

Buildings Energy Climate Change

Towards a New Paradigm



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Societys' energy and climate related problems develop over time

Changes in climatic conditions and energy demands create many challenges for construction sector

Need to understand these developments and challenge the status quo



Giv indeklimaet og økonomien et friskt pust



Panasonic varmepumpe

Luk op for varmen med en Panasonic varmepumpe, og nyd de fordele, det giver for hele familien. I får et sundt indeklima, varmebesparelser på op til 66% samt et miljøvenligt varmeanlæg, der er let at betjene. Varmepumpen kan også køle jeres bolig ned på varme sommerdage.



Panasonic

Past: Existing building stock

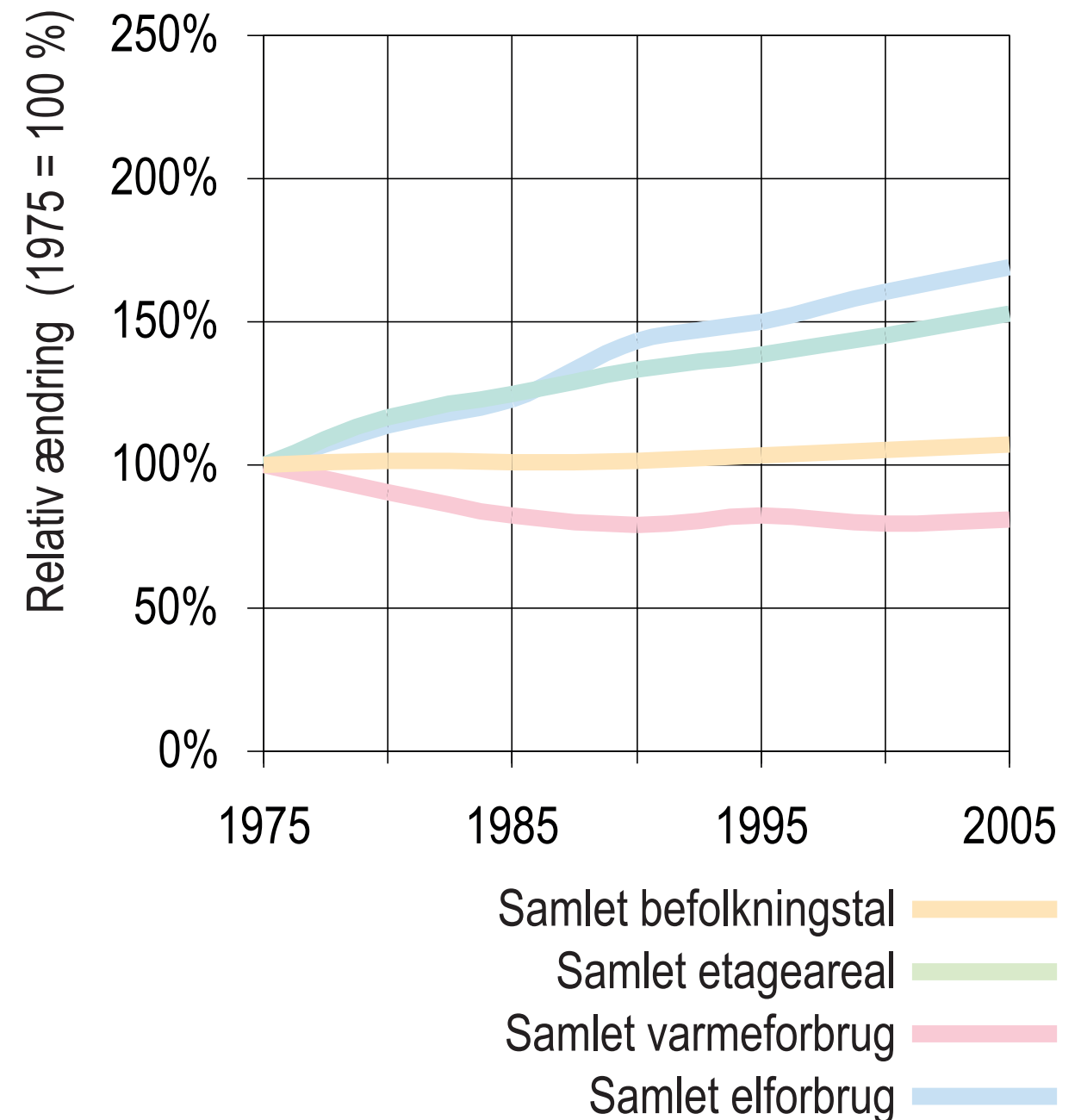
Total housing stock 1975 - 2005:

Low population growth: + 7%

Growing floor area: + 50%

Falling heat consumption: - 20%

Growing electricity use: + 70%



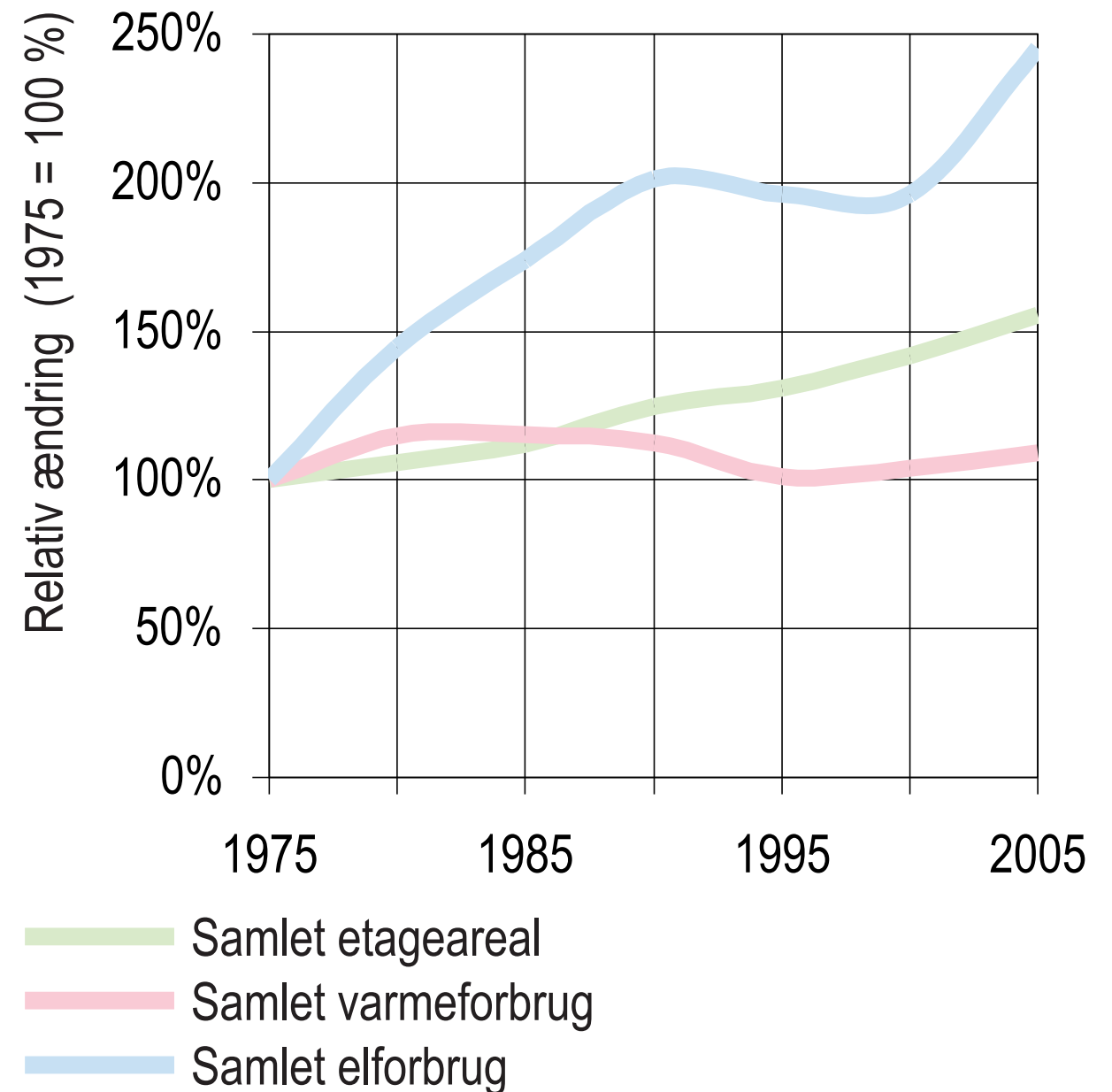
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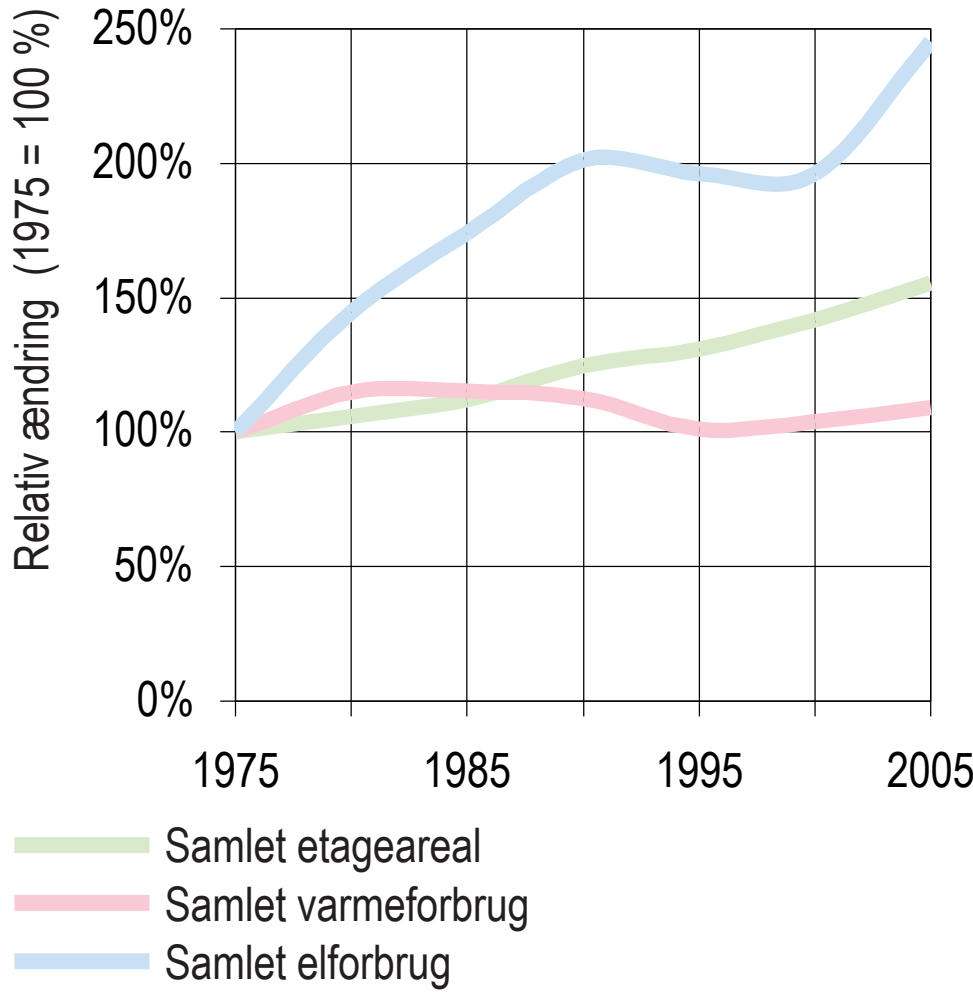
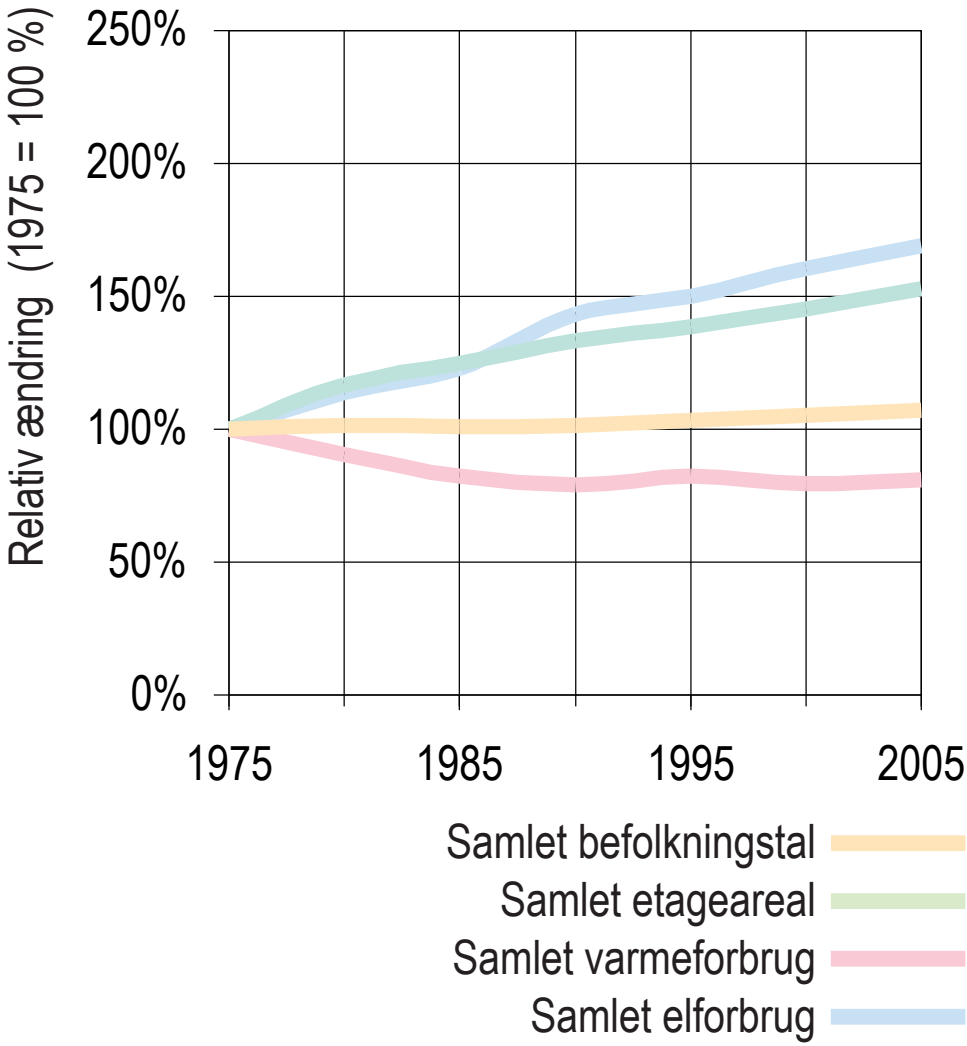
Growing floor area: + 55%

Falling heat consumption: + 10%

Growing electricity use: + 160%



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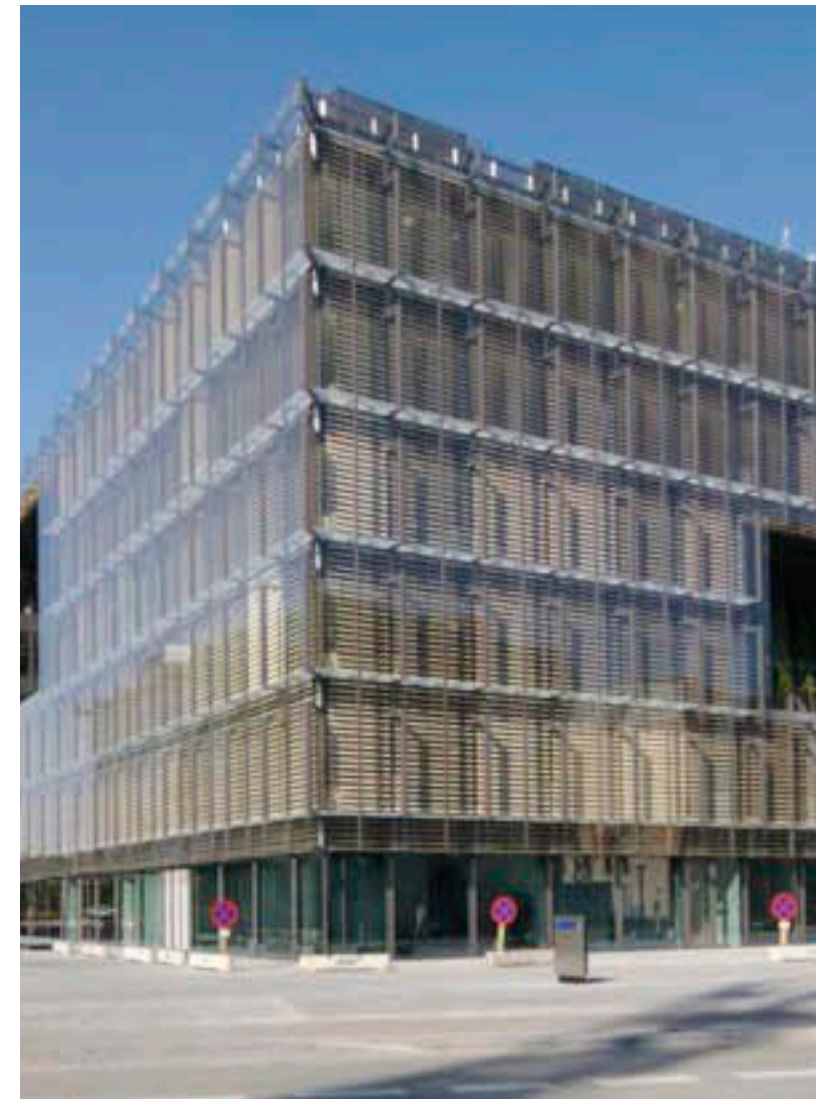
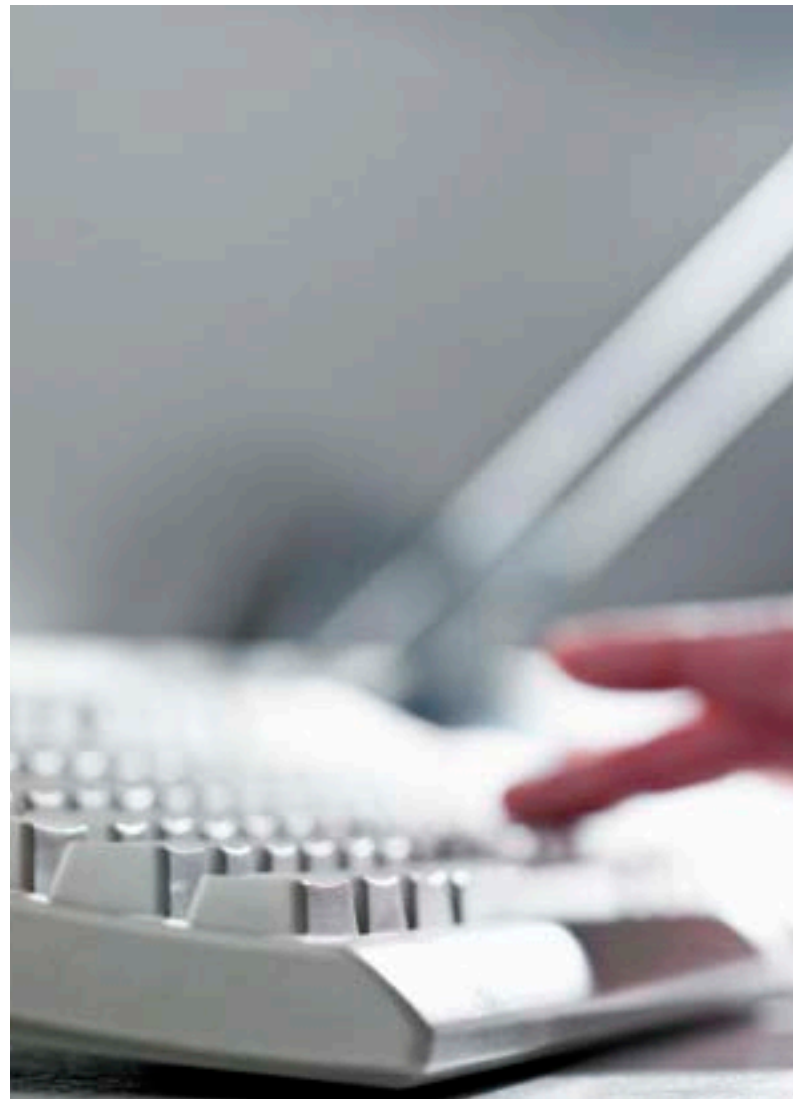
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Falling/stable heat consumption:

- Insulation of existing building fabric; window refurbishment
- New heating system; change in heat supply
- Improved energy regulations in Building Regulations

Past: Existing building stock



Extreme growth in electricity consumption:

- Growing ownership rates for electrical appliances
- Growth in *Knowledge Society*, IT/multimedia og service sector
- New buildings with high electricity usage to lighting, ventilation, cooling

Past: Typical new buildings through time



Housing: 2 storey, 120 m²



Office: 3 storey, 2700 m²

For both building types:

- Heat consumption calculated from historical energy regulations
- Electricity calculated by historical data and primary energy factor of 2.5

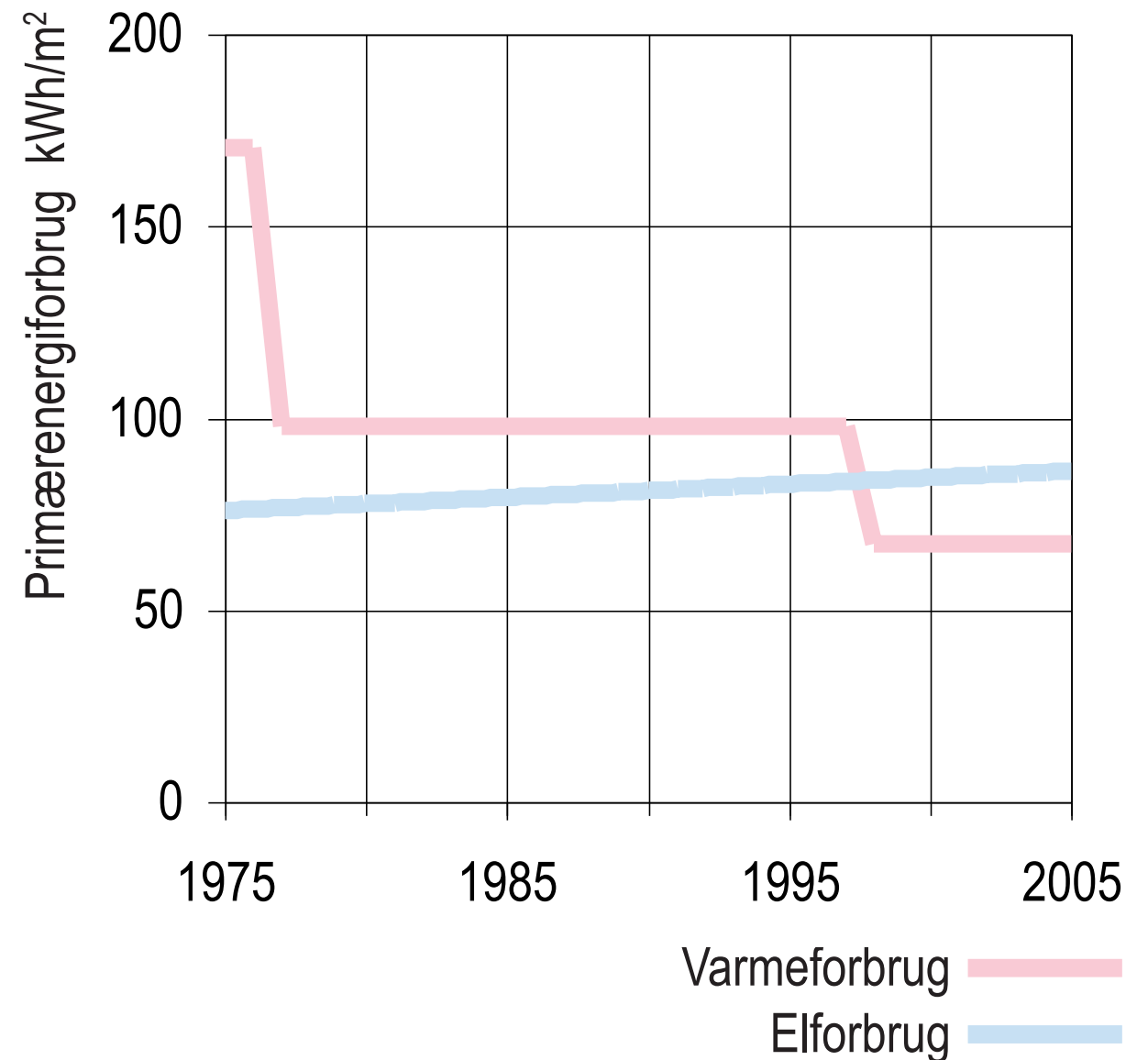
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New build housing 1975 - 2005:

Falling heat consumption: - 60%

Growing electricity use: + 10%

Electricity consumption
now larger than
heat consumption



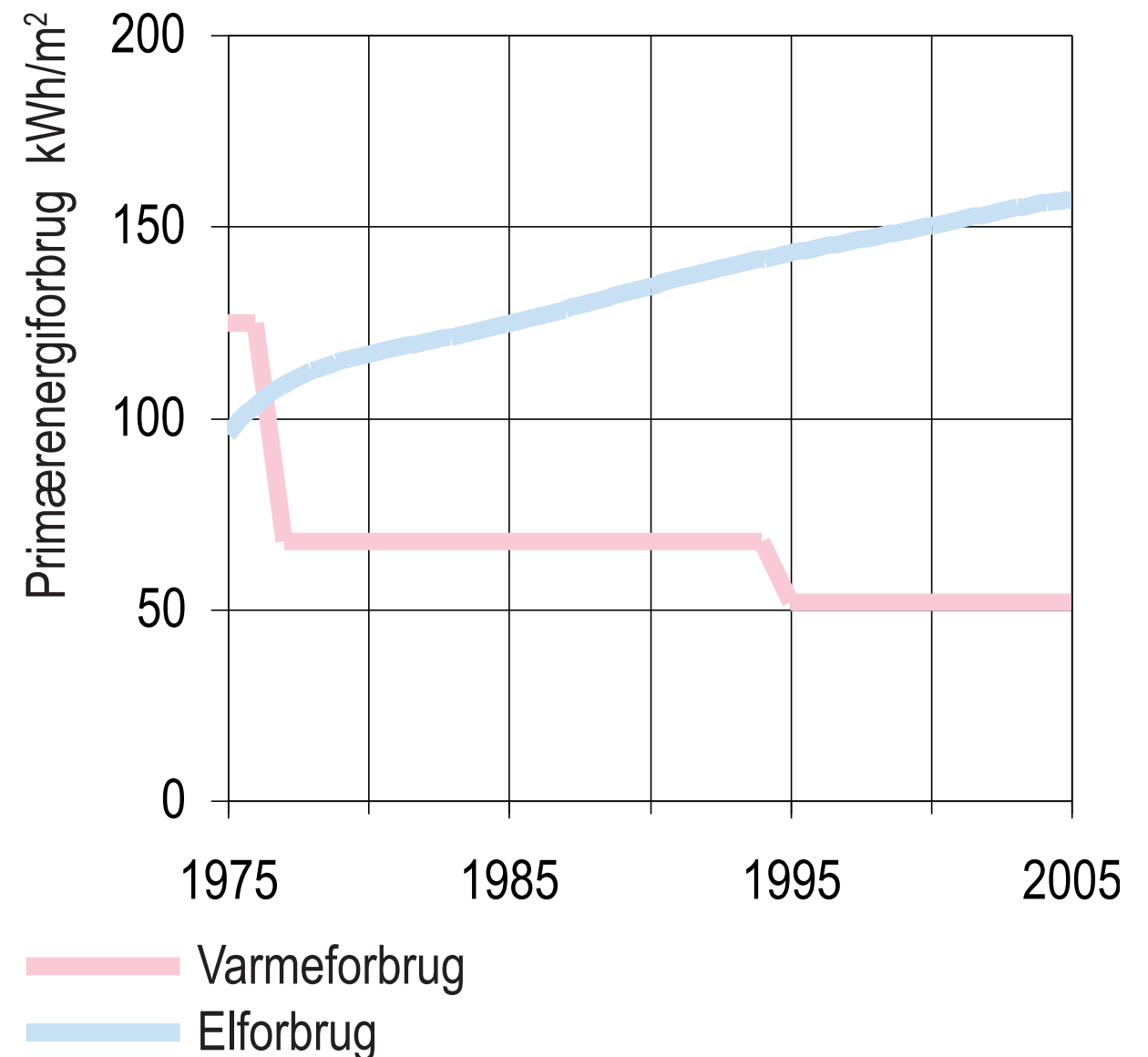
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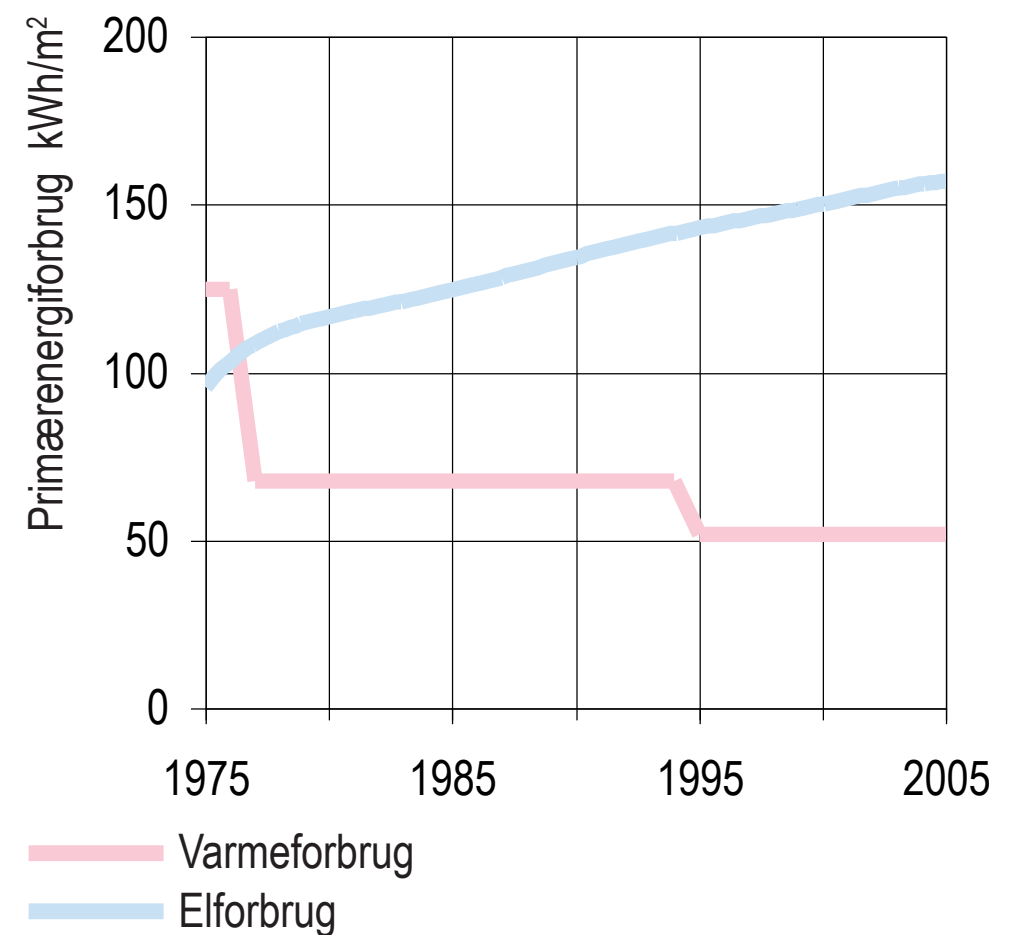
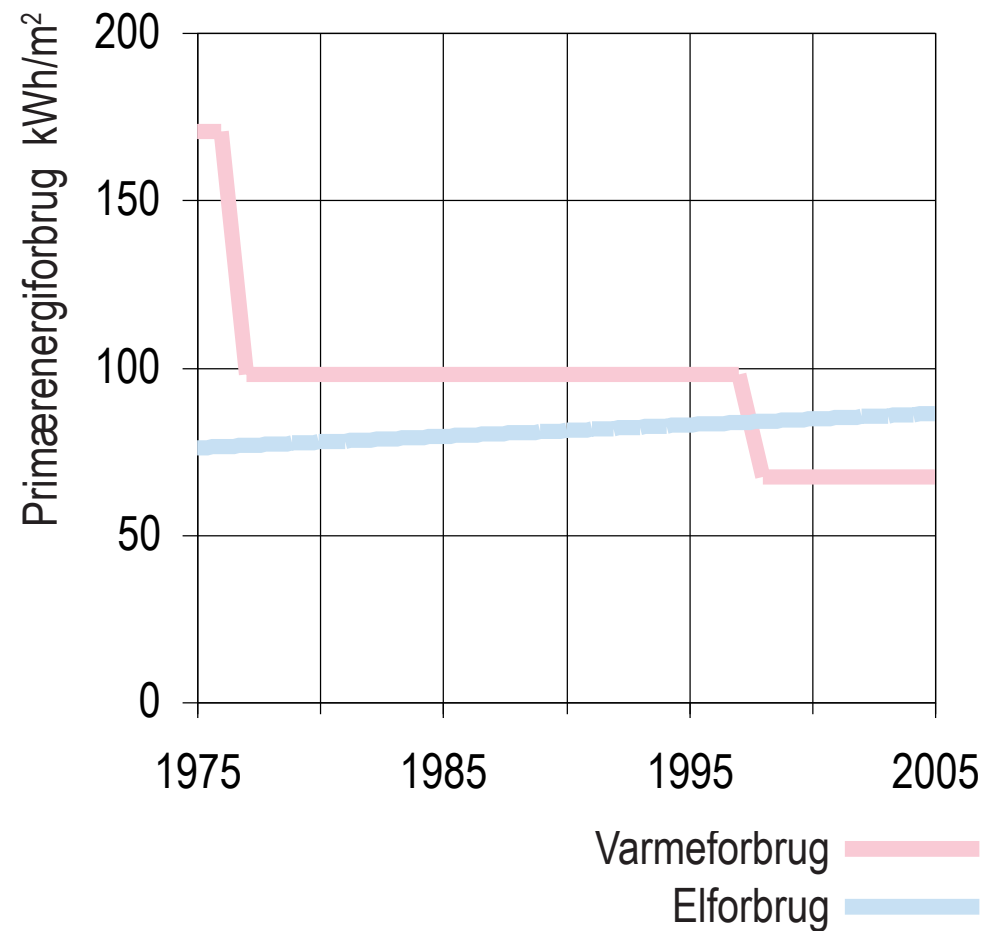
Falling heat consumption: - 60%

Growing electricity use: + 55%

Electricity consumption
has been larger than
heat consumption in many years



Past: Typical new buildings through time



Major transformation since 1970's oil crisis:

- Improvements in energy regulations giving large heat savings
- Growing electricity consumption has not been regulated

Present

Present: Energy regulations

Previous Danish regulations:

- Space heating demand

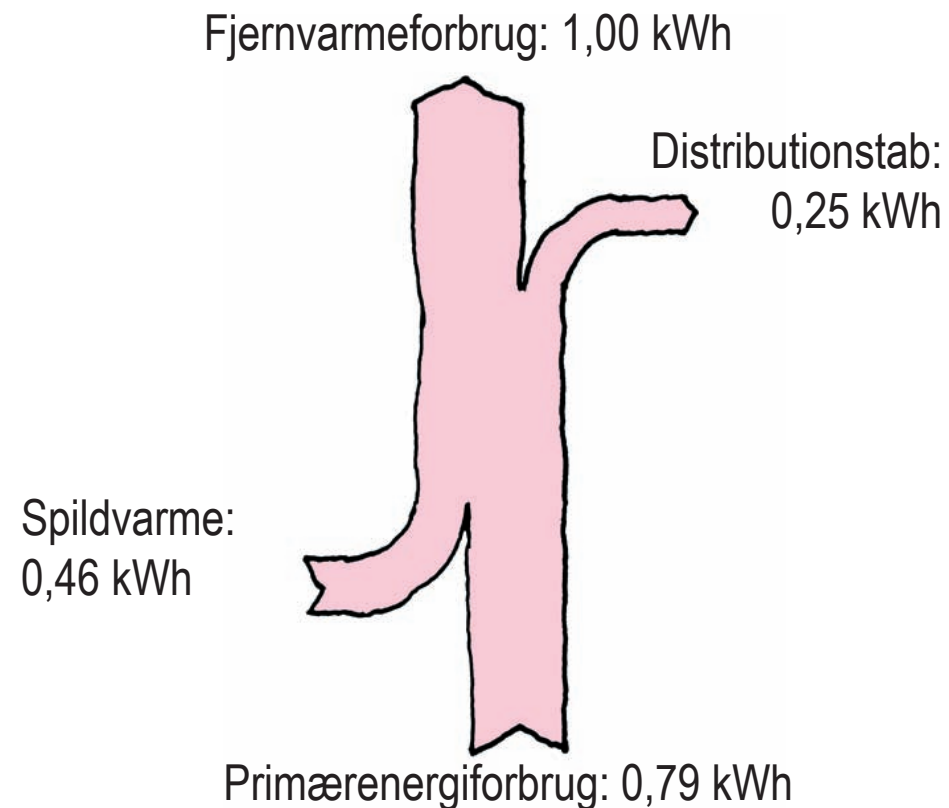
Current Danish regulations:

- Heating
- Hot water
- Cooling/overheating
- Building services
- Lighting (but not housing)
- Renewable energy production from solar thermal & PV
- **Weighted in relation to primary energy consumption:**

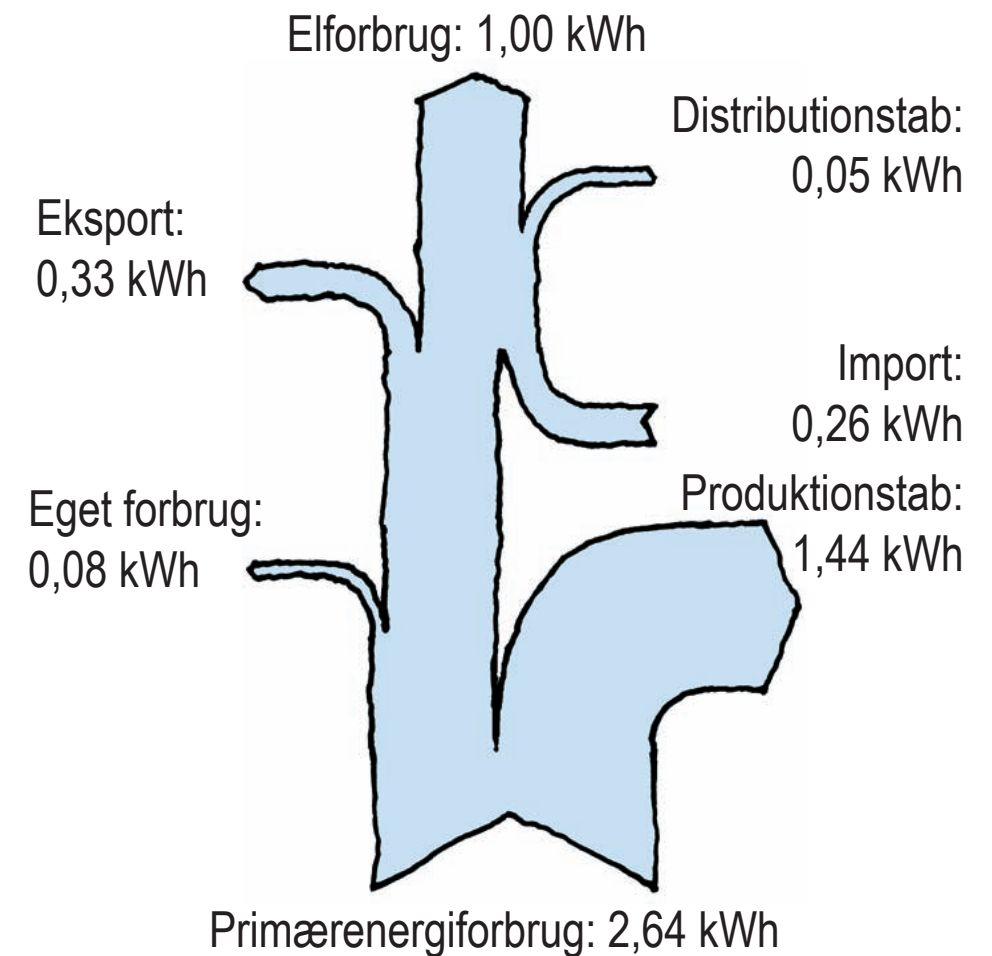
District heat/oil/gas: 1.0

Electricity: 2.5

Present: Primary energy factors



Energy regulations :	1,00
Primary energy:	1,00
CO ₂ emissions:	1,00



Energy regulations:	2,50
Primary energy:	3,30
CO ₂ emissions:	4,20

- Electricity savings 3-4 times more effective than heat savings

Present: New building total primary energy consumption



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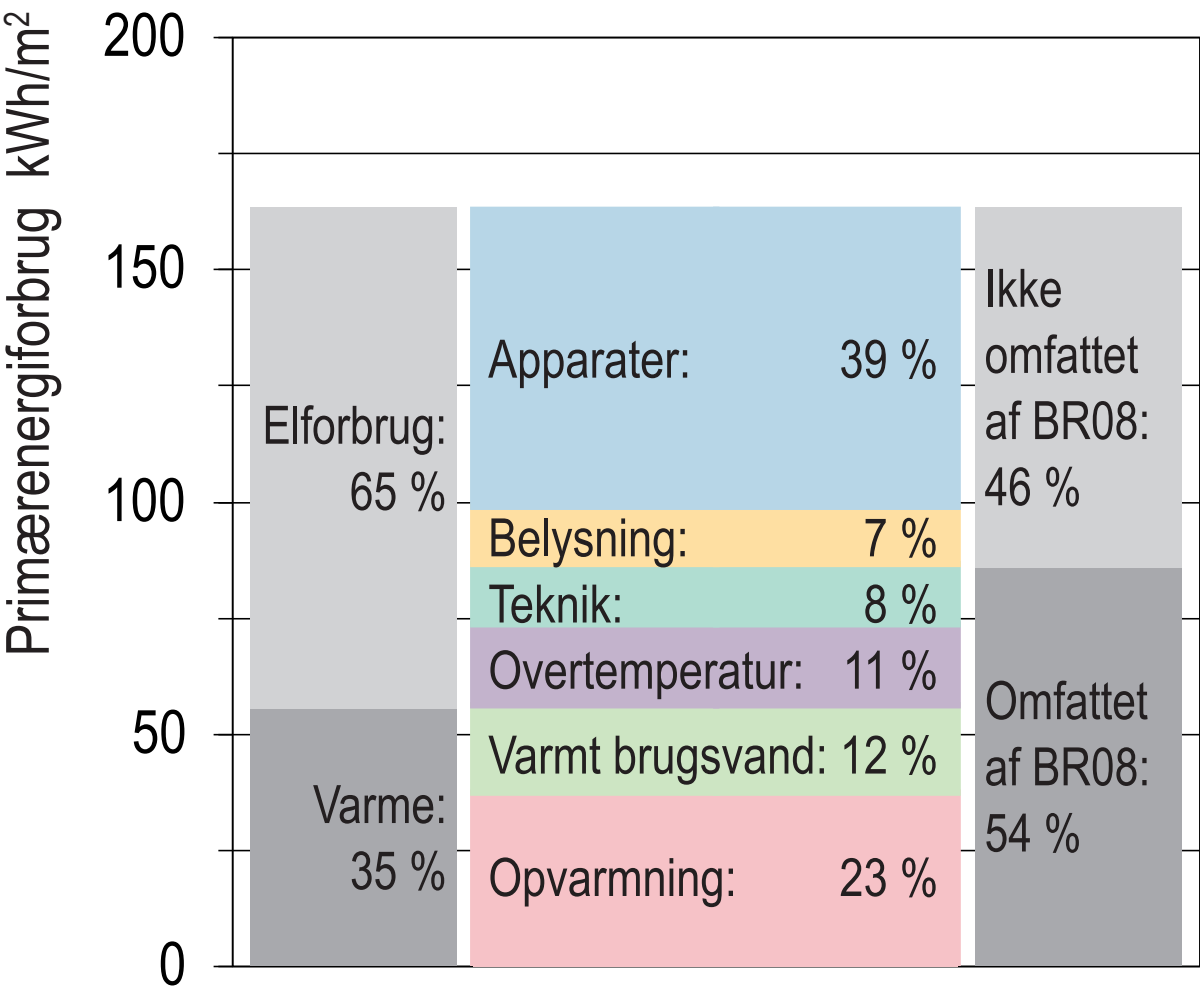
New housing:

Total primary energy consumption consists of:

- Electricity use: 65 %
- Heat consumption: 35 %

Of the total primary energy consumption:

- Not covered by energy regulations: 45 %
- Covered by energy regulations: 55 %



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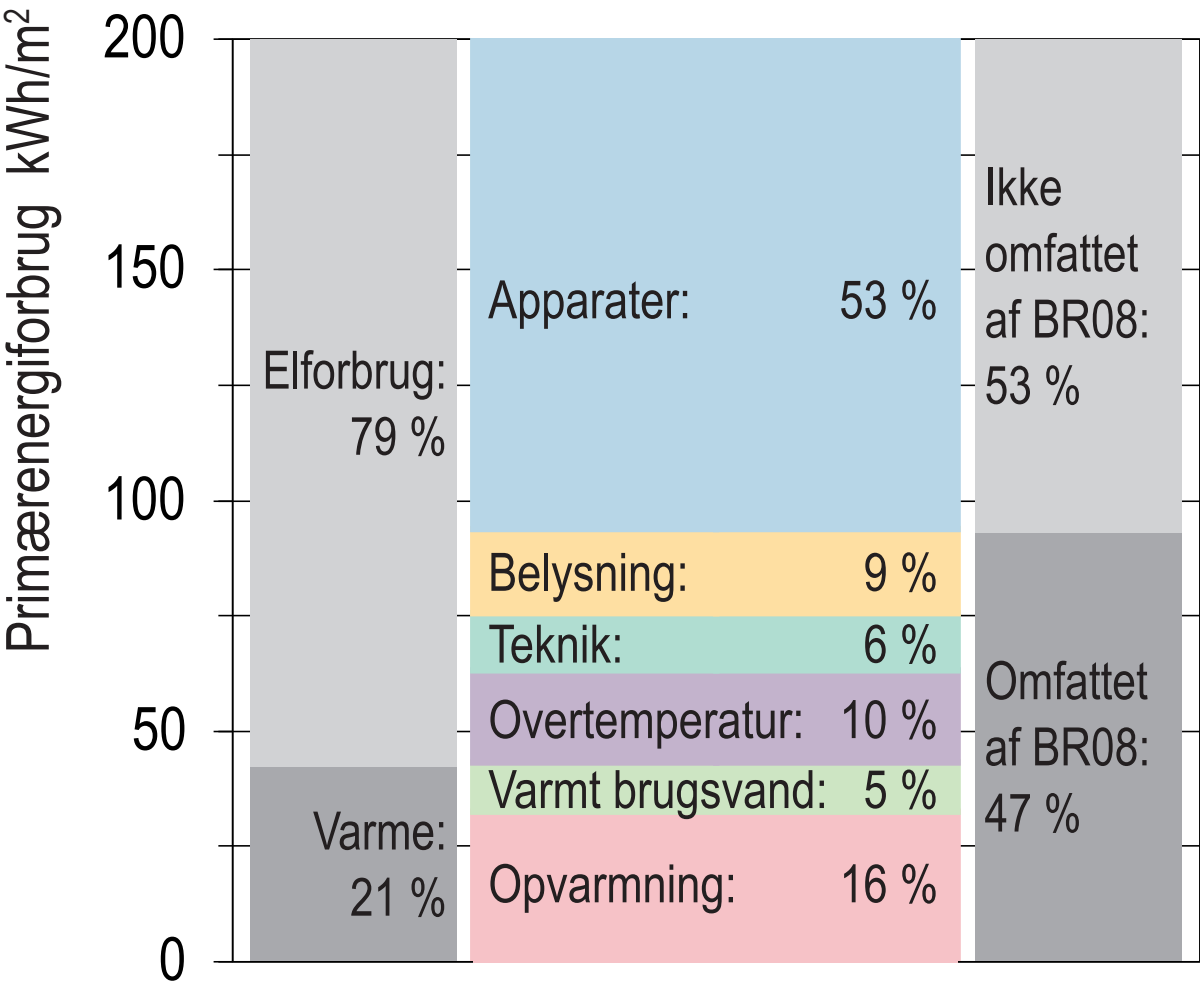
New offices:

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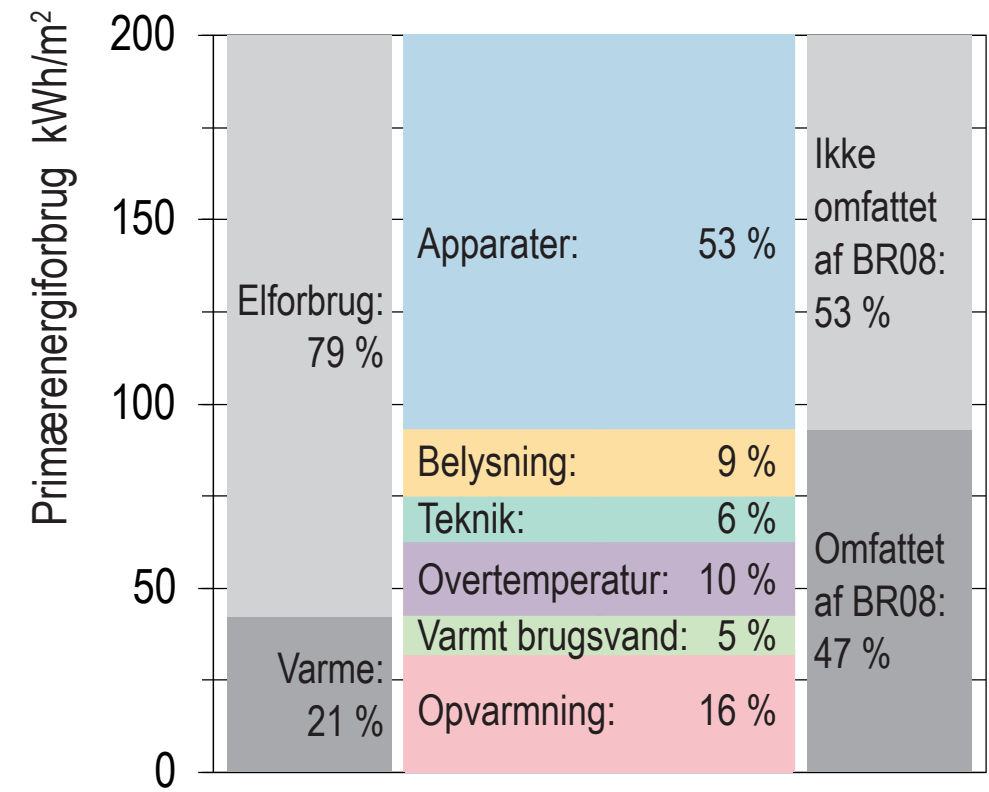
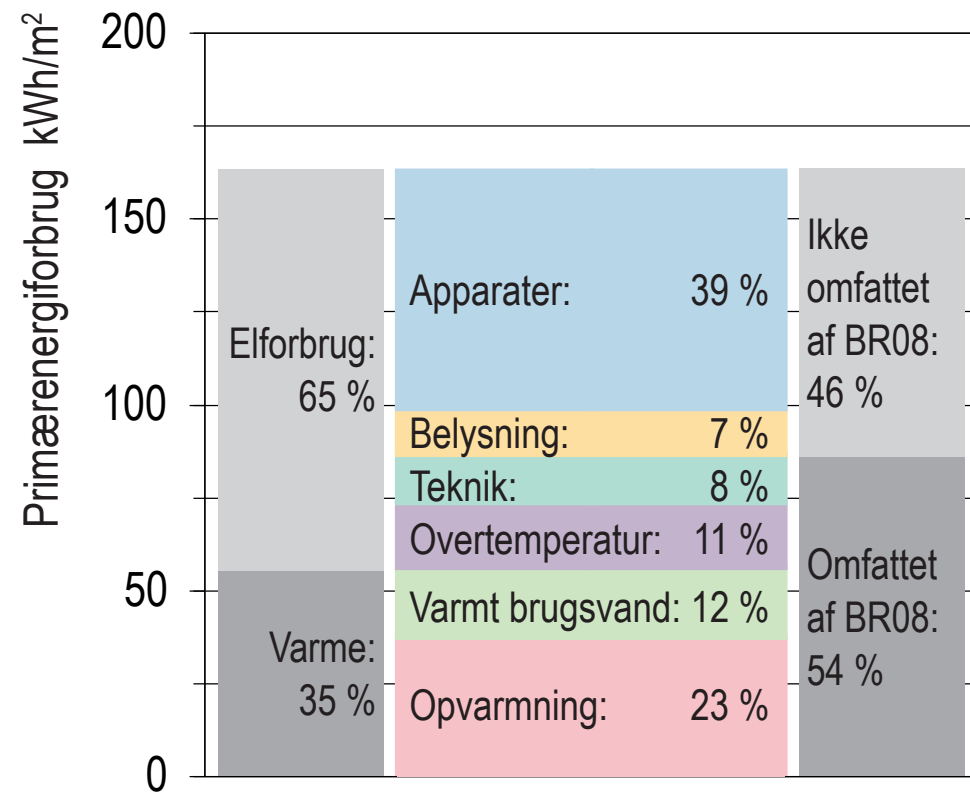
- Electricity use: 80 %
- Heat consumption: 20 %

Of the total primary energy consumption:

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Present: New building total primary energy consumption



Shift in paradigm for new buildings' energy consumption:

- Implications of Knowledge Society
- Demands broad spectrum of solutions that work together
- Legal framework limits energy saving strategies

Future

Future: Climate change

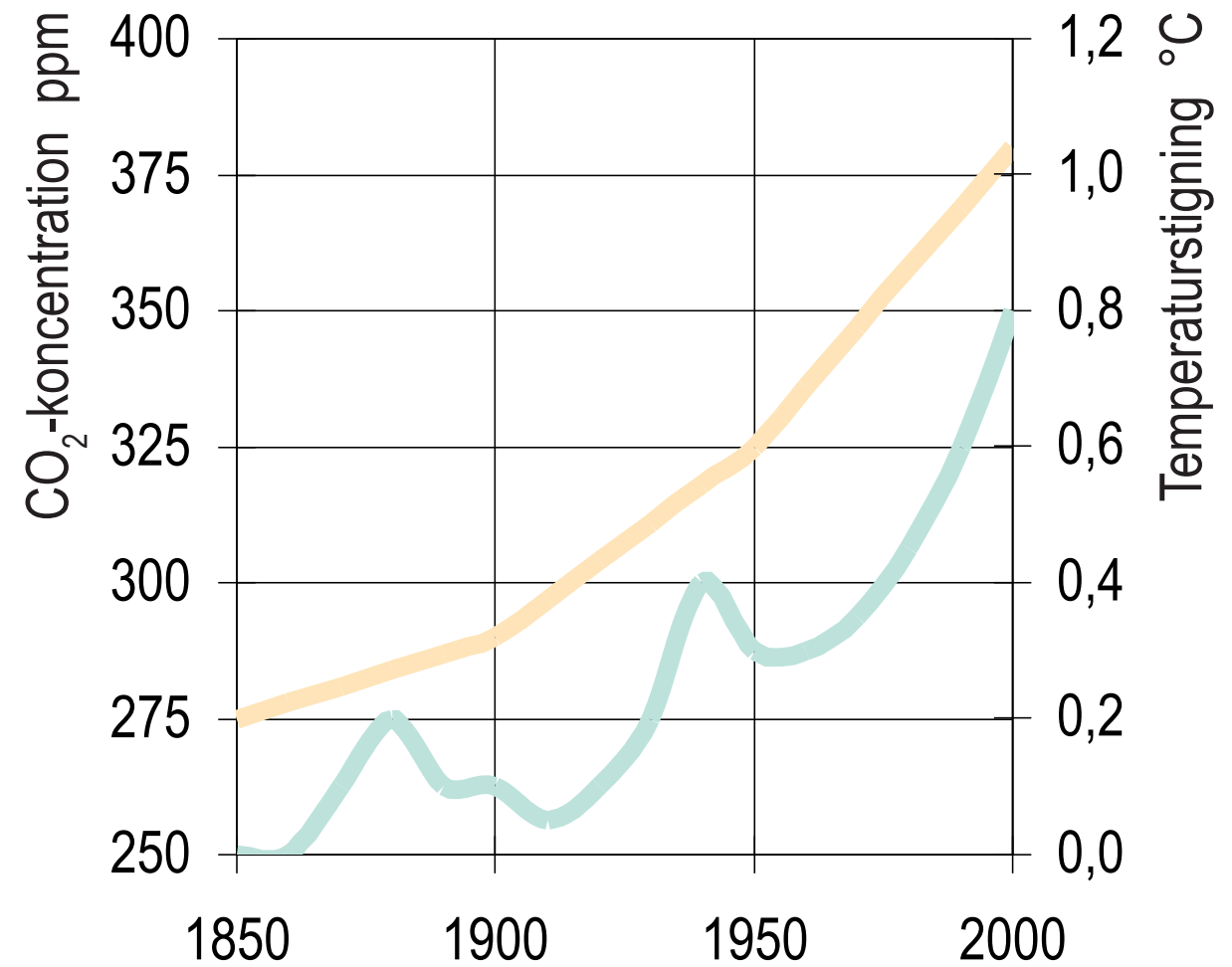
Danish energy policy:

- Supply security
- Climate change

Global rise in temperature of between 1 - 6 °C by 2100 even if CO₂-emissions are greatly reduced

Climate change means:

- Hotter summers
- More extensive heat waves
- Milder winters
- Also in North Europe



Figur 15. Atmosfærisk CO₂-koncentration og stigning i global middeltemperatur fra 1850 til 2000:

CO₂-koncentration —
Temperaturstigning —

Future: Climate change in Denmark

2006, 2007 & 2008:

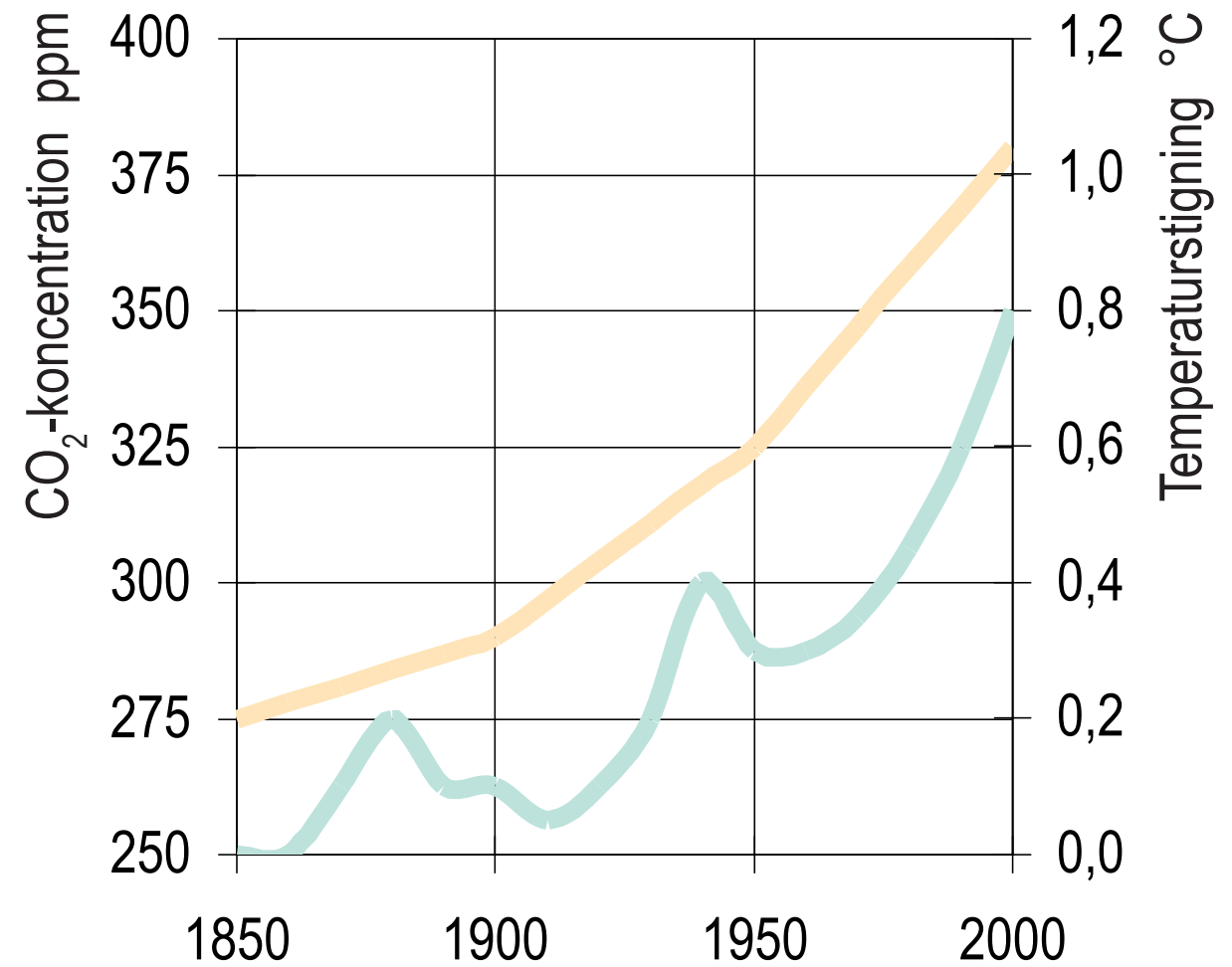
- Warmest years since measurements started in 1874

2000 to 2009:

- Warmest decade since measurements started in 1874

Danish Meteorological Institute:

- Temperature rise of 3 °C for winter and summer temperatures by 2085



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Energy calculations in Denmark use reference climate data from 1961-90

Last 30 years vs. 1961-90:

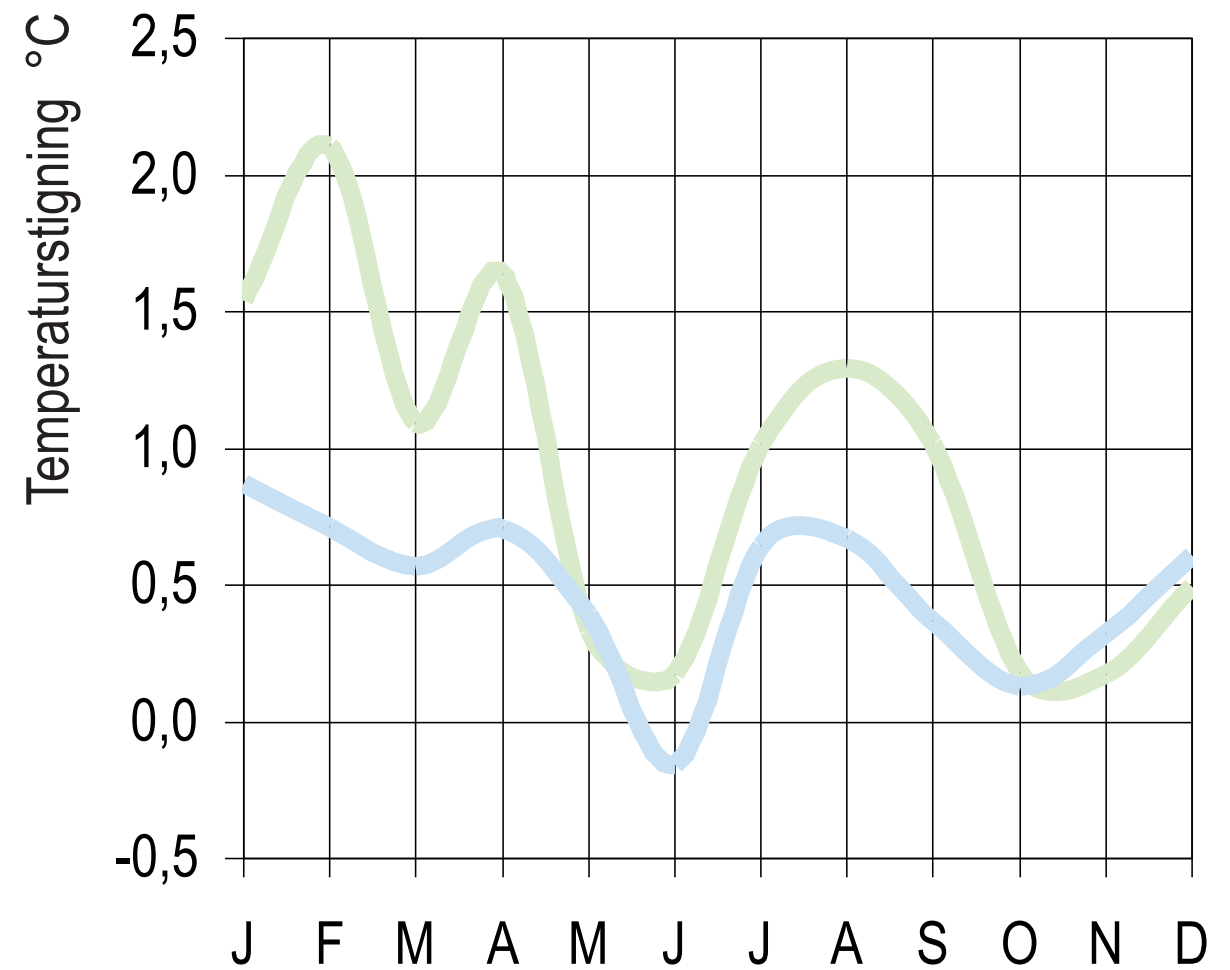
- Average 0.5 °C higher

Last 30 years vs. 1961-90:

- Average 5 % more sunshine

All new buildings designed with outdated climate data:

- Overestimate heat demand
- Underestimate cooling demand



Figur 16. Stigning i gennemsnitlig udetemperatur i Danmark for følgende perioder:

15 år: 1993-2007 i forhold til 1975-1989

30 år: 1978-2007 i forhold til 1961-1990

Future: Climate change effect on energy consumption

Growing problems with overheating in buildings:

- Heat savings
- Growing electricity consumption
- Large glass facades
- User demands
- Climate change



Future: Climate change effect om energy consumption



Housing: 2 storey, 120 m²



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- Designed after current energy regulations
- Future rise in temperature based on climate change
- Mechanical cooling to eliminate overheating

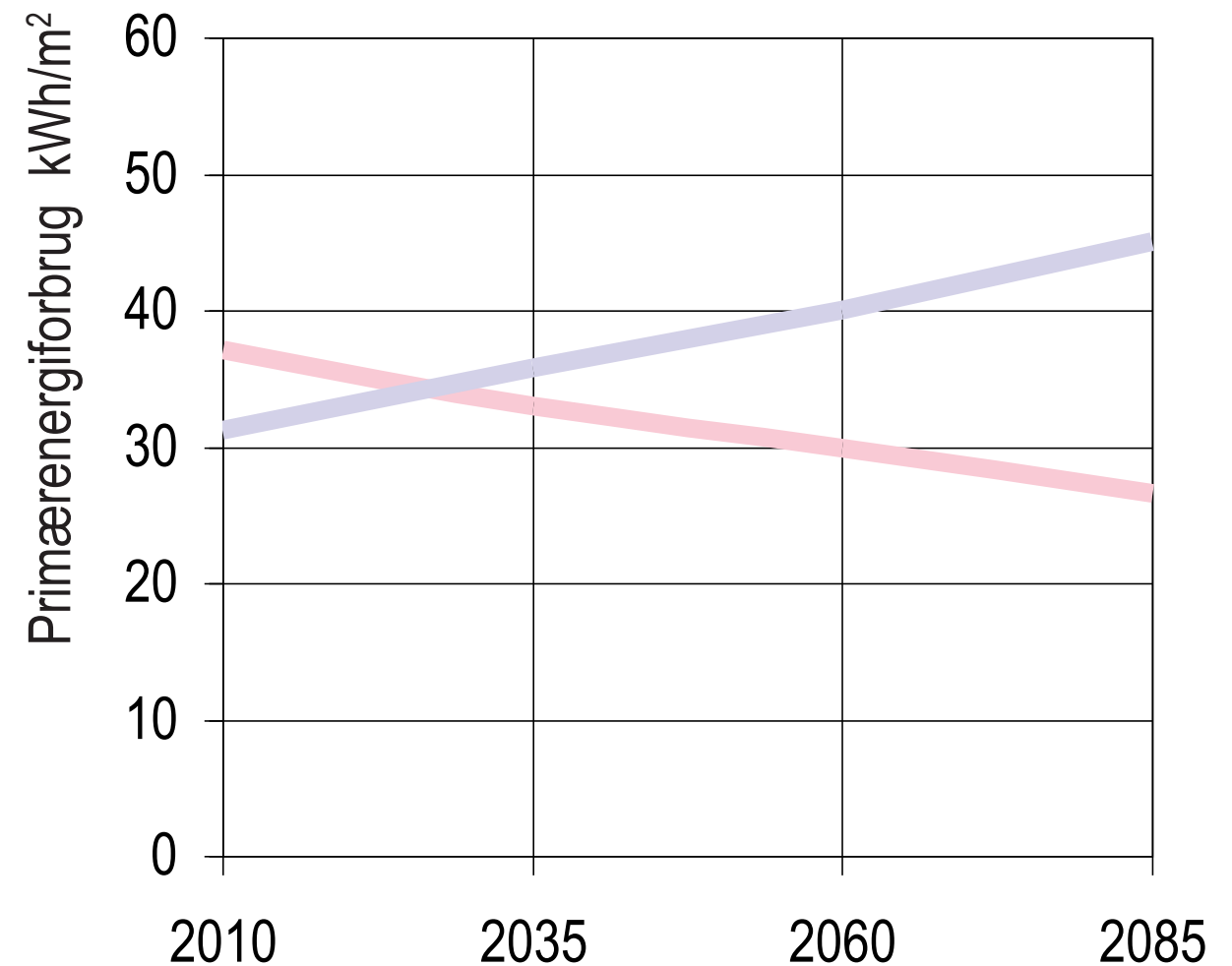
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New housing 2010 - 2085:

Falling space heating: - 30 %

Rising cooling demand: + 40 %

Cooling larger than
space heating within 30 years



Figur 17. Primærenergiforbrug til opvarmning og køling for typiske boliger opført i henhold til BR08 med forventede klimaændringer fra 2010 til 2085:

Opvarmning
Køling

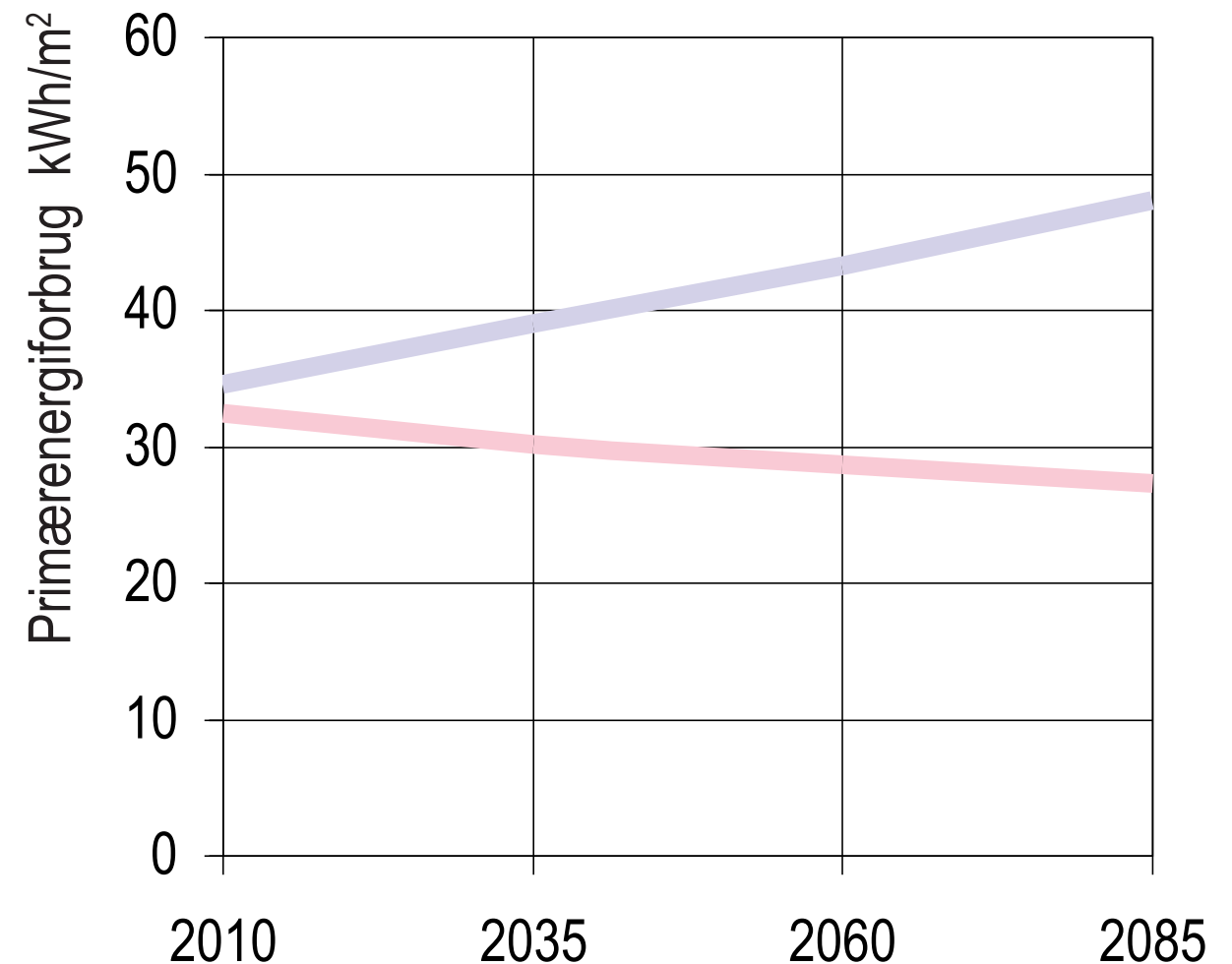
Future: Climate change effect on energy consumption

New offices 2010 - 2085:

Falling space heating: - 15 %

Rising cooling demand: + 40 %

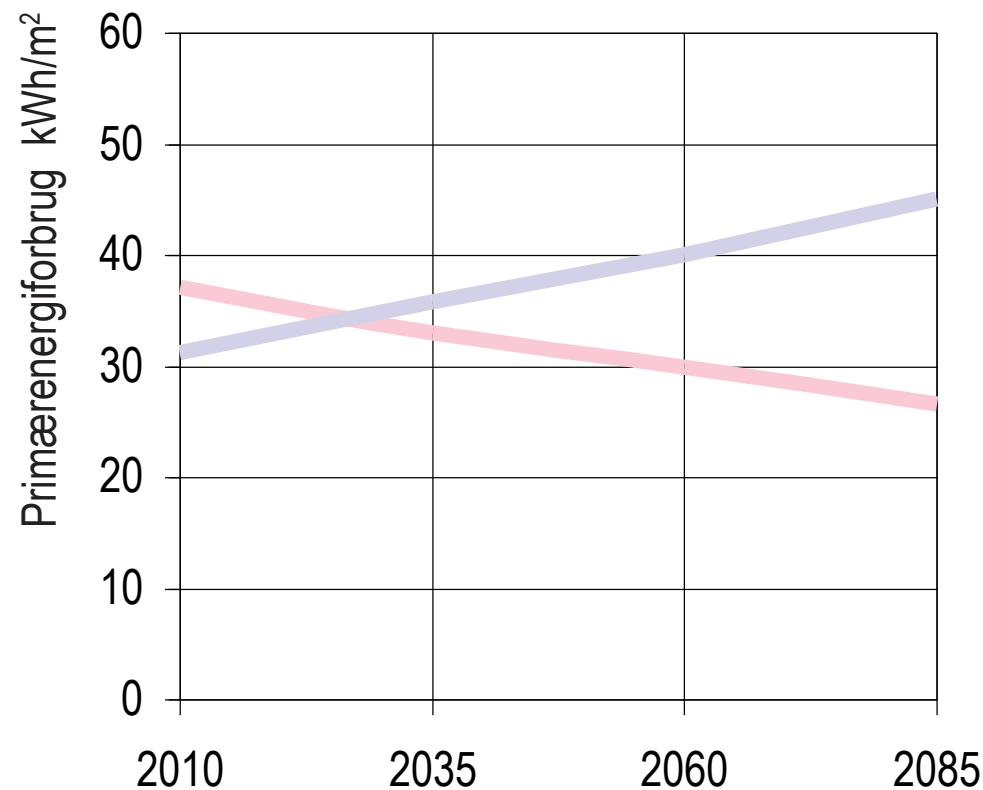
Cooling is already
a larger problem than
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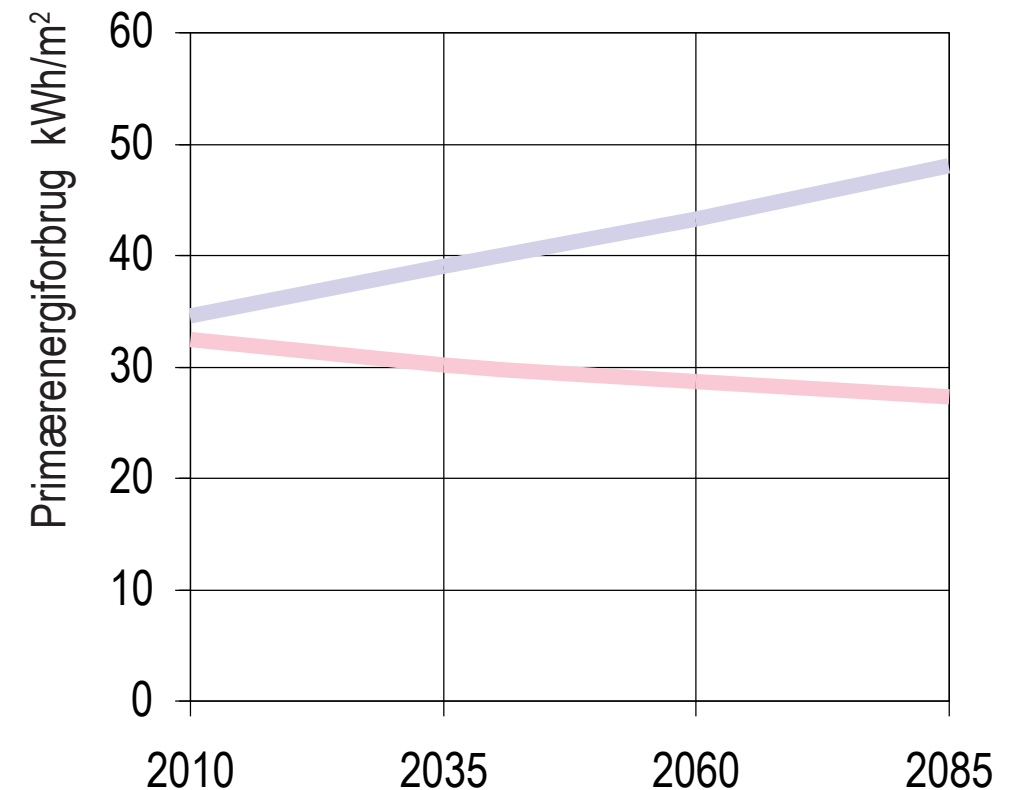
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Climate change means:

- Summer conditions will dominate; not winter conditions
- Need for climate adaptation of low energy buildings

Paradigm

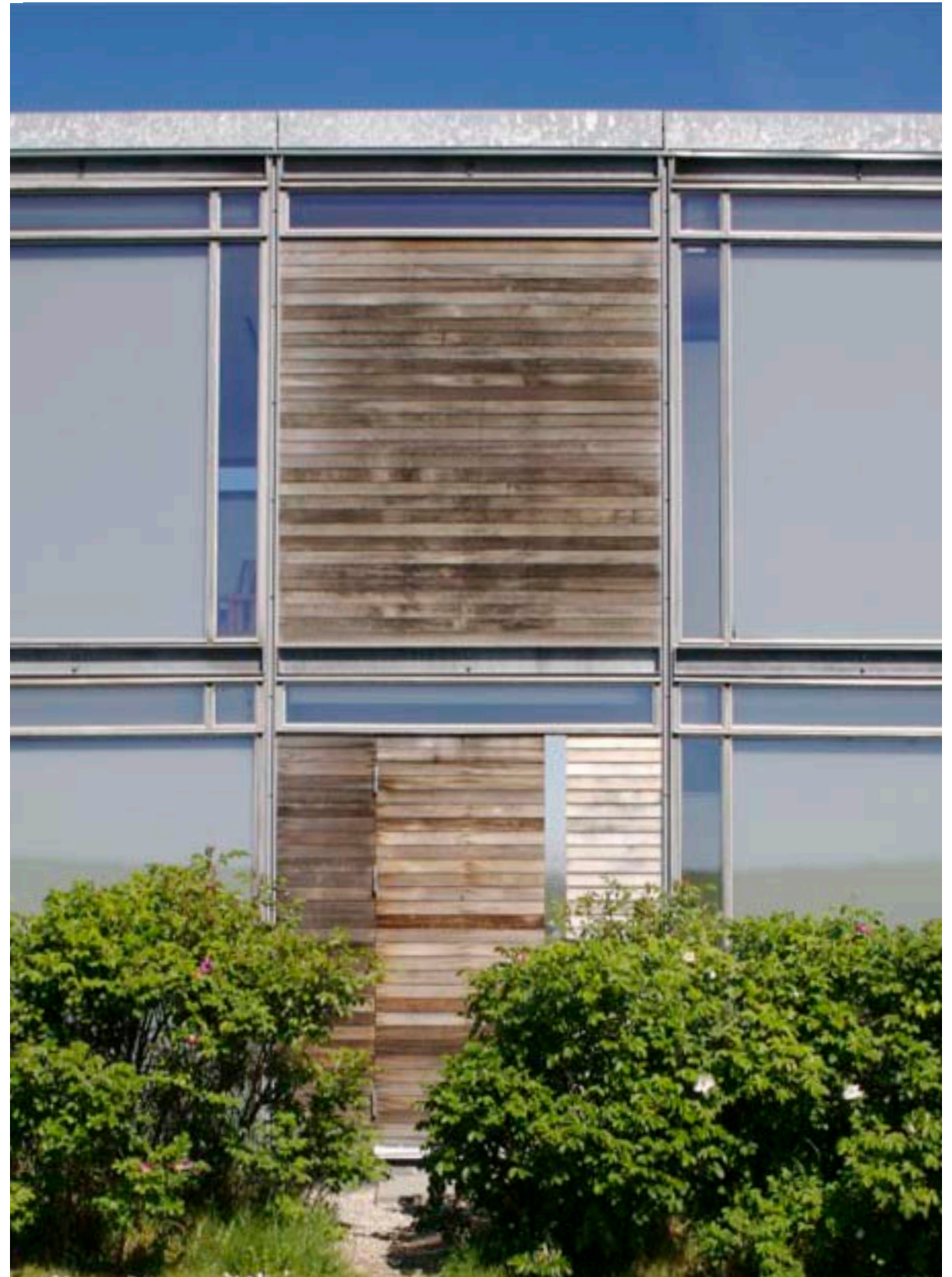
Low energy paradigms

Historical *low energy* paradigm
with narrow focus on heat savings

Say: *Energy saving*

Mean: *Heat saving*

Heat saving strategies
with negative energy and
indoor climatic consequences



Low energy paradigms: Passive solar

Concept developed i 1960-70's:

- Mountainous zones with considerable sunshine in the winter
- Large south-facing glazed areas to minimise heating

Used in Denmark from 1970's despite different climate:

- Cloudy or overcast sky for 80 % of daylight hours in the winter
- Well known projects with documented summer overheating problems



Low energy paradigms: Passive solar

Analysis of typical house orientated north/south:

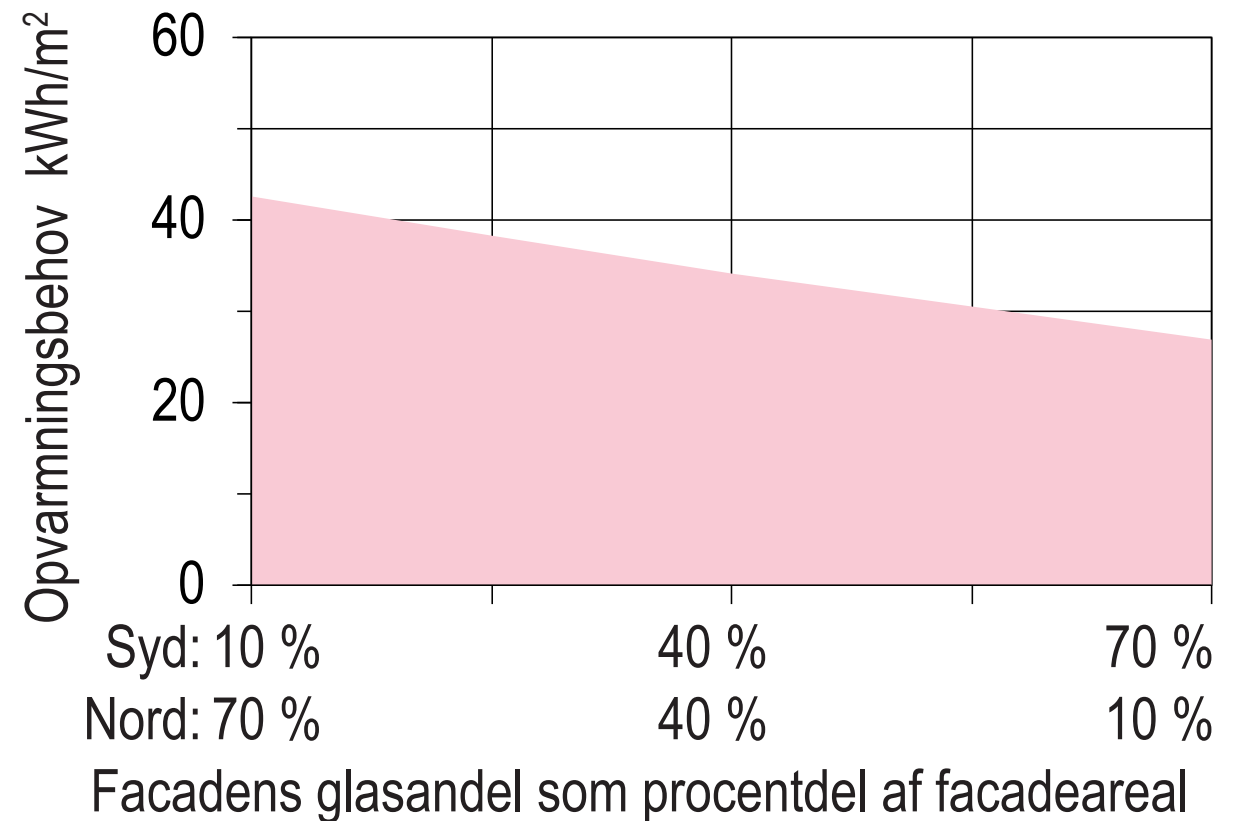
- Total glazing area fixed
- Glazing area redistributed from north-facing to south-facing facades



Low energy paradigms: Passive solar

Calculated in relation to previous energy regulations:

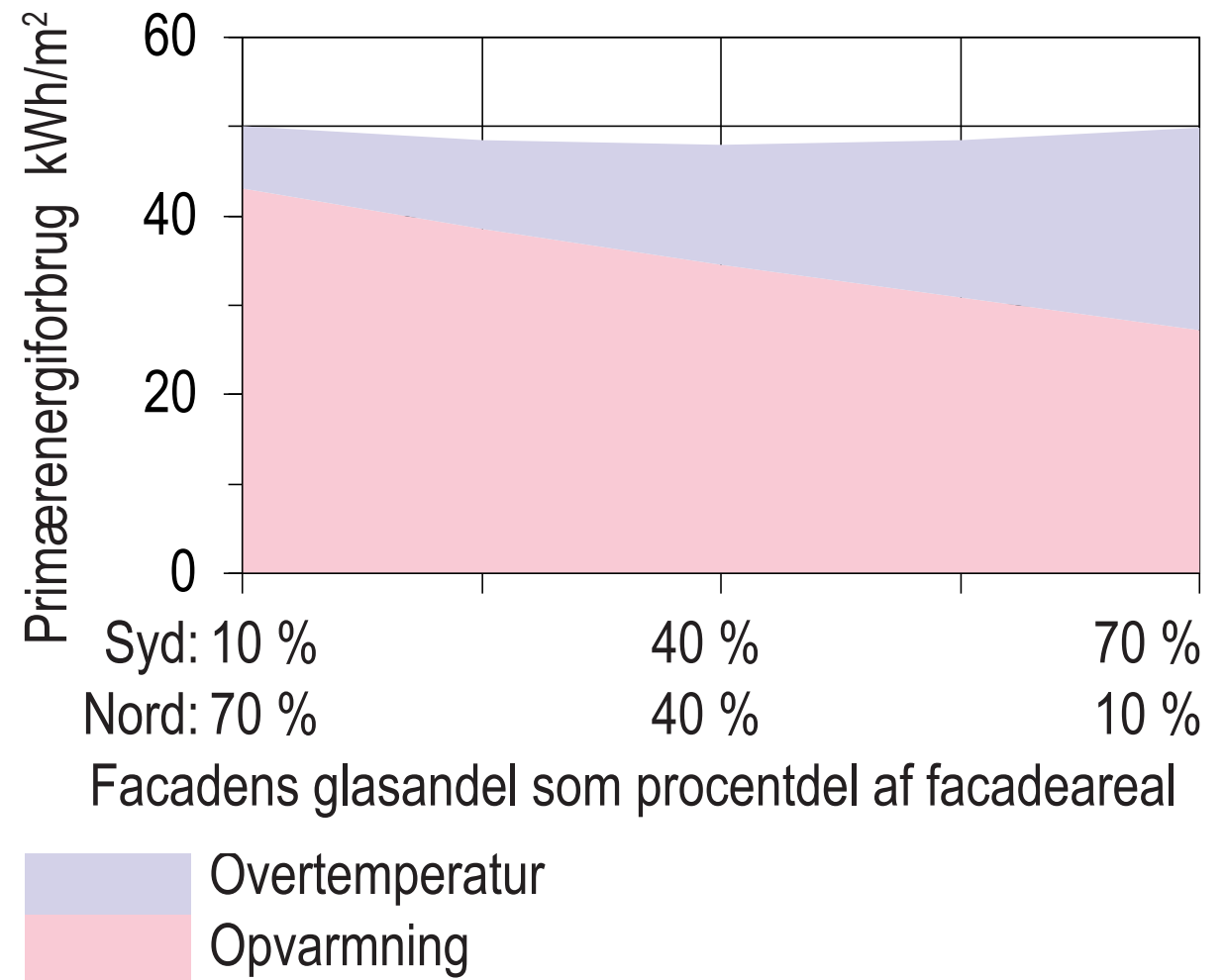
- Narrow *low energy* paradigm with focus on space heating
- Passive solar energy reduces space heating demand



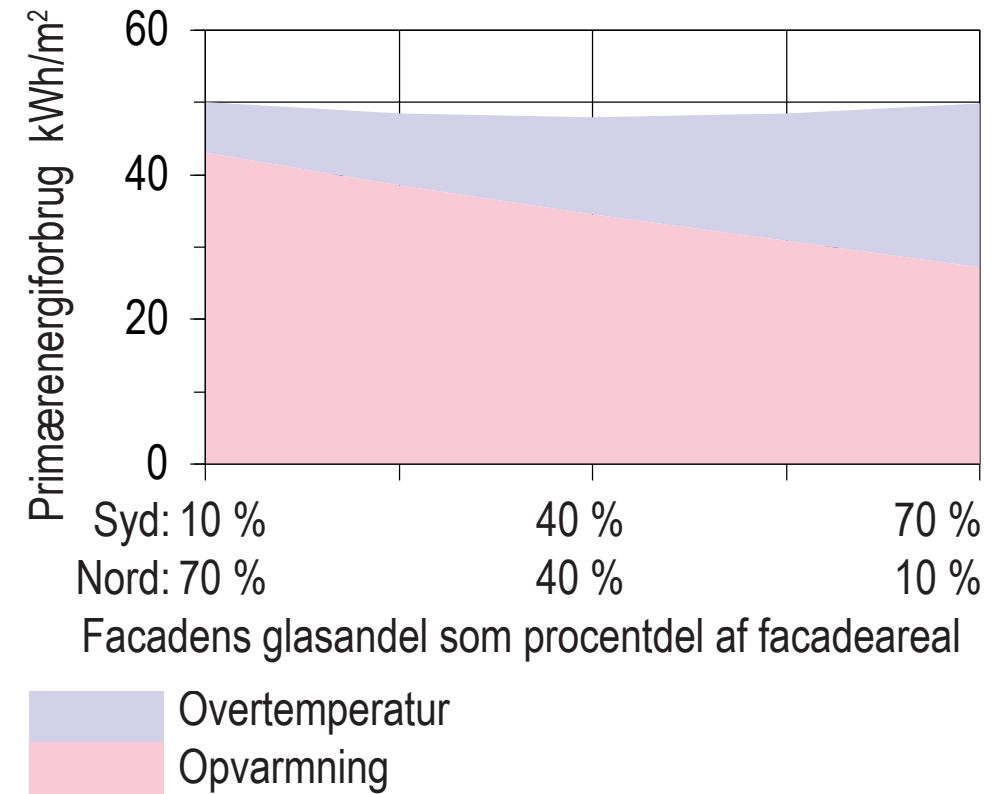
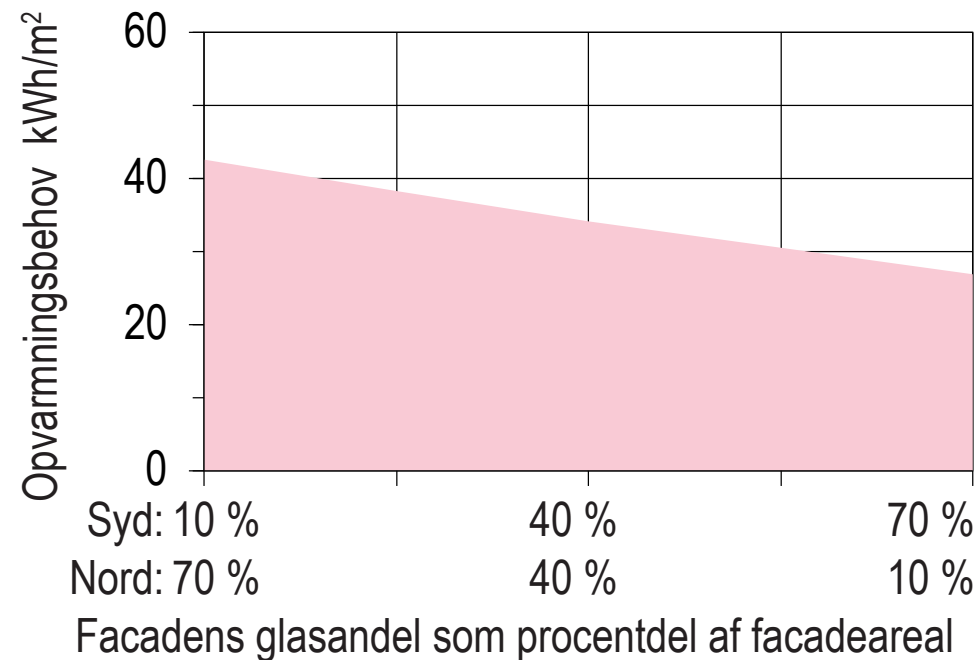
Low energy paradigms: Passive solar

Calculated in relation to new energy regulations:

- Wider *low energy* paradigm with focus on space heating and overheating/cooling
- No advantage from passive solar energy because of overheating



Low energy paradigms: Passive solar



Same building; different *low energy* paradigms:

- Narrow *low energy* paradigm creates invisible problems
- Heat consumption replaced by electricity consumption
- Growing future problem because of climate change

Low energy paradigms: Mechanical heat recovery ventilation

Heat recovery efficiency:
65 % - 90 %

Systems have a relatively high electricity consumption:

- Deep buildings with internal rooms must be ventilated mechanically all year round
- Always advertised by high heat recovery efficiency
- Data on electricity consumption forgotten or hidden



Low energy paradigms: Mechanical heat recovery ventilation

Analysis of typical house
with 3 ventilation strategies
that meet building regulations
minimum requirements:

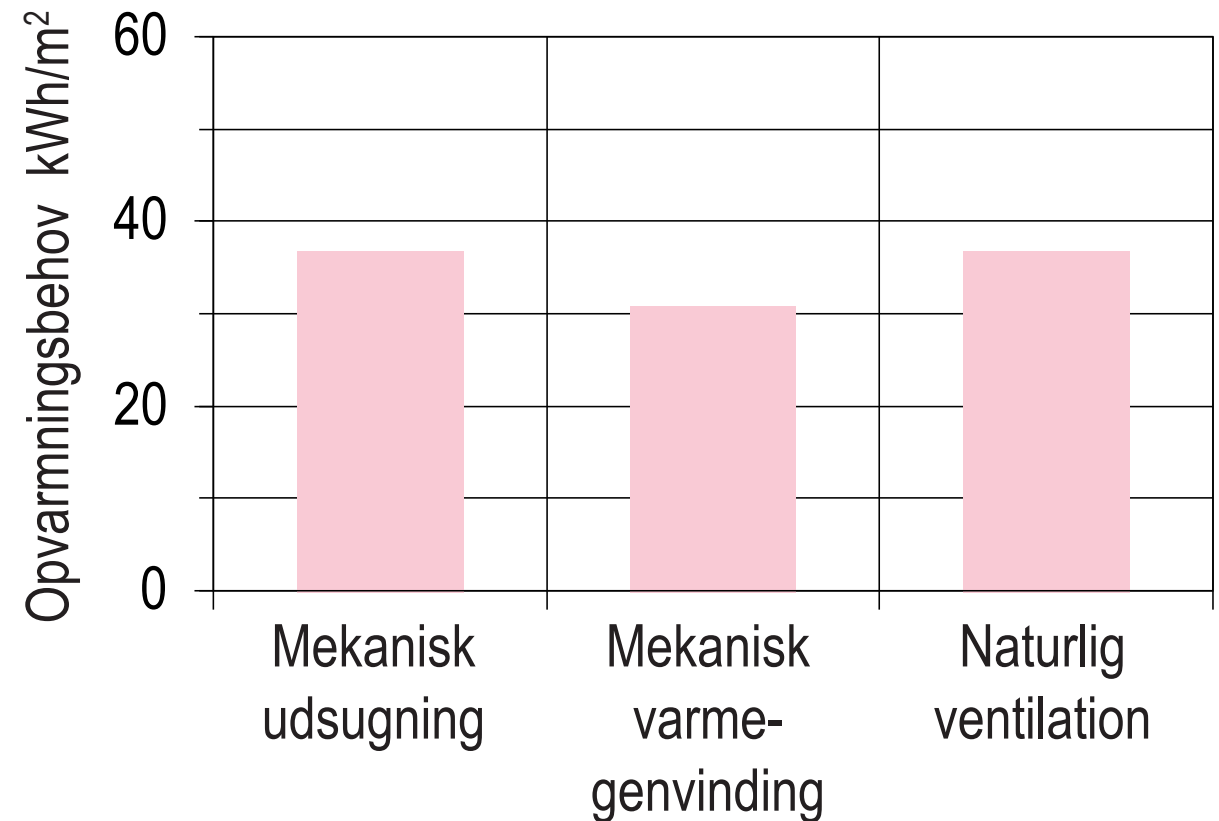
- Mechanical extract
- Mechanical heat recovery
- Natural ventilation



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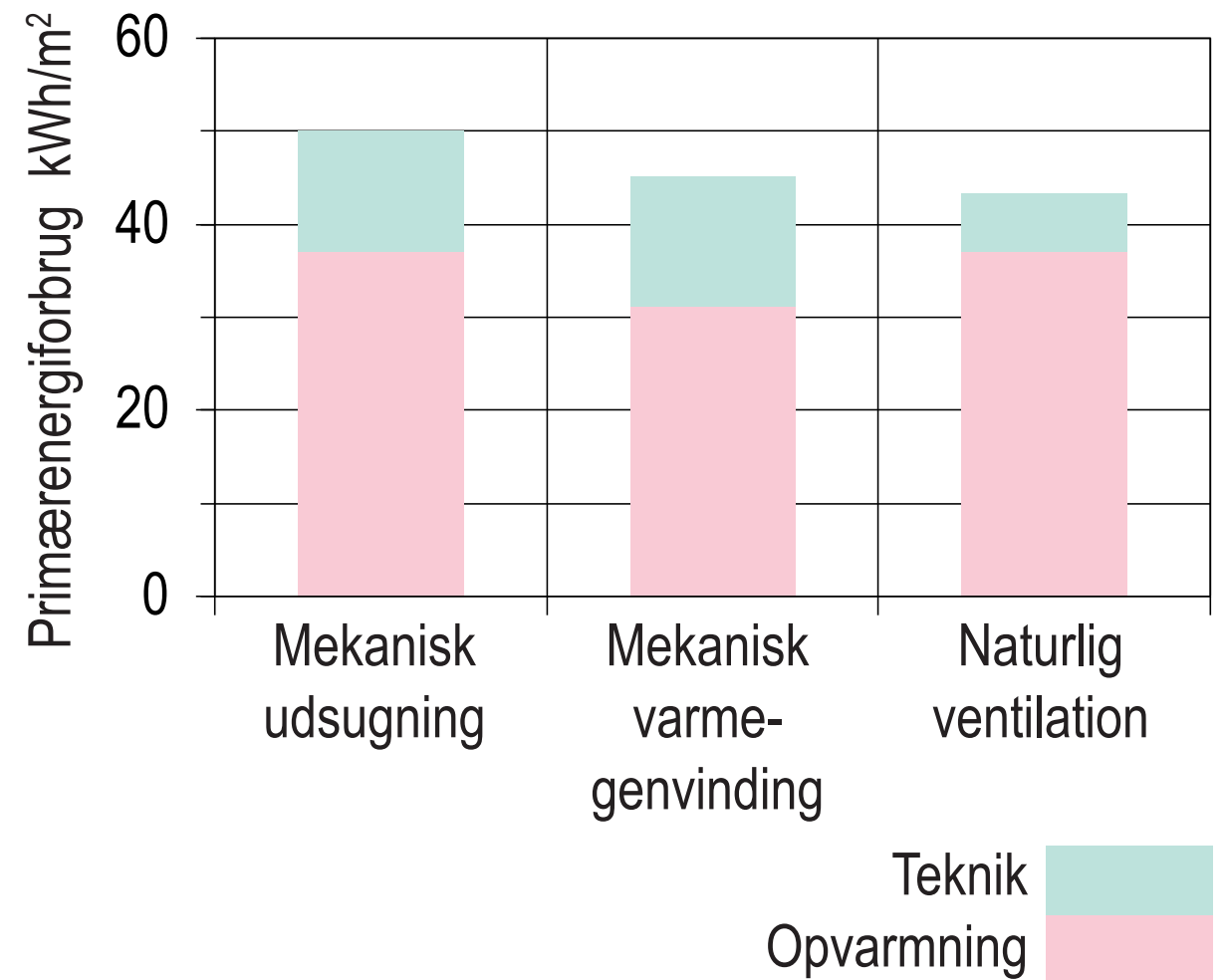
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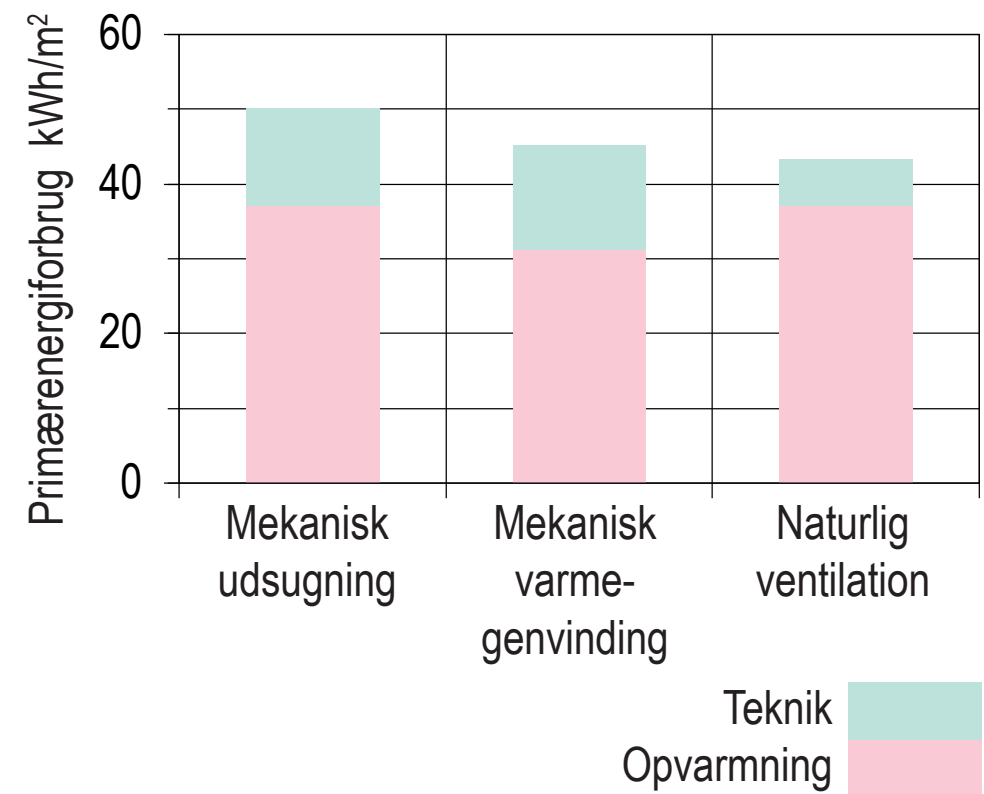
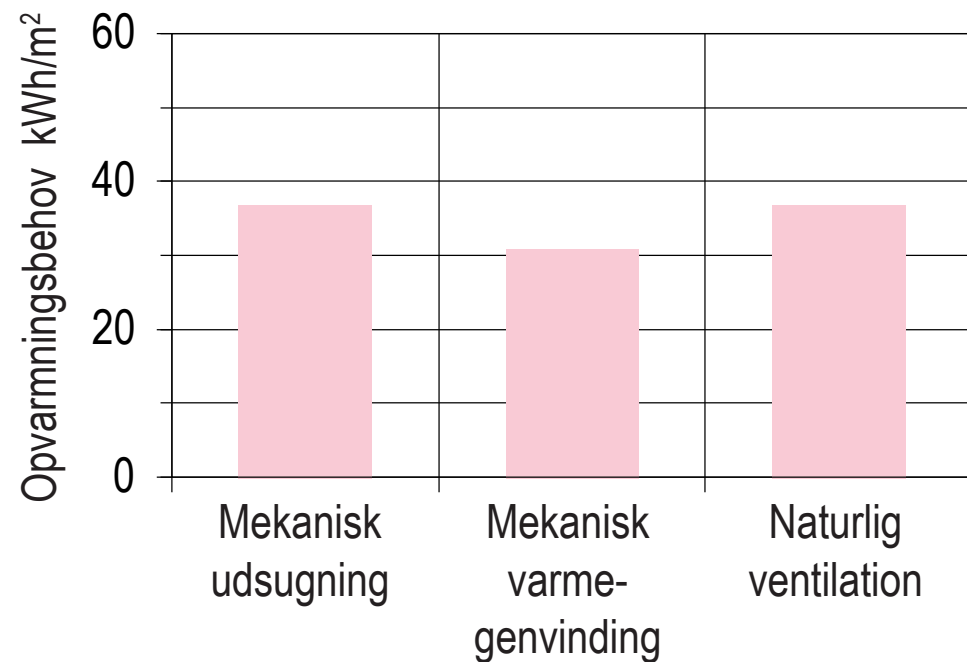
Low energy paradigms: Mechanical heat recovery ventilation

Calculated in relation to new energy regulations:

- Wider *low energy* paradigm with focus on space heating and electricity to building services
- No difference between natural ventilation and mechanical heat recovery



Low energy paradigms: Mechanical heat recovery ventilation



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- Heat consumption replaced by electricity consumption
- No energy saving from mechanical heat recovery

Low energy paradigms

1990's energy and environmentally responsible housing:

Low energy? - No!

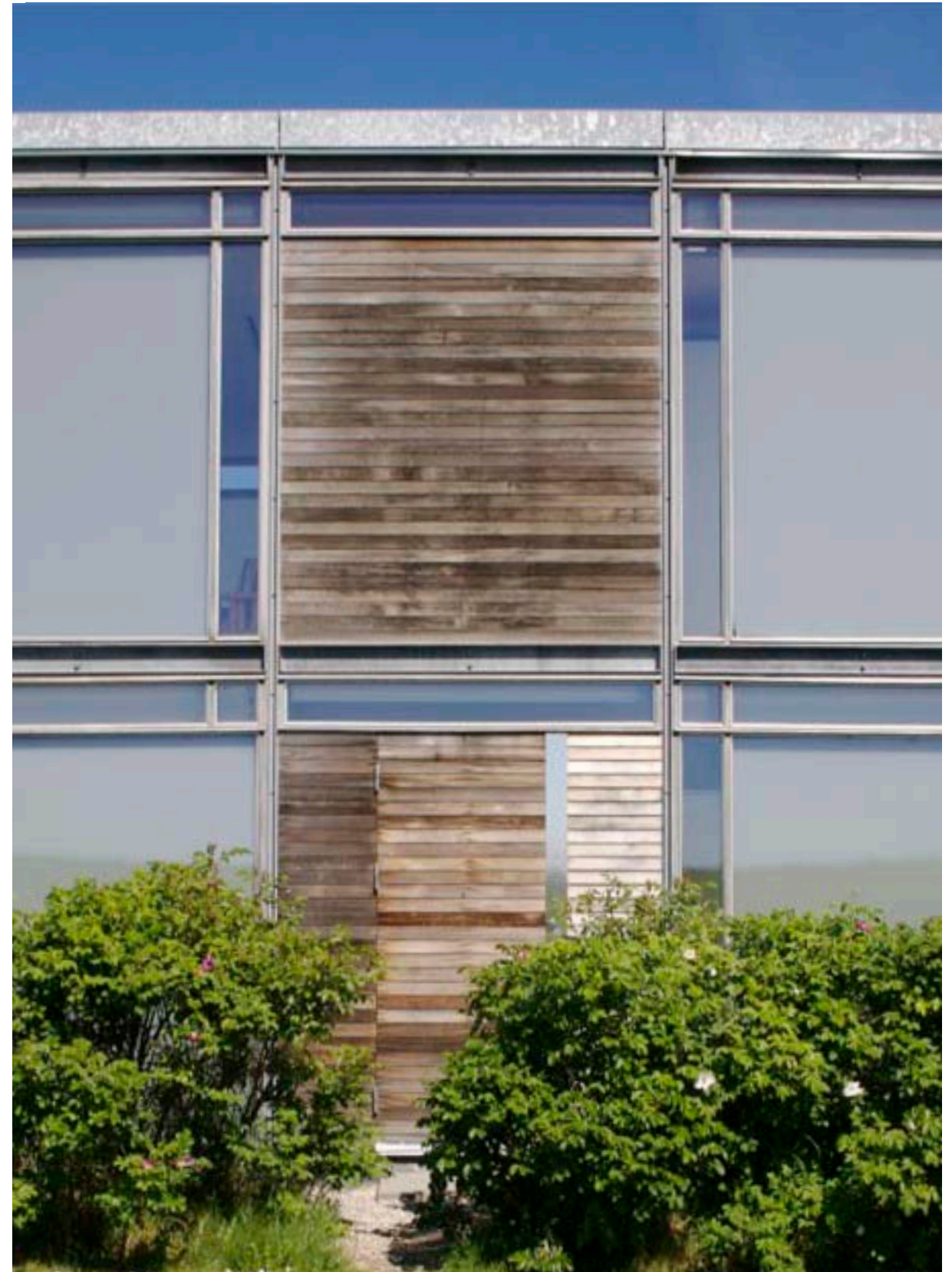
- Low space heating demand
- High electricity consumption
- High cooling demand
- Same primary energy consumption as ordinary housing without specific heat saving strategies



What is a Low-energy Building?

Our paradigm for 'low-energy' has been transformed:

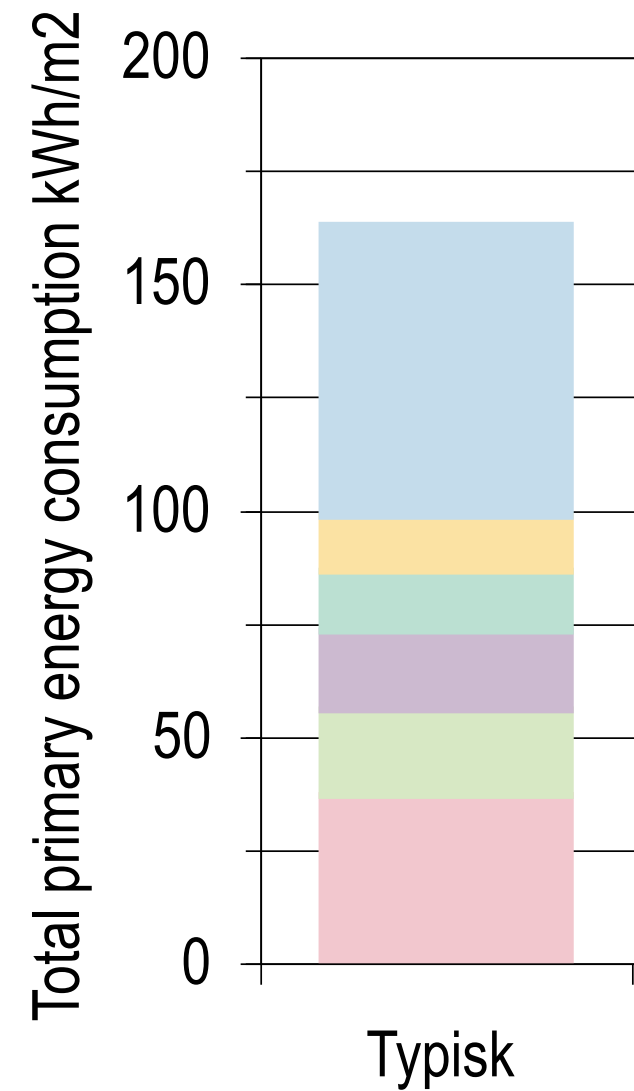
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2. Building Regulations
3. CO₂-neutrality



1: Traditional Heat Savings

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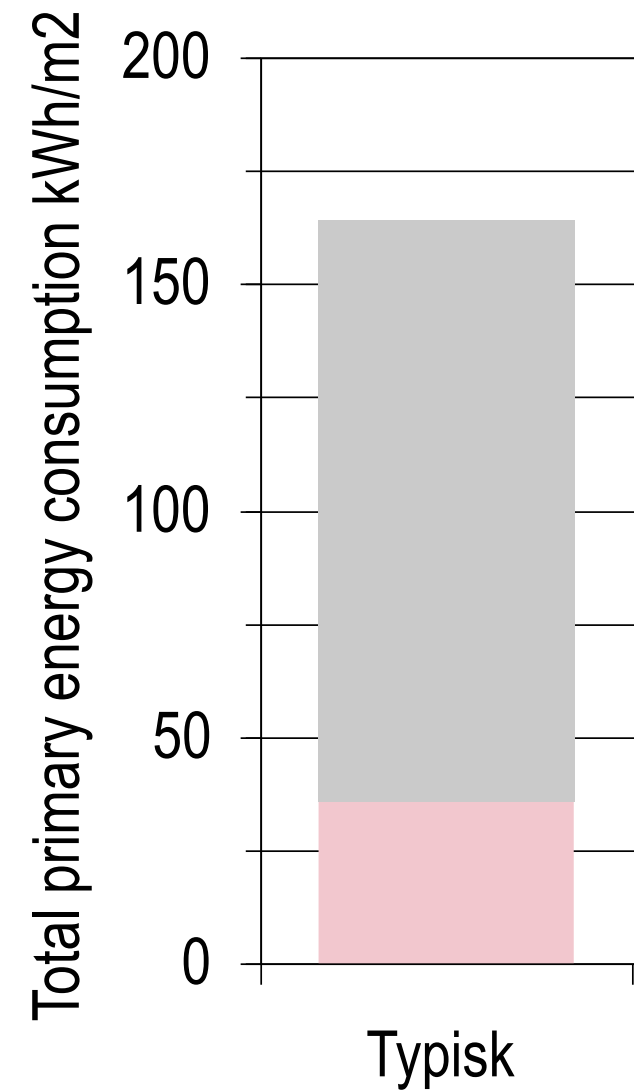
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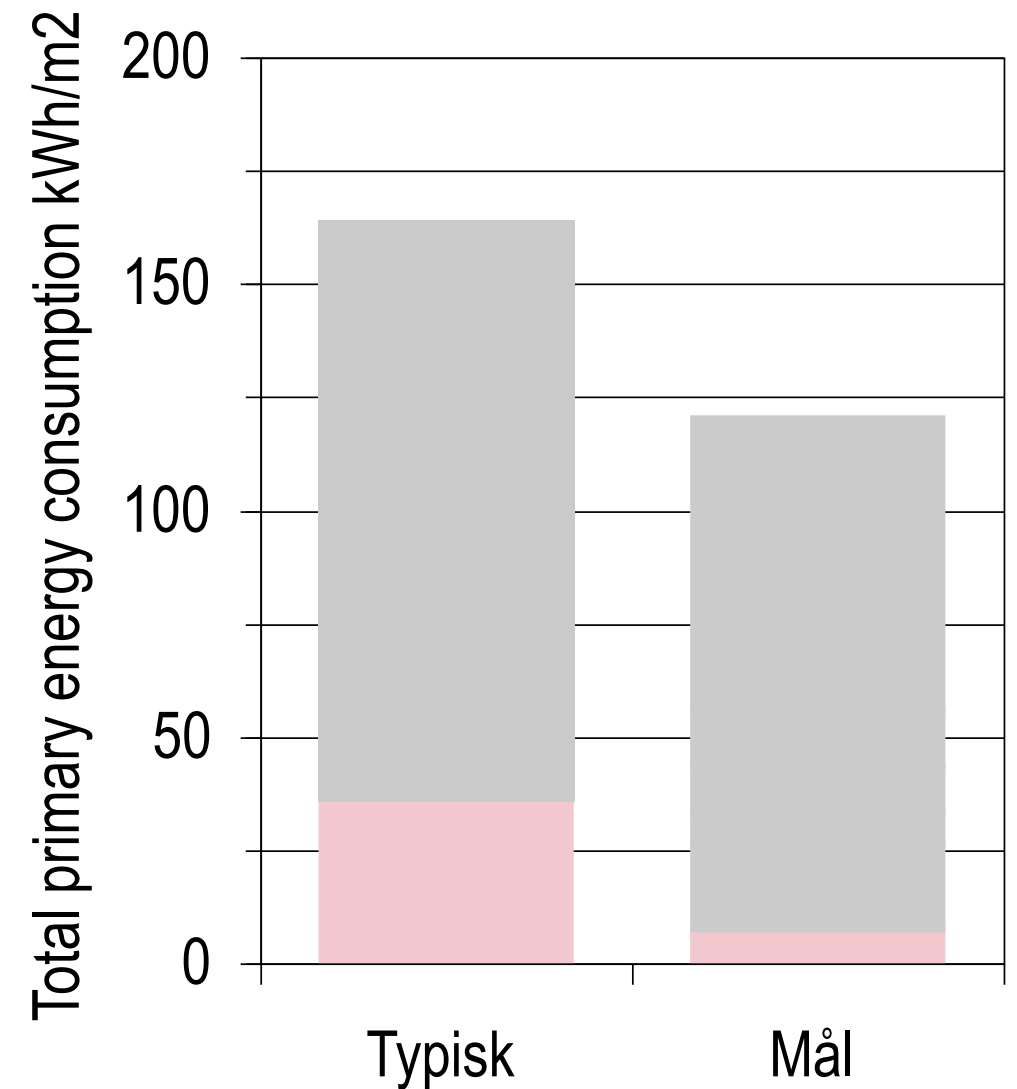
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- Passive House Concept



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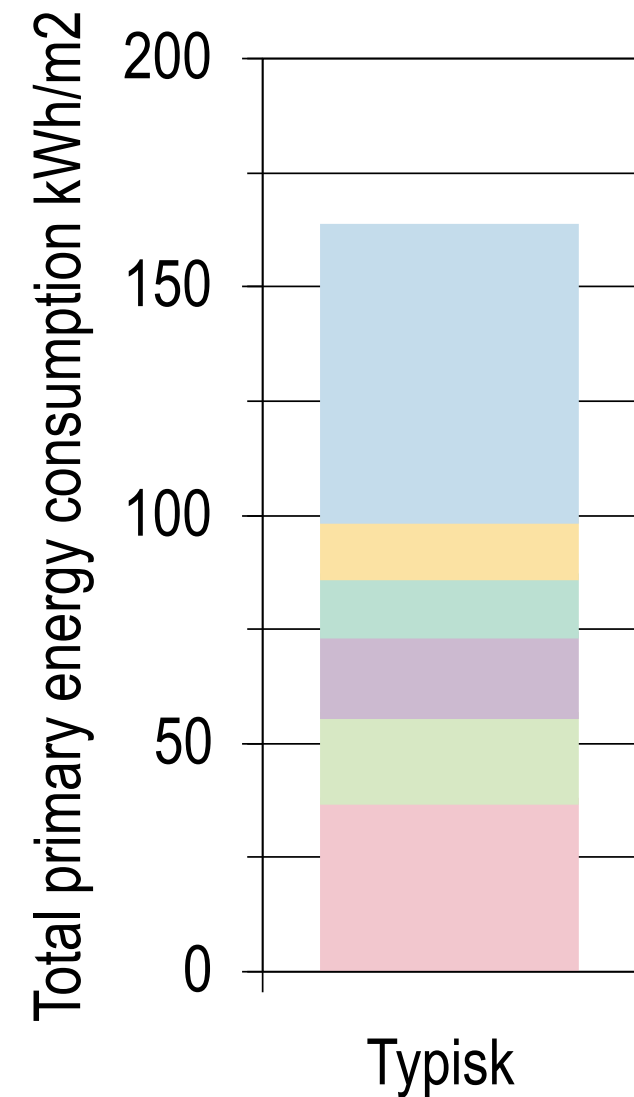
Focus on: Heating

Hot water

Cooling/overheating

Building services

- 50% af total primary energy



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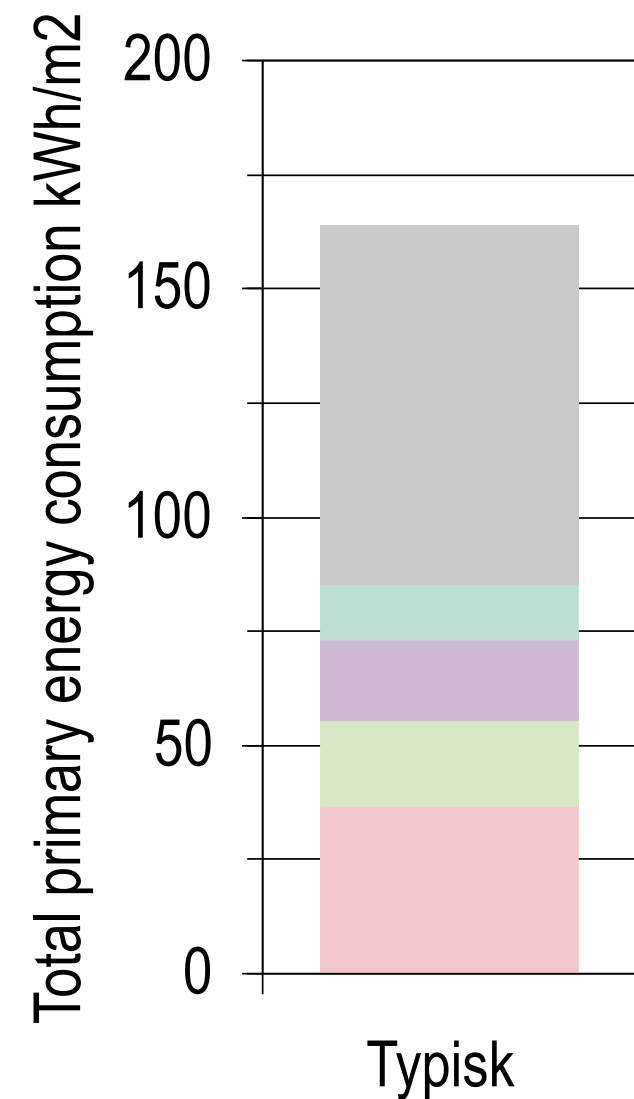
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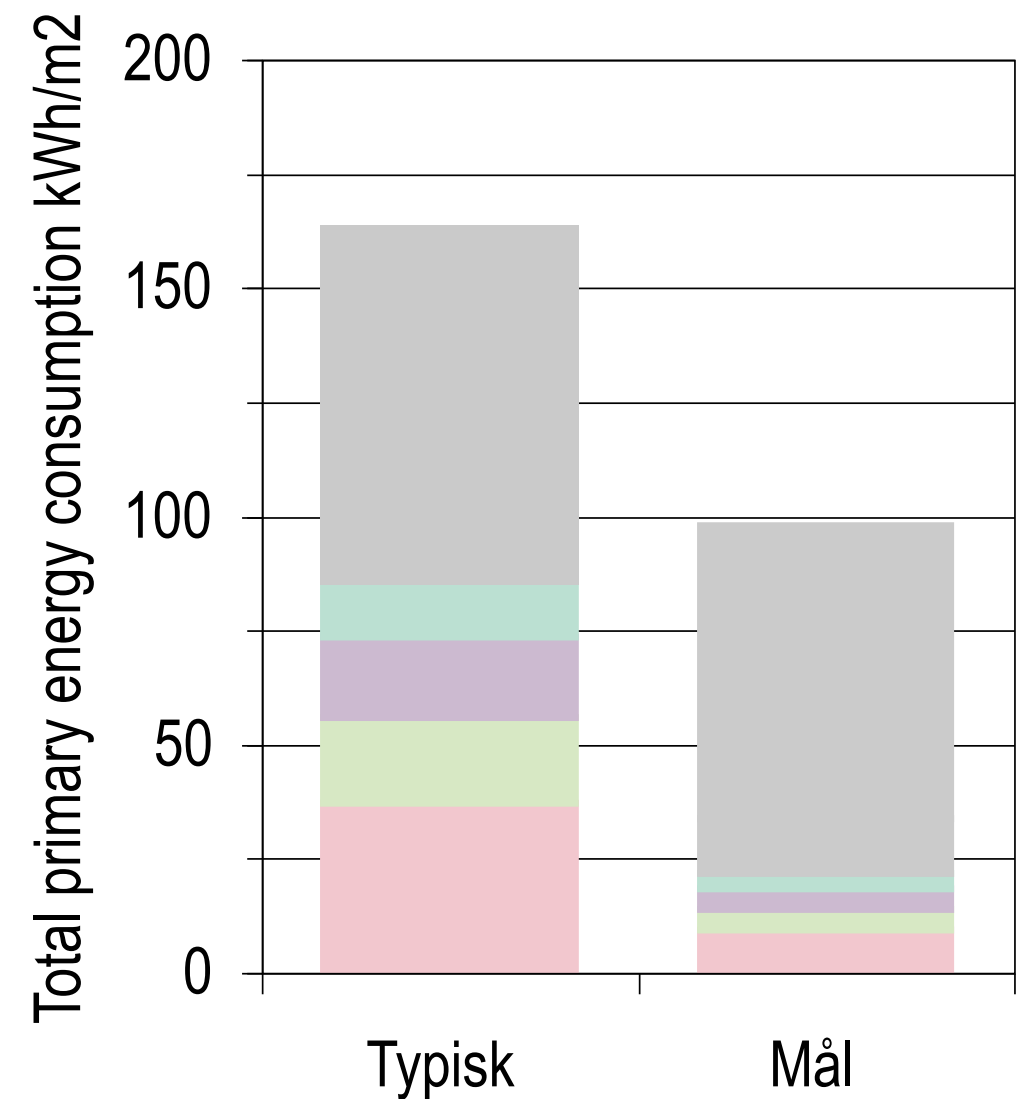
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2: Energy Regulations

Political aim for 75 % reduction
by 2020:

- Savings for users only 40%
because equipment and lighting
are not covered

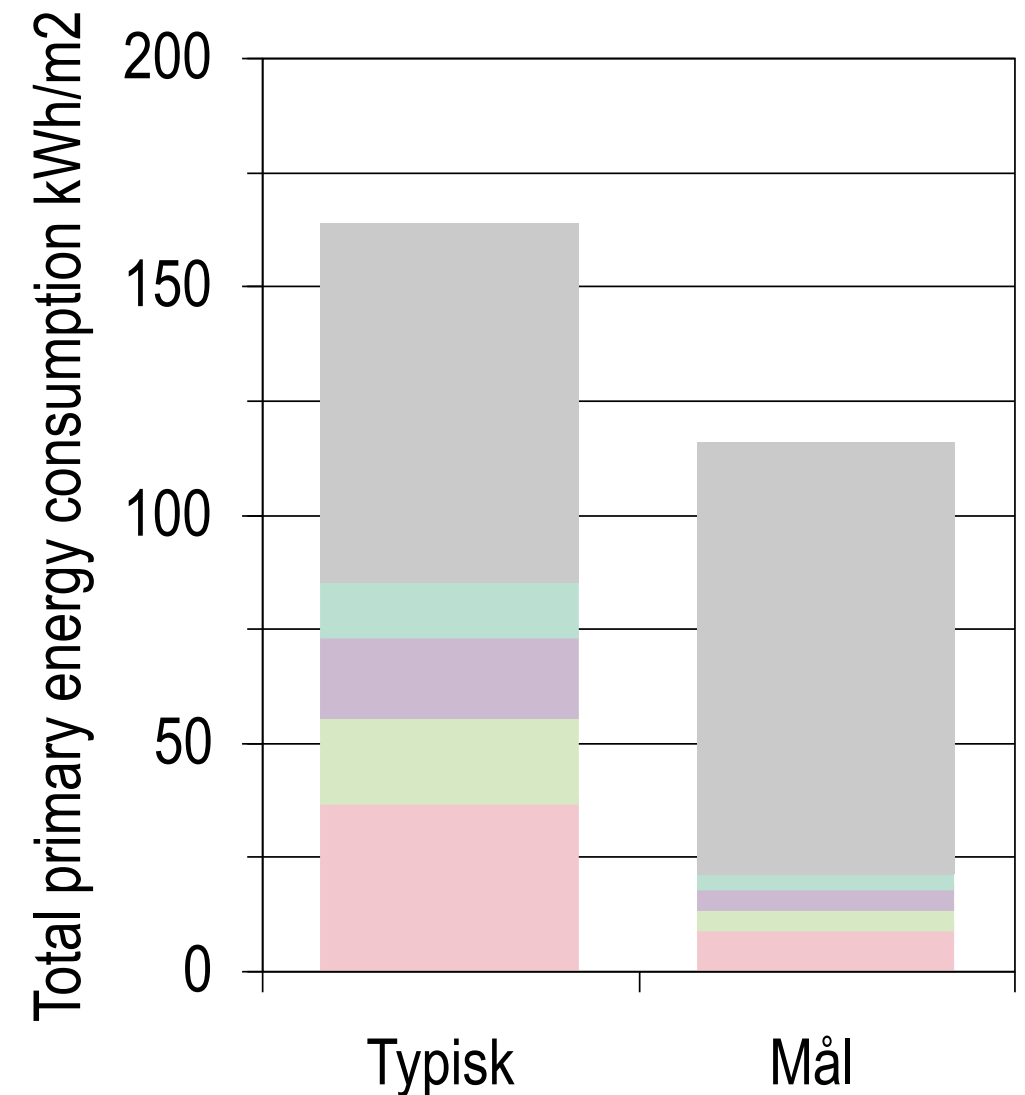


2: Energy Regulations

Non-regulated electricity consumption expected to grow 25 % by 2020:

- Electrical equipment and lighting responsible for 85 % of consumption

Building Regulations cannot be used to regulate/control electrical equipment and lighting



3: CO₂-neutrality

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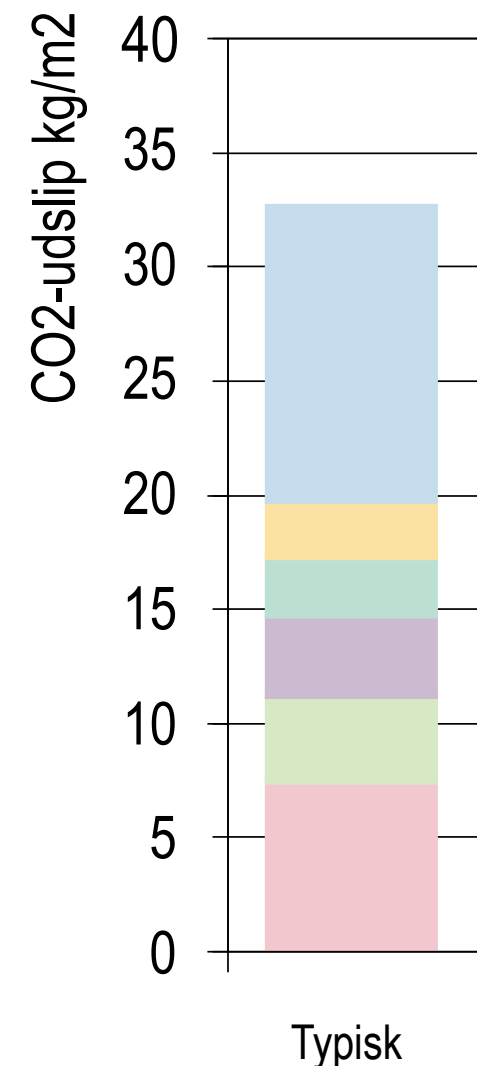
Cooling/overheating

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Lighting

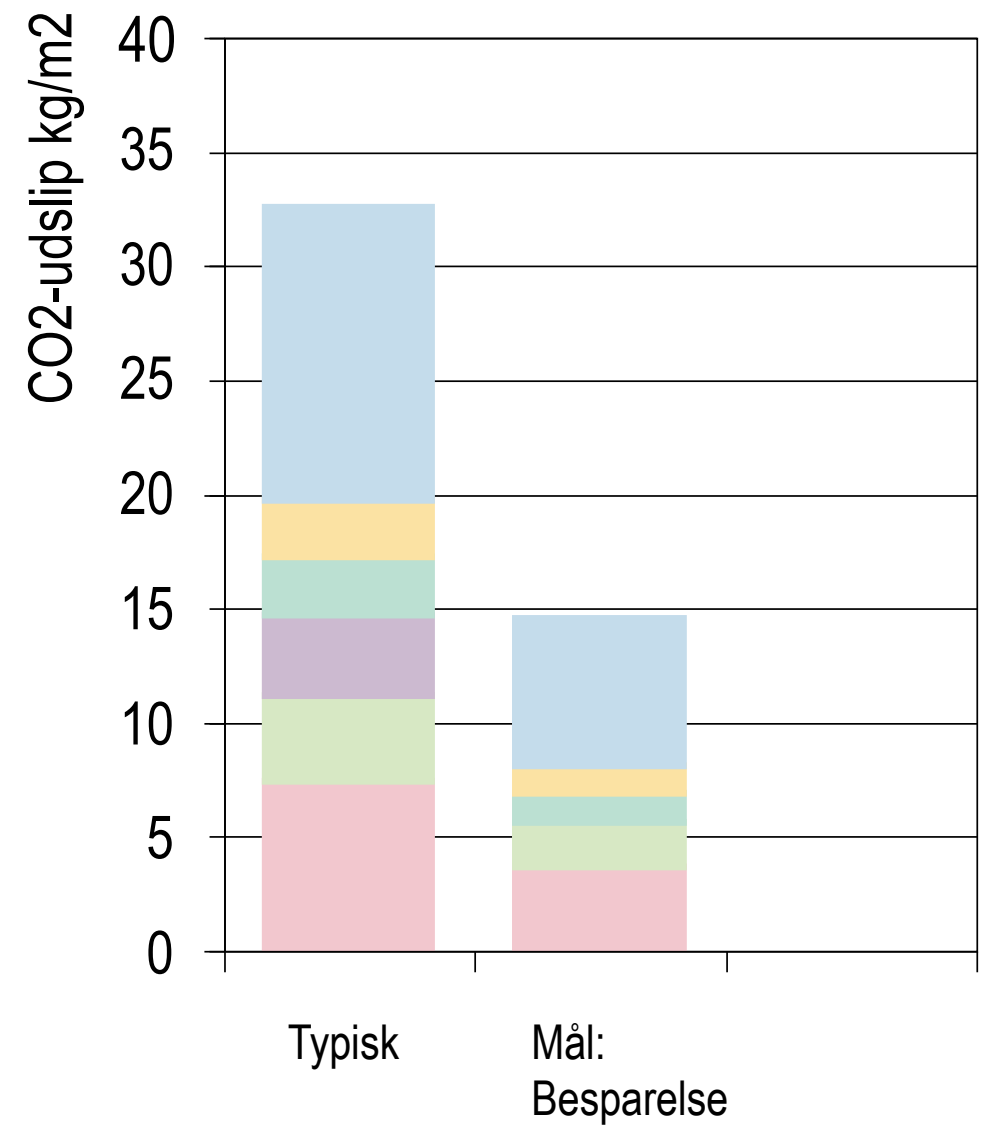
Equipment

And: Renewable energy production
interacting with
energy supply system



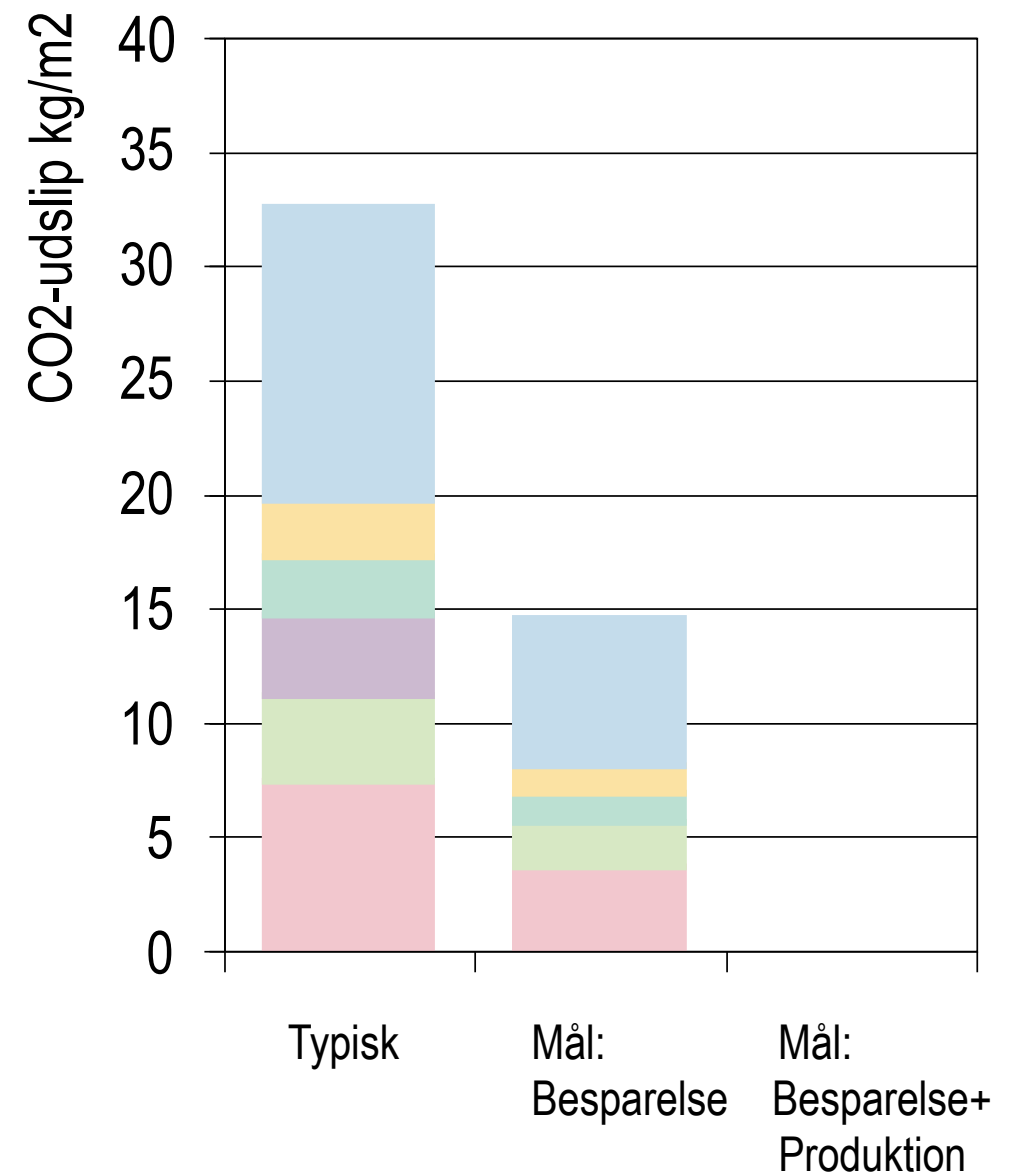
3: CO₂-neutrality

- Broad spectrum of electricity and heat savings



3: CO₂-neutrality

- Broad spectrum of electricity and heat savings
- Building integrated renewable energy production for energy neutrality on a yearly basis



3: CO₂-neutrality

- Impossible to demand CO₂- or energy neutrality in current Energy Regulations because of electrical equipment



Low energy Paradigms

