



## **Acciona experience in High Rise Building – good practice and R&D**

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# Acciona: Our **business areas**

## Civil Engineering

Construction  
Facilities  
Concessions

## Real State

Heritage  
Promotion

## Energy

Eolic  
Other renewable

## Logistics

Airports  
Transmediterránea  
Other logistic services

## Urban Services

Facility Management  
Hospital Services  
Waste management

## Water

Reverse Osmosis Desalination

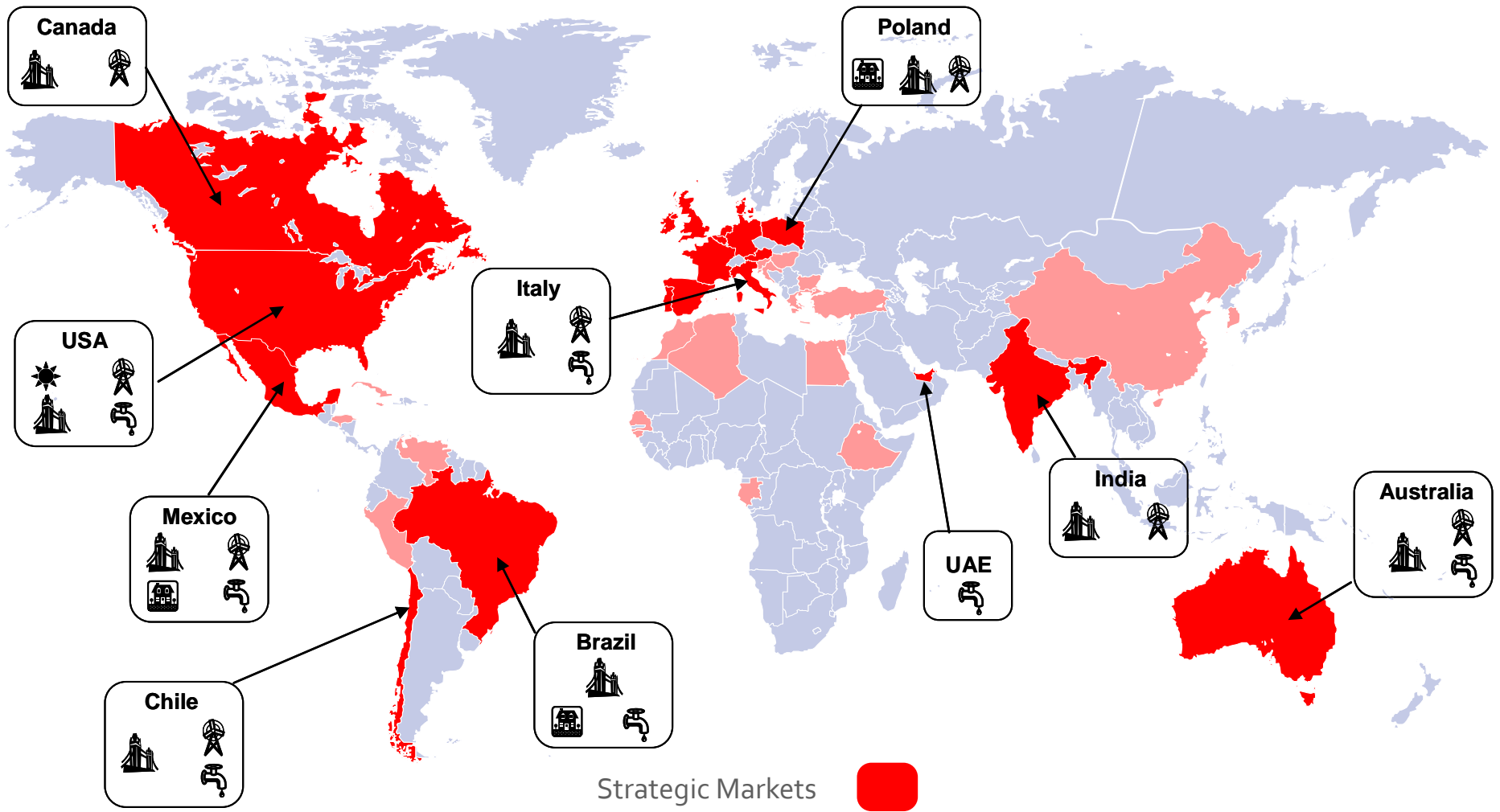
## Other

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Hijos de Antonio Barceló  
GPD





- International Network





## ACCIONA and Sustainability

### Development on a global scale in balance with the environment

- ACCIONA announced its strategic commitment to being **pioneers in development and sustainability** in 2004.
- ACCIONA's capabilities are focused on designing and delivering innovative solutions to meet three of society's greatest needs: **energy, water, and infrastructure**.
- ACCIONA embraces a "triple bottom line" aimed at generating **economic growth, social progress and environmental balance**.
- Our business model allows ACCIONA to **create shareholder value while fulfilling its responsibility to future generations**.



## Experience in high rise building construction.

Acciona has more than 100 year of experience in construction

The mosto significative high rise building projects executed by the company are:



Torre Europa Building.  
Madrid  
113m



Headquarters of BBVA  
Madrid  
108m





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Ministerio de Industria.  
Madrid



Mafre Tower  
Barcelona  
153m





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Parque reforma building.  
Mexico DF.



Lolmas Tower  
Mexico DF







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Petronas tower .Intallation design.  
452m  
Malaysia



## Experience in energy efficient buildings.

- ACCIONA has constructed over 1,100 eco-efficient homes, and has built the first Zero Emissions commercial building in Spain.
- Sustainable infrastructure addresses economic, social and environmental factors.
  - Environmental – CO2 emissions, waste management, water and energy usage, and materials selection.
  - Economic – energy, maintenance, and repair costs.
  - Social – interior air quality, accessibility, living quality, and external integration with surroundings.
- During construction, avoids toxic materials and pollutants, and optimize energy and water use.
- Homes have more efficient water consumption and cost less to run. Buildings consume half the usual energy, covering all energy demands with solar and biomass renewable sources.
- ACCIONA is leading the Energy Efficient Buildings Association (E2B) formed to represent the interests of private industry in Europe, defining the strategic research agenda for energy efficient buildings and districts.

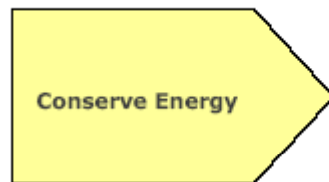


## Experience in energy efficient buildings.

- First Zero Emissions Commercial Building in Spain - ACCIONA Solar Headquarters
  - Consumes half the usual energy of an equivalent conventional building
  - Covers all its energy demands with solar and bioenergy renewable sources

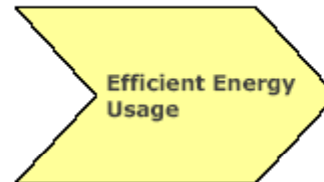


### Measures Included



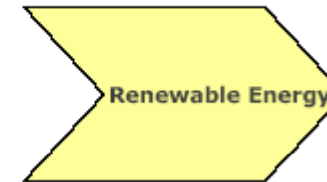
#### Architectural (passive):

- Building orientation and form factor analysis
- Insulation optimization
- Optimize % of facade glass openings (for HVAC and lighting demands)
- Facade shadings
- Best design for each facade orientation
- Cross ventilations



#### Installations:

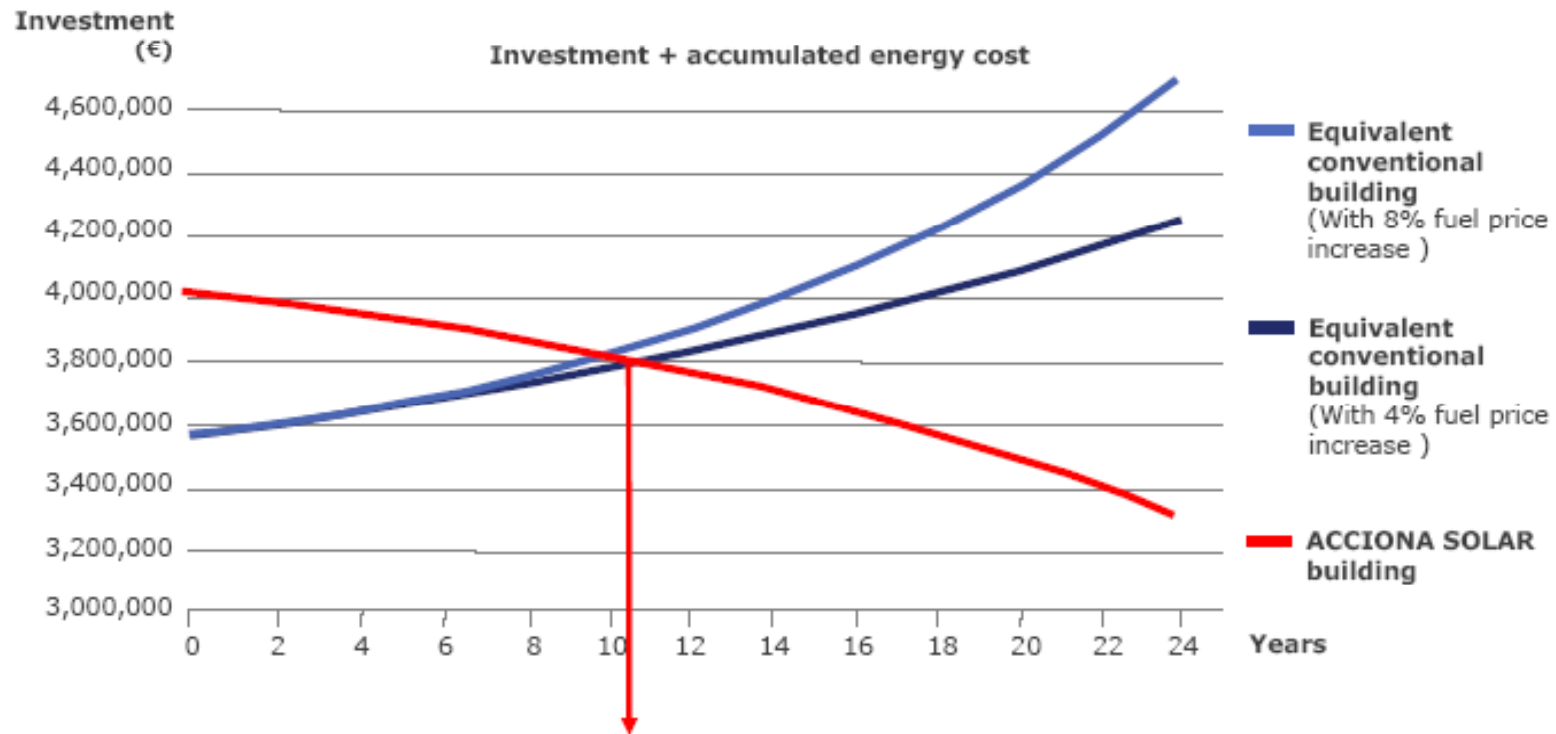
- Optimize HVAC distribution: variable flows and temperatures, active demand management
- Analysis of chiller and boiler seasonal efficiency
- CHP and trigeneration analysis
- Control of lighting



#### Energy sources:

- Biomass
- Solar thermal
- Solar photovoltaic
- Geothermal
- Integrated wind energy

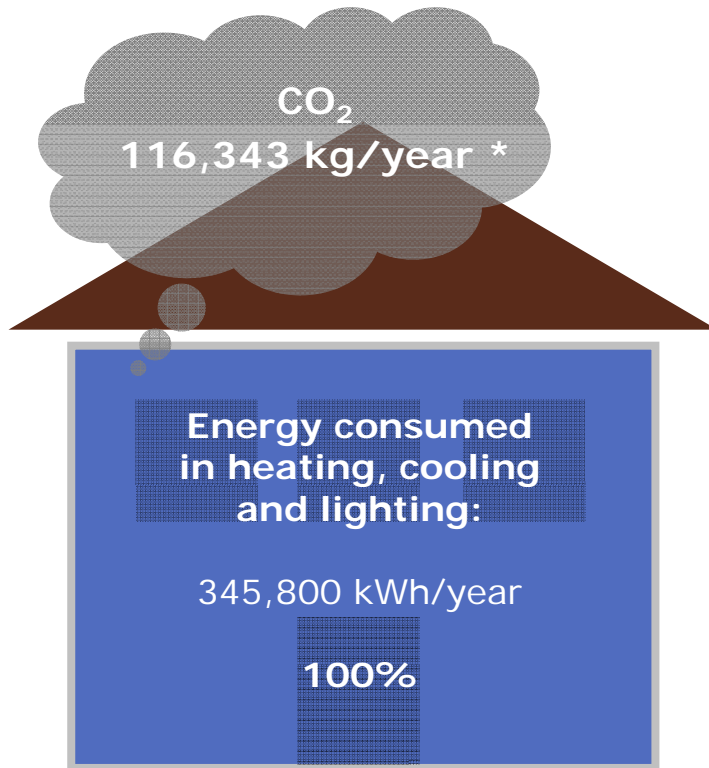
## Economic Efficiency



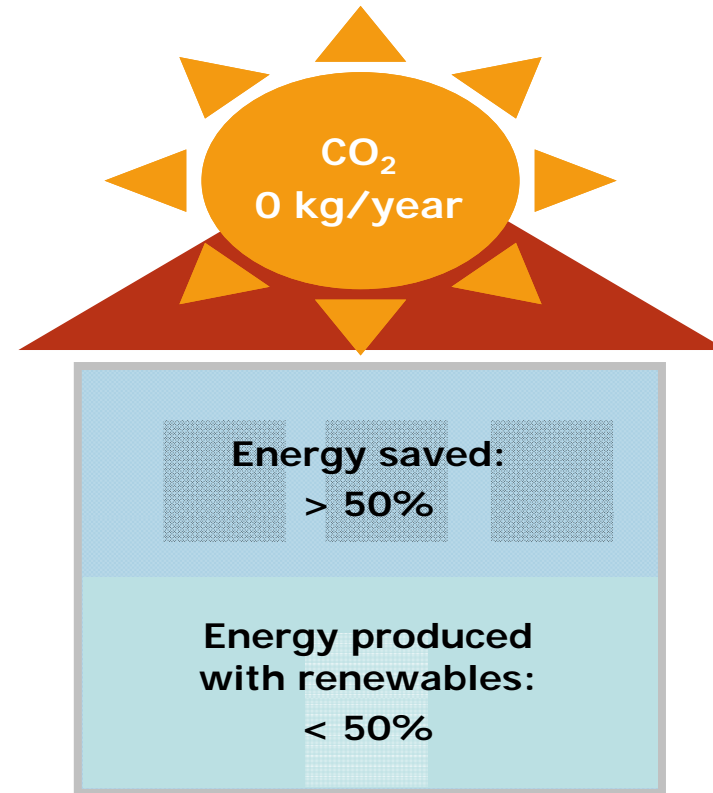
Additional investment (13%) can be recovered in about 10 years.



Comparative balance of CO2 emissions



**CONVENTIONAL BUILDINGS**



**ACCIONA SOLAR BUILDING**

(\*) Source: IDAE (Spanish Institute for Energy Saving) 2007



New Structural Organization  
to boost the innovation activities ...

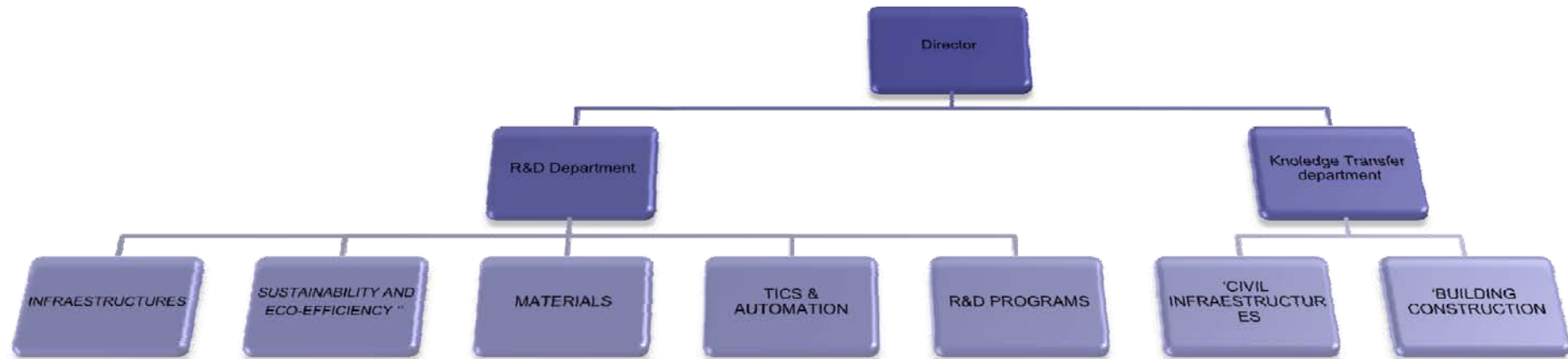




## R&D Technological Center of ACCIONA in MADRID

- Over 150 well skilled professionals.
- International and multidisciplinary professional team.
- **Civil engineering company leader in R&D in Europe:** more than 15 years developing new technologies and materials in the construction sector.
- First civil engineering company with **its own technological center:**
  - *3.500 m<sup>2</sup> of surface (4 storey building)*
  - *11 R&D laboratories full equiped.*
  - *Production workshop with 1.200 m<sup>2</sup> for prototyping*





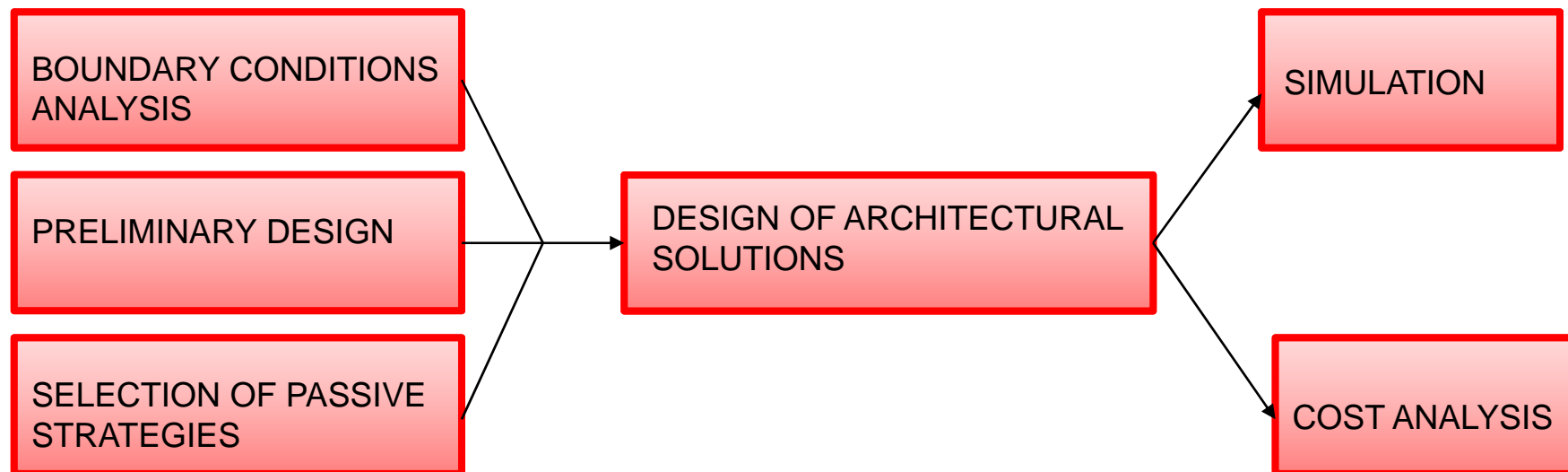
- 14 research groups, associated in four areas where develop technology
- 1 area of programs to obtain funds and monitor international relationships
- 1 department of knowledge transfer with direct contact with technology and business.
- 3 horizontal areas for financial, IPR and HHRR.

## *Activities covered in the area*

- Reduction of building energy demand (passive strategies).
- Energy efficient installations (active strategies).
- Reduce fossil fuels power generation (energetic refurbishment).
- Increase the use of R.E.S. (new technologies and integrated concepts).
- Use of energy fluxes within and through building.(new concepts)
- Active management of the building (BMS).
- Involvement of inhabitants for eco-energy consciousness (dissemination)

**All the Energy Efficient actions has to ensure at least the same indoor comfort conditions (light, heating, cooling, air quality, services and safety)**

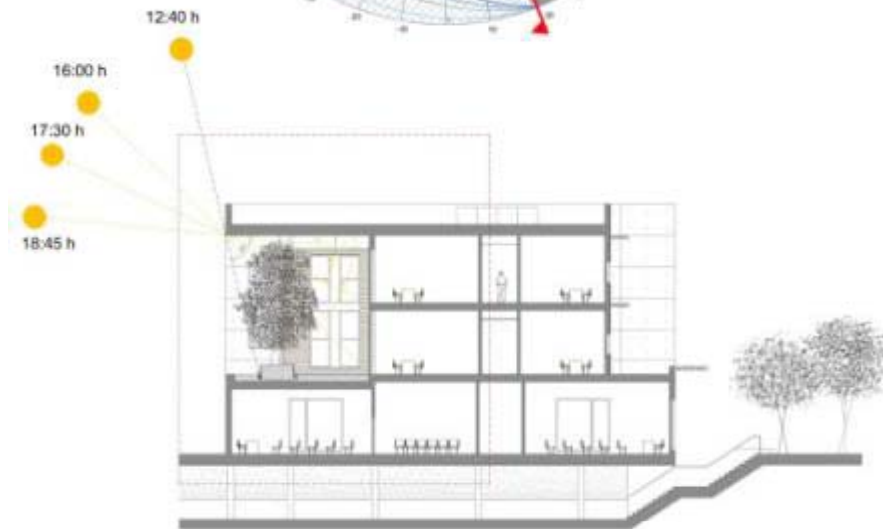
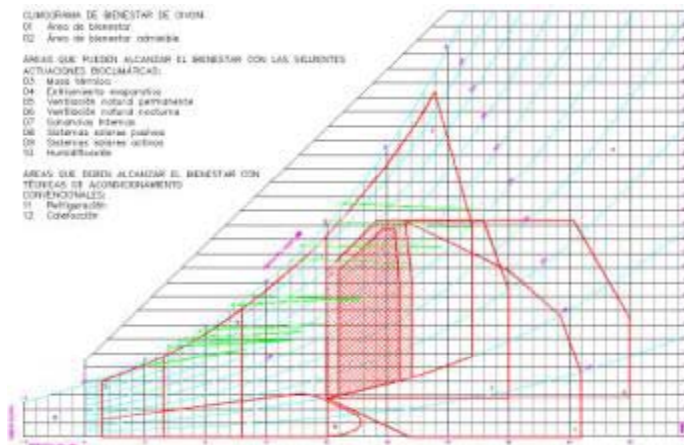
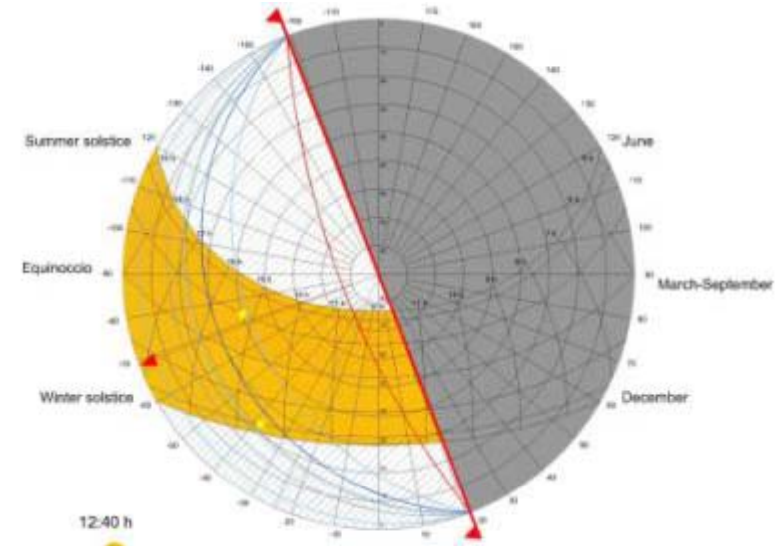
## ACCIONA R&D DESIGN APPROACH



## ANALYSIS OF

- Location and climate
- Geographical conditions
- Microclimate

→ Determines the passive strategies to be adopted in order to optimize the energy efficiency of the building



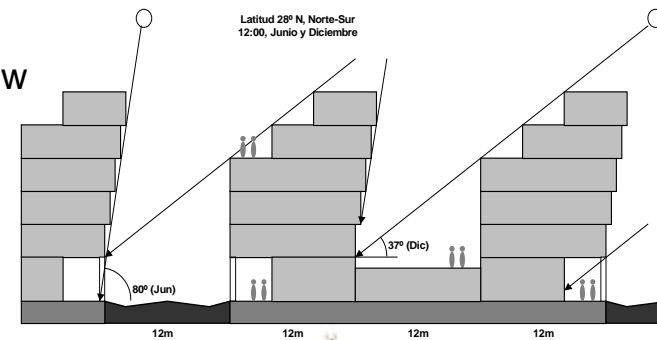
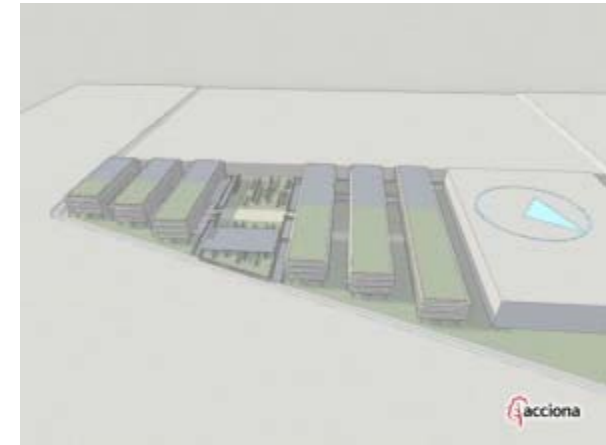
**Building form:** Rate linking external surface/volume. Influence in the energy exchange of the building with the outside

**Orientation:** Obtaining maximum radiation in winter and minimum in summer

**Spatial distribution:** rooms with less occupancy to be located in most thermally exposed building zones

**Volume:** Façade protected from solar radiation through setbacks

**Surroundings:** Analysis of the influence of green areas, open areas, other buildings, etc, on the building. Foresight of the new high rise building impact in the area.

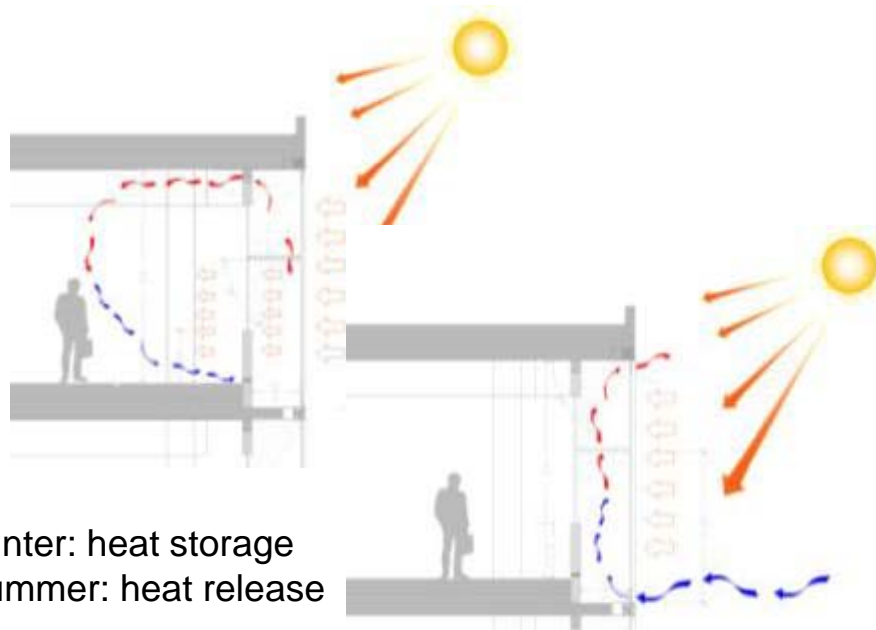


## Building envelope:

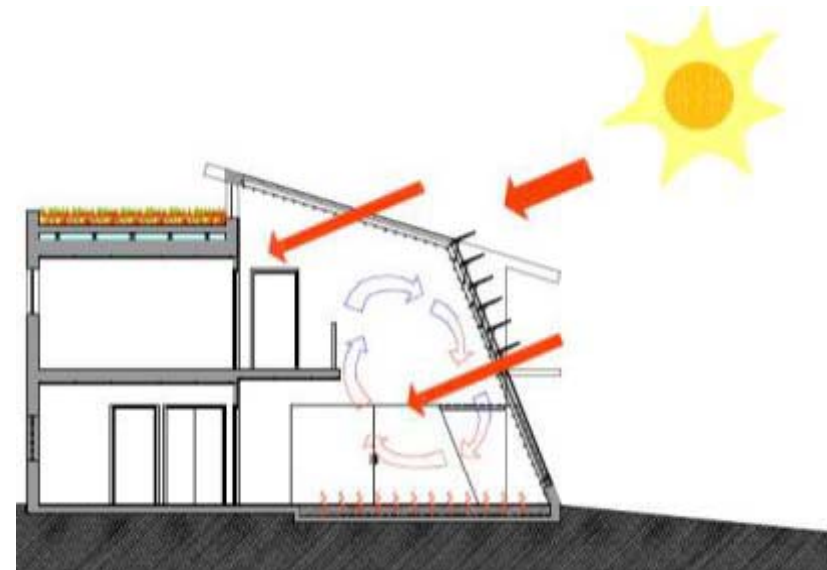
High rise buildings challenge: small roof area. Façade has to be carefully designed and used for passive strategies.

**WINTER** heat storage systems  
heat circulation  
greenhouse effect  
windows location

**SUMMER** Shadowing  
Natural ventilation (ventilated façade)  
Vertical gardens  
Light colors



Winter: heat storage  
Summer: heat release

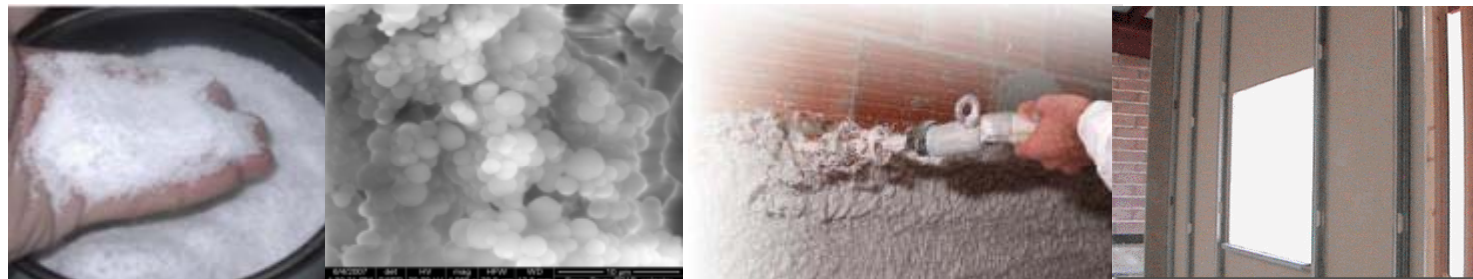


## Materials:

- Selection of materials with thermal properties
- Innovative envelope design
- Cost analysis



Use of PCM's to increase thermal inertia without increasing the thermal mass

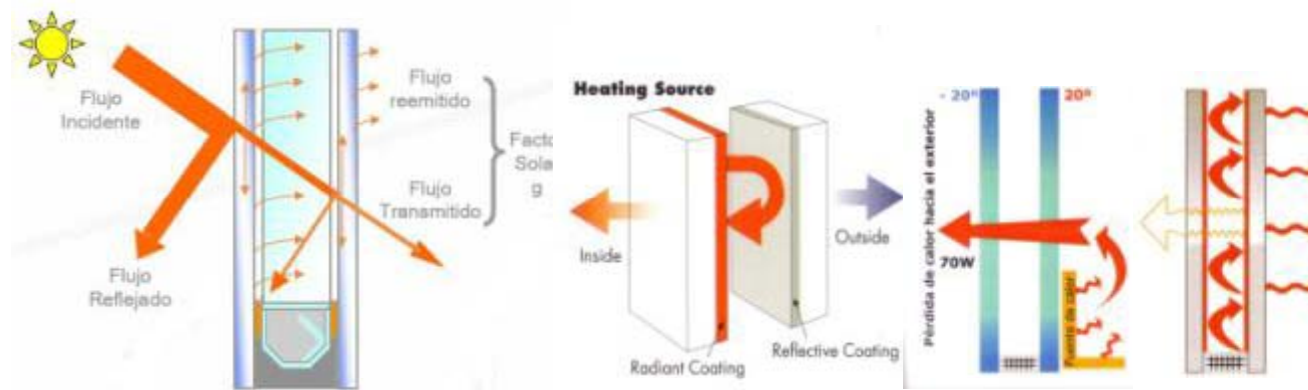


## Glazings:

Key element for high-rise buildings: large % of façade surface covered

1. Analysis of heat gains and losses through glazings
2. Determination of internal demands for heating and cooling

→ Choice of the most adapted solution according to the project characteristics and needs, and cost analysis



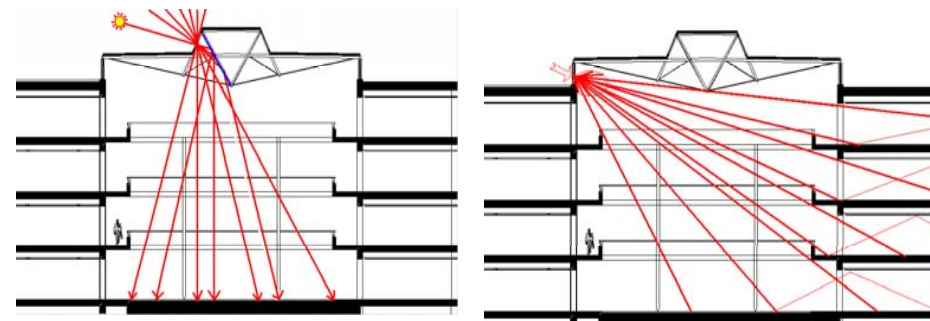
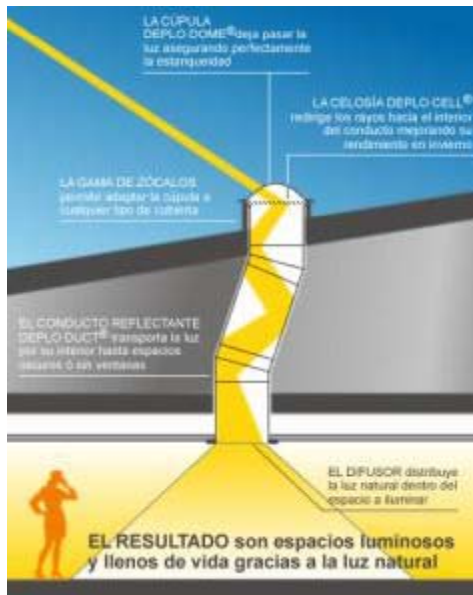


## Lighting

### Design criteria

- light quantity
- light distribution

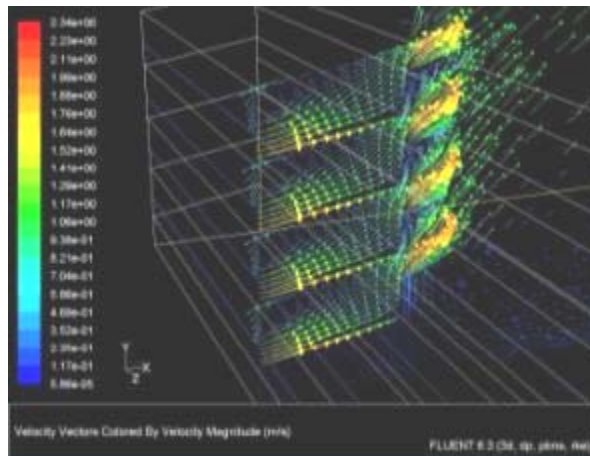
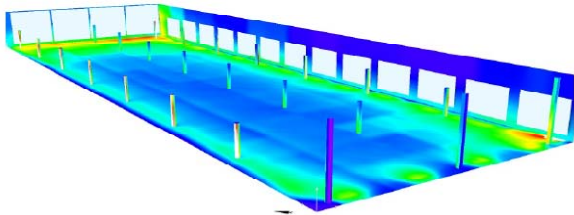
### Innovative technologies: natural light ducts



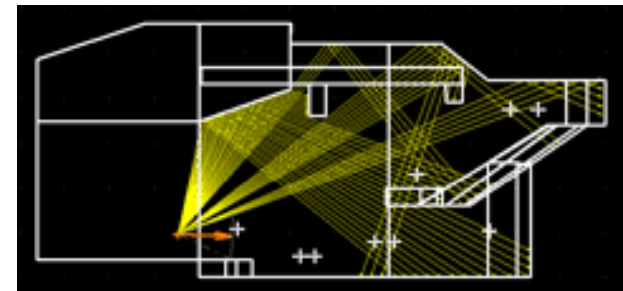
## OBJECTIVES

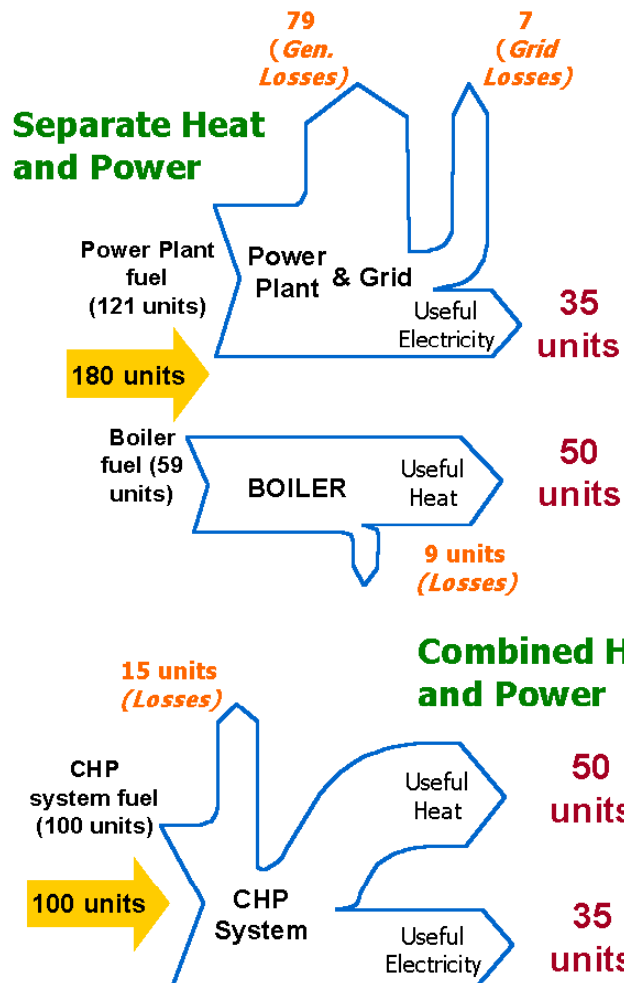
- Test the efficiency of proposed solutions
- Quantifications in terms on energy demand reduction
- Design support system

## TOOLS



**Energy+**  
**TRNSYS**  
**Ecotect**  
**FLUENT**  
**Dialux**  
**Acous-Stiff**  
**Acoubat**



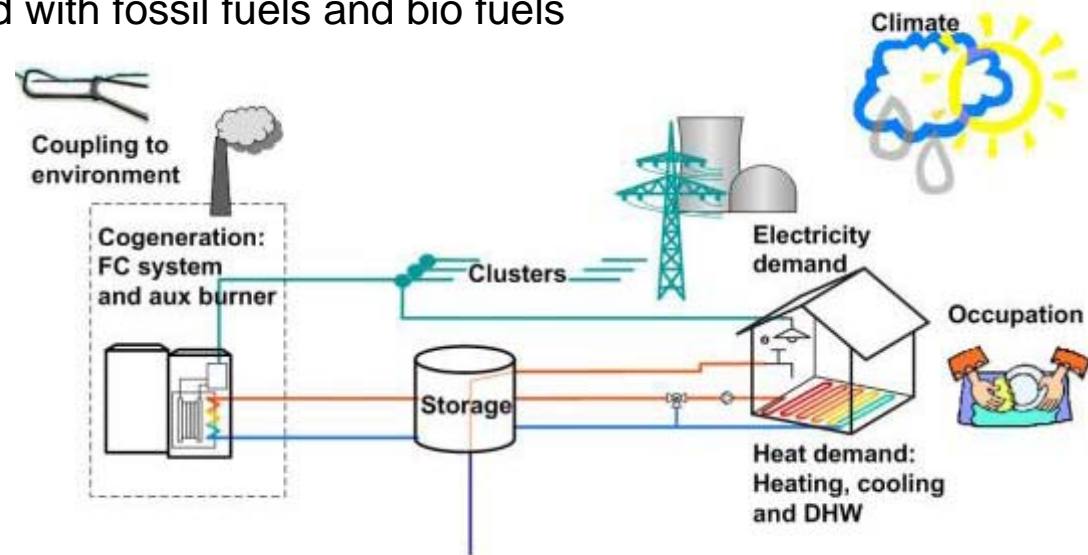


## Trigeneration system:

- Combined production of heating, DHW, cooling and electricity.
- Used in combination with absorption chiller, cover the base consumption of multi-dwelling building with centralized system.
- Used in parallel with traditional heat generators
- Use of electricity to self sustain the process

Requires a high impact refurbishment – new technologies at level of heating terminals, heat generation room and control system.

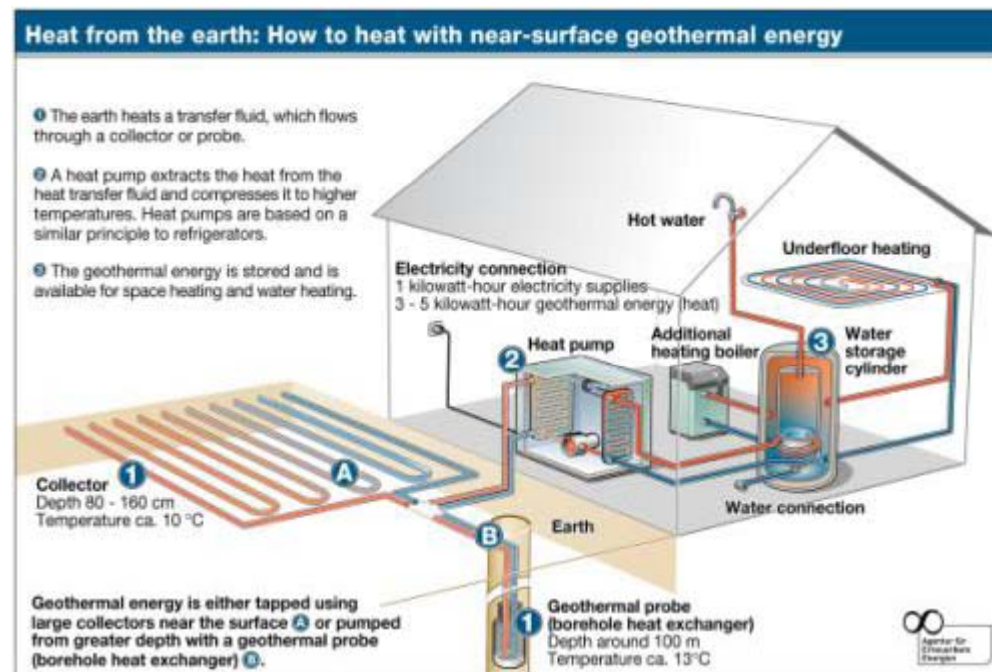
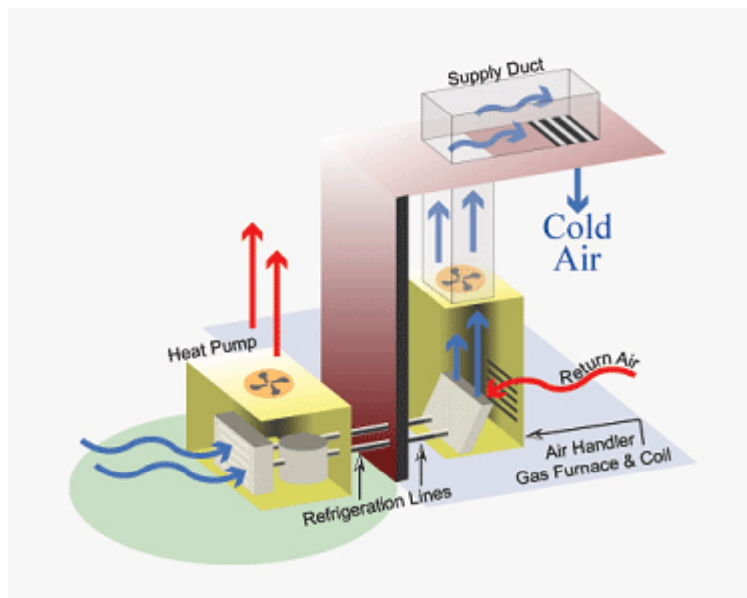
Fed with fossil fuels and bio fuels



### High efficiency heat pump:

- Alternative production of heating, DHW and cooling.
- Used in combination with heating generators, can be used in modular or centralized applications.
- Multi fed system, move energy from place to another by electricity consumption.
- Can be coupled with RES like: geothermal, solar thermal, PV and biomass burners
- Provide heat at low temperature
- Can work with COP up to 5 or more.

Requires a low impact refurbishment – new technologies at level of heating terminals, heat source and control system.

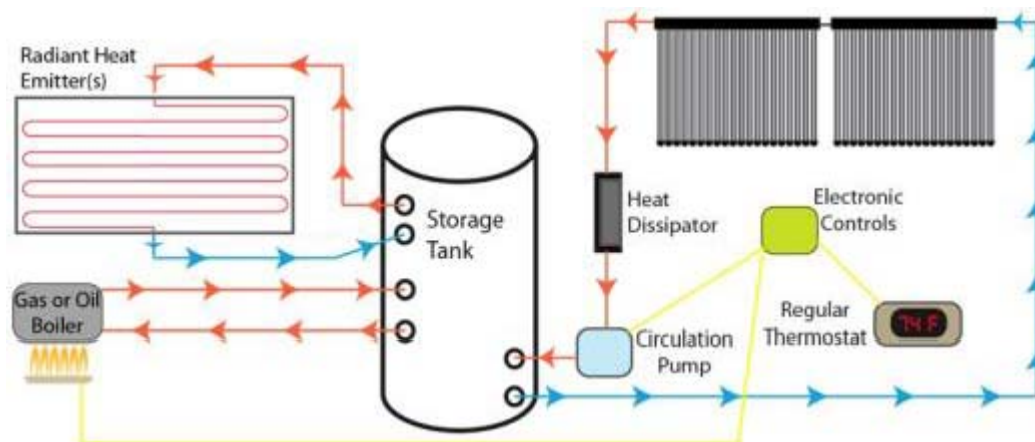


## Thermo solar:

- Production of hot energy for DHW at high temperature and low temperature free heating.
- Used in combination with heating generators, can be used in modular or centralized applications.
- Can be coupled to existing facilities to cover a percentage of heat consumption or to feed them.
- Low cost, high surface, simple installation, high integration.

Requires a low impact refurbishment – new technologies at level of heating terminals, heat source and control system.

## Solar heating

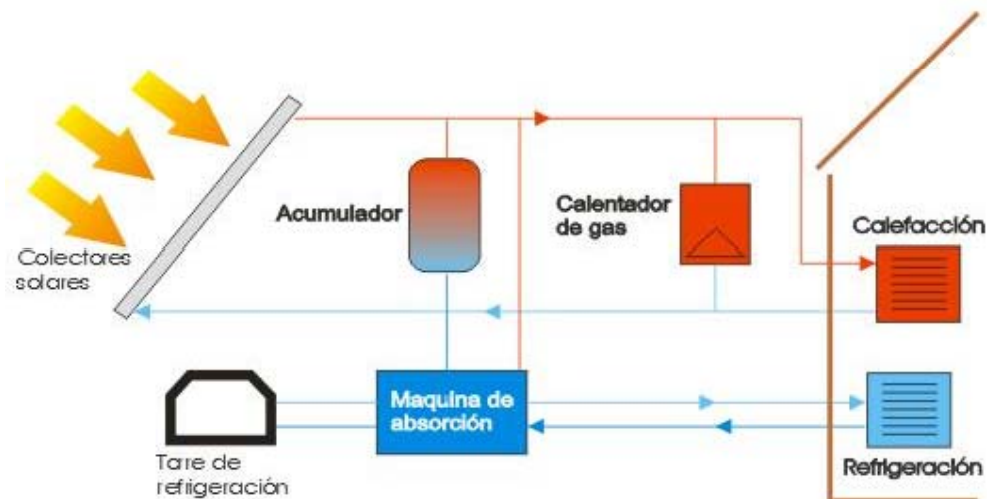


## Absorption process:

- Production of cold energy from hot source.
- Exploitation of solar power during cooling period.
- Can be coupled to existing facilities to cover the whole cooling energy demand.
- High cost, high surface, complex installation, high integration, dual use (winter – summer).

Requires a high impact refurbishment, integration with thermo-solar, high level control.

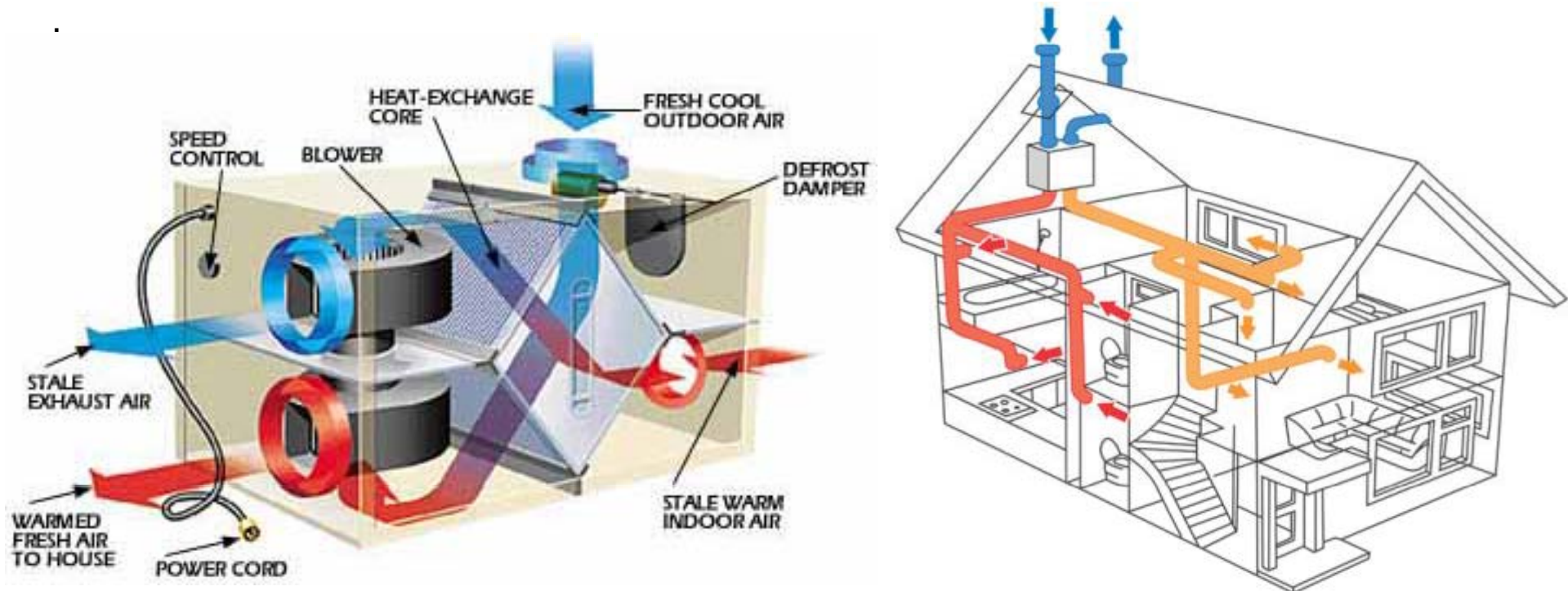
## Solar Cooling



### Ventilation heat recovery:

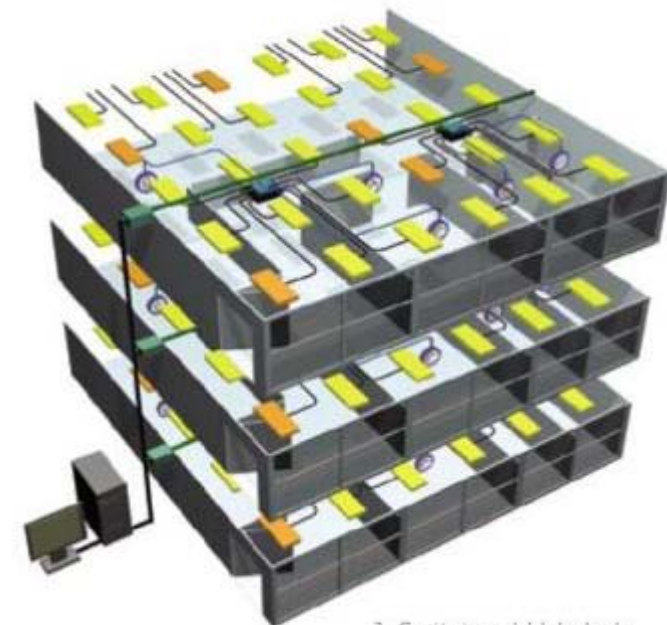
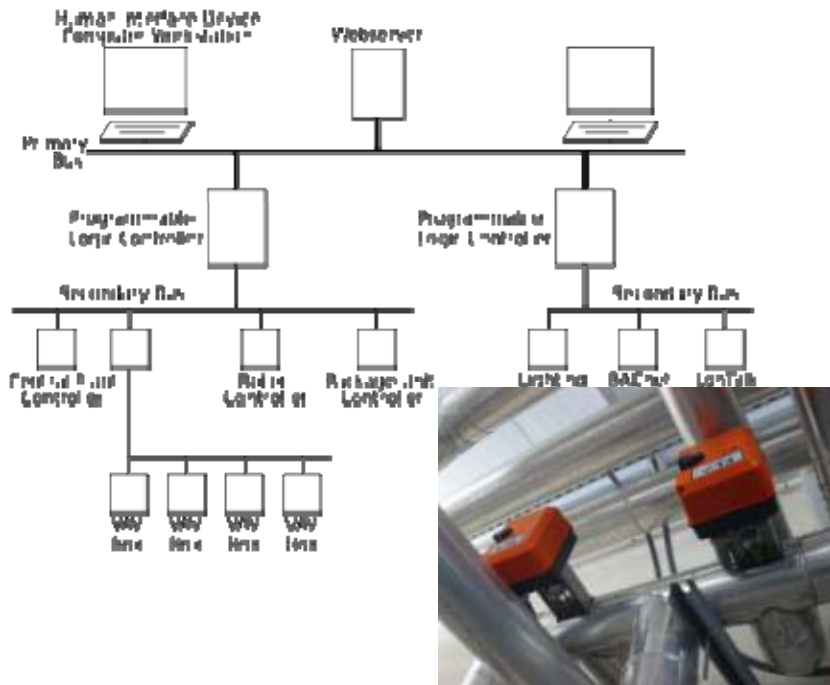
- Possibility to recover part of heat dissipated by ventilation.
- Integration with traditional and Renewable energy generators.
- Can be coupled to existing facilities to cover the whole cooling and heating energy demand.
- Low cost, high impact, complex installation, high integration, dual use (winter – summer).

Requires a medium impact refurbishment, high level control, is used as support to conventional generators for conditioning.



## Eco efficient solutions

- **integral BMS**: manage all installations and facilities of the building in a centralized way, including: light, ventilation, heating, cooling, additional services and safety issues.
- Implement advanced control strategies, in order to get the maximum efficiency and the maximum energy savings at the same comfort conditions.
- Energy consumption on time monitoring and management



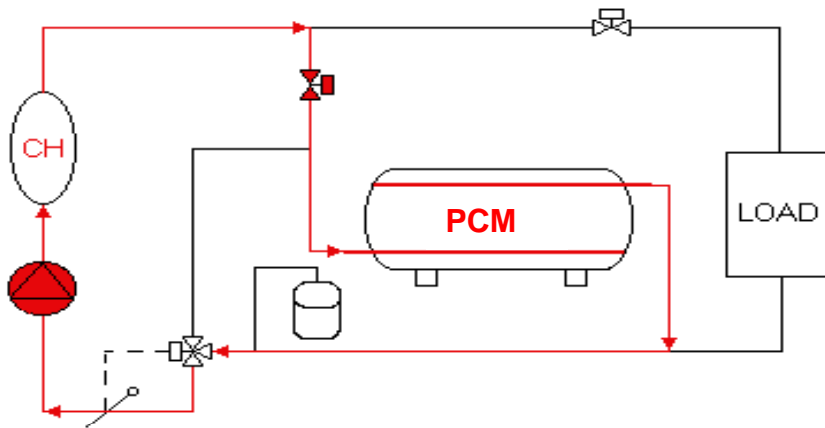
3. Gestión integral del alumbrado



# Heating terminals and storage systems



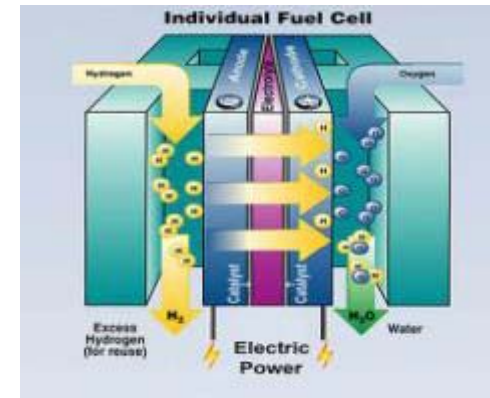
Low temperature radiant terminals



Heat storage with Phase Change Materials



Flywheel



Fuel Cell

# acciona High Rise Building European Project – Cost Effective

- In the *Cost Effective* project, 26 European partners cooperate to develop concepts and components therein to convert the facades of existing “high-rise buildings” into multifunctional energy gaining entities, aiming to have a substantial effect on the energy conservation potential in the EU25 and the associated CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation.



- In 'high rise' buildings, the area of the roof does not suffice for renewable energy sources to contribute substantially to the total energy demand of the building. Hence it is necessary to use the façade, in addition to the roof, for energy conversion.

## Initial position

40% of the CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions in EU25 are caused by buildings

- the use of renewables has to be increased, especially in large non-residential buildings
- net-zero energy buildings are the target



Haus der Zukunft, Regensburg  
project team: Sonnenkraft, fabi architekten, Hochschule Regensburg, Fraunhofer ISE

## Large non-residential buildings



Tour Carpe Diem, Paris. Stern Architects, NY  
Source: Emmer Pfenninger Partner

### Vision:

Converting facades of  
existing high rise buildings  
in energy gaining components

**Building categories** Post-war, reinforced concrete structure with massive facade  
 Reinforced concrete with (precast) concrete façade  
 Skeleton construction with precast concrete panels (strip windows)  
 Skeleton construction with curtain-wall façade

**Image**



category	1	2	3	4
time line	1945-1965	1960-1980	1975-1990	1975-1995
main construction	reinforced concrete	reinforced concrete	reinforced concrete	reinforced concrete
precast	no	possible	possible	no
facade	load bearing	load bearing	non bearing	non bearing
stability	facade	facade/core	core	core
material facade	massive brick, brick cavity wall	brick, natural stone, stucco, ceramic tiles, glass cladding	concrete, metal cladding	metal profiles, metal cladding
glazing	single	single/double	double	double
windows	openable	openable	openable	openable/closed
floor plan	linear cell structure	linear cell structure	core cell structure	cell/open structure
air-conditioning	no	no	no	no
Façade therm. Insulation	no	in cavity 30-60mm	in cavity 30-60mm	in closed partition 30-60mm



## Technology under development

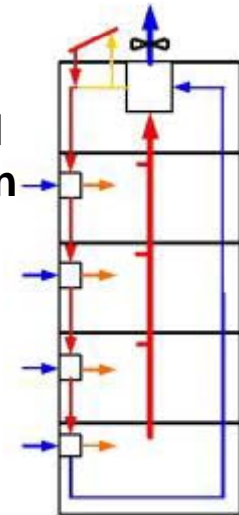


transparent solar thermal collector for glazing integration



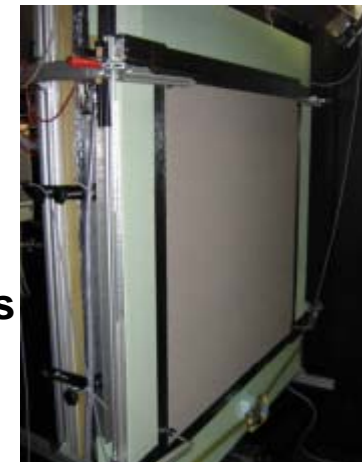
glare protection BIPV-component

facade integrated natural ventilation system with heat recovery



air-heating vacuum tube collector

unglazed solar thermal collector plus heat pump





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