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Life-cycle analysis of renovation projects with Building-Integrated Photovoltaics: Influence of energy use scenarios

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AGENDA

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 - Context
 - Objectives
 - Research methodology
2. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
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 - Design scenarios implementation (identification of active surfaces potential)
 - Energy use balance (iterative process design vs energy simulation)
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 - Selecting active surfaces
 - Using batteries
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 - LCA – Life-cycle analysis
 - Special highlights
5. WORK IN PROGRESS
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CONTEXT | Switzerland

Important building renovation
[1,500,000 m²]
[OFS, 2014]

Annual objectives	2005	2100
Primary non-renewable energy, Mean power per person [W]	5800	2000
GHG emission [CO ₂]	8.6	1.0

[SIA 2040, 2011]

Promotion of photovoltaics
[30% coverage of electricity]
[IEA, 2002]

[MoPEC, 2014], [ModEnHA, 2015], [Programme Bâtiment, 2015]

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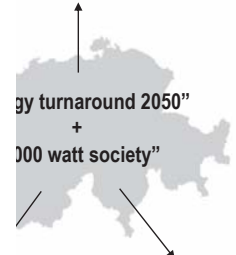
Architectural design could accelerate the process of renovation of residential building stock

* [SIA 380/1, 2016]



View from Microcity building roof | Neuchâtel

ban renewal for the evolution of the environment towards sustainability
[100 residential buildings to be renovated]



	2020	2035	2050
Evolution of global energy consumption per person	-16%	-43%	-54%
Evolution of electric energy consumption per person	-3%	-13%	-18%

[SFOE, 2015]

Integrated design strategies with BIPV
[Synergies to increase acceptance of projects for a massive penetration of PV in Switzerland]

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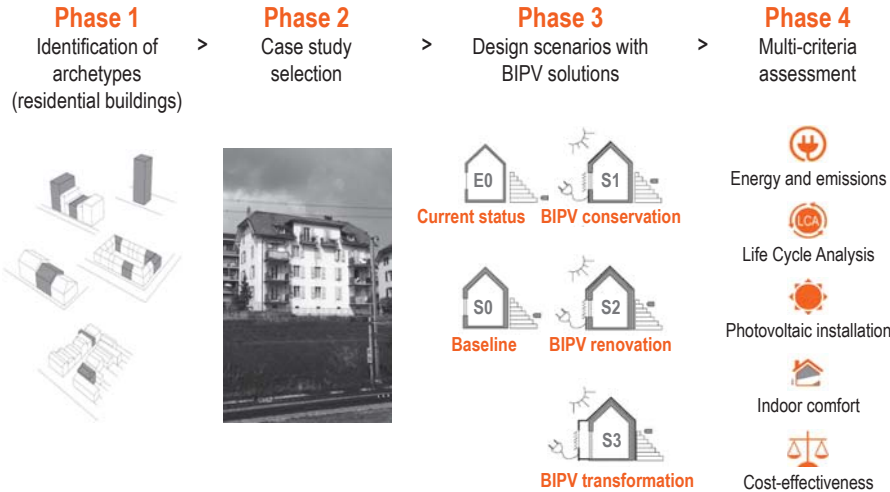
OBJECTIVES | Expected research outcomes

- Development of **convincing reference design examples** of renovation projects with BIPV using real buildings
- Detailed multi-criteria **assessment** of proposed BIPV solutions :
 - **quantitative** (energy, environment, thermal and visual comfort, global costs, LCA)
 - **qualitative** (acceptance) – workshop with experts and non-experts



View from Ch. de Belleruche | Neuchâtel

METHODOLOGY | Four main phases



CASE STUDIES | Current status

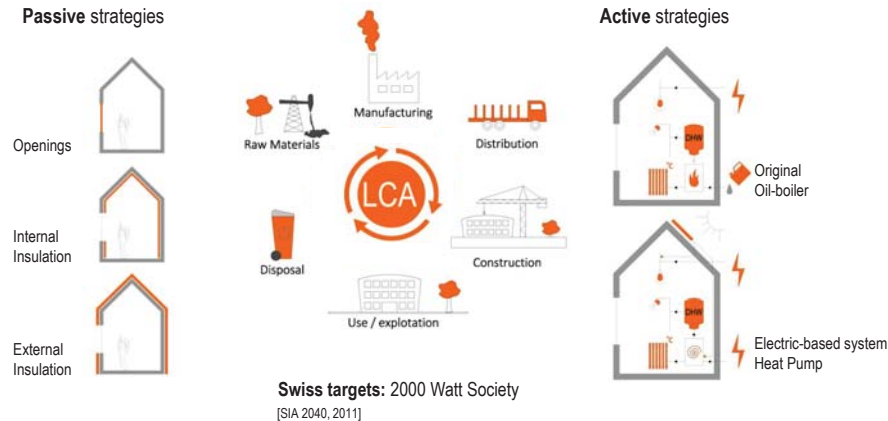


Rue du Beauregard 1 (Neuchâtel)

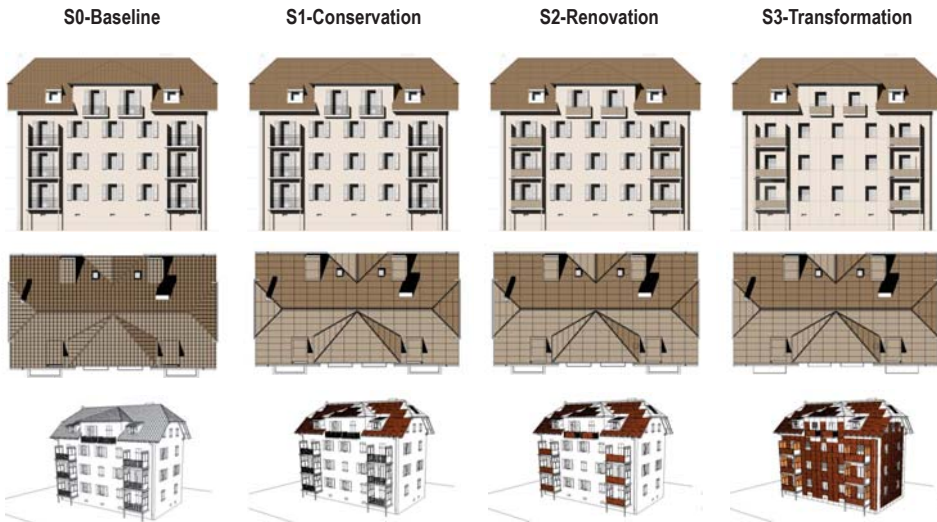
Rue Troncs 12 and 14 (Neuchâtel)

- 4 stories (8 apartments)
 - Level of protection: II - common
 - Heating system: central heating (Oil boiler)
 - Energy reference surface: 788 m²
- 10 stories + 1 attic (52 apartments)
 - Level of protection: II - common
 - Heating system: central heating (Oil boiler)
 - Energy reference surface: 5'263 m²

DESIGN SCENARIOS IMPLEMENTATION | Renovation strategies



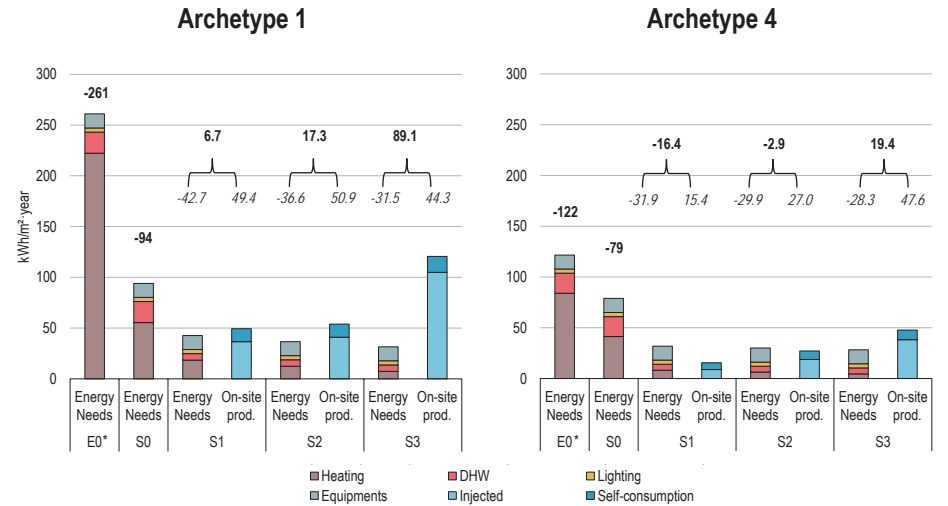
DESIGN SCENARIOS IMPLEMENTATION | Archetype 1



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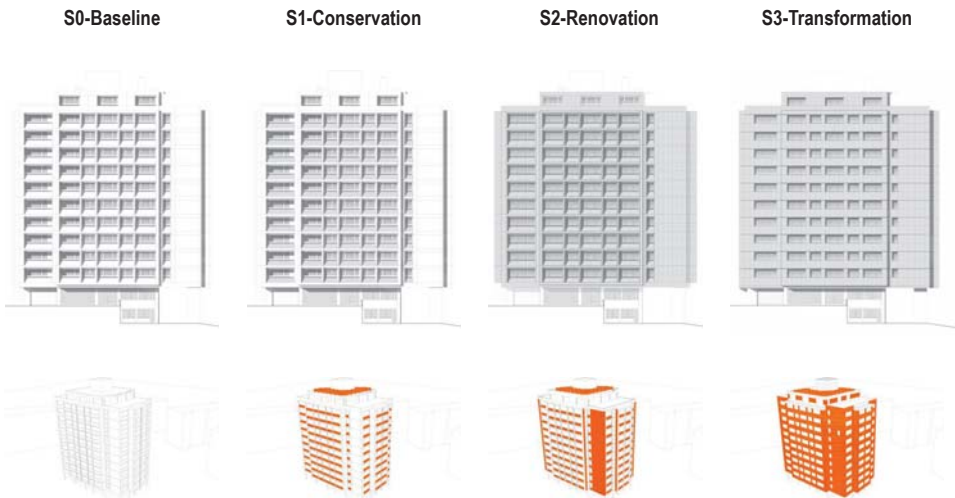
DESIGN SCENARIOS IMPLEMENTATION | Checking the energy performance



* Calibrating the energy model using real consumption

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DESIGN SCENARIOS IMPLEMENTATION | Archetype 4

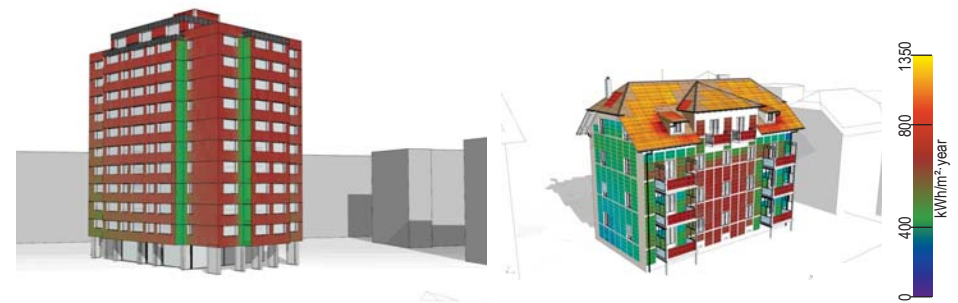


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ACTIVE SURFACES POTENTIAL | Energy balance

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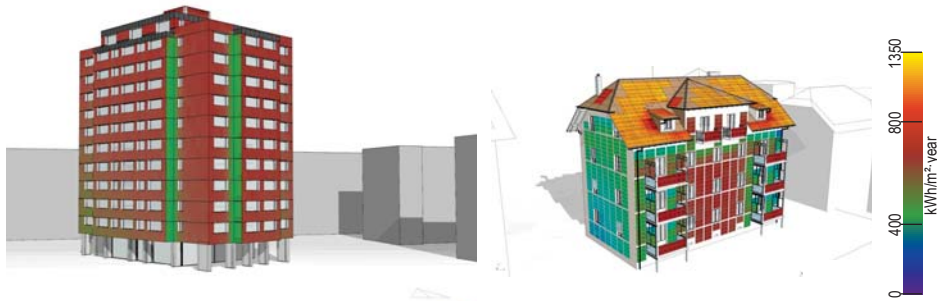
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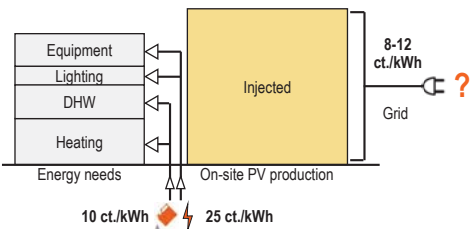


Does the energy assessment have to take into account **100% of identified active surfaces** for renovation projects ?



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BAPV APPROACH | Exclusively **feed-in-tariff** approach with non-integrated PV



Sizing criteria:

- **Independent** from the building demand
- PV installation **as big as possible to maximise injection using BAPV** (building-attached photovoltaics) instead of BIPV
- Best orientation of PV panels **using building as a support**
- Based on **financial aspects** (fast return on investment – energy service company)



SEAT Manufacture in Martorell (Barcelone)

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BIPV APPROACH | Renovation of existing buildings in urban areas

- Linking the **BIPV installation to the needs of the building**, as a **symbiosis** relationship:
 - Building offers a support to the active elements
 - BIPV panels offers protection (façade element) and electricity produced on-site
- Based on **life-cycle analysis** and **cost**, taking into account **whole renovation process**, starting from design phase to **ensure the architectural quality**
- Comparing results with **2000 Watt society targets**

a) 100% active surfaces considered



b) Selection of active surfaces



c) Integration of batteries



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BIPV APPROACH | Definitions

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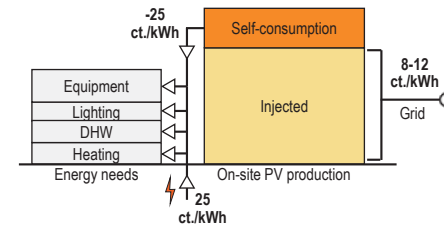
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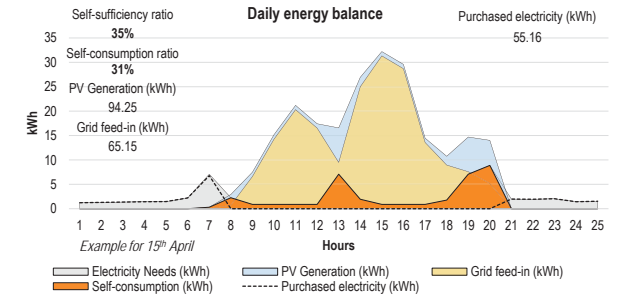
100% active surfaces considered

BIPV APPROACH | Scenario with 100% active surfaces injecting the overproduction



Strategies:

Taking into account **100% of potential active surfaces**.
Replacing existing **HVAC by electricity-based** system with heat-pump to increase SC.



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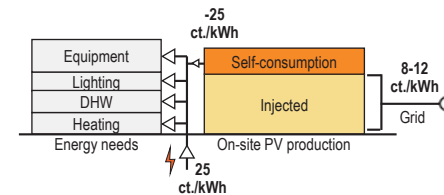
Self-sufficiency (SS) ratio: Ratio between the PV electricity consumed on-site and the total electricity needs. Shows the real coverage of the demand for electricity on the basis of self-consumption, equivalent to the level of energy independence of the building.

$$(3) \text{ Self-sufficiency ratio [\%]} = \frac{\sum_0^{8760} \text{Hourly PV electricity consumption on-site}}{\text{Total electricity needs}} \times 100$$



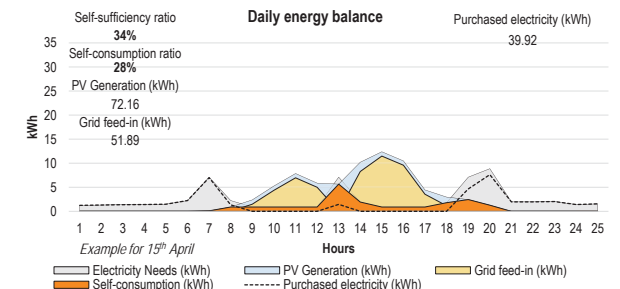
Selecting active surfaces

BIPV APPROACH | Scenario selecting active surfaces regarding SC and SS

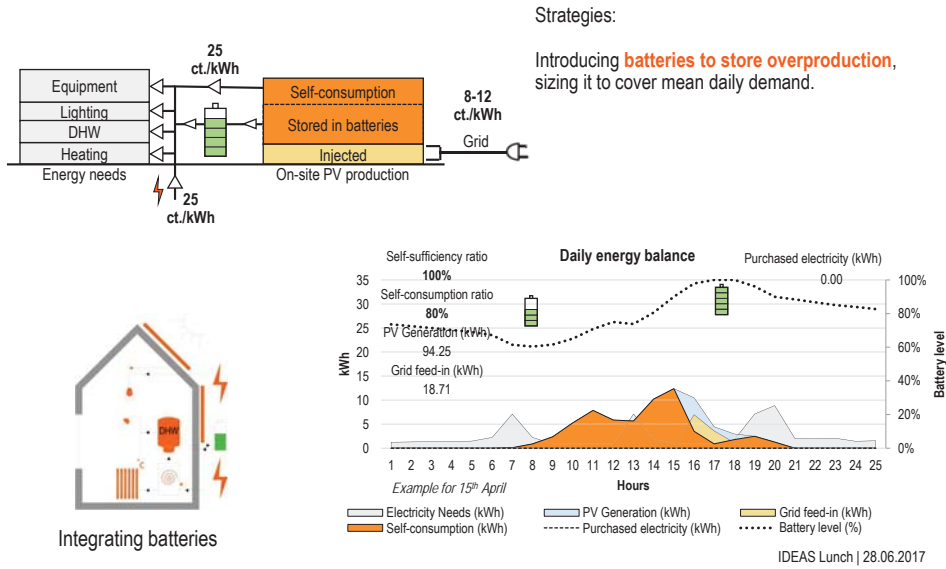


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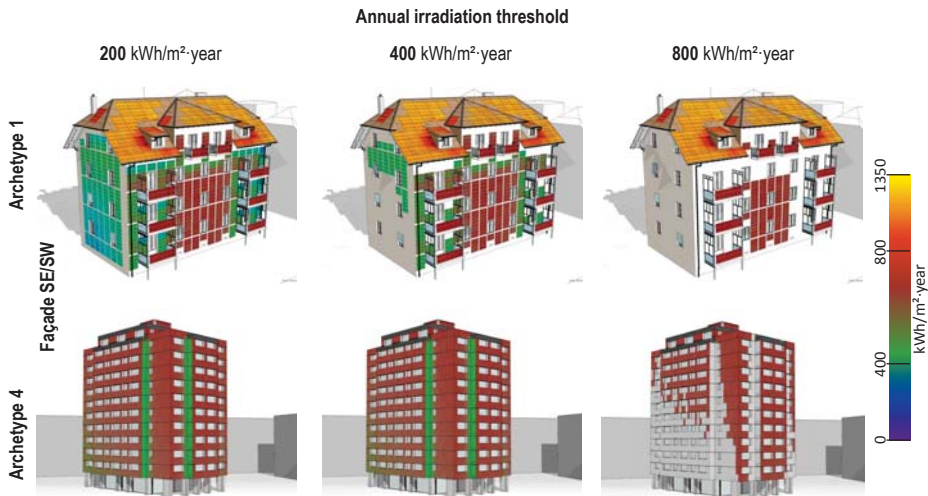
Selection of active surfaces to **maximise self-consumption and self-sufficiency, minimizing the overproduction** (avoiding excessive electricity injection into the grid).



BIPV APPROACH | Scenario using batteries to increase self-consumption

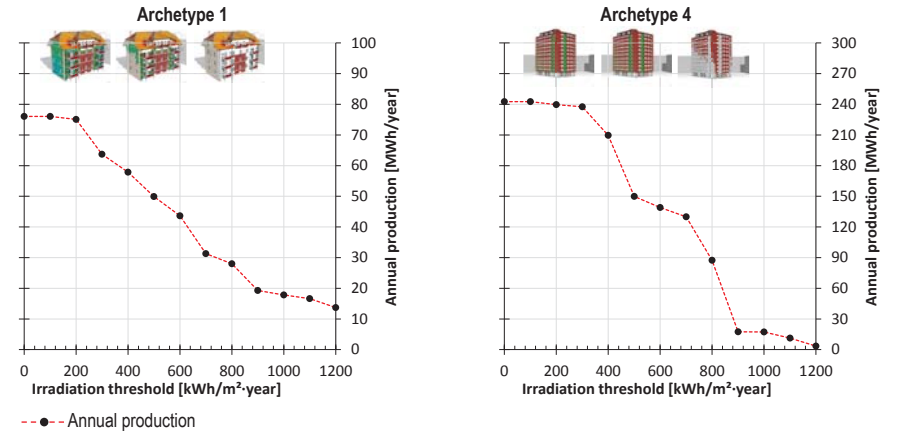


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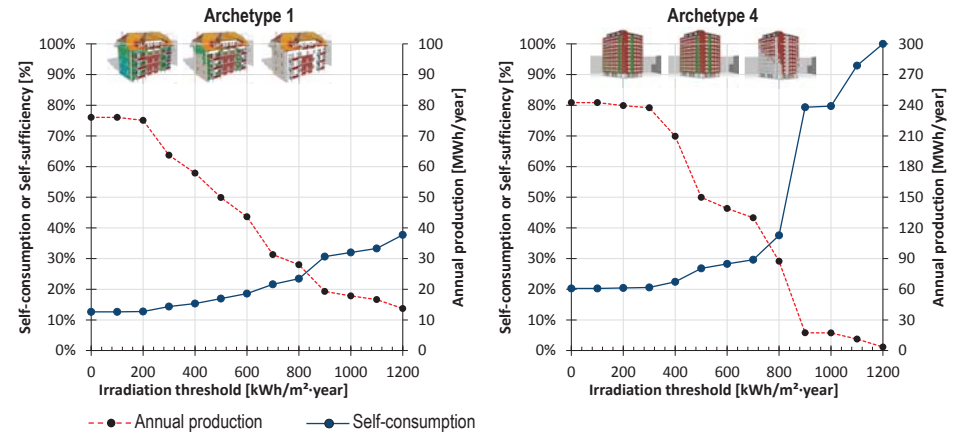
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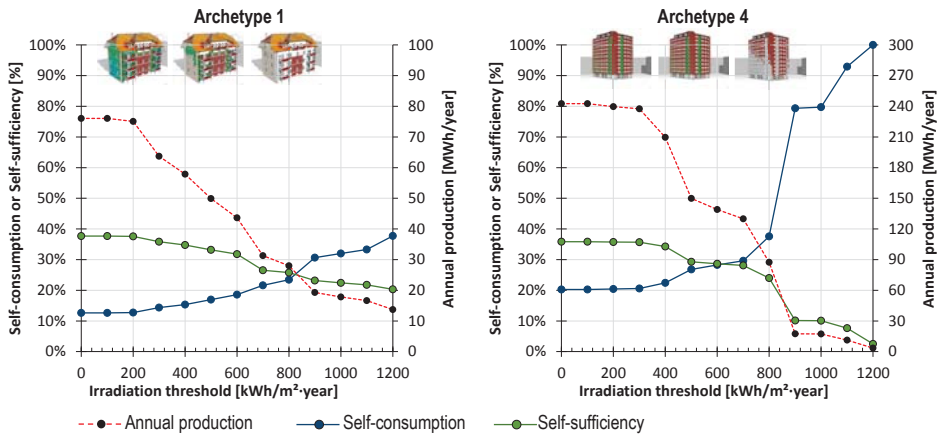
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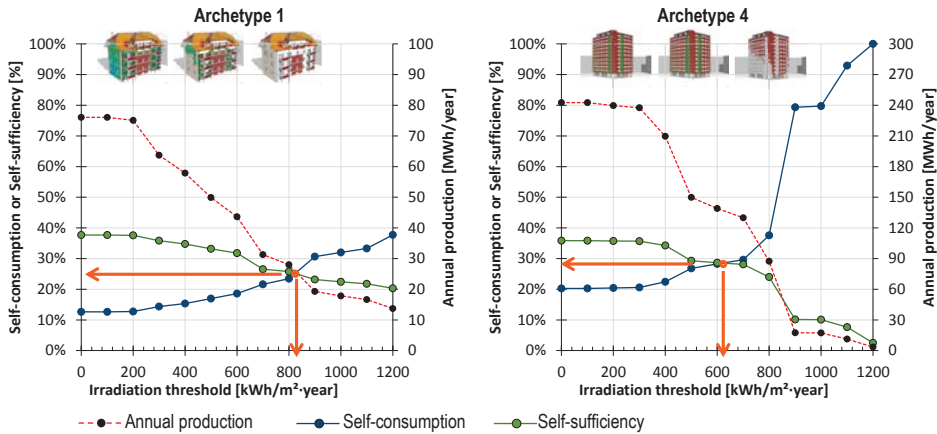
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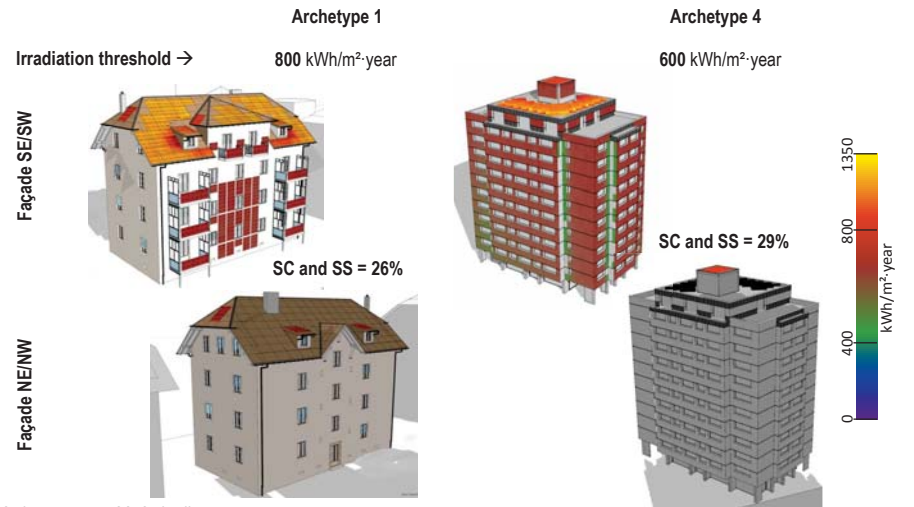
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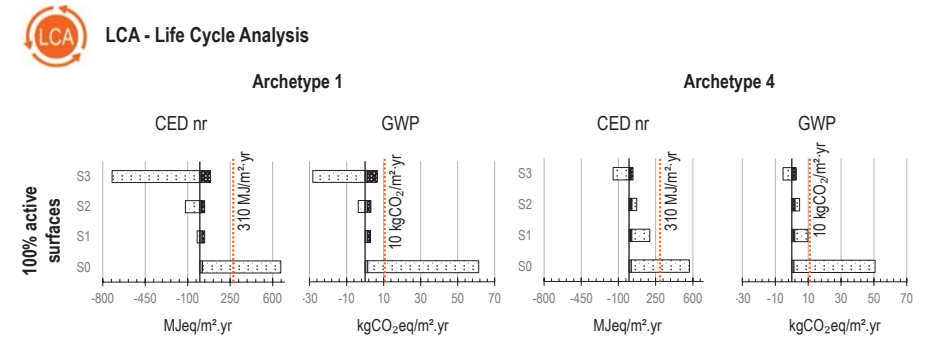


SC: Self-consumption; SS: Self-sufficiency

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COMPARISON | archetypes and energy use scenarios



CEDnr: non-renewable cumulative energy demand
GWP: global warming potential

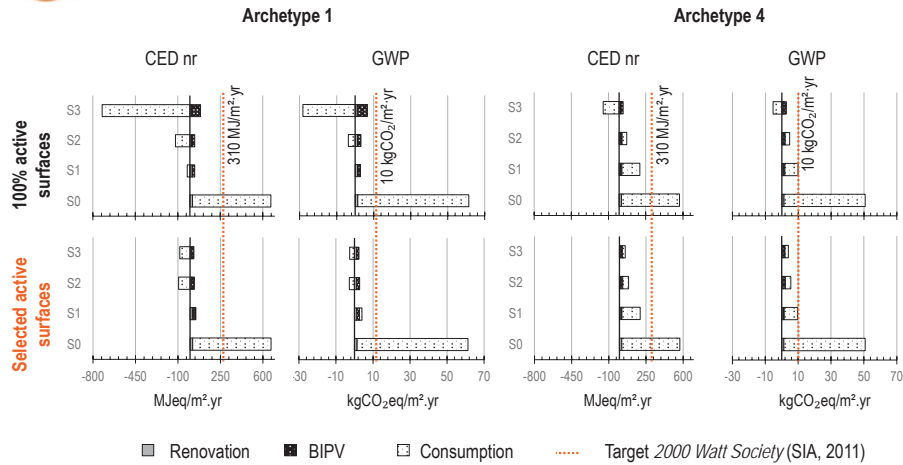
■ Renovation ■ BIPV □ Consumption Target 2000 Watt Society (SIA, 2011)

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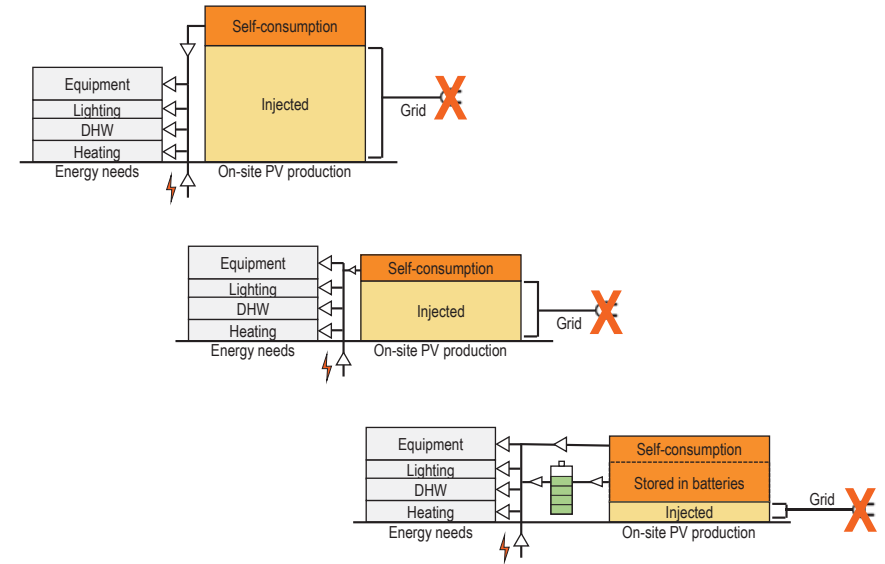
LCA - Life Cycle Analysis



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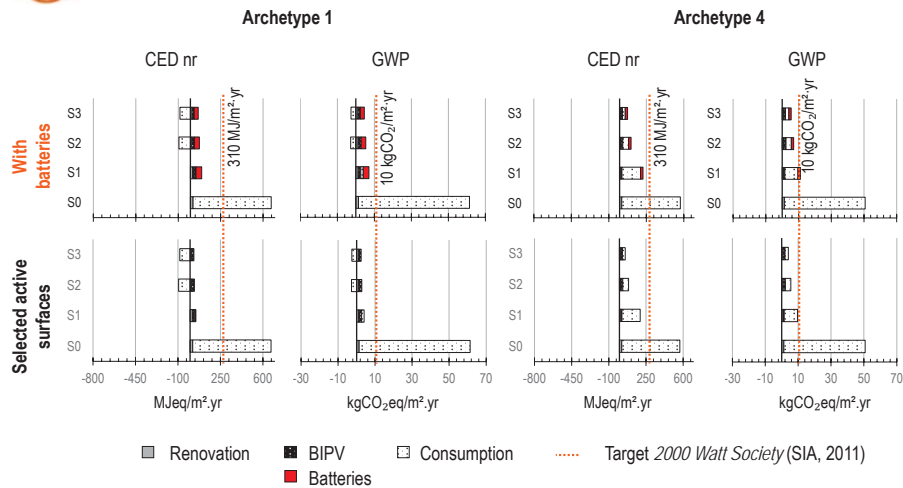
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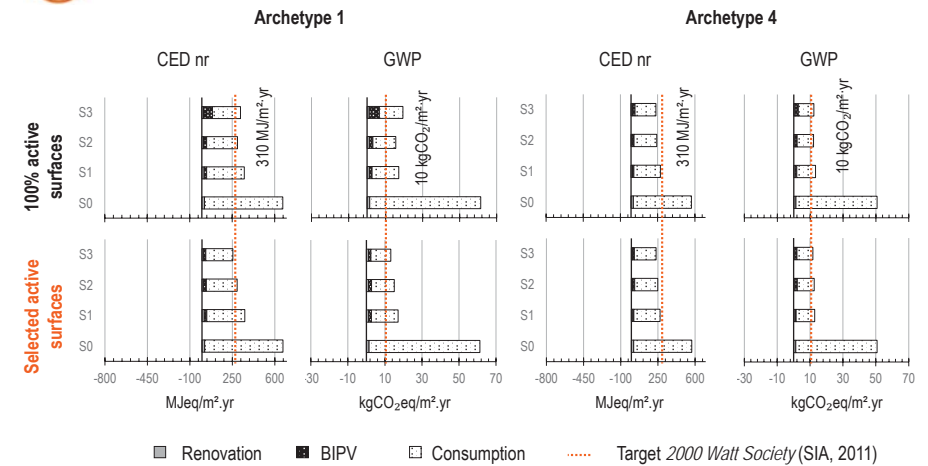


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LCA - Life Cycle Analysis – without injection

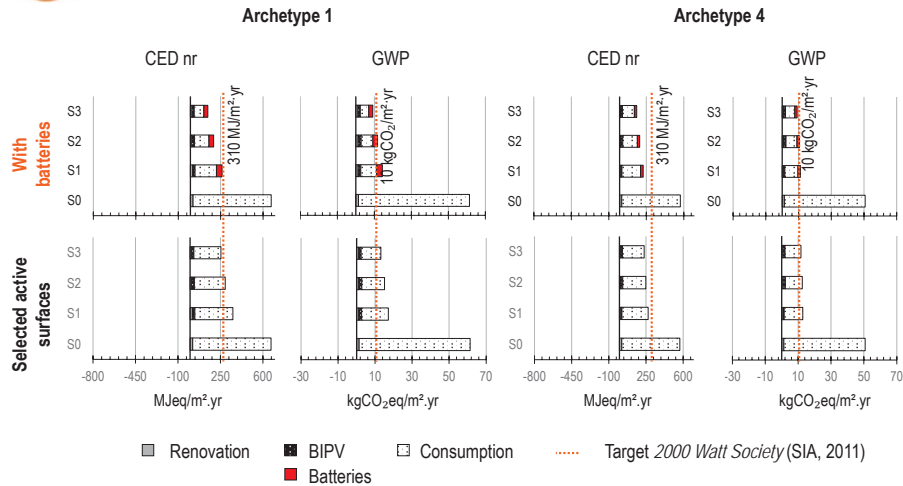


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LCA - Life Cycle Analysis – without injection



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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS | Preliminary findings

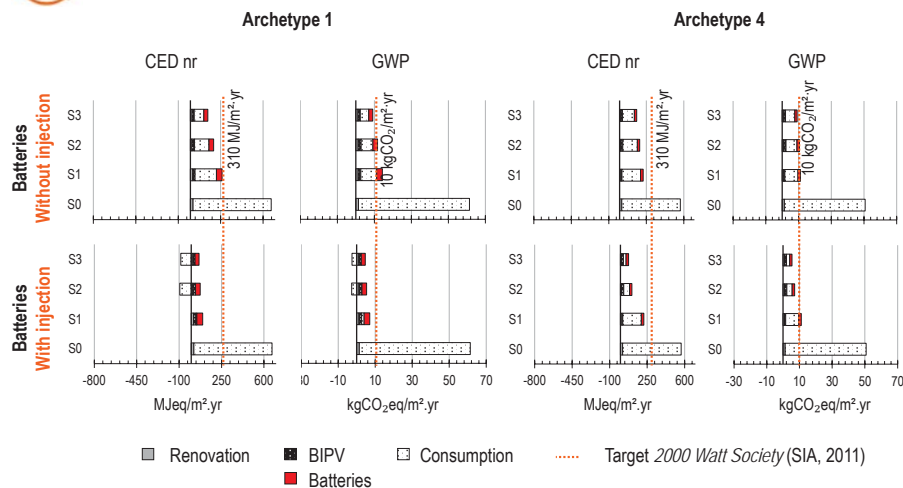
- Energy renovation projects without PV integration are **no longer an option** if we want to achieve **long-term carbon and energy targets**.
- Results of the two case studies highlight the **importance of selecting the active surfaces** to achieve carbon neutrality.
- These elements allow us to achieve the performance objectives **in a more rational way by sizing the PV installation to minimize the grid-injected energy**. This in turn allows avoiding the intrinsic problem linked to **decreasing prices of injected electricity and the incompatibilities with the existing grid**.
- **Batteries could have a key role** to achieve the Swiss targets if the injection into the grid is not possible.

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LCA - Life Cycle Analysis – the role of batteries



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WORK IN PROGRESS | Next steps and milestones

- **Finalization of the two first case studies**
 - Realization of expressive 3D visualizations
- **Three other case studies (activities conducted in parallel)**
 - Detailed design scenarios for each case study
 - Optimization and detailed assessment of design scenarios
 - Realization of expressive 3D visualizations
- **In-depth comparative analysis of financial parameters**
- **Cross comparison of modeling scenarios (e.g. weather, vegetation)**
- **Workshop with experts / workshop with non-experts** (qualitative assessment of the level of acceptance of the design propositions)

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