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PERFORMANCE
INSULATION



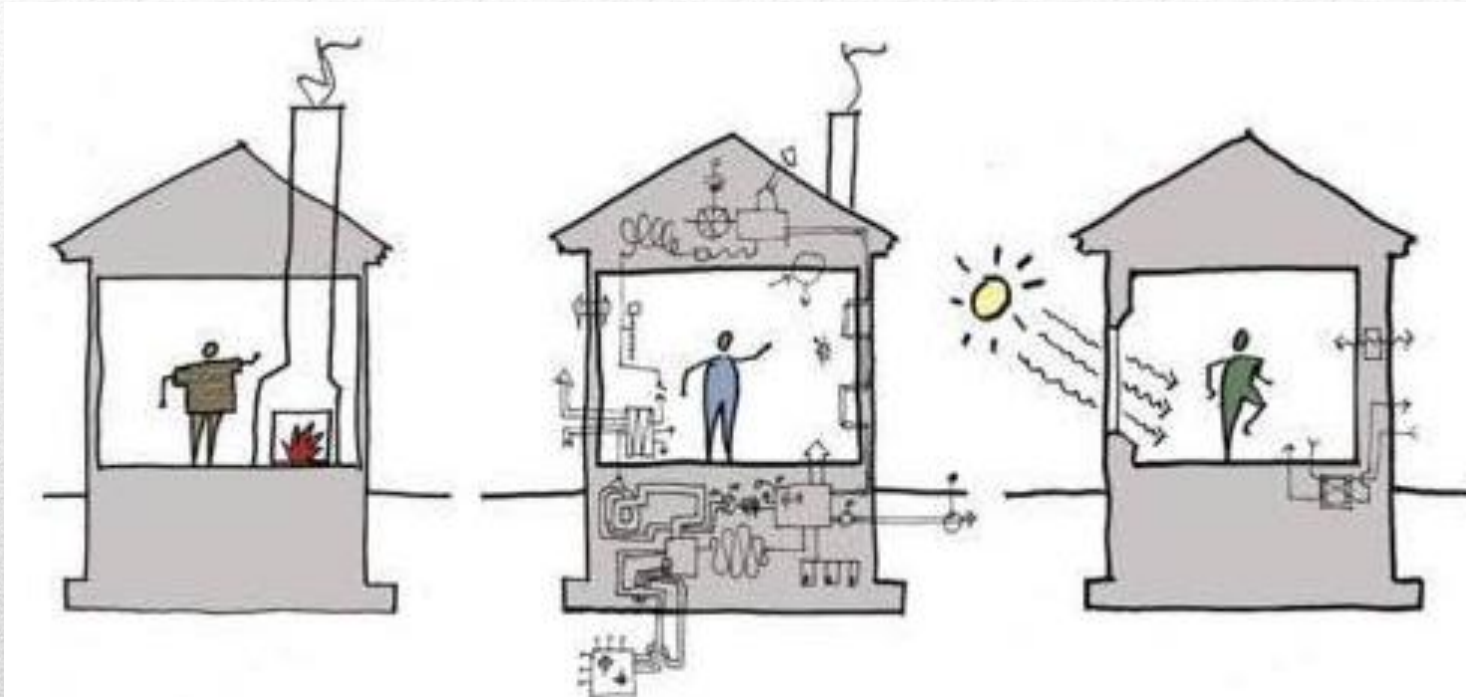
Incorporating bio-based materials into Passivhaus and nZEB designs

Oliver Style, Progetic



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Habitat over time



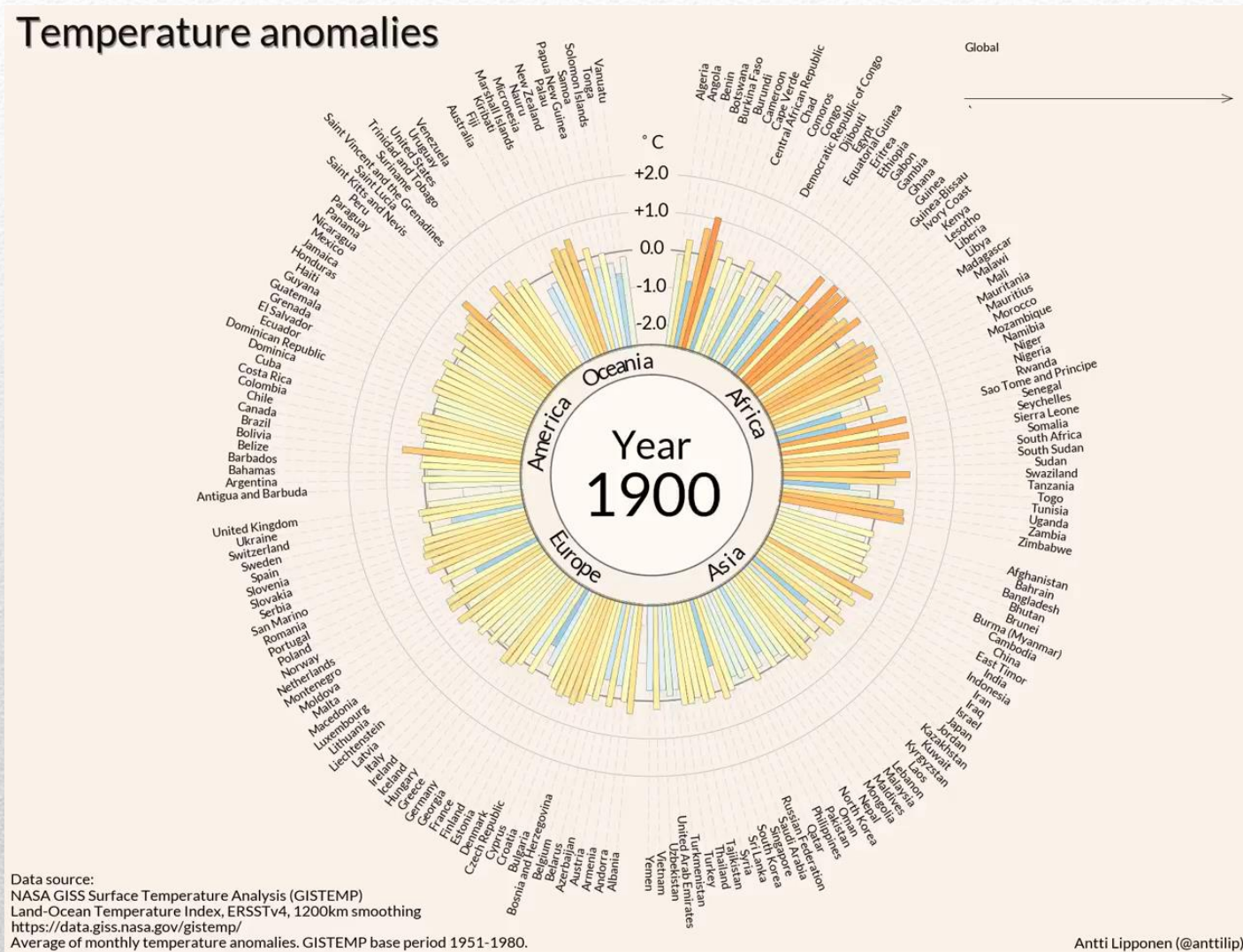
**19th
Century**

**20th
Century**

**21st
Century**

Designing for extreme climate scenarios

Temperature anomalies



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The tip of the iceberg



Construction cost

Environmental impact

Operational energy + embodied energy



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ISOBIO raw materials

Hemp shiv treated/
untreated with sol-gel



G7, G8, G12 and G14
4 treatments on G8

Hemp fine



Hemp fibre



Wheat shiv



G7, G8, G12 and G14

Rape shiv



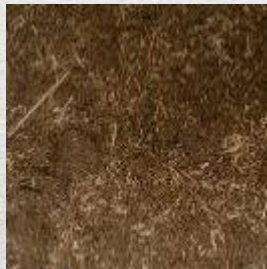
G7, G8 and G14

Flax shiv



G7, G8, G12 and G14

Flax fine



Flax fibre



Corn cob



**Corn cob
residue**



20 Raw Materials provided by CAVAC and 5 Raw Materials processed

**Physical
Characteristics**

**Mechanical
Characteristics**

**Hygrothermal
Characteristics**

**Chemical
Characteristics**

ISOBIO: Insulating core

Hemp



Straw



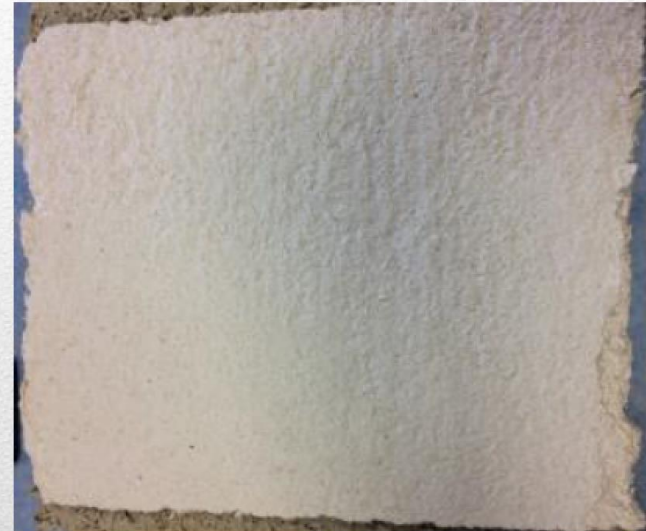
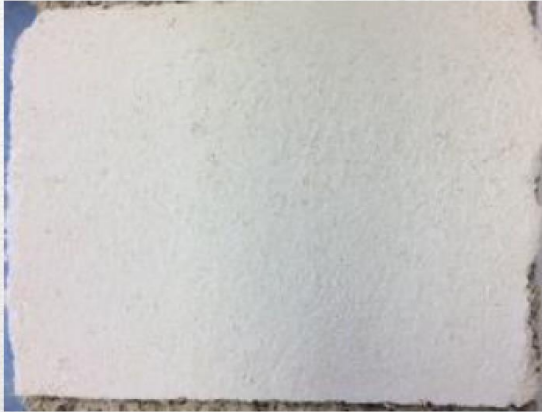
ISOBIO: Modified bio-based binder

Examples of uses : Lamination / multi-layer



ISOBIO: Lime render/plaster + hemp

- Render (lime sp) + hemp



ISOBIO: Modified clay plasters

- Optimise fire resistance
- Maintain moisture buffering properties
- Maintain workability



Larixhaus: straw & timber nZEB home



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- **Gross floor area:** 142 m²
- **Useful floor area:** 92 m²
- **Construction time:** 6 months
- **Construction cost:** € 153,782 ; € 1.083/m²
- **Architects:** Nacho Martí, Maria Molins & Oriol Martí
- **PHPP, Passivhaus design:** Oliver Style
- **Builder:** Farhaus
- **Developers:** Jordi Vinadé & Itziar Pagès

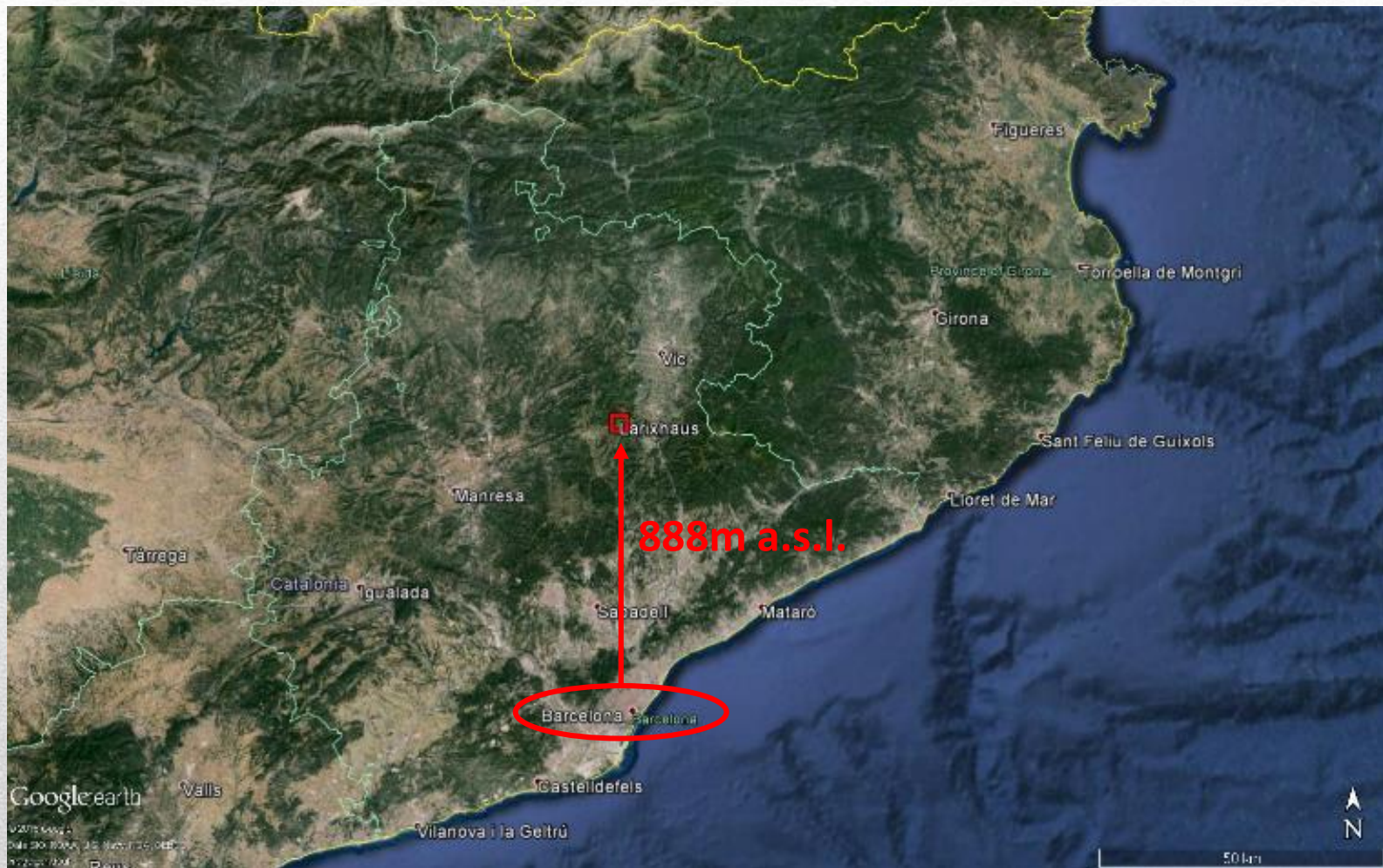


Larixhaus: location



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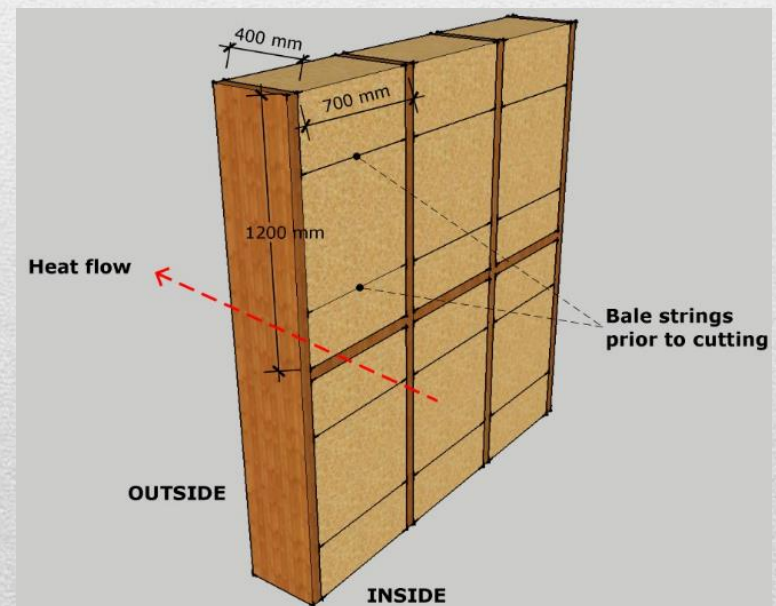
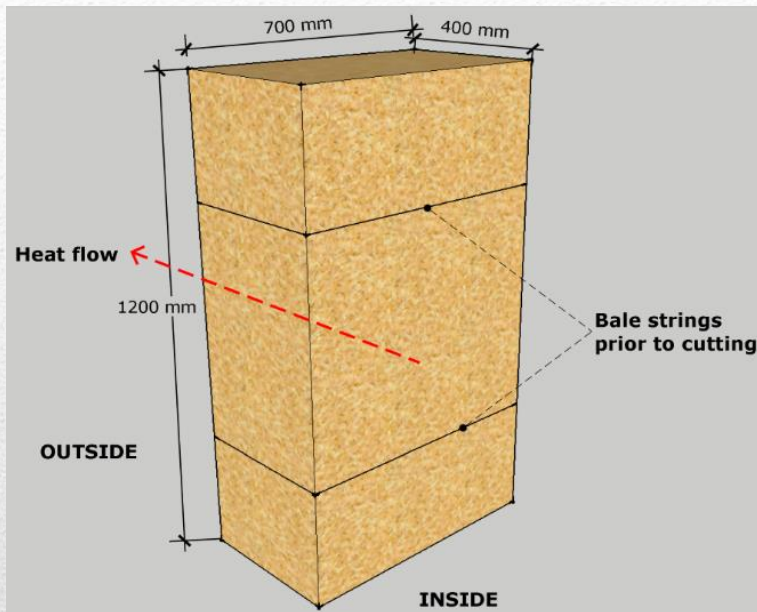
Larixhaus: timber structure



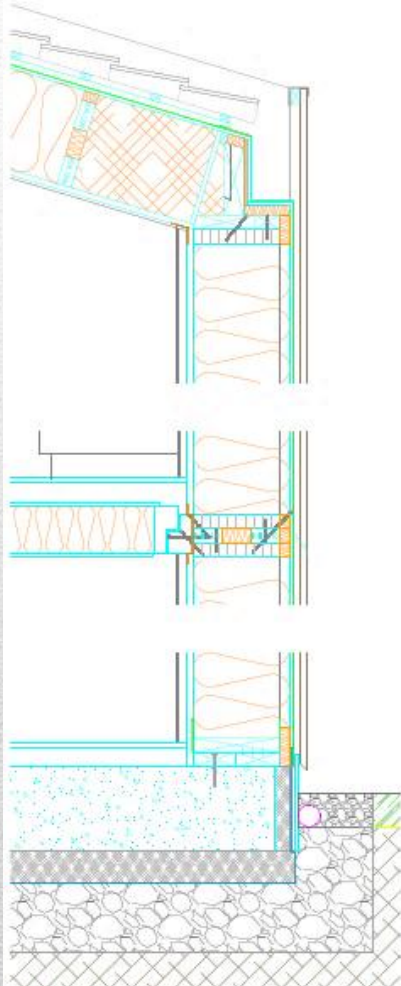
Larixhaus: materials, structure & envelope



Larixhaus: straw insulation



Larixhaus: thermal envelope



Wall build-up [in > out]:

- 12mm gypsum fibre board
- 35 mm service void
- 22mm OSB 4 [airtight layer & vapour barrier]
- 400mm straw insulation
- 16mm timber board [vapour permeable]
- 0,5mm membrane [vapour permeable]
- 35mm ventilated cavity
- 26mm larch rain screen cladding

Larixhaus: straw insulation

Target density $\delta = 90 <> 110 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Num.	Llargada (m)	Amplada (m)	Gruix (m)	m3	Pes (Kg)	Desnitat (kg/m3)
1	1,24	0,71	0,41	0,36	34,40	95,30
2	1,28	0,73	0,48	0,45	43,40	96,76
3	1,26	0,72	0,40	0,36	36,00	99,21
4	1,24	0,71	0,39	0,34	35,00	101,94
5	1,25	0,71	0,41	0,36	33,40	91,79
6	1,25	0,71	0,42	0,37	38,60	103,55
7	1,24	0,71	0,31	0,27	27,40	100,39
8	1,31	0,72	0,48	0,45	44,00	97,19
9	1,28	0,72	0,48	0,44	34,00	76,86
10	1,25	0,75	0,44	0,41	46,80	113,45
11	1,23	0,73	0,31	0,28	31,40	111,37
12	1,26	0,76	0,44	0,42	40,60	96,36
13	1,25	0,70	0,37	0,32	38,00	117,37
14	1,24	0,74	0,41	0,38	39,00	103,66
15	1,25	0,70	0,45	0,39	37,00	93,97
16	1,25	0,72	0,37	0,33	31,20	93,69
17	1,19	0,71	0,36	0,30	40,80	134,14
18	1,25	0,72	0,38	0,34	38,00	111,11
19	1,22	0,71	0,40	0,35	37,00	106,79
20	1,22	0,70	0,36	0,31	38,00	123,60
21	1,22	0,72	0,42	0,37	39,00	105,71
22	1,23	0,70	0,40	0,34	39,80	115,56

Measured average density $\delta = 104 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Larixhaus: straw insulation

Target humidity $\varphi \leq 10 \%$



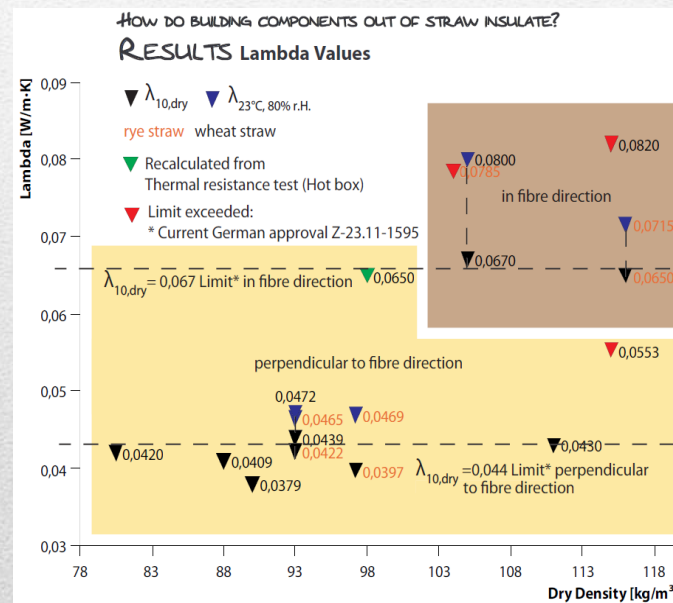
Humitat i temperatura			
	Humitat material	T° ambient	Humitat ambiental
Proba 1	8,10	32	
Proba 2	10,00	32	
Proba 3	8,30	32	
Proba 4	4,00	32	
Proba 5	0,00	32	

Measured average humidity $\varphi = 6 \%$

Larixhaus: straw insulation

Estimated thermal conductivity

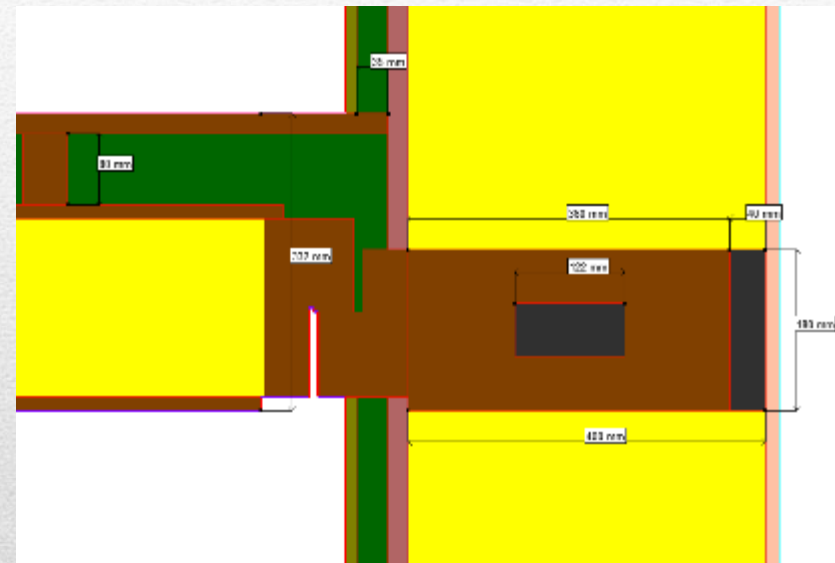
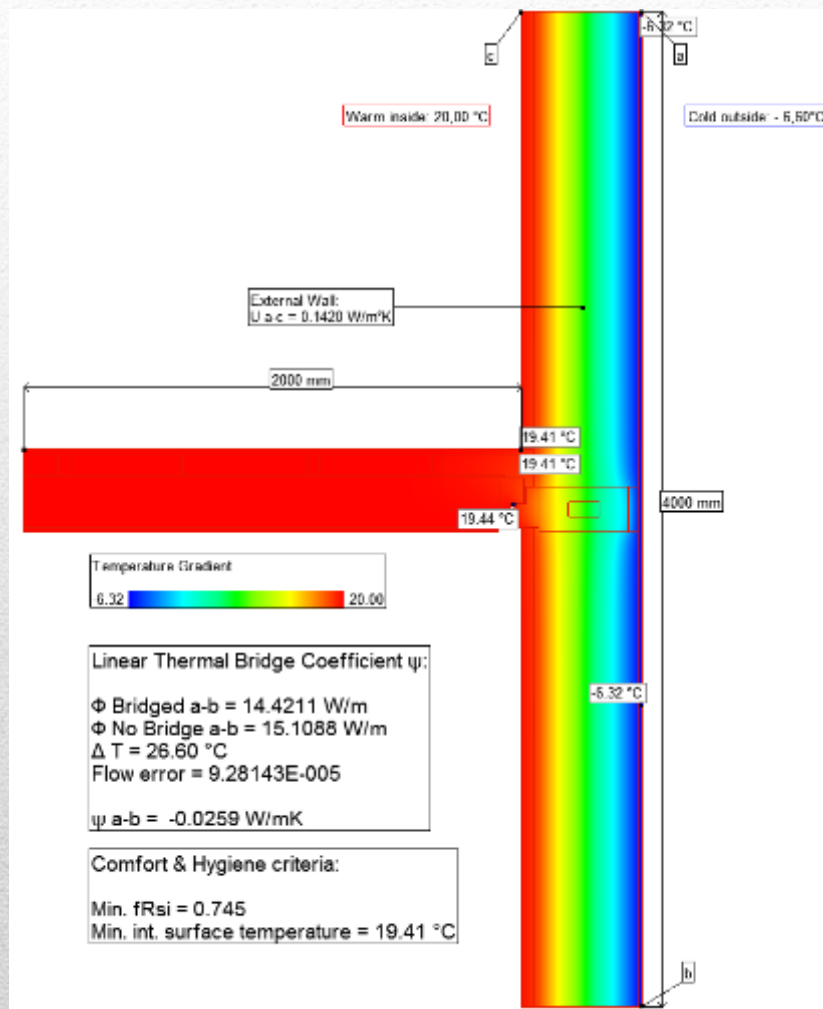
$$\lambda_R = 0.052 * 0.75 + 0.08 * 0.25 = 0.059 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$$



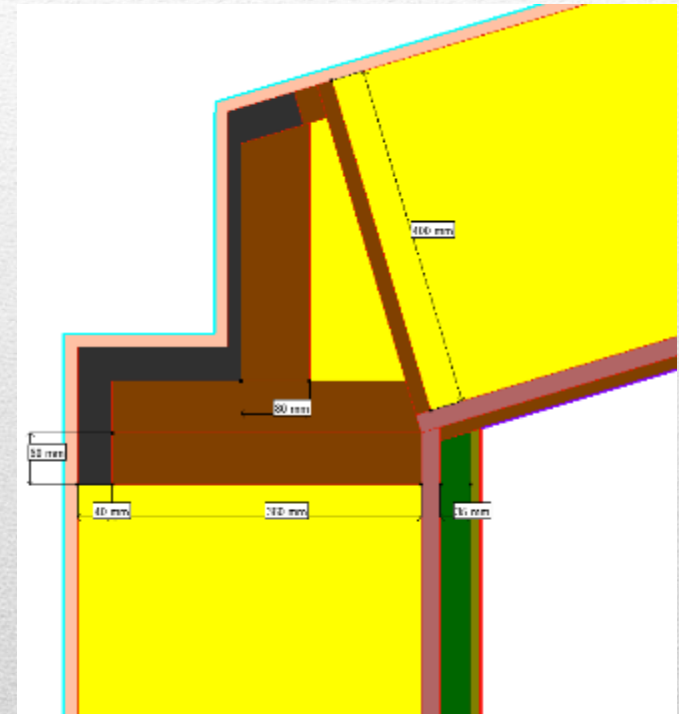
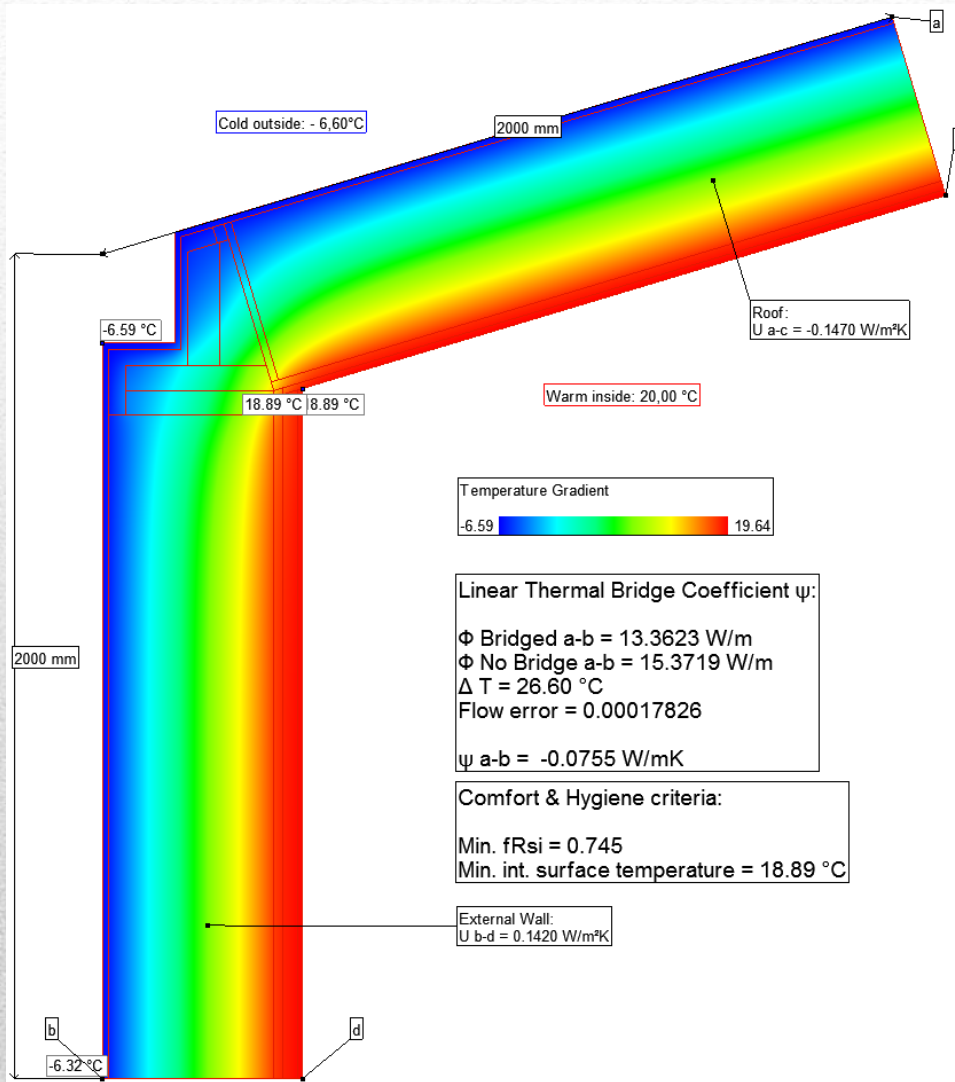
Source: FASBA 2009

Thermal conductivity $\lambda = 0.059 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$

Larixhaus: thermal-bridge free envelope



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Larixhaus: prefabrication



Larixhaus: on-site assembly



Larixhaus: air tightness



Certificate

about the BlowerDoor Test

Object:

Larixhaus
C/Ponent 18
Colluspina 08178

Test Date: 30.9.2013

Air change rate (n50) at 50 Pascal
according to EN 13829

n50	=	0,32 1/h
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Regulation complied with: Passivhaus standard

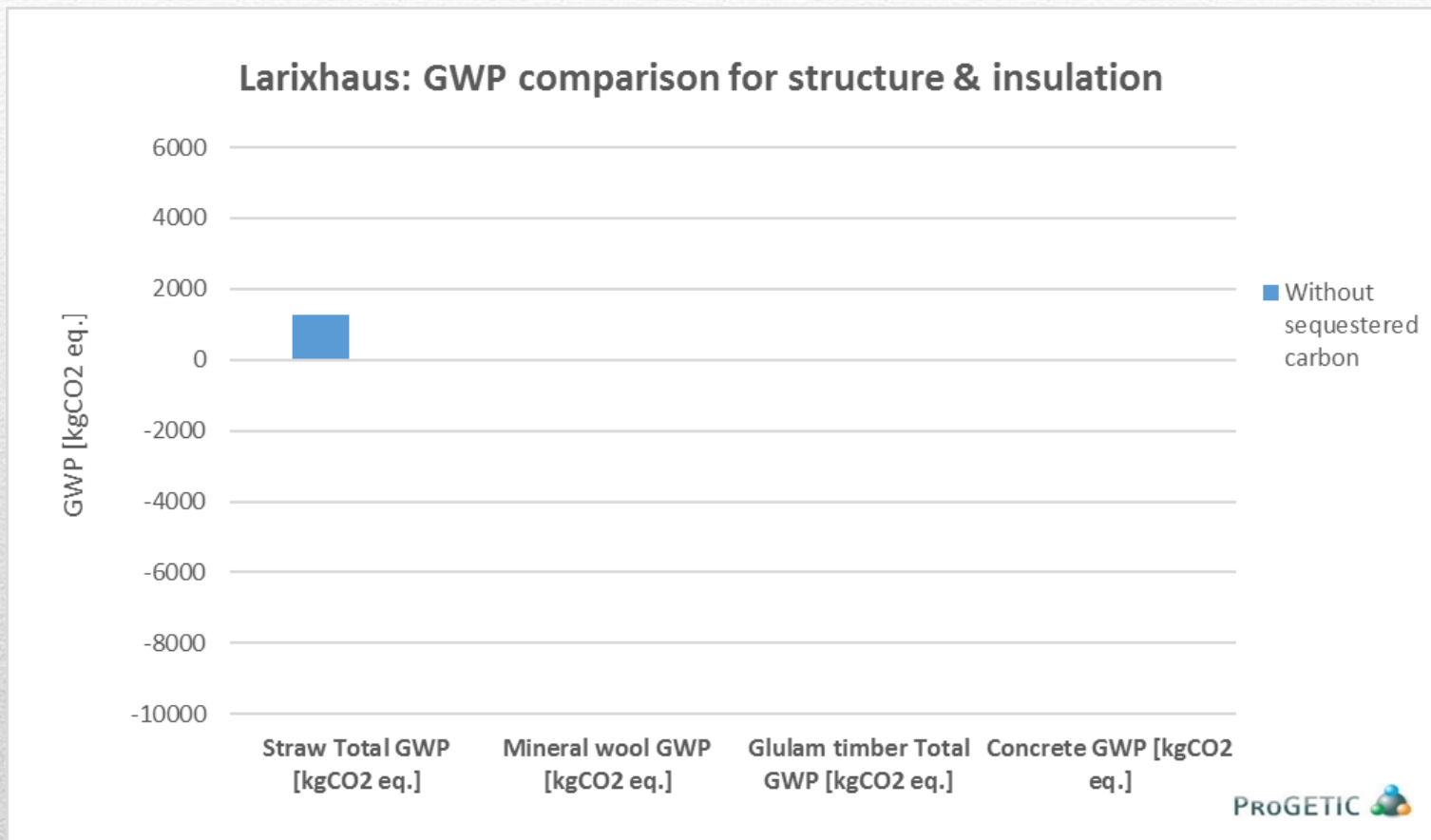
Larixhaus: mechanical & electrical systems



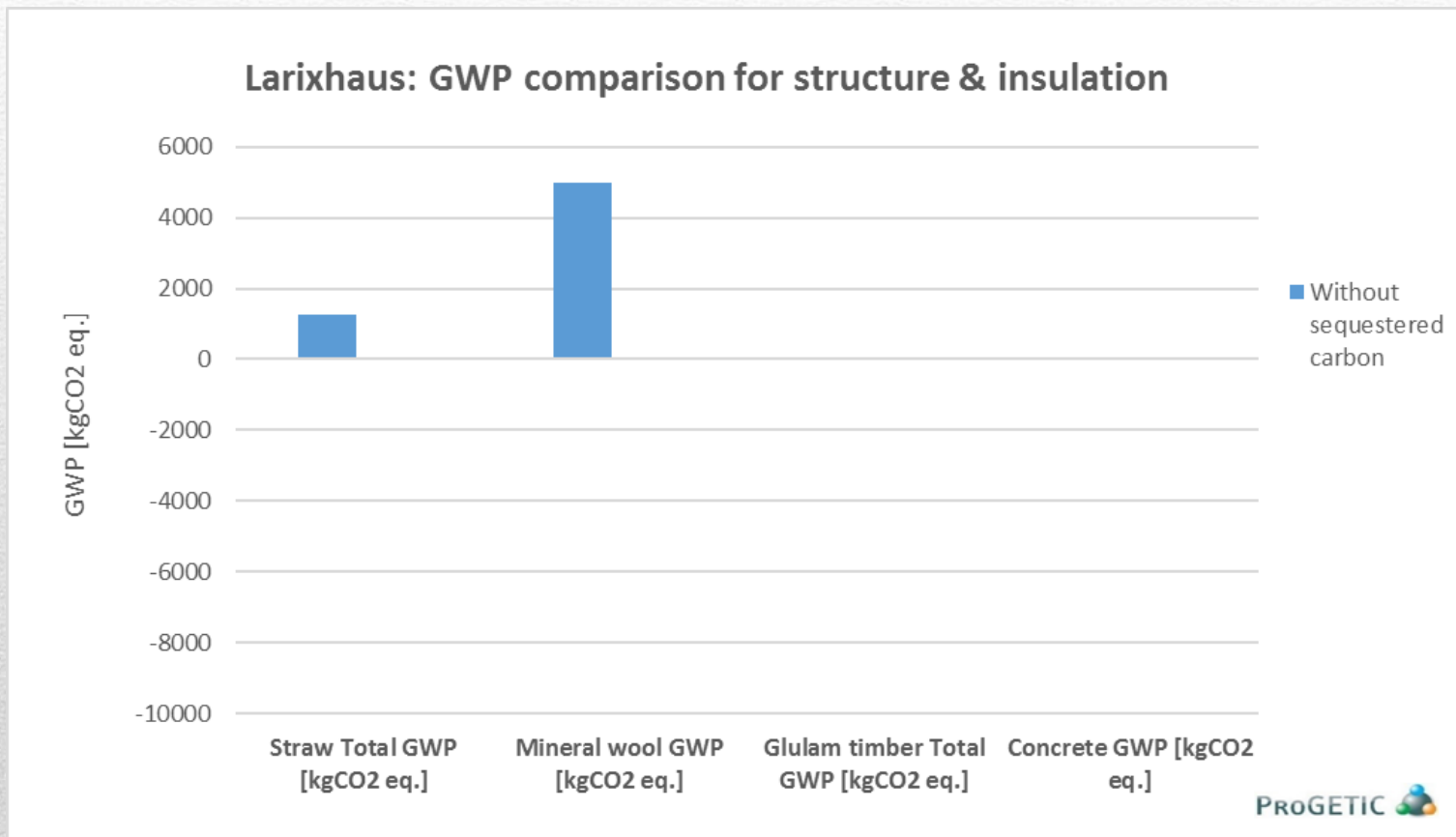
Larixhaus: completed & certified building



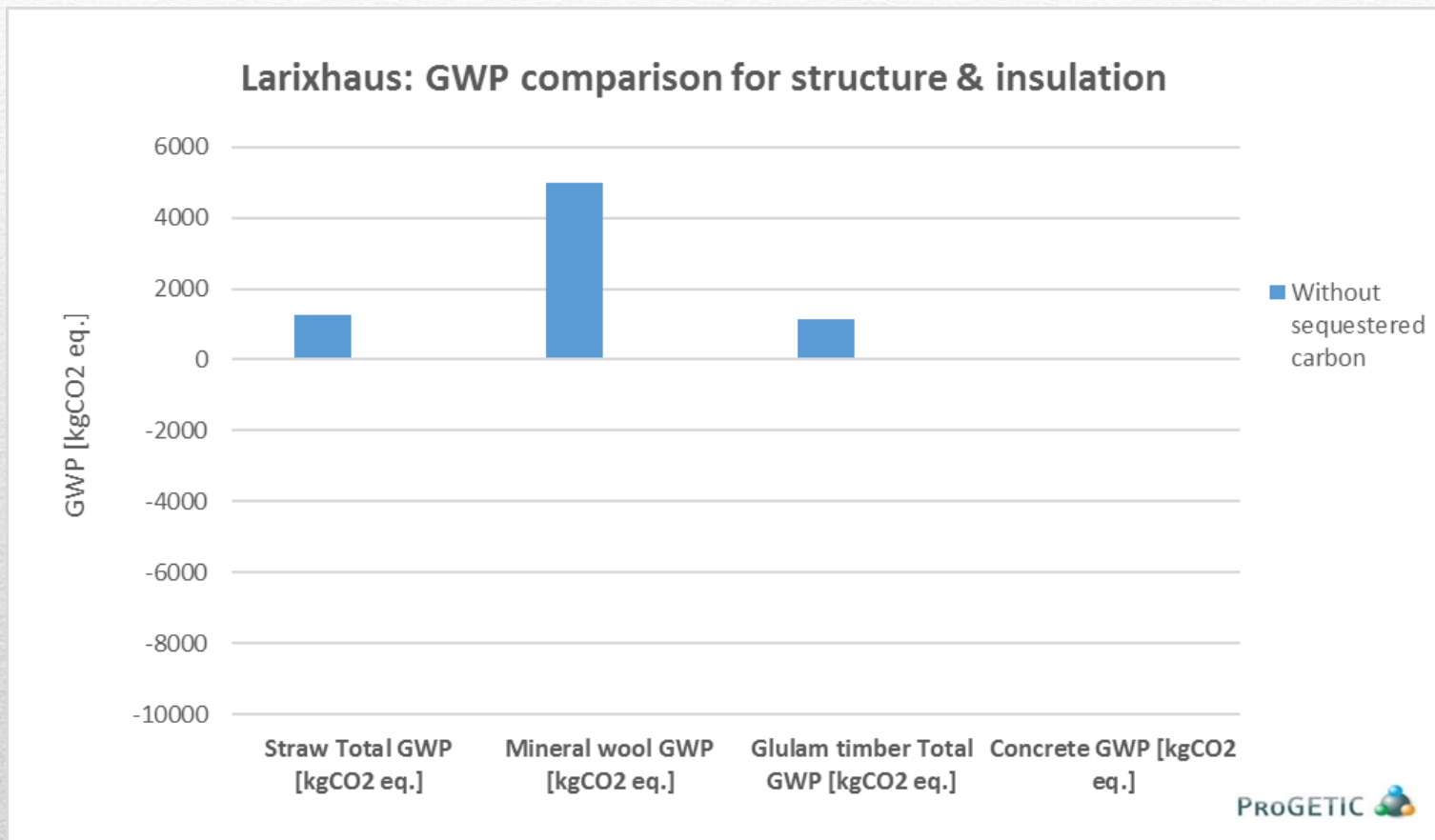
Larixhaus: embodied energy



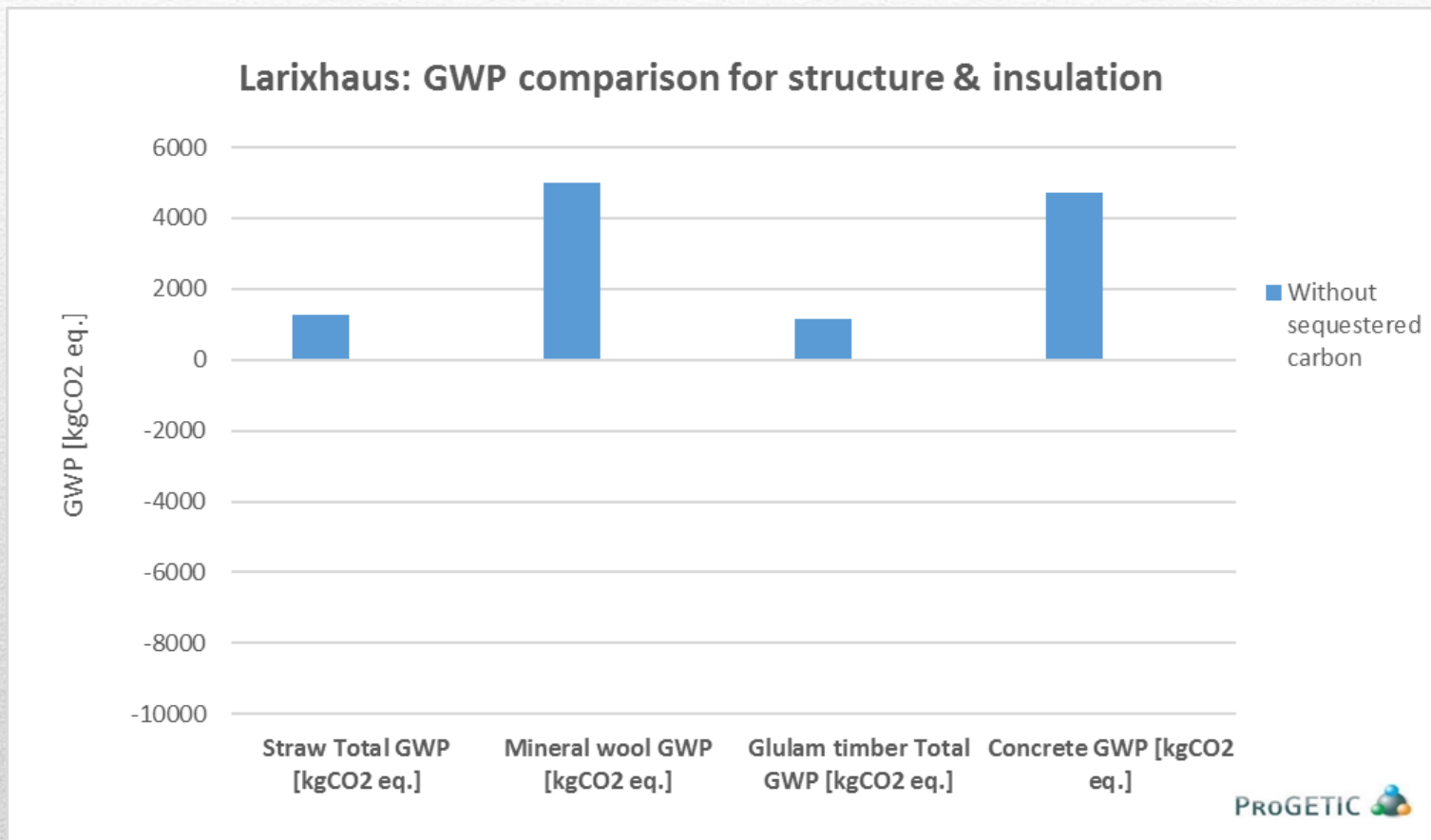
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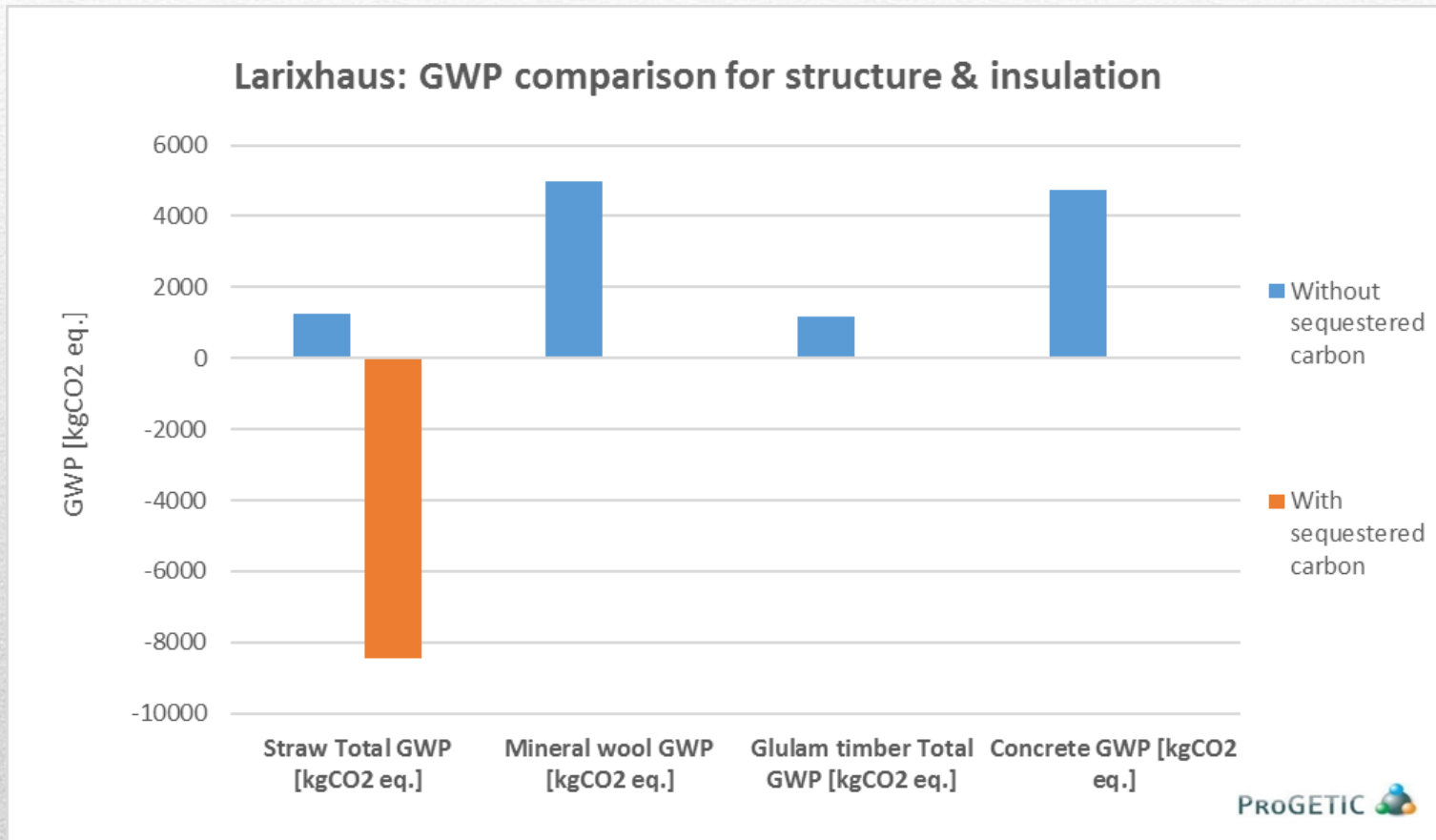
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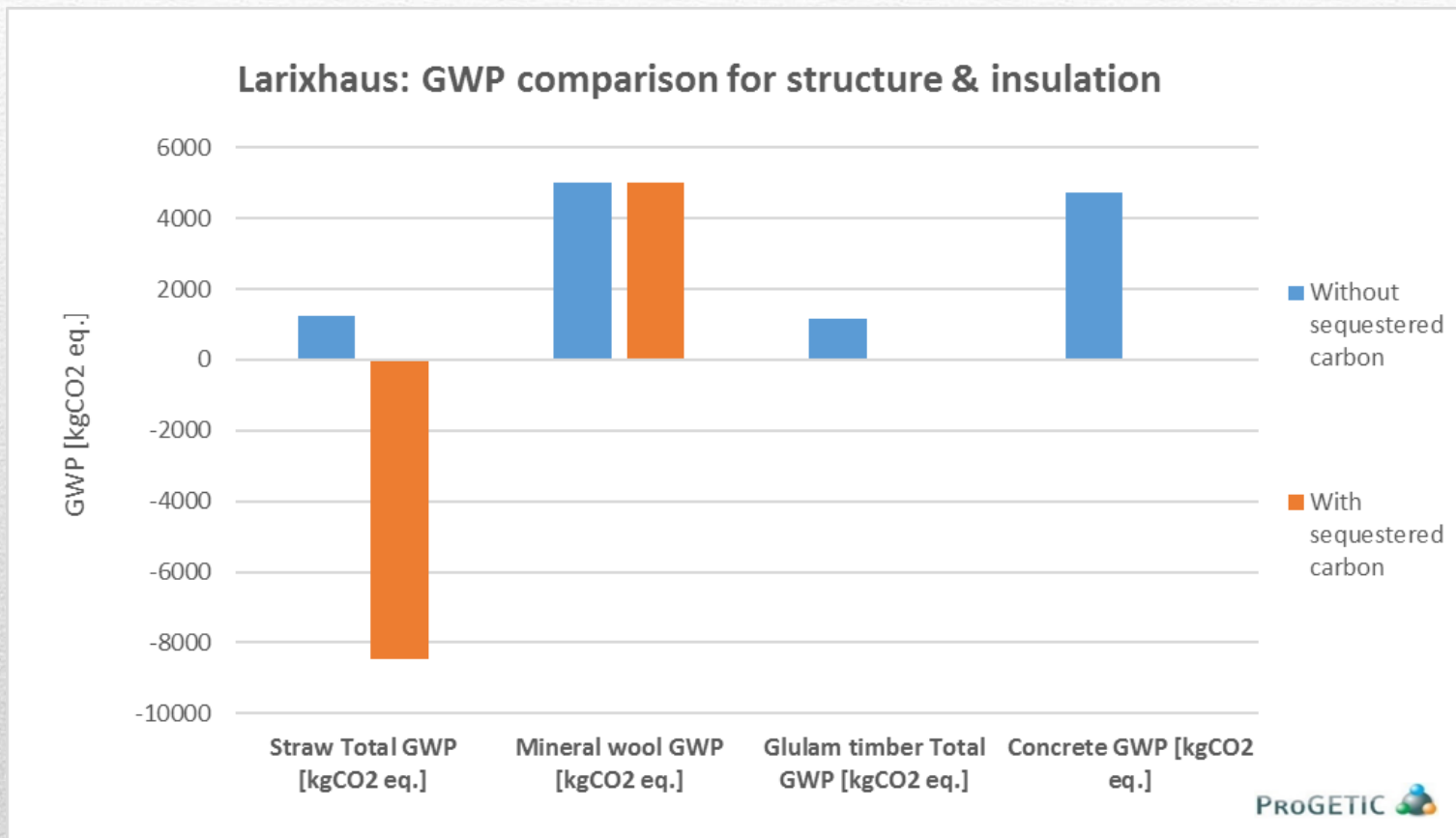
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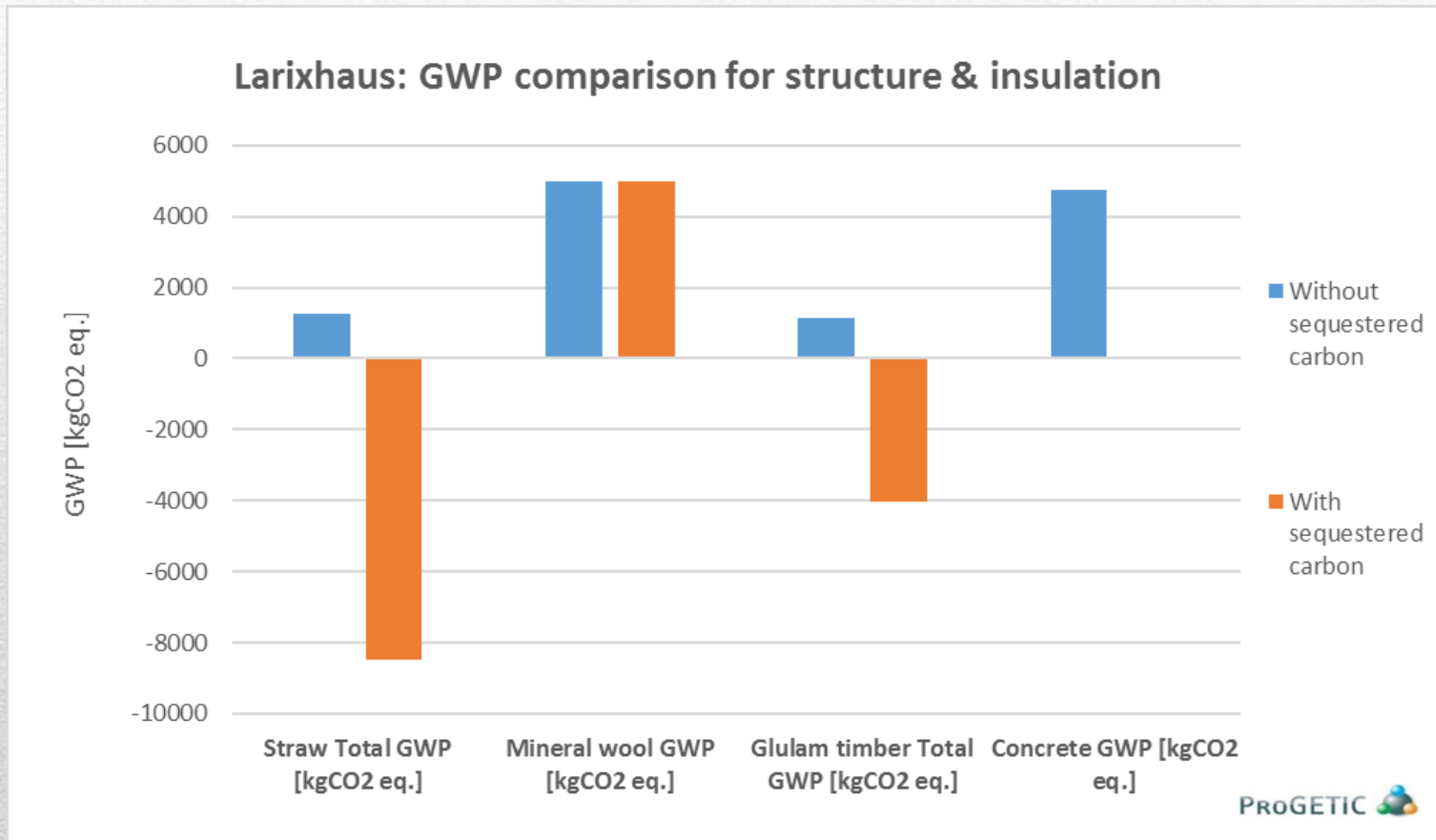
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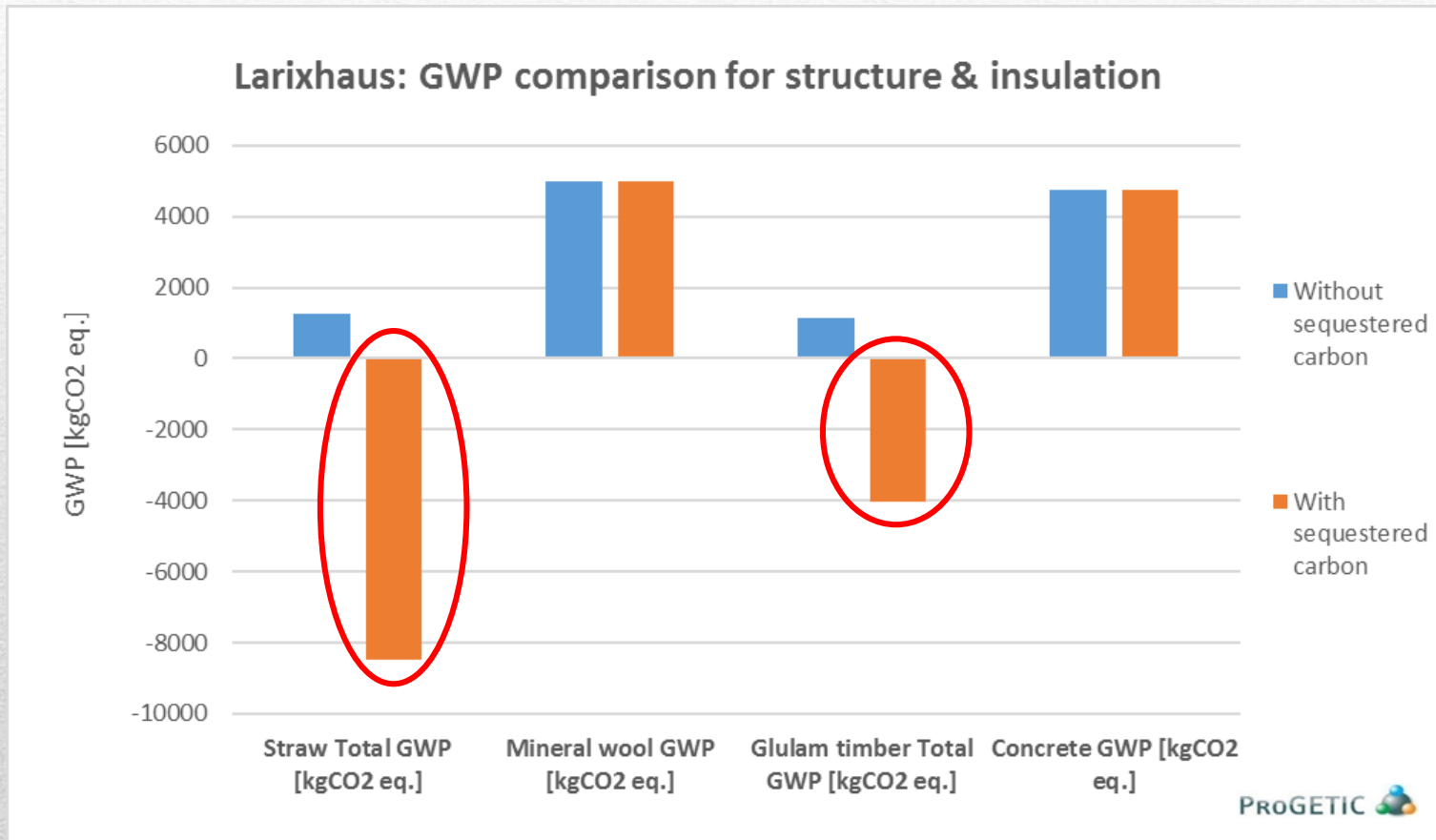
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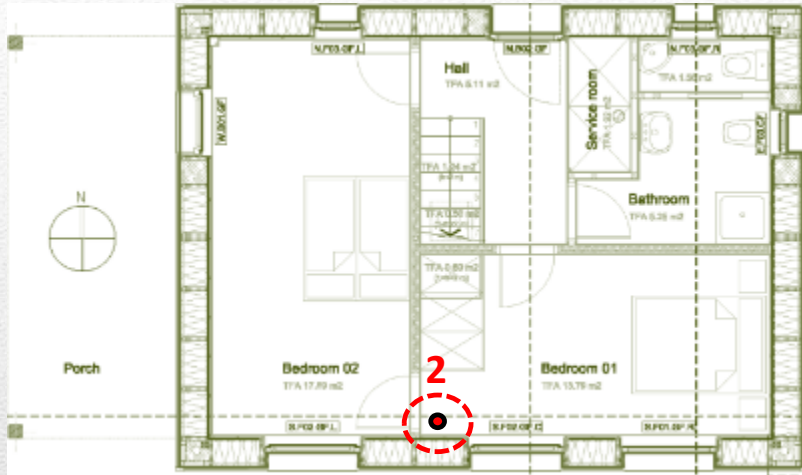


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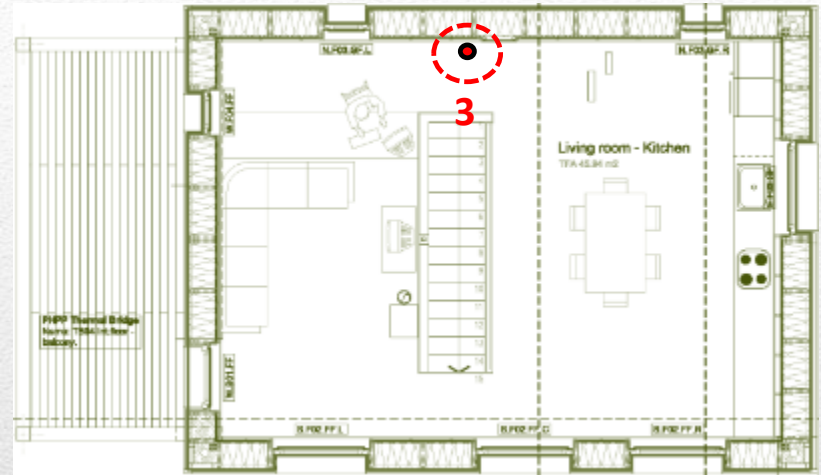


Larixhaus: operational energy use & performance

Ground Floor



First Floor



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Outdoor Temp. & RH sensor

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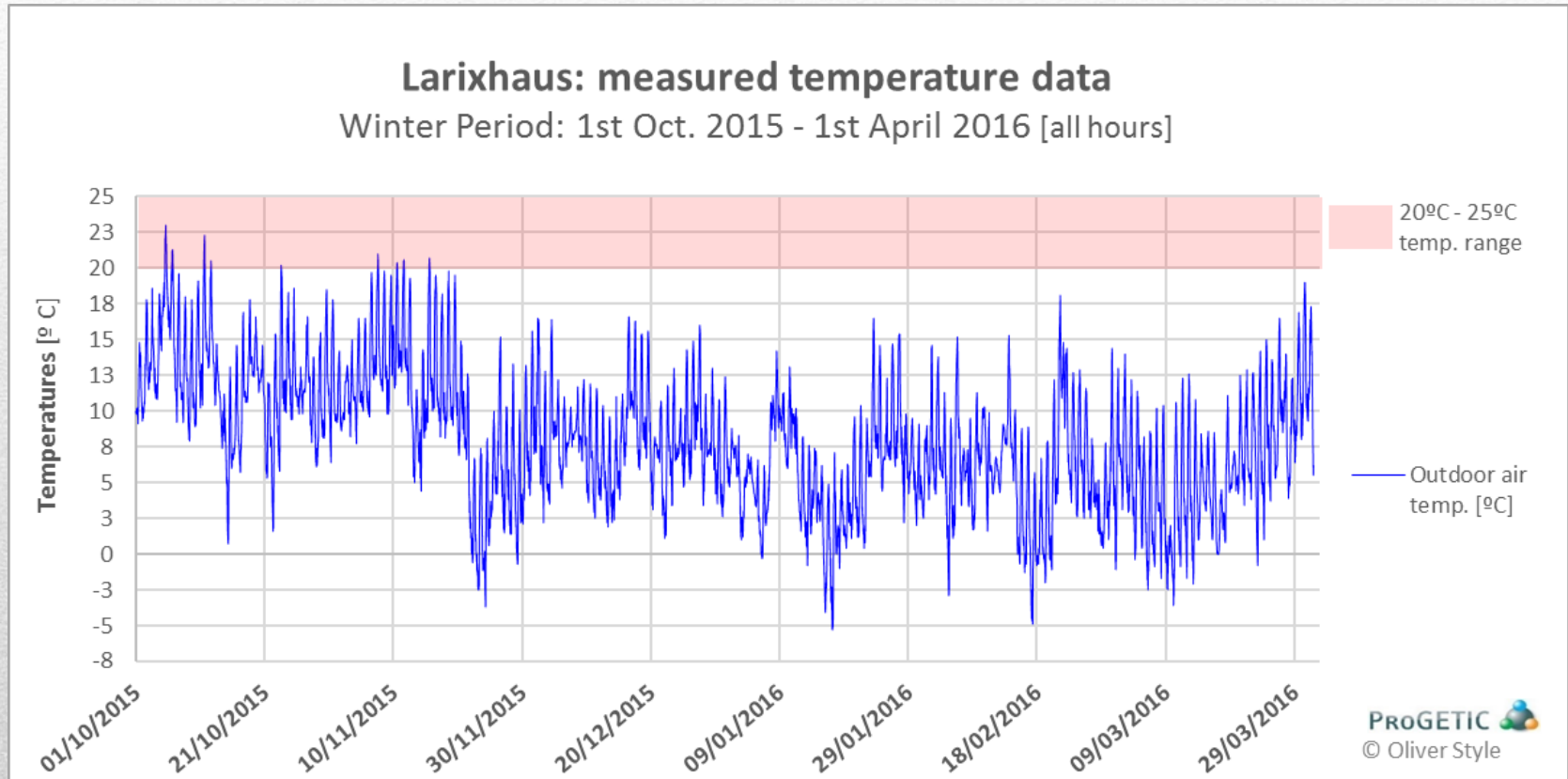
Indoor Temp., RH & CO2 sensors

3



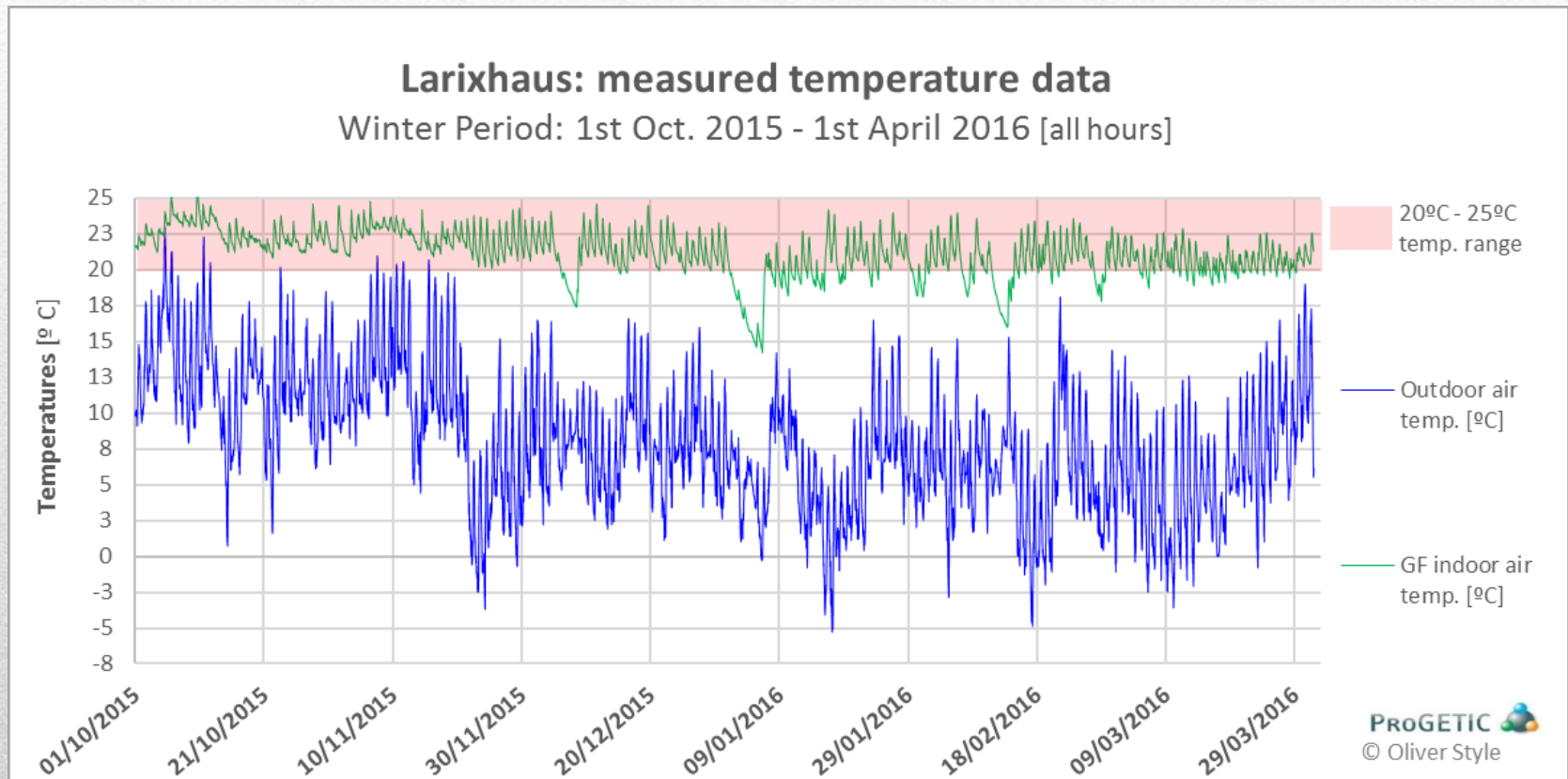
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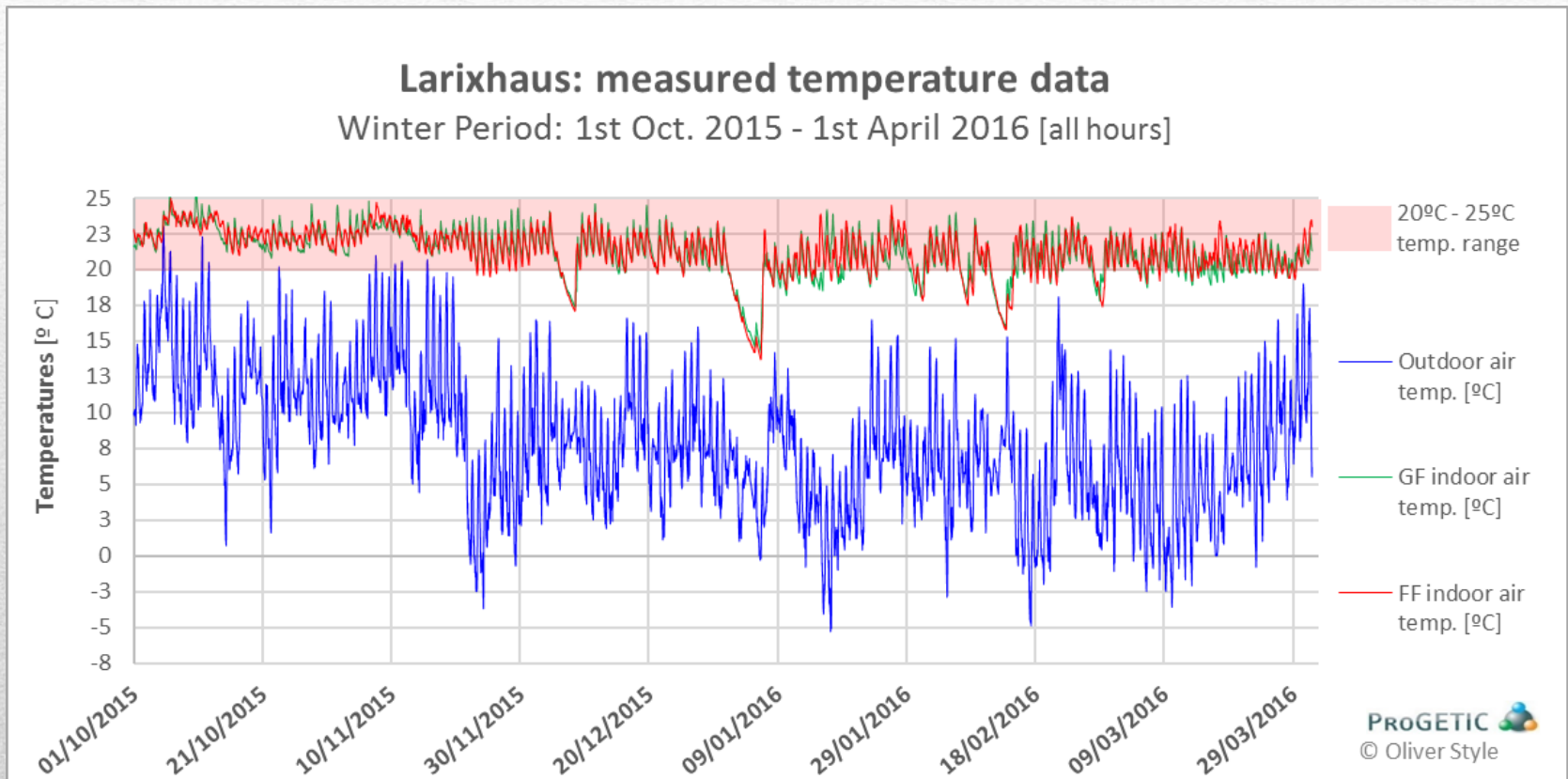
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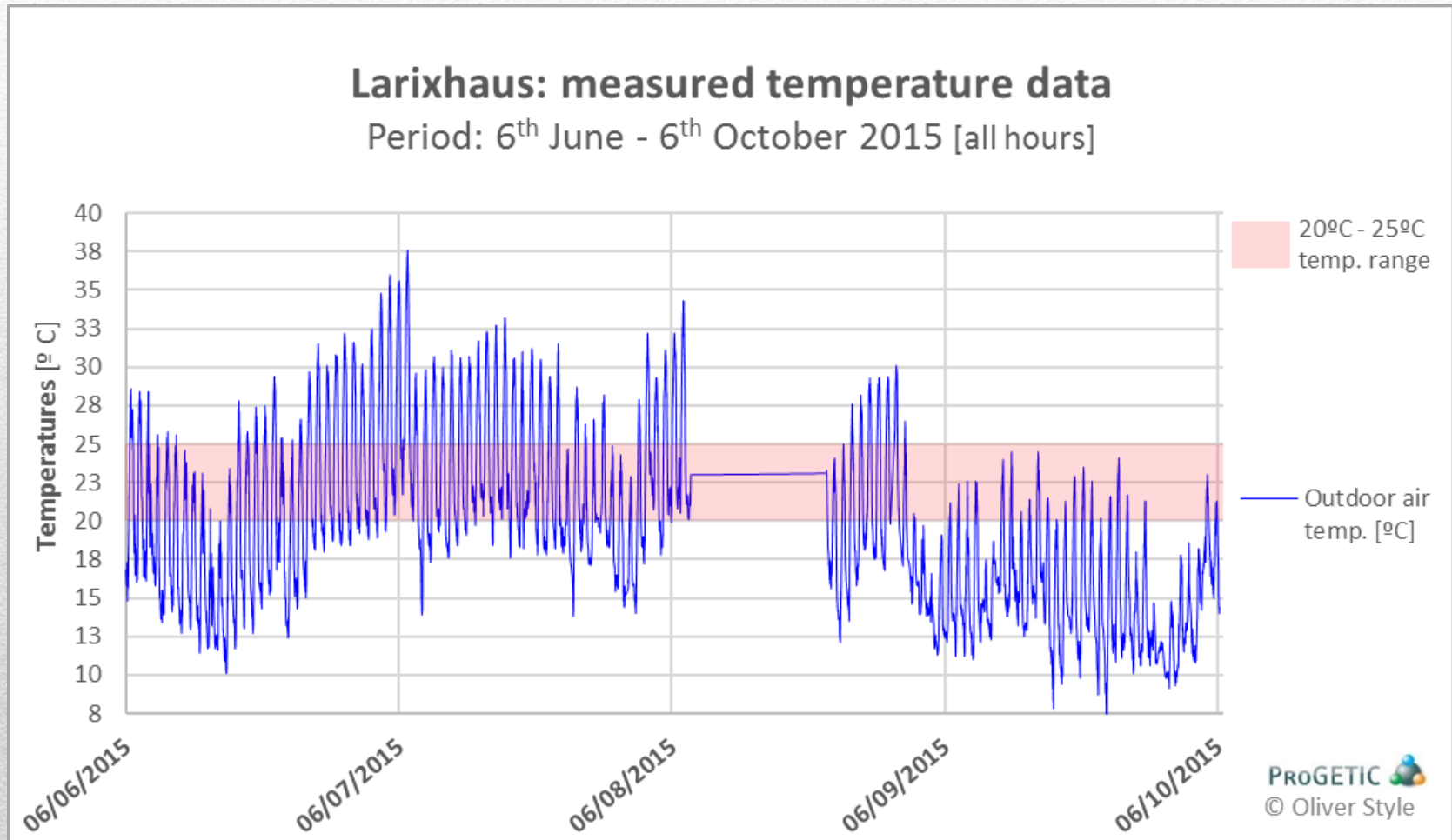
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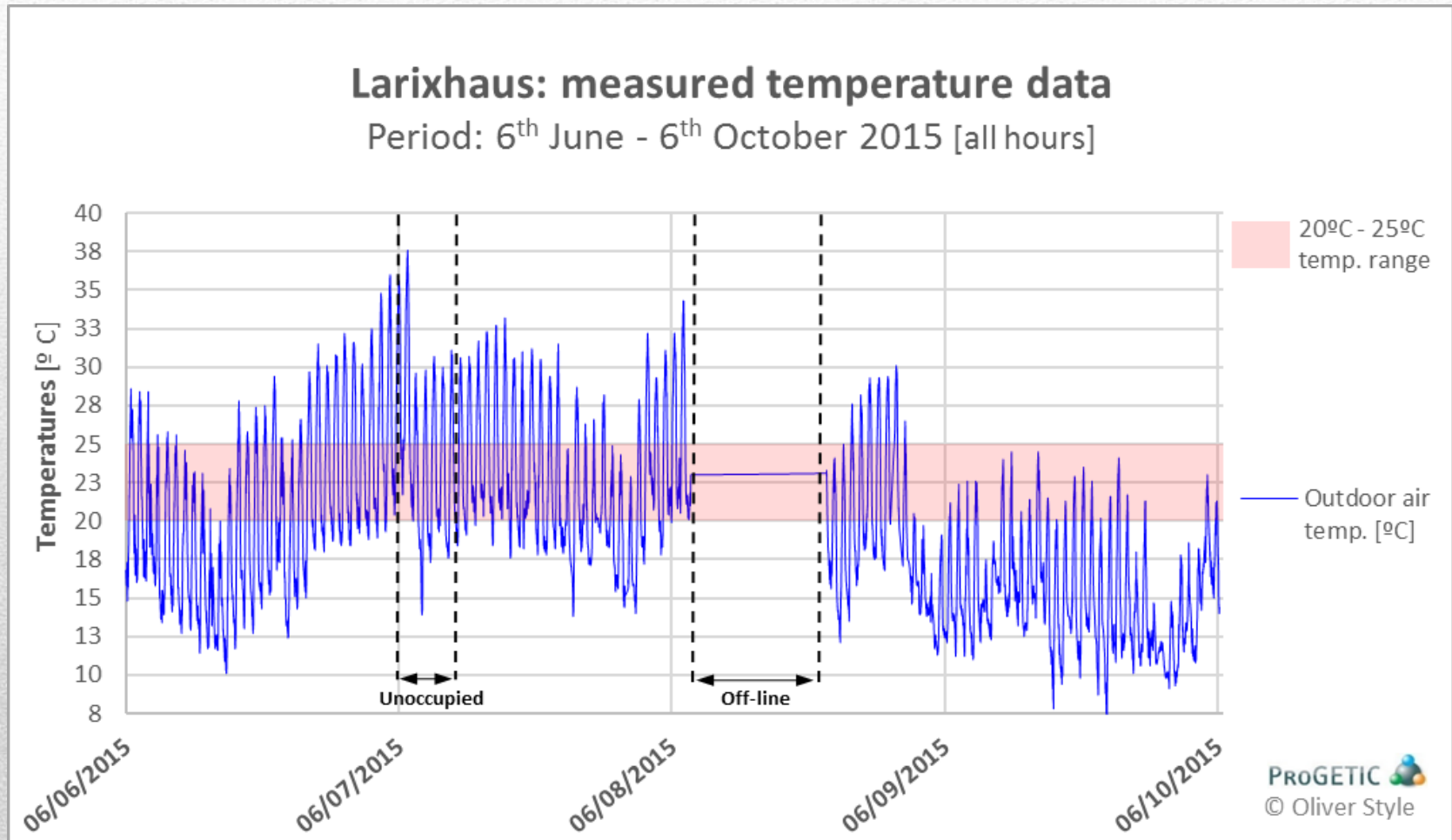
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Summer



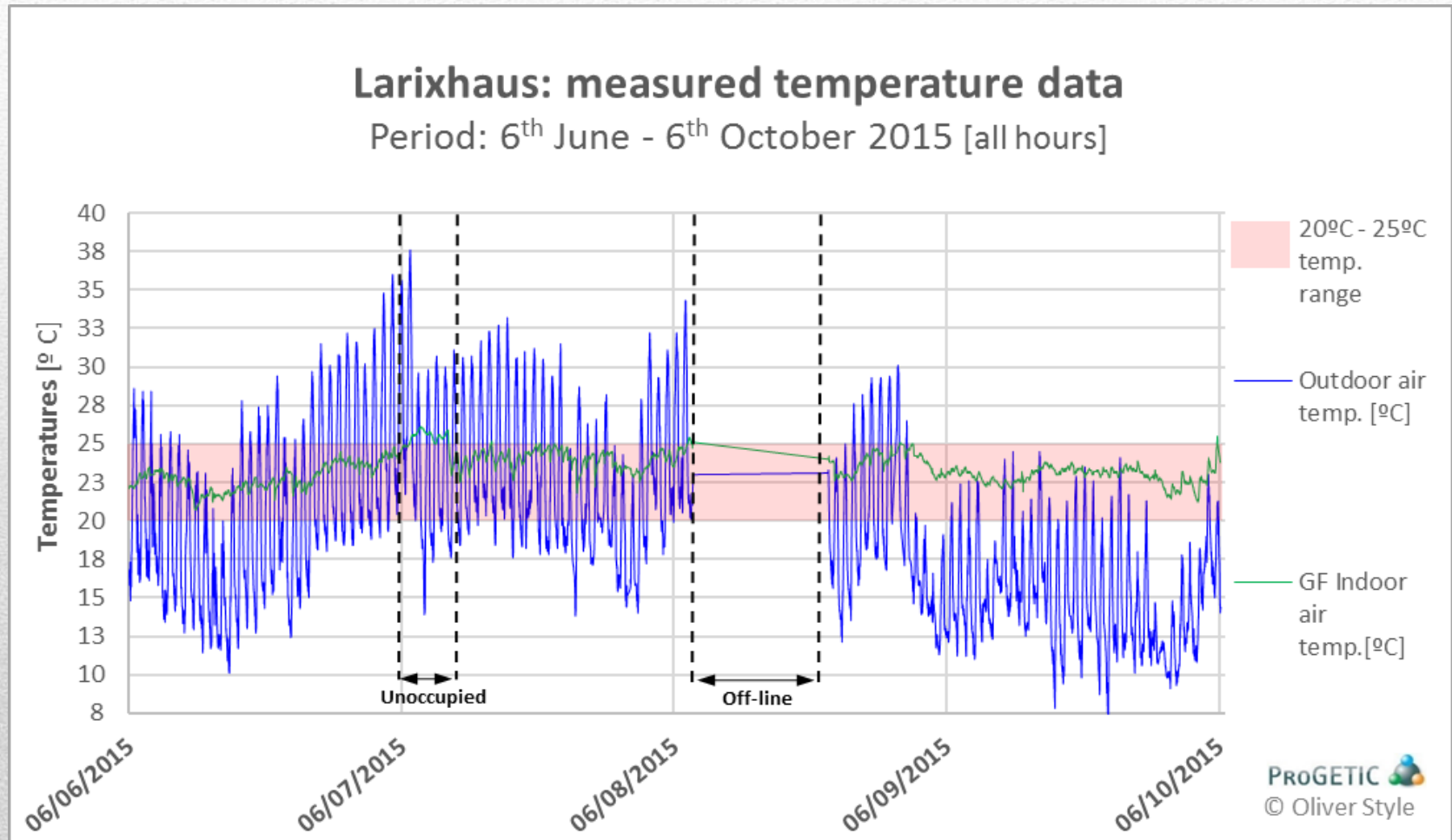
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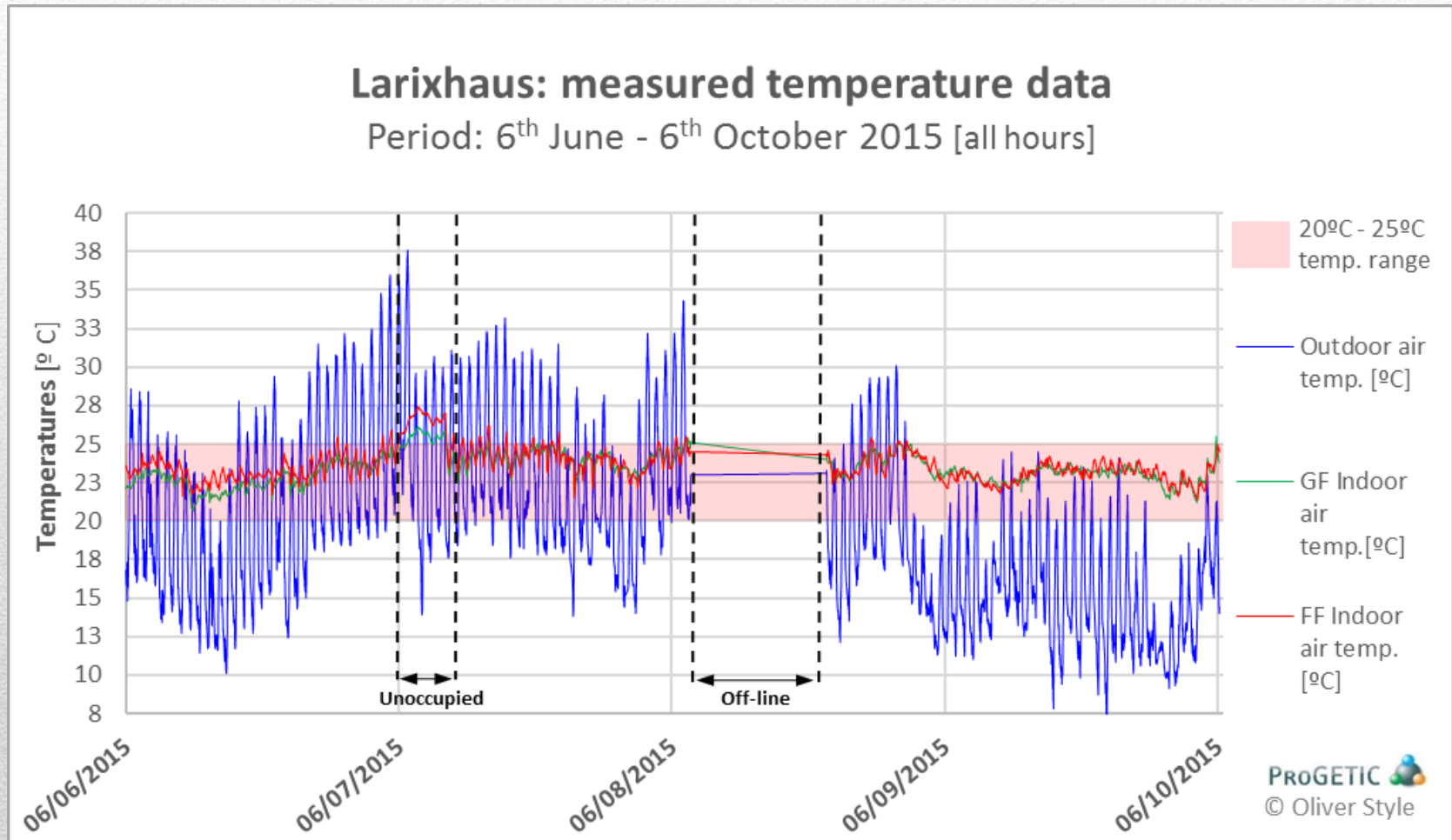
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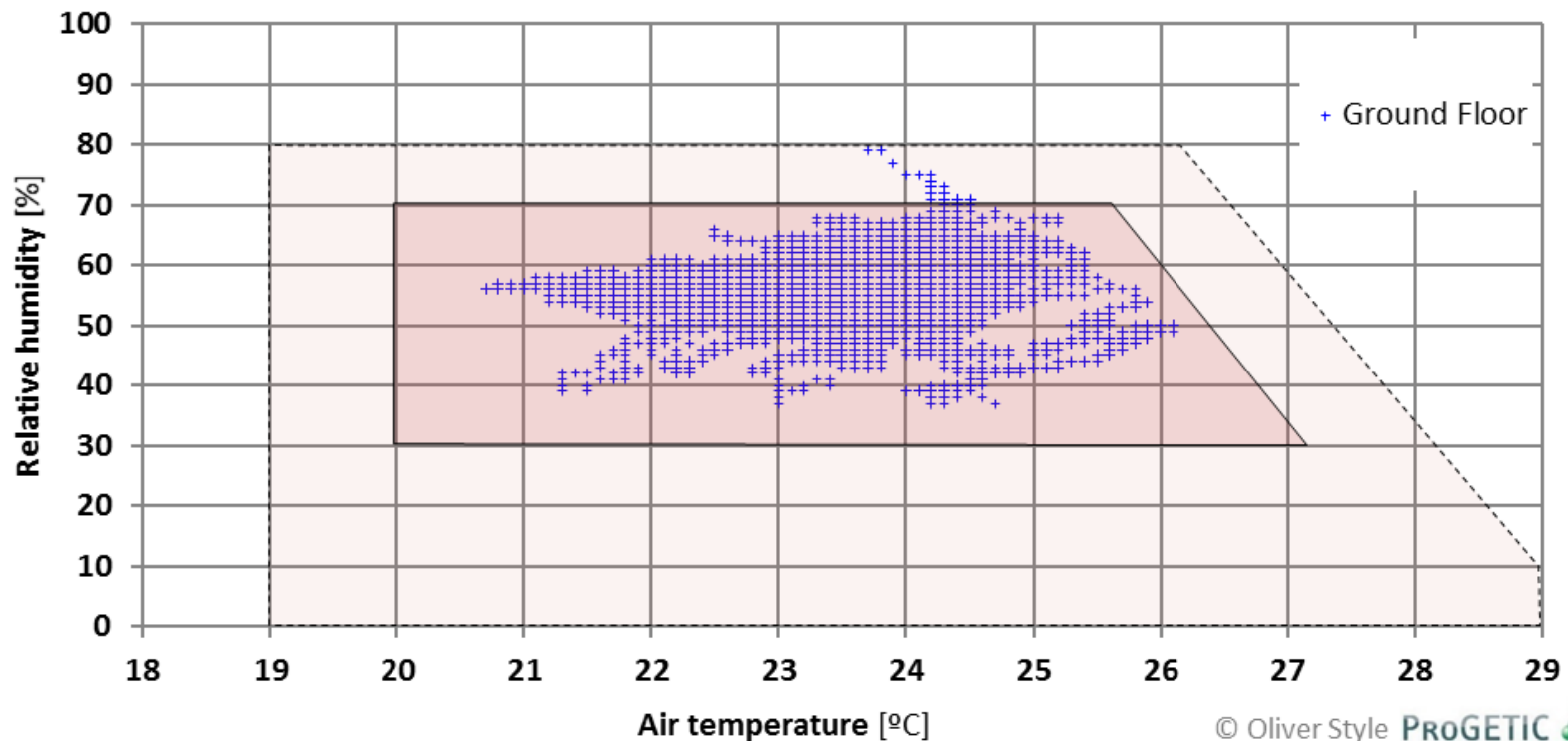
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Period: 6th June - 6th October 2015 [all hours]

Data: Ground & 1st Floor indoor air temperature & relative humidity



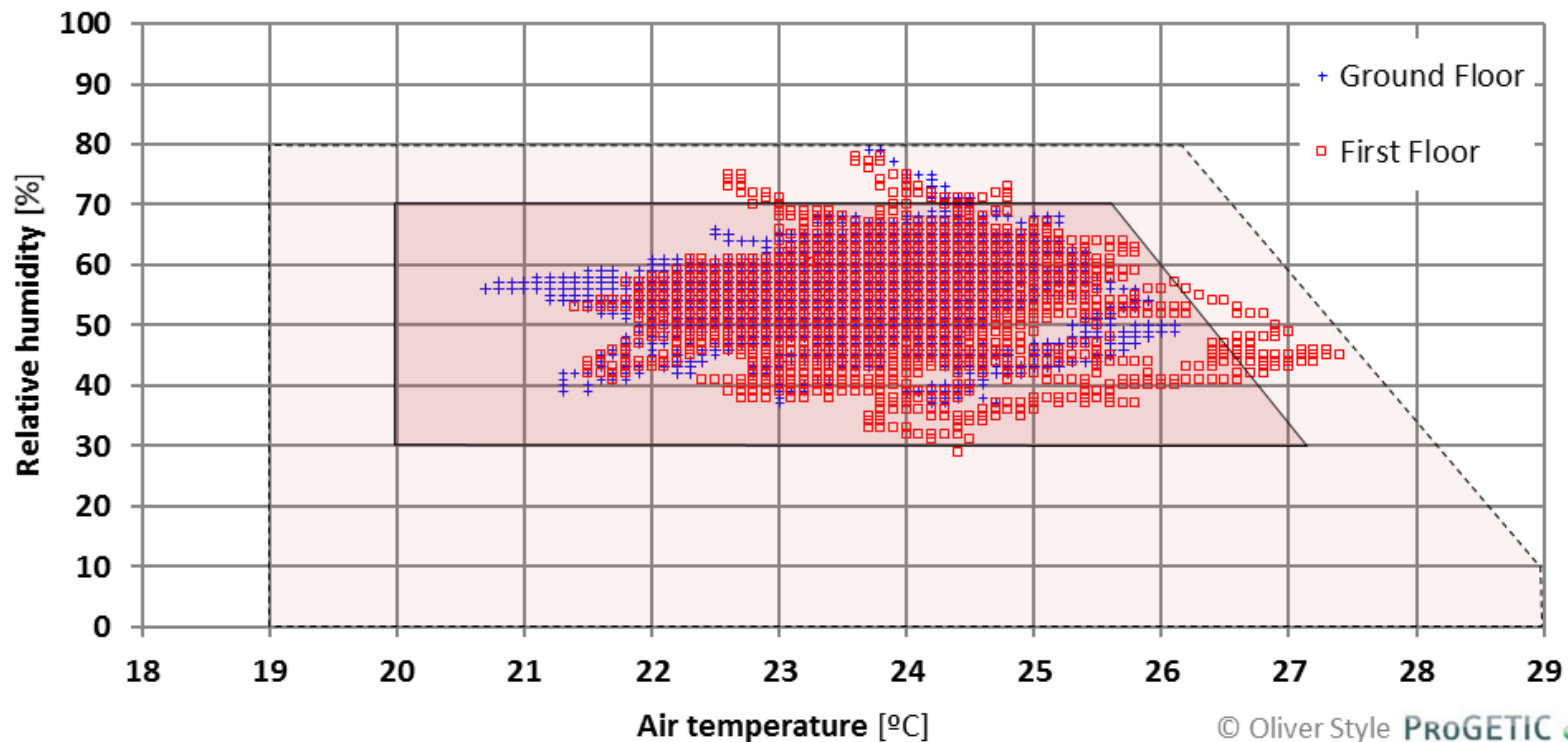
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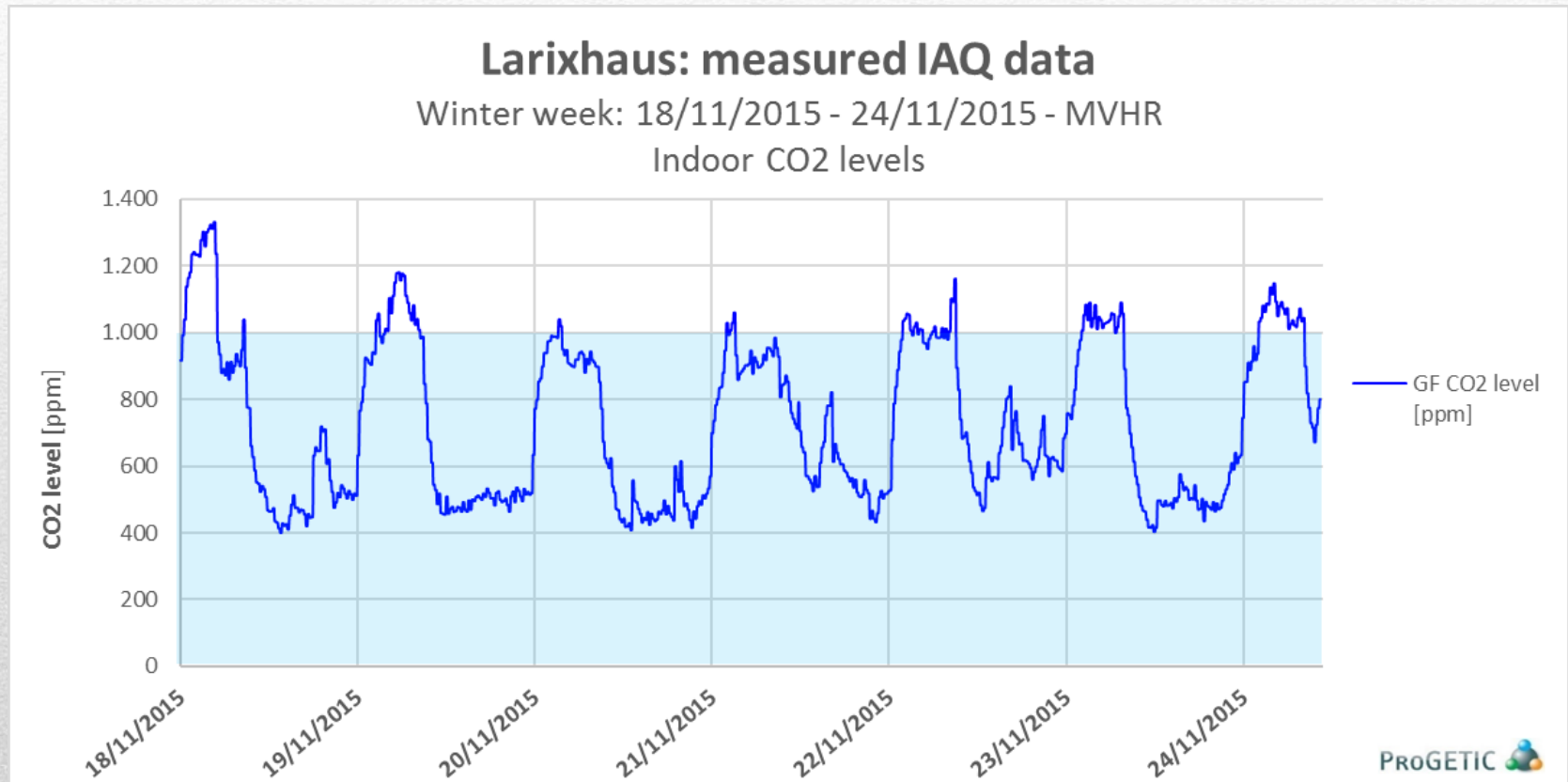
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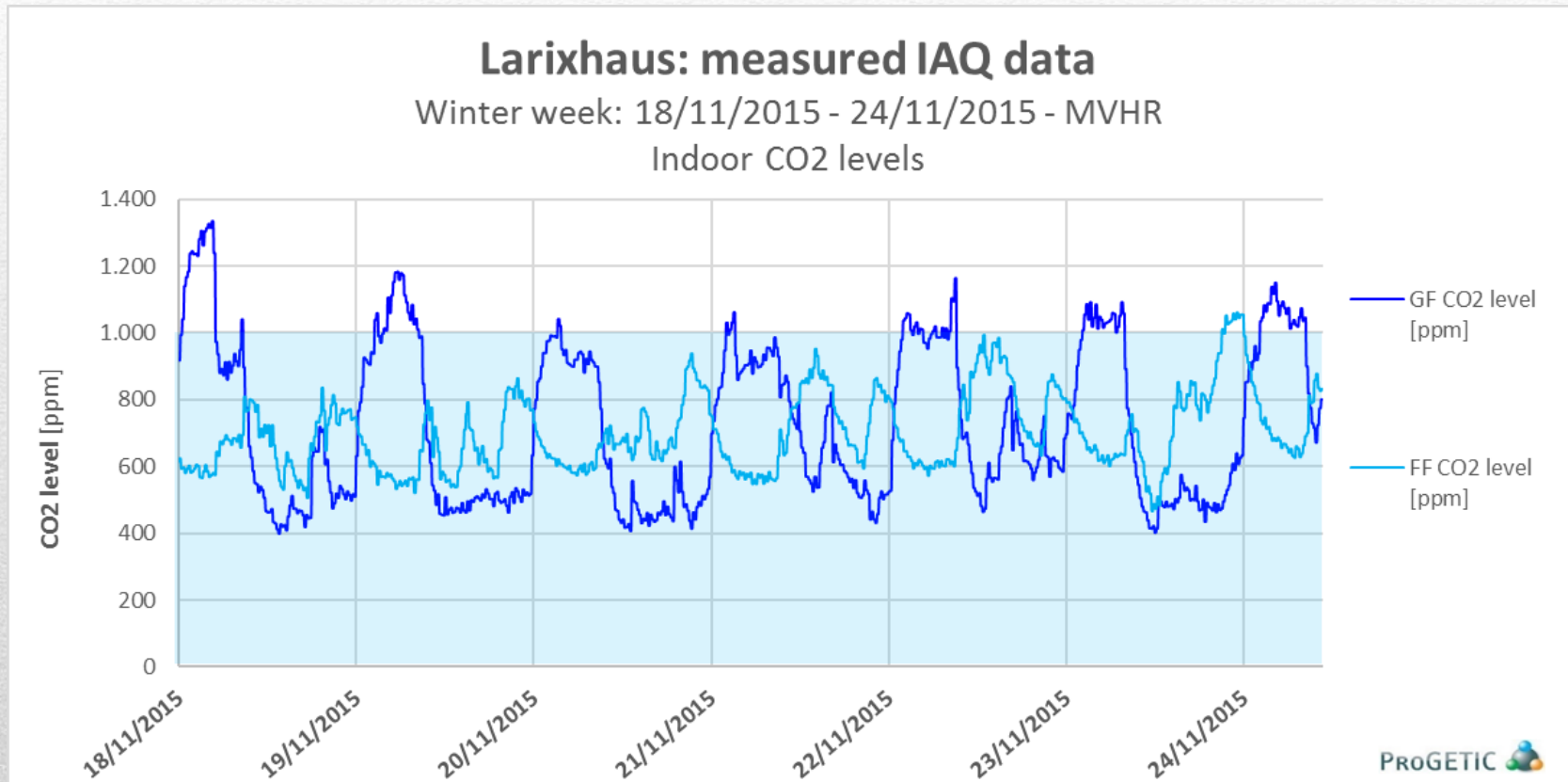
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Indoor air quality



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Indoor air quality

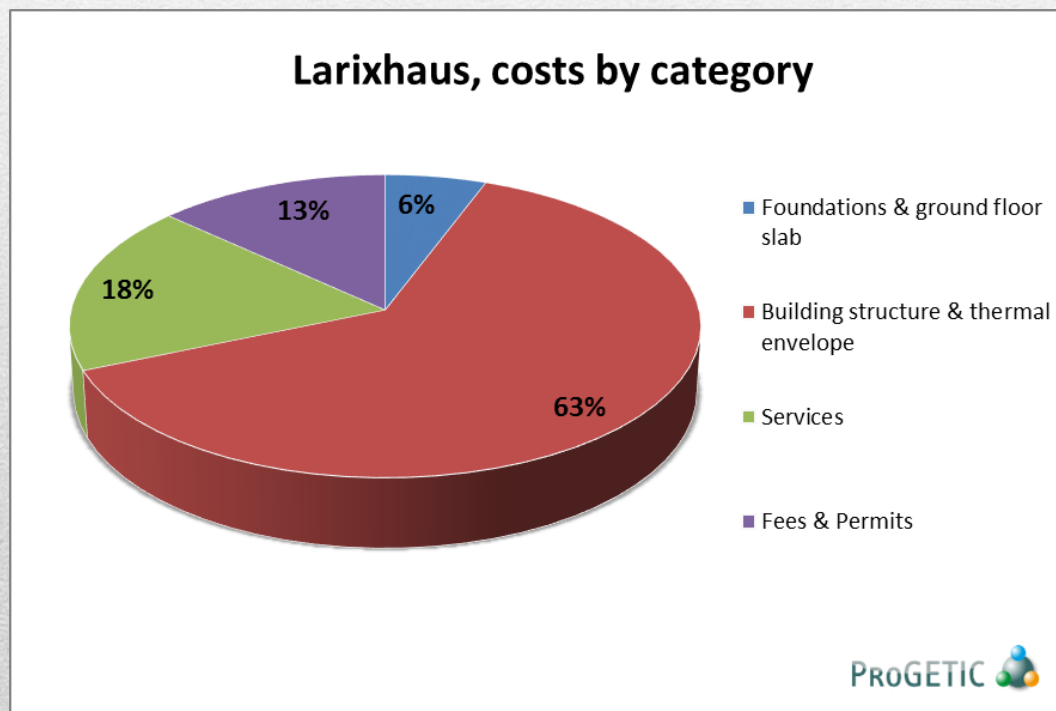


Larixhaus: capital cost

Category	Concept	Price [€ incl. VAT]
Foundations & ground floor slab	Groundworks	3.000,00 €
	Ground slab	7.165,00 €
Building structure & thermal envelope	Structure, windows, flooring, inner & outer finishes	106.365,00 €
	Service void, Fermacell and Pavaflex insulation	4.250,00 €
	Straw insulation	900,00 €
Services	Ventilation unit, ducts, components & installation	6.152,00 €
	Kitchen, bathroom and plumbing services	11.000,00 €
	Electrical services	8.500,00 €
	Heating & DHW services	6.450,00 €
TOTAL Specific Construction Cost		153.782,00 €
Treated Floor Area PHPP [TFA m ²]		91,50
Gross Floor Area [GFA m ²]		142,00
TOTAL Specific Construction Cost [€/m² TFA]		1.680,68 €
TOTAL Specific Construction Cost [€/m² GFA]		1.082,97 €

Larixhaus: capital cost

Category	Price [€ incl. VAT]
Foundations & ground floor slab	10.165,00 €
Building structure & thermal envelope	111.515,00 €
Services	32.102,00 €
Fees & Permits	23.454,00 €
TOTAL	177.236,00 €



Larixhaus: operational energy use

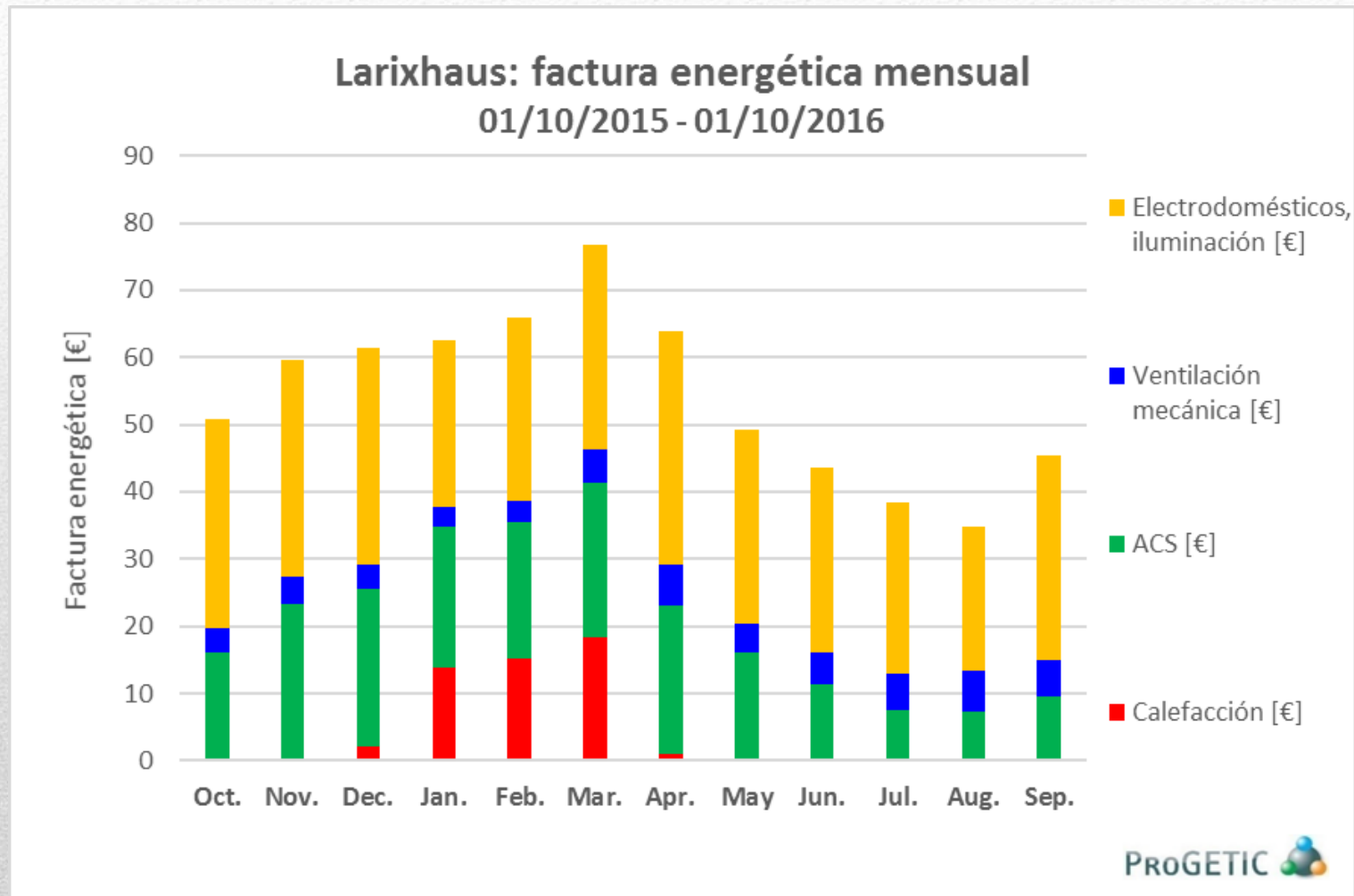
Measured vs. calculated PHPP & Spanish CTE Building regulations

* Period: 01/09/2015 – 01/09/2016

	PHPP [kWh/m ² ·a]	Spanish CTE 2009 [kWh/m ² ·a]	Measured * [kWh/m ² ·a]
Equip., lighting, aux. elec.	13.4	39.2	18.2
DHW production	17.8	17.8	10.6
MVHR Unit	3.3	2.3	2.8
Space heating	12.0	152.0	3.2
Total energy consumption	40.5	211.3	34.3

Total anual heating bill: 73,75 €

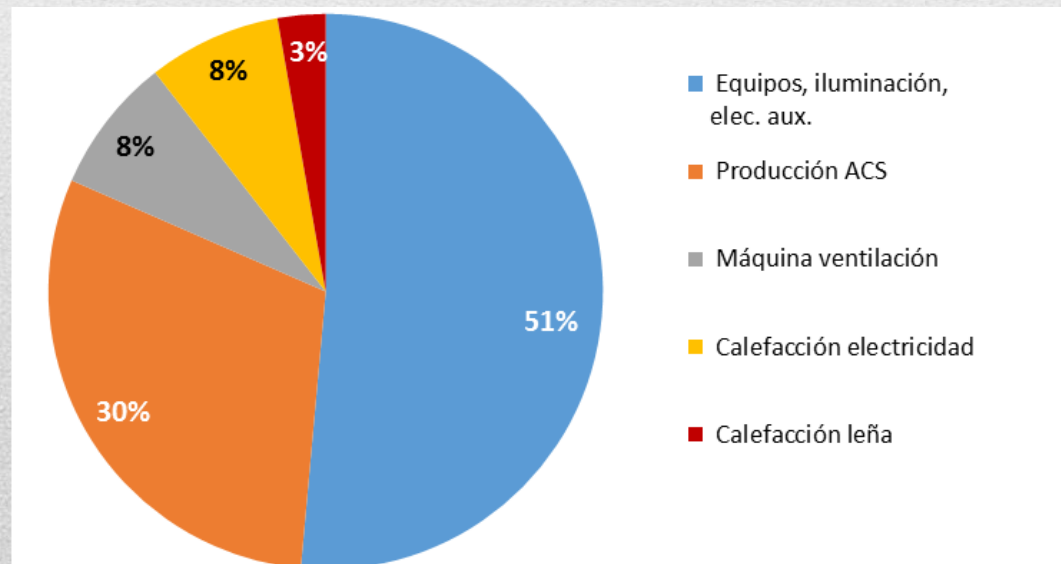
Larixhaus: running cost



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Concepto	kWh	Coste
Equipos, iluminación, elec. aux.	1.662	342 €
Producción ACS	974	200 €
Máquina ventilación	255	52 €
Calefacción electricidad	251	51 €
Calefacción leña	40	19 €
TOTAL	3.182	666 €

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ISOBIO objectives



- **50 % lower embodied energy & carbon**
- **20 % increase in thermal insulation**
- **15 % reduction in cost**

...vs. oil-based & traditional alternatives

Conclusions

- Bio-based materials work
- They are safe and cost effective
- They can be procured for nearly-zero energy buildings, in compliance with EPBD Directive 2010/31/EU
- The ISOBIO consortium is working to improve their performance and reduce their cost, removing barriers for large-scale uptake

THANK YOU

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