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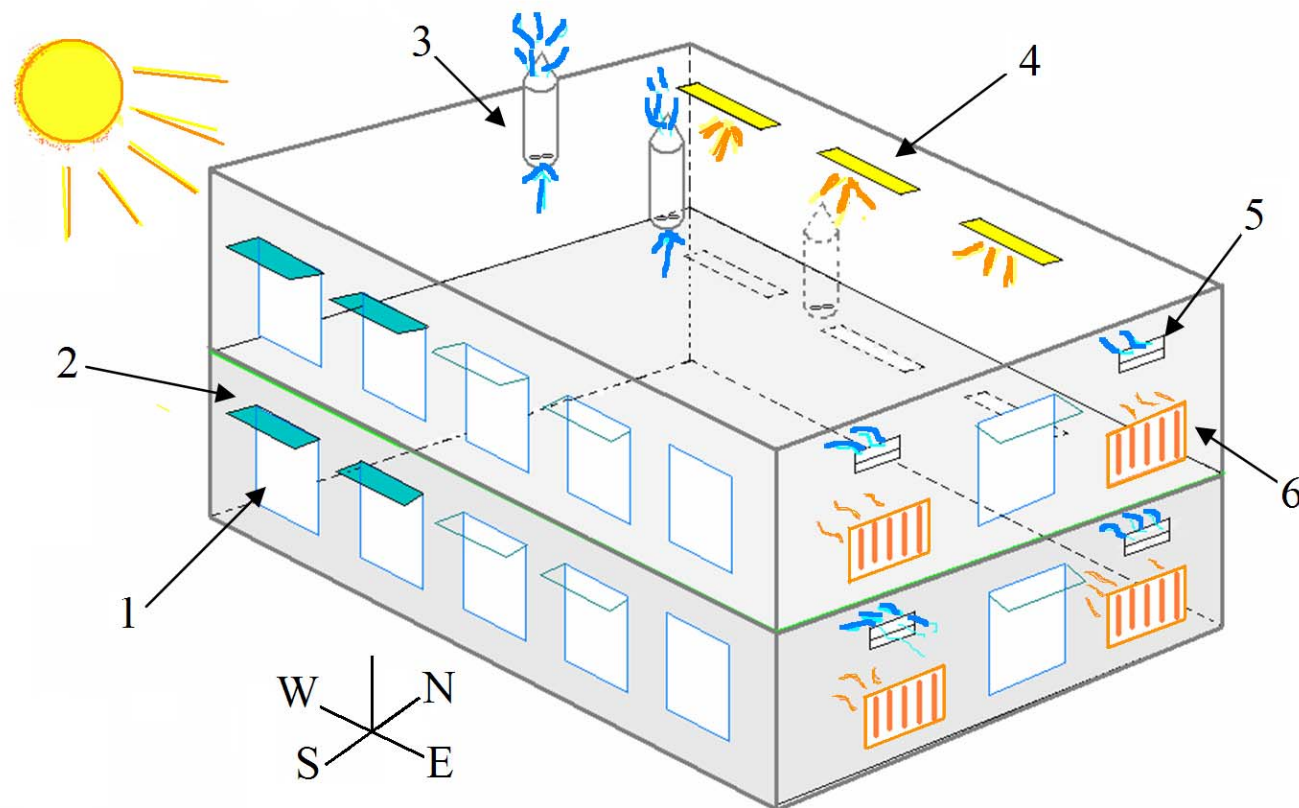
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Conceptual Design Methods and Tools for Building Services with complex dynamics

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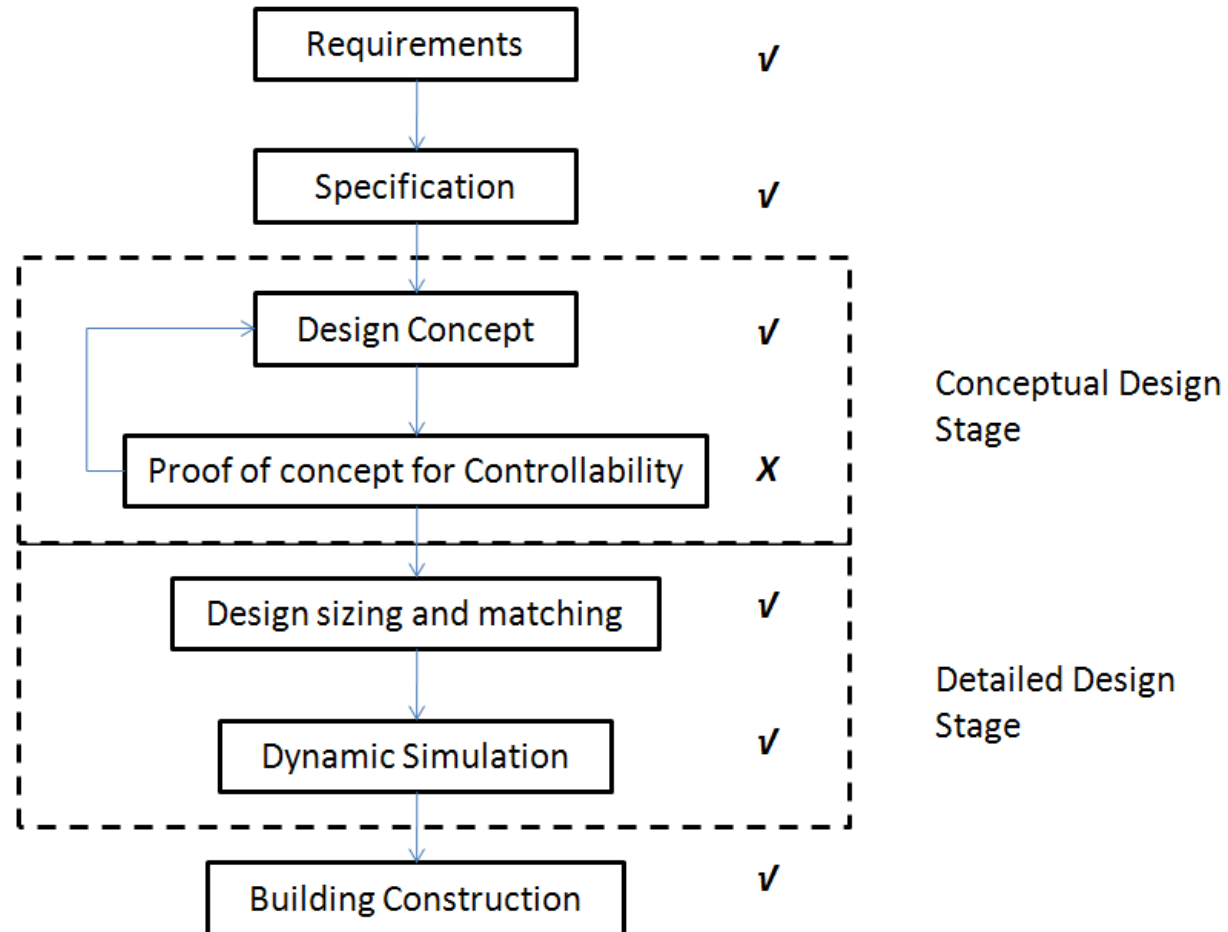


Conceptual design





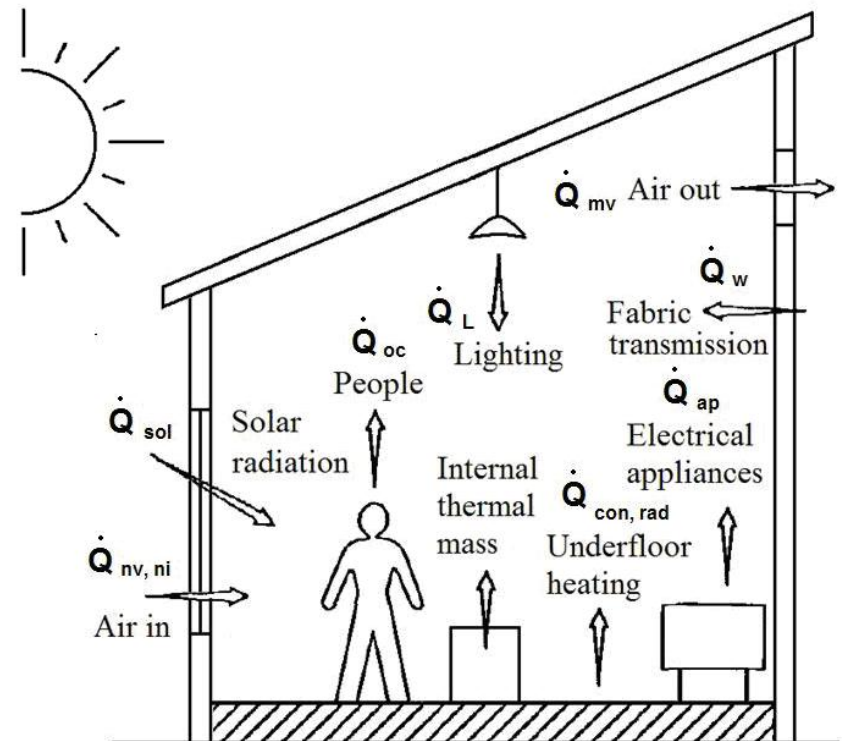
Design Process





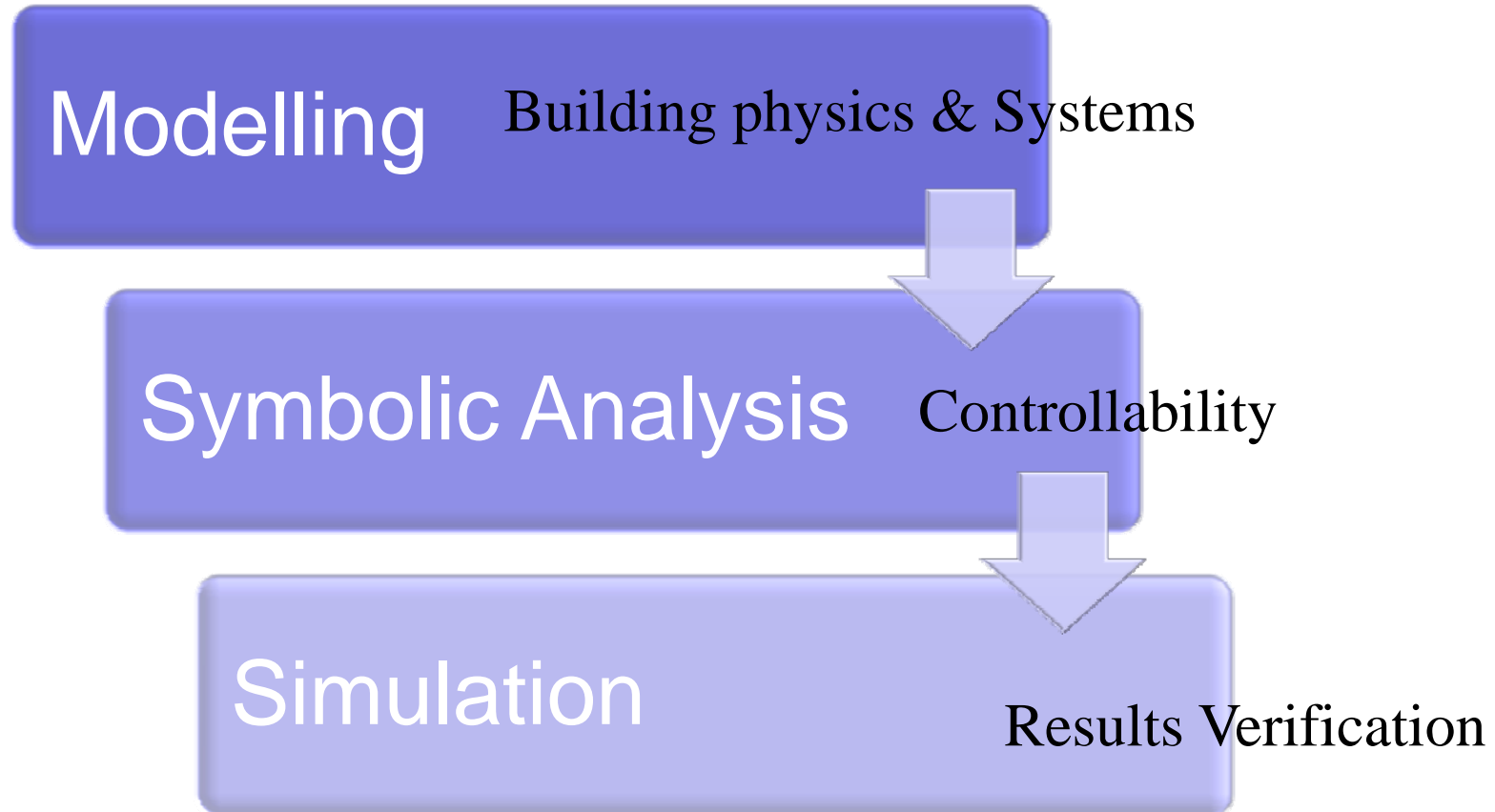
Dynamics

- Complex Building Physics
 - Natural ventilation (Bouncy and wind)
 - Dynamic internal and external disturbances
- Simultaneous control of Fast and Slow Actuators
 - Under Floor heating
 - Mechanical Ventilation
- Actuator Rate limits
- Physical Power limits





Holistic Design Method





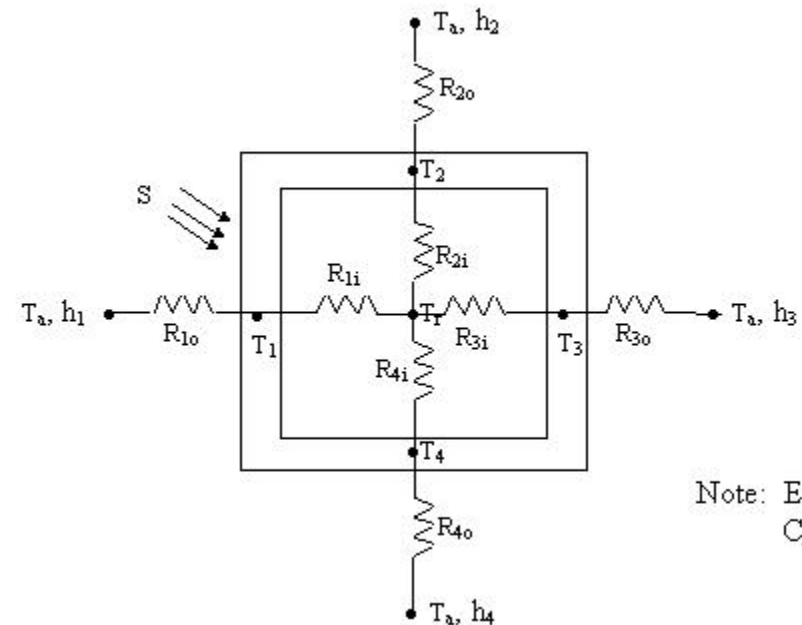
Modelling

- R-C circuit analogy
- Nonlinear Lumped parameter model
- Linear state space methods

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Fd(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) + Ed(t)$$

$$k_1 \frac{dT_i}{dt} = k_2 Q_i - k_3 (T_i - T_o)$$



Note: Each
 C_n and



Symbolic Analysis

- Aerospace, automotive, robotics
- Controllability science

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_{pwh} & q_{mv} \\ \frac{\beta}{\rho_a V_a c_{pa}} & \frac{(\bar{T}_o - \bar{T}_a)}{V_a} \\ 0 & \frac{(\bar{C}_o - \bar{C}_a)}{V_a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} T_a \\ C_a \end{matrix}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{-4U_w A_w}{\rho_w V_w c_{pw}}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{-U_c A_c - U_{in} A_{in}}{\rho_c V_c c_{pc}}$$



Results

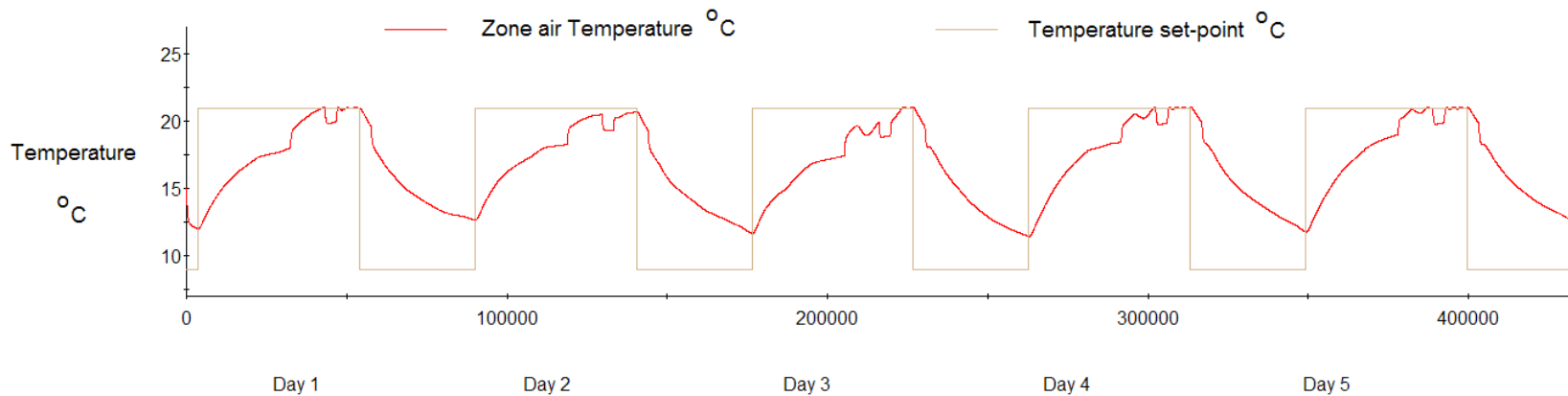
- When controlling air temperature in the building neither the thermal mass of the external Walls or internal Walls have any effect!
- When controlling thermal comfort the thermal mass has an effect the magnitude of which can be derived using one formula

$$u_{trim}(s) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[\begin{aligned} & (U_{win}A_{win} + V_a \bar{n}_i \rho_a c_{pa})(T_a(s) - T_o(s)) + (2U_w A_w)(T_a(s) - T_w(s)) \\ & + (U_m A_m)(T_a(s) - T_m(s)) - (\sigma_s A_w) L_{dir}(s) - (k_e) P_L(s) - Q_{oc}(s) - Q_{ap}(s) \end{aligned} \right]$$



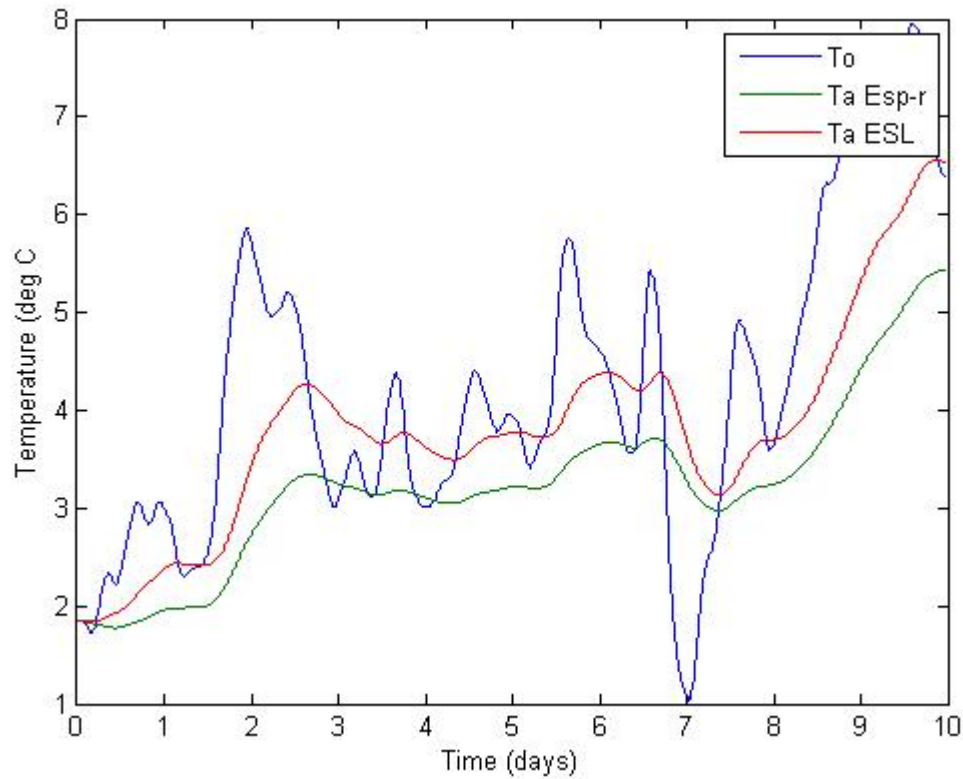
Simulation

- European Simulation Language (ESL)





Models in ESP-r and ESL





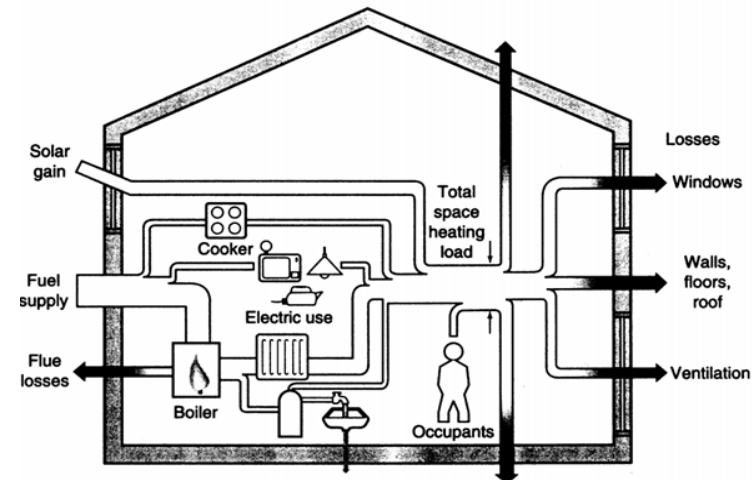
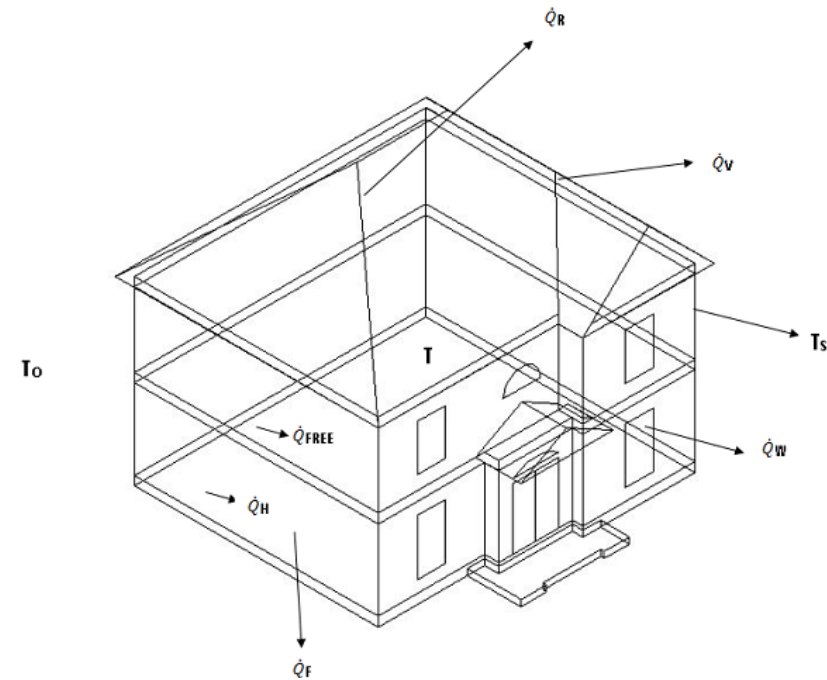
Dynamic Domestic Modelling

- Domestic Modelling Procedure (SAP)
 - Quasi Steady State
 - Constant Disturbances
 - Responsivity Factor
- SAP cannot model dynamics of advanced systems without real data
 - Complex Heating e.g. heat pumps and CHP / Lighting with controls/ Renewables
 - Systems represented by one equation in SAP to provide a yearly average
- Dynamics Values
 - Allow Dynamic values to be used in a SAP environment
 - Values are calculated at small time steps



Energy Estimation

- Relationships which affect the Energy Estimation of a dwelling
- Assumptions:
 - Air is fully mixed at constant pressure
 - Windows, Roof and Floor in Steady State
 - U-Values taken from SAP
- Purpose of model is not to emulate Future Reality
 - Advanced integration tools such as ESP and IES already exist
- Fundamental Building Physics Model Created
 - Differential equations derived from first principles
 - Put into State Space Form for Controllability Analysis



State Space Representation

- Apply Controllability Science to SAP Procedure – dynamic equations must be represented in State Space Form:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Dd(t)$$

State Vector:
define States

State Matrix

Input Matrix

Disturbances Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{T}(t) \\ \dot{T}_S(t) \\ \dot{T}_{FT}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T(t) \\ T_S(t) \\ \dot{T}_{FT}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{Q}_H(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ 0 & d_{22} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{Q}_{FREE}(t) \\ T_o \end{bmatrix}$$

State Variables:
Temperature of
Dwelling Air,
Structure, Internal
Mass

State Matrix:
A Matrix
constants *
State
Variables

Input Matrix:
Direct Acting
Heater Q_H

Disturbances Matrix:
- Q_{Free} (solar,
metabolic, appliances)
- T_o (Outside
Temperature)



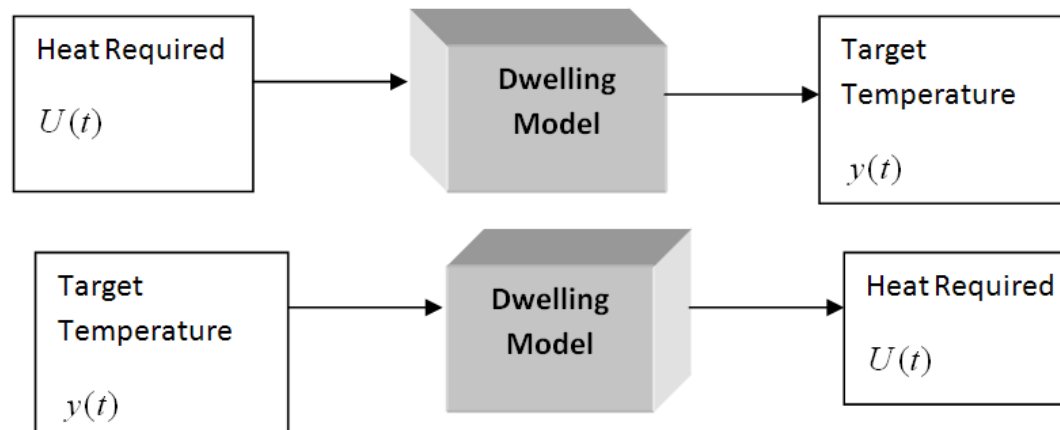
Excel Implementation

- Data placed into Excel Columns
- Model set to time resolution of 5 minutes
- Current focus on systems with a fast responsiveness
 - gas boilers / direct acting electric heating
- Use of real data in model
 - Weather – Sheffield location - Meteonorm software
 - Real Free Heats generated
 - Solar Gains (Sheffield location - Meteonorm)
 - Appliances Gains (International Energy Agency / Energy Conservation in Buildings and Community Systems Program (ECBCS) Annex 42)
 - Metabolic Gains (based upon BREDEM principles)



Inverse Dynamics

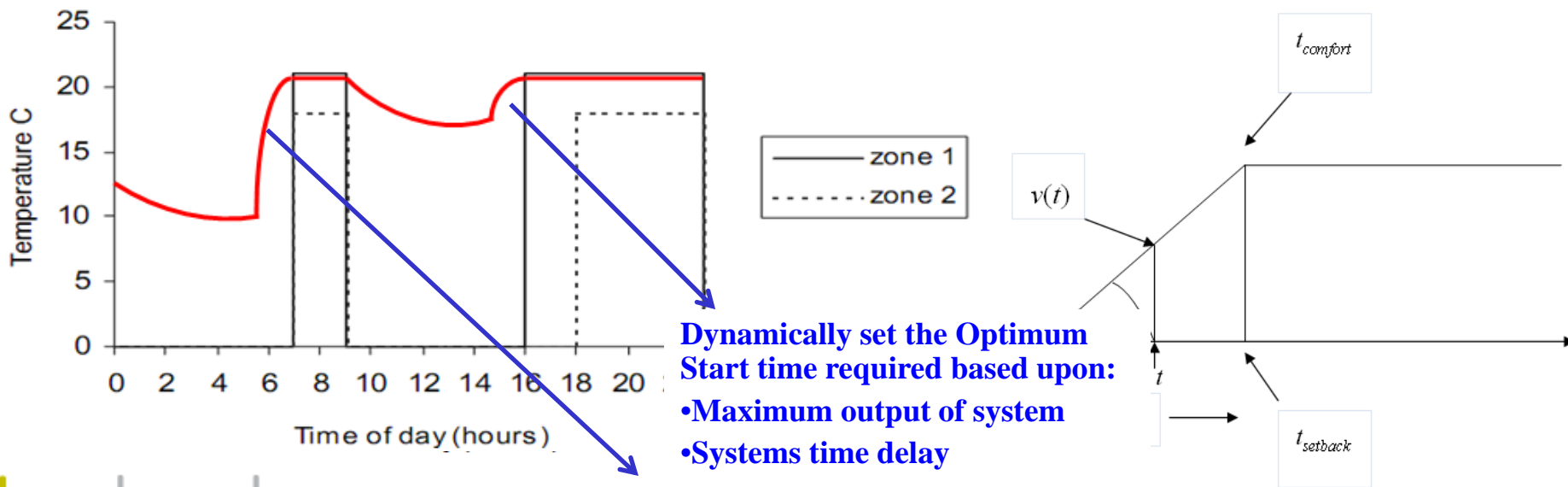
- Control Systems calculate the input required for a desired output
 - This can be achieved by inverting the plant
 - Inverse Dynamics
- A controller based upon Inverse Dynamics
 - Cancel the non-linear dynamics of the system
 - Decouple the controlled variables
- Use of Inverse Dynamics to calculate Dynamic SAP results at each timestep
 - Example: Room Temperature in Controller Design
 - We invert the dynamics of the system to establish what heat is required



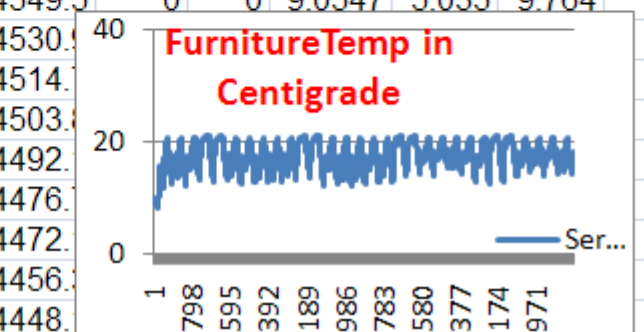
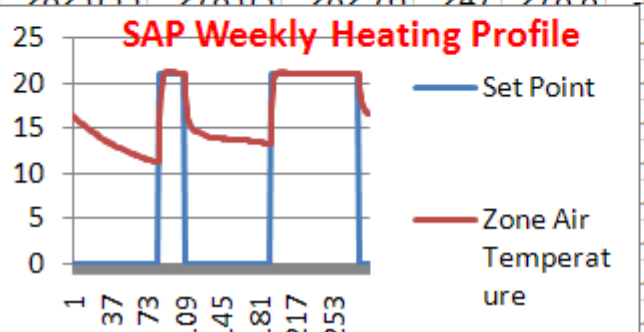
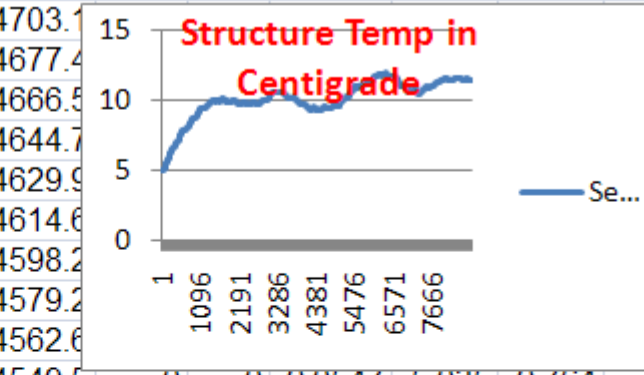
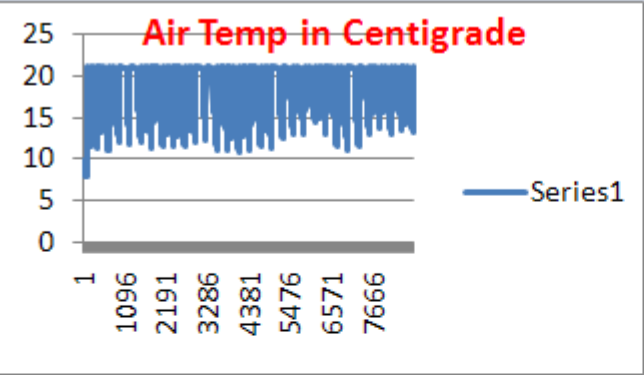


Optimum Start

- Addition of Optimum Start to Dynamic SAP
 - Particularly required to model Slow acting systems (slow responsivity in SAP) such as underfloor heating
- Dynamically track SAP setpoint based upon power and response of heating system



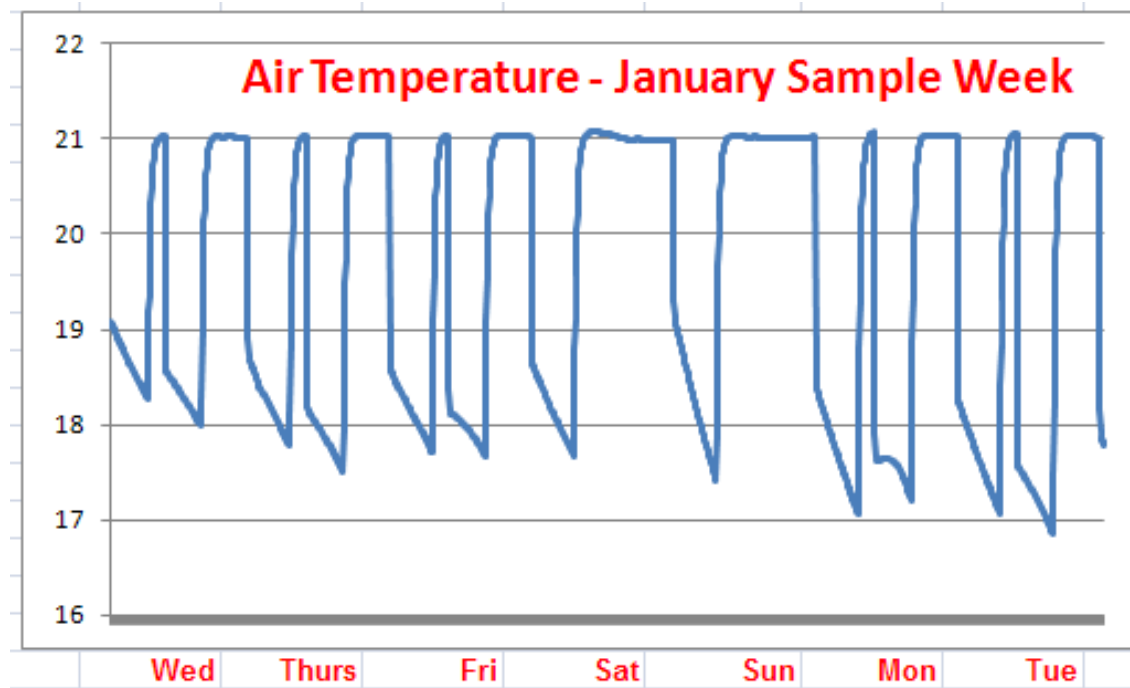
Initial conditions				Temperature Initial Conditions				Timestep								
Define Limits of Heating System (Watts)						K	Celcius									
UI	5000			To		273	0	T	300	Seconds						
LI	0			Ta		283	10									
G	0.002	minutes		Ts		278	5									
Qfree	718	Watts		Tft		283	10									
setpoint v	K	time t (h)	Ta(k) (Zone Air)	Ts (k) (Structure)	Tft(k) (Furniture)	Qfree	To - Kelvin	u(k) (heat in Watts)	u(k) (discontinuity)	Set Point - C	Ta(k) in C	StructureTemp in C	Furniture Temp in C	Time (Seconds)	Solar Gains	Appliance Gains
273	0	0	283	278	283	335	278.8	0	0	0	10	5	10	0	0	335
273	1	0.083	282.731	278	283	326	278.8	-4769.7	0	0	9.7307	5.003	10	300	0	326
273	2	0.167	282.562	278.01	282.99	311	278.8	-4735.8	0	0	9.5624	5.006	9.99	600	0	311
273	3	0.25												900	0	300
273	4	0.333												1200	0	302
273	5	0.417												1500	0	291
273	6	0.5												1800	0	287
273	7	0.583												2100	0	281
273	8	0.667												2400	0	275
273	9	0.75												2700	0	266
273	10	0.833												3000	0	259
273	11	0.917												3300	0	256
273	12	1												3600	0	247
273	13	1.083												3900	0	241
273	14	1.167												4200	0	240
273	15	1.25												4500	0	238
273	16	1.333												4800	0	232
273	17	1.417												5100	0	238
273	18	1.5												5400	0	231
273	19	1.583												5700	0	232
273	20	1.667												6000	0	237





Sample Output – 1 of 3

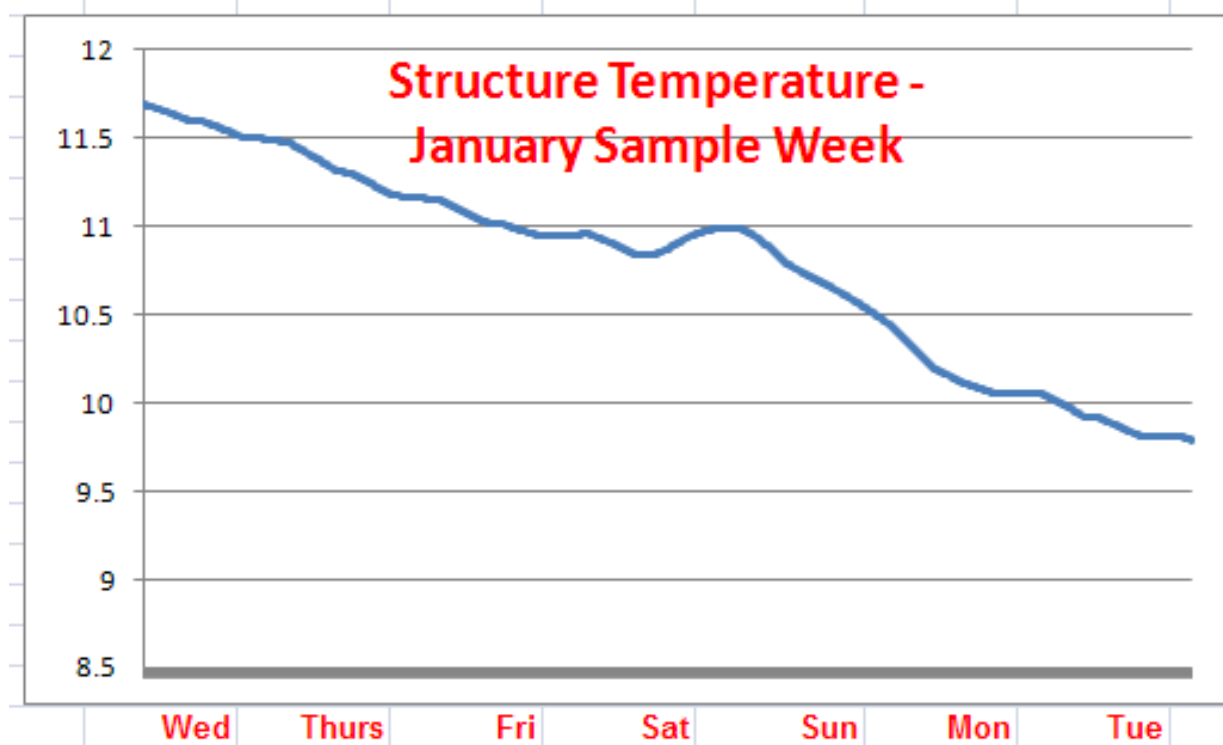
- Air Temperature in Dwelling





Sample Output – 2 of 3

- Structure Temperature in Dwelling





Sample Output – 3 of 3

- Internal Mass Temperature in Dwelling

