
LIGHTNING INTRODUCTIONS

ARPA-E Mini-workshop

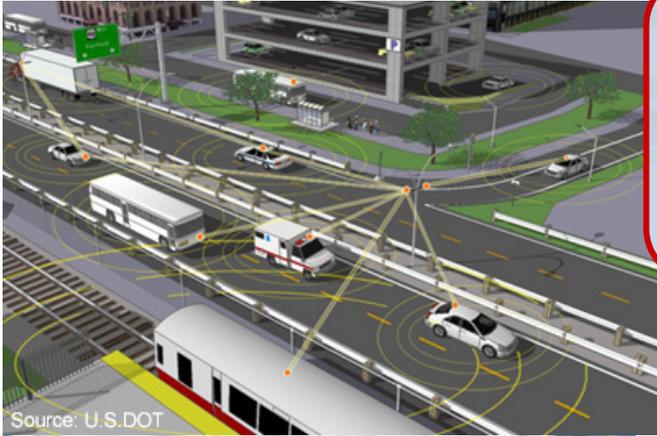
Reducing CAPEX for Energy-Efficient Building Controls

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Autonomous control systems for energy efficient infrastructure



BREAKTHROUGH

YOU ALL

The Community Unites!

- Building Science Matures
- Theoretical algorithmic dev.
- HW & SW developments align
- 1st markets - sensing & analytics
- Controls 'leaving aerospace'
- New R&D efforts leaving lab

CHALLENGE



Making 'New Tech' Feel Normal

- How to have evolution in high CAPEX markets like buildings
- Ensuring safety (physical & cyber), yet reduce margins

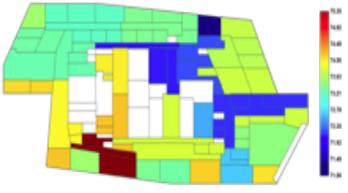
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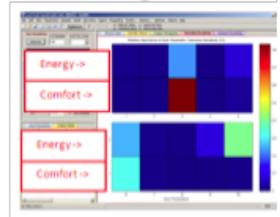
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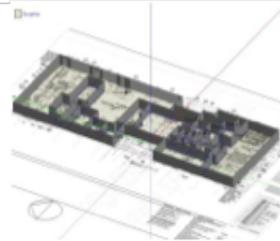
Whole Building Analysis Methods



Energy Visualization and Fault Detection using Koopman Mode Analysis



Sensitivity Analysis and Uncertainty Analysis



Model Reduction and Validation

Actionable Recommendations

Lower Energy Costs and Improved Comfort



Small and Medium



Scale



Enterprise



City (IoT)

Breakthrough

- Comprehensive approach for whole building diagnostics, optimization and control with high ROI.
- One algorithmic platform that serves AFDD, optimization and control needs for a building, enterprise or a city within a cloud computing environment .
- Seamless integration of model-based (as in EnergyPlus) and data-based approach.

Challenges

- Many small and medium size buildings do not have a data-rich BMS. More data=more accuracy, less uncertainty.
 - For better implementation results, building engineer needs to grasp elements of IT, automatic control and thermal engineering.
 - Standardization of protocols, name conventions.
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AFDD and Comfort Performance

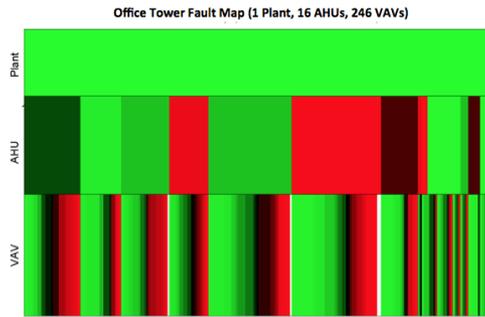
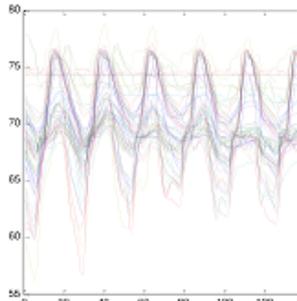
Tabularized Reporting

#	Equipment	Summary	Recommendation
1	Heat Pumps	7 heat pumps are exhibiting high frequency (on/off) fan cycling.	Fans need attention to prevent smoking. Check for broken fans and control sequences.
2	Heat Pumps	49 heat pumps are exhibiting high frequency (on/off) compressor cycling.	Confirm control sequence for equipment.
3	Heat Pumps	33 heat pumps detected exhibiting low cooling capacity.	Ongoing monitoring for more detailed assessment.
4	Heat Pumps	33 heat pumps are exhibiting unstable room temperature control.	Ongoing monitoring for more detailed assessment.
5	Heat Pumps	36 spaces served by heat pumps are persistently above programmed set-point & upper comfort limit (79%).	Comfort may be increased by lowering room set-point temp. Check for broken equipment.
6	Heat Pumps	33 spaces served by heat pumps are persistently below programmed set-point & lower comfort limit (74%).	Unnecessary energy use may be caused by overcooling. Confirm control sequence of equipment.
7	Air Handling Units	3 air handling units are exhibiting intermittent high frequency (on/off) cycling.	Confirm control sequence for equipment.
8	Air Handling Units	Operation of 8 air handling units appear to not be connected to building CO2 concentration. Potential for demand based control by implementing CO2 schedules.	Confirm control sequence for equipment.

Floor Plan Visualization



Building Data Ingestion and Algorithmic Analysis



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Commercial Deployment



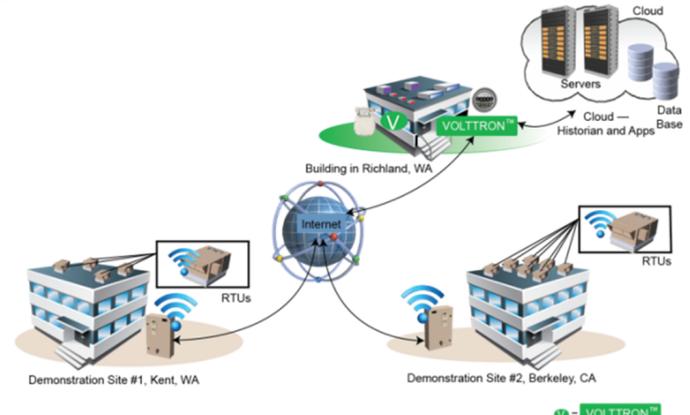
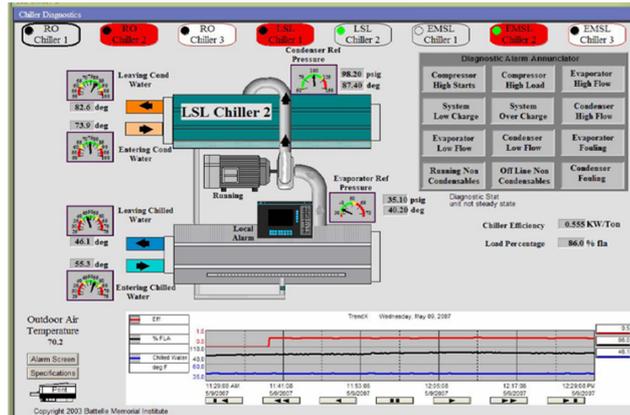
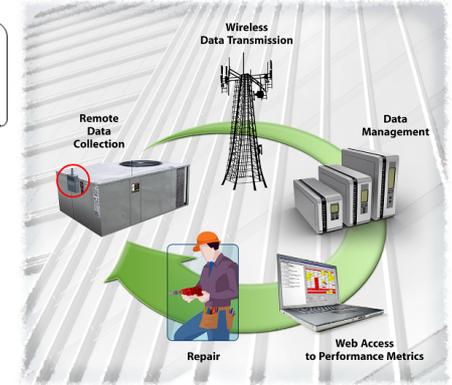
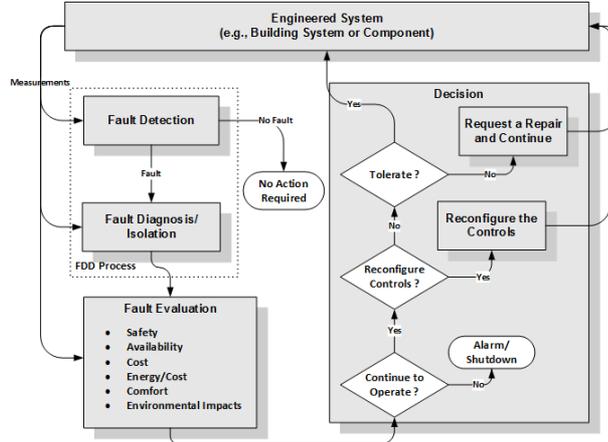
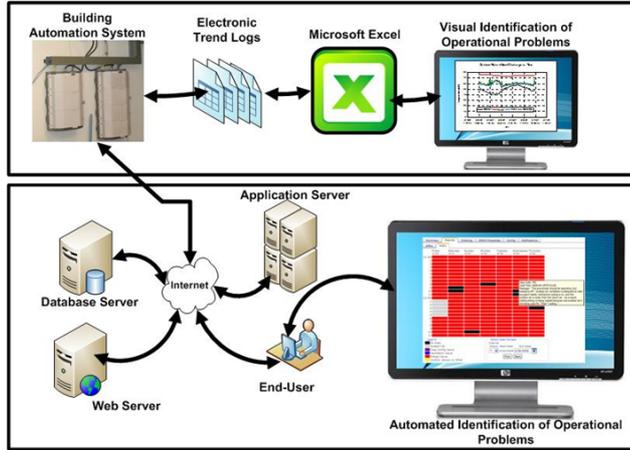
Breakthrough

- Commercial customer facing AFDD web interface
- Highly specific, actionable insights to building operators
- Collaborative process with building engineers: integrated feedback and learning
- Accelerating deployment process with new batch of large commercial office buildings coming online around the world

Challenges

- Onboarding new buildings: handling inconsistent BMS point names, streamlining absorbing non-BMS building information
 - Managing multiple interests: controls vendor, building operator, property owner, and property manager.
 - Proving value: verifying energy savings, preventative maintenance benefits, and comfort improvements
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Srinivas Katipamula



Breakthrough

- Cost-effective control solutions for small and medium sized commercial buildings
- Self-correcting controls for large buildings
- Autonomous building operations - self-diagnosing, self-correcting, self-healing and self-optimizing

Challenges

- Cost
 - Overcoming split-incentives
 - Industry reluctant to lead
 - Not enough R&D investments in both private and public sector
 - Lack of standard, open, scalable controls
 - Lack of automated solutions
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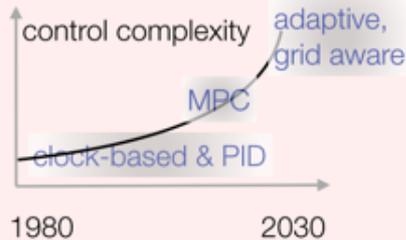
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Problems:

No means for performance quantification that carries from design to operation.

Building controls are broken, yet their complexity increases for ZEB.

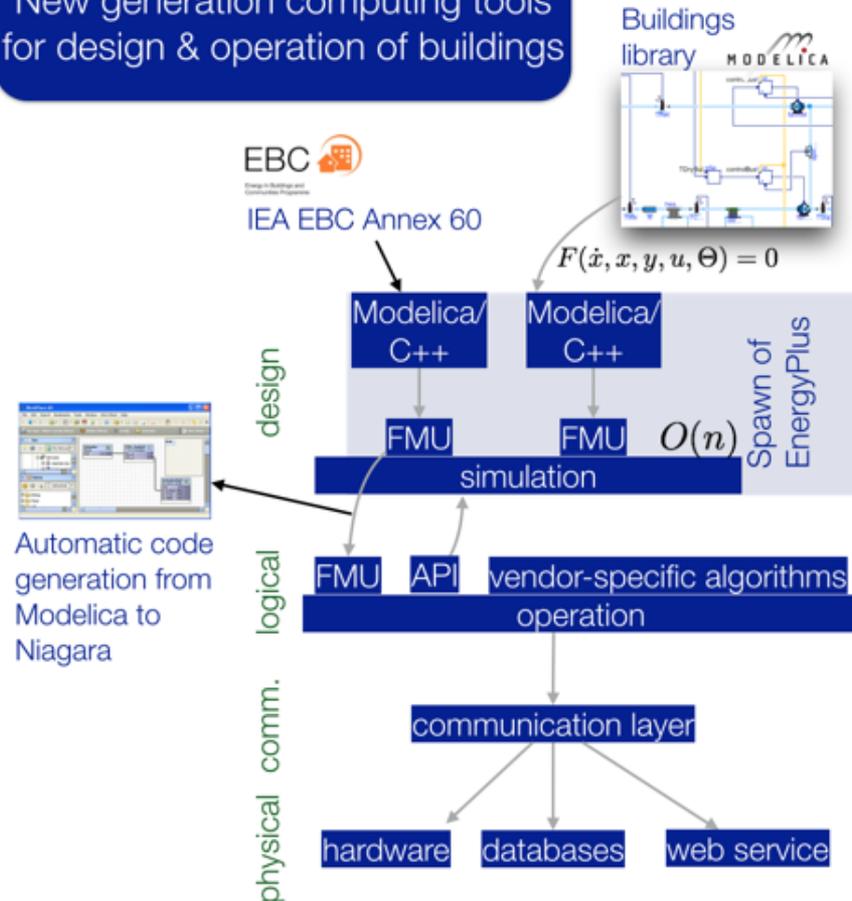
Lack of formalism and tool-chain despite increased complexity.



Human factor	Score	Weight
Operator indifference	0.0	12.0
Operator inexperience	10.4	
Operator misperceptions	4.2	
Operator error	6.8	
Software		
Data management	8.3	
Operator system	1.0	
Programming	11.1	
Input/output implementation	2.1	
Hardware		
Communication	1.6	
Controlled device	12.0	
Controller	2.6	
Input device	13.9	

control-related problems
(Ardehali, Smith 2002)

New generation computing tools
for design & operation of buildings



Michael Wetter



Breakthroughs

SW for design and operation on embedded HW and legacy building automation systems built on industry-developed standards.

Controls-oriented building modeling that integrates into design flows & product development process, used by major control vendors.

Built open-source community around open Modelica & FMI standards for buildings and community energy systems (IEA EBC Annex 60: 38 institutes, 16 countries, 5 years, around \$25 million).

Challenges

Integrating workflow into the fragmented building industry.

Have approaches to solve problem, but few universities teach model-based design methodology.

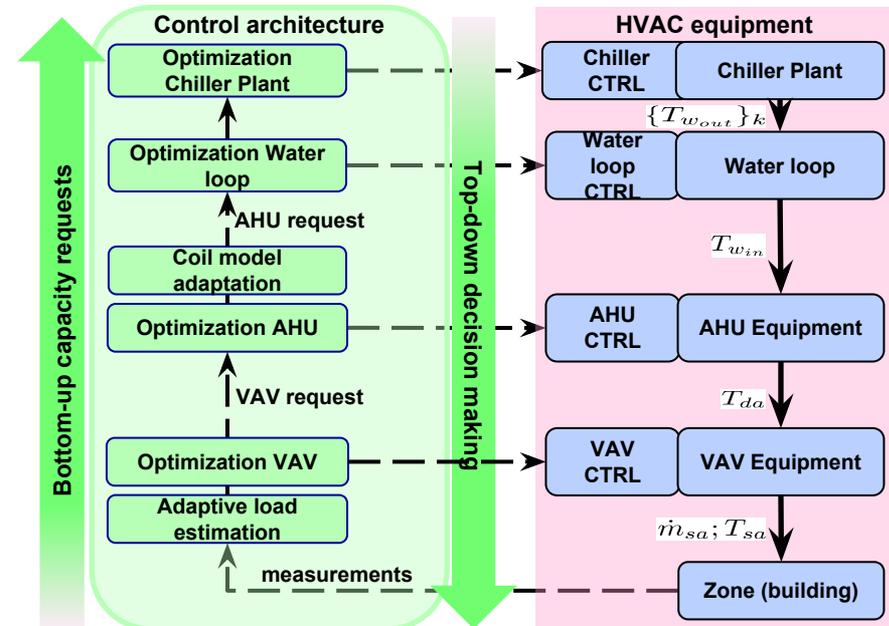
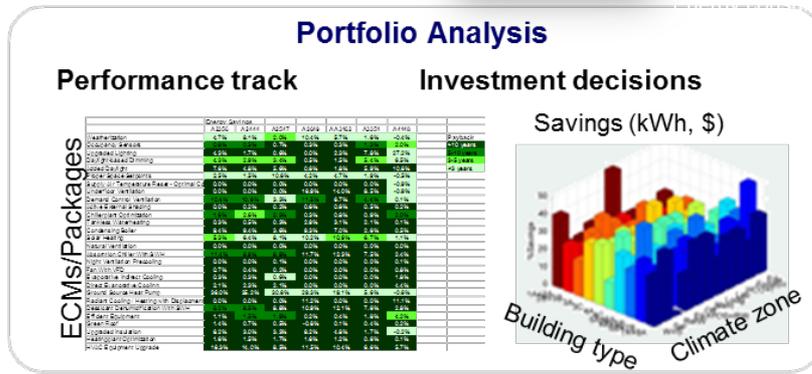
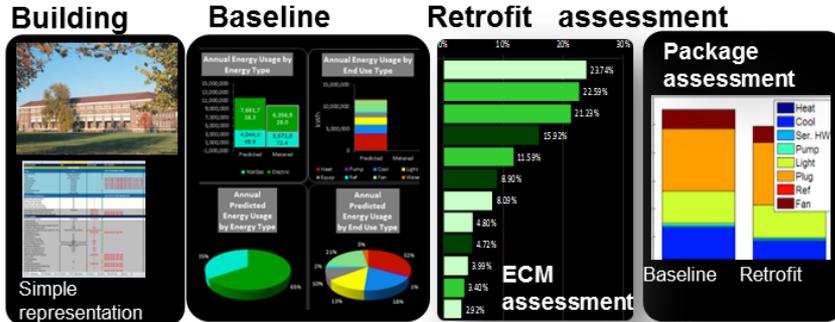
Scale computations from few rooms to 100s of rooms (generated from BIM) combined with HVAC & controls (cyber-physical systems).

BACnet disrupted building controls communication, how can modularity of Modelica & FMI standards disrupt design and deployment of control algorithms?

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Retrofit assessment tool including investment and control measures

- Scalable: Approach based on a few data points
- Deployable: Automatic model calibration

Decentralized optimal control (Draguna Vrable)

- Scalable: Approach mirrors current control architecture and hardware structure
- Deployable: Adaptive self-deployed online estimation models eliminate the need for manual model calibration and (re)tuning

Breakthrough

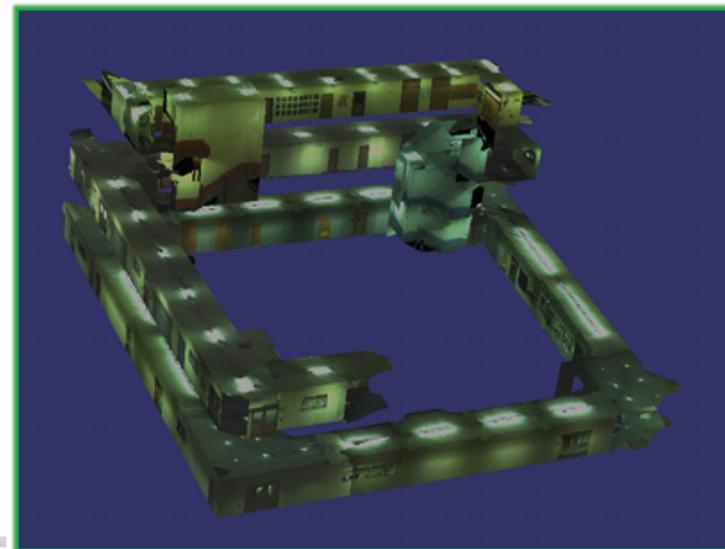
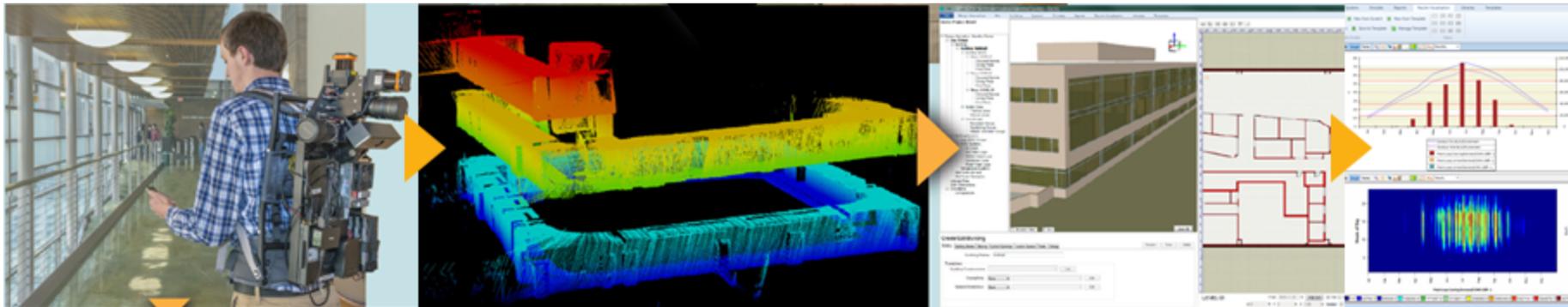
- Accurate retrofit and operational optimization screening potential
- Energy saving demonstrated in real buildings based on hybrid adaptable decentralized control



Challenges

- Ease of deployment of analytics on top of building automation / management systems (cost)
- Lack of common ontologies (semantics) for operational data points
- Lack of standardized approach to quantify achieved benefits

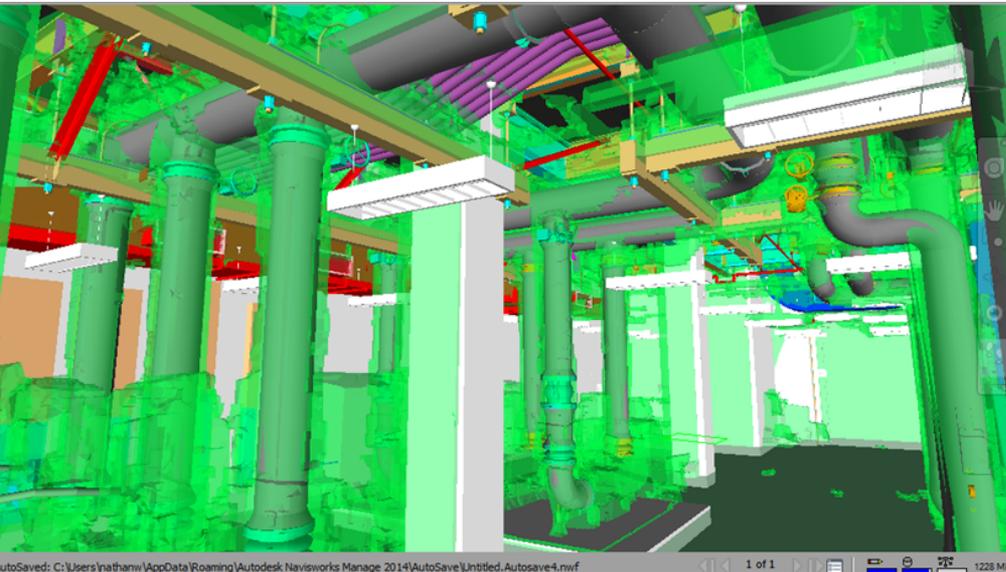
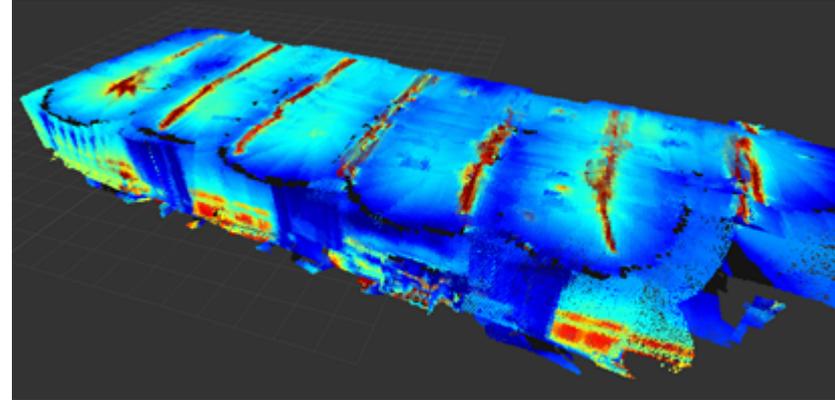
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- Breakthrough: Fast, automated, capture and analysis of data for a pain-free energy audit for existing and new buildings
- Challenge: Reduce form factor



scan to BIM model comparison



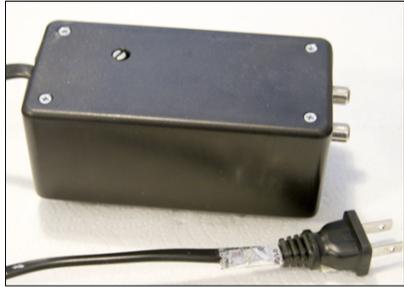


- 950 L'Enfant Plaza (1968)
- Rented by ARPA-E
- Legacy single pane windows: an intransigent problem.
- Workshop in early November

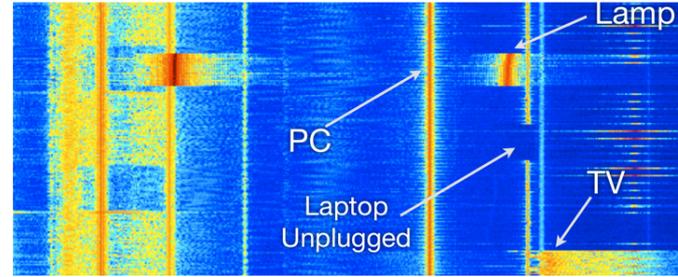


- On assignment to ARPA-E from Syracuse University
- Research on semiconductor and solar cell device physics

Sidhant Gupta



Single plug-in sensor capture EMI from appliances in building



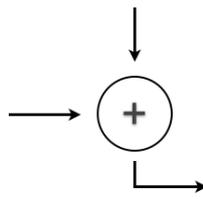
Sample EMI observed over a home's power line. Notice distinct EMI from different appliances



Novel CT replacement sensor for power measurement. Consumer deployable.

Automatic Appliance Usage Estimation

Feature Extraction and Machine Learning Analytics



Real-time disaggregated energy feedback

Sidhant Gupta

Breakthroughs

- Developed novel easy-to-install sensing techniques for **retrofitting** buildings and homes for **fine-grained disaggregated energy** monitoring.
- Algorithms and systems for sensing and feedback of everyday human activities for promoting environmental behaviors. Giving consumers **actionable feedback**.
- Appliance's **internal electrical modes and failures** could be detected.

Challenges

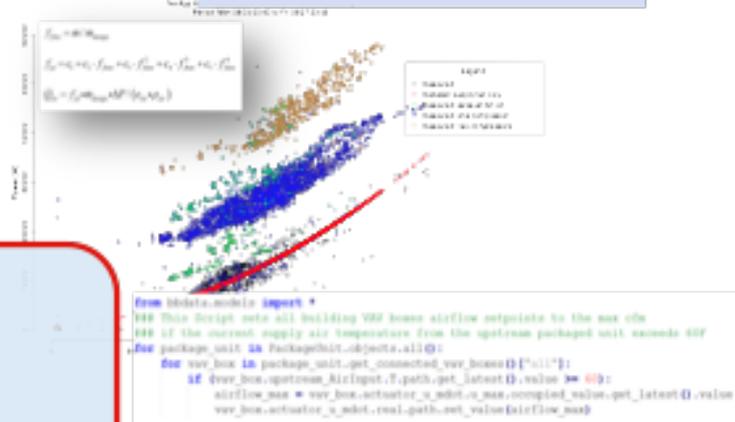
- Hard machine learning and inference challenges to be addressed.
 - Certain appliances with complex load pattern pose a problem.
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Yudong Ma

Connect Securely

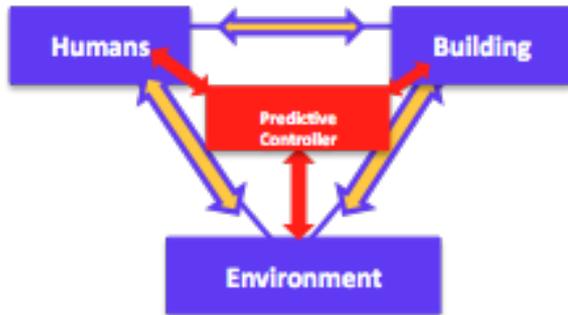


Learn Models From Data



Autonomous Real-time Cloud Building Optimization

Optimize with Feedback



Deliver Savings and Comfort



Breakthroughs

- Secure, modular, modern, hosted, IT platform enables scalability
- Modularized Data Driven Modeling with Dynamic Learning
- Embedded integration with controls platforms (e.g., ALC) speeds deployment
- Customized optimization language for Large scale optimization problems (>500k variables >1M constraints)
- Compact platform for step-testing learning, control and verification
- Fast installation time
- Currently deployed in >1M sqf

Challenges

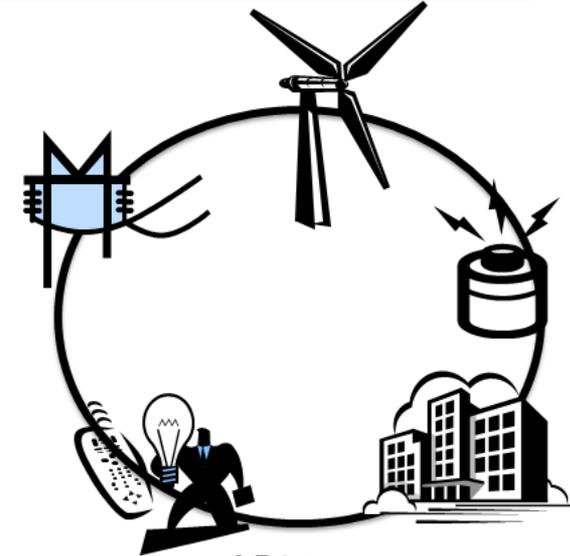
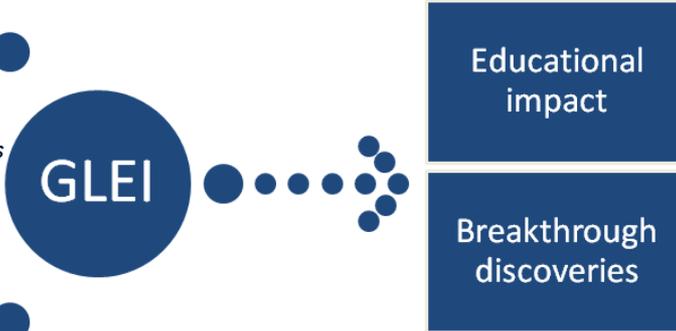
- Energy savings verification
 - Market attraction
 - Interface and transparency with facility operators
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Prioritizing... *identifying areas of strength and growth*

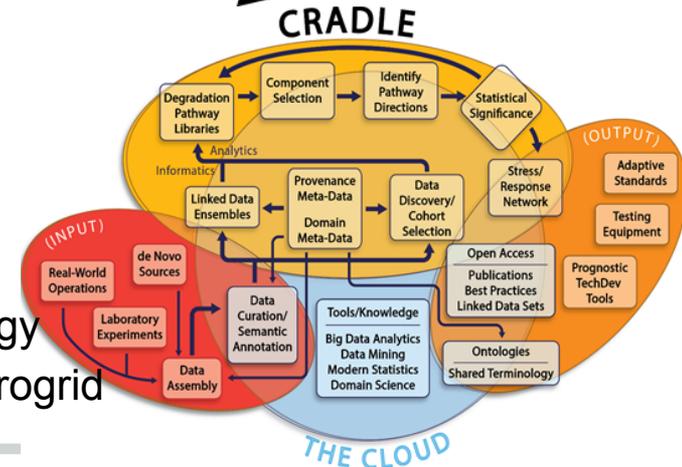
Connecting... *across stakeholders to encourage partnerships and opportunities*

Empowering... *supporting stakeholders with core services that break down barriers to success*



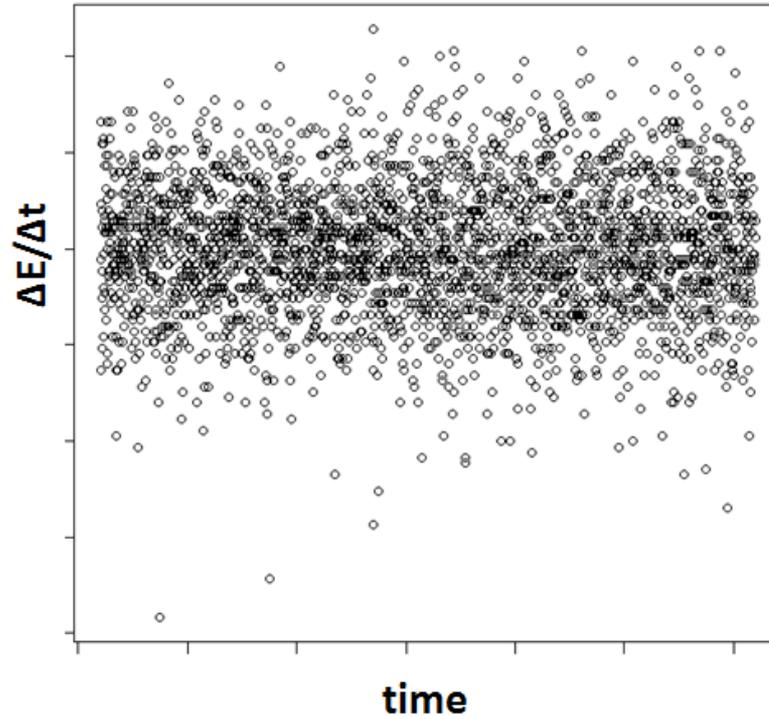
GLEI Faculty Director... empowering our faculty, students and partners to catalyze breakthroughs in energy sustainability.

Research... using data analytics to investigate building energy efficiency; transactive energy demonstration on campus microgrid



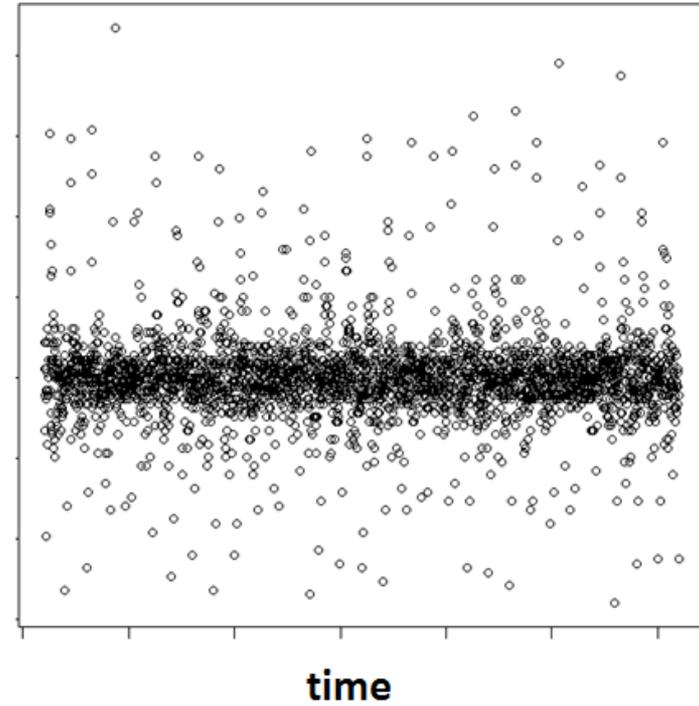
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Building A



Leaky building

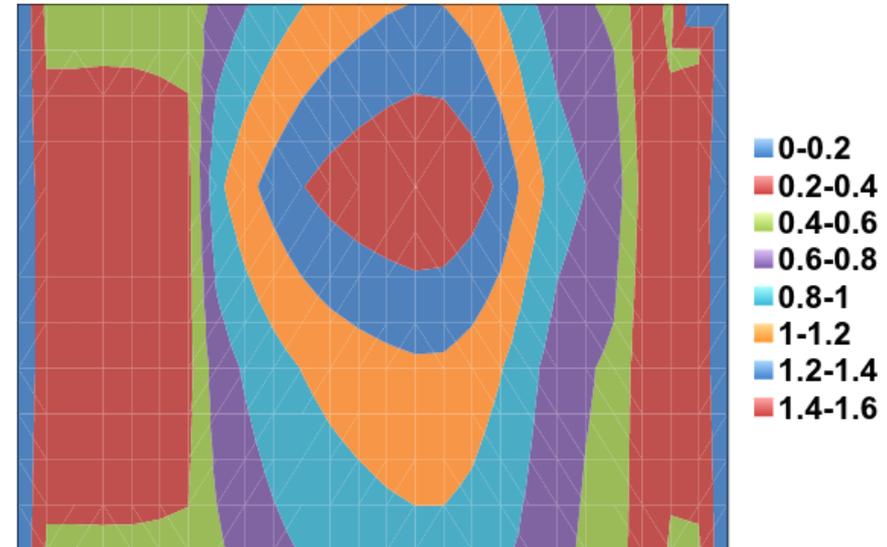
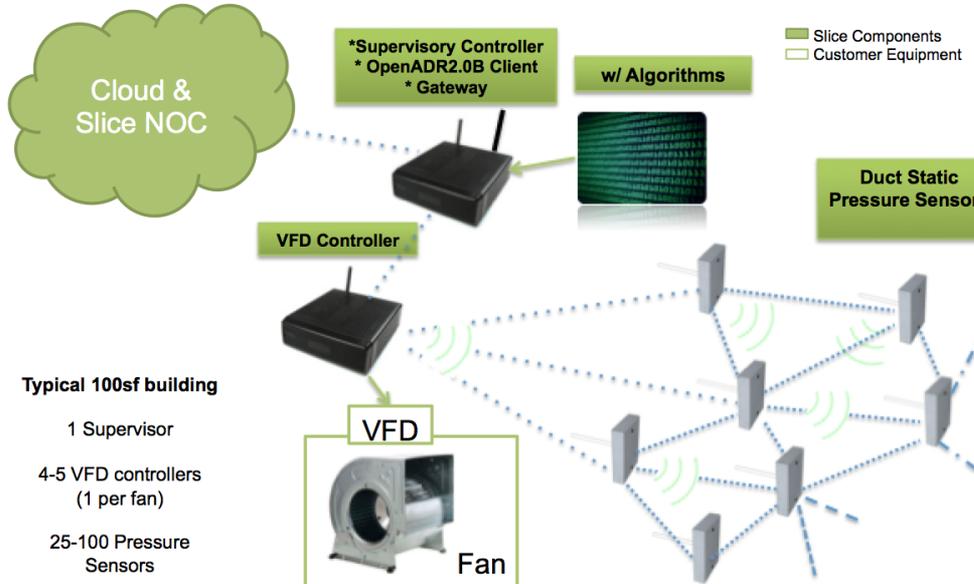
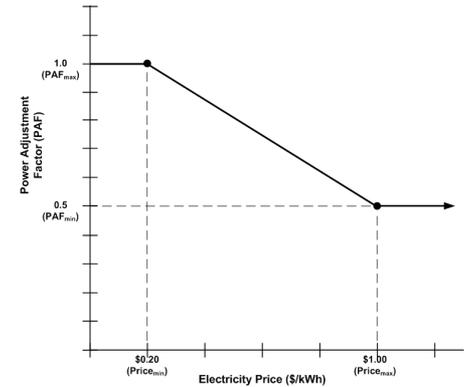
Building B



Tight building

Dave Watson

- Continuous dispatchable EE + Fast DR (24 x 7 x 365) = transactive energy
- Finding best loads in Buildings and connecting them with no loss of service
- Retrofits for existing building stock
- Economic, scalable with existing HVAC techs
- Left LBNL and co-founded Slice Data Systems 2012



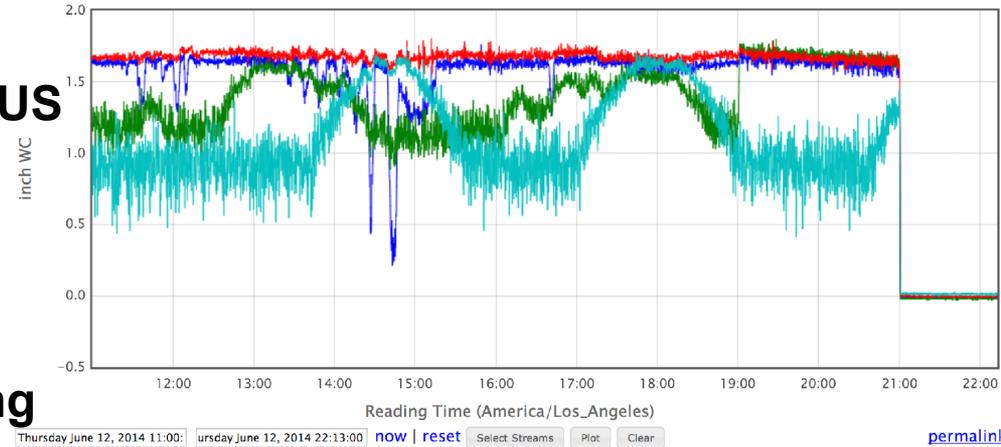
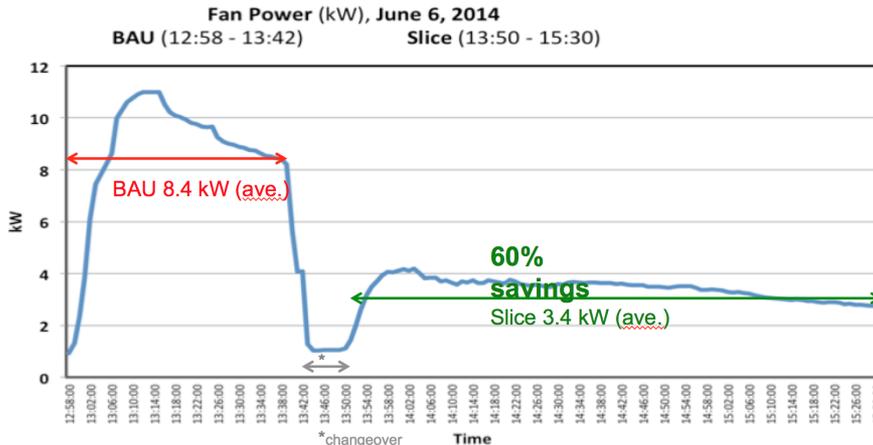
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Breakthrough:

30-60% fan savings (EE) = \$6B / yr. in US
Add'l value for ancillary services

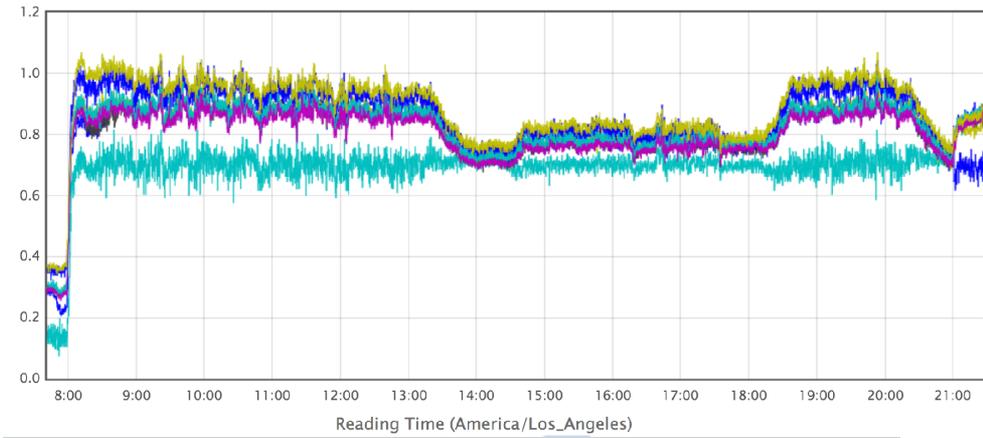
Challenges:

- Low cost Submetering & Telemetry
- Utility programs that value balancing resources
- “Grid needs” signal to track

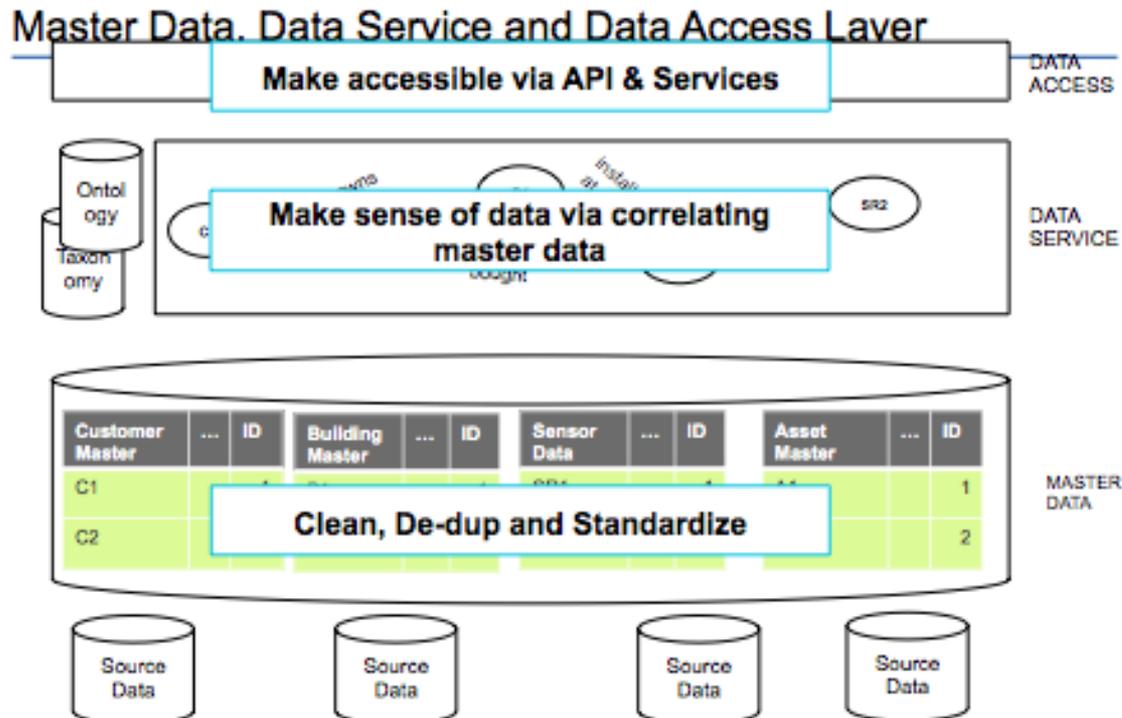


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sMAP 2.0 Plotting Engine

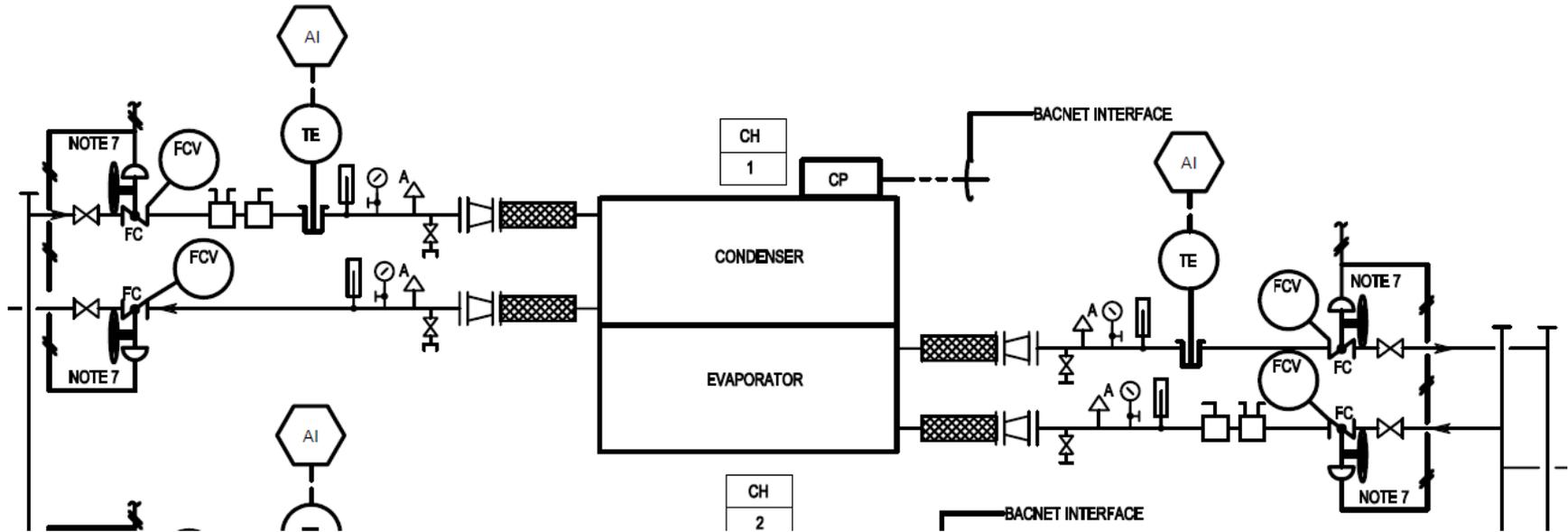


Youngchoon Park & Abu



Partially automated configuration mediation

Self configuration and commissioning
peel and stick sensors...



Commercial Building HVAC Design

Breakthrough

- Designed HVAC systems and associated Building Automation Systems for highly complex Science & Technology projects
- Implement HVAC controls measures to optimize and reduce building energy consumption

Challenge

- Implementation - predictable and reliable operation
 - Creating systems that are “user-friendly” for both the installer and the owner
 - Measurement & verification of building energy performance
 - Improving building owner incentives and interest in high performance systems
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Biggest Technical Challenge To Overcome (In Your Area)

In The Area of Building Energy Management
