



Methodologies for control of energy flexible DERs



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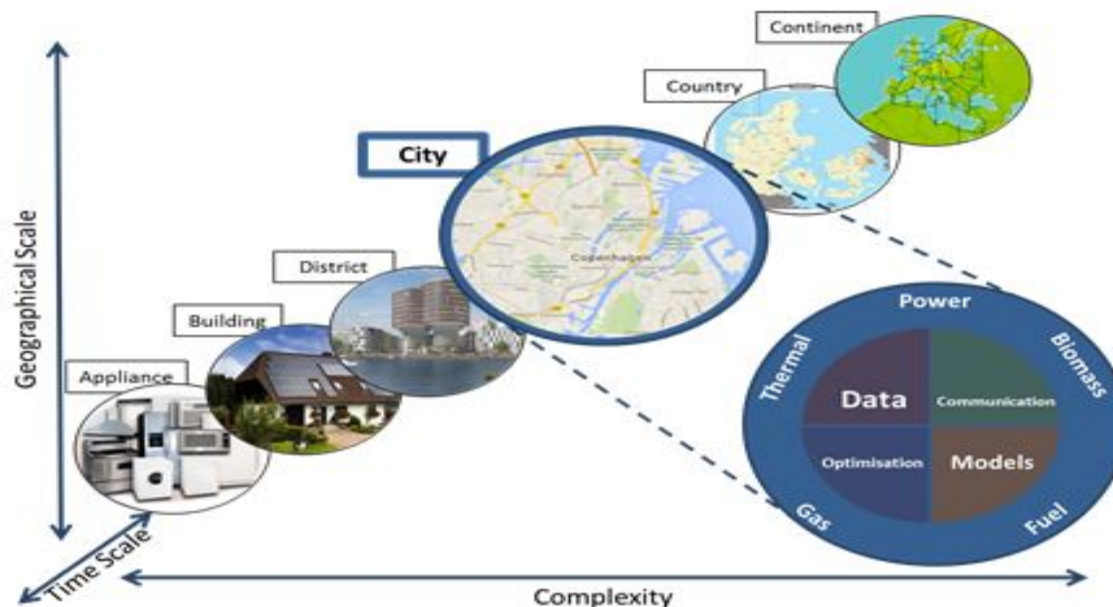
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Temporal and Spatial Scales

The **Smart-Energy Operating-System (SE-OS)** is used to develop, implement and test of solutions (layers: data, models, optimization, control, communication) for **operating flexible electrical energy systems (incl. buildings) at all scales.**

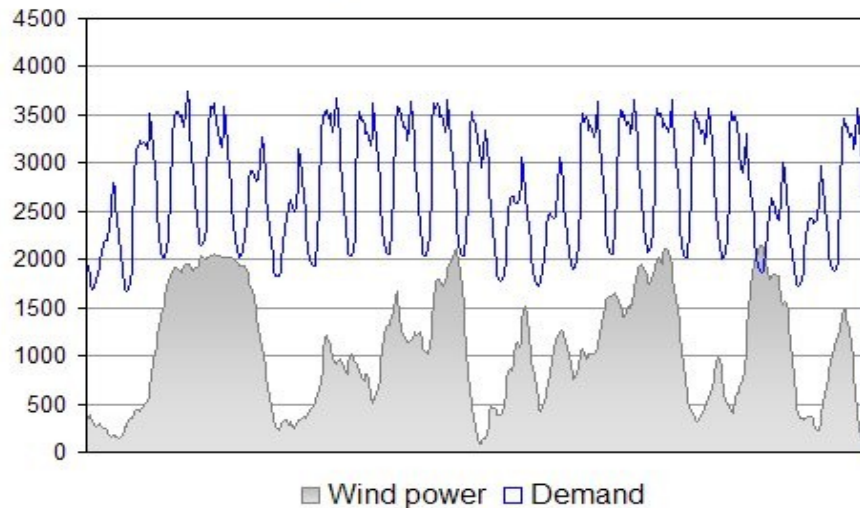




The Danish Wind Power Case

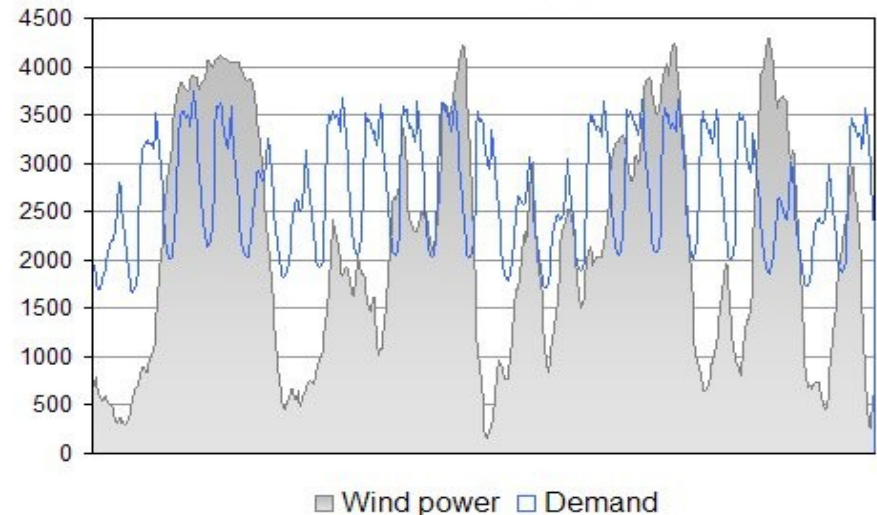
.... *balancing of the power system*

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



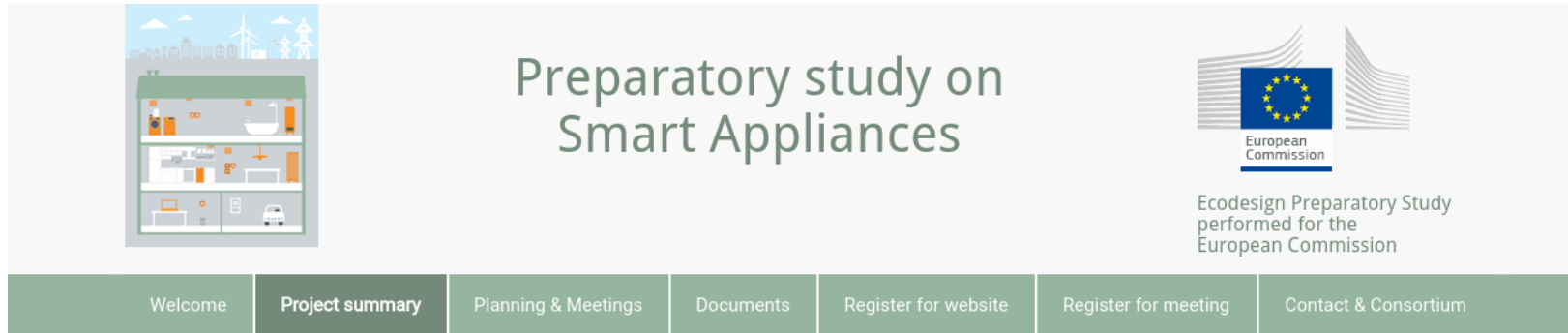
In the first half of 2017 more than 44 pct of electricity load was covered by wind power.

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



Challenges (cont.)



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Project Summary

The Ecodesign Preparatory Study on Smart Appliances (Lot 33) has analysed the technical, economic, market and social aspects with a view to a broad introduction of smart appliances and to develop adequate policy approaches supporting such uptake.

The study deals with Task 1 to 7 of the Methodology for Energy related products (MEErP) as follows:

- Scope, standards and legislation (Task 1, Chapter 1);
- Market analysis (Task 2, Chapter 2);
- User analysis (Task 3, Chapter 3);
- Technical analysis (Task 4, Chapter 4);
- Definition of Base Cases (Task 5, Chapter 5);
- Design options (Task 6, Chapter 6);
- Policy and Scenario analysis (Task 7, Chapter 7).

An executive summary of the project results can be downloaded [here](#).

Throughout the study, new relevant aspects have come up which will be covered in a second phase of the Preparatory Study:

- Chargers for electric cars: technical potential and other relevant issues in the context of demand response.
- The modelling done in the framework of MEErP Task 6 and 7 will be updated with PRIMES data that recently became available, and with the EEA-countries.
- The development and assessment of policy options that were identified in the study will be further elaborated and deepened.

Almost no Flexibility

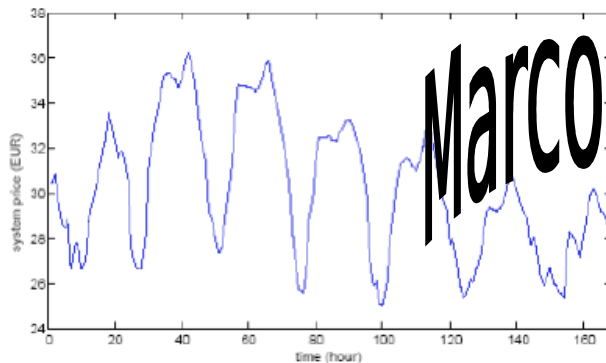
COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND STABILITY ANALYSIS IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS USING CONTROL THEORY

Main idea:

applying control theory to the study of power markets

Advantages in handling effectively

Dynamics

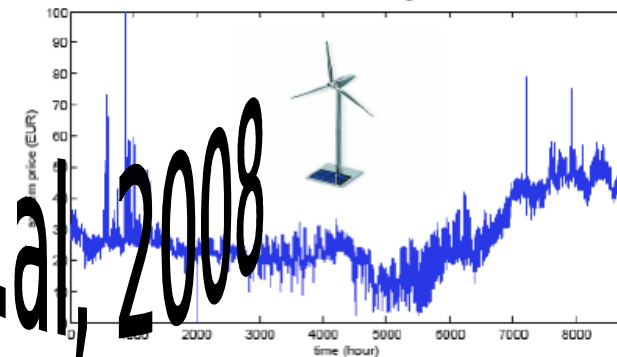


control theory provides ways of modeling the dynamics which is intrinsic in energy markets



it is possible to develop advanced bidding strategies which exploit the inclusion of the dynamics in the model

Uncertainty

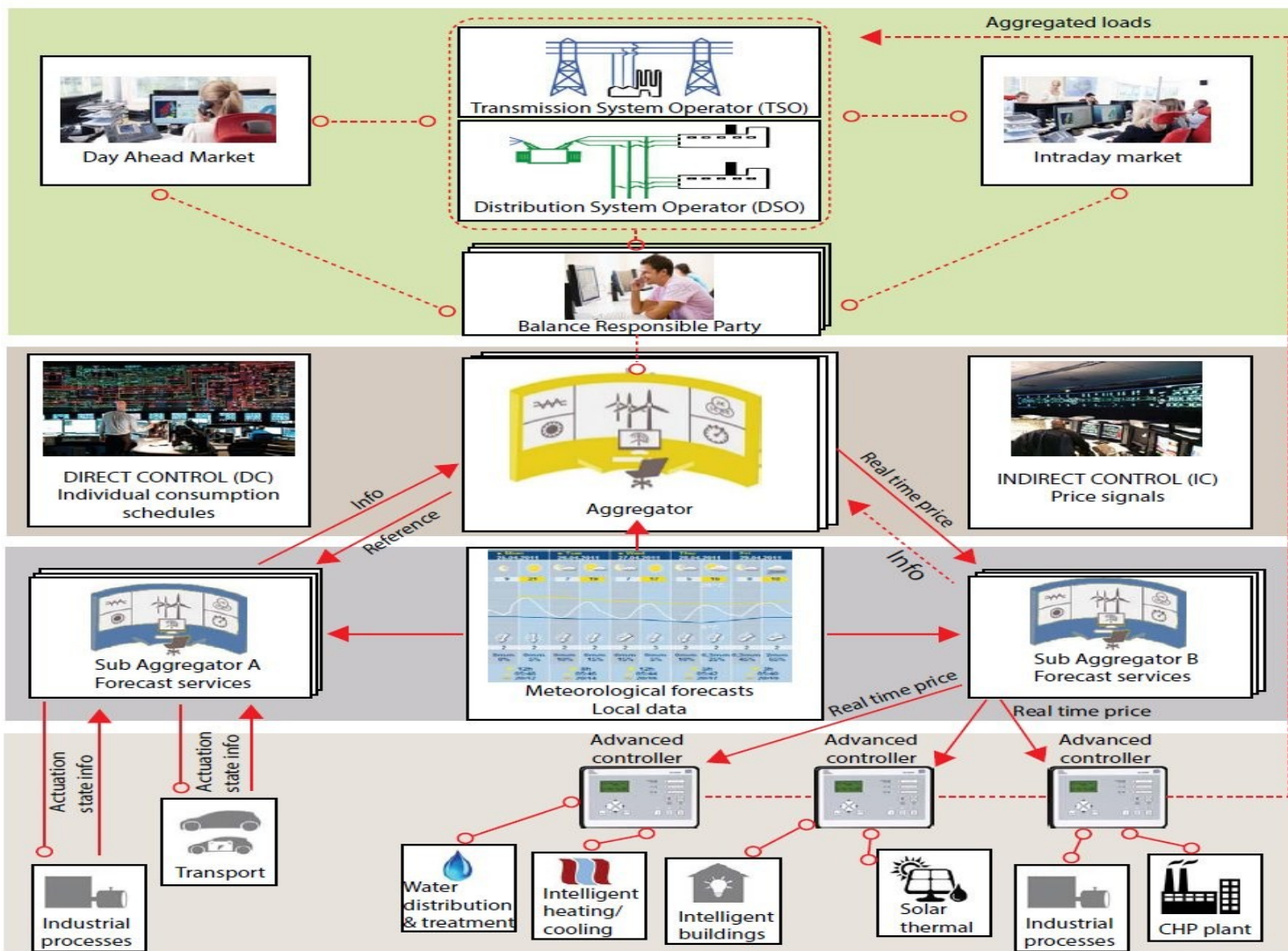


stochastic control theory allows for taking into account different sources of uncertainty (wind, ...)

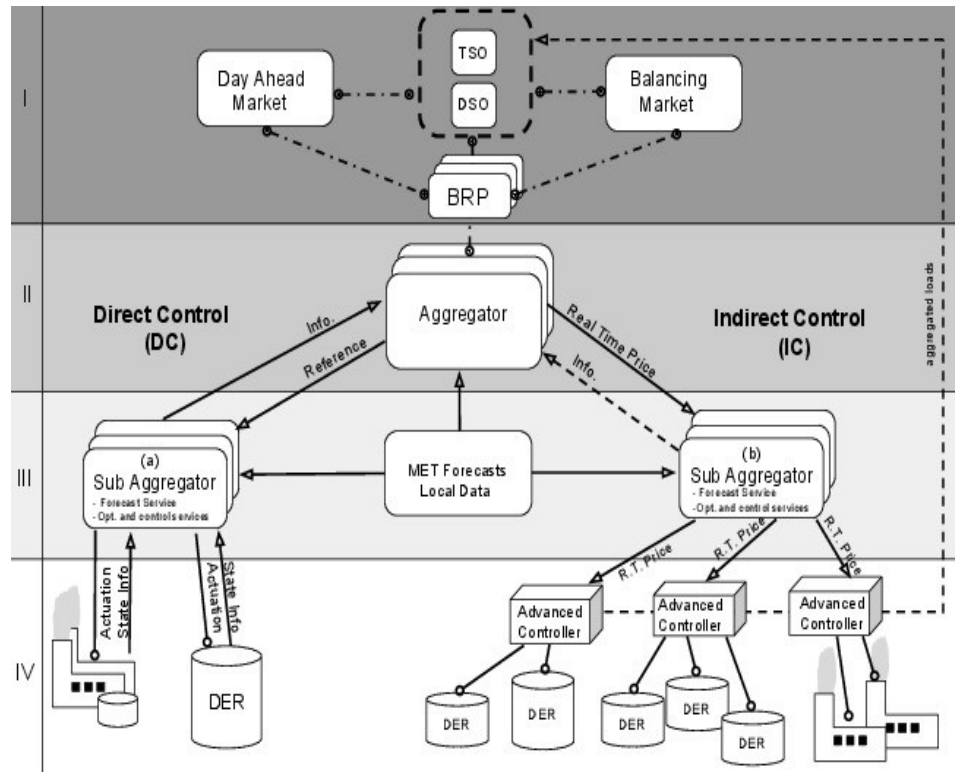


it is possible to develop bidding strategies which are optimal with respect to the stochastic characteristics of the market

Smart-Energy OS



Control and Optimization



In 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**

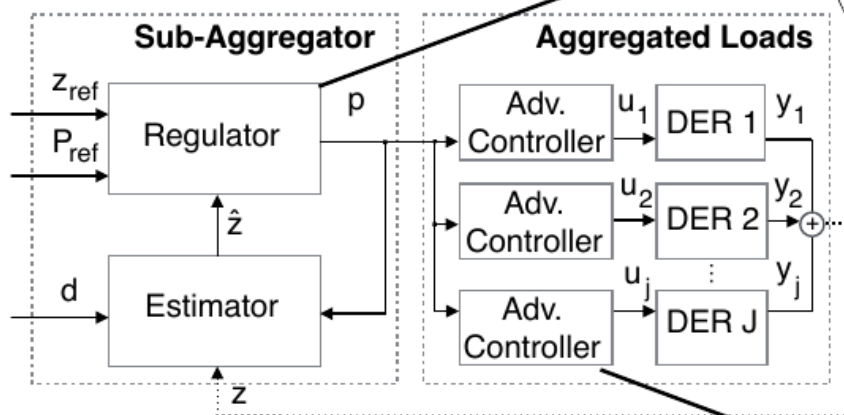
Cost: E-MPC at **low (DER) level**, One-way communication

Models for DERs are not needed

Simple 'contracts'

Proposed methodology

Control-based methodology



$$\min_p \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=0}^N w_{j,k} \|\hat{z}_k - z_{ref,k}\| + \mu \|p_k - p_{ref,k}\| \right]$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \hat{z}_{k+1} = f(p_k)$$

We adopt a control-based approach where the **price** becomes the driver to **manipulate** the behaviour of a certain pool flexible prosumers.

$$\min_u \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \phi_j(x_{j,k}, u_{j,k}, p_k) \right]$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Ed_k,$$

$$y_k = Cx_k,$$

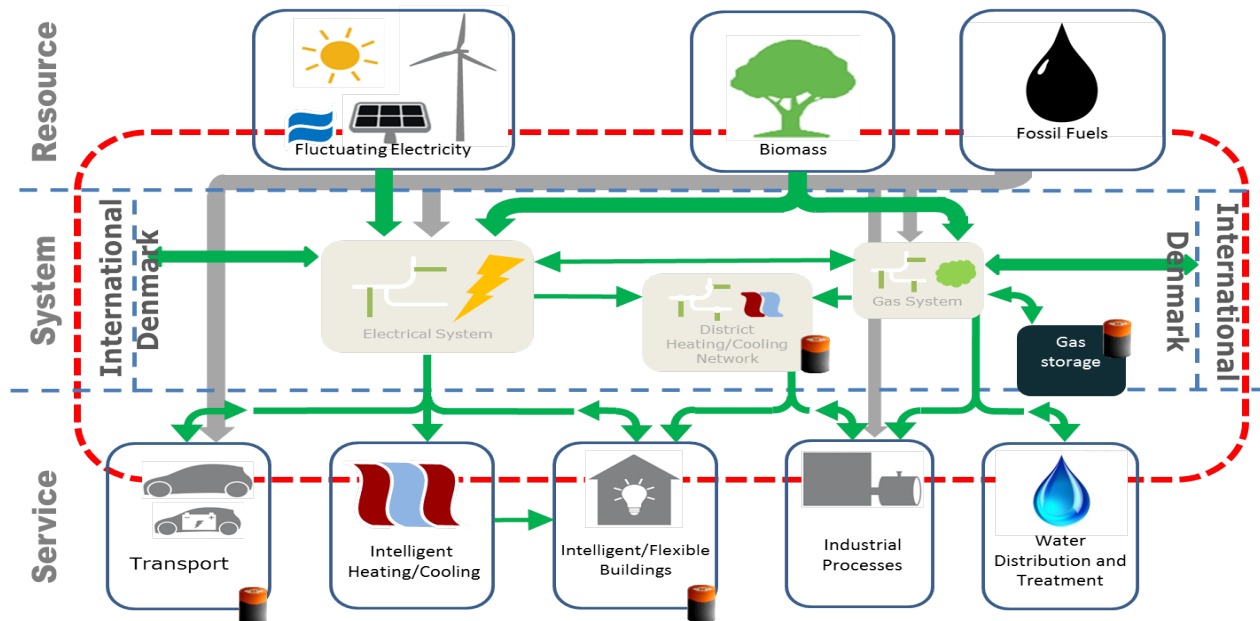
$$y_k^{\min} \leq y_k \leq y_k^{\max},$$

$$u_k^{\min} \leq u_k \leq u_k^{\max}$$

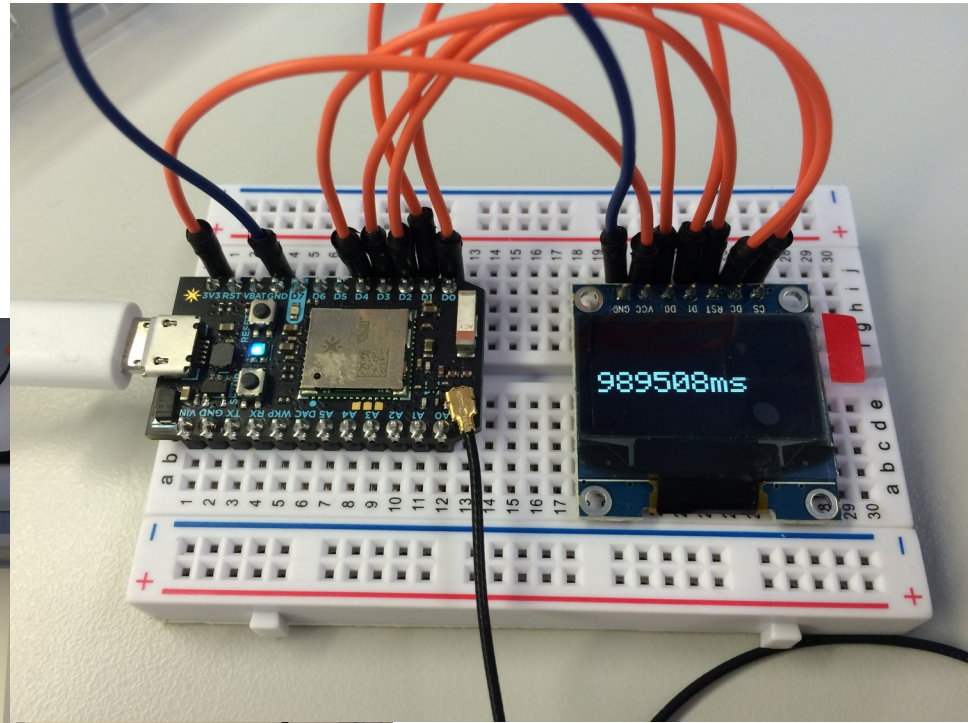
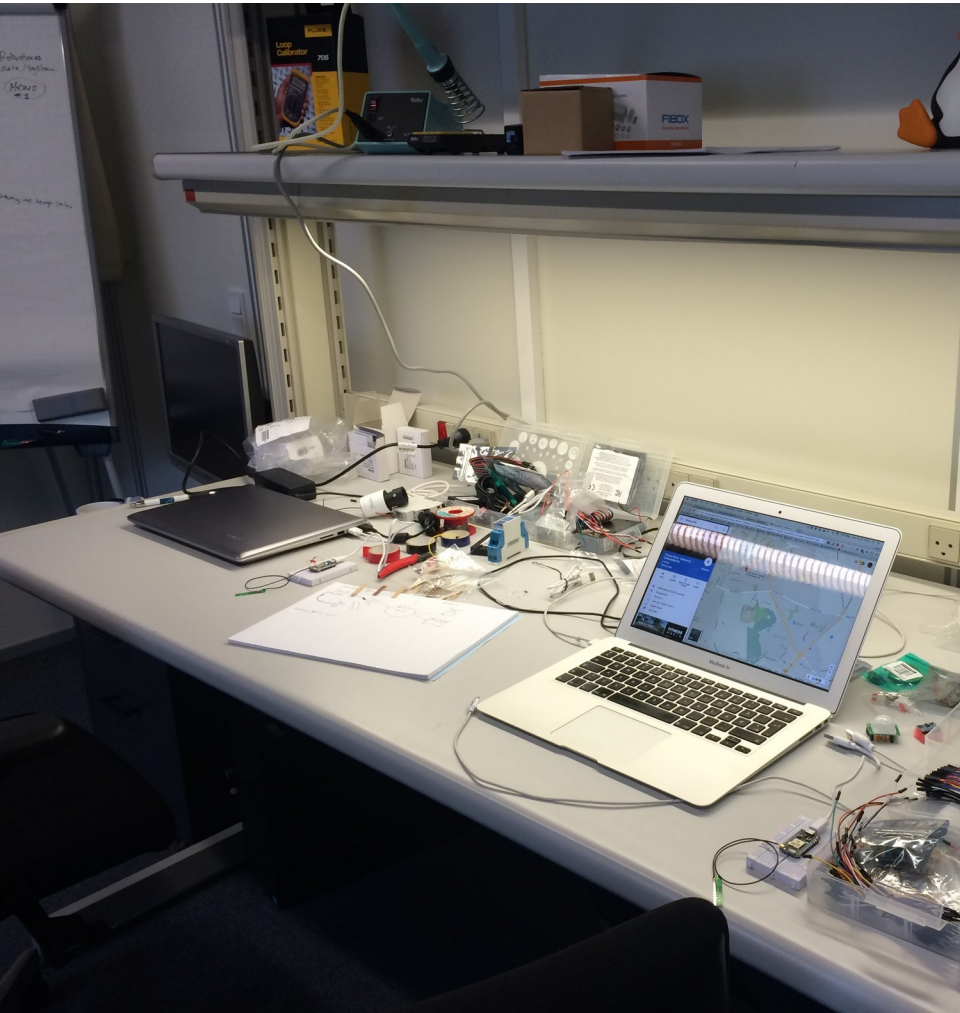


Grey-box models for energy systems

Intelligent systems integration using **data and ICT solutions** are based on **grey-box models** for real-time control of flexible energy systems

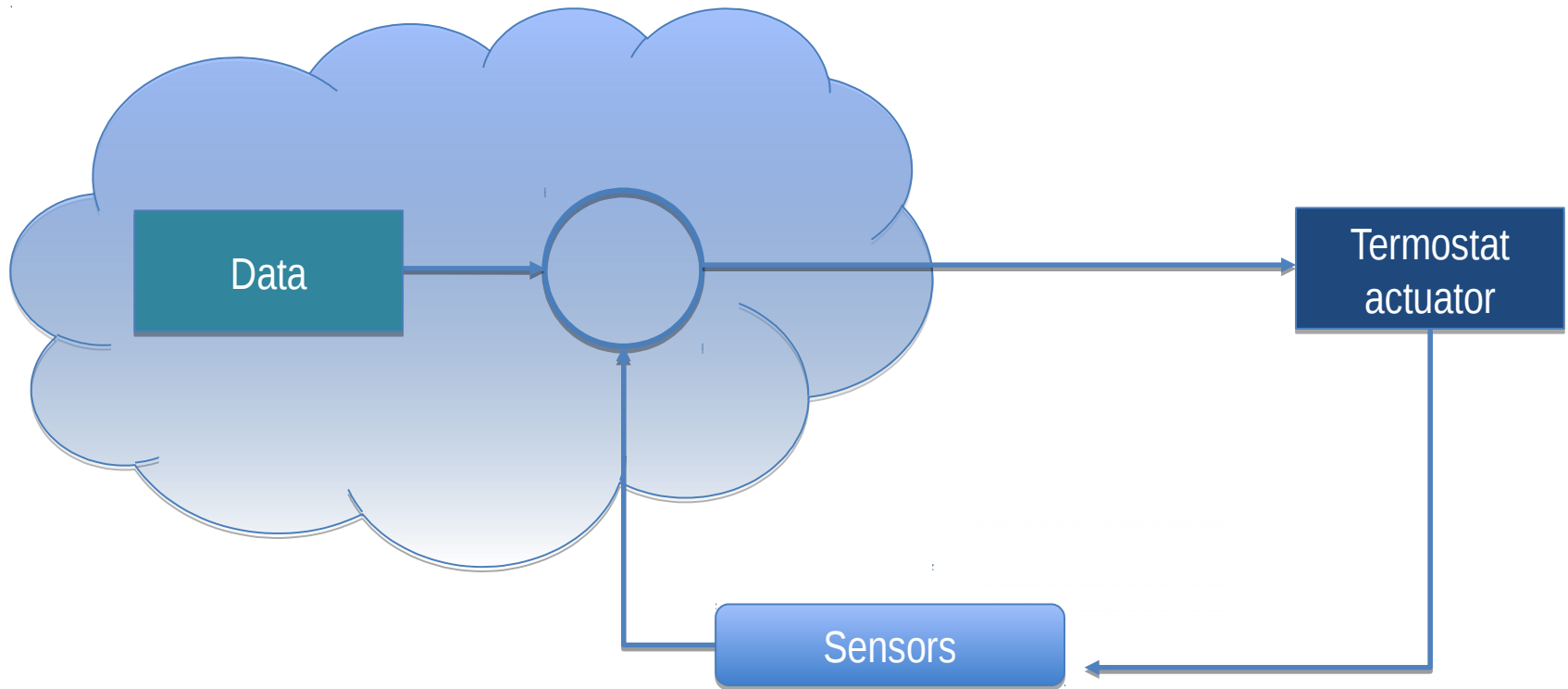


Lab testing

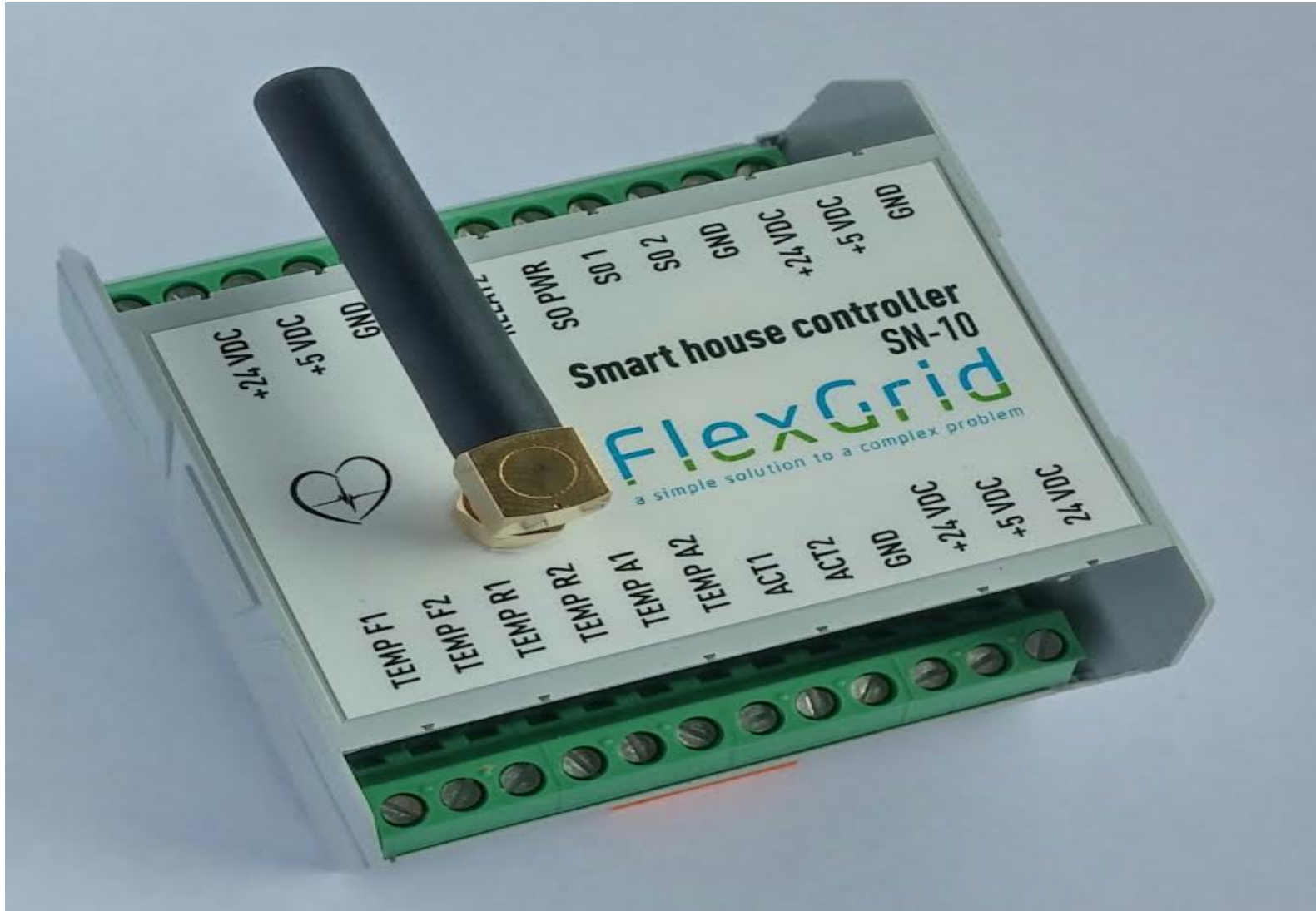


SE-OS

Control loop design – **logical drawing**



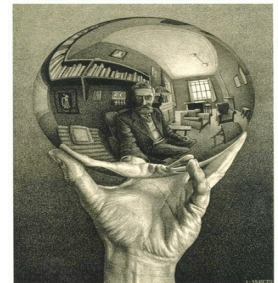
SN-10 Smart House Controller



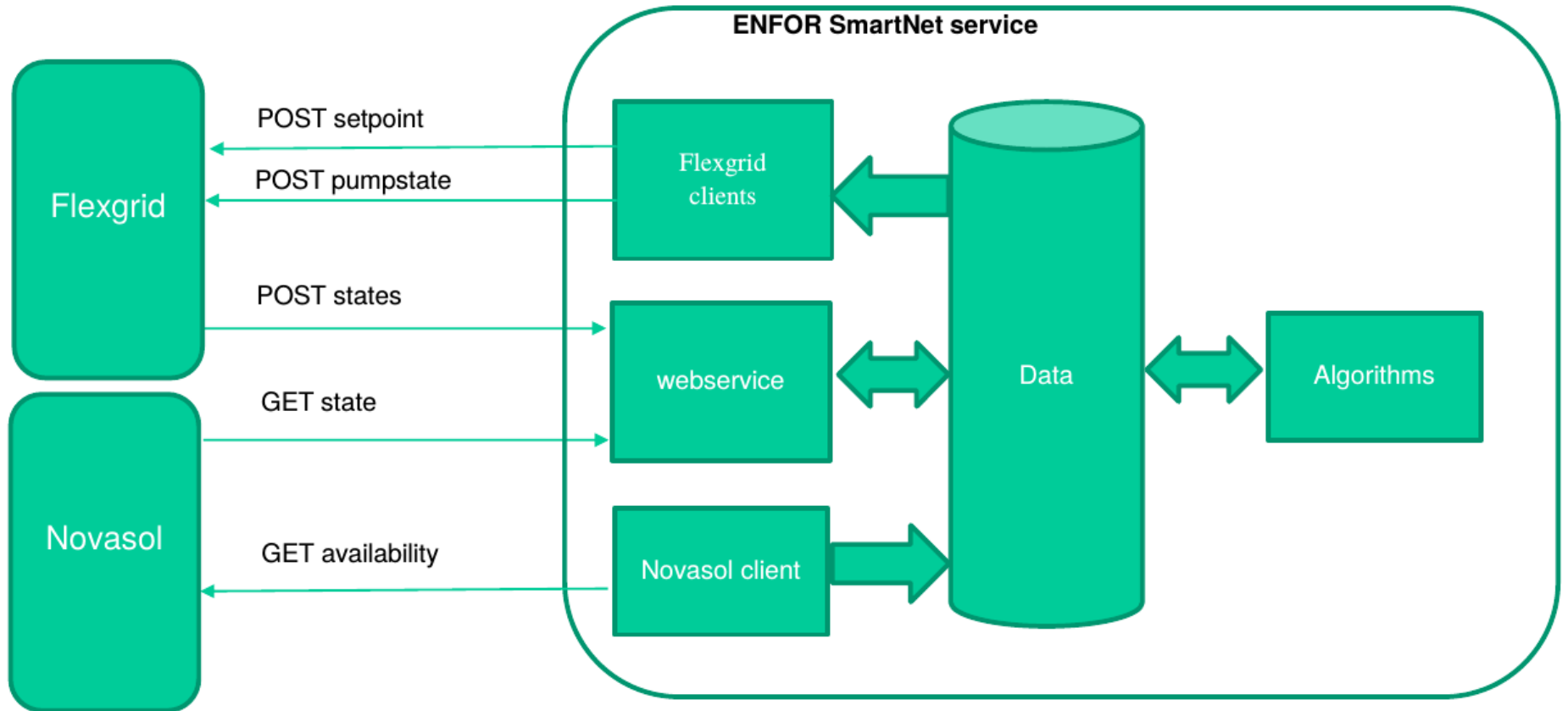


SE-OS Characteristics

- 'Bidding – clearing – activation' at higher levels
- Nested sequence of systems – systems of systems
- Hierarchy of optimization (or control) problems
- Control principles at higher spatial/temporal resolutions
- Cloud or Fog (IoT, IoS) based solutions – eg. for forecasting and control
- Facilitates energy systems integration (power, gas, thermal, ...)
- Allow for new players (specialized aggregators)
- Simple setup for the communication and contracts
- Provides a solution for all ancillary services
- Harvest flexibility at all levels



ENFOR Control services for Novasol (using REST and JSON)

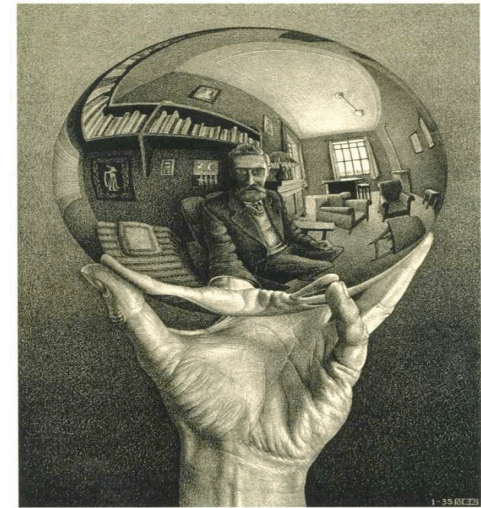




Smart Energy Solutions

Some Demo Projects in CITIES:

- Control of WWTP (ED, Kruger, ..)
- Heat pumps (Grundfos, ENFOR, ..)
- Supermarket cooling (Danfoss, TI, ..)
- Summerhouses (DC, ENDK, Nyfors, ..)
- Green Houses (NeoGrid, ENFOR,)
- CHP (Dong Energy, EnergiFyn, ...)
- Industrial production (several, ..)
- EV (Eurisco, Enfor, ...)
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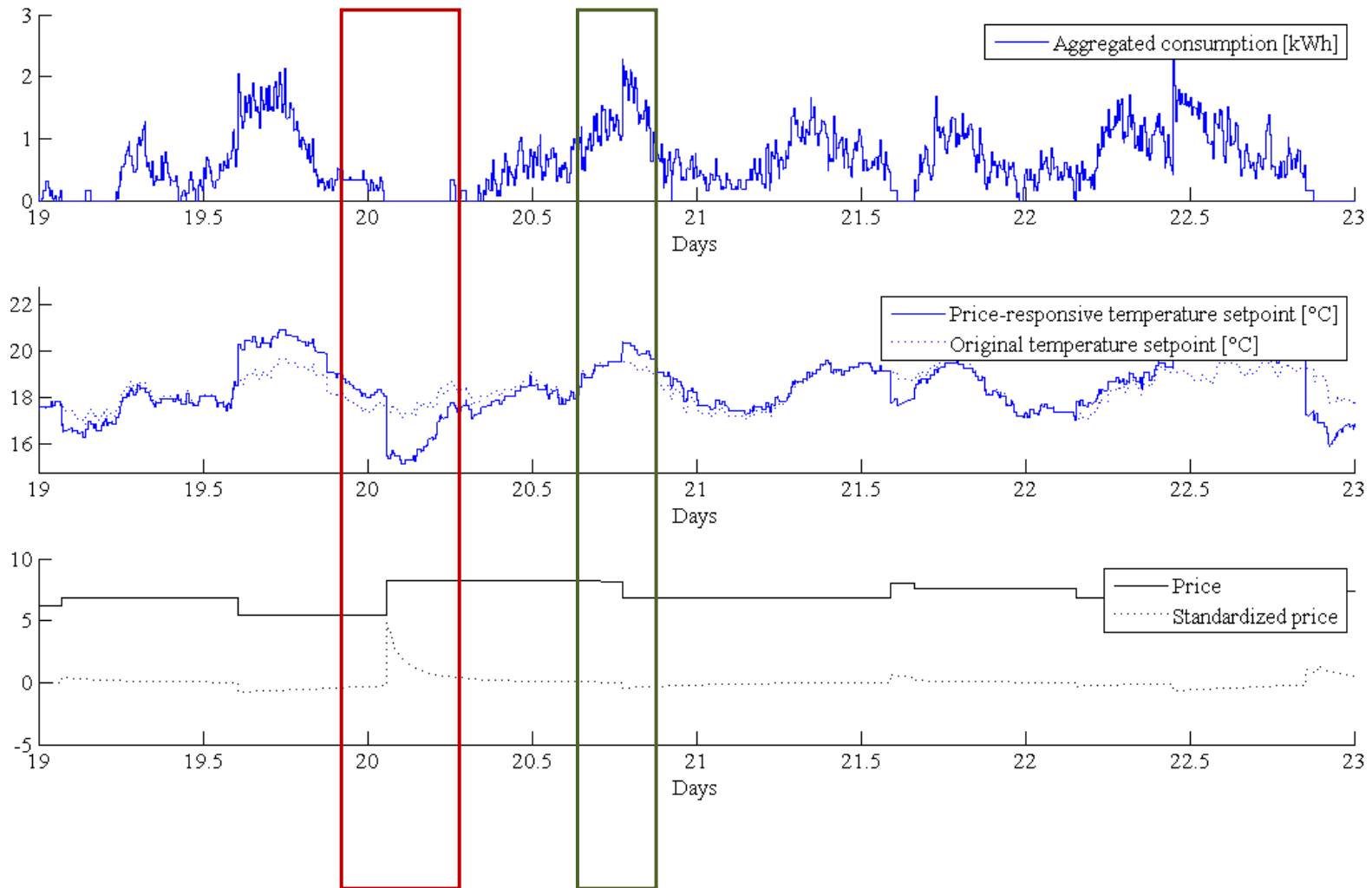
Case study No. 1

Control of Power Consumption using the Thermal Mass of Buildings (Peak shaving)





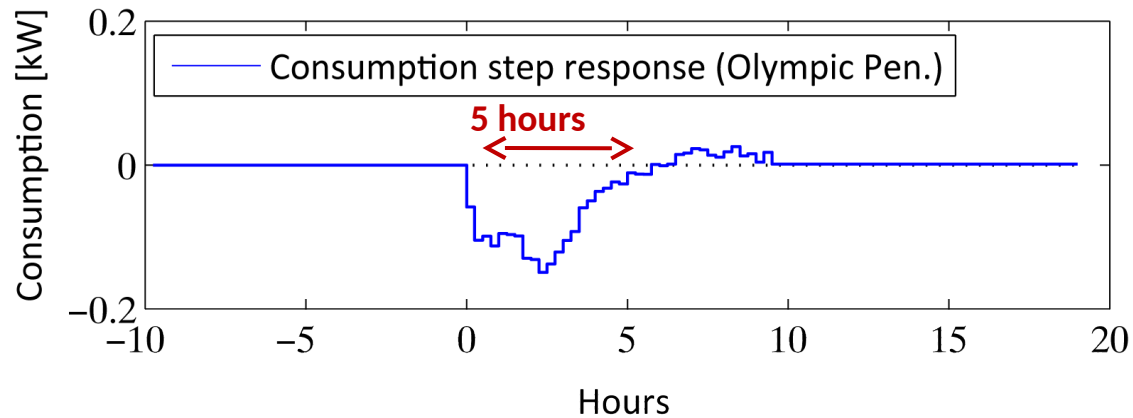
Aggregation (over 20 houses)



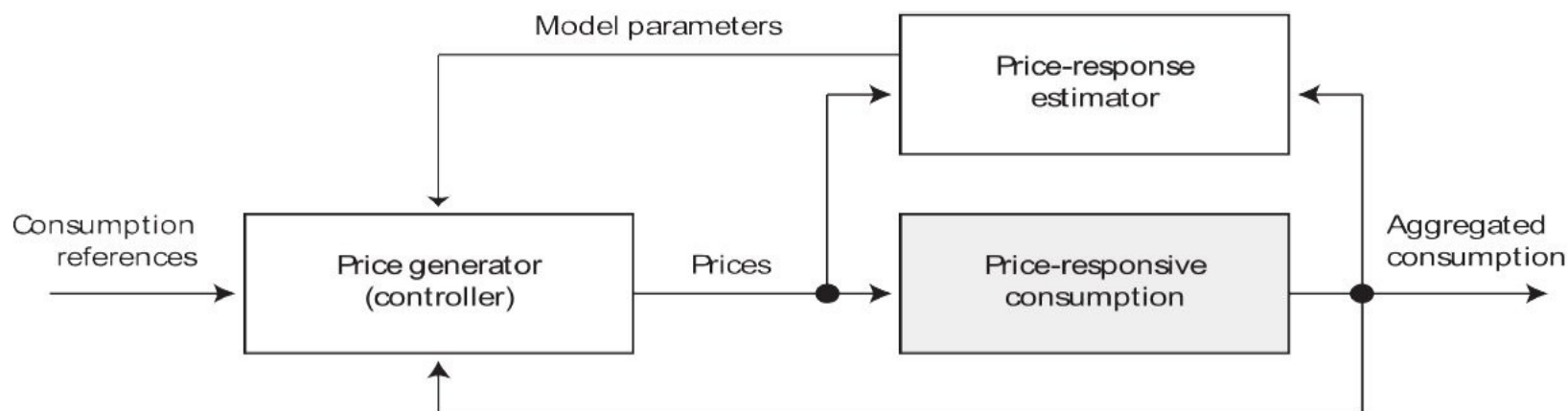


Non-parametric Response on Price Step Change

Olympic Peninsula



Control of Energy Consumption

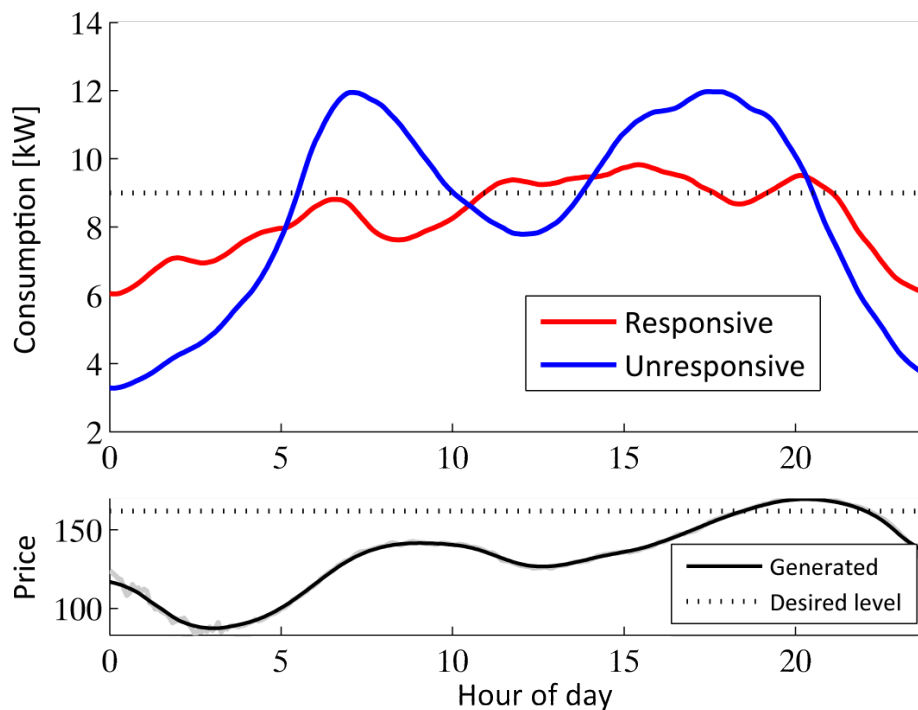




Control performance

Considerable **reduction** in peak consumption

Mean daily consumption shift



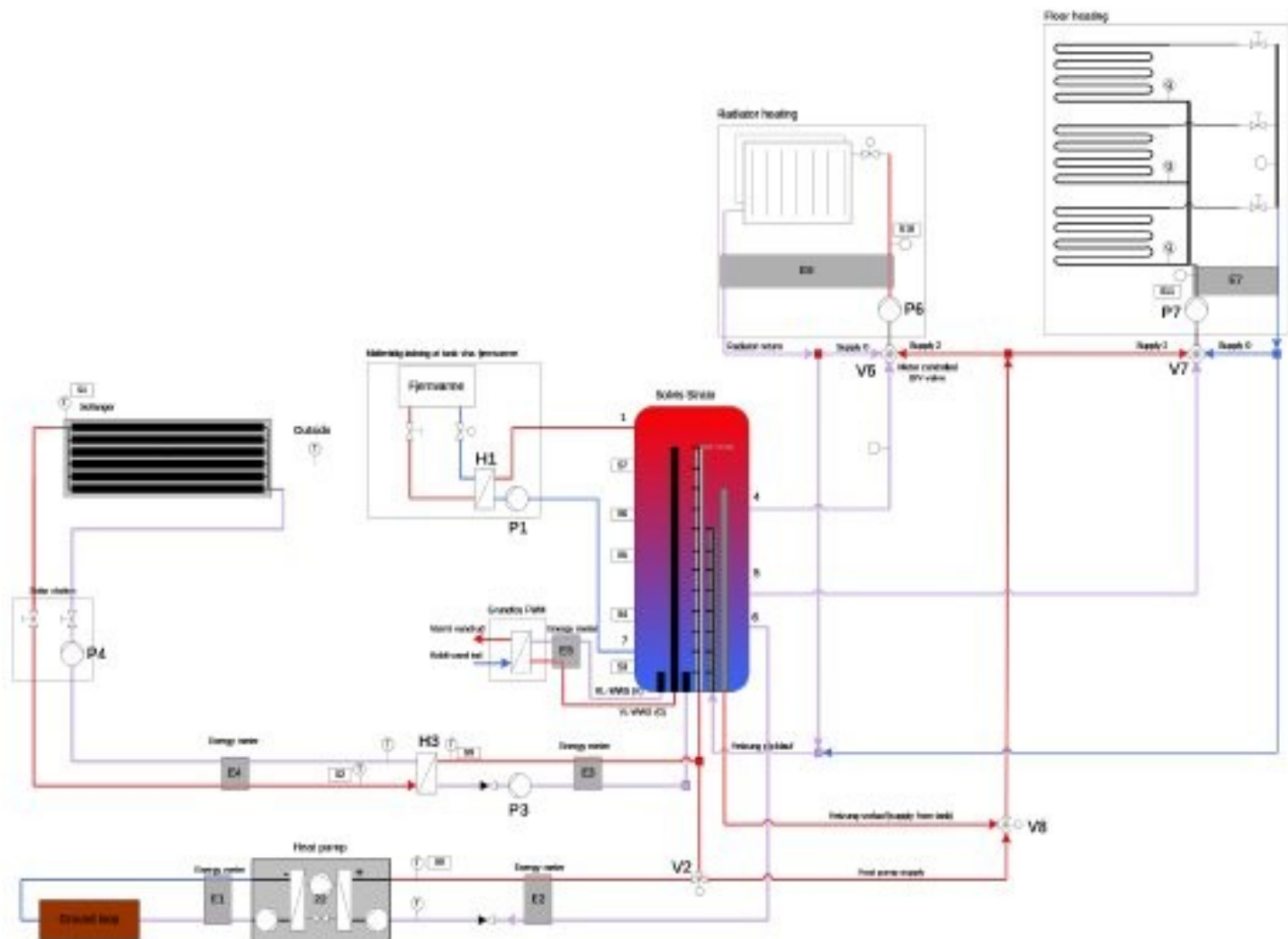
Case study No. 2

Control of Heat Pumps for buildings with a thermal solar collector (minimizing cost)



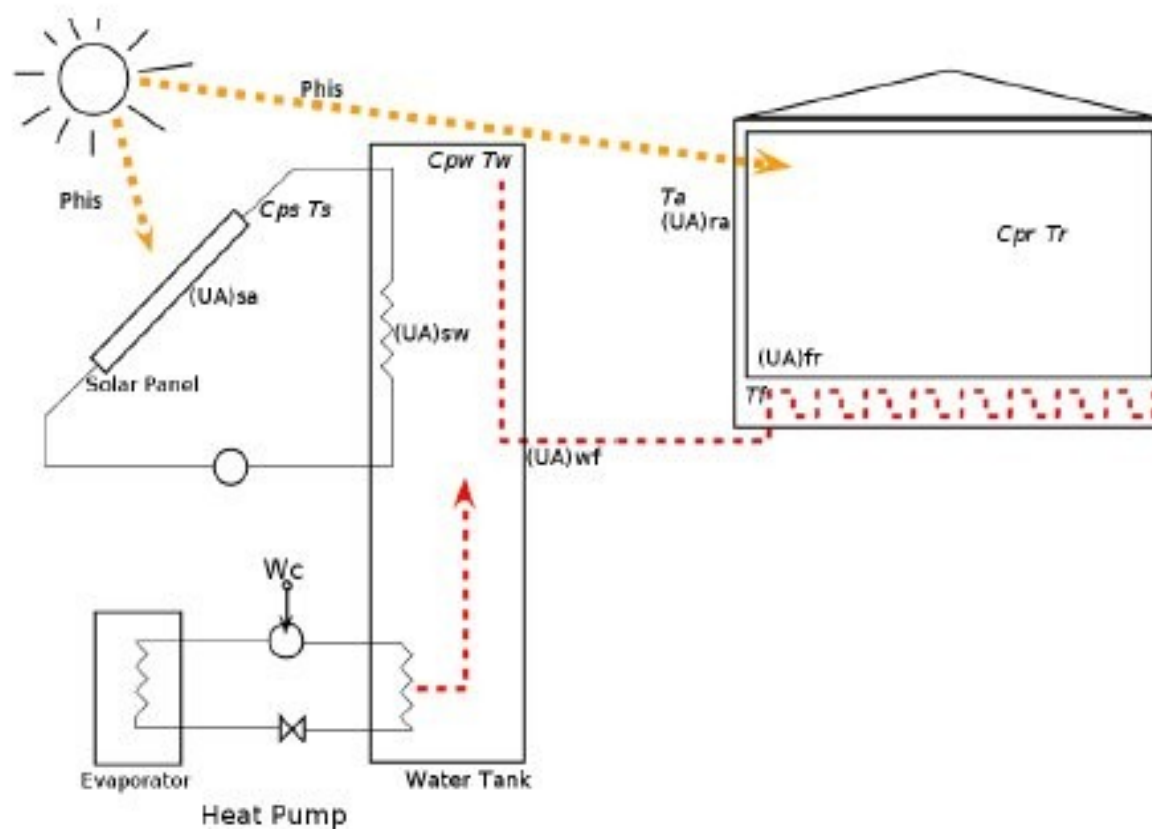
Grundfos Case Study

Schematic of the heating system



Modeling Heat Pump and Solar Collector

Simplified System



Formulation

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

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

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

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

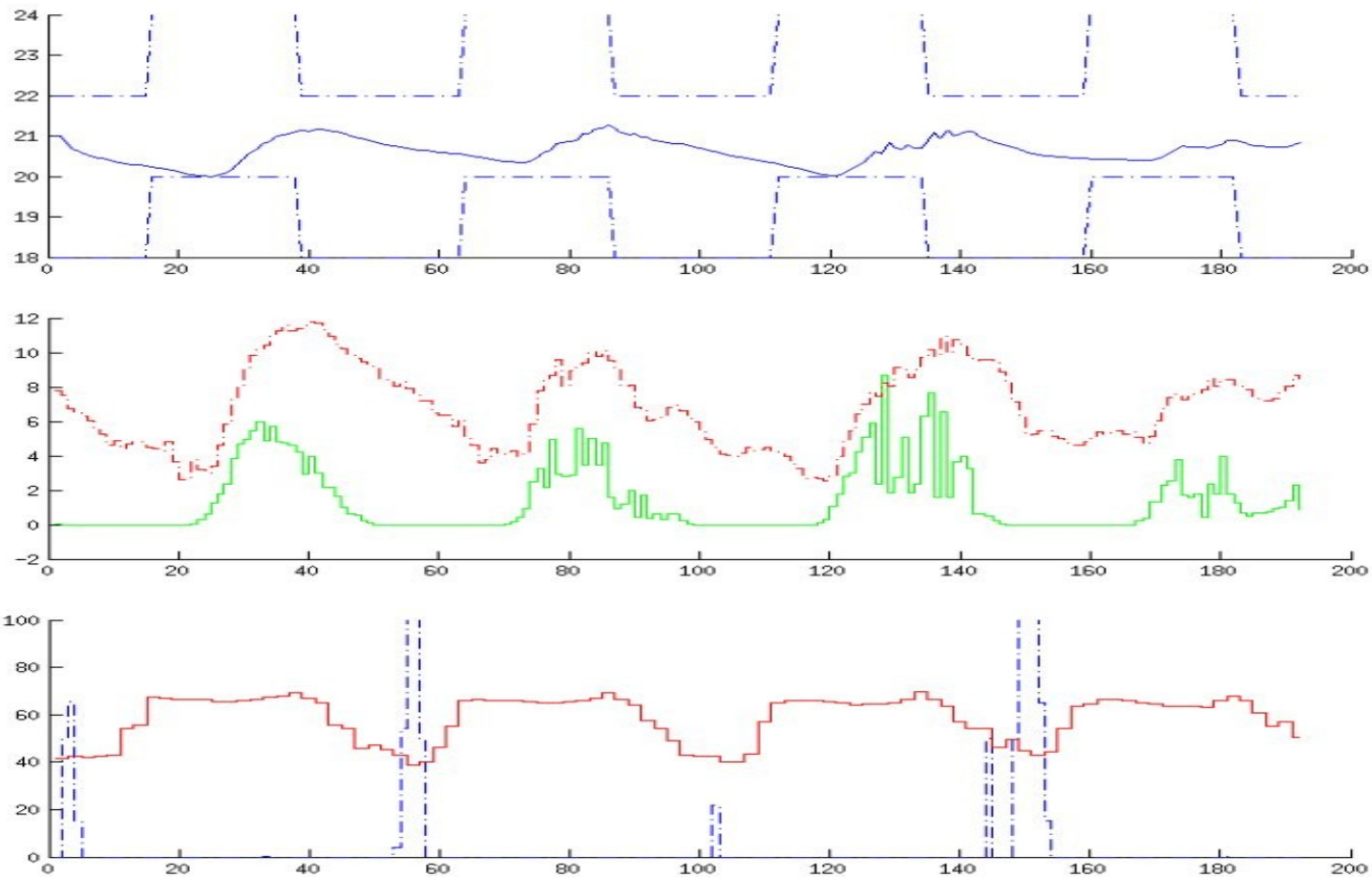
$$u_{\min} \leq u_k \leq u_{\max} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4d)$$

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

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



EMPC for heat pump with solar collector (savings 25 pct, +6 pct energy c.)



Case study No. 3


Control of heat pumps for swimming pools (CO₂ minimization)







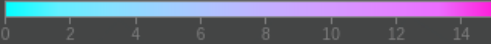
Live CO2 emissions of the European electricity consumption

This shows in real-time where your electricity comes from and how much CO2 was emitted to produce it.



We take into account electricity imports and exports  between countries.

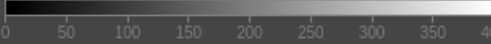
Tip: Click on a country to start exploring 

 Wind power potential (m/s) ≈ 3






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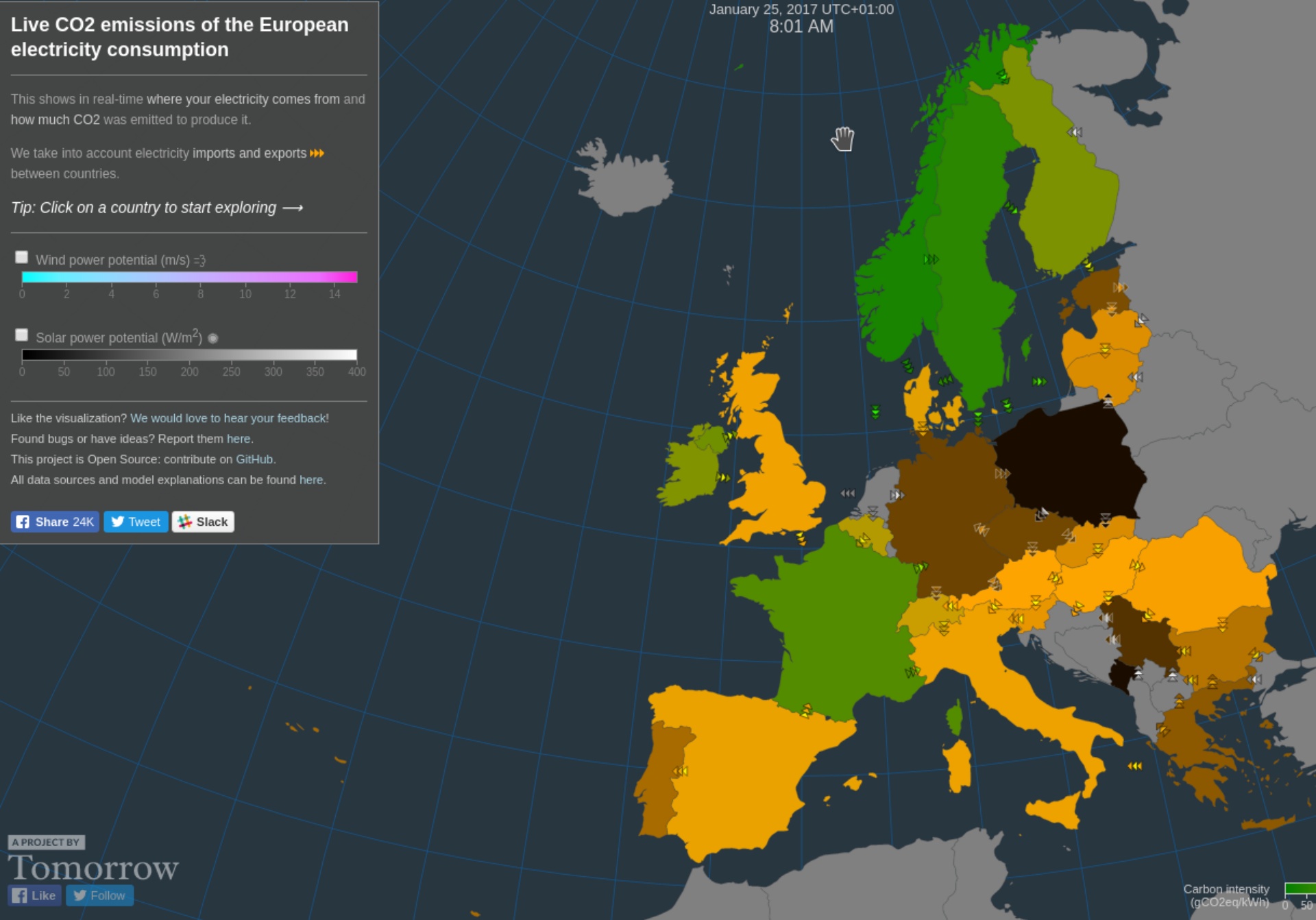
 Solar power potential (W/m²) 



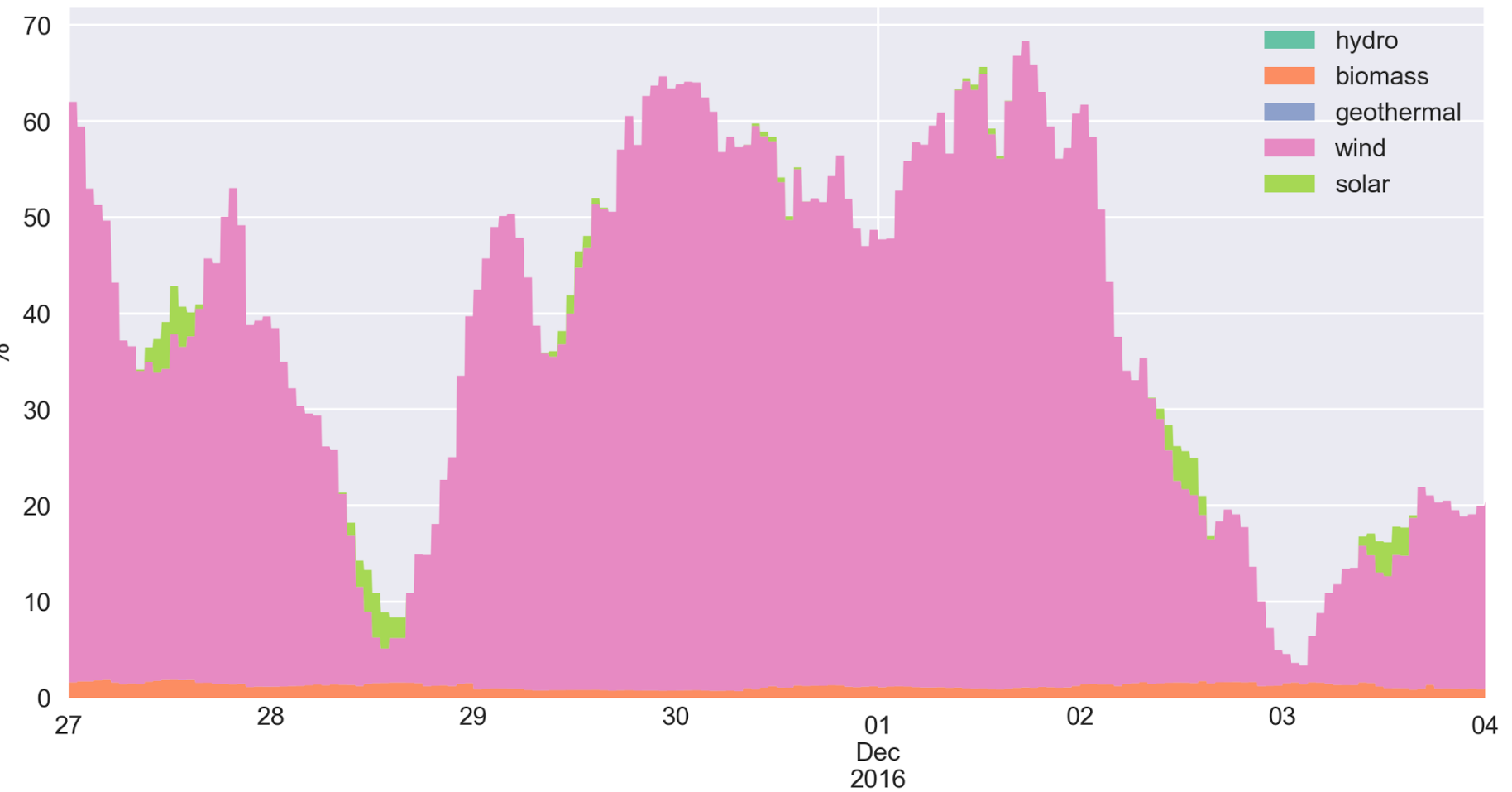
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All data sources and model explanations can be found here.

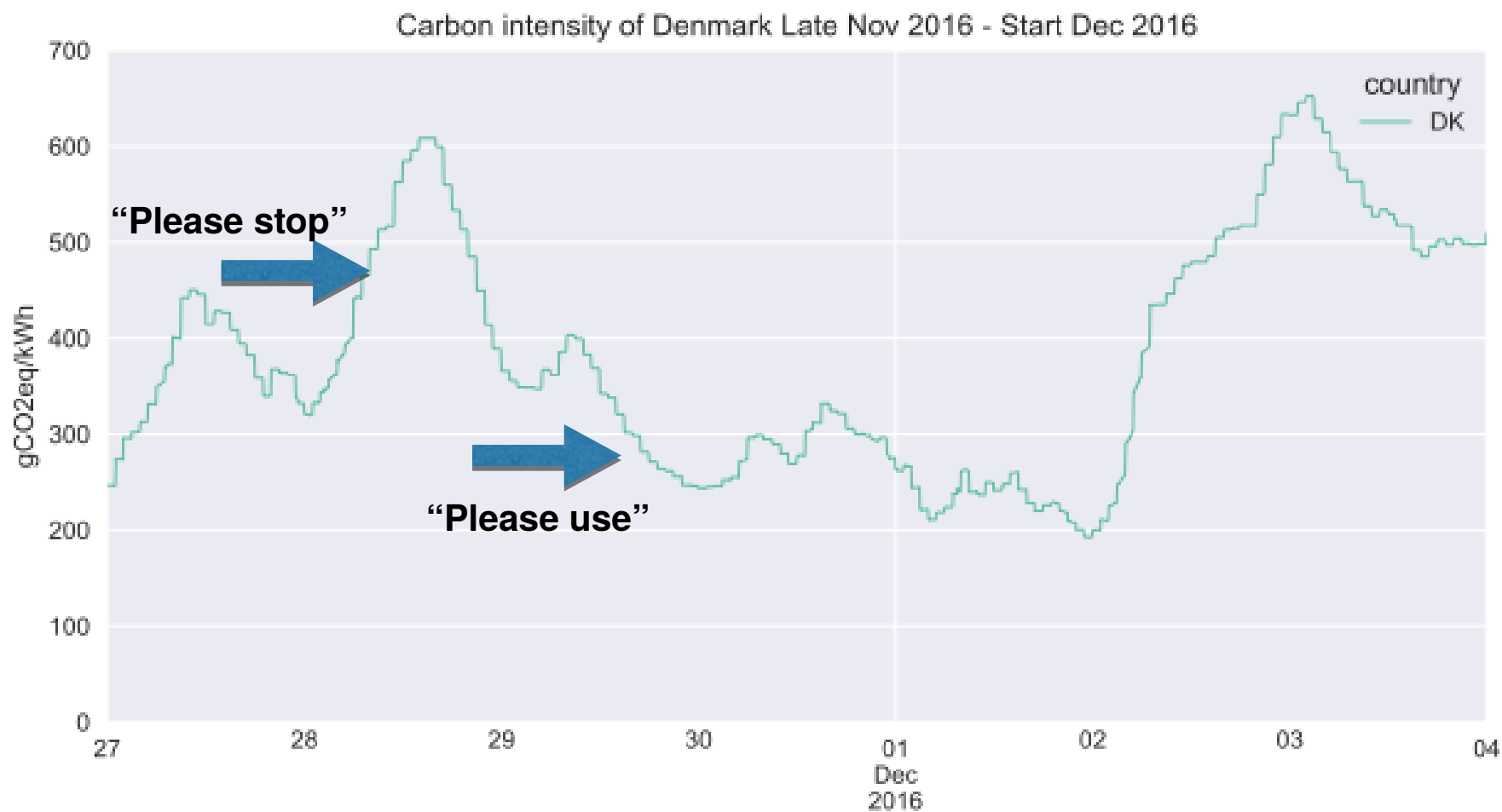
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Share of electricity originating from renewables in Denmark Late Nov 2016 - Start Dec 2016

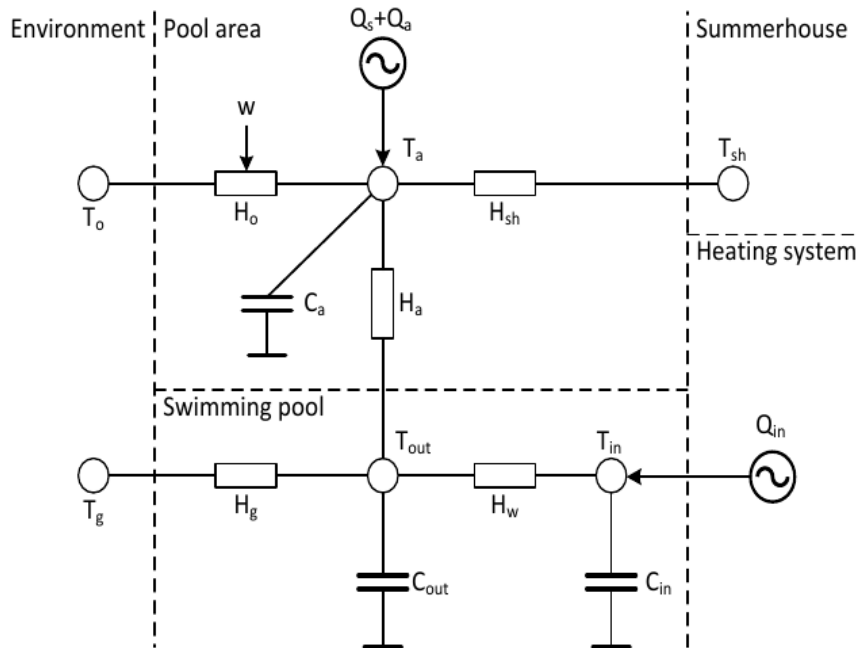


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Model for Model Predictive Control (Using lumped parameter model)



- Based on equivalent thermal parameters model

- Dynamics:

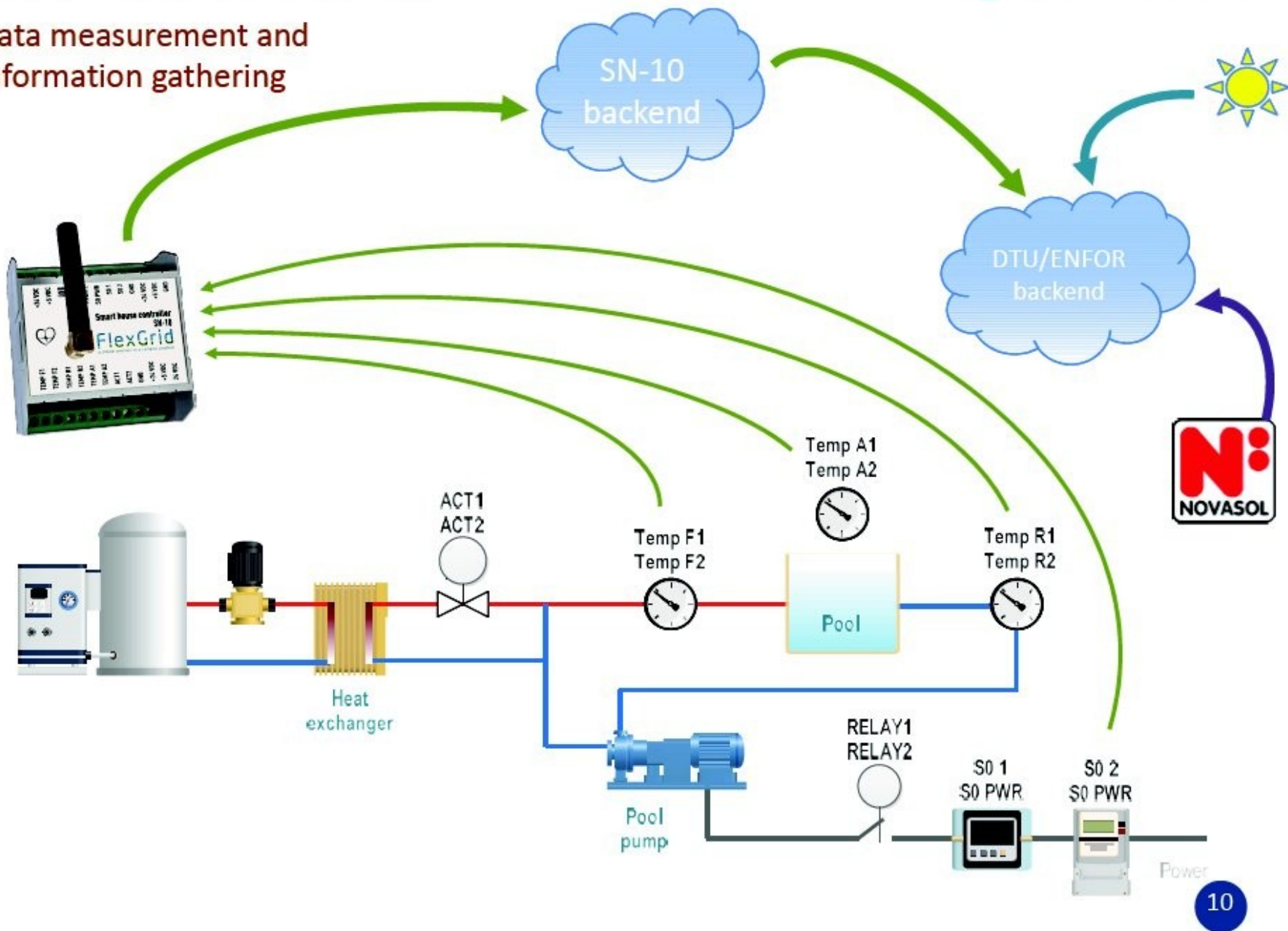
$$\frac{dT_{in}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} [H_w(T_{out} - T_{in}) + Q_{in}]$$

$$\frac{dT_{out}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{out}} [H_w(T_{in} - T_{out}) + H_g(T_g - T_{out}) + H_a(T_a - T_{out})]$$

$$\frac{dT_a}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_a} [H_o(w)(T_o - T_a) + H_a(T_{out} - T_a) + H_{sh}(T_{sh} - T_a) + Q_s + Q_a]$$

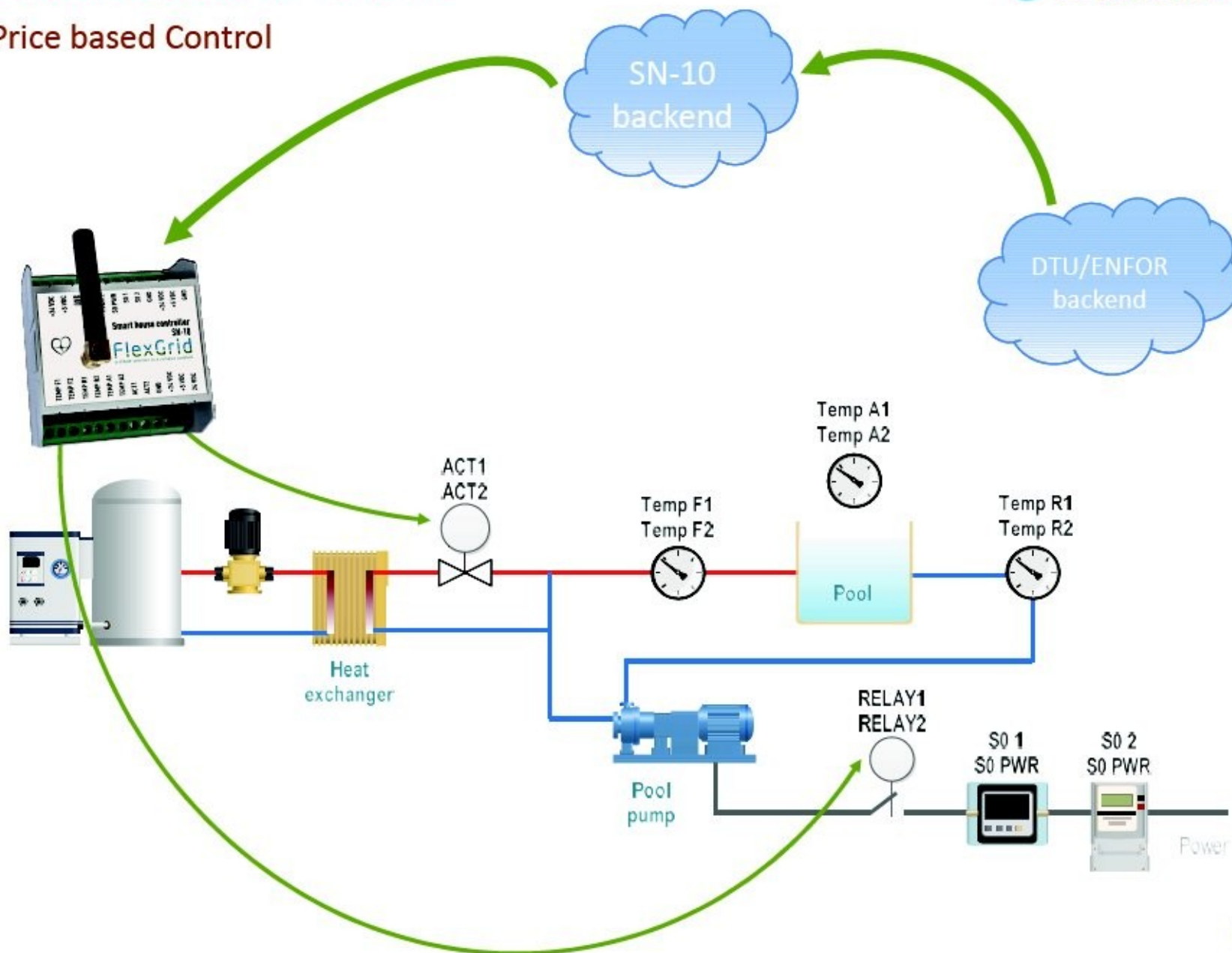
How does it work?

Data measurement and
information gathering



How does it work?

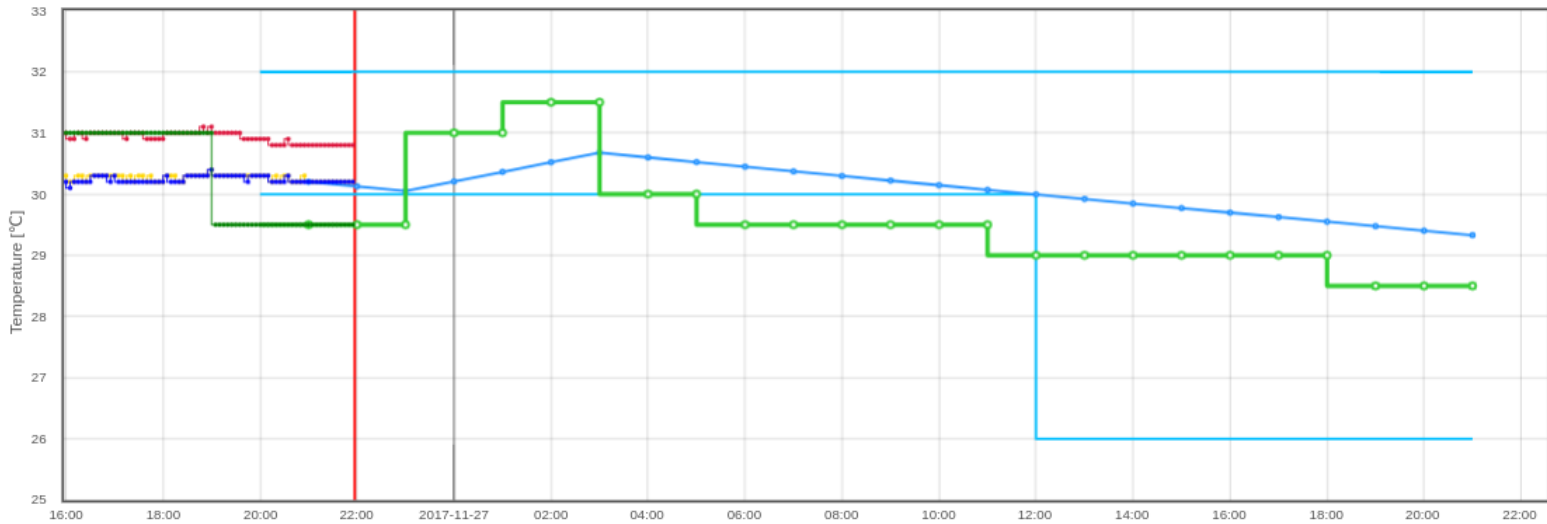
Price based Control



Example: CO2-based control

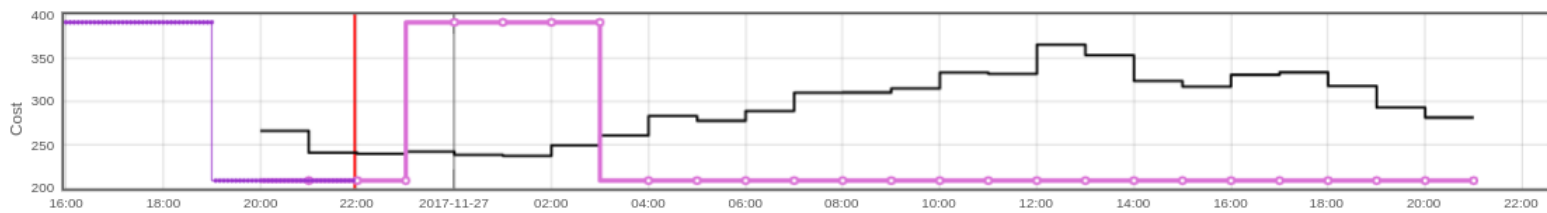
D7811 Controller

Cost: co2intensity [g/kWh]



- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureForward
- ☒ me-5m / AirTemperature
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturnMinLimit
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturnMaxLimit
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturn
- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureReturn
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureSetpoint
- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureSetpoint

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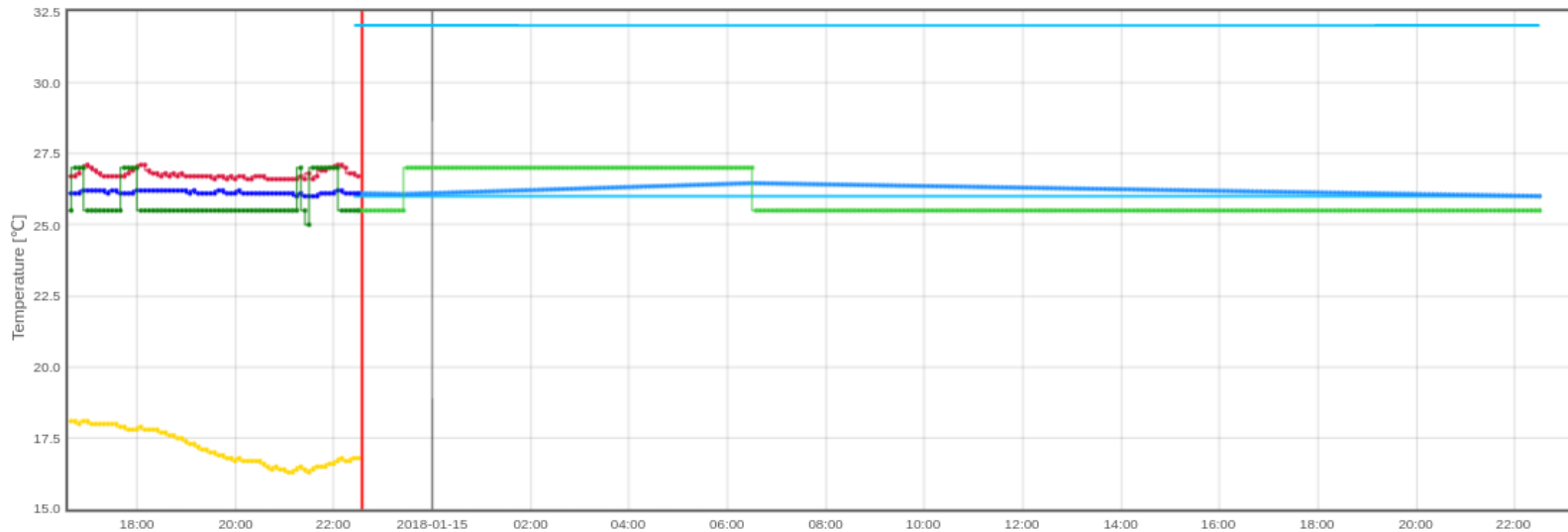
- ☒ pre-inp / CostPre
- ☒ pre / ValveState
- ☒ me-5m / ValveState

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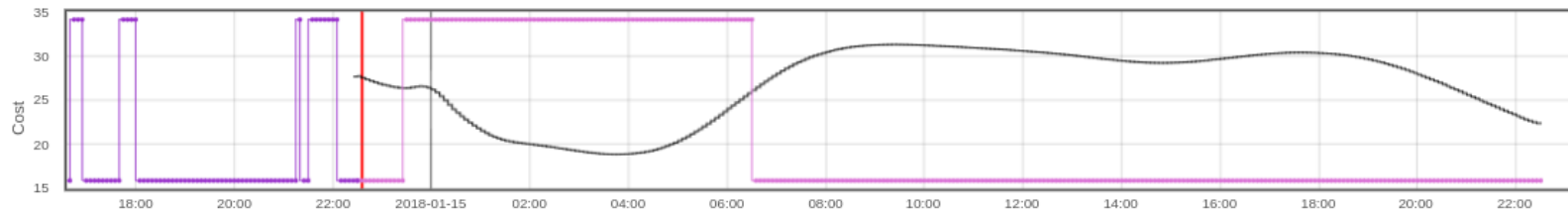
Example: Price-based control

A12979 Controller

Cost: DK1 Imbalance Price Consumption [EUR/MWh]



- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureForward
- ☒ me-5m / AirTemperature
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturnMid
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturnMax
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureReturnMin
- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureReturn
- ☒ pre / WaterTemperatureSetpoint
- ☒ me-5m / WaterTemperatureSetpoint



- ☒ pre-inp / CostPre
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- ☒ pre / ValveState
- ☒ me-5m / ValveState



Flexibility Setup and Control





Characteristics

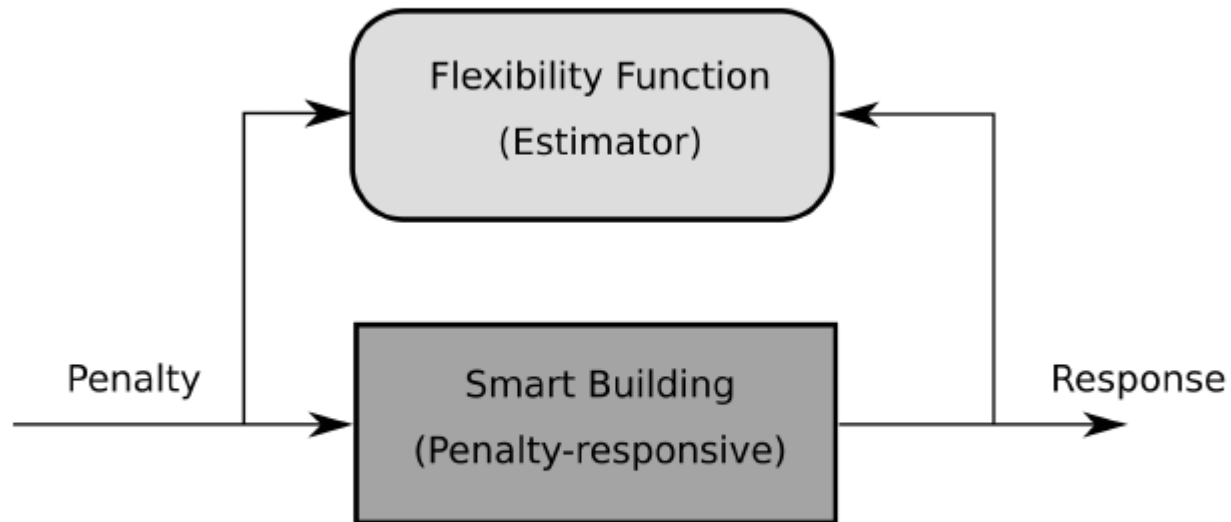


Figure 1: A smart building is able to respond to a penalty or external control signal.

Flexibility Function

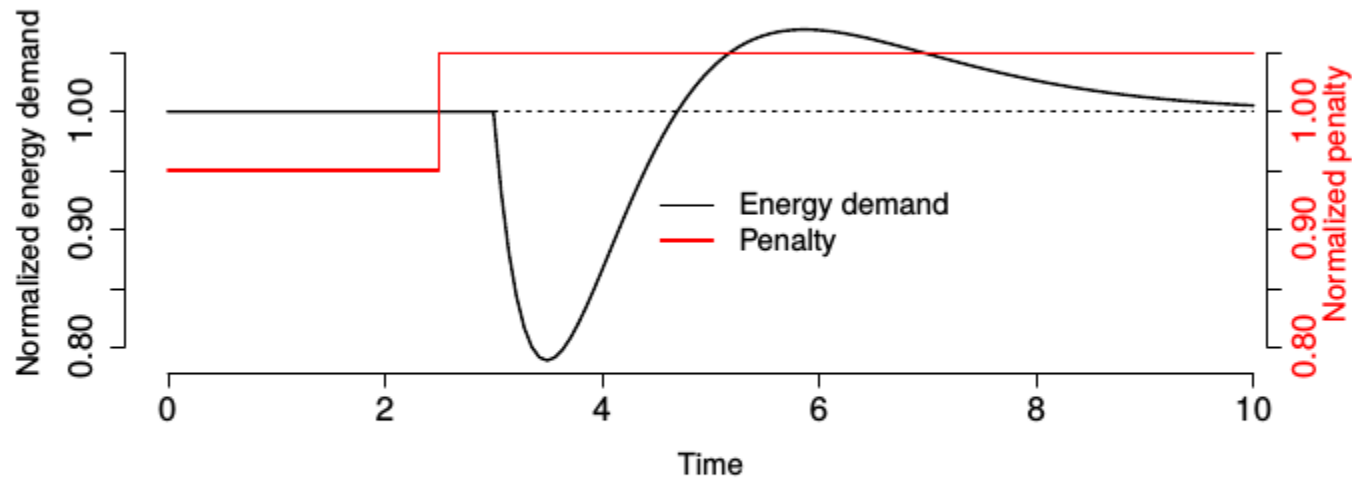


Figure 2: The energy consumption before and after an increase in penalty. The red line shows the normalized penalty while the black line shows the normalized energy consumption. The time scale could be very short with the units being seconds or longer with units of hours. At time 2.5 the penalty is increased,



FF for three buildings

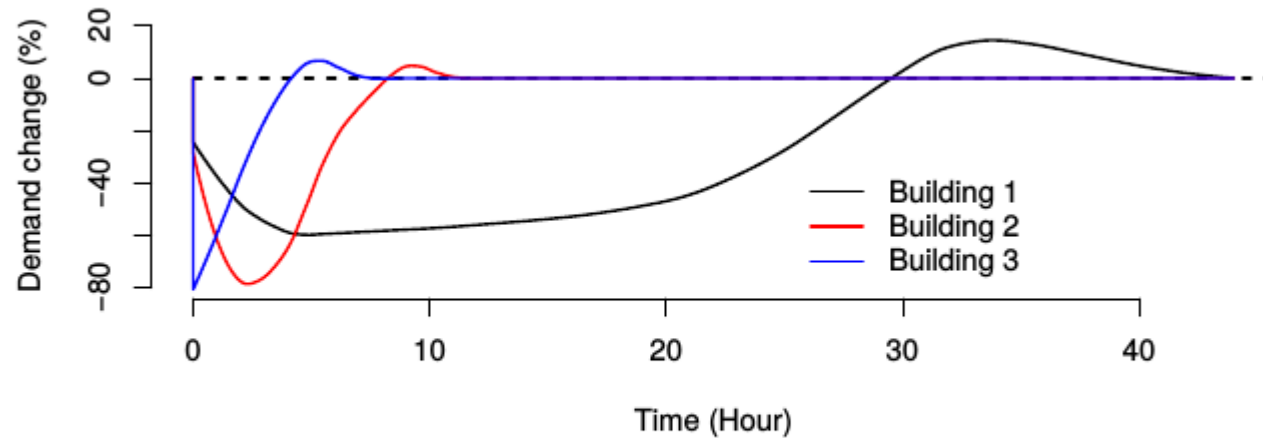


Figure 5: The Flexibility Function for three different buildings.



Penalty Function (examples)

- **Real time CO₂.** If the real time (marginal) CO₂ emission related to the actual electricity production is used as penalty, then, a smart building will minimize the total carbon emission related to the power consumption. Hence, the building will be *emission efficient*.
- **Real time price.** If a real time price is used as penalty, the objective is obviously to minimize the total cost. Hence, the building is *cost efficient*.
- **Constant.** If a constant penalty is used, then, the controllers would simply minimize the total energy consumption. The smart building is, then, *energy efficient*.



Smart Grid Application

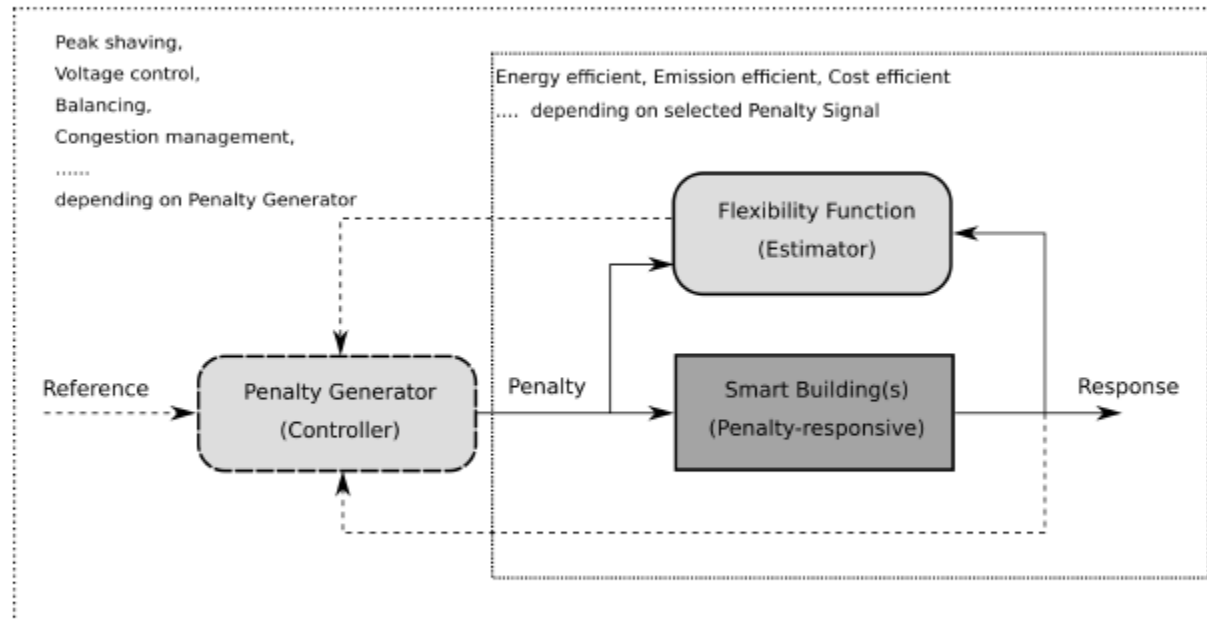


Figure 8: Smart buildings and penalty signals.



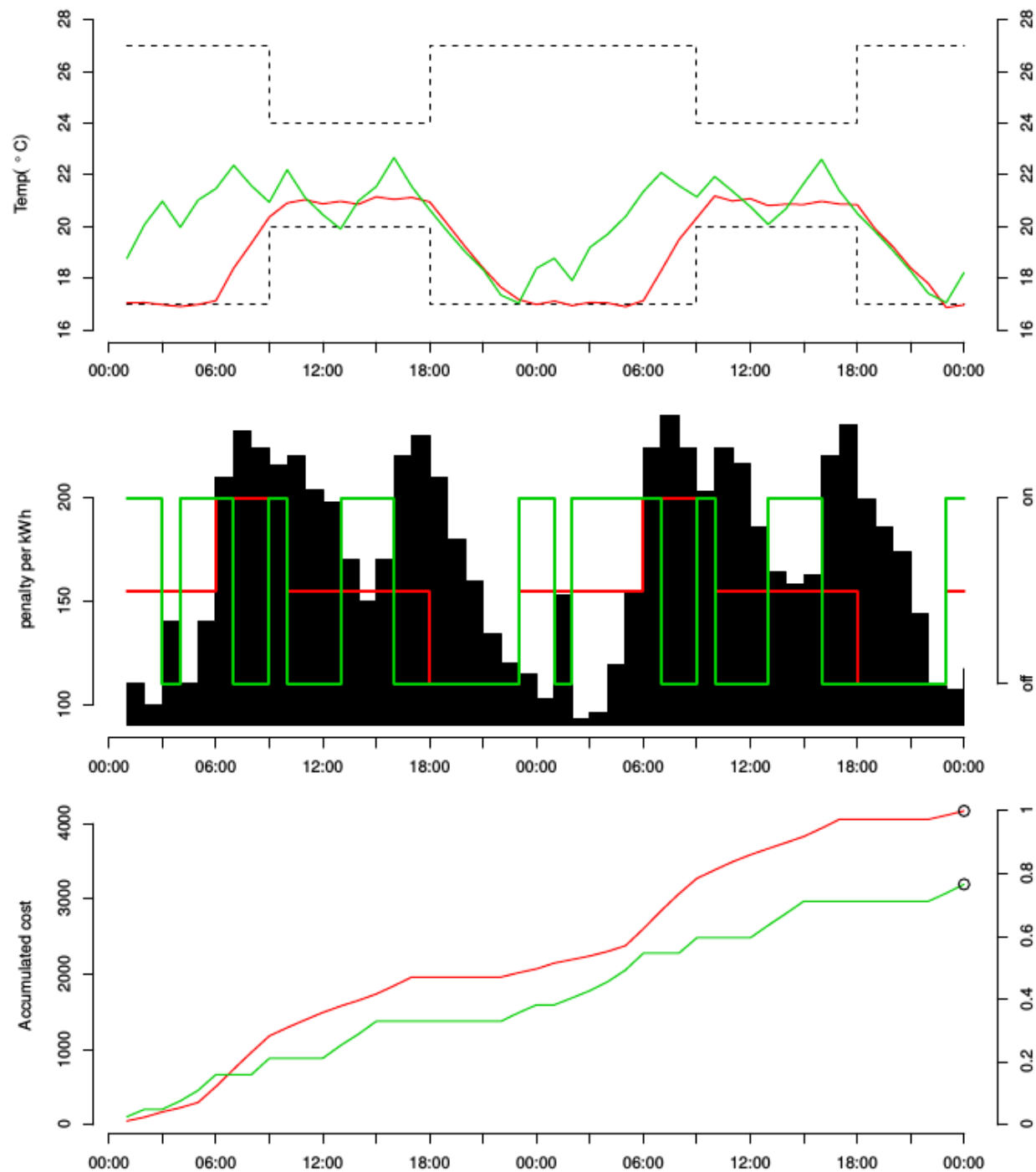
Procedure for calc. Flex. Index

for energy, price and emission based flexibility char.

The test consists of the following steps:

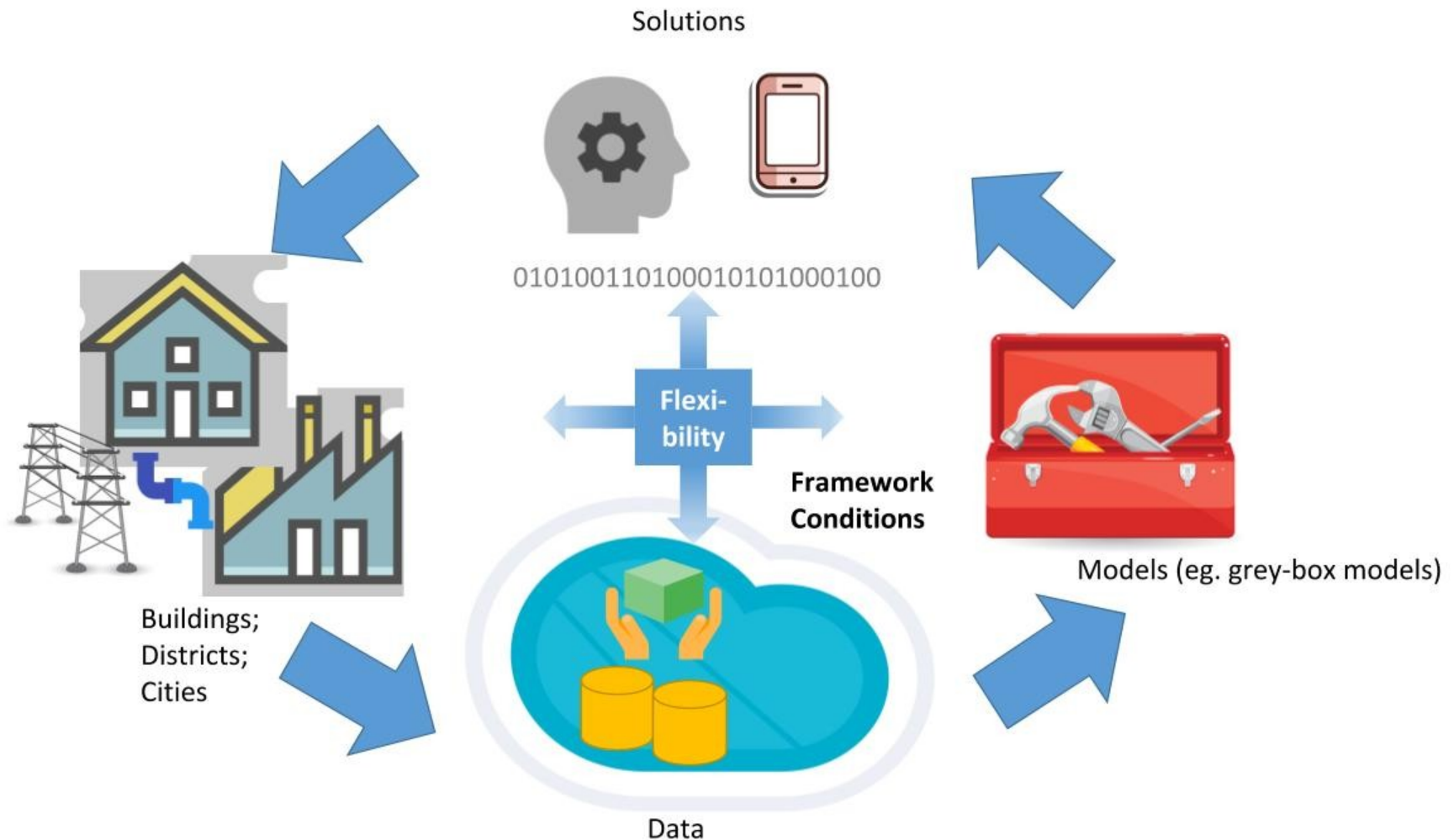
1. Let λ_t be the price of electricity at time t .
2. Simulate the control of the building *without considering* the price, and let u_t^0 be the electricity consumption at time t .
3. Simulate the control of the building *considering* the price, and let u_t^1 be the electricity consumption at time t .
4. The total operation cost of the price-ignorant control is given by
$$C^0 = \sum_{t=0}^N \lambda_t u_t^0.$$
5. Similarly the operation cost of the price-aware control is given by
$$C^1 = \sum_{t=0}^N \lambda_t u_t^1.$$
6. $1 - \frac{C^1}{C^0}$ is the result of the test, giving us the fractional amount of saved money.

This test is inspired by minimizing total costs for varying electricity prices, but in general λ_t could just represent ones desire to reduce electricity demand at time t .





Flexibility without framework conditions





Reference Penalties

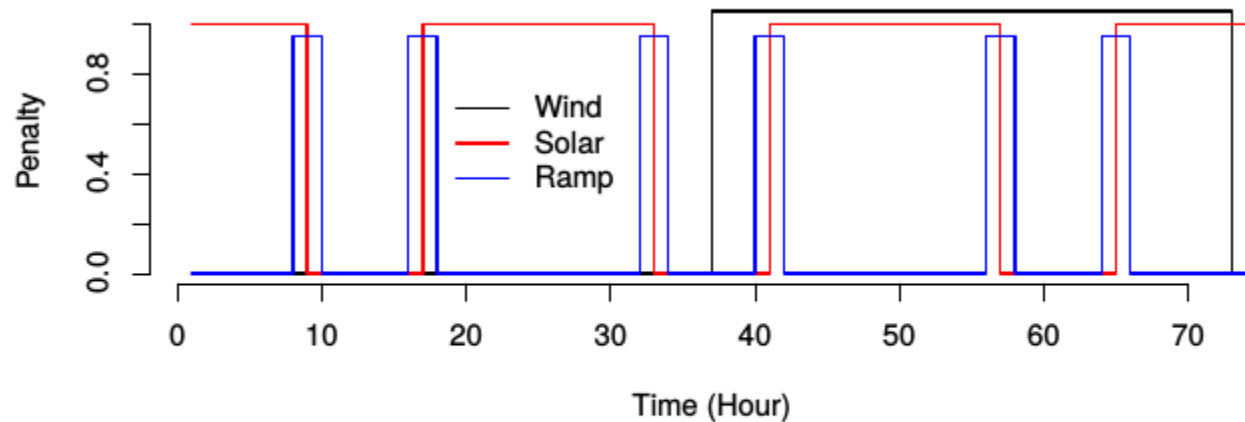


Figure 7: Reference scenarios of penalty signals related to ramping or peak issues as well as the integration of wind and solar power.



Flexibility Index

Table 2: Flexibility Index for each of the buildings based reference penalty signals representing wind, solar and ramp problems.

	Wind (%)	Solar (%)	Ramp (%)
Building 1	36.9	10.9	5.2
Building 2	7.2	24.0	11.1
Building 3	17.9	35.6	67.5



Summary



- A procedure for data intelligent control of power load, using the Smart-Energy OS (SE-OS) setup, is suggested.
- The SE-OS controllers can focus on
 - ★ Peak Shaving
 - ★ Smart Grid demand (like ancillary services needs, ...)
 - ★ Energy Efficiency
 - ★ Cost Minimization
 - ★ Emission Efficiency
- We have demonstrated a large potential in Demand Response in Buildings. Automatic solutions and end-user focus are important
- We have suggested a method for characterizing the energy flexibility of buildings which facilitates smart grid applications
- We see large problems with the tax and tariff structures in many countries (eg. Denmark).





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