

Value creation by use of smart city data

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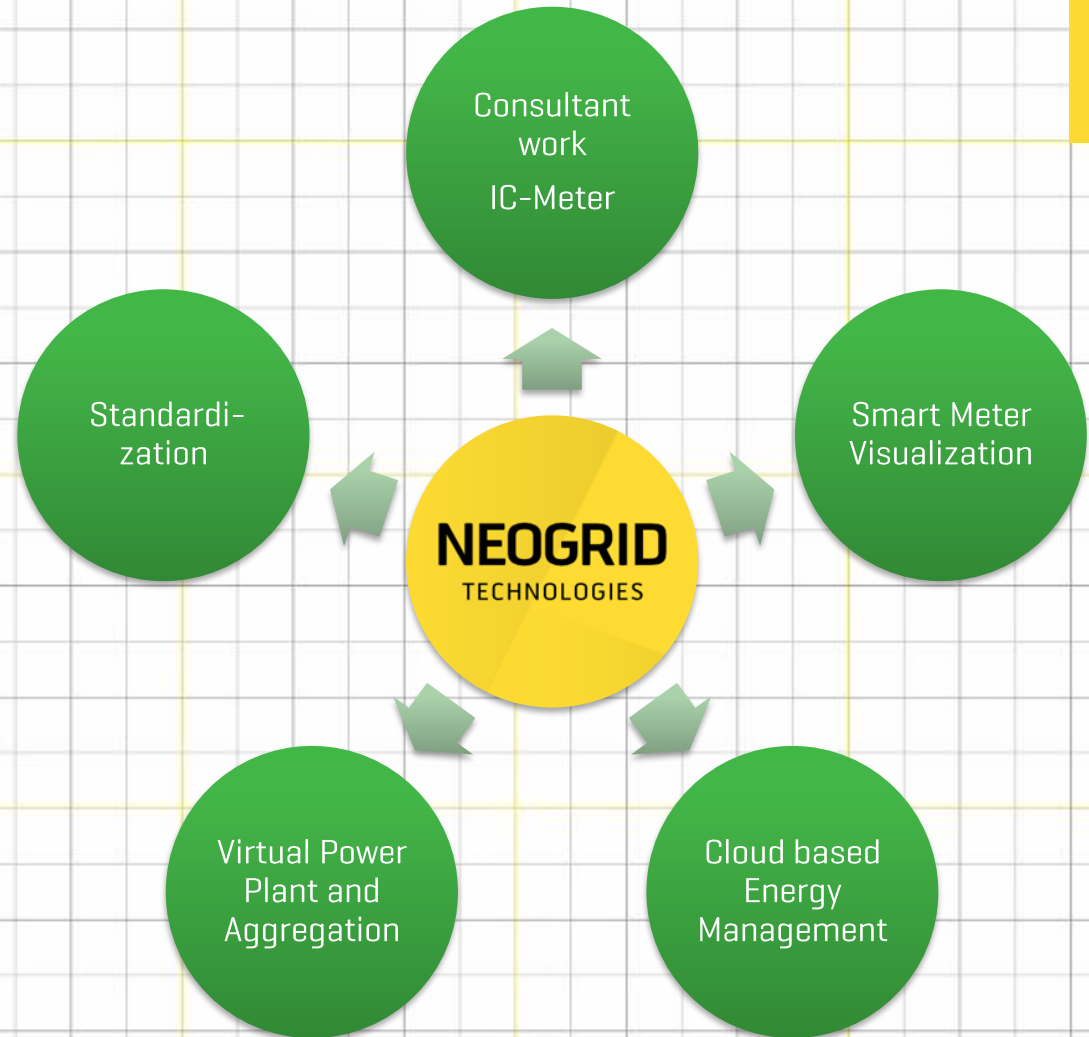
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Background

- Founded in 2009
- +30 years experience from mobile communication
- Involved in 25+ national and international research projects within Smart Grid And Energy Optimization
- 8 employees



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PreHEAT solution for Energy Management

Idea

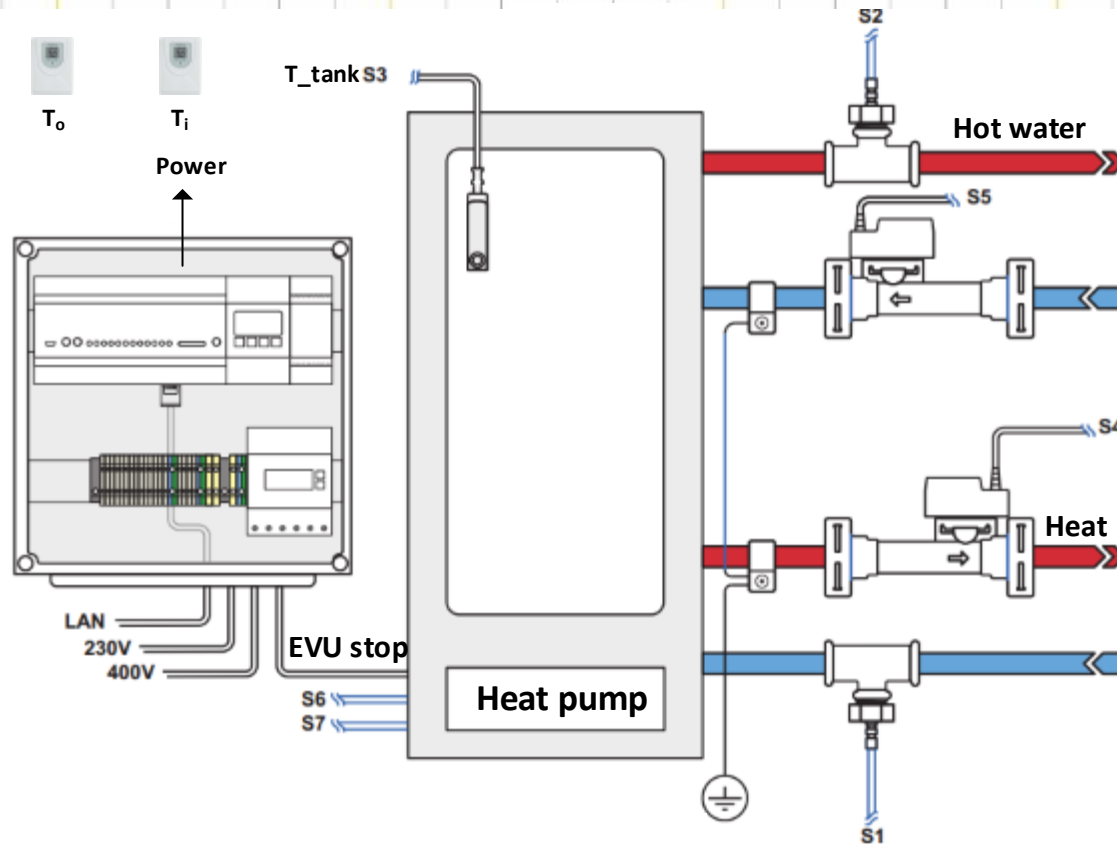
- Forecast based direct control of heat supply to buildings equipped with
 - Heat pumps
 - District Heating
- Supports two different solutions
 - Individual modelling and control
 - Pool modelling and control

PreHeat – use of data

Weather forecast (yr.no) 1 hour resolution, 36 hours ahead	Heat pump/District heating 5 min resolution	House 5 min resolution
Low/Med/High cloudiness (calculate direct/diffuse sunradiation)	Energy (domestic hot water)	Inside temperature
Outside temperature	Energy (heat)	User behaviour?
Wind (speed/direction)	(Electricity consumption)	Wood burner?
Humidity	Water temperatures	

Heat pump control

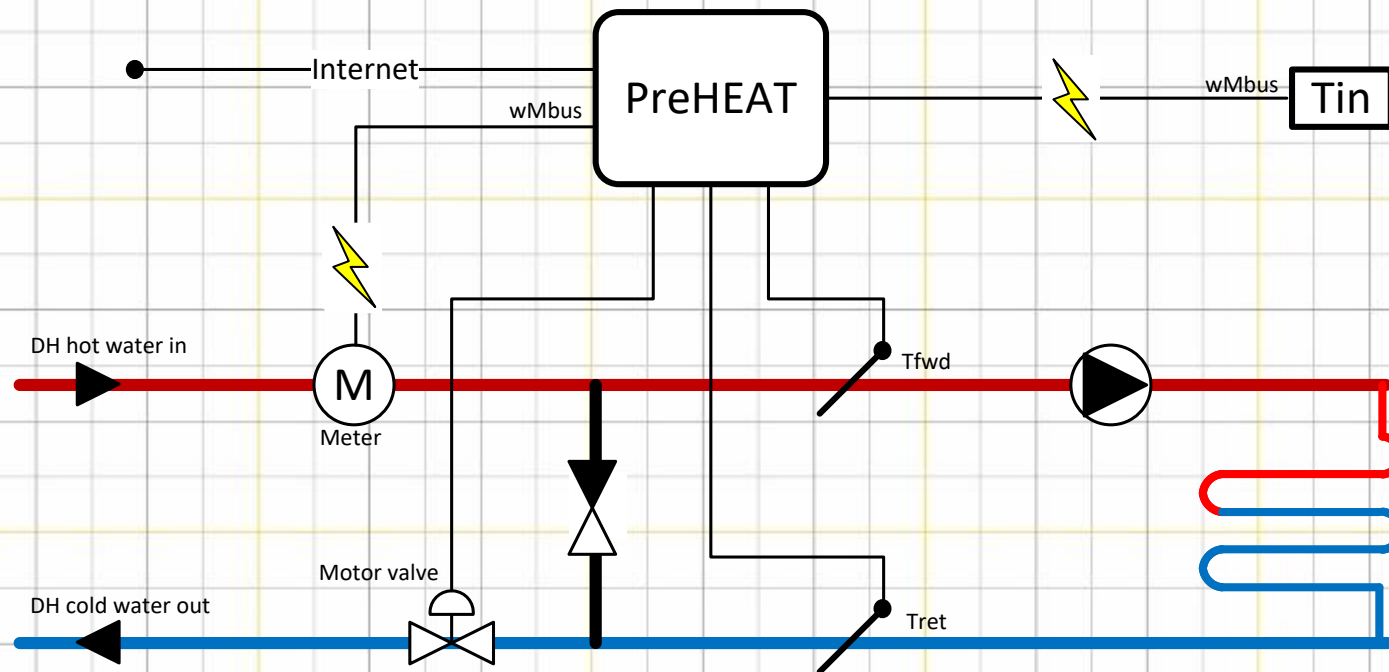
StyrDinVarmepumpe setup



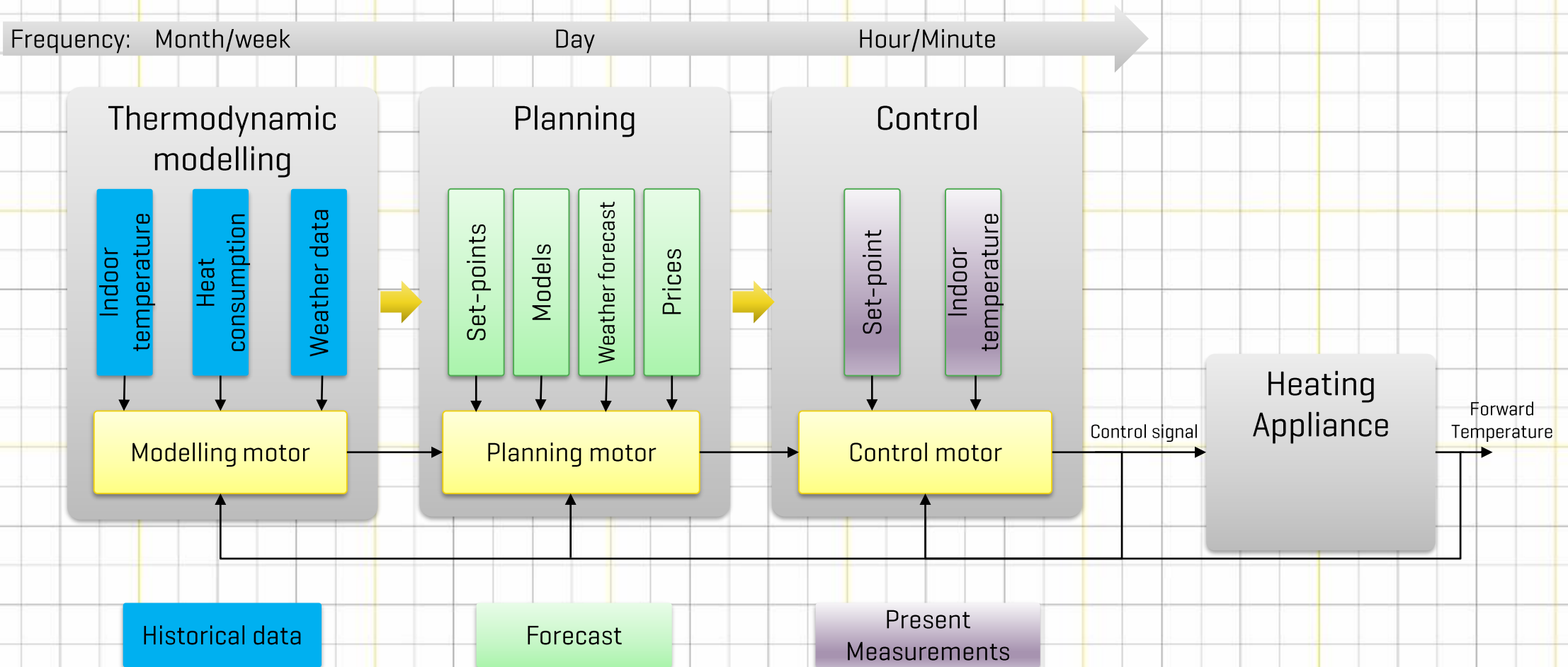
- 300 installations
- 5 minutes resolution
- Controlled via relay input
- Can stop heat pump
- Can not force start, but allow heat pump to run
- XMPP: online monitoring
- XMPP: online control

PreHEAT for district heating

PreHEAT architecture



PreHEAT Function diagram



Benefits – PreHeat

District Heating case

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Area	Type
Reduce Heating Cost	Weather forecast based MPC control of forward temperature (reduces heat loss from pipes in/outside building envelope)
	Optimize operation due to sunlight
	Night setback and out of house setback
Improve Comfort	Reduce excess temperature due to sunlight
	App control and monitoring
Services for District Heating Companies	Load shifting
	Price optimization
	More accurate demand estimates
	Pool control and monitoring
Service	Monitoring and alarm
	Building envelope
	Remote diagnostic

PreHeat savings

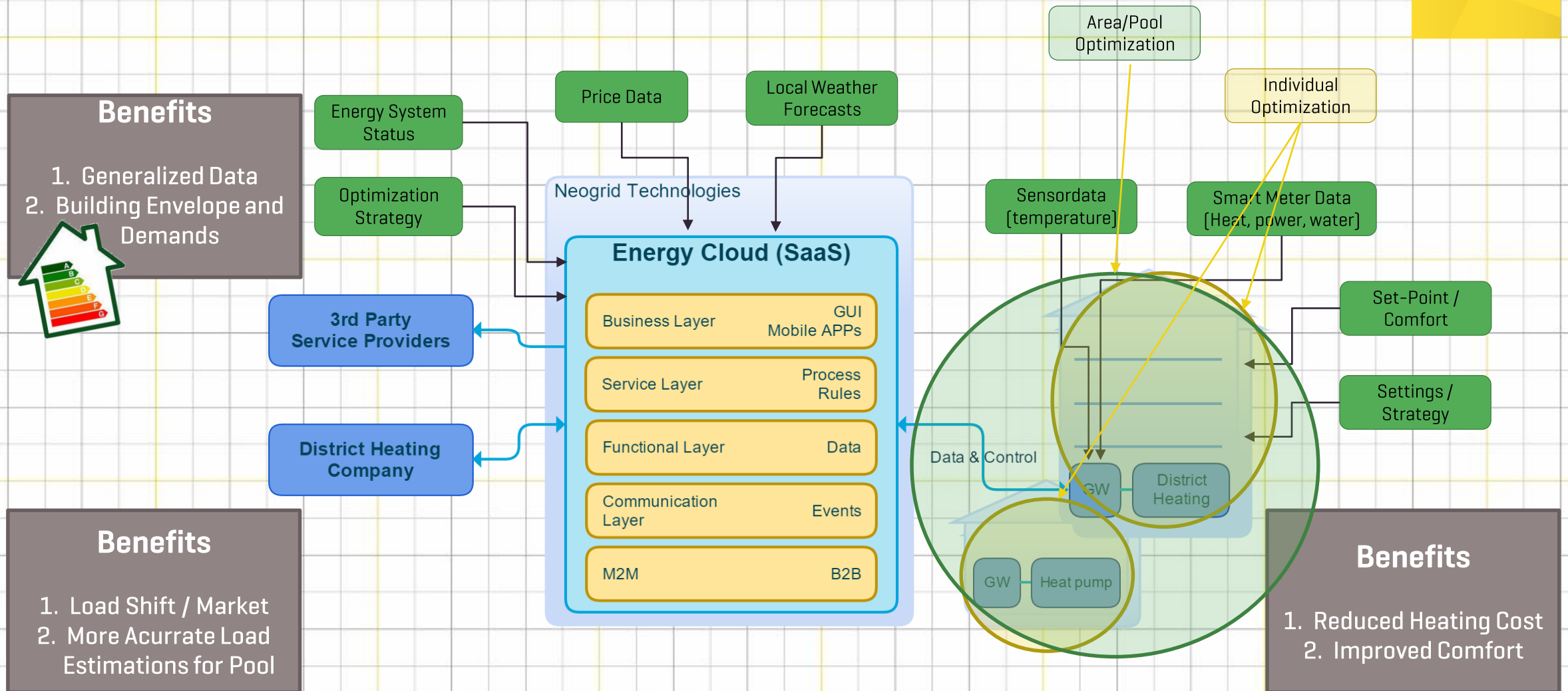
District Heating case

Energy saving break down	Saving potential
Optimized control of forward temperature	5-20 %
Optimized operation based on sun modelling	2-10 %
Intelligent night and "out-of-house" set back	10 %
Reduced loss in heating pipes outside building envelope	< 5 %
Reduced loss in heating pipes inside building envelope	< 5 %

- Significant parameters
 - Presence of room thermostats
 - Radiators vs. floor heating
 - House age and time constant
 - Presence of weather compensated heat curve [i.e. heat pumps & gas burners]
 - Disitric Heating billing models: Volume or Energy settled
 - Fixed amount share of energy bill

Intelligent Energy Management

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Online prediction of heat load

*A case study of greenhouses
in a district heating system*



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Outline

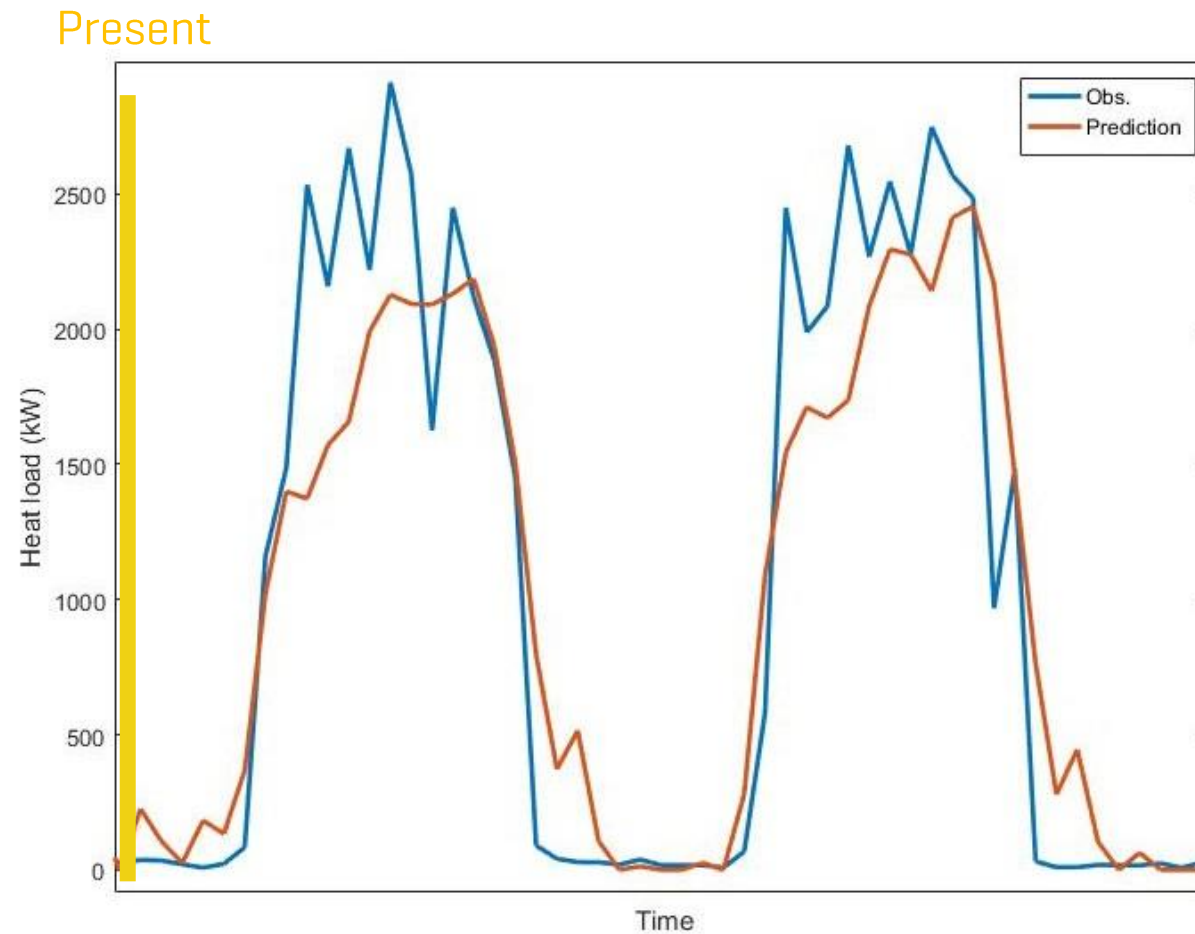


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Problem description

The aim is to predict short term future load

At a given time, predict the future heat load of a greenhouse in the next 48 h :

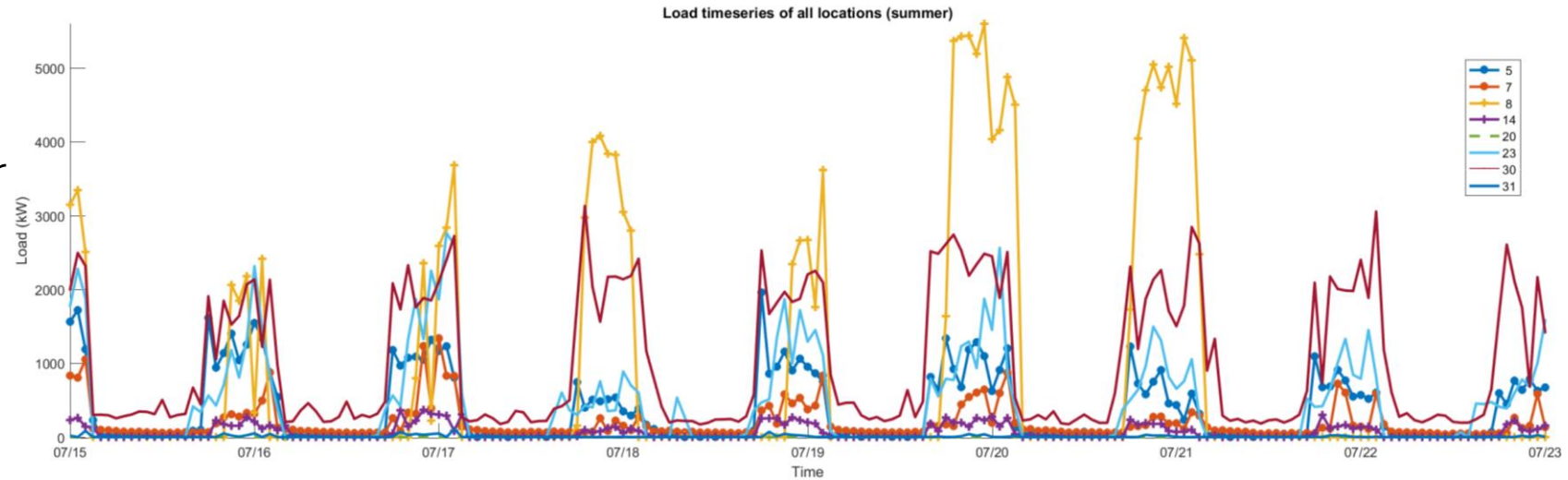


Greenhouse load undergoes large variations

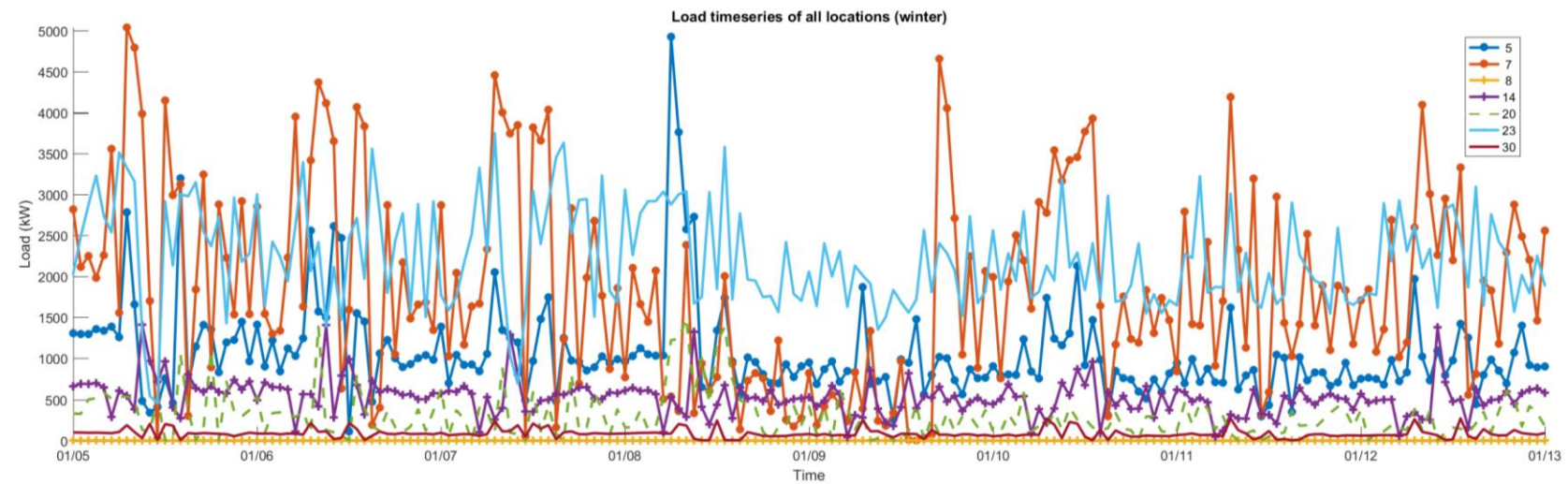
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Summer
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Winter
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Detailed analysis of 8 greenhouses was made

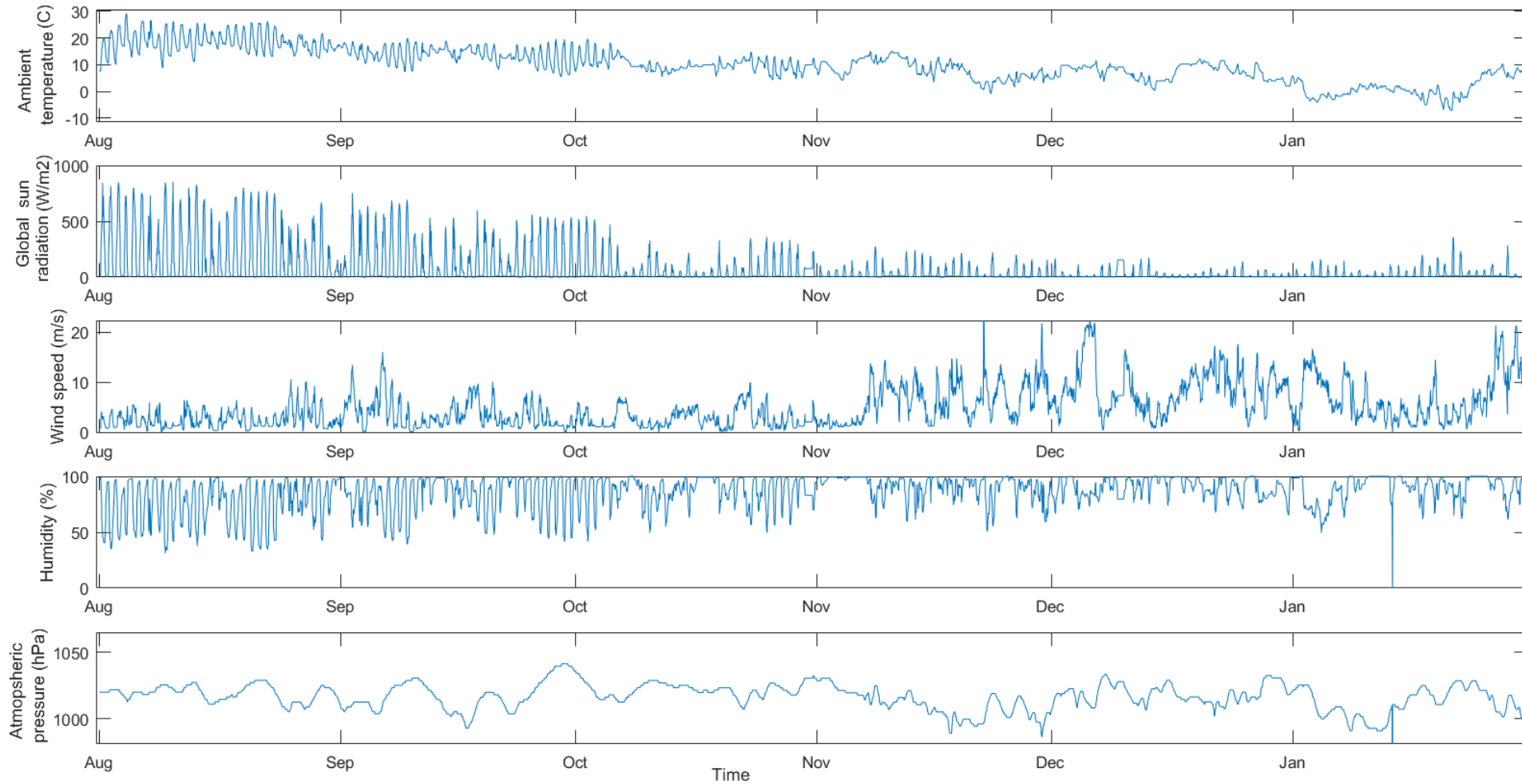
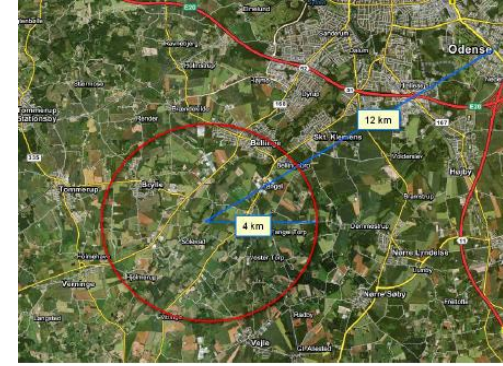


ID number	Data available	Period covered	Avg. heat load (MW)	Peak (MW)
5	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-18/01/2016	0,69	5,2
7	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-18/01/2016	0,93	5,2
8	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-19/01/2016	1,18	6,2
14	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-19/01/2016	0,22	1,6
20	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	09/06/2015-19/01/2016	0,11	2,0
23	t, H_s, T_f, T_r	09/06/2015-19/01/2016	0,90	4,6
30	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-09/12/2016	1,06	4,0
31	t, q, H_s, T_f, T_r	08/06/2015-18/01/2016	0,03	0,2

- Timestamps (t , in UTC time)
- Flow (q in m^3/h)
- Thermal energy usage rate (H_s in kW)
- Forward temperature (T_f in $^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Return temperature (T_r in $^{\circ}\text{C}$)

15 min data, resampled to 1h

Weather data was used in prediction



Prediction method

The predictor learns from past behaviour and adapts to changes



Recursive least squares with forgetting [1]

Forward selection of relevant inputs (diurnal curves terms and weather variables)

1 greenhouse = 1 predictor

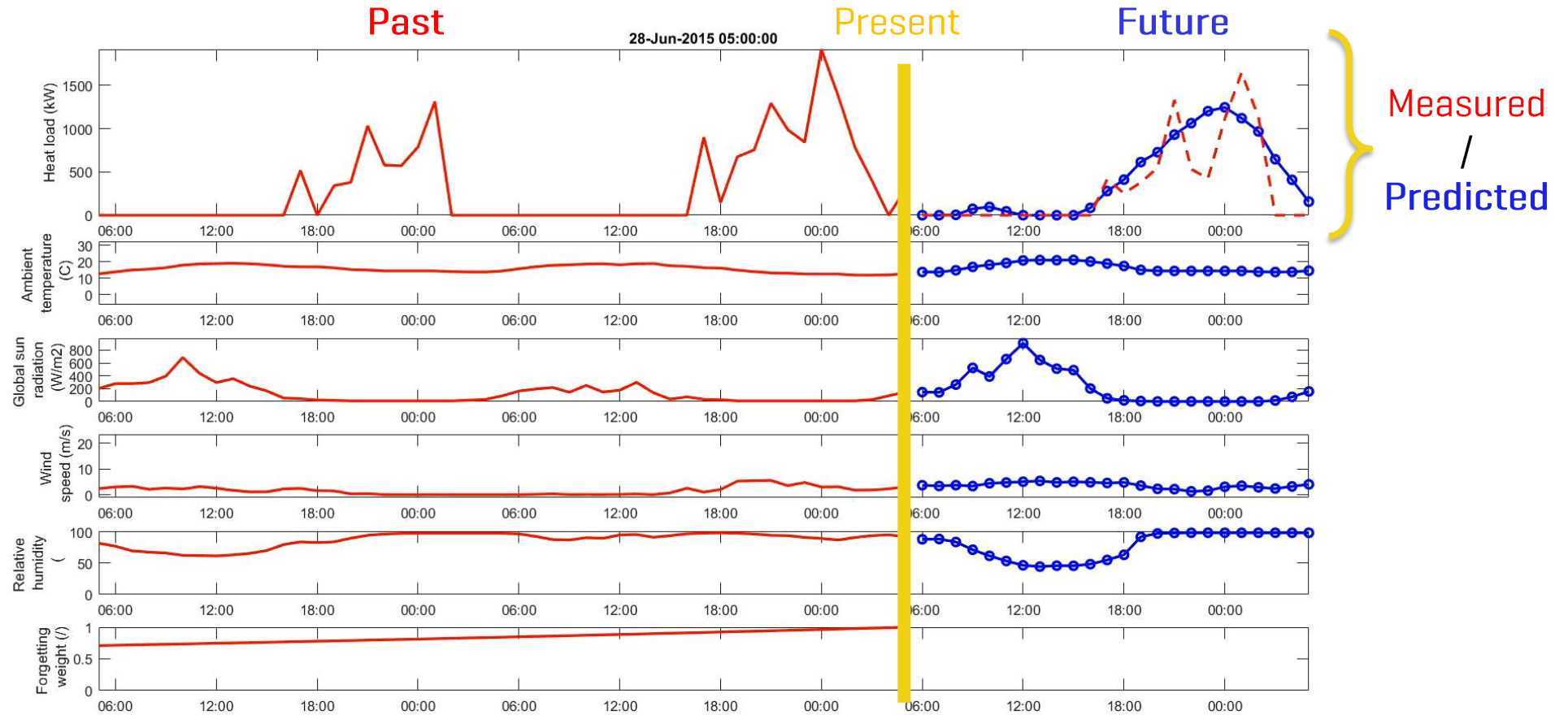
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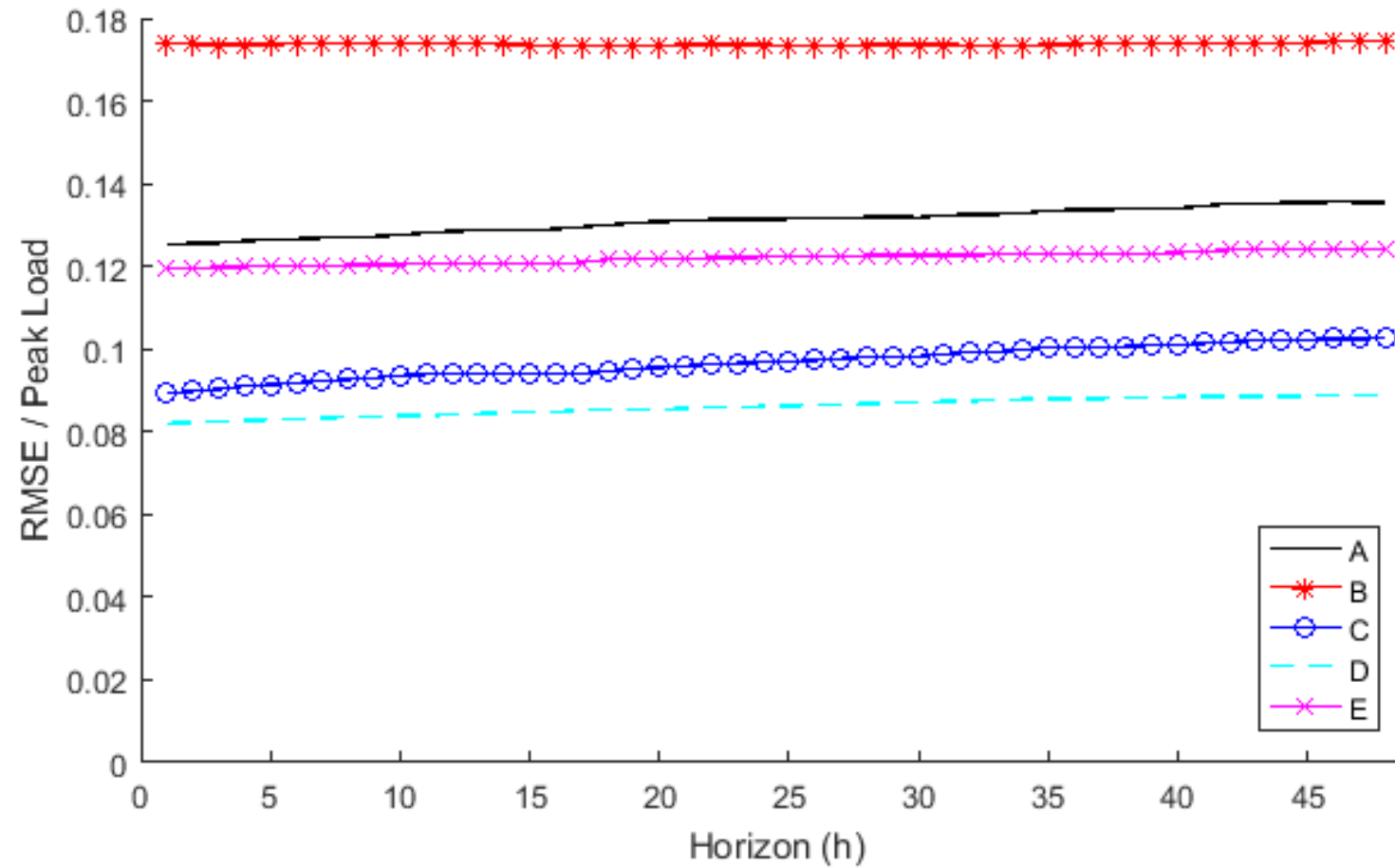
Practical performance

The predictor provides reasonable performance

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Performance varies location by location



Conclusion

The method seems promising



- The method is computationally simple
- Weather forecast improves performance
- Results vary greenhouse by greenhouse, with differences in:
 - Relevant explanatory variables
 - Speed of changes in operation
 - Performance of forecast
- Much uncertainty still remains
- Fjernvarme Fyn has shown interest in deploying it
- A journal paper and report are expected to be published this year



Thank you for your time and attention!

Questions

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