Seminar " Thermal Protection of Buildings" Task list

All tasks shall be finalized by reports including summaries and calculation reports.

Task no. 1: Assemblies of building constructions

a) Design assemblies of wall and roof for a low-energy family house

b) Calculate U-value of both constructions including effects of thermal bridges (in an approximate way)

d) Calculate the risk of interstitial water vapor condensation (1D Glaser model)

e) Compare results with requirements and eventually change the design. The requirements are:

- U-value is lower than 0.2 W/(m²K)
- final amount (at the end of the year) of accumulated moisture is 0 kg/m², max. amount of accumulated moisture is 0.1 kg/m² with the exception of wooden constructions where the condensation is not accepted at all.

f) Create a short presentation about your design and results of calculation in MS PowerPoint.

Task no. 2: Advanced model of building construction (WUFI model)

a) Choose one of the envelope constructions (from task no. 1)

b) Assume a higher amount of built-in water content in the thermal insulation

c) Calculate probable changes in water content in this construction during next 10 years

d) Create a short presentation about your results in MS PowerPoint.

Task no. 3: Energy performance of a low-energy family house

a) Find an architectural study of a simple low-e family house (source: technical literature, architectural journals, web sites)

b) Complete basic documentation for the house: ground plans, 1 section, elevations and situation

c) Prepare 3 types of possible heat sources for the house including their efficiencies.

d) Define heated part of the house. Prepare two variants of glazing area (minimum, maximum) on S and/or SE and/or SW facades. Calculate areas of building constructions on the envelope of heated part of the house for both variants.

e) Calculate energy need for heating for both variants and choose the optimal one.

f) Calculate primary energy connected with the performance of the house for all heat sources and choose the optimal variant.

g) Create a short presentation about your family house and results of calculation in MS PowerPoint.

Common assumptions:

- forced ventilation with heat recovery (efficiency 50-70%)
- opaque constructions: taken from task no. 1
- thermal transmittances of windows: 1,0 W/(m².K) and less
- solar factor of windows: 0,5.

Task no. 4: 2D heat conduction in thermal bridges

a) Draw a detailed plan of a selected thermal bridge or joint (e.g. wall-roof, wall-ceiling connection)

b) Create its 2D thermal model and calculate steady-state temperature field

c) Calculate minimum internal surface temperature for this thermal bridge/joint and compare it with dew-point temperature for given boundary conditions

d) Create a short presentation about your calculation in MS PowerPoint.