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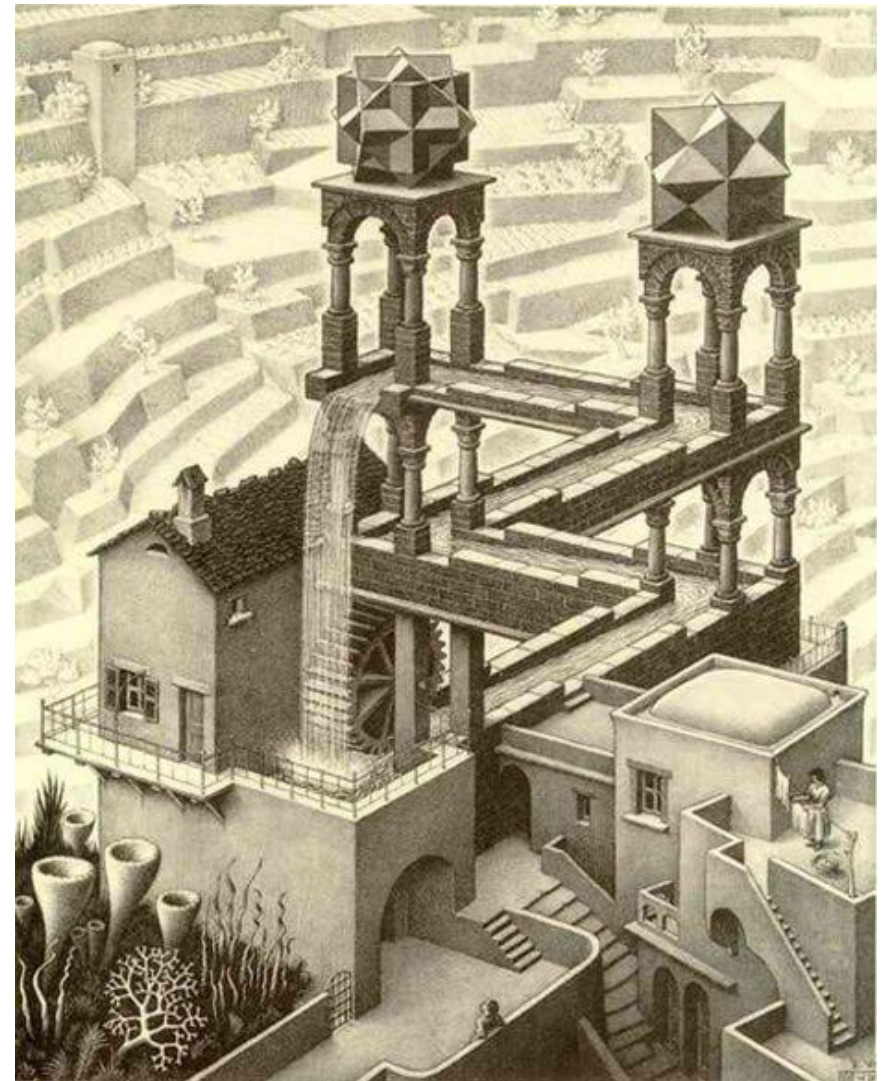
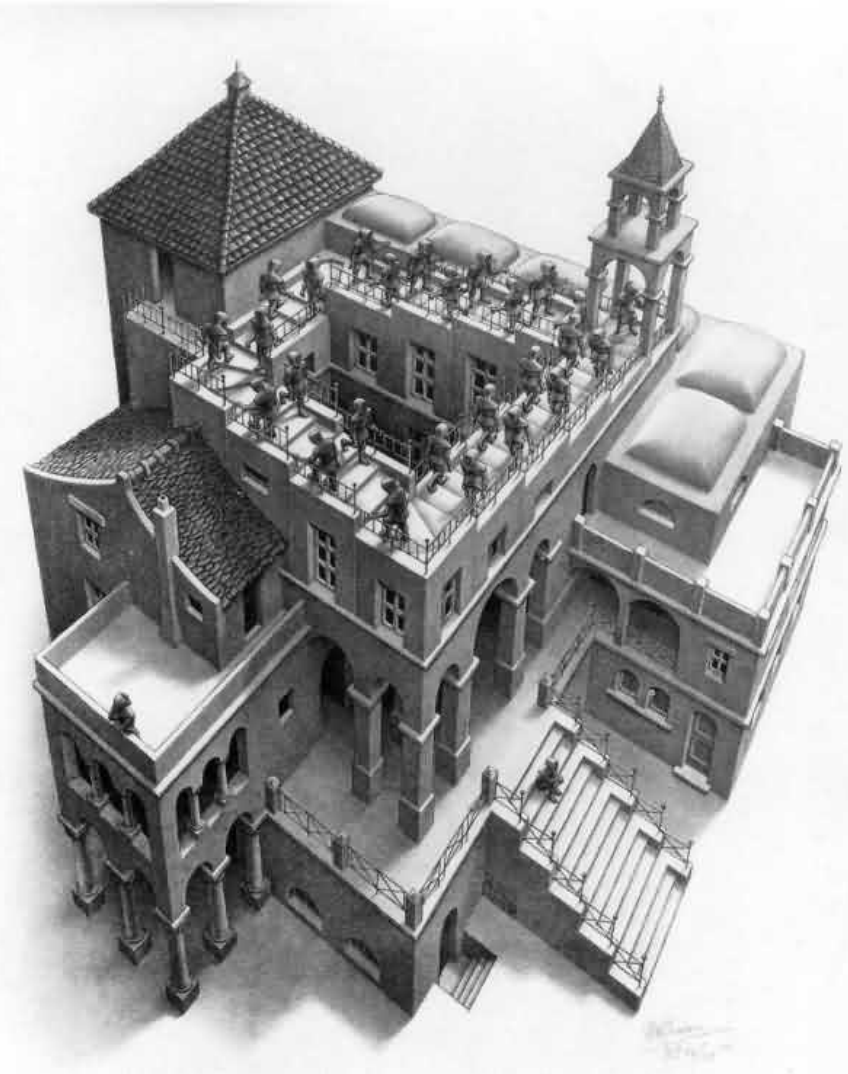
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Nothing is what it seems...



Basic physics?

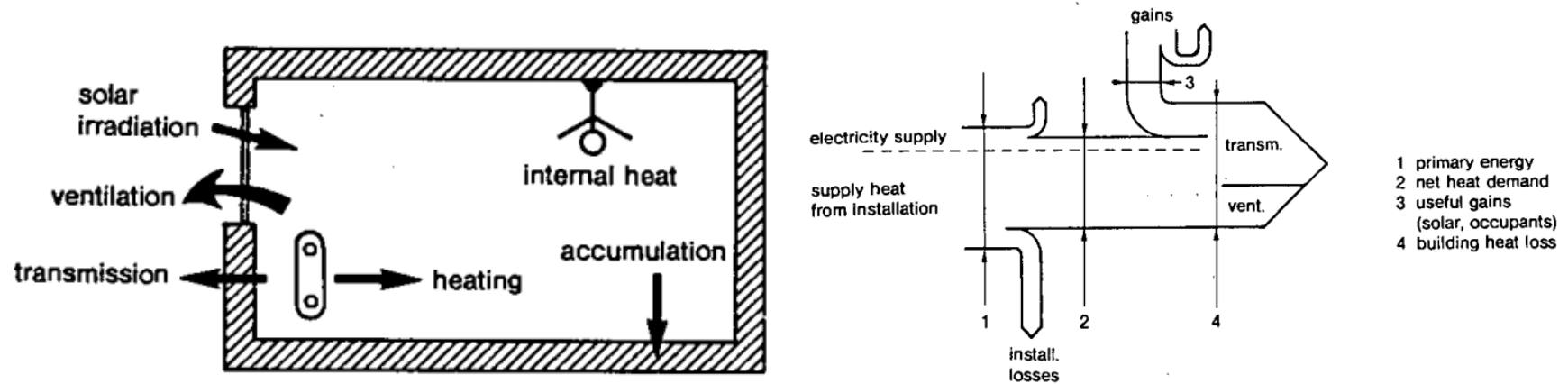


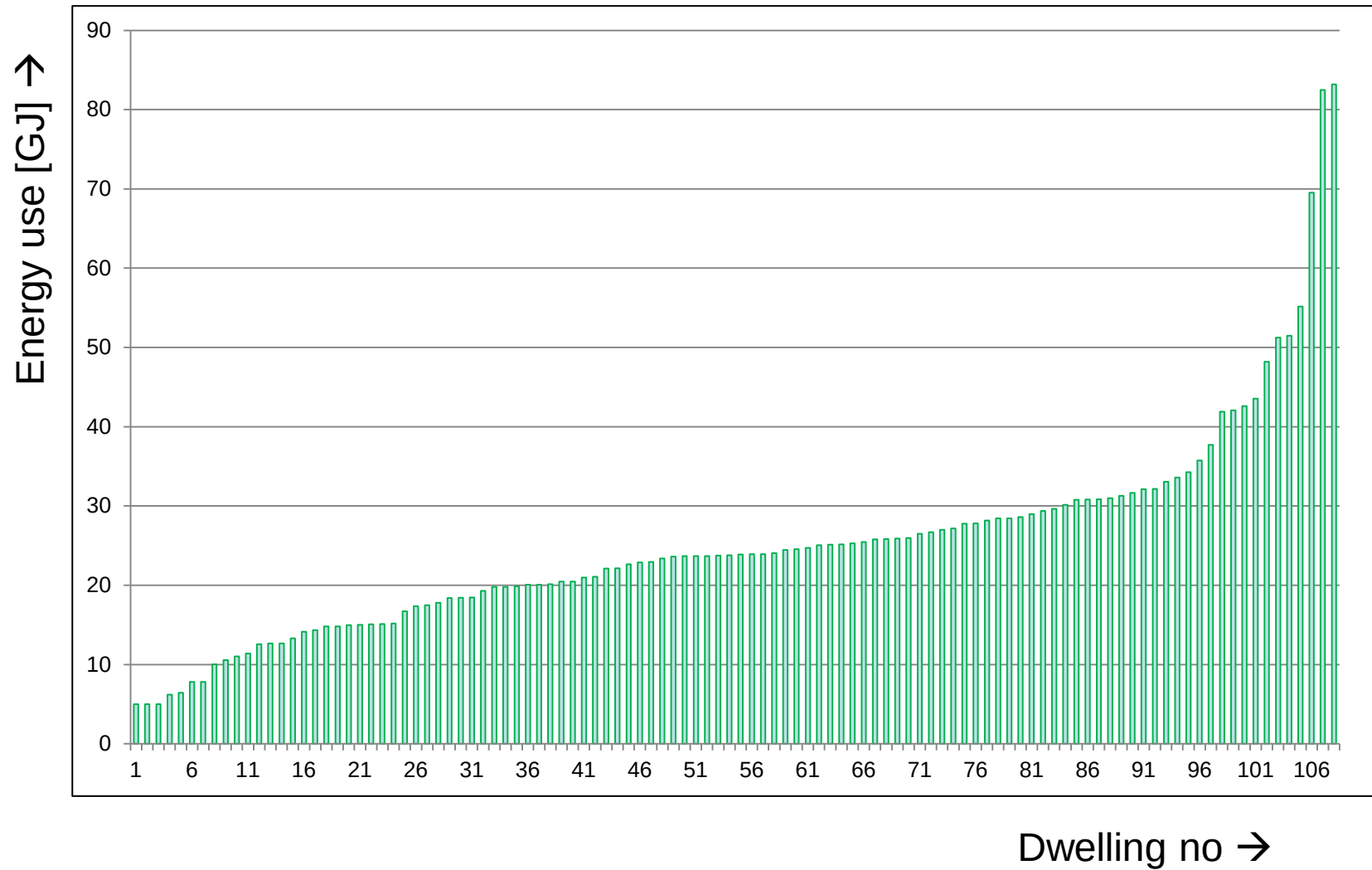
Figure 2: Apart from the efficiency of the heating installation, the heat balance of a building determines the energy consumption for space heating.

$$\phi_{HD} = \phi_L + \phi_{ACC} - \phi_G \quad (W) \quad (1)$$

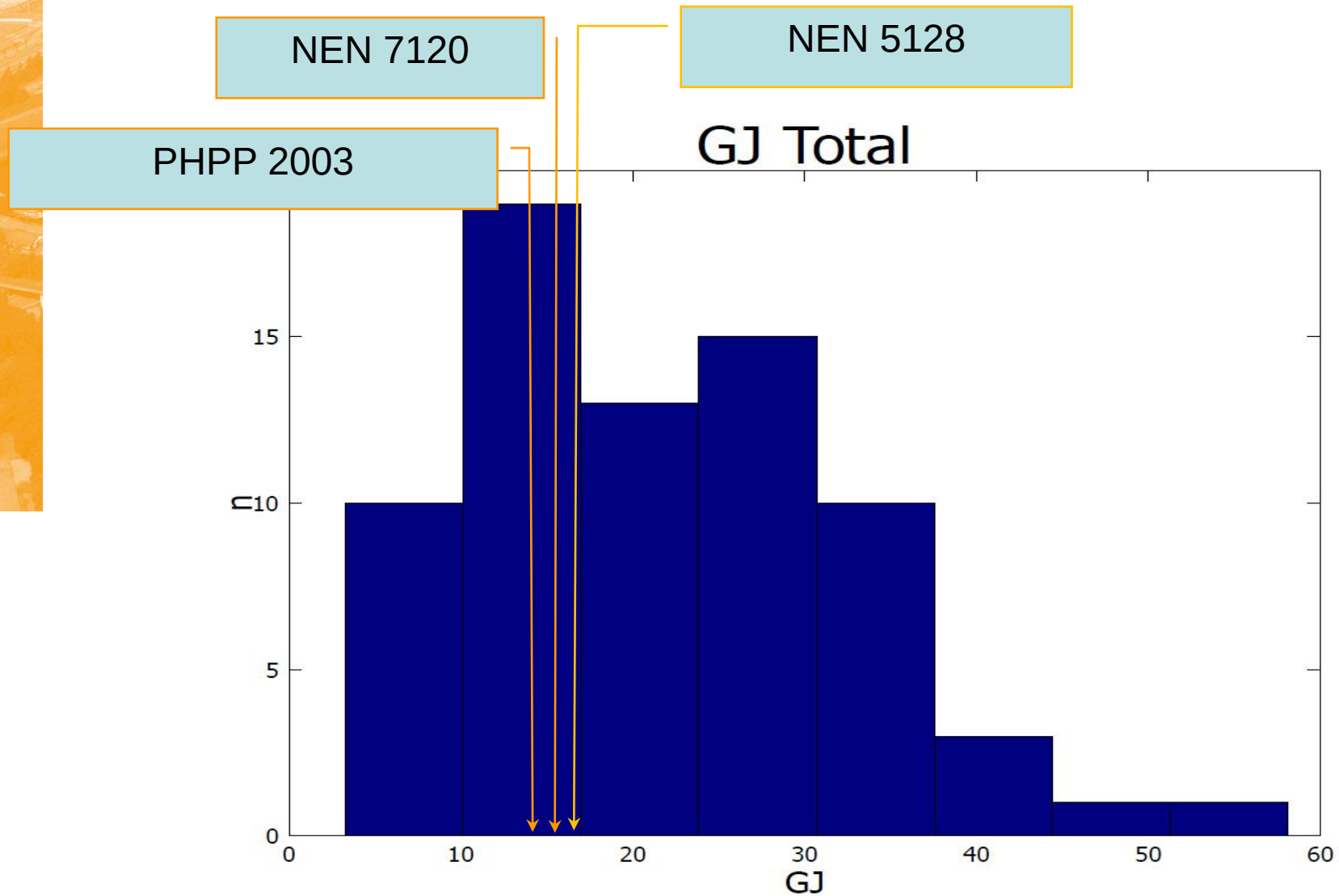
where: ϕ_{HD} = heat supplied by the heating system (W)
 ϕ_L = heat losses by transmission and ventilation (W)
 ϕ_{ACC} = accumulation of heat into the mass inside or surrounding the space (W)
 ϕ_G = heat gains from internal sources and sun (W)



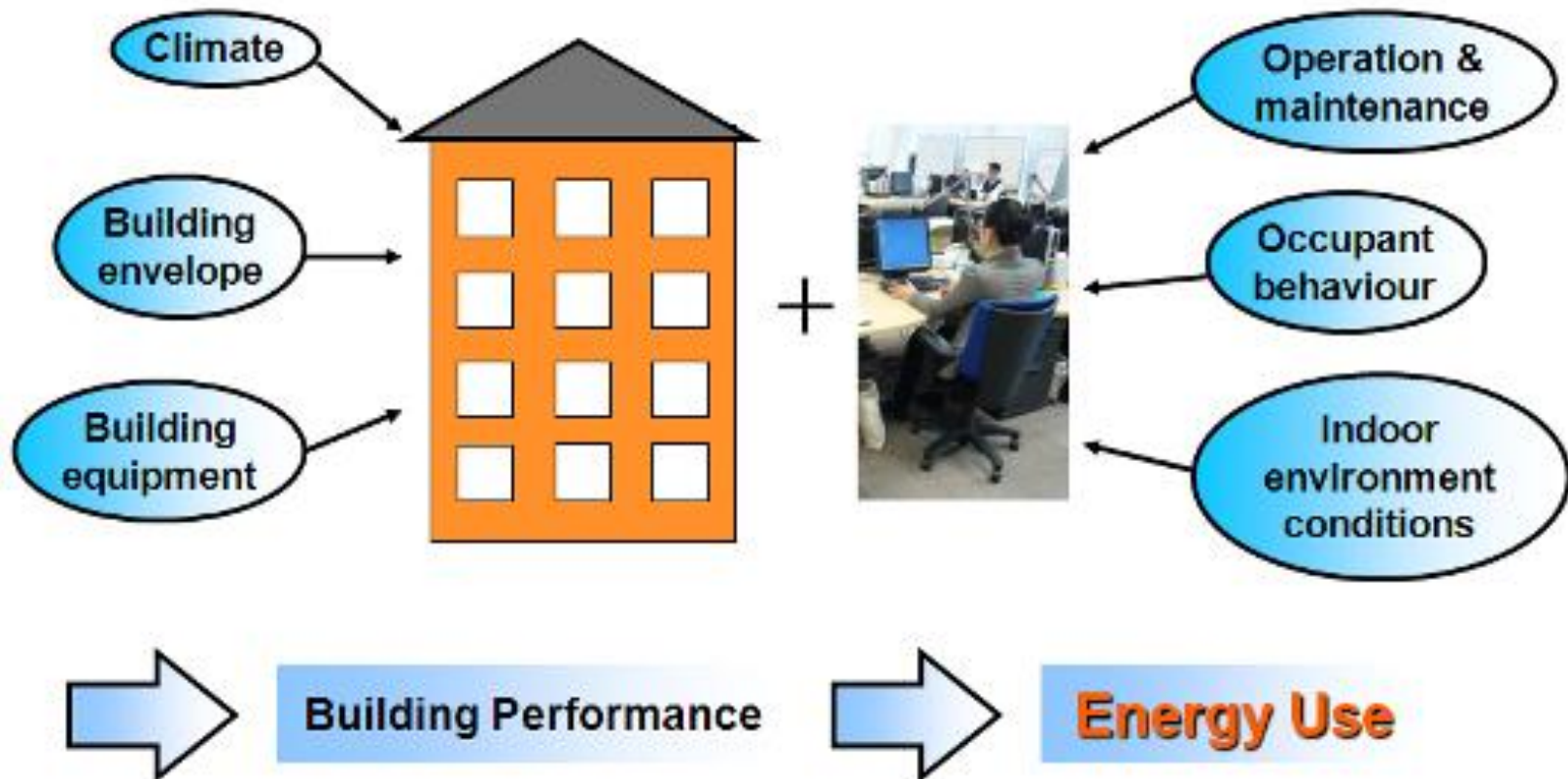
Is it really that simple?



Need for better calculation methodologies?



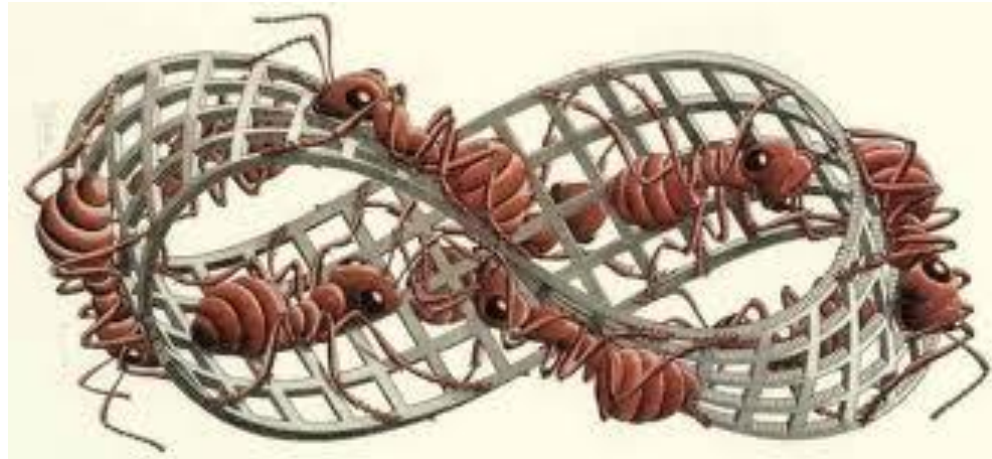
IEA Annex 53 Total energy use in buildings – influencing factors



Uncertainties

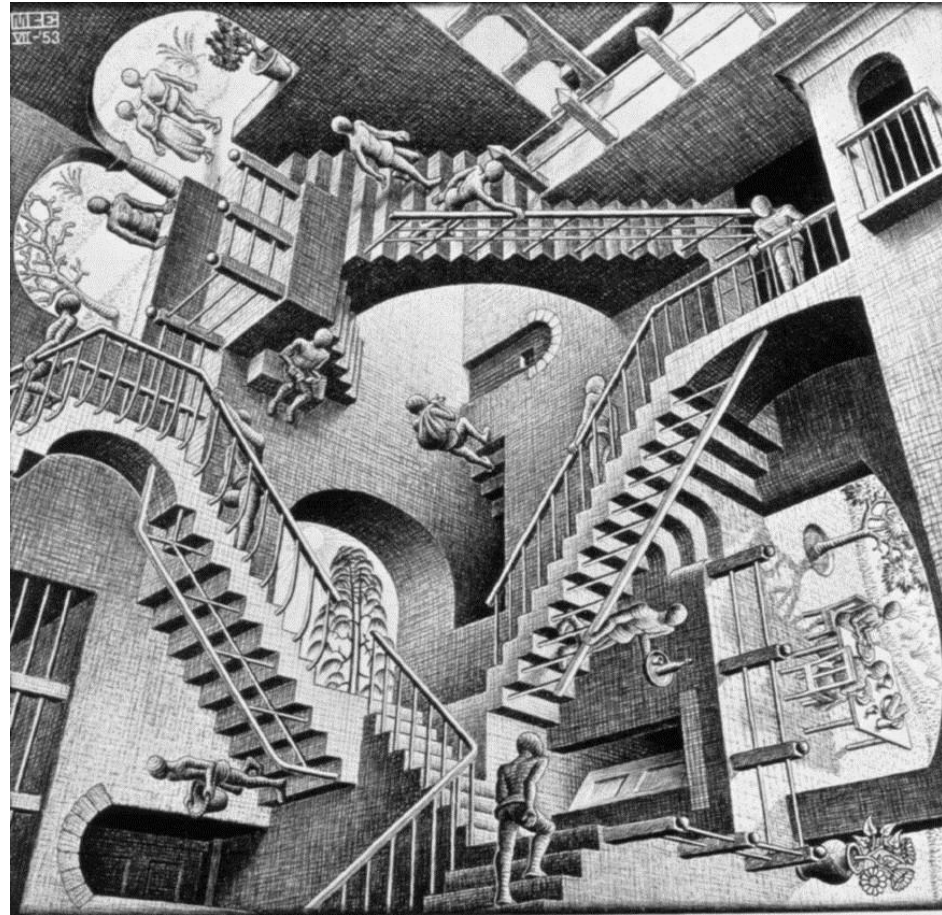


1. The energy performance regulations (EPBD)
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3. The occupant behaviour

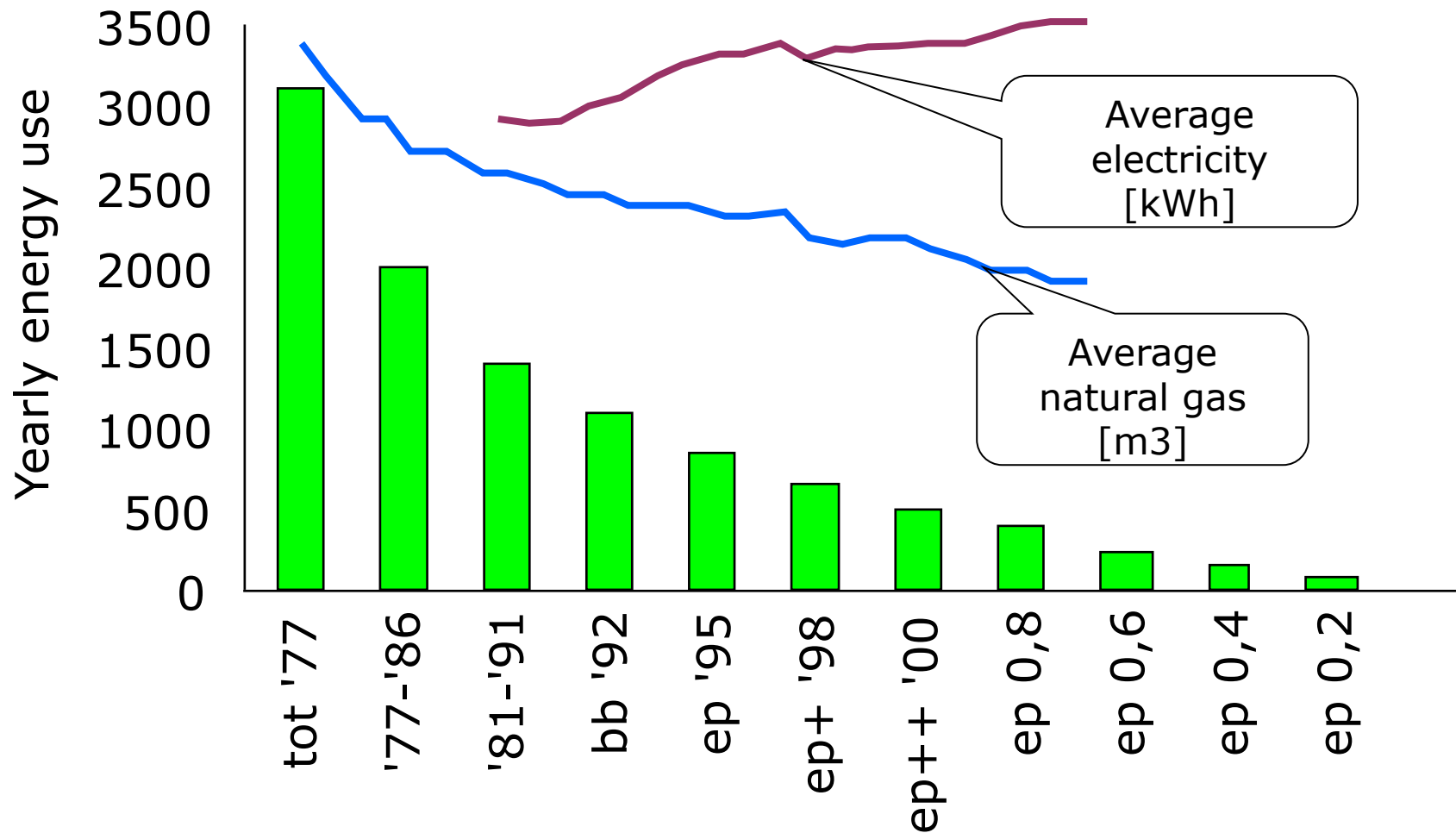




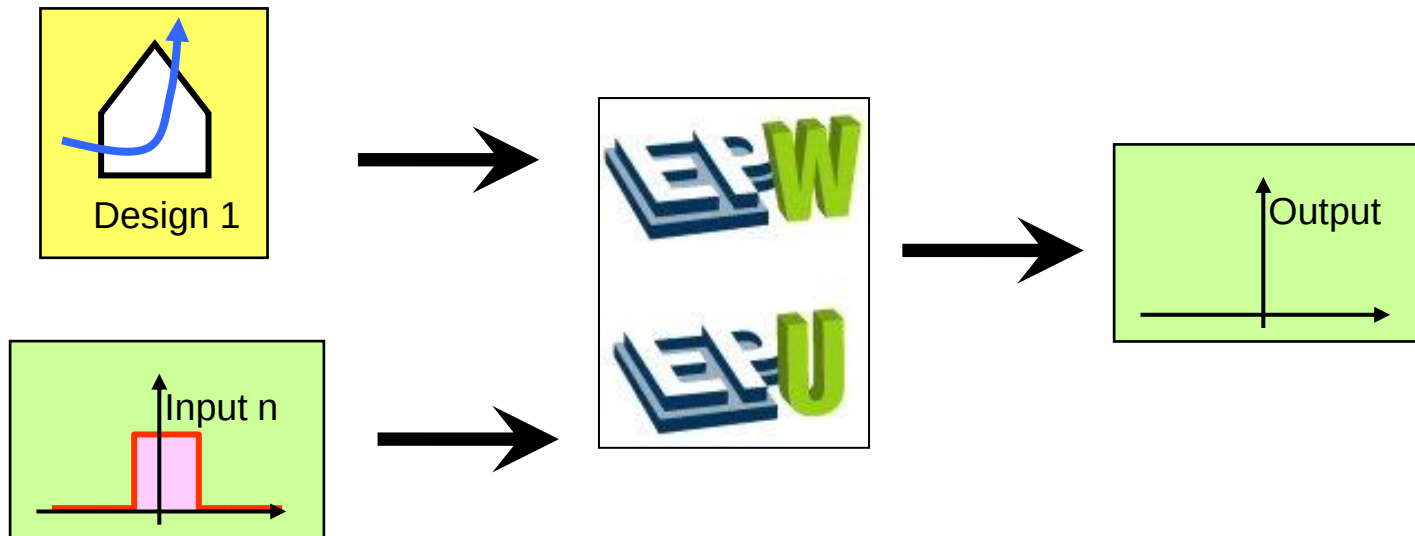
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Real energy use versus EPC



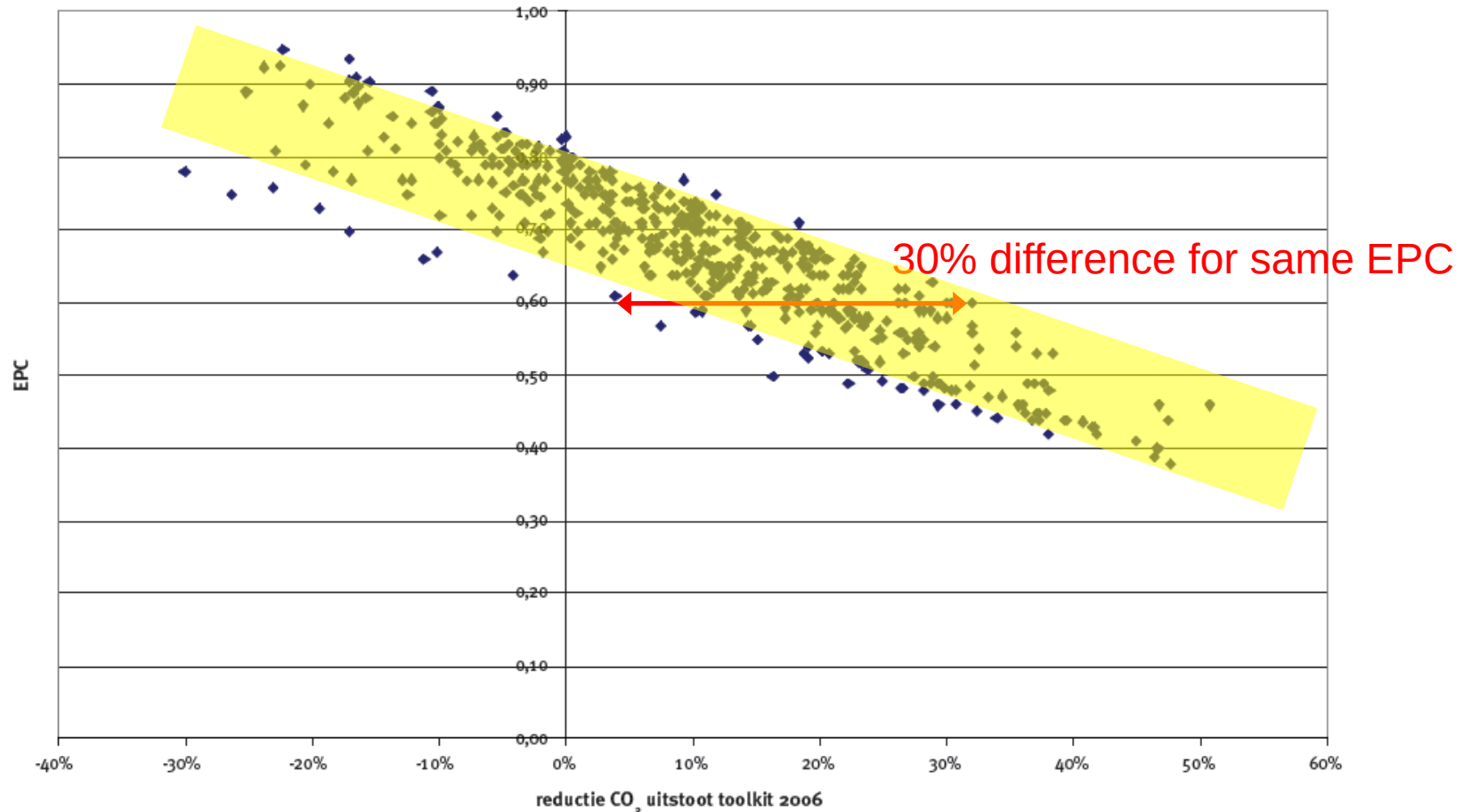
Energy performance calculation



Characteristics

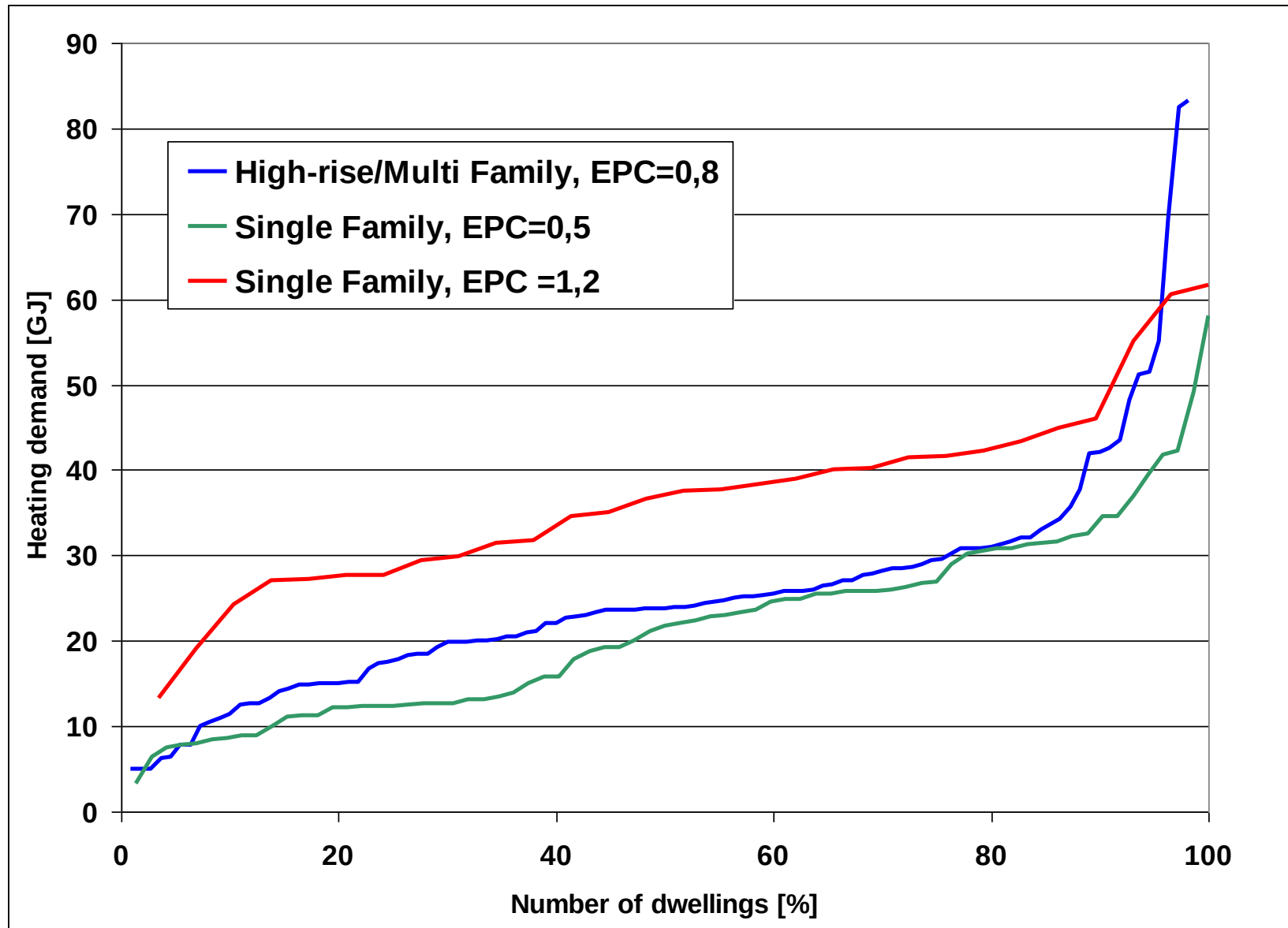
- Related to building regulations
- To obtain a building permit
- Pertaining to public law
- Control at government
- “Labeling” of buildings
- Forfaitaire and sometimes arbitrary starting points
- For 1 family type, a climatic condition, etc.
- Output is dimensionless co-efficient

EPC versus CO₂-reduction



Prestaties van verschillende energieconcepten. Spreiding in CO₂-reductie bij een EPC waarde

Real energy use compared to EPC

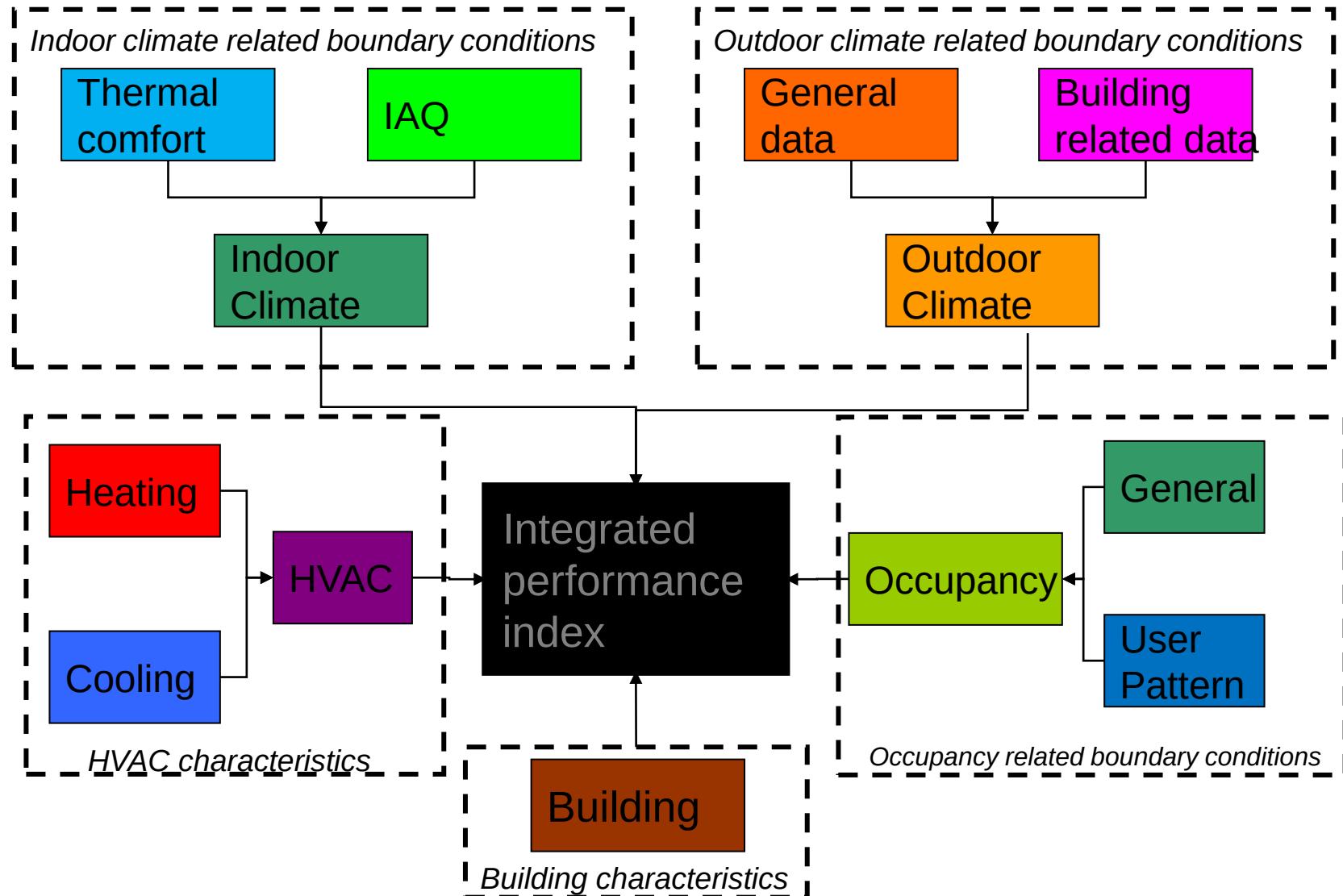


Performance calculations

Hybrid ventilation school building

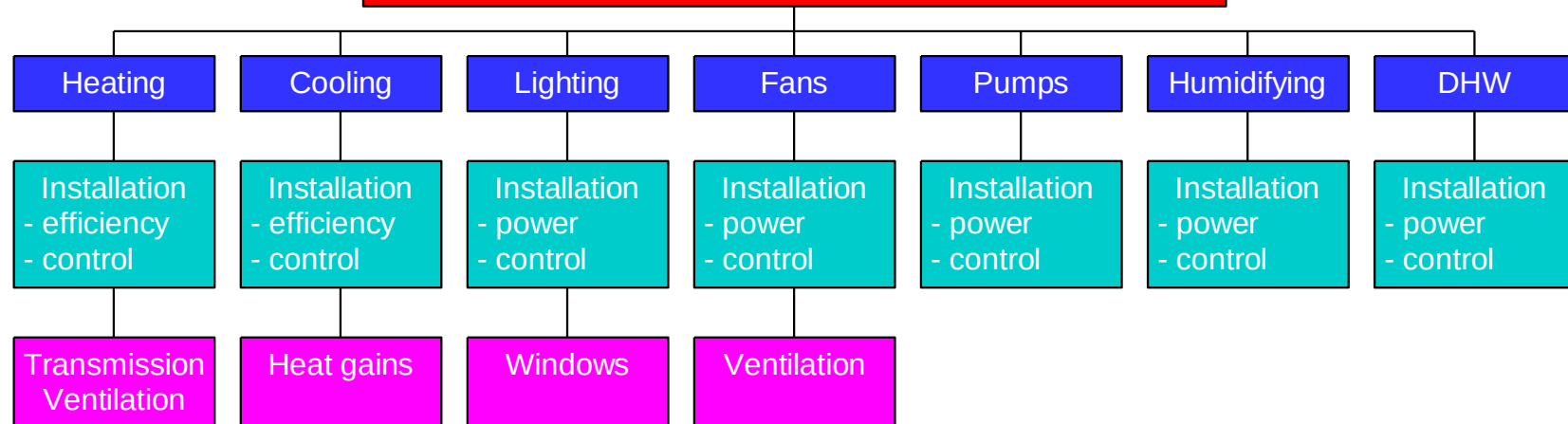


Boundary conditions for Performance Index





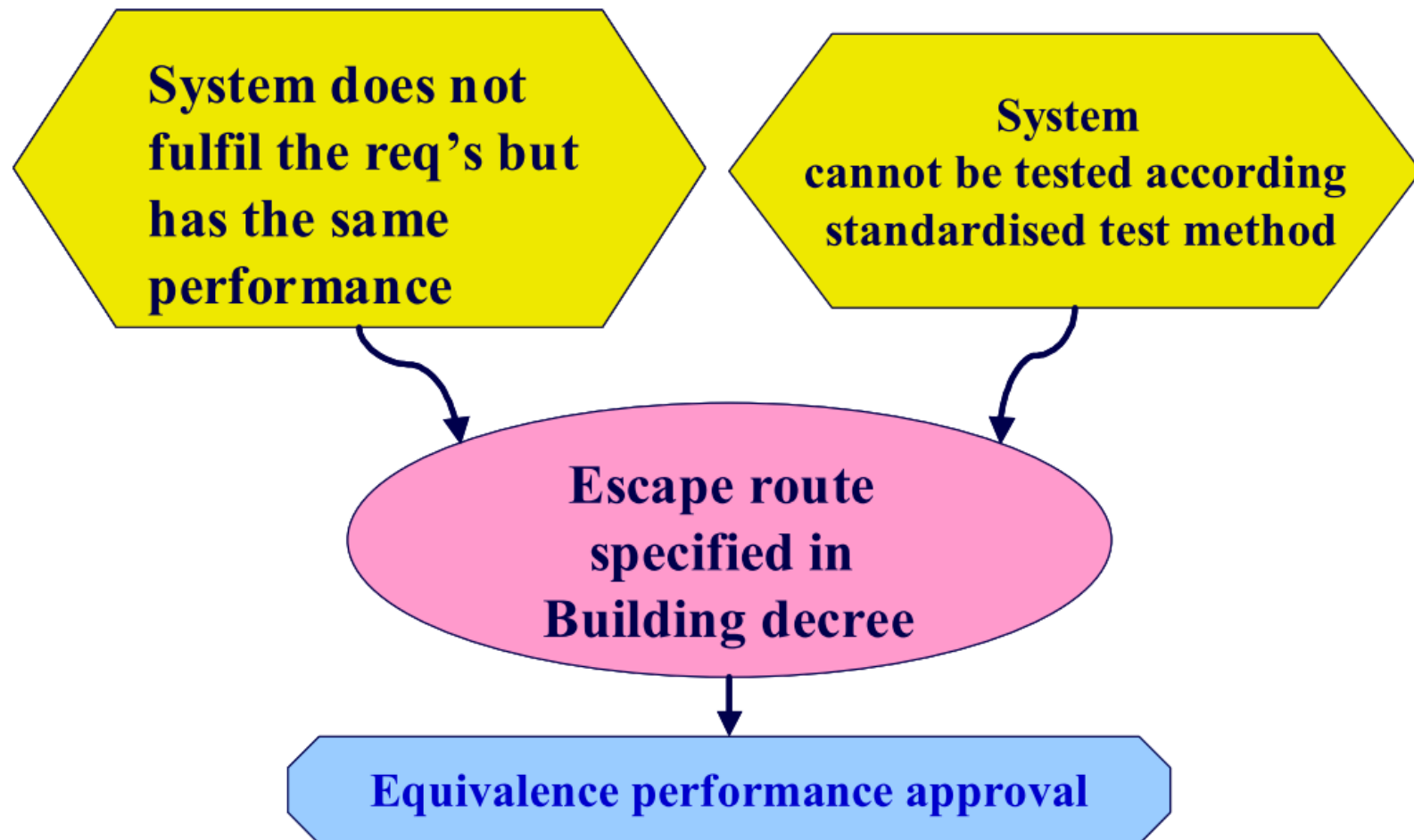
Energy performance coefficient



Measure	Calculation
U_{floor} [W/m ² K]	0,31
U_{roof} [W/m ² K]	0,37
U_{facade} [W/m ² K]	0,37
U_{window} [W/m ² K]	1,8
Shading	No
Infiltration $q_{v,10}$ [dm ³ /s]	200 per 3000 m ³
Ventilation	Natural inlet / Mechanical exhaust
Fan [kW]	$P_{\text{eff}} = 8,0$
Heating production	Gas fired HE-boiler
HVAC system	Class I: Mech. Ventilation, radiators
DHW production	Gas fired HE-boiler
Lighting [W/m ²]	12 HF lighting + local switch
$Q_{\text{pres,tot}}/Q_{\text{pres,acc}}$	0,98



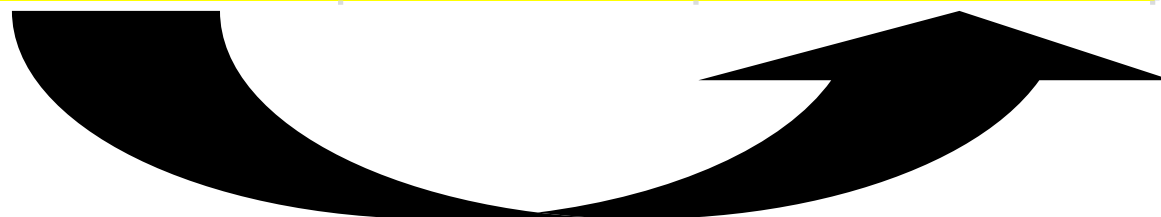
Principle of equivalence



Equivalent EPC



Consumption	Prim. energy [MJ]	Alteration [%]	Prim. energy [MJ]
	Mechvent		Hybvent
Heating	2,441,597	-24.3	1,848,289
Fans	228,000	-77.9	50,388
Lighting	1,229,738		1,229,738
Pumps	67,987		67,987
DHW	157,397		157,397
Qpres;total	4,124,719		3,353,799
Qpres;acc	4,193,046		4,193,046
Qpt/Qpa	0.98		0.80



Hybrid ventilation: -20%



Boundary conditions



■ Fixed parameters

- ➔ Building characteristics
 - Thermal insulation
 - Windows
 - Air tightness
 - Thermal mass
- ➔ Outdoor climate (SRY)
- ➔ Internal temperature

■ Variable parameters

- ➔ Pressure distribution
- ➔ Occupancy pattern
- ➔ CO₂ production
- ➔ Acceptable IAQ (CO₂)
- ➔ Nighttemperature control
- ➔ Internal heat production





<i>ATVC Baustoffe, Kap. 6: Zine Zerstreuung</i> Niedrige Gebäude (bis zu 3 Stockwerke) Seitenverhältnis A/B = 2:1 Abstrahlung: ungebäude Gebilde mit halber Gebäuhöhe Referenzhöhe für Windgeschwindigkeit: Gebäuhöhe											
			Dachfirst			Dachfirst			Windrichtung		
Windrichtung			Windrichtung			Windrichtung			Windrichtung		
Position			0	45	90	135	180	225	270	315	
Passate 1			0,05	0,06	0,35	0,40	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,35	0,06
Passate 2			-0,5	-0,4	-0,35	-0,06	0,05	0,06	-0,35	-0,5	
Passate 3			-0,4	0,2	0,4	0,2	-0,5	-0,5	0,3	-0,5	
Passate 4			-0,4	-0,5	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,2	
Dachneigung			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
[10°]			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
Mittepunkt			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
Dachneigung			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
[10° - 30°]			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
Windneigung			0,5	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
Dachneigung			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
[30° - 45°]			0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
Mittepunkt			-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,2	

ATTC Rendite, Kap. 8: Eine Dimensional

Niedrige Gebäude (bis zu 3 Stockwerken)

Selbstverhältnis AS = 2:1

Abrechnung: freie Lage

Referenzhöhe für Windgeschwindigkeit: Gebäudelänge

Dauchfirst

Windrichtung

Windrichtung $\varnothing$

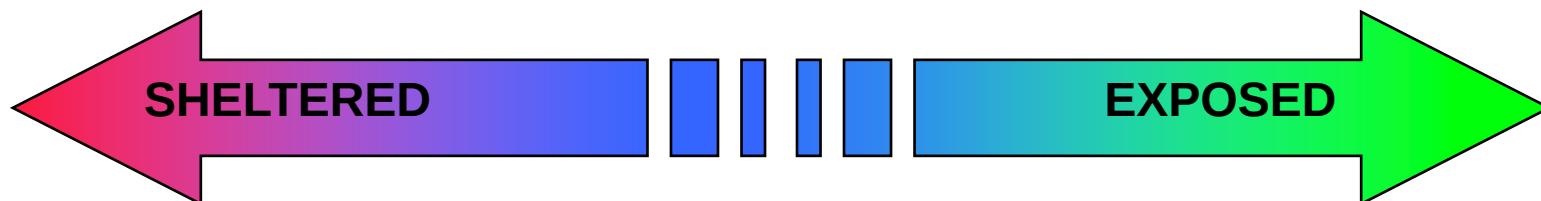
Position	2	45	90	135	180	225	270	315
Fassade 1	0,8	0,9	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8
Fassade 2	0,7	0,8	0,5	0,35	0,5	0,8	0,8	0,8
Fassade 3	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,35	0,8
Fassade 4	0,9	0,8	0,85	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8

Dachdeckung (10°/°)	Luv	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,8
	Lee	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,8
Mittelwert		0,7	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,8
Dachdeckung (11° - 30°)	Luv	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,7
	Lee	0,8	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,8
Mittelwert		0,8	0,8	0,7	0,65	0,65	0,7	0,85
Dachdeckung (30° - 45°)	Luv	0,65	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6
	Lee	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8
Mittelwert		0,78	0,75	0,8	0,75	0,75	0,75	0,85

Tabelle 9.2.6

Windrichtungskorrektur

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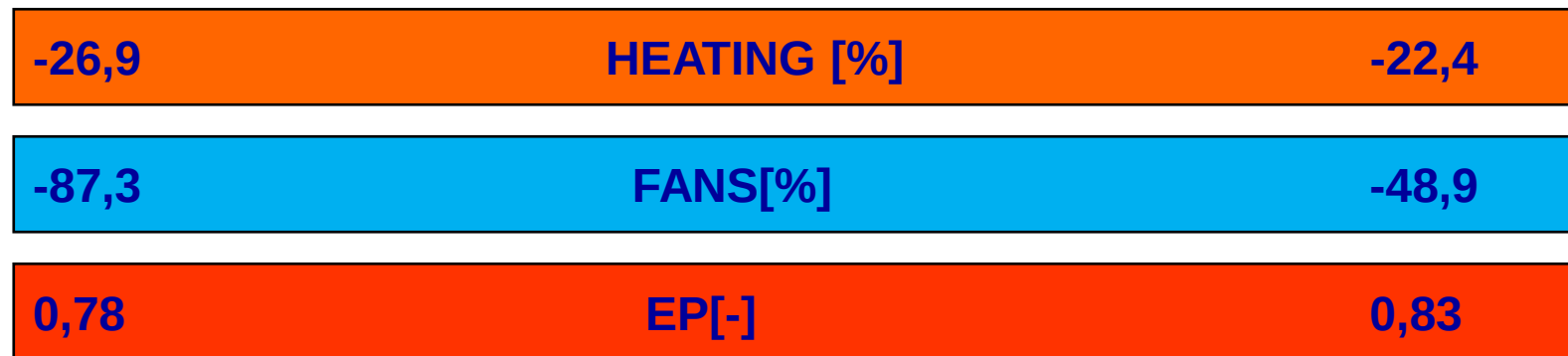
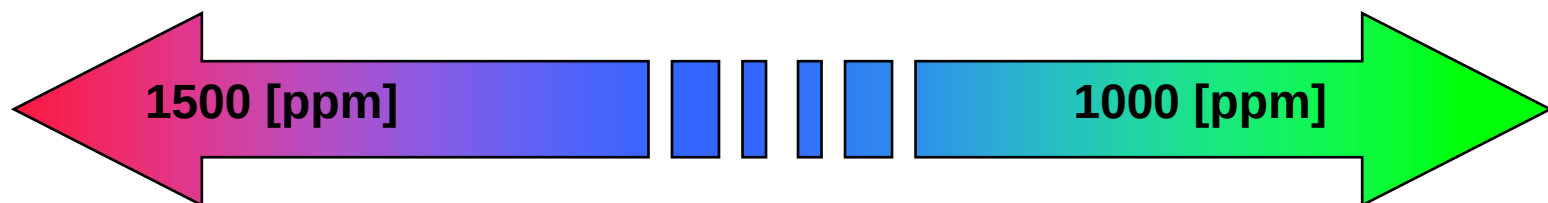
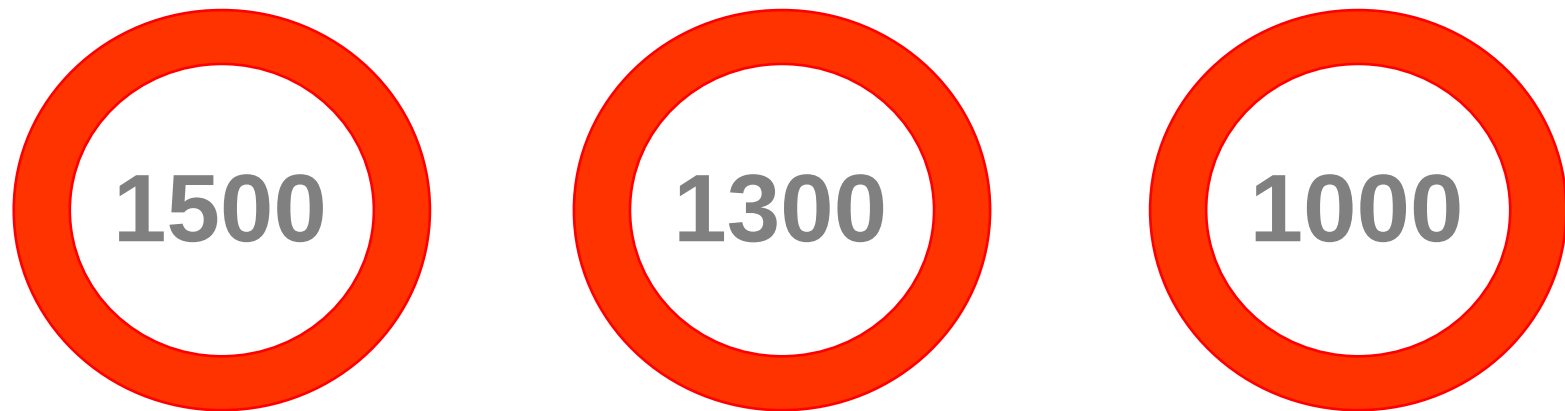
-22,7

-80,0

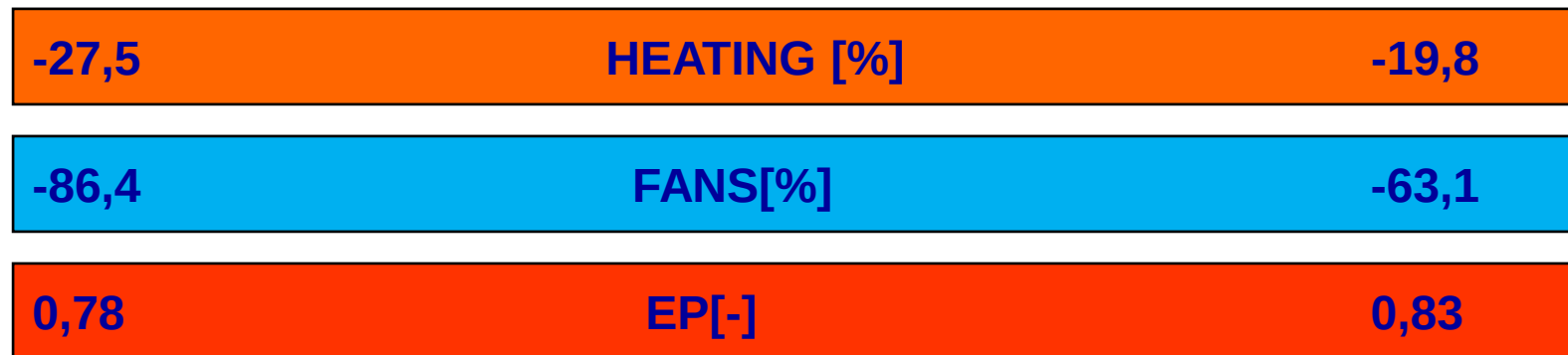
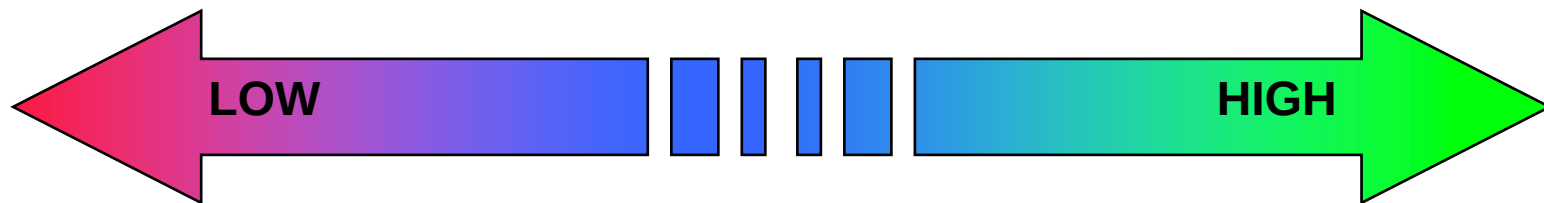
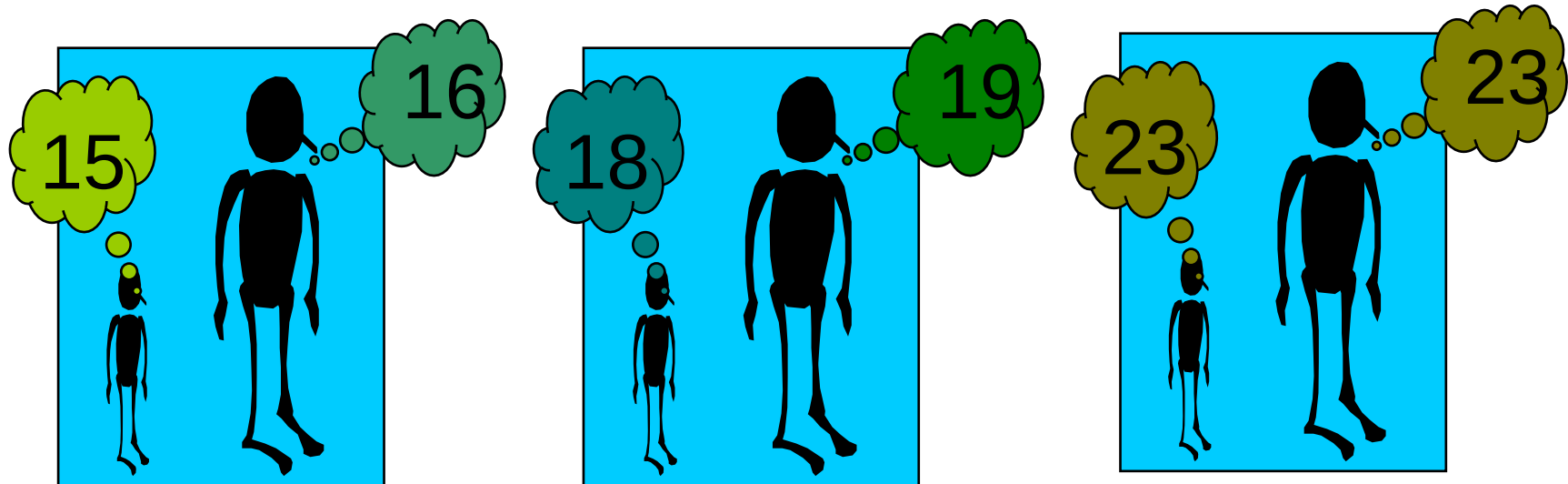
0,81



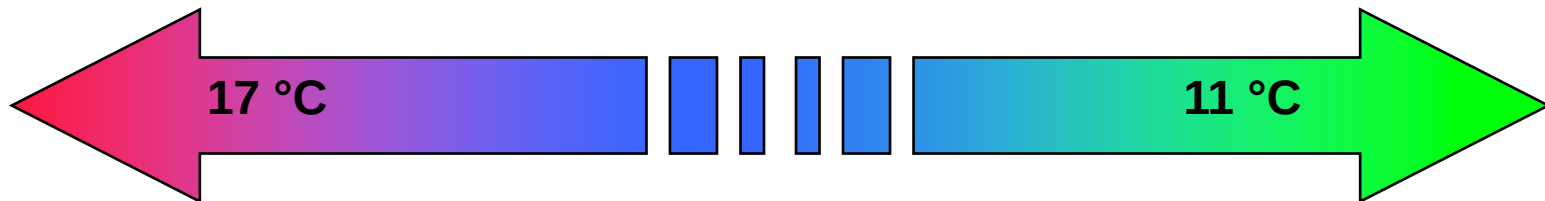
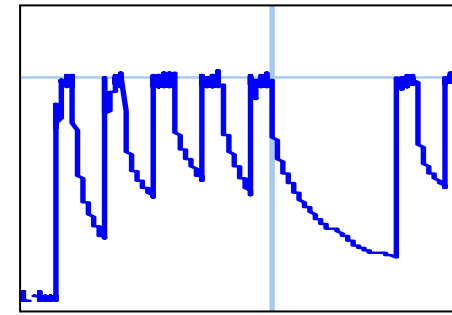
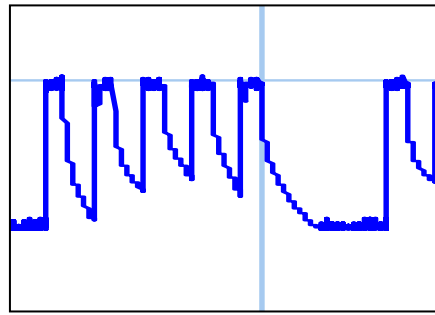
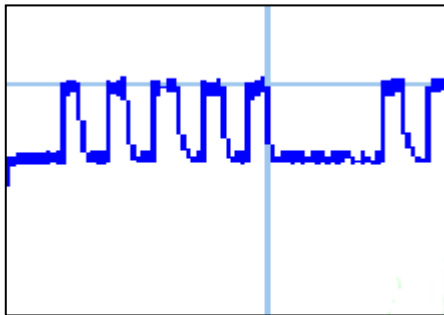
Acceptable CO₂ concentration



CO₂ production



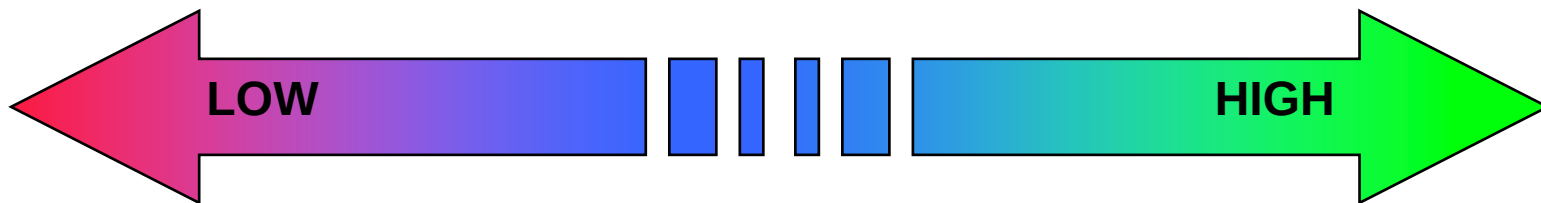
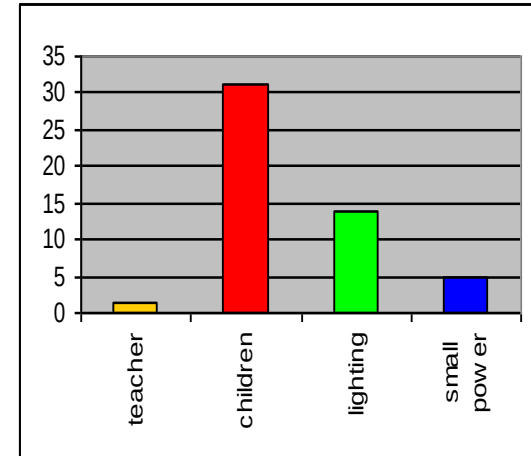
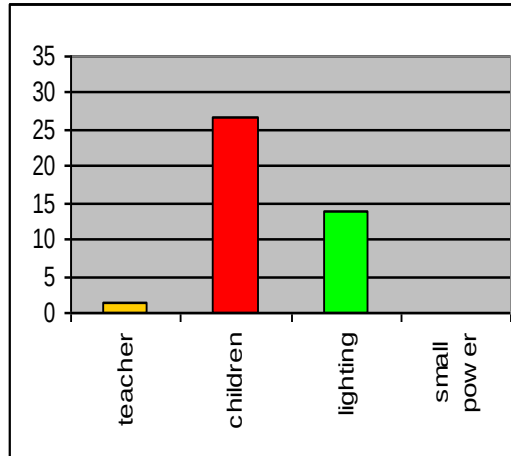
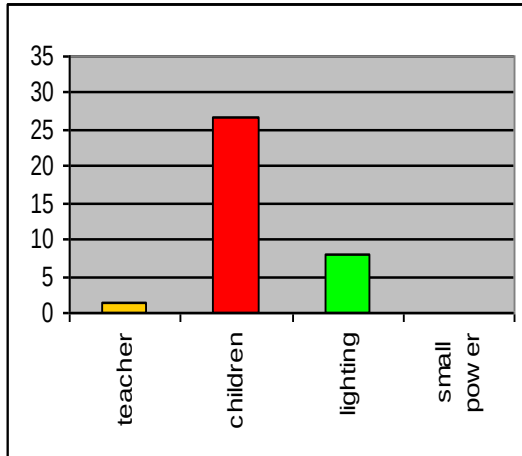
Night temperature control



-23,1	HEATING [%]	-24,8
-77,9	FANS[%]	-77,9
0,81	EP[-]	0,80



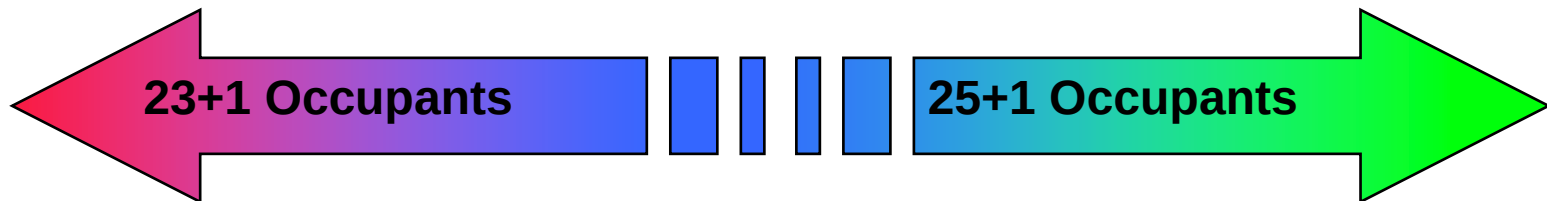
Internal heat production



-22,5	HEATING [%]	-25,3
-80,1	FANS[%]	-75,8
0,81	EP[-]	0,80



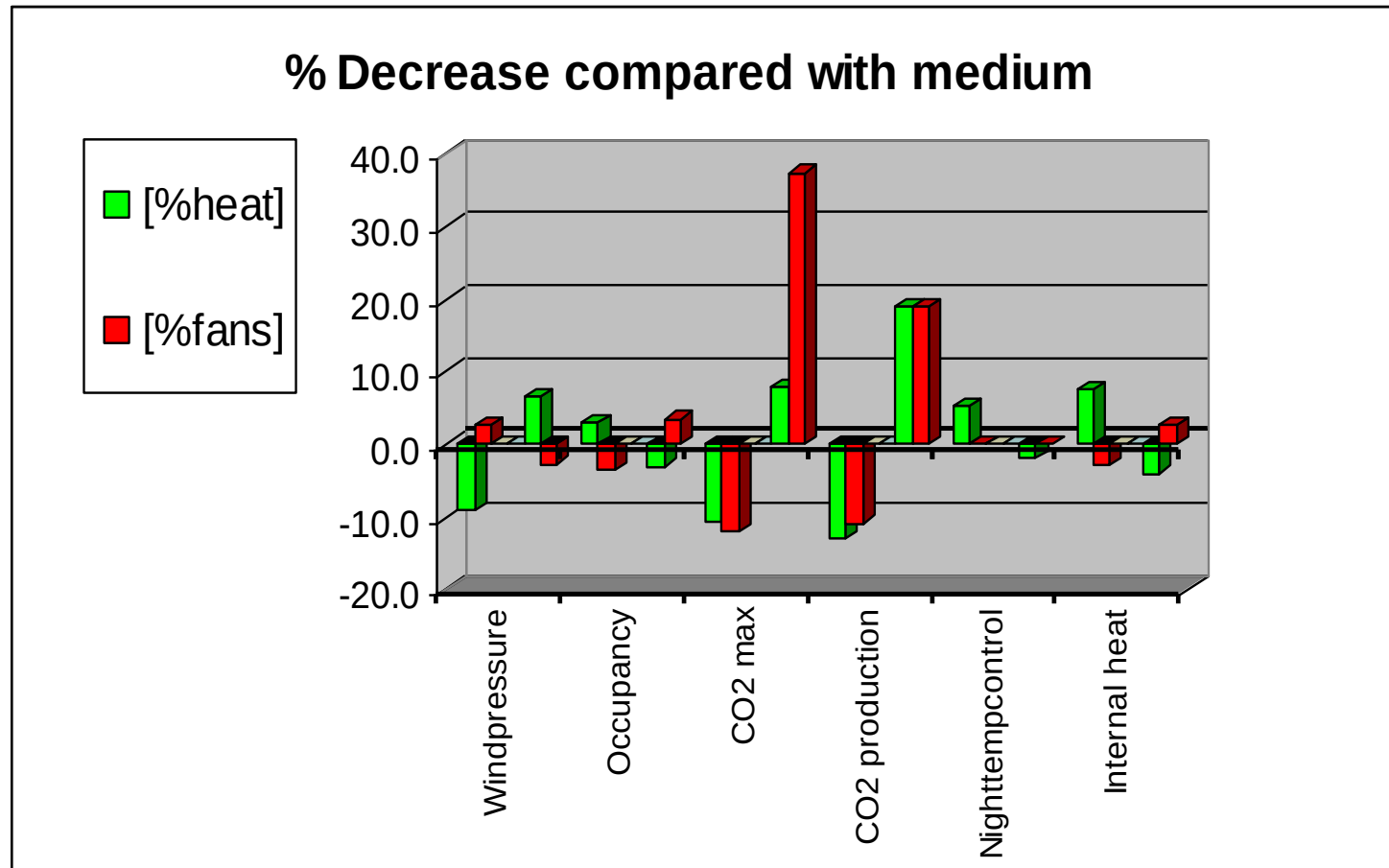
Occupancy



-23,6	HEATING [%]	-25,1
-80,6	FANS[%]	-75,2
0,80	EP[-]	0,80



Results versus medium



THE EXTREMES



■ Evil approach

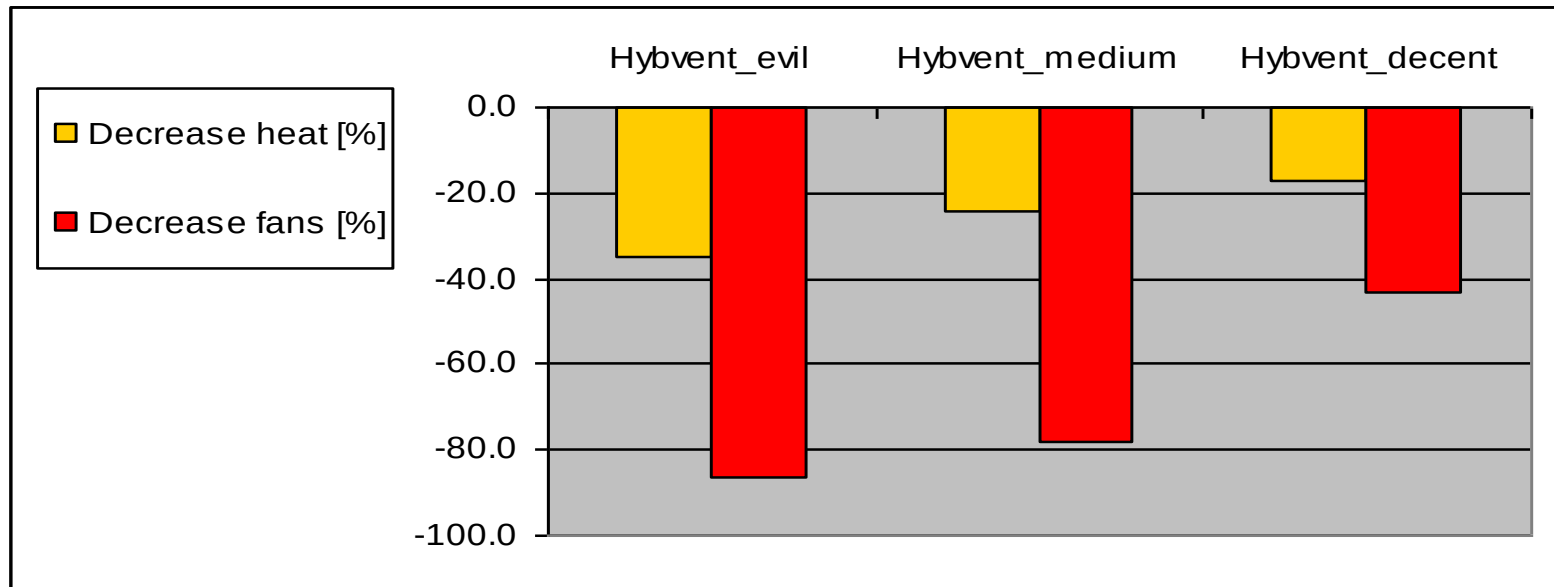
- ➔ Sheltered
- ➔ Occupancy high
- ➔ Acceptable
CO₂=1500 ppm
- ➔ CO₂ production low
- ➔ Nighttemperature low
- ➔ Internal heat high

■ Decent approach

- ➔ Exposed
- ➔ Occupancy low
- ➔ Acceptable
CO₂=1000 ppm
- ➔ CO₂ production high
- ➔ Nighttemperature high
- ➔ Internal heat low



Results of extremes



EP [-]

0,73

0,80

0,86

Savings [%]

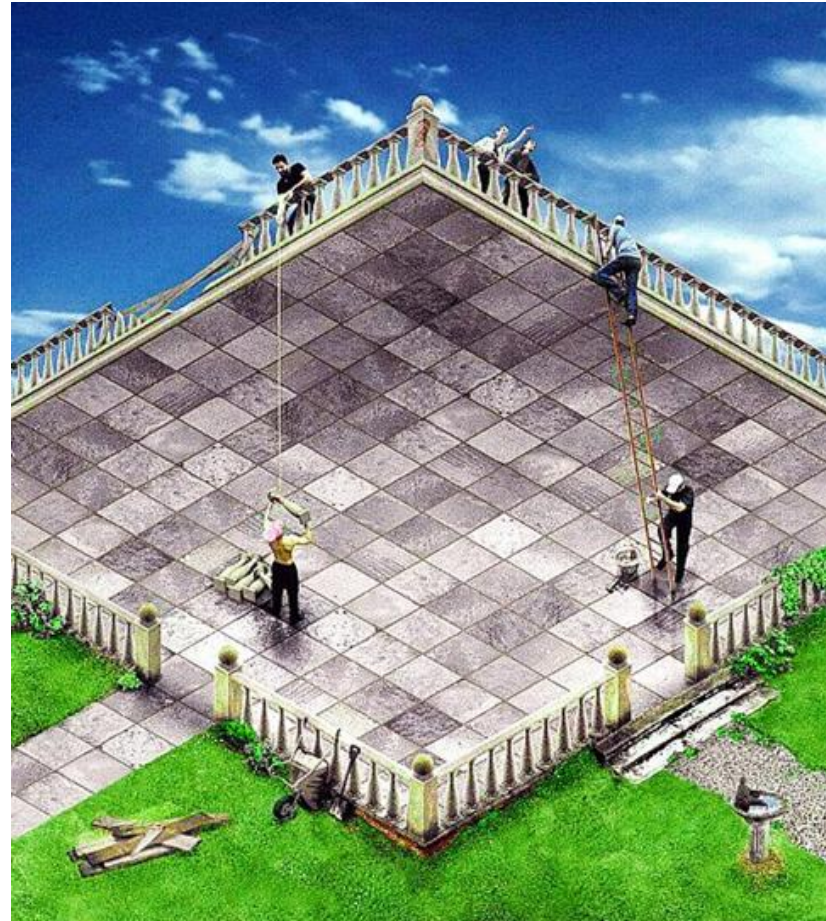
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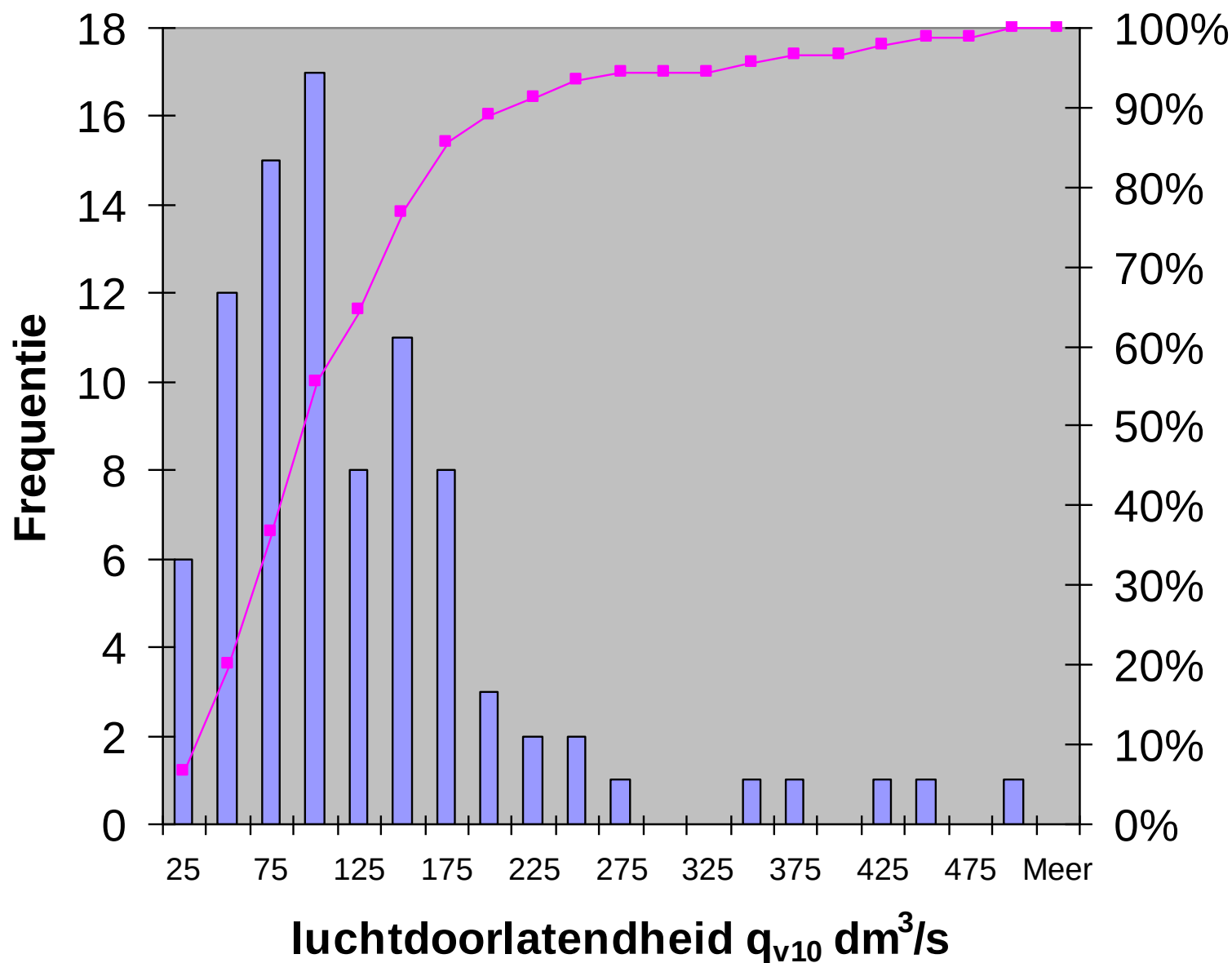
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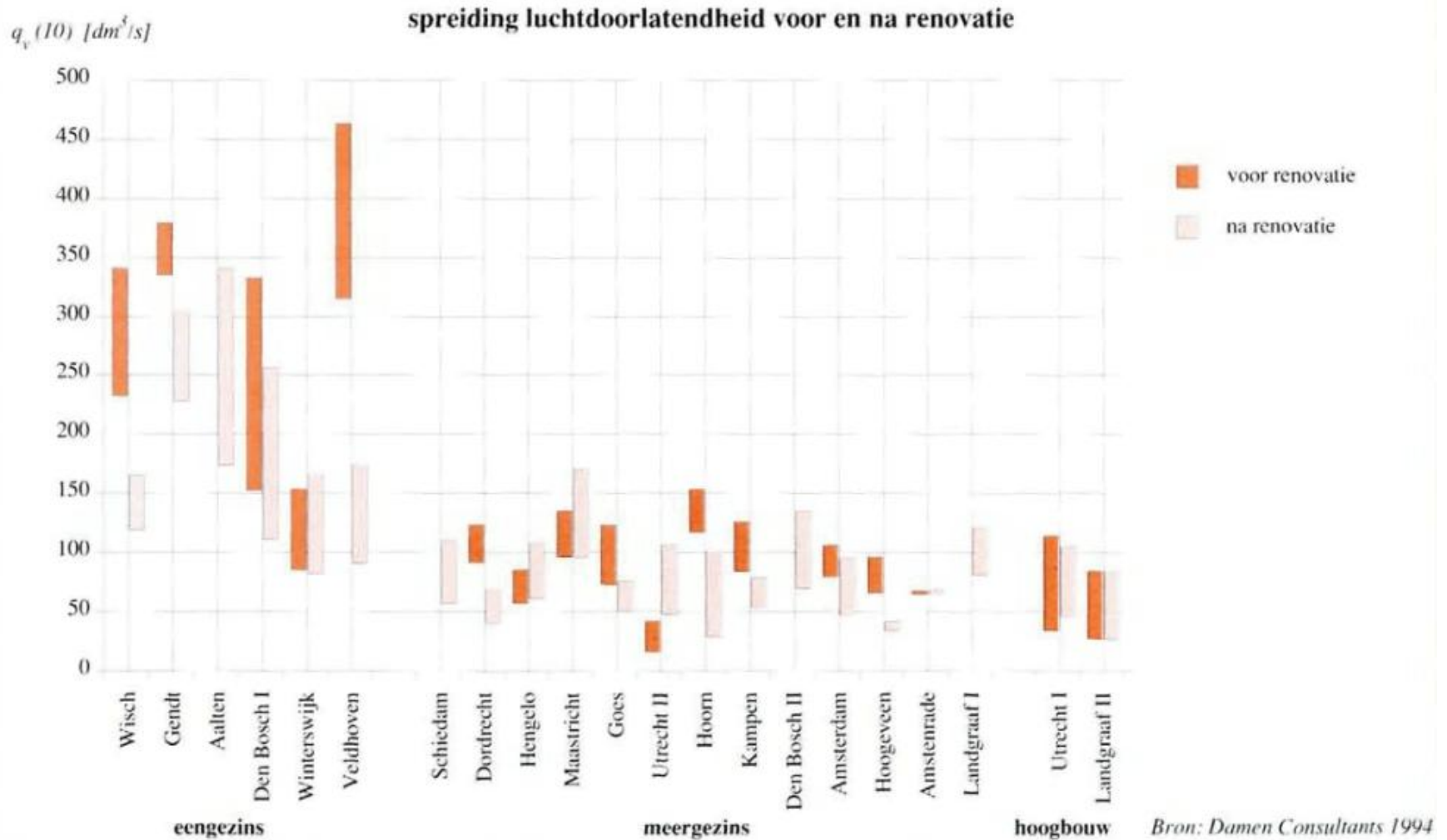
2. The performance of buildings and equipment



Air tightness of dwellings

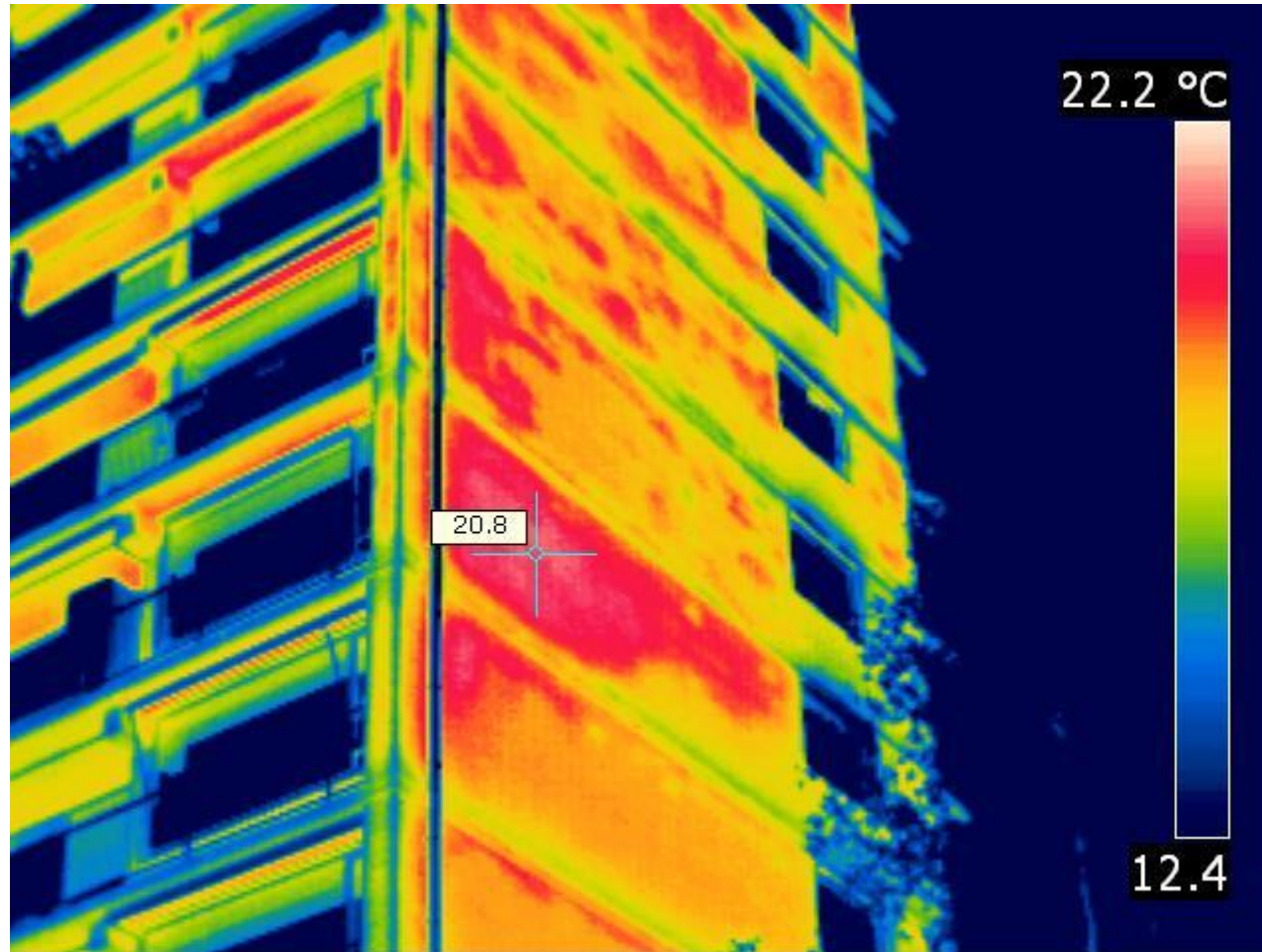


Air tightness before and after renovation





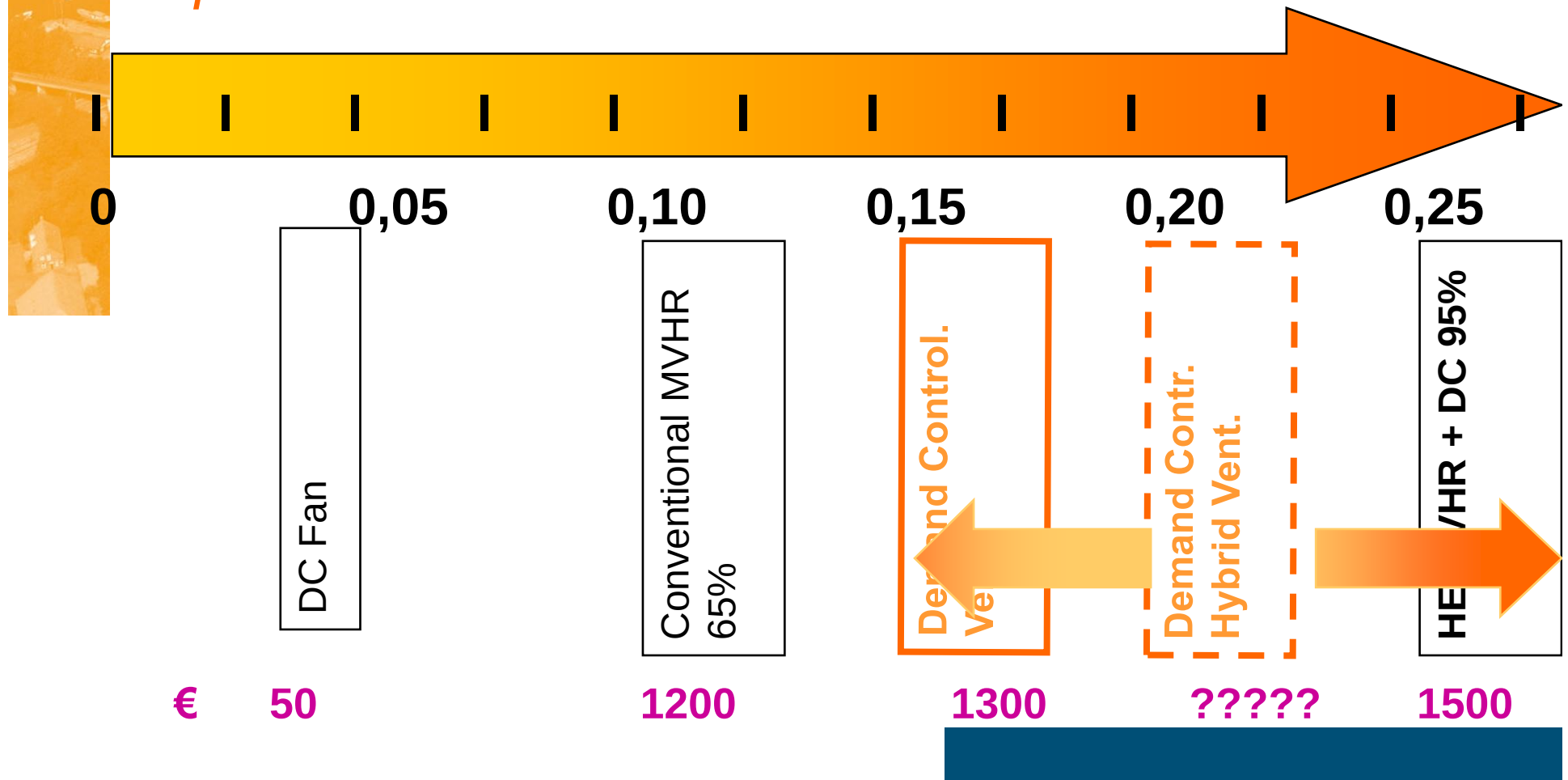
Thermal insulation



Positioning advanced ventilation in relation to the (Dutch) EPBD



Improvement EPC >



Heat recovery units (counter flow)

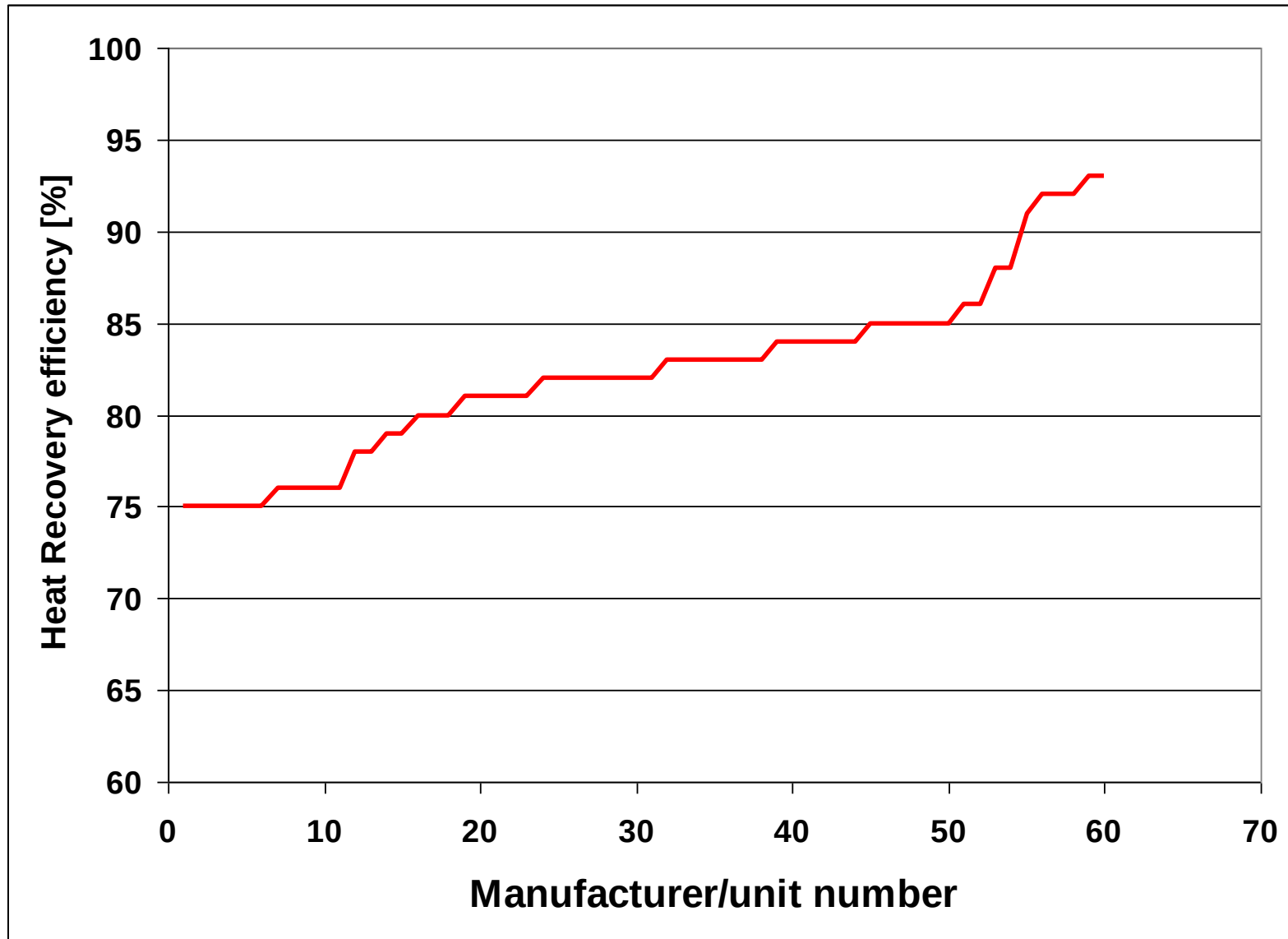


- EPBD default:
previously 75%, currently 80%
- EPBD certificates: 95%
- Passive House certificates:

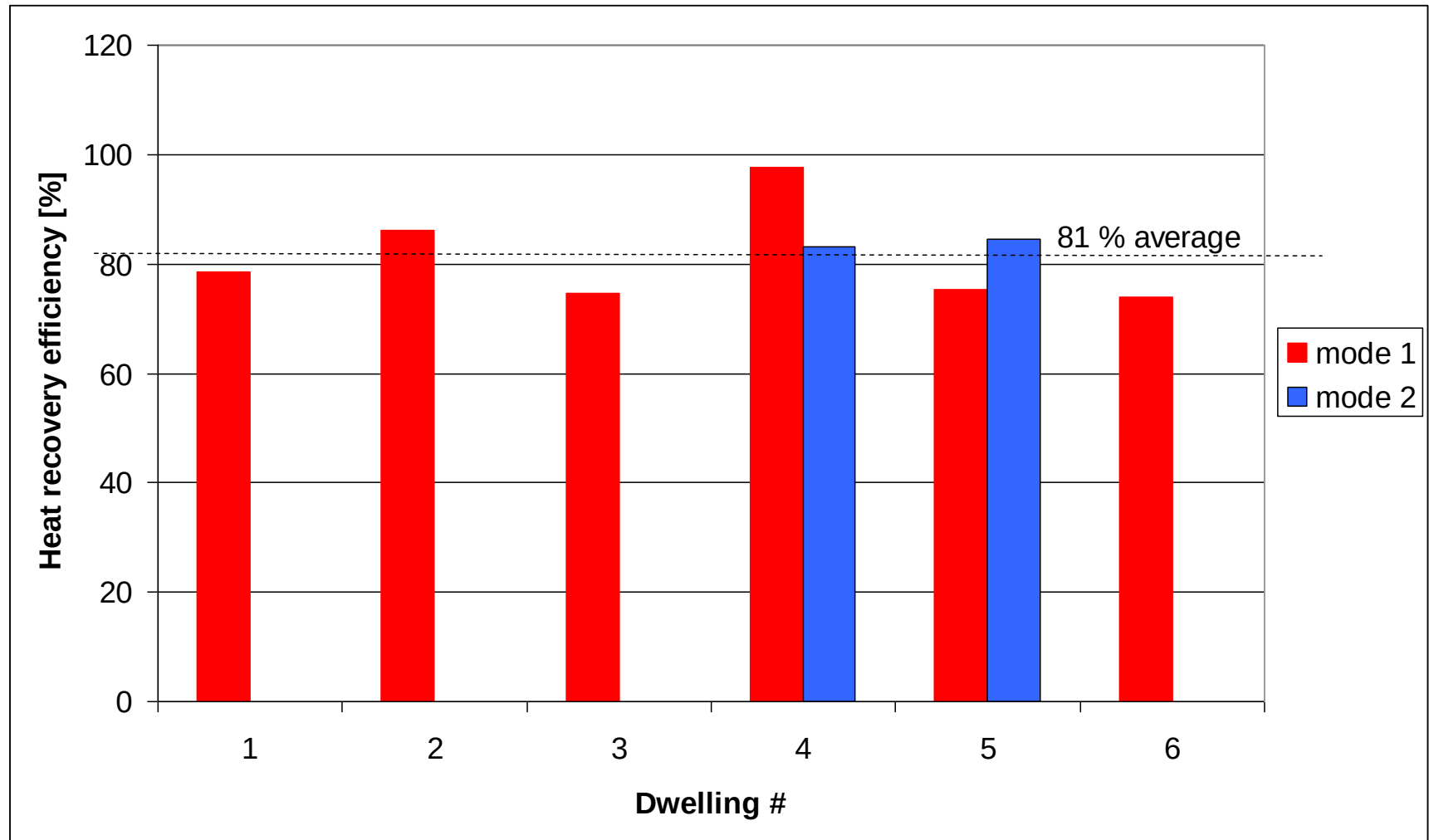




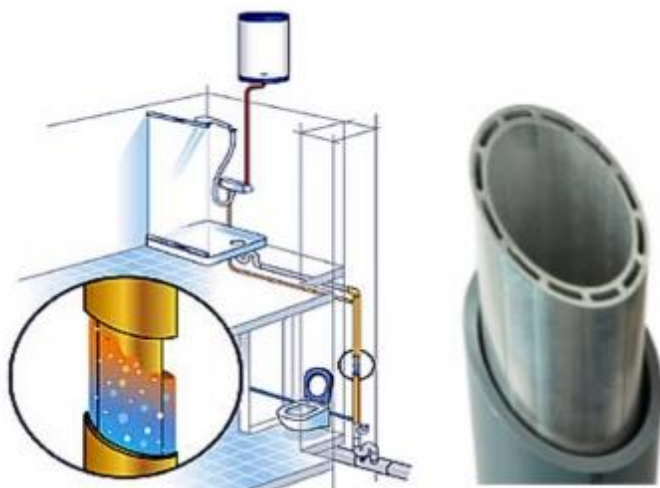
Heat recovery units, lab. measurements by PHI



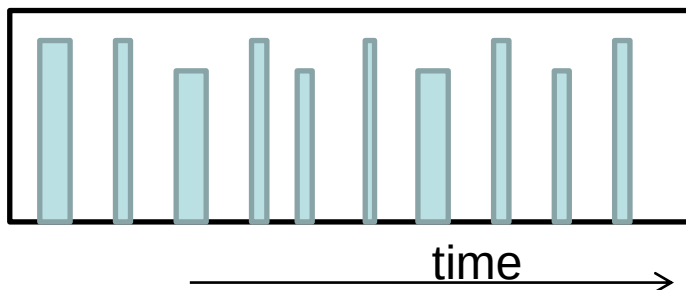
Heat recovery units, field measurements



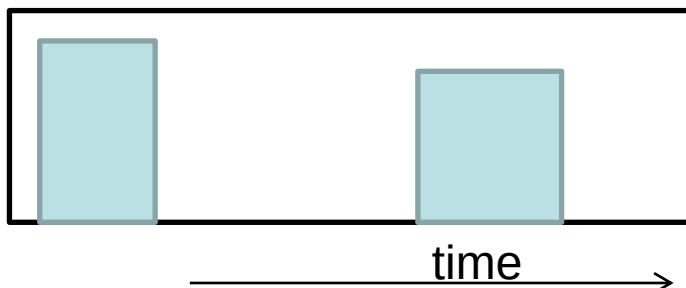
DHW heat recovery units



Pattern A



Pattern B





Partner for progress

Kwaliteitsverklaring
douchewater-warmteterugwinapparaat
t.b.v. berekening NEN 5128
 (energieprestatie voor woningen en woongebouwen
 - bepalingmethode)

Gastec Certification B.V. verklaart hierbij dat het douchewater
 warmteterugwinapparaat,

Type : DSS/Bries dubbelwandige douche WTW met kunststof
 buitenmantel. Lengte 2,0m, diameter 63mm

van : Bries Energietechnik

te : Roden, Nederland

doorgemeten is volgens de meetmethode ontwikkeld door Gastec Certification BV in
 opdracht van Novem (Juli 2003). In NEN 5128 per 21 mei 2009 (wijzigingsblad A1: 2009)
 zijn de tapdebieten aangepast. Het apparaat is met deze tapdebieten doorgemeten. Dit
 levert het volgende rendement op:

Klasse	Tapdebiet (l/min, 40°C)	Tapvolume (l)	Rendement [%]
3	9.2	73*	57.6
4,5,6	12.5	100*	56.0

*) Het gemeten tapvolume wijkt af van het tapvolume opgegeven in NEN 5128+A1:2009.

Apeldoorn, 16 juni 2009


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What is it all about?



Redenen genoeg...

...om te kiezen voor de
Intergas Kombi Kompakt HRE

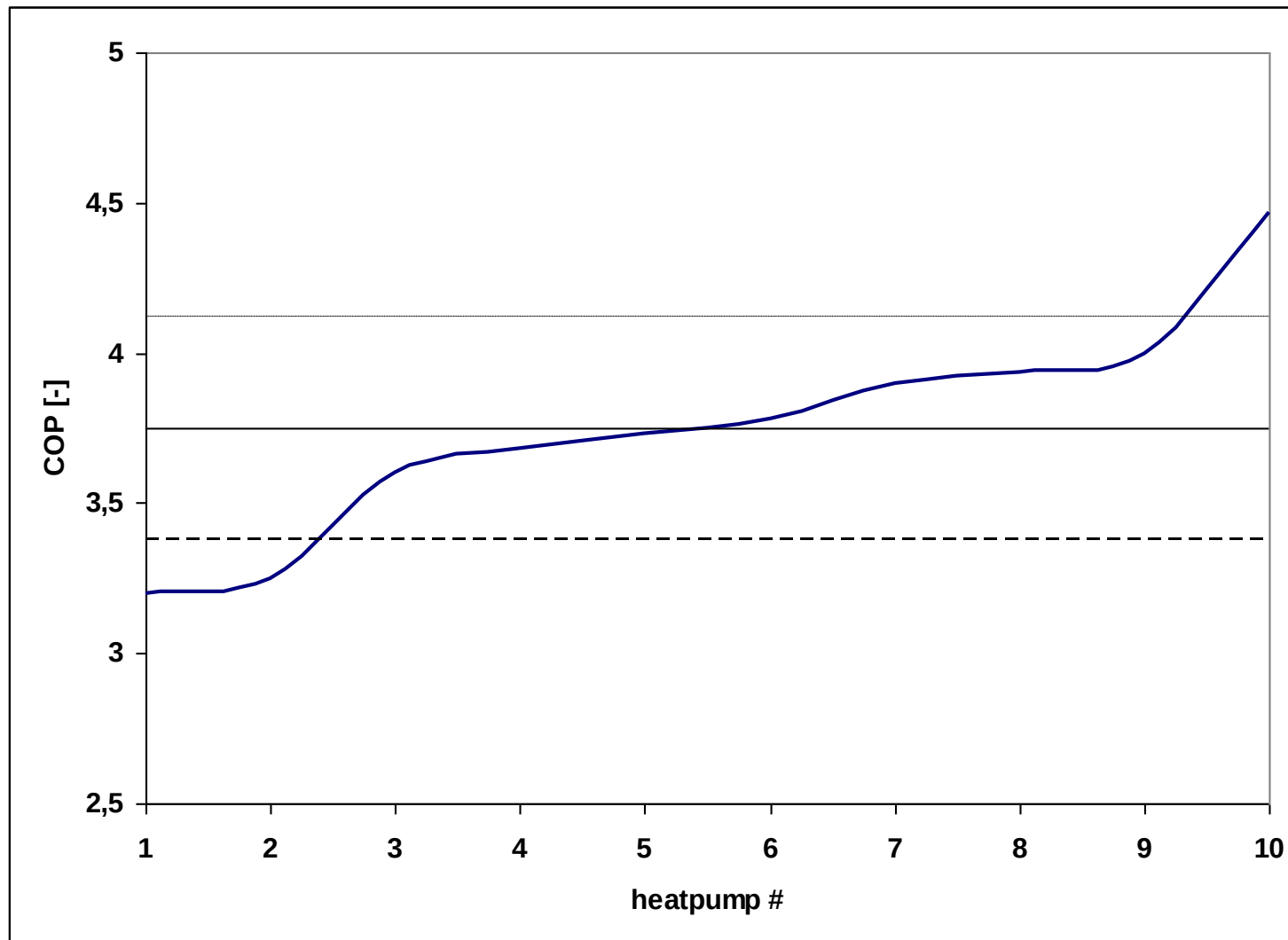


- 1 EPC verlaging met 0.19
- 2 Jaartaprendement tot 95,8%
- 3 Eenvoud in **installatie** en **montage**
- 4 Simpel te **combineren**
- 5 Maximaal rendement, tot maar liefst
42,5% daling CO₂-emissie





Field data (I):small heatpumps



COP of heatpumps



	COP (EPBD)	COP (EPBD& certificate)	COP (measured average)
Space- heating	4,6	6,08	
DHW	1,4 x Corr.	2,23 x Corr.	
Average	4,1 - 4,3	5,49 - 5,63	3,75± 0,5

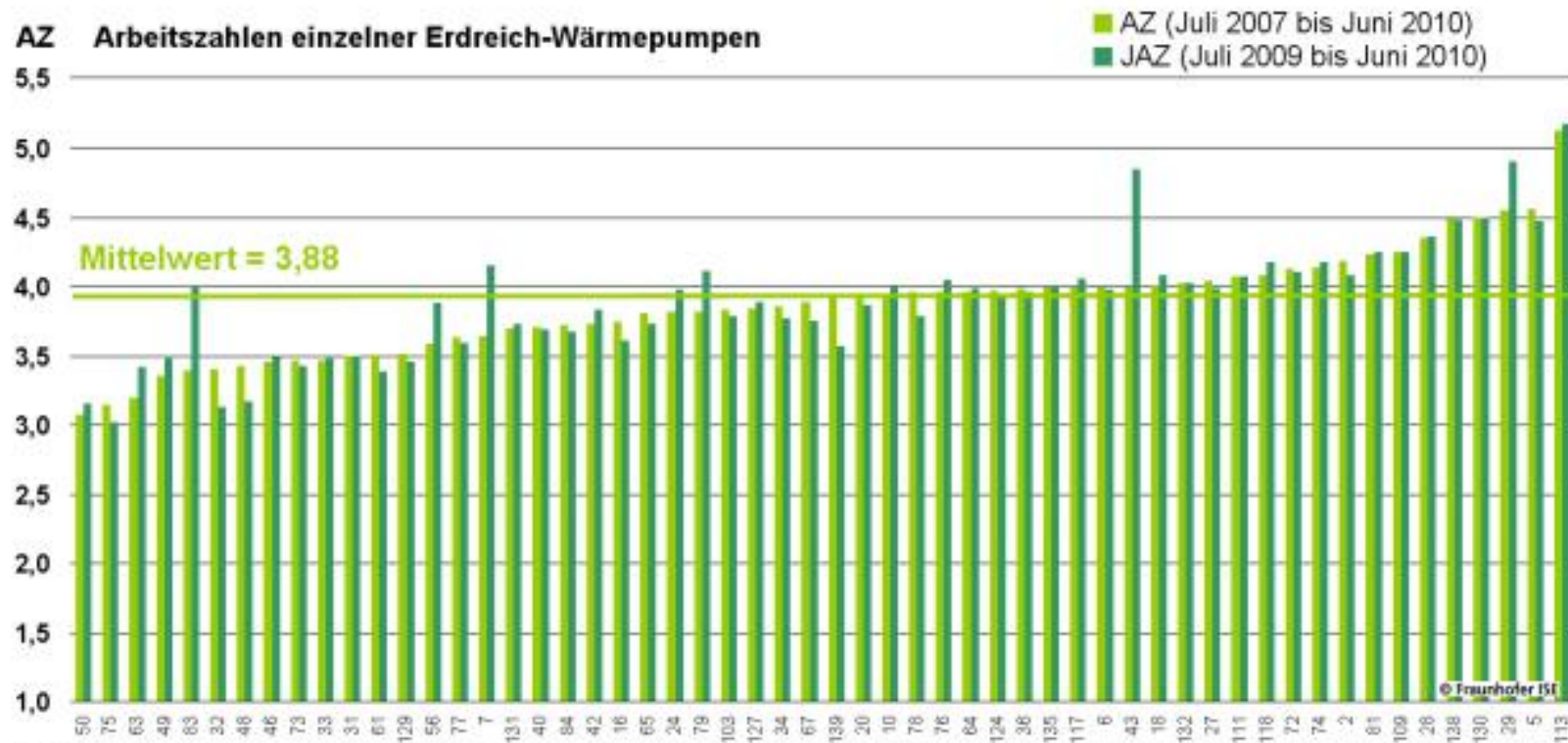
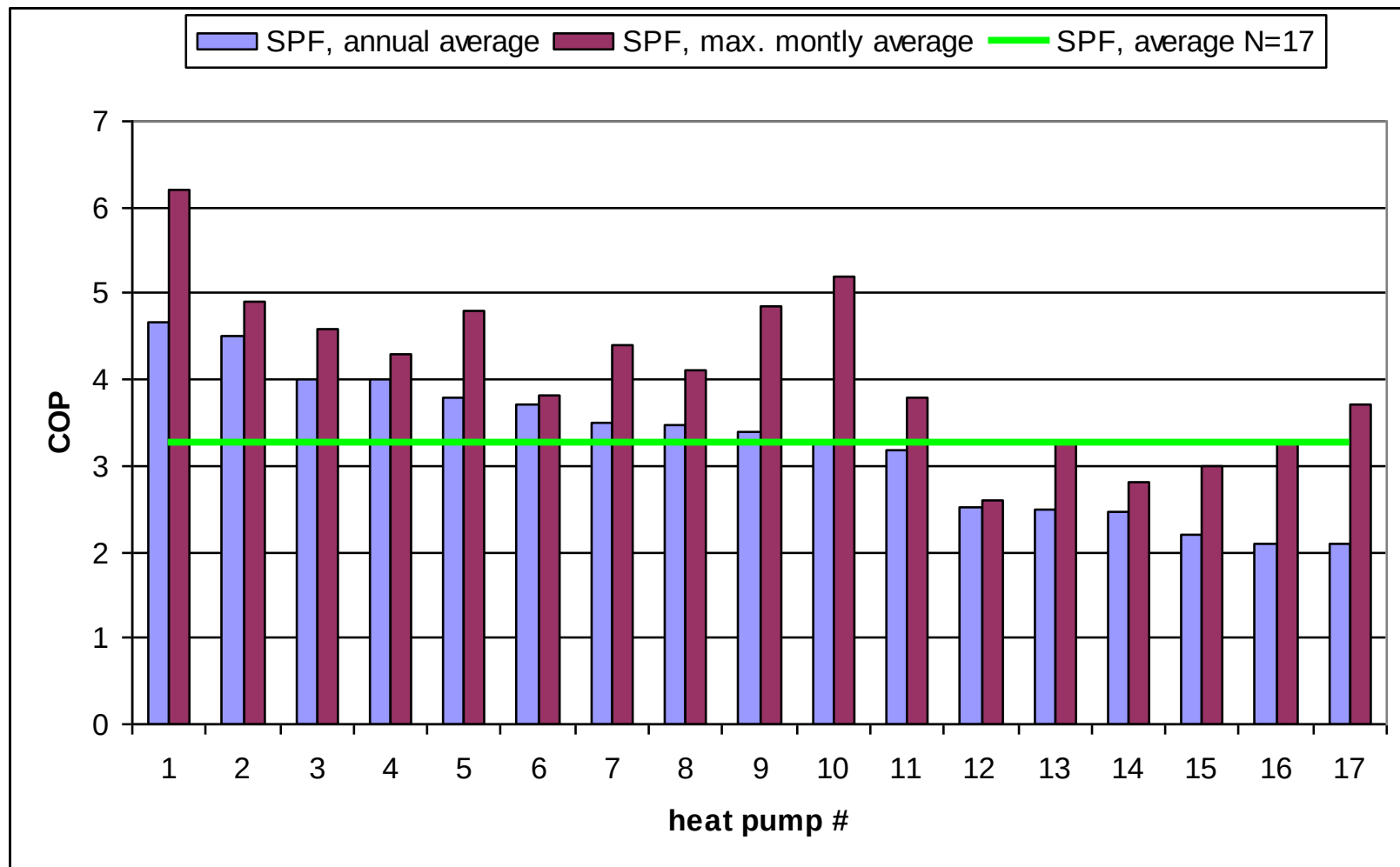


Bild 15: Arbeitszahlen von Erdreich-Wärmepumpen für die Zeiträume Juli 2007 bis Juni 2010 sowie Juli 2009 bis Juni 2010; die Anlagenbezeichnungen entsprechen den Herstellern bekannten ID-Nummern

Measured field data bij Fraunhofer (Ge)



Field data (II): large heatpumps



Field data large heatpumps (II)

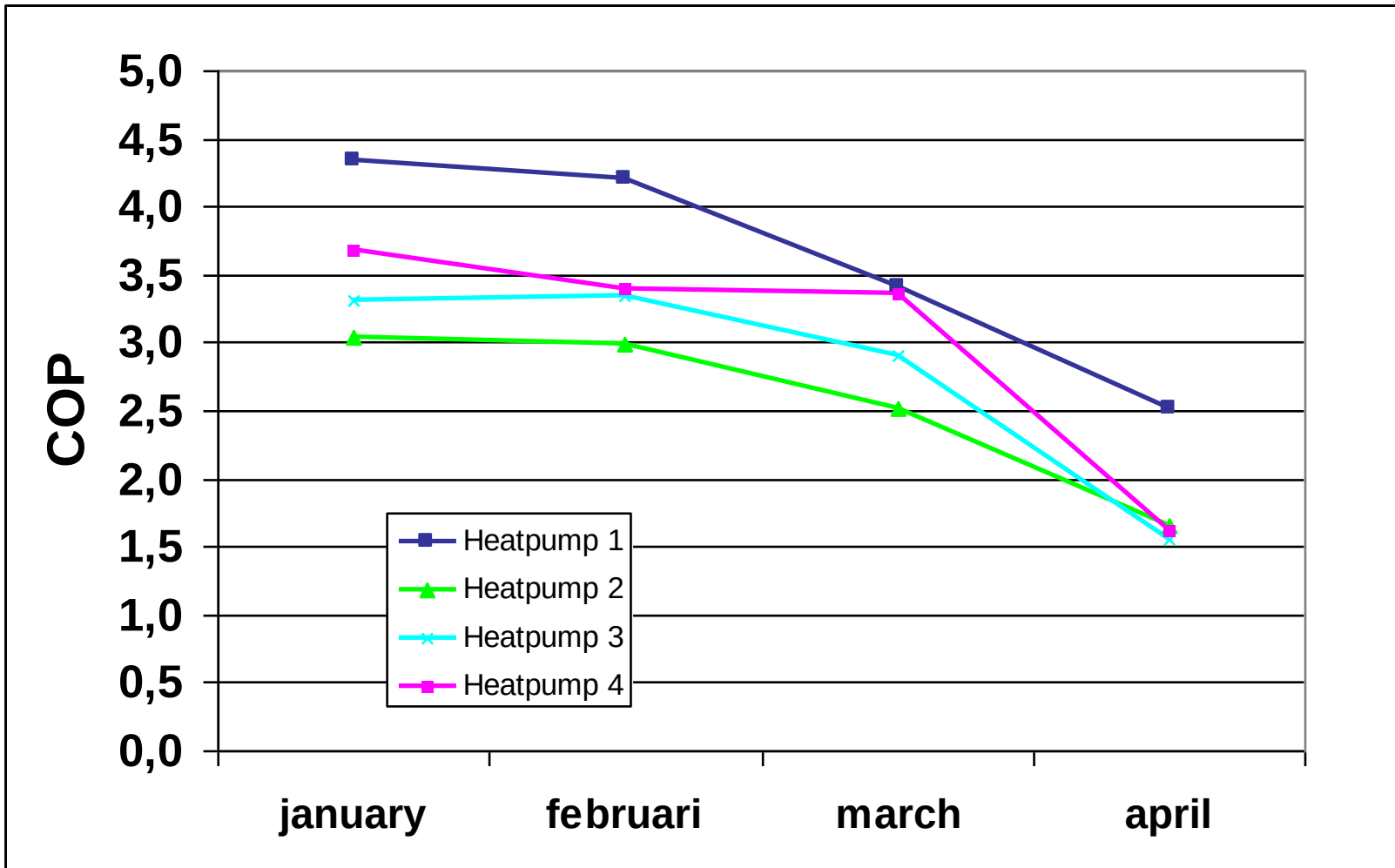
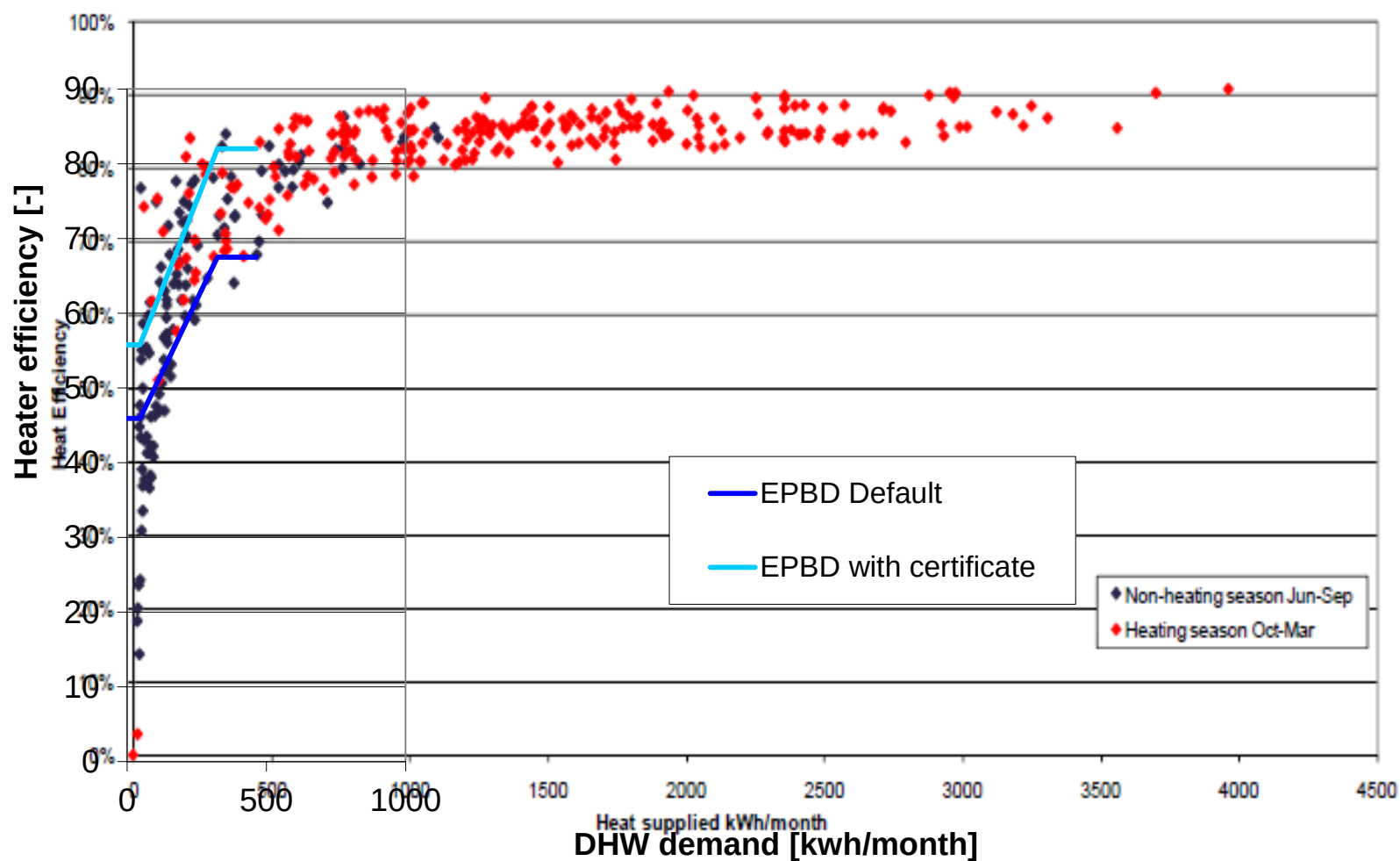
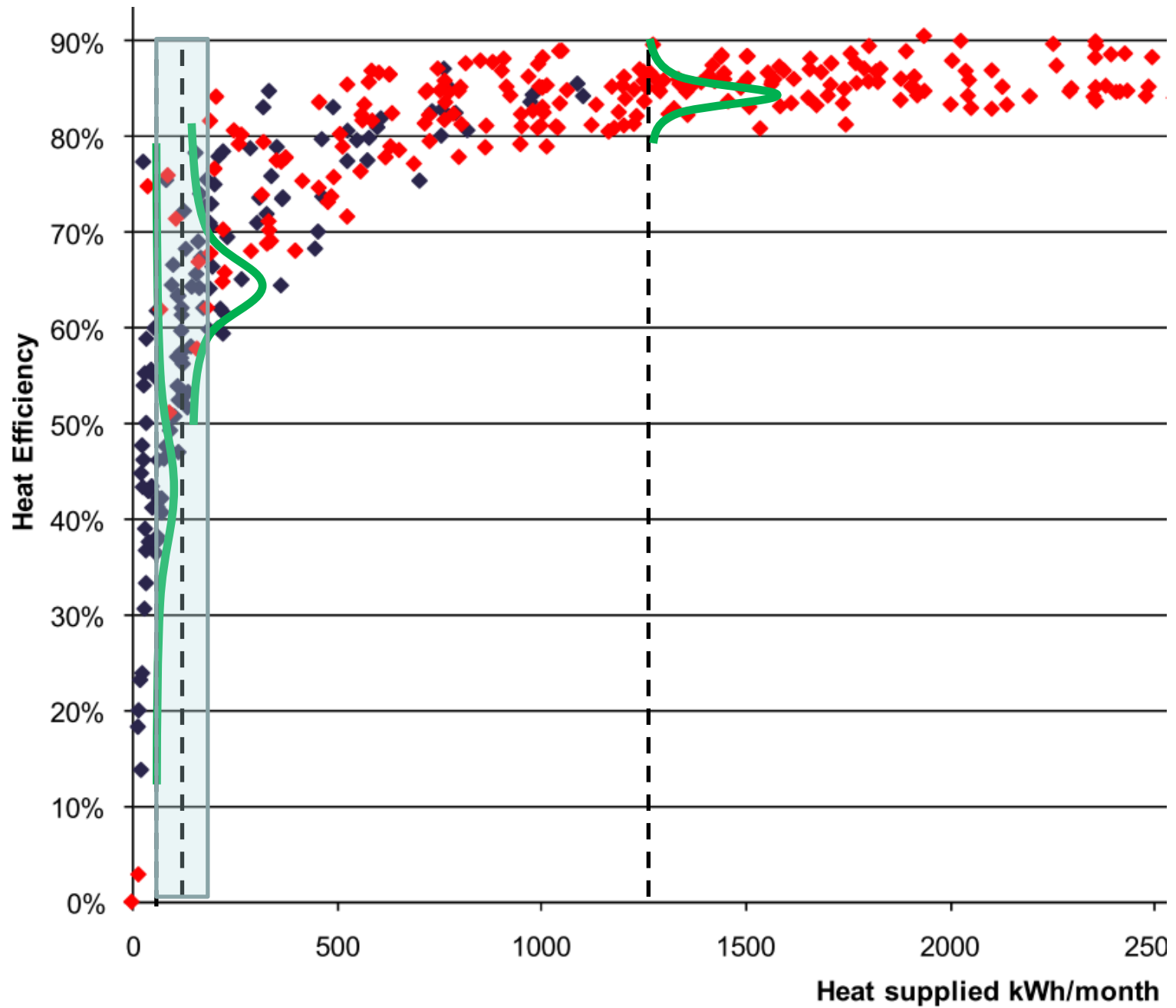


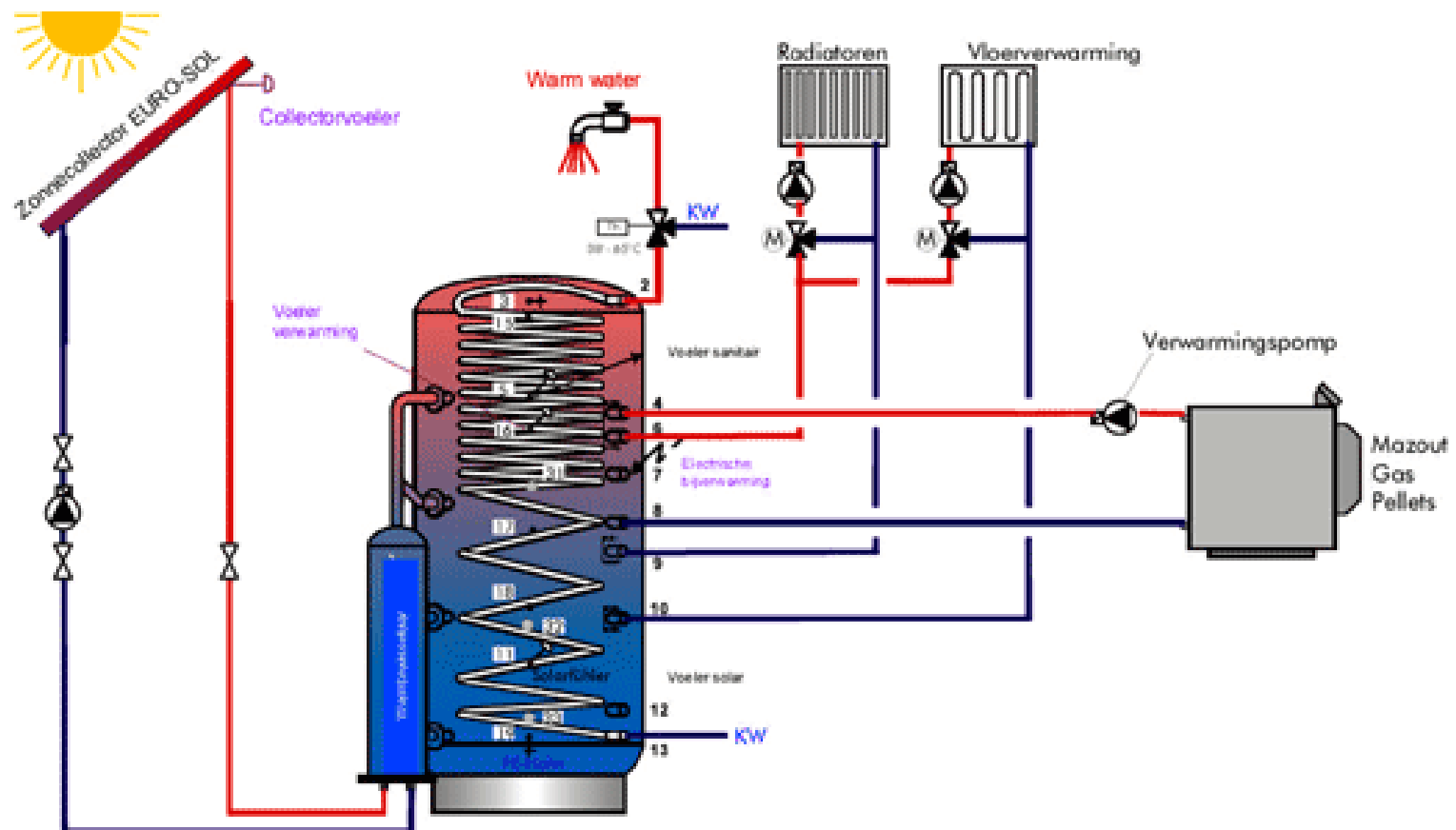
Figure 23 Monthly heat efficiency (%) against heat supplied - combination boilers



Field data on condensing gas-fired heaters bij Gastec at CRE, 2009



Performance of combination of technologies??



4. The occupant behaviour



The 4 stages of an occupant



1. Easy stage



2. Thermal simulation stage



3. Comfort sensing stage



4. Real occupant





Energy use and occupant behaviour



User aspects on energy use has been researched

- Social sciences
- Physics
- Economical sciences

From the social sciences several models have been developed

Exemples: Van Raaij model, NOA model



Behavioral model Van Raaij *et al.*

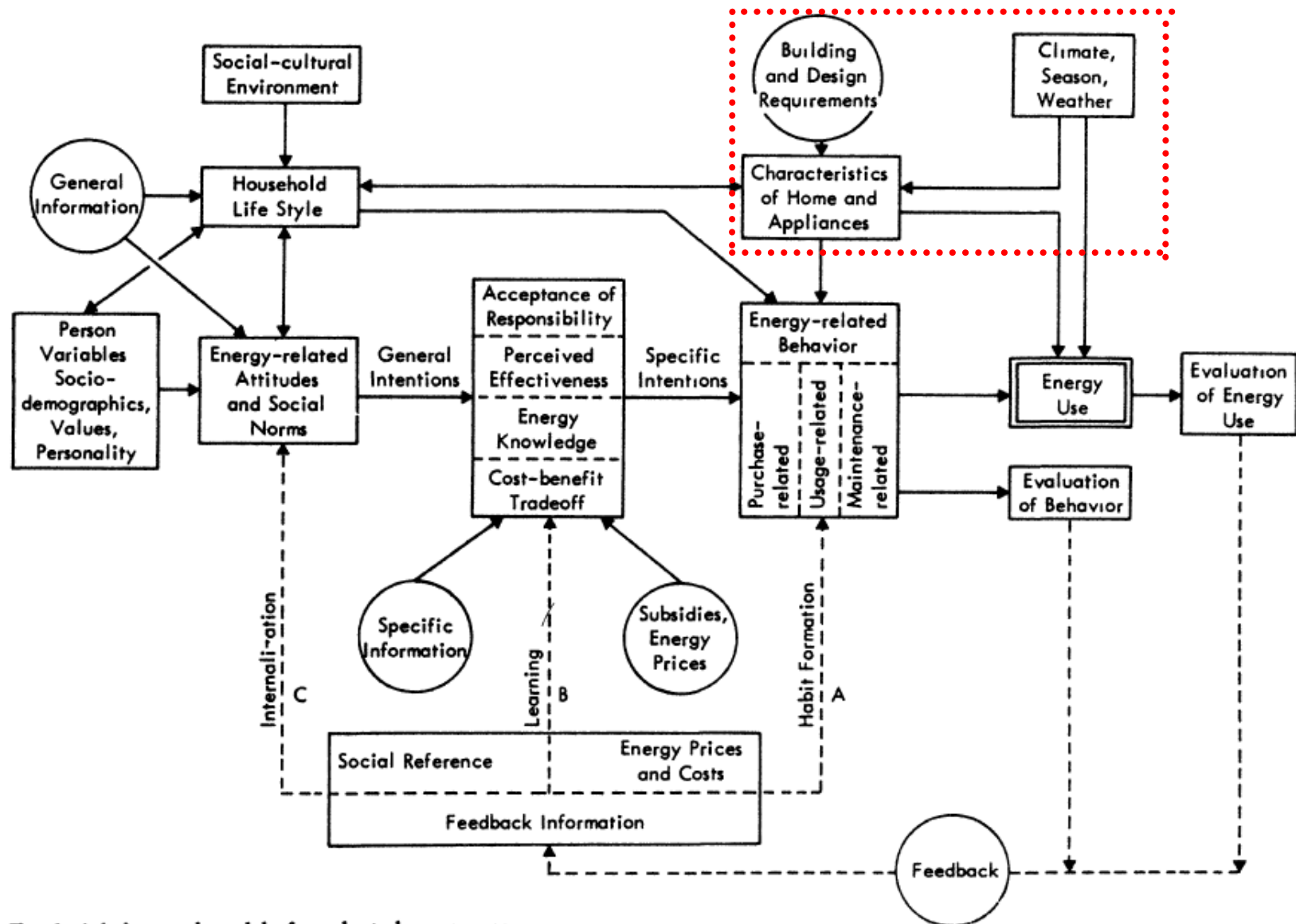
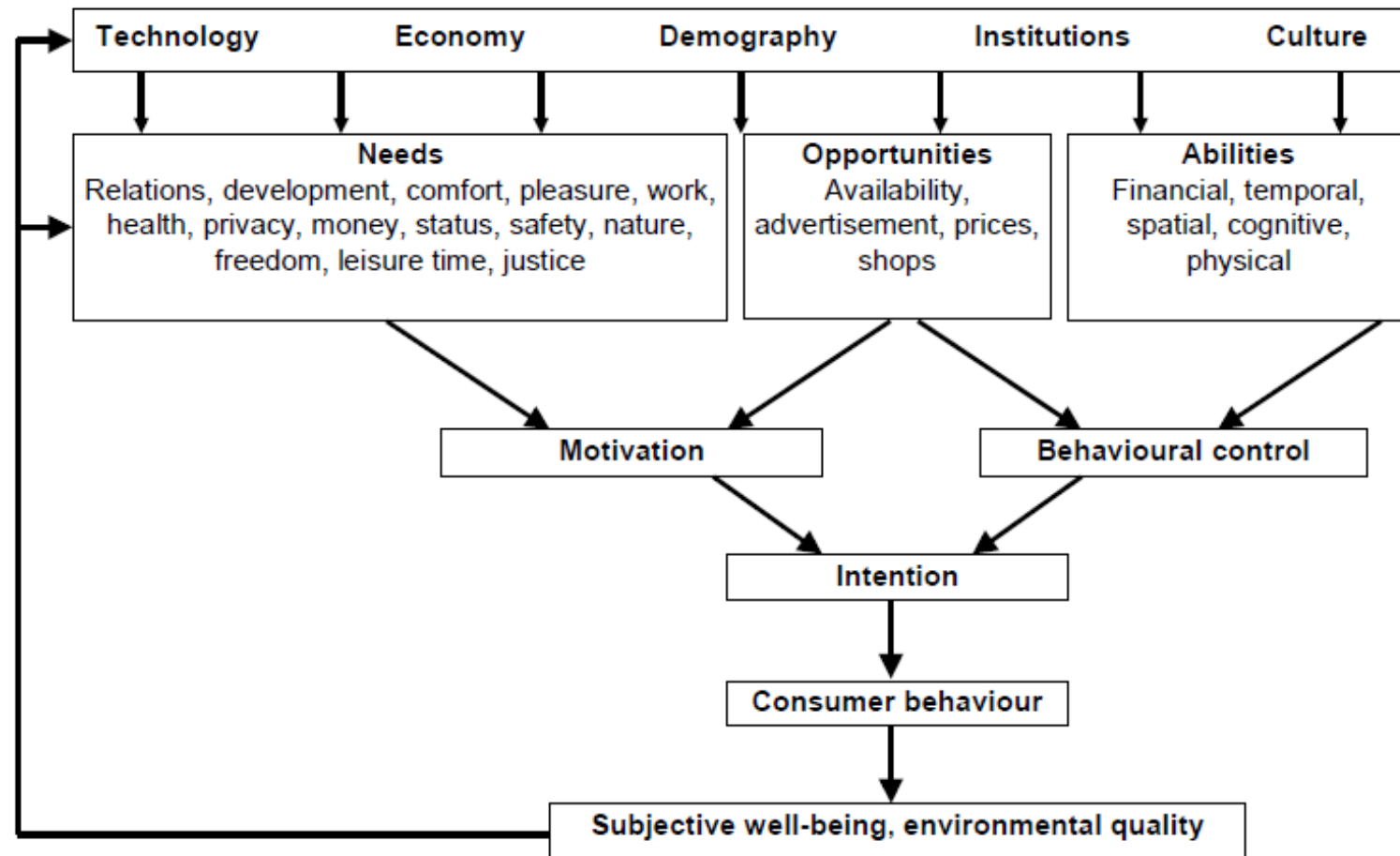


Fig. 1 A behavioral model of residential energy use

NOA-model Gatersleben & Vlek



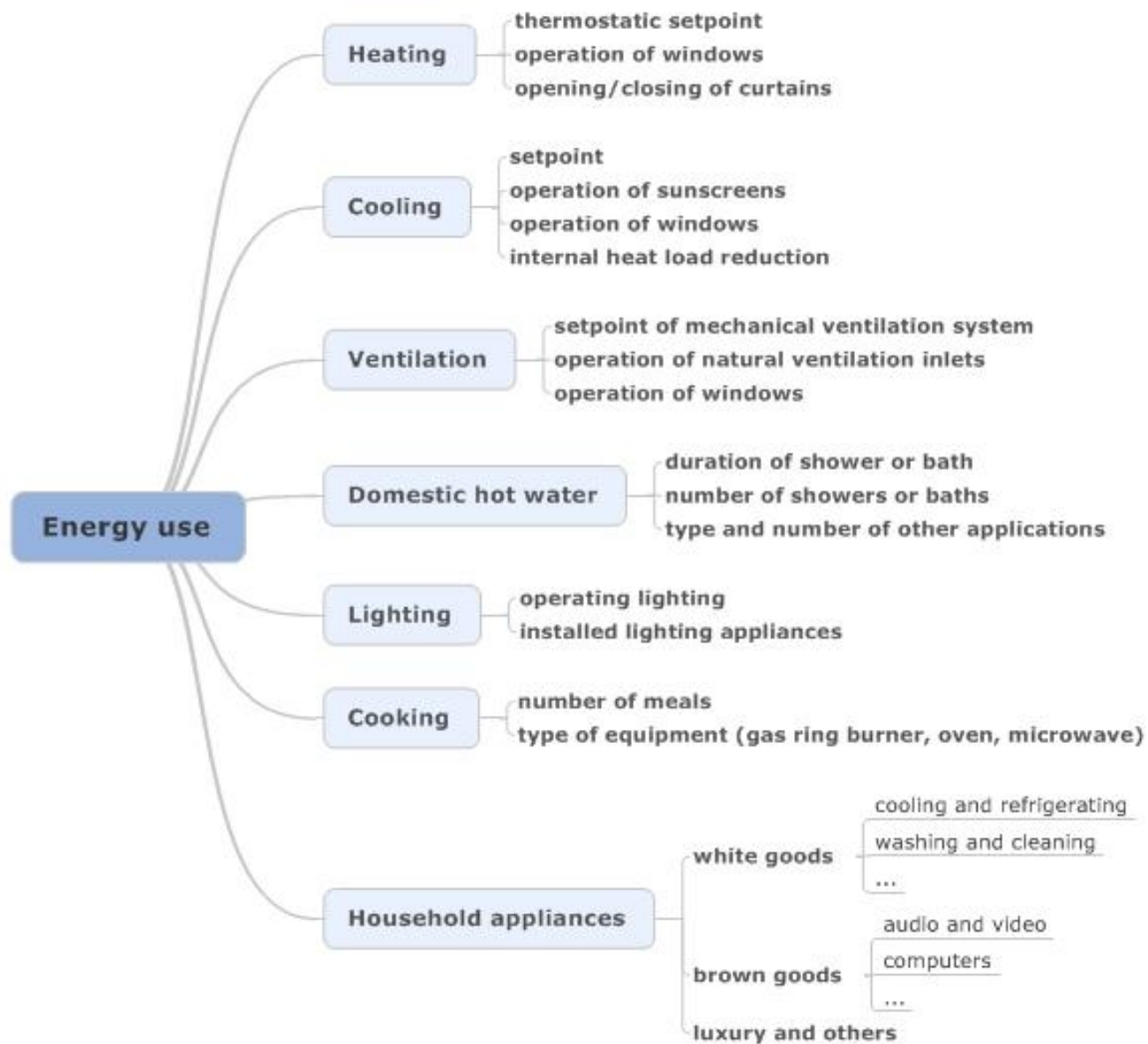
Energy behaviour in dwellings



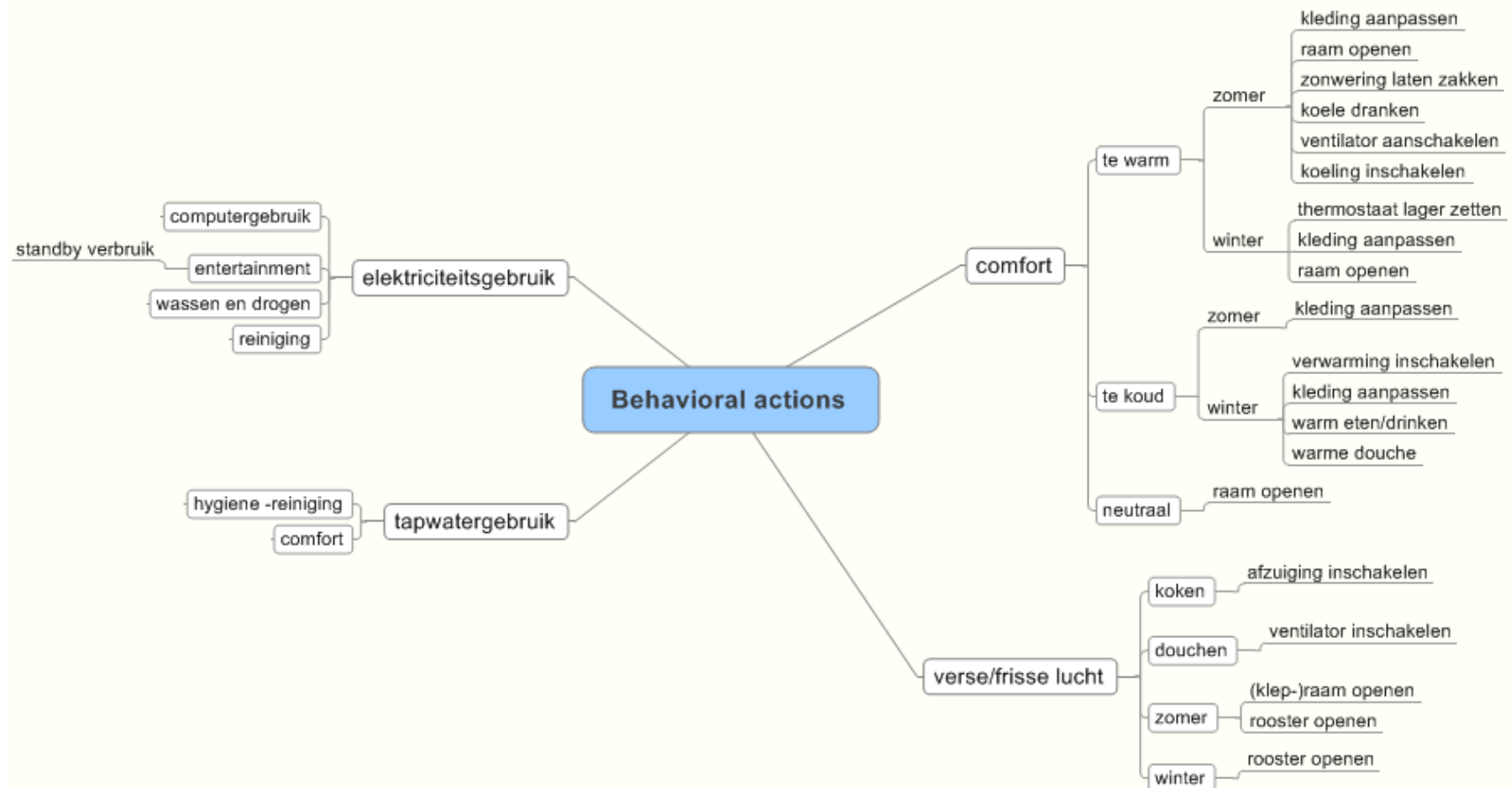
Tabel 2-17 Verklarende variabelen (naar afnemend effect) voor energiekosten

Energiekosten totaal	Kosten elektriciteit	Kosten gas en warmte
Gebruiksoppervlak	Gebruiksoppervlak	Wijze van verwarmen
Energie-index ⁷	Apparaatbezit en gebruik	Gebruiksoppervlak
Wijze van verwarmen	Inkomen	Energie-index
Inkomen	Aantal kinderen	stookpatroon
Apparaatbezit en gebruik	woningtype	woningtype
Woningtype	Type huishouden	Type huishouden
Type huishouden	Wijze van verwarmen	Wijze en mate van ventileren
Stookpatroon	stookpatroon	Bouwjaar woning
Aantal buitenzijden van de woning	Aantal volwassenen	Etnische achtergrond respondent
Leeftijd (hoofd huishouden)	Etnische achtergrond respondent	Inkomen
Bouwjaar woning	Energie-index	Aantal buitenzijden van de woning
Etnische achtergrond respondent		Leeftijd (hoofd huishouden)
Wijze en mate van baden / douchen		Aantal kinderen
Wijze en mate van ventileren		
46% verklaarde variantie	33% verklaarde variantie	40% verklaarde variantie

Energy occupant behaviour



Psychological aspects

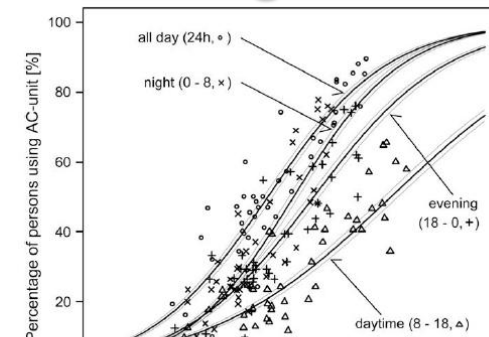
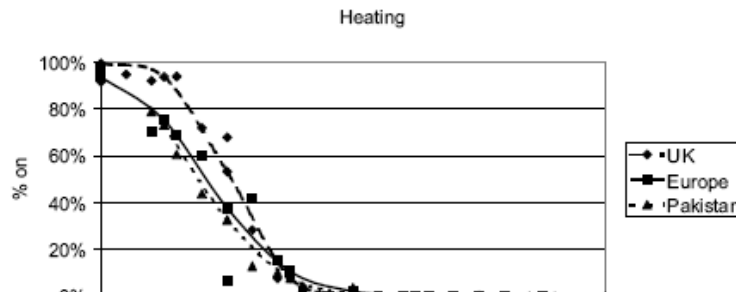


→ + group interactions

The technical approach

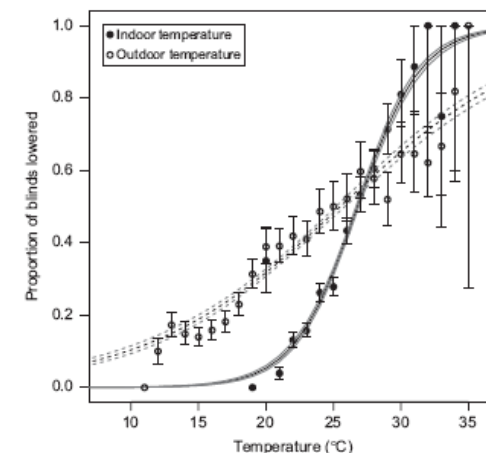
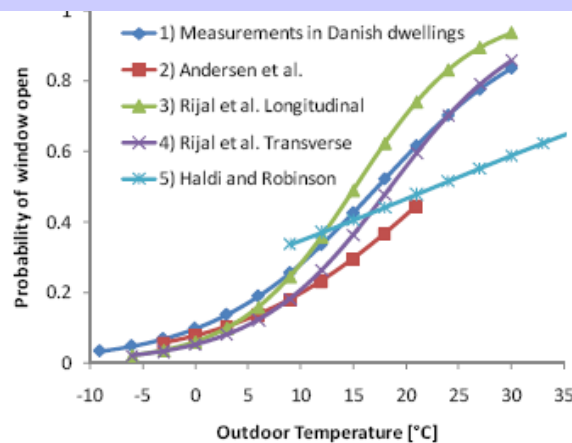


- Thermostatic setpoint
- Percentage of AC use

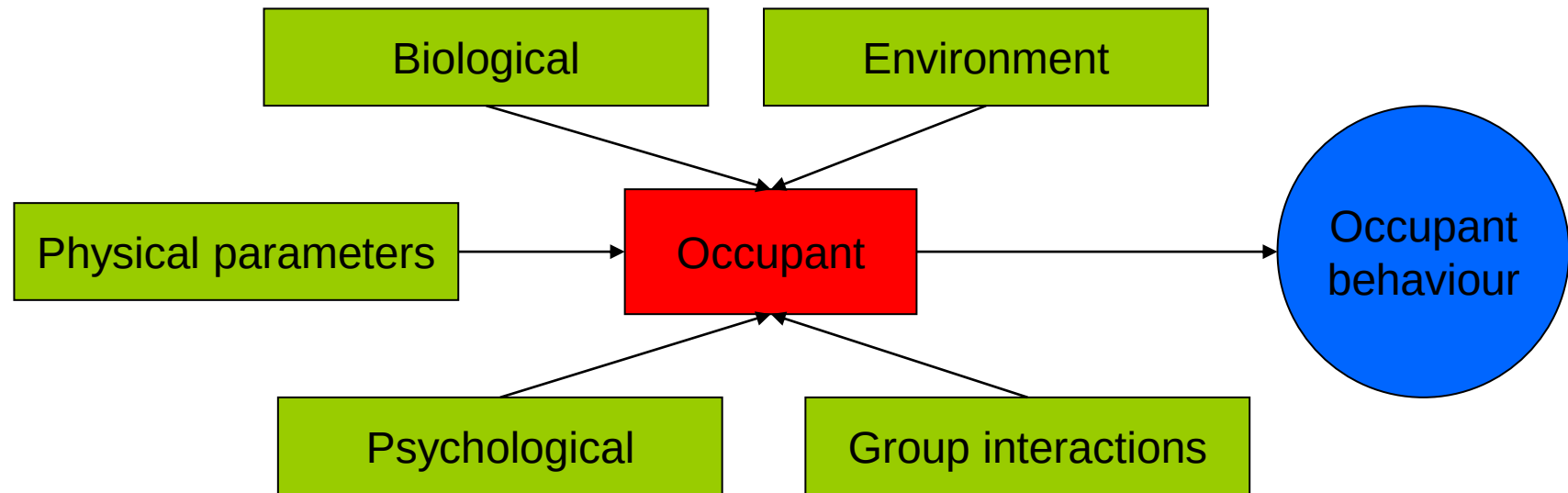


Physical
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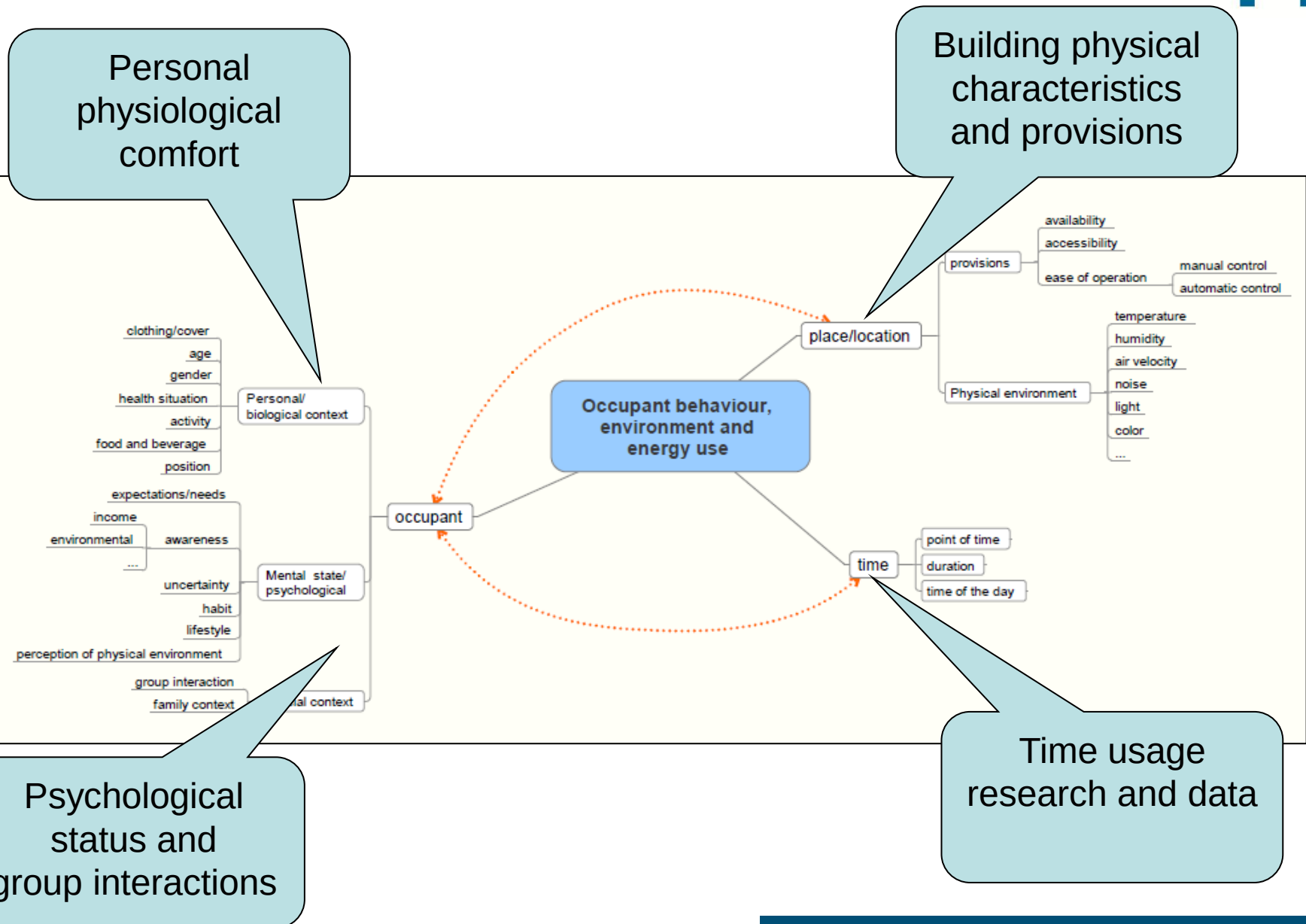
Occupant
behaviour



What is the complex reality?



Occupant behaviour and energy



Occupancy model



What type of calculation model is appropriate?

- Stochastic model, e.g. Markov-Chain Monte Carlo
- Deterministic model, e.g. occupancy profile
- Semi probabilistic/deterministic model



Occupancy



What data is available?

- Time-use survey from “The Netherlands Institute for Social Research”
- Database with 2000 respondents
- Time-interval: 15 minutes, duration: 1 week
- Activities of people have been translated in absence or presence (time and location)



Time-use survey



Microsoft Excel - Kopie van Kopie van 1_p_henk.xls

Bestand Bewerken Beeld Invoegen Opmaak Extra Data Venster Help

Typ een vraag voor hulp

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14 Data Kopie van 1_p_henk Data_presence trans_BE X trans_BA X trans_KI X trans_LI X trans...



Modelling occupancy and building



Sub-selection from the Time-use data used in building model:

- Two retired persons
- Two working persons
- Family: 2 parents and 2 children

Building model:

- Reference single-family dwelling
 - TRNSYS simulation
 - Heating in specific room on during occupancy
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Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



Outline of MCMC procedure for occupancy modelling

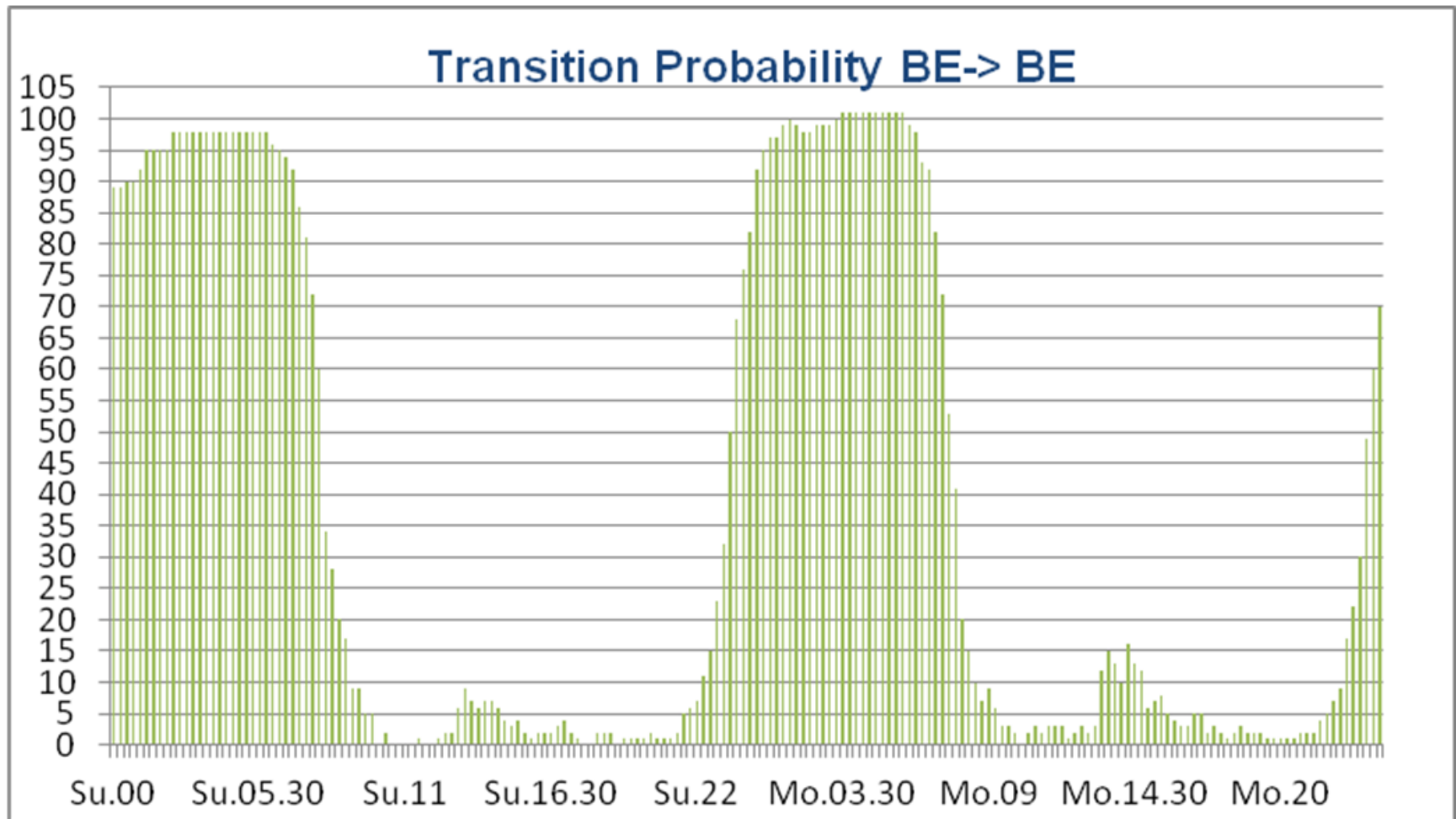
- Define 6 states: bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, living room, other, not at home
- Derive transition probabilities from one state to the other for each time step →
- Derive cumulative probabilities
- Generate random numbers and use cumulative transition probabilities to find new state

BE-BE	BE-BA	BE-KI	BE-LR	BE-OT	BE-NH
BA-BE	BA-BA	BA-KI	BA-LR	BA-OT	BA-NH
KI-BE	KI-BA	KI-KI	KI-LR	KI-OT	KI-NH
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Transition probability



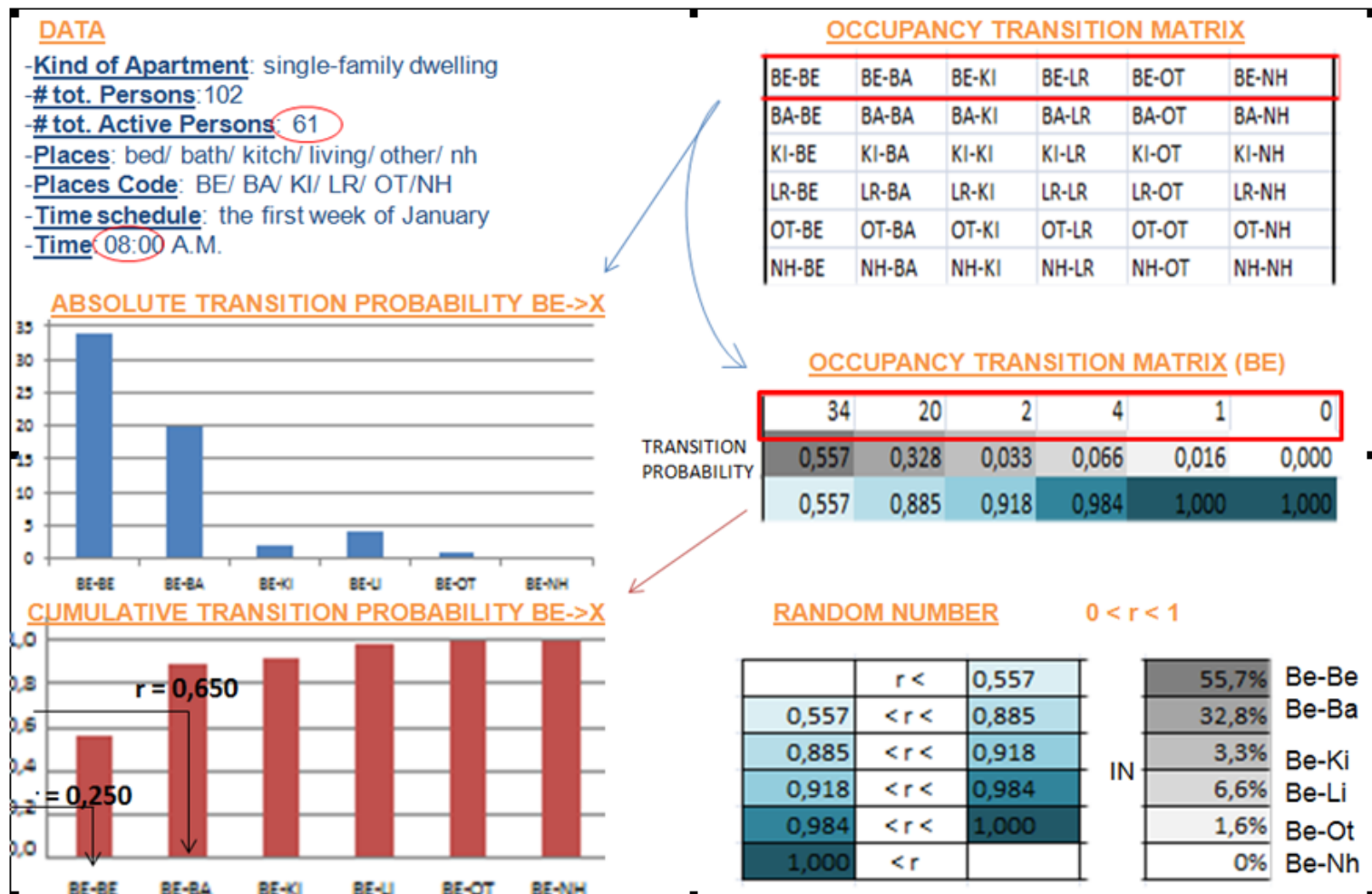
- Example transition probability: bedroom $\rightarrow$ bedroom



MCMC



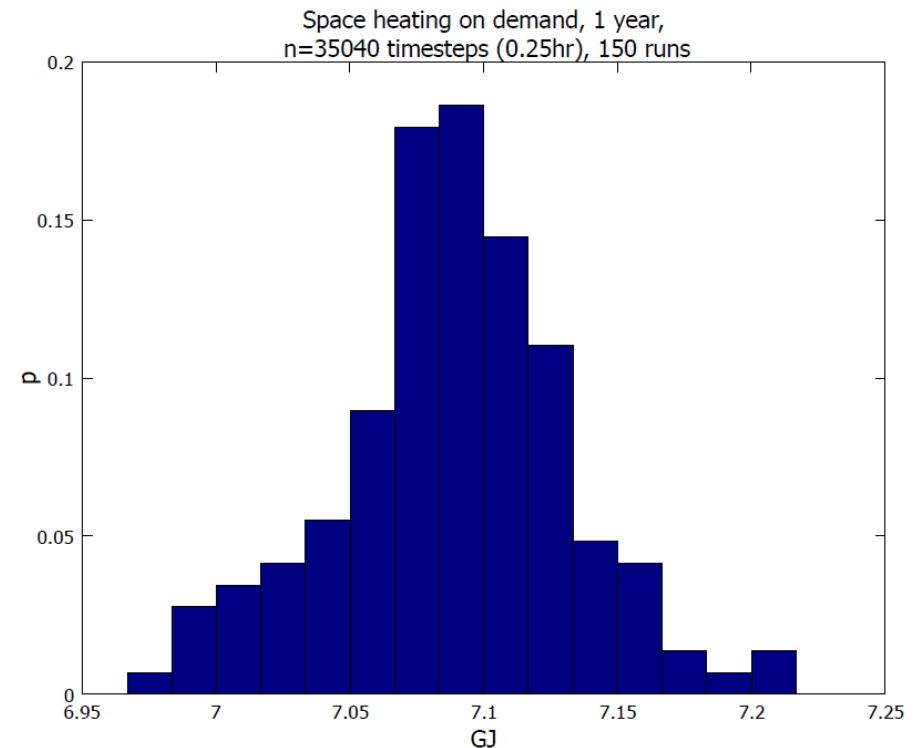
Schematic view of MCMC procedure



MCMC results



- Energy distribution, 2 working
- Complete year generated stochastically



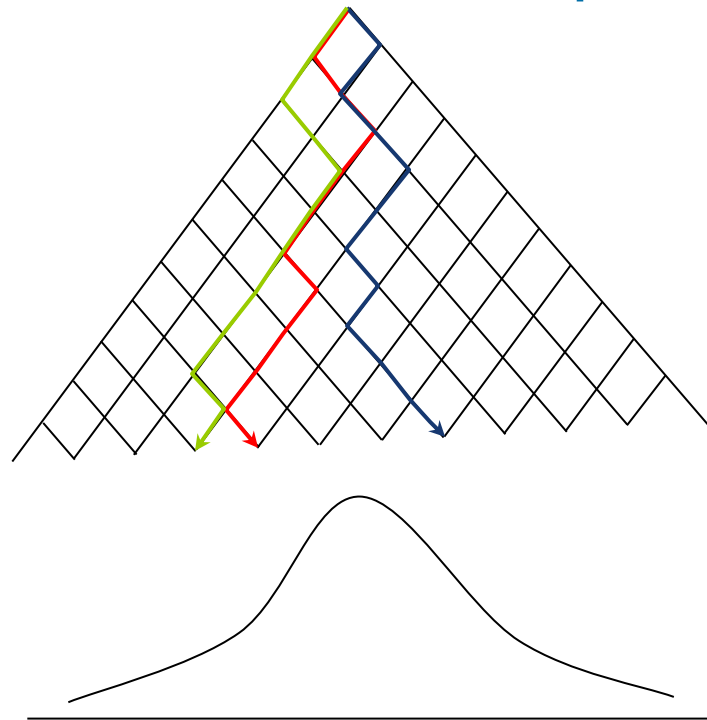
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MCMC



- Calculated variation in energy use is very small
- Why? Is this related to the MCMC procedure?
→ Yes



→ Extreme values are unlikely to occur





MCMC



- Extreme occupancy patterns (almost always absent/present) are not likely to be generated by MCMC for a whole year

Solution?

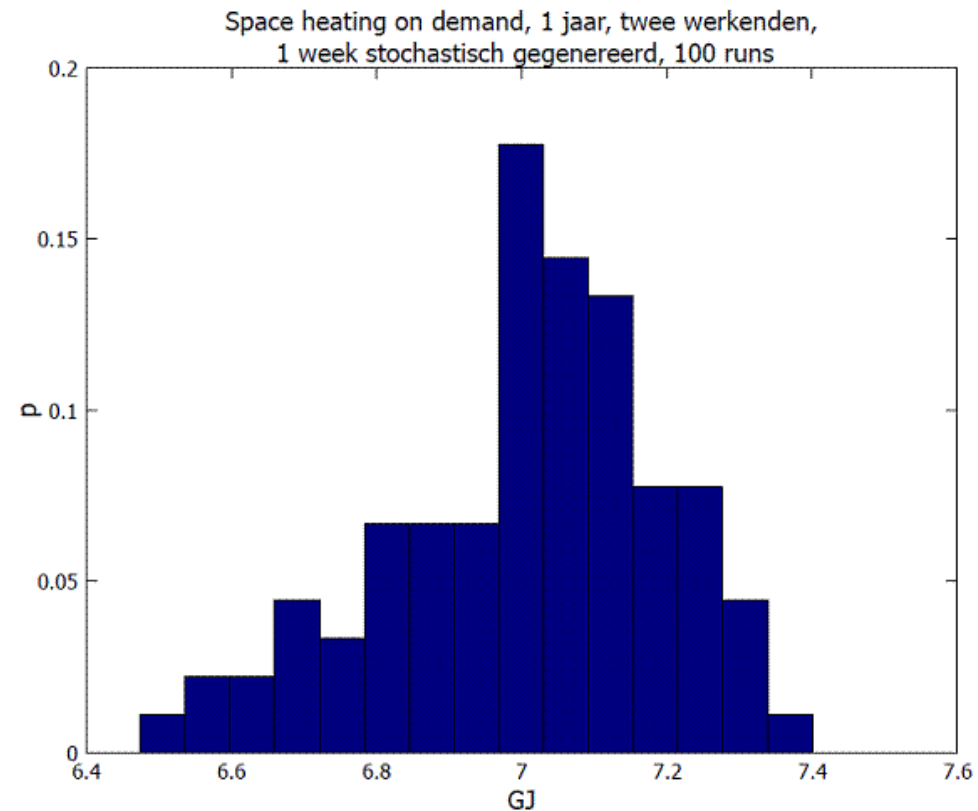
- → generate occupancy for one week only and use this 52x for a whole year?



MCMC results



- One week generated stochastically, used 52X
- 2 working



1. Yearly heating: 7.0-7.2 GJ
2. Yearly heating: 6.5-7.4 GJ



No MCMC?



- The calculated variation in energy use has increased but is still not large
- Solution: → No MCMC?

Transition probabilities in the Markov-Chain are based on occupancy patterns of 100-150 different people. → variation in occupancy will be averaged out in MCMC

Monte Carlo run for deterministic profiles?

- Randomly combine deterministic occupancy profiles.
- Do this several times
- Analyze variation in energy use





- Household size
- Age
- Health
- Life style
- etc

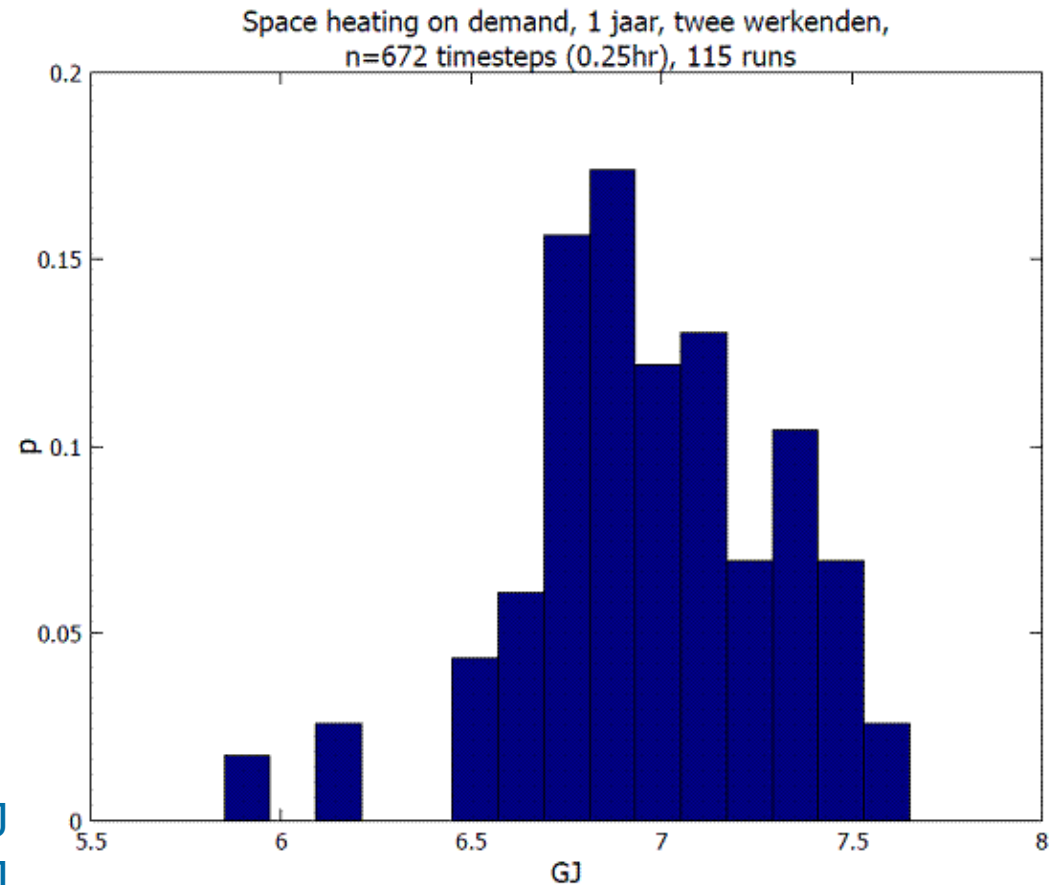
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Input dataset
for deterministic
calculations

Monte Carlo run for profiles



- Deterministic profiles have been sampled repeatedly
- 2 working



1. Yearly heating: 7.0-7.2 GJ
2. Yearly heating: 6.5-7.4 GJ
3. Yearly heating: 5.7-7.6 GJ



Monte Carlo run for profiles



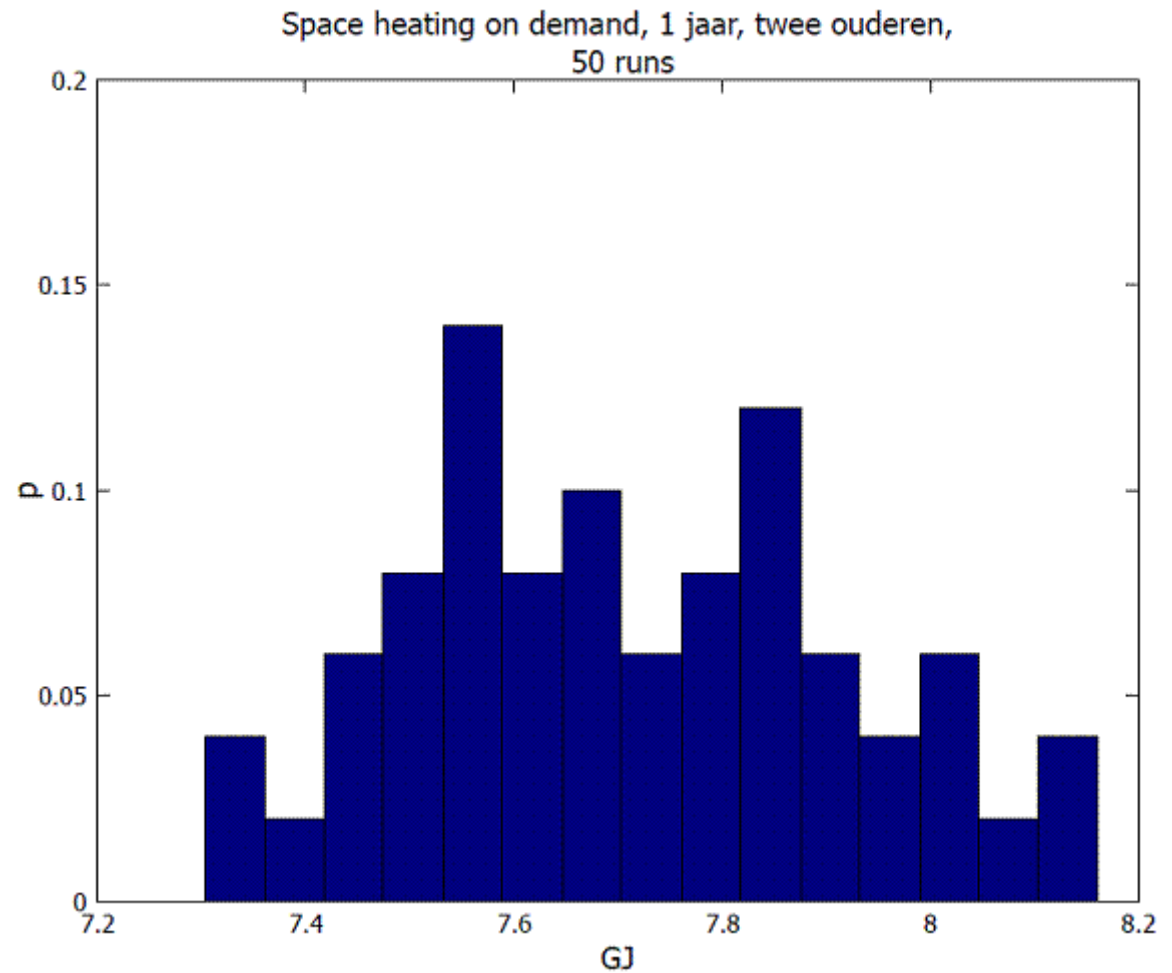
- The calculated variation in energy use has increased
- These values make more sense
- Apply this procedure also to “2 retired persons” and “families”



Monte Carlo run for profiles



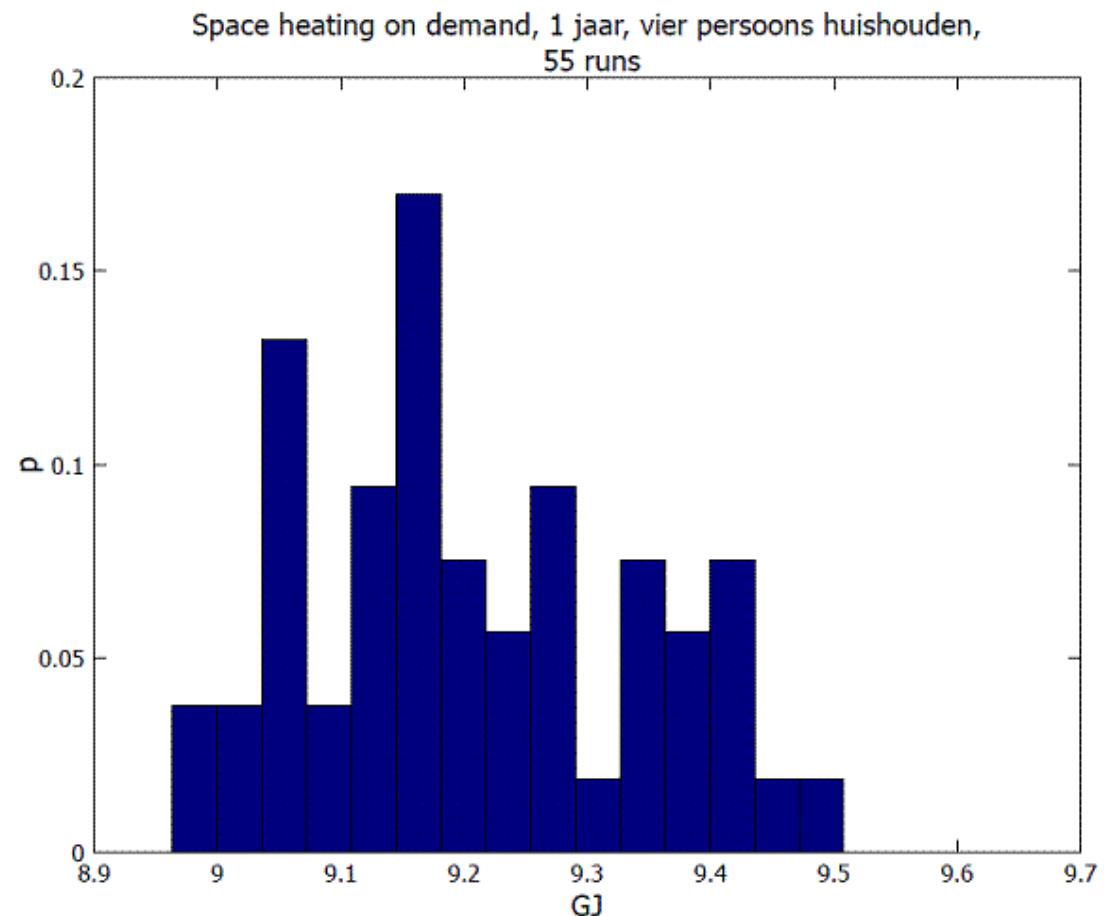
- Deterministic profiles have been sampled repeatedly
- 2 aged people



Monte Carlo run for profiles



- Deterministic profiles have been sampled repeatedly
- Families (4p.)



Results



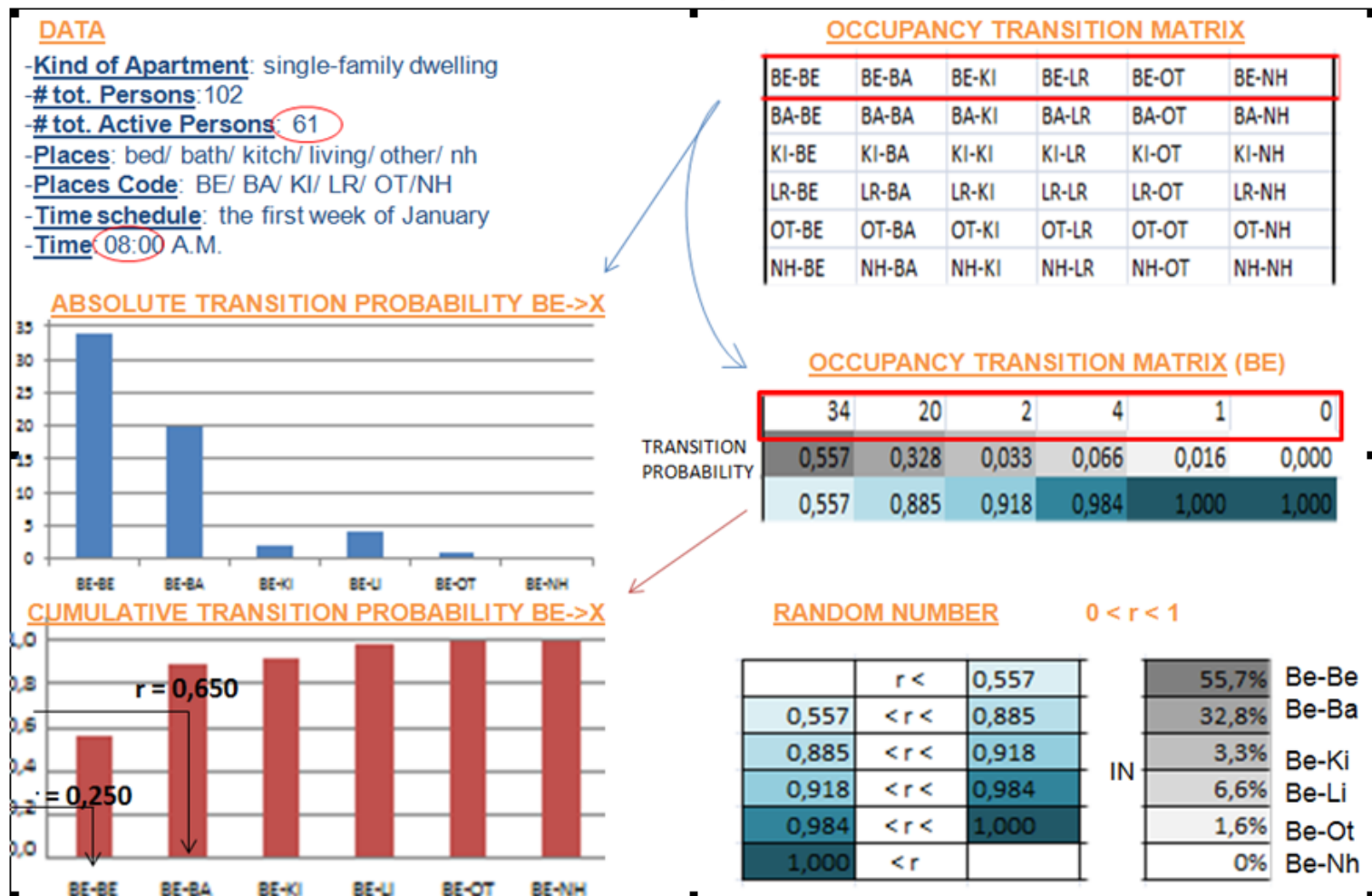
- Variation in heating energy

dwelling	occupancy	Yearly heating (GJ)
Single-family	2 working	5.8 – 7.7
Single-family	2 retired	7.4 – 8.2
Single-family	4p. family	9.0 – 9.5

MCMC



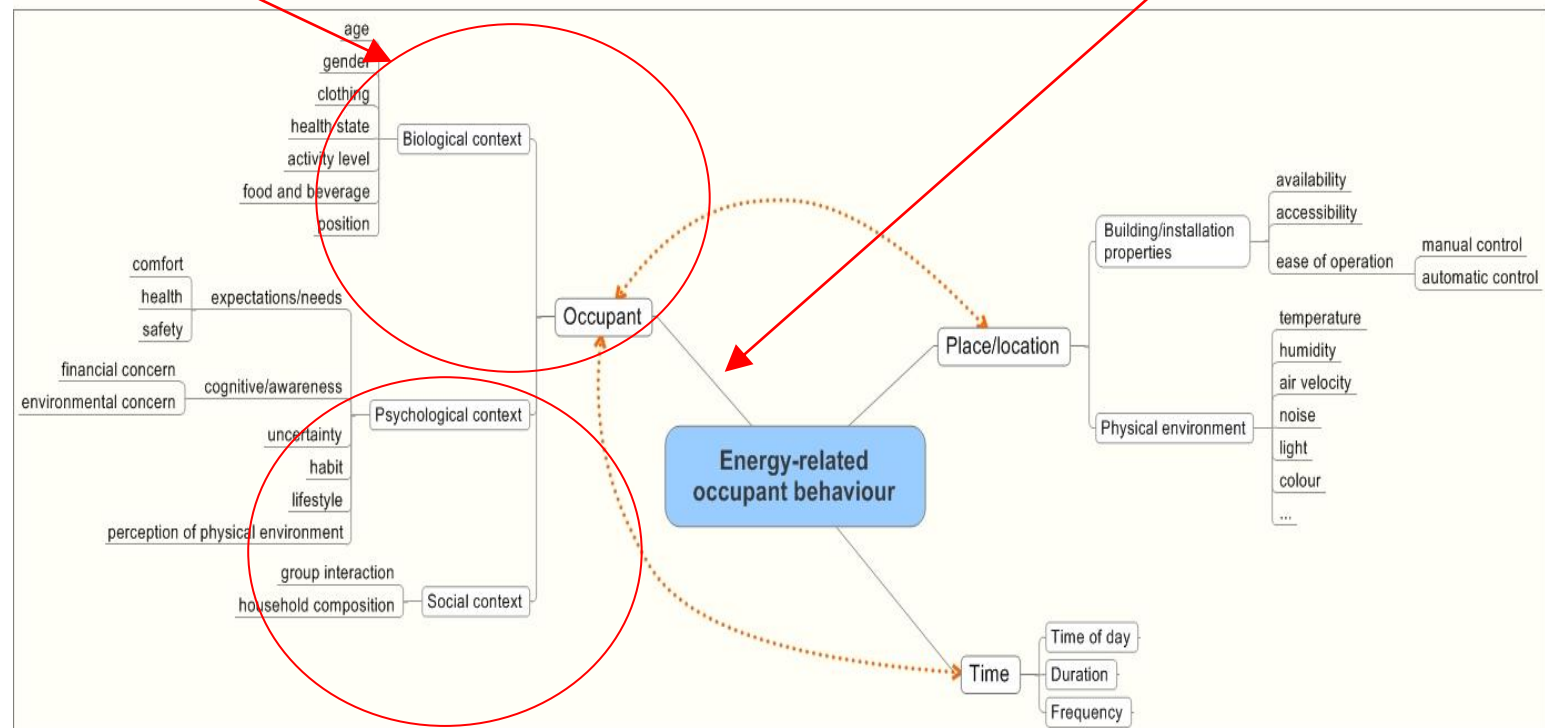
Schematic view of MCMC procedure



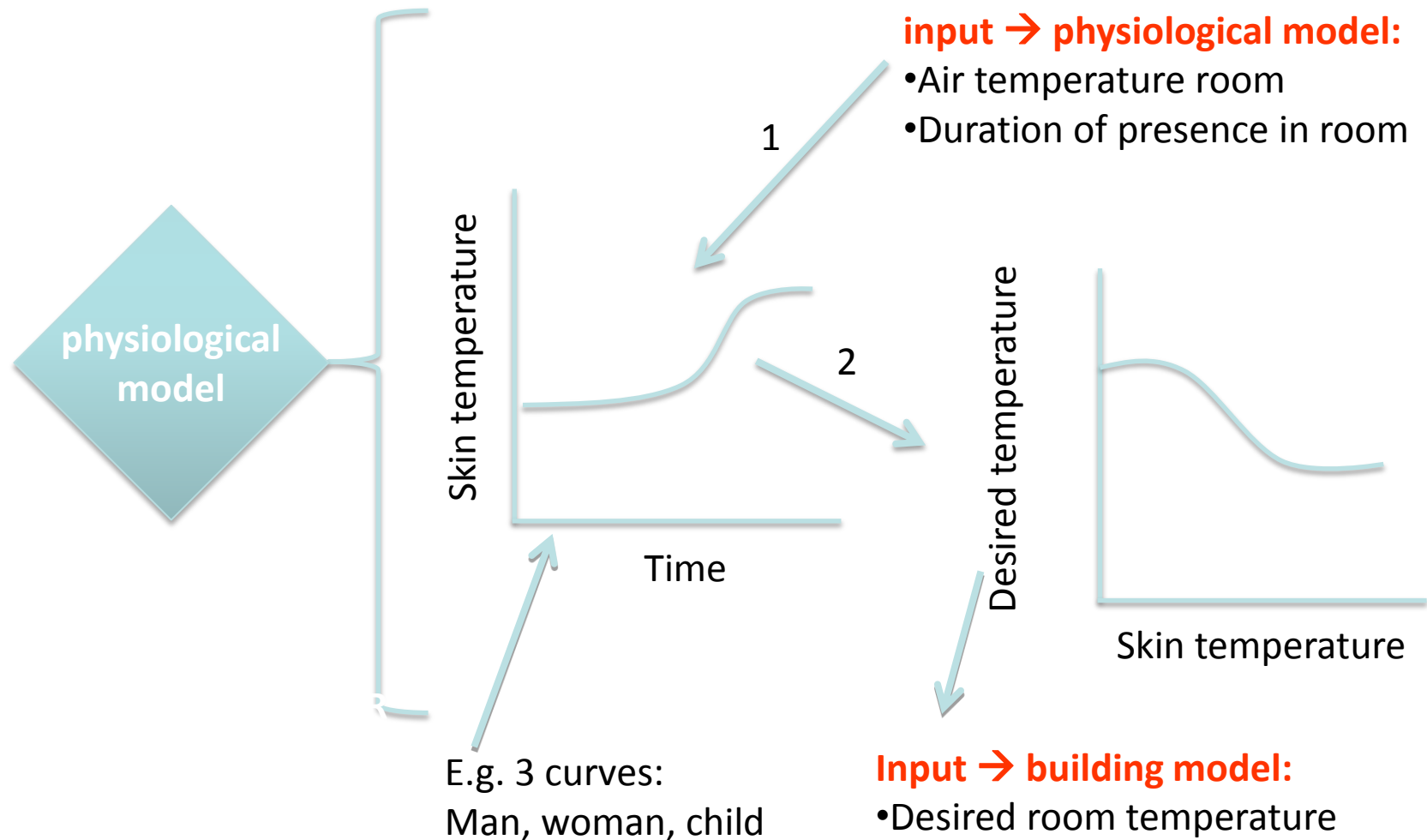
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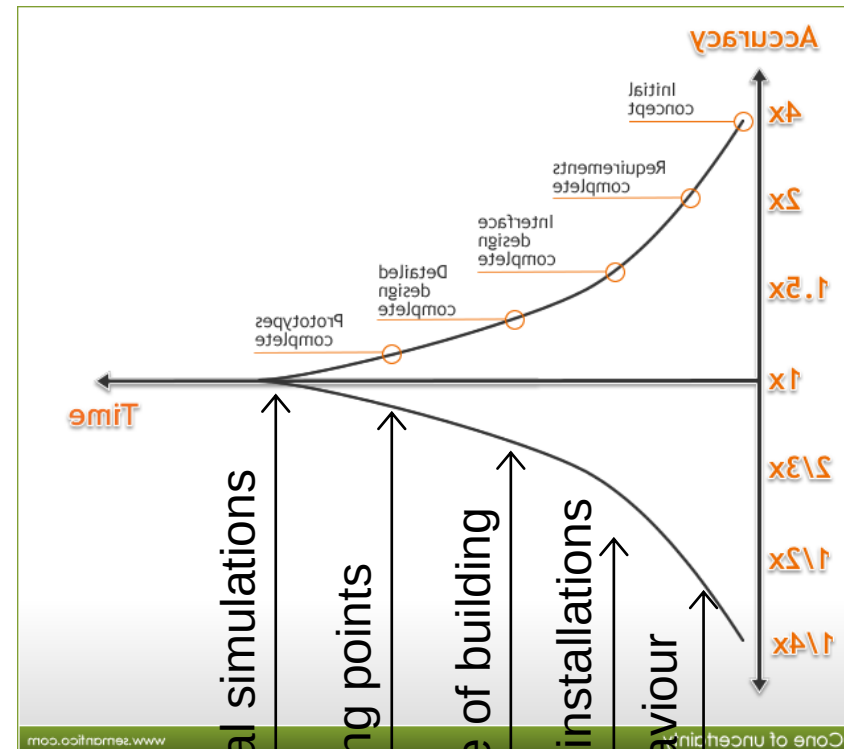
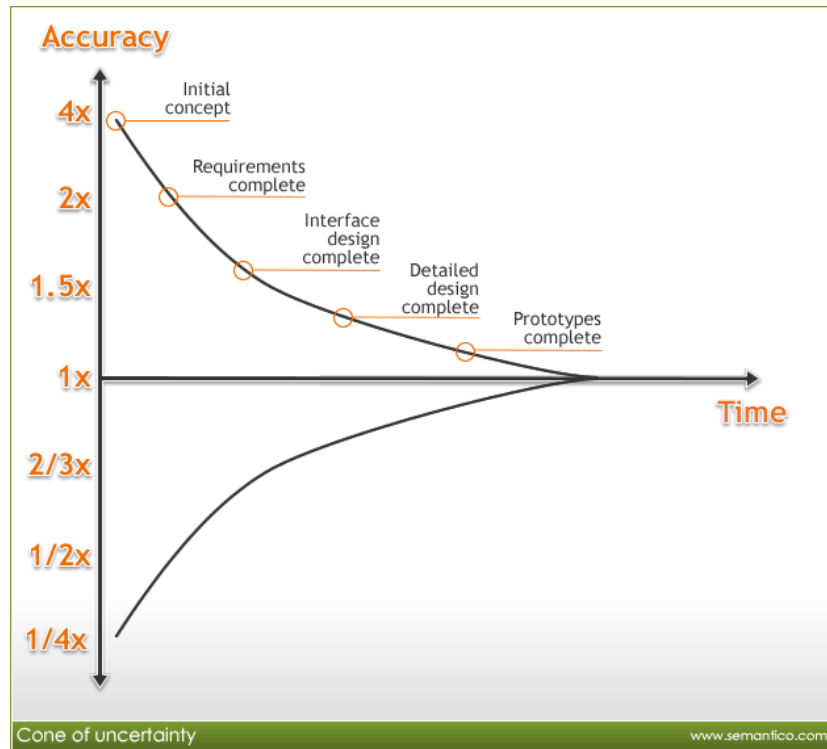
- Coupling occupancy/building model with physiological model and psychological model



Coupling with physiological model



Cone of uncertainty



1. Thermal simulations
2. Starting points
3. Performance of building
4. Performance of installations
5. Occupant behaviour

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From prototype to reality

