Main issues and definition

- Evaluation of hourly heating load, accounting for intermittent heating, solar gains, equipment, control and occupants
- More accurate than monthly / annual calculation, accounting for temporal variation of temperatures, energy storage e.g. from noon to evening,
- Evaluation of thermal comfort, in summer and midseason, study of passive cooling measures
- Aid in the design of a renovation project, comparison of alternatives, certification REES



Use in a renovation project and main limits

- Modelling the existing building, then assessment of renovation measures (heating load + comfort)
- Same problems as for simplified calculation : difficulty to evaluate thermal bridges and air renewal rate, wall characteristics sometimes unknown (thermal insulation ?)
- possibility to identify these parameters using the measured energy consumption
- average inhabitants' behaviour (internal gains, window opening, use of solar protection...)
- Around 5 man-days to model a building and study a renovation project





Example tool : COMFIE, www.izuba.fr

