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#### Co-simulation for complex urban energy systems



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# **Observations and hypothesis**

- Utilities tend to diversify
- Territorial energy systems become more complexe
- Optimisation tools exist but

→ operationnal and territorial constraints

- Multi-energy and multi-network
  - $\rightarrow$  Exploiting synergies
  - → Efficient, resilient and robust
  - $\rightarrow$  Control strategies ?









# The IntegrCiTy project





EraNET Smart Cities http://integrcity.epfl.ch/

March 2016 to February 2019 – 3.5M€

#### → Decision support tool

- Design and planning
- Energy networks interoperability



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# Why co-simulation ?

- Multi-disciplinary challenges
- Multi-energy and multi-network systems
- Multiple partners with existing dedicated tools

*Separating a problem into distributed sub-problems* 

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# → multi-rate and multi-method modular time integration



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#### Jacobi method







#### **Gauss-Seidel method**







# **Problematics and challenges**

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- Sampling times
- Control strategies
- Dynamic/Static models
- Cyclic dependencies



On:

**Stability** 

**Open** loop

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- Error
- Computation time





#### Proof of concept and solvers ontro 4th Generation District Heating Technologies and Systems Solar Thermal Contro Building nissio Ster Heat Pump Stratified Storage lontro

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# Tests, implementation and co-simulation tools



- Mosaik
  - → https://mosaik.offis.de/



OpenBuildNet



→ https://sites.google.com/site/buildnetproject/software



## IT structure - OpenBuildNet



## **Creating a tool**

- OpenSource technologies
- Highly scalable structure

- ADH Abc Hasting Technologies and Systems
- Highly adaptive and modular architecture
- Distributed computation
- Academic work suited to industrial needs



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