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The Performance of the Low Energy Victorian House

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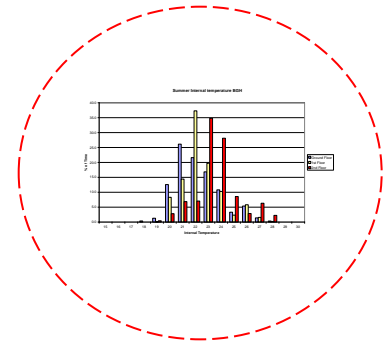
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LEADING TO A GREEN LONDON



Heat Loss
Co Heating Test



Summer Over heating

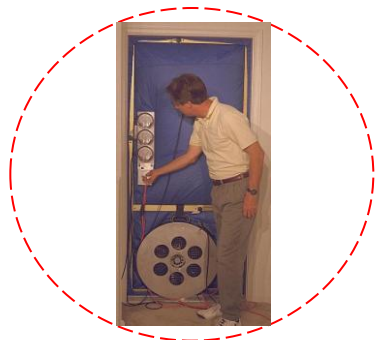


Winter Temperature

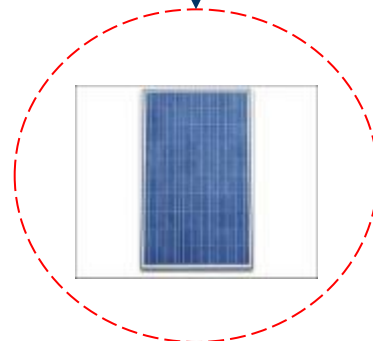


Gas and Electricity
consumption

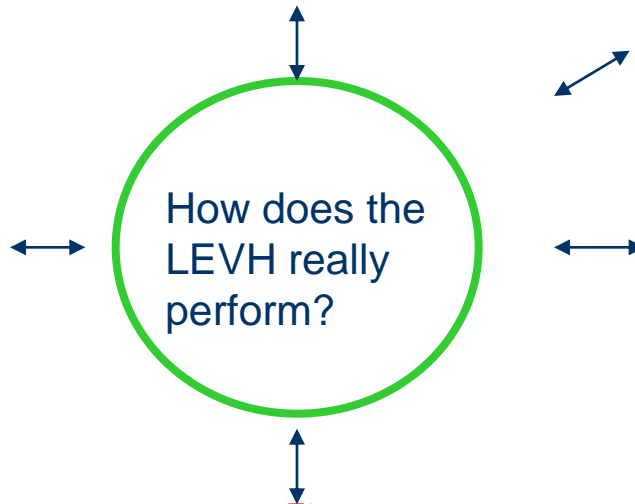
How does the
LEVH really
perform?



Air permeability :
Fan Pressurisation Test



PV : Electricity Production





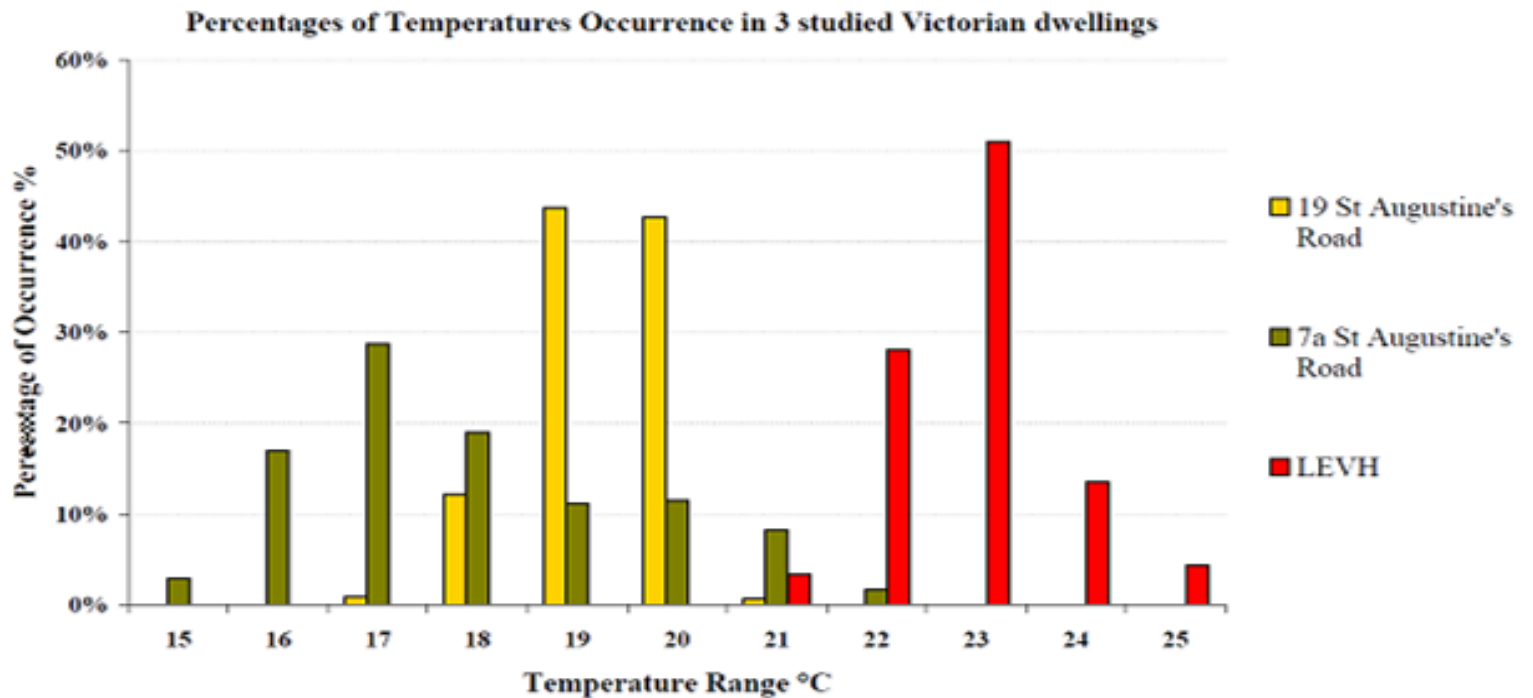
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Does the internal insulation work?





Temperatures of Neighbouring houses





Co Heating Test



Figure 2.1: Thermostatically controlled Fan heater used in Co-heating test



Figure 2.2: Pyranometers and data logger being installed for Co-heating test



LEVH Heat Loss

Design Heat Loss

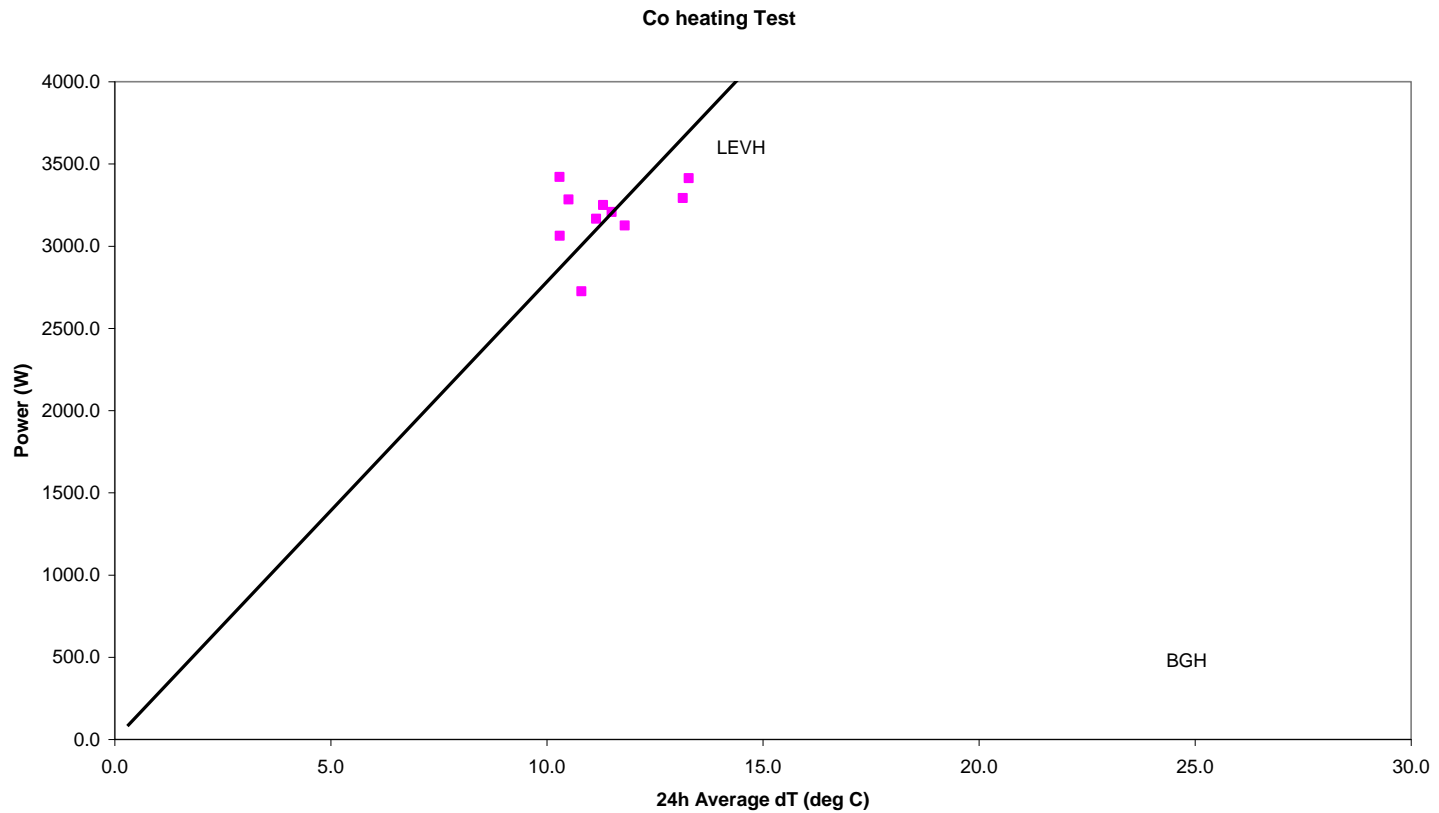
The design values of the Heat loss coefficient and heat loss parameter for the LEVH, are shown in Table 1.1. These values are taken from a SAP calculation performed by Kingspan insulation

Element	Area (m ²)	U-value (W/m ² K)	A × U (W/K)
Windows	23.81	(1.42) 1.5	33.69
Door1	4.11	2	8.22
Door2	6.06	1.5	9.09
Roof1	67.35	0.15	10.1
Roof2	9.7	0.16	1.55
Walls1	61.24	0.3	18.37
Walls2	169.69	0.19	32.25
Walls3	8.37	0.43	3.6
Floor	78.01	0.23	17.94
Total area of elements	428.34		
Fabric heat loss			135
Effect of thermal bridges			34
Total fabric heat loss,			170
Ventilation heat loss,			135
Heat loss coefficient,			304
Heat loss parameter (HLP)		1.23	

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Results of Co heating test



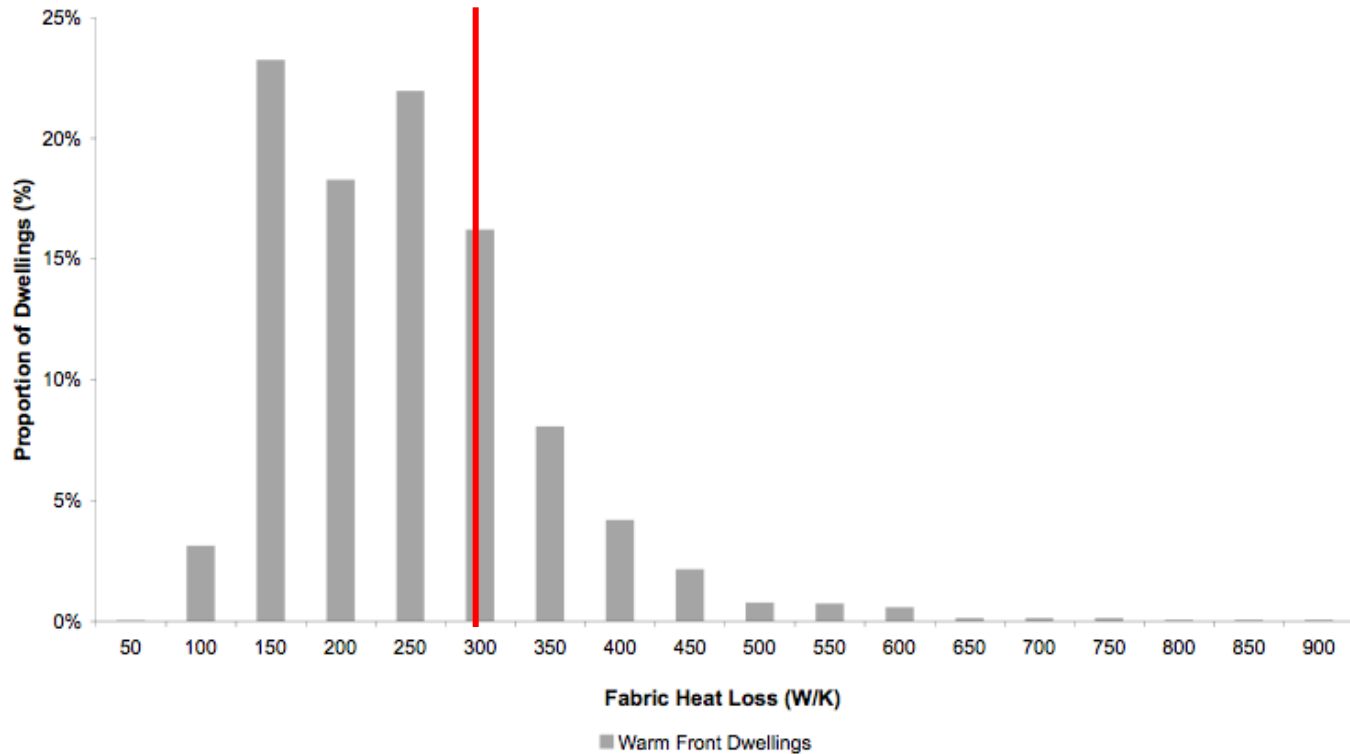


Design Targets met

Refurbishment: LEVH	Measured	Design
Heat Loss Coefficient	280 W/K	300 W/K
Heat Loss Parameter	1.12 W/m ² K	1.23 W/m ² K
Air Permeability	6.5 m ³ /hr/m ²	7 m ³ /hr/m ²



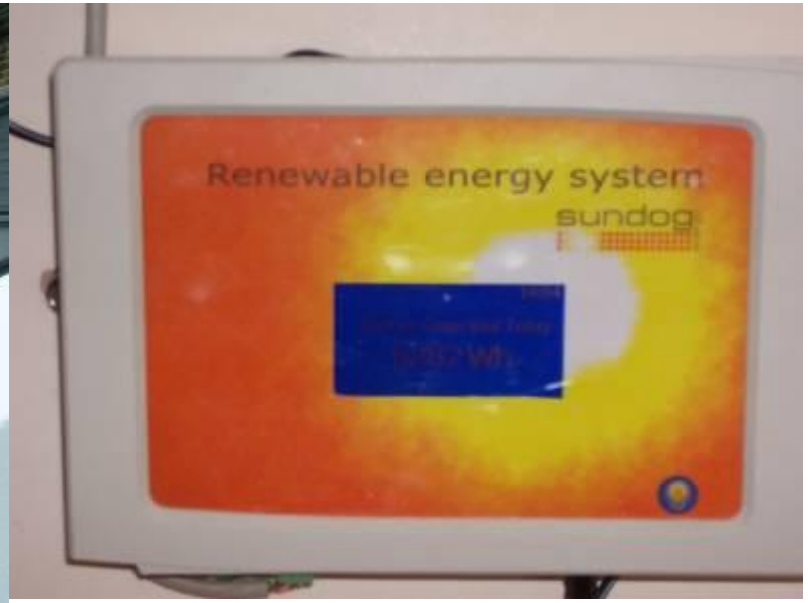
Distribution of UK Fabric Heat Loss



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Performance of PV system



PV Produced 10/12/08 to 18/12/09 = 2850 KWh

Annual Predicted PV Production 2711 KWh

(June, July, August measured Global solar radiation
-5% less than CIBSE TRY)



Winter Internal Temperature

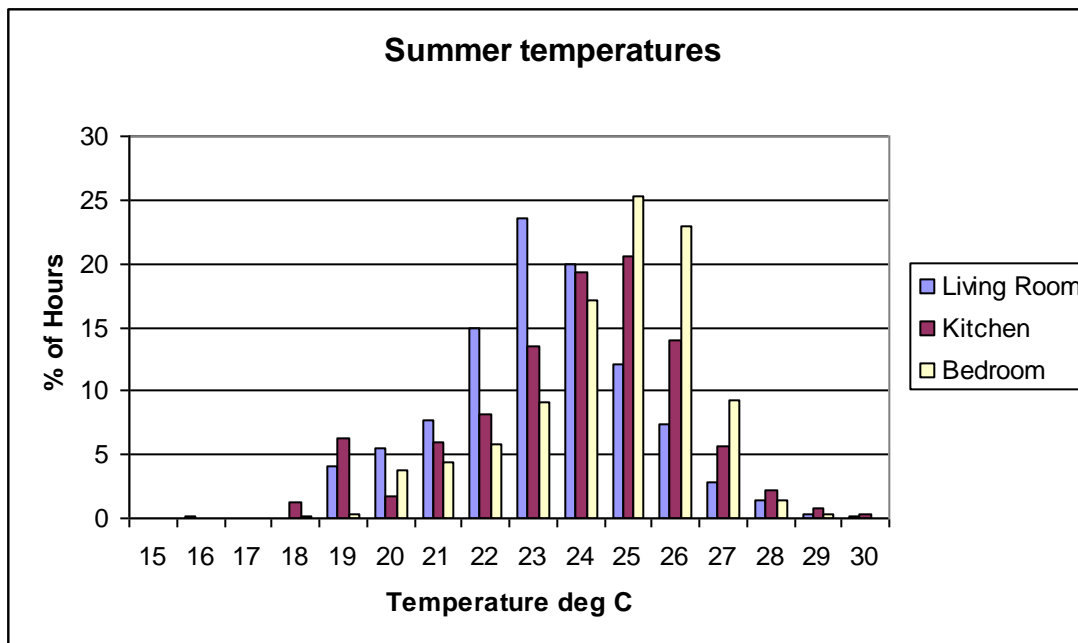
Average Winter Bedroom Temperature 22 °C

Average Winter Living Room Temperature 20.9 °C

The tenants are taking 1-2 °C of “comfort” take back



Summer time Overheating?



		CIBSE TRY	2009
	Max	26	23
May	Avg	14	13
	Min	5	6
	Max	32	30
June	Avg	16	16
	Min	6	6
	Max	29	30
July	Avg	16	17
	Min	11	11
	Max	31	26
Aug	Avg	18	17
	Min	9	10



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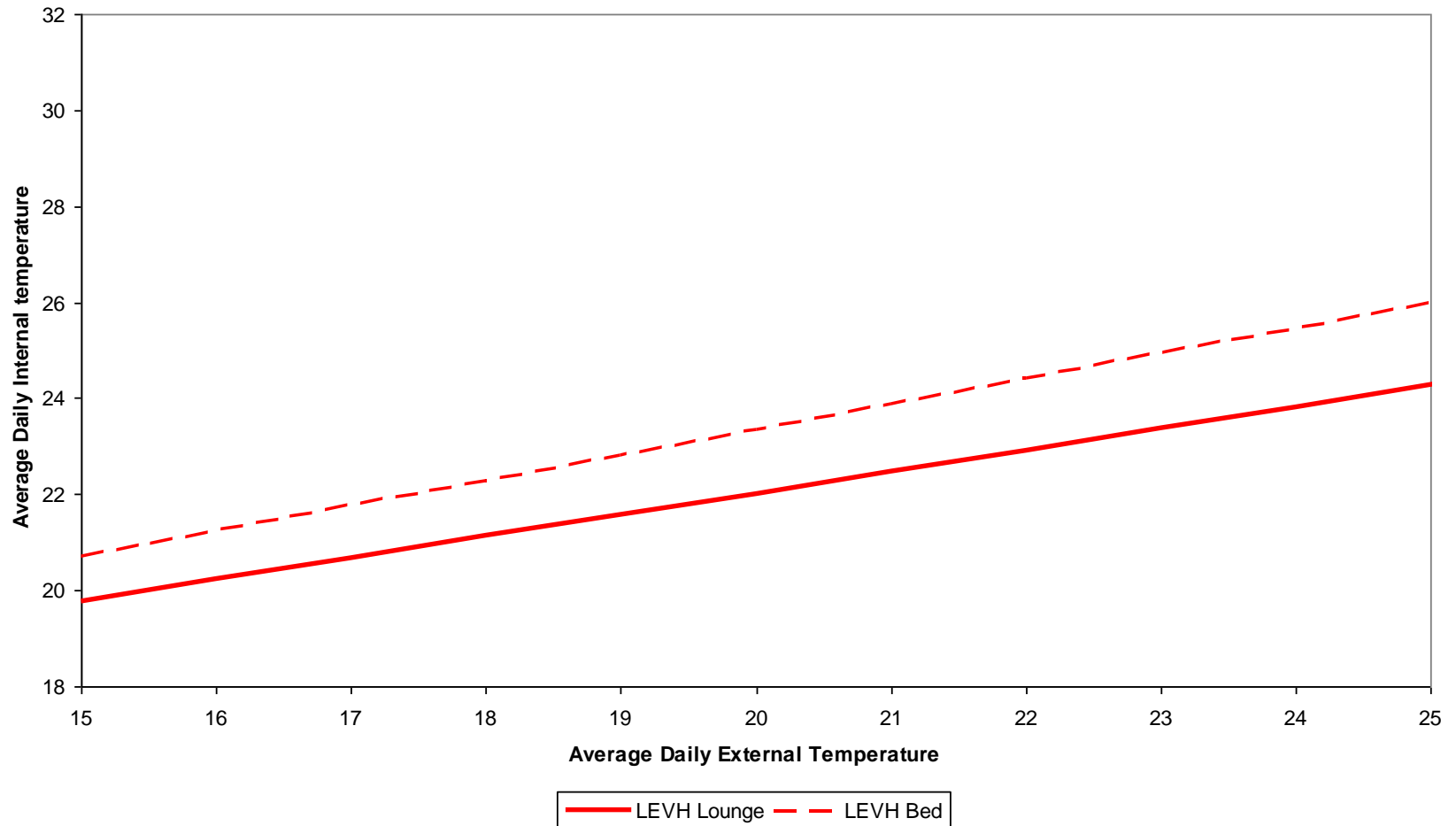
Internal Insulation: Reduce Thermal Mass – Increase summertime overheating?





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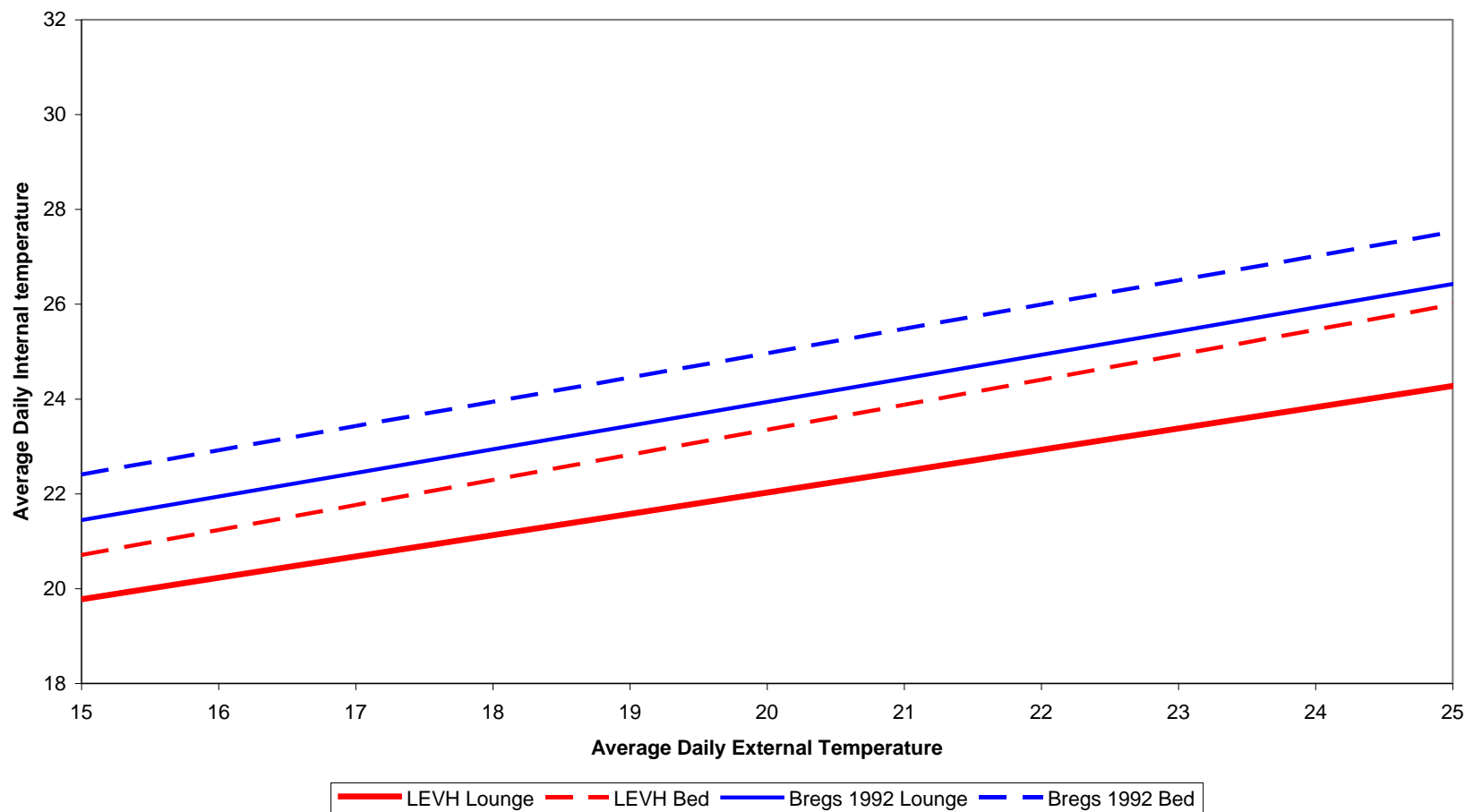
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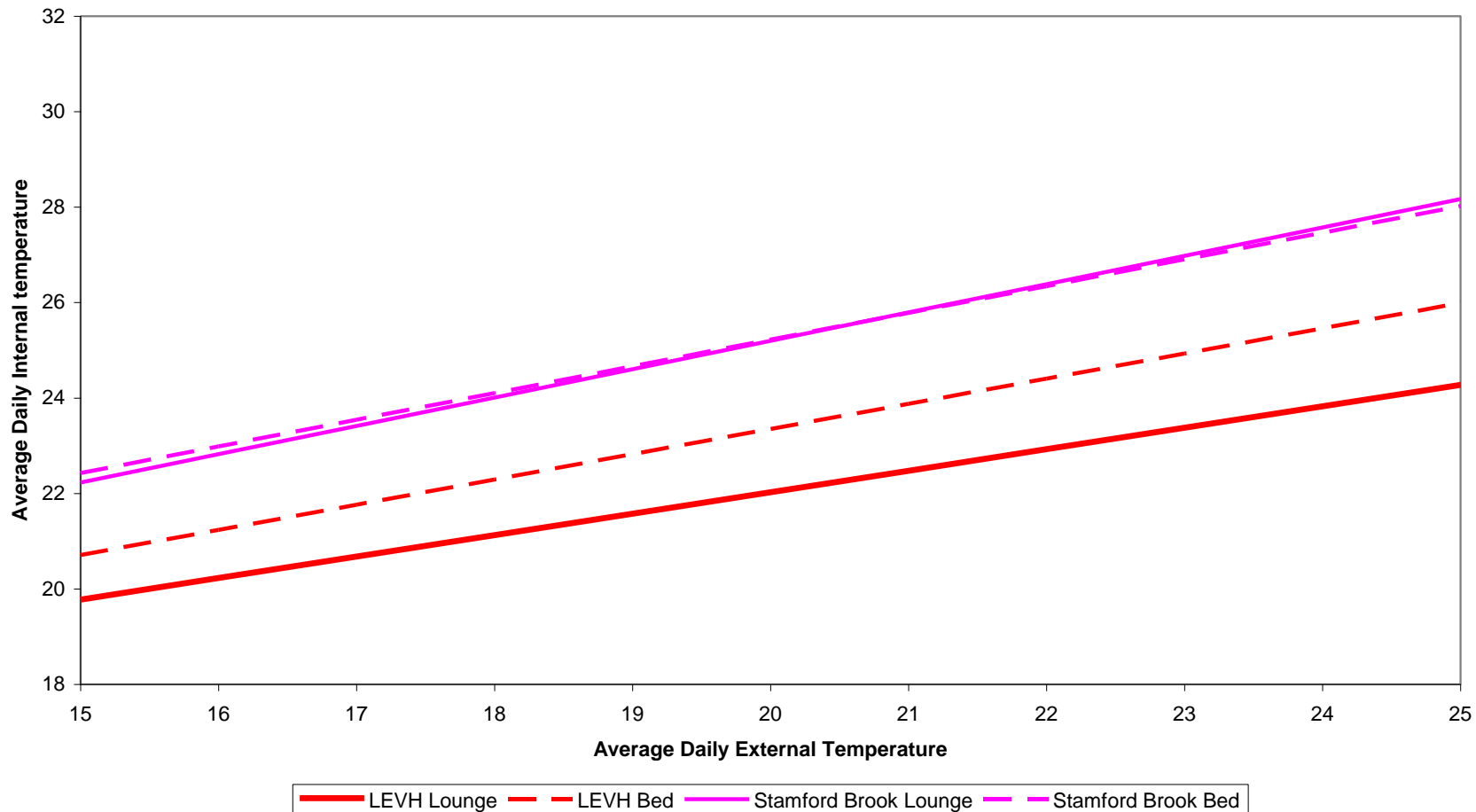
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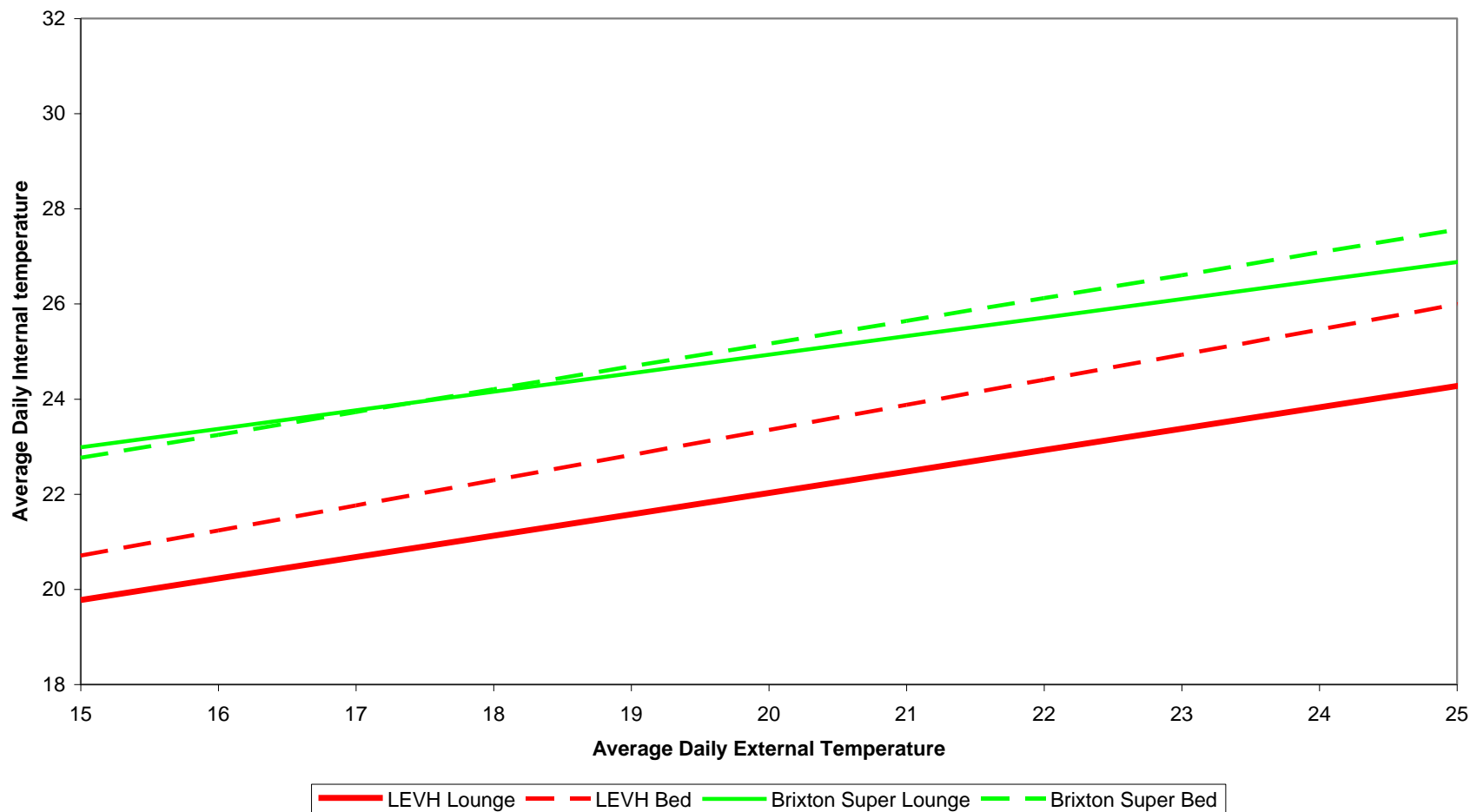
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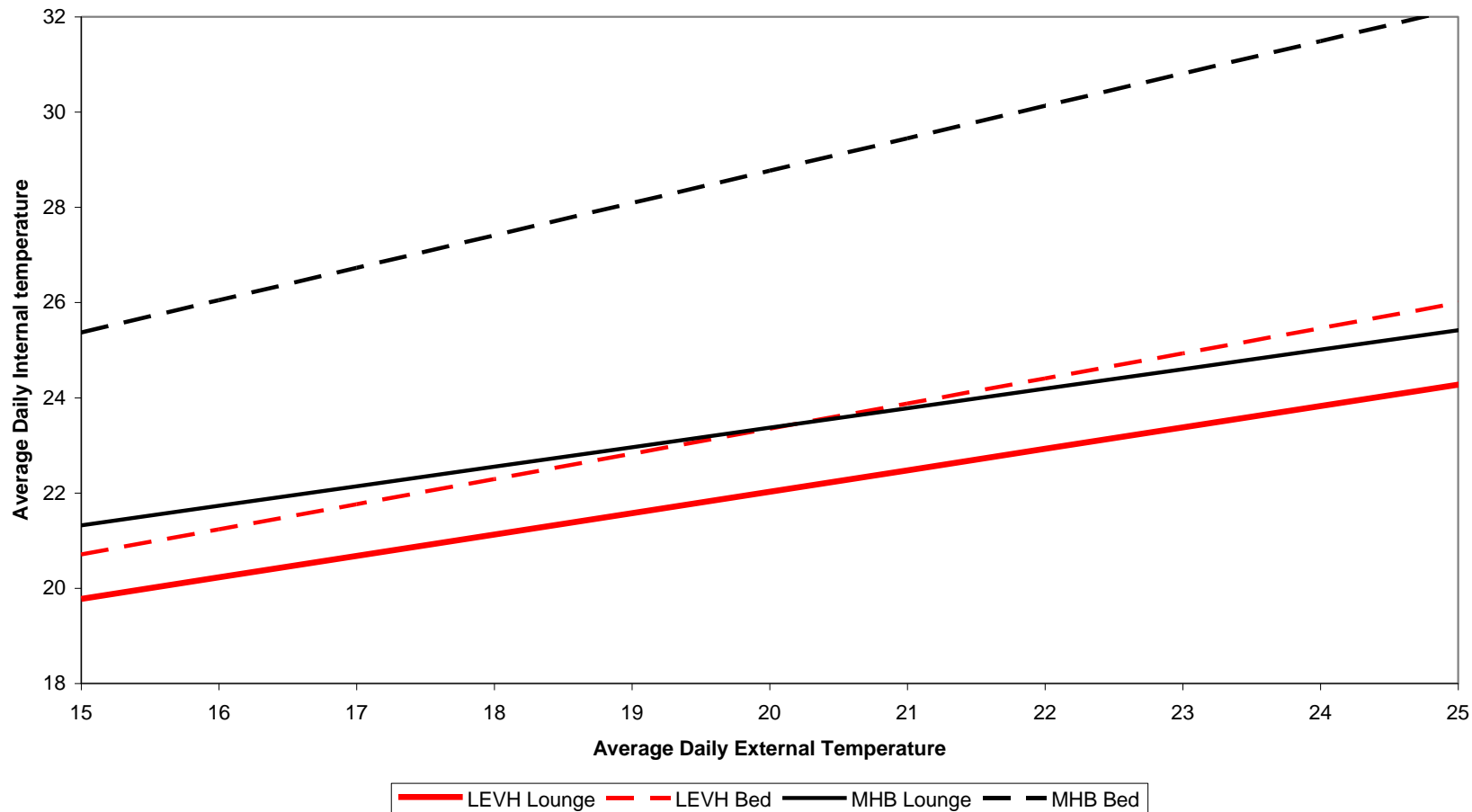
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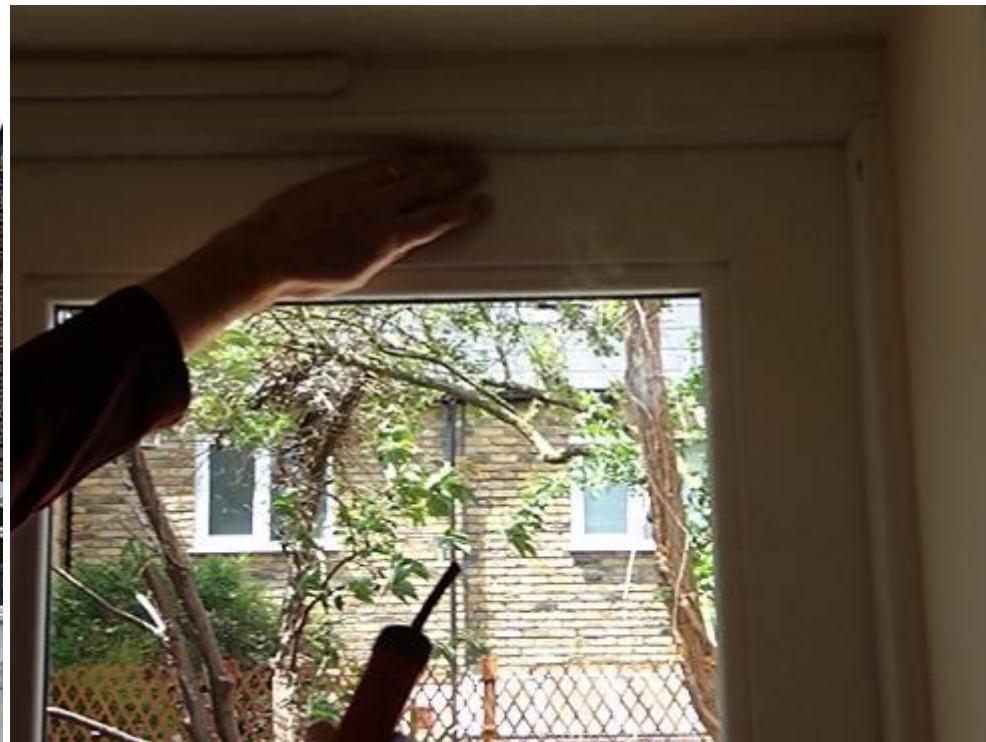
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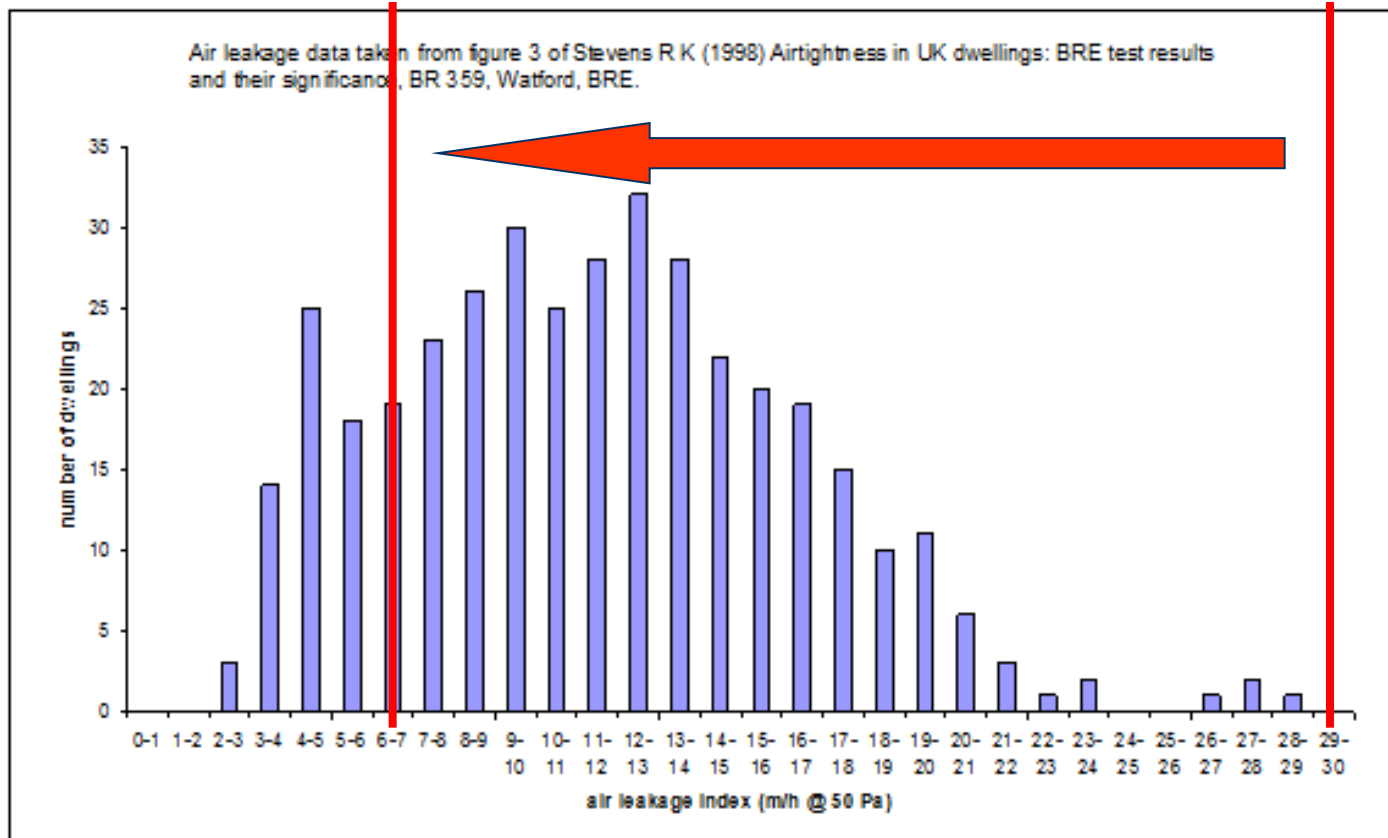
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Air Permeability measurement





Air Permeability





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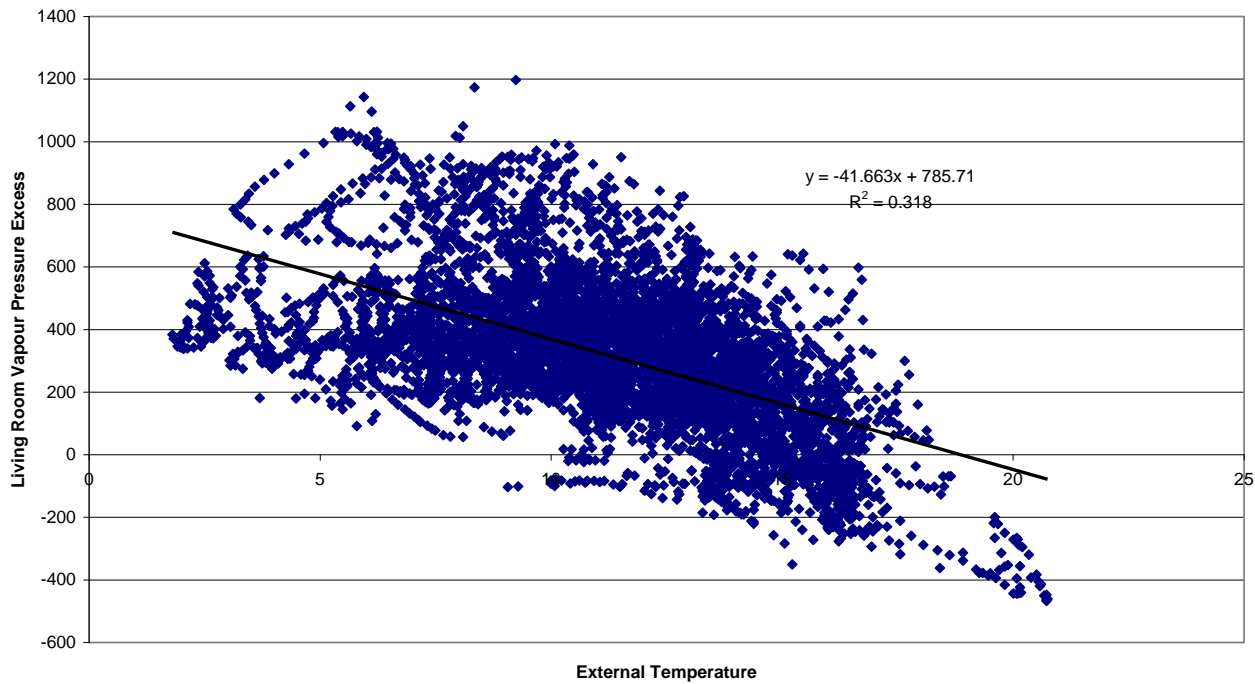


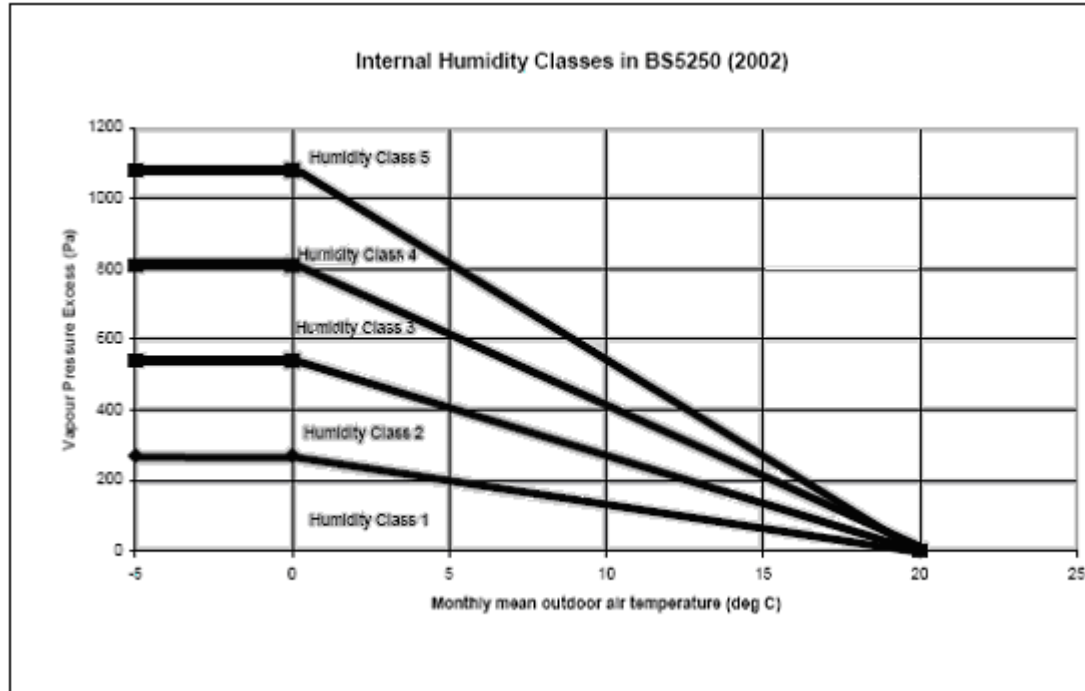
Winter Internal RH

Average Winter Bedroom RH 58%

Average Winter Living Room RH 56%

Vapour Pressure Excess versus External temperature





Humidity Class	Building Type	Relative humidity at internal temperature of 20 °C
1	Storage Area	<35%
2	Office Shops	35-50%
3	Dwellings with low occupancy	50-60%
4	Dwellings with high occupancy, sports halls, kitchens, canteens; buildings heated with unflued gas heaters	60-70%
5	Laundry, brewery, swimming pool	>70

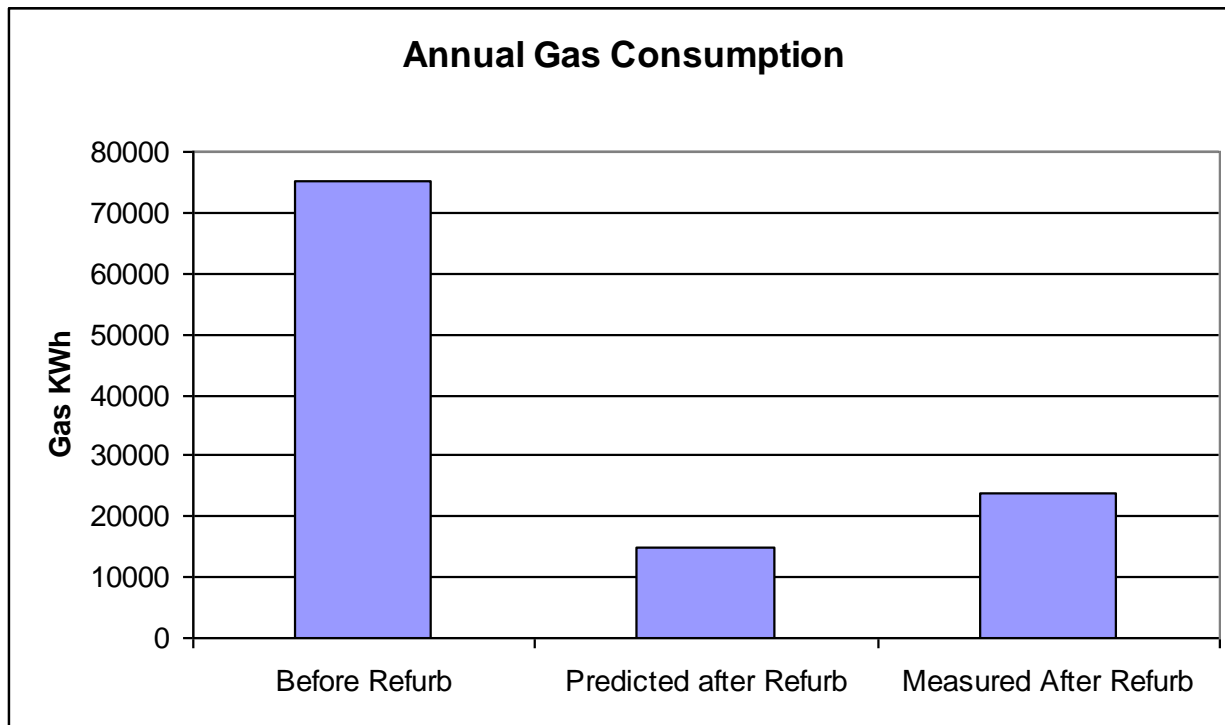


Solar Hot Water Production





Annual Gas Consumption





Normalise for Occupation hours

- The house is occupied 24 hrs
- Heat loss of house 300W/K
- Heating house 6 hours less per day would save approx 3000kWh of gas consumption annually



Estimated reduction in CO₂

- Considering the reduction in total Gas consumption (compared to SAP for un refurbished)
- PV electricity production

65%



Annual energy consumption/m²

- Current performance is **120 kWh/m²/a**
- Realistic potential performance of **110 kWh/m²/a**



Annual CO₂ emission per year

- Current performance is **28 kg/m²/a**
- Realistic potential performance of **26 kg/m²/a**



LEVH Performance ?

Air Permeability



Fabric Heat Loss



Summer Overheating



PV Electricity Production



Annual Gas Consumption



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Solar Hot Water



High Vapour Pressure Excess





Future work

- Identify if high domestic hot water consumption is the cause of higher than expected gas consumption
- Interstitial Condensation
- Heat meter on Space heating circuit