

Incorporating multi-source uncertainties in fast building wall thermal resistance estimation through physics-based and multifidelity statistical learning models with functional outputs

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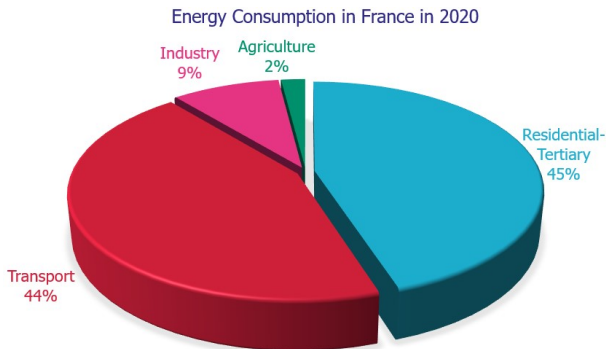
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Context



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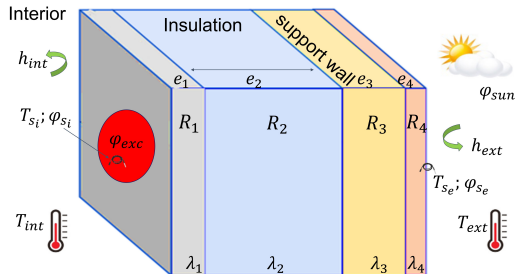
- Reducing energy consumption.
- Renovating buildings.
- Good understanding of energy performance.
- Identifying of thermal resistance of walls by associating confidence to the estimation.

Objectives

- ✧ Propose a thermal model with **functional inputs and outputs** and with reduced **external dependency**.
- ✧ Reduce the **calculation costs** associated with direct thermal model evaluation.
- ✧ Provide a **precise estimate** of the thermal proprieties ($\mathbf{z} \in R^8$) with a credible interval.
- ✧ Quantify the differents sources of **uncertainties**.
- ✧ Study of the influence of the **experimental time** and the **instrumentation** used.

Case studied

Cartesian geometry for an ITI wall



- Measured : $T_{\text{ext}}, T_{\text{int}}, T_{S_i}, T_{S_e}, \varphi_{S_i}, \varphi_{S_e}$.
- Can be measured : $\Phi_{\text{sun}}, \Phi_{\text{exc}}$.
- Unknown : $e_i, T_{W_0}, h_{\text{int}}, h_{\text{ext}}, \textcolor{red}{e\rho C_i}, \textcolor{red}{R_i}$.
- $e_{\text{Tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 e_i$.
- $\textcolor{red}{R_{\text{Tot}}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i / \textcolor{red}{e\rho C_{\text{Tot}}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \textcolor{red}{e\rho C_i}$.

$$\mathbf{z} = (R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, e\rho C_1, e\rho C_2, e\rho C_3, e\rho C_4)$$

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Bayesian Formalism

Estimation of $\mathbf{z}$ in Bayesian framework

$$\pi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{z}) \times \pi(\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}}|\mathbf{z})}{\int_{\mathbf{z}'} \pi(\mathbf{z}') \times \pi(\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}}|\mathbf{z}') d\mathbf{z}'}, \quad \mathbf{z} \in \Omega(\mathbb{Z}), \quad (1)$$

- $\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}}$ gathers the discretisation of the measured values of φ_{S_i} and φ_{S_e} in $N_t \gg 1$.
- $\pi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}})$: A posteriori distribution.
- $\pi(\mathbf{z})$: A priori probability density function (PDF) of $\mathbf{z}$, uniform in $\Omega(\mathbb{Z}) \subset R^8$.
- $\pi(\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}}|\mathbf{z})$: Likelihood function.

Bayesian Formalism

$$\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}} = \mathbf{y} + \varepsilon_{\varphi}^{\text{mes}}, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}} = \mathbf{u}^{3D}(\mathbf{z}; T_{S_i}, T_{S_e}, T_{W_0}) + \varepsilon_{\varphi}^{\text{mes}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{\text{mes}} = \mathbf{u}^{\text{Meta}}(\mathbf{z}; T_{S_i}^{\text{Smooth}}, T_{S_e}^{\text{Smooth}}, T_w^{\text{Poly}}) + \varepsilon_{\varphi}^{\text{mes}} + \varepsilon_T^{\text{mes}} + \varepsilon^{\text{Meta}}(\mathbf{z}) + \varepsilon^{\text{Res}}, \quad (4)$$

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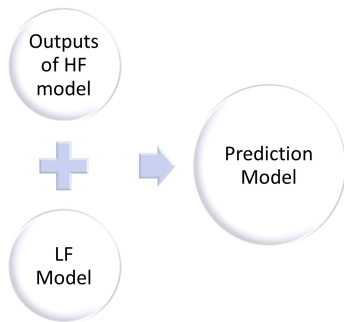
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Multi-Fidelity

Objective and Data preparation

Statistical approach proposed to create a meta-model of the complexe model.

- Construct a **fast predictor** of the High Fidelity model.
- Enable the most accurate prediction of quantities of interest at the **lowest cost**.

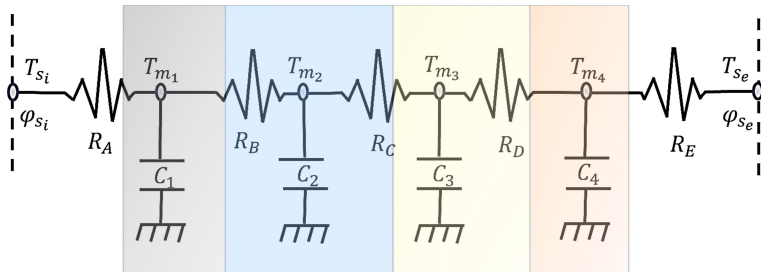


Models used

Level of fidelity

$$HF \text{ model} : \mathbf{e}_i \times \rho C_i \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{R_i} \frac{\partial^2 T_i}{\partial x_i^2} = 0 \quad x_i \in [0, 1]$$

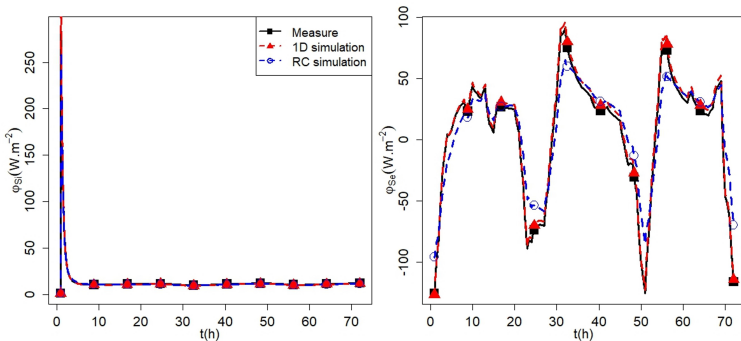
LF model :



- $R_A = R_1/2$
- $R_C = R_2/2 + R_3/2$
- $R_D = R_3/2 + R_4/2$
- $R_E = R_4/2$
- $C_i = e\rho C_i$ for $i \in [1, 4]$

Models used

Comparison for a given set of parameters



Multi-Fidelity

Creation of the meta-model using Gaussian Process (GP)¹

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \text{GP}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{z}) = \alpha \times \mathbf{u}^{\text{RC}}(\mathbf{z}; T_{S_i}^{\text{Smooth}}, T_{S_e}^{\text{Smooth}}, T_w^{\text{Poly}}),$$

- α is a correlation coefficient estimated between the HF and LF model,
- $\mathbf{u}^{\text{RC}}$ corresponds to the discretization of the output of the LF model.

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}') = \mathbf{R}_t \times C_z(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}'),$$

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Prediction Quality

$$\Delta_i^2 = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \left((\mathbf{u}_i^{1D})_j - (\mathbf{u}_i^{\text{Meta}})_j \right)^2, \quad \delta_i = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} |(\mathbf{u}_i^{1D})_j - (\mathbf{u}_i^{\text{Meta}})_j|.$$

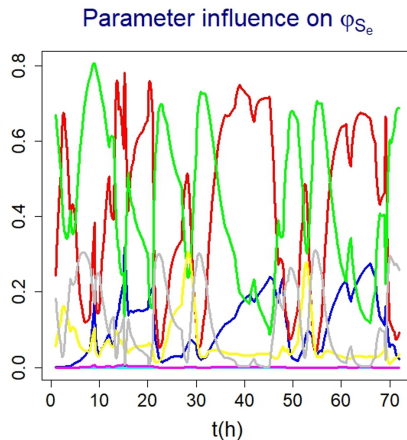
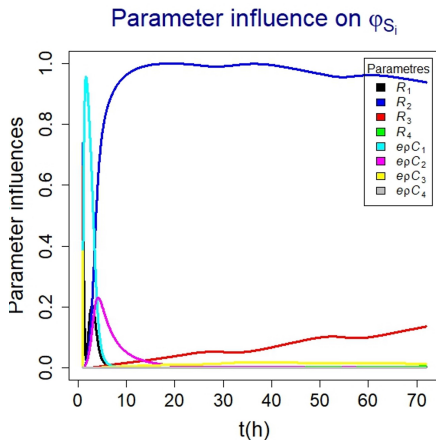
$$\text{RMSE}^* = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2}, \quad \text{MAE}^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i$$

Indicator	φ_{S_i}	φ_{S_e}
RMSE* (W.m ⁻²)	0.10	0.13
MAE* (W.m ⁻²)	0.05	0.06
Measurement error	1.09	2.59

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Sensibility Analysis

Total Sobol Index



Applications

- Numericals tests for two weather conditions (M_1 & M_2),
- Estimation of the thermal properties of four internal insulated walls (IIW)

Configuration	Stabilisation time (h)	Excitation time (h)	Measurements
C_1	72	72	$\varphi_{S_i}, \varphi_{S_e}$
C_2	72	72	φ_{S_i}
C_3	0	72	$\varphi_{S_i}, \varphi_{S_e}$
C_4	0	72	φ_{S_i}
C_5	0	10	$\varphi_{S_i}, \varphi_{S_e}$
C_6	0	10	φ_{S_i}

Numerical Application

$$e_{Tot} = 0.36 \text{ m} \ \& \ R_{Tot} = 4.72 \text{ m}^2.K.W^{-1}$$

Layer	R^{Ref}	R^{Est}	$e\rho C^{Ref}$	$e\rho C^{Est}$
#1 - Internal coating	0.05	0.06[0.05; 0.07]	9.7	9.22[8.82; 9.64]
#2 - Insulation	4.37	4.20[4.05; 4.36]	5.7	4.98[3.67; 7.18]
#3 - Wall support	0.28	0.24[0.16; 0.32]	160	120[100; 166]
#4 - External coating	0.008	0.04[0.01; 0.07]	15	39.1[15.5; 57.3]
Total Wall	4.72	4.53[4.41; 4.70]	190	171[151; 211]

By applying the proposed method, in the recommended configuration we are able to estimate with a **high accuracy** the R_{Tot} (especially R_2) and $e\rho C_{Tot}$.

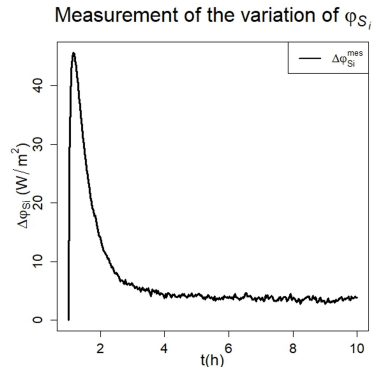
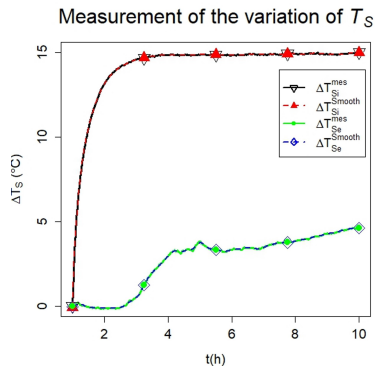
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Estimated parameters	R^{Est} ($R^{\text{Ref}} = 4.72 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{W}^{-1}$)		$e\rho C^{\text{Est}}$ ($e\rho C^{\text{Ref}} = 190 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$)	
	M_1	M_2	M_1	M_2
C_1	4.53[4.41; 4.70]	4.82[4.34; 5.08]	171[151; 211]	195[158; 796]
C_2	4.50[4.42; 4.59]	4.42[4.18; 4.77]	181[143; 383]	210[159; 765]
C_3	4.42[4.30; 4.54]	4.88[4.75; 5.04]	173[147; 205]	721[468; 816]
C_4	4.41[4.19; 4.76]	4.49[4.30; 4.75]	188[137; 749]	286[149; 667]
C_5	5.23[4.73; 5.70]	5.53[4.63; 6.78]	189[163; 772]	673[229; 826]
C_6	5.10[4.92; 7.14]	6.37[4.46; 11.97]	199[138; 769]	288[199; 816]

Experimental Application².

$$e_{Tot} = 0.29 \text{ m} \ \& \ R_{Tot}^{Mat} = 4.01 \text{ m}^2.K.W^{-1}$$



²Ha et al. Measurement prototype for fast estimation of building wall thermal resistance under controlled and natural environmental conditions. *Energy and Buildings*, 268:112166, 2022

Experimental Application

Identification results

	R^{Mat}	R^{Est}
R_1	0.05	0.14[0.09; 0.14]
R_2	3.75	3.65[3.39; 4.02]
R_3	0.20	2.61[0.17; 2.93]
R_4	0.01	0.04[0.01; 0.29]
R_{Tot}	4.01	6.42[4.24; 6.86]

- **Few measurements and instruments** used in this experimental application,
- An **estimate of R_2** contributing most in R_{Tot} is provided with high accuracy,
- An accurate estimate of the **wall's minimum resistance** is provided, which is interesting information.

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Conclusion

- ✧ A model with **reduced dependence** on the external environment is proposed.
- ✧ Create a meta-model based on the **multi-fidelity approach**.
- ✧ Quantify the various **sources of uncertainty**.
- ✧ Identify R_{tot} based on a Bayesian framework and using the **1D predictor**.
- ✧ Study of the influence of excitation time, instrumentation and wall initial condition.
- ✧ Numerical and experimental applications to real wall data.

Perspectives

In progress...

- ❖ Create a **3D meta-model** based on the multi-fidelity approach by adding a third level of fidelity.
- ❖ Switch to **hygrothermal models** to study humidity in addition to thermal resistance and capacitance.
- ❖ **Experimental applications** on the raw-earth house built and instrumented in SenseCity.



Thank you !

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Appendix - Data Preparation

Layer - # i	R_i	$e_i \times \rho C_i$
Internal layer - #1	$0.0125 \leq R_1 \leq 0.15$	$6000 \leq e_1 \rho C_1 \leq 45000$
Insulation - #2	$0.66 \leq R_2 \leq 10$	$1080 \leq e_2 \rho C_2 \leq 42000$
Support wall - #3	$0.065 \leq R_3 \leq 3$	$97500 \leq e_3 \rho C_3 \leq 750000$
External layer - #4	$0.0055 \leq R_4 \leq 0.3$	$5000 \leq e_4 \rho C_4 \leq 60000$

Table: Range of possible values for the parameters of the 1D model.

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Appendix - Estimation of α

$$\mathcal{V}_n(\alpha) \propto \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{N_t}{2}}} \frac{1}{\det(\text{cov})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha y^{0D} - y^{1D})^T \text{cov}^{-1}(\alpha y^{0D} - y^{1D})\right) \quad (6)$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 y^{0D^T} \text{cov}^{-1} y^{0D} - 2\alpha y^{0D^T} \text{cov}^{-1} y^{1D})\right) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Log}(\mathcal{V}_n(\alpha)) \propto -\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \underbrace{y^{0D^T} \text{cov}^{-1} y^{0D}}_{C_1} + \alpha \underbrace{y^{0D^T} \text{cov}^{-1} y^{1D}}_{C_2} \quad (8)$$

So the estimation of α :

$$\alpha^* = \frac{C_2}{C_1} \quad (9)$$

Appendix Sobol - Concept of the method 1

S_i corresponds to **the first order Sobol indices**, which are interpreted as the part of the variance of Y explained by X_i only.

$$0 \leq S_i = \frac{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}(Y|X_i))}{\text{Var}(Y)} \leq 1 \quad (10)$$

Evaluation of the total Sobol index

$$T^i = S^i + \sum_{j \neq i} S_{ij} + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq k \leq d, i \neq j, i \neq k} S_{ijk} \cdots + S_{12 \dots d} \quad (11)$$

Appendix Sobol- Concept of the method 2

Using the Hoeffding-Sobol decomposition :

$$g(X) = g_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d g_i(X_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} g_{i,j}(X, X_j) + \cdots + g_{1,2,\dots,d}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d) \quad (12)$$

$$\text{var}(g(X)) = \sum_{i=1}^d V_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} V_{ij} + \cdots + V_{1,\dots,d} \quad (13)$$

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^d S_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} S_{ij} + \cdots + S_{12\dots d} \quad (14)$$

$$0 \leq S_i, S_{ij}, \dots + S_{12\dots d} \leq 1 \quad (15)$$

Appendix : Influence of exchanges coeff 1

Concept

Berger et al. 2022 propose an estimation of exchange coefficients within a Bayesian framework and demonstrate the significance of these coefficients on the measurements.

In the previous work :

$$h_i = 7.7 W.(m^2.K)^{-1}.$$

$$h_e = 25 W.(m^2.K)^{-1}.$$

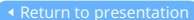
To study the influence of the exchanges coefficients, we consider :

$$h_i = 5 \text{ to } 9.3 \text{ } W.(m^2.K)^{-1}.$$

$$h_e = 4.3 \text{ to } 37 \text{ } W.(m^2.K)^{-1}.$$

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Sobol Study

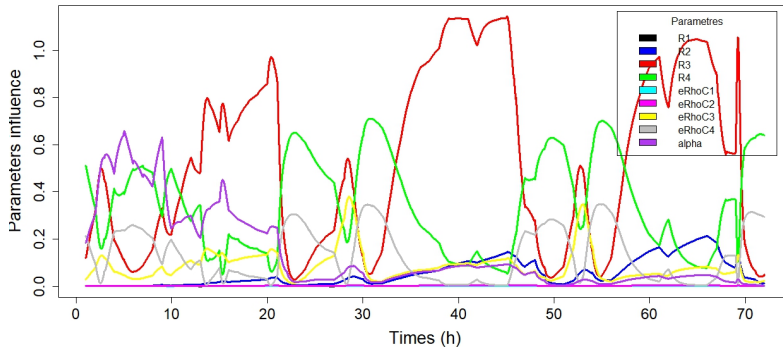


Appendix : Influence of IC 1

Influence of steady-state IC

$$IC = \alpha IC_{Ref} + (1 - \alpha) IC_{Stat} \text{ with } \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

Time evolution of the influence parameters on Phse - Sobol



Appendix : Influence of IC 2

Polynomial IC

Temperature equation :

$$T_{i_0}(x) = a_i x + b_i \text{ pour } i = 1, 2$$

$$T_{i_0}(x) = a_i x^2 + b_i x + c_i \text{ pour } i = 3, 4$$

According to Fourier's law, the **flux equations** :

$$\varphi_{i_0}(x) = -\frac{a_i}{R_i} \text{ pour } i = 1, 2$$

$$\varphi_{i_0}(x) = -\frac{2a_i x + b_i}{R_i} \text{ pour } i = 3, 4$$

Appendix : Influence of IC 3

Polynomial IC

4 Measurements Conditions at $t=0$

$$T_1(x=0) = T_{S_i}$$

$$\varphi_1(x=0) = \varphi_{S_i}$$

$$T_4(x=4) = T_{S_e}$$

$$\varphi_4(x=4) = \varphi_{S_e}$$

6 Continuity Conditions at $t=0$

$$T_1(x=1) = T_2(x=1)$$

$$\varphi_1(x=1) = \varphi_2(x=1)$$

$$T_2(x=2) = T_3(x=2)$$

$$\varphi_2(x=2) = \varphi_3(x=2)$$

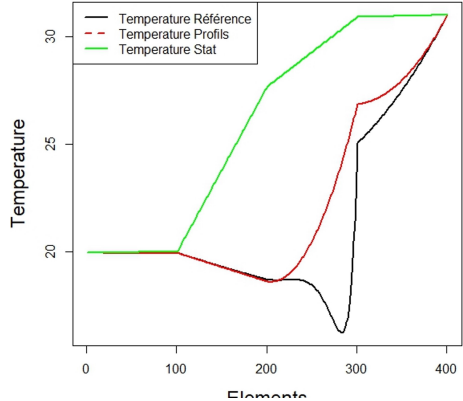
$$T_3(x=3) = T_4(x=3)$$

$$\varphi_3(x=3) = \varphi_4(x=3)$$

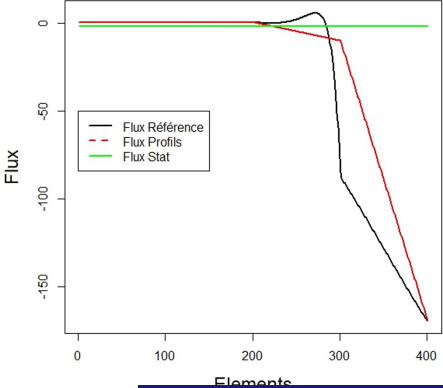
Appendix : Influence of IC 4

Comparison of polynomial and steady-state IC - Carpentras Weather

Comparaison des Temperature / Meteo Sud



Comparaison des flux / Meteo Sud



Appendix : Influence of IC 5

Impact on quantities of interest - Carpentras Weather

