

# Automated building modelling based on Smart-Meter Monitoring Data

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# Why to care about building models?

Energy grid Residential heating system

# **Exemplary applications:**

Utilities:

- Load prediction
- Extension planning

End-users:

- Performance indicator
- Retrofitting planning

- System models

Policy makers:

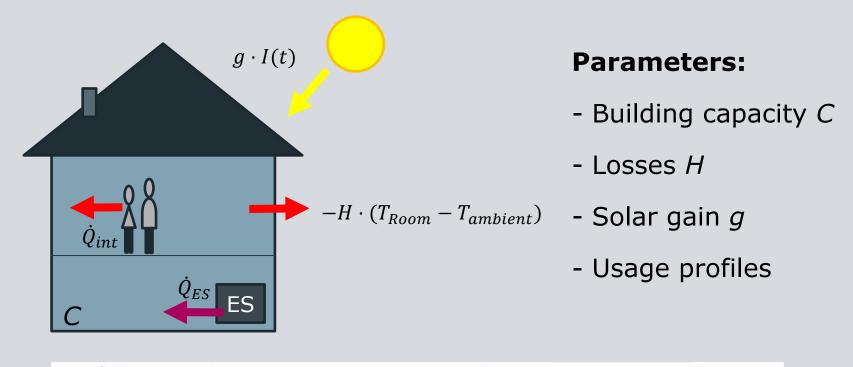


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### Which building model?



### **Energy-balance model for dynamics of room temperature**

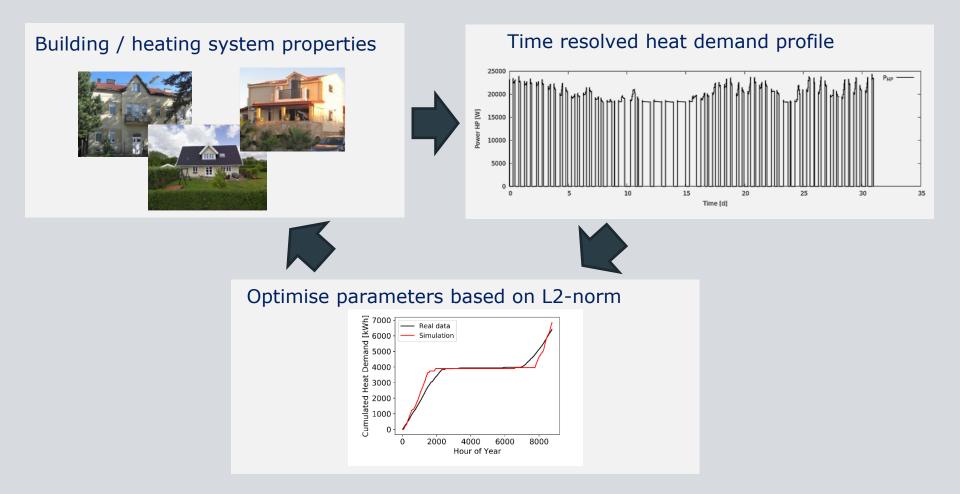


$$C\frac{\partial T_{room}}{\partial t} = -H\left(T_{room} - T_{ambient}\right) + gI + \dot{Q}_{internal} + \dot{Q}_{Es}$$

Adapted from H. Burmeister et al, Energy and Buildings 28, p.167-177, 1998.



# How can we identify the building parameters?



# Heat4Cool - Retrosim



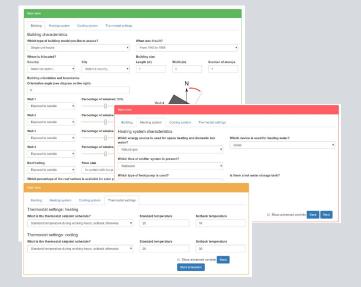


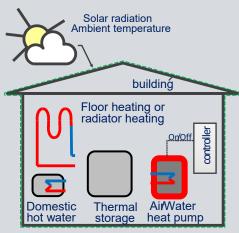
# **Retrofitting recommender tool**

Simple User Interface

Simulator

# Assessment of different retrofit options









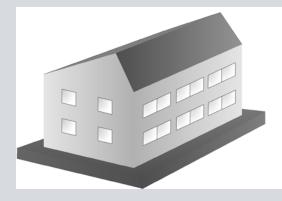
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### **Does it work?**

### **Self-consistency check:**

Are parameters of reference simulations correctly reproduced?



# **Reference Buildings:**

Single-family houses (SFH) in Zurich, CH

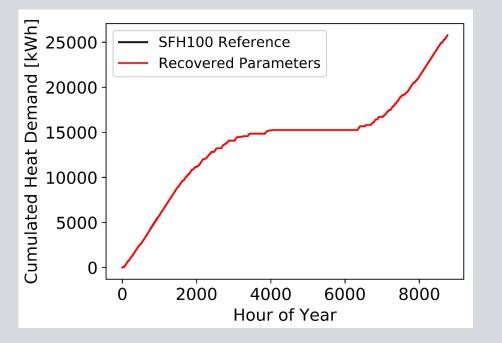
SFH15: Model for Minergy building 15 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a space heating demand
SFH45: Modern Swiss building 45 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a space heating demand
SFH100: Retrofitted building 100 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a space heating demand

Adapted from R. Dott, et al. The reference framework for system simulations of IEA SHC Task 44, HPP Anex 38, Part B, 2013

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# **Reproduction of heating demand time series**

# **Cumulated space heating demand for SFH100**



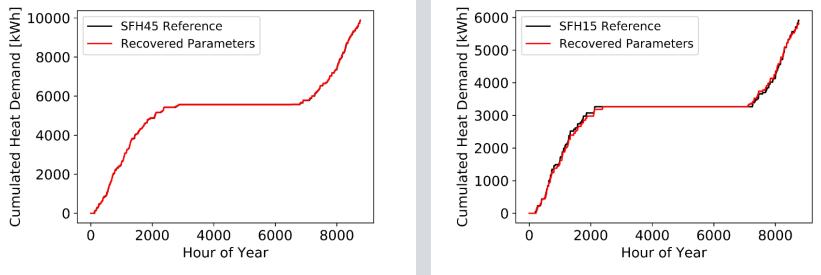
- Total annual space heating demand reproduced up to 4 kWh / 0.01%
- Undiscernible profiles for space heating demand of SFH100



# What about the other reference buildings?

#### SFH45: Modern Building 10000 6000 SFH45 Reference **Recovered Parameters**

# SFH15: Minergy Building



# **Observations:**

- Self-consistency check passed also for other building types -
- Total annual space heating demand well reproduced -
- Minor deviations for Minergy-type building



# How are the building properties reproduced?

### **Deviations of extracted properties**

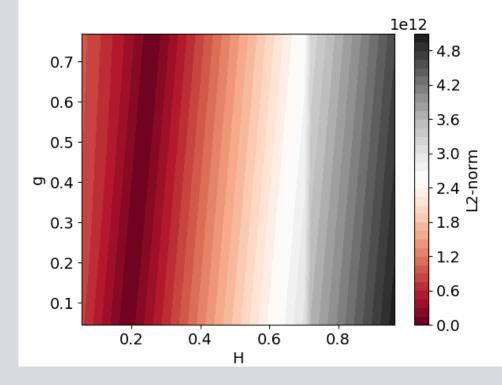
Parameter	SFH100	SFH45	SFH15
Losses H	-1%	+1%	- 17 %
Solar gain <i>g</i>	-1%	+3 %	- 23 %
Capacity C	+8%	- 25 %	- 12 %

#### **Observations:**

- Losses and solar gain of SFH100 and SFH45 accurately reproduced
- Capacity deviates strongly
- Parameters of Minenergy building consistently underestimated

How could we explain the deviations?

# Deviations of simulated and actual heat demand time series



### **Observation:**

Many pairs of solar gain g and losses H yield comparable values of the metric



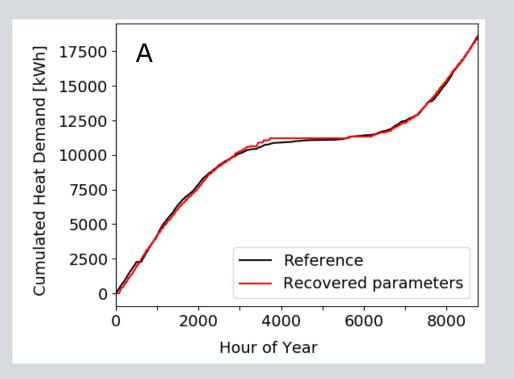
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# Does it also work for real-world buildings?

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### **Results real-world building in UK**



### Data source:

Monitoring campaign from Renewable heat premium payment scheme (RHPP)

Old building (<1919) with 4+ rooms and ground source HP

# **Observation:**

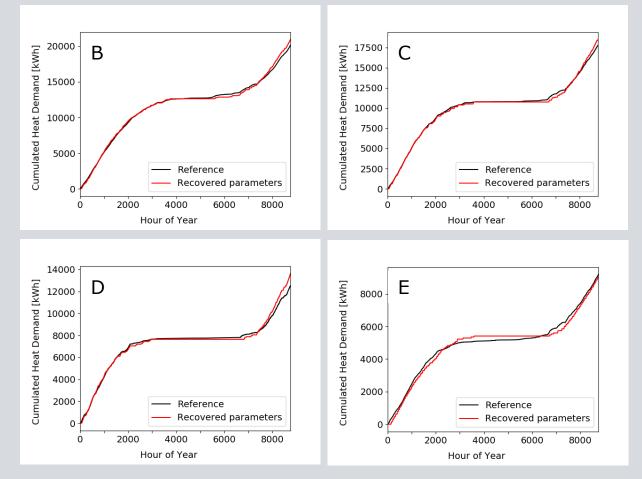
Good reproduction of heat demand time series

Data from Lowe, R., Department of Energy and Climate Change. (2017). *Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme: Heat Pump Monitoring: Cleaned Data, 2013-2015.* [data collection]. UK Data Service. SN: 8151

### **Further results for RHPP data set**



# **Results for 4 additional real-world buildings**



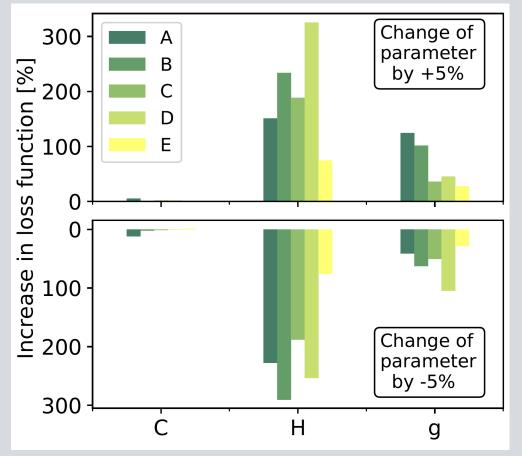
#### **Observation:**

Good reproduction of total annual space heating demand and demand profile

ID	Deviation
А	-1 %
В	+4 %
С	+5 %
D	+9 %
Е	-2 %



# Sensitivity of parameters on loss function



# **Question:**

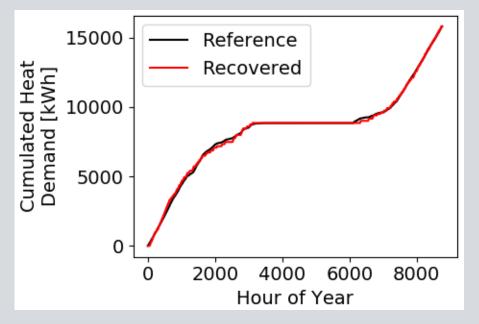
How much changes the L2-norm if building parameters are changes by +/- 5 %?

# **Observation:**

- Losses have by far the biggest impact
- Capacity plays only a minor role
- Impact depends only slightly on considered building



# Application on real-world smart meter data



#### Data set:

Real building in Bern (CH) Power profile of heat pump

# **Observation:**

Good reproduction of annual heat demand and profile

# **Approach:**

- Download temperature profiles of matching period from Meteosuisse
- Transform power to generated heat flux by COP table of heat pump

# **Conclusion and Outlook**



### Conclusions

- Modelling of a building from Smart Meter data is possible
- Dynamic behaviour can be reproduced accurately
- Extracted building properties for test cases match except for buildings with very low demand

### Outlook

- Extraction of heat pump profile from aggregated measurement of whole building
- Comparison of extracted building parameters for real buildings

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