



QUB/e – BUILDING PERFORMANCE EVALUATION BY SG

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MOTIVATIONS

- Carbon reduction targets compromised by the **'performance gap'**.
- Energy efficient buildings can be delivered through **quality control measures**.
- Need of **suitable testing methodologies** to demonstrate performance and establish confidence.

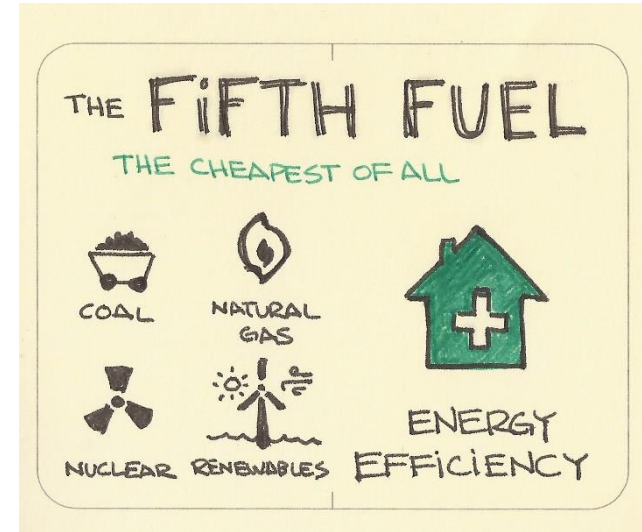
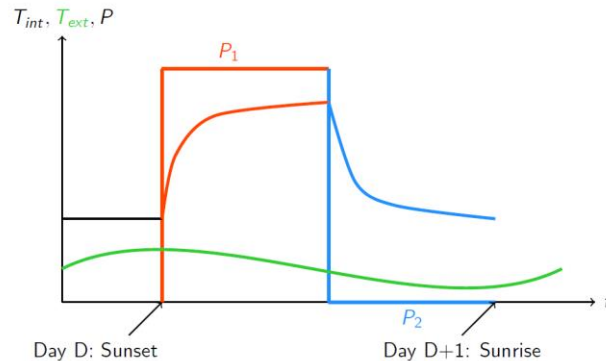


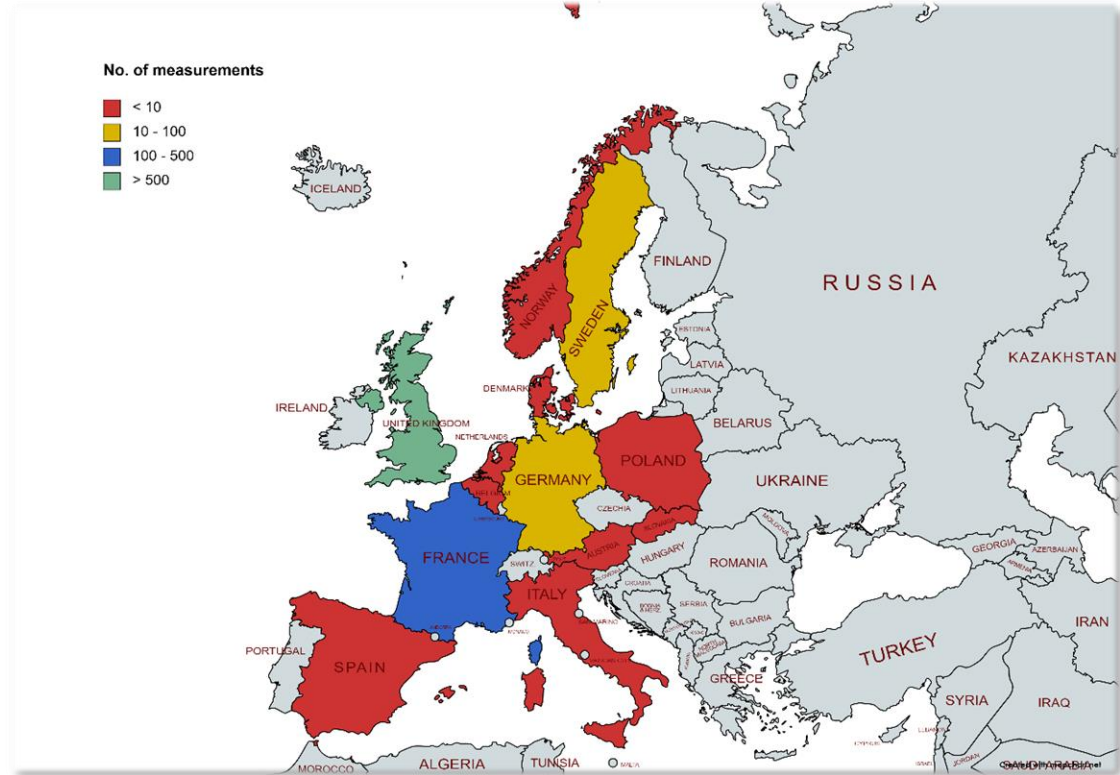
Image: [Sketchplanations](#)

- A dynamic *in situ* **measurement method** to simultaneously estimate both the **HTC** and the **U-values** in a single night (no occupancy)
- A distinctive advantage of the QUB/e method is the time required to carry out a measurement
- Method thoroughly tested and validated in the field in Europe



Key figures

- 1000+ measurements
- 150+ buildings
- 40% new build



New build construction	% of tested buildings
Masonry	75
Concrete	10
Wood	15

MAIN COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS



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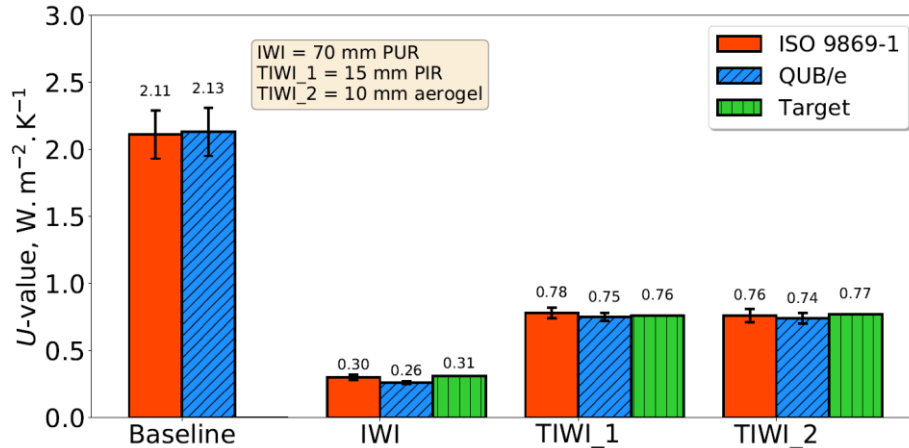


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UK – RETROFIT – SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE

- A circa 1900s solid wall mid-terrace house
- Evaluation of thin IWI (TIWI) systems
- Cross-comparison with CH and HFM (ISO 9869-1)
- No performance gap after the different retrofits



Meulemans et al. (Beyond 2020)



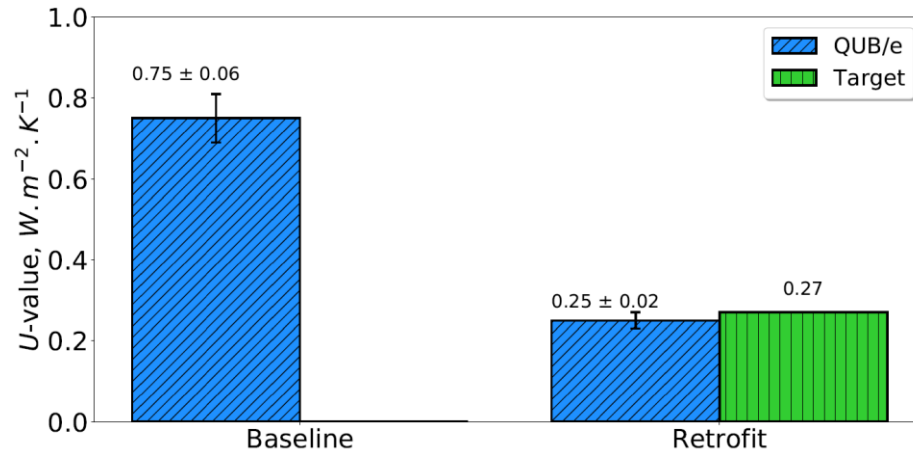
SWEDEN – RETROFIT – MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING



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- A circa 1960s MFH in Stockholm area
- Full refurbishment within a EU H2020 project
- Cross-comparison with HFM (ISO 9869-1)
- No performance gap after the retrofit

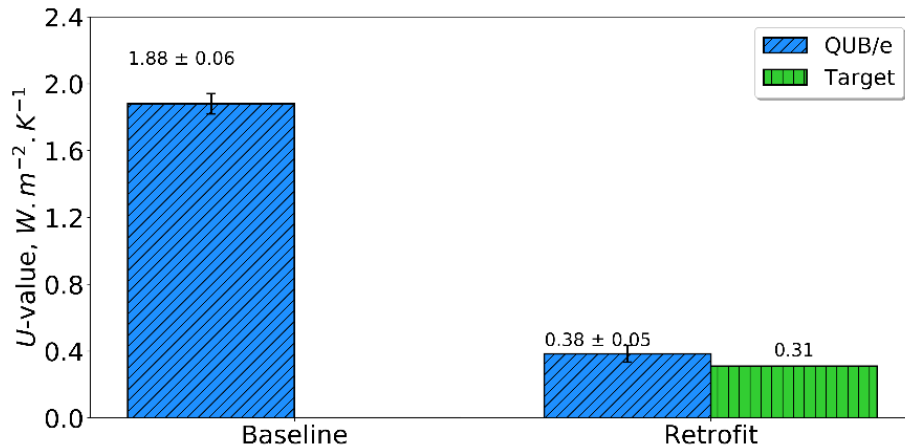


Meulemans (Cold Climate 2018, CISBAT 2019, Beyond 2020)



SWEDEN – RETROFIT – MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

- A circa 1930s MFH in Malmö
- Renovation of the courtyard façade
- Baseline: U-value much higher than expected (+50%)
- Retrofit: Performance gap due to cold bridges (balconies)



Meulemans (SGR Paris 2020), Lindborg & Jonsson (SG Sweden 2021)



NORWAY – NEW BUILD – SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE



Larvik

Design and as-built (measured) U-values in agreement ($U = 0.10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$ for the external walls)

<https://multicomfort.saint-gobain.com/project-gallery/larvik-norway>



Stavanger – 3 houses

Design and as-built (measured) U-values in agreement ($U = 0.12 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$ for the external walls)

<https://multicomfort.saint-gobain.com/project-gallery/stavanger-norway>

SG SWEDEN – BUSINESS VALUE PROPOSITIONS

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1. Sales (self-testing, SG or 3rd party/certified contractor): hand-over (compliance) test
2. Service/consulting: mapping of buildings (valuation, renovation, due diligence)
3. Solutions (e.g., SilentWall premium offer)
4. Certification schemes (e.g., BREEAM, LEED, Miljöbyggnad, etc.)



1. The QUB/e method can deliver rapid, precise, and accurate measurements: engage stakeholders and secure ROI (renovation/recovery plan).
2. The QUB/e method is able to accurately quantify change in thermal transmittance / resistance following retrofit of external walls.

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