

A background image of a playground with a slide, a man, and children playing. A large, dark grey rectangular block of Neopor insulation is in the foreground.

Brunck district – long-term monitoring

Integral evaluation **of the** long-term effects **of** energy efficiency measures



Thermal insulation myths

Insulation made of EPS is bad for the environment.

ETICS facades become covered in algae in a very short space of time.

Mold throughout the house!

Living in insulated buildings makes you ill.

Insulation does not pay for itself!!!!

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Brunck district – history



- Constructed in the **1930s** as a settlement for workers
- Oil and wood-fired stoves (20 – 25 l/m²a)
- Completely destroyed in the **Second World War**
- Then rebuilt based on old plans
- 20 percent stood vacant in the **1990s**
- Layouts not contemporary
- Poor materials
- **From 1996** a concept for revitalizing the Brunck district was drawn up

Brunck district – today



Modernization of the neighborhood (1997 - 2006):

- Reconfiguration of the living environment
- Energy efficiency and eco-efficiency: first 3-liter house in stock in Germany **among (?)**
- Drawing up of innovative system solutions
- Involvement of the residents in the planning phase



Enveloping measures for the different energy efficiency levels

Energy-related modernization

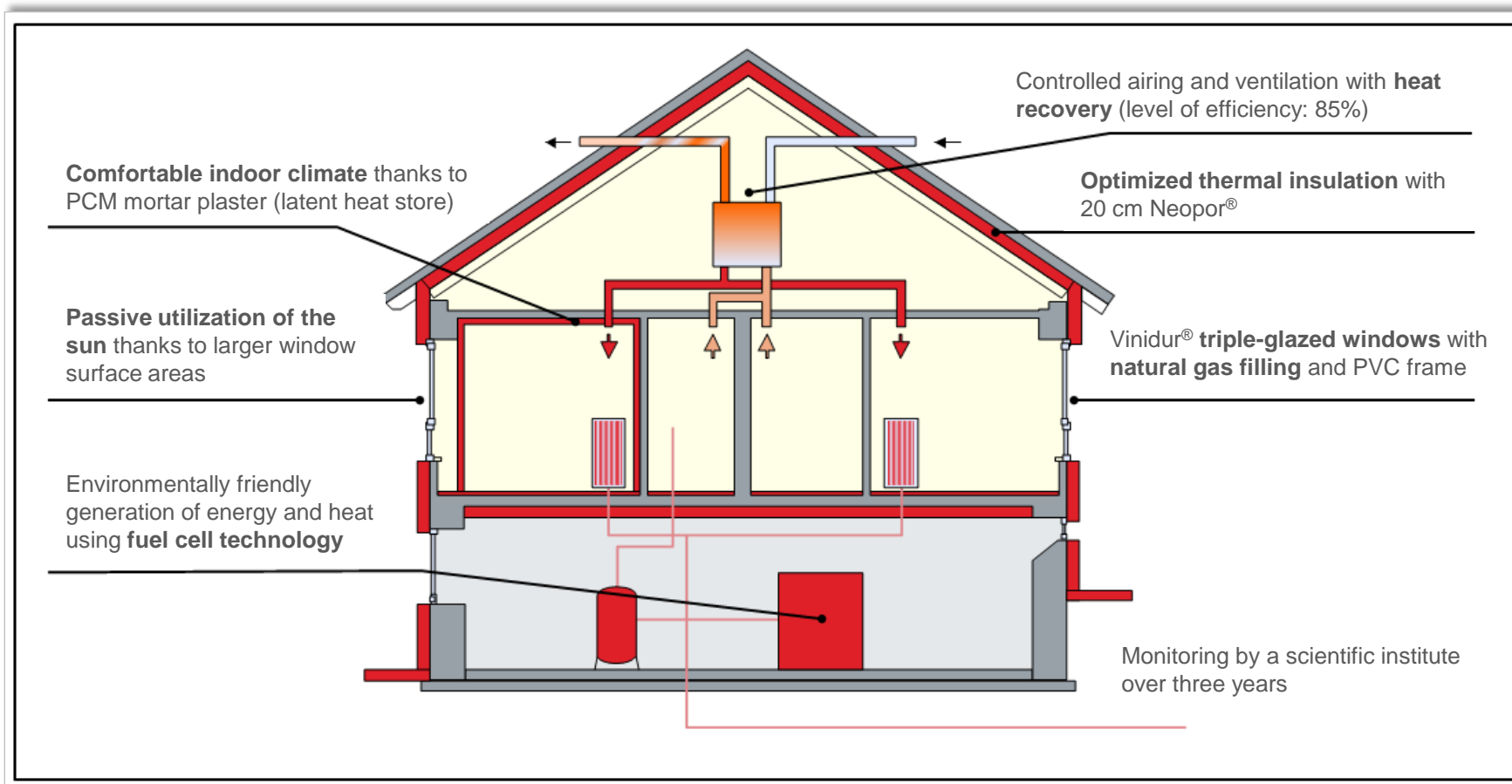
3-liter house

| Refurbishment measures | | Area (m ²) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3-liter house – energy-related additional costs = € 329/m² LS = 699 | | |
| External wall insulation | 20 cm of TCG 035 | 623 |
| Roof insulation | 20 cm of TCG 035 | 350 |
| Basement ceiling insulation | 20 cm of TCG 035 | 292 |
| Windows (triple glazing) | U _w = 0,8 W/(m ² K) | 108 |
| 5-liter house – energy-related additional costs = € 189/m² LS = 403 | | |
| External wall insulation | 20 cm of TCG 035 | 433 |
| Roof insulation | 20 cm of TCG 035 | 211 |
| Basement ceiling insulation | 8 cm of TCG 035 | 179 |
| Windows (double glazing) | U _w = 1,1 W/(m ² K) | 75 |
| 7-liter house – energy-related additional costs = 124 €/m² LS = 699 | | |
| External wall insulation | 14 cm of TCG 035 | 619 |
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5-liter house

7-liter house

Technical concept of 3-liter house (stock modernization)



3-liter house after stock modernization



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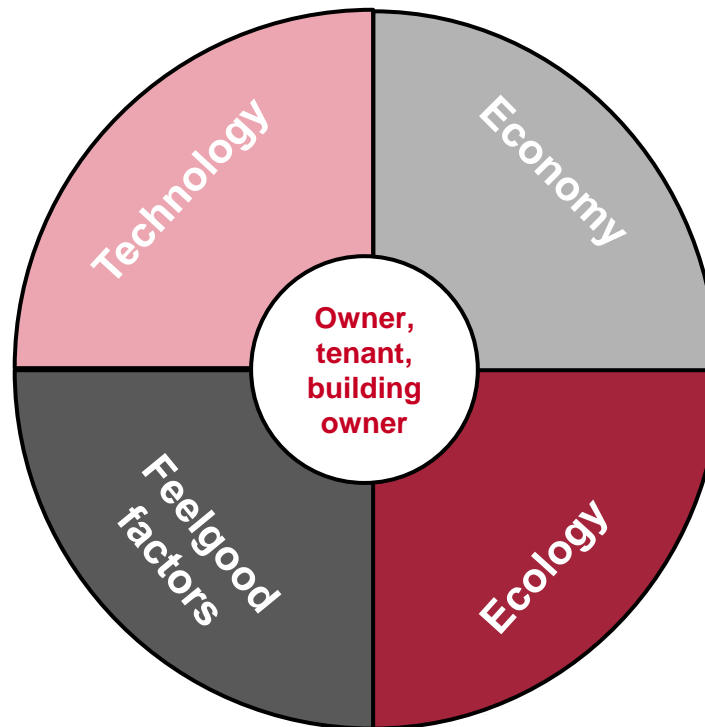
First integral long-term monitoring examining all aspects of sustainability

Technology:

How has the insulation material acquitted itself over ten years?

Feelgood factors:

Among others:
Do the residents feel good living in their home insulated with Neopor®?



Economy:

What payback period for the individual measures can be achieved?

By how much are the heating costs reduced?

Ecology:

How much CO₂ is saved as a result of the energy-related refurbishment?

Technical assessment

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Technical condition after over 10 years

Original text of expert *report (survey)*:

"After over 10 years, the facade is presented in a visually good condition; virtually no aging and no algae growth on the exterior plaster is apparent."



Verdict:

- Minimal damage which occurs cannot be attributed to the materials used. This damage was demonstrably caused by technical errors of execution during installation.
- Both the insulation material and the system as a whole display no age-related changes and are in full working order.
- No damage caused by woodpeckers, insects or micro-organisms (spiders, mold, algae growth)

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Long-term heat demand

Example:

7-liter house
80 m² dwelling

Situation in 1960:

1850 liters of heating oil

23 l/m²a

Situation in 2012:

296 liters of heating oil

3.7 l/m²a



1 liter of heating
oil is equivalent
to 10 KWh/m²a

Saving effect of Brunck district modernization expressed as heating oil equivalent

How many liters of heating oil were saved?

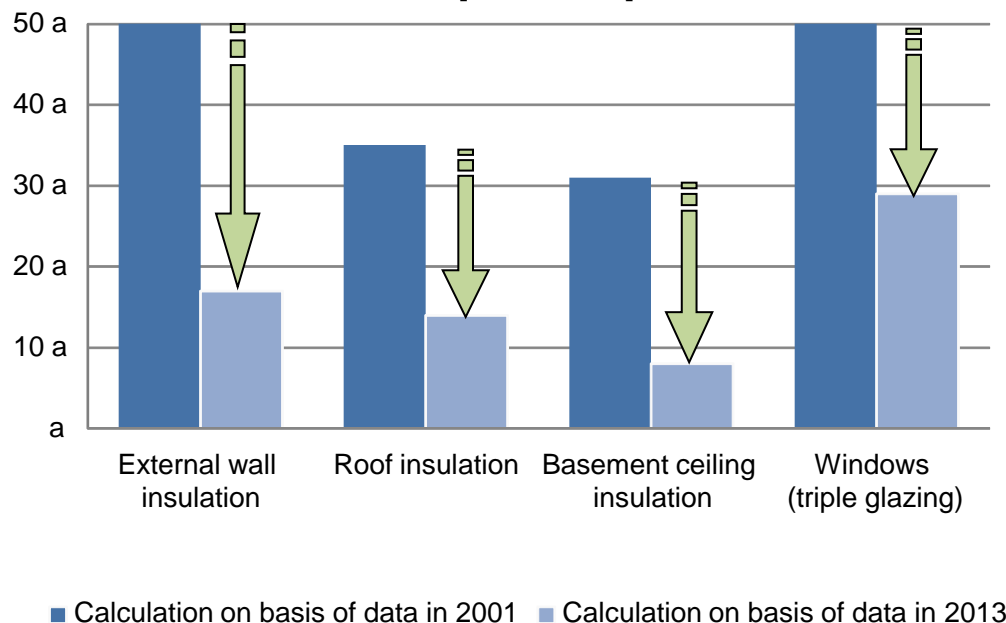
Saving per year:

- 3, 5 and 7-liter houses in existing stock:
 - 387,000 liters
 - 13 tankers (oil trucks)



Average payback periods for the individual measures in the 3-liter house (stock)

Payback time of the investment costs
Comparison of energy-related modernization in 2001 with 2013
[3-liter house]



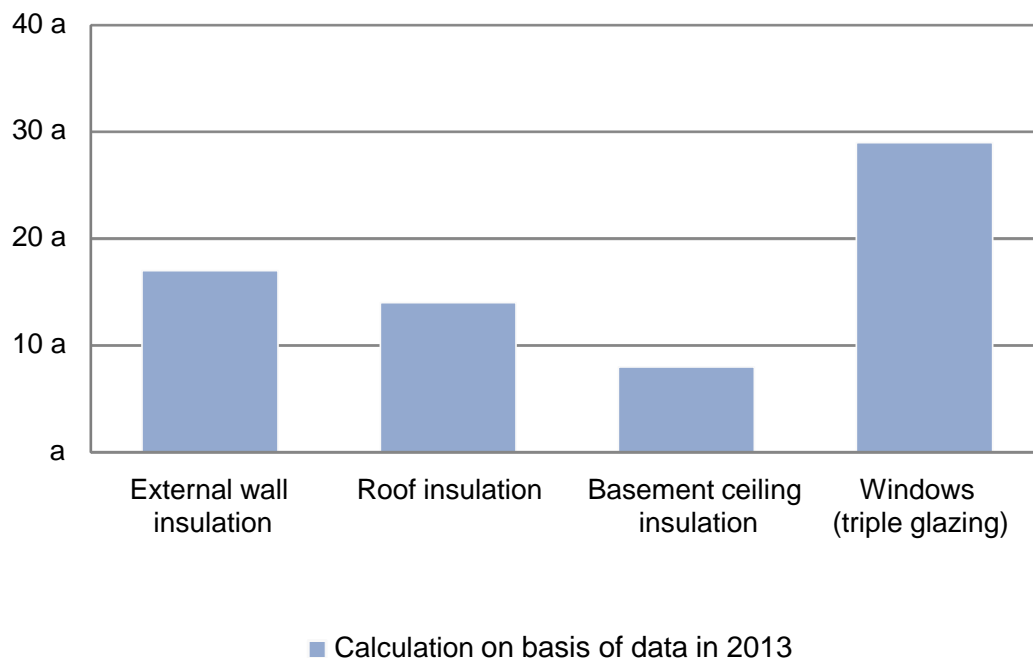
Comparison of the payback times for individual energy-related modernization measures on account of changes to the general framework conditions

Comparison of the economic viability of the implementation times in 2001 with 2013:

- Reduced material prices for energy efficiency technologies due to an increase in production capacities
 - Strong rise in the price of energy - gas up 5.2% p.a.
 - Capital interest rates (credit) fallen considerably in the last decade
- The payback period has reduced dramatically over the last 12 years.
 - Strong argument for housing companies and real estate developers: The investments pay for themselves more quickly.

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**Payback time of the investment costs
energy-related modernization in 2013
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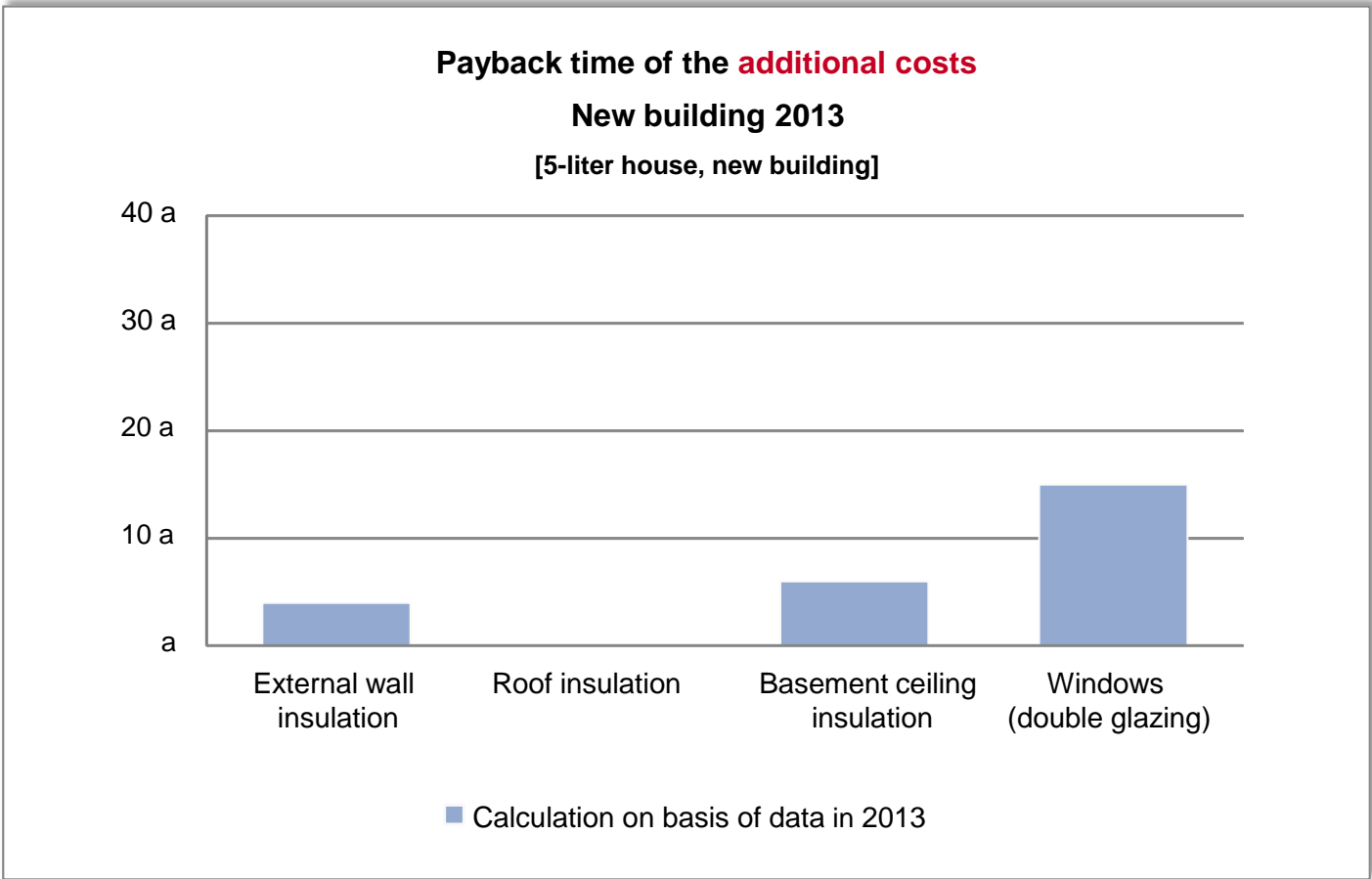


The payback periods for energy efficiency measures on the shell of the building have shortened in the last decade.

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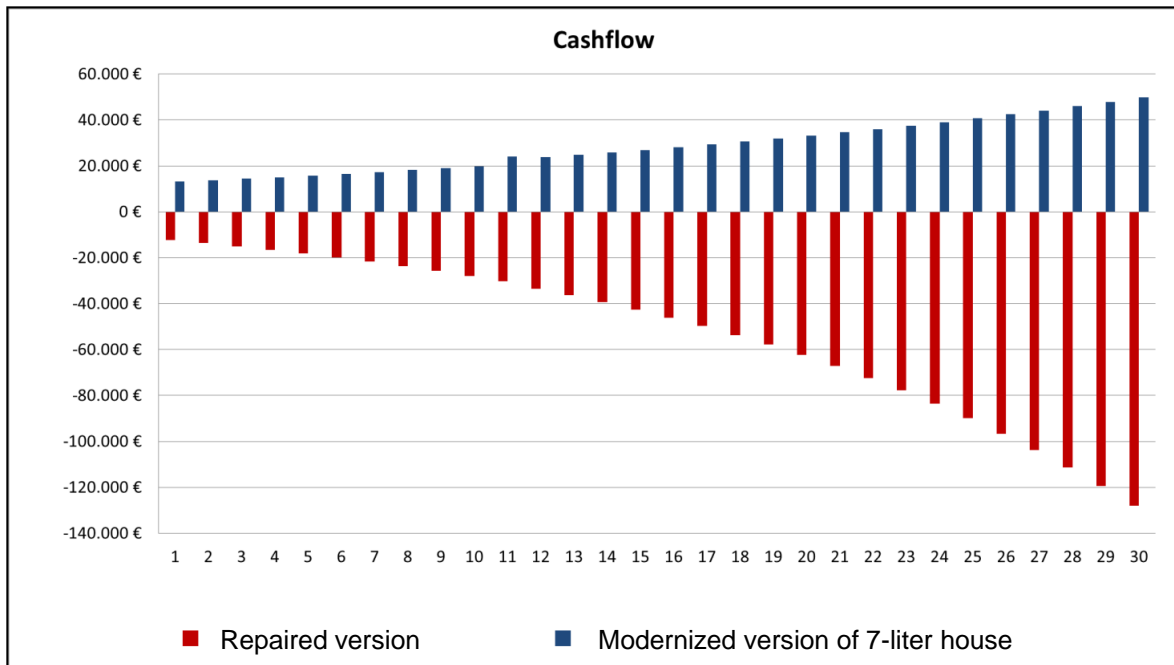
Even shorter payback periods in new buildings



Comparison of the payback times for individual energy-related modernization measures

* No additional thermal insulation required

Examination of economic viability of concept as a whole (example of 7-liter house in stock)



Cash flow comparison from the point of view of the housing company

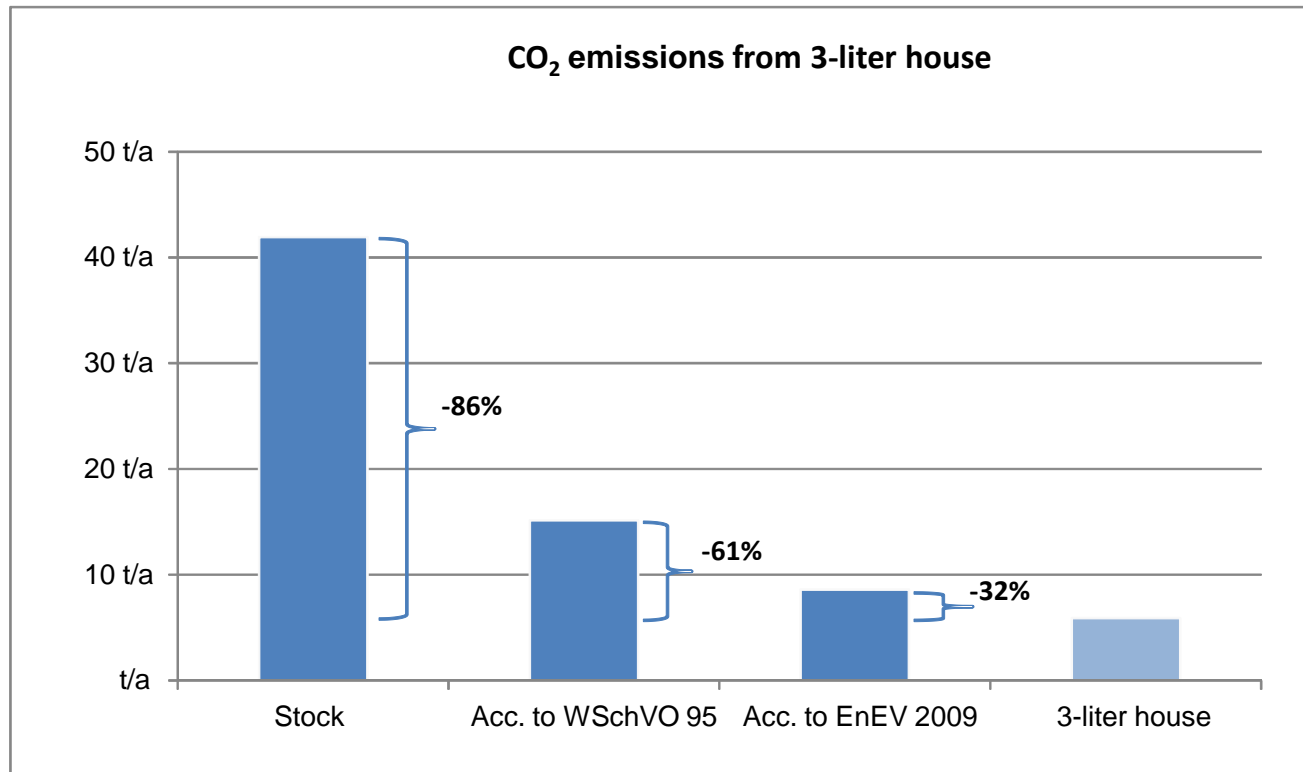
Stock modernization to produce 7-liter house:

- **Additional investment:** € 450 per m²
- Adaptation of the dwelling's floor plans and fixtures and fittings to reflect today's requirements
- Reduction in the **thermal heat demand** of around 70% (today around € 11 per m² per year)
- Reduction in the **proportion of vacant property** from 20% to 3%
- Reduction in the annual **repair costs** of 70%
- Positive **cash flow trend**
- Higher **value of the building**
- Overall **payback time** is less than 13 years

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Carbon Footprint Brunckviertel

- CO₂ saving of 8,300 metric tons in modernized Brunck district within 10 years



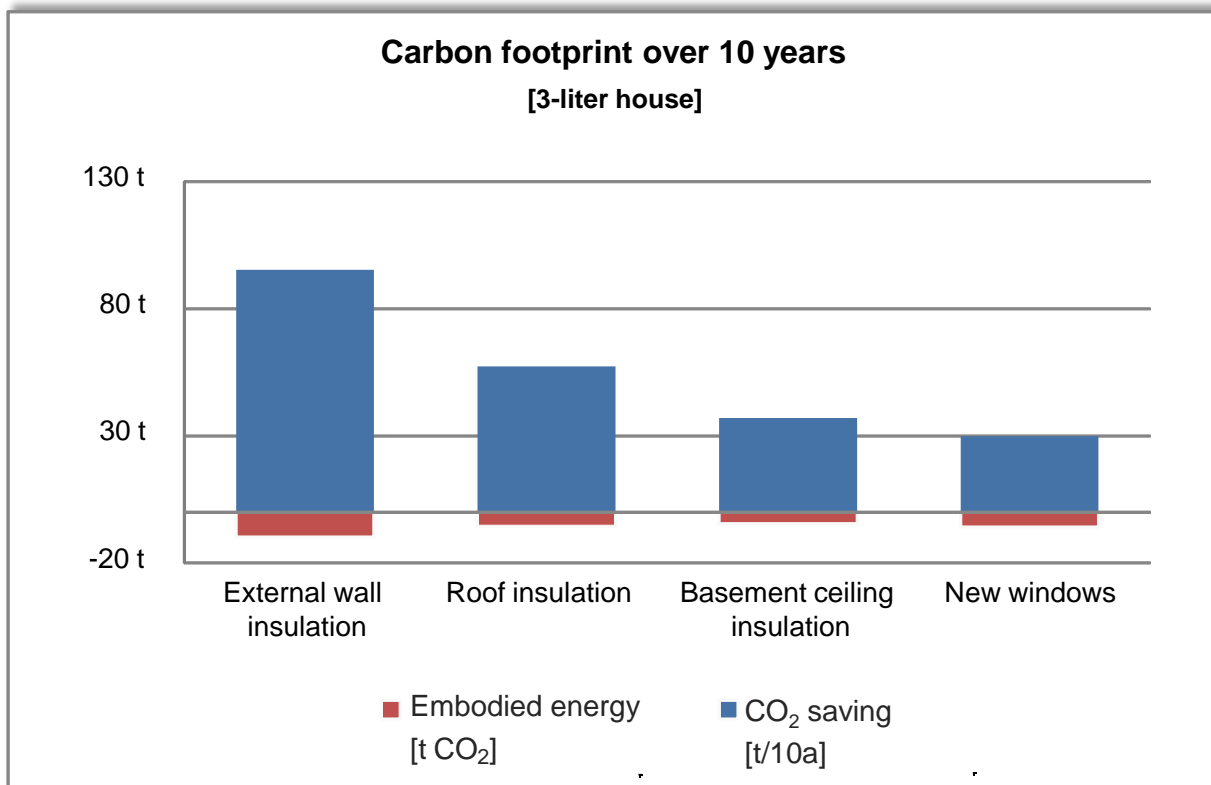
The annual CO₂ saving of 830 metric tons is equivalent to around **60 hectares of forest** which would be needed to offset the CO₂ emissions.



60 hectares

Ecological payback time

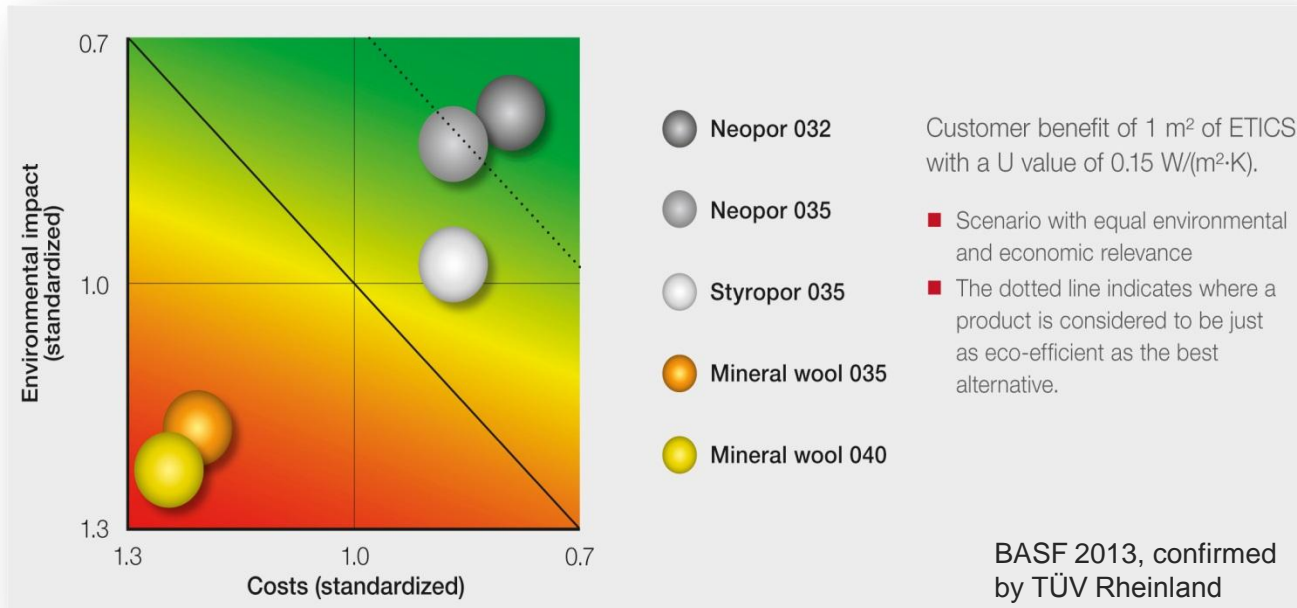
Comparison of "embodied energy" with "CO₂ saving in 10 years":
The ecological payback time is around one year.



Ecological footprint over 10 years for different energy efficiency measures

Eco-efficiency of Neopor®

Exemplary eco-efficiency – alongside the long-term monitoring the eco-efficiency analysis of Neopor® was updated.




Eco-efficiency analysis of different insulation materials: comparison of different insulation material technologies looking at the "economy" and "ecology"

Survey of residents



Mold
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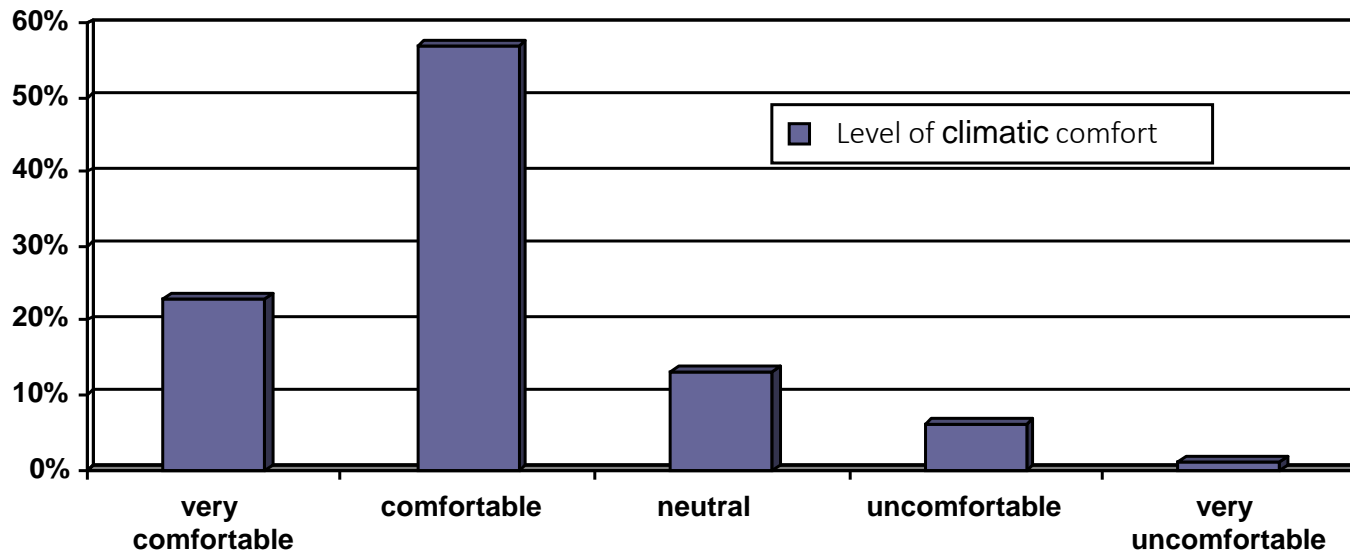
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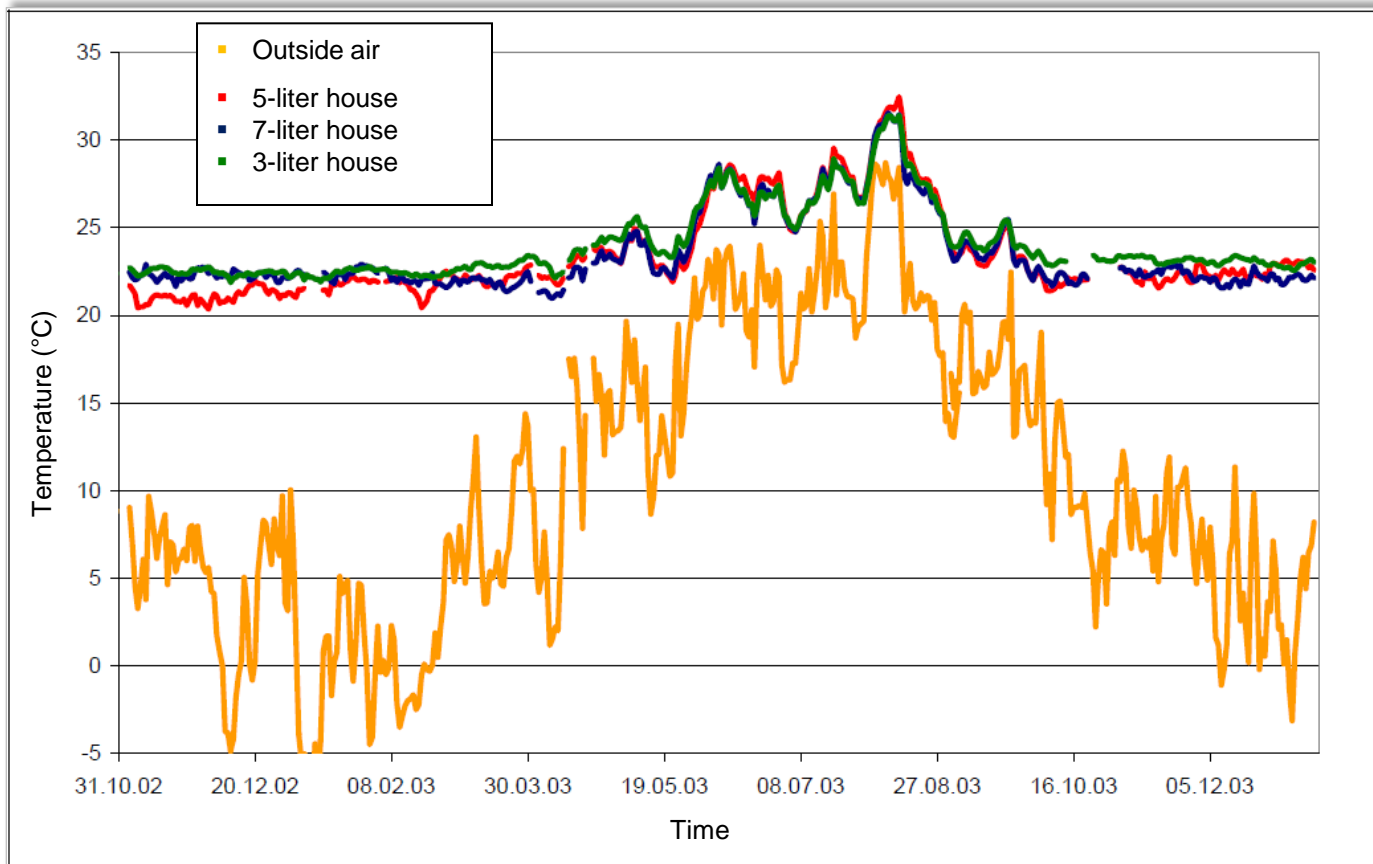
- **Carried out by:** Institute of Trendscouting at the University of Applied Science and Art Hildesheim / Holzminden / Göttingen
- 1st part of the survey in Ludwigshafen in August 2012: approx. 120 households
- 2nd part of the survey in Darmstadt in May 2013: approx. 60 households

Assessment of quality of housing



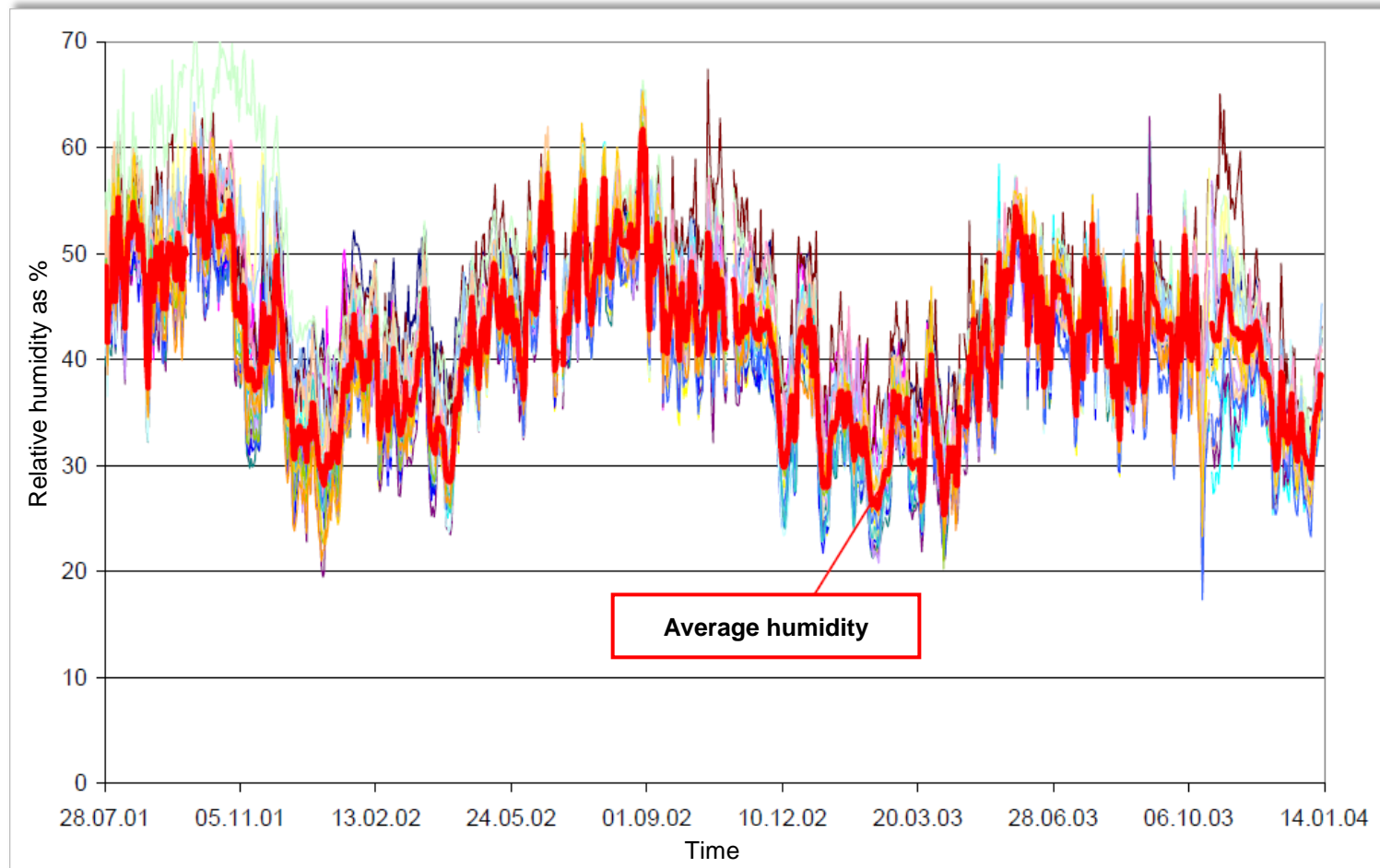
- **Summer:** some instances of overheating due to insufficient options for shading or a lack of ventilation or shading performed by the user
- **Winter:** excessive ventilation on cold days results in a great drop in temperature in the dwelling which can only be made up for slowly by the heating systems which are installed.

Average room temperature



- The average room temperature all year round is considerably above 20°C - comfortable range (without having too great an impact on the heating bill)

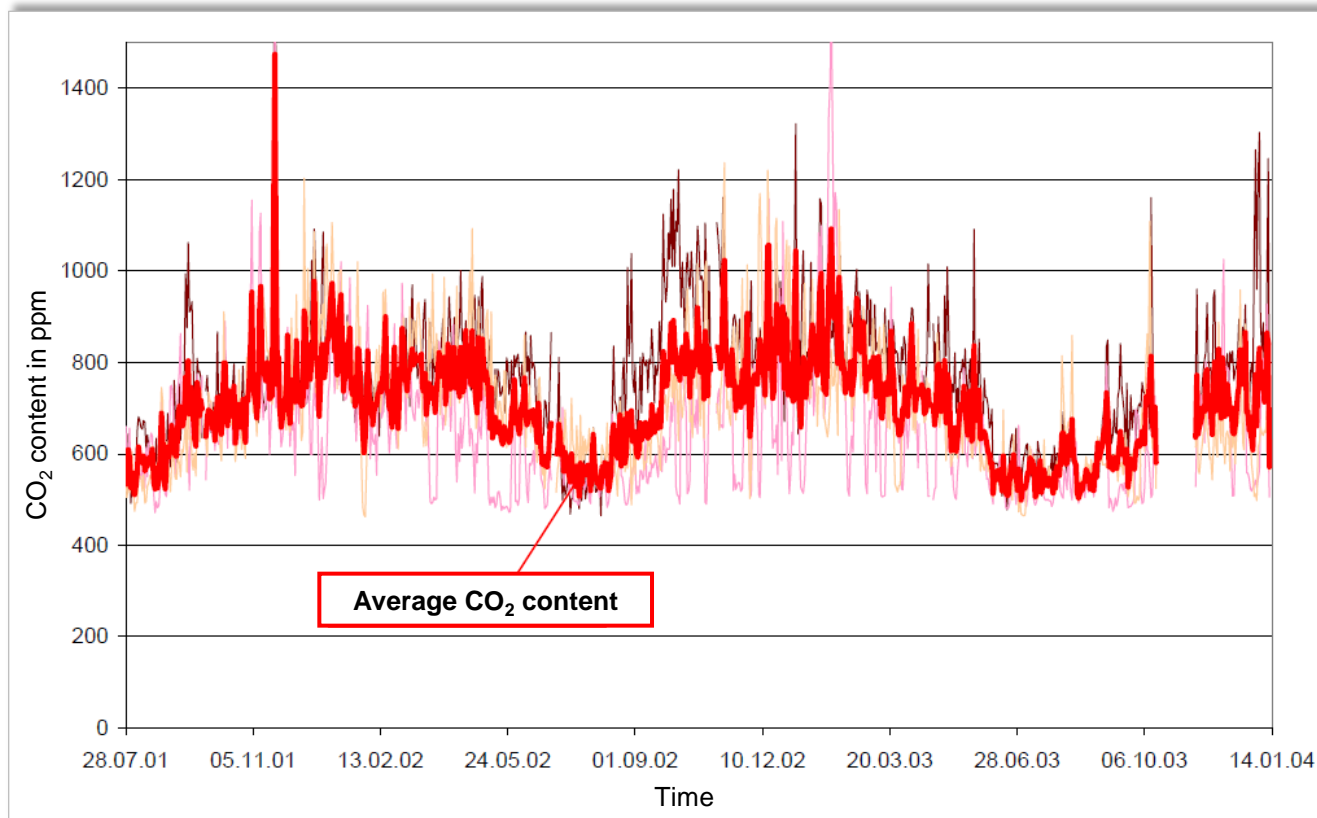
Atmospheric humidity



- The humidity values measured for the different energy-efficient houses are all in the comfortable range of between 40% and 60%.

CO₂ concentration of the indoor air

CO₂ concentration of the indoor air inside the 3-liter house



- A ventilation system with regulated air extraction and supply and heat recovery is installed in the 3-liter house.
- The CO₂ concentrations measured in the 3-liter house are below the DIN limit (1500 ppm) and also mainly below the Pettenkofer hygienic limit (1000 ppm).

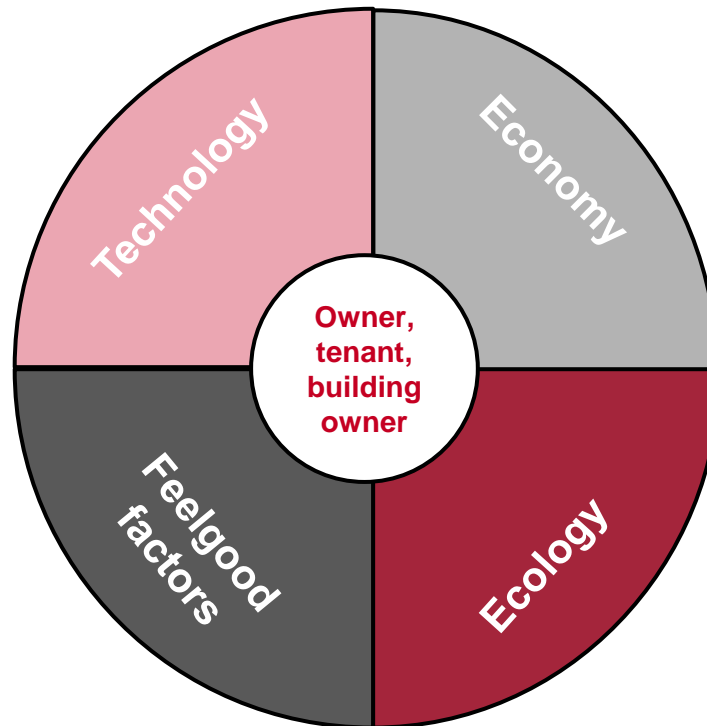
Brunck district – Summary

Technology:

System does not display any aging-related damage; insulation is fully intact.

Feelgood factors:

Over 80% of residents feel "comfortable" or "very comfortable" in their home which is insulated with Neopor®.



Economy:

360,000 liters of heating oil per year are saved.

Reduction in energy consumption of around 80%

Ecology:

8,300 metric tons of CO₂ are saved.

Reduction in the carbon footprint of around 80%

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