



EuroPHit

"Retrofitting for the energy revolution, one step at a time"

Technical ideas out of the Passive House Development

IEA Annex 61

**"Development and Demonstration of Financial and Technical
Concepts for **Deep Energy Retrofits** for Government/Public
Buildings and Building Clusters"**

Concepts for financing and calculation of economic key values

Speaker: Berthold Kaufmann, Passivhaus Institut, Darmstadt

Can you spot the retrofitted house on this street?



Architect: Julie Torres Moskovitz the 'Tighthouse' project: 23 Park Place, Brooklyn, NYC



Thermographic image – Sam McAfee, SG.Build

Source: Tomás O'Leary tomas@passivehouseacademy.com

Pilot project: renovation with PH components – Tevesstrasse Frankfurt



290
kWh/m²a



-95%

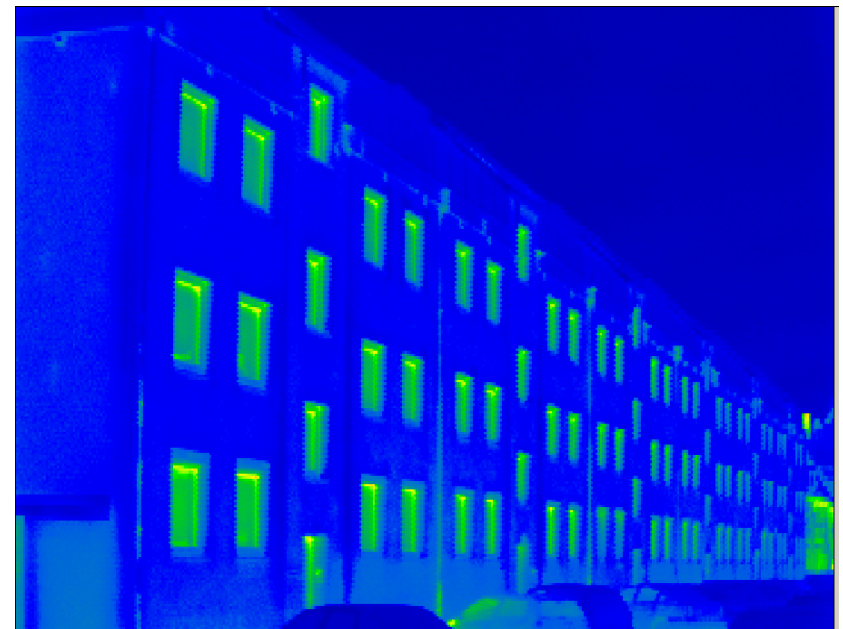


Sanierungsprojekt Tevesstraße FF/M
Bauherr: ABG Frankfurt Holding
Architekten: faktor10, Darmstadt

Wissenschaftliche Begleitung:
Passivhaus Institut, Darmstadt

Gefördert aus Mitteln des Hessischen
Ministeriums für Wirtschaft, Verkehr
und Landesentwicklung, Wiesbaden

17
kWh/m²a



Introduction: Ideas out of the Passive House Development

recently high energy prices...

- economic numbers clearly show what to do ('deep renovation')

why do so few actors really do?

possible approaches how to solve this dilemma:

- **which actions (renovation) give what savings?**
detailed energy balance calculation needed
- **important question (technical): do buildings work as intended???**
Quality Control is crucial
make good quality visible by labelling
- **important question (economical): is there a budget????**
economic balance evaluation is crucial
economic evaluation (total lifecycle) of energy efficiency actions
- what do energy efficient components really cost in detail?
many decision makers do not know about that!

What thermal insulation layer is economically reasonable?

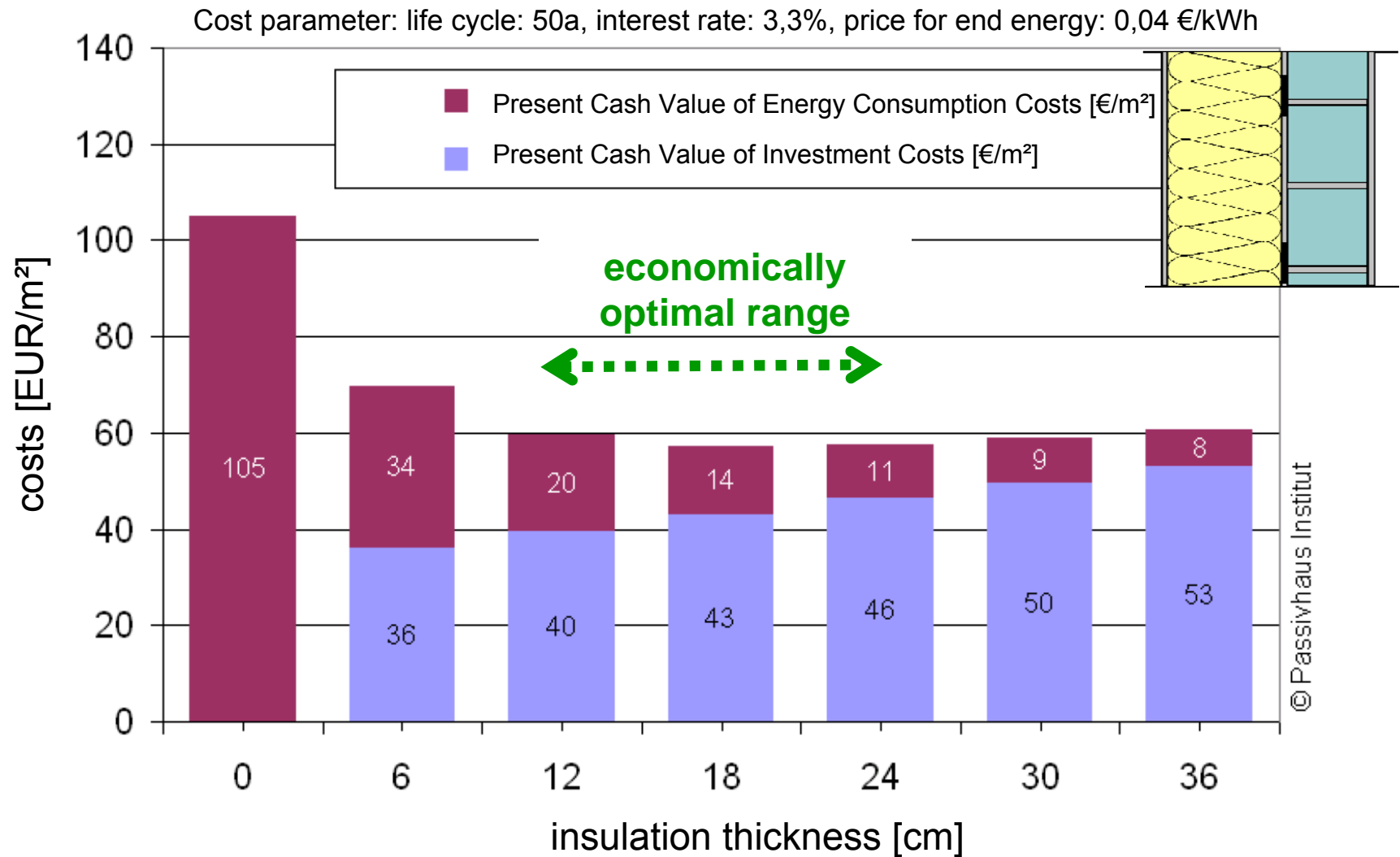


... What is the optimal ratio between energy savings and investment costs?

... what ist the cost of new paint for the building?

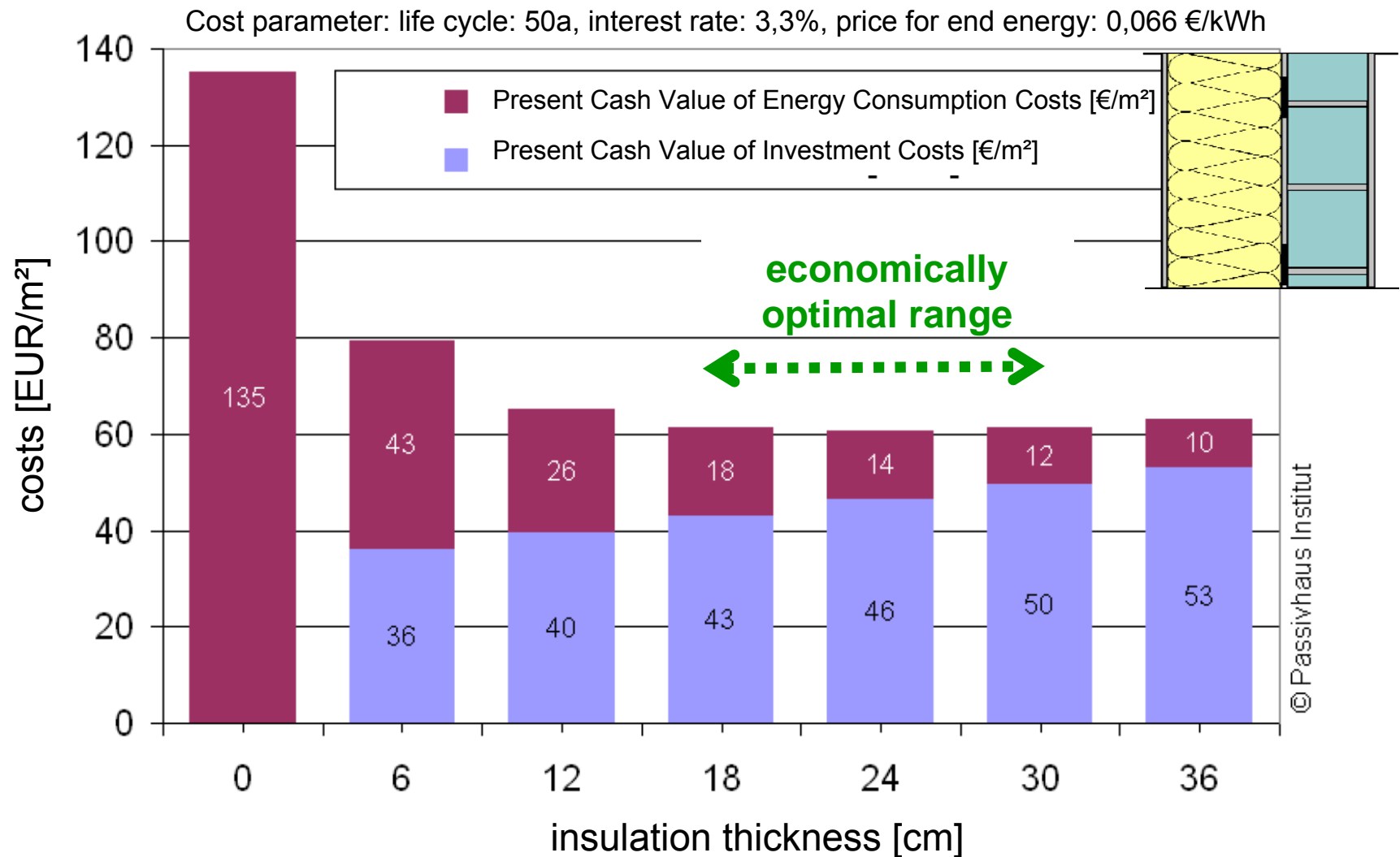
Total cost analysis of thermal insulation layer (ETHICS)

- boundary conditions as in the past (before 2004)



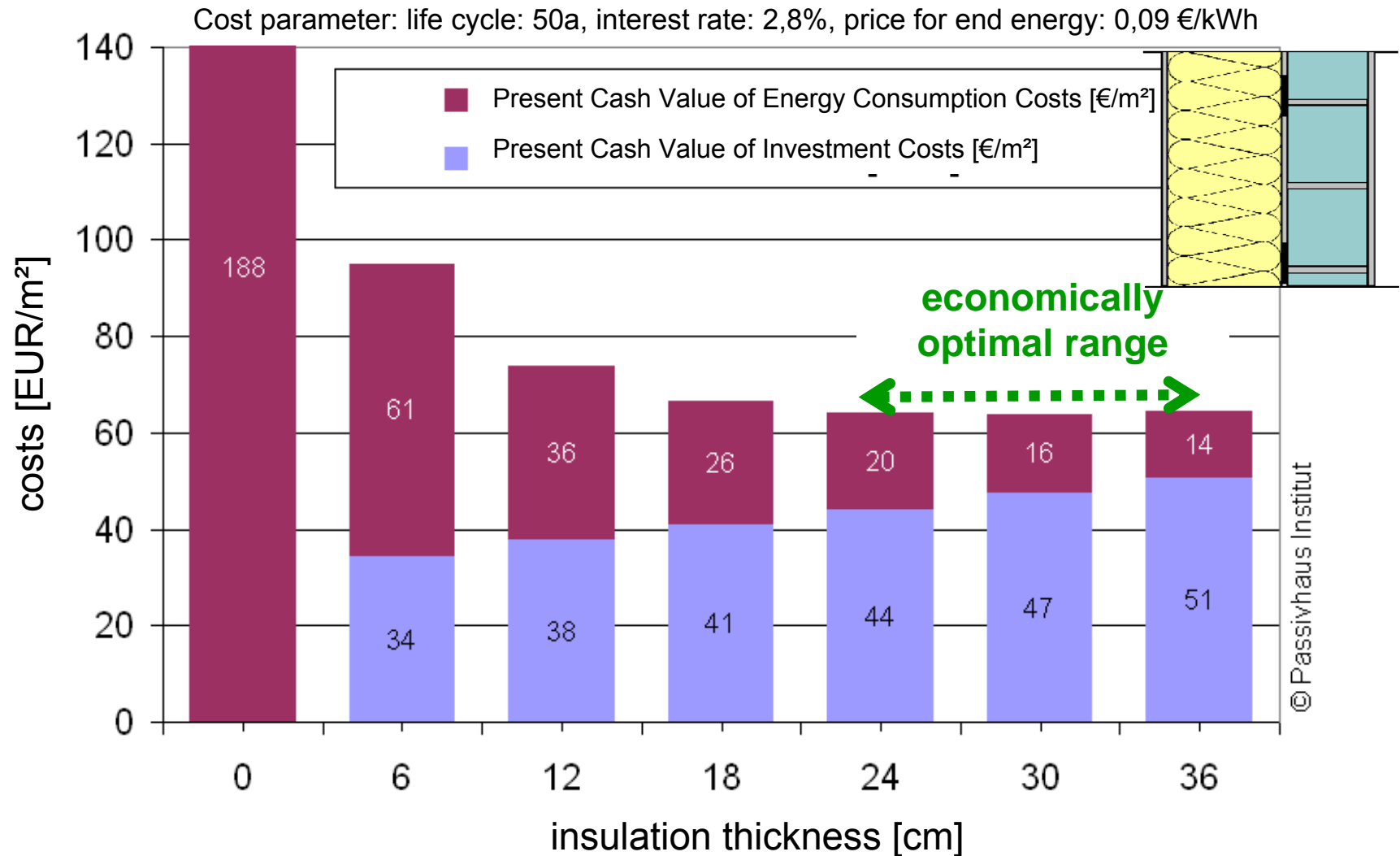
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- boundary conditions as reported for german government (BBR 2008)



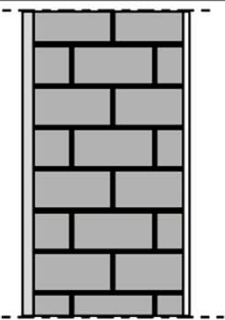
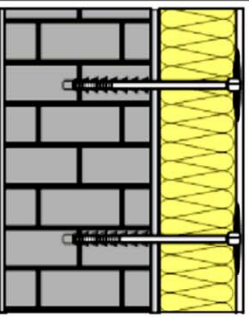
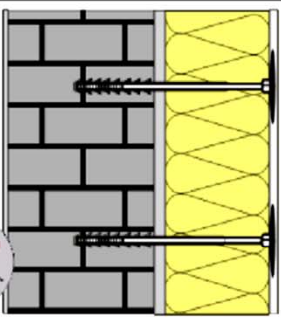
Total cost analysis of thermal insulation layer (ETHICS)

- boundary conditions as today (2012)



- detailed cost data available for Germany

Measure to be taken anyway: new rendering

Existing assembly:	anyway	economically minimal acceptable	future-proof level of protection
	measure to be taken anyway: without insulation	refurbishment including minimal required insulation	refurbishment including a sustainable level of insulation
external wall with plaster	new rendering	insulation with ETHICS	insulation with ETHICS
U-value of the existing assembly	U-value of the existing assembly	economically maximum acceptable U-value	U-value required for sustainability
1,41 W/(m²K)	1,41 W/(m²K)	0,16 W/(m²K)	0,12 W/(m²K)
		add. insulation / R-Value 22 cm 5,43 m ² K/W	add. insulation / R-Value 30 cm 7,42 m ² K/W
			
investments in construction:	40 €/m²	79 €/m²	86 €/m²
		39 €/m²	46 €/m²
Salvage value of the energy saving measure after 20 years (lifecycle is 50a):		39%	39%
Salvage value of the energy saving measure after 20 years:		15 €/m ²	18 €/m ²
Cost of the energy saving measure after the salvage value has been subtracted:		23 €/m²	28 €/m²
Annual capital costs of the energy saving measure:		1,65 €/(m ² a)	1,94 €/(m ² a)
annual heating costs saved (average energy price 6,3 €Cent/kWh):		6,81 €/(m²a)	7,03 €/(m²a)
	annual profit:	5,16 €/(m²a)	5,09 €/(m²a)

[GDI 2005]
[BBR 2008]
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www.passiv.de

full life cycle costs of renovation projects are crucial

- two identical buildings: 2 * 750 m²
- renovation according to 'EnerPHit' and 'low-energy'
- Monitoring (2 years)
- accounted costs available:
- (gross)

	EnerPHit	low-energy	difference
total construction:	1229 €/m ² tfa.	1053 €/m ² tfa.	174 €/m ²
energy components:	389 €/m ² tfa.	222 €/m ² tfa.	166 €/m ²

- owner: GAG housing company, Ludwigshafen



'EnerPHit'

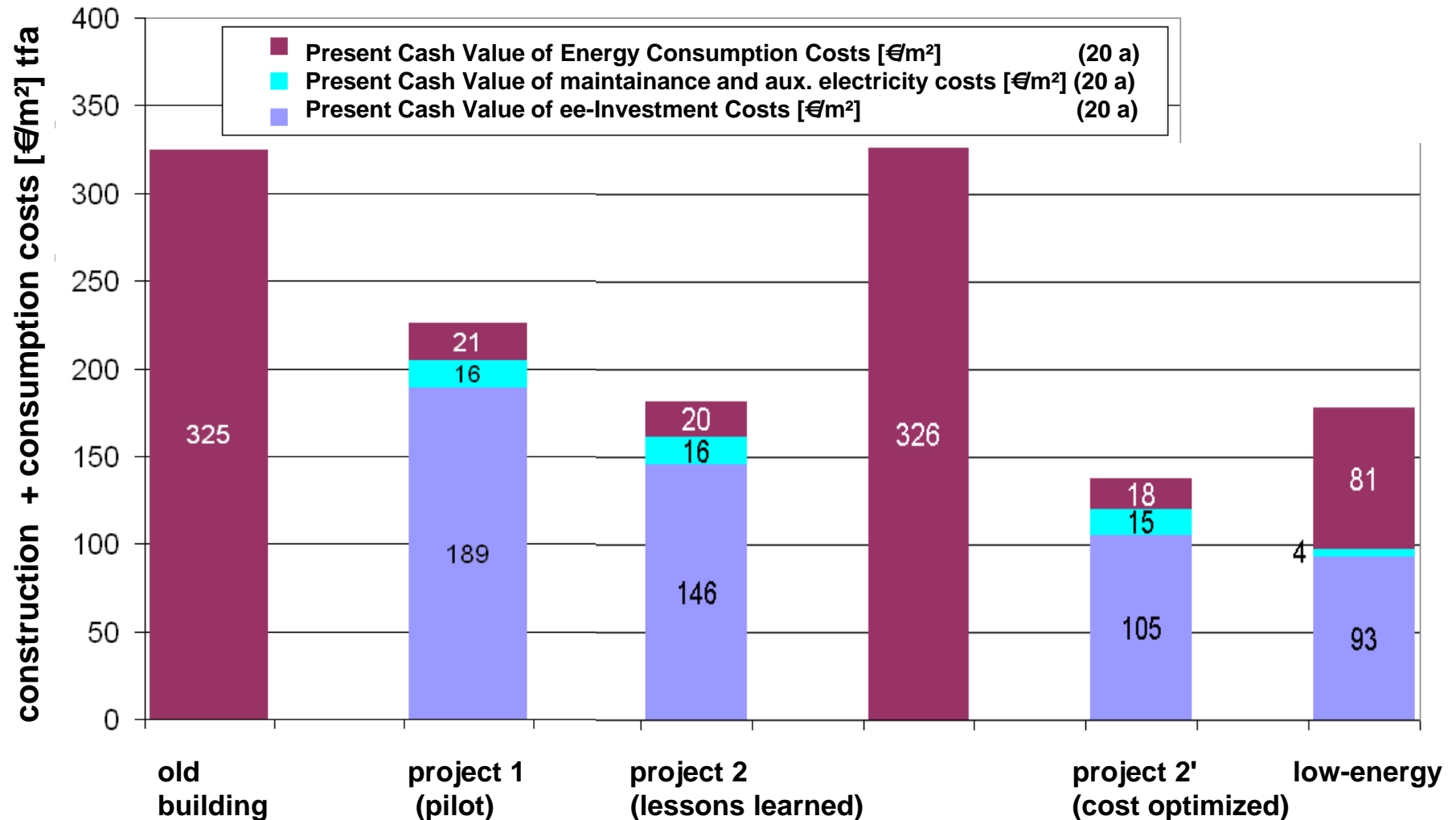
'low-energy'



old building: 1965

full life cycle costs of renovation projects: comparison 'EnerPHit' with 'low-energy'

- cash value of energy consumption costs for 20 years (endenergy: 0.07 €/kWh)
- cash value of maintenance costs for 20 years
- cash value of ee-investment minus 'anyway' costs minus residual value (20 years)



source: IEA Task 37 and AKKP 42 (Ökonomie) for full reports see www.passiv.de

evident things...

you should only do build things you really need

– if you do not need a building (or have no money) don't do it.

- energy savings (EE) repay for the energy related action investment but for nothing else

look out for chances – combine the business

- if there is a building/renovation needed anyway
just do the related energy saving action in that moment
- extra costs for thermal insulation etc. are quite small

recently energy prices high ... interest rates low:

- investment in EE has priority to energy consumption

economic numbers clearly show what to do ('deep renovation')

QA and QC with deep energy retrofit

Quality Assessment & Quality Control by third party

is absolutely necessary

is worth while (because not really expensive)

- thermal insulation (U-values)
- thermal leakage (thermal bridges)
- air tightness of building envelope
- heat recovery performance of ventilation system

When having checked ... mark 'good quality' by labels

- labelling is helpful for visualisation
- labelling is market information
- labelling provides orientation of market players

We know about good quality and can help to get it!

but there is no guarantee... anyway – good chance to win!

Buildings
(new & renovation):



Components:



certified window frames and glazings, doors, ventilation systems compact heat pump units, construction systems without thermal bridges, low thermal bridge solutions,...

Persons:



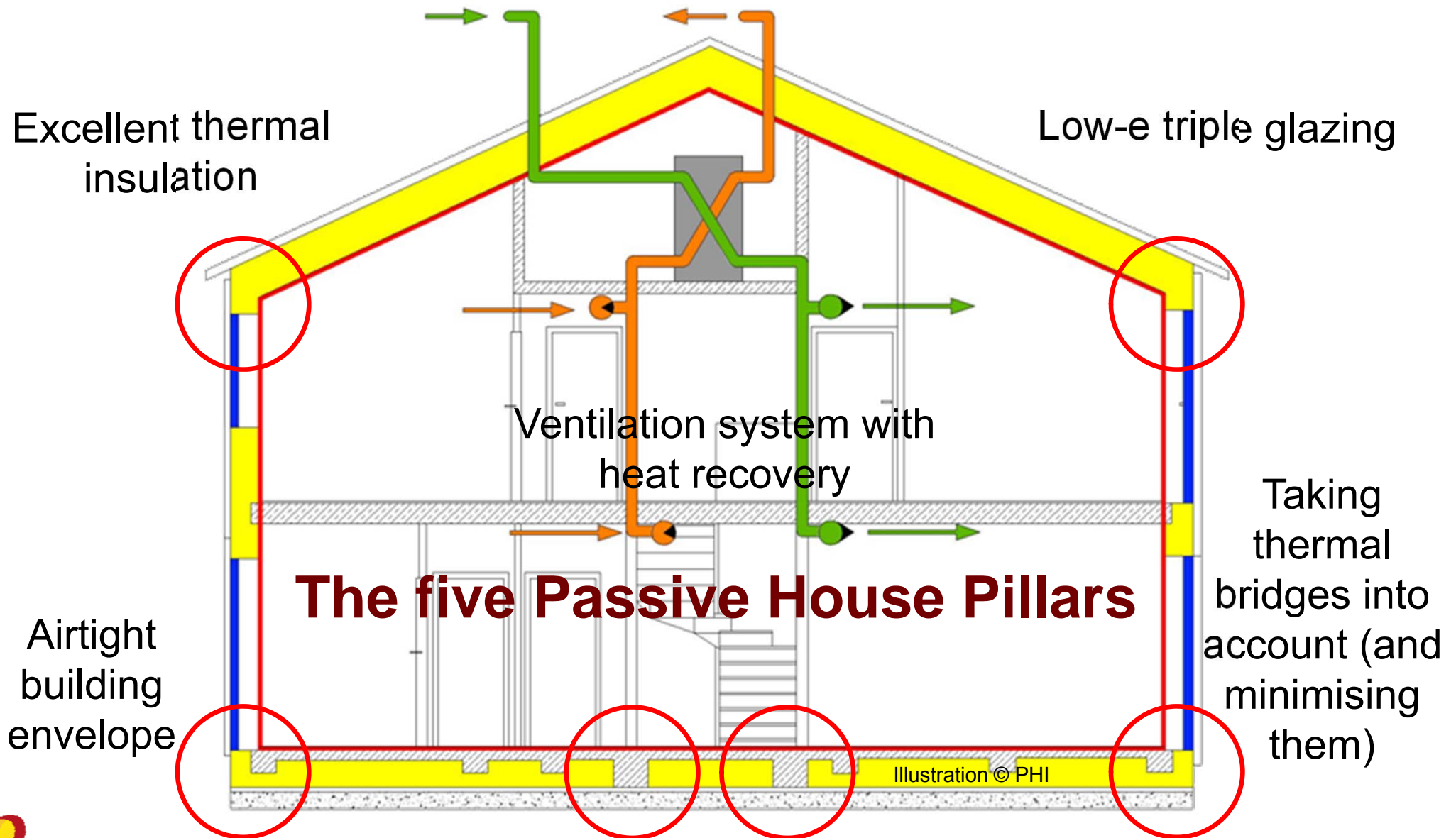
Summary 1:

- recently high energy prices...
- **for deep renovation just copy Passive House**
- full lifecycle costs evaluation gives extra budget options:
 - extra investment on building envelope
 - significantly lower energy consumption costs
- both effects balance each other! (at present energy prices)
- **! if savings are significant ! much more than 50% possible !**

- recent examples for good practice available:
 - IEA Task 28 (newbuilt)
 - IEA Task 37 (renovation)
 - IEA Annex 61 (business models)**
 - EuroPHit**
- the 'three risk' evaluation – what do you fear about?
 - risk of failure 1 ... nobody needs that building here
 - risk of too high construction costs / interest rates
 - risk of too low energy prices ... too low calculated cost savings
 - risk of failure 2 too bad quality, so not enough savings

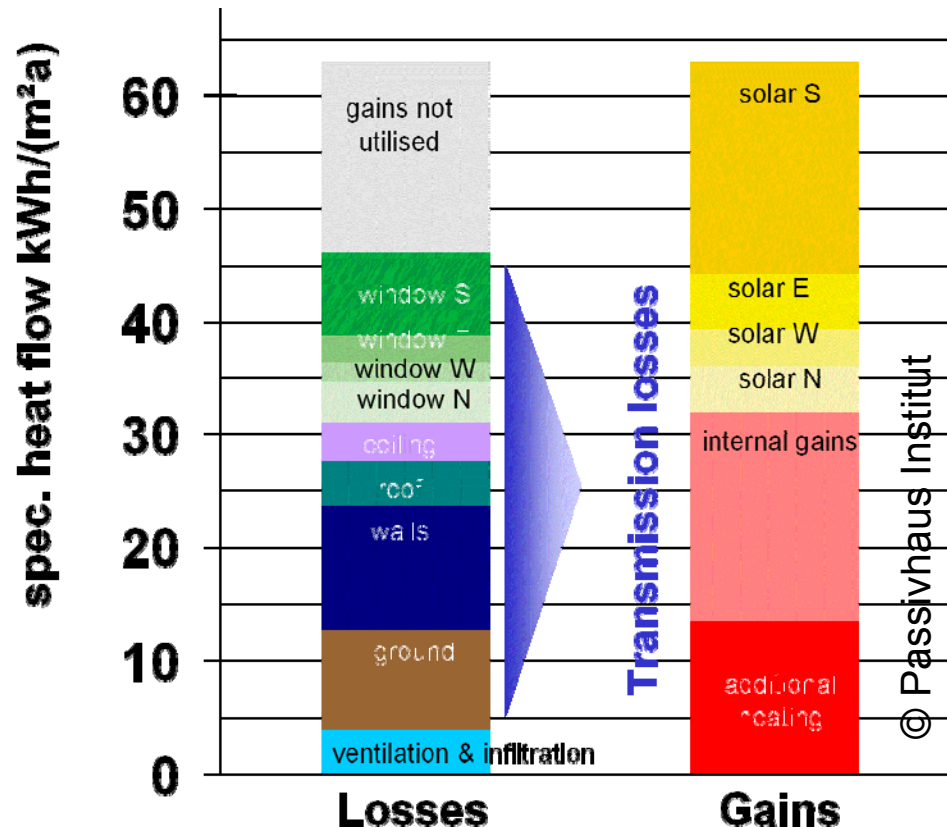
What is a Passive House?

It's the details that matter!



how to design buildings with respect to energy -- setup detailed energy balance

- Going to small numbers you must be exact!
- **new PHPP version 8.4 (2013) available**
- ... extended ventilation spreadsheet for office buildings
- ... sheets 'summer', 'cooling', 'dehumidification' revised
- ... access to further climate data sets possible



– das Planungstool für Passivhäuser

Anforderungen an qualitätsgeprüfte Passivhäuser

Modernisation of existing buildings – some extra problems

Thermal bridges

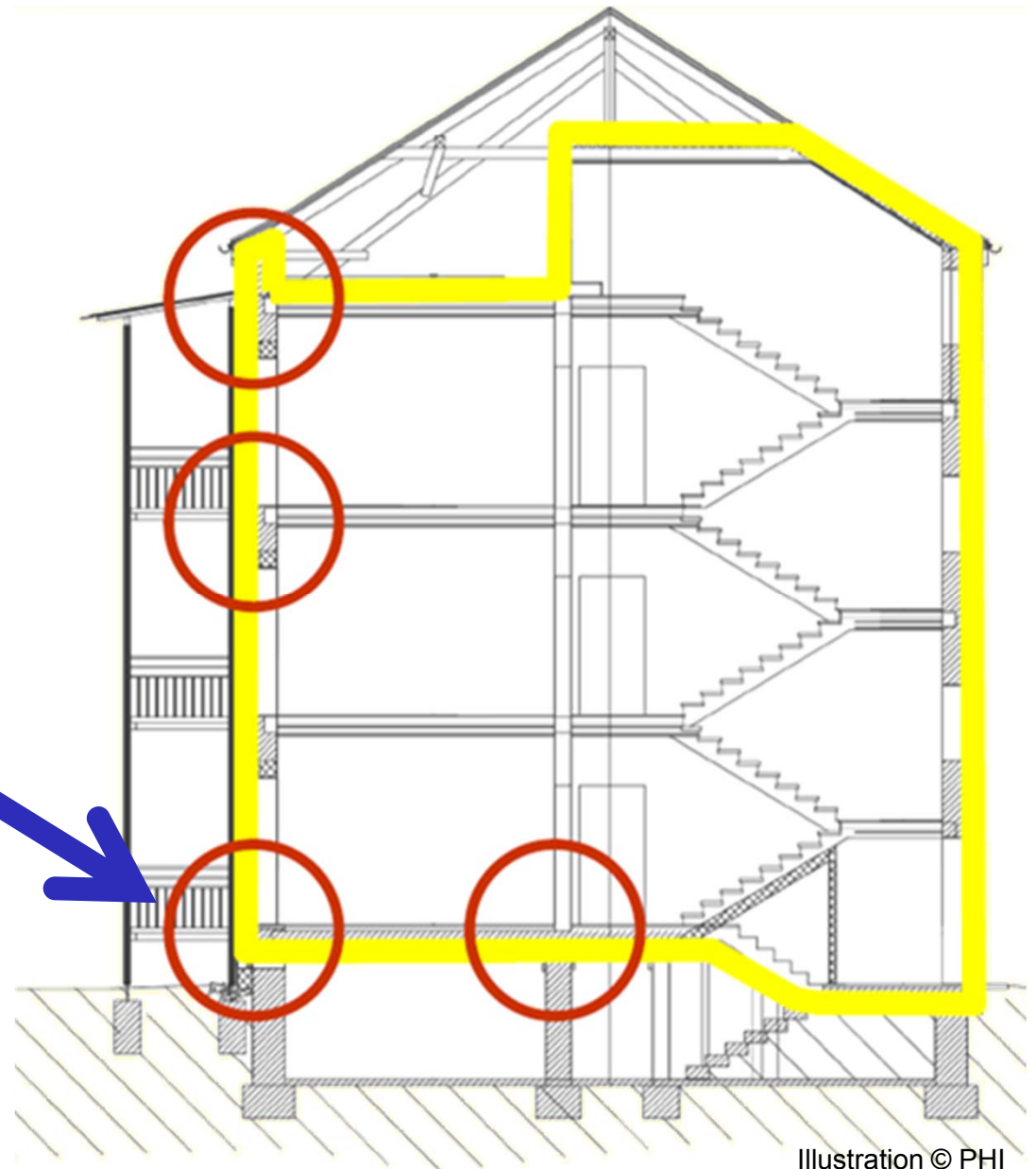
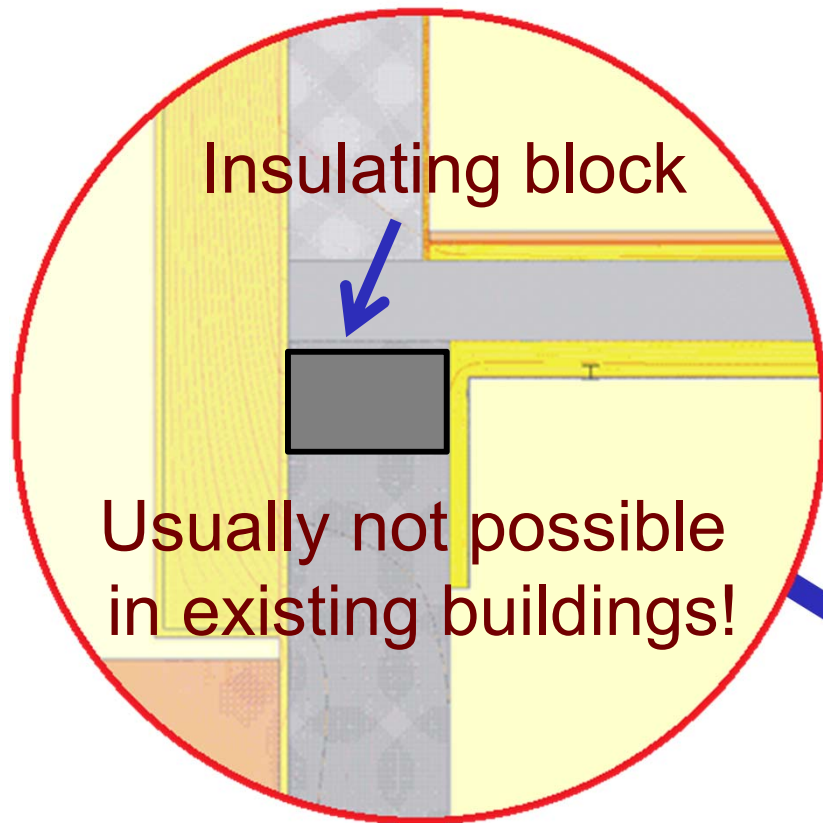
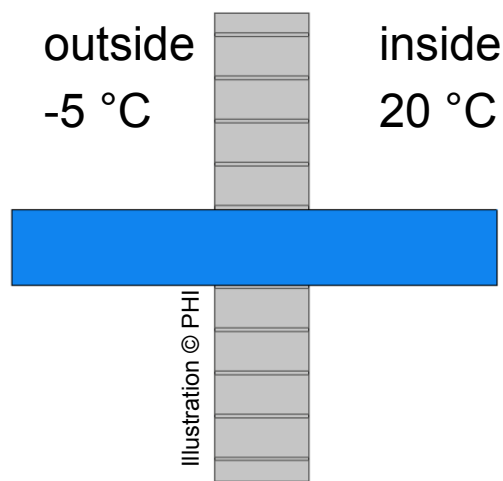


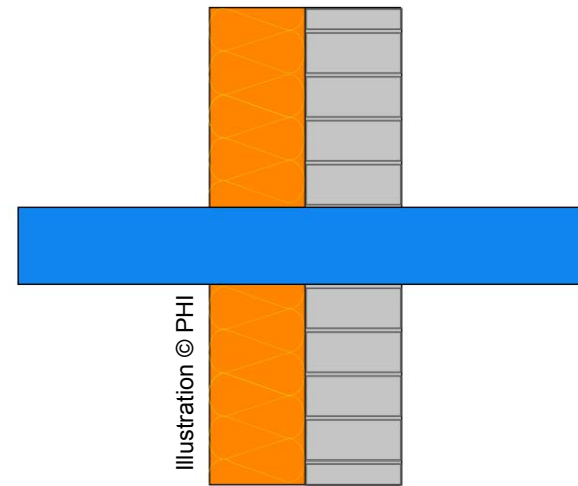
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Modernisation of existing buildings – some extra problems

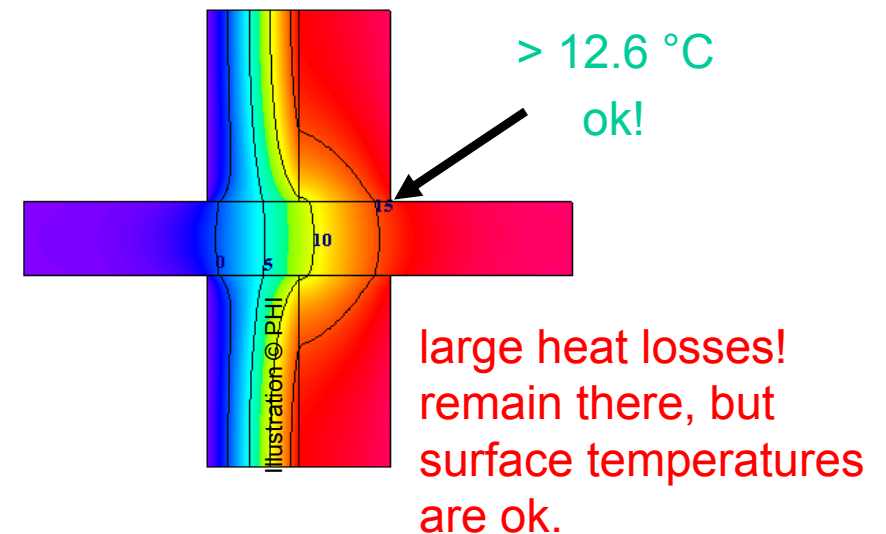
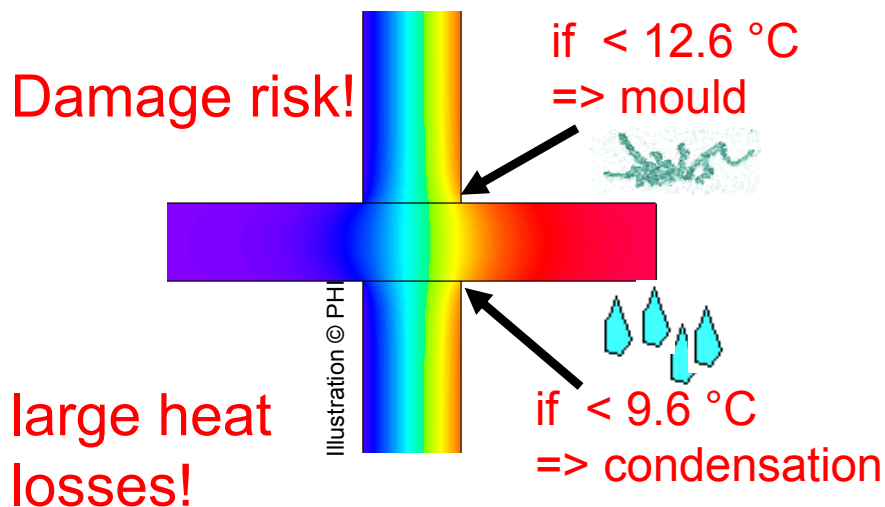
'constructive' thermal bridges as balconies sometimes cannot be removed



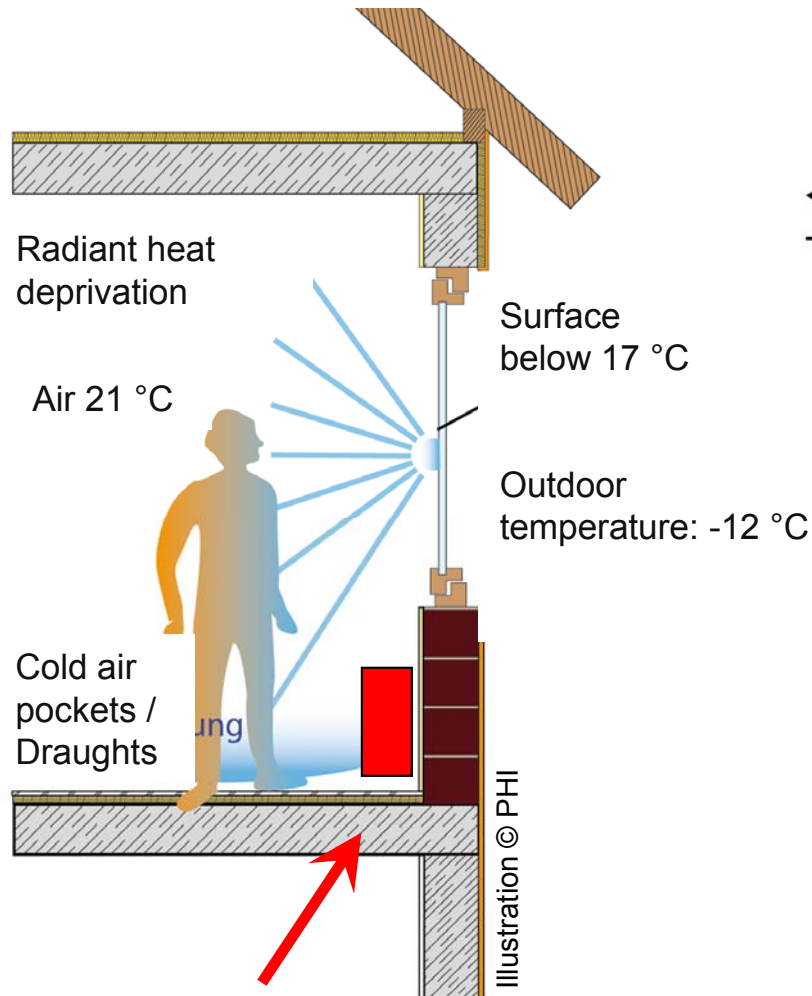
not insulated



Passive House insulation

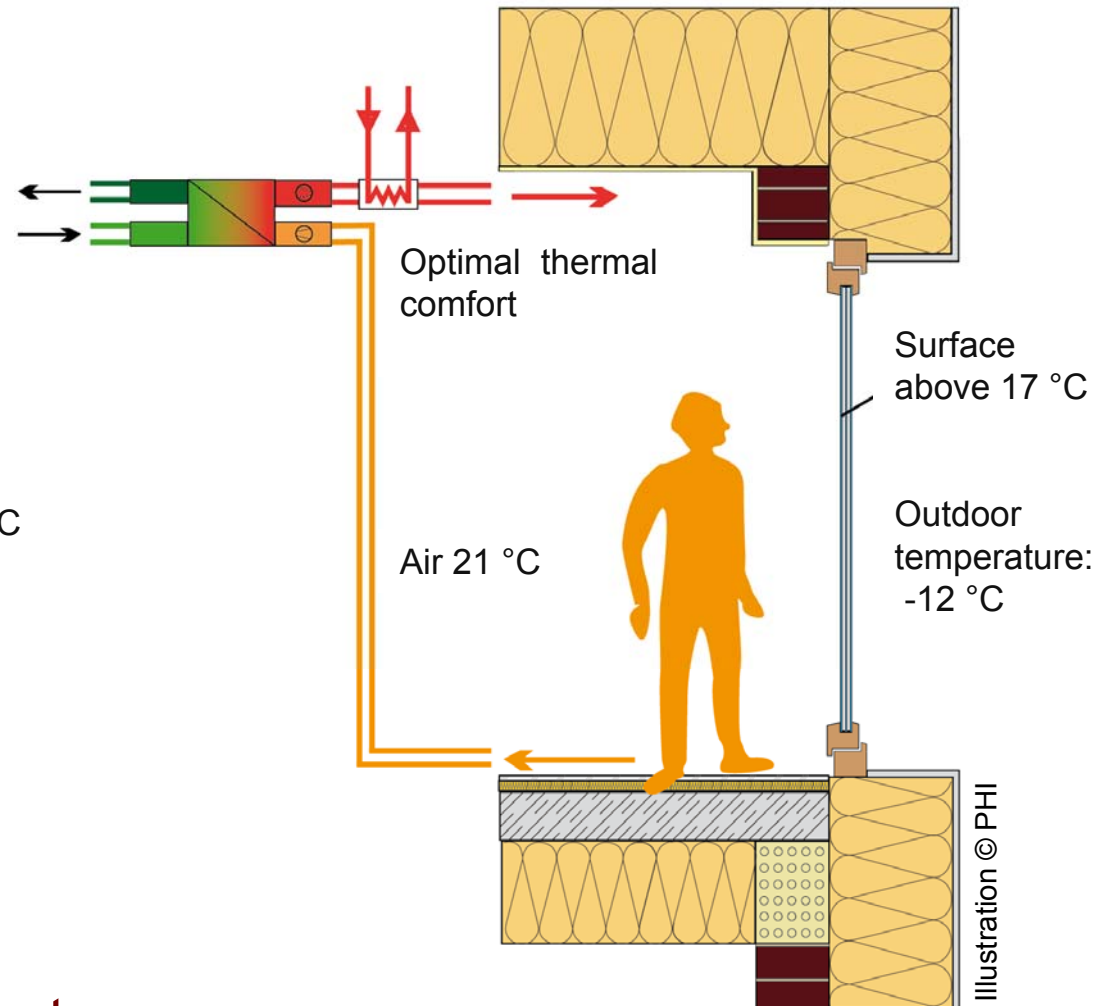


Existing building



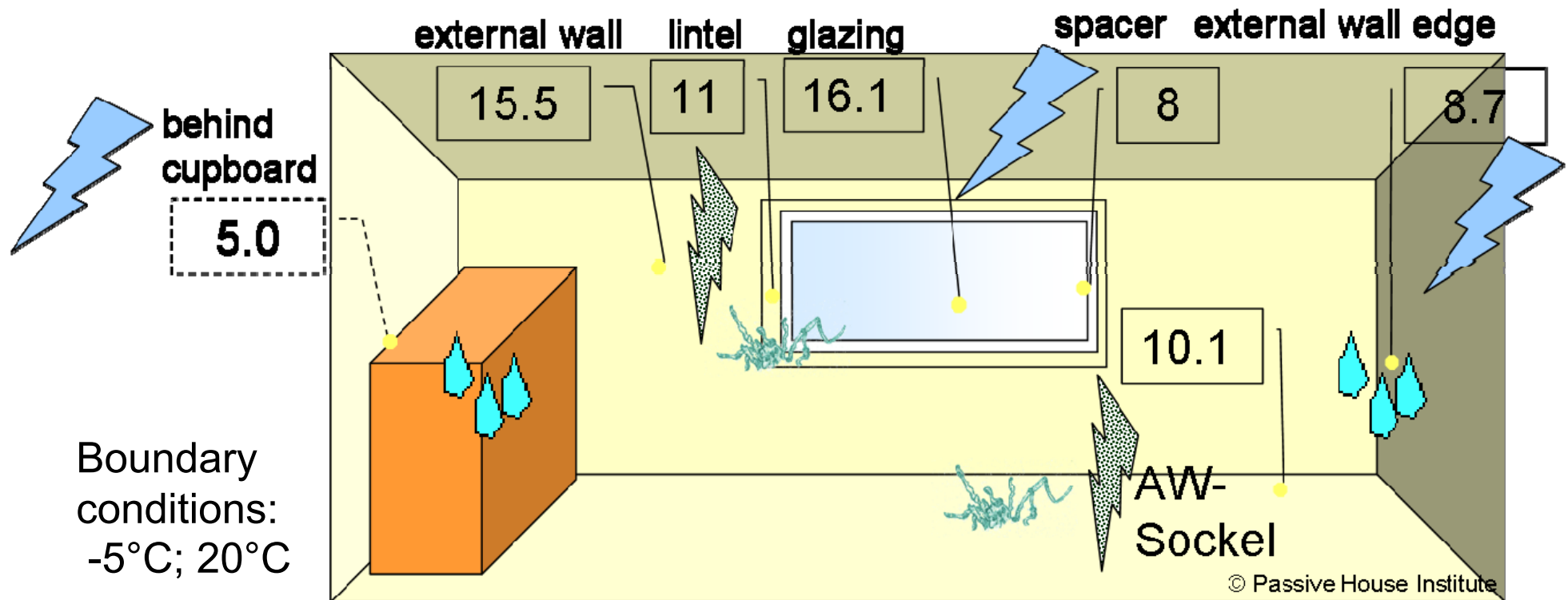
Heaters for compensating temperature and against cold air descent

Passive House



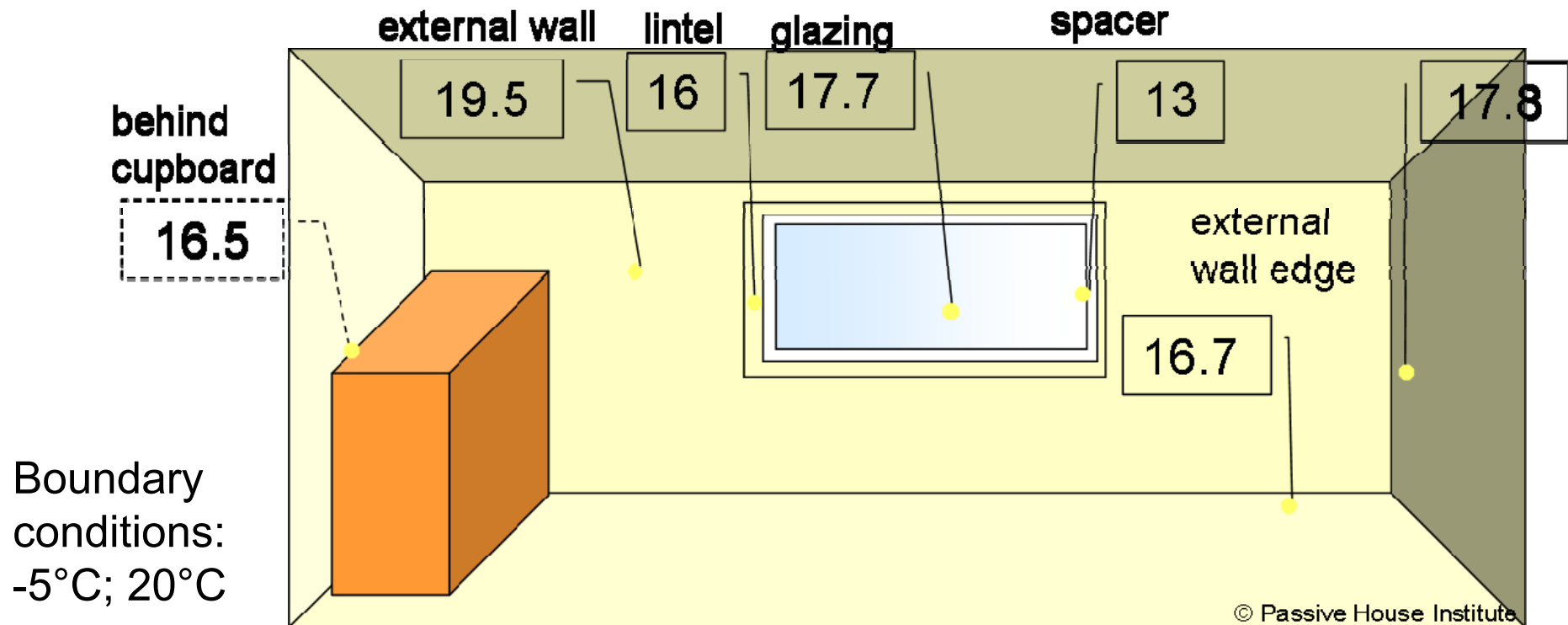
No (extra) heaters!

Existing situation: Uninsulated with new windows



- temperature of key surfaces = 9°C
- problem areas behind furniture, in corners and at lintel
- internal relative humidity must be less than 38% to avoid mould growth

EnerPHit retrofit: 20cm insulation + PH windows



- temperature of key surfaces greater than 16°C
- no mould problems, even behind furniture!
- internal relative humidity can reach 62% without fear of mould growth

status quo



200
kWh
m²a

after refurbishment

- basement thermally insulated
- thermally insulated walls
- Passive House windows
- ventilation with high efficient heat recovery

85%

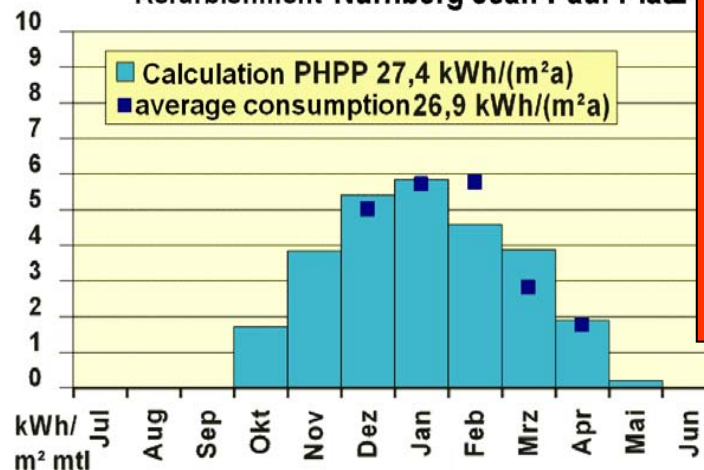
reduction

26
kWh/m²a



Foto: PHI

Refurbishment Nürnberg Jean-Paul-Platz



Building refurbishment Nürnberg, Jean-Paul-Platz
Architect: Burkhard Schulze-Darup

SFH Groove Cottage, Hereford (UK)

Before



After refurbishment 25 kWh/(m²a)



Client: Andrew Simmonds and Lorna Pearcey, GB

Architect: Simmonds.Mills Architects, GB

Completion: 2009

Listed office building, Rimbach (DE)

Before



After refurbishment: 20 kWh/(m²a)



Client: Grundstücksgesellschaft Schloßstr. 9 Becker u. Martin GbR, DE

Architect: Peter Hinz, Planungsgruppe 7, DE

Completion: 2011

Governmental offices - Expost in Bozen (IT)

Before



After refurbishment 12 kWh/(m²a)



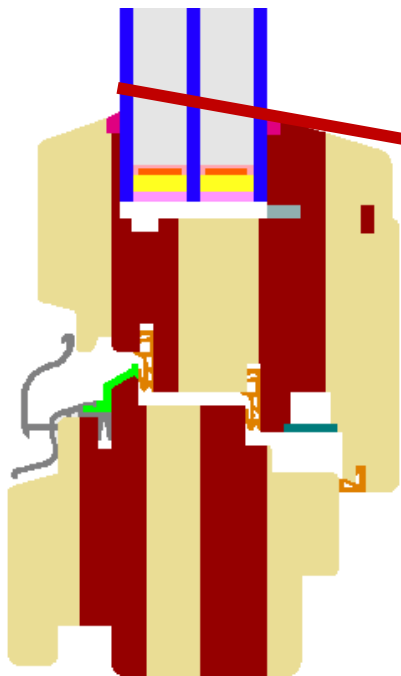
Client: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano-Alto Adige, IT

Architect: Michael Tribus Architecture, IT

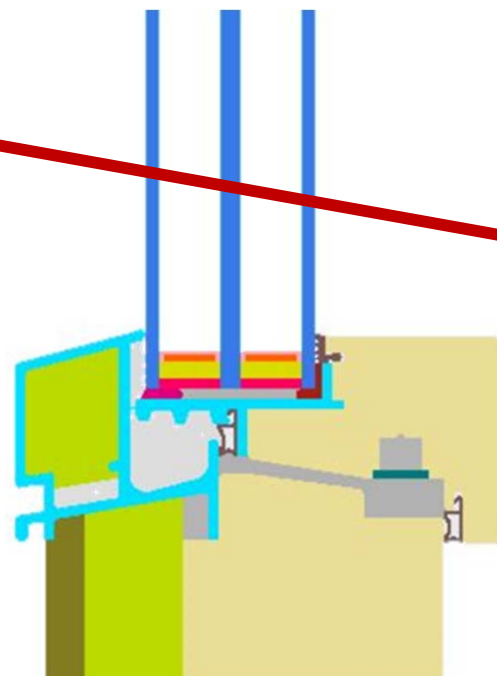
Completion: 2006

components available: windows and window frames for Passive Houses

- the recommended trend: slim frames to get maximum input
- low U-values to further reduce thermal losses
- low costs...

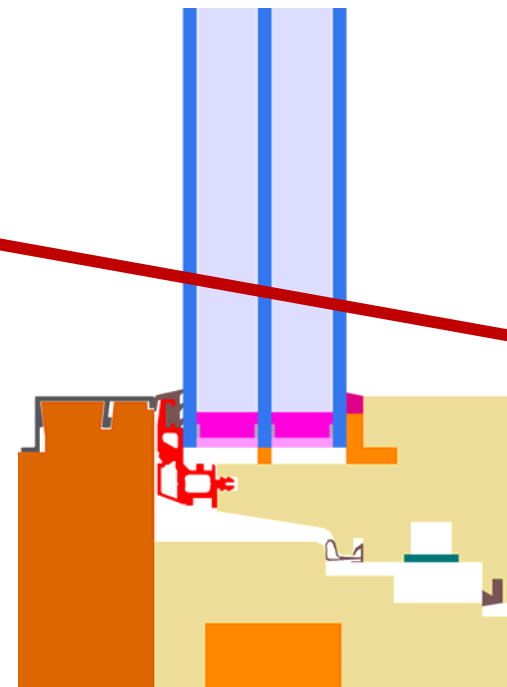


Winter ewitherm
 bf: 154/169 mm
 $U_{W,:}$ 0,77 W/(m²K)
 $\Psi_{opak:}$ 0,170 W/(mK)
 Efficiency class: **ph C**

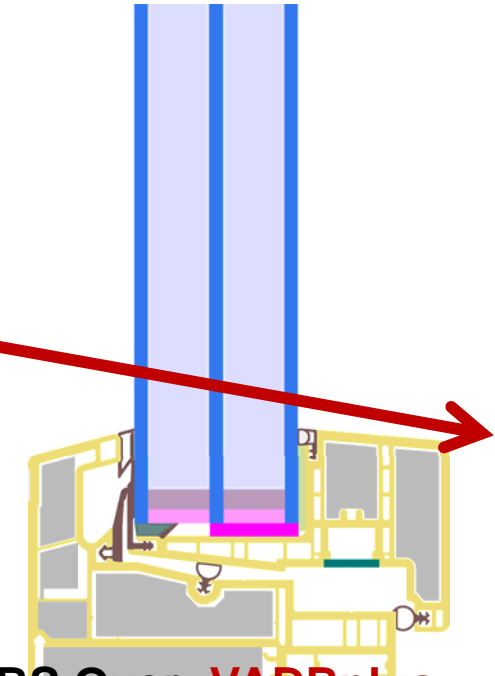


Pazen ENERsign
 bf: 100 mm
 $U_{W,:}$ 0,68 W/(m²K)
 $\Psi_{opak:}$ 0,106 W/(mK)
 Efficiency class : **ph A**

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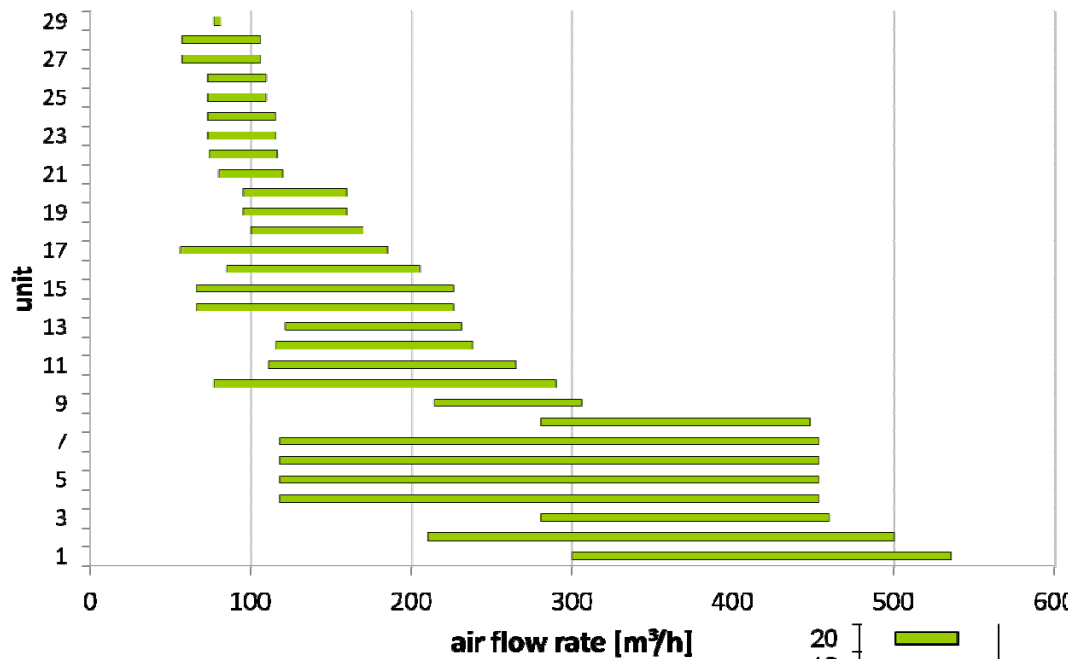


ProPh-F. SmartWin
 bf: 87 mm
 $U_{W,:}$ 0,79 W/(m²K)
 $\Psi_{opak:}$ 0,098 W/(mK)
 Efficiency class : **ph A**

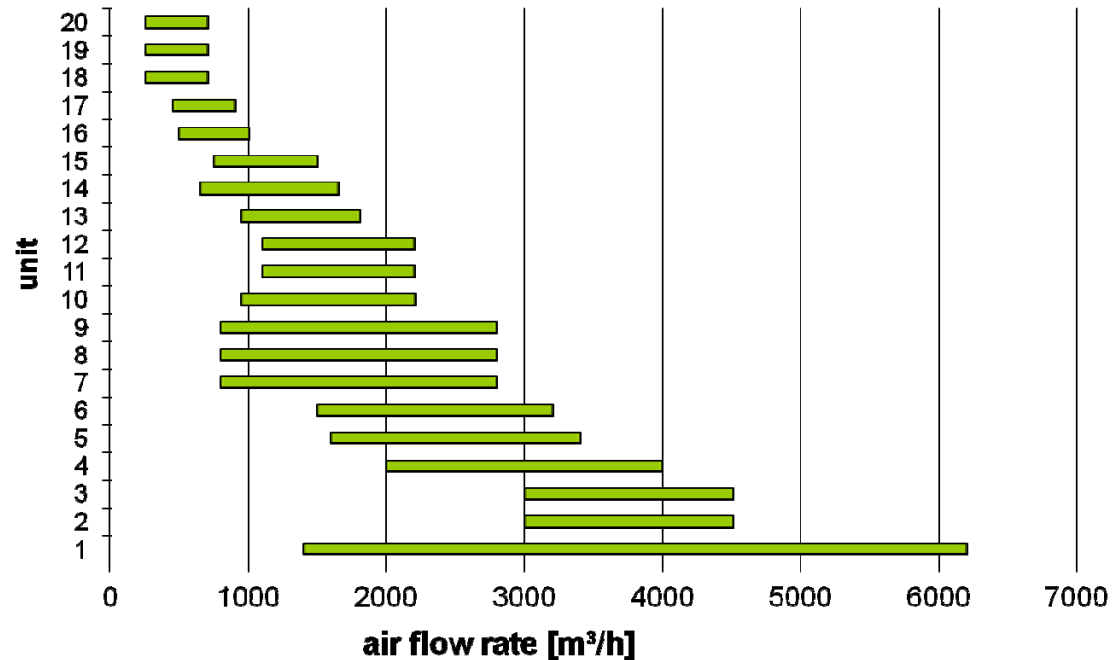
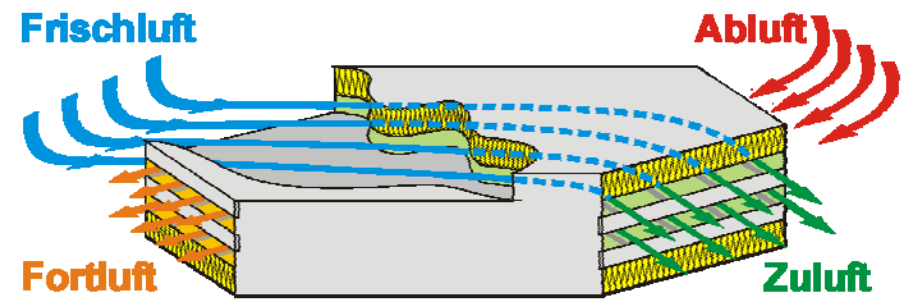


FBS Over: VADBplus
 bf: 75/100 mm
 $U_{W,:}$ 0,74 W/(m²K)
 $\Psi_{opak:}$ 0,076 W/(mK)
 Efficiency class : **ph A**

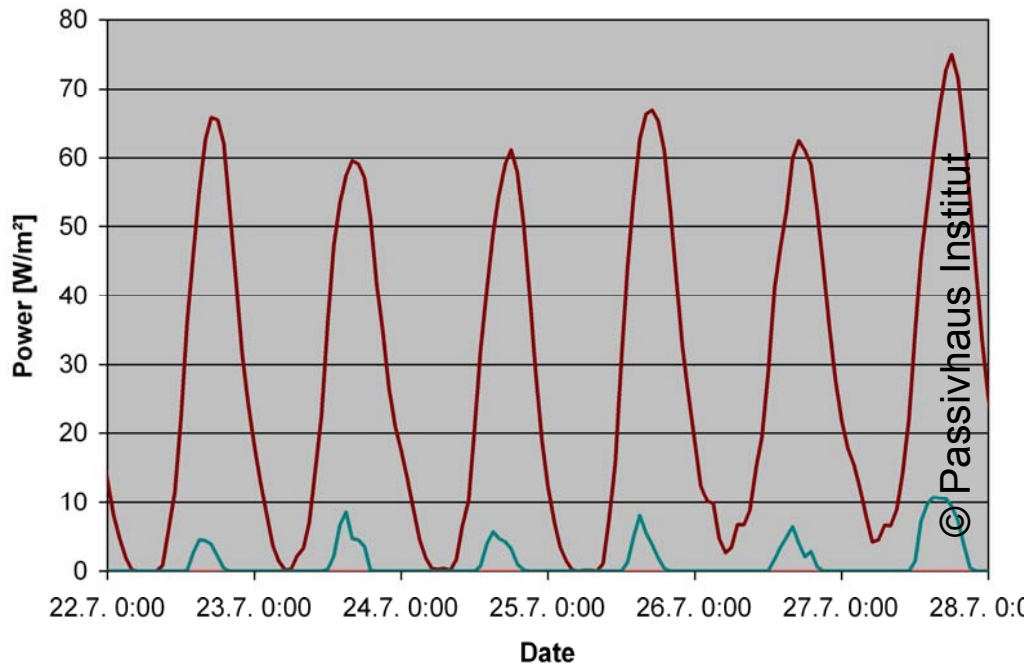
Ventilation system with heat recovery is applicable to any building!



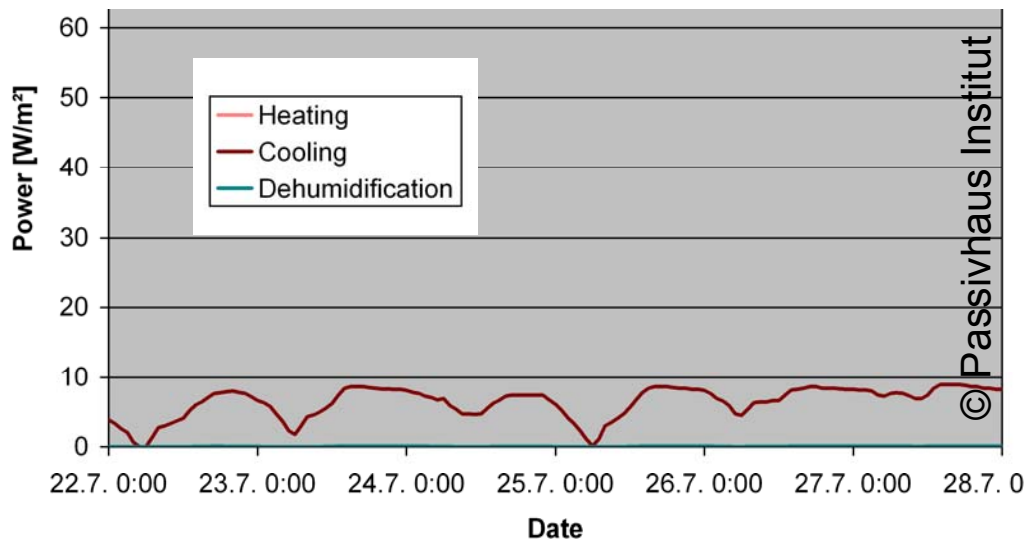
- about 50 ventilation units certified up to now (100...7000 m³/h)
- see components database at www.passiv.de



if active cooling needed – no more cooling peak power problem in PH



Existing old standard building:
needs very high cooling power



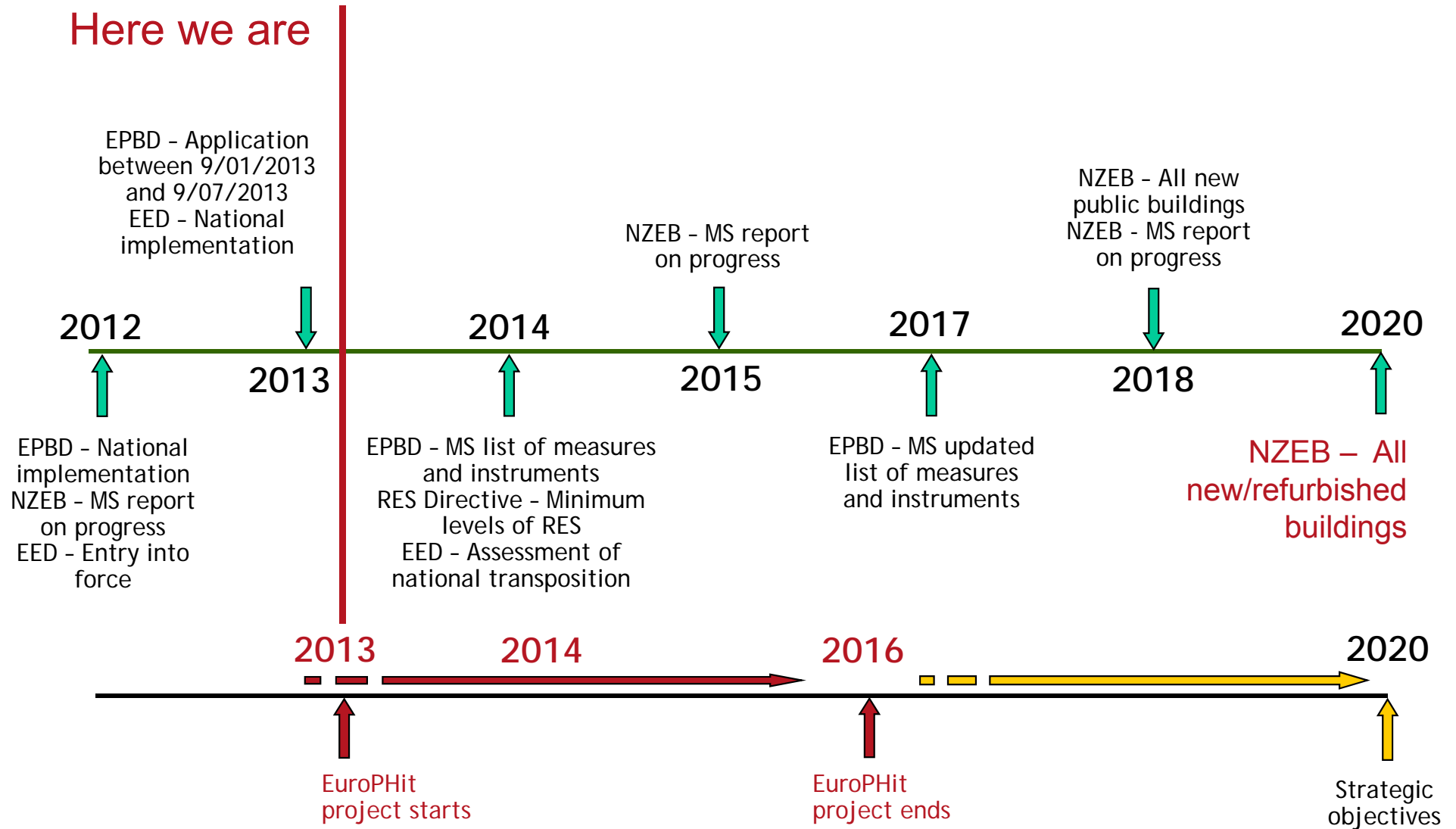
Passive House:
only low cooling power needed
no electric peak power problem



The policy background

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Here we are



how to get there?

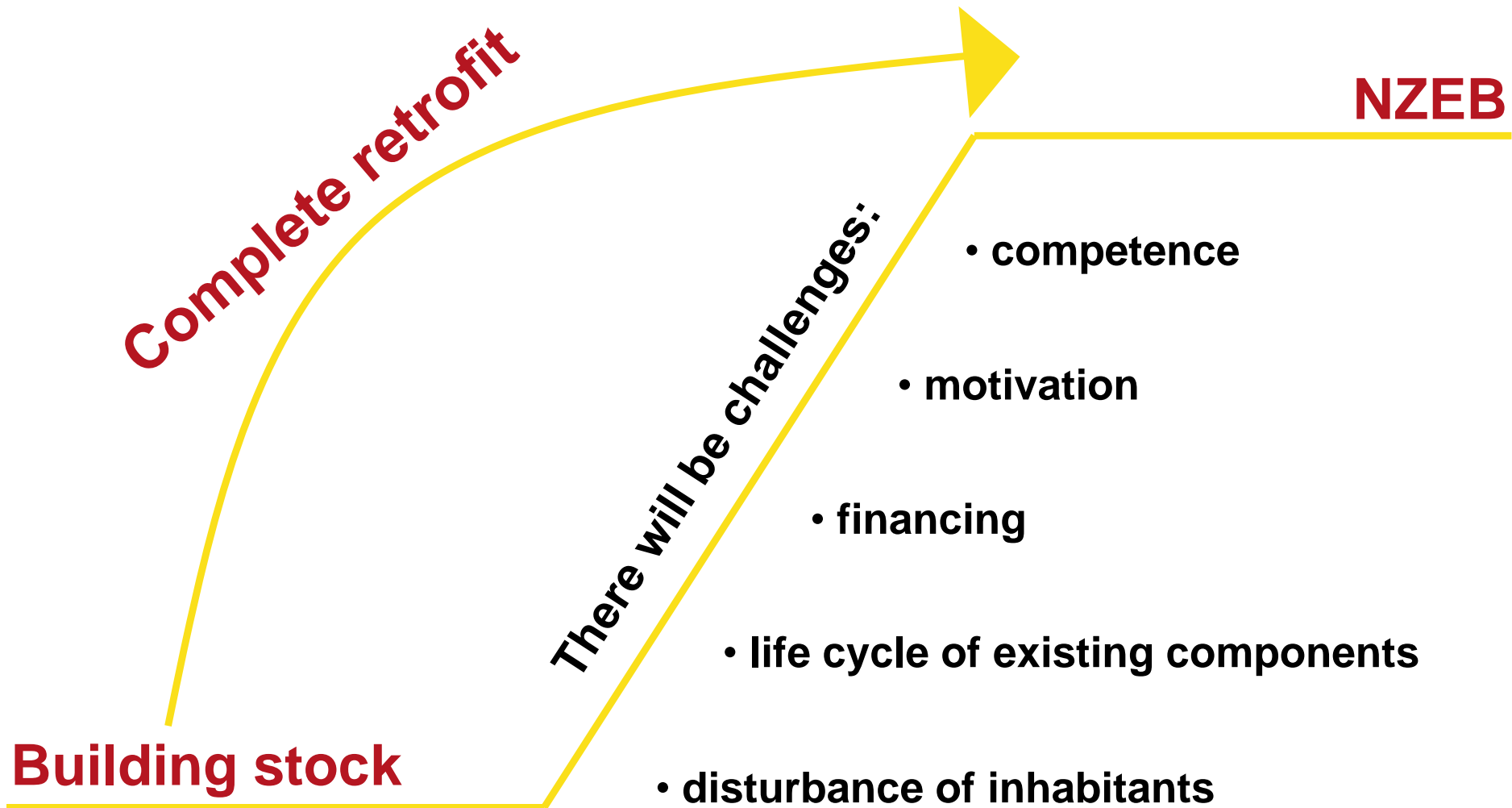


High efficiency

EU's 2020 objective:

All new/refurbished buildings as
NZEBs (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings)

Low efficiency



Overall refurbishment plan

Building stock

step

• criteria and software tool

by

• financing instruments

step

• suitable products

Retrofit

• dissemination

EnerPHit
+ RES



renovation according "EnerPHit"

- EnerPHit = cost optimal renovation with PH-components
- $\leq 25 \text{ kWh/m}^2\text{a}$ heating energy demand
- Alternatively component evaluation
- EnerPHit⁺ for mostly interior thermal insulation
- applicable for residential & nonresidential



Zertifikat

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Architektur: Architekturbüro Passiv
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Haustechnik: HLS-Büro Passiv
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Die Planung des Gebäudes erfüllt die vom Passivhaus Institut vorgegebenen Kriterien für die Modernisierung mit Passivhaus-Komponenten.
Bei sachgemäßer Bauausführung hat das Gebäude die folgenden Eigenschaften:

Gebäudekennwerte:	Kennwert	Grenzwert	
Jährlicher spezifischer Heizwärmebedarf	99 kWh/(m²a)	$\leq 25 \text{ kWh/(m}^2\text{a)}$	✓
Jährlicher spezifischer Primärenergiebedarf <small>(für Heizung, Warmwasser, Lüftung und Hausstromverbrauch)</small>	999 kWh/(m²a)	$\leq 125 \text{ kWh/(m}^2\text{a)}$	✓
Luftdichtheit der Gebäudehülle <small>(n₅₀-Wert je 2 Druckstufen)</small>	0,99 n ^l	$\leq 1,00 \text{ n}^l$	✓
Mittlerer Wärmeschutzstandard der Einzelbauteile:			
Außenwand <small>(Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient)</small>	0,99 W/(m²K)	$\leq 0,10 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$	✓
Kellerdecke / Bodenplatte <small>(Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient)</small>	0,99 W/(m²K)	$\leq 0,19 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$	✓
Dach / Oberste Geschossdecke <small>(Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient)</small>	0,99 W/(m²K)	$\leq 0,12 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$	✓
Wärmebrücken <small>(Gebäudehülle (ohne Fenstereinfassung/Wärmebrücke))</small>	0,99 W/(m²K)	kein Grenzwert	
Fenster <small>(Wärmedurchgangskoeffizient U_{fenster})</small>	0,99 W/(m²K)	$\leq 0,85 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$	✓
Lüftungsanlage <small>(effektiver Wärmebereitstellungsgrad)</small>	99 %	$\geq 75 \%$	✓

¹ Grenzwert hier nicht einsehbar ² Grenzwert gebäudeabhängig unterschiedlich hoch ³ Grenzwert nicht einsehbar (Ausnahmeregelung)

Zertifizierungskriterien erfüllt? <small>Auswahl des Bewertungsverfahrens</small>	nach Heizwärmebedarf	
	nach Bauteilqualität	✓

before

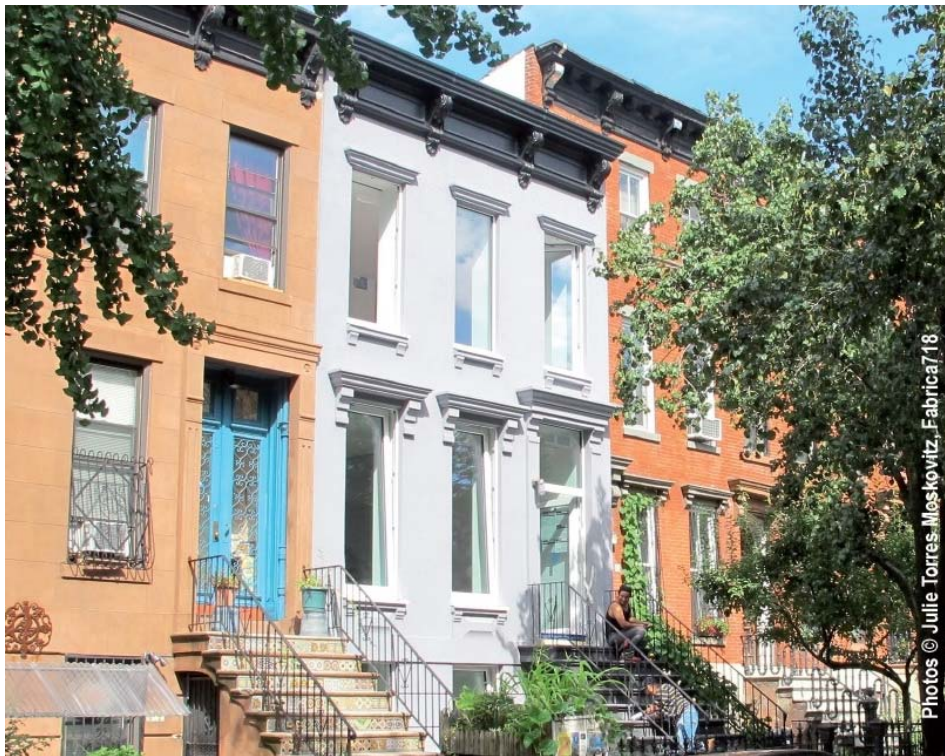


after



Quality renovation
...achieved with the Passive House principles

- With EnerPHit Standard as the goal and Passive House principles as the basis, EuroPHit applies knowledge on deep energy retrofits to the yet critical area of step-by-step refurbishments

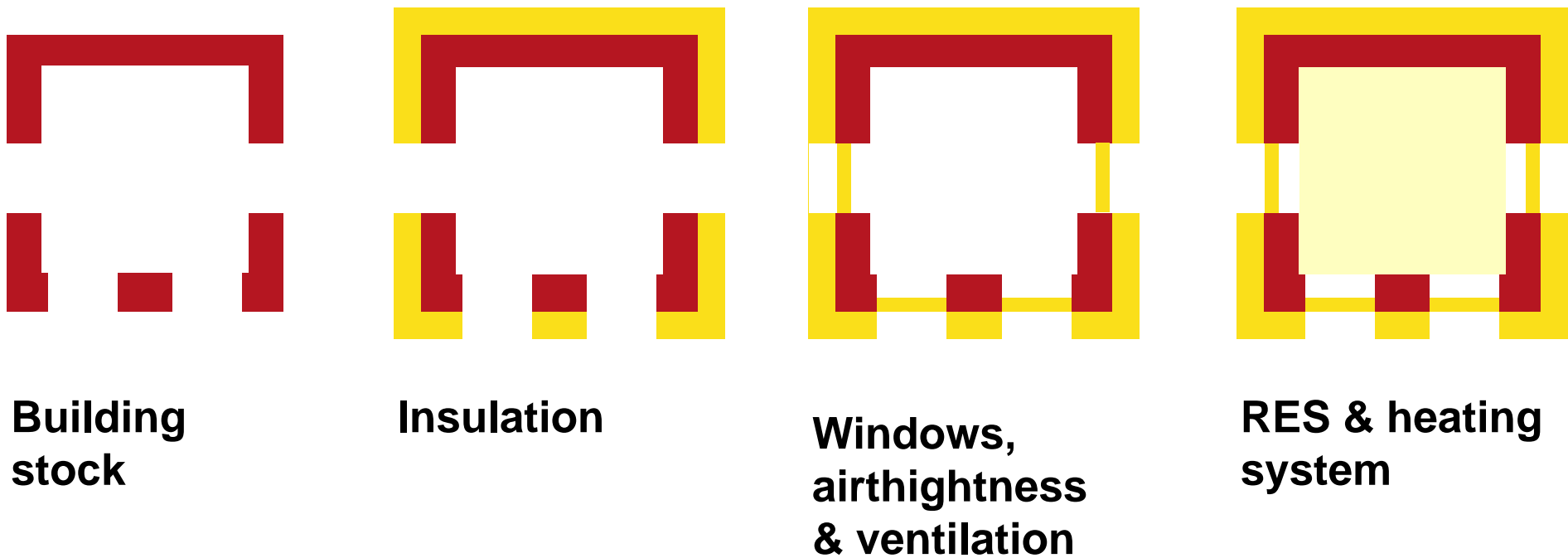


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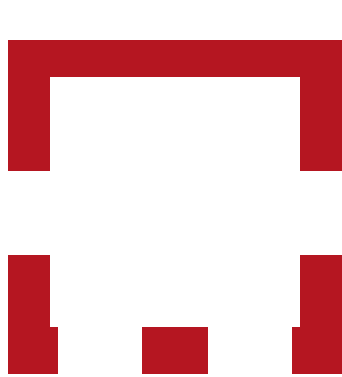
- Criteria and certification scheme for retrofits aiming for the EnerPHit Standard of the course of years
- Financing models and market incentive programmes tailored to step-by-step retrofits
- Design concepts and sound guidelines for the development of suitable, high performance building components
- Specific energy balance tools for gradual energy retrofits
- Training materials and workshops focusing on the specific needs of step-by-step refurbishment
- Building case studies showing the way towards an increasingly high quality, energy efficient building stock.

- Develop retrofit energy modelling **software** (PHPP)
- Library of **step-by-step** retrofit **construction details**
- Actual retrofit of **12 buildings** across Europe
- Specialist **training** for Designers and Contractors
- Identify **products** required for deep retrofit
- Develop **financial models** to stimulate demand
- **Disseminate** the results

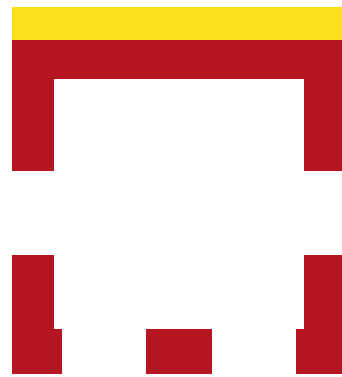
1. Components step-by-step



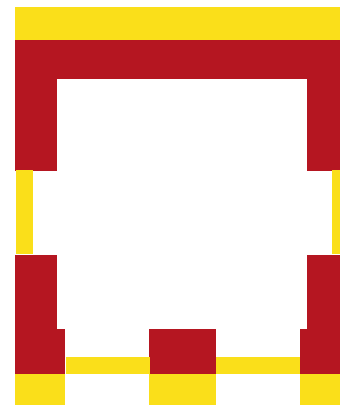
2. Facades / Sides / parts step-by-step



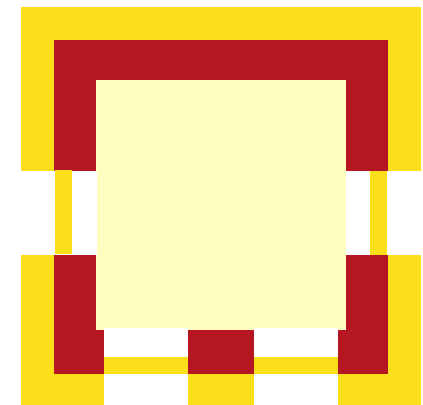
Building stock



North side



South side + windows, airtightness & ventilation



Rest + RES & heating system

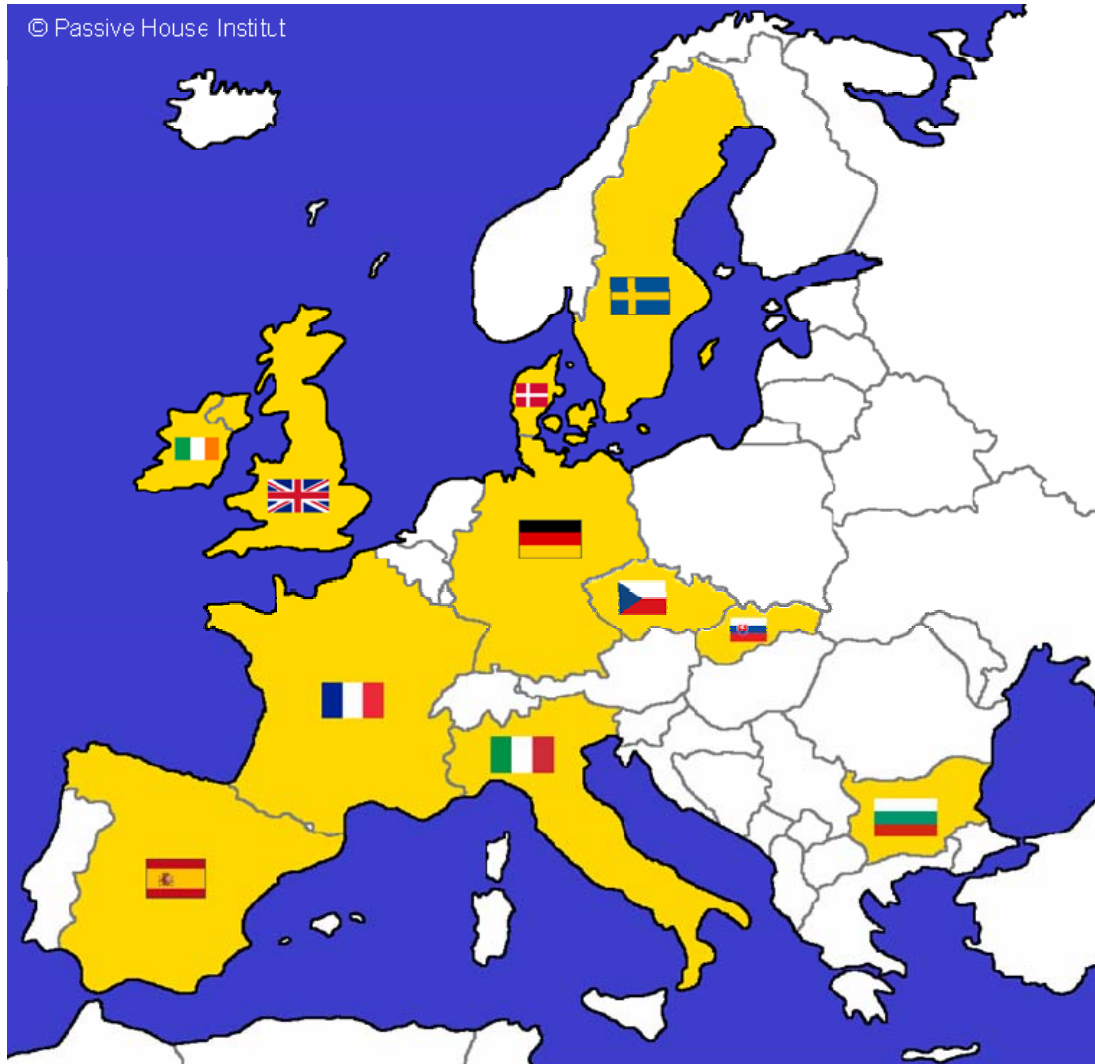
summary: let us just do it!

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'deep renovation'

- is much more than 50% reduction with respect to 'old' buildings
- is not that costly as sometimes told
- **best practice experience is yet available**
- is a business with many options

let us just start – there are enough examples ready to learn



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is located
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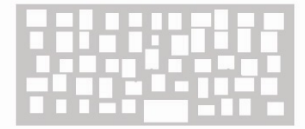




EXPOST

before renovation





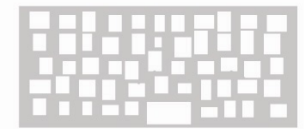
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after renovation

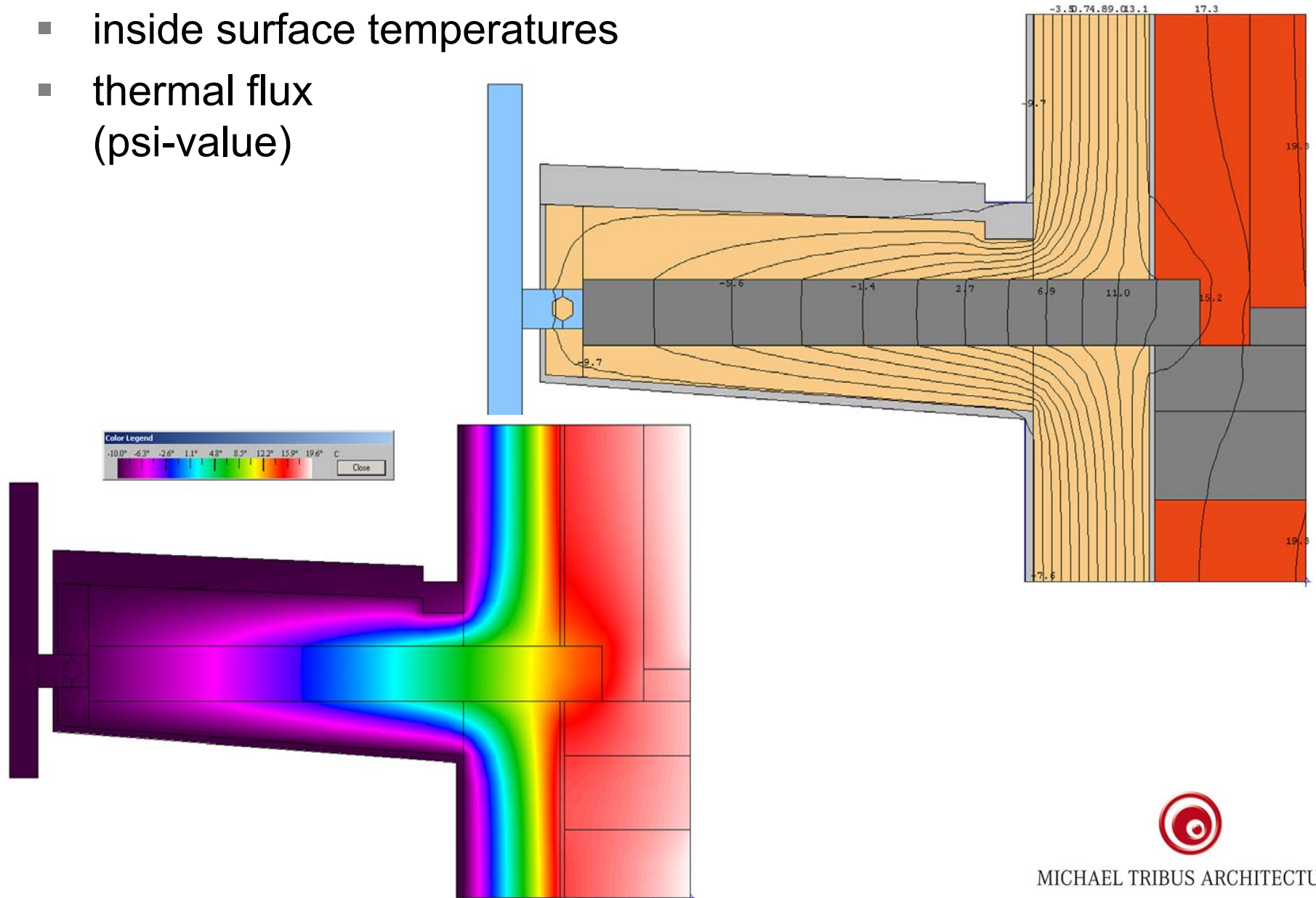
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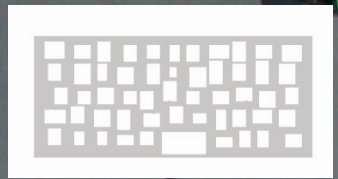
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- you must check design for thermal performance!
- inside surface temperatures
- thermal flux (psi-value)



EXPOST afterwards



MICHAEL TRIBUS ARCHITECTURE


newest development: sustainable PH buildings – all (renewables) are possible

due to very low energy demand,
the choice of source for energy is quite free
AND: net zero energy buildings are realistic

- heating & cooling with heatpump & ground coupled probes might be supported by ever cheaper PV-panels
- co-generation / combined heat & power (CHP)
reduces primary energy use: waste heat of engine is used for heating
- just keep in mind that PE-factor for electricity is about 3
- reduce internal loads, that pays twice!
- PHPP (Passive House Planning Package)
gives advice for the most preferable choice

- further information
- www.passiv.de
- www.passipedia.org
- www.passivehouse-international.org

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Welcome to Passipedia!

The Passive House resource

Welcome to Passipedia, the Passive House resource! Please note that this is a project under construction which has only just been launched and will continuously grow and evolve over the next few months. The following pages are little more than a preview of what's to come... 

Please take a first look and keep visiting in the future to watch Passipedia grow!

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What is a Passive House?

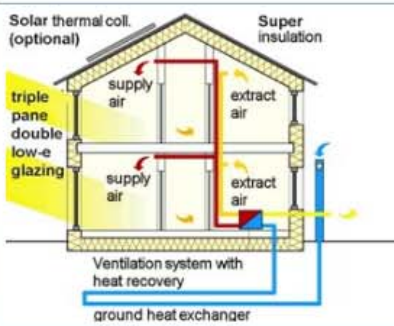
A building standard that is truly **energy efficient, comfortable, affordable** and **ecological** at the same time.

Passive House is not a **brand name**, but a **construction concept** that can be applied by anyone and that has stood the test of practice.

Please click here to view [Passive House examples](#). Passive House components have also proven effective in [existing buildings](#).

Passive Houses offer:

- an energy savings of up to 90 % compared with existing buildings and more than 75 % compared with average new buildings. In terms of heating oil a Passive House uses as little as 1.5 litres per square metre per year – far less than a low-energy building.
- a higher level of comfort! Superior air quality and pleasant temperatures year round.
- a Passive House makes use of energy sources within the building, such as the residents' body heat or the sun entering the building, making heating so much easier.



The Passive House – the leading concept for:

- Insulation
- Thermal bridge free design
- Airtight construction
- Heat recovery ventilation
- Highly insulating windows
- Innovative building services

An energy balance is compiled to make sure that all these details are perfectly coordinated. This balance is established using the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP).

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Topics & News

Topics - Overview

<p>Basics Building physics, comfort, costs, sustainability</p>	<p>Planning Information relating to the planning phase</p>
<p>Construction Quality assurance during construction</p>	<p>Operation Recommendations, user experience, measurement results</p>
<p>Examples Built examples</p>	<p>Certification Certification for houses, components and designers</p>
<p>Education & training University programmes, seminars, training courses etc.</p>	<p>Experiences Awareness, connectivity, politics etc.</p>


The latest news & developments:

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IPHA - events: Click here to get information on current events put on by IPHA members: trade fairs, seminars, work shops, conferences, briefings...

Visit the Passive House Institute website to learn about the latest scientific findings

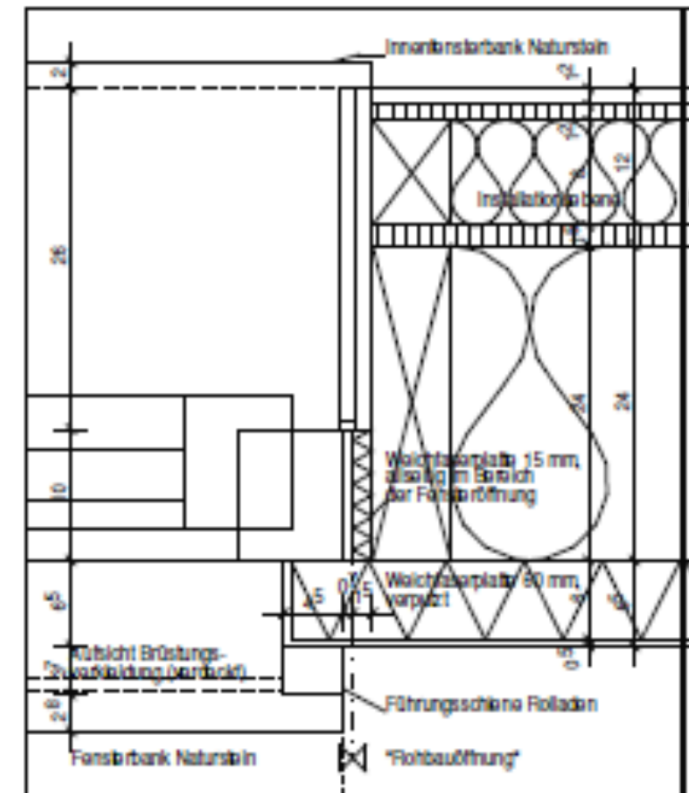
Upcoming events:

12 - 14 November 2010: 7th International Passive House Days - Experience the Passive House for yourself! 

10 December 2010: The 42nd session of the Research Group for Cost-efficient Passive Houses will

example: cost comparison new built row house

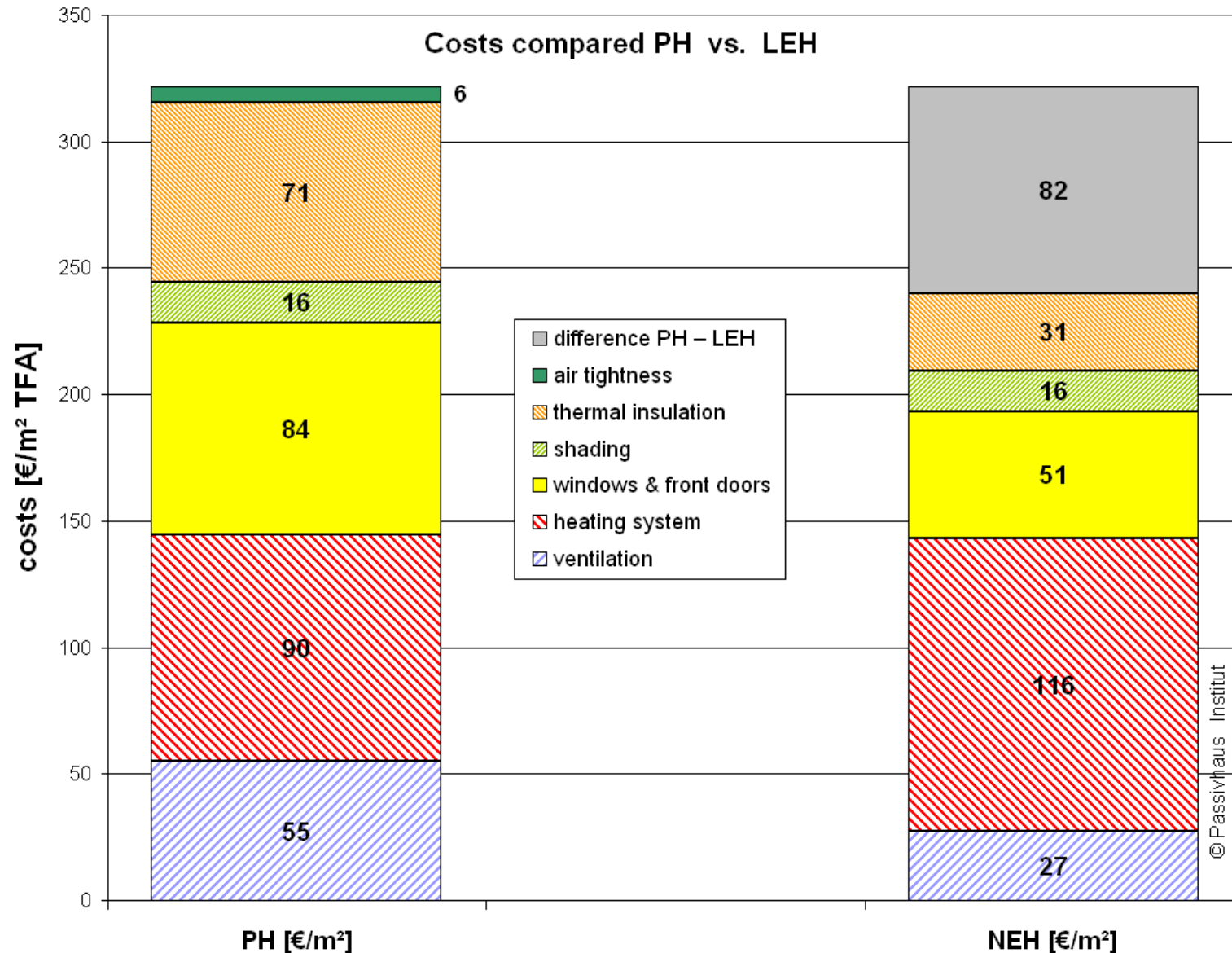
- row house: wooden construction 184 m² (treated floor area)
- rendering outside on wood fiber board
- Windows: 30 m² (plastic) shading of south windows
- district heating
- construction costs (KG 300+400) 1200 €/m²



Architect: Zielke, Darmstadt

Costs compared: new built row house

- moderate extra costs for Passive House compared to LEH(NEH)

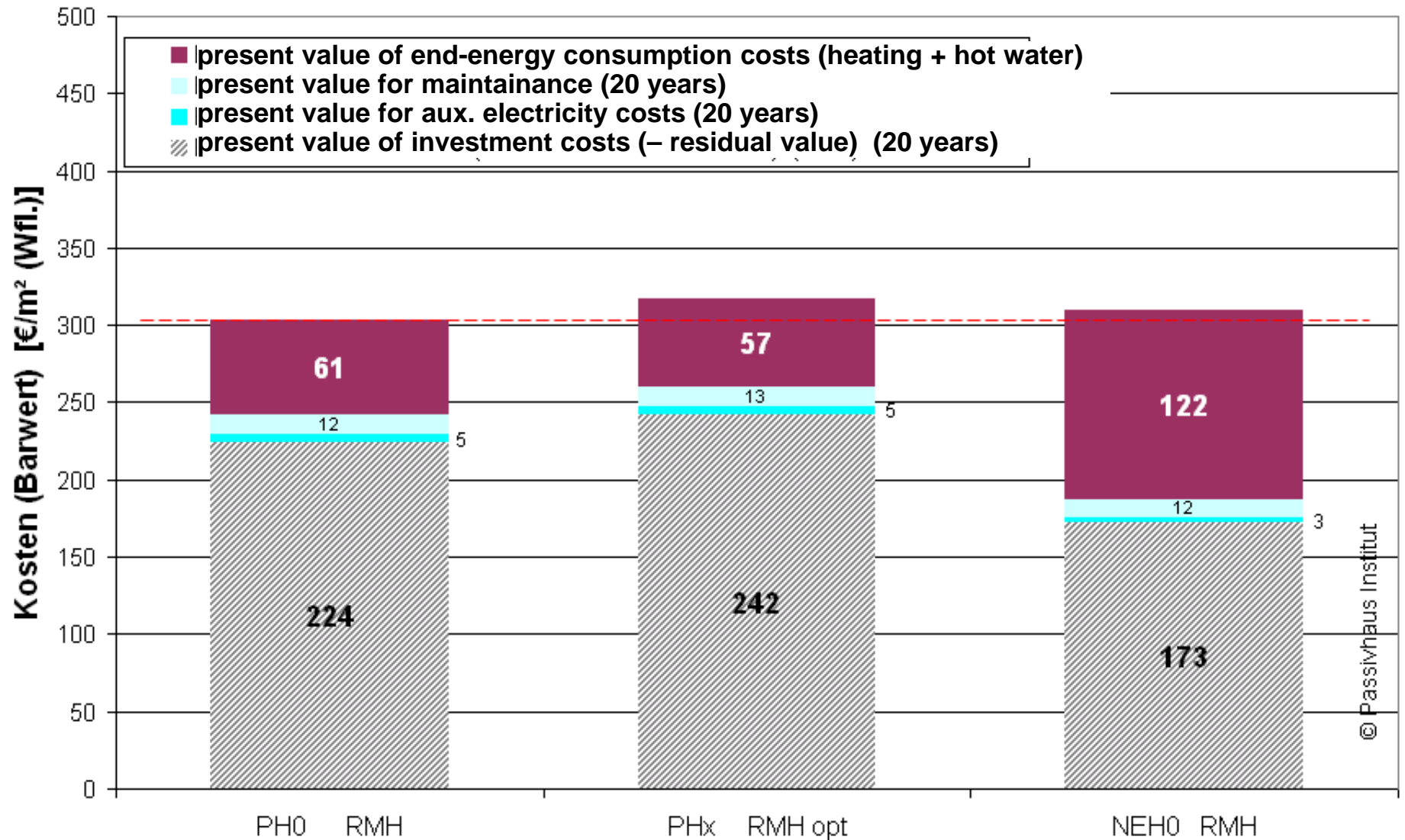


Quelle: AKKP 42 Ökonomie

Passive House compared to low energy building (RMH)

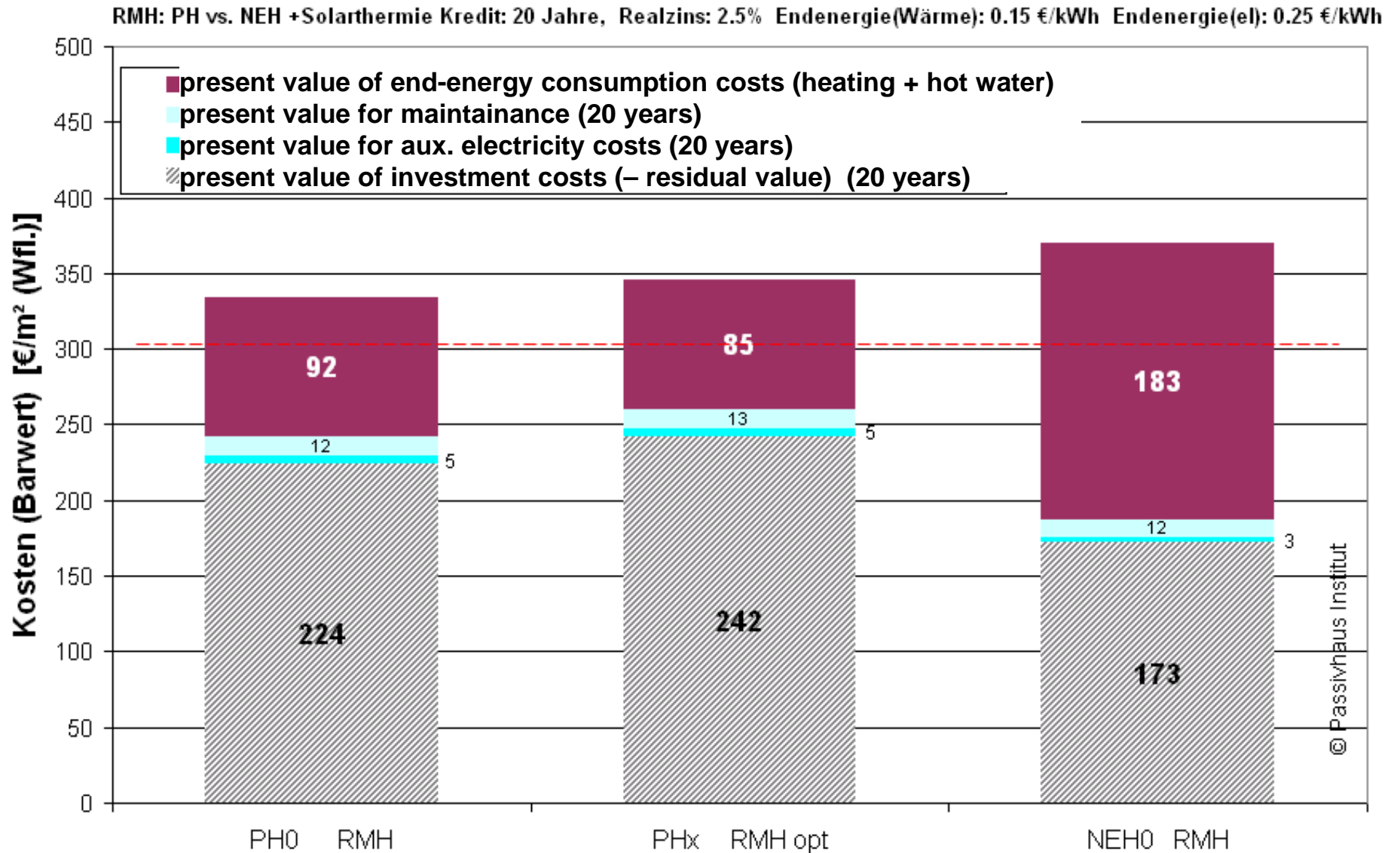
- Energy costs as today (2012):
PH and LEH (NEH) almost equal

RMH: PH vs. NEH +Solarthermie Kredit: 20 Jahre, Realzins: 2.5% Endenergie(Wärme): 0.1 €/kWh Endenergie(e): 0.25 €/kWh



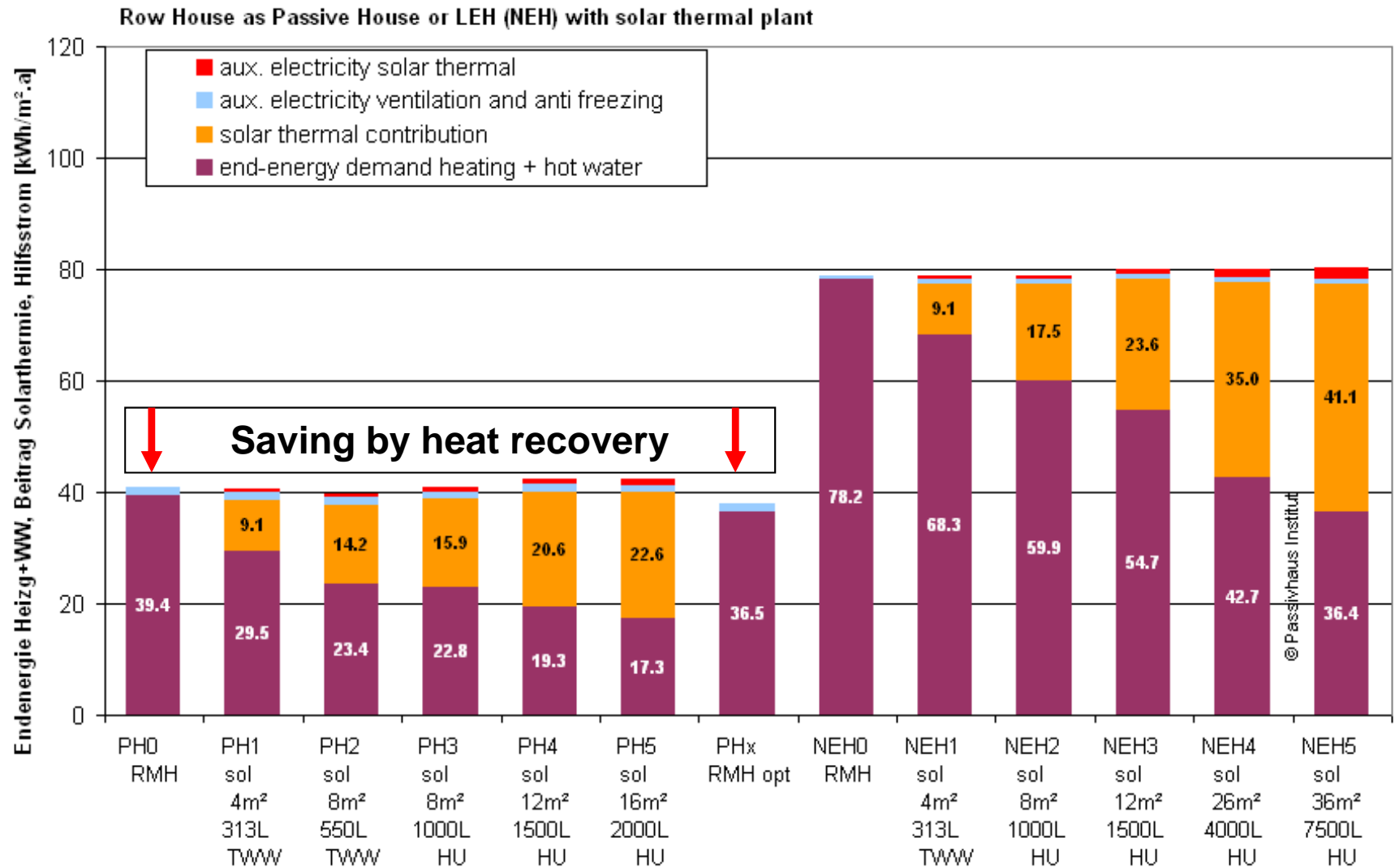
Passive House compared to low energy building (Szenario '15cent')

- higher energy prices: significant advantage for PH



Passive House compared to low energy building

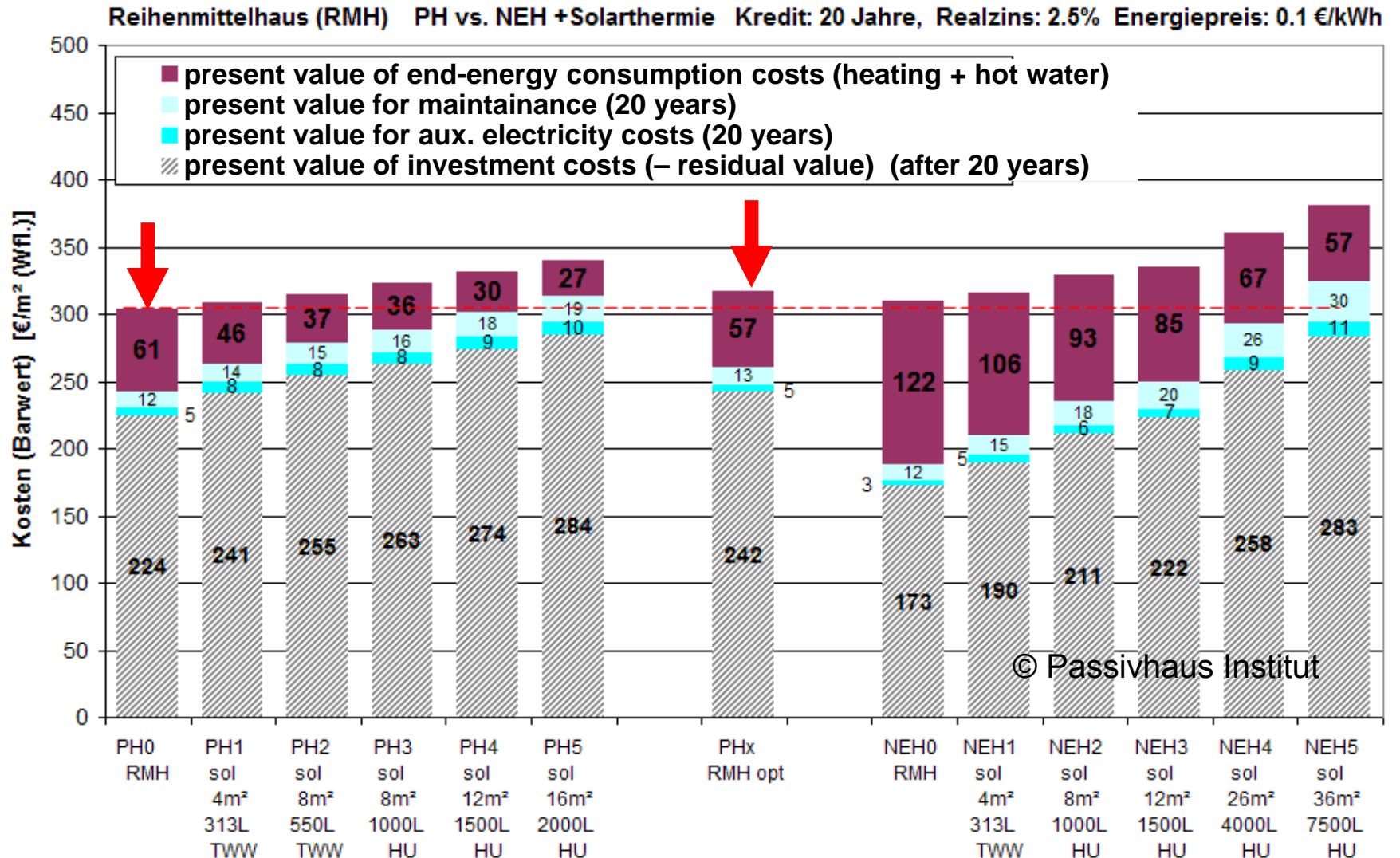
- PH compared to 'low-e'
- ventilation with heat recovery gives significant contribution



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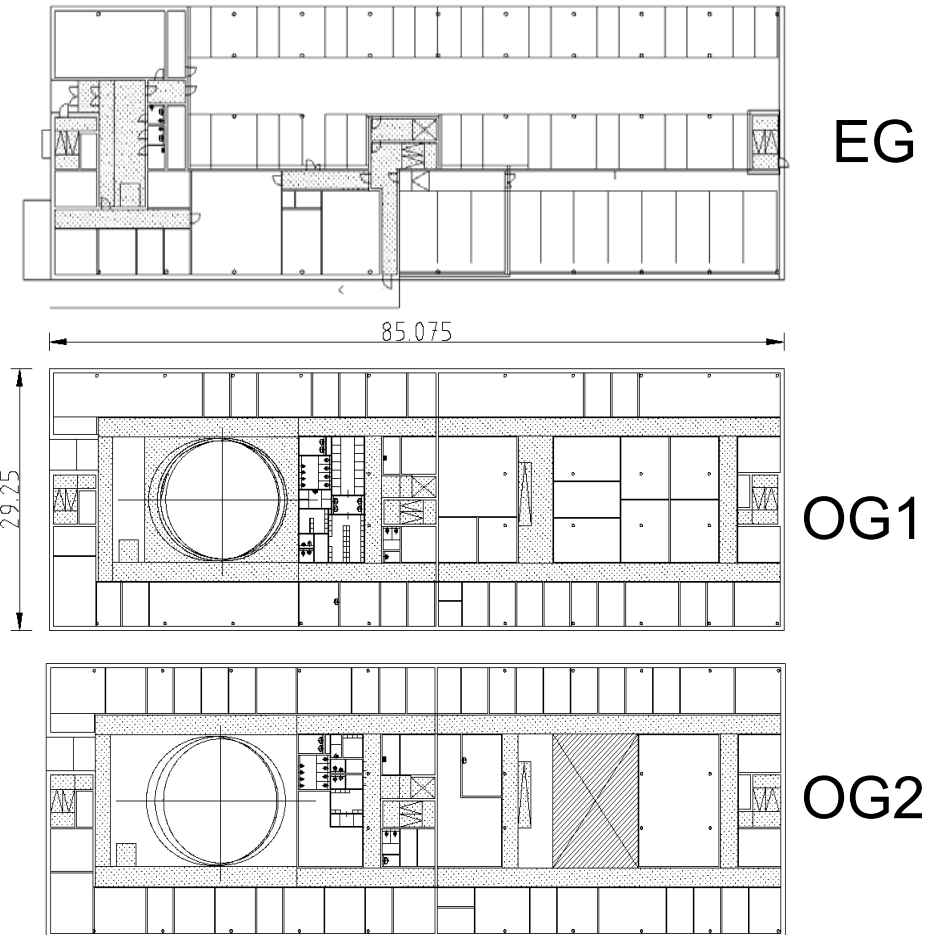
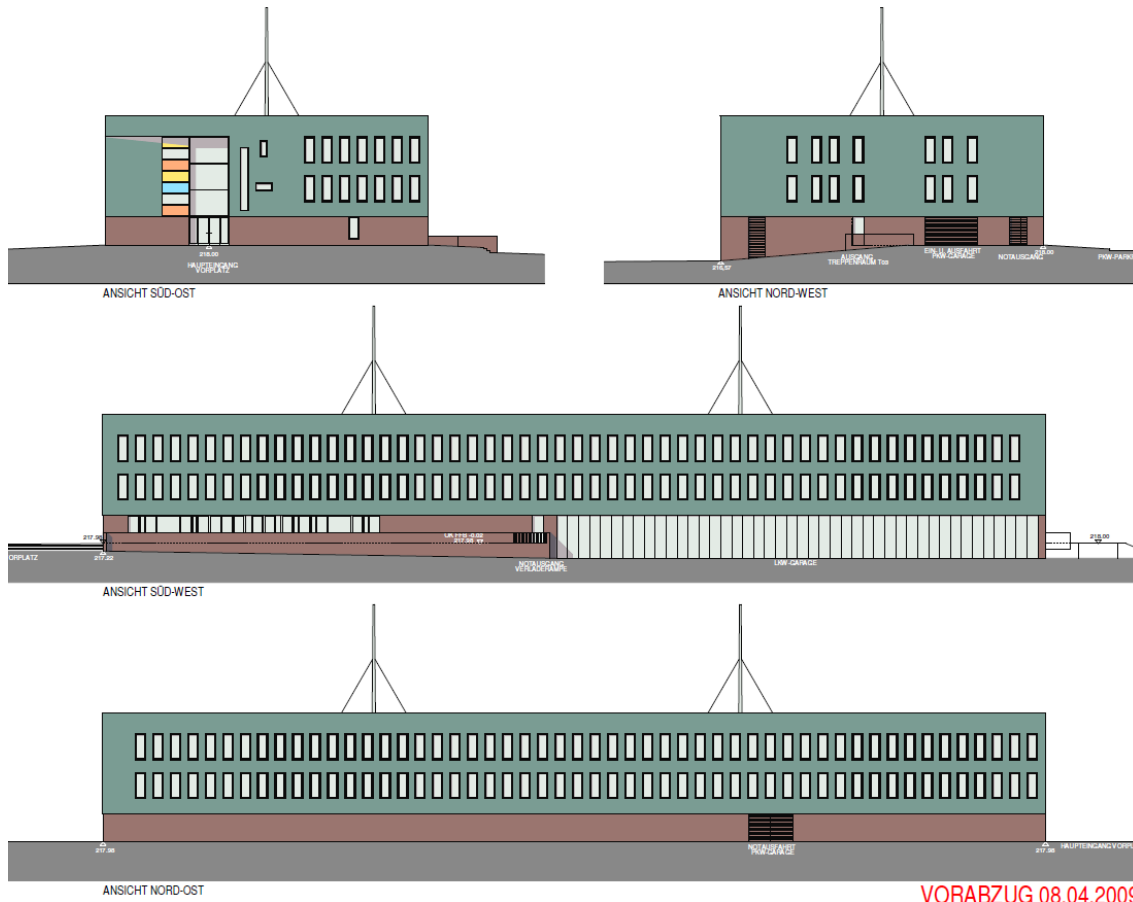
PH compared to 'low-e' building

- A ventilation system is not that 'expensive'!



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economic evaluation of governmental office building: low energy 2007 – 2009 and PH

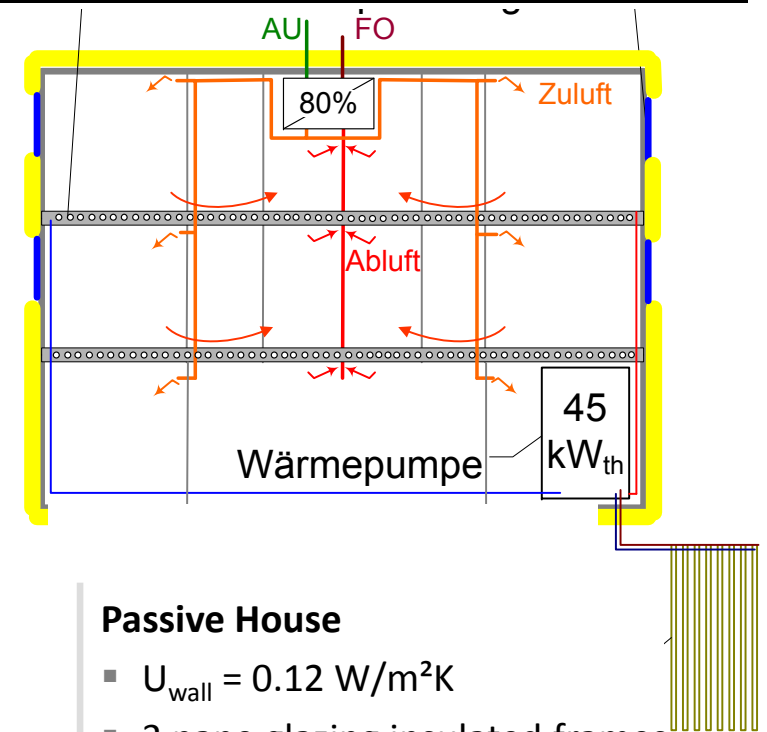
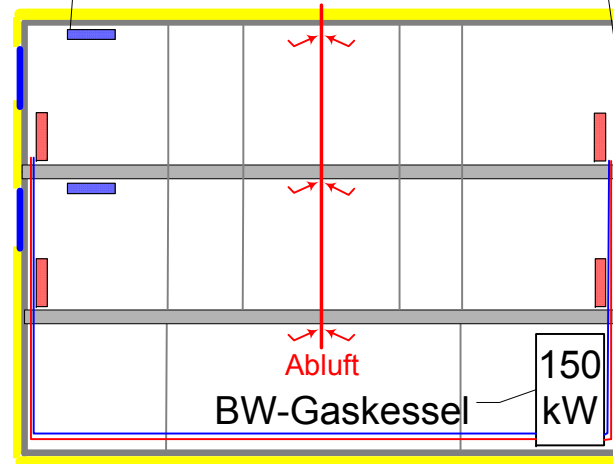
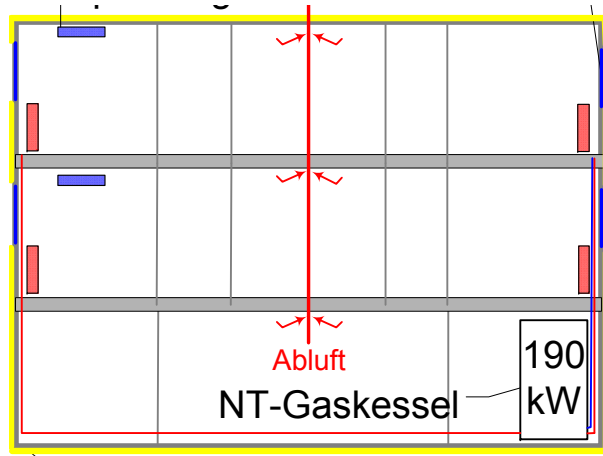


NGF: 4684 m²

NF: 3053 m²

EBF: 3870 m²

economical comparison for office building



Low energy 2007

- $U_{\text{wall}} = 0.46 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- 2pane glazing, standard frames
 $U_w = 1.48 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- Split cooling devices
- Standard gas boiler
- Internal gains: $5,71 \text{ W/m}^2$
- Air tightness: 1,5 /h
- Lighting: $4 \text{ W}/(100\text{lx}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ installed;
- Fluorescent lamps with **VVG**;
- **Without special light design**

Low energy 2009

- $U_{\text{wall}} = 0.26 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- 3 pane glazing, standard frames
 $U_w = 1.11 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- Split cooling devices
- Condensing gas boiler
- Internal gains: 5.71 W/m^2
- Air tightness: 1,5 /h
- Lighting: $4 \text{ W}/(100\text{lx}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ installed;
- Fluorescent lamps with **VVG**;
- **Without special light design**

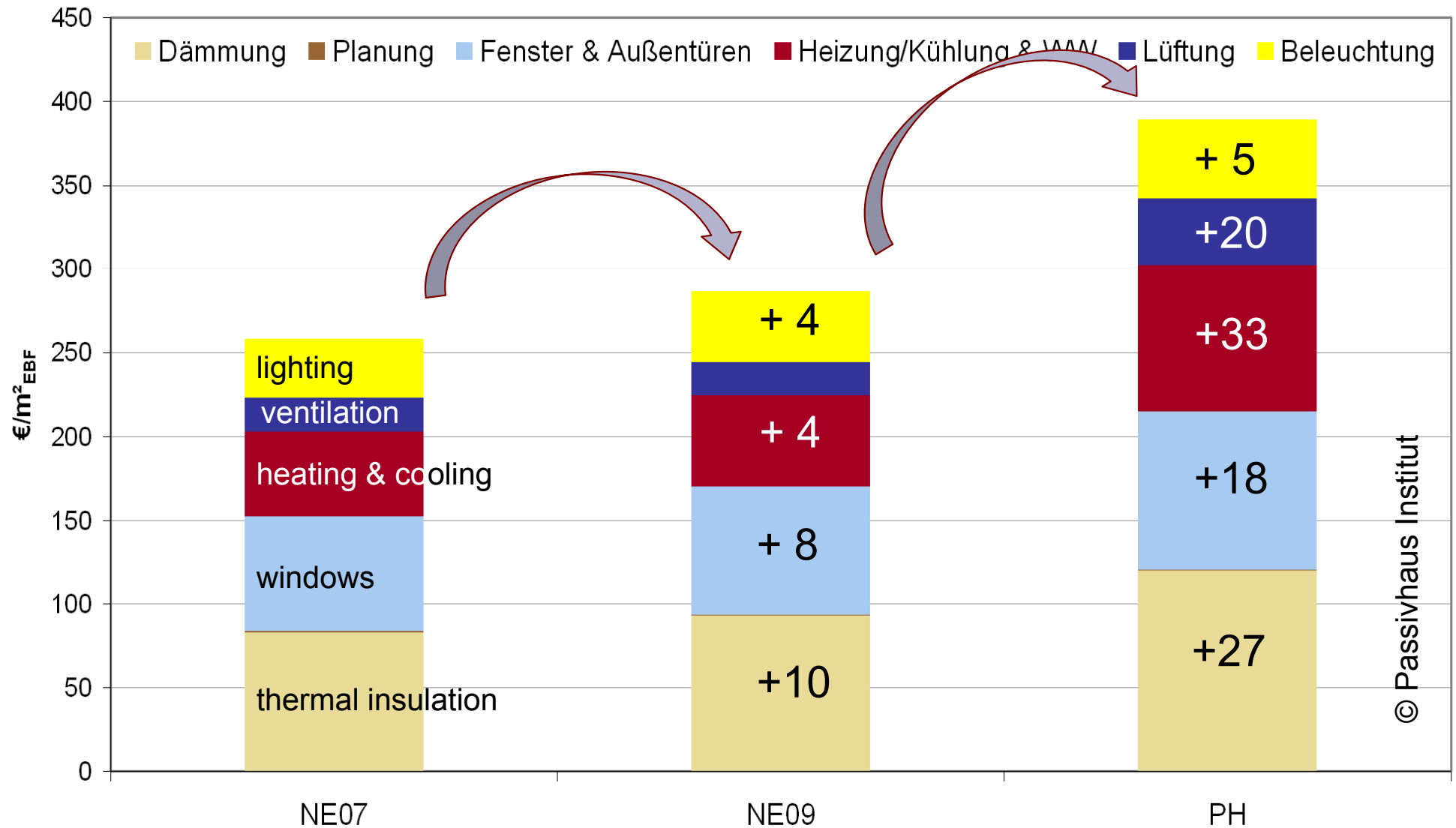
Passive House

- $U_{\text{wall}} = 0.12 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- 3 pane glazing insulated frames
 $U_w = 0.86 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- Concrete core activation, ground probes, heat pump (summer+winter)
- Internal gains: $4,77 \text{ W/m}^2$
- Air tightness: 0,5 /h
- Hot water decentralized (electric)
- Lighting: $2 \text{ W}/(100\text{lx}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ installed;
- Fluorescent lamps with electronic starter;
- **With special light design**

see Anne Huse, PH-conference 2010

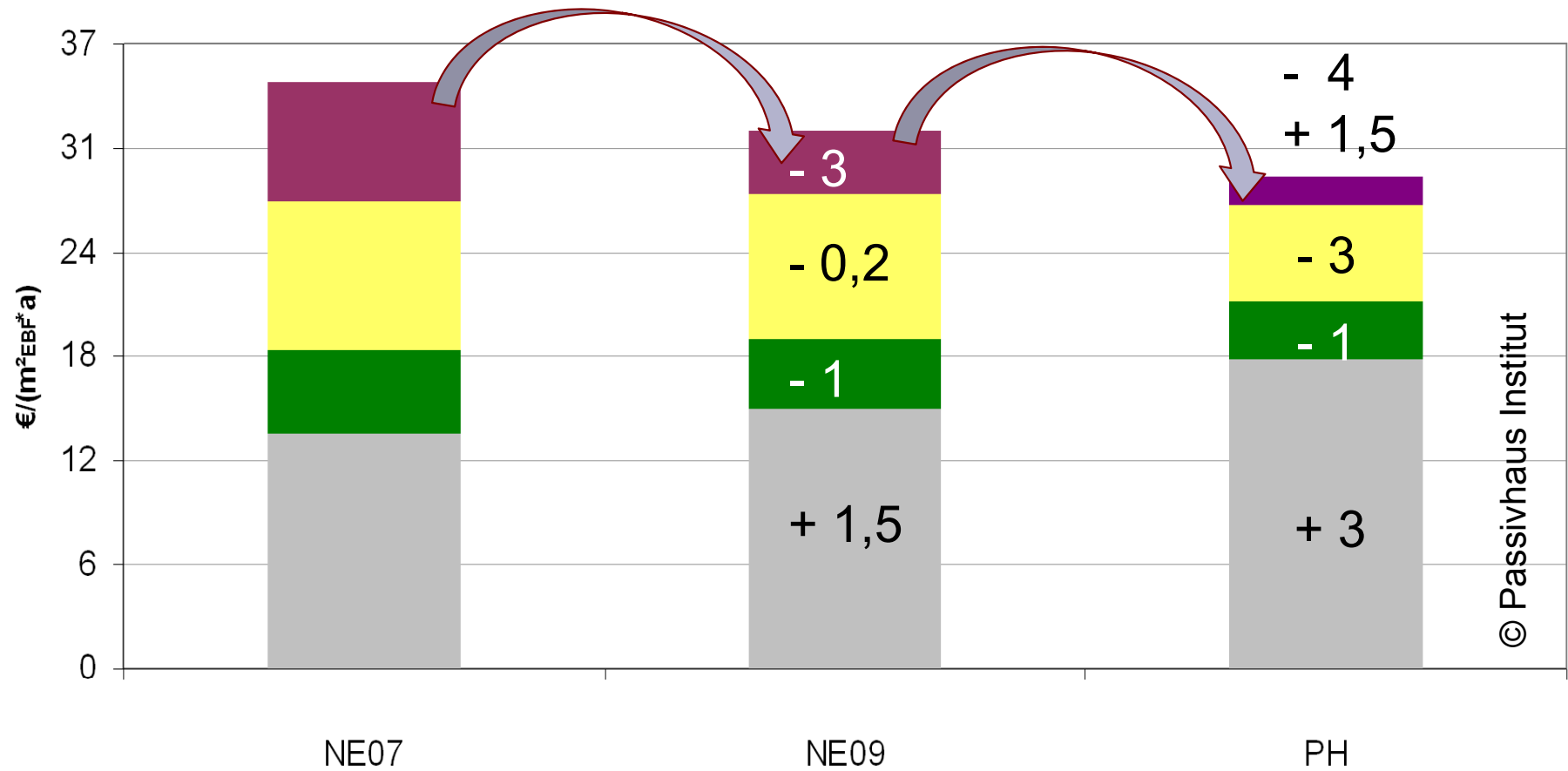
Investment costs go slightly up ...

- only energy related costs taken into account and shown!



see Anne Huse, PH-conference 2010

- total lifecycle costs depend on interest rate & energy price



- investment cost (without residual value)
- electricity cost (lighting, cooling...)
- gas for heating
- maintenance cost
- heat pump electricity cost heating&cooling

Summary / Conclusion: Passive Houses are economically reasonable

general analysis and thesis:

- Energy prices and interest rates will probably not be 'high' at the same time

this chance we have to take:

- if energy prices are high, you should avoid high energy consumption(!)
- low interest rates and high energy prices favour the higher investment for better building quality (energy efficiency)
- instead of burning (expensive) fossil fuels.
- hence Passive House (special) or energy efficiency (in general) is a profitable investment

third party advantages (win win win win):

- micro economy: local manufacturer (payed work for many people)
- macro economy: government (more taxes, welfare, ...)
- environment (less CO₂ ...)
- user (higher comfort, less cost that is like an old age provision!)

Conclusions: it's economically reasonable to change.....

Examples for Passive Houses at some selected locations in Europe

- thermal insulation helps in anyway
- U-values might be lower, but not in the roof!

	Mannheim	Toronto	Moscow	Seville	Palermo
Insulation wall [cm]	25	20	10	8	6
Insulation roof [cm]	35	25	25	20	20
Insulation basement [cm]	20	15	6	0	0
U window frames [W/(m ² K)]	0.72	0.72	0.72		
U-value glazing [W/(m ² K)]	0.7	1.2	1.2		
Humidity control for cooling	no	yes	no	no	yes
Heating demand [kWh/(m ² a)]	15.6	14.8	12.7	4.6	3.1
Sensible cooling [kWh/(m ² a)]	0	0.8	0.4	4.2	7.2
Latent cooling [kWh/(m ² a)]	0	2.3	0	0	7.2

insulated frame & double low-e glazing for thermal comfort

roof always well insulated

floor slab not insulated

construction determined by winter conditions

significant cooling required

Less frame insulation

for more information see www.passipedia.org