

Swiss Contribution to Task 63: Improving planning for solar energy access in urban areas (G2Solaire, VALES, HELIOS)



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Overview



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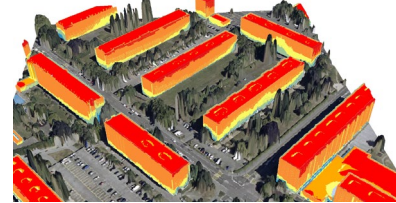
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HELIOS



2019 - 2022

Boosting solar market in the Greater Geneva (**Solar cadaster**)



2021 - 2022

3D and solar modelling of building **facades** at large urban scales

2022 - 205

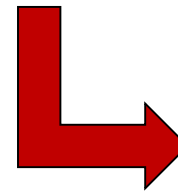
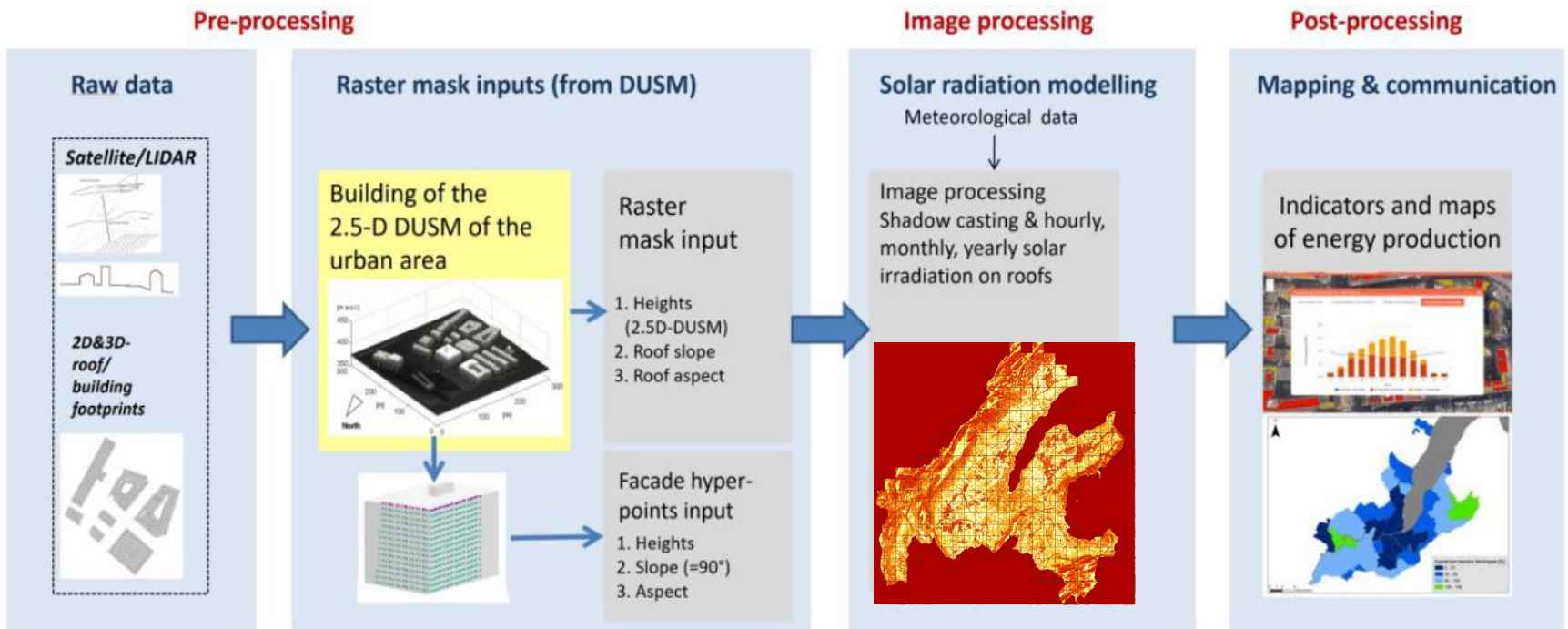
Enhancing optimal exploitation of solar energy in **Nordic cities** through the digitalization of the built environment



Task 63 | Solar Neighborhood Planning



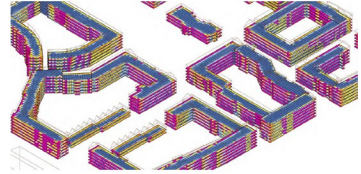
Workflow to compute solar cadaster



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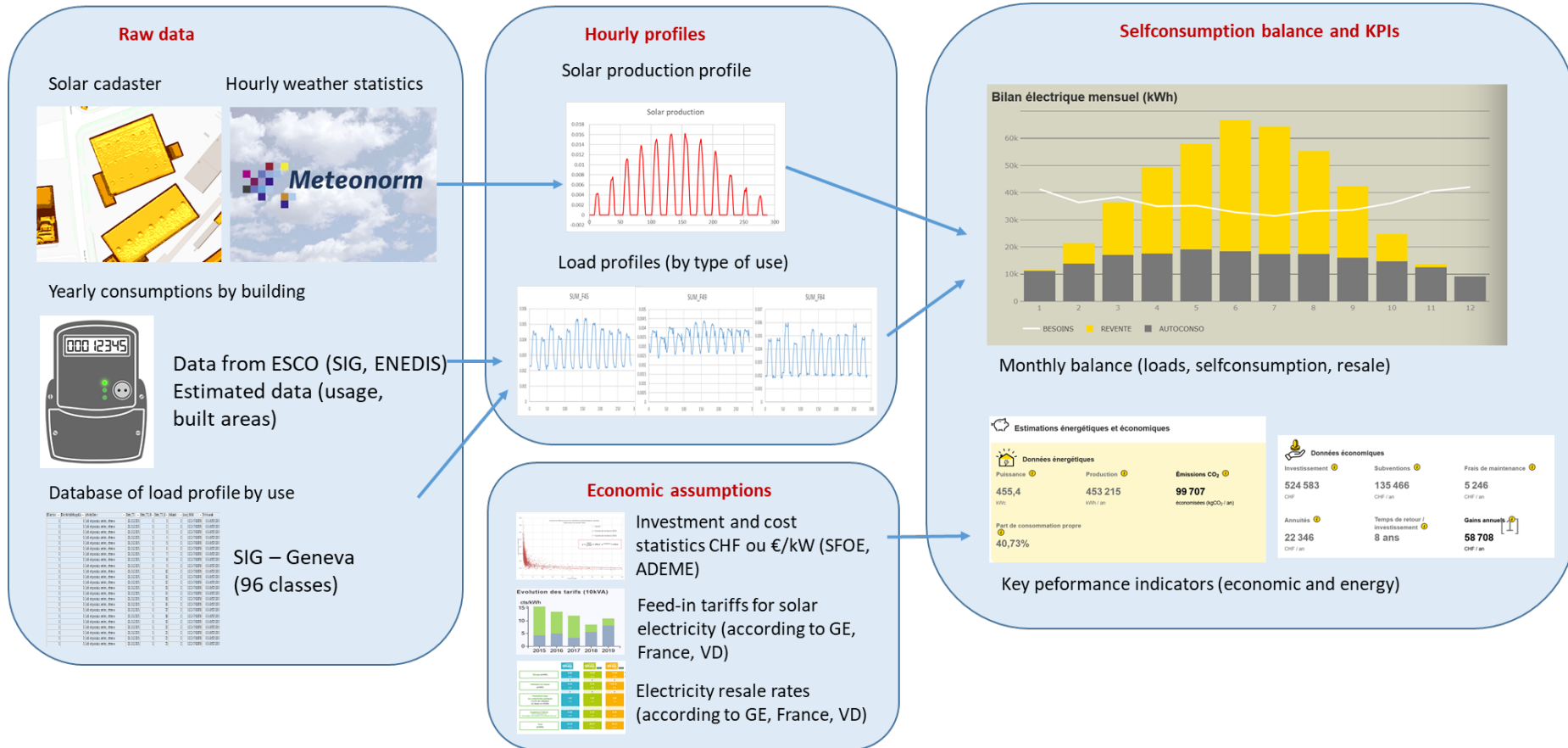
Identification of existing tools and workflows for solar neighbourhood planning



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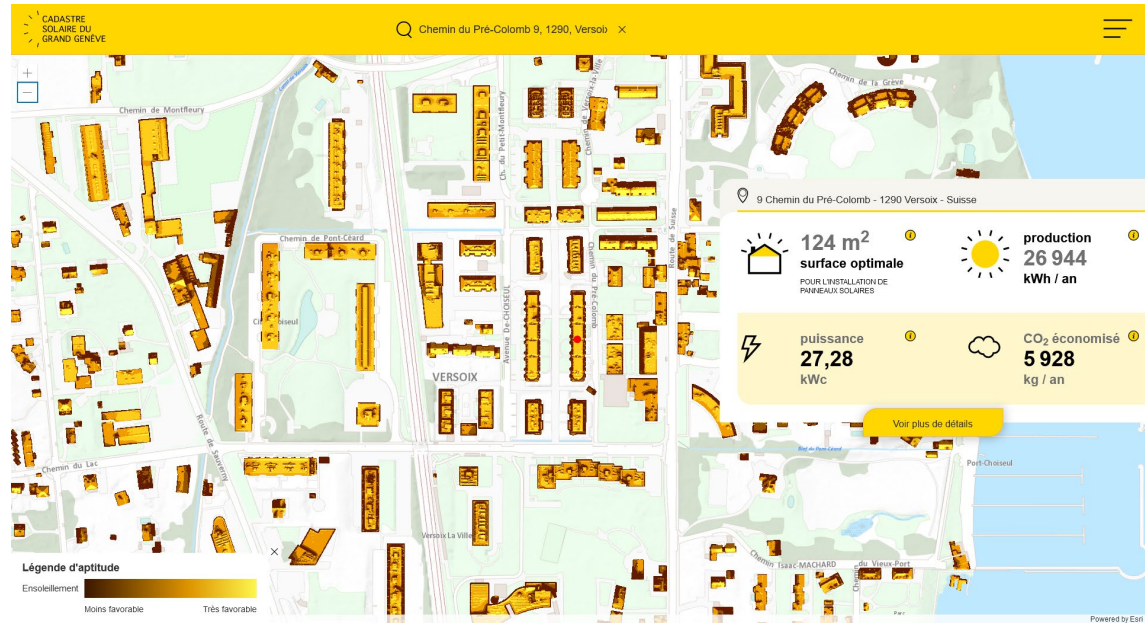
Selfconsumption of solar PV workflow

- Simulation selfconsumption of each building of the Greater Geneva



Web interface of solar cadaster

Key performance indicators



Caractéristiques des toitures

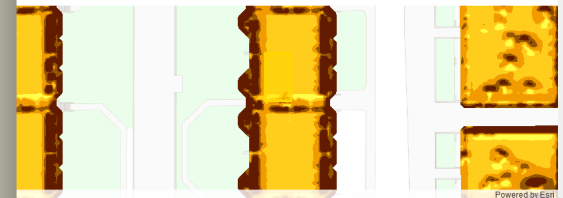
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Télécharger l'estimation

Répartition du potentiel solaire de la toiture



- Pan de toiture 1
- Pan de toiture 2
- Pan de toiture 3
- Pan de toiture 4**
- Pan de toiture 5
- Pan de toiture 6
- Pan de toiture 7



Caractéristiques de la toiture

Pour convertir au mieux l'énergie solaire en électricité, le photovoltaïque dépend de 3 facteurs : la localisation géographique, l'orientation des panneaux et les éventuels ombrages.

Type de support	Toiture
Surface toiture	35 m ²
Pente moyenne	15 °
Orientation moyenne	267 °
Irradiation solaire - panneaux	1 256 kWh / m ² / an

To be published from 15.6.22 on: <https://apps.sitg-lab.ch/solaire/>

Technical and financial estimation

Principle:

- Pre-calculated input data
- Online update by changing the cursor position
- And/or by providing information and data via the form

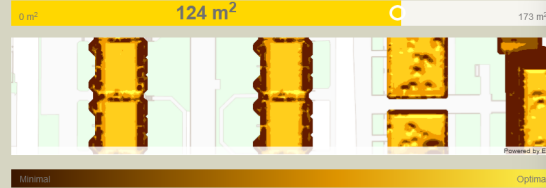
Estimation détaillée

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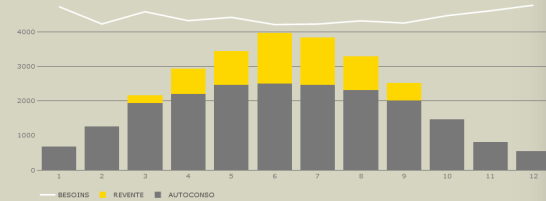
Télécharger l'estimation



Répartition du potentiel solaire de la toiture



Bilan électrique mensuel (kWh)



Online formular to fill consumption data and refine simulation

Vente totale Autococonsommation

Estimations énergétiques et économiques

Données énergétiques

Puissance	Production	Emissions CO ₂
27,28 kWc	26 944 kWh / an	5 928 économisées (kgCO ₂ / an)

Part de consommation propre

76,79%

Données économiques

Investissement	Subventions	Frais de maintenance
52 178 CHF	11 066 CHF / an	522 CHF / an

Annuités

2 361
CHF / an

Temps de retour / investissement

9 ans

Gains annuels

5 084
CHF / an



Pour affiner votre estimation

Consommation électrique

Je connais ma consommation électrique 60000

Nombre d'occupants Saisir : Nb personnes

Autres usages de l'électricité

J'ai une pompe à chaleur

Je connais sa consommation annuelle spécifique

oui 12000 non

J'ai un chauffage électrique direct

Je connais sa consommation annuelle spécifique

oui Saisir : conso kWh / an non

J'ai un chauffe-eau électrique

Je connais sa consommation annuelle spécifique

oui Saisir : conso kWh / an non

J'ai une voiture électrique

Je connais sa consommation annuelle spécifique

oui 15000 non

Autoconsommation sur les communs ou les ménages

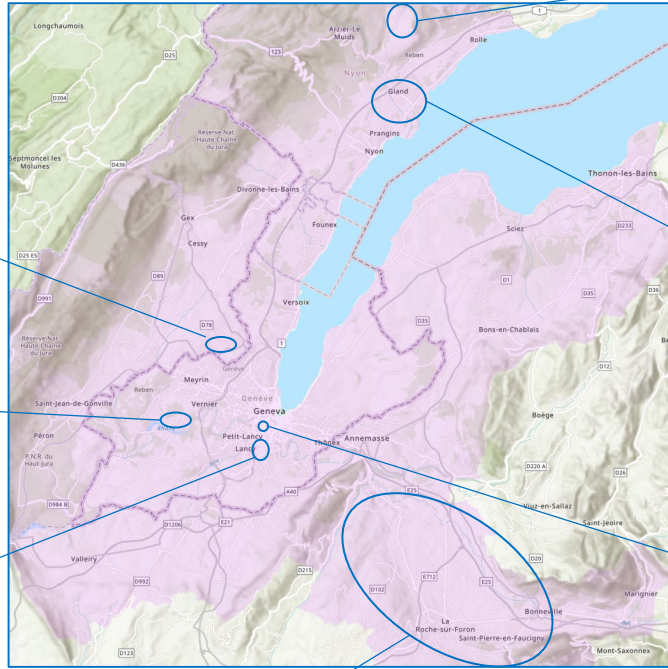
Je souhaite calculer l'autoconsommation sur :

L'immeuble entier

Les ménages uniquement

Les communs de l'immeuble uniquement

Pilot neighborhoods



ZAC Ferney-Genève (01)
Demonstration new ND development



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Industrial area of Bois-de-Bay (GE)
PV solar and microgrid



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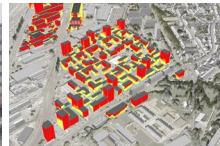


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Demonstration new ND development



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Solar communities



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Solar energy and heritage



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Grouped call for tenders



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Energy retrofit



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Contribution to:
STA: solar planning strategies
STD: case studies 7



Colorful BIPV in Basel
(Kholesilo) (source : Architectes.ch,
2022)

Aerial image of the Meyrin district
(Geneva)
(GoogleMaps)



- Geometry
- Windows detection (machine learning)
- Cloud points
- Albedo

Bringing solar to the urban environment

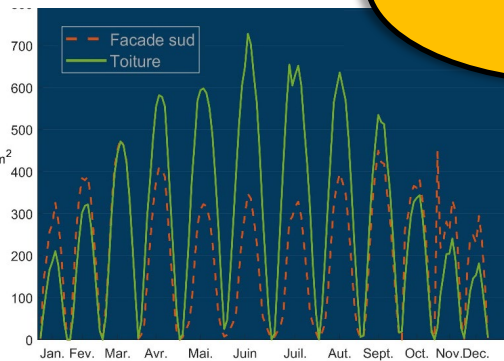
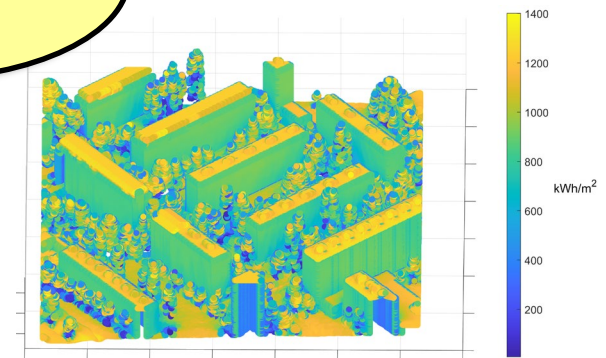
Digital modeling of the urban environment

VALES

Simulate solar gain on all surfaces

Advise on strategies to adopt

Simulation of the sunshine on the Meyrin district (radiosity approach)



Difference in potential between south facade and roof on an isolated building in Geneva

Collaborative work in Solar task 63 on modelling tools benchmarking

applied sciences **MDPI**

Article
Numerical Validation of the Radiative Model for the Solar Cadaster Developed for Greater Geneva

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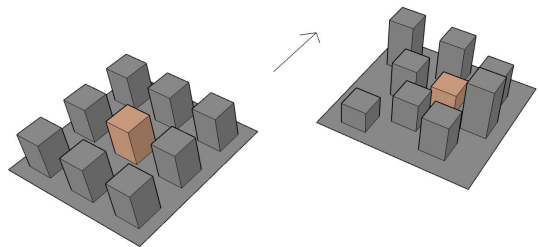
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Abstract: The achievement of the targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions set by the Paris Agreements and the Swiss federal law on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂ law) requires massive use of renewable energies, which cannot be achieved without their adoption by the general public. The solar cadaster developed as part of the INTERREG G2 Solar project is intended to assess the solar potential of buildings at the scale of Greater Geneva—for both industrial buildings and for individual residential buildings—at a resolution of 1 m. The new version of the solar cadaster is intended to assess the solar potential of roofs, as well as that of vertical facades. The study presented here aims to validate this new version through a comparison with results obtained with two other simulation tools that are widely used and validated by the scientific community. The good accordance with the results obtained with ENVI-met and DIVA-4e-Rhino demonstrates the capability of the radiative model developed for the solar cadaster of Greater Geneva to accurately predict the radiation levels of building facades in configurations with randomly distributed buildings (horizontally or vertically).

Keywords: solar cadaster; solar potential modeling; numerical validation

[Govehovitch et al., 2021](#)

- **Objectives:** to compare the CadSQL model with other known models on fictitious roofs and facades on two representative days (February and August).
- **Conclusions:** CadSQL tool globally consistent and reliable compared to other tools.



Homogeneous and heterogeneous fictitious neighborhoods

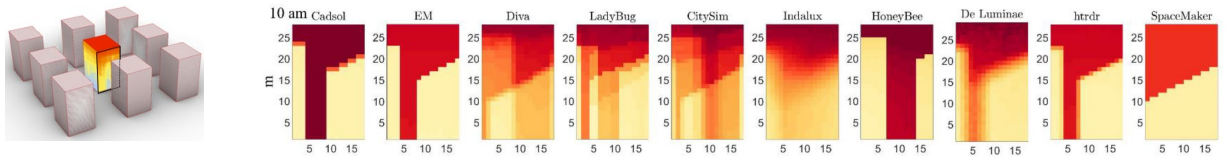
A Comparative Study Of Simulation Tools To Model The Solar Irradiation On Building Facades

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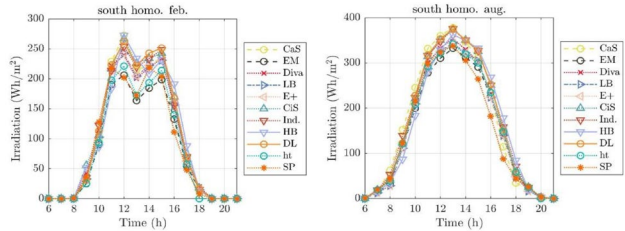
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Abstract

This paper presents a comparison among eight tools commonly used to evaluate the solar irradiation in urban environments. The focus is on the vertical surfaces (i.e., facades). The analysed tools have a large range of applications, from detailed microclimate studies to large-scale irradiation modelling. The benchmark tests consist of simulations using two conceptual urban designs. Two representative winter and summer days are defined. The results, obtained for the modelling of the shortwave irradiation received on the facades, are discussed together with the observed differences. This work provides an overview of some of the available tools, their features, similarities, and differences as well as a comparison of the modelled solar irradiation. This work is conducted in the framework of IEA SHC Task 63 "Solar Neighborhood Planning" where experts from five countries, in six universities, two companies and one research institute have been engaged.



Irradiation profiles, homogeneous neighborhood, eastern facade, February at 10 am (source: Thebault et al., 2022)

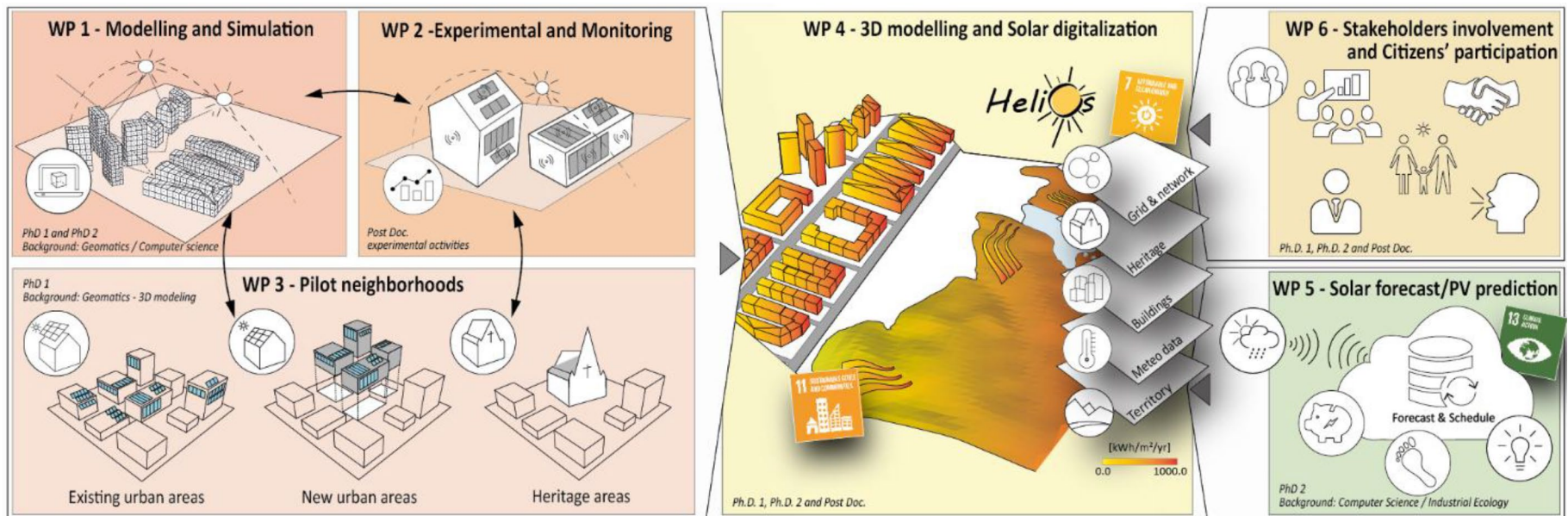


Comparison of hourly global values, homogeneous neighborhood, South facade, February (left) and August (right) (source: Thebault et al., 2022)

Thebault et al., 2022 (Solar World Congress 2021, in press)

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- Enabling solar irradiation mapping for optimal exploitation of solar energy at multiple spatial scales, ranging from the facade, building, to neighborhoods and whole city.
- Predicting solar energy generation at multiple temporal domains, ranging from short (daily), mid (50 years) and long (100 years) term under climate change scenarios.



<https://www.ntnu.edu/helios>

Contribution from HEPIA

- Co-supervision with NTNU of a PhD work on 3D and solar modelling
- Workshops / meetings
- Publications