



Life cycle environmental impact of refurbishment of social housing

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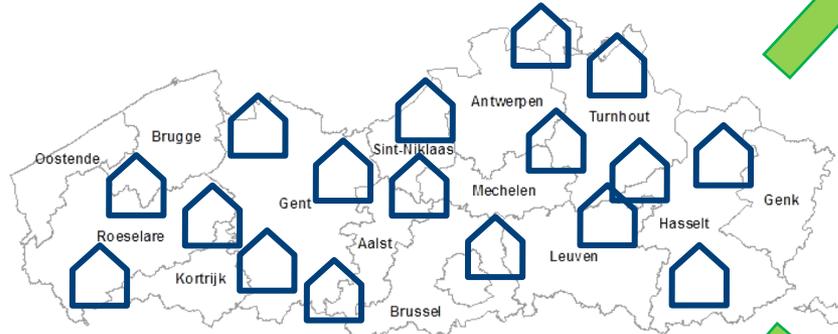
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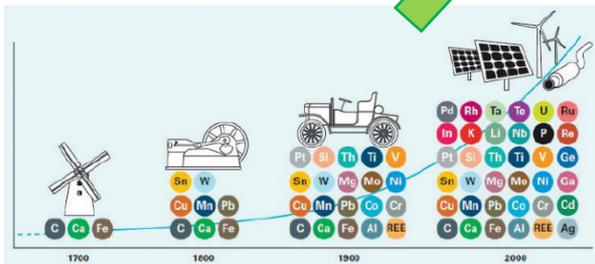


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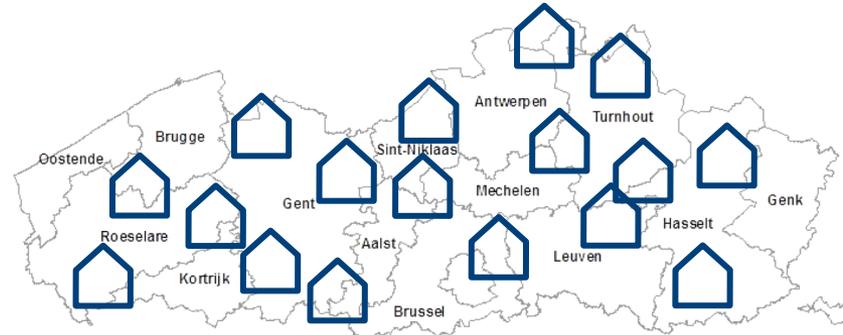
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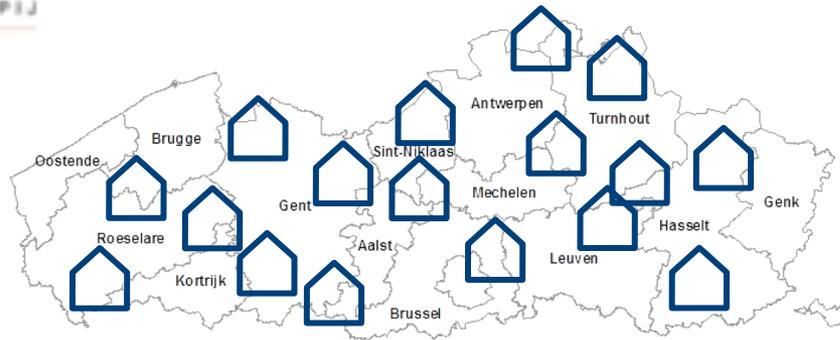


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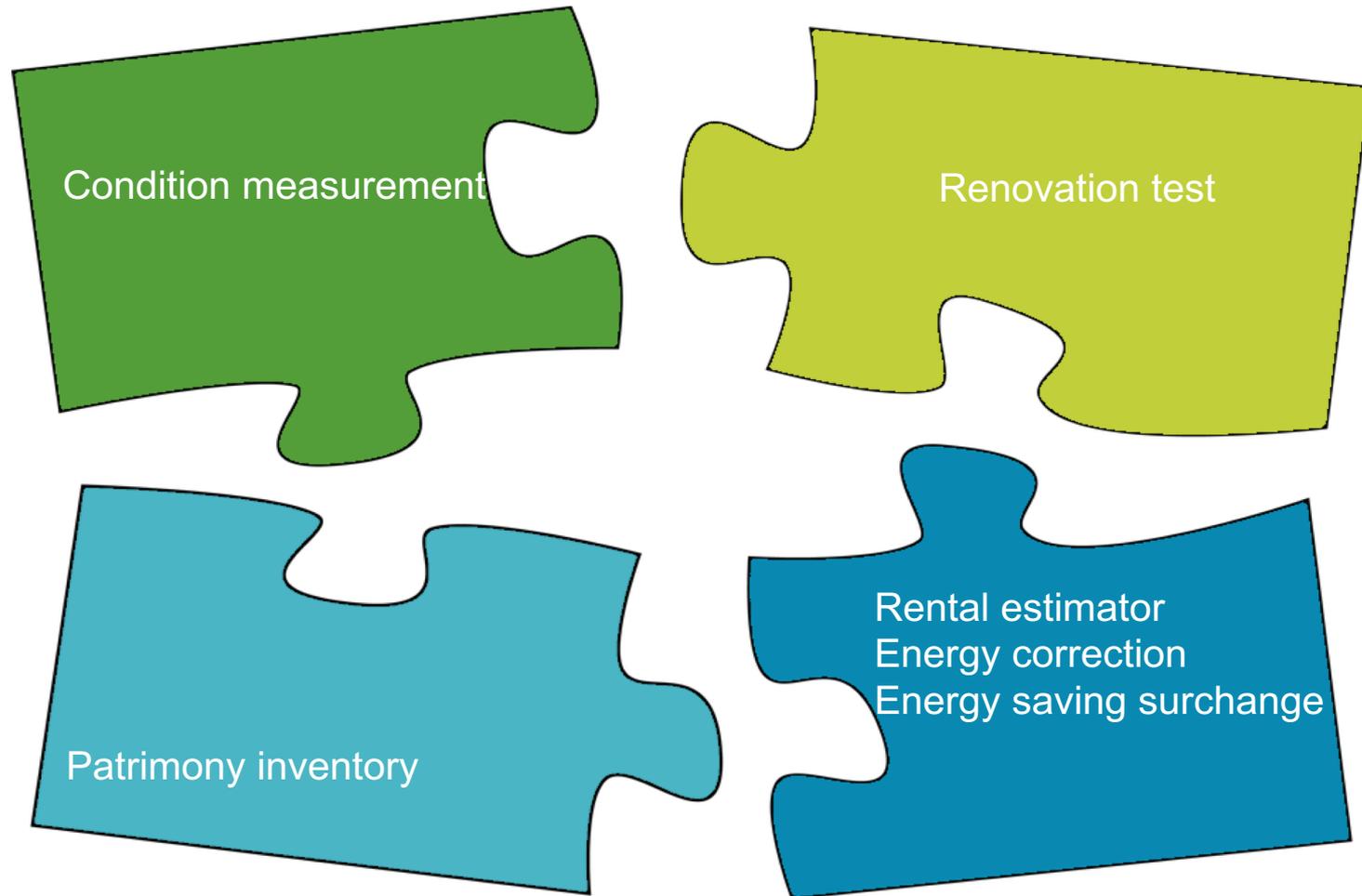


A ⁺	$A^+ \leq 0 \text{ kWh / (m}^2 \text{ year)}$
A	$0 < A \leq 100 \text{ kWh / (m}^2 \text{ year)}$
B	$100 < B \leq 200 \text{ kWh / (m}^2 \text{ year)}$
C	$200 < C \leq 300 \text{ kWh / (m}^2 \text{ year)}$
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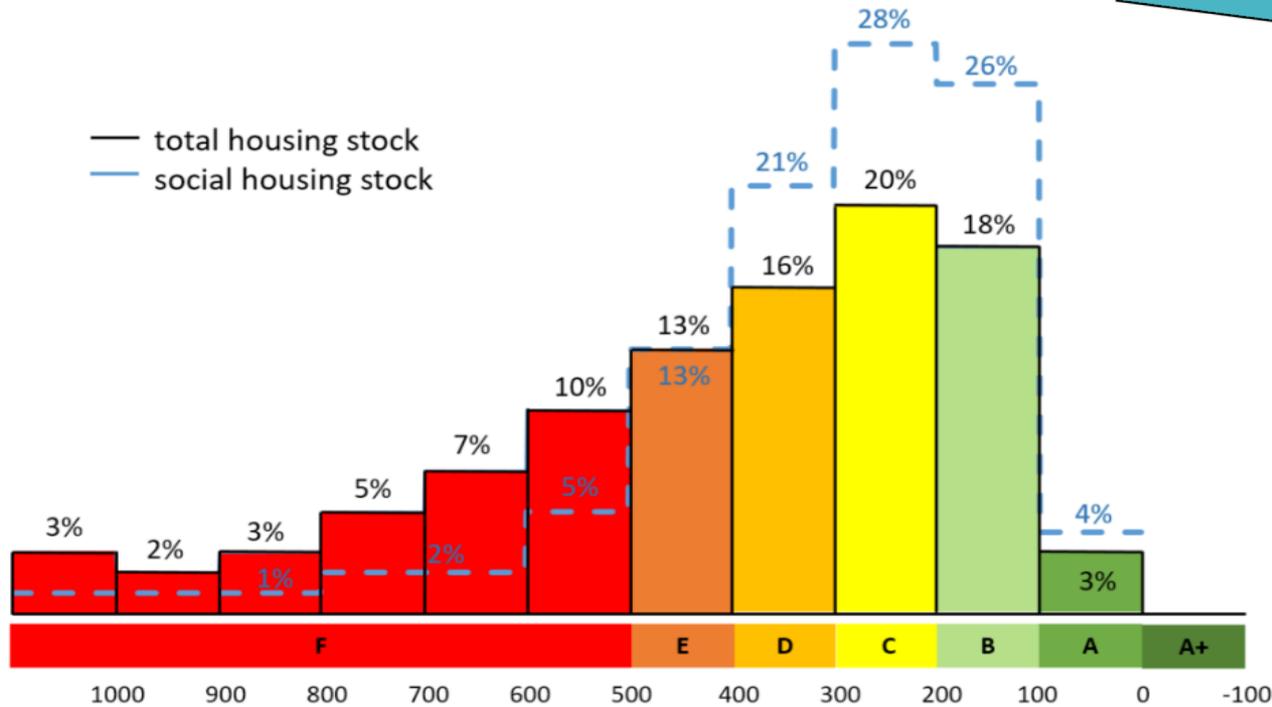
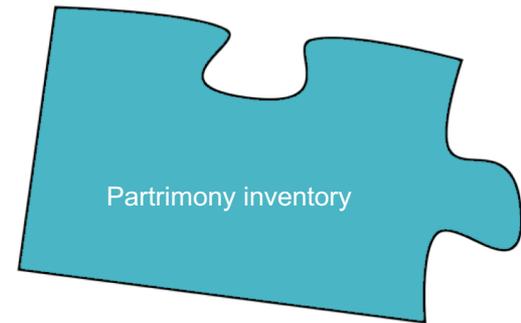
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Housing characteristics

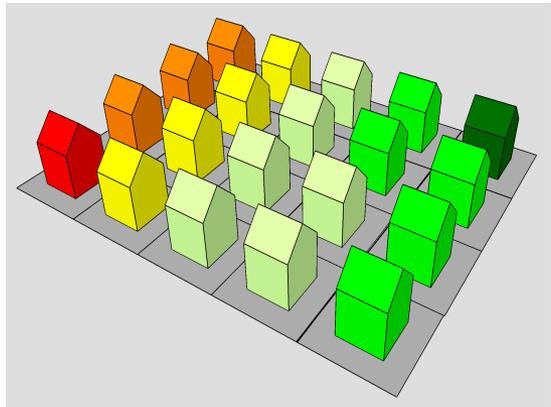
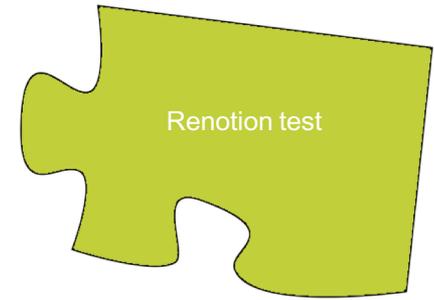


Existing Housing stock

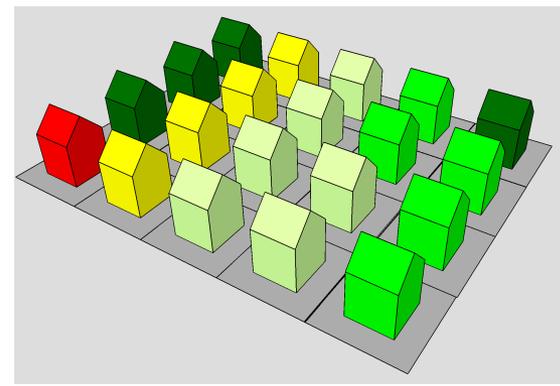
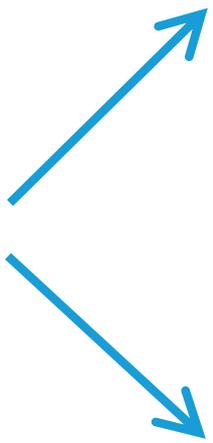


EPC score
← kWh/m²a

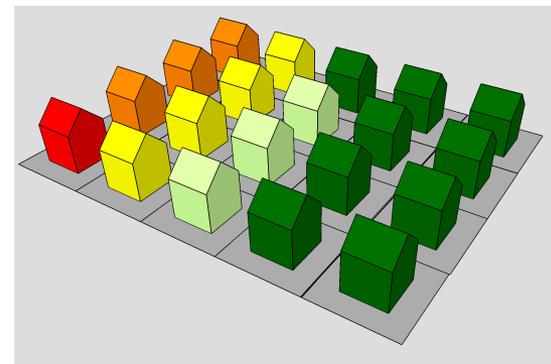
What to do and When?



Existing stock

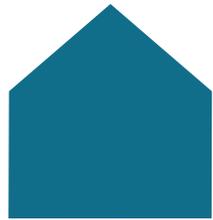


First relatively bad cases (orange)?

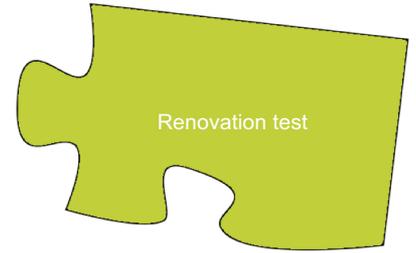


Upgrade of what is already good?

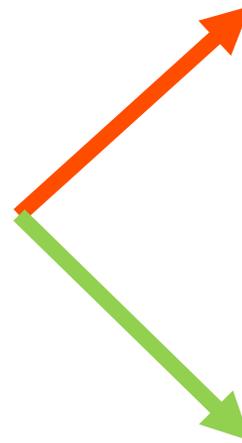
Research question



Environmental impact



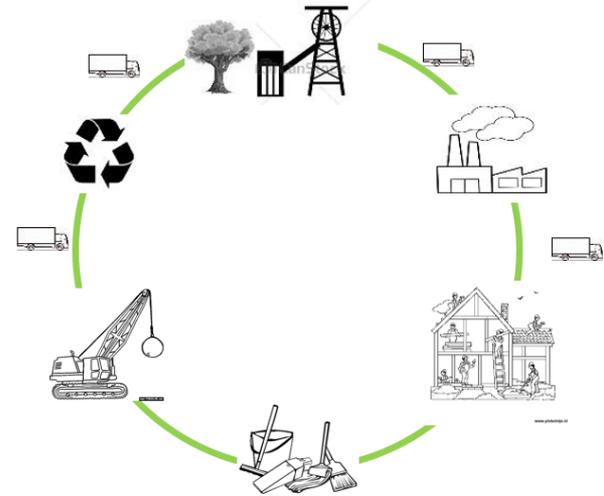
Increase



Decrease

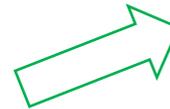
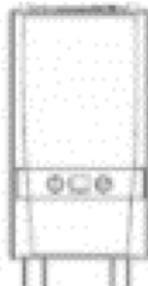
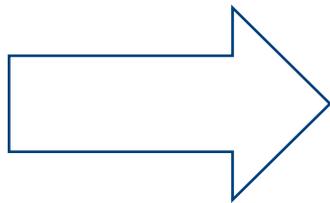
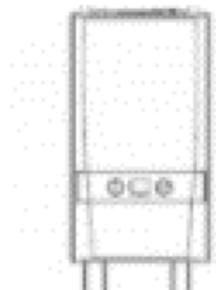
Method

Life Cycle Assessment



Dynamic approach:

include efficiency increase for future heating system



Higher efficiency



Lower energy use

Method

Energy use for spatial heating

- equivalent degree day method
 - 1200 equivalent degree days

Assumption for the growth rate of the heating system

- 0,5 %

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Energy use for spatial heating

- equivalent degree day method
 - 1200 equivalent degree days
- Assumption growth rate heating system efficiency
 - 0,5 %

Environmental impact

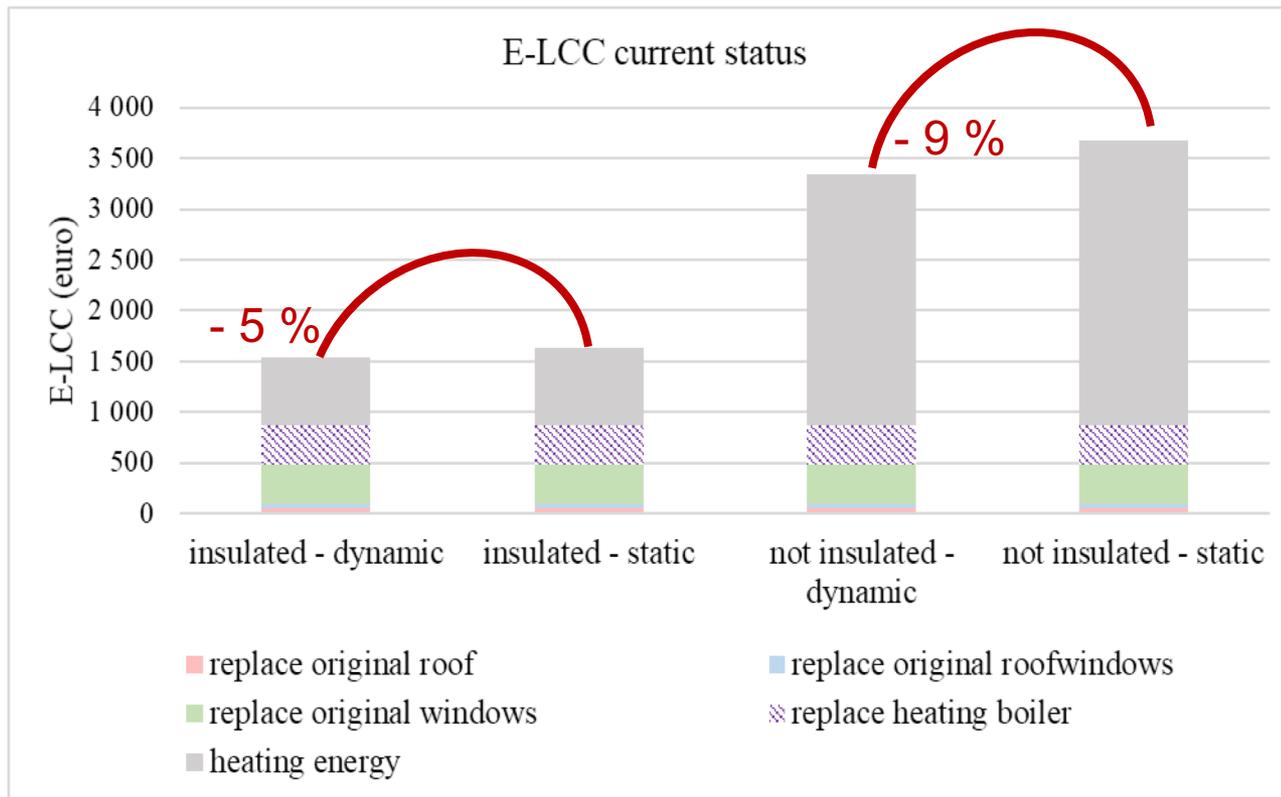
- Belgian LCA method (17 impact categories + monetisation)
 - inventory of the data: Ecoinvent 3.3
 - scenarios transport, installation, cleaning, maintenance, sorting, transport to EOL, EOL: Belgian LCA method
 - service life of the building: 60 years

Method

Environmental indicator	Unit	Monetary value (€/unit)	Environmental indicator	Unit	Monetary value (€/unit)
Global warming	kg CO2 eqv.	0.100	Ecotoxicity: freshwater	CTUe	3.70E-05
Depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer	kg CFC-11 eqv.	49.10	Water scarcity	m3 water eqv.	0.067
Acidification of land and water sources	kg SO2 eqv.	0.43	Land use: occupation: a. soil organic matter	kg C deficit	2.7E-06
Eutrophication	kg (PO4)3- eqv.	20	Land use: occupation: a. b. biodiversity	m2.a	0.30
Formation of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	kg etheen eqv.	0.48	- urban: loss ES	m2.a	6.0E-03
Abiotic depletion of nonfossil resources	kg Sb eqv.	1.56	- agricultural	m2.a	2.2E-04
Abiotic depletion of fossil resources	MJ, net caloric value	0	- forest: biodiversity		
Human toxicity a. cancer effects	CTUh	665109	Land use: transformation: a. soil organic matter	kg C deficit	2.7E-06
b. non-cancer effects	CTUh	144081	Land use: transformation: a. biodiversity	m2	n.a.
Particulate matter	kg PM2,5 eqv.	34	- urban:	m2	n.a.
Ionising radiation, a. human health	kg U235 eqv.	9.7E-04	- agricultural	m2	n.a.
b. ecosystems	CTUe (per kBq)	3.70E-05	- forest, excl. tropical	m2	n.a.
			- tropical rainforest		

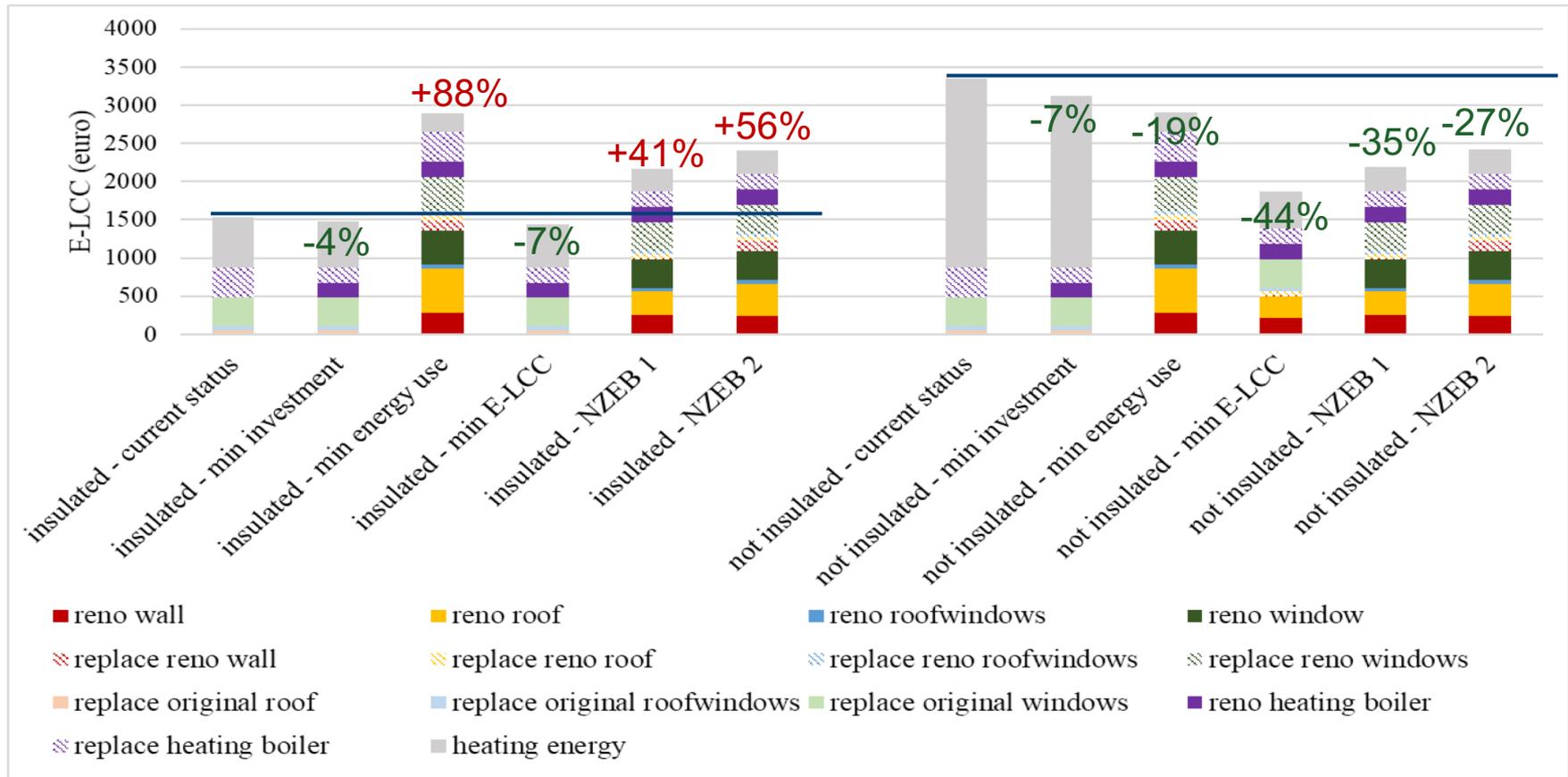
Results

Dynamic versus static approach



Results

Environmental Life Cycle Cost of renovation



Conclusion and further outlook

Including future efficiency increase of heating systems seems interesting, especially for the coupling with other systems, e.g. heat pumps.

The most preferred renovation strategy is different for a non-insulated than for a poorly insulated building. Applying identical scenario to all buildings might even lead to an increase of the Environmental Life Cycle Cost.

Striving for a minimal energy use might result in a higher Environmental Life Cycle Cost. It seems therefore more efficient to focus in the E-LCC of renovation scenarios.

As the impact on global warming is linked to the amount of energy from natural gas, it seems interesting to study the effects of a shift to renewable energy in future research.

Thank you for your attention!

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