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## Computational Materiality for Sustainable Architectures and Comprehensive Skins

# SCHEMATIC PROPOSAL

ASSIGNMENT GUIDE 03

ARCHITECTURAL ENVELOPE





The purpose of this assignment is to indicate the most efficient envelope solutions from an energetic and functional-architectural point of view and to present the technological design of a selected part of it.



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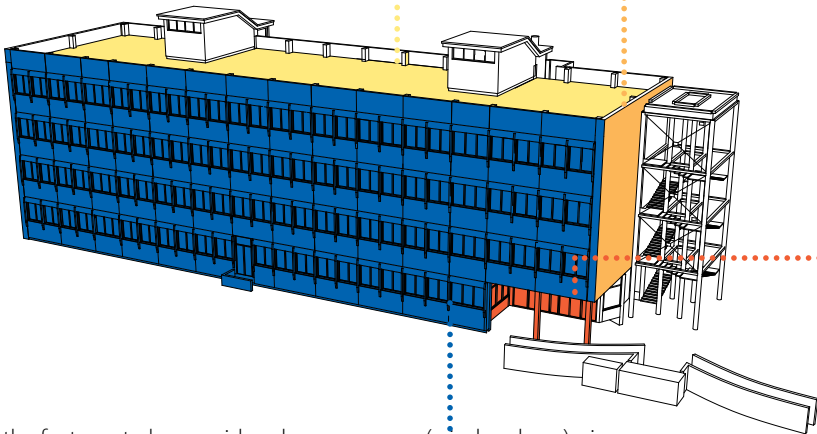


What to do

To carry out this assignment each group, is required to indicate, at the conceptual level, the different envelope solutions adopted for each part of the building complex and to develop the technological design of a significant portion of it. The proposed solutions will derive from the comparison of evaluable alternatives through appropriate energy modeling  
This may concern the roofing system, a specific façade, or the proposal of an envelope system with indication of the invariant parts and variables components to be adopted to fit different requirements.

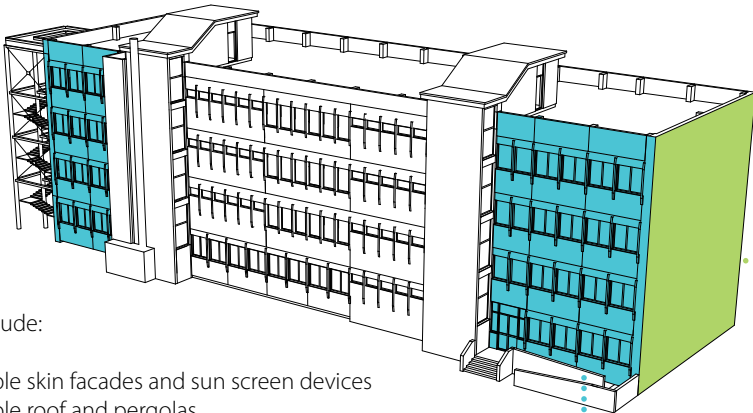
How to do

To develop this assignment, students will have to define for each side and/ or part of the building complex the requirements system including environmental, architectural and functional goals.



Some of the features to be considered are: exposure (wind and sun), views of the external landscape, accessibility to and from the outside, type of activity and consequent internal environmental needs (illumination, thermo-hygrometric comfort, etc.).

Consistently, students will have to identify the technological solutions between those previously studied in Tacuino Assignment and to clarify their consistent use in the building portions.



These include:

- double skin facades and sun screen devices
- double roof and pergolas
- massive wall or other device for thermal lag
- natural ventilation and/or other devices for stack effect.

Proposed solutions can be represented using drawings, diagrams, photos and images of existing buildings or commercial solutions.

You will have to give schematic and synthetic (also with the use of ideograms) evidence of the positive and negative aspects for each of the proposed solutions.

For this part, the use of the energy modeling tools is required, at the mass level and at the analytical detail as well.

WEAKNESS

PROPOSAL

REFERENCES

ROOF

HIGH INSOLATION

ADD A NEW VENTILATED COVERING ON THE EXISTING ROOF

WEST FACADE

EMPTY SURFACE\_ EMERGENCY STAIRS

ADD A NEW VENTILATED COVERING ON THE EXISTING ROOF

ENTRANCE

NOT CLEAR

ADD A DISTINGUIBLE ELEMENT

NORTH FACADE

LOW DIRECT SUN LIGHTING

REMOVE THE WALL AND CREATE A TOTAL GLASS DOUBLE SKIN FACADE

EAST FACADE

EMPTY SURFACE

ADD A "NEW ARCHITECTURE" TO INCREASE SPACES

SOUTH FACADE

HIGH DIRECT LIGHTING\_ ABSORBING SUN RADIATION WHERE ARE NO TREES

ADD A "NEW FACADE" TO CREATE SHADOW



"Hedge building" pavilion IGA, Rostock 2003\_Germany



University of New Hampshire research 2012\_USA



Valode & Pistré biopark 2006\_Paris



DECISION MAKING PROCESS

	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	ROOF
PROBLEMS	Poor natural light in winter	High direct sun light during the day	poor natural light	high direct sun light Thermal Problems
GOALS	increase sun light	decrease direct sun light	providing more sun light	decrease sun light
	-increase day light for class-rooms by removing existing facad and provide glass facad we can in-crease light inside building	- Adding Green faced to the south providing more shadow during the day new facad should be transparent,flexible modular system.		-providing shelter on the roof

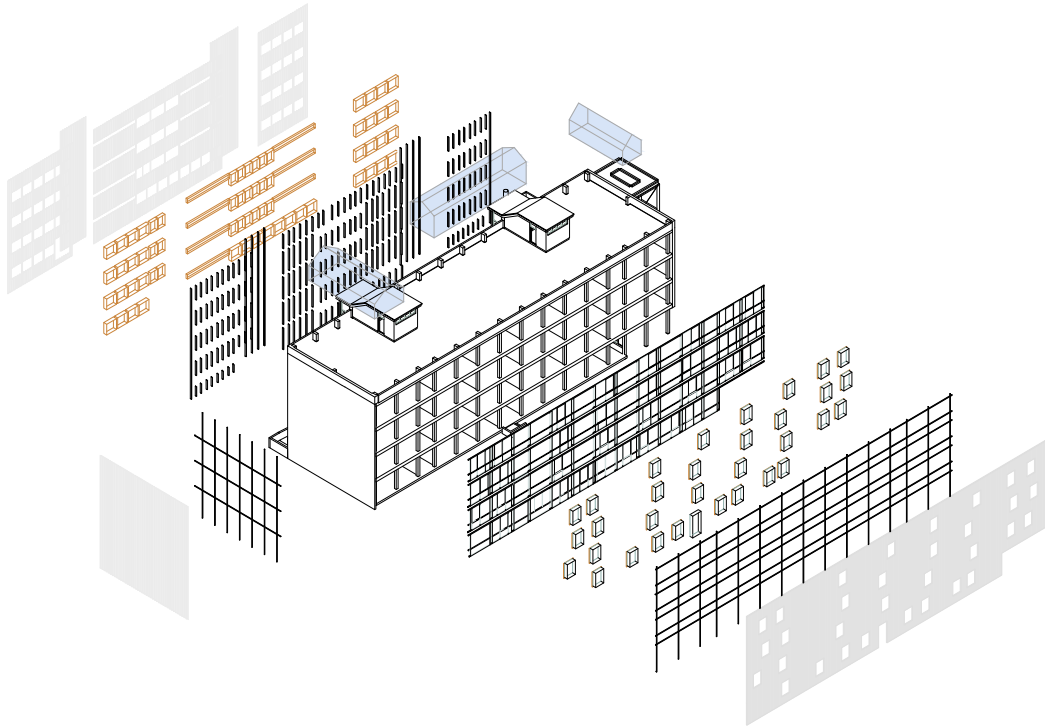


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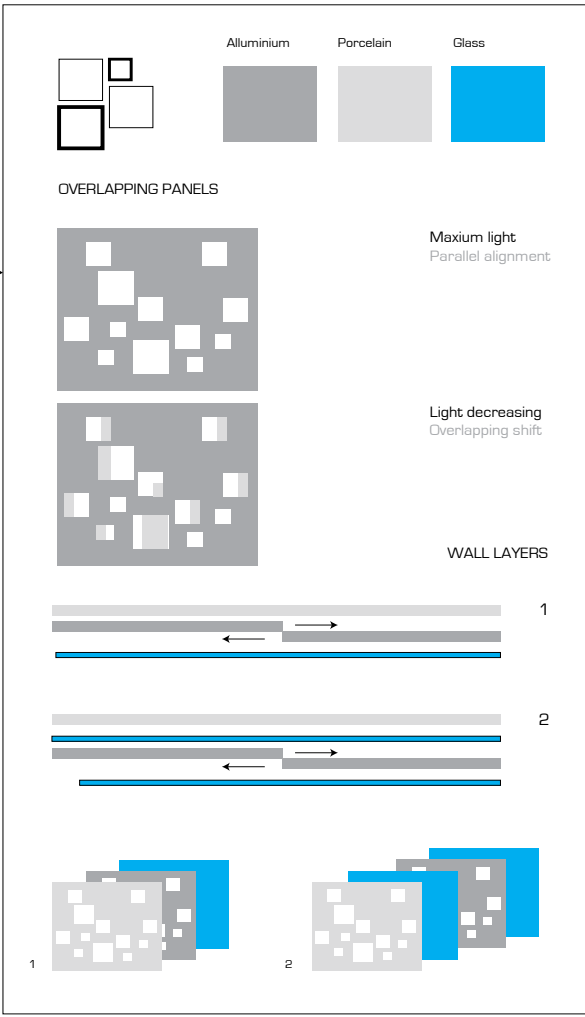
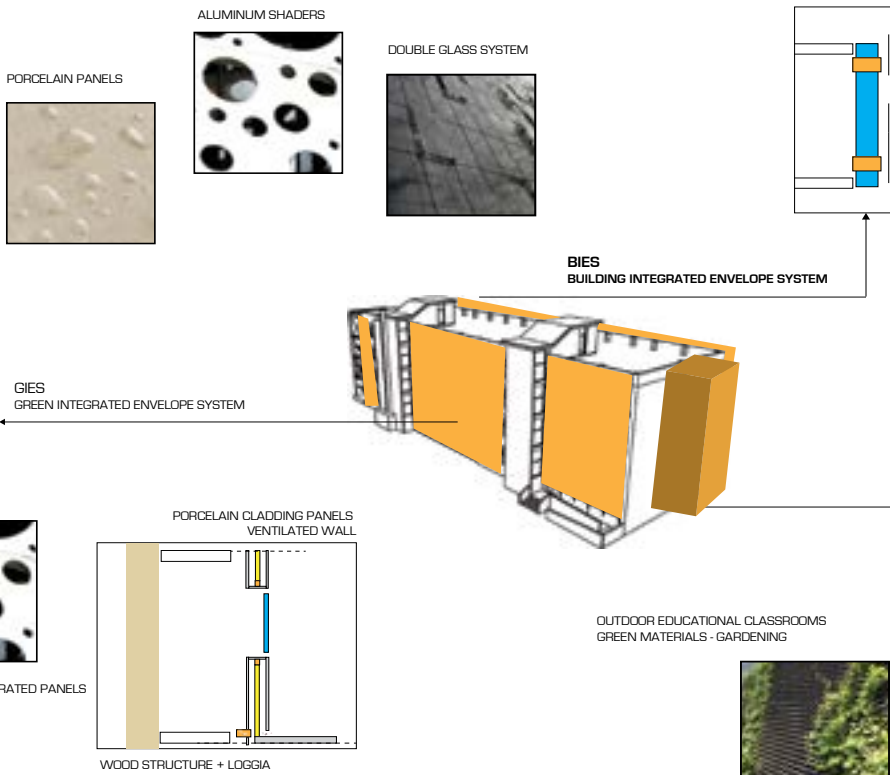


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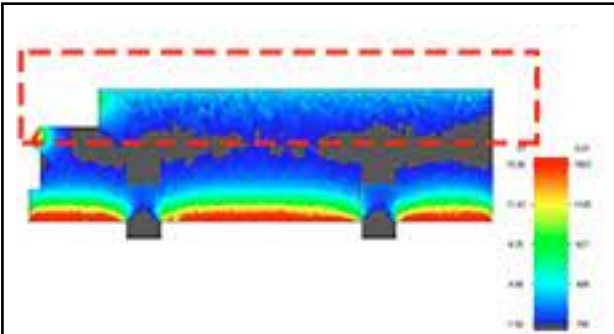


STRATEGIES

- DESIGN SELF BEARING STRUCTURE
- MODIFY INTERNAL FUNCTIONS AND SPACES
- REMOVE PREFAB CONCRETE PANELS



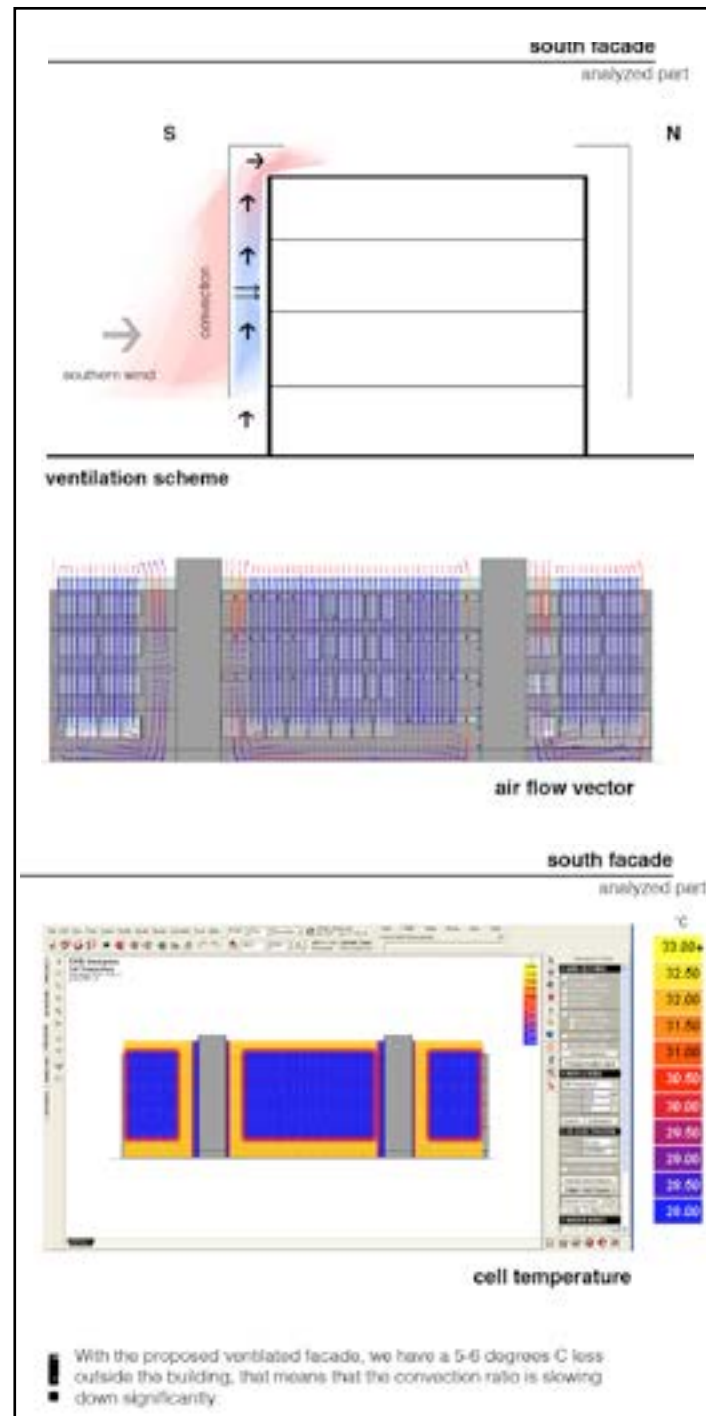




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To effectively synthesize results the SWOT technique can be helpful.

On the basis of this indication, a significant portion of the envelope system will be identified and the technological-constructive details will be developed, with the specification of foundation, structure and sub-structure including bracing devices; cladding system differentiating the opaque, transparent and shielding elements. Materials, the assembly and joining system will also be specified.

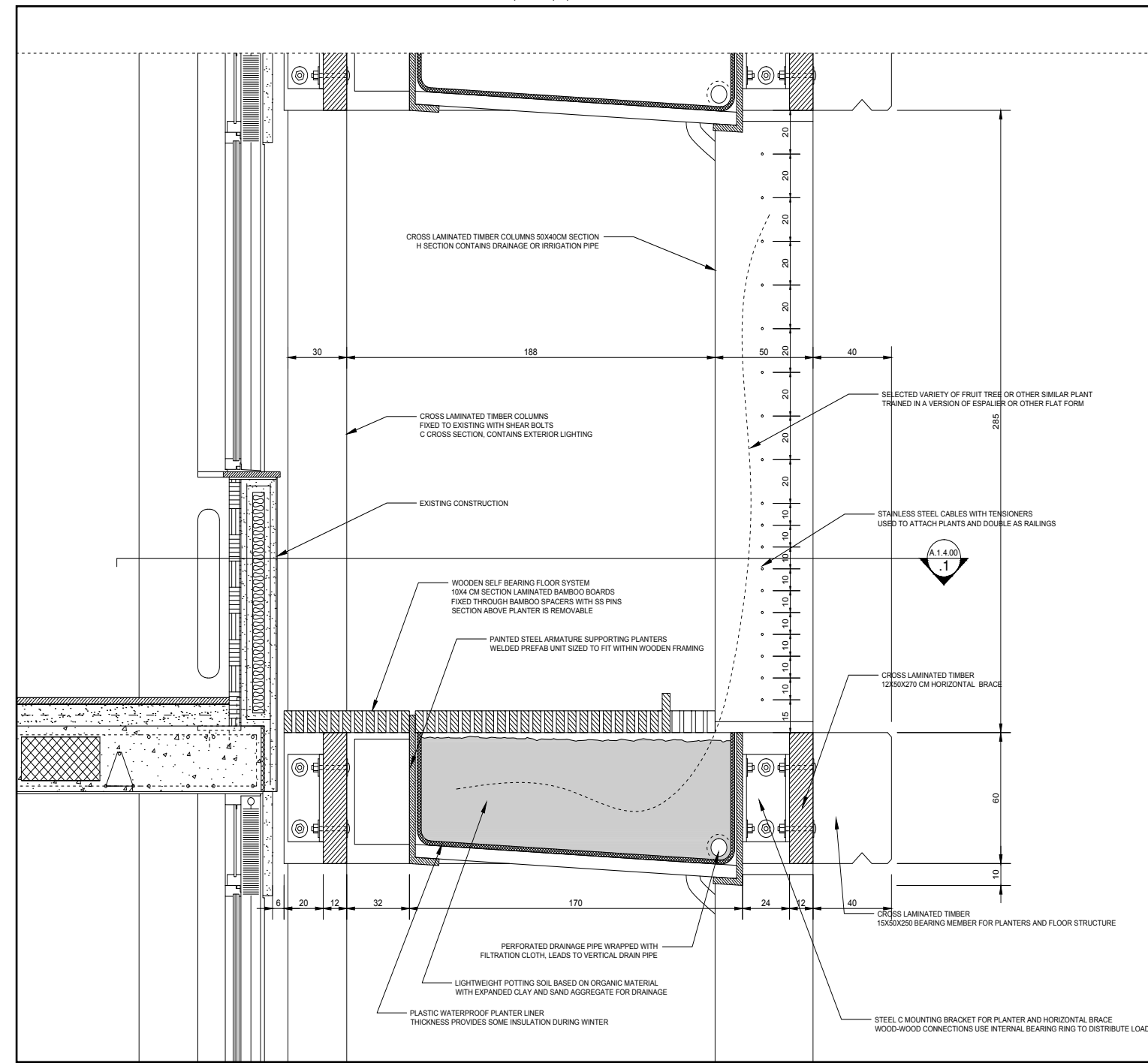
When choosing the envelope system, consider the next assignment concerns the realization of a scale technology model. Therefore, it is advisable to choose solutions that allow feasible execution: a non-minor and unamendable aspect of building architectures

## Outcomes & Evaluation

Students are asked to submit the following documents:

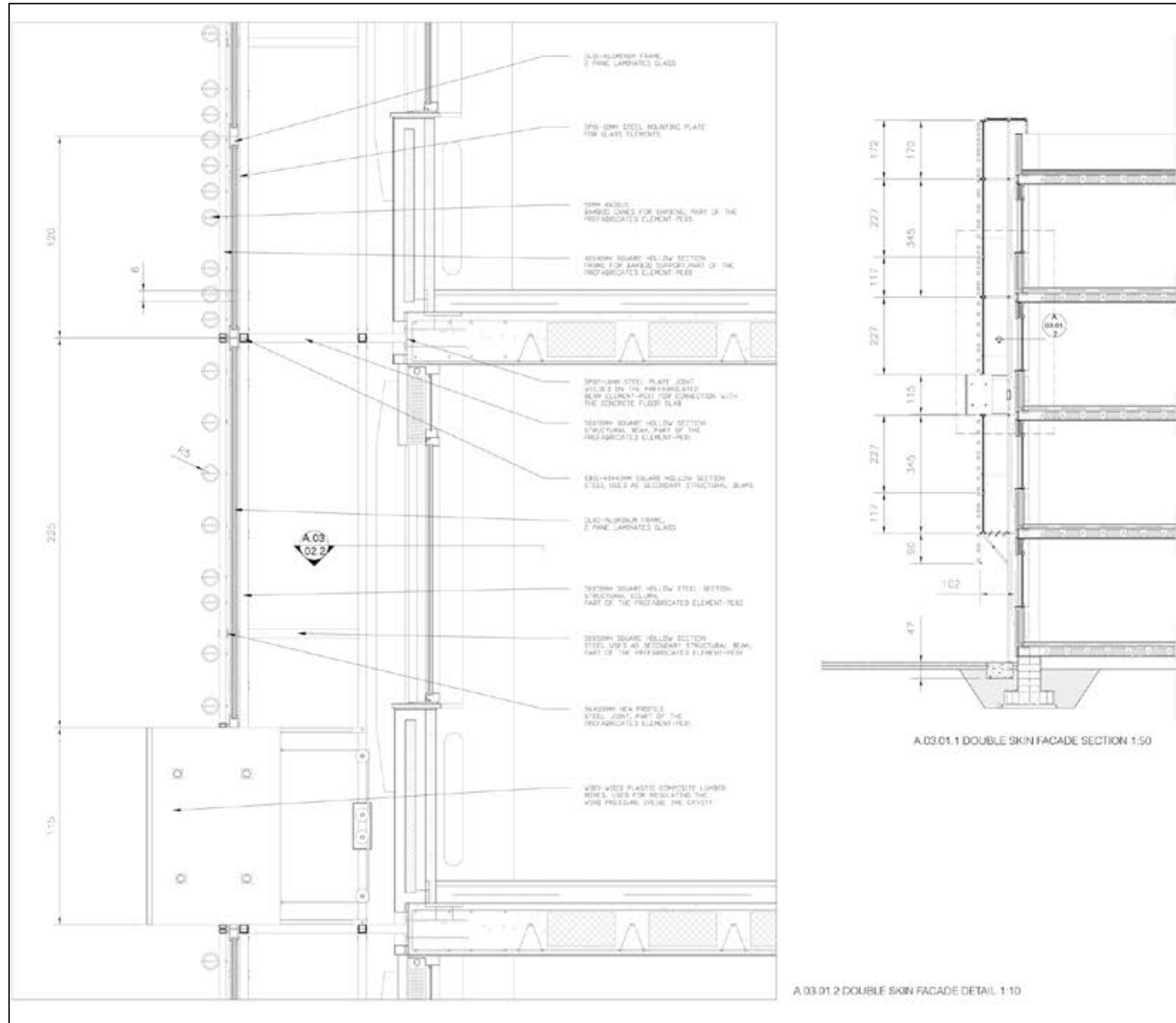
- n°1 sheet in UNI A1 format (vertical pagination) for the General Envelope System
- n°1 sheet in UNI A1 format (vertical pagination) for the Energy Modeling Mass Option-eering
- n°1 sheet in UNI A1 format (vertical pagination) for the Envelope Proposal
- n°1 shet in UNI A4 format (vertical pagination) for detailed energy modeling and evaluation related to the detailed facade and its alternatives.

Evaluations will take place in the form of a poster pin-up presentation in classroom.



# References

- Conceptual mass optioneering  
Resources and Textbooks on Mailab's web page «Environmental Design Lab» and mainly:  
<https://issuu.com/artichoc/stacks/e9c-428624cfb4c148f0055371df06620>
- The envelope design proposal  
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- The Building envelope  
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- Assembly and Joining Structures.  
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A.03.01 DOUBLE SKIN FACADE  
VERTICAL SECTION AND DETAIL

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