

# Quantifying Uncertainty Propagation For The District Energy Demand Using Realistic Variations On Input Data

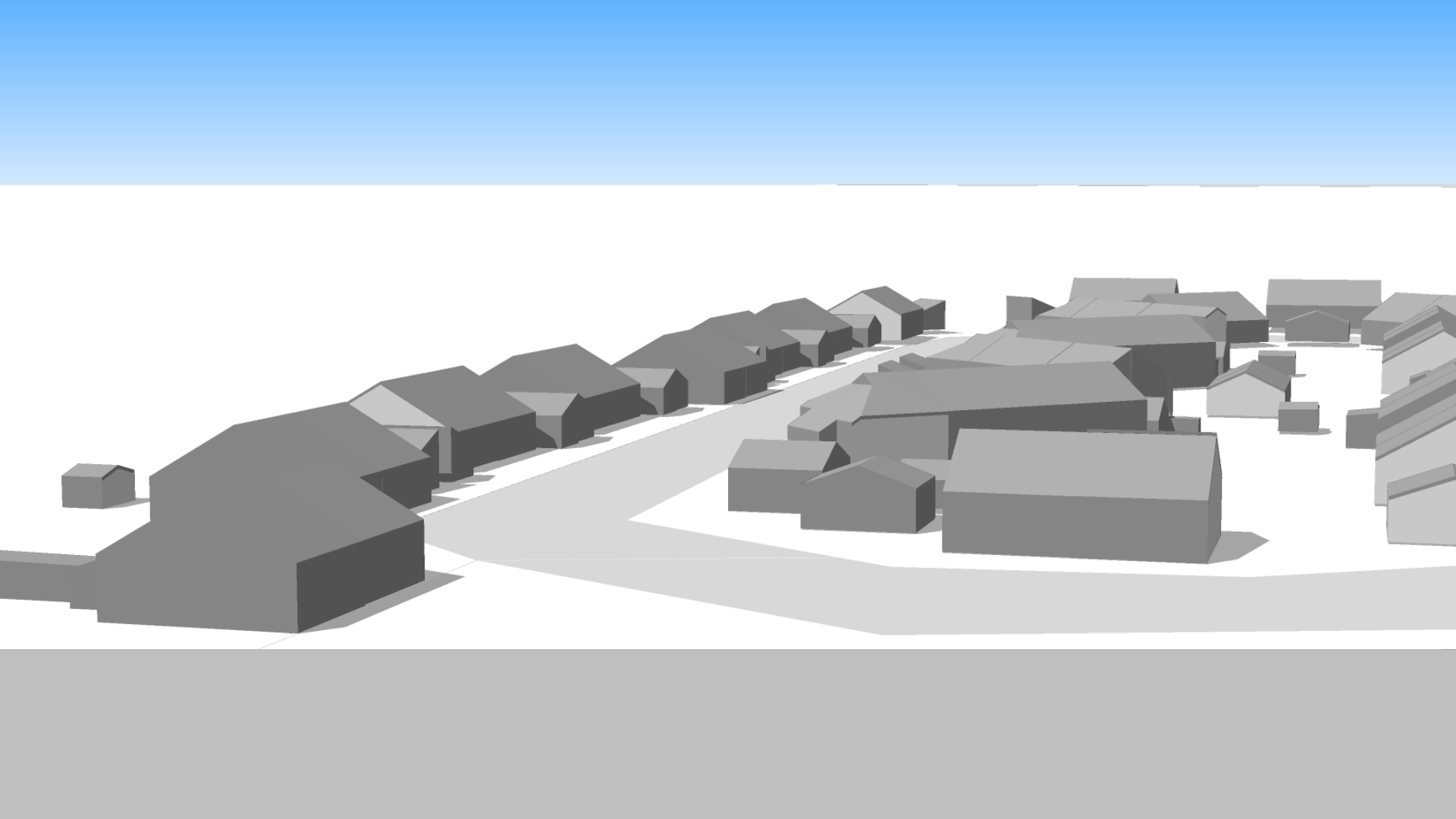
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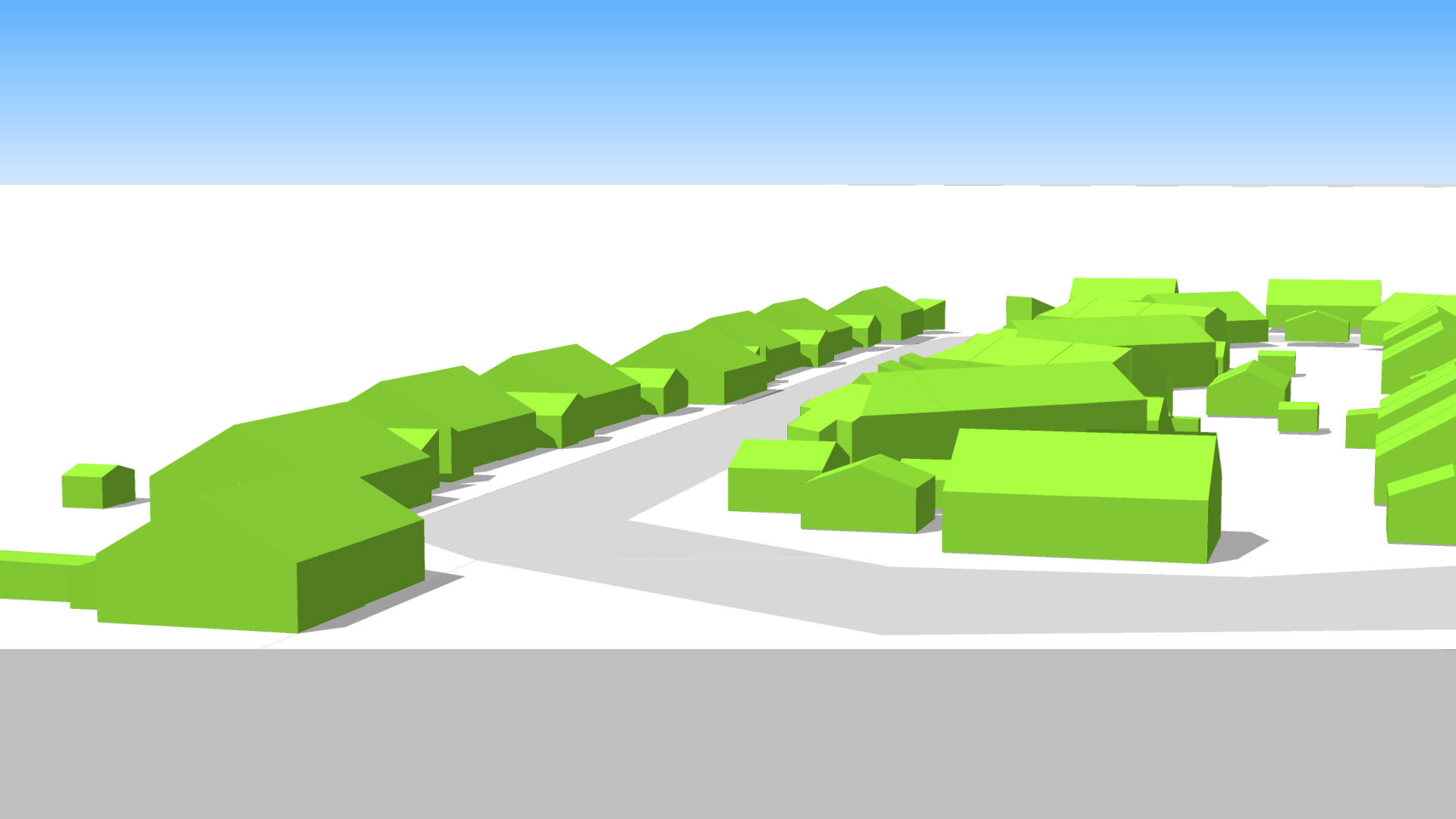
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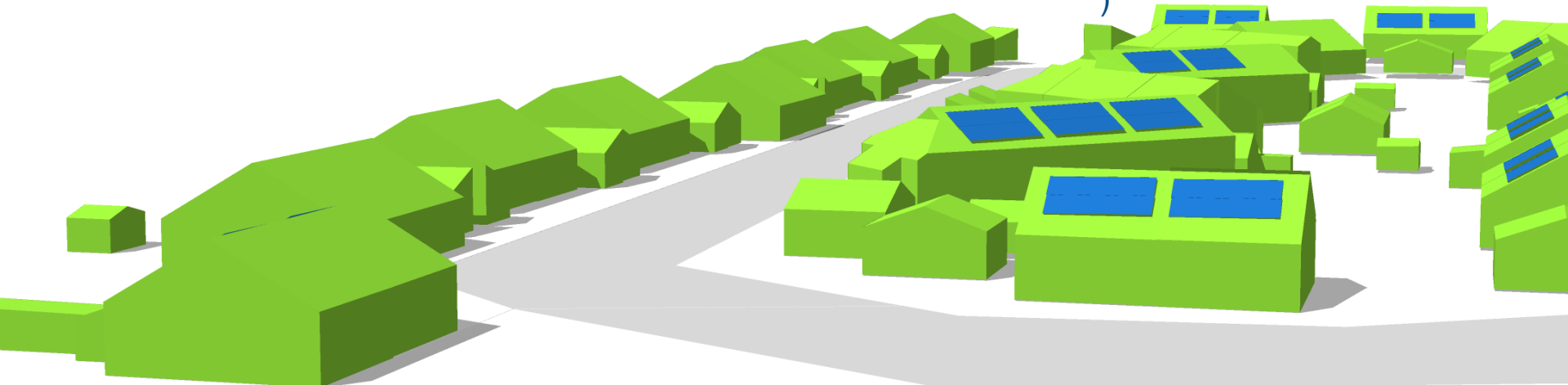


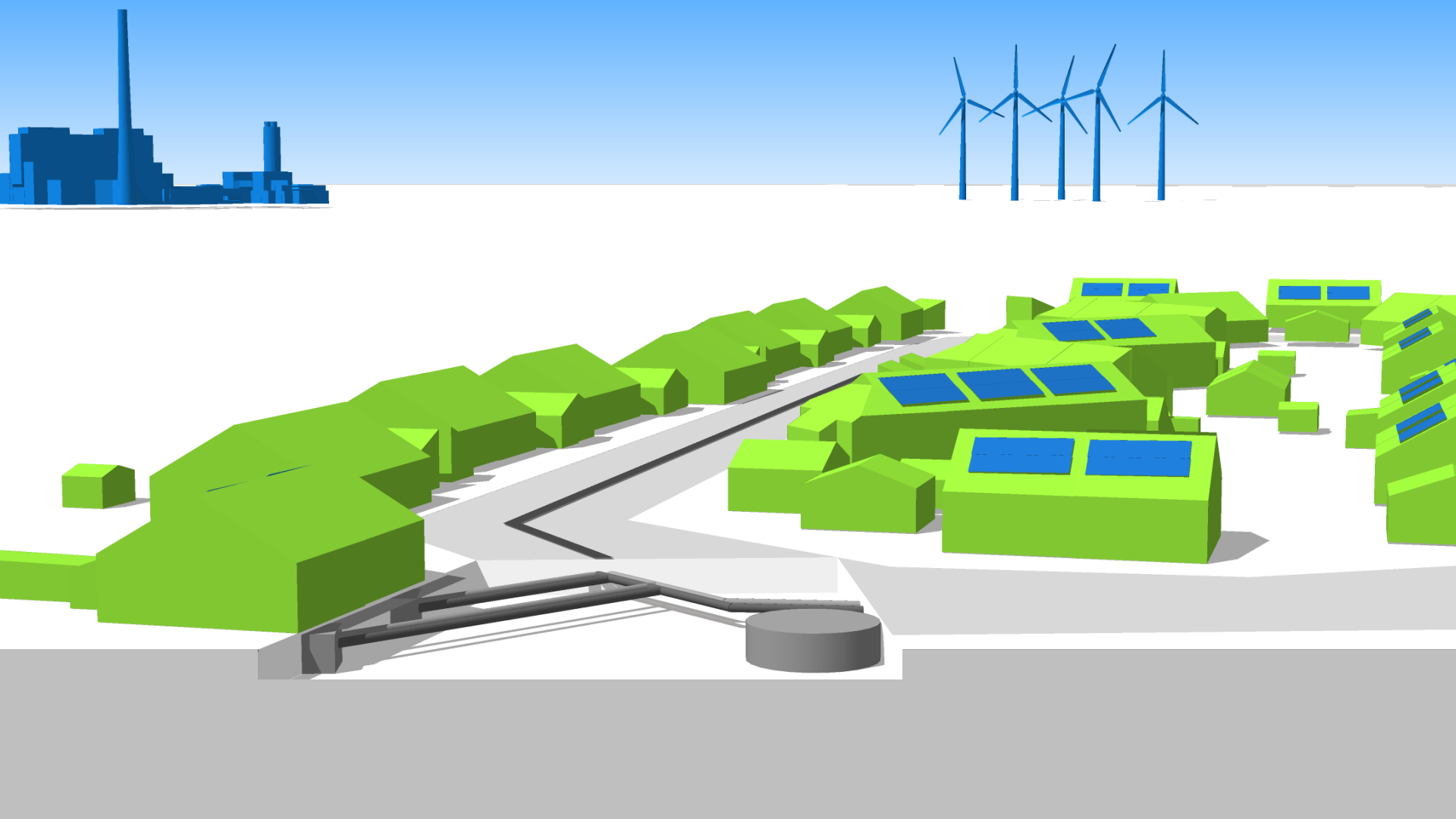
(geothermal)

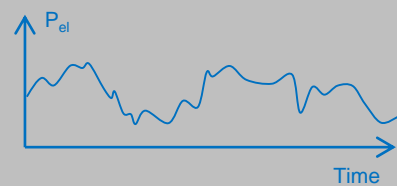
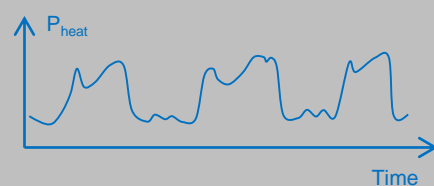
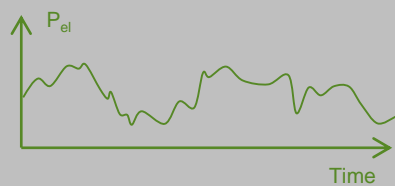
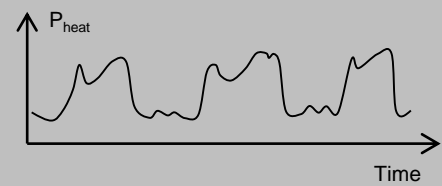
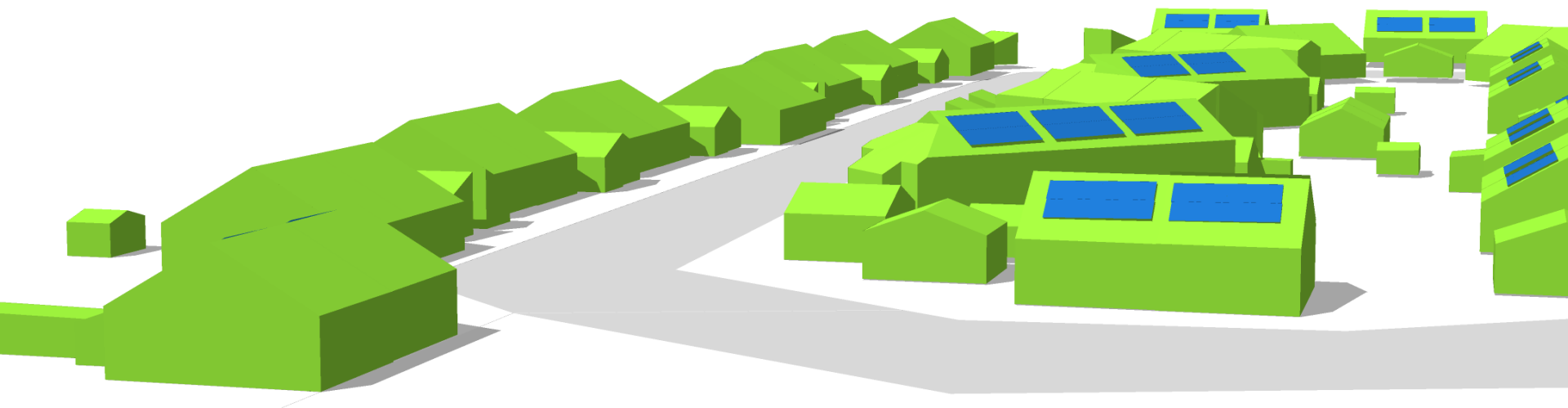
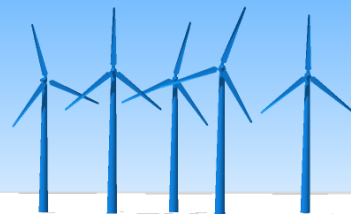


(wind  
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(solar)







## BUILDING DESCRIPTION: input data for building energy simulation

### general

location  
construction year  
...

### renewable energy system

presence  
characteristics (production, ...)  
...

### building geometry

heated volume  
compactness  
glazing (orientation, slope, ...)

### HVAC system

presence  
efficiency (production,  
distribution, supply, ...)  
...

### building envelope

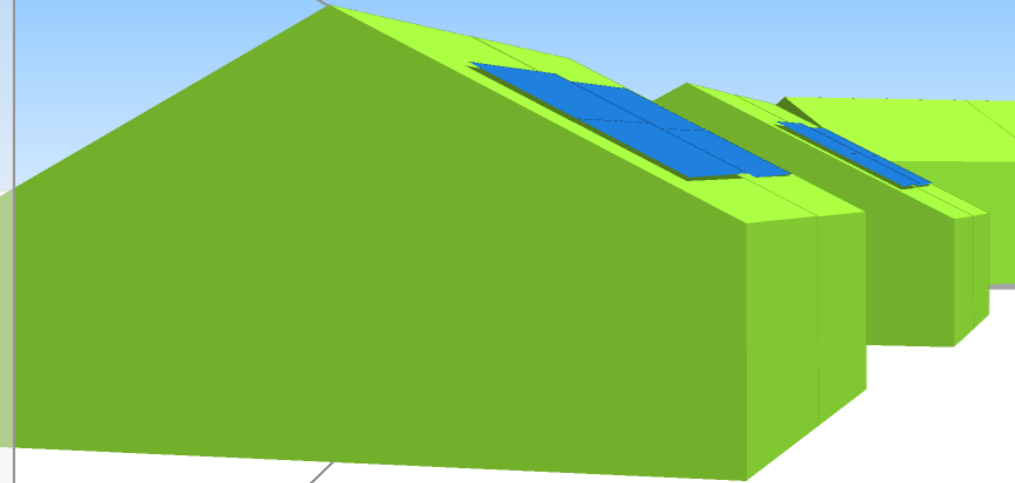
insulation quality  
air tightness  
thermal mass  
glazing (area, size, ...)

### user behavior

occupancy  
activities  
heating preferences  
ventilation preferences

### building appliances / cooking / lighting

presence  
characteristics









# Introduction

## Research questions

- How does uncertainty for the energy demand propagate from building level to district level as a result of the uncertainty on the inputs?
  - ~ uncertainty analysis
- What are the main driving parameters?
  - ~ sensitivity analysis

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# Methodology

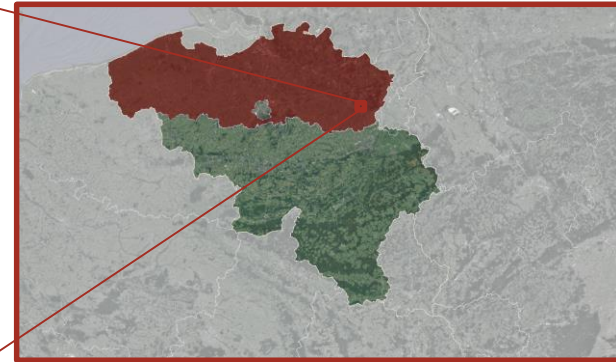
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[Boxbergheide district]



[Genk]



[Belgium]

# Methodology

- Studied district
  - Boxbergheide district, Genk, Belgium (350 single-family dwellings)
- Available data
  - CityGML LOD2
  - Construction year per dwelling (based on visual survey)



# Methodology

1. Input variations and sampling
2. Generation and simulation of building energy models
3. Aggregation from building to district level
4. Uncertainty quantification
5. Sensitivity quantification

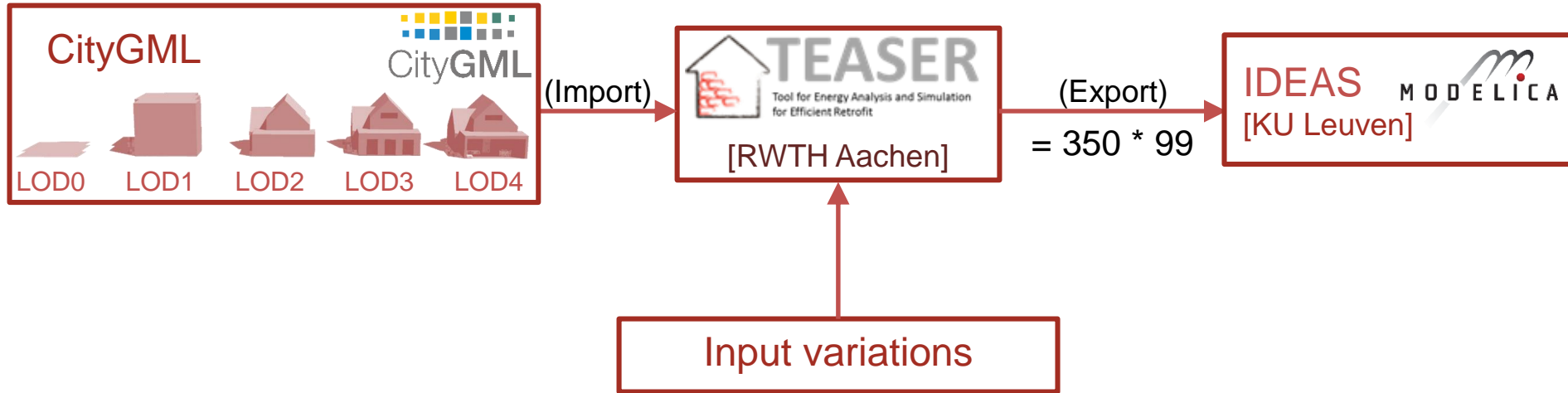
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## 1. Input variations and sampling

- Quasi-Monte Carlo Simulations
  - Sobol' sequence
  - 14 considered parameters
  - 99 samples per building

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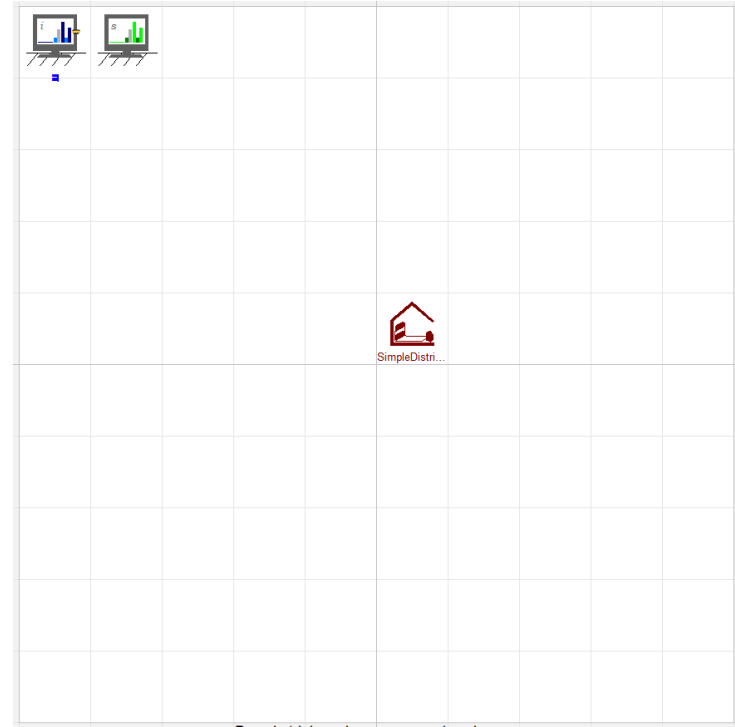
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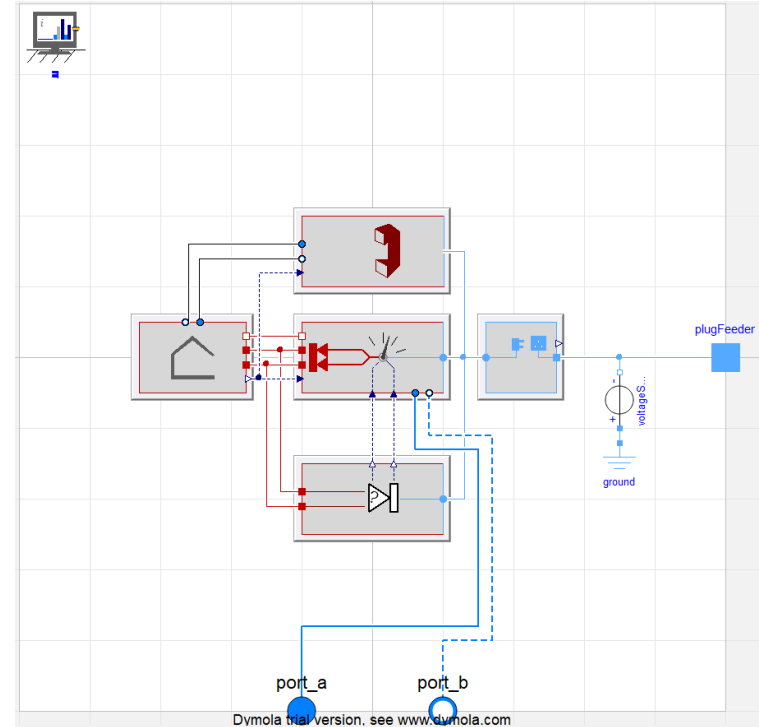
# Building Energy Simulations

- All buildings are simulated separately



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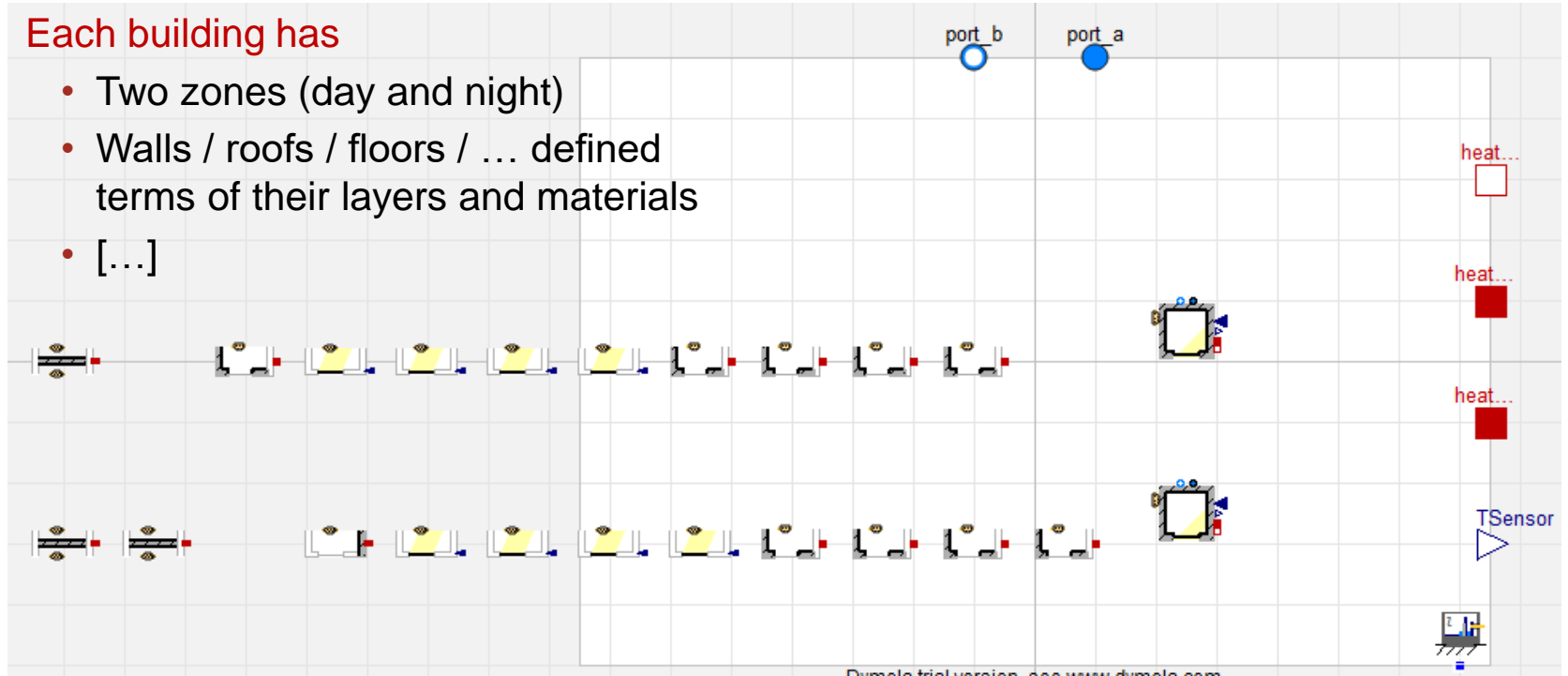
- Each building has
  - A stochastic occupant (StROBe)
  - An ideal heating system
  - An in-home electrical grid
  - No ventilation system
  - A structure



# Building Energy Simulations

Each building has

- Two zones (day and night)
- Walls / roofs / floors / ... defined terms of their layers and materials
- [...]



# The latest simulations ...

- 240 buildings of the Boxbergheide district & 100 samples per building
  - 22 000 (simulations are not finished)
  - Simulations for 1 year + 1 month initialization
  - Currently running for 212 hours (8+ days)
- = 103 sims / h (in total, 15 in parallel)

\* Computer:



Suggestions? Questions?  
Thank you!