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Influence of cross-passages temperatures on the life-cycle cost of technical equipment in a railway tunnel

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Baltic-Adriatic Corridor of the trans-European-road and railway axes in Central Europe (**1.800 km**)

From the **Baltic seaports** to the **Adriatic ports**

Industrial regions of Central and Southern Poland

Czech Republic, Slovakia, **Austria**, Slovenia and Italy

Key railway projects Semmering Base Tunnel and **Koralm Railway Line**

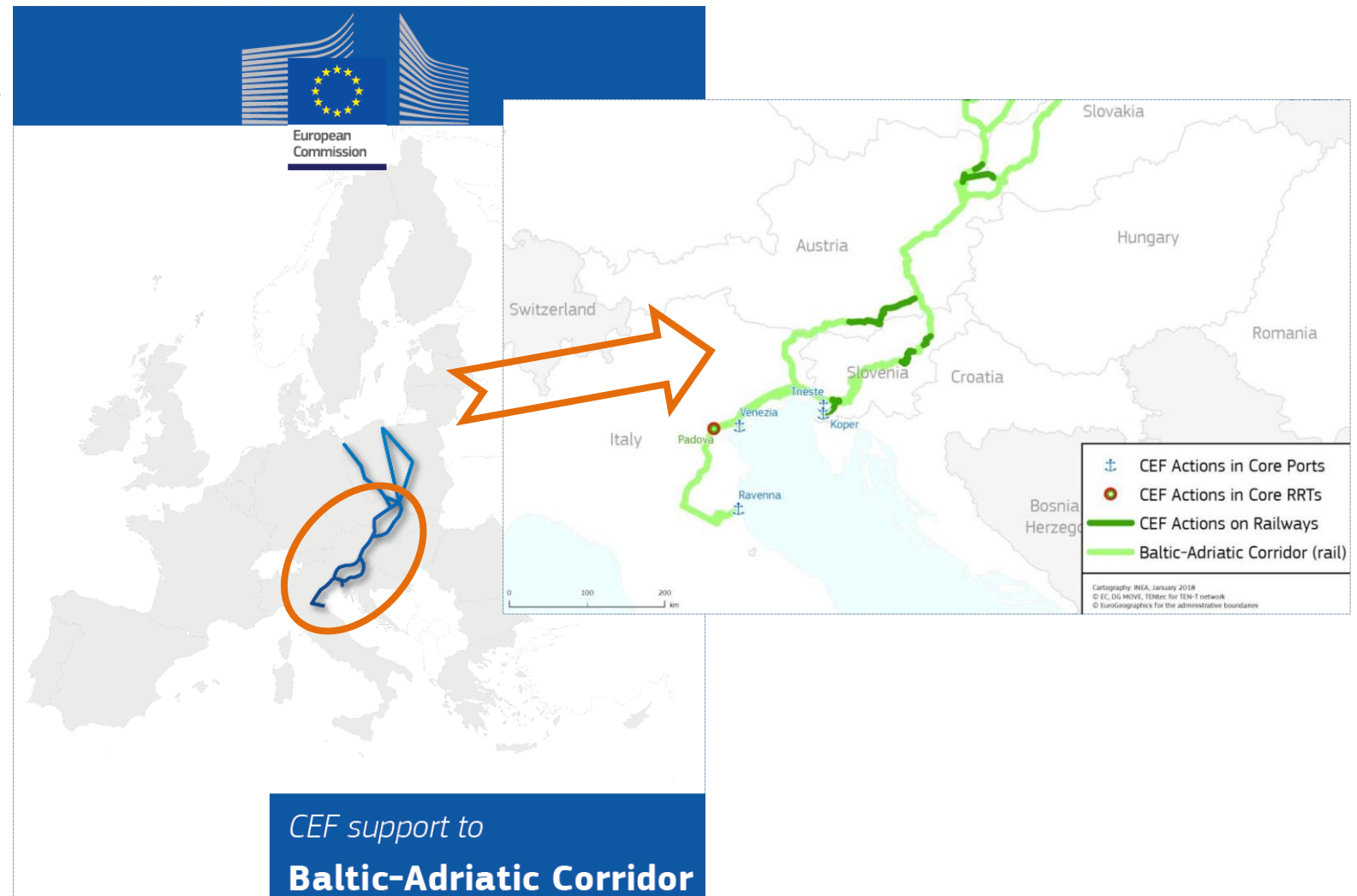


Figure: European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, Baltic-Adriatic Corridor, February 2018

Koralm Tunnel is the **sixth-longest** railway tunnel in the **world**

Wettmannstätten to St. Andrä
(33 km)

Travel time will be **reduced**
for more than **2 hours** (Graz-Klagenfurt)

Two tunnel tubes (external
diameter of around ten meters)

Connected with **68 cross-passages**
(interval around 500 m)



Figure: Austrian Federal Railways - ÖBB

Cross-passages serve as

- escape-ways and
- utility rooms

Technical equipment

- low voltage systems
- medium voltage systems
- transformer systems
- **telecommunication systems**

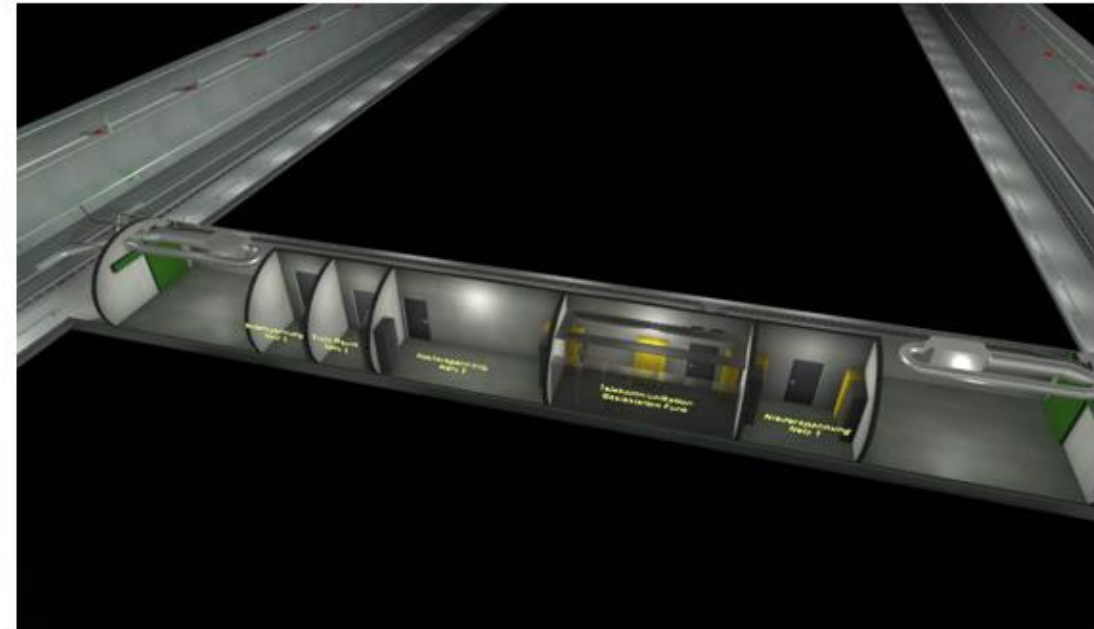
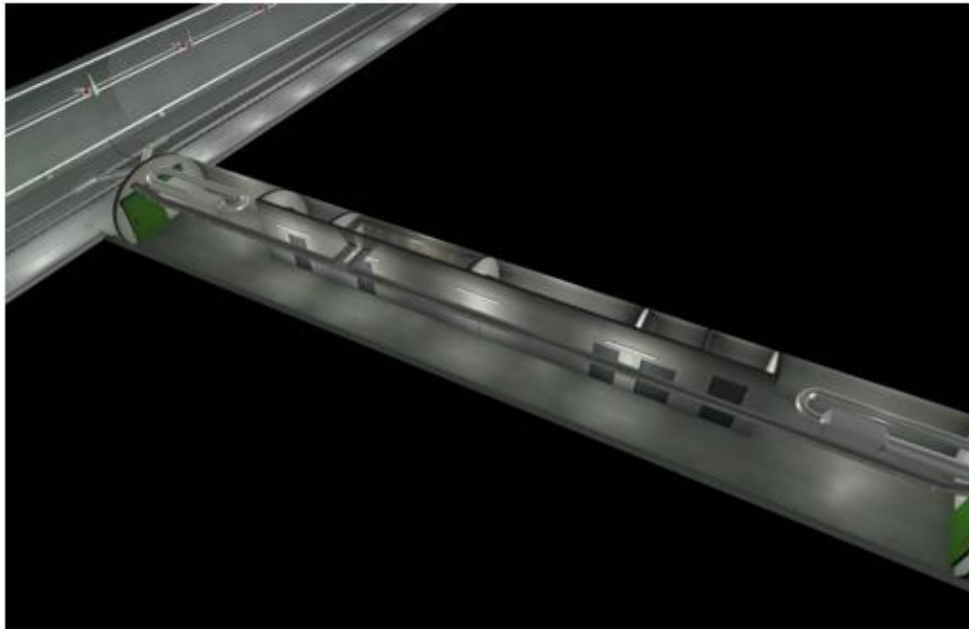


Figure: Austrian Federal Railways - ÖBB

Thermal simulations revealed
indoor air temperatures up to
85°C

Heat release of the **technical equipment**

Limited heat transfer with the surrounding rock and with the adjacent running tubes

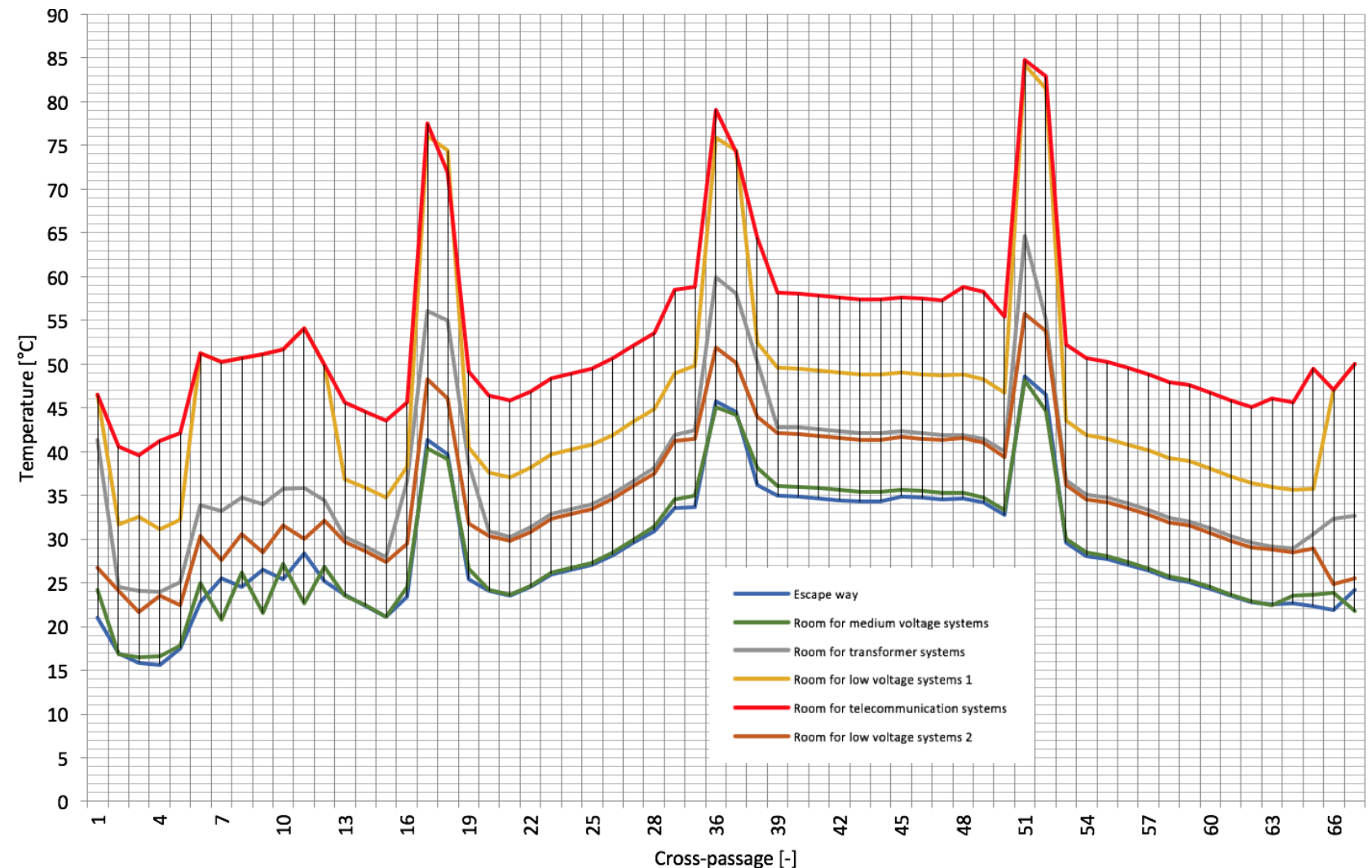


Figure: FVTmbH, "Koralmtunnel Quartalsbericht 03/17 – Lüftung/Klimatisierung/HDWNA/LÖWA", Berichtsnr. FVT-070/17/Ba V&U 15/06/6400, Version 1.0, Graz, 14.10.2017

Reduced service life of telecommunication systems

Arrhenius equation determine the expected lifetime of telecommunication systems

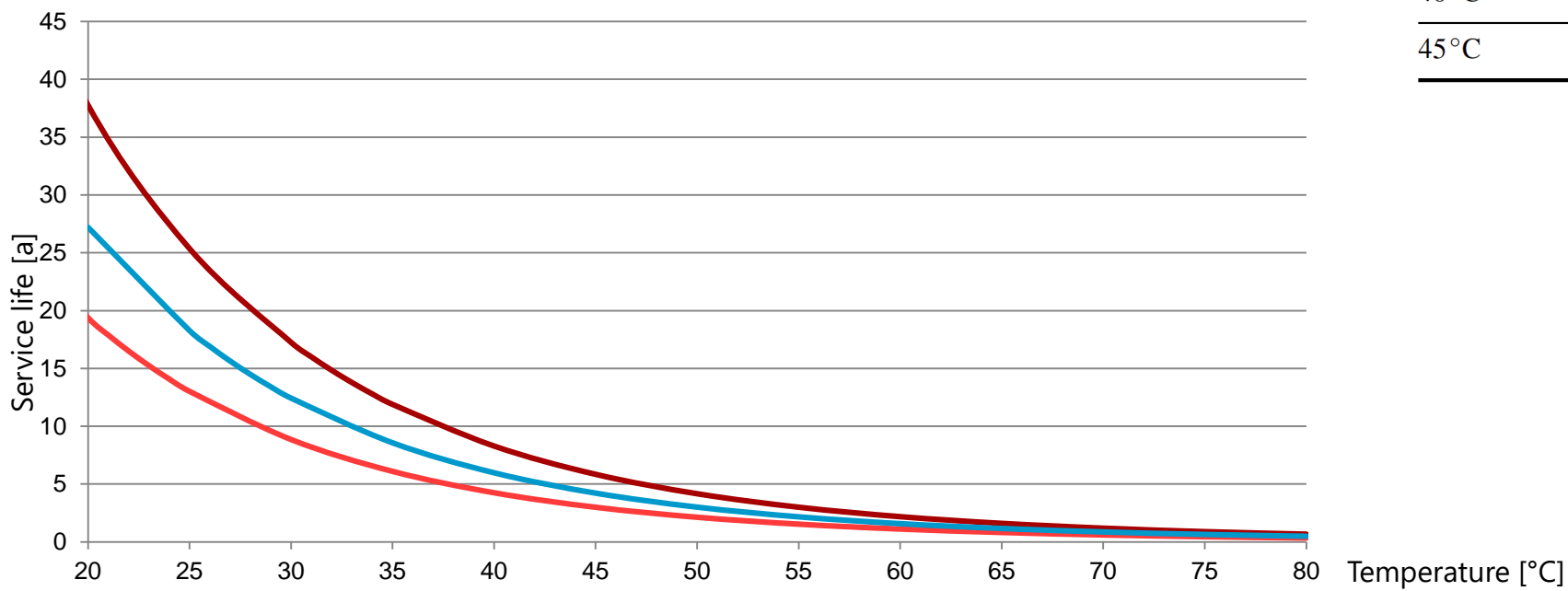
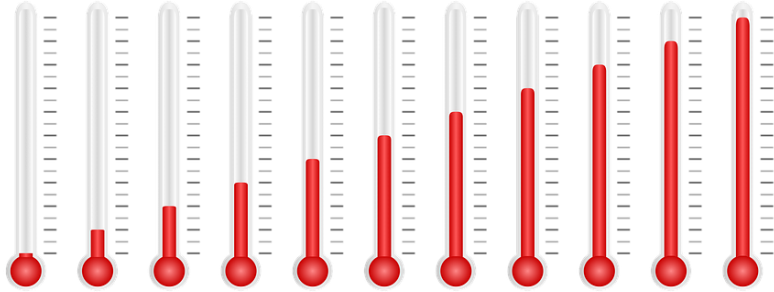


Figure: ACTES Ingenieure

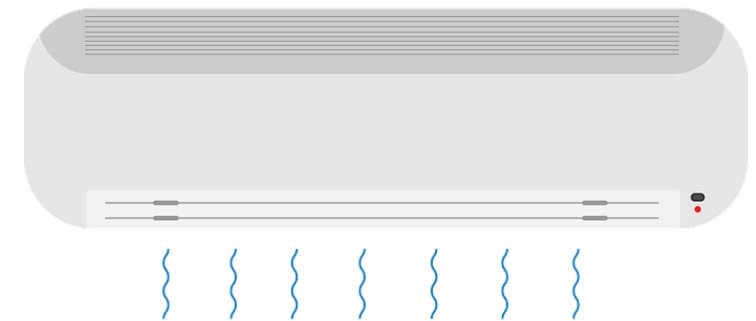
Utility room temperature	Service life	Replacement cycle
22°C	16 years	3
25°C	13 years	3
30°C	9 years	5
35°C	6 years	8
40°C	4 years	12
45°C	3 years	16



Should the telecommunications systems be **exposed to higher room temperatures** and thereby **exchanged** at **short replacement cycles**

or

is there an economic advantage if the **utility rooms** are **cooled** (ventilated or active cooled) to reach **longer replacement cycles** of the telecommunications systems



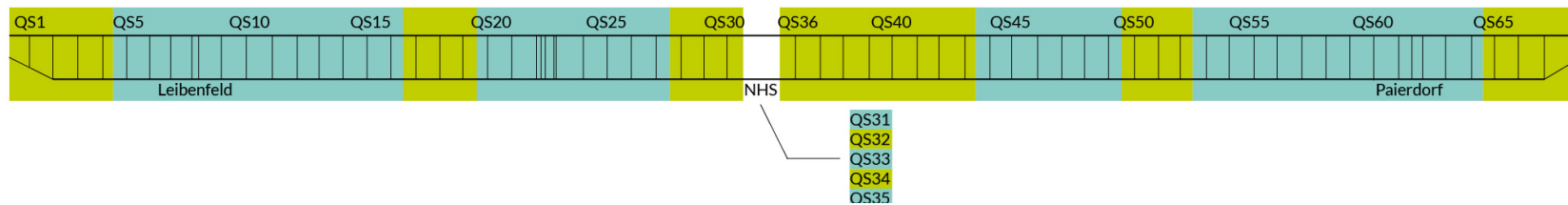
First classification for 22°C

27 active cooled cross-passages and
41 ventilated cross-passages

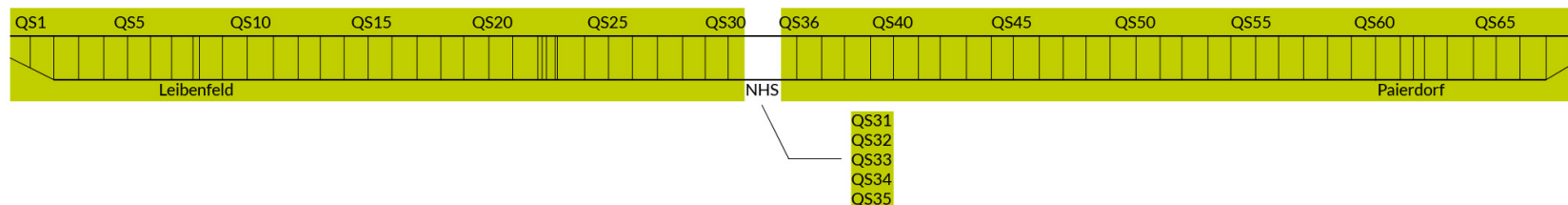
First approach for LCCA

active cooling of all cross-passages
with air-conditioning systems

active cooled cross-passages **27 QS**
 ventilated cross-passages **41 QS**



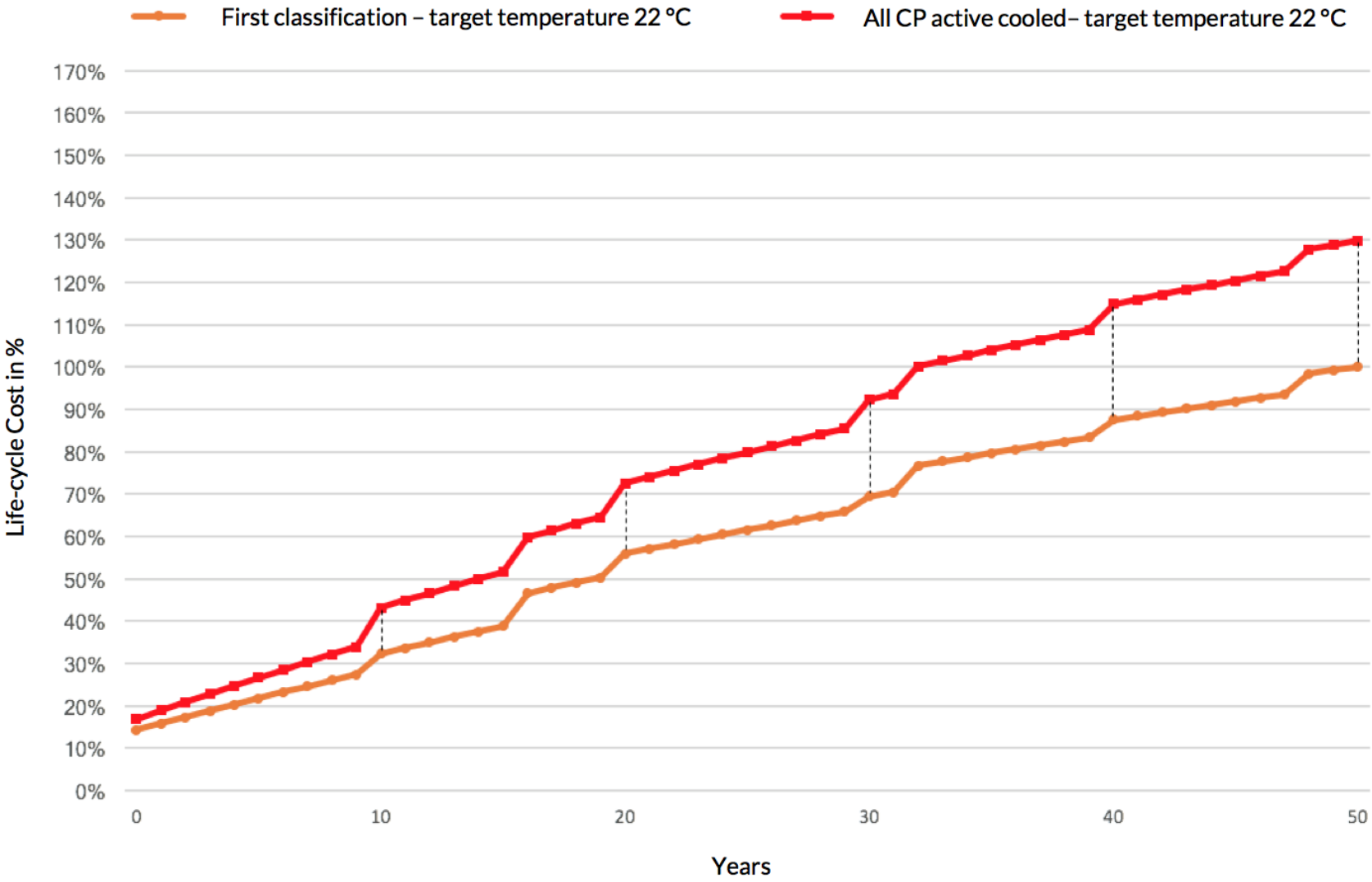
active cooled cross-passages **68 QS**
 ventilated cross-passages **0 QS**

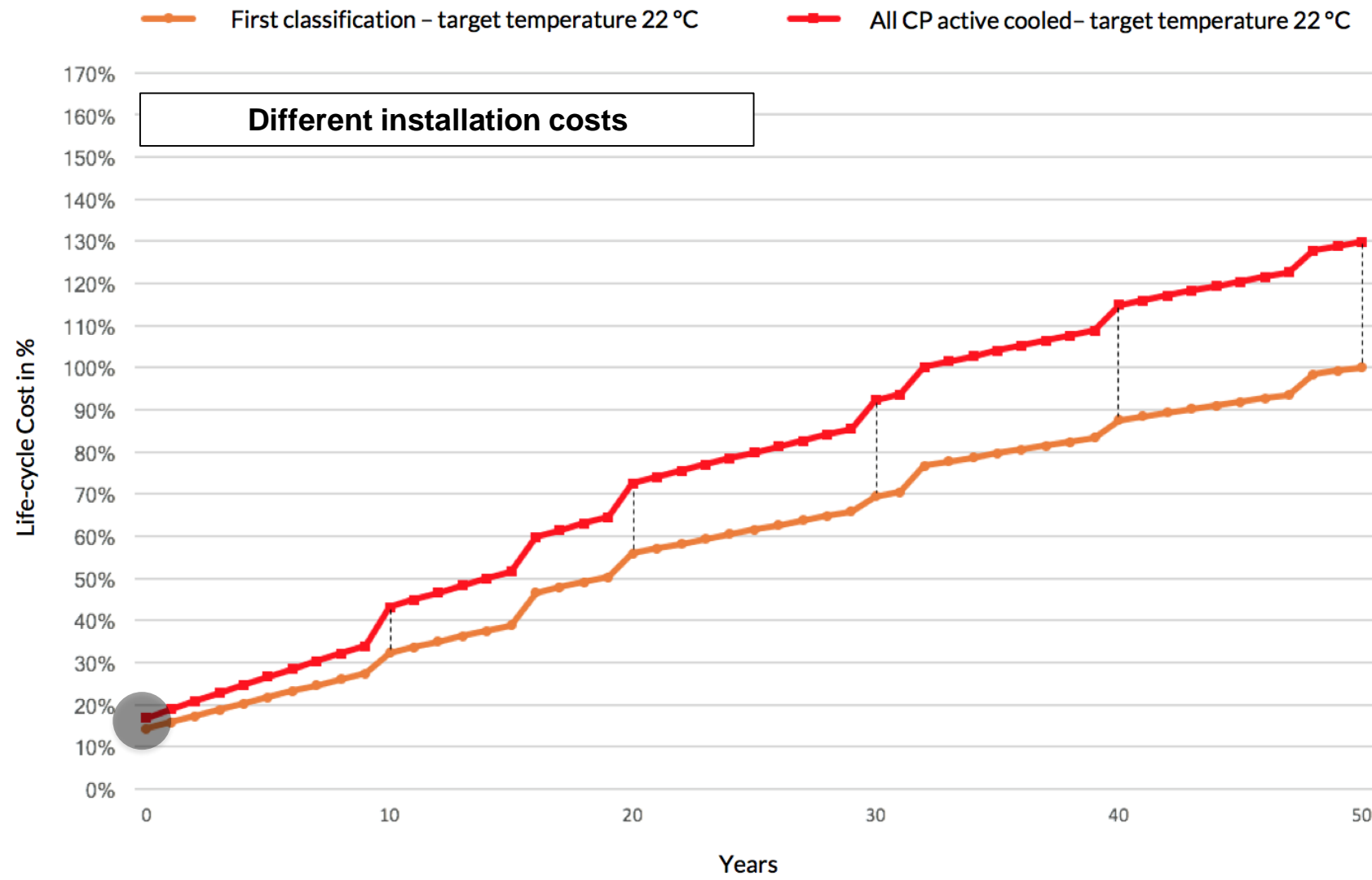


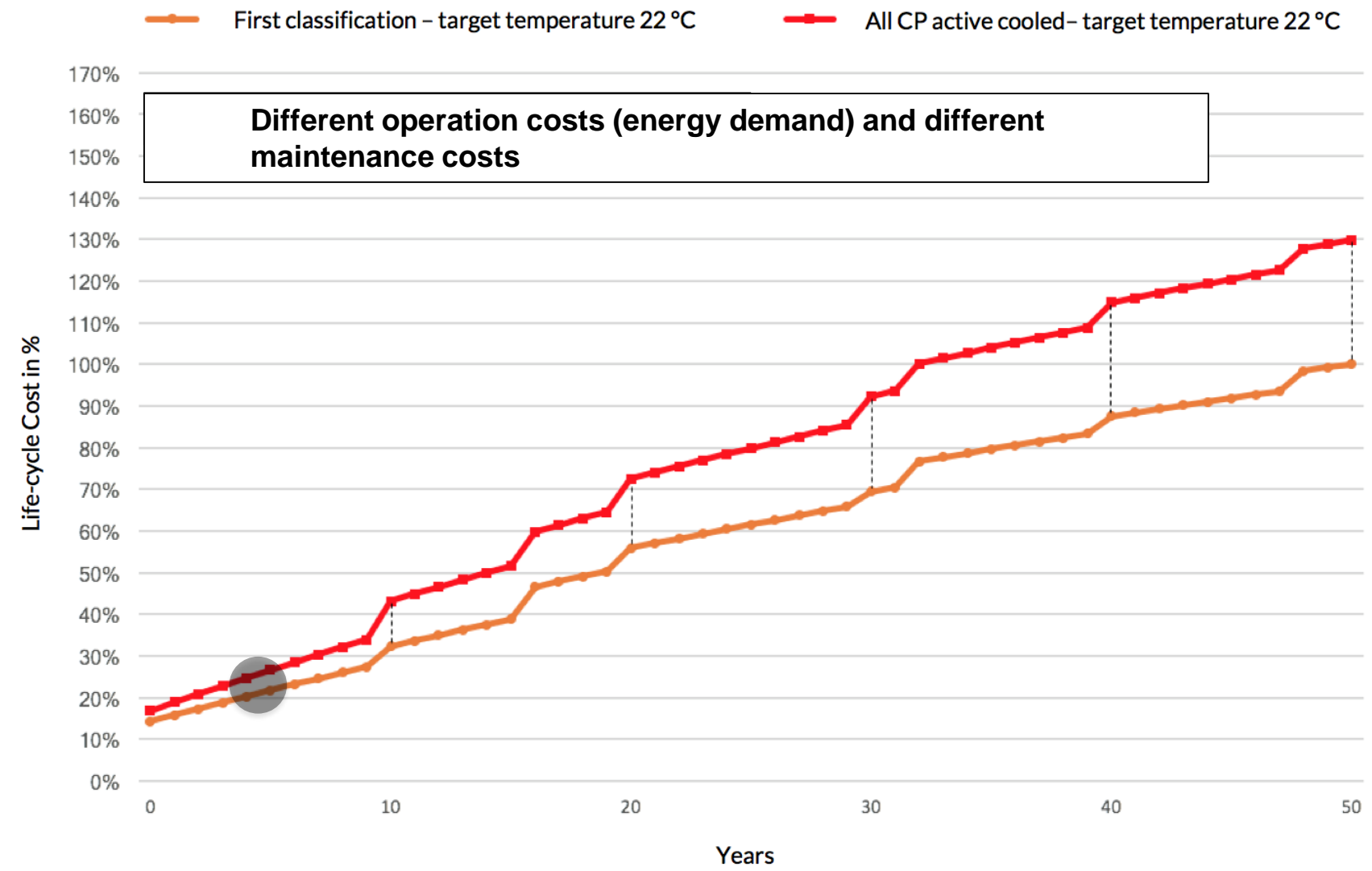
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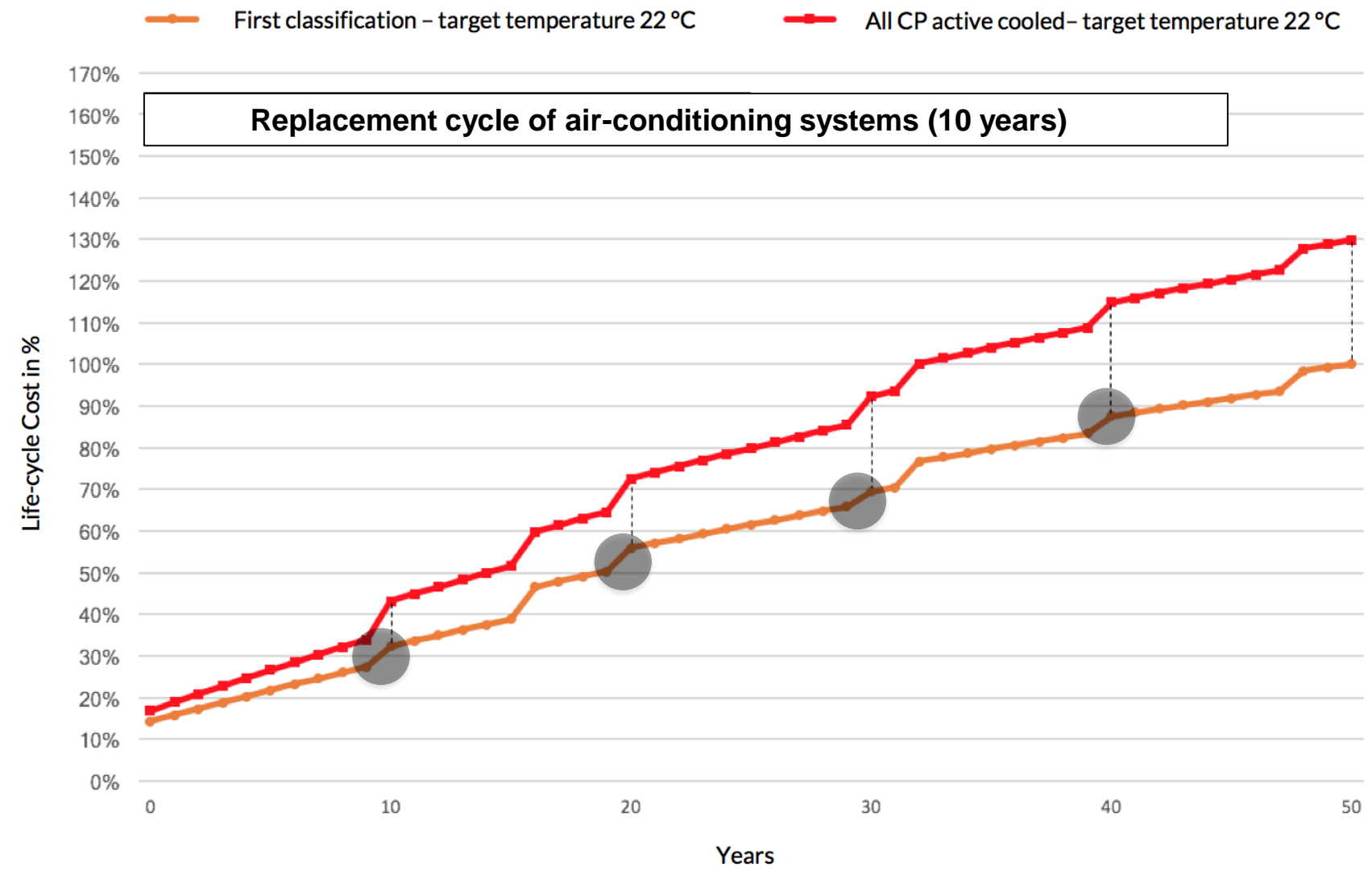
Active cooled = air-conditioning system

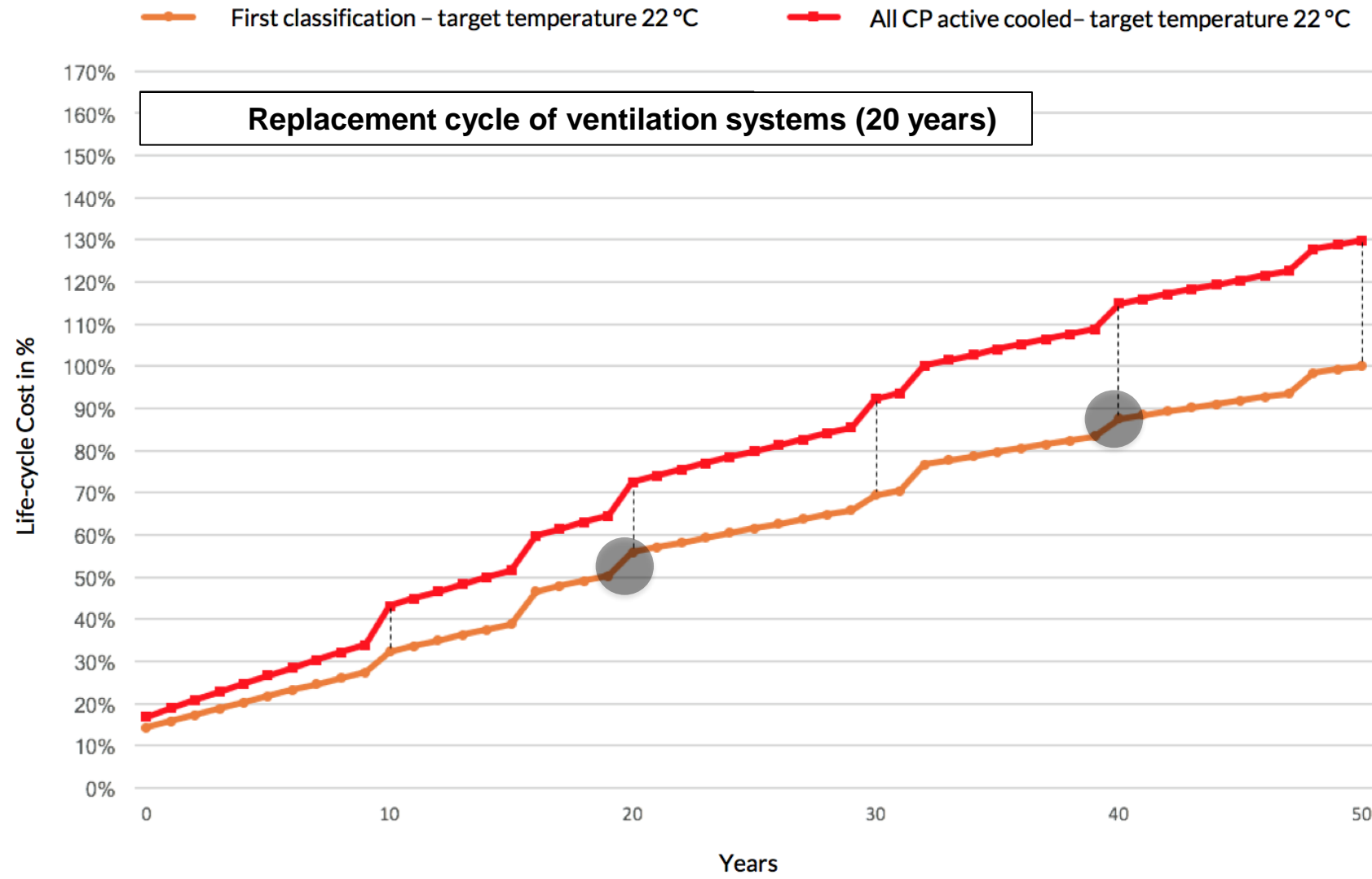
Ventilated = ventilation systems

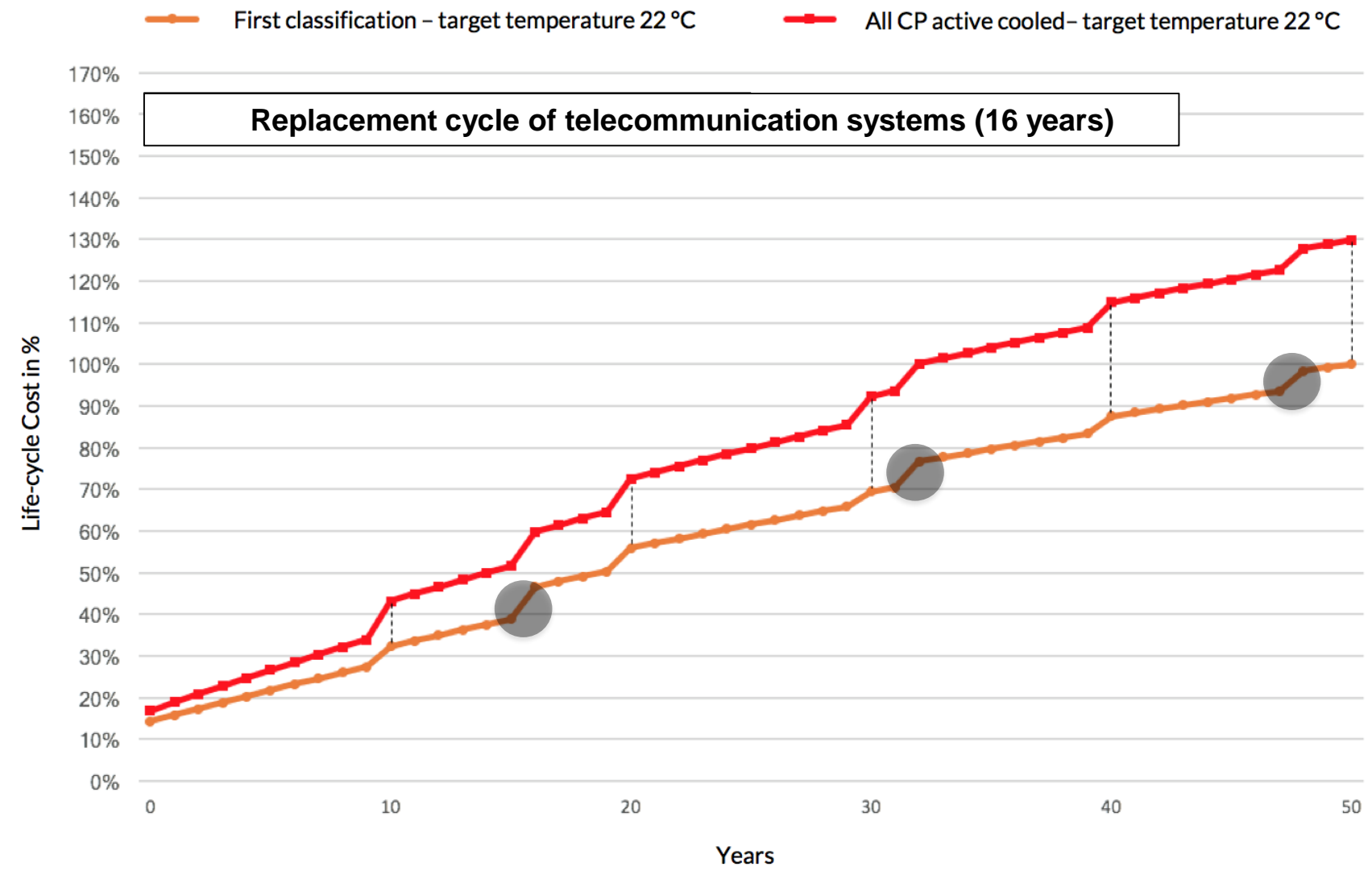




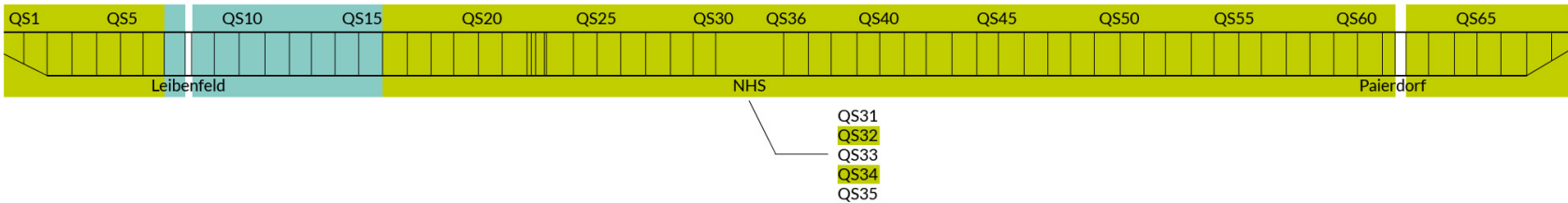
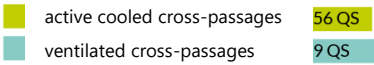




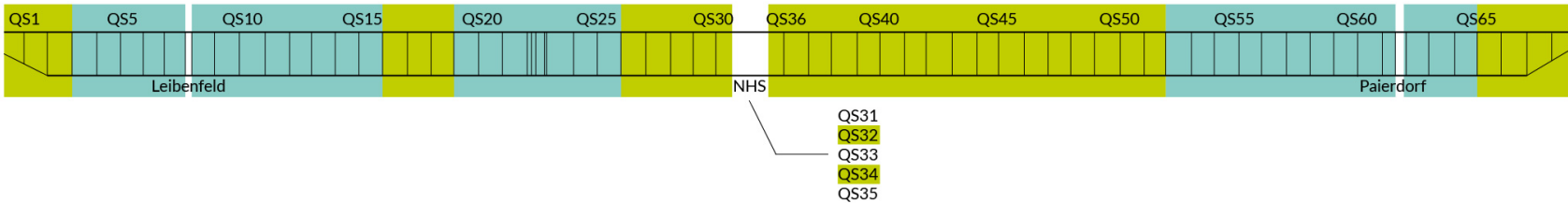
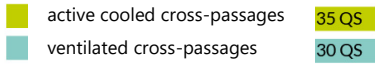




Target temperature 22 °C

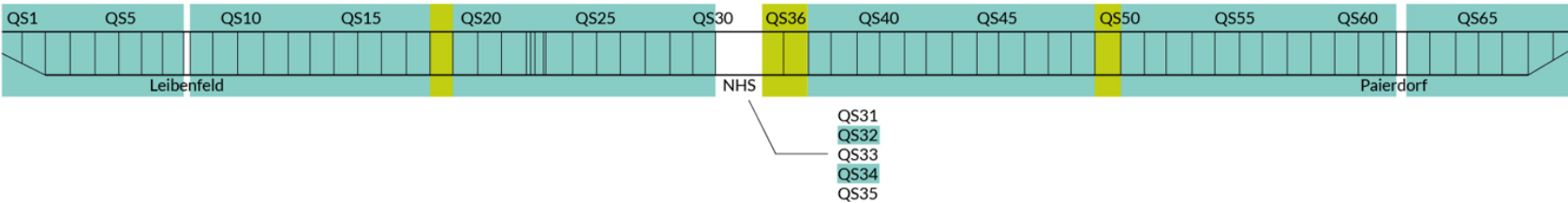


Target temperature 25 °C



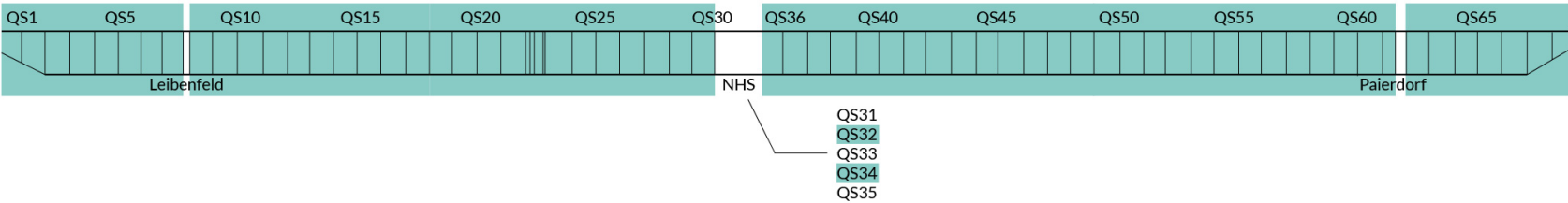
Target temperature 30 °C

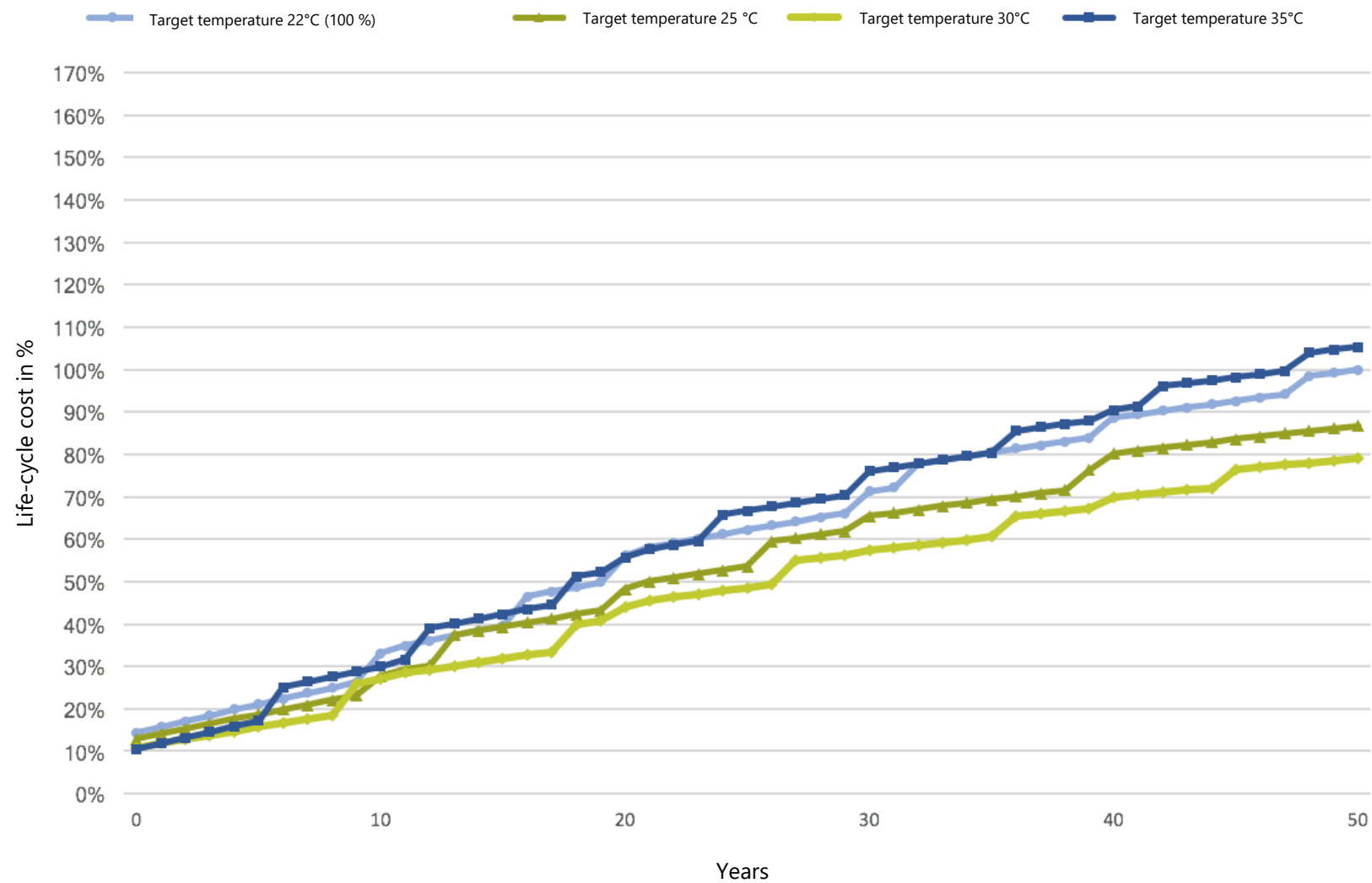
■ active cooled cross-passages 4 QS
■ ventilated cross-passages 61 QS



Target temperature 35 °C

■ active cooled cross-passages 0 QS
■ ventilated cross-passages 65 QS





Target temperature 30 °C



Target temperature 35 °C



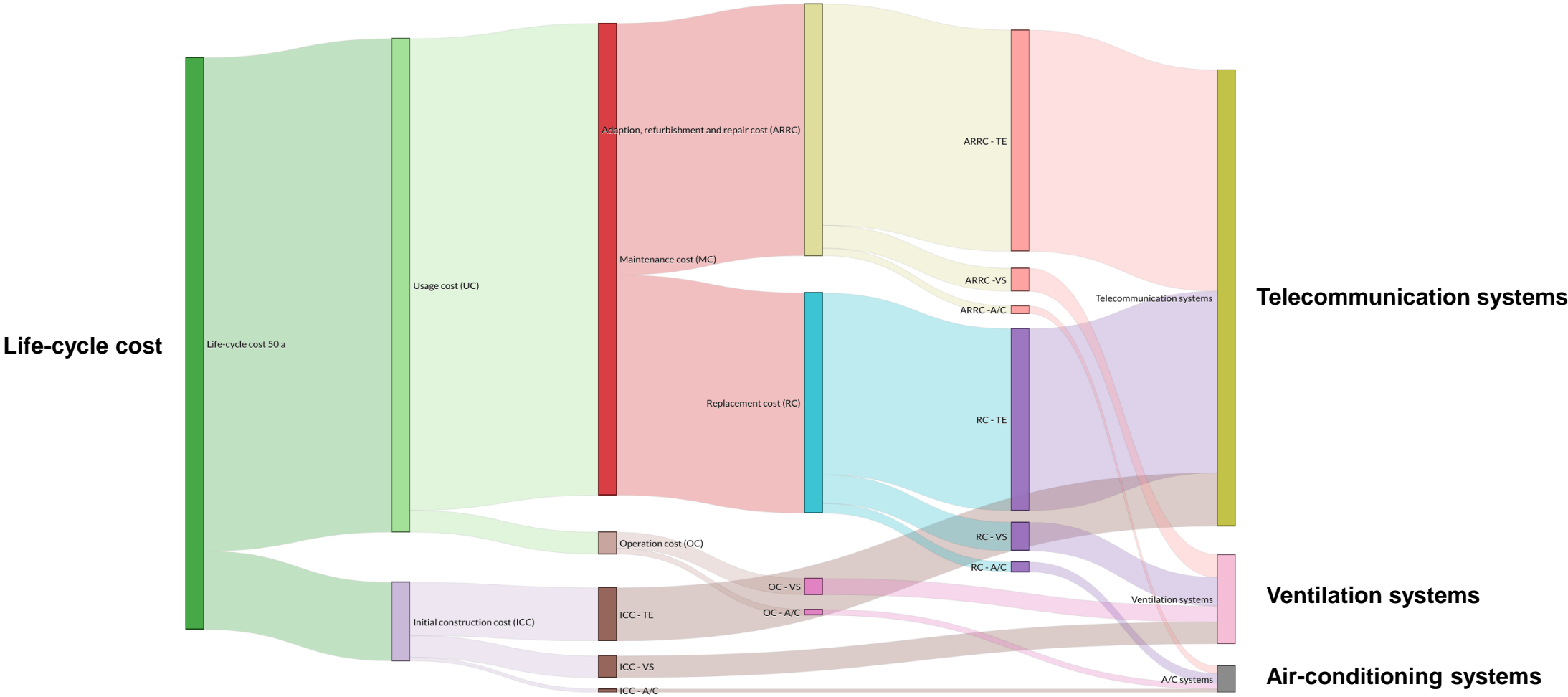
Target temperature 35 °C:

Replacement cycle every 6 years instead of 9 years

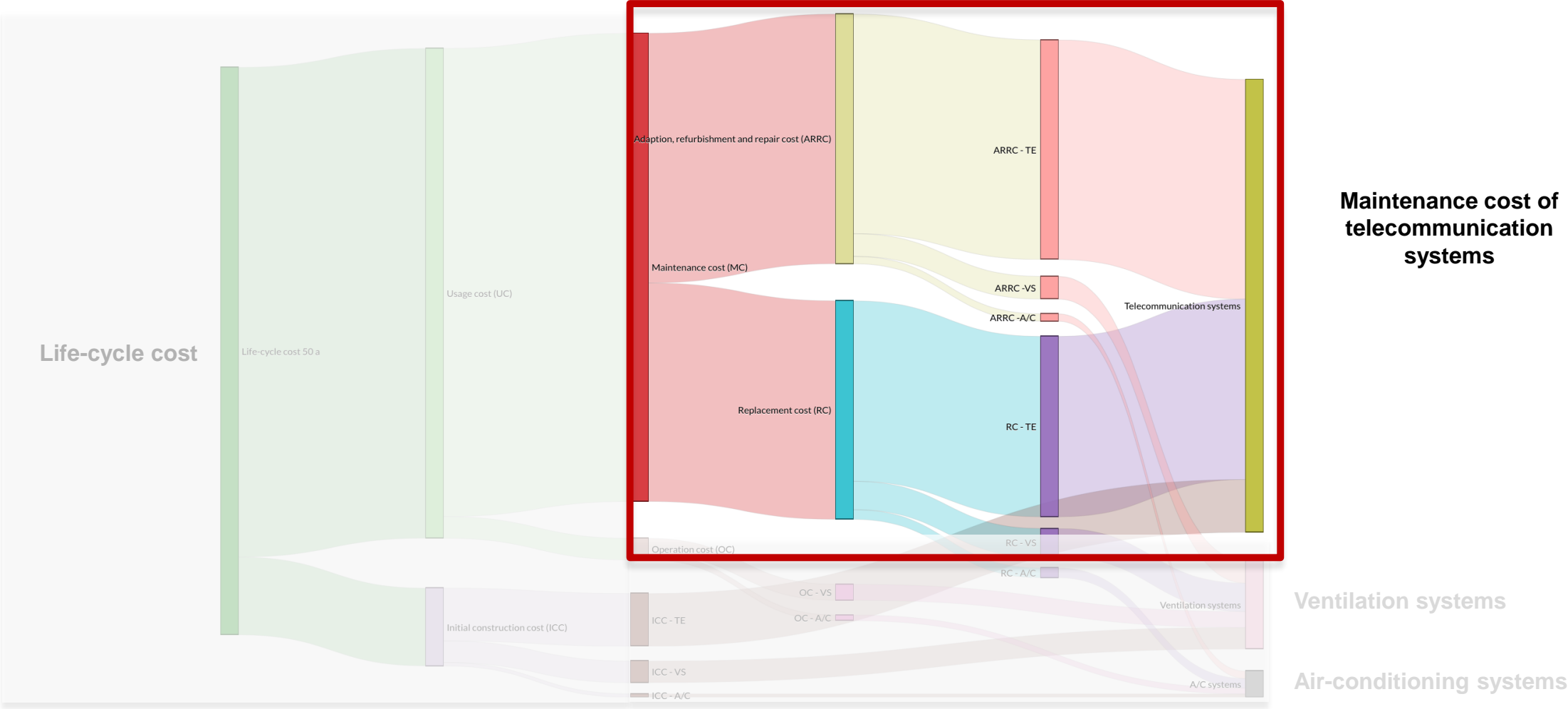
Higher maintenance costs at higher temperatures

Lower energy demand for cooling

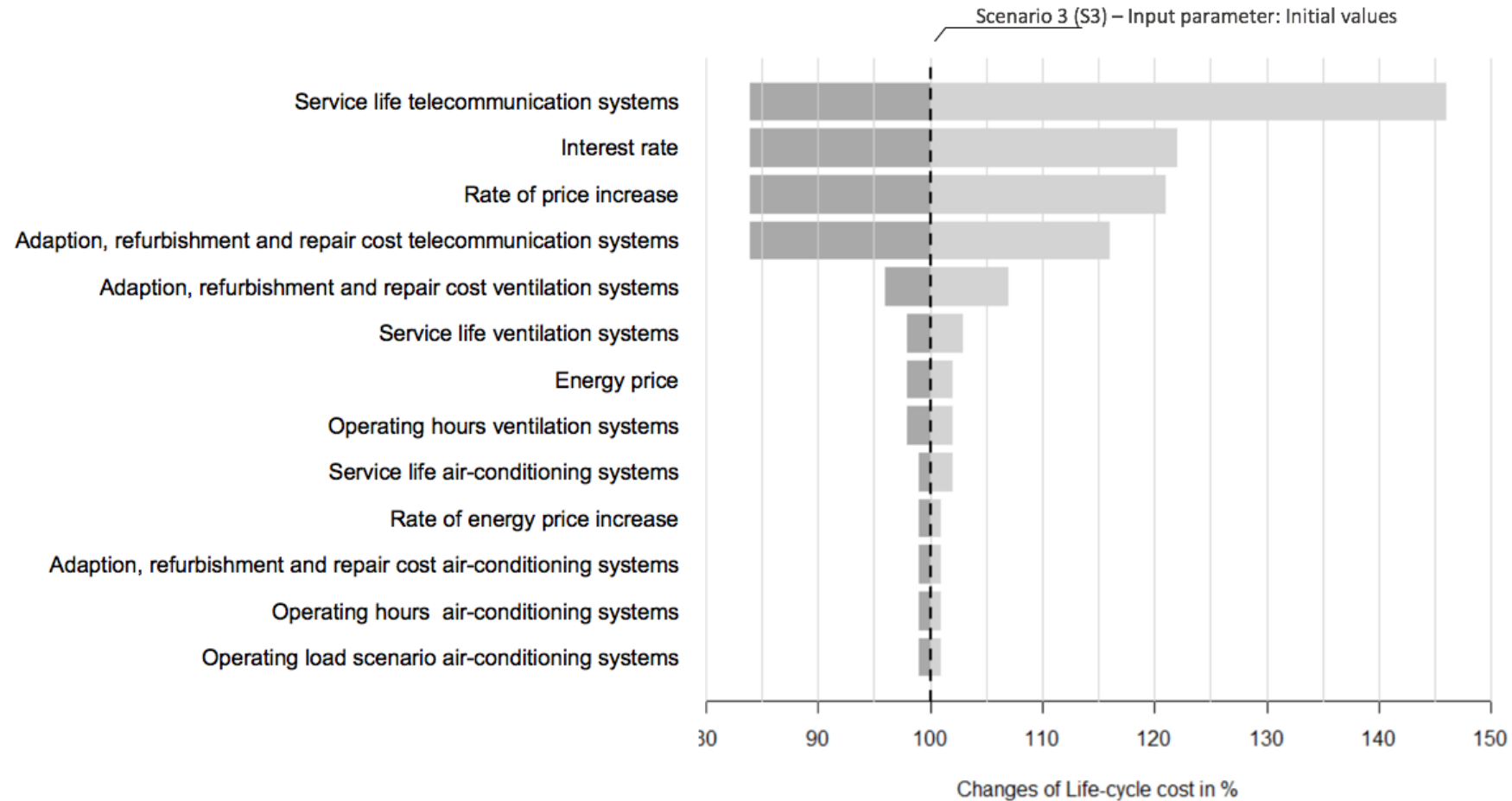
Dominance analysis - Target temperature 30 °C



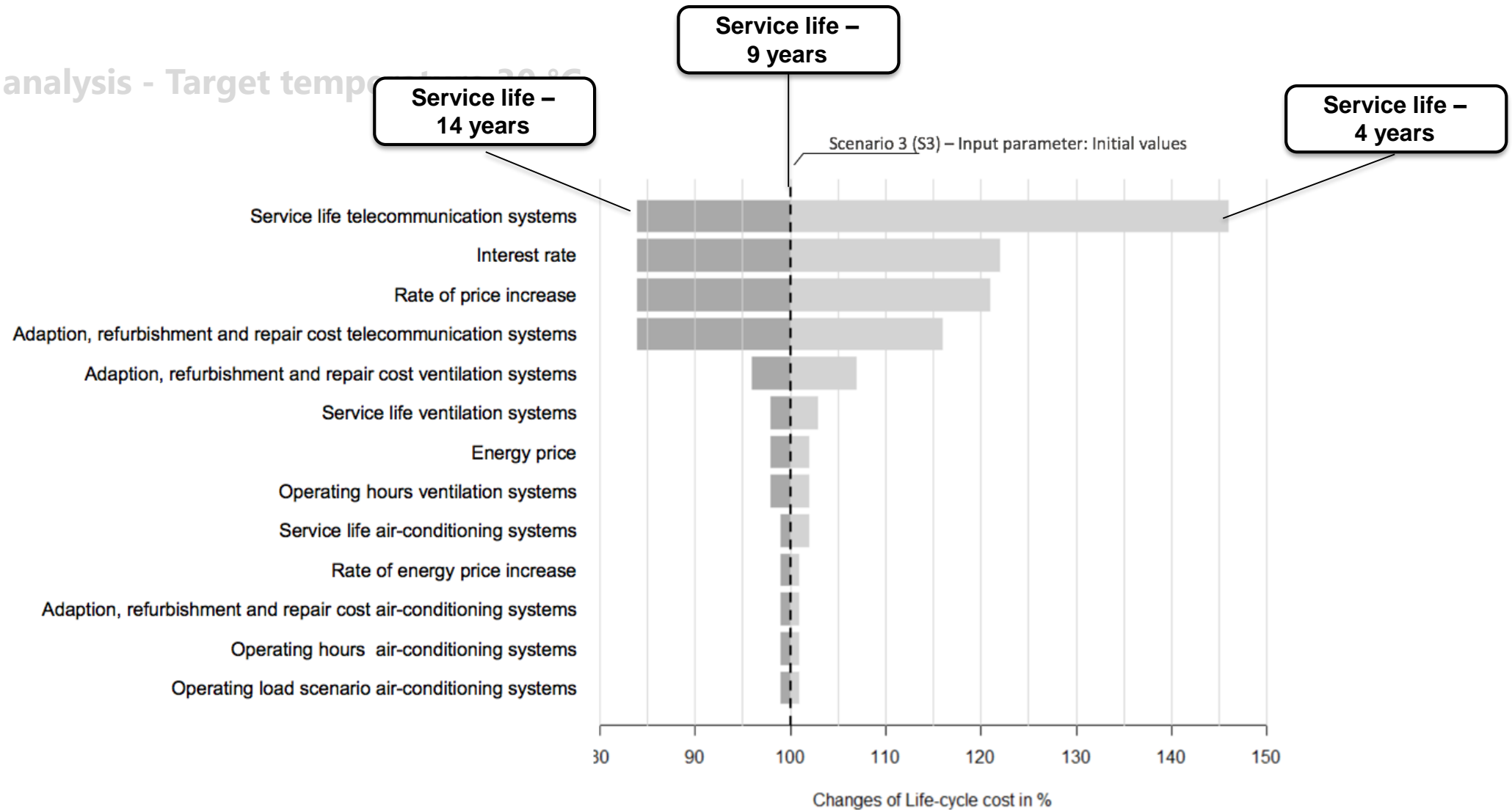
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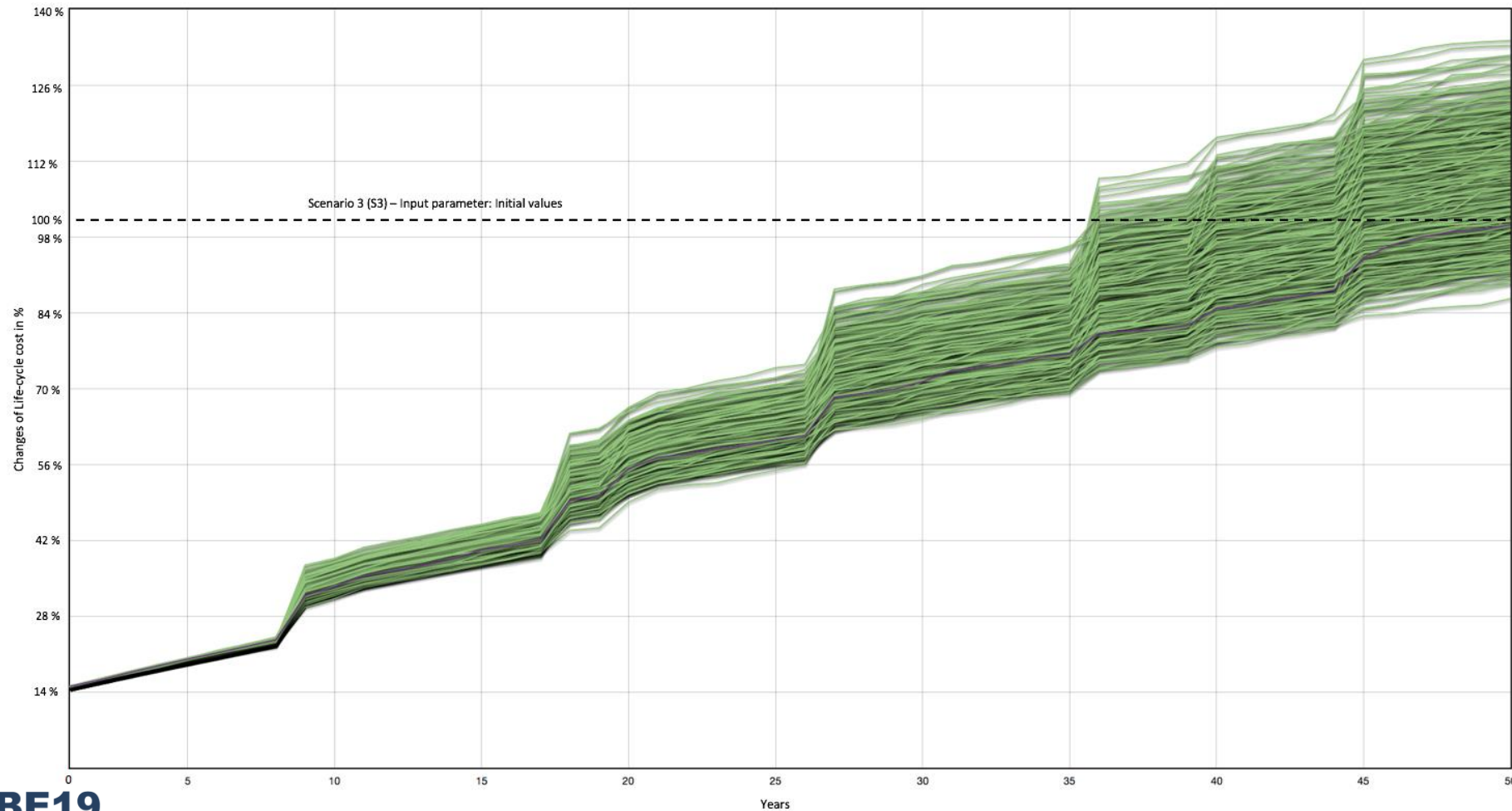
Sensitivity analysis - Target temperature 30 °C



Sensitivity analysis - Target temperature 20.00



Risk analysis - Target temperature 30 °C



Changed input parameters:

- Interest rate
- Rate of price increase
- Energy price
- Rate of energy price increase

First calculation run has shown that the **decisive input parameters** are the required **cooling energy** for air-conditioning systems and ventilation systems.

Reduction of cooling energy by **other classification** resp. by **higher target temperatures**

Second calculation run has shown that the cross-passage classification for the **target temperature 30°C** is the **most economic** scenario over a period of 50 years

At higher target temperatures the **difference** between the **energy demand** is to **low** to compensate **the shorter replacement cycles and higher maintenance cost**

Dominance analysis has shown that the **cost drivers** are the **maintenance cost** of the **telecommunication systems**

Sensitivity analysis has shown that the **uncertainties** in the **service life** of the **telecommunication systems** affect the life-cycle cost most

Risk analysis has shown that **life-cycle cost analyzes** are subject to **uncertainties**

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