COVID-19 RESPONSE:

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ADAPTIVE WORKING BEHAVIOR AND IT'S IMPACT ON ENERGY AND CARBON PATTERNS



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OI INTRODUCTION



Due to the coronavirus outbreak's impact on travel and industry, many regions and the planet as a whole experienced a drop in air pollution and fossil CO₂ emissions. (short-term impact)

Societal shifts caused by the coronavirus lockdowns, such as widespread **telecommuting**, adoption of **remote work** policies, and the use of **virtual conference technology**, may have a more sustained impact beyond the short-term reduction of industrial activities and transportation usage.



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Google Community Mobility Reports aim to provide insights into what has changed in response to policies aimed at combating COVID-19. See how **dynamic** our community is moving around differently due to COVID-19



https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/

Feb. 2020

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Hatch Data. a commercial real estate software company focused on building operations performance management, has studied how the coronavirus is affecting **operational practices** across buildings over 400 million square feet of occupied space. Their findings show electricity reduction is following the movement of stay-athome orders.

Your Building is Struggling Under Social Distancing, Too





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It is crucial that **worker satisfaction** increases enough to offset the potentially negative effects on **communication**, **knowledge flows** and **managerial oversight**.

Worker efficiency improves with low levels of telework but might decrease with 'excessive telework', implying a 'sweet spot' where worker efficiency/productivity is balanced and maximized.





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02 RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

To evaluate short-term and future behavior changes due to COVID-19 epidemic or telework demand & its impact on energy and CO2



Research Objective



O3 METHODOLOGY







Online survey is designed to collect employee's residential and commute information, in both Vancouver and Atlanta studios.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZ4Ww5GoY0h ARR977wXBiMqLloRYSOqxHUjxuYyxsHyuElFw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1





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Schedule changes





The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) supports and participates in the model building energy code development for both commercial and residential buildings.

Four prototype models, office, MURB_high, MURB_low and house are used in this research.

vcodes gov/developm

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https://www.energycodes.gov/development





Energy Simulation

Eppy is a scripting language for E+ idf files, and E+ output files written in Python.

We modify all the schedule changes in E+ idf files through

eppy and group simulate **88** iterations for all the prototype buildings with the different schedules. →

https://eppy.readthedocs.io/

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Data integration chart









- 11.7%

Total Office Energy Increase

- 0.6% Total Res. Energy Increase

04 ANALYSIS RESULTS



Climate

First, it is important to understand the climate difference between the two research cities:

Vancouver is a heating driven climate - Climate Zone 4C is defined as Mixed Marine with $2000 < HDD18^{\circ}C \le$ $3000 (3600 < HDD65^{\circ}F \le 5400);$

Atlanta is a cooling driven climate - Climate Zone 3A is defined as Warm Humid with $2500 < \text{CDD10}^{\circ}\text{C} < 3500$ (4500 < CDD50°F ≤ 6300).



In Vancouver climate, with increased work from home ratio, all the EUI curves are in descending order.

Office has high gradient, but house has almost flat one.



In Vancouver, office building with lower occupancy rate will trigger less cooling, lighting, equipment, fan, pump and DHW energy use.

The only energy increase, due to less internal heat gain, is heating energy.

Overall, energy use in an office building would be reduced significantly.

	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	309,319	286,369	281,508	274,866	267,237	254,663	239,095	224,113	206,851	189,846	177,075
Cooling Energy (kWh)	13,253	17,455	18,959	20,711	22,626	24,910	27,518	30,286	33,076	35,907	38,799
Lighting Energy (kWh)	73,881	184,232	187,763	191,295	194,827	198,358	201,890	205,421	208,953	212,484	216,016
Equipment Energy (kWh)	2,822	25,552	48,408	71,377	94,465	117,681	141,036	164,542	188,213	212,064	236,112
Fan Energy (kWh)	12,127	16,673	17,474	18,303	19,132	19,997	20,931	21,973	22,929	23,990	25,212
Pump Energy (kWh)	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	29	33	37	41
DHW Energy (kWh)	0	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,900	20,186	21,617	23,073	24,598
Total Electricity (kWh)	355,697	454,546	473,208	492,443	512,152	532,773	554,173	576,546	596,612	617,080	641,960
Total Gas (kWh)	55,705	94,217	99,391	102,599	104,629	101,335	95,220	90,004	85,059	80,320	75,894



Vancouver Offic



In Vancouver, residential building is still heating energy dominated. With higher occupancy rate in the dwelling space, internal heat gain increases, and heating energy (gas) reduces.

Although more cooling/equipment/fan energy (electricity) is required, the overall energy use would be reduced.





	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	371,484	368,524	365,577	362,666	359,741	356 <i>,</i> 832	353 <i>,</i> 986	351,141	348,257	345,448	342,627
Cooling Energy (kWh)	8,070	8,272	8,480	8,694	8,911	9,136	9,364	9,600	9,840	10,087	10,339
Lighting Energy (kWh)	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061	152,061
Equipment Energy (kWh)	325,972	326,252	326,531	326,810	327,090	327,369	327,648	327,928	328,207	328,487	328,767
Fan Energy (kWh)	51,862	51,733	51,606	51,480	51,351	51,224	51,096	50,958	50,830	50,715	50,606
Pump Energy (kWh)	12,587	12,651	12,718	12,796	12,871	12,938	13,021	13,103	13,196	13,273	12,587
Heat Rejection (kWh)	387	396	406	416	426	436	446	457	468	479	491
DHW Energy (kWh)	325,113	325,113	325,111	325,112	325,111	325,112	325,114	325,111	325,112	325,112	325,112
Total Electricity (kWh)	631,057	630,870	630,694	630,543	630,394	630,251	630,144	630,027	629,938	629,872	629,812
Total Gas (kWh)	616,479	614,132	611,797	609,490	607,168	604,857	602,593	600,332	598,033	595,789	593,538

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Although more cooling/equipment/fan energy (electricity) is required, the overall energy use would be reduced.

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Heating Energy (kWh)	101,137	100,066	99,001	97,936	96,882	95 <i>,</i> 835	94,793	93,760	92,737	91,719	90,714
Cooling Energy (kWh)	10,638	10,797	10,956	11,117	11,280	11,443	11,608	11,774	11,942	12,111	12,280
Lighting Energy (kWh)	58,964	58,964	58,964	58,964	58 <i>,</i> 964	58 <i>,</i> 964	58 <i>,</i> 964	58 <i>,</i> 964	58,964	58,964	58 <i>,</i> 964
Equipment Energy (kWh)	143,788	143,893	143 <i>,</i> 998	144,103	144,208	144,313	144,418	144,523	144,627	144,732	144,837
Fan Energy (kWh)	20,105	20,129	20,153	20,175	20,198	20,218	20,241	20,263	20,285	20,308	20,331
DHW Energy (kWh)	112,984	112,981	112,978	112,975	112,972	112,969	112,966	112,962	112,959	112,956	112,953
Total Electricity (kWh)	346,479	346,764	347,049	347,334	347,622	347,907	348,196	348,486	348,777	349,072	349,365
Total Gas (kWh)	101,137	100,066	99,001	97,936	96,882	95,835	94,793	93,760	92,737	91,719	90,714





In Vancouver, house is heating energy dominated with minimal cooling requirement. With higher occupancy rate in the dwelling space, internal heat gain increases and heating energy (gas) reduces.

On the other hand, more cooling/equipment/fan energy (electricity) is required, the overall energy is sort of balanced.



	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	21,028	20,970	20,913	20,856	20,800	20,744	20,688	20,632	20,576	20,521	20,466
Cooling Energy (kWh)	607	613	618	624	630	636	642	648	654	660	666
Lighting Energy (kWh)	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003
Equipment Energy (kWh)	7,048	7,066	7,084	7,102	7,121	7,139	7,157	7,175	7,194	7,212	7,230
Fan Energy (kWh)	791	794	796	798	800	803	805	807	809	811	813
DHW Energy (kWh)	6,084	6,084	6,084	6,084	6,084	6,084	6 <i>,</i> 084	6,084	6,084	6 <i>,</i> 083	6,083
Total Electricity (kWh)	10,448	10,475	10,501	10,527	10,554	10,580	10,606	10,632	10,659	10,685	10,711
Total Gas (kWh)	30,338	30,281	30,225	30,169	30,114	30,058	30,004	29,949	29,894	29,840	29,786



In Atlanta climate, with increased work from home ratio, only office curve is in a clear descending order.

MURB_low and MURBhigh EUI curves are almost flat and House EUI curve is actually in a slightly ascending order



In Atlanta, office building with lower occupancy rate will trigger less cooling, lighting, equipment, fan, pump and DHW energy use.

The only significant energy increase, due to less internal heat gain, is heating.

Overall, energy use in an office building would be reduced and the building could be heating rather than cooling dominated.



	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	159,854	156,215	152,392	147,776	143,311	138,306	127,847	118,881	108,495	100,785	93,711
Cooling Energy (kWh)	84,763	91,166	97,530	103,870	110,092	116,171	122,239	128,510	135,081	141,960	148,765
Lighting Energy (kWh)	180,864	184,392	187,924	191,455	194,987	198,518	202,050	205,581	209,113	212,645	216,176
Equipment Energy (kWh)	2,825	25,552	48,408	71,377	94,465	117,681	141,036	164,542	188,213	212,064	236,112
Fan Energy (kWh)	15,908	17,085	18,300	19,565	20,850	22,156	23,431	24,844	26,243	27,795	29,363
Pump Energy (kWh)	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	29	33	37	41
DHW Energy (kWh)	0	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,479	18,613	19,226	20,268	21,467	22,770
Total Electricity (kWh)	391,720	419,056	446,837	475,282	503,980	532,972	560,070	590,064	619,363	651,278	683,718
Total Gas (kWh)	52,494	73,836	76,203	77,251	78,218	78,359	75,170	71,547	68,083	65,473	63,219

In Atlanta, MURB building consumes more heating energy than cooling.

With higher occupancy rate in the dwelling space, more cooling/equipment/fan energy (electricity) is required. On the other hand, with internal heat gain increases, heating energy (gas) reduces.

They trade off and no big overall energy change is observed.



	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	248,610	246,653	244,737	242,807	240,882	238,975	237,090	235,223	233,355	231,459	229,610
Cooling Energy (kWh)	135,913	136,716	137,523	138,331	139,145	139,963	140,787	141,620	142,454	143,306	144,150
Lighting Energy (kWh)	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213	152,213
Equipment Energy (kWh)	325,972	326,252	326,531	326,810	327,090	327,369	327,648	327,928	328,207	328,487	328,767
Fan Energy (kWh)	68,253	68,328	68,412	68,496	68,579	68,661	68,741	68,823	68,905	68,975	69 <i>,</i> 059
Pump Energy (kWh)	17,313	17,374	17,439	17,501	17,568	17,631	17,705	17,779	17,842	17,920	17,313
Heat Rejection (kWh)	6,400	6,435	6,470	6,506	6,542	6,578	6,615	6,653	6,691	6,731	6,771
DHW Energy (kWh)	286,269	286,266	286,264	286,264	286,266	286,266	286,266	286,266	286,266	286,266	286,266
Total Electricity (kWh)	760,405	761,264	762,144	763,022	763,913	764,806	765,723	766,654	767,573	768,512	769,474
Total Gas (kWh)	480,538	478,974	477,446	475,905	474,371	472,850	471,343	469,851	468,361	466,844	465,363



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Atlanta MURB_low



	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	53 <i>,</i> 638	53,124	52,616	52 <i>,</i> 097	51,600	51,102	50,613	50,123	49,643	49,162	48,685
Cooling Energy (kWh)	48,653	48,960	49,266	49,572	49,900	50,214	50,525	50,837	51,148	51,458	51,770
Lighting Energy (kWh)	59,016	59 <i>,</i> 016									
Equipment Energy (kWh)	143,788	143,893	143,998	144,103	144,208	144,313	144,418	144,523	144,627	144,732	144,837
Fan Energy (kWh)	26,036	26,099	26,161	26,224	26,268	26,329	26,392	26,455	26,519	26,579	26,644
DHW Energy (kWh)	100,912	100,910	100,908	100,906	100,904	100,901	100,899	100,896	100,894	100,893	100,891
Total Electricity (kWh)	378,406	378,878	379,349	379,821	380,295	380,772	381,249	381,727	382,205	382,679	383,159
Total Gas (kWh)	53,638	53,124	52,616	52,097	51,600	51,102	50,613	50,123	49,643	49,162	48,685



In Atlanta, residential building is still heating energy dominated. With higher occupancy rate in the dwelling space, internal heat gain increases, and heating energy (gas) reduces.

On the other hand, more cooling/equipment/fan energy (electricity) is required, the overall energy use is increased slightly.

Atlanta house



	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heating Energy (kWh)	5,161	5,150	5,139	5,128	5,118	5,107	5,096	5 <i>,</i> 084	5,074	5 <i>,</i> 063	5,053
Cooling Energy (kWh)	2,837	2,850	2,863	2,876	2,889	2,902	2,915	2,929	2,943	2 <i>,</i> 956	2,969
Lighting Energy (kWh)	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003
Equipment Energy (kWh)	7,792	7,809	7,825	7,841	7 <i>,</i> 858	7,874	7,890	7,907	7,923	7,940	7,956
Fan Energy (kWh)	1,133	1,135	1,137	1,139	1,140	1,142	1,144	1,144	1,146	1,148	1,149
DHW Energy (kWh)	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147
Total Electricity (kWh)	22,073	22,093	22,114	22,134	22,154	22,175	22,196	22,215	22,236	22,256	22,278
Total Gas (kWh)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Survey results

Vancouver studio

Total 124 Response employee rate Ave. Ave. CO2-e per day (kg) commute 15.4 distance (km) per day 9% 12% 35% House HighRise Apt. LowRise Apt. 59% Dwelling Type 53%

→ Online survey Vancouver

Commute Type

Walking/Biking

Public Transportation



Driving Car



1.1

32%

54.8% *****

Survey results

Atlanta studio



→ Online survey Atlanta







05 CONCLUSION



Conclusion

Vancouver studio Business as usual vs work form home

Vancouver summary





House



MURB High



MURB Low



- Telework can result in decreasing buildings' •
 - total energy use, up to 42.7% in heatingdominated climates such as Vancouver, mostly due to the reduction in equipment and lighting loads.
- Working from home can also result in decreasing residential energy use, up to 1.2%, mostly due to decrease in heating loads.
- Telework decrease carbon emission in Vancouver, both from buildings operation and commute system.
- In Vancouver with walking culture, the decrease in CO2 emission is not huge, but still effective, up to 77ton per year in the case studied.
- The environmental attributes of electric power in Vancouver is small, due to the green hydraulic plants in the region. Still telework can reduce CO2 up to 22 ton/year.
- In total, telework for a medium-size office can reduce CO2 • emission of up to 13.9% in the city of Vancouver.



Conclusion

Atlanta studio Business as usual vs work form home



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House



MURB High



MURB Low



Telework can result in decreasing total energy

use, up to 40.5% in cooling-dominated climates such as Atlanta, mostly due to the reduction in equipment and cooling loads.

- Working from home can result in increasing residential energy use, up to 0.6%, mostly due to increase in equipment and cooling loads.
- Telework decrease carbon emission in Atlanta, both from buildings operation and commute system.
- In Atlanta with heavy reliance on driving personal • cars, telework can decrease CO2 emission related to transportation dramatically, in our case study more than 360 ton/year.
- The environmental attributes of electric power in Atlanta is high, due to non-efficient plants and electric grid systems available in the region, therefore reduction in electricity will reduce CO2 emission effectively up to 120 ton/year.
- In total, telework for a medium-size office can reduce CO2 • emission of up to 19.2% in the city of Atlanta.

Atlanta summary



Online tool

<u>https://dashboard.perkinswill.com/views/COVID-</u> <u>19Response/ResponsiveOcc?:origin=card_share_link&:embed=n</u>

Tableau Online



RESPONSIVE OCCUPANT BEHAVIOUR



Baseline2 Scenario

Telework Policy Planning >





-5.6%

-43,990 (kg/year)

Total CO₂ Reduction

TELEWORK POLICY PLANNING



< Responsive Occupants Behavior

127.3 kWh/mZ/year 40.35 kBtu/ft2/year

-39,060kWh/year -133,265kBtu/year

-2.506kg/year

-18,010 kg/year

77,229

RESPONSIVE OCCUPANT BEHAVIOUR

Office Occupancy		*****	50%		LowRise Apt.	Walking/Bik 14%
Office Location		of Regula Offices	r Occupancy (in the City of	of	HighRise Apt.	Public Transports 20%
Atlanta	*	Atl	anta		16%	66%
Office		Office Energy Inch Equipment Lighting Heating Cooling	ease (%) - 50.2% - 8.2% + 47.6% - 21.9%	- 18.2% Total Office Energy Increase		
		Residential Energy	Increase (%)		-58,220 (kg/year)	-50%
Baseline2 Scenario		Equipment Lighting Heating Cooling	+ 0.9% + 0.0% - 1.6% + 2.5%	+ 0.3% Total Res. Energy Increase	Buildings CO2 Redution	Commute CO2 Reduction

Telework Policy Planning >





-8.7%

Total CO₂ Reduction

TELEWORK POLICY PLANNING





UPDATED ENERGY USE INTENSITY(EUI)

OFFICE ENERGY USE REDUCTION



OFFICE OPERATION **CO2 REDUCTION**

COMMUTE TO-WORK **CO2 REDUCTION**

Energy Consumption Pattern Average Office Energy Use Average Residential Energy Use

Commuate CO2 Emission Pattern

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< Responsive Occupants Behavior

122.7 kWh/m2/year 38.90 kBtu/ft2/year

-63.249 kWh/year -215.794kBtu/year

kg/year

-84,455 kg/year

362,141

06 LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE WORK



Limitations and future work

- Two climate zones
- Two studios
- Measurement and verification
- Social benefits



Limitations and future work

The use of smart building technology, IoT, can enable more efficient facilities management and help support a safe and healthy environment:

Desk occupancy Detect real-time desk occupancy and get updates when this changes. See live availability and better manage desk bookings, monitor usage for cleaning and track occupancy over time for space planning.

Doors and windows Monitor when these are open ore closed, tracking over time to automate building management processes.

Occupancy See live occupancy to manage space usage, implement demand-controlled HVAC and lighting systems.

Environment Monitor CO2 levels, ambient temperature and relative humidity in each area throughout the day.



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