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# Big Data Dynamics for Low CAPEX Whole Building Controls

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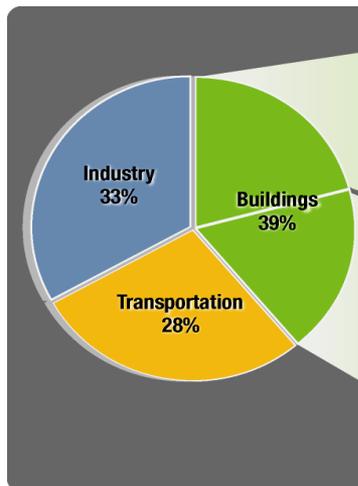
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The convergence of research and innovation.

# A commercial building with integrated systems design and operations

This diagram of a large commercial building shows various aspects and systems whose interactions are important for optimum building operation and minimum energy consumption.

## Energy I



## Commercial energy end usage

In 2006 the commercial sector consumed 17.9 quads of energy. The category "Other" includes non-building consumption.

Lighting <sup>8</sup>

27%

## Residential energy end usage

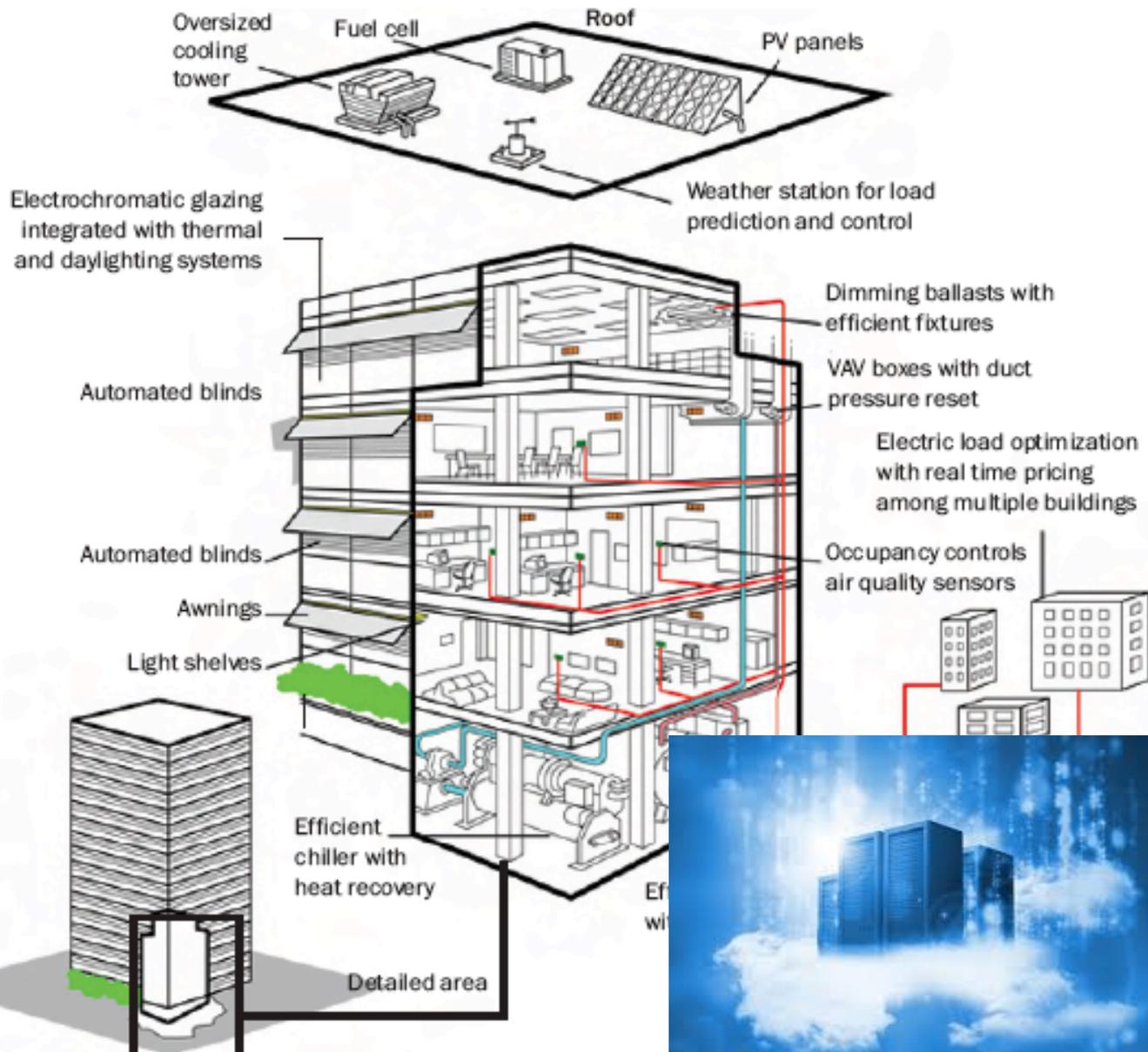
In 2006 the residential sector consumed 21.8 quads of energy. This chart shows the relative amounts going to various end uses.

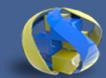
Space heating <sup>6</sup>

32%

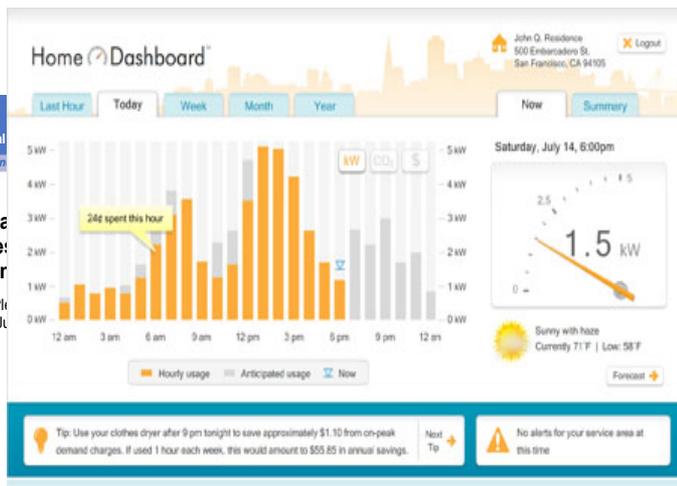
Space cooling

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Lessons Learned  
Case Studies:  
High-Performance  
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N. Long, and R. J....



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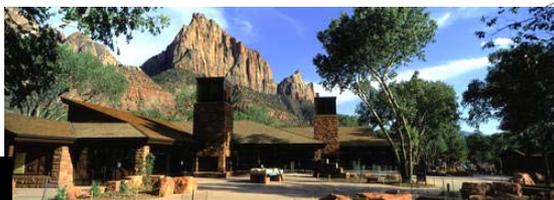
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Lucid Design Group  
Building Dashboard

- Plug loads were often greater than design predictions.
- Effective insulation values are often inflated when comparing the actual building to the asdesigned building.
- PV systems experienced a range of operational performance degradations. Common degradation sources included snow, inverter faults, shading, and parasitic standby losses. “

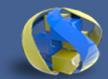
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Dashboard

- NEED INTEGRATED CONTROL SOFTWARE AND UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS
- Each of these buildings saved energy, with energy use 25% to 70% lower than code. Although each building is a good energy performer, additional energy efficiency and on-site generation is required for these buildings to reach DOE’s ZEB goal.
- NEED FOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN BLUEPRINTS



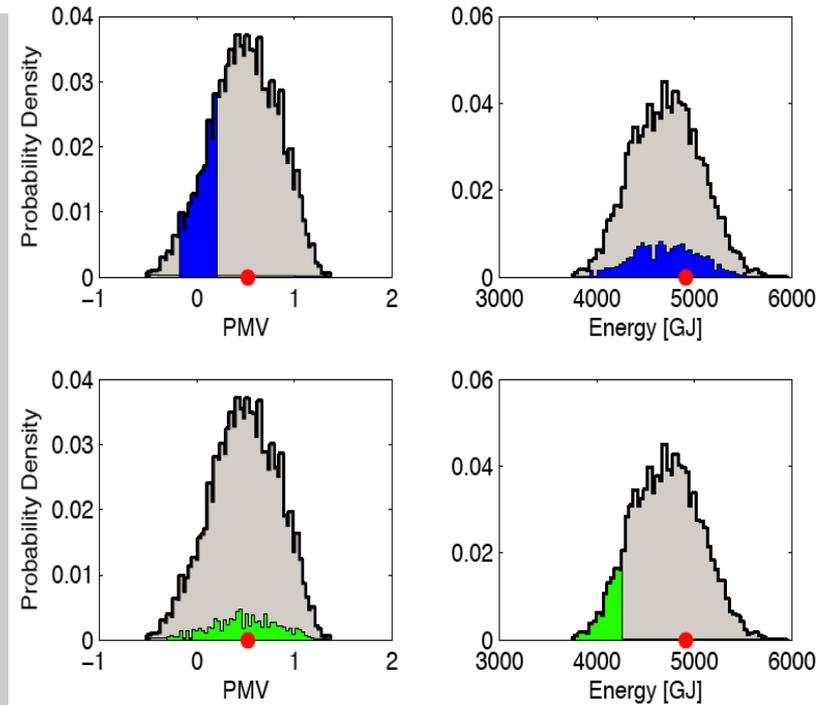
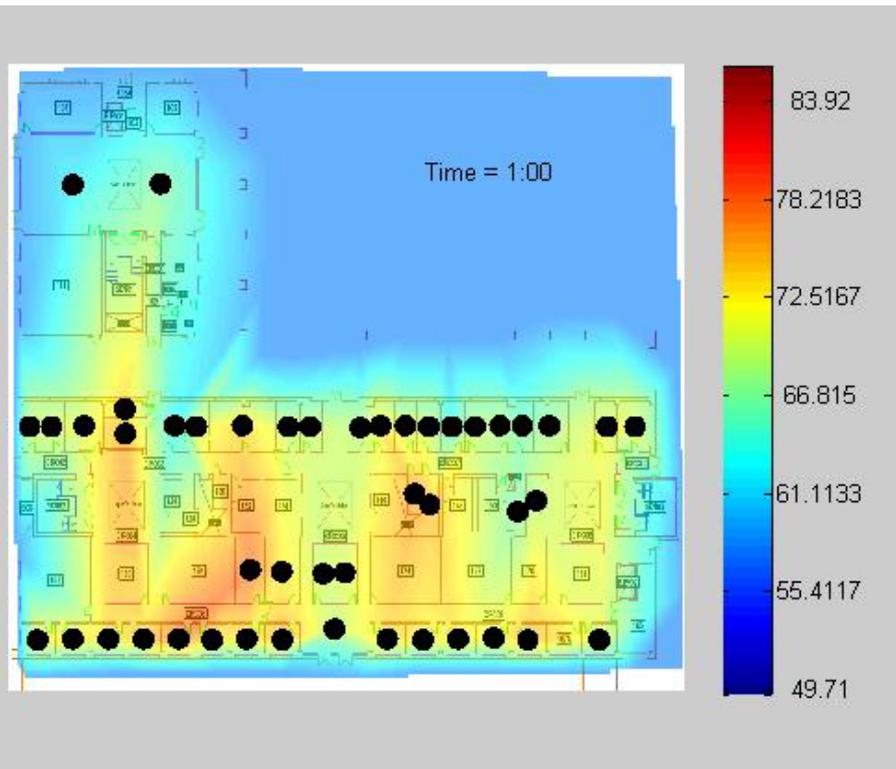
Unique

Cookie-cutter



- Automatic control problems:

1) Given existing systems in a building, keep it operating within comfort range at



2) Detailed modeling tools.

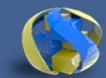
3) New theory tools.

### Big Data Dynamics:

5000 points at 5 minutes intervals!

Figure 2: Probability density of both comfort and energy usage for 5000 DOS iterations for a proposed building DOS. In the upper row, DOSs with high comfort ( $PMV \cong 0$ ) are selected, and the corresponding energy use for these DOSs is presented in the upper right. In the lower right sub-plot, DOSs with minimal energy expenditure is selected and the corresponding comfort is displayed. The dots are the values of the nominal DOS.

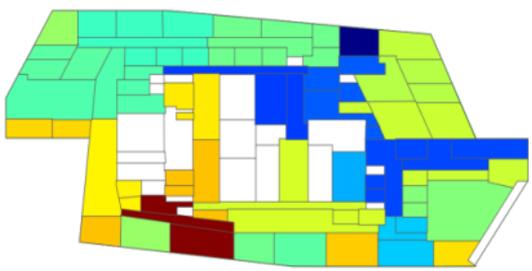
B. Eisenhower, I.M., Energy and Buildings, 2011



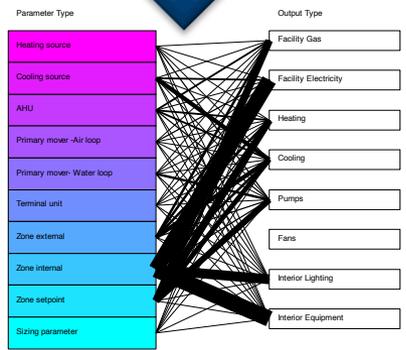
## Sensor Inputs



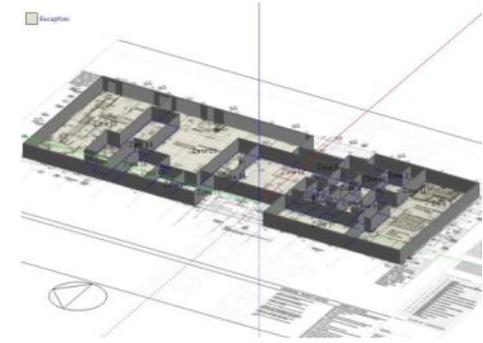
## Whole Building Analysis and Control Methods



Energy Visualization and Fault Detection using Koopman Mode Analysis



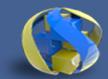
Sensitivity Analysis and Uncertainty Analysis



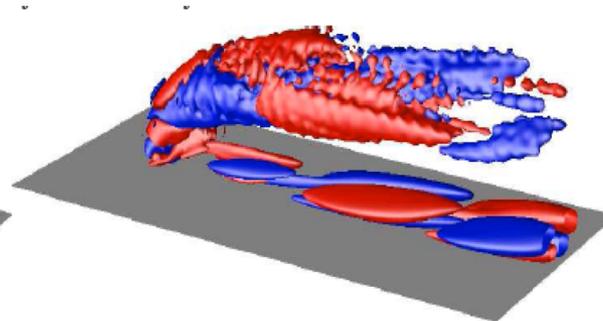
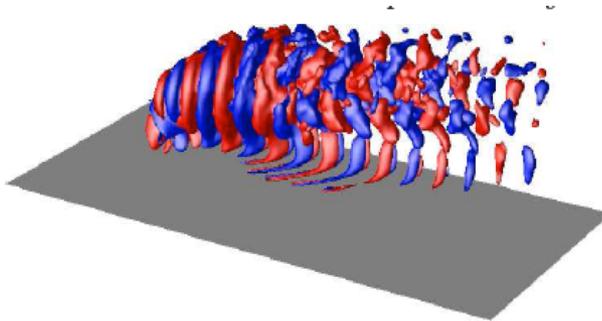
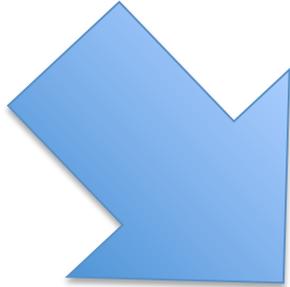
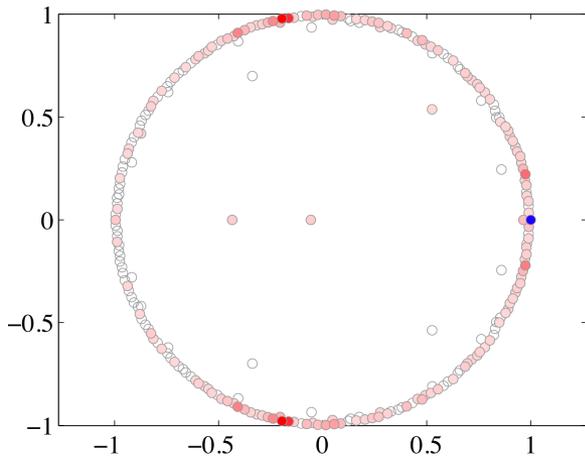
Model Reduction and Validation

## Actionable Recommendations, Supervisory Control

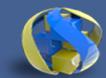
## Lower Energy Costs and Improved Comfort



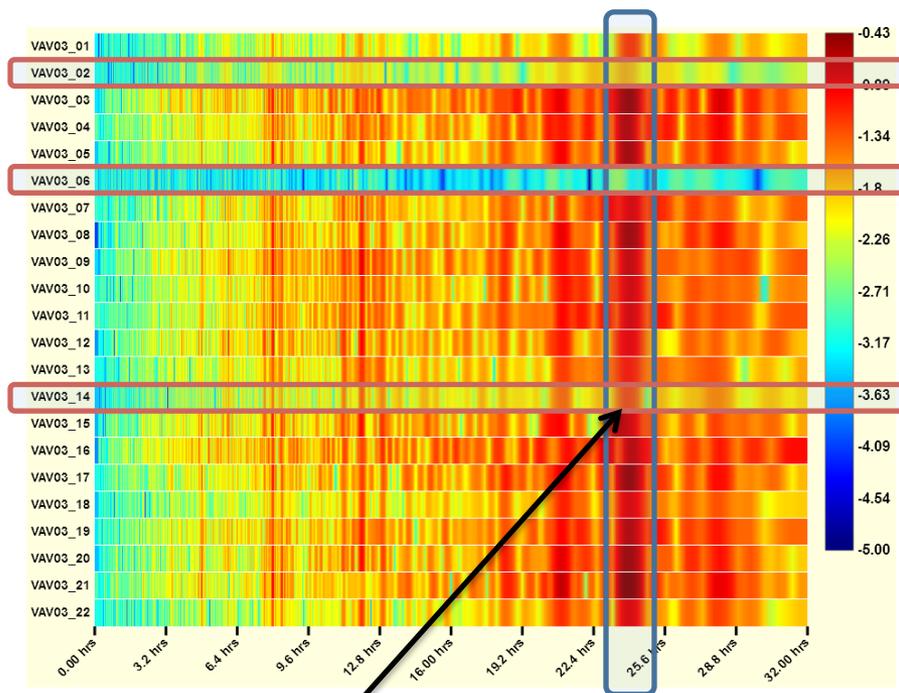
From Rowley et al. Journal of Fluid Mechanics, 2009



Koopman Mode Decomposition (IM, 2005)

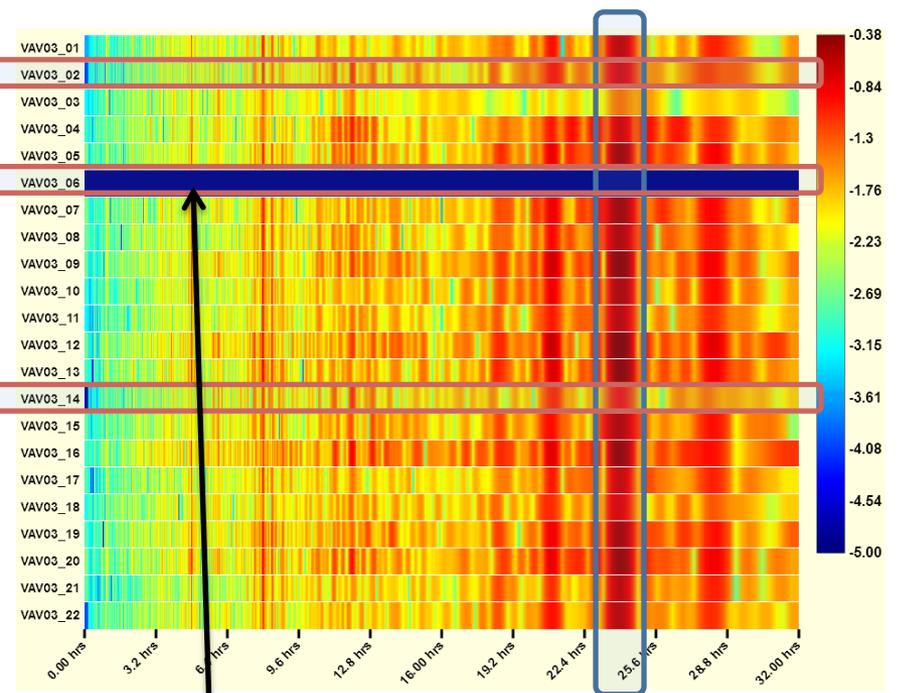


VAV Damper Positions



VAV3\_02, 03\_06, & 3\_14 stand out at 24 hr. period

VAV Box Flow



VAV3\_06 – Low Spectral Content, Check VAV

24 hour period (Typical)

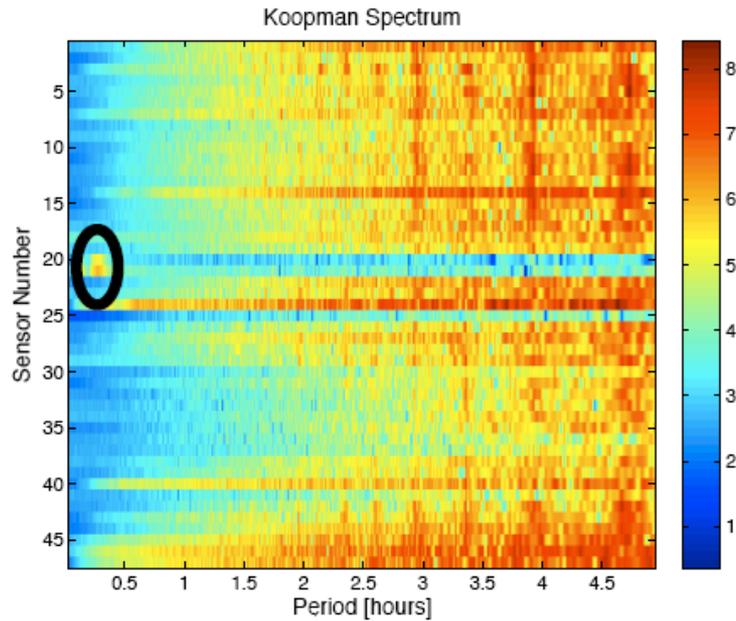
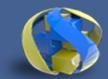


Figure 2: Koopman spectrum for the first floor of Y2E2 sensor data in April 2009. The circled region highlights an area where spectral energy is not expected.

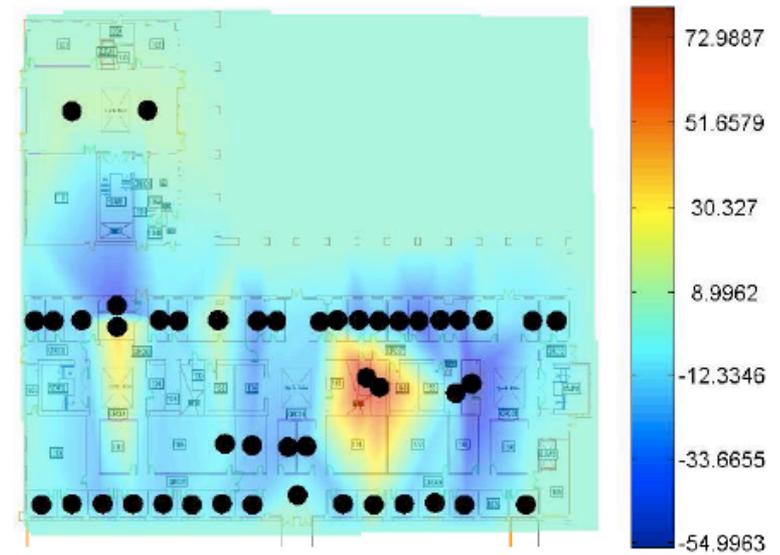
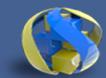
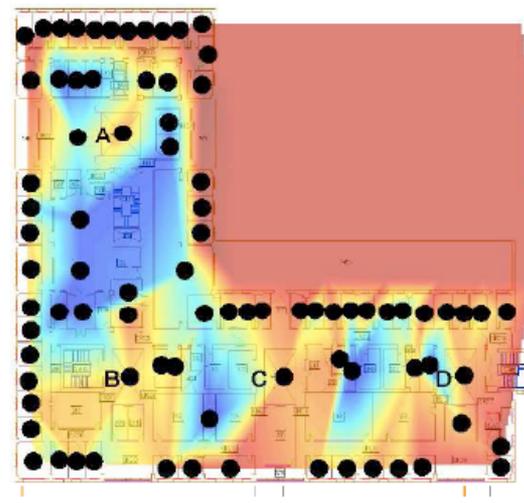
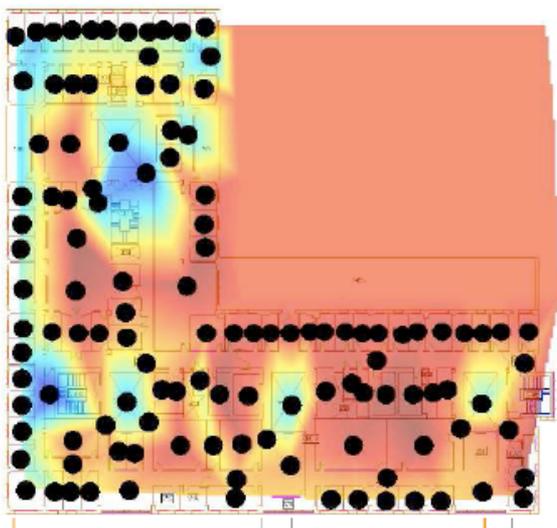
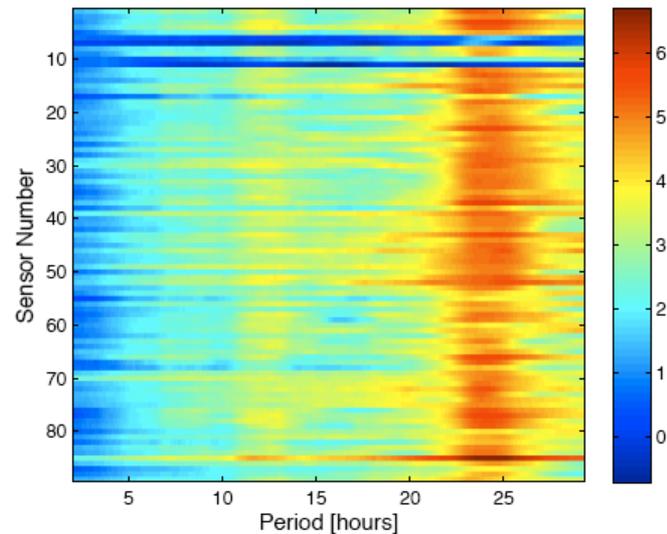
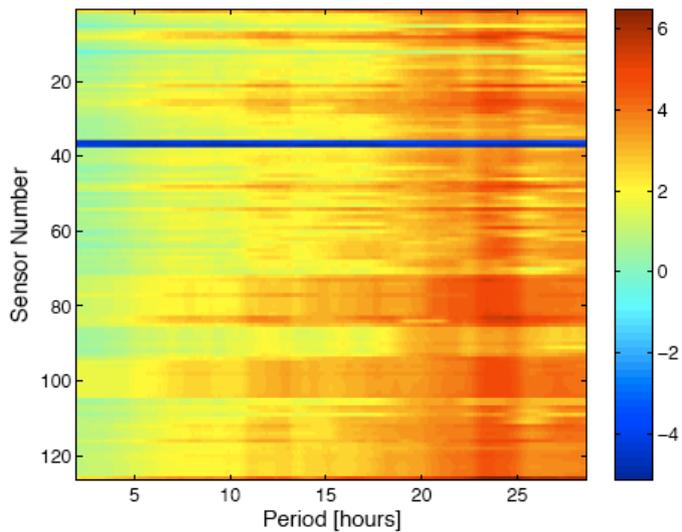
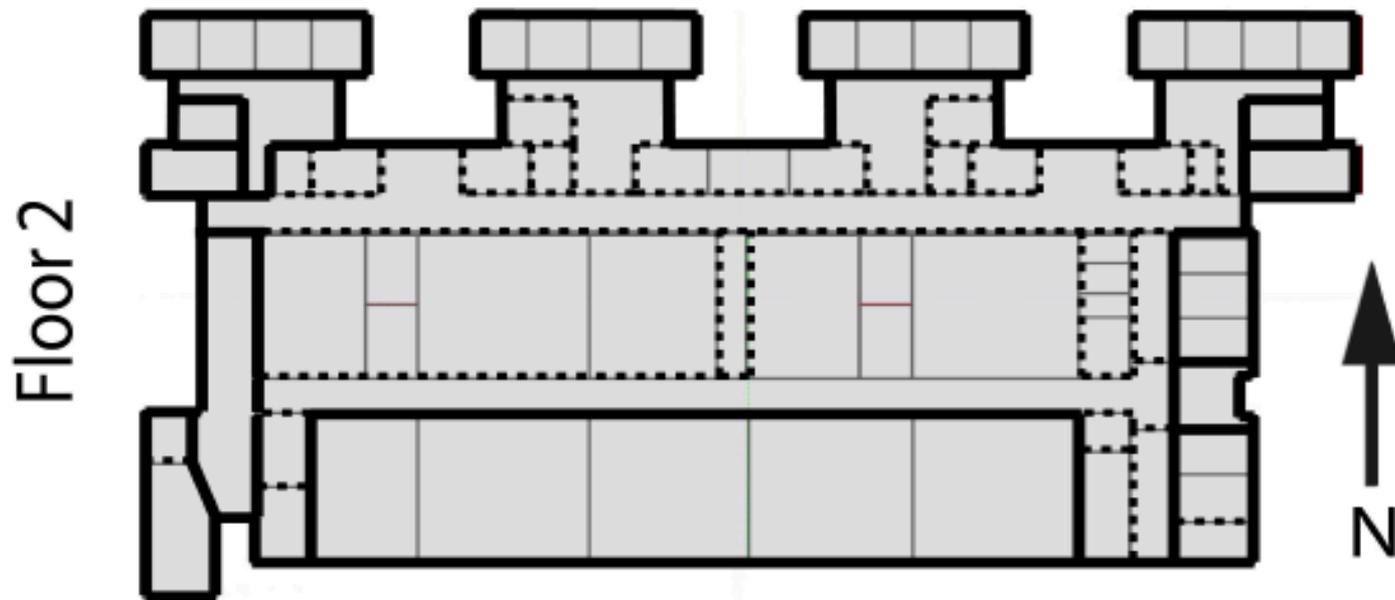
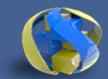


Figure 3: Koopman mode associated with the high frequency spectral energy in Fig. 2



## SENSOR DATA





*Figure 7: Boundaries of two zoning approximations compared to the original model zone layout (second floor of the building shown). Gray lines indicate zone boundaries of original 191 zone model. Thick solid lines indicate zone boundaries of a 60 zone approximation and dotted lines indicate additional boundaries of a 112 zone approximation.*

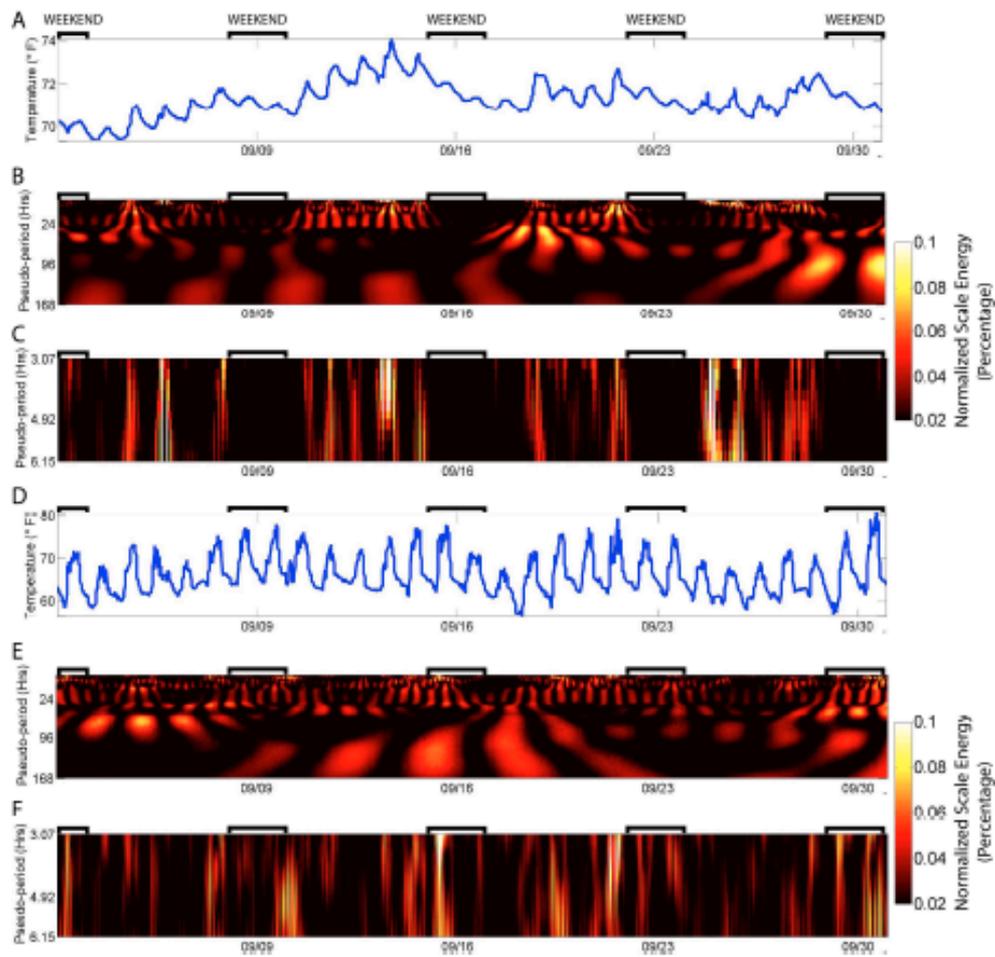
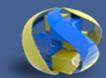


Figure 3: (Color Online) (A) Time-series temperature trend from a naturally ventilated room building sensor. Time-scale representation of room measured temperature data calculated using the continuous wavelet transform shown over all pseudo-periods (B) and high pseudo-periods (C). (D) Time-series temperature trend of outdoor air temperature. Time-scale representation of outdoor air temperature calculated using the continuous wavelet transform shown over all pseudo-periods (E) and high pseudo-periods (F).

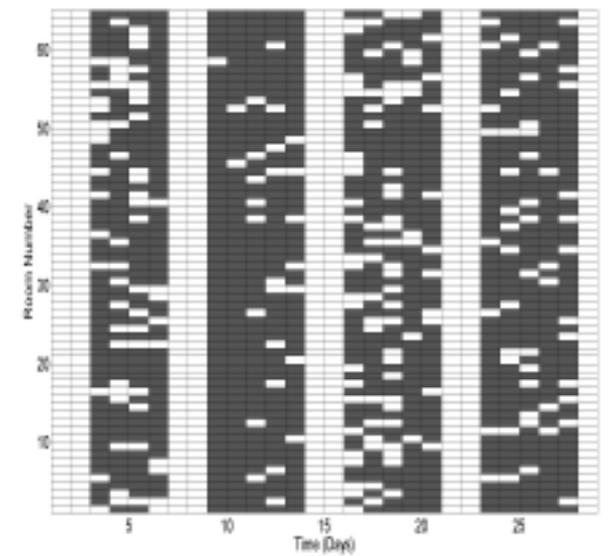


Figure 4: Occupancy status of rooms determined from collected building data over a four week period. Black and white squares signify occupied and unoccupied days respectively.

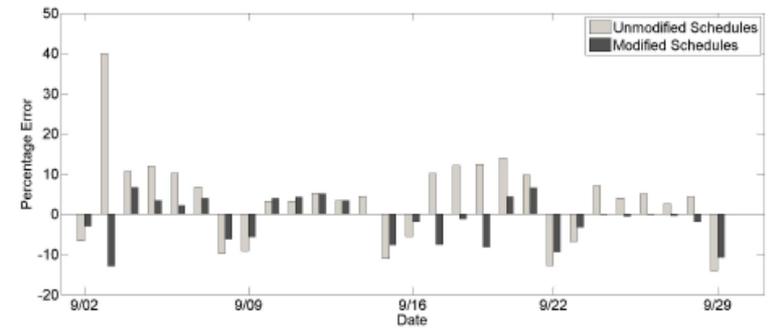
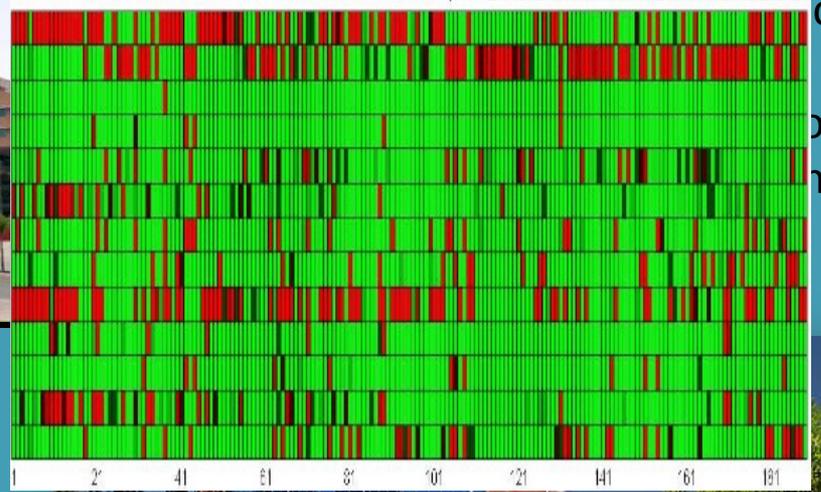
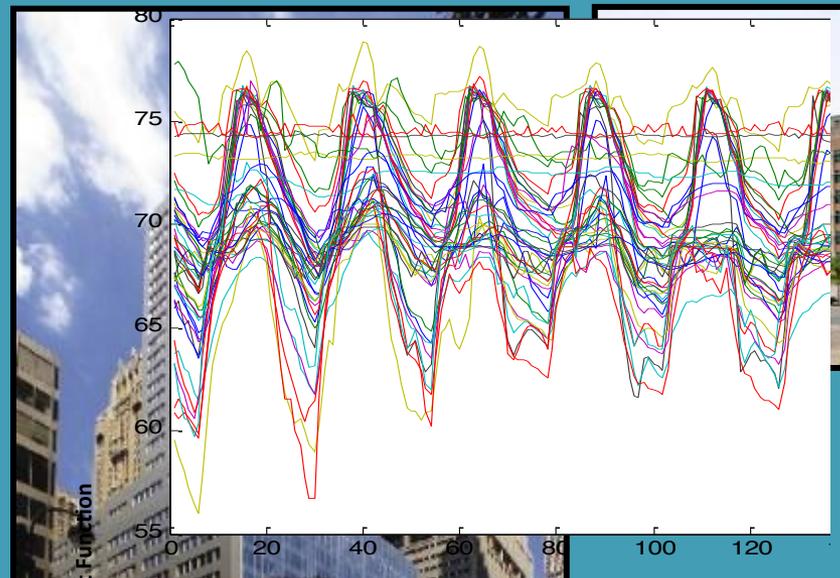
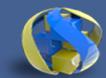
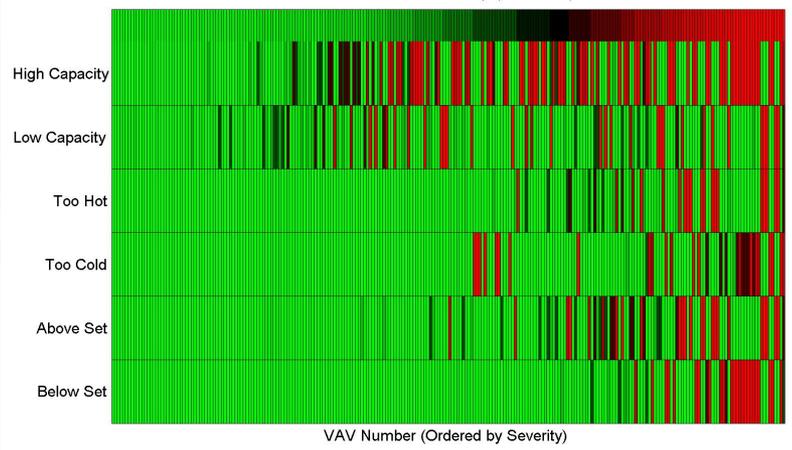


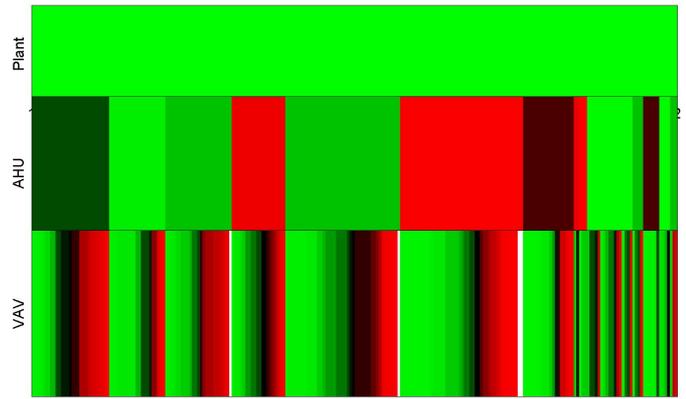
Figure 6: Percentage error of EnergyPlus simulations in predicting building energy usage. The unmodified simulation uses conventional hour-by-hour occupancy schedules created from best estimates of building operation. The modified simulation incorporates predicted fluctuations in occupancy inferred from building temperature data.



100 Park VAV Fault Map (246 VAVs)



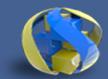
100 Park Fault Map (1 Plant, 16 AHUs, 246 VAVs)



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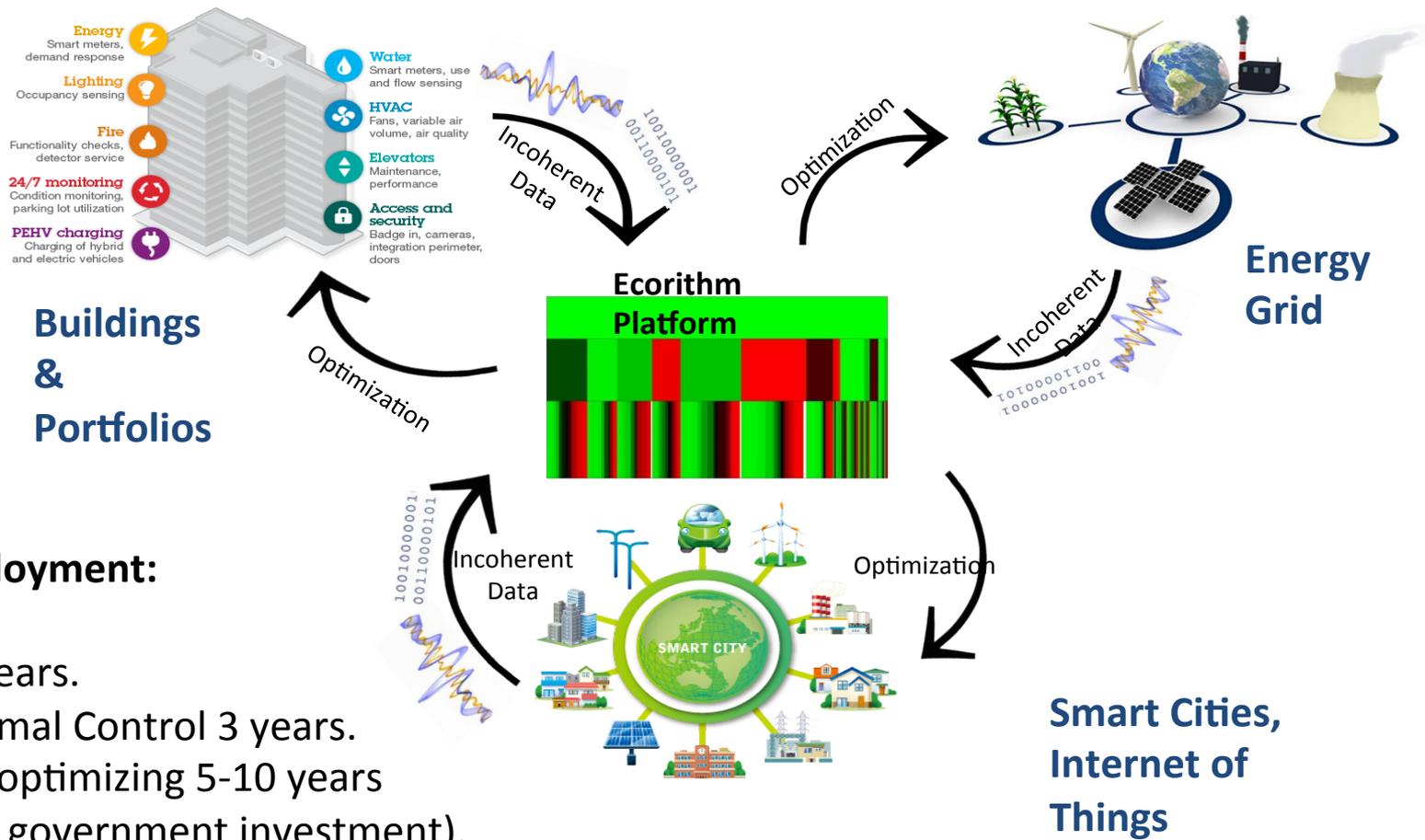
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Impact: extended to all buildings above 50K square feet- 40 million US cars of the road.



# Conclusions and Timeline

- The potential for **high ROI with low CAPEX** is there, but
- We need to ramp up the **data collection** base by developing a “**poor man’s BMS**”,
- We need to extend methodology that takes into account complex, **Big Data Dynamics**.
- We need to extend **self-healing/optimizing methodology** relying on **data assimilated models**,
- We need **data and protocol standardization and normalization** methods



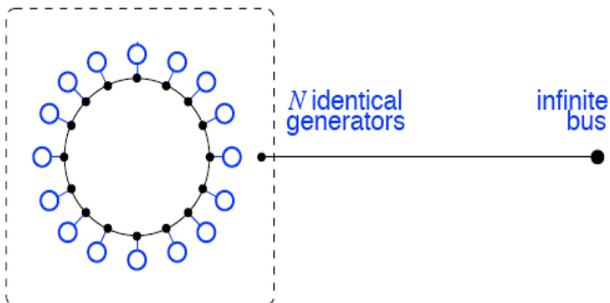
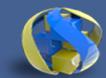
## Timeline to commercial deployment:

AFDD 1 year.

Optimization 2 years.

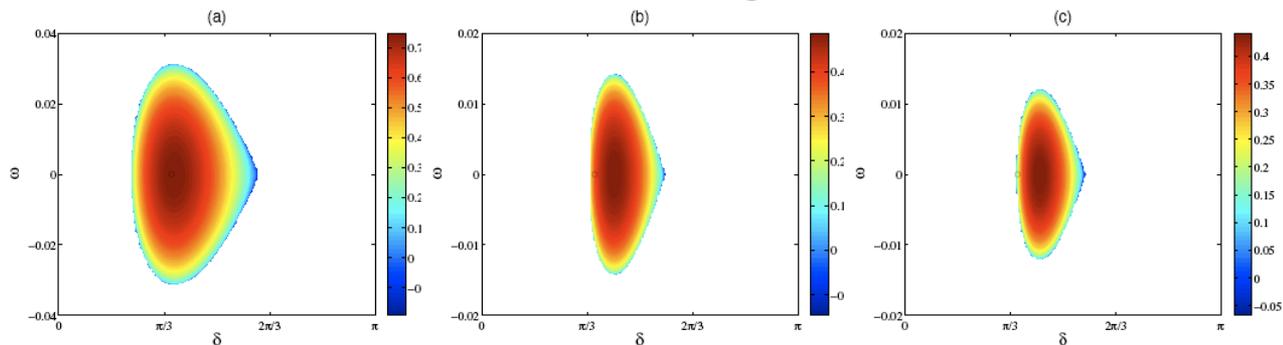
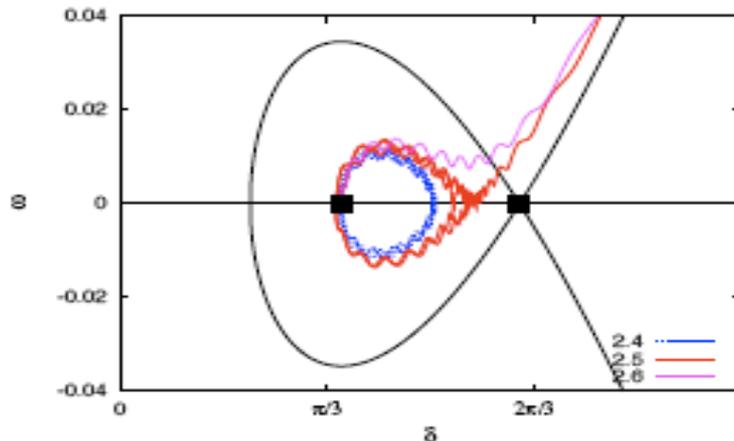
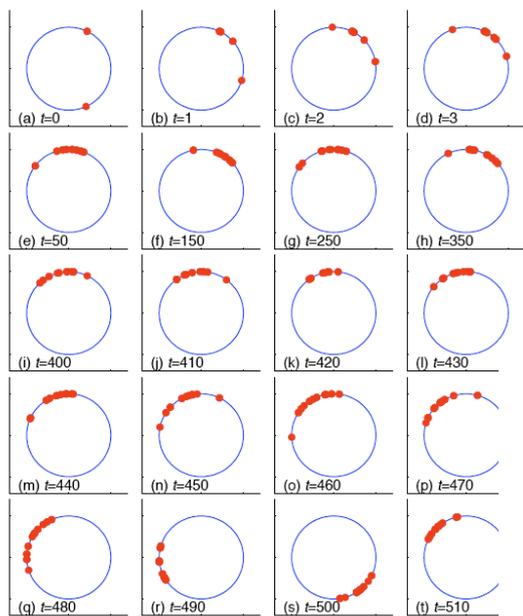
Supervisory Optimal Control 3 years.

Self-healing and optimizing 5-10 years (with substantial government investment).



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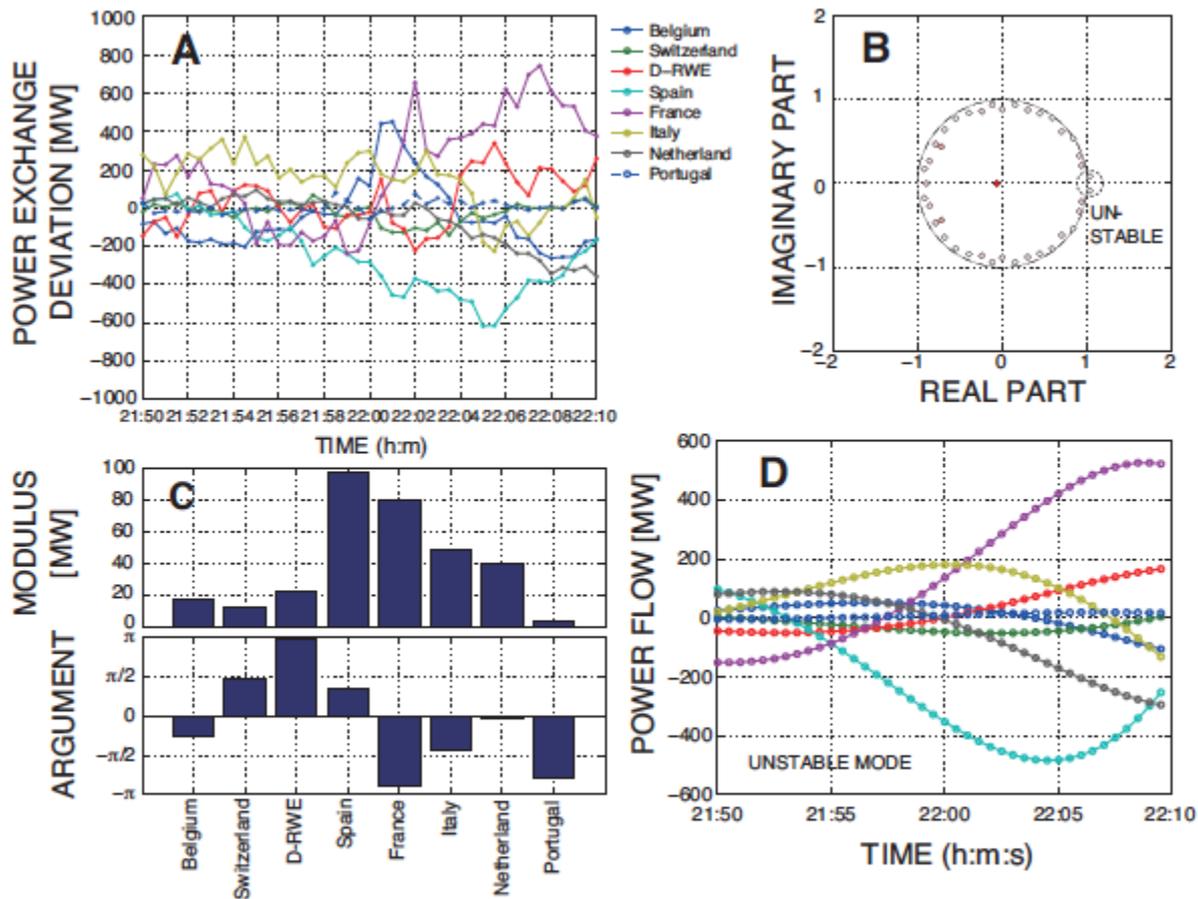
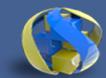
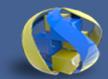
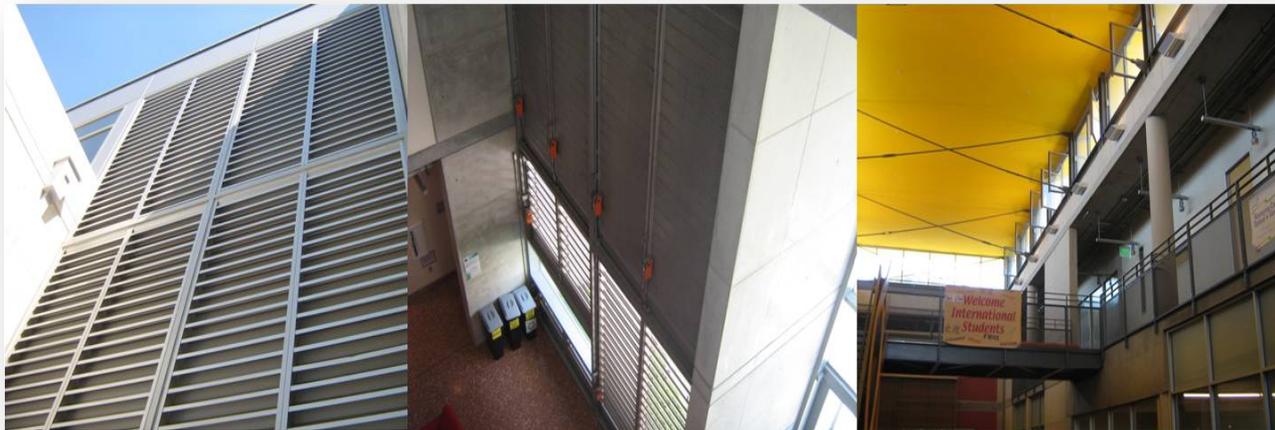


Fig. 2. Koopman mode analysis of power exchange deviations leading to the 2006 system disturbance in the European grid: (A) data on power exchange deviations; (B) Koopman eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$ ; (C) modulus and argument vectors of unstable Koopman mode; and (D) dynamics of base flow patterns (9) for the unstable mode. A power exchange deviation is the difference between the actual power exchanges and the scheduled power exchanges with other countries.

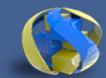


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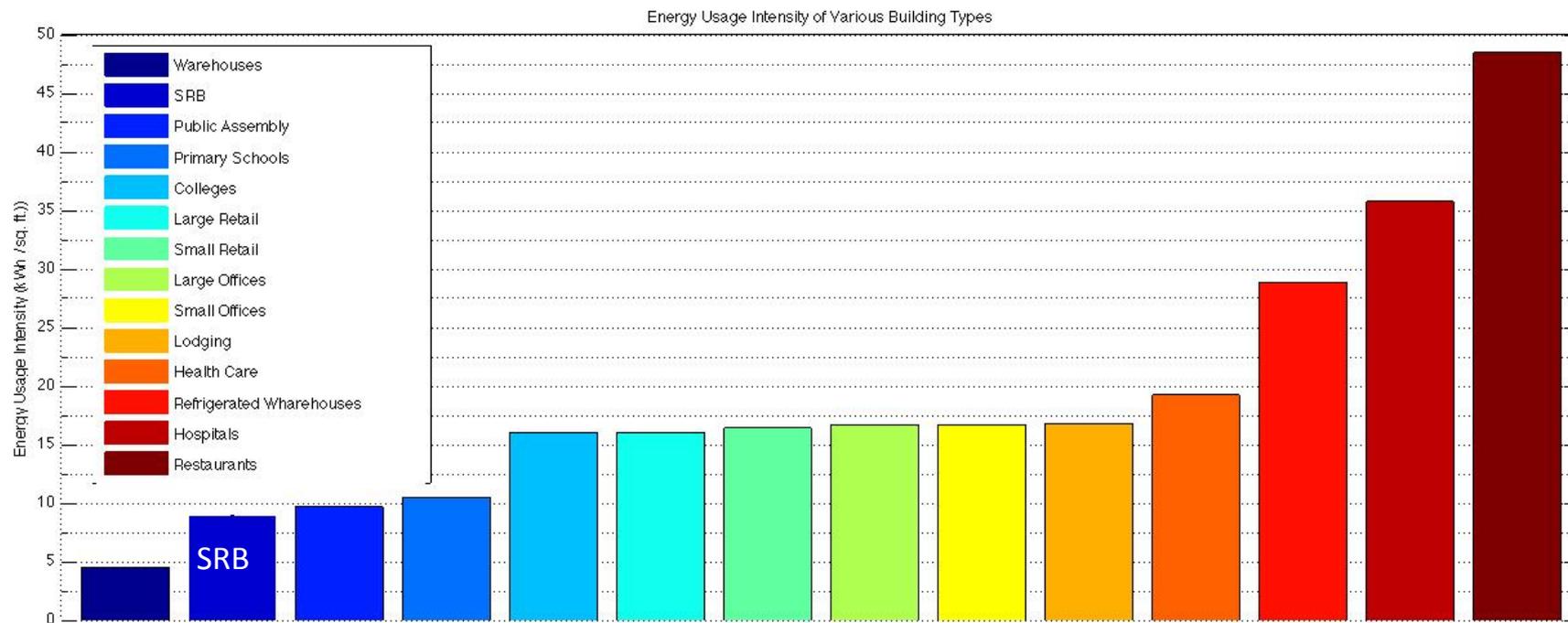
- 60 kft<sup>2</sup> Design
- Utilized by students/admin 12-13 hours a day
- Recent construction (2008) LEED Silver certified
- Large thermal mass, natural ventilation
- Some portions are extremely uncomfortable and **retrofits are already a must!**



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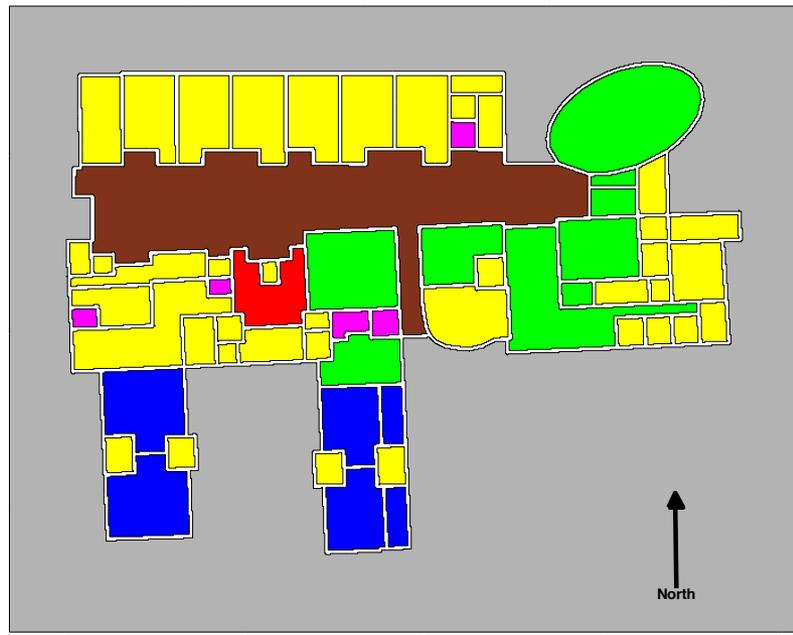
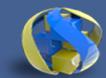


- ❑ Energy usage intensity is a performance metric that measures energy usage relative to building area
- ❑ It allows buildings of different size to be compared to each other

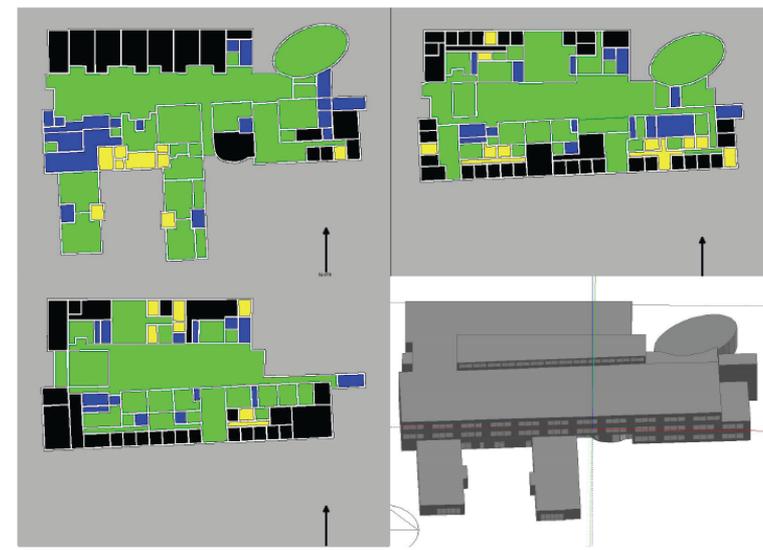


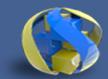
- ❑ The SRB uses approximately 600,000 kWh of electricity each year
- ❑ For comparison, an average office building of similar size uses 950,000 kWh\*

\*Based on CBECs average



Yellow areas – previously un-sensed  
 Black areas – wireless sensors added

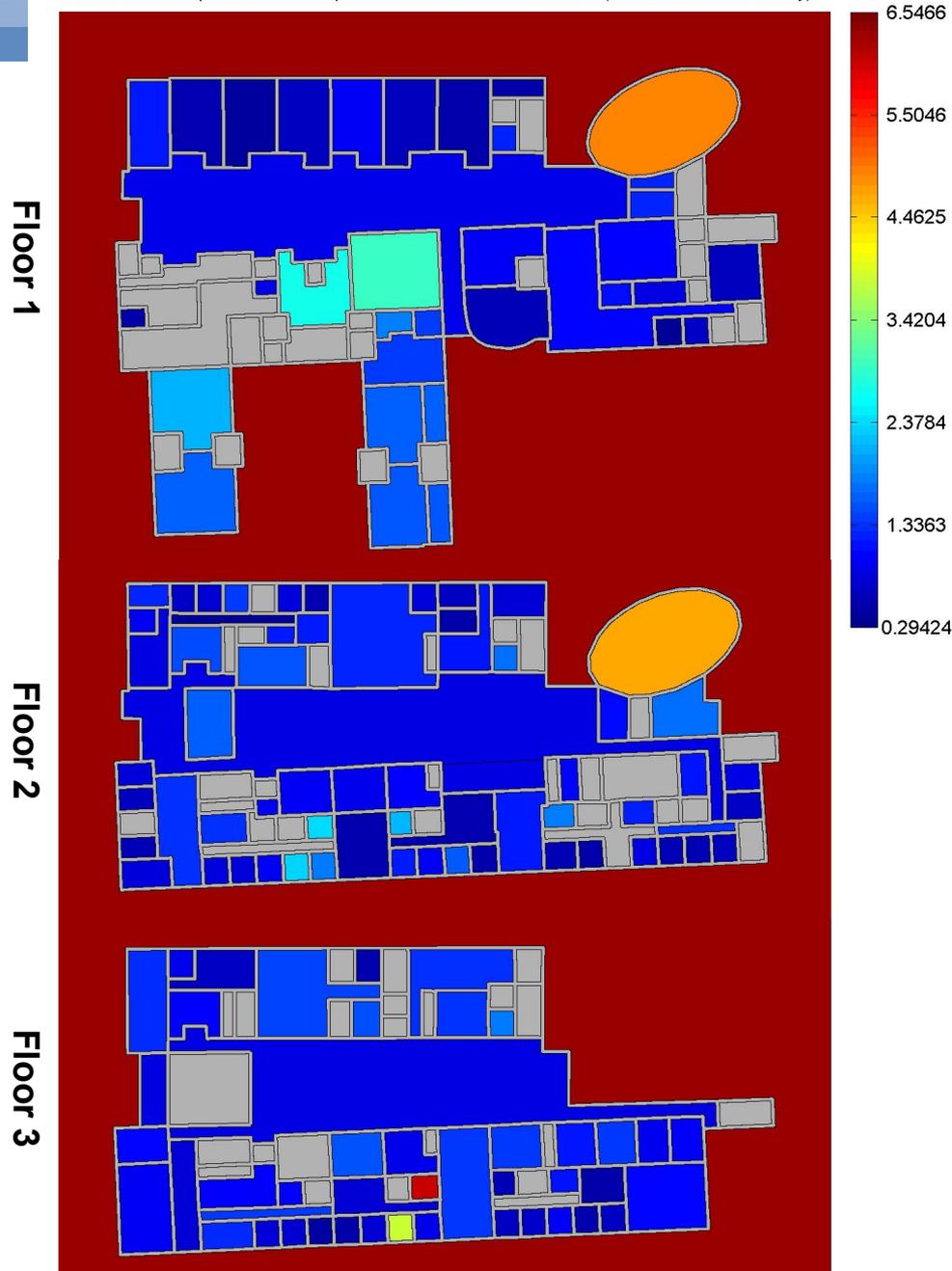


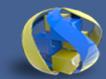


# Unstable auditorium temperature

- ❑ Spectral energy of auditorium distributed across many higher frequencies
- ❑ Summing all high frequency modes (chosen periods <2.6 hrs) shows auditorium has large amount of high frequency spectral energy compared to other rooms served by VAV or CAV units

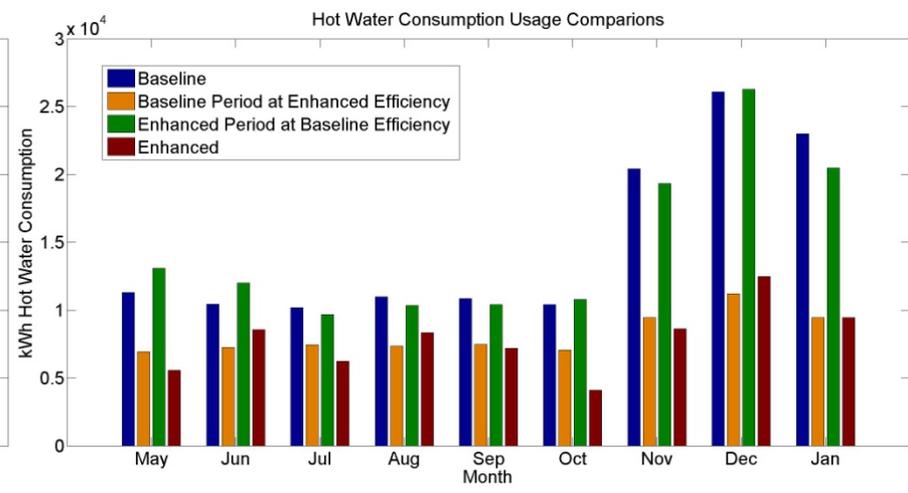
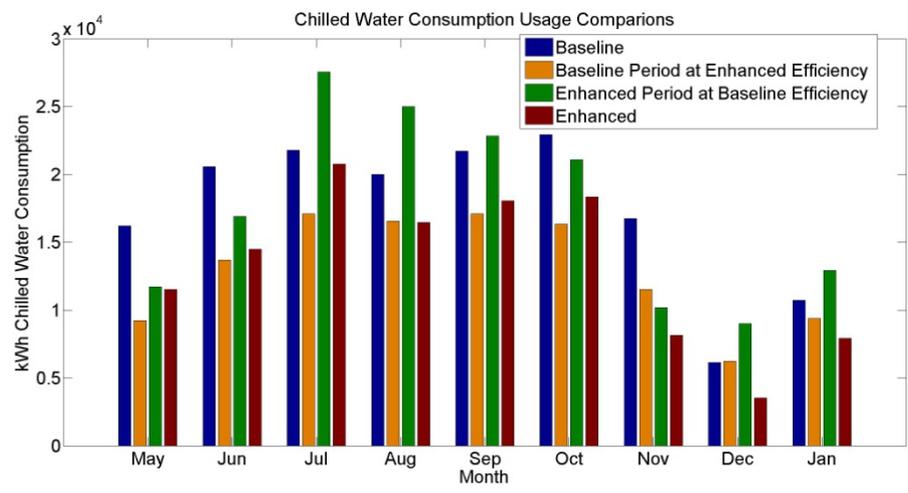
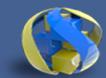
Sum of all Koopman modes of period 2.6436 and less: floor 1 (data from month of July)



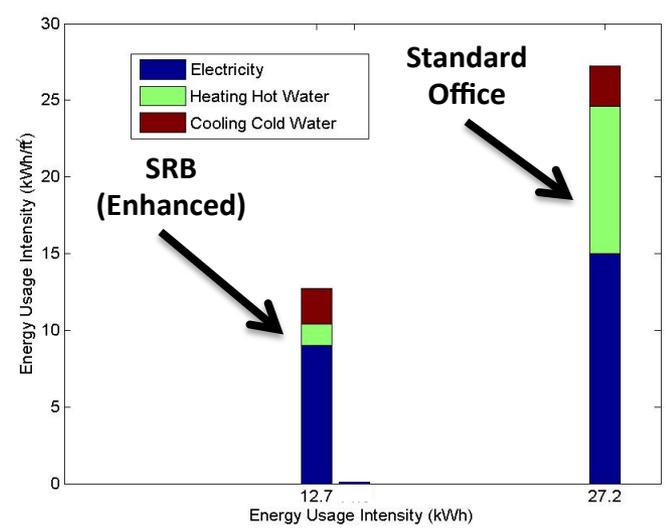
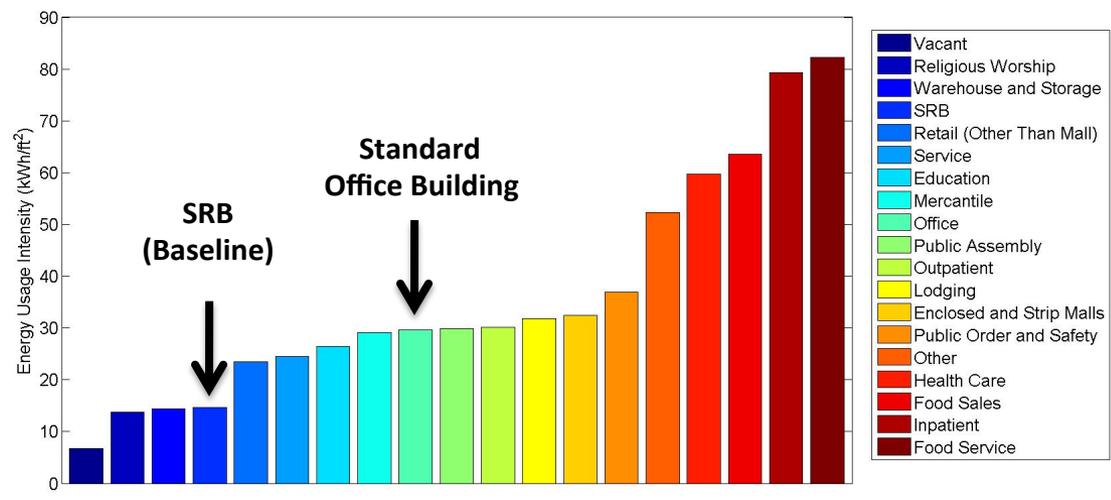


## Conclusions and Actions

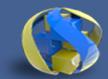
Case Number	Observation	Resulting behavior	Resolution
1 (multi-purpose room)	Unusual heating pattern in adjacent rooms	Excessive heating and cooling	<input type="checkbox"/> Will be addressed during Facilities' reprogramming project of SRB thermostats
2 (DSP center)	Unusual heating pattern in adjacent rooms	Excessive heating and cooling	<input type="checkbox"/> Will be addressed during Facilities' reprogramming project of SRB thermostats
3 (CLAS office)	Unresponsive heating	Excessive heating	<input type="checkbox"/> Under observation by Facilities
4 (Computer lab)	Inadequate cooling	Uncomfortable temperatures	<input type="checkbox"/> Under observation by Facilities
5 (AHU)	Improper HVAC scheduling	Uncomfortable conditions at night	✓ Schedule adjusted
6 (Boiler)	Excessive boiler operation	Excessive energy use	✓ Schedule adjusted
7 (multi-purpose room)	HVAC prematurely shut down	Uncomfortable conditions	✓ Schedule adjusted



### Energy Usage Intensity Comparison



\*Standard office building based off of 2003 CBECs building data



## Conclusions

- A **dynamical systems point of view** of building dynamics.
- **Nonlinear spectral methods** are useful for understanding **whole building dynamics**.
- Applications for **FDD, zoning, model parametrization**.
- Approach leads to **substantial measured energy savings without** loss of comfort.
- Other dynamical systems-based analyses: **sensitivity and uncertainty analysis, optimization**