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VALUABLE ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHTS THROUGH AN OPEN CITY APPROACH **CO2 sensing and analytics in smart buildings** Valerio Panzica La Manna, Program Manager, imec-nl

## 90% of our time is spent indoors

#### INDOOR AIR QUALITY IS A TOP FIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH [SOURCE: EPA]



Air Quality in schools is among the worst

- WHO "up to 30% of buildings have poor air quality, ... sick-building syndrome"
- ASHRAE 62.1-2016

Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

- CO2 in schools <1000ppm</li>
- CO2 in offices <800ppm</li>
- Should never exceed 1200ppm







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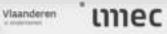
#### POOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY A PRODUCTIVITY KILLER



The New York Times

#### Is Conference Room Air Making You Dumber?







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#### **HIGHER COGNITIVE FUNCTION SCORES**

IN HIGH-PERFORMING, GREEN-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS

444%

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438%

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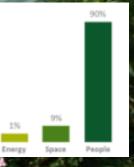
ACTIVITY LEVEL

**▲**31<sup>%</sup>

STRATEGY

## 90% of companies expenditure is employment cost.

Increasing productivity is biggest cost reduction opportunity.



#### CO2 MEASUREMENTS AS PROXY FOR COVID-19 TRANSMISSION RISK

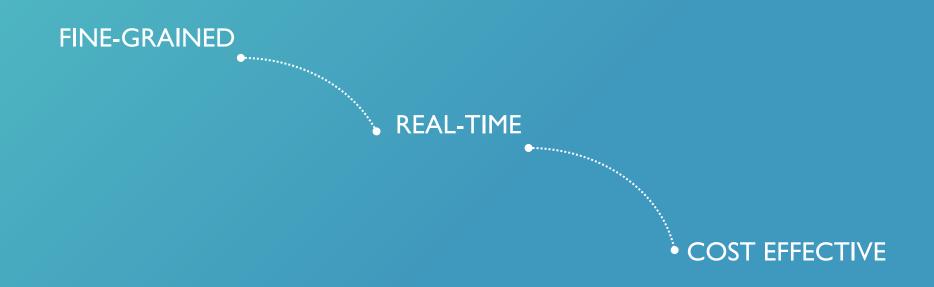
- CO2 levels in buildings strongly correlate with airborne spread of infection.
- Higher CO2 levels in a room likely mean there is a higher chance of transmission if an infected person is inside.

### Optimal Ventilation is key factor in lowering the risk.

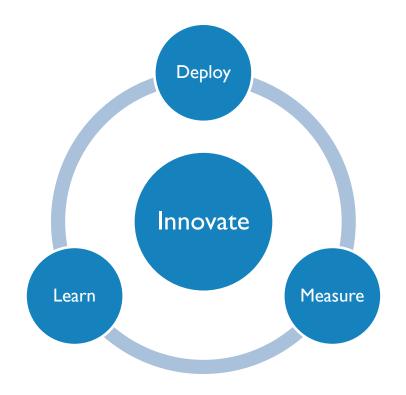


Graham Martin, CEO and Chairman, EnOcean Alliance looks at how the threat of coronavirus can be mentiored in buildings.

### THE FUTURE OF AIR QUALITY MONITORING



#### OUR APPROACH



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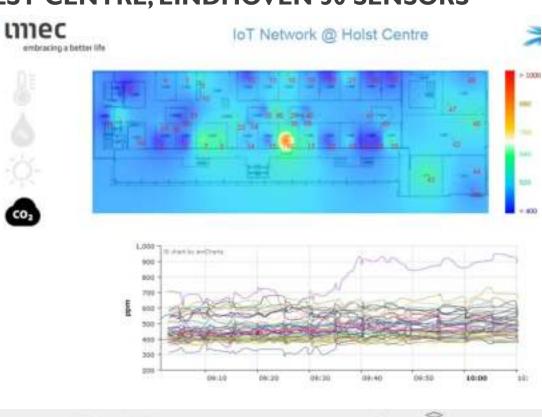
#### **TESTING IN THE FIELD: SOME OF OUR TESTBEDS**



#### **TESTING IN THE FIELD: HOLST CENTRE, EINDHOVEN 50 SENSORS**

Each room is different  $\rightarrow$  one sensor per room





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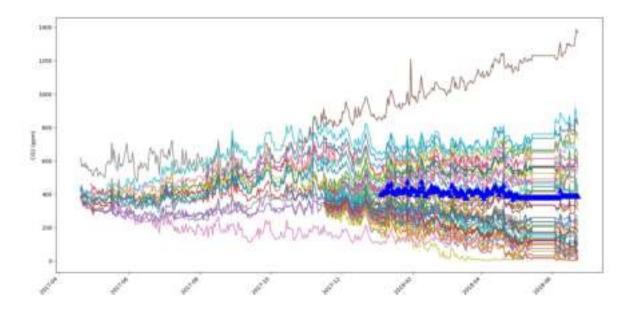
#### CO2 SENSOR BENCHMARKING IN THE LAB

- Gas Lab/Field experiments of Indoor Air Quality Sensors
  - Sensor characterization in Gas Lab
  - Sensor accuracy: gain and offset
  - Signal to noise ratio
  - Sensor-to-sensor variance
  - Humidity interference
  - Observation of Calibration algorithm in action
  - Comparing sensor with reference equipment
  - Benchmark sensor with other sensors
- Accelerated ageing
  - Temperature cycling, extreme temperatures





#### NDIR CO2 SENSOR DRIFT



- NDIR CO2 sensor
- Drift from 400 ppm nominal value
- Drift up to 2ppm/day

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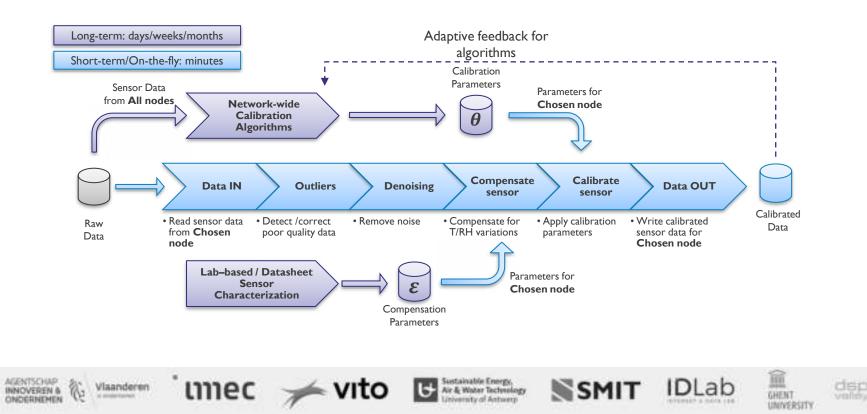


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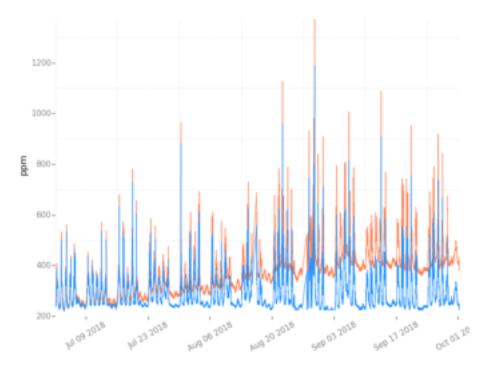




#### CALIBRATION DATA PROCESSING PIPELINE



#### IMEC CLOUD CALIBRATION ALGORITHM



 Merge multiple sensor measurements in the cloud

Automatically detect when/if/how to calibrate

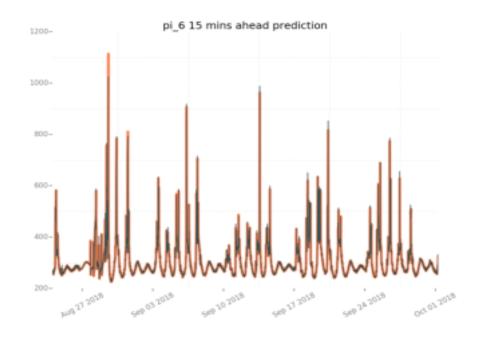
#### CO2 PREDICTION MODEL

**Input:** Historical data: last hours

#### **Output:**

Predicted future 15 minutes room comfort level

→ trigger application-specific actions (HVAC, User Notification, Window/Door control, ...)



#### Fully Data Driven: Room characteristics can be learned







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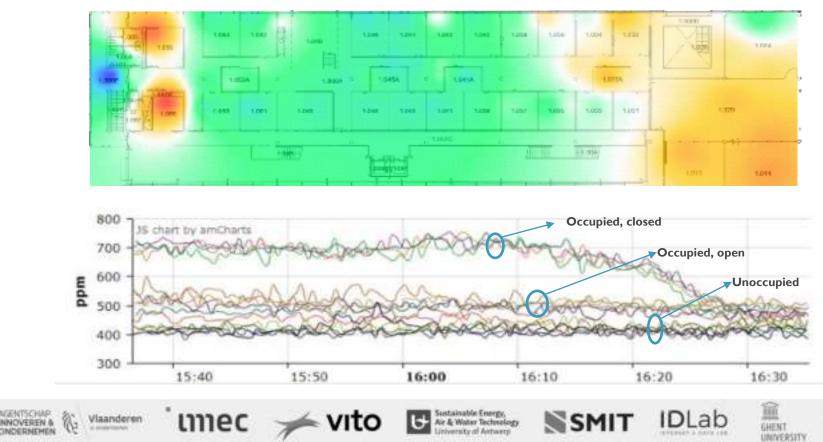






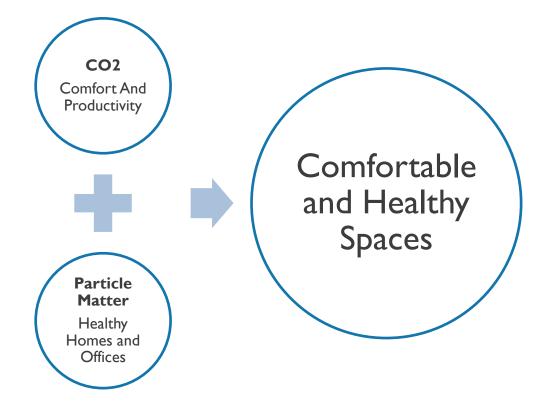
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#### **VISUALIZATION AND ANALYTICS**



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#### ADDING MORE SENSORS



#### EIT QUASIMODO: INDOOR-OUTDOOR POLLUTION



#### 60 Homes

#### **3** Pilots

- Eindhoven
- London
- Helsinki





















## Workplace Vitality Hub





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#### TAKE AWAY

- Healthy Buildings requires real-time cost-effective Air Quality Monitoring.
  - choose the right sensors
  - choose the right deployment for your application
- Sensors are not enough: data need to automatically calibrated.
- Software and Algorithms are key added value: same hardware, multiple services on top.

