



Risk reduction of large wooden roofs

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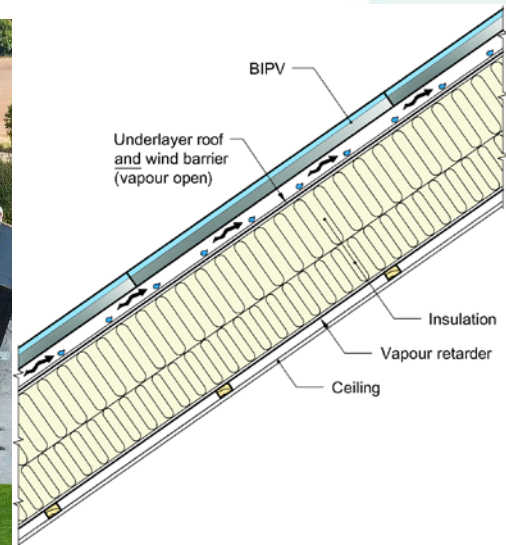
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Large ventilated wooden roofs-why lacking guidelines

Increased precipitation

Increased interest in large, low slope wooden roofs

Increased insulation thickness

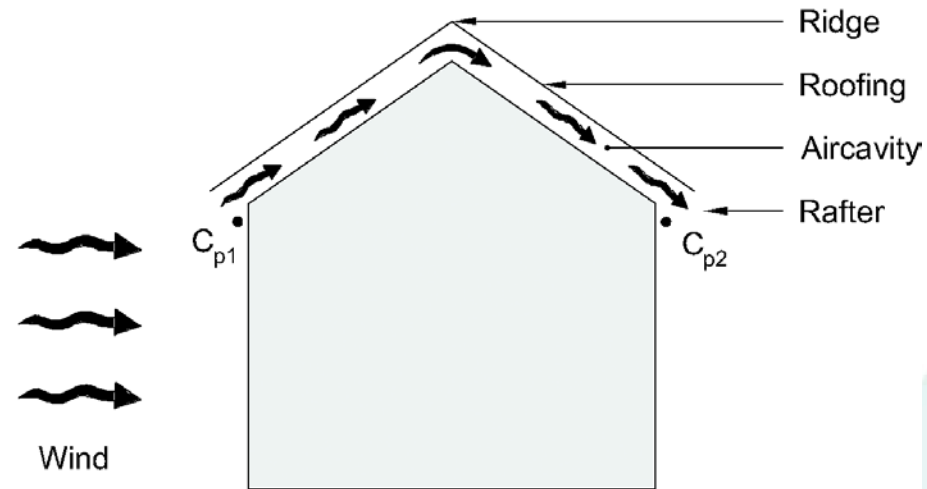


Climate adaption of wooden roofs

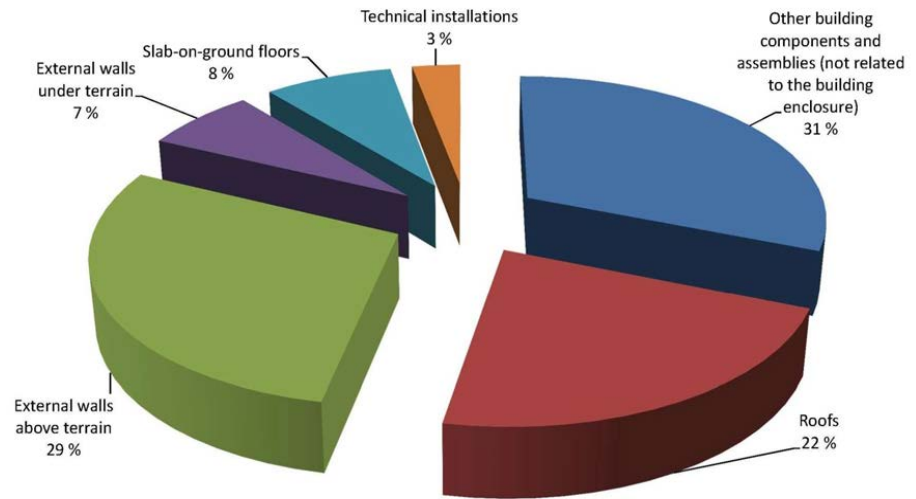
Main task:

How can we build the
robust wooden roofs
of tomorrow adapted
to the future climate?

Develop and increase
the knowledge about
venting and dry up of
wood roofs.



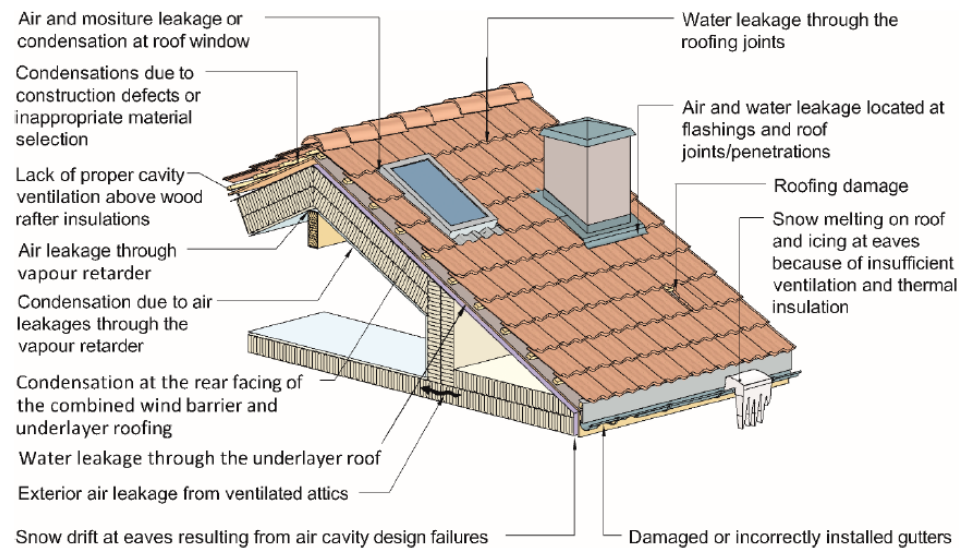
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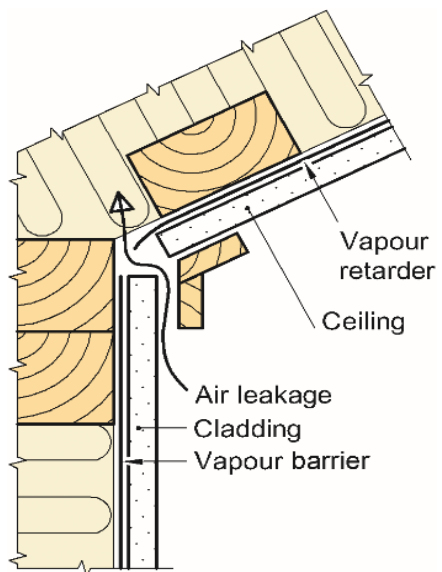
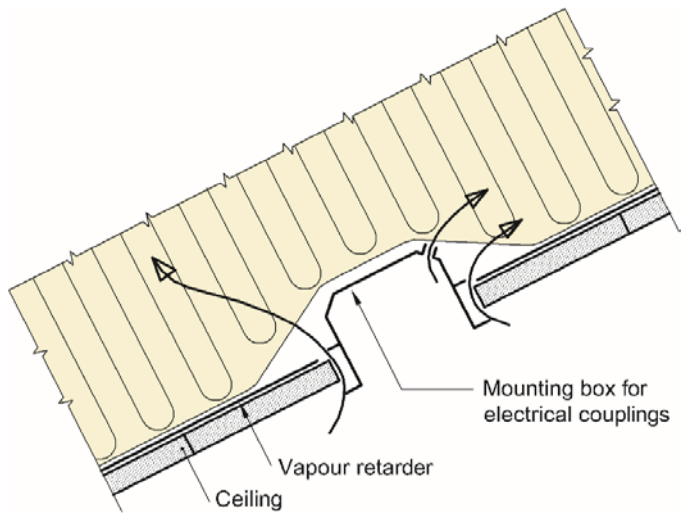


A large part located to roofs

SINTEF Building defects archive consisting over 2000 report

Overview of typical defects and causes







Research methods

Laboratory investigations

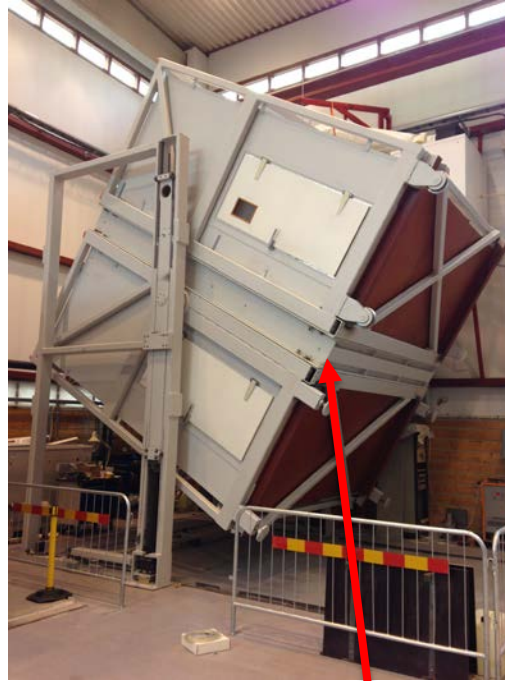
Field experiments

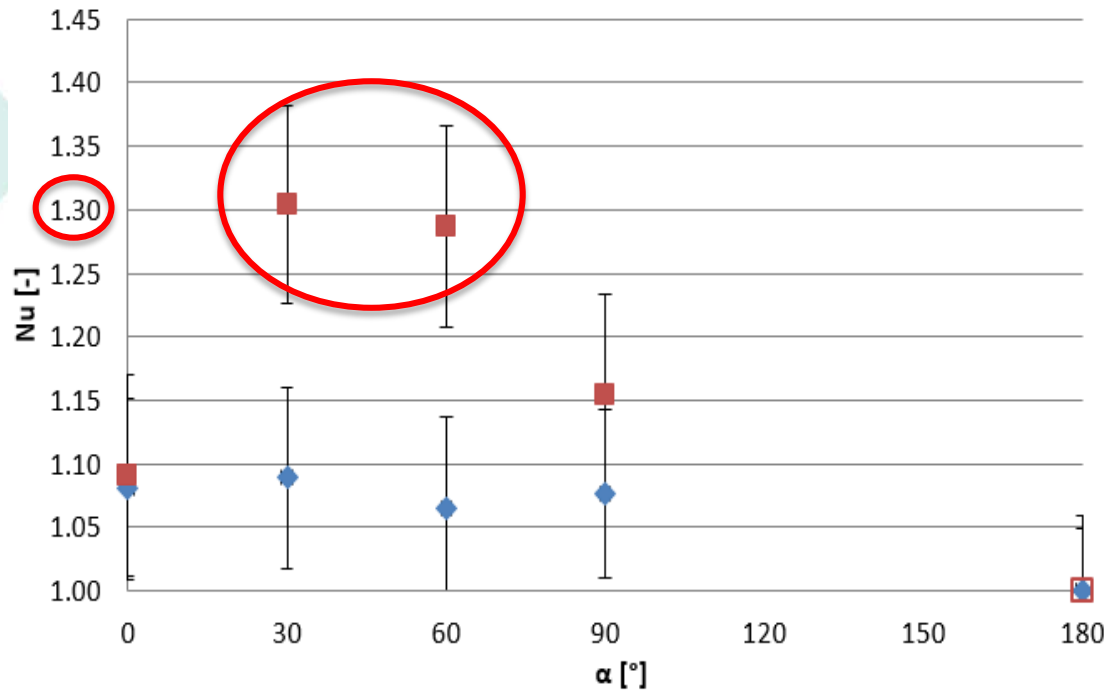
Calculations

Heat transfer: Highly insulated wooden roofs

Thick wood frame
structures

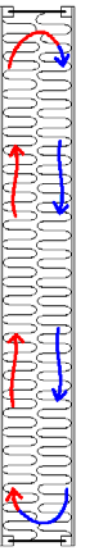
Angle of inclination





◆ $\Delta\theta = 20$

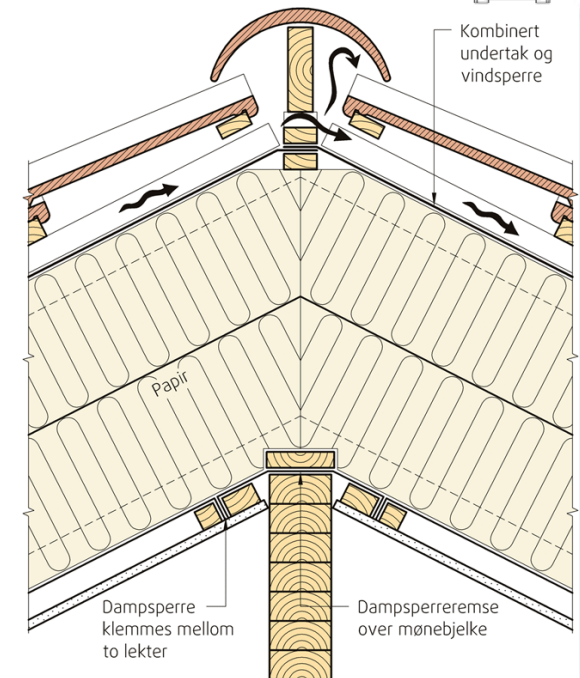
■ $\Delta\theta = 40$



Heat transfer affected by:

Temperature difference across structure

Angle of inclination

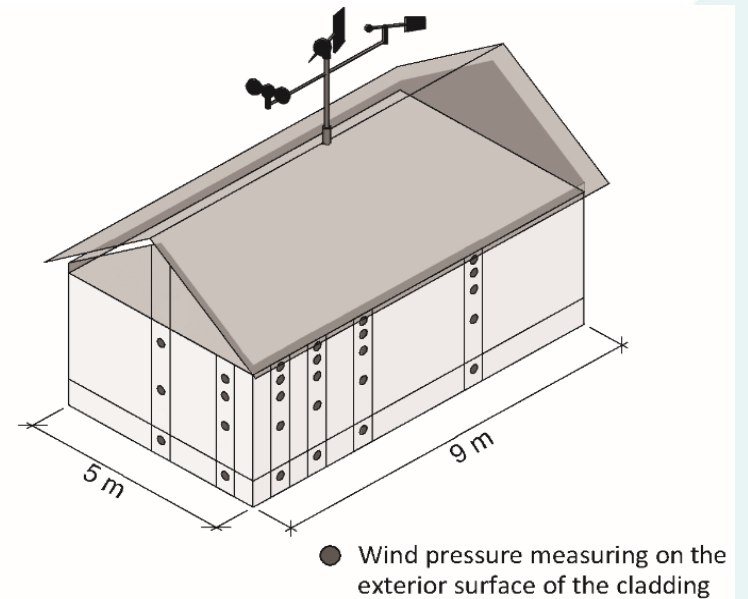
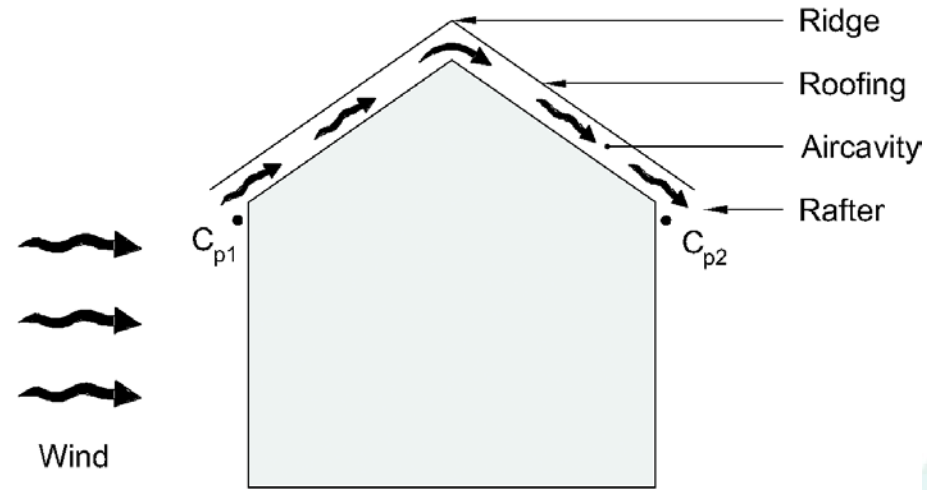


Roof ventilation

The ventilation of the cavity is given by:

Driving forces: wind and temperature differences (natural convection)

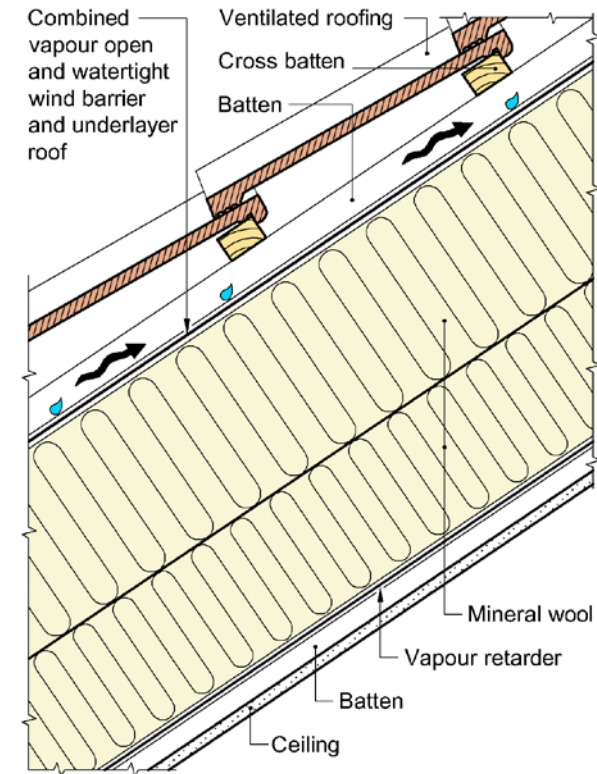
Pressure losses



Why ventilate roofs?

The basic principles for roofing ventilation is to transport:

- moisture from the roof and thus prevent the growth of mold and other moisture damage
- heat and thus prevent unwanted melting snow and icing at the eaves and gutters



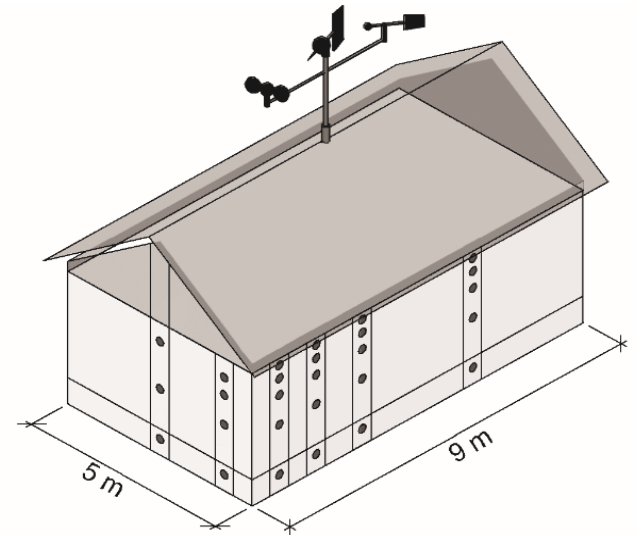
Driving forces wind

Measurements performed
by Sivert Uvsløkk in
1985!

Wind pressure
measurements
performed on a rotating
test house situated at
Tyholt



Picture by Sivert Uvsløkk, SINTEF

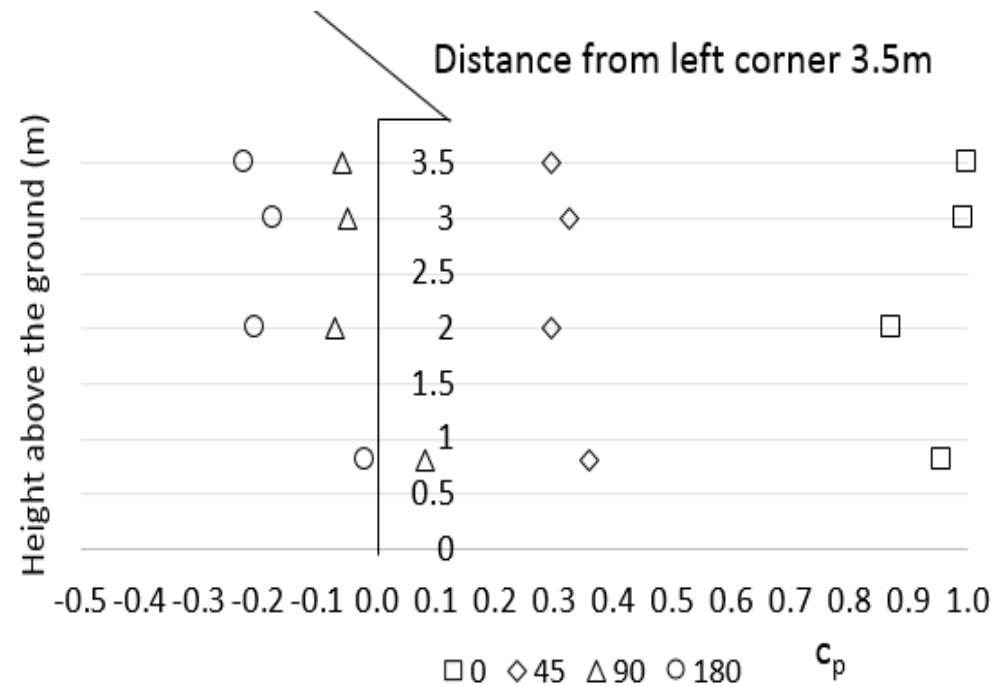


● Wind pressure measuring on the
exterior surface of the cladding



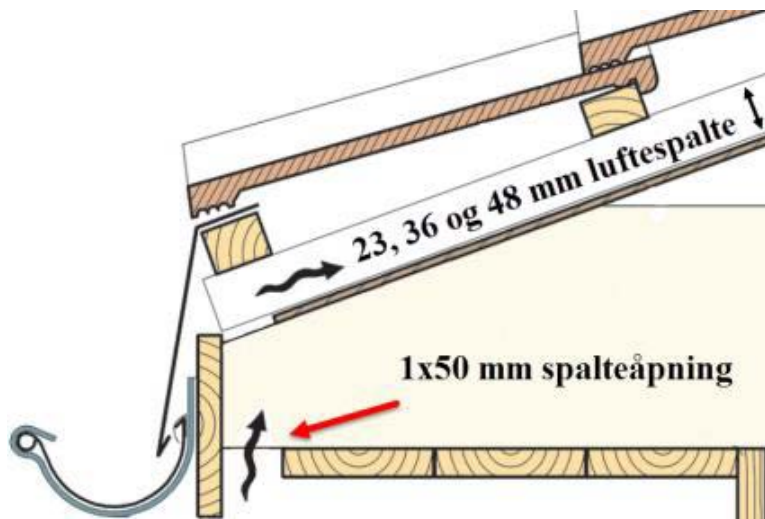
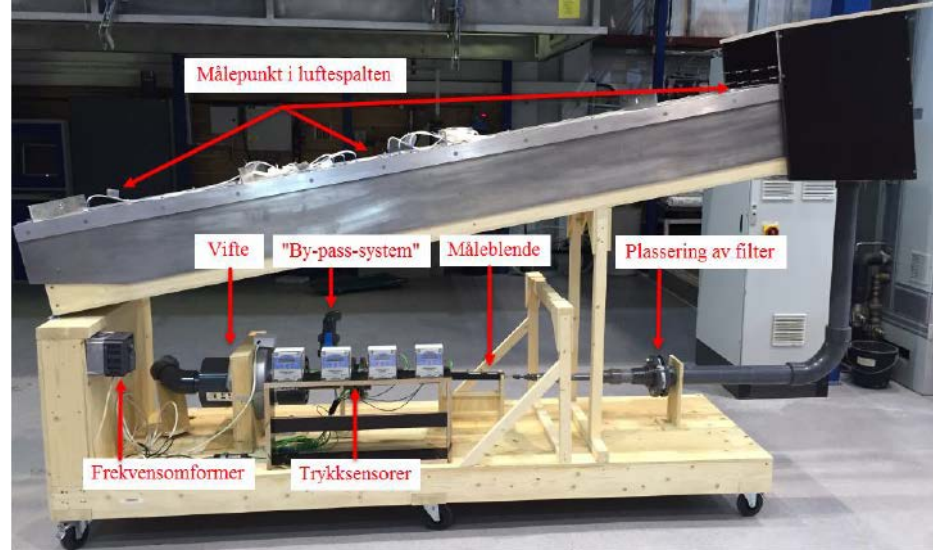
New analysis of "old" data

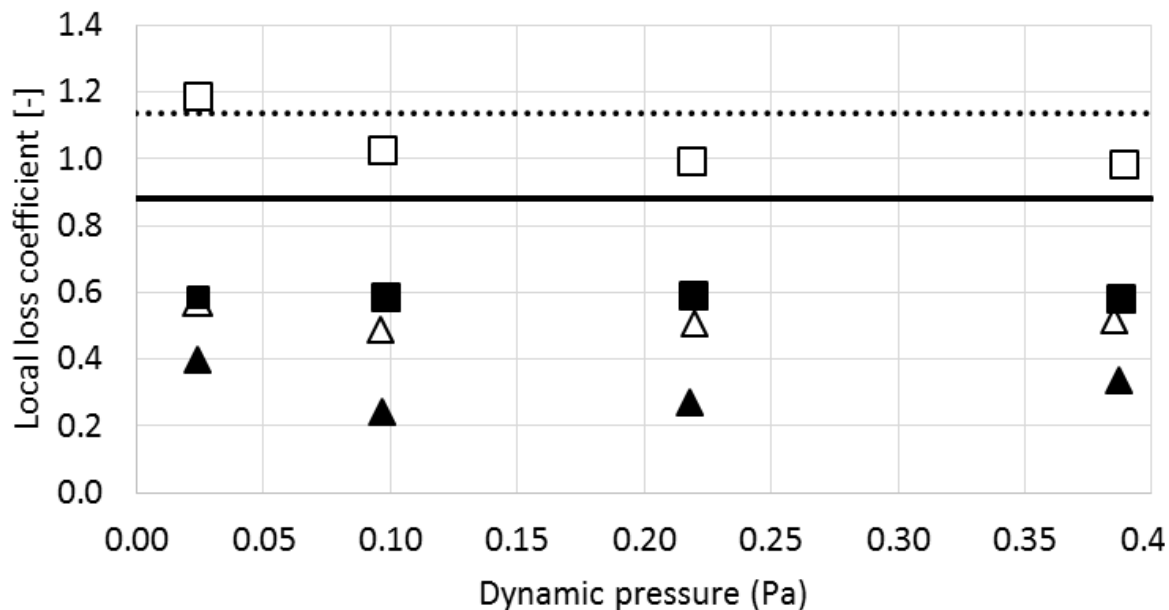
Increased knowledge
about wind driven
ventilation



Pressure losses: Air flow inside air cavity

Laboratory investigation

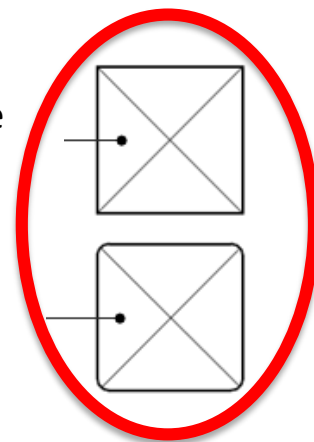




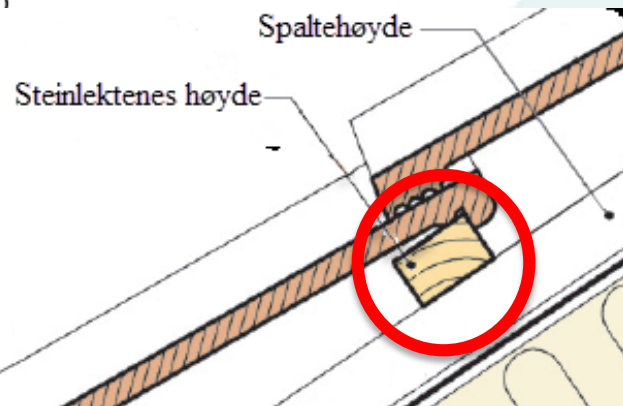
Sharp-edged tile batten

Round-edged tile batten

$r = 3 \text{ mm}$



- 36 mm sharp. + 23 mm air gap
- 36 mm rounded + 23 mm air gap
- Danvak 23 mm air gap
- △ 36 mm sharp + 48 mm air gap
- ▲ 36 mm rounded + 48 mm air gap
- Danvak 48 mm air gap



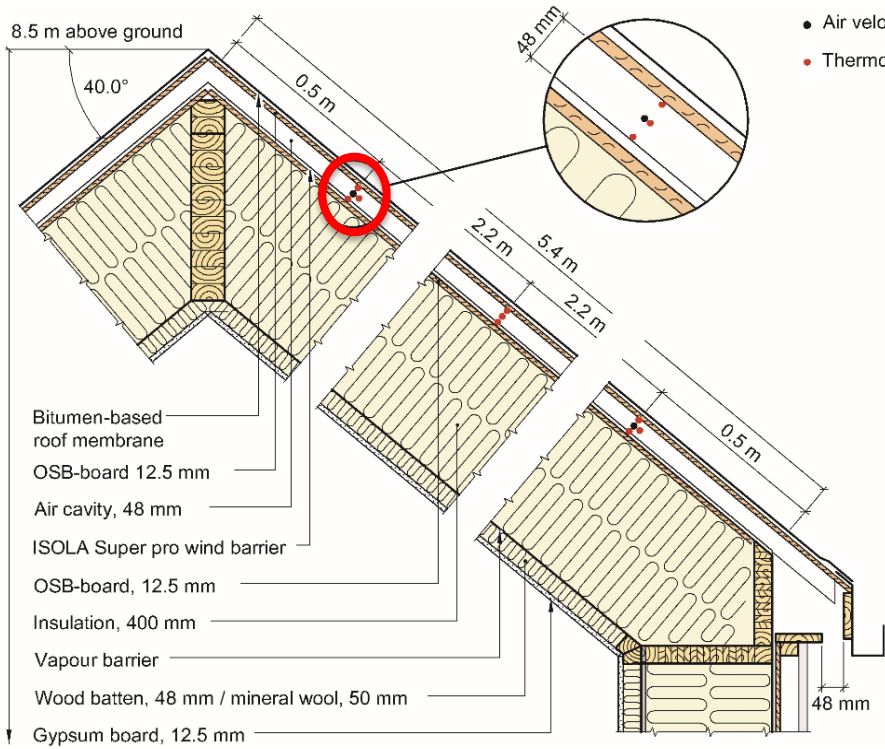


Field experiments

ZEB Test Cell Laboratory located at campus



Field experiments



- Air velocity
- Thermocouple

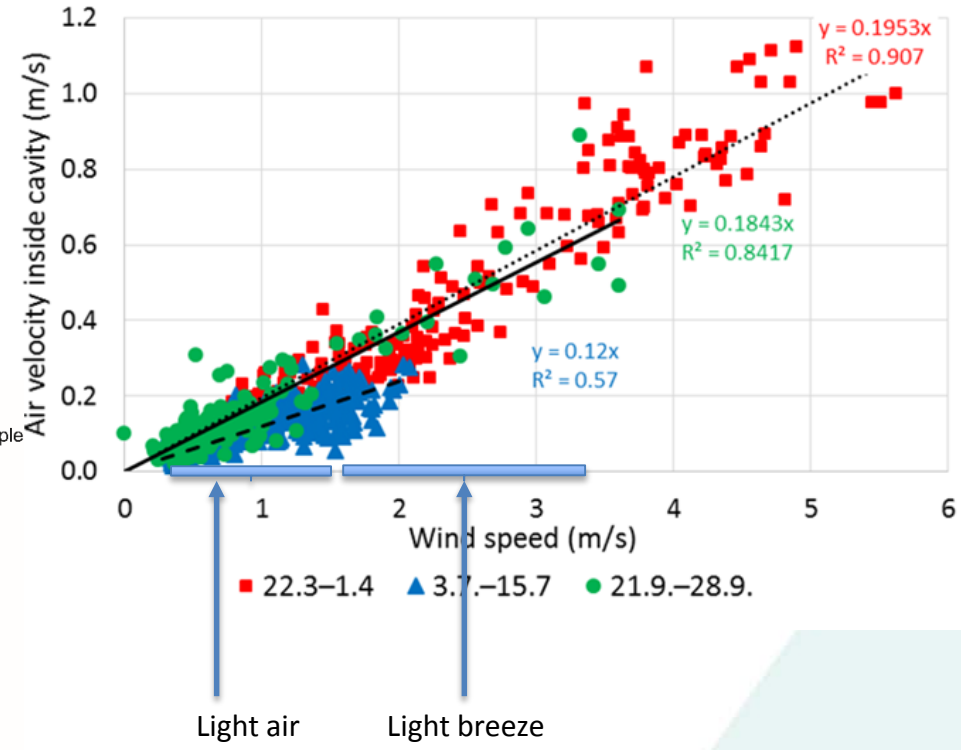




Illustration from Norgeshus

Practical example:

Roof length	11 m
Wind speed	1 m/s
Air velocity inside cavity	0.2 m/s
Air change rate	60 h ⁻¹



Summary

Convection barrier when insulation thickness exceed 200 mm, also in roofs.

Rounded tile battens can be used to lower friction inside air cavity.

Roof length of 30 m requires a 225 mm opening through the air gap system.



Thank you for the attention

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