Simulations of interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions at multiple scales

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Agenda

- Past research in simulations of interactions between one building and its outdoor conditions
- Overview of the SCIENCES project
- Coupling between detailed building energy models and a data driven urban canopy model for neighbourhood scale simulations
- Impact of interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions on the calibration of an urban building energy model
- A full grey box model to simulate interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions at the city scale

Past research in building energy and urban microclimate modelling

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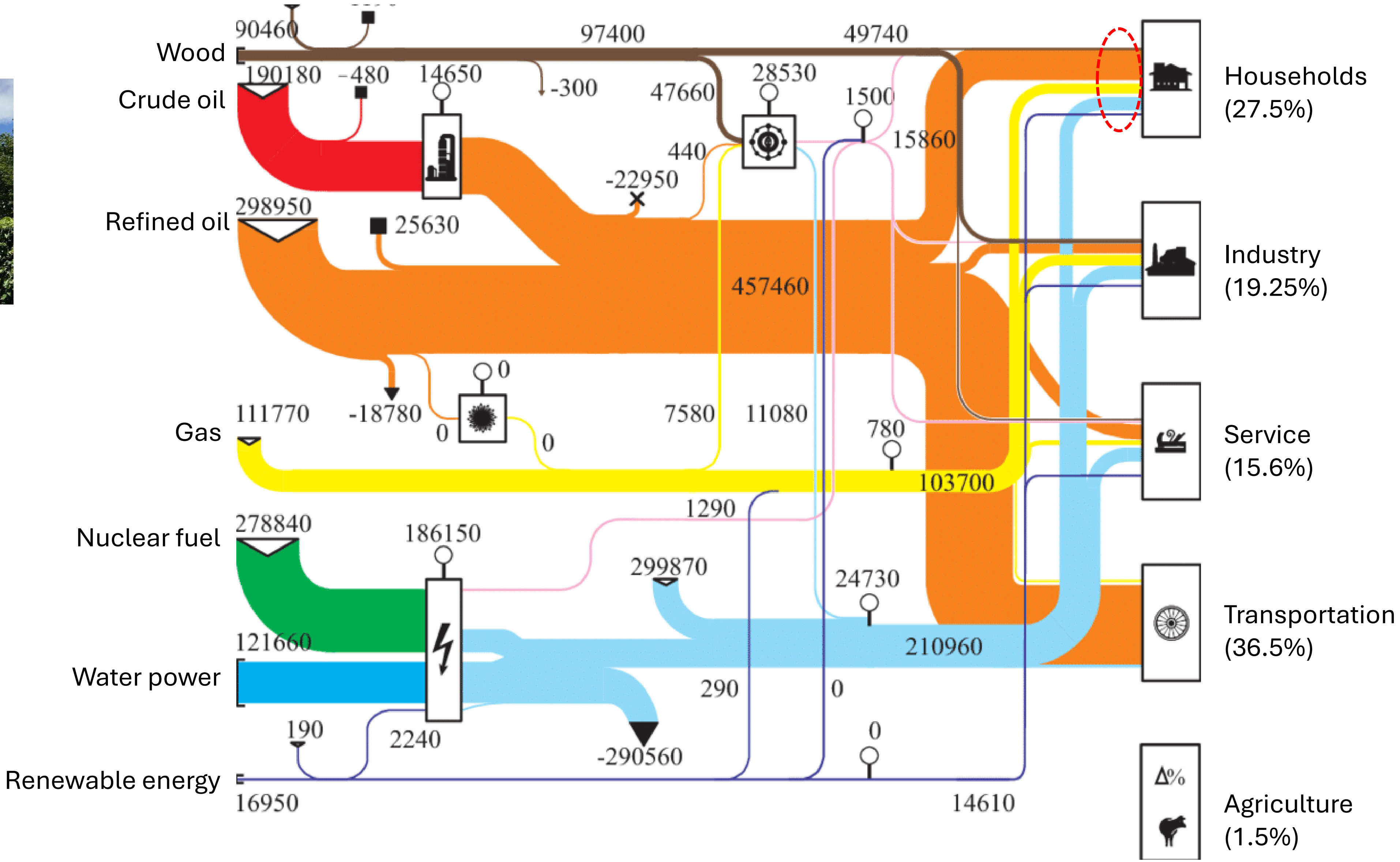

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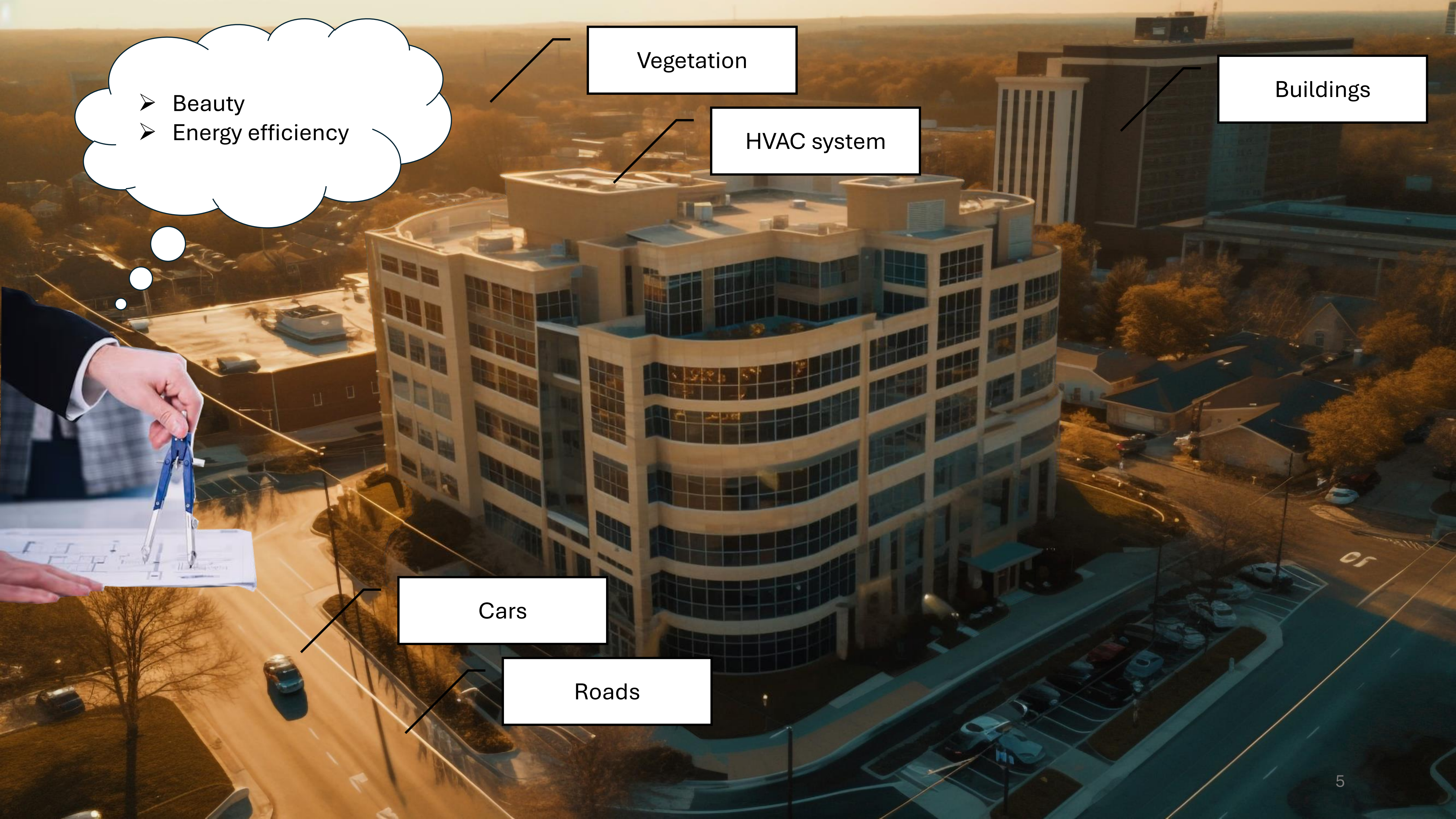
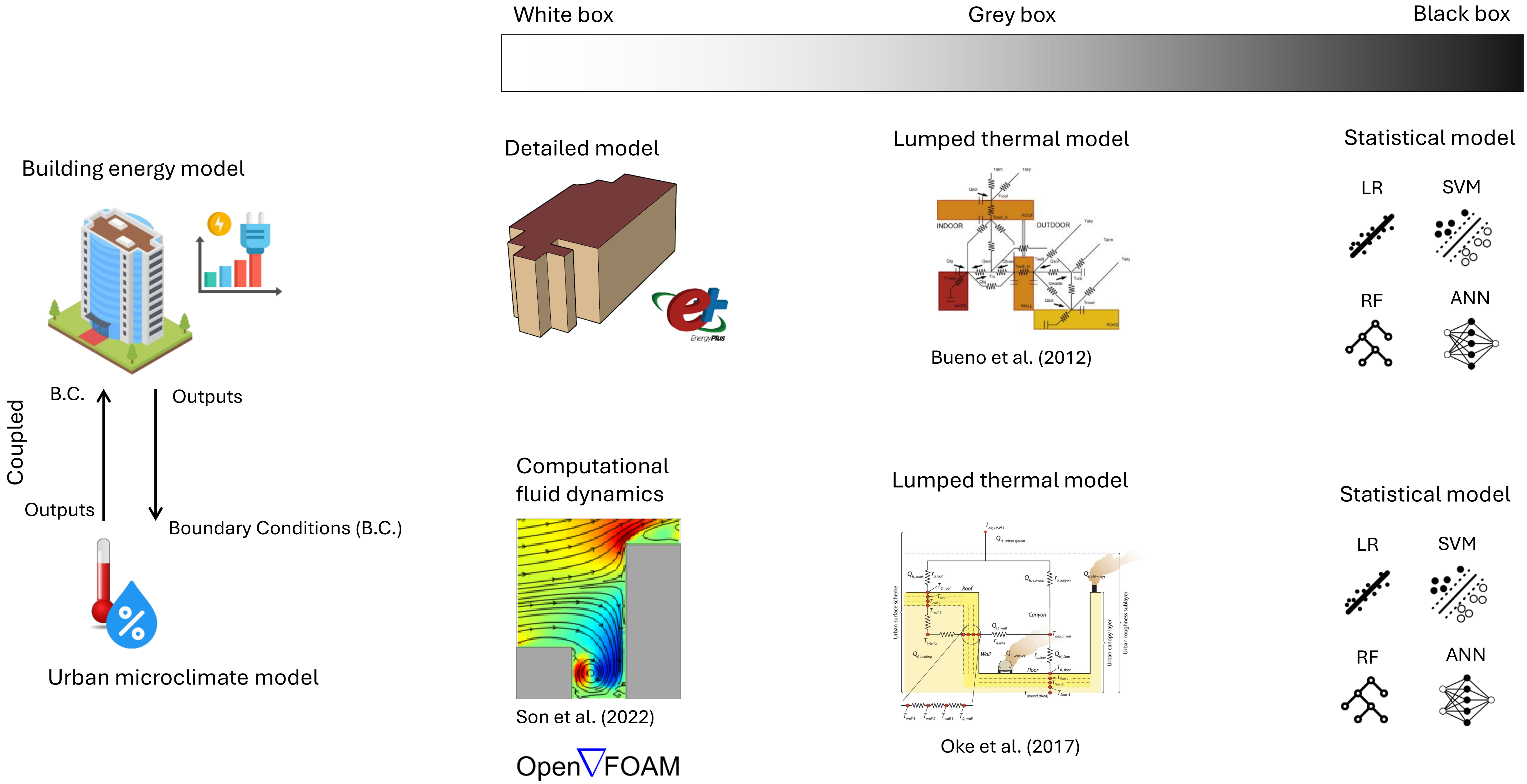


Beauty
Energy efficiency
Vegetation
HVAC system
Buildings
Cars
Roads


Temp.
Hum.
Heat
Vapour
American Girl Place
BUSES ONLY


White box
Grey box
Black box
Building energy model
B.C.
Outputs
Coupled
Outputs
Boundary Conditions (B.C.)
Urban microclimate model
Detailed model
EnergyPlus
Computational fluid dynamics
Son et al. (2022)
OpenFOAM
Lumped thermal model
INDOOR
OUTDOOR
Bueno et al. (2012)
Lumped thermal model
Oke et al. (2017)
Statistical model
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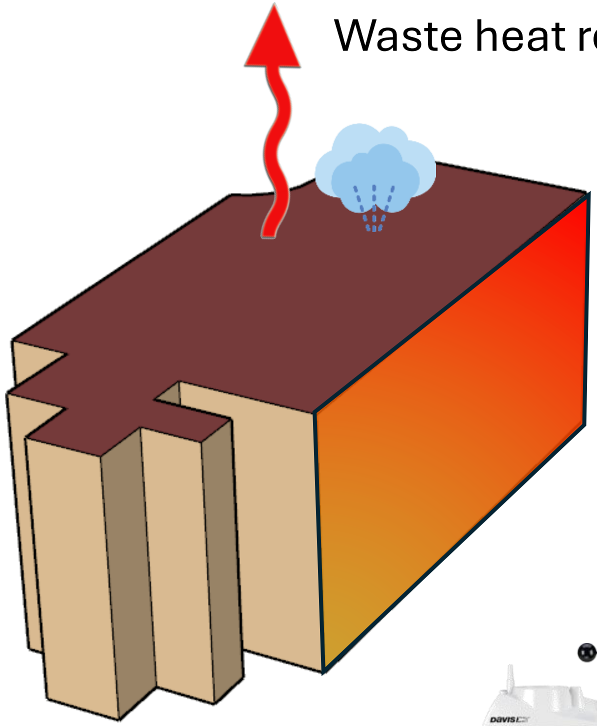
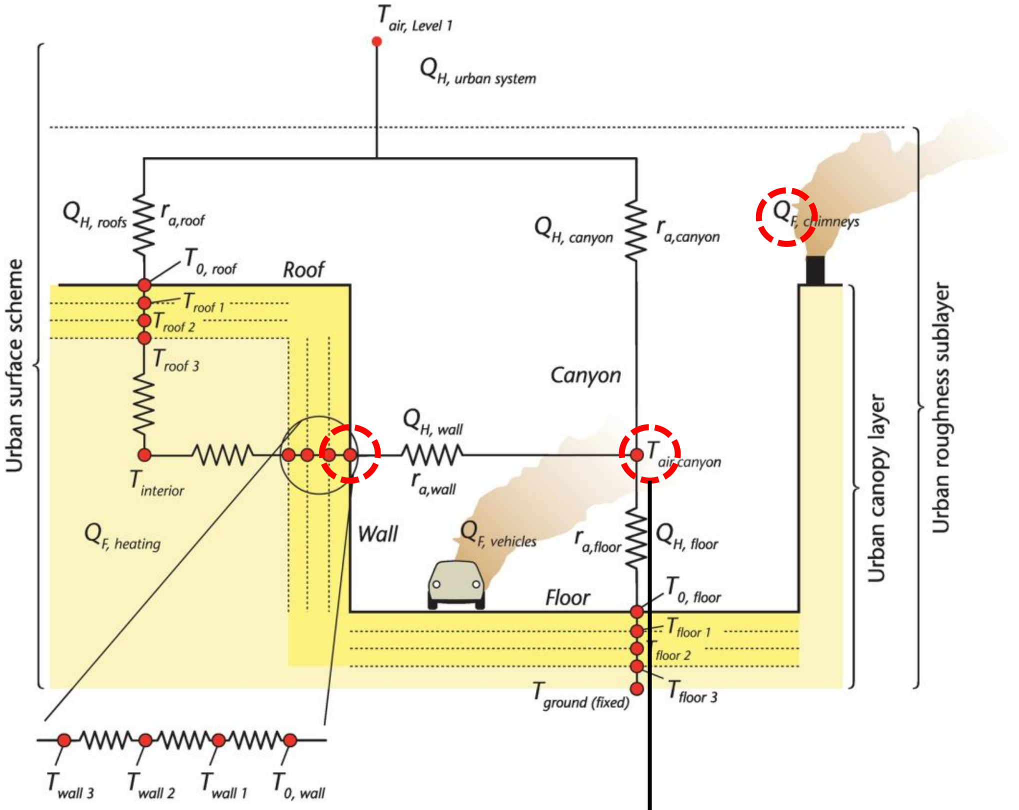


Waste heat releases

Surface temperature

B.C.



Weather data

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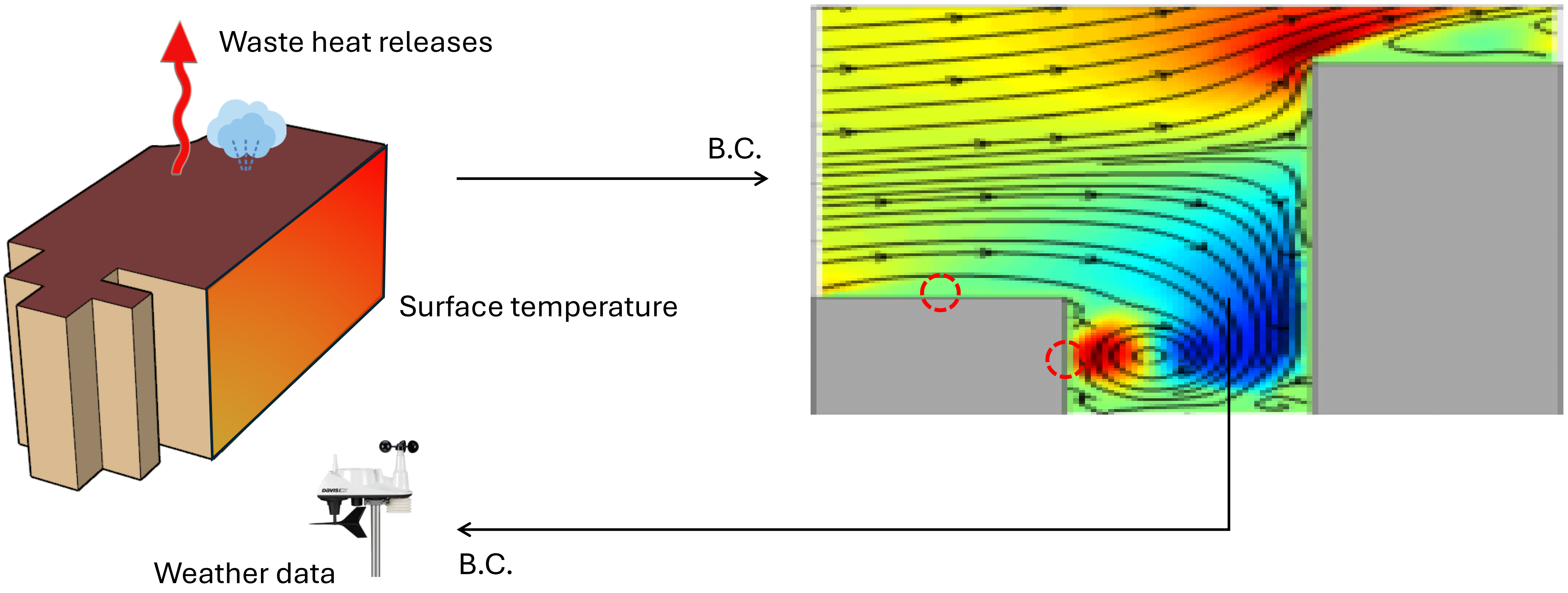
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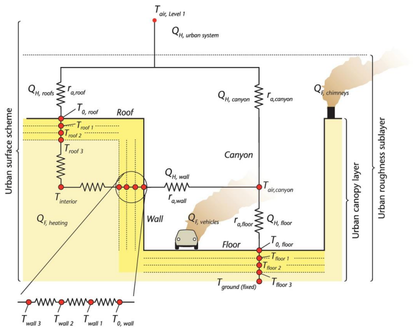

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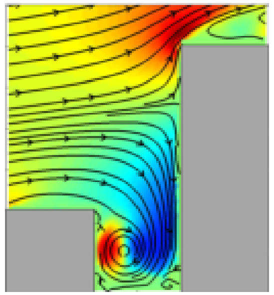
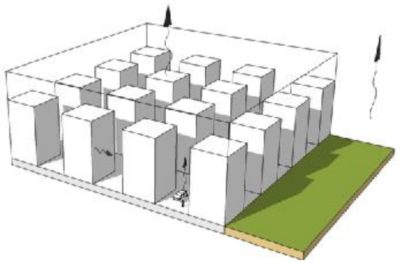
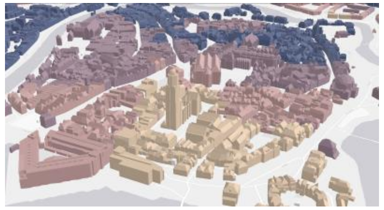
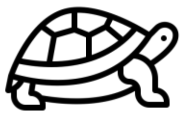


Urban morphology

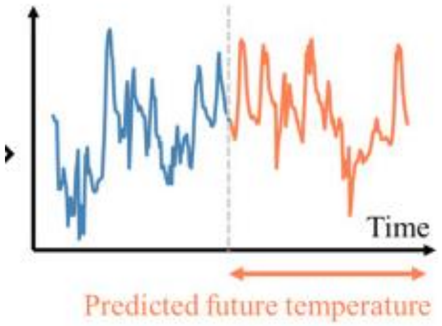




Computational efforts



Short- and long-term predictions



UHI mitigation strategies

Bureau of Street Services LA

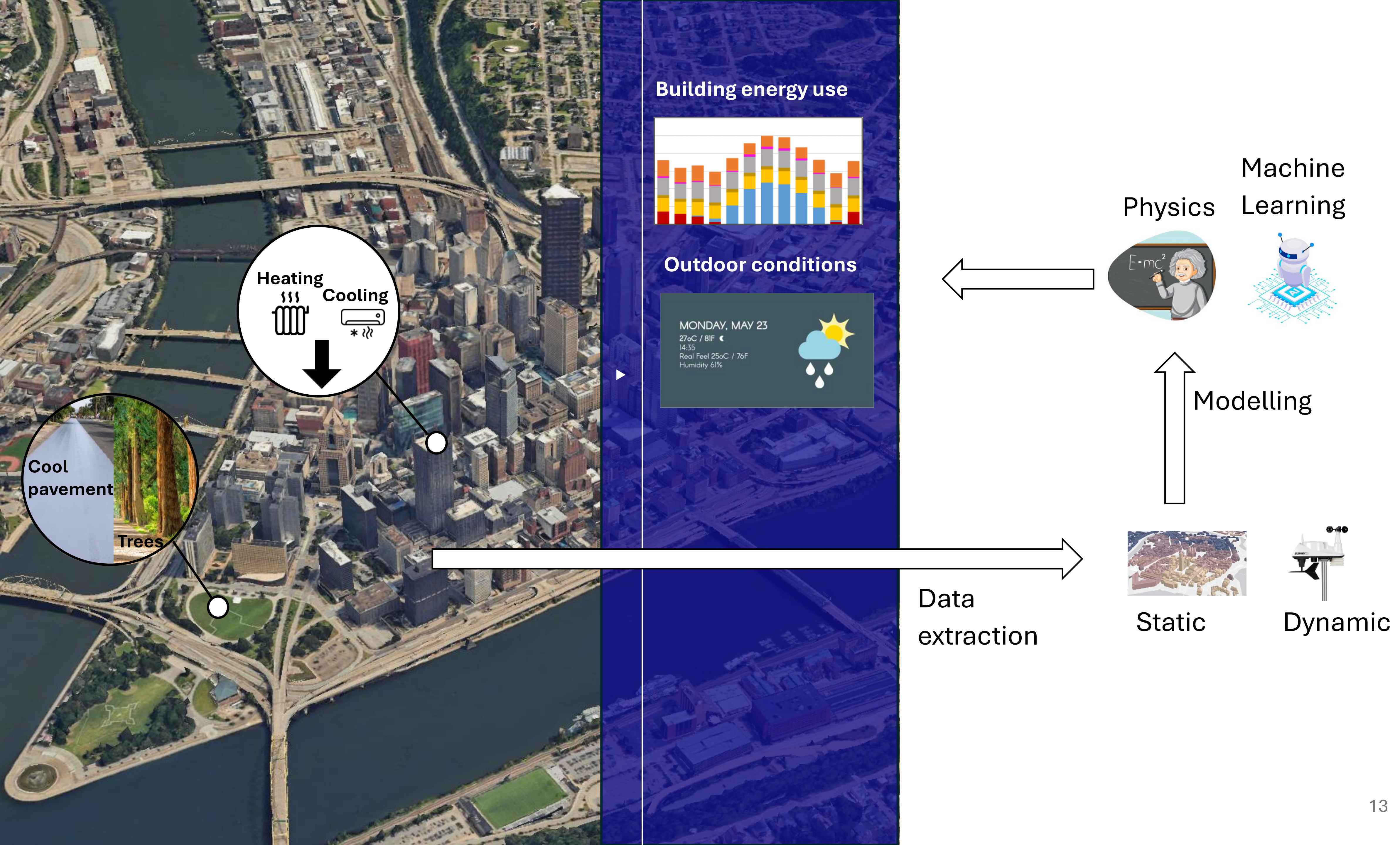
Perez et al. (2014)

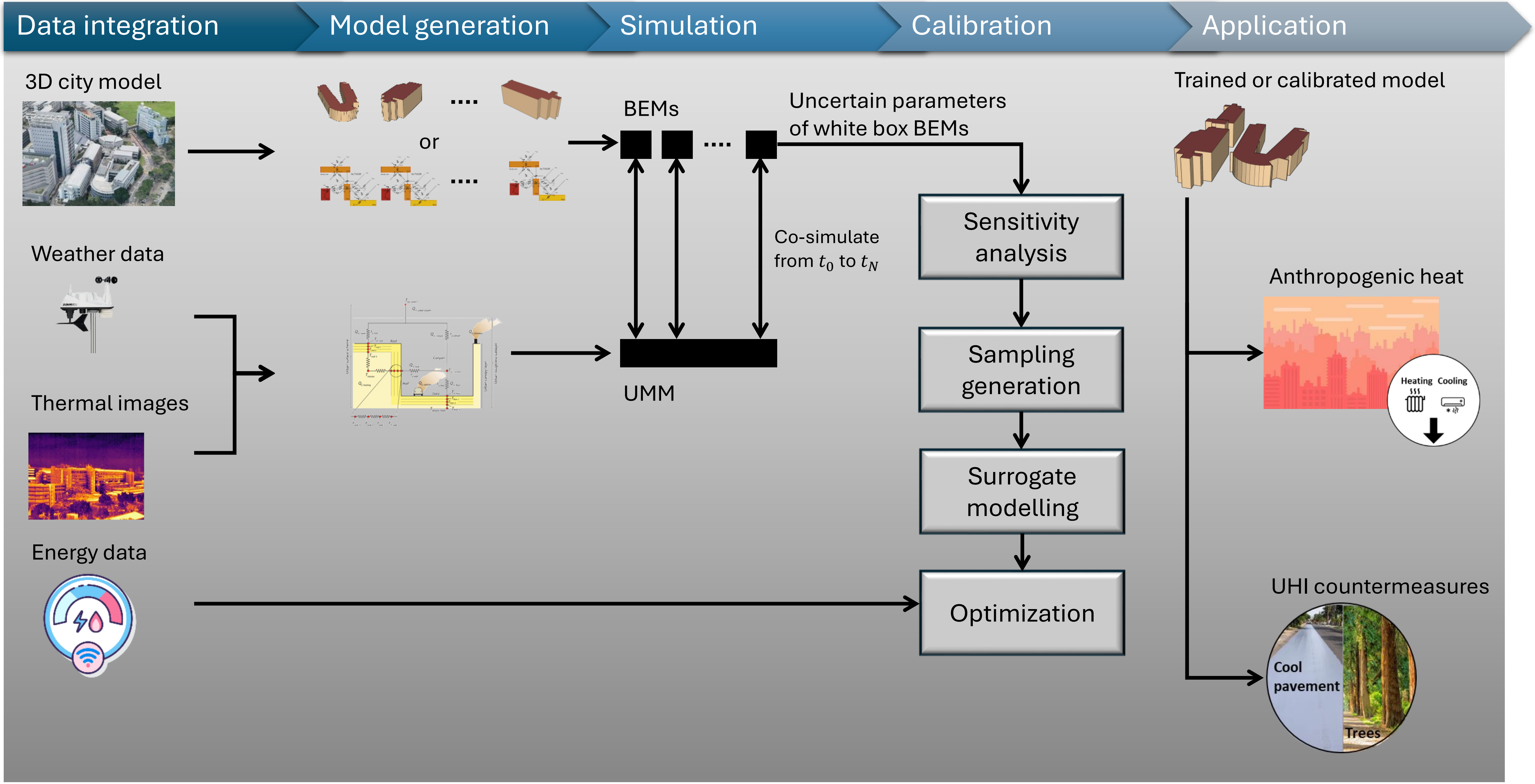
Overview SCIENCES project

Now — 2030 — 2050

2030: 100 cities in Europe

2050: All cities in Europe

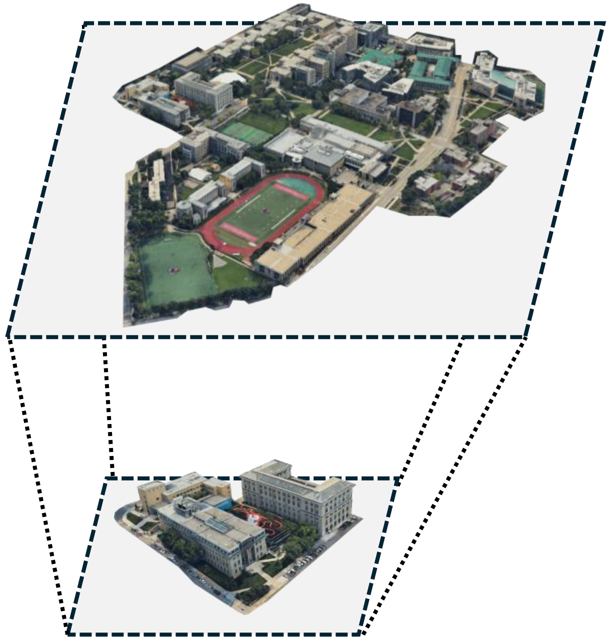

Heating
Cooling
Cool pavement
Trees
Building energy use
Outdoor conditions
MONDAY, MAY 23
27oC / 81F
14:35
Real Feel 25oC / 76F
Humidity 61%
Physics
Machine Learning
E=mc²
Modelling
Data extraction
Static
Dynamic

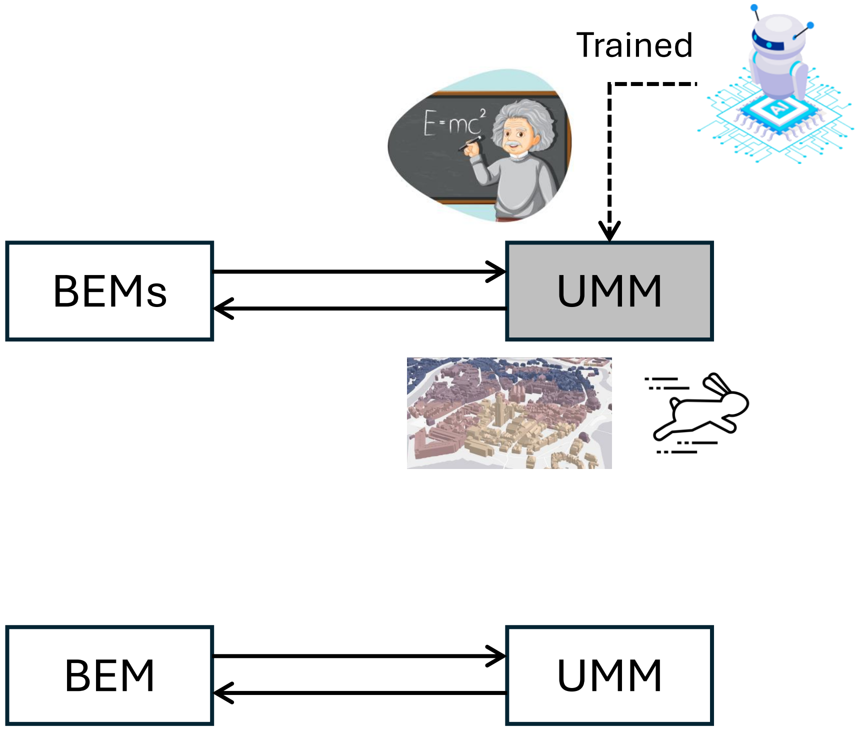

Data integration
Model generation
Simulation
Calibration
Application
3D city model
or
BEMs
Uncertain parameters
of white box BEMs
Trained or calibrated model
Weather data
Thermal images
Energy data
Co-simulate
from t_0 to t_N
UMM
Sensitivity analysis
Sampling generation
Surrogate modelling
Optimization
Anthropogenic heat
Heating
Cooling
UHI countermeasures
Cool pavement
Trees

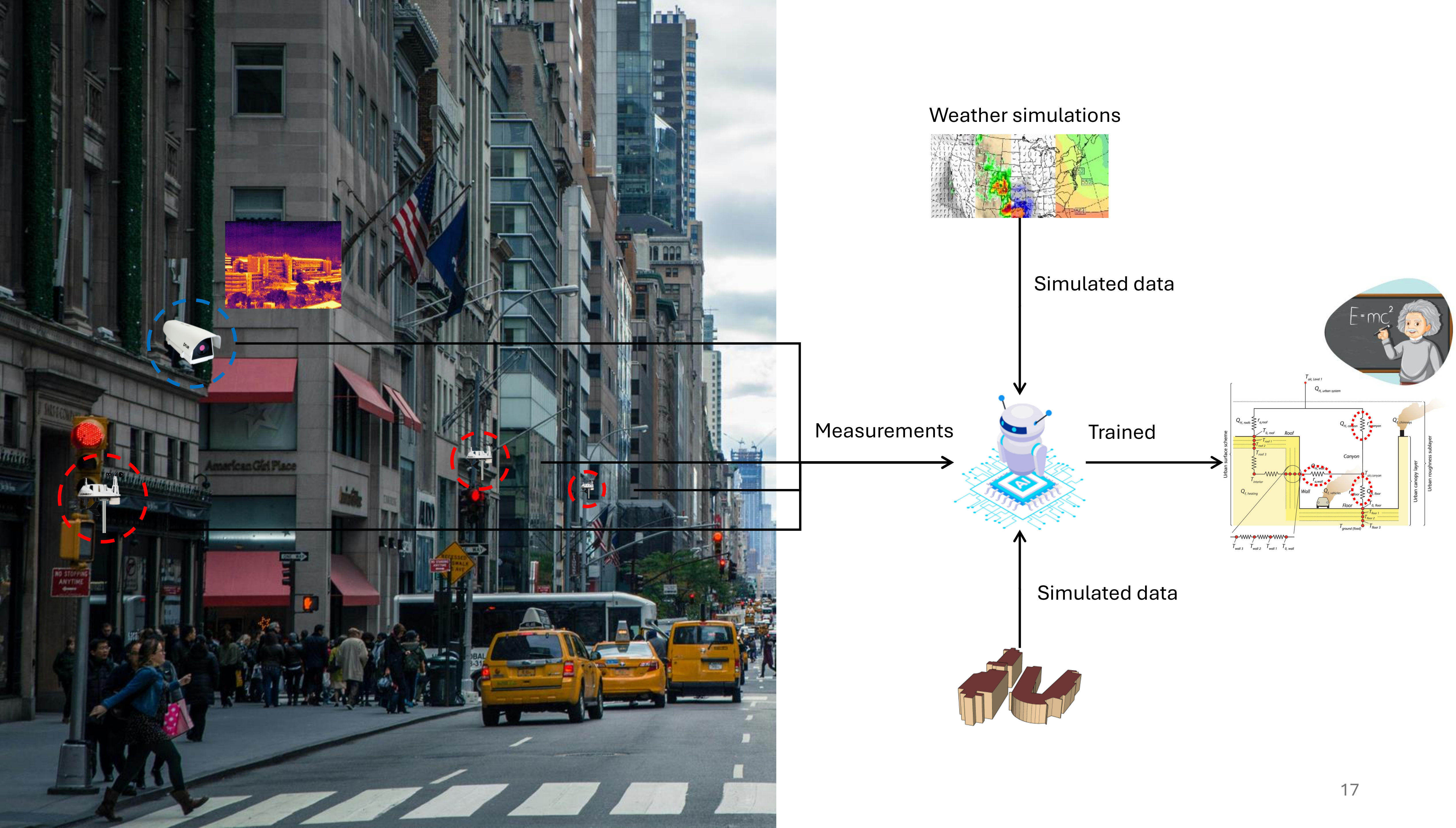
Coupling between detailed building energy models and a data driven urban canopy model

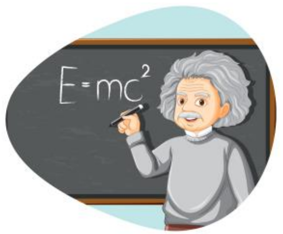
Neighbourhood scale

Building scale






Weather simulations
Simulated data
Measurements
Trained
Simulated data
E=mc²
American Girl Place
NO STOPPING ANYTIME
Roof
Canyon
Wall
Floor
Urban surface scheme
Urban canopy layer
Urban roughness sublayer



Heat and water mass stored by the street canyon

Convective heat and mass transfer between surfaces and the air volume

Sensible and latent heat releases by buildings and traffic

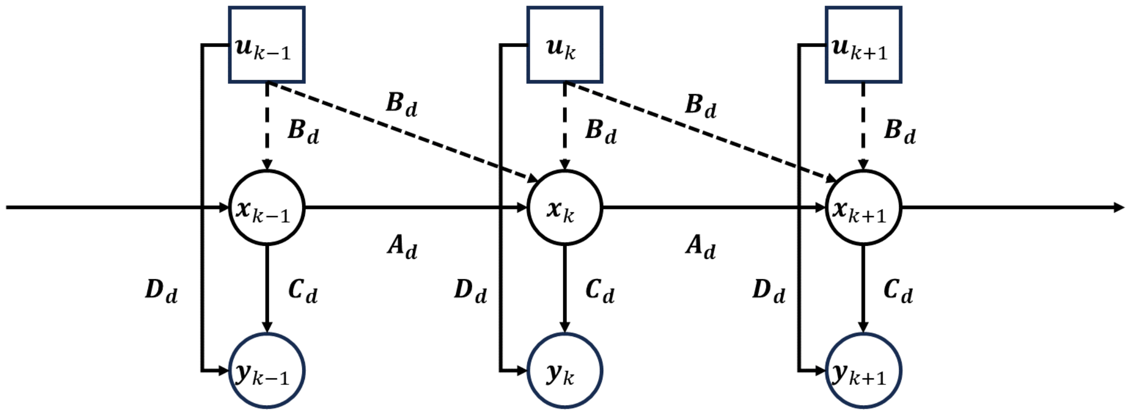
$$C\frac{d\bar{T}_{can}}{dt} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} h_m A_m(\bar{T}_m - \bar{T}_{can}) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} H_n$$

$$C\frac{d\bar{q}_{can}}{dt} = \sum_{p=1}^{P} h_p A_p(\bar{q}_m - \bar{q}_{can}) + \frac{c_p}{L}\sum_{q=1}^{Q} LE_q$$

Linear state space

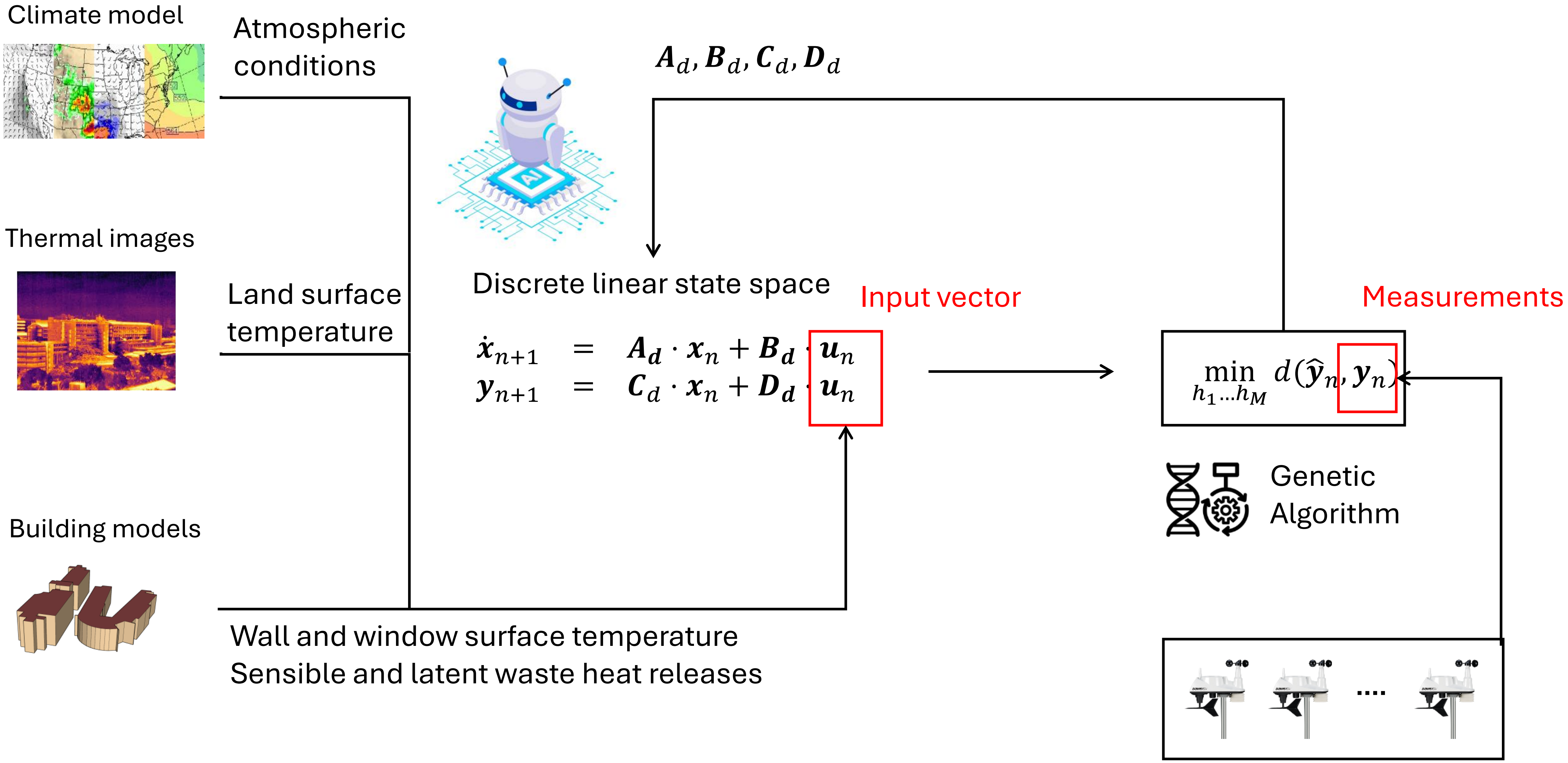
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}} &= \boldsymbol{A}\cdot\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{B}\cdot\boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{y} &= \boldsymbol{C}\cdot\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{D}\cdot\boldsymbol{u} \end{aligned}$$

Discrete linear state space



Implicit discretization scheme

Explicit discretization scheme


Climate model
Atmospheric conditions
Thermal images
Land surface temperature
Building models
Wall and window surface temperature
Sensible and latent waste heat releases
A_d, B_d, C_d, D_d
Discrete linear state space
$\dot{x}_{n+1} = A_d \cdot x_n + B_d \cdot u_n$
$y_{n+1} = C_d \cdot x_n + D_d \cdot u_n$
Input vector
Measurements
$\min_{h_1 \dots h_M} d(\hat{y}_n, y_n)$
Genetic Algorithm
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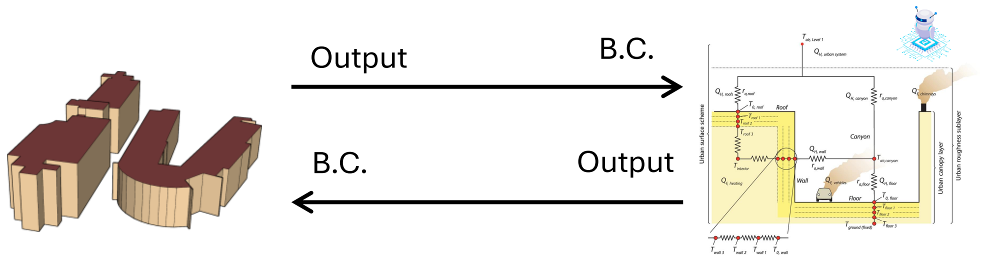

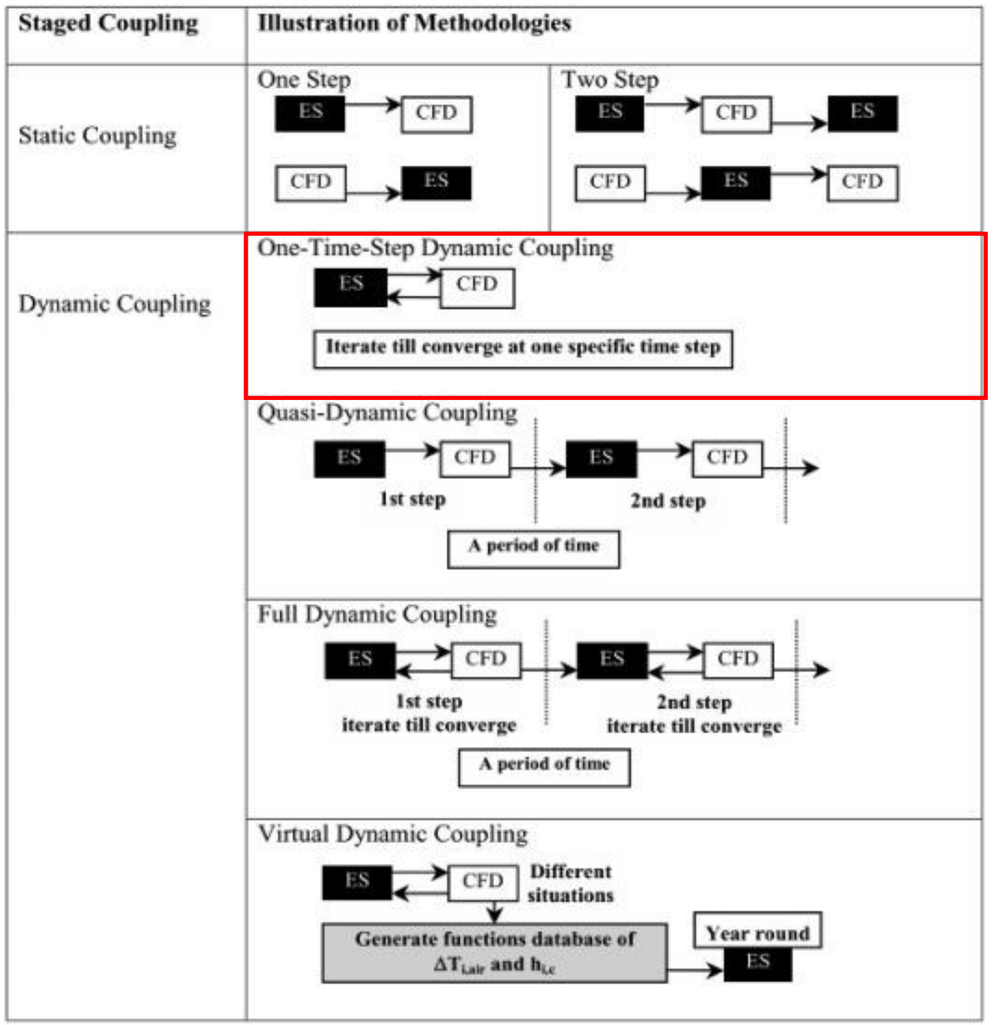

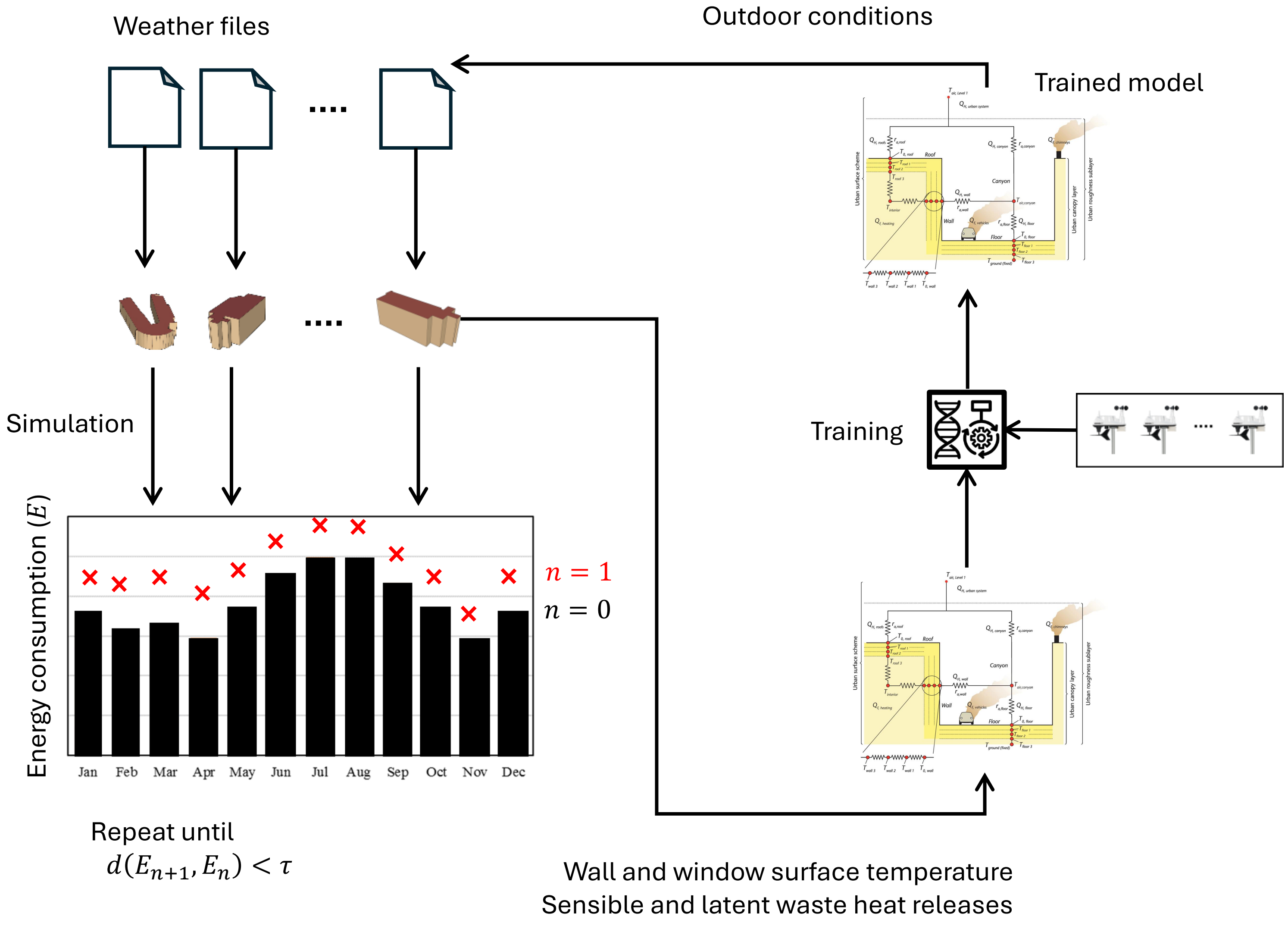

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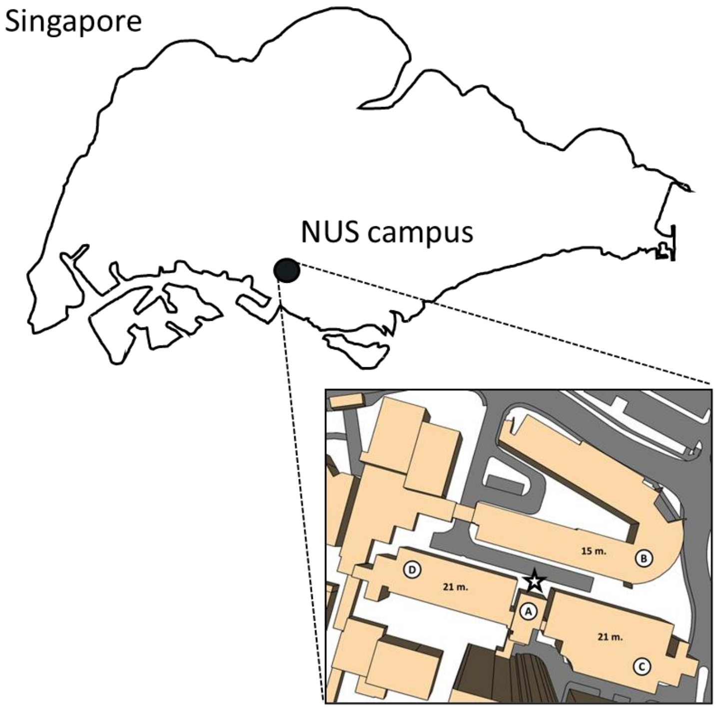
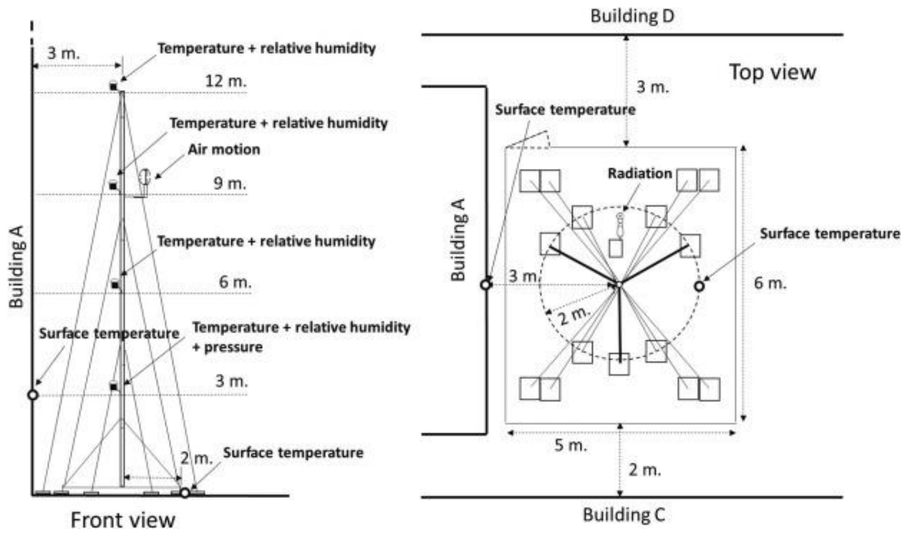
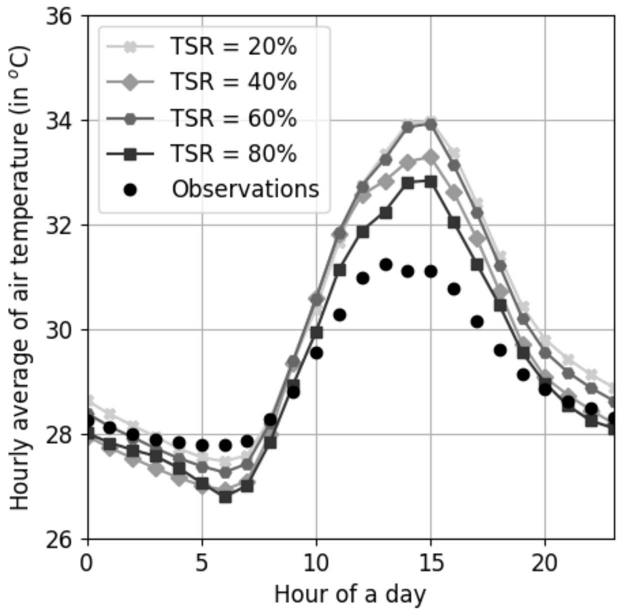
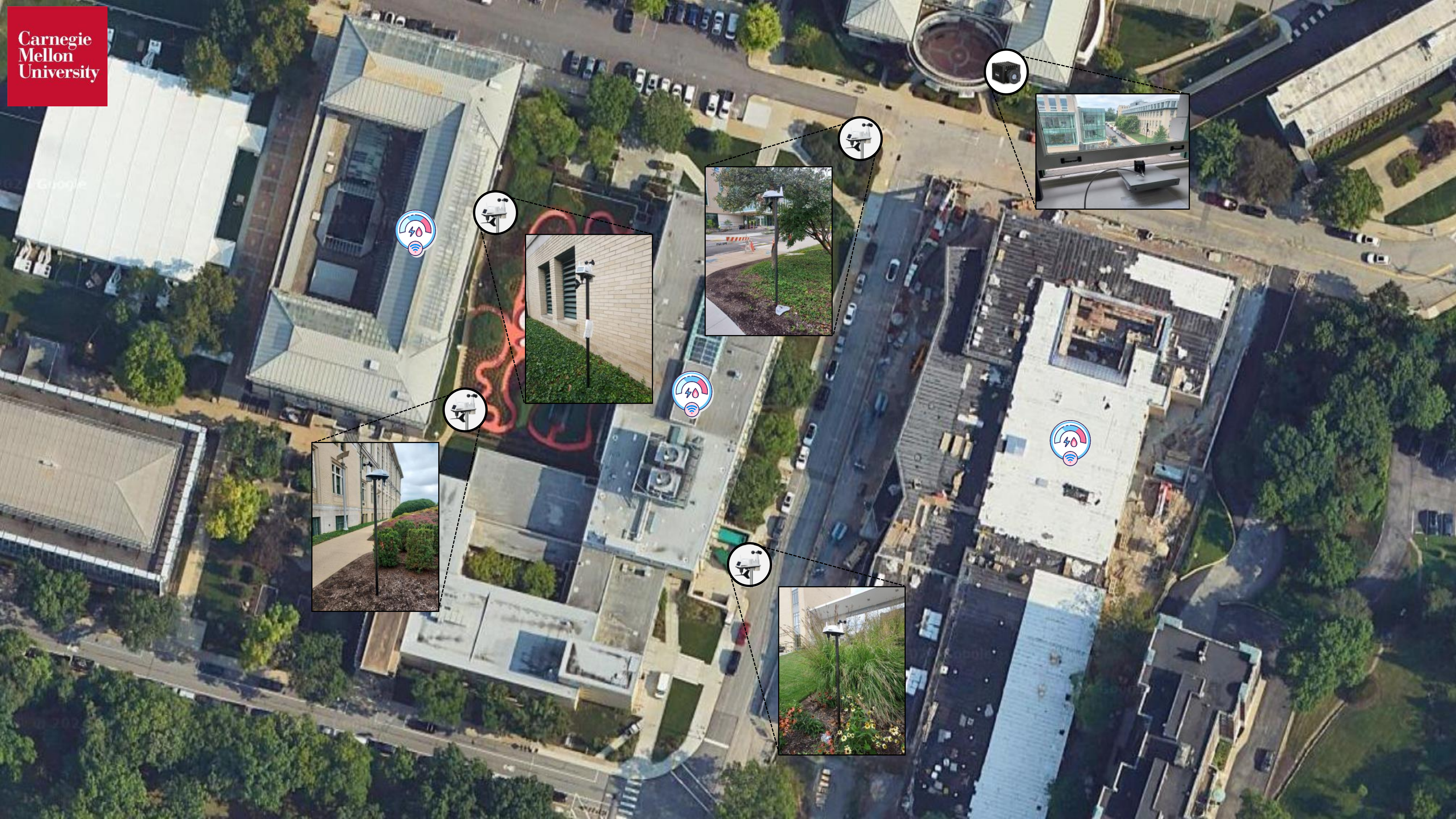




TSR = Training Sampling Ratio



TSR	Temperature		Humidity		Size test samples
	RMSE (K)	MBE (K)	RMSE (g/kg)	MAE (g/kg)	
20%	2.24	0.93	6.80	5.90	8291
40%	2.24	0.39	4.19	3.67	6219
60%	2.31	0.80	5.46	4.76	4146
80%	2.16	0.23	4.42	3.82	2074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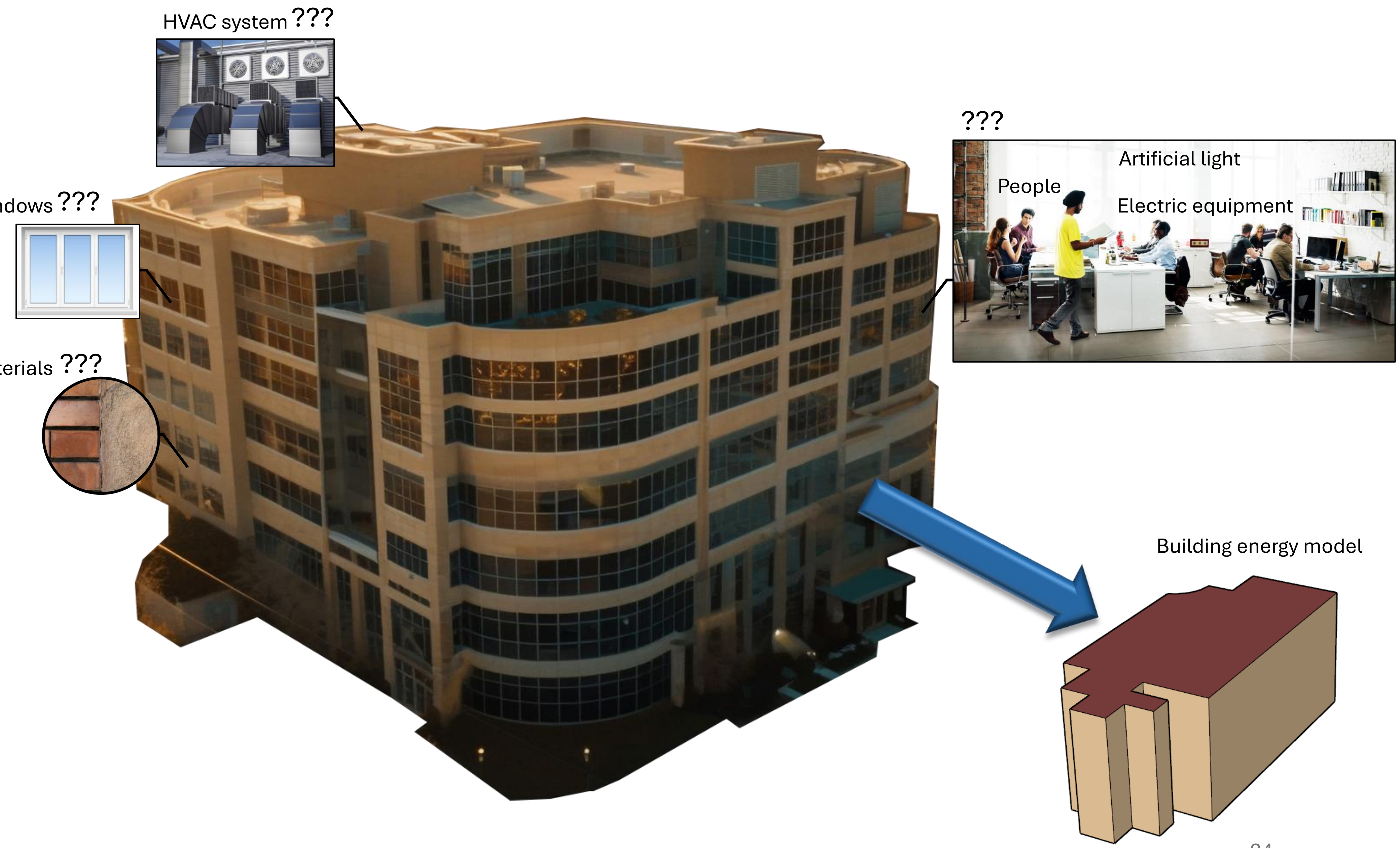
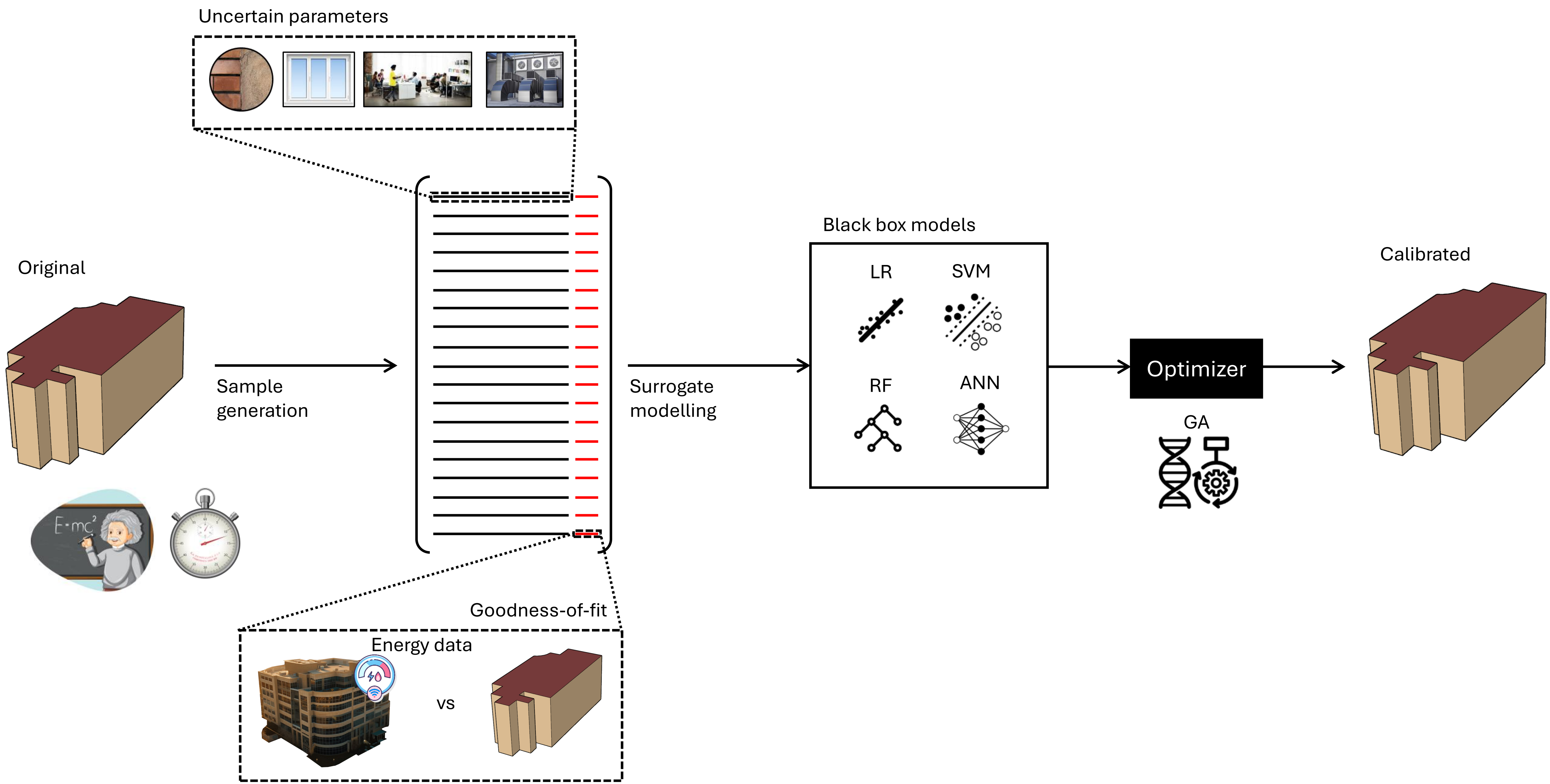
Calibration of an urban building energy model

What parameters significantly affect the energy consumption? (sensitivity analysis)




Uncertain parameters
Original
Sample
generation
Surrogate
modelling
Black box models
LR
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Goodness-of-fit
Energy data
vs

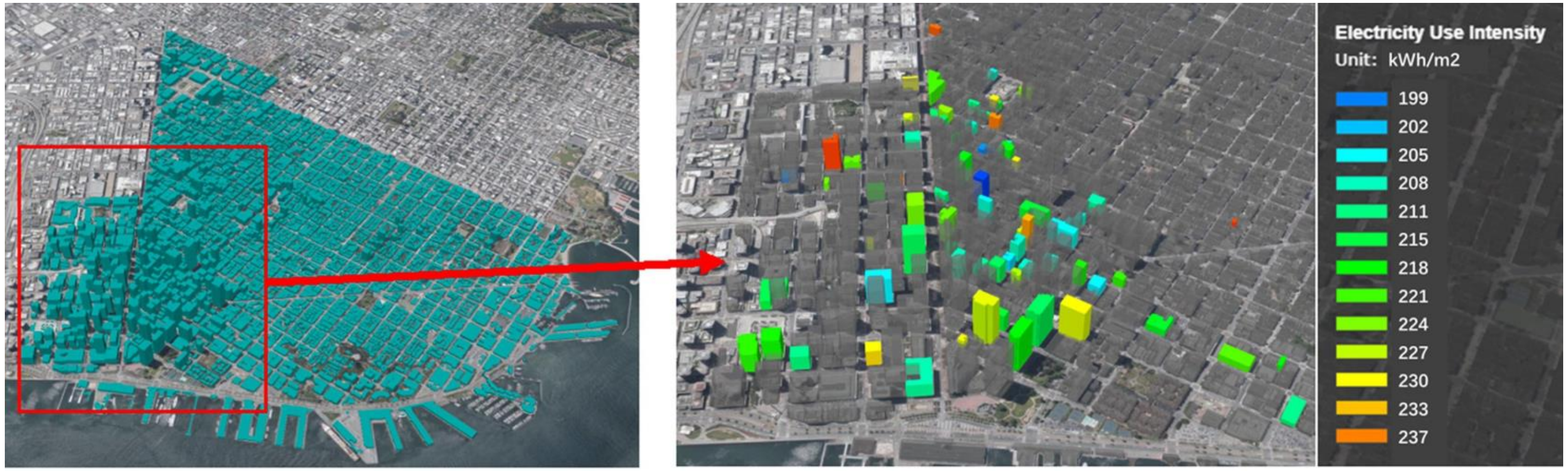
Sensitivity analysis

Sampling generation

Surrogate modelling

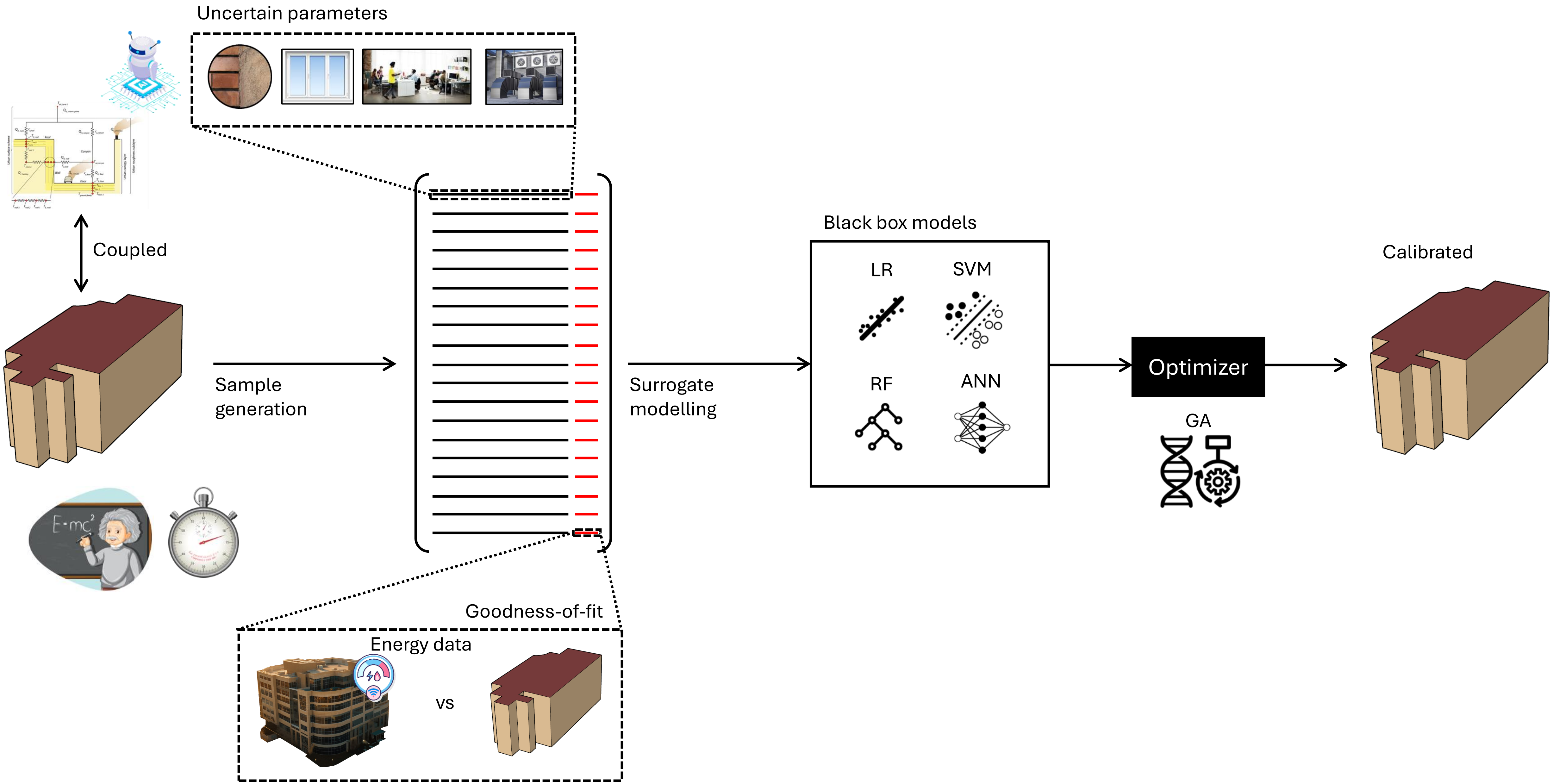
Optimization

Urban building energy model



Chen et al. (2020) (a) (b)

Why are interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions being ignored in most urban building energy models?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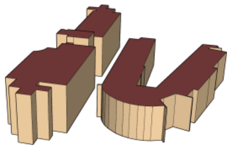
Uncoupled



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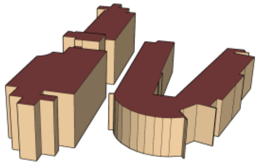
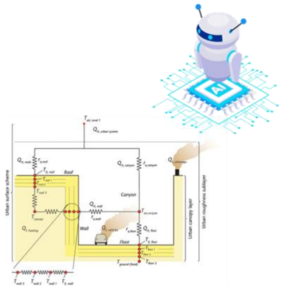
Coupled

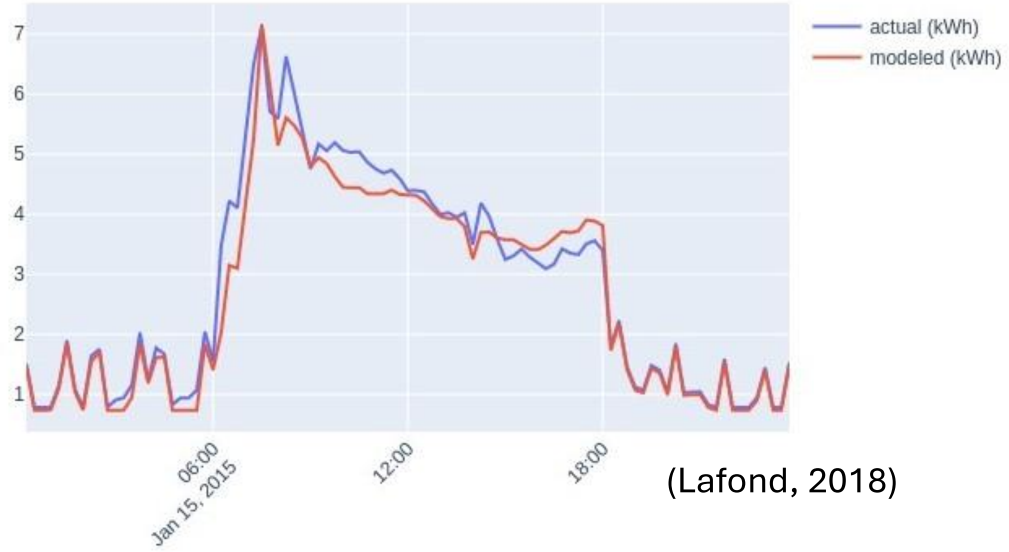




Goodness-of-fit

$$CV(RMSE) = \frac{1}{\bar{Y}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{N}}$$

Total heating/cooling load



(Lafond, 2018)

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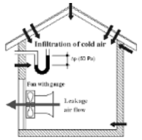
Optimization

$$S(\theta_i) = \Delta CV(RMSE)/\Delta\theta_i$$



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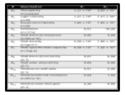
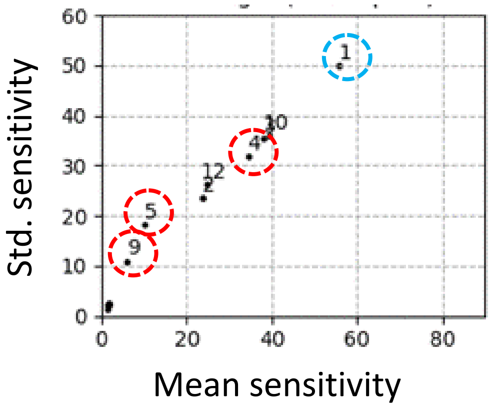
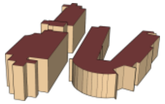
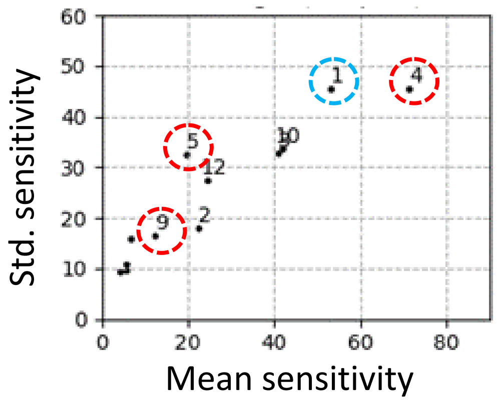
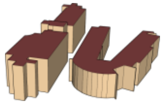


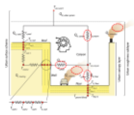
θ	Description	θ_l	θ_u
θ_1	Occupancy (in people)	1.21×10^2	3.03×10^3
θ_2	Light intensity (in W)	1.21×10^4	1.21×10^5
θ_3	Equipment intensity (in W)	1.82×10^4	1.82×10^5
θ_4	Infiltration (in m^3/s)	0.01	10.00
θ_5	Wall thermal resistance (in W/m^2-K)	0.05	3.00
θ_6	Wall density (in kg/m^3)	3.00×10^2	1.80×10^3
θ_7	Wall specific heat capacity (in J/kg-K)	4.00×10^2	1.50×10^3
θ_8	Wall thermal emissivity (0-1)	0.01	0.98
θ_9	Wall solar absorptivity (0-1)	0.05	0.90
θ_{10}	Window-to-wall ratio (0-1)	0.01	0.90
θ_{11}	Window thermal resistance (in W/m^2-K)	0.04	1.50
θ_{12}	Window solar heat gain (0-1)	0.20	0.90











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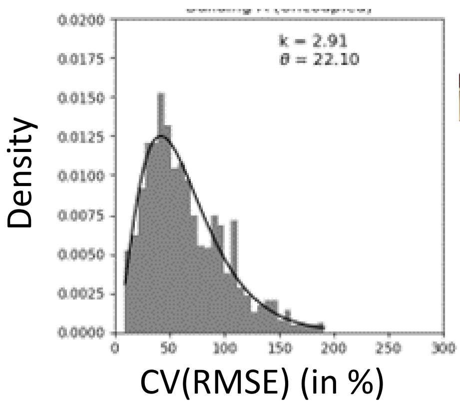
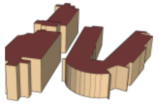
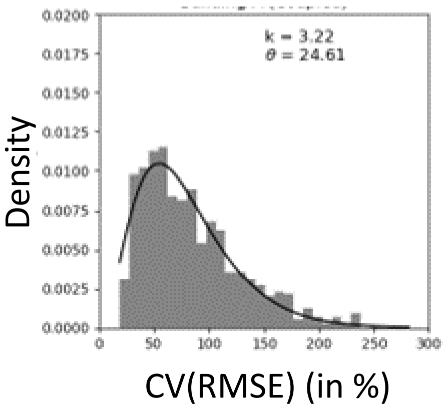
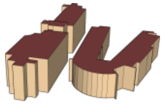
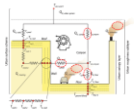








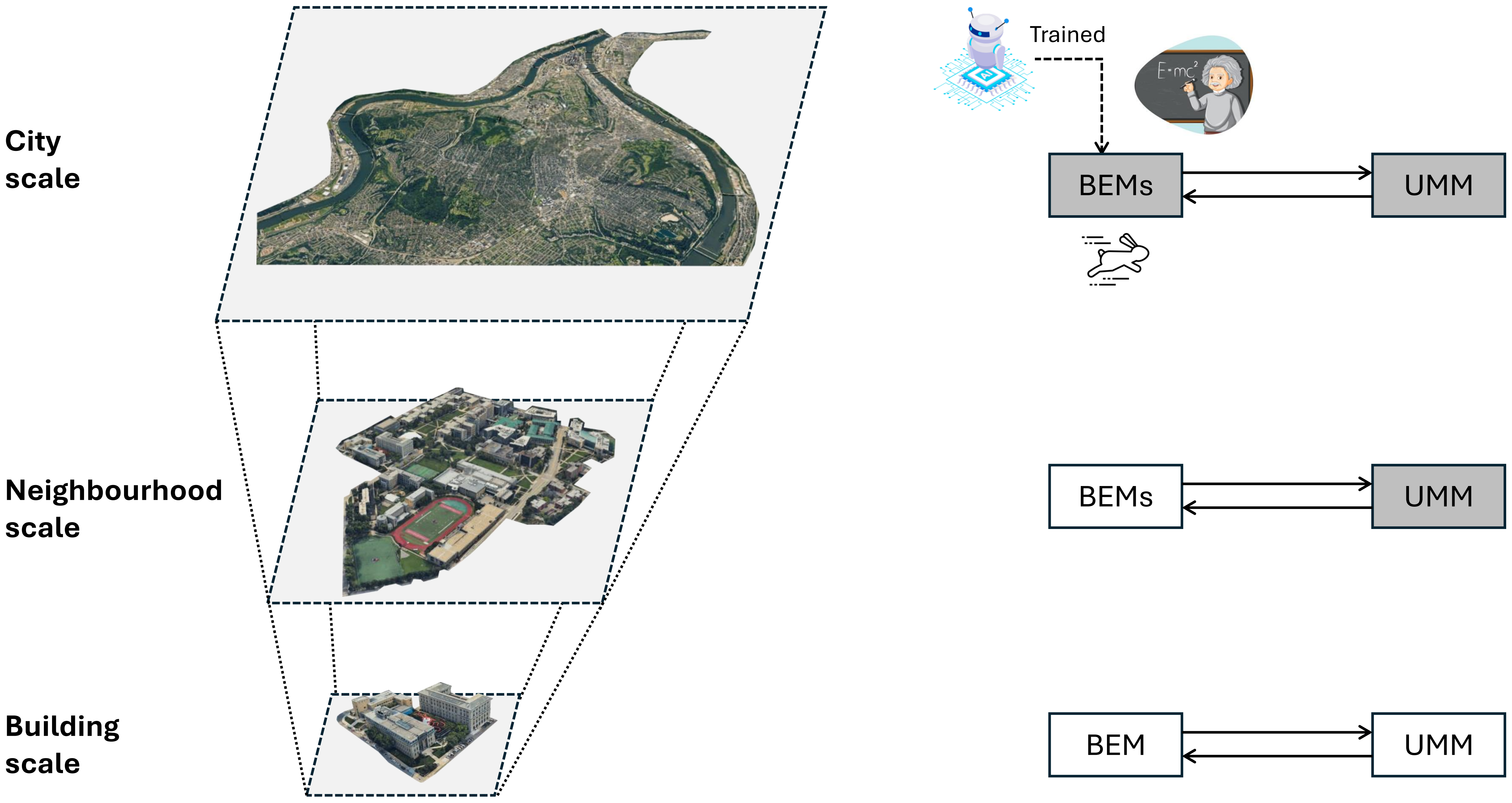


ASHRAE

	Building A		Building B		Building C	
	20%	30%	20%	30%	20%	30%
Uncoupled	7.2	17.2	3.9	13.5	4.4	13.0
Coupled	3.5	9.6	3.7	9.6	3.0	8.6

θ	Building A		Building B		Building C	
	coeff.	t	coeff.	t	coeff.	t
θ_1	0.0141	27.1	0.0156	35.4	0.0140	28.8
θ_2	0.0001	10.0	0.0001	11.1	0.0001	8.9
θ_3	0.0001	14.7	0.0002	21.3	0.0002	18.4
θ_4	4.1065	27.0	4.7787	37.6	4.2432	29.8
θ_5	-1.6943	-3.4	-1.2795	-2.9	0.0304	0.1
θ_6	-0.0012	-1.1	-0.0007	-0.7	-0.0006	-0.6
θ_7	-0.0052	-3.6	-0.0020	-1.7	-0.0011	-0.8
θ_8	-3.9092	-2.8	-2.3606	-1.7	-0.9580	-0.6
θ_9	3.6317	2.0	11.7867	7.8	14.0499	8.0
θ_{10}	41.6530	24.5	28.1425	20.1	24.8345	16.3
θ_{11}	2.7882	2.7	2.4681	-2.9	3.7907	3.7
θ_{12}	33.4358	15.7	22.3531	12.6	20.9123	10.2
C	20.8267	17.4	21.8236	21.8	18.2139	16.3

A full grey box model to simulate interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions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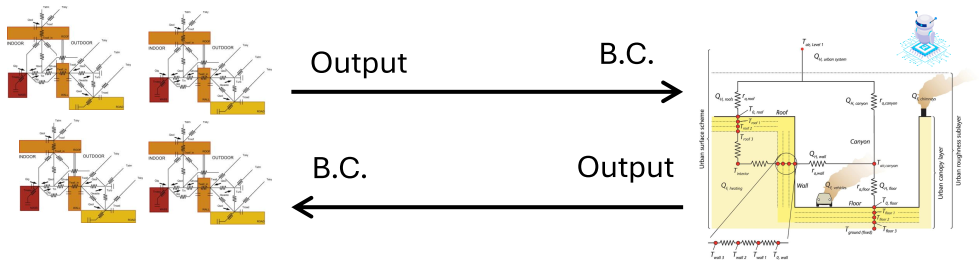

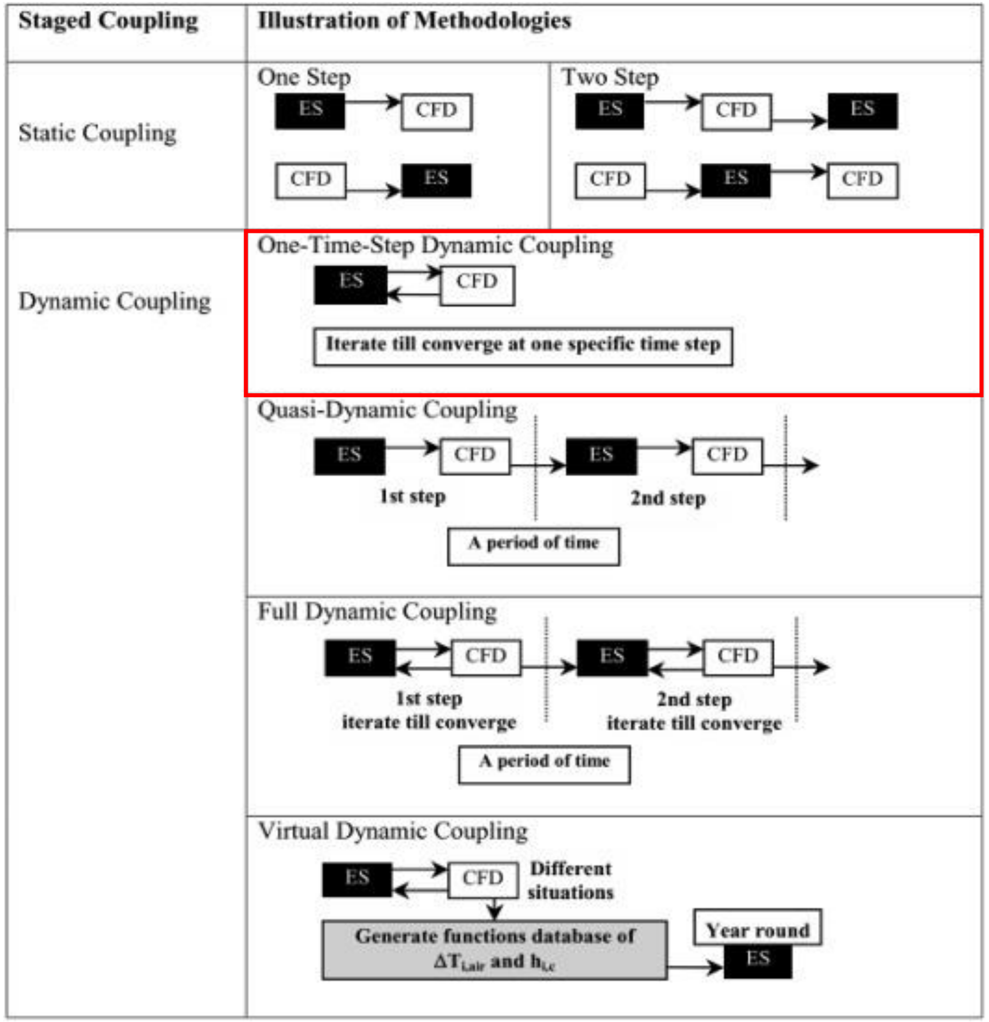

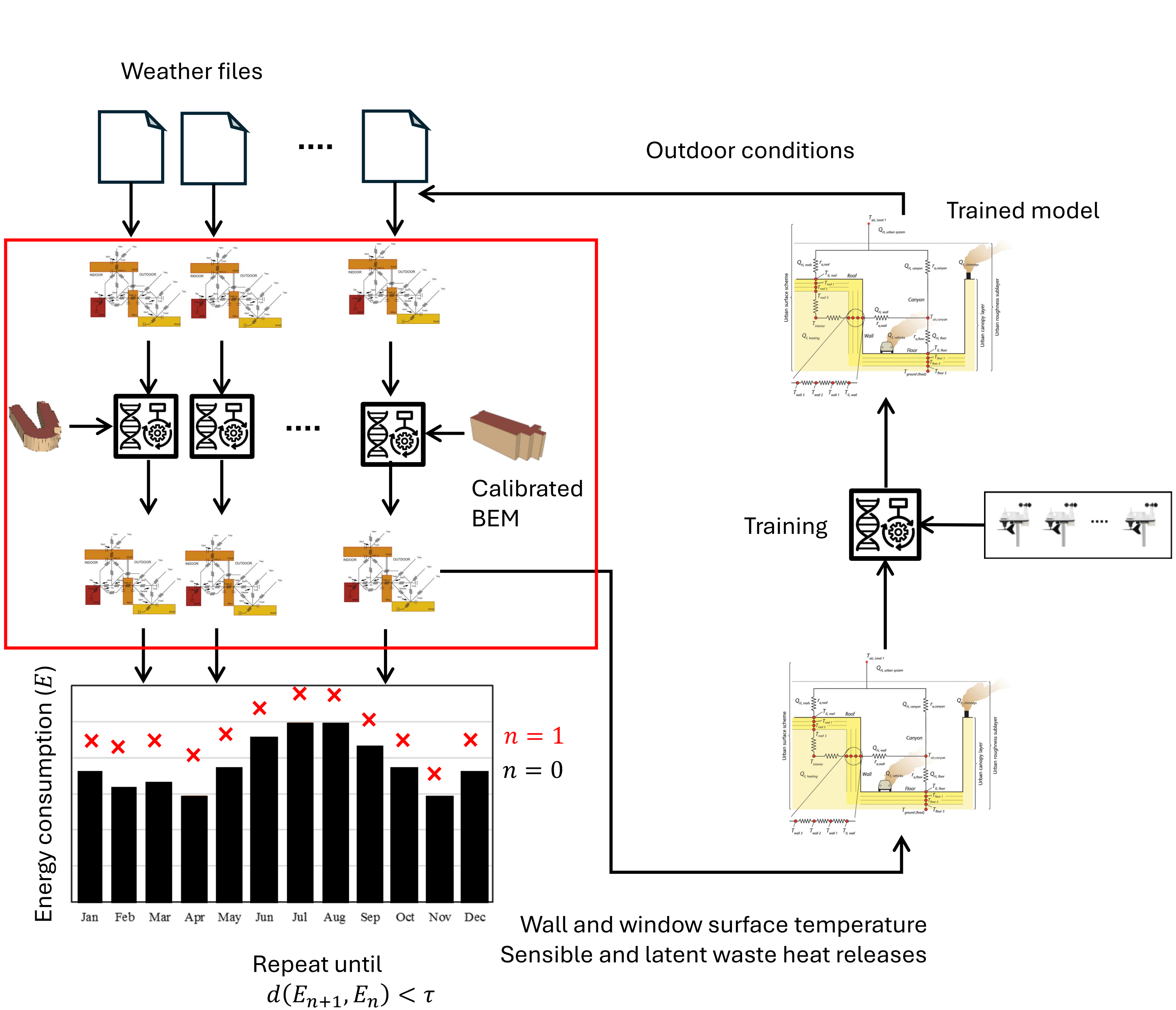

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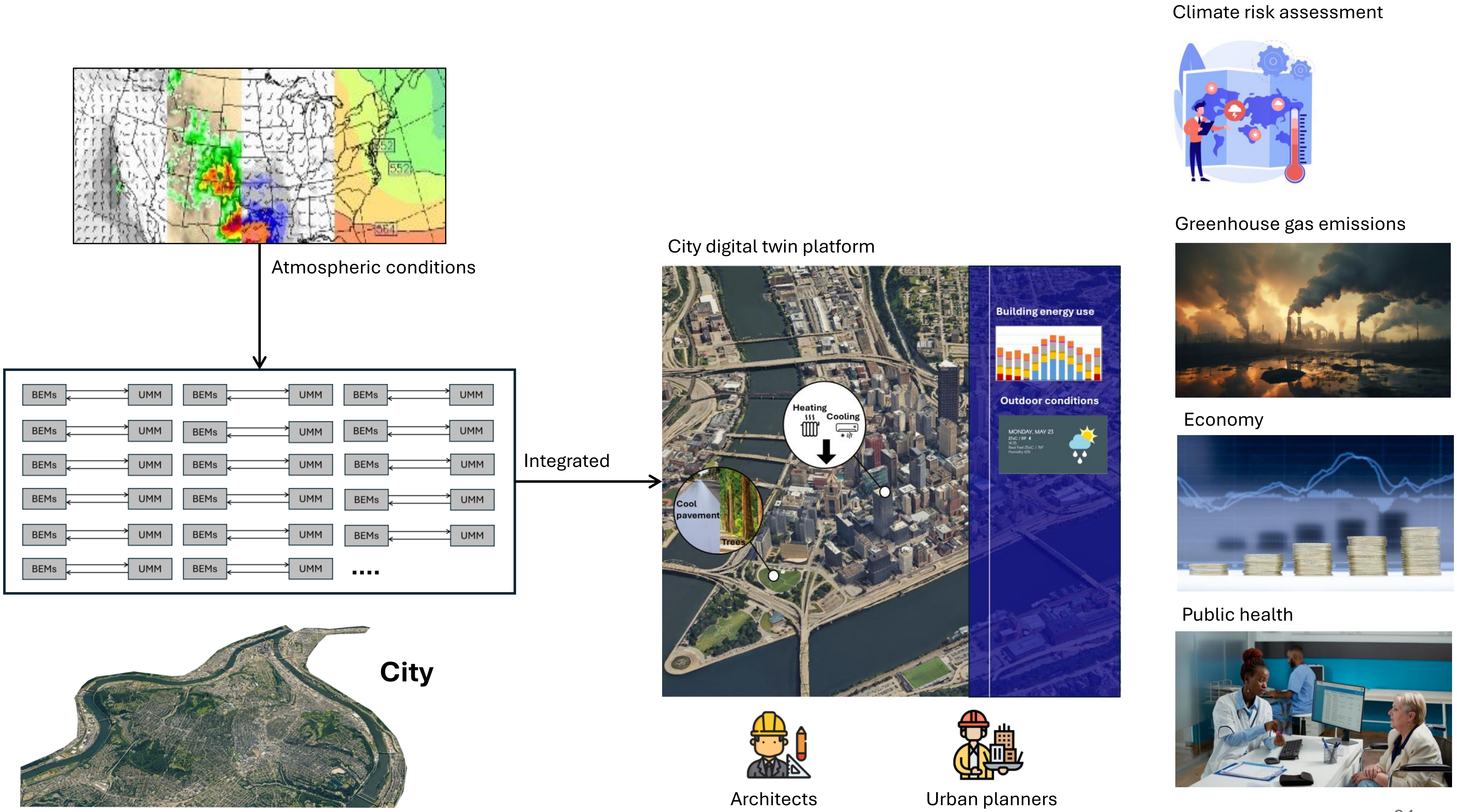

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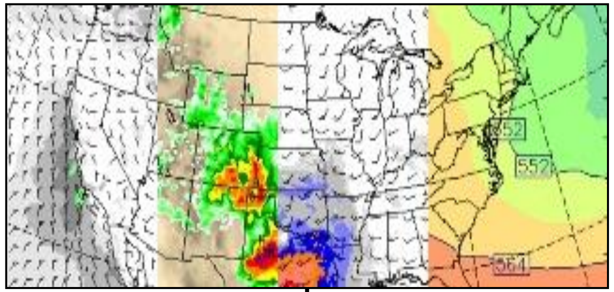

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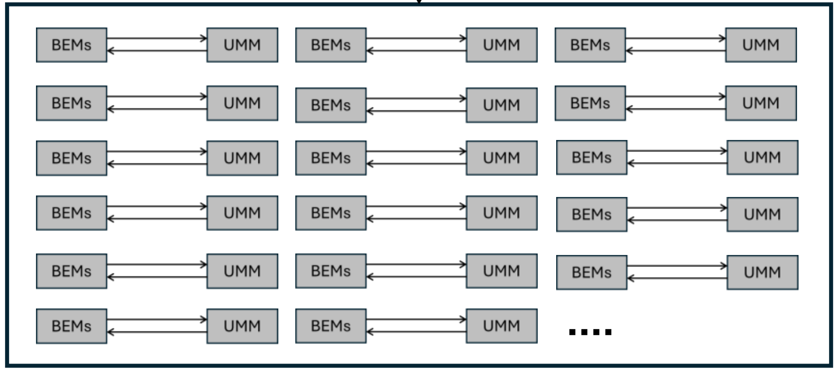

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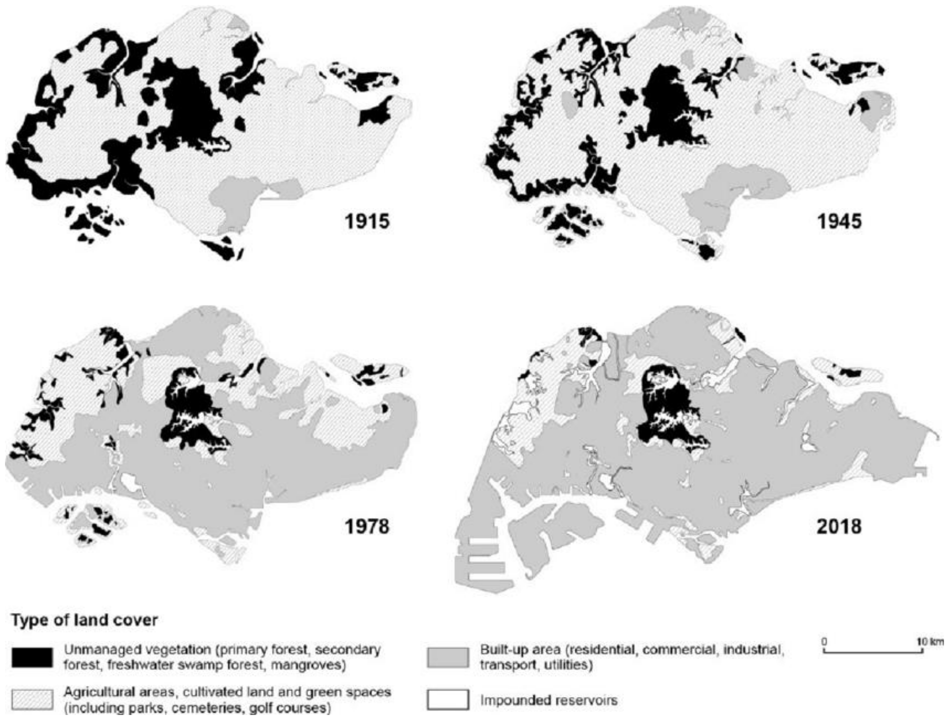

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