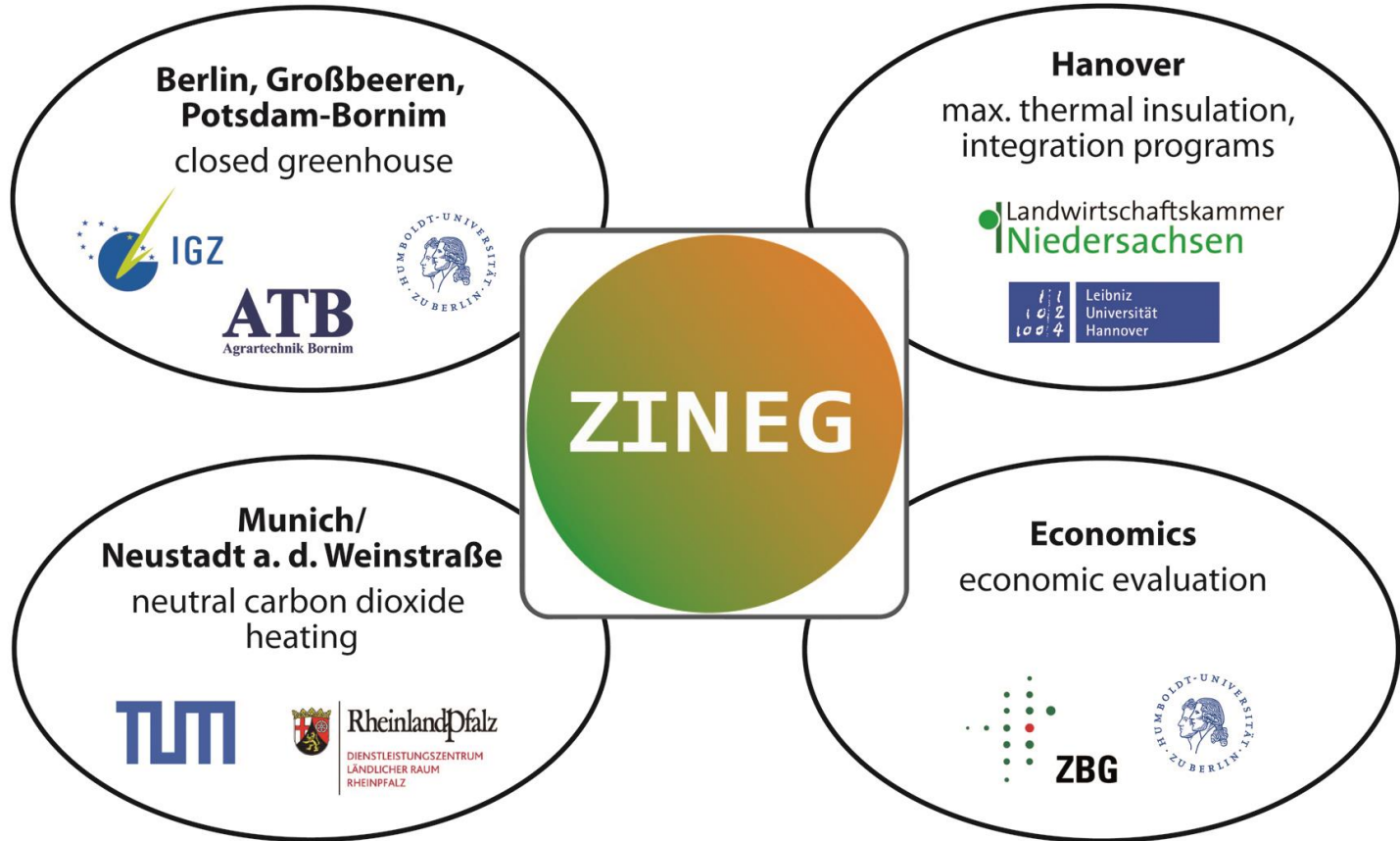


# ZINEG: the Project on Energy Consumption in Greenhouses

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# ZINEG THE LOW ENERGY GREENHOUSE



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[www.zineg.net](http://www.zineg.net)

# Aim of ZINEG

- „The general Aim of the ZINEG-Project between 2009 and 2014 was to prove and develop Technologies for a Plant Production in Greenhouses which can lower down the Use of fossil Energies and so the fossil CO<sub>2</sub>- Output nearly to Zero.“ (Quelle: ZINEG.net)

# General Aims

- < Energy Consumption
  - Mostly without fossile Energy
  - Mostly without fossile CO<sub>2</sub>- Emissions
- System-oriented Approach to reduce Energy-Consumption
  - Combination of energy saving Procedures with culture Procedures

# Line of Action

- 4 different Concepts – Flowers/Vegetabl.
- Common:
  - optimal Insulation of Greenhouse Cover
  - double Materials / /heat Protection Glass
  - multiple Thermal Screens
- Heat supply in the canopy
- New Concepts for Regulation – integrativ
- Comparison with Standard Cultivation
  - comparative study with Climate-Control

# Procedure

- Harmonisation Measure Methods
  - Energy-Consumption
  - Climate-Measurements
  - Plant-Physiology
- Cultivation in Experimental Stations like normal nurseries
- Portability of Results directly possible – Lighthouse- Projects

# 4 Greenhouse-Concepts



Hannover – Leibniz University  
& LWK Niedersachsen



Osnabrück- University



Berlin, Humboldt-University



TU München & DLR Rheinpfalz,  
Schifferstadt / Neustadt

# Zineg Berlin



2 vierschiffige Venlogewächshäuser  
 Grundfläche je 307 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Stehwandhöhe: 6 m  
 Seitenwand: Doppelverglast, Dach: Einfachverglast  
 Tomatenanbau geschlossen hydroponisch in hoher Rinne  
 Kollektorhaus: Dach: Tagesschirm + Schirm mit hohem  
 Aluminisierungsgrad, Seitenwand Rollschirme  
 Referenzhaus: Tagesenergieschirm im Dachbereich

2 4-Sector  
 Greenhouses-Venlo  
 Type a 307 m<sup>2</sup>,  
 Height of Gutter 6 m  
 Side-walls 2 Layers,  
 Roof 1 Layer  
 Glass, Tomato-  
 Production in high  
 Gutters, hydroponic;  
 Collector-House: 2  
 Screens 1\* Daylight,  
 1 High Alu screen,  
 Sidewalls-Rolling  
 screen  
 Reference: 1 Screen  
 daylight on top

Quelle: U. Schmitt,  
 HU Berlin, ZINEG  
 2012



# ZINEG Berlin Collector-House

- Single & double Layer Glass;  
6,7 m Hight on Top
- Thermal Screen & low grade Shading screen
- Closed System (Ventilation)
- Active Solar Storage (Water-tank)
- Use of an Heat-Pump
- Active Cooling in the Greenhouses
- Gutter-Cultivation in Substrate-Bags

# ZINEG Berlin Collector-House

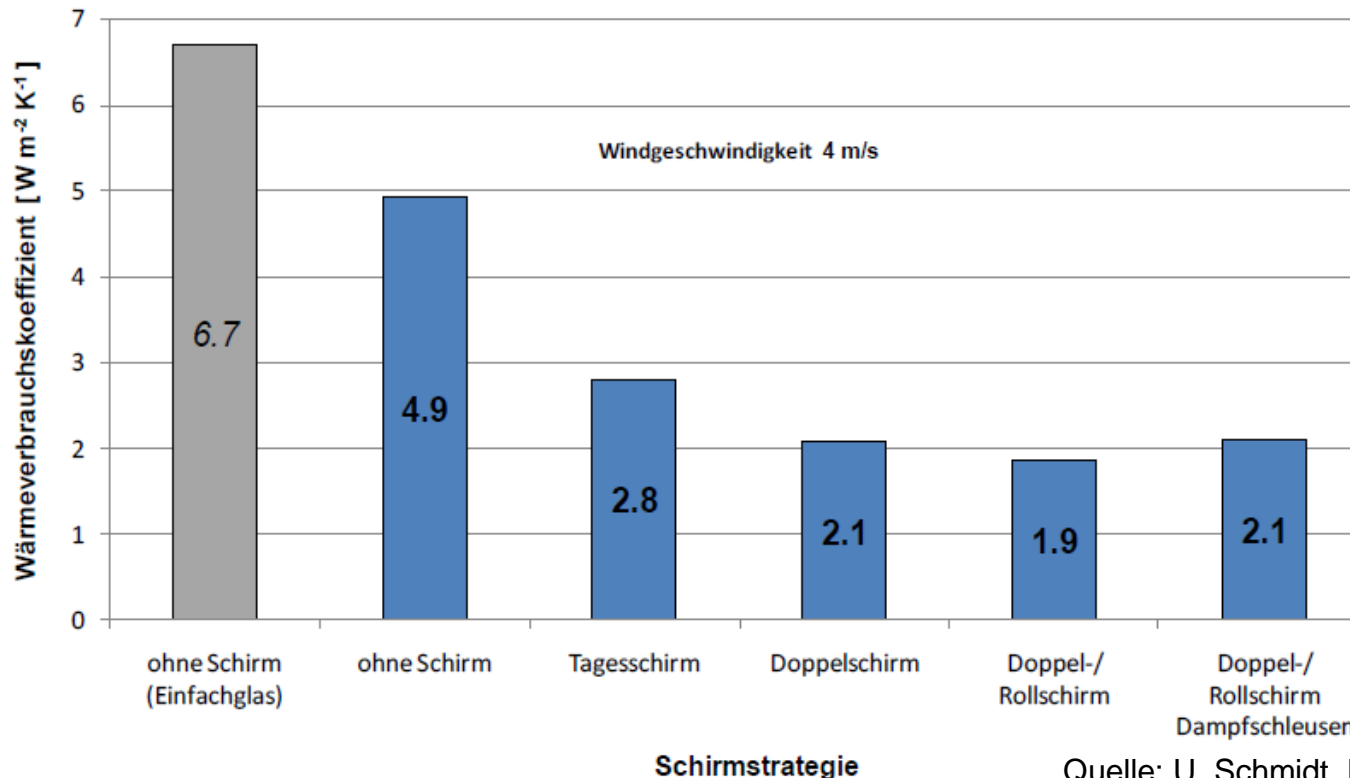
- Active Cooling via finned Tubes\*
- Humidification via Fog-System
- Low grade Shading screen
- Energy-Screen \*
- Foil-Tubes for Heating & CO<sub>2</sub>
- Heating Pipes in the Canopy  
(\* installed only in Collector - House)

# Results Energy-Consumption

## Ucs – different screen strategies

Mittlere Ucs-Werte bei unterschiedlicher Schirmstrategie

(Nachtmessung, Tomate, Fläche 307 m<sup>2</sup>, Stehwand 6 m, Verglasung ISO 4/8/4 und ESG 4 mm)



Standard = 7,6 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Reference = 6,7 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Collector House = 4.9 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Daylight Screen = 2.8 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Double Screen = 2,1 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Roof & Side-Screen = 1,9 W/m<sup>2</sup>K;  
 Dehumidification with Screens = 2,1 W/m<sup>2</sup>K

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012

# View on Heat-Pump



Eine 40 kW Elektro-wärmepumpe ( $133 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) kann eine Heizleistung von 110 kW ( $370 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) erbringen.

Damit können beide Gewächshäuser mit je  $180 \text{ W/m}^2$  bei einer Außentemperatur von  $-14 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  auf  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  beheizt werden.

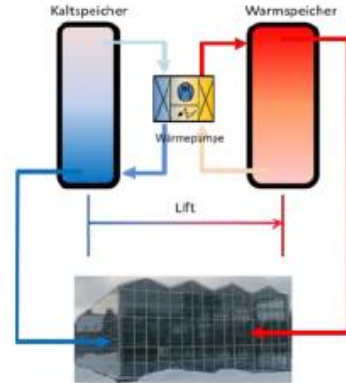
Die projektierte Kühlleistung liegt bei 80 bis 100kW ( $340 \text{ W/m}^2$ ).

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012

# Function Heat Pump

## Chancen:

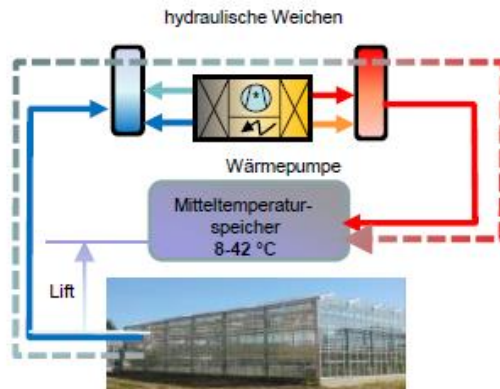
- höhere Arbeitszahlen
- geringere Isolationsaufwendungen,
- multivalente Nutzungsmöglichkeiten für den Speicher



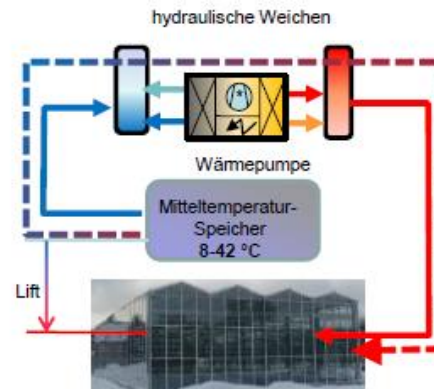
## Risiken:

- Platzbedarf für Speicher,
- Speicherkosten,
- höherer Installationsaufwand

Direct Buffer Installation



Gewächshaus kühlen  
Speicher laden



Gewächshaus heizen  
Speicher entladen

Indirect Buffer Installation by hydraulic turnouts (d: Weichen)

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012

# Heat Pump

In the Collecror-House the Heat-Pump may fulfill different tasks:

1. Cooling with Heat Pump (HP)
2. Cooling without HP
3. Cooling for Drying the Air
4. Heating with HP
5. Heating without HP

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin,  
ZINEG 2012, verändert

# Efficiency of Cooling-Systems



Rippenrohre unter dem Dach

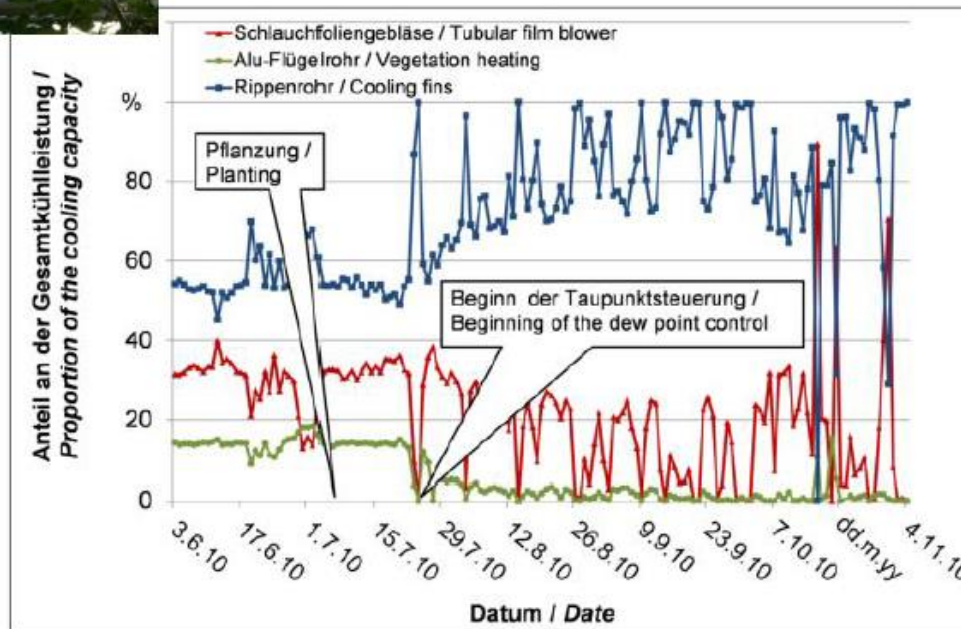
Finned Tubes under the roof

**Chancen:**

- hohe Kühlleistung,
- hohe Kondensatleistung
- gleichmäßige Temperaturverteilung,
- geringer Elektroenergiebedarf

**Risiken:**

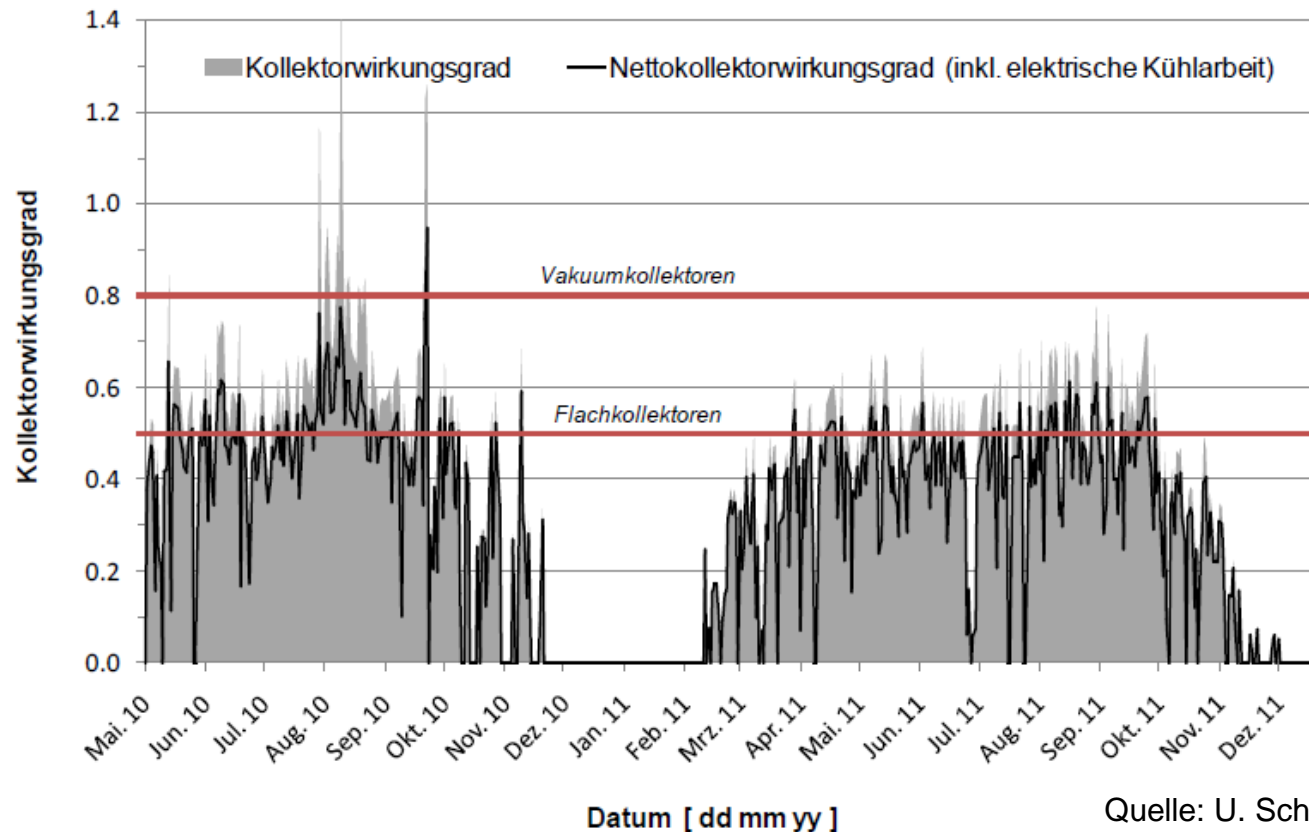
- höhere Anforderungen an Statik,
- höhere Kosten,
- Lichteinbußen



Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012

# Greenhouse as a Solar Collector

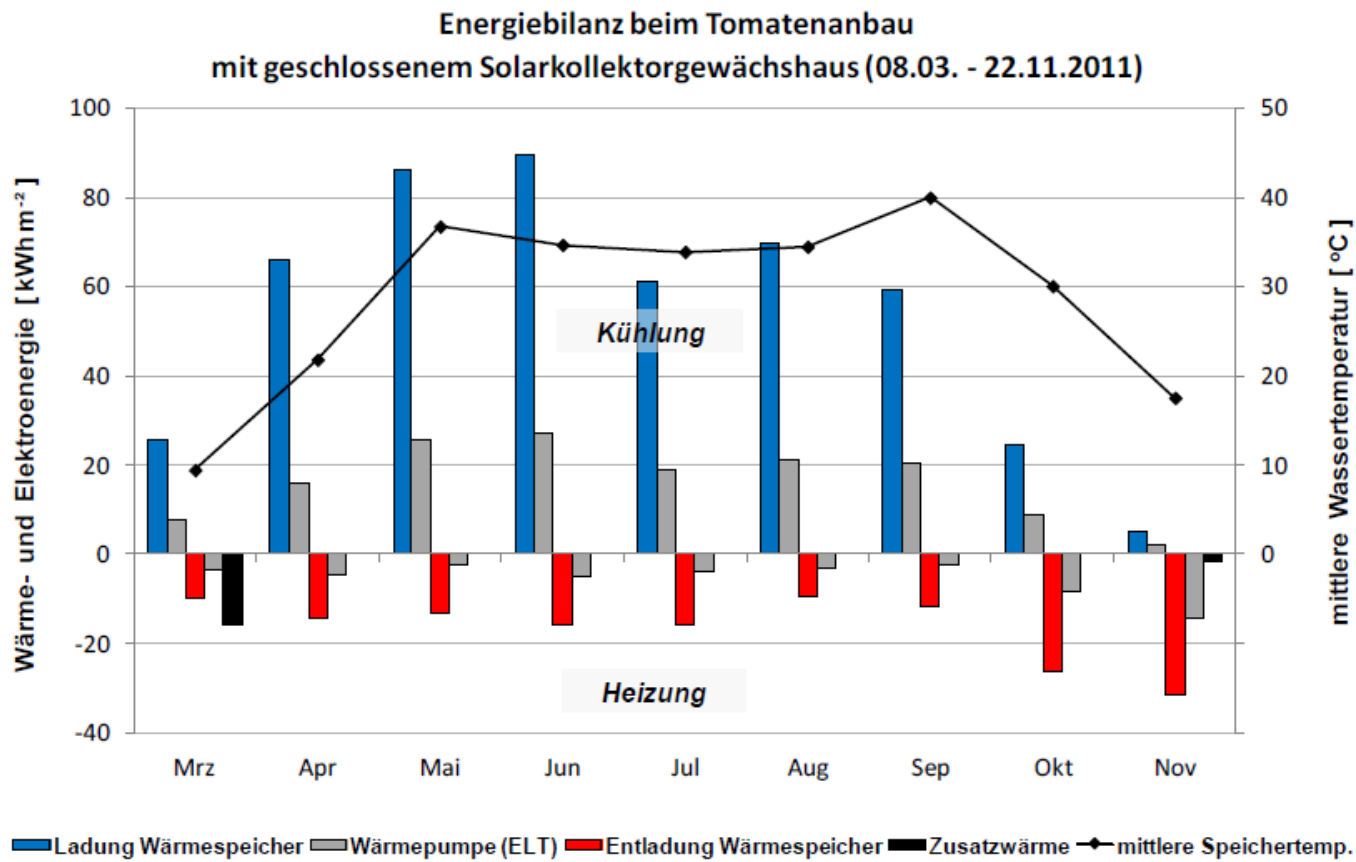
Umwandlung von eingestrahelter Solarwärme in Speicherwärme 2010/11



Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012



# Greenhouse as an Energy-Collector



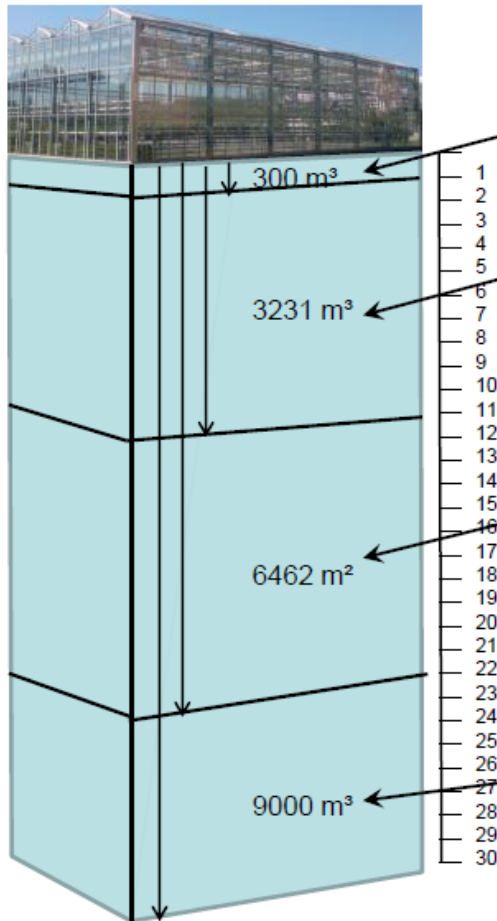
Blue: Input to Buffer  
 Grey: Power HP  
 Red: Out from Buffer;  
 Black: External Heat;  
 Black Line: Ø Temperature of Buffertank

# Results Heat Pump

- 1 kWh Electricity powers
- Heating: 4,4 kWh Heat
- Cooling: 5,5 kWh Coldness
- Correction with Efficiency of Power Plant (0,385):
- Heating: 1,7
- Cooling: 1,9

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin,  
ZINEG 2012

# Size of Buffer Tank



Im Berliner Zineg-Projekt wird die Wärmeenergie in 1 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> gespeichert...

Will man die 150 MWh, die im Jahr 2011 gewonnen wurden speichern, so benötigt man ca. 11 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>

Würde man die gesamte überschüssige Solarwärme des Jahres 2011 speichern (Kollektorwirkungsgrad = 1) wären 22 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> erforderlich

Nach Aussagen niederländischer Experten werden in Aquiferspeichern ca. 30 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> benötigt<sup>1</sup>

Quelle: U. Schmidt, HU Berlin, ZINEG 2012

1: F. De Zwart, mündliche Mitteilung 2009

# Low-Cost Heat-Buffer



Das Wasser wird oberirdisch in Wassertanks gespeichert, die gleichzeitig als Regenwasserrückhaltebecken für die Bewässerung genutzt werden können.

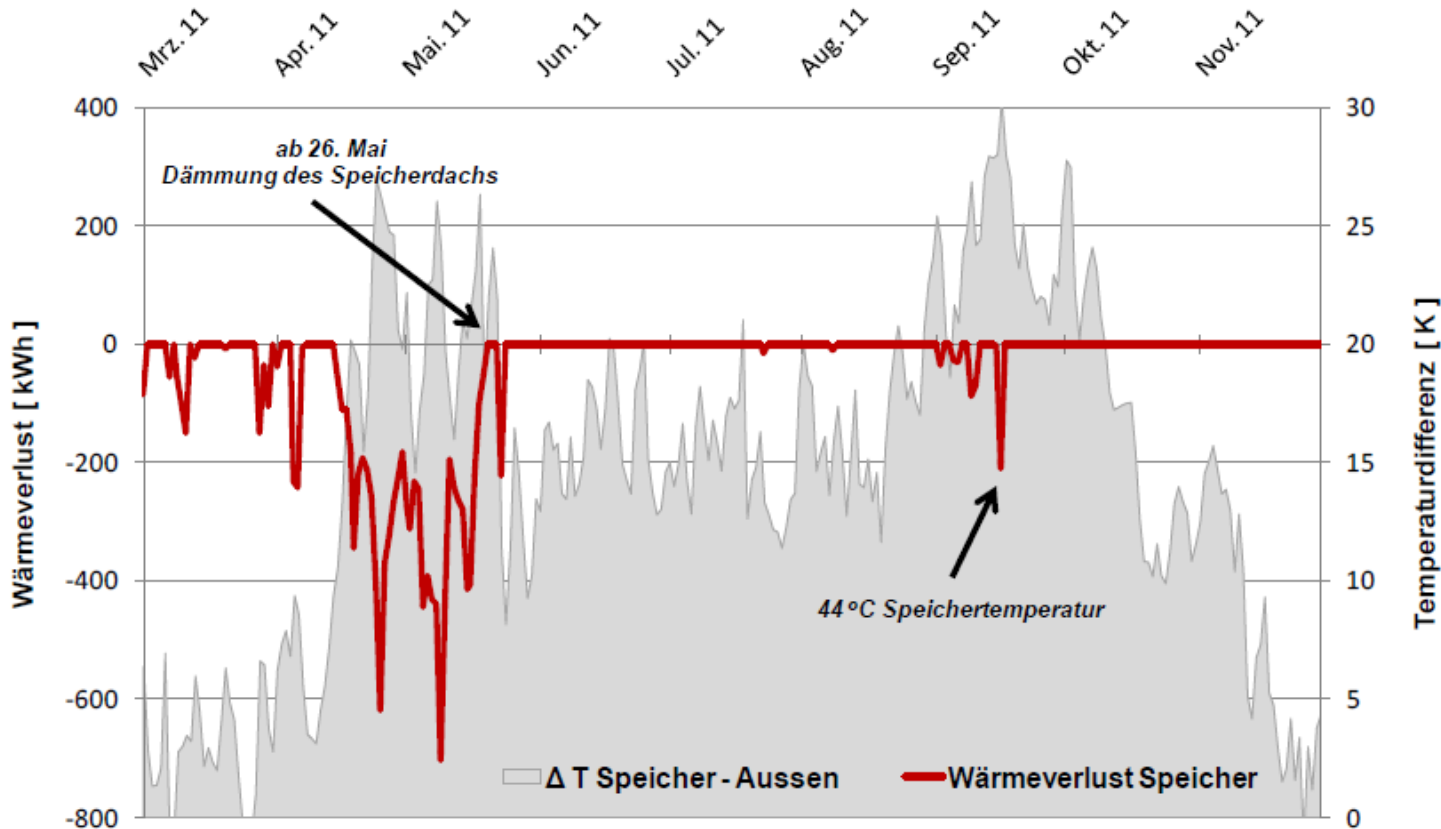
Das Fassungsvermögen beträgt  $260 \text{ m}^3$  ( $0,85 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2$  oder  $30 \text{ kWh}/\text{m}^2$ )  
Damit kann eine Wärmemenge von 10 MWh gespeichert werden.

Die Temperatur pendelt zwischen  $5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (Speicher entladen) und  $45 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (Speicher geladen)  
Die Speicherkosten betragen  $80 \text{ €/m}^3$  (ohne Isolation) und  $120 \text{ €/m}^3$  (mit Minimalisolation)

# Heat-Storage Results

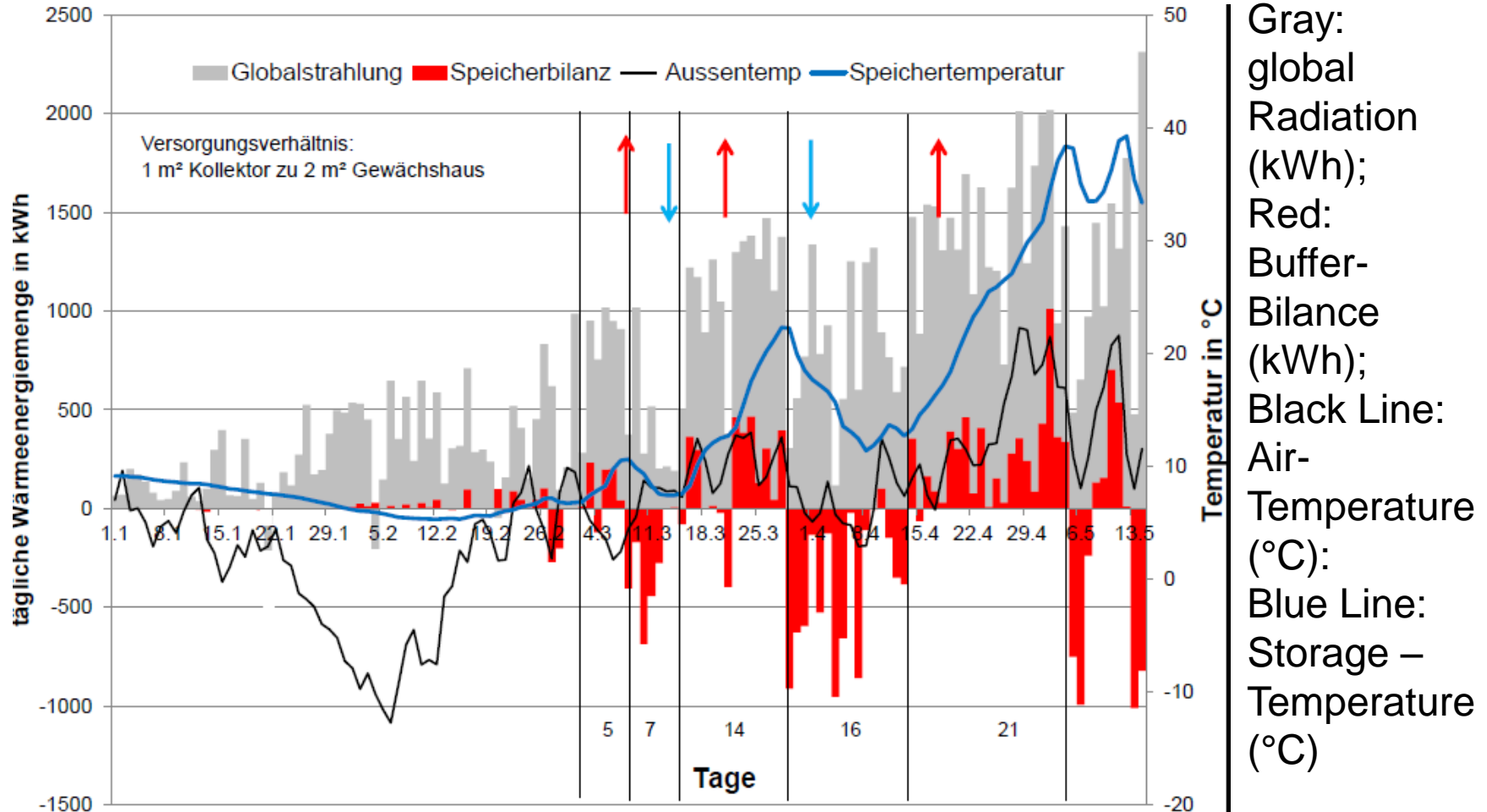
## Energy Loss

Wärmeverlust beim Niedertemperaturspeicher mit Dämmung 2011



Gray:  
Temperature  
Difference  
Storage –  
Outside Air  
(K)  
Red:  
Energy Loss  
(kWh)

# Storage Results

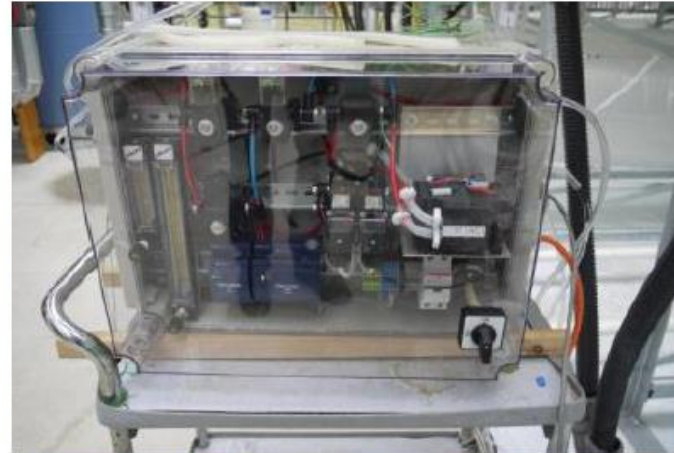


# Tomatoe-Production Berlin



# PHYTomonitors Measurements in Vitro

PHYTomonitors =  
Design &  
Concept:  
Humboldt-  
University,  
U. Schmidt

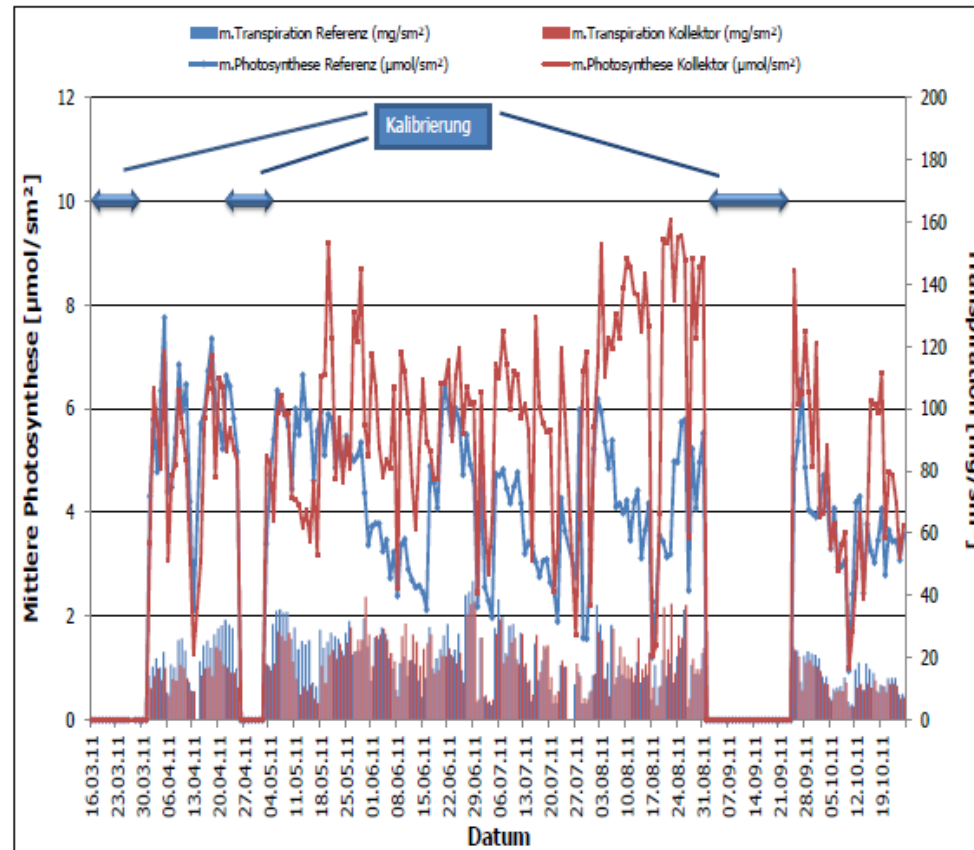




# Photosynthesis & Transpiration

## Ergebnisse des Versuches 2011

Mit Hilfe der Phytomonitoring konnte eine deutlich höhere Nettophotosynthese (+33%) und eine verminderte Transpiration (-9%) im Kollektorgewächshaus gemessen werden.

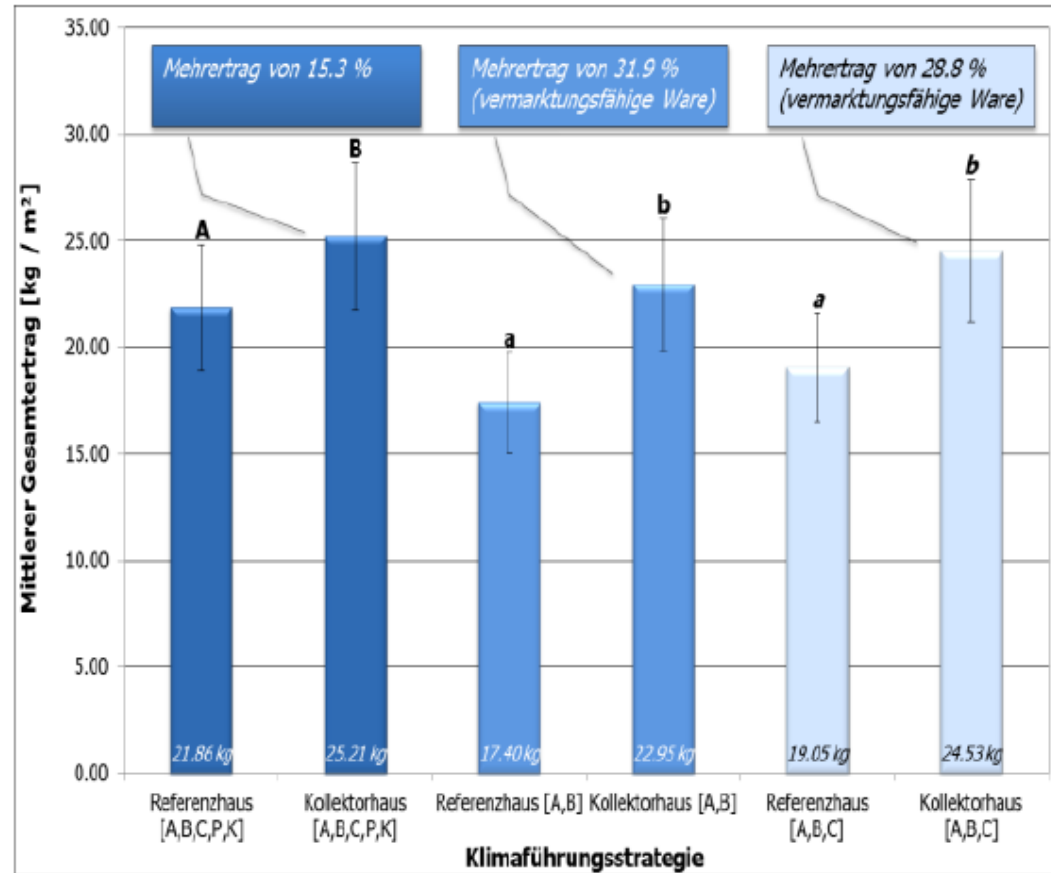


Results of 2011:  
 Netto-Photosynthese + 33 % in Collector-House;  
 Transpiration 9% Lower than Reference-House

# Results 2011

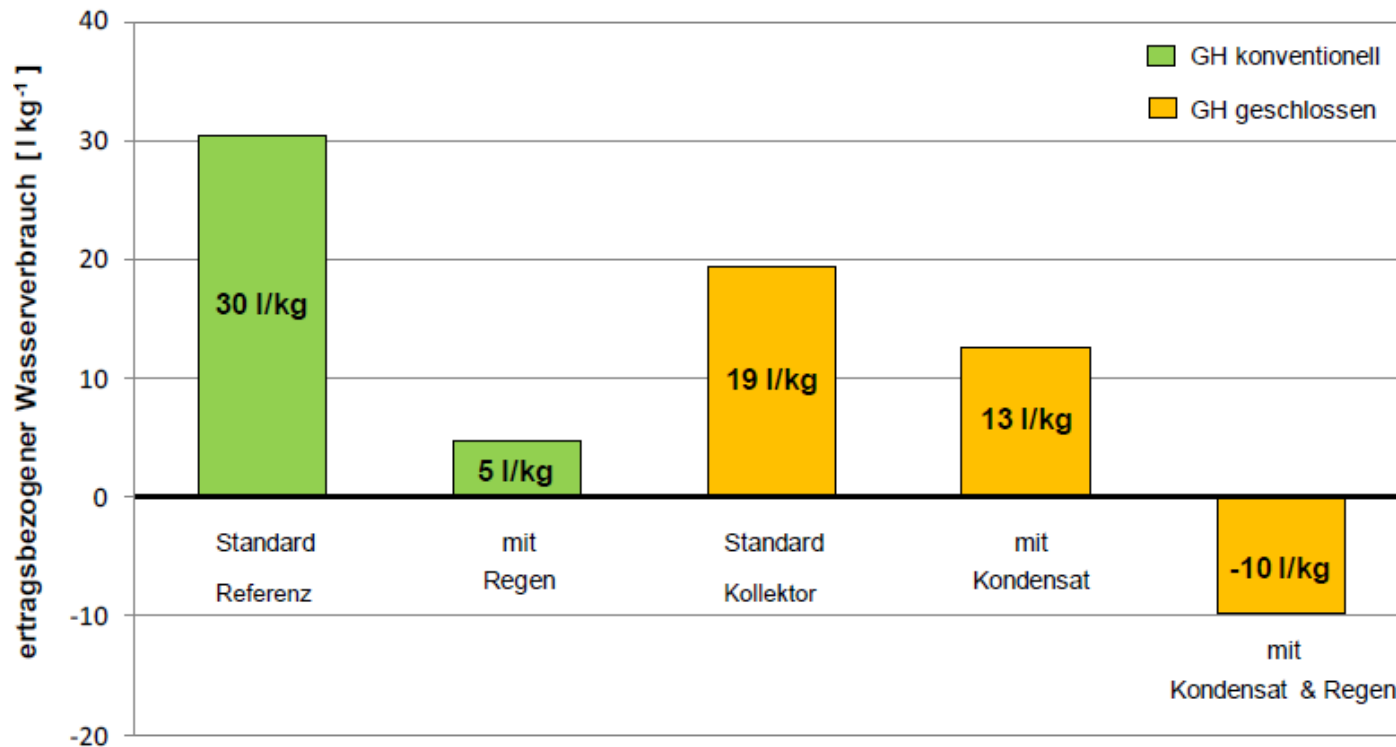
Aus dem Versuch 2011 (Mai bis November) konnte ein Mehrertrag von 29 bis 32 % aus dem Kollektorgewächshaus ermittelt werden...

Tomato Crop in Collector-House 29 – 32 % greater than in Reference-House (marketable fruits)



# Water-Use Closed System

Szenarien des Wasserverbrauchs beim Tomatenanbau  
mit Tropfbewässerung und rezirkulierender Nährlösung  
(Versuchszeit 08.03. - 25.10.11, Sorte 'Pannovy')



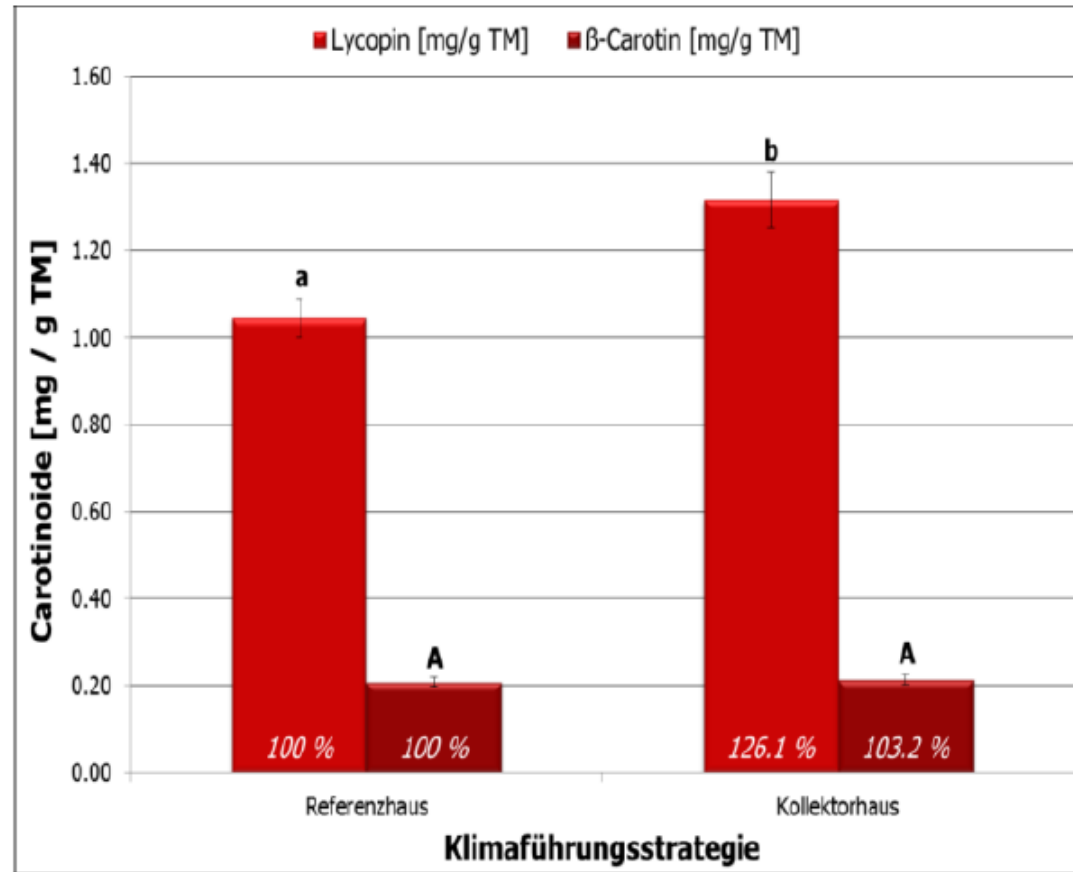
Green  
Reference

Yellow:  
Collector  
House –  
Closed  
System

Rain Water  
Use possible

# System- Effects

Die Tomatenfrüchte aus dem Kollektorgewächshaus haben höhere Gehalte an den gesundheitsförderlichen Inhaltsstoffen Lycopin und  $\beta$ -Carotin



The tomatoes in Collector house have a higher content on Lycopin (left) and  $\beta$ -Carotin (right)

# Hannover-Project

- Greenhouse with maximum Insulation,, Closed House Strategy, Solar Use & Integrating Strategies
- Culture: Ornamentals (Pots)
- Partners:
  - Landwirtschaftskammer Niedersachsen, Lehr- und Versuchsanstalt für Gartenbau, Hannover-Ahlem
  - Leibniz Universität Hannover, Fachgebiet Biosystem- und Gartenbautechnik

Quelle: J. Mayer, TUM, 2013

# View on Greenhouse & Heat-Storage, Hannover



Quelle: J. Mayer, TUM, 2013

## Systemorientierter Ansatz

- Kultur: Topfpflanzen
- Anlagenkonzept:
  - Isolierverglasung
  - Dreifach-Energieschirm
  - möglichst geschlossene Betriebsweise mit CO<sub>2</sub>-Düngung
  - Solarenergienutzung mit Tag-Nacht-Speicherung
  - Integrationsregelstrategien
- angepasste Kulturprogramme
- Phytomonitoring

# Hannover Plan



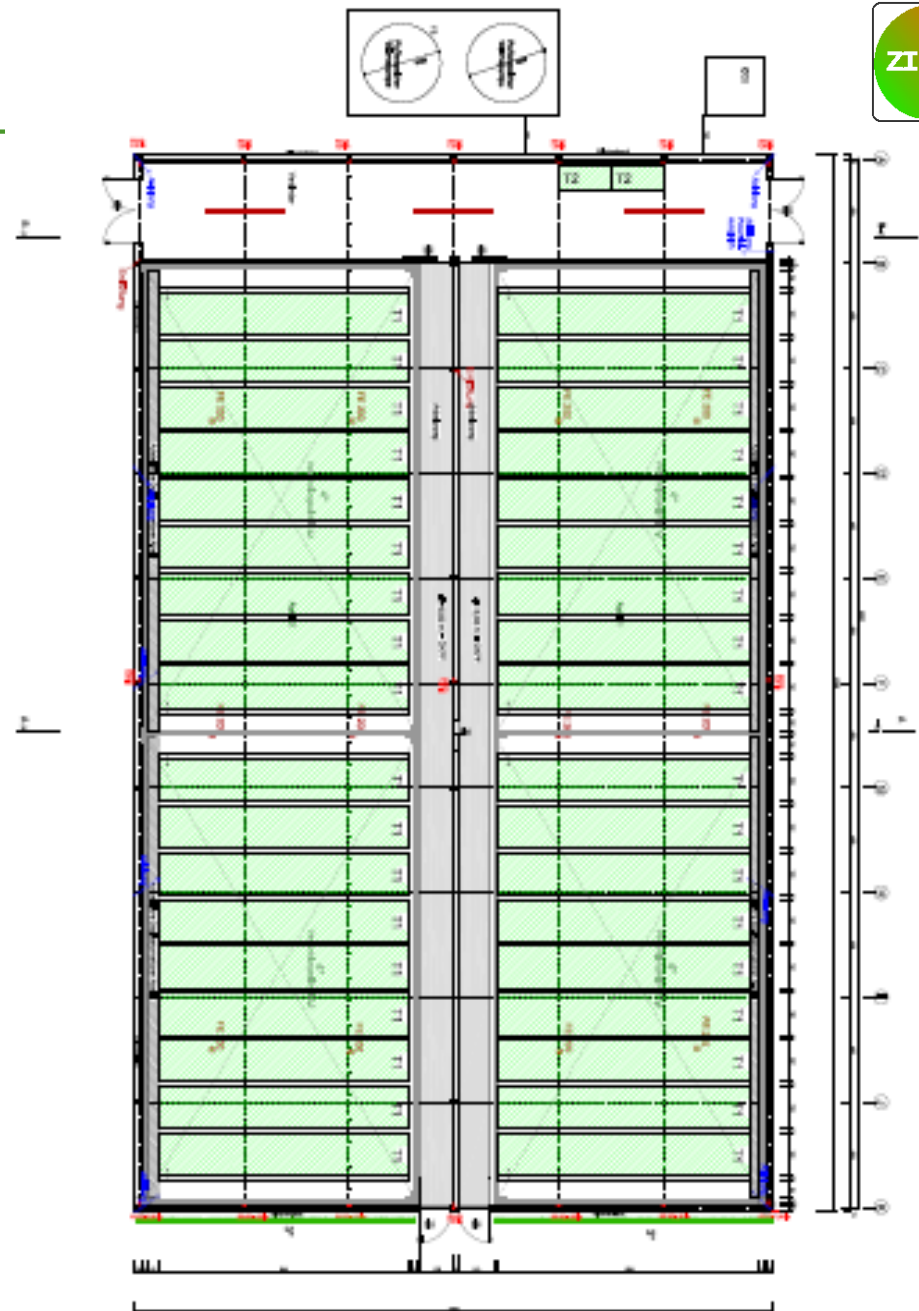
## Grundriss

Dimensions:

$$40 \times 24 \text{ m} = 960 \text{ m}^2$$

2 Departments  
(Ventilation)

4 Unterabteilungen  
Verdunkelung  
(Heizung/Kühlung)





## **Expectations:**

- high Light-Transmissivity
- good Insulation

## **Technical Solution:**

- Insulating Glass with Anti-Reflexglass (AR-Glass)
- Plexiglas-4-skin sheet on all Sides

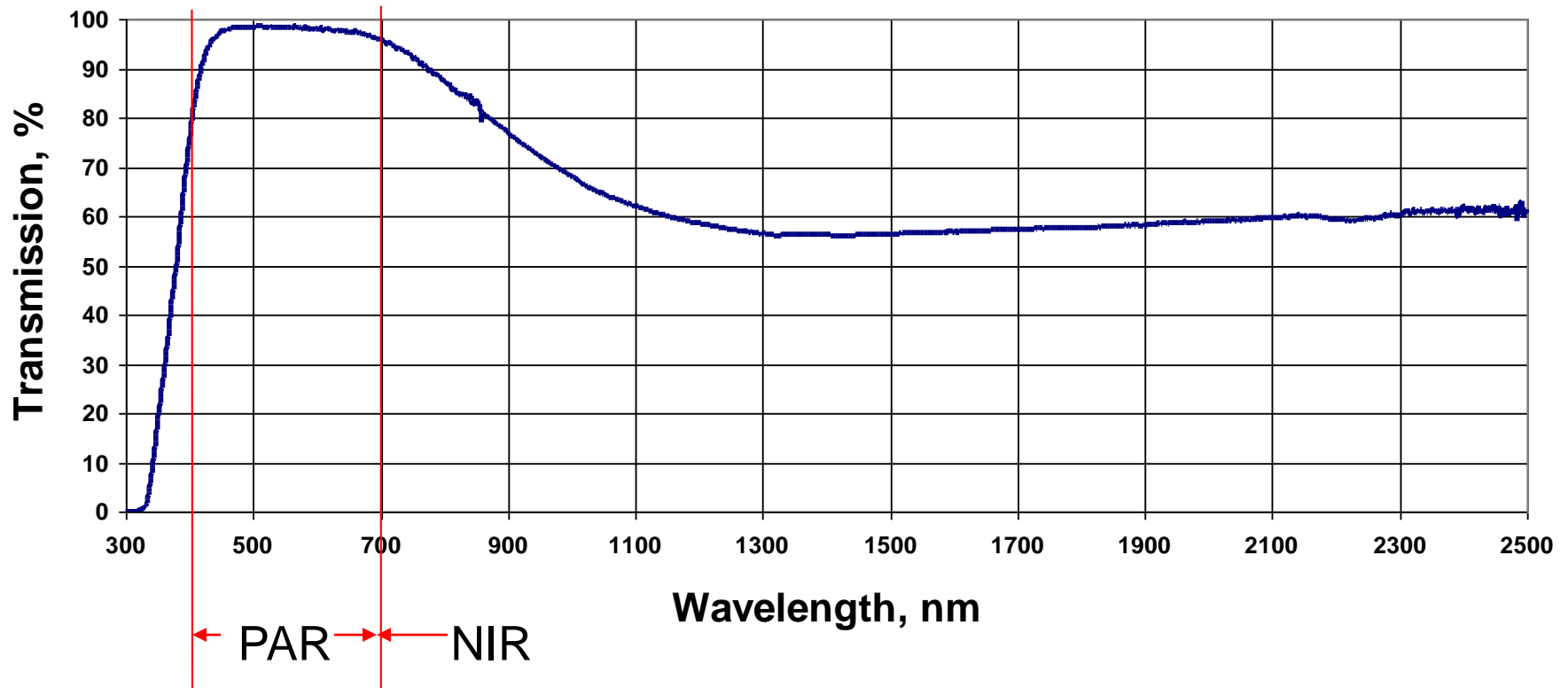
## **Problems:**

- Raise of Air-Humidity

# Roof- Glass



GroGlass  
(hohe PAR- und niedrige NIR Durchlässigkeit)



# Properties thermal Screens



## Expectations:

- No Light-loss during daytime
- No leaks, if closed by night

## Technical Solution:

triple thermal Screen

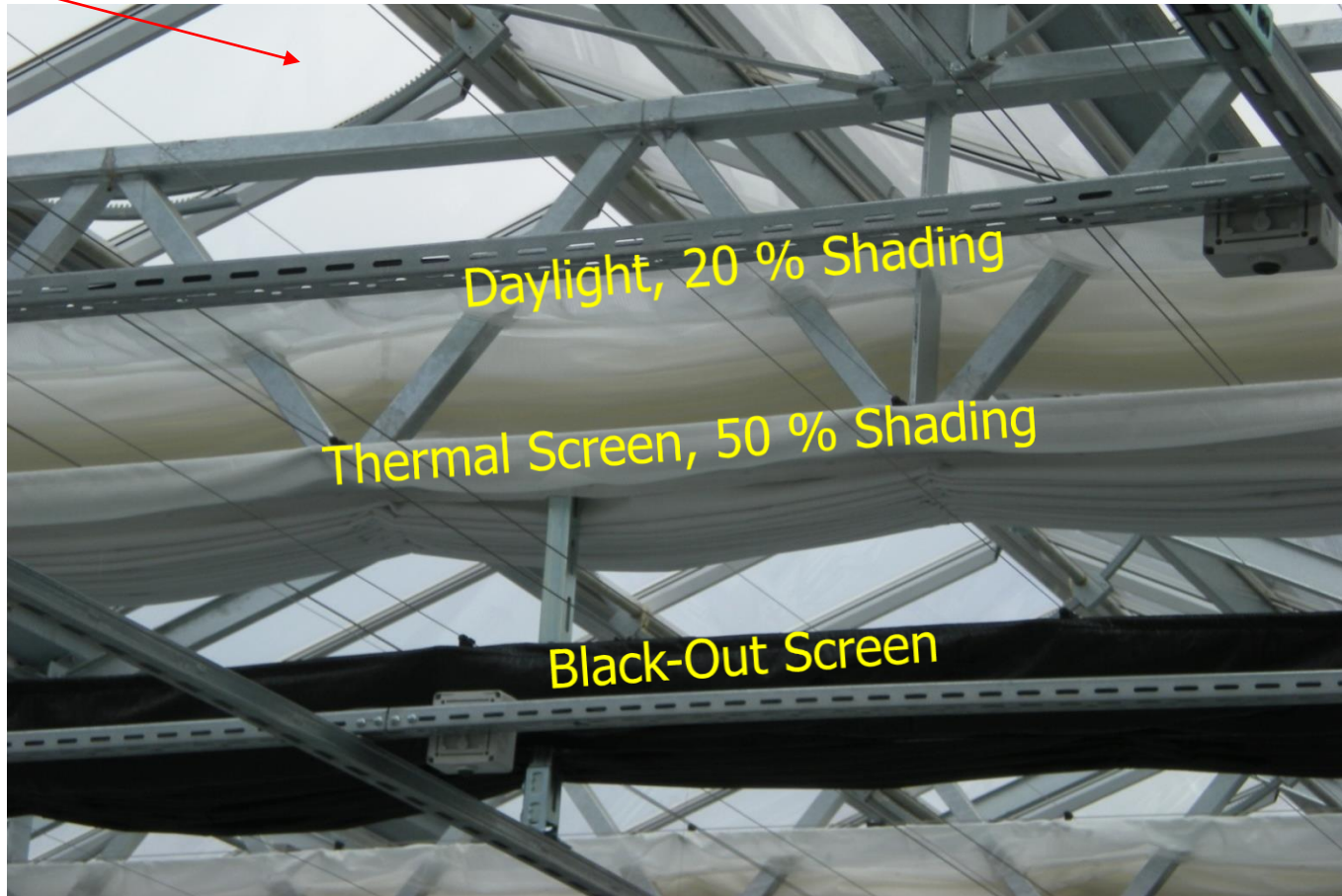
- Light transmittig Material (Daytime-screen) SHS 15 in B1 (Novavert)
- Tissue with Alu: Pyro Silver 50 in B1 (Reimann)
- Blackout screen XLS Obscura Revolux in B1 (Ludvig Svensson)

## Problems:

- Air-Humidity

# Energy-Saving-Installations Hannover:

## Insulating Glass + triple Screens



# Use of solar Energy



## **Exspectations:**

- Long-term CO<sub>2</sub> Dosage
- Climate-Regulation to plant demand

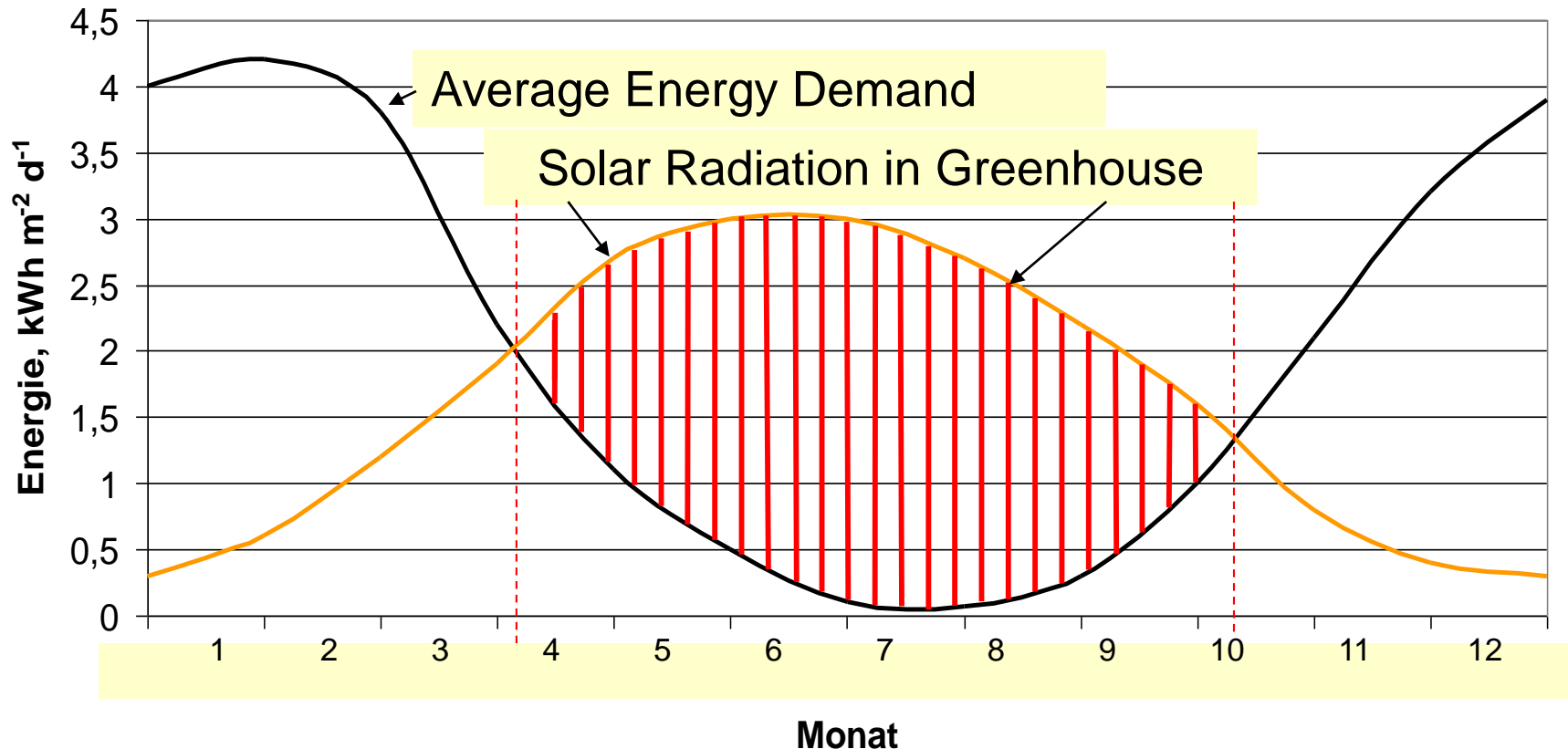
## **Technical Solution:**

- Venting as late as possible (CO<sub>2</sub>-Dosage)
- Low Temperature Heat Exchangers
- Storage of solar Energy in insulated Waterbuffers (Day-Night-Storage)

# Energy-Demand & Solar Radiation

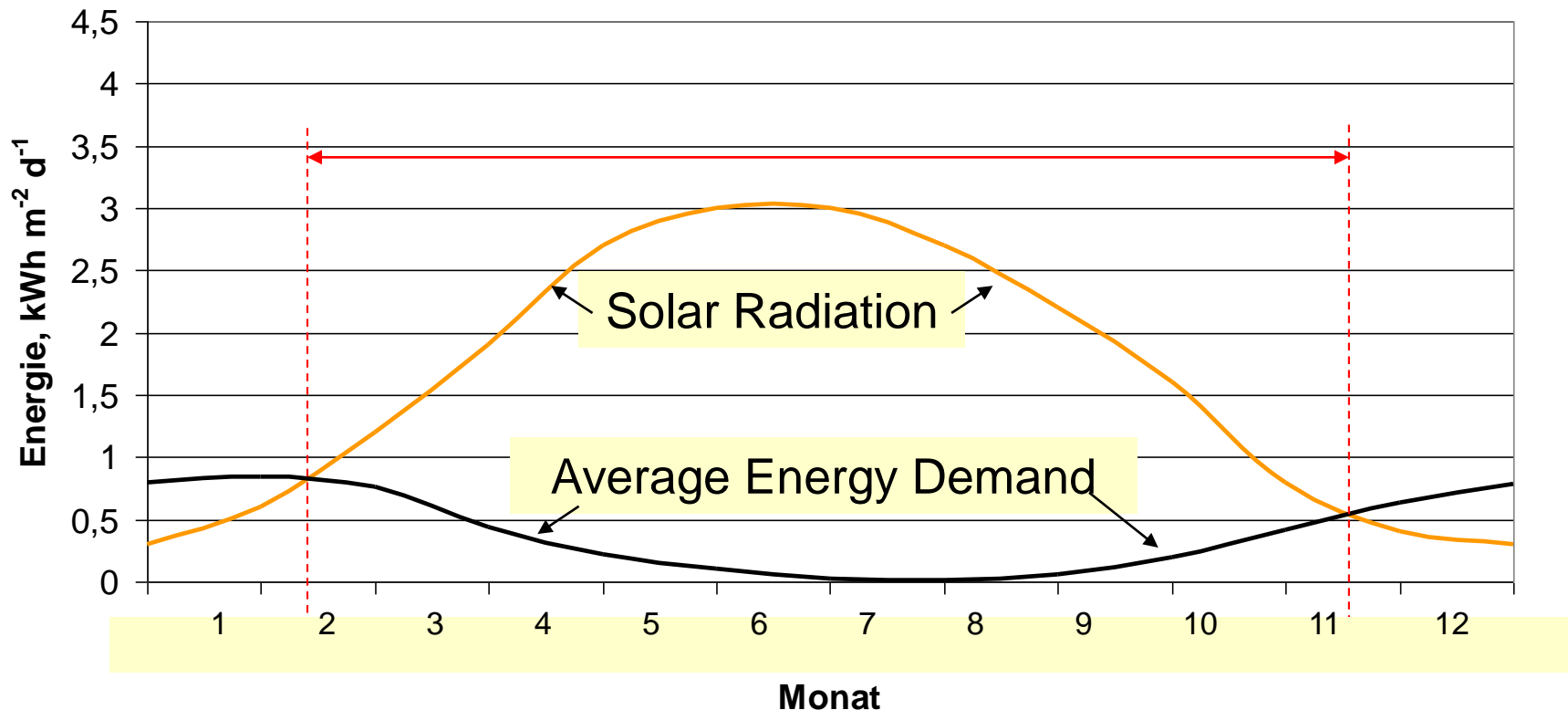


Conventional Greenhouse  
Hannover (Example),  $\Theta_i = 15\text{ °C}$   
Single Cover

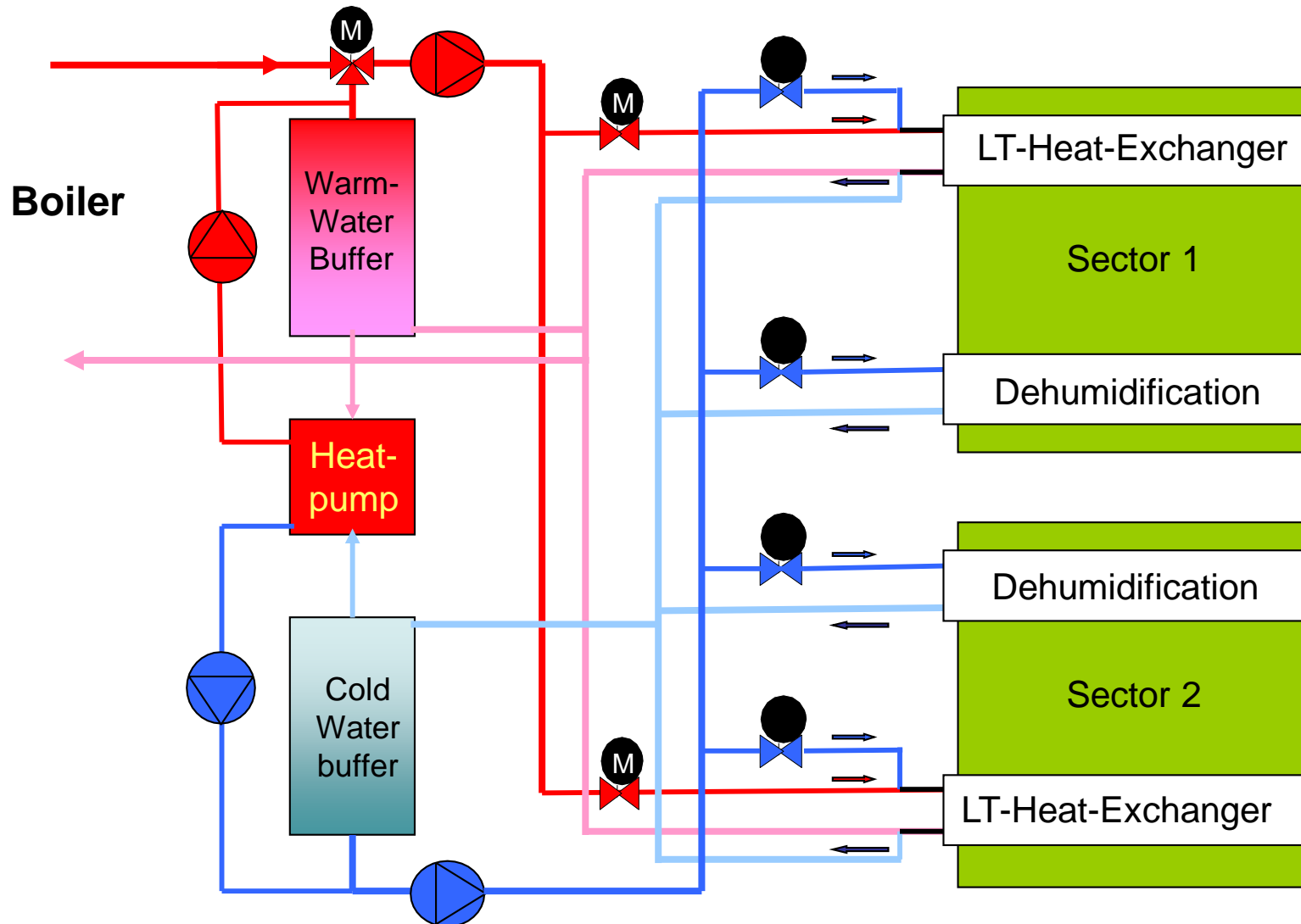


# Energy-Demand & Solar Radiation

Low-Energy-Greenhouse Hannover (Beispiel),  
 $\Theta_i = 15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$   
Insulating Glass, triple Screen

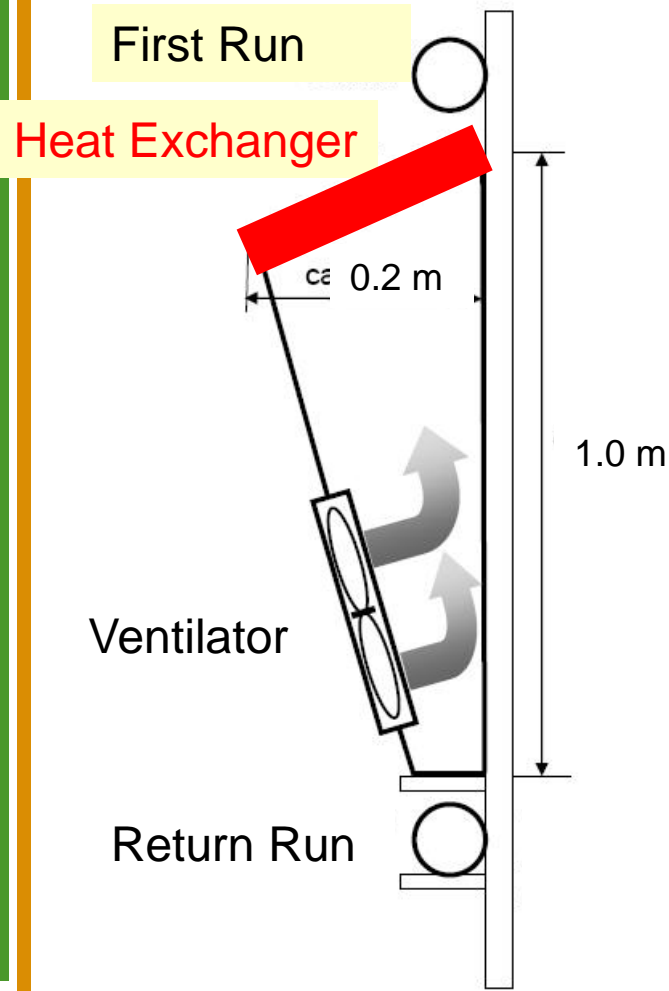


# Hannover Storage Scheme





# Low Temperature (LT) Heat Exchanger



# Storage & Heat Pump



Heat Pump (28 kW)  
→ 30 W/m<sup>2</sup>



Warm- and Cold Water  
Storage (50 m<sup>3</sup>)

# Results of Measurements on Heat Consumption Hannover

Insulated Glass & triple thermal Screens

Energy Savings (By Night) in Comparison to Insulated Glass &/ Single Glass with 1 Screen (40 % Saving)

Kind of Insulation	measured	Saving	Saving
	$U_{cs}$ -Wert	Insulating Glass $U_{cs} = 4,0$	Single Glass + 1 Screen $U_{cs} = 4,6$
	$W m^{-2} K^{-1}$	%	%
Insulated Glass	4,0	0	14
Insulated Glass & daylight Screen	3,0	27	38
Insulated Glass & 2 Screens	2,1	47	54
Insulated Glass & 3 Screens	1,2	70	74

(Tantau 2012)

# Results of Measurements on Heat Consumption Hannover

Insulated Glass & triple thermal Screens;  
Ratio of latent Energy on Heat Consumption

(Assumption: No Condensation, inner Energy-Transfercoefficient  $h_i = 8 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ;  
with Condensation  $h_i = 14 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ )

Type of Insulation	$U_{cs}$ measured	Part of latent heat
	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$	%
Insulating Glass	4,0	17,7
Insulating Glass + Daylight-Screen	3,0	13,8
Insulating Glass + two Screens	2,1	10,1
Insulating Glass + three Screens	1,2	6,0

(Tantau 2012)

## Calculated

Transpiration  $m_{tr}$  Blatt  $\theta_{le}$ , Bedachung  $\theta_{si}$ ,  $\theta_i = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\theta_e = 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  
 $\text{LAI} = 3$ ;  $A_s/A_g = 1,5$ )

Roof-Material	$U_{lat}$ $W$ $m^{-2} K^{-1}$	$\theta_{si}$ $^\circ\text{C}$	$\theta_{le}$ $^\circ\text{C}$	$m_{tr}$ $g$ $m^{-2} h^{-1}$
Single Glass	<b>6.7</b>	6.7	18.5	<b>47.1</b>
Insulating Glass	<b>3.2</b>	13.3	19.2	<b>28.5</b>
PMMA "Alltop" 16 mm	<b>2.6</b>	14.4	19.3	<b>24.5</b>
PMMA 32 mm, 4-Layers	<b>1.7</b>	16.4	19.5	<b>16.7</b>
Thermal-Stop Glass	<b>1.1</b>	17.6	19.7	<b>11.9</b>
Single Glass & Screen	<b>3.4</b>	3.4	18.8	<b>45.4</b>
Single Glass & 3 Screens	<b>1.3</b>	1.5	19.3	<b>31.0</b>
Insulating Glass & 3 Screens	<b>1.1</b>	4.8	19.4	<b>27,7</b>

## ❖ **Insulating Glass & 3 Screens**

→ 70 % Energy-Saving in Comparison to Single Glass + Screen

## ❖ **Latent Heat:** Share by potplants 30 bis 60 %,

Low Influence on heat Consumption by maximum Insulation - Low

## ❖ Clear Reduction of Transpiration

## ❖ Screens: in Comparison higher Transpiration

# Plant results with *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (Horscht, 2011)

- ❖ Potting CW 28, Trimming CW 30 to 5 - 6 Stems (CW = Calendar Week)
- ❖ 12-cm Pot, final Density 12 Pflanzen/m<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ 5 Cultivars (Premium Red, Mira Red, Champion Red, Christmas Eve, Freedom Early)

	Temperaturvarianten				
	Niedrigenergiegewächshaus				Standard
	1	2	3	4	5
Langtag KW 28-39	16°C HT, 22°C WR, 26°C LT  Ø TMT 21,7°C				KW 33 20°C HT, 22°C LT KW 34 16°C HT, 20°C LT  Ø TMT 19,9°C
Kurztag ab KW 40	verdunkelt ab KW37	unverdunkelt	verdunkelt ab KW 37	unverdunkelt	unverdunkelt
	12°C HT, 20°C WR, 26°C LT		16°C HT, 20°C WR, 26°C LT		

HT = heating Setpoint    TMT = average Day Temperature  
 LT = Ventilation Setpoint  
 WR = heat recovery

# Kulturversuch mit *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (2011)

Cultivar : 'Freedom Early'





# Plant results with *Euphorbia pulcherrima*

(Horscht, 2011)

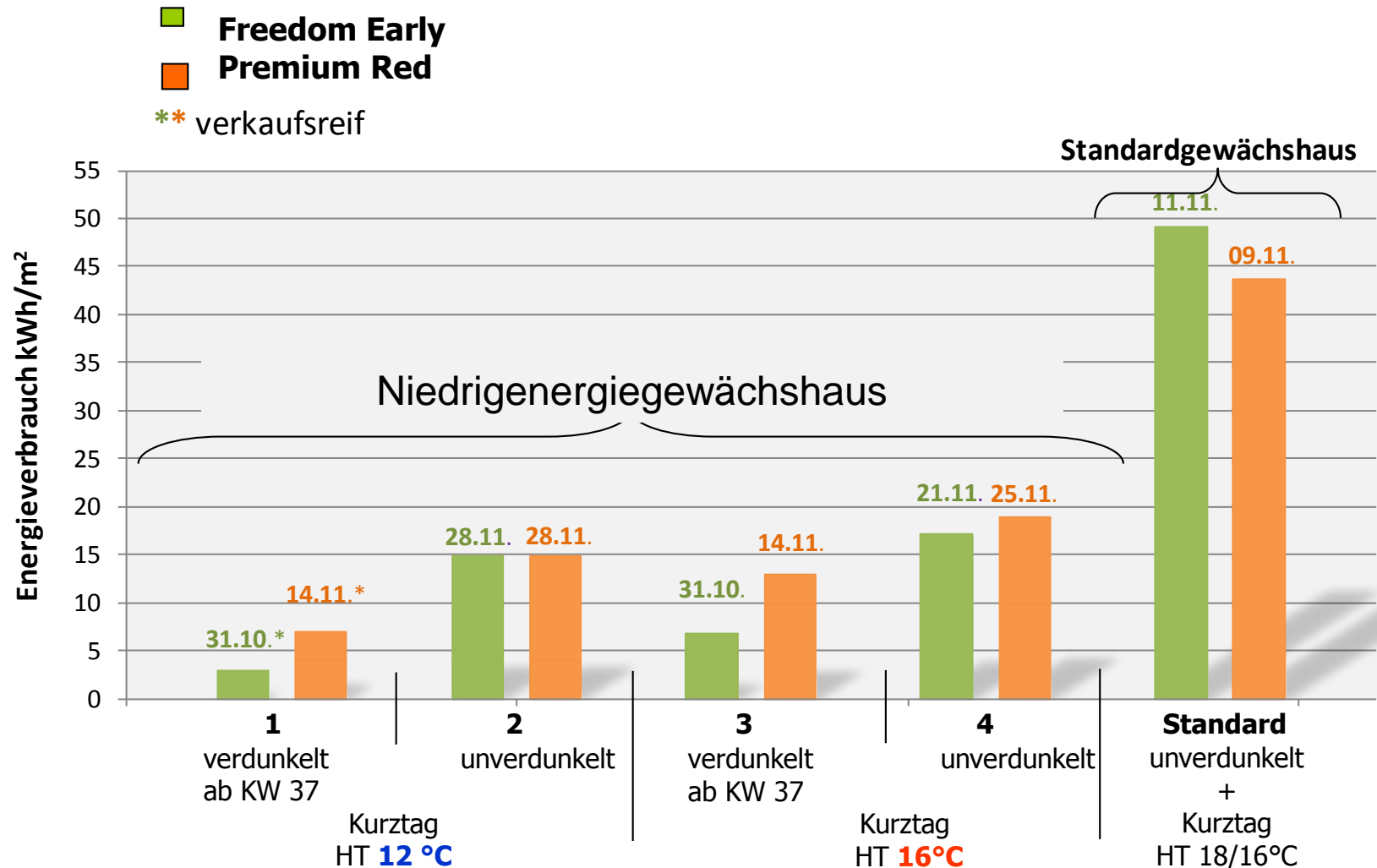
Cultivar : 'Premium Red'



# Results with *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (2011)



## Energy-Consumption by different Treatments



## Summary – System-Technical Investigations

- ❖ Energy-Saving: 62 % bis 85 %
- ❖ **Good to very Good Plant Quality**
- ❖ Reduced Evapotranspiration  
→ Adaption of Watering & Fertilisation
- ❖ Higher Air-Humidity: No phytosanitarian Problems
- ❖ Light-Loss: No Influence on Output / Harvest

- Abstinence to active Solarenergy-Use:
  - Too low Workload, Energy-Need from March to October low
  - Ammount of Electrical Power for Low-Temperature Heat Exchangers & Heat Pump
- Passive Solar-Uuse is very effective (ca. 12 K by Night)
  - Energy-Storage in the Ground etc.
- Actions to Energy-Saving:
  - Roof Two-Layer Plates (Alltop) (Insulating Glass AR-coatet Price?)
  - Sides Three-Layer Plates (S3P)
  - Three Screenes, small Packages, supported on Wires
  - Temperature-Sum-Strategies

# Recommendations for the Grower:

## Changed Growing Conditions:

- Raised Air-Humidity:
  - Irrigation-System with dry Table Surfaces at Night (Ebb & Flood)
  - Cultivate more dry
  - Dehumidification-Strategy via Heating, Screens & Heating & Ventilation
- lower Transpiration
  - Lower Water input
  - Adopt Concentration of Fertilizers
- Light-Loss
  - Konstruktion with high transmissivity
  - Small Screen-packages, Integration in the Konstruktion
- CO<sub>2</sub>-Concentration:
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-Enrichment

# ZINEG Greenhouses at Osnabrück Hochschule



## **Only Change: Glass to WSG (Heat-Protection-Glass)**

By that :

lower Energy-demand, smaller Heating-System,  
no upper Pipe-Heating (No Radiation from above)

lower Radiation – lower Transpiration?

Lower Water Consumption ?

adjusted Fertilizer-Concentration ?

Less Shading needed ?

Cultures: Pot-Ornamentals, Vegetables (later)

# ZINEG Greenhouses at Osnabrück

## Hochschule

- Abandonnement to Light ( $> 80\%$ , U-Wert 1,1)  
-high Insulation  
-> Possible saving of Energy to ca. 70 % at ca. 20 °C Setpoint
- Mostly simple Strategy- one Material for all Sides' =
- Heat Protection Glass

72% Netto-Culture-Area – Aim: High Air-Humidity

# ZINEG Greenhouses at Osnabrück Hochschule

- Venlo type
- Ventilation Opening on full Length
- Basic Size: 12,0 m \* 12,0 m
- Height of Gutter 4,0 m
- Shading: Thermal Screen on Top
- Rolling Screens on East-, South- & Westside
- Ebb- Flood- Tables



# ZINEG Greenhouses at Osnabrück Hochschule ( from South)



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## **Monitoring Greenhouse (Ko)**

- Snowload 0,25 kN/m<sup>2</sup>
- 4 mm Floatglass
- Lattice Profile: Sapa Variolux 16

### Hating-System:

- Pipe heating under the Tables
- Convector
- high Pipe heating

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## Experimental House (WSG)

- Snow-Load 0,75 kN/m<sup>2</sup>
- 26 mm Heat Protection Glass:
  - Semco Star S Ug= 1,1 W/m<sup>2</sup>K
- Lattice Profile: Sapa Variolux Termo 26 Profile

### Heating-System

- Pipe heating under the Tables
- Convector

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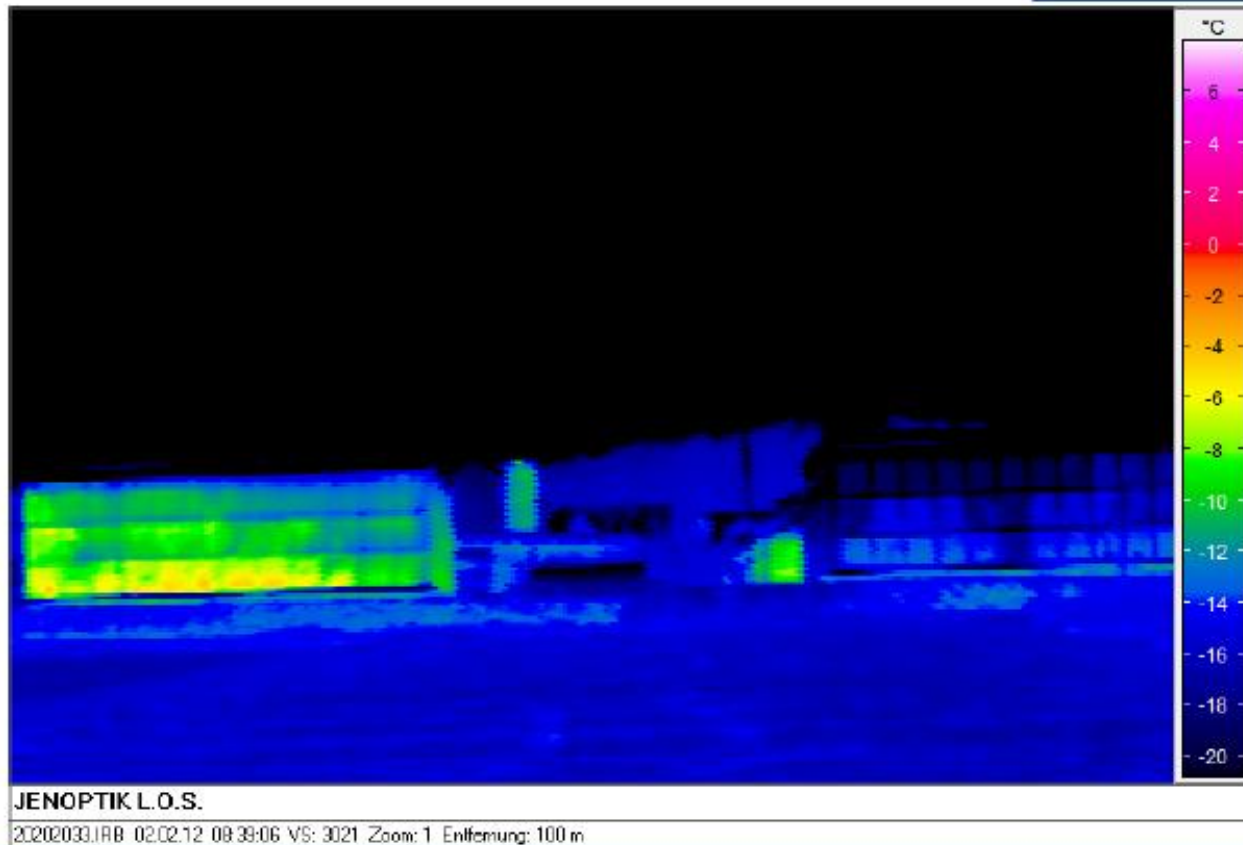
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## Experimental (WSG)



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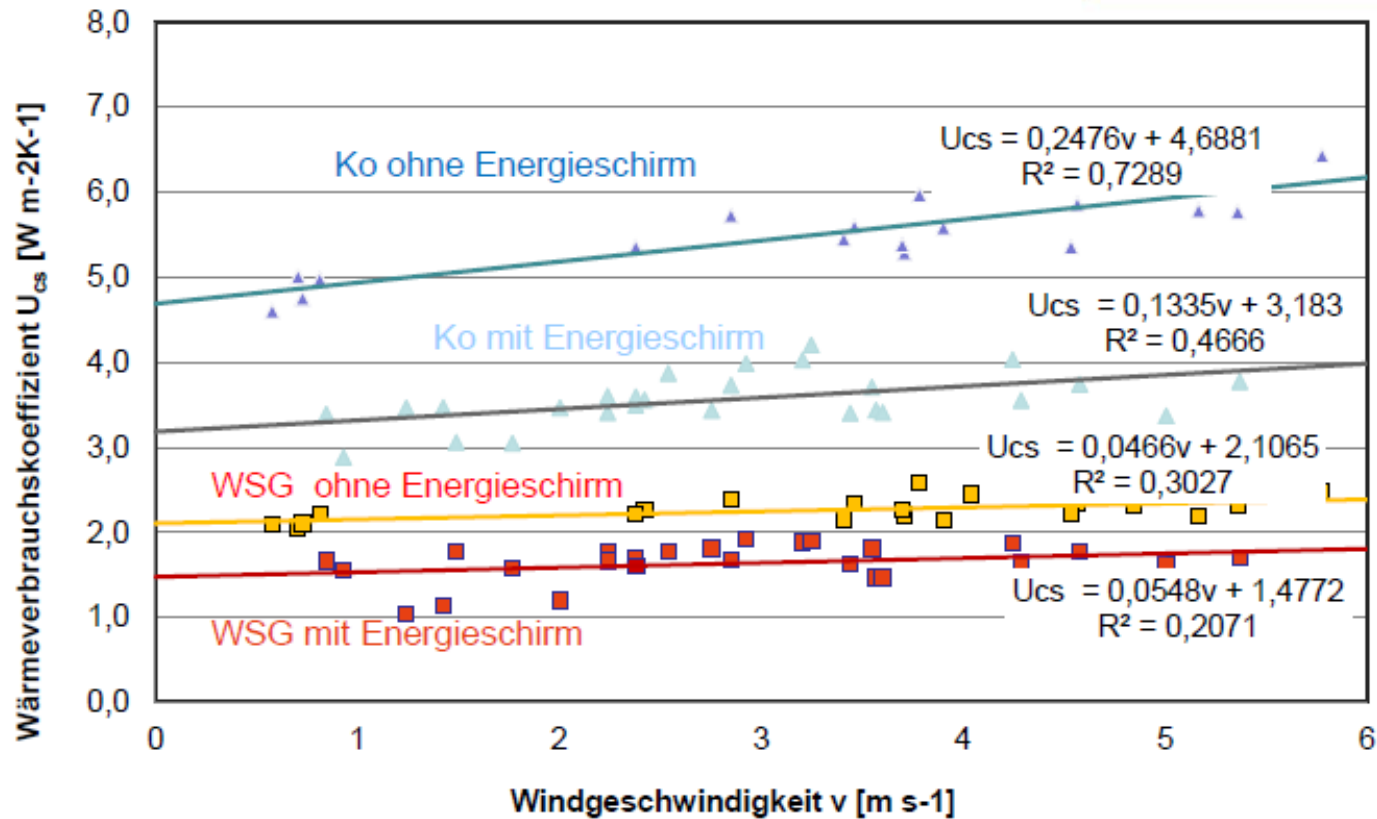


Thermal  
Photo of the  
Greenhouses  
in a Winter-  
Night

Quelle: H-P. Roemer, ZINEG, 2012

# Osnabrück ZINEG Results

## Energy-Consumption



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# Light-Reduction WS- Glass

Transmissivity Glass = 80 % (Lux)  
Transmissivity Glass = 75 % (PAR)  
= Reduction 12 % to Normal Glass

Globalradiation( 300 – 3.000 nm)  
Reduction 40% to Control-House

Strong Transmissivity-Loss in IR-Range  
= lower Heat Load during Day

Transmissivity Construction:  
Control-House 54 % (Reduction by 46 %)  
WS- Glass 45 % (Reduction by 55%)

# Osnabrück: Heat-Protection-Glass

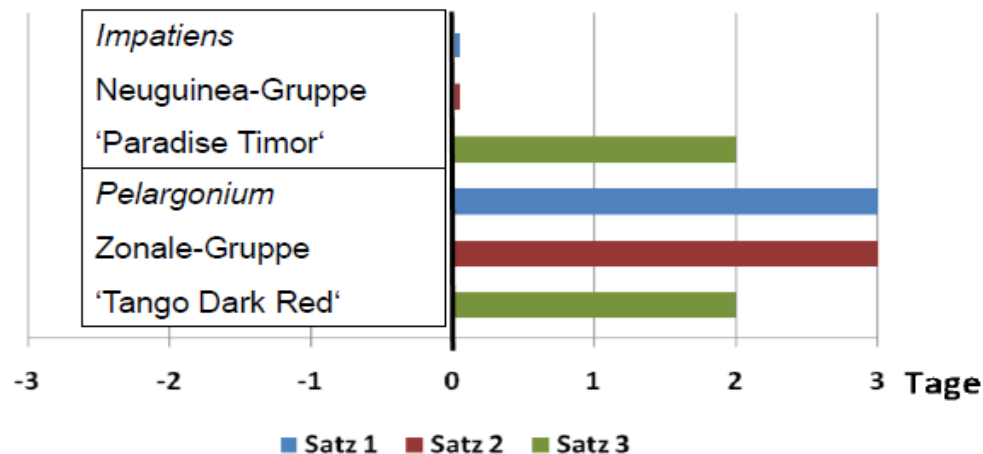
## Pflanzenwachstum

Relative Kulturdauer von Impatiens und Pelargonien unter Einfach- und Wärmeschutzglas (Kulturdauer: Tage bis 60 % der Pflanzen verkaufsfähig)



Tage Kulturdauer unter Wärmeschutzglas

kürzer länger als Kontrolle  
Kulturzeit der Kontrolle erreicht





# Results Osnabrück

## Plant-Production

- Higher Air Humidity under WS- Glass = lower Transpiration
- No Botrytis- Infestation
- No big Differences (max. 10 %) in :  
Hight, Diameter, Plant-Weight, Plant-Quality, Harvest-Date

## outlay and aims of the experiment greenhouse

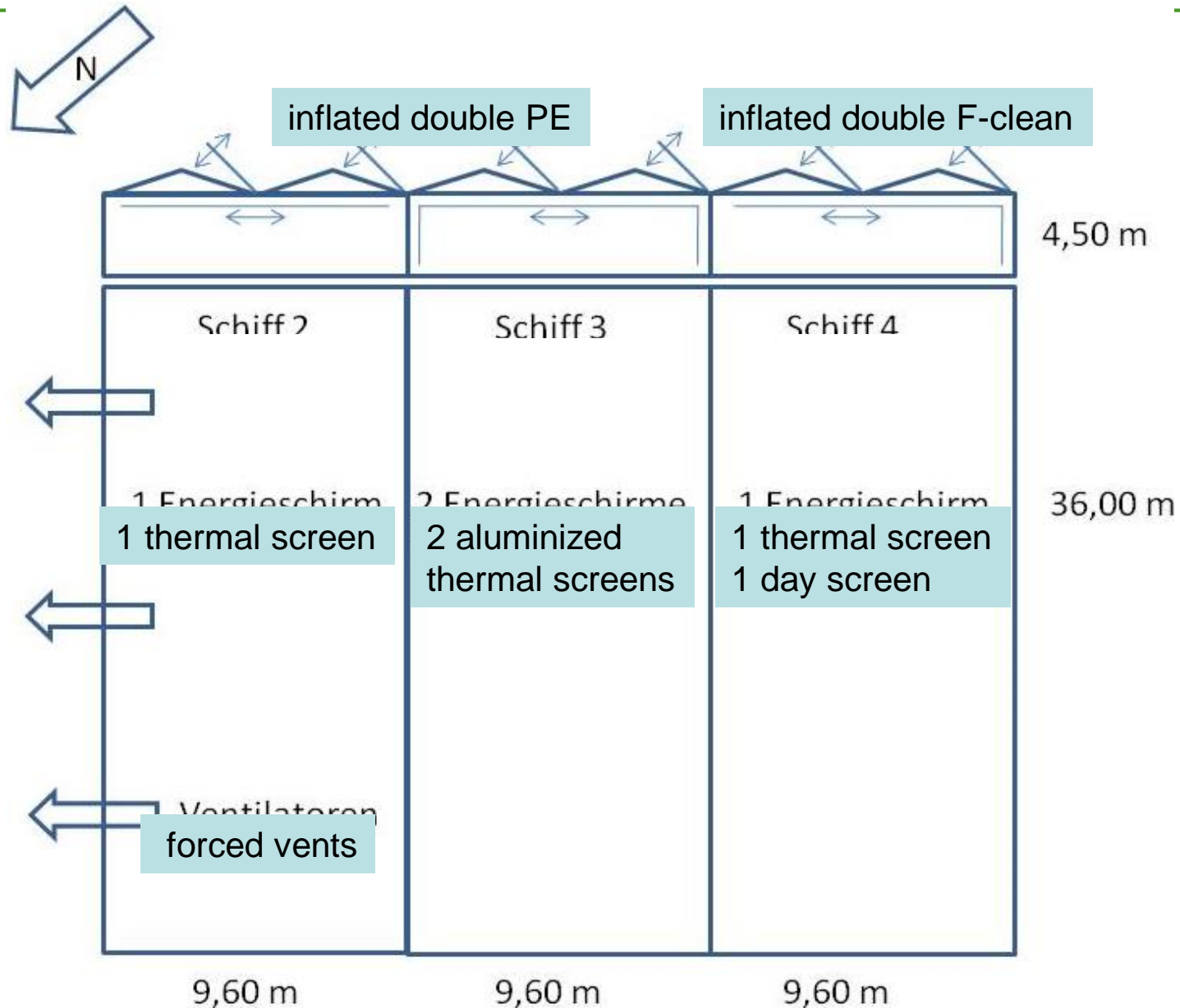
**lighthouse project**



**to show the right direction**

- **greenhouse for organic vegetable production**
- **optimized film plastic construction**
- **very good insulation**
- **non fossil heating system and**
- **automatic monitoring of the production processes and**
- **calculation of a product specific carbon footprint**





## Compartment 1 with inflated double PE roof and one thermal screen



## Compartment 2 with inflated double PE roof and two IR reflective thermal screens



## Compartment 3 with inflated double F-clean roof and one thermal screen plus one day-time screen



# Attention to the wide opening ventilators



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## Container with wood pellet burner and –storage and heat storage



By means of the heat storage heat production and heat consumption can be separated. This leads to an instant heat availability and to a better burner efficiency when the storage is loaded



The burner system can work fully automated



## **additional equipment**

### **Climate control computer for**

**optimized climate control and spec.**

**avoiding humidity problems**

**on-line process documentation and evaluation**

### **adapted heating system for**

**optimizing leaf temperatures and humidity control**

**optimizing micro-climate**

### **insect proof ventilation in one greenhouse**

**reducing infestation**

The corrugated heat pipes send long wave radiation particularly to the leaves; this increases leaf temperature and diminishes humidity problems

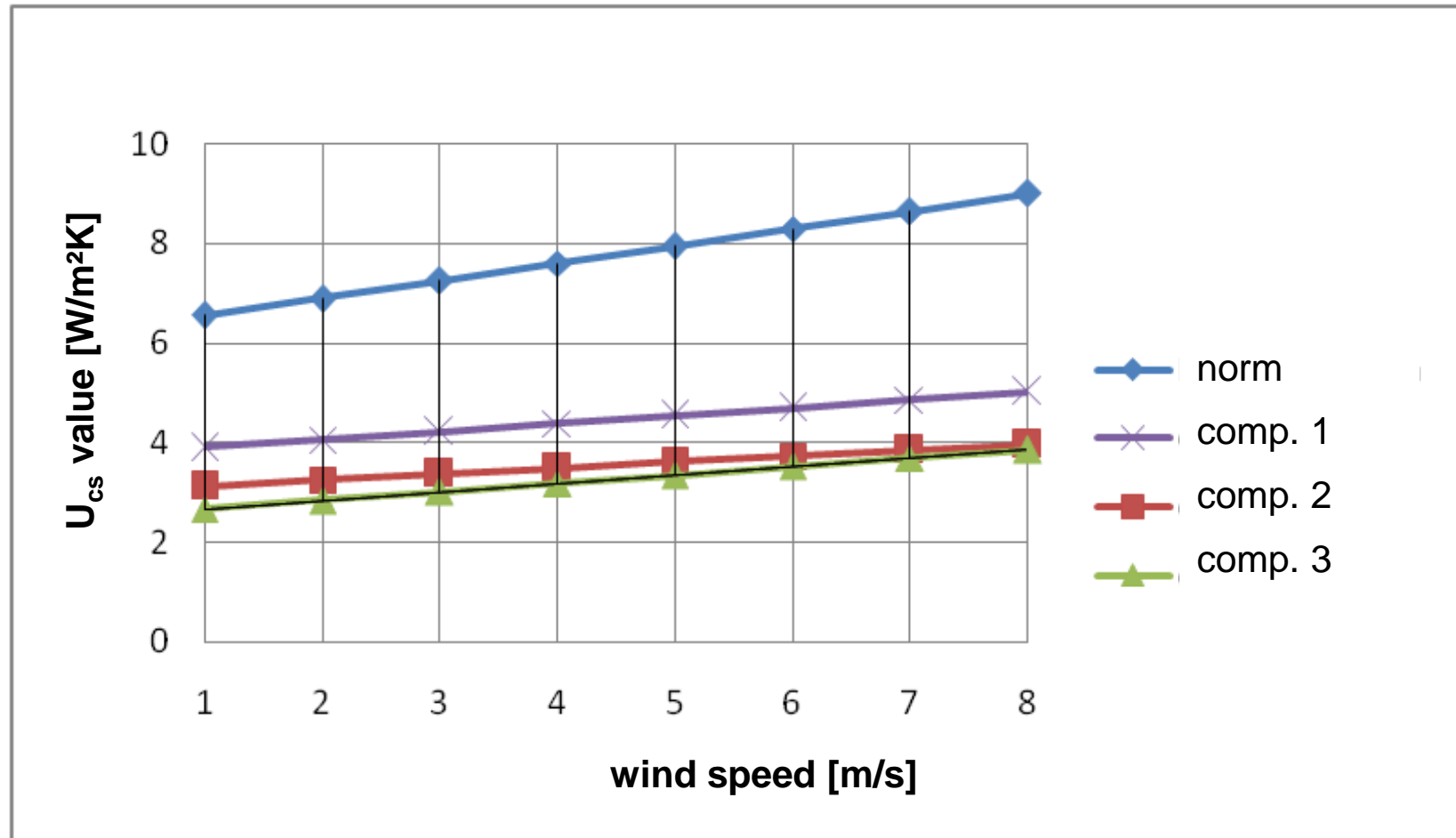


## Energy Consumption Coefficient “ $U_{cs}$ ”

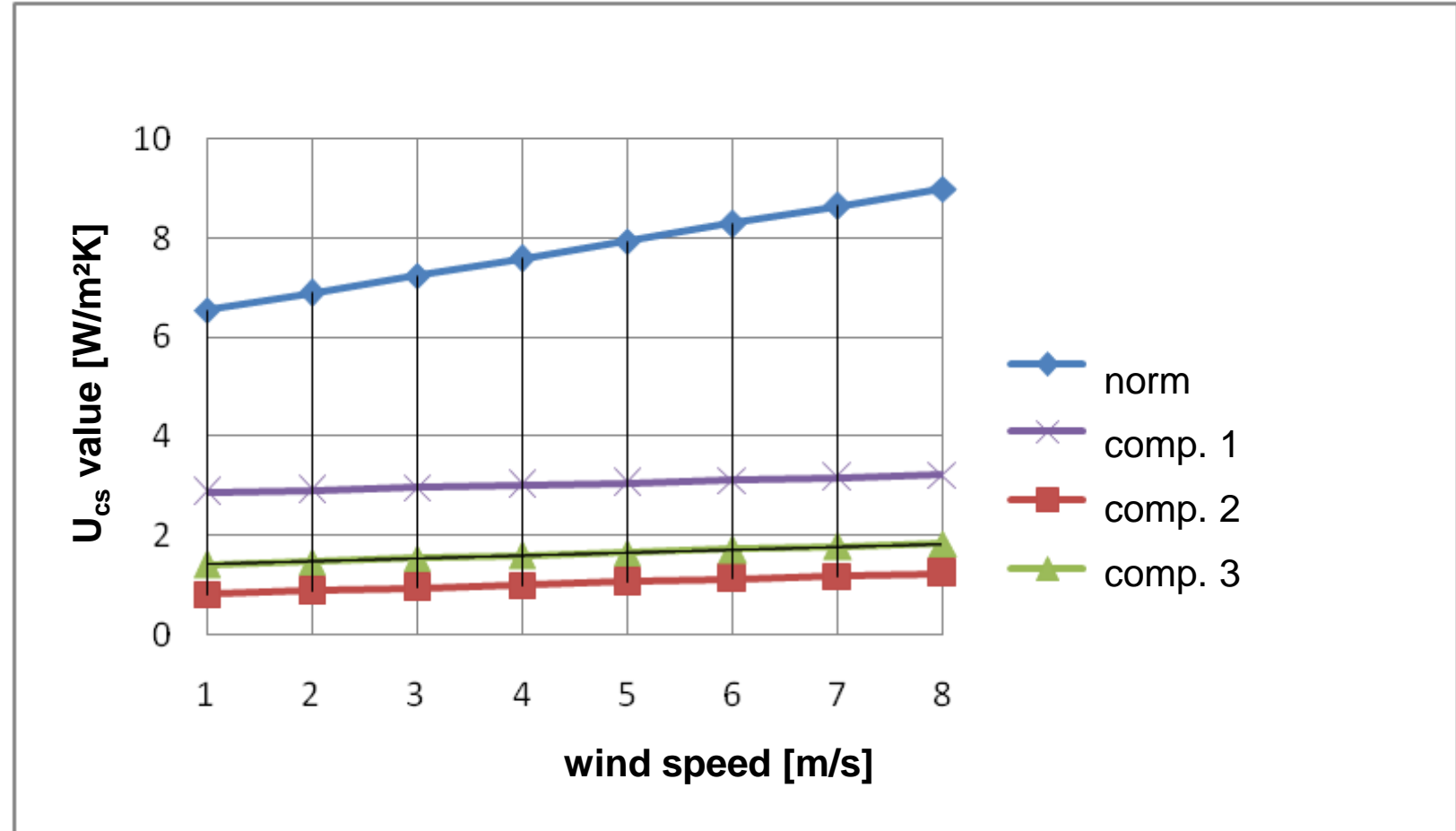
The amount of energy that is transported through one square meter of greenhouse surface, at a temperature difference of 1K (1°C), between inside and outside temperature.

**Energy Consumption Coefficient “ $U_{cs}$ ” of a non insulated greenhouse is around 7,6 W/m<sup>2</sup> K**

## thermal screens open



## thermal screens closed





## Results of the measurements of the heat consumption coefficient

	Compartment 1	Compartment 2	Compartment 3	Reference single glass
	U'-value at a wind speed of 4 m/s	U'-value at a wind speed of 4 m/s	U'-value at a wind speed of 4 m/s	U'-value at a wind speed of 4 m/s
Open thermal screens	4,3	4,6	3,1	7,6
Closed thermal screens	2,9	0,9	1,4	
Energy-saving with screens	~60%	~90%	~80%	Compared to the reference 7,6

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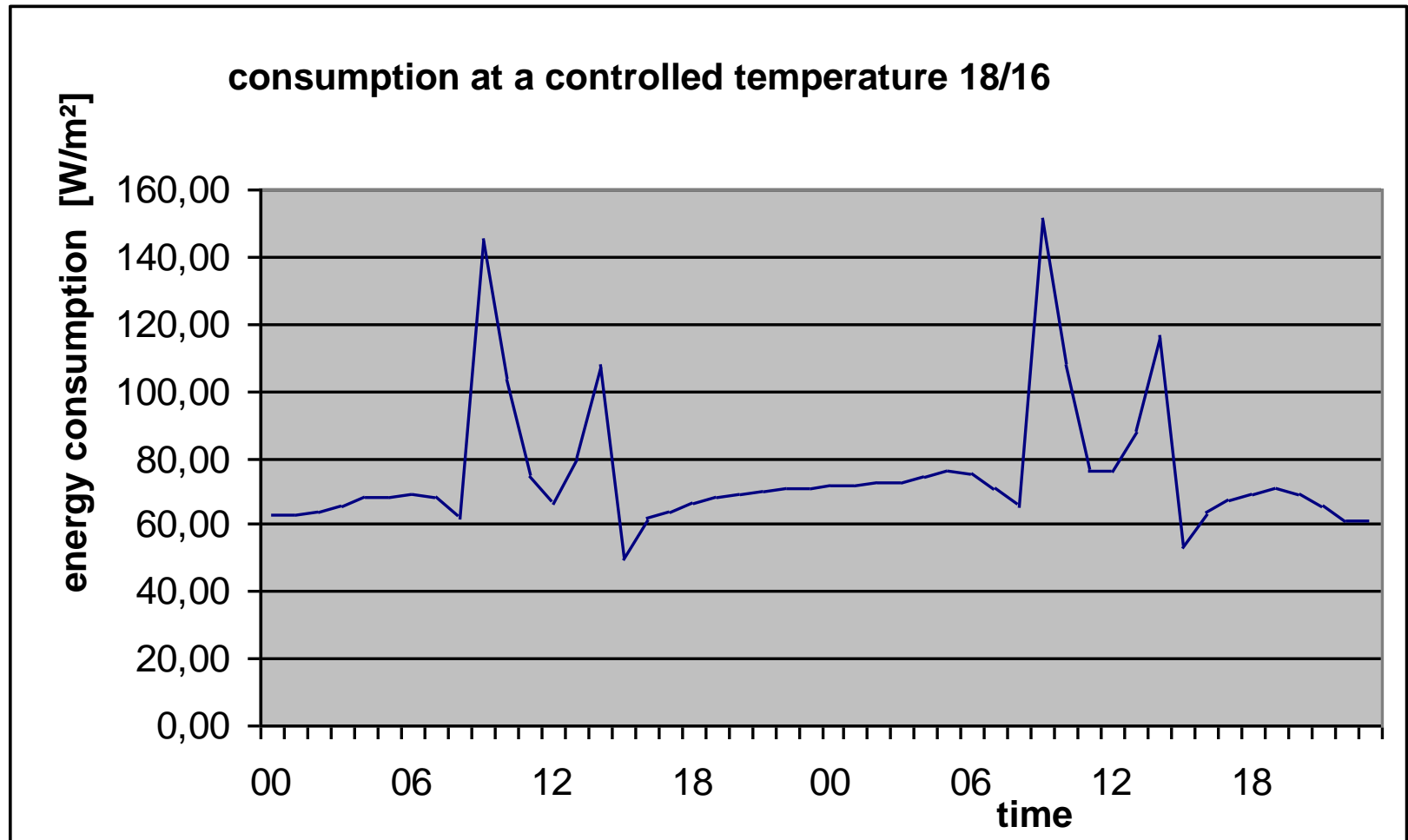
**No!!!!**

**There are at least three points missing!**

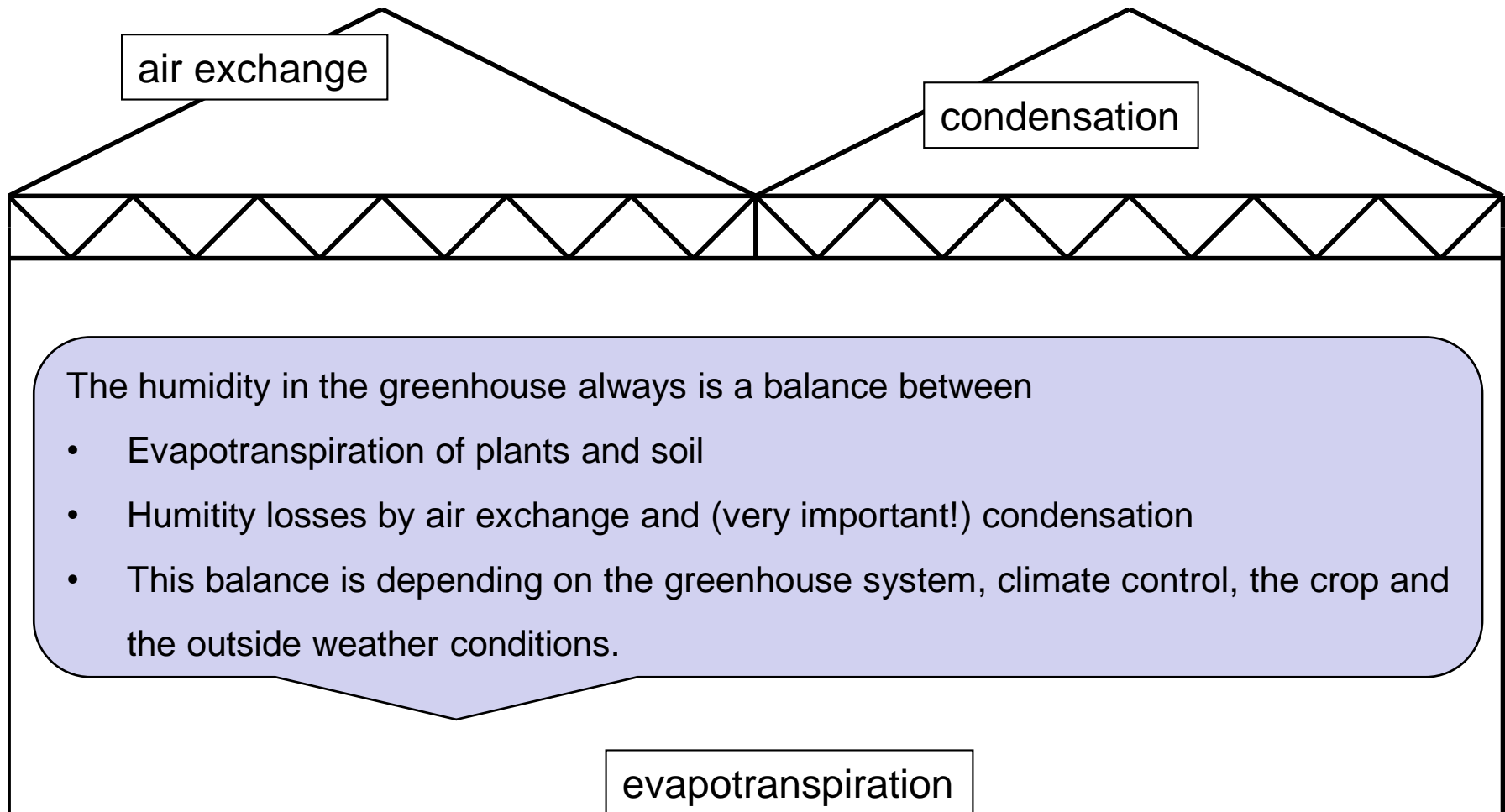
**For a given technical system the true energy saving is mainly influenced by the knowledge of the grower**

- **During a production period the saving is influenced mainly by the temperature control strategy**
- **During a production period the saving is influenced mainly by the humidity control strategy**
- **And the energy efficiency is moreover mainly influenced by the cropping results**

# calculated daily course of energy consumption in a very good insulated greenhouse



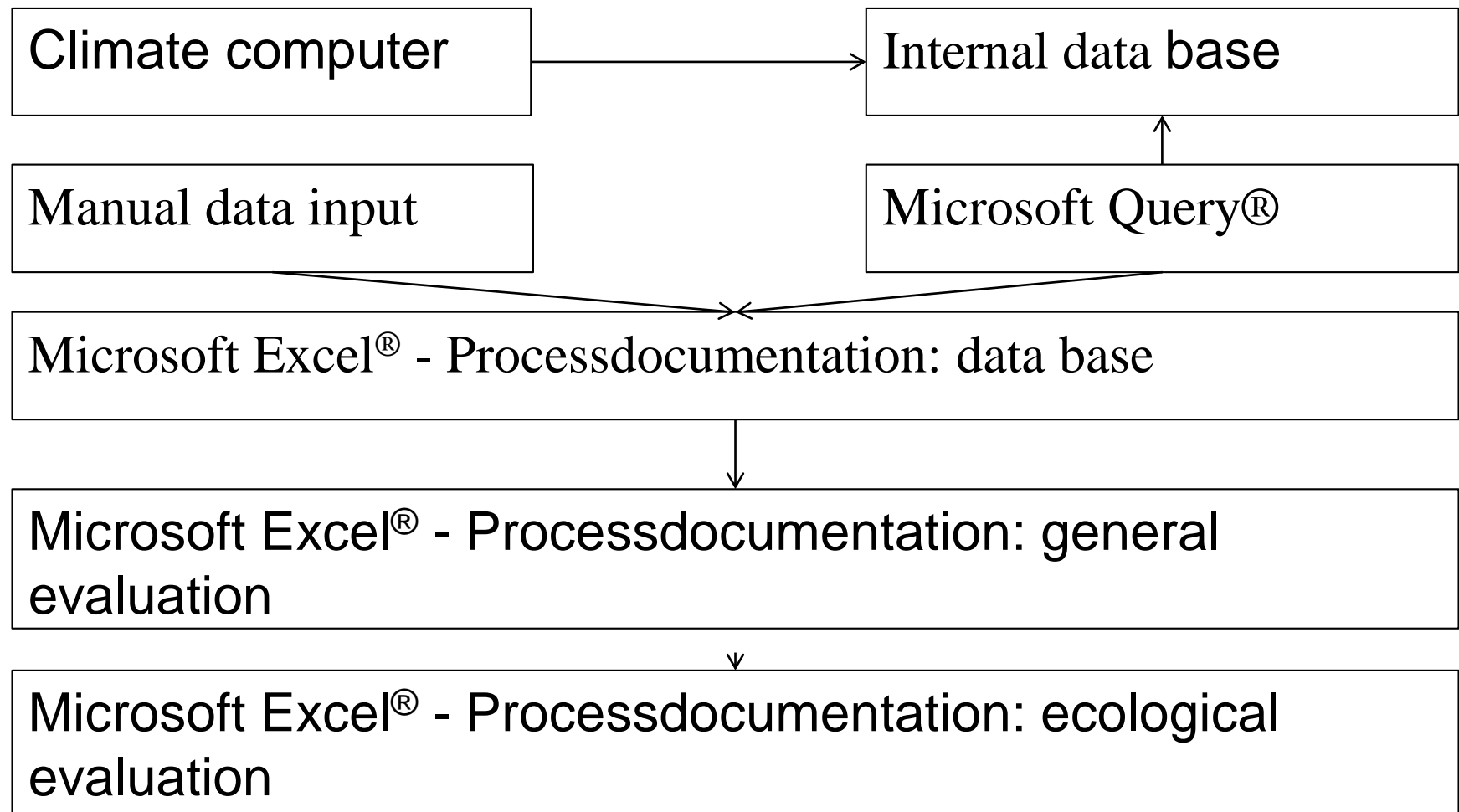
## The humidity problem



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## Processdocumentation – data transfer and converting





## Tomato Production 2012

- Greenhouse size of every section 346 m<sup>2</sup>
- Production area 104 m<sup>2</sup>
- Production time 22.02. - 29.11.2012

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### Entire harvest (kg)

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
Entire harvest	5100	4140	6155

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## Processdocumentation „Tomate 2012“

- use of heating material in kg (wood pellets)

Functional unit	Greenhouse section 1	Greenhouse section 2	Greenhouse section 3
Entire consumption	8900	5800	5000
Consumption/m <sup>2</sup>	25	16	14
Consumption/kg	2,1	1,3	0,8

## Results for the practical grower

**Heated film plastic greenhouses should be equipped with inflated double roofs.**

**Multi-layer thermal screens are a most interesting investment (which screen are chosen depends on heat and shading demand of the crop)**

**Radiant heating systems in the crop area improve humidity conditions considerably**

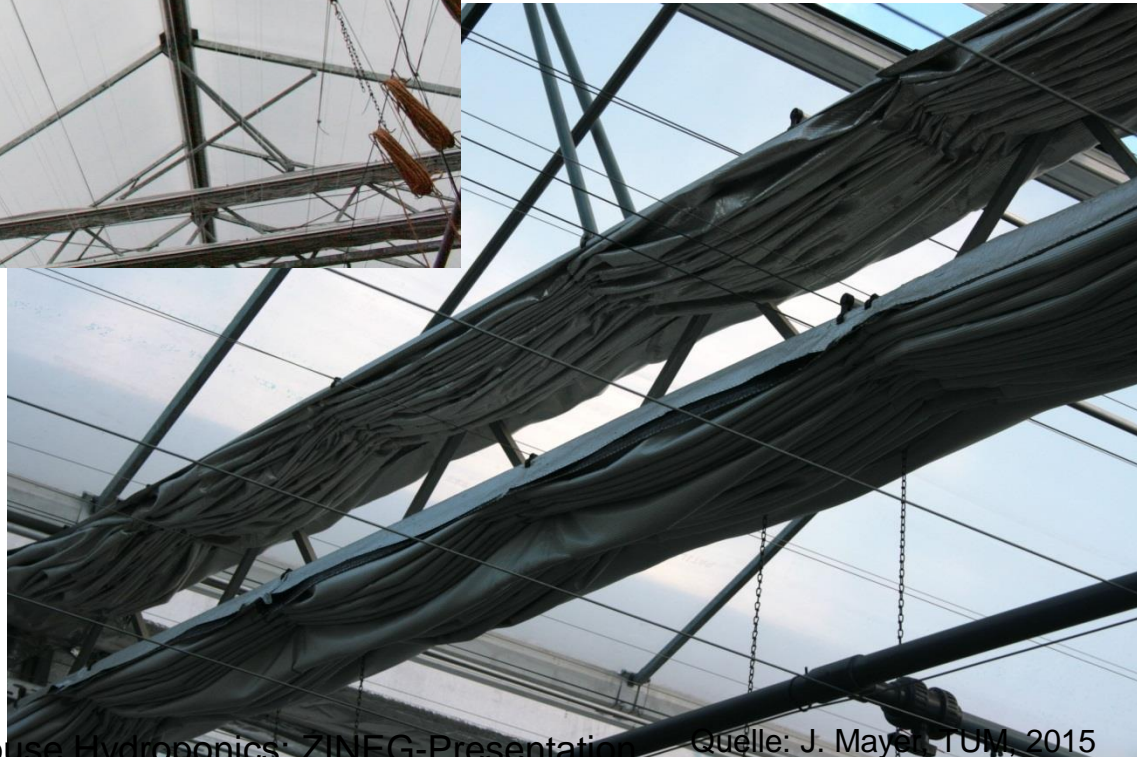
**Good control equipment is absolutely necessary**

**Passive solar energy use can be optimized by temperature integration**

**Heat supply by alternative energy resources as much as possible**

**To avoid humidity problems most attention should be given to the humidity sources e.g. unnecessary evaporation, irrigation at the wrong time .**

# improved screens in greenhouse 2



# improved screens in greenhouse 3



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