



Augmented Architecture

04.12.24: Integrating Numerical Simulations into Regenerative Design

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Research Question

How do we build and validate a tool that can simulate 3D heat transfer?

We needed heat flux sensors to validate the tool further, so, we applied for the Kendeda microgrant to receive funding and purchase the sensors.



U-Value and Heat Flux Measurement Kit

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Product: gSKIN® KIT-2615C (calibrated)

Article Number: A-163479

GSKIN® KIT Includes (For More Details Consult The Datasheets Of The Individual Products): Sensor: gSKIN®-XO 67 7C (30mm x 30mm), Logger: gSKIN® DLOG-4231 and double sided mounting tape (MOUNT-I235)

Heat Flux Range Min / Max [W/M^2]: ± 300

Heat Flux Resolution [W/M^2]: < 0.22

Temperature Accuracy [$^{\circ}C$]: ± 0.5 (-10...+46 $^{\circ}C$) ± 2.0 (-55...+125 $^{\circ}C$)

Min. Sensor Sensitivity (S) [$MV/(W/M^2)$]: 7.0 (sensor calibration data already loaded onto logger for simple and fast plug-and-play measurements).

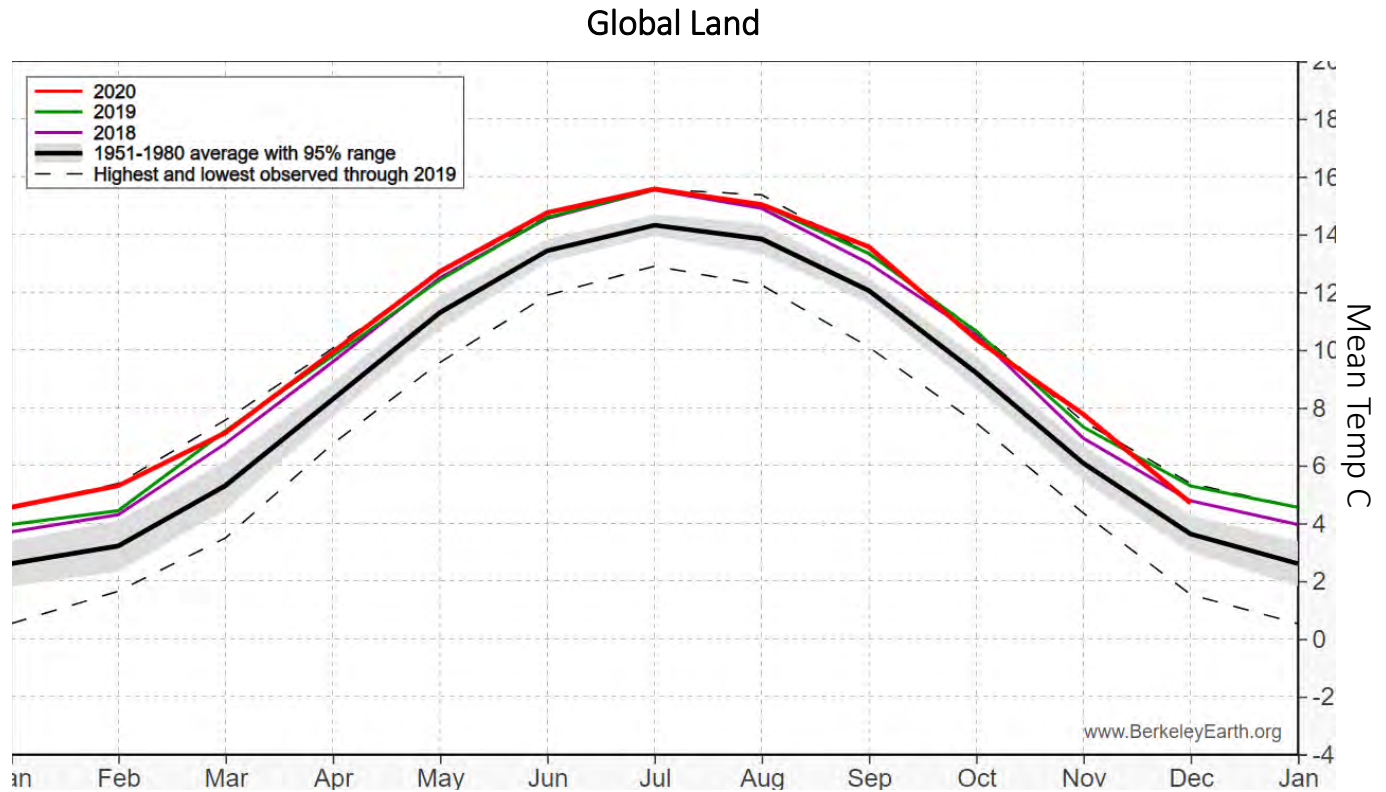
Data Storage Capacity [# Measurements]: $> 2'000'000$

Battery Lifetime [Days]: > 30 at lowest measurement frequency (2/d).
Rechargeable.

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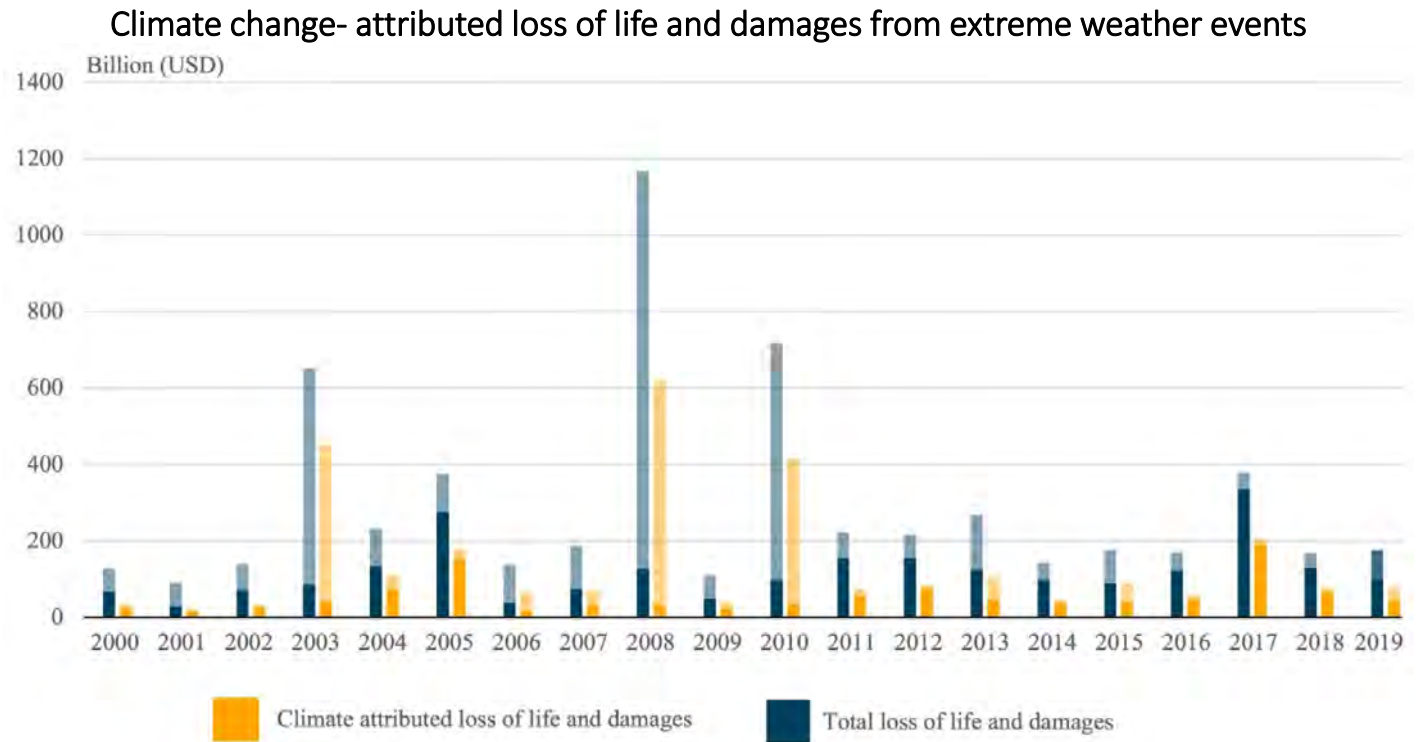
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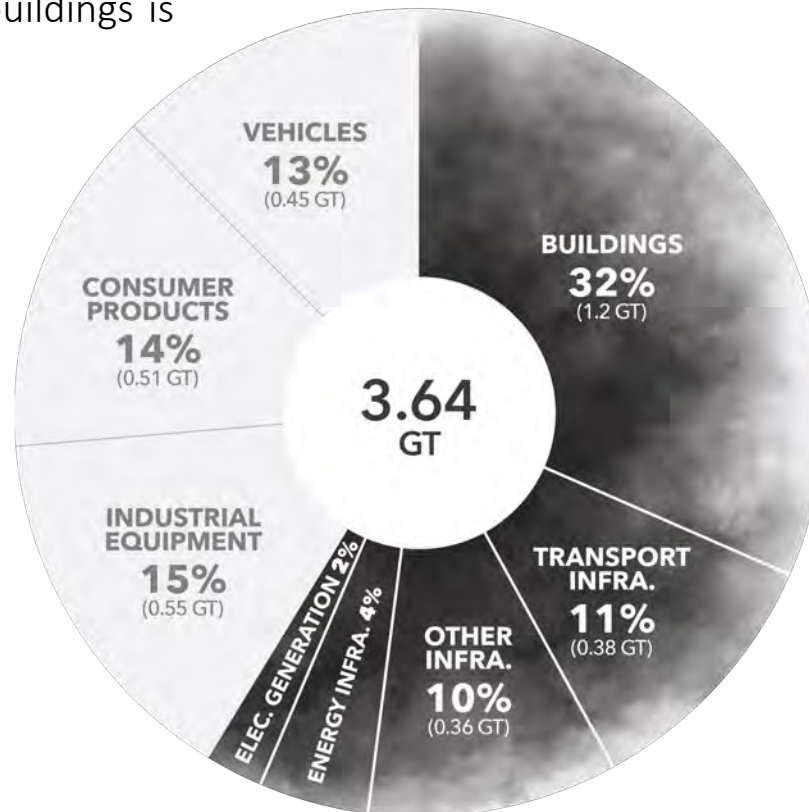
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(2.14 GT)

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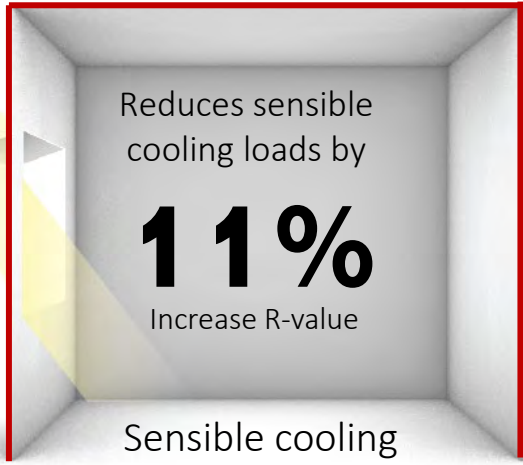
Critical in Building Design

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Max

Sensible cooling load 700,000 kWh



Reduces sensible cooling loads by

11%

Increase R-value

Sensible cooling load 573,160 kWh

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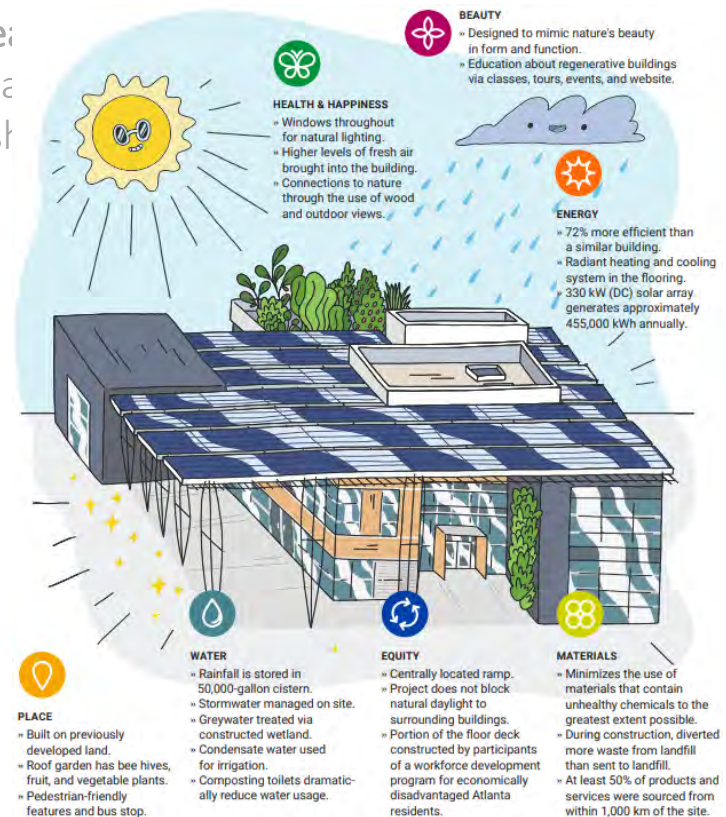
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Current Software

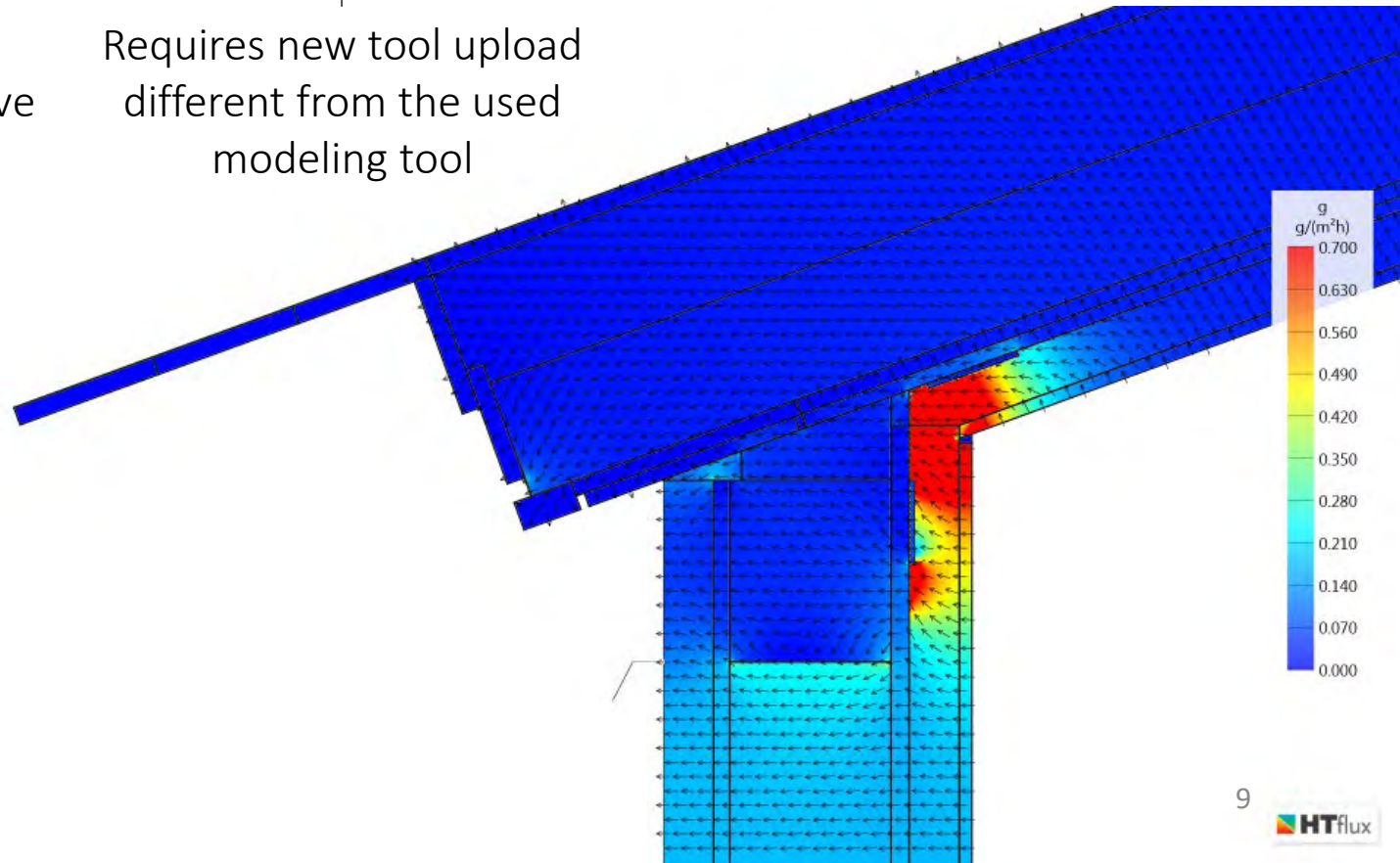
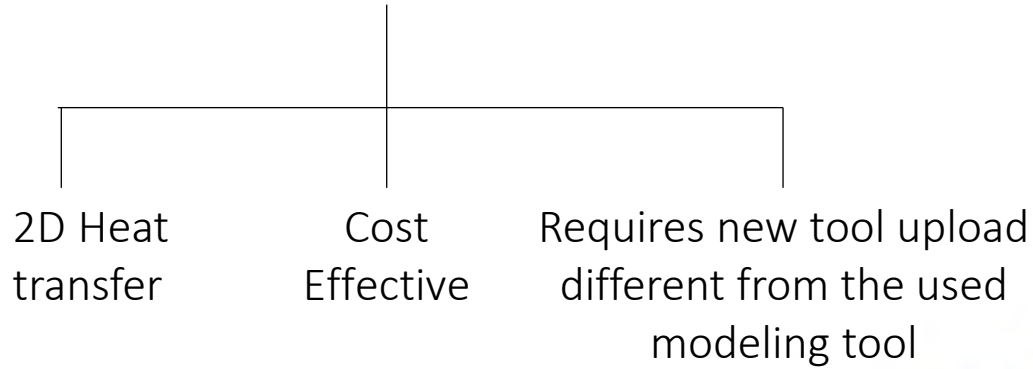
Current 3D heat transfer simulation tools are limited and cost effective



Research Gap

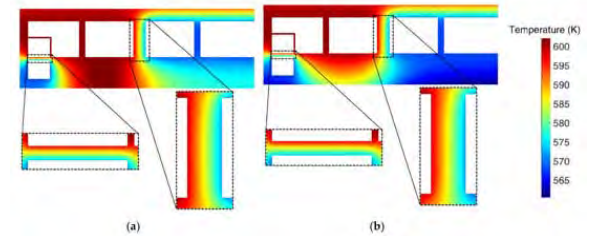
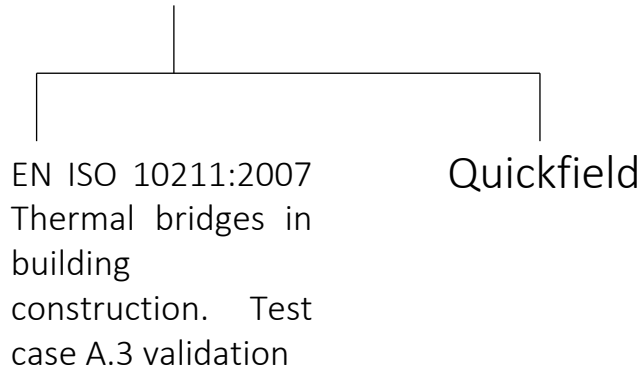
Current software and problems

Current software and simulation tools in the architectural field are limited



Methodology

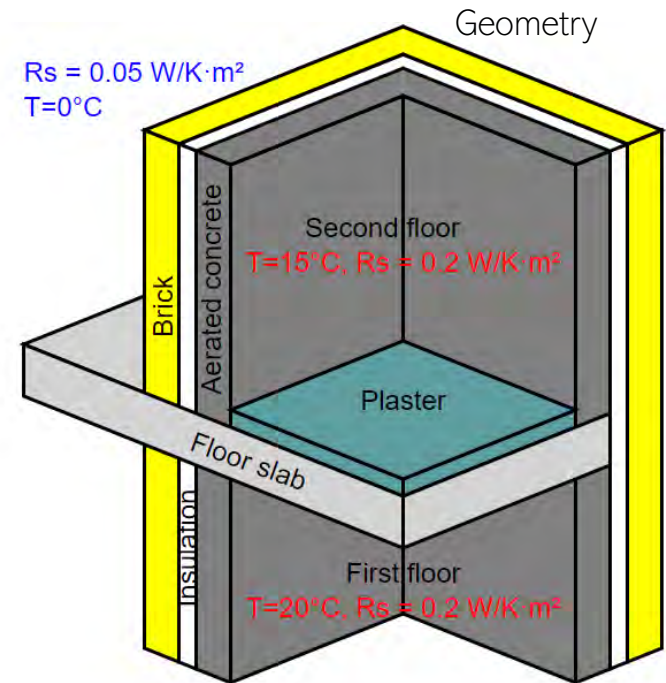
Validation Case



Most of the found cases for validation were 2D heat transfer cases and not 3D.

<https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/13/14/3525>

Icon	Material	K [W/mk]	Cp [j/kgK]	P [kg/m³]
	Concrete Slab	2.5	1000	2300
	Brick	1	920	710
	Insulation	0.04	1450	35
	Plaster	1	1000	2300



Methodology

Rhino



Grasshopper

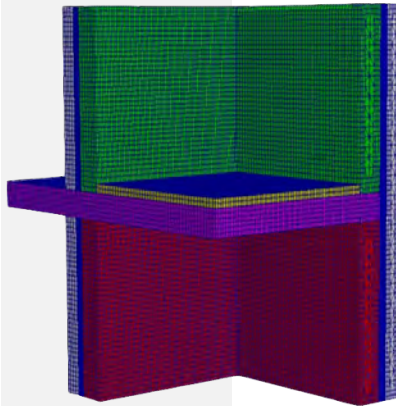


Materials Construction

Boundary Conditions

Pre-Processing

OpenFOAM



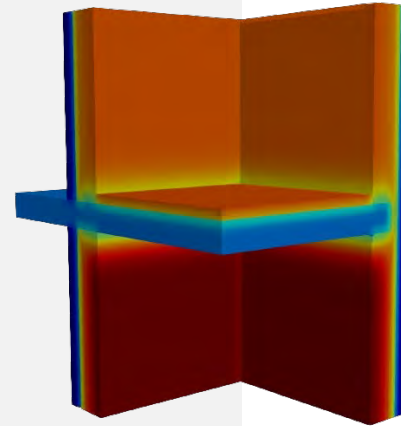
Mesh Creation

Simulation

Numerical Simulation

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OpenFOAM
Man:
*~
Build : 34e226df
Arch : "LSB;lab
Exec : chtMulti
Date : Apr 05 21
Time : 15:30:25
Host : MSI
PID : 3668
I/O : uncollat
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ParaView



Temp Distribution

Visual Representation

Validation

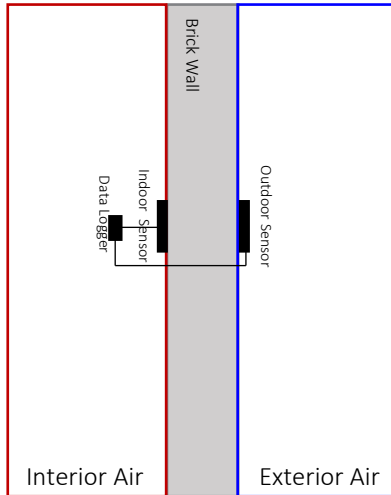
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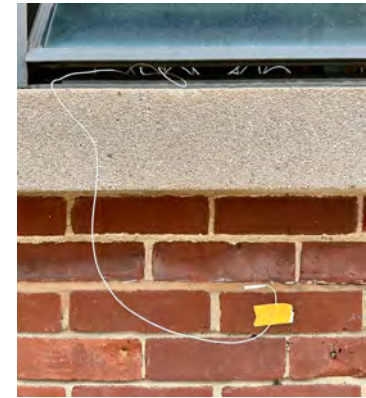
Applied for Kendeda Microgrant to receive funding, buy the sensors, and validate via experiment

Experimental Design

Geometry Section



Indoor Sensor



Outdoor Sensor

Experiment

Real-time measurement



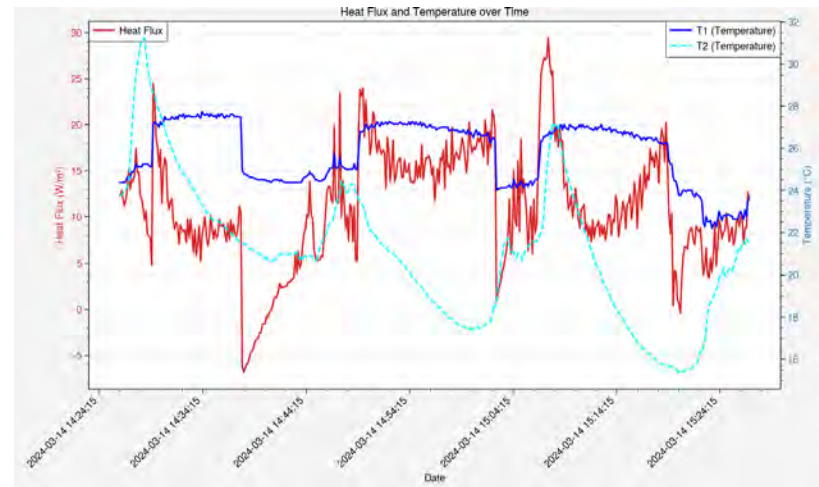
U-Value and Heat Flux Measurement Kit

Calibration Accuracy [$\pm\%$]: 3

Temperature Accuracy [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]: ± 0.5

Duration: 74 hrs

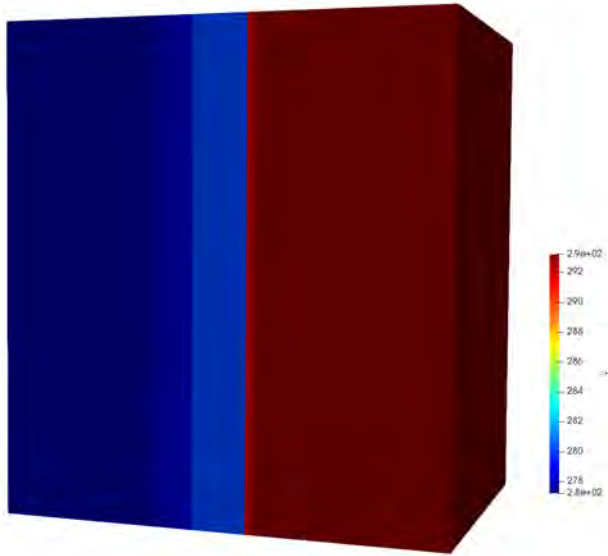
Purchased from GreenTEG company, \$2,157



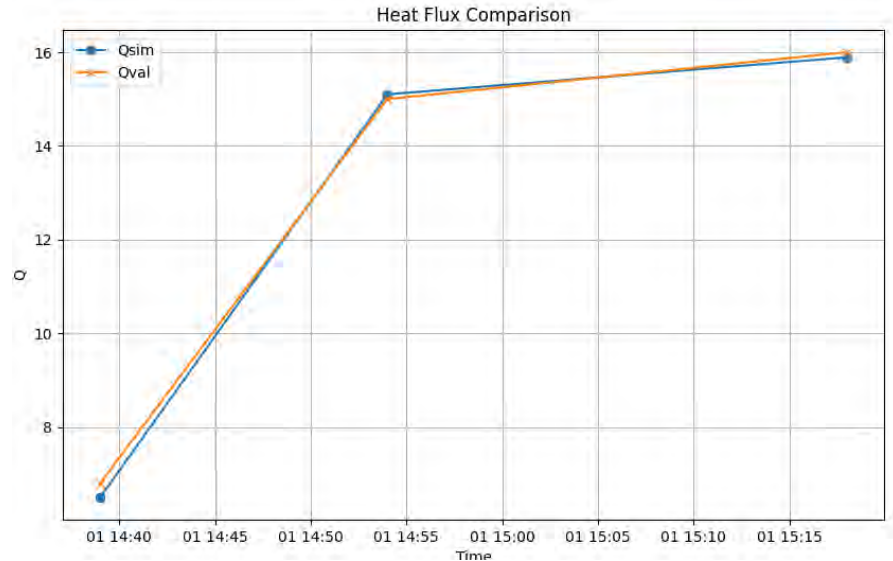
Sensors temp and heat flux output

Experimental Design


Simulation



Simulation results visualized in ParaView



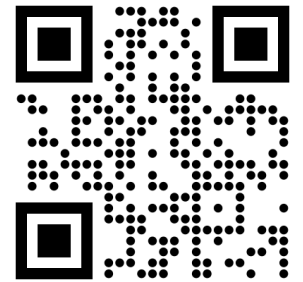
Heat flux in W/m² comparison between the simulation and the validation experiment from the sensors

Icon	Material	K [W/mk]	Cp [j/kgK]	P [kg/m ³]
	Brick wall	1	920	710

Case	Inside Temp (T1) C	Outside Temp (T2) C
Validation	25.8	21
Simulation	24.85	21.85

Percentage of error 0.8%

Thank You!



Questions? Connect!

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