



The impact of **input data uncertainty** on the reliability of **district energy simulations**

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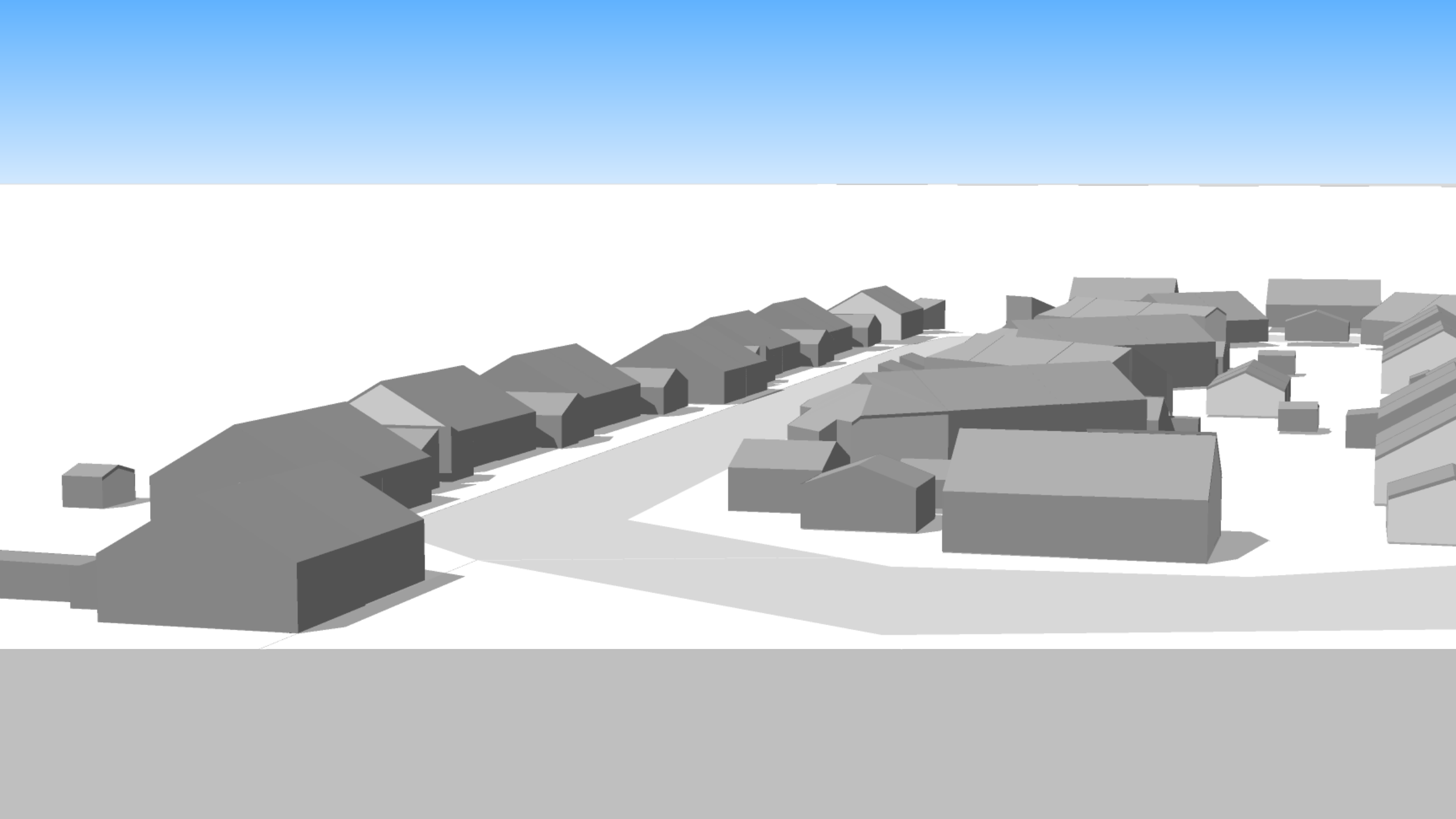
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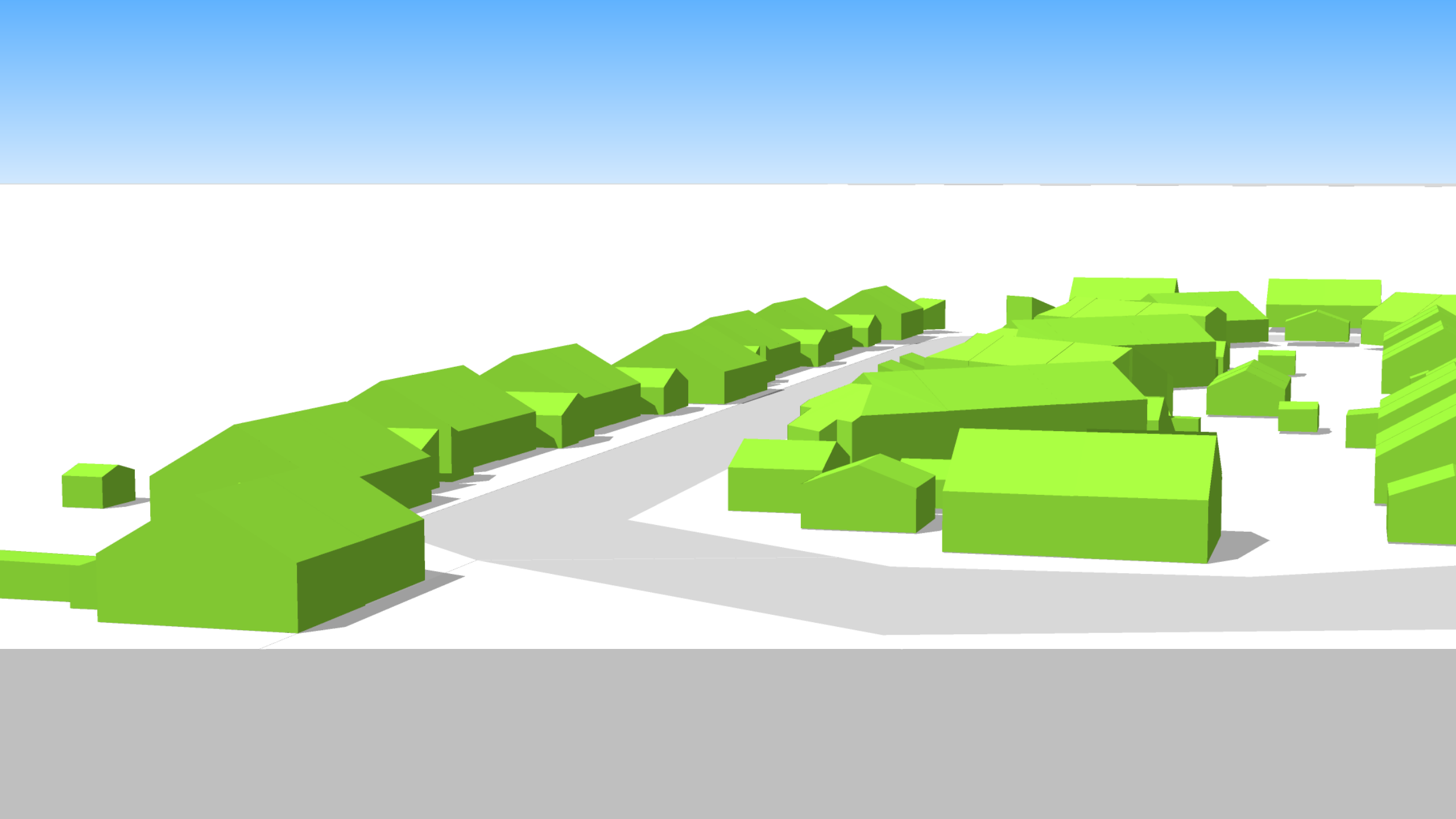
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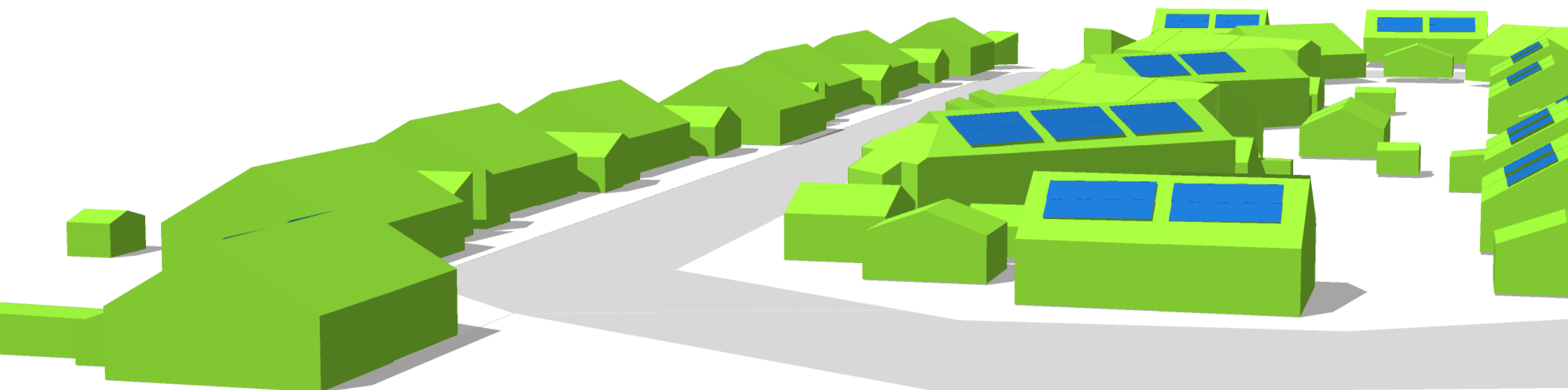


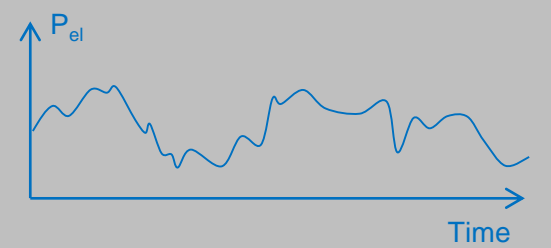
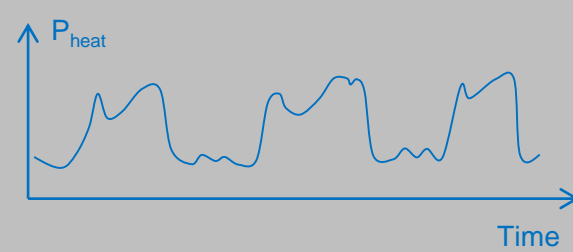
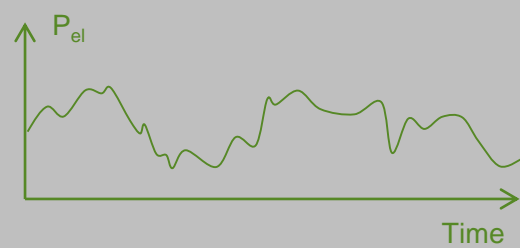
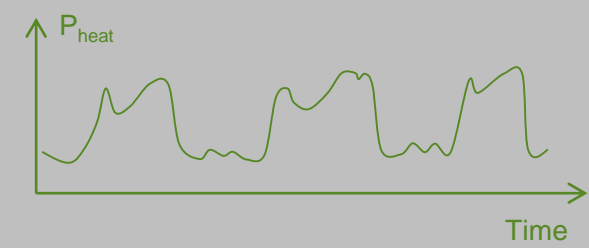
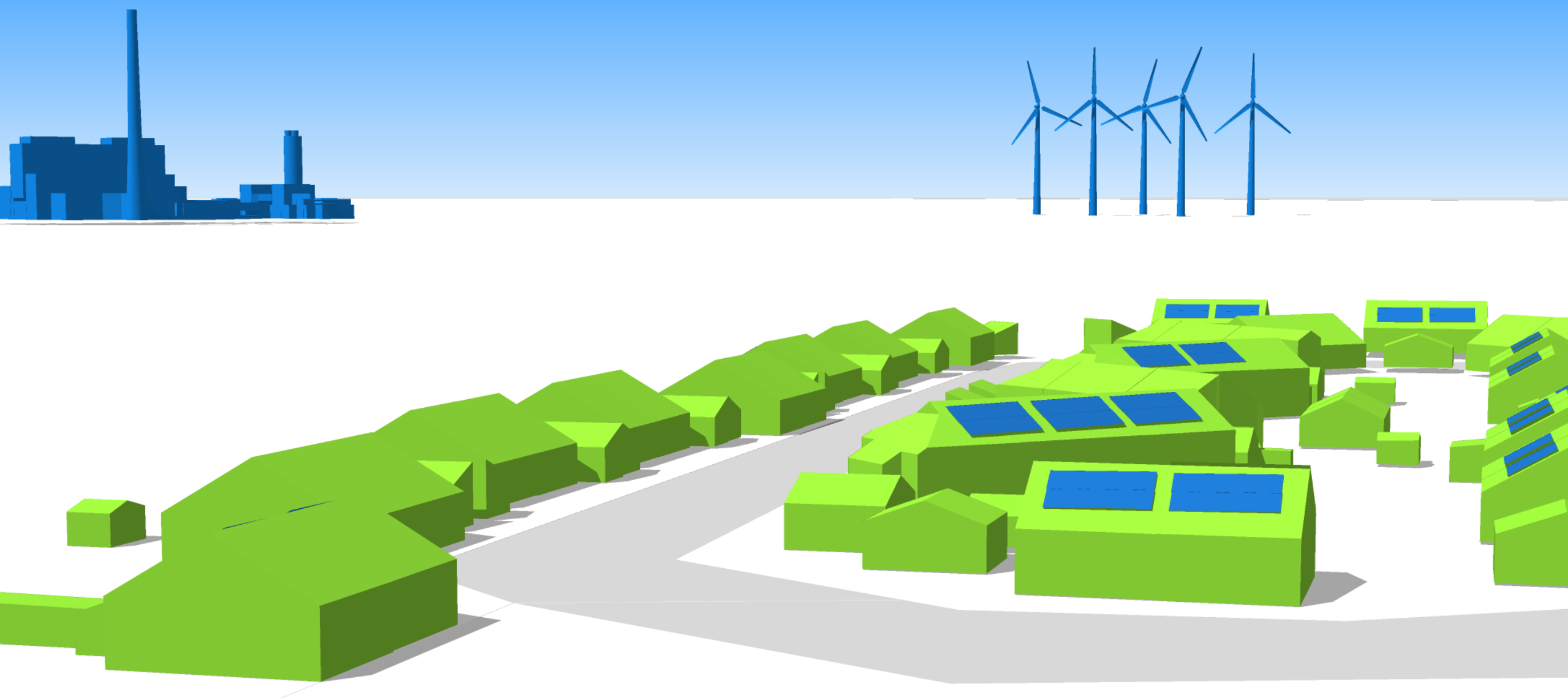
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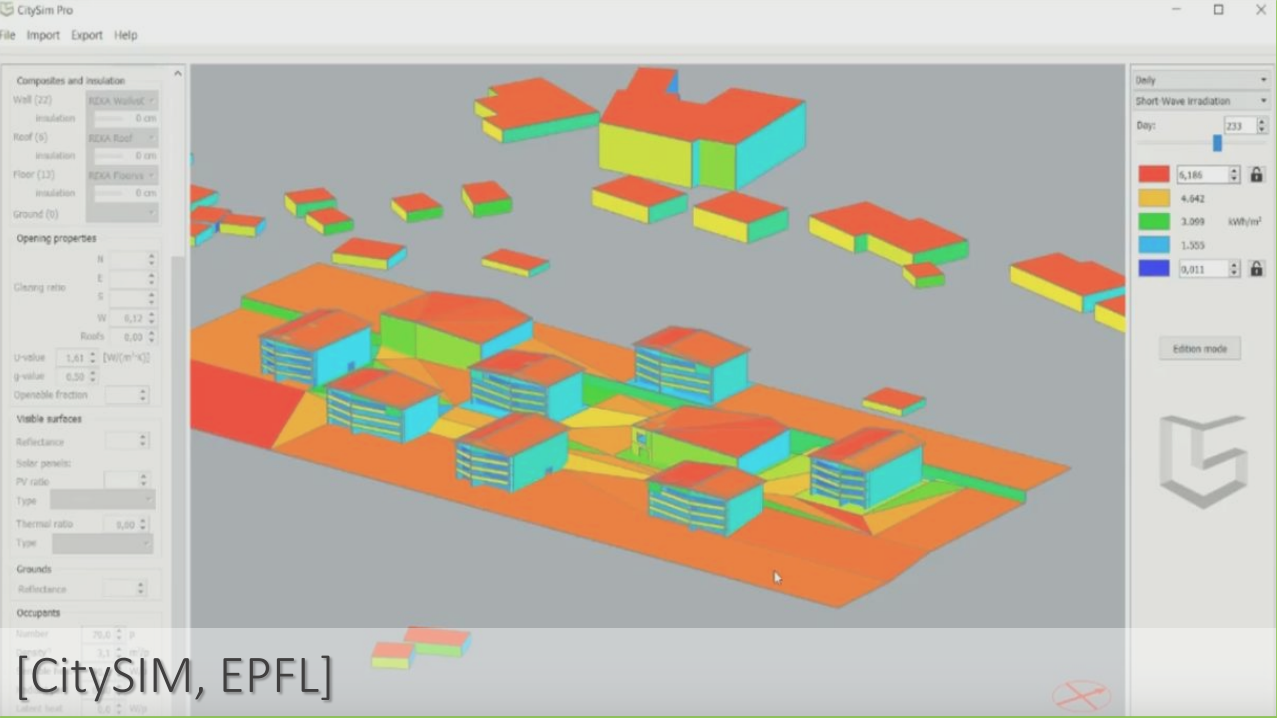


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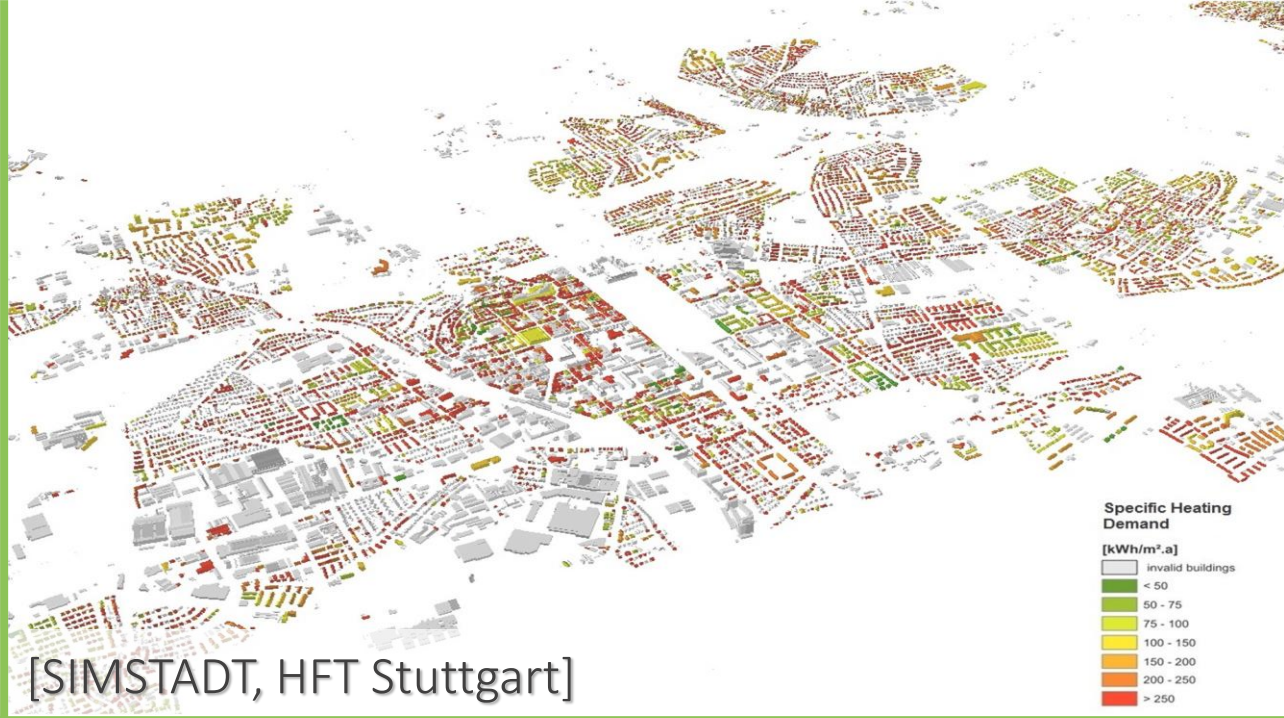
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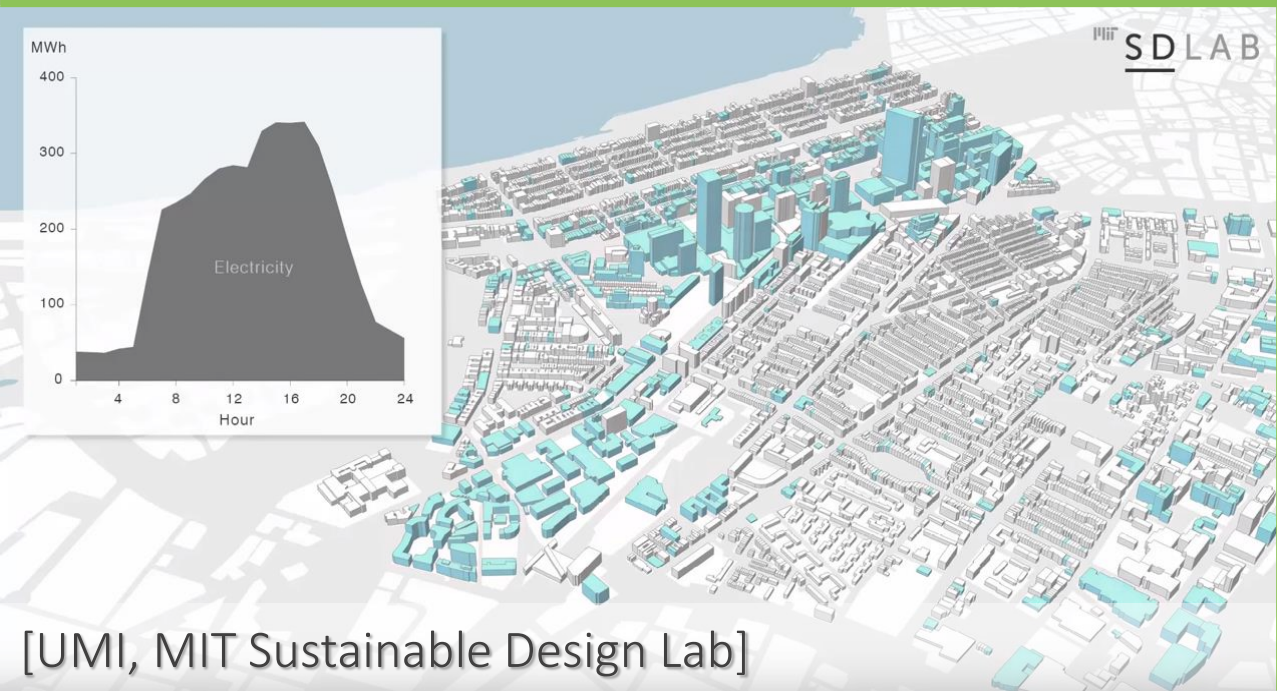




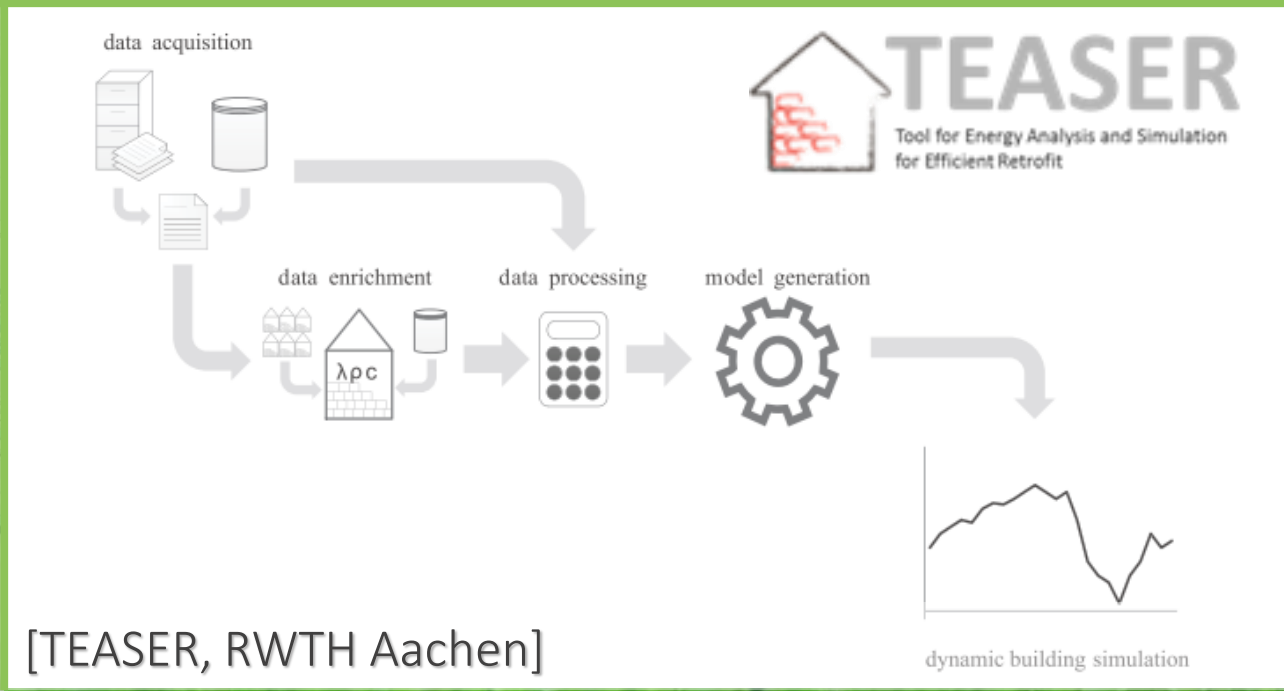
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How to *quantify the uncertainty on the district energy demand as a result of the uncertainty and intrinsic variability of input data?*



e.g. occupant behaviour



e.g. thermal performance of the building envelope
(~ archetype ~ construction year and building geometry)



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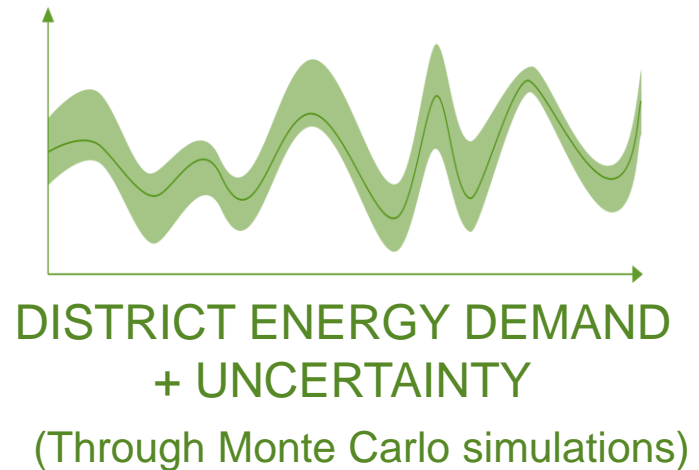
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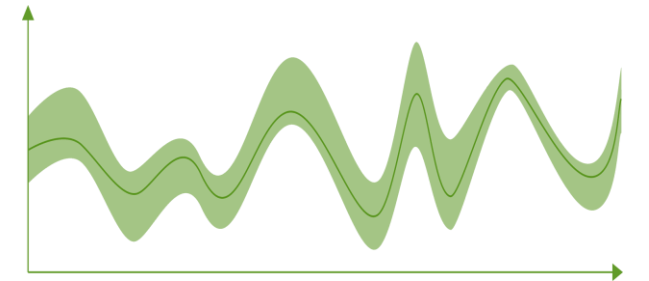
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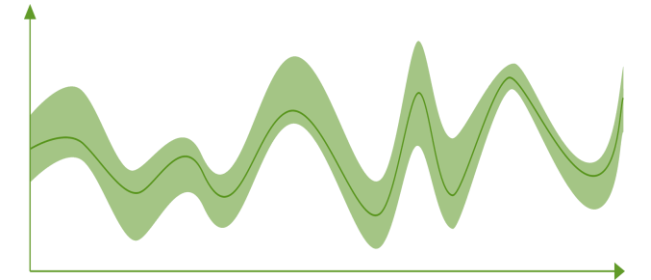
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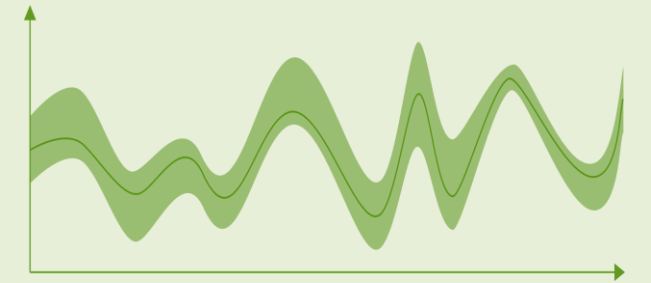
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MODELLING



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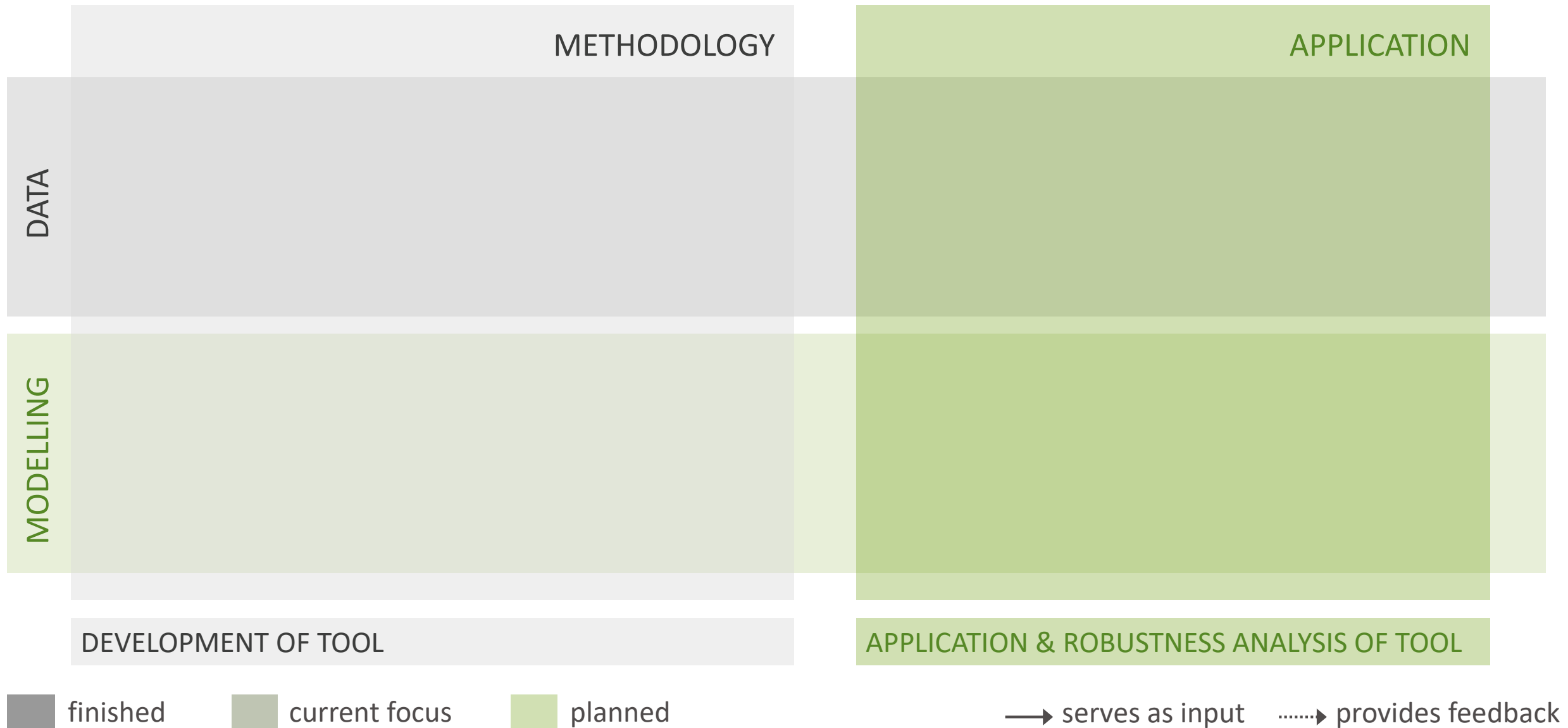
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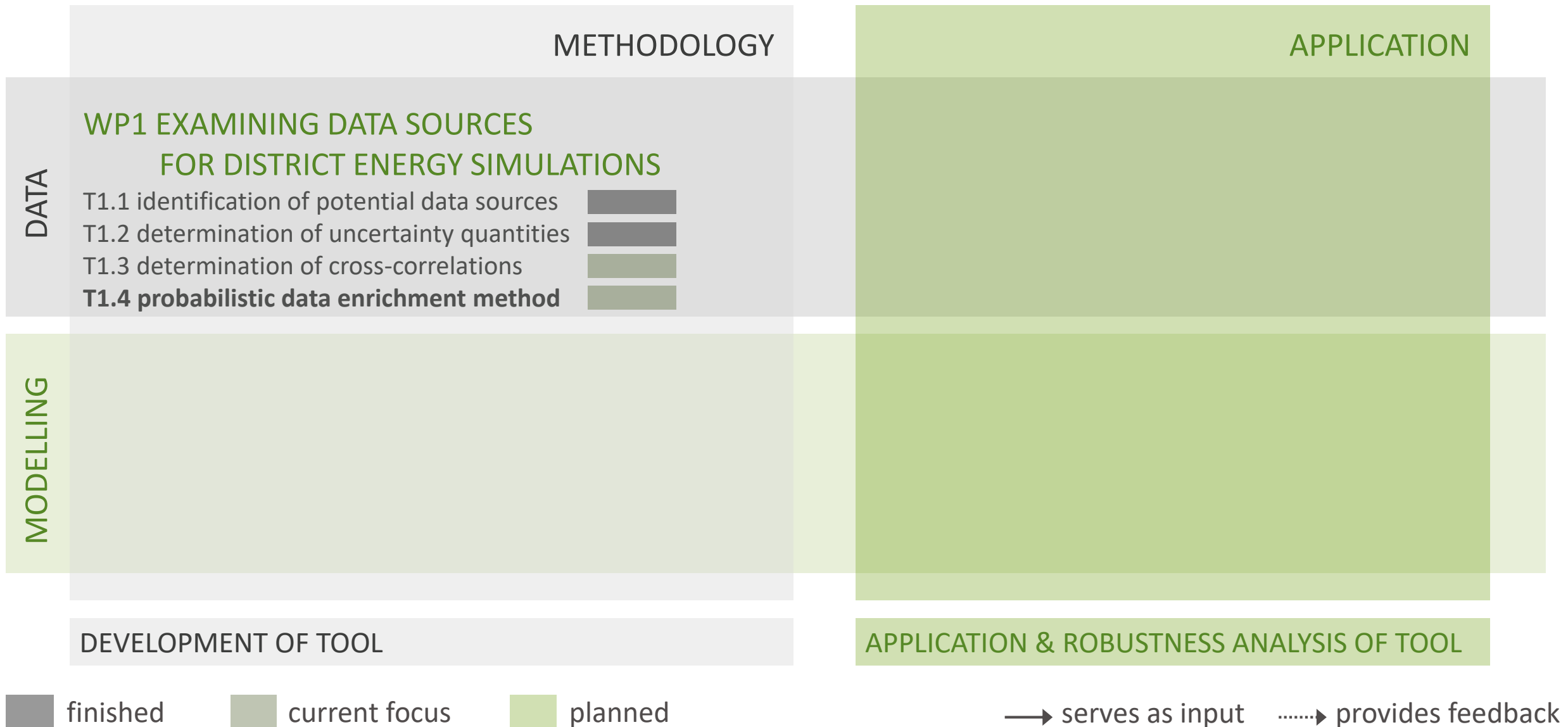
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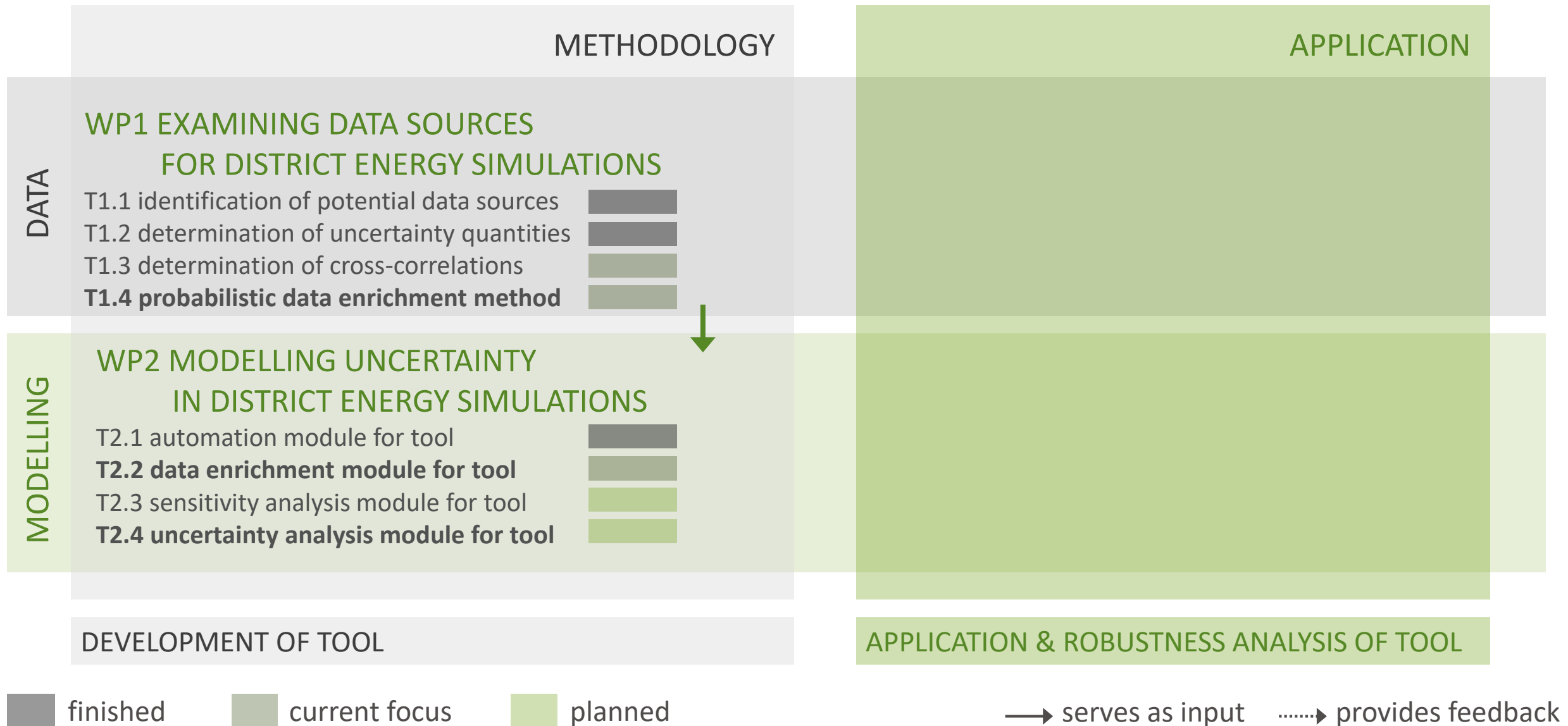
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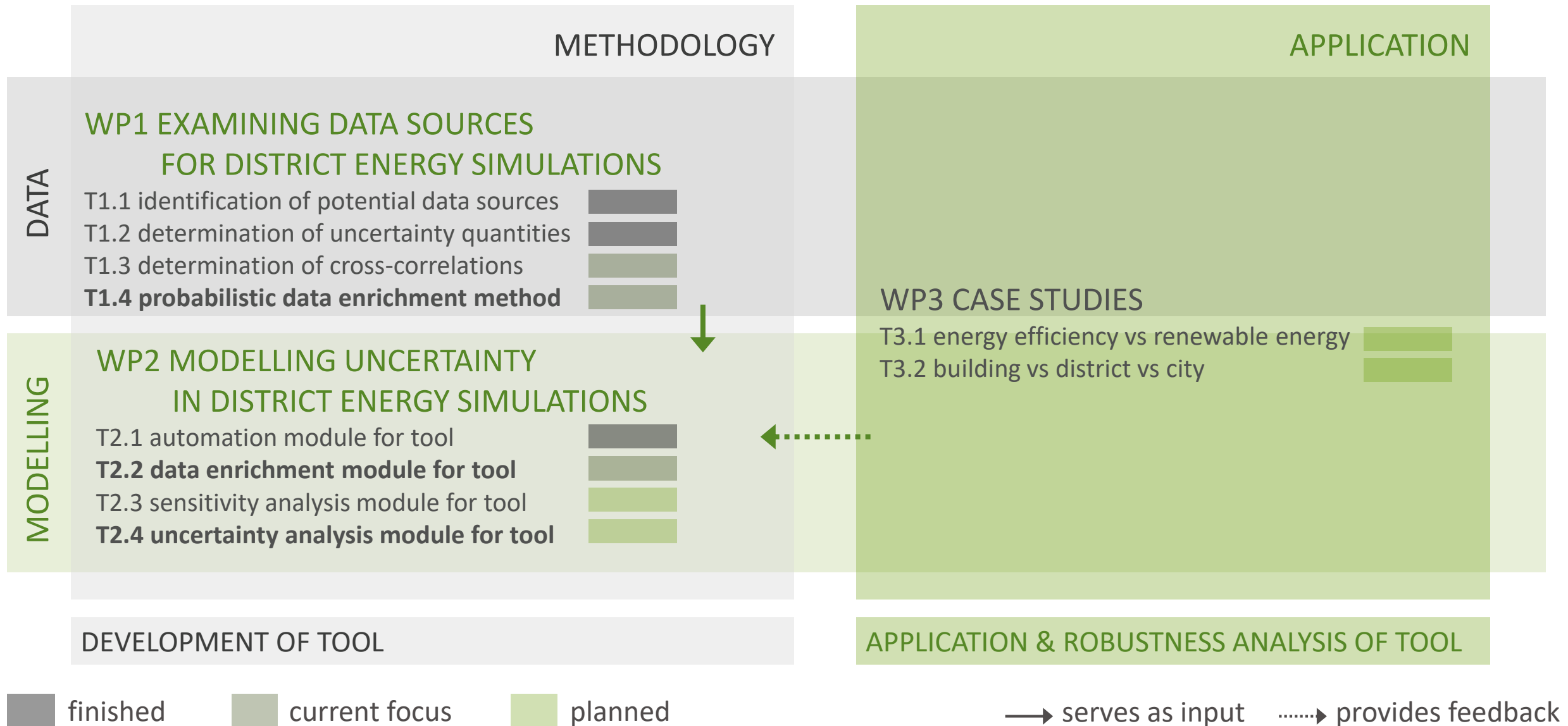
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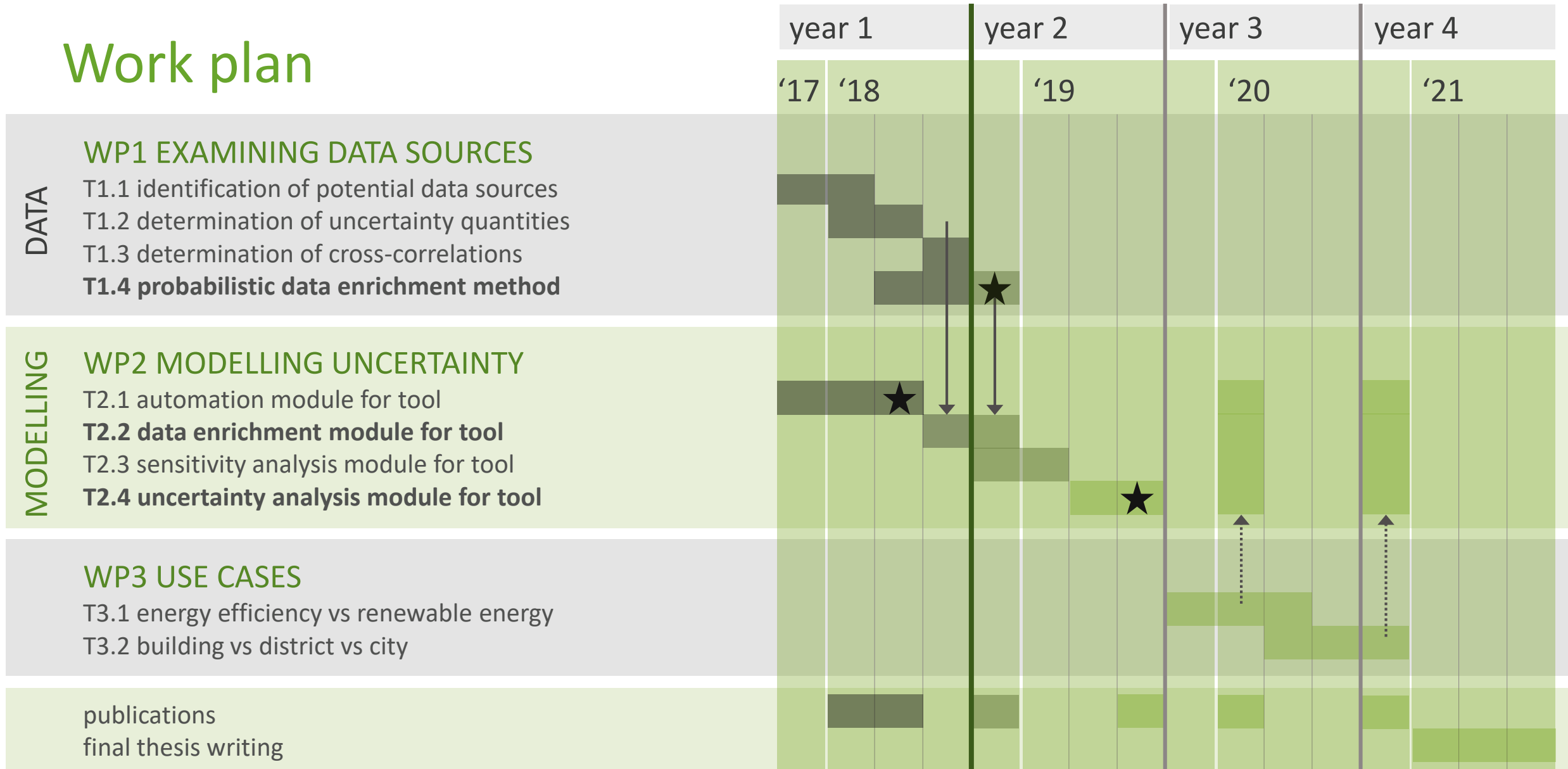
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Work plan



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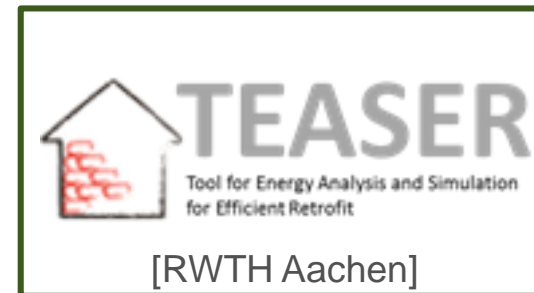
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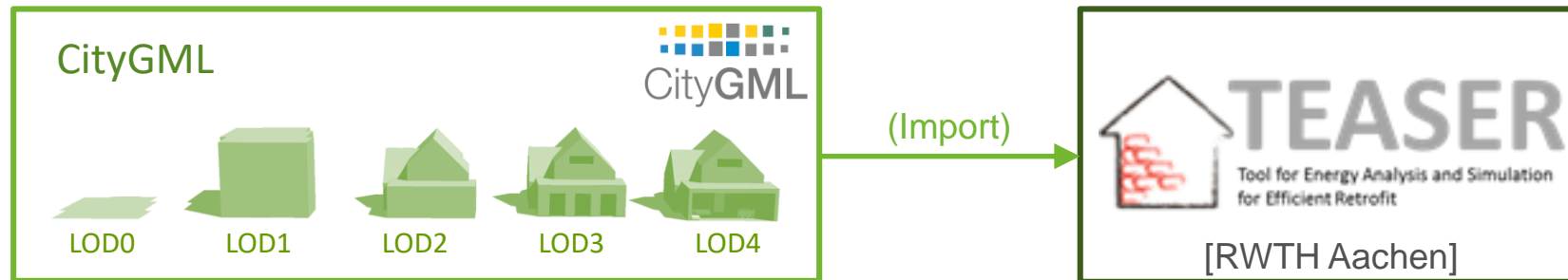
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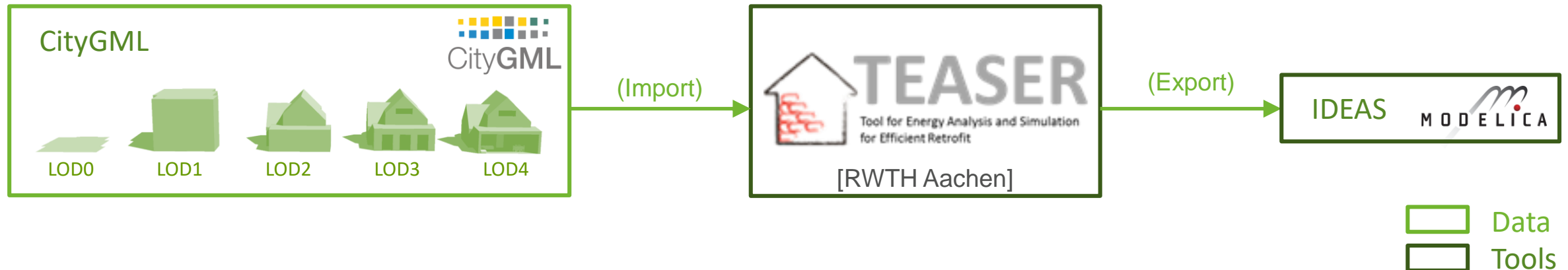
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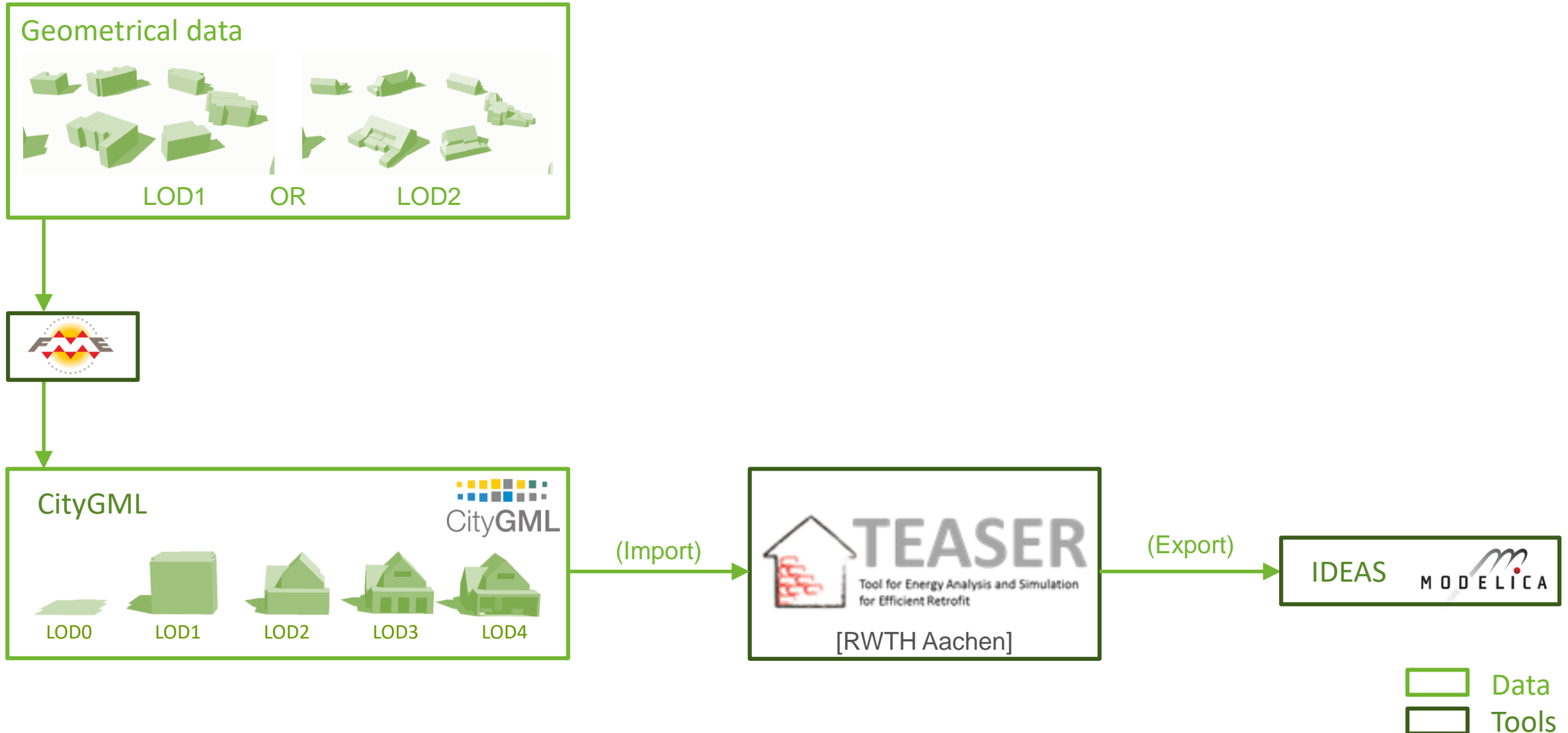
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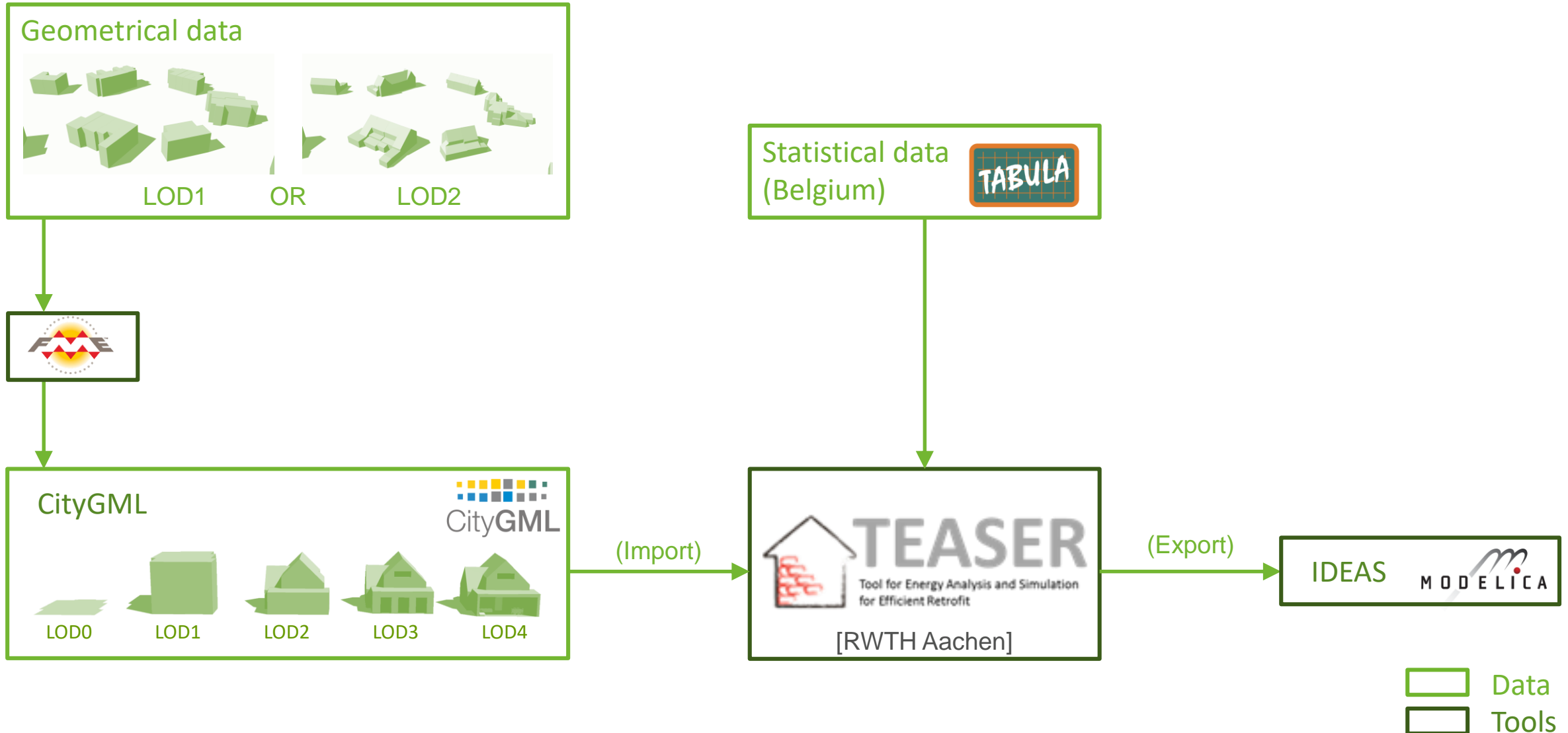
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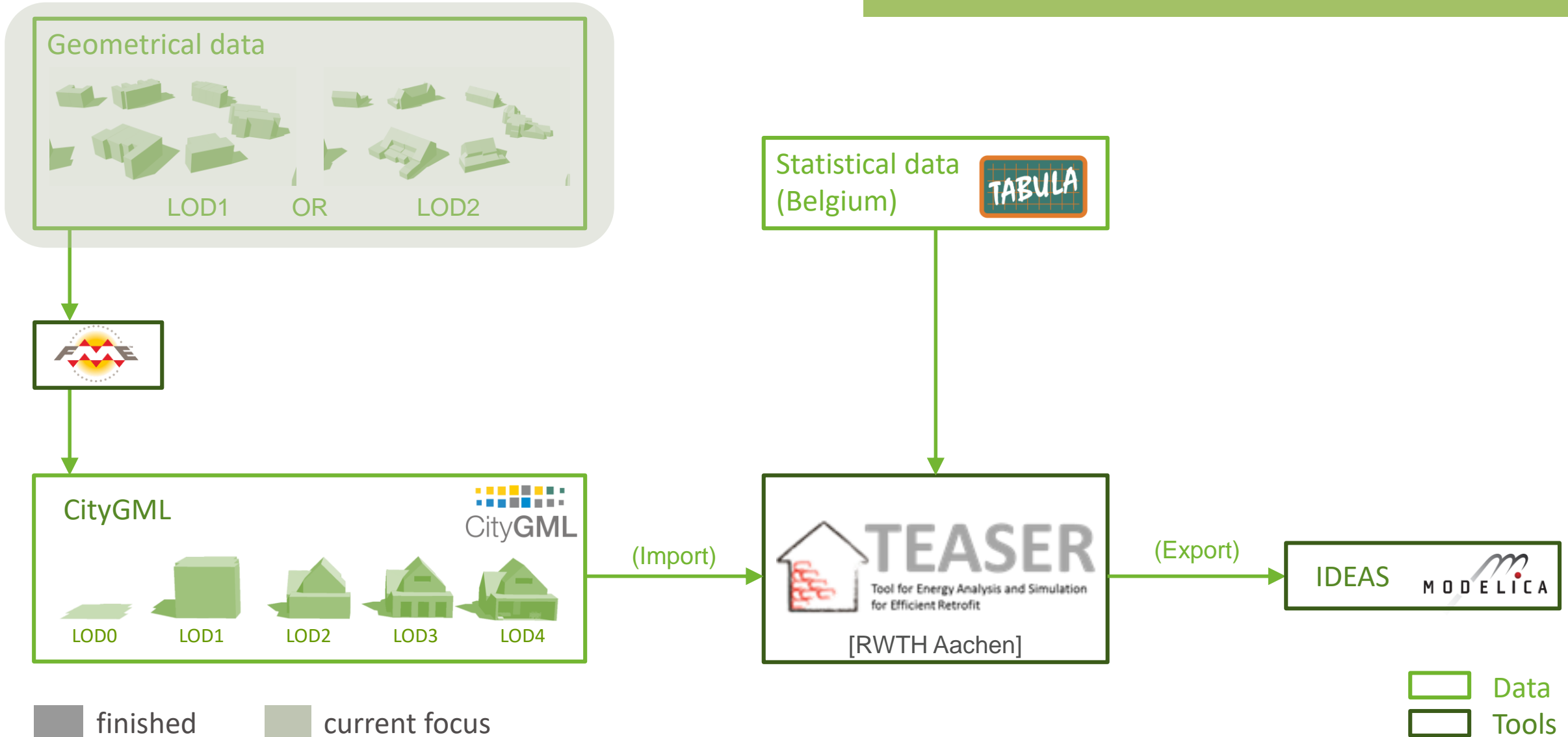


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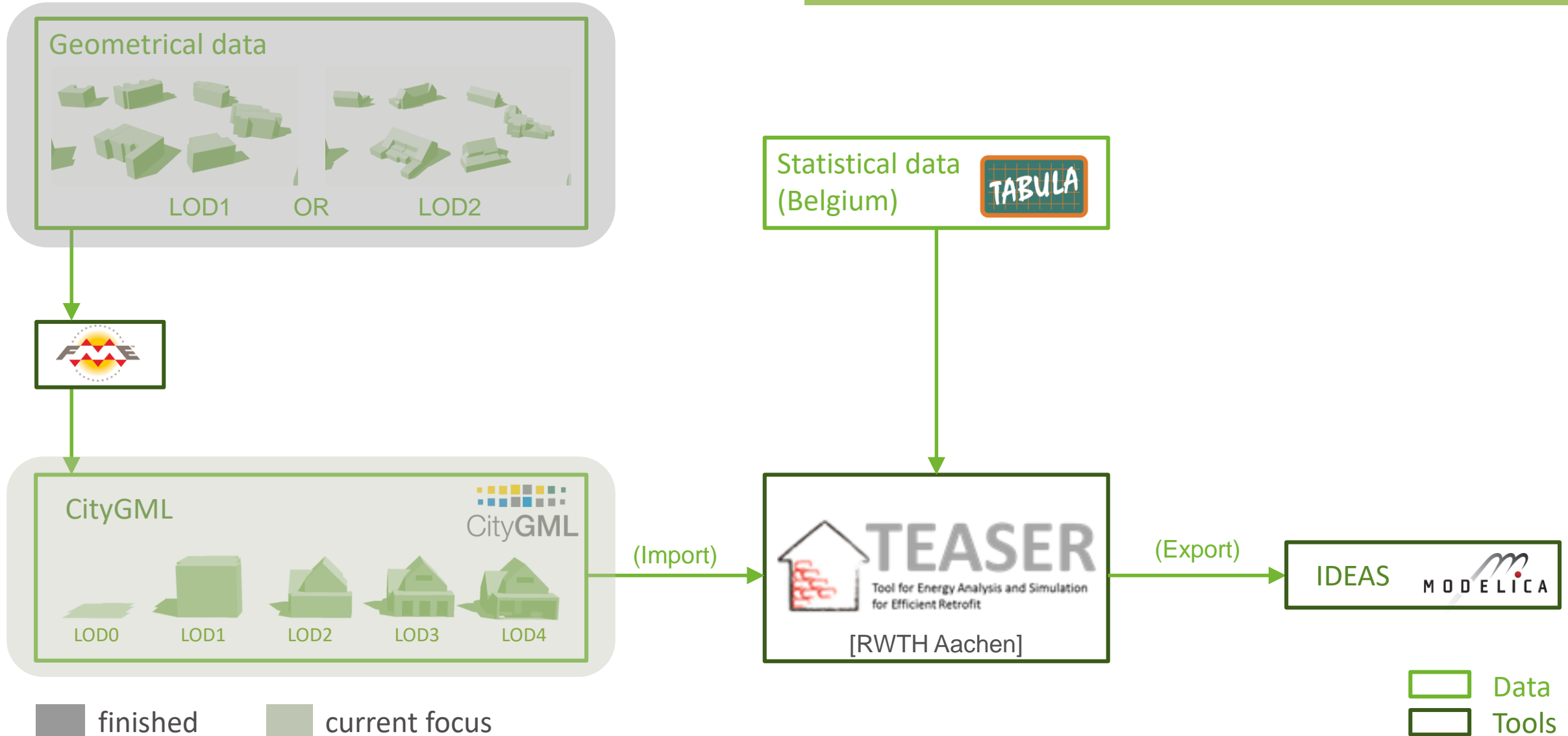
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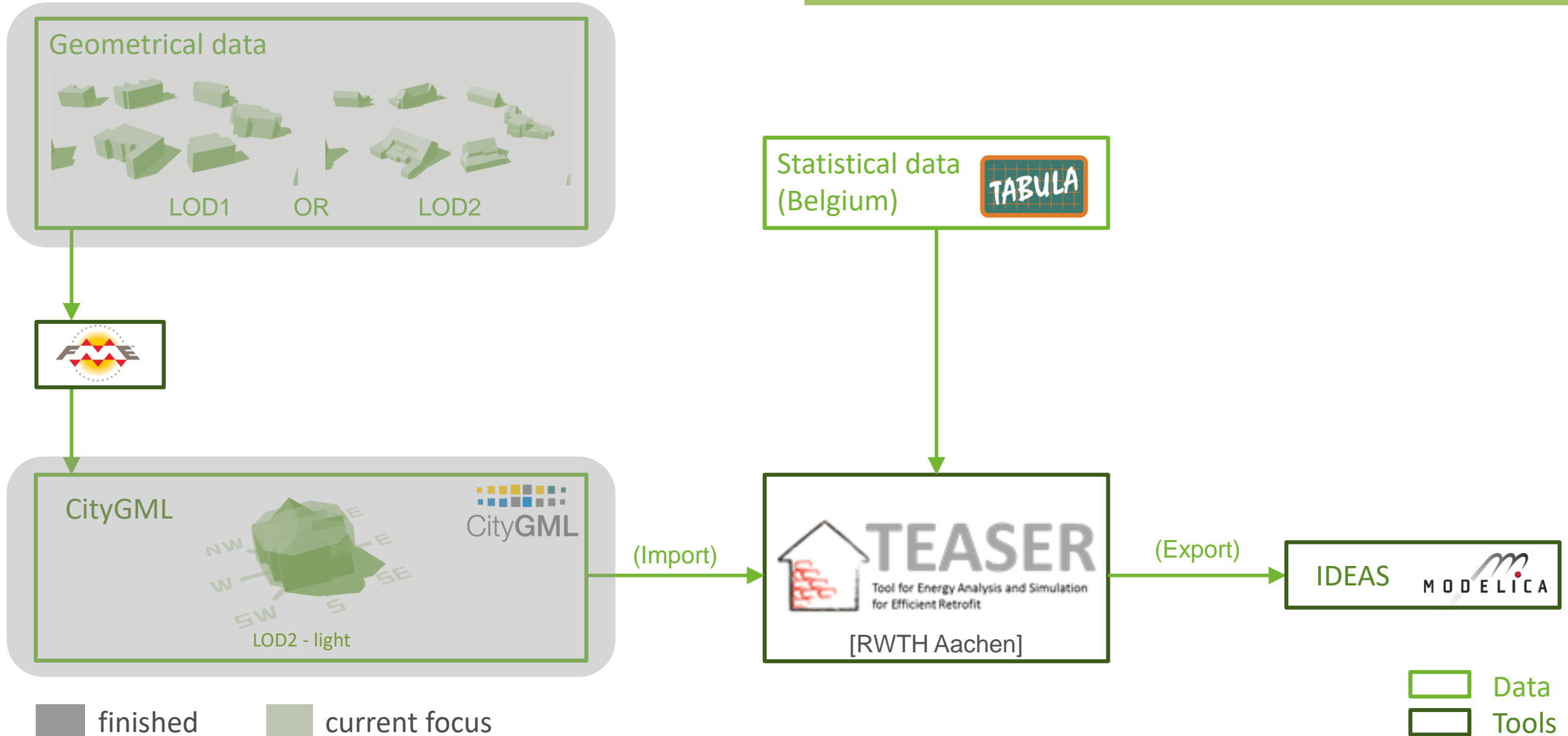
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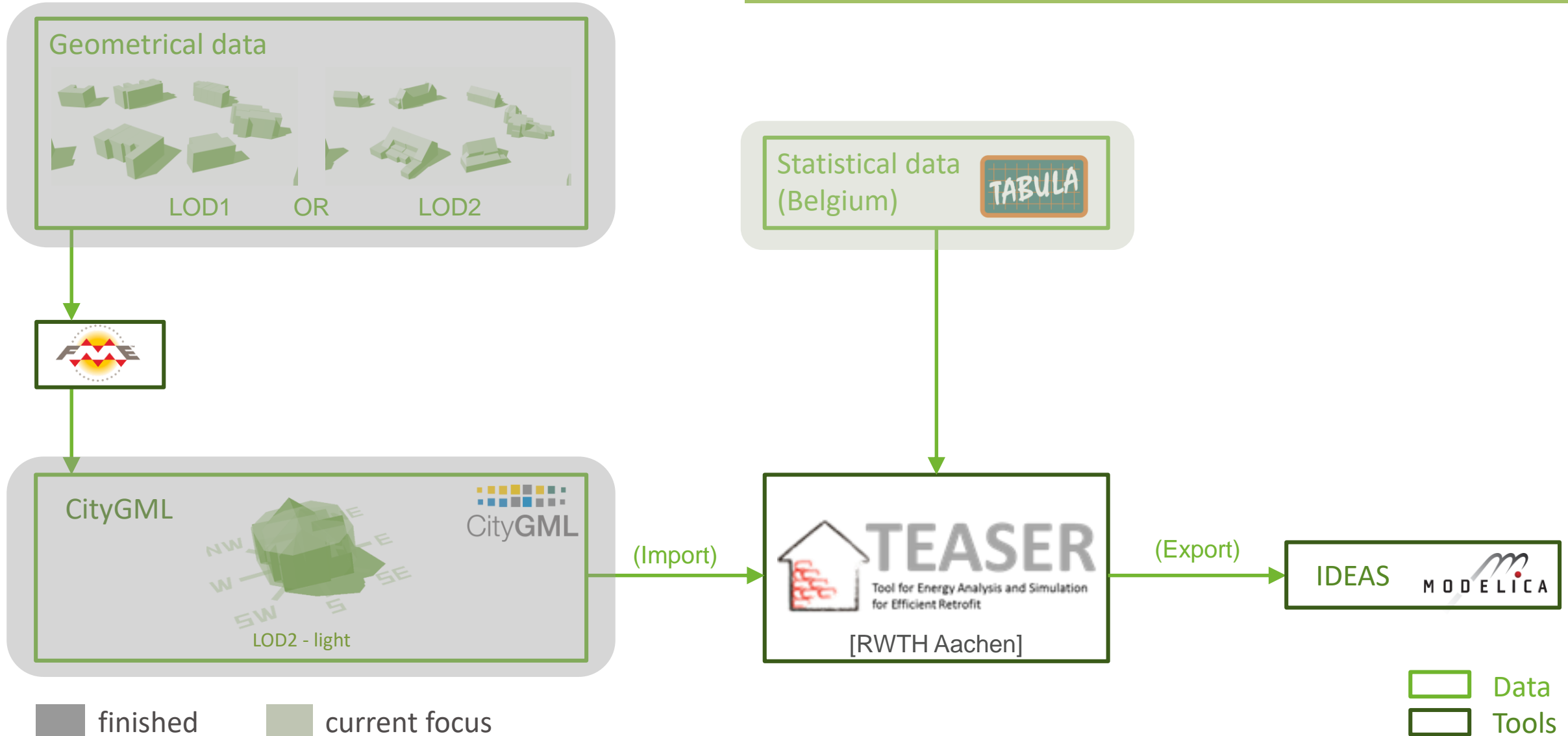
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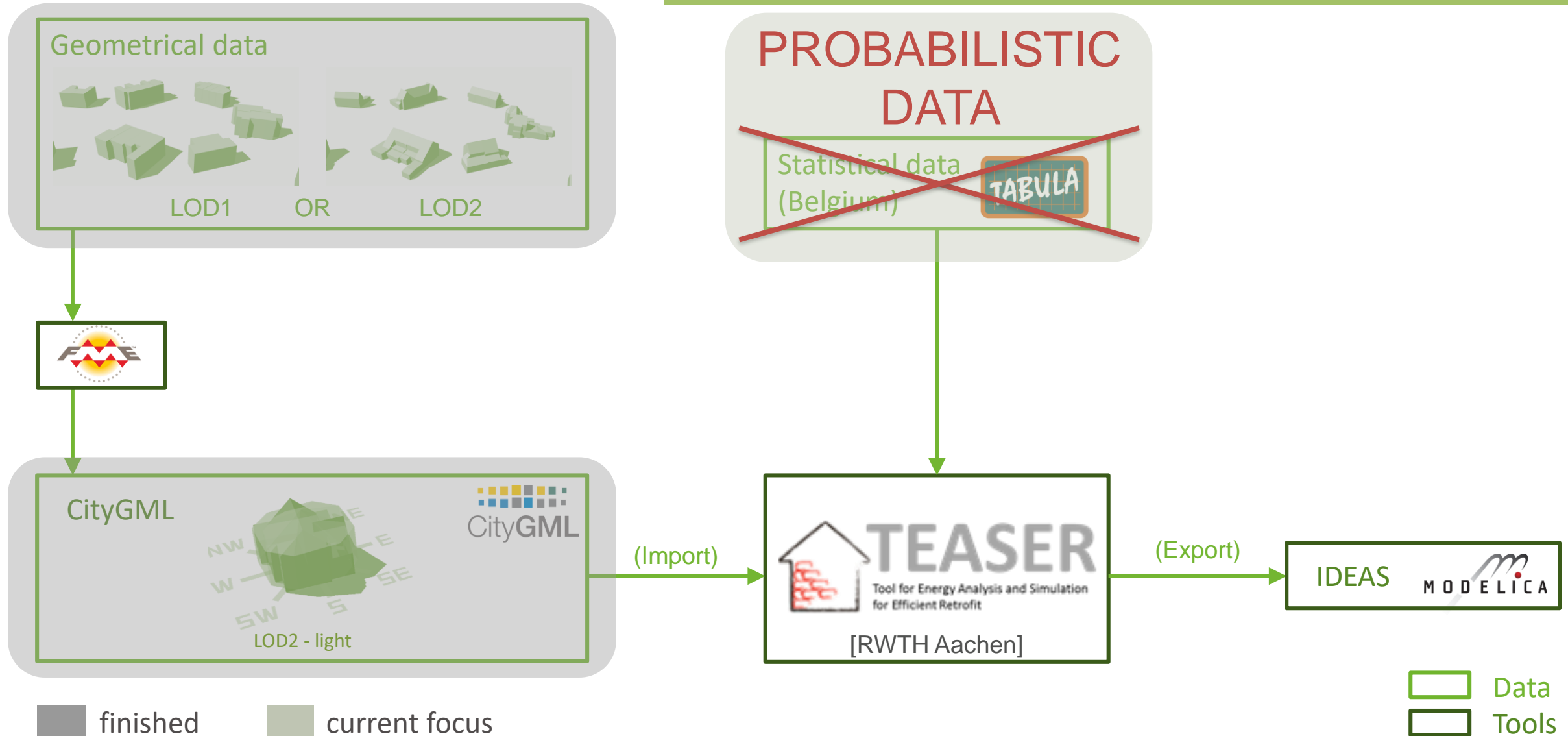
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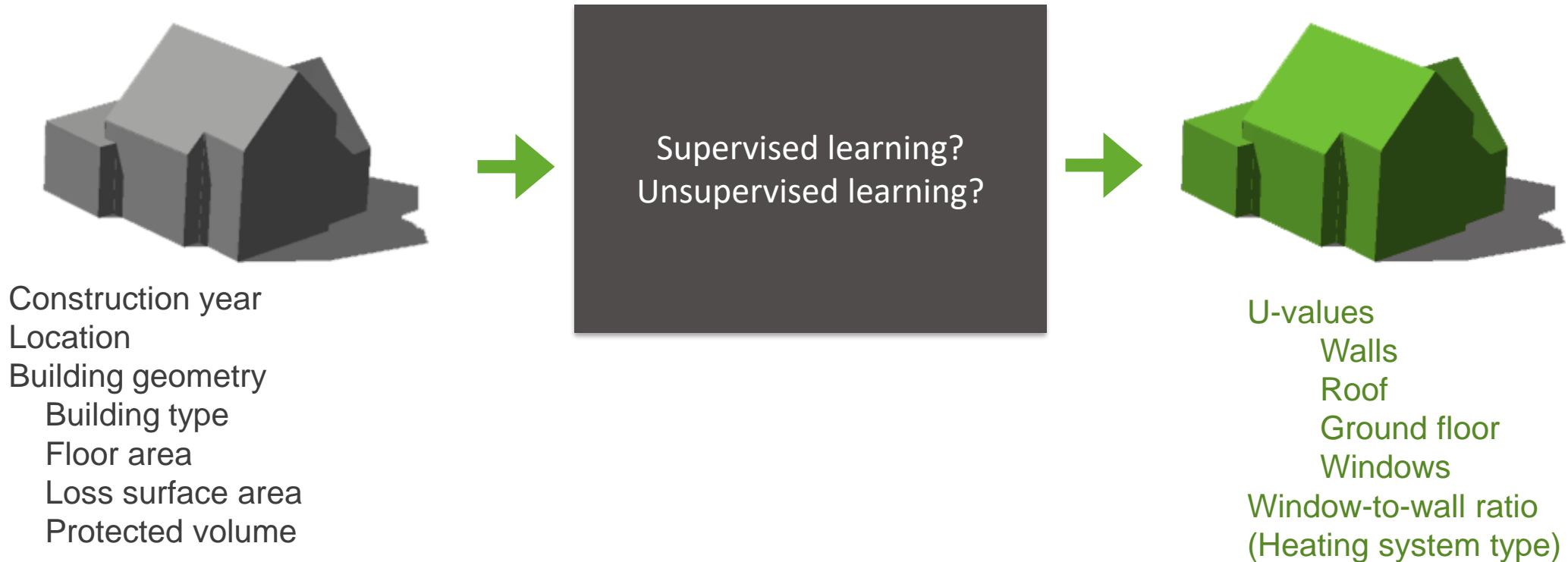


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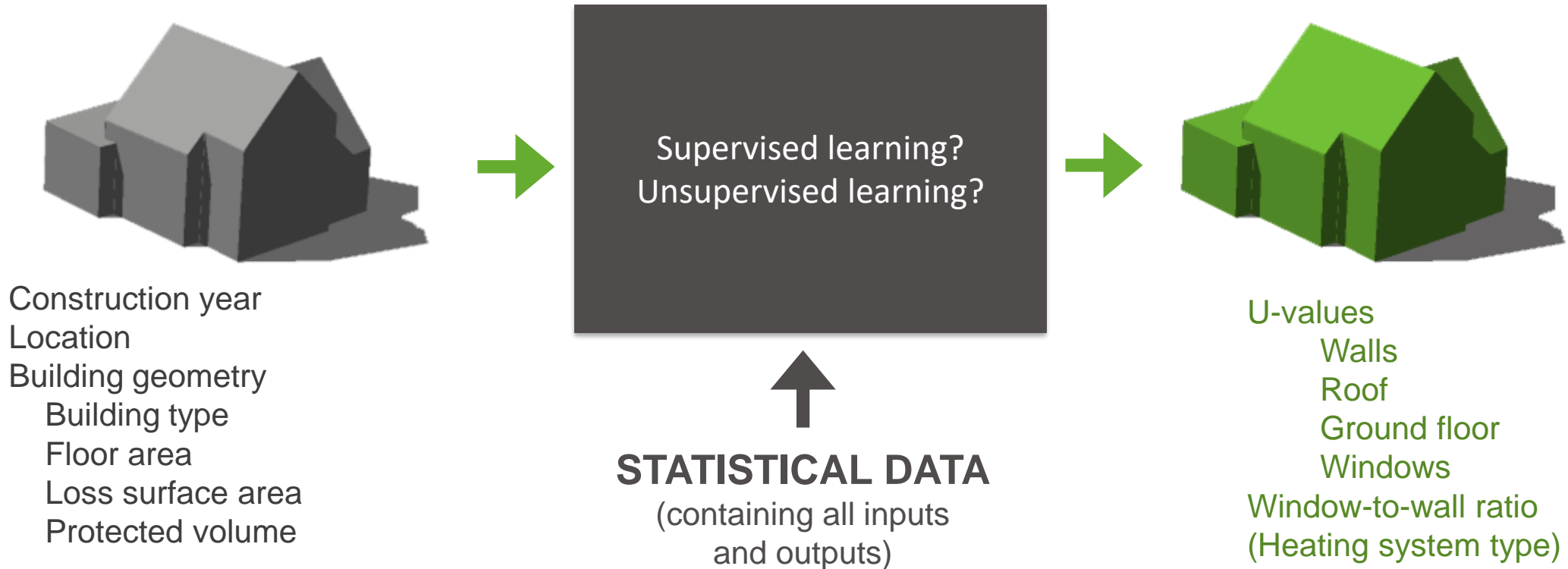


U-values
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Roof
Ground floor
Windows
Window-to-wall ratio
(Heating system type)

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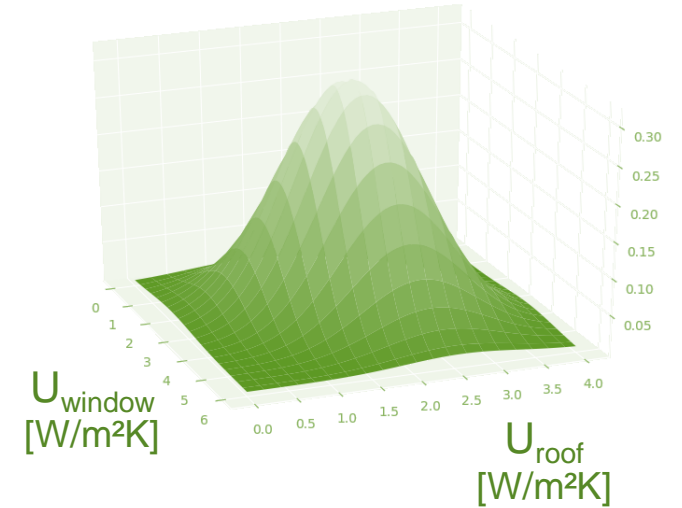
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Supervised learning?
Unsupervised learning?



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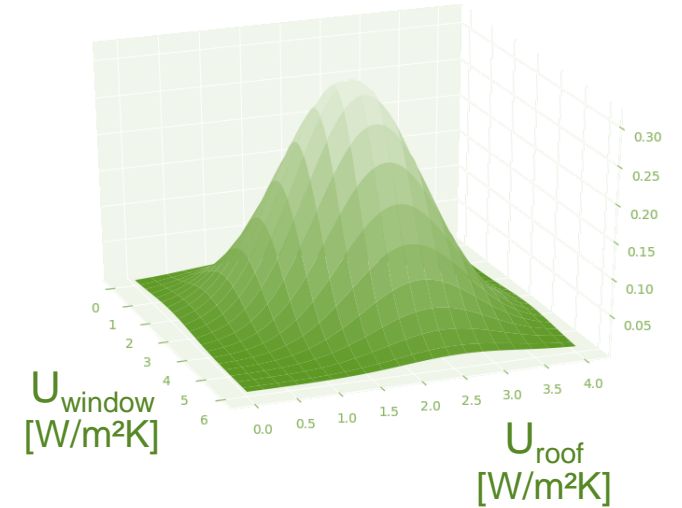
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First working version ...



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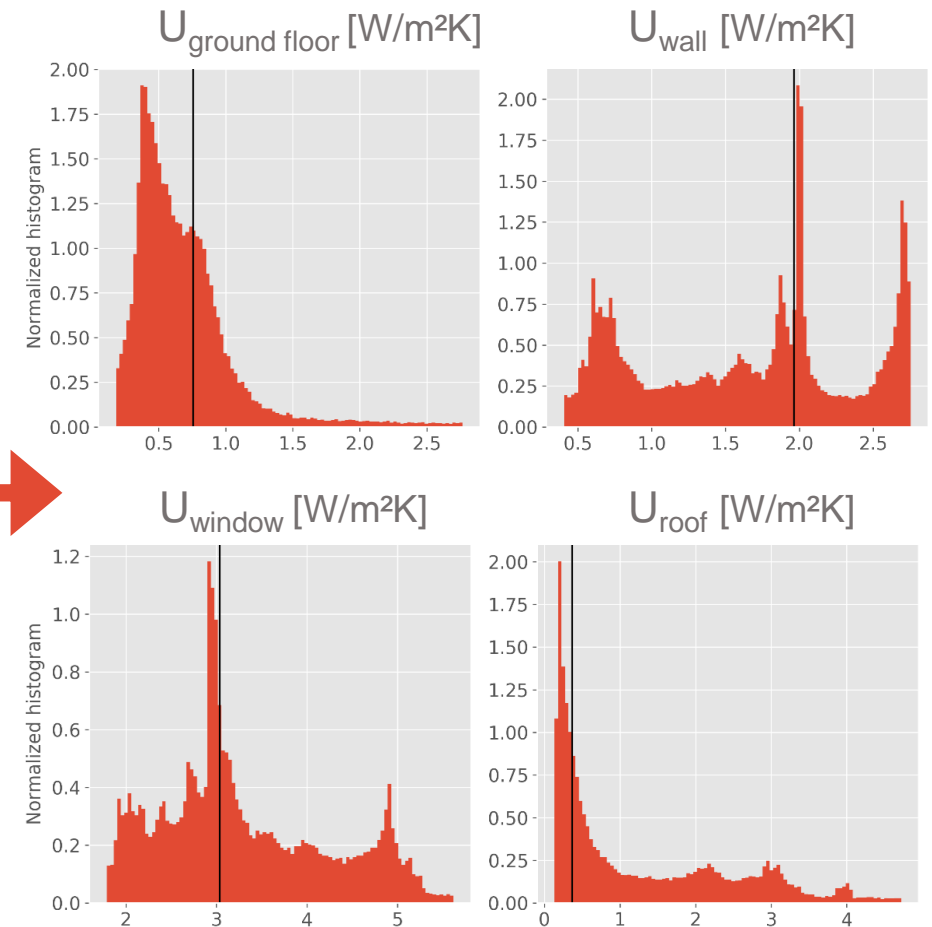
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— Predicted probability distribution
— Actual value

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→ How to *obtain correlated probabilistic data?*

- “Sequential” QR (different orders)
- Vector QR (Carlier et al.)
- Scenario generation method (Pinson et al.)

Questions? Suggestions?
Thank you!

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