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Air Change Rate field test results in the Croatian – Hungarian border region

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Air tightness and natural air change rate field test project

- **A joint project of University of Pécs, Hungary and University of Osijek, Croatia is aimed to gather information on the air tightness and air change rate as well as related comfort aspects of dwellings in the border region of Hungary and Croatia**
- **The project was supported by the EU Hungary-Croatia IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) Cross-border Co-operation Programme**



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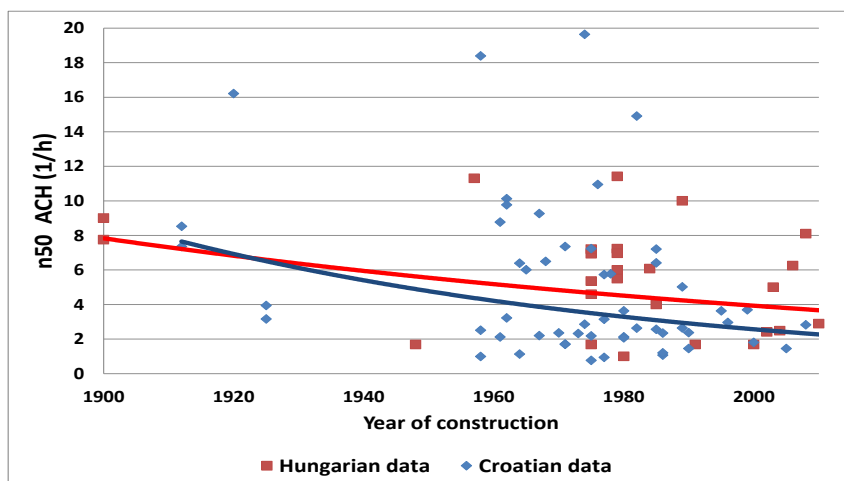
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The types of tests performed

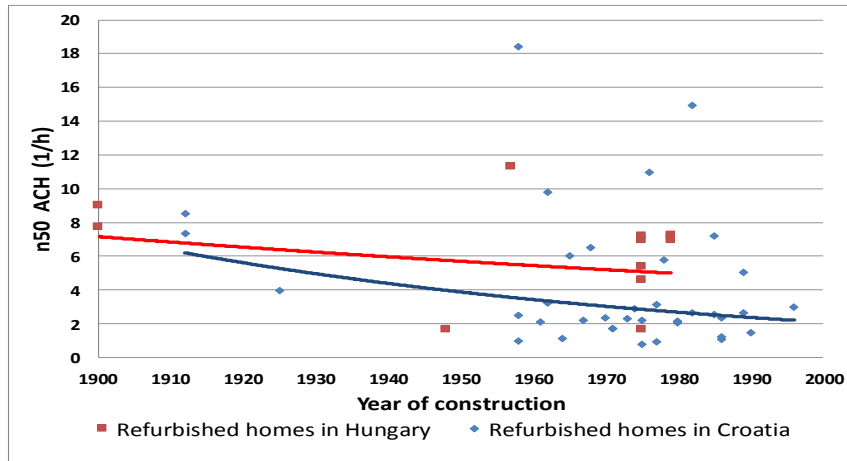
- **Blower Door A type tests at 50 Pa pressure difference for ACH values without any intervention in the dwellings**
- **and a series of data points at various pressure differences and projection the ACH trend line to 4 Pa**
- **Natural air change rate by SF₆ tracer gas test**
- **Blower Door B type air tightness tests at 50 Pa pressure difference. Vents, chimneys are sealed.**
- **Simultaneously with Blower Door B type air tightness tests smoke, air velocity measurement and thermography is used to find the leakages**



Summary of n₅₀ ACH test results



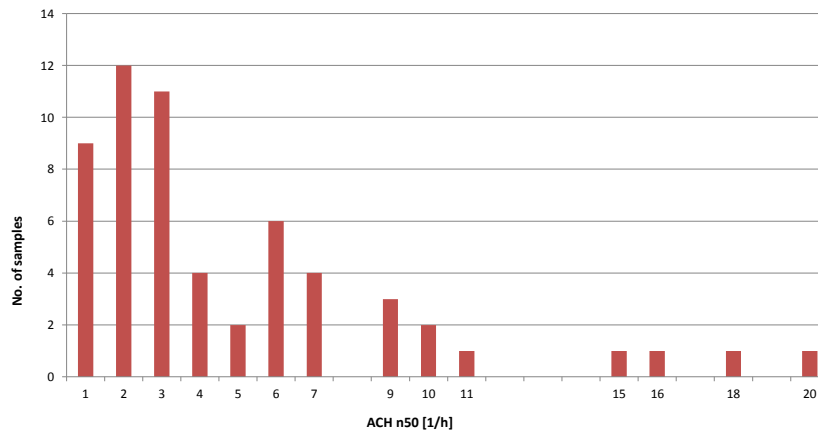
n₅₀ ACH test results of refurbished dwellings



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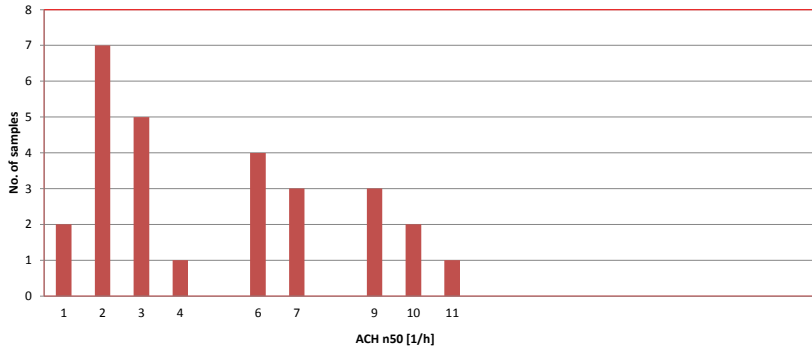
Distribution of n₅₀ ACH values in Croatia



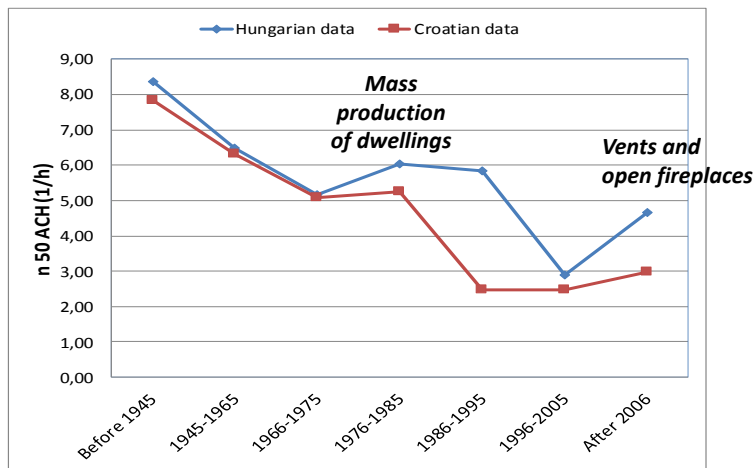
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Distribution of n_{50} ACH values in Hungary



Average n_{50} ACH values for typical periods



Conclusion

- The spread of the data points is very high ranging from very low values to very high ones
- The spread of the ACH rate values of refurbished dwellings is very high too
- The correlation between construction period and ACH is not strong
- There are very low values meaning that deliberate ventilation is vital in those dwellings
- In general the ACH values in the Croatian dwellings are lower than that of in the Hungarian ones



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Thank you for your kind attention

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