

# Smart control of energy systems with PVT

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## Solutions

- Shift demand:
  - Dish washer, etc. (usually low demand)
- Store energy:
  - Thermal (hot water tank, DH grids and in building elements)
  - Chemically (batteries)

Problem: When to charge battery? when to run heat pump?

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HVAC in buildings, waste-water treatment, water management, ...

# ECONOMIC MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL (EMPC)

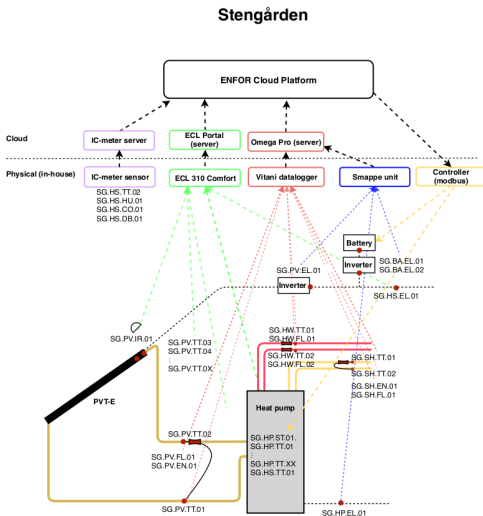
## Need to setup:

- A model of the system (keep as simple as needed)
- An objective function with constraints (usually the energy buy and selling costs, but could be any “penalty”)
- Forecasts of input variables to the model and objective function

## At every time step

- 1 Calculate forecasts:
  - Weather, generation, demand and price forecasts
- 2 Optimize the objective function:
  - Find the sequence ahead of control variables (CV) which optimize the objective function, while keeping constraints
- 3 Implement optimal CV until next step

# BIPVT-E SYSTEM WITH DTU BYG, COWI, RACELL



# PV WITH BATTERY

EMPC objective function and model with constraints:

$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{k=1}^N (\lambda_k g_k^- - \tau \lambda_k g_k^+) \quad (\text{cost sell} - \text{cost buy})$$

$$\text{subject to }_{1 \leq k \leq N} d_k = p_k + b_k^- - b_k^+ + g_k^- - g_k^+, \quad (\text{demand})$$

$$b_k = b_{k-1} + c_B b_k^+ - b_k^-, \quad (\text{Simple battery model})$$

$$0 \leq b_k \leq b_{\max}, \quad (\text{min. \& max. of bat.})$$

$$0 \leq b_k^+ \leq b_{\max}^+, \quad (\text{max. charge rate})$$

$$0 \leq b_k^- \leq b_{\max}^-, \quad (\text{max. discharge rate})$$

$$g_k^-, g_k^+ \geq 0. \quad (\text{buy \& sell positive})$$



# BIPVT-E EMPC FORECASTS

| INPUTS   | FORECAST MODEL                    | OUTPUT                      |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NWP (Ta,G)</li> <li>- Pel_hp</li> <li>- Pel_pv</li> </ul> | Electrical load of heat pump      | Pel_hp_hat                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NWP (Ta,G)</li> <li>- Pel_pv</li> </ul>                   | Power output of PV                | Pel_pv_hat                  |
| Must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pel_apl</li> <li>- NWP (Ta,G)</li> </ul>       | Power load of appliances          | Pel_apl_hat                 |
| ENFOR module   | Electricity prices (buy and sell) | Cel_buy_hat<br>Cel_sell_hat |

### Abbreviations:

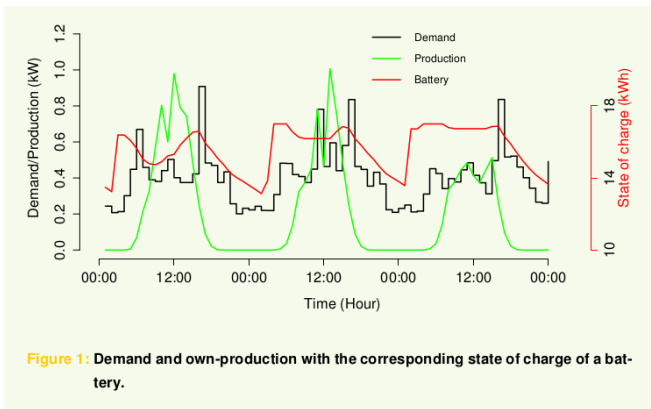
- NWP: weather forecast
- T: temperature
- P: power
- G: global radiation
- I: radiation
- W: wind
- S: State

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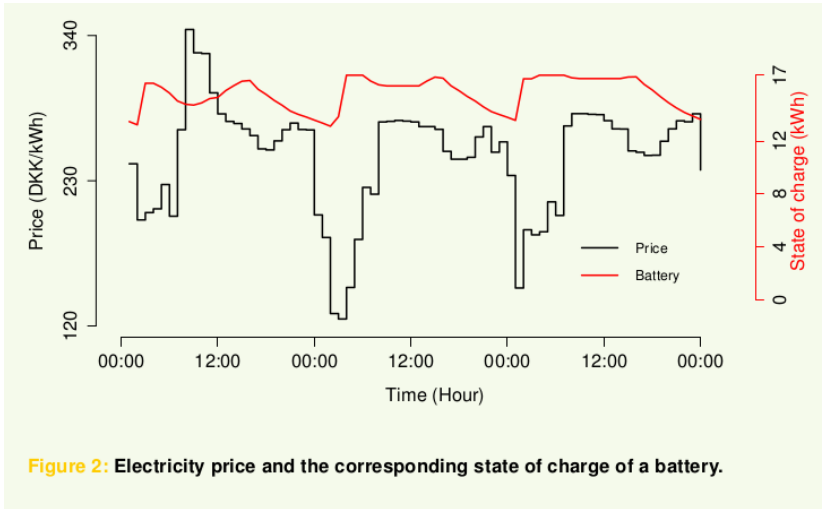
- a: ambient
- i: indoor
- d: diffuse or direction
- b: beam
- el: electrical
- oc: of charge
- hp: heat pump
- pv: photovoltaic
- apl: appliances
- bat: battery

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# PV WITH BATTERY (SIMULATIONS)



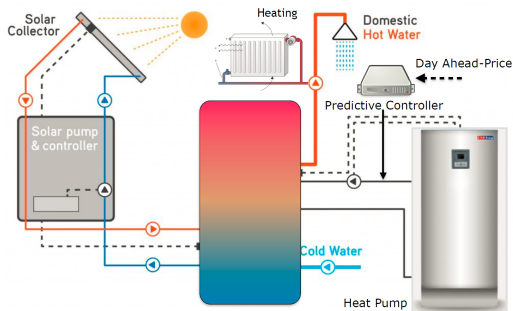
# PV WITH BATTERY



**Figure 2:** Electricity price and the corresponding state of charge of a battery.

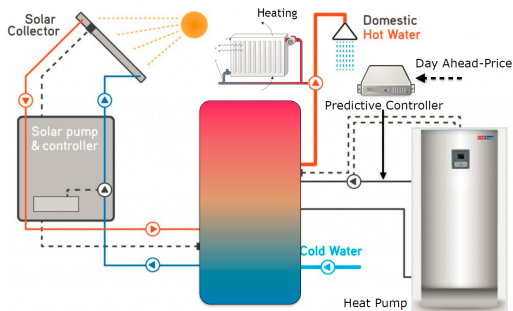
## IPower og CITIES projektet (Jacopo Parvizi): Grundfos Test Facility, the heating system is composed of the following elements:

- 600 l Stratified Hot Water Tank
- 7.2 m<sup>2</sup> Solar Thermal Collector
- Heat Pump - 7kW with Variable Speed Compressor
- Domestic Hot Water Grundfos Fresh Water Module
- District Heating Backup
- Local Weather Station
- Kamstrup Multical Heat Meters



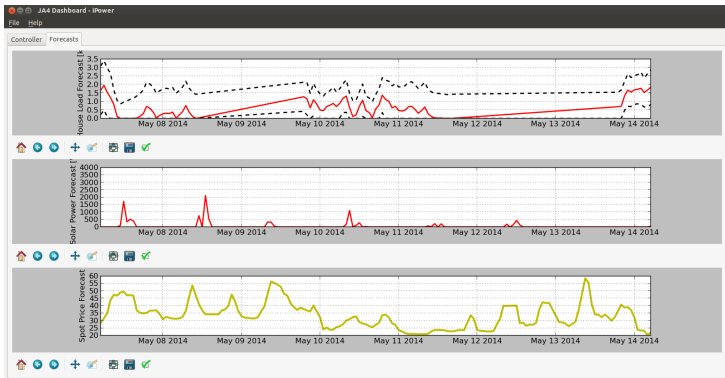
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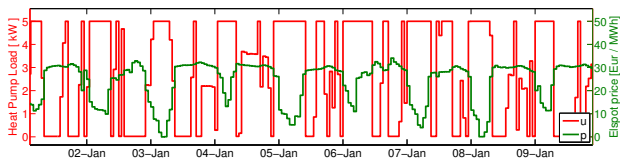
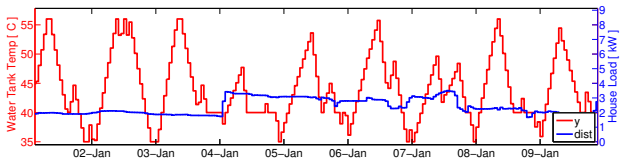
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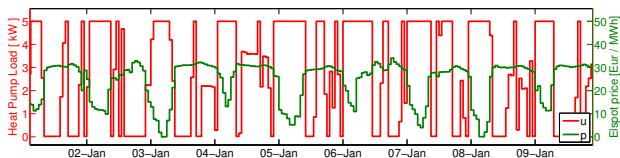
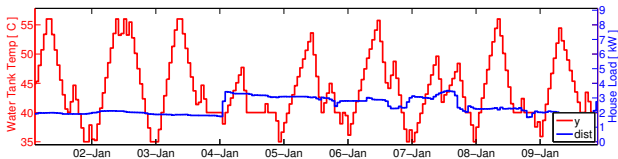
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## Savings achieved with EMPC (two scenarios: varying price and flat price)

|                  | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------------|------|------|
| EMPC var. tariff | 11%  | 16%  |
| EMPC flat tariff | 3%   | 8%   |

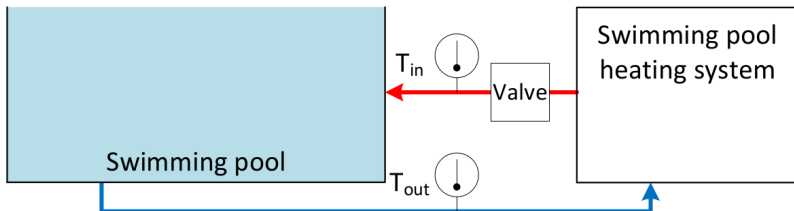




# POOL SUMMERHOUSES FROM THE PROJECT

## SMARTNET

Control of heating of swimming pools in summer houses, using the pool as the heat storage:



# POOLSOMMERHUSE FRA PROJEKTET SMARTNET

The EMPC buy electricity when the price is low:

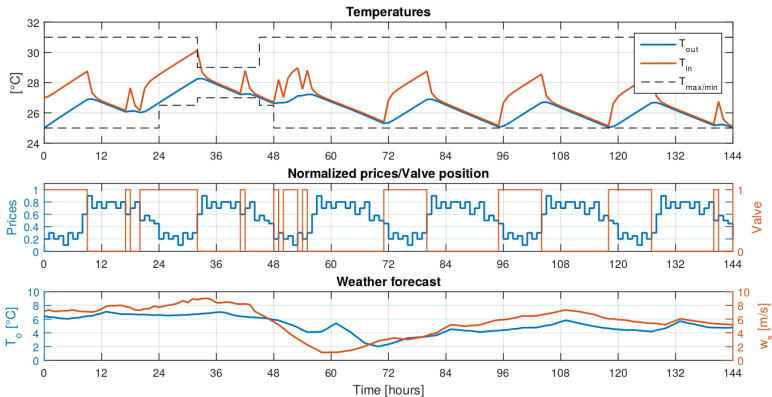


Fig. 3. Simulation results.

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- Forecasting software (R package)
  - Grey-box modelling (R package ([ctsmr: ctsm.info](http://ctsmr.ctsm.info)))
  - Many optimization implementations are available (easy with linear models: linear programming)

# SUMMER SCHOOL AT DTU

## Time Series Analysis - with a focus on modelling and forecasting in energy systems

Summer School Announcement

Venue: DTU, Copenhagen, Denmark

Date: August 26-30, 2019

To integrate renewable and fluctuating power generation sources we need to model, forecast and optimize the operation of distributed energy resources, hence we need self tuning models for each component in the system. Eg. for a building with PV and a heat pump, one will need a model from weather forecasts and control variables to: PV power, heat pump load and the indoor temperature in the building. These, together with electricity prices, can then be used for MPC of the heat pump to shift its load to match the generation of power. There are many other applications of data-driven models, eg. performance assessment, flexibility characterization, and fault-detection; these topics will also be presented. The statistical techniques behind the models will be elaborated, with focus on non-parametric (eg. kernels and splines) models, discrete and continuous time models (grey-box modelling with SDEs).

We will use R and provide exercises to get a "hands-on" experience with the techniques. The summer school will be held at DTU in the days 26. to 30. of August, 2018. PhD students completing the course will achieve 2.5 ECTS points. There will be a fee of 250 Euros for students (higher for industry participants).

A student who has met the learning objectives of the course will be able to:

- Achieve thorough understanding of maximum likelihood estimation techniques.
- Formulate and apply non-parametric models using kernel functions and splines - with focus on solar and occupancy effects.
- Formulate and apply time adaptive models.
- Formulate and apply models for short-term forecasting in energy systems, e.g. for heat load in buildings, electrical power from PV and wind systems.
- Application of statistical model selection techniques (F-test, likelihood-ratio tests, model validation).
- Formulate and apply grey-box models - model identification - tests for model order and model validation, and advanced non-linear models.
- Achieve understanding of model predictive control (MPC) - via applied examples on energy systems.
- Achieve understanding of flexibility functions and indices.

Following the summer school we will offer the students to work on a larger and practical related problem, and based upon an agreement with the teachers this can lead to 5 ECTS. The summer school held at DTU in collaboration with NTNU, as well as IEA EBC Annex 67 and 71. The summer school is arranged by the centers CITIES <http://smart-cities-centre.org> and ZEN <http://zenlab.no/tema/teknologi/>.

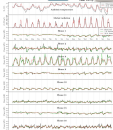
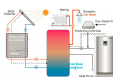
**Registration via (do both): [PhD registration](#) and [Conference manager](#)**

0280: Course number and title: 0280 Time Series Analysis - with a focus on Modelling and Forecasting in Energy Systems

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### Control and Optimization



$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{u}} & \phi = \sum_{i=1}^N V(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i) \\ \text{Subject to} & \quad \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{d}_i \\ & \quad \mathbf{u}_i \in \mathcal{U}_i \\ & \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\max} \leq \mathbf{x}_i \leq \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\min} \\ & \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{\max} \leq \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i \leq \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{\min} \\ & \quad \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_{\max} \leq \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_i \leq \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_{\min} \end{aligned}$$

