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# Comfort













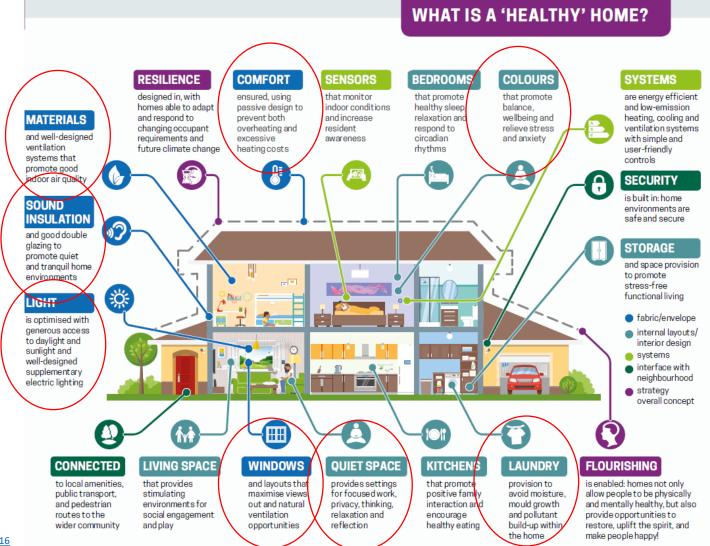












Source:

https://www.worldgbc.org/sites/default/files/16 0705\_Healthy\_Homes\_UK\_full\_report.pdf

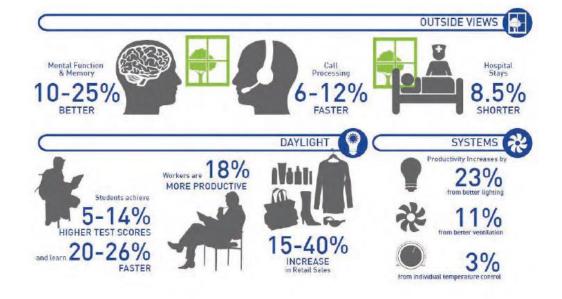


There is a growing body of evidence from around the world showing the strong link between better buildings and increased wellbeing among occupants. Saint-Gobain is a worldwide sponsor of campaigns driving the dissemination of this evidence, such as the World Green Building Council's Better Places for People campaign.









For further information visit www.worldgbc.org and www.betterplacesforpeople.org

Net present value analysis of the operational cost and productivity and health benefits of LEED certified buildings. Illustration taken from 'Health, Wellbeing & Productivity in Offices', World Green Building Council, 2014.





Comfort is a state of physical ease and wellbeing in a given environment. Within a building, various conditions are required to enable people to feel comfortable, and to perform their tasks effectively. There are four main considerations that affect people's senses and therefore their perception of comfort inside buildings. These are core to the Multi Comfort standard.



















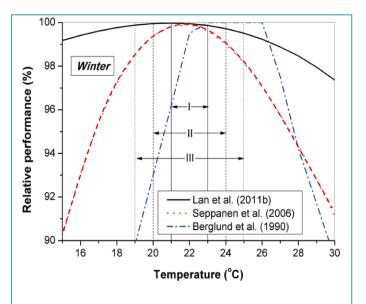




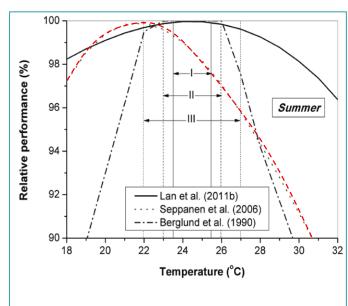


## **Effects on work performance**

The perceived thermal comfort has a direct effect over the human body performances



**Figure 3.** The relationships between air temperature and performance with superimposed categories of indoor environment for winter conditions according to standard EN15251 (2007).



**Figure 2.** The relationships between air temperature and performance with superimposed categories of indoor environment for summer conditions according to standard EN15251 (2007).





#### Determined by:

- Air temperature
- Surface temperatures
- Humidity
- · Absence of draughts

#### **Your Projects**

- · Keep your ideal indoor temperature all year round using very little energy
- Have walls that are nice to touch or lean on regardless of the weather outside
- · Have no draughts, even on the floor

#### Saint-Gobain solutions:

- · Glazing to let sun in or block it out
- Insulation to reduce heat loss or summer heat gains
- Plasters and plasterboards to Improve Thermal Comfort
- · Smart membranes to Improve airtightness and manage moisture
- · Renders that insulate and provide weather defence







## **Visual Comfort**







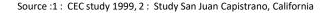
## **Visual Comfort**



# Effects on human well-being and comfort in case of good level of natural light

- generates higher level of concentration and better short-term memory recall.
- up to 20% better performances in standardized test (1)1
- faster progress on math tests by 20% (2)
- faster progress on reading tests by 25% (2)





## **Visual Comfort**



#### Determined by:

- · Views of outside space and connected to nature
- · Light quality
- Luminosity
- · Absence of glare

#### **Your Projects**

- · Are full of natural light without glare
- Have rich colors, making close-up work easy from even light distribution
- Bring the outdoors inside, connecting you with nature and improving your mood

#### Saint-Gobain solutions:

- Transparent products, such as glass, films or architectural membranes, which allow access to daylight and views through windows, doors and partitions
- · Translucent products that allow daylight whilst preserving privacy
- Opaque Interior products, such as wall coverings, celling or flooring products, which can contribute to the distribution of daylight and to the aesthetics of the space







# **Acoustic Comfort**





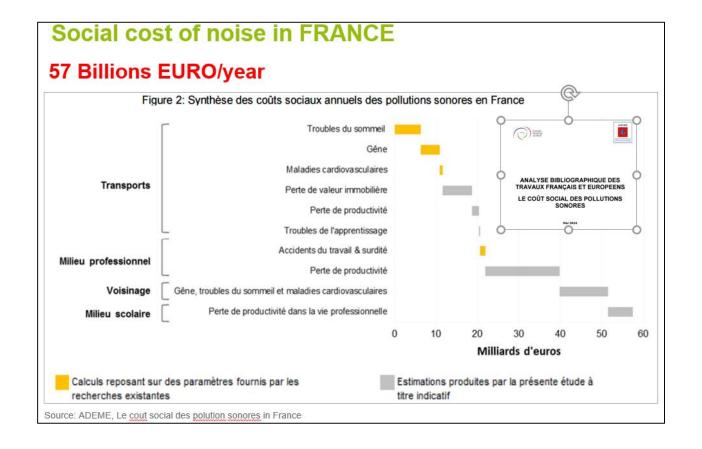


## **Acoustic Comfort**



## Noise has several adverse effects on human like:

- high blood pressure,
- mental stress,
- heart attacks,
- hearing damages



Source: ADEME, Le cout social des polution sonores in France



## **Acoustic Comfort**



#### Determined by:

- · Noise from outdoors and/or neighbors
- · Sound vibrations through the structure
- · Clarity of hearing, speech intelligibility

#### **Your Projects**

- · Protect you from noise coming from outside or inside
- · Mean you can make noise without disturbing others
- · Enjoy an improved level of ambient noise
- Control noise reverberation and increase speech intelligibility making sound places to work and learn

#### Saint-Gobain solutions:

- Provide ideal room acoustics for any living, learning or working environment
- · Plasterboard linings to reduce airborne noise
- · Insulation solutions to reduce impact noise from above and below
- · Absorbing acoustic ceilings and panels to control room noise
- · Sound insulating glazing





ACOUSTIC COMFORT



## **Indoor Air Comfort**





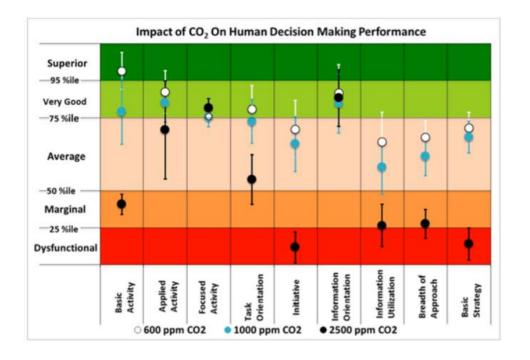




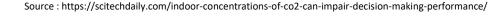


# **Indoor Concentrations of CO2 Can Impair Decision-Making Performance**

 Study from scientists at the Berkeley Lab, in collaboration with researchers at SUNY Upstate Medical University, found that moderately high indoor concentrations of CO2 can significantly impair people's decision-making performance.



Berkeley Lab researchers found that even moderately elevated levels of indoor carbon dioxide resulted in lower scores on six of nine scales of human decision-making performance.









#### Determined by:

- · Indoor air quality
- Fresh air supply
- · Absence of internal pollutants
- Control of odors

#### **Your Projects**

- · Keep outdoor pollution outside
- · Have a constant supply of clean, fresh air
- · Never feel stuffy nor damp
- · Actively break-down impurities in indoor air

#### Saint-Gobain solutions:

- Insulation, drylining, membranes and high performance windows and doors providing superior airtightness
- · Low emission solutions to Improve Indoor air quality
- Products to purify Indoor air by scavenging certain (VOCs) Volatile Organic Compounds such as formaldehyde
- Low-dust screeds and adhesives improving user-comfort during installation





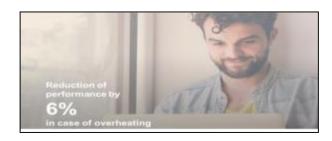














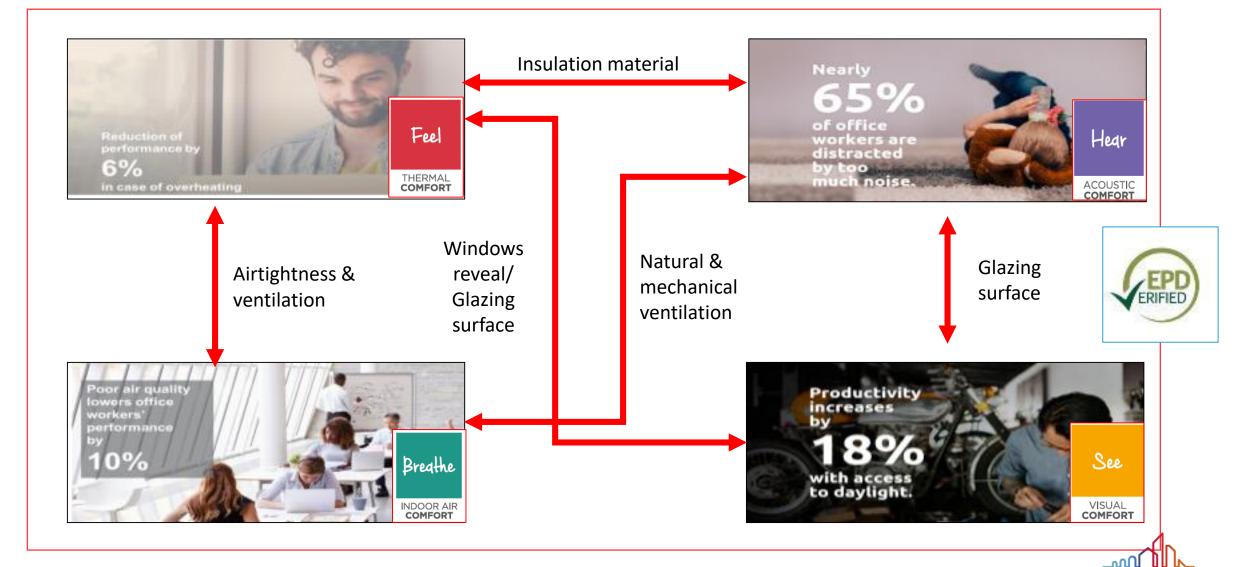








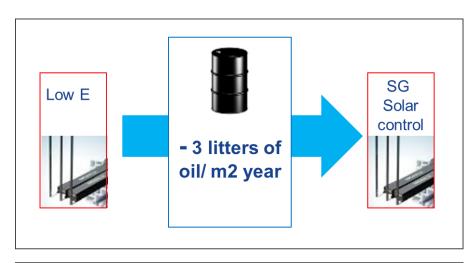
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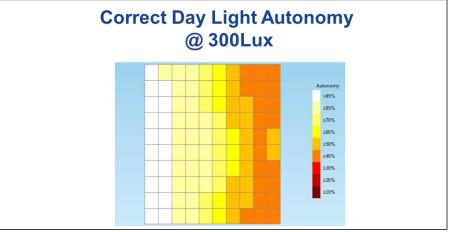




## **Visual comfort & Thermal comfort**











## **Acoustic Comfort & Thermal comfort**

Metallic duct



Rigid foams



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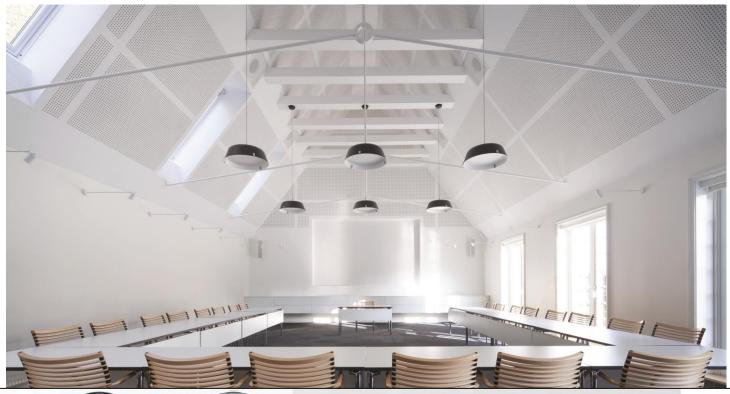








## IAQ + Acoustic comfort





















### Four sensory comforts



## Sustainability Considerations



#### ENERGY AND CARBON Towards zero carbon

#### Ultimately...

Keep the need for heating, cooling and lighting to the unavoidable minimum. Fulfil any remaining energy needs from renewable and decarbonized sources. Be prepared to produce more energy than needed.



#### MATERIALS AND RESOURCES Towards a circular economy

#### Ultimately...

Close the loop by reducing waste generation to the absolute minimum. Divert residual waste from landfill, and where possible use it as a secondary raw material, while ensuring all materials have zero hazardous content.



#### HEALTH AND SAFETY Towards nuturing buildings

#### Ultimately...

Remove harmful ingredients and releases in the indoor environment and contribute to buildings that are protective of their occupants and their health.



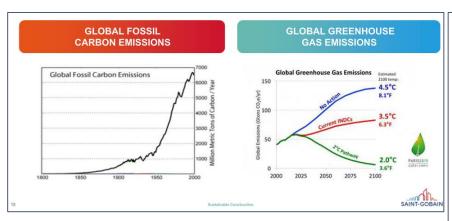






# Carbon and resources challenge

**Buildings as part of the solution** 











"No universal solution"



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTdiimklSqo

Solutions vary depending on the local climate...



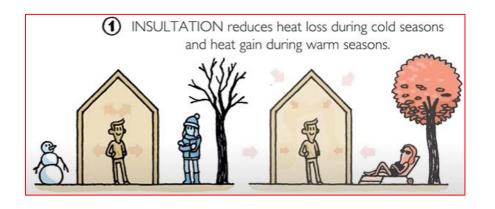
as well as the type of activity performed by the building users.

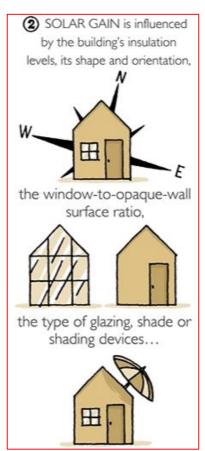


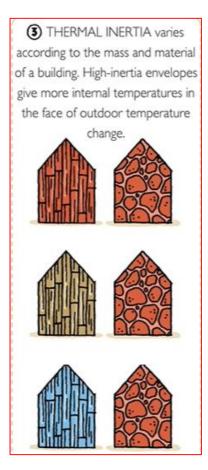


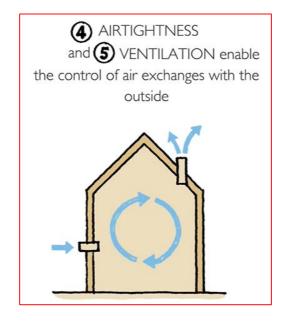


## **Main Steps**





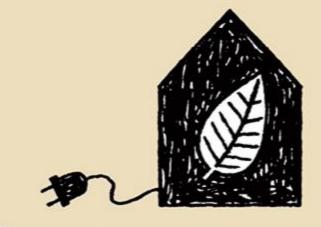








A well designed building envelope can dramatically reduce the need for mechanical systems required to provide thermal comfort, so reducing the environmental impact.



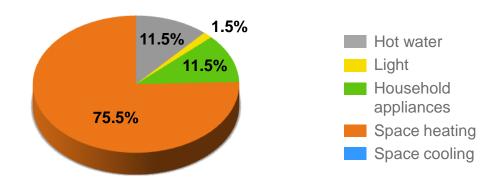




## Space heating & cooling

Main "energy consumer" in (residential) buildings

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European moderate climate



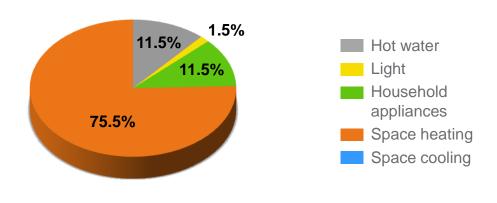


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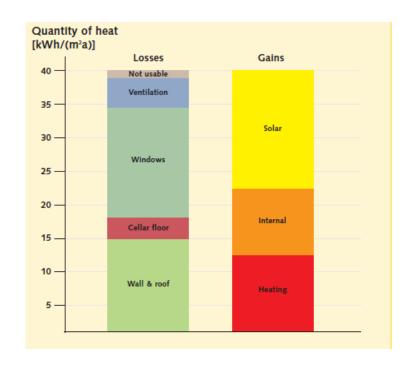
How to balance them

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#### Thermal balance





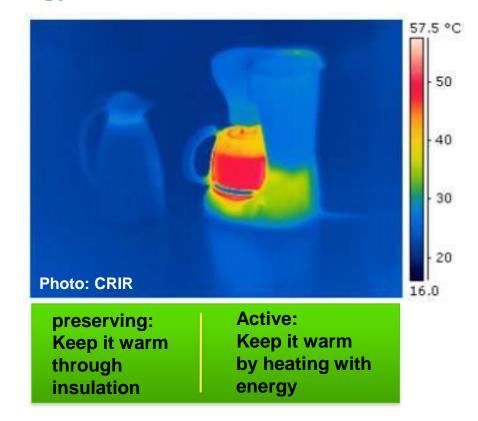


## From active heating to preserving energy while coffee is still hot



Preserving: Keep it warm through insulation Active:
Keep it warm
by heating with
energy

Low tech - low maintenance

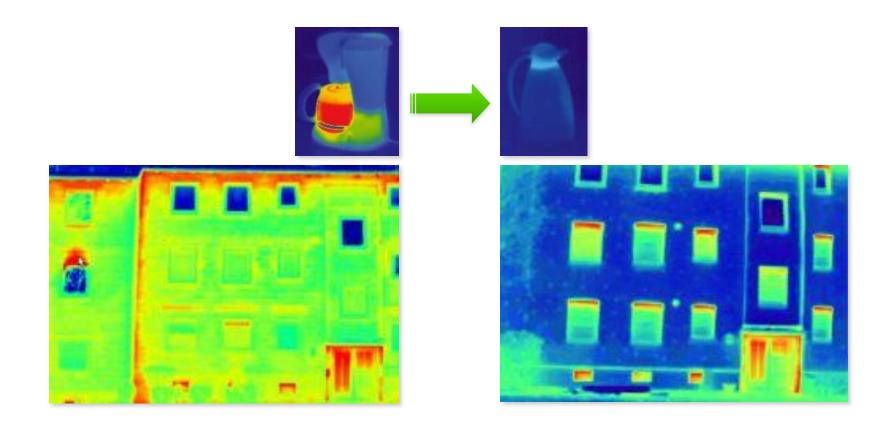


A well insulated house is not visible





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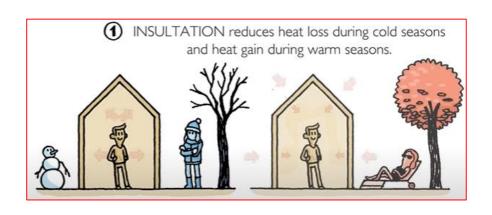


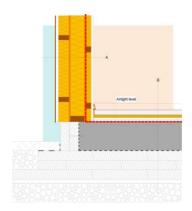


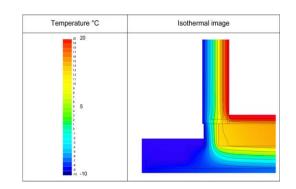


## Criteria

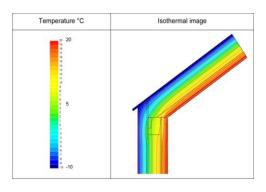
- U value for roof < 0,15 W/m2K</li>
- U value for external wall < 0,20 W/m2K</li>
- U value for floors on the ground < 0,30 W/m2K</li>
- U value for windows < 0,90 W/m2K</li>















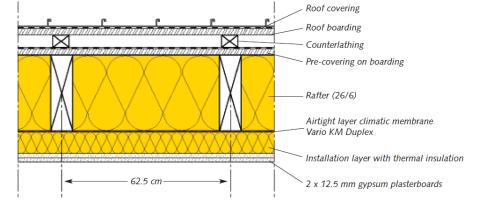
## Roof

#### A. Roof (structure from the inside out)

Component layer	d in m	$\lambda$ in W/(mK)	R in m <sup>2</sup> K/W
1. Gypsum plasterboard, 2-layered	0.0250	0.250	0.100
2. Glass wool under rafter insulation	0.0500	0.035	1.438
3. Climatic membrane Vario KM Duplex	-	-	-
4. Glass wool clamping felt	0.260	0.035	7.428
5. Roof boarding	0.024	0.130	0.185
6. Underlay, diffusible	-	-	-
7. Roofing, ventilated	-	-	-
Total sum of thermal resistances			9.151
Thermal surface resistances			0.140
U-value without wooden parts			$U = 0.11 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$
U-value with wooden parts			$U = 0.13 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$

ψ-value10 = -0.03 W/(mK); f-value20 = 0.952; minimal surface temperature θsi = 18.79 °C; at 20°C indoors and -5°C outdoors.

<sup>2)</sup> The f-value is a dimensionless temperature factor. It is a measure for the minimal surface temperature of a construction when the outdoor and indoor temperatures have been predefined. It describes the risk of condensation and mould formation.





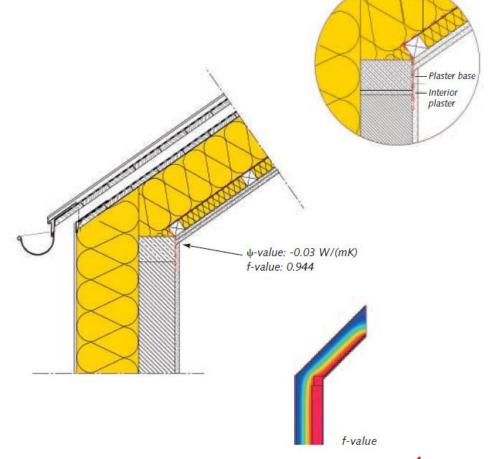


Climatic Membrane Vario KM Duplex

## Wall

#### B. Outer wall (structure from the inside out)

Component layer	d in m	$\lambda$ in W/(mK)	R in m <sup>2</sup> K/W
1. Interior plaster	0.015	0.700	0.021
2. Sand-lime wall 1600	0.175	0.790	0.221
3. Mineral wool plaster baseboard	0.280	0.035	8.000
4. Exterior plaster	0.025	1.000	0.025
Total sum of thermal resistances			8.267
Thermal surface resistances			0.170
U-value of the construction			$U = 0.120 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$



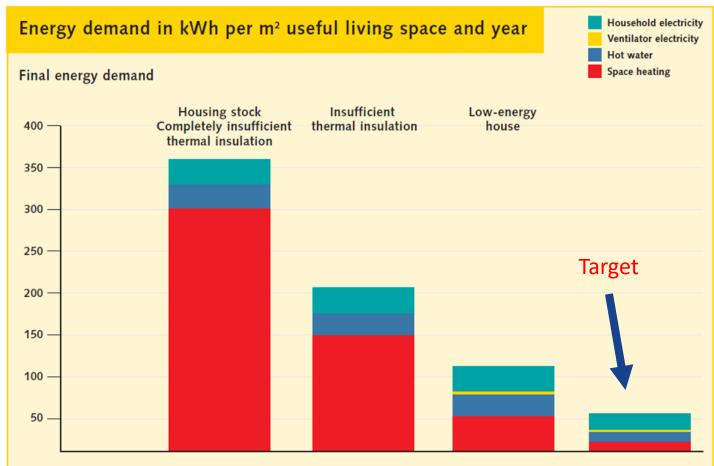
Sound reduction index Rw = 52 dB Fire-resistance rating acc. to EN 13501-2, REI 60

Fire-resistance rating acc. to EN 13501-2, REI 90



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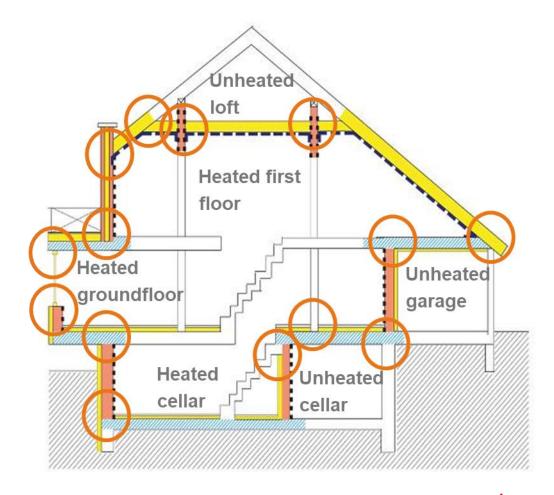
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Heating energy demand of a typical one-family house	kWh/m²a 300-250	kWh/m²a 150-100	kWh/m²a 50-40	kWh/m²a ≤ 15
BUILDING STANDARD	Completely insufficient thermal insulation Structurally questionable, cost of heating no longer economical (typical of rural buildings, non-modernized old buildings).	Insufficient thermal insulation Thermal renovation is clearly worth the trouble (typical of residential houses built in the 50s to 70s of the last century).	Low-energy houses	Very low energy houses
BUILDING ELEMENT	Typical U-values and insulation thicknesses			
External walls (massive wall of 25 cm) Insulation thickness	1.30 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 0 cm	0.40 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 6 cm	0.20 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 16 cm	0.13 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) approx. 30 cm
Roof Insulation thickness	0.90 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 4 cm	0.22 W/(m²K) 22 cm	0.15 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 30 cm	0.10 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 40 cm
Floors to ground Insulation thickness	1.0 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 0 cm	0.40 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 6 cm	0.25 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K) 10 cm	0.15 W/(m²K) 26 cm
Windows	5.10 W/(m²K) Single glazing	2.80 W/(m² K) Double glazing, insulation glass (air-filled)	1.10 W/(m²K) Double glazing, thermal insulation glazing	0.80 W/(m²K) Triple glazing, thermal insu- lation glass, special frame
Ventilation	Leaky joints	Open the windows	Exhaust air unit	Comfort ventilation with heat recovery
CO <sub>2</sub> emission	60 kg/m²a	30 kg/m²a	10 kg/m²a	2 kg/m²a
Energy consumption in liters heating oil per m² living space and year	30-25 liters	15-10 liters	4-5 liters	1.5 liters



#### **Avoid or minimize thermal bridges**

- foundation slabs
- basement ceilings
- upper edges of walls (roof area)
- wall penetrations between heated and unheated areas
- balconies, landings and other cantilevered elements
- windows and roller shutter boxes
- rafters and support posts
- stairs

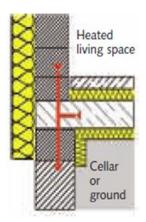




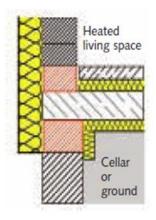


#### **Avoid or minimize thermal bridges**

With a single-leaf external wall and a cellar floor or sole plate insulated on its upper or under side

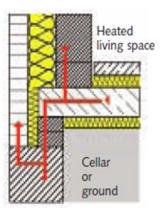


Insufficient if support of ceiling on cellar outer wall resp. strip footing and the support of warm internal wall ground floor has been installed without thermal separation using a material with lambda > approx. 0.12 W/mK.

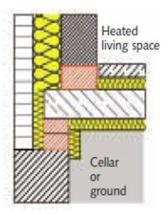


Good if both supports have been produced from a material with lambda < approx. 0.12 W/mK.

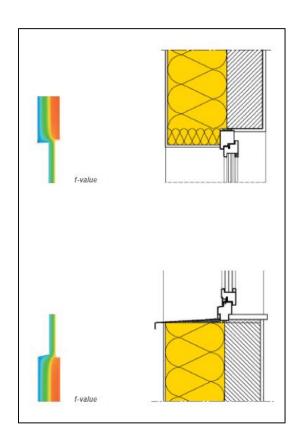
With an external cavity wall and a cellar floor or sole plate insulated both on its upper and under side



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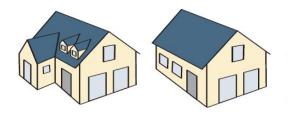
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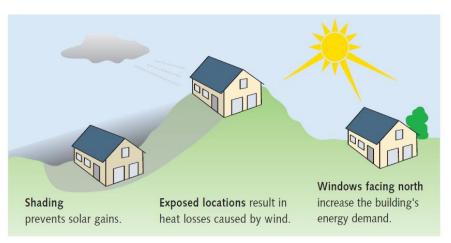


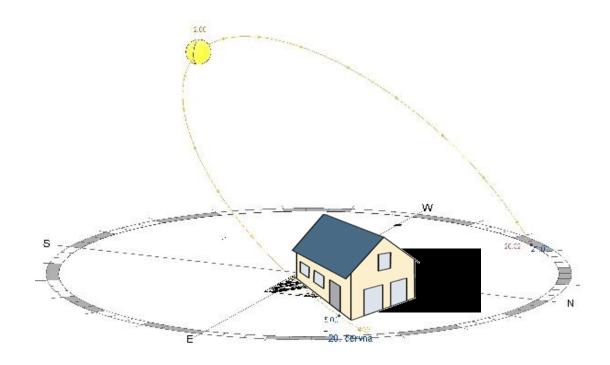


#### **Building shape and orientation**



Complicated designs increase the energy demand compared to plain, compact building styles.





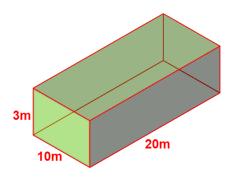


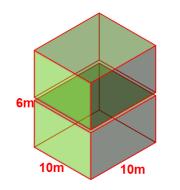


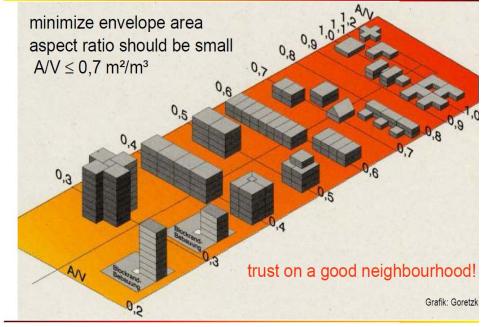
#### **Building shape and orientation**

- Variant 1
  - Foot print: 200mp
  - Envelope surface:580m2

- Variant 2
  - Foot print: 200mp
  - Envelope surface:440m2







Passive House Seminar, Saint-Gobain, Paris 2010





#### **Airtightness**

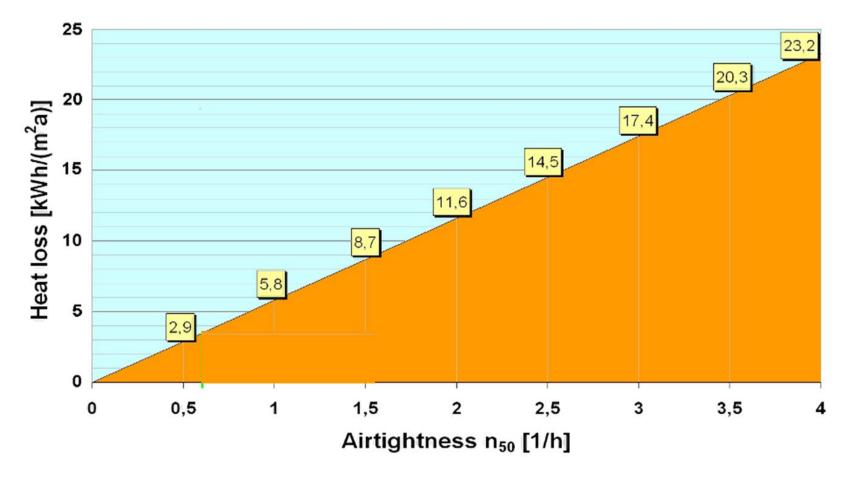
ISOVER Vario® Blower Door Test <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVSEWgFOx6o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVSEWgFOx6o</a>







#### **Airtightness**







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One example says more than 1000 words. Survey of frequent structural defects.

An important security factor is the quality of the bond. An airtight bond between two strips of a sealing membrane cannot be produced by riveting. The seam area must therefore be sealed with a suitable adhesive tape.



Carefully tape overlapping areas.

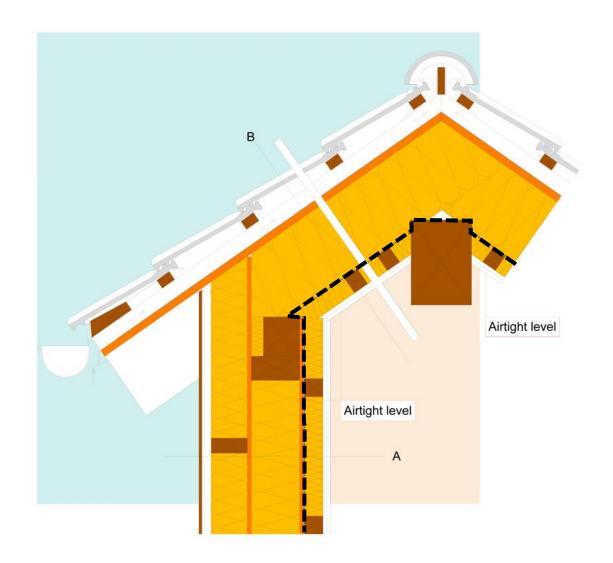
The lack of airtightness between ceiling and wall results in clearly visible heat losses.

Source: Niedrig Energie Institut (Low-Energy Institute), Germany





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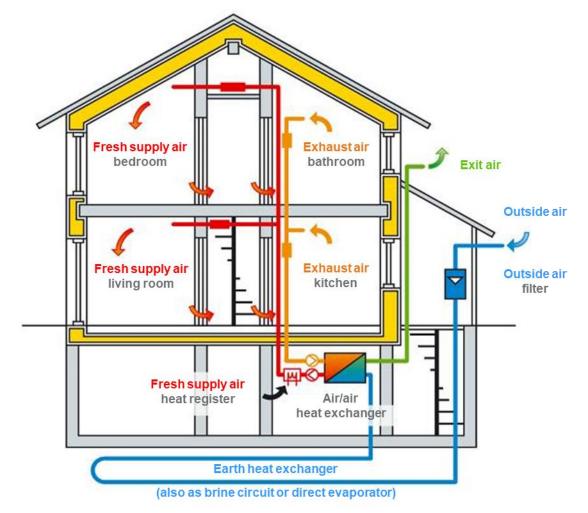






#### Controlled ventilation ...

is going hand-in-hand with air tightness



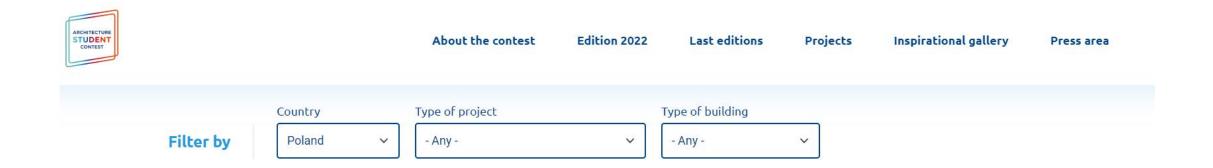


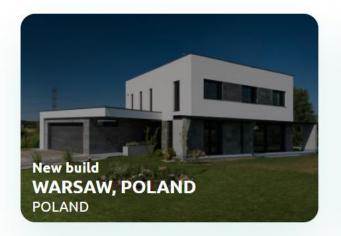


- 1. Thermal insulation
- 2. Airtightness
- 3. Good windows and doors
- 4. Solar gain + internal gain
- 5. Ventilation system with heat recovery

















#### **THANK YOU**

