

ABC-Tower - Cologne

Thermodynamic Building simulations

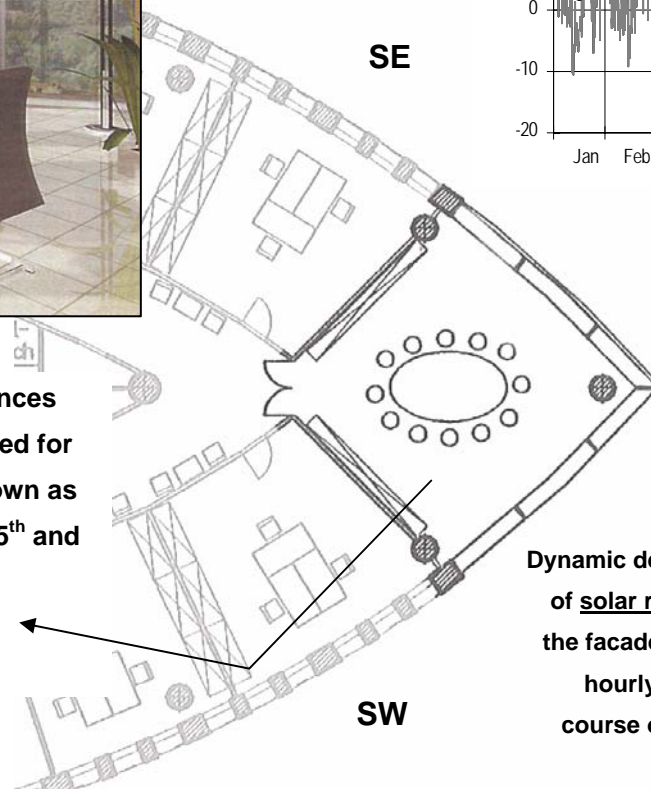
Presentation of thermodynamic influences
on the building simulation by means of
a structural physical analysis
for two building levels



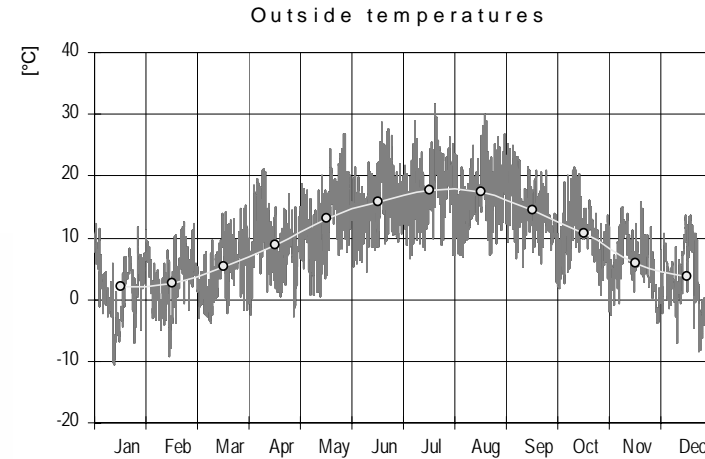
General



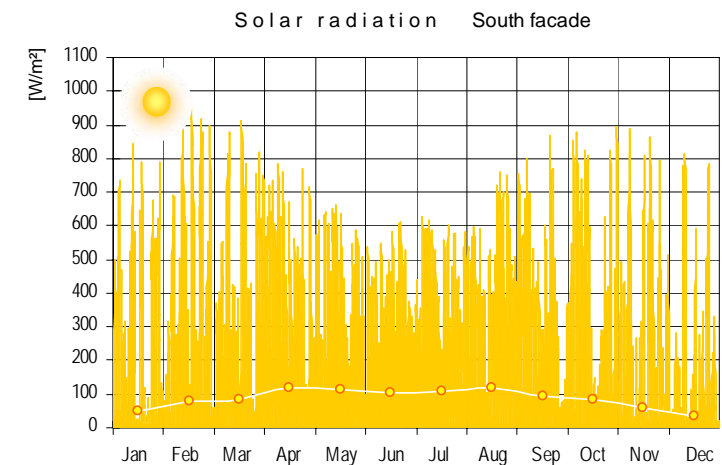
In order to illustrate transient / dynamic influences on the indoor climate and its effects on the need for heating and on thermal comfort, these are shown as an example in two conference rooms on the 15th and 16th floors.



Local surrounding climate



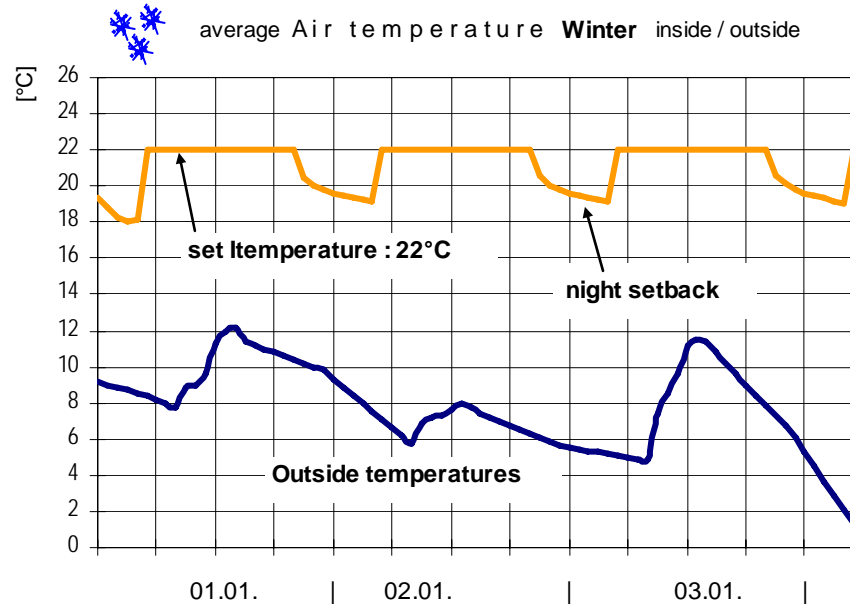
Dynamic development of the outside air temperature measured hourly during the course of one year.



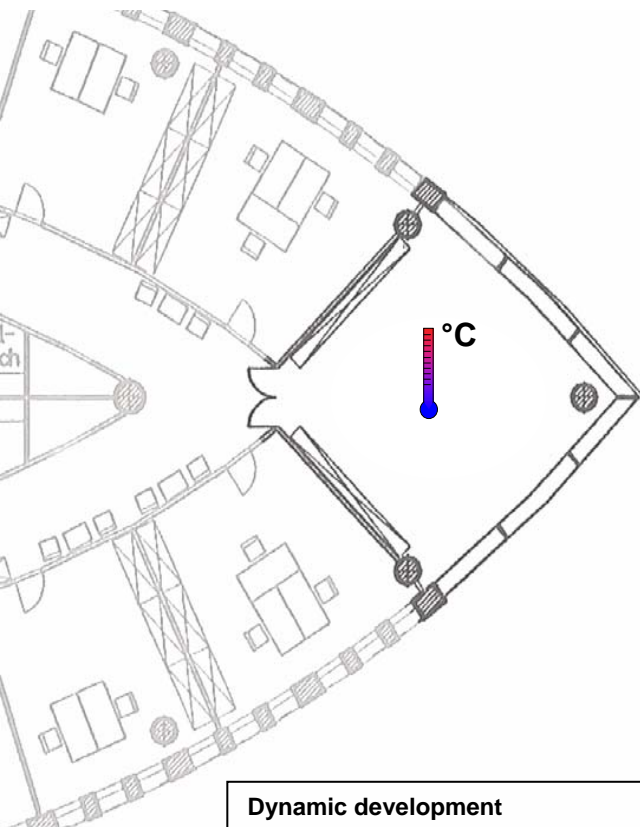
Dynamic development of solar radiation on the facade measured hourly during the course of one year.

Indoor air temperatures

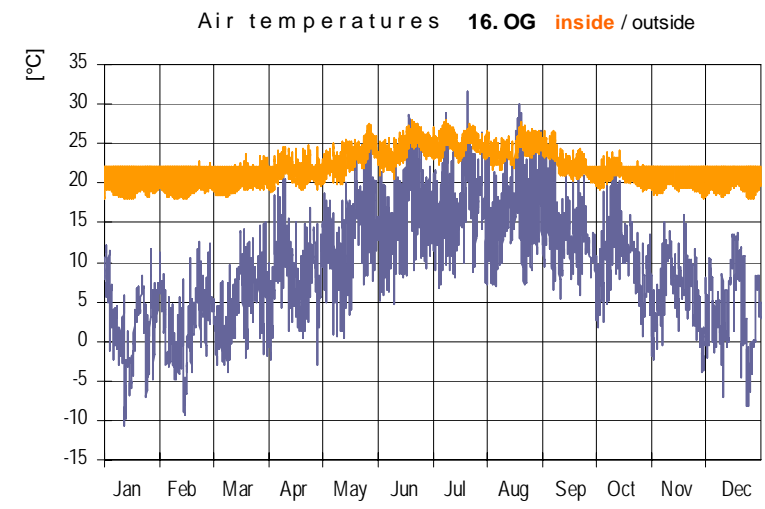
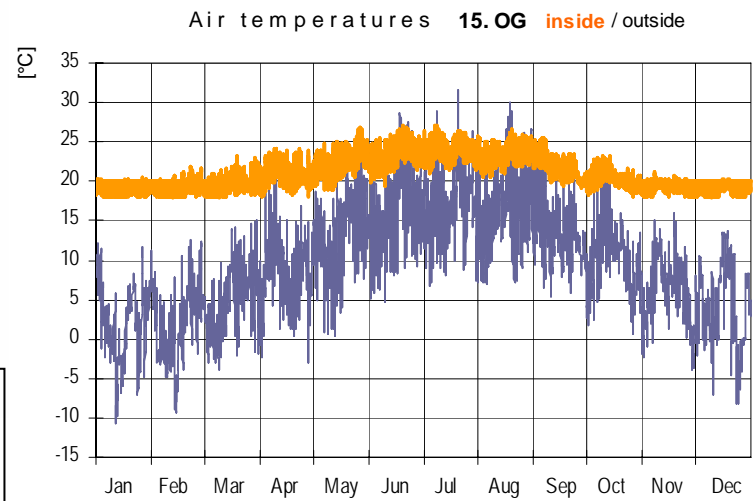
By adhering to the required temperature in the rooms, dynamically flowing indoor temperatures will arise resulting from the exterior climate and from indoor influences (ventilation, persons, etc.)



exemplary daily data of indoor temperatures with set ltemperature during hours of use and individual night setback.



Dynamic development of indoor temperatures (and outside temperatures) in the 15th and 16th floors .

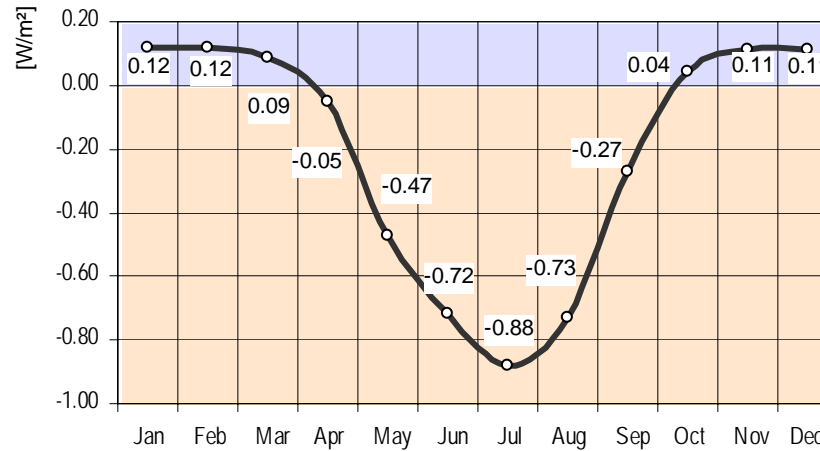


Heat flow in building parts

Via simulated temperatures indoors and on indoor surfaces the heat loss and gain on building structures can be determined in the form of a heat flow.

Compared with a transient simulation, dynamic interactions between rooms via the inside walls become clearly visible here.

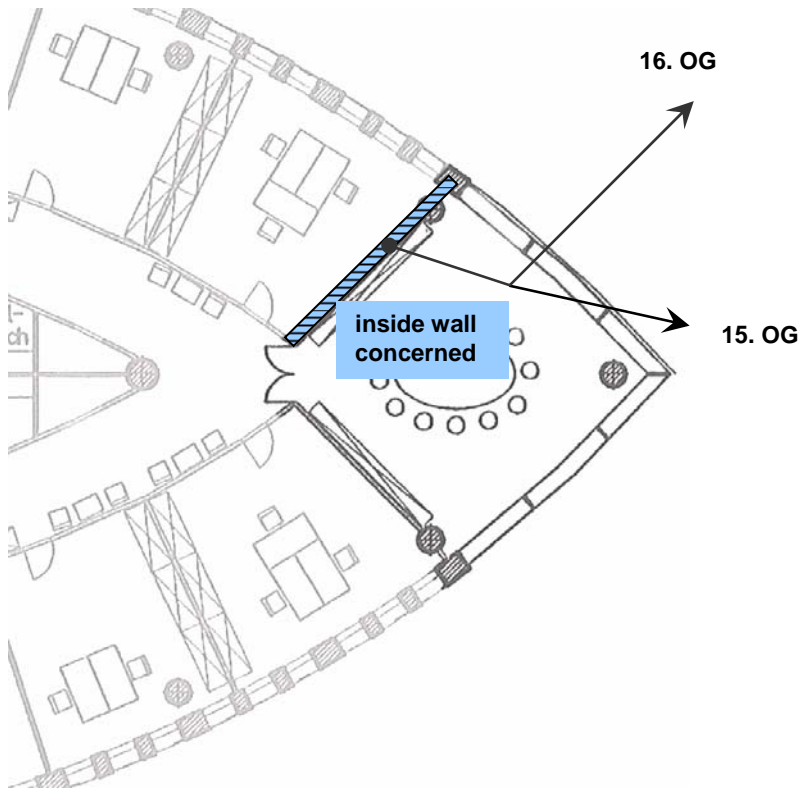
Average Heat Flow inside surfaces



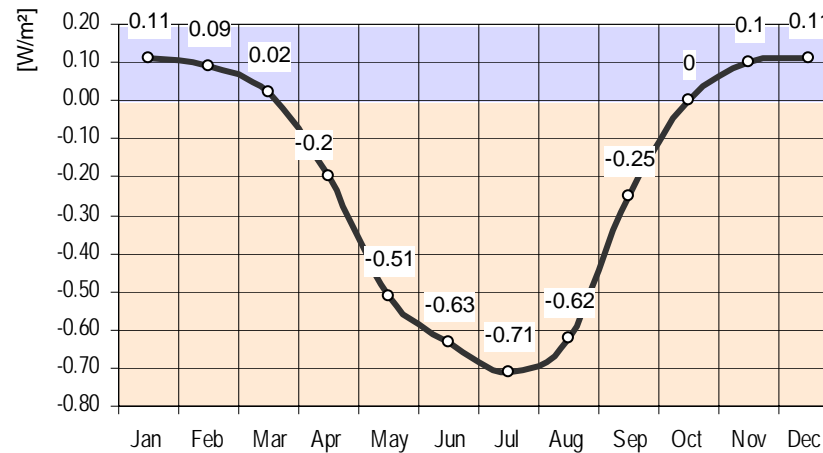
← heat loss via the wall

→ heat gain via the wall

Dynamic development of heat flow on the inside surfaces (average monthly values)



Average Heat Flow inside surfaces

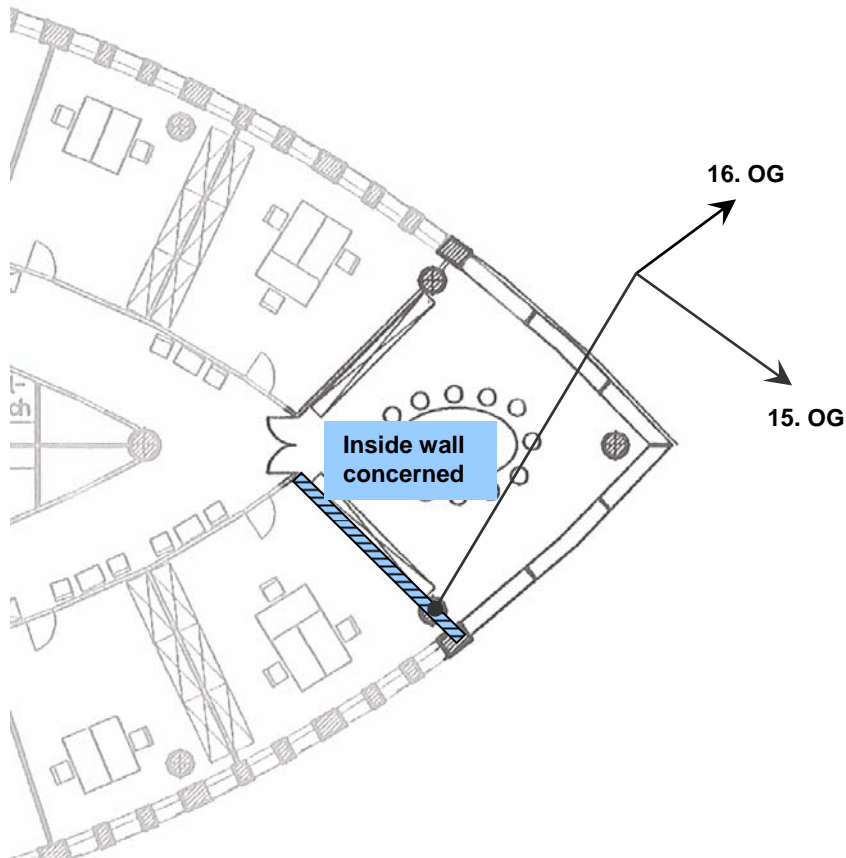


← heat loss via the wall

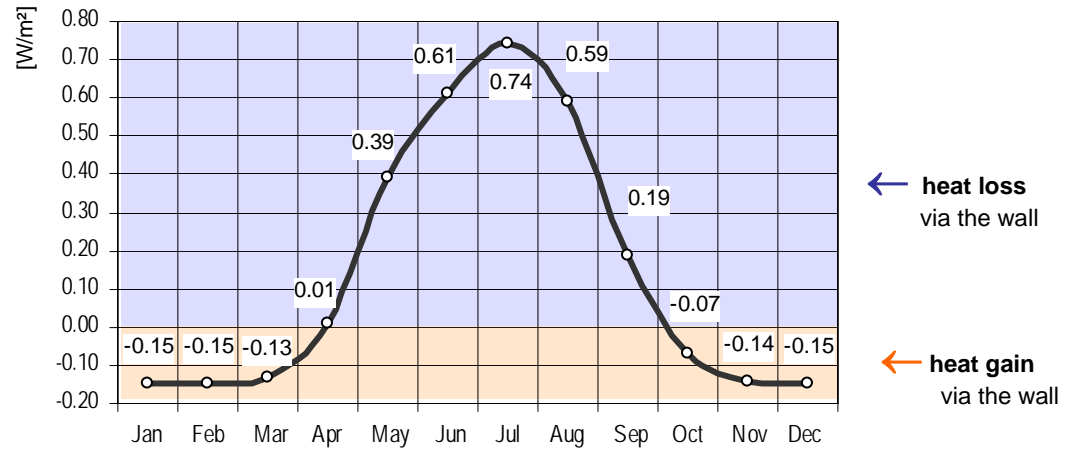
→ heat gain via the wall

Compared with the inside wall observed above, a seasonal reversal of the heat flow direction can clearly be seen.

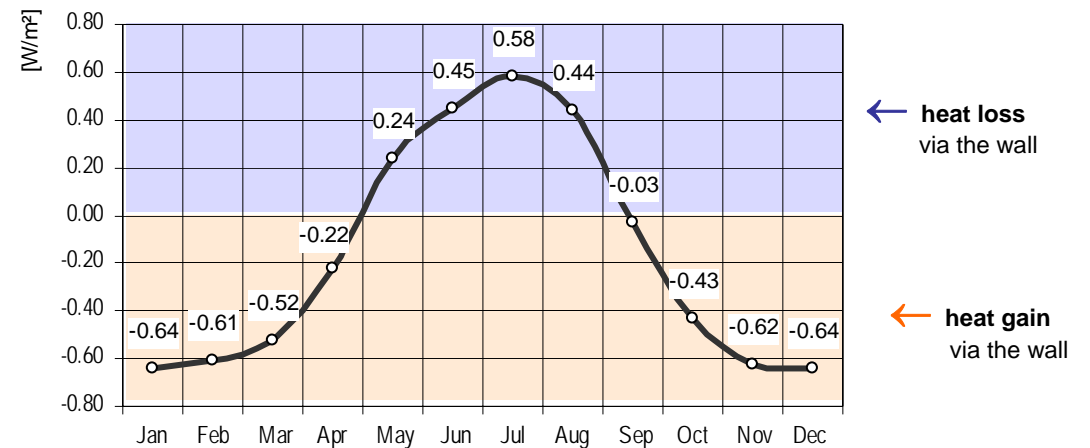
As opposed to the inside walls on the South-Eastern side, the inside walls on the South-Western sides transfer heat to the neighbouring rooms.



Average Heat Flow inside surfaces

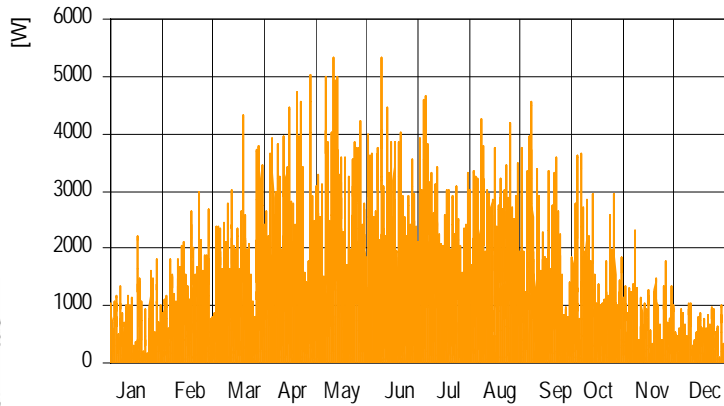


Average Heat Flow inside surfaces

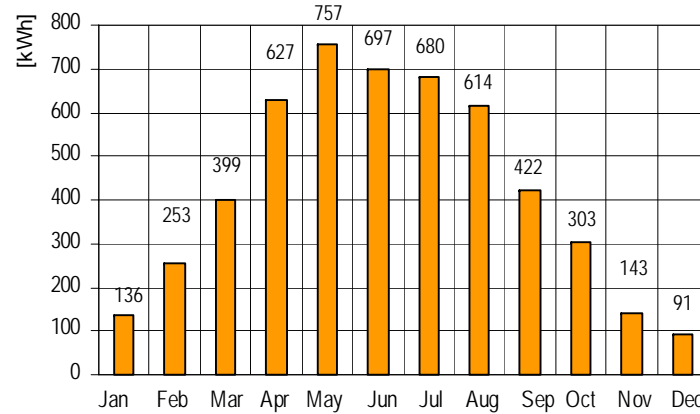


Heat assessment Room 15th floor

Solar radiation - gain (hourly values)

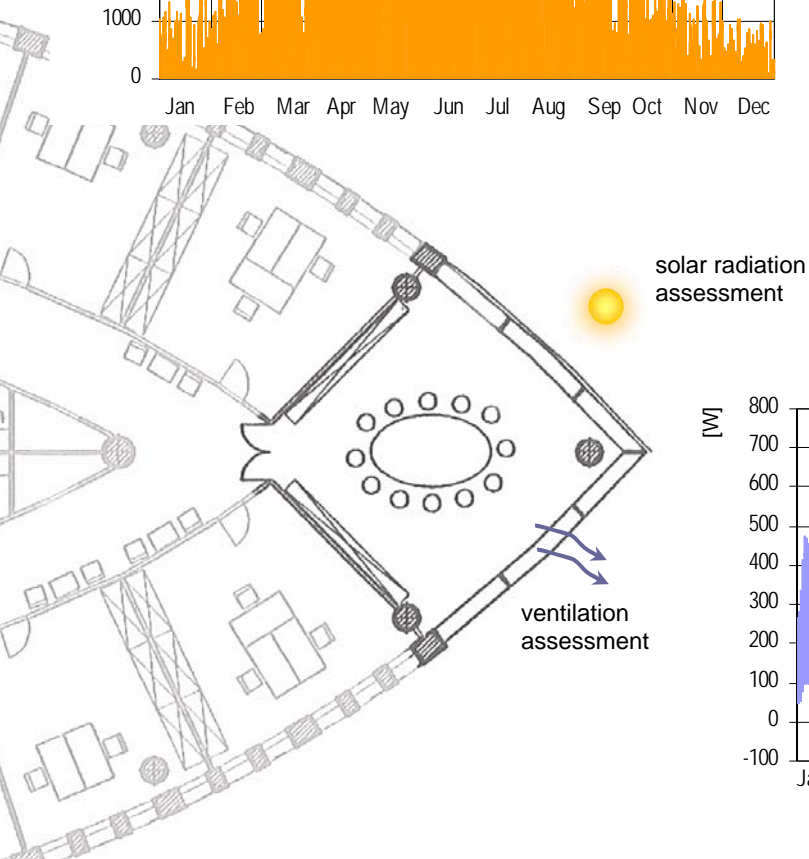


Solar heat - gain (monthly values)

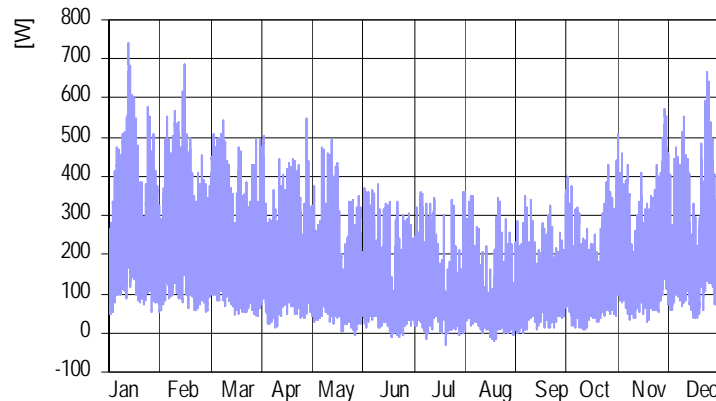


The overall view of heating energy in a room includes all thermic and energy-related individual influences (heat flow density, ventilation flow, solar source, indoor heat sources) which all dynamically interact with each other all the time.

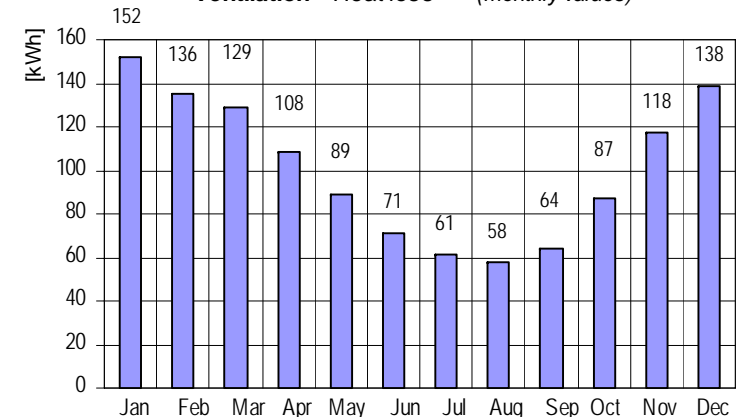
To determine a comprehensive monthly/annual overall view of heating energy, all these factors are combined during the course of the observations periods.



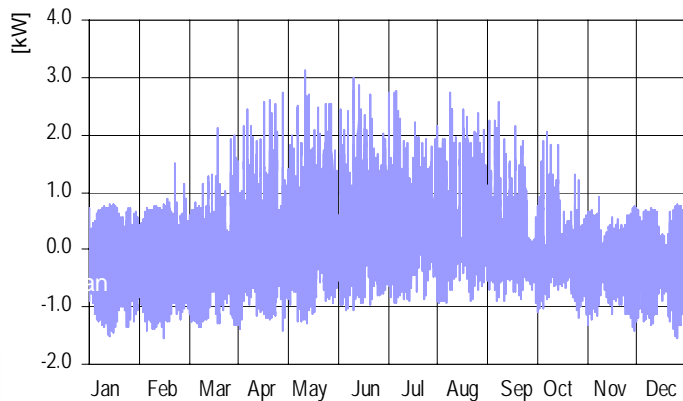
Ventilation performance loss (hourly values)



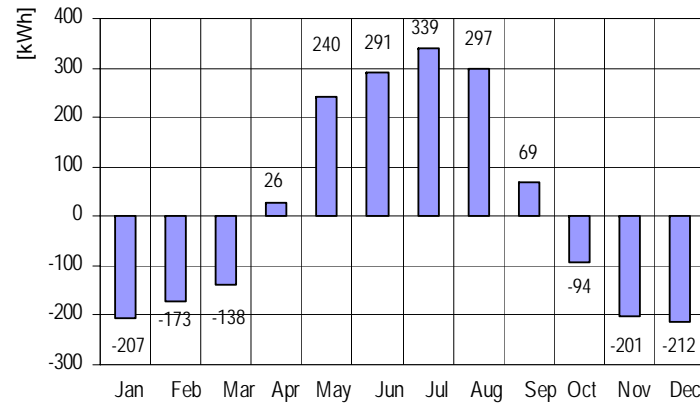
Ventilation Heat loss (monthly values)



Transmission flow loss (hourly values)

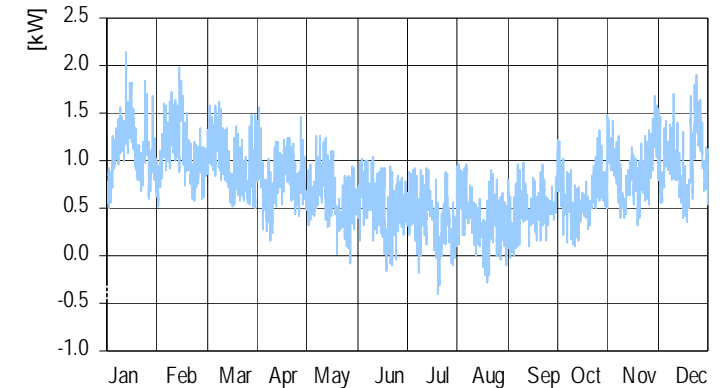


Heat transmission flow loss (monthly values)

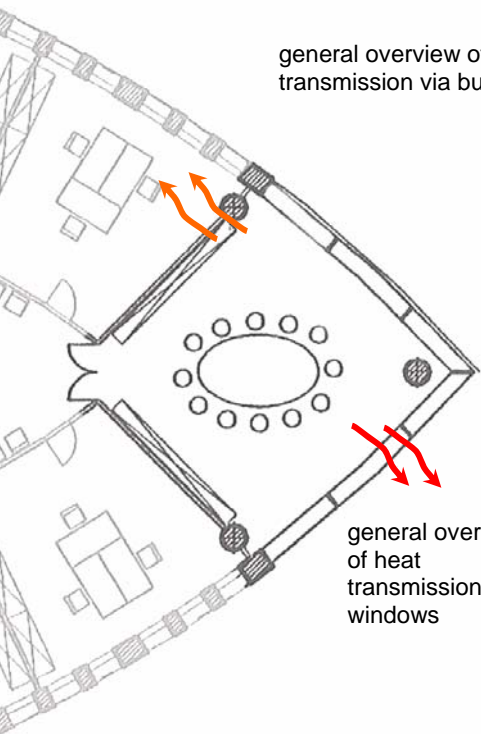


In view of the heat transmission via all enclosing room surfaces (walls, ceilings, windows, etc.) a general overview of heat transmission individual rooms can be determined.

Transmission flow loss Windows (hourly values)

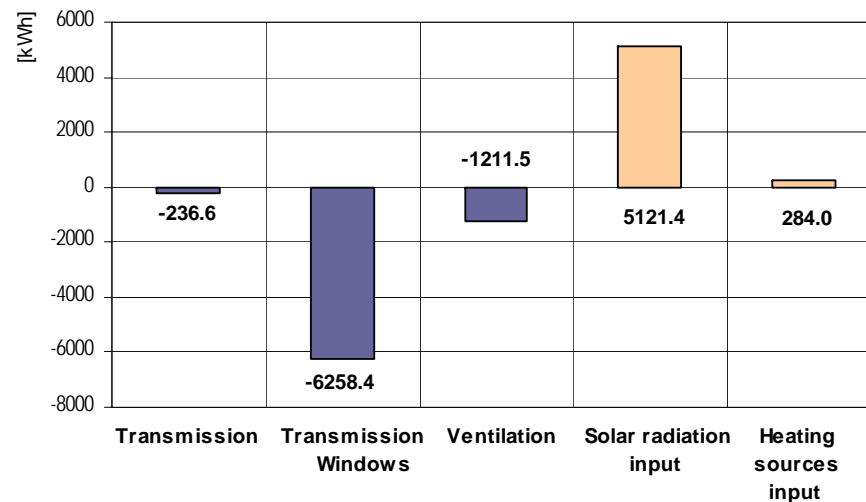


general overview of heat transmission via building parts



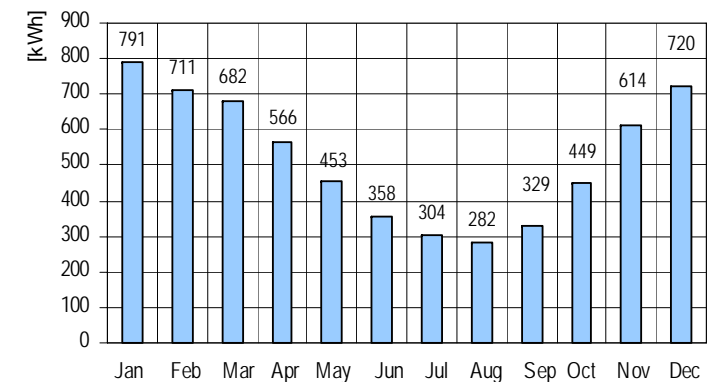
general overview of heat transmission via windows

Annual Heating overview [kWh]



annual heating requirement : 2301,2 kWh

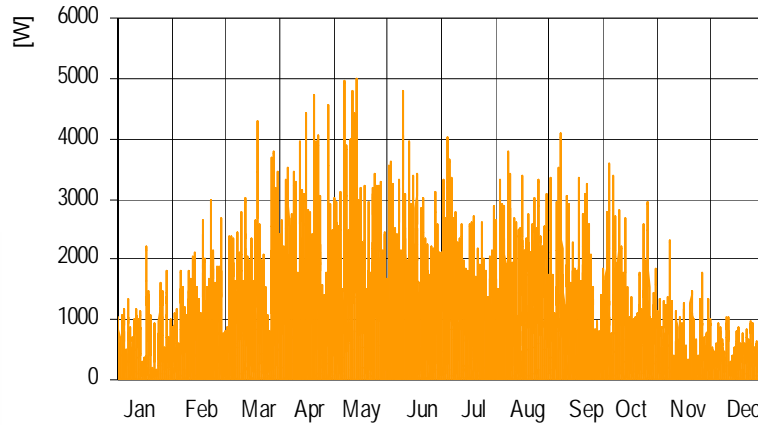
Heat transmission flow loss Windows (monthly values)



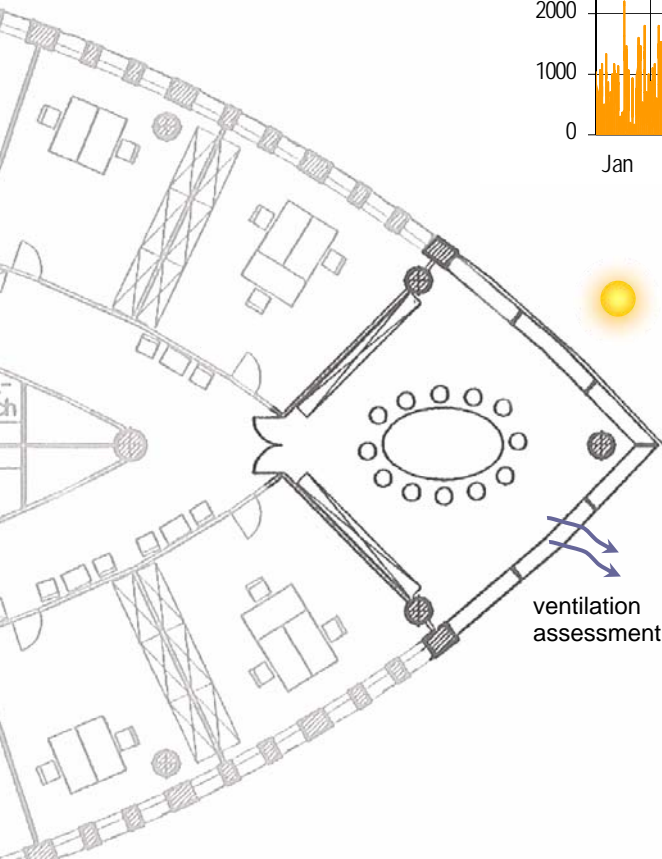
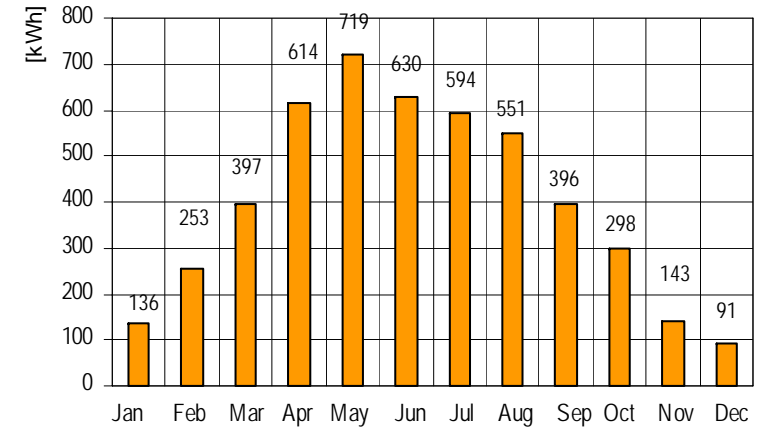
Heat assessment

Room 16th floor

Solar radiation - gain (hourly values)



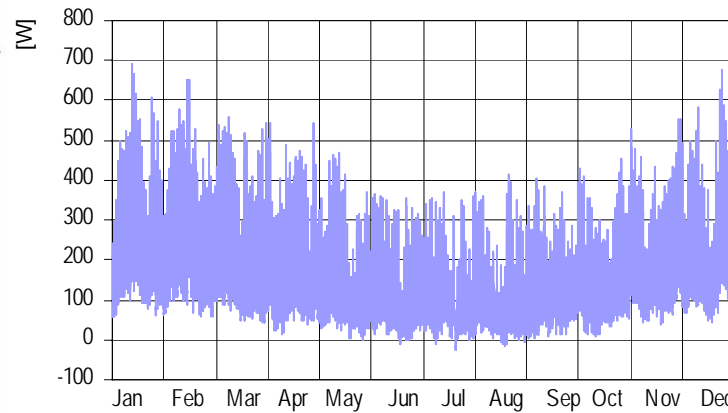
Solar heat - gain (monthly values)



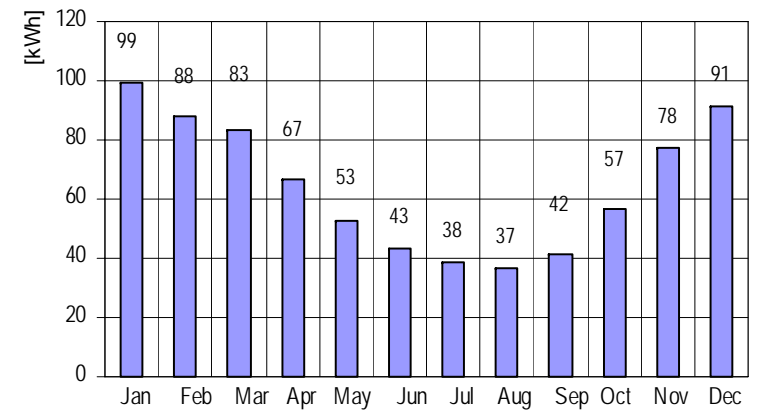
solar radiation assessment

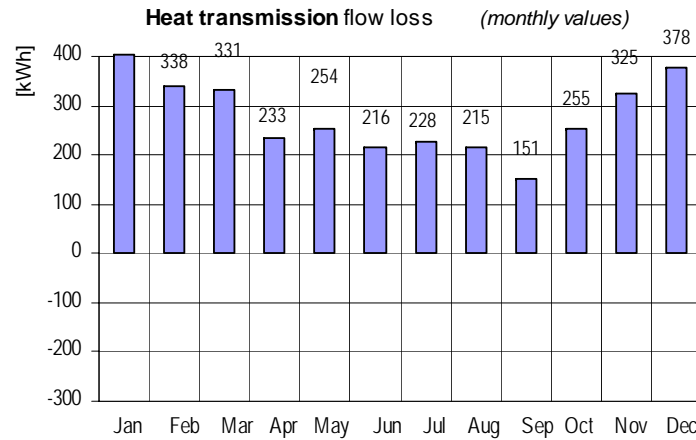
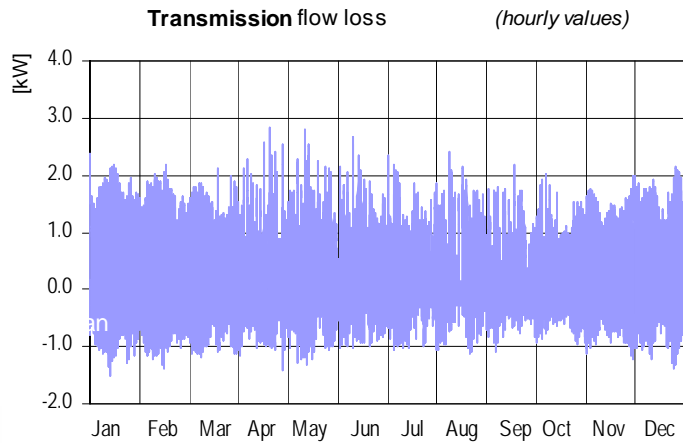
ventilation assessment

Ventilation performance loss (hourly values)

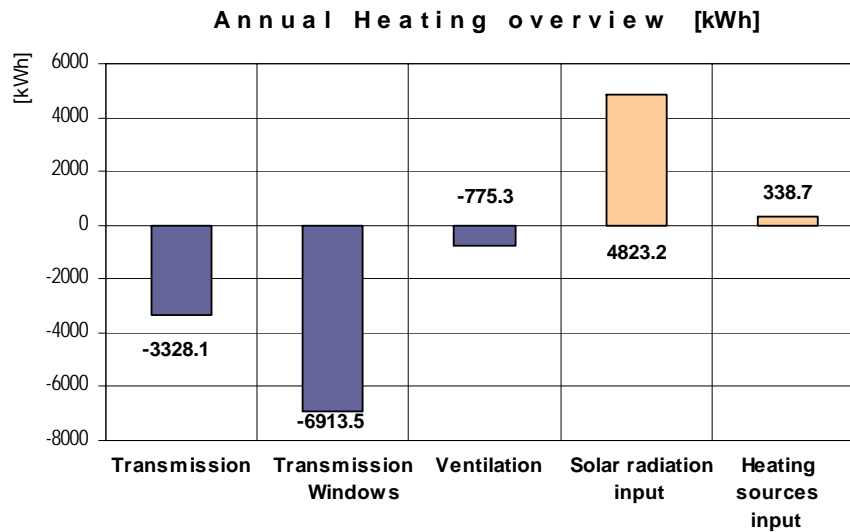
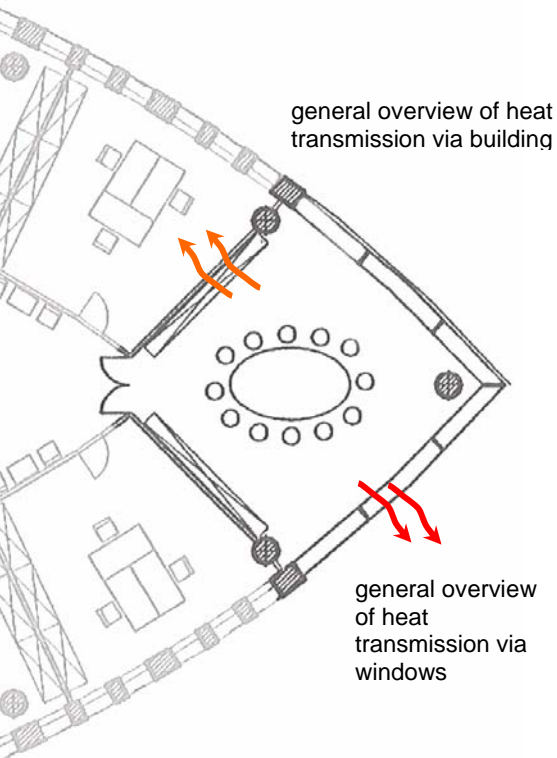
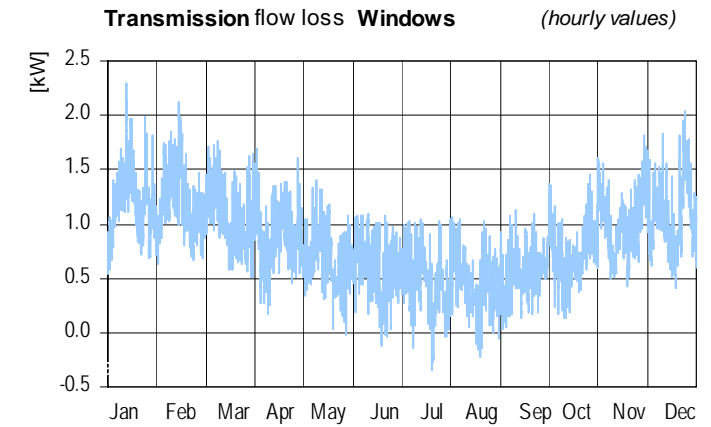


Ventilation Heat loss (monthly values)

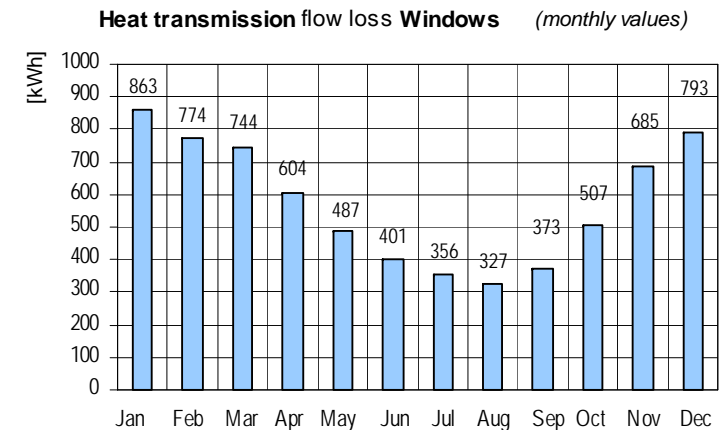




As opposed to the room on the 15th floor, the room on the 16th floor does not obtain any average heat transmission gain from neighbouring walls and ceilings during the Winter months, due to the fact that it gives off more to the outside air, being the top floor.



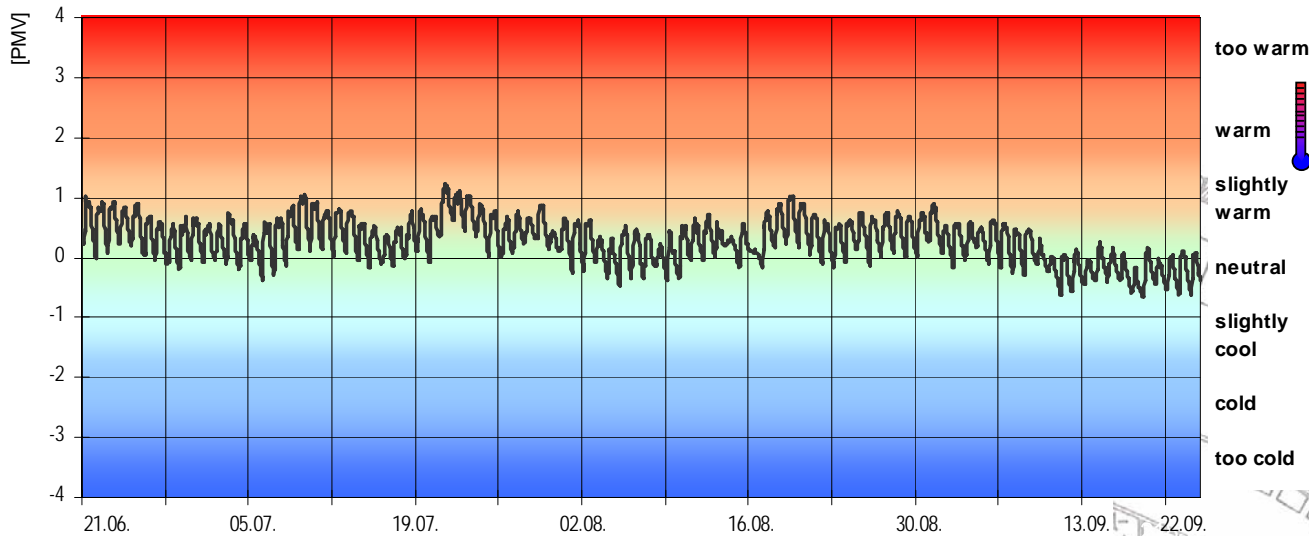
annual heating requirement : 5855,0 kWh



Thermal Comfort Room 15th floor Summer

Comfort

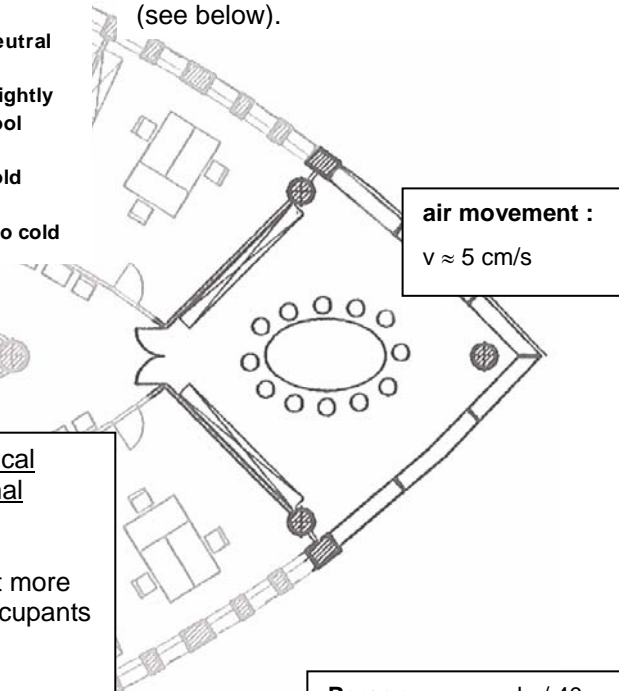
Predicted Mean Vote (Sommer 21.06. - 22.09.)



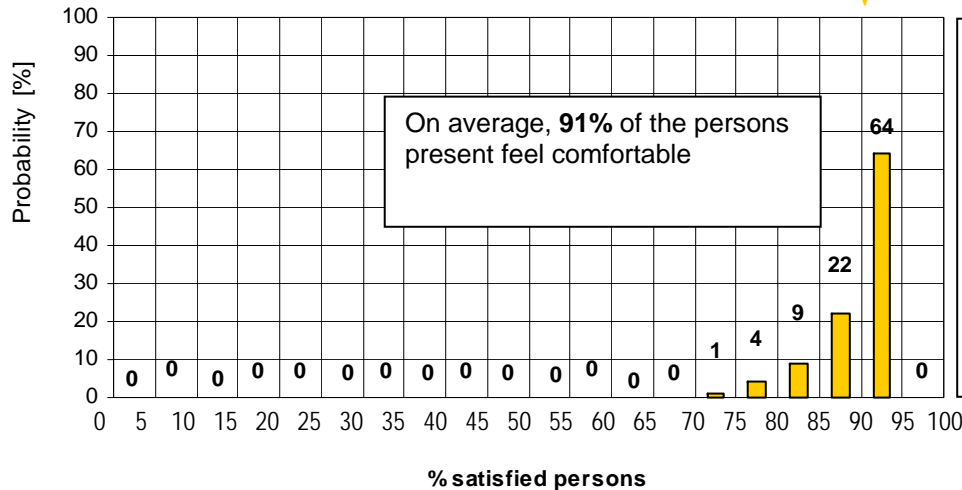
Thermal comfort of people occupying rooms depends on numerous physical and physiological factors and can be felt differently by each individual. Therefore, only average data evaluation can be done for an ideally large group of persons.

As a rule the recommended data for indoor climate conditions is the one which provides thermal comfort to 80 – 85% of the occupants.

Taken into consideration are work clothes, seasonally appropriate clothing as well as local working conditions (see below).



Thermal Comfort



On average, **91%** of the persons present feel comfortable

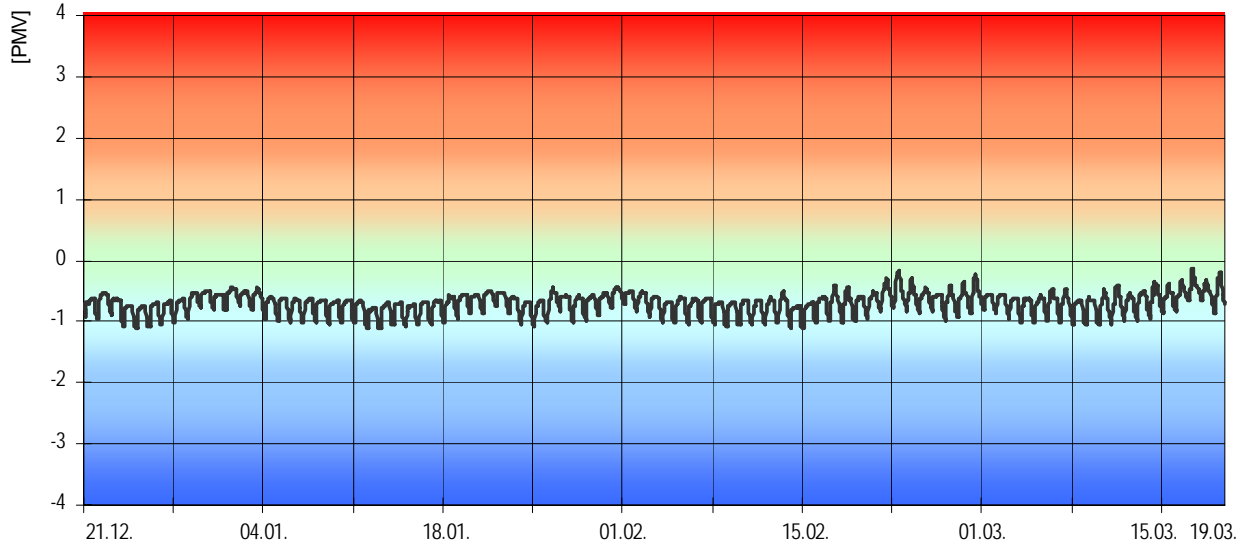
Example for statistical evaluation of thermal comfort
 The probability that more than 80% of the occupants feel comfortable is:
 $9+22+64 = 95\%$
 On a statistical average 91% feel comfortable.

Person	: male / 40 years / 85kg / 1,80m
Clothing	: light Summer clothing (0,5 clo)
Activity	: Meeting (total output approx. 95W)

Thermal Comfort Room 15th floor Winter

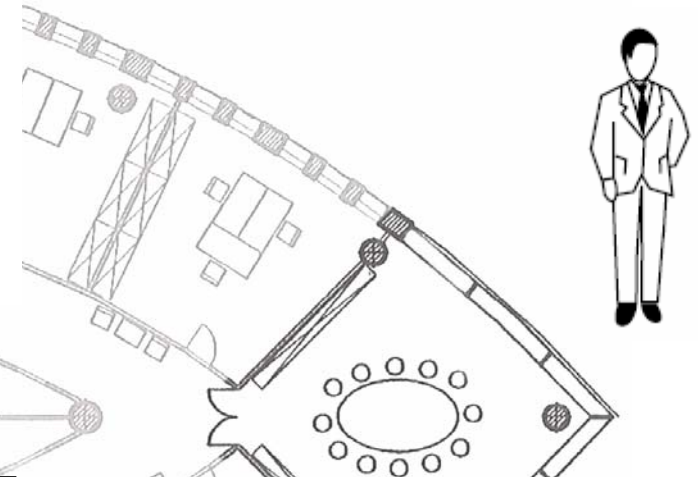
Comfort

Predicted Mean Vote (Winter 21.12. - 19.03.) ❄️



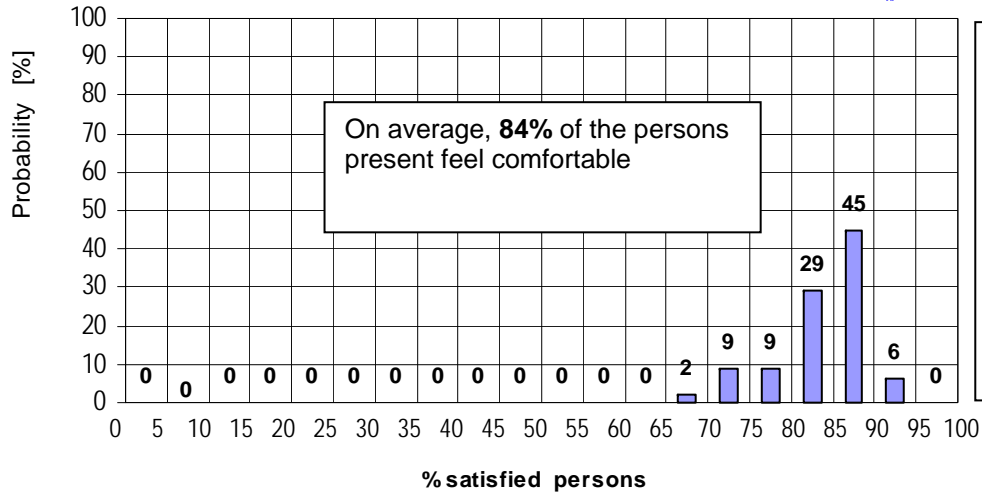
too warm
warm
slightly warm
neutral
slightly cool
cold
too cold

Person : male / 40 years / 85kg / 1,80m
Clothing : Normal office clothing (0,7 clo)
Activity : Meeting (total output approx. 95W)



air movement :
 $v \approx 5 \text{ cm/s}$

Thermal Comfort ❄️

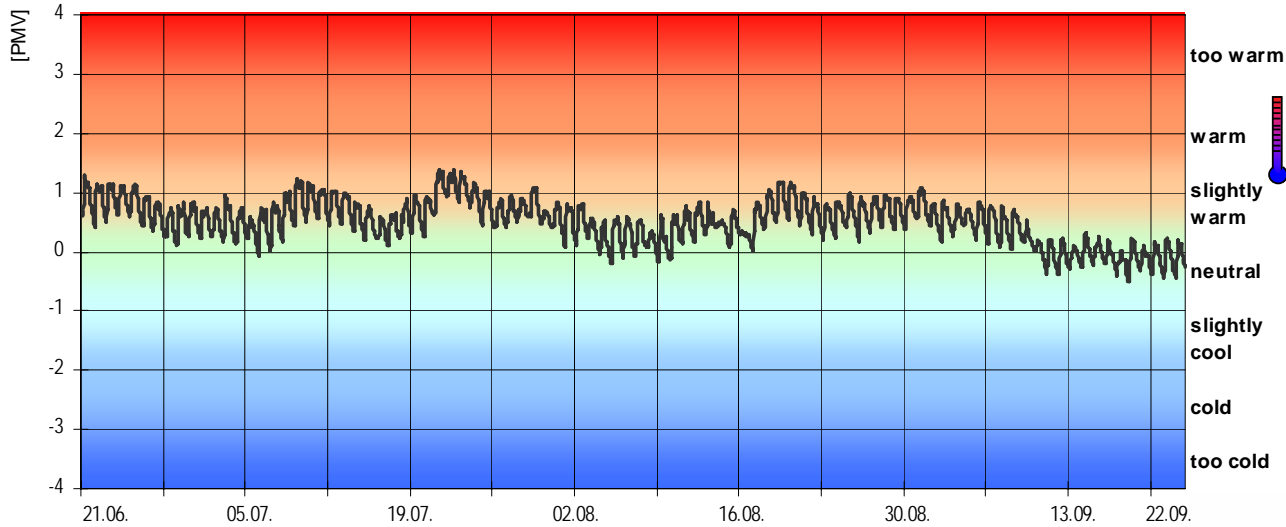


Example for statistical evaluation of thermal comfort
The probability that more than 80% of the occupants feel comfortable is:
 $29+45+6 = 80 \%$
On a statistical average 84% feel comfortable.

Comfort Room 16th floor Summer

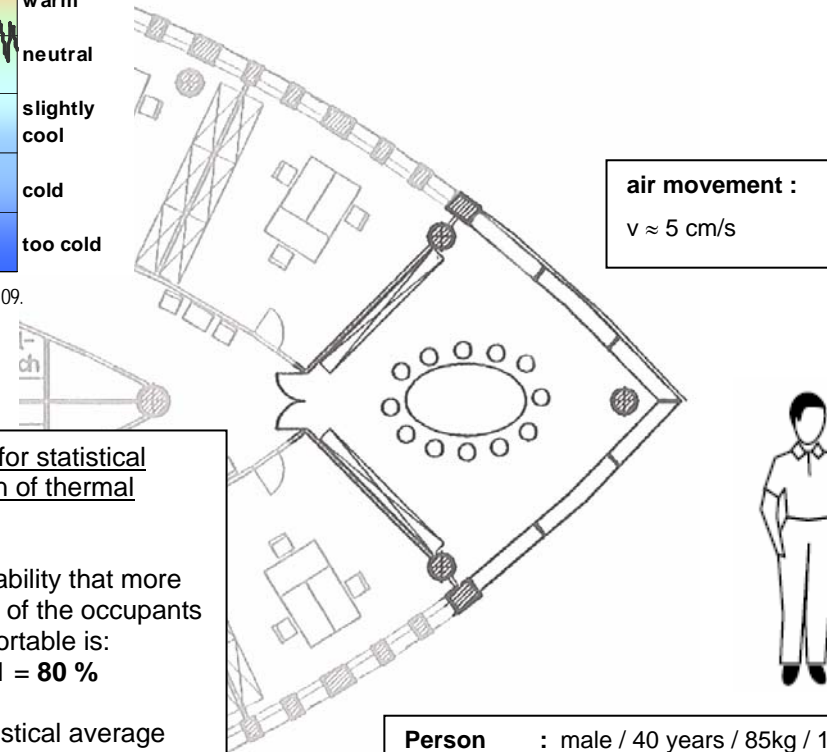
Comfort

Predicted Mean Vote (Sommer 21.06. - 22.09.)

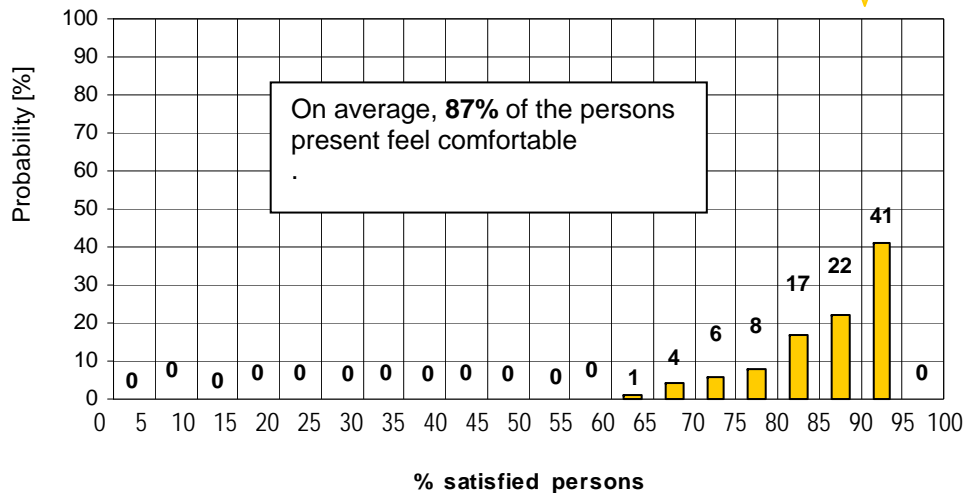


As opposed to the room on the 15th floor, the room on the 16th floor is more likely to provide less thermal comfort during the summer months due to the greater danger of overheating.

The probability that more than 80% of the occupants feel comfortable here (under the set conditions), lies at only 80% whereas it would be 95% in the room on the 15th floor.



Thermal Comfort



On average, 87% of the persons present feel comfortable

Example for statistical evaluation of thermal comfort

The probability that more than 80% of the occupants feel comfortable is:
 $17+22+41 = 80\%$

On a statistical average 87% feel comfortable.

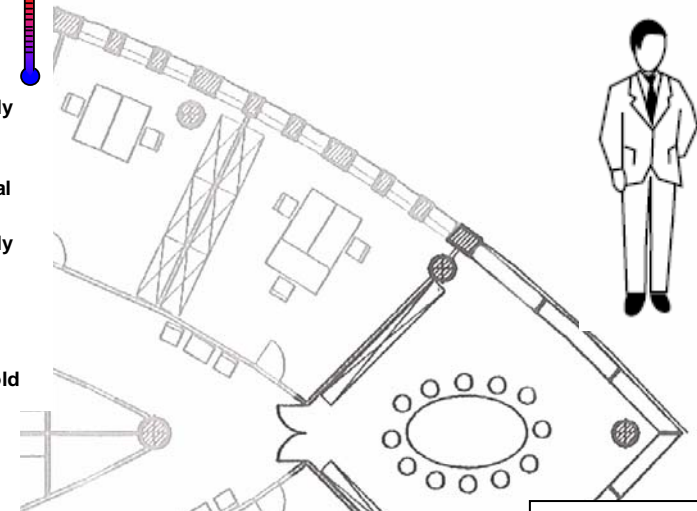
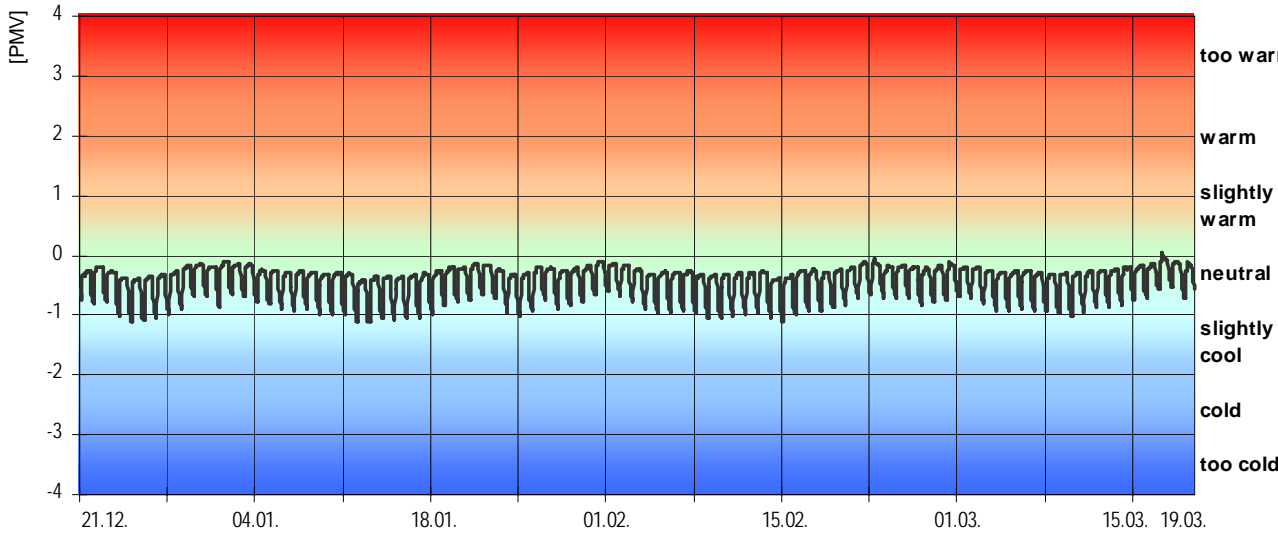
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- Clothing** : light Summer clothing (0,5 clo)
- Activity** : Meeting (total output approx. 95W)

Comfort Room 16th floor Winter

Person	: male / 40 years / 85kg / 1,80m
Clothing	: Normal office clothing (0,7 clo)
Activity	: Meeting (total output approx. 95W)

Comfort

Predicted Mean Vote (Winter 21.12. - 19.03.) ❄️



Thermal Comfort ❄️



Example for statistical evaluation of thermal comfort

The probability that more than 80% of the occupants feel comfortable is:
 $10 + 12 + 67 = 89\%$

On a statistical average 90% feel comfortable.