## Energy-flat housing

Towards continuous balance in the residential energy system

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#### energy-flatness

when the on-site residential supply and demand of energy are continuously equal



A welcome and an overview of the contents

#### Introduction THE TEAM

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#### Introduction **GOAL OF THE PRESENTATION**

Explain the topic of **energy-flatness** 

Show the **process** 

Explain the **results** 

**Conclude** and **reflect** 



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#### Problem statement & research outline

Explaining the mismatch and setting the research outline

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

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#### Supply

- Intermittent by
- orientation
- solar power
- cloudiness

Problem statement & research outline **PROBLEM STATEMENT** 

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#### Demand

Intermittent by

- climate
- inhabitant
- building properties



**ENERGY TRENDS** 

- 1 Global energy demand increases
- 2 Share of renewable energy increases
- 3 Dutch policies neglect the intermittencies



## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**



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## **RESEARCH QUESTION**

## How can the residential energy mismatch of supply and demand be solved by architectural design?









One detached house

Architectural solutions

52°NB 02°0L



Dutch climate and data

Heating/cooling of a building



#### All is on-site



#### Storage is avoided



#### Problem statement & research outline **RESEARCH OUTLINE**







#### What is energy-flatness?

Answering the first sub-question































#### What is energy-flatness? **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)**



KPI 2

#### absolute flatness

#### maximum peak



$$\int_{0}^{8760} |E_{prod}(t) - E_{cons}(t)| dt \qquad \max_{0 \le t \le 8760} (|E_{prod}(t) - E_{cons}(t)|)$$



#### KPI 3

#### maximum cumulative mismatch

 $\max_{0 \le a \le b \le 8760} \min_{0 \le a \le b \le 8760})$  $E_{cons}(t) - E_{prod}(t)dt$ 

image source: Hegger et al., 2008





#### Simulation of energy-flatness

Setting up a dynamic energy model

#### Simulation of energy-flatness **ENERGY-FLATNESS SIMULATION TOOL**





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#### What is the current residential energy mismatch?

Analysing the reference design



3 Woning L vrij

SenterNovem BENG referentiewoning, by DGMR (2016)



Subject	Specification	Value [kWh]
Heat	Total annual heating demand	3732.5
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Supply	Total annual supply potential	7793.6
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KPI 1 - cool	Total mismatch for cooling	-1292.8
KPI 1 - supply	Total supply surplus	4902.3
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#### $mismatch = 9518.7 \text{ kWh}_{th}$



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### Which building parameters influence energy-flatness?

Parameter study



surface/floor ratio



insulation





thermal mass

window share









temperature range

orientation





### supply per surface





surface/floor ratio

	unit	GeoSrf_A	REF05d	GeoSrf_C	GeoSrf_D	GeoSrf_E			
Parameter change	e								
Building skin surface area	m2	306.6	367.9	441.5	529.8	652.7			
Relative change	%	83.33 %	100.0 %	120.0 %	144.0 %	172.8 %			
Inevitable side changes									
Volume	m3	512.6	674.1	831.6	771.7	1146.6			
Thermal mass	10⁵* J/K	96.0	110	120	130	160			





surface/floor ratio

Anual heat, cool and supply profiles - parameter GeoSrf







surface/floor ratio

Anual heat, cool and supply profiles - parameter GeoSrf





	All year	Winter	Summer	Remarks
surface/floor ratio	Minimize			Big unintended effect on supply
insulation	Maximize			
thermal mass	Maximize			Superficial thermal mass is effective
ventilation rate		Minimize	Maximize when Tout < Tin	
temperature range	Maximize	Lower heating setpoint		Consider comfortable indoor climate
window share	Minimize on northern facades	Maximize southern when radiation is present		
window g-value		Maximize on southern windows	Minimize on southern windows	South-west window is significant
orientation	Orient building to south			Very little effect
supply per surface	none	Maximize	Opt. lower supply	Supply surplus should be considered





### Energy-flat design

Designs, toolbox and energy-flat performance

### Energy-flat design **CONTENTS**

- 1 Approach
- 2 Design optimisation process
- 3 Design toolbox
- 4 Final energy-flat design
- 5 Energy-flat performance of final design



### Energy-flat design **APPROACH**







First design iteration





### *input* based on parameter study



### First design iteration



input

problems

**DEM01w - Yearly Energy Balance** 



## based on parameter study conclusions low thermal losses are essential excessive cooling load



### Second design iteration

input



### shading during summer days slightly smaller window



### Second design iteration

input

conclusions







### shading during summer days slightly smaller window solar blinds are effective



### Second design iteration

- shading during summer days input slightly smaller window conclusions solar blinds are effective heating mismatch winternight
  - problems

Weekly heat, cool and supply profiles - 14 Dec - 1A\_DEM\_v2







Third design iteration



### *input* thermal mass is added



### Third design iteration

input

conclusions

problems

Weekly heat and supply profiles - 14to 20 Dec comparison 1A\_DEM\_v2 and v3



extra mass

### thermal mass is added

### mitigated peaks

### still a large heating mismatch



Fifth design iteration

input



### adaptive ventilation schedule



### Fifth design iteration

input

conclusions



problems



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## adaptive ventilation schedule heating load effectively lowered

### mismatch still not solved



Sixth design iteration



### *input* pre-heating and pre-cooling



### Sixth design iteration

input

conclusions

Weekly heat and supply profiles - 11 to 18 July - comparison 1A\_DEM\_v5 and v6

, extra healing



# pre-heating and pre-cooling approach is very effective. total heating+cooling is higher, but mismatch is lower















### 16. adaptive thermal comfort







impact ••

### Functionality

To maintain the desired indoor comfort, certain heating and cooling setpoints are assumed by most standards. These setpoints, however, are constant all year and studies have shown them to be not representative for an actual comfortable temperature. Adaptive thermal comfort relies on the seasonal changes in comfortable indoor temperatures based on the running mean outdoor temperature. This means a lower heating setpoint in winter and higher cooling setpoint in summer.

### Effects on energy profiles

- reduced heating loads and reduced cooling loads as a result of lower differences between the indoor air temperature and outdoor temeprature.

- a slightly more flexible load shape, because less energy is required to manage the comfort in the building

### Technical

The adaptive thermal comfort studies regard changes in thermal comfort over the season. It might be interesting to also have adaptive thermal comfort within the timeframe of one day, so energy can be saved during the night, in favour of energy-flatness.

### Considerations

The adaptive thermal comfort might be combined with radiative heating for even better energy-flat performance.

































### Spherical shape

### minimize energy losing surface

## larger volume for adaptive ventilation





### Earth sheltered

big increase of thermal mass

mitigates temperature




### Level differences & floor plan

- increase the thermal mass
- surface area
- allow solar radiation to enter
- deep into the building





### Big southern window

- allow passive solar heat to
- enter the building

## Insulated rotating blinds

- insulate window in cold nights
- allow solar radation in winter
- block solar radiation in summer





## Ventilation shaft

allows for both natural and mechanical ventilation

### heat exchange is integrated

architectural comfort



Supply



- east, north and west are
- dominant orientations



### Energy-flat design **ENERGY-FLAT PERFORMANCE OF DESIGN**





## Energy-flat design **ENERGY-FLAT PERFORMANCE OF DESIGN**

		unit	Reference	Final	Relative		
			design	design	difference		
Annual	Total heating load	kWh	3732.5	486.0	-87 %		
loads	Total cooling load	kWh	3675.1	1759.4	-52 %		
	Total supply	kWh	7793.6	2290.9	-71 %		
KPI 1	Heating shortage	kWh	-3223.6	-356.4	-89 %	Total mismatch	
	Cooling shortage	kWh	-1292.8	-425.0	-67 %	Ref. =	9518.7 kWh <sub>th</sub>
	Supply surplus	kWh	4902.3	826.9	-83 %	Final =	1608.3 kWh <sub>th</sub>
KPI 2	Peak heating shortage	kW	-3.3	-2.4	-25 %		
	Peak cooling shortage	kW	-4.6	-2.1	-54 %		
	Peak supply surplus	kW	5.0	1.6	-68 %		
КРІ З	Maximum cumulative mismatch	kWh	2766.3	610.0	- 78%		

Table 5: total energy consumption and key-performance indicators of the reference design and final energy-flat design



### Energy-flat design **ENERGY-FLAT PERFORMANCE OF DESIGN**

KPI3 - Maximum cumulative mismatch final design









# **ENERGY-FLATNESS IN THE BIGGER SYSTEM**

how is an energy-flat building positioned in the system

Energy-flatness in the bigger system

# THE AGGREGATED MISMATCH IN THE SYSTEM





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theoretically

balance in the system

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balance in the system

preferred

 $\bullet$  = mismatch

effective measures

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# The final mismatch is the sum of the individual mismatches

### mismatch can be negative or positive

### every level takes its own most

## Conclusion, discussion & recommendations

Summary of the results, discussion and future research

# CONCLUSION

# How can the residential energy mismatch of supply and demand be solved by architectural design?



# **CONCLUSION**

# How can the residential energy mismatch of supply and demand be solved by architectural design?

### Architecture can significantly contribute to energy-flatness



# CONCLUSION

















# DISCUSSION



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# DISCUSSION

- 1 Scoped focus on heat balance
- 2 Design possibilities
- 3 Energy storage is not considered
- 4 Only solar potential is considered



# RECOMMENDATIONS



# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### 1 Building services & electricity energy-flatness



Conclusion, discussion & recommendations **RECOMMENDATIONS** 

1 Building services & electricity energy-flatness 2 Districts and other typologies



Conclusion, discussion & recommendations RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Building services & electricity energy-flatness
- 2 Districts and other typologies
- 3 Focus on adaptive, smart systems







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# Reduce supply surplus by using different sources



Figure 108: Normalized wind power generation (blue), solar power generation (green) and load (red) time series aggreggated over Europe. Each series is shown in a one-month resolution and is normalized to its 8 years average. (Heide et al., 2010)

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Normalized wind power generation Normalized solar power generation

Normalized load



- 1 Reduce supply surplus by using different sources
- 2 Turning off the supply



- 1 Reduce supply surplus by using different sources
  - Turning off the supply
  - Make use of the centralized timing of surplus



2 3



- 1 Reduce supply surplus by using different sources
- 2 Turning off the supply
- 3 Make use of the centralized timing of surplus
- 4 Climate change

