



Natural Ventilative Cooling

- Automated window ventilation

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Agenda

- ▶ Experience in practice: examples
- ▶ Control systems:
high tech – low tech – right tech?
- ▶ Components/Configuration of a NVC system
- ▶ Extension to need based window ventilation
- ▶ Maintenance
- ▶ Questions/discussion

Principles of natural ventilation

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- ▶ Single-sided ventilation
- ▶ Cross-ventilation
- ▶ Stack effect

**Passive cooling systems
without using energy
= "low-tech"**





Realised projects

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Home for Life, Dk

AART / architects

Residential Home; new built



2016

Mechanical Ventilation + NVC

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Green Lighthouse, Dk



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Office Building; new built



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LichtAktivhaus, D

Katharina Fey, TU Darmstadt
Ostermann Architekten

Residential Home; renovation



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Carbon Light Home, GB

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Residential Home; new built



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Residential Home; new built



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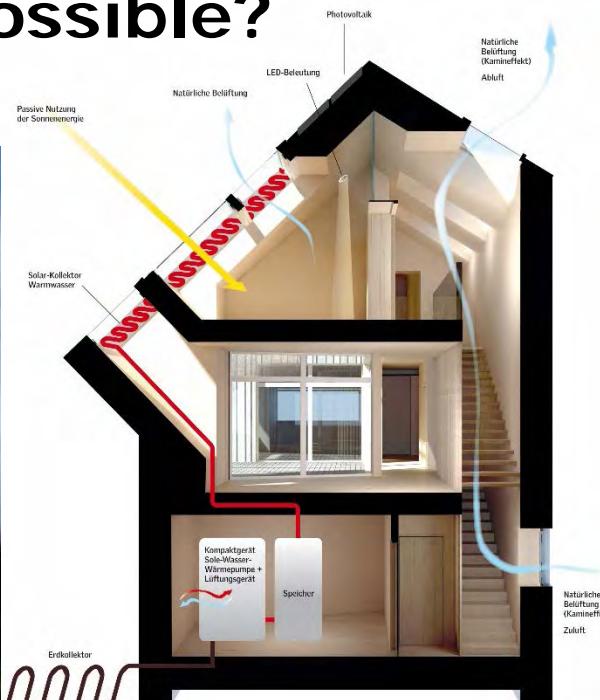
Sunlighthouse

juri troy architects



Automatically controlled windows:
Positive experience
High sophisticated control system

→ Simplification possible?



Project: Zu-Haus, Auersthal, Lower Austria

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**Need based window ventilation
+ Natural Ventilative Cooling**

martin ruehrnschopf **architecture**



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Ventilation concept

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Effect of Natural Ventilative Cooling - Monitoring results

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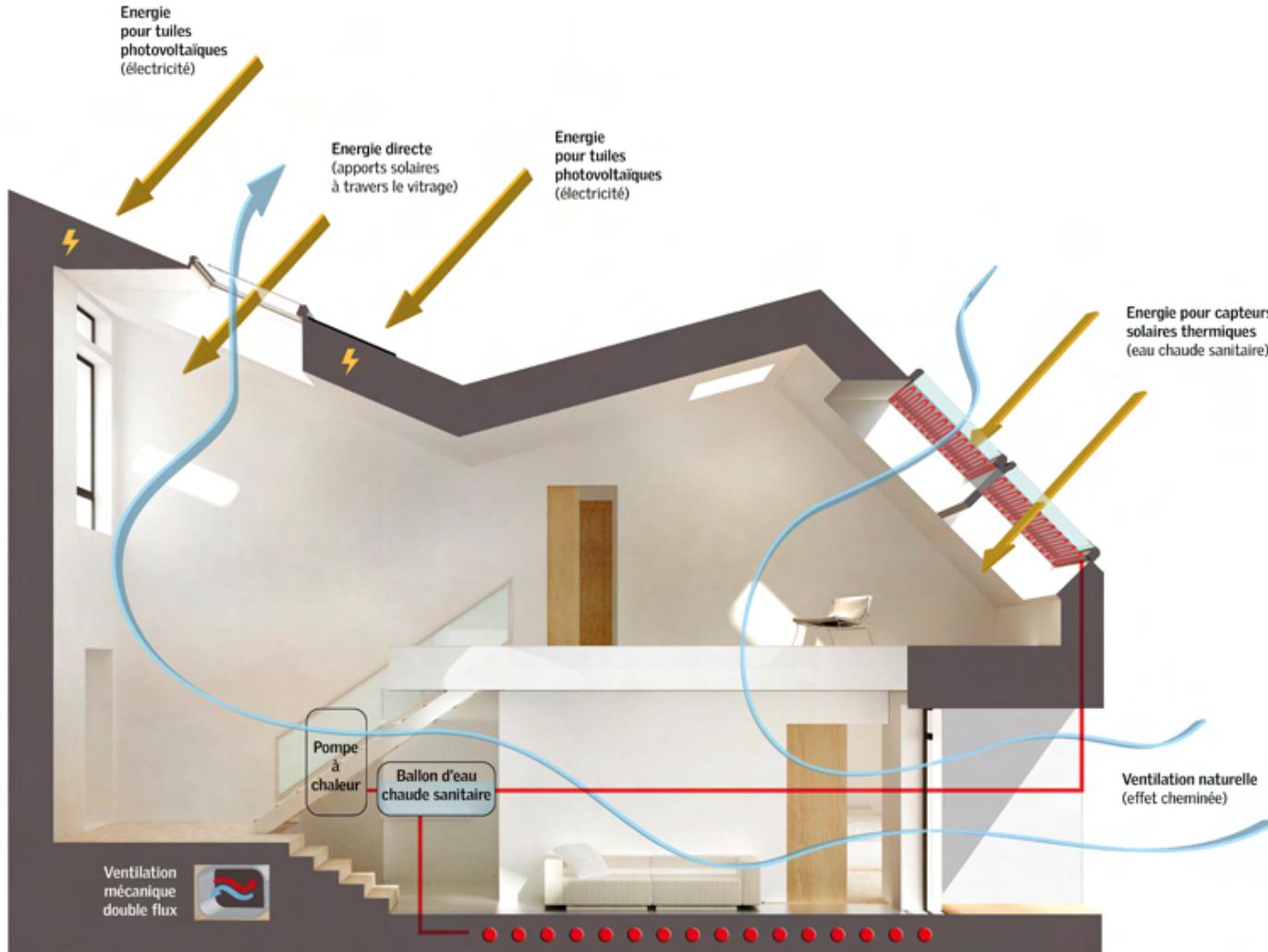
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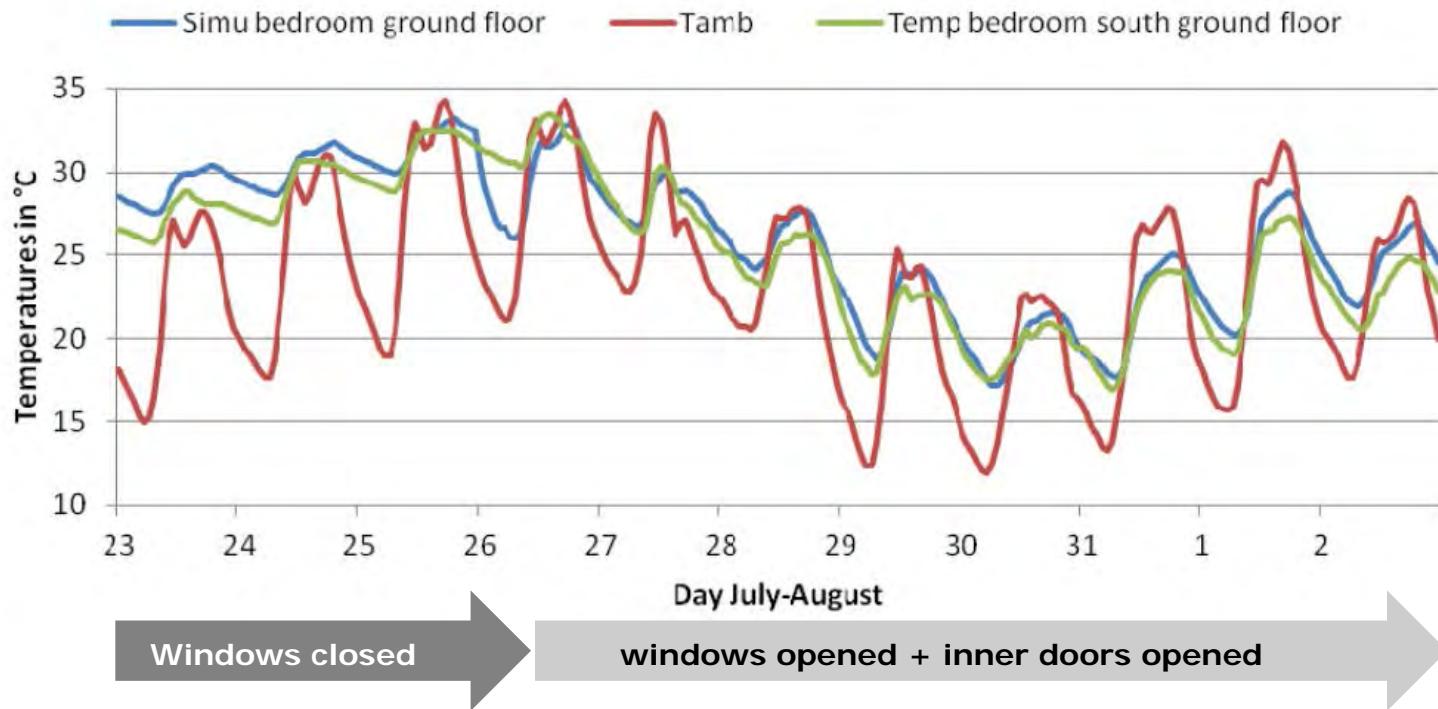
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Evaluation of NVC

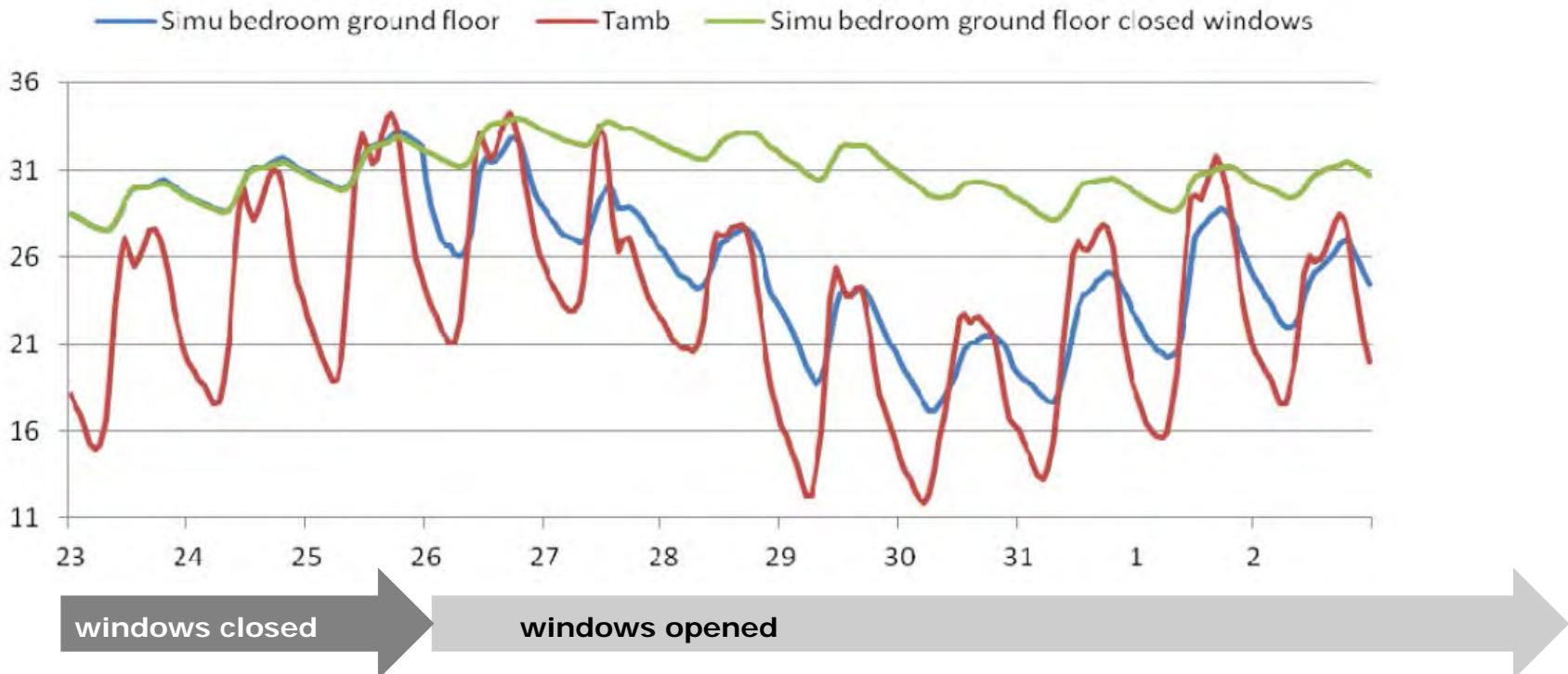


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Evaluation of NVC



**Cooling effect of ~ 5 K during one night
= 5 x as efficient as french norm for calculation**

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Simulated and measured air exchange rate (per hour!) of NVC

		South bedroom temp	North bedroom temp	Bath room temp	Wind speed m/s	Tracer Gas ACH	Simulated CONTAM ACH
Morning	Closed door	23.7	21.3	22.5	3.6	13.4	13.9*
	Open door	23.7	21.3	22.5	2.8	22.5	20.6
Afternoon	Closed door	27.1	26.5	26.2	2.3	13.2	16.6*
	Open door	27.1	26.5	26.2	2.3	19.8	19.5
Morning	Closed door	24.2	22.5	23.3	3.6	13.4	14
	Open door	24.2	22.5	23.3	3.6	14.6	17.4
Afternoon	Closed door	26.5	25.2	25	2.9	10.6	13.2
	Open door	27	26.1	25.6	2.8	13.1	17

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source: Bruno Peuportier (ARMINES), Karsten Duer, Christoffer Plesner & Nicolas Dupin

Project: Zu-Haus, Auersthal



Monitoring: 1 year + 1 summer

Quantitative monitoring:

- ▶ CO₂-concentration
- ▶ humidity
- ▶ room temperature

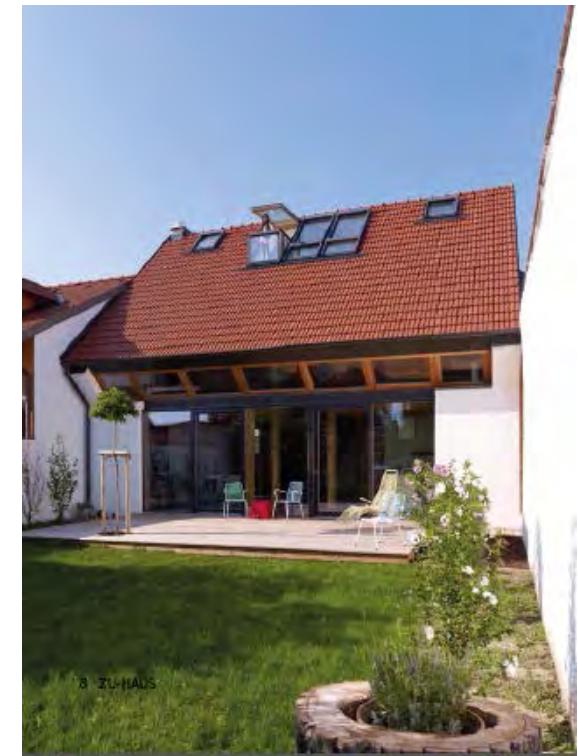
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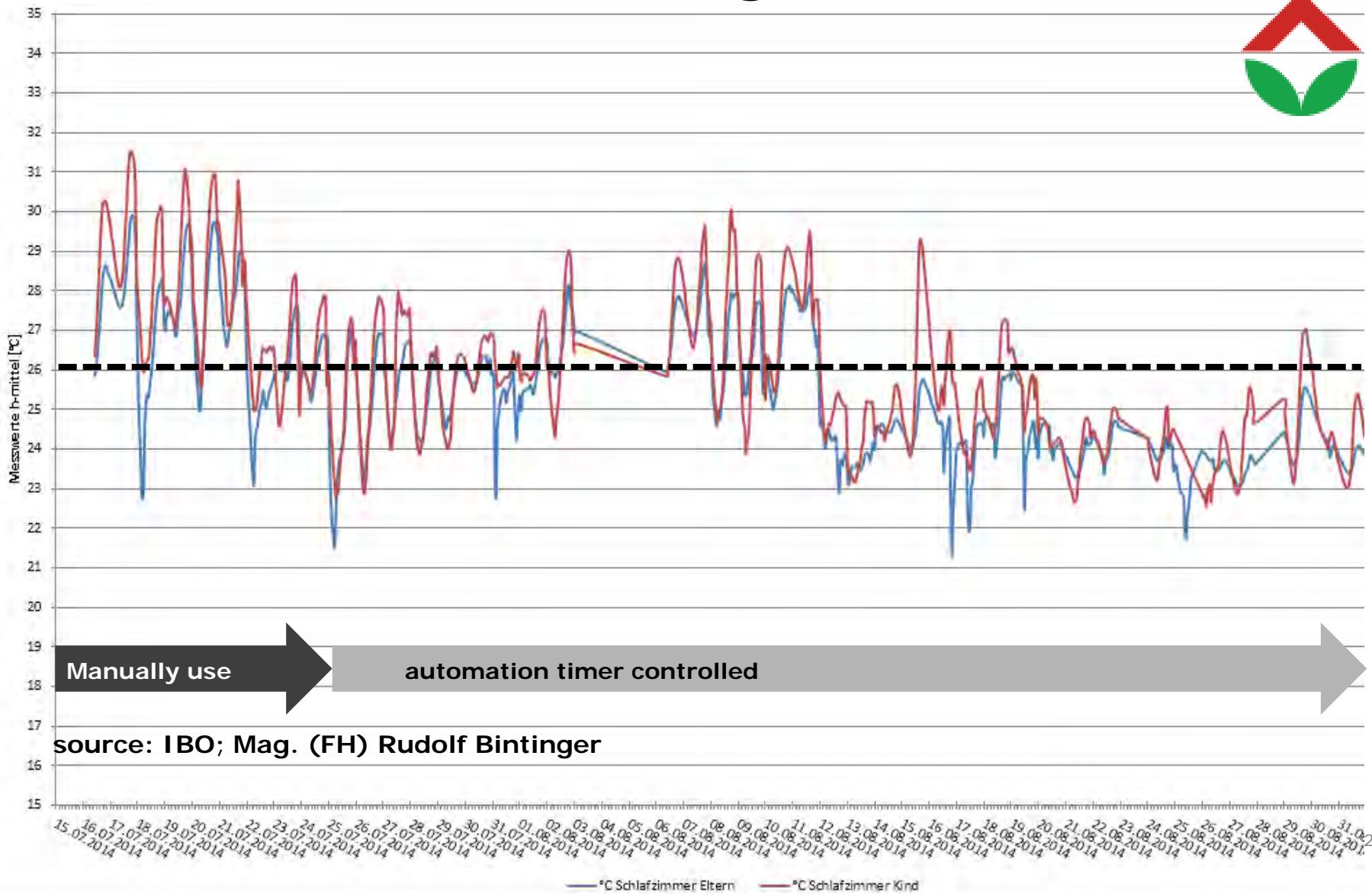
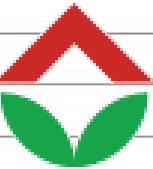
Qualitative monitoring:

- ▶ user satisfaction (daily)
- ▶ intervention by remote control?
 - If yes: why?.....and when?
- ▶ possible effects on health and wellbeing



Projekt: Zu-Haus, Auersthal

Quantitative monitoring summer 2014



Project: Zu-Haus, Auersthal

Qualitative monitoring summer 2014



picture: Bettina Dürrheim

Döllinger family:

	hot	0 days	-
	warm	2 days	Therefrom 1 day cool in the evening
	Neutral/convenient	4 days	-
	chilly	7 days	Therefrom 6 days system „off“
	cold	4 days	Therefrom 3 days system „off“

Questionnaire july 29th – august 31st

9 Tage system switched off because too cool

Other days: family not at home

Projekt: Zu-Haus, Auersthal

Qualitative monitoring 2014



Foto: Bettina Dürrheim

Hans Döllinger:

“.....if you come home after longer absence you quickly achieve good indoor air quality”

“.....rooms cool down quickly though the nights had been relatively hot.”

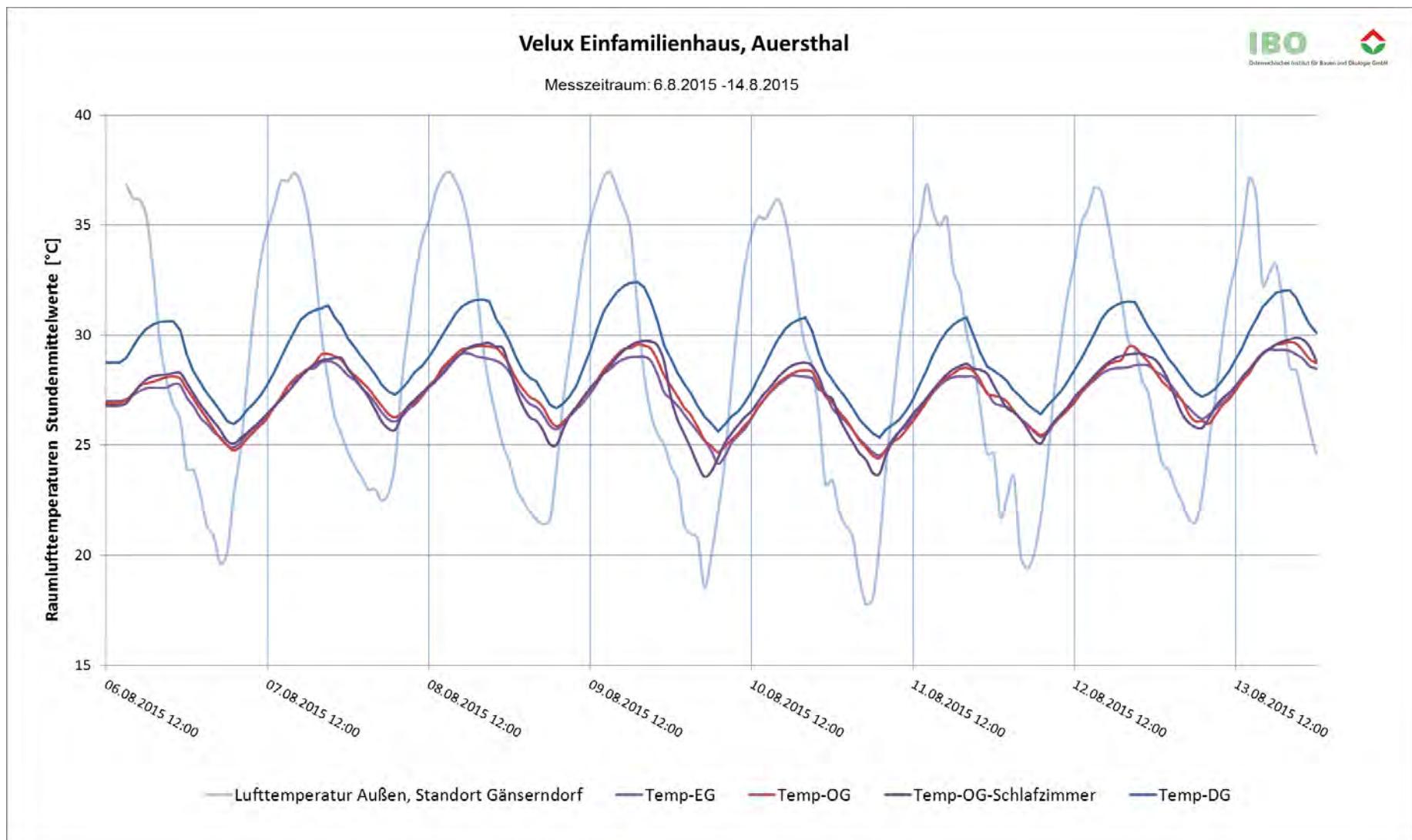
“We always had a good night`s sleep.”

“ Especially our daughter found temperatures during the night even too chilly”

“....we never kept the windows open for the whole night but always closed via remote control”

Projekt: Zu-Haus, Auersthal

Quantitatives Monitoring Sommer 2015



Projekt: Zu-Haus, Auersthal

Quantitative monitoring summer 2015



Monitoring: summary of IBO

- ▶ Very hot week; max. outdoor temperatures 36° C – 37° C
- ▶ Decrease of temperature during the night 18° - 23°C
(reference weather station Gänserndorf)
- ▶ Indoor temperatures
 - Ground floor and 1st floor: 23,5° C - 30 °C
 - Top attic: 25,0° C - 32,5 °C
remark: all statements refer to hourly average temperatures
- ▶ Average temperature reduction due to NVC per night
 - Ground floor and 1st floor: ~ 3 - 4°C
 - Top attic: ~ 5°C
- ▶ The higher the decrease of outdoor temperature during the night the more efficient the night cooling

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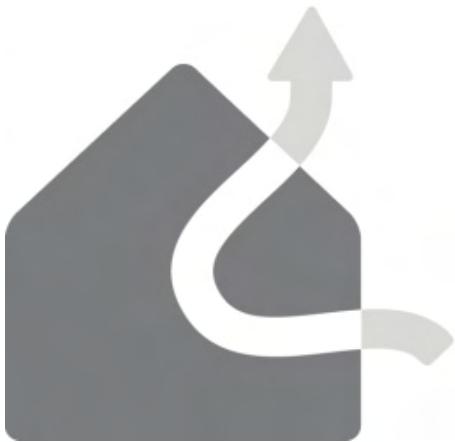
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Hans Döllinger:

“.....this summer created extremely high temperatures – and created a new challenge for our house: due to our discipline to keep windows and doors closed during the day and due to the Ventilative Cooling system we were able to achieve a resonable indoor temperature.

Of course the house heated up during the day but it was never unconvenient; we always had the feeling to enter a cool house. In the evening (around 10 pm) the NVC system activated and cooled the house down to outdoor temperature.
All in all we had been very satisfied.”



Components for a NVC System

Motors for inlet air for vertical windows

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In general:

- ▶ 24 V-motors
- ▶ for bottom hung or side hung windows
- ▶ suitable for wooden windows, plastic windows, aluminium windows.....

Motor “small”:

- ▶ opening width max. 150 mm
- ▶ wide windows: 2 motors synchronous



Motor “large”

- ▶ opening width up to 500 mm
- ▶ wide windows: 2 motors synchronous



Motors for inlet air for vertical windows

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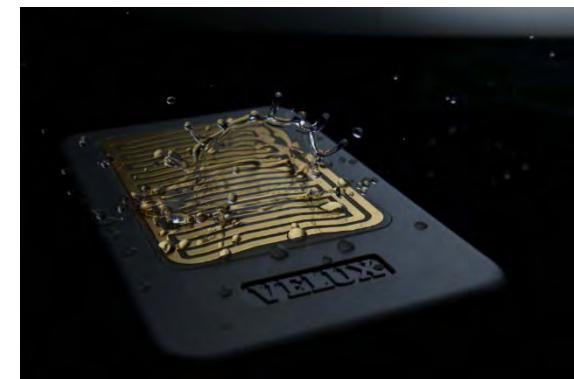
Windows for exhaust air in the roof

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Solution for the sloped roof VELUX INTEGRA



- ▶ Integrated 24 V-motor
- ▶ wireless
- ▶ Motor + control system integrated



Incl. rain sensor

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Windows for exhaust air in the roof

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Solution for the flat roof Flat roof window



- ▶ Integrated 24 V-motor
- ▶ wireless
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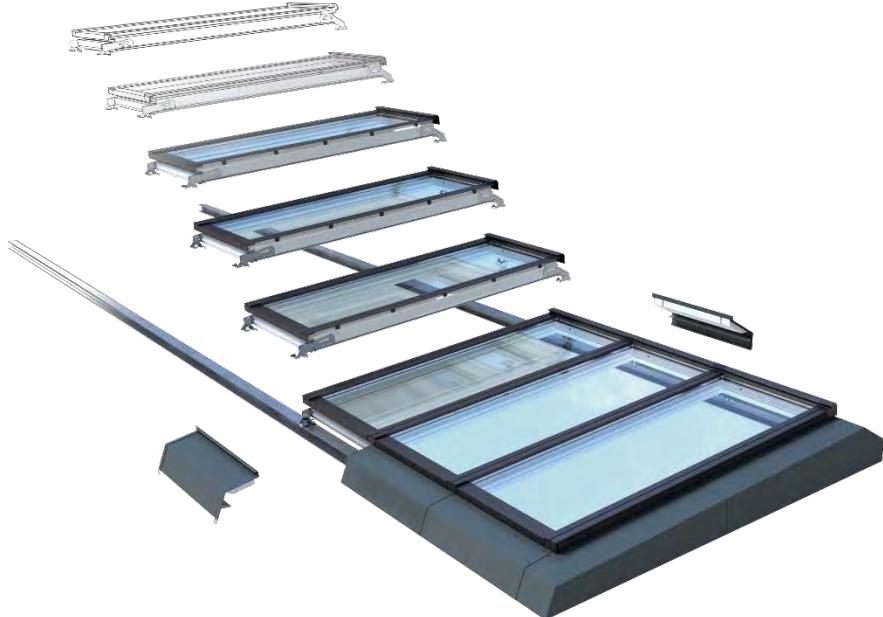
Incl. rain sensor

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Windows for exhaust air in the roof

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Solution for the flat roof Modular Skylight



- ▶ Integrated 24 V-Motor
- ▶ wireless
- ▶ for „free system“ available

Optional:
Central rain sensor

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Configuration for a NVC system

Configuration/system control

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Timer controlled

Exhaust air

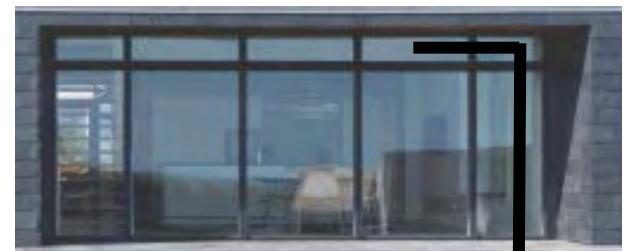
Roof windows with
integrated motor and
rain sensor



Remote control
including timer
+ manually operation

Inlet air

Motors for vertical
windows



Power supply

summer:
Windows open at 10 pm
Windows close at 8 am

Sensor controlled

Outdoor temperature



Commercially available outdoor temperature sensors
= standard components

Interface

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„Translates“ values of a sensor to the control system

1 Interface for max. 5 areas

Configuration/system control

Natural Ventilative Cooling

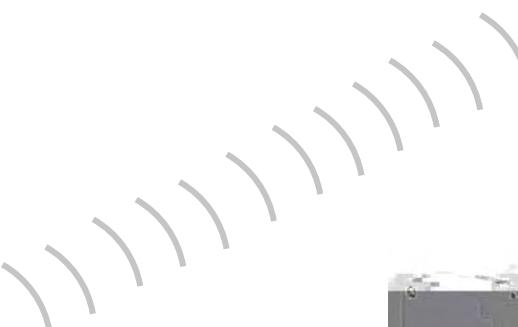
Temperature controlled

Exhaust air

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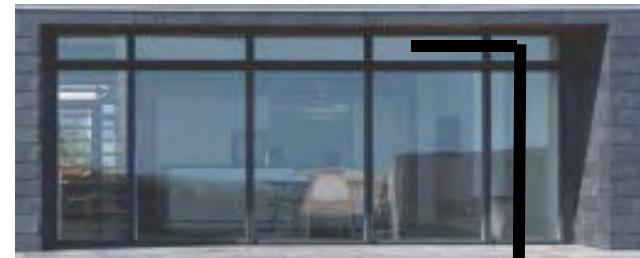


Interface



Inlet air

Motors for vertical
windows



Power supply



Outdoor
Temperature
sensor



Remote control
(for manual intervention)

summer:

Windows open at 26°C
and close at 21°C



Upgrading to a need based ventilation system

Sensors

CO₂-sensor



Commercially available CO₂-Sensors
= standard components

Ideally with on/off-switch

Interface



„Translates“ values of a sensor to the remote control

1 Interface for max. 5 areas

Configuration/system control

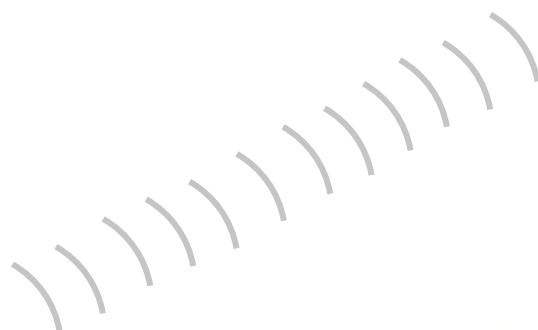
Need based window ventilation

Exhaust air

Roof windows with
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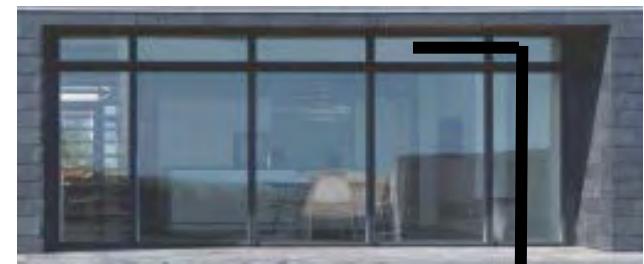


Interface



Inlet air

Motors for vertical
windows



Power supply



CO₂-Sensor



Option:
on/off switch



Remote control
(for manual intervention)

Winter and transition periode:
Windows open at 1.000 ppm



Maintenance of NVC system

Maintenance

- ▶ there is absolutely no maintenance
 - = all components are maintenance free



More projects

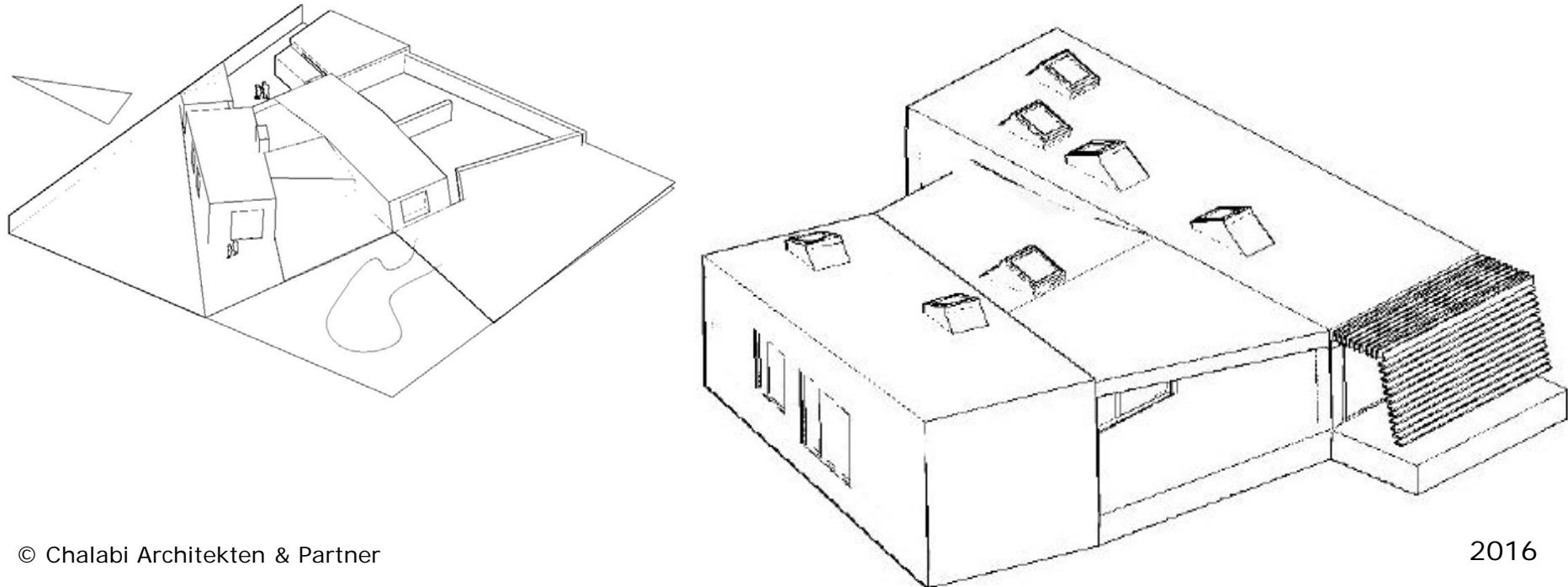
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„Hybrid Ventilation“
= mechanical ventilation system

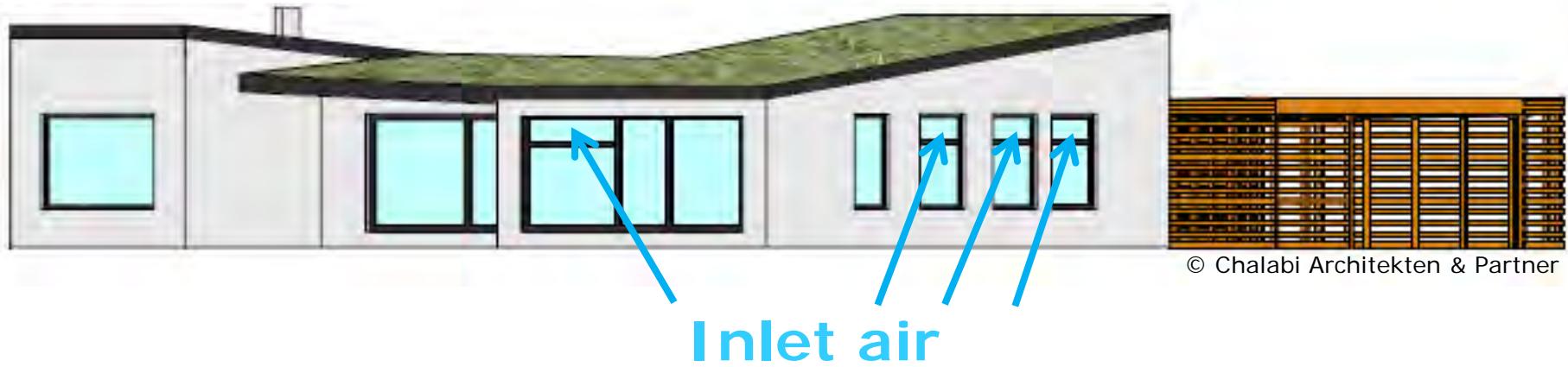
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Natural Ventilative Cooling



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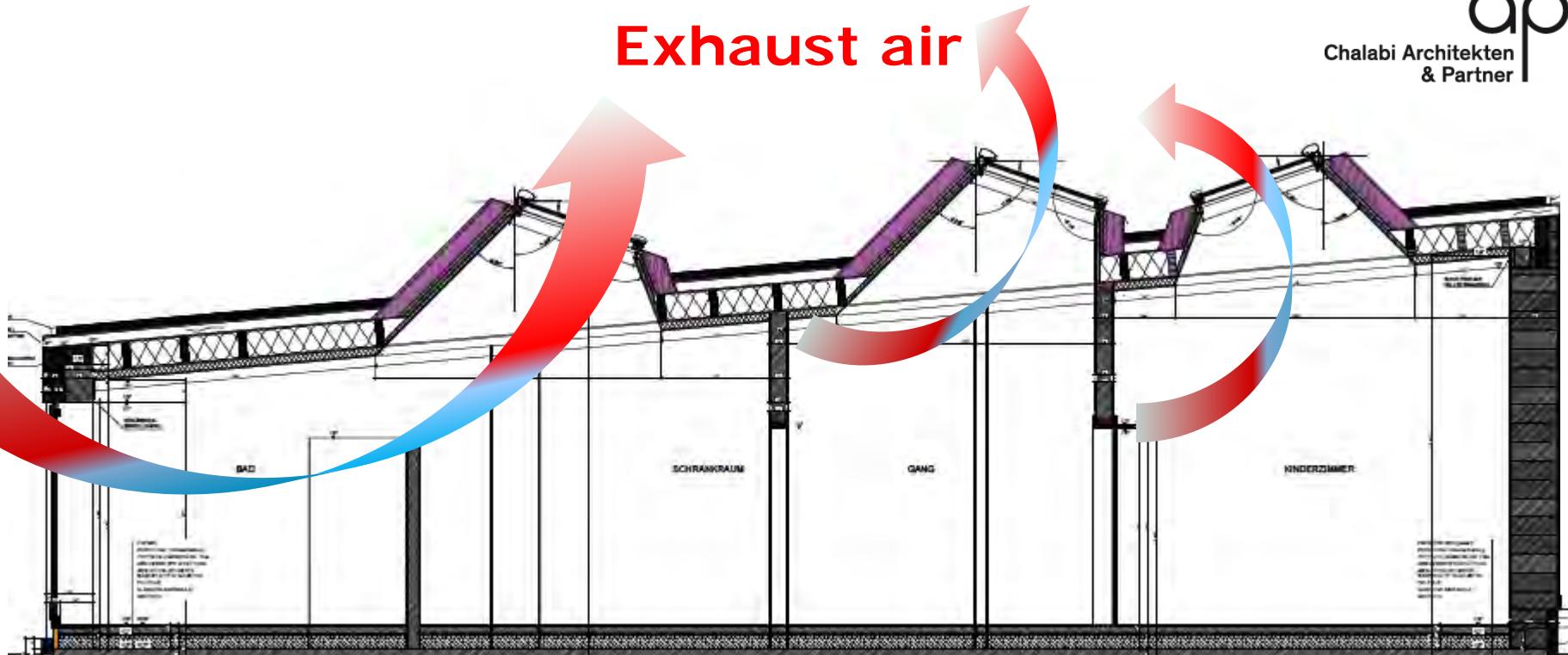
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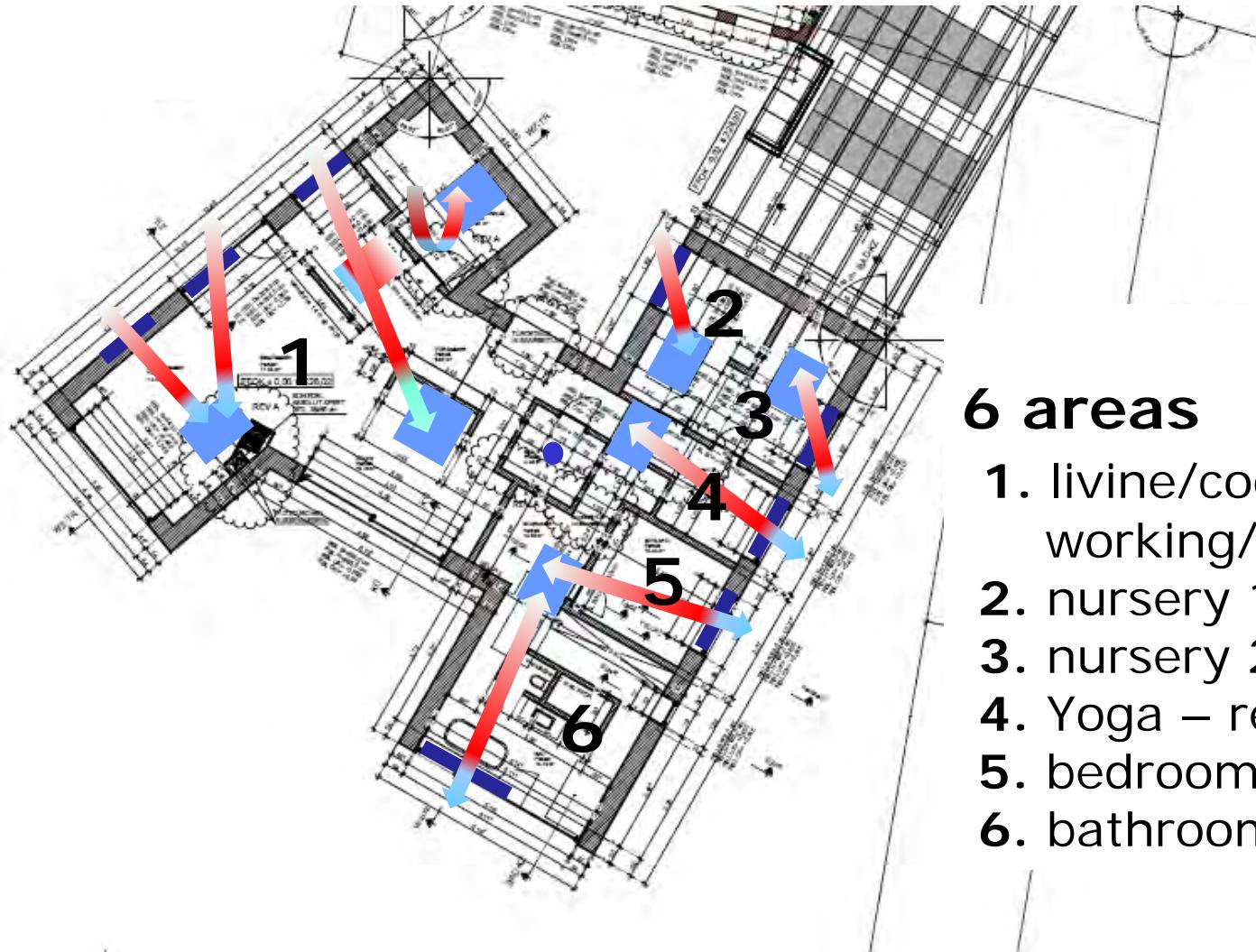
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6 areas

1. livine/cooking/eating/ working/entrance – CO₂
2. nursery 1 - CO₂
3. nursery 2 - CO₂
4. Yoga – remote control
5. bedroom - CO₂
6. bathroom – remote control

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Monitoring

Quantitative monitoring:

Start in 2017

- ▶ CO₂-concentration
- ▶ Humidity
- ▶ Room temperature
- ▶ Comparison: open windows vs. closed windows
- ▶ Comparison: Automatically controlled vs. „human handling“

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Qualitative monitoring

Experiece in 2015 and 2016

„Even in summer 2015 we had convenient temperatures in the house. For my feeling it was sometimes even too chilly; then I closed the windows via remote control. There was a problem with the home automation: the heating system switched on due to room temperatures below the set point of 22°C.“

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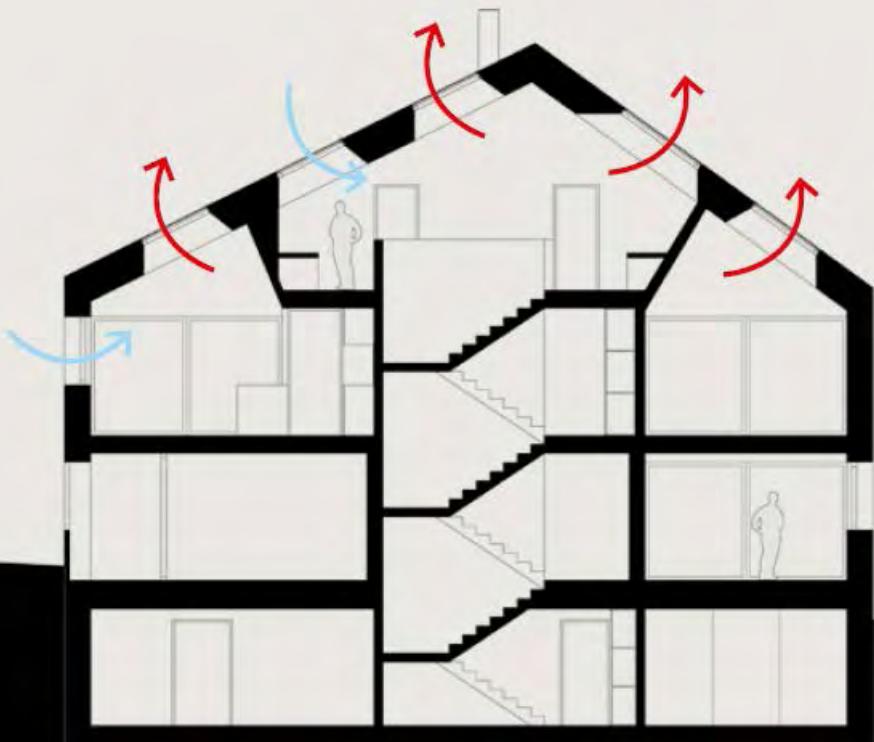
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Ventilation concept



Automated window ventilation

5 areas

- ▶ master bedroom
- ▶ nursery 1
- ▶ nursery 2
- ▶ living/eating/kitchen
- ▶ gallery

Via remote control

- ▶ bathroom

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Qualitatives Monitoring Sommer 2015



Elmar Fink, owner and master carpenter:

„The system works fine – right from the beginning. When we moved into the house it was unusual that windows open automatically during the night – but we got used to it and definitely do not want to miss it.

The NVC system secures convenient temperatures, even in the extremely hot summer of 2015“.

Natural Ventilative Cooling

Conclusion

- ▶ Natural Ventilative Cooling works
 - In simulation as well as in practice
 - Also controlled as low-tech system
- ▶ Even when outdoor temperature exceeds 35° C:
permanent cooling below 27° C possible
- ▶ Cooling of some 5 K during night realistic
 - Extremely efficient for summer indoor comfort
 - Saves huge amount of cooling energy
- ▶ Window positioning extremely important (integral planning)

BUT

- ▶ Not the answer for any situation
- ▶ Not considered in norms/software tools accordingly
- ▶ Not yet well known.....



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Thank you for your attention!

2016