



### Presentation of LaSIE of University of La Rochelle (ULR)





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## What is LaSIE?

- LASIE : Laboratory of Engineering Sciences for the Environment
- Founded in 1993
- Part of the French National Research Centre (CNRS)
- Staff (2016):
  - Professors: 18
  - Associate Professors: 30
  - PhD Students: 63
  - Post-Doctoral fellows: 18
  - Administration/technical...

### **Total ~150**







### What is LaSIE?

A. Flows, Energy and Environment

A1: Energy Performance of Buildings and Indoor Environment Quality B. Materials and Transfers in Aggressive Environment

B1: Transfers and material degradation and corrosion mechanisms

AB: Mathematical and numerical methods for transfer phenomena

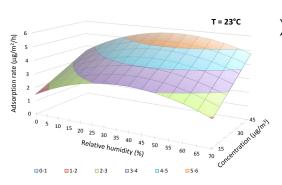
A2: Transfer Intensification for Eco-processes B2: Material protection and coatings



## Energy Performance of Buildings and Indoor Environment quality

#### Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality

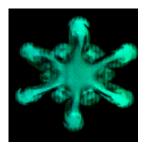
- Long term emissions of pollutants from the ground or from materials and their impact on IAQ (deposition, sorption, diffusion, reactions)
- > Passive control of IAQ from materials, including smart materials
- Impact of indoor air chemistry on IAQ
- Multicriteria assessment of existing ventilation systems and air cleaning solutions (portable, in-duct): energy / comfort / health criteria



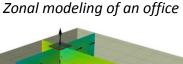
Formaldehyde adsorption rate of a canvas fabric containing scanvengers

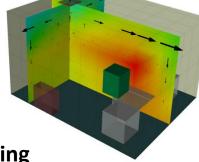


- Lobed air diffusers
- Rotating wheel combining heat recovery and pollutant filtration with continuous self regeneration
- Definition of IAQ / IEQ metrics



lobed air diffuser





### **Experimental facilities**

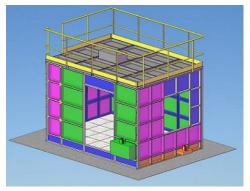
#### Small-scale environmental chambers



46 liter, controlled T, RH, ACH

1 m<sup>3</sup>, T=23°C, RH=50%, ACH=0.5 /h (ISO 16000 series)

#### Real scale environmental chamber



30 m<sup>3</sup>, modular (wall materials/ventilation/T, RH)

#### **Experimental House**



110 m<sup>2</sup>, modular (envelop permeability, wall materials, ventilation system, indoor sources)

### Instruments :

- Proton-transfer-reaction mass spectrometry (PT-RMS)
- Optical particle counters: Met-one, GRIMM, Mini-WRAS
- Laser Doppler Velocimetry /Laser Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV)
- Photo-acoustic spectrometer (tracer gases)



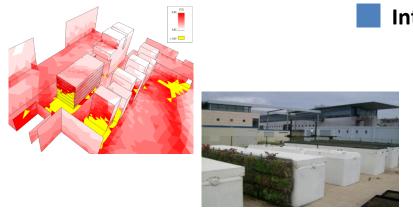
## Energy Performance of Buildings and Indoor Environment quality

#### **Optimal systems and control strategies for low energy buildings**

- Micro-cogeneration from vacuum solar collectors
- Solar cooling systems
- Short-term storage solar walls
- Windows with improved parieto-dynamic effect
- New design of photovoltaic panels to promote convective cooling
- Advanced control strategies of building energy systems







#### Interactions buildings / urban micro-climates

- Characterization of solutions to reduce heat islands and energy consumption of buildings in dense urban areas : cool paints, vegetal walls, ...
- Methodologies to design new urban areas in order to avoid heat islands and decrease the cooling load of buildings



# **Projects / tools related to ClimAct**

source : Blondeau et al, 2004

Achievement of several IAQ and temperature / energy measurements campaigns in schools

#### **INCITAIR and IMPACTAIR projects (2014-2016)**

- Time-resolved monitoring of VOC concentrations in La Rochelle schools and definition of actions to improve IAQ
- Priorization of formaldehyde sources in nursery and elementary schools
- Development of a methodology to consider the IAQ criterion in the frame of call for tenders related to schools (renovation works, order of materials and furnishings)

#### **PANDORA** database

Database on published emission rates of pollutants by all kinds of internal sources (materials, equipments, activities, ...)



