

# Numerical Analysis of the Adaptive Solar Façade

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# The Adaptive Solar Façade (ASF)

- Individually Actuated Panels
- Combines Dynamic Shading with PV-Electricity Production



 Needs to be Optimized for Cooling, Heating, Lighting, Actuation and PV-Electricity Production



## **Overview**

- Introduction
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# **Problem Description**

**Optimization Problem** 

Minimize: C + H + L + A - PV

C = Cooling Energy

H = Heating Energy

L = Lighting Energy

A = Actuation Energy

PV = PV Electricity Production



# Methodology

Combination Of Different Tools To Achieve Optimal Results

Radiation Analysis

LadyBug

DIVA/Energy Analysis

Building Energy Analysis

DIVA/EnergyPlus

Building Energy
Demand

Post Processing

Python

Python

Solar Facade Parameters

Rhino/Grasshopper

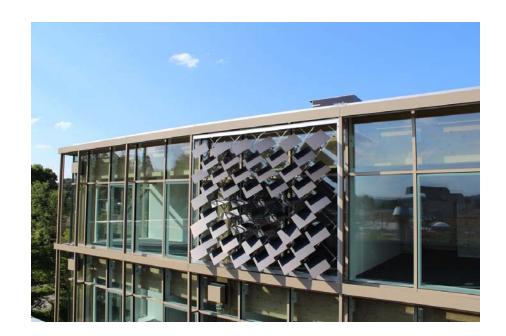
Results

**Building Parameters** 



# Case Study

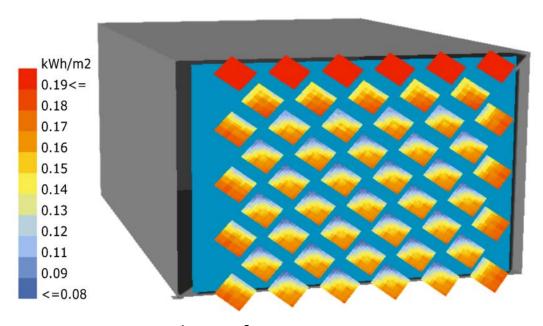
- Single Zone Office
- Simulation for One Year
- Weather File for Geneva





## Radiation on Panels (Collaboration with Johannes)

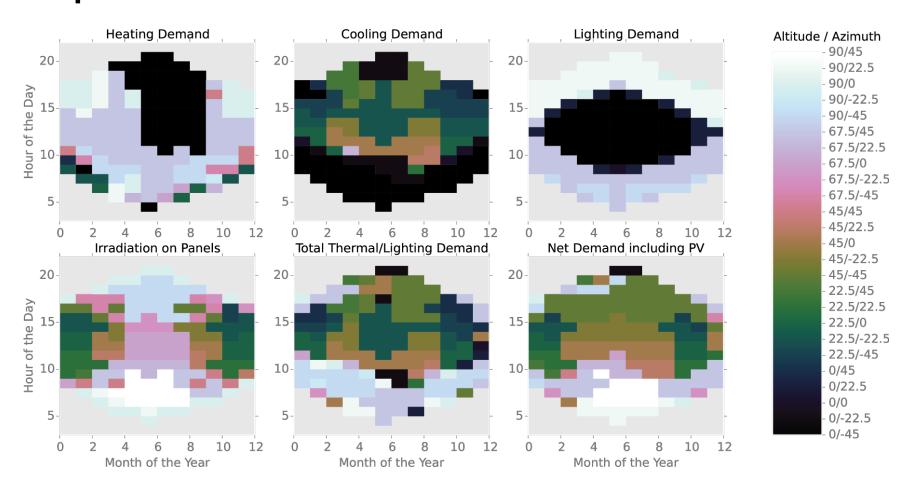
- Radiation Analysis with Ladybug
- Includes Self-Shading



Insolation from 11:00-12:00 on June 16

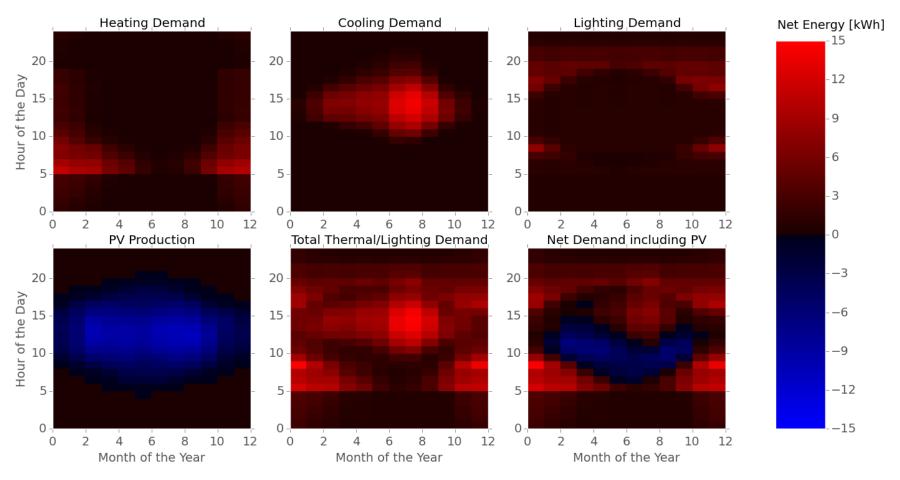


# **Optimum Orientation of Panels**





# Net Energy Demand at Optimum Orientation





## **Conclusions**

Developed Simulation Framework for the ASF

 Successfully combine PV-Electricity Production with Building Energy Demand

Optimal Angles for Single Cluster Found

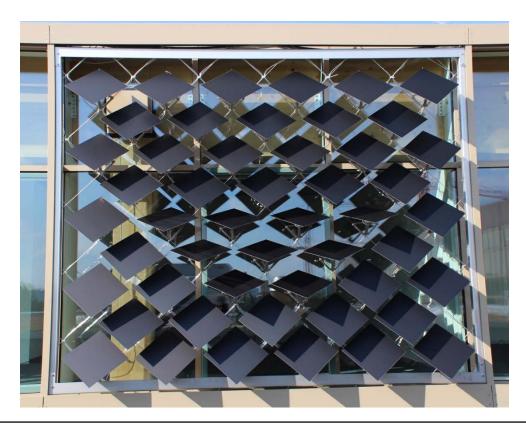


## Outlook

- Development of RC-Building Energy Simulation Tool (Collaboration with Mario and Amr)
- Include detailed Efficiency Analysis of PV-Electricity Production (Collaboration with Johannes)
- Include Energy-Use for Actuation in Simulation
- Analyze Results for different Regions and Building Typologies
- Use Multiple Clusters of PV-Panels



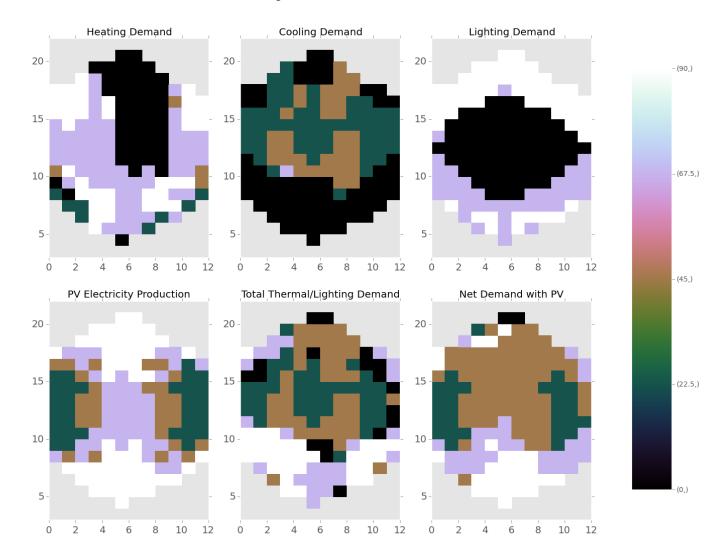
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https://github.com/architecture-building-systems/ASF\_Simulation

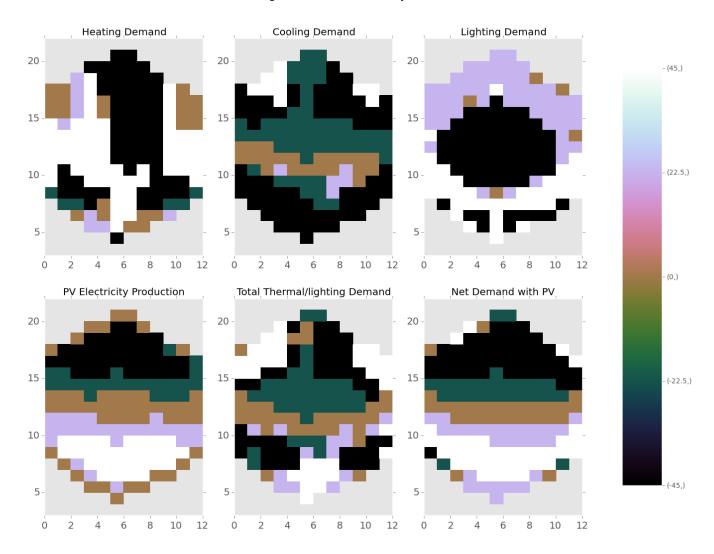


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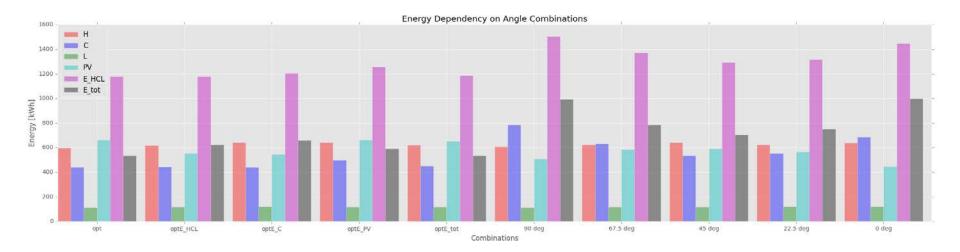


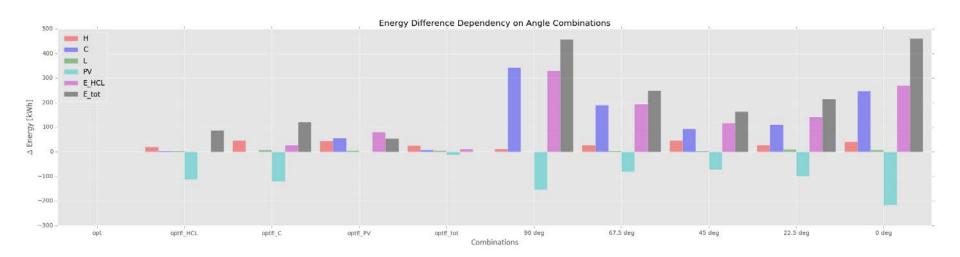


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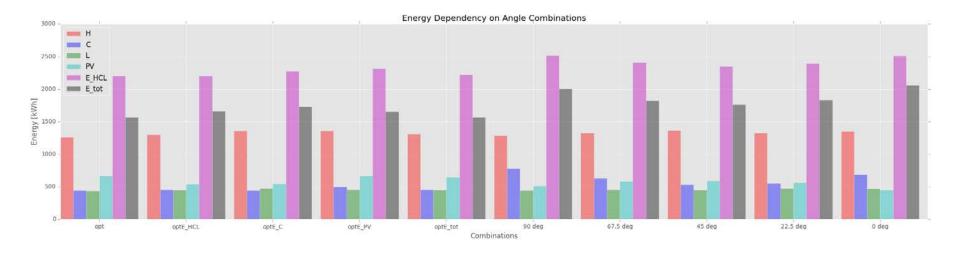
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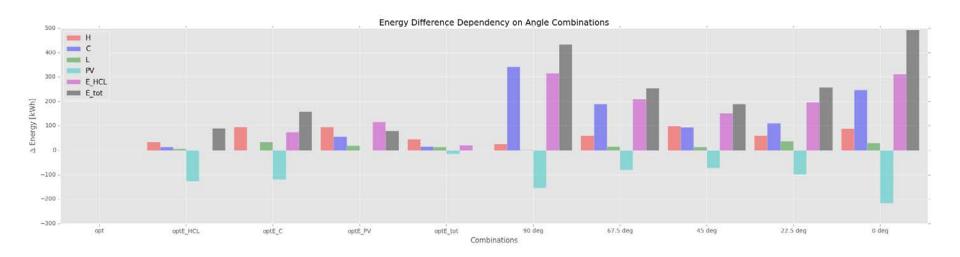




Heating COP = 3 Cooling COP = 3 Lighting = 3 W/m2 PV-efficiency = 0.072



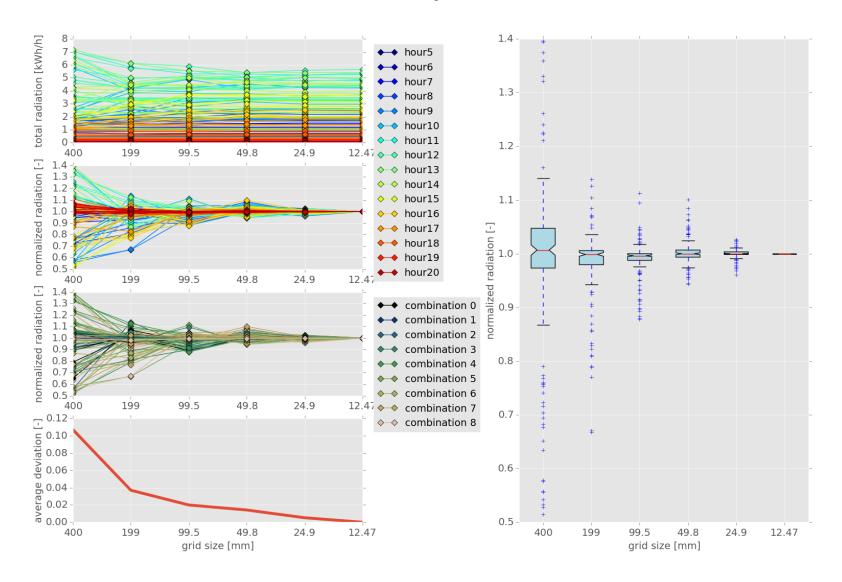




Heating COP = 0.85 Cooling COP = 3 Lighting = 11.74 W/m2 PV-efficiency = 0.072

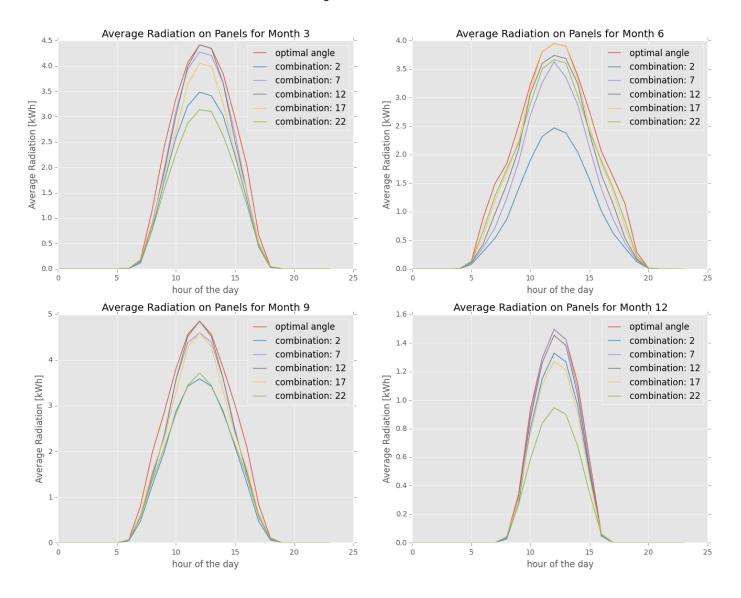


### **Grid Convergence**





#### Average Radiation on Panels



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#### Total Radiation on Panels

