### Energy-efficient building

# PowerShade MicroShade



### PhotoSolar PowerShade and MicroShade Søren Jensen, R&D engineer, PhotoSolar ApS

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# Conventional solar shading - and the PhotoSolar alternative

### Conventional solar shading:

(Exterior lamellas or screens)

- Efficient
- Expensive
- Cleaning and maintenance issues



### The PhotoSolar concept:

(Micro-structured shading embedded in front glass)

- Same efficiency as exterior solutions
- Competitive price
- Less cleaning and no maintenance







### PowerShade and MicroShade Product Introduction

### PowerShade IG – Combined solar shading and transparent photovoltaics

- Shades excess solar radiation from the facade and converts to green power
- Novel and patented photovoltaic technology with improved efficiency
- Fully integrated in double or triple layer glazing
- Strong shading character

### MicroShade IG – Glazing-integrated solar shading

- Efficient shading may replace exterior shading devices
- No maintenance and reduced need for facade cleaning
- Robust structure



### Advantages of PowerShade IG

- High Efficiency The 3D PV technology provides more power than 2D PV modules with same transparency.
- **Neutral in colour** no colouring of the transmitted light. Reflected colour is dark gray or black (outside view).
- Customized design Size and module layout is customer specified. Full or partial coverage of glass and gradient modules are possible.
- Electrical output 50 kWh/m2 per year when mounted in vertical facade.
- Simple installation and robust products no moving parts, sensitive parts are protected by glass structure.
- Clean technology no hazardous waste.

Electrical effect on facade - comparison Conversion efficiency: 7% Vertical installation Beam intensity: 1000W/m2



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### Advantages of MicroShade IG

- Robust design shading integrated in glazing
- Neutral in colour no colouring of the transmitted light. Reflected colour is dark gray or black (out side view).
- Customized design Size and module layout is customer specified. Full or partial coverage of glass and gradient modules are possible.
- **Progressive shading** effective g-value in the range from 0.12 to 0.36. Low in summer high in winter.
- Simple installation and robust products no moving parts, sensitive parts are protected by glass structure.
- Clean technology no hazardous waste.
- Replaces exterior shadings no maintenance and less cleaning.



Weather data for Copenhagen – MeteoNorm 4.0



### Pilot installations and testing - MicroShade

- **Test programme** thermal performance has been tested by the Danish Technological Institute in full-scale installations for more than 18 months.
- Manufacturing technology has been tested by independent glazing manufacturers with succes.
- EN1279 testing in progress final approval expected in December 2008.
- 25 m2 of prototype glazing has been installed and subjected to visual judgement by more than 100 independent valuators.
- MicroShade IG is ready for sale project orders are accepted by PhotoSolar and initial glass industry partners.













Nordea case

Shading and solar power envelope

# Case study – The Nordea building







Simulation of the Nordea building: Teknologisk Institut – Industry and Energy, University of Strathclyde; supported by Eltra through PSO R&D funds.

### The existing solar shading

- Exterior solar shades in combination with solar control glass.
- Exterior solar shades are movable in 7 steps, controlled automatically.
- Solar control glass is state of the art Pilkington Suncool HP Brilliant.





# The PhotoSolar alternative







# Cooling need and electrical power production, yearly



### Room temperature – June 3 (Copenhagen)



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Simulation made by Teknologisk Institut BuildVISION & University of Strathclyde using the ESP-r simulation platform.

# Comfort profile



Simulation made by Teknologisk Institut BuildVISION & University of Strathclyde using the ESP-r simulation platform.

## Direct conclusions of the Nordea case

- The **shading efficiency** of PowerShade and MicroShade nearly equals the existing solution on the building in which both external blinds and solar control glass is used.
- PowerShade and MicroShade provides more shading than solar control glass – and may replace exterior shading devices.
- The **temperature profile** is equal to that found for the existing solution.
- The **comfort profile is identical** to that of the existing solution and better than solar control glass.
- The potential **power production** of the PowerShade module approximates the need for electrical energy to drive the cooling of the building.





## More information - www.photosolar.dk

### **Downloads currently available**

- General information MicroShade IG (Danish)
- Technical data sheet MicroShade IG (Danish)
- Be06 calculation routine MicroShade IG (Danish)





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