


# From Buildings to Neighbourhoods and Cities

## Research on Building Energy Efficiency in Germany

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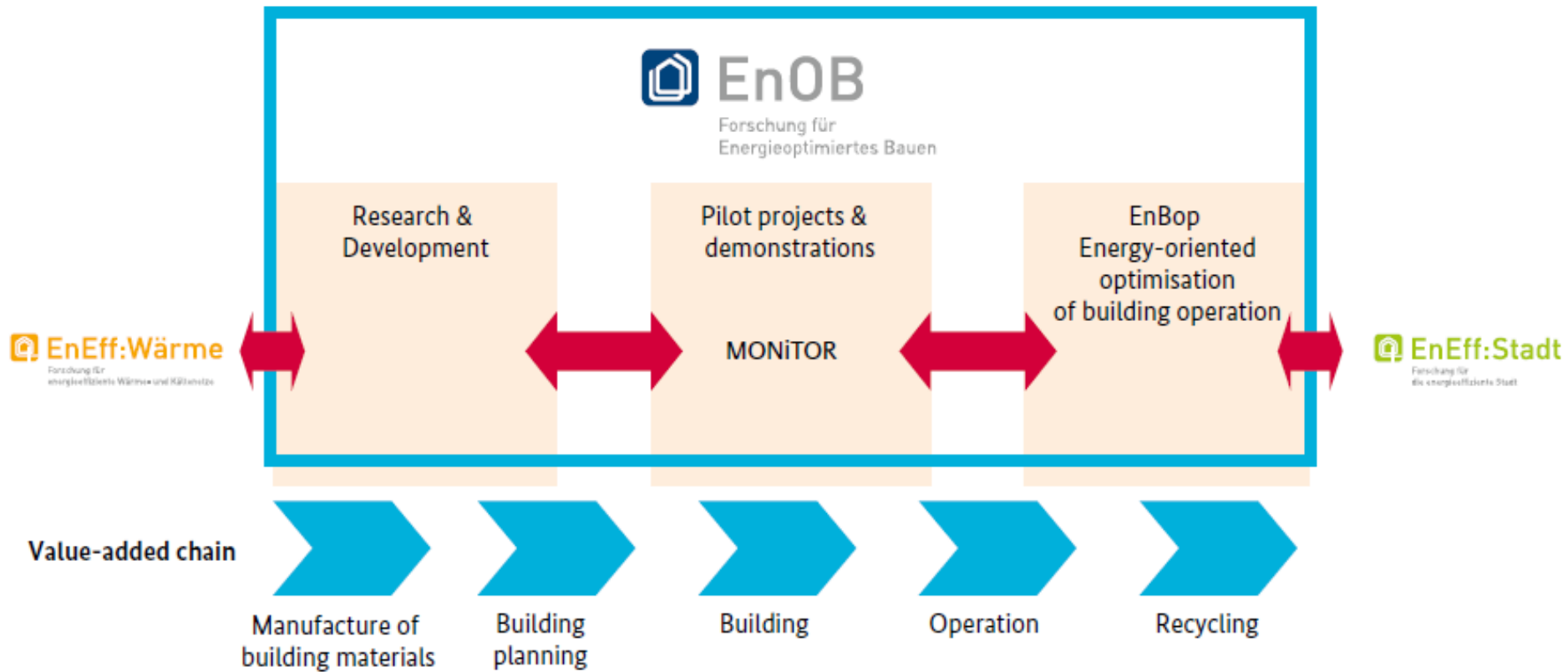
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- Innovative building technologies and performance of demonstration buildings
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- Conclusions and outlook



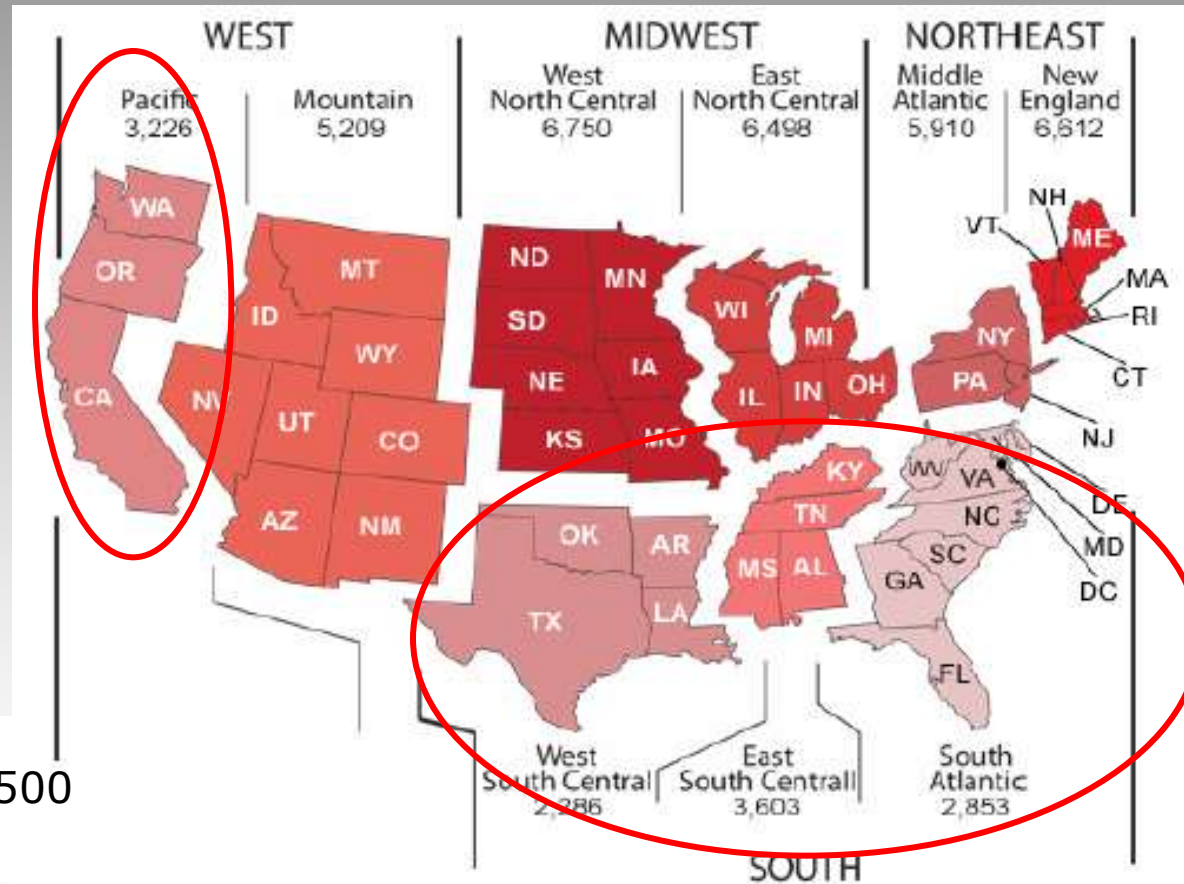
# Structure of the German research program EnOB



# Energy performance analysis of demo buildings: Comparison of German and US climate

**Heating degree days**  
 by census region  
 based on 65°F (18.3°C)

Germany:  
 approx. 2300 < HDD18 < 3500

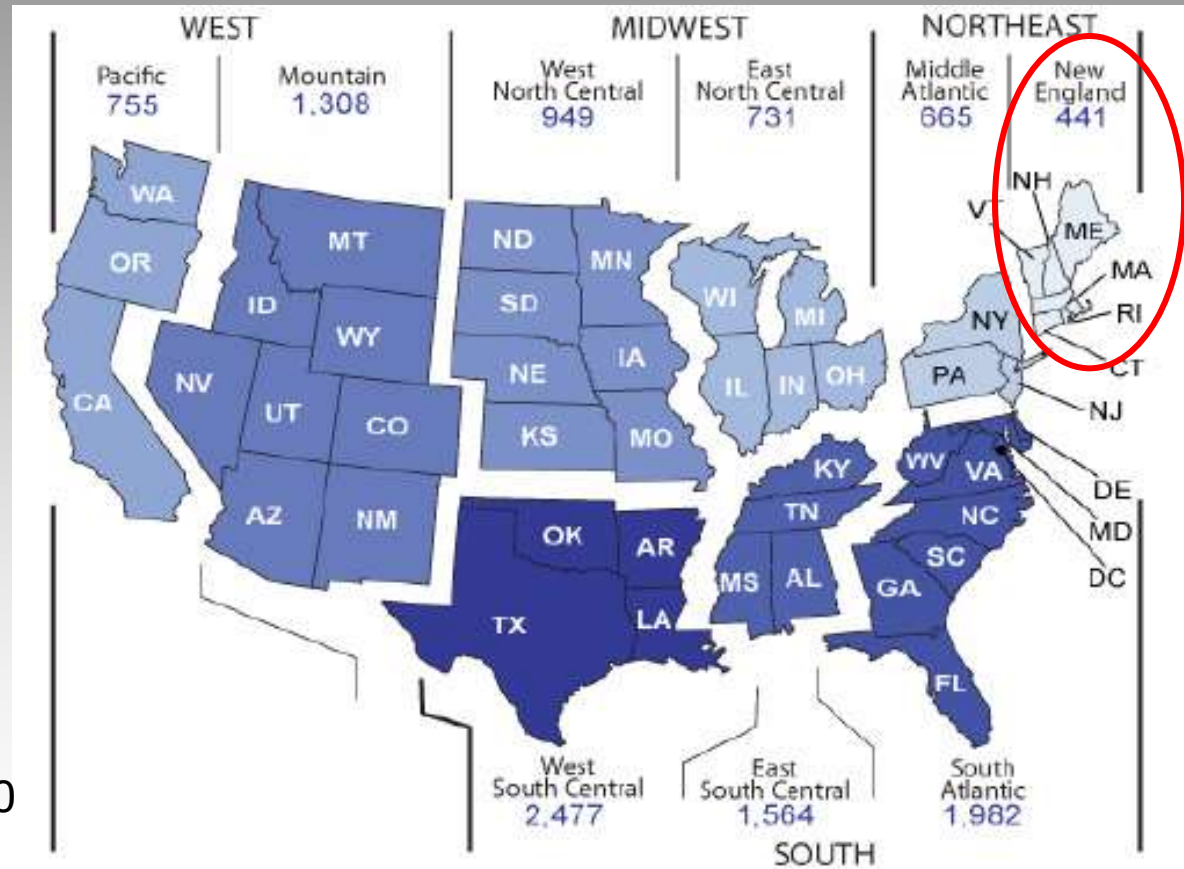


# Comparison of German and US climate

## Cooling degree days by census region

based on 65°F (18.3°C)

Germany:  
 approx.  $170 < \text{CDD}_{18} < 450$

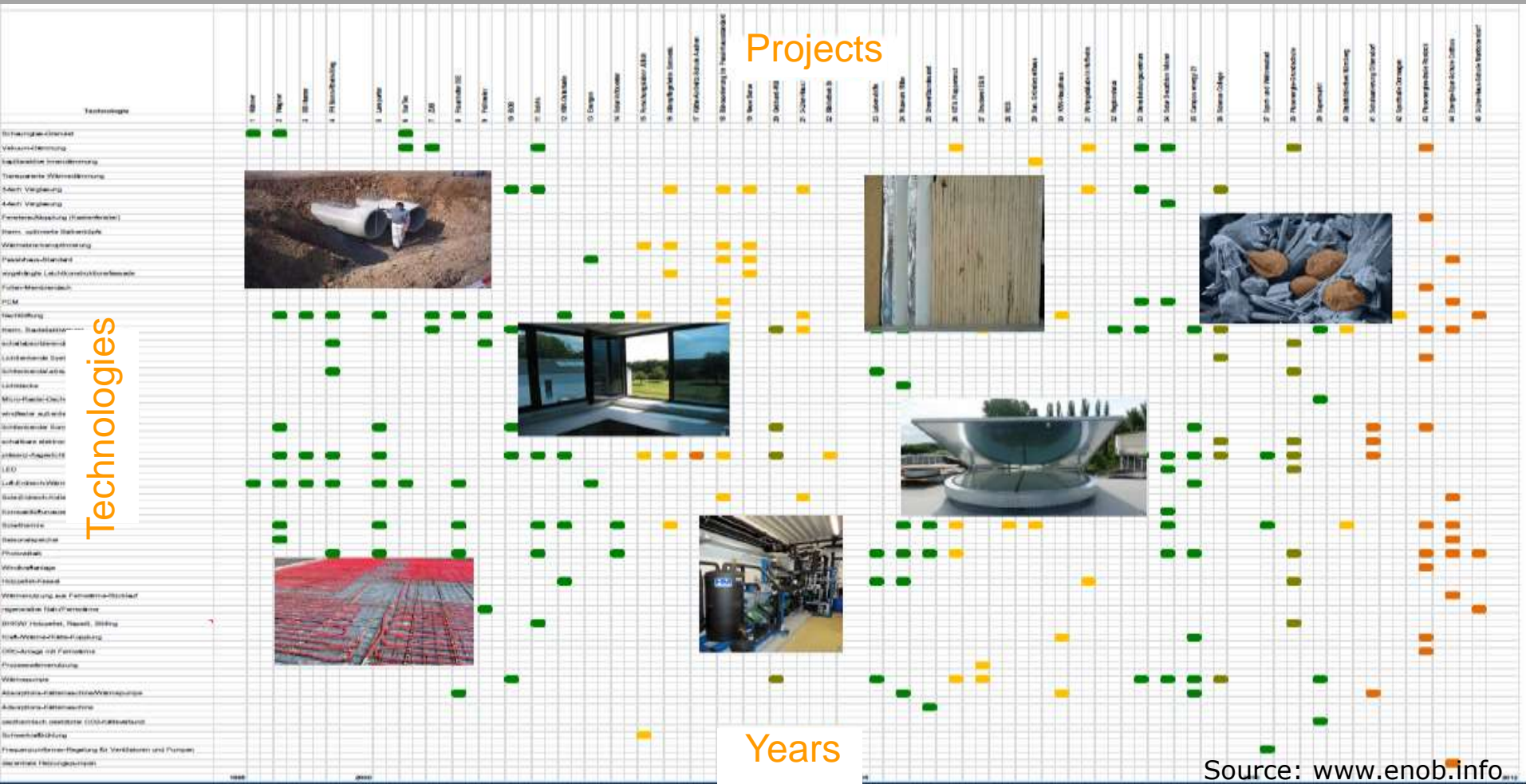


# Applied building technologies

## Projects

## Technologies

## Years



## Insulation standard

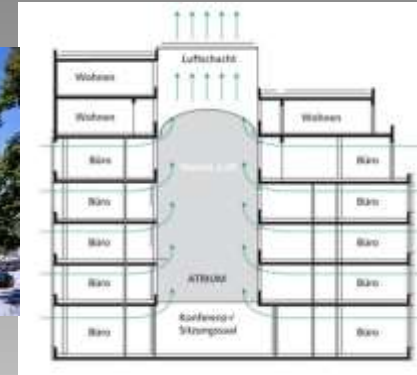
- Introduction of passive house standard in non-residential buildings between 1995 – 2000 (new facade technologies), new buildings and refurbishment
- Vacuum insulation from single elements to pre-fabricated systems



# Passive cooling

## Different heat sinks:

- between 1995 and 2005 cooling with (natural) night ventilation ...
- ... then increased application of thermally activated concrete slabs connected to boreholes, earth piles or ground water also use of PCM technology
- until 2000 application of ground-to-air heat exchangers





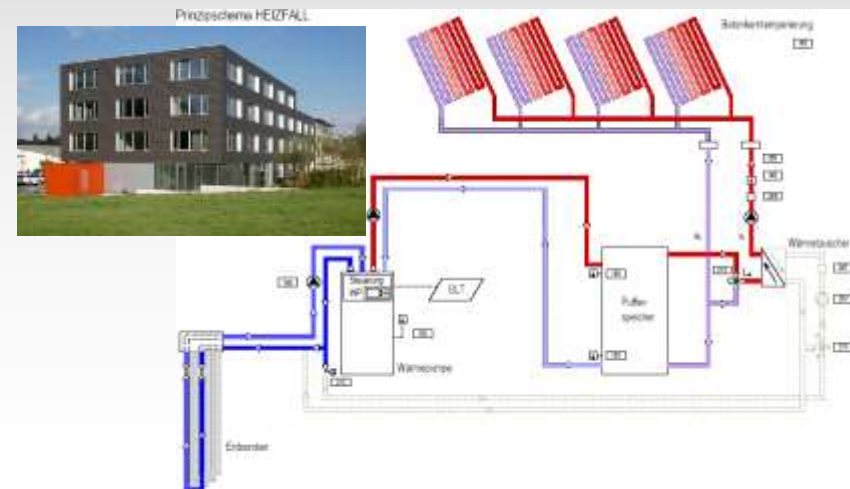
## Lighting

- Application of shading systems with daylighting option
- Very often application of lighting control systems with presence detection and daylight-dependence



## Energy Supply

- From 2005 on more heat pumps (synergy: ground as heat source and sink)  
→ all-electricity buildings?



# Residential care home for the elderly, Stuttgart



Architecture: Heckmann, Kristel, Jung, Stuttgart  
Energy concept: ebök, Tübingen  
Monitoring: Fraunhofer IBP, Stuttgart



# Historical building „Kleine Freiheit“, Hamburg

Source: [www.enob.info](http://www.enob.info)



Architecture: Dittert & Reumschüssel, Hamburg  
Energy concept: innovaTec Energiesysteme, Ahnatal  
Monitoring: Fraunhofer IBP

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# Plus-Energy School, Hohen Neuendorf

Source: [www.enob.info](http://www.enob.info)



Architecture: IBUS Architekten und Ingenieure, Bremen  
Energy concept: BLS Energieplan, Berlin  
Monitoring: Hochschule für Technik, Berlin

# ENERGON office building, Ulm

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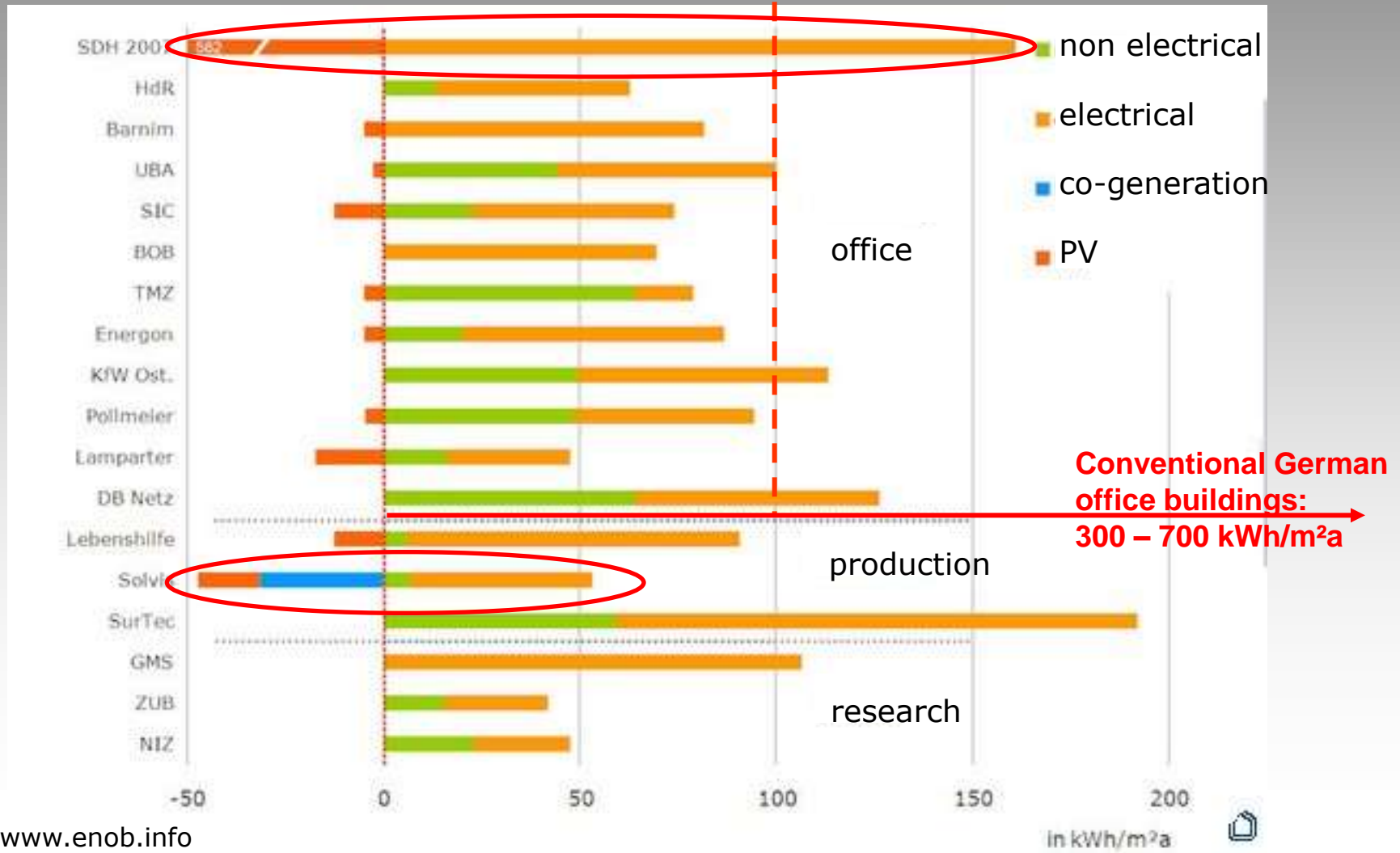


Architecture: oehler faigle archkom solar architektur, Bretten  
Energy concept: ebök Ingenieurbüro, Tübingen  
Monitoring: Steinbeis-Transferzentrum FH Ulm

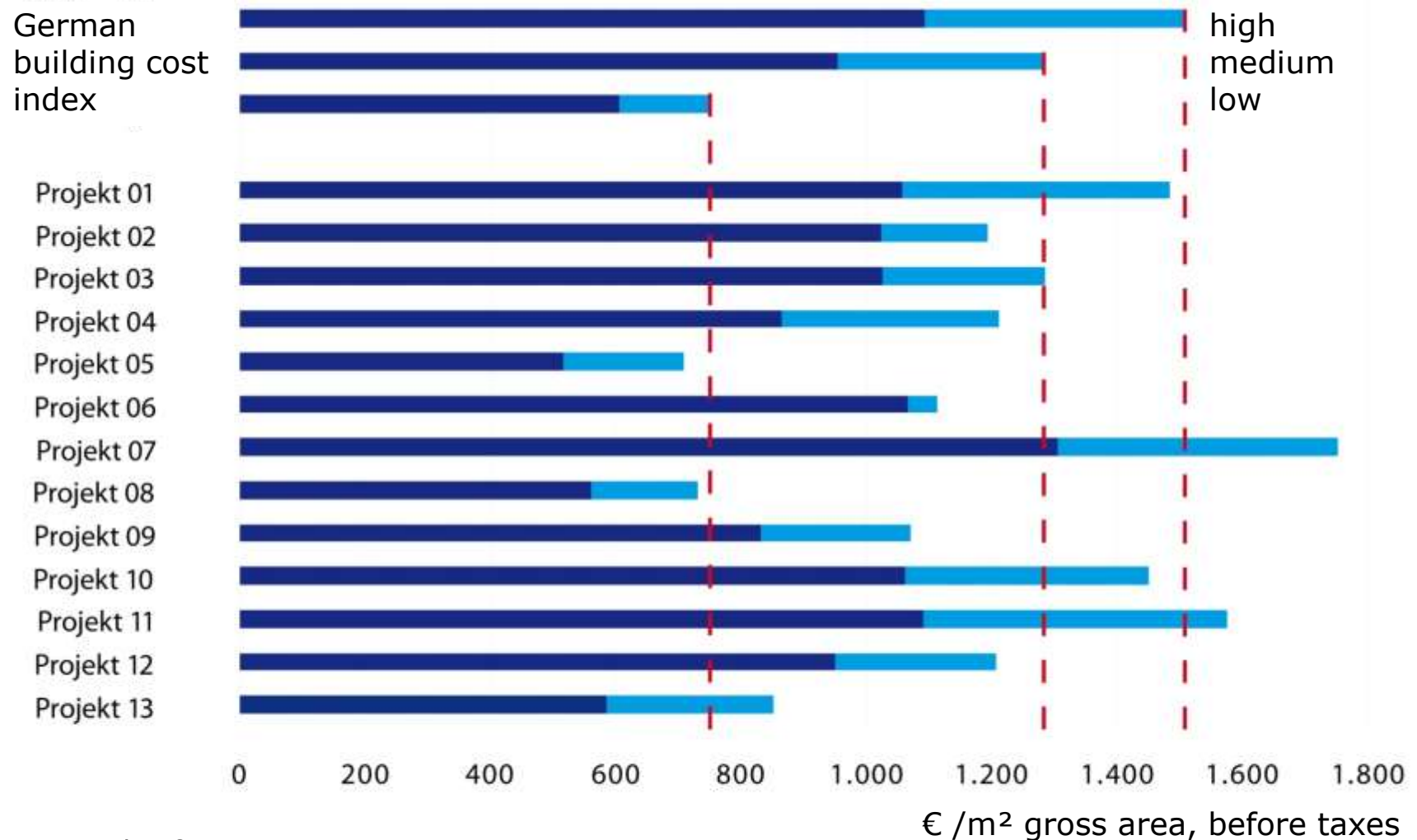


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# Primary energy balance for HVAC+L (EnBau)



# Investment costs (construction and technical services)



## But:

How can we reach the EC targets for green house gases (-80% by the year of 2050)?

- Ambitious standards introduced for buildings and performance demonstrated
- Building sector responsible for 40% of primary energy consumption and 80% of all buildings are in cities!
- How can energy performance of whole existing building stock be improved within given time frame?

→ **Holistic approach necessary on different scales**

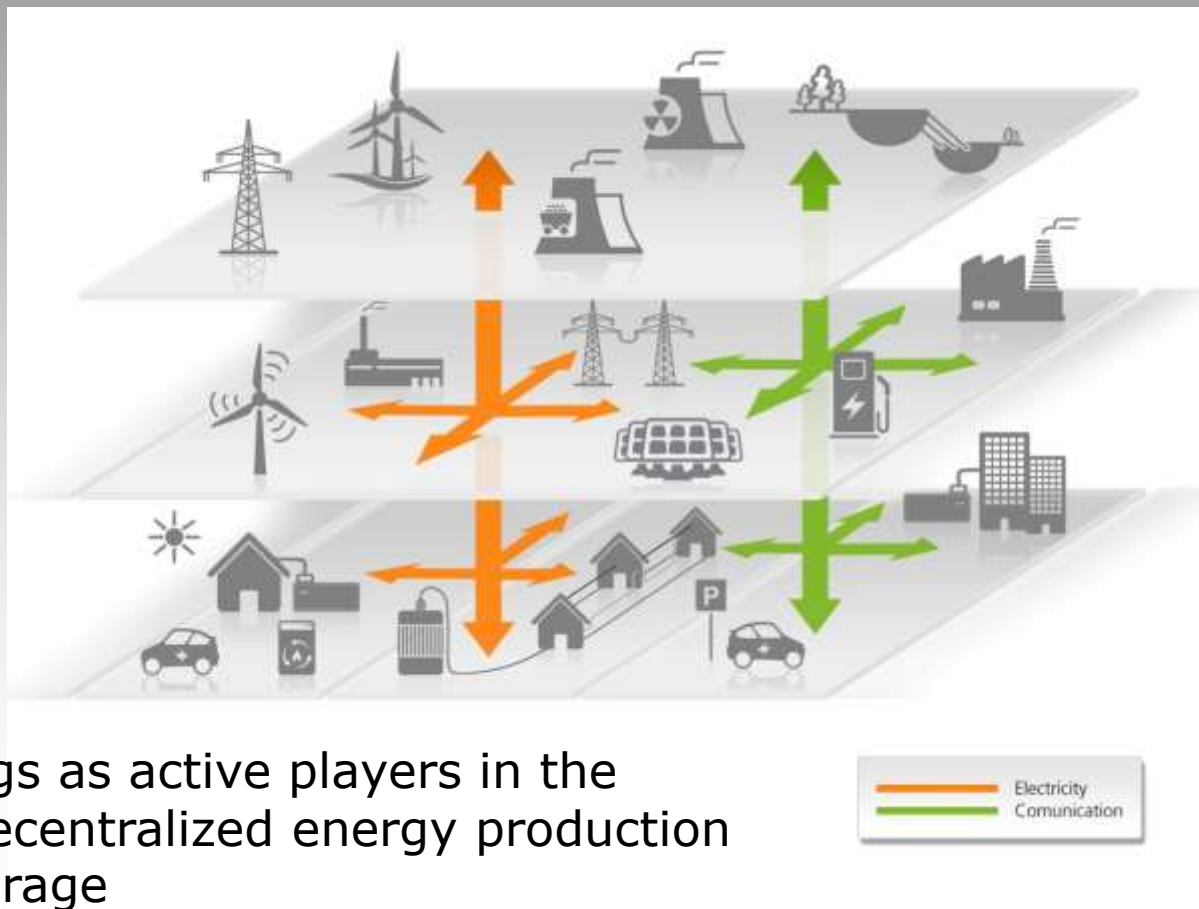
→ **Energy concepts for neighbourhoods and cities**

Stuttgart, Germany



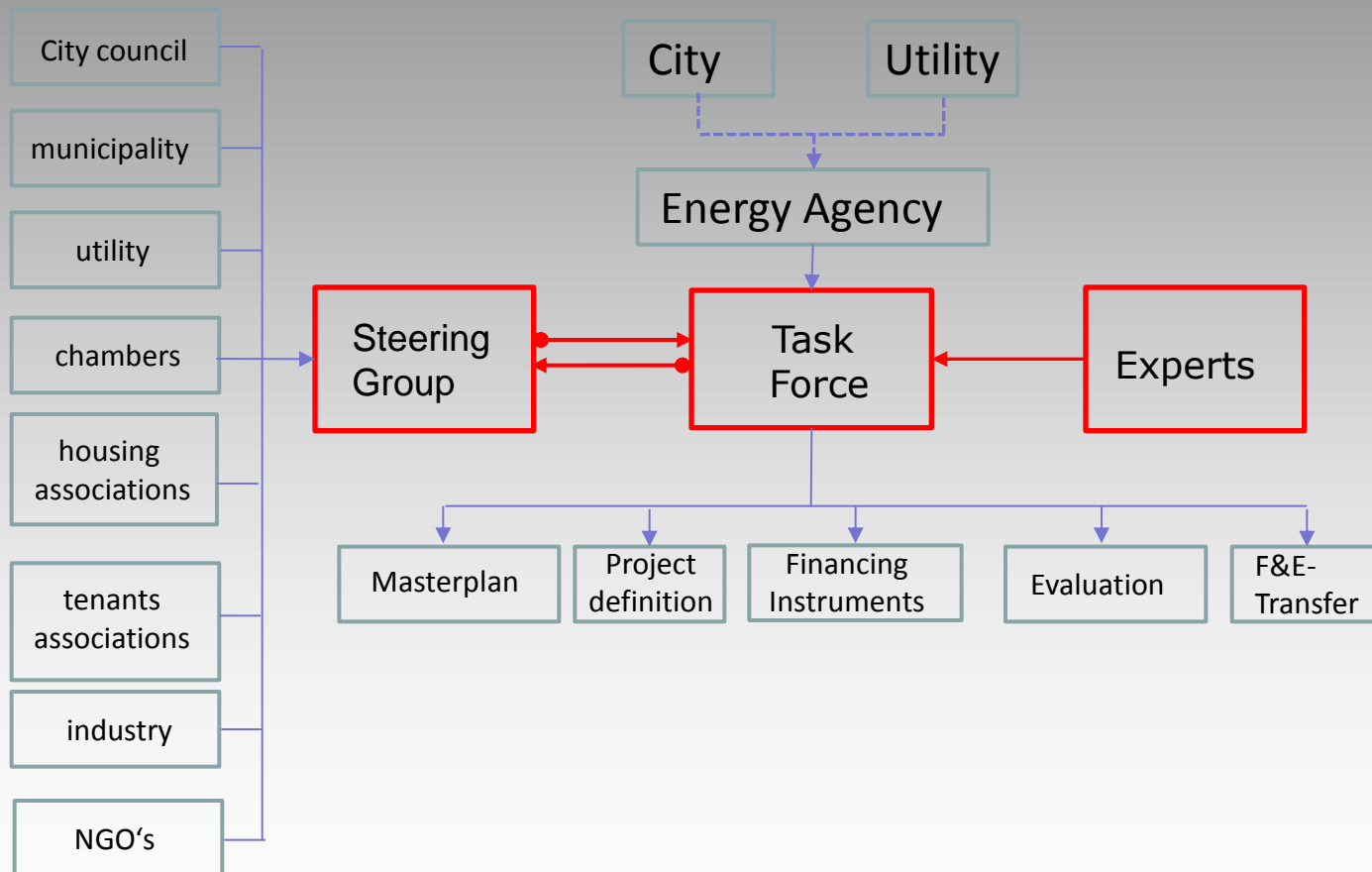


# Integrated energy concepts with multi-directional energy and information flows

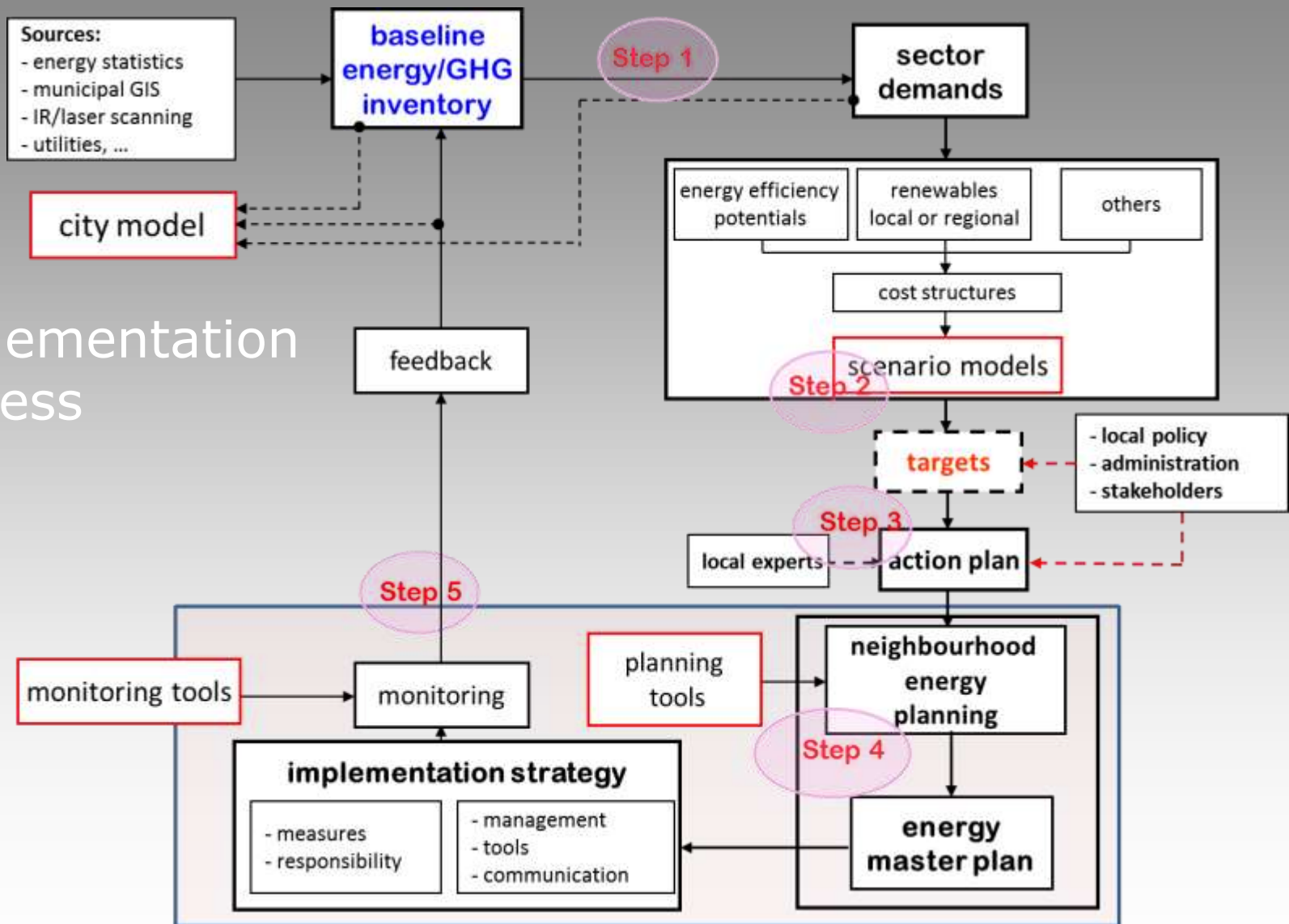


Buildings as active players in the grid: decentralized energy production and storage

# Actors involved and strategy for co-operation



# Implementation process



# Focus of the programs EnEff:Stadt and EnEff:Wärme

- R&D with regard to improved energy transformation and distribution, low exergy solutions for heat delivery, smart grid technology
- Demonstration projects on different scales – campuses, neighbourhoods, districts (7 projects in conceptual / planning phase, 4 projects under realization)
- New planning and management methods, energy efficiency master plans, assessment criteria and strategies, planning tools for municipalities and other actors



# Bad Aibling - a former military base on its way to a zero energy city

Conversion of total usable floor area of 72,000 m<sup>2</sup>, divided among 52 building complexes or residential complexes

Improvement of buildings' energy quality by more than 50%

solar-powered local heating network with decentralized feed-in points, woodchip boiler, large-scale, ground-mounted PV system and PV roofs on aircraft hanger



# Ludmilla energy-plus housing estate, Landshut

New residential buildings with total usable floor area of 7,600 m<sup>2</sup>

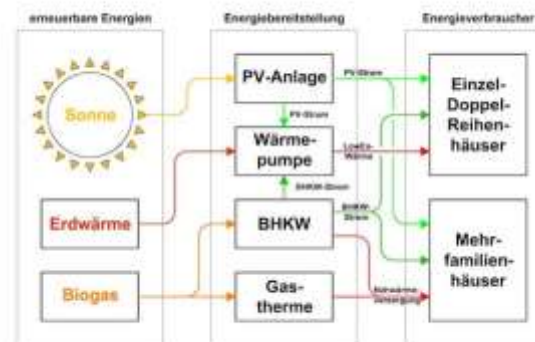
High energy standard achieved with hollow clay bricks with integrated insulation

Heating network with co-generation for apartment buildings, fueled with biogas

Mini heat pumps for detached, semi-detached and terraced houses, use of shallow geothermal energy  
Electricity for building services from PV systems on roofs



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# Integrated Neighbourhood Energy Concept, Karlsruhe-Rintheim

Refurbishment of residential buildings  
built in 1950 and 1960 with total usable  
floor area of 87,000 m<sup>2</sup>,  
mixture of high-density linear apartment  
blocks and high-rise apartment complexes

Optimizing energy reduction costs by  
combination of building refurbishment and  
installation of a district heating network  
which connects to urban distribution system

Maintaining the overall cost level for tenants  
by compensating higher rents by lower  
energy bills



## Conclusions and outlook (I)

- New building technologies have to be integrated smartly into whole building concept → integrated design, system integration (controls)
- Active role of buildings in overall energy system → load shifting and management in connection with grid (energy storage, PV, co-generation)
- High potential for improving building operation – new tools required (data processing and visualization, automated fault detection, model based optimization), market for new services
- Ambitious European/national energy-saving goals require much stronger focus on existing building stock in the future; need for combinations of measures on different scales (building → city)



## Conclusions and outlook (II)

### **Energy transition for cities needs**

- integrated strategies (supply/demand)
- coordinated action over long time
- co-operation between stakeholders
- mix of public and private efforts (including grant systems)
- integration into overall planning framework
- holistic approach

Source: R. Jank

## Conclusions and outlook (III)

### **Research issues:** (*beyond individual buildings*)

- **Technology**  
(neighbourhood scale)
  - low exergy applications
  - monitoring and operation optimization
  - smart metering → smart homes → smart grids
  
- **Modelling**  
(city and neighbourhood scale)
  - 3D neighbourhood modeling with digital territory information systems and remote scanning methods
  - interface to building and energy system models
  
- **Transition process**  
(city scale)
  - management structures
  - urban planning framework integration
  - financing models (→ business cases?)
  - appropriate participation models
  - evaluation / learning

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