

### Building Heat Loss Measurement for Heat Pump Sizing & Home Assessment

### **Build Test Solutions**

### Make Measurement Mainstream





# Applications

- Building QA testing
- o Retrofit planning
- Ventilation & mould risk assessment
- o Heat pump sizing
  - Mandatory heat loss assessment
  - Inefficient current assessment method







## The Problem

- Building performance assessments are carried out by visual surveys... but we know they don't work
- BTS field trial of 56 houses, BaU heat pump sizing calculation wrong for 70%(!) of houses



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# The Problem (2)

Current heat loss calculations difficult & expensive

- Approx 1 day survey + workings
- Requires significant training
- Most installers not currently qualified
- Lots of surveys abortive
- Surveys often carried out for free
- Costs passed on to those with installs





# The Problem (3)

- Oversizing is common. Extra capital cost & disruption.
- Undersizing is still a risk. Terrible for heat pump PR
- Surveys are expensive to installers & hard to charge for
- Creates a bottleneck to installs



#### **BS EN12831 Heat Loss Calculations**





# Sizing by Heat Loss Measurement

- Measurement by 3 weeks noninvasive monitoring of internal temperature and energy consumption (<u>SmartHTC</u>)
- Accurate heat loss assessment
- 100% field trial residents said they'd recommend measurement to a friend







# Why use SmartHTC for Heat Pump Sizing?

- Reduce risk of oversizing: cheaper install, better efficiency
- Reduce risk of undersizing: unhappy customers & expensive remediation
- Easier & cheaper than a BS12831 calculation
- >90% of field trial residents would pay £250+ for measurement service





## Implementation

- Typical charge for a SmartHTC measurement £200-£300/building
- BTS charge £300 one off sign up fee, plus building credit fee
  - £30/building PAYG
  - £10 or less/building above 100 buildings
  - £150 per reusable hardware kit
- Heating Installer delivery method?
  - Option 1: Facilitate customers to do measurements through proprietary platforms, hardware rental & customer support
  - Option 2: Installer offer and charge for the measurement service directly



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### **Other BTS Measurement Tools**

- Tools to measure air permeability & U-values
- Pulse for air permeability measurement, commonly used by installers
- Heat3D new product to measure U-values









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