

Data-Intelligent Energy Performance and Flexibility of Buildings



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Topics



Energy Taxes for the Transition to a Low-Carbon Society

INTRODUCTION

The North's ambitious goal of reaching net-zero electricity is becoming a reality as offshore wind capacity grows. This means that consumers will see a significant increase in electricity prices. This brochure explores how energy taxes can be used to encourage consumers to reduce their electricity usage and how energy taxes can be used to encourage consumers to invest in energy-efficient technologies.

ADVICE FOR POLICYMAKERS

As an alternative to a carbon tax, energy taxes can be used to encourage consumers to reduce their electricity usage and how energy taxes can be used to encourage consumers to invest in energy-efficient technologies.

Energy taxes for the transition to a low-carbon society

Dynamic CO2 based control

INTRODUCTION

In 2021 in Denmark, it was reported that 40% of the electricity load was covered by the following wind power generation and wind power generation. This large penetration of the variable wind power poses a challenge to the power system. This brochure explores how dynamic CO2 based control can be used to manage the power system.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Power system operators need to manage the power system in a way that ensures that the power system is stable and secure. This brochure explores how dynamic CO2 based control can be used to manage the power system.

Dynamic CO2 based control

Smart Meter Consumption

INTRODUCTION

Smart meters have been installed in a large number of households in Denmark. This brochure explores how smart meter consumption data can be used to manage the power system.

INVESTIGATION

1. Analyze smart meter consumption data to identify patterns in electricity usage.
2. Use smart meter consumption data to optimize power system operations.

Stability of electricity smart meter clusters

Integrated Energy Planning

INTRODUCTION

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CASE STUDY

The case study in this paper is to reach a significant share of variable renewable energy sources for a Caribbean island.

Integrated energy planning for a Caribbean island

District Cooling

INTRODUCTION

District cooling is a way to provide heating and cooling to multiple buildings in a city. This brochure explores how district cooling can be used to manage the power system.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

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Potential of district cooling

Clustering-Based Analysis

INTRODUCTION

Clustering-based analysis is a way to identify patterns in data. This brochure explores how clustering-based analysis can be used to manage the power system.

INVESTIGATION

This paper explores how clustering-based analysis can be used to manage the power system.

Clustering based analysis of residential district heating data

Storage in Thermal Building Mass

INTRODUCTION

Storage in thermal building mass is a way to store energy in buildings. This brochure explores how storage in thermal building mass can be used to manage the power system.

Integrated Market for Electricity and Natural Gas

INTRODUCTION

An integrated market for electricity and natural gas is a way to manage the power system. This brochure explores how an integrated market for electricity and natural gas can be used to manage the power system.

Coupled Electricity and Natural Gas Markets

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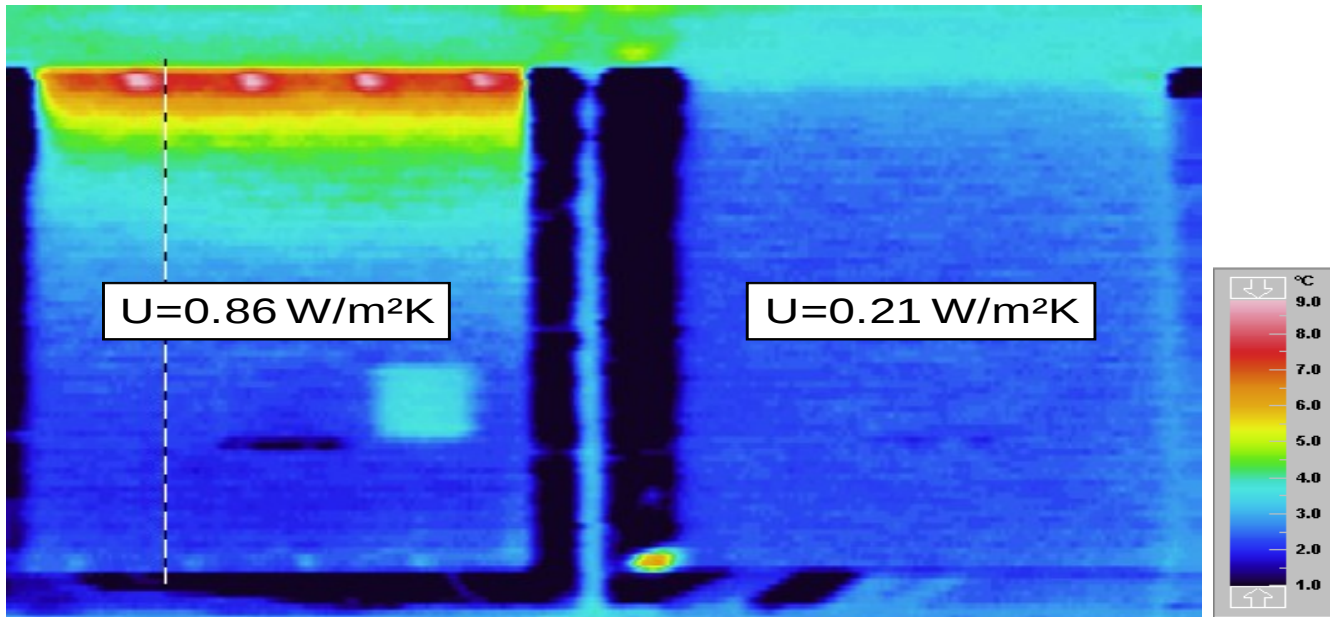


Case Study No. 1

**Thermal Performance Characterization of Buildings using
(Smart) Meter Data**

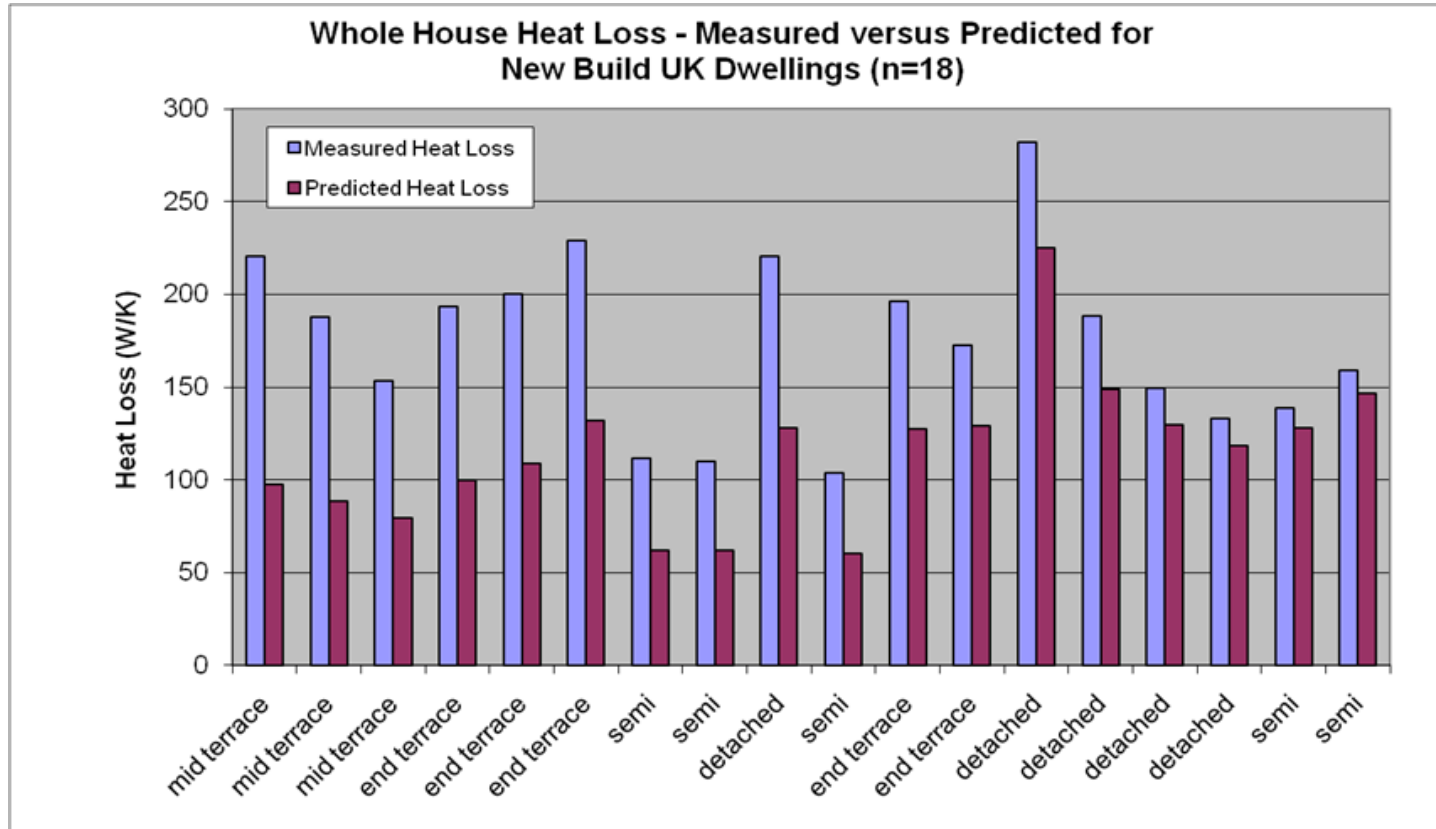


Example



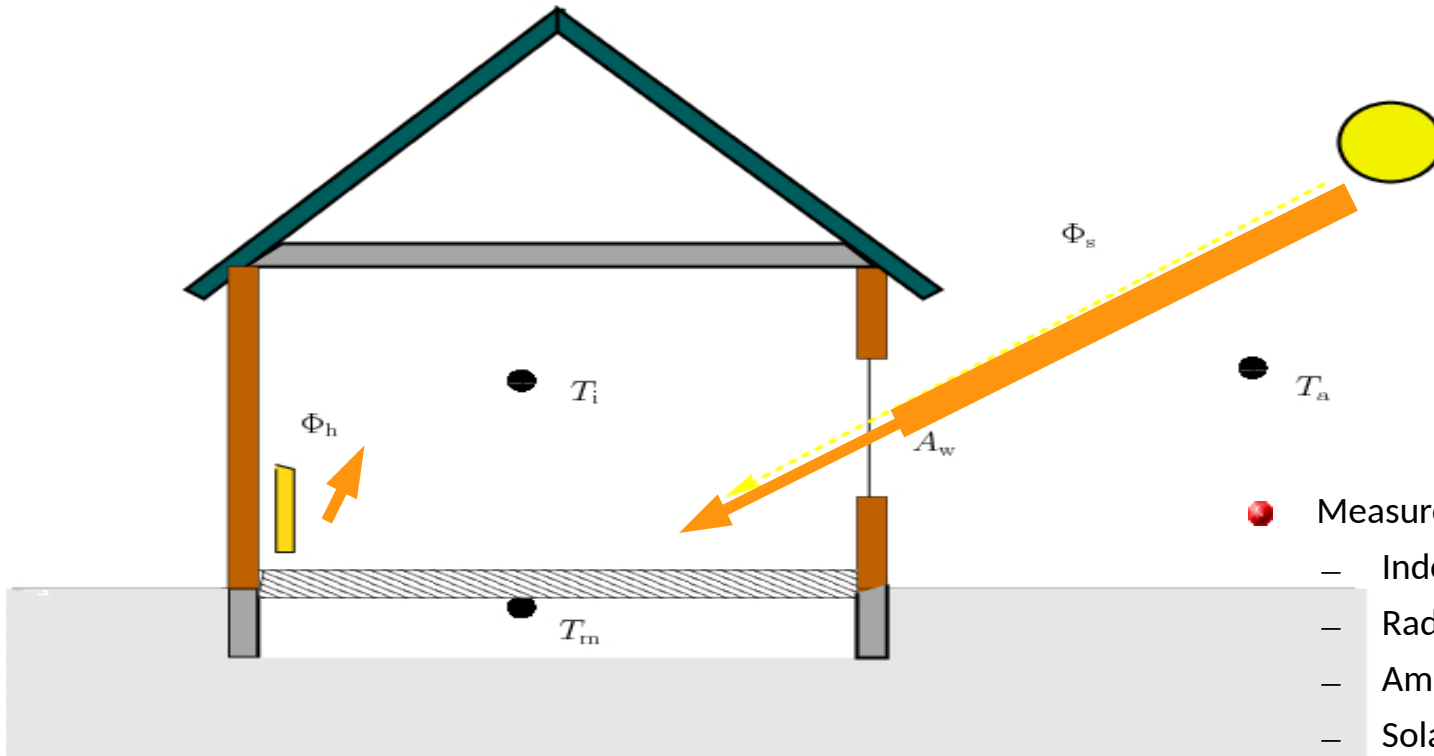
Consequence of good or bad workmanship (theoretical value is $U=0.16\text{W/m}^2\text{K}$)

Examples (2)

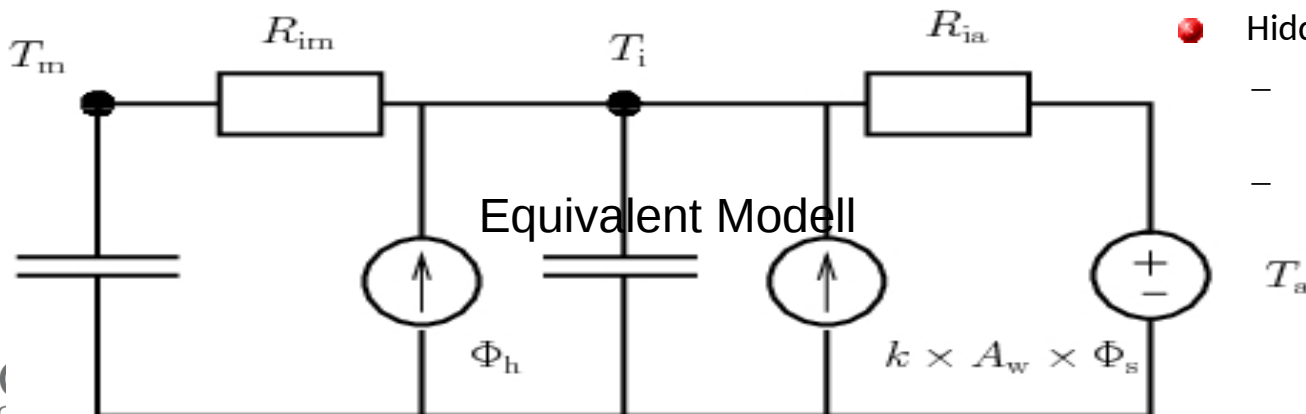


Measured versus predicted energy consumption for different dwellings

Model for the heat dynamics



- Measurements:
 - Indoor air temp
 - Radiator heat sup.
 - Ambient air temp
 - Solar radiations



- Hidden states are:
 - Heat accumulated in the building
 - k : Fraction of solar radiation entering the interior



Results

	UA W/°C	σ_{UA}	gA^{\max} W	wA_E^{\max} W/°C	wA_S^{\max} W/°C	wA_W^{\max} W/°C	T_i °C	σ_{T_i}
4218598	211.8	10.4	597.0	11.0	3.3	8.9	23.6	1.1
4381449	228.2	12.6	1012.3	29.8	42.8	39.7	19.4	1.0
4711160	155.4	6.3	518.8	14.5	4.4	9.1	22.5	0.9
4836681	155.3	8.1	591.0	39.5	28.0	21.4	23.5	1.1
4836722	236.0	17.7	1578.3	4.3	3.3	18.9	23.5	1.6
4986050	159.6	10.7	715.7	10.2	7.5	7.2	20.8	1.4
5069878	144.8	10.4	87.6	3.7	1.6	17.3	21.8	1.5
5069913	207.8	9.0	962.5	3.7	8.6	10.6	22.6	0.9
5107720	189.4	15.4	657.7	41.4	29.4	16.5	21.0	1.6
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Perspectives

- Identification of most problematic buildings
- Automatic energy labelling
- Recommendations:
 - ◆ Should they replace the windows?
 - ◆ Or put more insulation on the roof?
 - ◆ Or tighten the building?
 - ◆ Should the wall against north be further insulated?
 - ◆
- Better control of the heat supply (.. see later on ..)



Perspectives (2)



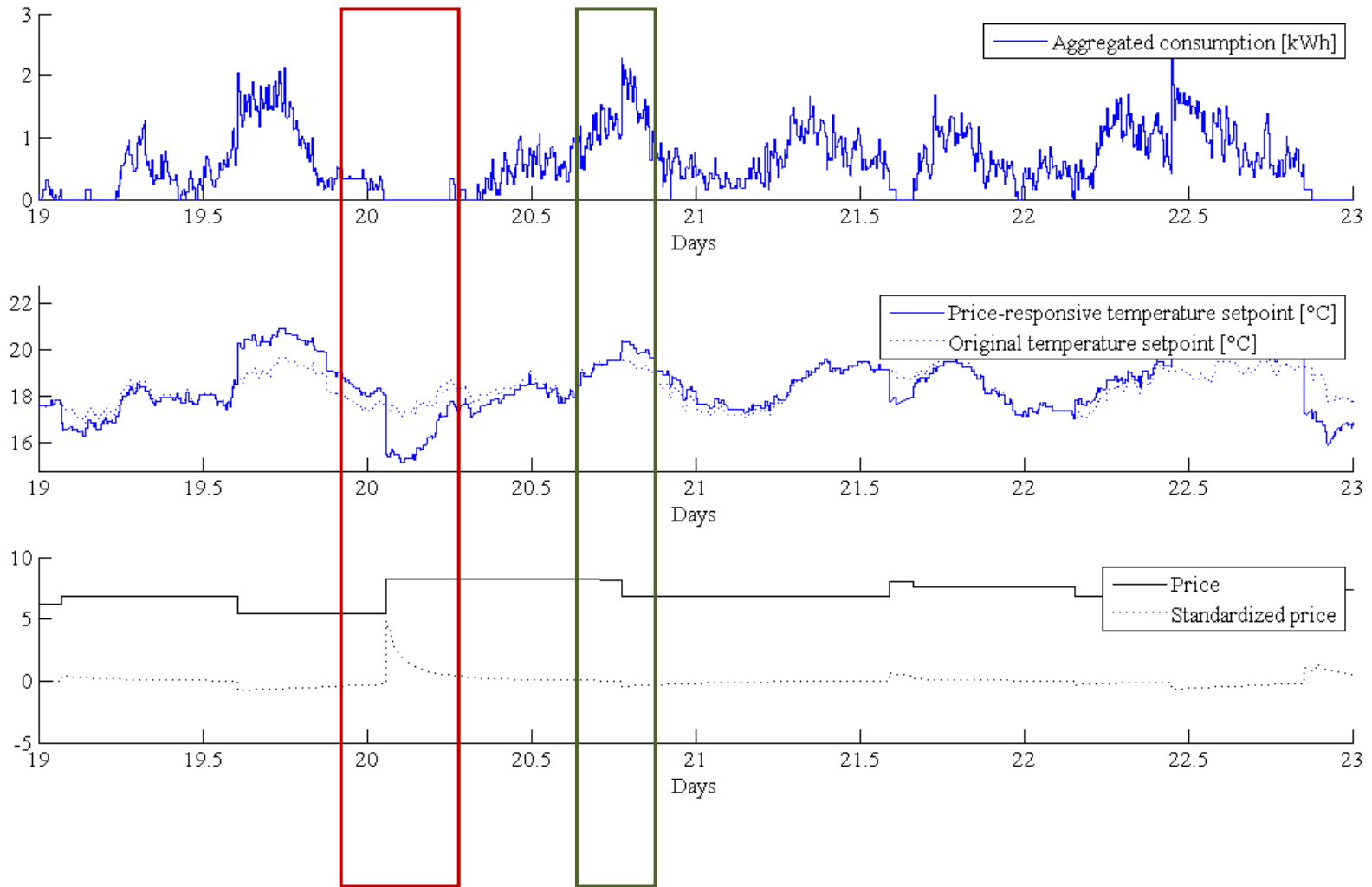
"Skat, jeg kan se på k-værdierne, at vinduerne skal pudses"

Case study No. 2

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

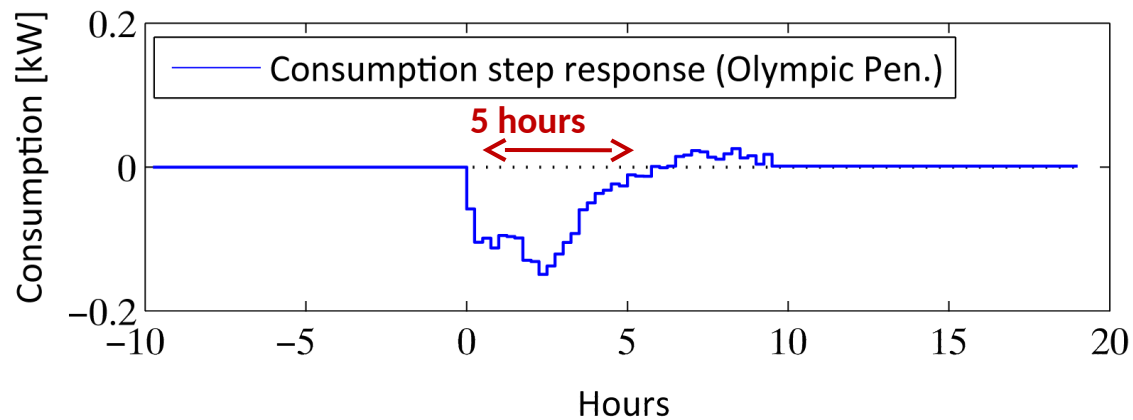


Aggregation (over 20 houses)

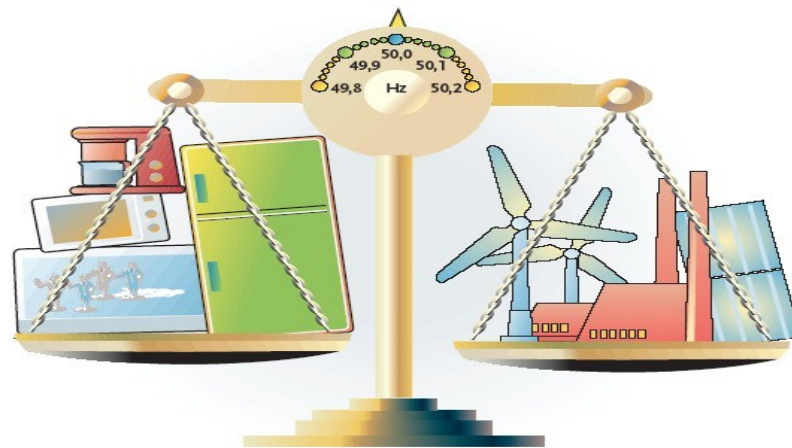
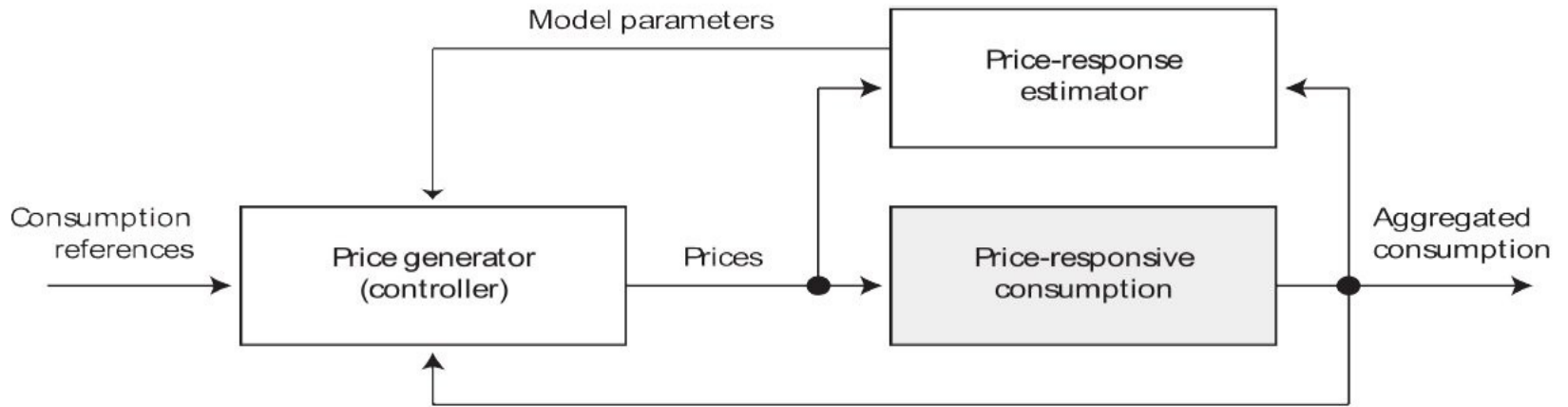


Response on Price Step Change

Olympic Peninsula



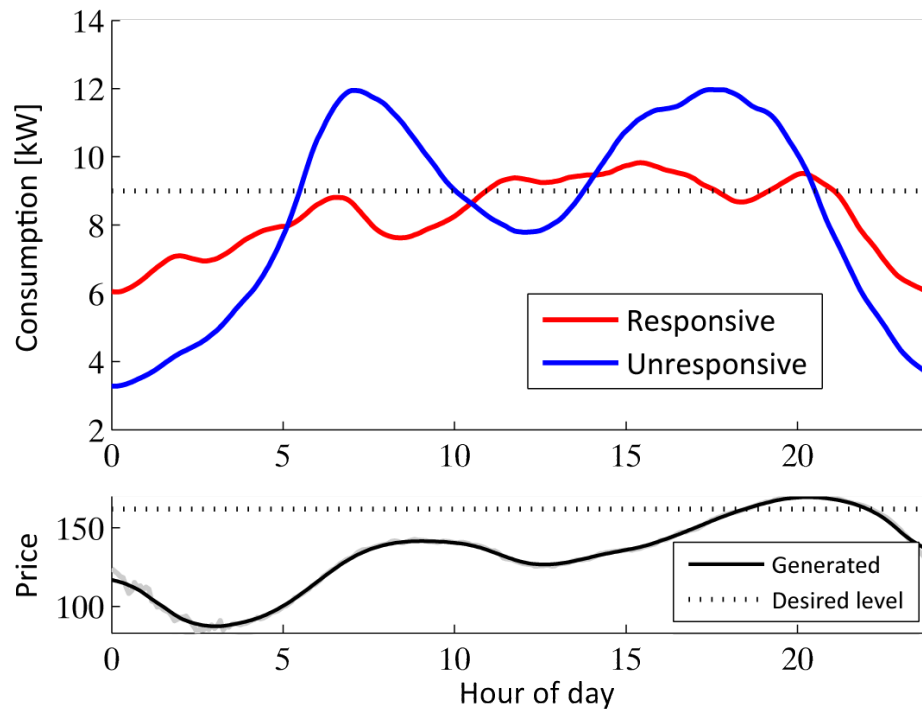
Control of Energy Consumption



Control performance

Considerable **reduction in peak consumption**

Mean daily consumption shift



Flexibility Setup and Control



Characteristics

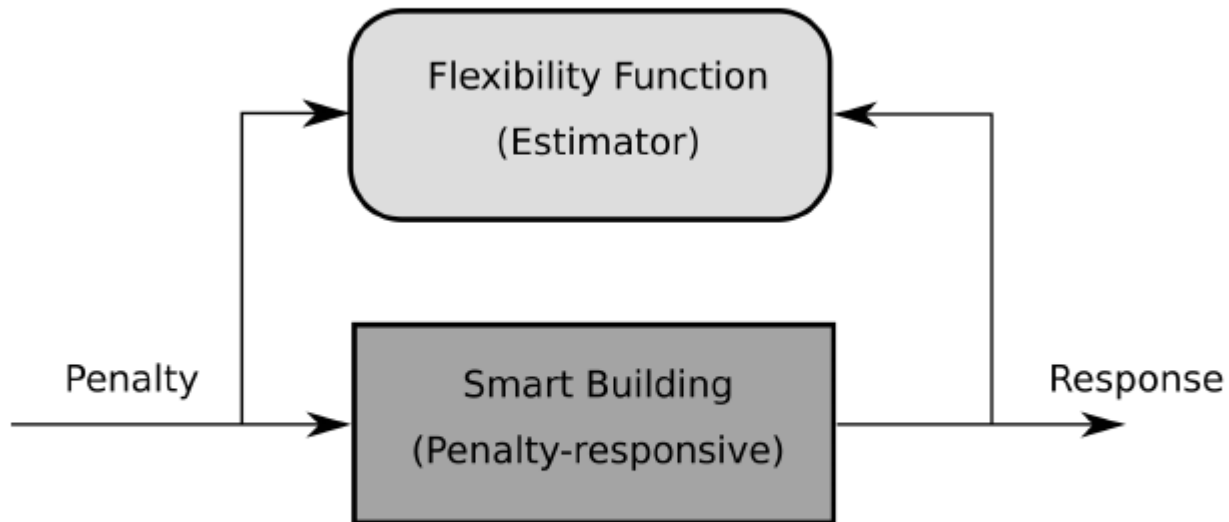


Figure 1: A smart building is able to respond to a penalty or external control signal.

Flexibility Function

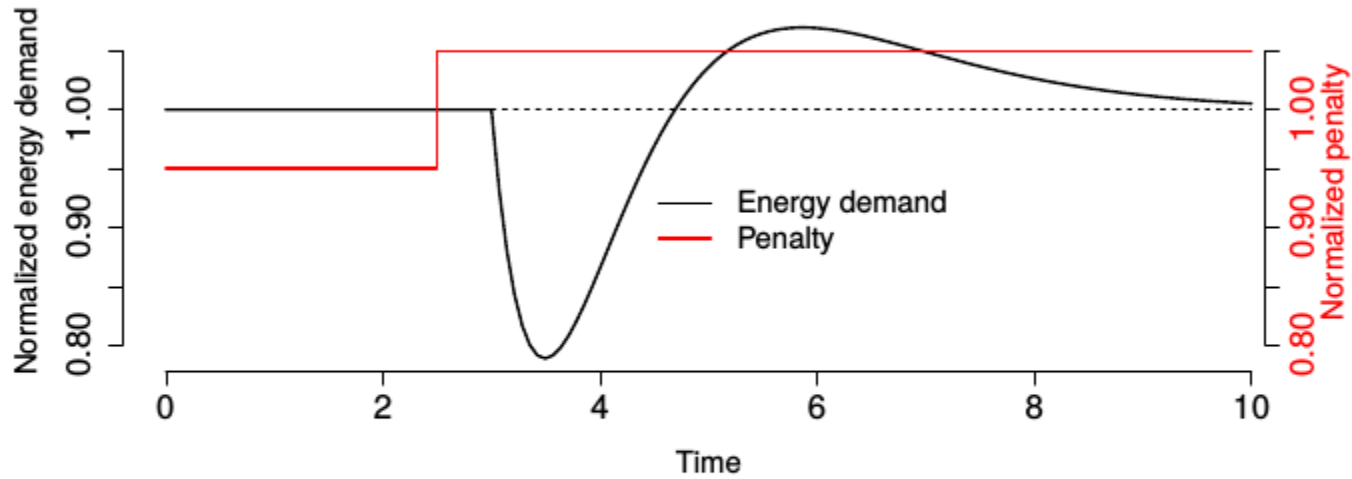


Figure 2: The energy consumption before and after an increase in penalty. The red line shows the normalized penalty while the black line shows the normalized energy consumption. The time scale could be very short with the units being seconds or longer with units of hours. At time 2.5 the penalty is increased,

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

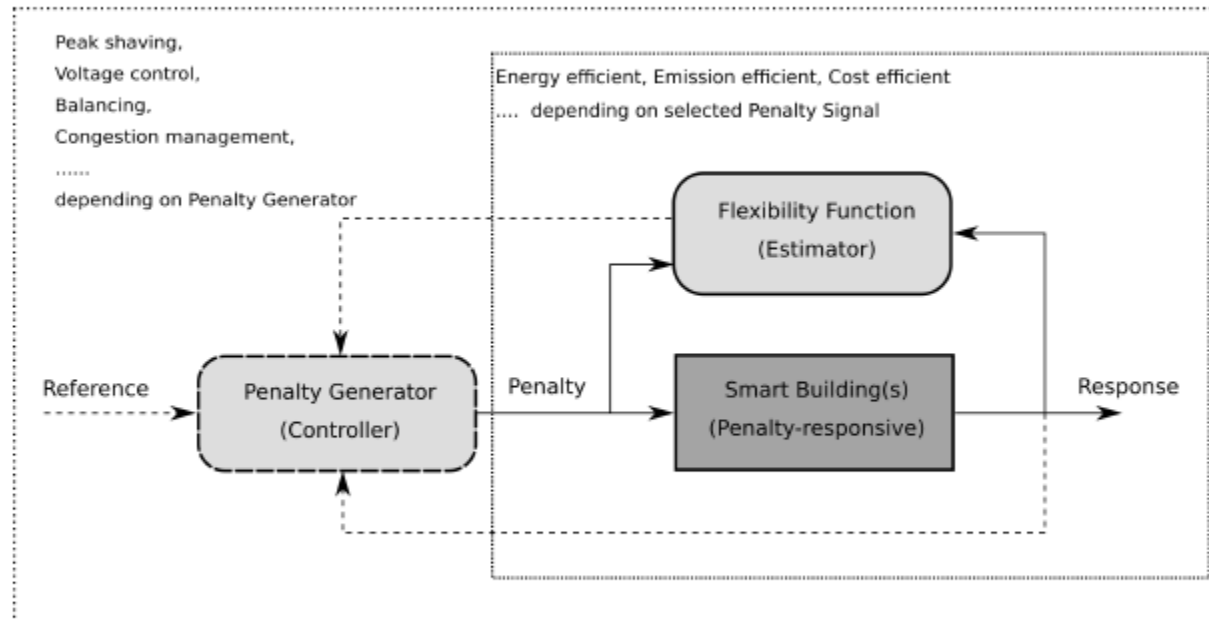
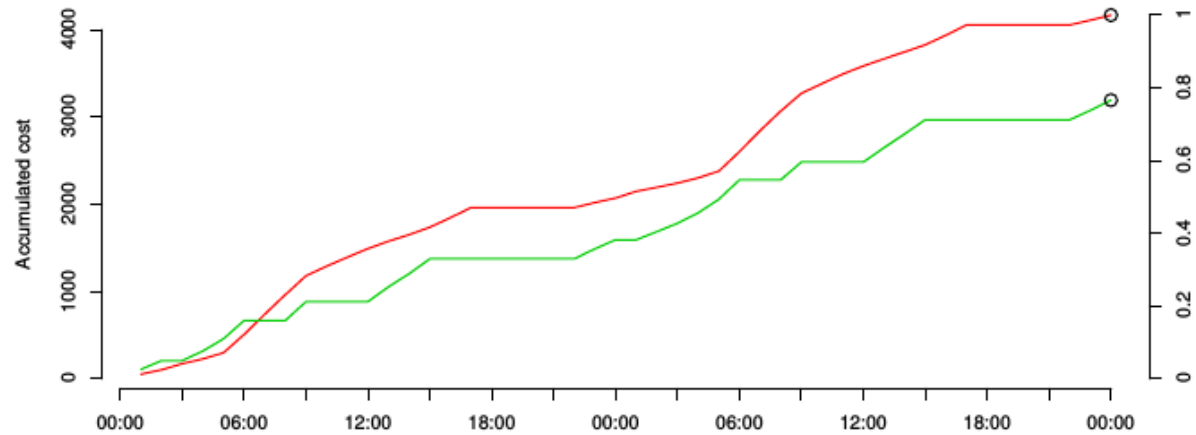
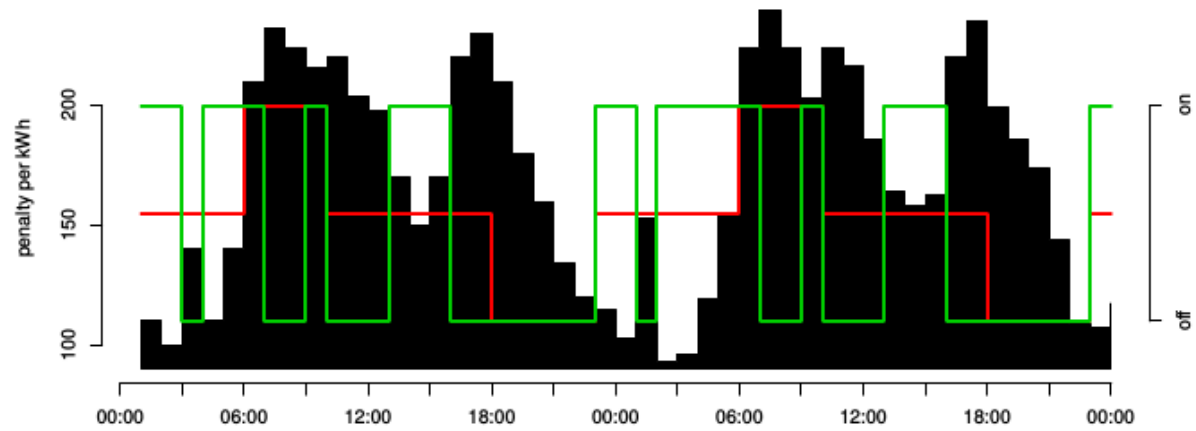
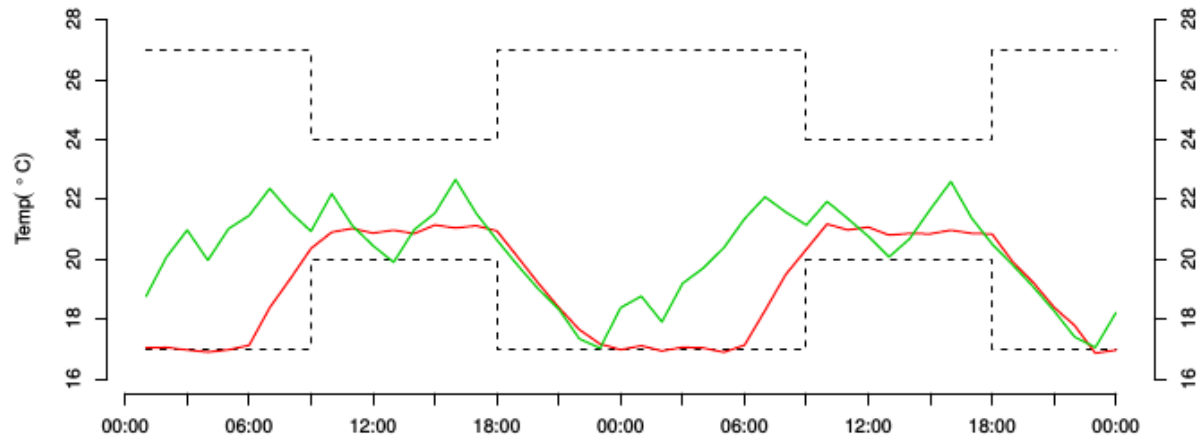


Figure 8: Smart buildings and penalty signals.



FF for three buildings

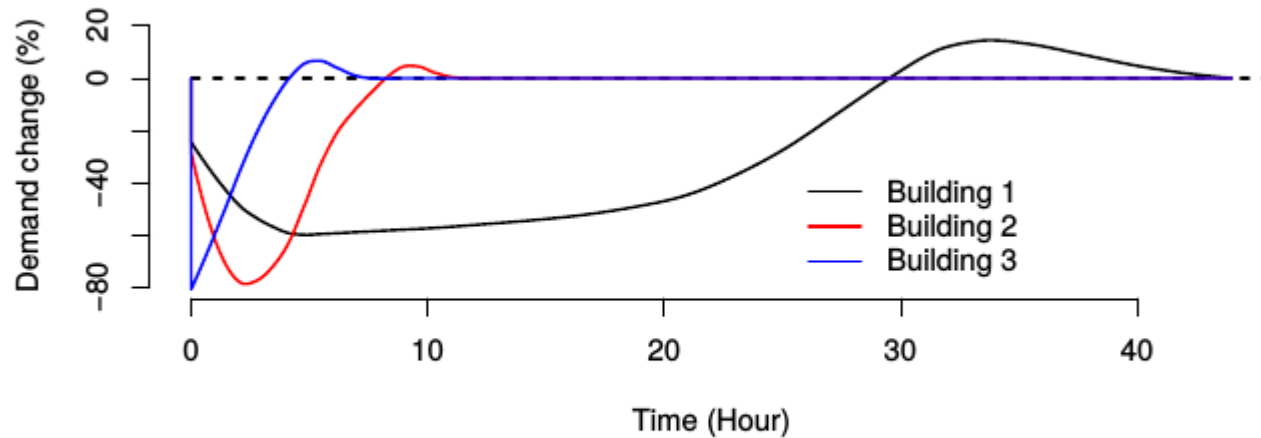


Figure 5: The Flexibility Function for three different buildings.

Realistic Penalties for DK

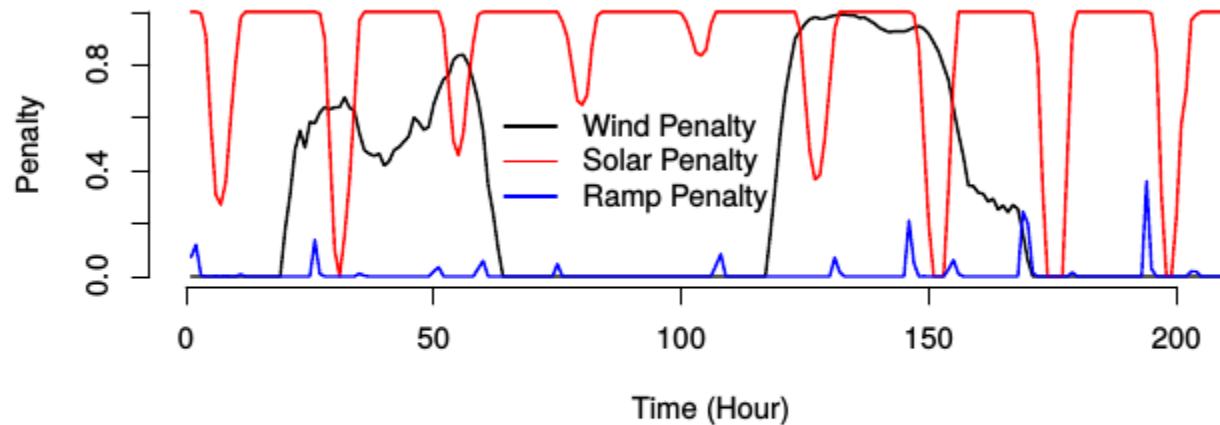


Figure 6: Penalty signals based on wind and solar power production in Denmark during some days in 2017.

Expected Flexibility Savings Index for Denmark

Table 1: Expected Flexibility Savings Index (EFSI) for each of the buildings based on wind, solar and ramp penalty signals.

	Wind (%)	Solar (%)	Ramp (%)
Building 1	11.8	3.6	1.0
Building 2	4.4	14.5	5.0
Building 3	6.0	10.0	18.4

Reference Penalties

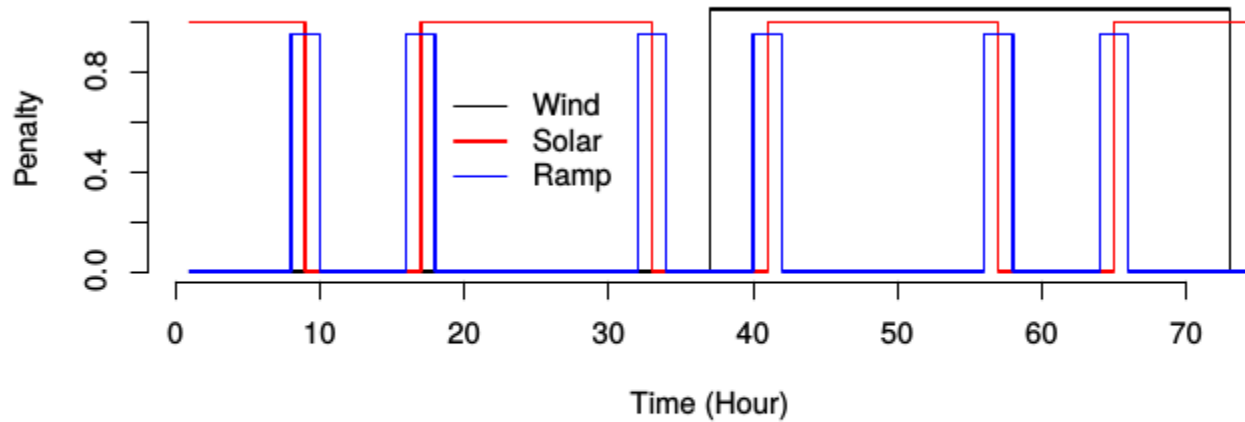


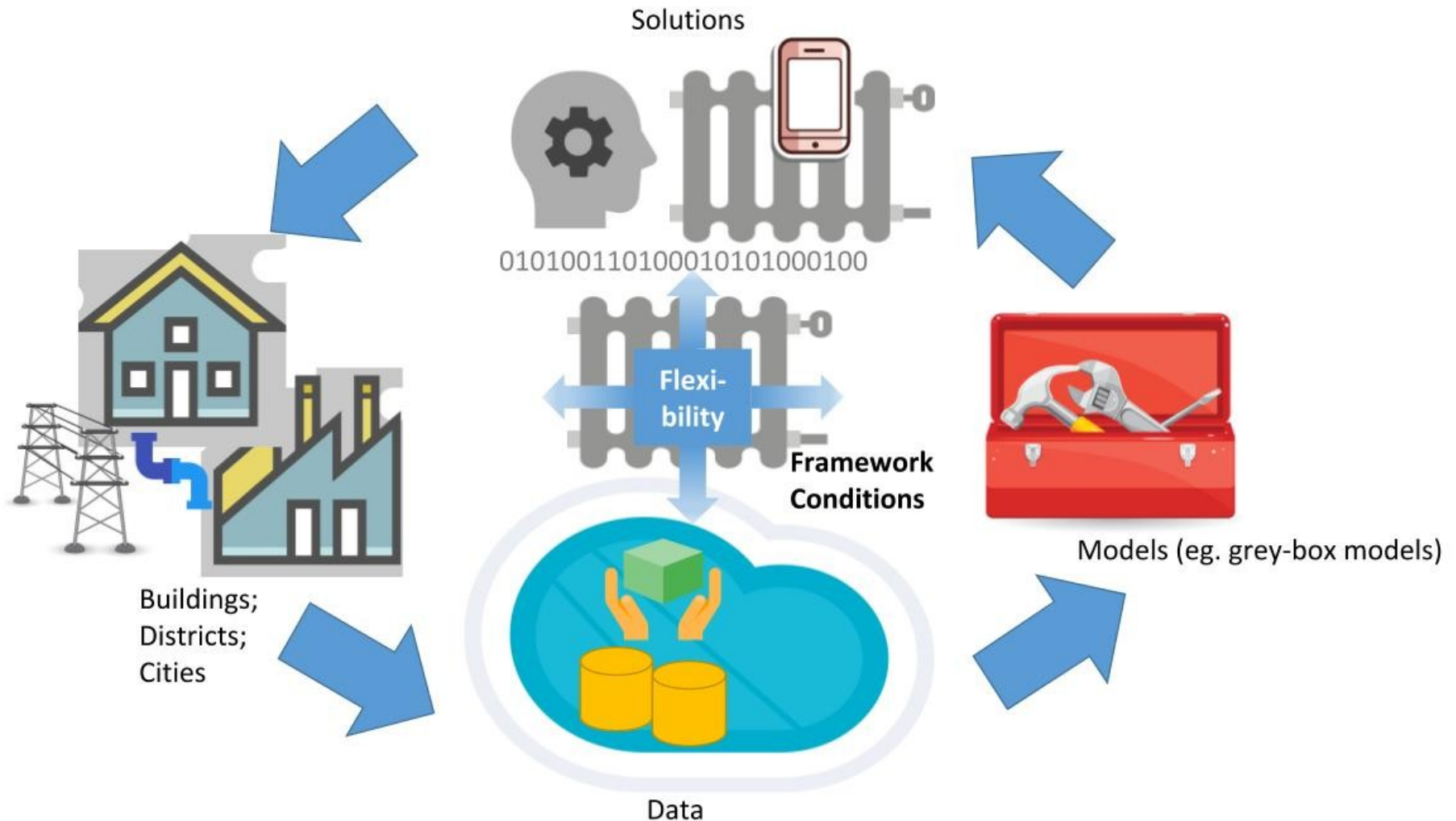
Figure 7: Reference scenarios of penalty signals related to ramping or peak issues as well as the integration of wind and solar power.

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

Flexibility enabled using grey-box modelling



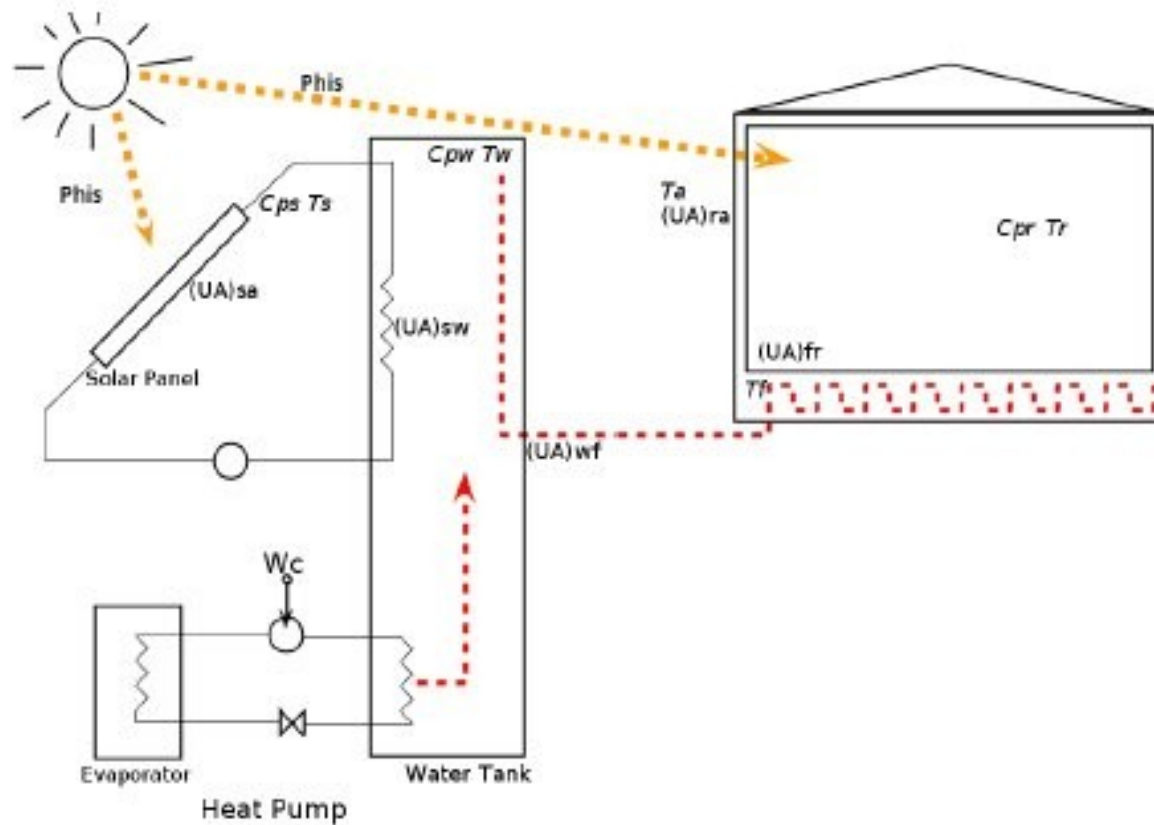
Case study No. 3

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

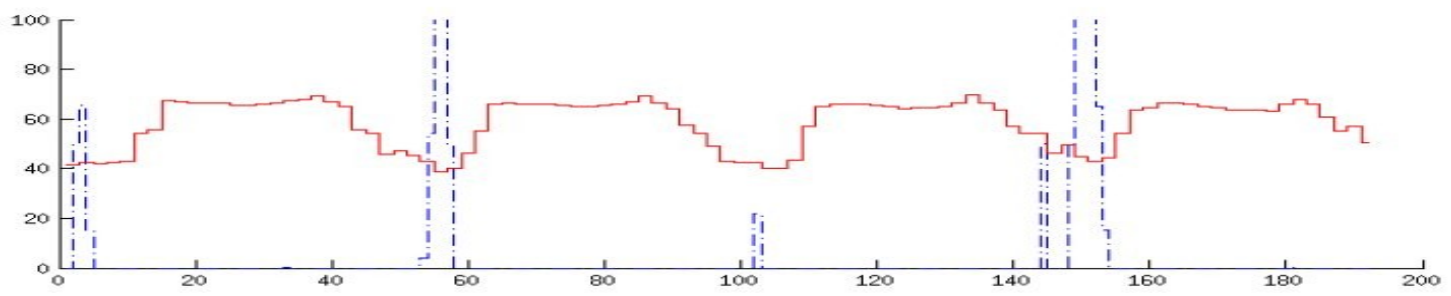
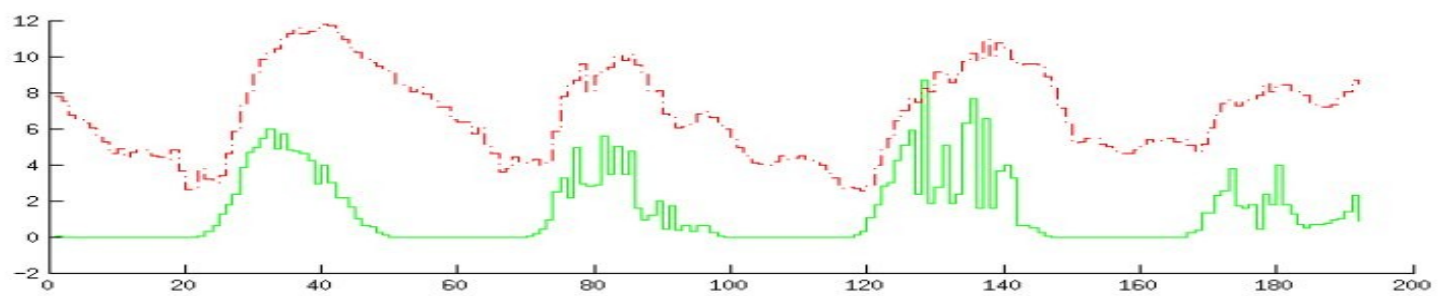
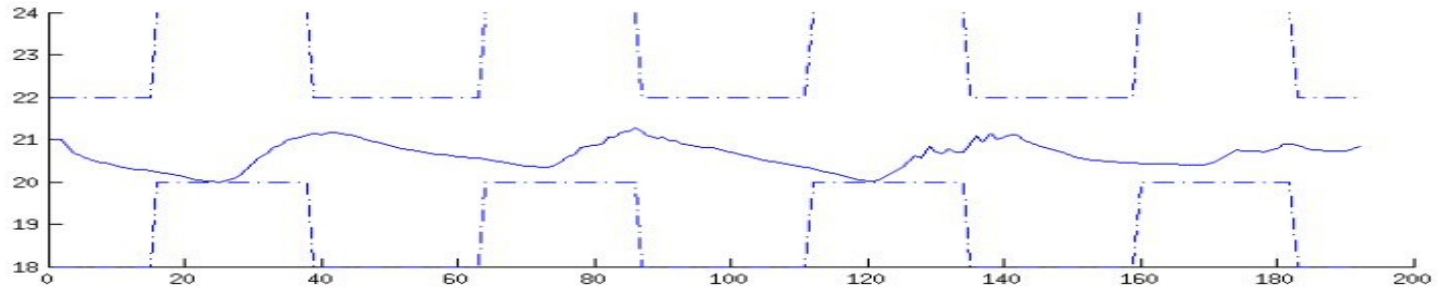


Modeling Heat Pump and Solar Collector

Simplified System



EMPC for heat pump with solar collector (savings 25 pct; + 8 pct)



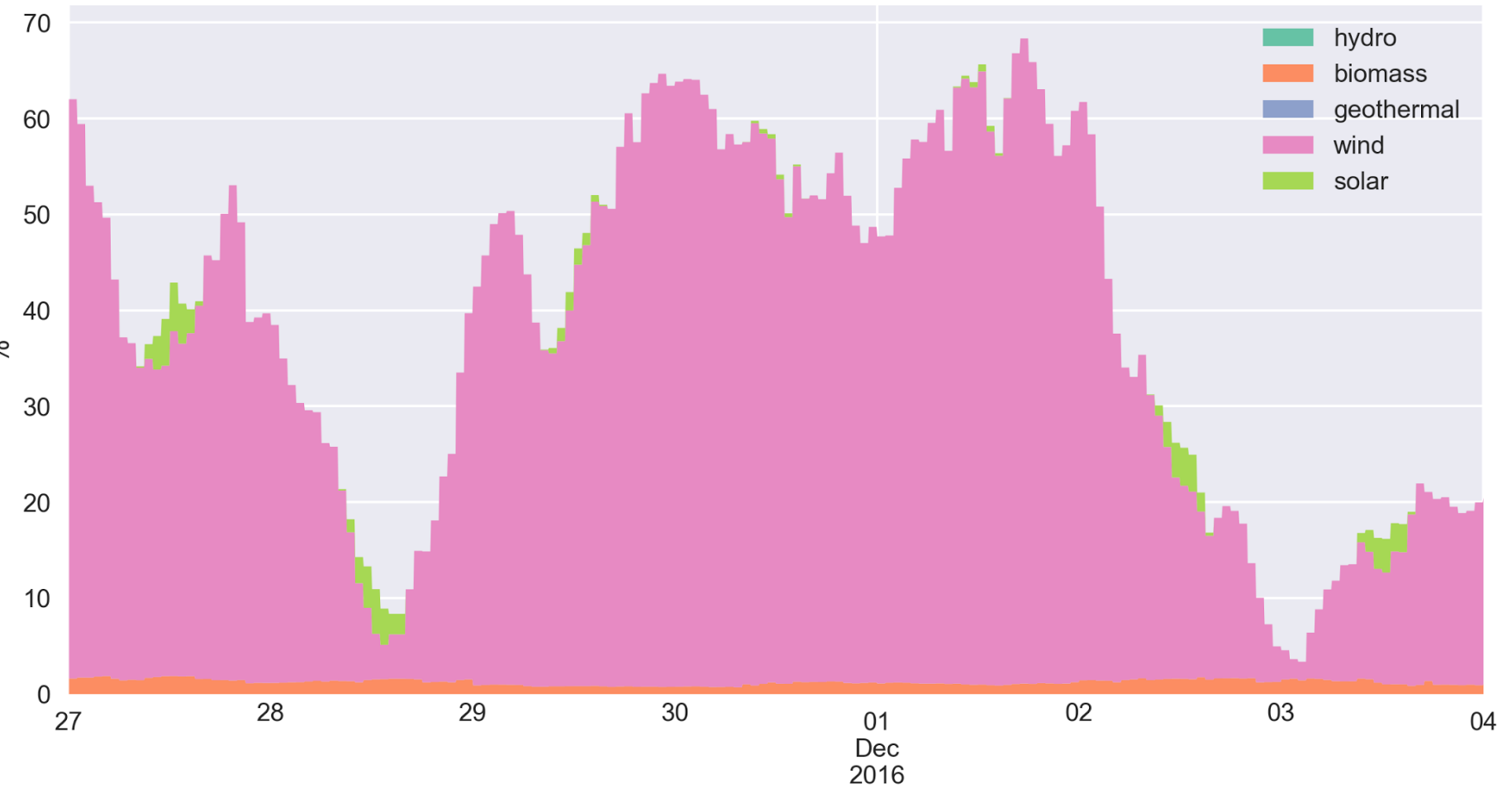
Case study No. 4

Control of heat pumps for summer houses with a swimming pools (CO₂ minimization)





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



Source: pro.electricitymap.com



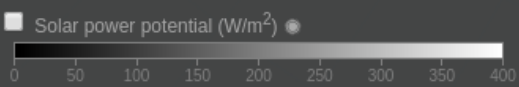
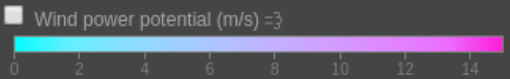
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Live CO2 emissions of the European electricity consumption

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 →



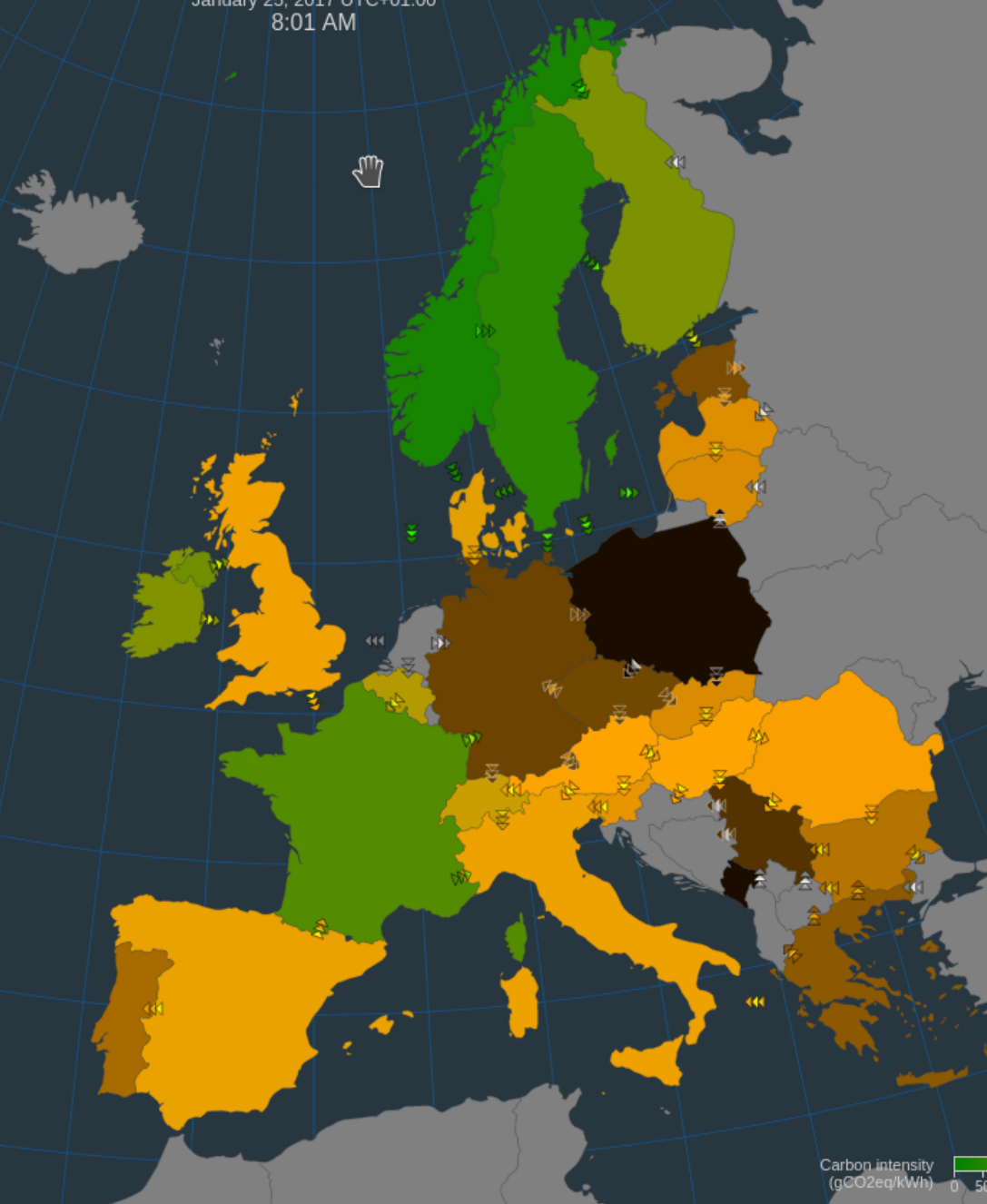
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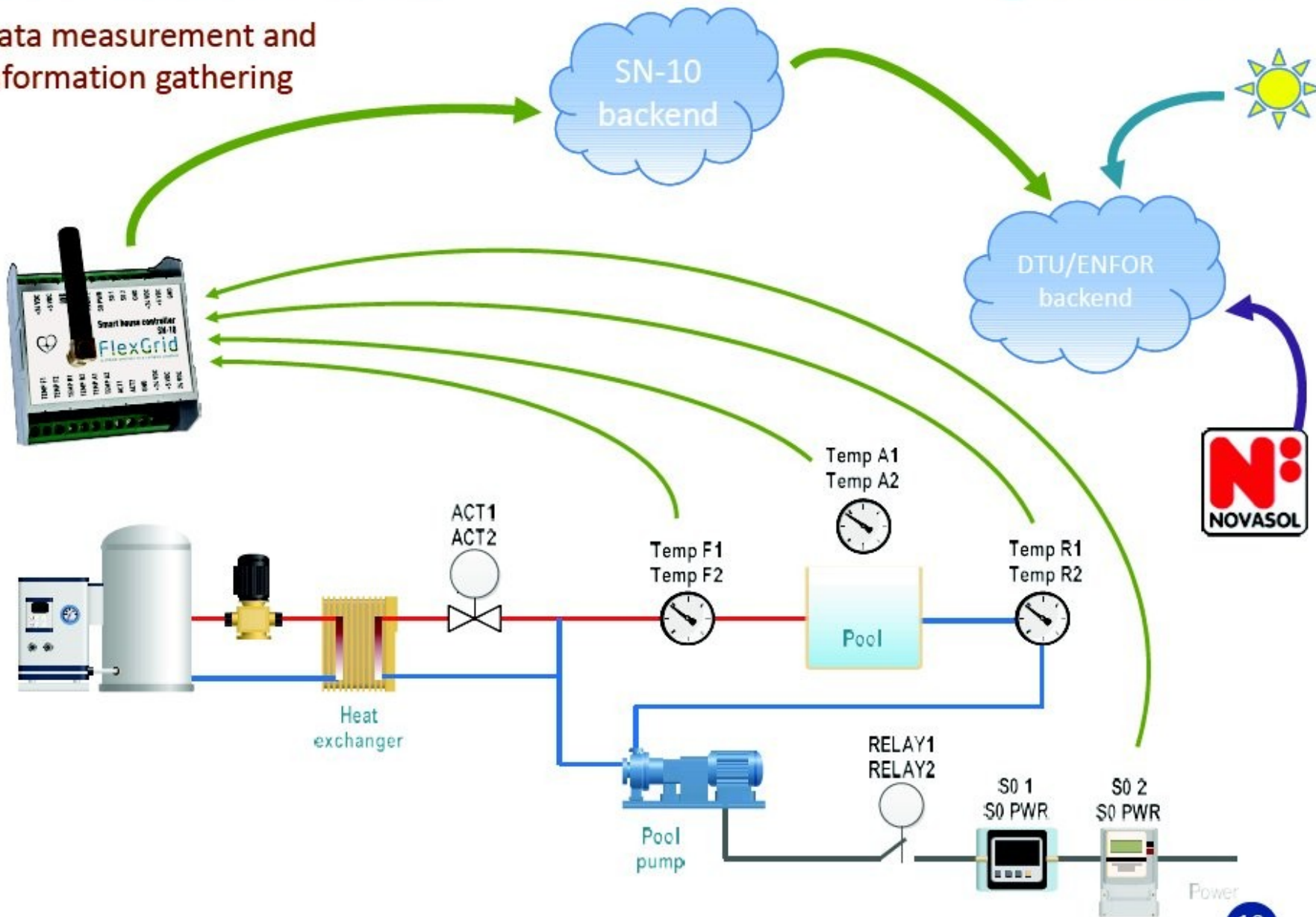
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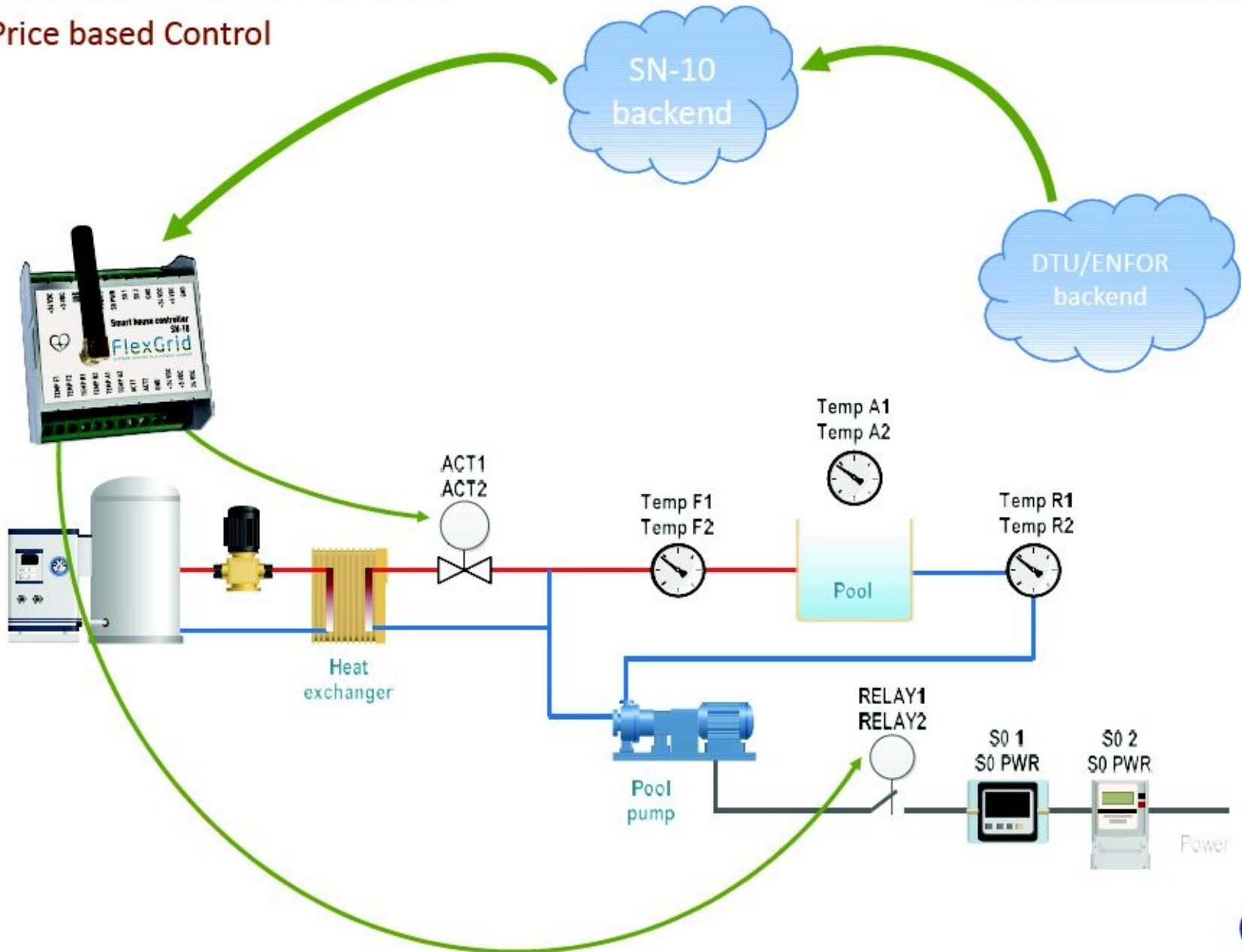
How does it work?

Data measurement and information gathering



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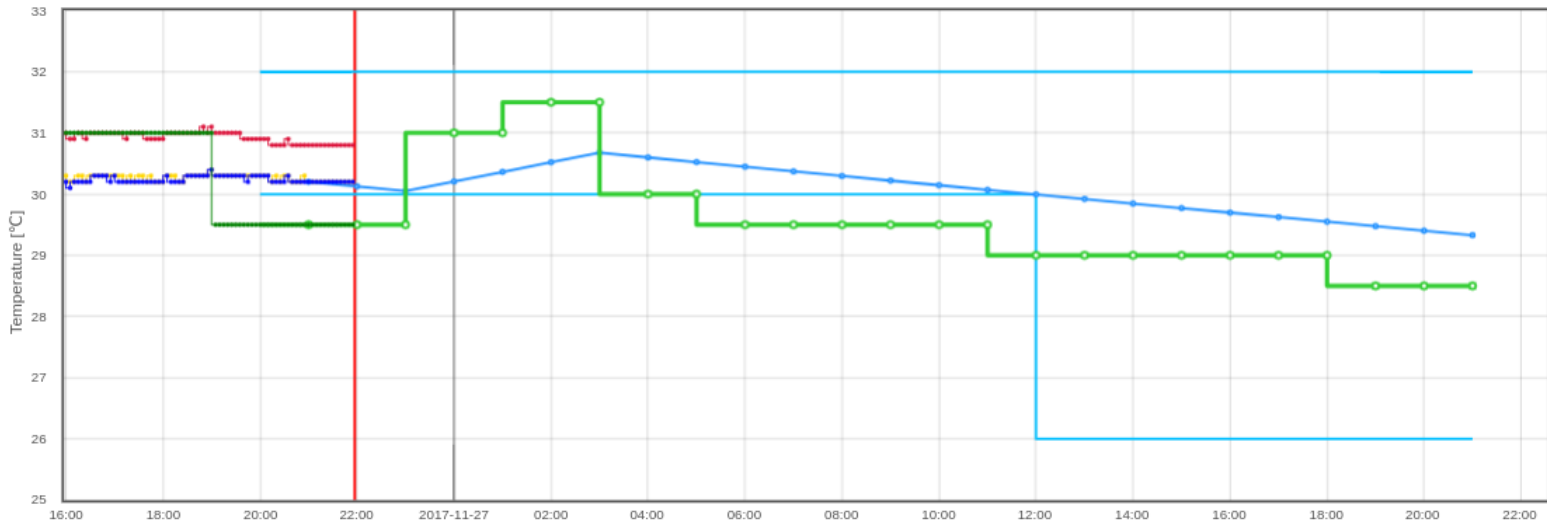
Price based Control



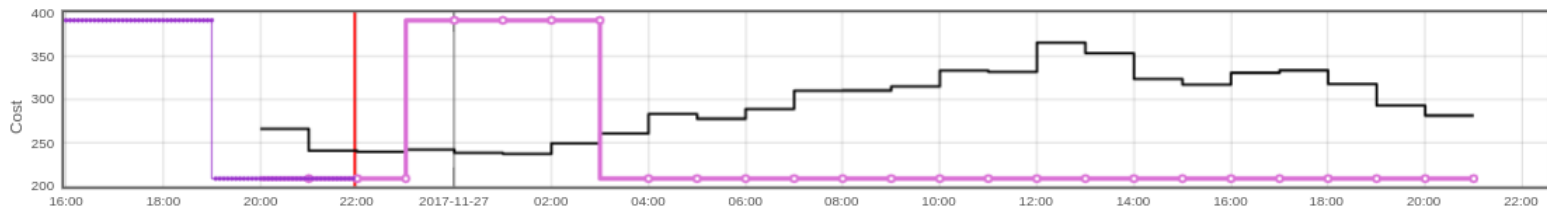
Example: CO2-based control (savings 15 pct)

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



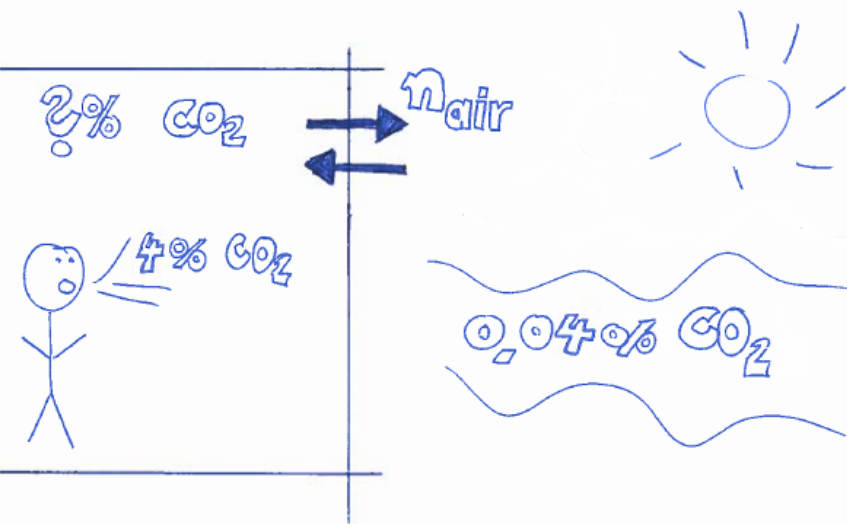
- pre-inp / CostPre
- co2intensity [g/kWh]
- pre / ValveState
- me-5m / ValveState

Case study No. 5

Indoor Climate; Grey-box Model for Occupancy Estimation



Occupancy estimation using CO₂ measurements



- Reducing HVAC to required extent offers energy-saving potential
- Hence, occupancy estimates important for model-based control
- Occupancy estimation model based on CO₂ mass balance
- Presented model was tested in three scenarios (Copenhagen, Trondheim, Aachen)

CO₂ mass balance equation

$$\frac{dX_t}{dt} = - (n_{\text{nat}} + n_{\text{mec}} + n_{\text{inf}}) (X_t - c_e) + \dot{c}_{\text{occ}} \cdot n_{\text{occ}}$$

States

X_t	room CO ₂ concentration	[ppm]
n_{occ}	number of occupants in the room	[-]

Known parameters

V_r	room volume	[m ³]
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Parameters estimated

c_e	outdoor CO ₂ concentration	[ppm]
\dot{c}_{occ}	CO ₂ increment per occupant	[ppm/h]
n_{nat}	air exchange rate (nat. vent)	[1/h]
n_{mec}	air exchange rate (mech. vent.)	[1/h]
n_{inf}	air exchange rate (infiltration)	[1/h]

Grey-box Model - and the states

System equation

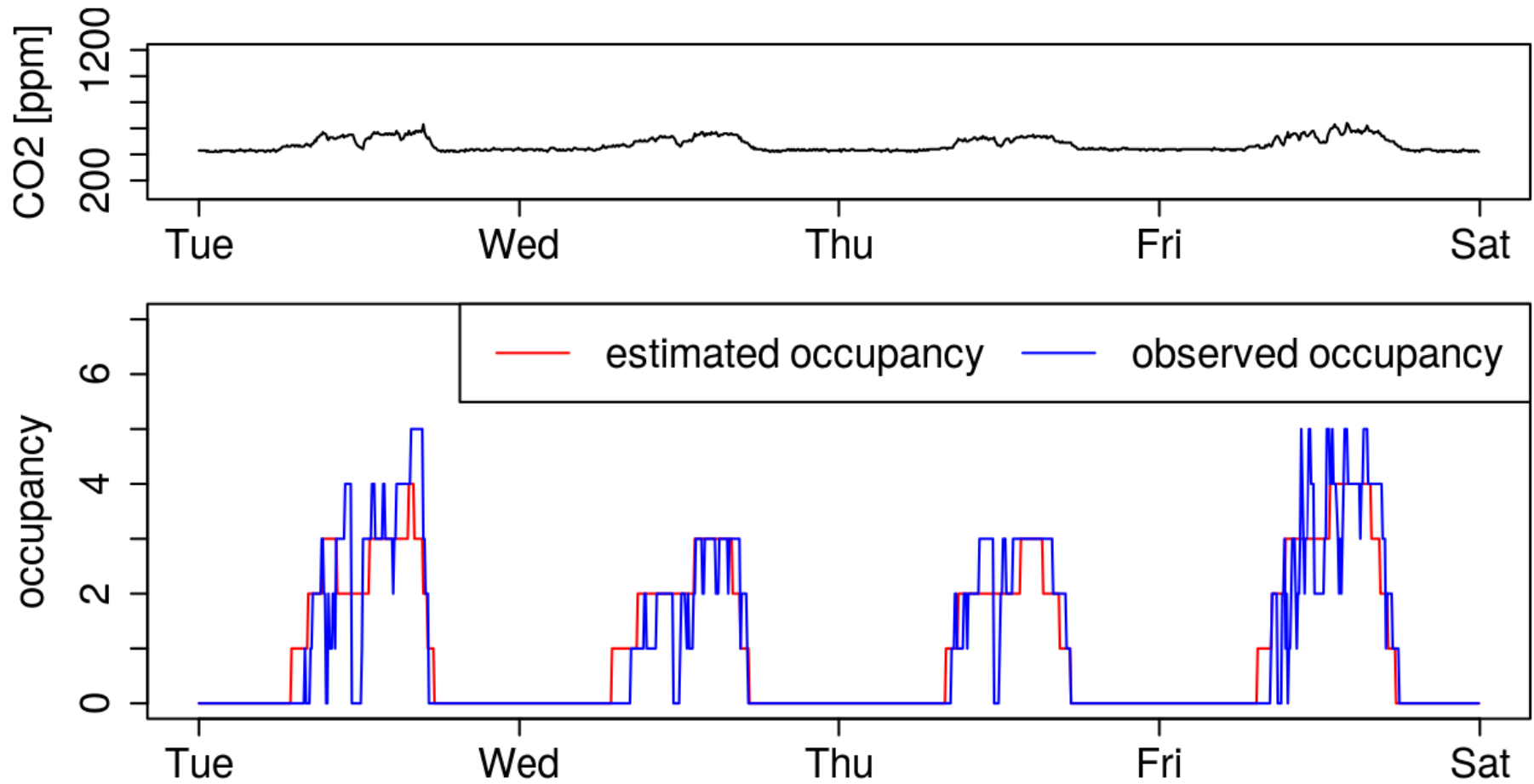
$$dX_t = - [n_{\text{inf}} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_t - c_e) + \dot{c}_{\text{occ}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\text{occ}}] dt + \sigma \cdot d\omega$$

$$n_{\text{air}} = n_{\text{nat}} + n_{\text{mec}} + n_{\text{inf}}$$

Observation equation

$$Y_k = \mathbf{X}_{t_k} + \varepsilon_k, \quad \varepsilon_k \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon)$$

Estimated and Observed Occupancy



Summary



- **Methods for evidence-based energy performance characterization is outlined for buildings**
- **Automated methods for evidence-based energy labelling**
- **Automated methods for evidence-based flexibility labelling**
- **Flexibility Index for buildings (peak, solar, wind, ...)**
- **Flexibility Functions and Index can be used for everything (eg. also wastewater treatment plants)**
- **Automated methods for providing hints on how to improve the energy performance of buildings**
- **Provides hints on how to design a building such that it is optimized for the given climate zone**



Summary (2)



- We need to put more focus on energy efficiency – but using meter data (which is now possible)
- Procedures for data intelligent control of power load using FF are also suggested
- The controllers can provide
 - ★ Energy Efficiency
 - ★ Cost Minimization
 - ★ Emission Efficiency
 - ★ Peak Shaving
 - ★ Smart Grid demand (like ancillary services needs, ...)
- We have demonstrated a large potential in Demand Response. Automatic solutions, and end-user focus are important
- We see large problems with the tax and tariff structures in many countries (eg. Denmark; we are working on a new design of taxes and tariffs.



For more information ...

See for instance

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