

# Integrating electrical and thermal domains - A case study of the Danish Technical University campus

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# Background & Context

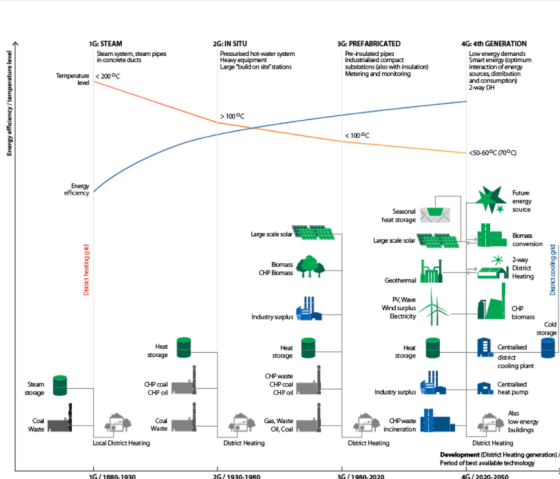
What big picture are we looking at?

- Integrated energy systems
- Multi-carrier energy systems
- Multi-source multi-products energy systems
- Energy systems coupling
- Multi-domain energy systems (MES)
- ...



# Background & Context

What big picture are we looking at? - 4GDH and SMART GRID



credit: 4th Generation District Heating (4GDH): Integrating smart thermal grids into future sustainable energy systems - Lund et al.

# Background & Context

What will change?

## What the future looks like in integrated energy systems

- Renewables
- Distributed energy resources
- Power-to-heat technologies
- Bi-directional flows
- Local heat injection
- Control aspect become crucial
- Communication will play a key role

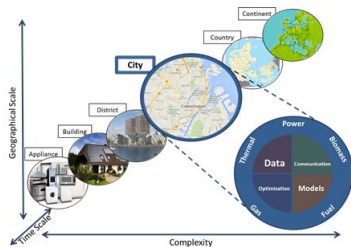


# Problem statement

What does this field of research lack?

## What challenges are faced in integrated electro-thermal systems

- Complexity
- Temporal and spatial
- Correlation of uncertainties
- Operational time scales
- What about control?
- Characterisation, aggregation & simplification



→ Properly described Use Cases (UCs) based on a holistic methodology



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## Overview

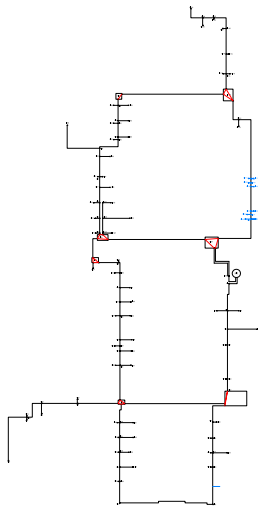
### Key figures

- $\approx 11.000$  students
- $\approx 6.000$  staff
- Roughly  $2\text{km}^2$



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## System configuration - on Scale





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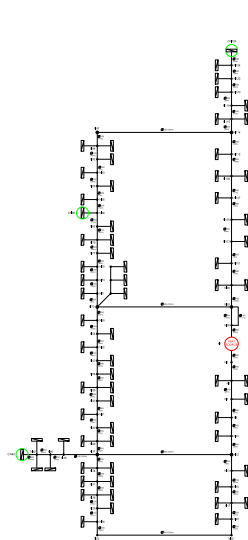
## System configuration - Simplified

### Key figures

- 68 Loads
- 126 Nodes
- Loops
- 3 critical points - Bypass
- 2 supply loops
- $\simeq 60.000$  MWh/year heat

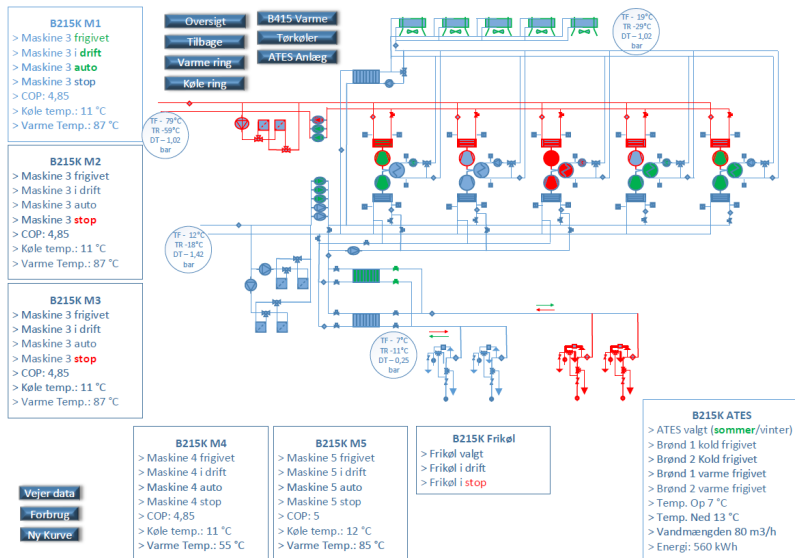
### Potential

- 12MW of cooling (peak)
- 6MW of cooling installed
- Heat is wasted



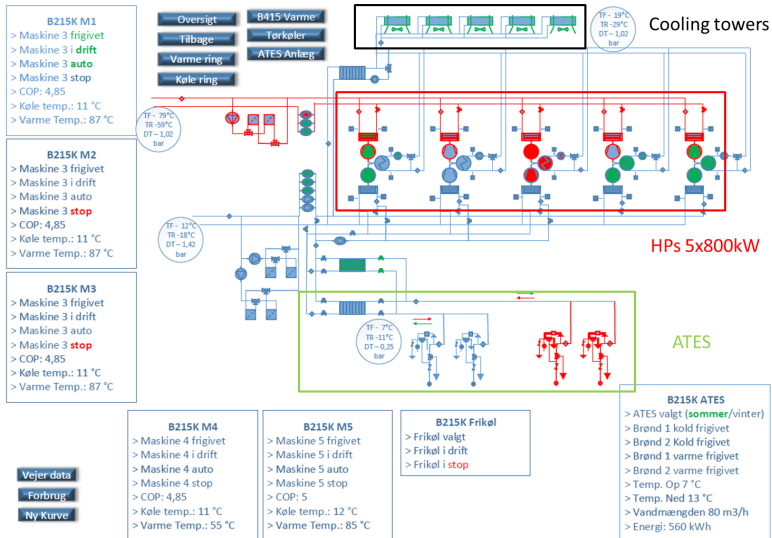
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## System configuration - Future Heat pump I



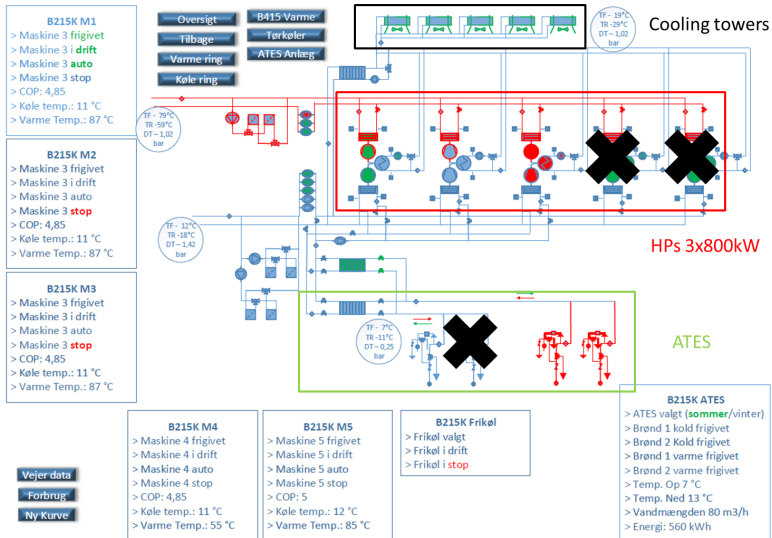
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## System configuration - Future Heat pump II



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## System configuration - Future Heat pump III



# Use cases

## Mapping to DTU campus



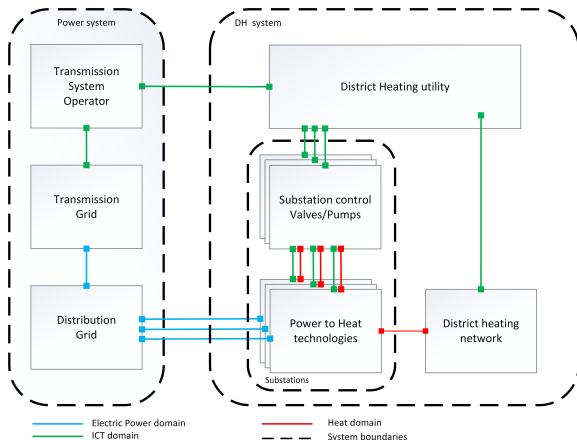
- **UC1** Decentralized feed-in in the DH network
- **UC2** District heating system providing ancillary services to the electrical system
- **UC3** Electrical system providing services to the heat distribution system

# Use cases

## Holistic view

### System configuration

*Domains refer to all physical or cyber-components belonging to a class of infrastructure*



## UC2 - DH provides ancillary services to the electrical system (TSO/DSO):



- Need for balancing - ancillary services
- Proliferation of DERs (e.g EVs)
- Aggregation
- Emergence of new market platform

## UC3 - Heat peak-load shaving (mainly small) - Electrical system providing service to the heating system



- Heat load forecast
- Time lag (e.g due to high inertia)
- Change in operation of DH networks



# Modelling tools

## Requirements

*Dynamic models are essential to understand interaction and characterize propagation of transient response from one system to another during normal and abnormal operation.*

- Temperatures, flows, pressures, energy and power for the Heating domain.
- Energy, power, flows, voltage, frequency for the Electrical
- ICTs are beyond the physical coupling but of paramount importance when considering control aspects of these cyber-physical systems.



## Modelling experience

- Modelling DH network is one "simple" thing
- Many tools exist
- Holistic vision becomes limiting
- API/co-simulation capable tools
- Co-simulation is a good candidate



# Conclusion

## What is next?

- UCs designed and representative of the future (hopefully)
- Dependant on external factors (i.e markets, policies, technologies)
- Maximize asset use
- DTU campus network is an interesting case study
- Data is key
- No single tool exists to address all UCs
- Co-simulation platform?
- Object-oriented, multi-domain modelling - Modelica?



# Conclusion

