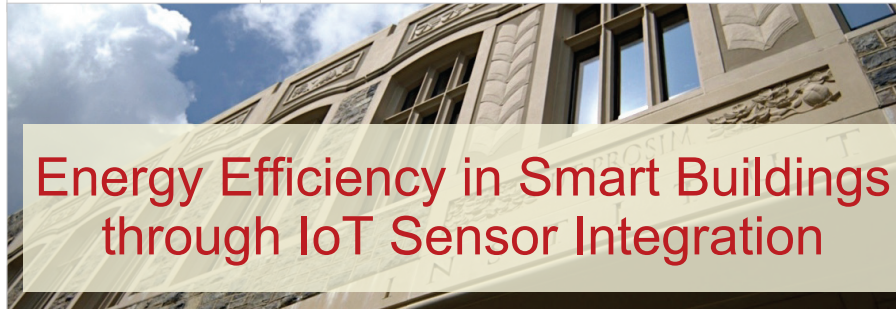




Energy Efficiency in Smart Buildings through IoT Sensor Integration

Invited Lecture

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Purpose and Objectives

- Buildings consume over 40% of the total energy consumption in the U.S. Over 90% of the buildings in the U.S. are either small-sized (<5,000 square feet) or medium-sized (between 5,000 sf and 50,000 sf). These buildings typically do not use Building Automation Systems (BAS) to monitor and control their building systems from a central location.
- **WiseBldg platform** facilitates energy efficiency applications in commercial buildings using a very simple and scalable building automation system (BAS).



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An Open Architecture Platform for Building Energy Efficiency

WiseBldg is a Building Energy Management Open Architecture Software solution that is engineered to improve sensing and control of all IoT-enabled equipment in commercial buildings

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Monitoring and control:

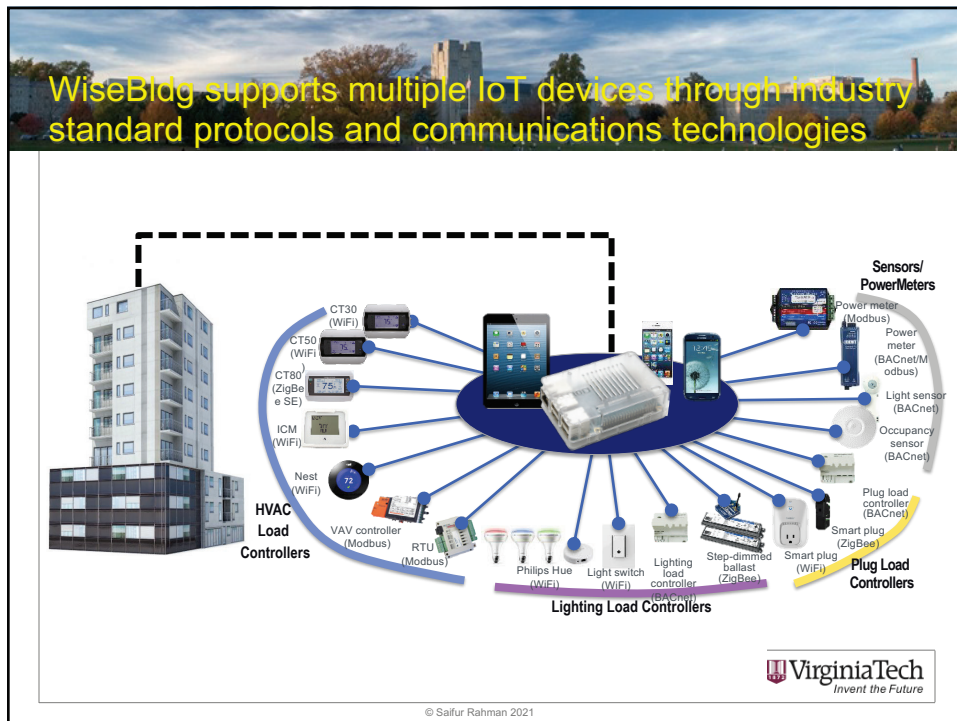
- Heating, Ventilation, AC
- Lighting loads
- Plug loads

Value: Improves energy efficiency and facilitates peak load savings in buildings

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Multiple-protocol Interoperability

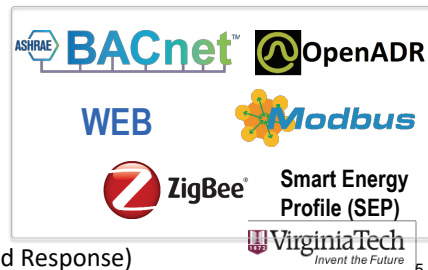
Communication Technologies

- ☐ Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)
- ☐ Serial Interface (RS-485)
- ☐ ZigBee (IEEE 802.15.4)
- ☐ WiFi (IEEE 802.11)



Data Exchange Protocols

- ☐ BACnet (IP and MS/TP)
- ☐ Modbus (RTU and TCP)
- ☐ Web (e.g., XML, JSON, RSS/Atom)
- ☐ ZigBee API
- ☐ Smart Energy (SE)
- ☐ OpenADR (Open Automated Demand Response)

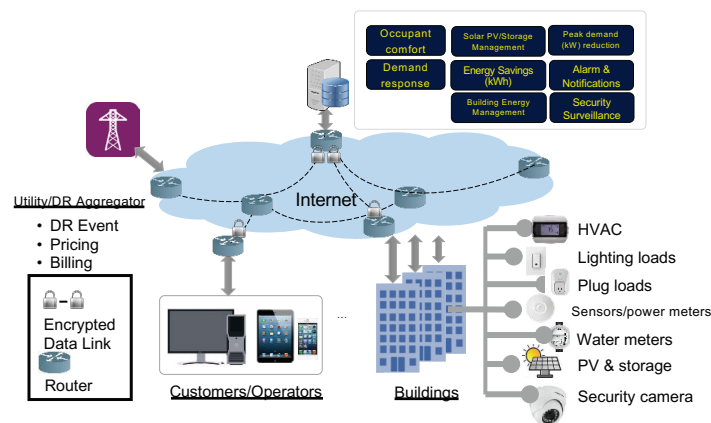


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WiseBldg Platform Built by BEM Controls



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WiseBldg can make an old building smart



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Customers controlling buildings optimized for savings

Measured energy savings across deployments

- 20%** HVAC Energy Savings
- 25%** Lighting Energy Savings

Improved operations and maintenance: WiseBldg analytical platform enables operators to detect faults when devices operate outside standard thresholds enabling building operators to investigate prior to device failure.

Occupant satisfaction: spaces controlled by WiseBldg have been more comfortable due to more consistent temperature profiles and healthier air quality through consistent monitoring of environmental factors (CO2 levels, PM 2.5).



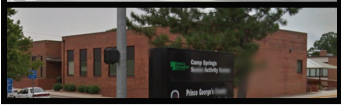
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WiseBldg Deployments in Four Buildings



Building 1 – VT Classroom Building

- Location: **Alexandria**, VA
- Demonstration: HVAC, plug load control

Building 2 – Equipment Bureau Building

- Location: **Arlington**, VA
- Demonstration: Lighting control

Building 3 – VT Lab Building

- Location: **Blacksburg**, VA
- Demonstration: HVAC control

Building 4 – PG County Community Building

- Location: **Camp Springs**, MD
- Demonstration: HVAC control



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Building 1 – VT Building in Alexandria, VA



Alexandria, Virginia, USA

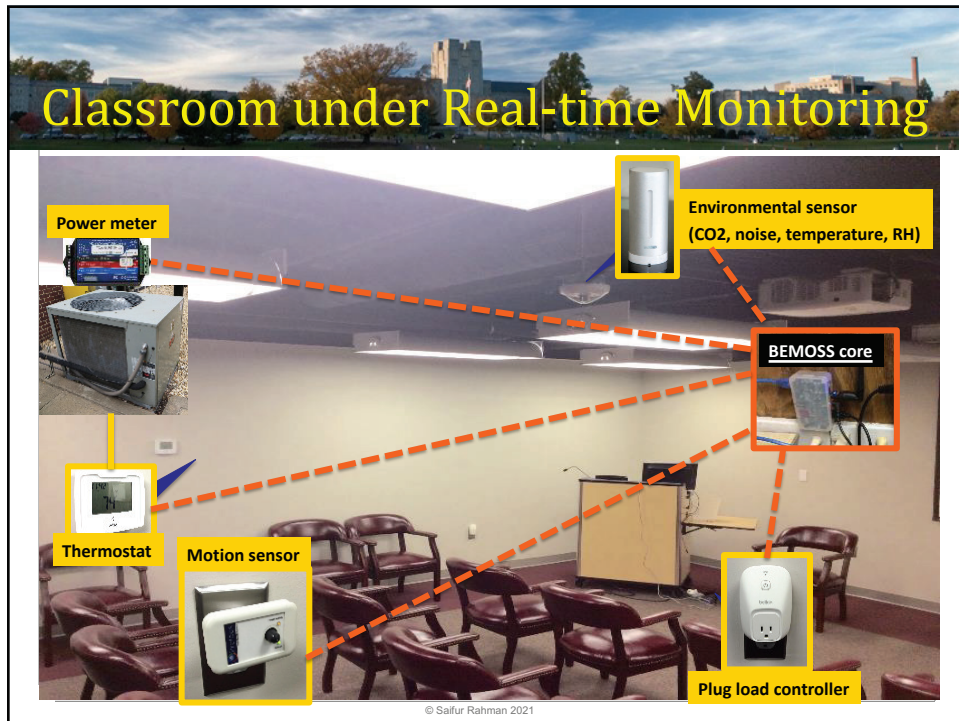
Area: 25,000 SF
 Energy: 14-25 MWh/mo.
 Peak load: 61 kW



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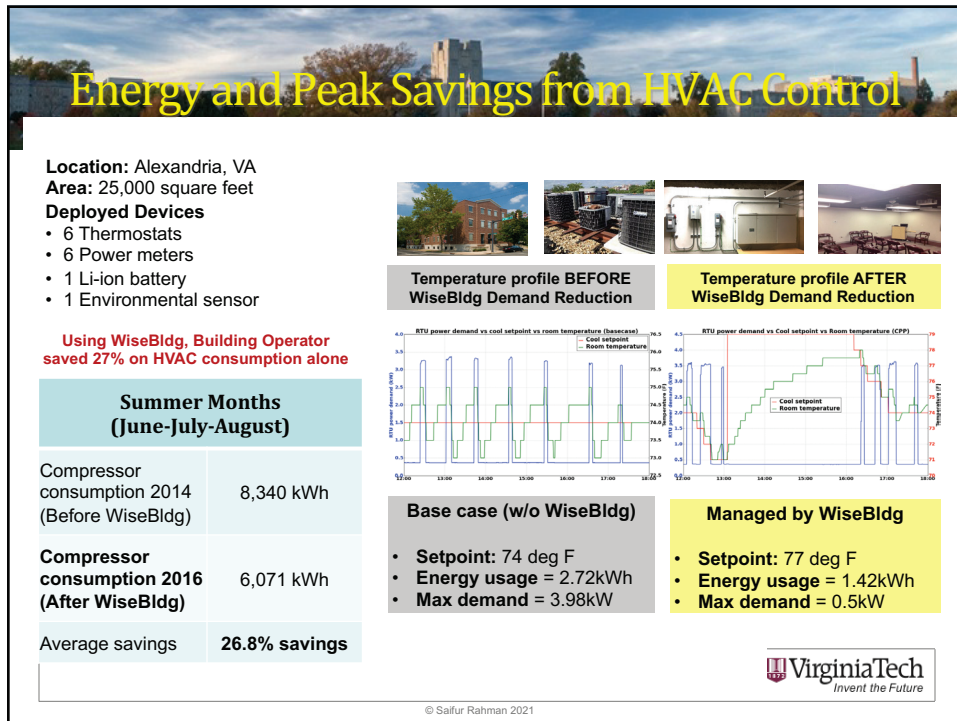
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Energy Savings from Lighting Control

Location: Arlington, VA

Area: 5,000 sq ft

Deployed Devices

- 3 Lighting controllers
- 1 Power meter





An average energy savings of 35% was achieved through dimming control

Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	AVERAGE
33.7%	33.9%	34.4%	33.4%	35.9%	36.2%	35.0%	36.0%	36.3%	34.5%

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Energy Savings by controlling light intensity

Month	Total Measured Energy Consumption (kWh)	Total Calculated Energy Consumption without Dimming (kWh)	Energy Savings by Dimming (%)
October 2016	264.37	399.90	33.89%
November 2016	278.13	423.78	34.37%
December 2016	280.76	426.40	34.16%
Total (October-December)	823.26	1250.08	34.14%

Note: Scheduled dimming level from 6:30am to 9:00pm. Open office area A: 50%; Open office area B: 45%; Chief office's desk area: 60%; Chief office's meeting area: 50%; Conference room A: 50%; Conference room B: 45%. Lights are off after 9:00pm.

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Solar PV System Monitoring and Control



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WiseBldg User Interface



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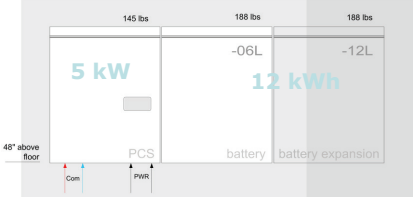
Managing Battery Storage from WiseBldg Platform



EGUANA AC BATTERY™

- BATTERY READY
- COMMAND READY
- SYSTEM CERTIFIED

Battery Cells  **LG Chem**



145 lbs 188 lbs 188 lbs

5 kW -06L -12L

12 kWh

48" above floor PCS battery battery expansion

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Battery Storage Data Access from WiseBldg



Utility Interactive

Discharge Charge

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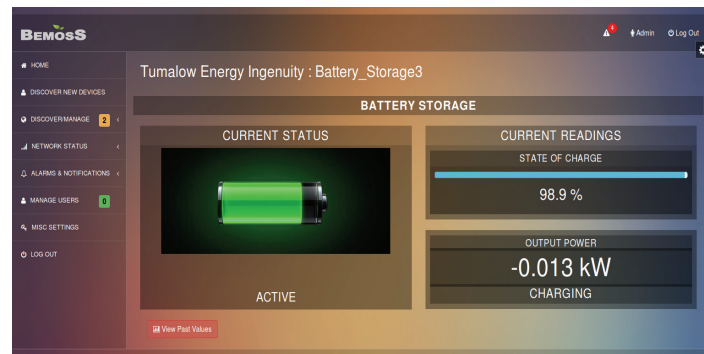


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Battery Storage Monitoring & Control



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