

Optimization of BIPV Utilization with Parametric Approach: Case Study on Nearly Zero Carbon Building Studio Design in Medan, Indonesia

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Abstract—Buildings significantly consume fossil energy, leading to substantial carbon emissions contributing to global warming and rising sea levels. These environmental impacts pose serious challenges, necessitating a shift towards sustainable building designs. By integrating clean energy solutions into building architecture, we can reduce the environmental burden of emissions. This approach mitigates adverse effects on living organisms and ecosystems and promotes long-term sustainability and resilience in urban development. Building-Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) systems represent one such approach for substituting fossil energy. However, implementing BIPV effectively necessitates comprehensive analysis considering numerous parameters and variables. This paper introduces building design strategies employing the BIPV approach. The decision-making process in designing alternatives utilizes parametric methods, recognized for their ability to yield optimization results for various variables through the development of design algorithms. The study focuses on the design of a studio building at the University of North Sumatra. Comparative analysis of the results obtained through parametric design aims to identify the most favorable design outcomes. The research includes developing a parameterized design algorithm, workflow, and assessment results for selecting optimal design alternatives. The results indicate that the placement of PV panels on the side area (PVOS) has more potential than placement on the top area (PVOT). Despite the PVOT area being observed to be 0.57% smaller than PVOS, PVOS shows a significant increase in total Incident Radiation (IR), average IR, and total Energy Generated by 137.14%, 128.40%, and 132.97%, respectively.

Keywords— BIPV; building design; Nearly Zero Carbon Building (NZCB); parametric design.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The elevated level of energy consumption in the building sector, constituting 40% of overall energy consumption [1]–[5] has become a significant concern for both developed and developing countries [6]–[8]. Addressing this concern requires the formulation of strategies [9], [10], focusing on energy efficiency and exploring energy conservation strategies by utilizing new renewable energy sources. This approach [11] not only enhances building performance [12] but also aligns with environmentally friendly practices [1].

Notably, building usage activities [13] contribute to more than 20–22% of emissions in the lifestyle sector [14], [15].

Cleaner energy alternatives [16] are imperative to sustain the use of buildings throughout their life cycle [17], [18]. Solar energy stands out [19] as one of the most abundant and readily available renewable energy sources in Indonesia [20] and Southern countries [21]. As of 2018, solar energy represents a clean energy option with substantial potential, capable of generating 28.2 MW of electricity, where 1 MW equals 1, 000, 000 W [22].

The abundance of solar exposure in Indonesia is attributable to its equatorial location [21], resulting in stronger and more intense exposure to sunlight compared to subtropical countries. Indonesia holds the third position among ASEAN nations [23] for the highest solar exposure intensity [24]. The solar energy potential in Indonesia [25] ranges from 3.4 to 4.8 kWh per day or 1200-1530 kWh/kWp per year [24]. To provide context, 1 kWh is equivalent to powering 1 LED lamp for 100 hours (about 4 days), 1 LCD TV for 10 hours, or a 2-door refrigerator for 8 hours. The installation of PV modules on high-rise buildings across Southeast Asian countries, including Indonesia, can significantly contribute to electrical energy production [26]. Indonesia's technical Potential for PV in rooftop projects in the household sector [27] is estimated to be between 194 and 655 GWp. The realistic market potential is projected to be 17.8% [28].

Innovative building architecture with a focus on energy efficiency [29] often emphasizes optimal utilization of solar energy [30]–[32]. A strategy that can be applied is the Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) [33] design. The following research has studied the implementation of BIPV design strategies [34], [24]. The findings from these studies underscore the multifunctional role of BIPV technology, offering novel approaches to aesthetics [35], energy performance [36], and building efficiency [37].

As a rapidly evolving high-tech industry [38], photovoltaic (PV) technology has experienced cost reduction [39], improved conversion efficiency of cells [40], [38], and enhanced aesthetics. BIPV presents a tangible opportunity [33] to substitute conventional building materials and with additional revenue from PV energy generation [41], the overall building cost can become more cost-effective per square meter. However, the success of BIPV projects hinges on a comprehensive understanding [42], [43] of fundamental BIPV system principles, design strategies, integration techniques, architectural applications, and economic considerations [44], [45].

This aligns with various government regulations [46], [47], [48] emphasizing integrated solutions, which are expected to progressively foster the adoption of PV. These regulations outline renewable energy targets, aiming for a 23% mix by 2025 and an ambitious 31% by 2050 [49]. The target requires a substantial contribution from solar PV power generation, aiming for 6, 379 MW by 2025 and an even more ambitious goal of 45, 000 MW by 2050. This emphasizes the significant role [27], [50] that solar energy [51] is expected to play in meeting renewable energy targets and addressing the growing energy demand [52].

This will incentivize project developers, investors, and architects to incorporate BIPV design strategies [53], [54]. PV integration should be considered in building planning, potentially replacing traditional materials [55], [56] such as roof tiles and passive facade elements [34], [33], [57].

Based on the previous explanation, considering Indonesia's potential as a tropical country with a solar energy capacity of 207, 898 MW [49], [25], architects/designers can utilize this resource [58] to design energy-efficient buildings by incorporating PV installations on the building envelope [59]. Using the design studio building project model in this

research, the studio's design will be analyzed for the potential of integrating PV energy into the roof envelope of the building.

In determining the use of BIPV in buildings, various variables need consideration, including building design geometry [60], building elements, PV placement [61], [62], and more [63]–[66]. The parametric approach [67], [68], [69] is deemed beneficial in the assessment process involving multiple variables [25]. Parametric architecture has evolved as a design process [70] that generates design alternatives based on input parameters [71]. With advancements in computational processes, parametric methods can produce diverse design solutions [67] responsive to specified parameters [72].

Apart from shape finding and conceptualization, parametric methods excel in optimization and customization [73] within an iterative process [74]. To enhance simulation efficiency and reduce inaccuracies, advanced modeling in BIM for optimizing BIPV [75], [76] should be developed [77]. Parametric studies go beyond abstraction modeling, incorporating the calculation of energy consumption [78], [79]. Parametric methods empower architects and/or designers to establish a pattern of relationships between parameters, typically numerical values influencing the final design output.

This research's objective is to optimize BIPV use in a model project by exploring alternative PV placements through a parametric approach. The intention is that the models, workflows, parameters, and optimization algorithms developed from the multiple variables outlined in this research can serve as valuable insights for BIPV design in building projects in Indonesia.

II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

A. Method

This research primarily focuses on simulation data derived from different configurations of solar panel placement, specifically PV on the top (PVOT) and PV on the side (PVOS). The simulation utilizes EnergyPlus Weather (EPW) files obtained from the weather station IDN_SM_Medan.Kualanamu.Intl.AP.960350_TMYx.2004-2018 (MKIAP-960350). The selected PV module configuration is Monocrystalline [80] with the BIPV Colors Transparent type. The data collection process involves an analysis of the climatic characteristics and solar radiation at the research site using EPW files. Sun path diagrams and incident radiation (IR) [81] values are recorded to offer a comprehensive understanding of the solar energy potential in the region.

For further details, as depicted in the schematic diagram (Fig. 1), input data utilizes a 3D model from the proposed studio design, supported by weather data obtained from EPW, as well as specifications of the PV panels to be utilized, in this case employing Monocrystalline Colored Transparent PV panels. Subsequently, after inputting the data, a simulation process is conducted, comprising incident radiation simulation utilizing LB incident radiation and PV performance metrics tools available in Grasshopper. The Incident Radiation simulation aims to assess the radiation exposure hitting the building's surface, while the PV Performance Metric simulation aims to estimate the net

energy value produced by a PV panel based on location, weather, and PV panel specifications. The results of both simulations are then considered to determine the appropriate PV panel design recommendation for the proposed studio design.

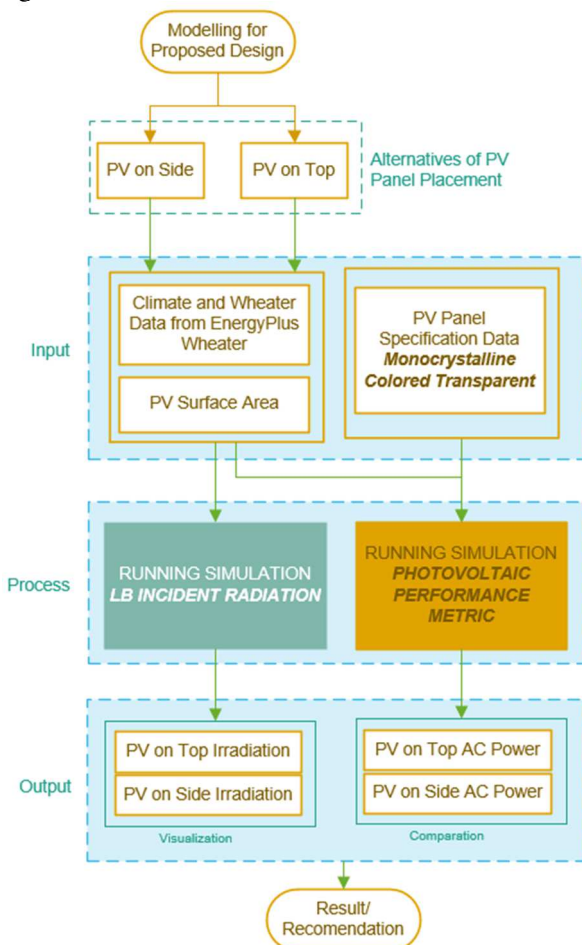


Fig. 1 Methodology Schematic Diagram

B. Study Object

The subject of this research is an architectural studio building designed with the Nearly Zero Carbon Building (NZCB) approach, located within the University of North Sumatra (USU) Campus. Energy conservation in buildings extends beyond merely reducing energy consumption; it is a crucial element in curbing CO₂ emissions from buildings [82]. According to the Canada Green Building Council, approximately 45% of the most significant carbon emissions emanate from buildings. Zero-carbon buildings are structures that generate emission-free energy from renewable sources, the value of which closely matches or equals the required energy consumption [83]. Building materials and the utilization of electronic and non-electronic equipment significantly influence a building's CO₂ emissions.

In alignment with these principles, the USU Architecture Studio Building design incorporates the Nearly Zero Carbon Building concept. The NZCB concept is manifested through landscape design, the selection of building materials, and integrating BIPV systems. The design of this project is influenced by the results of comparative studies conducted in Buluh Awar and Bukit Lawang. The primary material chosen for this design is bamboo, specifically Bamboo Betung.

Preservation techniques are applied, involving a combination of natural and chemical methods. According to the comparative study's findings, bamboo will be used in various aspects of the building, serving as the structural frame, roof covering material, and building walls.

Aside from being the largest oxygen producer among various tree species, bamboo exhibits a remarkable capacity for carbon absorption. This quality positions bamboo as a potential solution to address the issue of CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere [84]. Global warming, increasing air temperatures, and climate change induced by greenhouse gases (GHG), particularly the elevated levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere, can be mitigated through photosynthesis. Plants, with their ability to photosynthesize, absorb carbon dispersed in the air, and bamboo stands out as a plant with efficient photosynthetic capabilities (see Fig. 2 and Fig. 3).

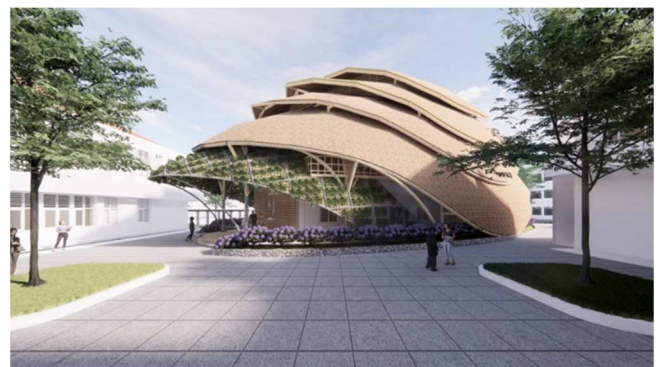


Fig. 2 Use of bamboo as the primary building material.



Fig. 3 Use of bamboo in roof frames and building interiors.

The utilization of artificial ventilation, such as fans and air conditioners, contributes to the emission of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Air conditioners, in particular, generate approximately 904 tons of CO₂ per year, while fans contribute 42 tons of CO₂ per year [83]. Additionally, artificial lighting, in the form of lamps, contributes to carbon emissions ranging from 20% to 30% annually. These challenges can be addressed by applying a passive approach, emphasizing optimizing natural lighting and ventilation within buildings. However, achieving thermal comfort conditions requires engineering and the optimization of appropriate designs. Considering these factors, the design of the USU Architecture Studio Building prioritizes the optimization of natural lighting and ventilation. The louvers incorporated into the layers of the building's roof play a key role in achieving this optimization. The multi-layered roof

design is intended to facilitate the ingress of natural light and air into the building, contributing to a sustainable and energy-efficient approach (Fig. 4).

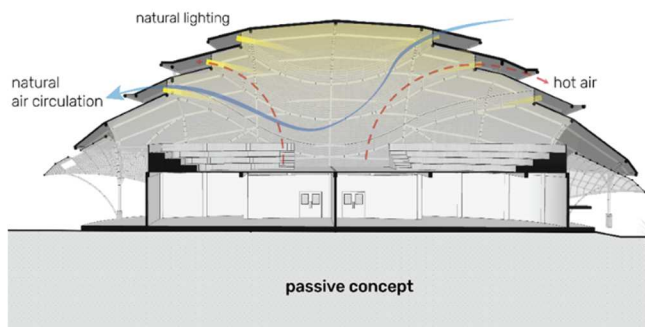


Fig. 4 Use of bamboo in roof frames and building interiors.

The building's walls are constructed using woven bamboo material, intentionally designed to create gaps that allow the entry of natural airflow. These gaps or grilles in the wall material serve a dual purpose by facilitating fresh air into the building and acting as conduits for natural lighting. This design promotes both ventilation and the penetration of natural light, contributing to the overall sustainability and energy efficiency of the structure (see Fig. 5).



Fig. 5 Use of bamboo material on building walls.

Furthermore, the building incorporates thermal comfort engineering through a pond on the north side or rear of the structure. This pond is a natural insulator, effectively lowering the surrounding air temperature. Additionally, canopies made of an iron frame with vines are positioned on the right and left sides of the building's facade, acting as overhangs. Complementing these canopies, vegetation is strategically placed around the building. The vegetation on the canopy and surrounding areas serves as an efficient building envelope, minimizing the impact of solar radiation entering the building.

This building is designed by incorporating the design and optimization techniques described above to achieve thermal comfort values without reliance on artificial ventilation and to minimize the need for artificial lighting. In line with sustainability and design advancements, the architectural studio building is designed with the application of the NZCB concept, and a notable addition is the use of Photovoltaic Insulated Glass (PVIG). This type of glass is integrated with PV technology, allowing it to convert sunlight into environmentally friendly electrical energy. PVIG also has heat insulation technology to reduce heat radiation entering the building. Integrating this glass into the architectural studio building design with the NZCB concept is anticipated to yield

significant energy savings in building operations, particularly in the reduction of energy required for cooling.



Fig. 6 Ponders and vines aim to reduce the temperature inside the building and in the design area.



Fig. 7 Vegetation in buildings that aims to engineer indoor temperature.

In determining the optimal position for PV panels on the building, it is essential to analyze their performance on the structure first. This testing involves evaluating two alternative designs to assess the superior performance of PV placement. In the first alternative (Alternative 1), the PV application covers two areas: the entire roof of layer 3 and the southeast-facing side (PV on the top or PVOT). This aligns with the requirement for the PV application area on the building, set at 30% of the roof area. The total area of the roof design is 1,475 m², resulting in a total PV application area of 445 m². In the design implementation, the distribution of PV panels occurs on the roofs of the 2nd and 3rd levels, with areas of 304.5 m² and 366.24 m², respectively (see Fig. 8).

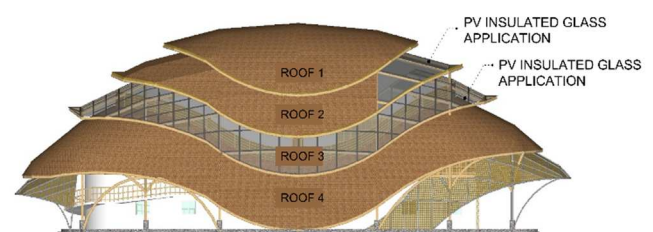


Fig. 8 Application of Alternative 1 PVIG in the design.

The positioning of the glass is analyzed based on solar analysis at the site. The facade plane's orientation is such that the PV panel covers the entire 3rd roof plane and faces southeast. The variation in the type of PVIG installation technique applies to a hybrid PV light shelf system. This technique allows PV to be freely installed on the building skin, acting as sun shading with an uncomplicated and cost-

effective structural system. This specific placement position and installation technique ensure that the glass functions effectively, producing environmentally friendly electrical energy and enhancing thermal comfort within the interior spaces (see Fig. 9, Fig. 10, and Fig. 11).



Fig. 9 Position of Alternative 1 PVIG in the building.



Fig. 10 The perspective of Alternative 1 PVIG design.



Fig. 11 The atmosphere of the Multifunctional Classroom after the implementation of Alternative 1 PVIG

In the second alternative, the PV position stretches parabolically on each roof layer (PV on the side or PVOS). On the top roof (roof layer 1), PVIG covers the entire roof surface. Like Alternative 1, the placement of PV on the building adheres to the requirement of a minimum PV application area, which is 30% of the total roof area of the building. In the second alternative, the PV application area on the building is 32.7%, equivalent to 483 m² (see Fig. 12).

The rationale for situating the PV position in alternative 2 is grounded in solar analysis. According to the analysis findings, the rooftop location is not subjected to shading from neighboring structures. Consequently, incorporating PV systems in buildings can encompass a greater surface area, thereby enhancing the overall performance of PV in energy conservation within buildings. Additionally, this deployment is anticipated to contribute to the improvement of thermal comfort within the buildings (see Fig. 13, Fig. 14, and Fig. 15).

The subsequent phase involves conducting a comprehensive design analysis following the design development for incorporating PVIG in the building. This

analysis will delve into the strategic positioning and placement of PVIG within the building structure.

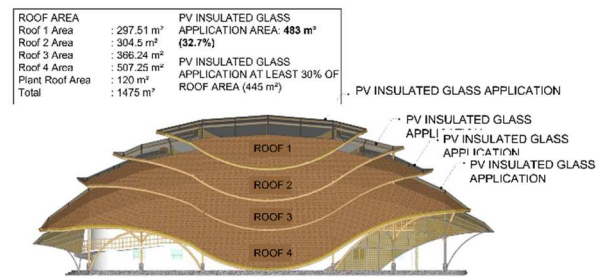


Fig. 12 Application of Alternative 2 PVIG in design.

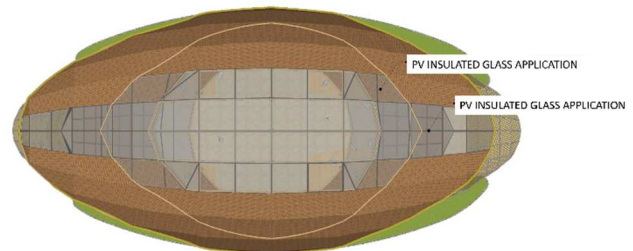


Fig. 13 Top View of Alternative 2 of PV application in the building.



Fig. 14 An alternative position for 2 PVIG in the building.

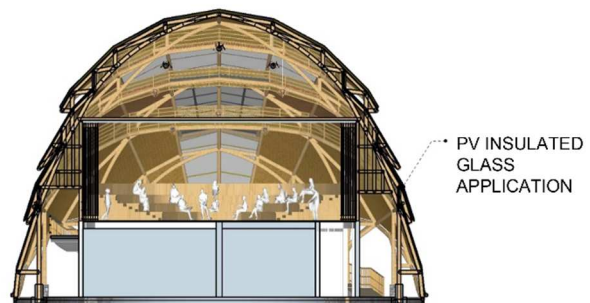


Fig. 15 An alternative position for 2 PVIG in the building.

Additionally, the study will assess the capacity of bamboo material to sequester carbon. The analysis will extend to evaluating the synergistic impact of bamboo materials and PV technology in mitigating embodied carbon and reducing dependence on fossil energy within the building context. Simultaneously, the building's potential to generate new energy (measured in kWh) will be scrutinized. This multifaceted design analysis aims to provide a thorough understanding of the ecological and energy-related implications of the proposed integration of PVIG and bamboo material in the building design.

A. Parametric Approach in Determining Design Results

This research employs a parametric approach to evaluate the efficacy of BIPV within the proposed building design. The

parametric methods utilized for BIPV align with the scope outlined by the International Energy Agency [85], as below:

- Establish a local data repository encompassing weather data, adherence to building regulations, energy consumption across diverse building sectors, utility pricing structures, construction and maintenance expenditures, various contract types, financing modalities, carbon pricing, and government incentive programs.
- Streamlined generation of three-dimensional (3D) models depicting the physical environment with efficiency.
- Comparative analysis of energy input and output hourly.
- Optimization of PV layout design for enhanced efficiency.
- Simulation of the installation process accompanied by impact analysis.
- Integration of a monitoring and inspection module featuring automatic diagnostic capabilities.
- Recording and documentation of the performance metrics of the PV system.
- Conducting sensitivity analyses and facilitating scenario-based decision-making support.

During the parametric analysis stage, iterative modeling becomes imperative. Drawing from various sources, several tools have been employed for this purpose, with Rhinoceros [86] + Grasshopper [87] identified as one such tool [88]. Additionally, alternative frameworks have been identified, exemplified by the divisions proposed by [89], encompassing input parameters, parametric 3D models, solar radiation analysis, and electrical performance analysis.

The scope of the data analyzed extends to include irradiation, indoor temperature, indoor lighting, external temperature, wind speed, and energy load, as indicated in the research by [90]. The breakdown of parametric analysis within the context of BIPV utilizing PVSITES simulation media is delineated as follows, as outlined in the work by [91]; location and weather, irradiation data, BIPV module selection, and BIPV layout.

This research employs a simulation-based approach to assess solar panel placement, specifically focusing on two configurations, PVOT and PVOS, as mentioned in the previous section for each alternative. The simulation utilizes EPW weather data [92], [93] obtained from the MKIAP-960350 weather station [94]. The selected PV module configuration is Monocrystalline, characterized as BIPV Colors Transparent type. EPW files facilitate the data collection process by meticulously analyzing climate characteristics and solar radiation at the study location.

To visualize and record essential parameters, Sun path diagrams and the recording of IR values are employed [94]. In Fig. 16, the workflow script in Grasshopper is depicted, illustrating the integration of EPW files and module configuration parameters such as PV surface Percent 90, mount type 2, module Efficiency 19.52, Temperature Coefficient -0.36, and module Active Area Percent 90.

The distinction in geometry between PVOT and PVOS, as illustrated in Fig. 16, results in divergent outputs for *ACenergyPerHour* (alternating current/AC energy per hour), *ACenergyPerYear* (alternating current/AC energy per year), *averageACenergyPerHour* (average alternating current

energy per hour), *DCenergyPerHour* (direct current/DC energy per hour), and *totalRadiationPerHour* (total radiation per hour). Fig. 17 provides details of the module configuration employed in the simulation, highlighting the BIPV Colors Transparent PV module by Solar Innova Green Technology from Spain and specific specifications.

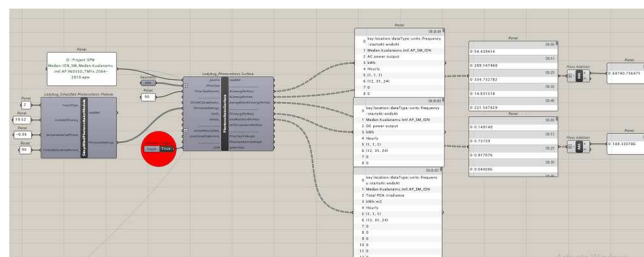


Fig. 16 Workflow Script (WS) Grasshopper + Ladybug.

Input EPW file from EPW MKIAP-960350 data, with PV surface percentage set at 90. Configuration of Monocrystalline BIPV Colors Transparent PV modules include *Ladybug_Simplified Photovoltaics Surface* [95] and *Ladybug_Simplified Photovoltaics Module* [96] with *mountType* 2, *moduleEfficiency* 19.52, *temperatureCoefficient* -0.36, and *moduleActiveAreaPercent* 90.

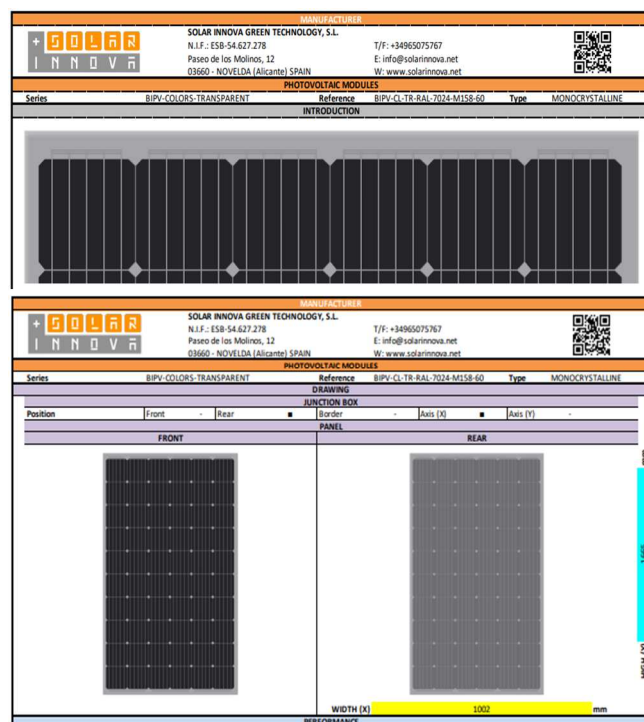


Fig. 17 Details of the module configuration for BIPV Colors Transparent PV modules by Solar Innova Green Technology (Spain). Serial code: BIPV-COLORS-TRANSPARENT, Type: Monocrystalline. Reference code: BIPV-CL-TR-RAL-7024-M158-60.

The choice of the Monocrystalline BIPV Colors Transparent module type stems from its technical advantages in efficiently harnessing solar energy and its capacity for seamless aesthetic integration with the building structure. Parameters such as module efficiency, temperature coefficient, and module active area percentage were meticulously chosen to ensure optimal performance. This

decision was made by thoroughly reviewing existing literature and leveraging technical insights from the PV industry.

The selection of Medan Kualanamu International Airport [97] as the source of EPW data was predicated on its accuracy in representing climatic conditions and solar radiation in the designated study area. EPW file characteristics, encompassing annual data spanning from 2004 to 2018, were carefully considered to comprehend climate variations throughout the relevant period. This strategic choice ensures that the simulation yields pertinent results, faithfully representing the actual conditions prevailing at the study location.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Result

The simulation results serve as a foundational element for subsequent design considerations. The PVOS placement demonstrates optimal potential for harnessing solar radiation on the roof of the building, whereas PVOT exhibits significant potential for generating high electrical energy on the building's side. The design process must carefully account for these factors, emphasizing both energy performance and the seamless aesthetic integration of the solar panels with the building structure. Balancing these considerations will be crucial in achieving an effective and visually harmonious integration of solar technology into the overall architectural design.

Upon careful consideration of the PV electrical energy generation simulation, the PVOS placement was selected due to its superior potential to generate substantial electrical energy compared to the PVOT placement. TABLE I presents a comprehensive comparison of results between PVOT and PVOS, encompassing key parameters such as surface area (m²), IR total (kWh), IR average per square meter (kWh/m²), and total EG produced:

TABLE I
COMPARISON OF PVOT AND PVOS RESULTS FOR EACH PARAMETER

Placement	Surface Area (m ²)	IR total (kWh)	IR Average (kWh/m ²)	EG total (kWh/year)
PVOT	364.46	51,772.64	143.43	13,837.65
PVOS	366.55	277,696.45	657.85	68,740.74

$$Dif_i = |A_i - B_i| \times (0.5 \times (A_i + B_i)^{-1}) \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

where: A_i and B_i correspond to the values for each parameter (i ranging from 1 to 4, representing Surface Area, IR Total, IR Average, and EG Total). A refers to the values for PVOT (row 1 in TABLE I), and B refers to the values for PVOS (row 2 in TABLE I). Equation (1) calculates the percentage difference (Dif_i) between A_i and B_i for each parameter, with the resulting Dif_i values presented in TABLE II and Fig. 18, illustrating the relative percentage change between PVOT and PVOS for each specific parameter.

In TABLE II, the analysis of percentage differences (Dif) between PVOT and PVOS highlights variations in performance across various parameters. The PVOT field area was observed to be 0.57% smaller compared to PVOS. Nonetheless, PVOS demonstrated a notable increase in IR total, IR average, and EG total by 137.14%, 128.40%, and 132.97%, respectively.

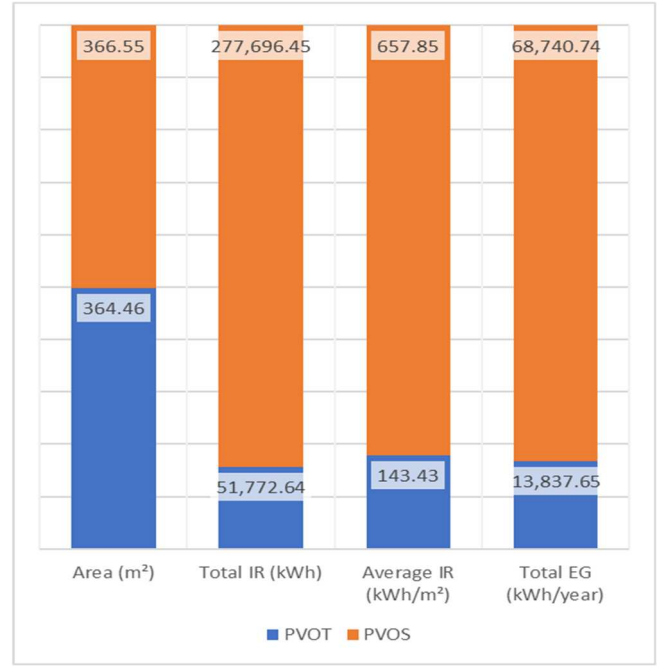


Fig. 18 Comparison of PVOT and PVOS results for each parameter in the graphic.

TABLE II
DIFFERENTIATION OF RESULTS FROM PVOT AND PVOS FOR EACH PARAMETER

Placement	Surface Area (m ²)	IR total (kWh)	IR Average (kWh/m ²)	EG total (kWh/year)
Differentiation	0.57%	137.14%	128.40%	132.97%

B. Discussion

The discussion commences with a comprehensive analysis employing a parametric approach and progresses to a deliberation on selected alternatives grounded in comparative analysis. The subsequent sections detail the outcomes derived from the data analysis of two solar panel placement configurations, specifically PVOT and PVOS.

1) *PVOT IR Analysis:* The analysis results reveal that the total IR at PVOT amounted to 59,269.07 kWh, with an average of 163.73 kWh/m² for an area covering 364.46 m² (see Fig. 19). Visual representations of the radiation distribution and solar path over PVOT are presented in Fig. 20 and Fig. 21. The irradiation simulation results for the PVOT placement indicate a limited potential for PV installation. This observation arises from the predominant blue coloration across all parts of the PV panel, signifying low radiation values received. Consequently, alternative PV placements need to be optimized to enhance the efficiency of energy production, ensuring that the energy generated is more optimal for the number of PV panels installed. This optimization process becomes imperative to maximize the overall effectiveness of the solar energy system.

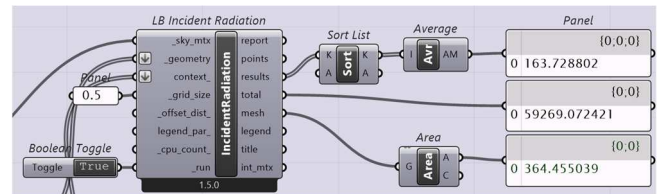


Fig. 19 IR simulation script on PVOT.

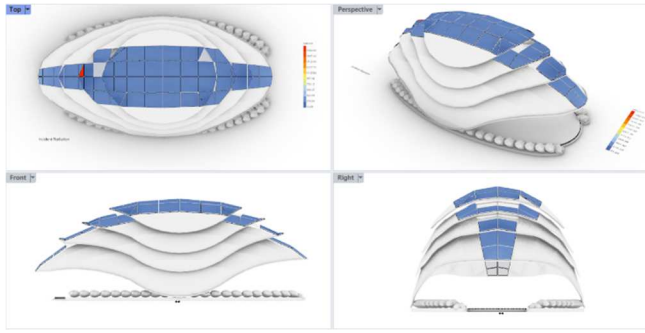


Fig. 20 IR simulation result on PVOT.

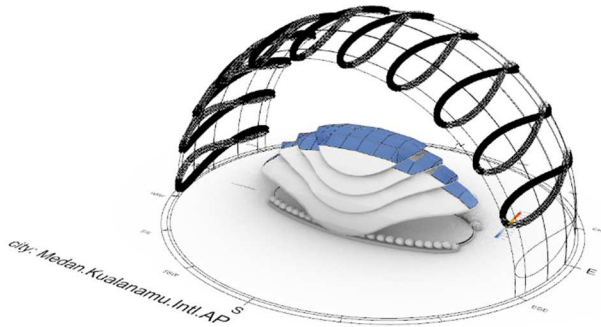


Fig. 21 Sun path analysis on PVOT.

2) *PVOS IR Analysis:* The analysis outcomes indicate that the total IR for PVOS amounted to 30, 621.66 kWh, with an average of 725.49 kWh/m², considering an area of 366.55 m² (see Fig. 22). Visual representations of the radiation distribution and solar path on PVOS are presented in Fig. 23 and Fig. 24.

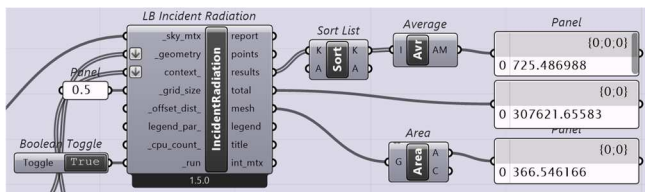


Fig. 22 IR simulation script on PVOS.

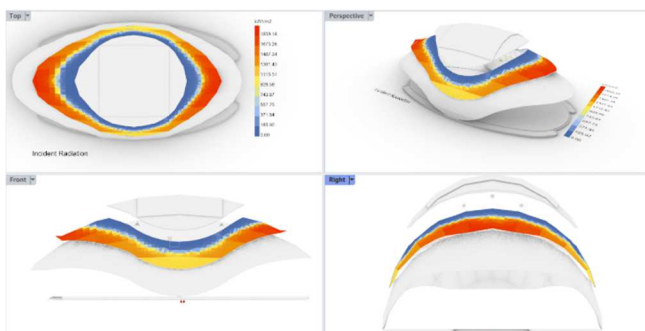


Fig. 23 IR simulation result on PVOS.

Upon examination of the irradiation data received by the PV panels, it is observed that the main area of the building roof is visualized in blue, indicating a diminished level of received radiation compared to other PV surface areas. This phenomenon is attributed to the shadow cast by the multi-story roof situated above it. Consequently, it is advisable to refrain from installing PV panels in locations overshadowed

by other objects to uphold the effectiveness of the PV system, thereby optimizing the energy production process.

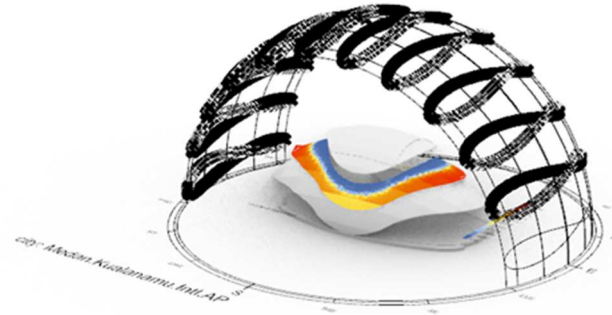


Fig. 24 Sun path Analysis on PVOS

3) *PVOT AC Analysis:* Electrical Energy Generated (EG) measurements reveal performance variations across the PVOT, with EG values ranging from 30.55 kWh to 410.91 kWh per year for each surface. The cumulative EG for electricity production is recorded at 13, 837.65 kWh per year, underscoring the noteworthy potential of the PVOT configuration. Fig. 25 offers a visual representation of the energy distribution across each PV surface number.

1	298.67	13	320.15	25	223.55	37	33.04	49	198.52	61	28.09
2	326.30	14	326.38	26	223.60	38	246.05	50	281.53	62	195.03
3	327.35	15	327.46	27	157.72	39	243.09	51	154.05	63	198.29
4	322.09	16	322.19	28	56.44	40	30.55	52	152.09	64	165.92
5	294.55	17	128.26	29	172.08	41	30.55	53	60.76	65	163.19
6	300.29	18	48.26	30	206.61	42	410.91	54	31.41	66	88.13
7	301.26	19	275.79	31	156.43	43	405.96	55	215.93	67	88.12
8	296.42	20	275.86	32	206.71	44	210.62	56	233.86		
9	294.55	21	48.54	33	156.50	45	210.85	57	230.90		
10	300.29	22	294.88	34	180.50	46	300.28	58	208.25		
11	301.26	23	293.05	35	45.46	47	260.88	59	210.91		
12	296.42	24	156.93	36	33.04	48	225.95	60	28.09		

Fig. 25 In the EG Heatmap in PVOT Simulation, green represents the highest kWh reception, and red signifies the opposite.

The simulation results indicate that each surface's maximum electrical energy generation (EG) is 410.91 kWh, while the minimum is 28.09 kWh. Analyzing the color distribution in the heatmap visualization reveals that most of the electrical EG potential falls within the mid-range spectrum (yellow and orange). This suggests that the electrical EG potential from the PVOT surface is not exceptionally high, as most values are concentrated in the moderate range.

4) *PVOS AC Analysis:* Electrical EG measurements for PVOS exhibit performance variations, with EG values spanning from 0.20 kWh to 391.58 kWh per year for each surface. The collective EG for electricity production across all surfaces attains 68, 740.74 kWh per year, affirming the notable potential of the PVOS configuration. Fig. 26 offers a visual representation of the energy distribution across each PV. The heatmap visualization data from the simulation indicates a prevalence of green-yellow areas over orange-red areas. This suggests that the PVOS placement demonstrates greater potential than the PVOT placement. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that several PV surfaces still have limited potential. Therefore, in the final optimization stage, a careful reconsideration of areas where PV panels should not be installed becomes imperative to enhance the overall effectiveness of the solar energy system – one of the best alternatives to conventional power plants, as mentioned in [98].

1	54.44	47	214.99	93	328.72	139	141.85	185	241.09	231	1.73	277	17.46	323	47.84	369	58.36	415	59.97	461	43.73
2	269.15	48	364.48	94	234.05	140	151.12	186	282.79	232	179.94	278	55.07	324	4.96	370	65.47	416	54.96	462	52.38
3	334.72	49	233.19	95	345.51	141	167.39	187	182.88	233	72.40	279	40.81	325	37.91	371	48.04	417	70.16	463	64.31
4	14.63	50	231.45	96	239.88	142	234.83	188	290.42	234	42.47	280	59.28	326	9.71	372	63.19	418	38.94	464	69.43
5	221.55	51	365.71	97	142.20	143	275.21	189	287.38	235	56.32	281	42.08	327	44.88	373	61.62	419	58.88	465	68.85
6	364.16	52	280.72	98	312.10	144	120.43	190	274.86	236	44.54	282	56.93	328	2.86	374	63.91	420	48.52	466	67.97
7	358.02	53	100.45	99	315.18	145	256.01	191	244.13	237	62.96	283	45.41	329	54.09	375	65.19	421	72.69	467	63.77
8	338.98	54	261.65	100	162.53	146	297.22	192	241.02	238	70.48	284	30.02	330	46.77	376	37.61	422	67.43	468	61.38
9	211.50	55	333.41	101	22.41	147	238.22	193	211.81	239	47.38	285	13.35	331	2.71	377	28.77	423	52.03	469	70.22
10	354.91	56	234.76	102	181.46	148	351.98	194	417.00	240	69.22	286	40.01	332	41.97	378	37.27	424	59.92	470	0.01
11	358.02	57	314.78	103	295.12	149	186.28	195	154.02	241	39.49	287	50.79	333	62.09	379	58.25	425	63.87	471	3.89
12	335.38	58	225.28	104	317.99	150	43.82	196	231.28	242	57.24	288	71.94	334	5.96	380	56.47	426	61.85	472	0.23
13	365.36	59	215.80	105	186.33	151	299.63	197	177.10	243	46.34	289	35.61	335	67.33	381	69.53	427	48.53	473	25.08
14	257.48	60	260.41	106	45.23	152	86.11	198	51.22	244	21.25	290	46.79	336	10.01	382	59.84	428	49.17	474	34.04
15	221.55	61	205.32	107	46.58	153	252.83	199	56.05	245	56.41	291	38.22	337	54.53	383	55.63	429	64.49	475	63.86
16	334.83	62	221.62	108	182.91	154	187.02	200	71.78	246	45.24	292	67.41	338	23.61	384	55.53	430	43.49	476	1.54
17	299.43	63	150.02	109	182.92	155	251.43	201	49.00	247	38.52	293	54.63	339	6.90	385	45.96	431	53.46	477	40.17
18	23.02	64	293.81	110	285.51	156	244.34	202	48.05	248	48.08	294	33.16	340	6.29	386	66.86	432	39.56	478	69.84
19	288.84	65	51.97	111	362.66	157	218.48	203	48.09	249	62.40	295	20.85	341	45.91	387	24.43	433	29.89	479	38.96
20	238.49	66	5.24	112	334.59	158	227.43	204	0.89	250	70.03	296	61.07	342	45.15	388	66.19	434	58.87	480	59.29
21	252.34	67	215.87	113	283.48	159	271.55	205	45.89	251	47.02	297	48.74	343	196.00	389	41.52	435	36.35	481	36.49
22	235.84	68	225.35	114	42.00	160	178.84	206	56.47	252	46.66	298	53.78	344	61.96	390	55.96	436	64.68	482	29.93
23	175.44	69	305.74	115	333.58	161	266.99	207	44.27	253	63.33	299	65.04	345	54.68	391	31.60	437	54.88	483	56.37
24	219.34	70	139.58	116	239.47	162	301.99	208	59.19	254	59.23	300	59.51	346	42.37	392	56.04	438	61.57	484	63.16
25	182.48	71	18.60	117	282.01	163	43.12	209	65.59	255	5.06	301	62.89	347	46.03	393	54.52	439	55.55	485	72.28
26	300.86	72	191.88	118	319.48	164	291.94	210	55.54	256	46.35	302	47.44	348	62.89	394	52.12	440	23.80	486	1.32
27	202.84	73	27.16	119	324.98	165	240.91	211	72.59	257	54.40	303	55.93	349	55.83	395	57.44	441	55.44	487	10.14
28	334.83	74	32.39	120	15.46	166	221.96	212	64.7	258	9.71	304	65.08	350	54.31	396	23.18	442	19.28	488	36.68
29	209.39	75	304.08	121	233.11	167	256.78	213	8.48	259	61.10	305	45.82	351	54.86	397	43.99	443	20.85	489	20.18
30	357.92	76	13.94	122	267.11	168	174.56	214	5.38	260	8.99	306	58.29	352	40.82	398	42.86	444	57.96	490	76.38
31	331.46	77	100.56	123	190.48	169	200.90	215	57.85	261	6.32	307	59.45	353	54.91	399	63.21	445	1.29	491	6.94
32	212.84	78	231.35	124	203.11	170	259.66	216	61.43	262	1.54	308	61.45	354	60.12	400	46.33	446	0.20	492	1.64
33	43.87	79	134.8	125	269.39	171	342.51	217	55.49	263	1.45	309	64.46	355	48.85	401	60.82	447	57.47	493	71.98
34	216.30	80	314.92	126	254.28	172	164.00	218	48.56	264	9.26	310	62.06	356	197.95	402	39.72	448	36.26	494	71.13
35	170.43	81	119.28	127	200.58	173	333.58	219	57.85	265	42.15	311	70.87	357	20.28	403	29.59	449	1.68	495	12.48
36	219.75	82	191.91	128	18.60	174	177.19	220	62.45	266	6.46	312	34.90	358	19.23	404	71.93	450	71.10	496	0.86
37	222.80	83	121.32	129	63.70	175	389.38	221	44.57	267	0.20	313	71.17	359	54.81	405	45.87	451	16.39	497	2.81
38	228.84	84	338.50	130	261.60	176	33.97	222	24.83	268	9.36	314	61.89	360	55.90	406	60.88	452	1.80	498	1.45
39	249.30	85	323.94	131	40.15	177	157.54	223	59.91	269	30.65	315	70.46	361	33.32	407	49.03	453	1.54	499	0.23
40	255.01	86	187.40	132	311.37	178	283.10	224	25.49	270	56.89	316	67.90	362	45.22	408	36.76	454	77.14	500	1.54
41	225.45	87	238.08	133	136.17	179	357.00	225	47.42	271	57.31	317	45.86	363	60.28	409	12.71	455	56.04	501	3.89
42	331.76	88	348.73	134	253.14	180	17.75	226	66.78	272	58.94	318	42.82	364	64.46	410	24.57	456	51.68	502	0.01
43	302.27	89	289.77	135	204.86	181	42.13	227	6.58	273	53.11	319	57.04	365	45.86	411	58.33	457	56.76	503	2.81
44	254.88	90	294.20	136	187.59	182	137.49	228	5.97	274	181.73	320	6.74	366	53.53	412	56.14	458	72.94	504	97.75
45	331.23	91	325.21	137	258.48	183	354.66	229	2.81	275	55.27	321	5.22	367	56.30	413	57.25	459	43.35	505	2.69
46	144.02	92	327.84	138	190.65	184	135.74	230	4.98	276	56.73	322	69.19	368	19.86	414	59.92	460	59.26	506	0.23
47	338.26	93	174.51	139	212.48	185	193.64	231	55.36	277	46.31	323	8.99	369	62.26	415	57.32	461	72.59	507	44.84

Fig. 26 EG heatmap in PVOS simulation, where green represents the highest kWh reception and red signifies the opposite.

Based on simulation results, it was found that the placement of PV panels on the side roof shell has more potential than placing PV panels on the top of the roof transversely following the sun's path (east-west). This is because even though PV panels are placed directly following the sun's path, it is not necessarily that the area receives more annual solar radiation compared to its side. As demonstrated by the testing conducted by [99] In the case of installing PV panels at the eco-tourism center of Liogu Ku Silou-Silou (EPLISSI), Sabah, Malaysia, which has weather and climatic conditions like the research project location in Medan, Indonesia, the research results indicate that the optimal PV panel installation is facing south, as the PV panel installation location is not perpendicular to the sun's path but inclined towards the south.

IV. CONCLUSION

BIPV design optimization has been conducted for two alternative PV placements: PVOT and PVOS. An analysis of the PVOT placement reveals that it has not yielded significant energy production due to the low received radiation compared to PVOS placement, leading to the determination that PVOT placement is inappropriate. A comparative assessment of both simulations underscores that PVOS exhibits more significant potential in harnessing solar radiation, mainly when situated adjacent to buildings. This conclusion is drawn from simulation results utilizing radiation data received on the surface of the building roof.

The disparity in EG between PVOT and PVOS is substantial, with PVOT producing an annual EG of 13, 837.65 kWh, while PVOS achieves a significantly higher output of 68, 740.74 kWh per year. Several factors contribute to this difference, including the slightly smaller field area of PVOT (0.57% less than PVOS). Despite this, the contrast in electric EG potential between the two placements remains significant. Additionally, the sun's annual path (sun path) and varying radiation levels at various times influence these outcomes. In architectural design, decisions concerning solar panel

placement should carefully consider solar radiation potential and align with desired energy performance objectives.

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