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# **Potential for energy savings in Czech residential building stock by application of a prefabricated mass retrofitting system**

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# INTRODUCTION CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE

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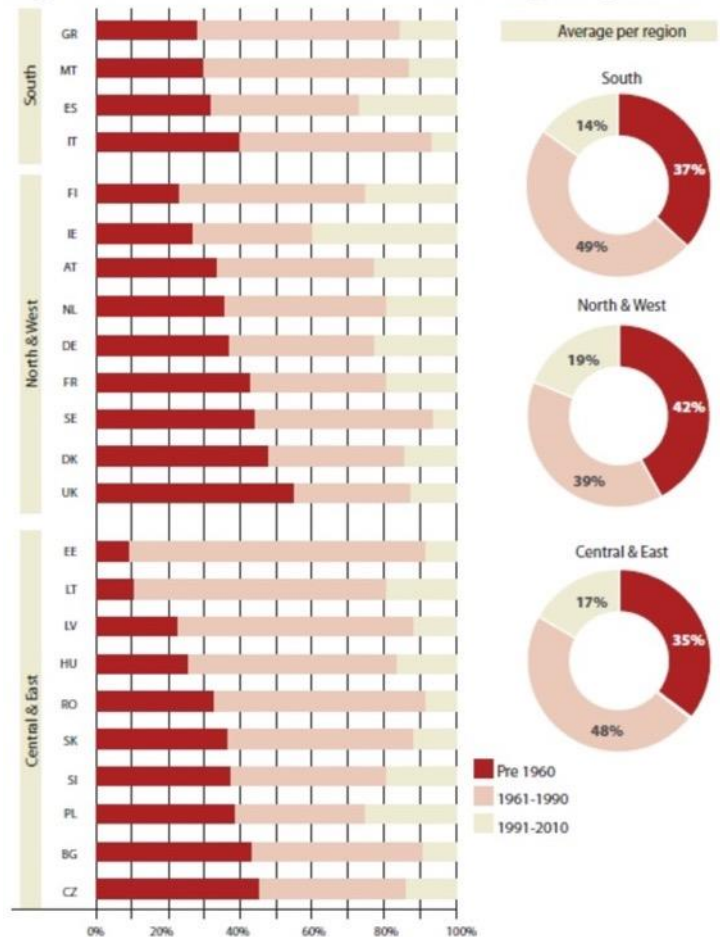
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# BACKGROUND EU BUILDING STOCK

Figure 2: Residential stock according to age band



- $\frac{3}{4}$  of EU building stock = residential
- At least 80 % of EU residential buildings older than 20 years
- EU population not projected to grow
- Climate change mitigation = top priority

**Energy renovation of existing building stock is urgently needed**

Source: BPIE, 2011. [Europe's Building under the Microscope: A Country-by-Country Review of the Energy Performance of Buildings](#)





# BACKGROUND BARRIERS TO RENOVATION

## Financial barriers

- Renovation costs
- Access to finance
- Low energy prices

## Technical barriers

- Lack of technical solutions
- Cost of technical solutions
- Lack of knowledge of construction professionals

## Process barriers

- Fragmentation of the supply chain
- Burdening of home owners

## Regulatory barriers

- Varying ambition of performance requirements
- Multiple definitions for renovation

## Awareness barriers

- Lack of awareness



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Study for the ITRE Committee

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2016



# Building typology of concern

	Single Family House SFH	Terraced House TH	Multi-Family House MFH	Apartment Block AB
before 1920	 CZ.N.SFH.01	 CZ.N.TH.01	 CZ.N.MFH.01	 CZ.N.AB.01
1921-1945	 CZ.N.SFH.02	 CZ.N.TH.02	 CZ.N.MFH.02	 CZ.N.AB.02
1946-1960	 CZ.N.SFH.03	 CZ.N.TH.03	 CZ.N.MFH.03	 CZ.N.AB.03
1961-1980	 CZ.N.SFH.04	 CZ.N.TH.04	 CZ.N.MFH.04	 CZ.N.AB.04
1981-1994	 CZ.N.SFH.05	 CZ.N.TH.05	 CZ.N.MFH.05	 CZ.N.AB.05
after 1994	 CZ.N.SFH.06	 CZ.N.TH.06	 CZ.N.MFH.06	 CZ.N.AB.06

STÚ-K 2012 TABULA Project: Typology Approach for Building Stock Energy Assessment – National Scientific Report.





# TYOLOGY OF CONCERN FOR CZECHIA



260 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a





# INTRODUCTION MORE-CONNECT PROJECT

The project developed modular renovation system enabling:

- Reduction of primary energy consumption by at least 80 %
- Variability in U-values for various climatic conditions and energy goals
- Applicability for various shapes of buildings
- Extension of existing buildings
- Integration of renewable energy system
- Improving indoor environment



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# OBJECTIVES

- To **briefly introduce** the system designed for Czechia
- To roughly estimate the **hypothetical potential for yearly energy savings** achievable by applying the system on one typology segment of the Czech residential building stock.
  - Is it significant i.e. at least 5 % of the final energy consumption of the Czech national building stock  
or  
rather negligible i.e. below 1 % of the final energy consumption of the Czech national building stock?





# METHODS

- Description of the modular renovation system
- Analysis of the building typology of concern
- Case study of the achievable savings on a typical building
- Validation with other work
- Extrapolation to relevant building stock
- Calculation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings



# VARIABILITY



## LOW-COST

- only ZEB required installations

## ECO-ECO

- ZEB building
- separate flats in attic

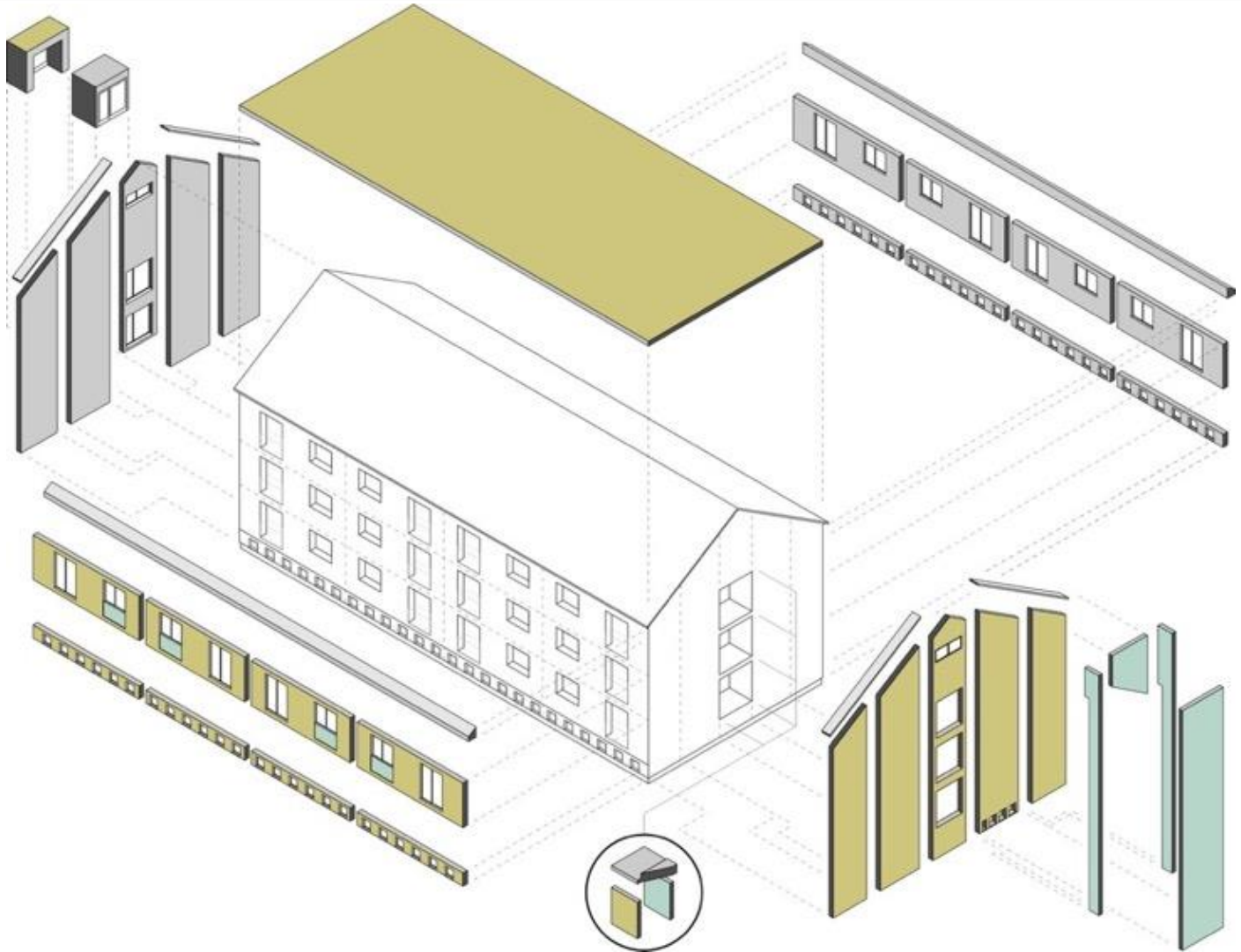
## HI-TECH

- ZEB building
- maisonettes in attic
- advanced technologies

Also lower cost variants with worse parameters possible



# THE CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM








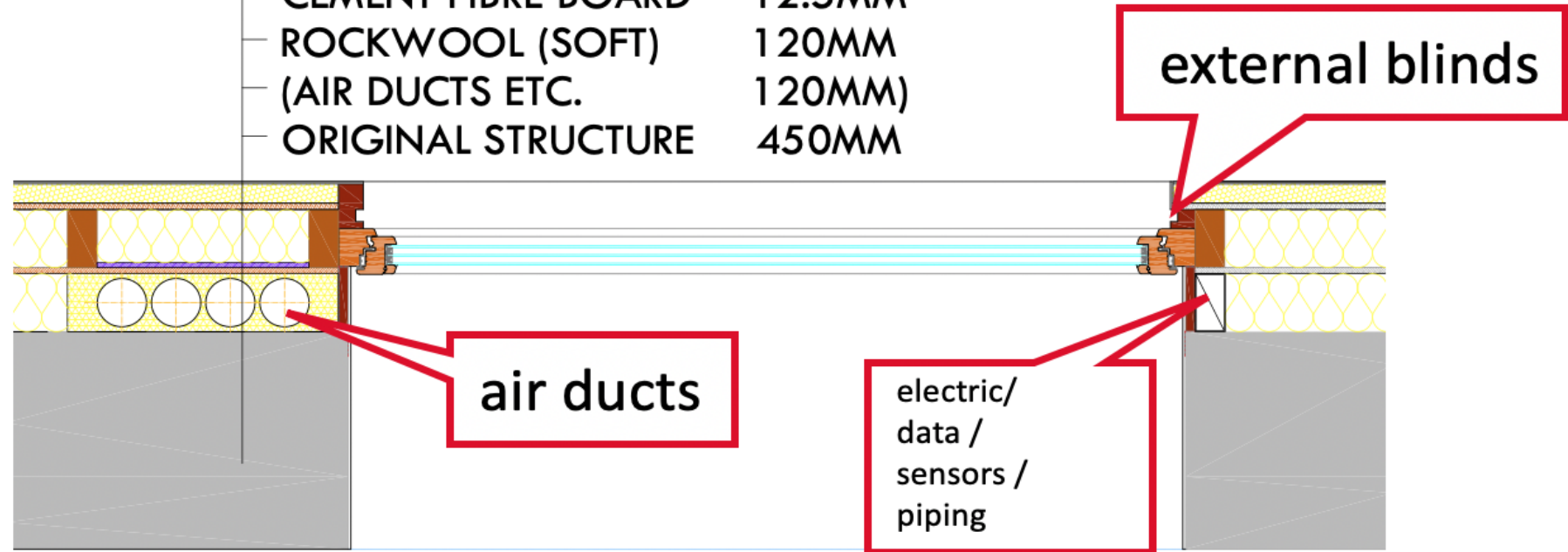


# WALL MODULE – COMPOSITION



-  Ventilation
-  Heating
-  Electric/data installations

PLASTER	5MM
ROCKWOOL (RIGID)	40MM
WOOD FIBRE BOARD	13MM
WOODEN POSTS	60/120MM
ROCKWOOL	120MM
VACUUM INSULATION	10MM
CEMENT FIBRE BOARD	12.5MM
ROCKWOOL (SOFT)	120MM
(AIR DUCTS ETC.)	120MM)
ORIGINAL STRUCTURE	450MM





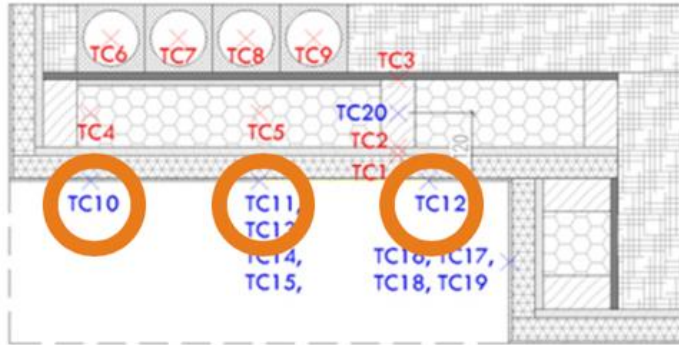
# PROTOTYPING WALL-WALL MODULES ASSEMBLY



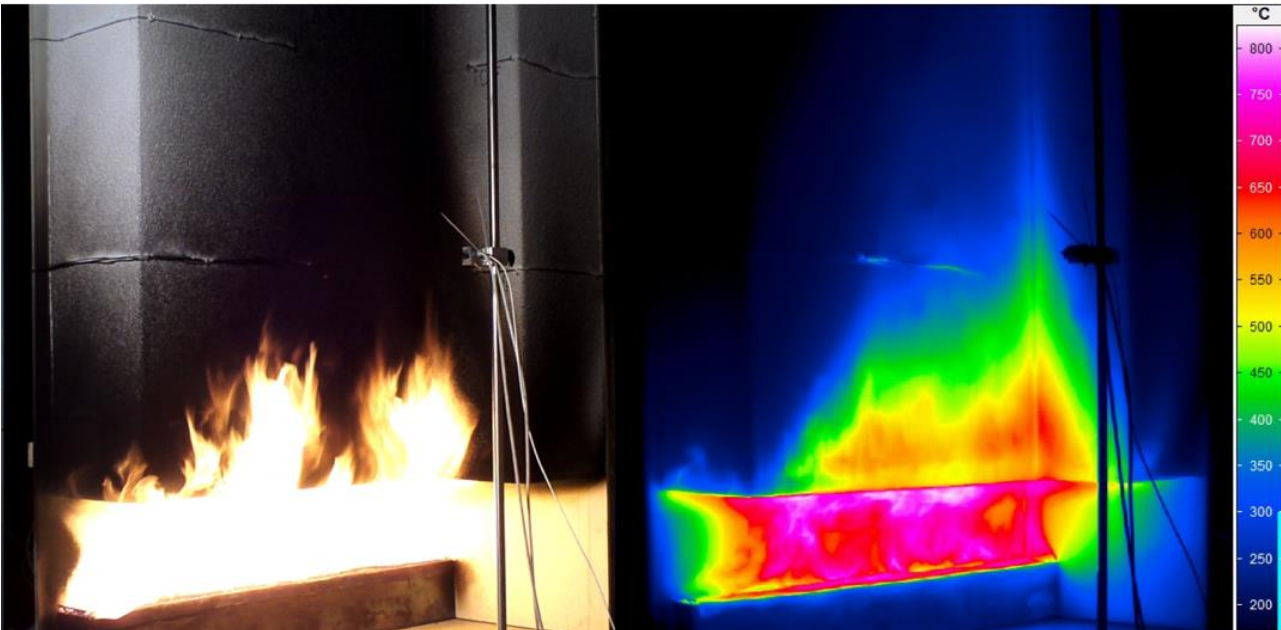




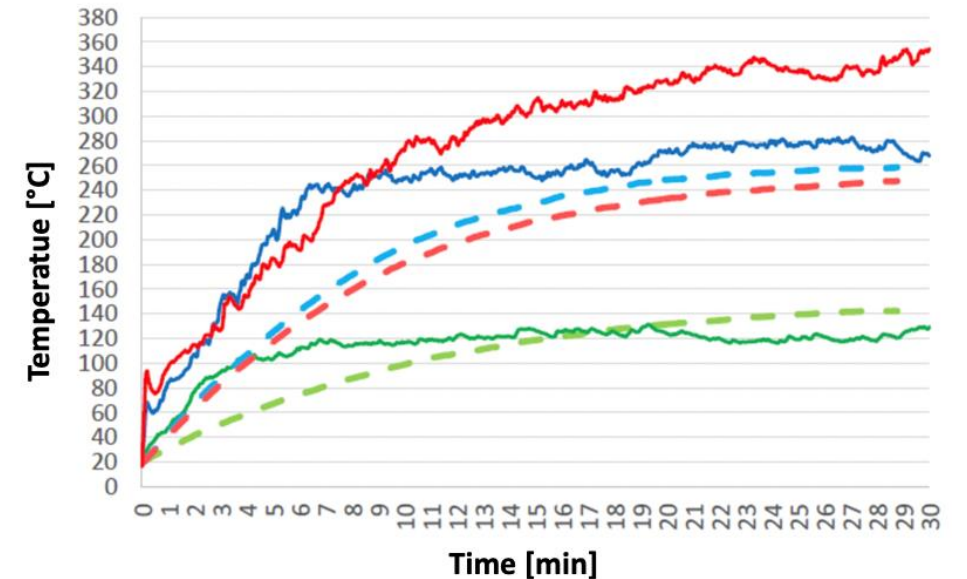
# FIRE MODELLING AND TESTING



- TC10 CFD model
- TC10 test
- - - TC11 CFD model
- TC11 test
- - - TC12 CFD model
- TC12 test



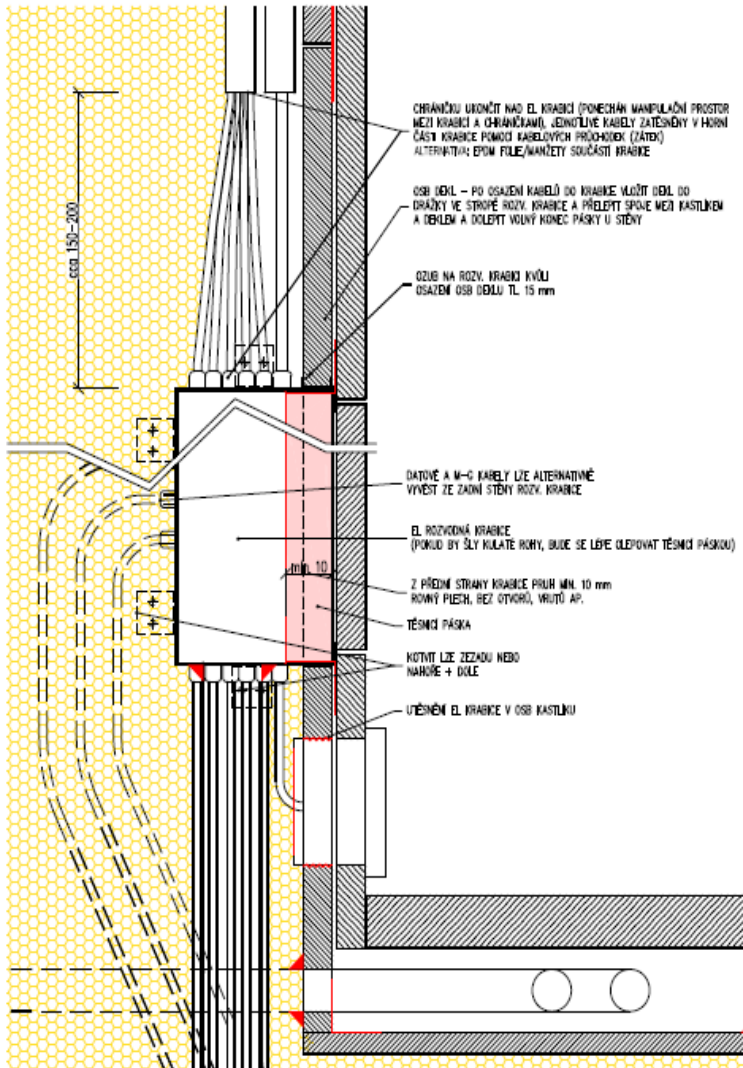
Surface temperatures at 0.5 m







# PROTOTYPING MODULE-WALL-WINDOW-TECHNOLOGY





# TEST OF CRITICAL DETAILS ASSEMBLY







# SEMI-AUTOMATED LINEAR PRODUCTION OF MODULES







# ASSEMBLY





# ASSEMBLY







# ASSEMBLY FINISHED

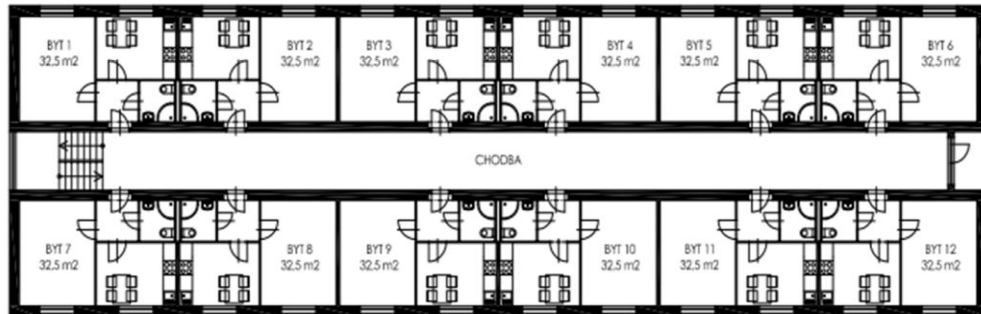






# THE CASE STUDY

## MILEVSKO, CZECHIA



- Social housing, built in 1958
- Lateral masonry bearing system
- 3 floors + basement, pitched roof (33°)
- 24 similar flats with area of 32.5 m<sup>2</sup> each
- 995 m<sup>2</sup> usable floor area
- 1,107m<sup>2</sup> energy related area
- New roof, plastic windows U=1.2, otherwise untouched since construction
- U: wall 1.4, attic floor 0.9, ceiling 2.2 W/m<sup>2</sup>K
- Simulated specific energy consumption 230 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a for heating



# MODELED IMPROVEMENTS

- Derived cost-optimum variants of the renovation package [1]
- Thermal insulation modules incl. new windows – mean U-value reduced to 0.25 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)
- Central mechanical ventilation with heat recovery
- Total energy consumption can be decreased to 33–90 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·a), which corresponds to specific energy consumption for heating between 25–41 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·a) (89–82% savings).
- Expressed as specific energy saving potential, retrofitting using MORE-CONNECT solution can **save 251 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·a) from total energy consumption in average** (up to 285 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·a) at maximum).

[1] Sojková K, Volf M, Lupíšek A, Novák E and Váchal T 2018 MORE-CONNECT – Final selection of favourable concept based on LCA.



# IDENTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE BUILDING STOCK

**ŠANCE PRO BUDOVY**

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- Total gross floor area of the Czech multi-family residential building stock built between 1946 and 1960 is approx. **15,657,000 m<sup>2</sup>** [4]
- The developed solution has **limitation given by the national fire safety regulations**, which forbid combustible products to be used in the envelopes of buildings with “fire height” above 12.0 m (i.e. distance between first and the upmost flooring). The regulation reduces the applicable gross floor area to **10,926,000 m<sup>2</sup>**
- 35 % of the Czech residential buildings have already been renovated, remaining gross floor area available for retrofitting has to be reduced to **7,101,900 m<sup>2</sup>**



# RESULTS – ENERGY

- Total national energy consumption in buildings: 96,944 GWh (62,222 GWh res.)
- Maximum potential of energy savings **1,783 GWh/a**  
which represents **1.8 %** of the national energy consumption in buildings  
(2.9 % of residential buildings)
- 1 % < **1.8 %** < 5 % ... not bad

[1] Šance pro budovy 2016 Strategie renovace budov – aktualizace prosinec 2016, doplněná o strategii adaptace budov na změnu klimatu





# RESULTS – CO<sub>2</sub>

- Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from national bldg. stock 44.57 Mt, residential 23.38 Mt in 2016 [1]
- Emission factor of Czech bldg. stock approx. 376 t CO<sub>2</sub>/GWh [1, 2]
- 376 x 1,783 GWh = **670 kt CO<sub>2</sub>**
- **1.5 %** of national bldg. stock emissions (2.9 % of residential bldg. stock)

[1] Šance pro budovy 2016 Strategie renovace budov – aktualizace prosinec 2016, doplněná o strategii adaptace budov na změnu klimatu

[2] A Lupíšek 2019 *IOP Conf. Ser.: Earth Environ. Sci.* **290** 012101



# CONCLUSIONS

- Developed a complex renovation system based on timber frame panels that enables prefabrication, significantly speeding-up the onsite works without need of scaffolding,
- The results of the calculation showed, that the potential for savings in the energy consumption of the residential buildings is 1,783 GWh/a, which represents 1.8% saving on the total national energy consumption and 1.5 % CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in buildings
- The result is not significant, but not negligible.
- In process of founding of university spin-off company to bring the product to market



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