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## Passive house design for sustainable structures

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## Energy efficiency

### Why is introduced ?

- Environmental pollution
- Climate changes
- Depletion of fossil reserves
- Huge energy demand and consumption

### What is achieved ?

- Reduced energy consumption
- Reduced emission of greenhouse gases
- Increased participation in renewable energy sources
- Contribution to the set of goals for sustainable development







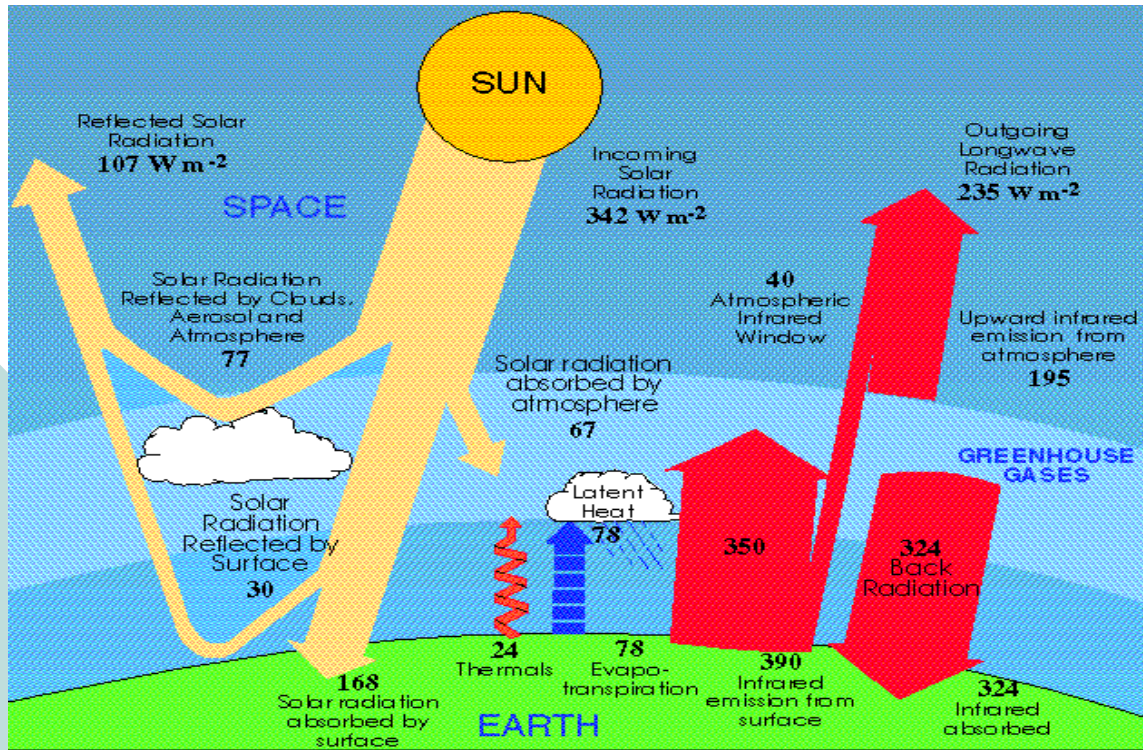
## Energy efficiency

**Reason: Environmental pollution (CO<sub>2</sub> emission)**

Human activities contribute to increased concentration of **CO<sub>2</sub>** in the atmosphere

**Effect: Climate changes (the greenhouse effect)**

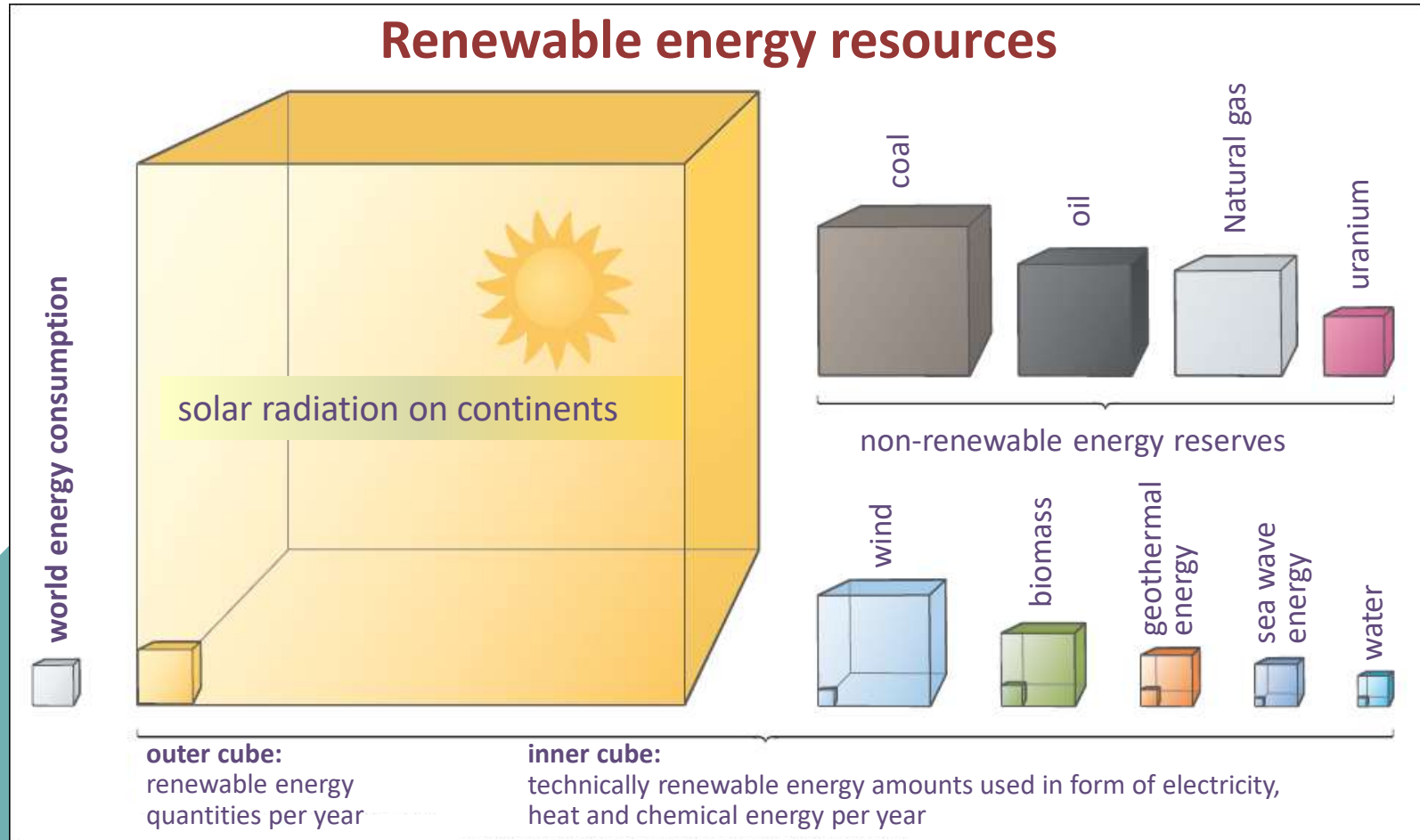
(melting of the polar ice)





## Energy efficiency

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## What is achieved ?

**Contribution to set goals for sustainable development**

## What is sustainable development?

„ Sustainable development means meeting today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs "

**SUSTAINABILITY**, should be the dominant philosophy which must be respected by every individual in the global society.

**One of the steps – sustainable buildings!**





## How to design sustainable buildings?

**Integrated building design** is a comprehensive approach which brings together all profiles of designers that have to be involved in the design process:

- ✓ architects,
- ✓ structural engineers,
- ✓ passive solar building designers,
- ✓ HVAC system engineers.

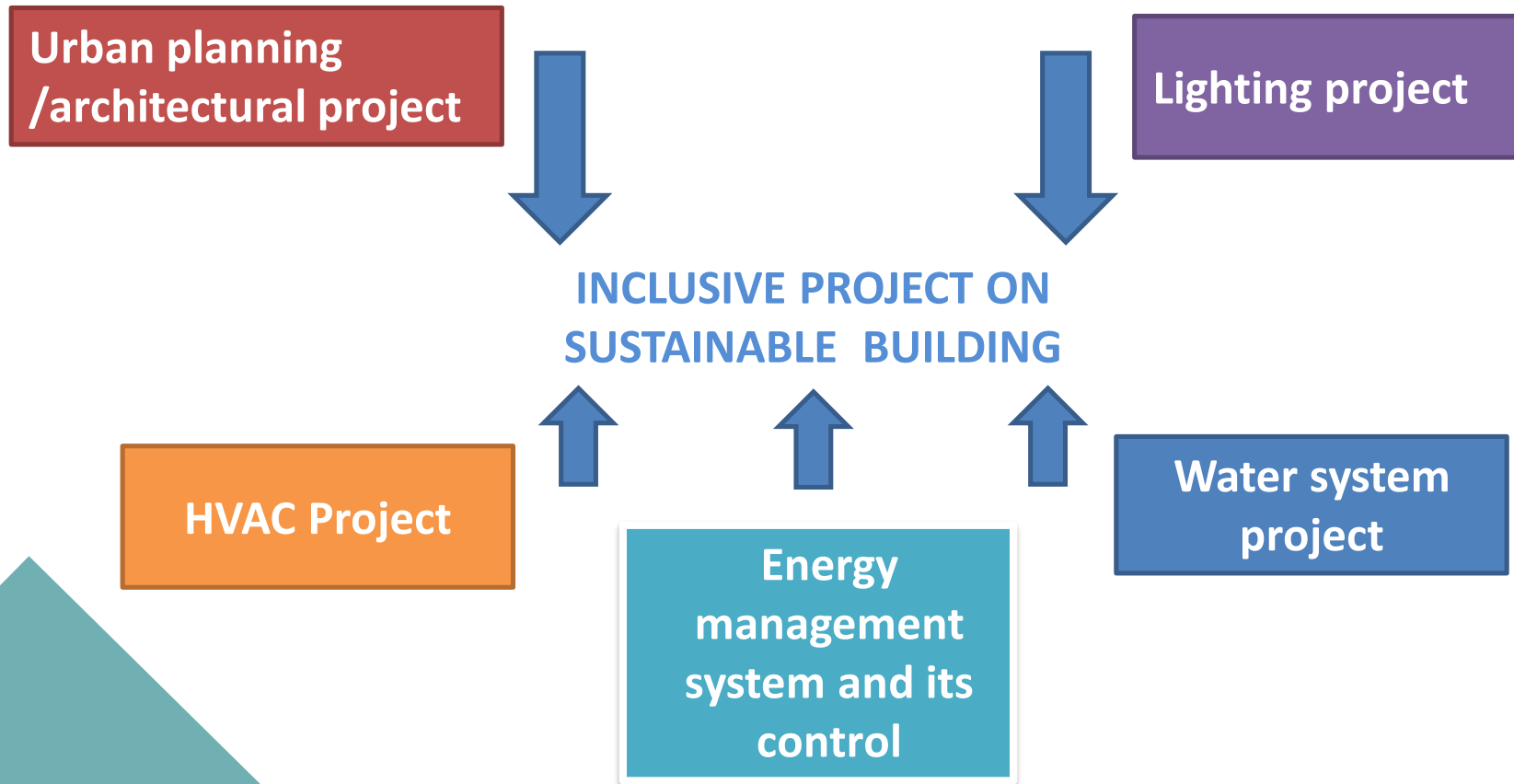


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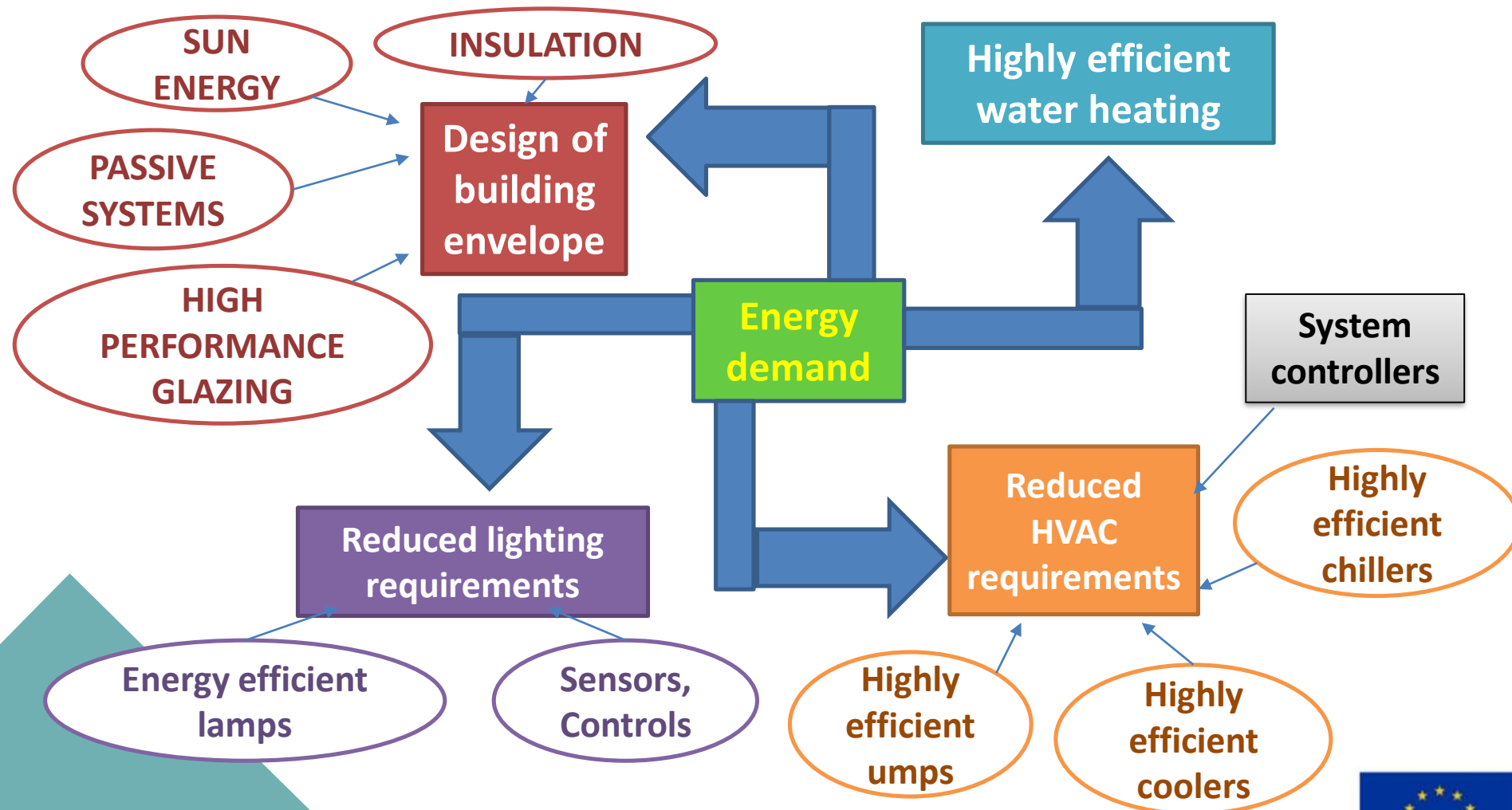


## Energy optimization of the building





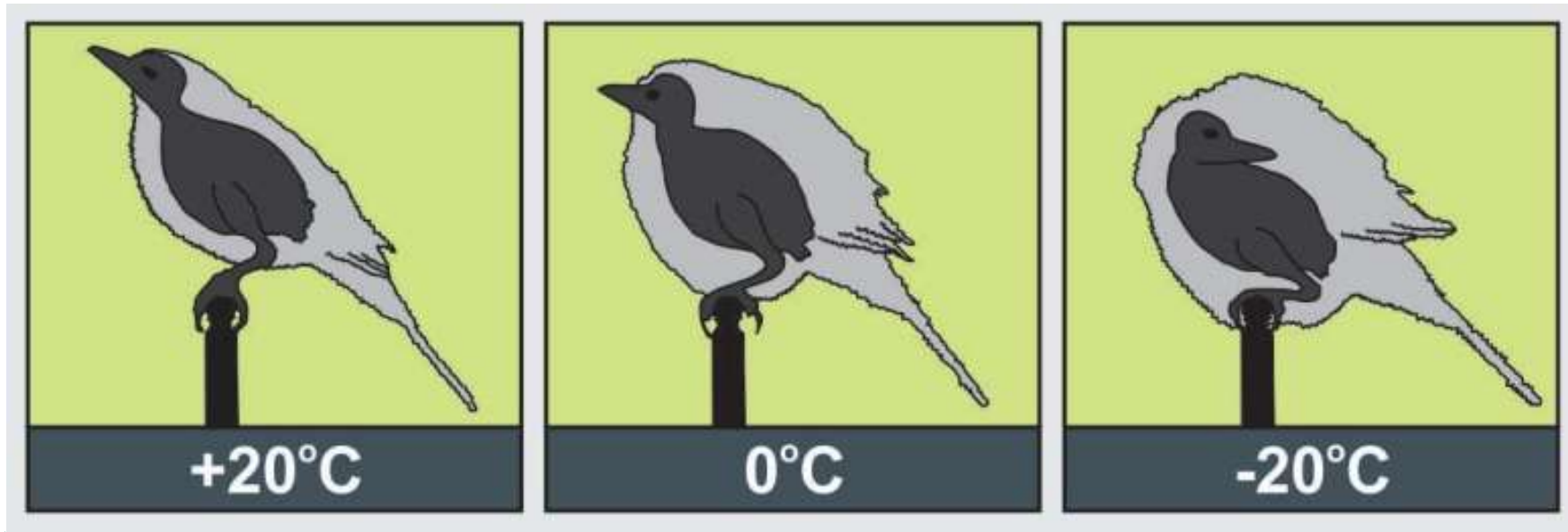
## Energy optimization of the building







Is the idea for energy efficiency of buildings new and where it comes from?



**NATURE TEACHES US HOW TO BUILD**

**Energy efficiency of buildings is combination of a high level of comfort and low energy consumption**





## Is the idea for energy efficiency of buildings new?

Historically, man has always thought about how to build a home that would be warmer in winter and cooler in summer. This problem was also studied by Socrates, a Greek philosopher **2500 years ago**. In the literature, this research is known as "**Socrates House**" and the basis of this research was the influence of the sun movement on the form, appearance and construction of the houses.





## Is the idea new?

### *Thermal comfort*

- Correct orientation;
- Proper dimensioning of the envelope;
- Protection from solar radiation;
- Passive/natural heating /cooling;
- Thermal zoning.



**Traditional house in Ohrid**

## How to achieve ?

### *Bioclimatic architectural measures:*

- Orientation;
- Window positioning, shading;
- Thermal mass;
- Choice of materials for walls, roof, windows, including insulation;
- Surface and volume ratio;
- Landscaping of the space.

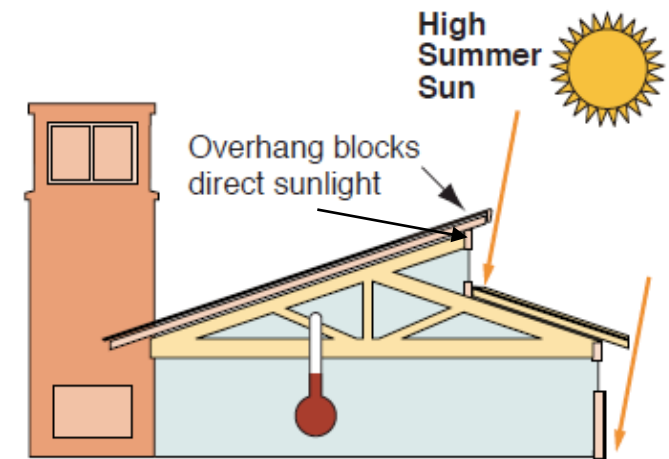
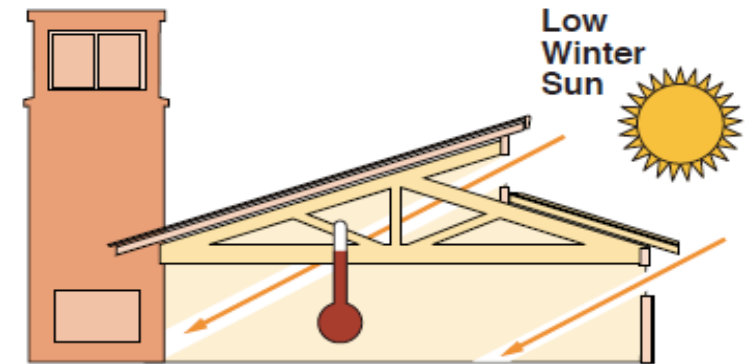
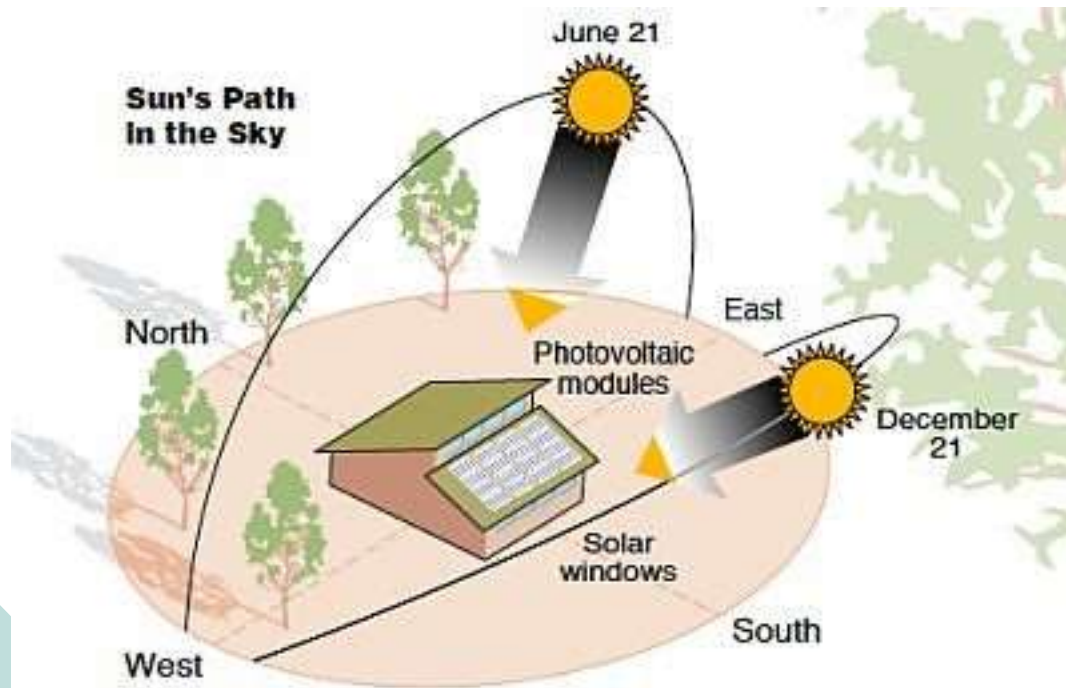






## Architectural measures for designing energy efficient buildings

### *Micro and macro location*



Position of the sun and angle at which the sun's rays fall in summer and winter



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## Architectural measures for designing energy efficient buildings



Shading of the object with deciduous trees



Shape of the building ( $O/V=\min$ ) and materials used for construction







## Architectural measures for designing energy efficient buildings

### Buildings in a warm climate zone:

- Proper orientation of the building to eliminate the influence of the sun on the well insulated walls and windows protected from the sun with blinds and shutters
- Reduced surface area in relation to volume,
- Lighter finishing colors,
- Water, as a landscape element

### Buildings in a cold climate zone:

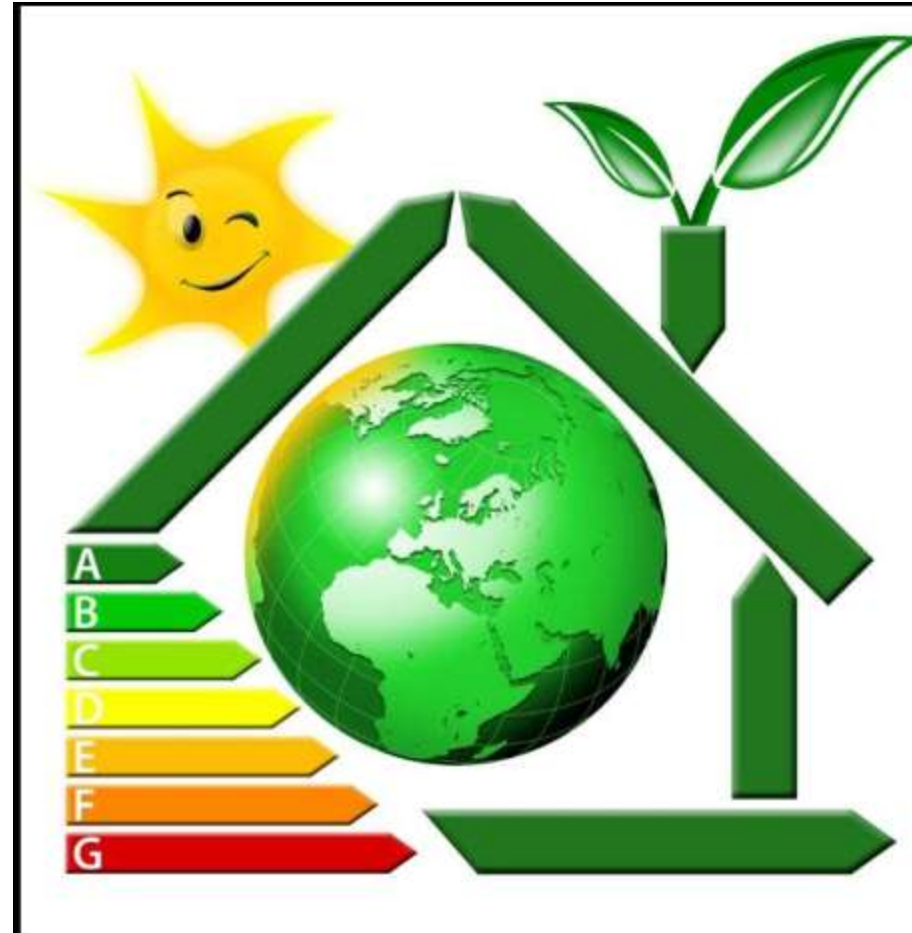
- Large windows to receive solar energy
- Thermal mass for heat storage
- Minimal shading
- Insulated walls and windows
- Dark finishing of the façade
- Well protected north of the building







**REDUCING ENERGY  
LOSSES IN BUILDINGS  
IS THE FIRST STEP  
TOWARDS ALL  
FURTHER ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY MEASURES**

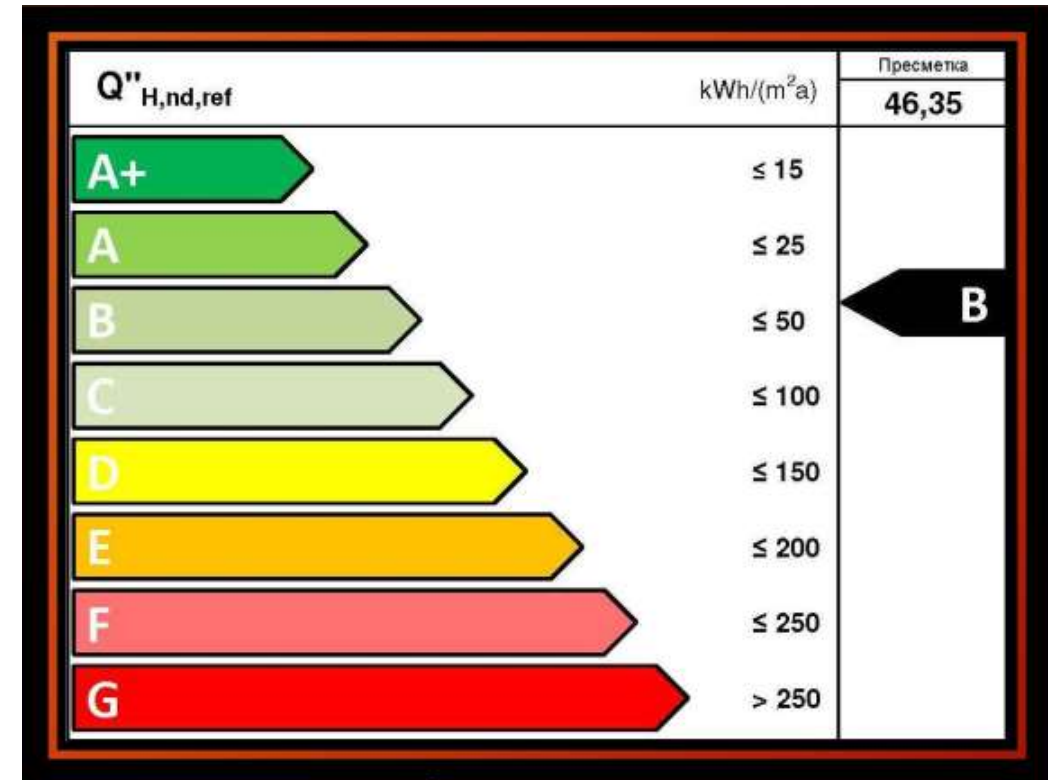




## Categories of energy efficient buildings

- Low Energy House
- Passive House (Ultra-low Energy House)
- Zero-energy House
- Autonomous Building  
(house with no bills)
- Energy Plus House

**Energy consumption**





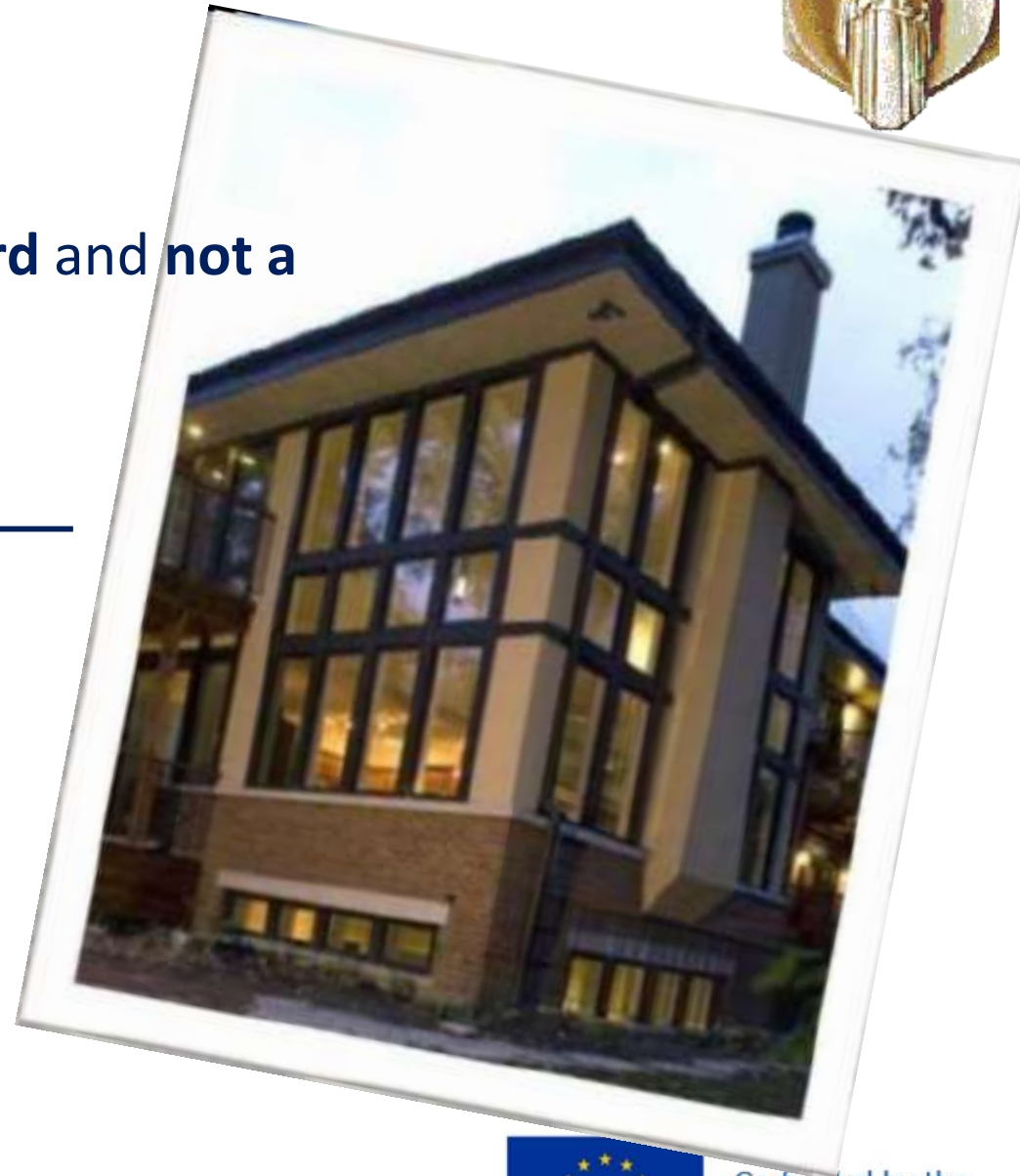
## PASSIVE HOUSE

The term **PASSIVE HOUSE** describes a **standard** and **not a specific construction method**

### OBJECTIVES:

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- Minimum heat losses
- Maximum heat gains from the sun and internal sources
- Rationalization of costs for hot sanitary water
- High comfort







## PASSIVE HOUSE

### HISTORY:



- FRAM (1893.)
- Expedition to the Arctic
- Constructor: Fridtof Nansen





## PASSIVE HOUSE

### HISTORY:



#### FIRST PASSIVE HOUSE:

#### Darmstadt Kranichstein, in 1991.

- Four private investors form "Passive House Development Society"
- Architects: prof. Bot, Ridder, Westermeyer
- 4 apartments with 156 m<sup>2</sup> gross area each
- Built-in precise system for tracking and measuring achievements
- All detailed information is publicly available and subject to analysis





## PASSIVE HOUSE

### FACTORS:



### Micro and macro location:

- angle of sun rays
- orientation
- shading
- climatic conditions

### Design:

- main facade to the south
- utility rooms in the north
- east and west – ineligible
- form factor ( $=0.7 \text{ m}^{-1}$ )







### CRITERIUMS:

1

Energy  
demand for  
heating

$\leq 15$   
KWh / (m<sup>2</sup>a)

2

Airtightness

$V_{50} \leq 0.6 \text{ h}^{-1}$





### CRITERIUMS:

3

**Primary  
energy  
demand**

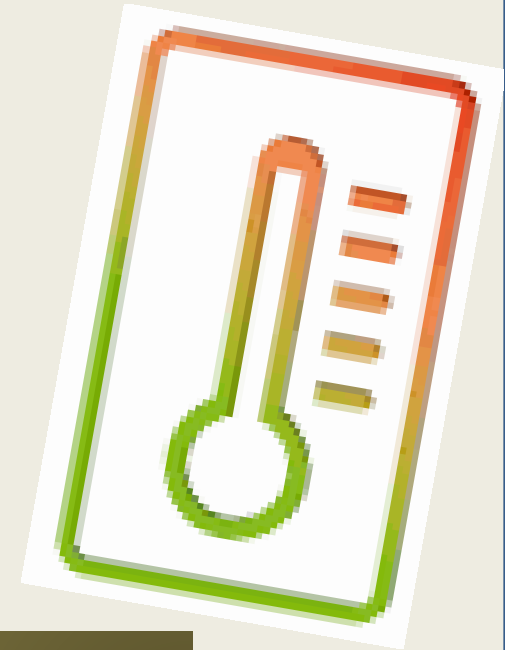
$\leq 120$   
KWh / (m<sup>2</sup>a)

4

**Overheating  
frequency**

$\leq 10\%$

**Recommended:  $\leq 4\%$**





## HIGH COMFORT:

### ASHRAE Class A Comfort Standard

- ✓ Constant temperature ( $\pm 0.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- ✓ Low risk of draft  
( $\leq 8\%$ , when  $V_s \leq 0.08\text{m/sek}$ )
- ✓  $\Delta T_{\text{FLOOR/CEILING}} \leq 4^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ✓  $\Delta T_{\text{FOOT/HEAD}} \leq 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  (in sitting position)
- ✓  $\Delta T_{\text{GLASS/INSIDE}} \leq 4^{\circ}\text{C}$





## PASSIVE HOUSE - CASE STUDY (Parametric analysis)



### REFERENT BUILDING (RB):



- Location: East part of Macedonia
- Elevation: 600 m
- Flat terrain without other building around the RB

- Orientation: **living rooms on south**
- Thermal insulation thickness of walls and roof: **d=20 cm**
- Thermal insulation thickness of floor: **d=25 cm**
- Windows with thermal transmittance: **U=0.8 W/m<sup>2</sup>K**  
 glass: three-layer low-emission  
 (4:/14/4/14/:4 Argon 90%)  
 frame: W Internorm - passiv Fixverglasung
- Use of renewable energy: **solar panels**
- Building equipment: **A+ class**



## REFERENT BUILDING



### Wall structure:

- Gypsum board on a metal substructure 12.5 mm
- Stone wool with  $\lambda = 0.045 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  50 mm
- Gypsum plaster with  $\lambda = 0.510 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  17 mm
- Masonry from ITONG blocks,  $\lambda = 0.160 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  250 mm
- Gypsum-lime plaster with  $\lambda = 0.700 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  17 mm
- Glue for thermal insulation 5 mm
- Thermal insulation with  $\lambda = 0.024 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  200 mm
- Glue and putty 5 mm
- Finished abrib 3 mm

### Roof structure:

- Gypsum board on a metal substructure 12.5 mm
- Stone wool with  $\lambda = 0.045 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  50 mm
- RC slab MB30 with  $\lambda = 2,300 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  100 mm
- Thermal insulation with  $\lambda = 0.024 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  200 mm
- Cladding from boards,  $\lambda = 0.024 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  22 mm
- Steam barrier 3 mm
- Double wooden framework
- Tiles

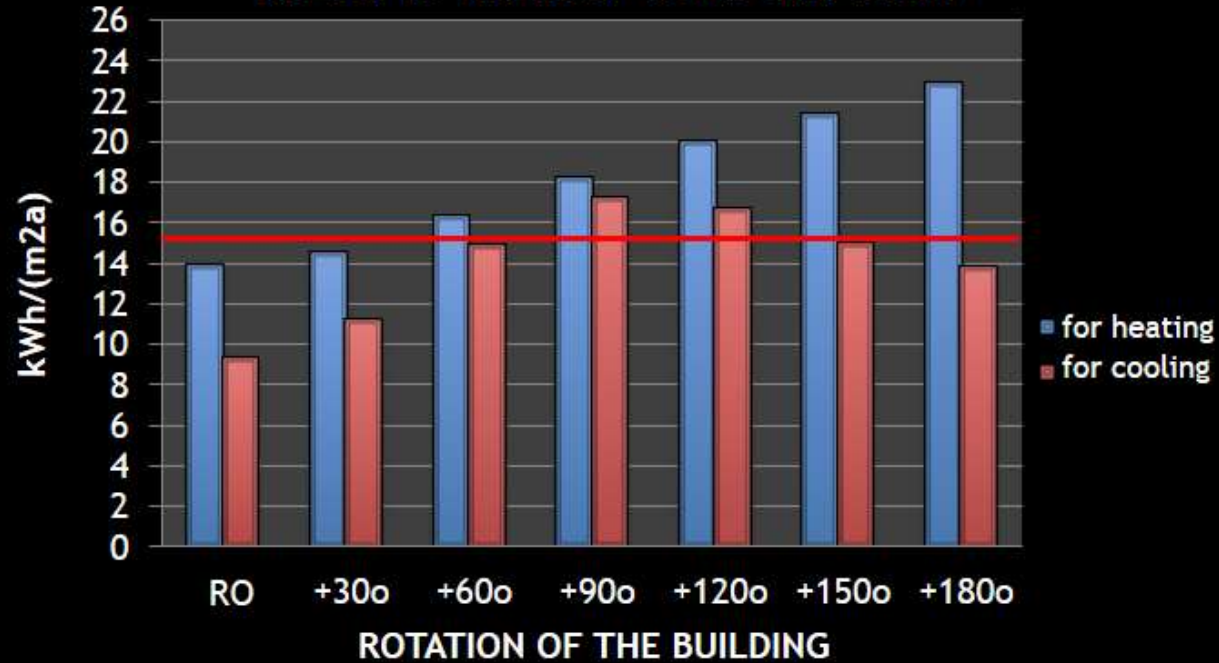
### Floor structure:

- Floating screed 30 mm
- Rock wool with  $\lambda = 0.038 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  20 mm
- RC slab MB30,  $\lambda = 2,300 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  150 mm
- Thermal insulation,  $\lambda = 0.038 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  250 mm
- Hydro insulation  $\lambda = 1,200 \text{ W}/(\text{mK})$  8 mm

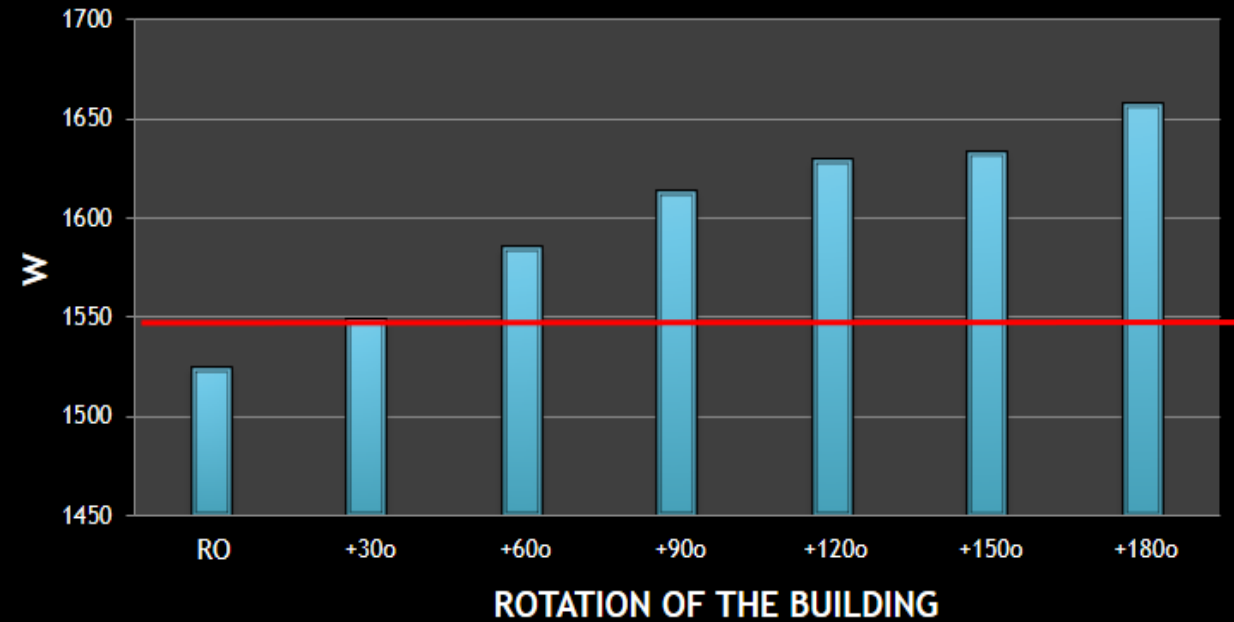


## ORIENTATION INFLUENCE

### SPECIFIC ENERGY CONSUMPTION



### THERMAL ENERGY THAT HAS TO BE APPLIED TO THE VENTILATION SYSTEM

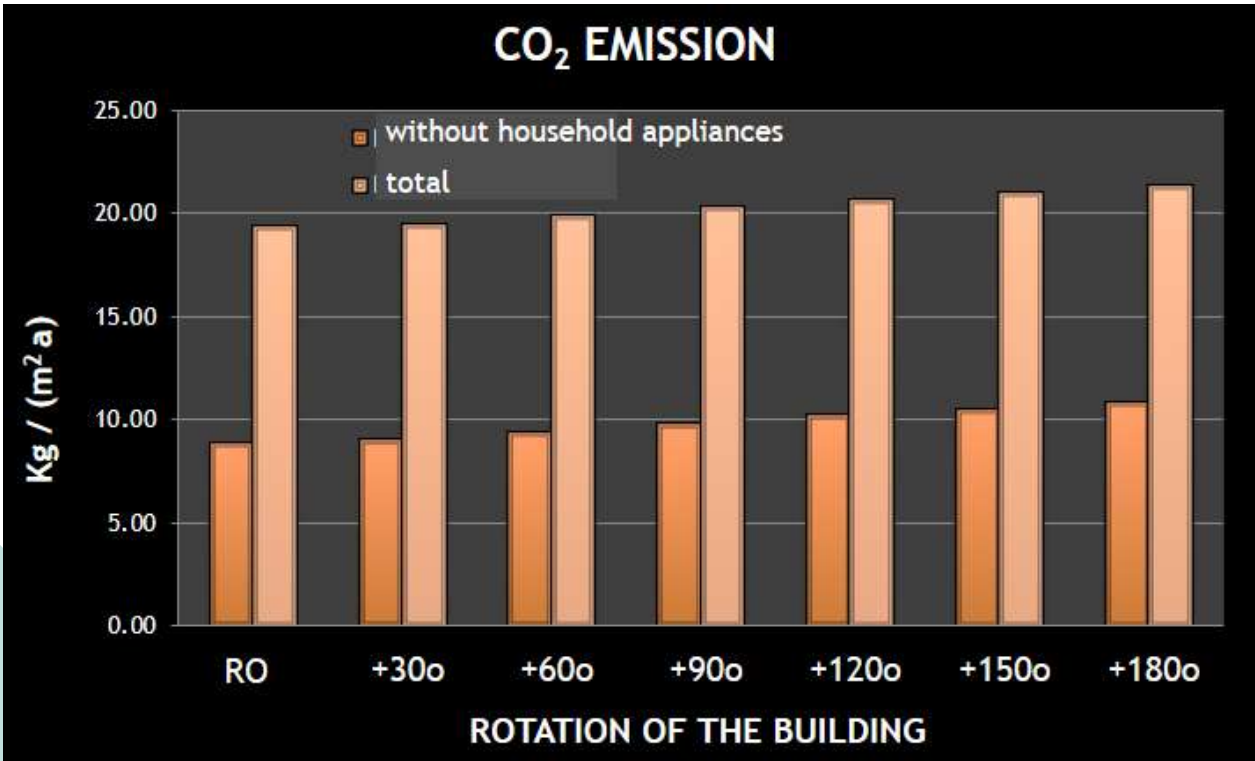




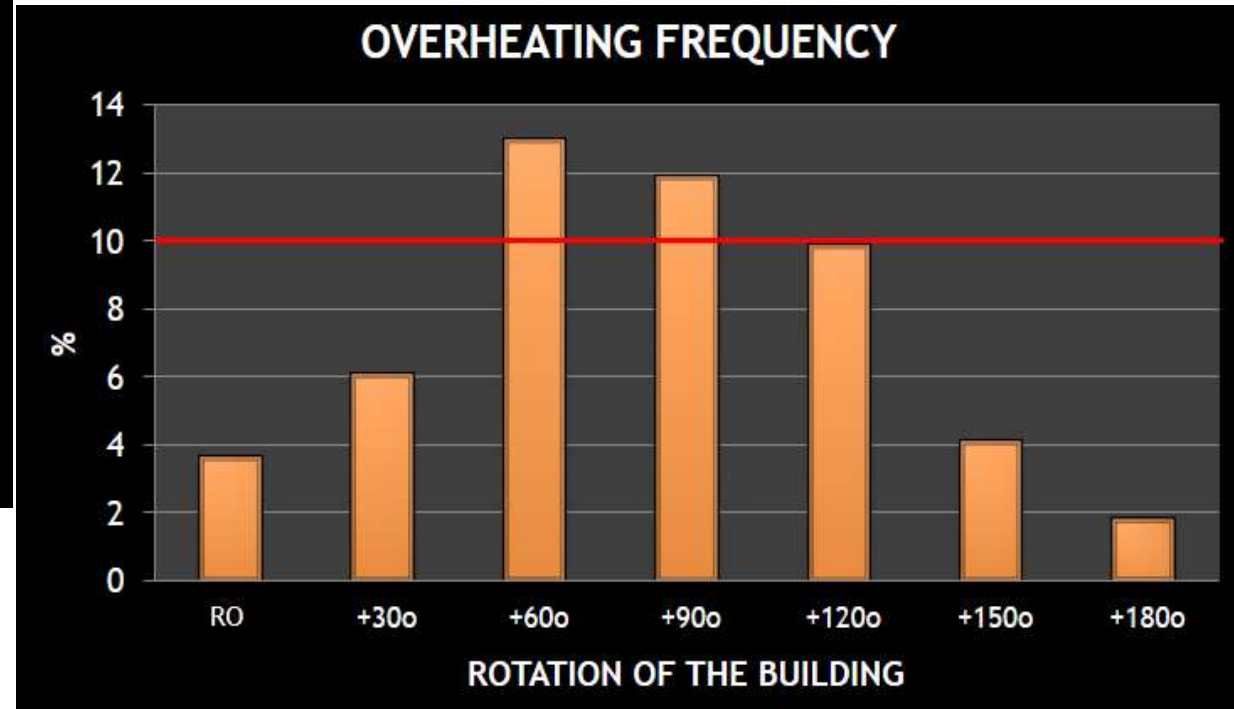


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### CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION



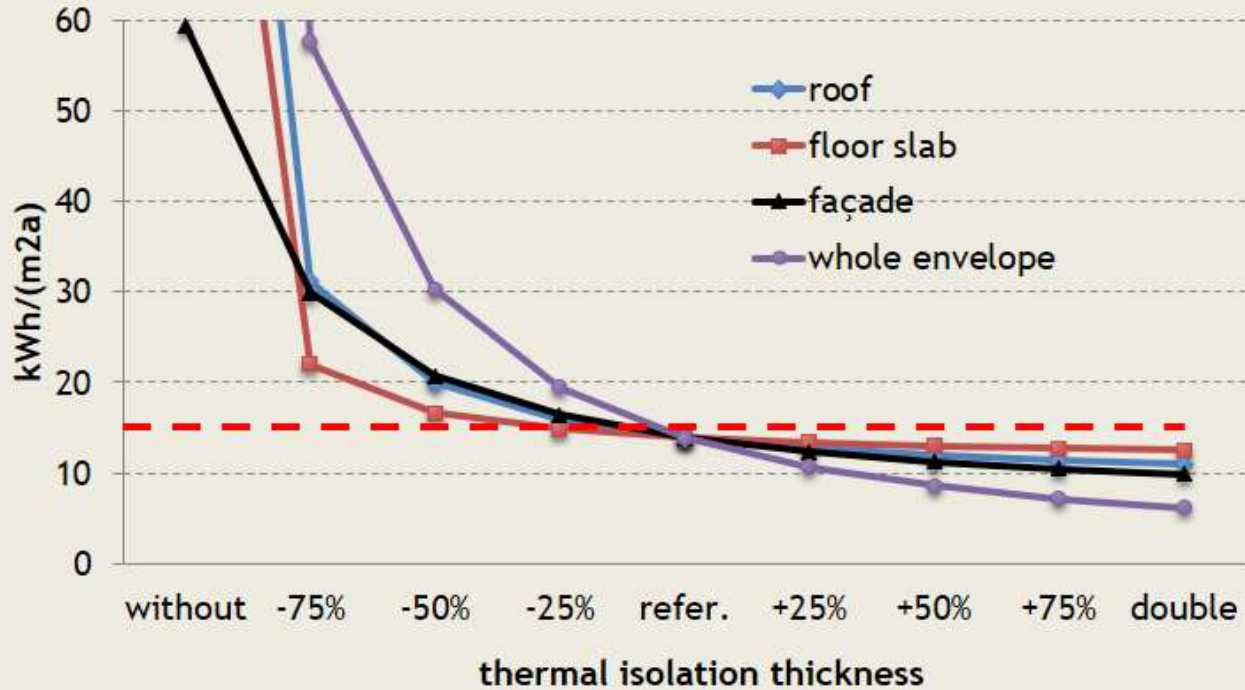
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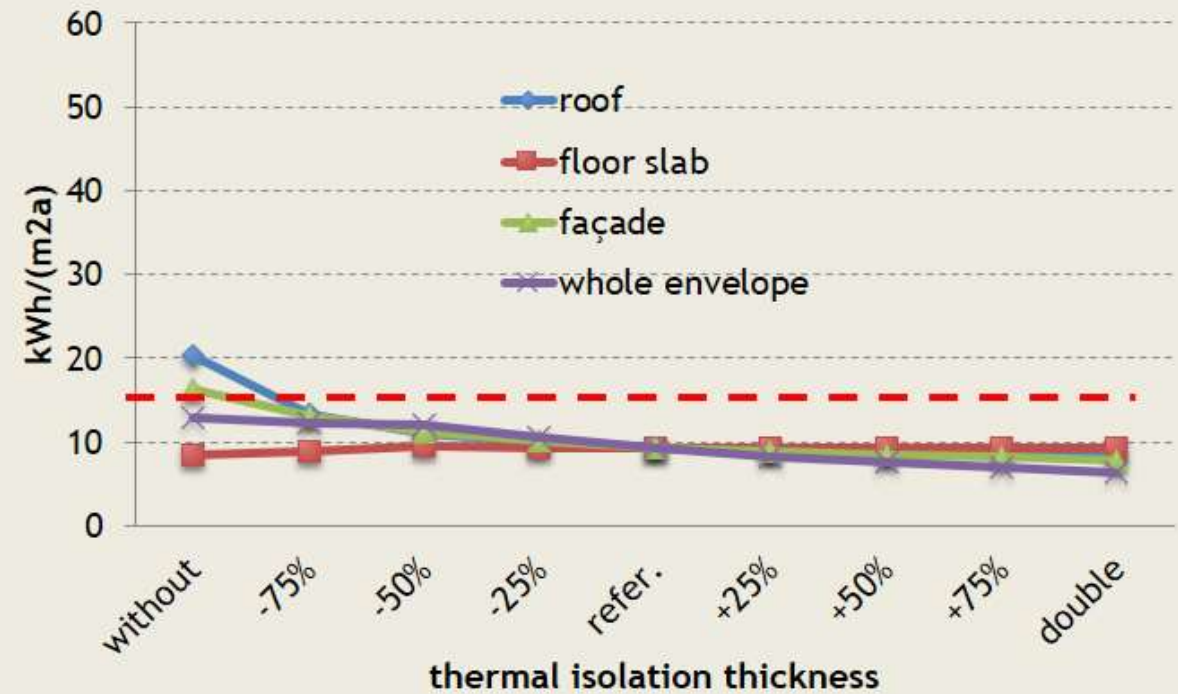


## INFLUENCE OF THERMAL INSULATION THICKNESS

### SPECIFIC ENERGY DEMAND FOR HEATING



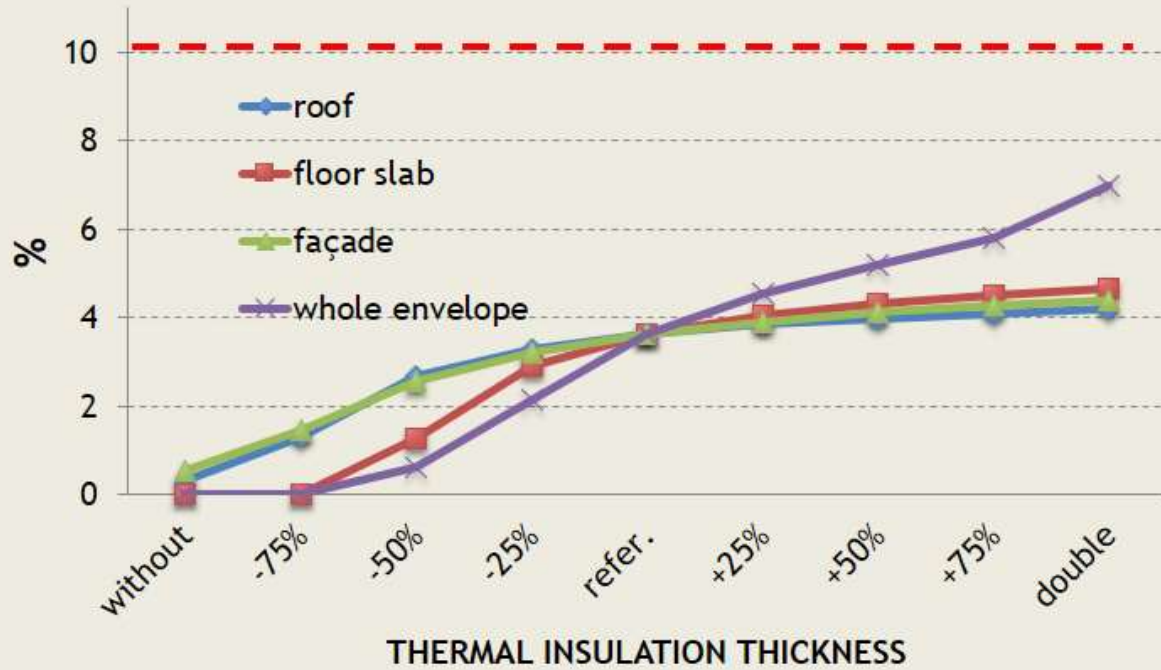
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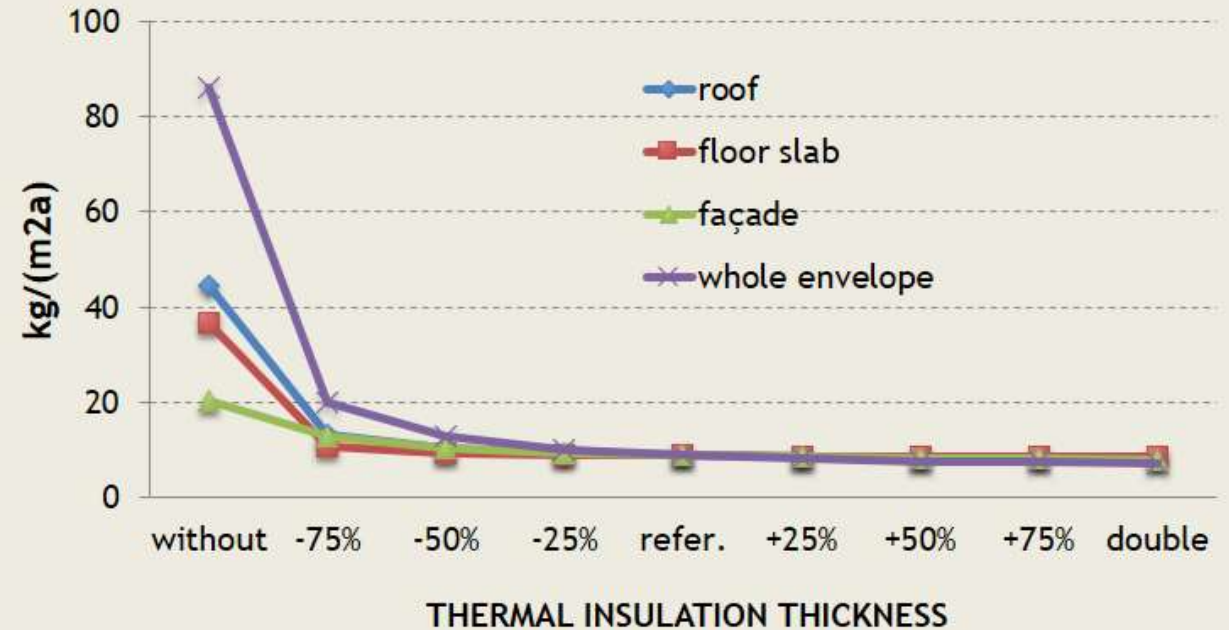


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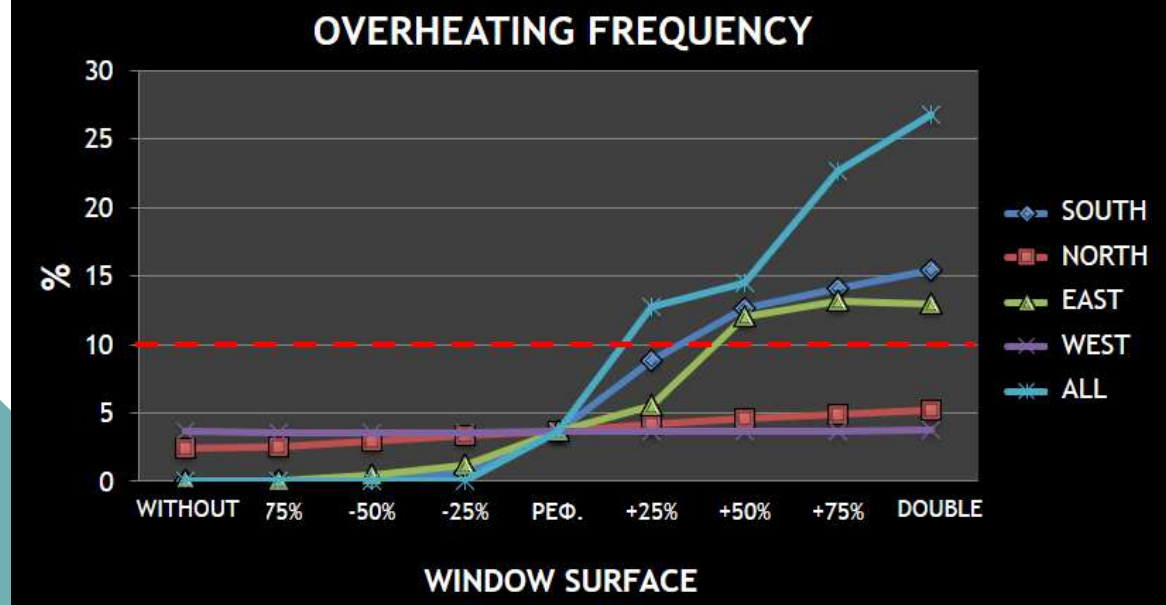
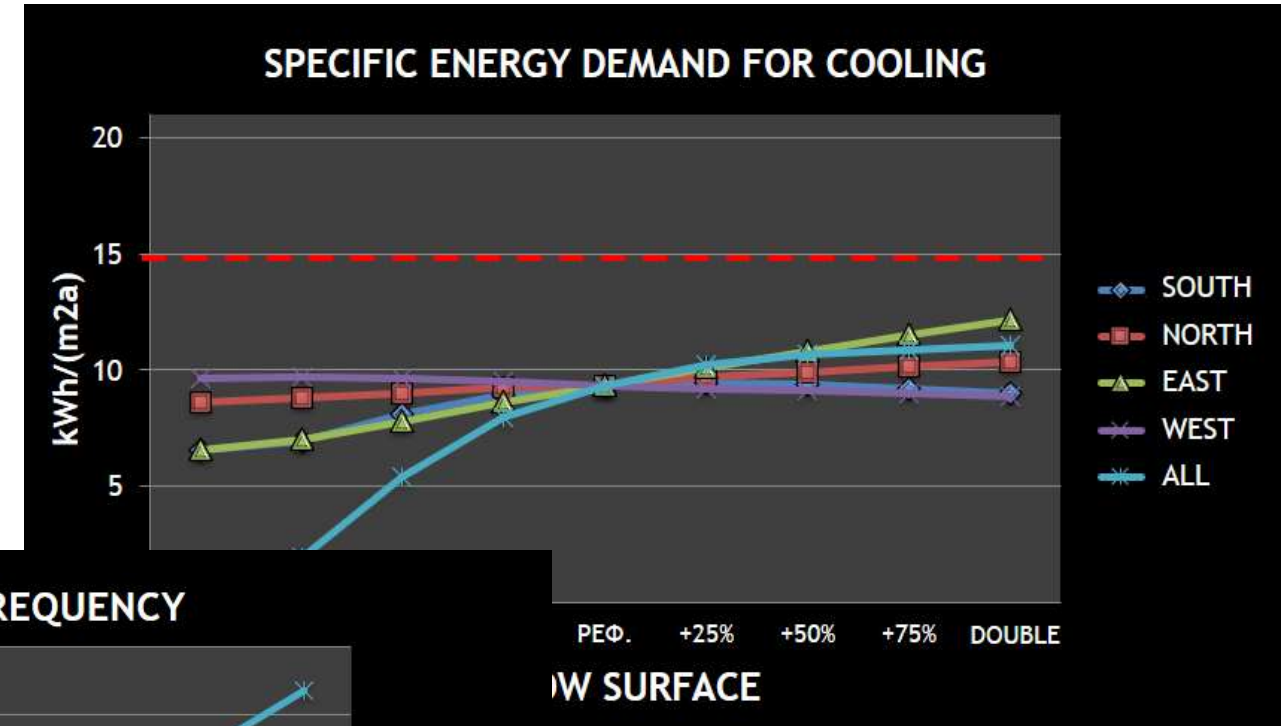
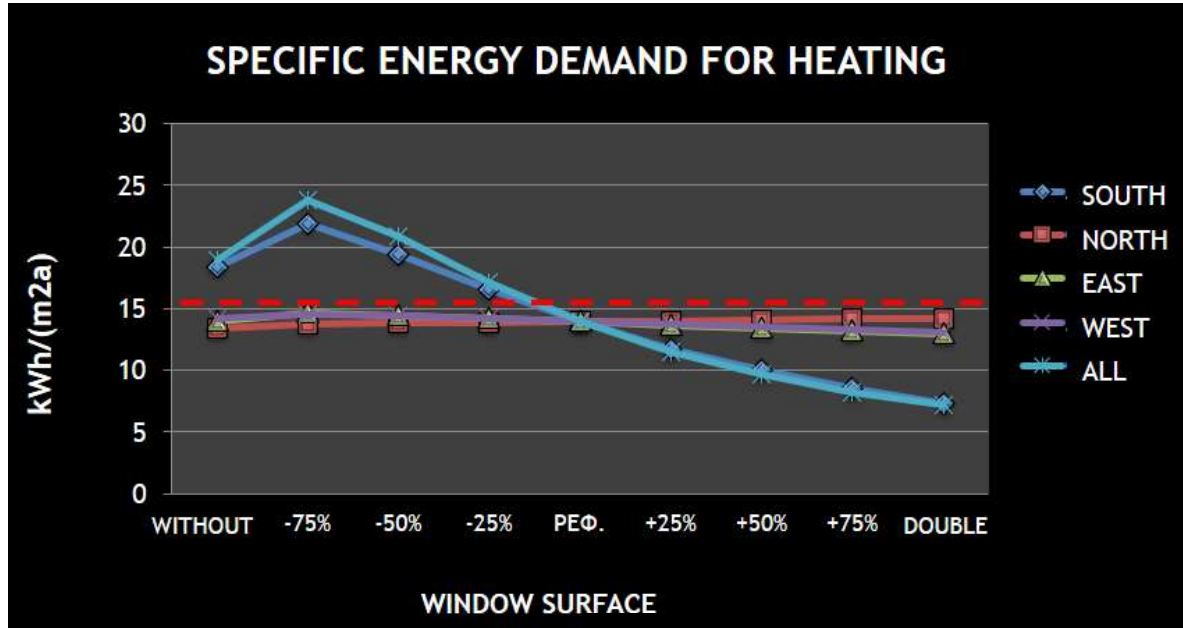
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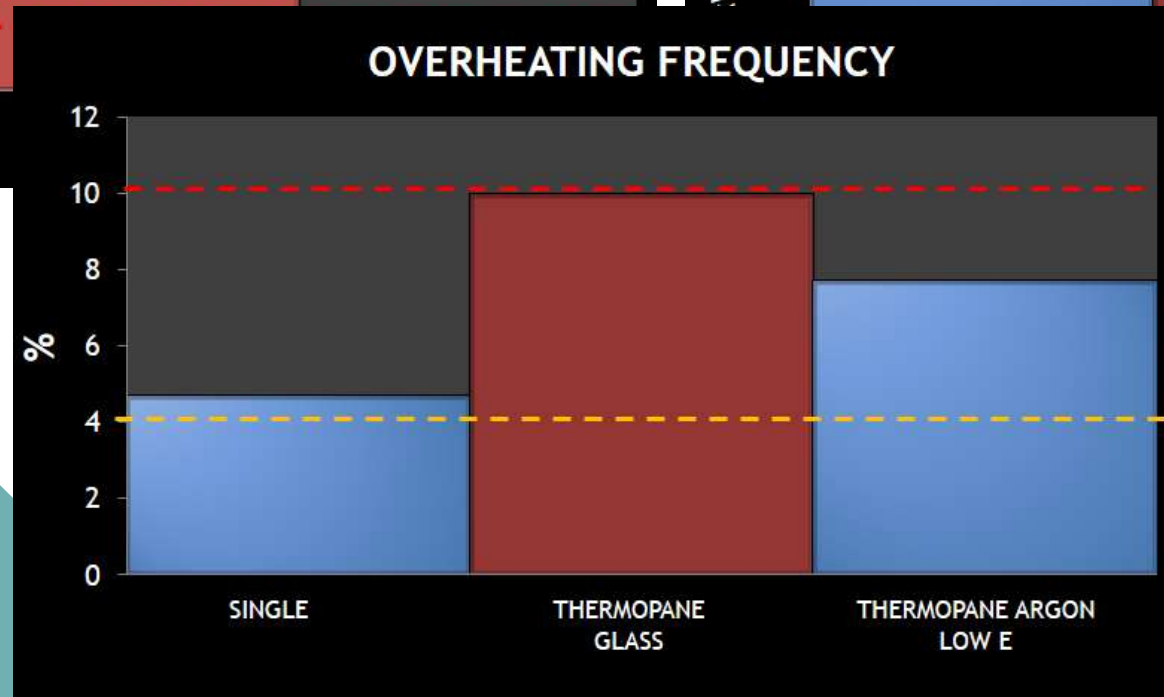
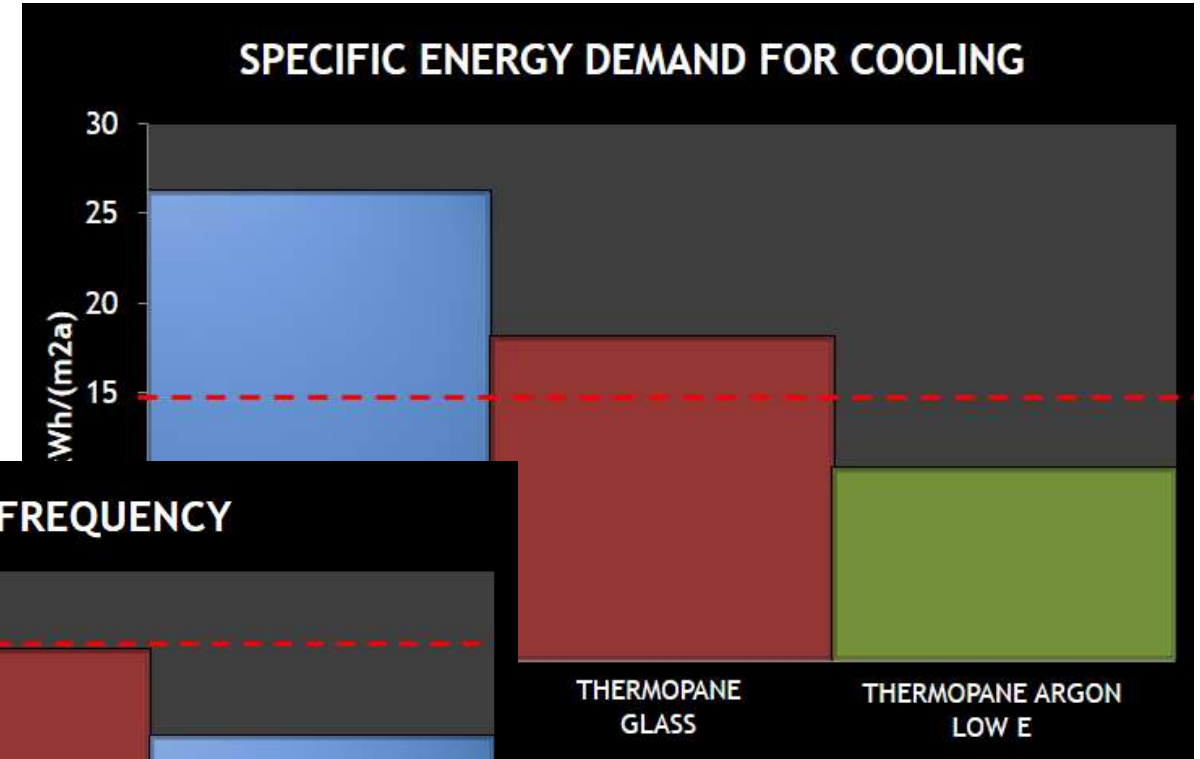
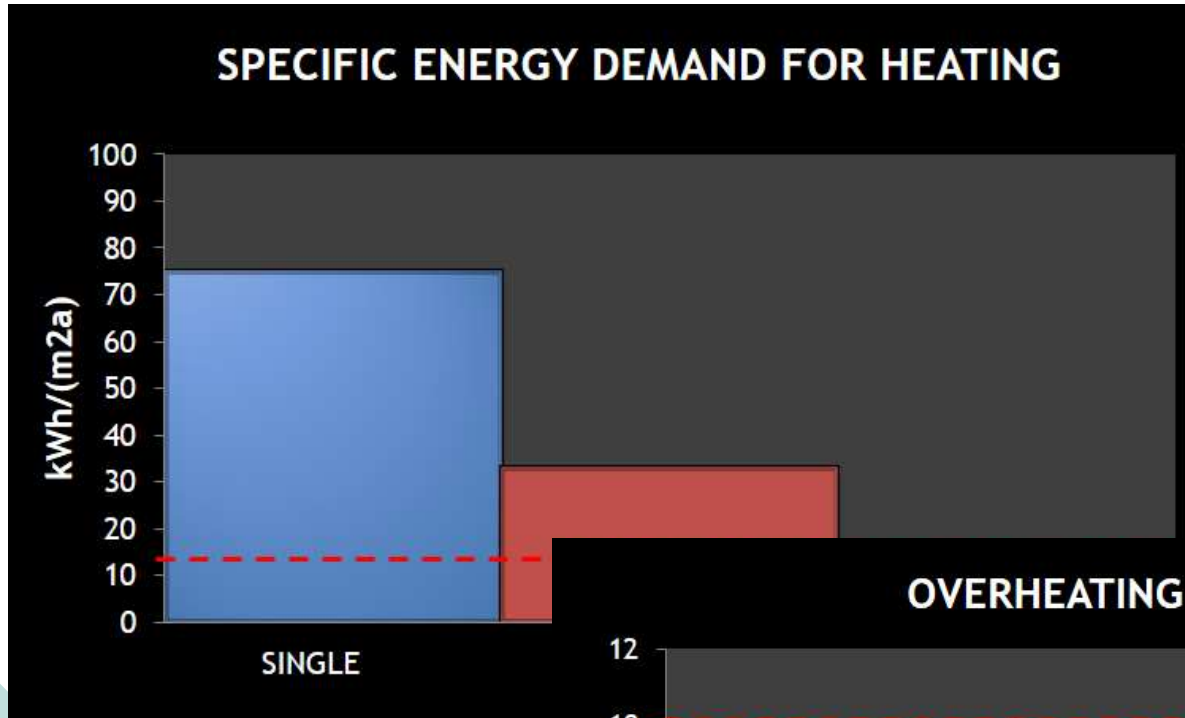
### CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION WITHOUT HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES







## INFLUENCE OF THE TYPE OF GLAZING



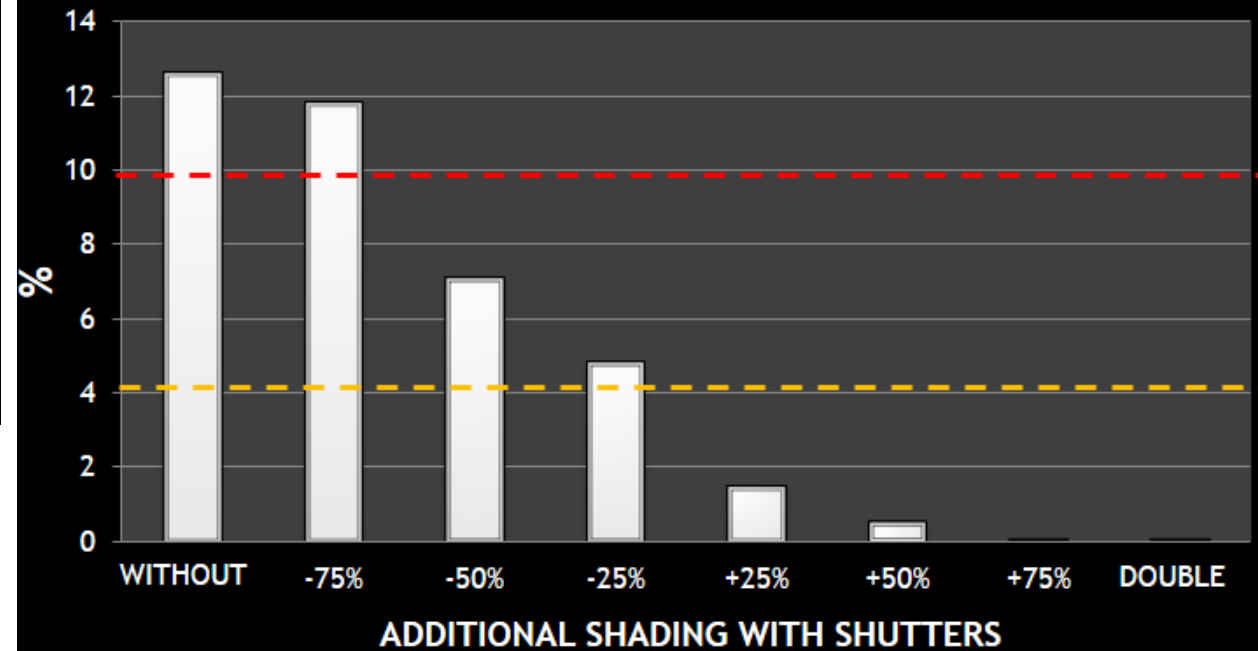


## INFLUENCE OF ADDITIONAL SUMMER SHADING

### SPECIFIC ENERGY DEMAND FOR COOLING

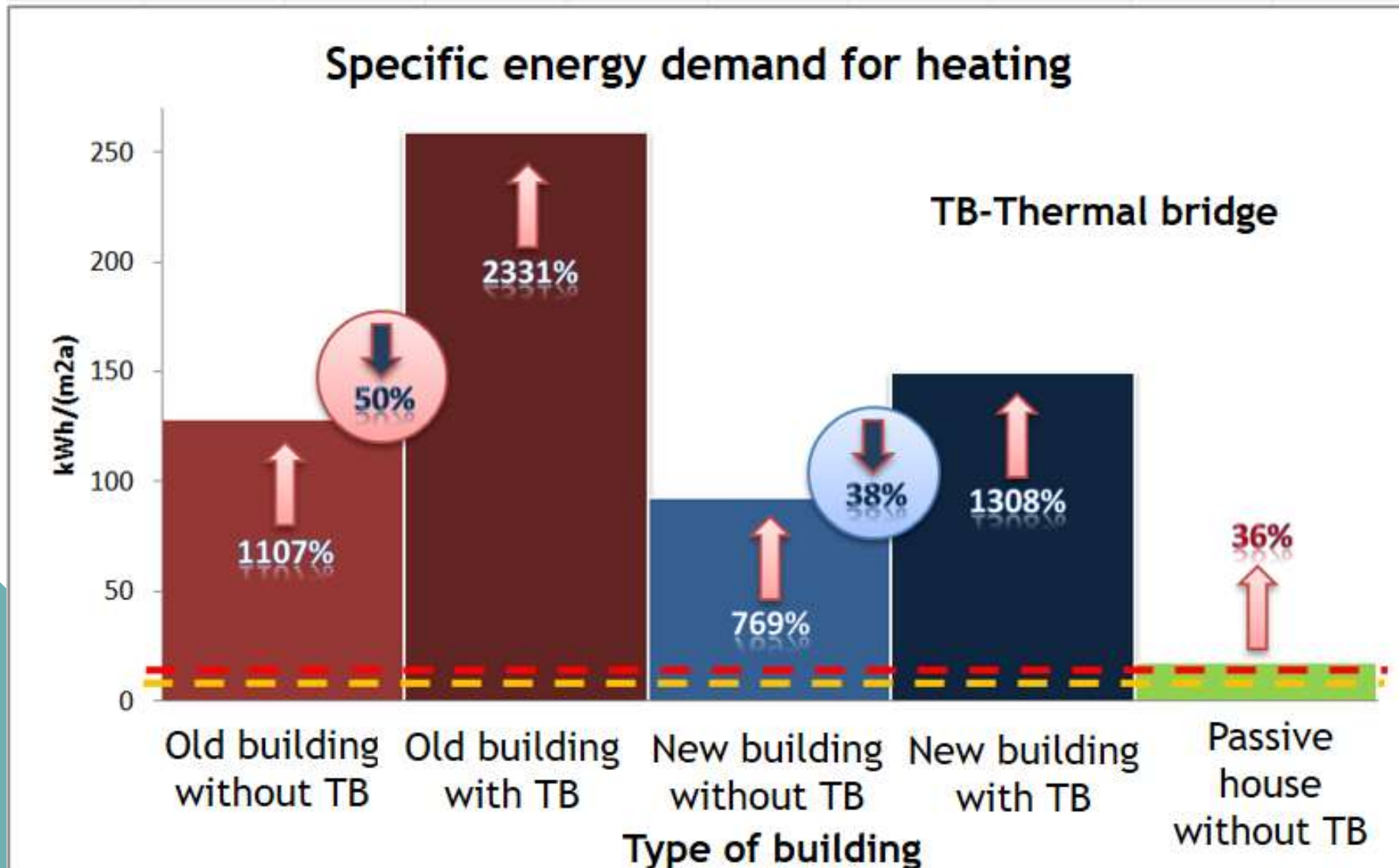


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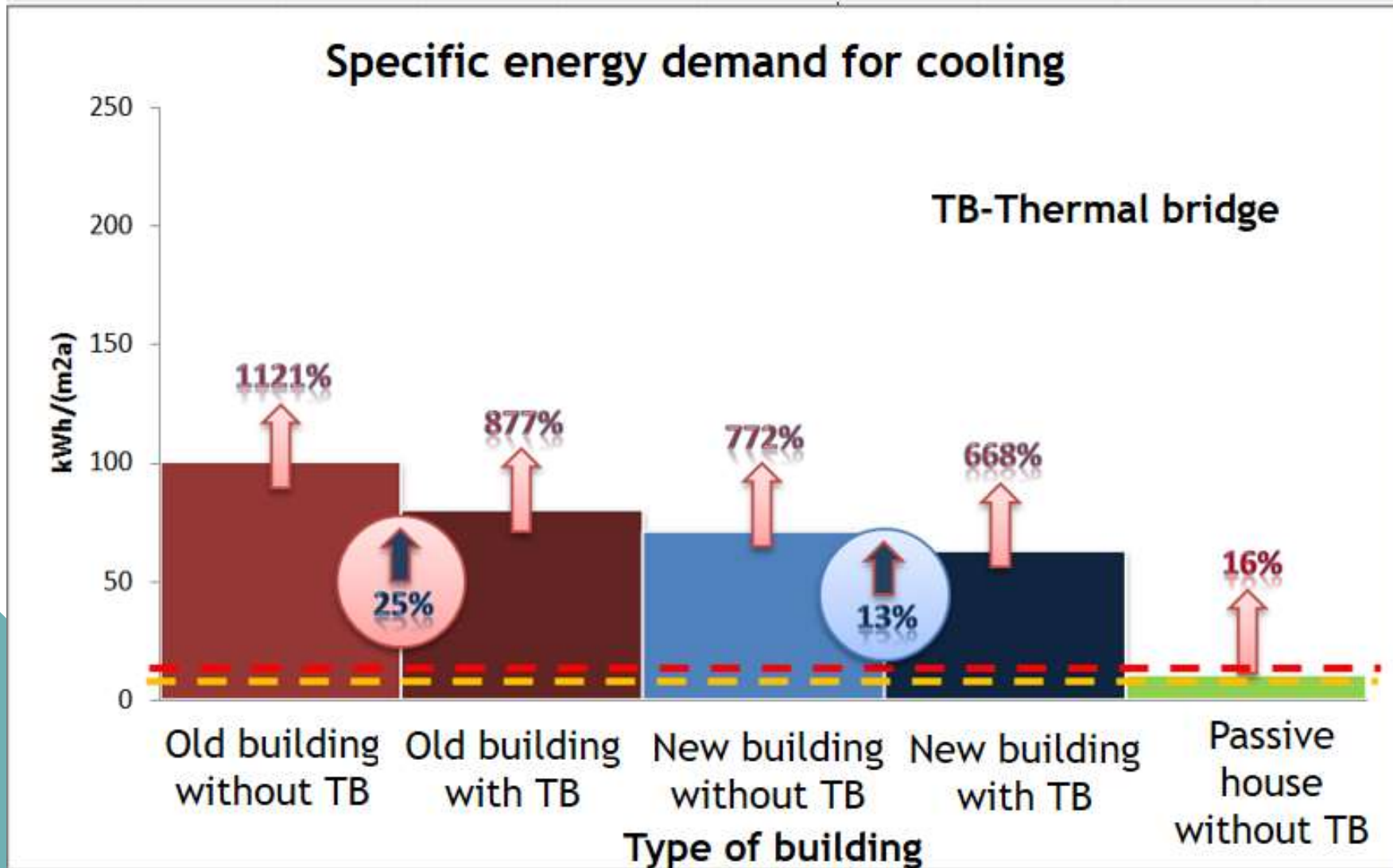
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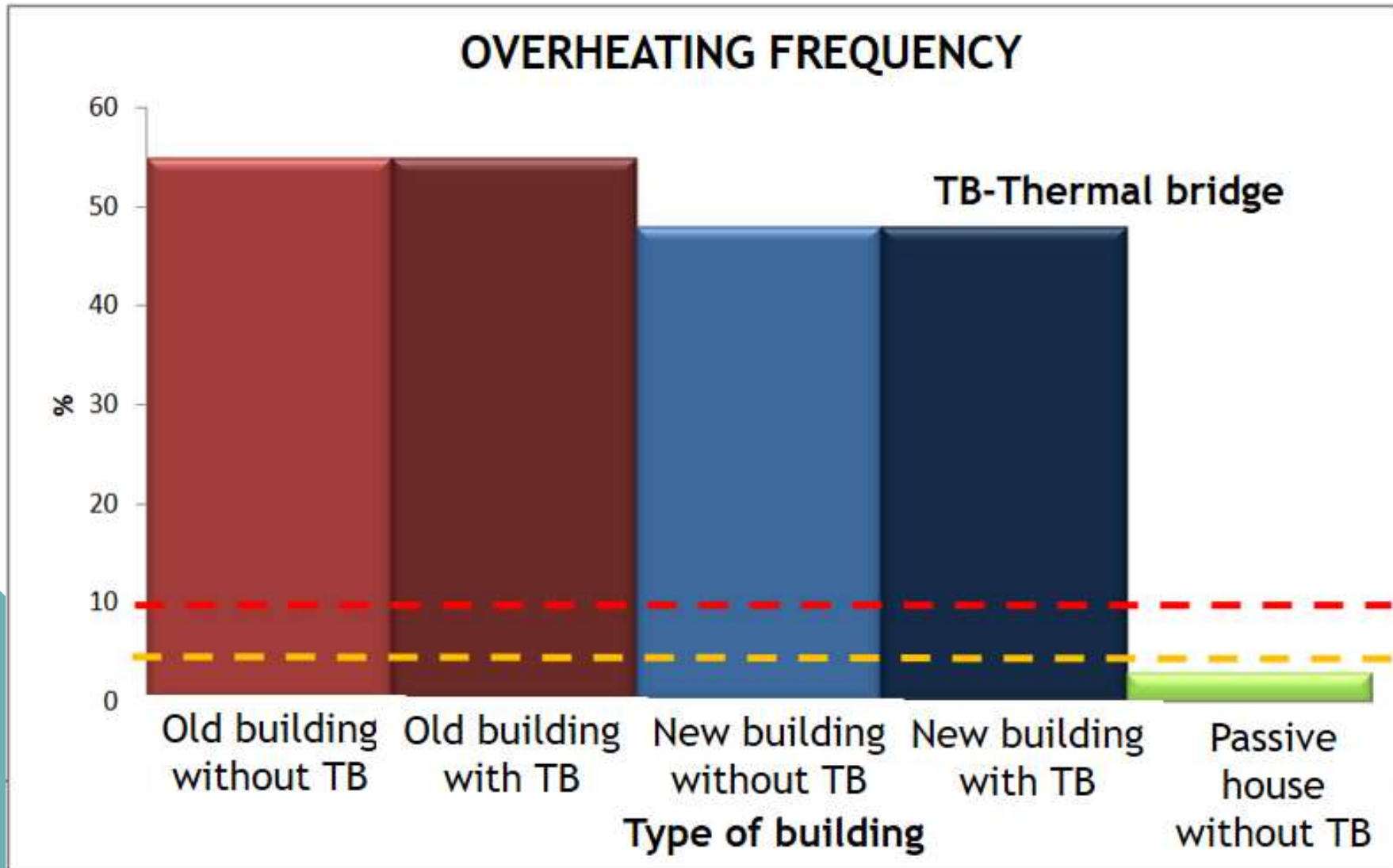


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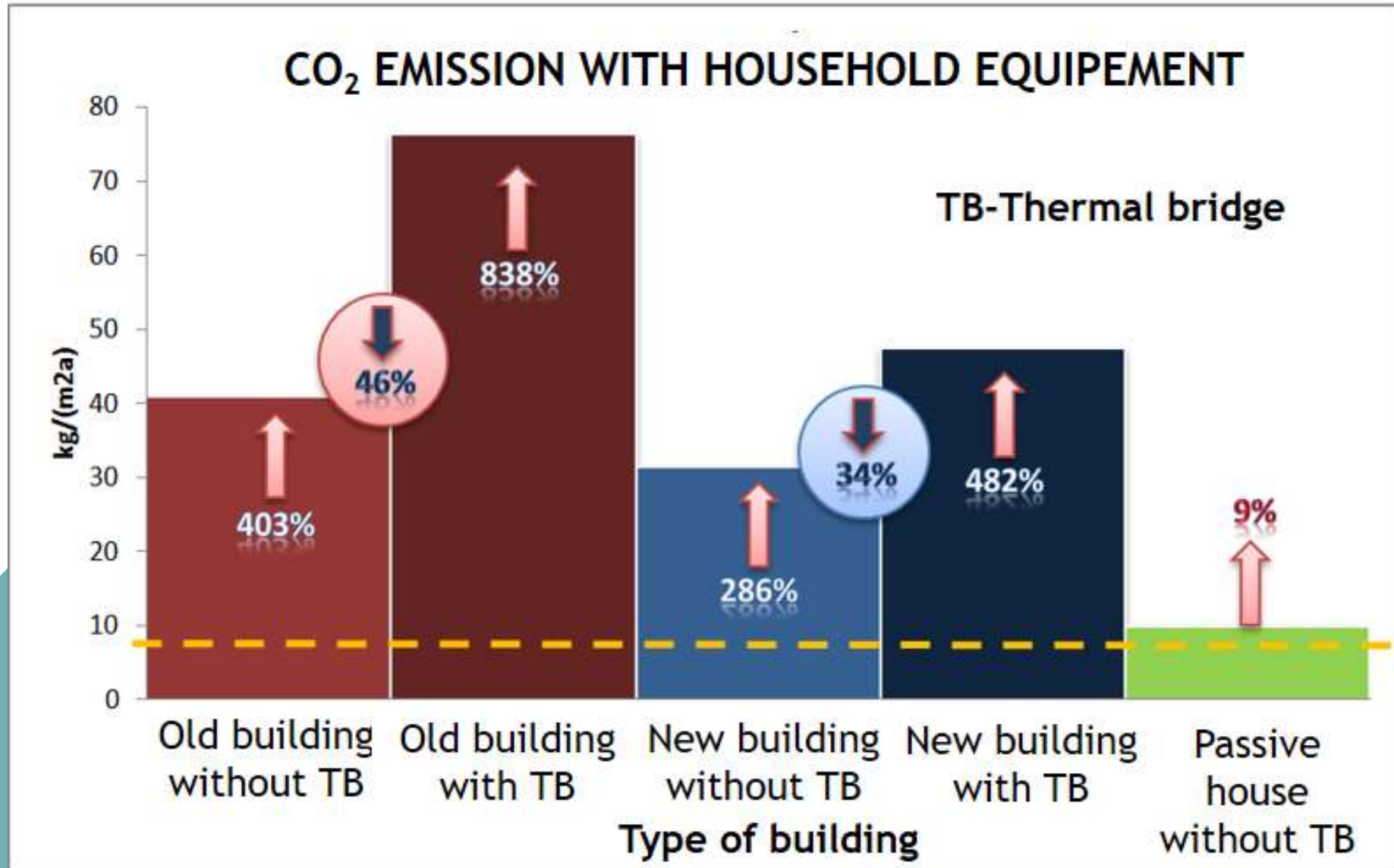


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## THERMAL BRIDGES

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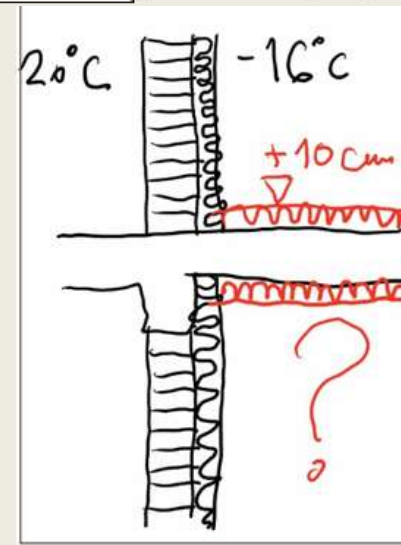
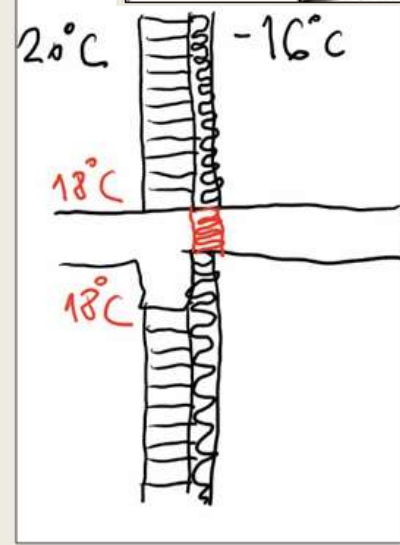
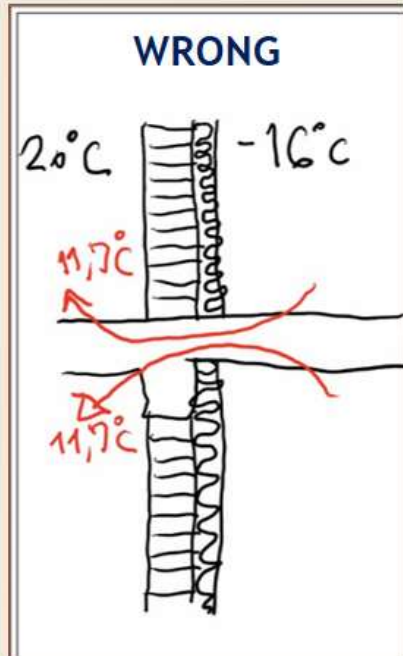
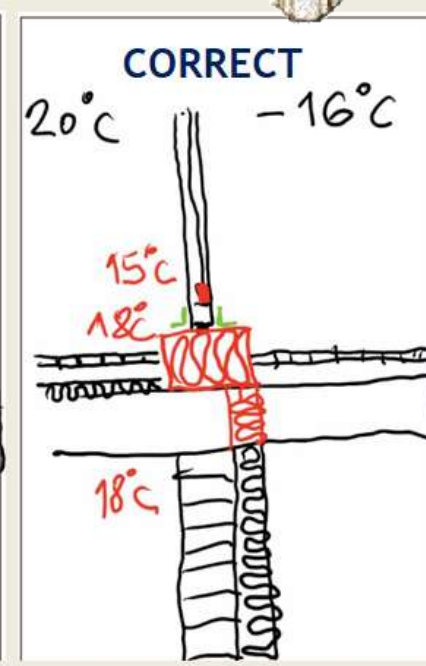
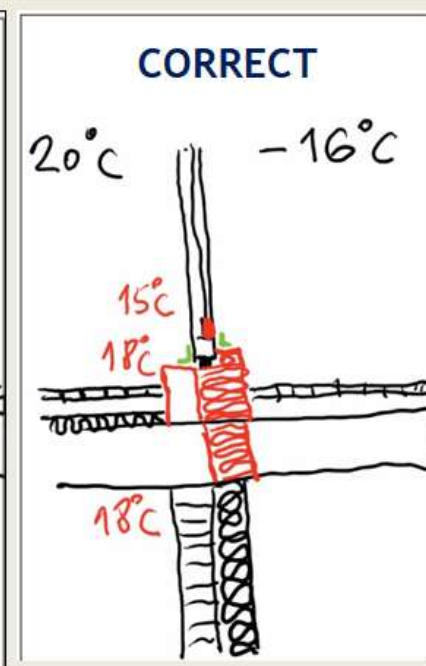
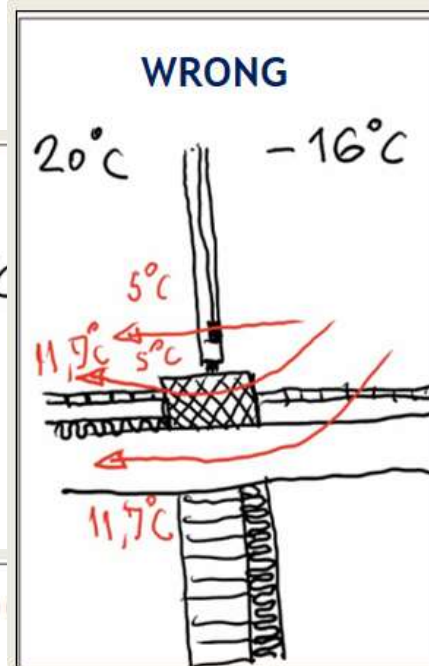
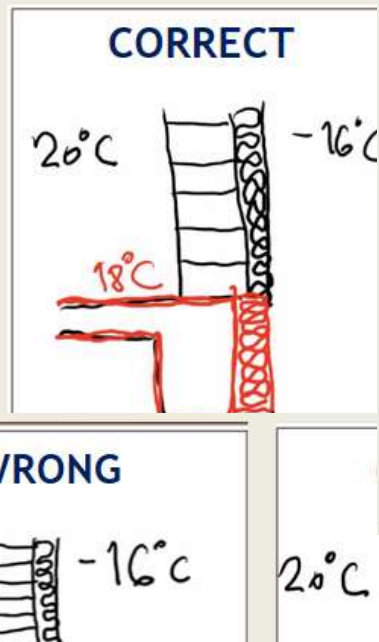
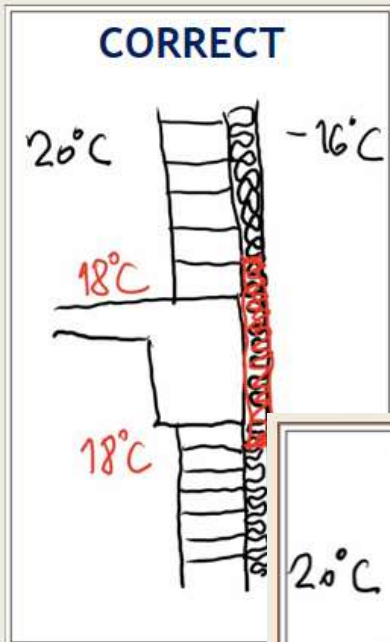
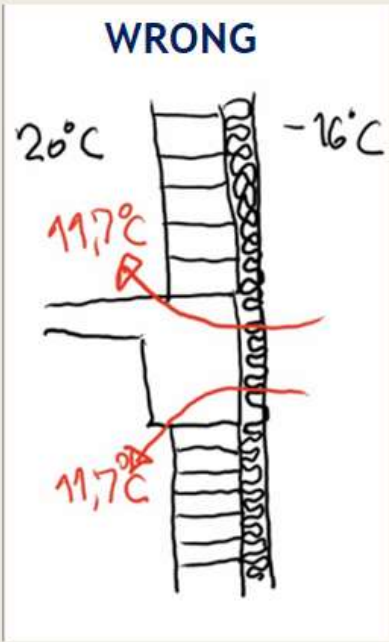




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