



SOLARCHITECTURE
building solutions



Rural House Gallay



Address

Route du village 50, 1730 Ecuvilens, Switzerland



Location

46°45'30" N | 7°04'56" E



Altitude

689 MAMSL

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A pilot project

In this pilot project, concerning a 1859 rural house, were used coloured (terracotta) photovoltaic modules developed by the CSEM of Neuchâtel specifically for sites protected at the level of cultural heritage. This application demonstrate that the energy transition is not happening to the detriment of architectural quality, even better this project successfully overcame the ultimate barrier (aesthetics) to a widespread deployment of solar technologies.



27.2 kWp PV installation made of clay coloured modules. Source: Solstis SA..



Solar-Terra PV modules were developed to replace the traditional terracotta roof on historic buildings. Source: Patrick Heinstejn, CSEM.

Energy

| Active solar surface | 262 m ² | – |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Active solar surface ratio | >75 % | – |
| Peak power | 27 kWp | – |
| Building skin application | Solar tiles | – |

Energy production

29,830
kWh

Self - consumption

49%



Building characteristics

Building typology

Residential

Construction type

Retrofit

Year of construction

1859, retrofit 2018

Energy reference surface

250 m²

Energy index

63 kWh/m²a (heating and electricity)

Energy labelling

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Installation of the photovoltaic tiles. Source: Solstis SA.

BIPV module

Product

Solrif XL as laying system

Manufacturer

n/a

Cell technology

Mono-crystalline

Cell colour

Terracotta, semi-matt

Dimensions

1,530 x 542mm

Specific power

120 Wp/m²



Parties involved

Owner

Alexandre Gallay

Architect

Lutz architectes

Photovoltaic installer

Solstis SA

Specialist planner

CSEM SA

Photo

Solstis SA and Patrick Heinstein, CSEM

Awards, recognitions & info.

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Schweizer Solarpreis 2018

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