

Condensation Tool

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1 Introduction



Introduction

The **Condensation Tool** is the new tool developed by Passive House Institute, in the commonly used Excel format *.xlsx.

This tool is based on the International Standard ISO 13788:2012 and provides simplified calculation methods that enable calculation of:

- The hygrothermal performance of building components and building elements;
- Internal surface temperature to avoid critical surface humidity;
- Temperature and vapour pressure inside the component to estimate interstitial condensation.

The moisture transfer theory is complex and requires information that is typically hard to gather; the theory requires highly specific knowledge of hygrothermal calculation.

The most common values available for the building materials are not sufficient for describing the moisture transfer process accurately. The designer needs more data e.g. moisture and capillarity function, moisture content of the material, inclination of the component, short and long-wave radiations, hourly climate data etc., to obtain more precise and complete results.

This method brings more reliable results for lightweight and airtight components that do not contain materials with a large water storage capacity.

This method (Glaser Method) and this tool are based on simplified calculations. Users should note that where a component is not verified following this methodology, it could in theory be verified using different and more detailed methods e.g. dynamic calculations according to EN 15026. The method is an assessment rather than an accurate prediction tool.

The ISO 13788:2012 is a monthly calculation and does not take into account:

- The variation of thermal conductivity, heat transport and other moisture content and temperature properties;
- Capillary suction, sorption coefficient, liquid transfer and moisture capacity of materials;
- Three- or two-dimensional moisture transport;
- Air leakages through the various layers of the component;
- External climate conditions as solar radiation, rainfall, wind exposure;
- Air, rising damp, rain or underground infiltrations;
- Gravity;
- Moisture transport other than vapour diffusion;

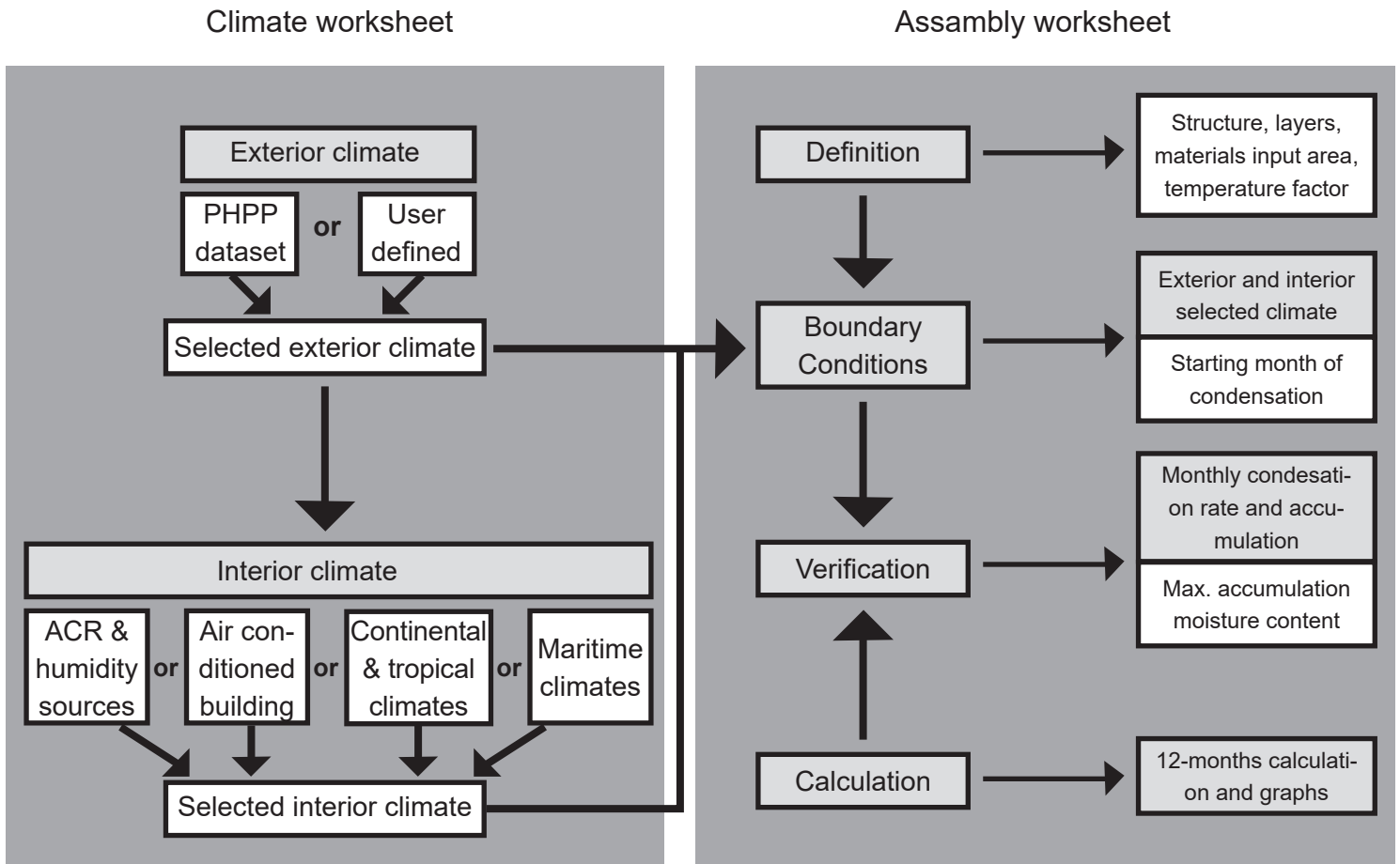
Condensation Tool is composed by these worksheets:

- **Instructions:** It contains the general information and the necessary instructions about how to use the tool.
- **Climate:** there are the options to define the exterior and interior climates to use for the verification.
- **Assembly:** In this worksheet the designer inserts the structure, materials and hygrothermal data of the component to verify.

2 Input sequence



Input sequence



- Input required
- Not input required

3 Climate worksheet



Climate worksheet

The climate worksheet is divided into exterior and interior climate types.

To keep comprehension of the worksheet as easy as possible, the structure and layout are the same for all issues as shown in the image below.

4 Maritime climates Location: *AT0032b-Innsbruck* Lowest θ_e [°C] *-2,10* Highest θ_e [°C] *18,10*

Set point temperatures	Min θ_i	20,0	[°C]
	Max θ_i	25,0	[°C]

Use the "1 or Continental tropical climate" Insert "X"

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0

Humidity Class	Humidity class Building	Delta p [Pa]
2	Insert a value from 1 to 5	
5	Special buildings, e.g. laundry, brewery, swimming pool	1360
4	Sports halls, kitchens, canteens	1080
3	Buildings with unknown occupancy	810
2	Offices, dwellings with normal occupancy and ventilation	640
1	Unoccupied buildings, storage of dry goods	270

Variation of internal humidity classes with external temperature

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%

Services	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Cooling	Cooling	Cooling	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	51,3%	51,9%	51,3%	54,0%	59,5%	72,8%	80,2%	82,8%	73,1%	64,6%	59,2%	55,9%

Condensation [°C]	9,64	9,83	9,66	10,41	11,86	14,98	16,49	16,98	15,04	13,12	11,80	10,94
Mold growth [°C]	13,00	13,20	13,02	13,80	15,29	18,49	20,05	20,55	18,56	16,59	15,23	14,34

$f_{e, min}$ [-]	0,681	0,649	0,525	0,373	0,019	0,462	1,026	1,252	0,743	0,684	0,696	0,744
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Worst $f_{e, case}$	θ_e	Φ_e [%]	θ_i	Φ_i [%]	p_i [Pa]	$p_{i, sat}$ [Pa]	$f_{r, min}$	θ_{cond}	θ_{mold}
Month	[°C]	[%]	[°C]	[%]	[Pa]	[Pa]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]
Aug	17,8	70,2%	20,0	83%	1935	2337	1,25	17,0	20,6

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	51%	52%	51%	54%	59%	73%	80%	83%	73%	65%	59%	56%

Input area

Main calculation results and details

Main results



At the top of each option, the temperature and/or relative humidity set point data are inputted. Below, the main calculations and details for the selected boundary condition are shown. At the bottom of each section, a graph is shown describing the main results for the selected climate. The input values for the different climate options, can be displayed using the plus sign on the left hand of the working area (see the picture below).

The screenshot shows a software interface with a vertical list of options on the left and a main content area on the right. The left list includes line numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 62, 63, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104. Two plus signs (+) are highlighted with a red box, one at line 14 and another at line 63. The main content area displays the following information:

- Line 9: A text box containing "1 - PHPP".
- Line 10: A label "Selected".
- Line 11: A text box containing "x" and another text box containing "Test city".
- Line 14: A section header "1 PHPP" with the word "Local" to its right.
- Line 63: A section header "2 User Defined" with the word "Local" to its right.
- Line 100: A section header "Selected Exterior Climate".
- Line 102: A text prompt "Select the exterior boundary condition foll".



Exterior climate

The external temperature is the monthly mean external air temperature at the project location.

For the calculation of roofs, the tool automatically takes into account the simplified methodology given in ISO 13790, where the external monthly temperature is reduced by 2 K. This is a simplified method to take in account cooling by long wave radiation.

At the top a cell shows which option is selected.

A graph is shown at the bottom of each section that describes the main results.

In the exterior climate area, the user has **two options** to input the exterior climate data of the building location:

1. PHPP DATASET;
2. USER DEFINED.

Clicking on the plus sign on the left hand, the respective area is shown.

Climate Data definition

Exterior Climate

Insert the data then select the exterior boundary condition according to the project location.

Selected

x	1 - PHPP
	Test city

1 PHPP	Location: <i>AT0032b-Innsbruck</i>	<i>Lowest θ_e [°C]</i> -2,10	<i>Highest θ_e [°C]</i> 18,10
2 User Defined	Location: <i>Test city</i>	<i>Lowest θ_e [°C]</i> 1,00	<i>Highest θ_e [°C]</i> 21,00

Selected Exterior Climate

Select the exterior boundary condition following the building use and the project location from options 1 to 4.

MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXT. TEMPERATURE [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
EXT. RELATIVE HUMIDITY [%]	88%	78%	74%	63%	57%	67%	73%	70%	75%	73%	83%	90%

Climate data Source	Location	Coldest month		Hottest month		Transparent component	
[-]	[-]	θ _e [°C]	φ _e (θ _e) [%]	θ _e [°C]	φ _e (θ _e) [%]	Element	θ _e Min Comfort [°C]
1 - PHPP	AT0032b-Innsbruck	-2,10	90,4%	18,10	72,6%	Windows	-16,0

Climate zone	Region	U Exterior components	Hygiene Opaque: fRsi	U _w , installed	Hygiene window: fRsi
[-]	[-]	W/(m²K)	[-]	W/(m²K)	[-]
3	Cool-temperate	0,15	0,86	0,85	0,70

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88%	78%	74%	63%	57%	67%	73%	70%	75%	73%	83%	90%

Selected option

Options to input the exterior climate data

Drop-down list to select the exterior climate option



PHPP dataset

1 PHPP												
Location: AT0032b-Innsbruck												
Lowest θ_e [°C] -2,10												
Highest θ_e [°C] 18,10												
Copy from PHPP and paste in the cells below.												
1 - PHPP Selected												
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
AT0032b-Innsbruck	geogr. Breite °	47,26	geogr. Länge °	11,38	Höhe [m]	578			Sep. tägl. Temperaturschwankung Sommer [K]	10,6		
Außentemperatur	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Strahlung Nord	13,0	17,0	24,0	33,0	42,0	42,0	38,0	34,0	27,0	20,0	13,0	11,0
Strahlung Ost	26,0	30,0	60,0	83,0	96,0	84,0	88,0	81,0	66,0	50,0	24,0	22,0
Strahlung Süd	77,0	84,0	103,0	106,0	94,0	81,0	91,0	95,0	102,0	107,0	61,0	69,0
Strahlung West	24,0	39,0	54,0	71,0	80,0	78,0	70,0	71,0	55,0	46,0	25,0	20,0
Strahlung Horizontal	41,0	57,0	93,0	136,0	158,0	153,0	159,0	138,0	105,0	77,0	39,0	34,0
Taupunkttemperatur	-3,4	-2,4	1,1	3,4	6,7	11,1	13,1	12,3	10,1	4,6	1,6	-3,3
Himmelstemperatur	-13,8	-12,5	-7,8	-4,8	-0,6	4,8	7,2	6,2	3,6	-3,3	-7,2	-13,7
Bodentemperatur	10,5	10,3	10,6	11,5	12,6	13,7	14,4	14,7	14,3	13,5	12,4	11,3
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%
Taupunkttemperatur	-3,4	-2,4	1,1	3,4	6,7	11,1	13,1	12,3	10,1	4,6	1,6	-3,3
P_a [Pa]	460	500	661	779	981	1321	1507	1430	1236	848	685	464
$P_{a, sat}$ [Pa]	521	638	890	1236	1726	1961	2076	2037	1640	1163	830	513

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88%	78%	74%	63%	57%	67%	73%	70%	75%	73%	83%	90%

Copy from an existing PHPP dataset and paste in the relative field.

NOTE: Select the area from location name cell to december ground temperature cell.
The tool automatically calculates the relative humidity of the location from the dew point temperature.



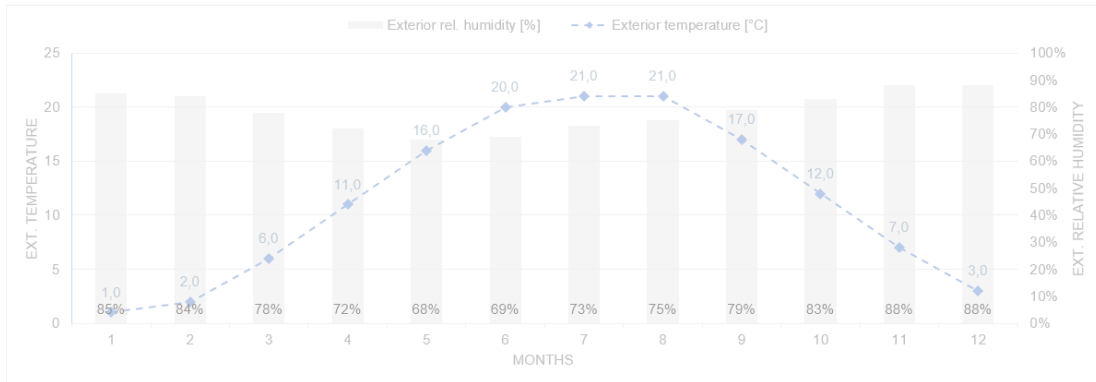
User defined

2 User Defined	Location: <i>Test city</i>	Lowest θ_e [$^{\circ}$ C] 1,00	Highest θ_e [$^{\circ}$ C] 21,00
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Location name

Test city												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [$^{\circ}$ C]	1,0	2,0	6,0	11,0	16,0	20,0	21,0	21,0	17,0	12,0	7,0	3,0
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	85,0%	84,0%	78,0%	72,0%	68,0%	69,0%	73,0%	75,0%	79,0%	83,0%	88,0%	88,0%

P_a [Pa]	558	592	729	945	1236	1612	1814	1864	1530	1164	881	666
$P_{e, sat}$ [Pa]	656	705	935	1312	1817	2337	2486	2486	1937	1402	1001	757



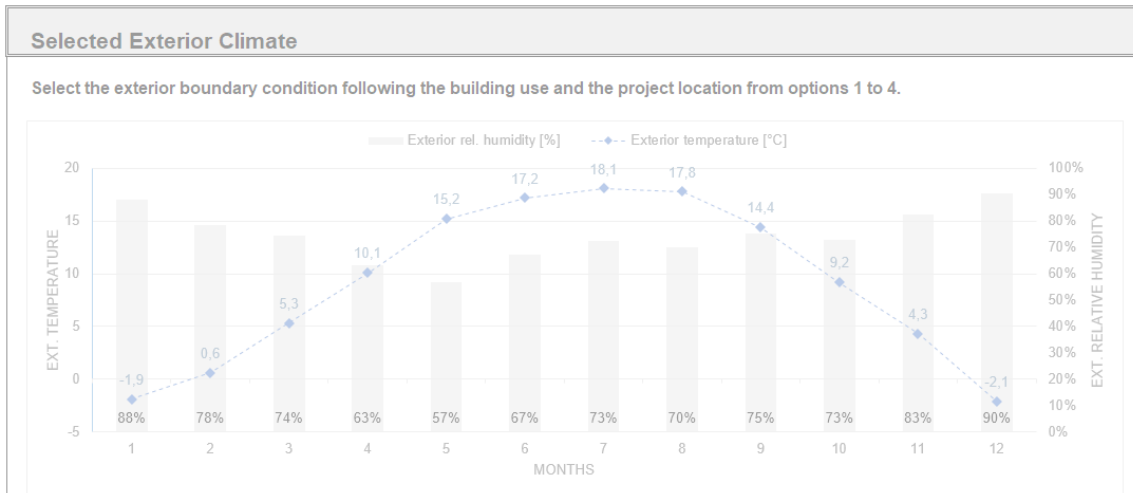
Exterior temperature [$^{\circ}$ C]	1,0	2,0	6,0	11,0	16,0	20,0	21,0	21,0	17,0	12,0	7,0	3,0
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	85%	84%	78%	72%	68%	69%	73%	75%	79%	83%	88%	88%

Manual input of the exterior values of monthly mean temperature and monthly mean relative humidity.



Selected exterior climate

The selected Exterior and interior climate inputs used for the yearly calculation are always visible. Select the dataset chosen as exterior boundary condition between the previous options. These values are the parameters used for the monthly calculation in the „Assembly“ worksheet. The tool shows the graph and the main parameters related to the selected climate. If the PHPP climate data is selected, more information regarding Passive House Components appear.



Climate data		Coldest month		Hottest month	
Source	Location	θ_e	$\varphi_e (\theta_e)$	θ_e	$\varphi_e (\theta_e)$
[-]	[-]	[° C]	[%]	[° C]	[%]
1 - PHPP	AT0032b-Innsbruck	-2,10	90,4%	18,10	72,6%

Transparent component	
Element	$\theta_{e, \text{Min Comfort}}$
[-]	[° C]
Windows	-16,0

Climate zone	Region	U Exterior components	Hygiene Opaque: fRsi	Uw, installed	Hygiene window: fRsi
[-]	[-]	W/(m²K)	[-]	W/(m²K)	[-]
3	Cool-temperate	0,15	0,86	0,85	0,70

Glazing	Reduction of cooling requirement
Triple thermally insulated glazing	Shading, night ventilation

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88%	78%	74%	63%	57%	67%	73%	70%	75%	73%	83%	90%

Drop-down list for selecting the exterior climate to use in the yearly verification

Information regarding Passive House Components according to the climate data



Interior climate

The following interior climate parameters are considered:

1. **ACR and humidity sources;**
2. **Air conditioned building;**
3. **Continental and tropical climates (ISO 13788);**
4. **Maritime climates (ISO 13788).**

At the top of each option, the temperature and/or relative humidity set point data are inputted.

Below, the main calculations for the selected boundary condition are shown.

At the bottom of each section, a graph is shown describing the main results for the selected climate.

2 Air conditioned building Location: *AT0032b-Innsbruck* Lowest θ_e [°C] *-2,10* Highest θ_e [°C] *18,10*

Interior temperature and relative humidity are controlled at specific set points.
 Insert data in the cells "Set points" **OR** in the cells "Interior Temp. and rel.humidity" for each month.

θ_i Set point temperatures	Heating $\theta_{i,Heating}$ [°C]	<input type="text" value="20,0"/>	ϕ_i (θ_i) Set point humidity	Minimum set point ϕ_i [%]	<input type="text" value="49,0"/>
	Cooling $\theta_{i,Cooling}$ [°C]	<input type="text" value="20,0"/>		Maximum set point ϕ_i [%]	<input type="text" value="50,0"/>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	22,0	24,0	24,5	24,5	22,5	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	49,0%	50,0%	54,0%	59,0%	64,0%	68,0%	69,0%	69,0%	65,0%	60,0%	55,0%	51,0%

Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%

Services	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Cooling	Cooling	Cooling	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	22,0	24,0	24,5	24,5	22,5	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	49,0%	50,0%	54,0%	59,0%	64,0%	68,0%	69,0%	69,0%	65,0%	60,0%	55,0%	51,0%

Condensation [°C]	8,97	9,27	10,42	11,75	14,88	17,73	18,44	18,44	15,59	12,00	10,69	9,56
Mold growth [°C]	12,32	12,62	13,80	15,17	18,39	21,32	22,05	22,05	19,12	15,43	14,09	12,93

$f_{e,air,min}$ [-]	0,649	0,620	0,578	0,512	0,469	0,606	0,617	0,634	0,583	0,577	0,623	0,680
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Worst $f_{e,air}$ case	θ_e	ϕ_e (θ_e)	θ_i	ϕ_i (θ_i)	p_i (θ_i)	$p_{i,stat}$ (θ_i)	$f_{e,air,min}$	θ_{cond}	θ_{mold}
Month	[°C]	[%]	[°C]	[%]	[Pa]	[Pa]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]
Dec	-2,1	90,4%	20,0	51%	1192	2337	0,68	9,6	12,9

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	22,0	24,0	24,5	24,5	22,5	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	49%	50%	54%	59%	64%	68%	69%	69%	65%	60%	55%	51%

Input area

Main calculation results and details

Main results



ACR and humidity sources

The user can insert the air change rate (ACR) and humidity sources, according to the expected use of the building. The input are is shown in the picture below.

1 ACR and Humidity sources				Location: AT0032b-Innsbruck		Lowest θ_e [° C] -2,10		Highest θ_e [° C] 18,10				
θ_i Set point temperatures	Min	θ_i	[° C]	20,0								
	Max	θ_i	[° C]	25,0								
Use the "T of "Continental/Tropical climate"												
Ventilation strategy				Insert "X"								
Air change rate strategy				1 - Fixed								
Ventilation												
1 - Fixed Air change rate [1/h]				n= 0,50								
2 - Variable Air change rate (ISO 13788) [1/h]				n=0,2+(0,04* T_e)								
3 - Variable Air change rate (user definer) [1/h]				n= user defined-each month								
* for the Ventilation strategy options in the rows below												
Geometrical characteristics												
Net Height	H	[m]	2,5									
Net area [m ²]	A	[m ²]	100,0									
Int. net volume [m ³]	V	[m ³]	250,0									
Internal moisture excess												
Moisture prod. rate	G	kg/h	0,40									
Constant												
Mol. Weight Air/water		[g/mol]	0,622									
Gas constant for water	R _v	[Pa.m ³ /(K.kg)]	462,0									
Thermodynamic Temp.	θ	[° K]	273,5									
Atmospheric pressure	P _{atm}	[Pa]	101225									
INDOOR MOISTURE SOURCES in Dwelling units												
	Average [kg/Event]	User [kg/Event]	[Time * day]	[kg/day]								
Bathing	0.06-0.16	0,12	0,50	0,06								
Showering	0.20-0.40	0,30	2,00	0,60								
Sauna bathing	0.00-1.28	0,64	0,00									
Whirlpools	0.12-0.32	0,18	0,15	0,03								
Tumble drier	0.00-0.70	0,35	0,00									
Unvented drying	1.25-3.50	2,38	0,20	0,48								
Ironing	0.00-0.60	0,30	0,20	0,06								
Floor mopping	0.30-5.00	0,50	0,30	0,15								
Breakfast	0.13-0.52	0,20	1,00	0,20								
Lunch	0.25-1.75	0,50	1,00	0,50								
Dinner	0.47-3.86	0,60	1,00	0,60								
Hand dishwashing	0.10-0.60	0,30	0,30	0,09								
Dishwashing machine	0.20-0.40	0,30	0,50	0,15								
				2,91								
	[h/day]	[kg/day]	[kg/day]	[Units]								
Humans	16	0.50-2.00	1,25	4,0	3,33							
Pets		0.10-1.20	0,40	1,0	0,40							
Aquarium		0.40-1.40	0,90	0,0	1,20							
Plants		0.10-0.50	0,15	8,0	4,93							
					7,85							
Total daily moisture production rate				[kg/day]								
Total hourly moisture production rate				G	[kg/h]	0,33						
User defined - Total daily moisture production rate				[kg/day]	9,60							
Total hourly moisture production rate				G	[kg/h]	0,400						
Interior temperature [° C]												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [° C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
Ventilation strategy 1 - Fixed												
n - ACH [1/h]	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
Interior rel. humidity [%]	38,2%	40,0%	46,9%	51,9%	60,5%	75,1%	83,0%	79,7%	71,4%	54,8%	47,9%	38,4%

Detailed indoor sources calculation

Manual input

Drop-down list

Set point input

Clicking on the Drop-down list, the user has three options for inserting the ACR:

Ventilation strategy			
Air change rate strategy			
1 - Fixed			
Ventilation			
1 - Fixed Air change rate [1/h]			
n=		0,50	
2 - Variable Air change rate (ISO 13788) [1/h]			
n=		0,2+(0,04* T_e)	
3 - Variable Air change rate (user definer) [1/h]			
n=		user defined-each month	

1. Fixed Air change rate [1/h]: the user inserts one value for the whole year;
2. Variable Air change rate [1/h]: the value is calculated using the following formula ($n = 0,2 + 0,04 \theta_e$) where **n** is the air change rate per hour.
3. Variable Air change rate (user defined) [1/h]: the user can insert a specific ACR for each month.



The designer can use the table of „Indoor moisture sources“ or insert manually the value for the „Total daily moisture production rate“ [kg/day] that defines the internal moisture excess to add to the exterior moisture, which is necessary to find the interior relative humidity.

NOTE: Without precise information, the designer may use the values written in the column „Average“ as a suggestion.

Air conditioned building

The designer can insert the temperature and relative humidity values either using the set point (if the values are the same for the whole 12 months), or by inputting both parameters manually for each month.

2 Air conditioned building Location: *AT0032b-Innsbruck* Lowest θ_e [°C] *-2,10* Highest θ_e [°C] *18,10*

Interior temperature and relative humidity are controlled at specific set points.

θ_i Set point temperatures	Heating	$\theta_{i,Heating}$	[°C]	20,0	[°C]	ϕ_i (θ_i) Set point humidity	Minimum set point ϕ_i	[%]	50%
	Cooling	$\theta_{i,Cooling}$	[°C]	25,0	[°C]		Maximum set point ϕ_i	[%]	50%

θ_i Set point temperatures	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]												
Interior rel. humidity [%]												

Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%

Services	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Cooling	Cooling	Cooling	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	25,0	25,0	25,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%	50,0%

Condensation [°C]	9,27	9,27	9,27	9,27	9,27	13,86	13,86	13,86	9,27	9,27	9,27	9,27
Mold growth [°C]	12,62	12,62	12,62	12,62	12,62	17,34	17,34	17,34	12,62	12,62	12,62	12,62

f _{Rs,min} [-]	0,663	0,620	0,498	0,255	-	0,018	-	-	-	0,317	0,530	0,666
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Worst f _{Rs} case	θ_e	ϕ_e (%)	θ_i	ϕ_i (%)	$P_1(\theta_i)$	$P_{1,ext}(\theta_i)$	$f_{Ri,min}$	θ_{cond}	θ_{mold}
Month	[°C]	[%]	[°C]	[%]	[Pa]	[Pa]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]
Dec	-2,1	90,4%	20,0	50%	1168	2337	0,67	9,3	12,6

Interior temperature [°C]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior rel. humidity [%]	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Set point input
Manual input



Continental and tropical climates

In the absence of well-defined internal air conditions, ISO 13788 allows the interior temperature and relative humidity for heated building to be determined. The internal air conditions are derived from external air temperature. This is a simplified approach to determine the internal temperature and humidity for heated buildings suitable for dwellings and offices.

Drop-down list

3 Continental and tropical climates Location: *AT0032b-Innsbruck* Lowest θ_e [°C] *-2,10* Highest θ_e [°C] *18,10*

Expected occupancy of the building
A - Normal occupancy

- Simplified approach to determine the internal temperature and humidity for heated buildings **(only dwellings and offices)** based on the external air temperature.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]	-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]	88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%

Services	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating	Cooling	Cooling	Cooling	Heating	Heating	Heating	Heating
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,1	22,6	23,6	24,1	23,9	22,2	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	43,2%	46,7%	50,4%	55,2%	60,3%	62,3%	63,2%	62,9%	59,5%	54,3%	49,4%	43,0%

Condensation [°C]	7,12	7,94	9,39	10,84	14,52	15,97	16,67	16,40	13,94	10,50	9,09	7,05
Mold growth [°C]	10,42	11,26	12,75	14,24	18,02	19,51	20,23	19,96	17,42	13,89	12,44	10,35

$f_{R, \min}$ [-]	0,562	0,550	0,507	0,414	0,381	0,361	0,355	0,354	0,388	0,434	0,519	0,563
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Worst $f_{R, \min}$ case	θ_e	ϕ_e [%]	θ_i	ϕ_i [%]	p_i [Pa]	$p_{i, \text{rat}}$ [Pa]	$f_{R, \min}$	θ_{cond}	θ_{mold}
Month	[°C]	[%]	[°C]	[%]	[Pa]	[Pa]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]
Dec	-2,1	90,4%	20,0	43%	1005	2337	0,56	7,1	10,3

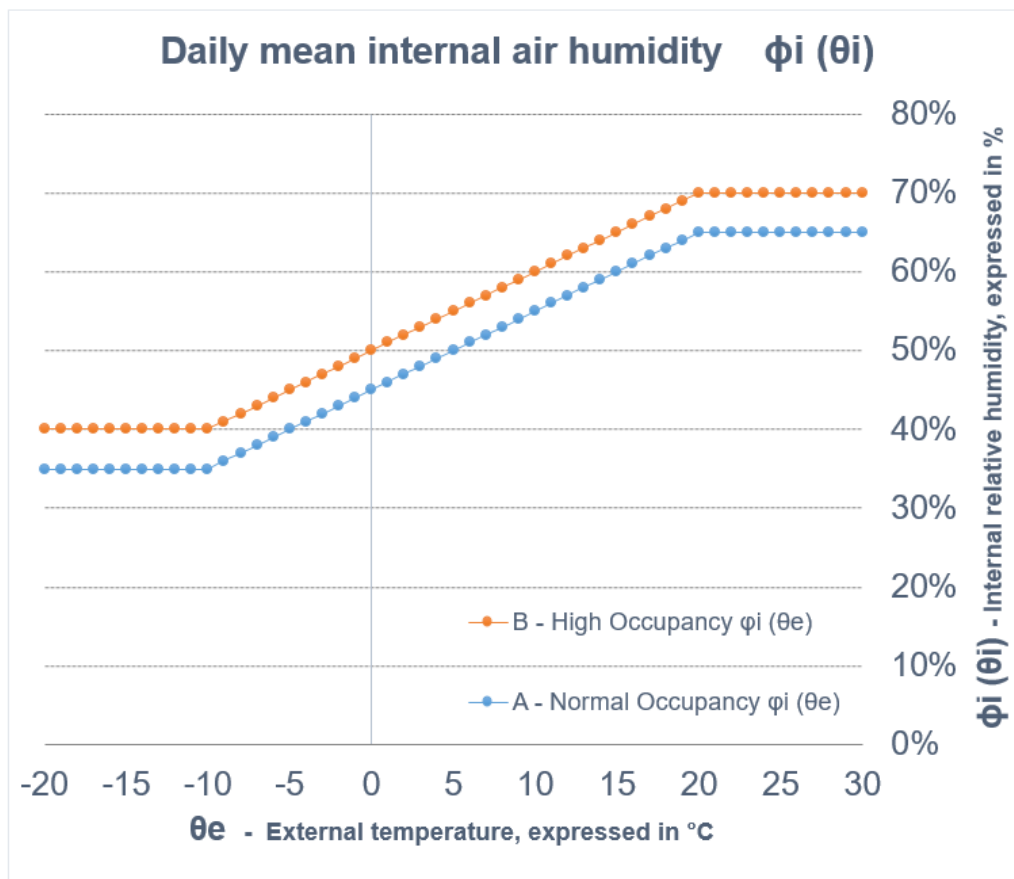
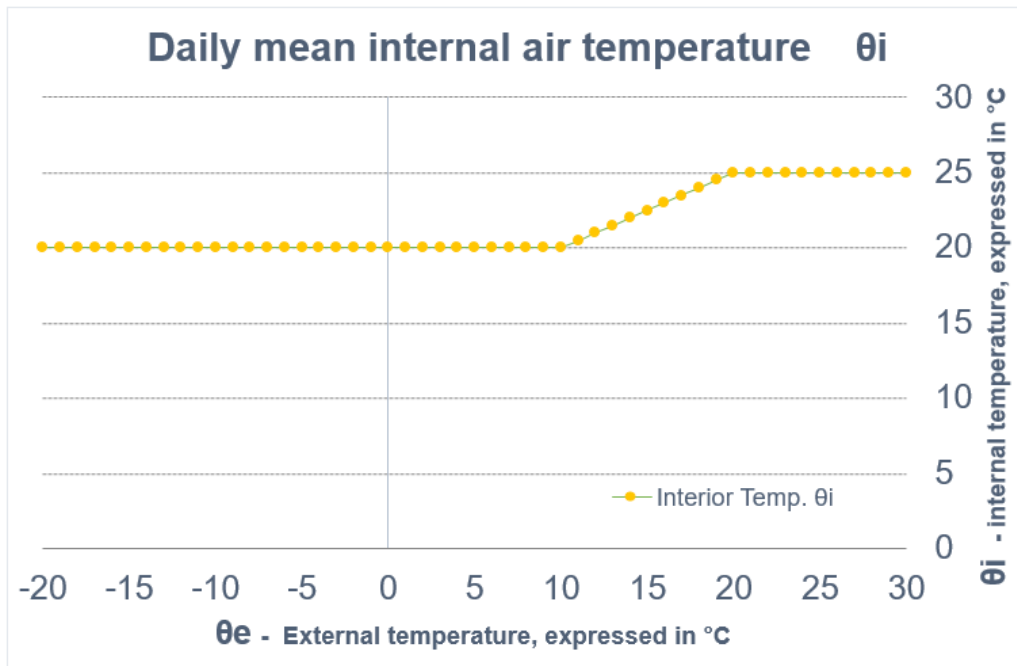
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,1	22,6	23,6	24,1	23,9	22,2	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]	43%	46%	50%	55%	60%	62%	63%	63%	60%	54%	49%	43%

Clicking on the Drop-down list, the user has two option:

1. **A – Normal occupancy;**
2. **B – High occupancy;**

Clicking on the plus sign on the left hand, the calculation area with the graphs is shown.

The interior temperature and the interior relative humidity are derived from the exterior temperature.



The interior humidity **level** derives from the expected occupancy of the building (normal occupancy HR from 35% to 65% or high occupancy from 40% to 70%).



Maritime climates

The designer can insert the interior temperature either using the set point (if the values are the same for the whole 12 months), or by inputting them manually for each month, or inserting a “x” in the cell “Use the Temp. of Continental and tropical climate” (if these data are suitable for the project).

The relative humidity level is described by humidity classes. Each class is related to a predicted usage of the building and has a specific moisture load, which is added to the exterior moisture level.

The designer can select the number of the predicted humidity class from 1 (dry) to 5 (very humid) using the drop-down list.

The moisture load data are derived from buildings in Western Europe and are suitable for buildings near coastal areas.

4 Maritime climates Location: *A10032b-Innsbruck* Lowest θ_e [°C] *-2,10* Highest θ_e [°C] *18,10*

θ_i Set point temperatures	Min	θ_i	20,0	[°C]
	Max	θ_i	25,0	[°C]

Use the T of "Continental/Tropical climate" Insert "X"

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0
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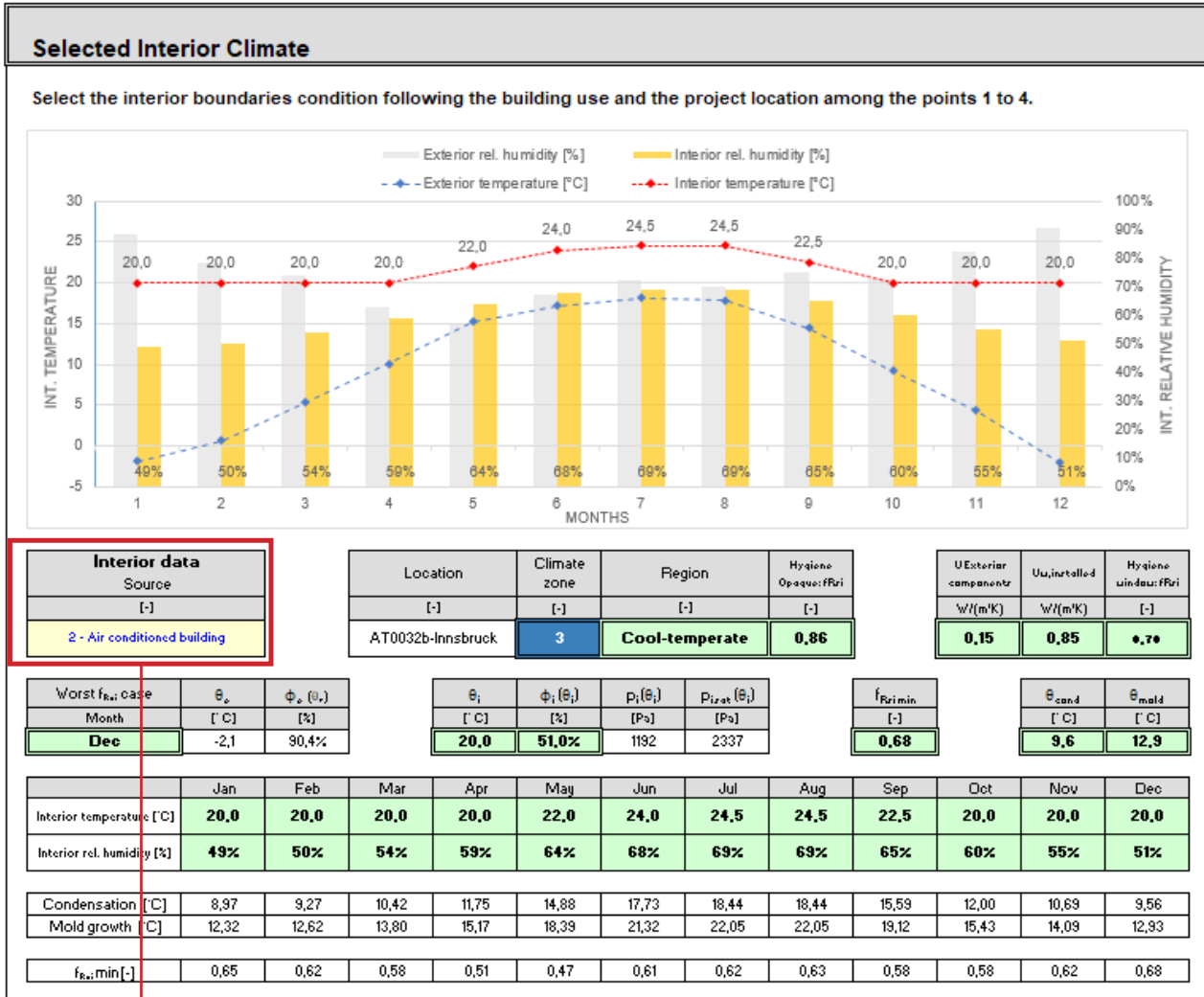
Humidity Class	Humidity class Building	Delta p [Pa]
5	Special buildings, e.g. laundry, brewery, swimming pool	1360
4	Sports halls, kitchens, canteens	1080
3	Buildings with unknown occupancy	810
2	Offices, dwellings with normal occupancy and ventilation	640
1	Unoccupied buildings, storage of dry goods	270

Insert a value from 1 to 5

Drop-down list humidity classes Set point input Manual input

Selected interior climate

Select here the data set chosen as interior boundary condition among the previous options. These values are the parameters used for the monthly calculation in the „Assembly“ worksheet. The tool shows the graph and the main parameters related to the selected climate.



Drop-down list for selecting the exterior climate to use in the yearly verification

4 Assembly worksheet



Assembly worksheet

The structure of this worksheet enables it to be copied and pasted as much as needed, as per the number of assemblies, components etc.

Each copy is connected to the climate worksheet, so the designer has only to define the materials in the „*Assembly Definition*“ area, select the starting month of calculation in „*Assembly - Boundary conditions*“, to get the hygrothermal performance of this new assembly in Assambly-Verification and Calculation areas.

This worksheet is composed by:

1. **Assembly – Definition;**
2. **Assembly - Boundary conditions - 12 months;**
3. **Assembly – Verification;**
4. **Assembly – Calculations;**



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1. Temperature and relative humidity User input area
2. Temperature factor
3. Surface thermal resistances
4. Limits
5. Verification area
6. Structure, layers, materials input area

In this area is it possible insert the data needed to describe the component to be verified in terms of the number of layers, thickness of each layer, lambda and vapor resistance values.

User defined temperature and relative humidity can be inputted above the building assembly description (Nr.1); the results and associated graphs are shown on the right hand side. These inputted values do not affect the following area „Boundary conditions - 12 months“ and „Verification“ results. These cells allow to insert different exterior condition than the climate data selected in the worksheet “CLIMATE” as a stress test for the component, e.g. Passive House temperature criteria, design temperature, etc.

NOTE: ISO 13788 uses the monthly mean external temperature for the location of the building.

In the cell **Ft** is it possible input the temperature factor of the component e.g. if the exterior boundary condition is an unheated space (Nr. 2).

The orientation of building elements, the exterior and interior surface thermal resistances are automatically set (Nr. 3).



If the assembly is a roof, the exterior temperature is automatically decreased by 2 K.

ISO 13788 suggests use of the thermal resistance taken from ISO 6946 and S_d value of 0,01 m for air cavities, independent of the real dimensions and orientation of the cavity.

On the right hand side of the assembly input area, there are several verification fields that allow checking of the following parameters (Nr. 4):

- **Condensation Rsi 0,25 [° C]:**

Condensation Rsi 0,25 [° C]		
T_{min}	T_{si} Project	Verified
9,27	17,51	Yes

These cells compare the temperature when condensation occurs with the project's interior surface temperature. If the condensation temperature is below the project temperature, „Yes“ appears in the verification cell, meaning the parameter is positively verified; if the temperature is higher than the project temperature, „No“ will appear.

- **Mould growth Rsi 0,25 [° C]:**

Mould growth Rsi 0,25 [° C]		
T_{min}	T_{si} Project	Verified
12,62	17,51	Yes

These cells compare the temperature when mould growth is predicted and the project interior surface temperature. If the mould growth temperature is below the project temperature, „Yes“ appears in the verification cell, meaning the parameter is positively verified; if the temperature is higher than the project temperature, „No“ will appear.

- **fRsi:**

f_{Rsi}		
f_{Rsi} min	f_{Rsi} Project	Verified
0,86	0,93	Yes

These cells compare the fRsi minimum acceptable temperature factor and the project fRsi factor. If the project fRsi factor is above the fRsi minimum value, „Yes“ appears in the verification cell, meaning the parameter is positively verified; if the factor is higher than the project fRsi, „No“ will appear.

- **gc and Ma [g/m²month]:**

gc and Ma [g/m ² month]		
g_c	M_a	Verified
0,51	-	-

These cells contain the g_c - density of water flow rate [g/m²] for each month and the M_a - accumulated moisture content [g/m²]. The g_c value is related to the current selected month, the M_a is the sum of every positive or negative g_c value from the starting month of calculation selected in „Boundary conditions - 12 months: Monthly condensation rate: Starting month of condensation“ area.

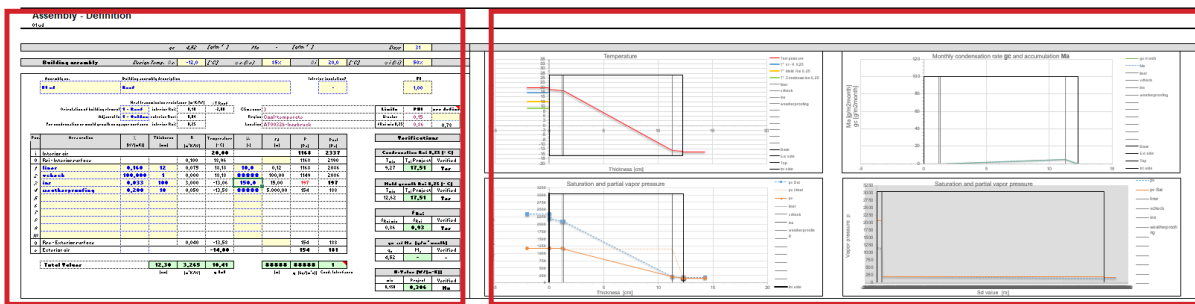


- **U-Value [W/(m²K)]:**

U-Value [W/(m²K)]		
min	Project	Verified
0,150	0,306	No

with the minimum recommended value. If the exterior climate is taken from PHPP, the minimum value following the PHI criteria and limits for PHI components automatically appears. If the exterior climate is user defined, the designer can input the minimum acceptable value in the yellow cell „User defined U-Value-Limits“. If the project U-Value is below the recommended U-Value, „Yes“ appears in the verification cell, meaning the parameter is positively verified; if the U-Value is higher than, „No“ will appear.

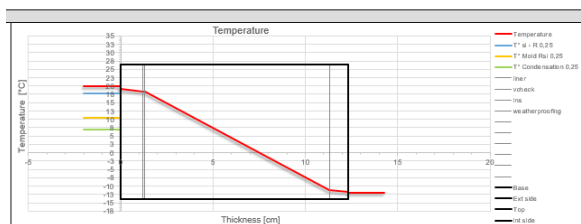
On the right hand side of the verification cells there are four graphs:



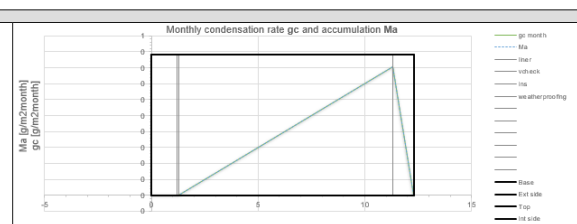
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Graphs area

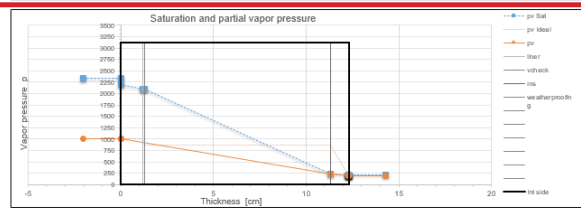
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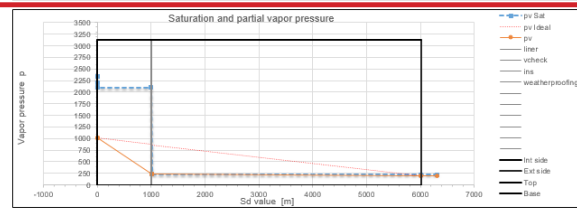
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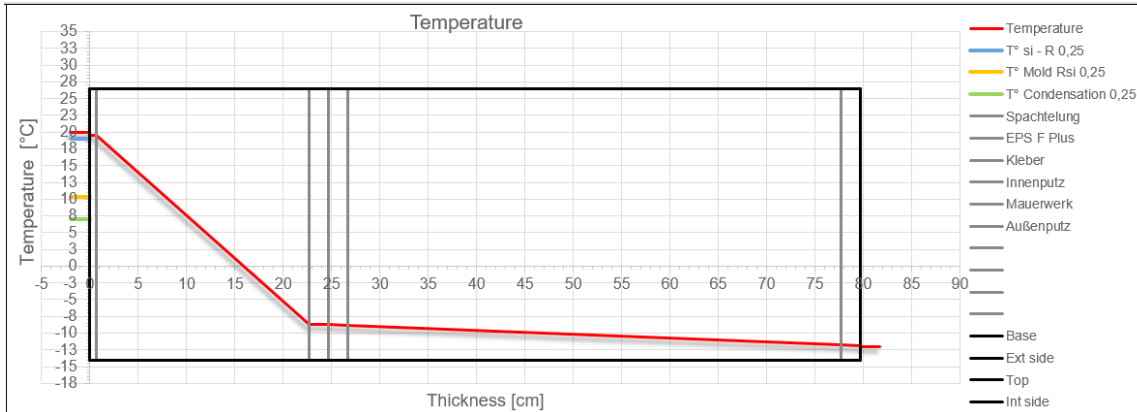
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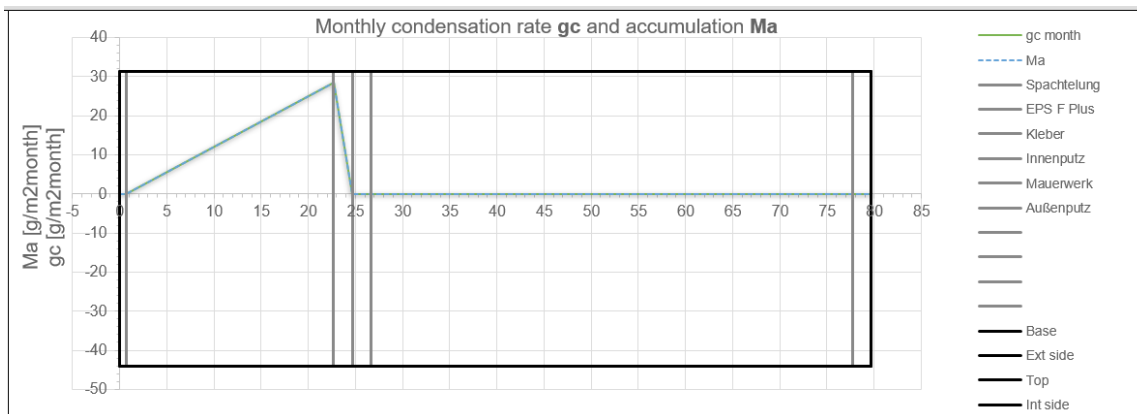
d) Saturation and partial vapour pressure - x-axis in S_d



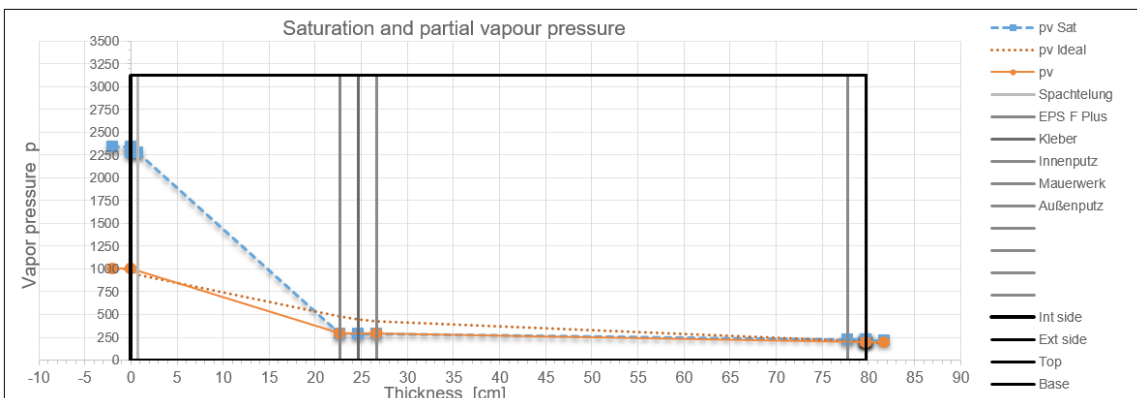
a) Temperature: this shows the temperature through the layers, from the interior to the exterior boundary conditions. At the left hand side of the graph (interior B.C.) the threshold temperatures for mold growth, condensation and surface temperature are shown, using as 0,25 m²K/W internal resistance instead of 0,13 m²K/W.



b) Monthly condensation rate g_c and accumulation Ma ;

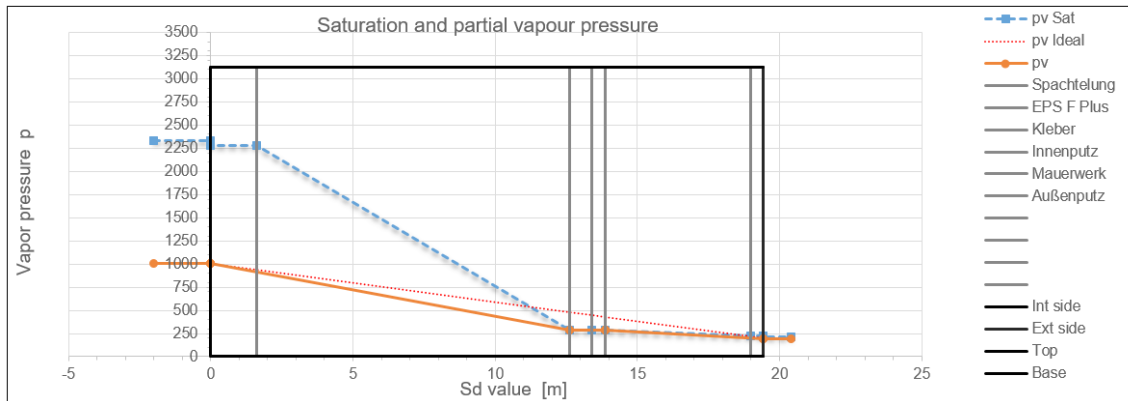


c) Saturation and partial vapour pressure. The x-axis uses the real thickness in cm of the building assembly. Here the saturation and partial pressure through the building component are shown. The „*pv ideal*“ dotted line represents the partial pressure without any condensation.





d) Saturation and partial vapour pressure. The x-axis uses the S_d value in m of the building assembly.



NOTE: The interior of the component is always on the left side of the graph.



Assembly - Boundary conditions - 12 Months

Assembly - Boundary conditions - 12 months

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Exterior Climate		Location: 1 - PHPP											
1 - PHPP		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exterior temperature [°C]		-1,9	0,6	5,3	10,1	15,2	17,2	18,1	17,8	14,4	9,2	4,3	-2,1
Exterior rel. humidity [%]		88,2%	78,4%	74,3%	63,1%	56,8%	67,3%	72,6%	70,2%	75,4%	72,9%	82,6%	90,4%

Interior Climate		Location: 2 - Air conditioned building											
2 - Air conditioned building		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Interior temperature [°C]		20,0	20,0	20,0	20,0	22,0	24,0	24,5	24,5	22,5	20,0	20,0	20,0
Interior rel. humidity [%]		49,0%	50,0%	54,0%	59,0%	64,0%	68,0%	69,0%	69,0%	65,0%	60,0%	55,0%	51,0%
Condensation [°C]		8,97	9,27	10,42	11,75	14,88	17,73	18,44	18,44	15,59	12,00	10,69	9,56
Mold growth [°C]		12,32	12,62	13,80	15,17	18,39	21,32	22,05	22,05	19,12	15,43	14,09	12,93
$f_{e, min}$ [-]		0,65	0,62	0,58	0,51	0,47	0,61	0,62	0,63	0,58	0,58	0,62	0,68

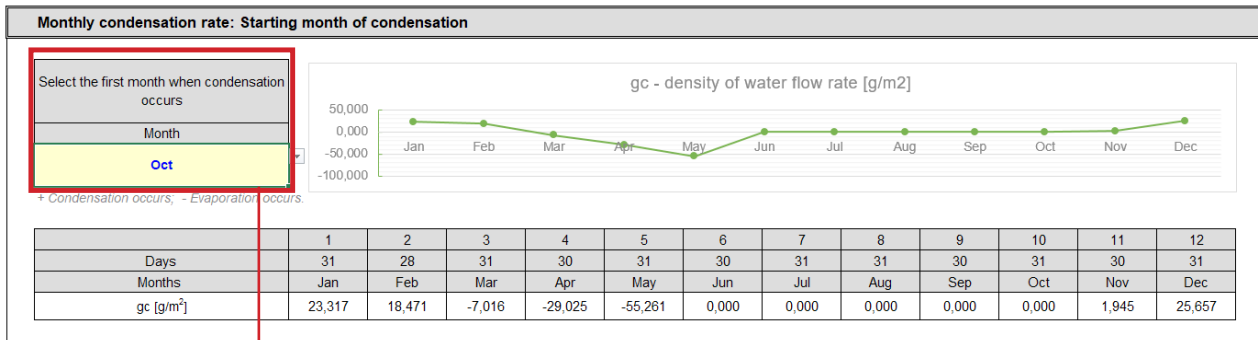
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1. Exterior and interior boundary conditions selected in the „Climate“ worksheet
2. „Monthly condensation rate: Starting month of condensation“ area

This area shows the selected exterior and interior boundary conditions selected in the „Climate“ worksheet as the main boundary conditions to verify and to analyse the component through the following 12 months in the area „Verification“.

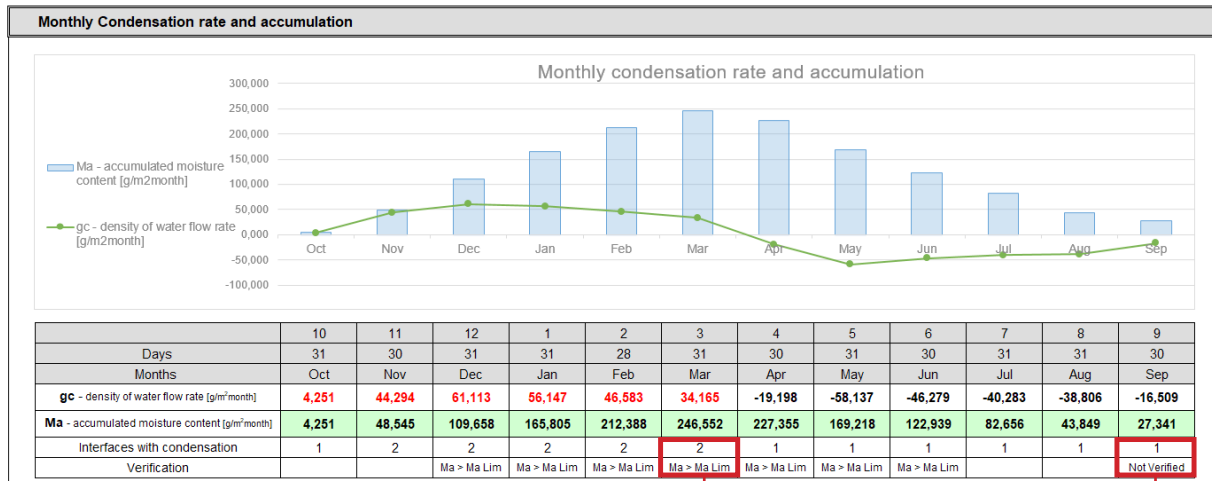
In the area „Monthly condensation rate: Starting month of condensation“ the designer has to select the first month when condensation appears following the gc values shown on the table and on the graph „gc - density of water flow rate“ [g/m²].

NOTE: in climate areas where the heating and cooling periods are well defined, the trial month should be just before the coldest period.



Drop-down list for selecting the first month when condensation appears

If no condensation has been found in any month, the interstitial condensation verification is positive. If condensation occurs in several months, select the month before the month with condensation. If condensation occurs in all months without having complete evaporation after 12 months, the assembly is not verified because the amount of water inside the structure will increase years upon year.



The accumulated moisture is more than the Ma limit.

After 12 months condensation is not completely evaporated

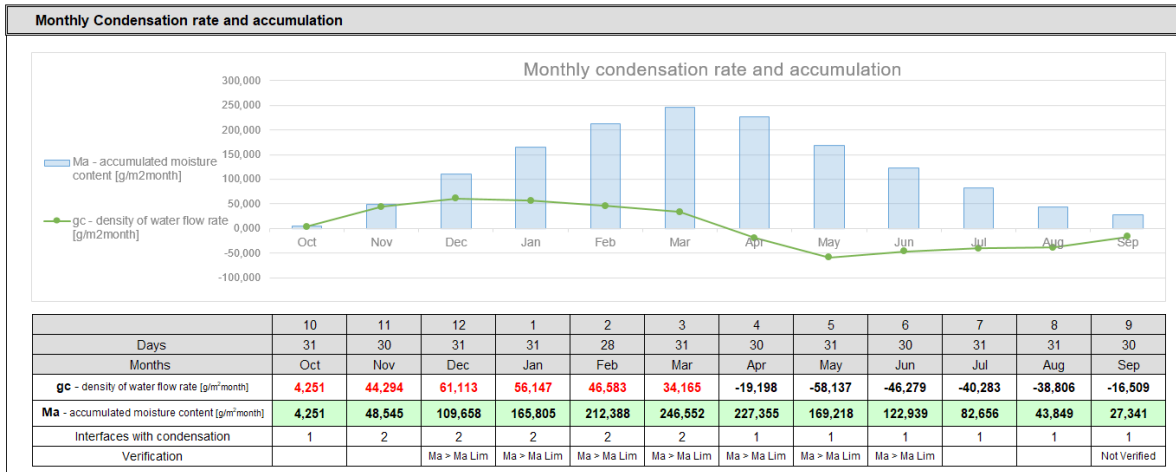
Assembly - Verification

There are several criteria to assess the assembly:

- No condensation occurs at any interface in any month. The assembly is verified.
- Condensation occurs in some interfaces and before the end of 12 months, all the accumulated moisture evaporates. The assembly is verified.



A table shows in detail the **gc** and **Ma** values for each interfaces and each month.
 If condensation occurs, the number become red.
 If evaporation occurs, the values are negative.



In the cell „*Max acc. moisture content - Ma limit [g/m²]*“ the designer has to insert the maximum value of accumulated moisture allowed for the material where condensation occurs. More detailed information can be found in a national building standards or product requirements.

Max acc. moisture content - Ma limit [g/m²]	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
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The maximum accumulated moisture content have to be considered according to regulatory requirements and other guidance in product standards.

NOTE: For non-absorbent building materials where condensation is above 200 g/m², the risk of run-off is very high.

At the bottom of this area the verifications are shown:

- Condensation:** check if condensation occurs and whether it is completely evaporated at the end of the 12 months.
- Ma limit:** ensure that condensation does not exceed the „*Ma limit*“, i.e. the maximum amount of accumulated moisture that occurs at each interface.

Assembly no.	Comments		Assembly verified
01 ud	Condensation	Condensation is completely evaporated	Yes
	Ma Limit	Maximum accumulation of condensate does not exceed the Ma limit	

Assembly no.	Comments		Assembly verified
01 ud	Condensation	Condensation does not completely evaporate	Assembly not verified
	Ma Limit	Maximum accumulation of condensate exceeds the Ma limit	



Assembly - Calculations

This area contains the detailed results and verifications of each month.

The layout is the same as the „*Assembly definition*“, but here the user can find the different condensation and mould growth temperature limits, graphs and results for every month of the year.

The first month shown is the month selected as starting month in the area „*Assembly boundary conditions - 12 months*“.

Assembly - Calculations

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10	Oct	gc	102,250 [g/m ²]	Ma	102,250 [g/m ²]	Days	31		
1	Building assembly	θe	9,20 [°C]	φe (θe)	73%	θi	20,00 [°C]	φi (θi)	81%

Assembly no. 01 ud Building assembly description Flat Roof Interior insulation? - Ft 1,00

Heat transmission resistance [m²K/W] ΔT Roof -2,00

Orientation of building element 1 - Roof interior Rsi: 0,10 exterior Rse: 0,04 interior Rsi: 0,25

Adjacent to 1 - Outdoor

For condensation or mould growth on opaque surfaces

Clima zone 3 Region Cool-temperate Location AT0032b-Innsbruck

Limits	PHI	User defined
U-value	0,15	
fRsi min 0,25	0,86	1,02

Pos.	Area section	λ [W/(mK)]	Thickness [mm]	R [m ² K/W]	Temperature [°C]	μ [-]	S _d [m]	p [Pa]	p _{int} [Pa]
i	Interior air				20,00			1898	2337
0	Rsi - Interior surface			0,100	19,21			1898	2225
1	Spachtelung	0,800	7,00	0,009	19,14	230	1,61	1660	2215
2	EPS F Plus	0,031	40,00	1,290	8,90	50	2,00	1139	1139
3	Kleber	1,000	20,00	0,020	8,74	40	0,80	1127	1127
4	Innenputz	1,000	20,00	0,020	8,58	23	0,46	1115	1115
5	Mauerwerk	2,300	250,00	0,109	7,72	10	2,50	808	1052
6	Außenputz	0,800	20,00	0,025	7,52	23	0,46	740	1037
7									
8									
9									
10									
0	Rse - Exterior surface			0,040	7,52			740	1037
e	Exterior air				7,20			740	1015

Total Values: 35,70 [cm] 1,61 [m²K/W] 7,94 [q tot] 7,83 [m] 2,96E-08 [kg/(m²s)] 2 [Cond. Interfaces]

Verifications

Condensation Rsi 0,25 [°C]

T _{min}	T _d Project	Verified
16,68	18,18	Yes

Mold growth Rsi 0,25 [°C]

T _{min}	T _d Project	Verified
20,24	18,18	No

f_{Rsi}

f _{Rsi min}	f _{Rsi} Project	Verified
0,86	0,86	No

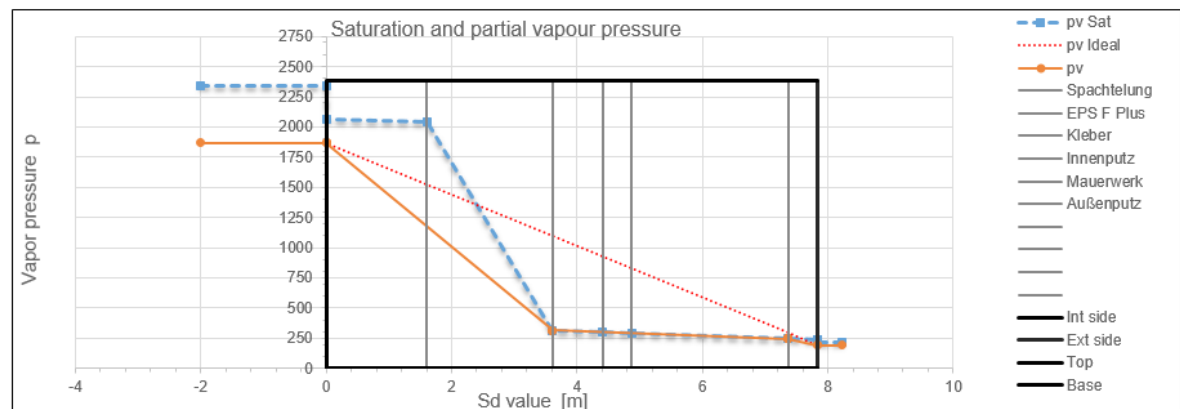
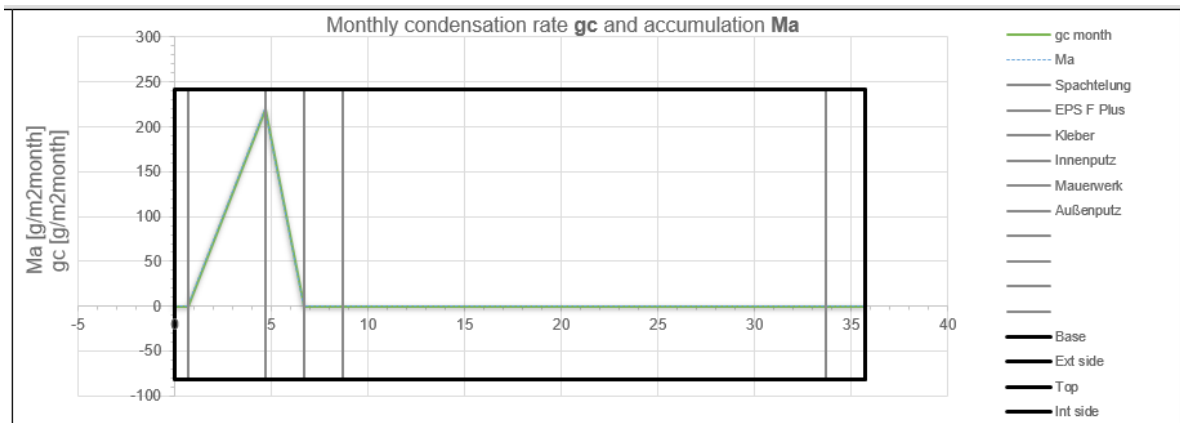
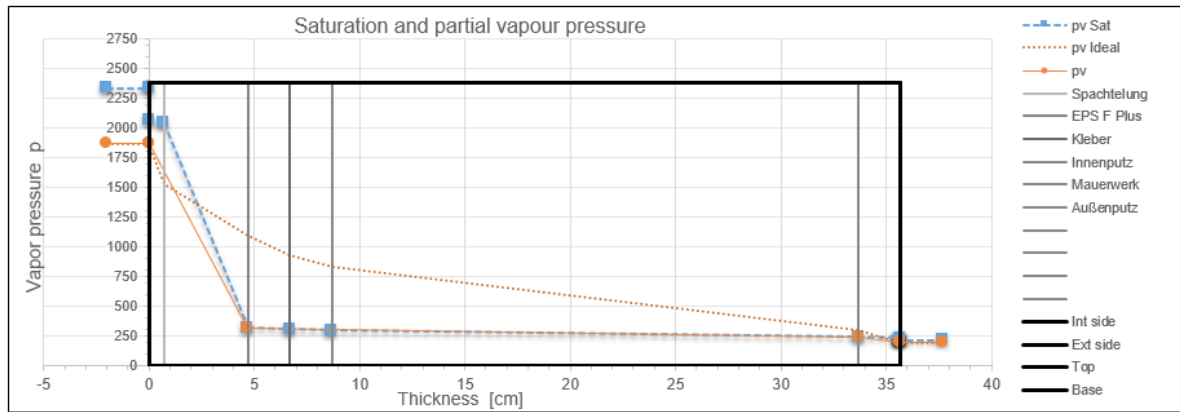
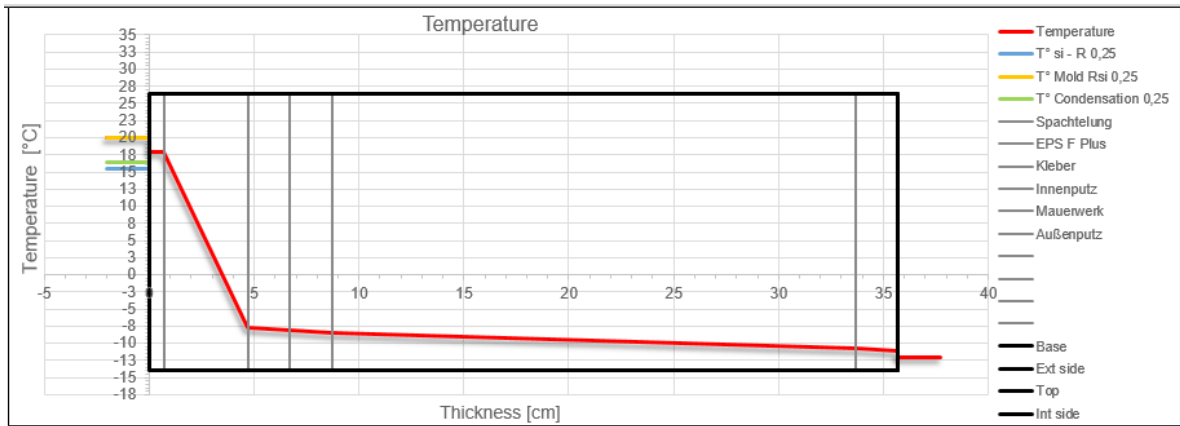
g_e and M_a [g/m² month]

g _e	M _a	Verified
102,250	102,250	No

U-Value [W/(m²K)]

min	Project	Verified
0,150	0,620	No

The numbers are red where condensation occurs



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