



## Study of cost optimised standard for social housing retrofit in Mexico: EnerPHit

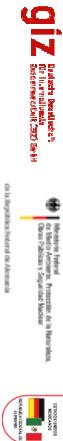
**Technical design for NAMA of existing buildings**  
by the consortium PHI-GOPA-IZN

the technical cooperation between Mexico and Germany,  
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## Background: Mexico



Up until the 1960's more than 50% of the Mexican population lived in rural areas

### Today:

Almost 80% of the Mexican population lives in cities (INEGI 2010)

- Current building practices:
- Ignore climatic considerations
- Turn to high energy demanding solutions
- [Morillón 2006].

- Important barriers:
- Lack of knowledge and experience about energy efficiency
- Highly subsidised energy prices
- High costs for the necessary building materials and technical equipment [CONAVI, SEMARNAT 2012].

## Mexico: Efforts to improve housing



- Many successful initiatives to enhance building practices



By 2030 Mexico nearly 11 million new houses to be built. 9 million existing houses to be refurbished [CONAVI, SEMARNAT 2012].

- Labelling system for all new social dwellings, rating water savings and energy efficiency.

- Use of DEEVi tool (Diseño Energéticamente Eficiente de la Vivienda), energy evaluation tool based on Passive House Planning Package

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### NAMAs for the housing sector in Mexico



Mexico: ambitious goals & first actions

GHG emission reduction:  
30% by 2020,  
50% by 2050

- NAMA Vivienda Nueva:
  - COP 16 (2010), COP 17 (2011) and COP 18 (2012)
  - Operated by CONAVI
  - Commitments from international financial institutions
  - Resulting programmes: Sisevive-Ecocasa (Infonavit), CONOCER
  - Technical design by the consortium GOPA-IZN-PHI
- NAMA Vivienda Existente:
  - Need for focus on existing housing
  - By 2030, one third of existing housing will require retrofitting [CONAVI 2010]
  - First concept presented at COP18
  - Technical design by the consortium PHI-GOPA-IZN

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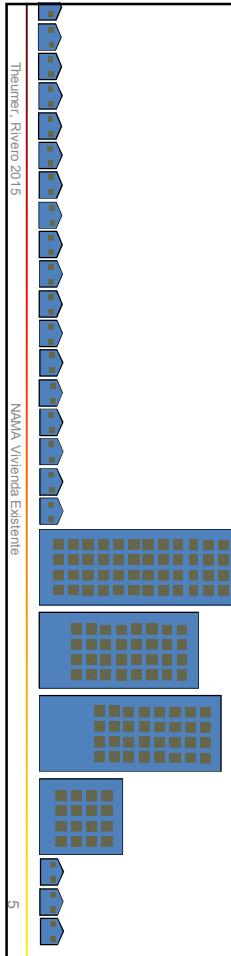
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## Current living conditions in social housing



- Urban centres with large urban sprawls
- Very high room temperatures in summer (up to 30°C in extreme climates) and low room temperatures in winter (down to 16°C in colder climates)
- Main energy consumption of social houses: gas for cooking and DHW and electricity for electrical appliances (TV, fridge...)
- Minimal or no use for energy for temperature control: In hot climates: electricity ceiling fans or A/C (only at certain times of day)
- Relatively low energy consumption... but growing



## NAMA for existing buildings: The tasks

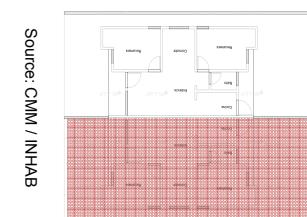
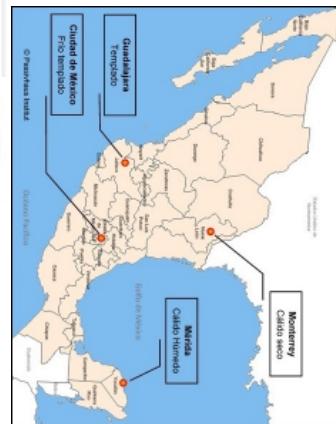


- ✓ Energy balance calculations of diverse social housing typologies in the four main climate zones in Mexico for diverse energy standards (from baseline to EnerPHit)
- ✓ Consideration of (low) current energy use
- ✓ Estimation of CO<sub>2</sub> emission mitigation potential
- ✓ Calculation of cost-efficiency
- ✓ Consideration of existing labelling system

## Climate zones, social housing typologies



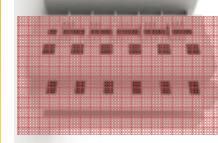
**Adosada**  
(based on  
Polígono 108  
Merida)



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Source: CMM / INHAB

**Vertical**  
**NAMA**  
Vivienda  
Nueva



Source: GOPA/GIZ 2011

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## Comparison of two comfort scenarios

 $\text{CO}_2 \text{ [kg}/(\text{m}^2\text{a})]$ 

Baseline (standard comfort)  
Optimisation (standard comfort)  
Optimisation 2 (reduced comfort)

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### Energy performance assessment:

Standard comfort versus reduced comfort baseline

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## Methodological approach



EnerPHit  
concept  
(complete or  
step-by-step)

Occupants  
needs

Social and  
financial  
aspects

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Existente:  
Technical  
design

Whole  
house  
approach

PHPP and  
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calculation

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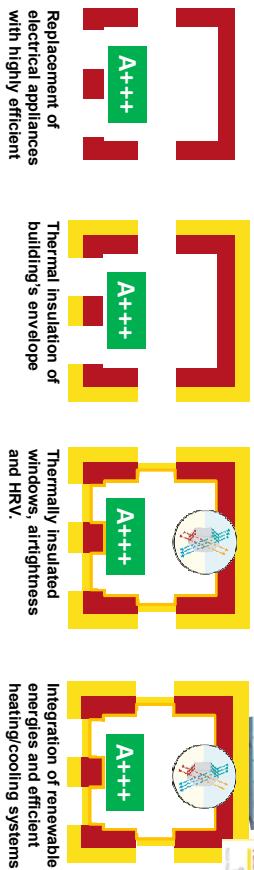
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## The concept of step by step retrofitting



### Example: Component by component retrofit

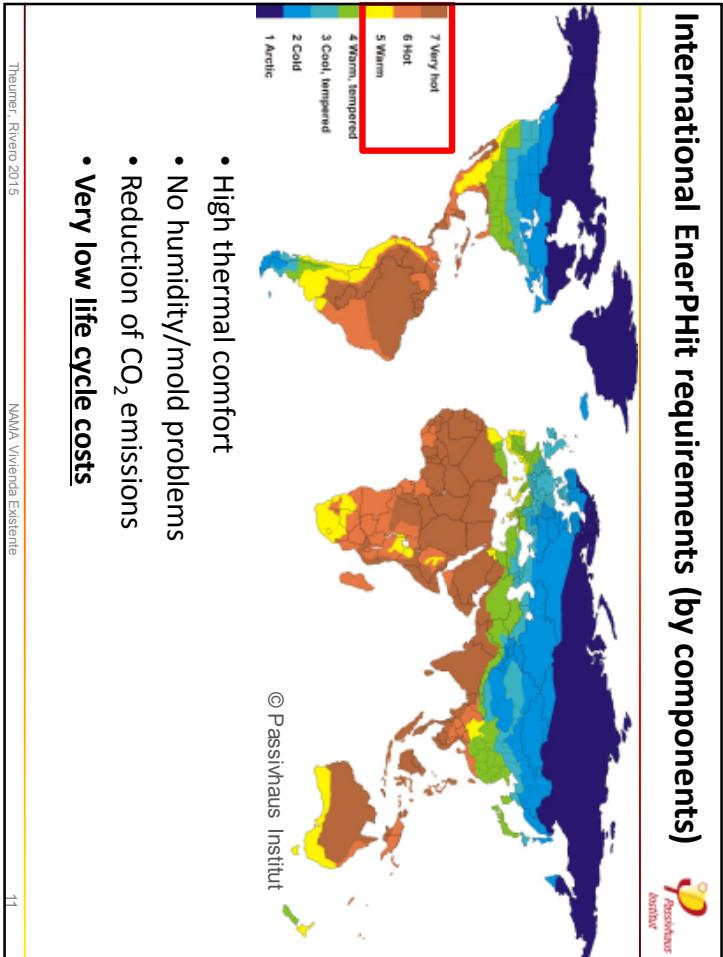


- Important:
- ✓ To have an overall goal since the very beginning
- ✓ To consider all possible interactions between measures and their collateral effects

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- High thermal comfort
- No humidity/mold problems
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- **Very low life cycle costs**

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## International EnerPHit requirements (by components)



Climate Zone according to PHPP	Opaque envelope <sup>1</sup> against...		Windows (including exterior doors)		Glazing	Solar load <sup>5</sup>	Ventilation
	...ground	...ambient air	Overall <sup>4</sup>				
Arctic	0.09	0.25	-	0.45 0.50 0.60	U <sub>g</sub> - g*0.7 ≤ 0	80%	-
Cold	0.12	0.30	-	0.65 0.70 0.80	U <sub>g</sub> - g*1.0 ≤ 0	80%	-
Cool-temperate	0.15	0.35	-	0.85 1.00 1.10	U <sub>g</sub> - g*1.6 ≤ 0	75%	-
Warm-temperate	0.30	0.50	-	1.05 1.10 1.20	U <sub>g</sub> - g*2.8 ≤ -1	75%	-
Warm	0.50	0.75	-	1.25 1.30 1.40	-	100	-
Hot	0.50	0.75	Yes	1.25 1.30 1.40	-	-	60 % (humid climate)
Very hot	0.25	0.45	Yes	1.05 1.10 1.20	-	-	60 % (humid climate)

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4 Determinded in PHPP from project  
5 Climate zones  
6 Heating degree days  
7 Cooling degree days  
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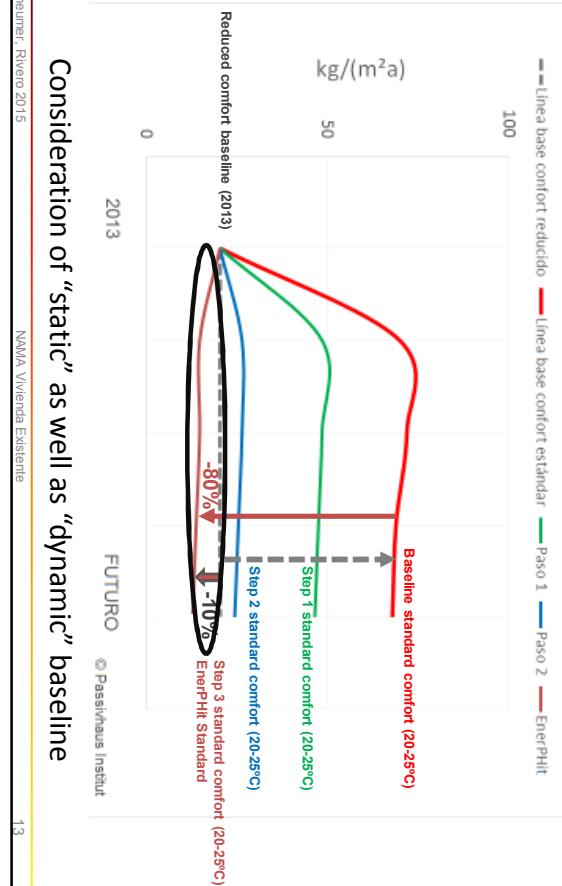
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## Baseline definition



### Mitigation potential Example NAMA VE (Adosada Monterrey)



### Consideration of "static" as well as "dynamic" baseline

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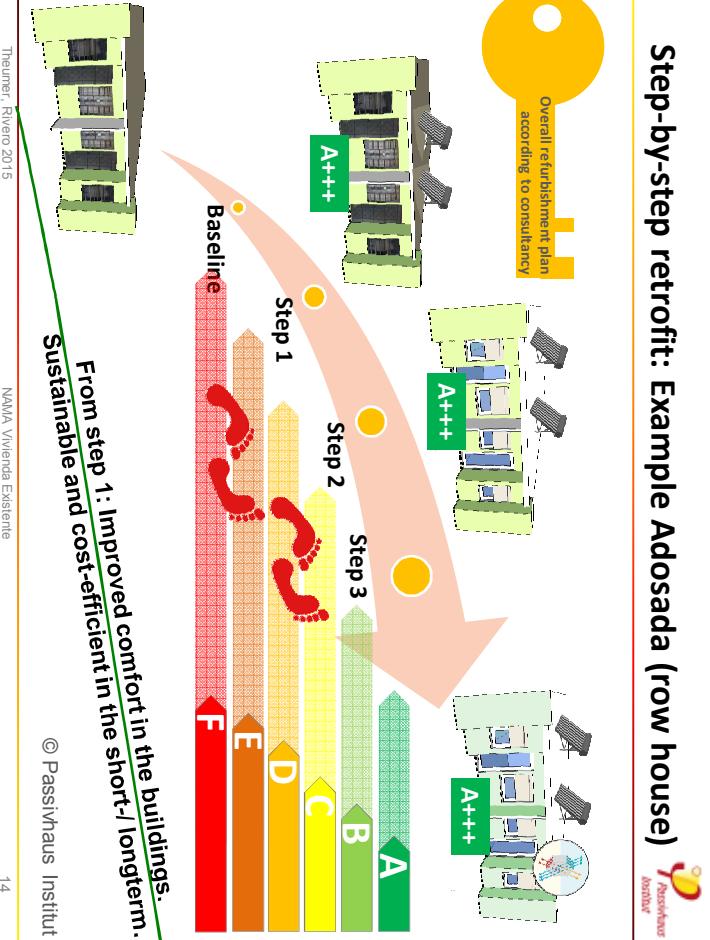
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## Step-by-step retrofit: Example Adosada (row house)

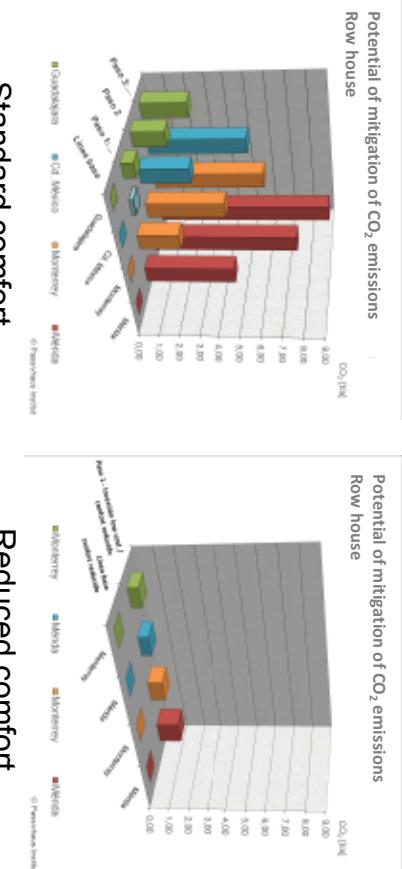
Overall refurbishment plan  
according to consultancy

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## Results: Potential of mitigation and of reduction



- Potential of mitigation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Potential of reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



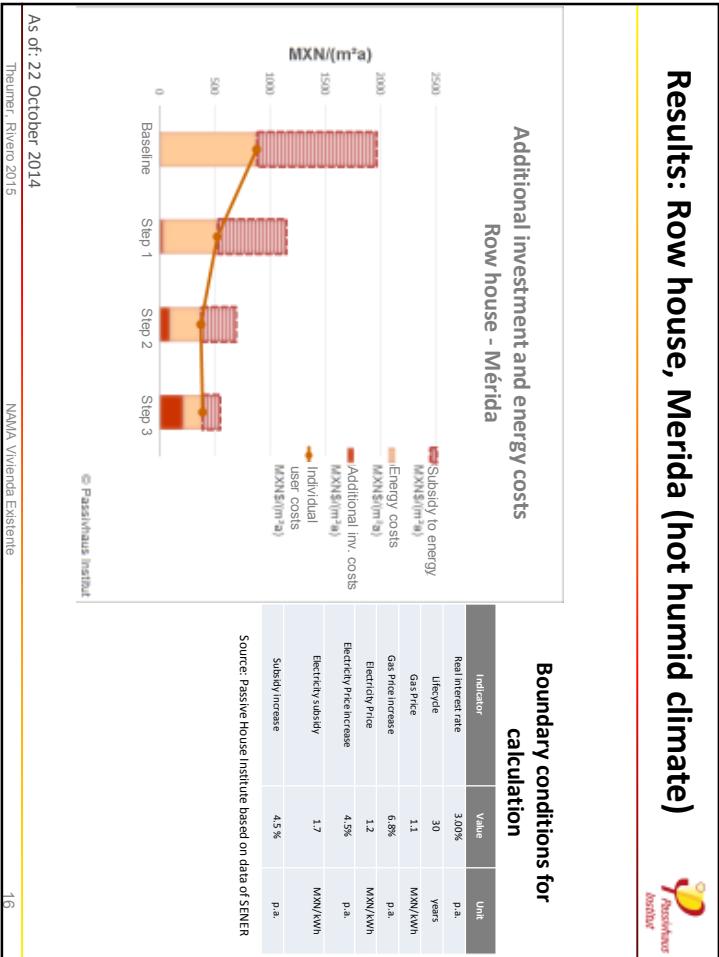
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### Reduced comfort

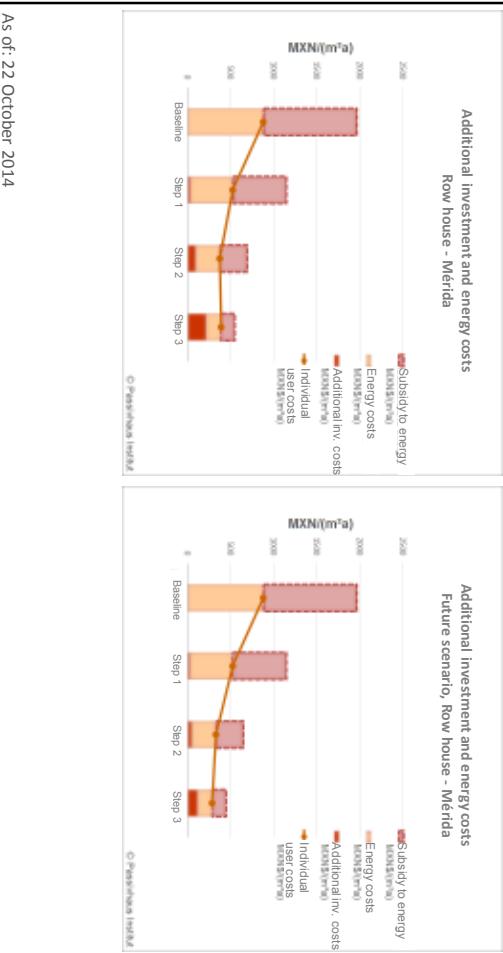


## Results: Row house, Merida (hot humid climate)



### Current costs scenario

### Future costs scenario



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## Appropriate EnerPHit assessment



EnerPHit by heating/cooling demand → Milder climates (warm temperate)

Row house (adossada)	Detached house (aislada)	Multistorey building (vertical)
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EnerPHit by quality of building components → Extreme climates (hot/dry and very hot/humid)

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## Calculation of variants in PHPP



New feature of PHPP 9:



- Immediate variant assessment
- Graphical output
- Only one PHPP file!

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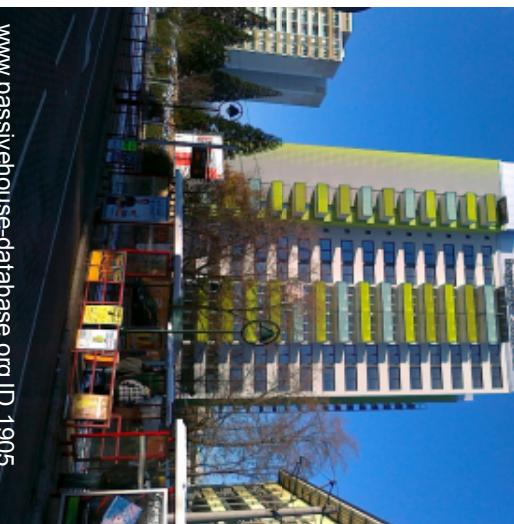
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