



## Application Of A Method Of 1-D Equivalent Wall To Multidimensional Geometries : Impact On Building Energy Performance

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#### Context

- Use of energy simulation tools
  - Building energy performance : evaluate, predict, optimise
  - Hypotheses  $\rightarrow$  inaccuracies
- Focus on thermal bridges (2/3-D geometries)
  - 4-40% of building heat losses
  - Most of building energy software : 1-D heat flux
    - ✓ Steady-state additional heat flux considered (classic evaluation)
    - ! Dynamic effects not considered  $\rightarrow$  wrong sizing of systems
- $\rightarrow$  Method : accurate, easy to integrate, low resources



#### Equivalent wall method

- 2-D/3-D geometry is replaced by a 1-D equivalent wall
  - Same thermal behaviour  $\rightarrow$  three-layer
  - $R_j, C_j \rightarrow e_j, k_j, c_j, \rho_j \rightarrow$  building simulation
    - Same values of …
      - Resistance R, Heat Capacity C, Structure factors  $(\phi_{ii}, \phi_{ie}, \phi_{ee})$
      - Infinity of possibilities
    - Minimise an objective function F
      - Heat flux q<sub>i</sub>(t) through inner surface over time in harmonic conditions

$$F = \sqrt{\sum_{t=400h}^{t=2000h} (q_i(t)^2 - q_i'(t)^2)}$$



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## Study

- Six thermal bridges of a wooden-structure dwelling
  - $\rightarrow$  validation of equivalent walls ?
  - $\rightarrow$  impact on building energy needs ?





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**Questions and Comments** 

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