

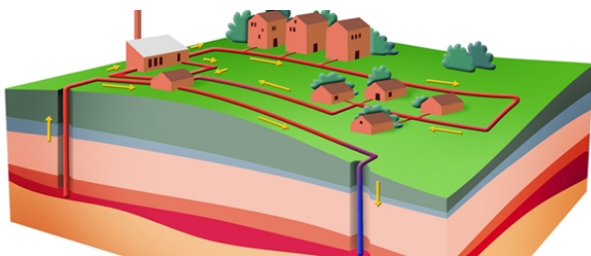
# Energy Flexible Buildings

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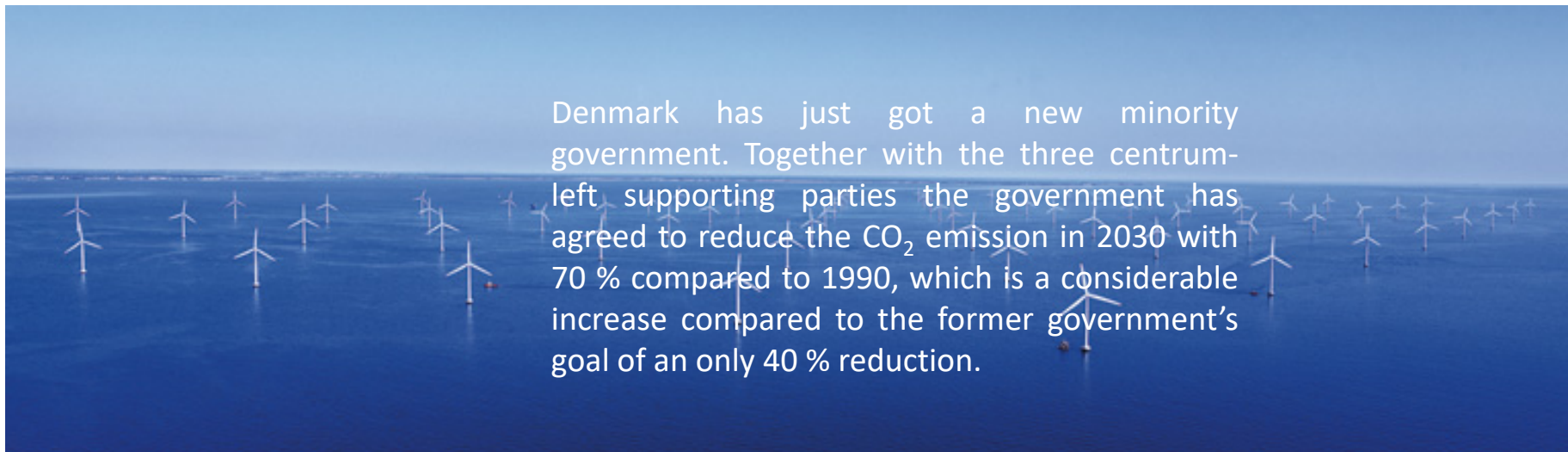
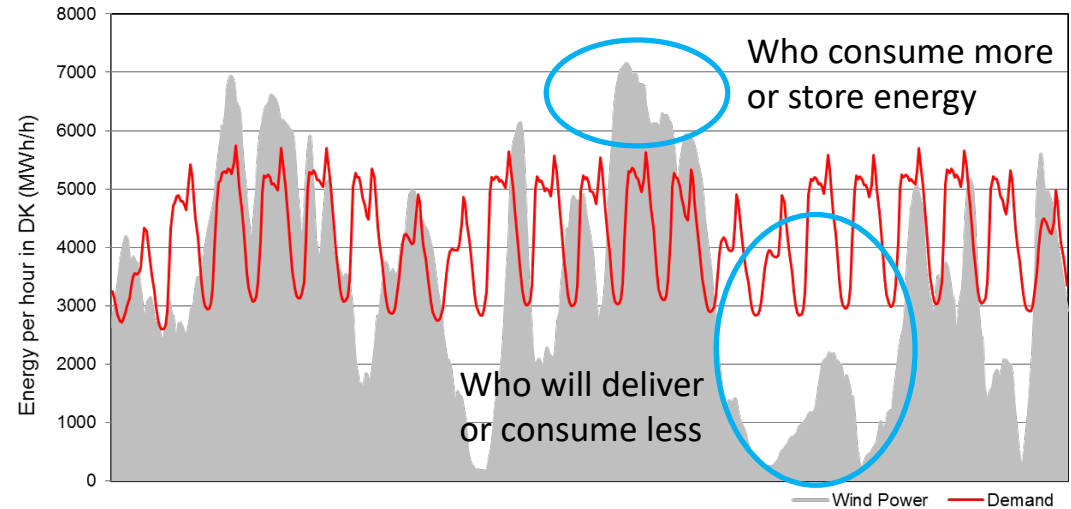
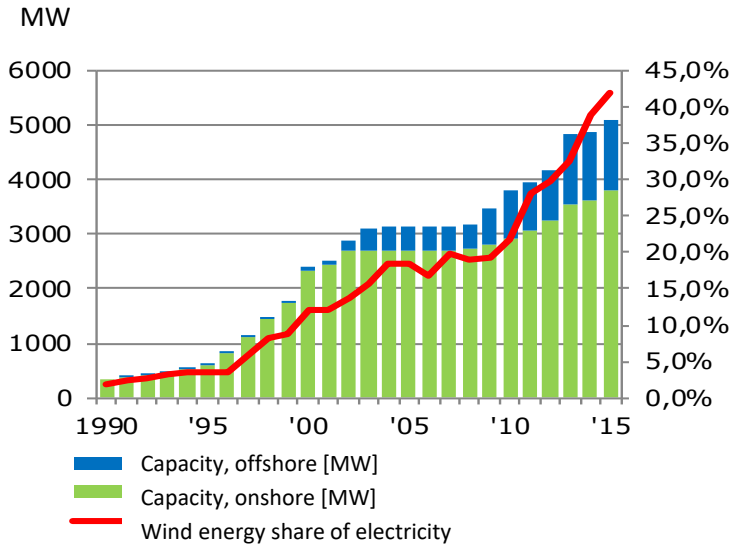
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# Common understanding that we need to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy



## Example: Denmark

Goal: 50 % wind in power grid by 2020 and only RES in the total energy system by 2050



Denmark has just got a new minority government. Together with the three centrum-left supporting parties the government has agreed to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emission in 2030 with 70 % compared to 1990, which is a considerable increase compared to the former government's goal of an only 40 % reduction.

## Solutions to large share of RES in the energy systems

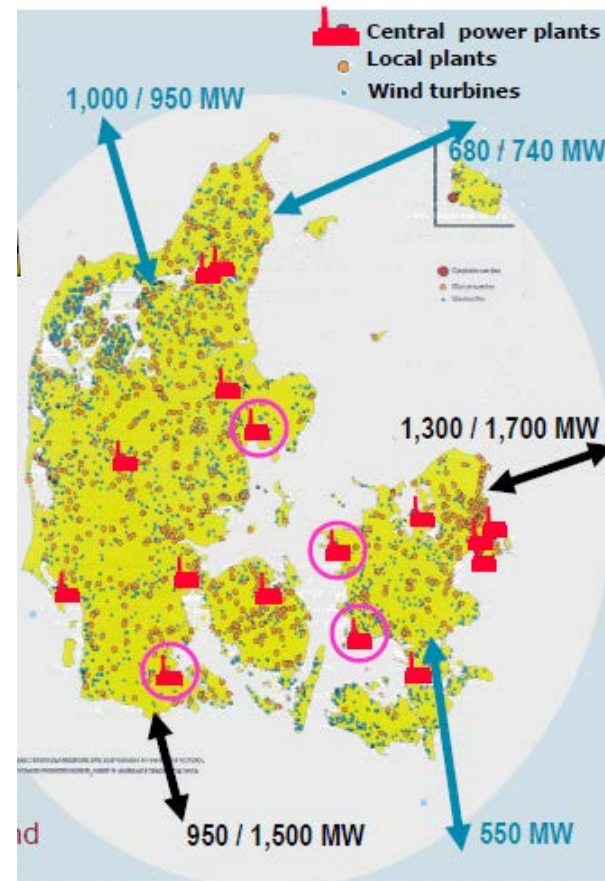
Large interconnectors - export/import

Heat pumps in district heating

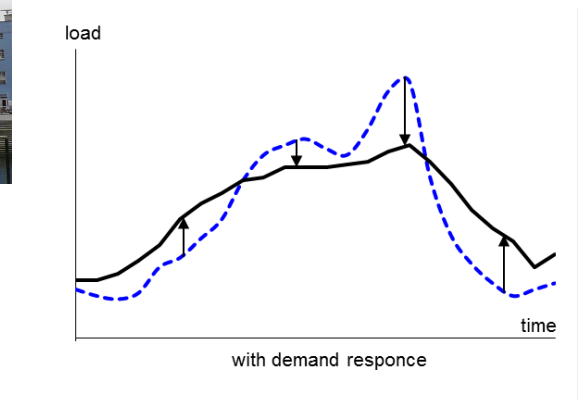
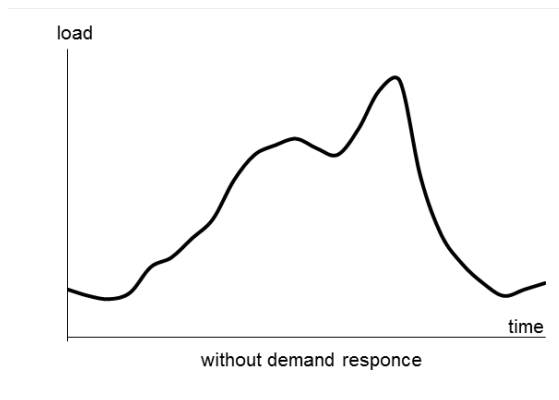
Generation of hydrogen and  
upgrading of biogas

RES based fuel factories

Demand response – industry and  
buildings

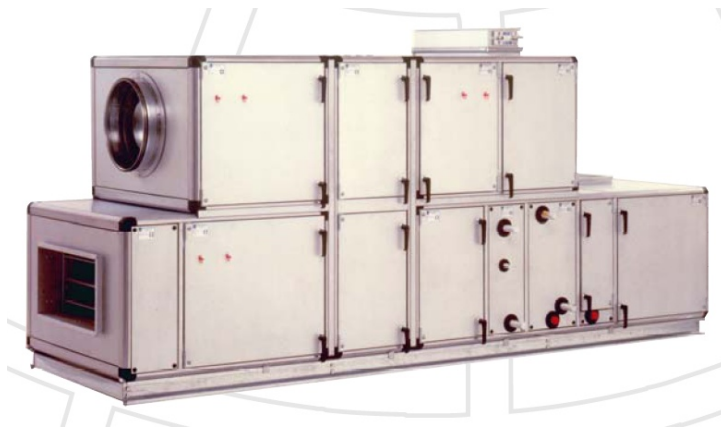


# Most buildings have the ability to become energy flexible



# Commercial buildings

ventilation systems



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cooling systems

supermarkets

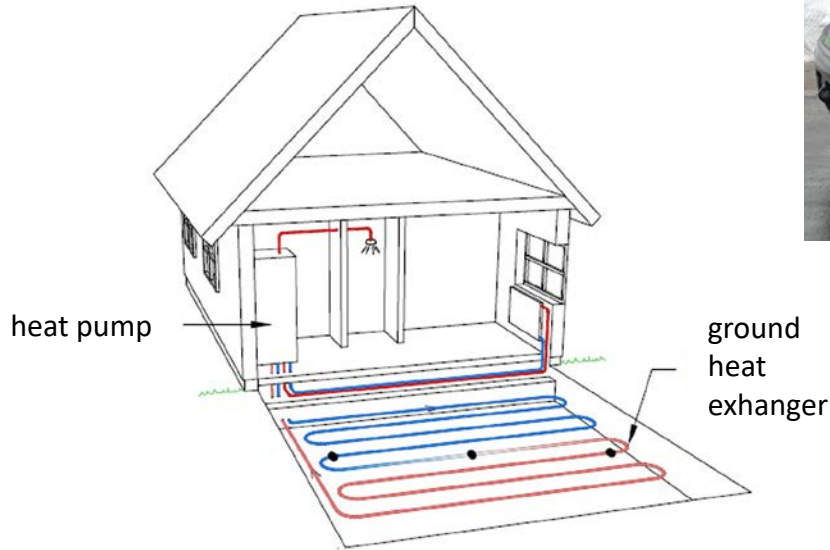


pumps



# Electricity demand in households

## heat pumps (aircondition)

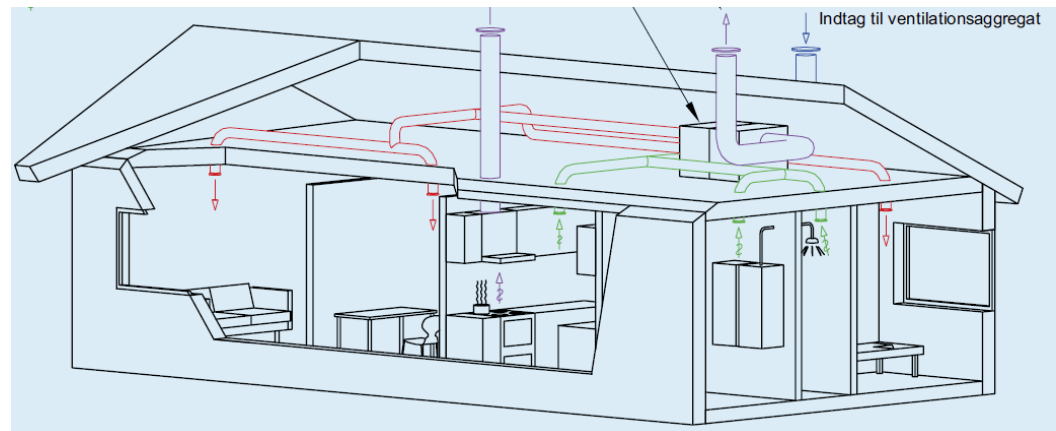


## EVs

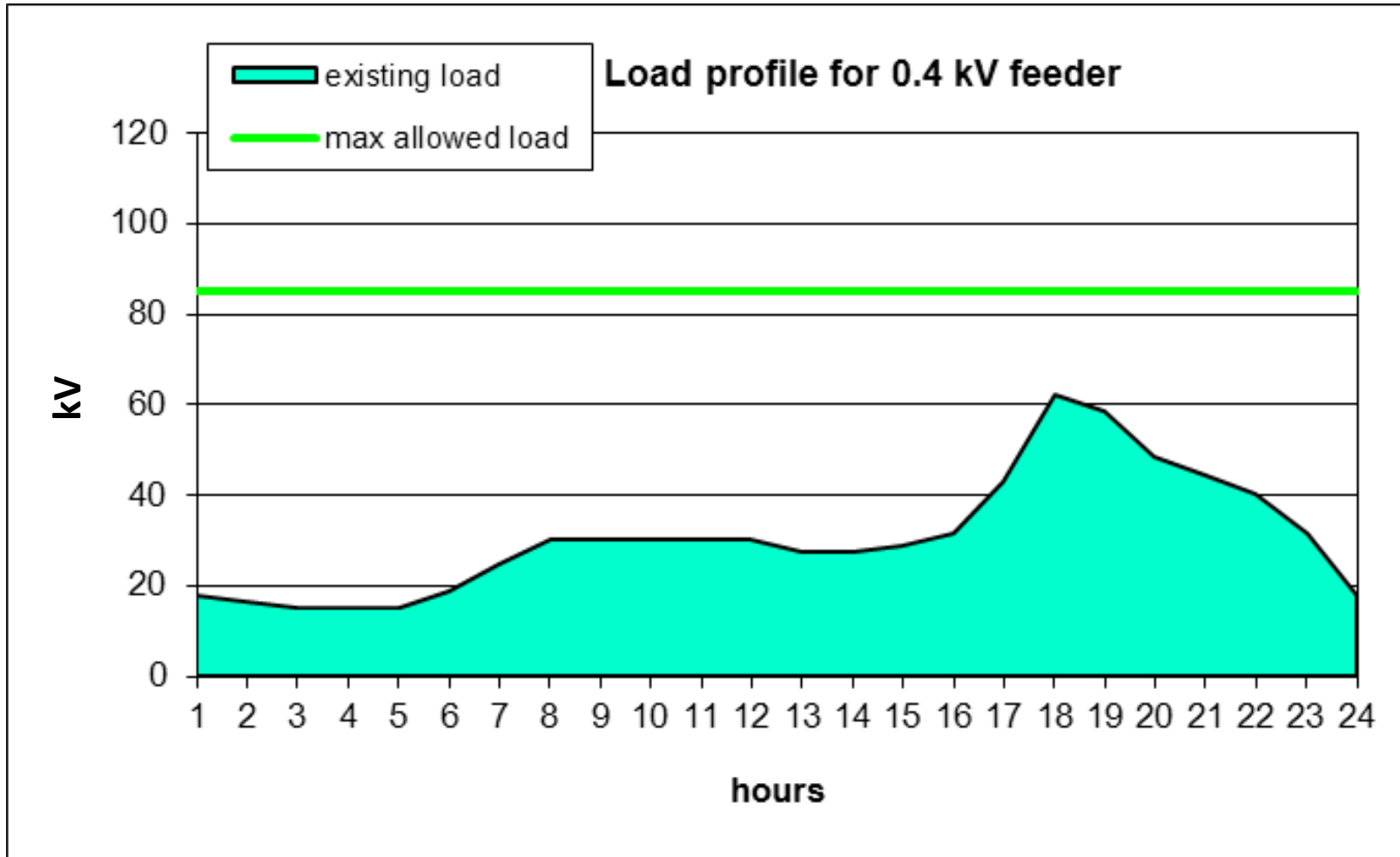
## ventilation systems



## white goods

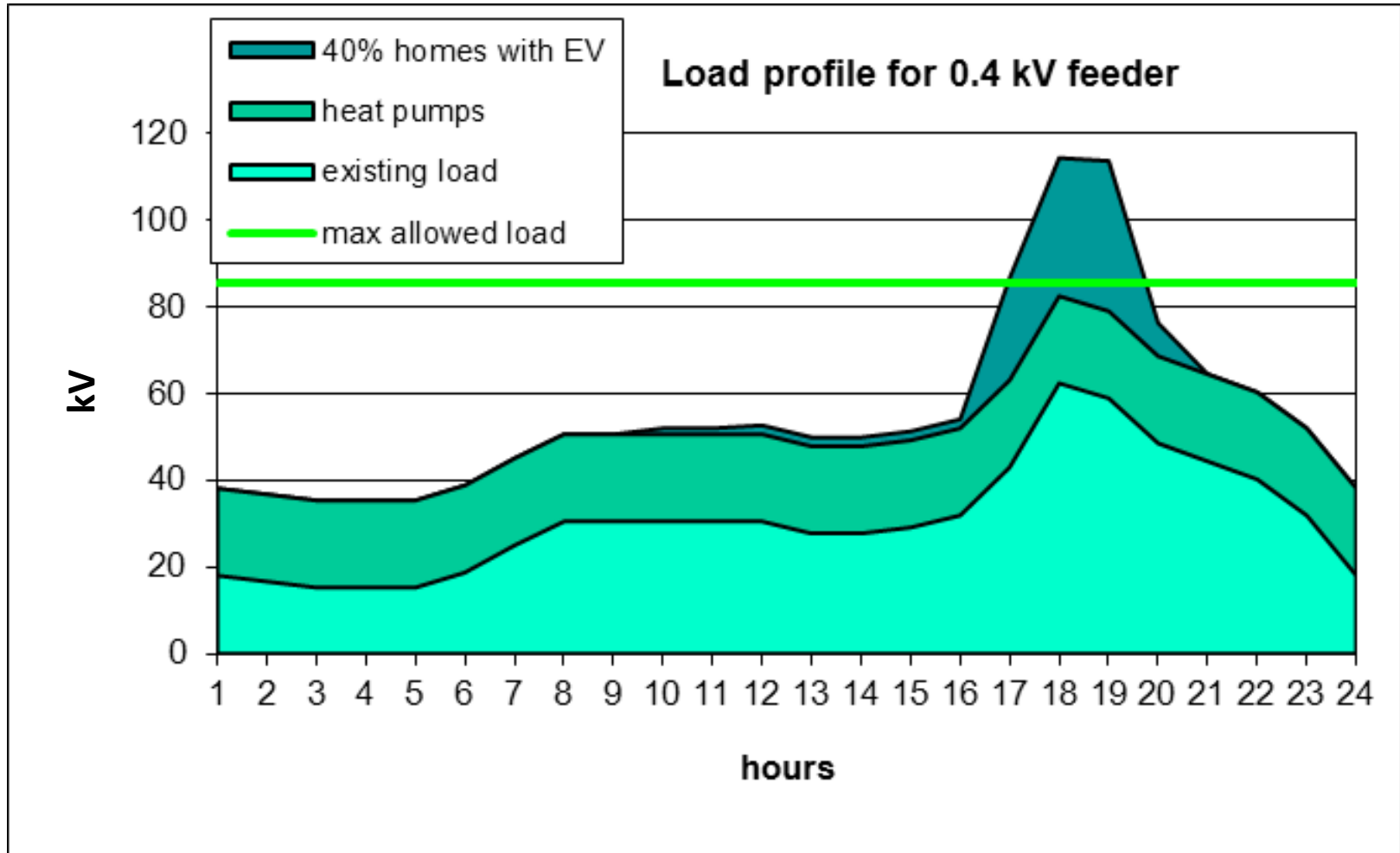


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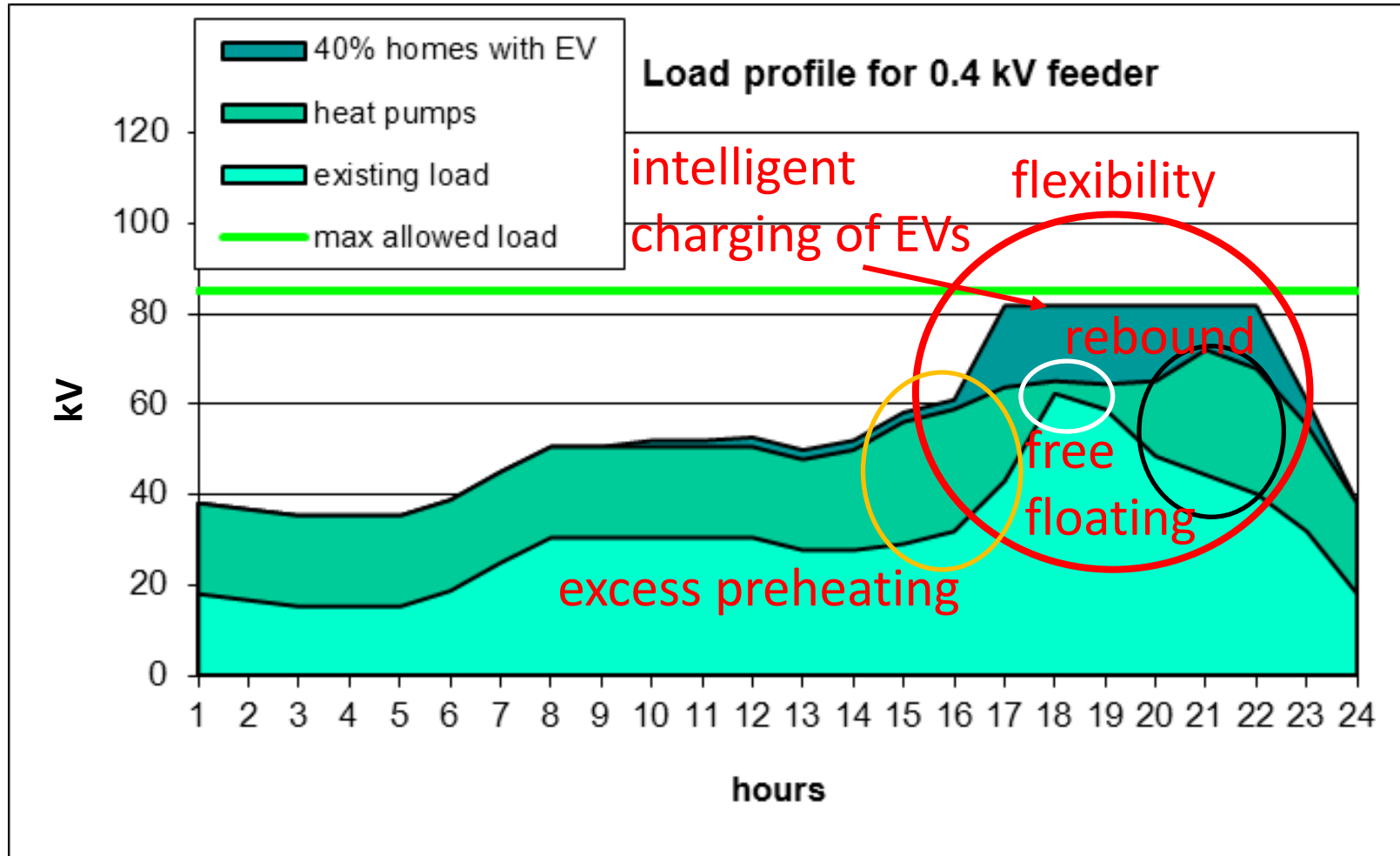




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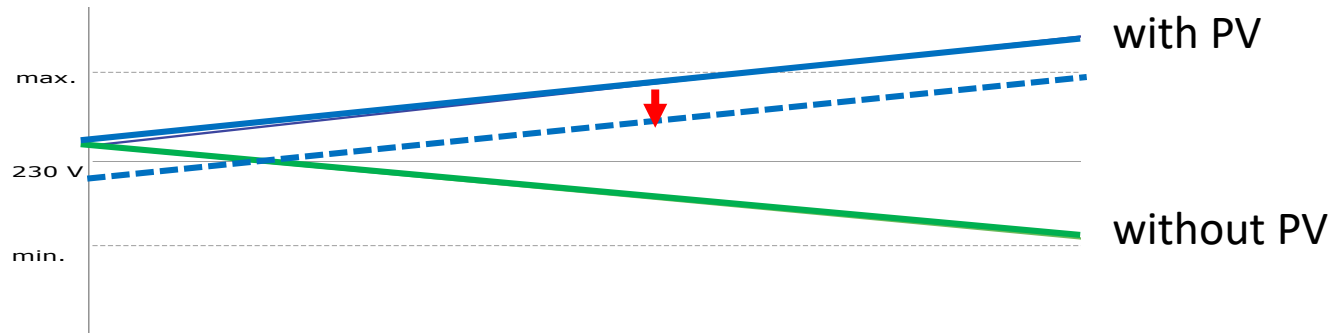
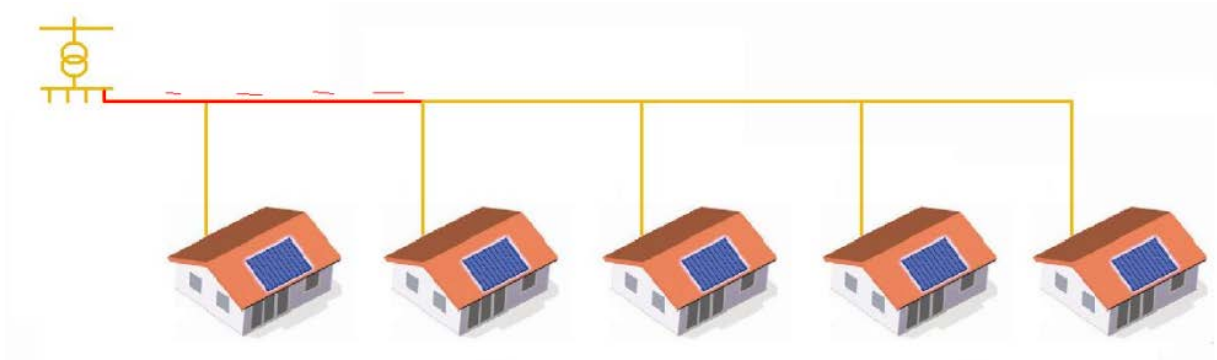
# Example



# Prosumers



# Voltage problems



# European Union

## Smart Readiness Indicators in EBPD (Energy Performance in Buildings Directive)

- The introduction of a smart readiness indicator rating the readiness of the building to adapt its operation to the needs of the occupant and the **grid**, and to improve its performance
- The smart readiness indicator should be used to measure buildings' capacity to use ICT and electronic systems to optimise operation and interact with **the grid**

# Smart readiness indicator in EPBD

Annex 67 has written a Position paper

There is a need for an approach that takes in to account the dynamic behavior of buildings rather than a static counting and rating of control devices. It is further important to minimize the CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the overall energy networks rather than optimize the energy efficiency of the single energy components in a building.

## **Energy Flexibility as a key asset in a smart building future**

Contribution of Annex 67 to the European Smart Building Initiatives

Position Paper of the IEA Energy in Buildings and Communities Programme (EBC) Annex 67 "Energy Flexible Buildings"

October 2017

<http://annex67.org/media/1470/position-paper-energy-flexibility-as-a-key-asset-i-a-smart-building-future.pdf>

# Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings

## GEB Key Characteristics



### EFFICIENT

Persistent low energy use minimizes demand on grid resources and infrastructure



### CONNECTED

Two-way communication with flexible technologies, the grid, and occupants



### SMART

Analytics supported by sensors and controls co-optimize efficiency, flexibility, and occupant preferences



### FLEXIBLE

Flexible loads and distributed generation/storage can be used to reduce, shift, or modulate energy use

# IEA EBC Annex 67

## Energy Flexible Buildings

June 2014 – June 2015: Preparation phase: done

June 2015 – June 2018: Working phase: done

June 2018 – November 2019: Reporting phase: nearly final

A follow-up annex is being considered:

Preparation workshop, September 19-20, 2019

Possible new workshop: Week 14, 2020 in Barcelona



# Annex 67 work plan

## Subtask A: Definitions and Context

- Common terminology and definition of Energy Flexibility in buildings
- Methodology for characterization of Energy Flexibility in buildings
- User needs, motivation and barriers for application of EF in building
- Market analysis

## Subtask B: Analysis, Development and Testing

- Simulation of Energy Flexibility in single buildings and clusters of buildings
- Control strategies and algorithms
- Laboratory tests of components, systems and control strategies
- Example cases and design examples

## Subtask C: Demonstration and User Perspectives

- Measurements in existing buildings
- Demonstration of Energy Flexibility in real buildings and clusters
- User motivation and acceptance

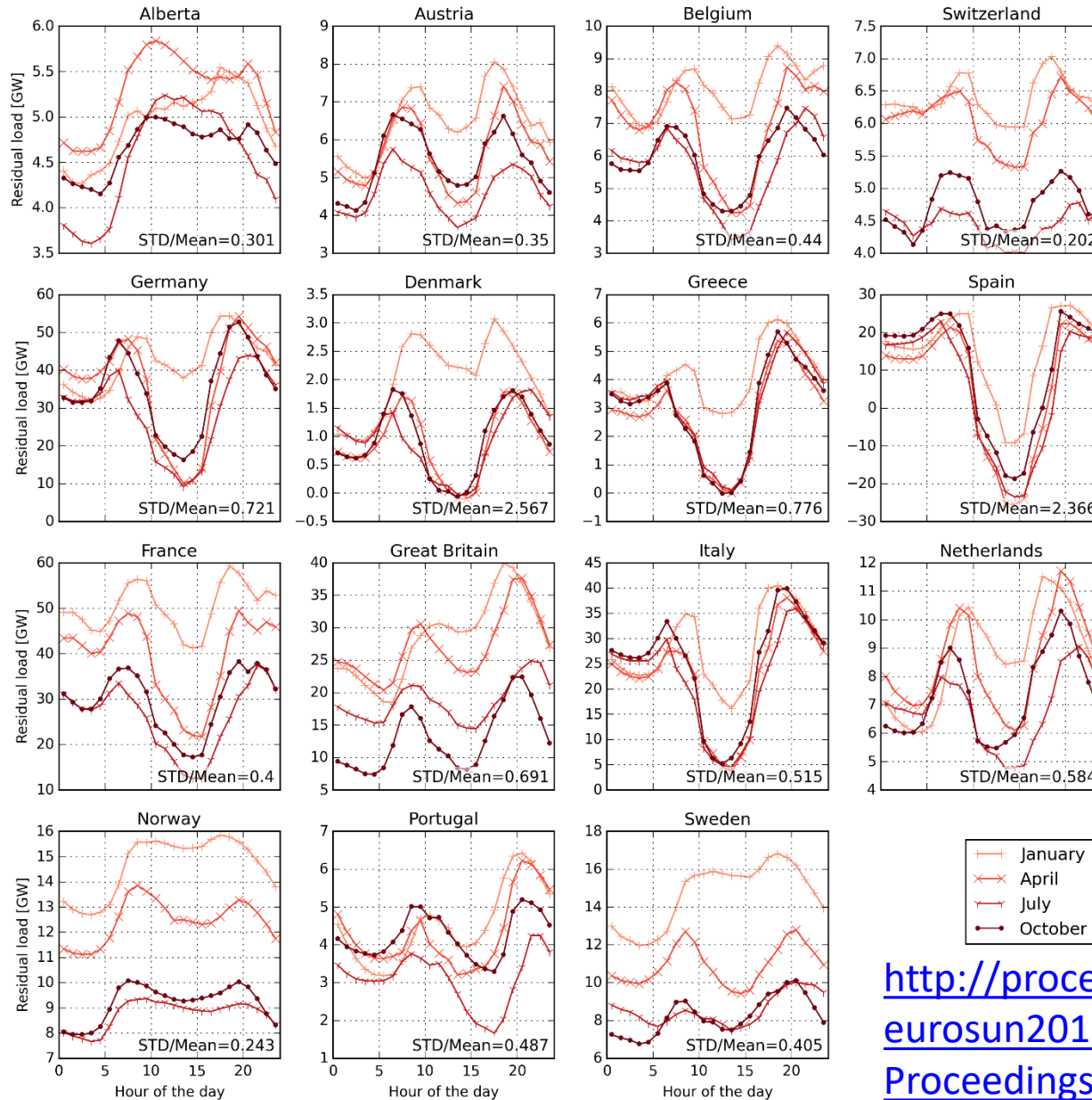
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- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Switzerland
- The Netherlands
- UK

# Residual loads 2030



Residual load

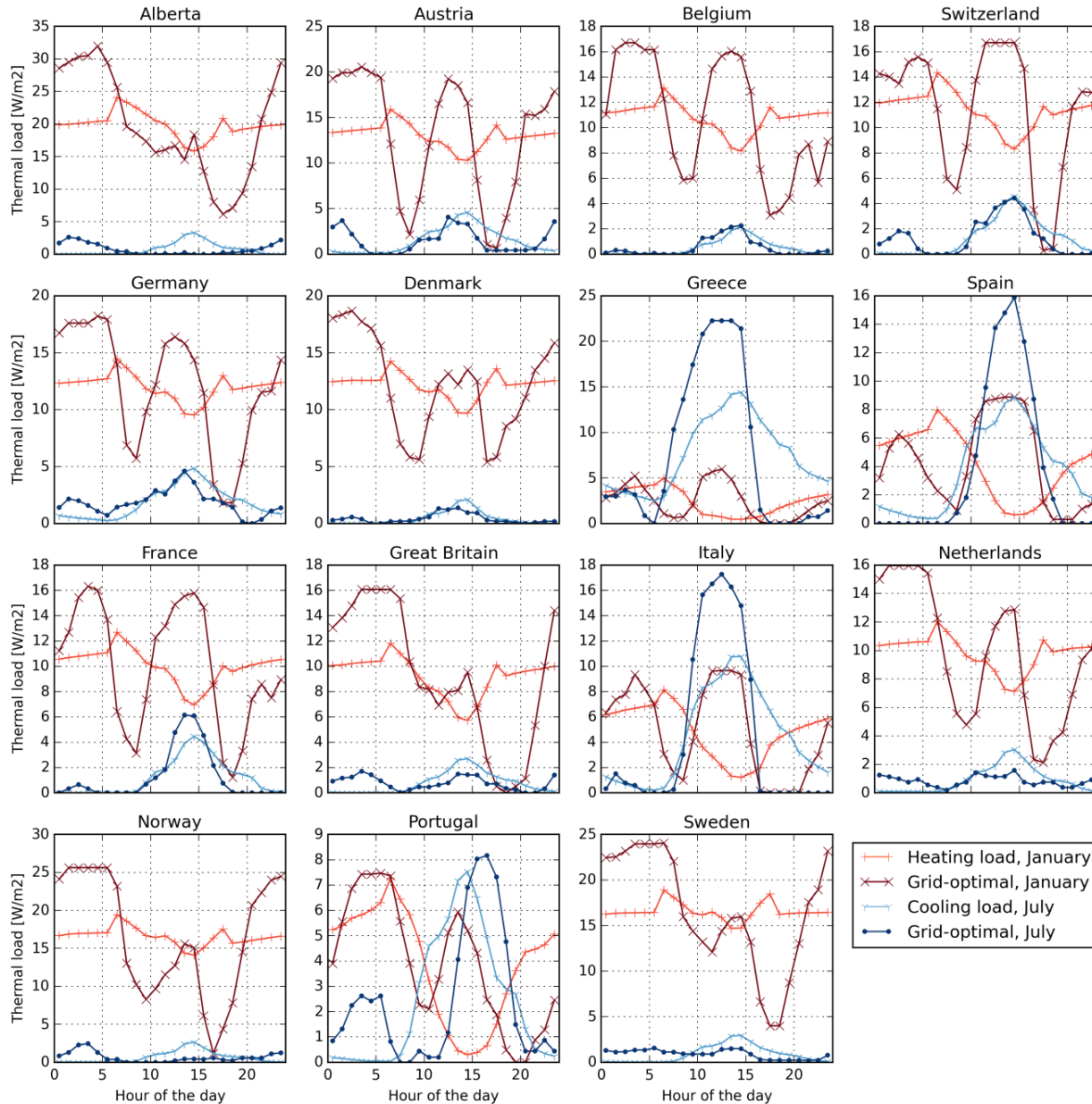


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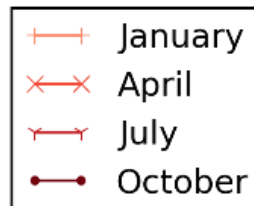
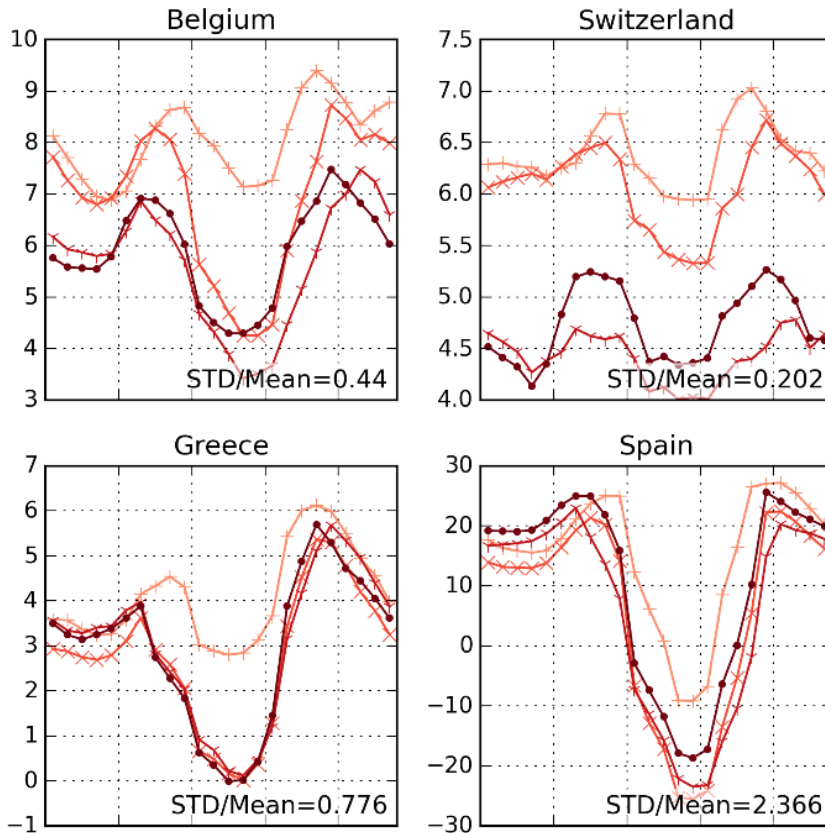
# Grid optimized performance



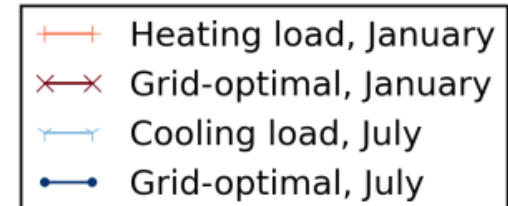
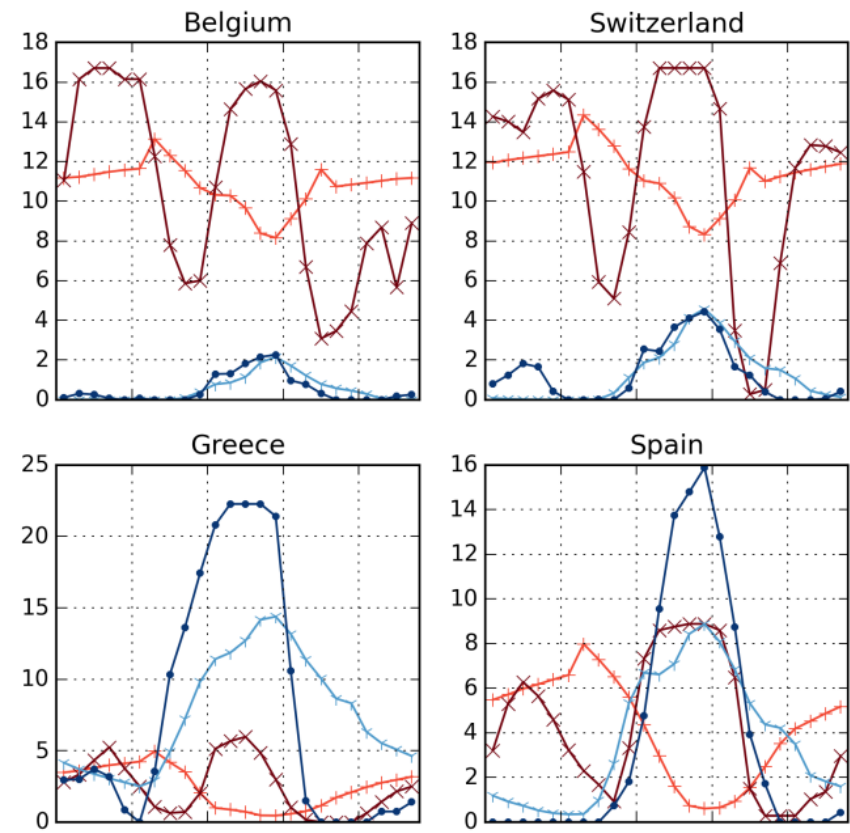
Specific heating and cooling load and grid-optimal trajectories



## Residuals



## Grid optimized performance



# Website

## [annex67.org](http://annex67.org)

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The main content area features two paragraphs of text and a diagram. The first paragraph discusses the lack of overview on energy flexibility in buildings and the project's aim to increase knowledge. The second paragraph highlights the importance of in-depth knowledge for smart energy systems. A diagram titled 'Smart Grid & other energy infrastructures' shows a hierarchy of levels: Built environment, Building, Floor, Room, Workplace, and User.

Below the text, there are two images: one showing a person working on a laptop and another showing a person with a dog. At the bottom, there are labels for 'Objectives' and 'Project beneficiaries' above a Windows taskbar.

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## Publications



Here you can find publications connected to the project.

- [Articles](#)
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# Deliverables from Annex 67

- **Principles of Energy Flexible Buildings** summarizes the main findings of Annex 67 and targets all interested in what Energy Flexibility in buildings is, how it can be controlled, and which services it may provide.
- **Characterization of Energy Flexibility in Buildings** presents the terminology around Energy Flexibility, the existing indicators used to evaluate the flexibility potential and how to characterize and label Energy Flexibility.
- **Stakeholder perspectives on Energy Flexible buildings** displays the view point of different types of stakeholders towards Energy Flexible Buildings.
- **Control strategies and algorithms for obtaining Energy Flexibility in buildings** reviews and evaluates control strategies for Energy Flexibility in buildings.
- **Experimental facilities and methods for assessing Energy Flexibility in buildings** describes several test facilities including experiments related to Energy Flexibility and draws recommendations for future testing activities.
- **Examples of Energy Flexibility in buildings** summarizes different examples on how to obtain Energy Flexible Buildings.
- **Project Summary Report** brief summary of the outcome of Annex 67.



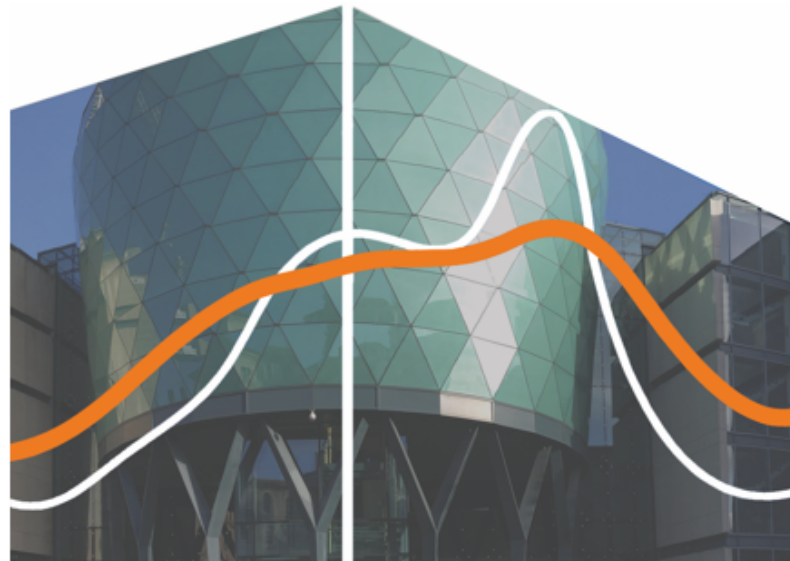
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## **Examples of Energy Flexibility in Buildings**

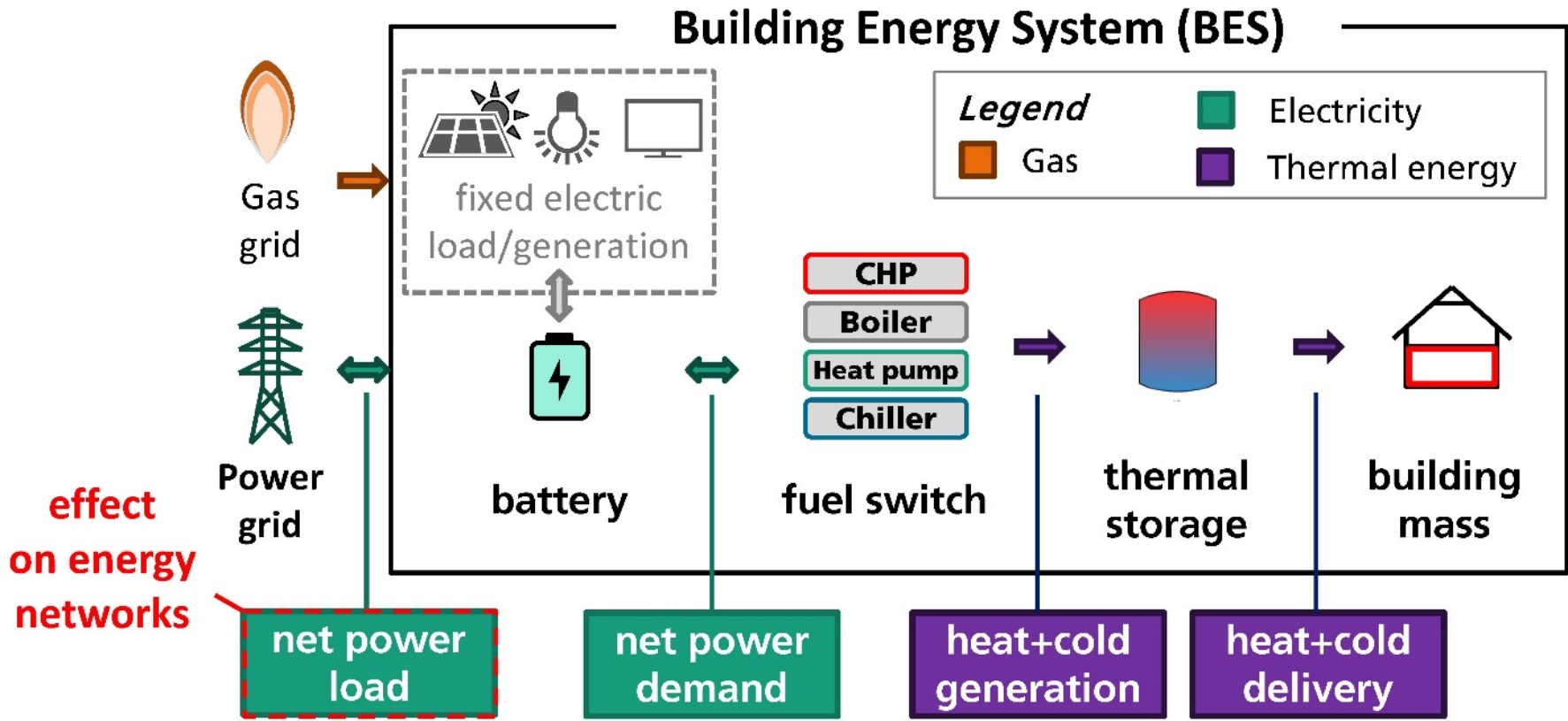
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










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# Energy Flexibility of buildings



















# Examples

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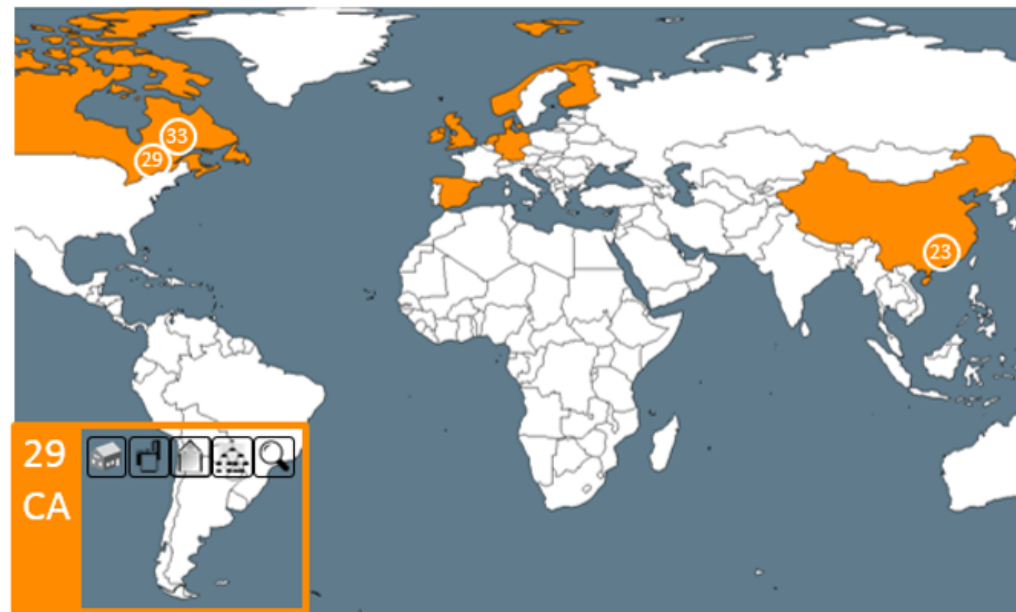
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# What is the possible Energy Flexibility in buildings?

## It depends

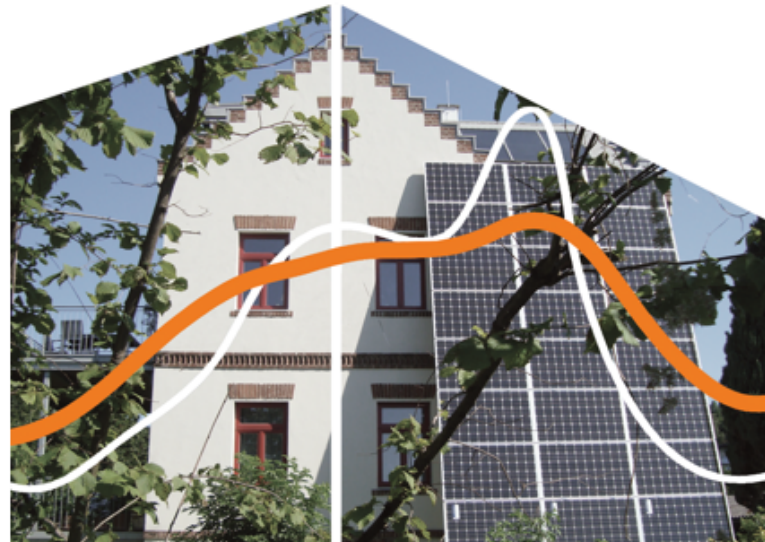
- type of building and energy service systems
- use of the building
- climate
- time of the day and the year
- occupants
- control possibilities
- state of storage (constructions, tank, battery, ...)
- physical max vs. cost optimal energy flexibility
- surrounding grids
- energy tariffs
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## Characterization of Energy Flexibility in Buildings

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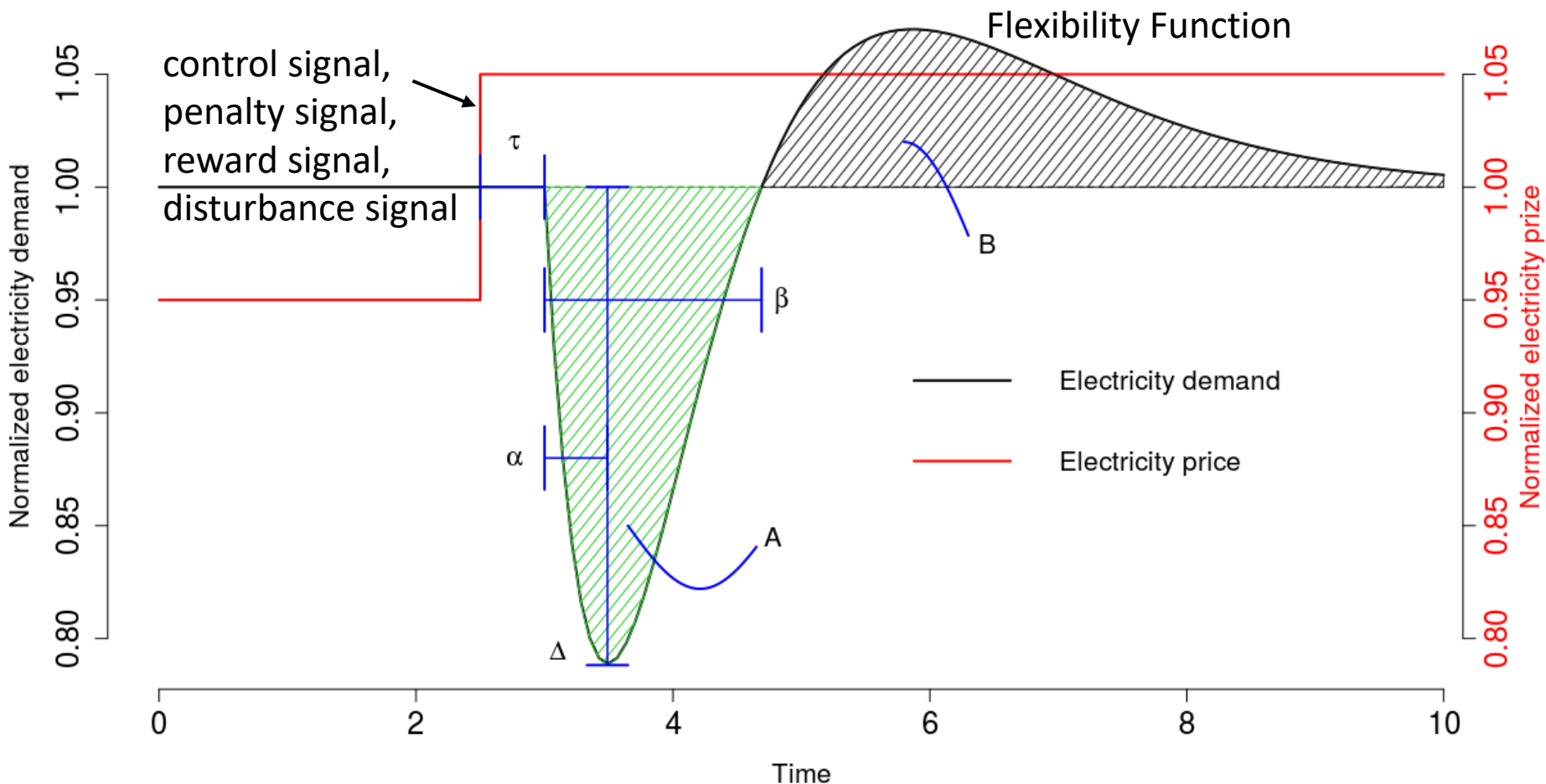




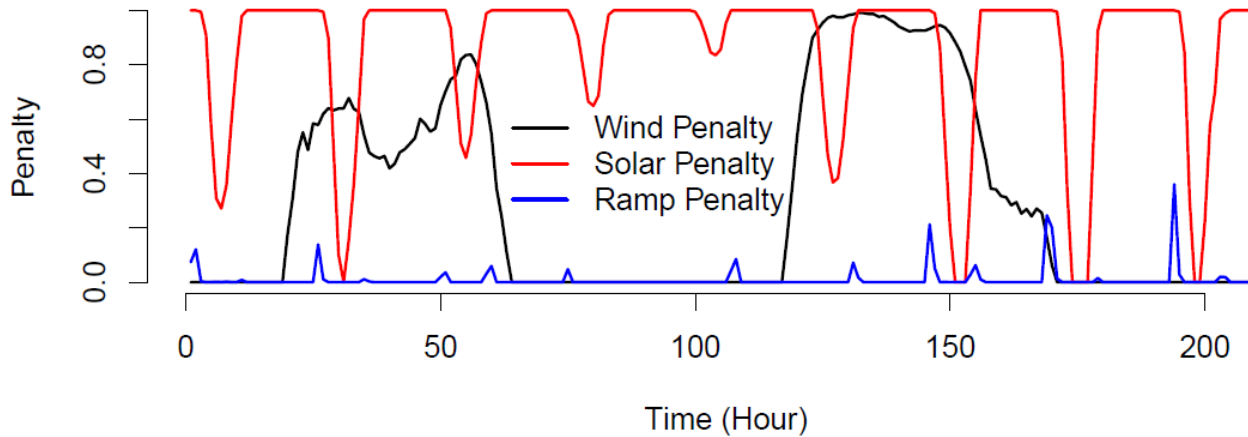
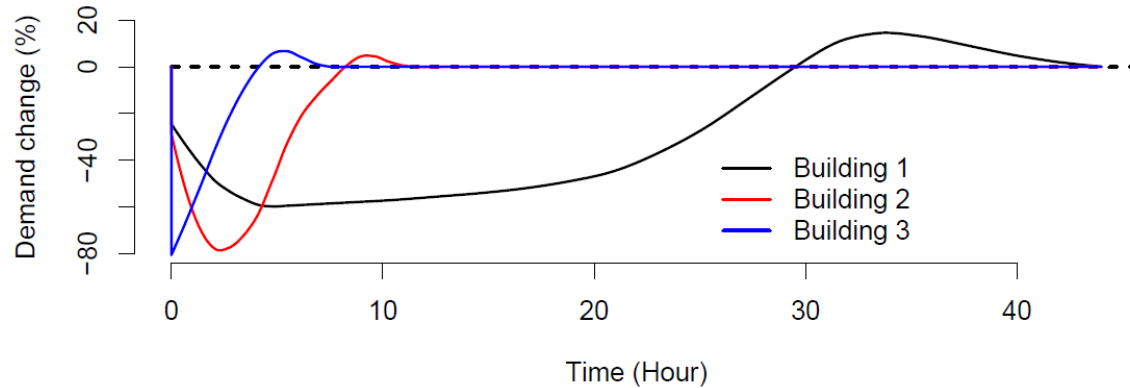
# Definition of Energy Flexibility in buildings

- The Energy Flexibility of a building is the ability to manage its demand and generation according to local climate conditions, user needs and grid requirements.
- Energy Flexibility of buildings will thus allow for demand side management/load control and thereby demand response based on the requirements of the surrounding grids.

# Characterization and labelling of Energy Flexibility in buildings

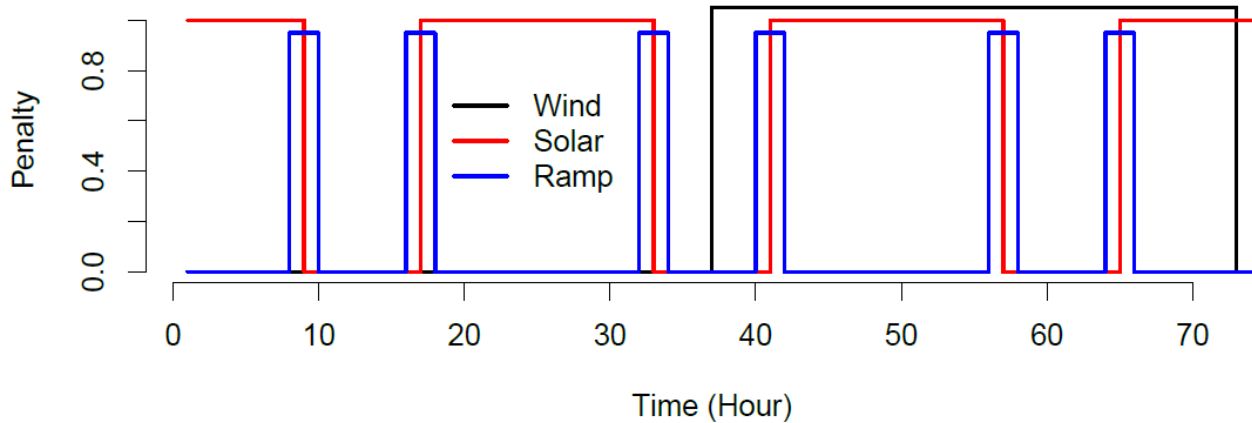
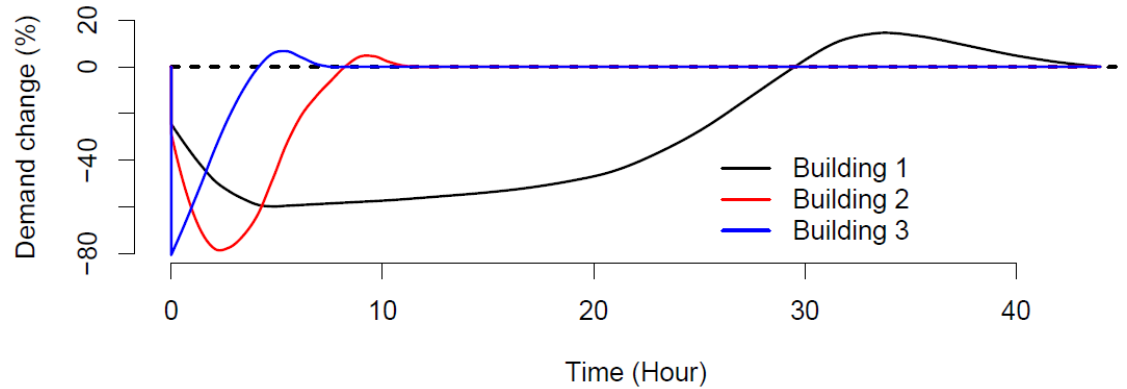


# Expected Flexibility Saving Index



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Building 1	11.8	3.6	1.0
Building 2	4.4	14.5	5.0
Building 3	6.0	10.0	18.4

# Flexibility Index



	Wind (%)	Solar (%)	Ramp (%)
Building 1	36.9	10.9	5.2
Building 2	14.4	47.9	22.3
Building 3	17.9	35.6	67.5

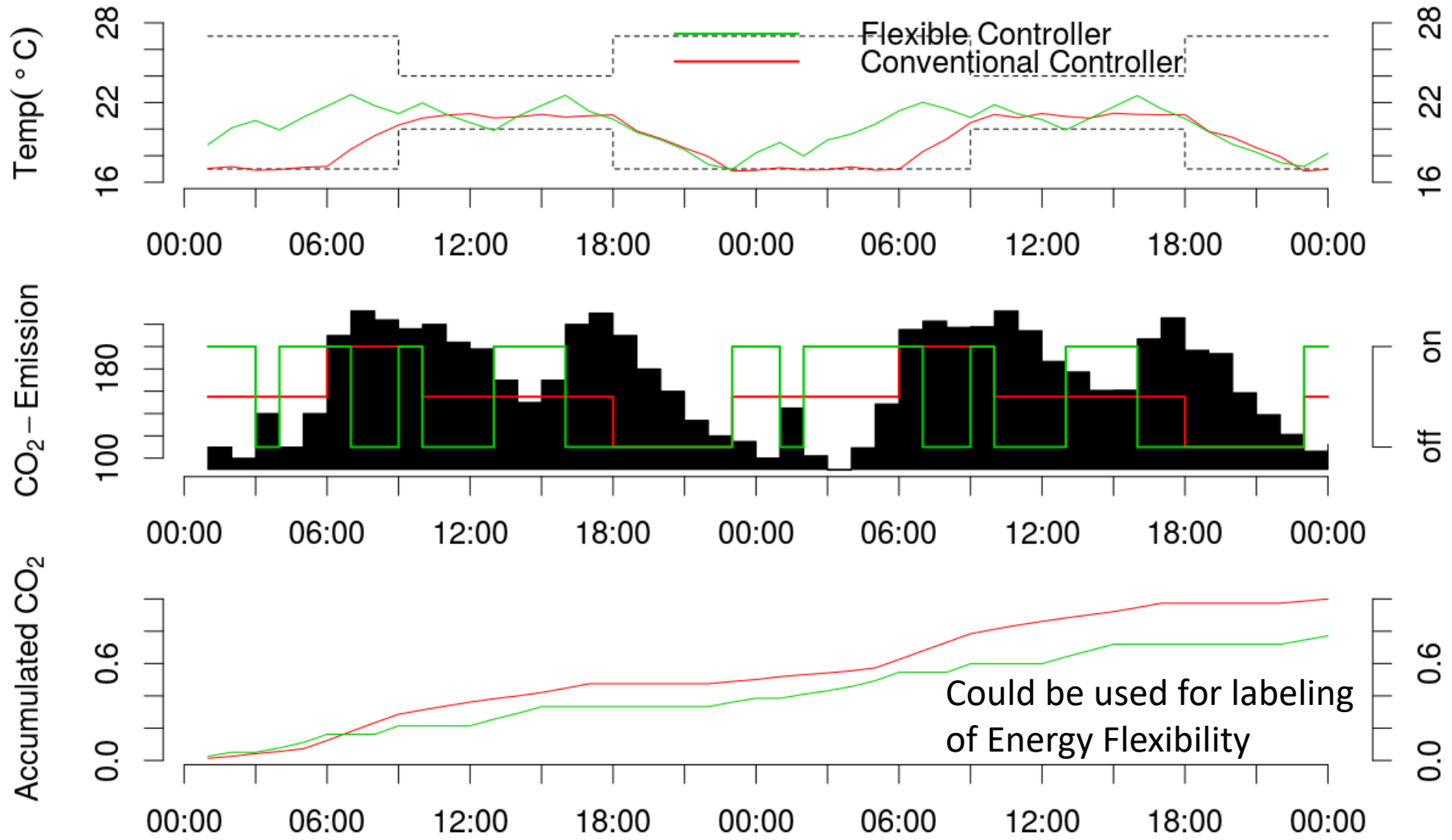
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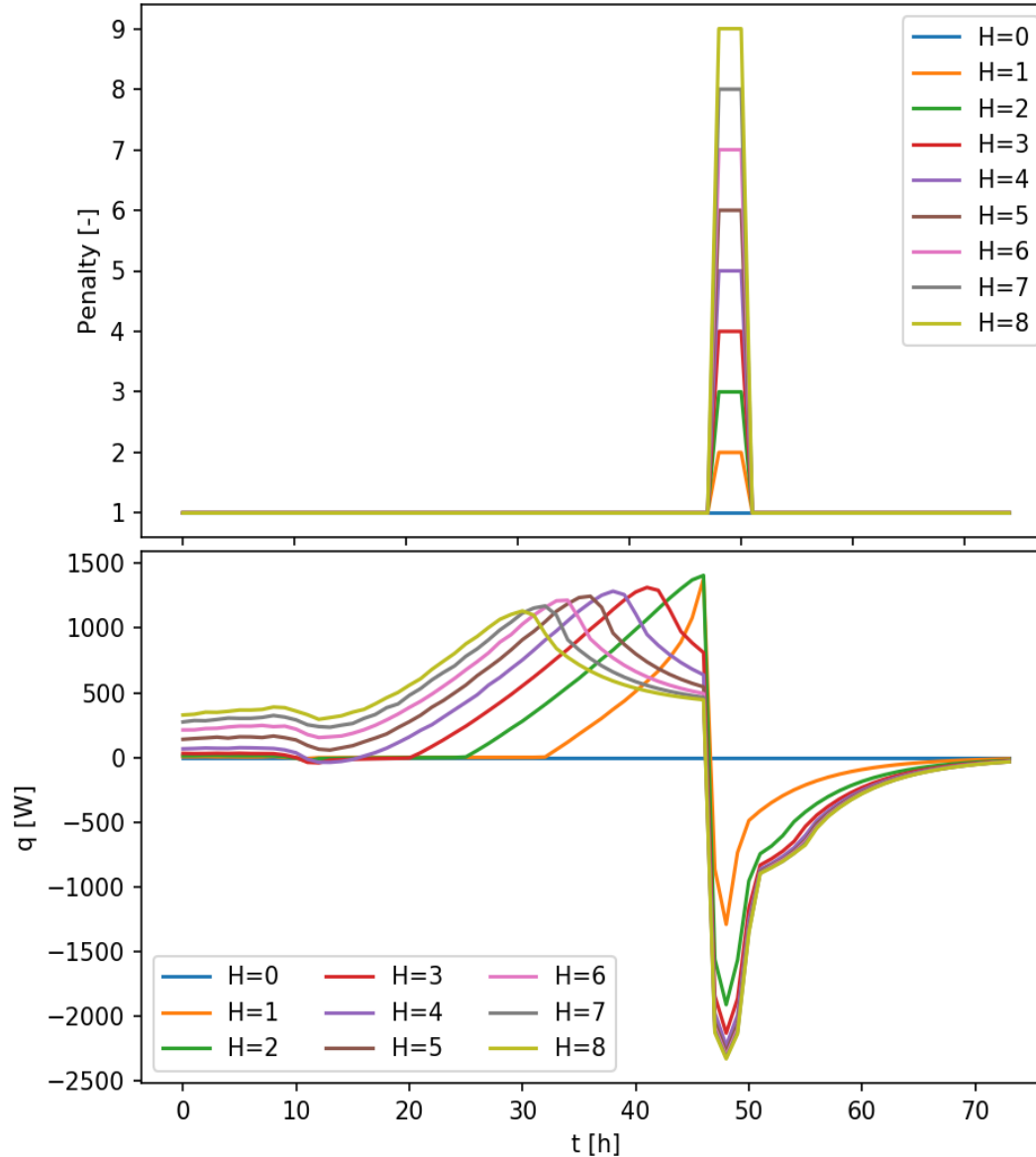
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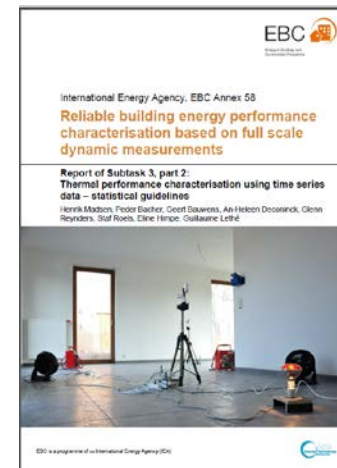
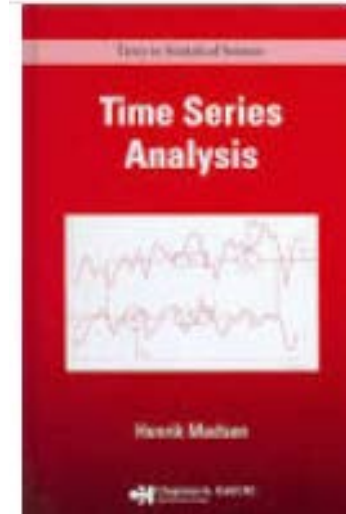
# Model Predictive Control



# Time series analysis

- Time Series Analysis, Henrik Madsen, Chapman and Hall, 2007
- Thermal performance characterization using time series data – statistical guidelines. IEA EBC Annex 58 report. Madsen et al., 2016.

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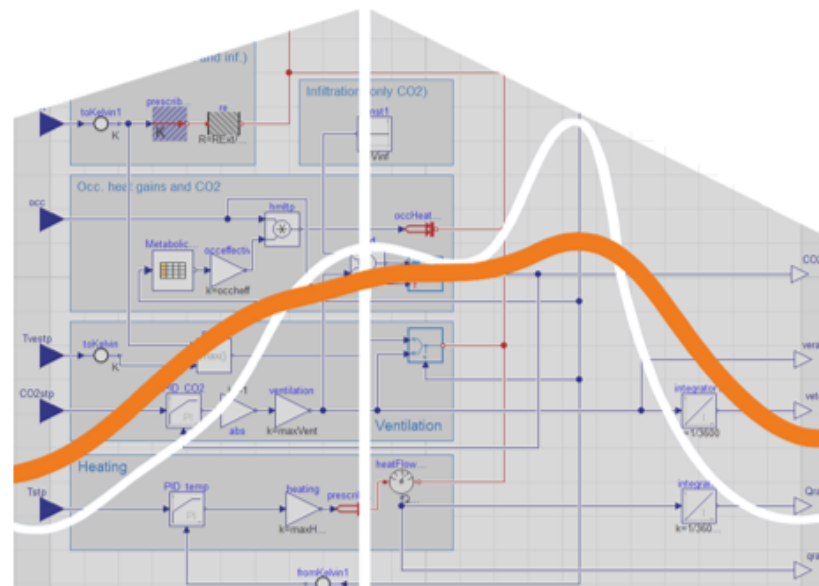


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










## Control strategies and algorithms for obtaining energy flexibility in buildings

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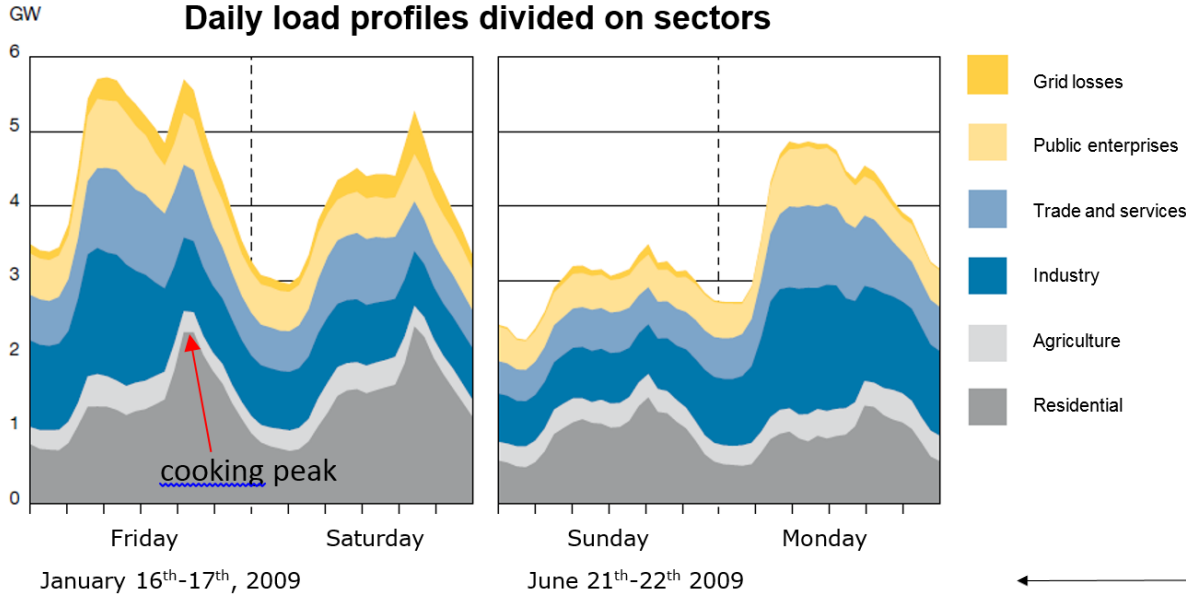
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# Examples on control

Case study	Name	Managed by	Location
1	Multi-objective genetic algorithm for model predictive control in buildings	University of Southern Denmark	Denmark
2	Deep reinforcement learning for optimal control of space heating	Enervalis and KU Leuven	Belgium
3	A Model Predictive Controller for Multiple-Source Energy Flexibility in Buildings	Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd	Finland
4	Model predictive control for carbon emissions reduction in residential cooling loads	Catalonia Institute for Energy Research	Spain
5	Investigation of the energy flexibility of a residential net-zero energy building involved with the dynamic operations of hybrid energy storages and various energy conversion strategies	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	China
6	Rule-based load shifting with heat pumps for single family houses	Fraunhofer IEE	Germany
7	Predictive rule-based control to perform heating demand response in Norwegian residential buildings	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	Norway
8	CO <sub>2</sub> -aware heating of indoor swimming	Technical University of Denmark	Denmark
9	Economic model predictive control for demand flexibility of a residential building	Eindhoven University of Technology	Netherlands
10	Implementation of demand response strategies in a multi-purpose commercial building	University College Dublin	Ireland
11	Experimental assessment of energy flexibility potential of a zone with radiant floor heating system	Concordia University	Canada
12	Aggregation of energy flexibility of commercial buildings	University College Dublin	Ireland

# Simple rule based example



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Single family house – 150 m<sup>2</sup>

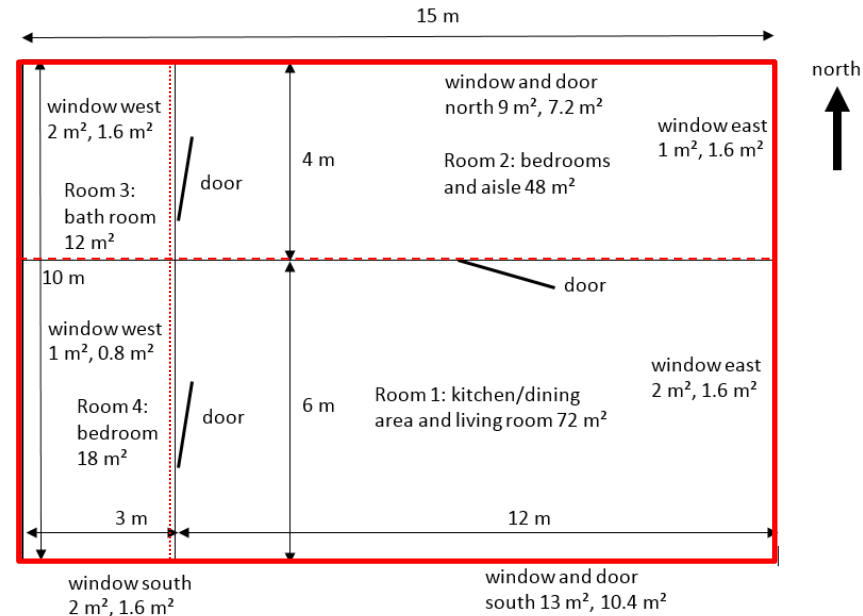
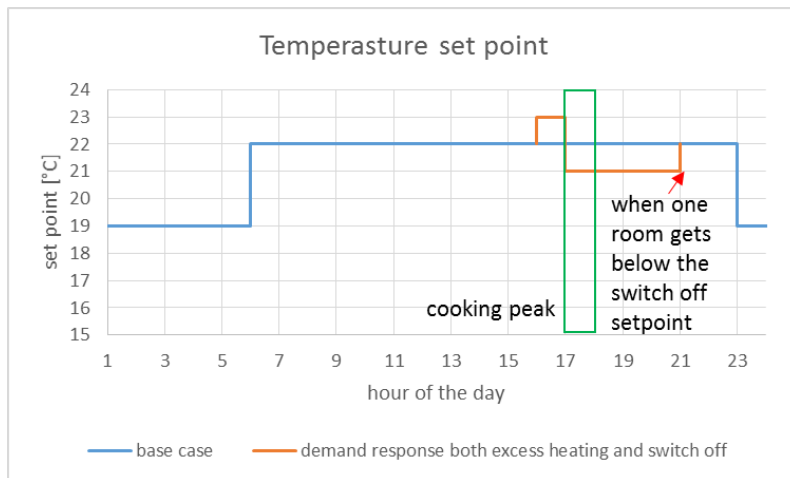
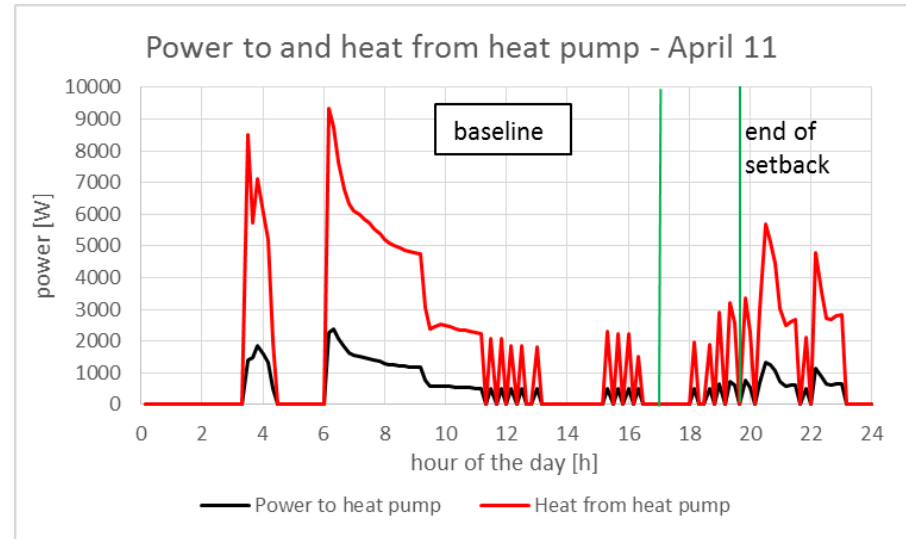
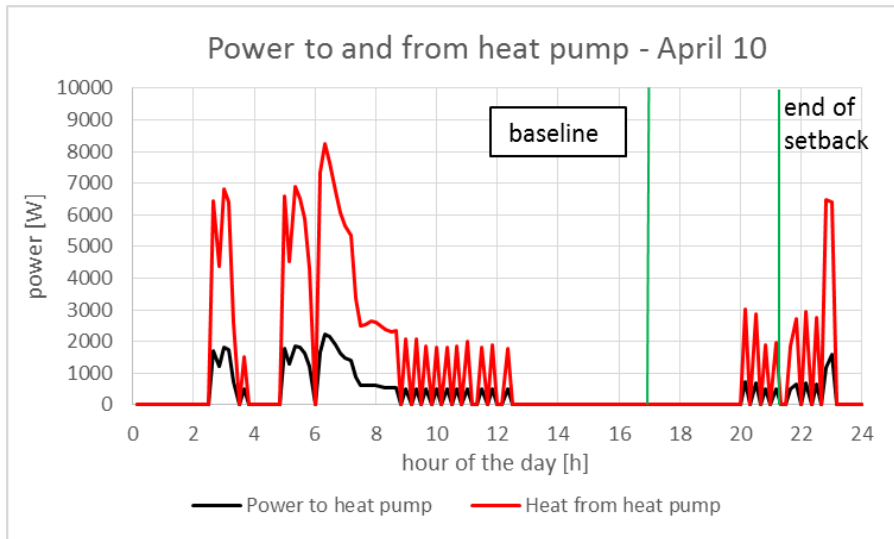
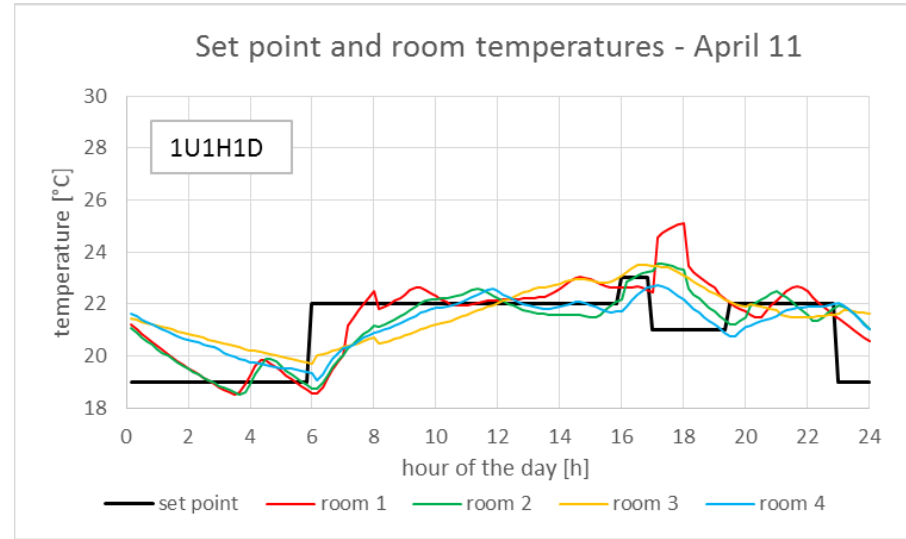
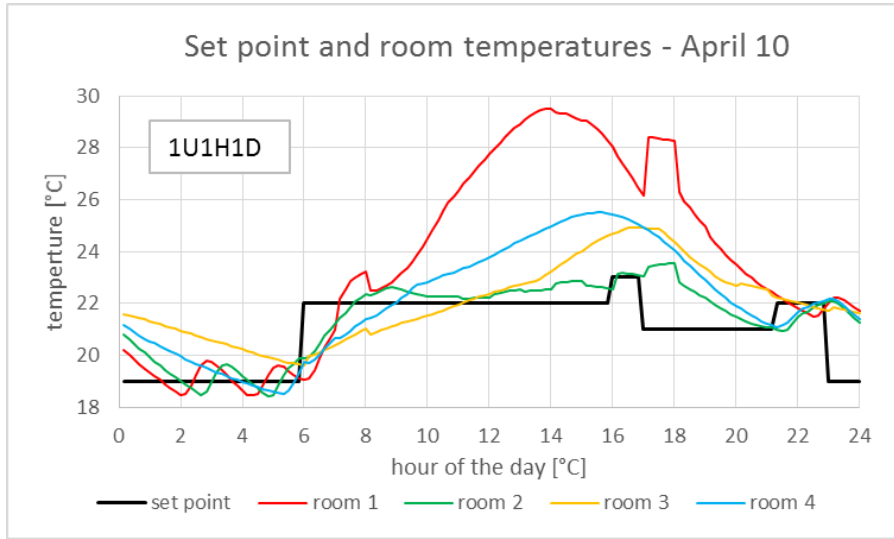
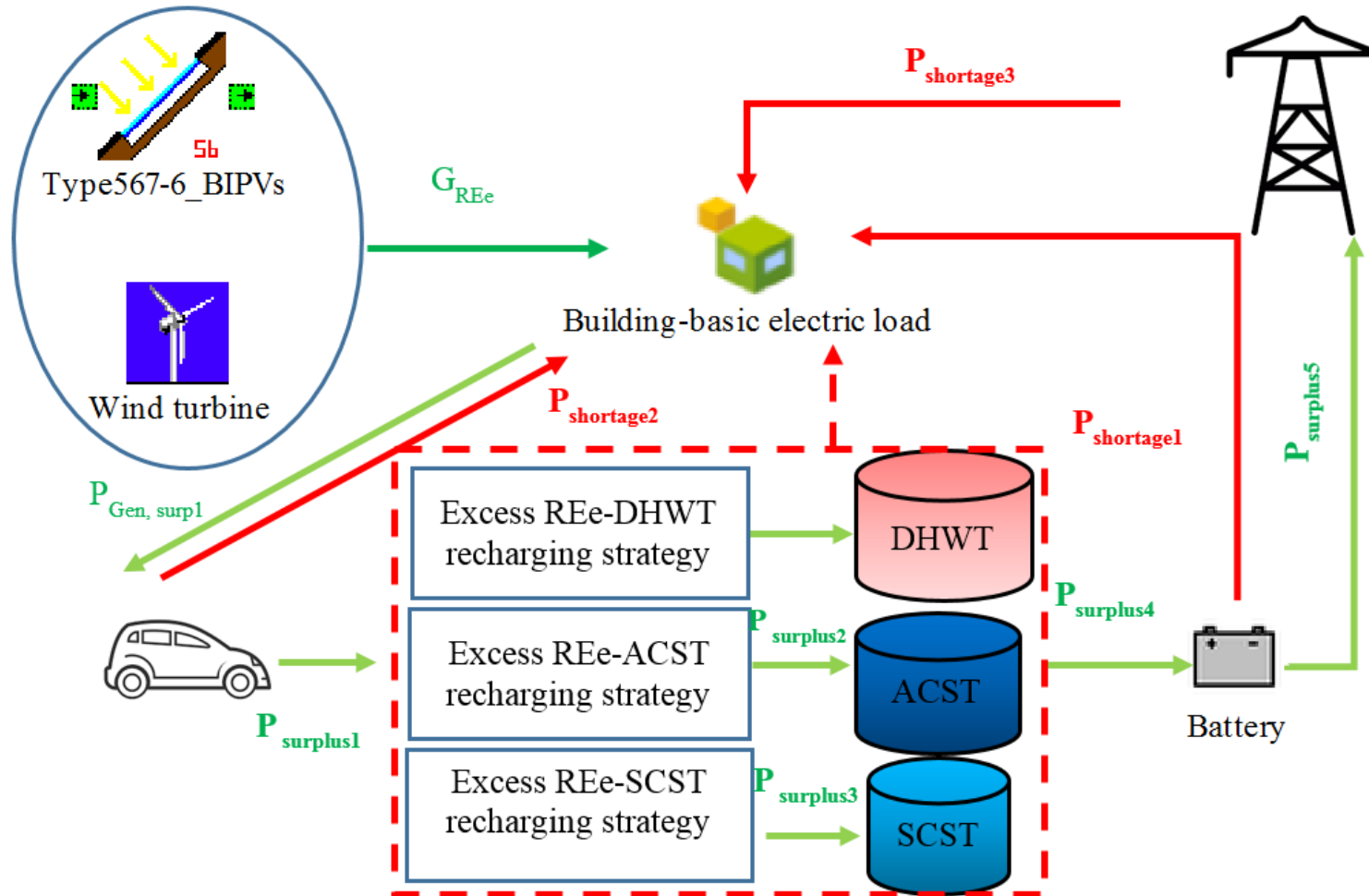


Figure 1. Typical load profiles in the Danish power grid.

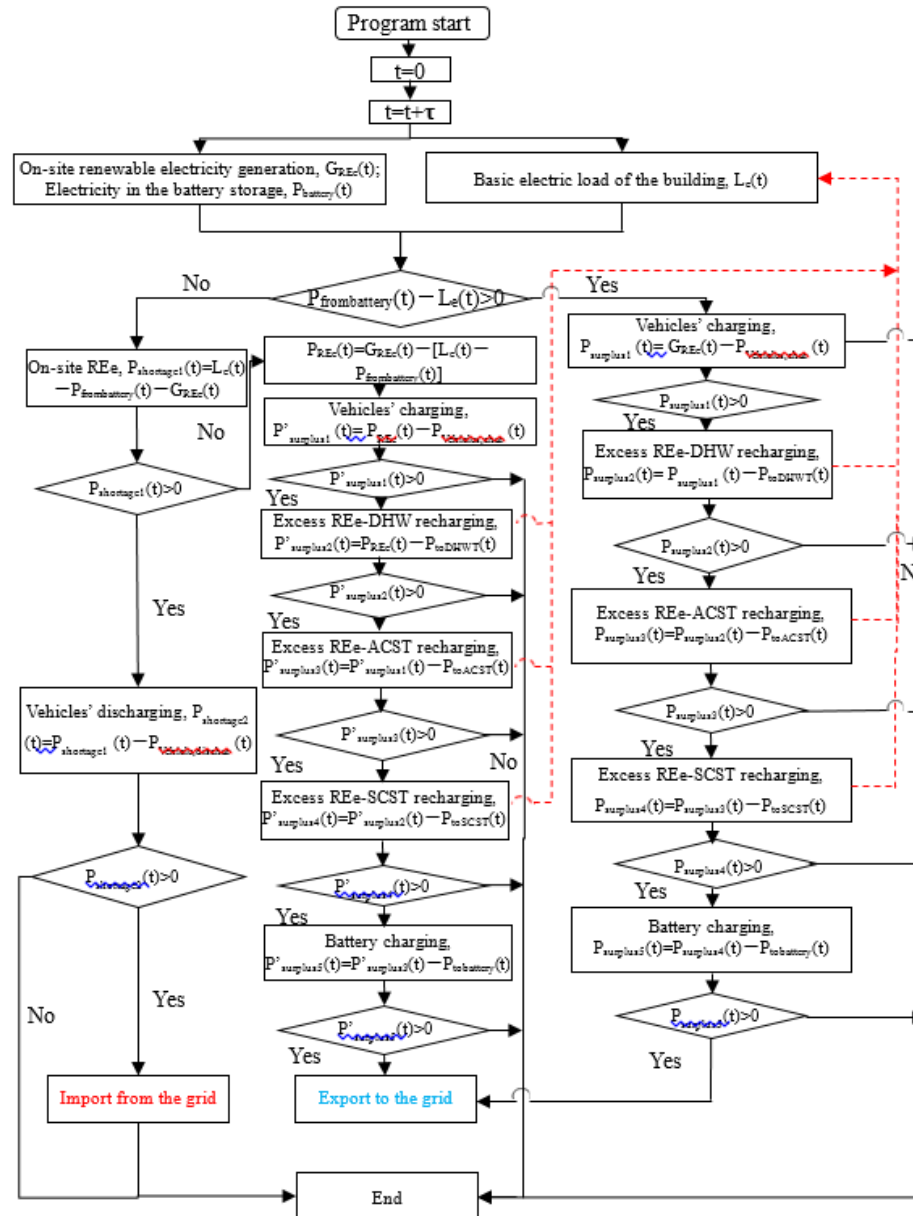




# Hongkong: Building, PV, wind, battery and EV



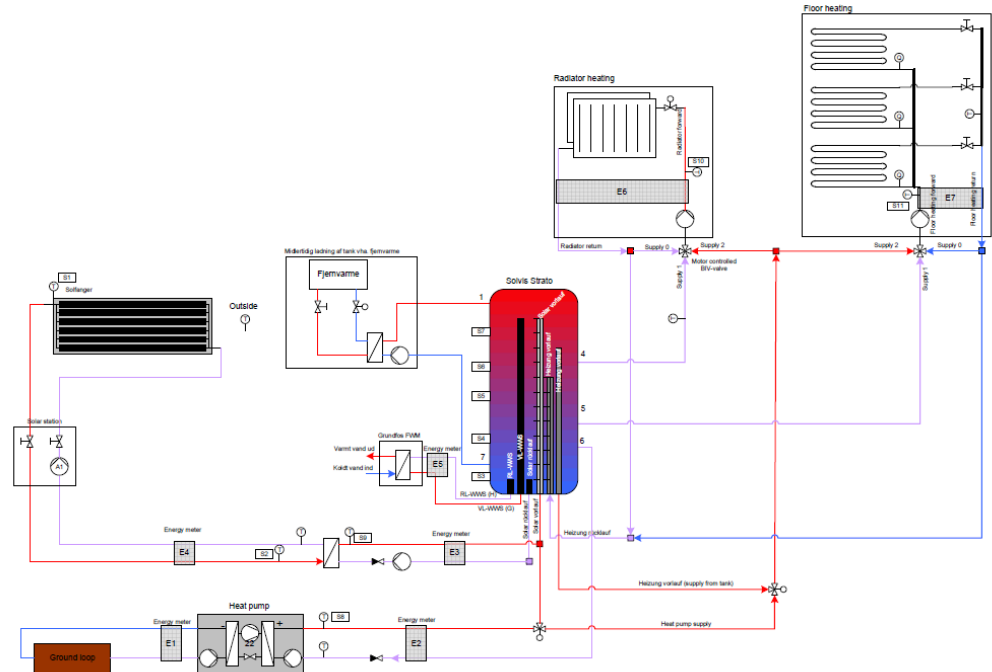
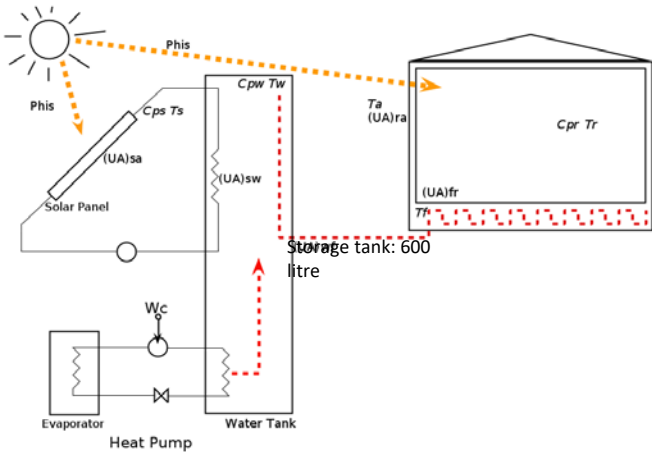
# One control strategy



# Example of a EMPC controller

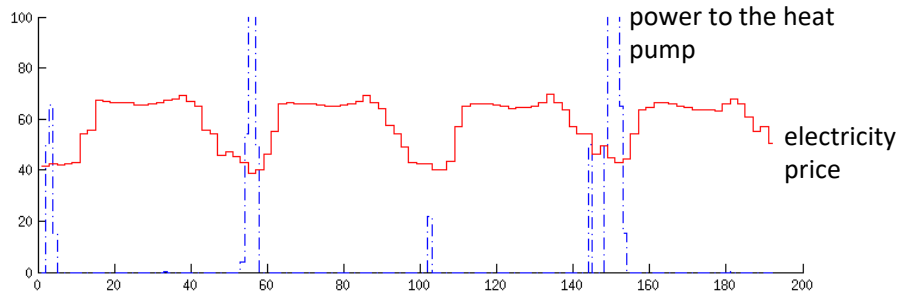
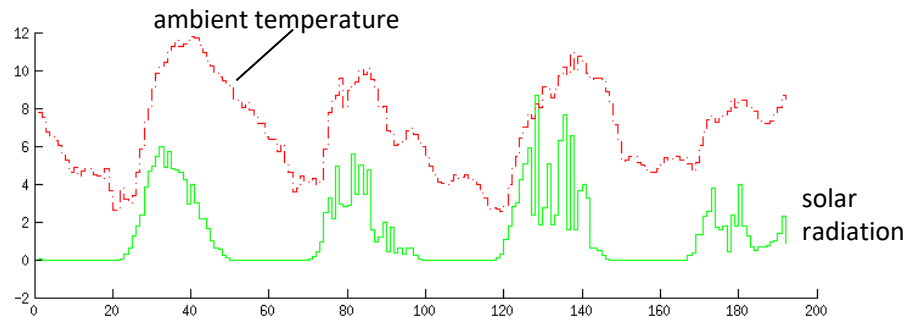
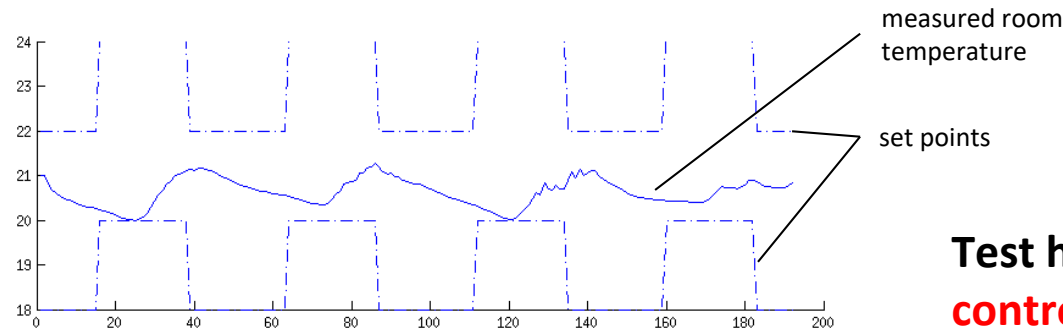


Test house at Grundfos: **indirect control, price signal, forecast, EMPC**





# Example: EMPC



**Test house at Grundfos: indirect control, forecast, price signal, EMPC**

Simulation with 48 h prediction horizon using perfect forecasts.  
Savings: 30 % in DKK but 8 % larger energy demand.

Results from test in the test house during January-May 2014 utilizing 24 h forecast: 16 % cost saving with dynamic tariffs and 8 % cost saving with flat tariffs.

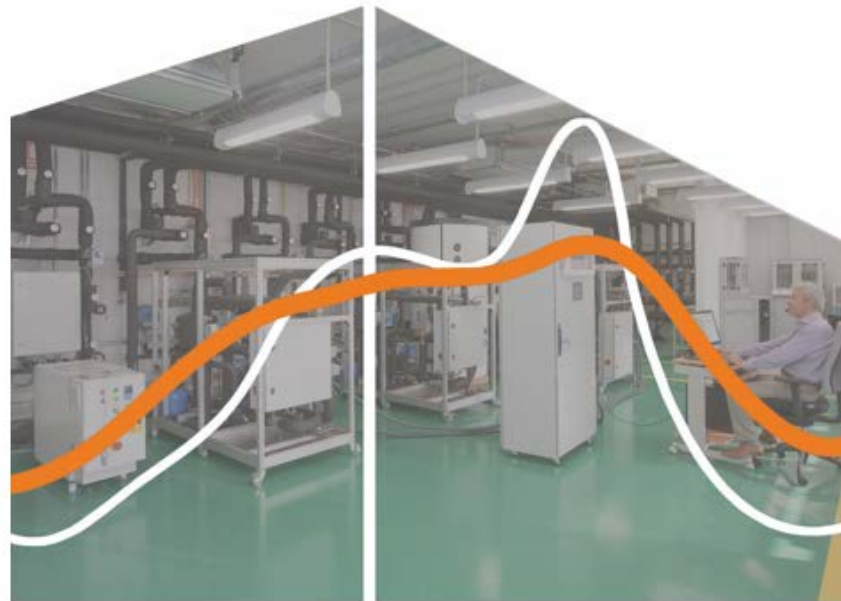
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## Experimental facilities and methods for assessing energy flexibility in buildings

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# Hardware-in-the loop

Hardware-in-the-loop test facilities, where parts of a system are physical components while others are virtual, establish a bridge between cheap simulation and expensive tests in real buildings.

Systems and energy flexibility strategies are usually developed through simulations, so there is a need for validation through tests under dynamic, real (or as close as possible to real) operating conditions.

Hardware-in-the-loop test facilities represent, therefore, an important tool where researchers and industry can test, under controlled conditions, the performance of new systems before they are implemented in real buildings and/or field tests.

# Test facilities

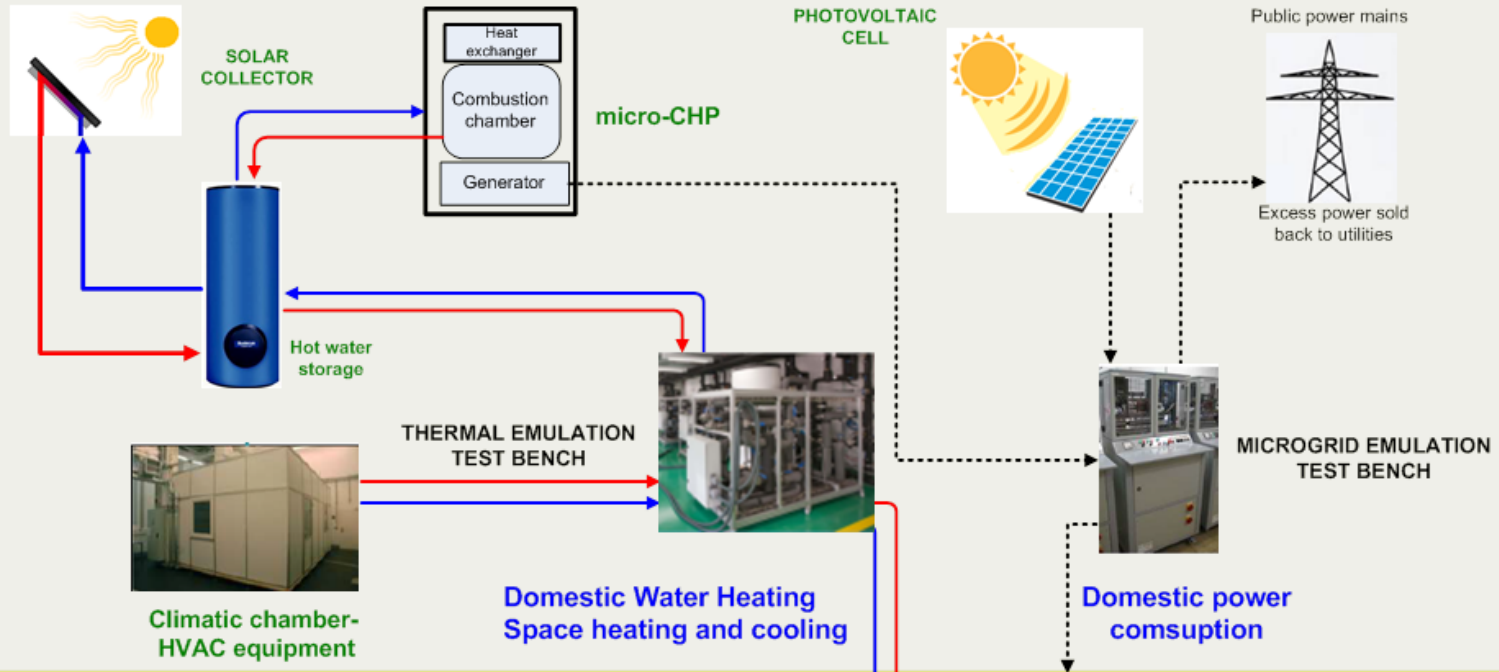
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<b>SEILAB</b>	IREC - Catalonia Institute for Energy Research	Tarragona, Spain
<b>NZEB Emulator</b>	Aalto University	Espoo, Finland
<b>OPSYS test rig</b>	Danish Technological Institute (DTI)	Taastrup, Denmark
<b>ZEB Living Lab</b>	NTNU / SINTEF	Trondheim, Norway
<b>Energy Research Lab</b>	Institute Energy in Building, FHNW	Muttenz, Switzerland
<b>Semi-Virtual Laboratory</b>	Polytechnique Montréal	Montréal, Canada
<b>EnergyVille labs</b>	EnergyVille (VITO, KU Leuven, IMEC)	Genk, Belgium
<b>Test Lab Heat Pumps and Chillers</b>	Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems	Freiburg, Germany
<b>Energy Smart Lab</b>	IREC - Catalonia Institute for Energy Research	Barcelona, Spain

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## REAL SYSTEM

### Emulation laboratory facilities:

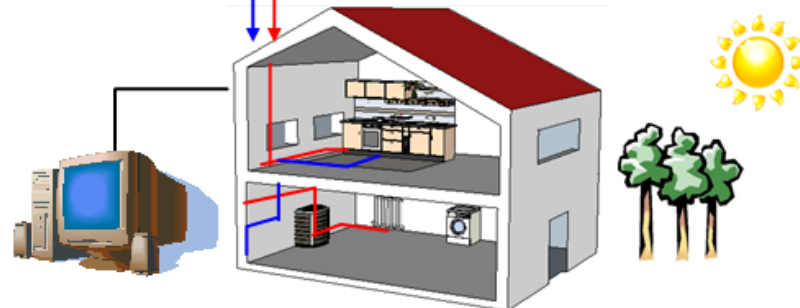
- real equipment operated to respond to energy demand from the virtual building model
- integration of thermal and electrical energy sources and loadings



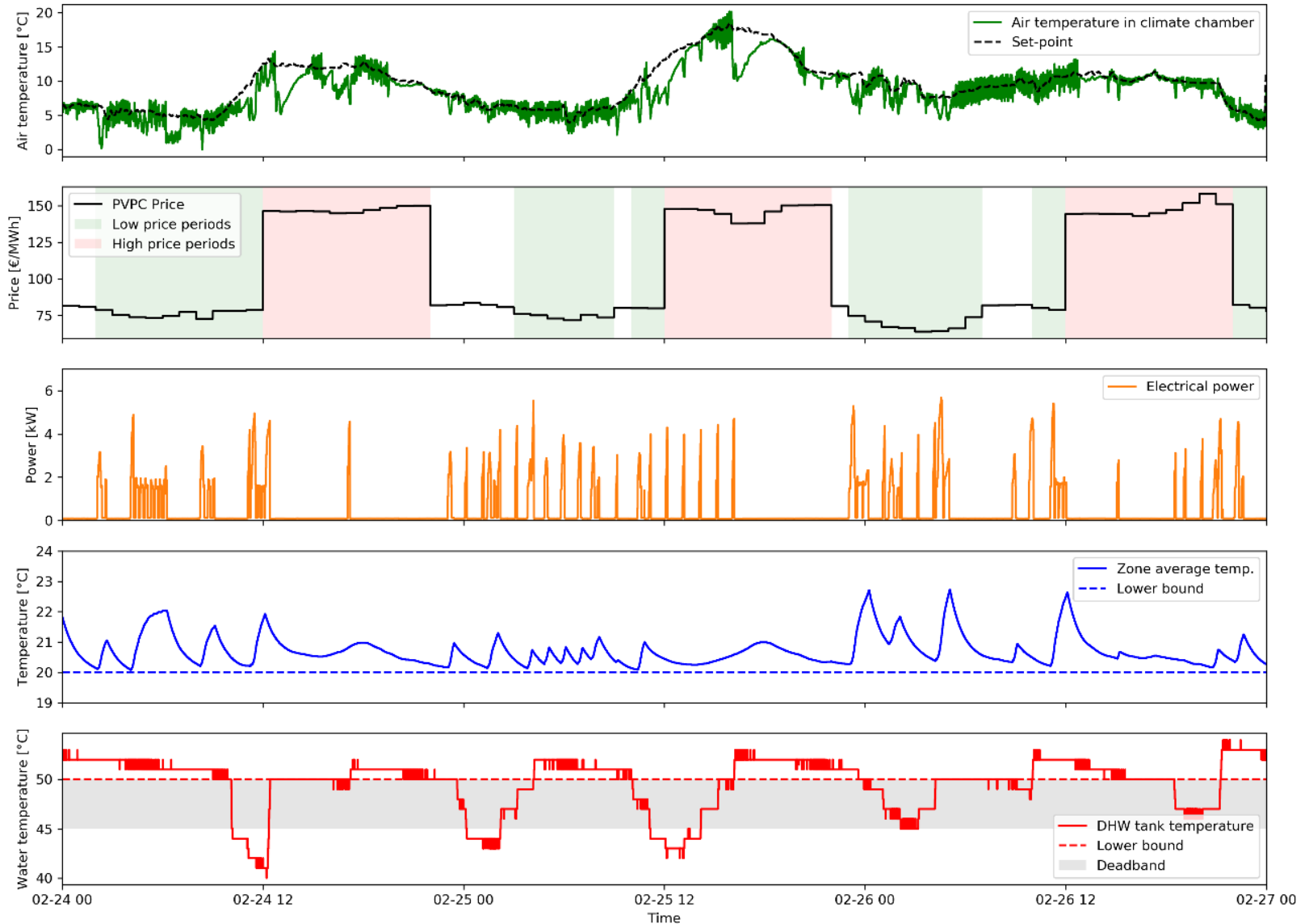
## VIRTUAL SYSTEM

### SCADA integrated with dynamic building simulation model:

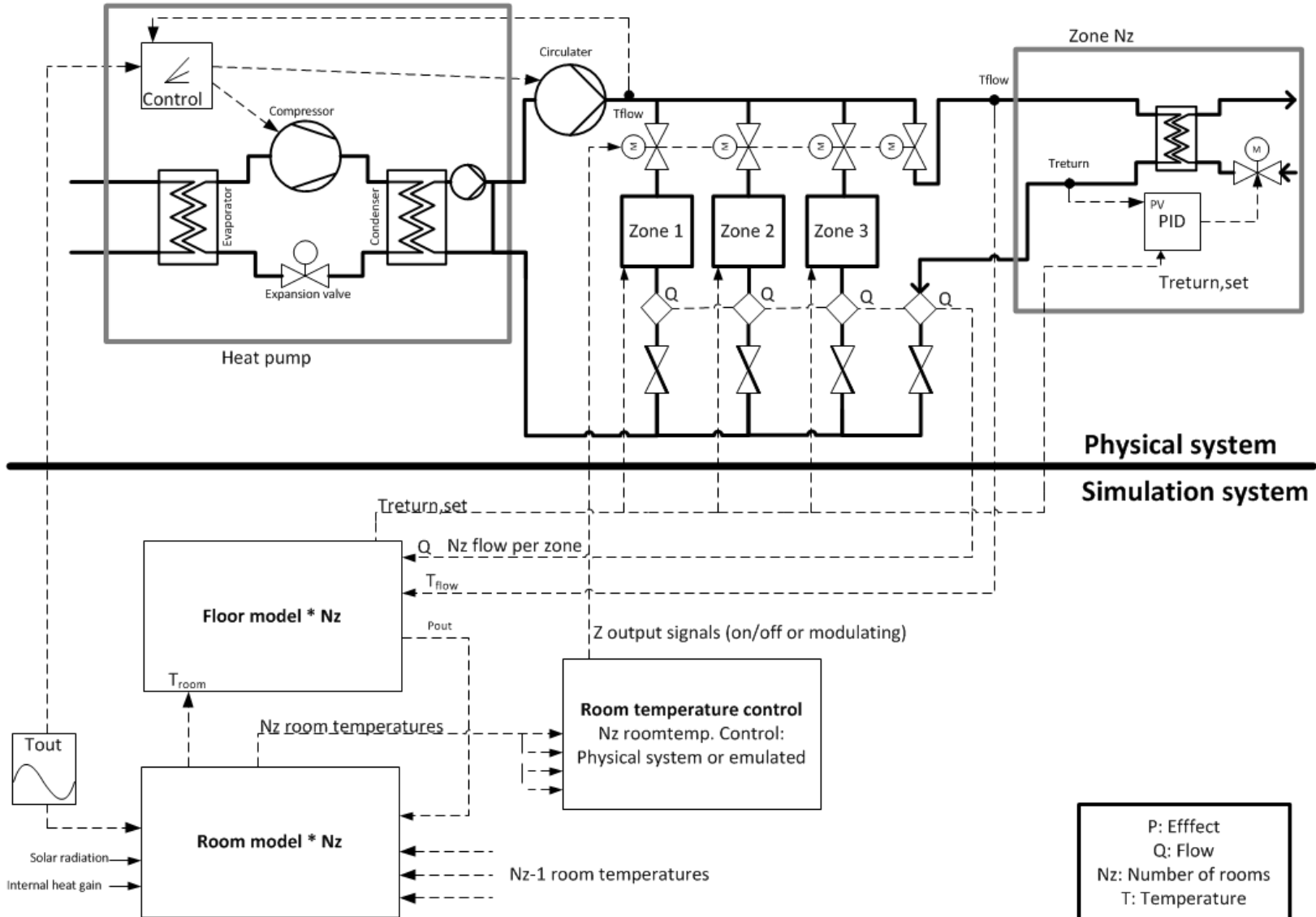
- climatic conditions
- 3D building design
- building occupancy and user behaviour
- simulation of thermal and electric loadings



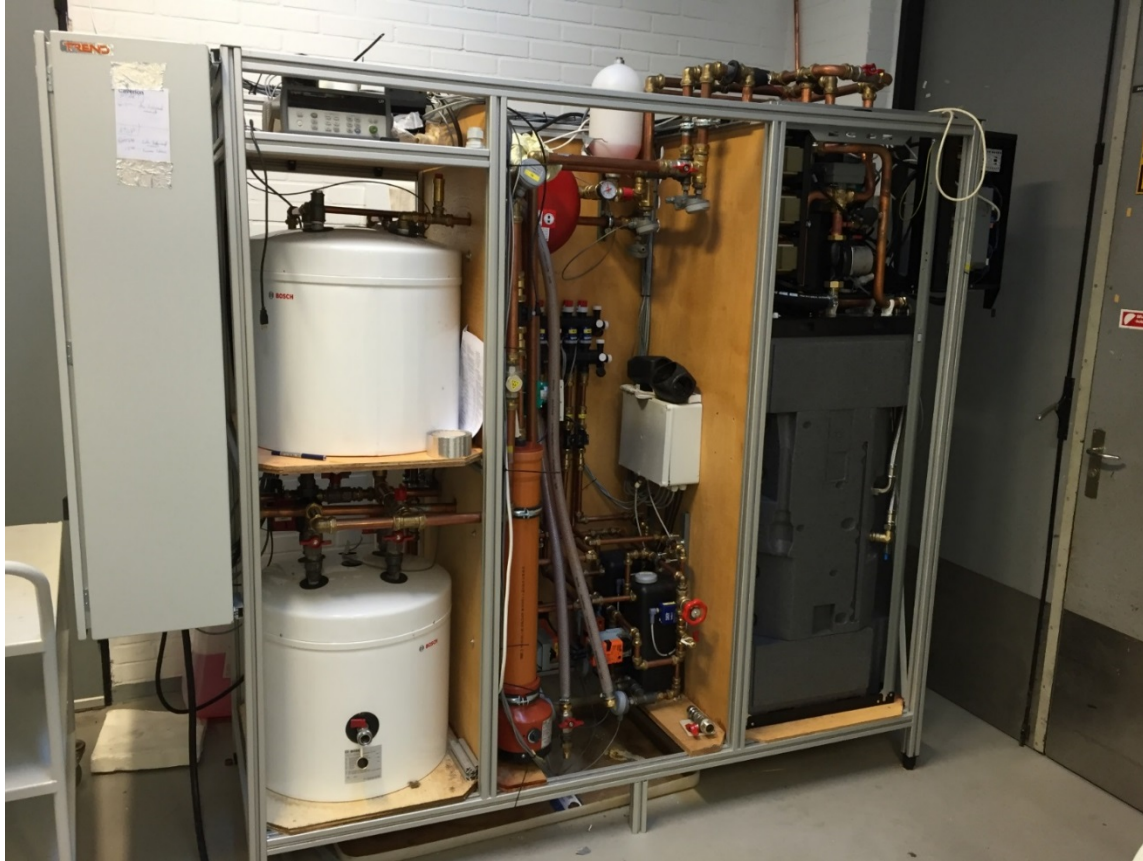
# Results from IRAC



# DTI, Danmark

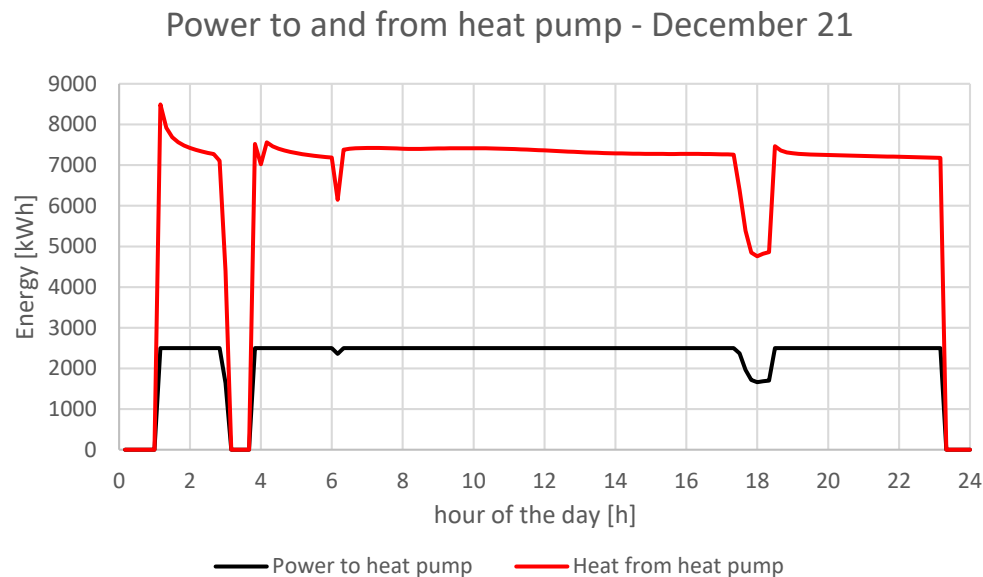
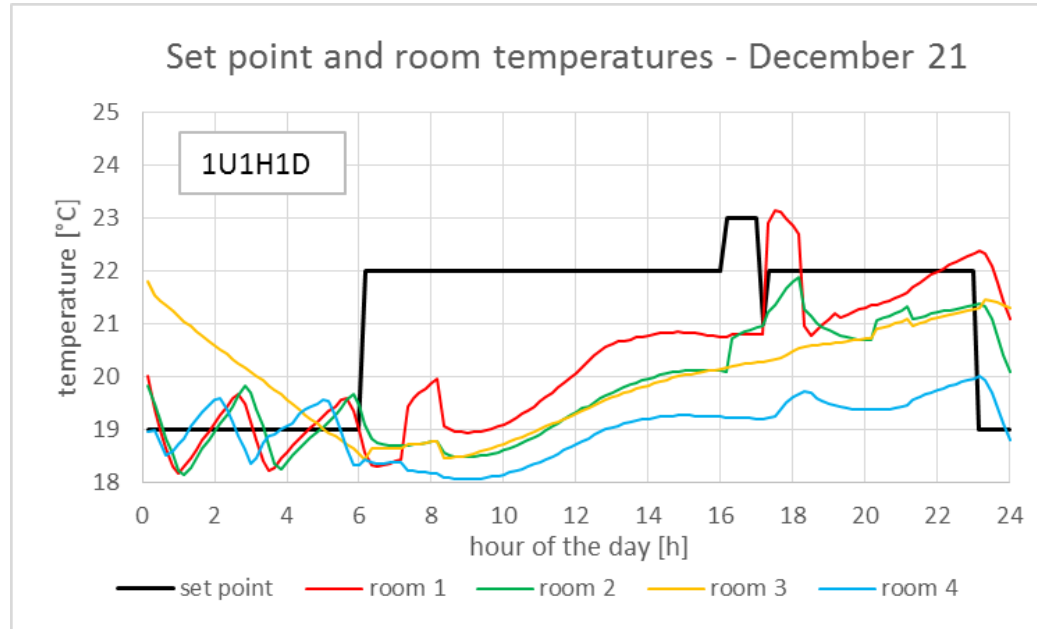


# DTI, Danmark





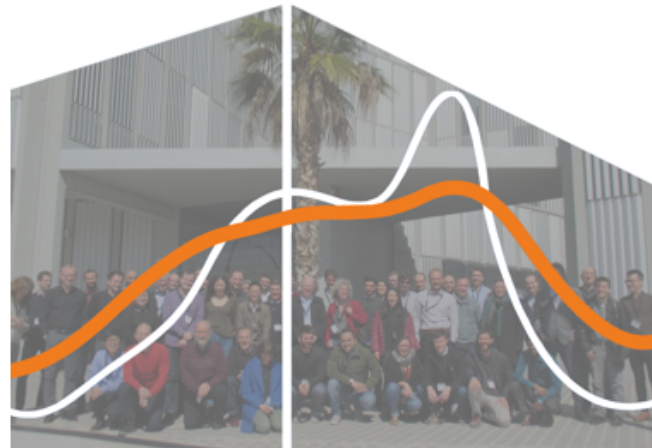
# Results DTI, Denmark



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## **Stakeholders' perspectives on Energy Flexible Buildings**

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# The perspective of the stakeholders

Stakeholder acceptance and behaviour are crucial to the success of strategies for energy flexibility in buildings.

Without careful design and implementation, introducing energy flexibility has the potential to disrupt occupant lifestyles, building systems for thermal comfort and health, as well as potentially increasing cost or energy consumption.

Stakeholder acceptance and behaviour may also be a barrier, but this can be reduced, or overcome entirely, if the related stakeholders are informed about flexibility measures and support any measures that are introduced.

# The perspective of the stakeholders

There is a wide range of different stakeholders who may be affected by energy flexibility measures:

At the building level: end-users (occupants of buildings), building owners, facility managers, Energy Service Companies (ESCOs), developers, architects, contractors, and product/system suppliers.

The energy flexibility is ultimately useful for aggregators, DSOs (District System Operators of both power and district heating and cooling networks) and TSOs (Transmission System Operators).

It is important to establish a comprehensive understanding of acceptance, behaviour, and motivation at different levels of involvement for the relevant stakeholders.

# Research by Annex 67

16 studies based on questionnaires and/or interviews have been carried out among:

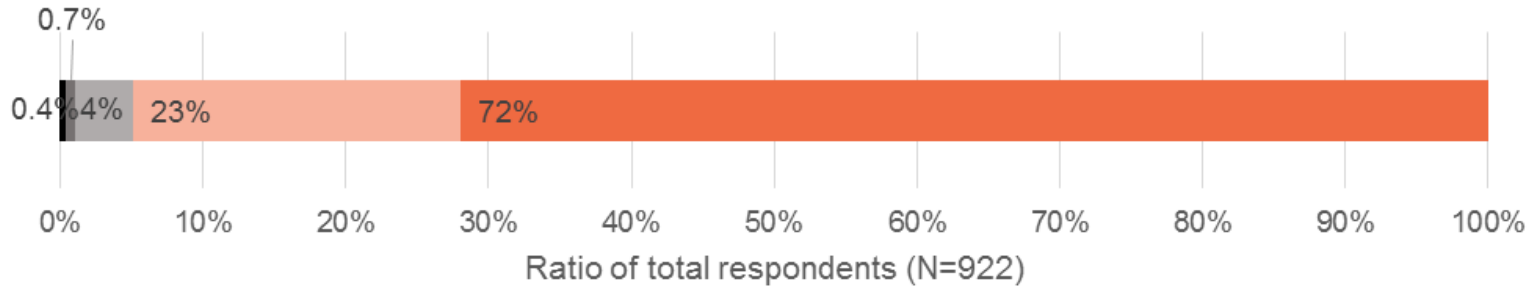
- Building managers – both campus and retail buildings
- Occupants – households, office and campus buildings
- Industrial consumers
- Energy suppliers
- Aggregators
- Technology providers
- Building energy analytics and consulting
- National regulation authority

# Occupants

based on 922 completed questionnaires by  
employees in offices in the Province of Bolzano, Italy

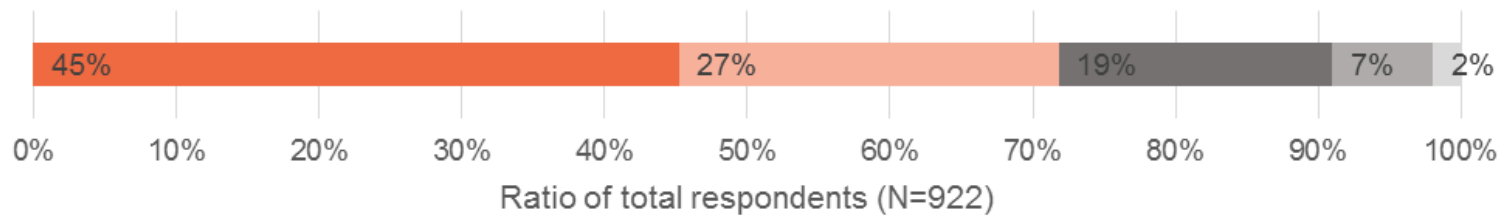
Characteristics	Survey sample
Gender	39 % male, 61 % female
Age (years old)	< 30: 4 % 30-39: 17 % 40-49: 37 % 50-59: 35 % 60-69: 7 %
Educational level	Secondary school or lower: 3 % High school: 53 % University level: 39 % Ph.D.: 5 %
Position	Employee: 77 % Manager: 13 % Intern: 0.4 % PhD/researcher: 0.1 % Team leader: 6 % Team member: 2 % Other: 2 %
Office typology	Single office: 42 % Shared office with another colleague: 40 % Shared office with two other colleagues: 7 % Shared office with 3 or more other colleagues: 6 % Open space: 2 % Other: 2 %

# Results



■ 1 Not at all important ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 Very important

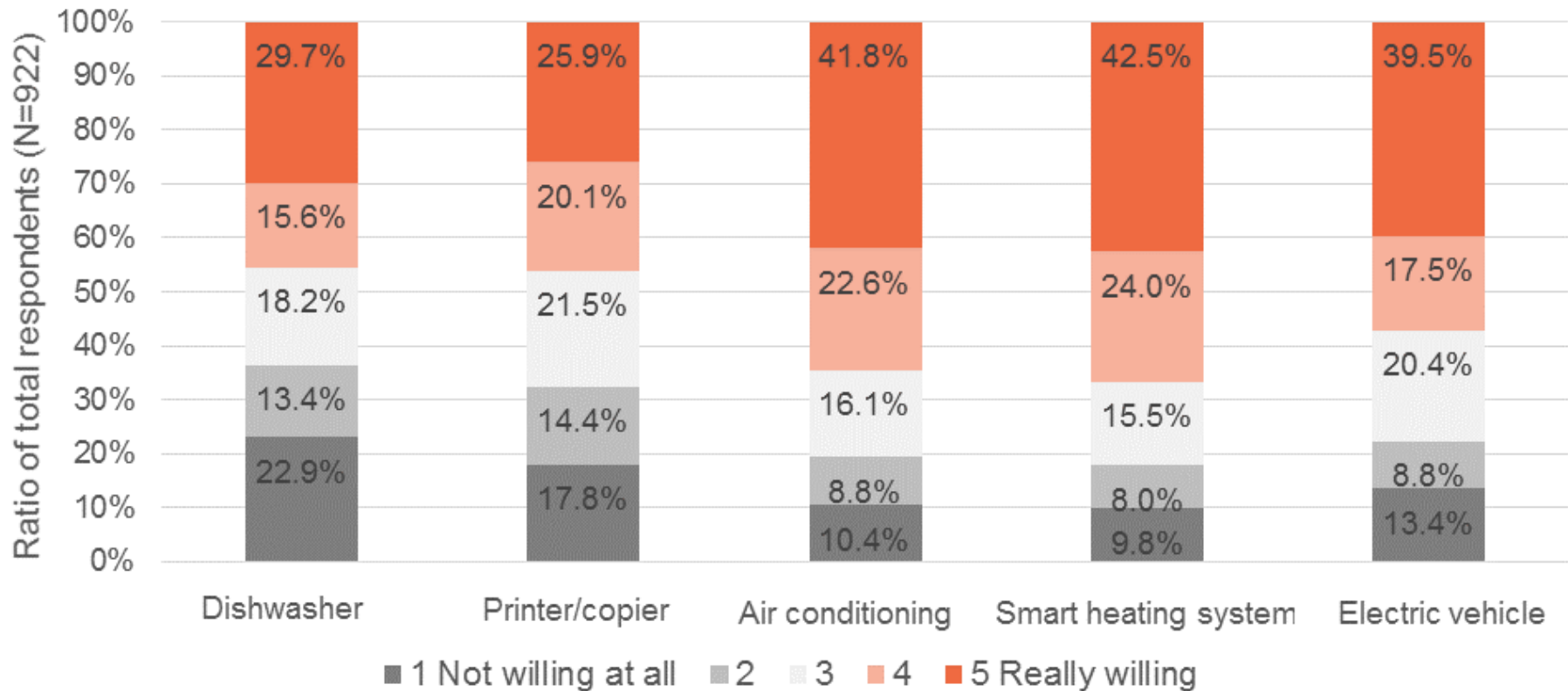
## Importance of using renewables instead of fossil fuels



- Never heard of it
- Heard a little of it, but don't understand the concept
- Heard a lot of it, but don't understand the concept
- Know a little about the concept
- Know a lot about the concept

## Familiarity with smart grid

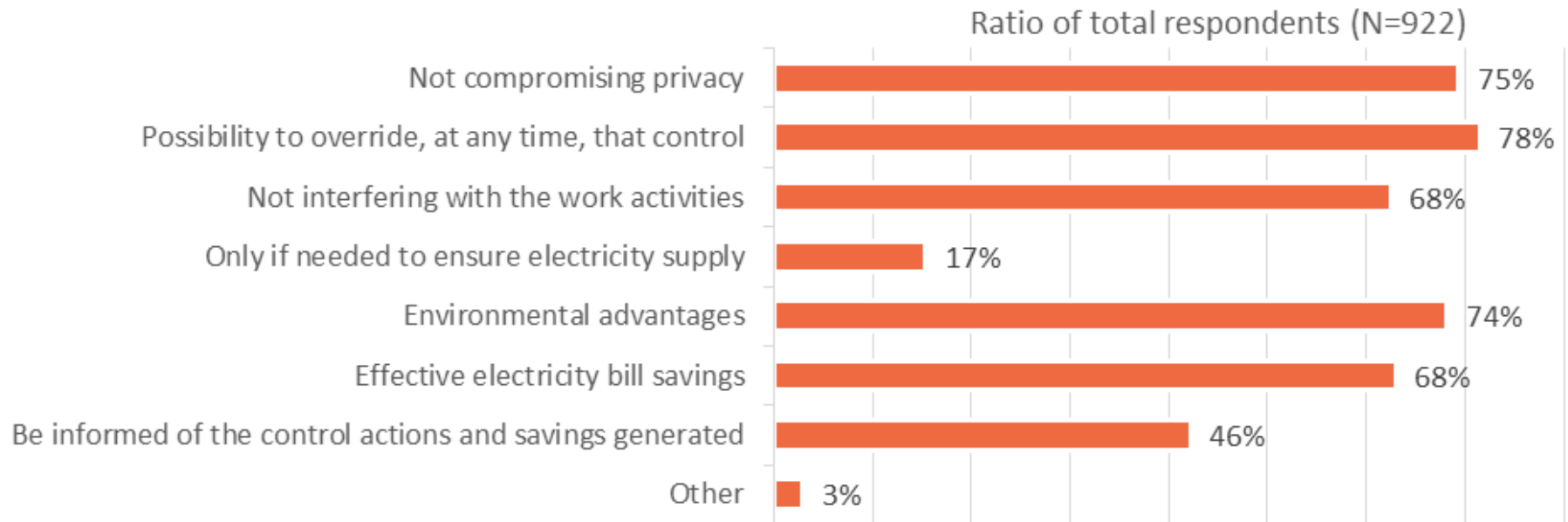
# Results



Willingness to let some smart appliances be remotely controlled by the electricity utility



# Results



Conditions to accept the remote control of some appliances by the electricity utility

# Conclusions

- It is essential to understand stakeholders' needs and behaviour, not only regarding comfort and energy requirements, but also regarding their possible position within business models, in order to be able to develop feasible market access strategies for different types of actors.
- Although 'consumer driven/centred' approaches have been emphasized in recent years, policy makers are still the lead stakeholders for strengthening opportunities and eliminating barriers in the energy system. To establish and realize the markets for energy flexible buildings, decentralization of the power hierarchy is necessary, especially for international collaboration and trading.

# Possible new IEA EBC annex:

Energy flexible buildings towards resilient  
low carbon energy systems

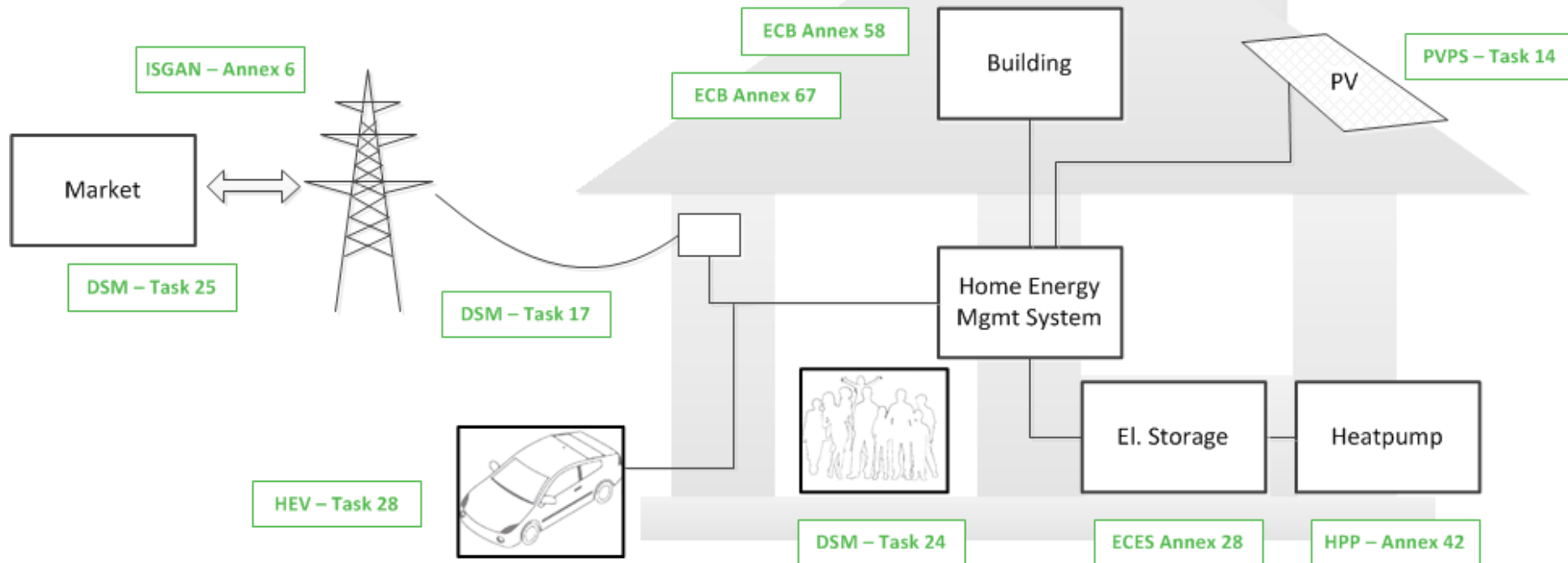
# Research topics for a new annex

- Scaling from single buildings to clusters of buildings
- Flexibility and resilience in a multi carrier energy system
- Stakeholder acceptance and engagement
- Development of business models

# Other related IEA activities



## *Demand Flexibility and RES Integration*



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