



Energy Efficiency Recommendations for A Private Villa, Jordan

IKI Project: Accelerating 0-emission building sector
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Introduction to the BUILD_ME project





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Introduction

Background, Objectives and Methodology



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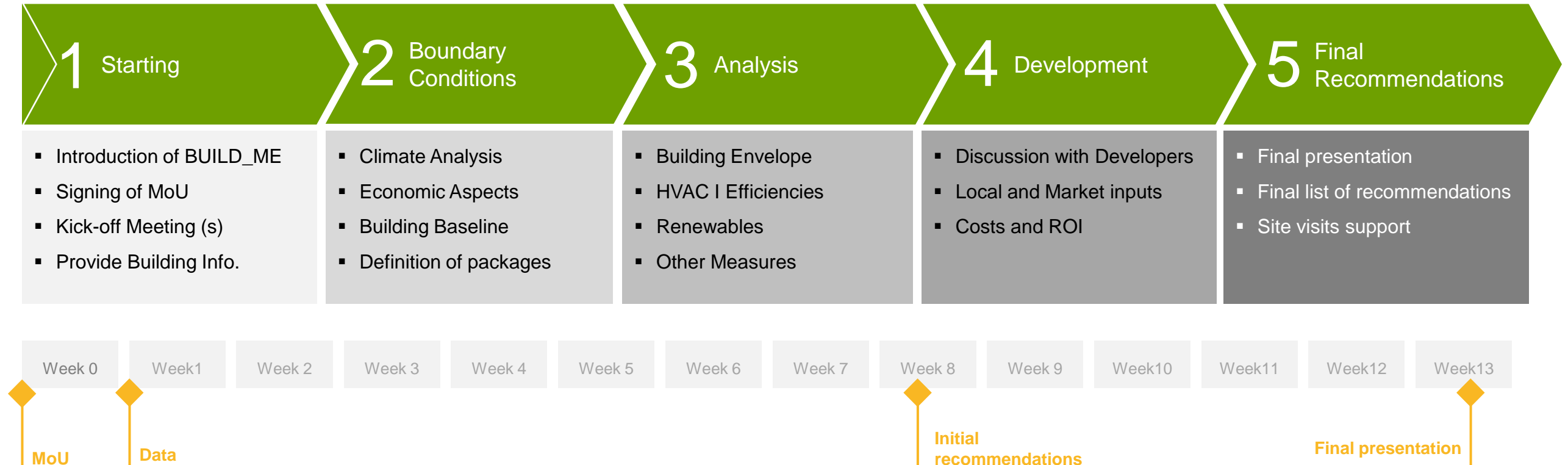
Introduction

BUILD_ME Project and the Objectives of Pilot Projects



Approach and Methodology

Steps Towards a Low Energy Building



- Initial timeline to be adjusted according to the demands and development of the pilot project.
- Remain in close exchange of data, information and concepts
- Field visits will be coordinated and executed by BUILD_ME National Partners and/or local experts.

Methodology

Cost Benefit Analysis



HIGHLIGHTS

- Besides classic CAPEX/ OPEX cost, it considers residual values
- Hourly based energy calculation
- Detailed local weather data is considered
- Energy price systematic and PV clearing adapted to local situation (Jordan)



ENERGY CALCULATION

- individual building geometries and windows (incl. orientation)
- Hourly based energy calculation using the international ISO 52016 norm
- Based on the energy demand calculation (useful demand) the HVAC systems are sized
- Five efficiency levels for each HVAC system can be selected individually
- Meteorology data base delivers detailed local weather input (hourly)



GLOBAL COST

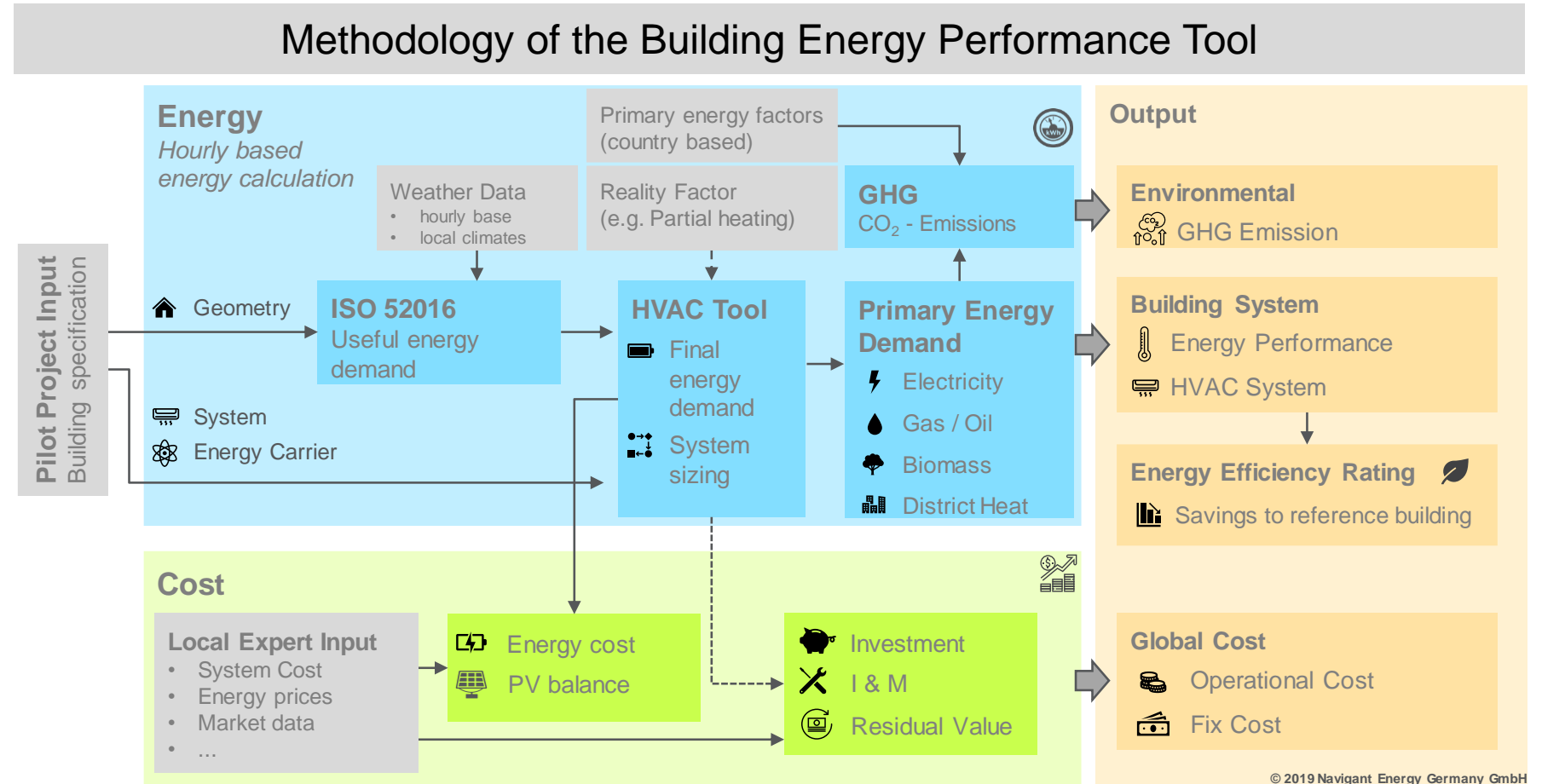
- Calculation of energy cost and investment cost of the systems, based on the HVAC system sized in the energy calculation
- Energy price systematic and PV clearing can be adapted to local situation (here: Jordan)
- Residual values at the end of the calculation period for the systems are considered

Methodology

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Introduction

The Project

Boundary conditions



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The Project Key Information

Aims

Building a single family house in Jordan. The building will represent the modern lifestyle of Jordanian families.

Target Groups

An upper-middle class house in Amman, the Capital of Jordan.

Function

Residential single family house including a small garden and a swimming pool.

Size

The villa will be 455 square meters on two floors and roof rooms.

Boundary conditions

Site : Context matters

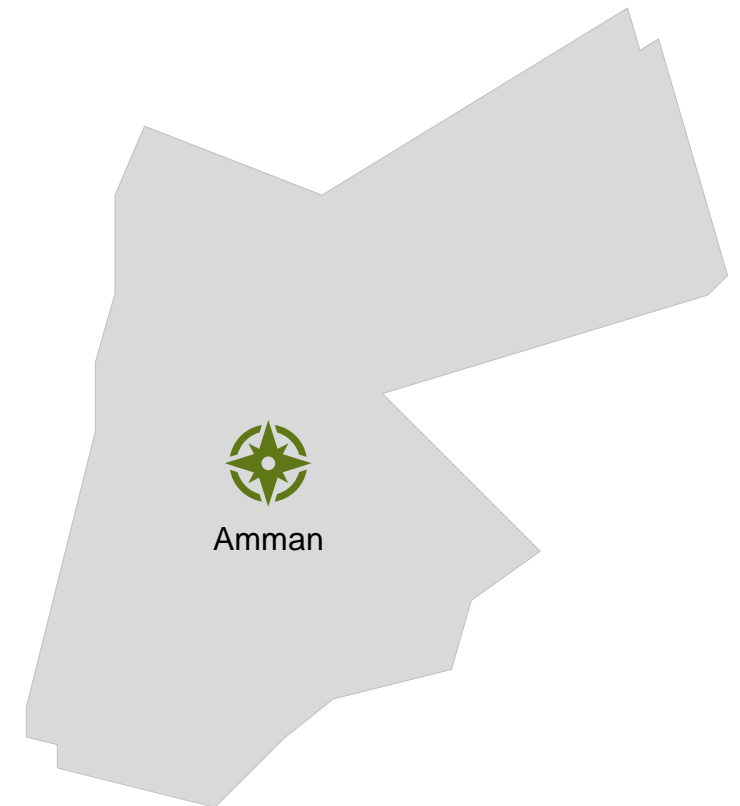
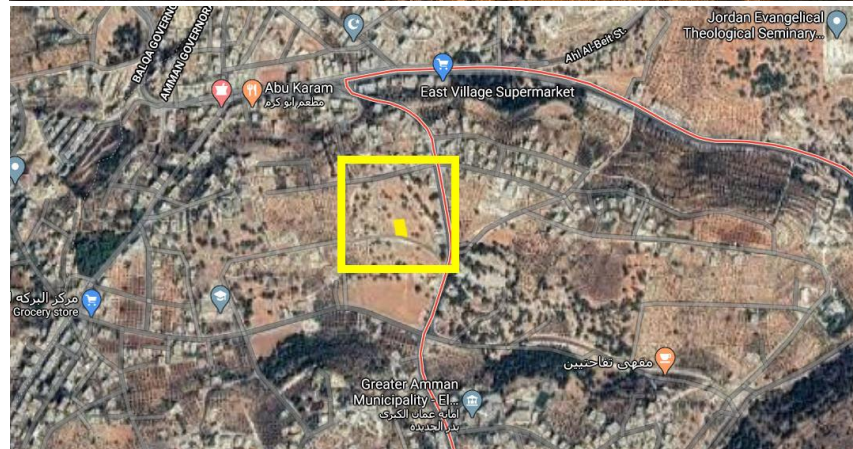
City : Amman

Location : Suburbs of Amman City

Context

The villa is located in a town called Bilal (north-western part of Amman Governorate Jordan). It is considered to be a low density populated area.

The land is surrounded by a few oak trees with some scattered olive trees.



Boundary conditions I Climate Analysis

External temperatures (left) and degree days (right) in Amman (Jordan)*

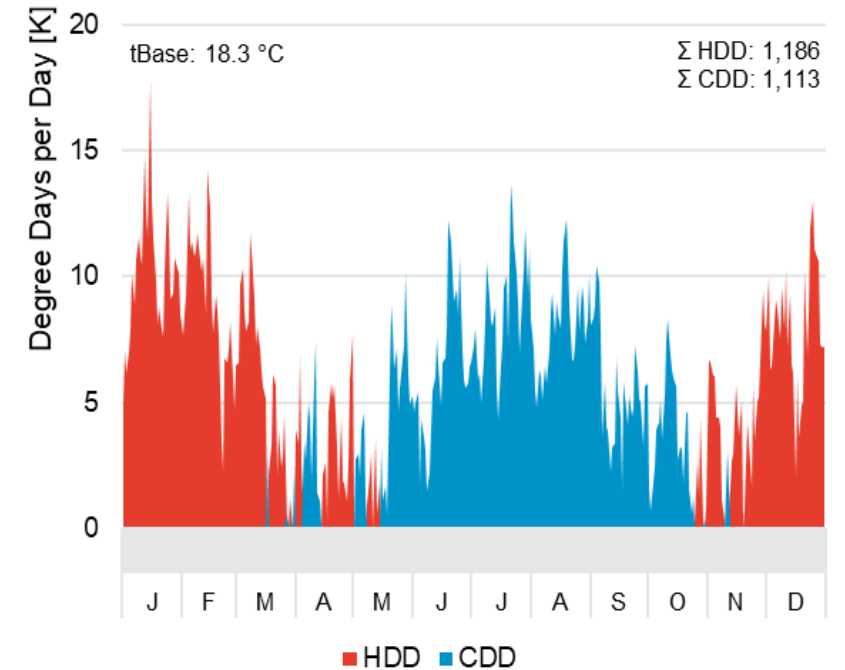
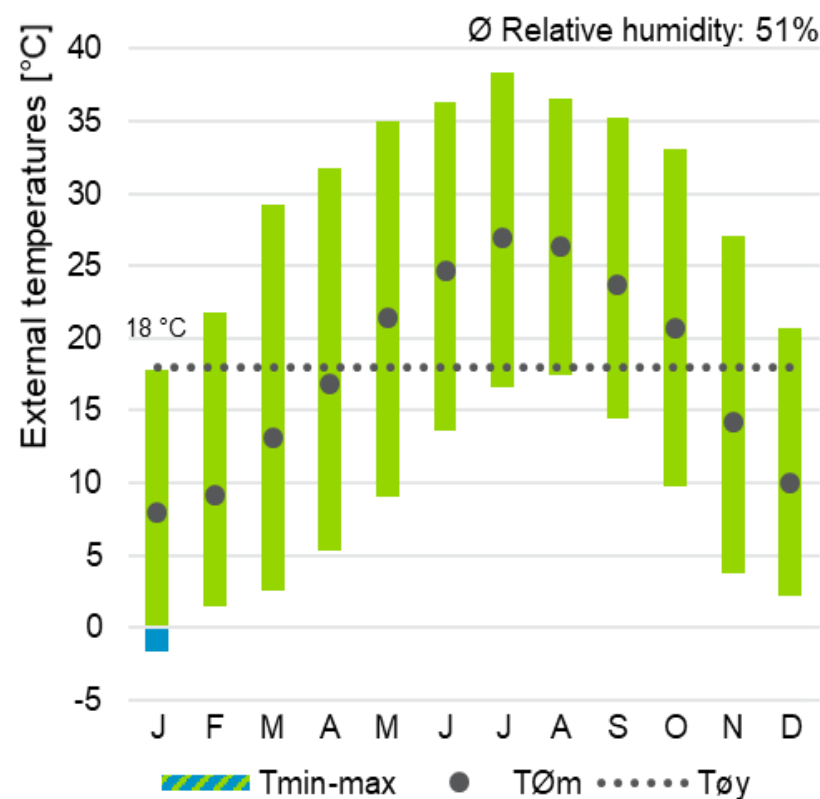
Description

The climate in Amman is moderate. The annual average temperatures are about 18°C

Challenges and Potentials

A few hours per year undercut the freezing point.

Similar heating and cooling degree days of around 1,150 Kd indicate a balanced and moderate need for heating and cooling.



* The following paragraphs refer to Amman due to data availability

* HDD: heating degree days; CDD: cooling degree days; according to ASHREA methodology

Boundary conditions | Climate

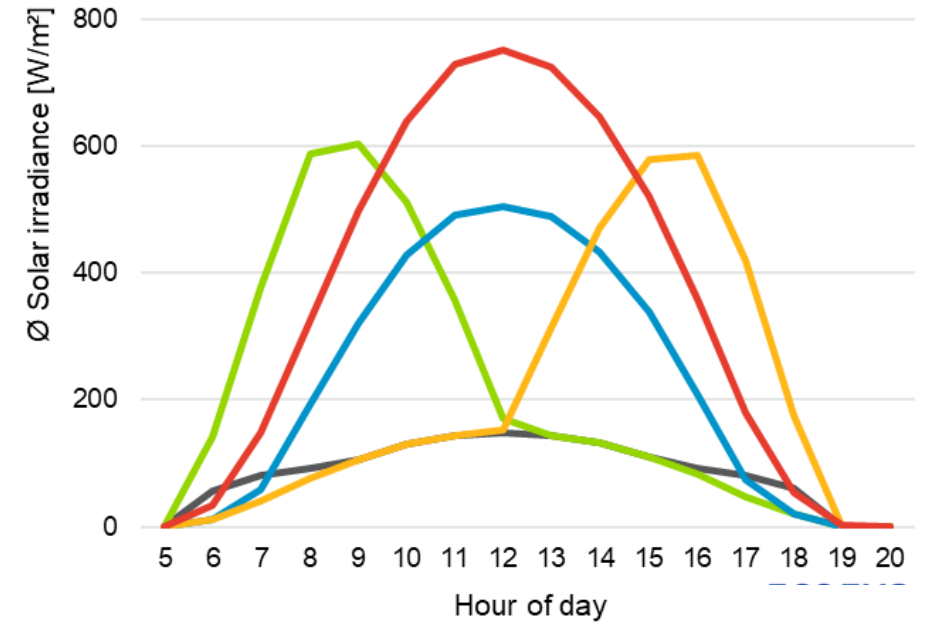
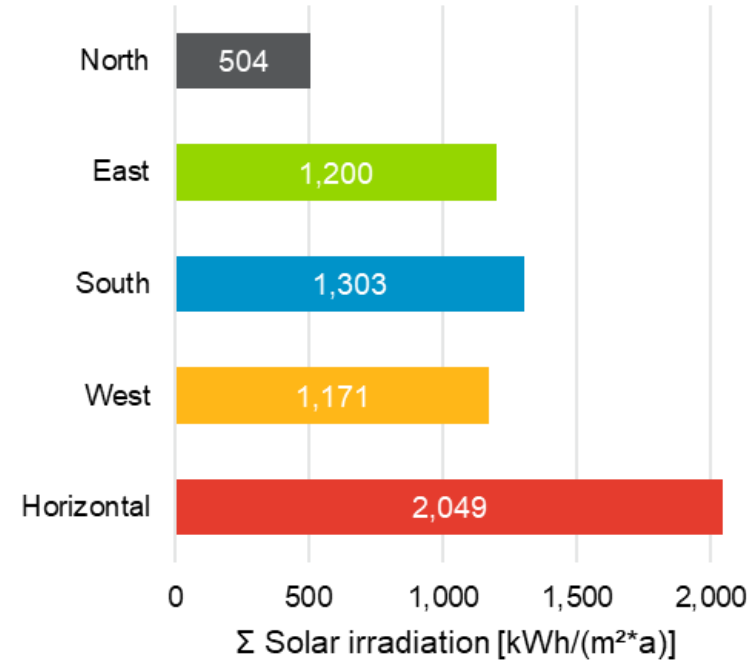
Solar Irradiation in Amman (Jordan)

Description

High horizontal irradiation of > 2,000 kWh/(m²*a)

Challenges and Potentials

and > 1,100 kWh/(m²*a) for East, South and West orientation bring opportunities for solar based energy generation.



Boundary conditions | Economic and Emissions Inputs

Cost of Energy and Environmental impact

Status

In Jordan, natural gas is only used for power generation plants, while the LPG, diesel fuel and electricity are used in space heating.

Objectives

Energy price increases are assumed in the future and will be calculated in.

Energy prices and CO2 emissions			
Parameter	Unit	Electricity	LPG
Energy price	JOD/kWh	Mean 0.04	0.038
Energy price	EUR/kWh†	0.055	0.05
Price development	%/year	3	3
CO2 emission factor	gCO2/kWh	635	230
Economic parameters			
Interest rate (real)	%/year		5
Calculation period	years		20

• Exchange rate: 1 EUR = 1.3 JOD

Boundary Conditions I Building

Building Data

Status

Single Family house in the design phase

Specific Challenge

To reduce the operational costs and energy consumption while keeping the extra costs to the minimum.



Building Key Information

Data	Input
Utilization	SFH
Number of floors	2
Number of apartment	1
Conditioned floor area [m ²]	360
Clear room height [m]	2.95 m
Conditioned volume [m ³]	1062
Number of inhabitants [#]	4
Year of construction	2021

Analysis

Starting Situation - Baseline and Current planning



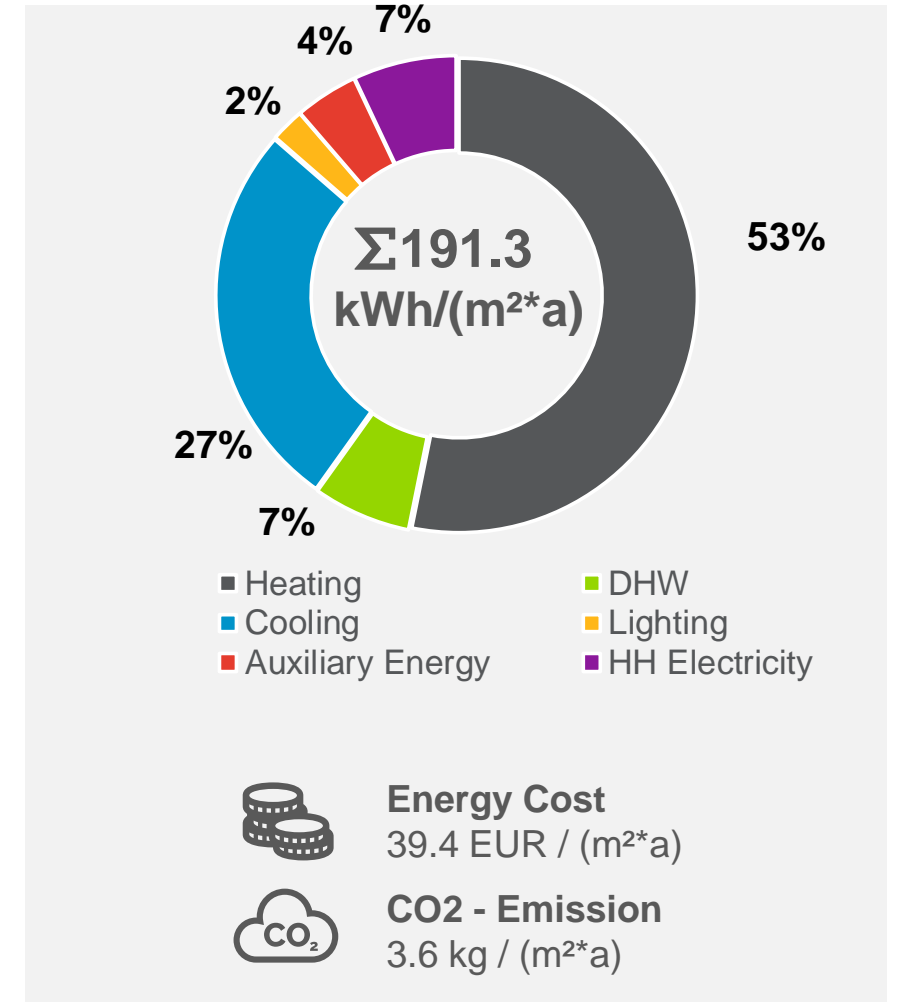
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Business as Usual

Building Characteristics

The key components of the energy concept are illustrated in this table, it shows that the building envelope is in line with the thresholds of the current building code. While no special attention is given to use renewable energy sources.

Parameters	Baseline
Roof insulation (U-Value)	0.55 W/m ² K
Wall insulation (U-Value)	0.57 W/m ² K
Floor insulation (U-Value)	2.2 W/m ² K
Windows (U-Value; G-Value)	5.7 W/m ² K; 0.85
Window fraction	Ø 15%
Shading	No
Air tightness	0.25 1/h
Heat supply	Multi-split unit - COP 2.5
Cold supply	Multi-split unit - COP 2.5
Hot water	Gas instantaneous
Ventilation systems	Natural ventilation
Lighting systems	LED
Renewable energy	No
Set temperature cooling/heating	23°C / 23°C



Current Situation as Designed

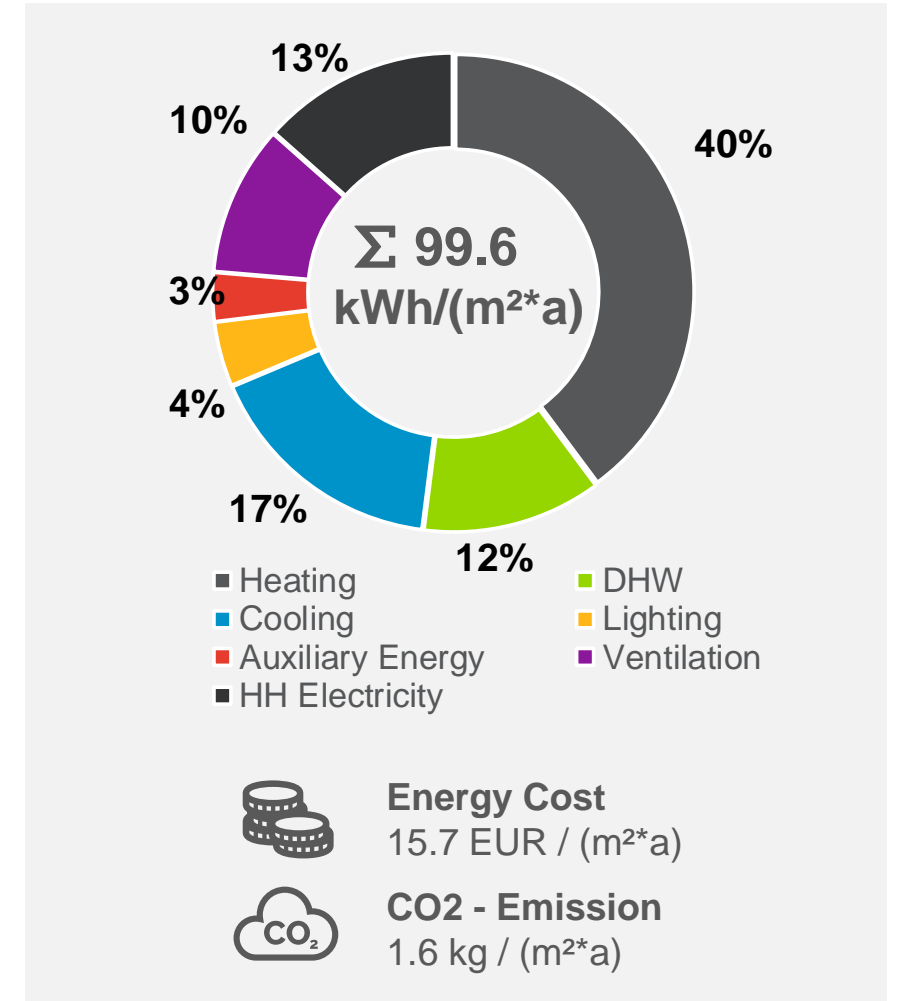
Results

The key components of the energy concept are illustrated in this table, it shows that the building envelope is significantly enhanced to the current building code.

Special attention is given to the use of renewable energy sources in terms of PV (for electricity) and Solar collectors (for hot water).

This leads to energy savings and emission reduction.

Parameters	Baseline
Roof insulation (U-Value)	0.42 W/m ² K
Wall insulation (U-Value)	0.52 W/m ² K
Floor insulation (U-Value)	0.72 W/m ² K
Windows (U-Value; G-Value)	2.8 W/m ² K; 0.7
Window fraction	Ø 15%
Shading	Manual
Air tightness	0.25 1/h
Heat supply	LPG Boiler
Cold supply	reversible split unit - COP 3.2
Hot water	Combined gas boiler
Ventilation systems	Mechanical Ventilation
Lighting systems	LED
Renewable energy	-
Set temperature cooling/heating	24°C / 21°C



Current situation (project developer)

Results VS. BaU

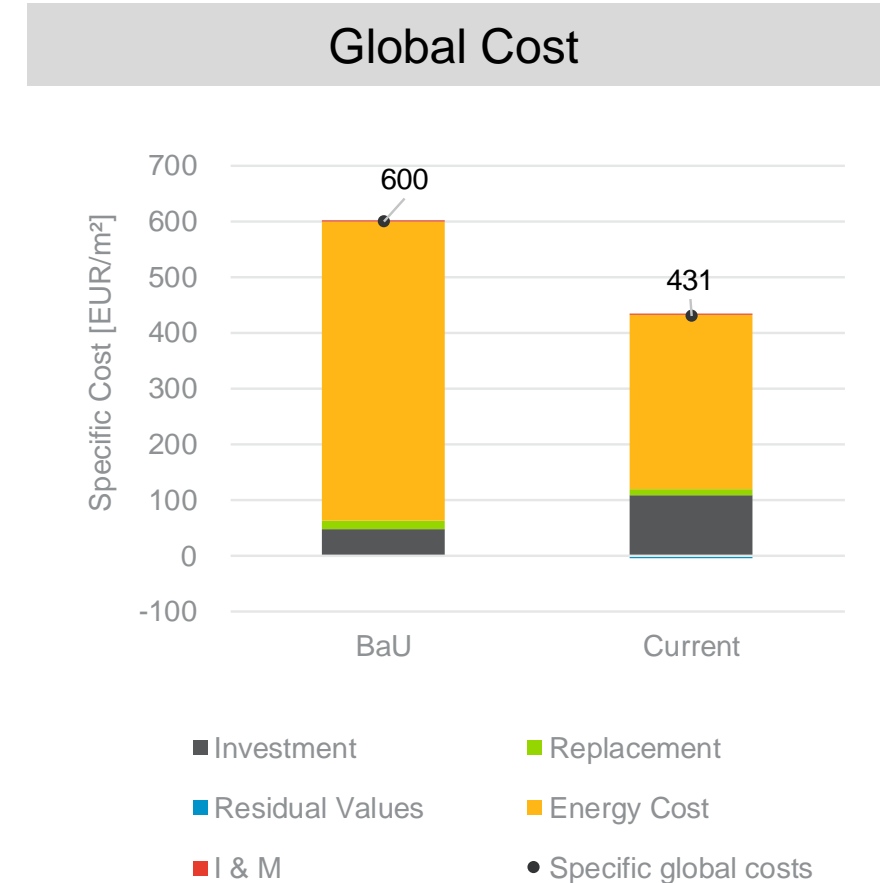
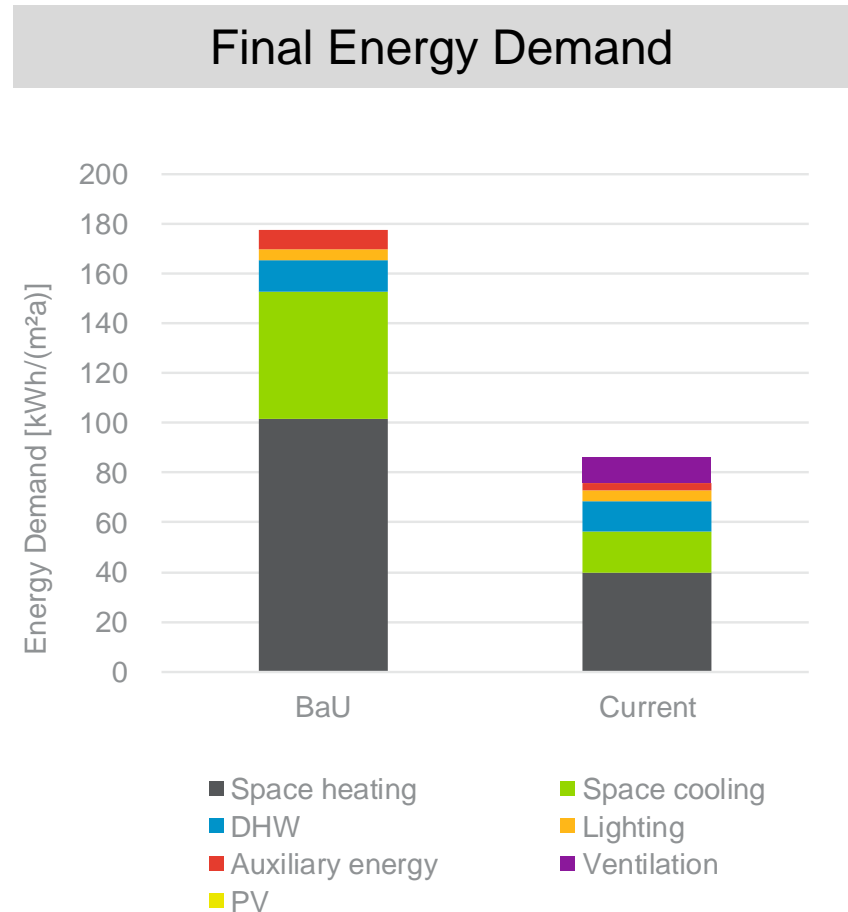
The proposed design is significantly more energy efficient in comparison to the BAU cases.

Although the energy cost decrease, the proposed measures will result in a cost increase due to the high investment cost.

The proposed measures seem not to hit the cost optimal point for optimization

50% Energy savings

30% Cost savings



Analysis

Investigation of Possible Measures



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Overview of Analyzed Measures

Scope of Measures

Envelope



Roof insulation

External wall insulation

Windows (U, g, window fraction)

Shading

Air tightness

Systems



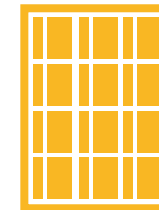
Cooling

Heating

Mechanical ventilation

Operational temperatures

Renewable



PV

Solar Thermal

Building Envelope | External wall

Results

BaU
No insulation (U-Value = 2.2 W/m²K)

Var 1
Double wall, no insulation (U-Value = 1.1 W/m²K)

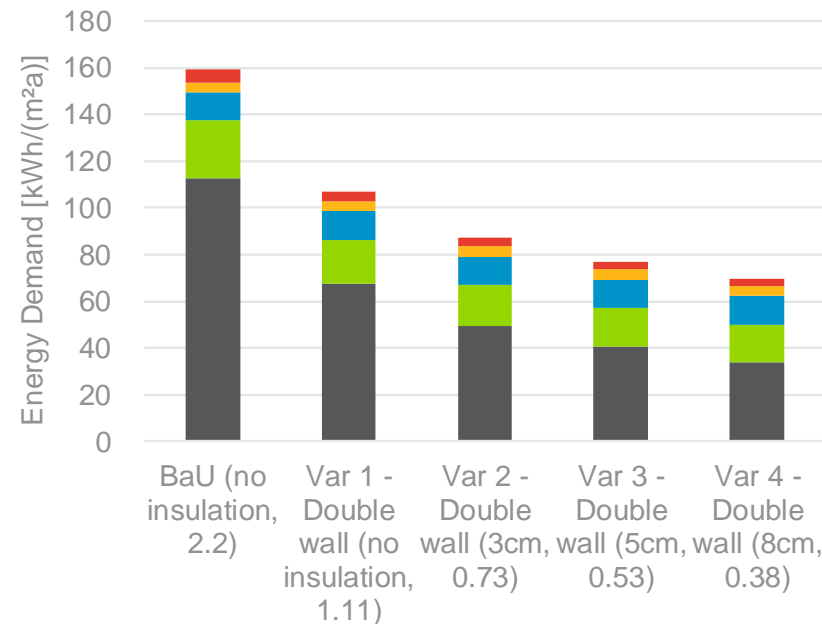
Var 2
3 cm insulation (U-Value = 0.73 W/m²K)

Var 3
5 cm insulation (U-Value = 0.53 W/m²K)

Var 4
8 cm insulation (U-Value = 0.38 W/m²K)

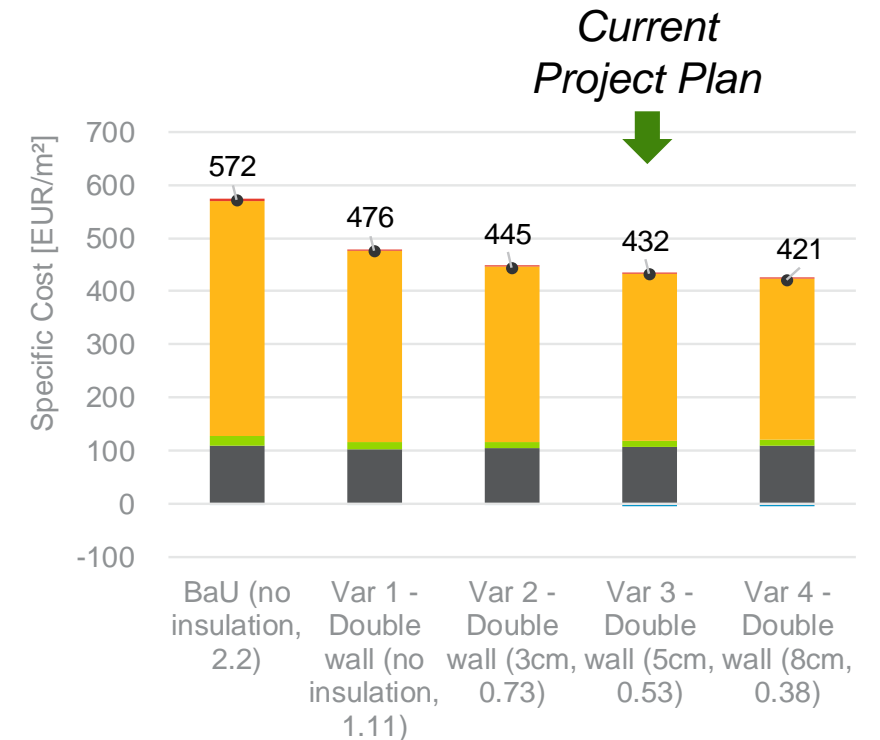
Result: Var 4 is the most cost effective measure

Final Energy Demand



■ Space heating ■ Space cooling ■ DHW
■ Lighting ■ Auxiliary energy

Global Cost



■ Investment ■ Replacement
■ Residual Values ■ Energy Cost
■ I & M ● Specific global costs

Building Envelope | Roof

Results

BaU

no insulation

Current

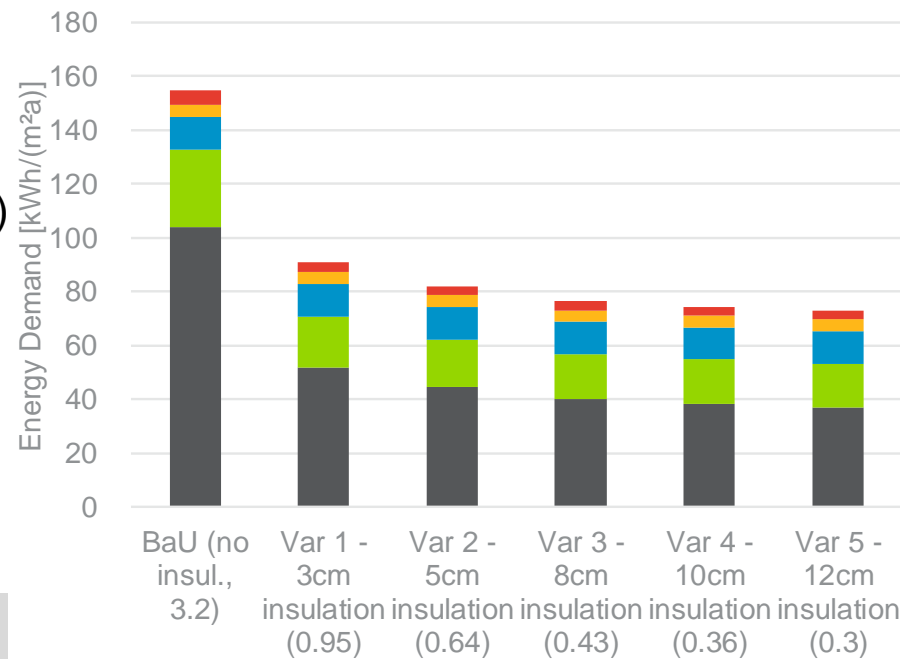
8 cm insulation (U-Value = 0.42 W/m²K)

Var 1 - 5

3 – 12 cm insulation (U-Value = 0.92 – 0.25 W/m²K)

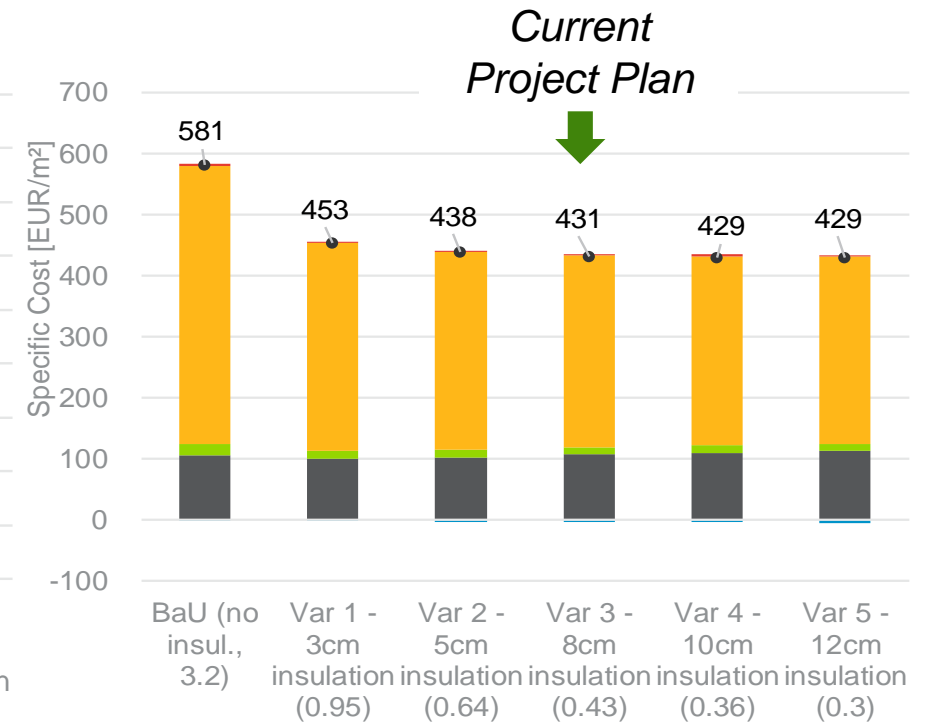
Result: Var 4 with 10 cm is the most cost effective measure. However, the current project plan is already close.

Final Energy Demand



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Building Envelope | Windows

Results

BaU – Single glazing

U value 5.7 W/m²K

G-Value 0.85

Double glazing (Var 1)

U value 2.9 W/m²K

G-Value 0.7

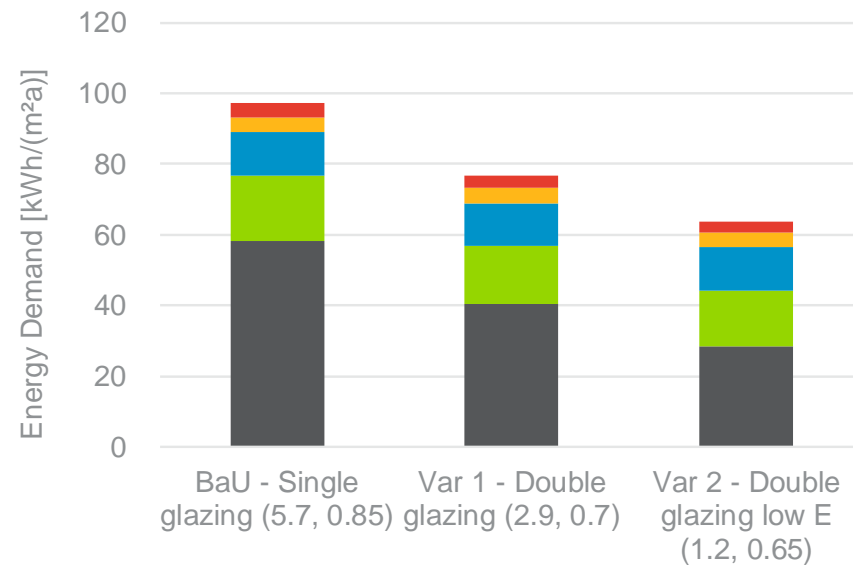
Double glazing low E (Var 2)

U value 1.1 W/m²K,

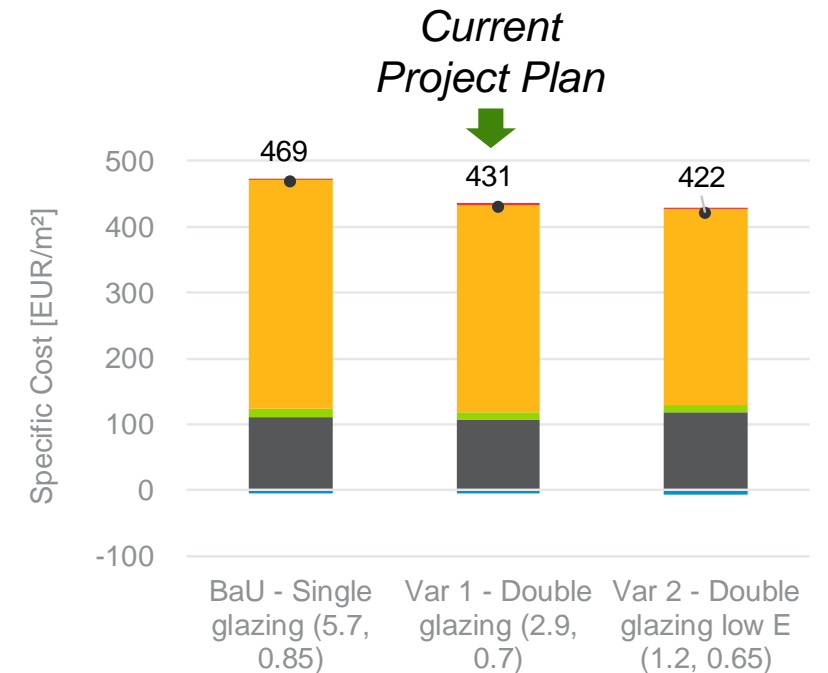
G-Value 0.65

Var 3 is the more cost-effective case.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



Window Fraction Analysis

Var 1

Window fraction 40 %

Var 2

Window fraction 30 %

Var 3

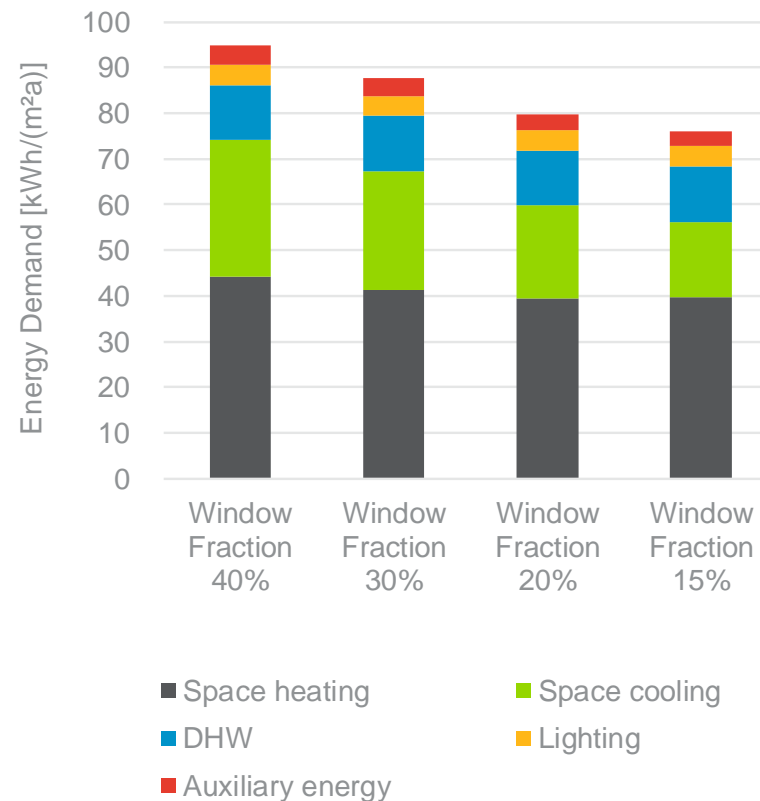
Window fraction 20 %

Var 4

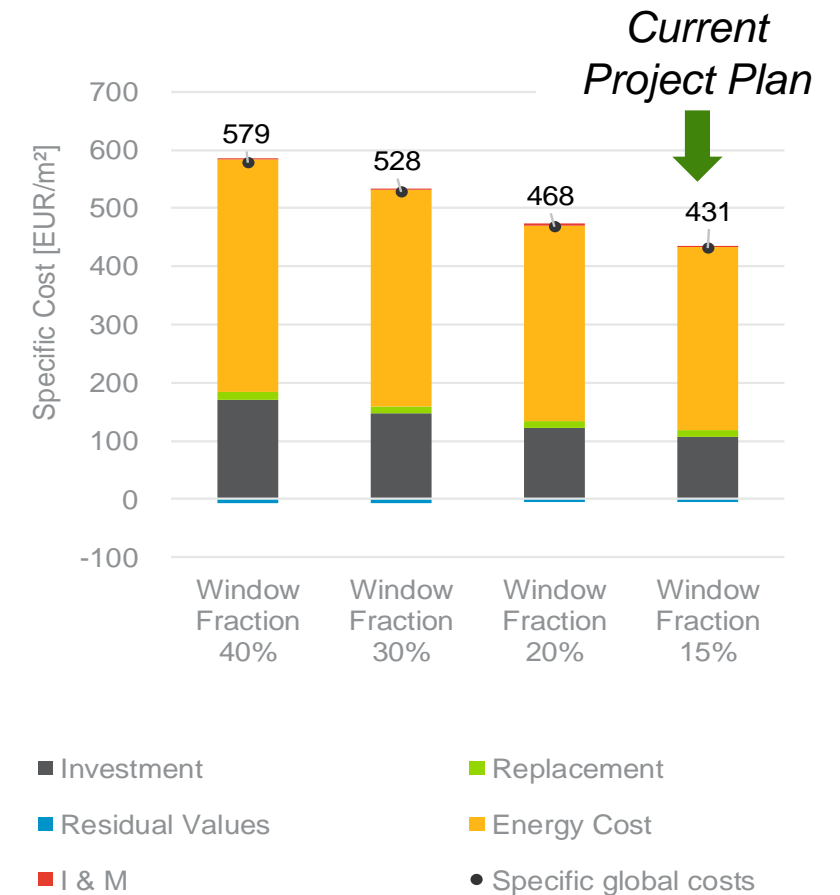
Window fraction 15 %

The current with the least window fraction has the lowest energy consumption and lowest global cost.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



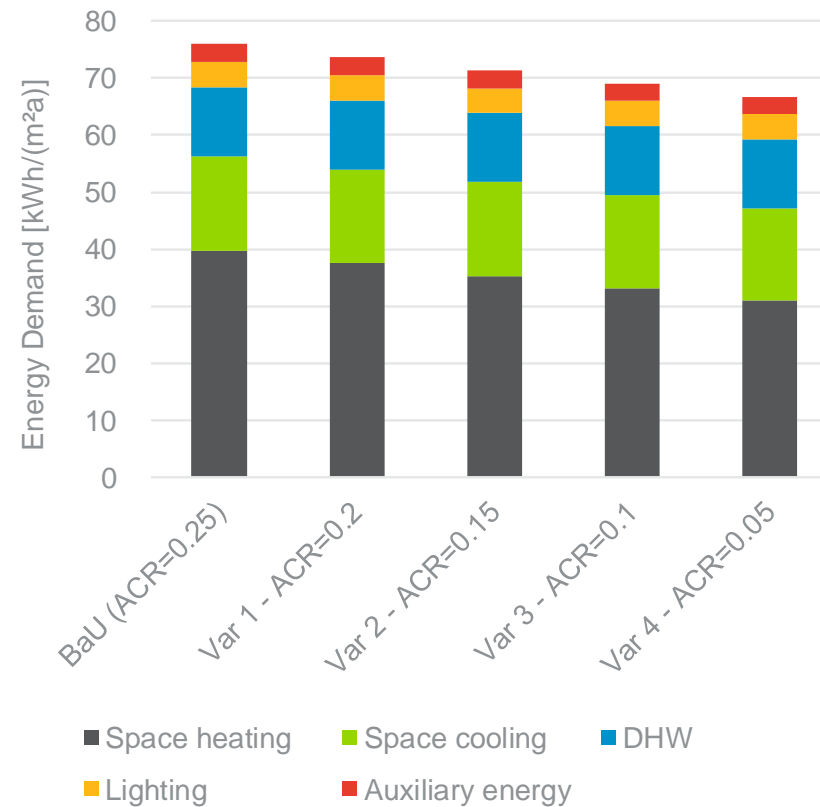
Air Tightness

What is the effect of air tightness?

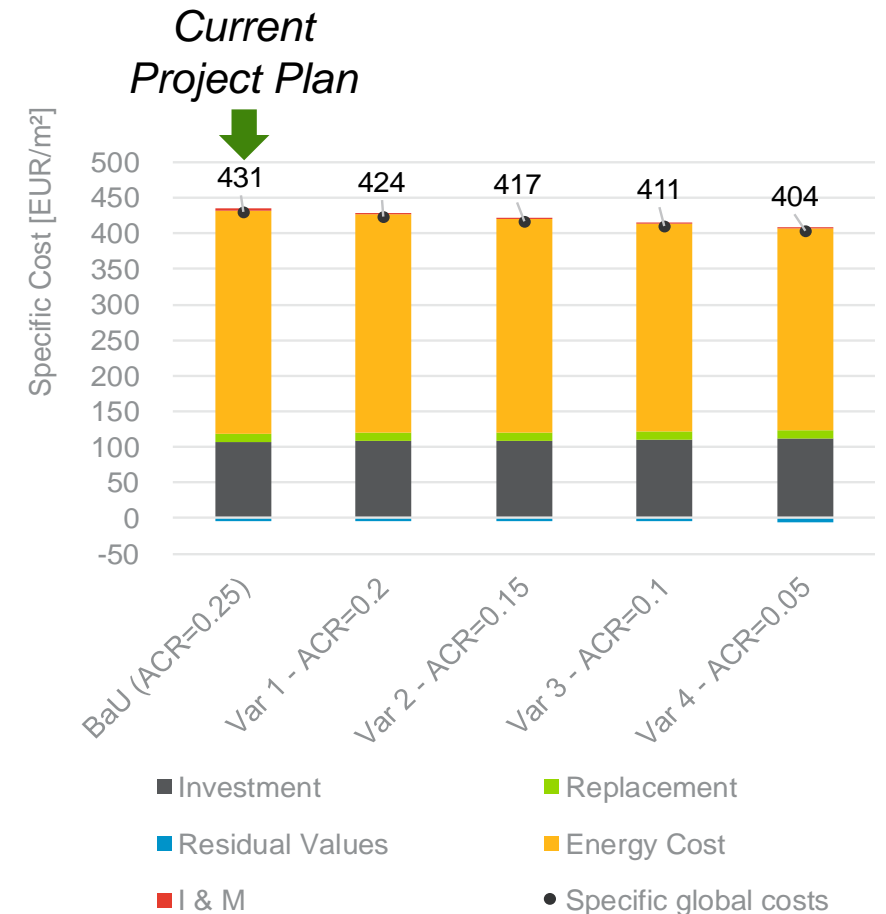


Var 4 (ACR=0.05) is the most cost effective measure.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



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Shading concept Analysis

- BaU
No shading

- Var 1
Fixed Overhangs

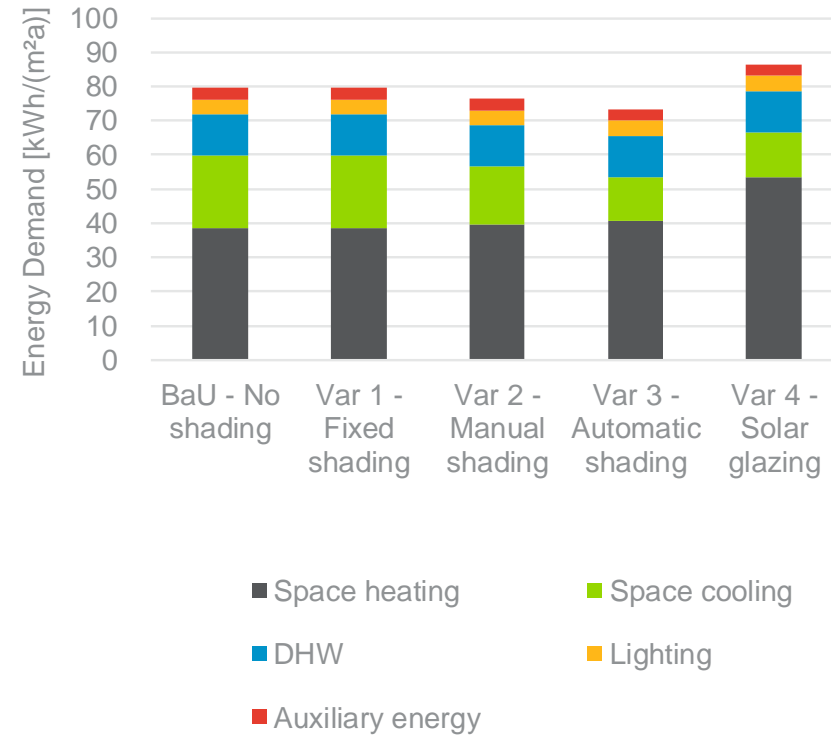
- Var 2
Manual Shading

- Var 3
Automatic Shading

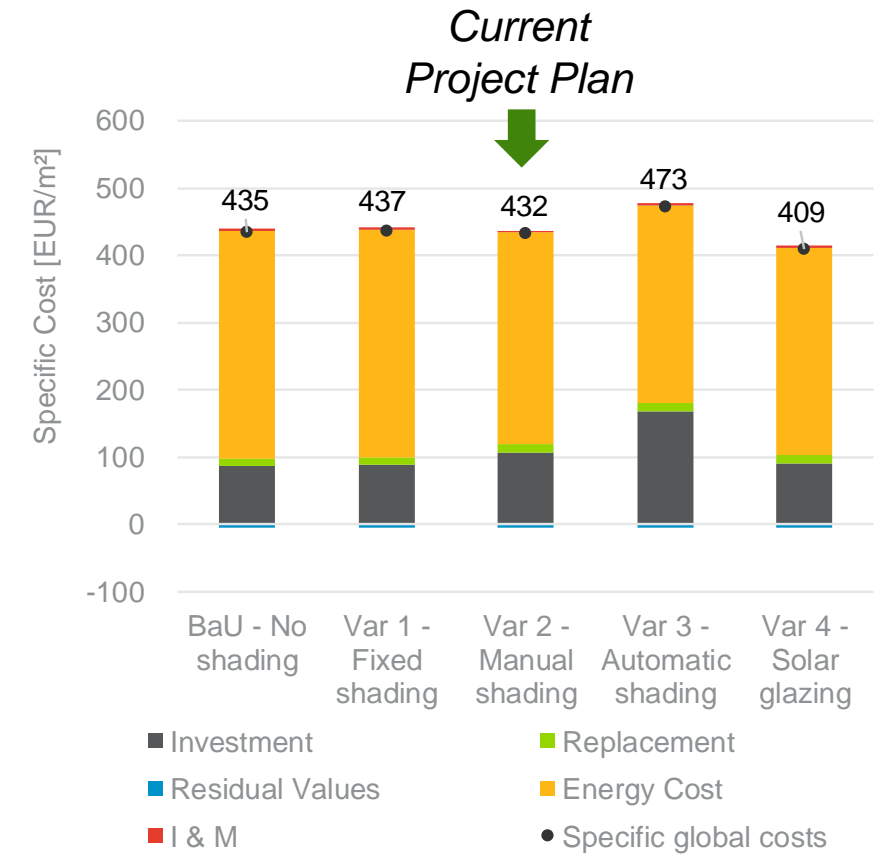
- Var 4
Solar Glazing

Var 4 is the most cost effective measure.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



HVAC | Heating Efficiencies Analysis

BaU
Split Unit

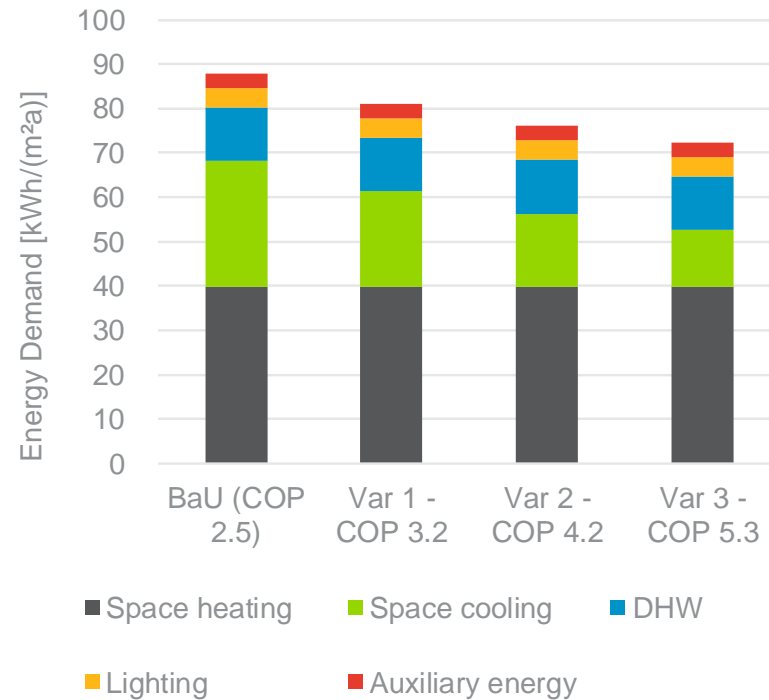
Var 1
VRF System

Var 2
VRF System

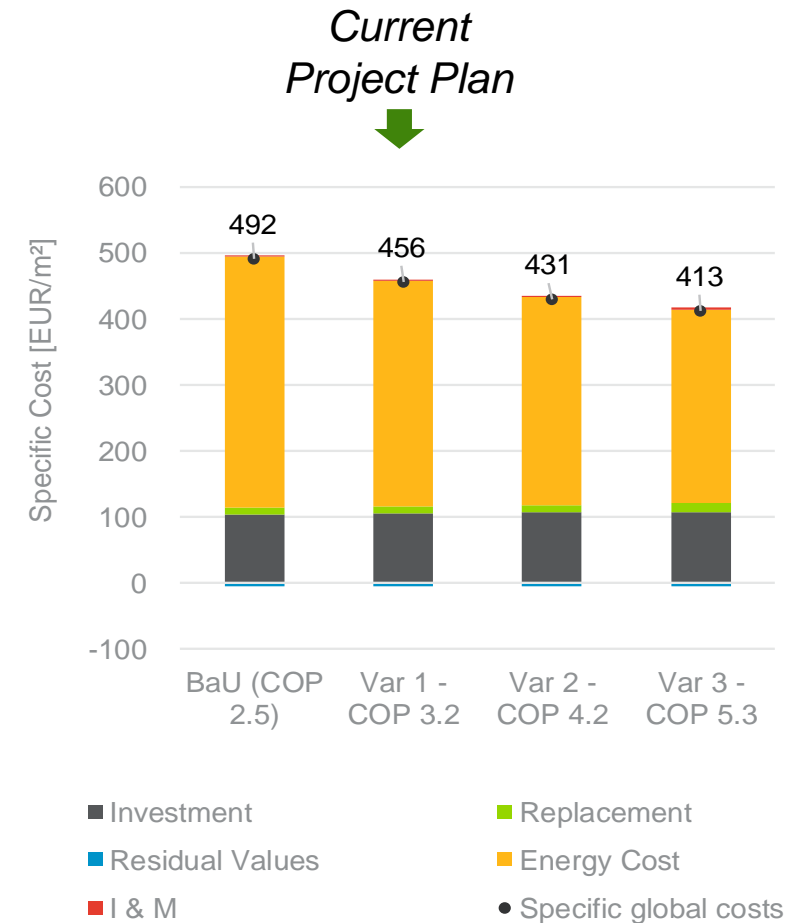
Var 3
VRF System

Var 3 (System with best COP) has the highest effect and is very cost-effective.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



HVAC | Heating Analysis

Current

- LPG Boiler (5,000 EUR)
- Split-unit (3,980 EUR)

Var 1 (LPG boiler only back-up)

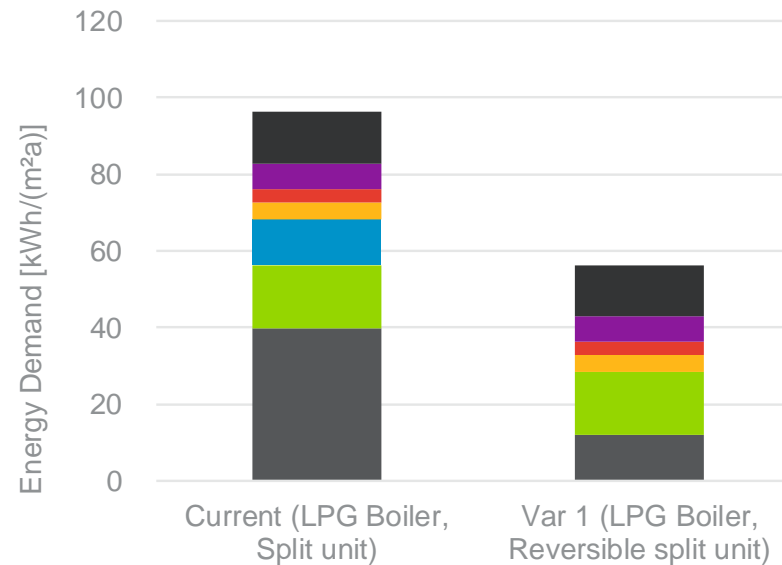
- LPG Boiler (5,000 EUR)
- Reversible split-unit (5,700 EUR)

Electricity: 0.33 EUR/kWh (1st year) – 0.60 EUR/kWh (2nd year)

LPG: 0.045 EUR/kWh (1st year) – 0.081 EUR/kWh (2nd year)

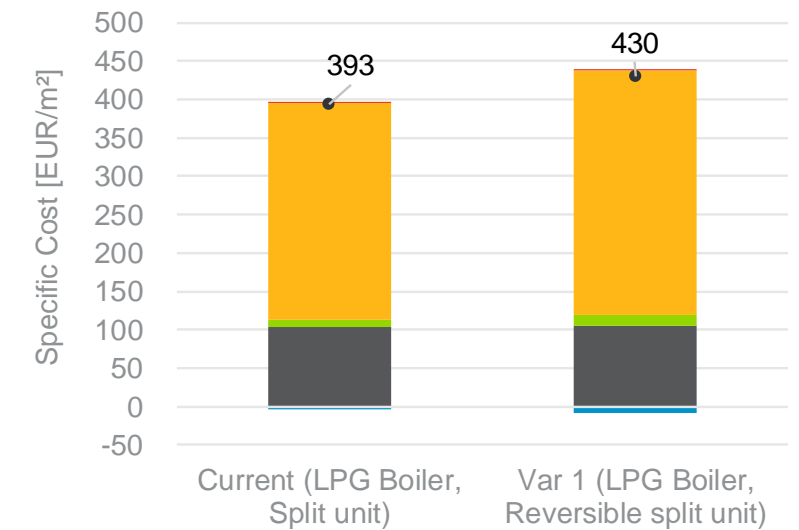
Current system of LPG boiler is will result in higher energy consumption, yet it is slightly cost effective.

Final Energy Demand



- Space heating
- Space cooling
- DHW
- Lighting
- Auxiliary energy
- Ventilation
- HH Electricity
- PV

Global Cost



- Investment
- Residual Values
- I & M
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HVAC | Cooling Efficiencies Analysis

BaU

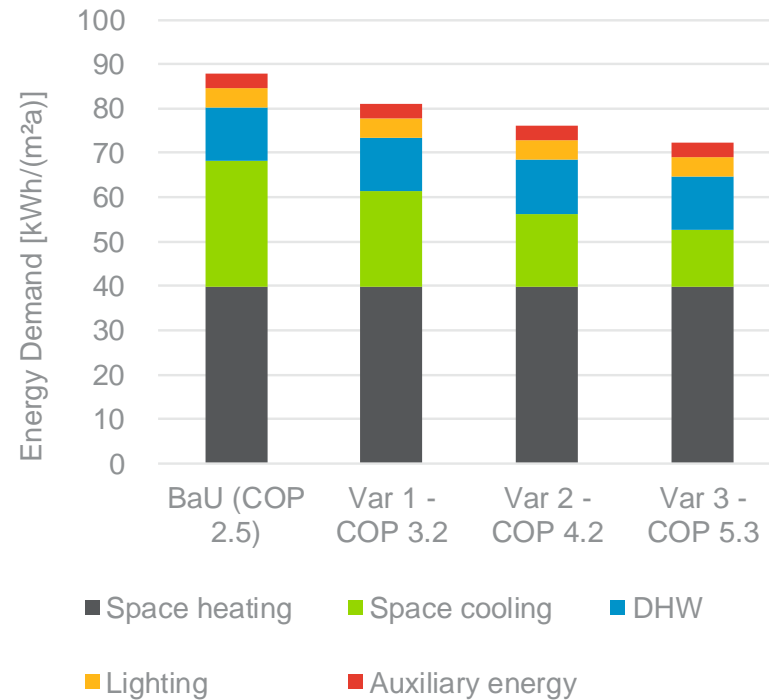
Cooling: 2.5 COP

Var 1 | 2 | 3

Multi-Split Unit with increased efficiency (COP: 3.2 | 4.2 | 5.3)

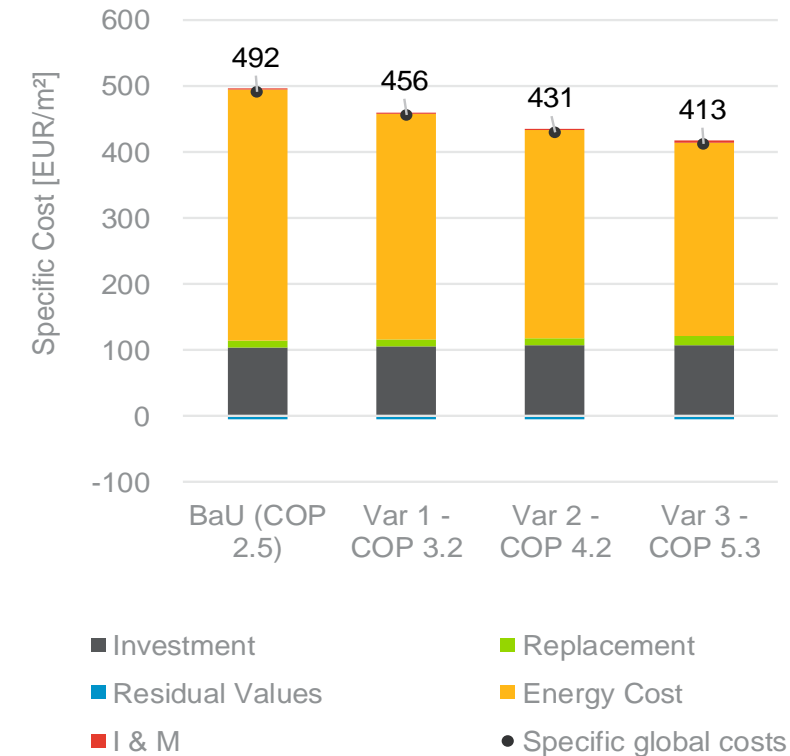
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Final Energy Demand



Global Cost

Current Project Plan



HVAC | Mechanical Ventilation Analysis

BaU

No mechanical ventilation

Var 1

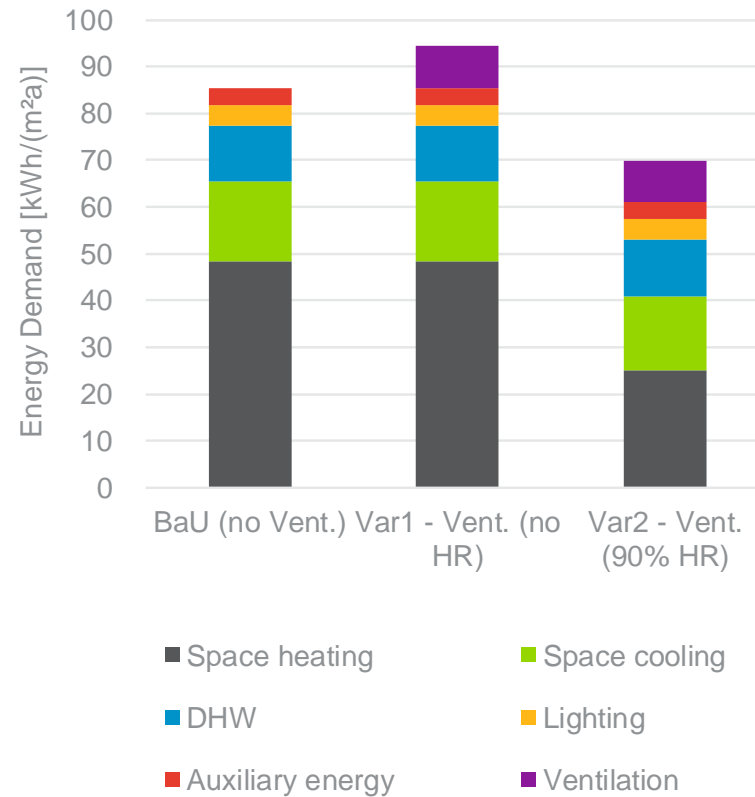
Mechanical ventilation without heat recovery.

Var 2

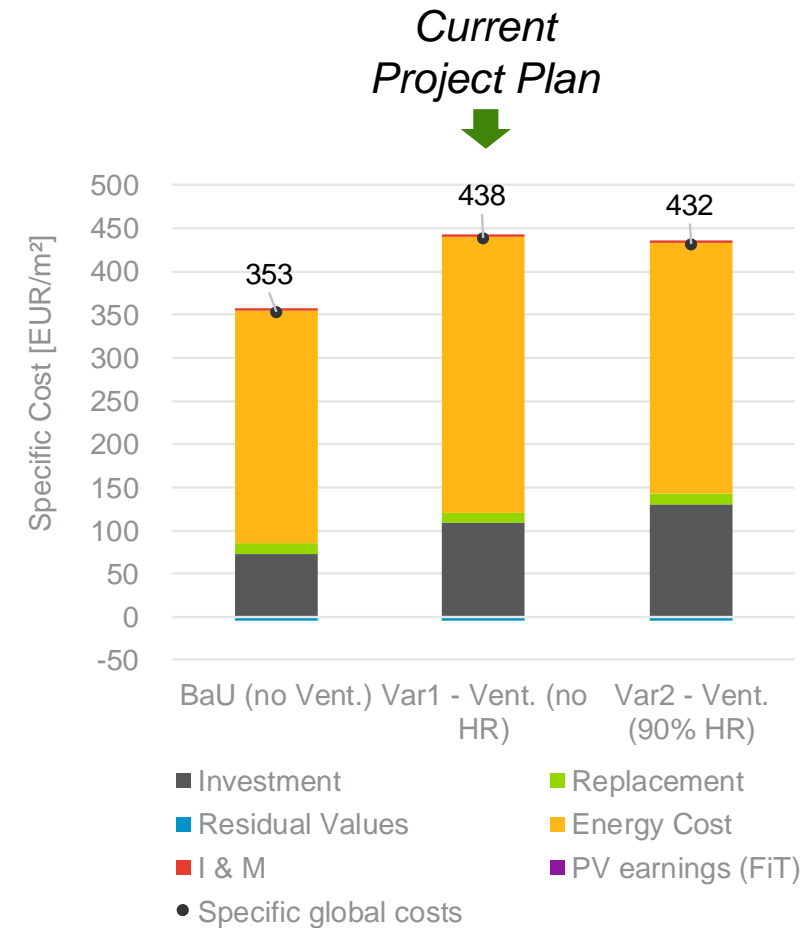
Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (ca. 90%)

BaU (no mech. ventilation) is the most cost-effective. However, if a mech. ventilation system is installed, a heat recovery is cost-effective.

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



Operational Temperatures

Analysis

BaU

Cooling Temperature: 23°C
Heating Temperature: 23°C

Var 1 - 3

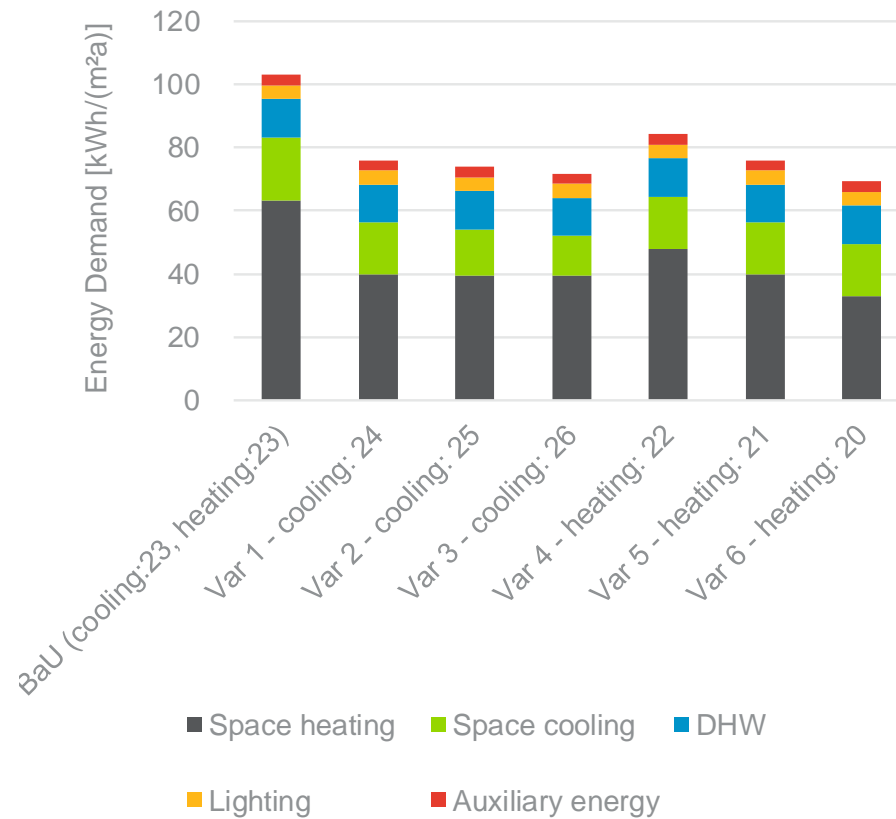
Cooling Temperature adapted
(24°C - 26°C)

Var 4 - 6

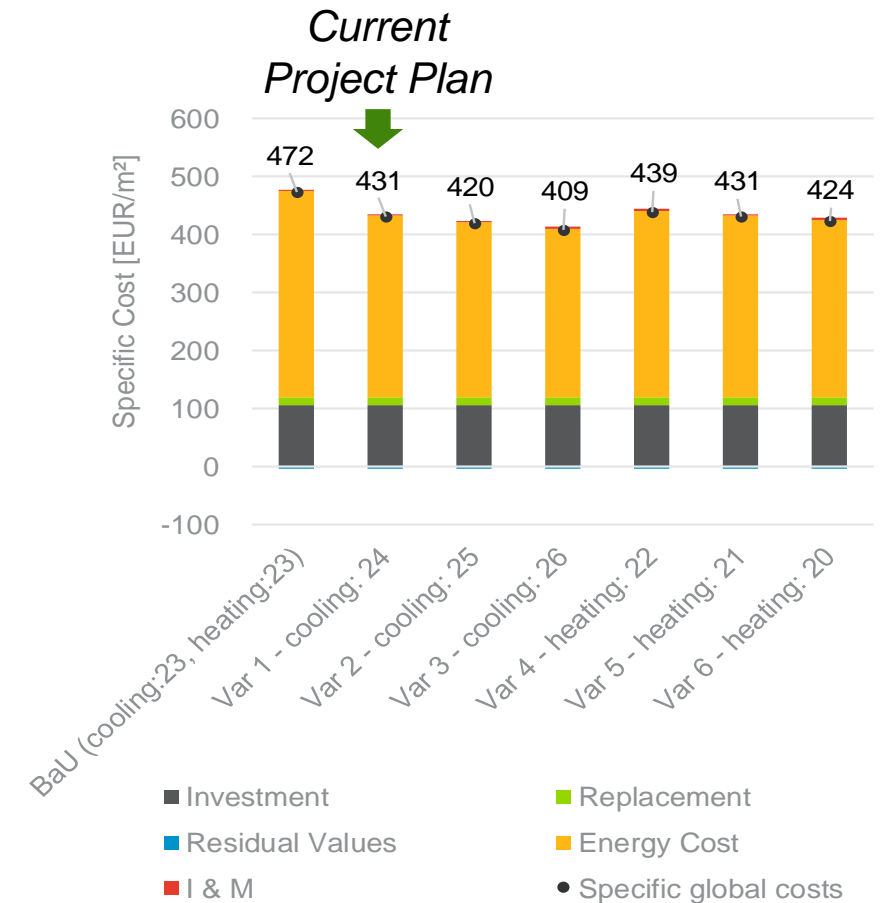
Heating Temperature adapted
(22°C - 20°C)

This measure is very effective and not related to any cost

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



Renewables | Solar Thermal Analysis

Baseline
no ST

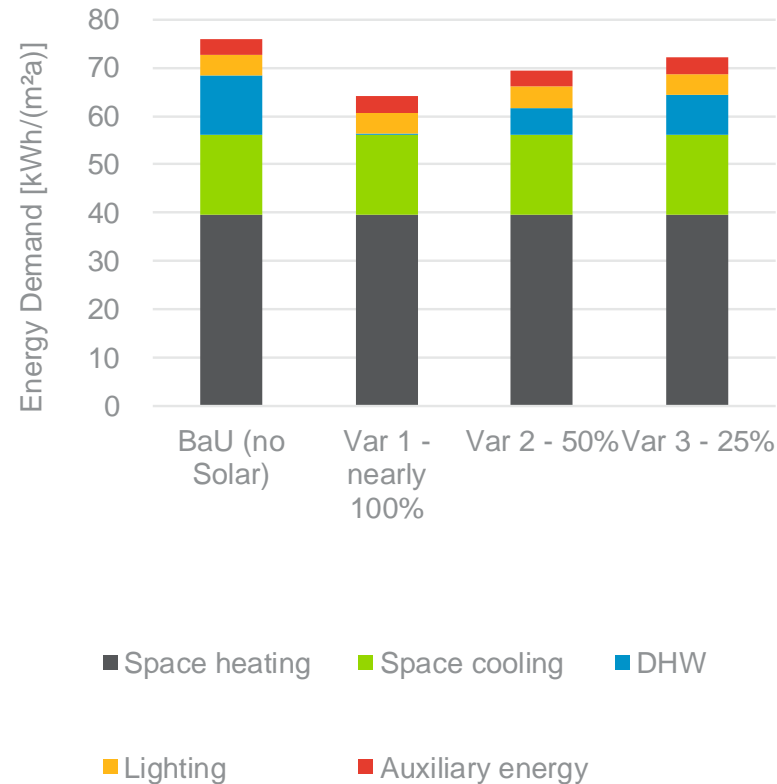
Var 1
ST - 4.5 m² (90% of demand covered)

Var 2
ST - 2.5 m² (50% of demand covered)

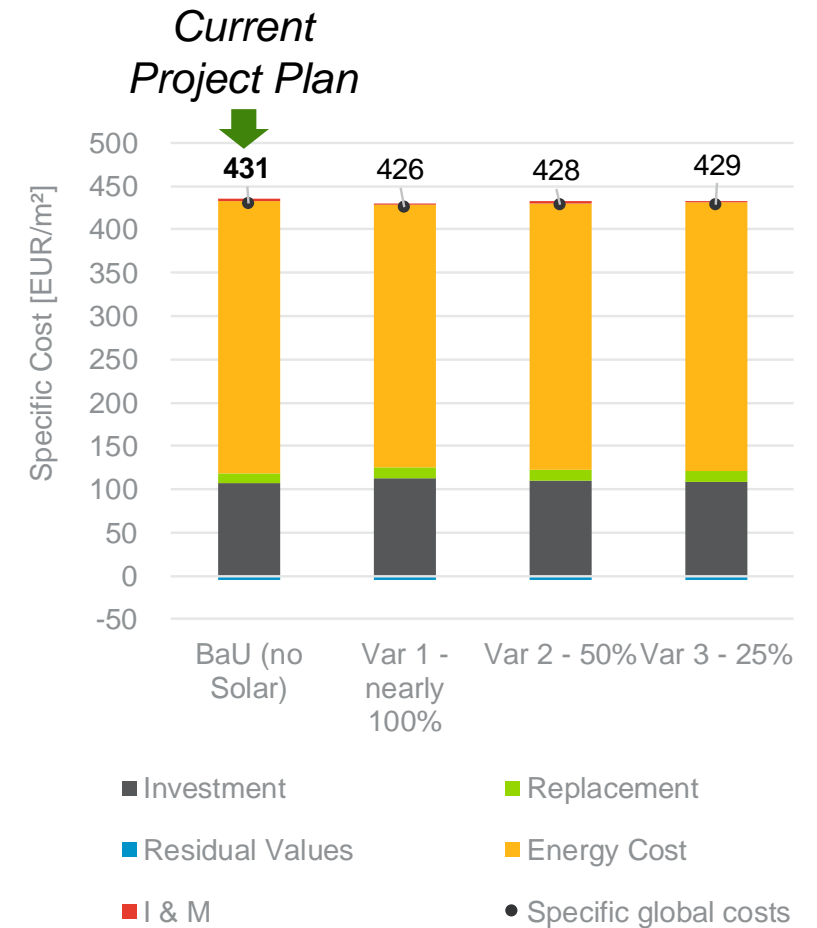
Var 3
ST - 1.5 m² (25% of demand covered)

Var 1 (4.5 m² collector area) is the most cost effective measure

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



Renewables | PV

Analysis

Sizing (net metering as assumption)

Current

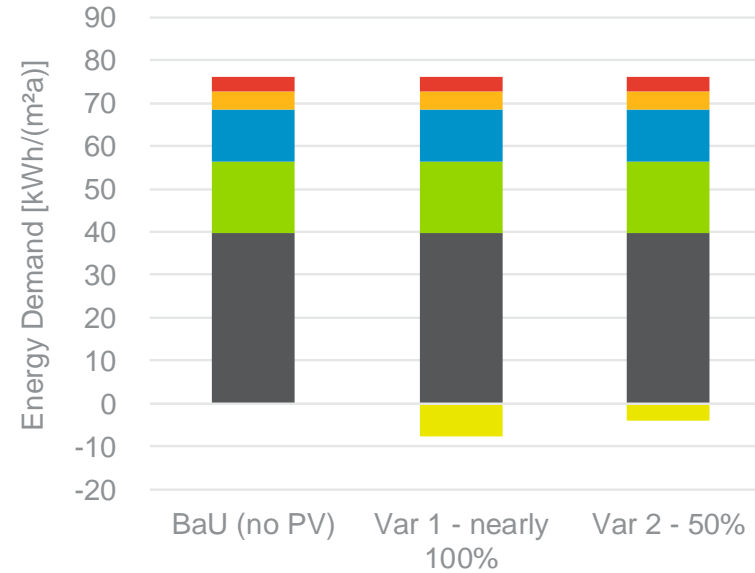
no PV

Var 1 | 2

PV 2 | 1 kWp
(Roof area 14 | 7 m²)

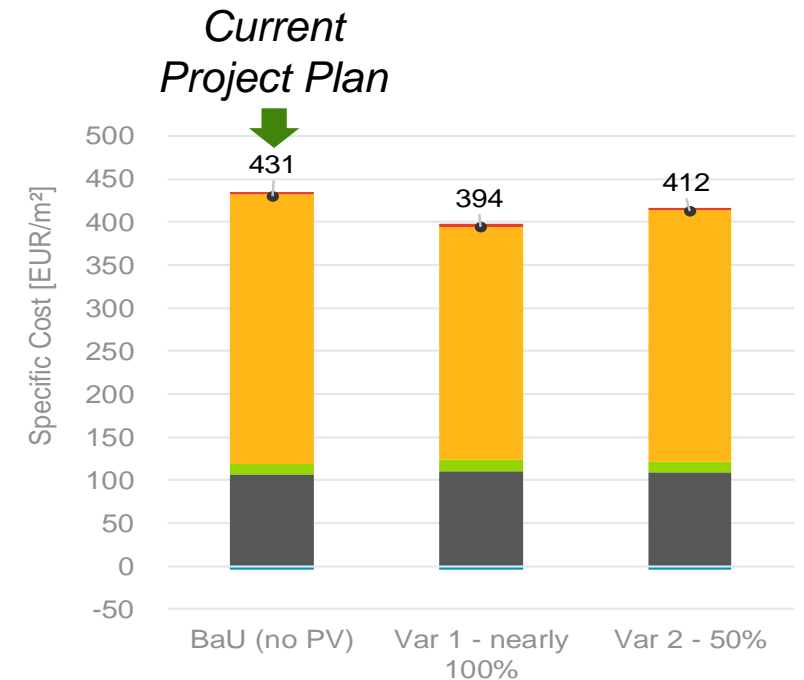
Var 1 with 2 kWp PV is the most cost effective measure.
(based on the electricity consumption of the Current!)

Final Energy Demand

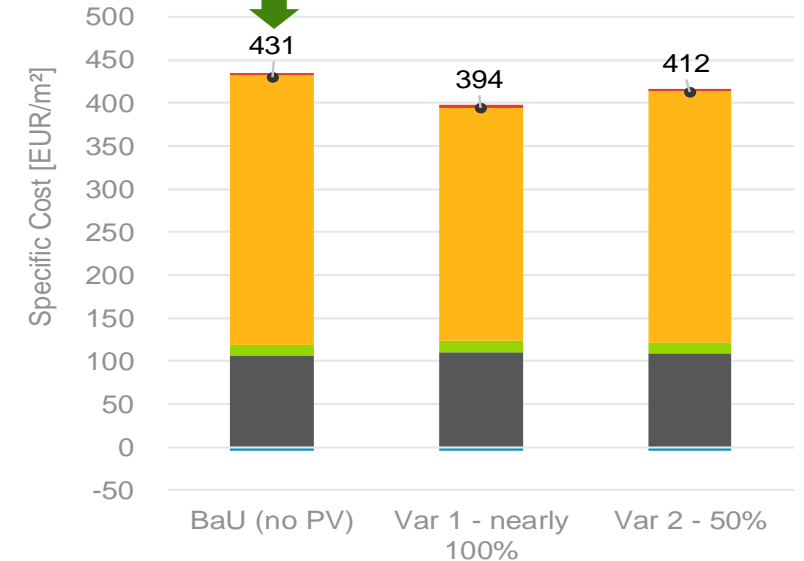


- Space heating
- DHW
- Auxiliary energy
- Space cooling
- Lighting
- PV

Global Cost



Current Project Plan



BaU (no PV) Var 1 - nearly 100% Var 2 - 50%

- Investment
- Residual Values
- I & M
- Replacement
- Energy Cost
- PV earnings (FiT)
- Specific global costs

Renewables | PV

Analysis

Sizing (net metering as assumption)

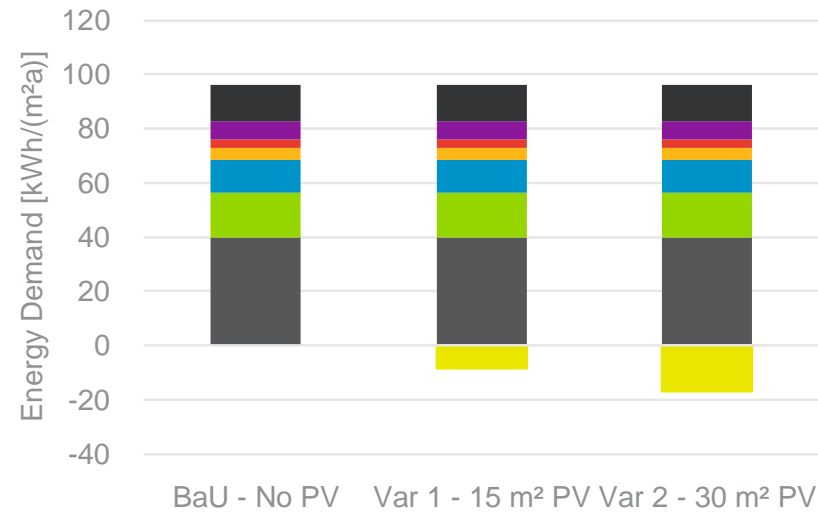
Current
no PV

Var 1 | 2

PV 15 | 30 m²
(2.15 kWp | 4.3 kWp)

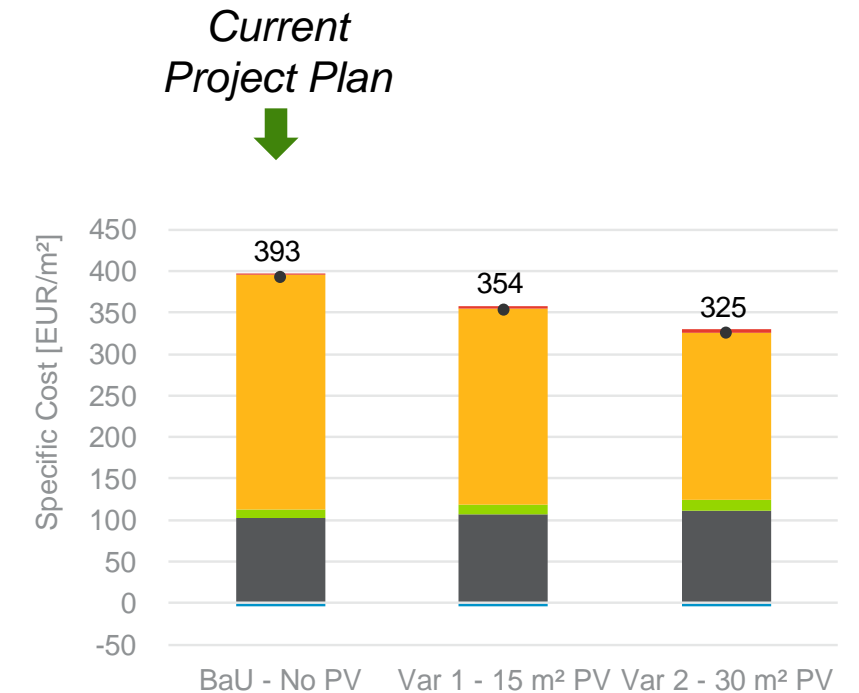
Var 2 with 2 kWp PV is the most cost effective measure.
(based on the electricity consumption of the Current!)

Final Energy Demand



- Space heating
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- Lighting
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- Ventilation
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- PV

Global Cost



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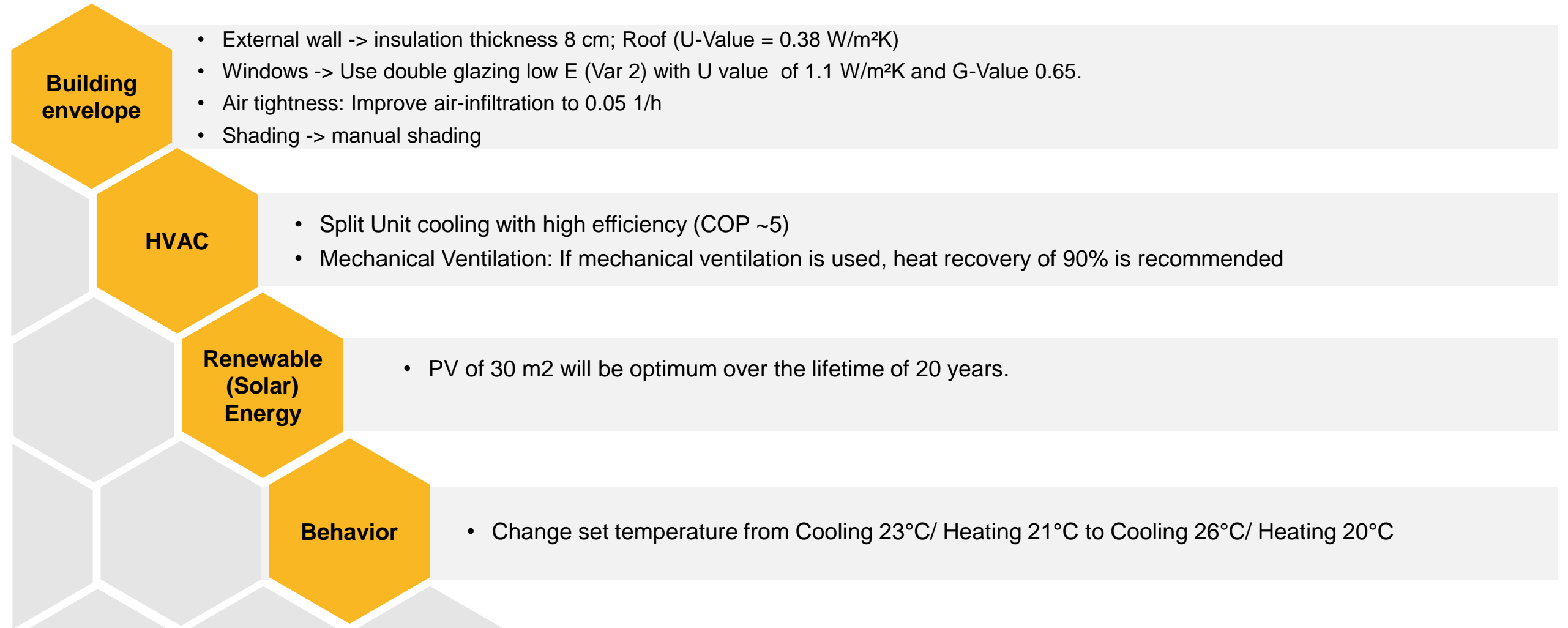
Results & Conclusion



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Overview of recommended measures

Four steps to reduce energy demand significantly



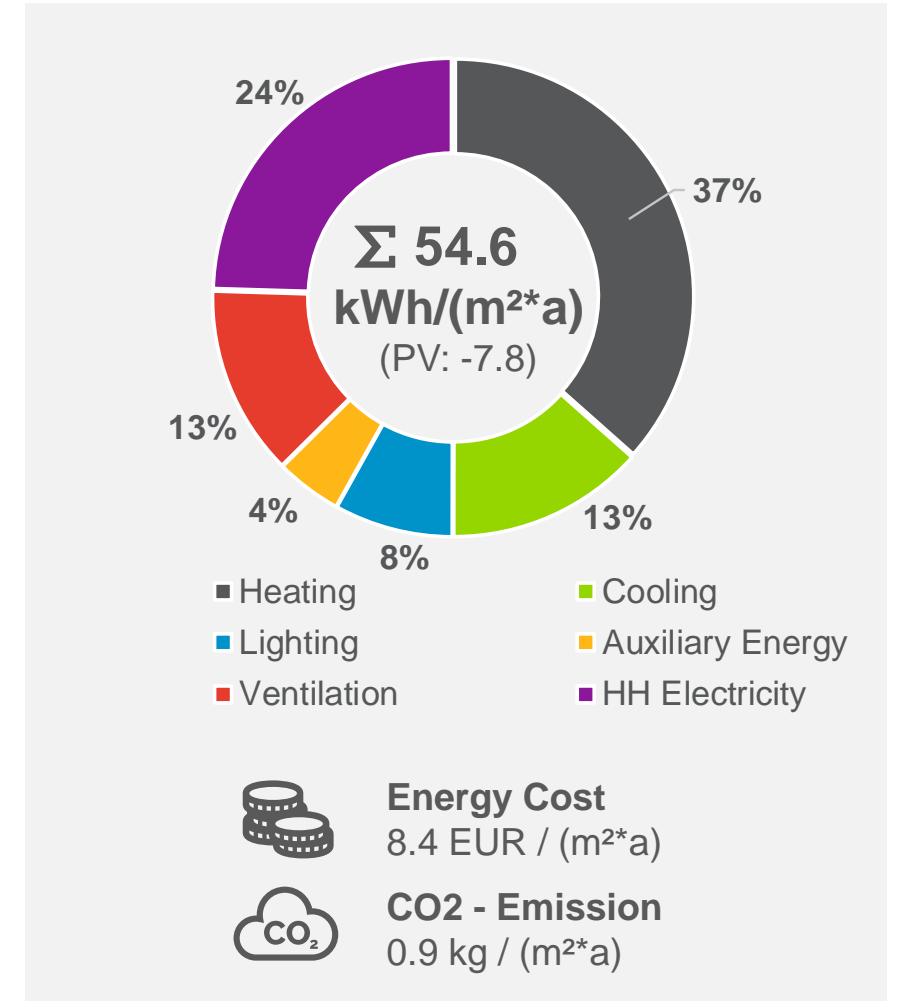
Optimized Solution Results

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Special attention is given to the use of renewable energy sources in terms of PV (for electricity) and Solar collectors (for hot water).

This leads to energy savings and emission reduction.

Parameters	Optimized
Roof insulation (U-Value)	0.38 W/m²K
Wall insulation (U-Value)	0.36 W/m²K
Floor insulation (U-Value)	0.7 W/m ² K
Windows (U-Value; G-Value)	0.9 W/m²K; 0.3
Window fraction	Ø 15%
Shading	Manual Shading
Air tightness	0.05 1/h
Heat supply	Multi-split unit - COP 5
Cold supply	Multi-split unit - COP 5
Hot water	Gas combi Solar
Ventilation systems	Mechanical Ventilation
Lighting systems	LED
Renewable energy	2 kWp (PV) 4.5m² (Solar Thermal)
Set temperature cooling/heating	26°C / 20°C



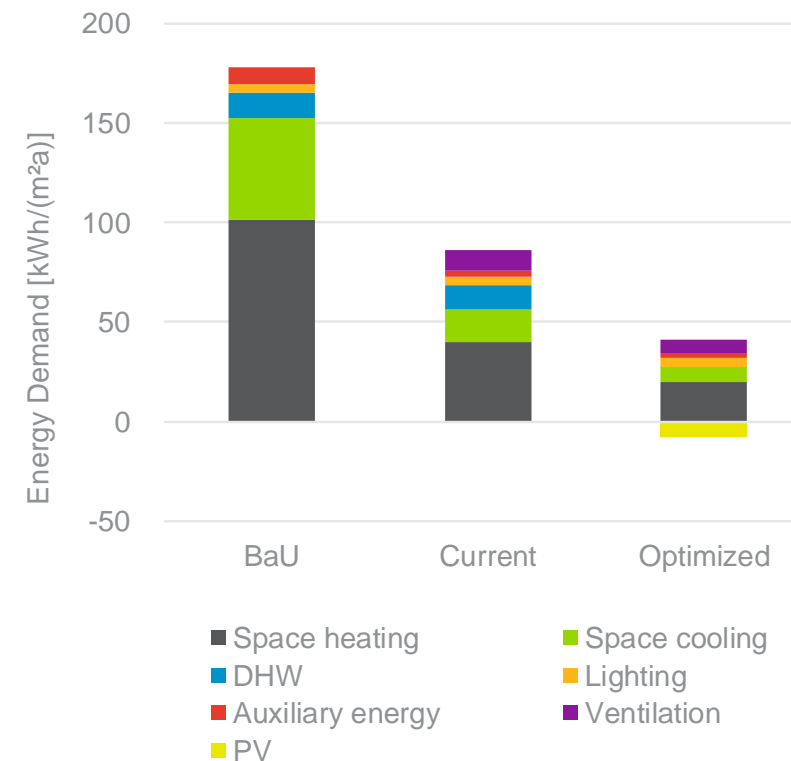
Comparative overview

Baseline vs. Current vs. Optimized

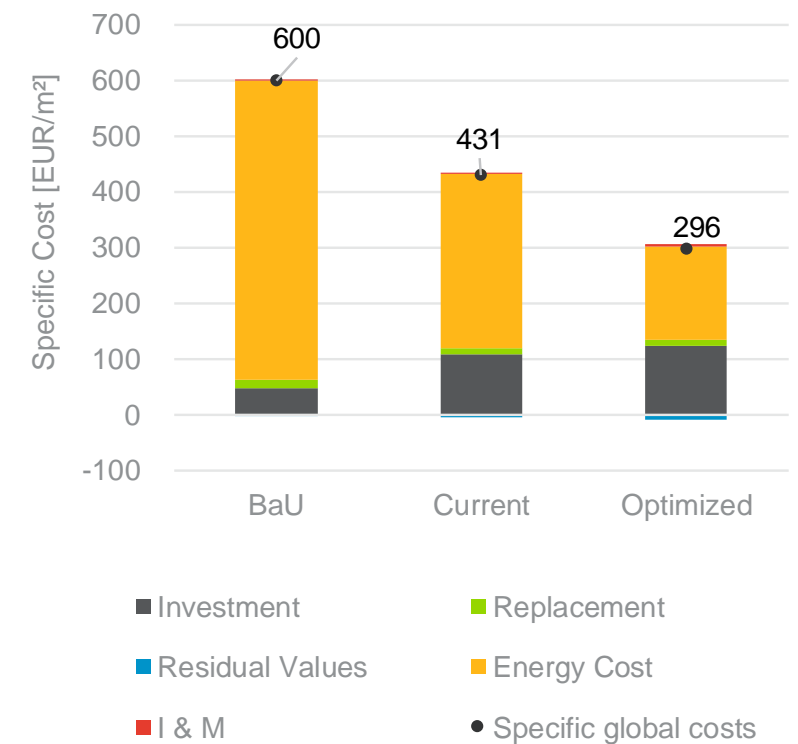
Conclusion

- The suggested measures and the current situation lead to a **significant decrease in energy demand**
- The optimized solution, detected **the most cost effective efficiency measures**

Final Energy Demand



Global Cost



Savings Opt. vs BaU

Energy: **73%**

Cost: **51%**

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