



# Energy performance guarantee Innovative in situ measurement methods

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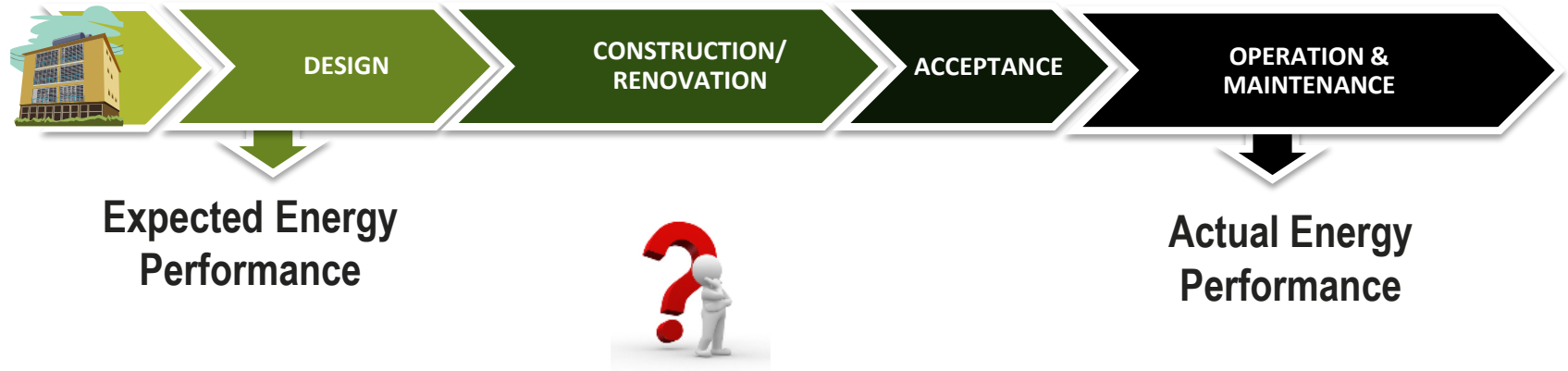


If You Can't  
Measure It,  
You Can't  
Improve It

*(William Thomson, Lord Kelvin)*

- > **Give credibility to national policies of sustainable development and energy transition,**
- > **Provide right market signal for building renovation investments,**
- > **Promote skills and know how of the professional building stakeholders**

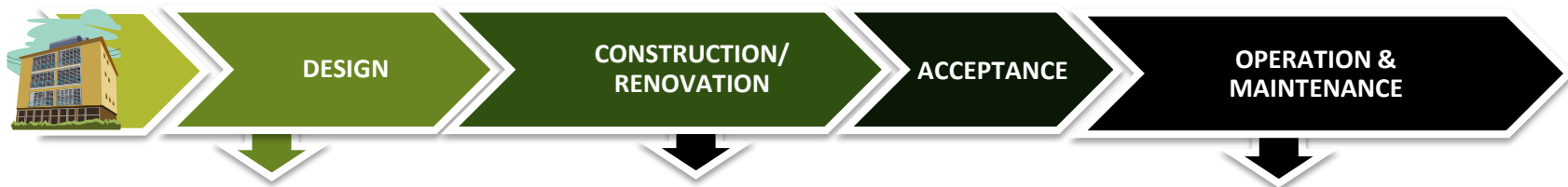
# Why measuring energy performance of buildings?



**Is there a gap between expected and actual energy performance?**

**How to reduce this gap?**

## Main causes of energy performance gap

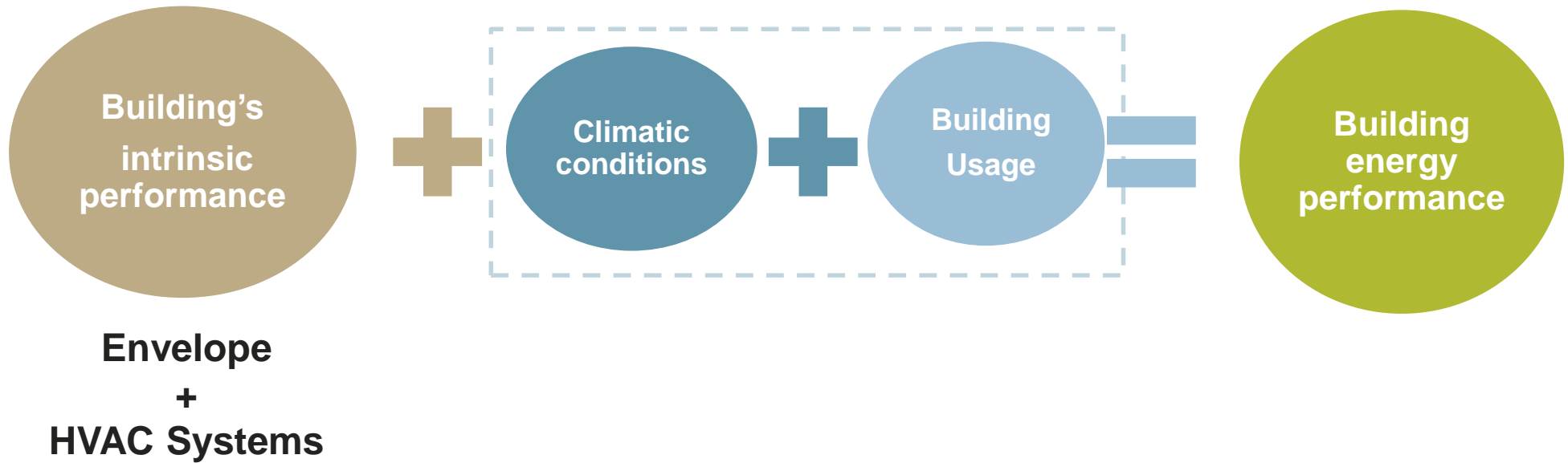


- **unreliable predictions at design phase**

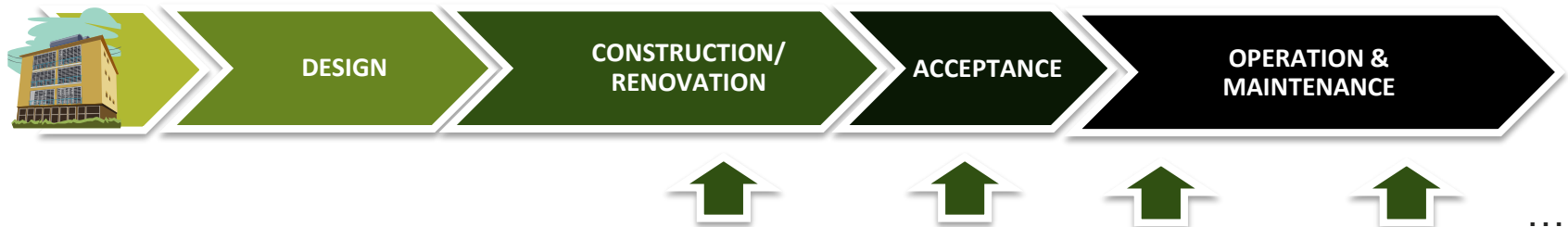
- **Non compliance of materials**
- **Damage to material performance during shipping and storage**
- **Workmanship quality**

- **Climatic conditions**
- **Evolution or change in building usage**
- **Human behaviour and Occupant preferences**
- **Quality and maintenance of the HVAC systems**

**=> Difficult to identify root causes and responsibilities of stakeholders**



When measuring?



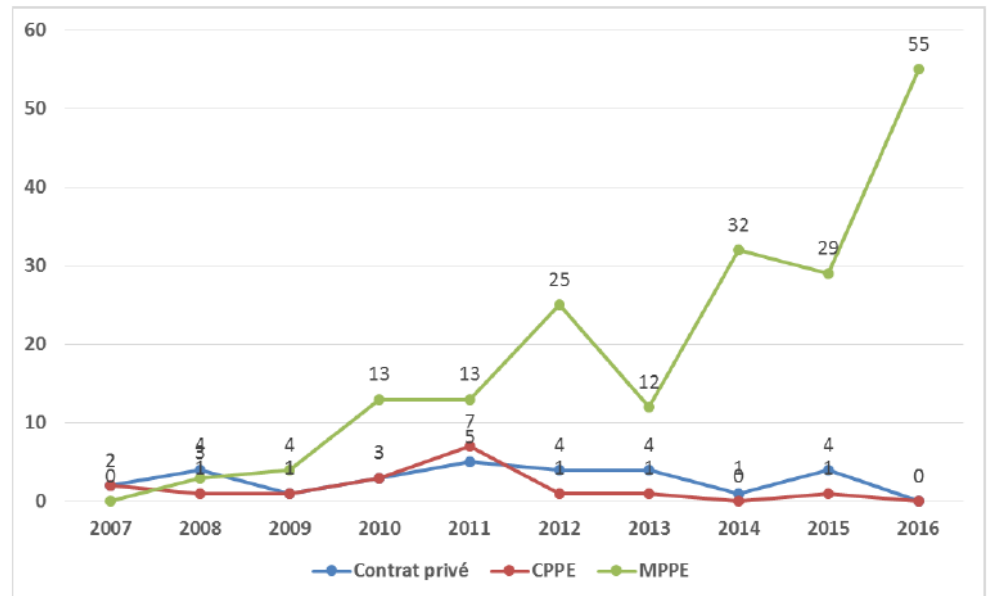
## French Situation

### ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

> Slight increase of the number of EPC since 2012

*EPCs - France*

*source : les premiers résultats de l'OCPE – nov 2017*



### IN SITU ENERGY PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

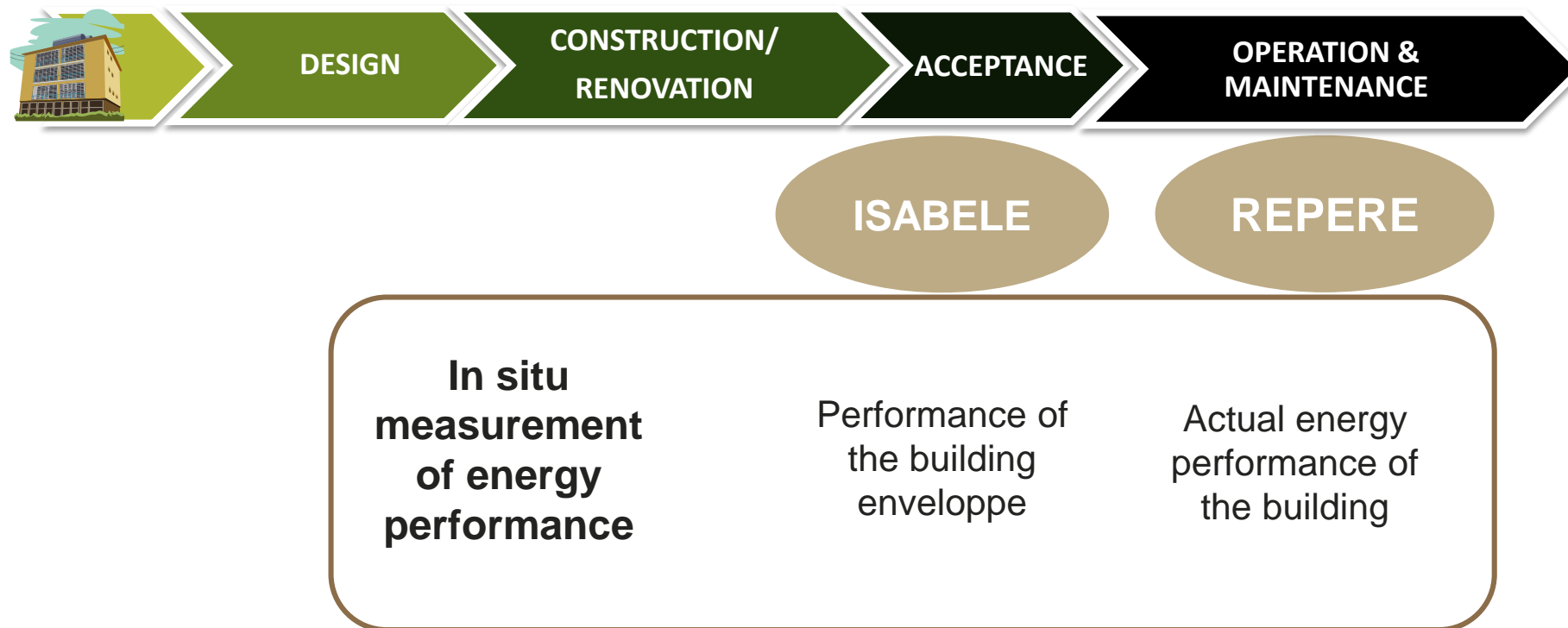
- > Air permeability test, part of intrinsic energy performance of the building
- > Mandatory for new houses



# Innovative in situ measurement methods

## ISABELE & REPERE

**Two complementary innovative methods to in situ measure energy performance**

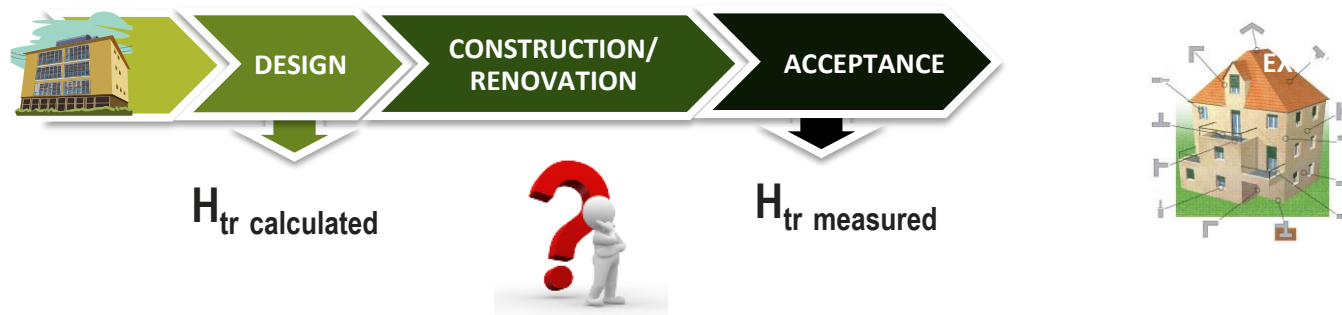




### ISABELE

#### IN SITU ASSESSMENT OF THE BUILDING ENVELOPE PERFORMANCE

- > Innovative process developed by CSTB to in situ measure the global level of insulation,
- > **Measurement of the heat loss coefficient by transmission  $H_{tr}$  (NF EN ISO 13790:2013 ) and  $H_{tr}$  uncertainty**

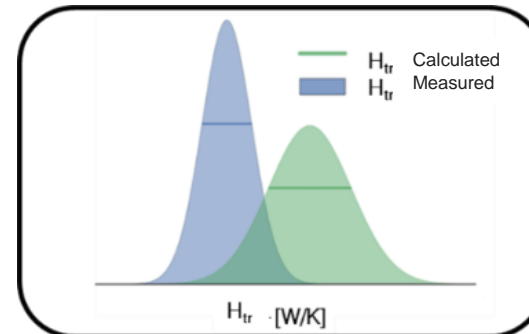


#### PRINCIPLE

- > Direct measurement is not possible. Heating power is injected, controlled and measured. Measurement of internal and external resulting temperatures during the test.  $H_{tr}$  is identified using suitable thermal modelling.

#### MAIN DIFFICULTY

- > **Quantifie  $H_{tr}$  uncertainty**
- > **Optimize cost/accuracy balance**



## ISABELE – Measurement Device

### INDOOR UNITS



- Electric convector heaters + fan
- Energy consumption metering
- Indoor air temperature sensors

**One per room**  
**(~20m<sup>2</sup>sensors)**

### Data concentrator



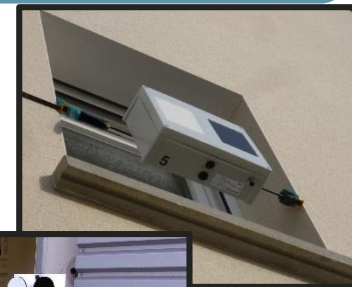
**One per building**

### OUTDOOR UNITS

- Equivalent outdoor temperature sensors



**One per building face**

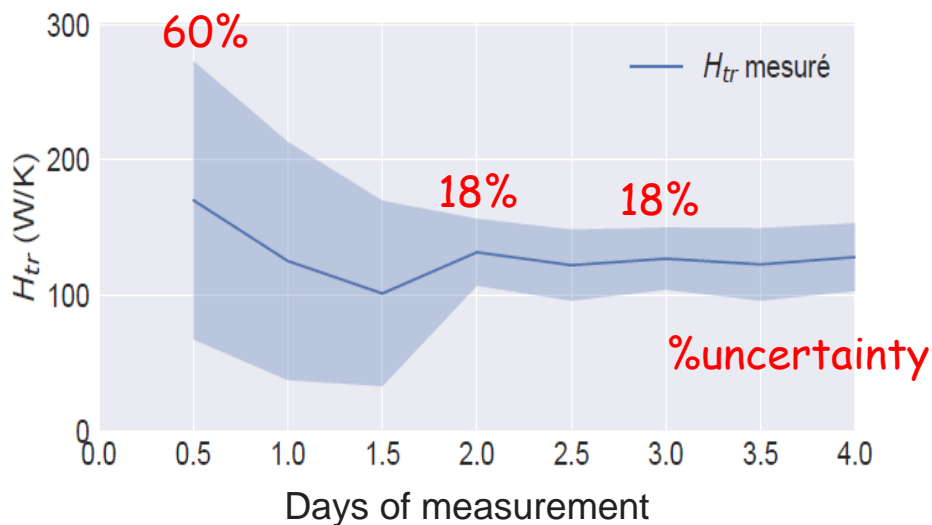


- Air Temperature sensor

## ISABELE – Results – first example

### 1 Measured level of insulation

**$H_{tr} * \text{measured} = 131 \pm 24 \text{ W/K}$**

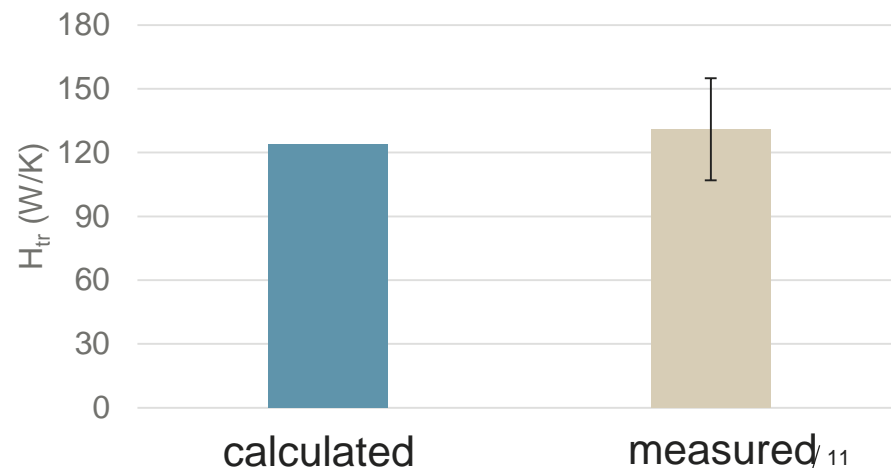


\*  $H_{tr}$  coefficient d'isolation globale défini par la norme NF EN ISO 13790:2013)



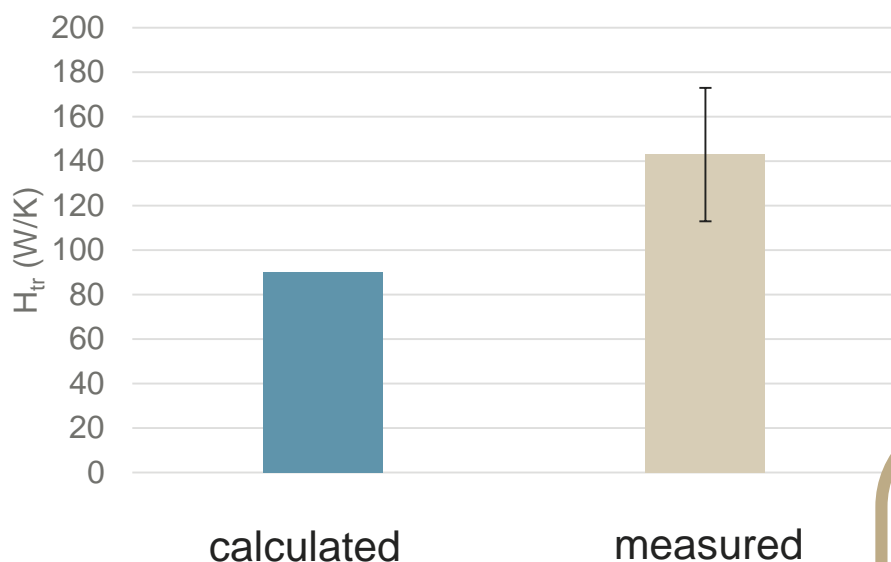
### 2 Calculated and measured values comparison

**$H_{tr} * \text{calculated} = 124 \text{ W/K}$**



## ISABELE – Results – Second example

> New single house 120m<sup>2</sup>



**High Gap between  
calculated and  
measured level of  
insulation**





### ROOT CAUSE OF THIS GAP :

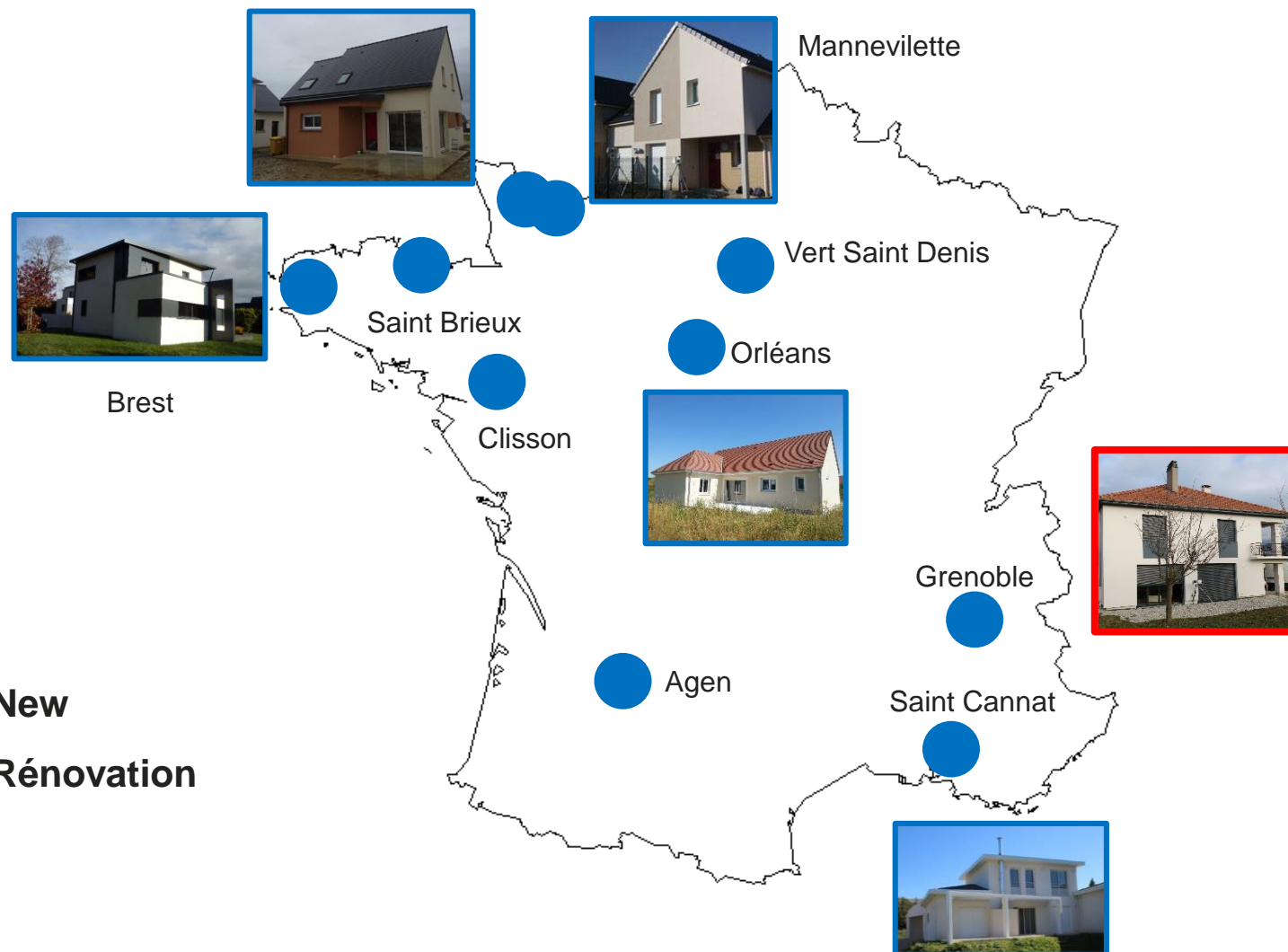
- **Calculation errors (neglected thermal bridges)** ~33% of the gap
- **Non compliance of thermal performance of choosen materials** ~33% of the gap
- **Remain 33% of the gap, probably due to Workmanship quality**

## ISABELE

> **Operational method  
and protocol for new  
building**

> **On going for  
renovation**

 **New**  
 **Rénovation**





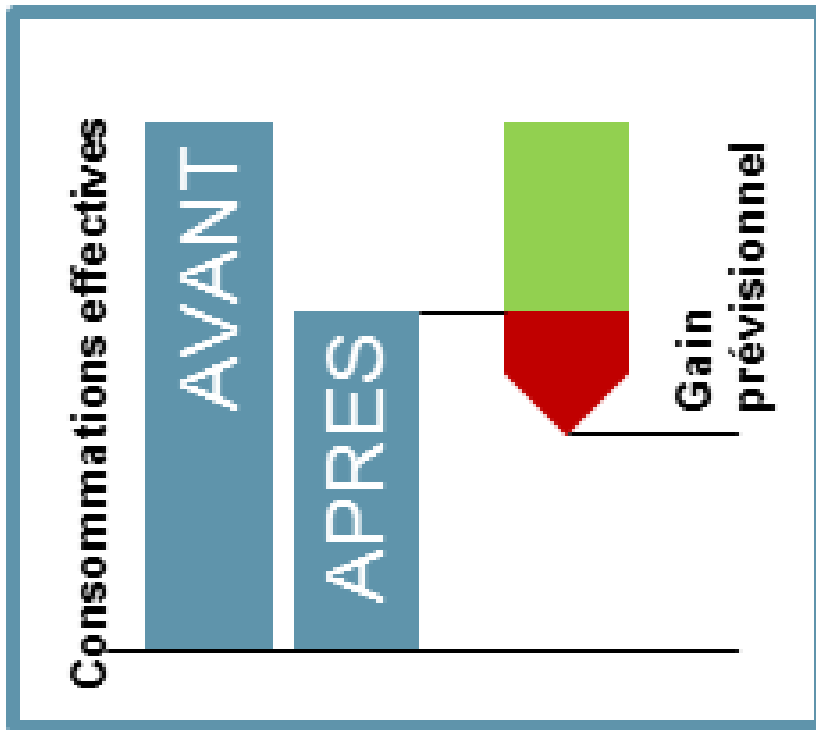
# 04- Innovative methods

REPERE

## Feedback on effective performance of energy renovations

### Objective :

- > Measuring the real performance gain obtained after renovation
- > Comparing to estimates

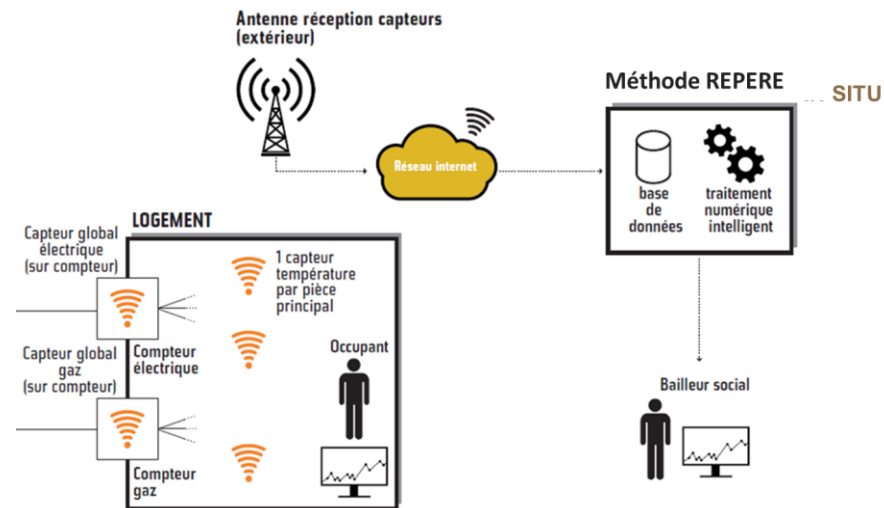
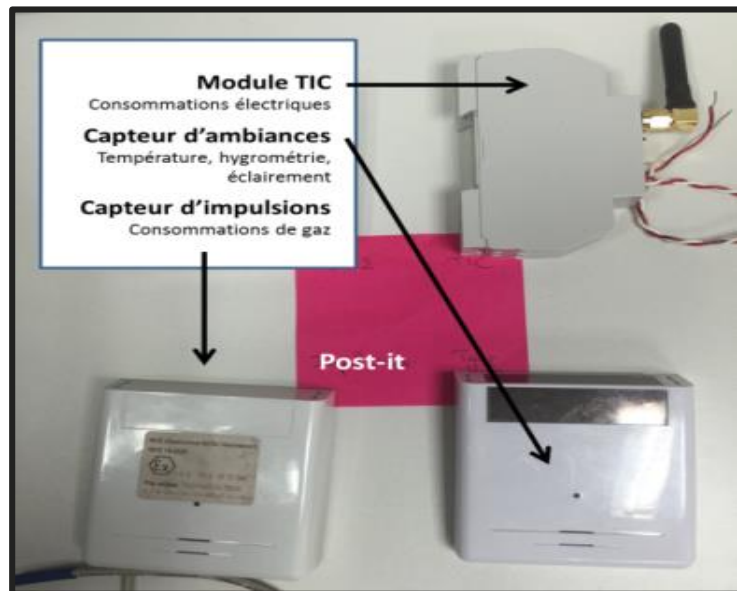




## Feedback on effective performance of energy renovations

### > Acquisition of measurement data

Dwellings equipped with low-cost technologies based on the internet of things, bringing new possibilities of measurement

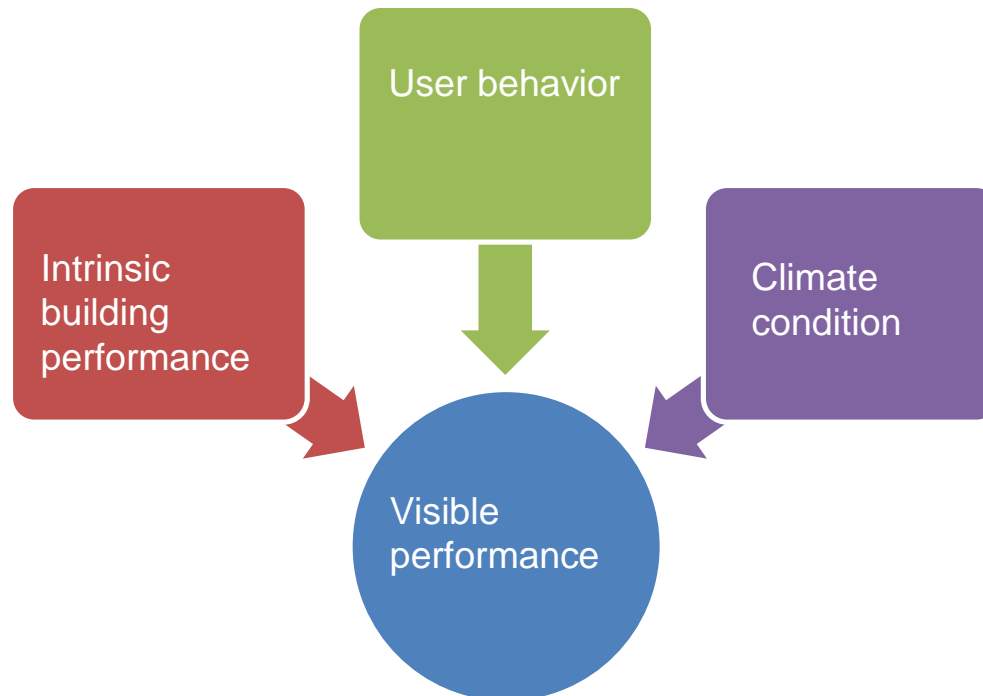




## Feedback on effective performance of energy renovations

### Expert numerical treatment of measured data

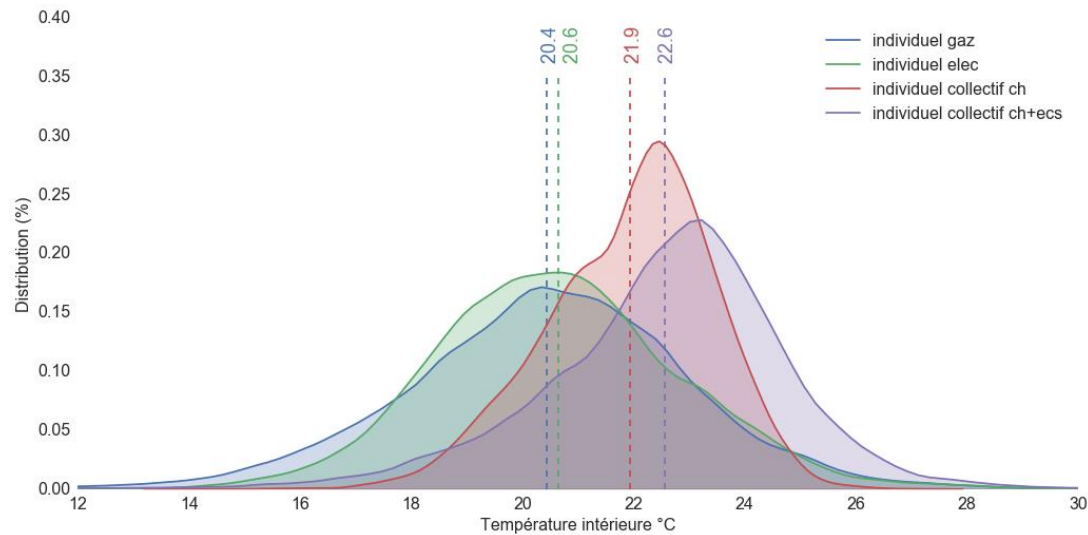
> Assessment of the energy performance gain, independently from the climate and use conditions



## Feedback on effective performance of energy renovations

### Expert numerical treatment of measured data

> Analysing the gaps compared to estimates (e.g. indoor temperature)





**EVALUATION OF A RENOVATION PROGRAMME FOR 1300 DWELLINGS  
(2012-2014)**



**EVALUATION OF A RENOVATION PROGRAMME FOR 1000 DWELLINGS  
(2017)**

- > **Measuring performance, a key tool to generalise renovation!**
- > **On the energy aspect:**
  - **An important research activity for the last years: innovative methods are now mature!**
  - **The professionals need to test and use these new tools thinking about technical aspects, responsibility, costs, etc.**
- > **Challenges tomorrow:**
  - **Include other topics in the approach: indoor air quality, acoustics, etc.**
  - **Think about performance linked with a period of time.**

