LT-Set: A Surrogate Model-Based Decision Tool for Low-Temperature Heating Refurbishment

Graduation Presentation

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Energy Upgrades & Computation

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Challenges & Targets



Paris agreement which commits to limit global warming below 2 °C.



Reduce Greenhouse gasses by **49**% before 2030



90% of built environment is dependent on natural gas for heating is contributing to the emissions

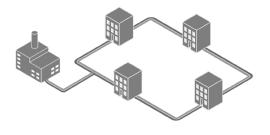
Challenges & Targets



1.5 million homes need be phased out of natural gas by 2030.



Renovation target of **200,000** homes per year

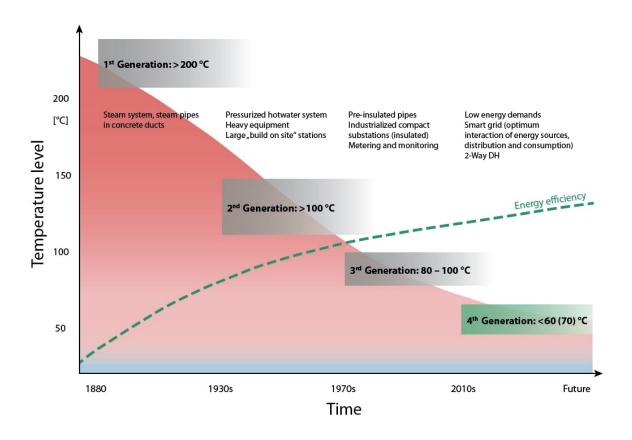


6.4% household district heating demand for household expected to grow to **38**% 2030.

Low temperature heat networks

4th Generation heat supply:

50 - 60 °C.



Benefits of low temperature heat networks



Integration of renewable and waste energy sources of lower quality and densities.



Improved efficiency due to reduced distribution losses.



Improved thermal comfort and air quality

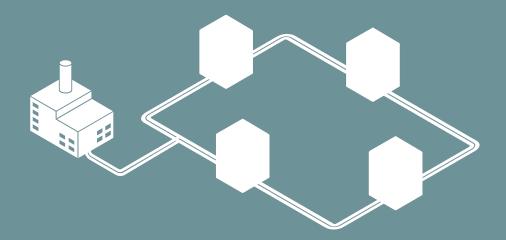


Ensures price stability and reduced energy bills.

Problem

The dwellings need to be refurbished in order to transition to low temperature heating networks whilst maintaining comfort standards.



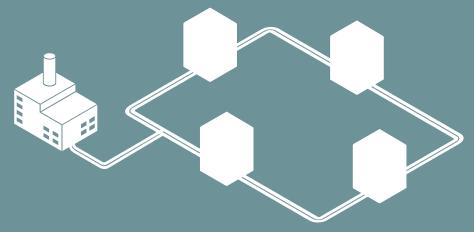


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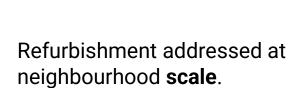
However, refurbishments rates are too low.





Urban challenge







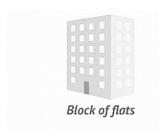
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Urban challenge













Refurbishment addressed at neighbourhood scale.

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Homeowners



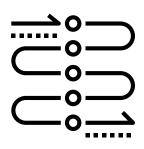


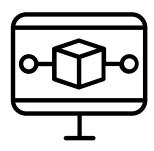


Complexity of evaluating combination of refurbishment strategies using performance indicators.

Uncertainty introduced due to lack of consideration for **occupancy behaviour** consideration and the overall **lifecycle cost** of the refurbishment measures.

Computational





Majority of the current decision tool **assume steady-state conditions** and do not account for **dynamic** or transient effects.

Advanced dynamic tools are **computationally expensive** and **inaccessible** to decision makers.

Research Questions

Main & Sub questions

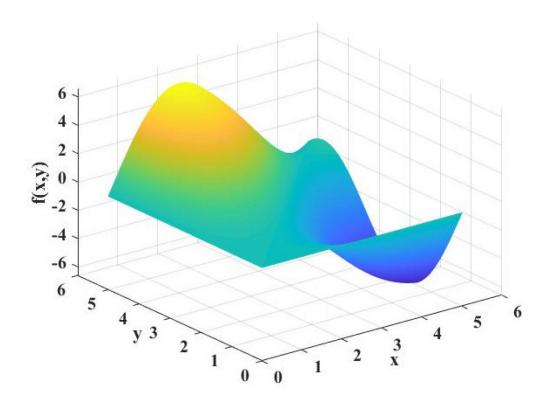
How to develop a **surrogate model-based decision-making** tool to select **combined**, **no-regret refurbishment measures** using **performance indicators** for **multiple Dutch housing typologies** considering **occupancy behaviour** and **lifecycle cost** to transition to **low-temperature** district heating?

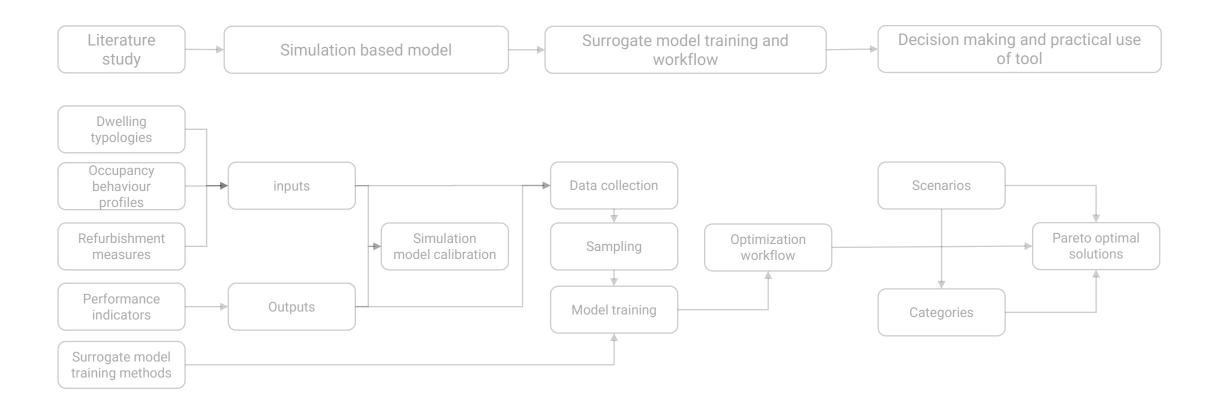
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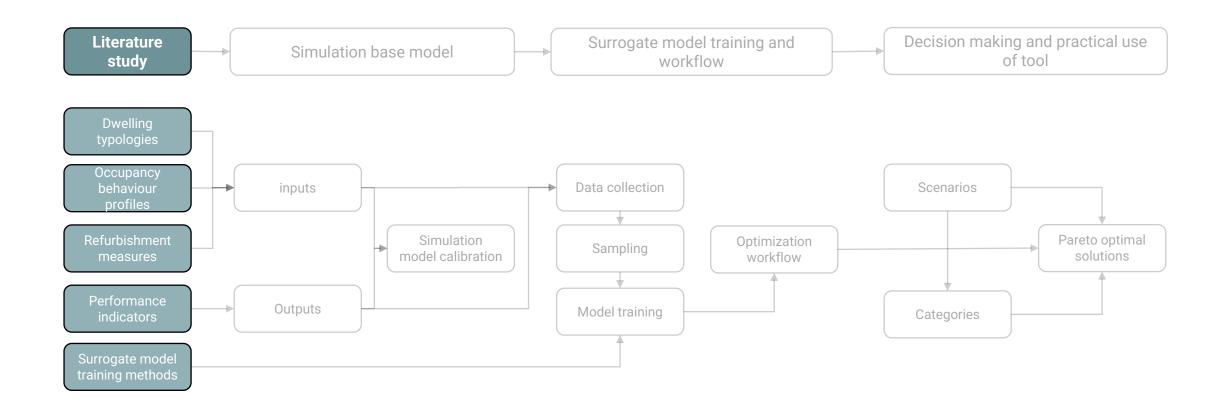
What are surrogate models?

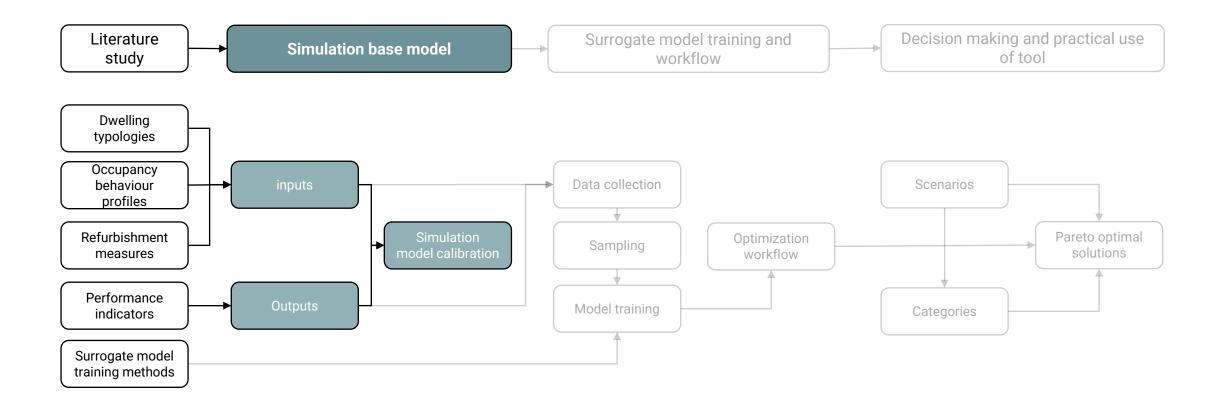
Surrogate models are **simplified mathematical models** that mimic the behaviour of complex systems.

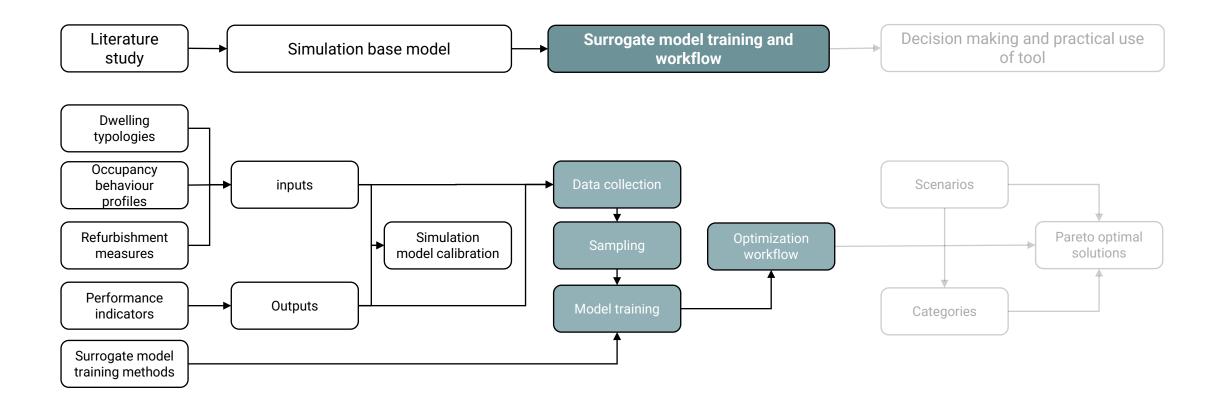
Enables **faster simulations**, optimization, and decision-making processes.

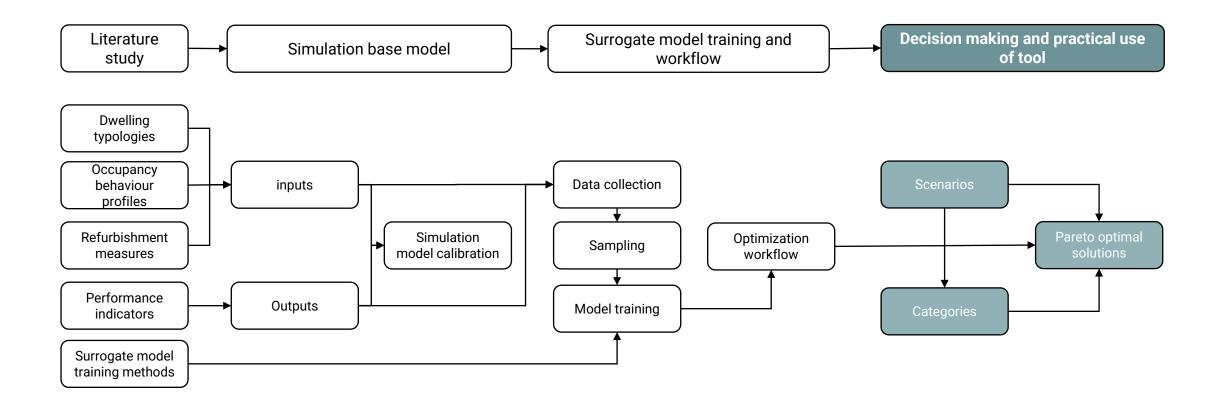


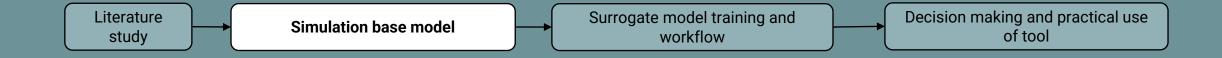










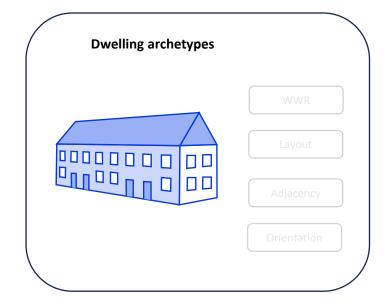














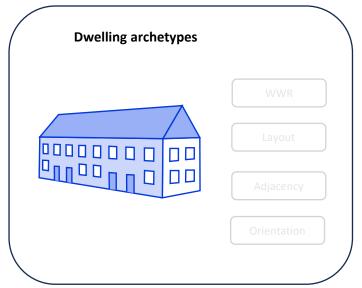




















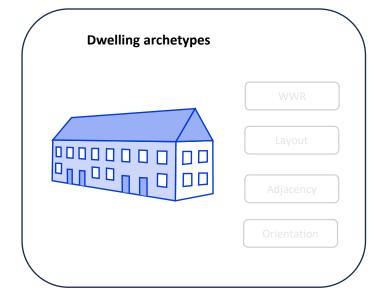
















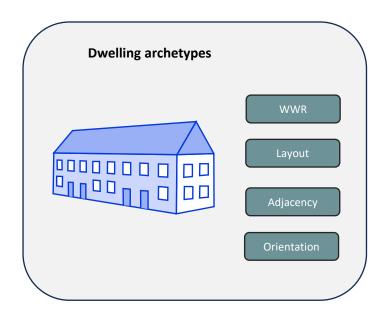






Dwelling archetype















Dwelling archetype

Geometry Parameters



Terraced



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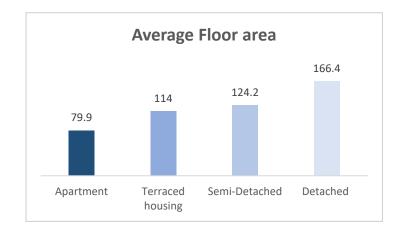


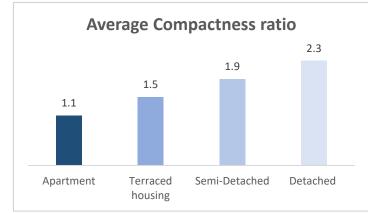
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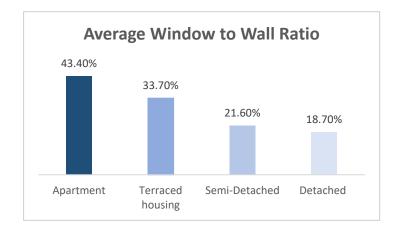


Portiek apartment









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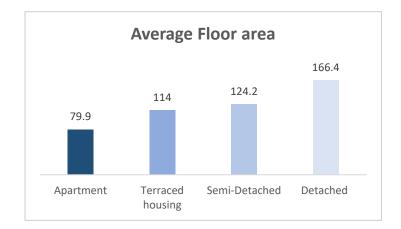


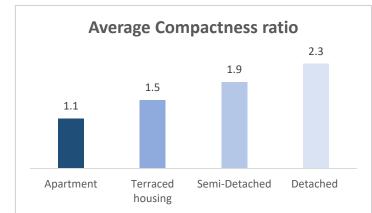
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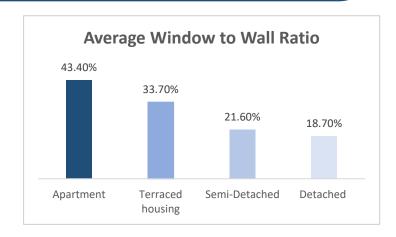


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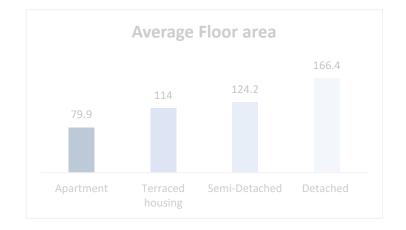


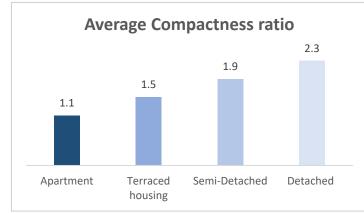
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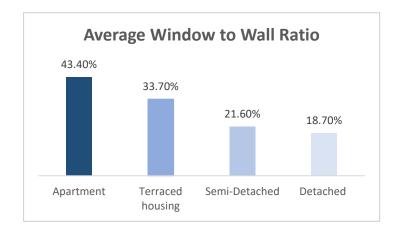


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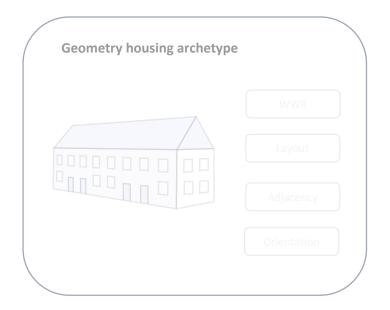


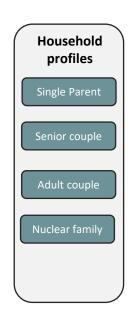




Profiles and Program















Occupancy behaviour

Household type and profiles



Occupancy behaviour parameters

	Presence	Temperature	Setback	Radiators bedroom	Radiators, others	
1 senior	More	Warm	Wasteful	Semi-open	Semi-open	
1 adult	Less	Cool	Setback	Semi-open	Closed	
3 adults	Average	Average	Wasteful	Closed	Open	
2 adults	Less	Average	Setback	Semi-open	oen Semi-open	
Single parent	Average	Average	Setback	Open	Closed	
2 seniors	More	Warm	Setback	Semi-open	Open	
Nuclear family	More	Average	Wasteful	Open	Semi-open	
High behavior	Average	Warm	Wasteful	Open	Open	
Low behavior	Average	Low	Setback	Close	Close	

Household profiles

Pre-refurbishment Occupancy behaviour

Household type and profiles



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Post-refurbishment Occupancy behaviour

Household type and profiles

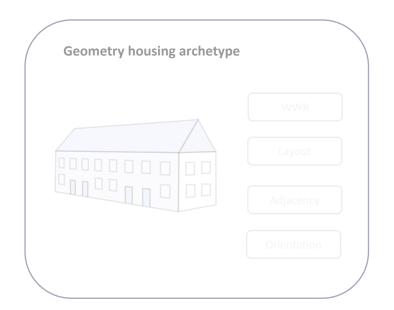


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Envelope parameters









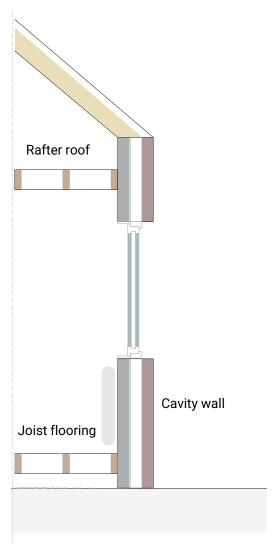




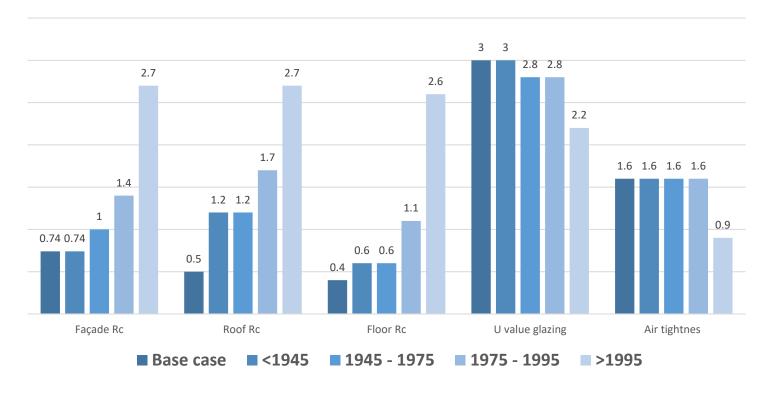


Base construction and construction year envelope thermal resistance



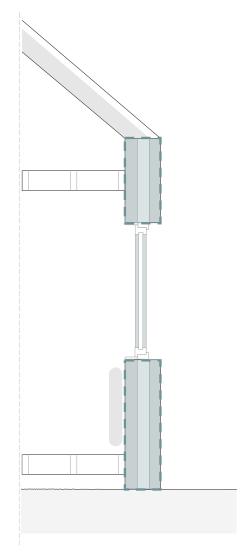


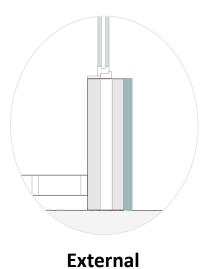
Envelope thermal performance across construction years



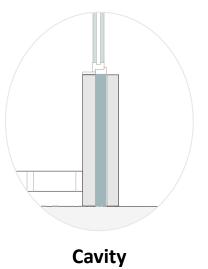
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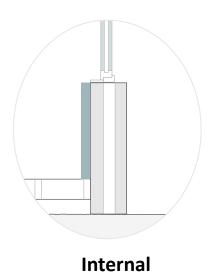








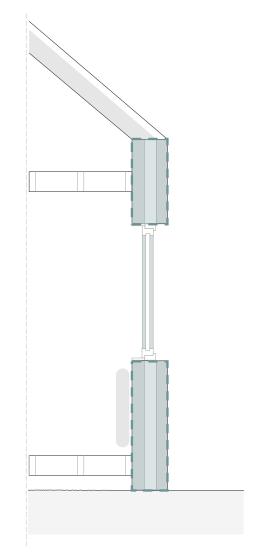


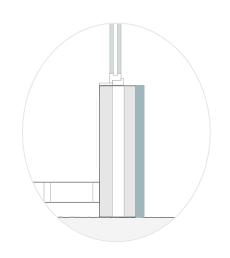


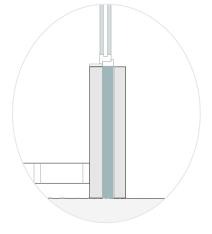


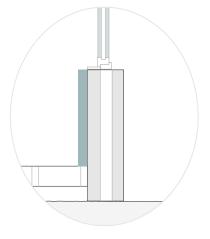
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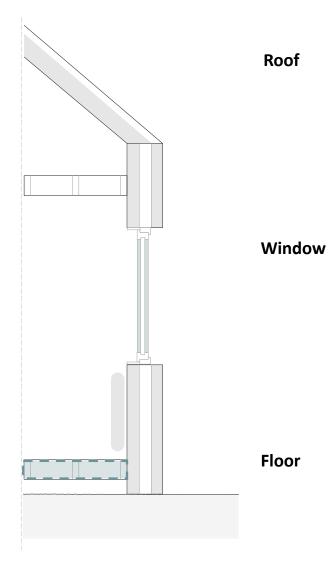


External

Cavity

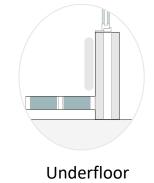
Internal

Range	0 – 5.0			0 – 2.0		0 – 4.0		
Step- size	0.5			0.5		0.5		
Rc	3.5	4.5	5.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.5	4
Cost/m2	122.5	126.2	128.3	22.8	26.1	67.7	74.7	80.4



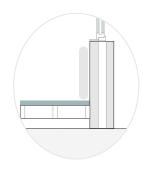


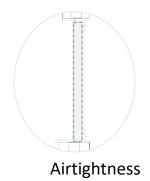












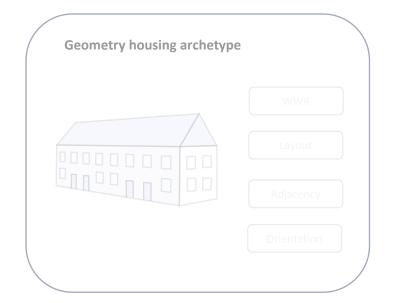
Floor top

Simulation model

Building installations



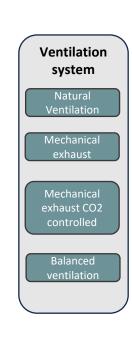


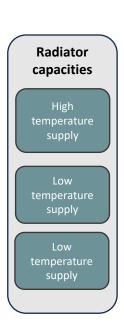




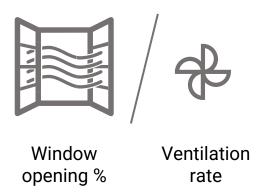














Operation schedule

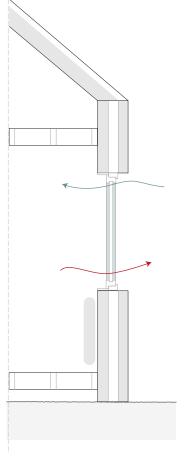


Setpoint temperature

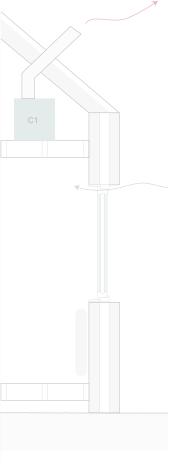
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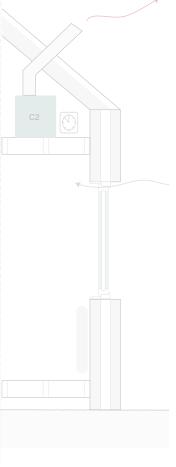




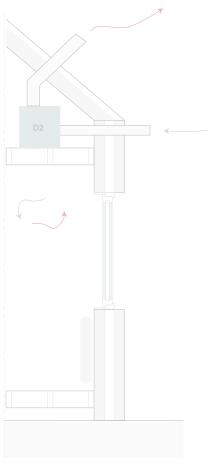
Natural ventilation



Mechanical exhaust

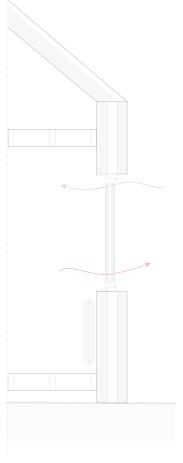


Mechanical exhaust + CO2 control

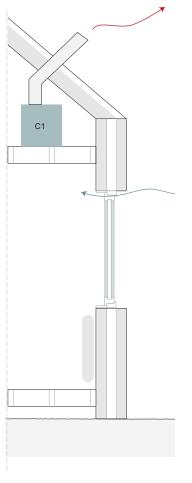


Balanced ventilation

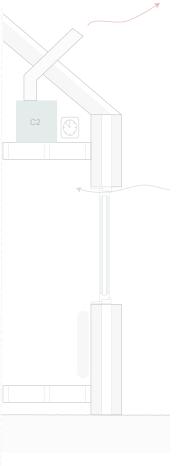




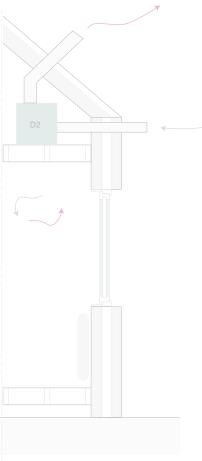
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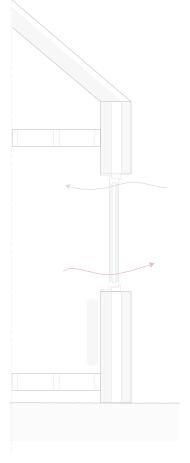


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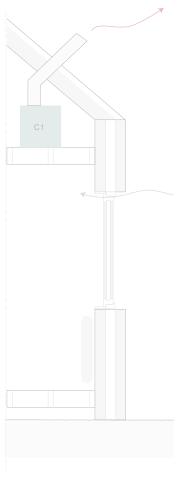


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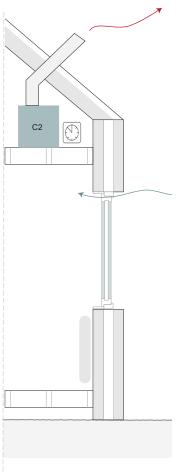




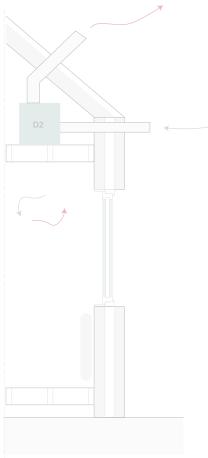
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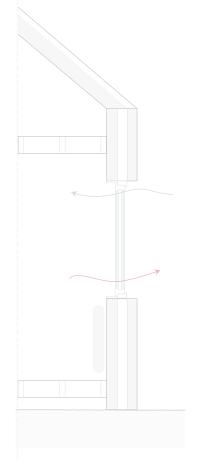
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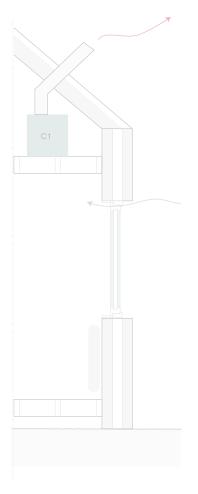
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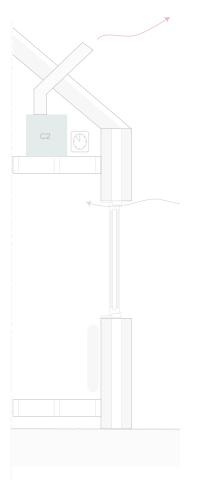
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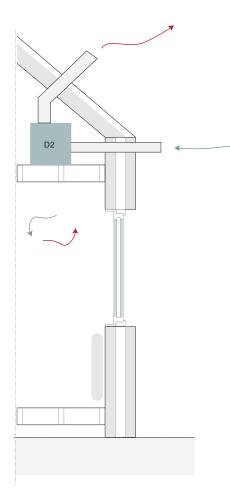
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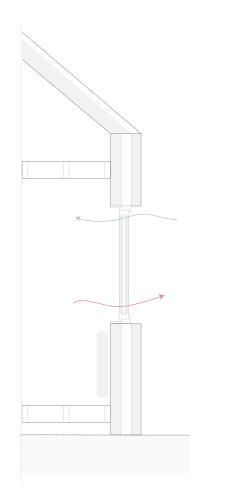
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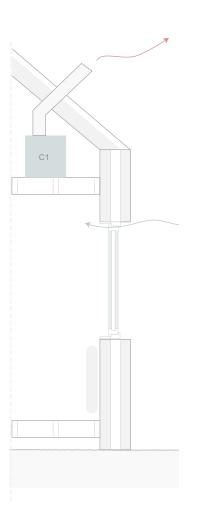


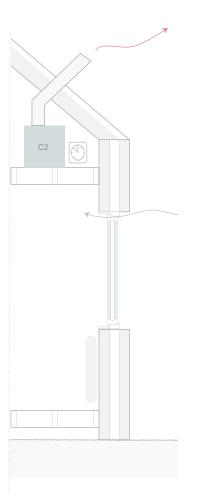
Balanced ventilation with heat recovery

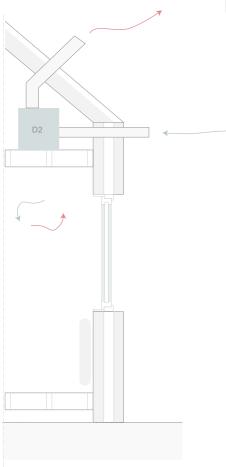


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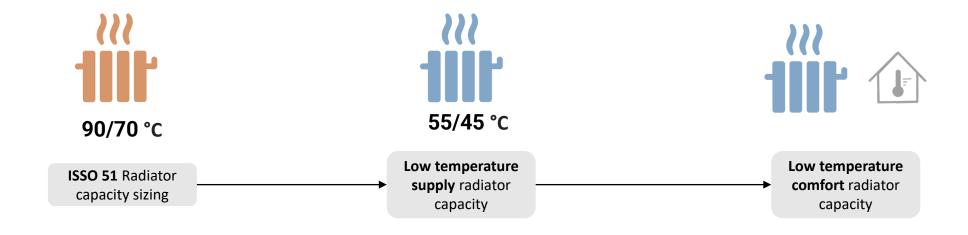
1975 - 1995

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Radiator capacity

Living room





Radiator capacity correlating with construction year

$$Q_{heat\ emitter} = \left(\frac{\Delta \theta\ lower\ supply}{\Delta \theta\ original\ supply}\right)^n \cdot \varphi_0$$

LT radiator factor x 1.3

Simulation model

Final Input Parameters



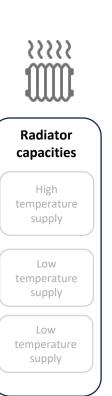




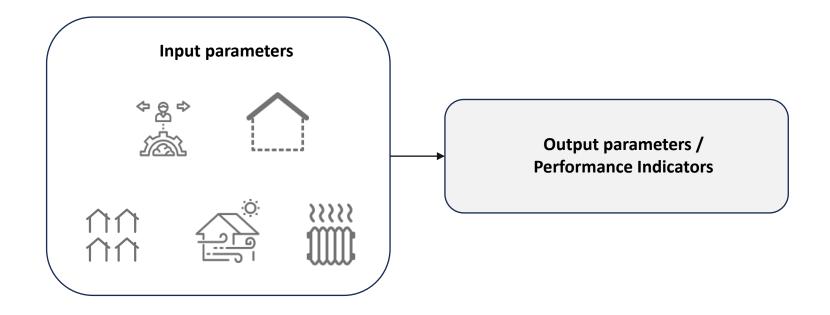








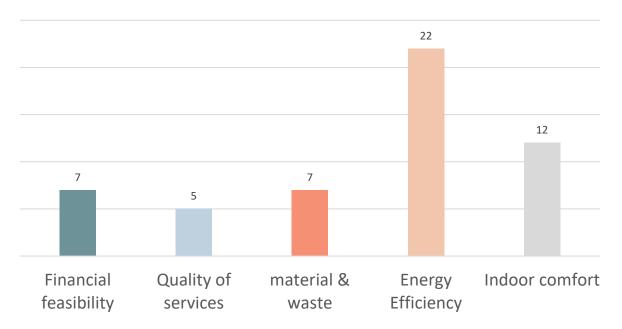
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Performance indicators

Prominently used indicators

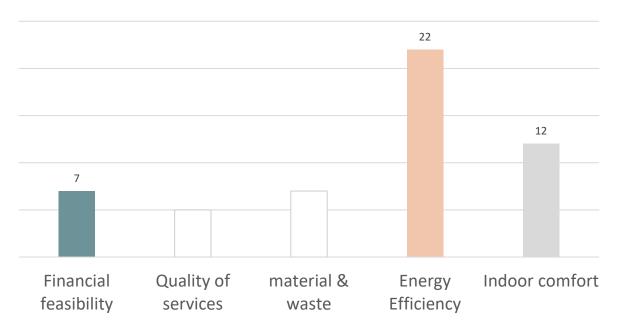




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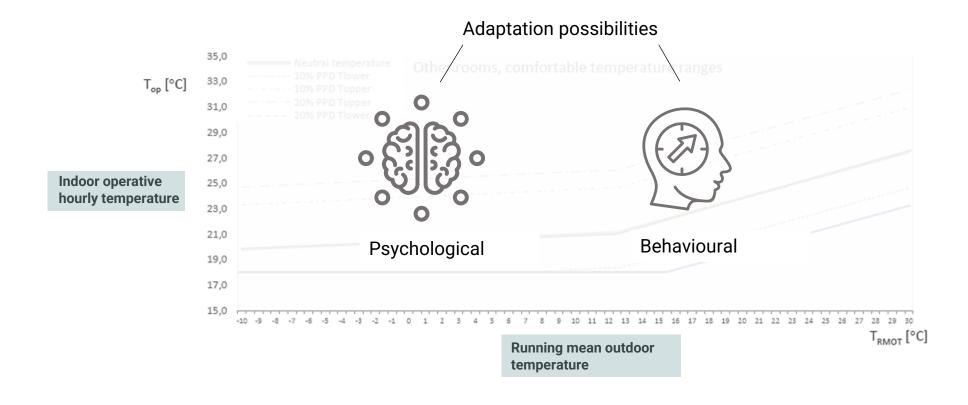




Thermal comfort

Adaptive thermal limit

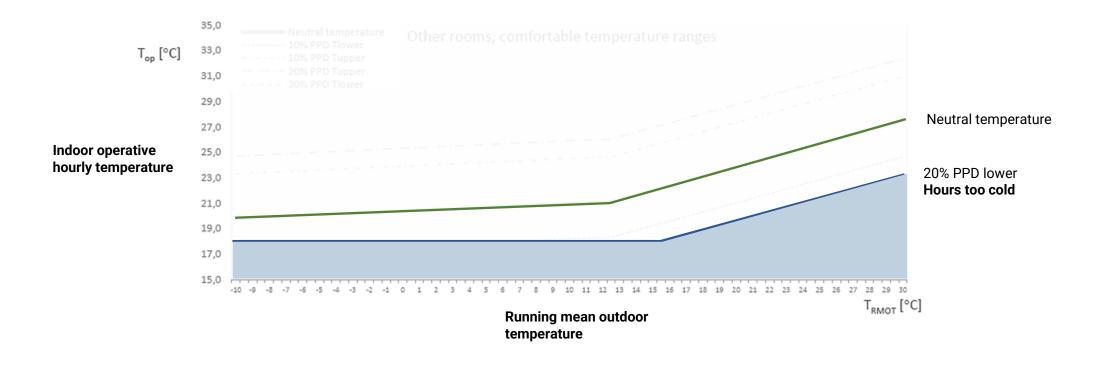




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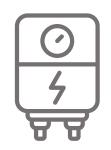


Energy consumption

Total dwelling

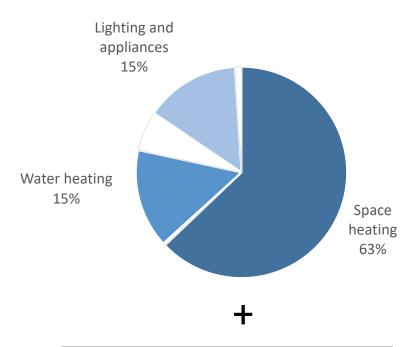
Energy demand

Final Input energy consumption: Operational energy



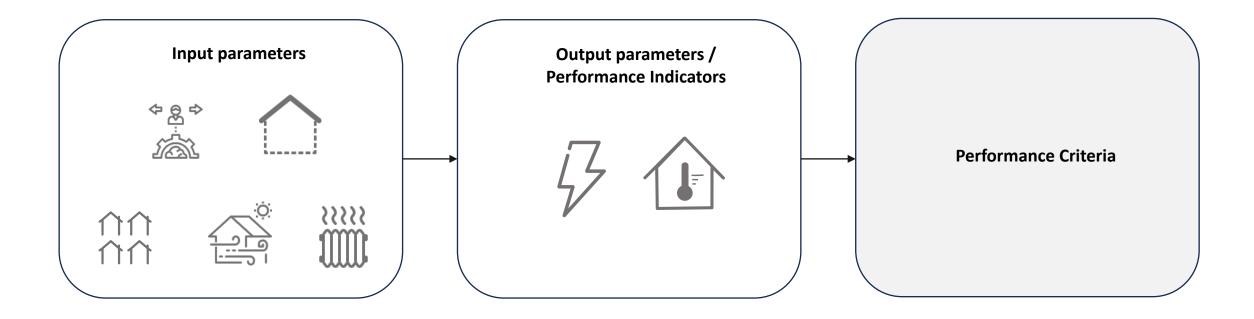


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Equipment	СОР	
Gas boiler	0.85	
Heat pumps	2.8	
District heating (heat	0.0	
exchangers)	0.9	

Simulation model



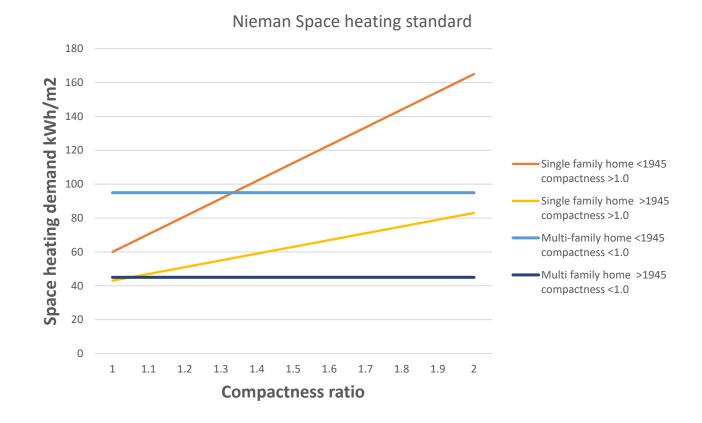
Performance Criteria

Space heating demand

No regret refurbishment

Owner will no longer need to further modify refurbished components within the technical lifespan in anticipation of the transition to district heating.

Maximum Space heating limit



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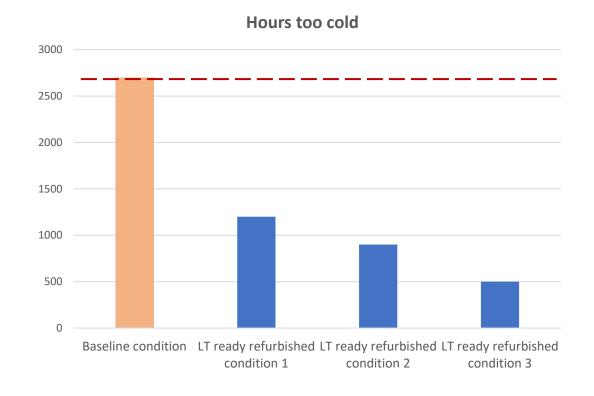
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- Maximum Space heating limit
- Maximum Hours too cold limit



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Financial Feasibility

Global cost

Investment Replacement **Maintenance Global cost Operating cost** = + + + cost cost cost 2.75% Χ Space heating **Building** Life Boiler Equipment demand : district component expectancy Taking into account the heating 30 Glazing time value of money Ventilation system Ventilation 30 years 20 Material Domestic hot system 15 Radiator water: natural gas Radiator system Labour Combi boiler 15 Lighting: electricity

Inputs













Space heating demand



ATL thermal comfort



Global cost











Outputs

















ATL thermal comfort



Global cost









13

3

2000

samples

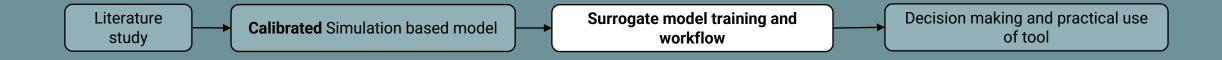
20 hours

Input variables

Output variables

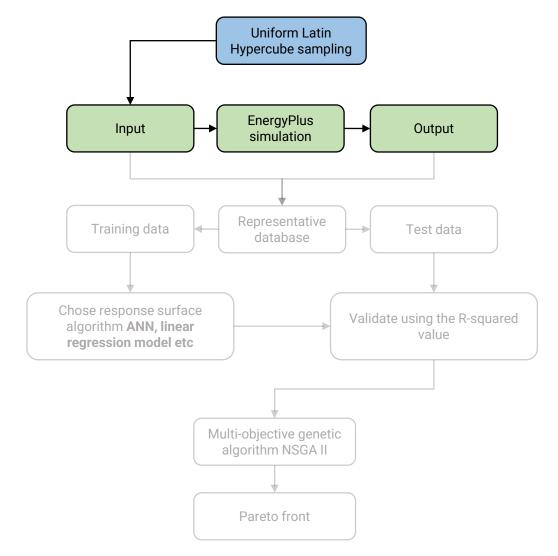
Per housing archetype

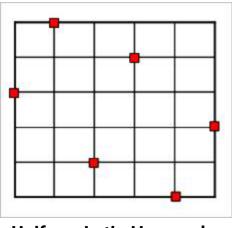
Sample Simulation time per housing archetype



Workflow





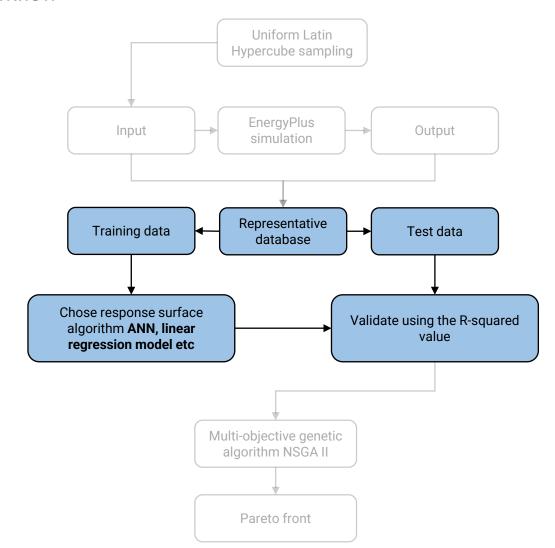


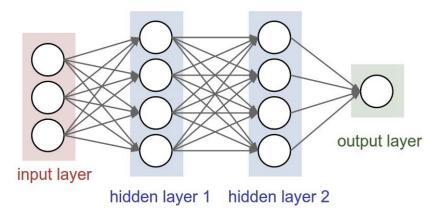
Uniform Latin Hypercube



Workflow

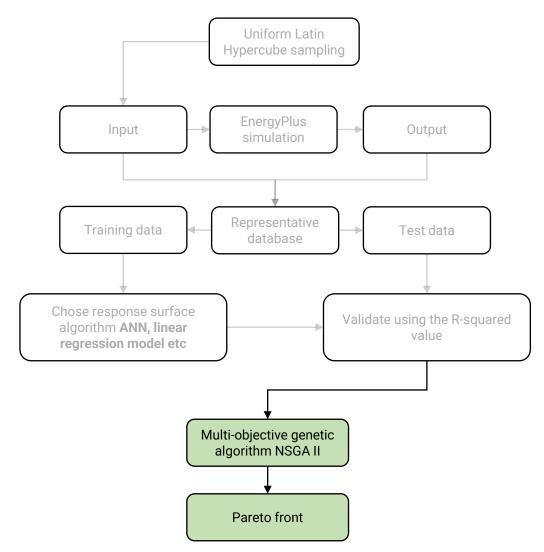
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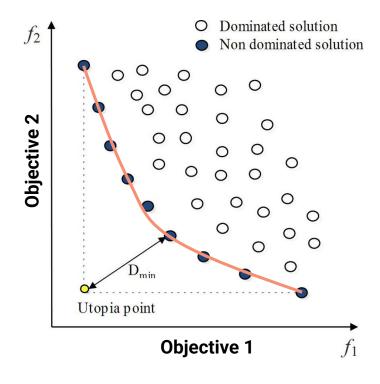




Artificial neural network

Workflow







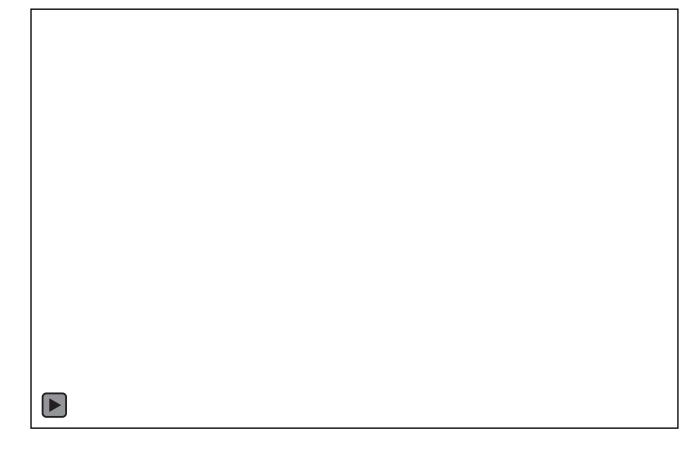
Model validations

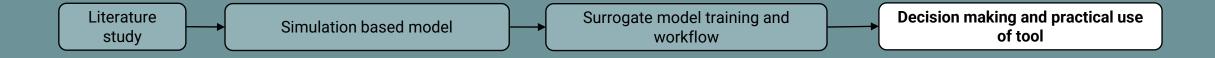
Heating demand

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Stepwise regression	0.951
Kriging	0.976
Gaussian Process	0.991
Neural network	0.991

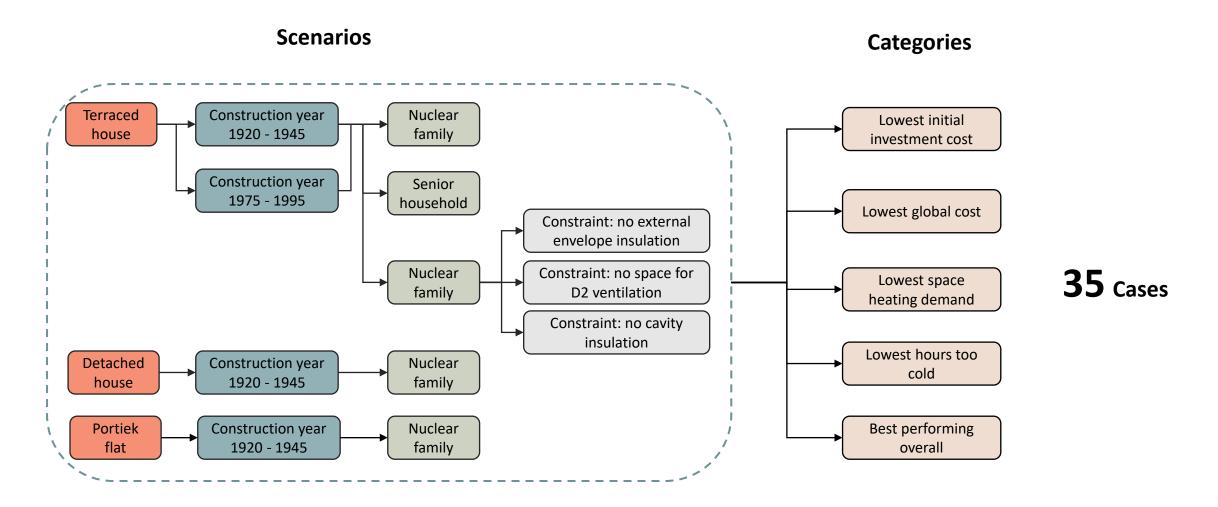
Hours too cold

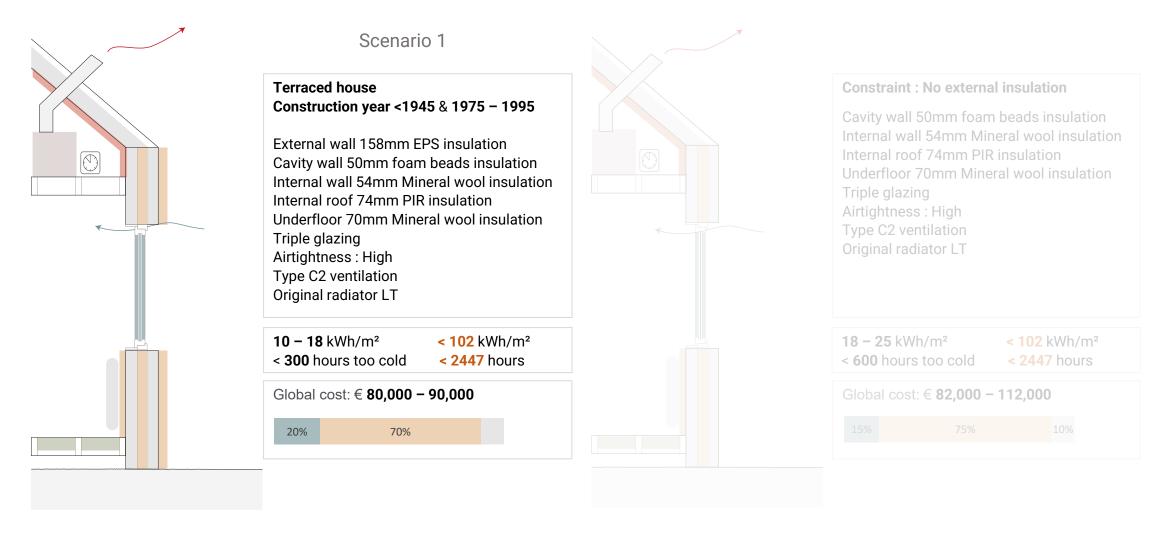
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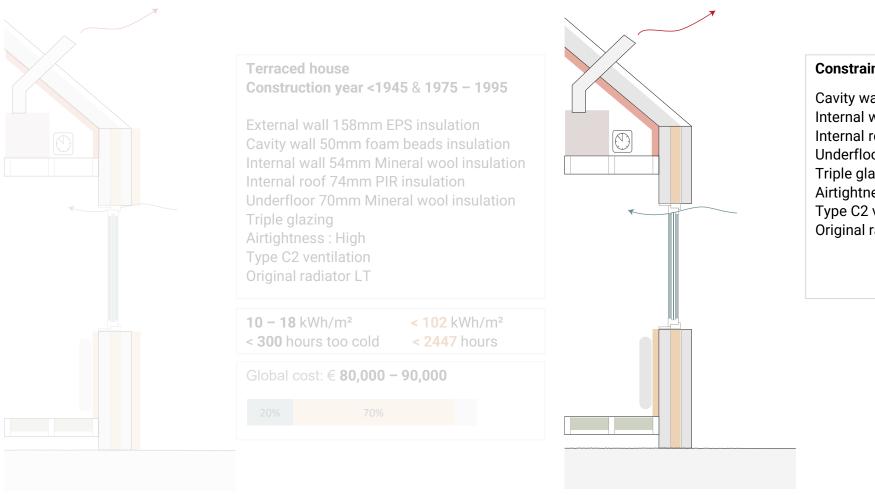


Decision making process and practical use of tool





Evaluation by Scenarios

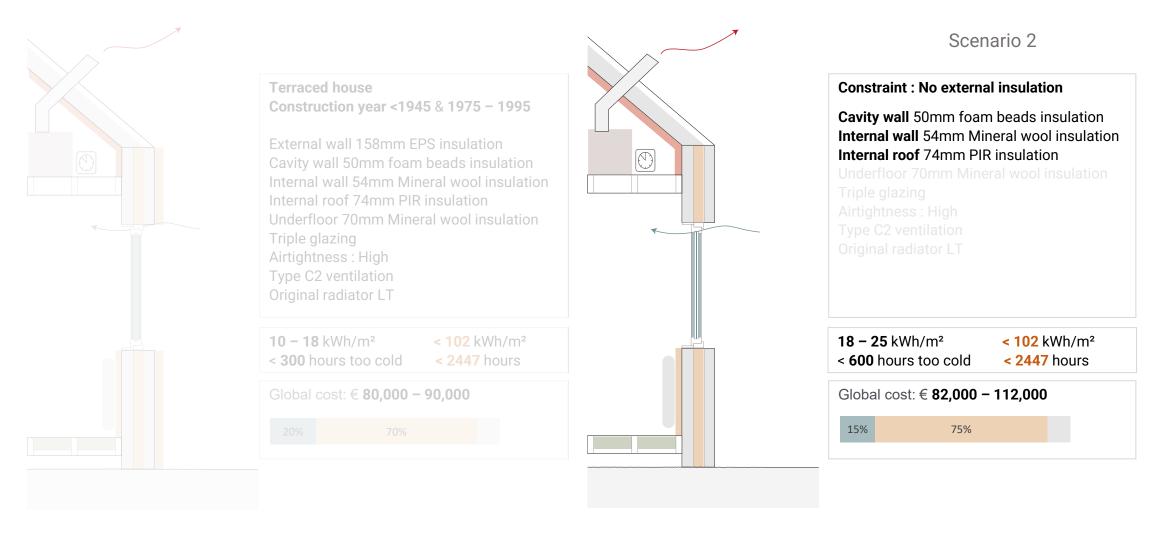


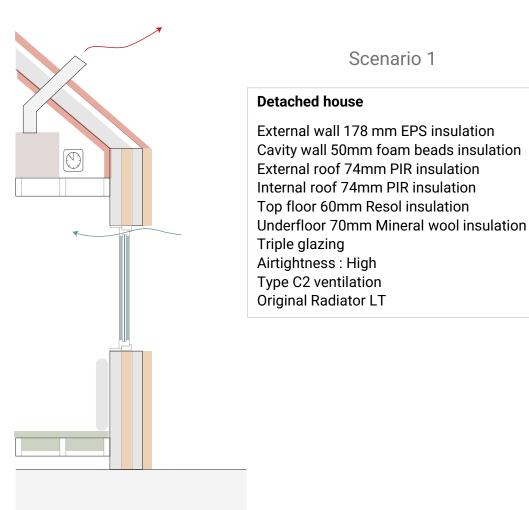
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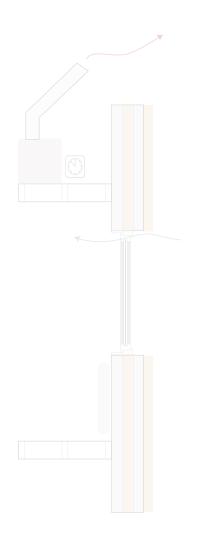
Constraint: No external insulation

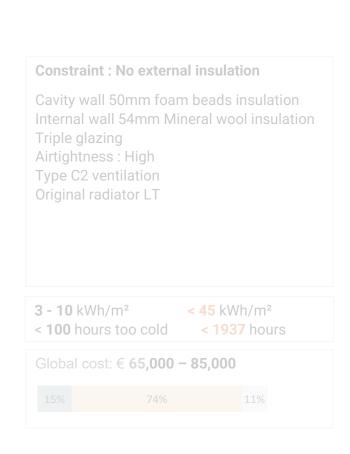
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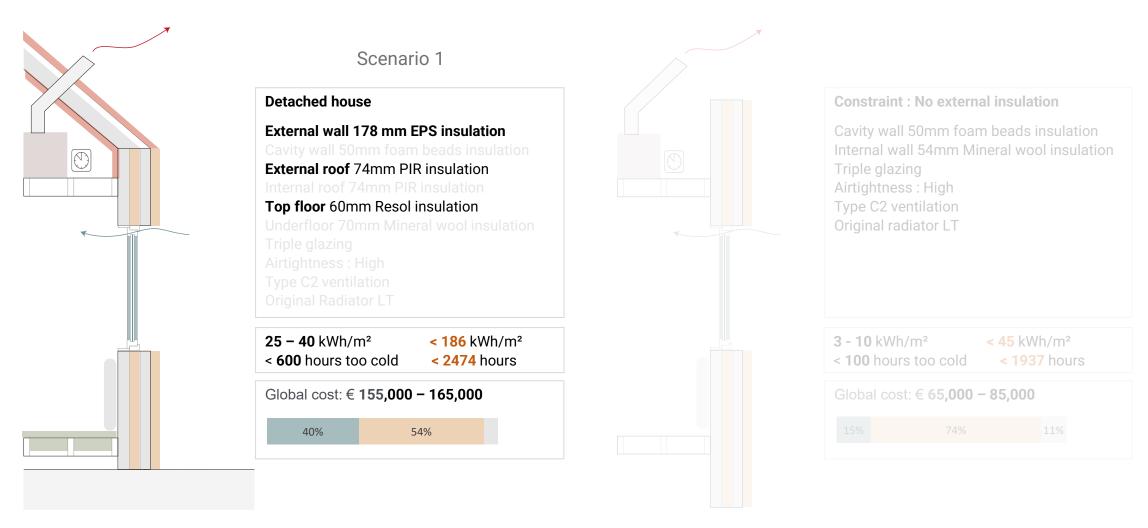
Airtightness: High Type C2 ventilation Original radiator LT





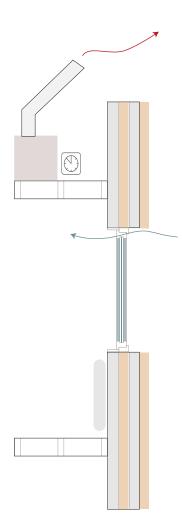






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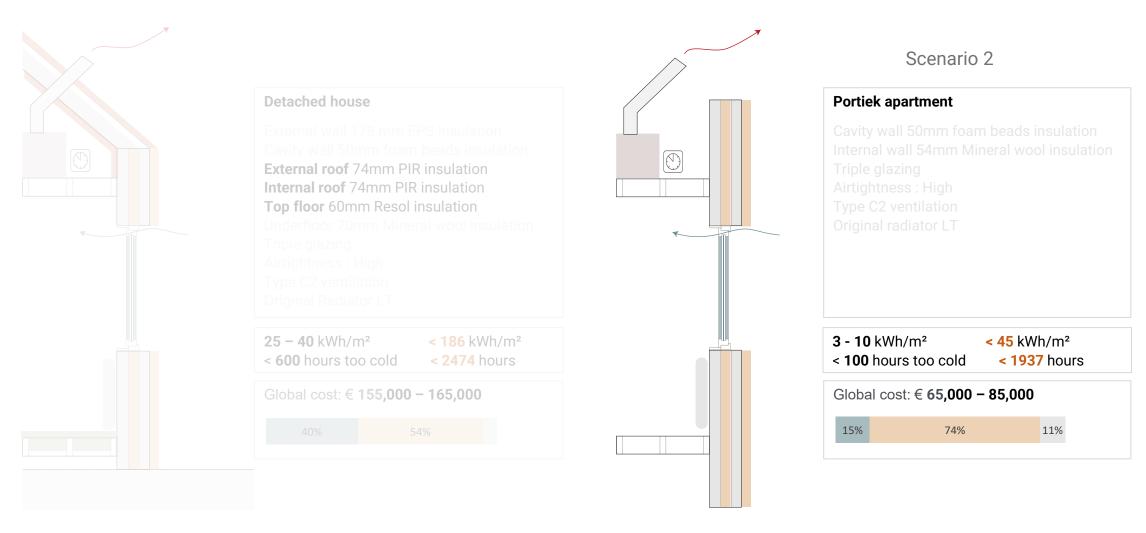
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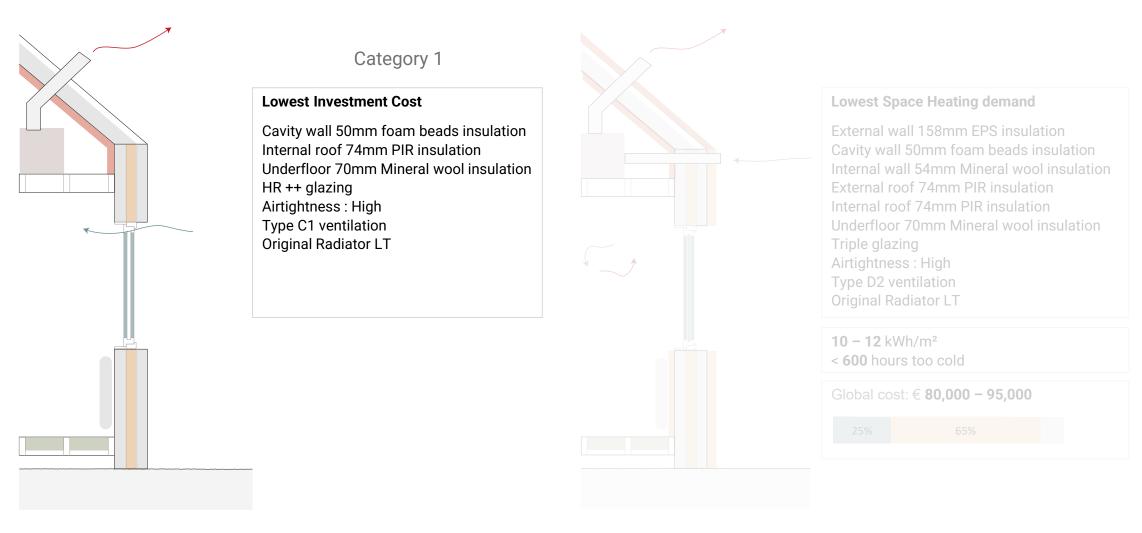
Portiek apartment

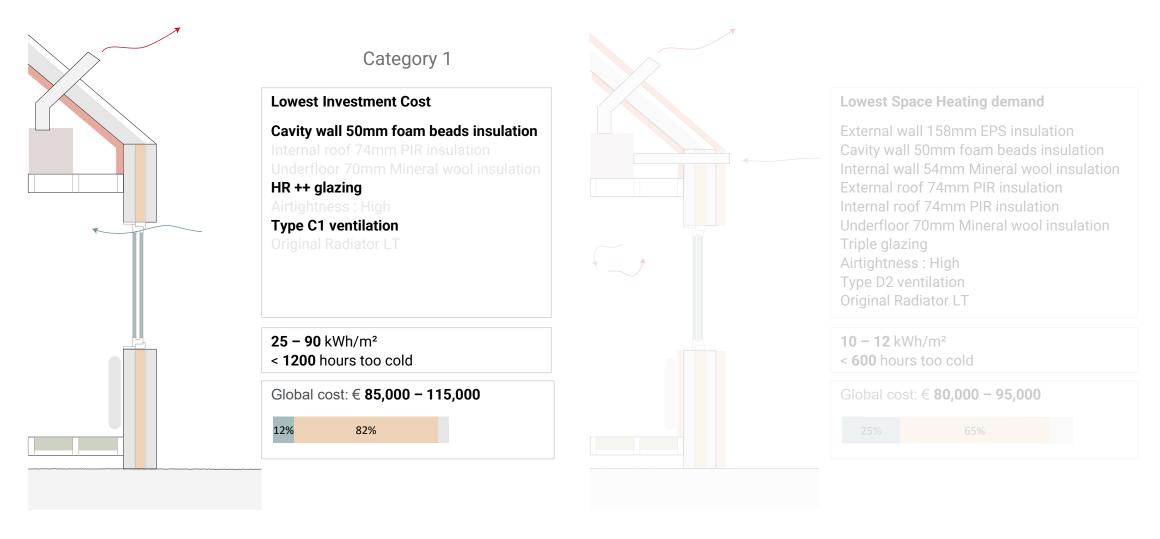
Original radiator LT

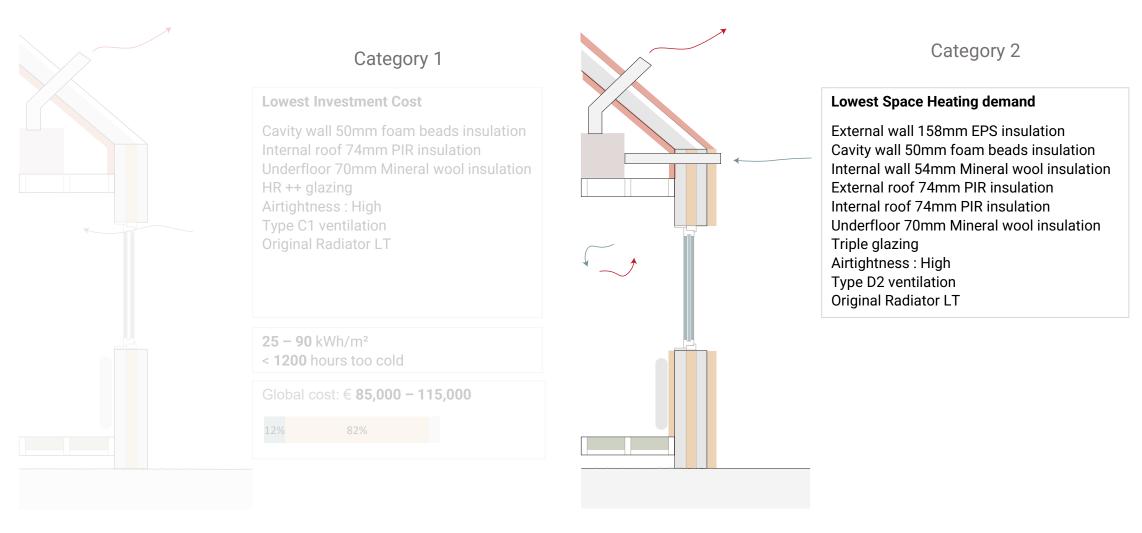
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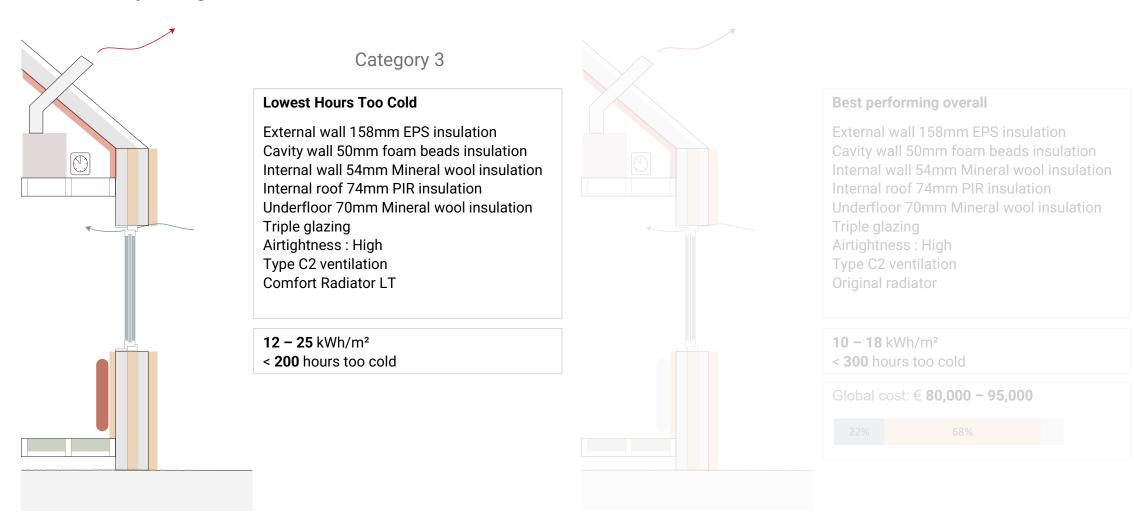


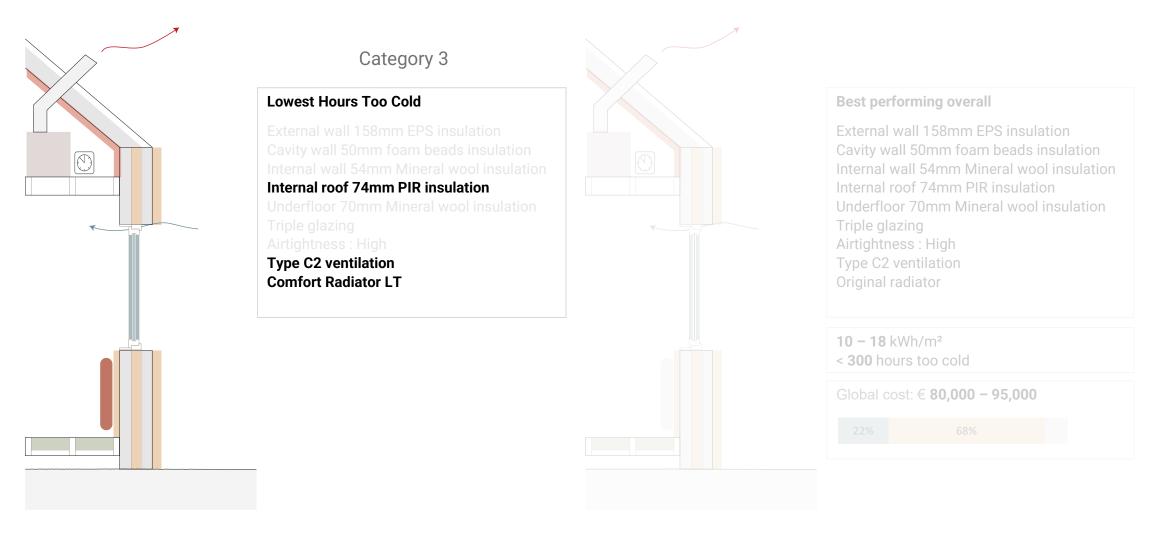


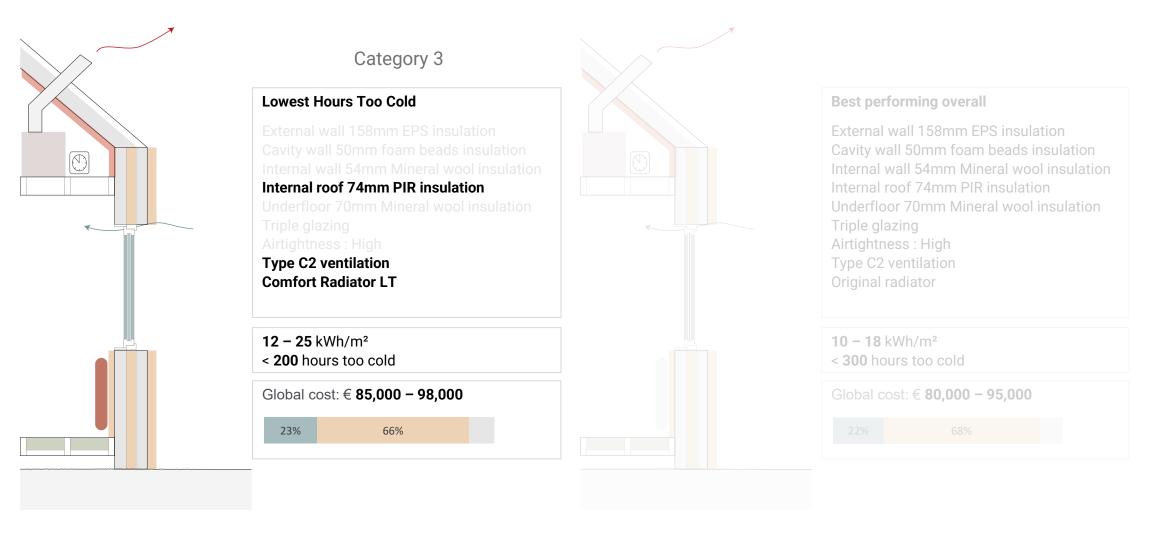










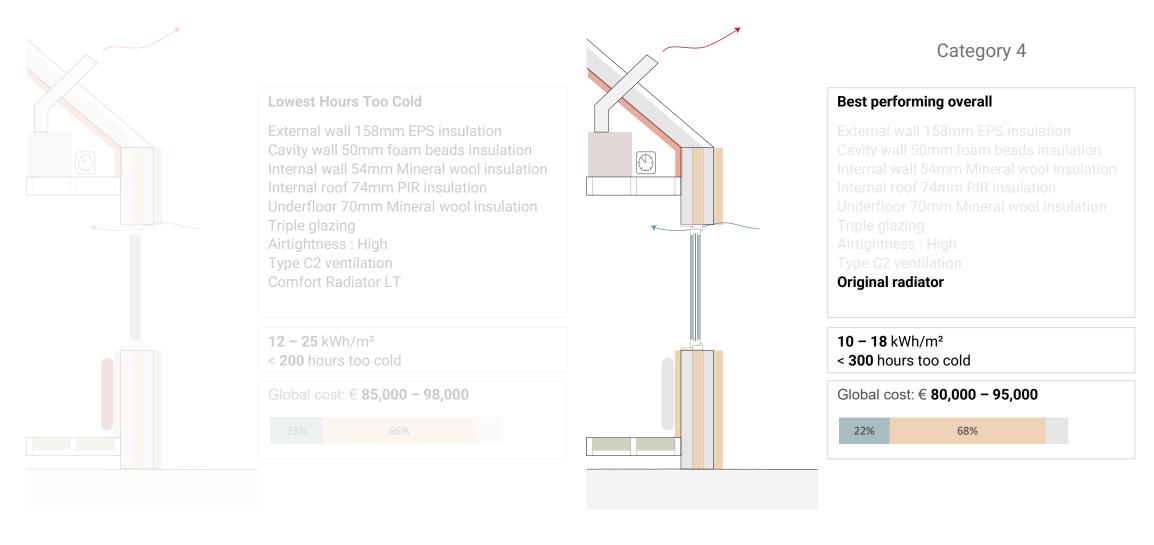


Evaluation by Categories

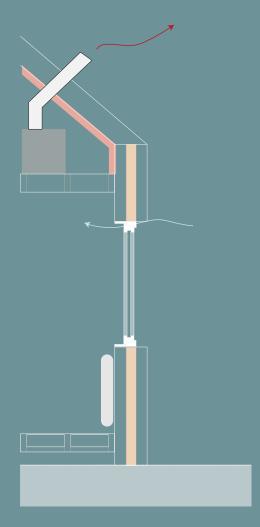


Category 4

External wall 158mm EPS insulation Cavity wall 50mm foam beads insulation Internal wall 54mm Mineral wool insulation Internal roof 74mm PIR insulation Underfloor 70mm Mineral wool insulation



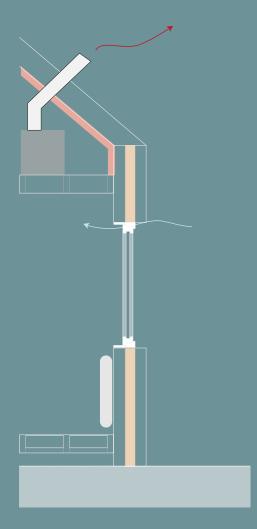
Recap



Most Impactful measures

Cavity wall insulation
Internal roof 74mm PIR insulation
Triple glazing
Airtightness: High
Type C2 ventilation
Original Radiator LT

Key Takeaways



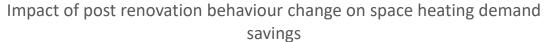
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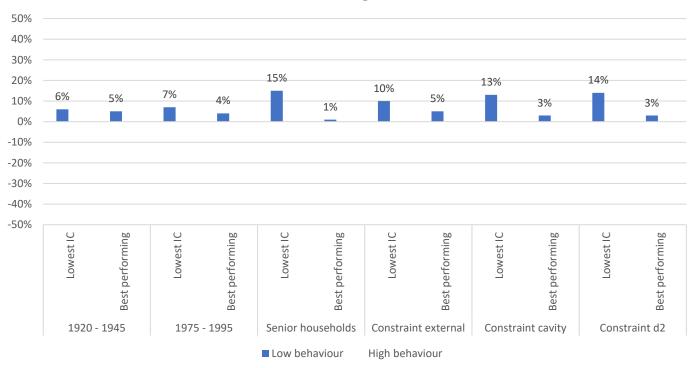
- Cavity wall insulation
- Internal roof 74mm PIR insulation
- 3. Triple glazing
- 4. Airtightness: High
- Type C2 ventilation
- 6. Original Radiator L1

- Energy cost contribute significantly to global cost
- Intensive measures required
- Higher initial investment cost
- Particularly affects less compact housing archetypes

Impact of post occupancy behaviour change on space heating savings

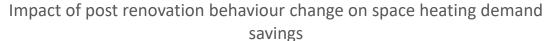
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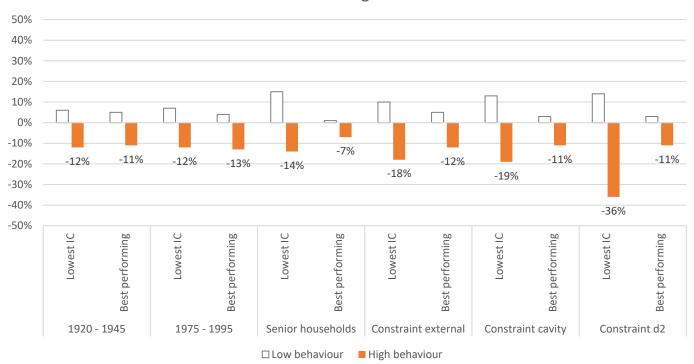




Low behaviour : average 7 % increase in savings

High behaviour post refurbishment

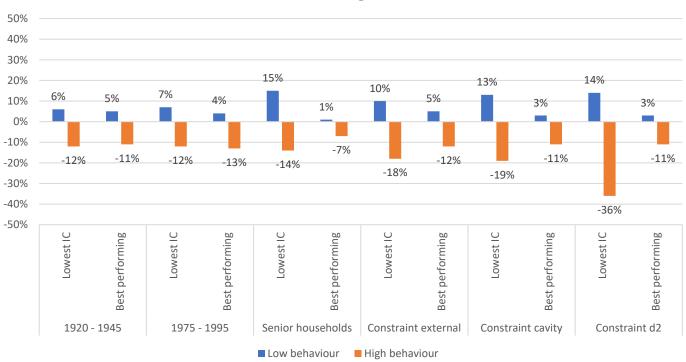




High behaviour : average 15 % reduction in savings

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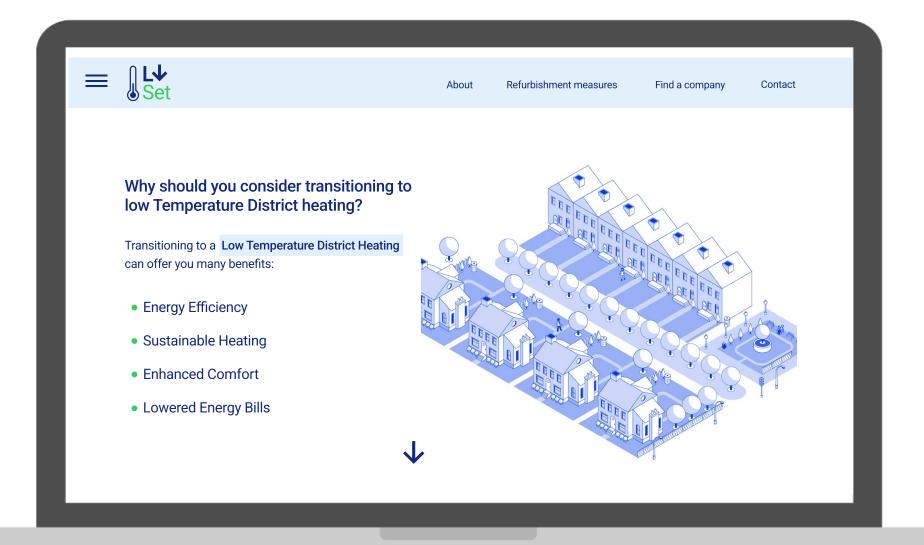
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How to develop a surrogate model-based decision-making tool to select combined, no-regret refurbishment measures using performance indicators for multiple Dutch housing typologies considering occupancy behaviour and lifecycle cost to transition to low-temperature district heating?





Personas

Senior couple





Filipo, 65

Dalila, 65

Retired elderly couple living it up in Amsterdam.



Adult Couple





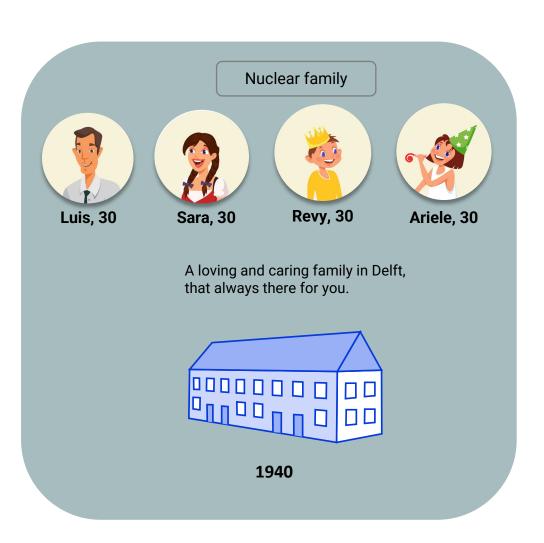
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Ricardo, 25

Young professionals living in the Hague

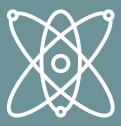








Conclusion



Integrated **behaviour** and **lifecycle** perspective into a refurbishment decision making framework using **surrogate** models



Examine variations of methods to set up optimization objectives



Helped a **diverse range of homeowners** address the
need to refurbish their
dwellings to transition to an **LT-set** future!

Thank you