

In the building sector, curtain walls (CWs) account for the majority of unwanted solar heat gain and consume most of the energy used. In this context, adaptive technologies (ATs) offer a wide range of alternative solutions to improve the performance of CWs.

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Integration scenarios are evaluated through SWOT analysis and performance criteria. The performance of curtain walls is enhanced by integrating adaptive technologies. Energy efficiency and the reduction of carbon emissions have become the main climate goals for newly constructed or existing buildings.

According to the literature review,VPV curtain walls exhibit significant potential for energy savingsowing to their excellent thermal insulation performance . Furthermore,the shading effect of PV cells can alleviate discomfort glare and enhance occupants' visual comfort .

In summary, partitioned design method of the VPV curtain wall can improve the performance of the conventional VPV curtain wall with the same overall PV coverage. Fig. 17. Comparison of VPV windows with different PV cells distributions of coverage of 40%. 3.3.2. The optimal case obtained using TOPSIS

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