Analysing the energy consumption of residential buildings in Germany

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Purpose

- ► Analyze heating energy consumption by residential buildings in Germany from 2002 2018.
- Understand the impact of government measures in reducing energy consumption.

The topic is of high political significance in the context of international measures to reduce global warming.

The data

- ▶ The data come from the online portal of co2online gGmbh, where private individuals give information relating to the building's energy consumption for a year and features relating to the building (age, area, fuel type, refurbishment measures already carried out, etc.) in return for an evaluation of the building's energy efficiency and suggested refurbishment measures.
- ▶ Data from more than 2 million buildings from 2002 2018.

The data: Multifamily buildings

'data.frame':

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\$ bundesland

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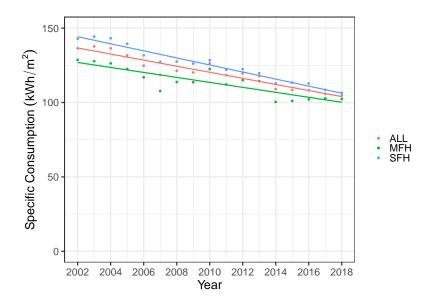
The data: One- to two-family buildings

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Specific energy consumption in Germany (2002 - 2018)



The cold winter of 2010

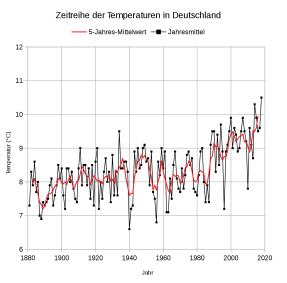
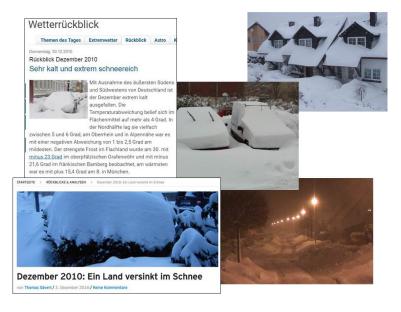


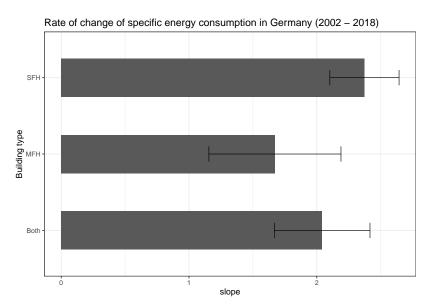
Figure 1: Temperatures in Germany from 1881 - 2018. Source: wikipedia

The cold winter of 2010

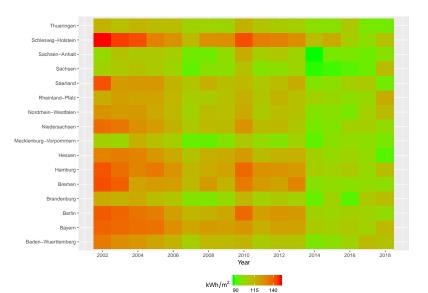


Insights

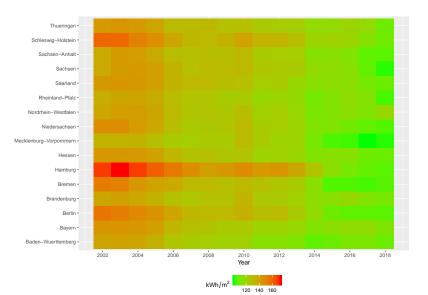
- ▶ The spike in 2010 corresponds to the cold winter of that year.
- One- to two-family houses have a larger specific energy consumption compared to multifamily houses.
- But their rate of decrease is faster than multifamily buildings.



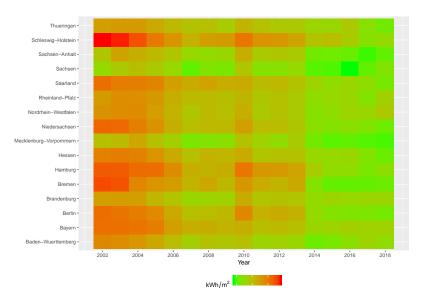
Heat map of states and years - Multifamily buildings



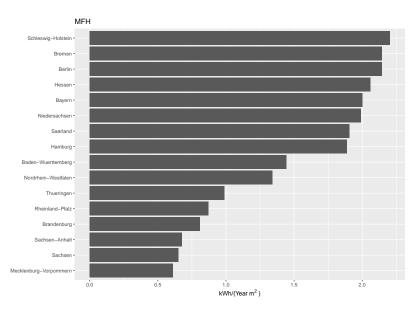
Heat map of states and years: 1-2 family buildings



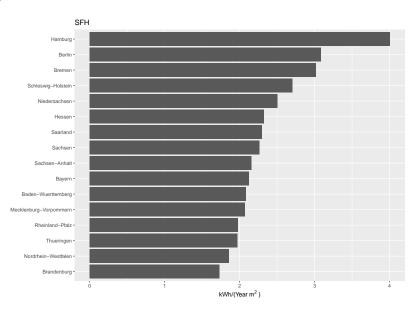
Heat map of states and years: MFH + SFH combined



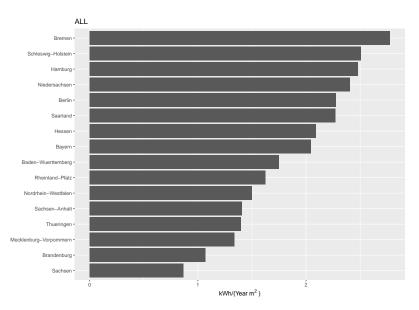
Slopes for the States - MFH



Slopes for the states - SFH



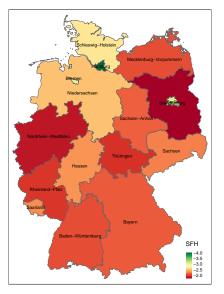
Slopes for the states - ALL



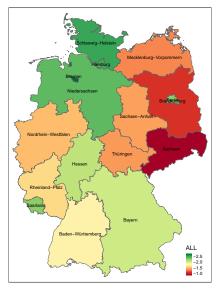
Slopes for multifamily houses for the federal states in Germany



Slopes for 1-2 family houses for the federal states in Germany

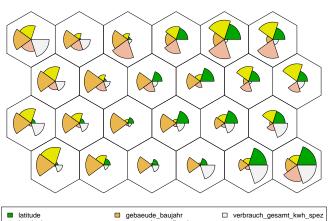


Slopes for both (MFH + 1-2FH) combined for the federal states in Germany



SOM - MFH

Codes plot

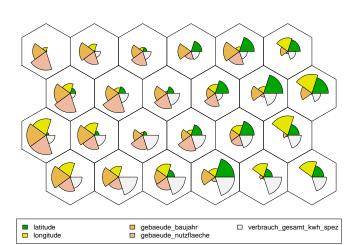


longitude

gebaeude_nutzflaeche

SOM - SFH

Codes plot



General Conclusions

- One- to two-family buildings consume more energy than multi-family buildings. But their rate of decrease is faster.
- ► The rate at which the specific consumption is decreasing is the most rapid for Schleswig-Holstein in case of multifamily buildings.
- The rate at which the specific consumption is decreasing is the most rapid for Hamburg in case of one- to two- family buildings.

Conclusions from the SOM

- ► A lot of the districts that are far north have higher consumption.
- Middle eastern districts also had larger consumption.
- ► There were interesting discoveries that some districts far north have lower consumption
- Also, districts that belonged to Baden-Württemberg had newer buildings and a very small consumption