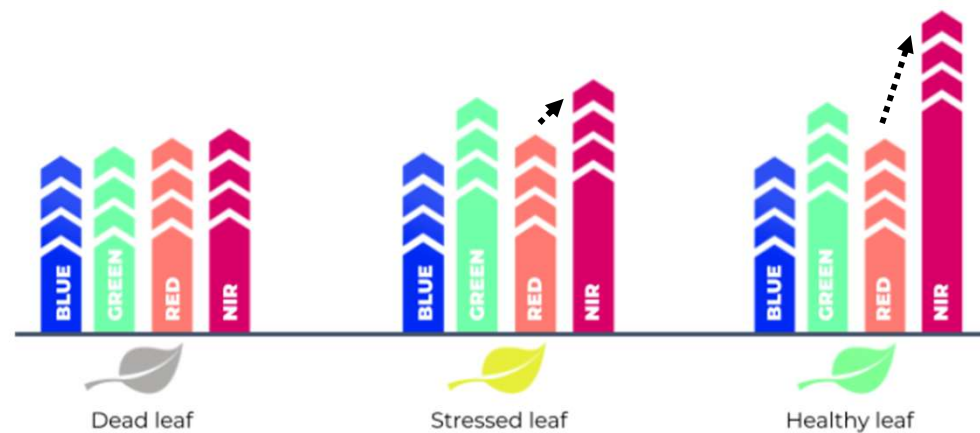
Proxy presence of plants and their healthiness



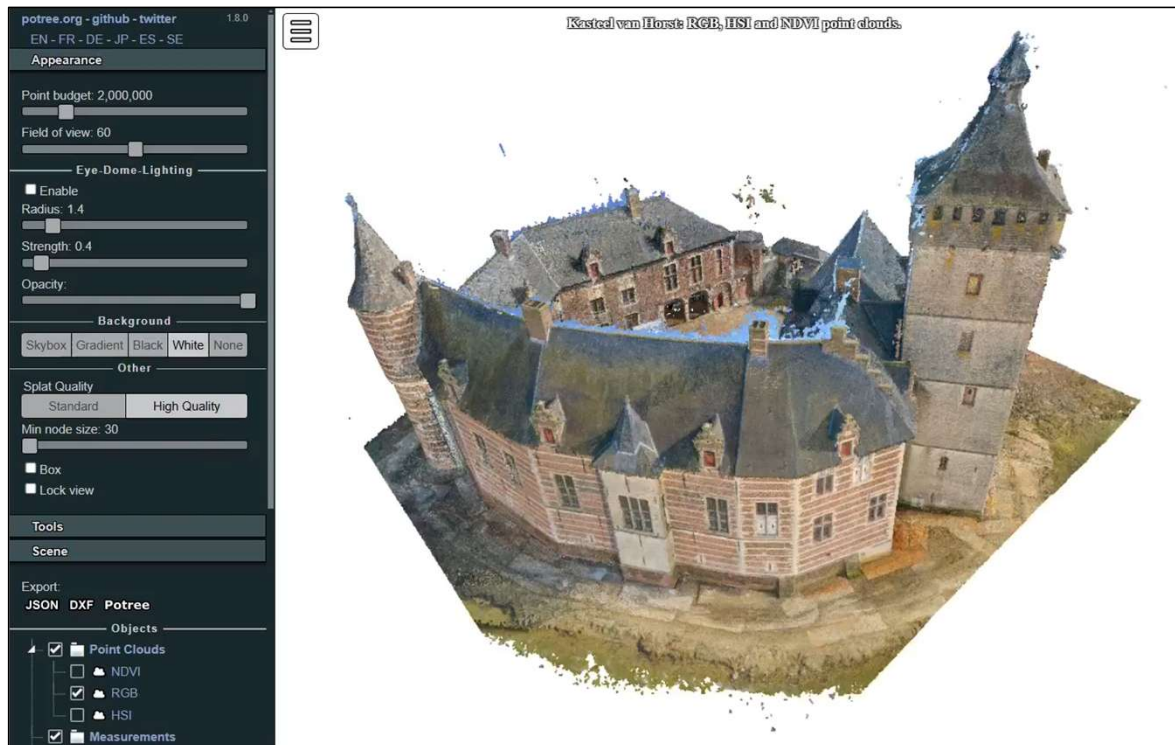
$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - RED}{NIR + RED}$$



NASA's Terra Satellite

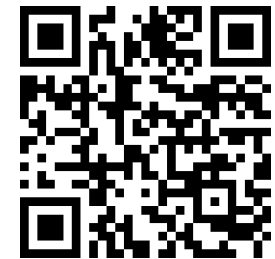


Case study of this research:



↳ can be hosted on Raspberry Pi

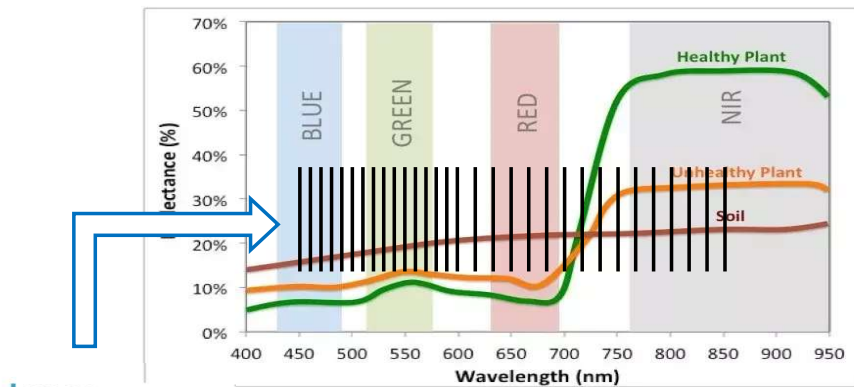
- ❑ Combining **RGB-HSI-UAV**
- ❑ Photogrammetry using consumer-grade software 
- ❑ Publicly available
 - ❑ Static websites, long term storage
 - ❑ Opensource technology (Potree)
 - ❑ Accessible for low-specs clients



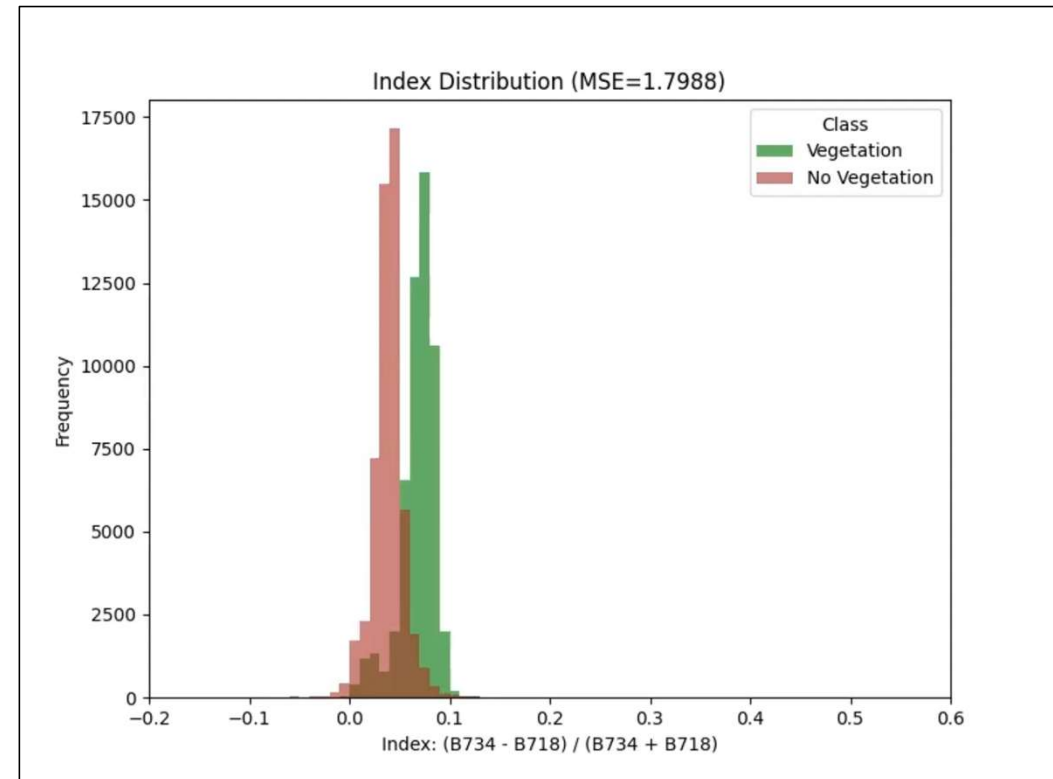
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Brute force search: better normalized difference index

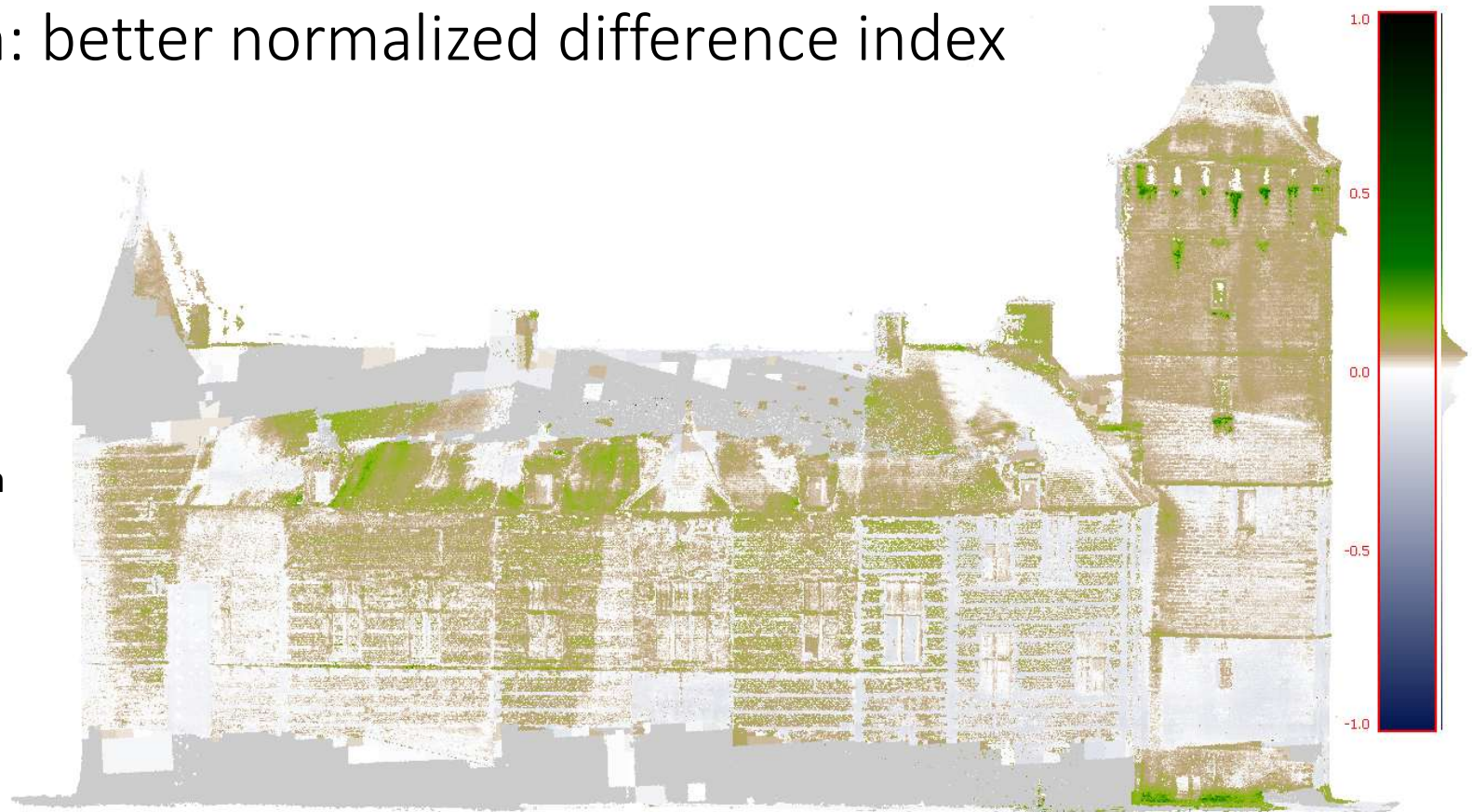


- ☐ 31 bands to choose from
- ☐ Minimizing RMSE
 - Veg: 1, non-veg: -1
 - Maximizing separation vegetation from building materials
- ☐ Result: 473nm & 525nm



Brute force search: better normalized difference index

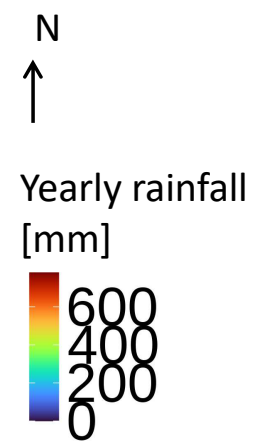
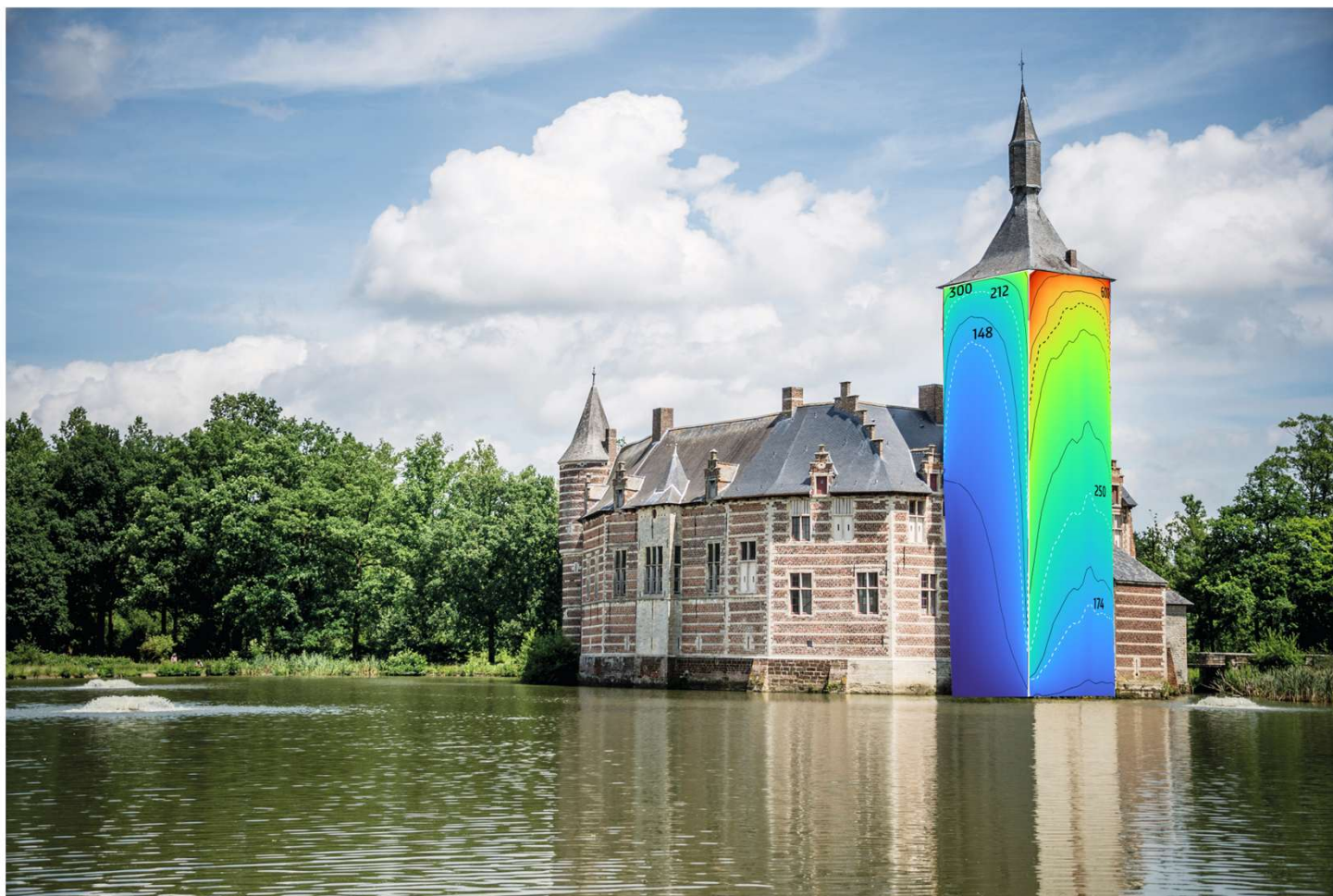
- ☐ No false positive tail
- ☐ Vegetation healthiness tail
- ☐ More false negatives
- ☐ Less cluster separation
- ☐ Less sensitive to orientation



Even more complex: XGBoost

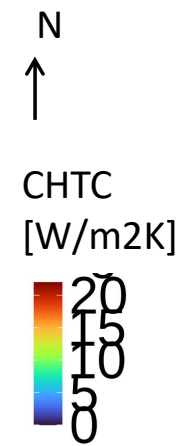
- ❑ Perfect classification on binary annotated set
- ❑ Using ALL bands
- ❑ Lack intermediate values for regression





Hourly rainfall over 1year

(Vanderschelden, Van Den Bossche, 2025)



Average CHTC over a year

(Vanderschelden, Van Den Bossche, 2025)



Improved Avrami model

Algae prediction



Legend
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0

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