

# Model Sensitivity Analysis

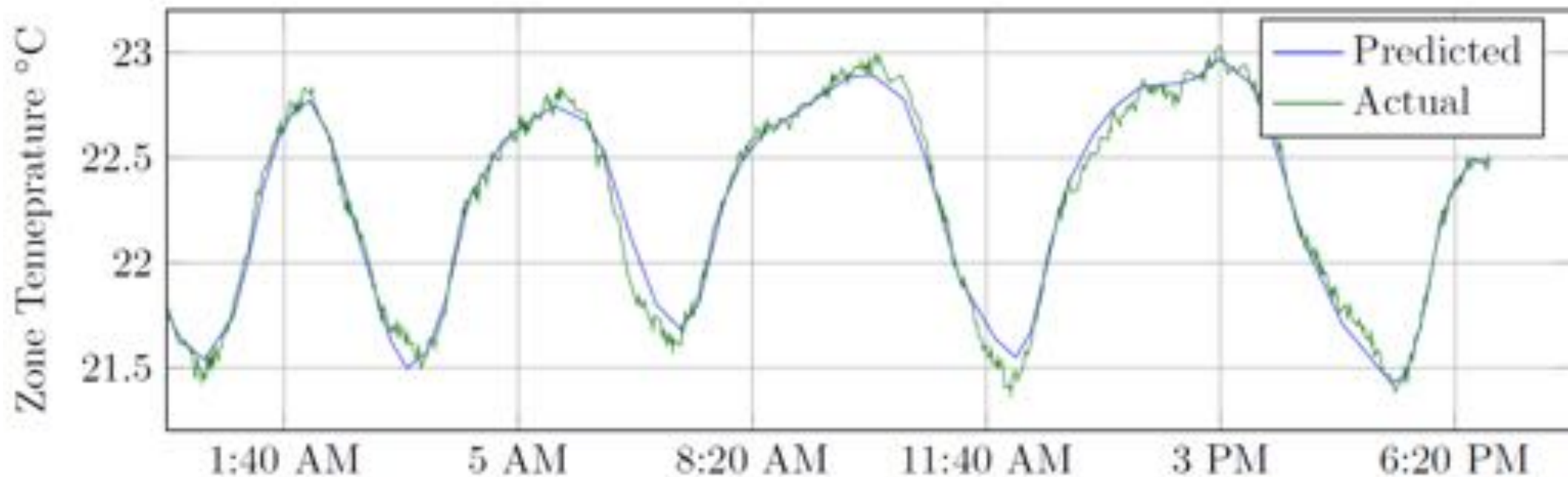
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Lecture 8

Principles of Modeling for Cyber-Physical Systems

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# How do I know my model is any good ?



# Sensitivity Analysis

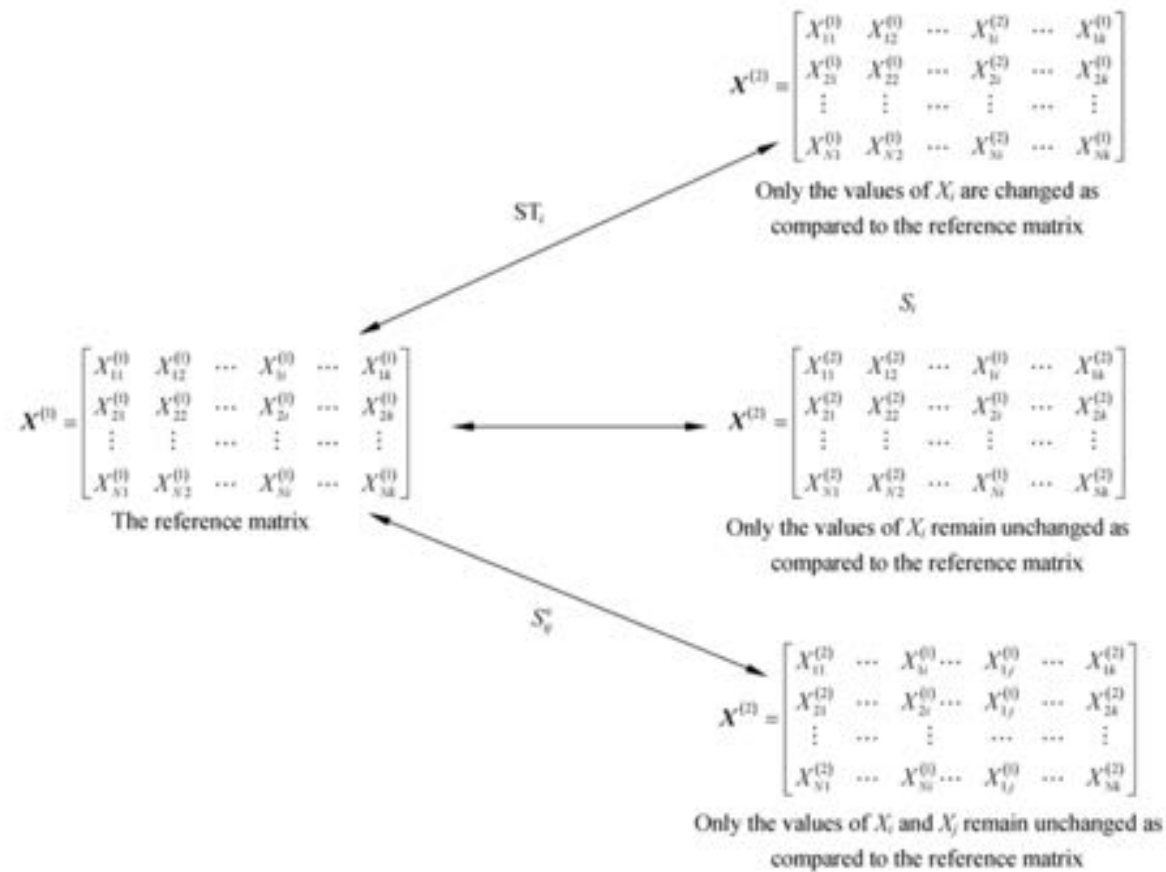
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In general  $y = f(\theta, x(t), u(t))$

We want to attribute, the uncertainty in  $\mathbf{y}$  to the uncertainty and errors in parameters  $\theta$ , and inputs  $\mathbf{u}$

**Sensitivity** =  $\frac{\text{How much does the output } y \text{ change}}{\text{for a change in a single parameter or input}}$  subject to, all other things being the same.

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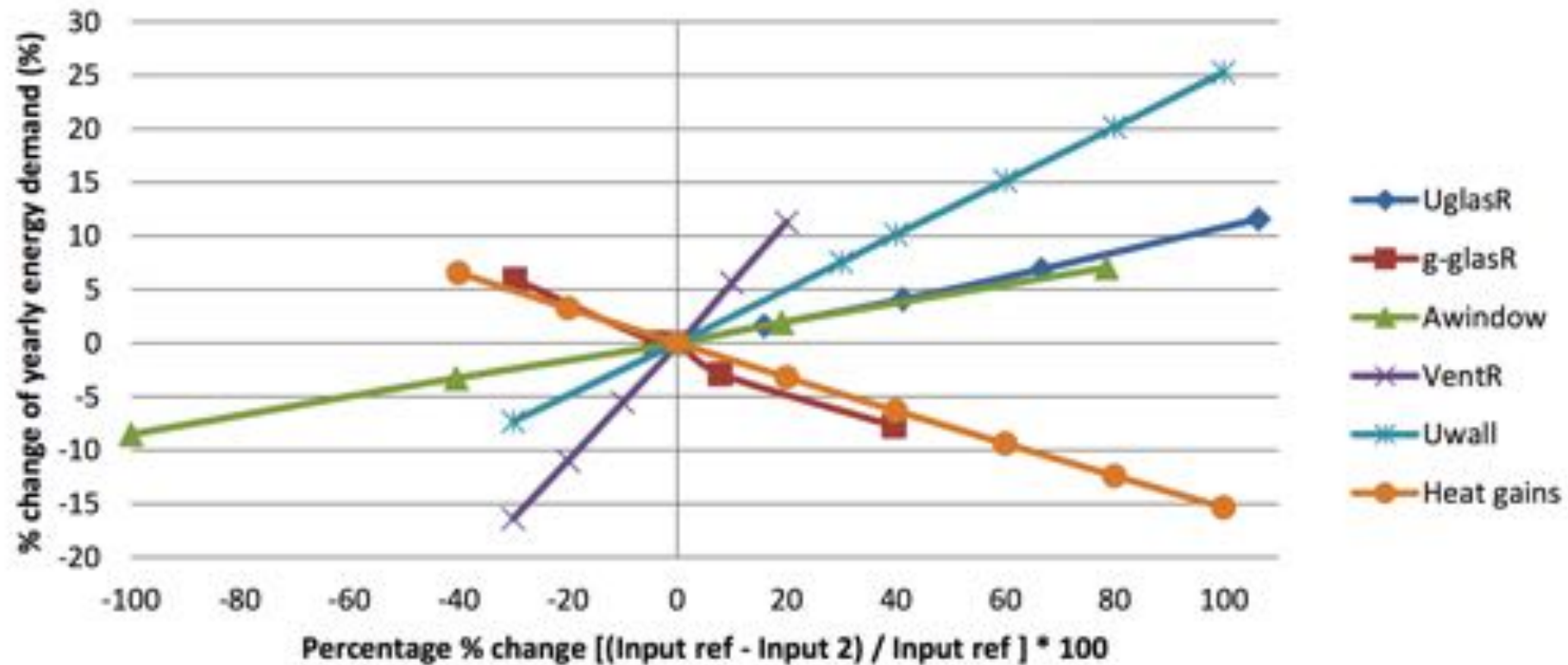
Input-Output Sensitivity

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta u}$$

Parameter Sensitivity

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta \theta}$$

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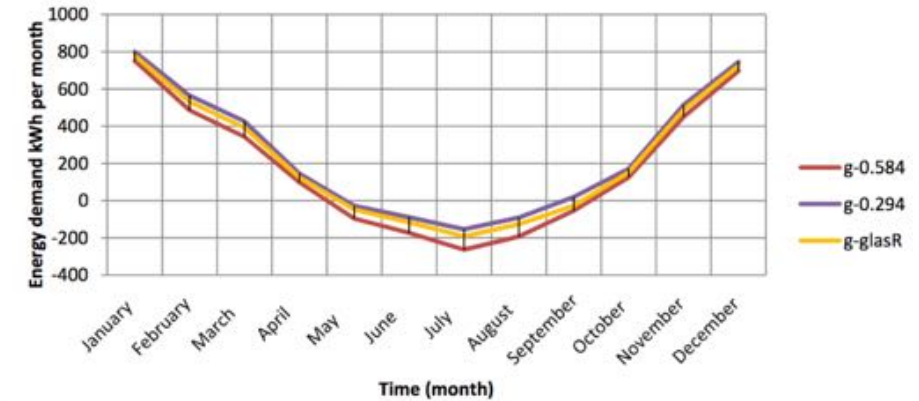
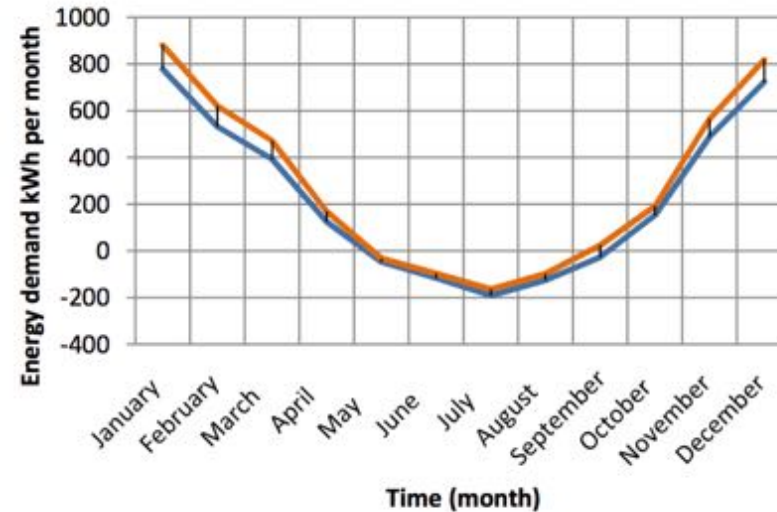
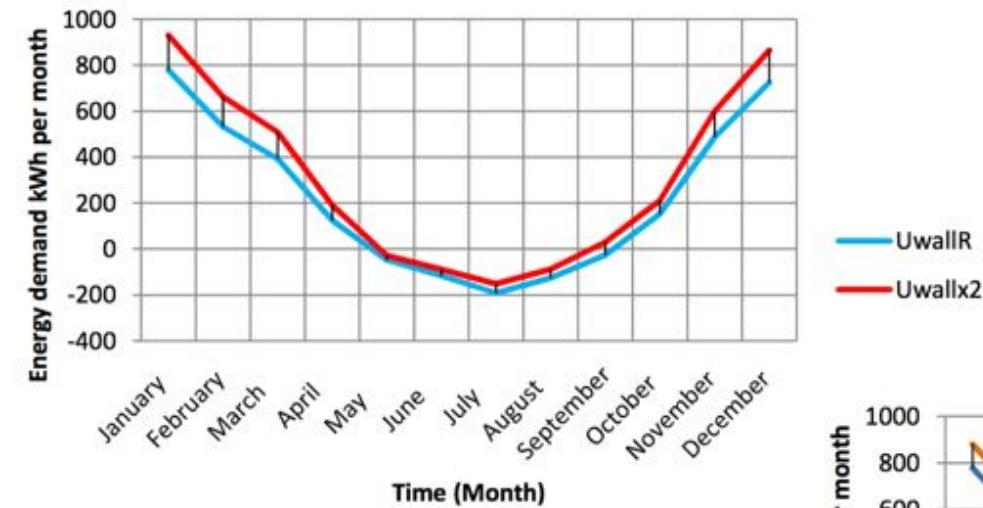


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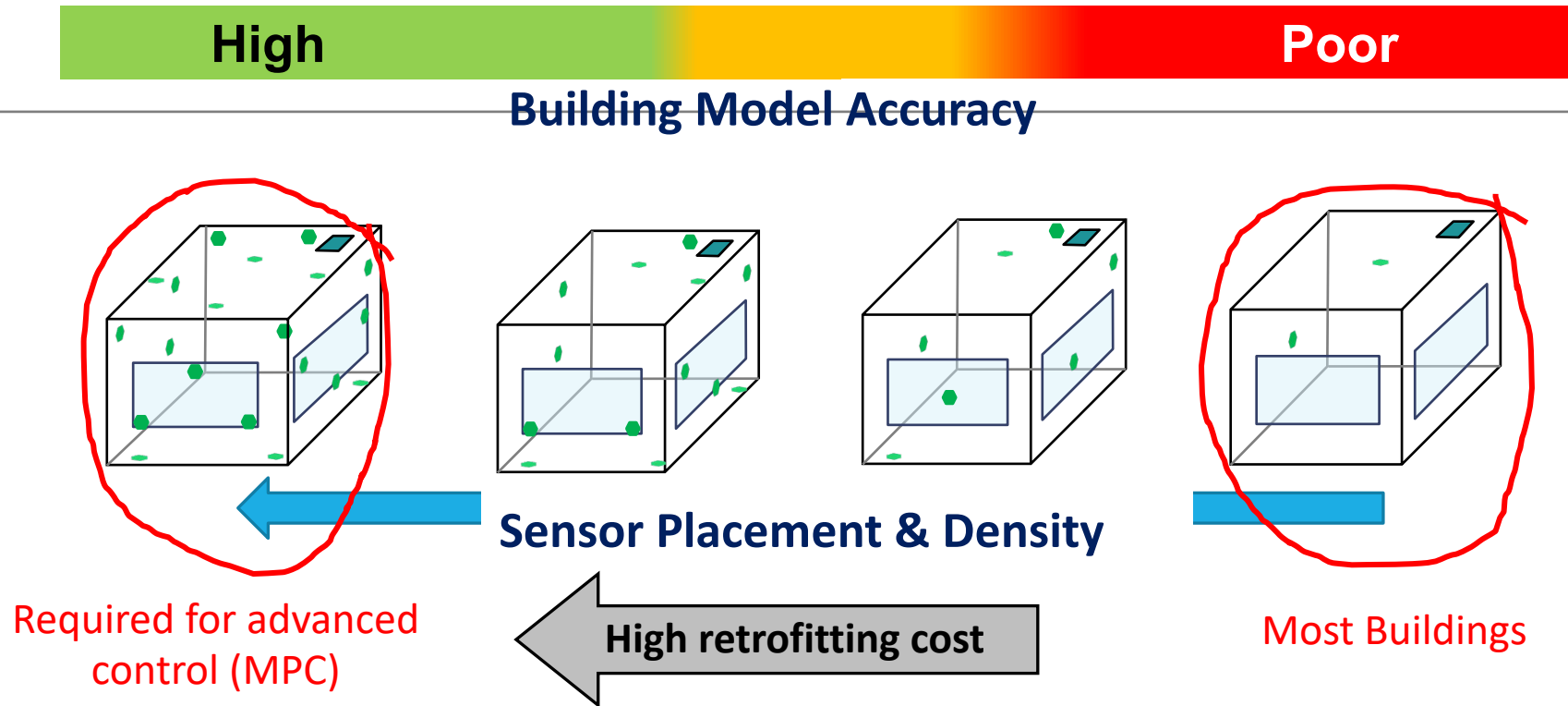
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Abbreviation	Input parameter	Influence coefficient(2-3) (% OP per % IP)
$U_{wall}$	wall heat transfer	0.206
$U_{glass}$	glass heat transfer	0.098
$g_{glass}$	solar gain glass	-0.211
Heat gains	Amount of heat gain	-0.198
$A_{window}$	window frame-to-glass ratio	0.123
VentR	Ventilation rate	0.485

# Sensitivity Analysis



# Better models for better control..



Small and medium sized commercial buildings (**90% of the commercial building stock**) do not want to spend thousands of dollars on retrofitting.





“Accuracy costs money,  
how accurate do you want it ?”



## Sensor Data Quality vs Building Model Accuracy?

Two thermostats/actuators, same objective



# Sensor Data Quality and Uncertainty

## 1) Due to Sensor Placement and Density

## 2) Due to Sensor Precision



Image courtesy Bryan Eisenhower (IMA talk)

## 3) Due to Inference: E.g. Heat gains from Occupancy measured with people counters

## 4) Measurement Noise



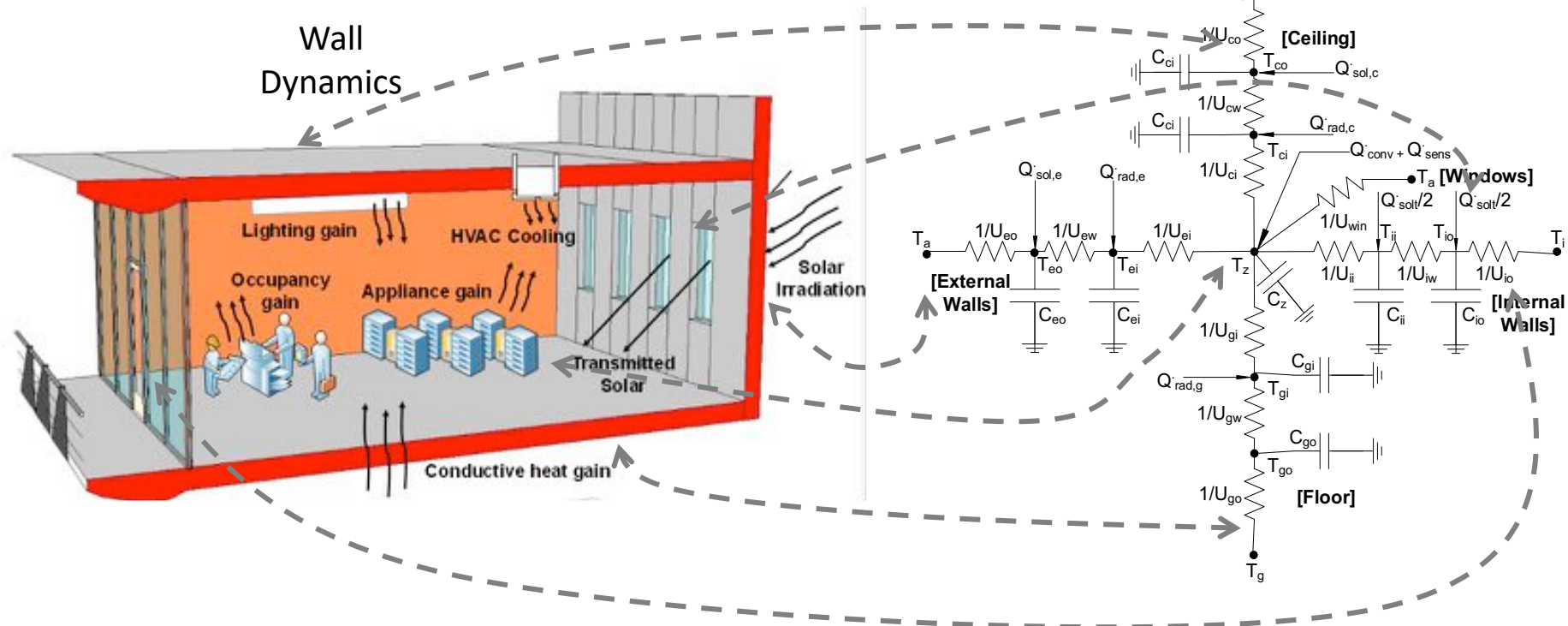
# Building Modeling: “RC-Networks”

## Measure all Inputs and Disturbances

Ambient temperature, convective heat gain, radiative heat gain, external solar gain, ground temperature, cooling rate

$$C_{co}\dot{T}_{co}(t) = U_{co}(T_a(t) - T_{co}(t)) + U_{cw}(T_{ci}(t) - T_{co}(t)) + \dot{Q}_{sol,c}(t)$$

$$C_{ci}\dot{T}_{ci}(t) = U_{cw}(T_{co}(t) - T_{ci}(t)) + U_{ci}(T_z(t) - T_{ci}(t)) + \dot{Q}_{rad,c}(t)$$



# Building Modeling: “RC-Networks”

Discrete-Time State Space Model:

(parameterized by  $\theta$ )

$$x(k+1) = \hat{A}_\theta x(k) + \hat{B}_\theta u(k)$$

$$y(k) = \hat{C}_\theta x(k) + \hat{D}_\theta u(k)$$

States (**All node temperatures**):

$$x = [T_{eo}, T_{ei}, T_{co}, T_{ci}, T_{go}, T_{gi}, T_{io}, T_{ii}, T_z]^T$$

Inputs (**Disturbances and Control**):

$$u = [T_a, T_g, T_i, Q_{sole}, Q_{solc}, Q_{rade}, Q_{radc}, Q_{radg}, Q_{solt}, Q_{conv}, Q_{sens}]^T$$

Parameter Estimation:

Least Squares Error

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta_l \leq \theta \leq \theta_u} \sum_{k=1}^N (T_{z_m}(k) - T_{z_\theta}(k))^2$$

subject to  $\theta_l \leq \theta \leq \theta_u$

## LIST OF PARAMETERS

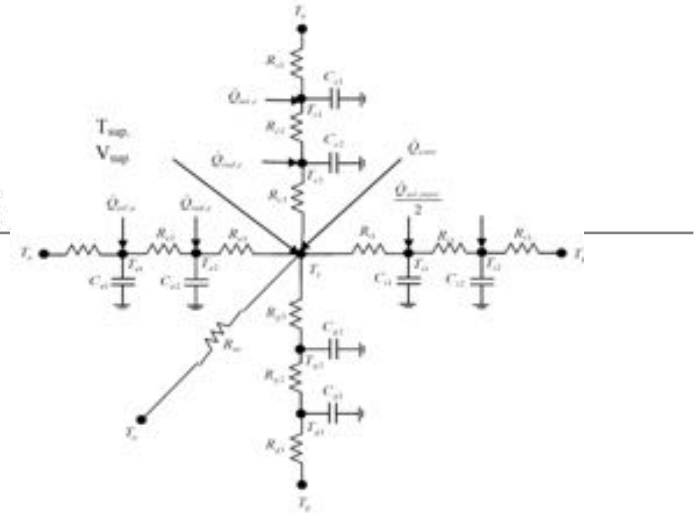
$U_{*o}$	convection coefficient between the wall and outside air
$U_{*w}$	conduction coefficient of the wall
$U_{*i}$	convection coefficient between the wall and zone air
$U_{win}$	conduction coefficient of the window
$C_{**}$	thermal capacitance of the wall
$C_z$	thermal capacity of zone $z_i$
g: floor; e: external wall; c: ceiling; i: internal wall	

# Accuracy of an Inverse Model

## 1) Model Structure

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{aligned}$$

**FIXED**



## 2) Parameter estimation algorithm

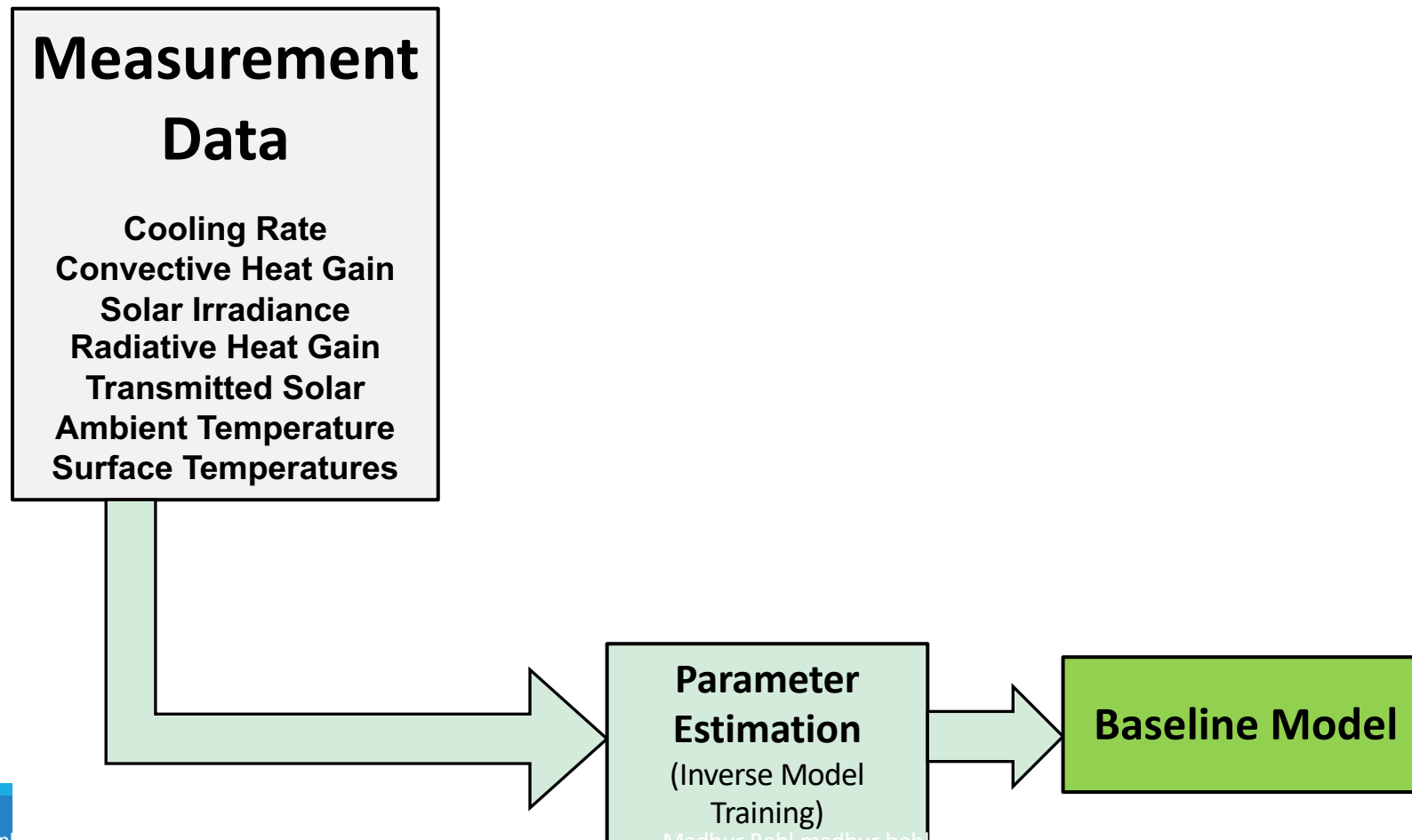
**Non-linear regression**

**FIXED**

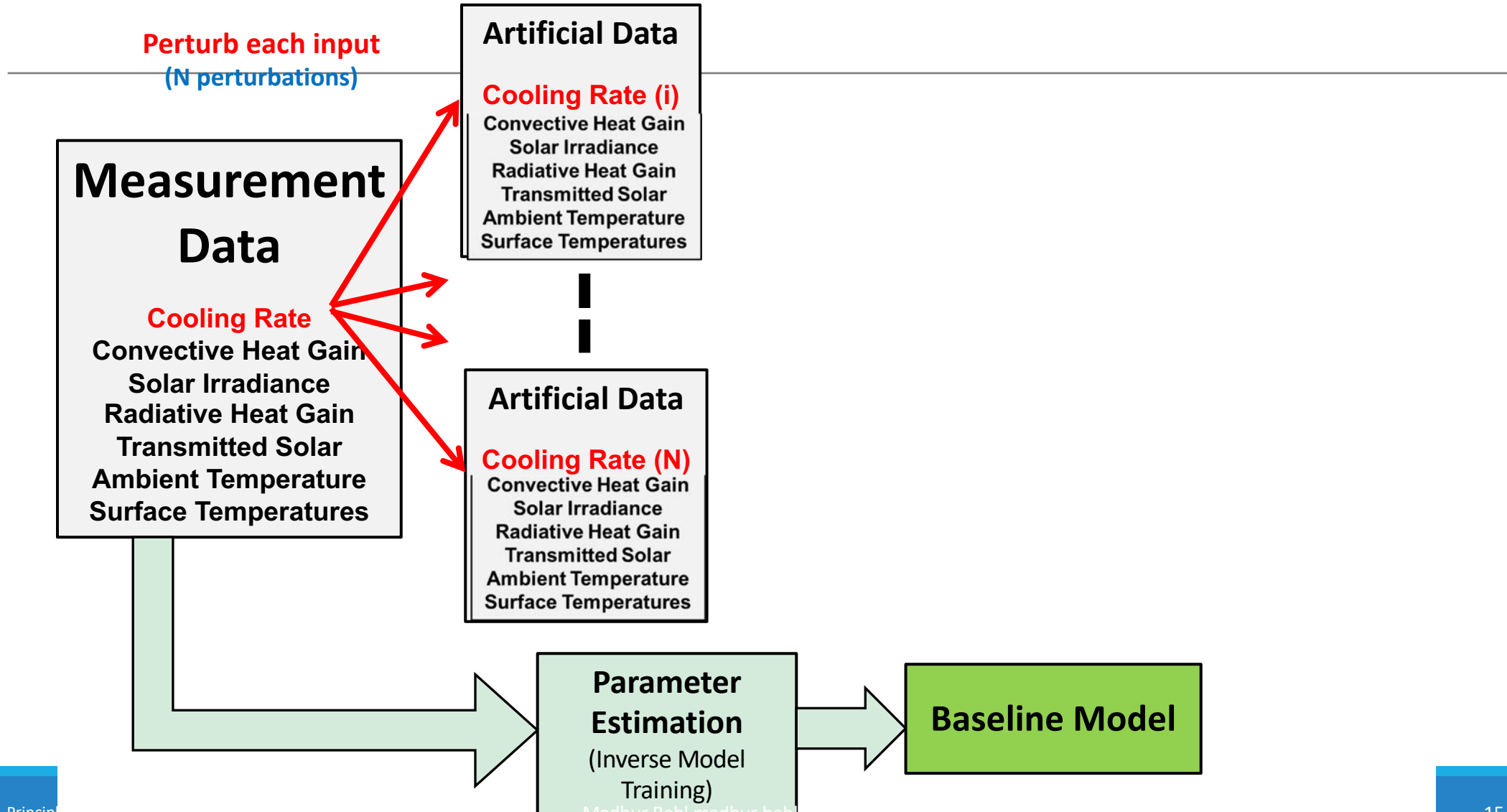
## 3) Uncertainty in the input-output data

# Input Uncertainty Analysis

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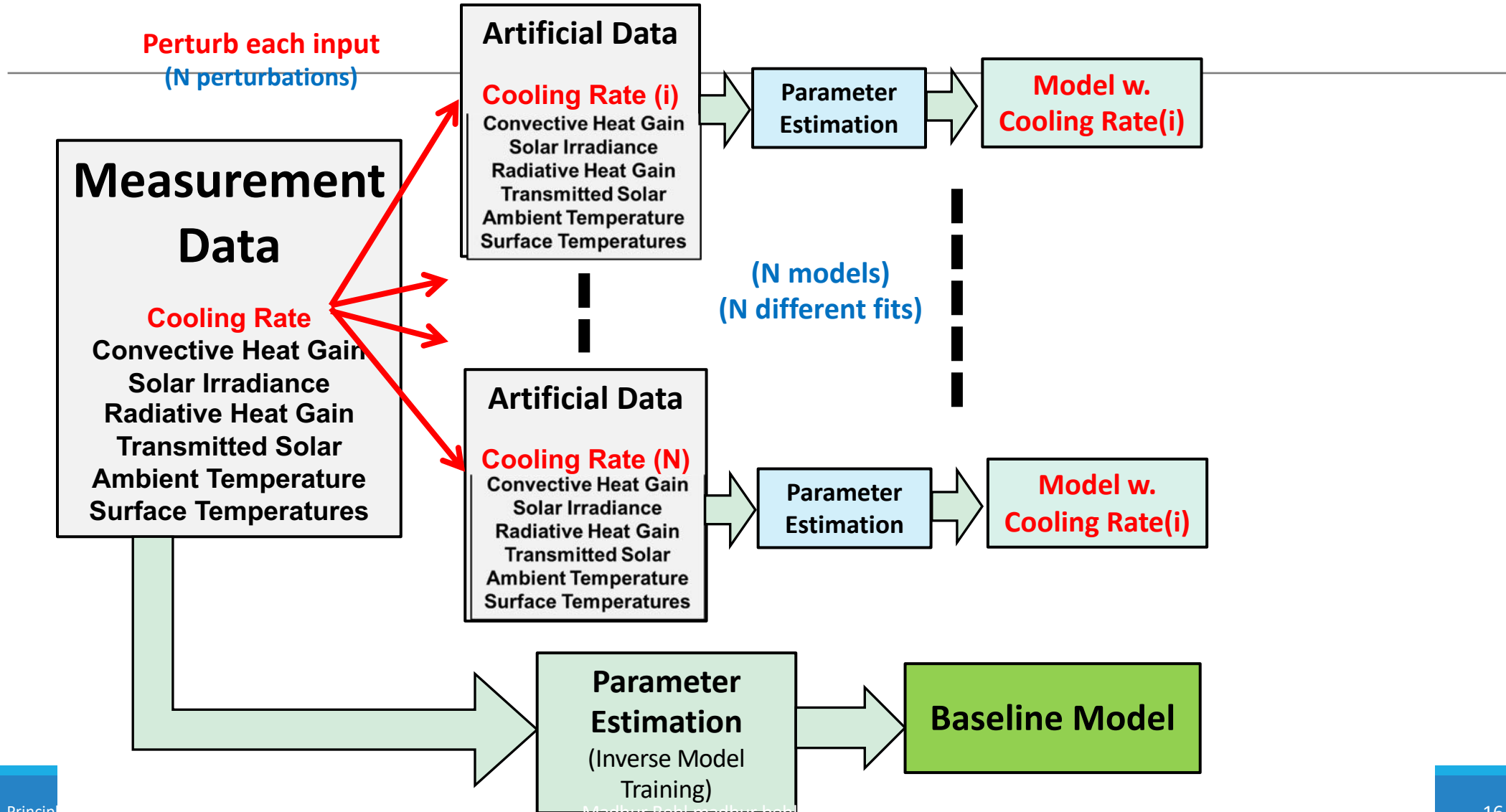


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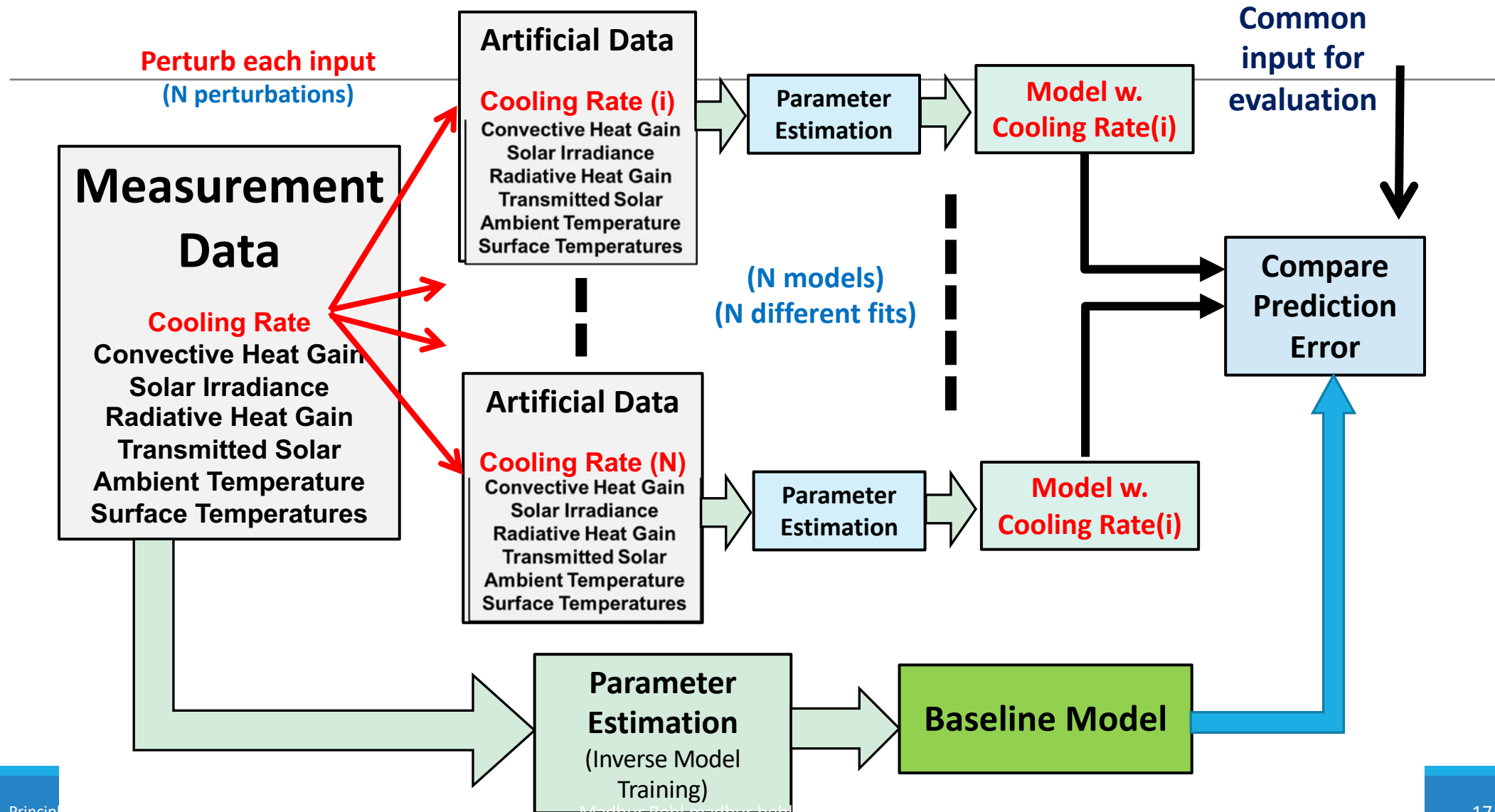


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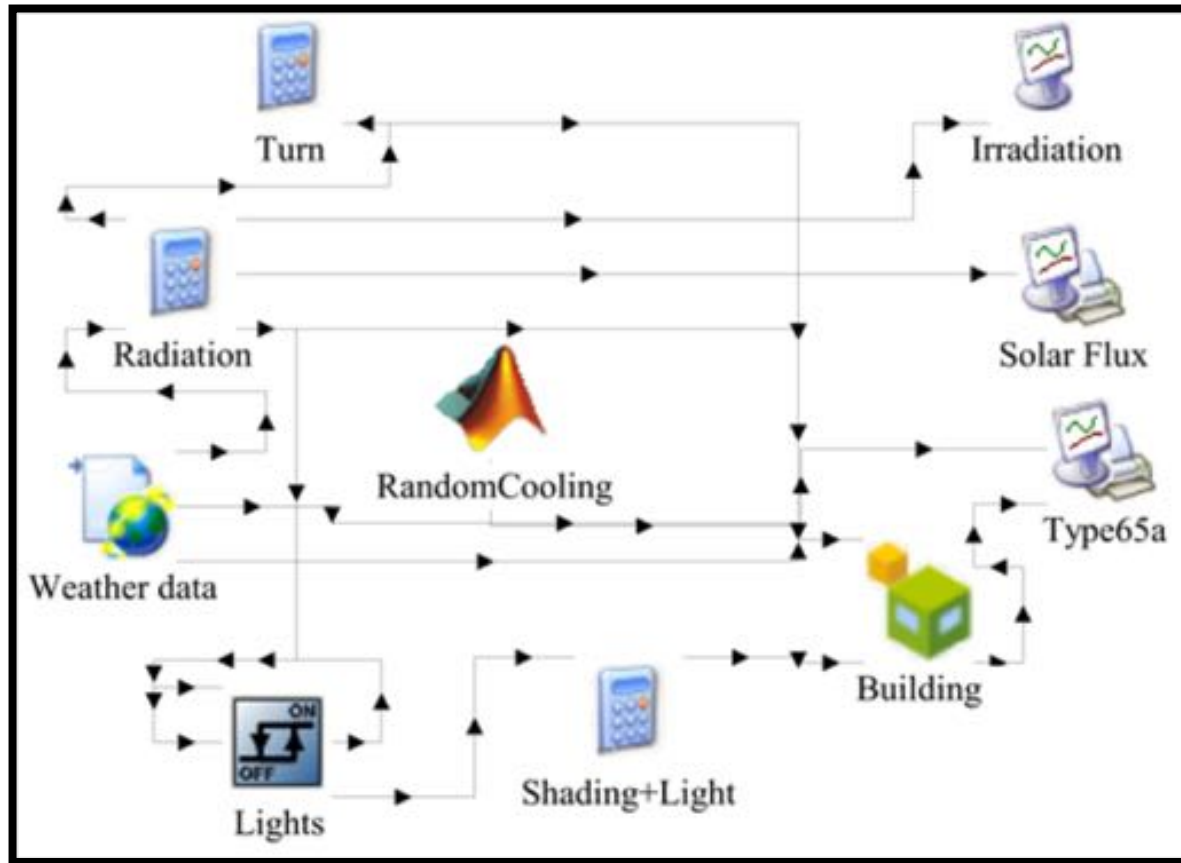




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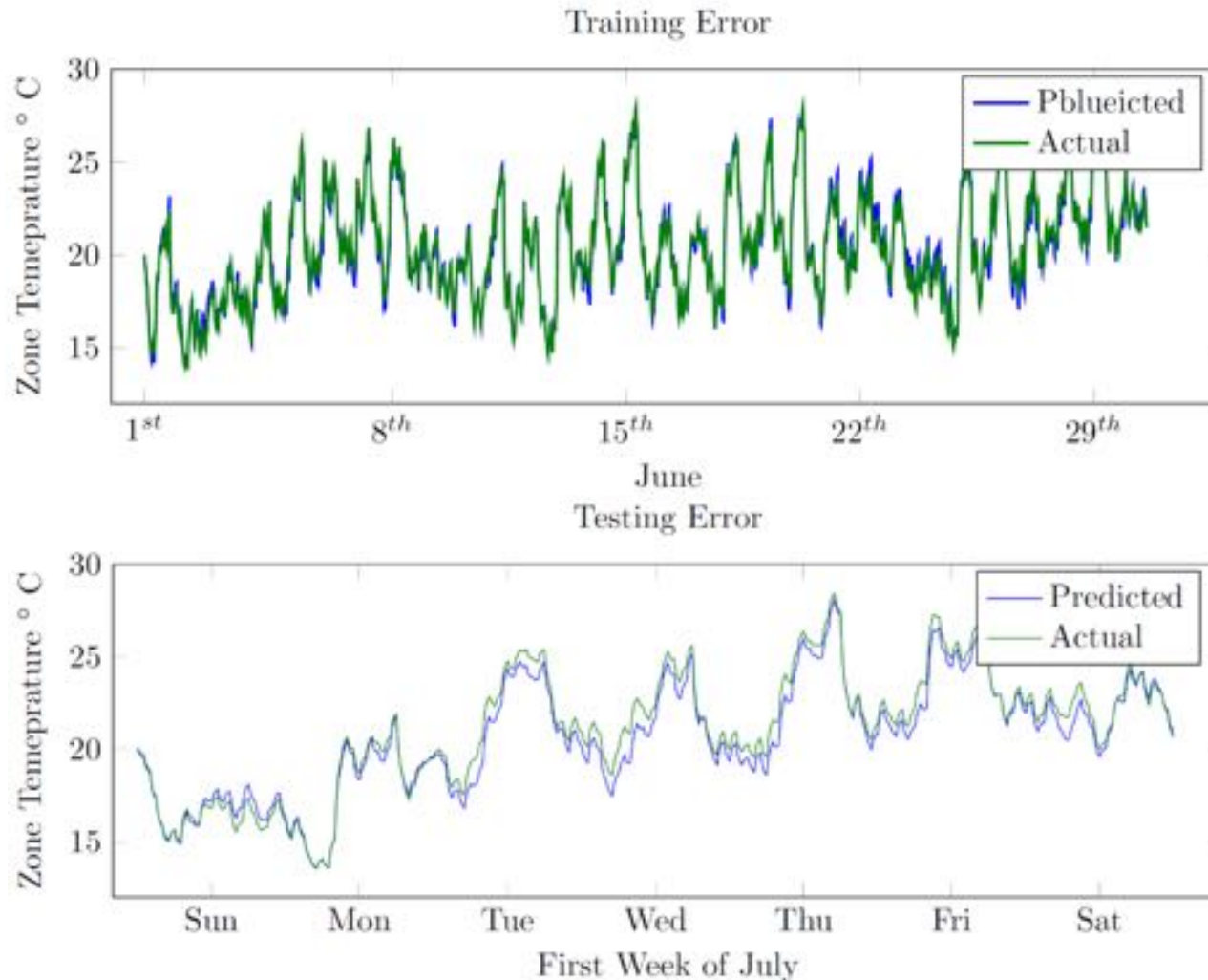


# Uncertainty analysis with TRNSYS building



- North Facing
- 4 external brick walls
- 4 large windows
- Concrete floor and ceiling
- Philadelphia-TMY2 weather
- 3.5kW HVAC system

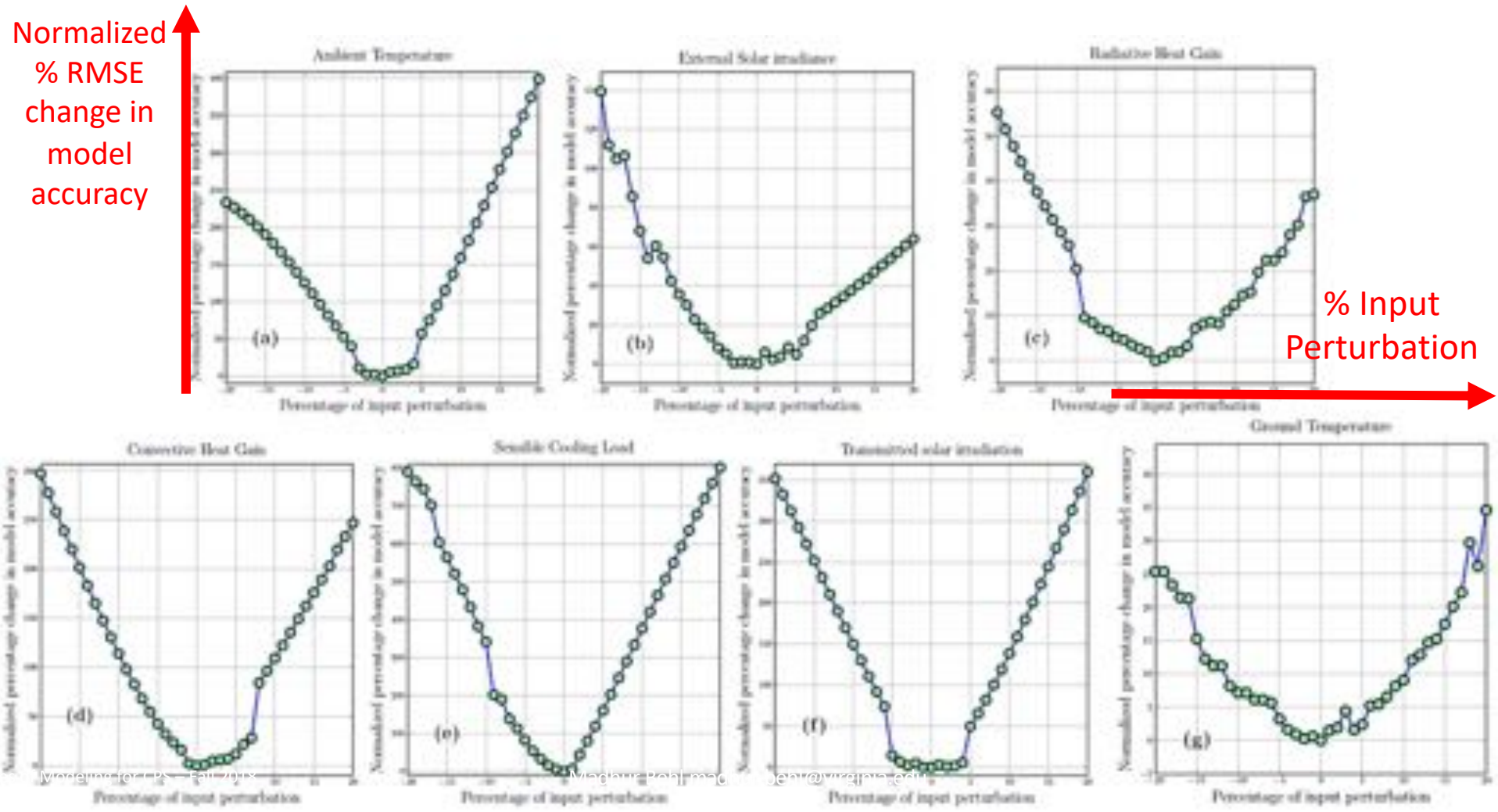
# Uncertainty analysis with TRNSYS building



- 12 RC parameters
- 7 inputs, 1 output
- **Baseline Model: RMSE 0.187**  
°C,  $R^2$  0.971
- Introduce fixed perturbations/bias in each input:  
$$z'_i = z_i \pm (\delta * z_i)$$

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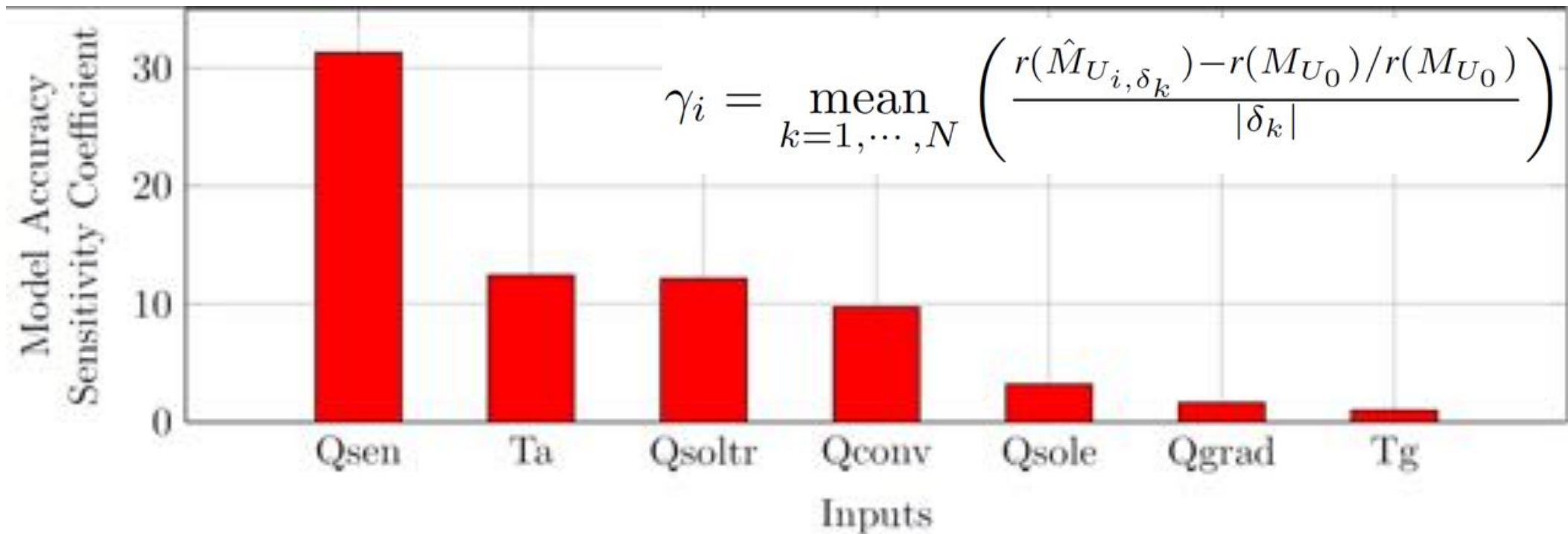
Ambient temperature, convective heat gain, radiative heat gain, external solar gain, ground temperature, sensible cooling load



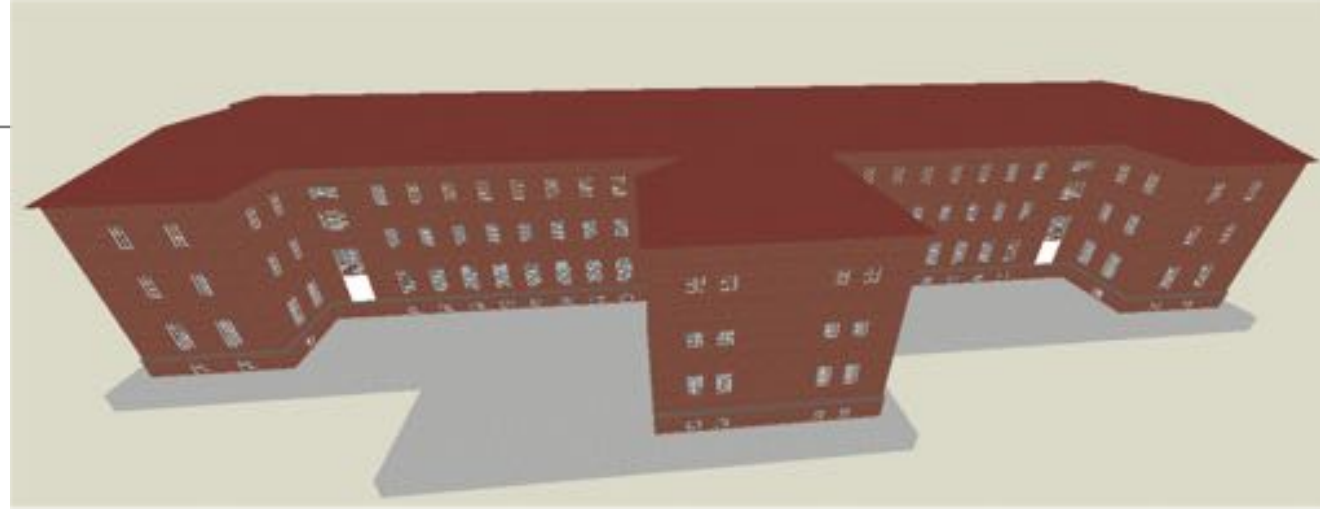
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**Model Accuracy  
Sensitivity Coefficient**  
(for input u)

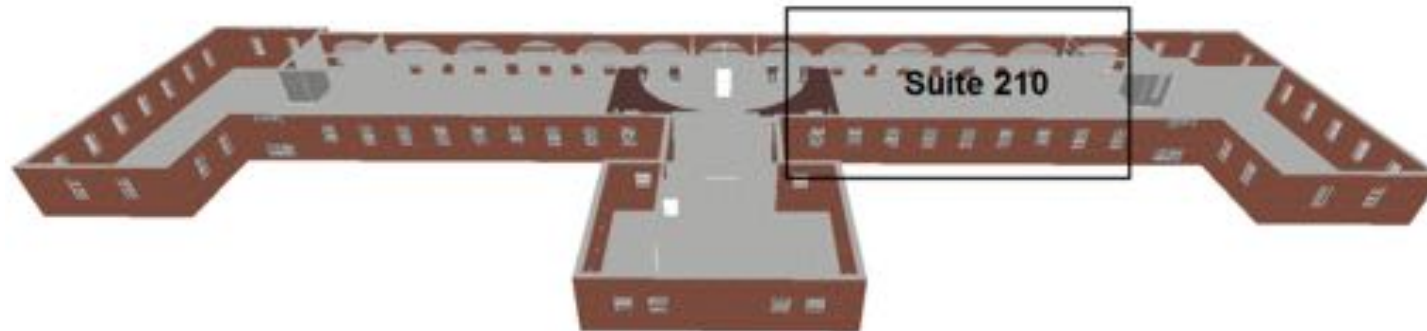
$$\text{mean} \left( \frac{\text{Normalized change in model accuracy}}{\text{Normalized input perturbation}} \right)$$



# Case study: Building 101

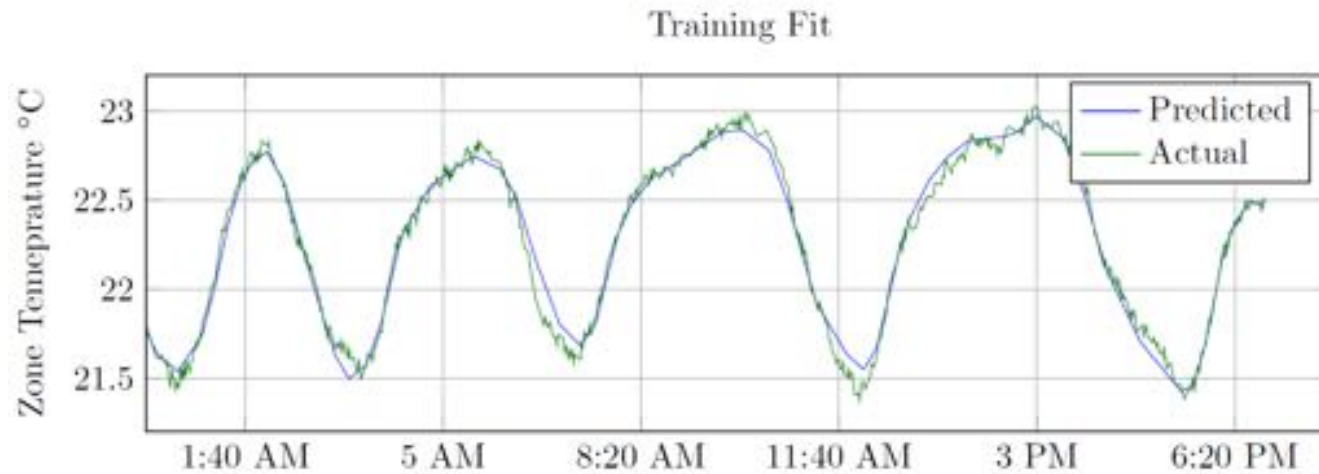


Building 101 is located in Philadelphia  
and it's the US DoE's Energy Efficient Buildings Hub Headquarter





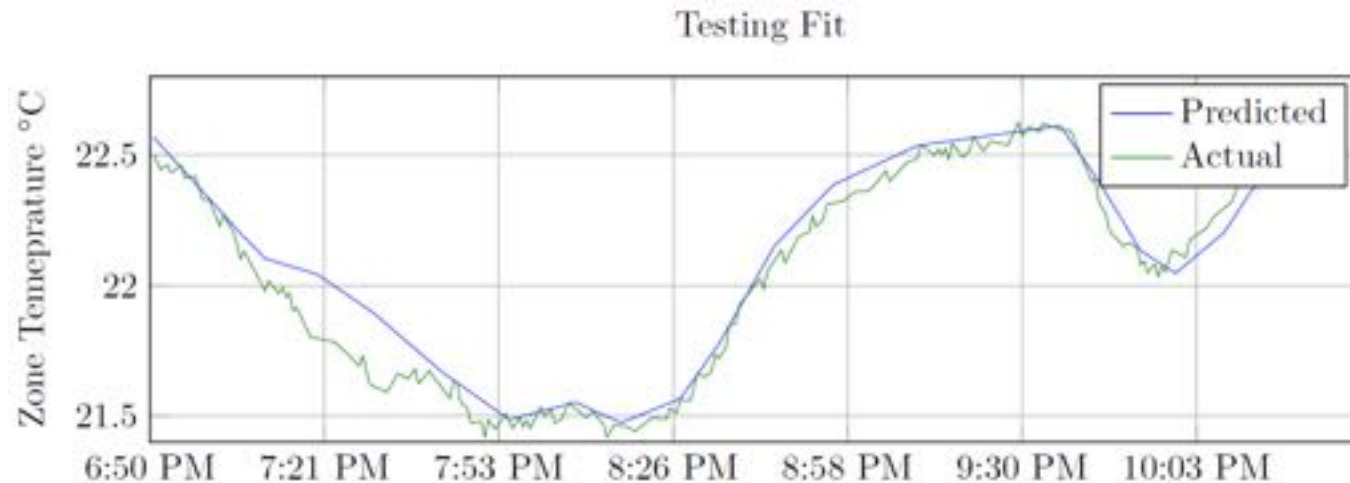
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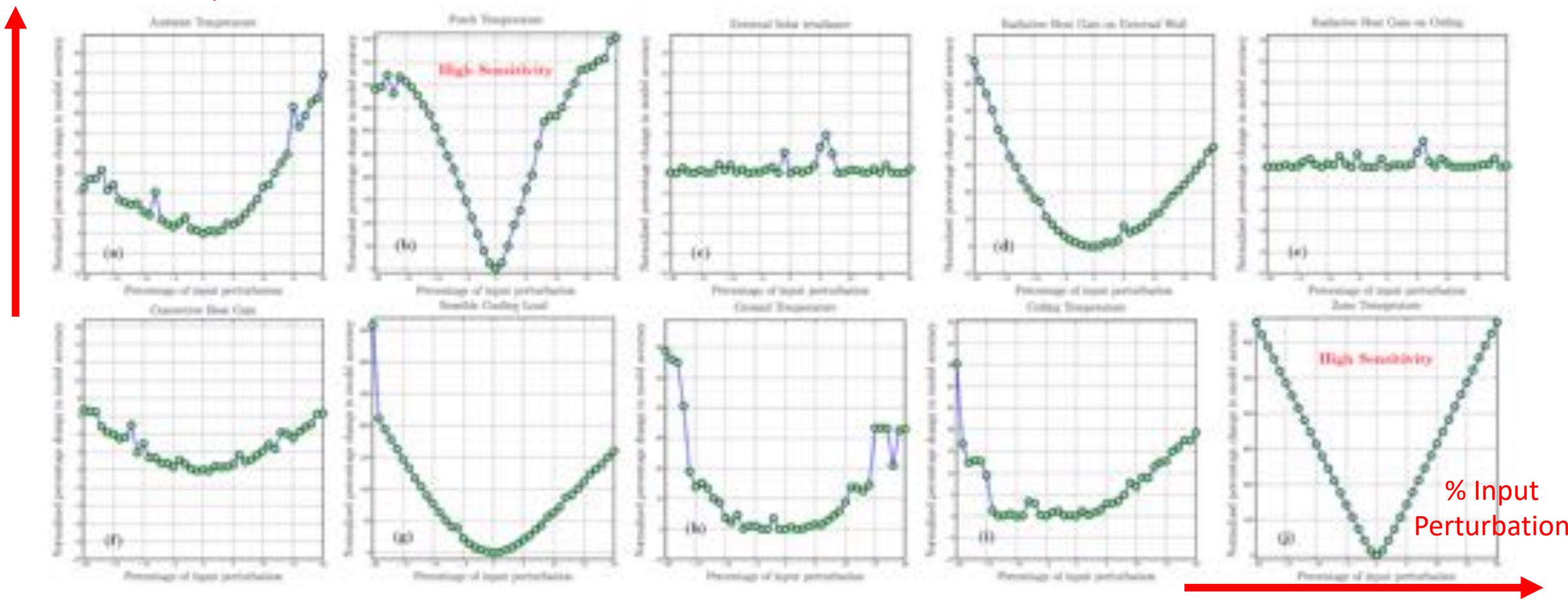


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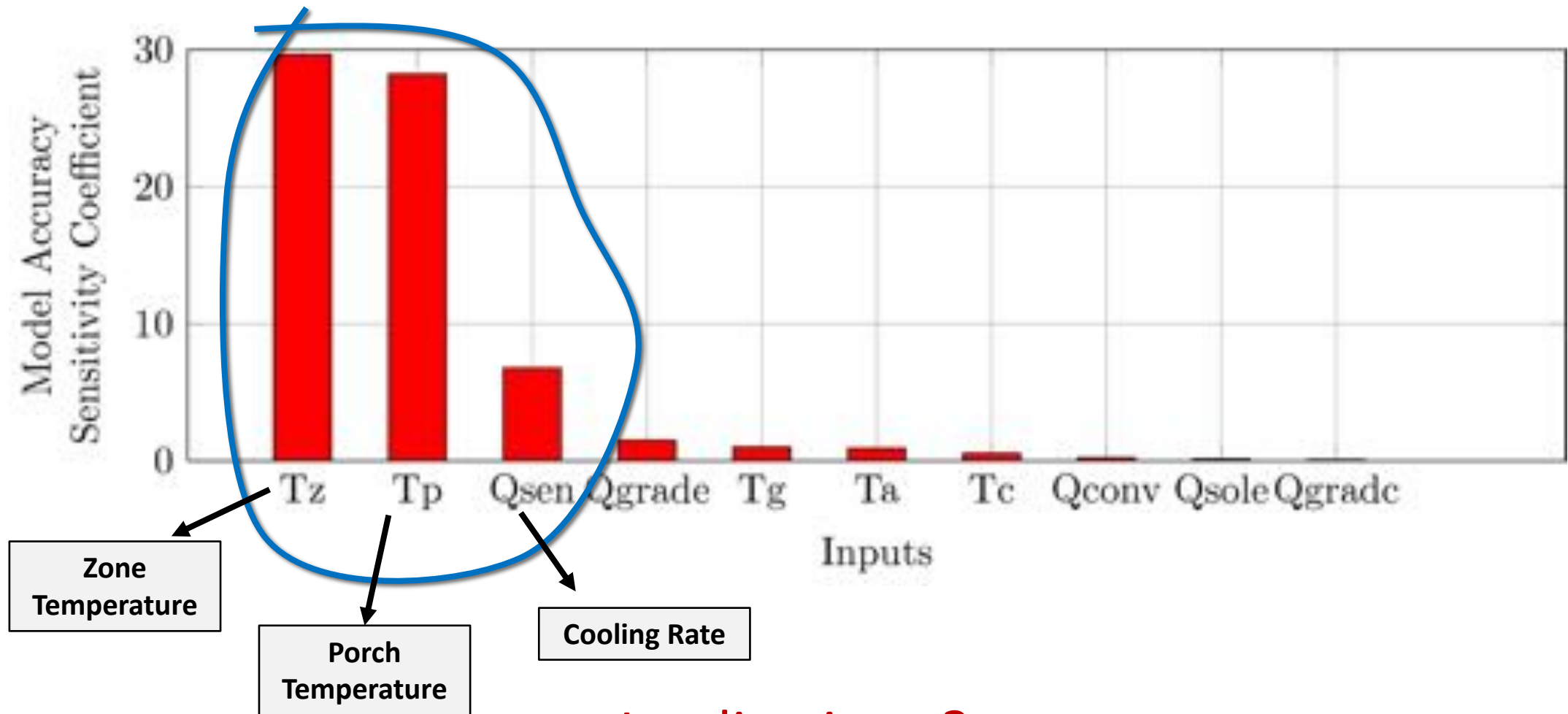
# Input Uncertainty Analysis: Building 101

Normalized %  
RMSE change in  
model accuracy





# Model Accuracy Sensitivity Coefficient: Building 101



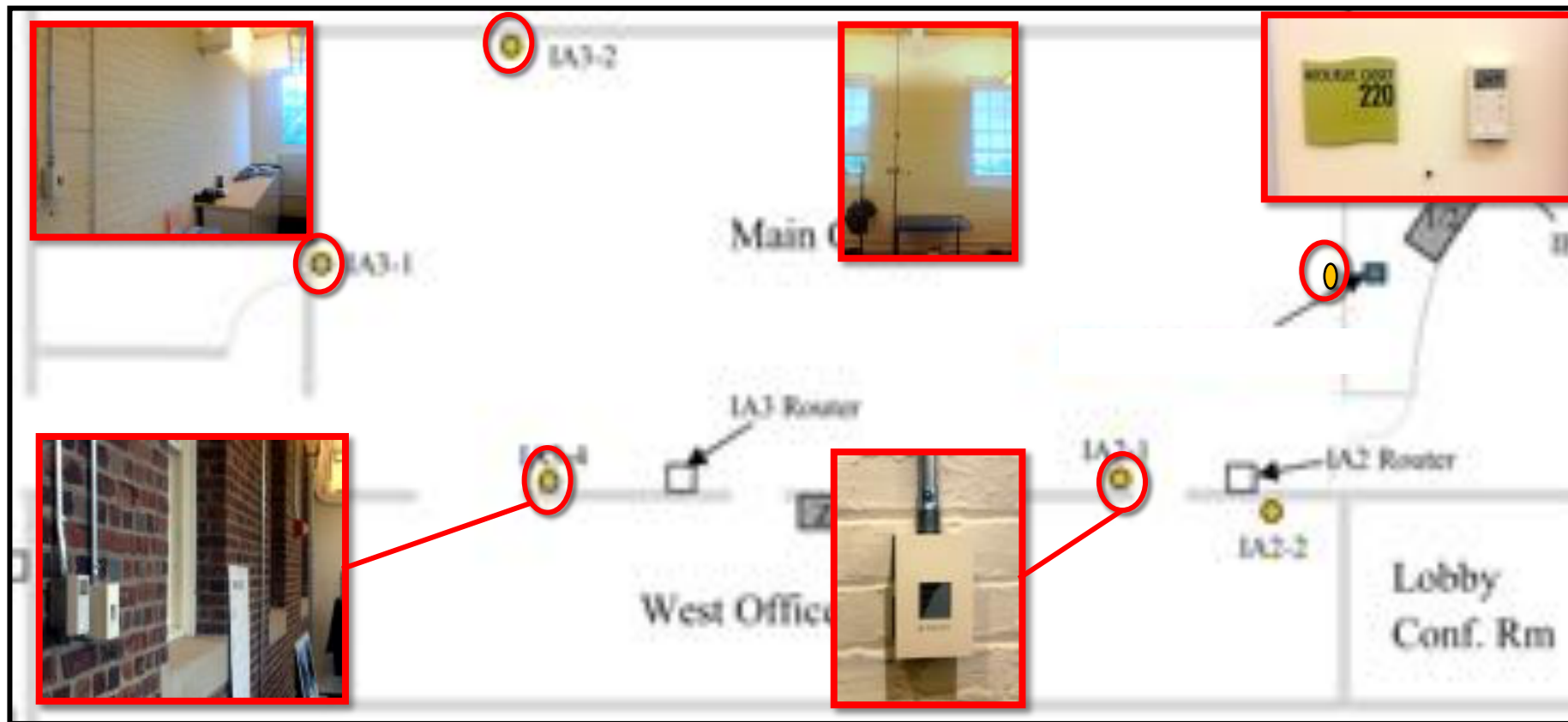
Implications ?

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4 Indoor Air Quality  
Sensors

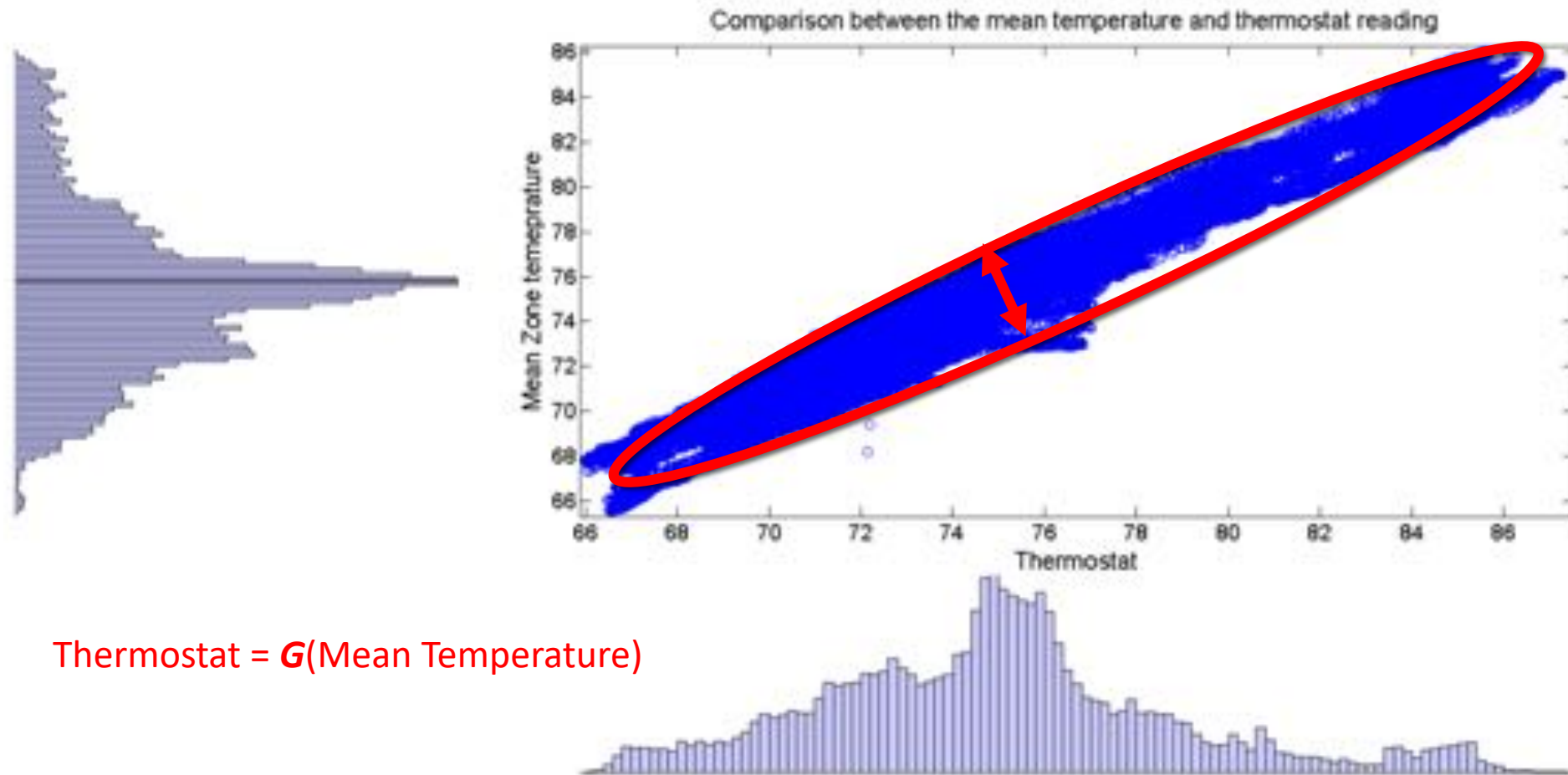
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Zone Thermostat

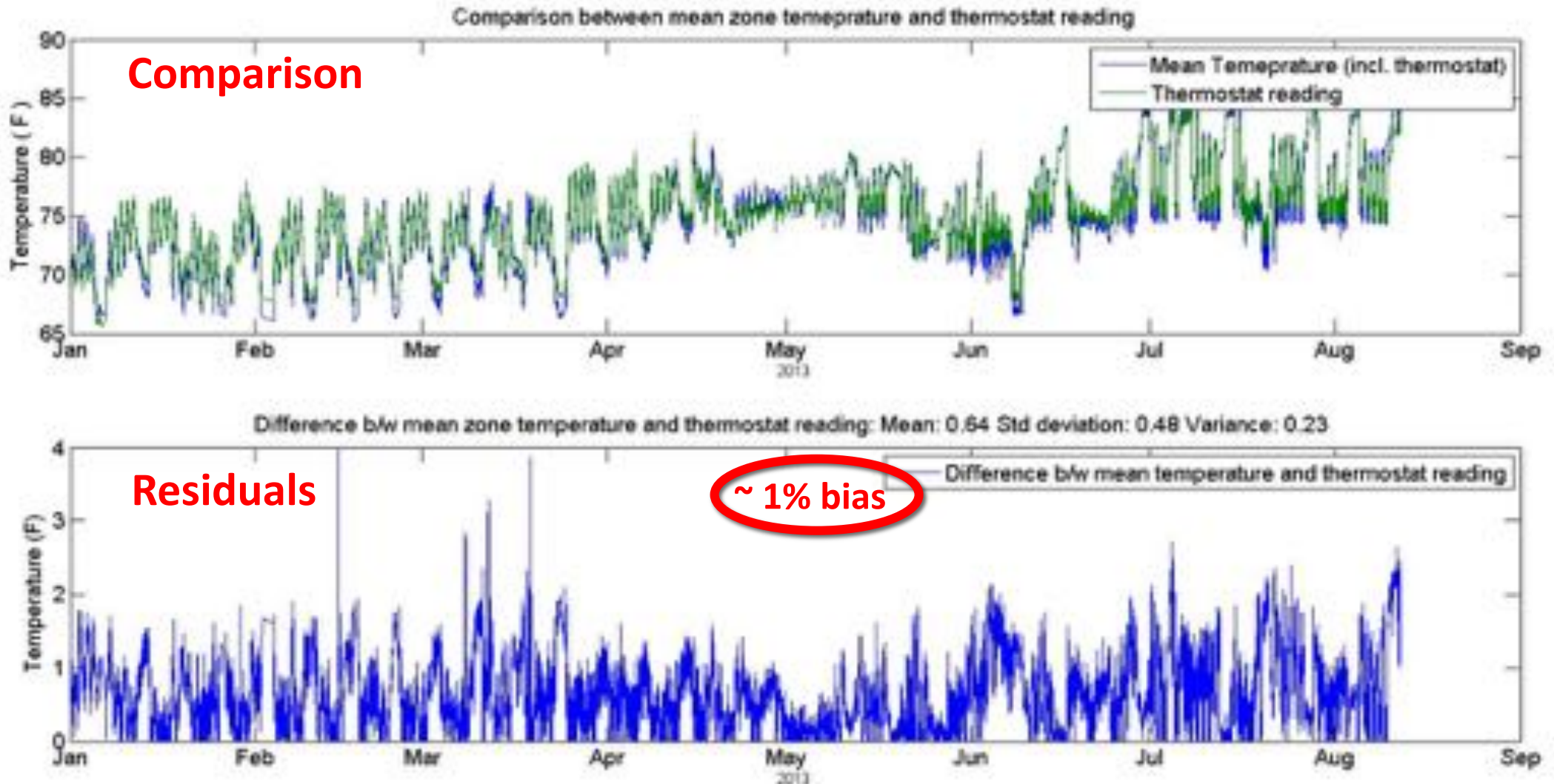


# Is there a bias in the Thermostat data due to its location ?

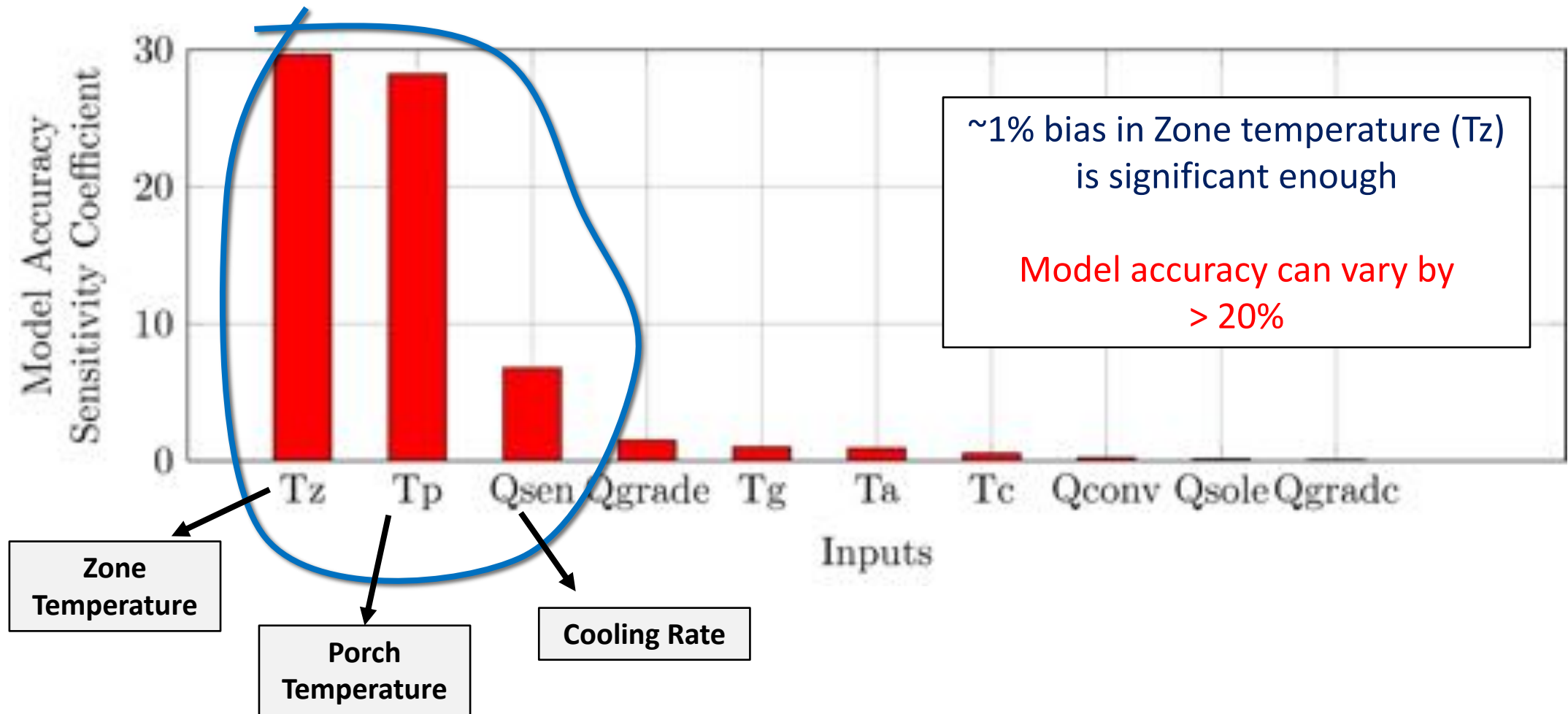
Compare the “true” (mean) temperature with thermostat measurement



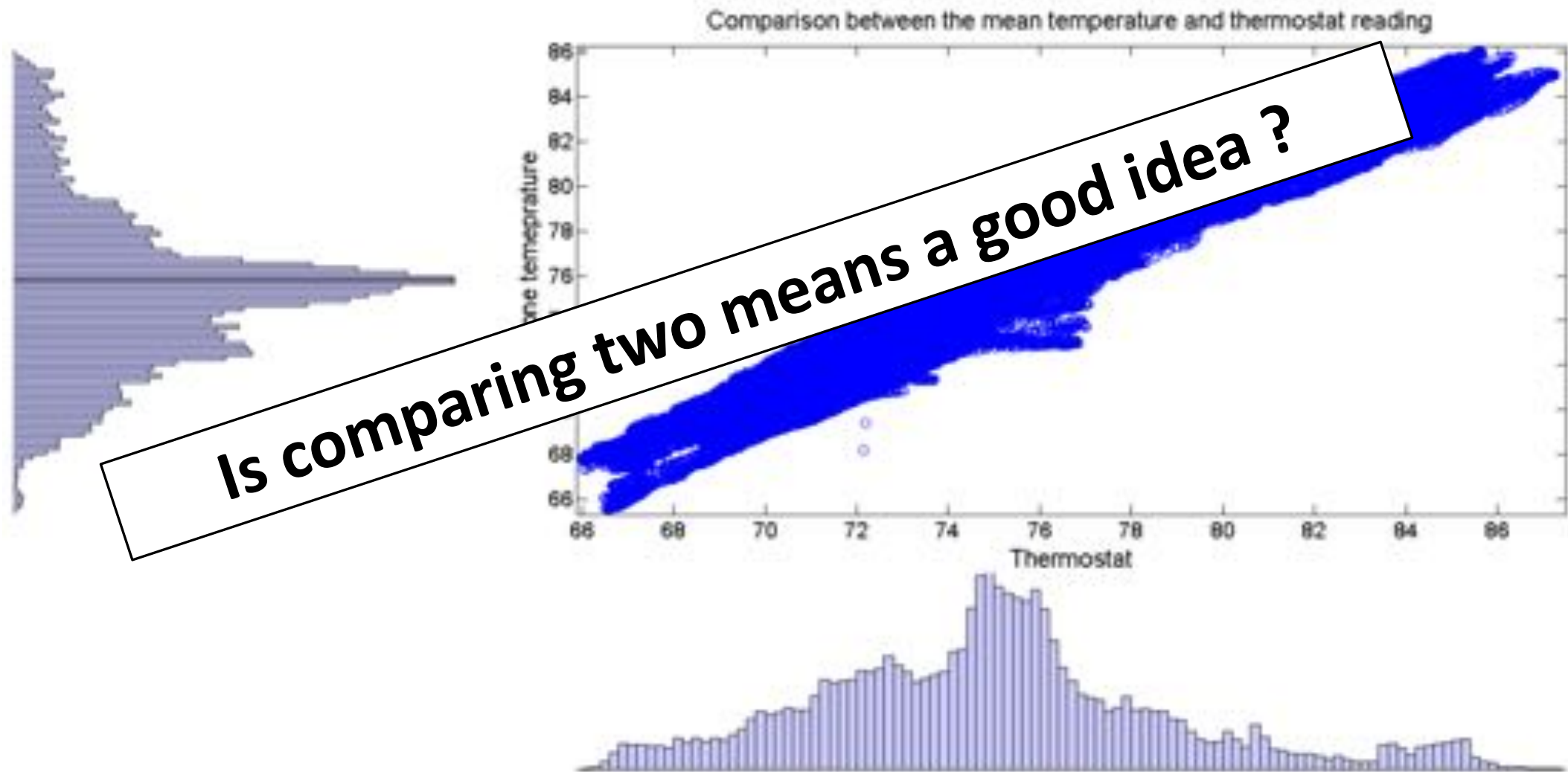
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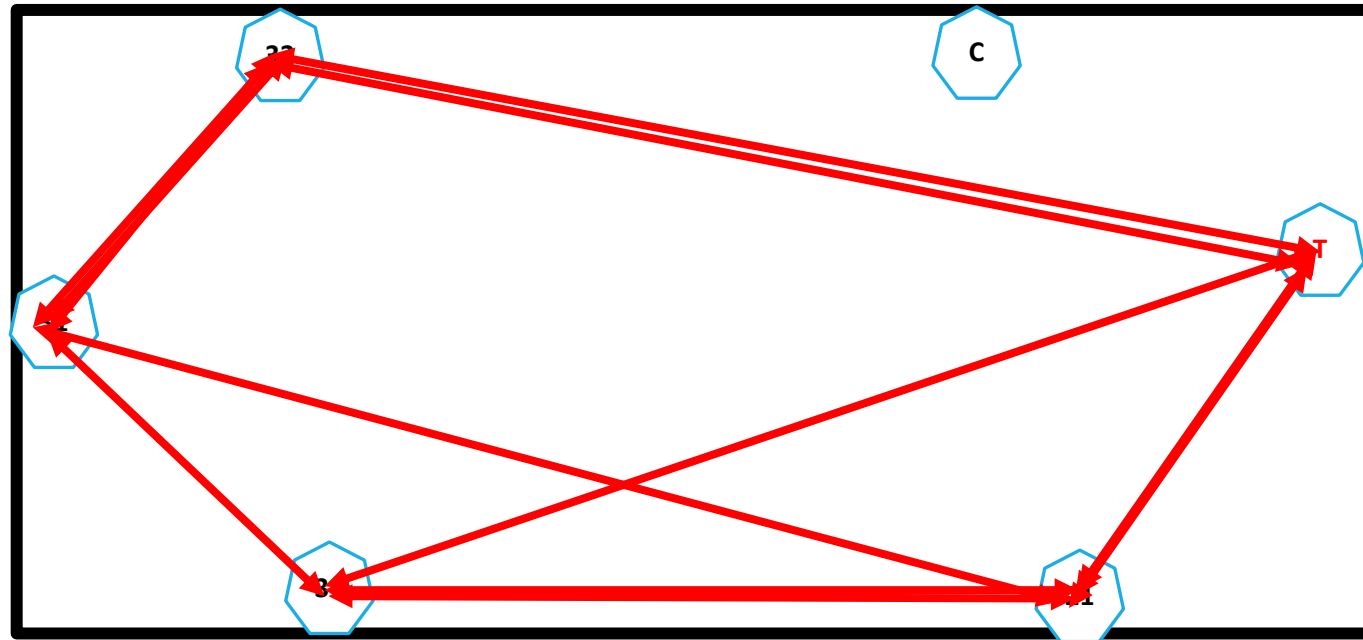
# Sensor Placement and Bias



# Maybe not..

Multiple subsets could be compared

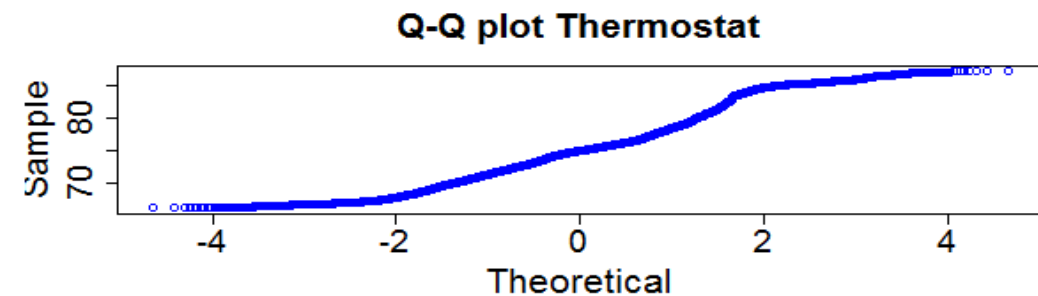
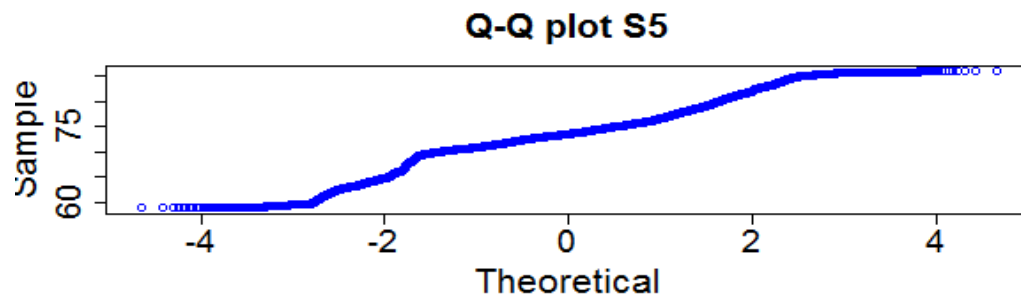
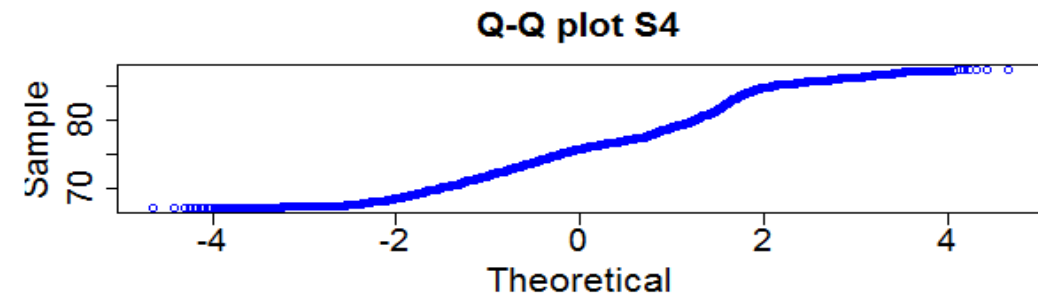
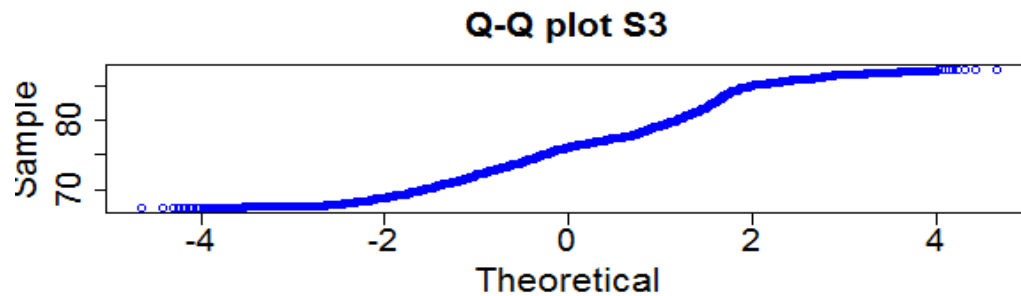
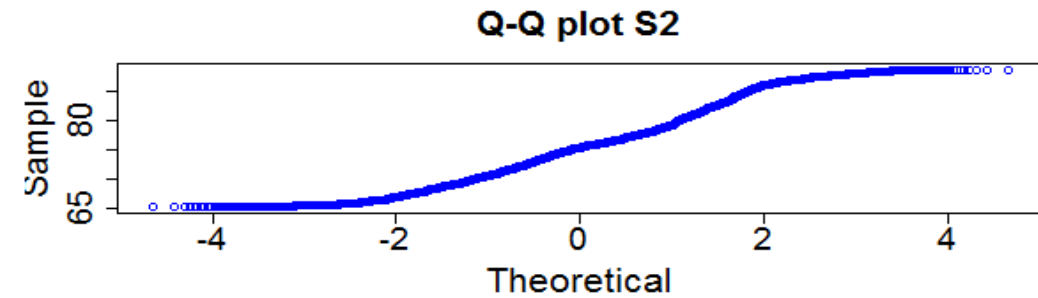
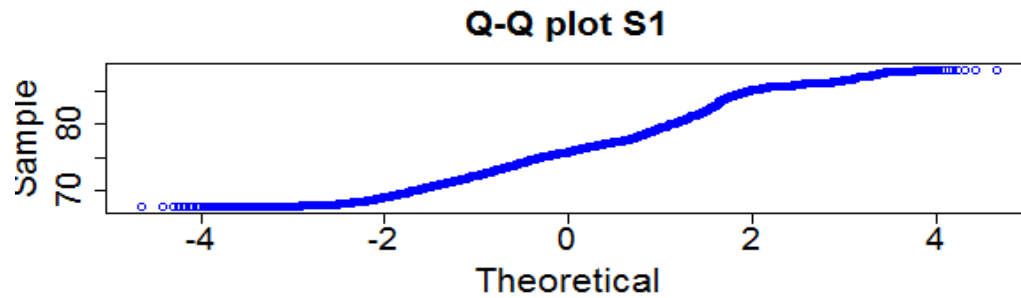
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# A closer look at temperature data

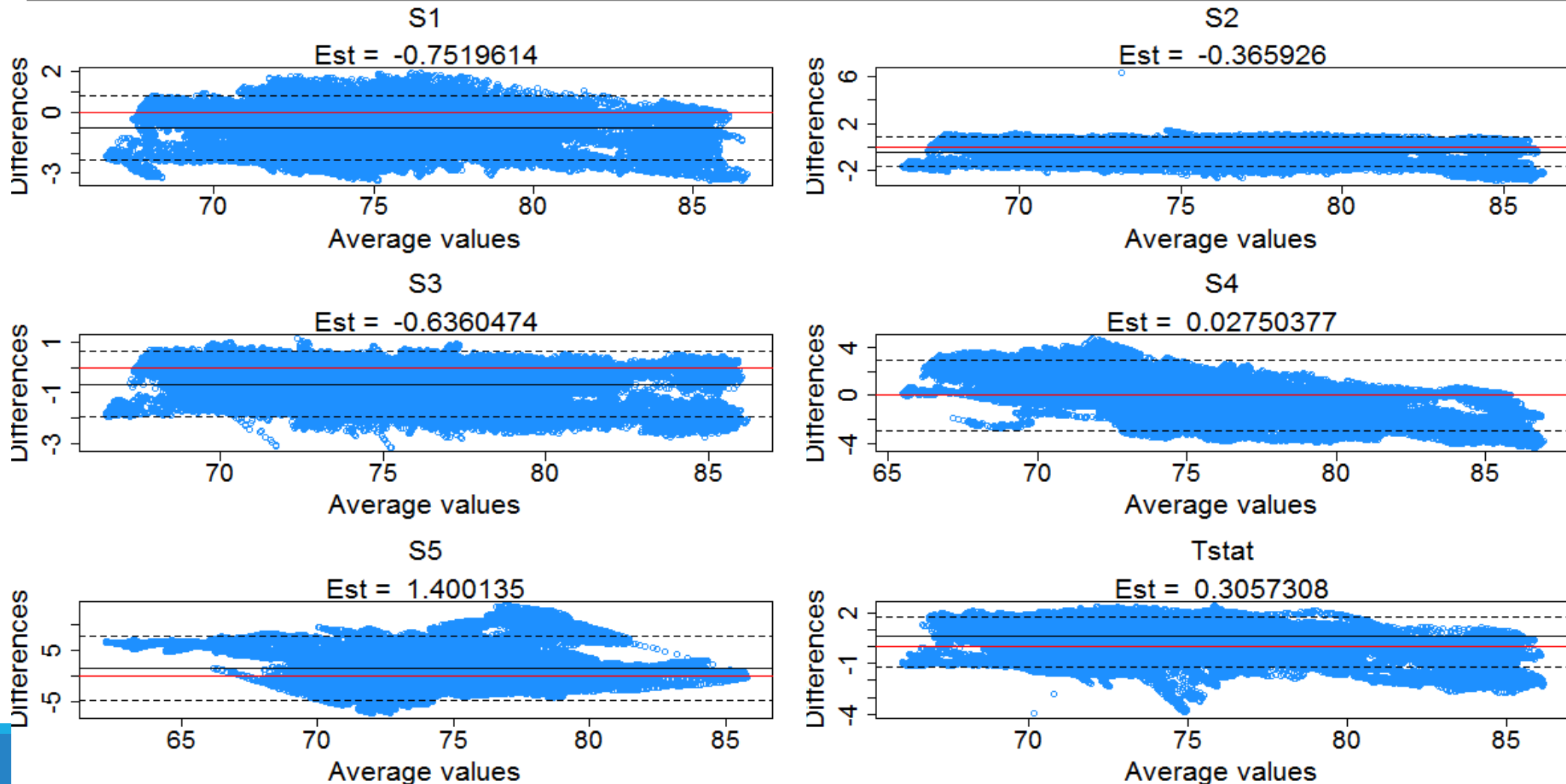
Temperature sensor data is not normal (Gaussian)





# Non-parametric statistical methods

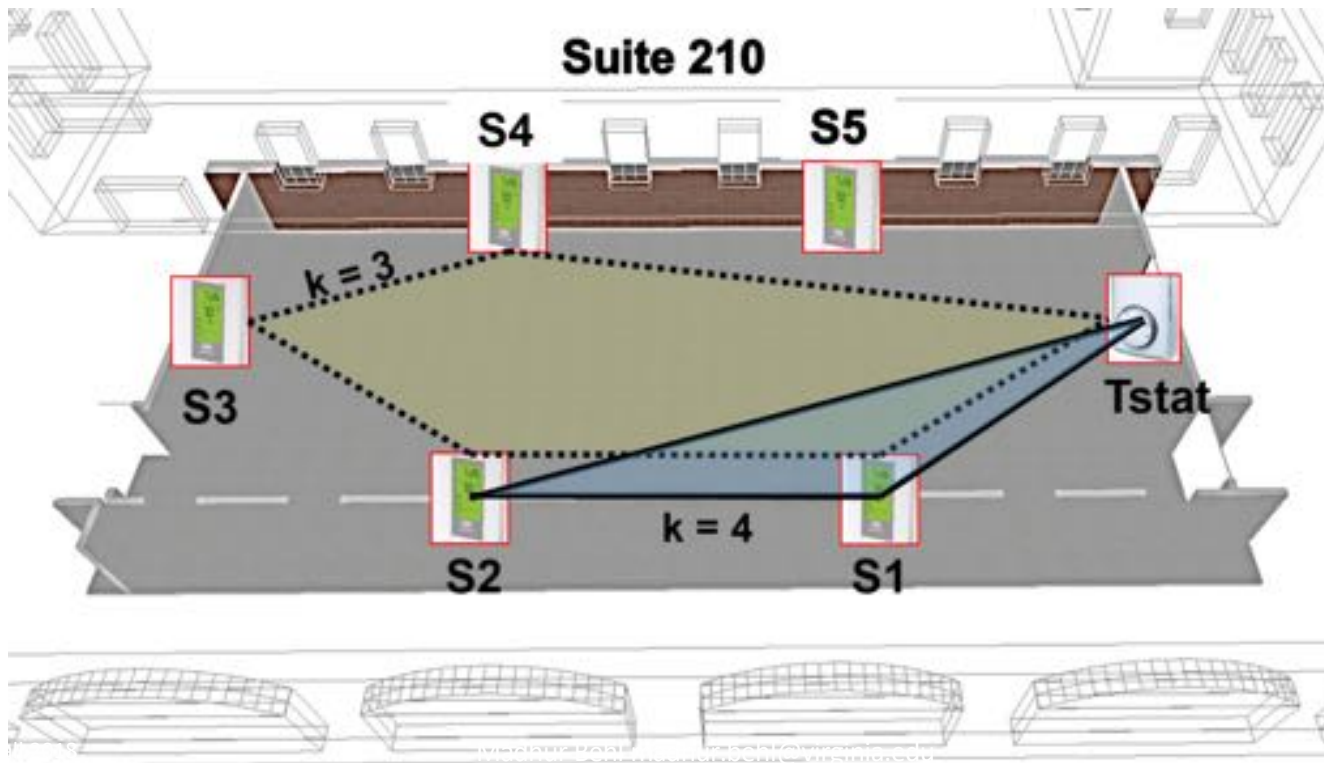
Use **Wilcoxon's rank sum test** and **Bland-Altman** plots to quantify bias and identify best sensor placements.



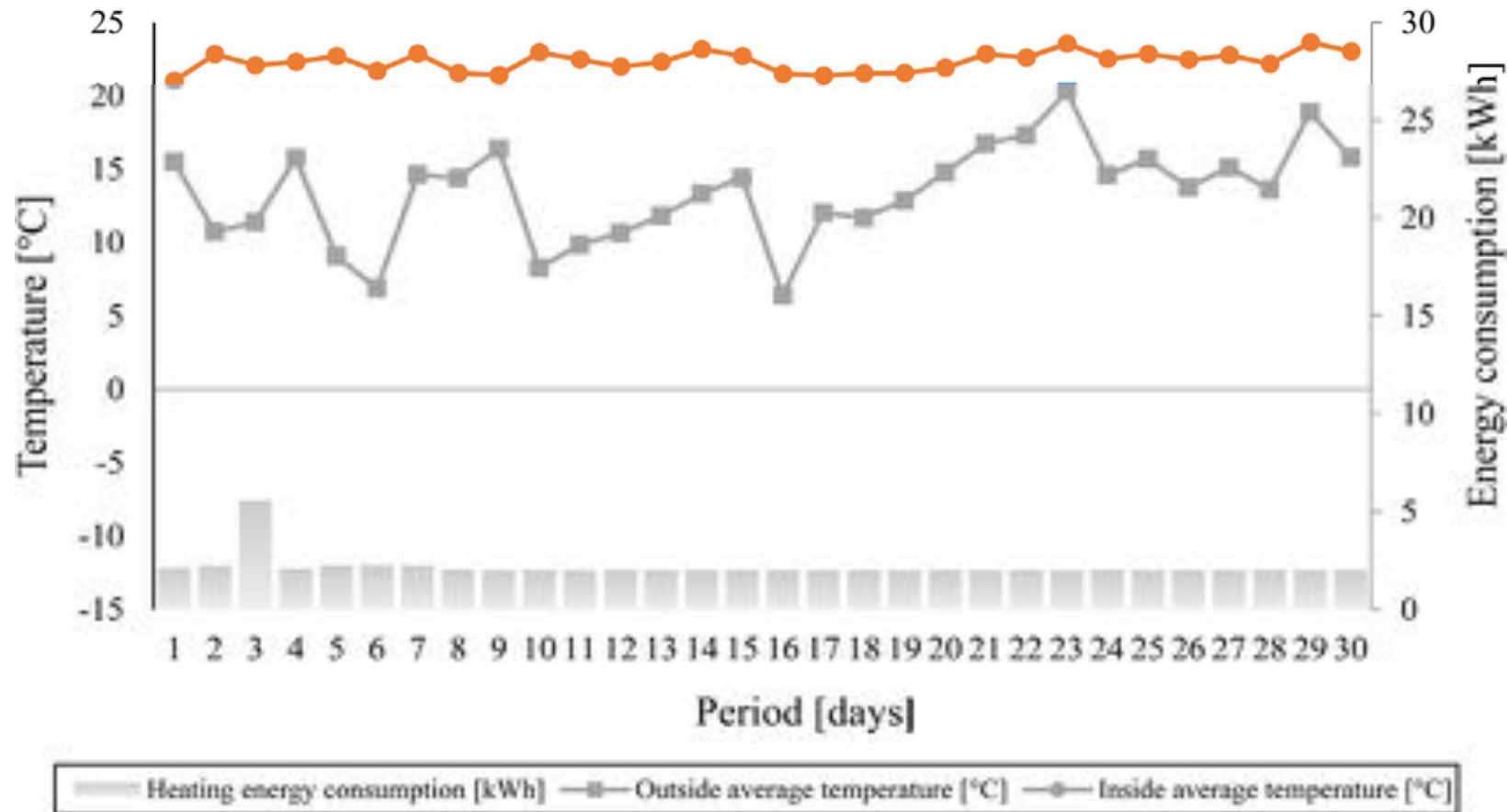
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TABLE II: Wilcoxon's test results for all values of  $k$

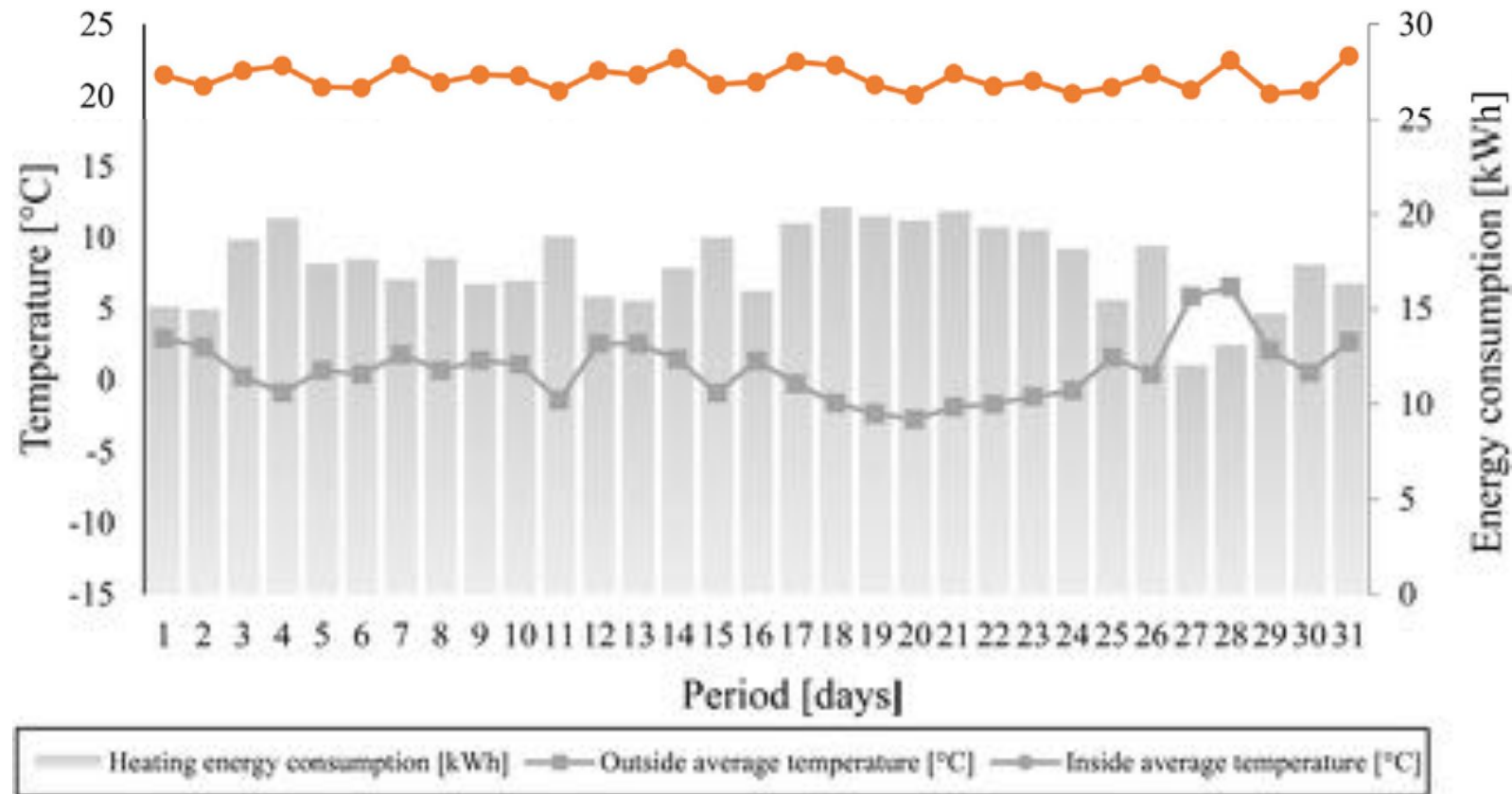
$k$	Min. bias subset $T_k$	Bias Estimate $\mu_k$
1	$S_4$	0.0275
2	$S_3, S_4$	-0.0106
3	$S_1, S_2, T_{stat}$	0.00708
4	$S_1, S_3, S_4, T_{stat}$	0.22
5	$S_1, S_3, S_4, S_2, T_{stat}$	-



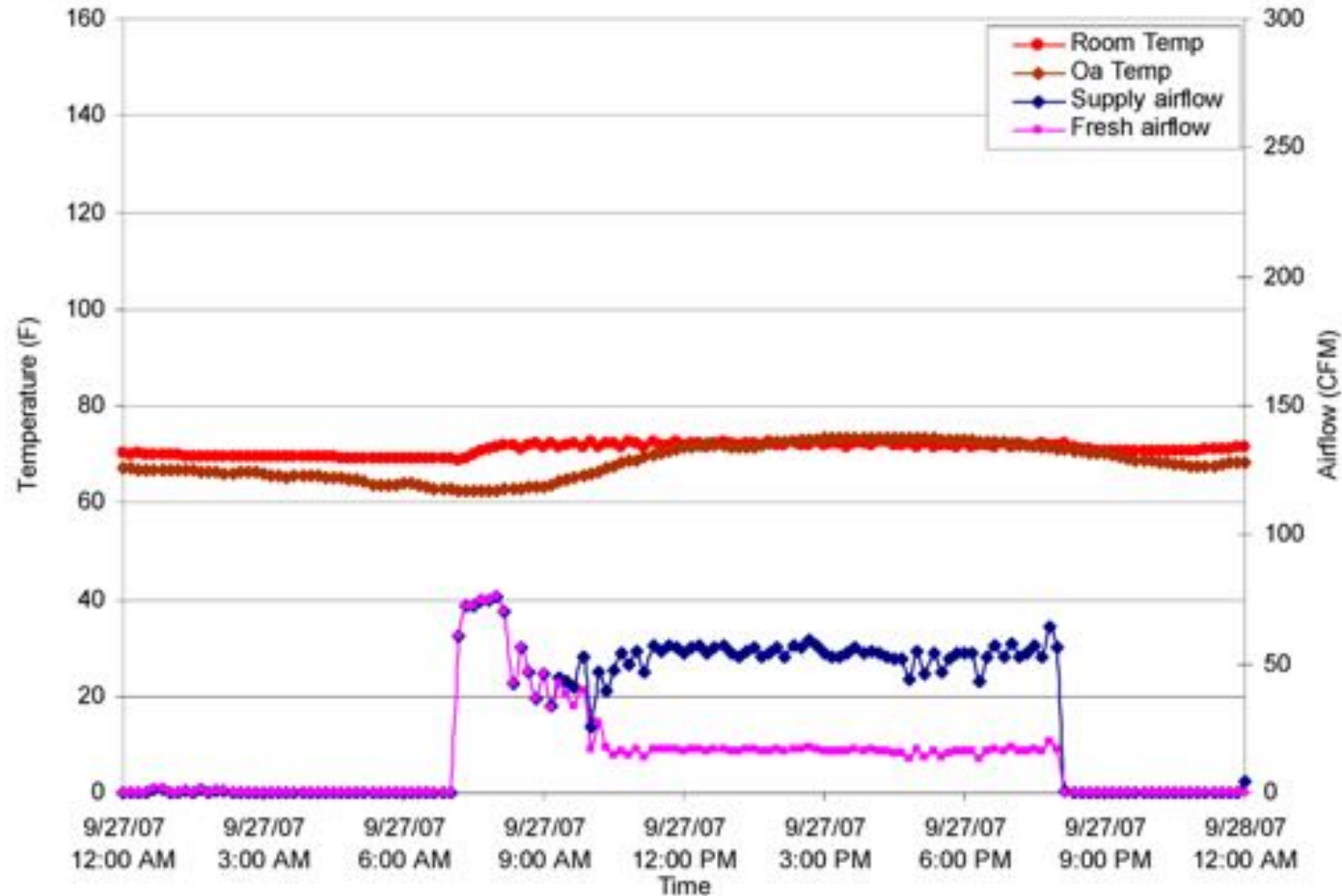
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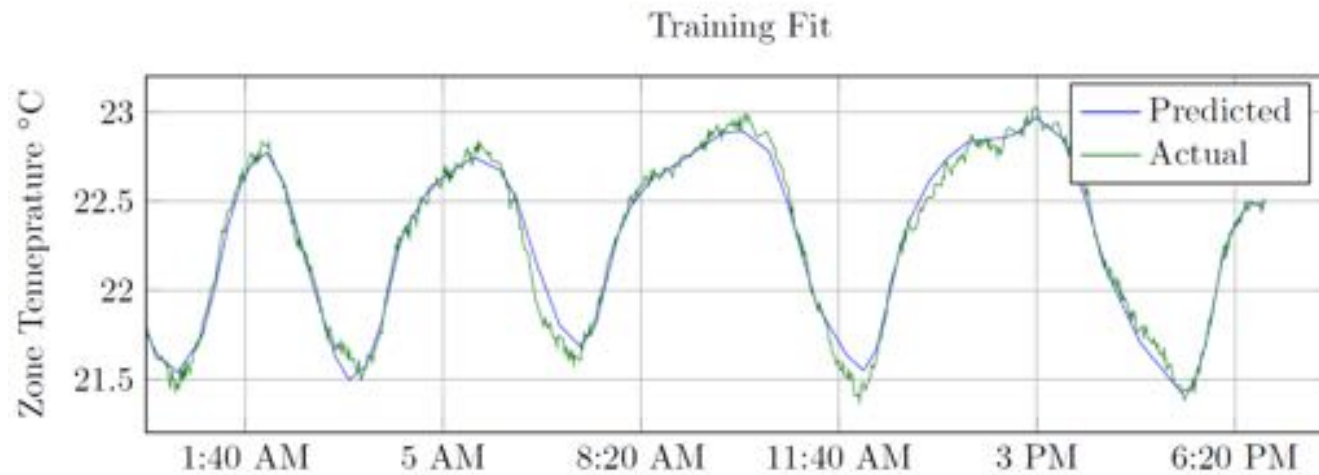
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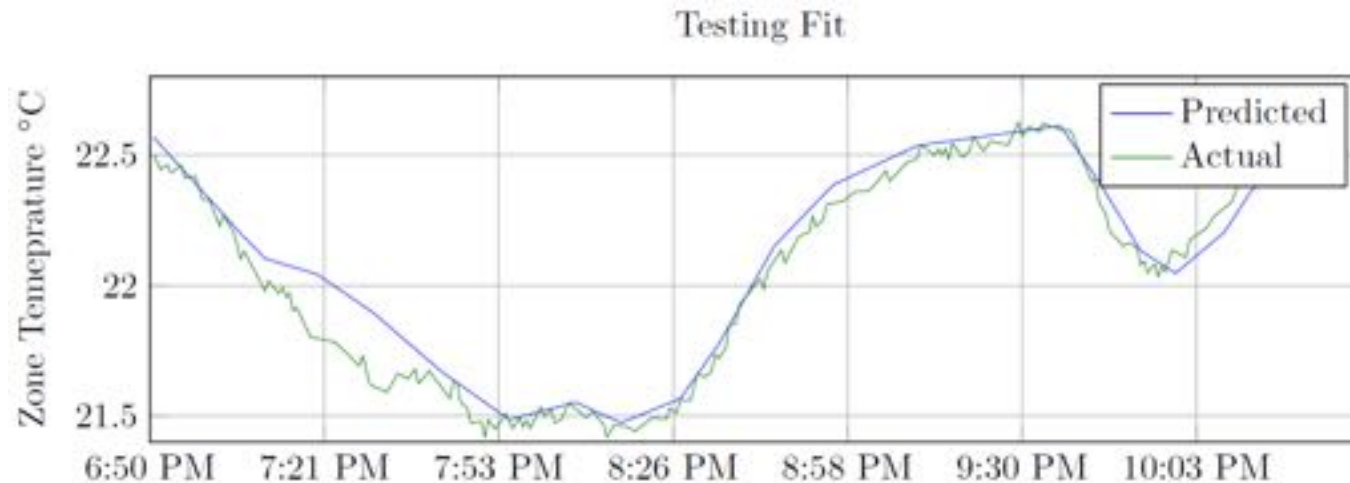
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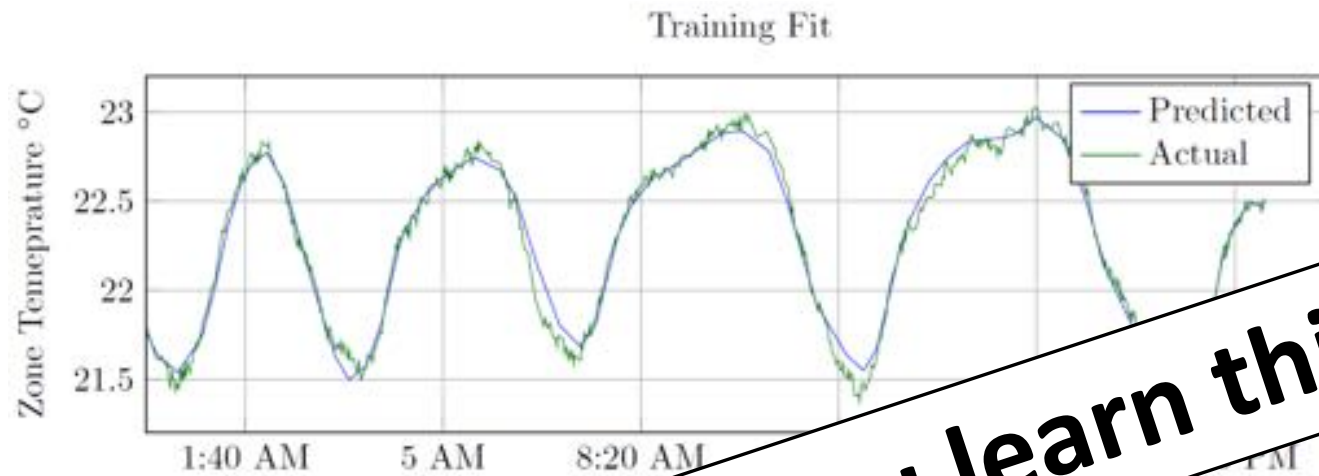
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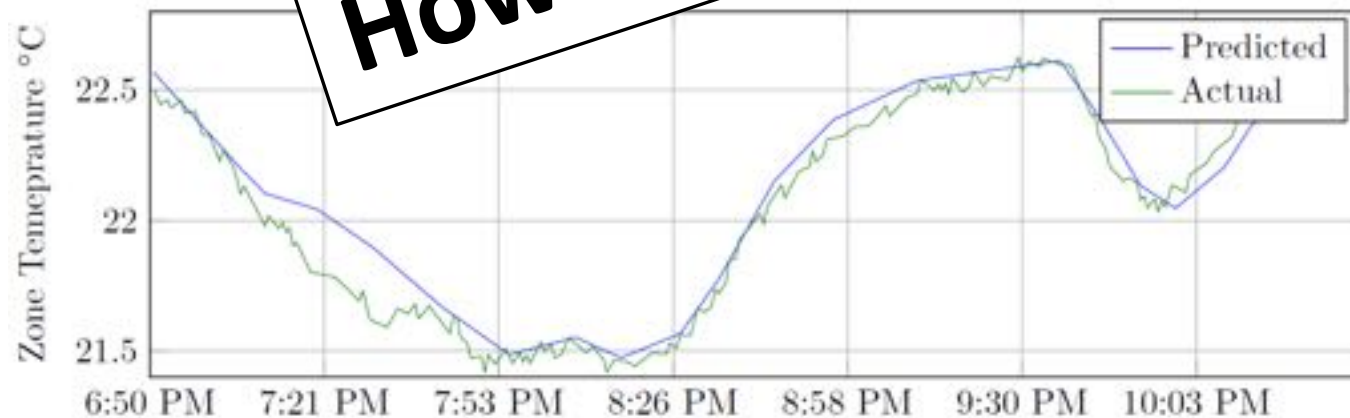


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**How did you learn this model ?**

Baseline



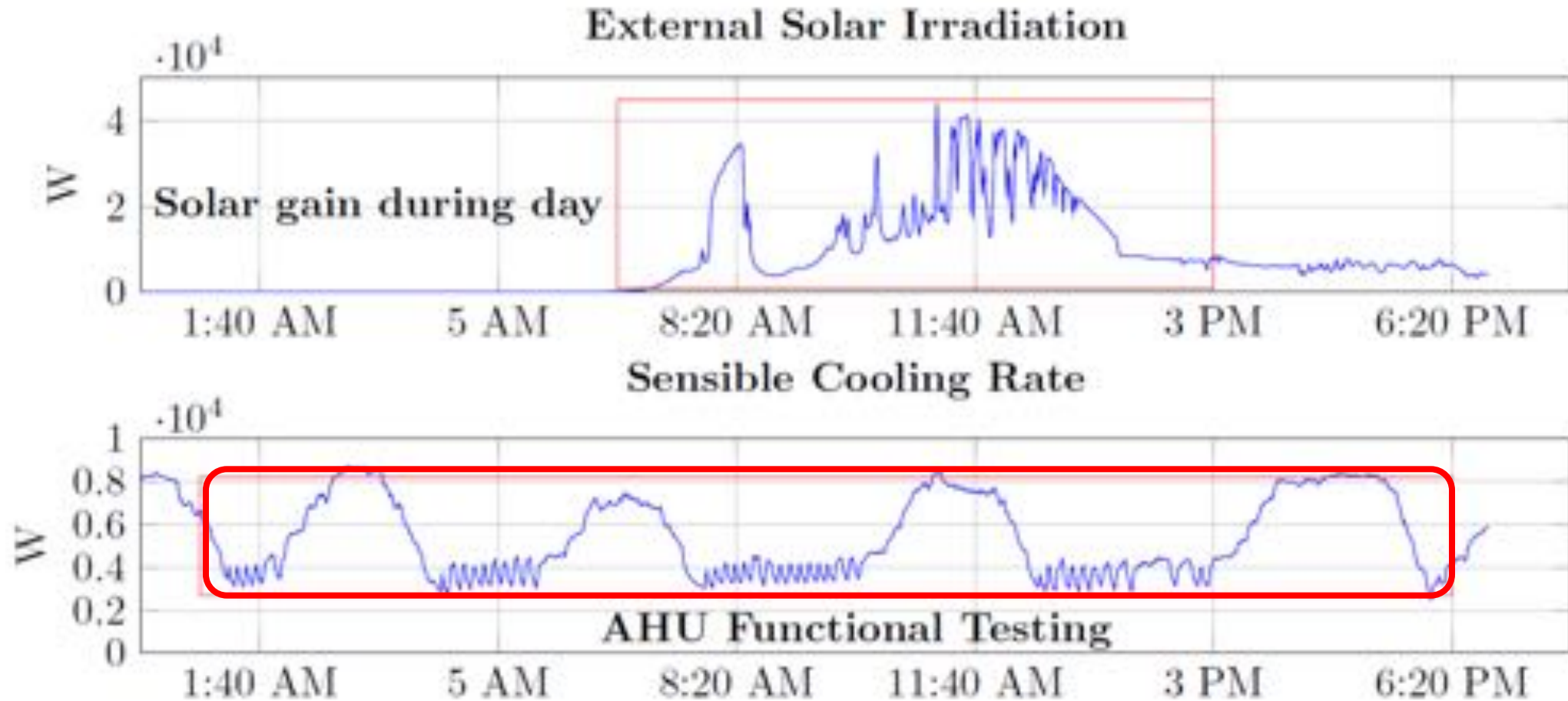
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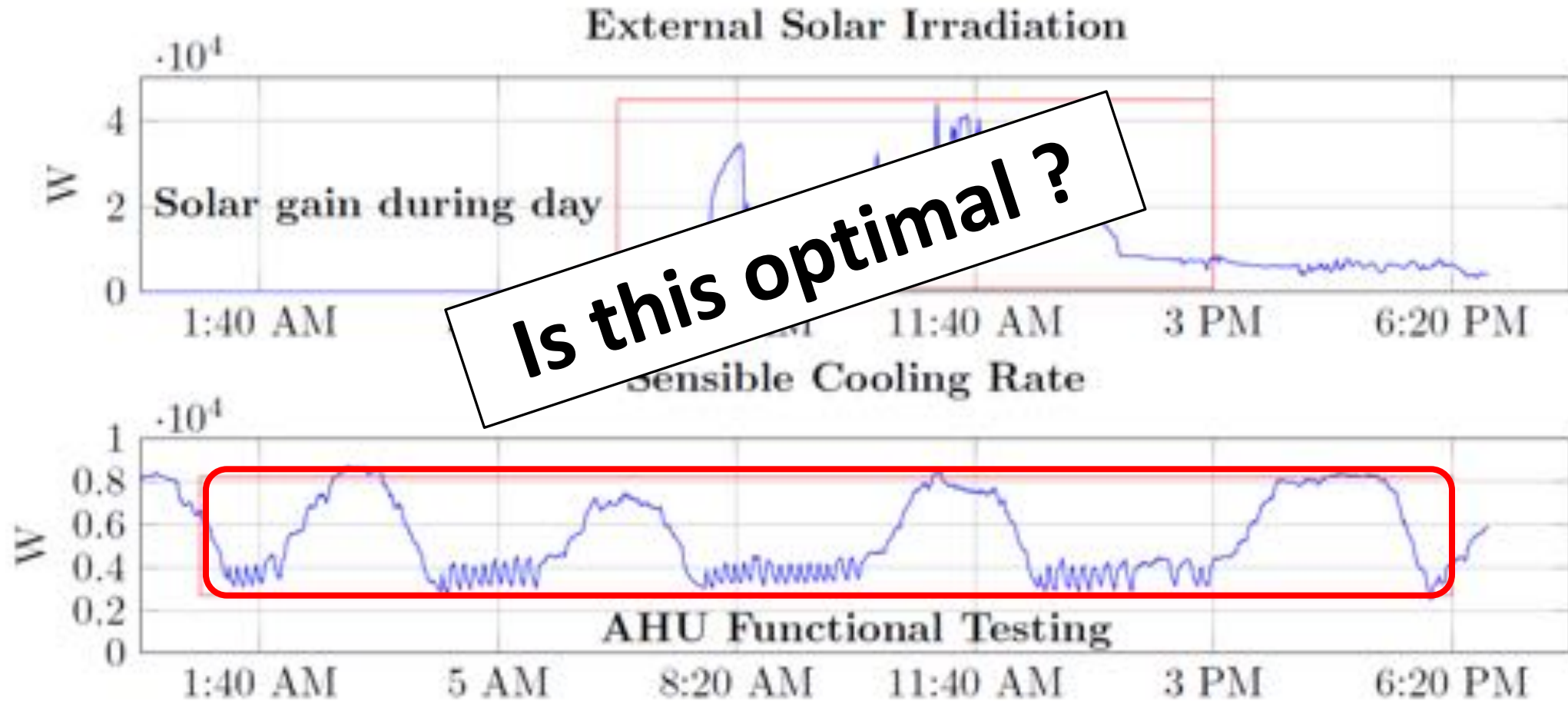
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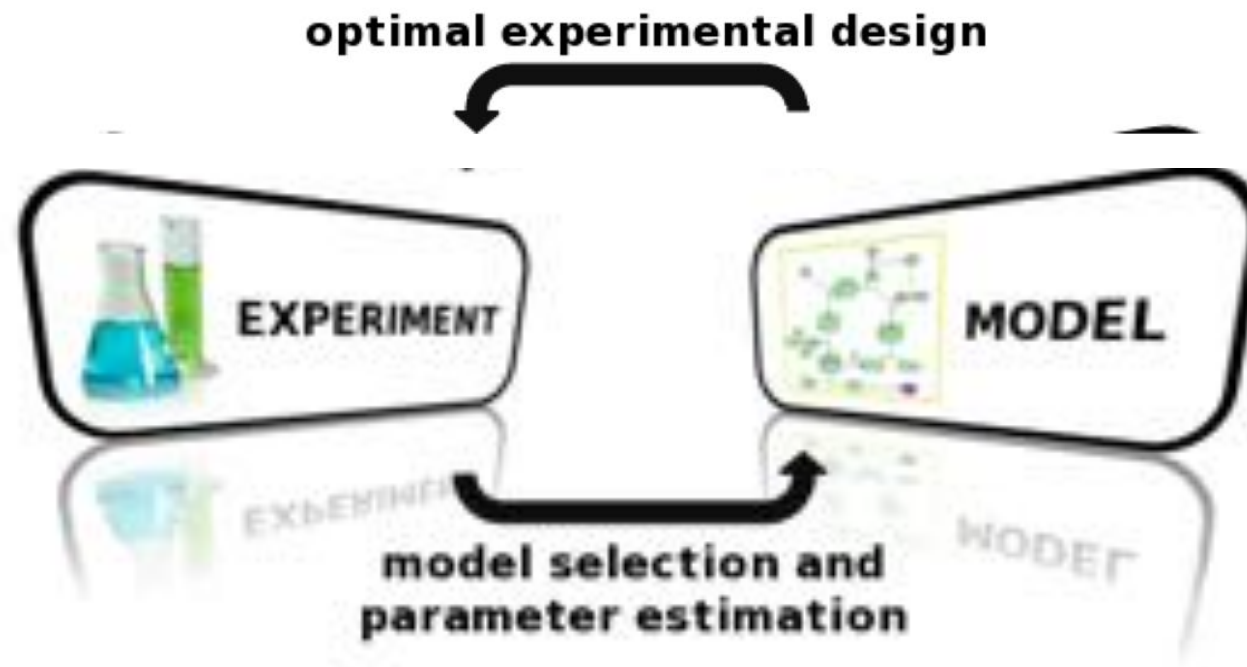
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# What is Experiment Design ?

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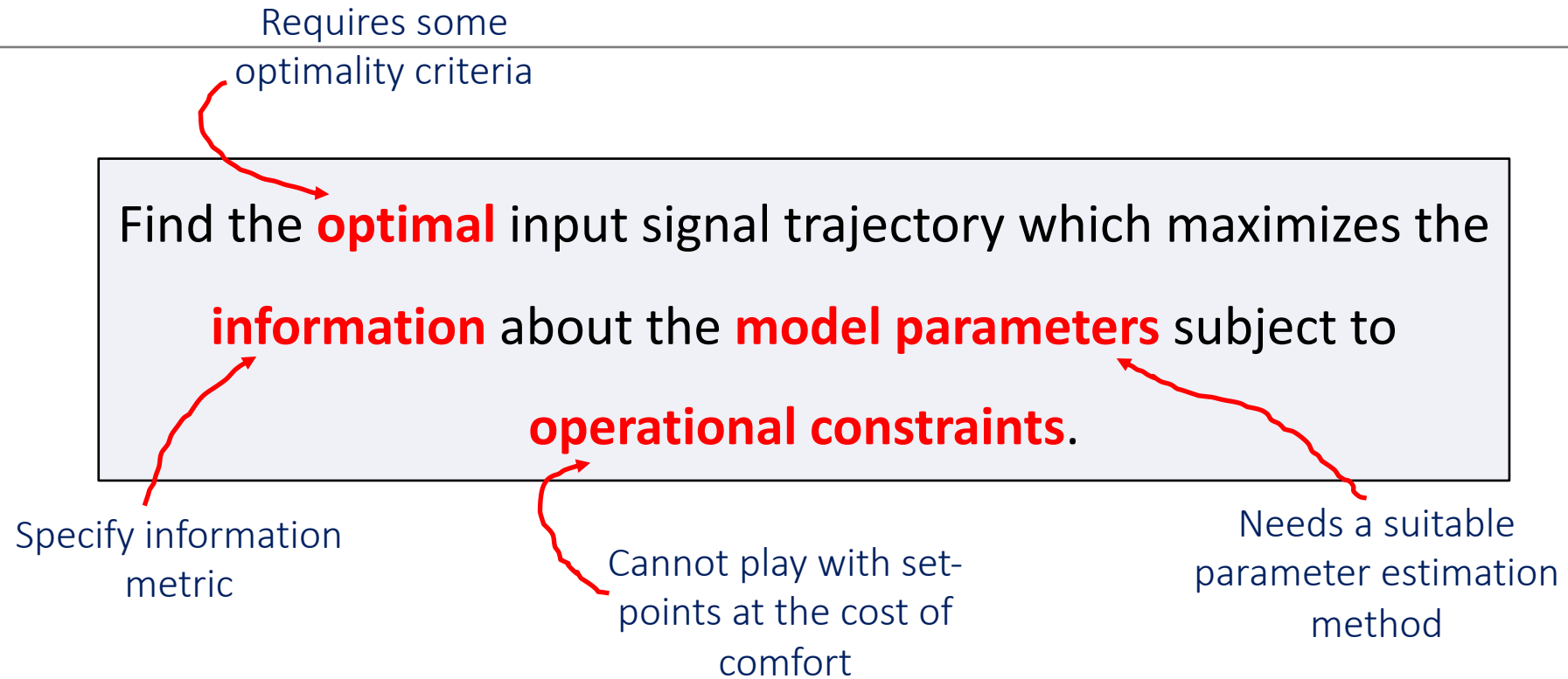


# Optimal Experiment Design

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Find the optimal input signal trajectory which maximizes the information about the model parameters subject to operational constraints.

# Optimal Experiment Design



# Maximum Likelihood & Fisher Information

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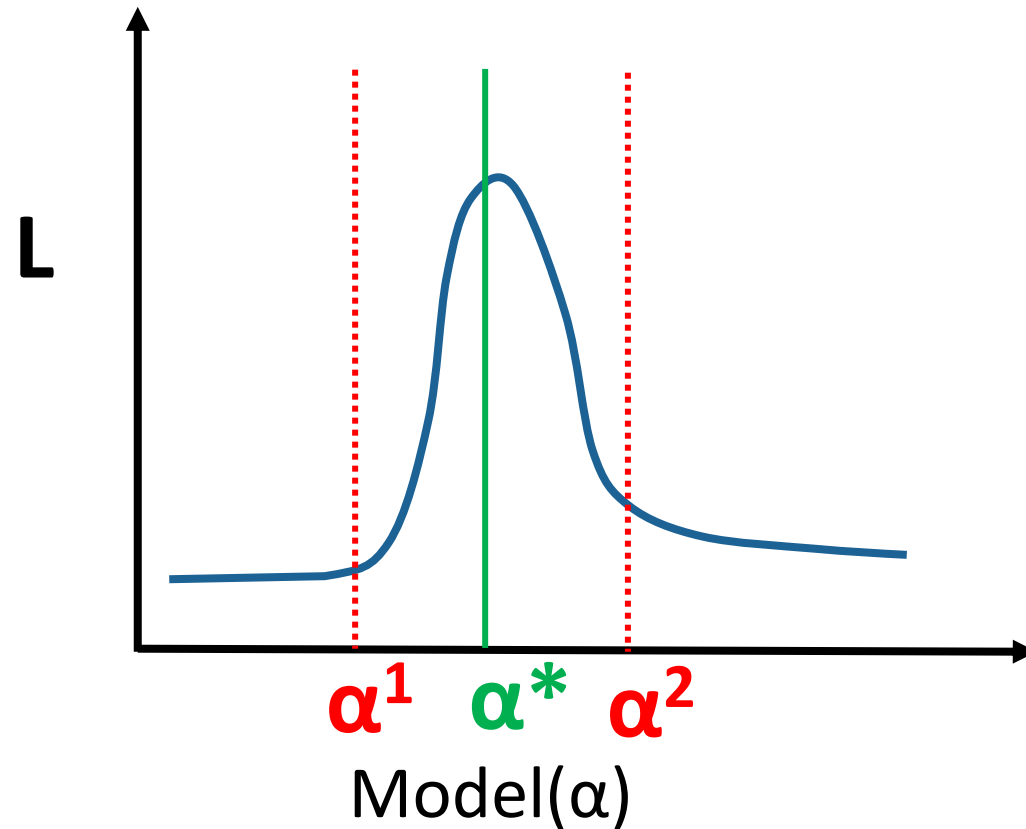
Likelihood functions play a key role in statistical inference and parameter estimation.

$$L = \mathbf{P}[\text{data}|\text{model}]$$

The probability that we see the given data due to the model we have assumed for the building/equipment.

# Maximum Likelihood & Fisher Information

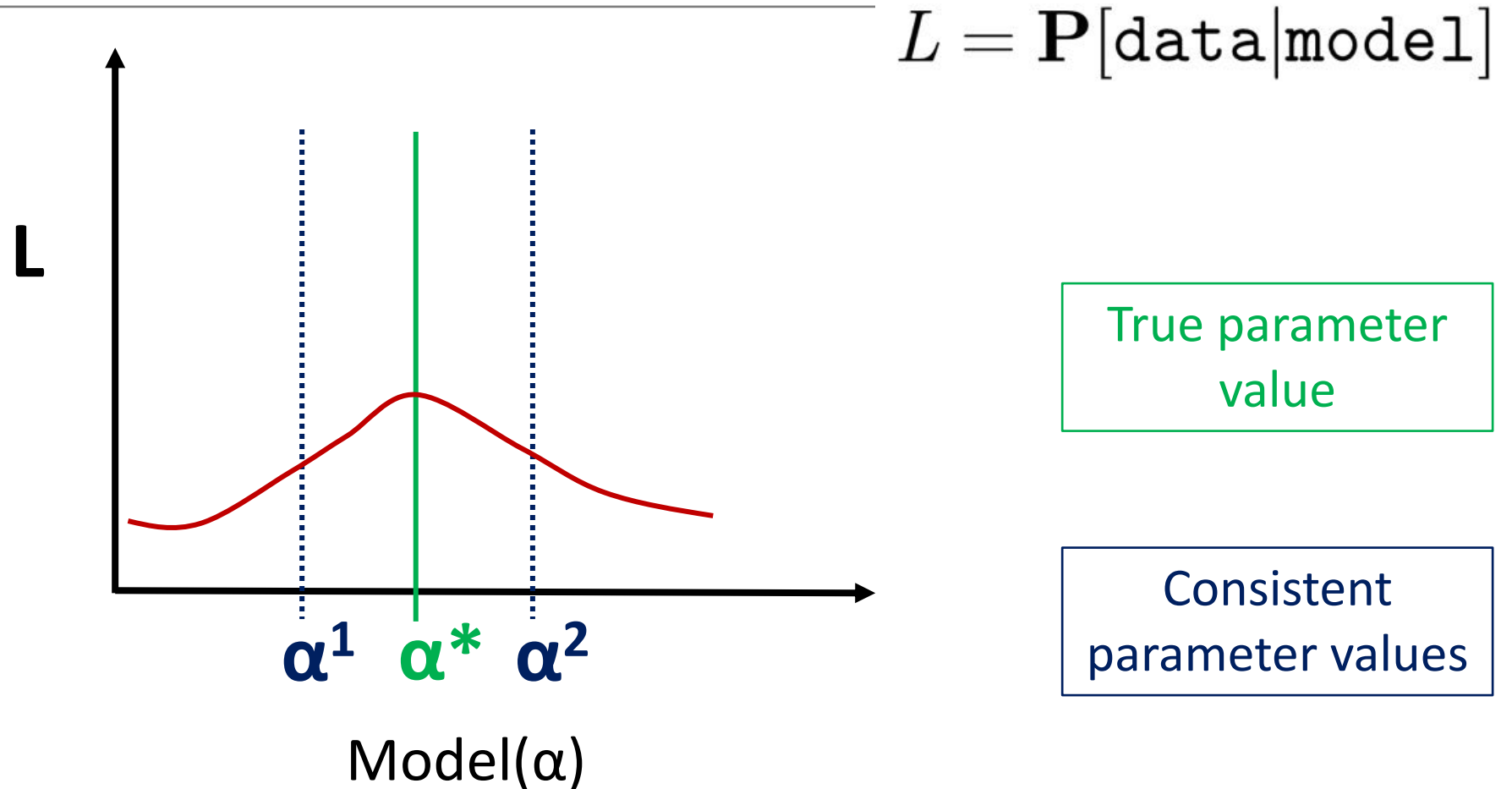
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True parameter  
value

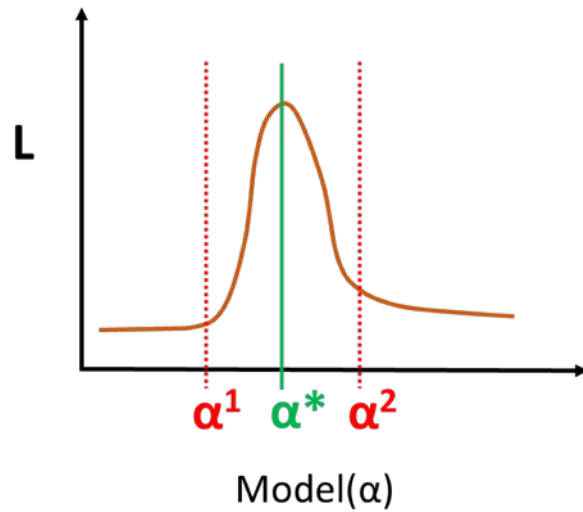
Inconsistent  
parameter values

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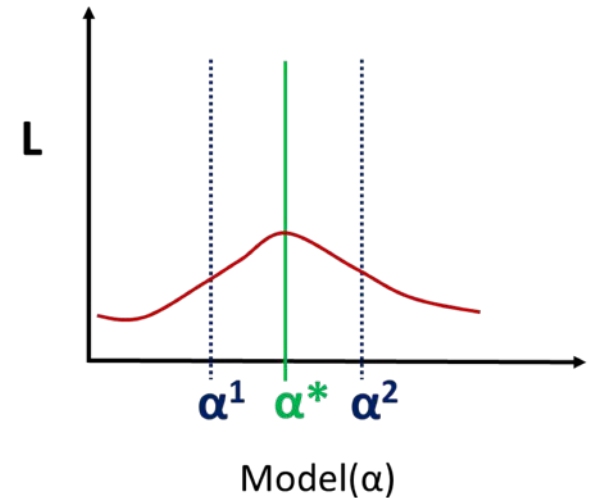




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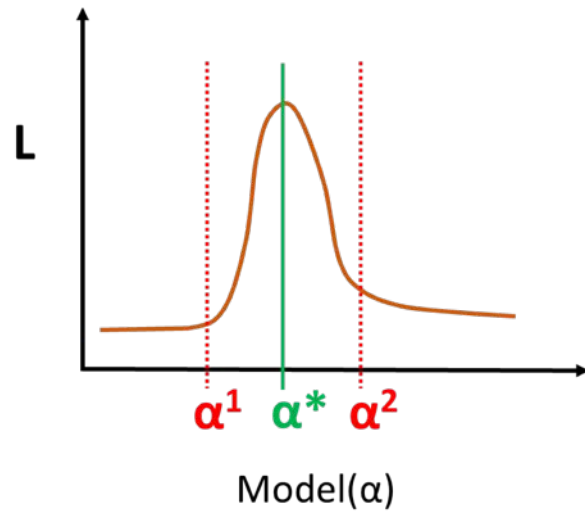
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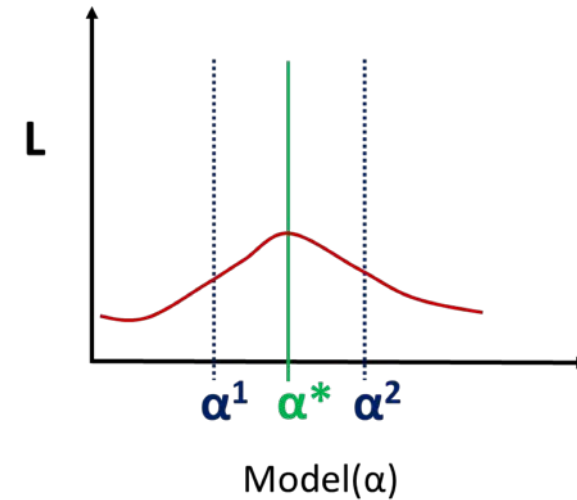
**(1)** We want an estimate which maximizes the likelihood function.

## Maximum Likelihood Estimate

# Maximum Likelihood & Fisher Information



$$L = \mathbf{P}[\text{data}|\text{model}]$$



**(2)** Some way to quantify the difference between likelihood functions i.e. how quickly does it fall of around the maximum

$$L(\alpha) \equiv L(\alpha) + \cancel{\frac{\partial L(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{\alpha^*} (\alpha - \alpha^*)} + \frac{\partial^2 L(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha^2} \Big|_{\alpha^*} (\alpha - \alpha^*)^2$$


= 0 at maxima  $\alpha^*$

Fisher information

# Cramer-Rao bound

Let  $\mathbf{y}^t$  denote the set of  $t$  measurements  $y(0), y(1), \dots, y(t-1)$ .

The likelihood function  $L(\alpha) = \mathbf{P}[y^t; \alpha]$



For any unbiased estimator we have the following Cramer-Rao lower bound:

$$\mu(\alpha) = \alpha^* - \mathbf{E}[\hat{\alpha} | \alpha^*]$$

**Error  
covariance  
of  $\alpha$**

$$\Sigma(\alpha) \geq I^{-1}(\alpha)$$

**Fisher  
information  
matrix (FIM)**

$$\Sigma(\alpha) = \mathbf{E}[(\alpha^* - \hat{\alpha})(\alpha^* - \hat{\alpha})' | \alpha^*]$$

$$I_{y^t}(\alpha) = -\mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} \ln \mathbf{P}(y^t | \alpha) \right]$$

# For the RC 'grey box' building model

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= A_\alpha x(t) + B_\alpha u(t) + W\omega(t) \\y(t+1) &= C_\alpha x(t+1) + D_\alpha u(t+1) + \nu(t+1)\end{aligned}$$

State space  
model

$$\mathbf{P}[y(\tau)|y(\tau-1); \alpha] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \det[F(t)]}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} [r^T(t) F^{-1}(t) r(t)]}$$

Likelihood function

Need Kalman filter  
equations to compute  
the likelihood  
function.

$$\begin{aligned}F(t) &= \mathbf{E}[y(t) - \hat{y}(t|t-1)][y(t) - \hat{y}(t|t-1)]^T \\&= C\Sigma(t|t-1)C^T + R \\ \Sigma &= A\Sigma A^T + WQW^T - A\Sigma C^T (C\Sigma C^T + R)^{-1} C\Sigma A^T\end{aligned}$$

# But where is the experiment design ?

First we compute the Fisher Information Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{I}_{\underline{z}^t}(\underline{\alpha}) = & \sum_{\tau=0}^t \text{tr} \left[ \frac{\partial \underline{r}(\tau; \underline{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_i} \frac{\partial \underline{r}'(\tau; \underline{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_j} \underline{S}^{-1}(\underline{\alpha}) \right] \\ & + (t+1) \text{tr} \left[ \underline{S}_{ij}(\underline{\alpha}) \underline{S}^{-1}(\underline{\alpha}) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \underline{S}(\underline{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_i} \underline{S}^{-1}(\underline{\alpha}) \frac{\partial \underline{S}(\underline{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_j} \underline{S}^{-1}(\underline{\alpha}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Depends only on the inputs and disturbances into the system

# Optimality criteria

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## Optimality criteria of the information matrix

- A-optimal design  $\Leftrightarrow$  average variance

$$\min_y \text{trace}(I(y)^{-1})$$

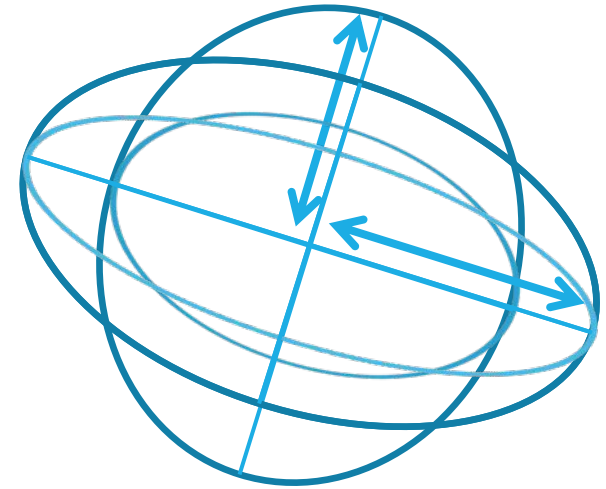
- D-optimality  $\Leftrightarrow$  uncertainty ellipsoid

$$\min_y \det(I(y)^{-1})$$

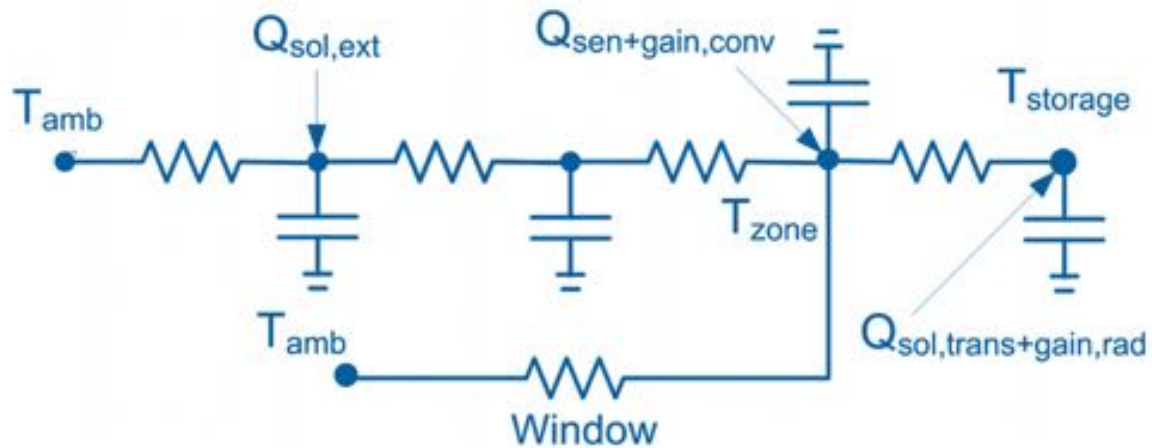
- E-optimality  $\Leftrightarrow$  minimax

$$\min_y \max(\text{eig}(I(y)^{-1}))$$

- Almost a complete alphabet...



# Example



Input:

$T_{amb}$ ,  $T_{storage}$ ,  $Q_{sol}$ ,  $Q_{conv}$ ,  $Q_{sol,trans}$ ,  $Q_{rad}$ ,  $T_{zone}$

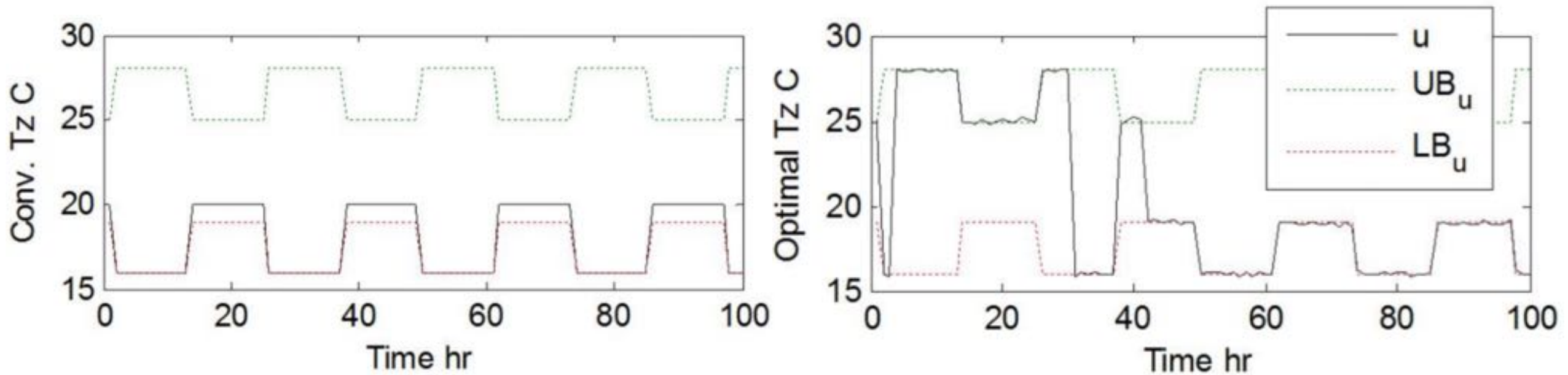
Output:

$Q_{sen}$

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# Optimal and conventional temperature set-point profiles



## Performance comparison of models trained with conventional and optimal training data sets

