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High Energy savings in building cooling by **ROof TILES** shape optimization toward a better above sheathing ventilation

PROJECT FRAMEWORK

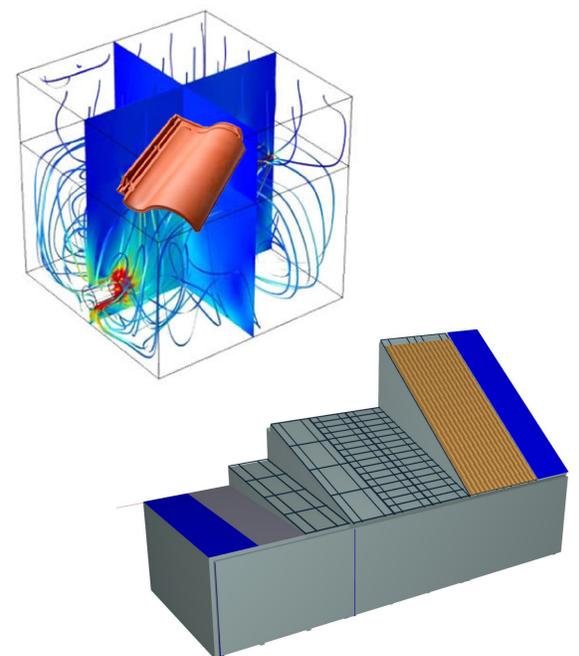
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THE CHALLENGE

In Mediterranean regions the solar radiation in summer cause an overheating of the building envelope (roof and walls) and then of the indoor and the need for air-conditioning. Passive systems to limit solar effect mainly consist of ventilated facades and roofs. Roof is the most exposed element to solar radiation and this causes excessive heating of the attic and other rooms, so vented tiled roofs could be considered the best solution for passive thermal building insulation in hot and mild climates.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Realize two pilot plants to produce two new types of roof tiles (Marseillaise and Portuguese tiles) with a shape characterized by a higher air permeability through the overlap of the tiles, and then a better energy performances by passive disposal of the solar radiation through under-tile ventilation;
- Two real scale test buildings, with seven different roofs each, will be made to test new tile performances in two different location (Italy and Israel) and two demonstrator buildings located in Mediterranean regions (Italy and Spain) have been chosen to test and quantify benefits of new tiles;
- On the basis of experimental data, will be realize in addition a practical and simplified free-license software for architects and technicians – SENSAPIRO Software ENergy SAVings PItched ROofs, able to predict the energy performance of the same building in changing only the roof configuration.



COUNTRIES

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