



Risk reduction of large wooden roofs

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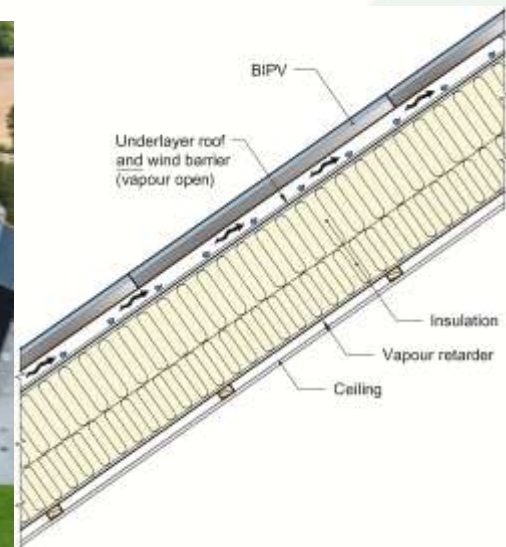


Large ventilated wooden roofs - increased risks

Increased precipitation

Increased interest in large, low slope wooden roofs

Increased insulation thickness

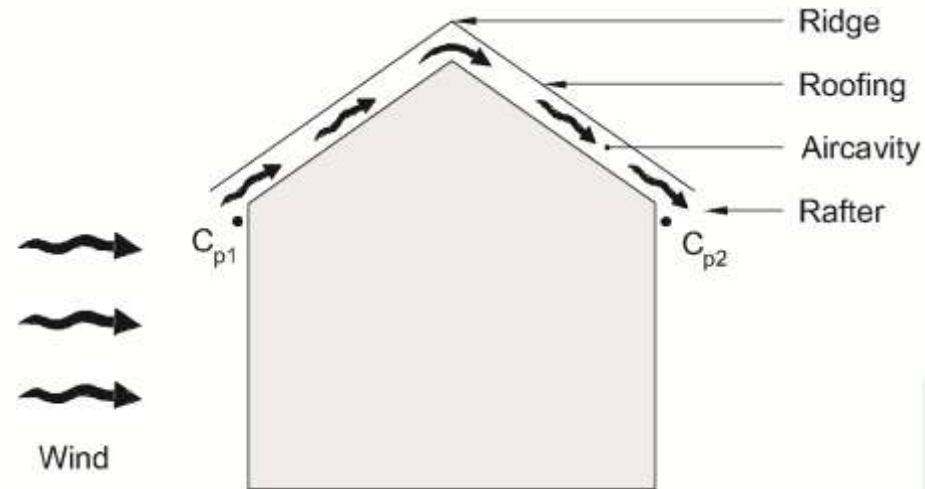


Climate adaptation of wooden roofs

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 wooden roofs.

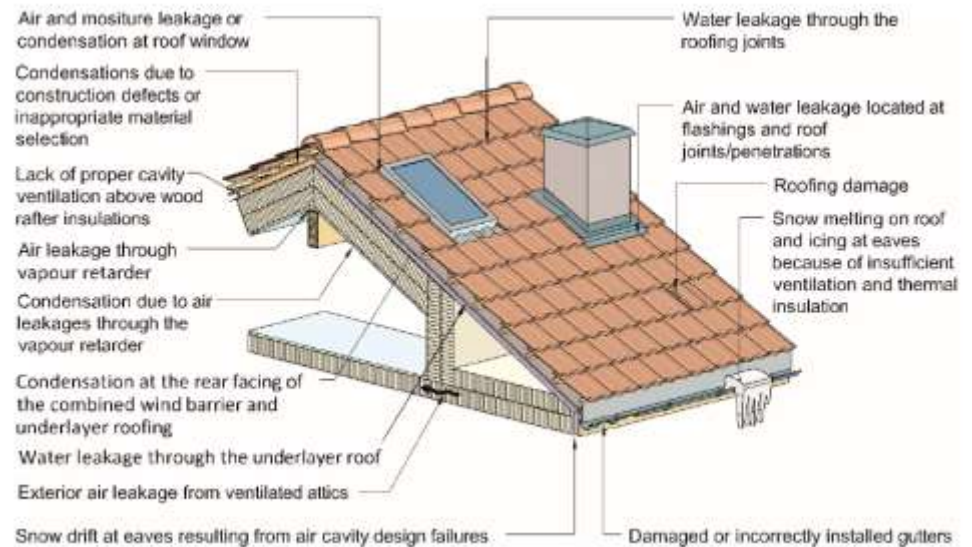
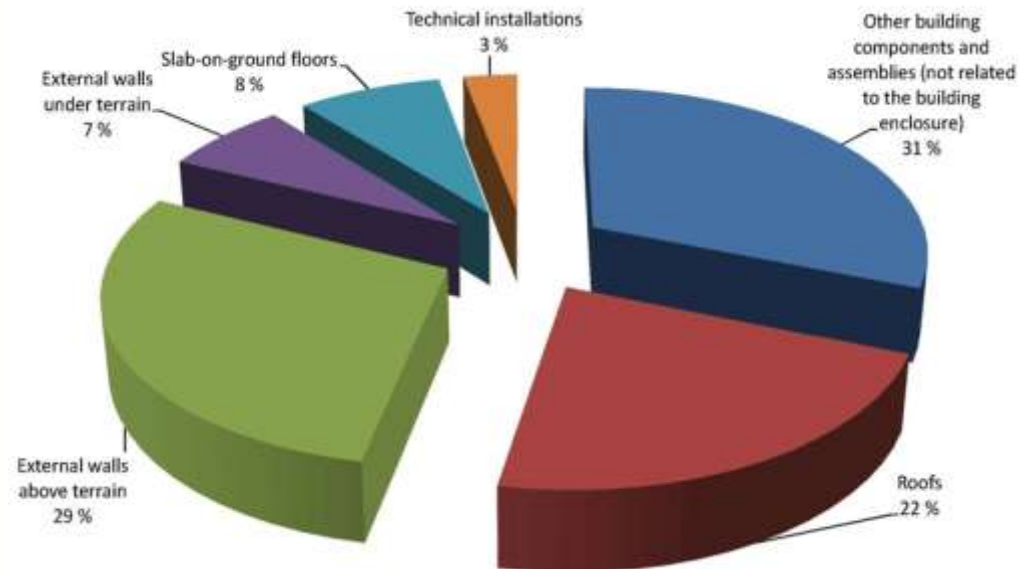


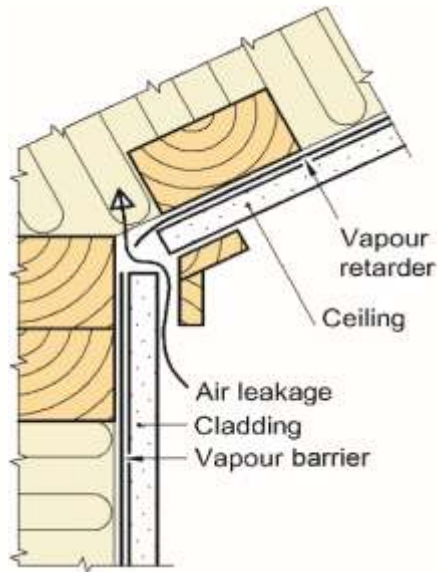
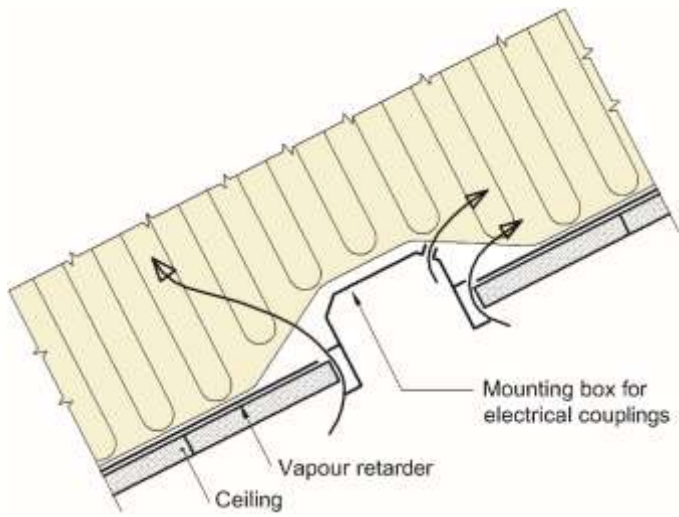
Building defects

A large part located to roofs

SINTEF Building defects archive consisting of more than 2000 reports

Overview of typical defects and causes







Research methods

Laboratory investigations

Field experiments

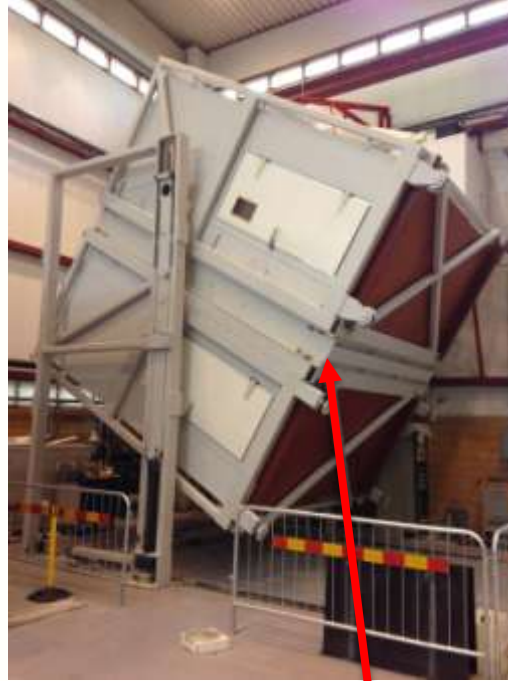
Calculations

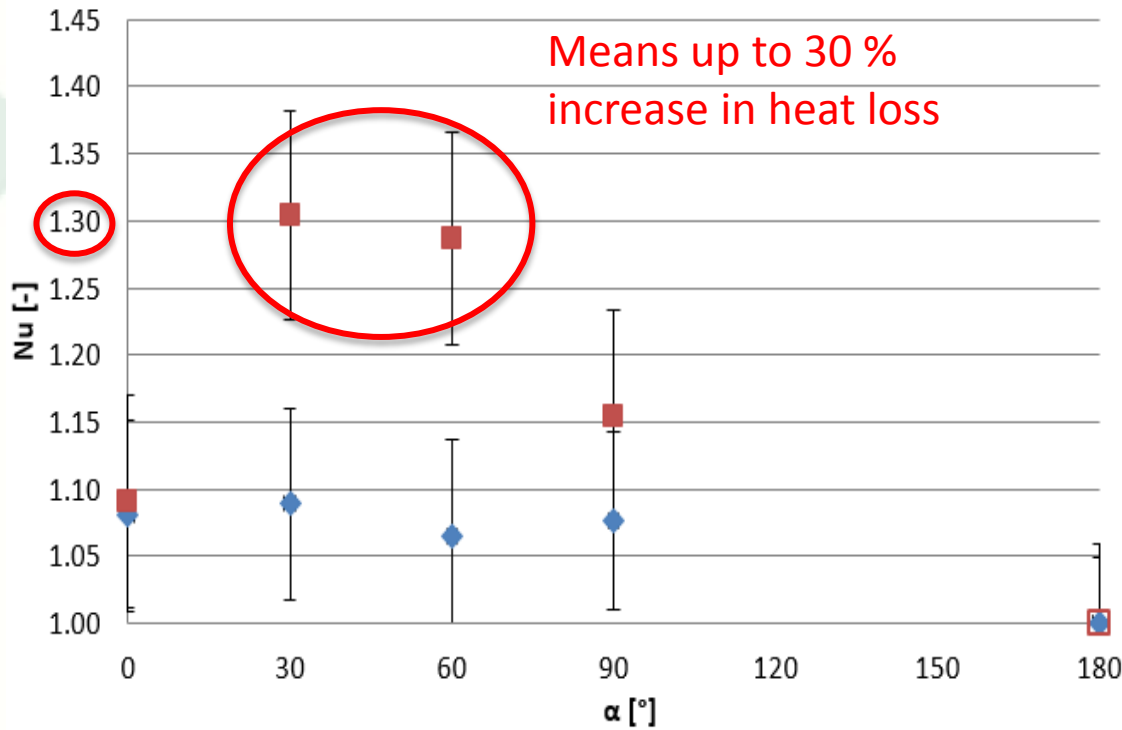
Highly insulated wooden roofs

Risk of increased heat transfer (i.e energy use) and redistribution of moisture (i.e potential moisture problem)

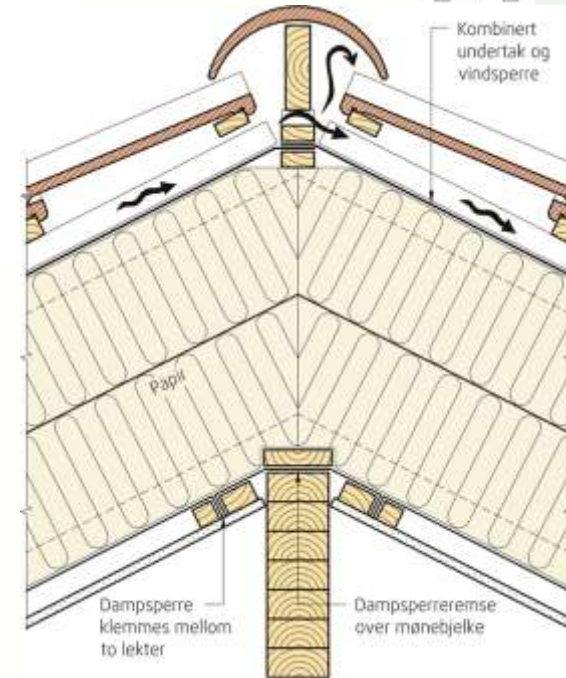
Thick wood frame structures

Angle of inclination





◆ $\Delta\theta = 20$
 ■ $\Delta\theta = 40$



Heat transfer affected by:

Temperature difference across structure

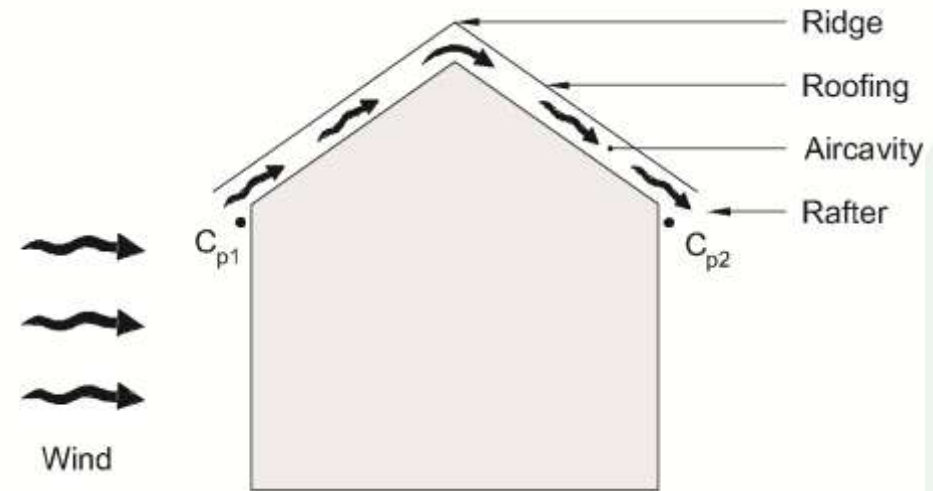
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Roof ventilation

The ventilation of the cavity is given by:

Driving forces: wind and temperature differences (natural convection)

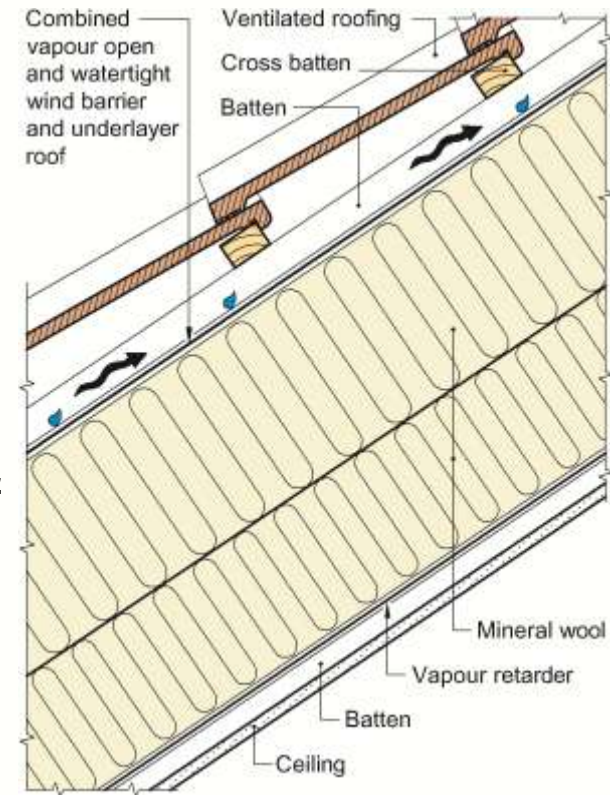
Pressure losses



Why ventilate roofs?

The basic principles for roofing ventilation is to transport:

- moisture from the roof and thus prevent moisture damages
- heat and thus prevent unwanted melting of snow and icing at the eaves



Driving forces - wind

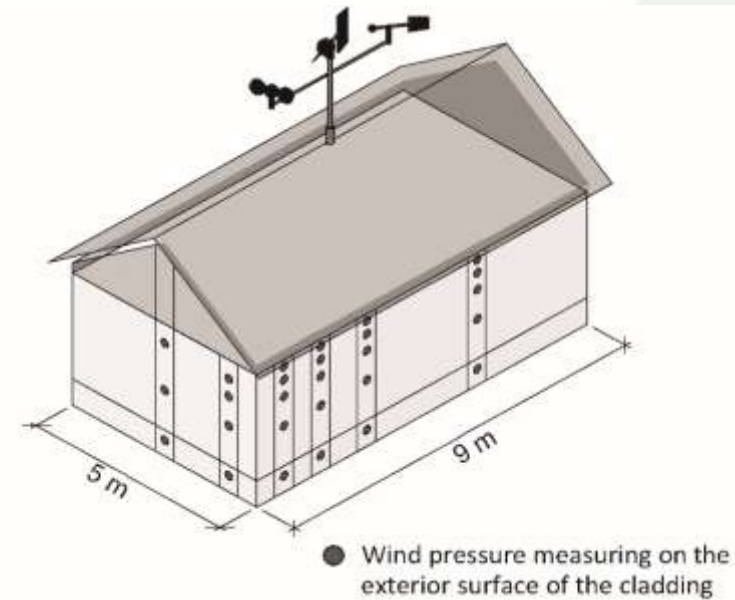
Measurements performed by Sivert Uvsløkk in 1985!

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

We found; New wind pressure coefficients for building facade helping us in our calculations of wind driven ventilation

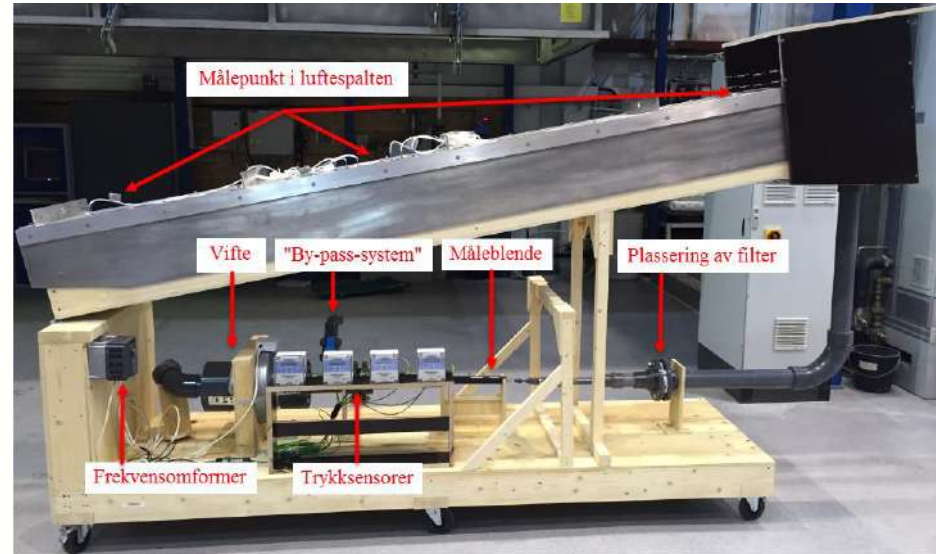
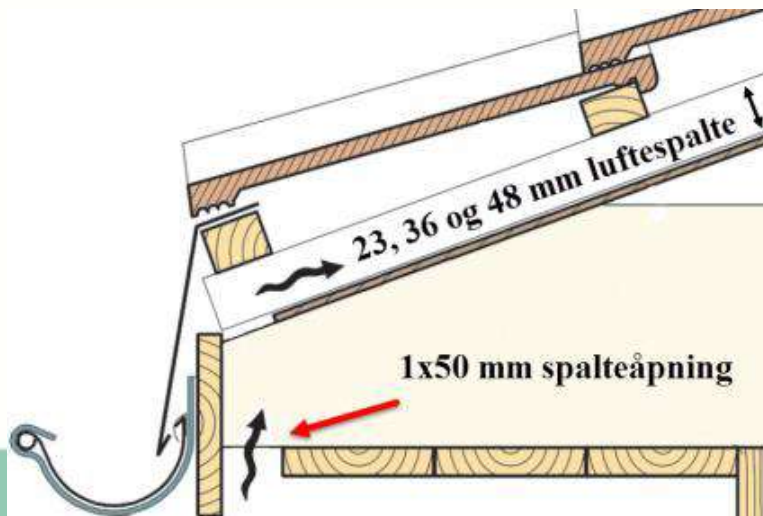


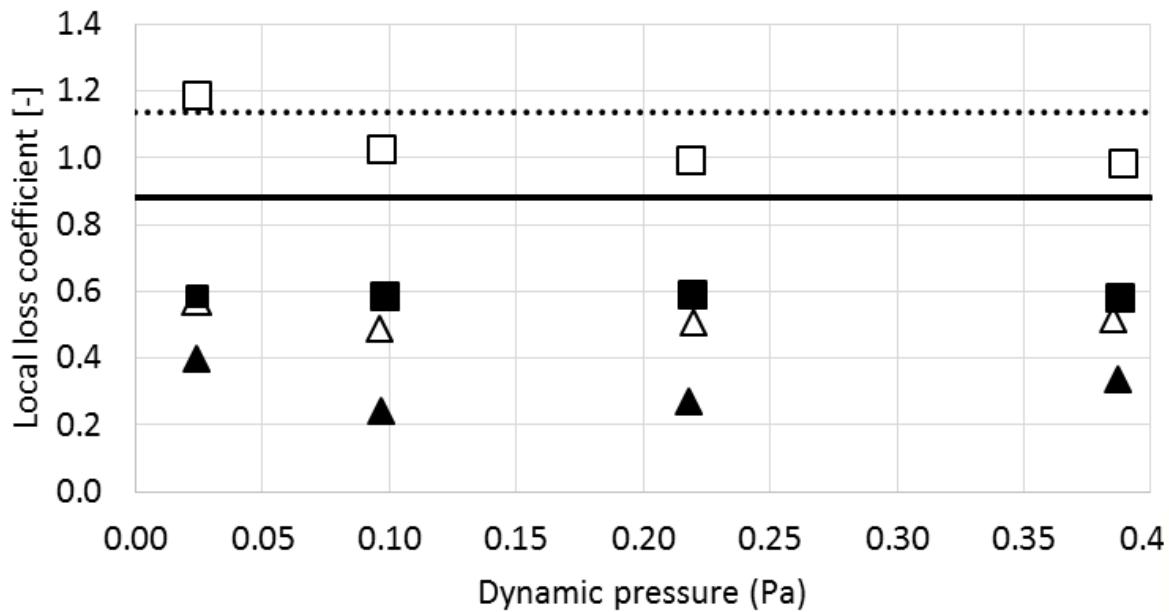
Picture by Sivert Uvsløkk, SINTEF



Air flow inside the air cavity in a roof

Laboratory investigation to investigate pressure losses

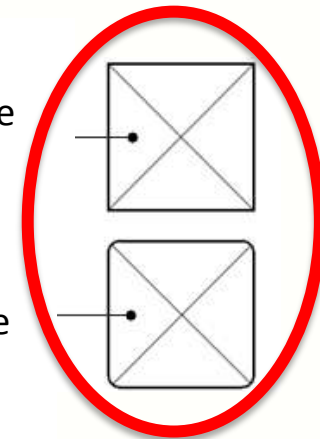




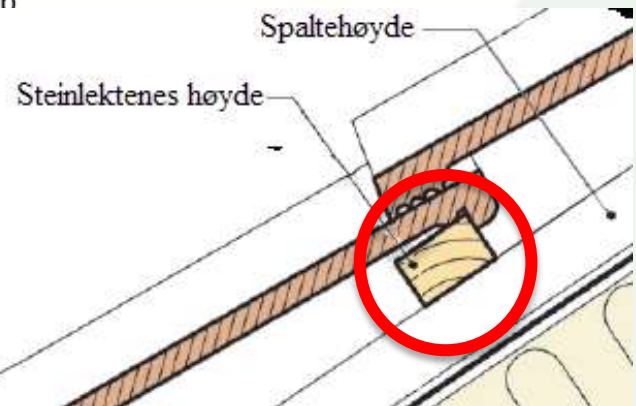
Sharp-edged tile batten


Round-edged tile batten

$r = 3 \text{ mm}$



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



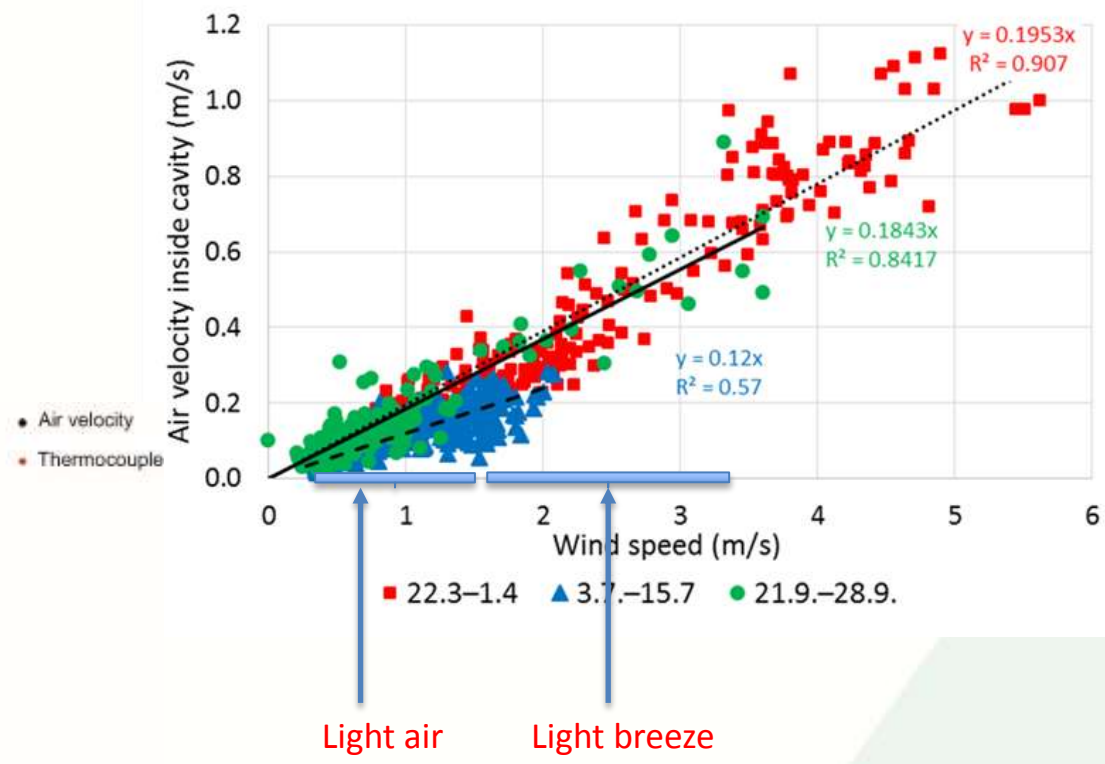
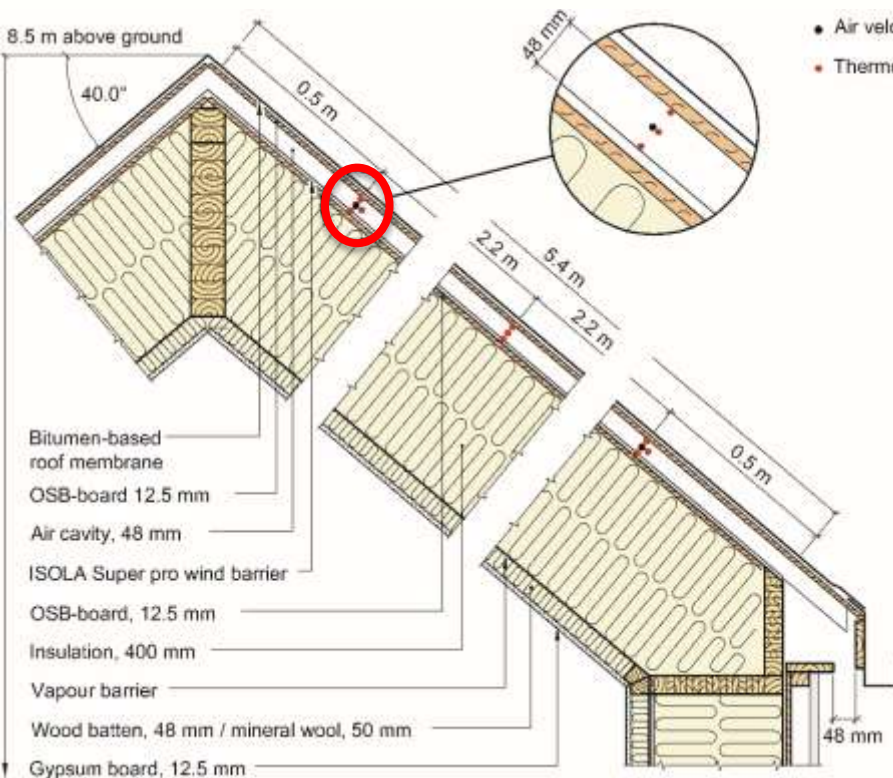
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Field experiments - performance of roofs

ZEB Test Cell Laboratory located at NTNU
campus



Field experiments



Annual days with average
wind speed > 1 m/s
for the normal period 1961-1990



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



New guidelines for risk reduction of wooden roofs

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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