



OPTIMISING THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN SMART PASSIVE BUILDINGS

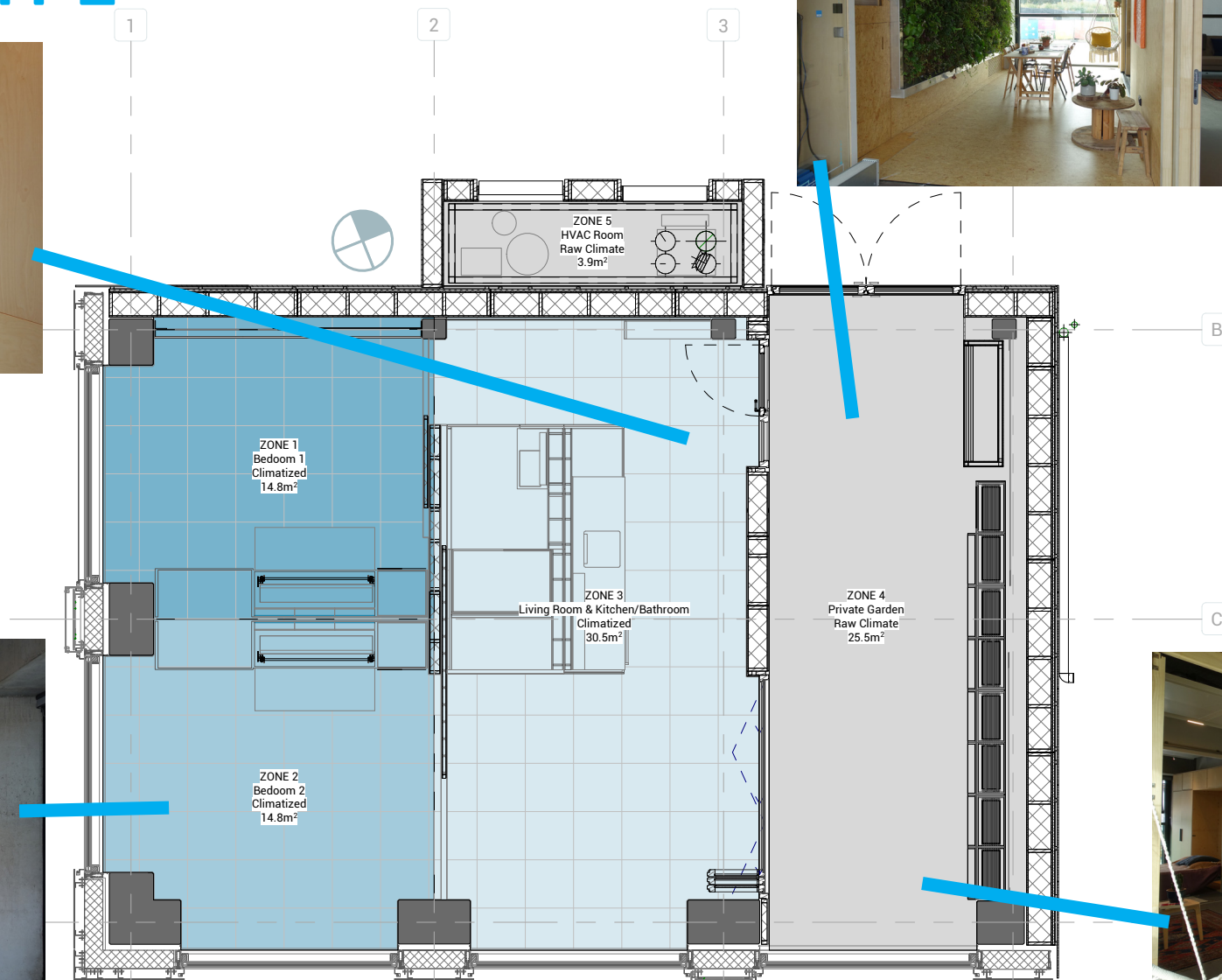
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MOR PROTOTYPE

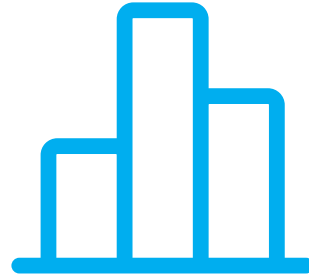




PROBLEM STATEMENT



40% of energy use



Performance gap



Energy performance of buildings directive (EPBD)

MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION

How can the building management system be optimised to extend the passive period of having a positive impact on the energy efficiency for MOR and more?

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

No active cooling necessary

Heating setpoint in summer 20,8 °C

Mechanical ventilation rate 1,0 ach

Little influence found for:

- mechanical ventilation setpoint
- mechanical ventilation maximum temperature difference

QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Comfort conditions

- Thermal comfort
- CO₂ levels
- Relative humidity

Lighting controls

Safety/security

Predictive maintenance

LITERATURE REVIEW

What is a building management system?

Which parameters have the biggest influence?

What are the comfort conditions that the building management system has to reach?



BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Main functions

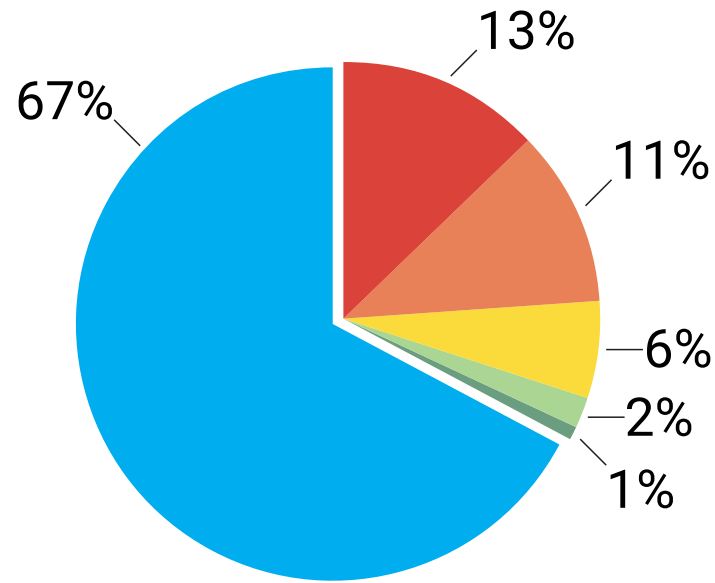
- Energy efficiency
- Comfort conditions
- Heat and cold generation

Secondary functions

- Safety and security
- Predictive maintenance

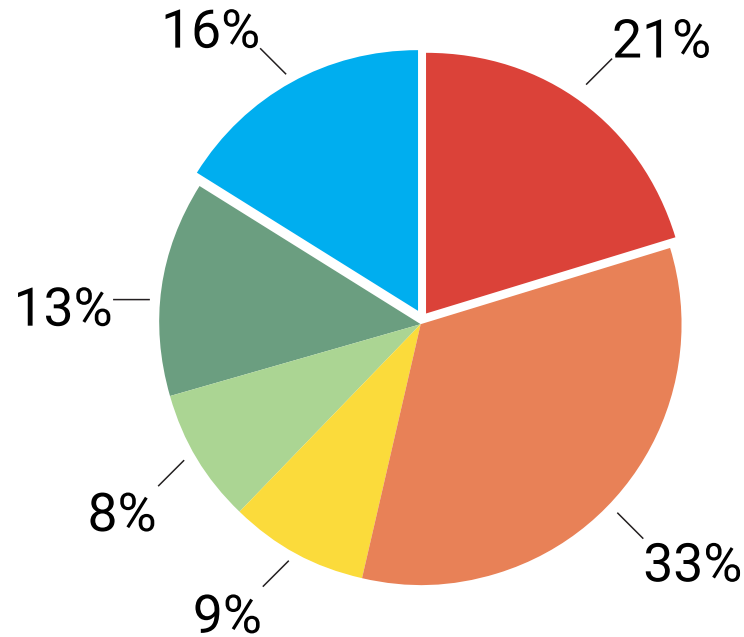
ENERGY USAGE

Average all residential buildings in the EU



Csiba, 2016

Average nZEBs in the Netherlands

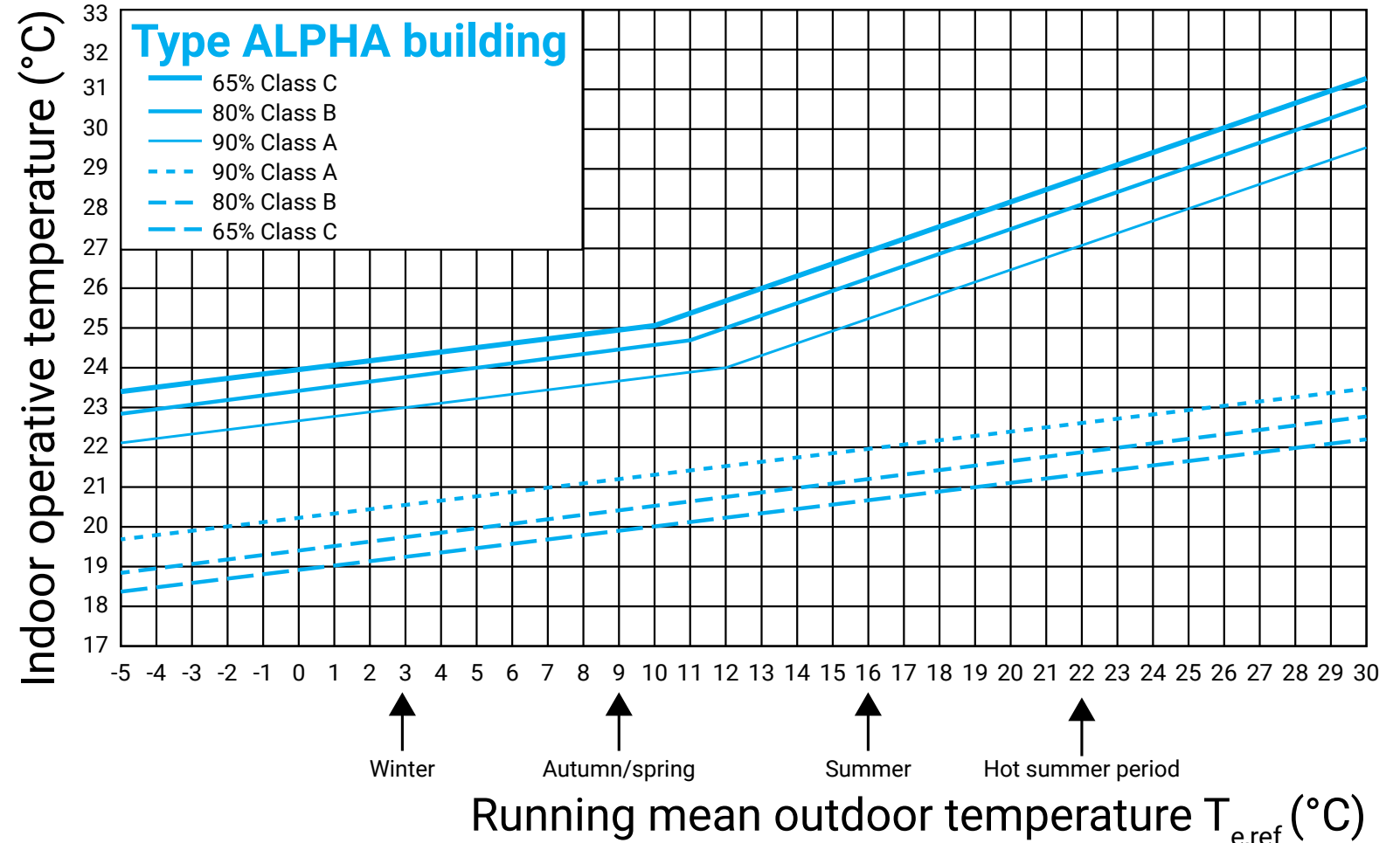


Nuiten, et al., 2019

- Space heating
- Water heating
- Electrical appliances
- Cooking
- Lighting
- Cooling

COMFORT CONDITIONS

Thermal comfort

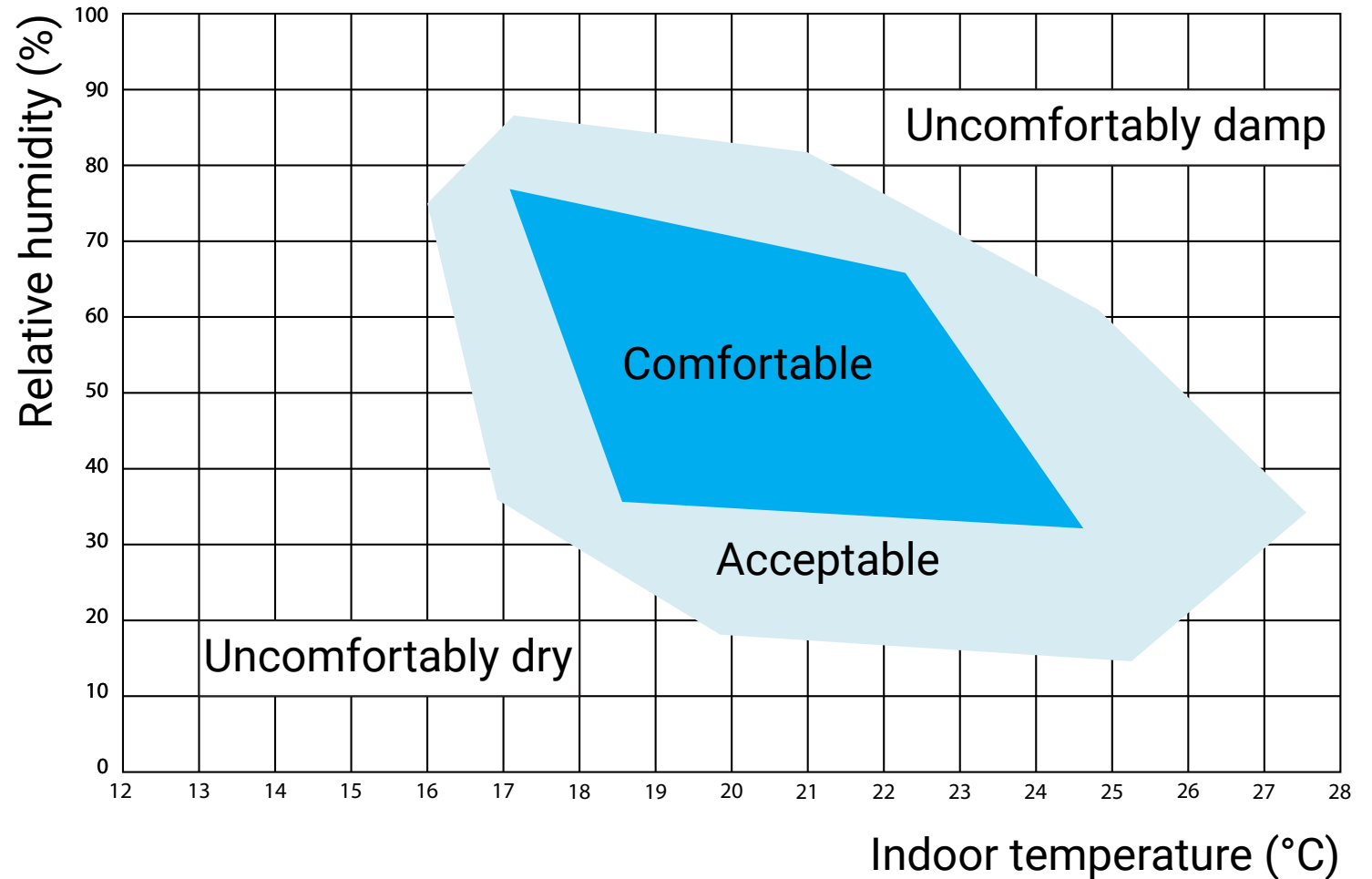


van der Linden, Boerstra, Raue, Kurvers, & de Dear, 2006

COMFORT CONDITIONS

Indoor air quality

- CO₂ levels
- Relative humidity



COMFORT CONDITIONS

Visual comfort

- Illuminance levels
- Glare
- Controllability
- View outside

Room	Specific area	Lux
Bathroom	Sink and mirror	300 - 500
	Ambient lighting	
	Toilet	
Living room	Resting area	50 - 200
	Reading area	300
Bedroom	Ambient lighting	100 - 200
	Reading area	300
Workstation		500
Kitchen	Ambient lighting	200 - 300
	Kitchen counter	300 - 500
Hallway		50 - 100

Bodart, et al., 2011

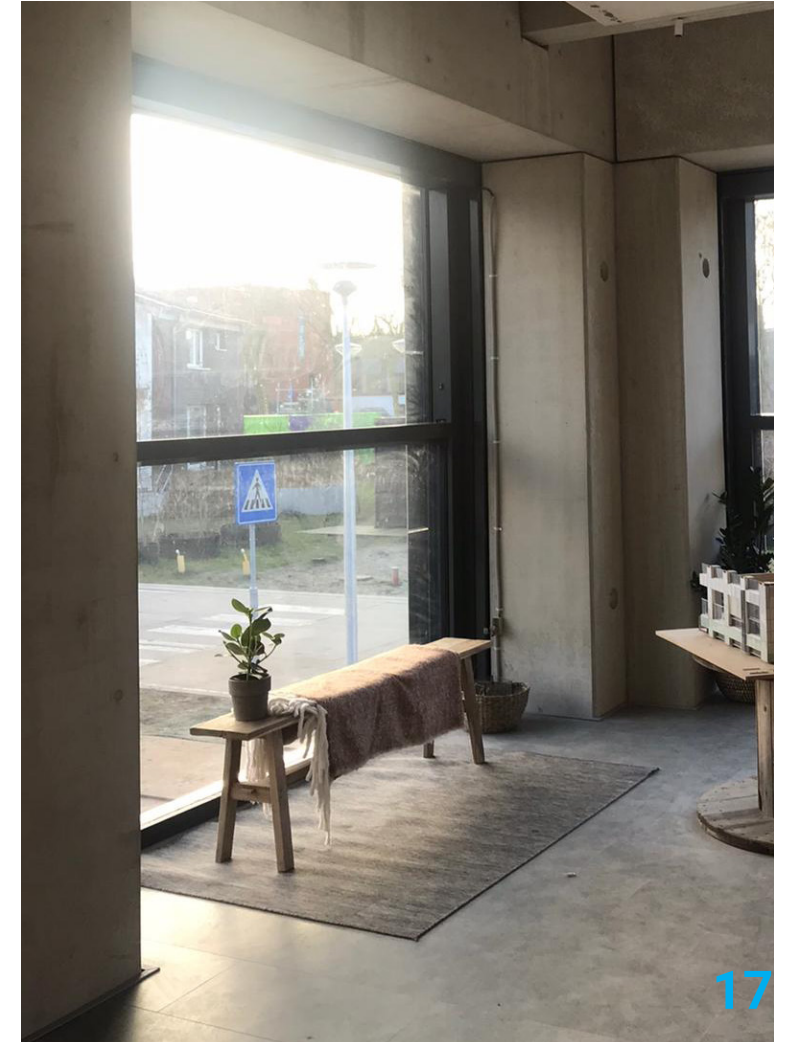
CASE STUDY

How is the building management system currently programmed?



PASSIVE SYSTEMS

- Solar heat gain
- Heat recovery
- Solar shading
- Natural ventilation
- Thermal mass



SEMI-PASSIVE SYSTEMS

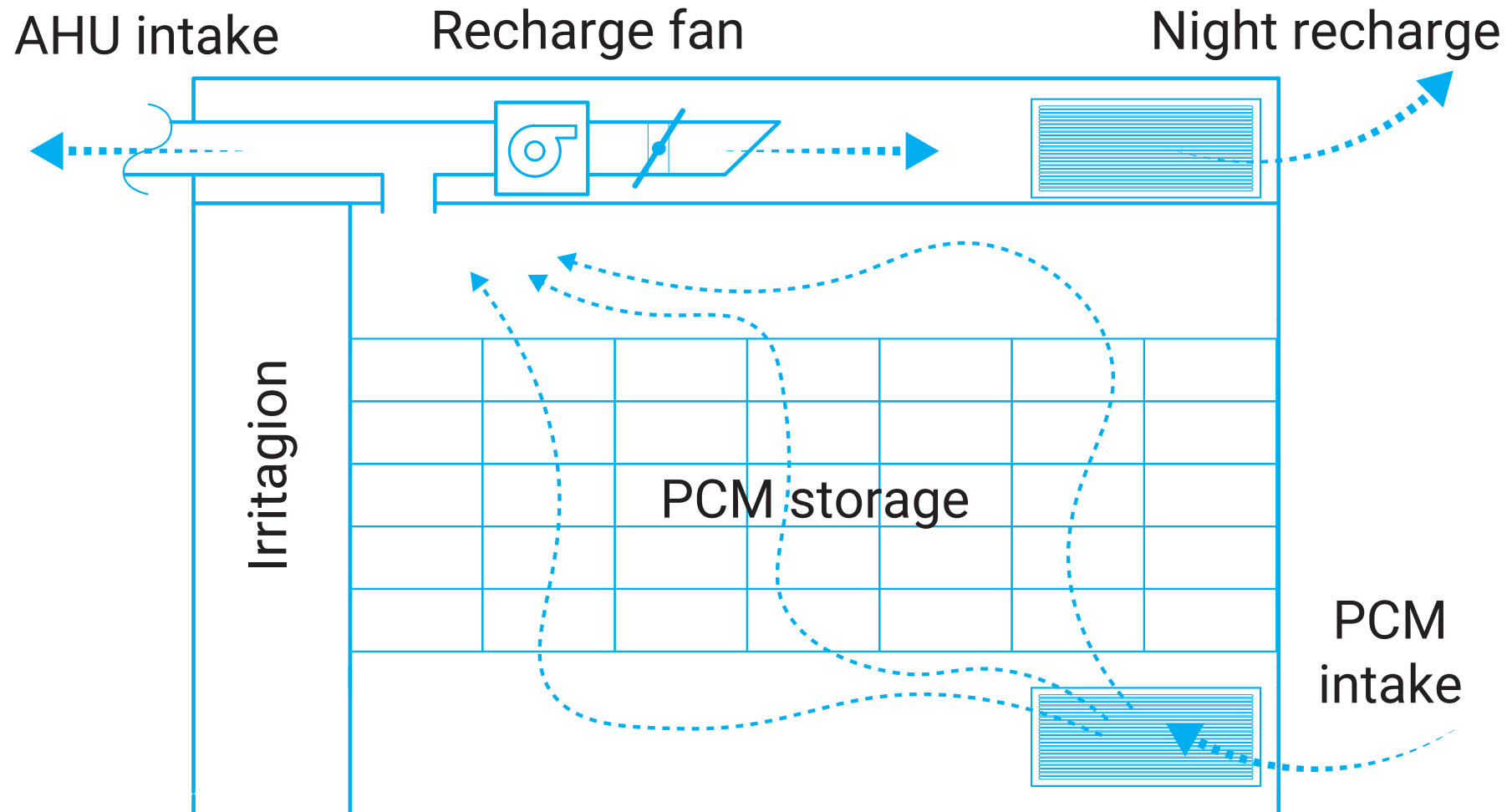
Phase changing materials
(PCMs)

Solid - > liquid
store heat

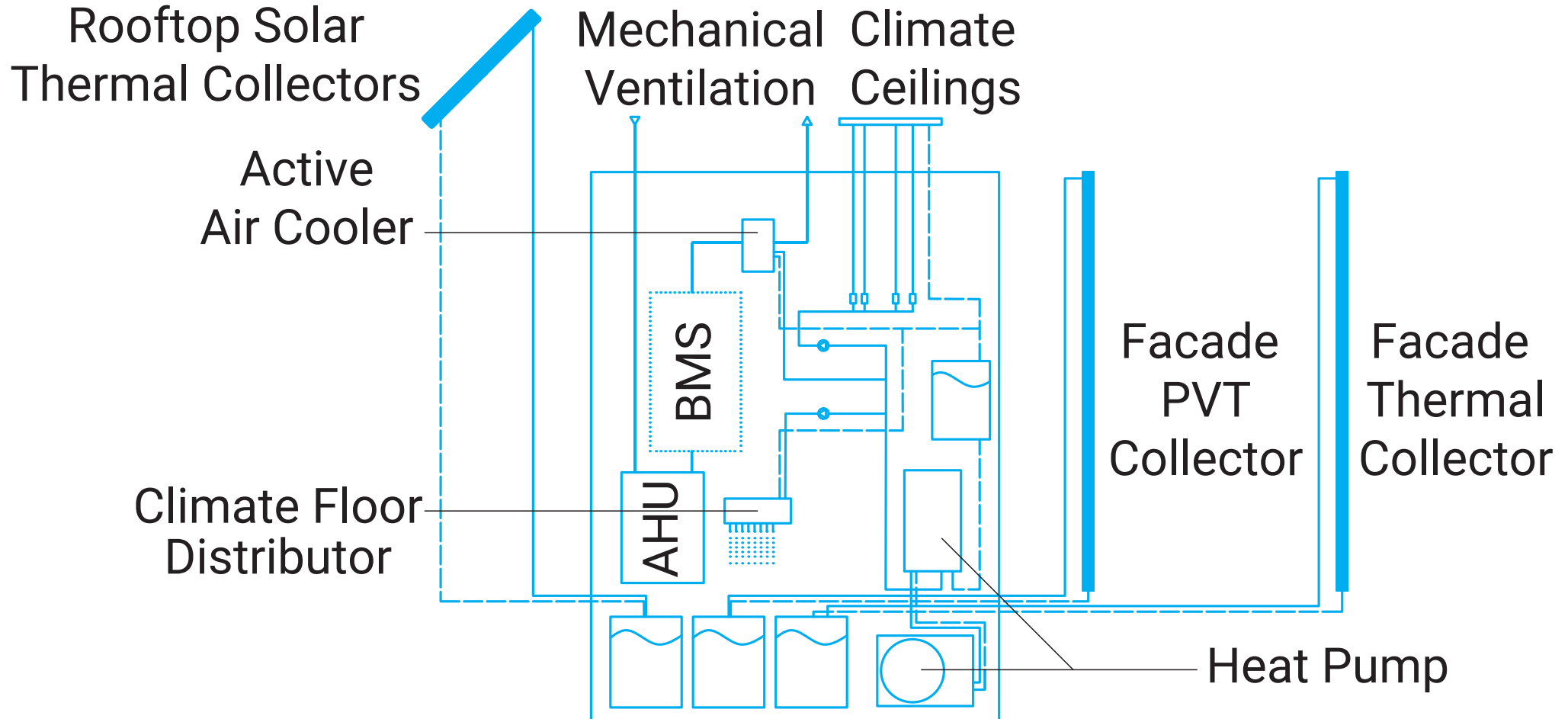
Liquid -> solid
release heat



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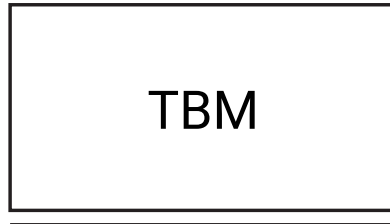


ACTIVE SYSTEMS



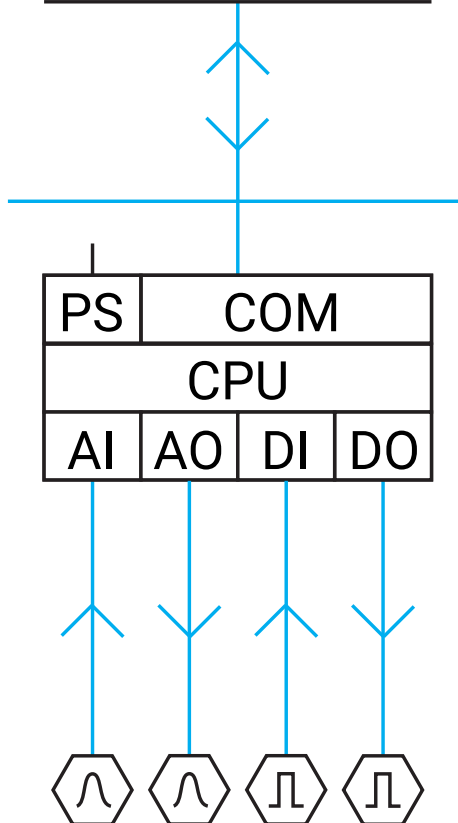
BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Management level



Technical Building Management (TBM)

Automation level



Power supply (PS)
Communication interface (COM)
Central processing unit (CPU)
Analog input (AI) Analog output (AO)
Digital input (DI) Digital output (DO)

Field level

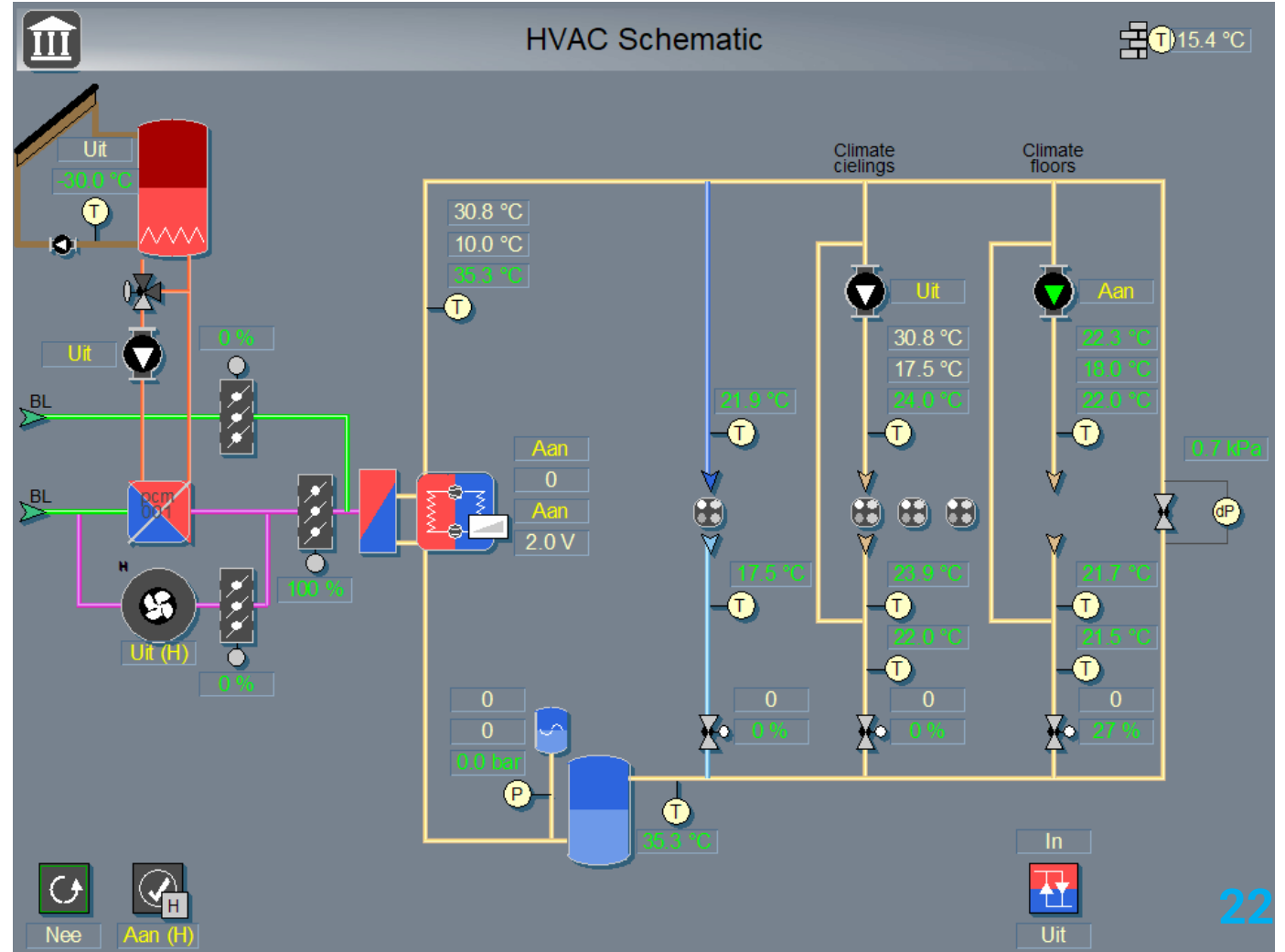


Sensor
Actuators

MANAGEMENT LEVEL

Priva Top Control 8

- TC Operator
- TC History
- (TC Energy)



AUTOMATION LEVEL

- Priva Blue ID C-Line



FIELD LEVEL

Indoor sensors

- Combined temperature and CO₂ sensor
- Duct temperature
- Water temperature



Weather station

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Temperature
- Relative humidity
- Rainfall
- Solar radiation



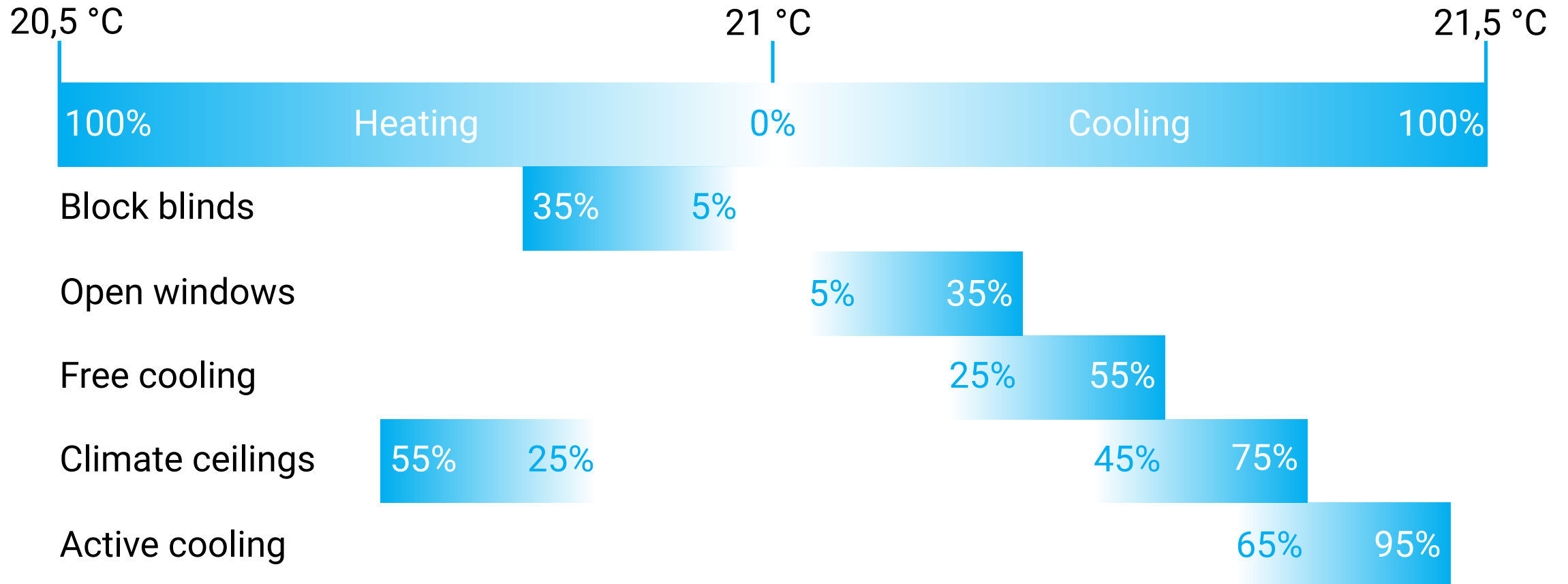
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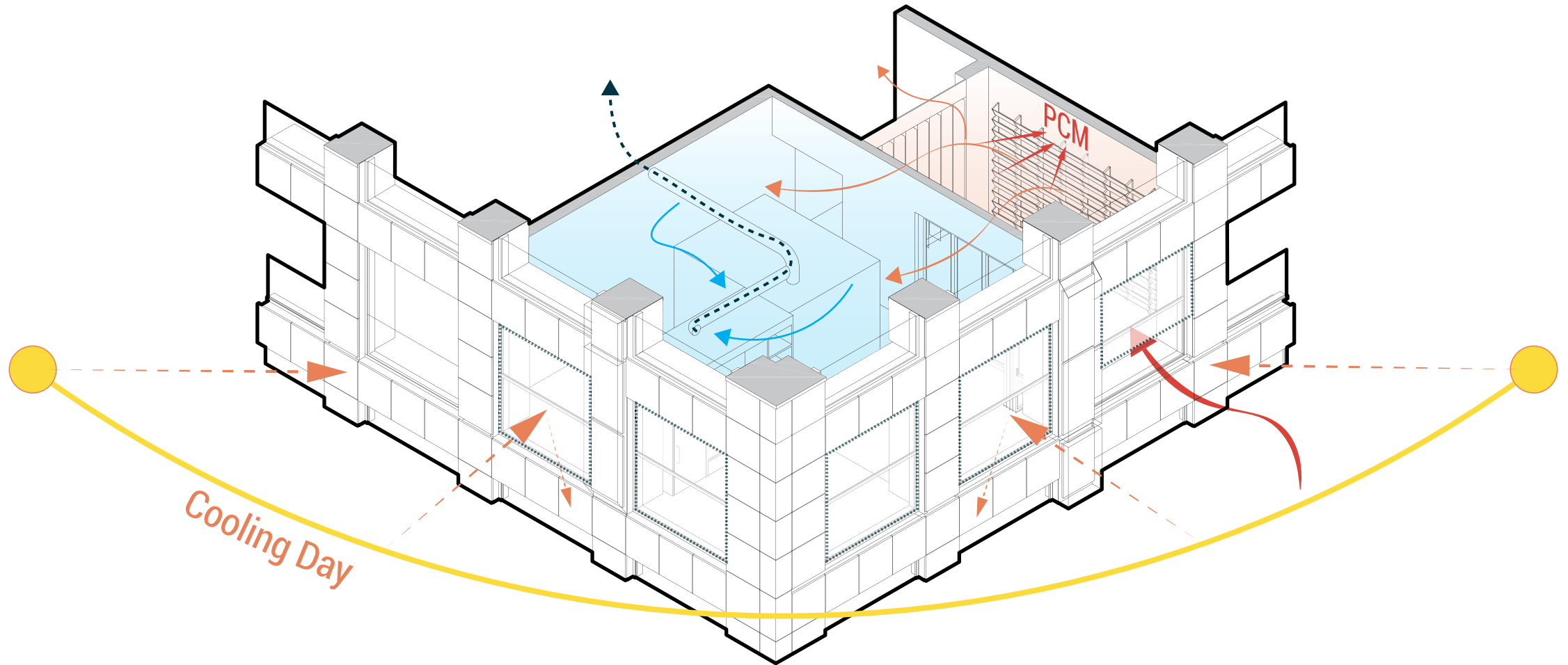
- Window motors
- Shading motors
- Vents
- Pumps
- Control valves



COMFORT CONDITIONS



HEAT AND COLD GENERATION

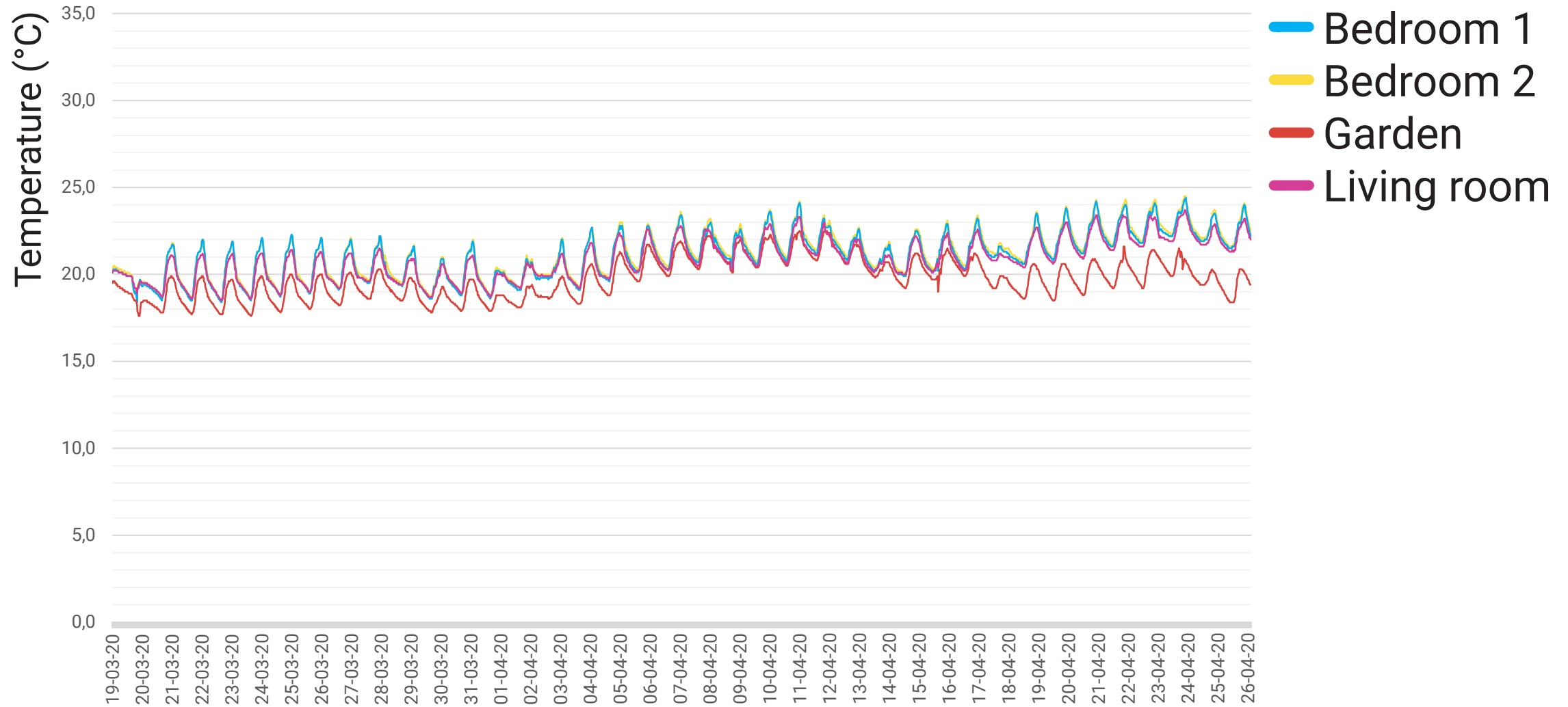


METHOD

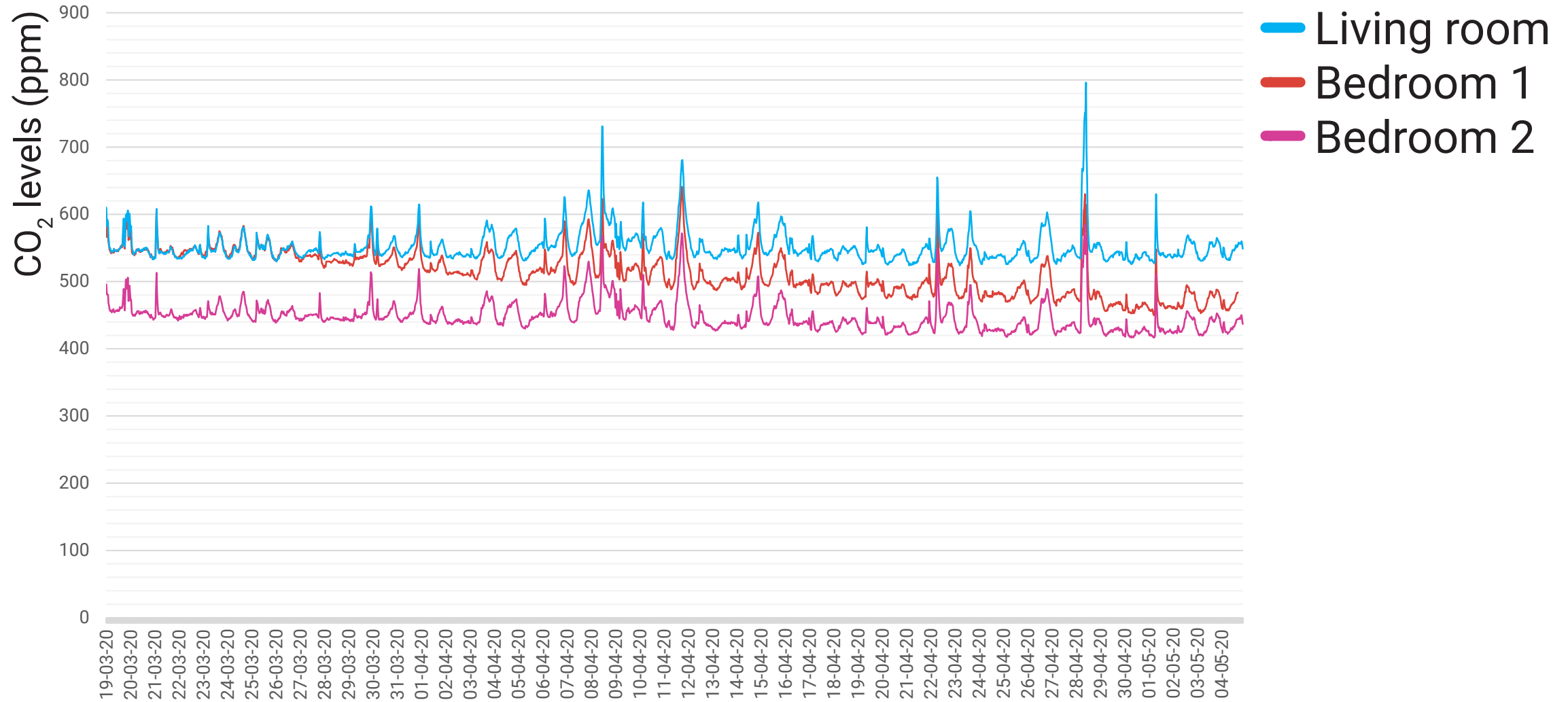
Can simulations optimise these setpoints?



MEASUREMENTS



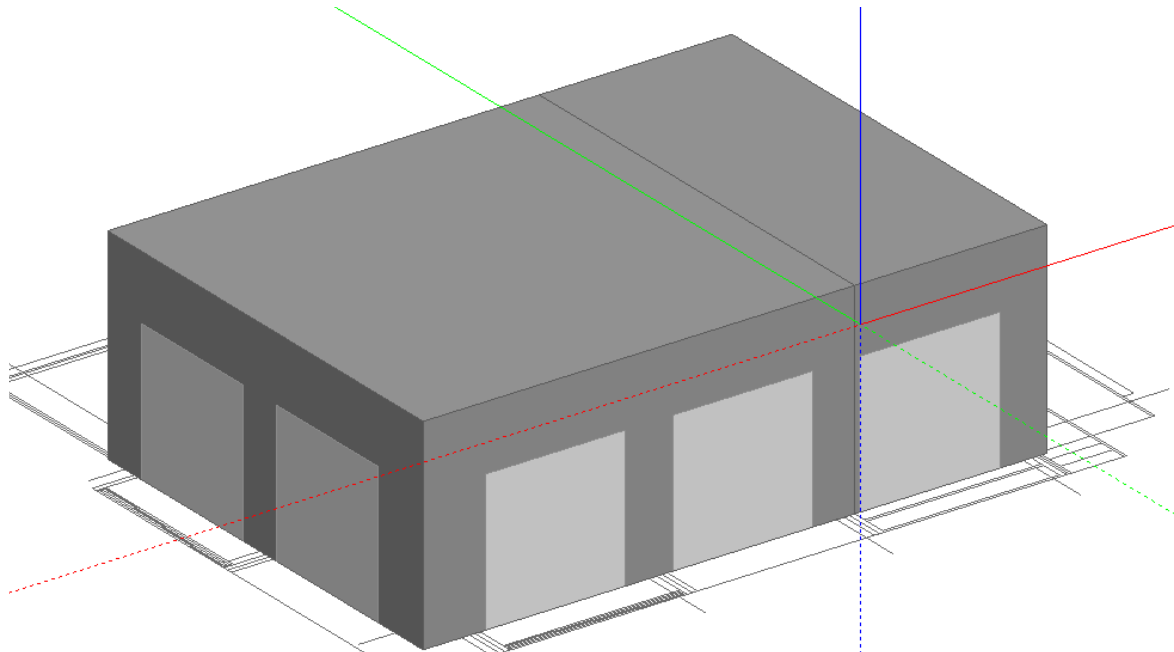
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MODELS

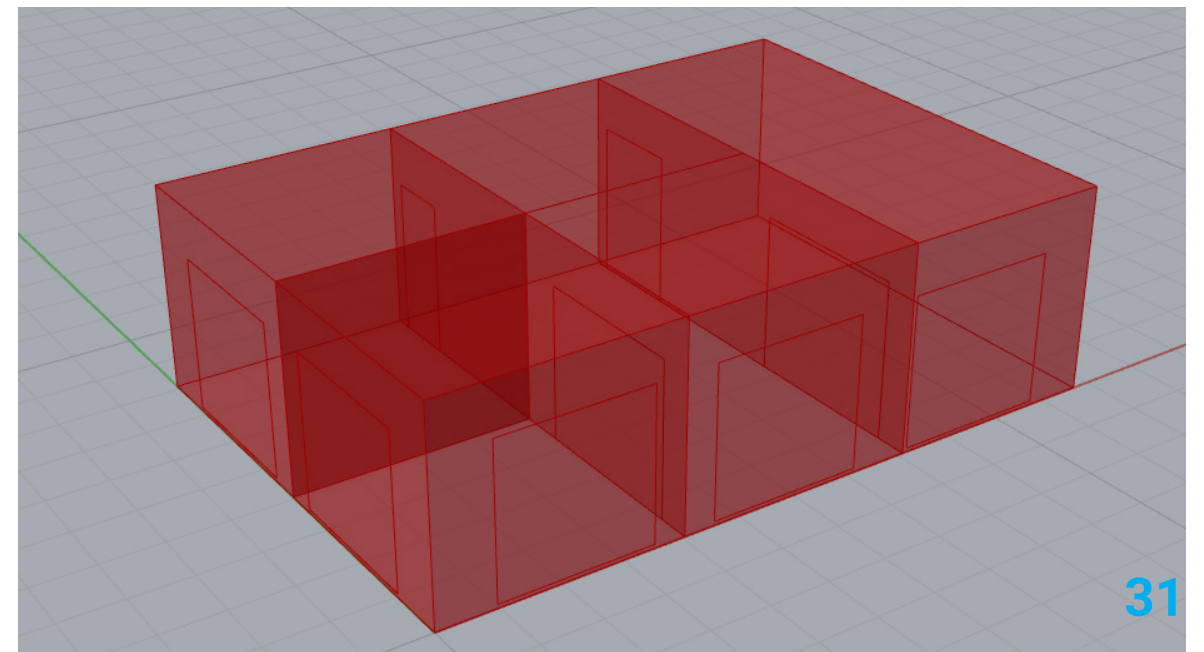
DesignBuilder model

- Existing model
- Simple HVAC template
- Built-in optimisation engine

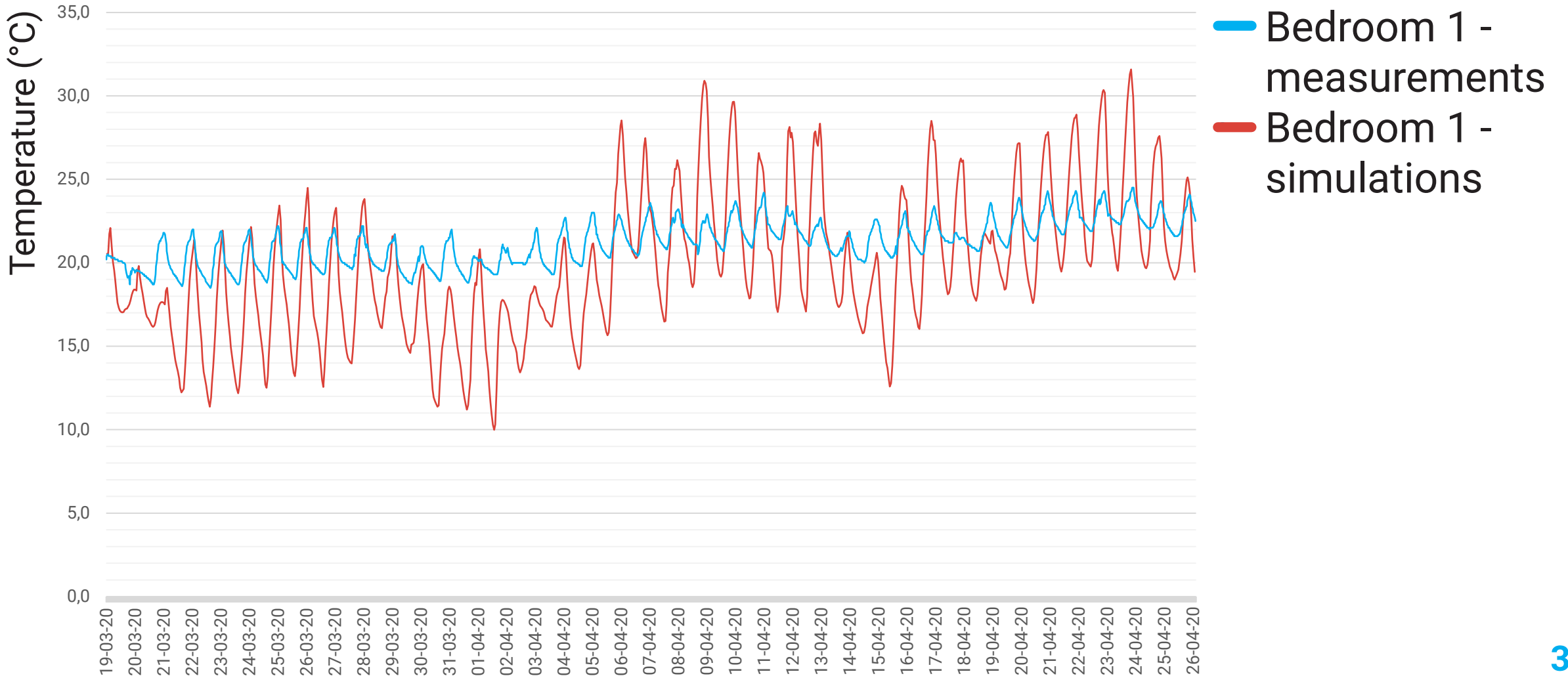


Grasshopper model

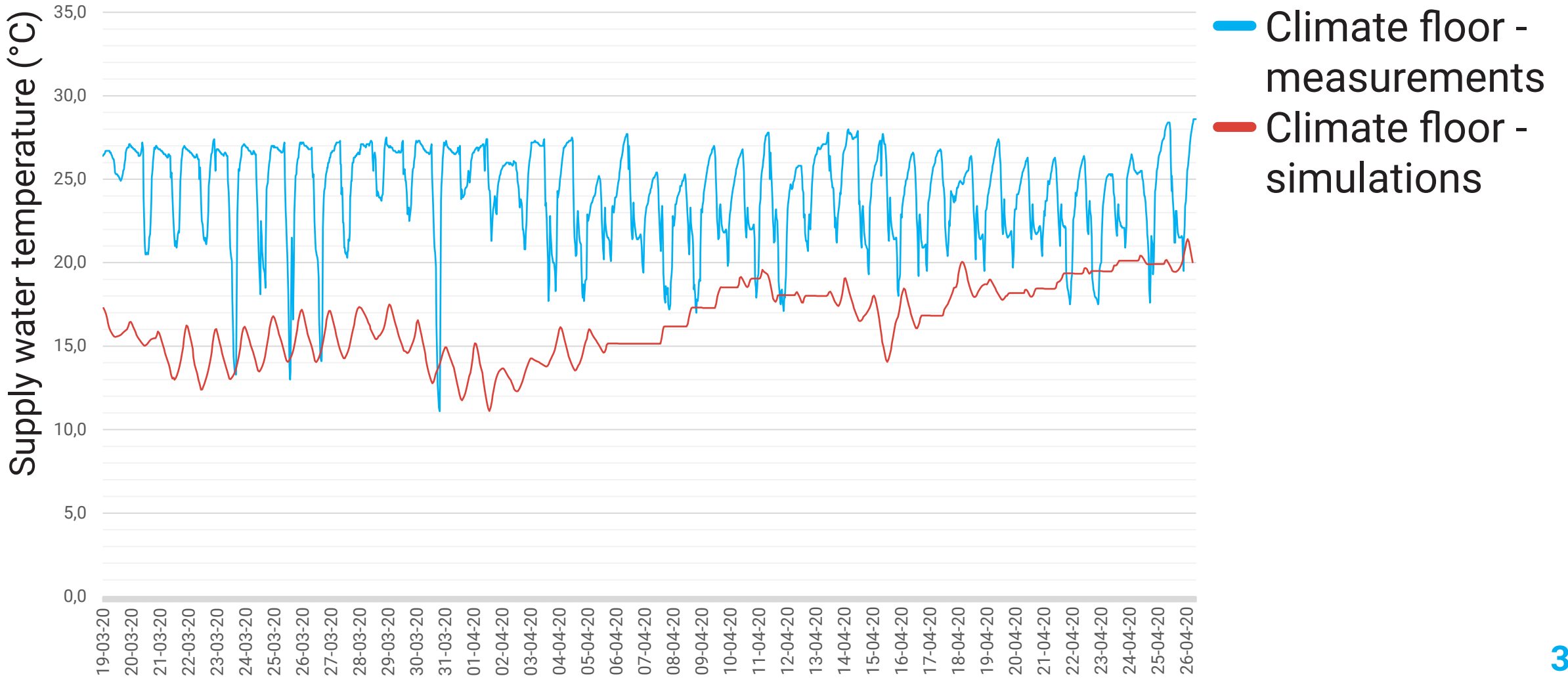
- Newly built model
- Detailed HVAC
- Integration with modeFRONTIER



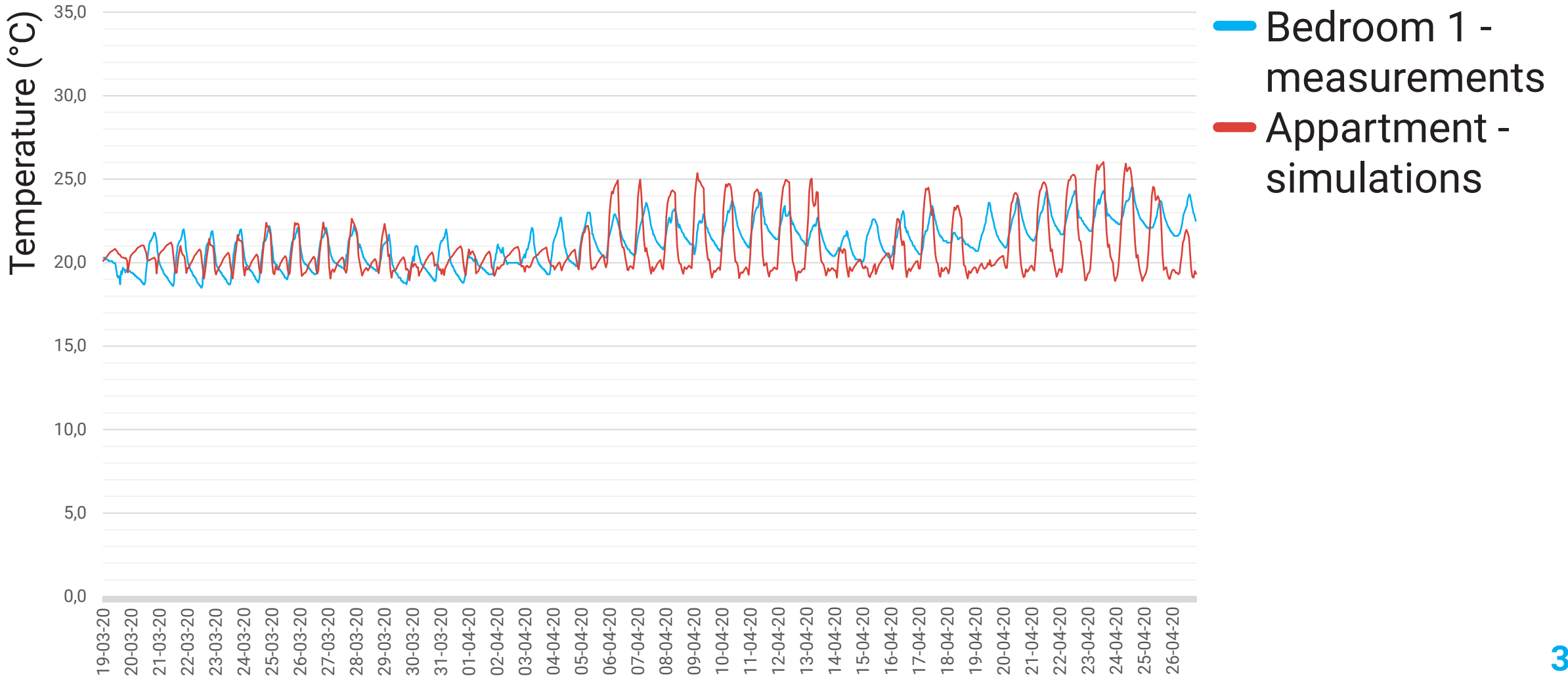
SIMULATIONS GRASSHOPPER MODEL



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SIMULATIONS DESIGNBUILDER MODEL



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- $CV(RMSE) < 30 \%$
- $MBE < \pm 10 \%$

Model	MBE	RMSE	CV(RMSE)	Pearson's correlation coefficient (r)
Grasshopper model	-7,4 %	3,510 °C	58,5 %	0,84
DesignBuilder model	-2,0 %	1,526 °C	25,4 %	0,49

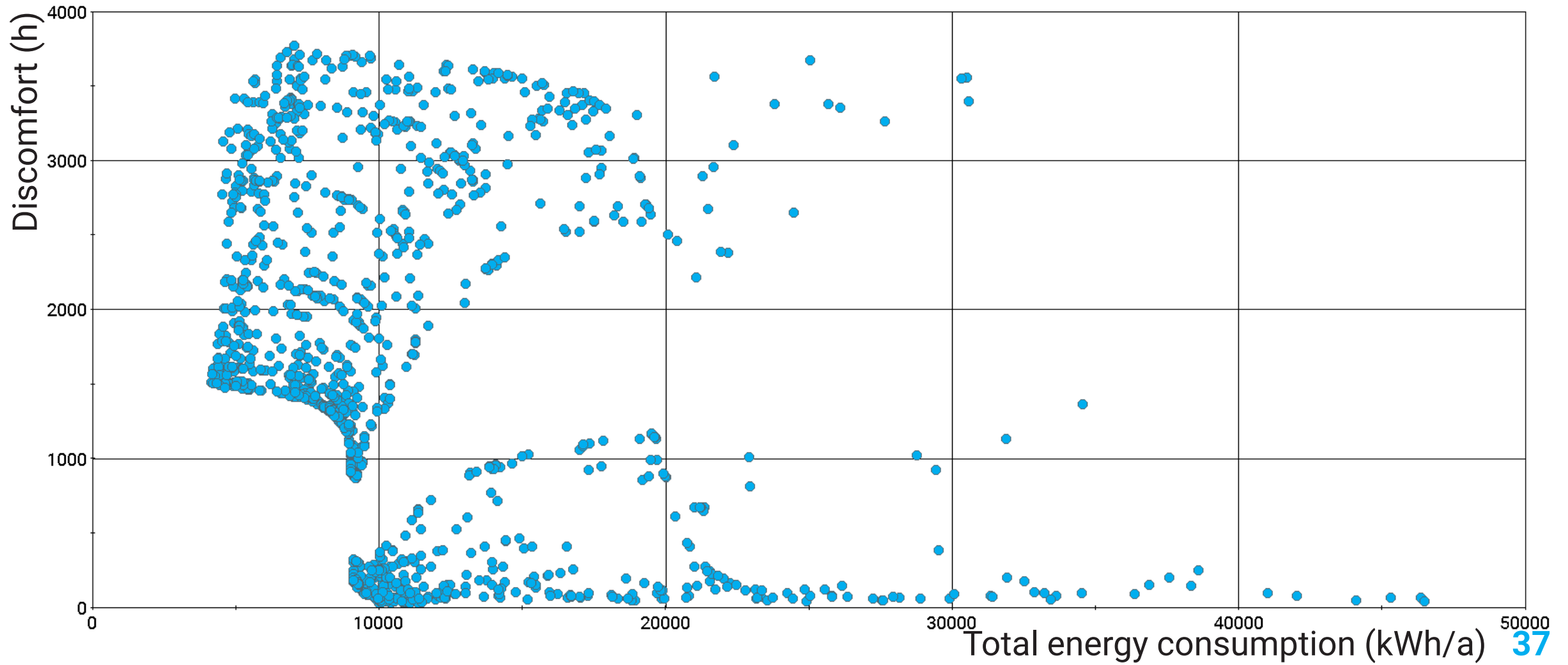
PROBLEM FORMULATION

Objectives:

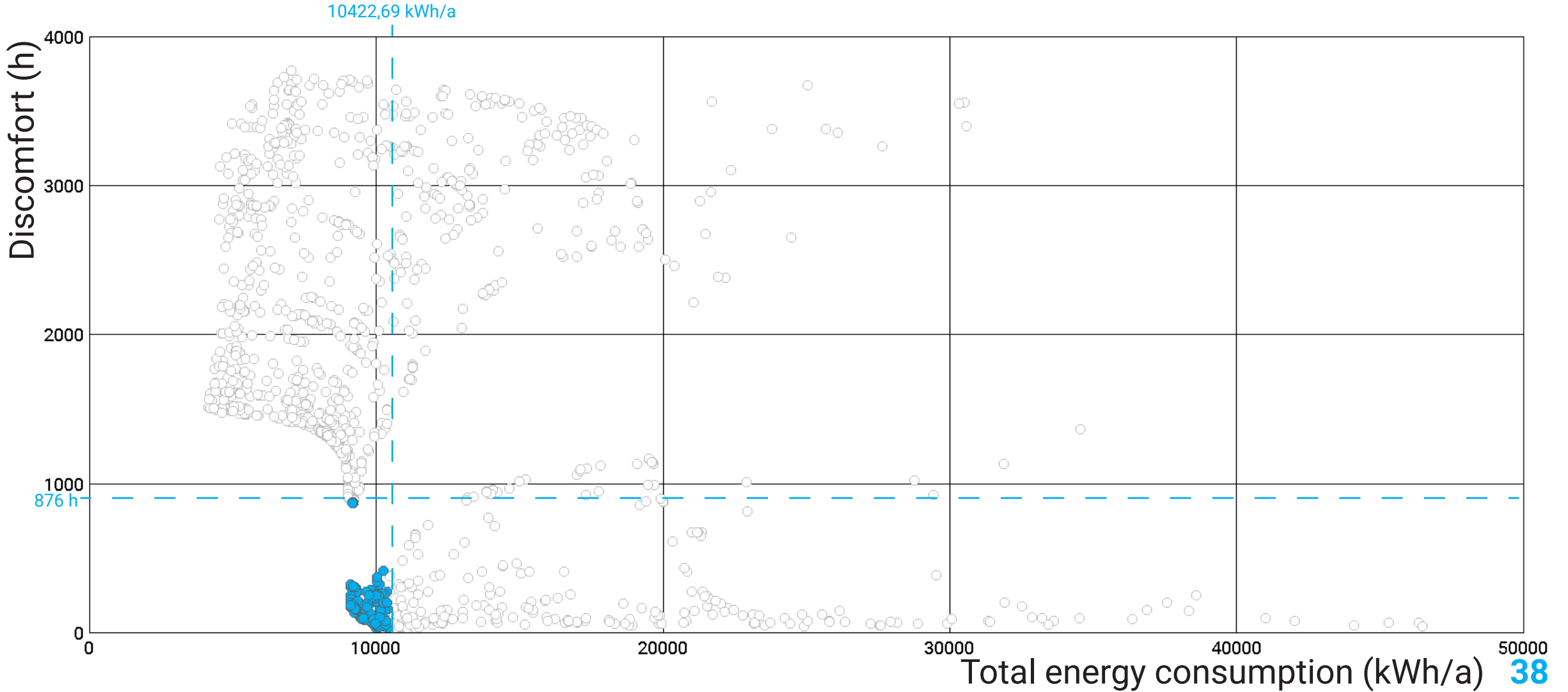
- Minimising total energy consumption
- Minimising thermal discomfort.

Design variable	Lower bound	Upper bound
Cooling setpoint temperature	15,0 °C	35,0 °C
Heating setpoint temperature	10,0 °C	25,0 °C
Natural ventilation setpoint temperature	15,0 °C	35,0 °C
Natural ventilation maximum temperature difference	-30,0 °C	2,0 °C
Mechanical ventilation setpoint temperature	15,0 °C	35,0 °C
Mechanical ventilation maximum temperature difference	-30,0 °C	2,0 °C
Mechanical ventilation rate	1,0 ach	10,0 ach

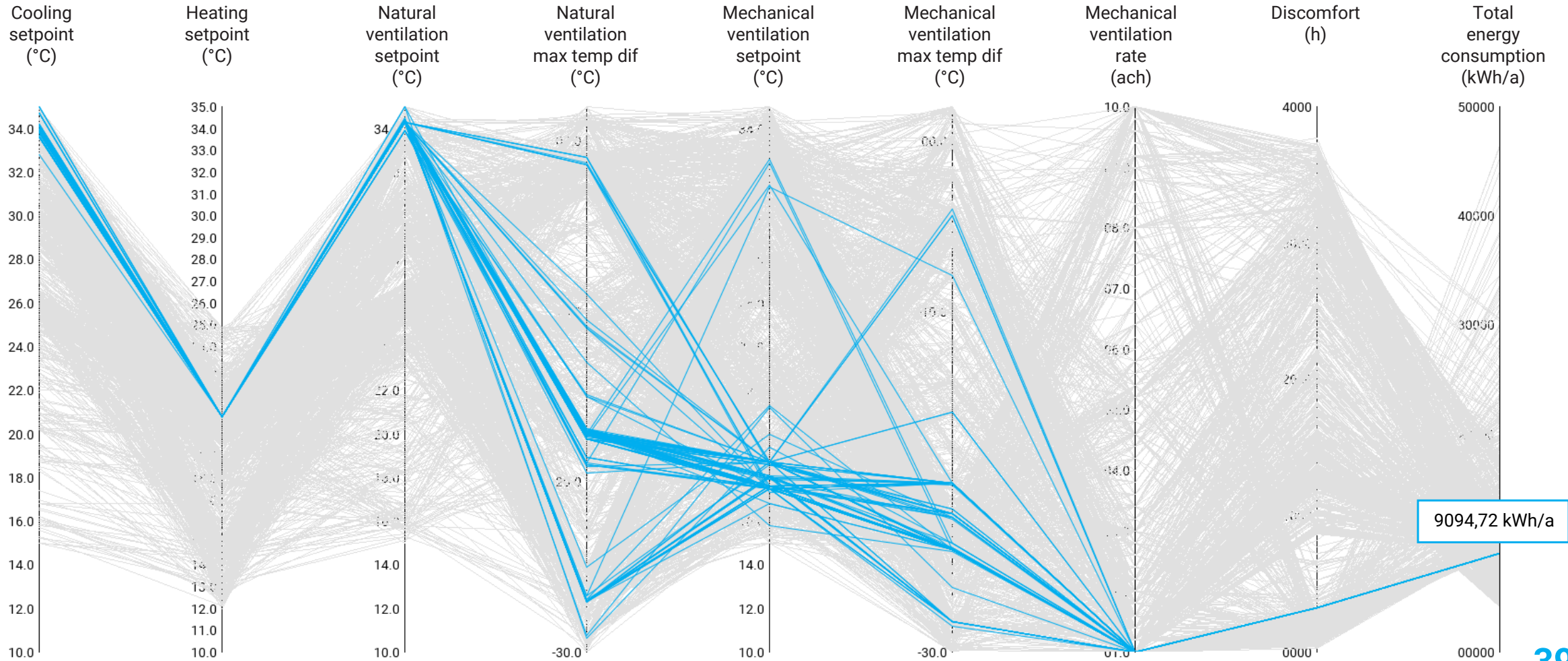
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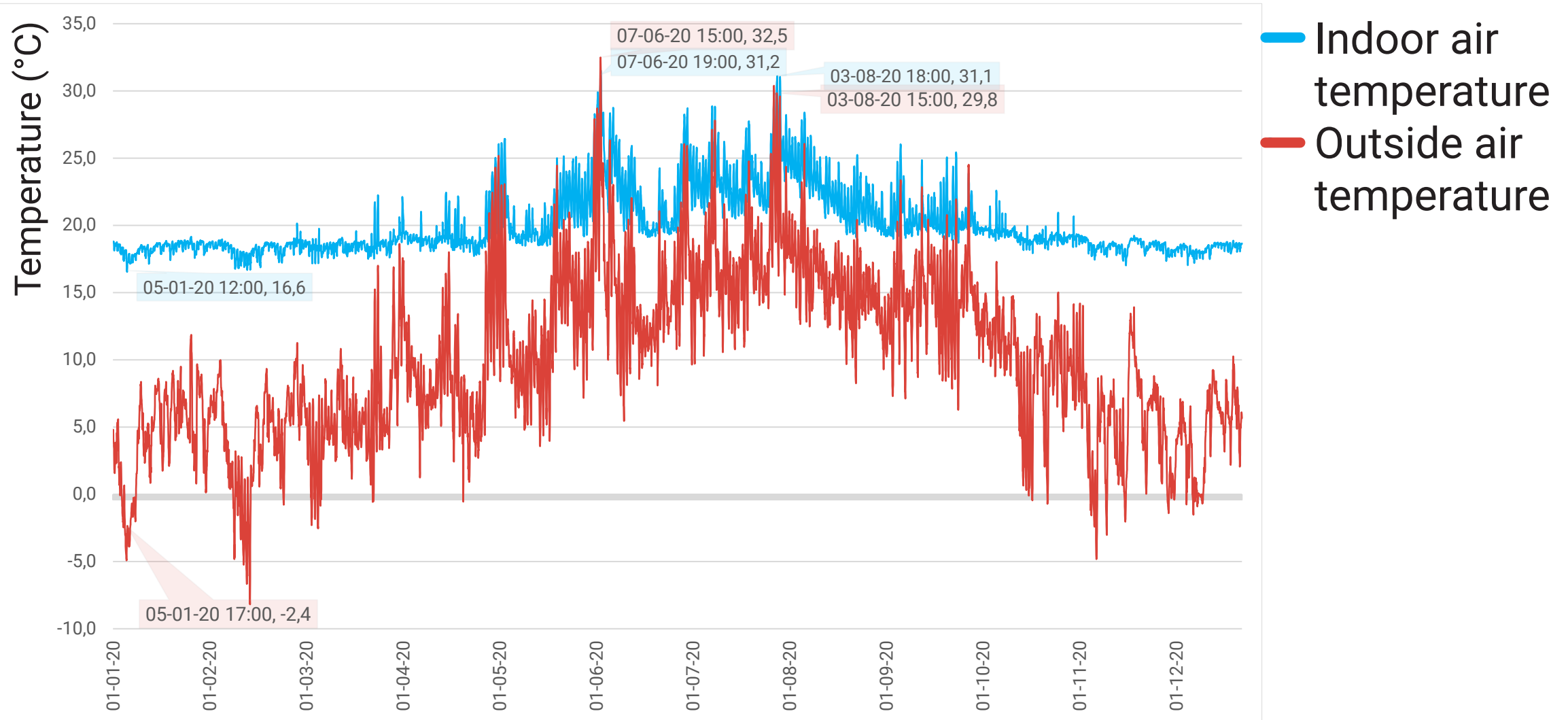
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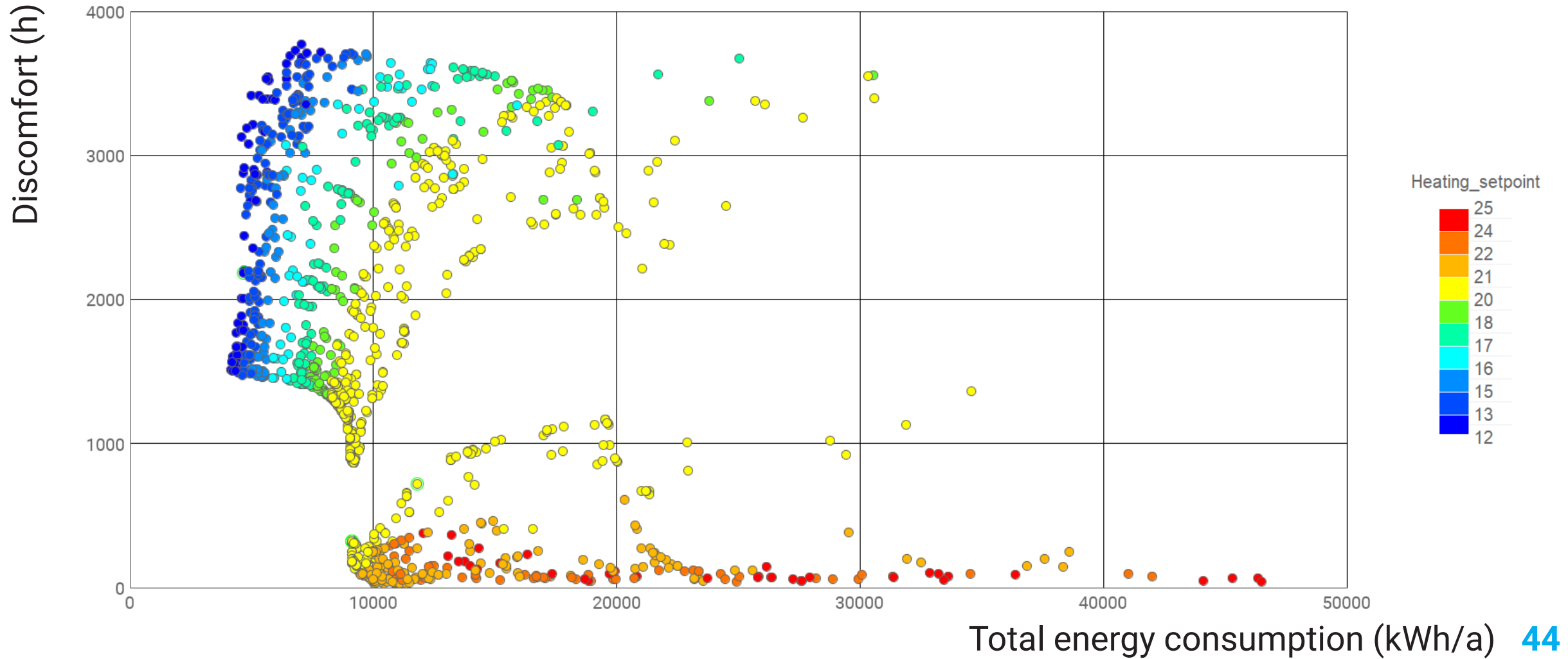
RECOMMENDATIONS

Further research:

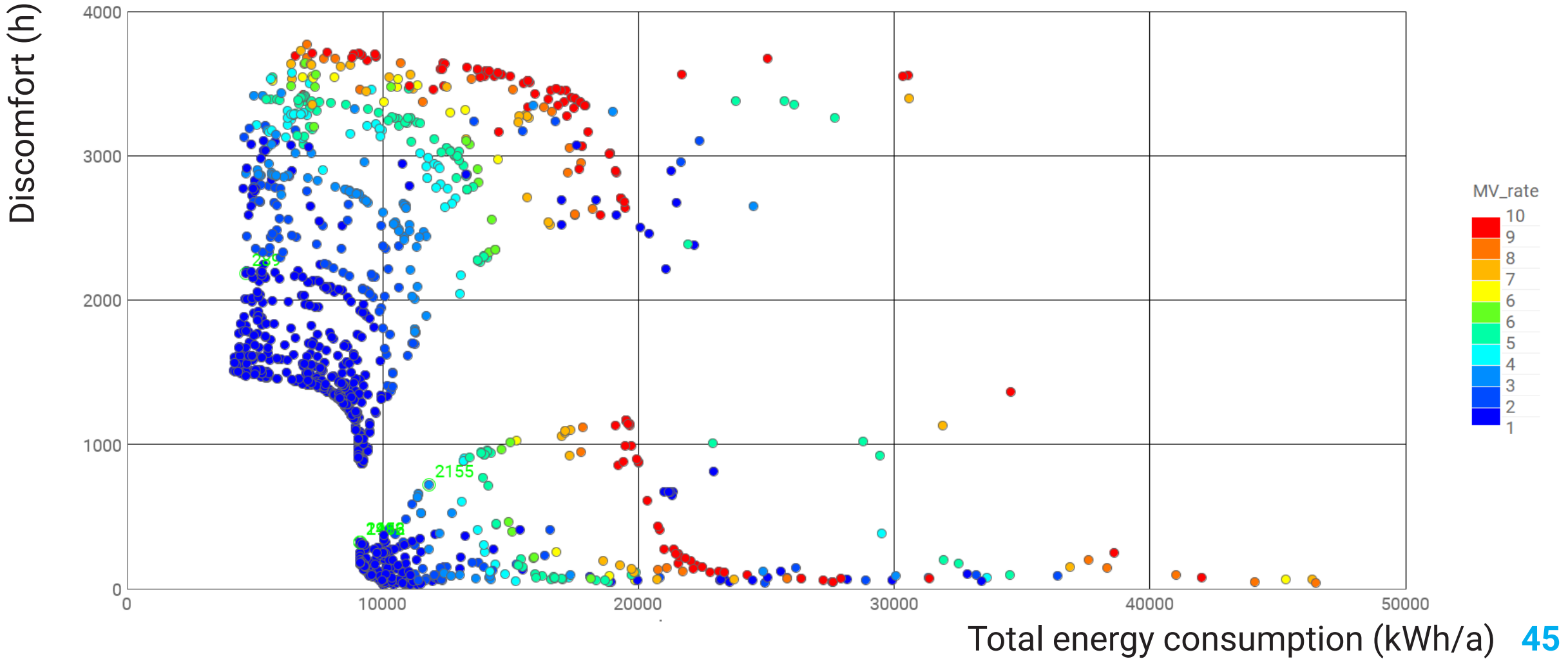
- Implementation of interventions
- Climate weather file
- Energy efficiency



HEATING



MECHANICAL VENTILATION RATE





STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

$$MBE = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\hat{y}_t - y_t)}{\bar{y}}$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (y_t - \hat{y}_t)^2}$$

DISCUSSION

Adaptive comfort

- Heating setpoint
- Extreme temperatures

High number of excluded iterations

- Set different bounds

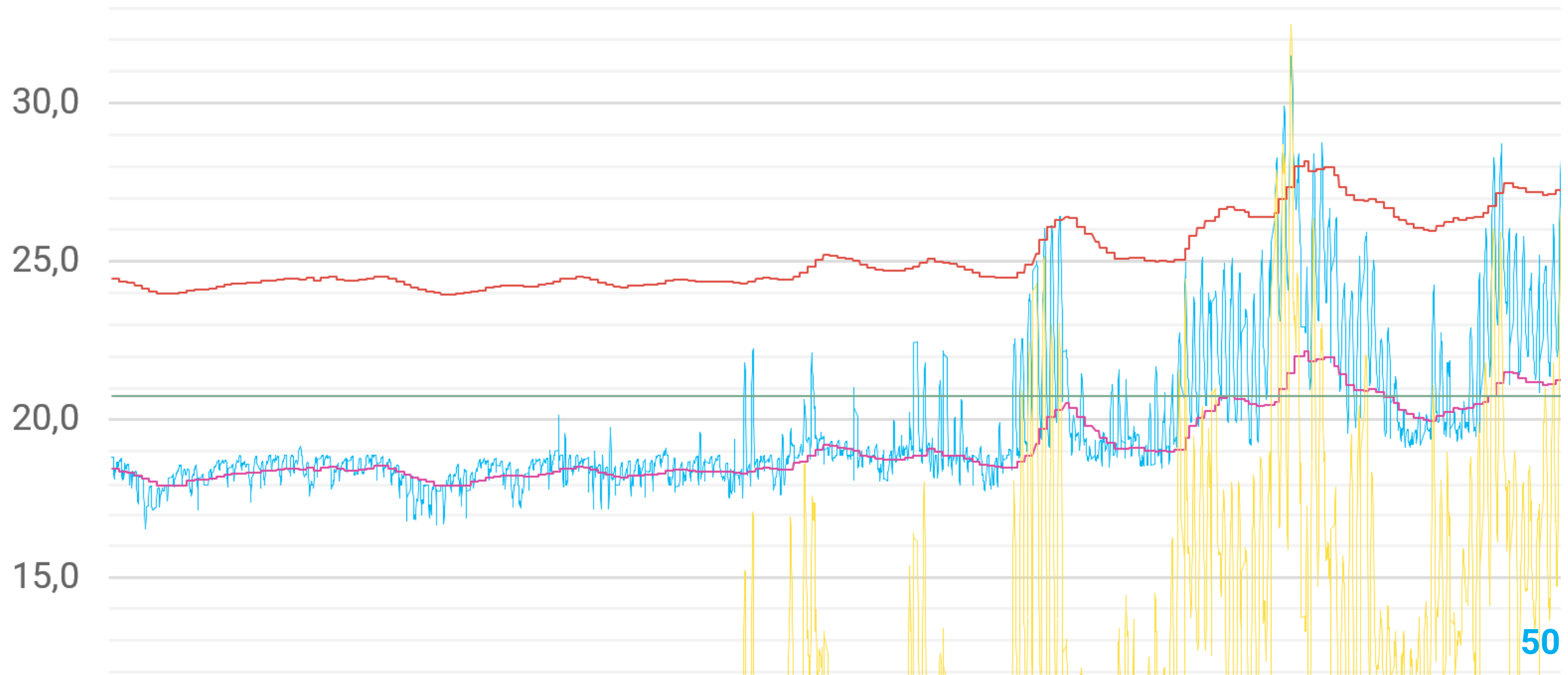
LIMITATIONS

Prototype not completely finished

Limitations in software

- Grasshopper
- DesignBuilder

HEATING SETPOINT



TECHNOLOGY IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (TISD)

The influence of demountable building on the building management system

