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## Hygrothermics

# THERMAL PROPERTIES AND HYGROTHERMIC SIMULATION

Build on knowledge

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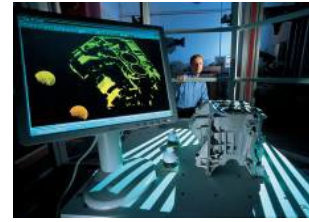
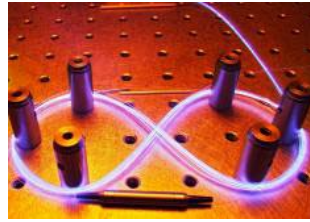
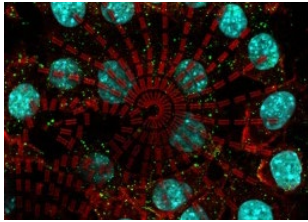
# AGENDA

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## WELCOME TO FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING PHYSICS

- 9:00 - Short introduction to Fraunhofer IBP and division Hygrothermics
- 9:30 – Laboratory tour Hygrothermics and more
- 10:00 – Acoustic tour
- 11:00 - Further cooperations – discussion
- 12:00 - Italian Restaurant

# The Profile of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft



- 66 institutes and independent research units
- more than 22,000 staff

## 7 Groups:

- Information and Communication Technology
- Life Sciences
- Microelectronics
- Light & Surfaces
- Production
- Materials and Components – MATERIALS
- Defense and Security

# Fraunhofer-Institut for Building Physics IBP



**Stuttgart branch**

Founded in 1929

Since 1959 part of the Fraunhofer Society which now holds 60 institutes specializing in different fields of applied science

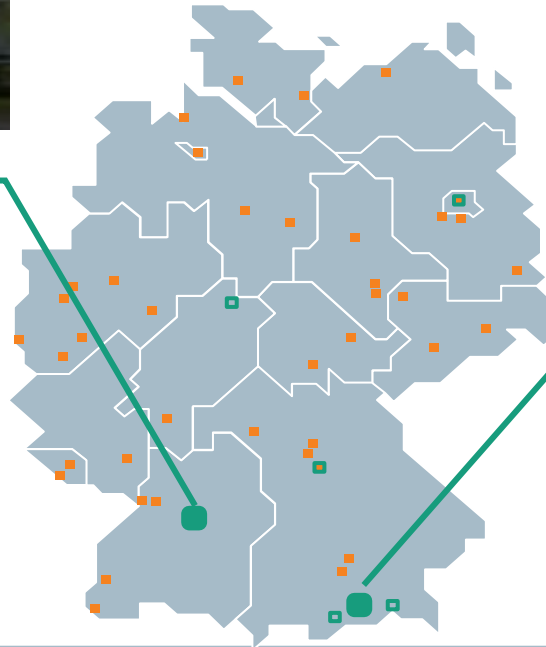


**Holzkirchen branch**

R&D budget: € 30 Mio.

Approx. 40% from private contracts

ca. 400 staff



# Fraunhofer-IBP, Departments



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HYGIENE AND SENSOR  
TECHNOLOGY**

# Department Hygrothermics

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## Analysis, Prognosis and Evaluation of Heat and Mass Transfer Effects in Buildings, Building Assemblies and Materials by Laboratory and Field Tests as well as Numerical Simulation

### Competences

- Heat and moisture protection, climate adapted building design
- **Climate and exposure simulation**
- Model- und software development
- **Testing, independent quality monitoring, material property determination**
- Building assembly and HVAC design and optimization
- Heritage preservation and rehabilitation of building stock, technical drying

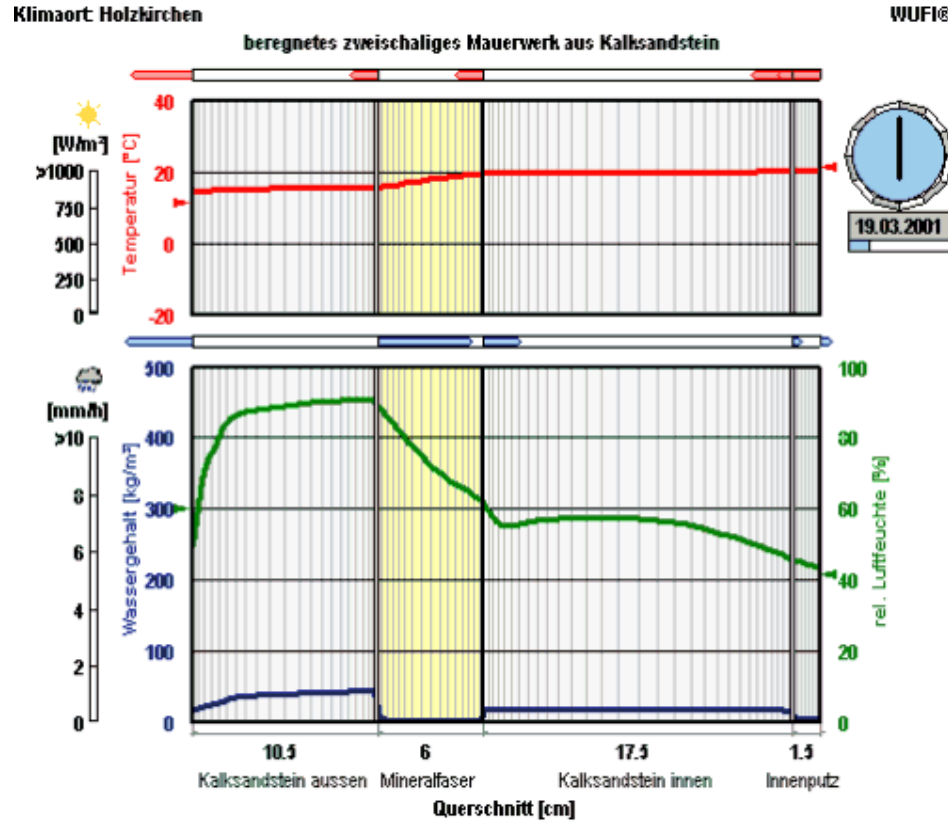
# Thermal properties and hygrothermic simulation

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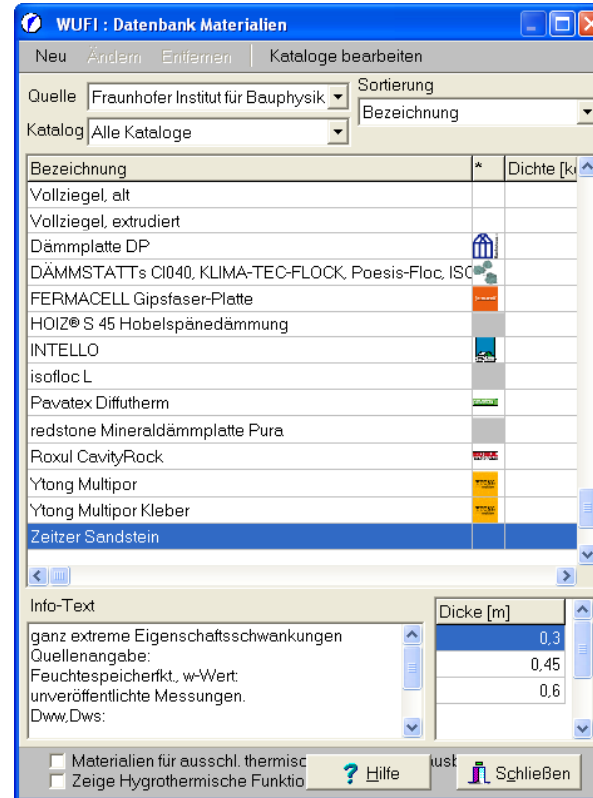
- Hygrothermal Laboratory – Testing and hygrothermic simulation
- Hygrothermal Free – Field – Testing
- Hygrothermal simulation

# Thermal properties and hygrothermal simulation

## Hygrothermal component simulation



WUFI® Pro 1D animated parameter distribution



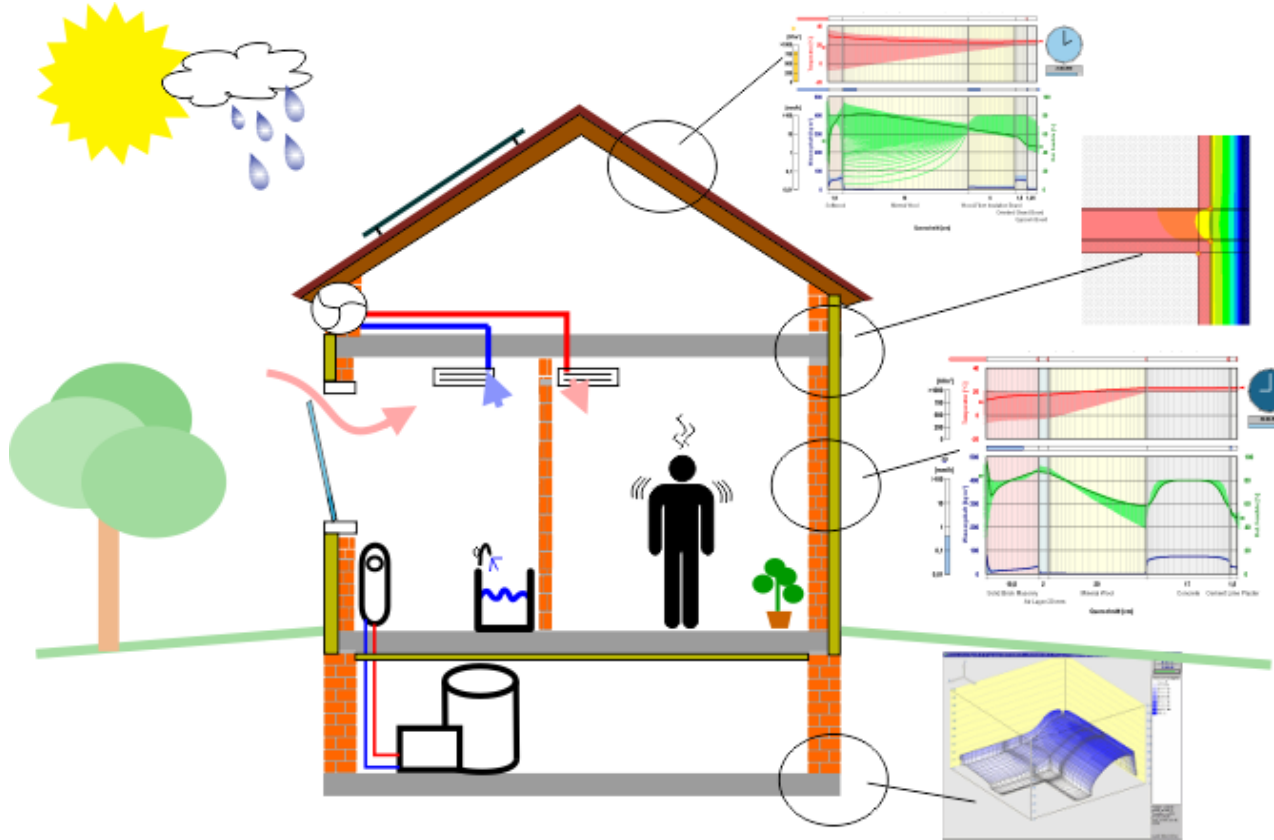
WUFI® material data base



# Hygrothermics

## Hygrothermal Analysis of Buildings, Components and HVAC Systems

- Hygrothermal whole building simulation



Benefits compared to standard simulation tools:

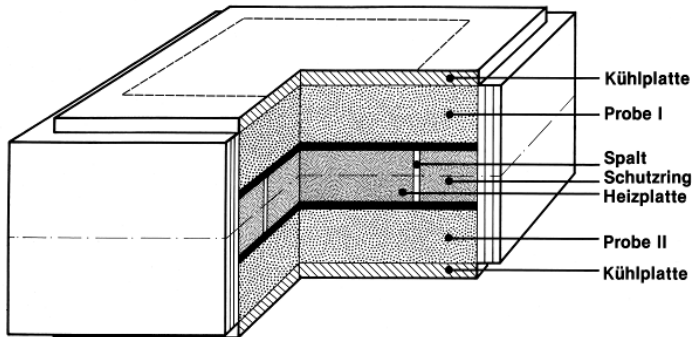
- Real life moisture effects reproducible
- Moisture control analysis of individual components
- Occupant's behaviour and interzonal air flow models included
- Integral evaluation of energy demand, comfort and damage prevention

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## Material Properties, Thermal Tests

Standard test methods for insulation materials and other building materials

- Thermal conduction
- Freeze-thaw
- Water absorption
- Air permeability
- Corrosion tests
- Dynamic flexibility
- Compressive & tensile strength
- etc.



$\lambda$  [W/(mK)]



-70°C to +180°C, Freeze-thaw (-20°C ↔ +20°C)

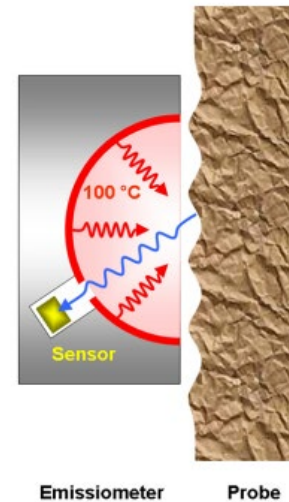
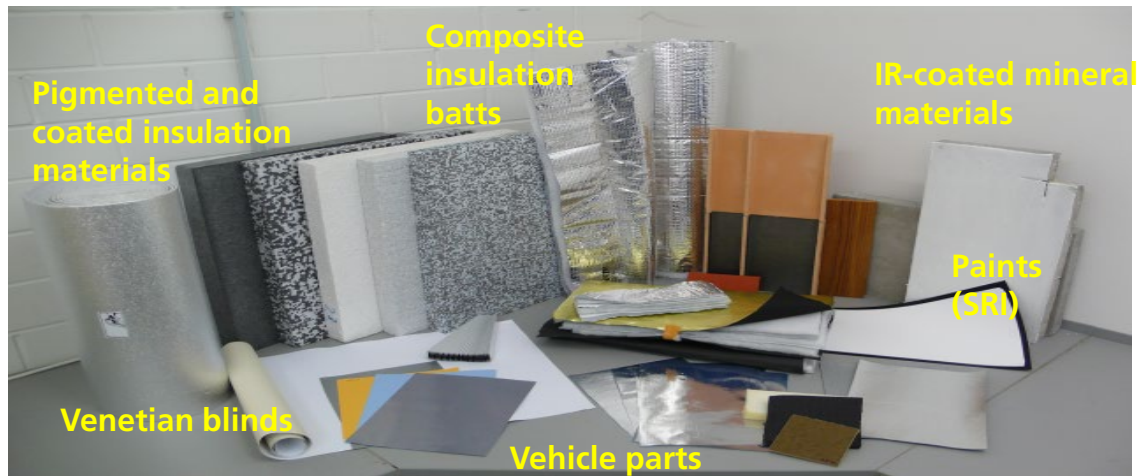
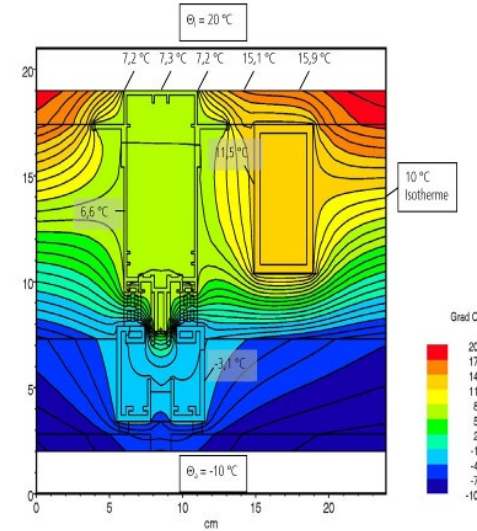
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## Thermal and Radiation Parameters

- Thermal transmittance testing & calculation of complex building components

U-Value [W/(m<sup>2</sup>K)]

- Radiation characteristics
  - Long-wave emissivity
  - Short-wave absorptivity



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## Thermal and Radiation Parameters

- Hygric properties for code compliance and hygrothermal simulation



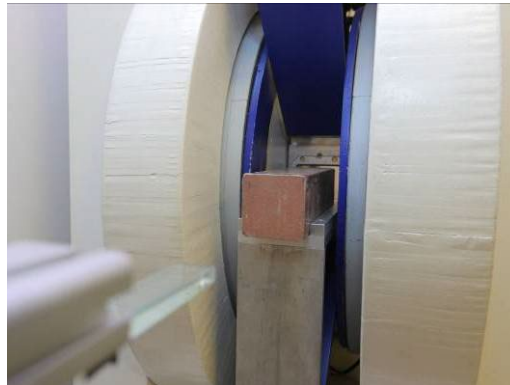
Vapour diffusion:  $\mu, s_d$



Water retention:  $w = f(p_c)$



Water absorption: A-value



Water diffusivity:  $D_w = f(w)$

NMR scanner for monitoring transient moisture distributions in material samples

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## Thermal properties and Durability



**Example Foam Glass Gravel**  
Load bearing insulation under  
ground slabs

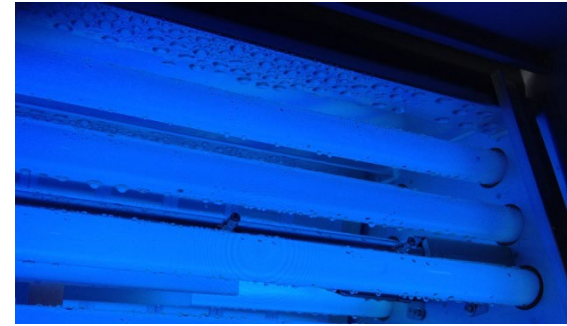
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## Technical drying

- Solar radiation loads
- Air permeance
- Driving rain protection
- Wind resistance
- Mechanical loads
- Alternating temperature loads
- Condensation tests

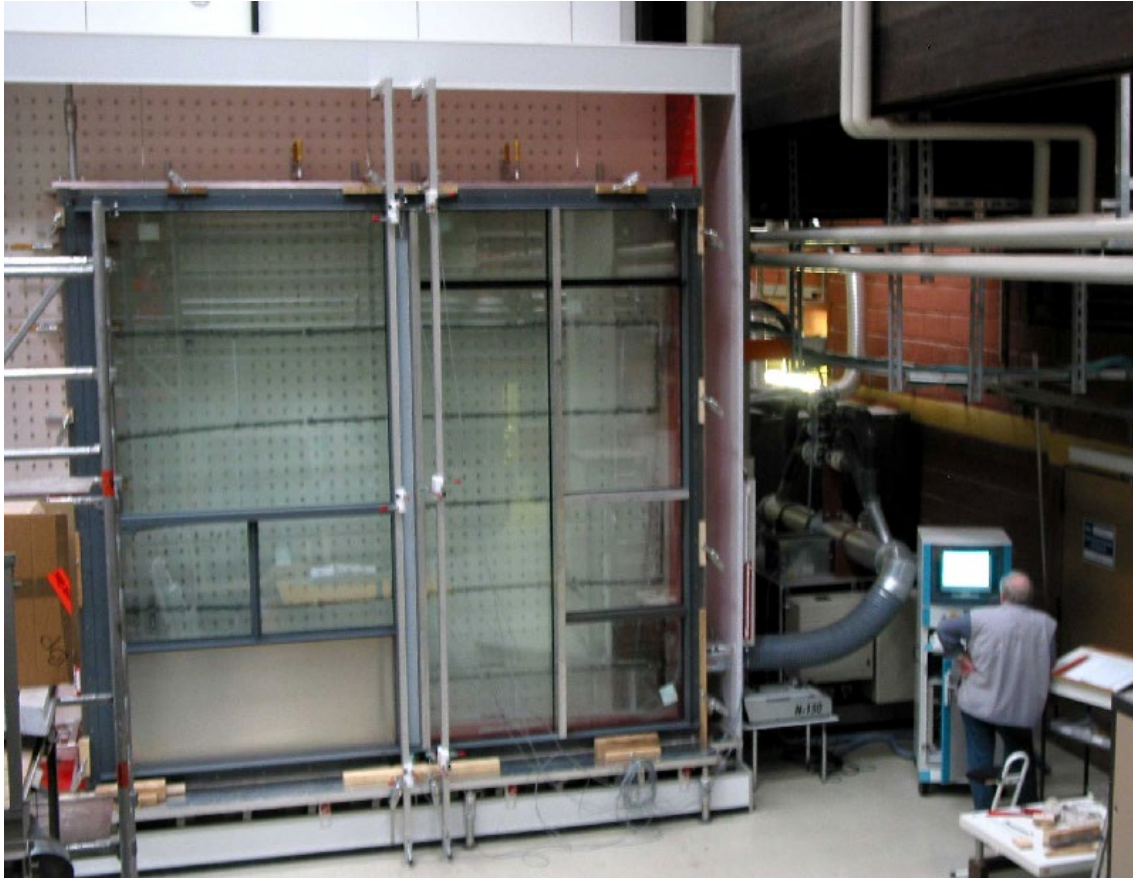


← Large-scale sun simulator  
Accelerated ageing tests  
↓ (UV, Temp., H<sub>2</sub>O)



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Air tightness, Water tightness, Resistance to wind load



at different temperatures

- Testing of windows and facades according EN-standards
- Sample up to 4 m x 4 m
- Automatic, programmable control system
- Pressure difference up to 8.000 Pa
- 2.500 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Cooling and heating -20°C bis 70°C

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Durability, functional and hygrothermal behaviour



- Heat flow
- Condensation
- Sun simulation
- Pressure difference





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## Technical drying

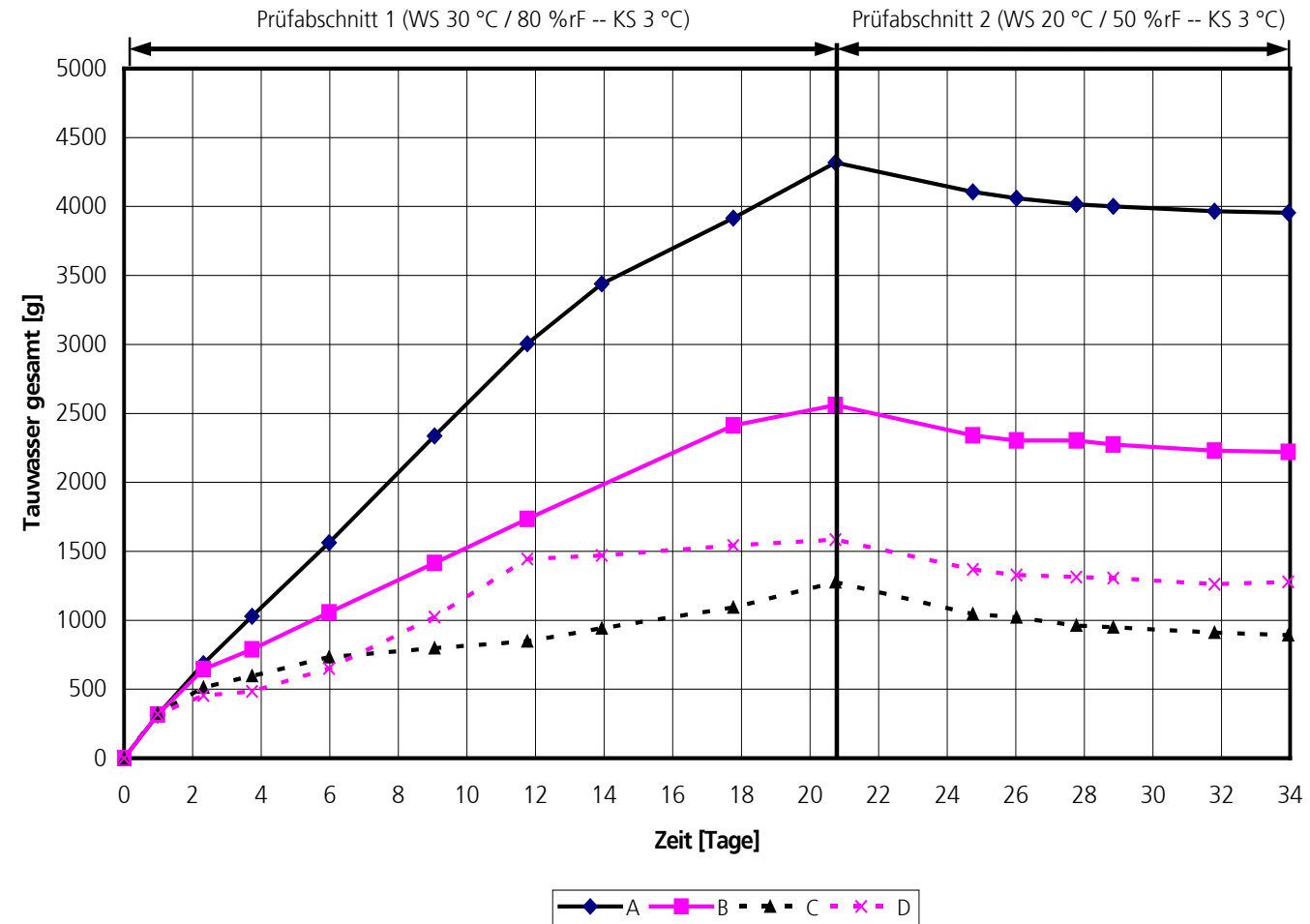
- Reasons for damages
- Efficiency of drying methods
- Developments of drying techniques

Example



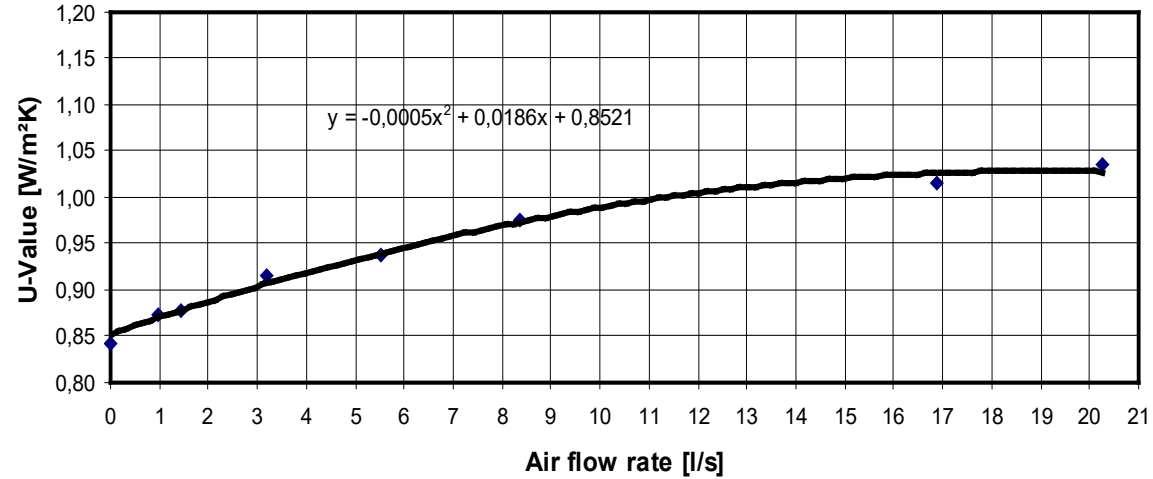
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## Hygrothermal behaviour of sandwich facade panels



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## Function, U-value and hygrothermal behaviour



U-value in dependence of the air flow rate in a gap between two glazing layers.



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## Durability of interjacent systems



**Blinds in the gap of double glazing are tested with high temperature differences**



**Durability of a light deflecting system**

# Large scale sun simulator

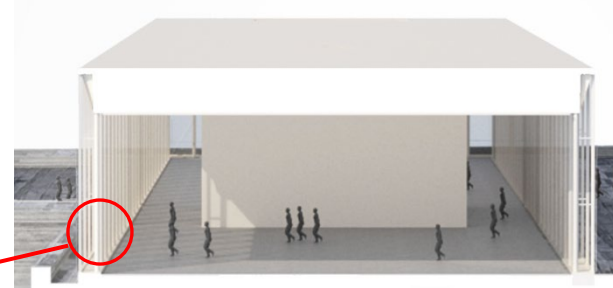


- Simulation of a high quality sun with a radiation spectrum near to sun light
- Total energy transmission
- Temperatures within transparent façade constructions
- Sample size 6 m<sup>2</sup> to 8 m<sup>2</sup>
- Orientation and angle of the test elements turnable up to 360°, angle 0-90°.
- Optical portal (solar and photometric properties, luminence distribution)
- Durability testing
- Test of functionality



# Testing Example

## Nationalmuseum Oslo – Alabasterhalle



- 12 glazing layers + sun protection
- Thickness ca. 1,2 m
- 2 ventilated gaps
- Tests on a Mock-up 2 x 2m

**Total energy transmission g**

# Test Field Site Holzkirchen



FTF 2006   technical center 2015   concrete lab 2011   VERU 2004   chemistry 2014   automotive 2007/16



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## Many Thanks!!

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