

Model Predictive Control for Smart Energy Systems

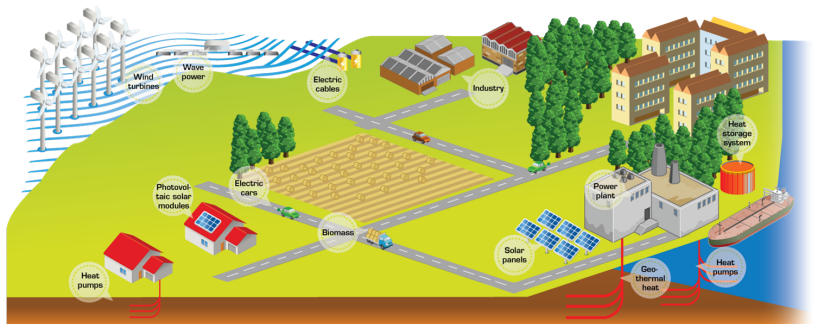
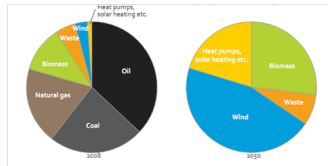
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Fossil-fuel free future¹



¹Danish Commission on Climate Change Policy, 2010

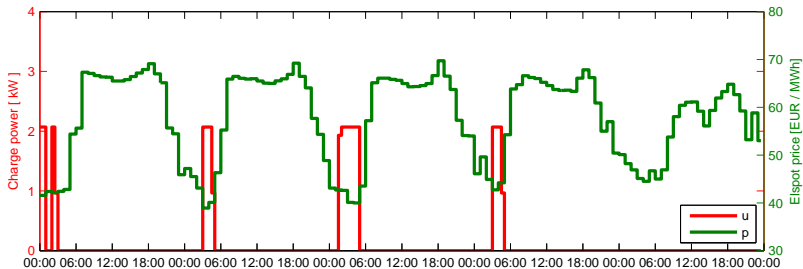
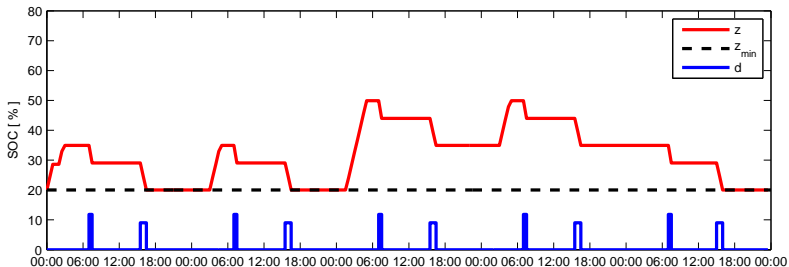
Agenda

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Economic Model Predictive Control

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \sum_{k=0}^N c_k u_k \\ &\text{subject to} && x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Ed_k \\ & && y_k = Cx_k \\ & && u_{\min} \leq u_k \leq u_{\max} \\ & && y_{\min} \leq y_k \leq y_{\max} \end{aligned}$$

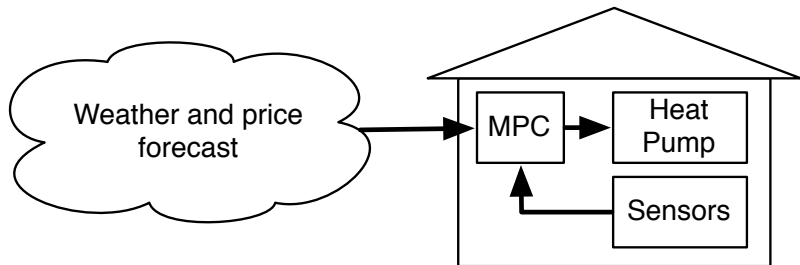
Example 1: EV charging



Why MPC?

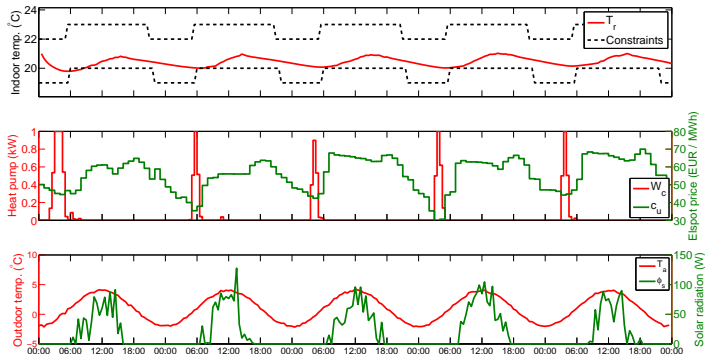
- Controllable loads (EV, Thermal storage)
- Exploits predictions to react ahead of time (prices, demand, wind)
- Flexible control architecture
- Handles system constraints
- Feedback and disturbance rejection

Heat pump and building

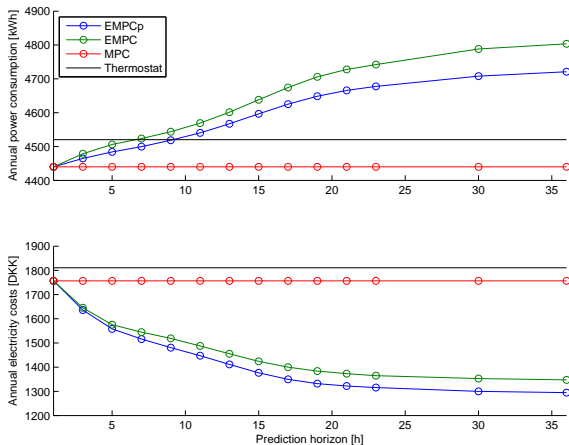


Heat pump MPC

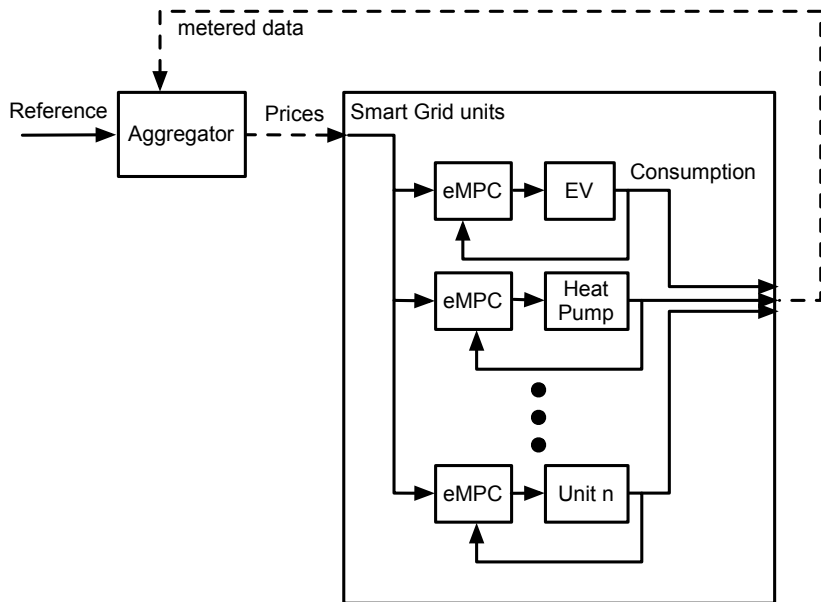
5 day simulation, 48 h prediction horizon using known inputs.
Savings up to 35% compared to MPC with fixed price.



Annual energy consumption and cost



Aggregator strategies

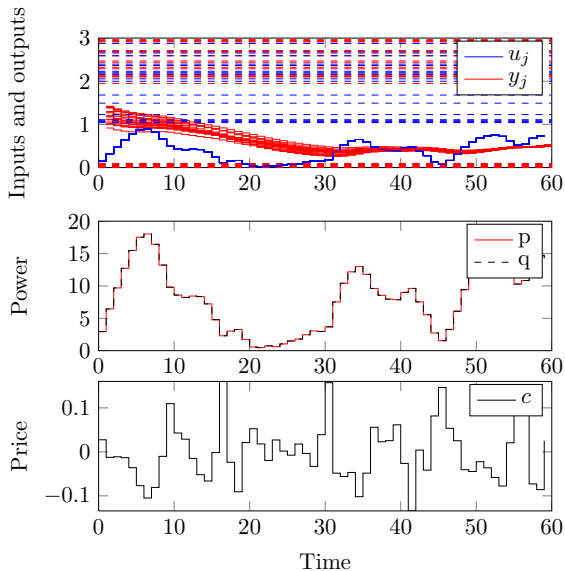


Decomposition methods

Solve the aggregator problem using

- 1 Dual decomposition
- 2 Douglas-Rachford splitting
- 3 Indirect set point MPC

Dual decomposition



Douglas-Rachford splitting

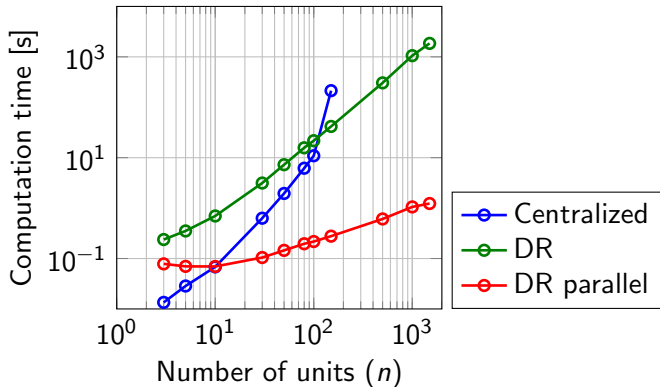
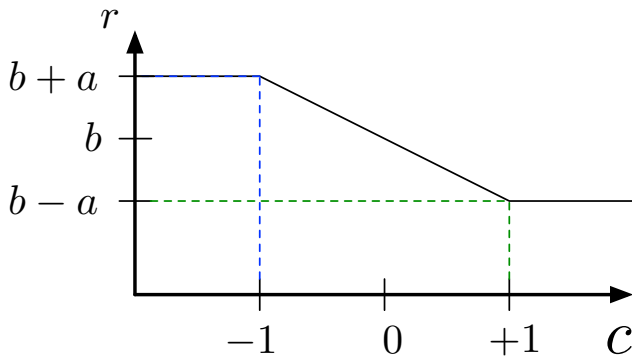


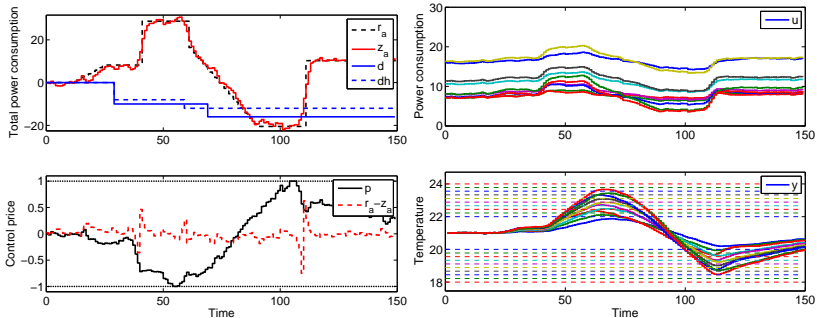
Figure : Convergence for open-loop problem with tuned step sizes t .

Price to temperature set point

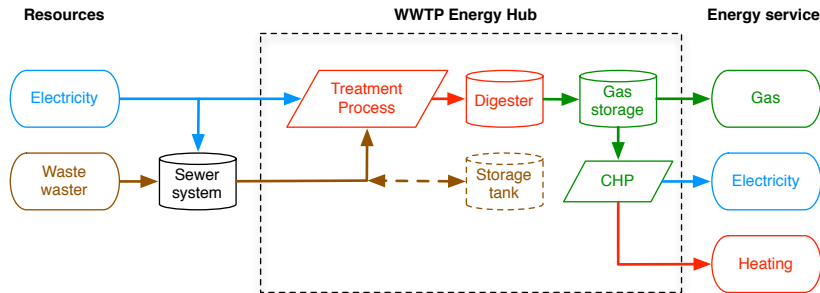


$$f_j(c) = -a_j c + b_j.$$

Indirect set point MPC



Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)



Conclusions

- Linear dynamic models of heat pumps in buildings, heat storage tanks, electric vehicles, refrigeration systems, power plants, and wind farms.
- Economic MPC that demonstrates load shifting capabilities of these flexible units.
- Distributed large-scale aggregation methods based on MPC, convex optimization, and decomposition methods.
- Several strategies for controlling the power consumption of a large portfolio of flexible consumers using MPC.

Future work

- Energy management of flexible waste water treatment plants
- Model Predictive Control and forecasts
- Interface to Smart Grid markets
- WWTP aggregation strategies

Questions and Comments

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