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1 INTRODUCTION

The Task 5 deliverable 5.1 „Heat pump placement and effect on surrounding environment“



INTRODUCTION

Deliverably 5.1 „Report on heat pump installation and effects on surrounding environment“ available for download in version V1 from

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Acoustic Signatures of Heat Pumps

Reduction of acoustic emissions is important to further increase the acceptance of heat pumps as air-to-water, water-to-air, air-to-air and brine-to-water (ground source) units. To increase this acceptance and minimize noise annoyance more focus has to be put on the acoustics emissions at steady state and transient behaviour of acoustic signatures during different operating conditions (e.g. icing, de-frosting, capacity control, cooling mode).

The primary aim with Annex 51 is to further increase the acceptance of heat pumps (as air-to-water, water-to-air, air-to-air and brine-to-water units) for comfort purpose with respect to the noise and vibration emissions.

A second focus is placed on increasing knowledge at different levels (manufacturers, acoustic consultants, installers, legislators). To reach this goal, first different reasons to reduce sound emissions depending on countries (legislation), locations and applications have to be gathered and understood. The main influencing factors to the acoustic signature of these units will be identified. Collecting and combining research results in these fields on the different implementation levels (component, unit and application) will finally lead to directions for improved components, units and control strategies including guidelines, as well as training and inputs to future standards. The aim is to gather the knowledge and expertise of the participants on the different levels in order to forward this knowledge and establish recommendations and advices.

All presentations given at the workshop in the framework of the ICQ2019 by Annex 51 members are now online and ready for download:


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Annex 51 Acoustic Signatures of Heat Pumps in the framework of the International Energy Agency Technology Collaboration Programme on Heat Pumping Technologies

Acoustic Regulations of Heat Pumps

1D Modelling of Heat Pumps including Acoustics

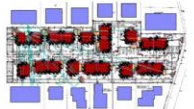
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5.1: Report on heat pump installation with special focus on acoustic impact



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2 TOOLS FOR CALCULATING SPL

Simple calculation tools, 2D visualization, advanced sound propagation and full 3D calculation



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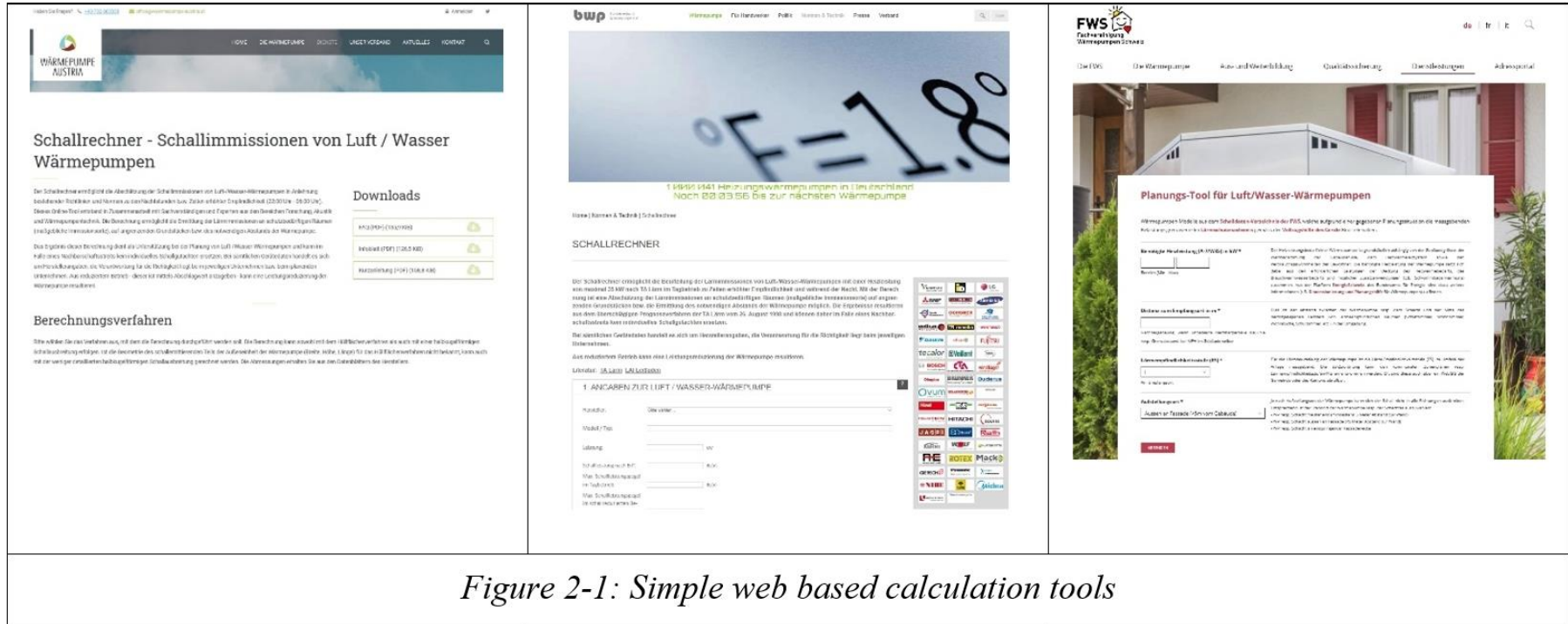


Figure 2-1: Simple web based calculation tools



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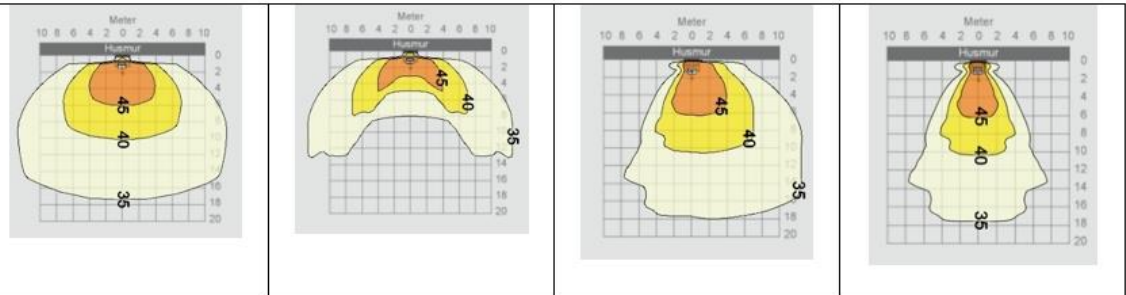
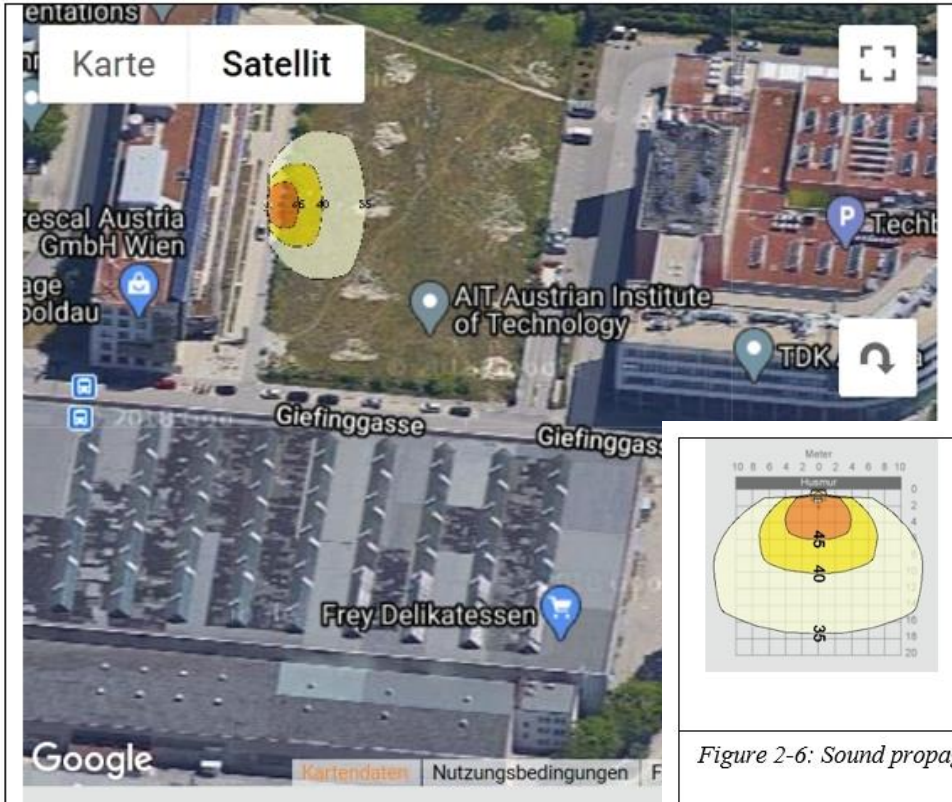


Figure 2-6: Sound propagation visualization depending on the nearby walls [Source: Danish Energy Agency, Denmark - <http://stoeberegner.ens.dk>]

TOOLS FOR CALCULATING SPL

All these tools neglect - apart from the corner- and wall-placement “penalties” - **absorbtion, reflection or frequency dependencies** in the calculation. The underlying formula is very ease and can be calculated by hand.

To include the effects of directivity and frequency behaviour as well as absorption and reflection a **much larger computational effort** would have to be made.

Advanced sound propagation calculation tools: CadnaA, SoundPlan, Noise3D, MITHRA-SIG, IMMI, Olive Tree Lab Suite, OpenPSTD

Full three-dimensional calculation of sound propagation: BEM, FEM



3 VIRTUAL PLACEMENT OF HEAT PUMPS

Acoustic measurements of noise sources, aurealisation, methods for calculating sound propagation, modeling and mapping and hardware and software for visualization



VIRTUAL PLACEMENT OF HEAT PUMPS



Figure 5-1: Up to 64 microphones are placed around a sound emitting object forming an acoustic “dome”. In this case a six-fold symmetrical setup has been constructed. The right lower part of the image shows the some of the wave-signals recorded during a typical test.

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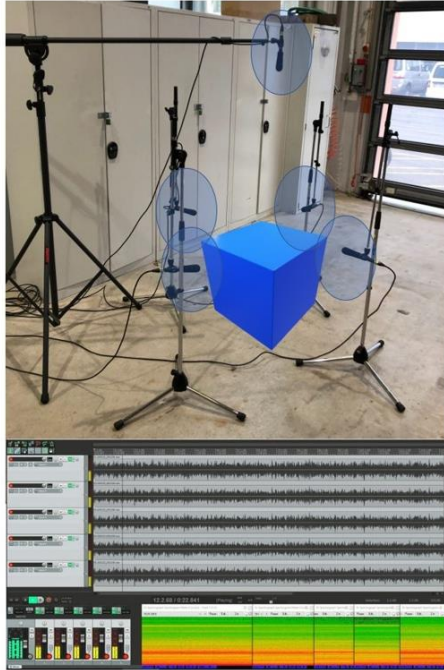


Figure 5-2: 5 microphones are placed around a sound emitting object, one at each side and one from the top. The lower part of the image shows the 5 five signals and their corresponding frequency content represented in waterfall images.

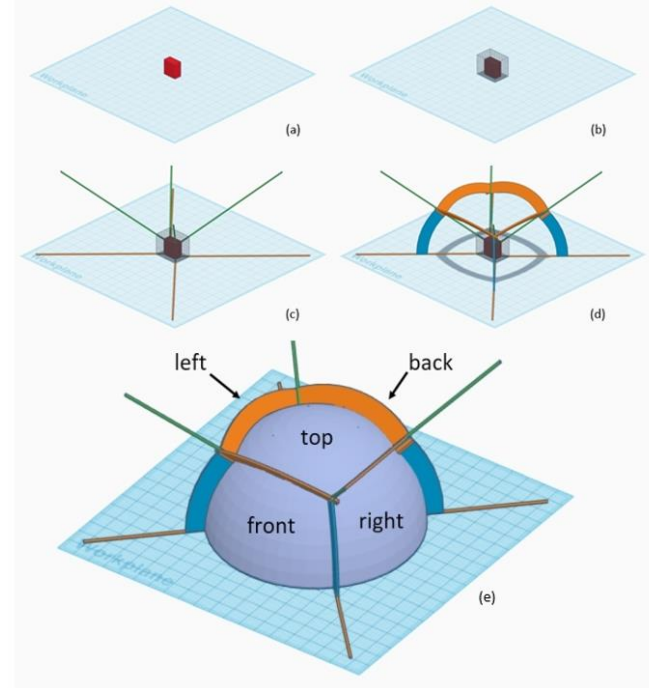


Figure 5-3: Visualization of the directivity aurealisation technique: (a) the red box represents the sound emitting HVAC component (e.g. heat pump); (b) the acoustic pressure is recorded in a specific distance to the emitting surfaces at 5 locations – a measurement surface is formed; (c) rays are generated connecting the emitter's corners with the corners of the measurement surface; (d) parts of the planes stretched by these rays intersected with a sphere; (e) final visualization of the 5 parts of the half-sphere attributed to the 5 microphone measurement positions.

VIRTUAL PLACEMENT OF HEAT PUMPS

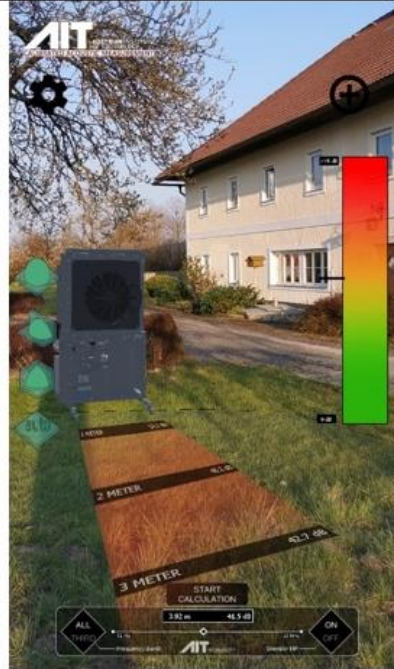


Figure 5-5: A laboratory heat pump (SilentAirHP) placed in a real environment using AR, with frequency-dependent sound propagation.

HVAC POSITIONER APP ON THE WEB

APP for optical and acoustic positioning of heating and cooling devices

Heat pumps are the first choice, if it concerns to bring heating cost saving and environmental-careful heat production together. However their acquisition is a long-term decision and requires exact planning. The HVAC Positioner is the first and only App that uses augmented reality to place a heat pump in a real environment. The implemented real-time sound propagation calculation allows to position the system (heat pump or refrigeration system) perfectly according to current regulations and personal preferences. The AIT Austrian Institute of Technology has developed a method to minimize noise emissions of the population in urban areas. These methods allow a simple, intuitive and at the same time precise handling of noise emissions and are used in the APP of the HVAC Positioner.

The advantages of the HVAC Positioner at a glance:

- Integration of the heat pump / cooling unit in any environment
- The noise development can be displayed visually
- Ongoing development of the application
- Continuous updating of the database and device types
- Available in iOS and Playstore - but the end device (tablet, cell phone) must support augmented reality

APP in Playstore: [HVAC Positioner](#)

APP in iOS store: [iOS HVAC Positioner](#)



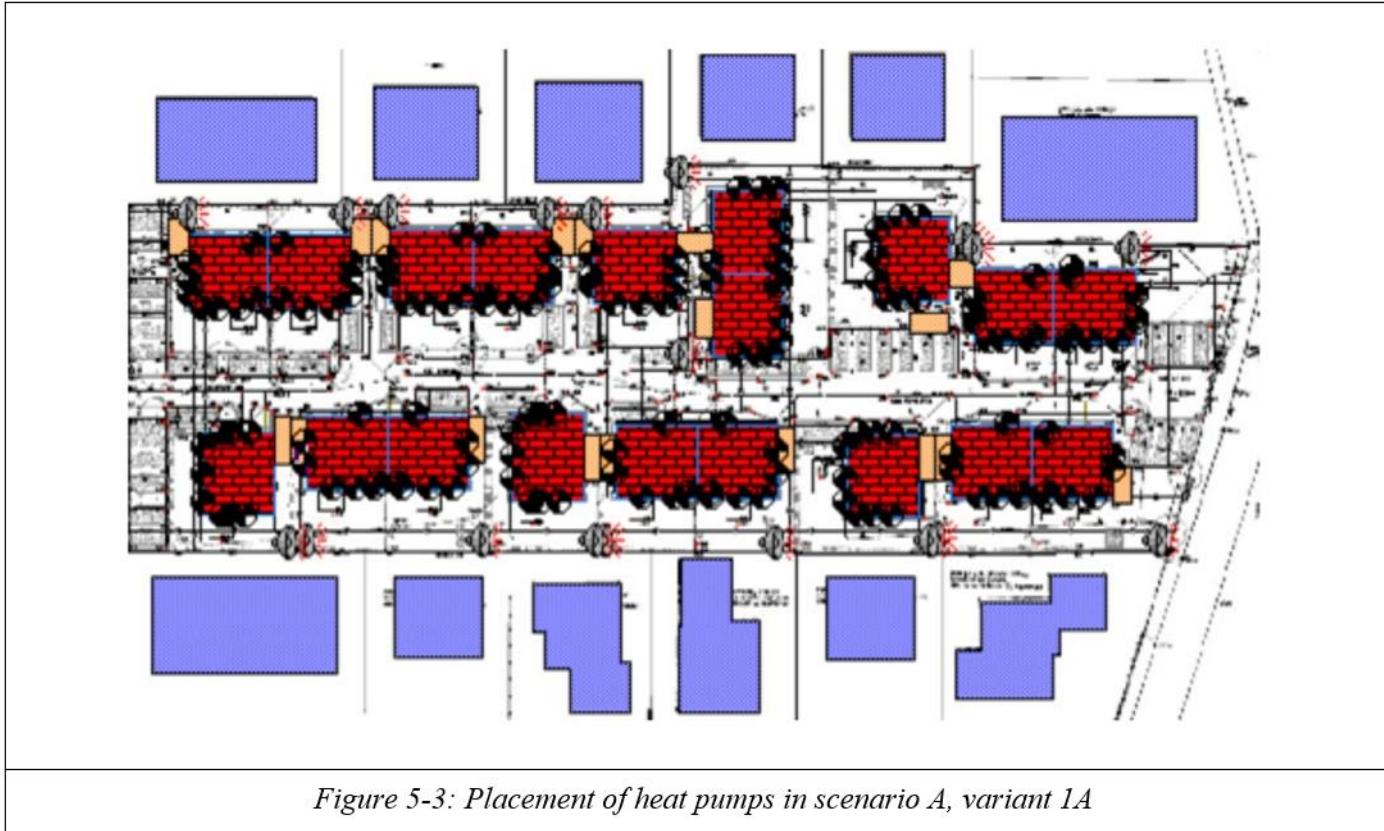


4 ANALYSIS OF MULTIPLE HEAT PUMPS

The terraced housing estate, simulation of maximum sound propagation using IMMI, noise barriers influence, time dependent sound propagation



ANALYSIS OF MULTIPLE HEAT PUMPS

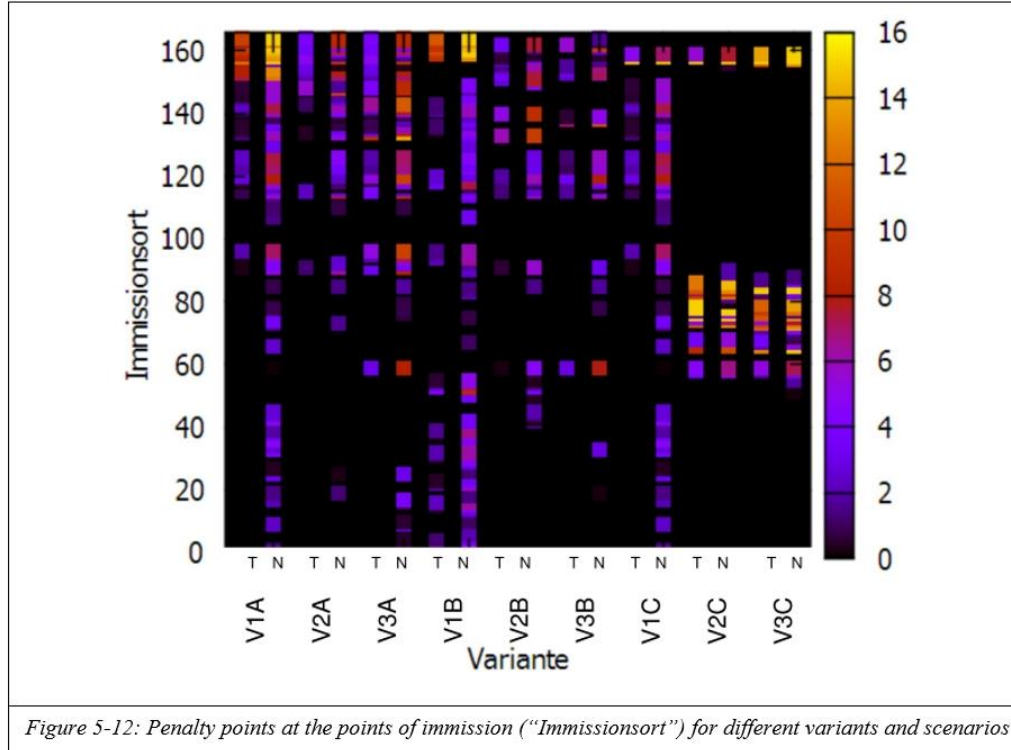


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3	T1 Schlafzimmer DG West	44	T6 Kinderzimmer 2 DG Nord	85	T11 Schlafzimmer DG Ost	126	T16 KEW EG Süd
4	T1 KEW EG Süd 1	45	T6 KEW EG Nord	86	T11 Garderobe EG Ost	127	T16 KEW EG West 1
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6	T1 KEW EG Süd 3	47	T6 KEW EG Ost 2	88	T11 KEW E		
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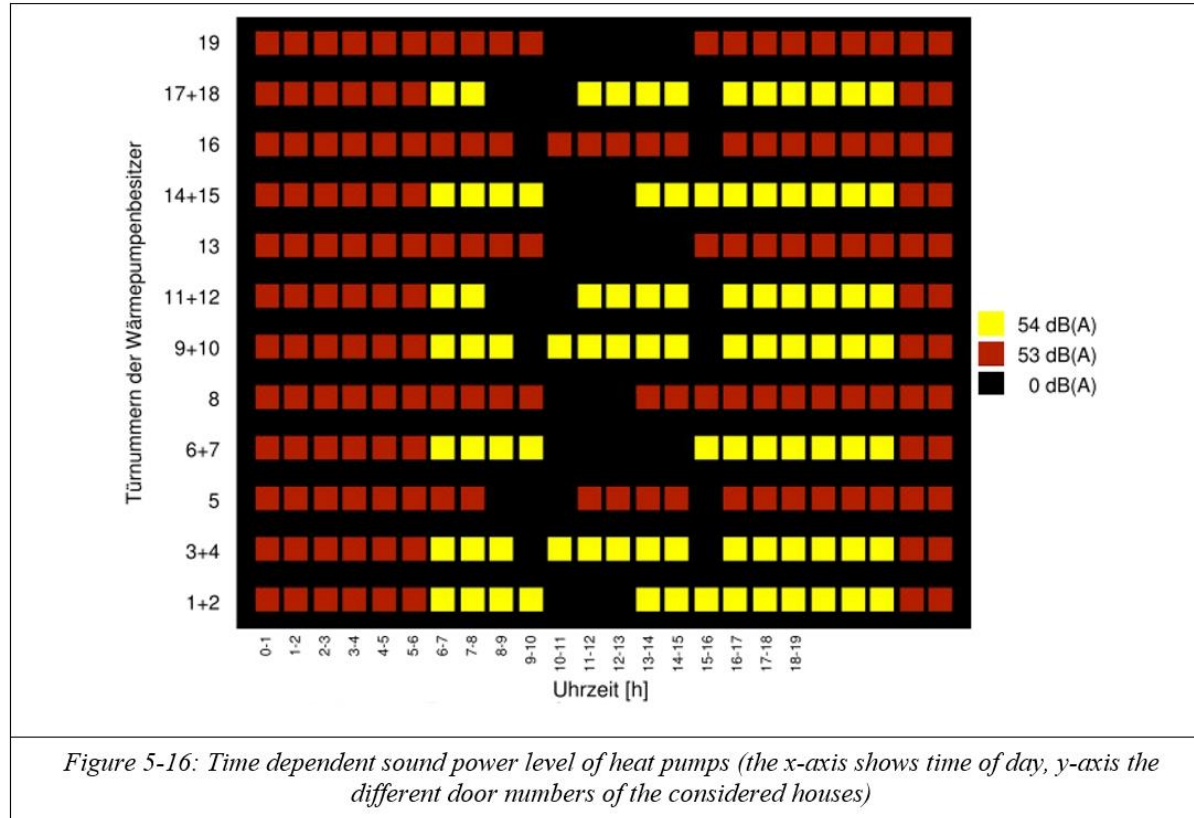
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Scenario A	Variant 1A		Variant 2A		Variant 3A	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Sum penalty points	119,71	146,62	33,41	153,08	76,46	239,72
Sum penalty points	166,35		186,49		316,18	
Max. penalty points	12,56	17,56	5,52	10,52	8,93	13,93
Min. penalty points	0,13	0,06	0,37	0,18	0,01	0,15
Mean penalty points	4,13	5,59	2,78	3,93	3,19	4,99
Scenario B	Variant 1B		Variant 2B		Variant 3B	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Sum penalty points	98,73	341,81	36,89	133,71	30,59	108,86
Sum penalty points	440,54		170,60		139,44	
Max. penalty points	11,32	16,30	5,95	9,95	6,78	11,23
Min. penalty points	0,29	0,40	0,17	0,11	0,53	0,15
Mean penalty points	3,40	4,81	2,46	4,05	2,78	4,19
Scenario C	Variant 1C		Variant 2C		Variant 3C	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Sum penalty points	57,28	230,82	160,62	198,64	167,65	215,25
Sum penalty points	288,10		359,26		382,90	
Max. penalty points	31,87	33,87	22,44	24,44	22,13	24,13
Min. penalty points	0,13	0,06	1,82	0,04	1,07	0,12
Mean penalty points	2,86	4,44	10,00	9,05	8,38	7,97

Table 5-4: Distribution of penalty points to the nine variants (green shows the best value in a row, red the worst number in a row)

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5 ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Analysis of unit placement, indoor & outdoor sound propagation, potential of sound absorption at nearby surfaces and common „unclever“ decisions in heat pump placement



ADDITIONAL TOPICS

- Analysis of unit placement, indoor & outdoor sound propagation
- Potential of sound absorption at nearby surfaces
- Common „unclever“ decisions in heat pump placement
- Further reading

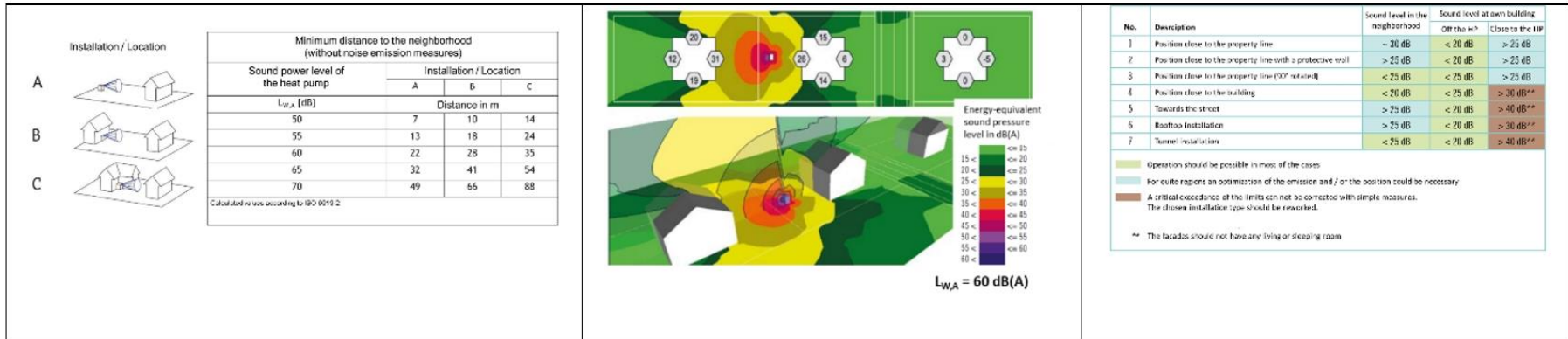


Figure 2-5: Analysis of unit placement, indoor & outdoor sound propagation



6 SUMMARY

Topics discussed, document for download



SUMMARY

- Task 5 deliverable 5.1 „Report on heat pump installation with special focus on acoustic impact“ available for download in version V1 from the Annex 51 website
- Simple webbased calculation tools are available
- 2D visualization for horizontal sound pressure maps
- 3D visualization using augmented reality is in development and current versions are available in Google Play and iOS Store for test
- Investigation of the placement of multiple heat pumps using IMMI
- Additional topics have covered in the document

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