



Passive House for India

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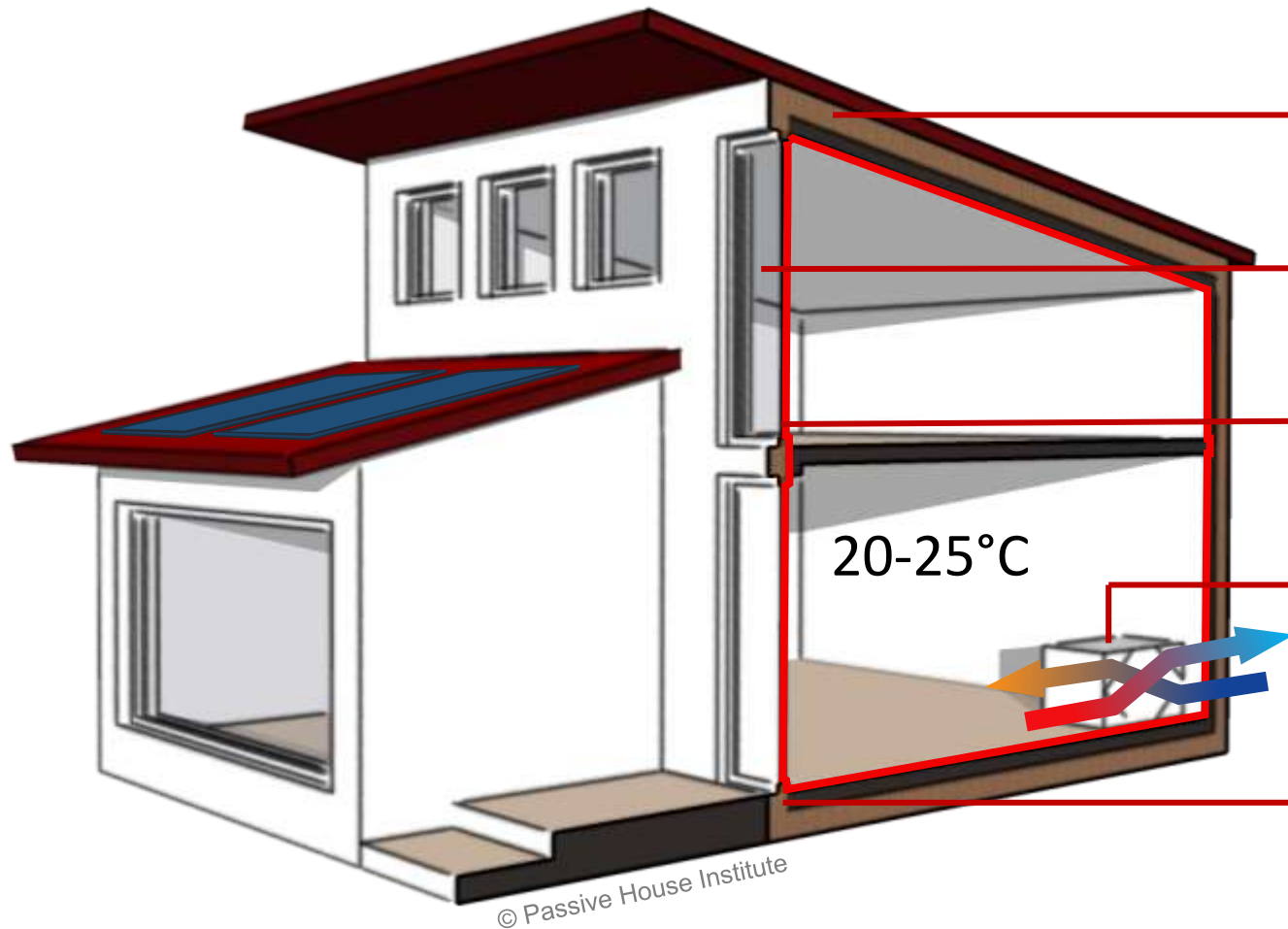
Passive House added value

- Energy efficiency
- Health & Comfort
- Future-proof



Passive House Star Garment Innovation Center, Sri Lanka
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5 Passive House Principles



Continuous insulation

Reduces heat losses/gains*

Passive House windows + shading

Enjoy/avoid* free solar gains

Continuous airtightness

Prevents draughts + moisture problems

Ventilation unit

With heat/humidity recovery*

Provides fresh air 24/7!

No thermal bridges

Limit weak points

* Climate dependent

65 000+ Passive House units worldwide



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Passive House international building criteria

Heating demand
 $\leq 15 \text{ kWh}/(\text{m}^2\text{a})$

OR
Heating load $< 10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$

Cooling demand
Climate dependent
(up to $\sim 70 \text{ kWh}/\text{m}^2\text{a}$)

OR
Cooling load $< 10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$

**Primary Energy
demand**
 $\leq 120 \text{ kWh}/(\text{m}^2\text{a})$

Airtightness
 $n_{50} \leq 0.6 \text{ h}^{-1}$

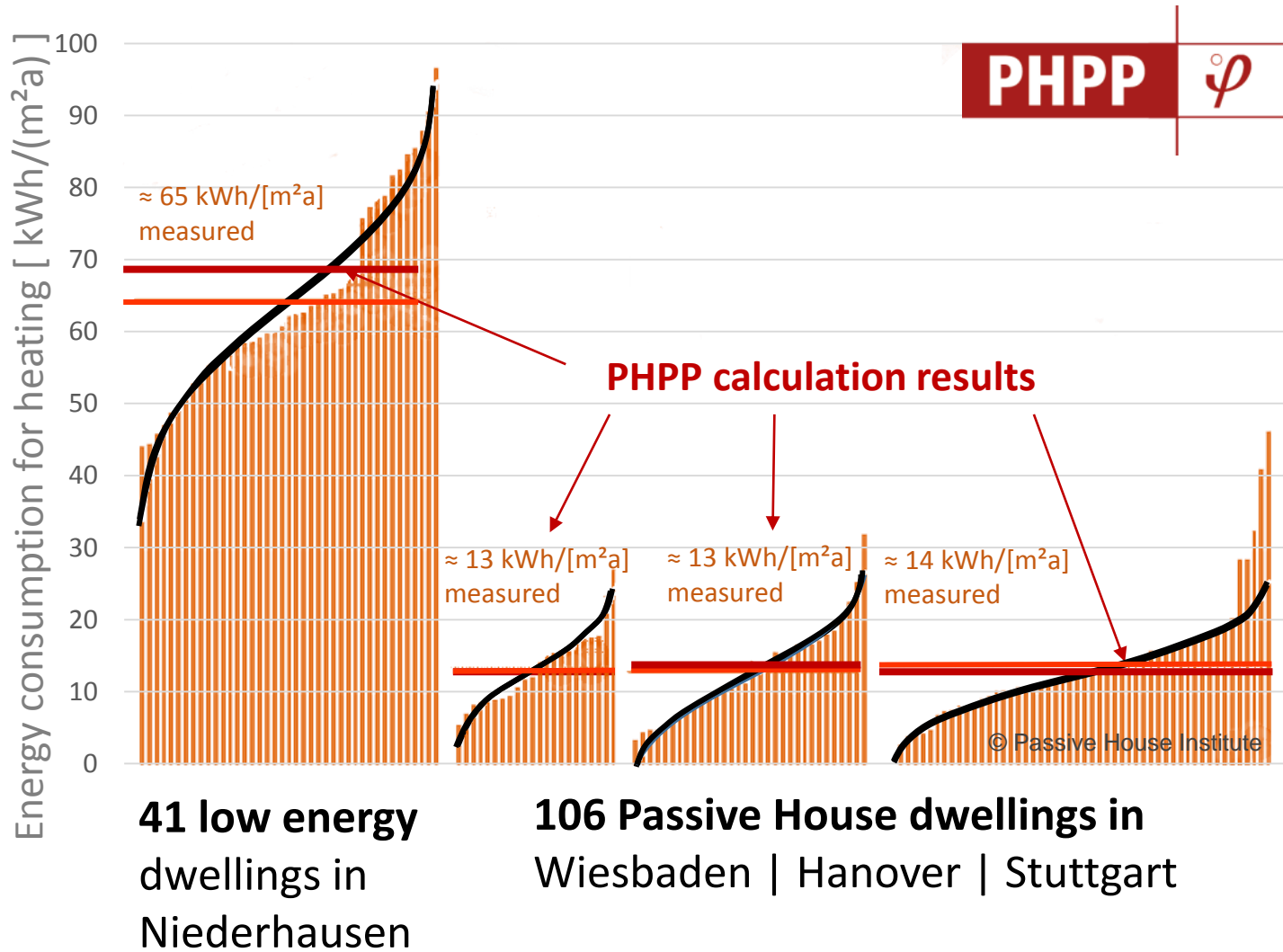
Up to

- **90%** heating

- **80%** cooling
/ existing buildings

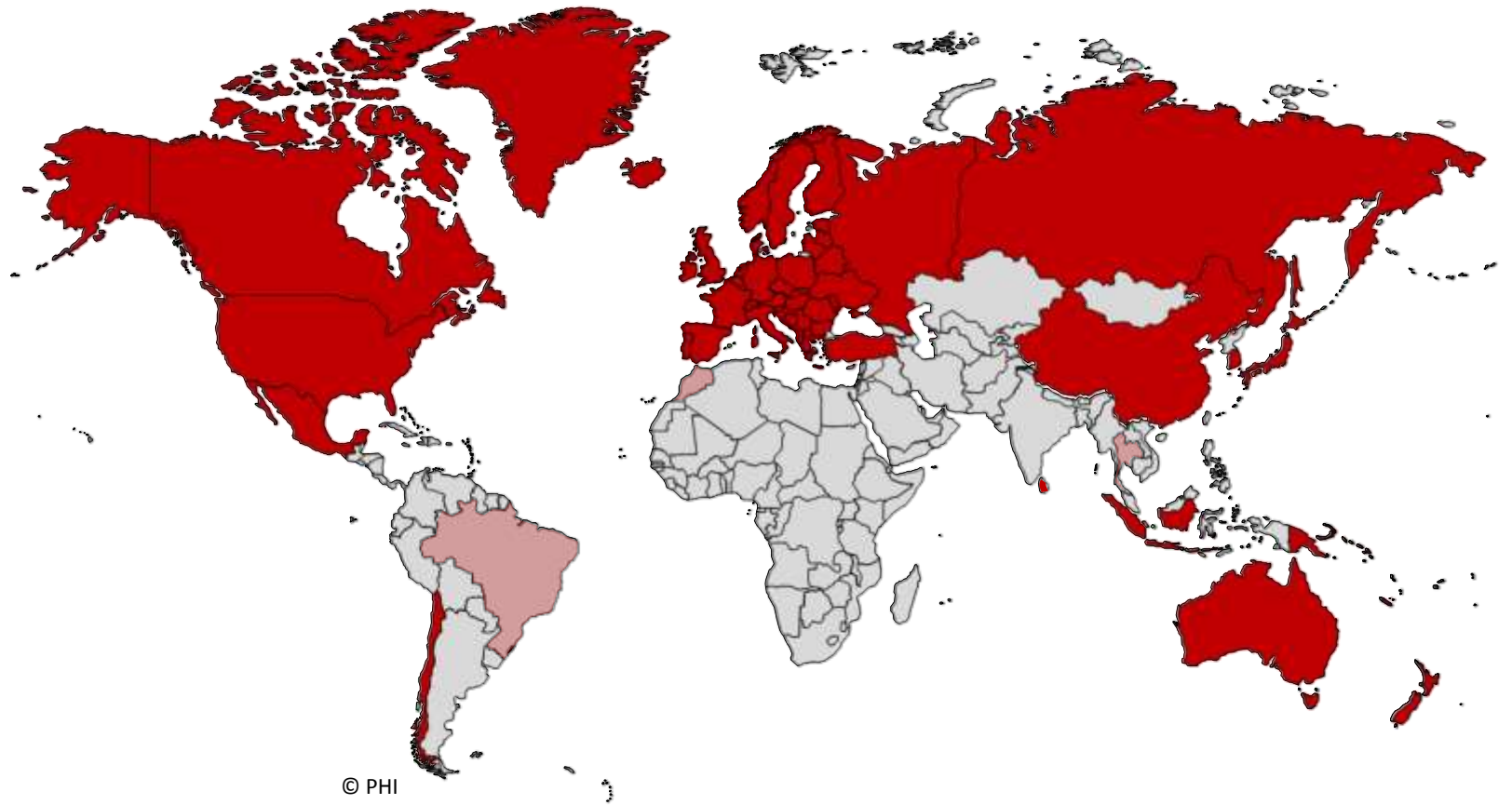


No detected performance gap!



Worldwide development

Think global, act local!



3500+ members in
56 countries

22 international
affiliates
organisations

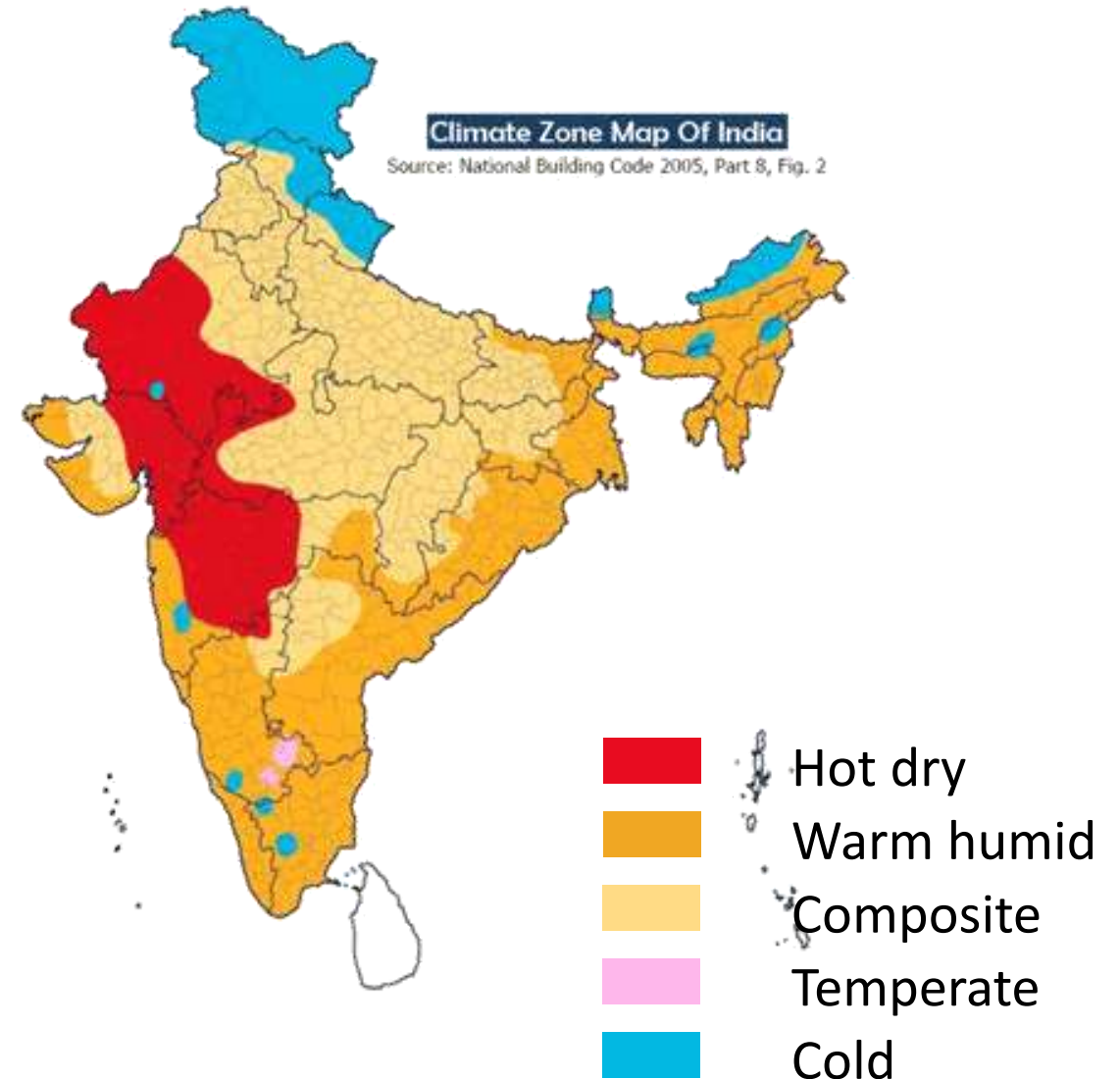
Common challenges

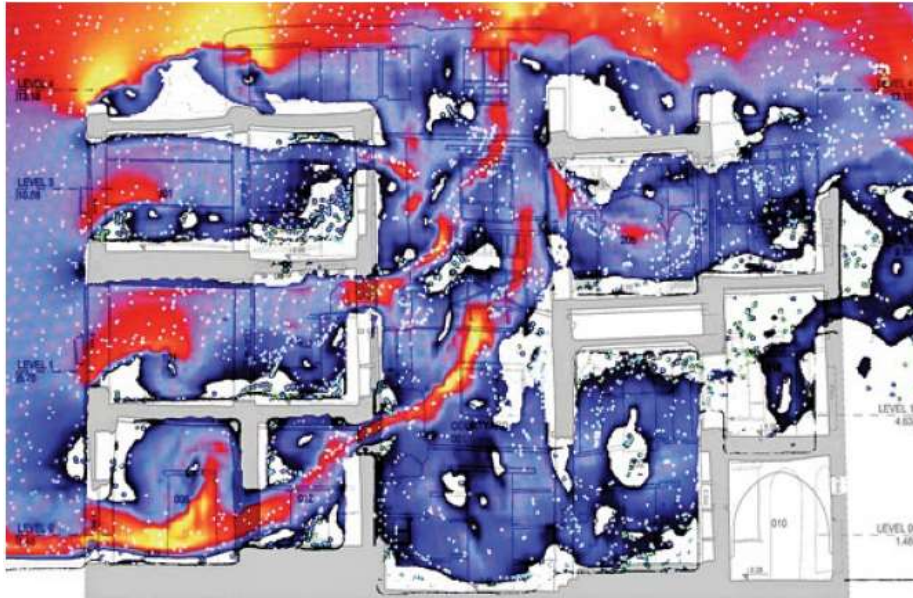
Different solutions for different contexts

- Climates
- Cultures
- Construction types

Emerging economies

- Required knowledge & components
- Quick mass training & building
- Lack of awareness
- Affordability





A/ Keep the building open,
foster free air circulation. But,
Indoor temperature up to 40 °C
Indoor humidity up to 25 g/kg



OR B/ Separate the interior from the exterior

Indoor temperatures 20-25°C

Indoor humidity up to 12 g/kg

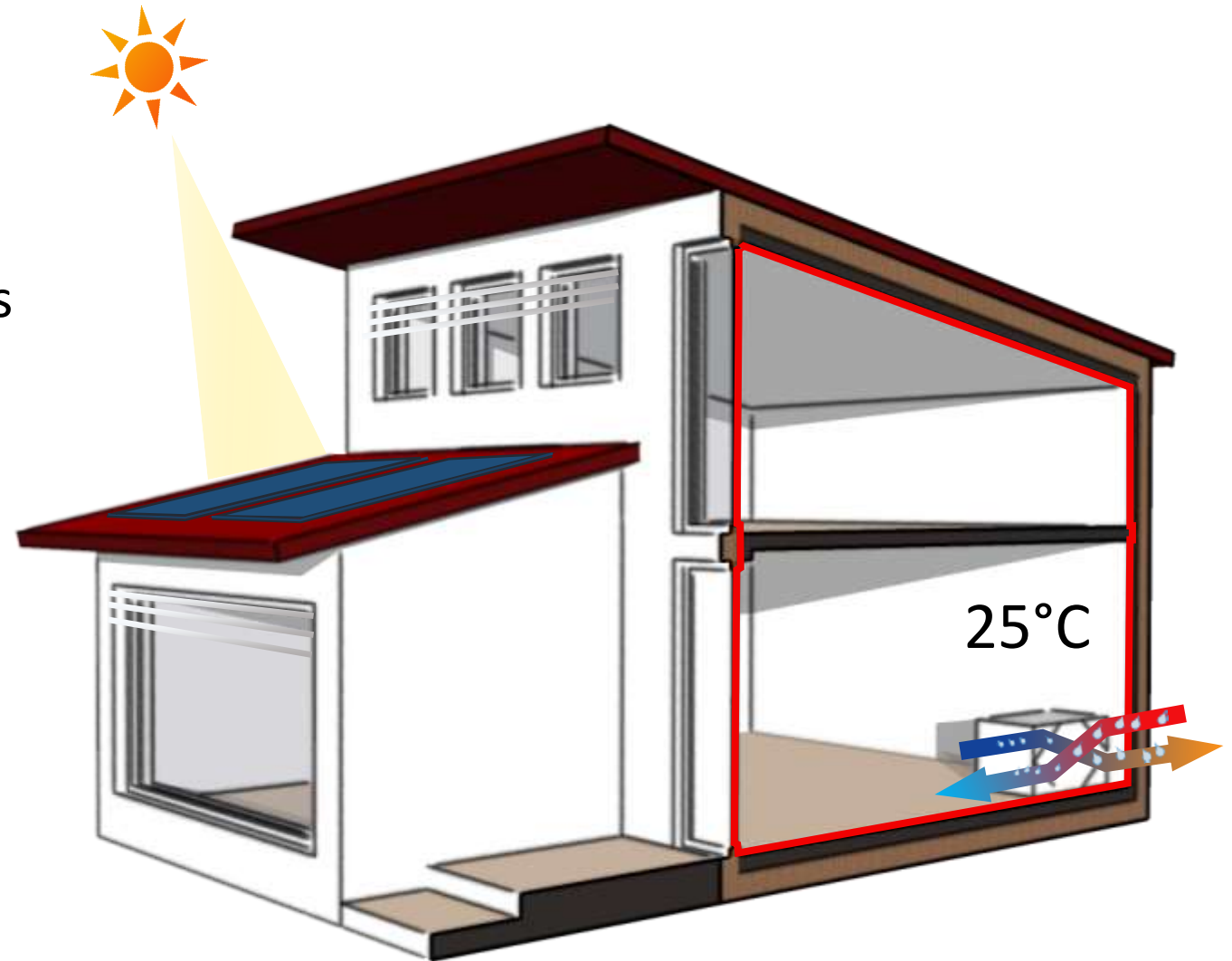
Low energy demand

No cooling peak power problem

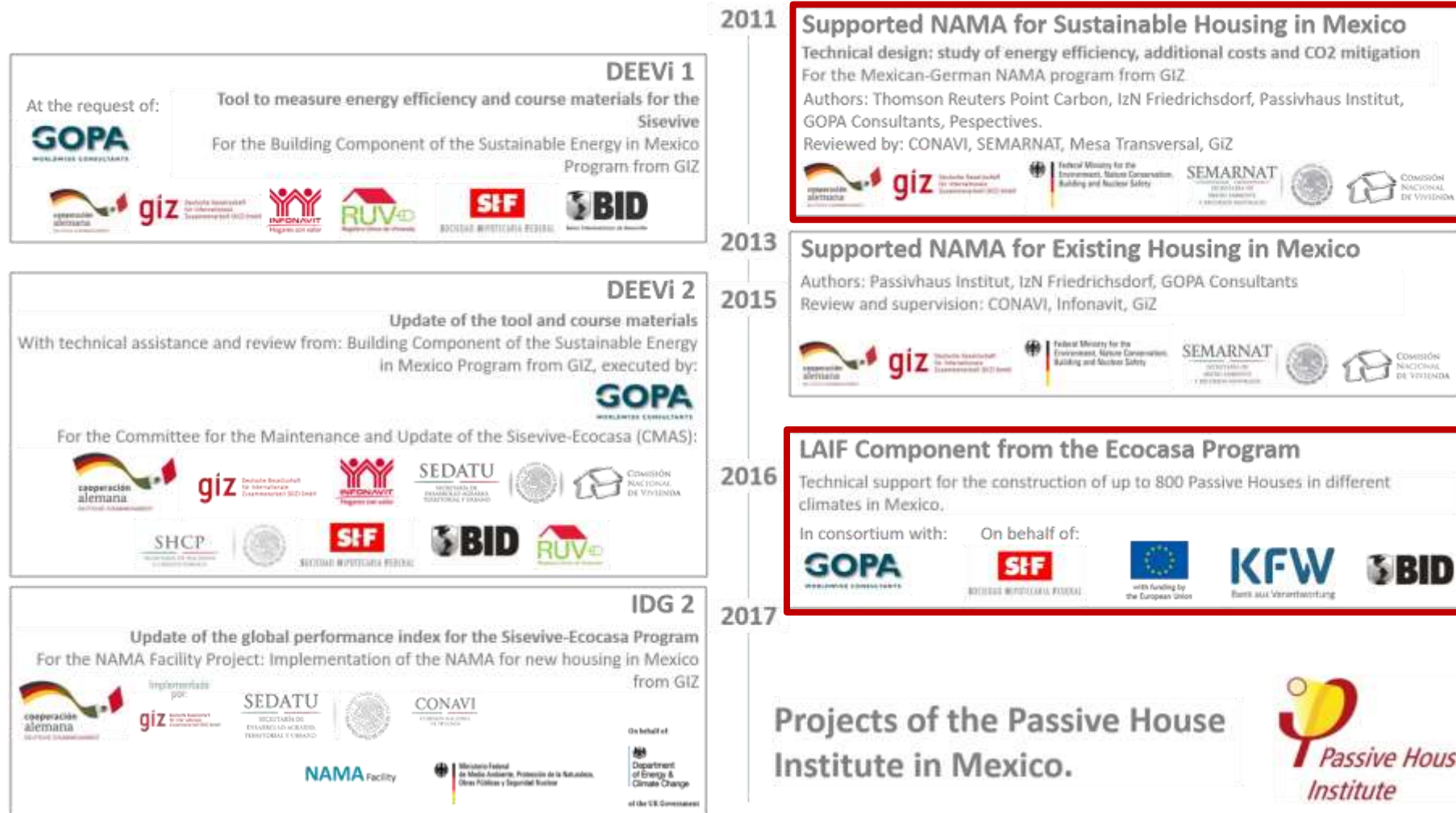


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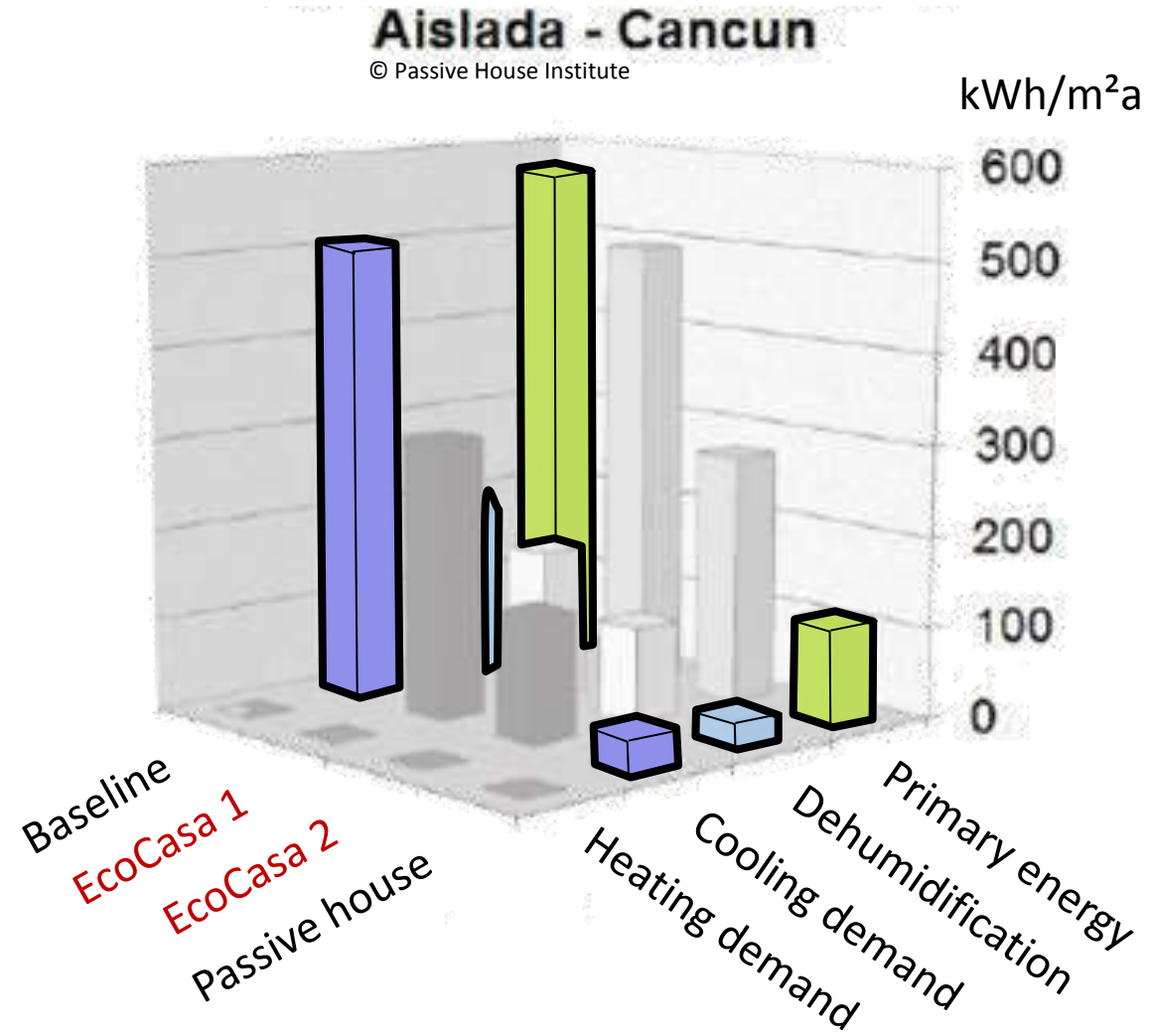
1. Limit internal & external heat loads
2. Use passive cooling strategies
3. If not enough, active cooling



Mexico – Projects overview



Mexico – NAMA study



LOCK-IN effects!

Mexico - LAIF Component

Passive house pilot projects

$n_{50} = 0.58h^{-1}$

Nogales 



Morelia 



Guadalajara 




Monterrey 



Veracruz 



Componente



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China – Monitoring and Study



Passive Houses
in
Chinese Climates



China – Increased Interest!



75+ local Passive house components
Local designers, building certifiers*



37 buildings
330,000 m²

Gaobeidian building site © Kuang

Canada – Implementation strategies

Vancouver City

- Cost-effectiveness study
- FREE Passive Design Toolkit
- Regulation updates & incentives
- Zero Emissions Building Plan

Province of British Columbia

- BC Energy Step Code
- Best Practices Guide for local governments



Prefabricated Passive Houses for indigenous communities © Britco

Way forward for India

1. How?

- Studies in the context of India
- Pilot projects & monitoring

2. Scale up

- Incentives & regulations
- Local professionals & components

Collaboration of all parties involved!

- Local & international experts
- Construction industry / practitioners



Energy-efficiency. Comfort. Health.
Future-proof money and time investment.

Thank you for your attention!

