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# Archetype development for existing houses

*Review of methodology and preliminary results*

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# Key Points

- CE-O has developed 240 archetypes that reflect both contemporary housing trends and regional variation
  - Actual house from eight housing markets used for the development of new archetypes
- Vintage Archetypes for residential buildings (Part9)
  - Alteration of existing building code
  - Impact analysis of technologies for retrofit
  - Assessment of pathways for fuel switch and GHG reductions



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# Background

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# Prior Works

## EnerGuide for Houses Database

- Over 200,000 requested home energy audits that were conducted from 1997 through 2006.
- The database is biased and unrepresentative of the CHS

## Survey of Household Energy Use

- A housing survey which was designed to quantify the energy use characteristics of the CHS
- Limited parameters
- Dalhousie University proposed an innovative approach to create a housing database based on the EGH which statistically represent the Canadian housing stock

### *Canadian Single-Detached and Double/Row Housing Database (CSDDRD)*

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#### **A database of house descriptions representative of the Canadian housing stock for coupling to building energy performance simulation**

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The development of a simulation tool that can accurately characterize the energy performance of the Canadian housing stock would enable detailed studies to predict the impact of energy saving upgrades and technologies on a national scale. Such a tool requires a detailed database of house descriptions that collectively represent the entire housing stock. Such a database has been assembled by selectively extracting measured and observed data collected by professionals who conducted on-site audits of 200,000 houses. The auditors' data were extracted to statistically match key parameters (location, house type, vintage, geometry and heating system) with a broad-based random survey of the Canadian stock. The result is a database comprised of nearly 17,000 detailed records of single-detached, double and row houses. Each of these house records represents ~500 houses in the Canadian stock and contains sufficient data to enable the accurate characterization of its energy performance through building performance simulation.

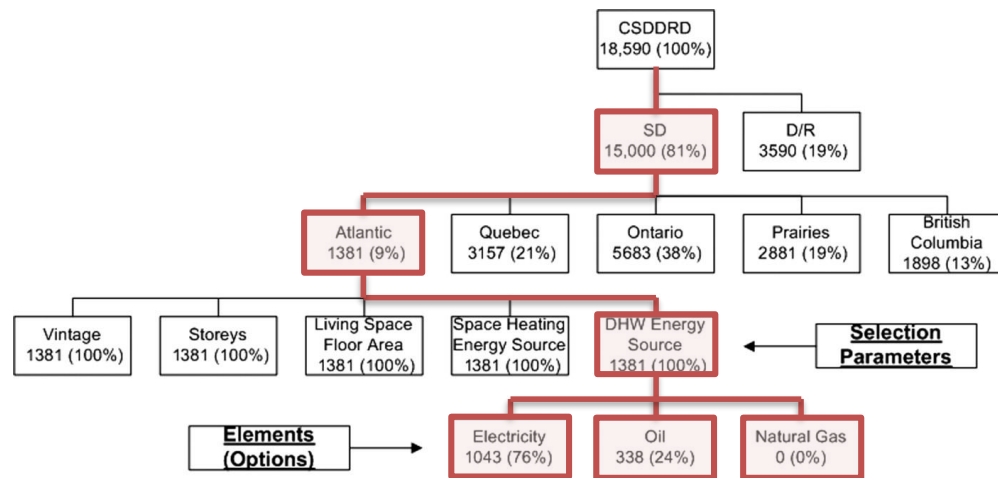
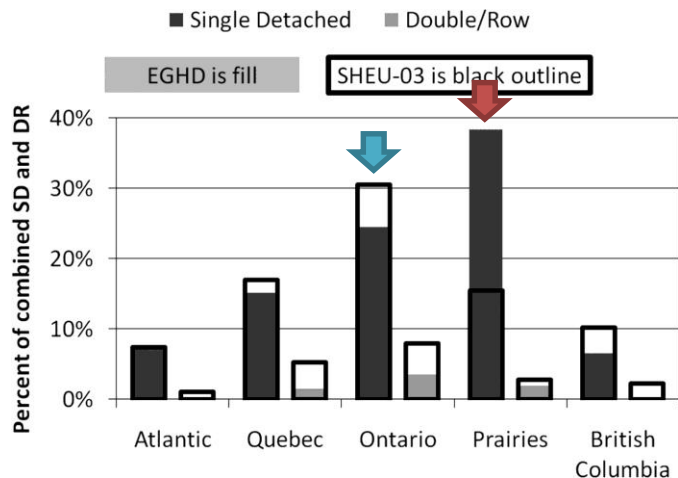
**Keywords:** residential energy; residential model; housing stock; housing database; residential database



# Prior Works

## Why CSDDRD?

## How CSDDRD was created?



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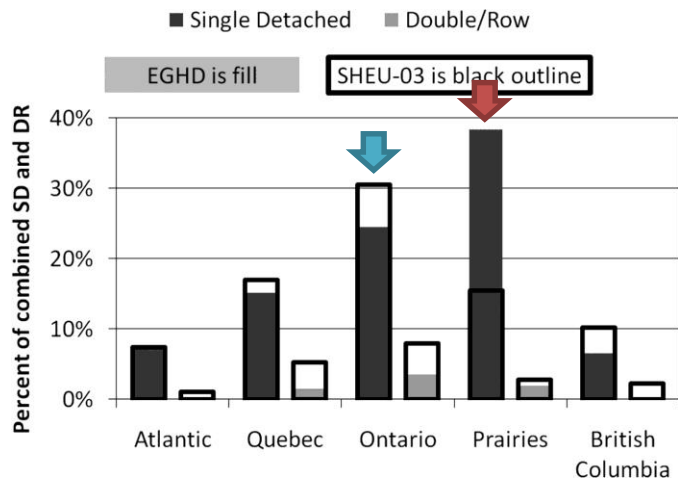
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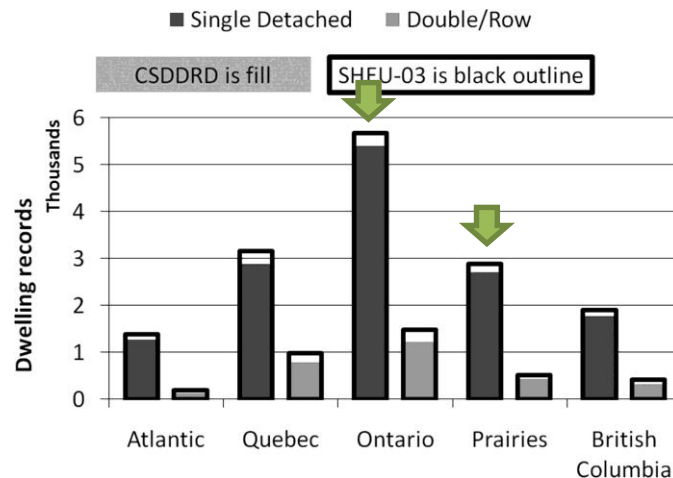


# Prior Works

## CSDDRD impact



CSDDRD  
selection  
approach



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# Vintage Archetypes for AEB Code

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# Key Questions

1. Can we use the CSDDRD method to select data for vintage housing archetypes?
2. Is the resulting set representative enough to give us enough confidence in results?
3. What data gaps would we encounter and how we can address that?

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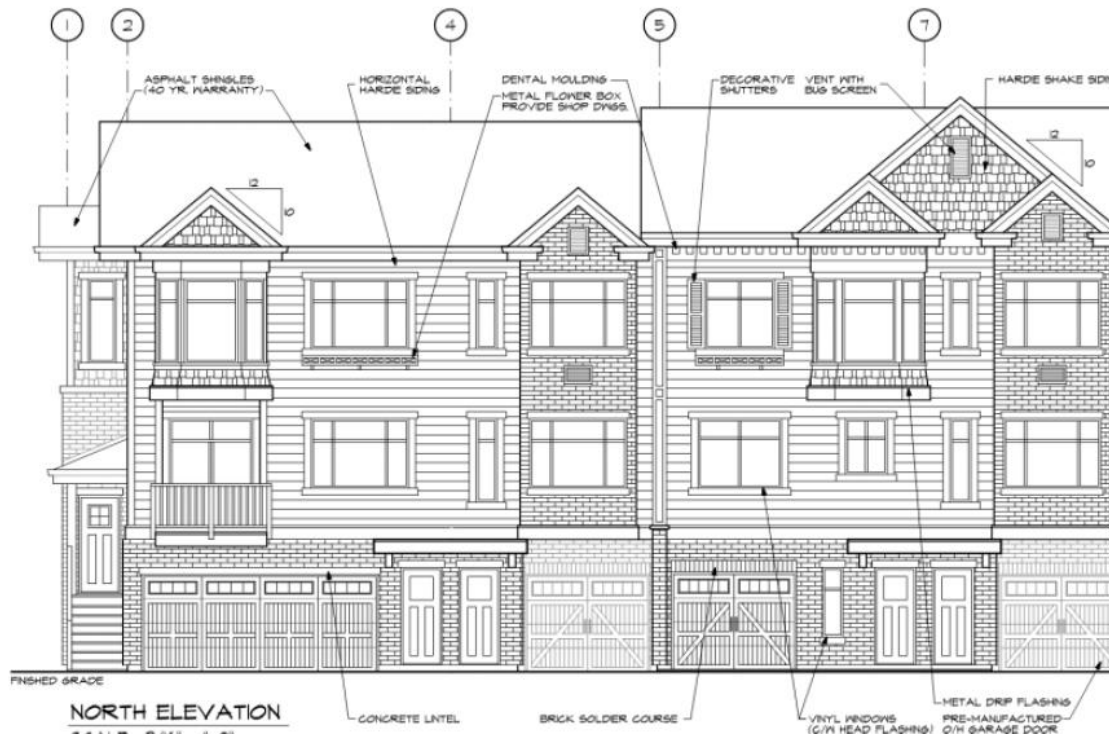
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# Guiding Principles

- Selection parameters
  - House type
    - Detached
    - Attached
    - MURB
    - Mobile
  - Region
  - Vintage
  - Floor area
  - Storeys
  - Space heating fuel
  - DHW heating fuel



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# Guiding Principles

- Data sources
  - EnerGuide for housing database
  - SHEU2015
  - National Energy Use Database (NEUD)
  - Census2016
  - Statistics Canada. Table 25-10-0060-01 Household energy consumption, Canada and provinces

## LEARN ABOUT YOUR HOME'S ENERGY rating

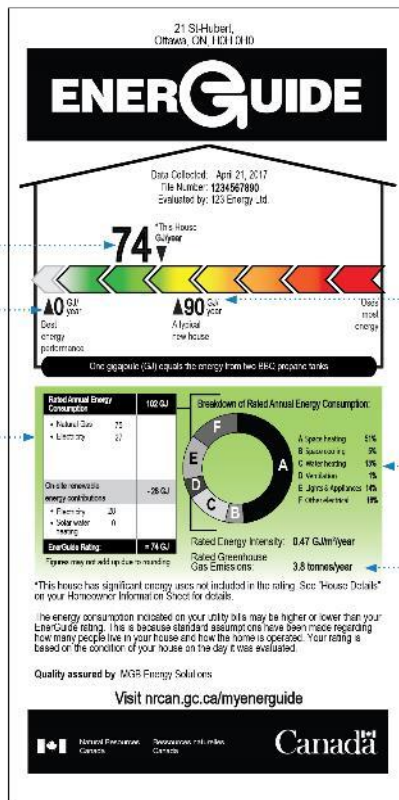
You will receive a rating of the home's energy consumption in gigajoules

## AIM TOWARDS zero

The lower the number on the new **EnerGuide** scale, the better the energy performance of your home

## UNDERSTAND HOW YOU USE energy

The label breaks down energy consumed by source



## COMPARE YOUR HOME'S performance

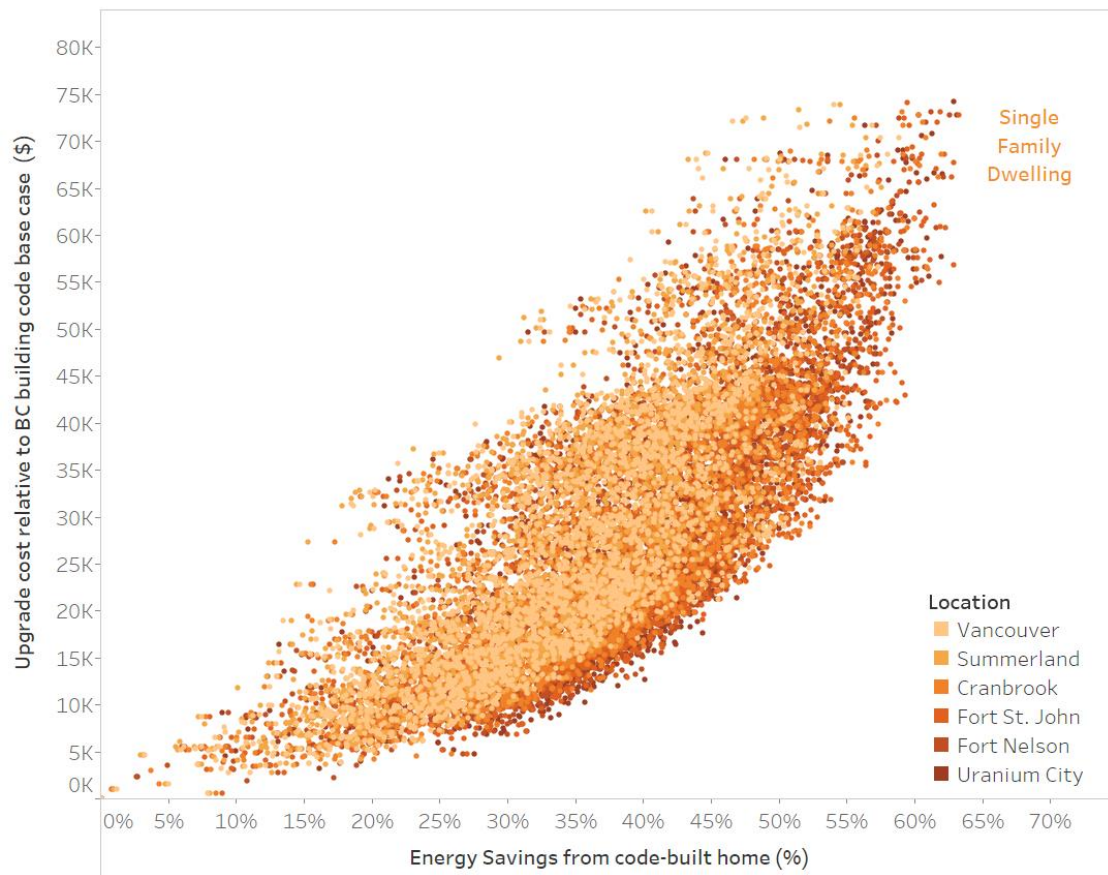
The label shows how your home's performance compares to a benchmark home

## FIND OUT WHERE MOST ENERGY IS consumed

The label shows proportion of energy consumed by heating, cooling, ventilation, etc.

## SEE YOUR IMPACT ON THE environment

The label shows your home's Greenhouse Gas Emissions



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# Guiding Principles

- Number of Archetypes
  - Simulation time
  - Scaling factor ~ 2000 for all regions except North
  - 100 Archetypes for the North



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# Data Availability

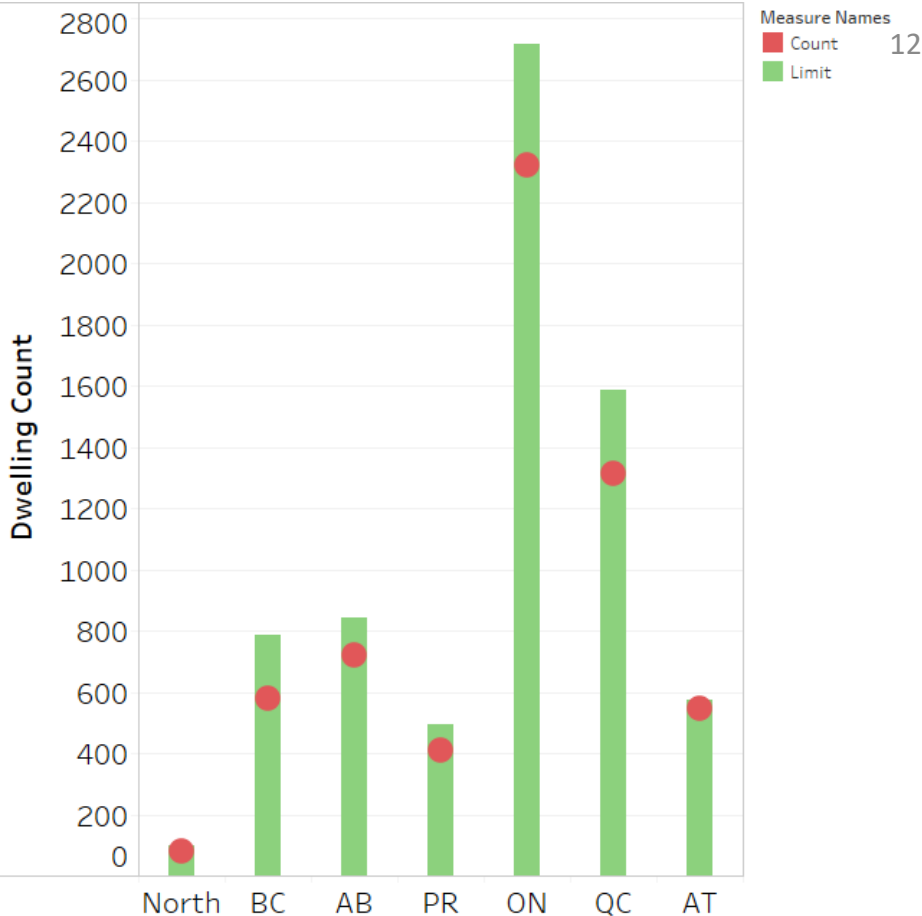
## 1.Green columns:

Number of required dwellings based on the SHEU2015

- SHEU has no data for Territories,
- NEUD was used for the North.

## 2.Red dots:

Number of selected archetypes.



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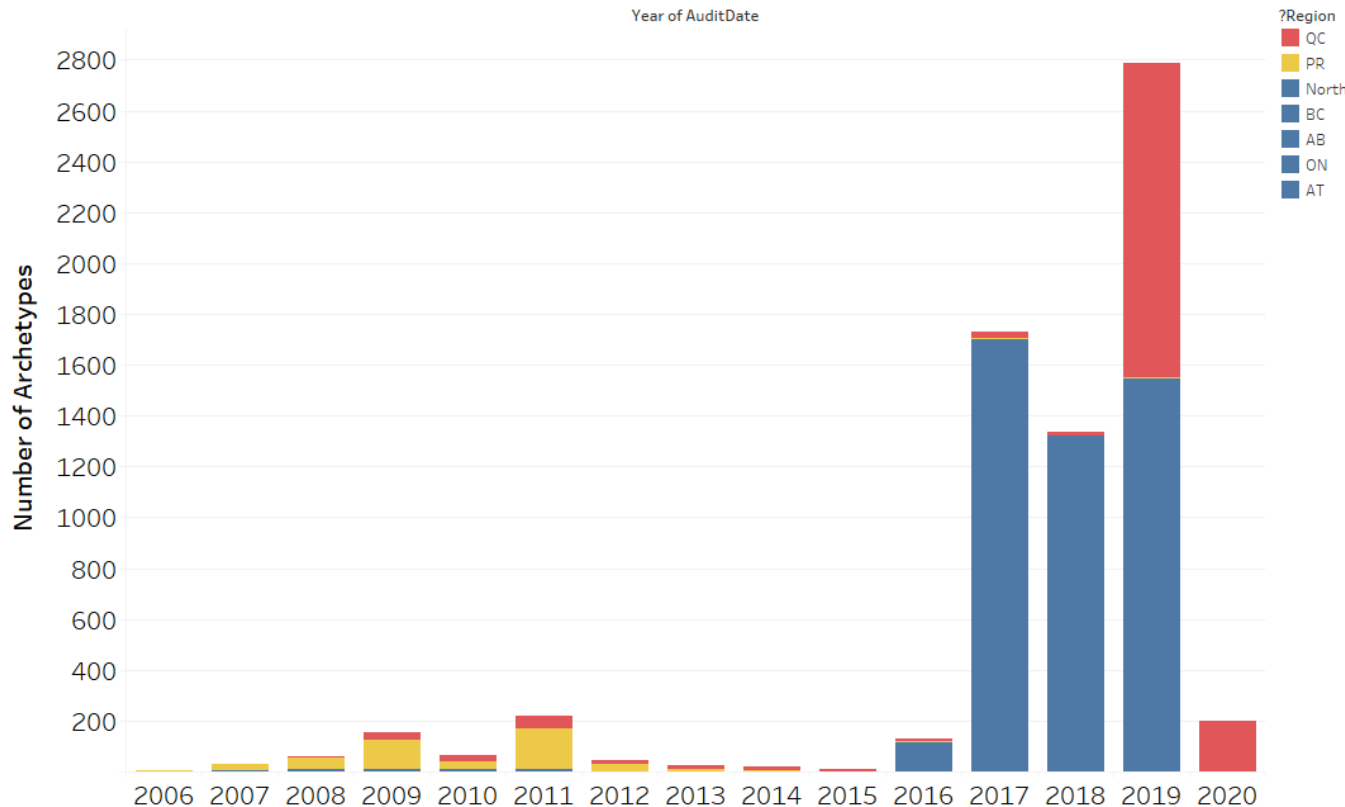
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# Data Availability

- Majority of archetypes were selected from recent audits



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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- House Type
  - SD: 5036
  - DR: 934
  - MURB: 367
  - Mobile: 472
- Need to revisit scaling factors



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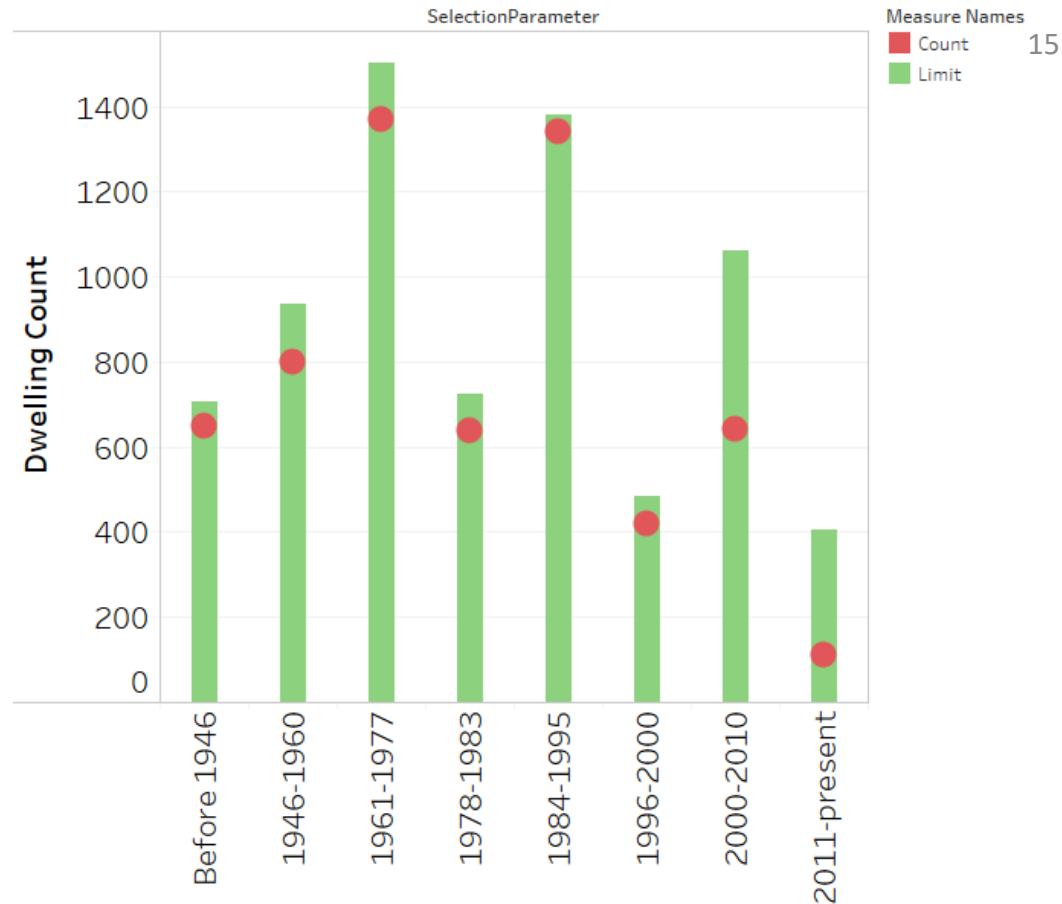
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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Vintage
  - Reached the targets for most vintages
  - Lack of data for most recent constructions



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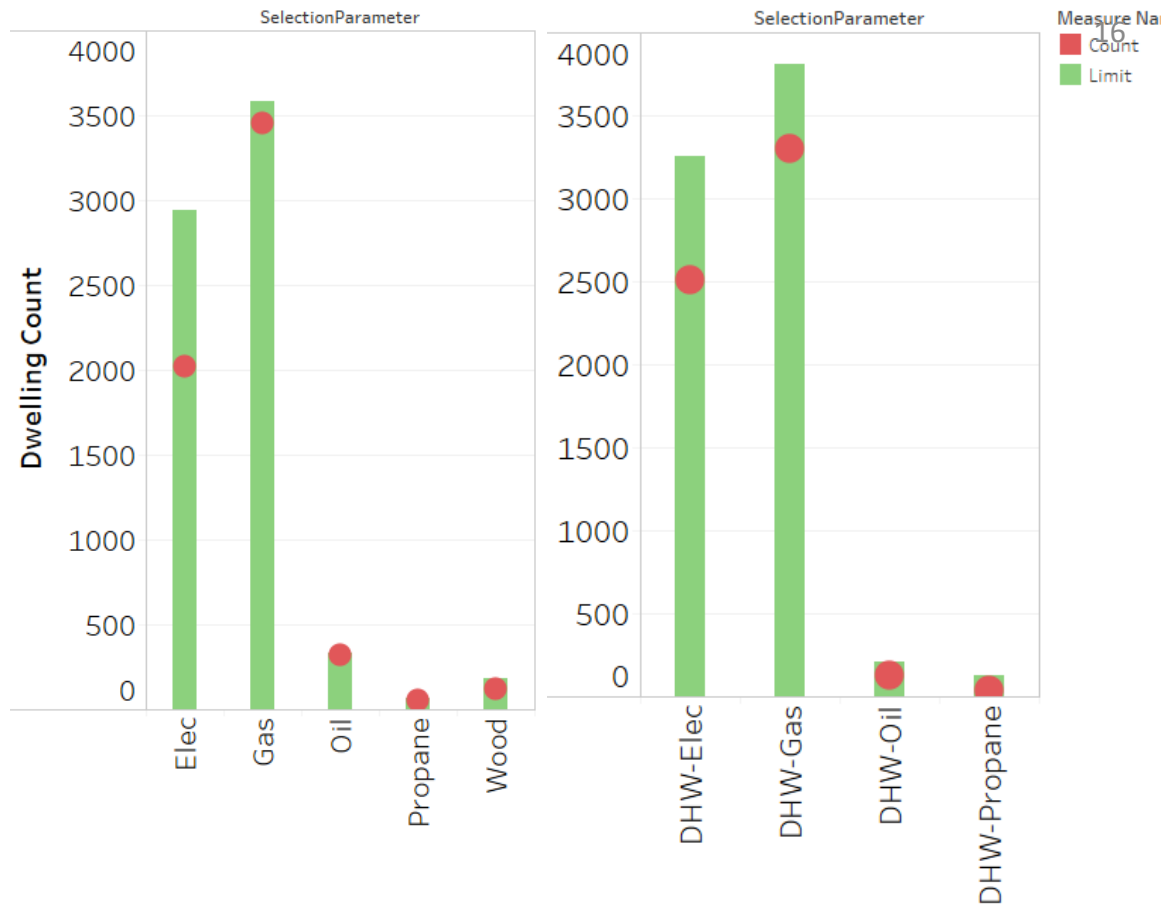
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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Fuel source
  - Sufficient representation of less dominant fuel sources
  - Hybrid systems
  - Opportunity to investigate fuel switch



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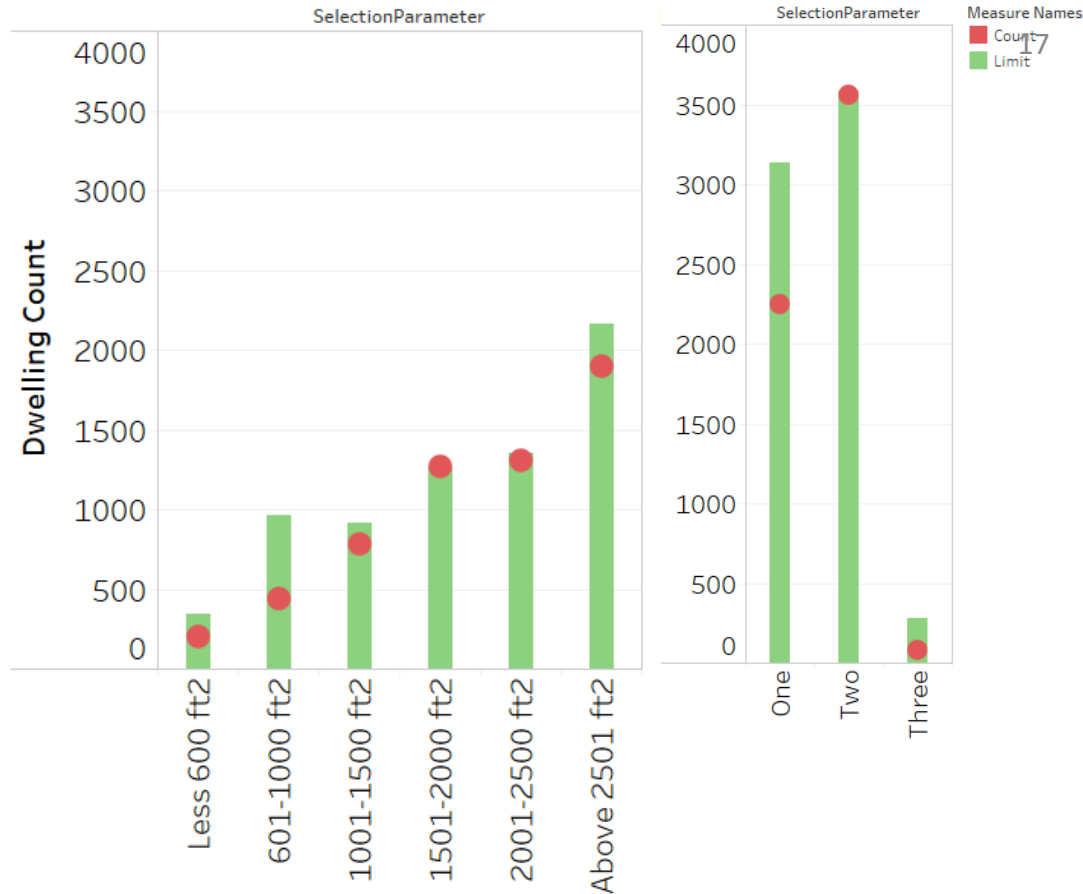
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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Area
  - Bin sizes are selected based on the SHEU2015
- Storeys
  - Three storeys are the least common



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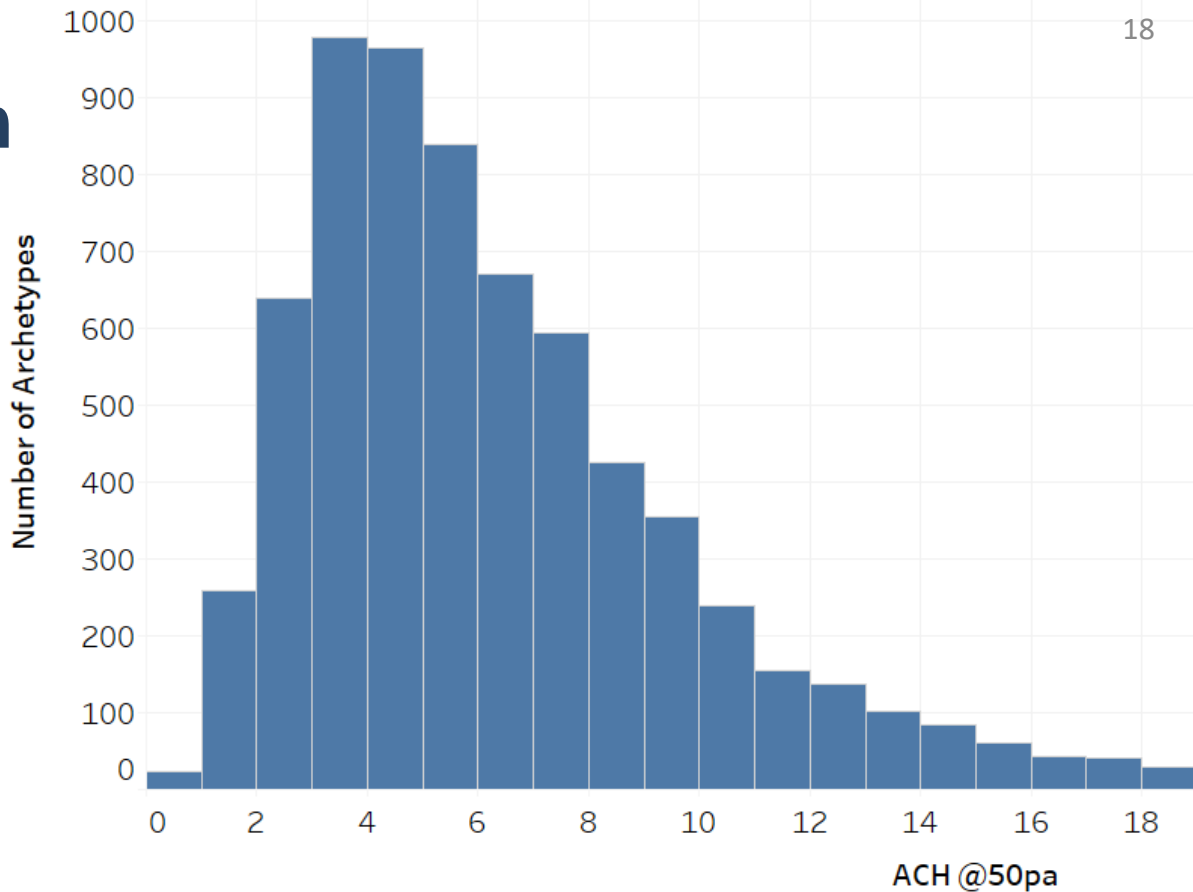
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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Majority of archetypes are in the range of 2-10 ACH@50Pa
- Very leaky and very tight envelopes



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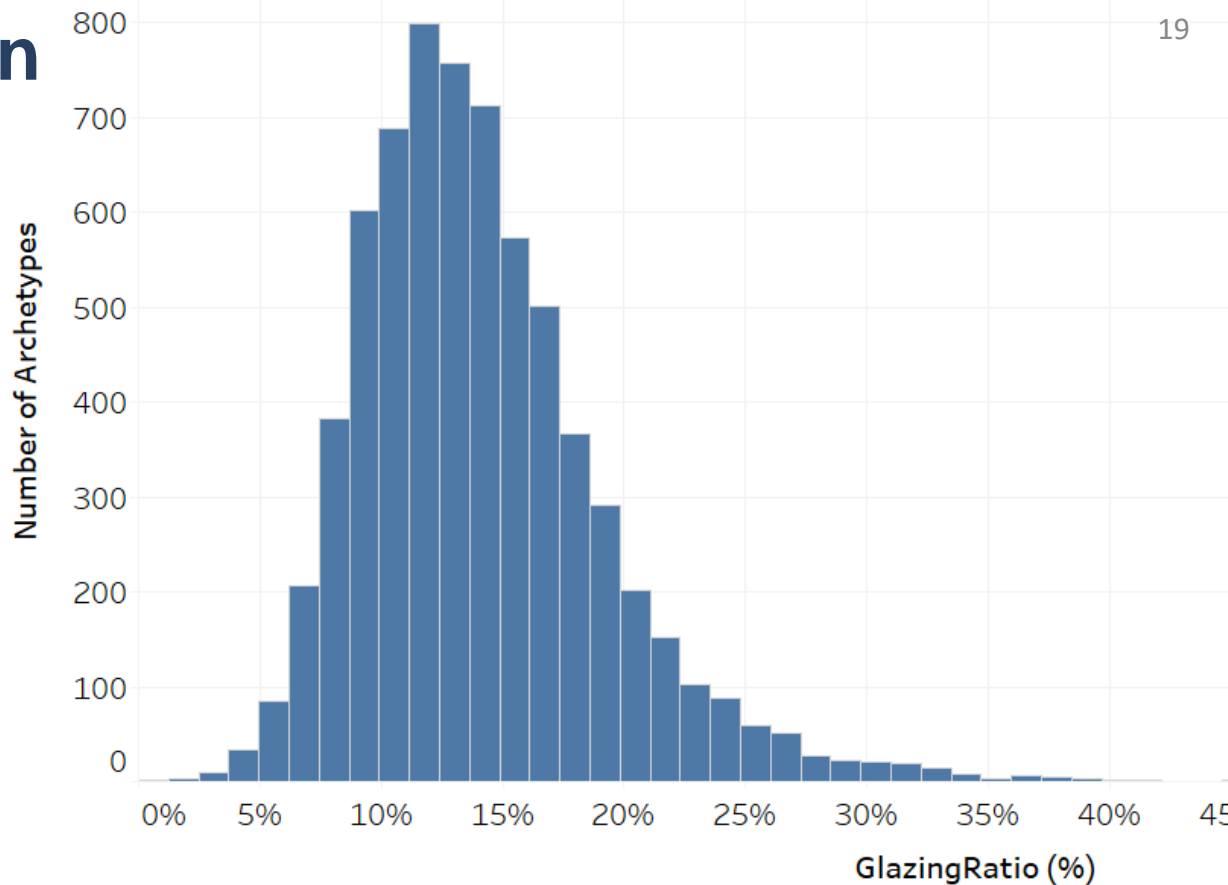
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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Wide range of glazing ratio
- Majority of houses have less glazing ratio than the reference house



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# Results of Selection Algorithm

- Summary of archetypes characteristics
- Parameters that were not part of selection process

	Region							Vintage								Type			
	North	BC	AB	PR	QC	ON	AT	Before 1946	1946-1960	1961-1977	1978-1983	1984-1995	1996-2000	2001-2010	After 2011	SD	DR	MURB	Mobile Home
Basement Presence (%)	46%	48%	95%	95%	95%	92%	52%	90%	89%	79%	79%	83%	85%	82%	68%	89%	90%	92%	4%
Crawl Presence (%)	34%	33%	6%	5%	5%	12%	41%	20%	12%	18%	15%	14%	12%	12%	21%	12%	5%	8%	80%
Slab Presence (%)	3%	29%	4%	3%	3%	3%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	5%	5%	12%	6%	6%	6%	0%
Average Heated Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	175	206	221	198	205	214	156	214	183	172	186	236	221	222	180	210	178	307	87
Average Window Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	18	29	22	16	24	21	17	22	20	19	20	24	24	24	23	23	17	33	12
Rural (%)	29%	13%	4%	29%	18%	13%	31%	22%	12%	20%	20%	13%	13%	15%	31%	18%	5%	6%	43%
Urban (%)	71%	87%	96%	71%	82%	87%	69%	78%	88%	80%	80%	87%	87%	85%	69%	82%	95%	94%	57%
Glazing Ratio (%)	13%	16%	14%	12%	17%	13%	13%	13%	15%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%	18%	11%
Average ACH @50pa	5.3	7.5	4.2	4.8	5.7	7.9	8.3	10.7	8.3	7.7	6.4	5.4	4.8	3.9	3	6.3	7.2	7.8	10.3

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# Validation

$$\omega_i = \frac{N_{arch,prov}}{N_{dwelling,prov}}$$

$$\text{Ratio of Total Energy Use} = \frac{\sum_i \omega_i E_{tot,i}}{\text{Stat data}}$$

- $N_{arch,prov}$  → Number of archetypes in each province
- $N_{dwelling,prov}$  → Number of dwellings in each province according to Census 2016
- $\omega_i$  → Weighting factor
- $E_{tot,i}$  → Total energy use

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	SHEU	STATCAN	NEUD
Canada	1.20	1.06	0.91
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.80		
Nova Scotia		1.14	0.87
Prince Edward Island		1.36	1.36
New Brunswick		1.27	0.88
Quebec	1.04	0.98	0.71
Ontario	1.27	1.14	1.00
Manitoba	7.06	1.27	1.23
Saskatchewan		1.43	1.38
Alberta	1.24	1.03	0.97
British Columbia	1.16	0.81	0.85
Territories		0.00	1.43



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# Answer to Key Questions

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# Answer to Key Questions

## 1. Can we use the CSDDRD method to select data for new housing archetypes?

- Yes, EnerGuide for housing database is available for selection of archetypes. SHEU2015 and Census2016 data is available for comparison of archetypes and to develop regional weighting factors.

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# Answer to Key Questions

## 2. Is the resulting set representative enough to give us enough confidence in results?

- Archetypes are selected based on an approved scientific approach. The resolution of archetypes are acceptable for an accurate analysis. Results of stock modeling show a reasonable agreement with other estimations of residential energy use.

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# Answer to Key Questions

## 3. What data gaps would we encounter and how we can address that?

- Limited data availability in QC and PR region was addressed by converting older files to HTAP compatible format. Less data is available for MURBs and Mobile archetypes, but selected archetypes provide a range of designs that can be used in impact analysis of AEB code.

# Discussion

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