

# Flexibility Potentials in Combined Power and Thermal Systems



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# Flexible Solutions and CITIES

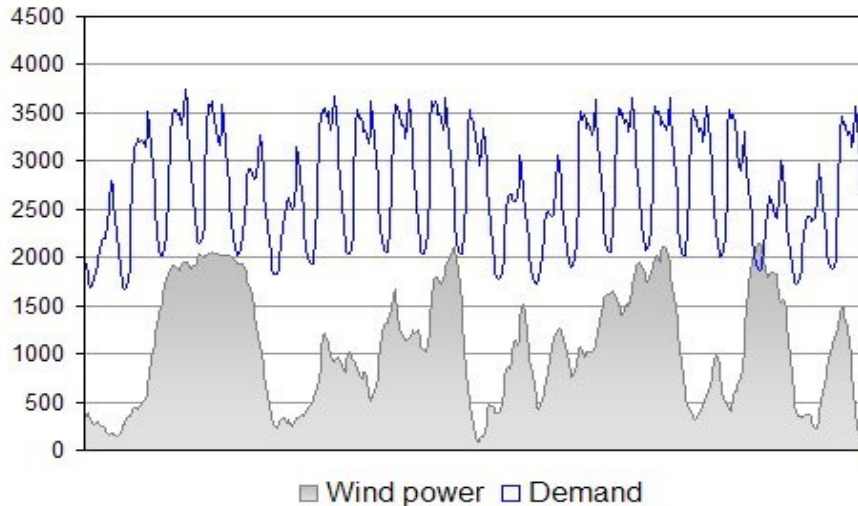
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# The Danish Wind Power Case

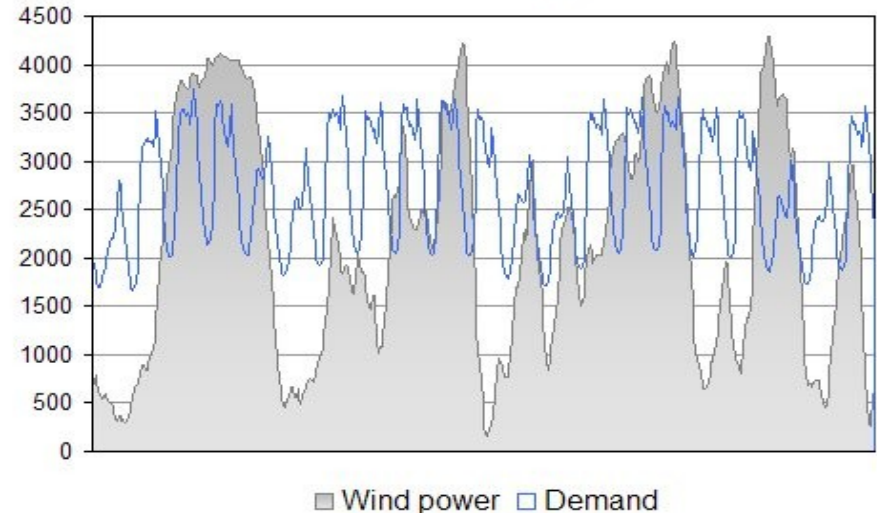
.... balancing of the power system

25 % wind energy (West Denmark January 2008)



In 2008 wind power did cover the entire demand of electricity in 200 hours (West DK)

50 % wind energy



**In 2015 more than 42 pct of electricity load was covered by wind power.**

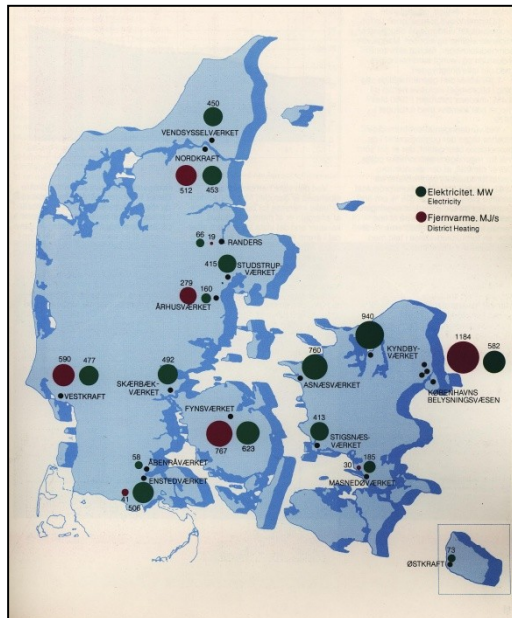
For several days the wind power production was more than 100 pct of the power load.

July 10th, 2015 more than 140 pct of the power load was covered by wind power

# From large central plants to Combined Heat and Power (CHP) production

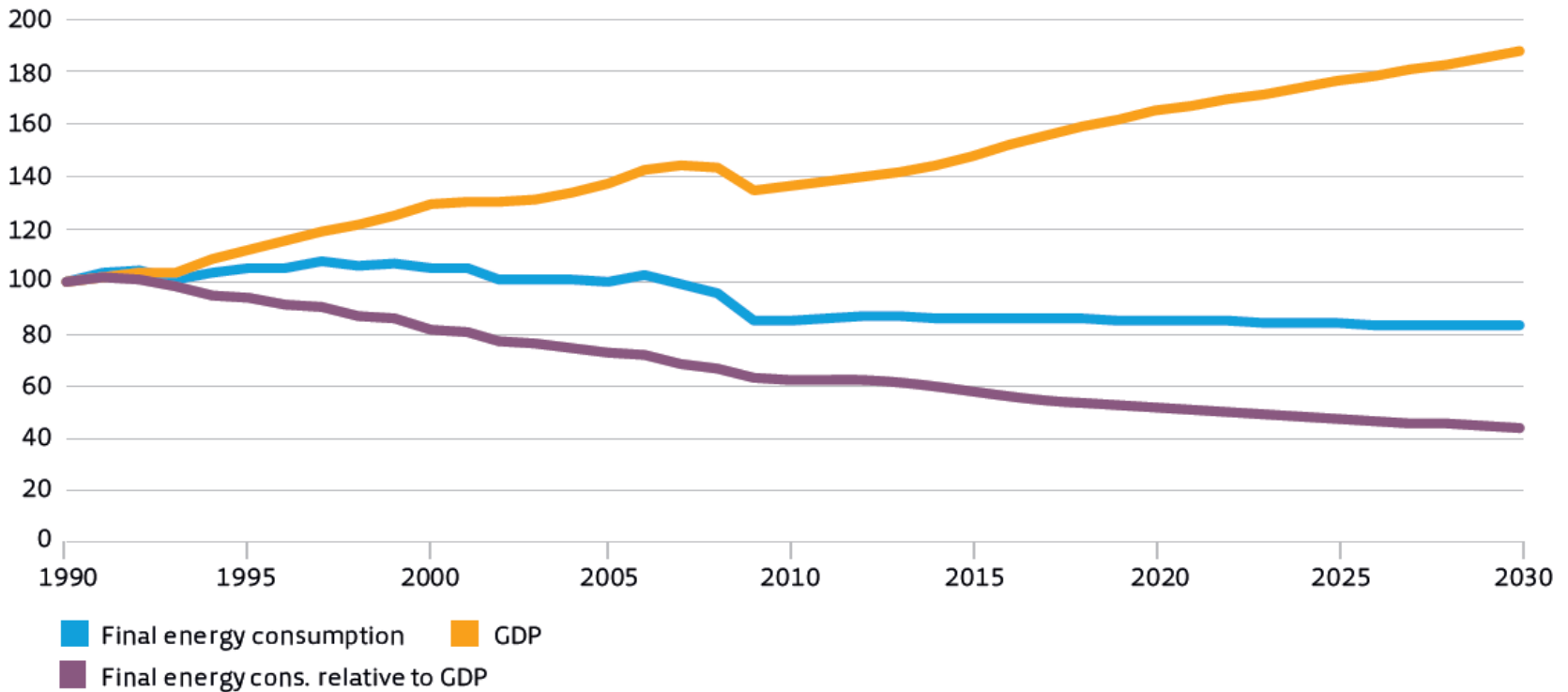
1980

Today



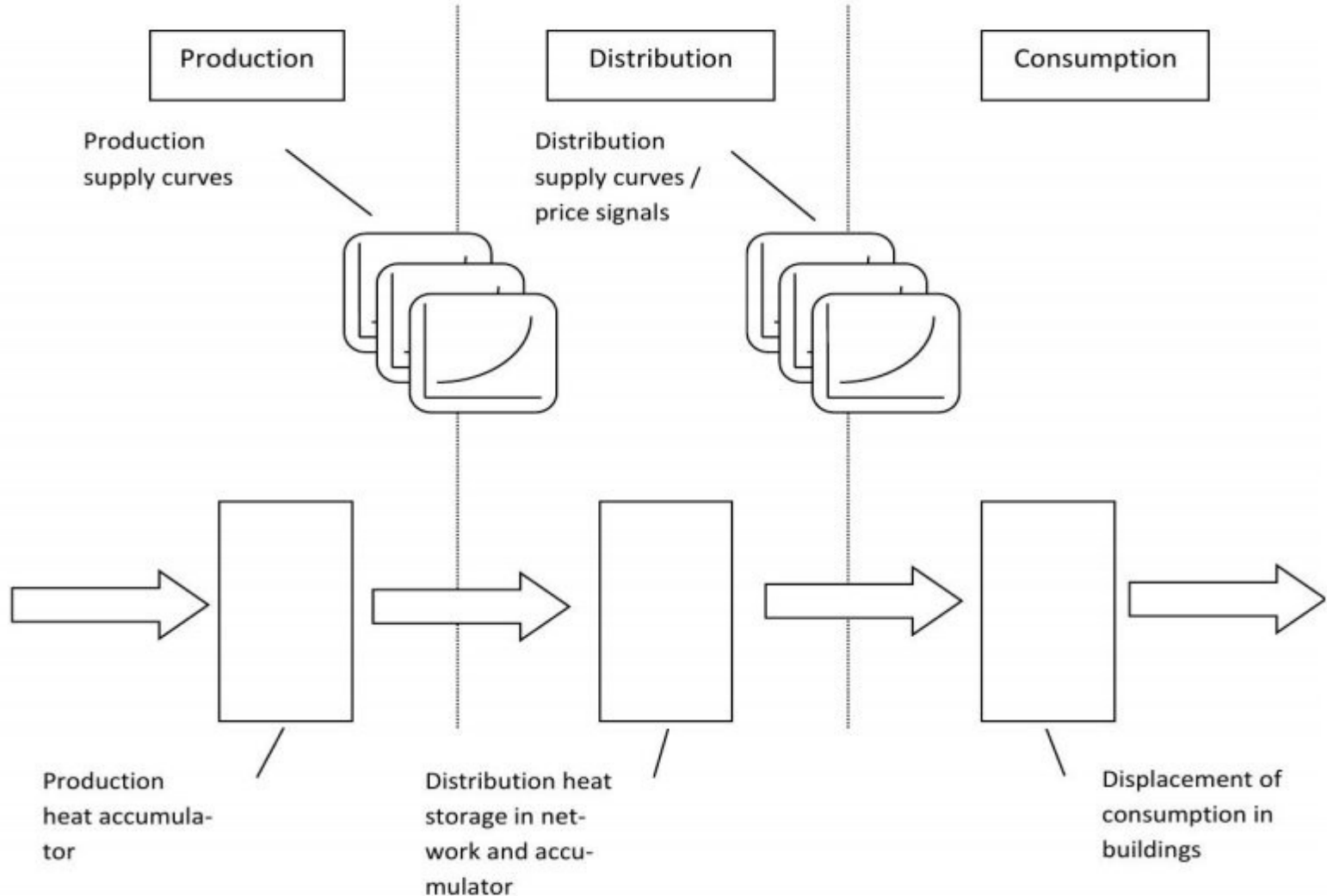
*From a few big power plants to many small **combined heat and power** plants – however most of them based on coal*

# What has since been achieved: De-coupling of consumption and GDP growth



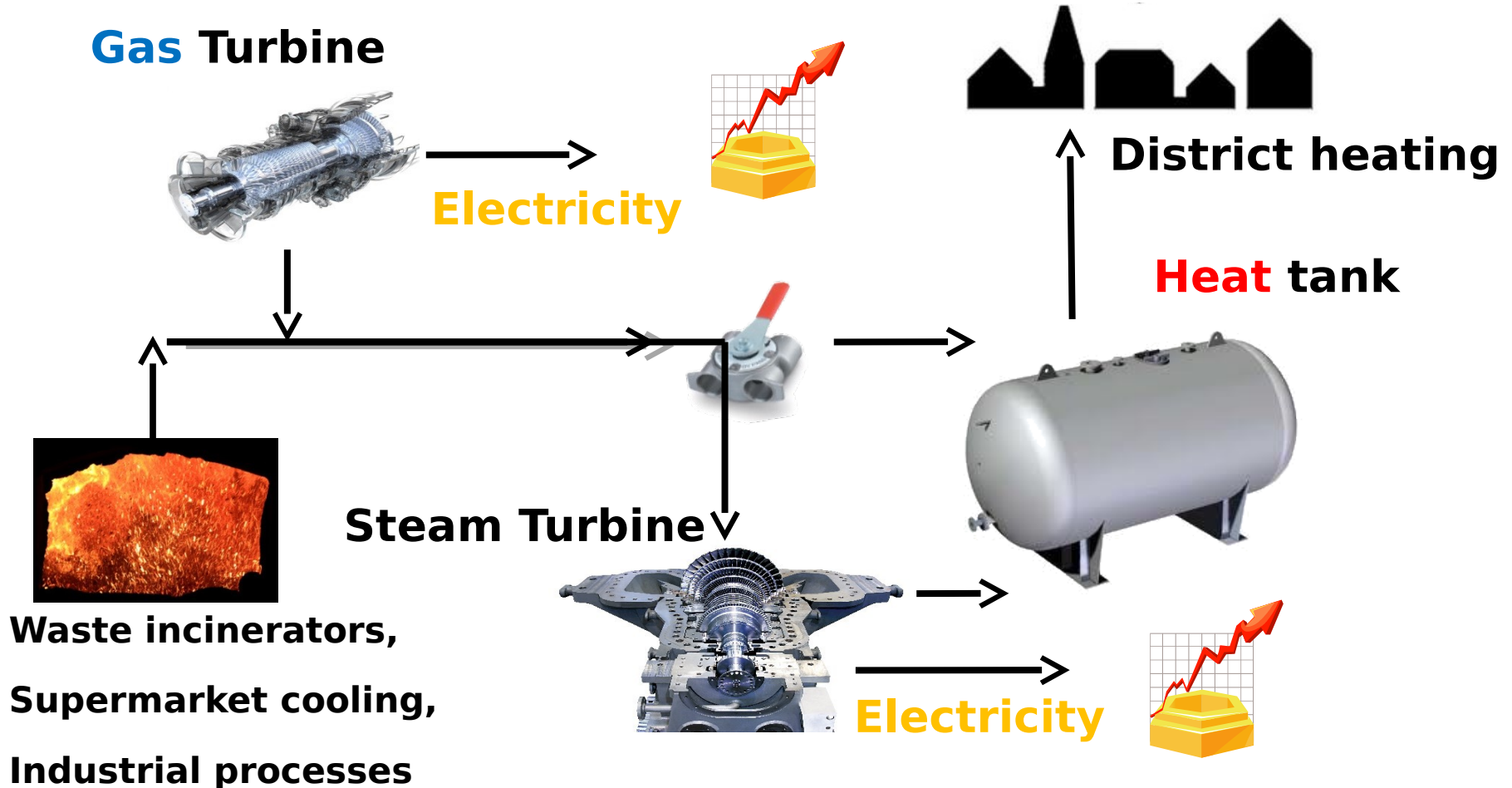
Source: Energy Policy in Denmark. Danish Energy Agency. December 2012

# Flexibility in District Heating



# CHP and Integrated Energy Systems

(Paradigmatic example - Denmark)



# Flexibility – Ringkøbing CHP



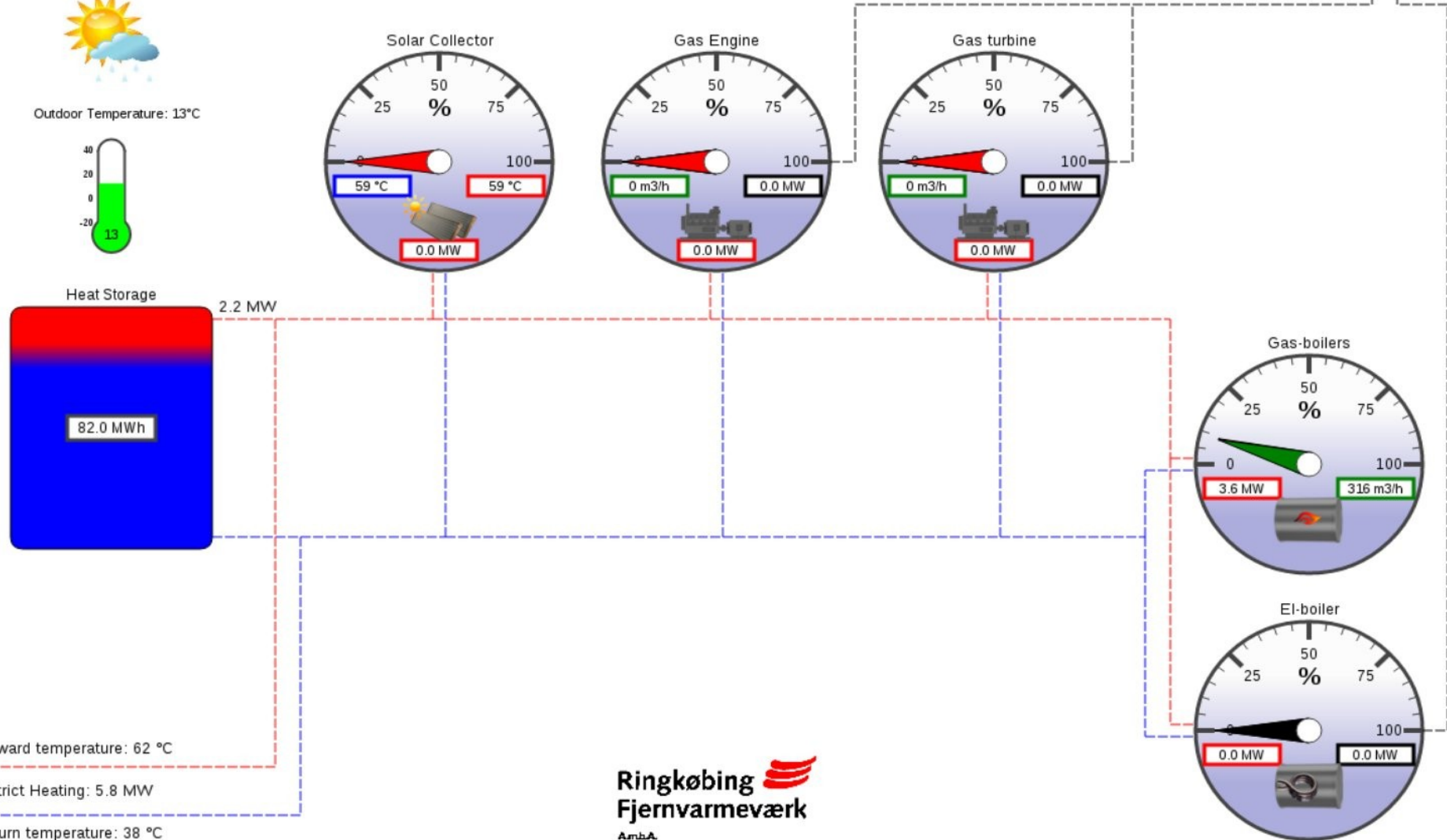
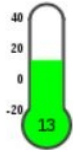
Sold Electricity: 0.0 MW

Ringkøbing District Heating - 28-05-2016 23:36:00

Solar Radiation: 2 W/m<sup>2</sup>



Outdoor Temperature: 13°C



Heat Storage

2.2 MW

82.0 MWh

Forward temperature: 62 °C

District Heating: 5.8 MW

Return temperature: 38 °C

Ringkøbing  
Fjernvarmeværk  
AmbA



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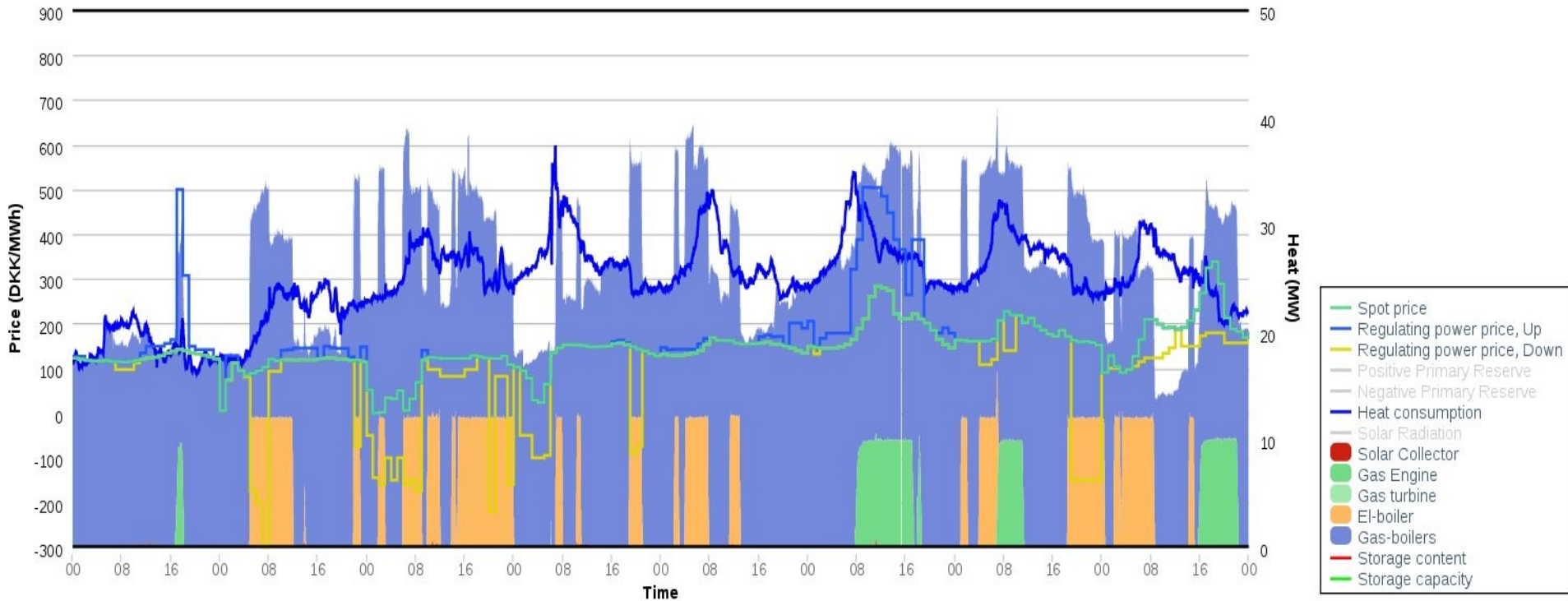
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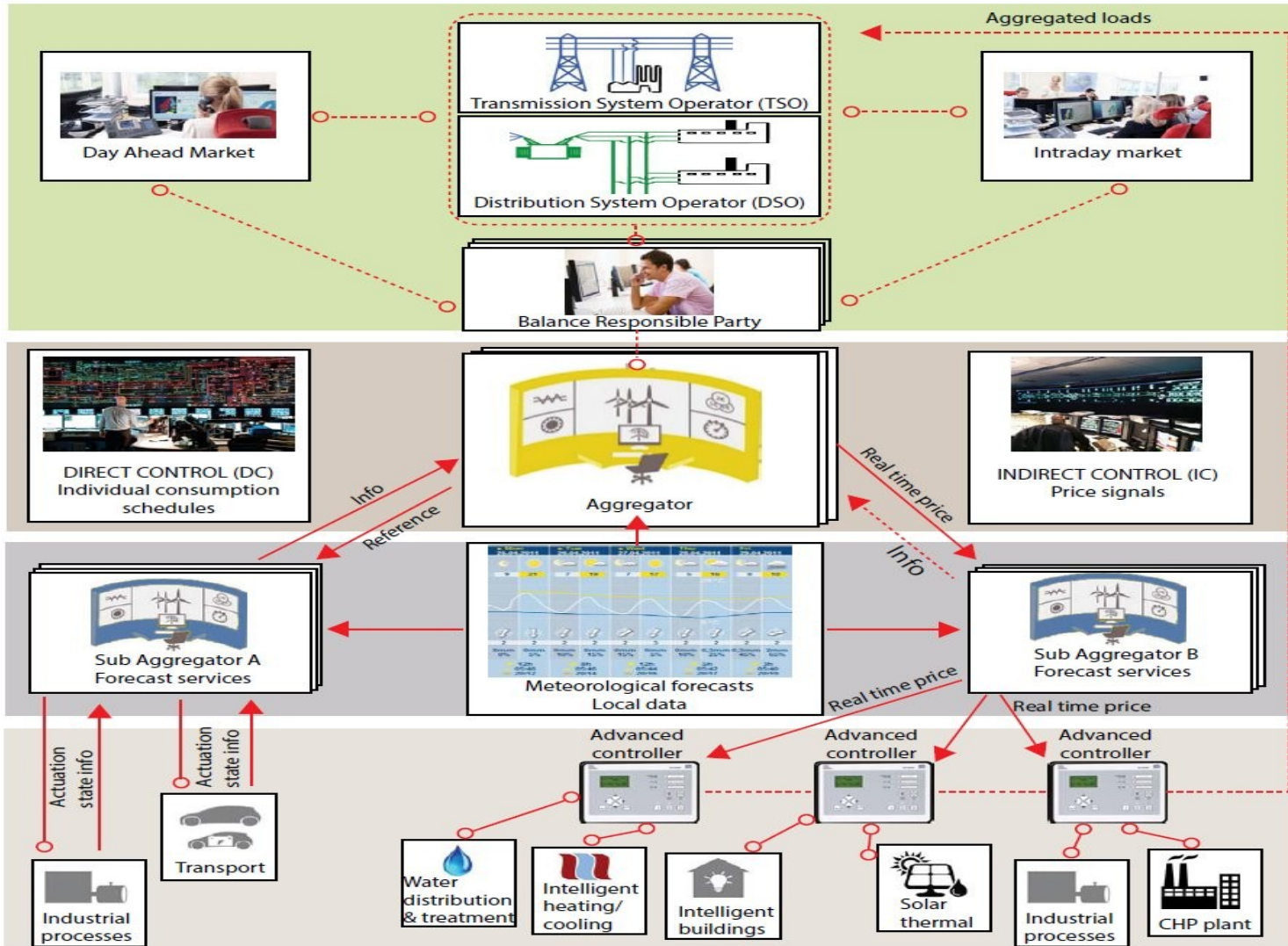
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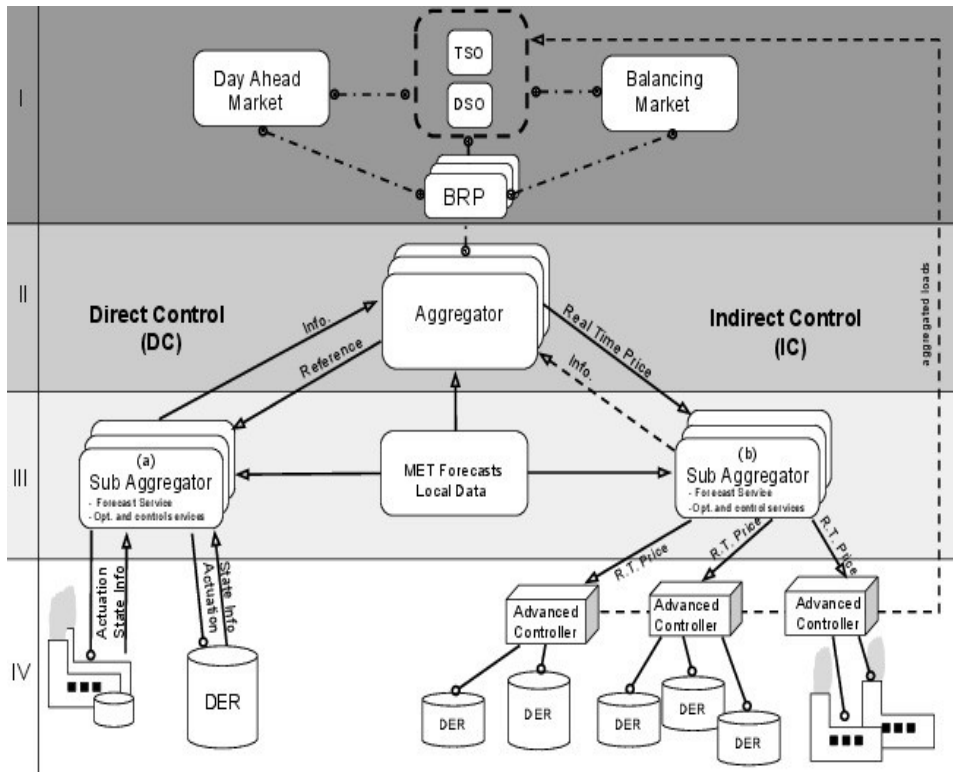
Ringkøbing District Heating, Friday, 2016-01-01 to Friday, 2016-01-08



# Smart-Energy OS



# Control and Optimization



In New Wiley Book: **Control of Electric Loads in Future Electric Energy Systems, 2015**

## Day Ahead:

Stoch. Programming based on eg. Scenarios  
 Cost: Related to the market (one or two levels)

## Direct Control:

Actuator: **Power**  
 Two-way communication  
 Models for DERs are needed  
 Constraints for the DERs (calls for state est.)  
 Contracts are complicated

## Indirect Control:

Actuator: **Price**  
 Cost: E-MPC at **low (DER) level**, One-way communication  
 Models for DERs are not needed  
 Simple 'contracts'

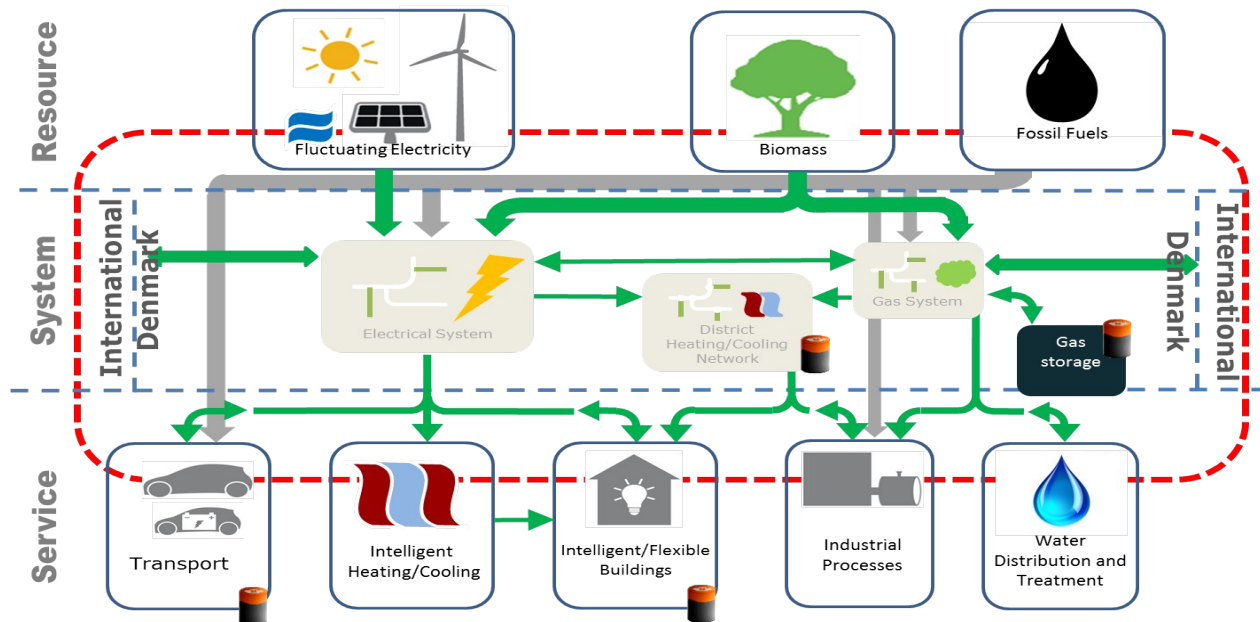
# Direct vs Indirect Control

Level	Direct Control (DC)	Indirect Control (IC)
III	$\min_{x,u} \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \phi_j(x_{j,k}, u_{j,k})$	$\min_{\hat{z}, p} \sum_{k=0}^N \phi(\hat{z}_k, p_k)$ $\text{s.t. } \hat{z}_{k+1} = f(p_k)$
IV	$\downarrow_{u_1} \dots \downarrow_{u_J} \quad \uparrow_{x_1} \dots \uparrow_{x_J}$ $\text{s.t. } x_{j,k+1} = f_j(x_{j,k}, u_{j,k}) \quad \forall j \in J$	$\min_u \sum_{k=0}^N \phi_j(p_k, u_k) \quad \forall j \in J$ $\text{s.t. } x_{k+1} = f_j(x_k, u_k)$

Table 1: Comparison between direct (DC) and indirect (IC) control methods. (DC) In direct control the optimization is globally solved at level III. Consequently the optimal control signals  $u_j$  are sent to all the  $J$  DER units at level IV. (IC) In indirect control the optimization at level III computes the optimal prices  $p$  which are sent to the  $J$ -units at level IV. Hence the  $J$  DERs optimize their own energy consumption taking into account  $p$  as the actual price of energy.

# Grey Box Models for Integration

Energy Systems Integration using **data** leading to stochastic **grey box models** for operation of future flexible energy systems.



Demo projects

**Software solutions**

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## Software solutions

### Software for combined physical and statistical modelling

Continuous Time Stochastic Modelling (CTSM) is a software package for modelling and simulation of combined physical and statistical models. You find a technical description and the software at [CTSM.info](http://CTSM.info).

### Software for Model Predictive Control

HPMPC is a toolbox for High-Performance implementation of solvers for Model Predictive Control (MPC). It contains routines for fast solution of MPC and MHE (Moving Horizon Estimation) problems on embedded hardware. The software is available on [GitHub](#).

MPCR is a toolbox for building Model Predictive Controllers written in R, the free statistical software. It contains several examples for different MPC problems and interfaces to opensource solvers in R. The software is available on [GitHub](#).

#### Latest news

Summer School at DTU, Lyngby, Denmark – July 4th-8th 2016

Summer School – Granada, Spain, June 19th-24th 2016

Third general consortium meeting – DTU, May 24th-25th 2016

Smart City Challenge in Copenhagen – April 20th 2016

Guest lecture by Pierluigi Mancarella at DTU, April 6th 2016

## Case study

# Control of Power Consumption (DSM) using the Thermal Mass of Buildings



# Data from BPA

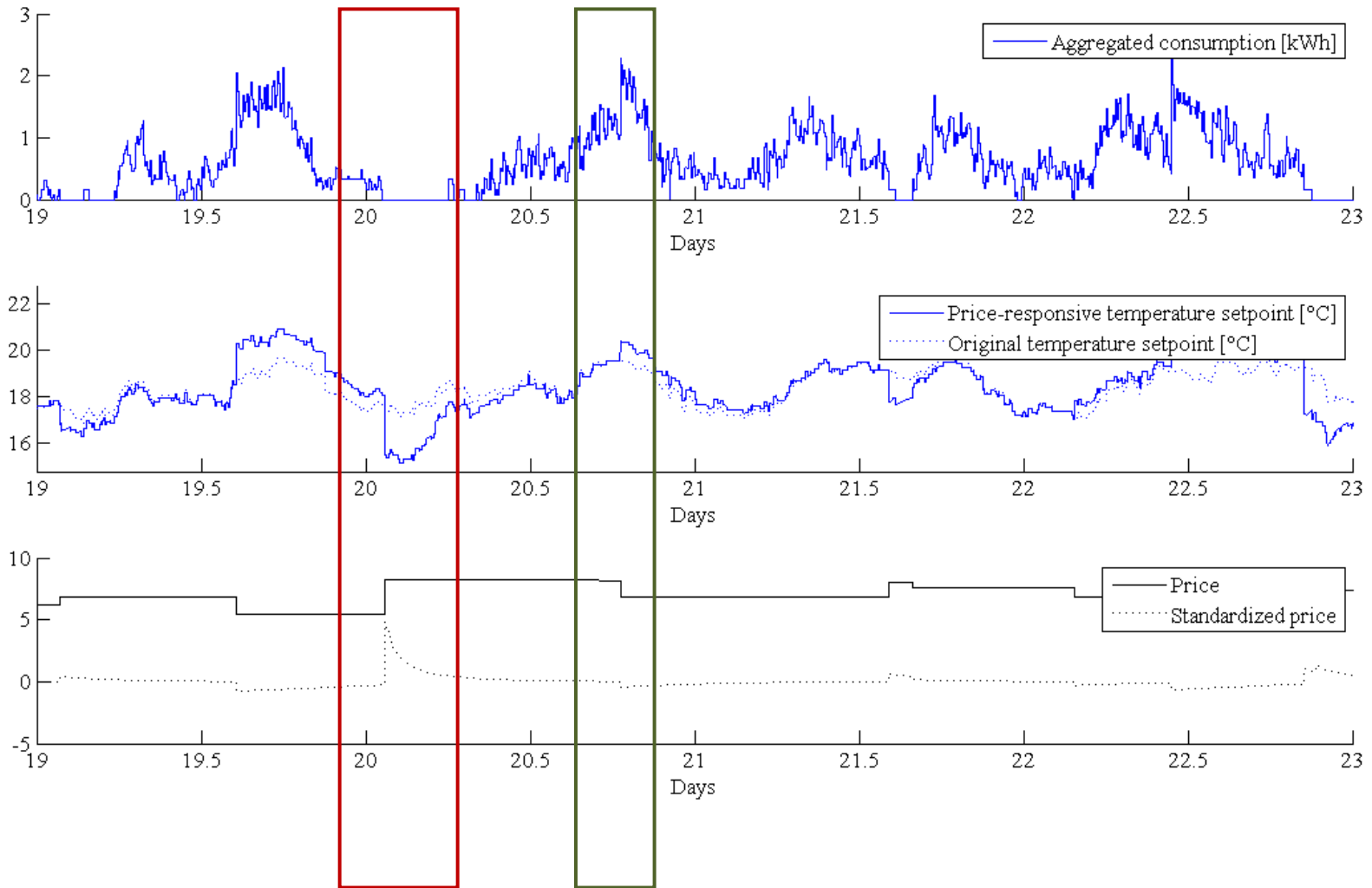
## Olympic Peninsula project

- 27 houses during one year
- Flexible appliances: HVAC, cloth dryers and water boilers
- 5-min prices, 15-min consumption
- Objective: limit max consumption

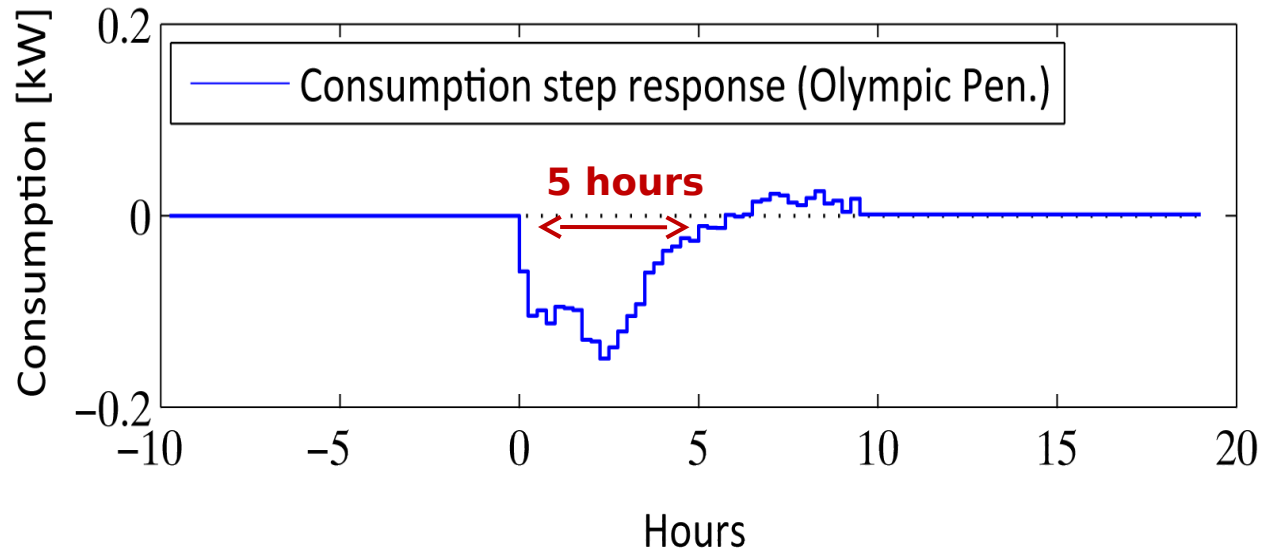




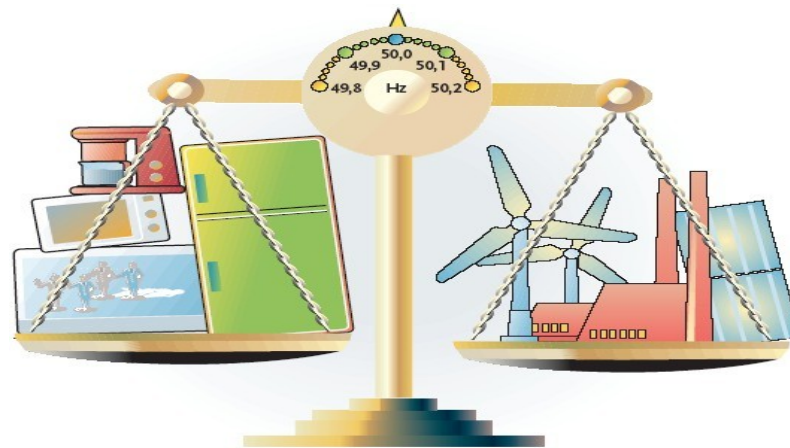
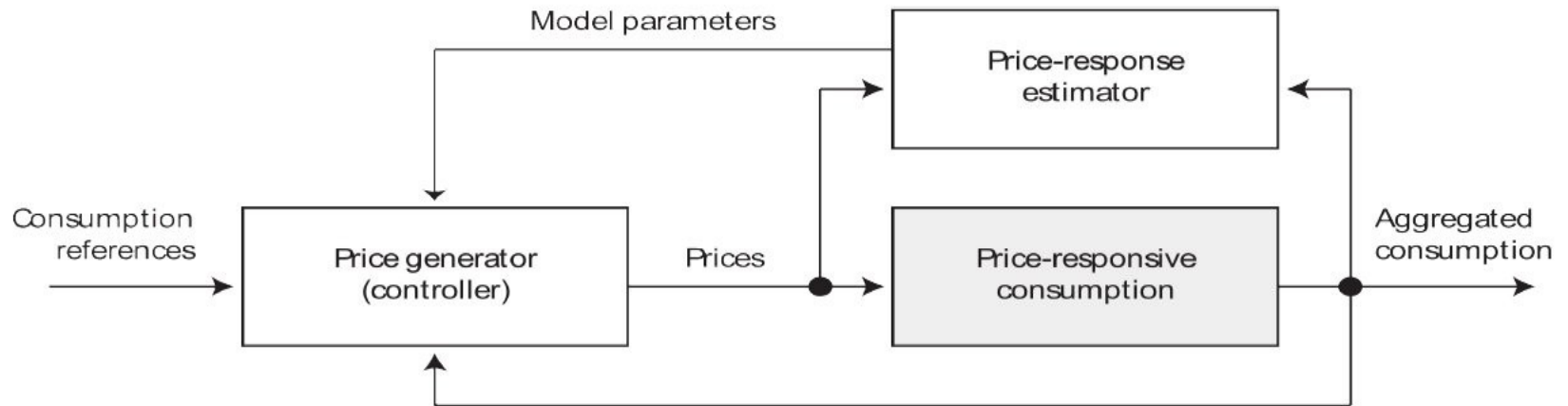
# Aggregation (over 20 houses)



# Response on Price Step Change



# Control of Power Consumption



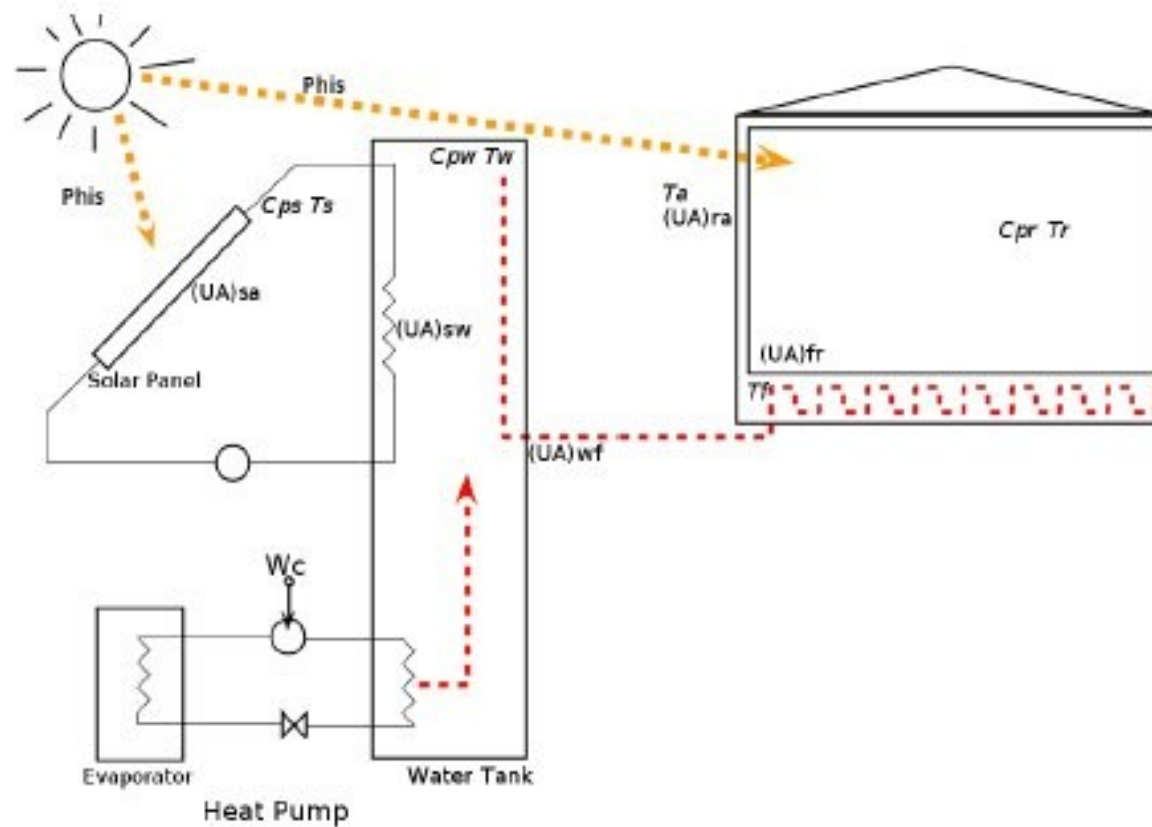
## Case study

# Heat Pumps and Local Storage



# Modeling Heat Pump and Solar Collector

## Simplified System



# Advanced Controller

## Economic Model Predictive Control

### Formulation

The Economic MPC problem, with the constraints and the model, can be summarized into the following formal formulation:

$$\min_{\{u_k\}_{k=0}^{N-1}} \phi = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c' u_k \quad (4a)$$

$$\text{Subject to } x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Ed_k \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4b)$$

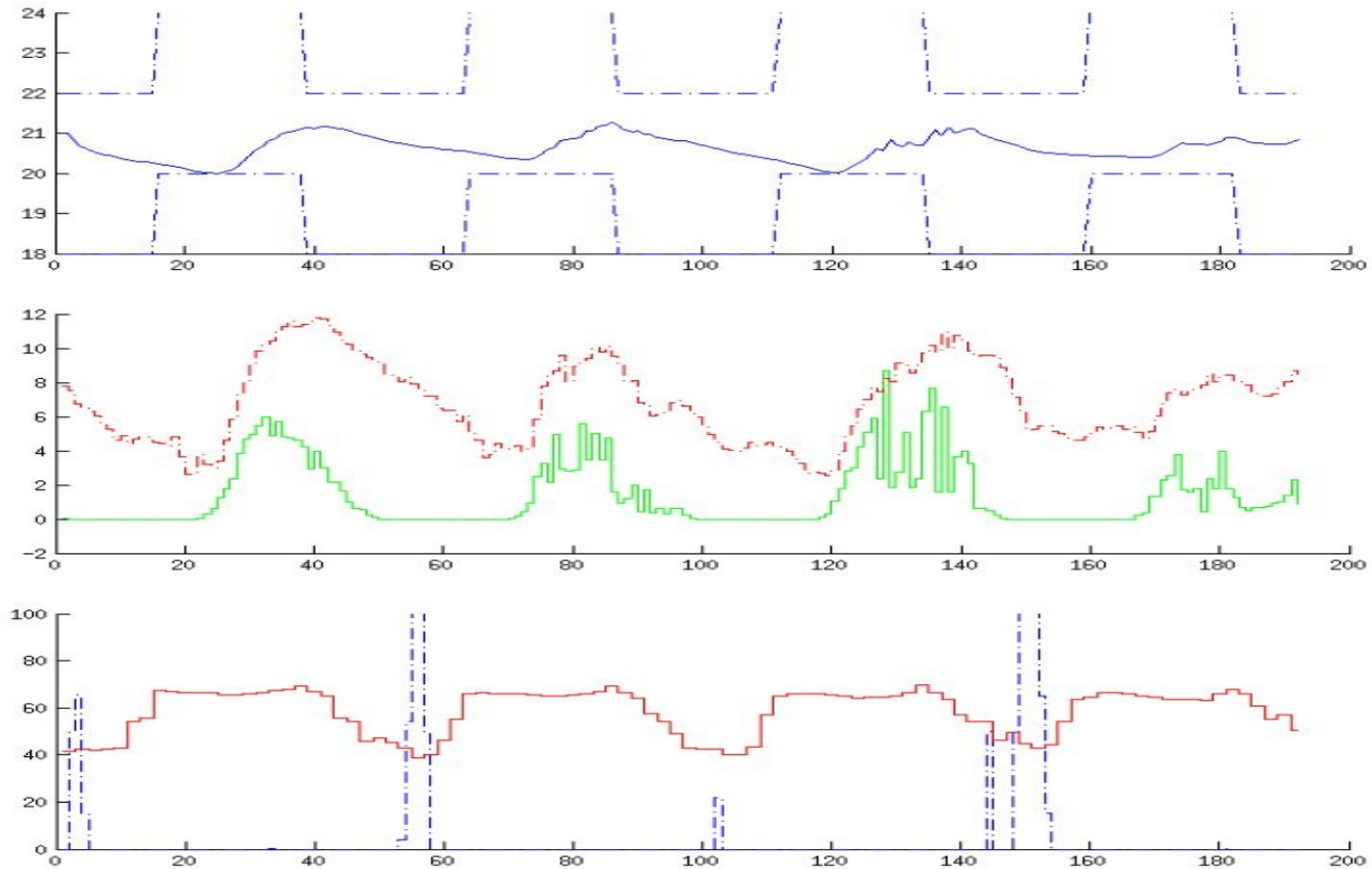
$$y_k = Cx_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (4c)$$

$$u_{min} \leq u_k \leq u_{max} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4d)$$

$$\Delta u_{min} \leq \Delta u_k \leq \Delta u_{max} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4e)$$

$$y_{min} \leq y_k \leq y_{max} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (4f)$$

# Heat pump with thermal solar collector and storage (savings up to 35 pct)



# Case study

**(Direct Control and Bids for Markets)**

# Virtual Storage Related to Super Market Cooling using Thermal Demand Response





# Synergize: Virtual Storage using Thermal Demand Response

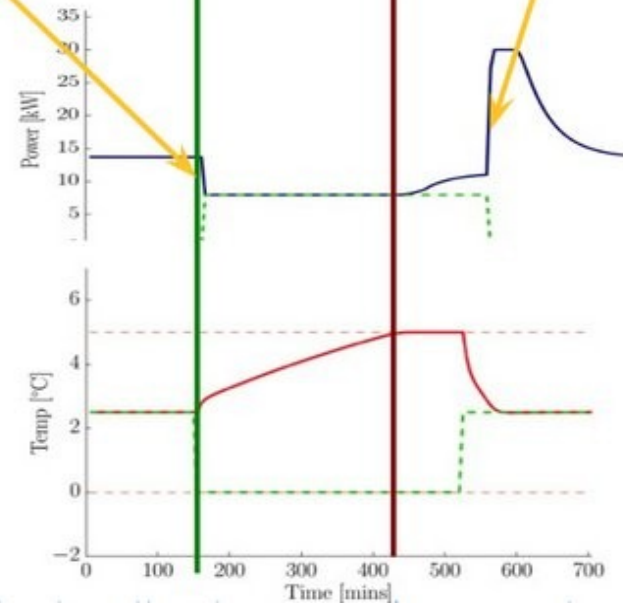


Thermal mass in refrigeration display cases facilitates the adjustment of power consumption while maintaining acceptable temperatures for food.



6kW of DR

Recovery period



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# The physical system

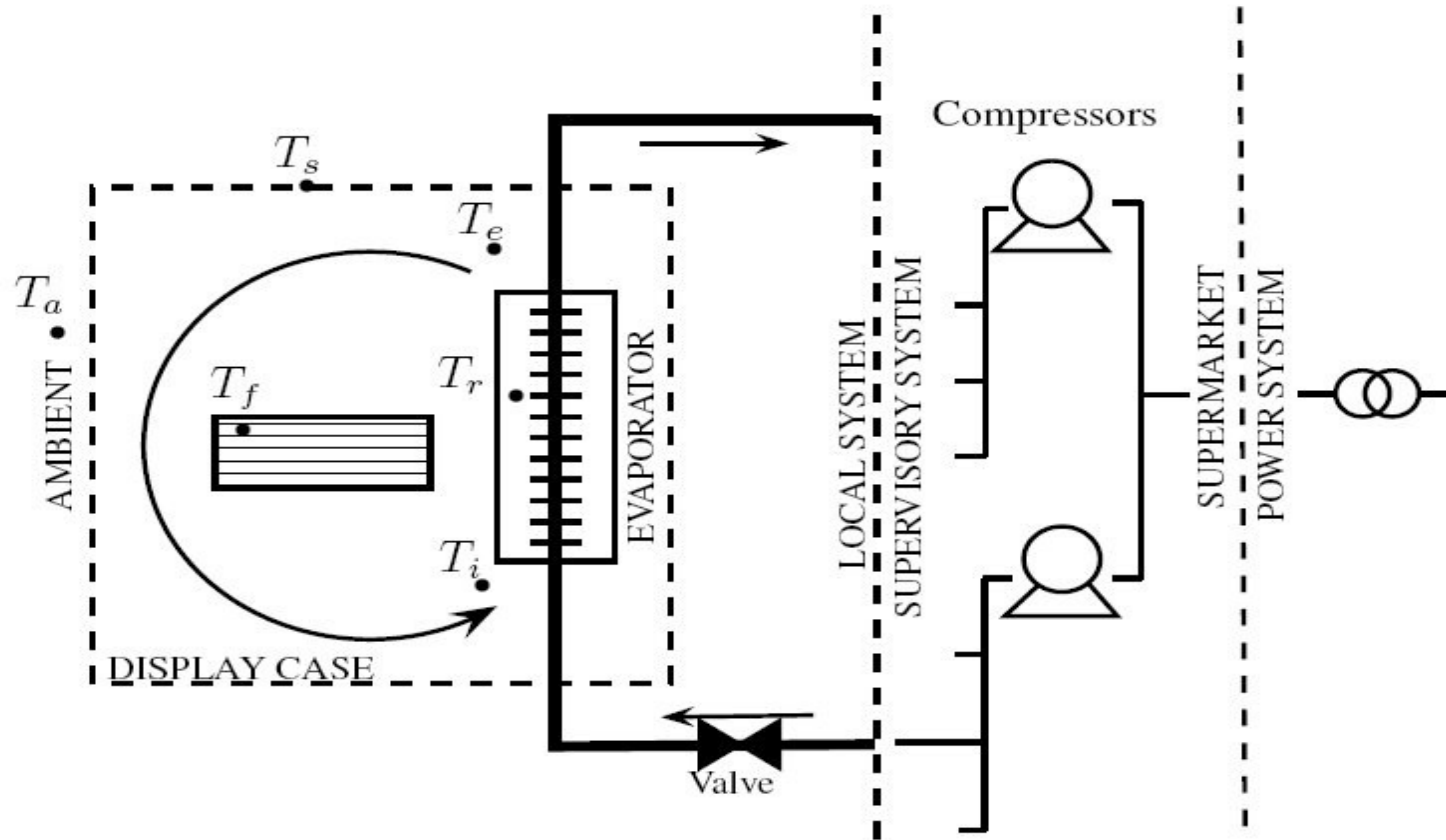


Fig. 2: Simplified graphical representation of the display case system

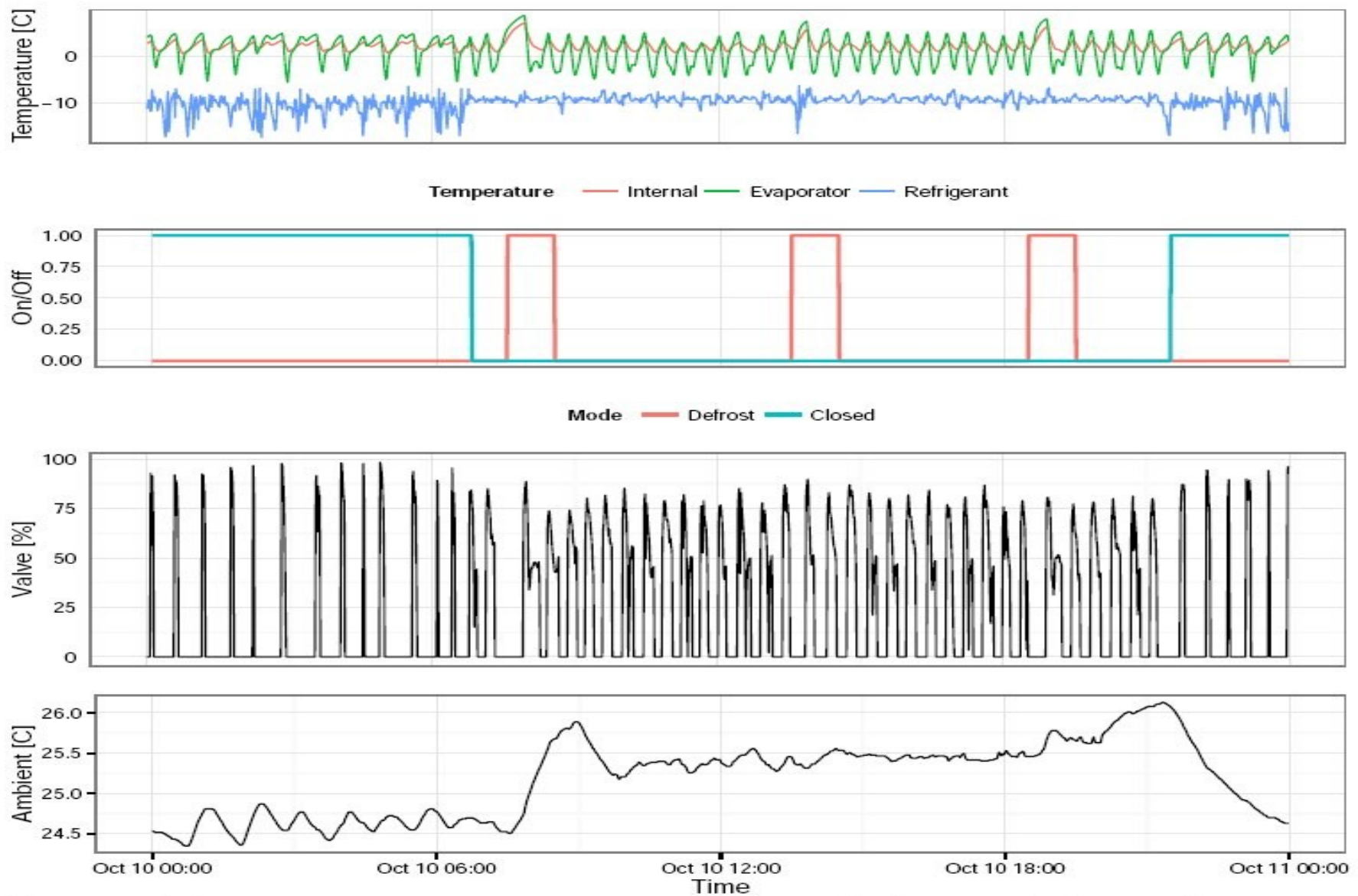


Fig. 3: Temperature, environmental (open/closed status, defrost status, ambient temperature) and control input (valve) data for an open medium temperature display case in a supermarket in Funen, Denmark

# The grey-box model

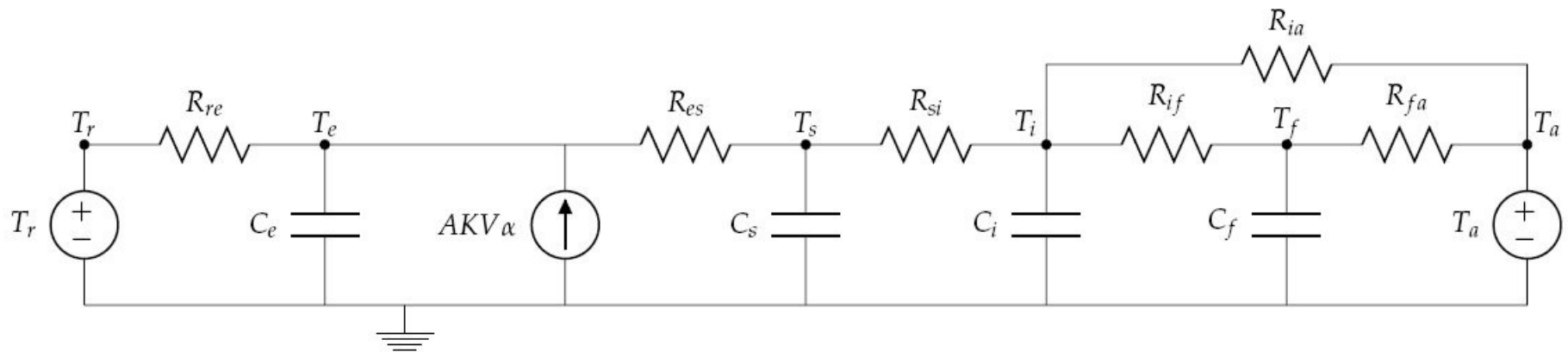
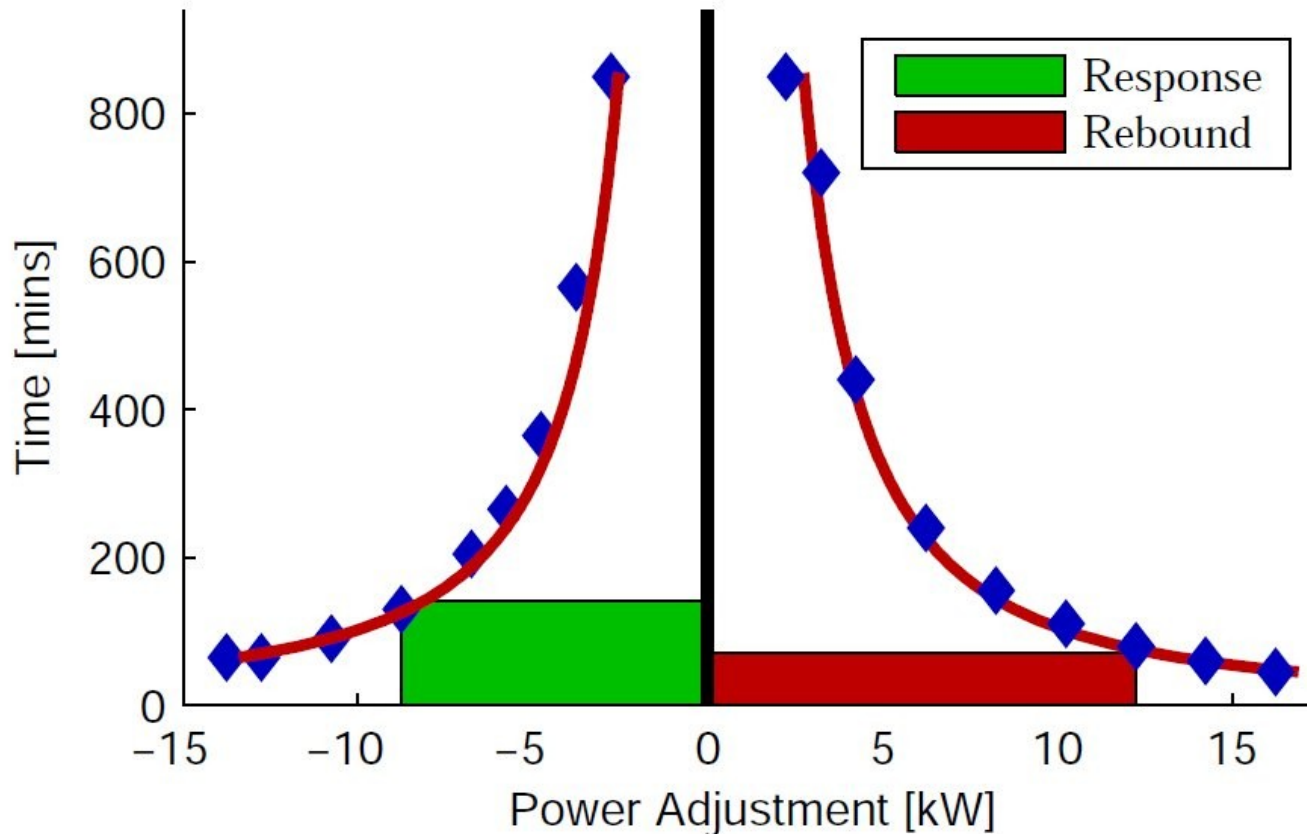


Fig. 6: RC-Representation of a four time constant model ( $T_i T_e T_f T_s$ )

# Flexibility Represented by Saturation Curves (for market integration using block bids)



# Case study

## Use of Heat from Supermarket Cooling in DH Systems



# Using Heat from Supermarket Cooling in the District Heating System

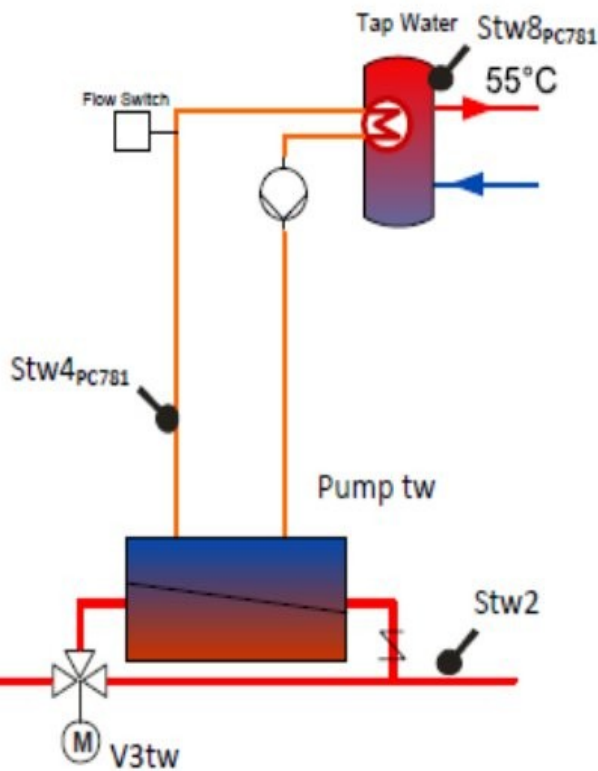
## SuperBrugsen in Høruphav



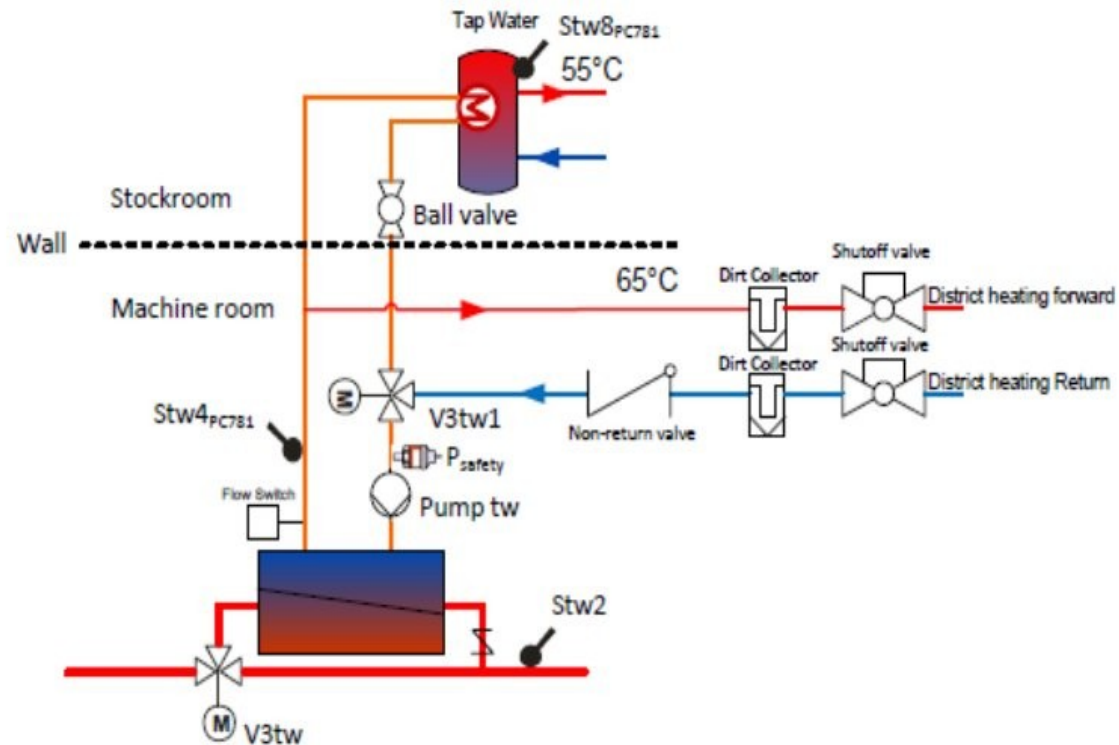
- Area: 1000 m<sup>2</sup> from 2010
- Compressors: 5 MT (1 VS), 4 LT
- Cooling Capacity: 160 kW
- Heating :
  - Sanitary water (1800 l tank (65 °C )
  - Floor heating/low temp coils (35 °C )
  - District heating production

# Using Heat from Supermarket Cooling in the District Heating System

Old setup



New setup

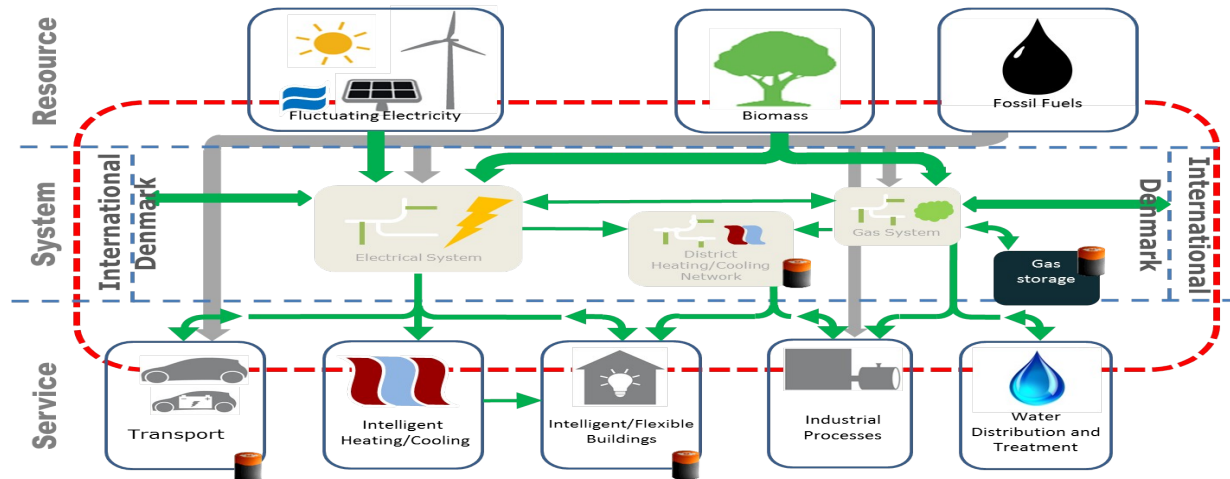




# Using Heat from Supermarket Cooling in the District Heating System

- SuperBrugsen gets paid for energy they would otherwise have paid for to get removed
- Corresponds to the total consumption of 15-20 households
- Payback time for SuperBrugsen is 1-2 years
- Payback time for DH system is 3-4 years
- This is a small supermarket. Business case even better for large supermarkets

# Virtual Storage or Flexibility Characteristics



## ● Flexibility (or virtual storage) characteristics:

- Supermarket refrigeration can provide storage 0.5-2 hours ahead
- Buildings thermal capacity can provide storage up to, say, 5-10 hours ahead
- Buildings with local water storage can provide storage up to, say, 2-12 hours ahead
- District heating/cooling systems can provide storage up to 1-3 days ahead
- Gas systems can provide seasonal storage

# Discussion

- **Intelligent Energy Systems Integration can provide virtual storage solutions (so maybe we should put less focus on physical storage solutions)**
- **District heating (or cooling) systems can provide flexibility on the essential time scale (up to a few days)**
- **Gas systems can provide seasonal virtual storage solutions.**
- **We see a large potential in Demand Response. Automatic solutions, price based control, and end-user focus are important**
- **We see large problems with the tax and tariff structures in many countries (eg Denmark). Coupling to prices for carbon capture could be advantageous.**
- **Markets and pricing principles need to be reconsidered; we see an advantage of having a physical link to the mechanism (eg. nodal pricing, capacity markets)**

# Energy Flexibility

## Some Demo Projects in CITIES

- Control of WWTP (ED, Krüger, ..)
- Heat pumps (Grundfos, ENFOR, ..)
- Supermarket cooling (Danfoss, TI, ..)
- Summerhouses (DC, SE, Energinet.dk, ..)
- Green Houses (NeoGrid, Danfoss, F.Fyn, ....)
- CHP (Dong Energy, FjernvarmeFyn, HOFOR, NEAS, ...)
- Industrial production (DI, ...)
- VE (charging) (Eurisco, ED, ...)

