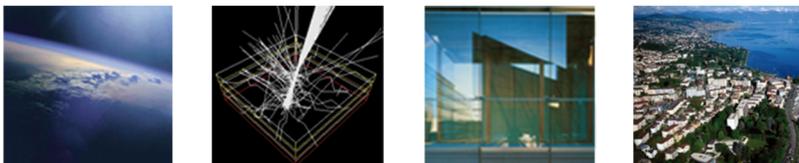




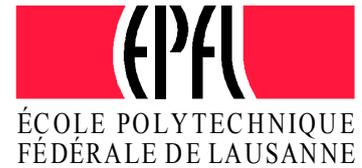
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PREFACE

The vocation of the CISBAT international conference cycle is to present new perspectives offered by renewable energies in the built environment as well as the latest results of research and development in sustainable building technology in a setting that encourages interdisciplinary dialogue and networking at the international level. The 2011 edition gathered on the EPFL campus the largest number of scientists, engineers and architects of its 20 year long history. Travelled from all over the World in an effort to promote clean technologies for sustainable buildings and cities, the participants presented 171 scientific papers during three intense days of conference.

Major international events, such as the “Deepwater Horizon” oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear accident, which occurred in the last few years, certainly account for the growing interest of the scientific community - as well as the interest of stakeholders - for energy efficient technologies and decentralized energy systems in the built environment, such as promoted by the conference.

CISBAT was organized for the fourth consecutive time in scientific partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Cambridge University. Furthermore, the organizing committee is proud to have been supported again by a renowned international team of scientists in order to ensure the scientific quality and rigor expected from the conference. CISBAT 2011 also teamed up with the Swiss Chapter of the International Building Performance Simulation Association (IBPSA-CH) to strengthen the subject of “Building and Urban Simulation”, one of the conference's leading topics.

Thanks to the financial support of a growing number of institutional and private partners, such as the Swiss federal Office of Energy (SFOE), Bank Julius Bär and the public utility Romande Energie, the CISBAT international conference cycle has undoubtedly gained maturity and recognition on the international scene for its 20th Birthday Anniversary, and deserves a promising sunny future.

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THE NEW INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF LUCCA

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ABSTRACT

The Information Communication Technology Centre project was commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce of Lucca. The ABITA Centre was in charge of the green design of the project. This allowed us to test new technologies related to energy efficiency of the office building. The project focused on: the development of components and advanced energy saving systems, integration of dynamic facades to reduce heat loss through the building envelope, and energy production through renewable energy sources. Currently the building is under construction, and will be completed by the end of 2011.

Three buildings are connected by a central atrium, which is covered by a large glass and steel roof, (on the east-west axis), while the laboratories are covered by a green roof.

The project is focused on the adoption of intelligent facade systems to control the solar radiation in summer and heat loss in winter. All the windows have mobile aluminium shutters, which allow sun protection. The south facing glass roof of greenhouse is made of semi-transparent polycrystalline silicon photovoltaic panels. Those panels are integrated also on the south wall of building one. The selective low-E glass skylight and transparent surfaces have been designed to ensure excellent natural lighting inside the building. Solar pipes have been integrated in the roof of the laboratories. Air exchange is provided by a natural ventilation system.

The building will be certified – according to national legislation – as class A, thanks to the choice of materials. The materials are ecological and sourced from the project site. The choice of the building envelope uses a metal wall system with a low U value, thermal inertia and the integration on renewable energy system. In fact, the building's annual consumption is around 20 kWh/m² compared to 170kWh/m² in a traditional office building.

1. INTRODUCTION

The New ICT of Lucca project has been developed with the aim of spreading sustainable construction methodology in Italy. The aim is to reach the goals of 20/20/20 and to diffuse regulations that govern energy efficiency in buildings. The European Union established these regulation through the *Energy Performance Building 2002/91/CE* and *EU Directive 2010/31*. These aim to diffuse local and national regulations to guarantee high the efficient buildings, using appropriate policies which consider local climate conditions. From 31st December 2018, we must start building *zero energy* public buildings.

In Southern Europe, we must think about on winter and summer conditions and avoid copy in Northern Europe energy efficiency architectural solutions, to create appropriate solutions in energy efficient buildings. Southern Europe has specific climatic conditions, with the problems of indoor summer comfort, and the consumption of water resources and natural resources. Therefore it is necessary to improve research into new technologies for envelope solutions with regard to the energy consumption.

In Italy, the constant dependency on fossil fuels, oil and methane gas is still high in housing and office buildings sector. At a national level, Italy has adopted the European Directive 2002/91 with the dlgs 192/2005, that has been integrated and modified over the years. So, in 2009 the energy certification of buildings was made compulsory. In July 2009 the National Guide Lines, about the energy certification of buildings were issued. The *UNI TS 11300*, that follow the CEN regulations, were adopted. These propose a new and improved calculation method, including which incorporates energy consumption. The new regulation introduce new parameters of evaluation, like the periodic thermal transmittance or the indices of summer energy consumption.

In this paper we report on the strategies and technologies that we adopted to improve the energy performance of the new Lucca office building, to reduce the costs of heating, cooling and lighting, responding to national and international energy laws.

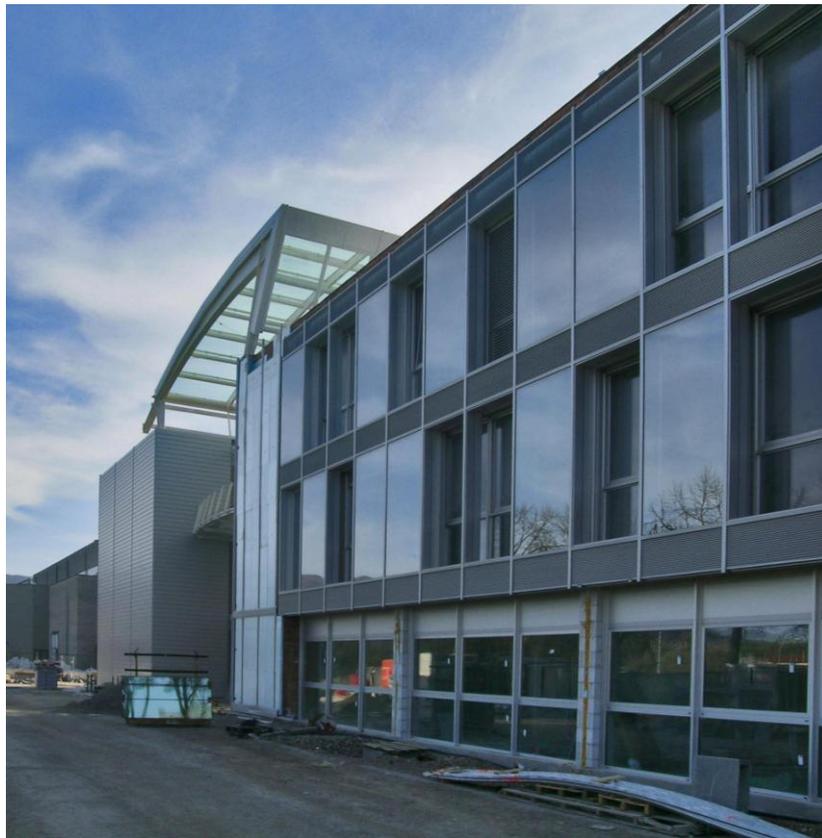


Fig. 1: East facade with Smart Skin Envelope

2. APPROACH

2.1 OFFICE IN ITALY: THE ENERGY SITUATION

The standard practice in Italian office buildings shows the following situation:

- full dependency on air conditioning systems to compensate deficiencies in the design's buildings
- high maintenance costs for the buildings and plants
- high electricity consumption
- an inexistent indoor environmental control system

Moreover it's important to note that energy consumption data is rarely available.

This is symptomatic of the lack of objectives to improve the quality of the environment:

- outdated environmental conditions in terms of air quality, visual quality and thermal performance
- environmentally-friendly and energy conscious design have been completely ignored due to a lack of knowledge about handling natural resources like natural day-light and ventilation;
- no environmental monitoring and control.

For these reasons this research needed project for a sustainable future in southern Europe, deals with successful solutions to decrease the growing effects of energy consumption through air conditioning in urban buildings. In this context, the ICT of Lucca offers great margins for energy improvement to promote a sustainable approach.

2.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The reduction of energy consumption and the attention to environmental requirements are the main objectives of our project. The design concept of the building has been characterized by the adoption of solutions which improve solar gains and natural ventilation, and guarantee the integration of technologies to produce renewable energies with the building envelope. During the stage of design we simulated every energy performance of the building, choosing the system which would most reduce energy consumption. During the first design stage we employed an energy concept which corresponded to the features of the functional plan, the site, the local conditions weather and climate. On the basis of those parameters, the shape and consequently the structure were defined.

The project objectives of the new ICT Centre of Lucca are:

- To implement a concept design and a building construction based on technological solutions for passive cooling, natural lighting and ventilation, renewable energies, geothermal systems, greenhouses and a smart skin envelope
- To apply and test new and innovative energy saving technologies in order to improve the energy performance and the indoor environment of office buildings
- To realize a 50% reduction energy consumption and CO2 emissions
- To set a new standard for energy consumption and CO2 emissions in offices, while fully maintaining comfort conditions for workers
- To demonstrate, that energy efficient and sustainable office buildings can fully meet all the architectural, functional, comfort, control and safety features required, through the application of innovative and intelligent and integrated design. This demonstration could contribute to greater acceptance of innovative and renewable technologies in public buildings
- To diffuse and capitalize the results to increase the awareness of energy saving practices (in the medium and long term), and to integrate and improve policies for energy performance in buildings in Italy
- To use a monitoring system to compare the energy performance of buildings and define a new energy standard, in accordance with EU Energy Labels for the Mediterranean Area.

2.3 HOW CAN WE REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION?

The construction of this new office building incorporates energy efficient measures, which are not only current innovations for the actual state of art but are also replicable in other offices in Italy. The importance of this project, with regards to our current situation, is the introduction of some specific, innovative, energy saving techniques, which set new energy, environmental and health standards for office buildings. In this framework, the following measures have been incorporated:

- An appropriate orientation of the building and envelope design.
- Smart façades and highly insulated building.
- Use of natural ventilation through a good design.
- The sun space between the buildings acts as a buffer zone to reduce heat loss.
- Use of skylights for even distribution of daylight.
- Use of a geothermal system with a heat pump for cooling and heating.
- Integration of renewable energy, in the form of photovoltaic and solar thermal panels in the building envelope.

Thanks to its materials and innovative technologies, this building aims to spread the use of renewable resources and bio-architecture strategies.

3. SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

3.1 CLIMATIC ANALYSIS

Lucca is located at latitude 43° north and longitude 10° East, and has a typically Mediterranean climate with a cold winter (average temperatures ranging between -1.7-15.6°C) and hot summer (average temperatures ranging between 13-30°C), and rainfall mainly between November and March (precipitations of 125 mm/month).

Global radiation on a horizontal plane in summer may rise above 24 MJ/m²day, while a winter value may rise above 4.5 MJ/m²day. This data allows us to use active and passive strategies to reduce the energy consumption in the building. So, we have integrated PV panels in the roof of the big sun space and in the south façade.

The climate is dry with an average humidity in summer of about 70%, so we have adopted solutions about to control the humidity value inside the building in these months.

Finally, this climatic analysis has showed that the Lucca climate requires both heating (in December, January, February and March) and cooling (in June, July and August). Throughout the design process the aim has been to maximize heat gain in winter and minimize it in summer, and to encourage heat loss in the summer and limited in winter. In the intermediate months (April, May, September and October) the building won't be heated or cooled with artificial systems.

3.2 INTEGRATION OF PV SYSTEMS IN THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

In this project, to reduce the electricity needs, we integrated in the building envelope of a system:

- The sunspace roof; 48 glass PV panels integrated in half of the sunspace roof to improve the shading of the open space, this system produced 11.52 kWp.
- South façade; 84 opaque PV panels are integrated in the opaque modules of the vertical envelope (2.92 x 1.48 m), this system produced 15.96 kWp.
- The building roofs; this system is integrated in the roofs of buildings 1 and 3 and is made to 108 PV panels with amorphous cells, and it produced of 17.00 kWp

3.3 GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING

The ITC of Lucca is equipped with a geothermal system. The geothermal system is made to:

- 18 geothermal probes (90.00 m. Long).
- A heat pump with a cooling capacity about of 43.5 kw and heating capacity about of 45.00 kw.
- Radiant ceiling with an area of 5000.00 m².

The purpose of using the geothermal energy for cooling and heating ensure the decrease of the environmental impact of the building, in fact, this system produces renewable energy, it saves

about 50 % of the heating costs and supplies the energy needs for heating, cooling and water throughout the year.

For energy consumption control, each office and laboratory is equipped with a heating, electricity and water meter so that the office user can see their energy consumption.

3.4 SUN SPACES

The sun space in the ICT Centre of Lucca has a surface of 1000,00 m², and was designed as an active roof, permitting the integration and flexible management of all mechanisms designed for heat and soundproofing, natural light and ventilation.

The design objective has considered not only the energy and environmental aspects but also the social impact: the primary objective is to create a pleasant, social atmosphere space which can be used for semi-outdoor activities through much of the year without any extra energy consumption.

Moreover, each office, is opens into the greenhouse, to improve daylight and to reduce the energy needs for lighting.

Particular attention was given to the design of the sun space envelope. The roof has a specific shape, with an angle of about 30° facing south, to ensure the integration of the PV panels, thus providing an overhanging surface which shadows the glazed roof from the sun. A motorized adjustable venetian blind is integrated in to the south and north façade, to improve ventilation in the summer. The main structure of the glass of the entrance hall as crescent shape, and is made of square steel beams, and tubular steel elements

4. FACADE ENGINEERING

The envelope of the building has two types of surface, according to the different orientation:

- Type 1 is the north and west façade, this uses a ventilated façade and has a U value of 0.28 W m²
- Type 2 is the south and east façade, this is a smart façade with an internal transparent surface which has a U value of 1.2 W m² and a solar factor equal to 40%; the internal opaque model has a U value of 0.3 W m²; external glazed surface has a U value of 4.00 W m² and solar factor equal to 57%; the PV cells are placed above the south façade, in front of the opaque module.

4.1 Smart facade

The south and the east façade have been designed as a smart skin that can change performance with the outdoor climatic conditions. The smart skin is a mobile double skin with a 50% opaque module, where a PV or solar thermal panel can be integrated, and a 50% transparent module. The façade consists of several parts assembled "dry" with a window frame with an aluminum metal coating.

The modules are dynamic and can change configuration because the façade is integrated with two mobile panels with a shading device and a glass panel. In front of the transparent module a metallic mosquito net is installed that allows the window of the transparent module to be opened at night to improve night cooling in the building, in summer.

In winter a mobile glass panel is placed in front of the transparent module. So the smart facade will have the shape of double skin facade with a buffer zone that increase its U value to 0.8 W/m²K.

In summer a panel with a shading device is placed in front of the transparent module, to regulate direct solar radiation and increase heat loss in the office.

5. CONCLUSION

The ICT Centre demonstrates that the energy efficient in the office buildings can fully meet all the requirements of the sustainability (architectural, functional, comfort and control) through the application of innovative, intelligent and integrated design. This experimental project could contribute to a better dissemination of innovative and renewable technologies in public buildings in Italy.

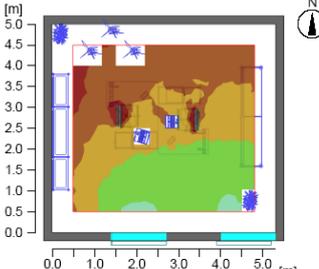
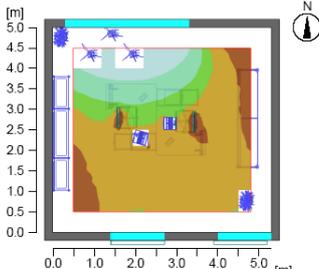
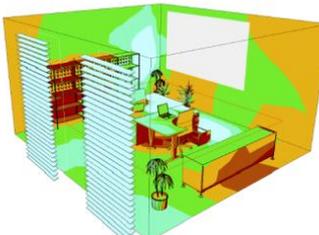
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Table 1: Office Daylight Analysis. We have integrated a window in the wall to the atrium to improve the natural lighting in the office.

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