

Practical implementations of EnerPHit step-by-step retrofit

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Summary

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- 1. Audit**
- 2. Design**
- 3. Reduce costs**



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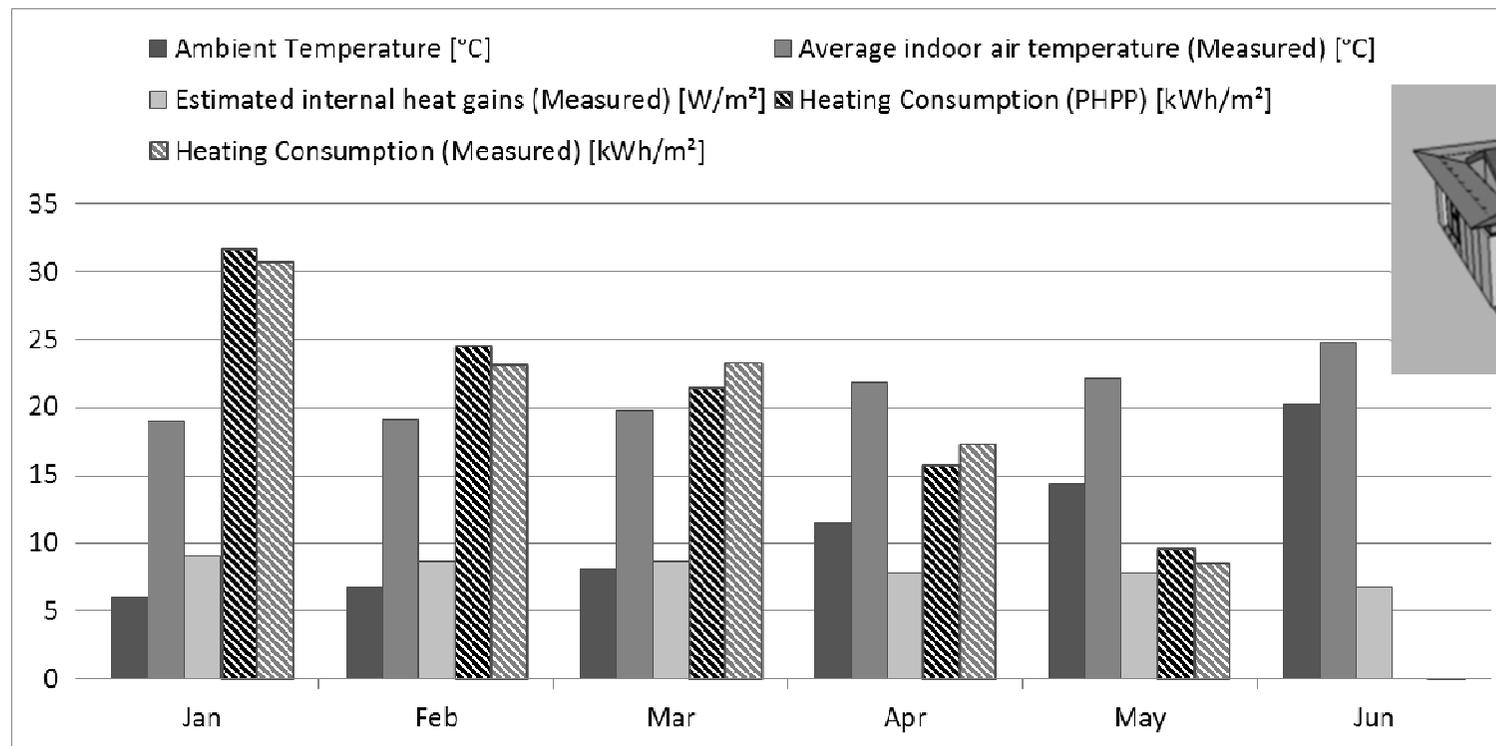
1. AUDIT



PHPP to model existing buildings ?

Recalibrated PHPP9 with monitoring data on existing office building

- Timber frame, double glazing, extract only, $n_{50} = 6,8 \text{ h}^{-1}$
- Heat supply : 60% pellets, 40% gas
- PHPP heating consumption matches monitored levels (150 kWh/m².a, $\pm 10\%$ monthly)



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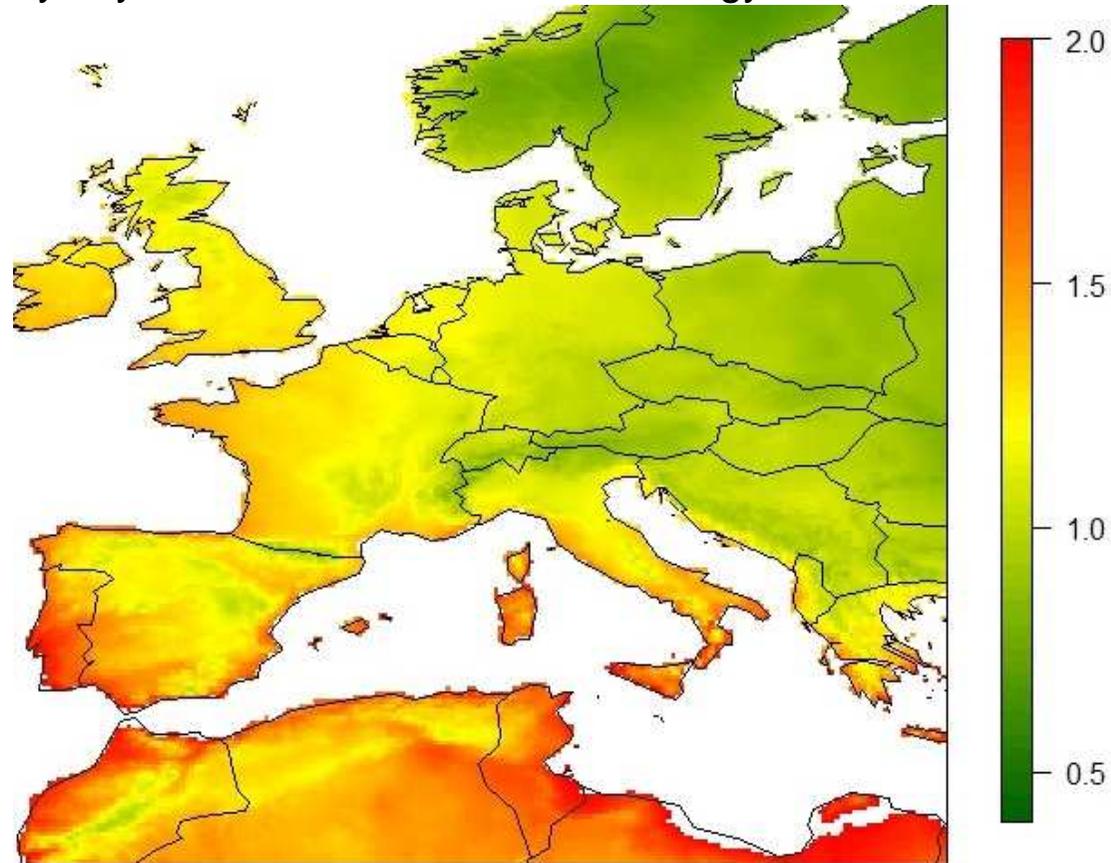
Efficiency for comfort : windows

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Passive House quality even with hotter winters ?

Minimal U_w [$W/(m^2.K)$] for winter comfort, average minimal temperature in winter

-> Comfort is not the only key, have a look at the winter energy balance !



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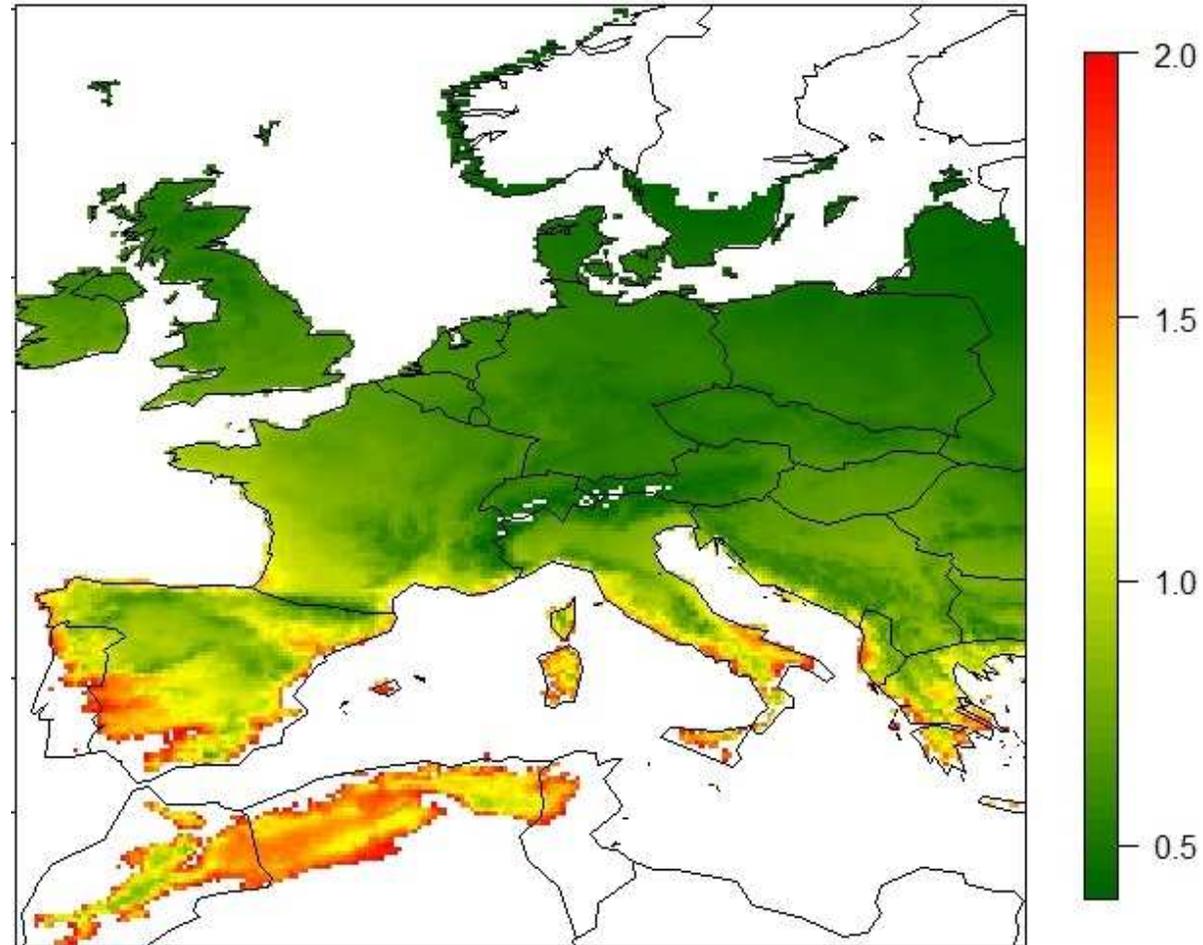
Winter energy efficiency : windows

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Minimal U_w [$W/(m^2.K)$] for positive energy balance on windows

$g = 55\%$
22% of the solar horizontal irradiation reach windows

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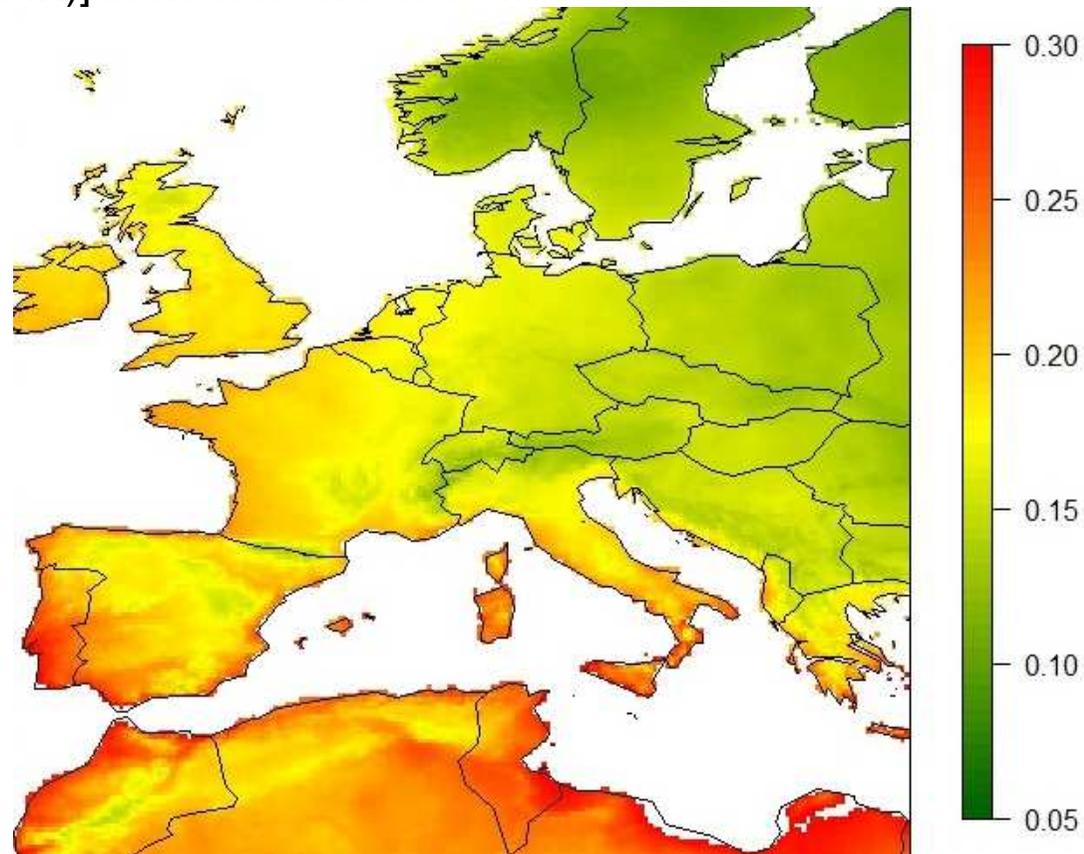
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Passive House quality even with hotter winters ?

Yes ! But comfort must be completed by an economical assessment

Minimal U-value [W/(m².K)] in walls for winter comfort



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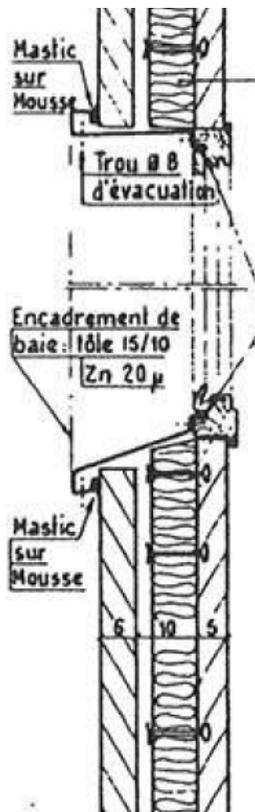


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Is it worth to retrofit a wall already insulated?



Example : Prefab concrete panels 1978

- 8 cm mineral wool insulation
- $U = 0,47 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{K})$

Example : Concrete form wall 1973

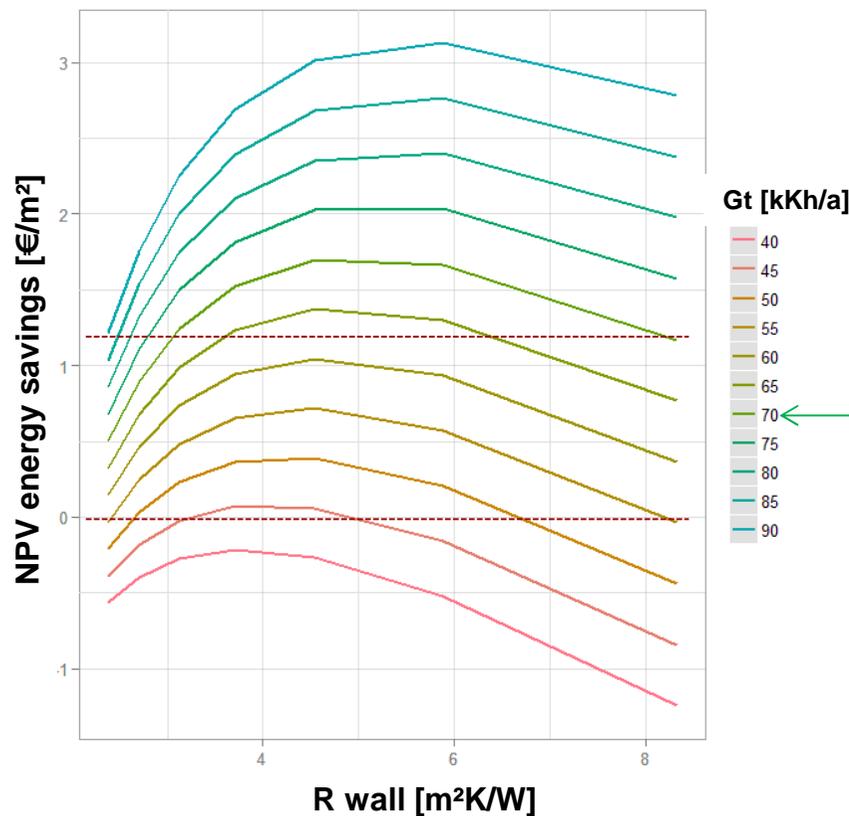
- 10 cm interior insulation with mineral wool
- $U = 0,35 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{K})$



Is it worth to retrofit a wall already insulated?

Example ETICS on prefab concrete panels 1978 (thousands of buildings)

- Existing: 8 cm mineral wool insulation, $U = 0,47 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{K})$
- Investment ETICS: 90-150 €/m² wall according U-value, Render : 35€/m²



Case Study Courcelles, FR

- Direct electric heaters, **15 c€/kWh**, investment period 20 years, residual value on extra **30 years**



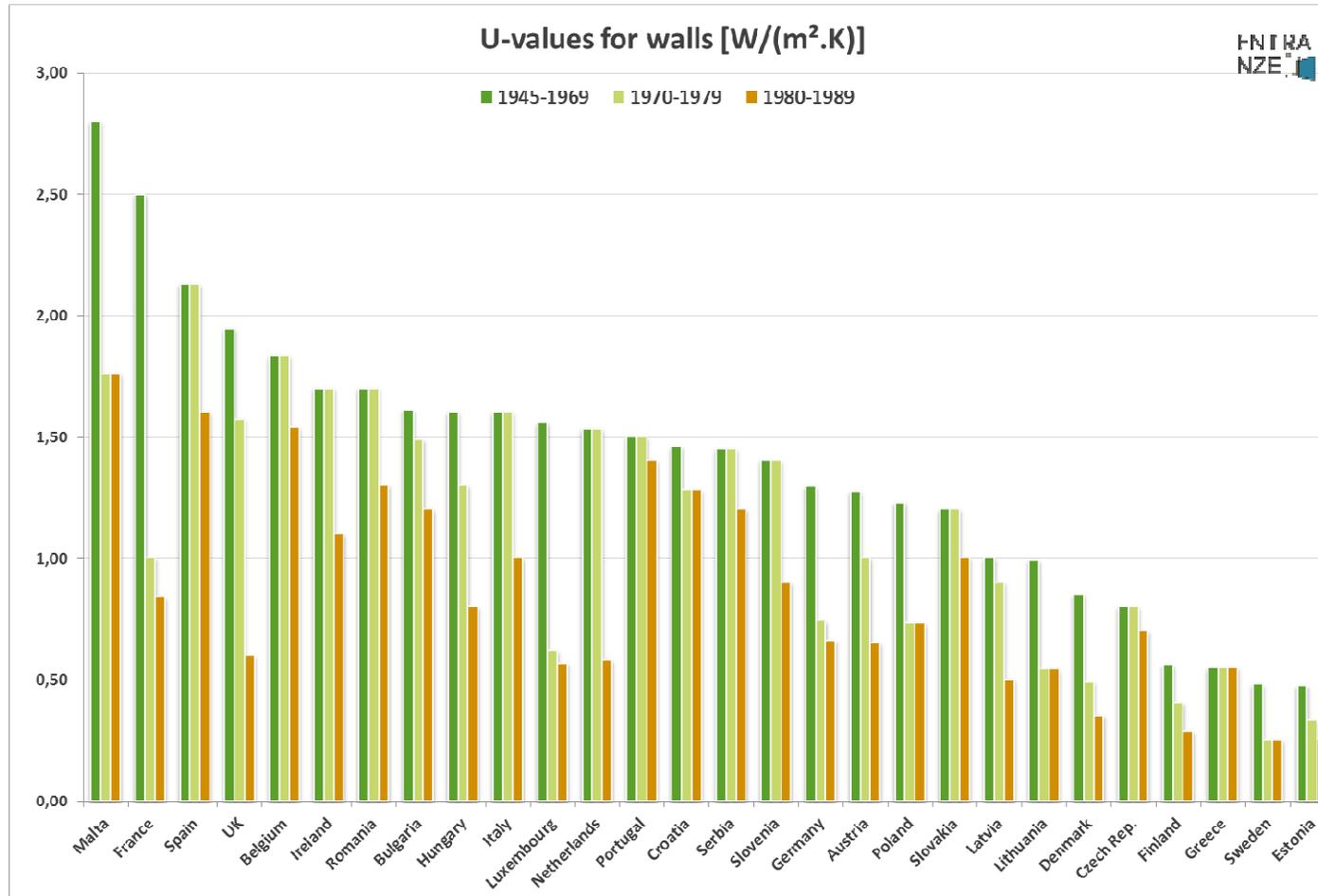
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Economical efficiency : components

Compare your building to the average figures of your country



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Initial airtightness

Is the initial airtightness relevant to the economic analysis ?

- Office in timber frame to be retrofitted
- Mechanical ventilation extract only
- Initial airtightness test : $n_{50} = 6,8 \text{ h}^{-1}$



Was it worth to do an initial blower-door test ?

- Yes, as a guidance for the airtightness design
- Yes, as it helped calibrating the PHPP
- Instead of a pessimistic $n_{50} = 10 \text{ h}^{-1}$,
- 17 kWh/(m².a) heating demand (PHPP)
+ 18 €/m² net present value (test cost: 2 €/m²)



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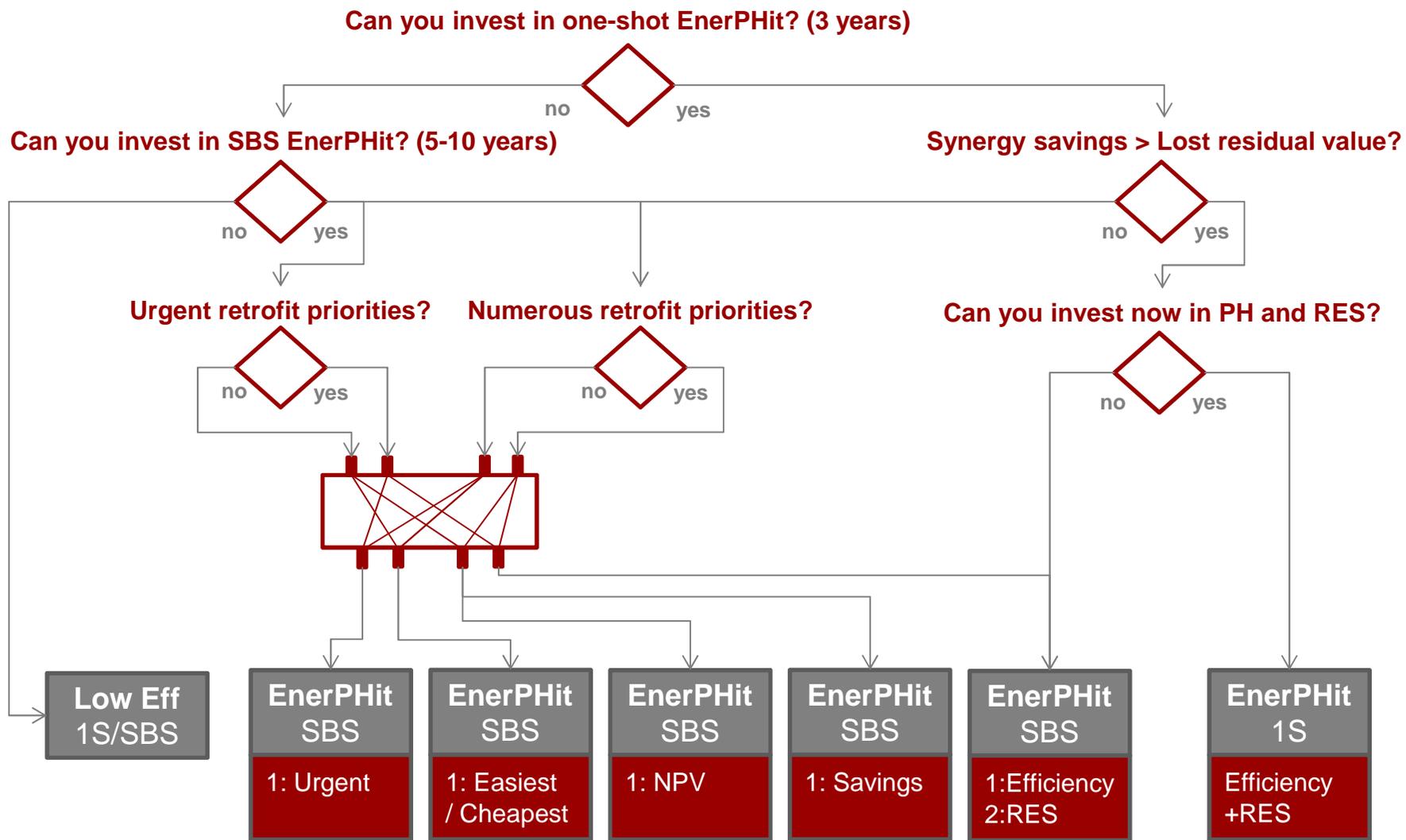
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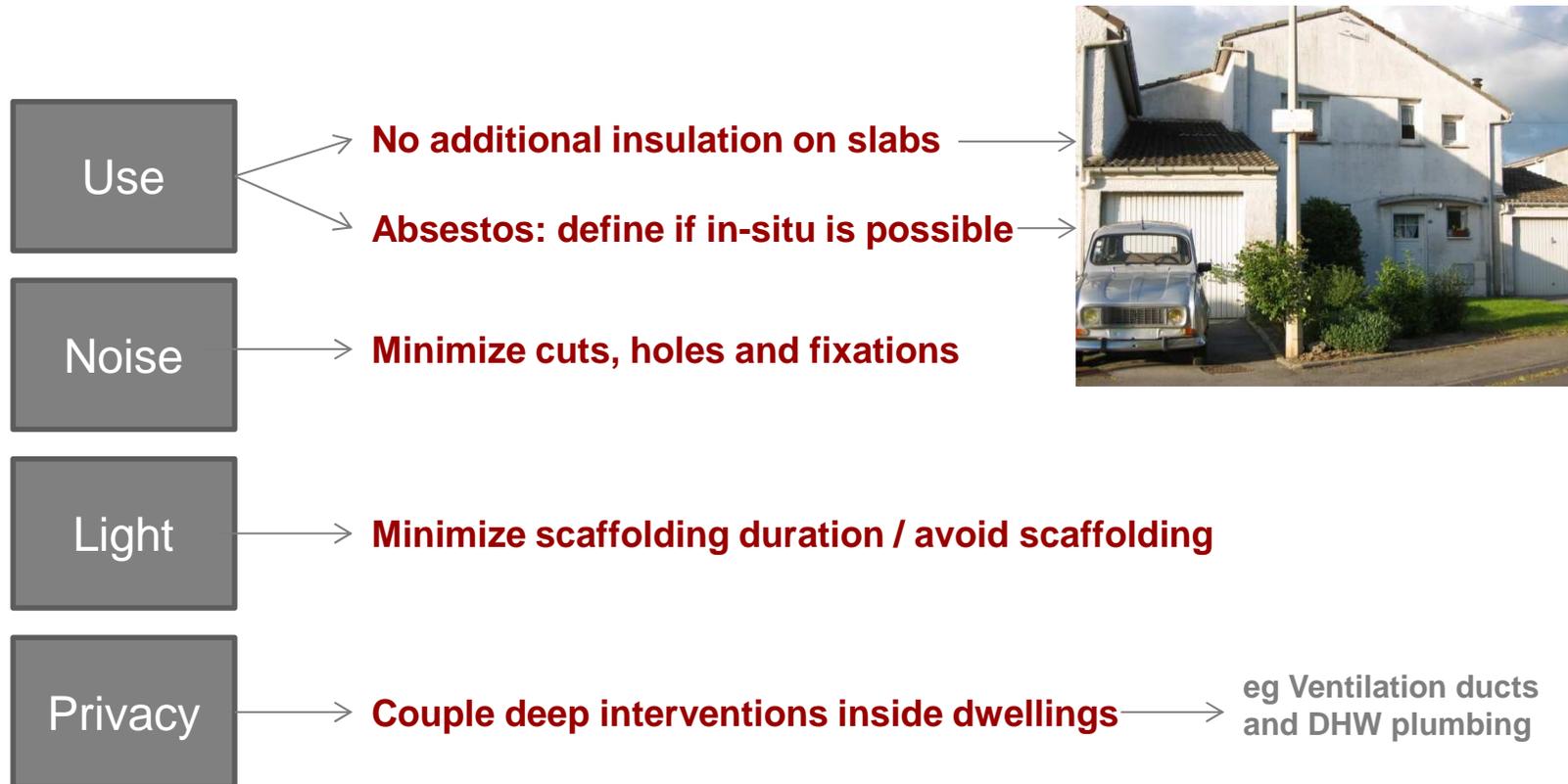


Decision Graph



Keep tenants inside

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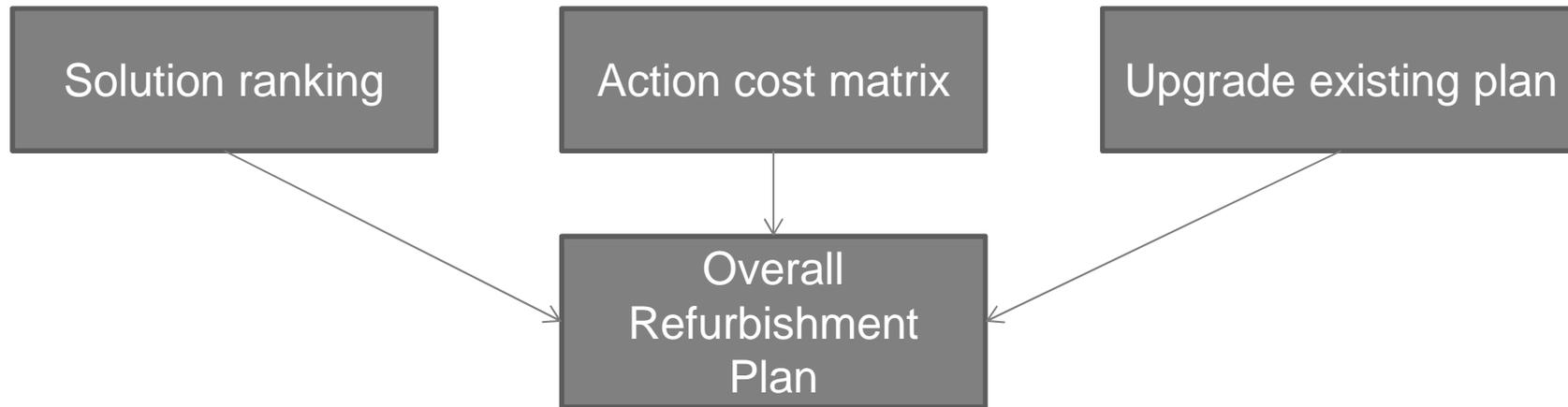
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Setting up an Overall Refurbishment Plan

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Example on Case Study Courcelles, France

- Multifamily social housing
- 2 x 16 dwellings
- Prefab concrete panels
- Heating and DHW individual, direct electric
- Existing heating demand = 90 kWh/(m².a)
- Existing PE demand = 390 kWh/(m².a)



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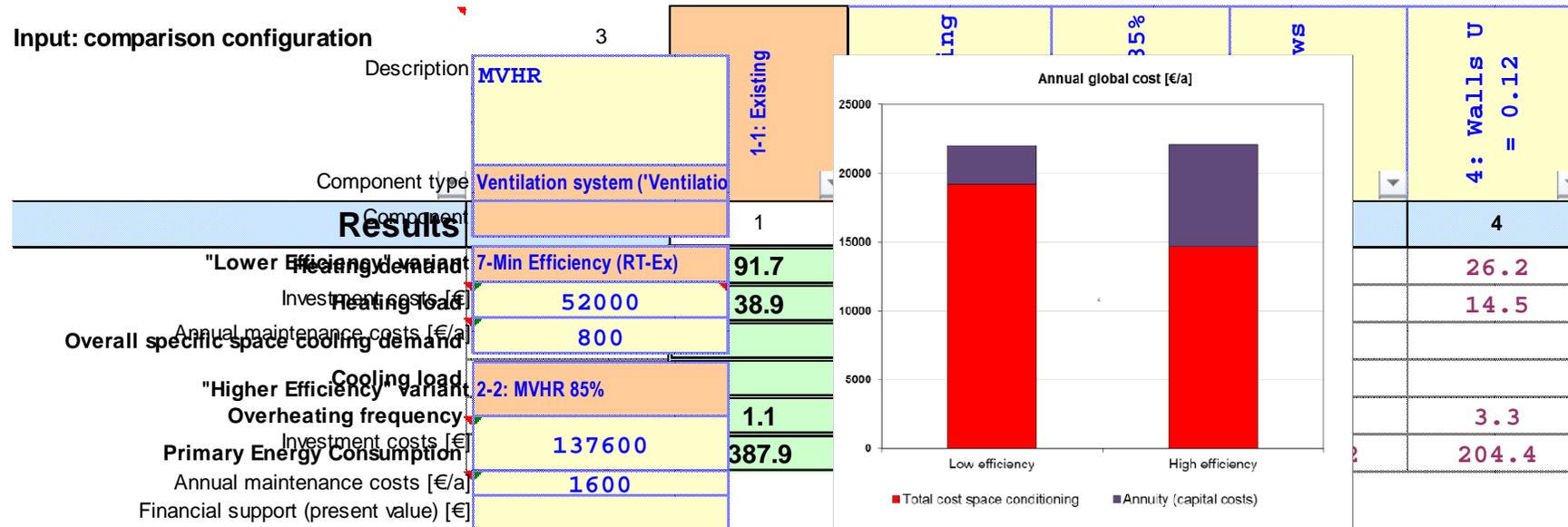


Solution ranking

1. Define solutions with owner/investor
2. Rank these solutions (use PHPP9 Variants)



Comparison



Centralised MVHR vs standard maintenance on existing extract unit (16 dwellings)

Present Value Energy savings (20a) = 57 €/m²TFA



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Solution ranking

1. Define solutions with owner/investor
2. Rank these solutions (use PHPP9 Variants)
3. Identify best candidates for first step
4. Check for incompatibilities



Result in this case: **First step** = Ventilation

Most Urgent	Easiest/Cheapest	Best NPV	Highest Savings
Windows	Windows	Roofs	Ventilation
Heating&DHW	Walls	Walls	Windows
Walls	Heating&DHW	Ventilation	Walls
Ventilation	Roofs	Heating&DHW	Heating&DHW
Roofs	Ventilation	Windows	Roofs
Slabs	Slabs	Slabs	Slabs



Action cost matrix

Which retrofit path?

Lines: Before Columns: After	Windows	Walls	Ventilation	Heating	Total induced costs
Windows					
Walls					
Ventilation					
Heating					
Total incurred costs					

[€/dwelling], 20 year period

Cost calculation: Investment (Synergies) + Lost Residual Values – Energy savings



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Action cost matrix: Example Courcelles

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Windows

- New triple glazing PVC window installed in the inner insulation layer
- Investment = 8.8 k€/dwelling
- Energy savings (PHPP9) = 5.5 k€/dwelling

Walls

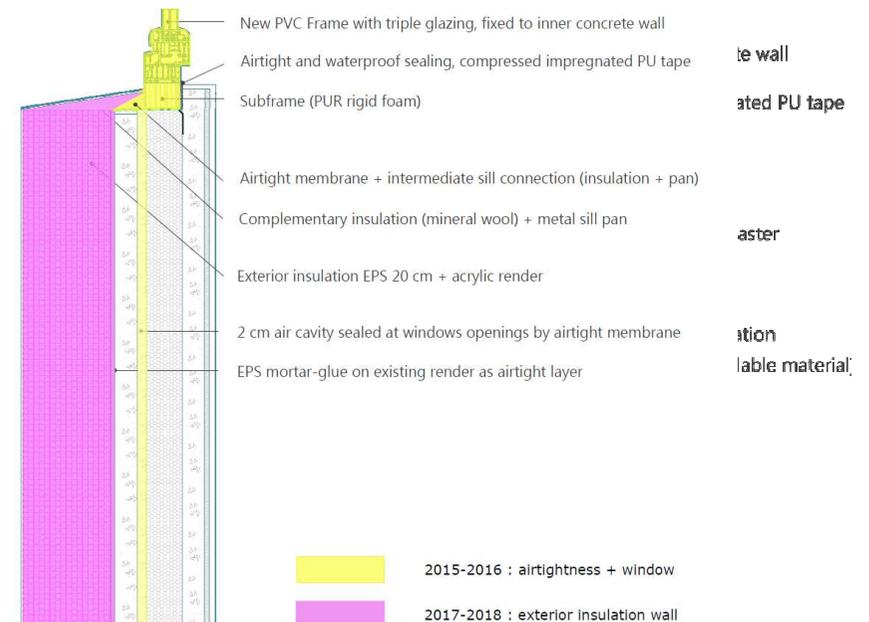
- Airtightness: exterior concrete panel + sealing
- 200mm EPS glued on exterior panel, sealed air layer
- Investment = 6.3 k€/dwelling
- Energy savings = 4.7 k€/dwelling

Windows before Walls

- Intermediate then final connection to walls
- Investment = 0.9 k€/dwelling
- Energy savings = 0.1 k€/dwelling

Walls before Windows

- Intermediate then final connection to windows
- Investment = 2 k€/dwelling
- Energy savings = 0.1 k€/dwelling



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Action cost matrix

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Lines: Before Columns: After	Windows	Walls	Ventilation	Heating	Total induced costs
Windows	8800-5500= 3300	900-100= 800	2000- 0 = 2000	0	6100
Walls	2000-100= 1900	6300-4700= 1600	0	0	3500
Ventilation	0	0	9300-4300= 5000	0	5000
Heating	Heating oversized = 3000	Heating oversized = 3000	Heating oversized = 3000	10300-8000= 2300	11300
Total incurred costs	8200	5400	10000	2300	

[€/dwelling], 20 year period

Cost calculation: Investment (Synergies) + Lost Residual Values – Energy savings



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- 1. Build up a low-efficiency retrofit scenario (either national standard or low energy label)**
- 2. Modify it to embed EnerPHit efficiency**
- 3. Chose measures according to priorities defined with investors:**
 - Occupants comfort
 - Building health
 - Positive Net Present Value of single measures or group of measures
 - Technical feasibility



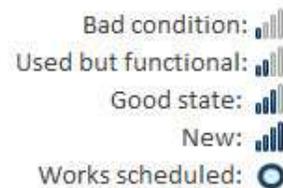
Setting up an overall refurbishment plan : Example

Base scenario, minimal energy efficiency as required by national standard

- Investment required (6 year period) : 22 k€/dwelling
- Global cost on 20 years : 34 k€/dwelling
- Total energy bill (with white goods) : 1650 €/dwelling.a
- Scheduled measures : window replacement, new paint on walls, change electric heaters, replace sanitary facilities

Maintenance strategy with minimal energy efficiency (national standard)

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Colors indicate energy class of components



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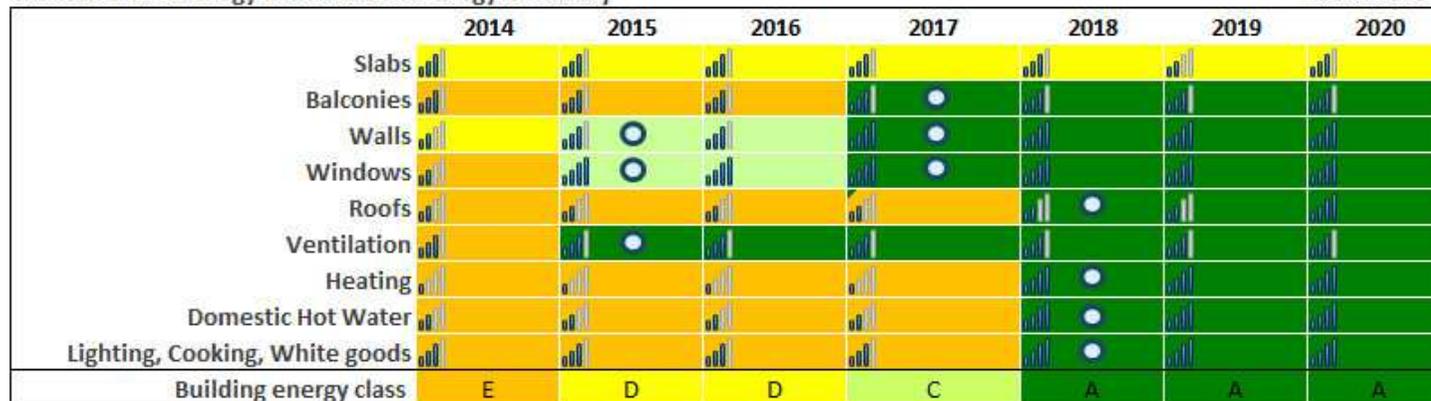
Setting up an overall refurbishment plan : Example

EnerPHit scenario

- Investment required (6 year period) : 41 k€/dwelling
- Additional investment for EnerPHit : 19 k€/dwelling
- Global cost on 20 years : 48 k€/dwelling
- Total energy bill (with white goods) : 400 €/dwelling.a
- Scheduled measures : phB windows, MVHR, ETICS, Insulation roof, Air/Water heat pump for heating/DHW

Maintenance strategy with EnerPHit energy efficiency

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Bad condition:

Used but functional:

Good state:

New:

Works scheduled:

Colors indicate energy class of components



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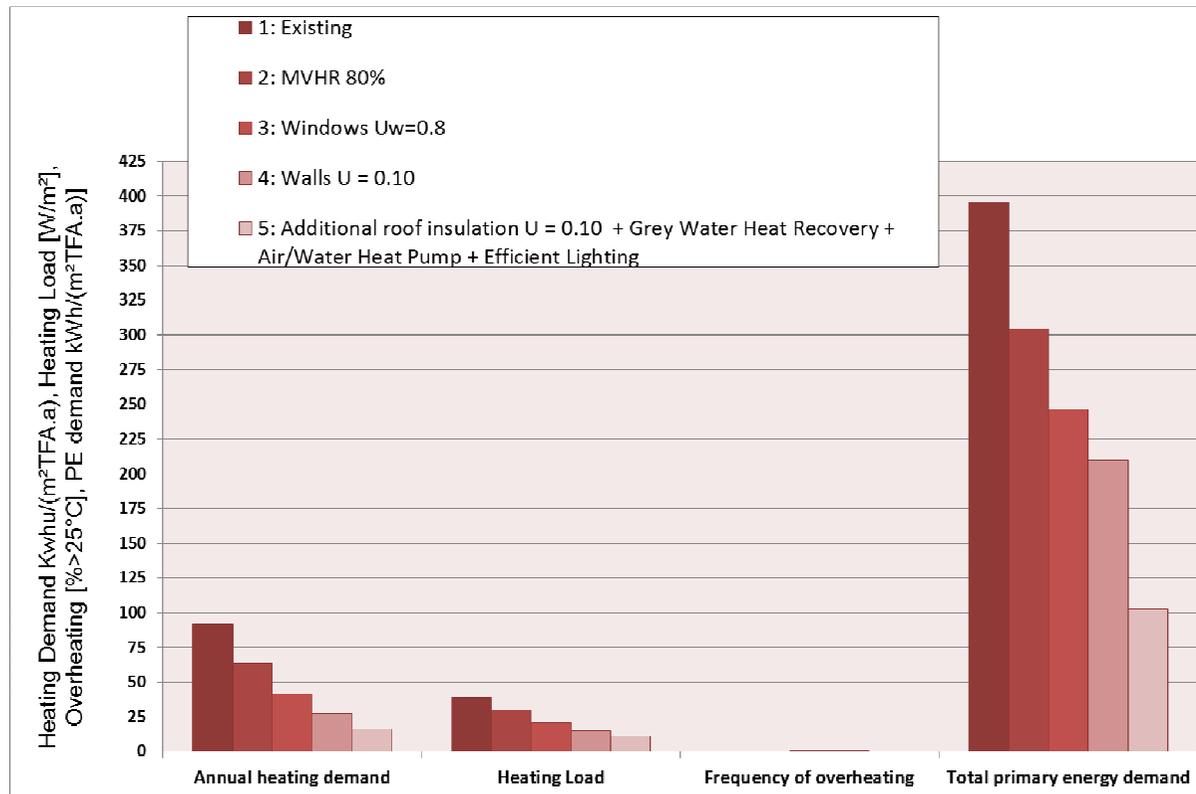
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Setting up an overall refurbishment plan : Example

PHPP9 Variants

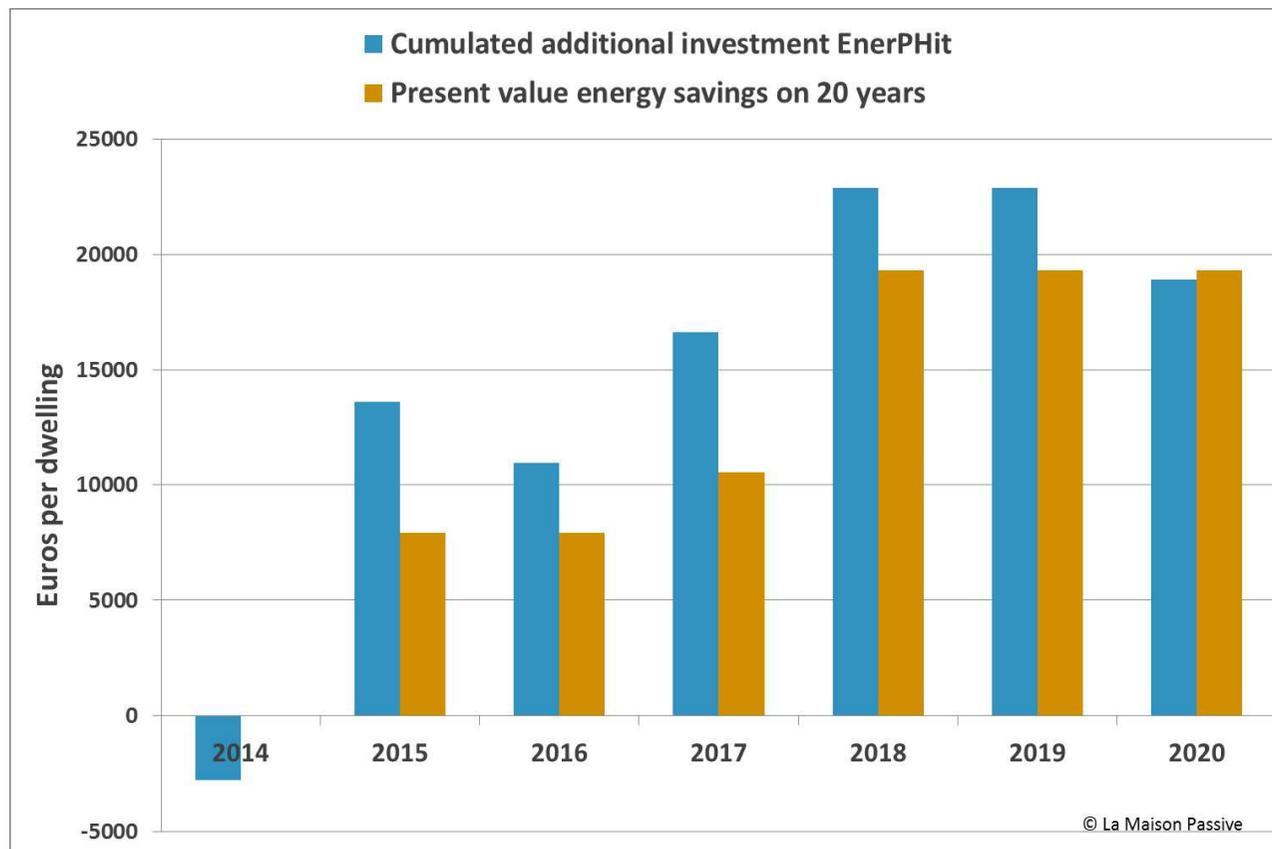
- 85% reduction in heating demand
- 75% reduction of Primary Energy consumption



Setting up an overall refurbishment plan : Example

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- Calculation made with PHPP9, Variants and Comparison Sheet
- Additional EnerPHit investment balanced by energy savings on a 20 year period
- ! Energy savings can't always be fully recovered by investors (here roughly 50%)



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3. REDUCE COSTS



Is it always necessary to renew the existing render to get an airtight layer on walls ?

- Airtightness test after replacement of windows and doors, airtight membrane on roof : $n_{50} = 0.7 \text{ h}^{-1}$
- Why ? Relatively airtight concrete form wall with cement render
- Not the case with masonry !

Do we save money here ?

- Avoid scraping and refill of existing render: - 30 €/m²
- Need to test bonding strength: + 5 €/m²
- Avoid dowels: ± 40 €/m²



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Total annual cost

Step: ETICS + Garage slabs & roofs

- 100 kWh/(m².a) heating demand
- Investment EnerPHit = 190 €/m²TFA
- Investment Minimal = 34 €/m²TFA
- Energy savings = 177 €/m²TFA

Gain on total annual cost for heating (gas) after step:
 -266 €/dwelling.a

		Economic viability						
Total annual costs		11.31	2889	10.27	2623	1.04	266	€/a
		Maximal economically viable additional investment costs				176.84	45172	€
		Cost per kWh of saved final energy				6.0		Cent/kWh



Case Study Aubry, FR

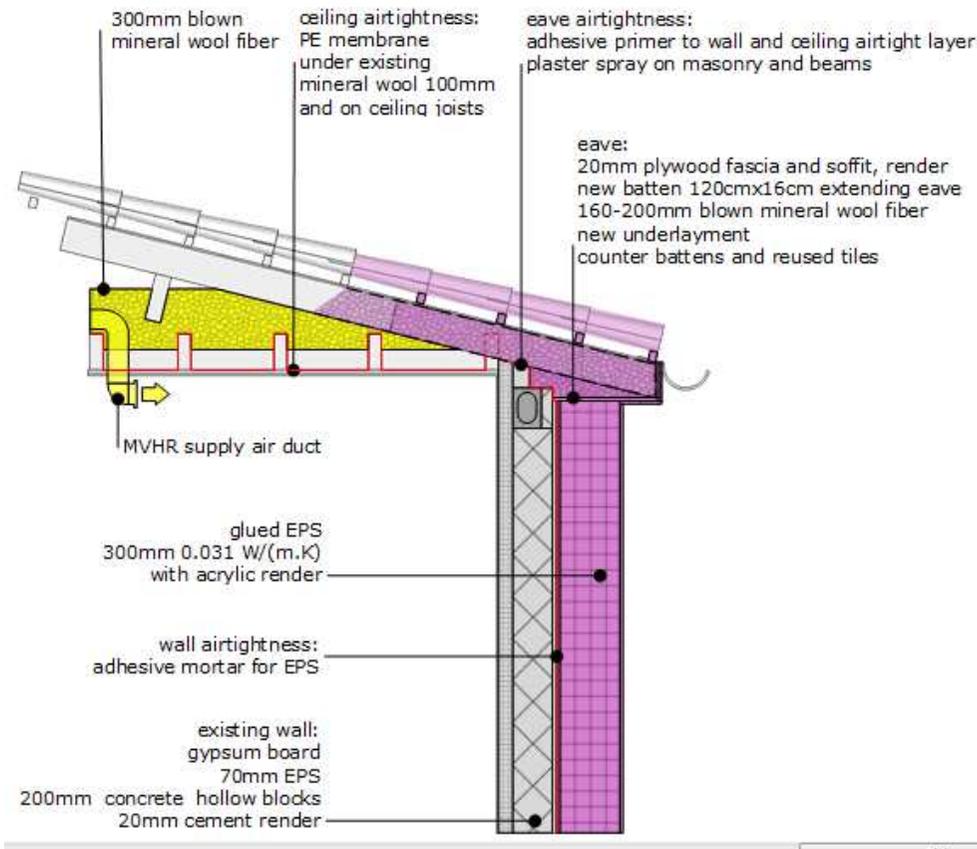


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Find reproducible solutions

Ceiling + MVHR before Wall

Case Study_06_Auby_France
Eave Detail



Ceiling+MVHR (2015)
Investment = 14 k€/dwelling
Total annual cost = + 97 €/a
Price saved energy = 8 c€/kWh

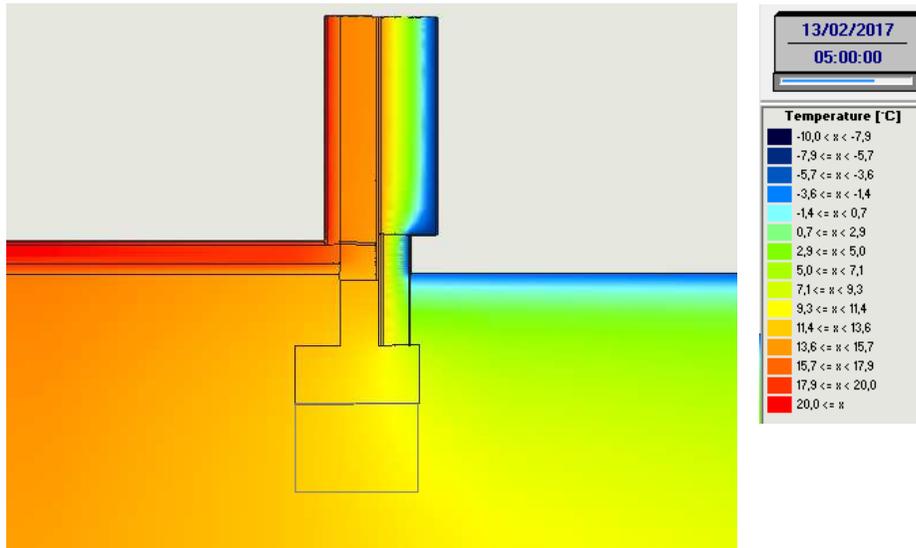
Walls+Eave (2018)
Investment = 16 k€/dwelling
Total annual cost = - 247 €/a
Price saved energy = 6 c€/kWh
 $\Psi_{\text{eave}} = 0.05 \text{ W/mK}$



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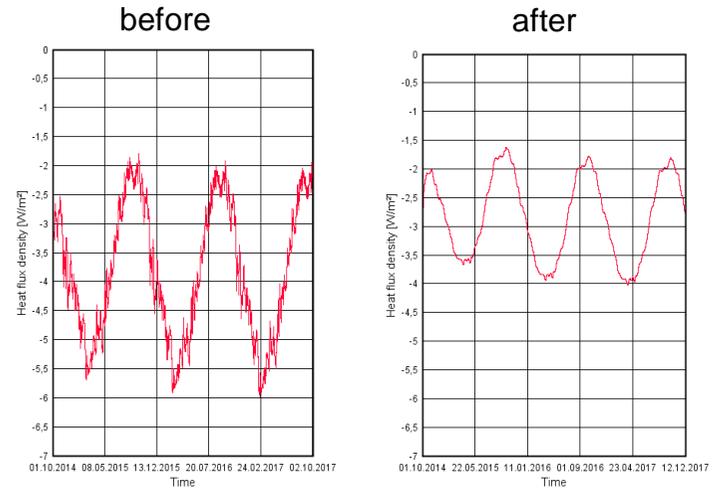
Perimeter insulation

160x600 mm vertical perimeter insulation xps
 Small houses B'= 5 m
 Still 15°C below slab at end of winter
 Heating demand reduced by 1 kWh/(m².a)
 Depth more relevant than width

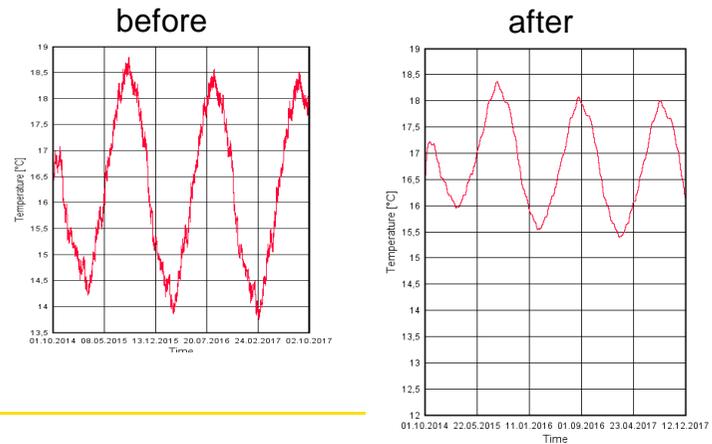


Wufi 2d

Average heat flow through slab [W/m²]



Temperature below slab [°C]



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Perimeter insulation

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Is it worth?

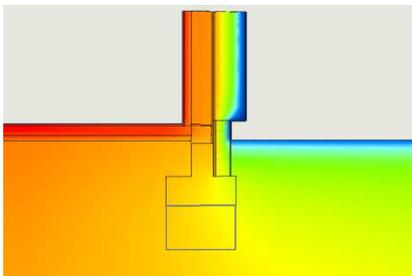
Heating demand reduction = - 1 kWh/(m².a)

Needed here to reach EnerPHit

Investment ~ 40 €/m²TFA

Negative Net Present Value, but...

Cheaper than insulate slabs from the inside!



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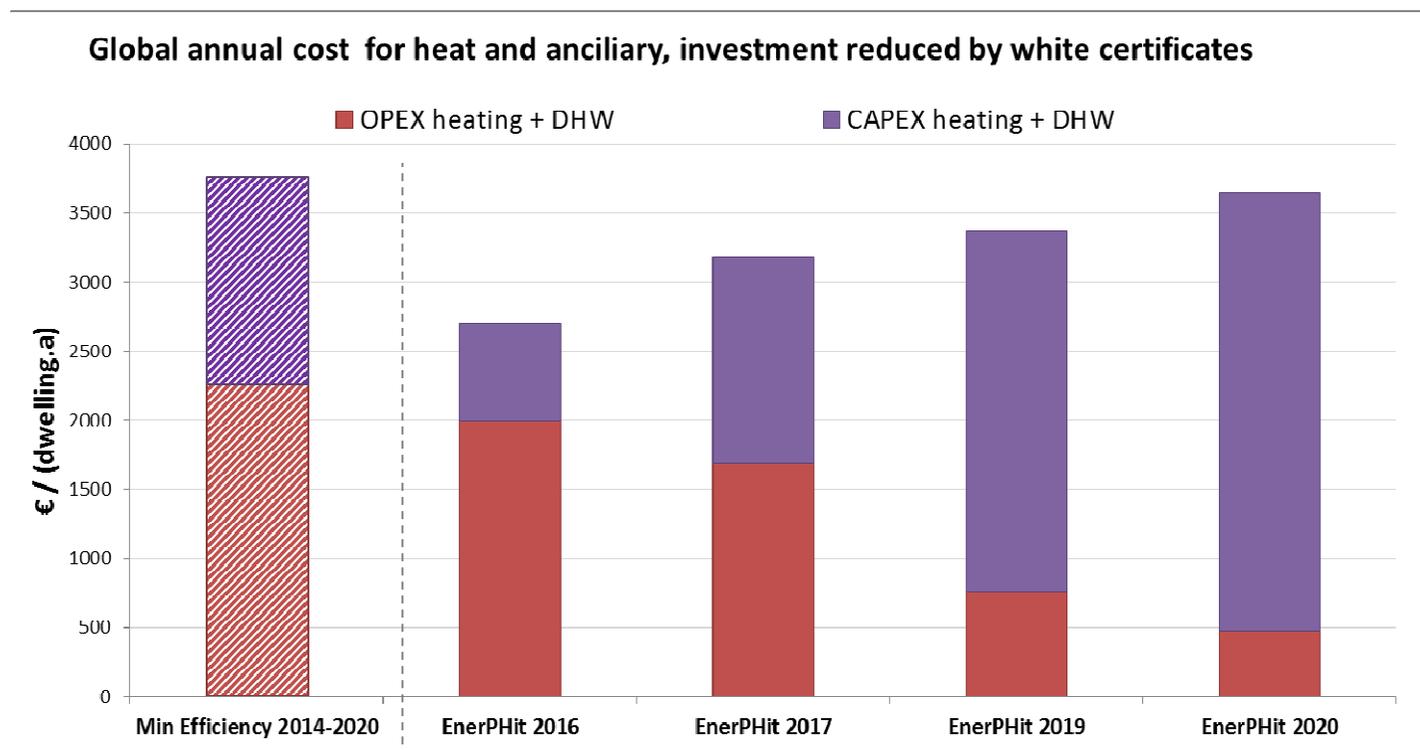


Total annual cost

Here EnerPHit can be reached without additional total cost

White certificates : - 3% to -10% investment in opaque components

Assessment on 20 years + Residual values on extra 10 years



Couple interventions when ripe

Windows+Walls vs Walls before Windows



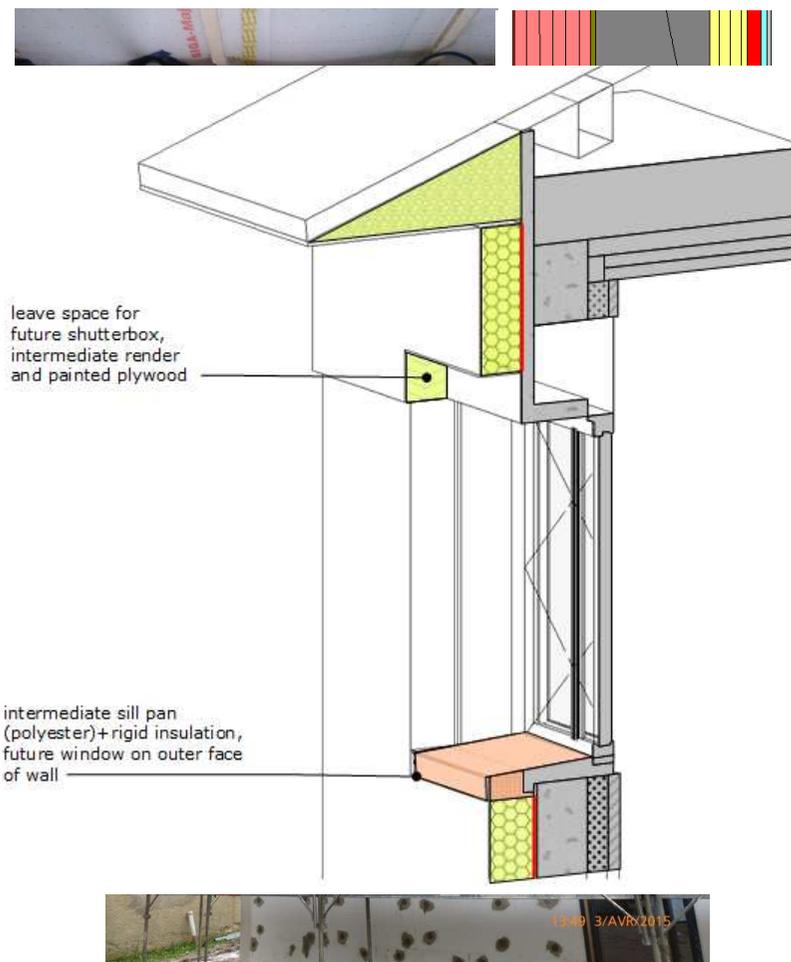
Windows+Walls:

Take out window+shutter
= 190 €/window
Lost residual value
~ 100 €/window
Install new window+shutter
= 1250 €/window



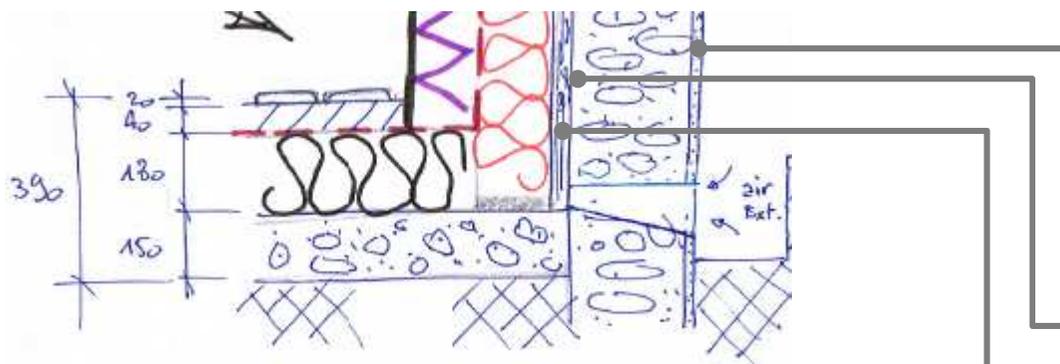
Walls before Windows:

Invest = 300 €/window



Necessary to create a ventilated air cavity between insulation and wall?

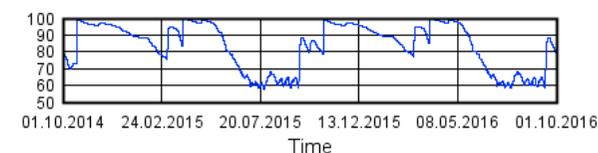
- PU 40mm+Intello+Mineral wool 180mm
- Ventilated air cavity 27mm?



Without, spare on space and labour cost

- Careful airtightness
- Sensible to diffusive and capillary properties of wall

Relative Humidity



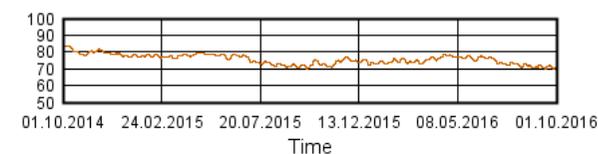
— Wall (stone&brick) - face to external render

Relative Humidity



— Wall (stone&brick) - face to internal plaster

Relative Humidity



— Mineral wool - face to wall

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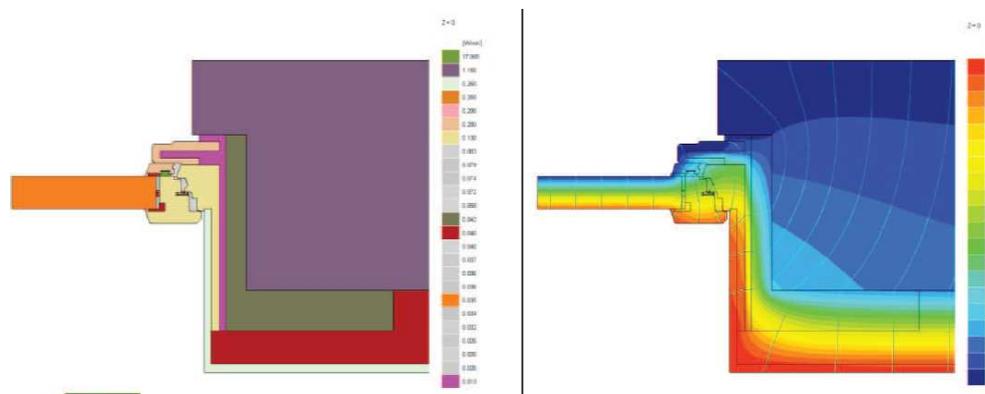
Innovative window installation

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Prefabricated window installation with aerogel and cork

- Thought for interior insulation of listed buildings, step-by-step possible
- 745 €/m² (excl. VAT) installed
- $\Psi_{\text{installed,lateral}}=0.06 \text{ W/(m.K)}$
- $\Psi_{\text{installed,bottom}}=0.03 \text{ W/(m.K)}$

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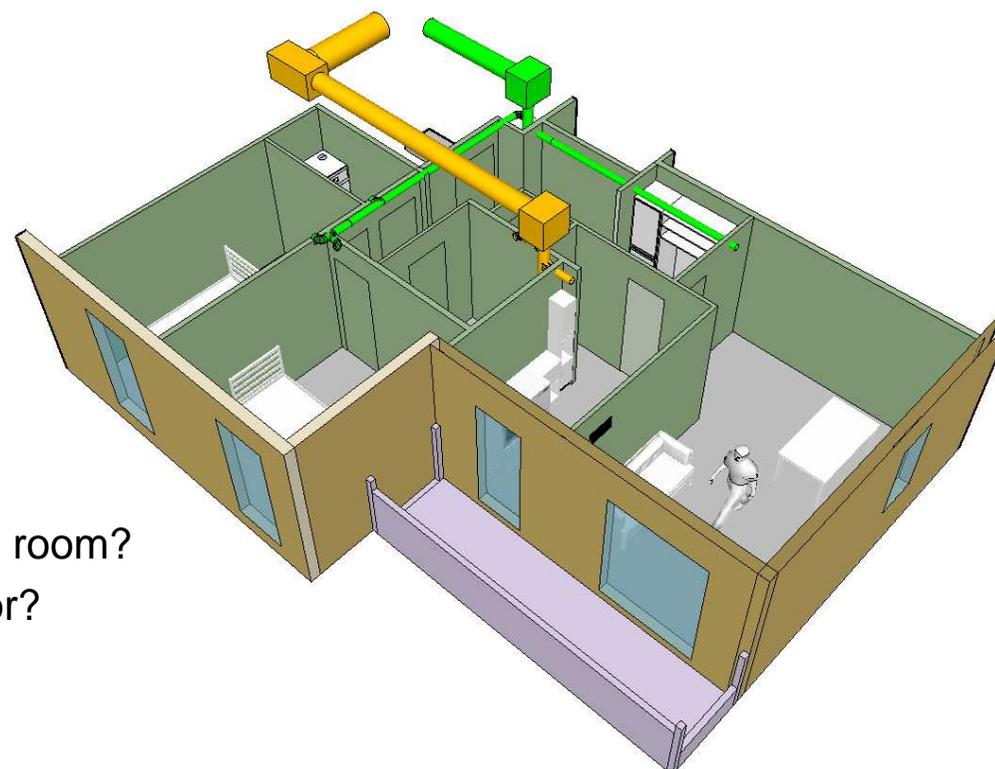
Cascade ventilation

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- Supply air in bedrooms (20 m³/h each), living room (60 m³/h)
- Transfer vent from living room to kitchen
- Cellar: 10 m³/h supply air to minimize duct length
- Extract (existing) in kitchen, bathroom and WC, total 120 m³/h / 0,5 h⁻¹

Reuse existing extract ducts

- Total investment: 8.6 k€/dwelling



Expanded cascade ventilation?

- Can we delete the air inlet in the living room?
- Can we blow fresh air from the corridor?



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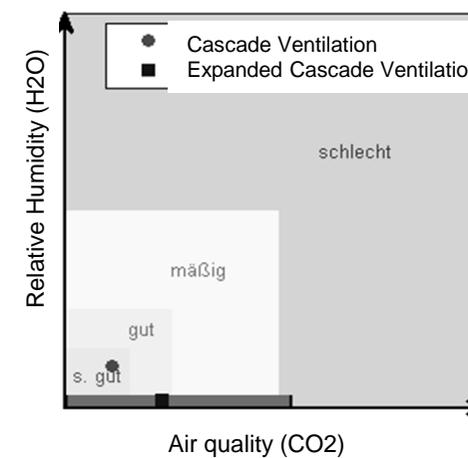
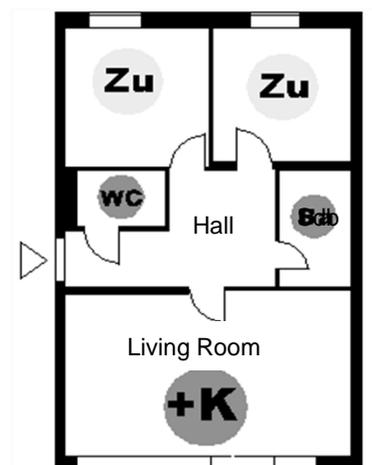
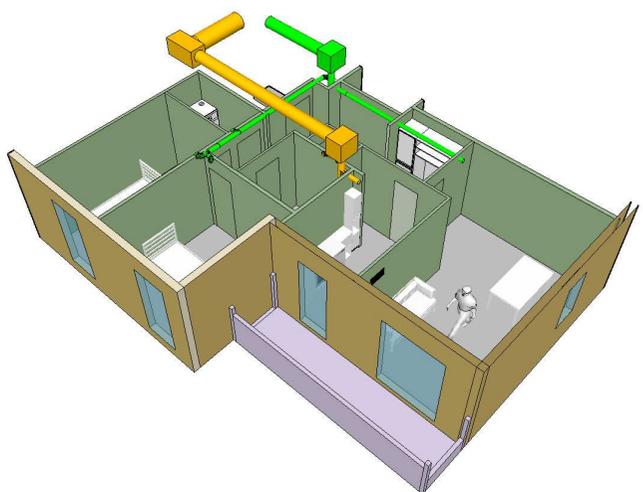
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Cascade ventilation

Expanded cascade ventilation

- Air quality would be too low here if no supply air in living room
- Works better if bedrooms have direct link to living room



Tool: Univeristät Innsbruck

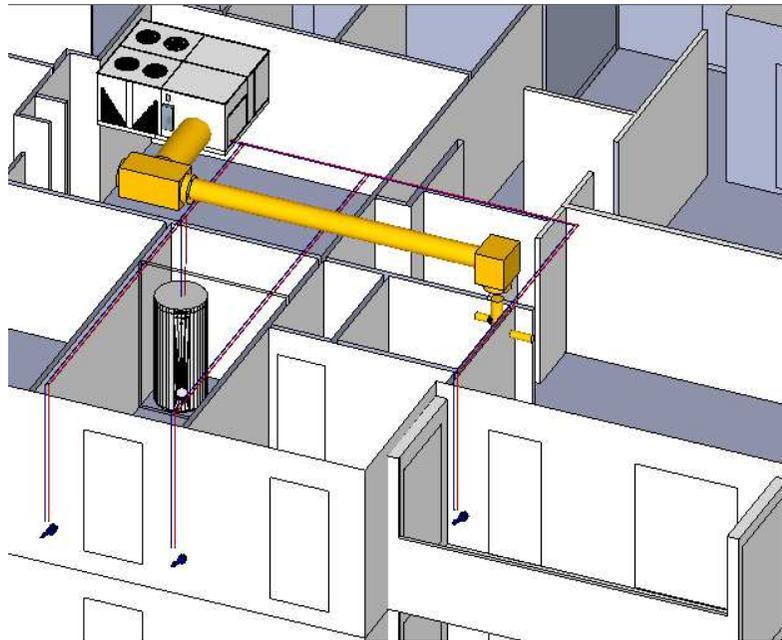


Air/Water Heat Pump on extract air

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A suitable solution for EnerPHit ?

- Outdoor unit 20 kW, Hydraulic modules with 150 L storage in cellars
- Outdoor air pre-heating via air/water heat exchanger and variable flow from damper and small fan CO₂-regulated
- Heating demand 20 kWh/(m².a)
- Primary energy demand 115 kWh/(m².a)



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Conclusion

Overall Refurbishment Plan

- Upgrade existing plan with EnerPHit quality is possible: budget shifts towards envelope
- Identify intermediate states

Prove cost-efficiency

- PHPP9 Variants and Comparison Worksheets
- Capital cost up to 90% of total cost for EnerPHit

Reduce costs

- Reproducible solutions
- Cascade ventilation
- New products which make EnerPHit easier
- Financial support for design, quality insurance and product development



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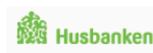
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