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scope of activities:		graphic material
 Designing a sustainable building, Multi-criterial optimization of a building design, Building Energy Modelling (BEM), Economic and Environmental (emissions of pollutants and CO₂) Life Cycle Analysis (LCC and LCA) of a habitable building; Urban-scale building energy modelling (UBEM), Energy Clusters, Urban-scale Economic and Environmental LCA, Renewable Energy Sources (RES), Deep energy retrofitting of buildings and urban areas, Decarbonization of building sector; Energy auditing. Numerical modeling of hygro-thermal phenomena in deforming building materials, including material strains during drying, performance of concrete at early ages and at high temperature, performance of porous building materials during freezing; Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods in the energy analysis and optimization of building design in the context of Sustainable Development "In situ" testing and monitoring of acoustic and thermal properties of buildings; 		Fig. 1: Energy cluster concept
present activities: The present activities are mainly dedicated to the Building Energy Modeling and Urban- scale Building Energy Modeling in the context of Sustainable Development and Decarbonization of building sector. The computer software TEAC (Tool for Energy Efficiency Analysis of an Energy Cluster) is being developed for multifamily houses stock in Poland. Other scientific topic, being developed in collaboration with the University of Padova, is durability of concrete structures at high temperature, exposed to freezing, and at early ages. Then, some activity is dedicated to the laboratory and "in situ" testing of thermal and acoustic properties of building envelope, and indoor thermal comfort. Our laboratory is equipped with a hot-box chamber, and two climatic chambers with programmable temperature and humidity conditions, where larger building elements might be tested.		Fig. 2. Application of the TEAC software
Future activities: Analysis and optimization of various energy retrofitting scenarios/strategies for a building and larger urban areas, situated both in the city and suburban areas. Further development of the TEAC computer software for the multifamily houses stock in Poland.		

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Keywords:

Sustainable development in building construction sector, Energy building modelling, Urban-scale building energy modelling, Environmental Life Cycle Analysis, Hygrothermal phenomena in porous materials, Concrete at early ages, Concrete at high temperature, Numerical modelling of building elements hygrothermal performance

List of internship proposal in this research team:

Application of stochastic methods in the life cycle analysis of energy and thermal comfort for buildings and urban areas.

Application of various optimization methods for deep energy retrofitting and designing of sustainable buildings

Development of software for the energy and environmental analysis, and multicriterial optimization of multifamily buildings and urban areas





