

# Strategic Decision Making For Zero Energy Buildings in Jordan



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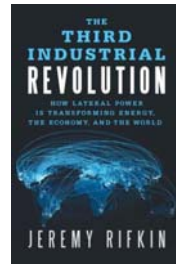
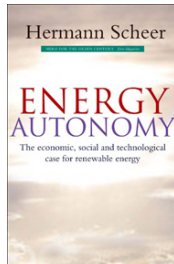
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## Sustainable High Performance Communities Third Industrial Revolution: Post Fossil Fuel Era



*Jeremy Rifkin 2010*

- Decentralized Renewable Energy
- Energy Storage
- Smart Transmission Grid
- Zero Emission Transportation
- Building as Micro Plant

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## 1. Research Objective

**Executive Order 13514 - "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance." ...Continued**

- **"zero-net-energy building"** means a building that is designed, constructed, and operated to require a greatly reduced quantity of energy to operate, meet the balance of energy needs from sources of energy that do not produce greenhouse gases, and therefore result in no net emissions of greenhouse gases and be economically viable.

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التقدم نحو استهلاك منخفض للطاقة أو صفر في المنازل في اوروبا

### *PROGRESS TOWARDS LOW & ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS IN EU MEMBER STATES*

#### Selected National Targets for New Buildings

Country	Target
Denmark	75% by 2020 (c.f. base year 2006)
Finland	Passive house standards by 2015
France	By 2020 new buildings are energy-positive
Germany	By 2020 buildings should be operating without fossil fuel
Hungary	Zero emissions by 2020
Ireland	Net zero energy buildings by 2013
Netherlands	Energy-neutral by 2020 (proposed)
Norway	Passive house standards by 2017
UK (England & Wales)	Zero carbon as of 2016 (see box overleaf)

*Adapted from: SBI (Danish Building Research Institute), "European National Strategies to move towards very low energy buildings", 2008*

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## EXAMPLES

L'ILET DU CENTRE, SAINT-PIERRE, ARCHITECTES : PERRAU, REYNAUD



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### TOWARDS NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS (NZEB) ZERO ENERGY OR PLUS, GERMANY

*Solar Siedlung Freiburg, Germany*

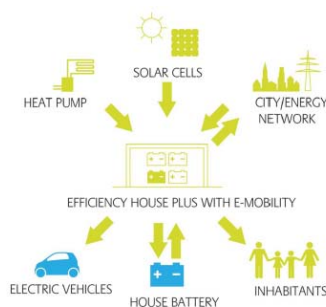
*Active House, Velux, in Copenhagen, Denmark*



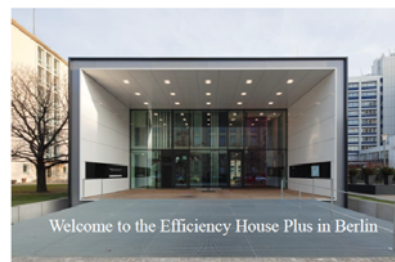
- Low energy buildings – 15 kWh/sqm/ year
- Large solar PV systems.
- Feed in tariffs guaranteed by German government.
- These buildings produce much more than they use!
- Introduced in Parliament 2008
- Zero in 2030
- Plus Energy 2040

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## EXAMPLES Efficiency House Plus with Electro-mobility Technical Information and Details



Federal Ministry  
of Transport, Building  
and Urban Development



#### Special features of the House:

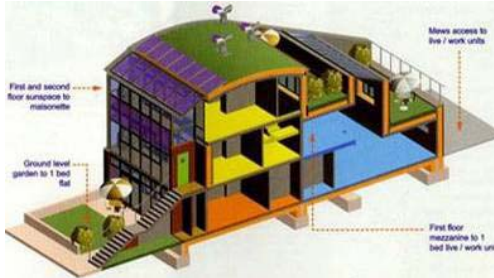


Source: Efficiency House Plus with Electro-mobility "My house is my filling station" presentation, [www.bmvbs.de](http://www.bmvbs.de), [www.zebau.de](http://www.zebau.de)

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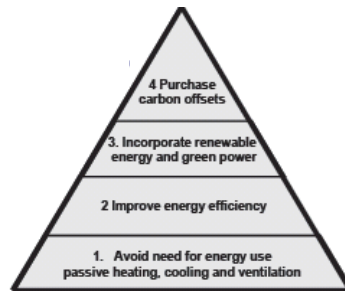
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### TOWARDS NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS (NZE) BEDZED, LONDON, UK



•Zero Carbon Buildings have been on agenda In UK since 2005.

How to ensure CO2 neutral in future ?



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## EXAMPLES

### NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LAB, NREL FACILITY, GOLDEN,



- Key Components of Performance-Based Strategy
- Performance-Based Request for Proposals
- National Competition for Conceptual Design
- Design-Build Acquisition Strategy
- Power Purchase Agreement

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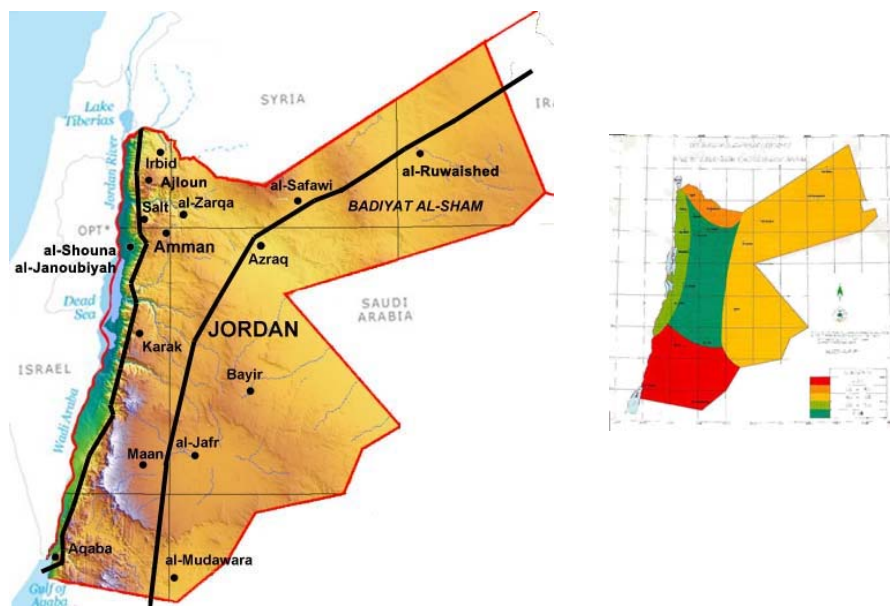
## SOLAR DECATHLON, 2012 MADRID



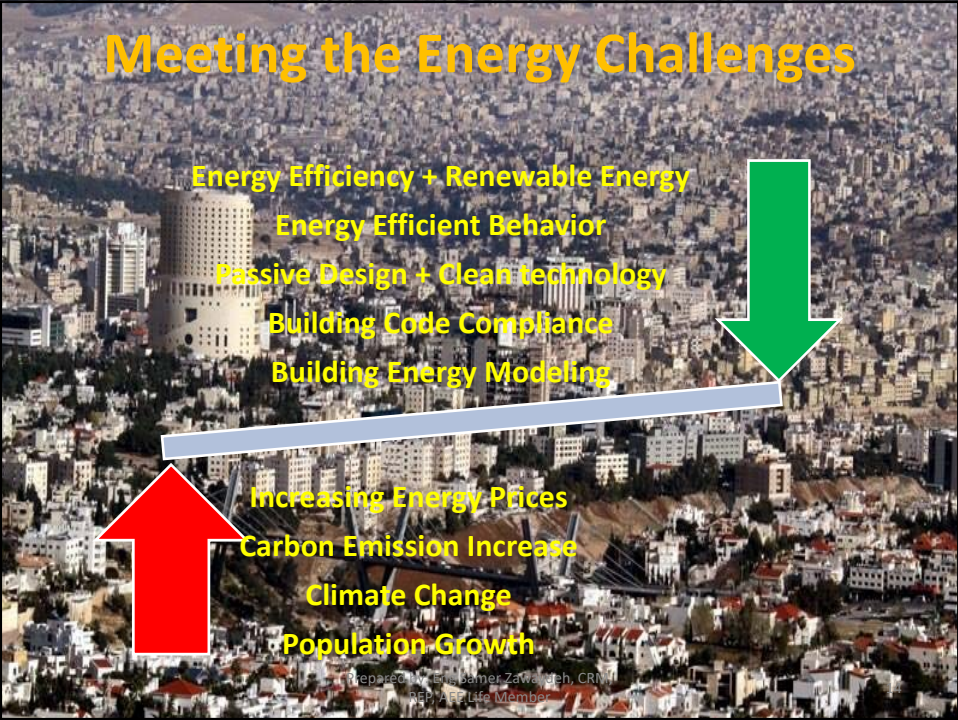
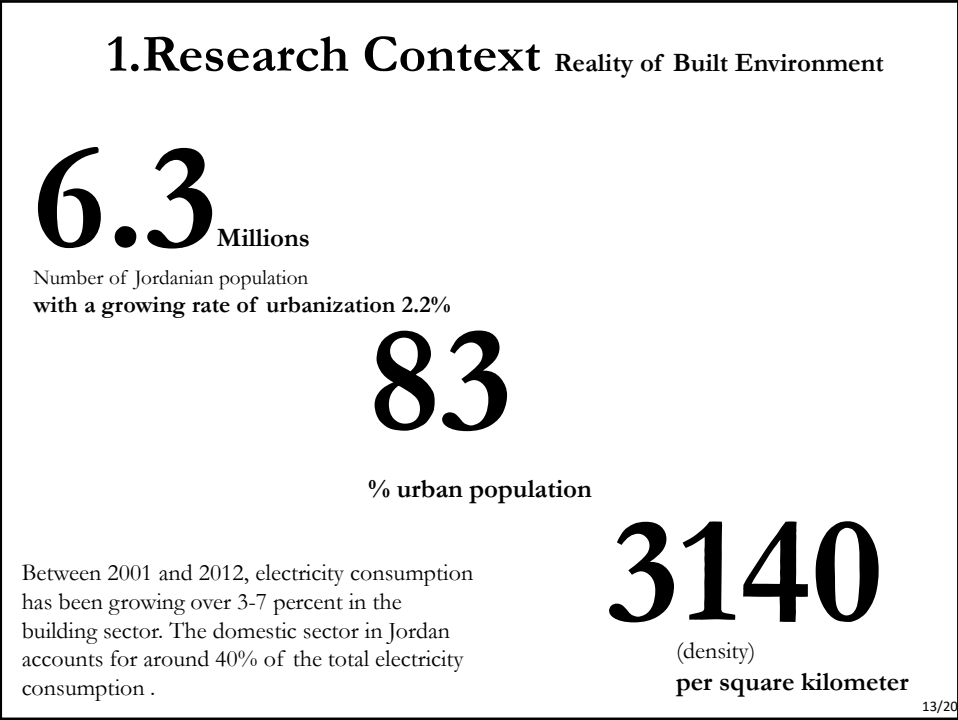
Solar Decathlon Europe is an international competition among universities which promotes **research in the development of efficient houses**. The objective of the participating teams is to design and build houses that consume as few natural resources as possible and produce minimum waste products during their life cycle. [www.solardecathlon.org](http://www.solardecathlon.org)

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### النسور : الدولة ستفلس اقتصاديا بحال عدم رفع اسعار الكهرباء

كرمالكم الإخبارية

اعلن رئيس الوزراء الدكتور عبد الله النسور في لقائه عددا من مدراء الإذاعات المحلية عزم الحكومة على ' رفع أسعار الكهرباء' عقب الانتخابات النيابية القادمة، مبررا ذلك بأن ' الدولة ستفلس اقتصاديا في حال عدم رفع اسعار الكهرباء'.

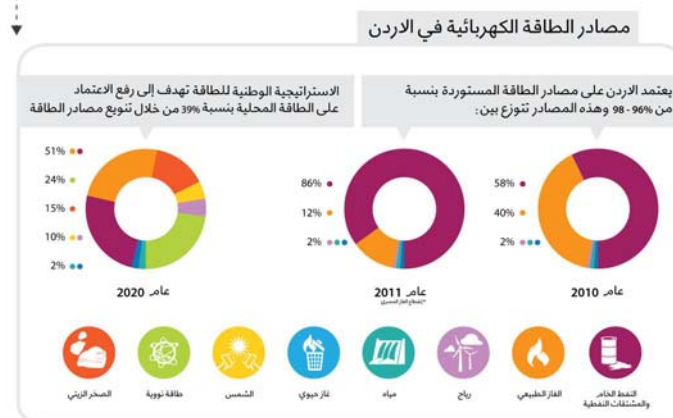
وتوه النسور ان الحكومة ماضية في محاربة الفساد ولن تألوا جهدا في هذا المجال مستشهدا بما تقوم به الحكومة من خطوات واجراءات حولت خلالها عددا من ملفات الفساد الى القضاء ليقول كلمته فيها ، وان المطلوب اليوم هو اعادة هيبة الدولة وهذا يتأتى بالحكمة والعمل المتواصل الدؤوب واقتناع المواطن ان لديه حكومة تزيهه لا تألوا جهدا في تحقيق العدالة وتطبيق سيادة القانون على الجميع .

وحذر النسور قبيل رفع الدعم عن المحروقات، وبعض السلع- ان الدينار الاردني معرض للانهيار في حال عدم رفع الدعم، مطلقا اكثر من مره تحذيرات بانهيار الاقتصاد الاردني في حال لم تقم الحكومة برفع الأسعار ، وان الحكومة مازالت تدعم اسطوانة الغاز بمبلغ 2 دينار، ليعود ويشدد على ان ' لا عودة عن قرار رفع أسعار الكهرباء ابدا'.

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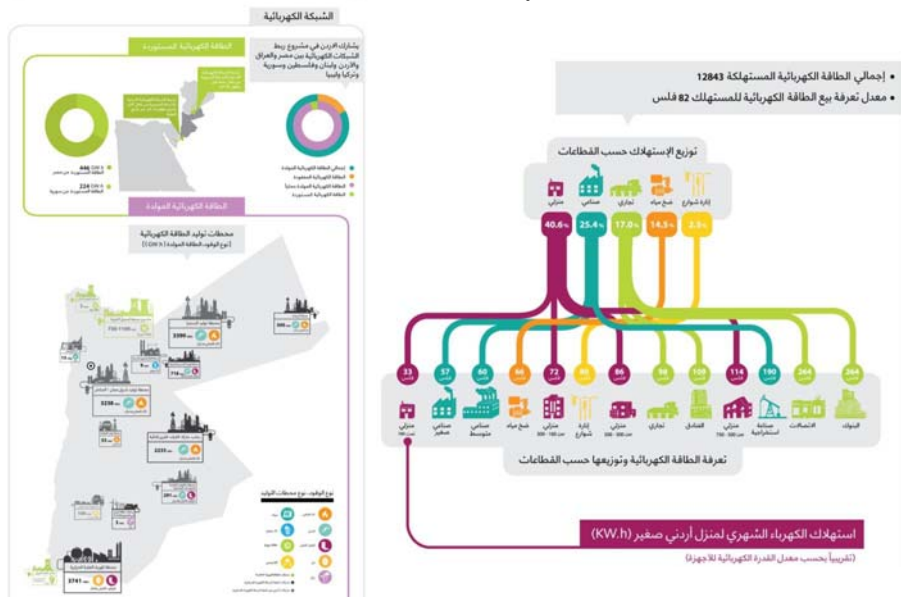
### الطاقة الكهربائية في الاردن



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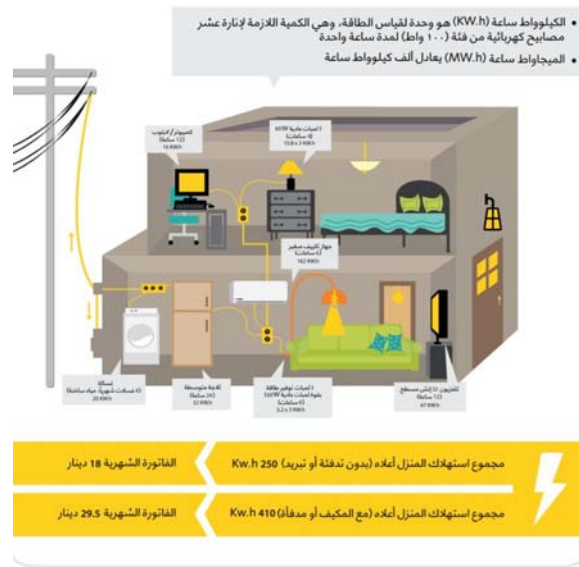


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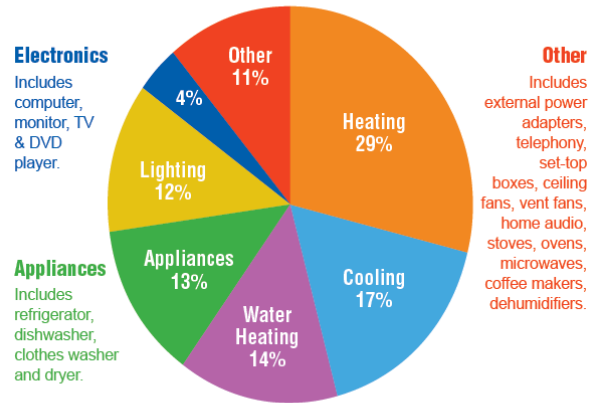


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## اين يذهب مصروف الطاقة في منازل العائلة الواحدة؟

### Where Does My Money Go?

Annual Energy Bill for a typical U.S. Single Family Home is approximately \$2,200.

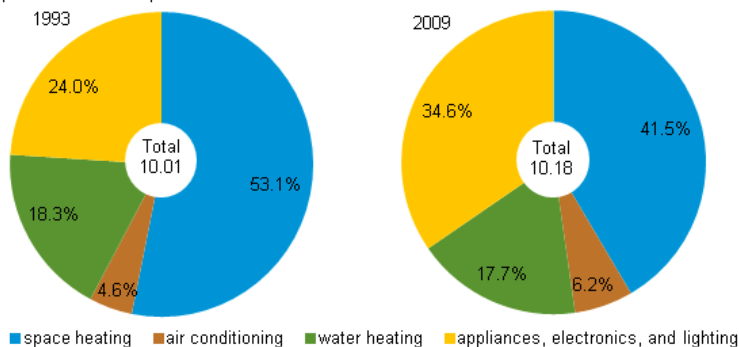


Source: Typical House memo, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2009 and Typical house\_2009\_Reference.xls spreadsheet.  
Average price of electricity is 11.3 cents per kilo-watt hour. Average price of natural gas is \$13.29 per million Btu.

MARCH 7, 2013

## Heating and cooling no longer majority of U.S. home energy use

Energy consumption in homes by end uses  
quadrillion Btu and percent

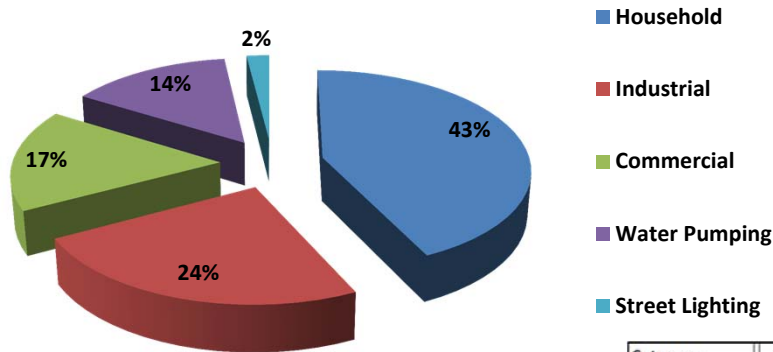


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Residential Energy Consumption Survey.

Note: Amounts represent the energy consumption in occupied primary housing units.

<http://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.cfm?id=10271&src=%E2%80%B9%20Consumption%20%20%20%20Residential%20Energy%20Consumption%20Survey%20%28RECS%29-b1>

## 2013 Electricity Consumption in Jordan



- Residential Consumption : 959 KWh/capita/year
- Average Family Size : 5.4 people
- Average Family Consumption: 5180 KWh/family/year

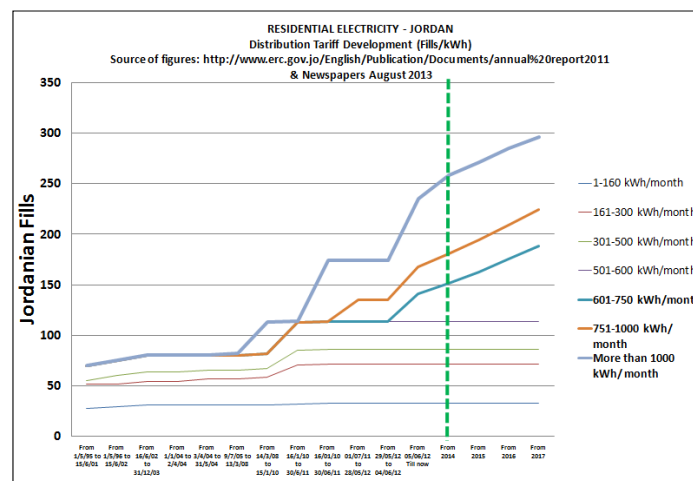
Source: Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Facts and Figures Report 2013  
<http://www.memr.gov.jo> Calculations by Author

Category	GWH
Household	6265
Industrial	3541
Commercial	2415
Water Pumping	2076
Street Lighting	291
	14588

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### Electricity Prices increase March 2013



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التعرفة الكهربائية للفترة من 2013-2017											
أسعار الزيادة					التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2017	التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2016	التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2015	التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2014	التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2013	التعرفة الكهربائية عام 2013/12/31 حتى عام 2013/8/15	القطاع
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	(الدينار/د.س)	(الدينار/د.س)	(الدينار/د.س)	(الدينار/د.س)	(الدينار/د.س)	(الدينار/د.س)	
أ. المشتركين المنزليين											
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33	33	33	33	33	من 1- 160 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	72	72	72	72	72	من 161- 300 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	86	86	86	86	86	من 301- 500 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	114	114	114	114	114	من 501- 600 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	0.0%	188	175	163	152	141	من 601- 750 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	0.0%	224	209	194	181	168	من 751- 1000 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	10.0%	0.0%	296	285	271	259	235	أكثر من 1000 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
ب. المشتركين التجاريين											
10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	53	48	44	40	36	من 1- 160 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	116	105	96	87	79	من 161- 300 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	139	126	114	104	95	من 301- 500 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	184	167	152	138	125	من 501- 600 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	202	188	175	163	152	من 601- 750 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	214	204	194	185	176	من 751- 1000 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	
5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	300	286	272	259	247	أكثر من 1000 كيلو وات ساعة شهرياً	

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Jordan, heating/cooling dominated country



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الحكومة ترفع أسعار المحروقات

الرقم	الاسم	الوحدة	القيمة	القيمة السابقة	التغير
1	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
2	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
3	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
4	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
5	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
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29	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02
30	بنزين	لتر	0.32	0.30	0.02



العرب اليوم اعتباراً من اليوم ارتفاع صفيحة البنزين "95" "80 قرشا.. و"90" 70 قرشا والسولار والكاكز 50 قرشا

رفعت الحكومة أسعار المشتقات النفطية اعتباراً من اليوم، بمقدار 70 قرشا لصفيحة البنزين اوكتان "90" و بمقدار 80 قرشا لصفيحة البنزين اوكتان "95"، في حين رفعت سعر صفيحة مادتي السولار والكاكز نصف دينار.

وبوجب القرار ارتفع سعر صفيحة البنزين "90" من 16 دينارا الي 16.7 دينار، وصفيحة البنزين اوكتان 95 من 19.8 دينار لتصبح 20.6 دينار، وصفيحة السولار والكاكز من 13.7 دينار لتصبح 14.20 دينار.

وبحسب القرار الصادر عن وزير الصناعة والتجارة، الدكتور حاتم الحلواني، بناء على تسيب لجنة التسعير تم تثبيت سعر الغاز المنزلي عند 10 دنانير للاسطوانة.

وتأتي الاسعار الجديدة للمشتقات النفطية ، انعكاسا لاسعارها عالميا حيث يتم شهريا مراجعة الاسعار من قبل لجنة التسعير وتعديلها محليا بالنسبة التي تتغير في الاسواق العالمية من حيث الانخفاض والارتفاع.

وبوجب القرار الذي سيبدأ العمل به اليوم وحتى 31 آذار الحالي تصبح أسعار المشتقات النفطية على النحو التالي:

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Jordan has abundant renewable energy resources to support 100% of its electricity needs well into the future. Jordan's natural wind and solar resources can provide over 60 times more electricity than the country's projected demand in 2050 (DLR, 2005).



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# 1. Research Context



## Problem & Objective:

**Building Properties:**  
 Insulation  
 Building Codes  
 Indoor air quality



**Occupant Behaviour & Subsidy**



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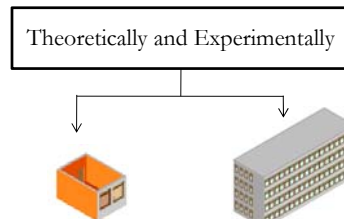


**Occupant Behaviour & Subsidy**



## Objective:

Investigate the potentials of NZEBs

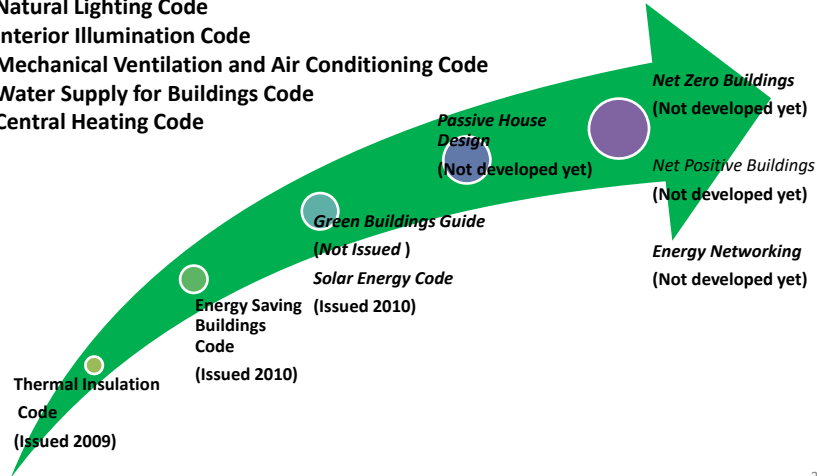


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## Jordanian Building Energy Codes

**Under Update:**

1. Natural Lighting Code
2. Interior Illumination Code
3. Mechanical Ventilation and Air Conditioning Code
4. Water Supply for Buildings Code
5. Central Heating Code



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## 1. Research Objective How to design a NZEB in Jordan?



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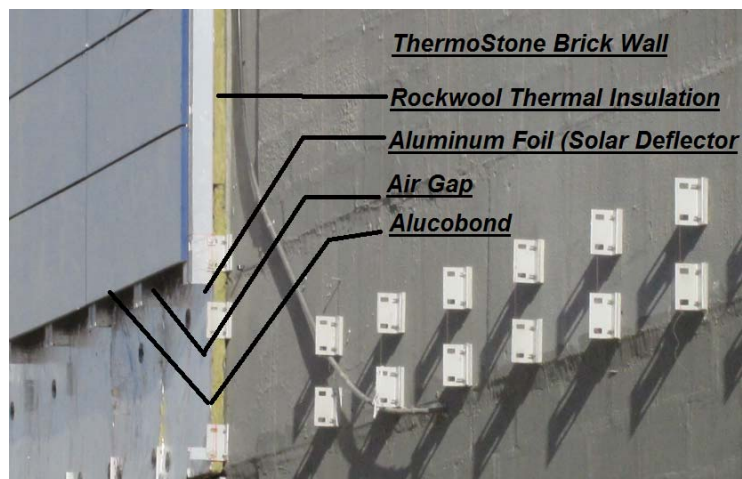
## How to design a NZEB in Jordan?



Source: Arup

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## How to avoid thermal bridges?



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## How far should we insulate Jordanian buildings ?

Thermal Insulation from **outside or Inside**



PU is applied to the exterior walls of the building then cladding is installed with mechanical support system

Polyurethane Insulation, Dabouq, Amman Jordan



### Aqaba Residence Energy Efficiency in Jordan - Florentine Visser

21 september 2009 / Florentine Visser  
ARCHITECTURE

Last June the first sustainable building in Jordan opened to the public. Dutch Architect Florentine Visser was responsible for the design of the Aqaba Residence Energy Efficiency (AREE) project.

The total floor area of 420m<sup>2</sup> covers three levels and comprises living room, kitchen, study, family room, six bedrooms, three bathrooms, car garage, storage, and basement.

**87% Reported  
Energy saving**



## Example Aqaba Residence Energy Efficiency = 87% Energy Savings + PV Electrical Generation = **Net Zero House**

Slide taken from:  
[http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/imperia/md/content/departement/baueinrichtung/mwelt/bs/01\\_aqaba\\_redsidence\\_energy\\_efficiency.pdf](http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/imperia/md/content/departement/baueinrichtung/mwelt/bs/01_aqaba_redsidence_energy_efficiency.pdf)

**ENERGY DEMAND SAVINGS HEATING AND COOLING**

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AQABA RESIDENCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Electricity consumption Standard	Electricity consumption AREE	Energy Savings
End energy for heating	9960	0	
End energy for hot water	2210	210	
End energy for cooling	29165	2995	
Electricity use for household appliances	3650	2560	
<b>Total (kWh/a) Electricity</b>	<b>44085</b>	<b>5765</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Total (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) Electricity</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15</b>	

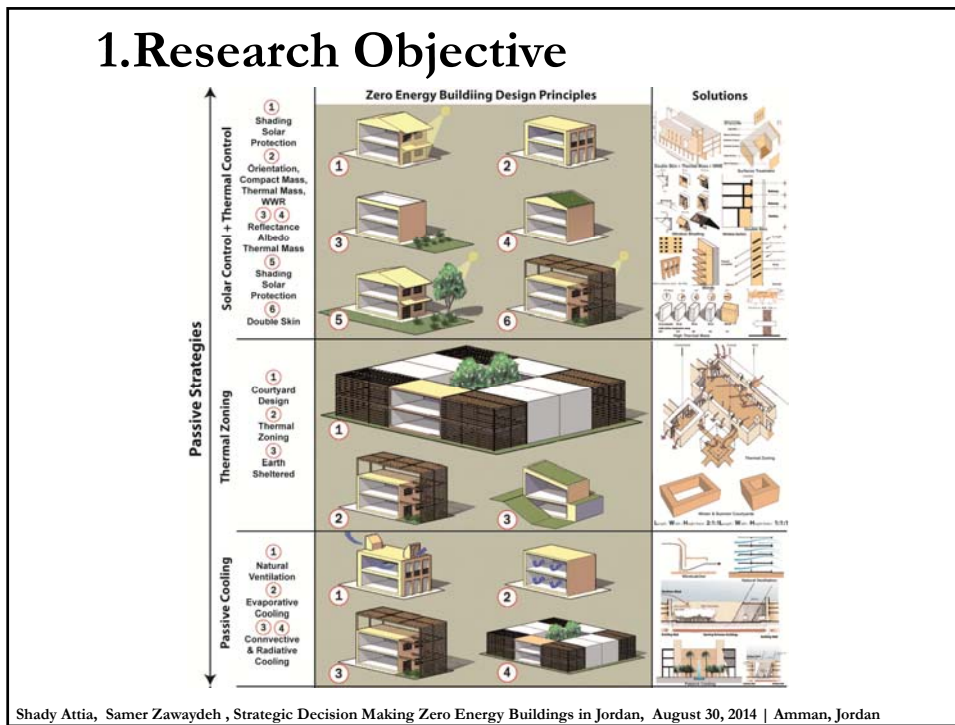
**END ENERGY SAVINGS COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL**

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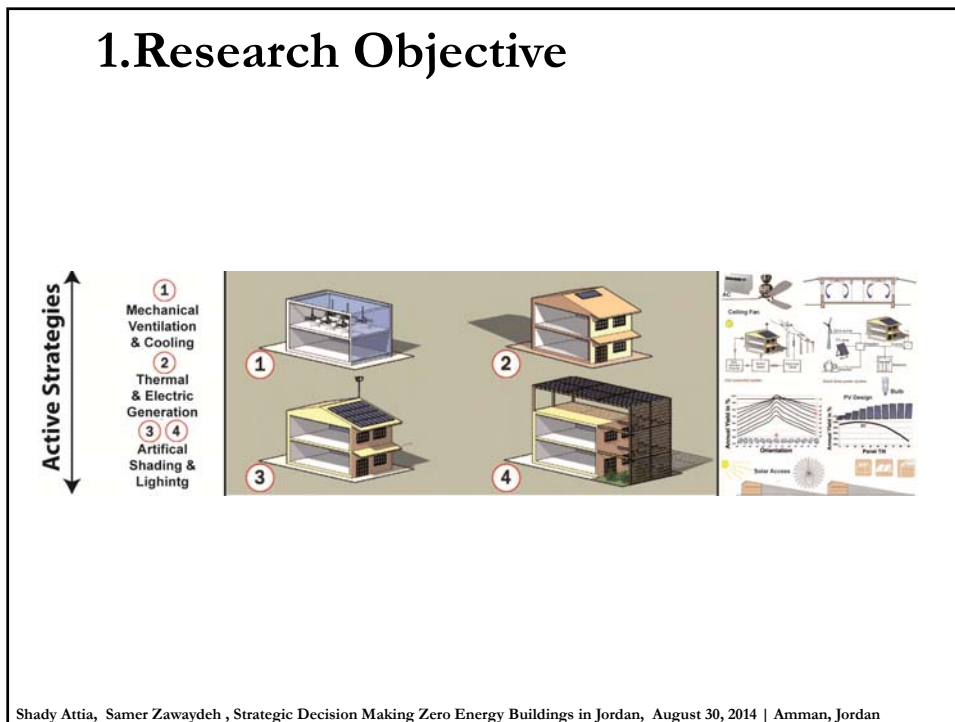
## How to design roofs to allow solar panels integrating ?



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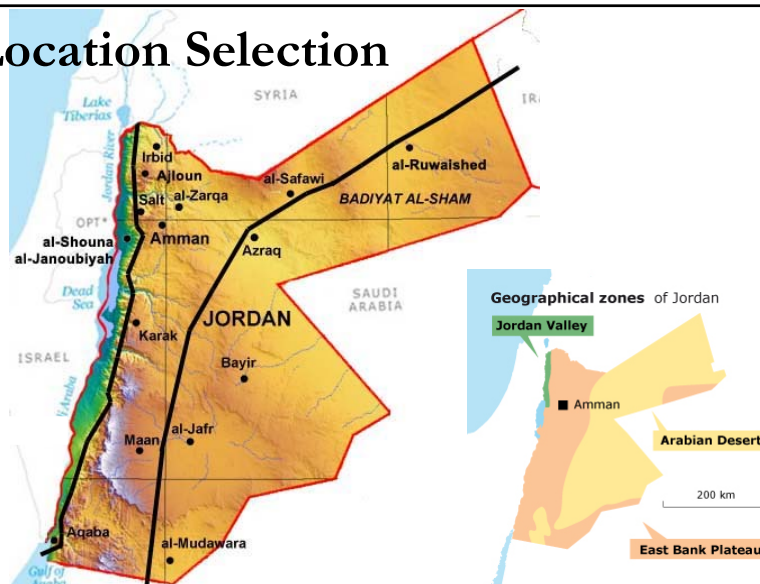
### 3. Research Methodology

- a. Data Collection
- b. Basecase Construction
- c. Design & Construction Solutions
- d. Building Performance Simulation
- e. Costing Simulation
- f. Recommendation



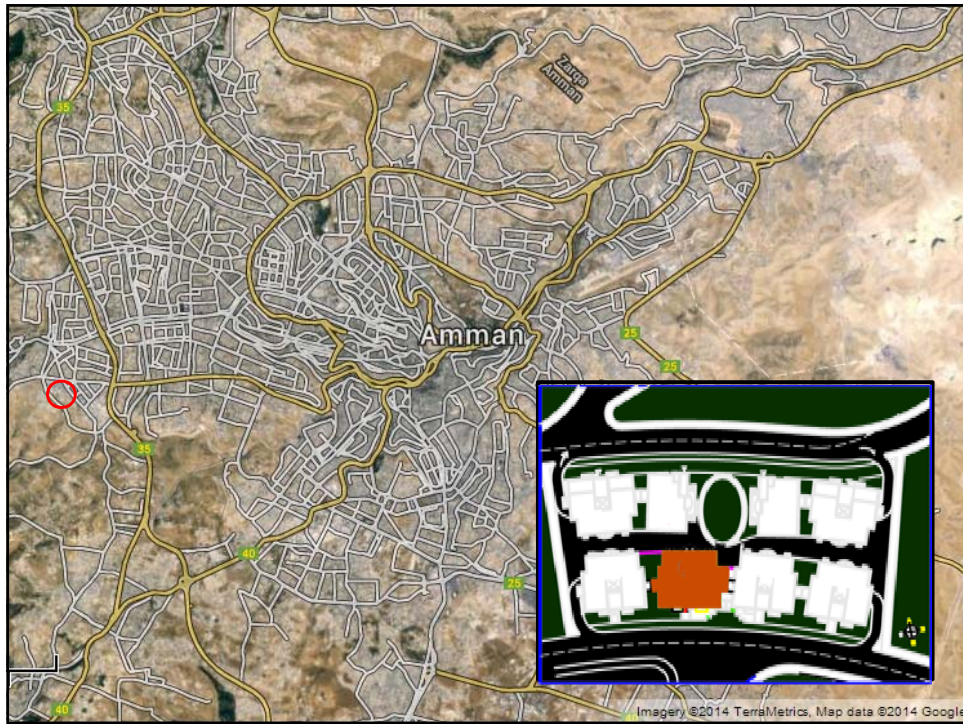
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### 3. Location Selection



Climate-specific characteristics					
City	Aqaba, AQ	Al Shouna, SH	Amman, AM	Ajloun, AJ	Al-Ruwaished, AR
Latitude and Longitude	29.5-35.0	31.4-35.3	31.9-35.9	32.3-35.7	32.5-38.1
Altitude	51	-361	784	760	704
ASHRAE Zone	3	2b	3	3	3

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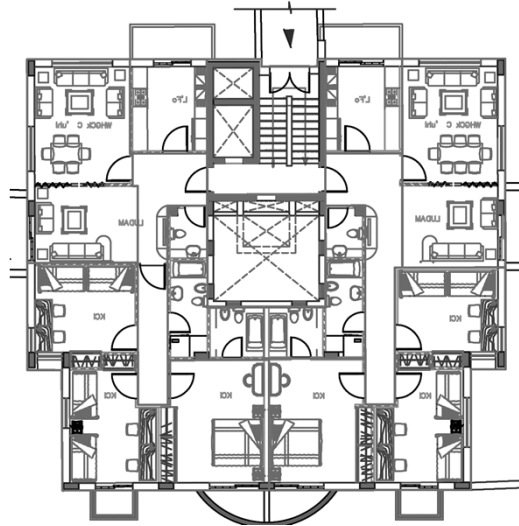
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General Characteristics					
Building configuration:	130 m <sup>2</sup> , three bedroom, rectangle-shape, one-story, single family				
Construction type:	Reinforced-concrete post and beam structure with brick infill walls				
Exterior walls:	Stone Cladding, Concrete wall, no insulation, Brick, Mortar				
Roof:	Flat roof: tiles, cement mortar, water proofing layer, 5 cm extruded polystyrene, sand, reinforced concrete				
Windows:	Window area: 25% of conditioned floor area, distributed equally on all three sides; Clear Single Pane in aluminium frame, operable window without exterior shading				
Shading:	Venetian Blinds Close if Indoor Temp is above comfort				
HVAC systems:	LPG Heater with a 85% efficiency + Heat pumps without ducts and without ventilation system				
DHW system:	80-litre electric water heater, 0.86 energy factor				
Thermostat set point:	20°C (68°F) for heating, 25.5°C (78°F) for cooling, 5°F set back and set up in winter and summer, respectively				
Natural Ventilation	Windows and Doors are manually OPENED if cooling is needed				
Fan Forced Ventilation	No Fans for Comfort Cooling				

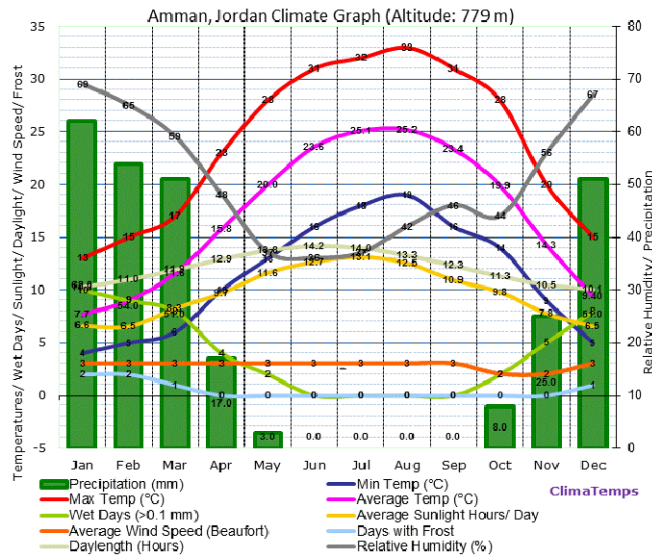
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## 4. Case Study: Basecase Selection

### 4.2 Climate Analysis

Zone 1 (Aqaba and Al Shouna al-Janubiyah) are cooling dominated  
 Zone 2 (Amman and Ajloun) are heating dominated  
 Zone 3 (Al-Ruwaished) are mixed, cooling and heating dominated.



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### 4.3 Appliances Inventory

	kWh monthly <b>300 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>350 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>50 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>4 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>12 kWh</b>
	kWh monthly <b>3.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>0.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>3.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>7 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>16 kWh</b>
	kWh monthly <b>135 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>17 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>8.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>8.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>72 kWh</b>
	kWh monthly <b>405 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>48 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>5.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>5.5 kWh</b>		
	kWh monthly <b>47.5 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>12 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>7 kWh</b>		kWh monthly <b>7 kWh</b>		

Appliance	Unit	Consumption (kWh)
Refrigerator	1	350
Washing Machine	1	50
Washing Machine	1	300
Washing Machine	1	405
Washing Machine	1	47.5
Space Heater	1	135
Ceiling Fan	1	3.5
Blender	1	0.5
Coffee Maker	1	17
Dishwasher	1	48
Kettle	1	12
Mobile Phone	1	7
Paper Bag	1	7
Vacuum Cleaner	1	4
Iron	1	12
Washing Machine	1	16
TV	1	72
Light Bulb	1	8.5
Hair Dryer	1	5.5
Washing Machine	1	5.5

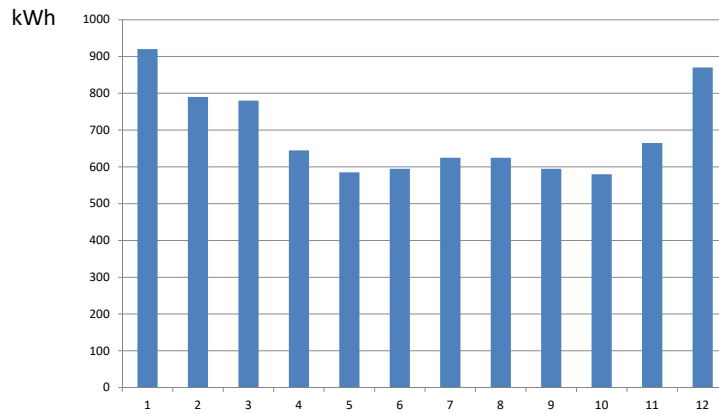
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### 4.4 Survey: Typical Energy Consumption

Survey Results 3500- 8000 kWh/apartment/annum



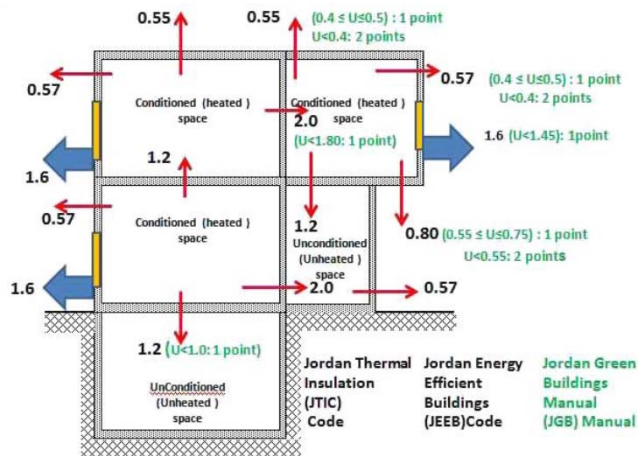
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## 5. Energy Performance



### 1. Envelope



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### Thermal Insulation U Value for Walls

Mandatory Thermal Insulation Code Table(5-1, 5-2)	Mandatory Energy Saving Buildings Code Table(2-2, 2-3)	Mandatory Green Building Manual	Optional (1point) Green Building Manual	Optional (2 points) Green Building Manual
Solid walls = 0.57	Solid walls = 0.57	Solid walls = 0.57	Solid walls = 0.50-0.4	Solid walls = <0.4
All External walls =1.6	All External walls =1.6	All External walls =1.6	All External walls =1.45	All External walls =1.45

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## 5. Energy Performance



1. Envelope  
2. Solar Protection & Openings  
3. Ventilation (Diurnal + Nocturnal) 
4. Occupancy, Internal Loads & EE 
5. Solar Thermal System 
6. Solar Electric System 

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## 5. Energy Performance



Table 2: Basecase, code compliance and maximum energy efficiency characteristics

Properties	Basecase characteristics	Measures for Code Compliance	Measures for maximum efficiency NZEB
1 Roof U-value:	U=1 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K	U=0.55 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K	U=0.1 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K with radiant barrier
2 Wall R-value:	U=2 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K (no radiant barrier)	U=0.57 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K (no radiant barrier)	U=0.2 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K with radiant barrier
3 Window system:	U=5.8 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K, SHGC:- Single Pane in aluminium frame	U=3.1 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K, SHGC:0.75 Double Pane Low-E aluminium frame	U-value: 0.5, SHGC: 0.25, Double Pane Low-E, Argon, Fiberglass frame
4 Operable Shading:	operable window without exterior shading	operable window without exterior shading	Venetian Blinds Close if Sun on Window & Indoor Temp above comfort
5 Overhang:	none	none	1m overhang and fins (E,W,S)
6 Night insulation:	not considered	not considered	50% reduction in glass conductance, Insulated roller shutter
7 Infiltration:	0.7 ACH	0.5 ACH	0.35 ACH
8 Internal heat gain*:	0.19 kW from lighting, 0.71 kW from appliances	0.14 kW from lighting, 0.67 kW from appliances	0.05 kW from lighting, 0.50 kW from appliances
9 Natural Ventilation	Windows and Doors are manually OPENED if cooling is needed	Windows and Doors are manually OPENED if cooling is needed	Windows and Doors are manually OPENED if cooling is needed
10 Fan Forced Ventilation	no Fans for Comfort Cooling	No Fans for Comfort Cooling	Fans for Comfort Cooling
11 Thermostat set point:	20°C (68°F) for heating, 25.5°C (78°F) for cooling (RH=60%)	20°C (68°F) for heating, 25.5°C (78°F) for cooling (RH=60%)	20°C (68°F) for heating, 25.5°C (78°F) for cooling (RH=60%)
12 Heating system:	Gas Furnace: AFUE 65%	Gas Furnace: AFUE 65%	Gas Furnace: AFUE: 90%
13 Cooling system:	Split System: Heat Pump EER 13/7.7	Split System: Heat Pump EER 13/7.7	Split System: Heat Pump EER 19/8.5 (Energy Star)
14 Ventilation system:	none	none	Mechanical Ventilation with heat recovery:

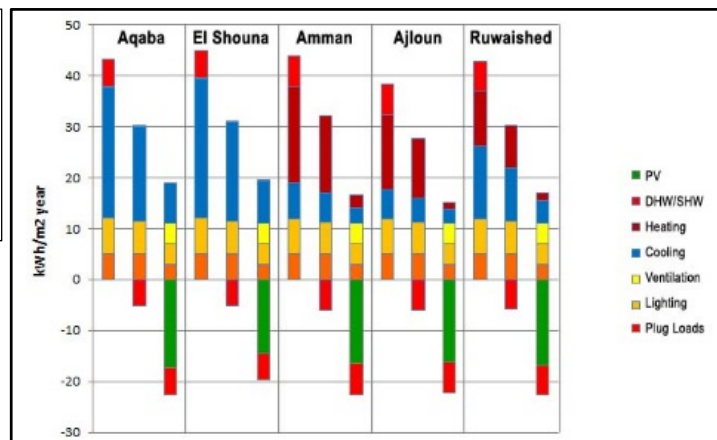
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## 6. Results: Dynamic Simulation

- Jordanian Thermal Insulation Code reduce the energy use up to 40% (equivalent to 32 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year).
- Up to 66% energy use could be reduced for the NZEB objective (equivalent to 18 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year)
- The reduction in fossil based DHW use resulted in an equivalent SHW energy savings (5.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year).

All ZEB strategies were integrated in the new simulation model representing the basecase apartment. The results from the EnergyPlus program were analyzed to produce the data shown in the figure.

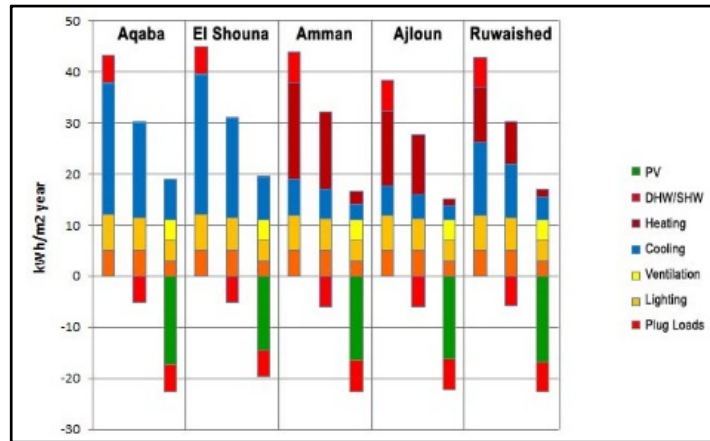


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## 6. Results: Dynamic Simulation

- The zero energy objective reduced the need for heating in the five locations and increased the cooling requirement.
- PV panels' energy will feed the HP for space cooling & heating (split system), using the electricity grid as a buffer/storage.
- This objective, a 15 square meter PV panel array.



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## 6. Results: Economic Feasibility



Table 3: Results of cost analysis and payback time

	Electric Rates in Tiers (2013) T1=0.05 \$, T2=0.1 \$, T3=0.12 \$, T4=0.15 \$, T5=0.19 \$			
Fuel Rates	2 Propane, 1.07043 \$/therm Baseline, 1.32664 \$/therm Above Baseline, Propane: 3\$/Gallon, Heating Oil: 2.9\$/Gallon			
	Cost (Code Compliance)	Payback (Code Compliance)	Cost (Maximum Efficiency)	Payback (Maximum Efficiency)
Envelope	3500 \$	9 years	8.000 \$	18 years
HVAC	-	-	4250 \$	10 years
Flat Solar Water Heater (5m <sup>2</sup> )	900 \$	3 years	900 \$	3 years
PV panels (15m <sup>2</sup> )=3000 KWh	-	-	5.000 \$	12 years
Average Annual Energy Consumption/ Total Payback	32 kW/m <sup>2</sup> /year	9 years	18 kW/m <sup>2</sup> /year	44 years

- In Jordan, the effective tax rate is 14% and the utility inflation rate is assumed as 8%.
- From an economic point of view installing a SHW system is economically rewarding.
- The system is manufactured in Jordan and can be easily installed and maintained.
- NZEB strategy is too ambitious. Payback time (property value appreciation) is 44 years.
- The PV panels investment cost is very high.
- Upgrading the envelope and HVAC system (payback=5 years) in Jordan to meet almost the Passive House Standard requirements of 15 kW/m<sup>2</sup>/year

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## 7. Conclusions



**Economy:** Energy prices are still a challenge (partially subsidized)



**Policy:** The Jordanian Code is a good start.



**Feasibility:** Using a centralized solar thermal system for DHW for each apartments block is rewarding. A centralized system for DHW is an easy shift to renewable energy production.



**Technology:** Solar thermal energy can be used for solar assisted cooling. Examining the potentials of thermal energy for seasonal storage and air conditioning might be a breakthrough existing barriers.



**Next step:** Drawing on market analysis and cost feasibility in detail to maximize the life cycle benefit and cost

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## 8. Limitations

- The study remains theoretical with certain limitations.
- Selecting an existing residential typology did not allow other passive measures such as the urban setting, orientation, form and window to wall ratio.
- The study did not explore the potential of thermal mass and two other important systems. The geothermal heat pumps for space heating and cooling and evacuated tubes option for space heating and DHW.



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## 9. Open Discussion

- Should we go **High-Tech or Low-Tech**?
- Should we depend on **solar renewable or geothermal**?
- What comfort model** should we follow ASHRAE (21-24 C)? Or Givoni ? Or others?
- Does the payback calculation sound logic**?
- What are the **main barriers for NZEBs** in Jordan?
- Heating vs Cooling Balance**
- Regulations**
- What are your concerns?**



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