

# INFINITE project – Industrialized wooden based facade - mock-up results

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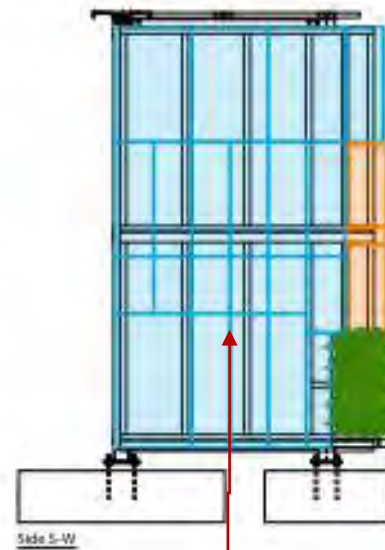
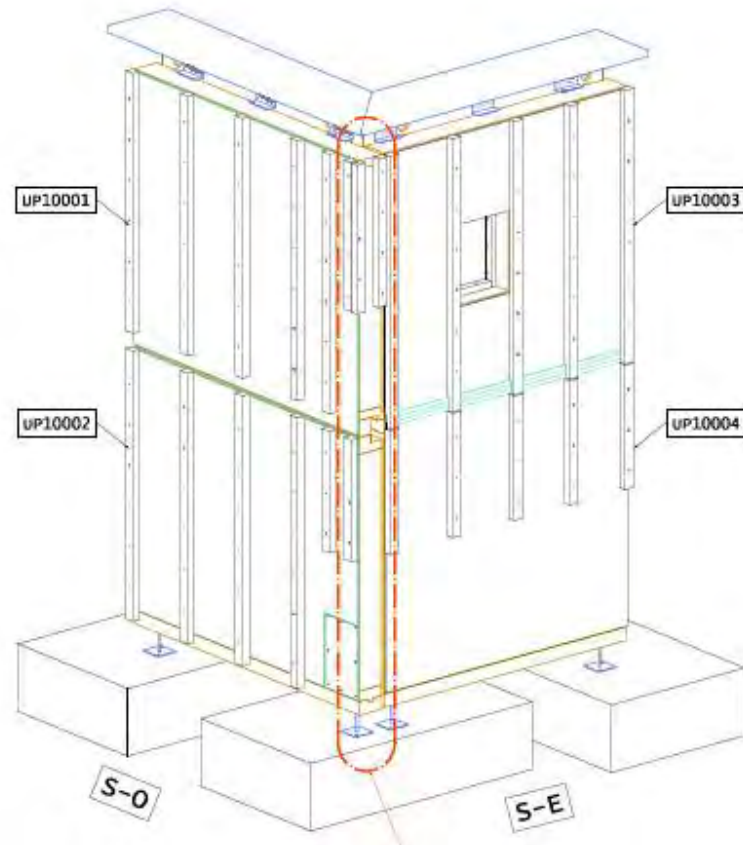
# Functional and outdoor Performance Mock-up

Design, manufacturing and installation

# FLEXILAB mock-up design

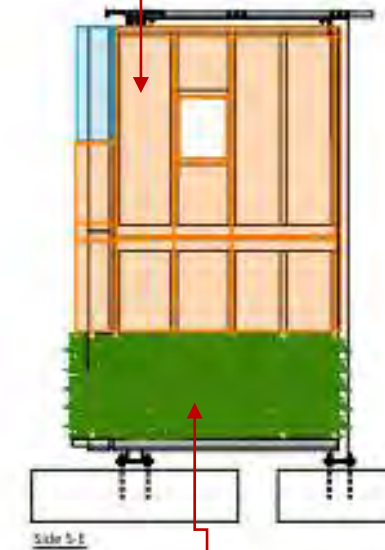
The prefabricated module is composed by:

- 20cm of insulation
- A wooden based frame + membranes and rigid panels (OSB)
- The substructure of the cladding
- 3 different finishing (BIPV – BIST – GREEN)



**BIPV kit  
(Photovoltaics)**

**BIST kit - (Solar Thermal)**



**Green kit**

T4.1 - Living wall  
Terapia urbana

T4.4 - BIPV  
SunAge

T4.5 - BIST  
Aramis + Batisol

# Examples of details design: GREEN kit



## Selection criteria of the GREEN module:

- Low weight
- Low thickness
- Easy to install
- Reasonable costs
- Possibility to pre-install offsite

### Fytotextile® Multilayer modules

It improves the health of the plant due to its high transpiration capacity in the buried layer and establishes an **optimal balance** between water, air and substrate in the buried part of the plant.



**Waterproof Layer**  
The waterproof membrane prevents water from penetrating substructures and also protects them.

**Irrigation Layer**  
The inner layer allows optimal water distribution for the plants and retains beneficial moisture, 2-3 litres/m.

**Breathable layer**  
Exterior Layer has a very good air flow at low speed wind; so the aeration of the roots is optimal.



 Fire performance B-s2, d0	 System durability	 Tensile and tear strength	 Freezing behaviour	 Fytotextile-FR <sup>®</sup> certified fire resistance	 Fytotextile-C+ <sup>®</sup> for high temperature climates
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Waterproofing integrated in the system



Flexible and customizable system



Light system 28-35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>



Reduced thickness system 20 mm



Mechanical resistance to tensile and tear 10 times > use



Able to integrate thermal insulation for building facade improvement



Optional Remote control monitoring



Registered watering



Uniform distribution of irrigation



Fire performance B-s2-d0



Improves root aeration



Optimized irrigation consumption 2.6 L/m



High initial covering 36 or 49 plants/m<sup>2</sup>



Easy maintenance pockets composition



Optional Recirculated water system

# Mock-up installation

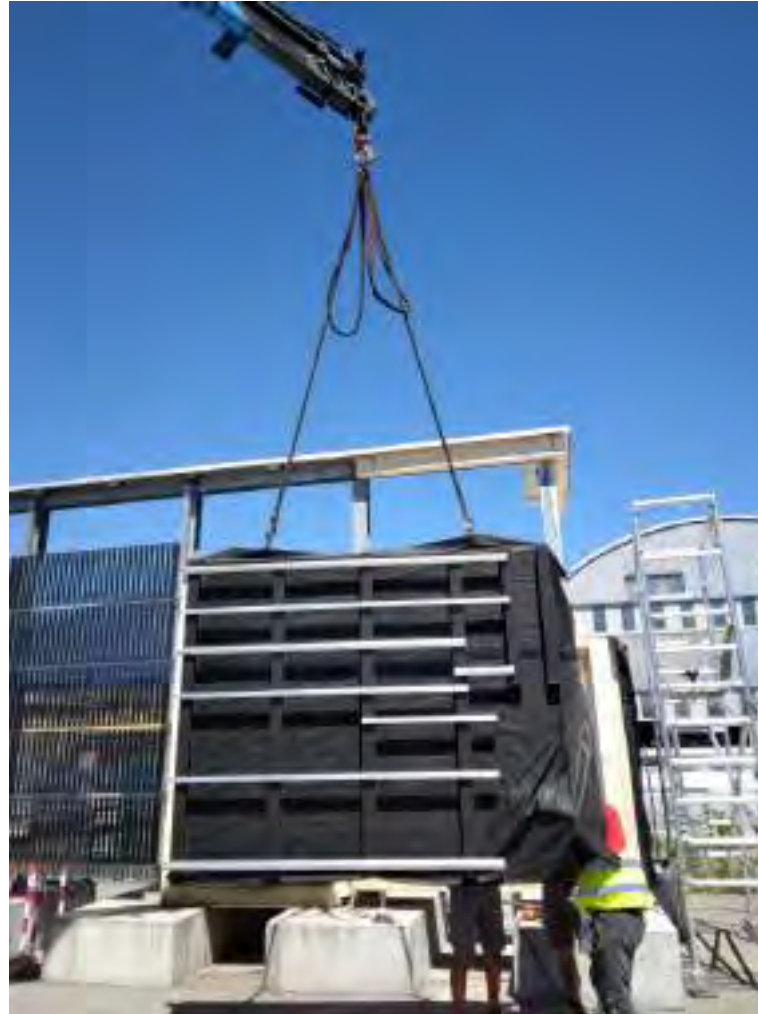


# Mock-up installation

First „floor“ prefab module installation



Prefab module with BIPV substructure



Prefab module with BIST cladding



# Mock-up installation

Base structure manufactured  
offsite



BIST corner installation  
on-site



BIPV installed on-site  
(due to fragility)





# Mock-up installation

The GREEN part was planned on-site to **better evaluate the installation process**

All the GREEN substructure was defined **as „feasible“ for the installation off-site** -> future installation



# Mock-up installation - GREEN



# Mock-up installation



# Flexilab Mock-up

Monitoring system and data acquisition

# Monitoring system - Flexilab

The Flexilab facility was build to **evaluate the installation and maintenance procedure, the operational phase and the performances** in real conditions for long period.

monitoring campaign period -> **August 2022 - Present**

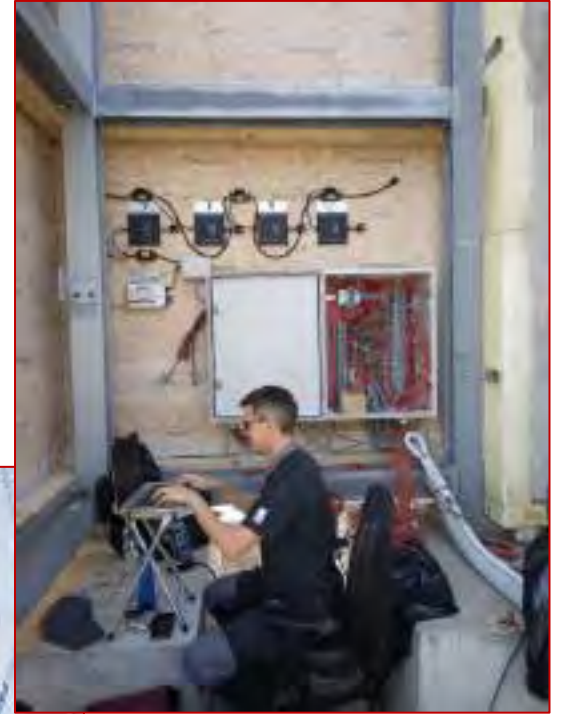
## **Aim:**

- Monitor real environmental data on three different cladding
- Evaluate differences of behaviour on the **air cavity** with Three different cladding solutions
- Evaluate the efficiency of the BIPV panels with 5 different colours
- Evaluate the **Green behaviour** in two different orientation (south and east)
- **Compare the behaviour** of the different solutions

## **Measurements:**

- Temperature surface in the cavity (CAV), in the wooden facade (WS) and on the back of the claddings (BC)
- Relative Humidity and Air Velocity in the cladding cavity (CAV)
- Water consumption and rain sensor for the GREEN part
- Pyranometer to have the irradiation on the facade
- Weather Station to monitor T, RH on the external conditions
- Electricity measures (Ampere, Voltage, production)

# Sensors Positions on the Mockup



## **SENSORS**

- Temperature
- Relative Humidity
- Air Velocity
- Pyranometer
- Weather Station
- Water consumption
- Rain sensors

# Flexilab Mock-up

## Results and first conclusions

# Temperature gap – daily data

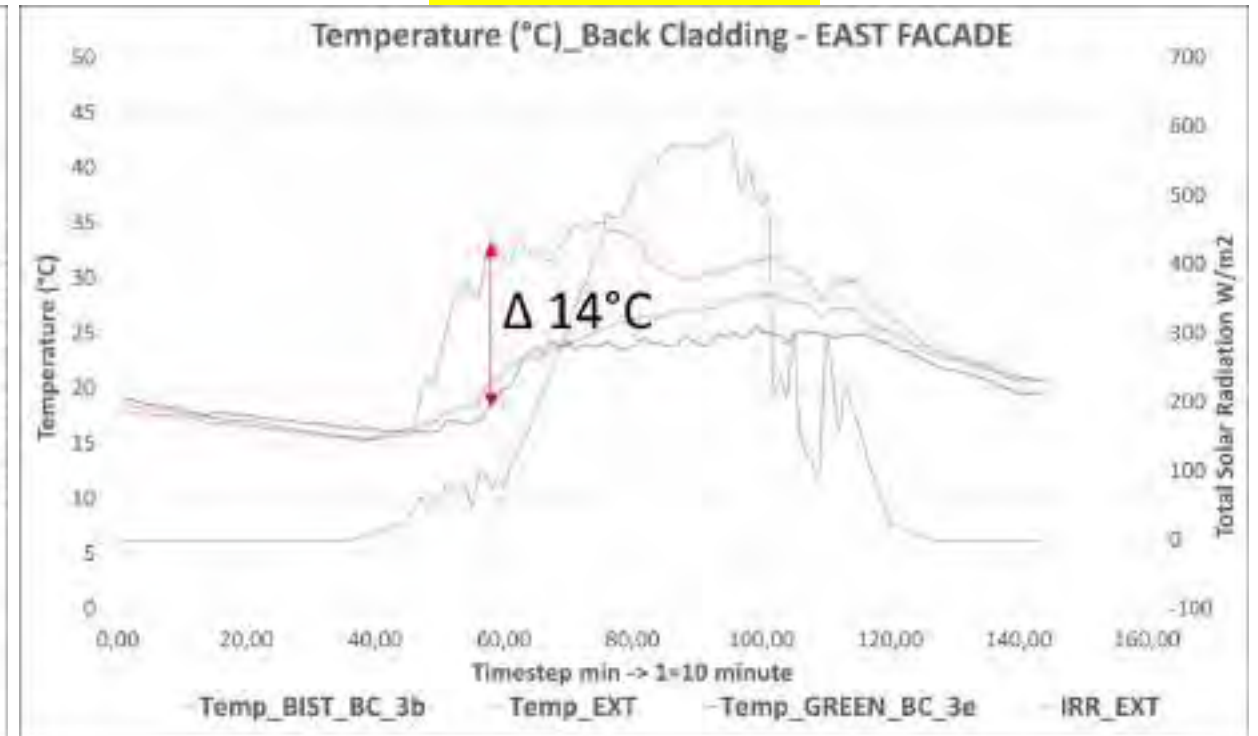
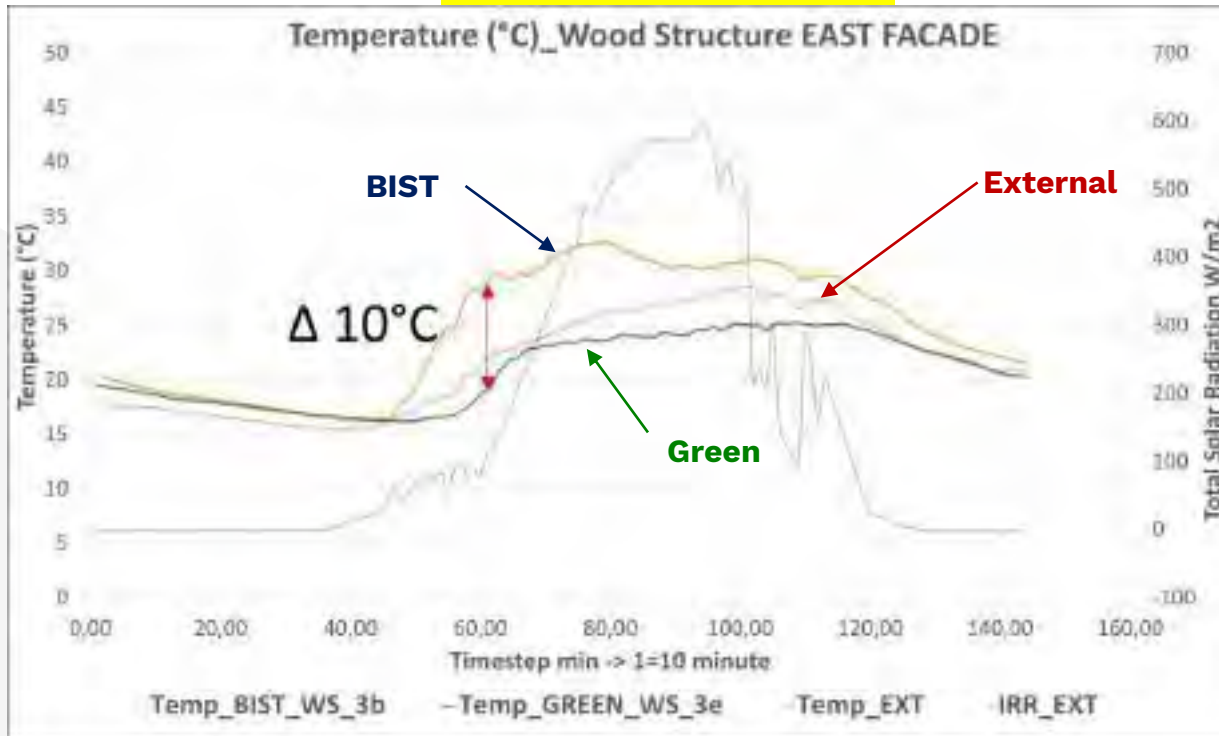
The surface temperatures differences on the BC (backside cladding) in the **hottest day of the year** is about **14°C** in the east orientations, while in the WS (wood structure) is about **10°C**.

In general, it can be observed that the temperature of the green façade, during the day, is often lower than the external ambient temperature (Temp\_EXT).



WOOD STRUCTURE

BACK CLADDING





# Temperature gap – daily data

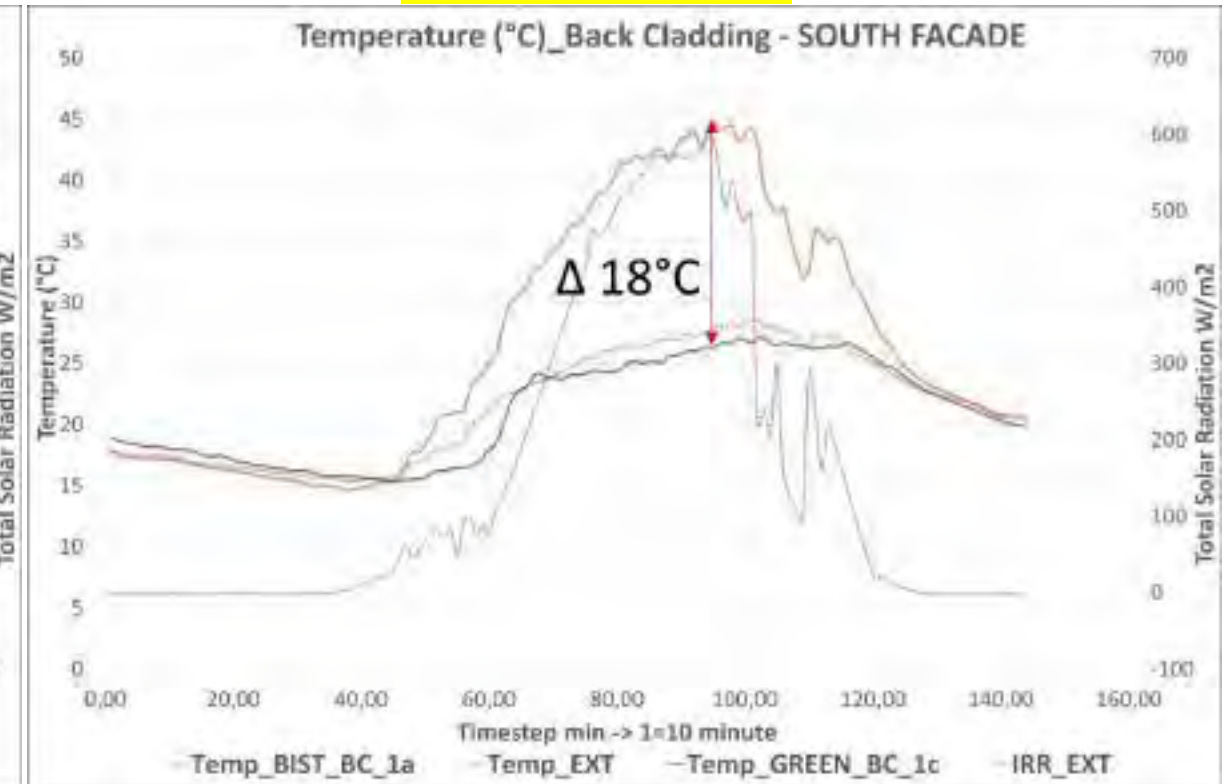
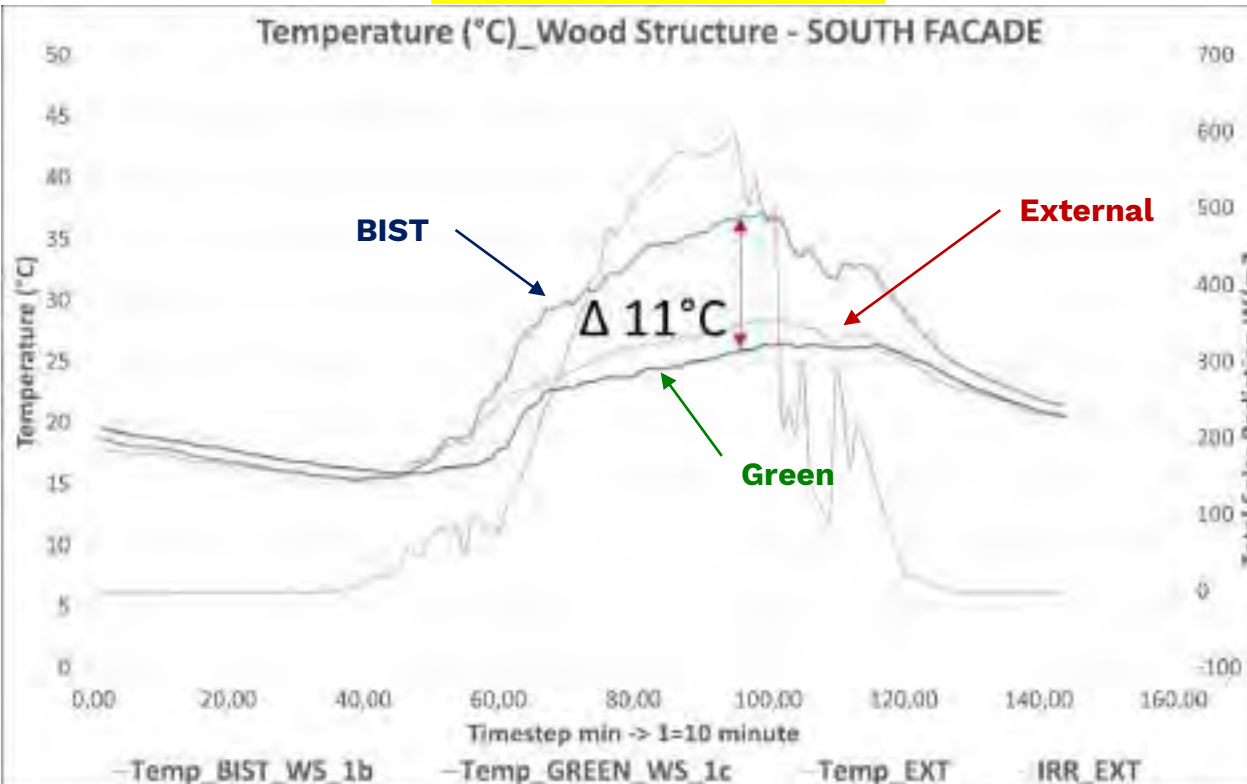
The surface temperatures differences on the BC (backside cladding) in the **hottest day of the year** is about **18°C** in the south orientations, while is about **11°C** in the east orientation.

In general, it can be observed that the temperature of the green façade, during the day, is often lower than the external ambient temperature (Temp\_EXT).



## WOOD STRUCTURE

## BACK CLADDING



# Cumulative data – Yearly based

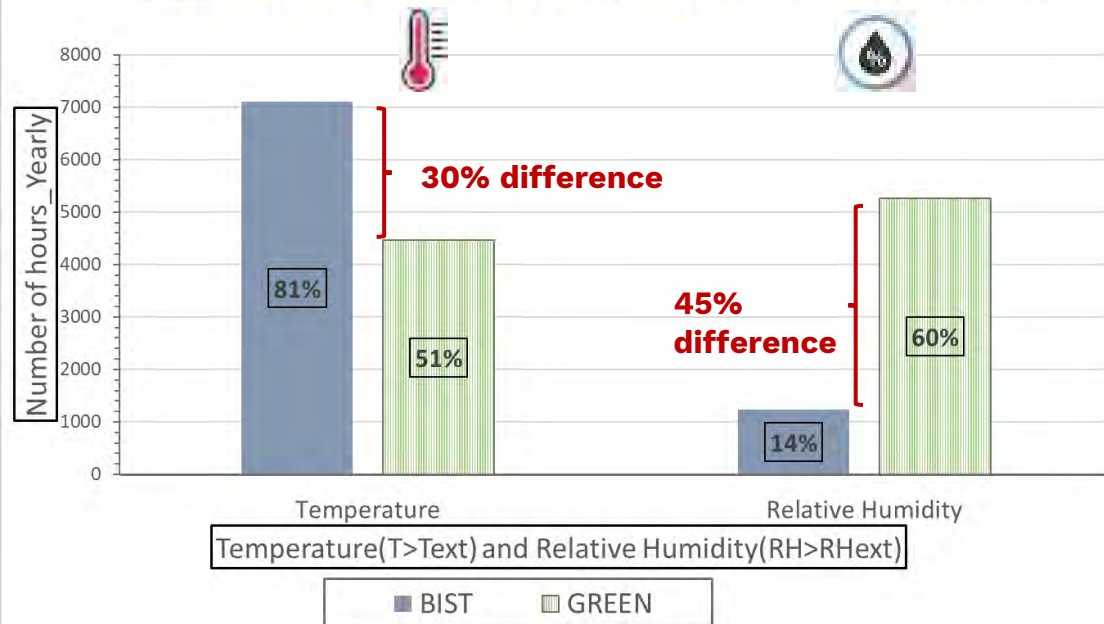
## Number of Hours $T > T_{ext}$ and $RH > RH_{ext}$ (CAVITIES\_SOUTH and EAST FAÇADE)

Can be interested also observe the RH and T (in the cavity) behaviour of the green and BIST kit compared to the external temperature:

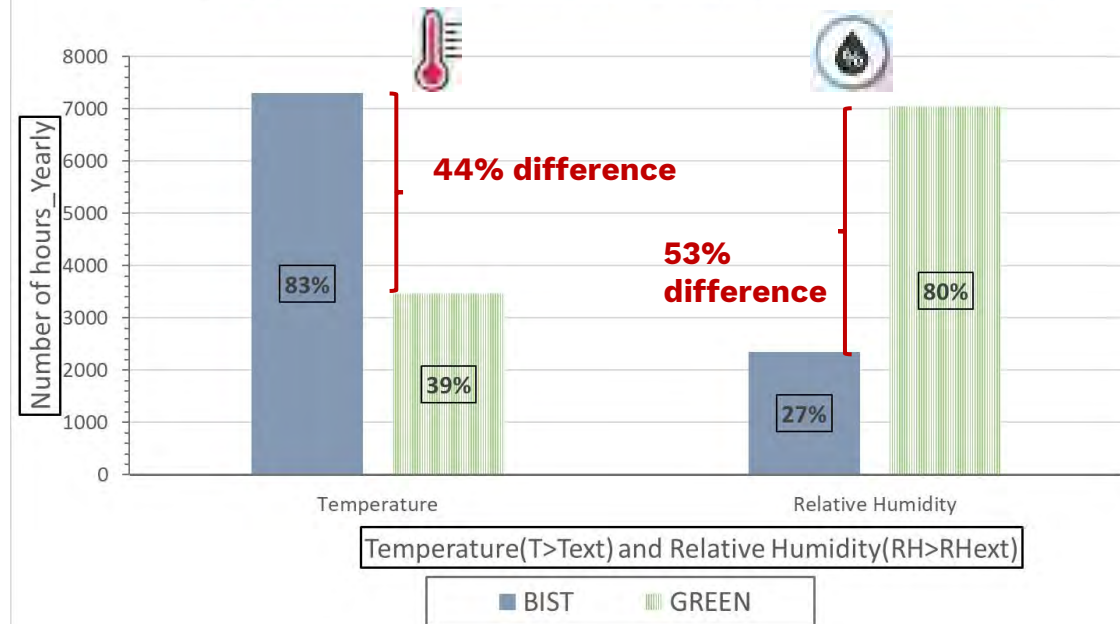
- In the **south façade**:
  - the **green** has respectively **50%** and **60%** of the year a **T** and **RH** higher than the external conditions, while the **BIST** has respectively **81%** and **14%** of the year.
- In the **east façade**:
  - the **green** has respectively **40%** and **80%** of the year a **T** and **RH** higher than the external conditions, while the **BIST** has respectively **83%** and **27%** of the year.



No of Hours  $T > T_{ext}$  and  $RH > RH_{ext}$  (CAVITY(BIST(1a)-GREEN(1c))\_SOUTH FAÇADE



No of Hours  $T > T_{ext}$  and  $RH > RH_{ext}$  (CAVITY(BIST(3b)-GREEN(3e))\_EAST FAÇADE

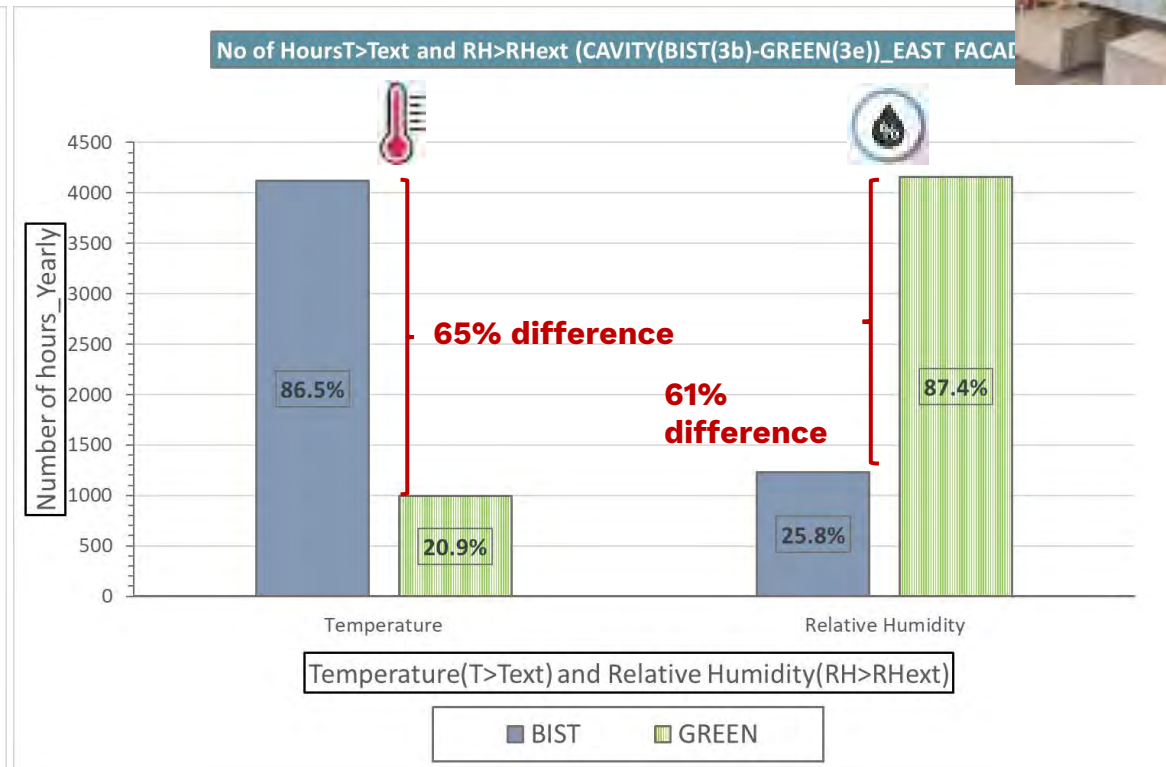
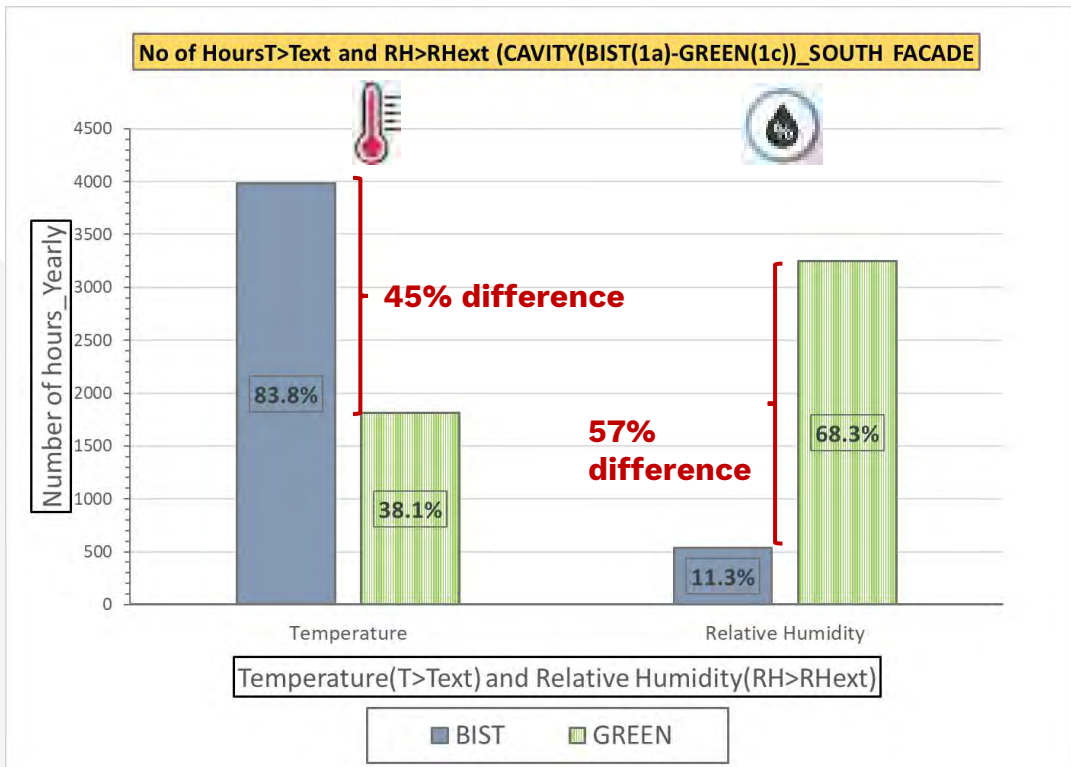


# Cumulative data – Yearly based

**Number of Hours T>Text and RH>RHext (CAVITIES\_SOUTH and EAST FAÇADE) based on Yearly (daily) data (7:00-19:00)**

Focusing the attention to the “daily” period (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) the results are quite different:

- In the **south façade**, the **green** changes respectively from **50% to 38%** and from **60% to 68%**, while the **BIST** changes slightly respectively from **81% to 84%** and from **14% to 11%** of the year.
- In the **east façade**, the **green** changes respectively from **40% to 21%** and from **80% to 87%**, while the **BIST** changes respectively from **83% to 86%** and from **27% to 26%** of the year.

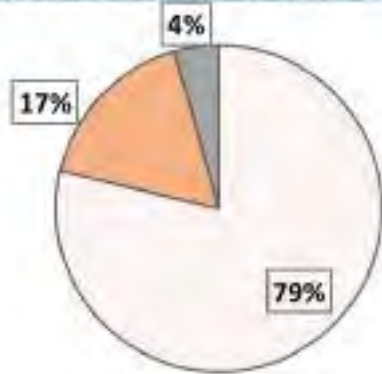


# Cumulative data – Yearly based

Number of hours  $\Delta T\%$ (WoodenStructure\_BIST-GREEN)\_SOUTH and EAST FAÇADE based on Yearly data

## WOOD STRUCTURE

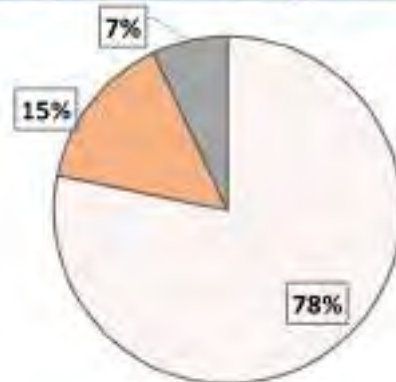
$\Delta T\%$ (WS\_BIST(3b)-GREEN(3e))\_EAST FAÇADE



$\square T < 5(^{\circ}\text{C})$   $\square 5 > T < 10(^{\circ}\text{C})$   $\square T > 10(^{\circ}\text{C})$

## BACK CLADDING

$\Delta T\%$ (BC\_BIST(3b)-GREEN(3e))\_EAST FAÇADE



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## EAST



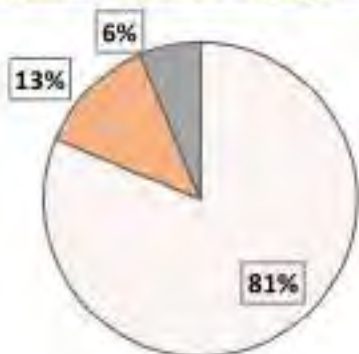
Most of the time (**78-79%**) the differences in T between green and BIST is lower than  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; **15-17%** of the time with Delta T between 5 and  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; **Only 4-7%** of the time with Delta T higher than  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;

## SOUTH



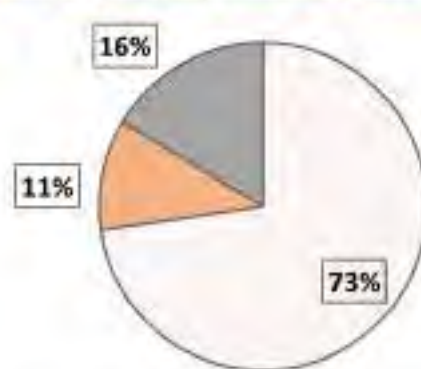
**Similar behaviour** can be observed in the south façade with a slightly **difference mainly in the Back Cladding for higher temperature** (from 7 to 16%) due to the higher exposition

$\Delta T\%$ (WS\_BIST(1a)-GREEN(1c))\_SOUTH FAÇADE



$\square T < 5(^{\circ}\text{C})$   $\square 5 > T < 10(^{\circ}\text{C})$   $\square T > 10(^{\circ}\text{C})$

$\Delta T\%$ (BC\_BIST(1a)-GREEN(1c))\_SOUTH FAÇADE



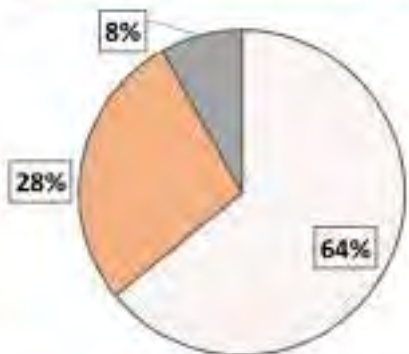
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# Cumulative data – Yearly based

Number of hours  $\Delta T$ %(WoodenStructure\_BIST-GREEN)\_SOUTH and EAST FAÇADE based on Yearly – daily (7:00-19:00)

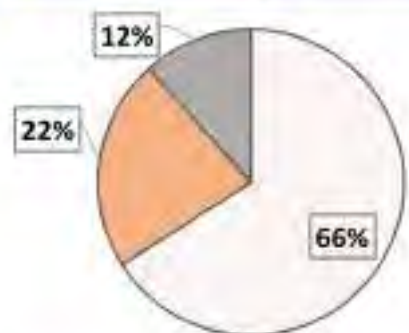
## WOOD STRUCTURE

$\Delta T$ %(WS\_BIST(3b)-GREEN(3e))\_EAST FAÇADE



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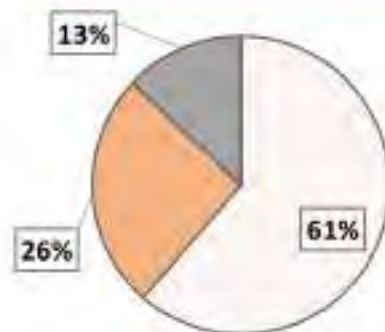
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## BACK CLADDING

$\Delta T$ %(BC\_BIST(3b)-GREEN(3e))\_EAST FAÇADE



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## EAST



Focusing the attention to the “daily” period (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) the results are quite different:

- the differences in T between green and BIST lower that  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  decreases to **61-64%**;

The delta T between 5 and  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  increase to **26-28%**

## SOUTH



The delta T higher than  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  increase to **8-13%**;

The behaviour is confirmed also in the south façade with **higher difference for the delta T higher than  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  that increase to 30%**

# Conclusion and discussion

## LOOKING at the comparison of the Green and the BIST with the external conditions (T and RH)

- As expected, the GREEN cladding compared to a Black cladding has **lower Temperatures** both in the BC and WS; the differences between the GREEN and BIST is quite sensitive
- The GREEN T and RH is respectively **most of the time lower-higher than external conditions**
- The BIST (black cladding) has respectively higher T and lower RH of the GREEN part in any case and also compared to the external conditions
- The results on the **“daily” hours represent better the comparisons** of the Temperature and Relative Humidity between GREEN – BIST with the external temperature

## LOOKING at the temperature comparison between the Green and the BIST based on “delta temperature”

- The **yearly data** shows that during the year the delta temperature between the GREEN and the BIST is **mostly lower than 5°C**
- The results on the **“daily” hours represent better the comparisons** of the delta temperature Temperature that occurs during the daily hours between GREEN – BIST cladding
- The “daily” behaviour shows how the **delta temperature between the GREEN and the BIST become relevant to the range 5-10°C and above 10°C**

**These experiments will help us to further evaluation and simulate the effect of the GREEN on buildings in the future!!!!**

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# Thank you

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