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State-of-the-art on the co-heating test methodology

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Introduction





thermal performance characterisation building fabric



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co-heating test









Co-heating test

quasi-stationary test



monitored throughout test:

$$\blacksquare \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{i}} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{a}} \qquad \underbrace{ \cdot \mathbf{i}}_{i} = \mathbf{I}_{i}$$

aggregated data (e.g. daily)



Co-heating test

quasi-stationary test



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$$\blacksquare \mathbf{F}_{i} - \mathbf{T}_{a} \quad \checkmark \quad \mathbf{F}_{i'} \quad$$

aggregated data (e.g. daily)





Co-heating test

quasi-stationary test



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$$IIII \Rightarrow T_i - T_a \qquad \therefore \qquad \therefore \qquad \therefore \qquad \therefore$$

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State-of-the-art





Basic heat balance

- building acts as one zone
- thermostatically controlled Ti
- aggregated performance data
- thermal mass in equilibrium



Stationary heat balance T_i

$$\sum Q_i + c = 0$$



- equivalent outdoor temperature



- equivalent outdoor temperature
- thermal lags







a,eq

Stationary heat balance T_i



Linear regression

- stationary heat balance
- aggregated performance data

 $\prod_{i} \bullet \mathbf{T}_{i} - \mathbf{T}_{a} \quad :: \mathbf{Q}_{h} = HLC\Delta T - A_{sw,*}q_{sw,*} + c$

simplifications:

- stationary heat balance
- aggregated performance data



simplifications:

- # independent variables = # parameters
- 🔆 's correlated
- ΔT and $\Delta T_{\rm avg}$ correlated
- influence T_{sky} assumed constant

(ground floor heat loss)

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- simple linear regression (transformed equation)
- multiple linear regression

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$$Q_h + A_{sw,*} q_{sw,*} = HLC\Delta T + c$$



linear regression

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- linear regression through data points
- -- designed heat loss coefficients

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Visualisation

Multiple linear regression $Q_h = HLC\Delta T - A_{sw,*}q_{sw,*} + c$



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Reliability

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- weather conditions
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start date (weather)

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one year worth of data

0 \leftrightarrow duration
days
365
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Fixed test case & analysis methodology:



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Zero intercept, winter data, solar radiation, thermal lag



Reliable results:

- appropriate analysis method
- sufficient duration
- winter measurements (high mean Q_h)

Test Case: Terraced house in Herstal, Belgium









- extended co-heating test: February - May

coheating test set-up

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heat flux and surface temperature sensors

coheating test set-up

heat flux and surface temperature sensors



blowerdoor measurements



air change rate measurements BBRI

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- extended co-heating test: February May
- 2 renovation steps:

STEP 1

- blowing in insulation in façade and party wall cavities
- insulating the attic floor slab

STEP 2

- insulating floor above basement









Co-heating measurement data



Co-heating analysis result

before \rightarrow after step 1



Co-heating analysis result before \rightarrow after step 1





Co-heating test to assess thermal performance of buildings



Stationary analysis of quasi-stationary test

Limited model complexity



Underlying physical phenomena identified

Multiple linear regression and visualisation



Reliability



Renovation induced performance improvement: co-heating test

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Thank you

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