

# **Hygrothermal performance of buildings – methodology and requirements**

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# Increasing demand of Energy efficient buildings

Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) requires all EU countries to enhance their building regulations and to introduce energy certification schemes for buildings.

- legislation going toward to more energy efficient buildings (20-20-20 etc.)
- finding better solutions that are energy efficient
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# Implementation of EPBD

**Building Research Institute** is involved in the project:  
Concerted Action 3 EPBD (2011-2015)

- Certification schemes
- Inspection of heating and air-conditioning systems
- Training of experts and inspectors
- Energy performance requirements using the cost-optimum methodology
- Towards 2020: High performance buildings / Nearly-zero energy and carbon buildings
- Compliance and control of EP requirements and certification system / Independent control system
- Effectiveness of support initiatives



Acc. to EPBC - the methodology for calculating the energy performance of buildings should take into account European standards and shall be consistent with relevant Union legislation, including Directive 2009/28/EC.

| Methods for   | Standards  |
|---|--|
| expressing energy performance and for energy certification of buildings | EN 15217, EN 15603, EN 15459, EN 15251, EN 13829, EN 13187, EN 12599, EN 15239, EN 15240, EN 15378   |
| calculation of system energy requirements and system efficiencies       | EN 15316-1,-2,.. -4-7, EN 15377-1,..-3, EN 15232, EN 15432, EN 15193,  |
| calculation of energy use for heating and cooling                       | EN ISO 13790, EN 15255, EN 15265   |
| calculation of heat transfer  | EN ISO 13789, EN ISO 6946, EN ISO 13786, EN ISO 13370, EN ISO 10211, EN ISO 14683, EN 10456, EN ISO 12631, EN ISO 10077-1, EN ISO 10077-2, EN 15242, EN ISO 13792, EN 13363-1, -2, EN ISO 15921-1, -2, .. -6, EN 12831 |

## Hygrothermal performance of a building

| Standard       | Application   |
|----------------|---|
| EN ISO 6946    | Building components and building elements - Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance - Calculation method         |
| EN ISO 10211   | Thermal bridges in building construction - Heat flows and surface temperatures - Detailed calculations                |
| EN ISO 13370   | Thermal performance of buildings - Heat transfer via the ground - Calculation methods.                                |
| EN 1745        | Masonry and masonry products. Methods for determining design thermal values   |
| EN ISO 12631   | Thermal performance of curtain walling. Calculation of thermal transmittance  |
| EN ISO 10077-1 | Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters - Calculation of thermal transmittance . Part 1: General           |
| EN ISO 10077-2 | Thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters. Calculation of thermal transmittance. Numerical method for frames |

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| Standard     | Range of application   |
|--------------|--|
| EN 1873      | Prefabricated accessories for roofing. Individual rooflights of plastics. Product specification and test methods   |
| EN 14963     | Roof coverings. Continuous rooflights of plastics with or without upstands. Classification, requirements and test methods  |
| EN 12428     | Industrial, commercial and garage doors. Thermal transmittance. Requirements for the calculation   |
| EN 14509     | Self-supporting double skin metal faced insulating panels. Factory made products. Specifications   |
| EN ISO 13788 | Hygrothermal performance of building components and building elements - Internal surface temperature to avoid critical surface humidity and interstitial condensation - Calculation methods. |
| EN 15026     | Hygrothermal performance of building components and building elements - Assessment of moisture transfer by numerical simulation.   |

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| Standard   | Thermal insulation products for buildings   |
|------------|---|
|            | <b>Factory made products. Specification</b>                                       |
| EN 13162   | MW  |
| EN 13163   | EPS   |
| EN 13164   | XPS   |
| EN 13165   | PUR   |
| EN 13166   | PF  |
| EN 13167   | CG  |
| EN 13168   | WW  |
| EN 13169   | EPB   |
| EN 13170   | ICB   |
|            | <b>In-situ formed product. Specification for the products before installation</b> |
| EN 14315-1 | sprayed rigid polyurethane (PUR) and polyisocyanurate (PIR) foam                  |
| EN 15101-1 | loose fill cellulose (LFCI)   |
| EN 14316-1 | thermal insulation formed from expanded perlite (EP)                              |

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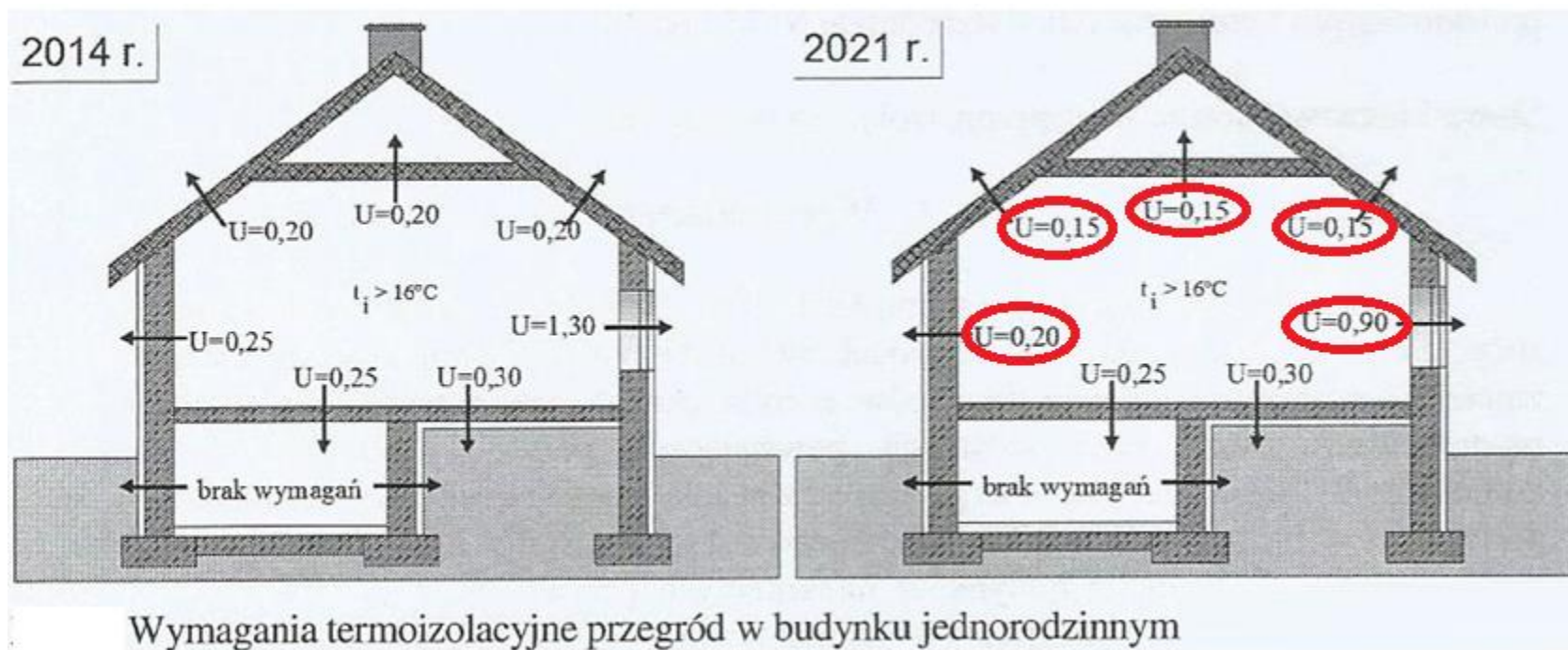
| parameter                              | modelling   |
|--|---|
| Steady-state heat transfer (2D and 3D) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- thermal transmittances of building components and elements acc. to EN ISO 6946</li><li>- thermal performance of windows, doors and shutters acc. to EN ISO 10077-2</li><li>- thermal bridges: heat loss calculation, surface condensation acc. to EN ISO 10211 and ISO 13788;</li><li>- heat transfer via the ground acc. to EN ISO 13370</li></ul> |
| Transient heat transfer (2D and 3D)    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- transient analysis of thermal bridges/ construction elements</li><li>- dynamic thermal analysis of heating/ cooling</li><li>- ground heat losses acc. to EN ISO 13370</li></ul>   |
| Heat and moisture transfer             | realistic calculation of the coupled one- and two-dimensional heat and moisture transfer in multi-layer building components exposed to natural climate conditions- WUFI software acc. to EN 15026   |



# Hygrothermal performance of a building

| Parameter                  | Input data for numerical modelling: material properties, boundary conditions, the enclosure geometry  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Thermal transmittance      | thermal conductivity values of all materials used in a construction   |
| Heat and moisture transfer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- heat thermal conductivity</li><li>- heat transport by moisture-dependent thermal conduction (<math>\lambda(w)</math> plot)</li><li>- moisture storage by vapour sorption and capillary forces</li><li>- moisture transport by vapour diffusion (<math>\mu</math>)</li><li>- specific heat capacity</li><li>- porosity</li><li>- density</li></ul> |

## Hygrothermal performance of a building – requirements in Poland



# Uw calculation



$$U = \frac{\sum U_g \cdot A_g + \sum U_f \cdot A_f + \sum \Psi_g \cdot L}{\sum A_g + \sum A_f}$$

$U_g$  – U of glazing unit, W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K),

$A_g$  – area of glazing unit, m<sup>2</sup>,

$U_f$  – U of frame section, W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K),

$A_f$  – area of frame, m<sup>2</sup>,

$\Psi_g$  – linear thermal bridge, W/(m·K),

$L$  – length of thermal bridge, m.

# Windows

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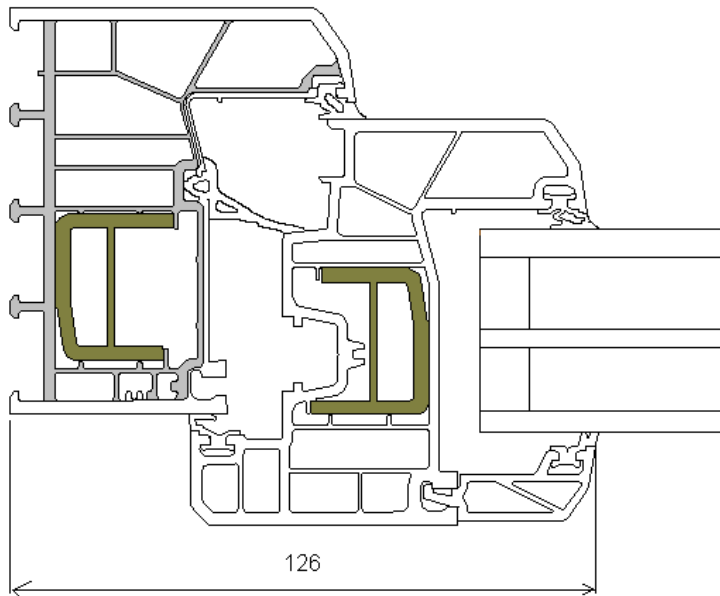
**$U_w = 1,3 \text{ W/(m}^2\cdot\text{K)}$**

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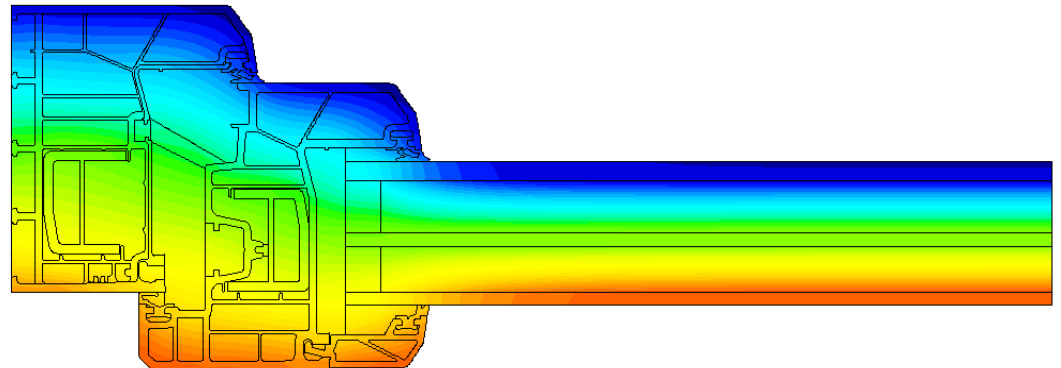


**$U_w = 0,9 \text{ W/(m}^2\cdot\text{K)}$**

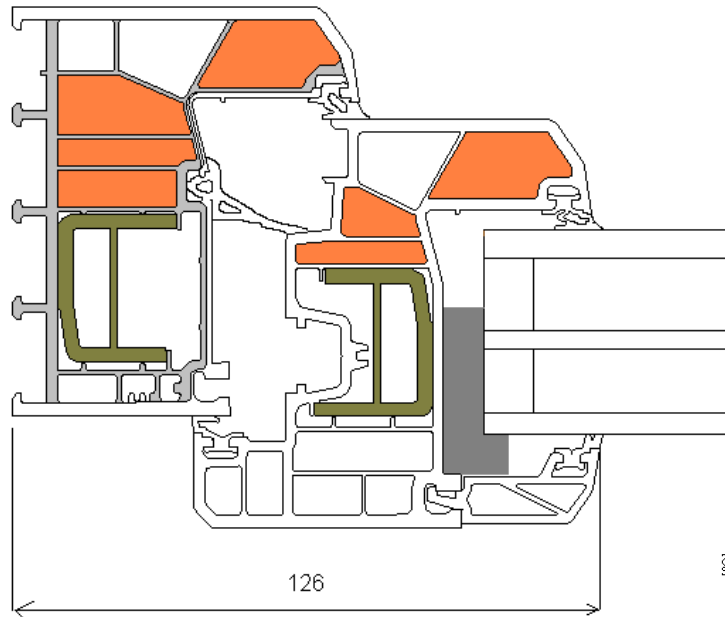
# Windows – $U_w$ calculation



$$\begin{aligned}U_f &= 1,0 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}) \\b_f &= 0,126 \text{ m} \\U_g &= 0,6 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}) \text{ (4/14/4/16/4)} \\\Psi_g &= 0,035 \text{ W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K}) \\U_w &= \mathbf{0,82 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})} \\U_w &\text{ – window size } 1,23 \times 1,48 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$



# Windows



$$U_f = 0,84 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$$

$$b_f = 0,126 \text{ m}$$

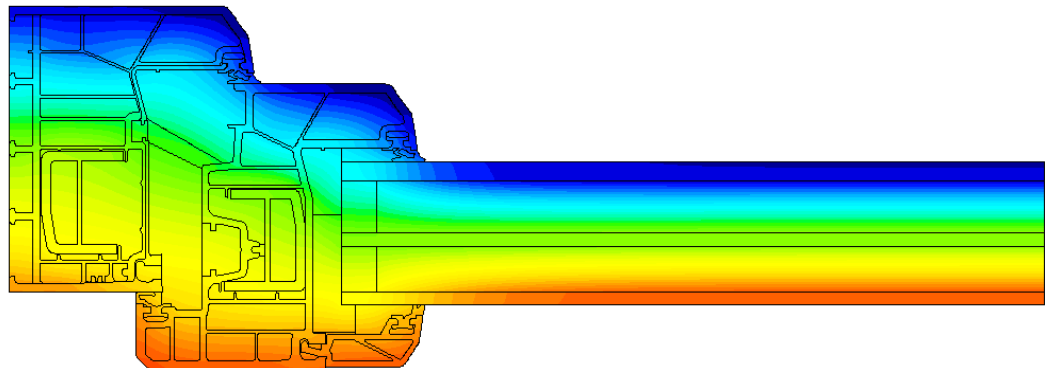
$$U_g = 0,6 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$$

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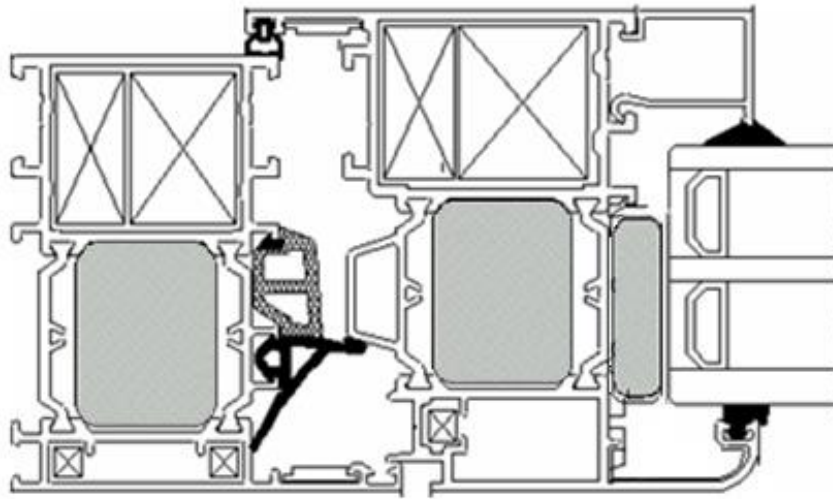
$$\Psi_g = 0,036 \text{ W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K})$$

$$U_w = 0,77 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$$

$$U_w - \text{window size } 1,23 \times 1,48 \text{ m}$$

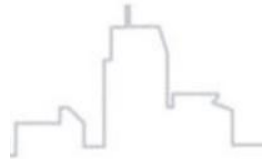
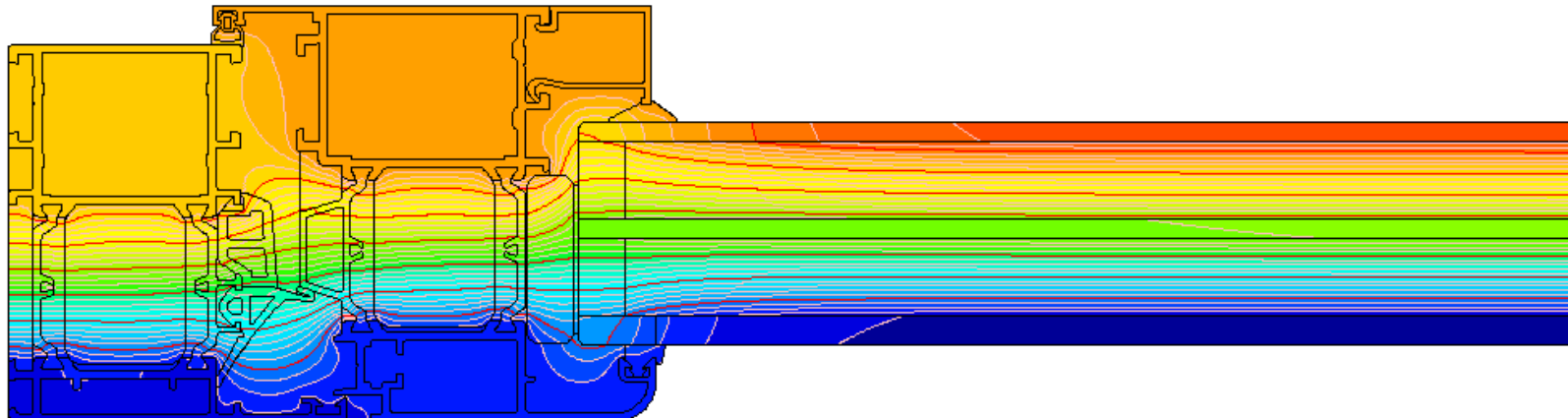


# Windows - Uw calculation

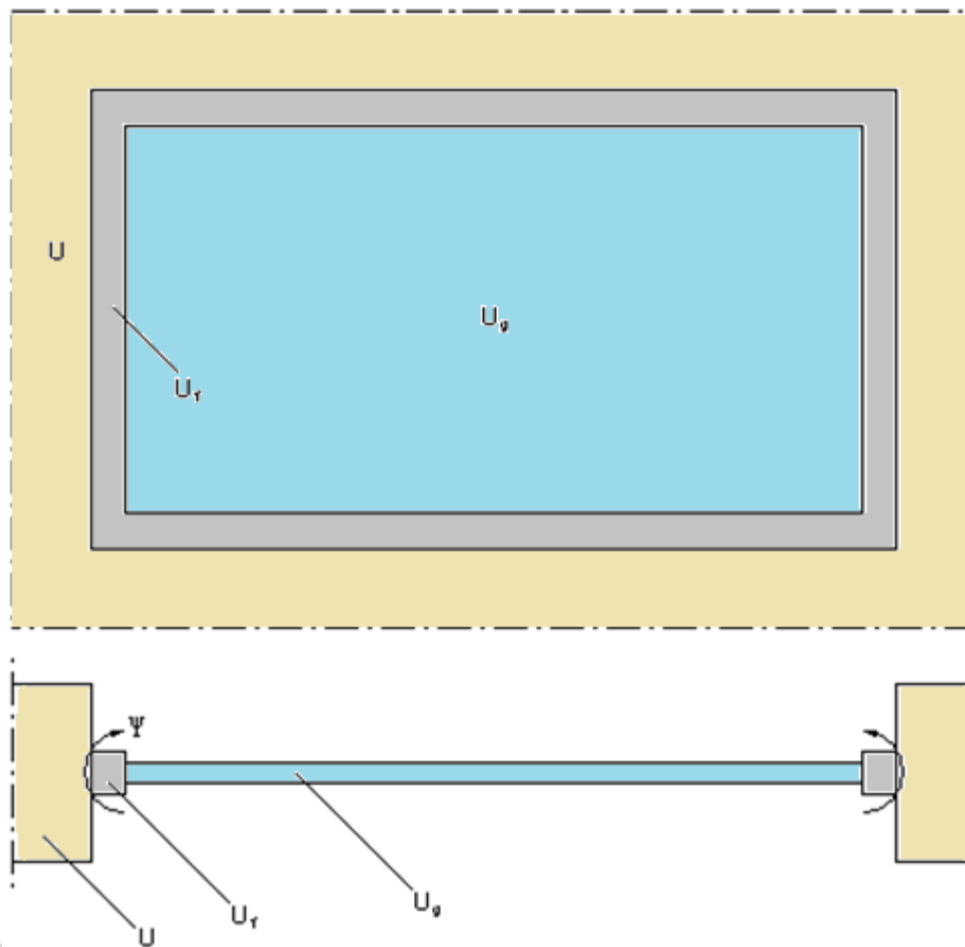


$$U_f = 1,3 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$$
$$U_w = 0,88 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$$

$$b_f = 0,134 \text{ m}, U_g = 0,5 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}), \Psi = 0,039 \text{ W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K}), \text{ window size } 1,23 \times 1,48 \text{ m}$$

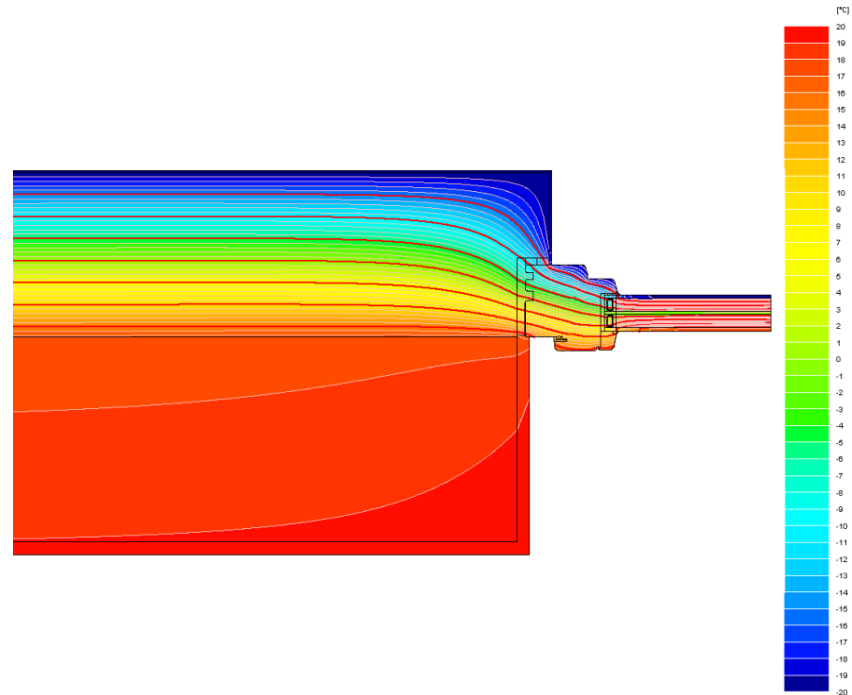
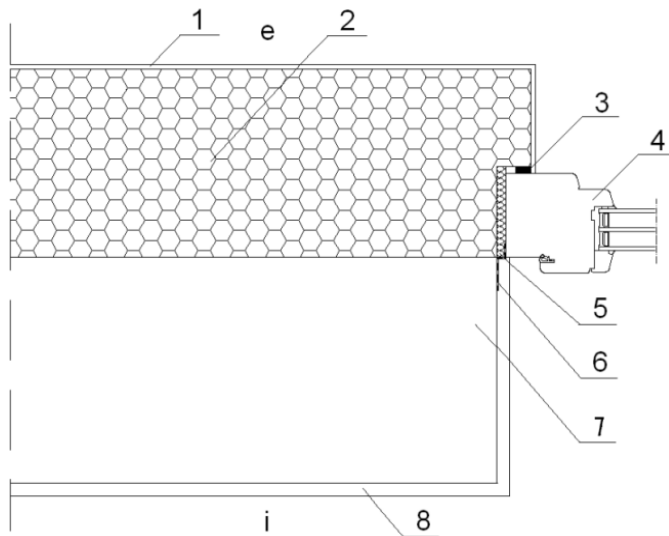


# Windows – thermal bridges



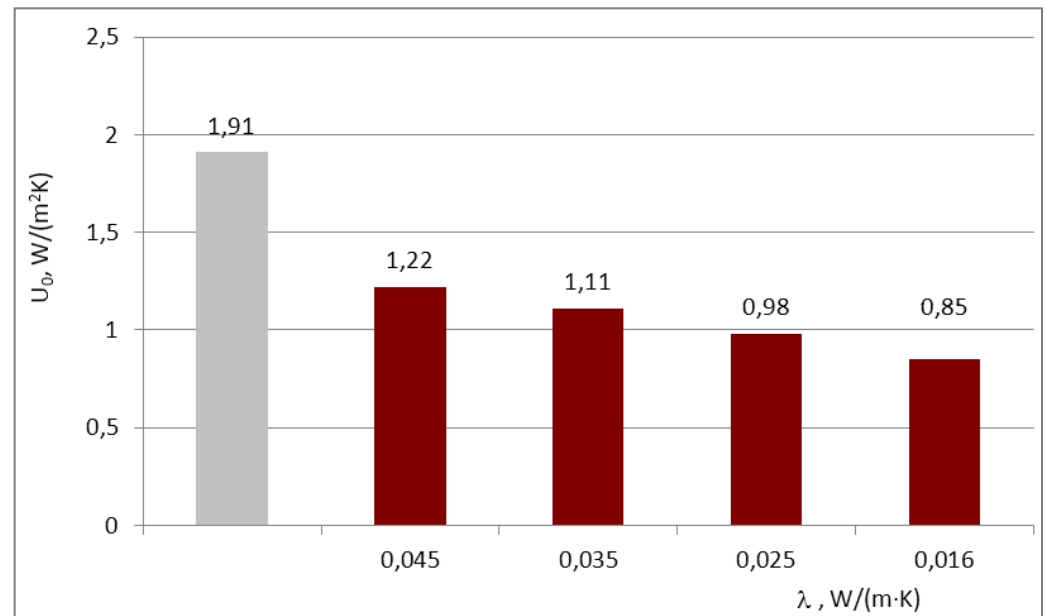
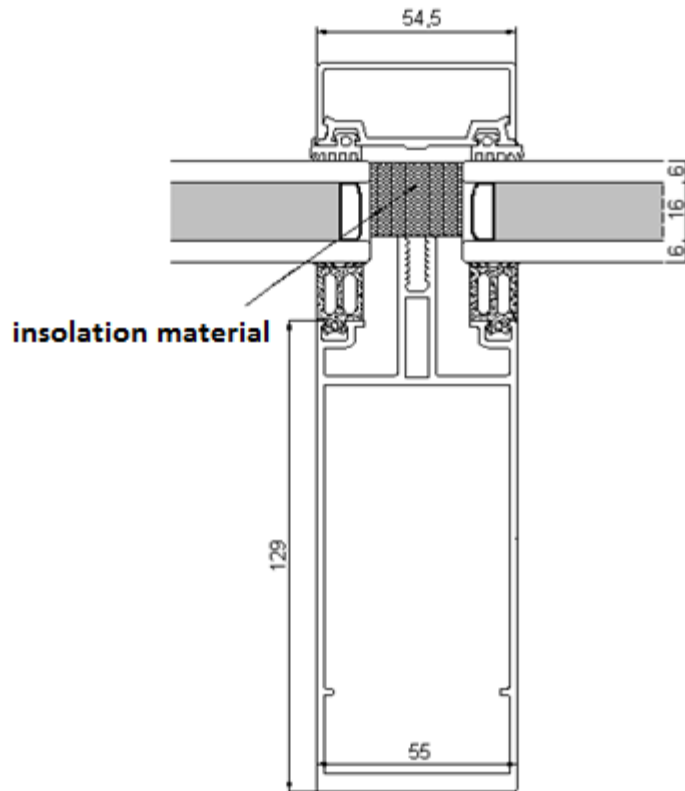


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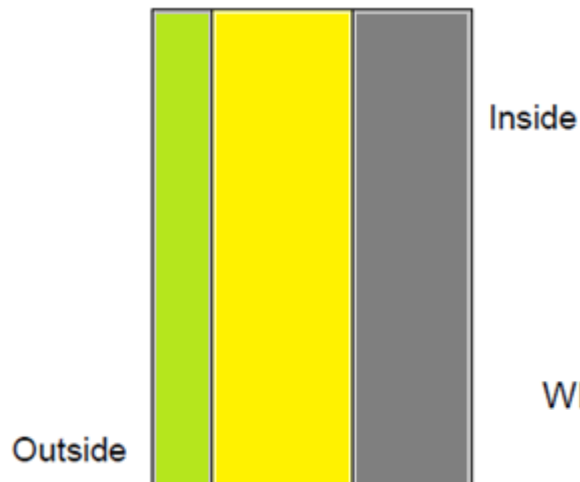


Glazing unit 44 mm,  $U_g = 0,5 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$ ,  $\Psi_e < 0,01 \text{ W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K})$ ,  $\Theta_{si, \min} = 15,3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

# Curtain walls



# Hygrothermal performance of a building



$$U = \frac{1}{R_{si} + R_{se} + \sum_i \frac{d_i}{\lambda_i}}$$

Where

$U$  = U-value of the wall ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2\text{K}$ )

$d_i$  = Thickness (m)

$R_{si}, R_{se}$  = Surface resistance on the inside and outside surfaces ( $\text{m}^2\text{K}/\text{W}$ )

$\lambda_i$  = Thermal conductivity ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^\circ\text{C}$ )

# Hygrothermal performance of a building

## Mean U-value including thermal bridges

$$U_m = \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \cdot A_i + \sum_{k=1}^m l_k \cdot \psi_k + \sum_{j=1}^p \chi_j \right)}{A_m}$$

Where

$U_i$  = U-value ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2\text{K}$ )

$A$  = Area ( $\text{m}^2$ )

$\Psi_k$  = Linear thermal bridge, 2d simulation ( $\text{W}/\text{mK}$ )

$l_k$  = Length of the linear thermal bridge (m)

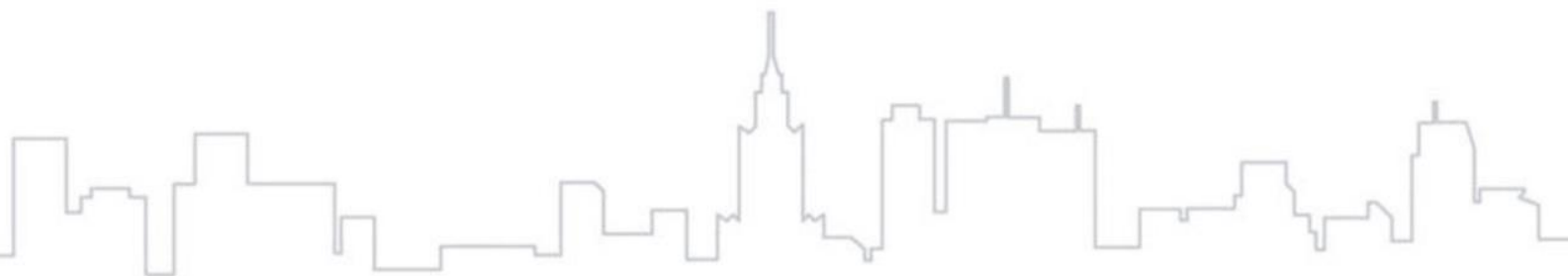
$\chi_j$  = Point thermal bridge, 3d simulation ( $\text{W}/\text{K}$ )

$A_m$  = surface ( $\text{m}^2$ )

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## Liniar thermal bridges:

- Calculations acc. to EN ISO 10211
- Catalogue i.e. ITB, 402/2004
- Values acc. To ISO 14683

**Klasa C1**  $\psi < 0,10$  - wpływ pomijalny

**C1**

**Klasa C2**  $0,10 \leq \psi < 0,25$  - mały wpływ

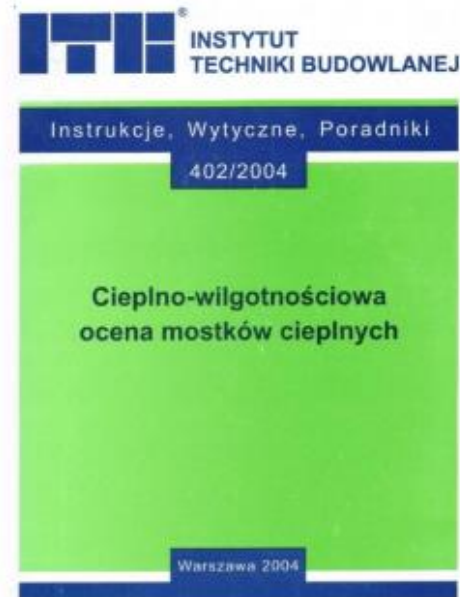
**C2**

**Klasa C3**  $0,25 \leq \psi < 0,5$  - duży wpływ

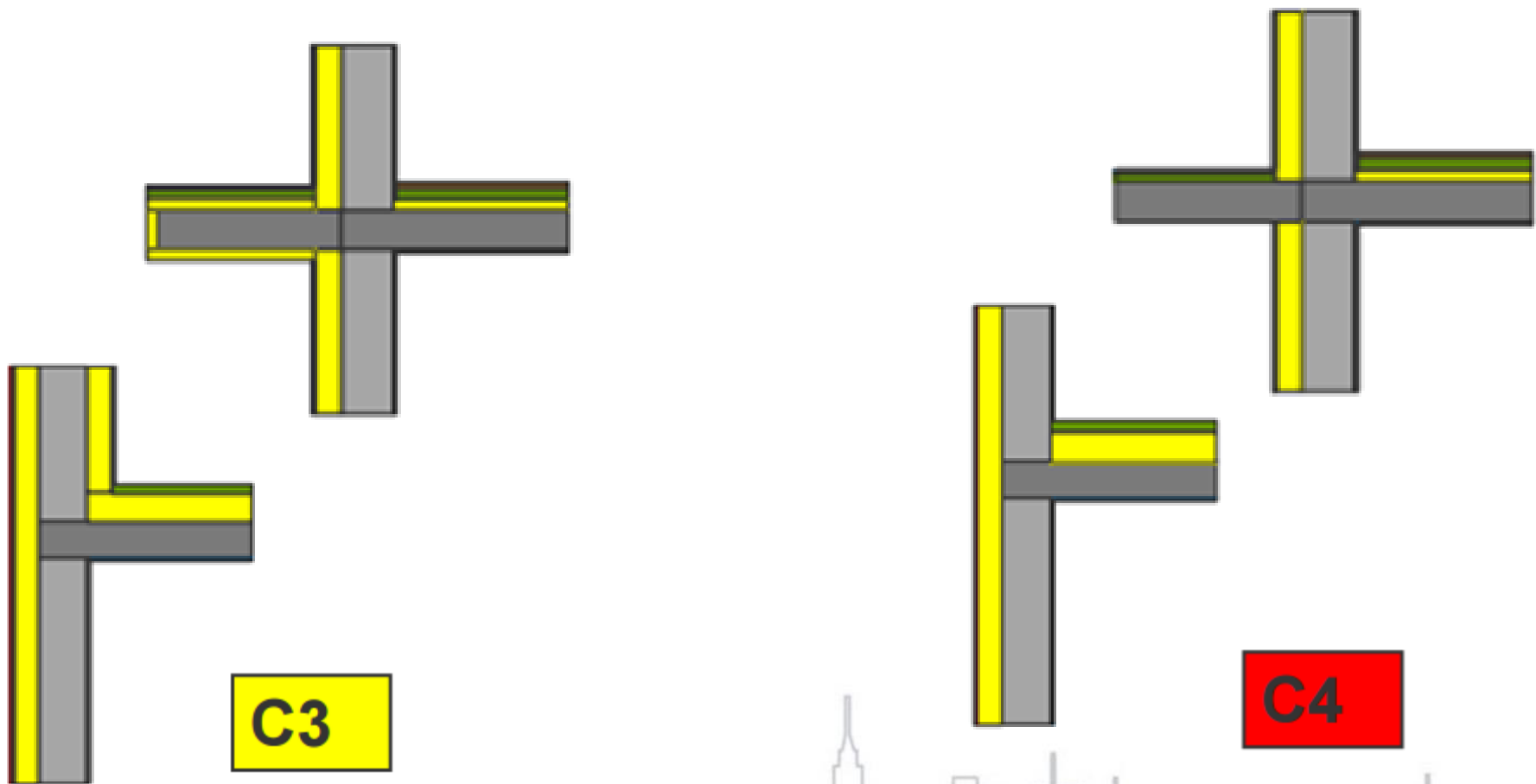
**C3**

**Klasa C4**  $\psi \geq 0,5$  - bardzo duży wpływ

**C4**



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## Temperature factor $f_{Rsi}$ - acc. to EN ISO 13788

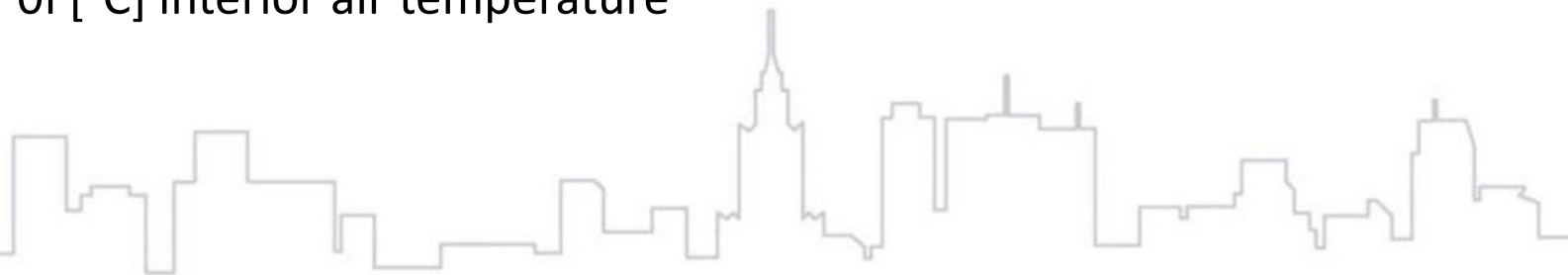
Def.: the difference between the interior surface temperature  $\theta_{si}$  of a component and exterior air temperature  $\theta_e$ , related to (divided by) the difference of temperatures between interior air  $\theta_i$  and exterior air  $\theta_e$ . The surface temperature is to be determined with some well defined surface resistance  $R_{si}$  :

$$f_{Rsi} = (\theta_{si} - \theta_e) / (\theta_i - \theta_e)$$

Where :  $\theta_{si}$  [°C] interior surface temperature

$\theta_e$  [°C] exterior air temperature

$\theta_i$  [°C] interior air temperature



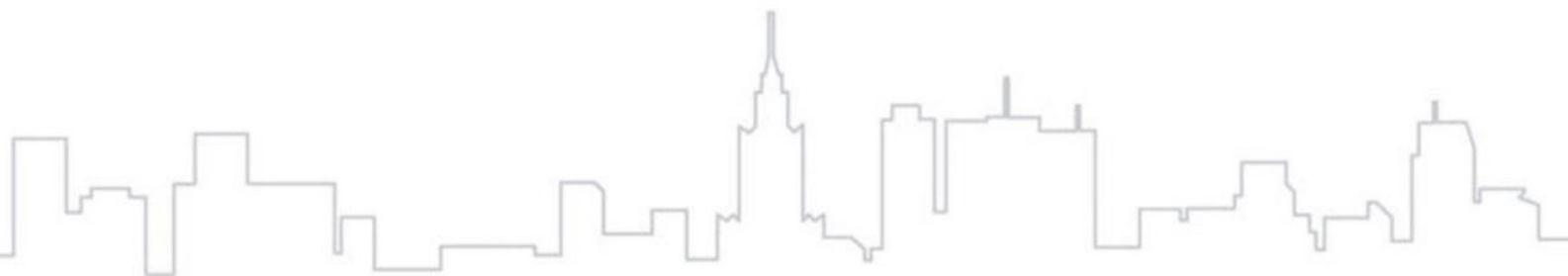
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To reduce the mould growth risk by applying design measures the requirements shall be fulfilled:

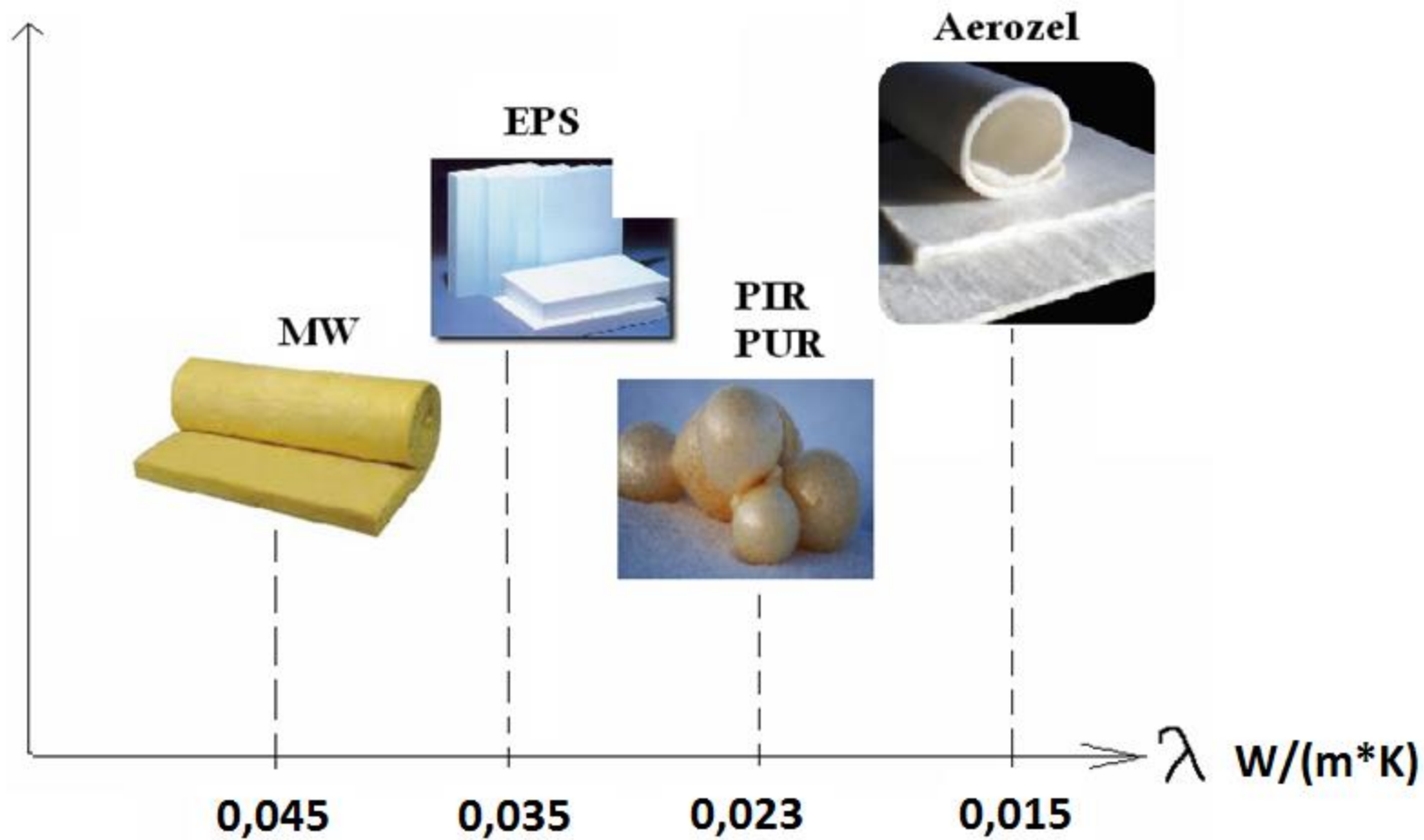
for all structural, geometrical and material thermal bridges calculated from ISO 10211, the temperature factor  $f_{Rsi}$  at the worst location must suffice the requirement of  $f_{Rsi} \geq 0,72$



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# Insulation materials



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