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# A novel approach for electric load curve holistic modelling and simulation

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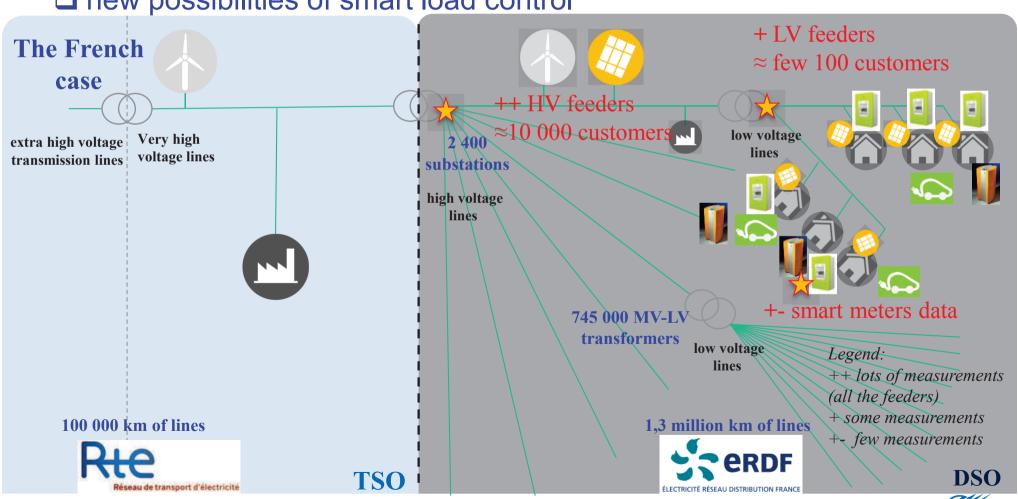




#### I. Introduction and context

#### Changes in electric load in the distribution network

- decentralized production
- ☐ new uses, technical innovation, renovation...
- new possibilities of smart load control



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# Issues about distribution network planning and future operation

- ☐ Technical innovation
- Active and smart devices

☐ Accurate power equilibrium

More and more data available

# Objectives for an electricity consumption modelling

- □ Physical modeling of consumption devices and buildings
- ☐ Generic and easily modifiable implementation
- ☐ Simulation of individual electricity consumption of thousands of consumers at a variable time step
- Both macroscopic and microscopic inputs
- □ Rapidity of simulation to benefit automatically from large databases

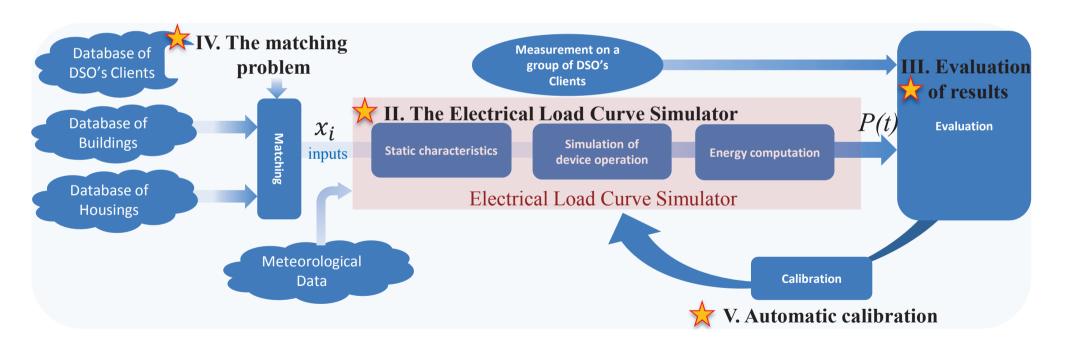


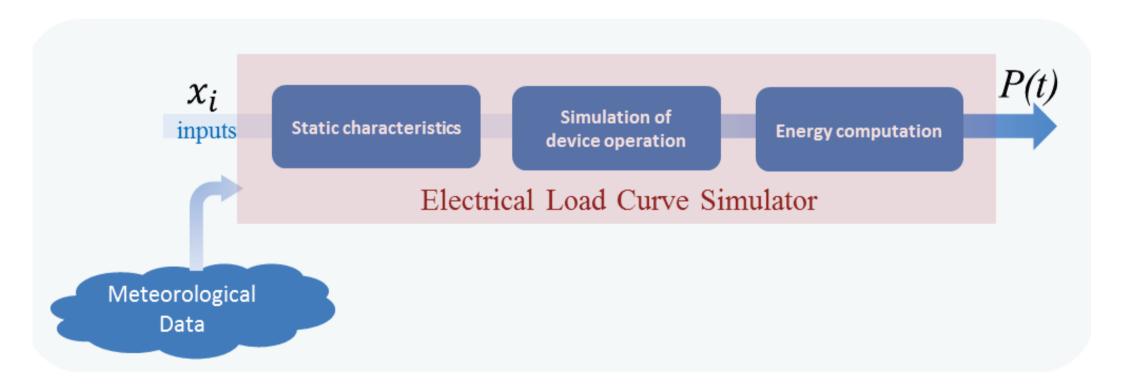
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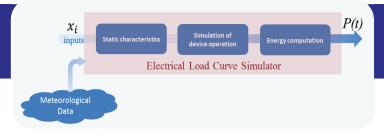
# Structure of the electricity load curve simulator

Estimated electricity consumption  $P(t) = f(x_i)_{i \in [1:N]}$ 

x<sub>i</sub> input parameters, N ≈1000!

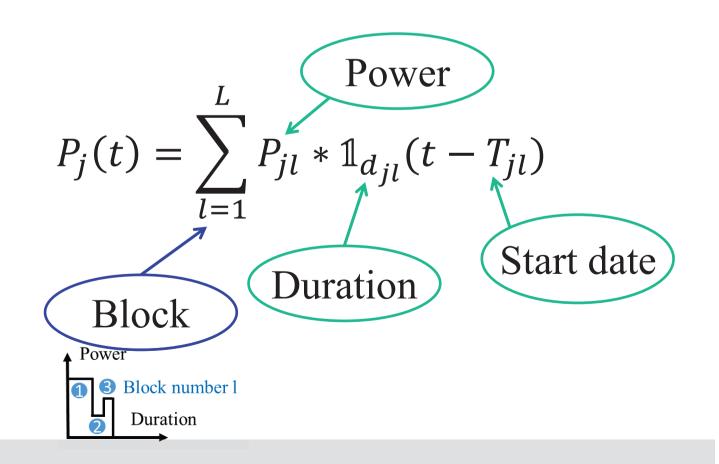


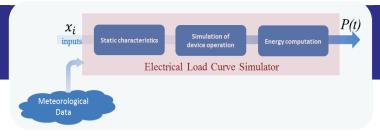




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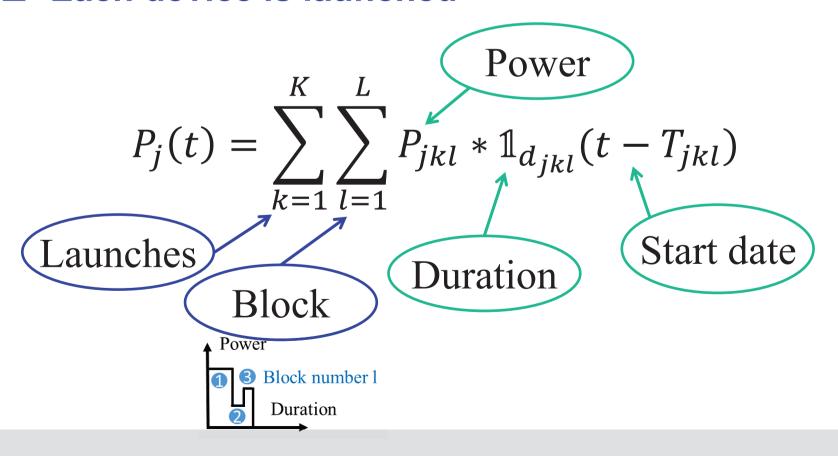
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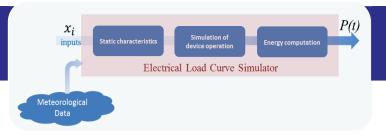




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- ☐ The total power is the sum on each device and each electricity consumer

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{I} \sum_{j=1}^{J} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l=1}^{L} P_{ijkl} * \mathbb{1}_{d_{ijkl}} (t - T_{ijkl})$$

Launches

Block

Power

Consumer

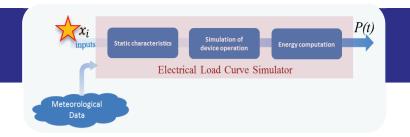
- Residential
- ☐ Type of tertiary
  - Offices
  - Restaurant
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- Device
- Electric heating
- Air conditionner
- Light
- Computer
- **...**

Duration



Start date



#### The inputs

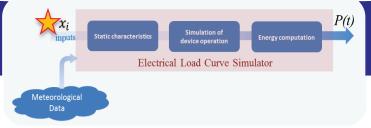
☐ List of different inputs depending on the consumer type

Deterministic inputs

Statistical inputs

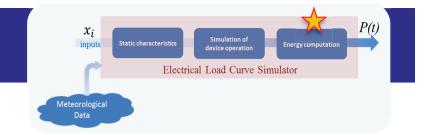
- Geometrical characteristics
- Assembly characteristics
- Number of people
- Ш ...

- Ownership rate of appliances
- Power distribution of appliances
- **...**



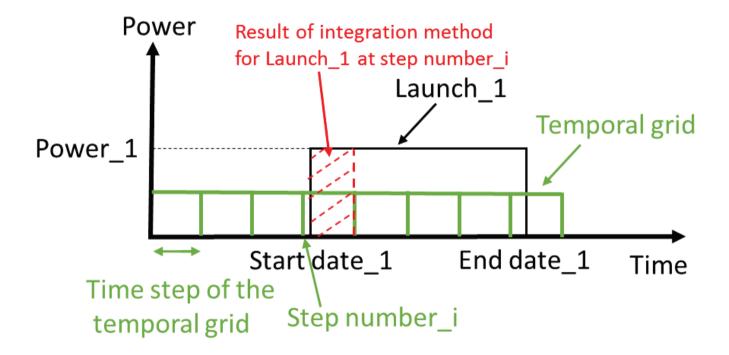
#### **Example of uses of the inputs in the first steps of the simulation**

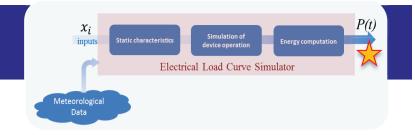
Kind of inputs  Step of simulation	Statistical inputs (Sample)	Deterministic inputs (Assignment)
Static characteristics	<ul> <li>Ownership rate of appliance</li> <li>Number of bulb per surface</li> <li>Power of TV</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Type of consumer</li> <li>Geometry of building</li> <li>Thermal assembly characterisitcs</li> <li>Power of the electric heater</li> <li></li> </ul>
Simulation of device operation	<ul> <li>Density of probability of uses</li> <li>Duration of TV</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Number of launch of consumption device</li> <li>Target temperature for electric heaters</li> <li></li> </ul>



#### **Energy computation**

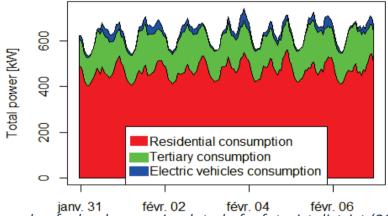
□ The vector of launches is crossed by applying the chosen temporal grid (not necessarily regular)



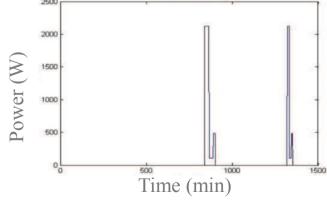


#### **Outputs of the simulator**

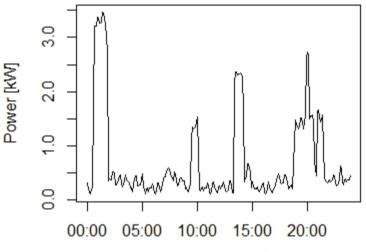
☐ Possibility to display a global load curve, per appliance, per consumer, at different time steps...



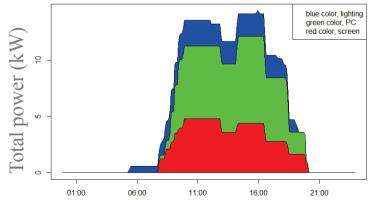
Example of a load curve simulated of a futurist district (2030): 500 appartments, 6000m<sup>2</sup> tertiary, 1 EV charging station of 25 terminals Around 10 seconds to simulate at 1 hour time step one year



Load curve of a laundry machine modeled by Constant block of power

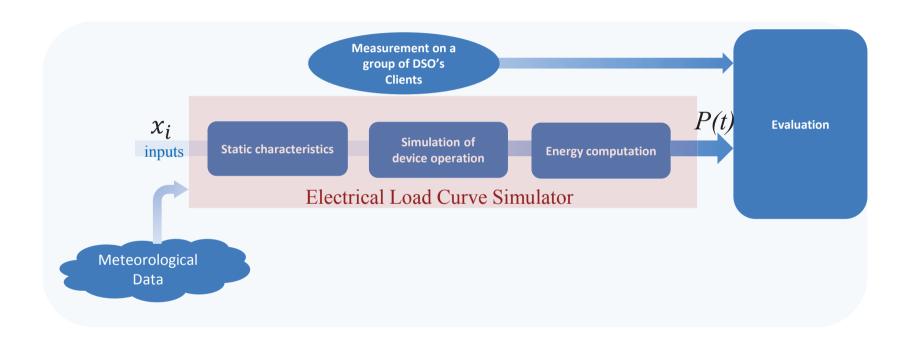


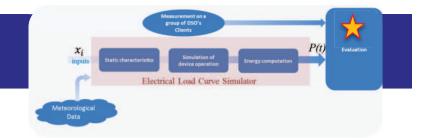
Example of a simulated load curve for a residential customer



Simulation of a 1000m<sup>2</sup> office without standby

# Compare the results to a reference





# Methodology for evaluation on the whole curve

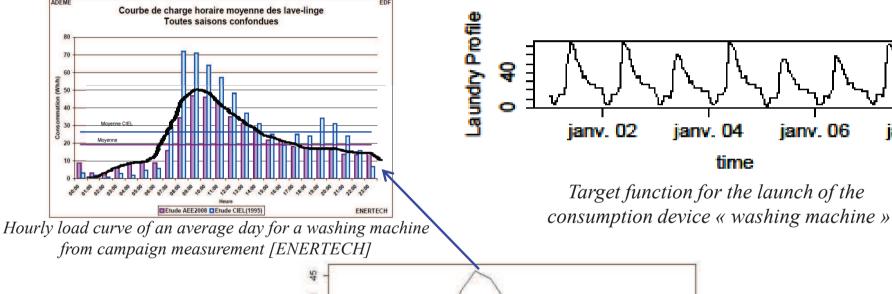
- **□**Statistical indicators
  - Mean, min, max, RMS value etc.
- ☐ Temporal aspect
  - Peak correlation, frequency spectrum etc.
- ☐ Both spatial and temporal comparison
  - Dynamic Time Warping [1]

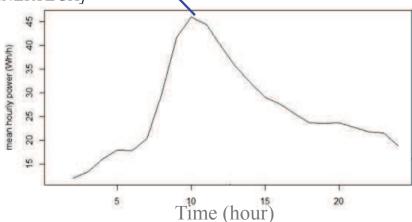
[1] A. Grandjean. "Introduction de non linéarités et non stationnarités dans les modèles de représentation de la demande électrique résidentielle". Ph. D. Thesis. January 2013.



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# Case study: the hourly load curve of an average day





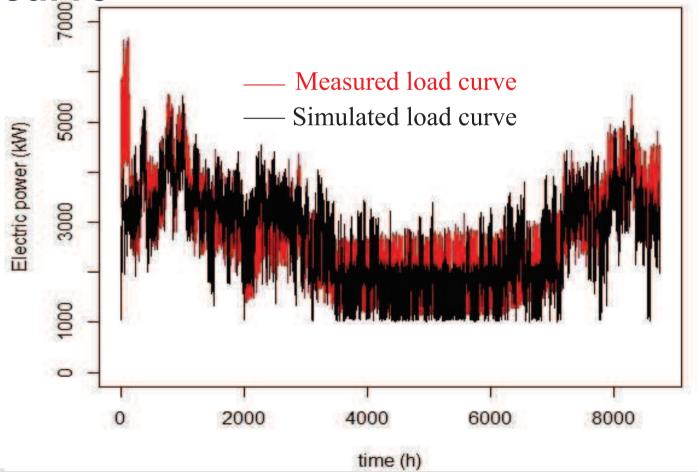
Mean hourly load curve obtained with 1000 simulations during I year

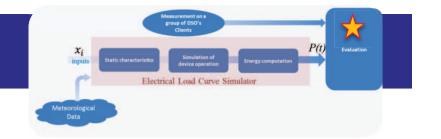
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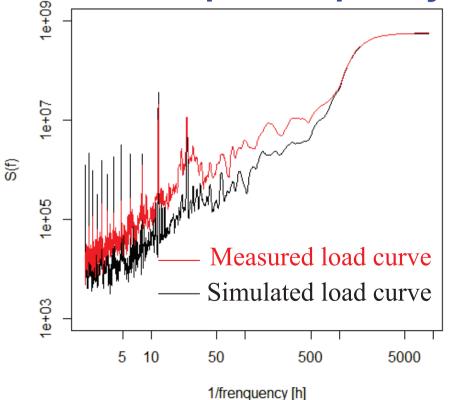
load curve

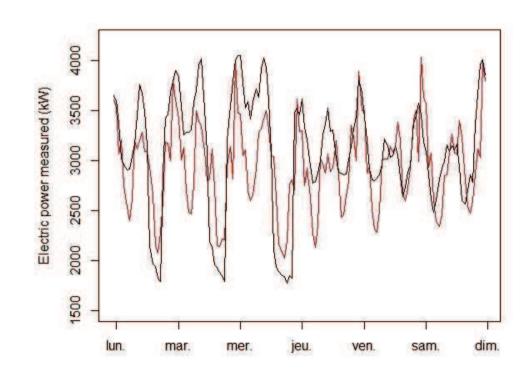




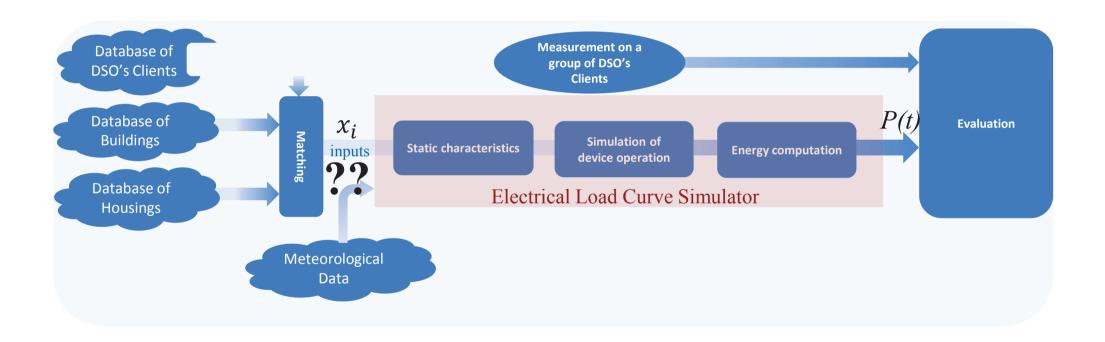
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#### □ Example: frequency spectrum comparison



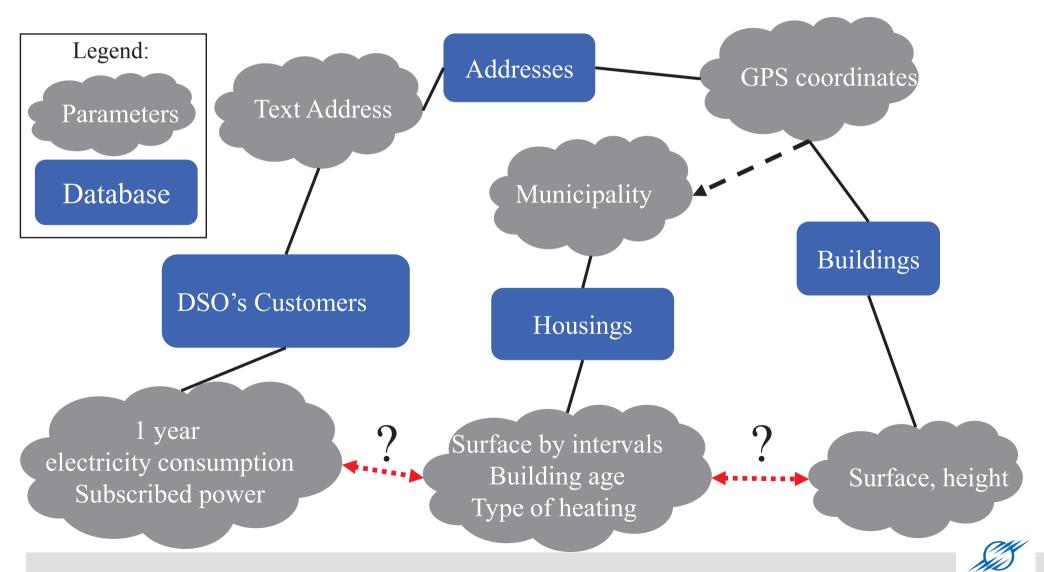


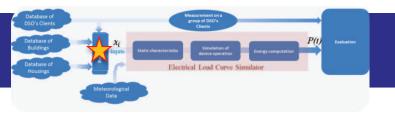
# How obtain comparable load curves?





#### The databases and their relationship





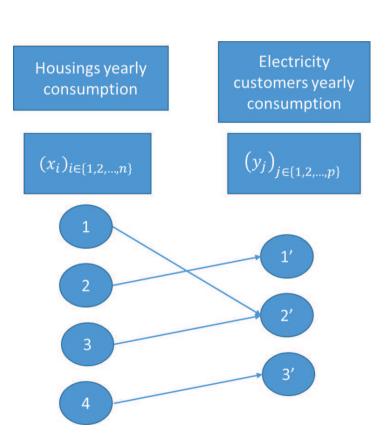
#### Mathematical formulation of the problem

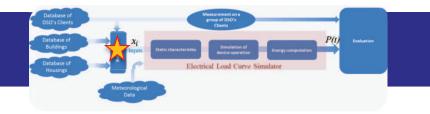
☐ Aim to match each electricity customers with one housing

$$\min_{\left(\alpha_{ij}\right)_{(i,j)\in[1:n]\times[1:p]}} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{ij} x_{i} - y_{j} \right| \right]$$

St:

- $\alpha_{ij} \in \{0,1\}, \forall (i,j) \in \{1,2,...,n\} \mathbf{x} \{1,2,...,p\}$  (1)
- $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{ij} \ge 1 \ \forall i \in \{1,2,...,n\}$  (2)
- $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{ij} = 1 \ \forall j \in \{1, 2, ..., p\}$  (3)



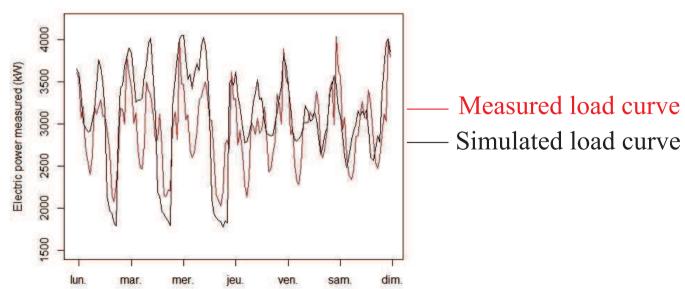


#### Simplified solve of the algorithm

- ☐ Initial state with an heuristic
- ☐ Optimal re-affectation until convergence

#### By running the algorithm of matching on all the municipalities

- ☐ We know the housing characteristics of customers
- ☐ We set the inputs of the simulator
- We can obtain comparable load curves

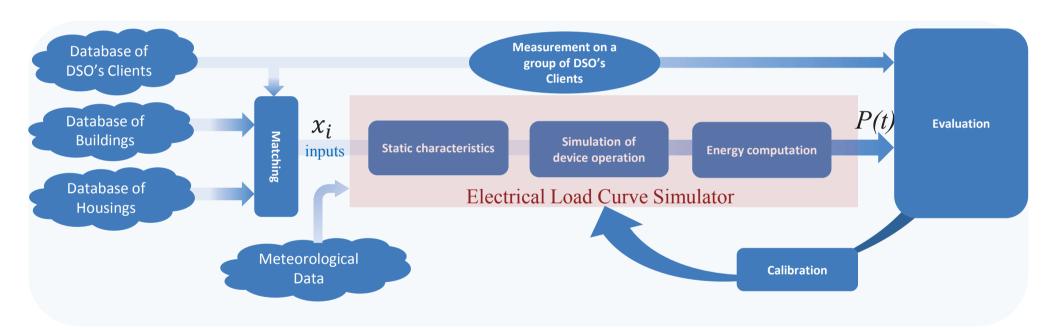


load curve of an HTA feeder (red curve) and the simulated load curve (black curve), for a week, with as inputs the housing characteristics of the results of the matching problem



#### V. Automatic calibration

# How to deal with the large amount of inputs and outputs?



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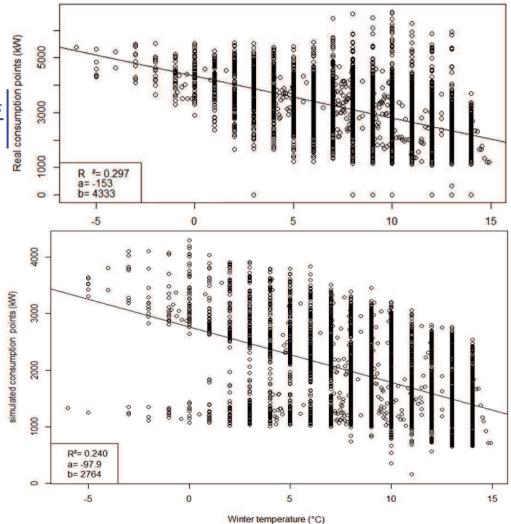
# Case study

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☐ Evaluation criterion: thermosensitivity

$$\sum \left| \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right| = \left| \frac{a - a_{meas}}{a_{meas}} \right| + \left| \frac{b - b_{meas}}{b_{meas}} \right| + \left| \frac{R^2 - R^2_{meas}}{R^2_{meas}} \right|$$

- a: linear coefficient
- b: intercept coefficient
- R<sup>2</sup>: coefficient of determination
- Inputs
  - $T_{target}$ : mean target temperature for electric heaters.
  - $\Delta R_a$ : variation of the mean thermal assembly resistance



Thermo-sensitivity plot for a Brittany HTA feeder measured (top) and simulated (down), with  $R_{surf}=0.9~\rm W/^{\circ}C$  (medium) and  $T_{target}=19^{\circ}C$ 

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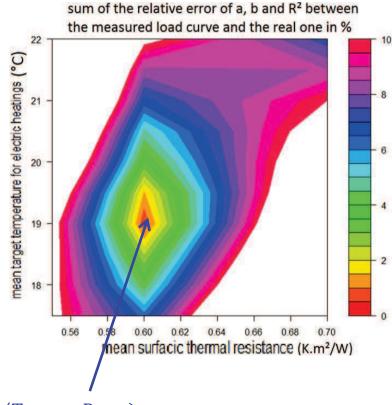


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Couple  $(T_{target}, R_{surf})$  which minimizes  $\sum \left| \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right|$ 

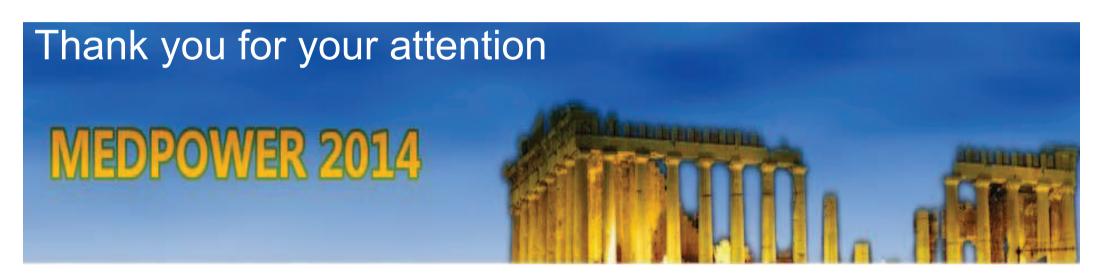
### VI. Conclusion

#### Load curve simulator

- ☐ Comprehensible, flexible tool for electricity consumption simulation
- Simple and generic implementation of an electric load curve simulator for residential and tertiary sector
- Physical sense and rapidity of simulation of models
- ➤ Both microscopic and macroscopic inputs

#### **Novel kind of validation**

- □ Promising matching algorithm to generate automatically inputs to assess comparable load curves
- □ Comparison and automatic calibration of parameters to benefit from large DSO's measurements



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