



BUSINESS CASES FOR DISTRIBUTED MULTI-ENERGY SYSTEMS

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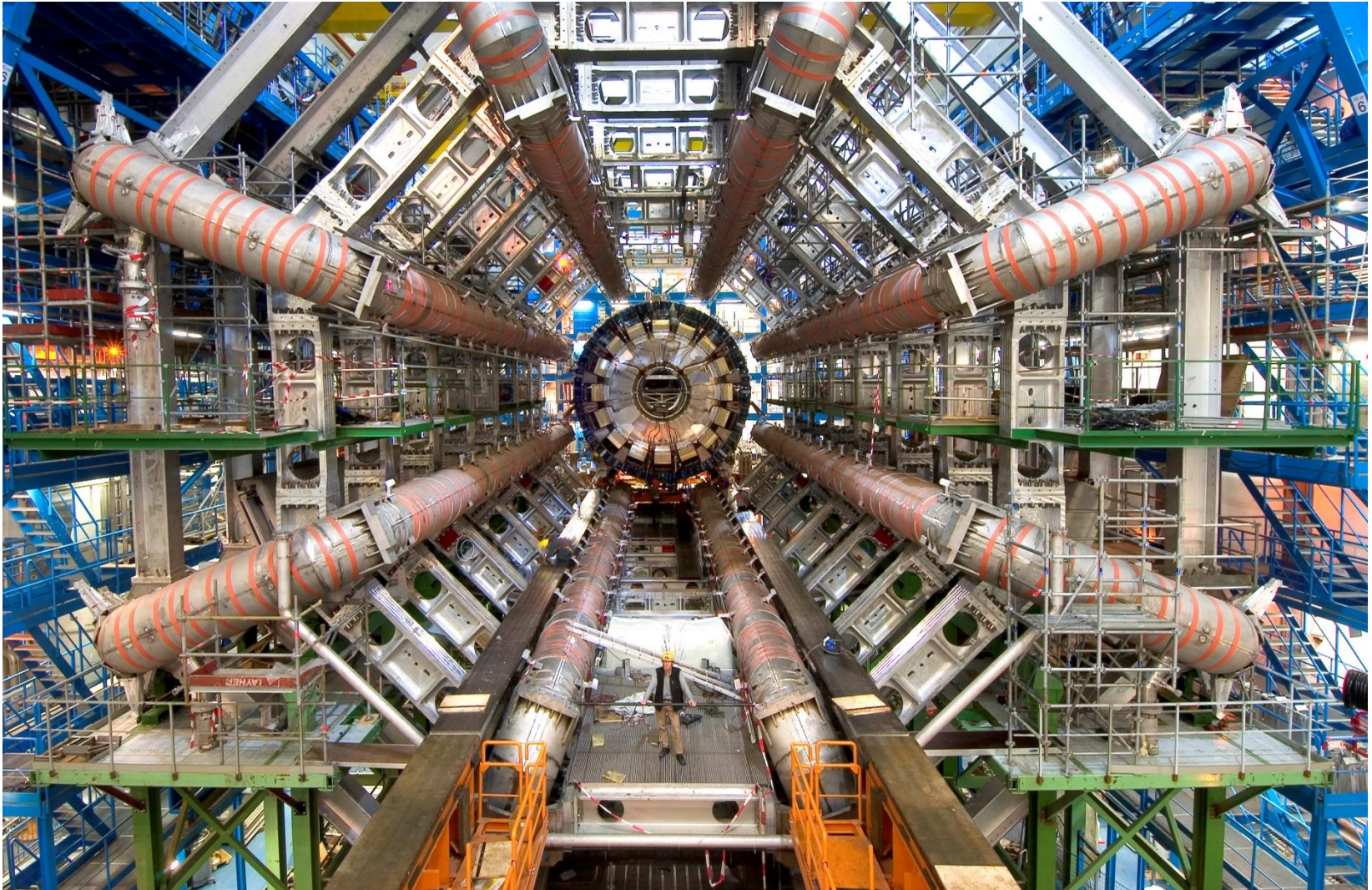
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Why are we talking about business cases?



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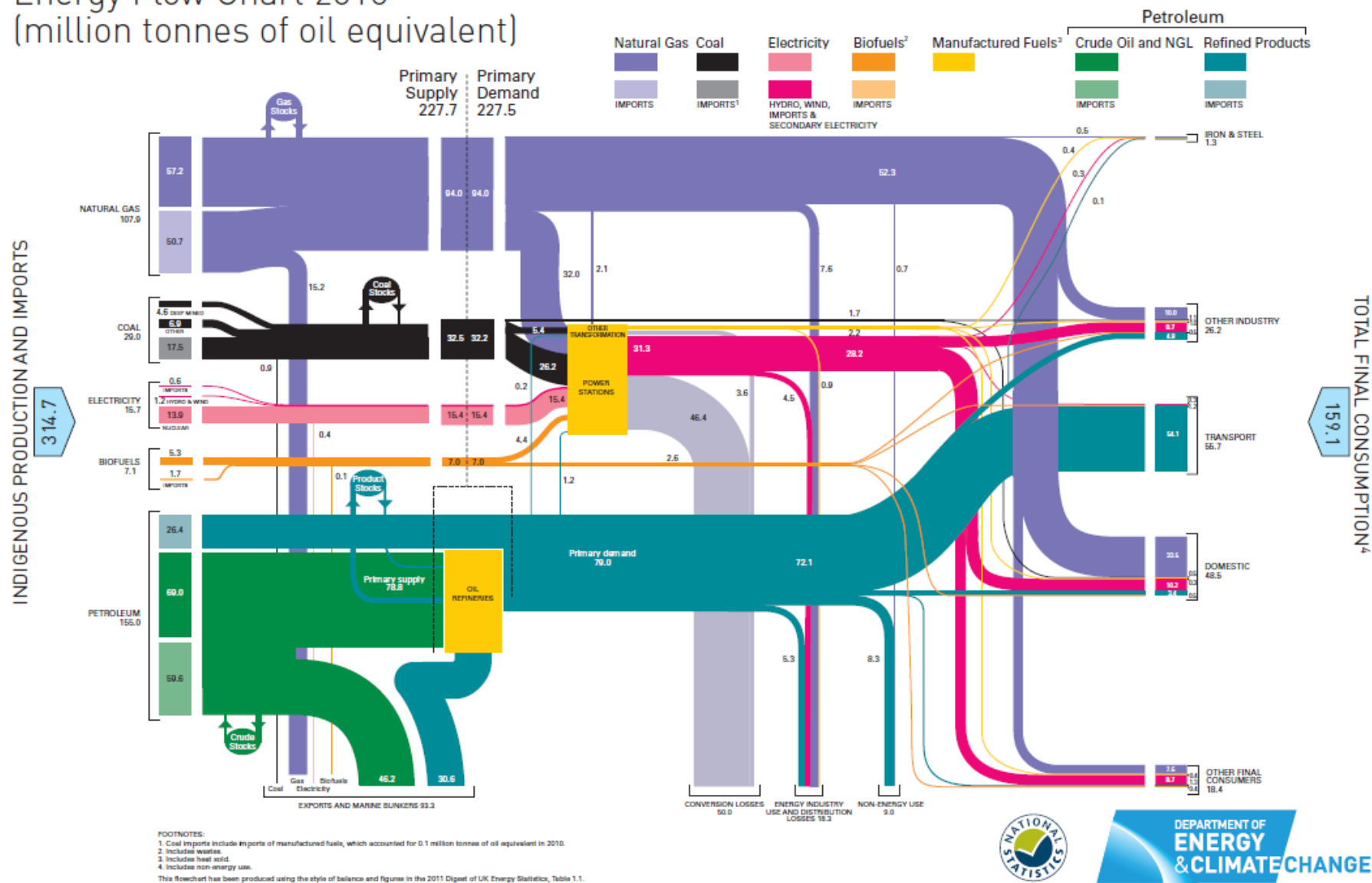
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Context and challenges

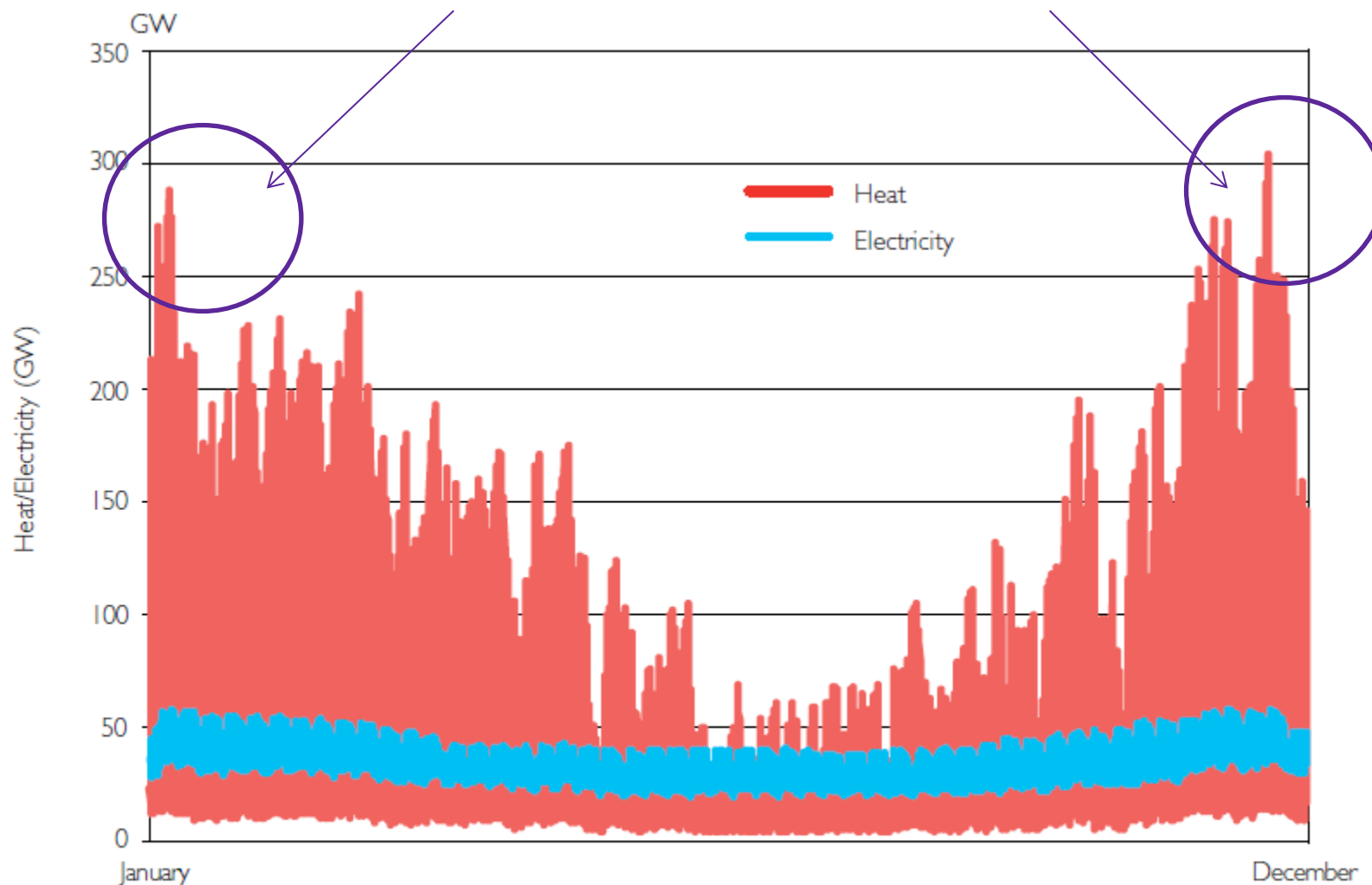
- Challenging environmental targets
- Economic and financial uncertainty
- Increasing need for flexibility and provision of security in lower inertia systems
- Major contribution to energy consumption and GHG emissions coming from non-electrical usage
- Classical de-coupling of energy vectors and services is environmentally and economically inefficient
- By 2050, over 70% of the world population will live in cities
 - Opportunity for Energy Systems Integration (ESI) in (smart) buildings, districts, cities

It's not only about electricity

Energy Flow Chart 2010
(million tonnes of oil equivalent)



A glance into the future: Electrification



Source: Courtesy of Imperial College. For illustrative purposes only and based on actual half-hourly electricity demand from National Grid and an estimate of half hourly heat demand.

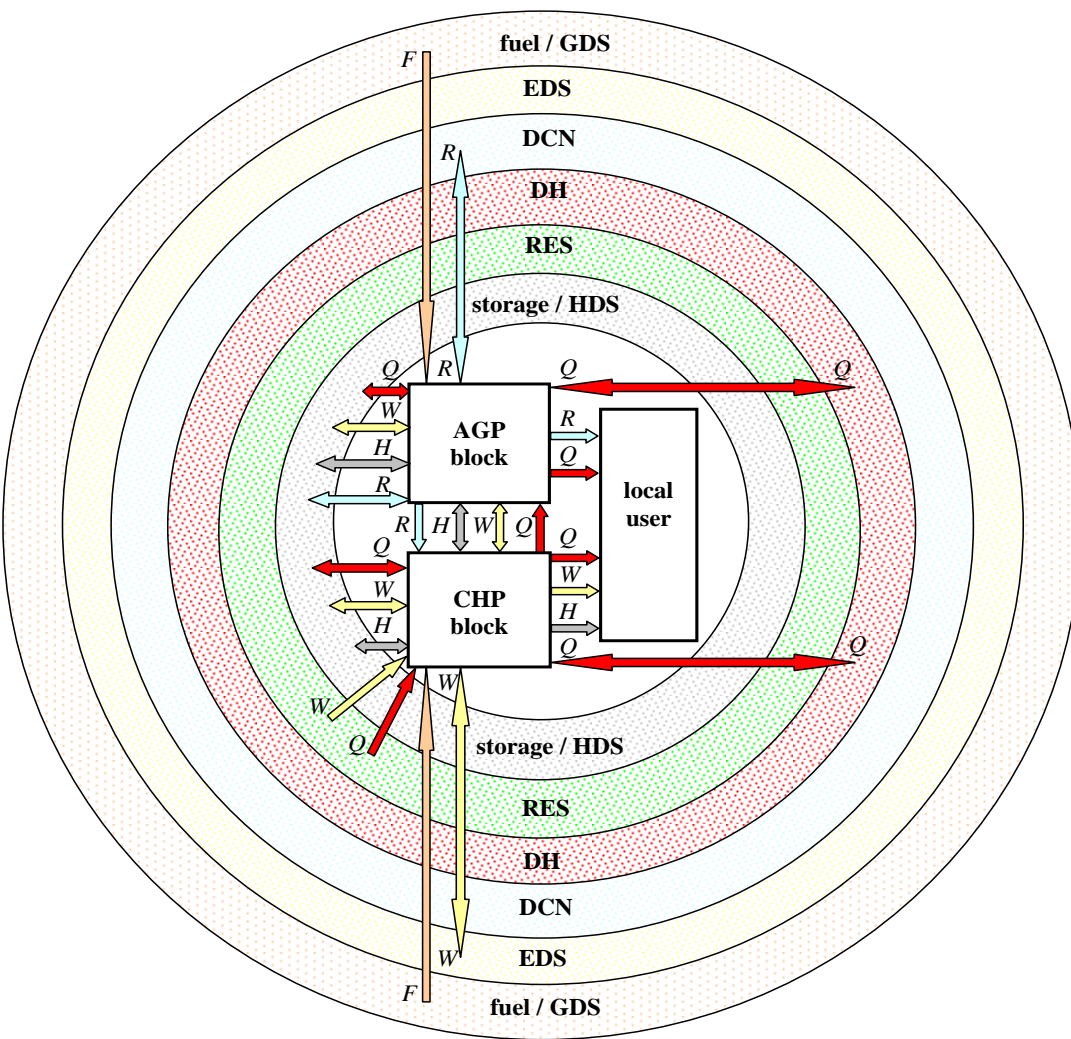
Rethinking the energy system: The Smart Multi-energy Grid Vision

- *Integration* as opposed to *Electrification*
- Heat recovery, alternative means for cooling production at the distributed level
- *Flexibility* from energy vector switching
- Economy of scale if coupled to district energy systems
- Can we rethink the overall energy system from a multi-energy perspective and enhance environmental and economic performance, and system flexibility and reliability?
- Distributed multi-energy systems, including Microgrids and District Energy Systems, offer an ideal opportunity for energy infrastructure and ESI at a decentralized level

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A Smart Multi-energy Grid vision



AGP – Additional Generation Block

CHP – Combined Heat and Power

DCN – District Cooling Network

DH – District Heating

EDS – Electricity Distribution System

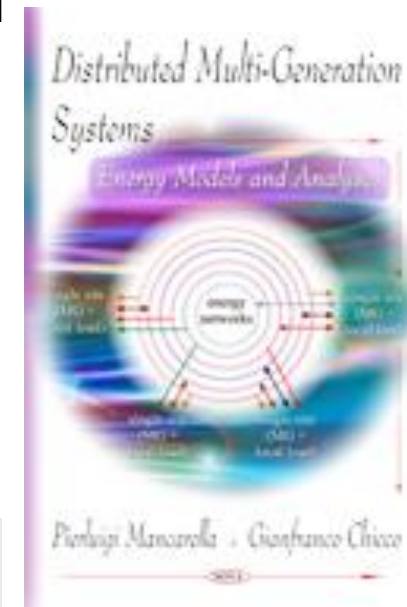
GDS – Gas Distribution System

HDS – Hydrogen Distribution Network

MG – Multi-Generation

W – electricity, Q – heat, R – cooling

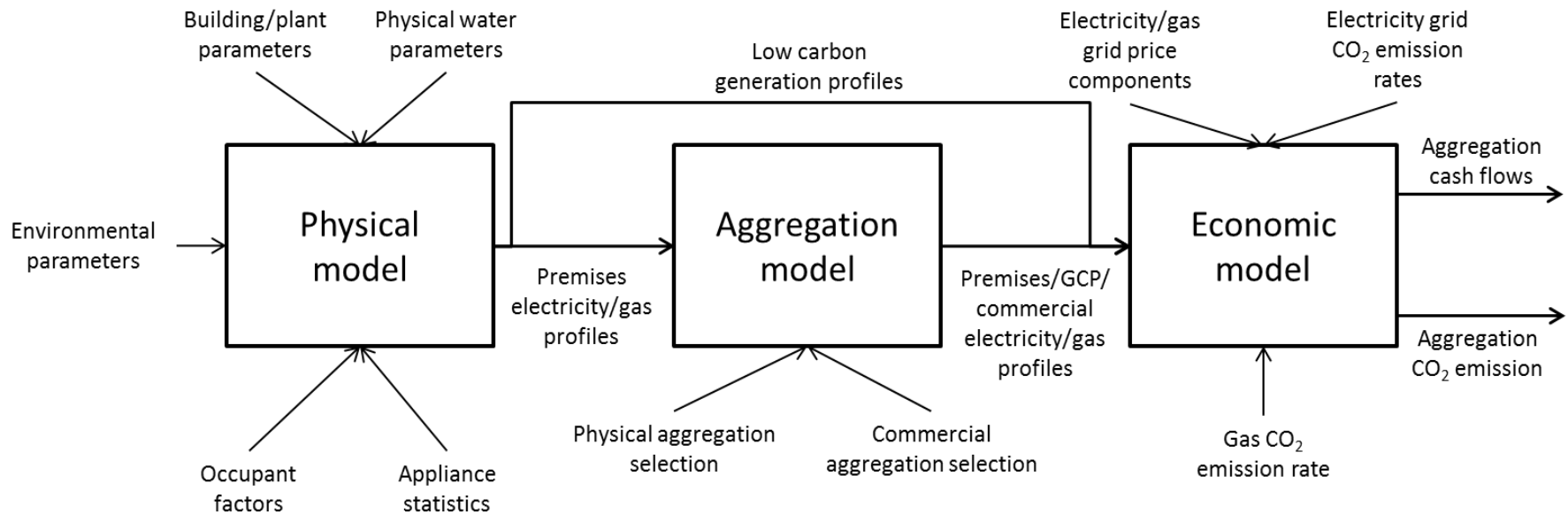
H – hydrogen, F - Fuel



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Techno-economic modelling of distributed multi-energy systems

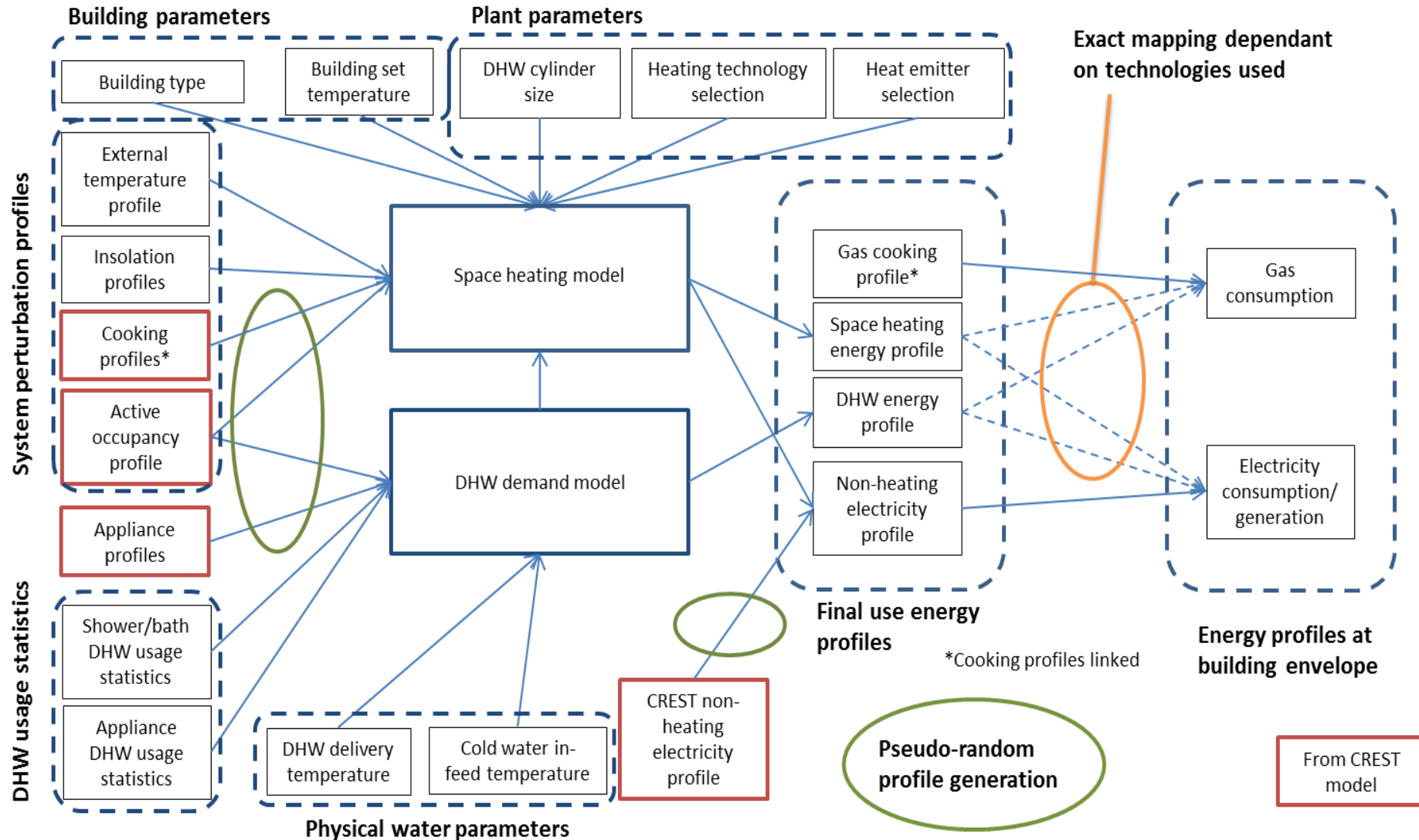


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Setting up a business case framework for distributed multi-energy systems

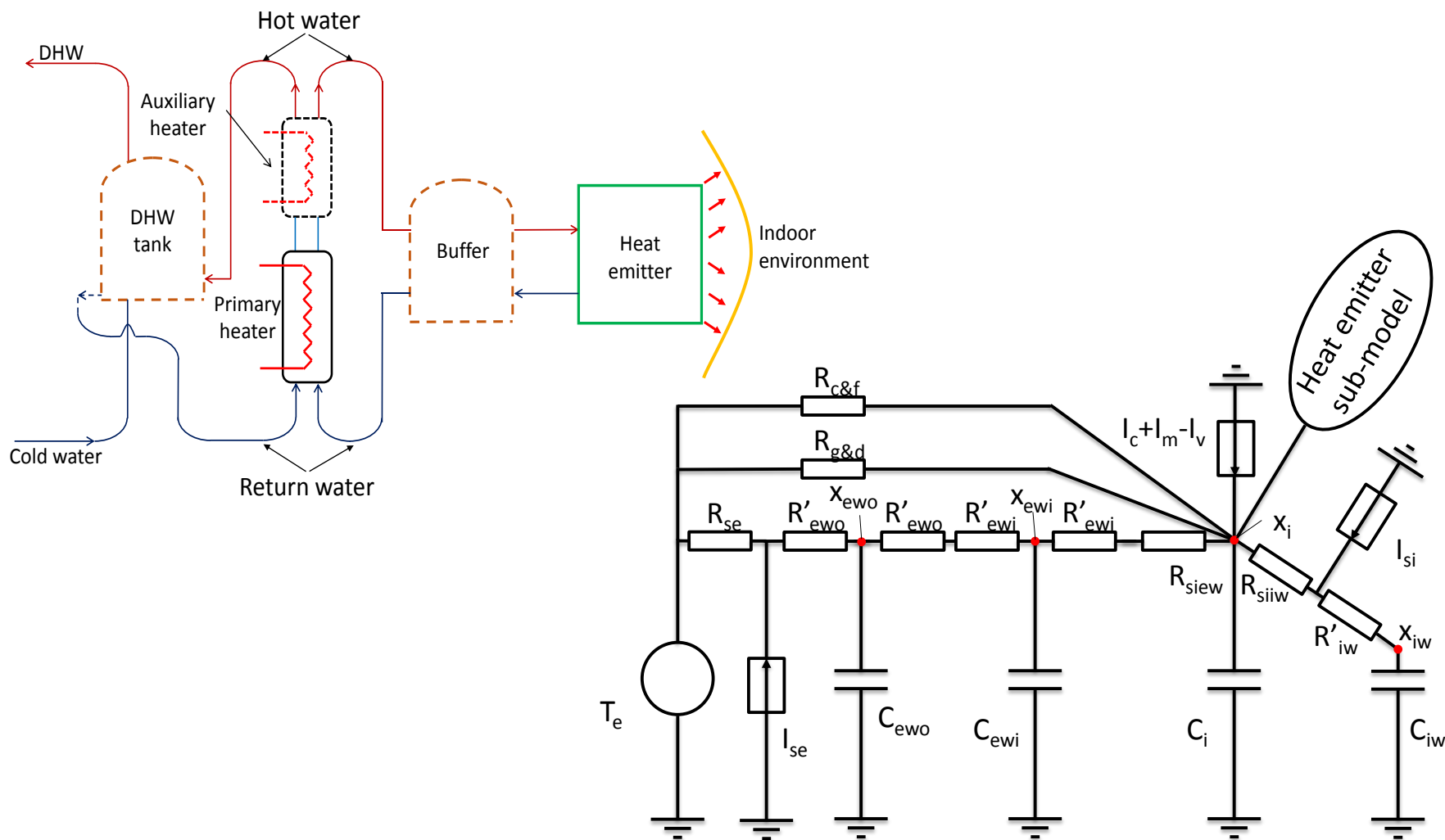
- Physical modelling
 - Demand
 - Network multi-vector energy flows
- Flexibility analysis
 - Physical
 - Economic
- Where is value extracted from (cash flows analysis)
 - Markets
 - Commercial arrangements and actors
- How is the value allocated across the actors (“mapping”)
 - Internally (unlocking flexibility)
 - Externally (value chain)
- How are enabling facilities invested into?
 - Cost Benefit Analysis

Physical modelling of demand



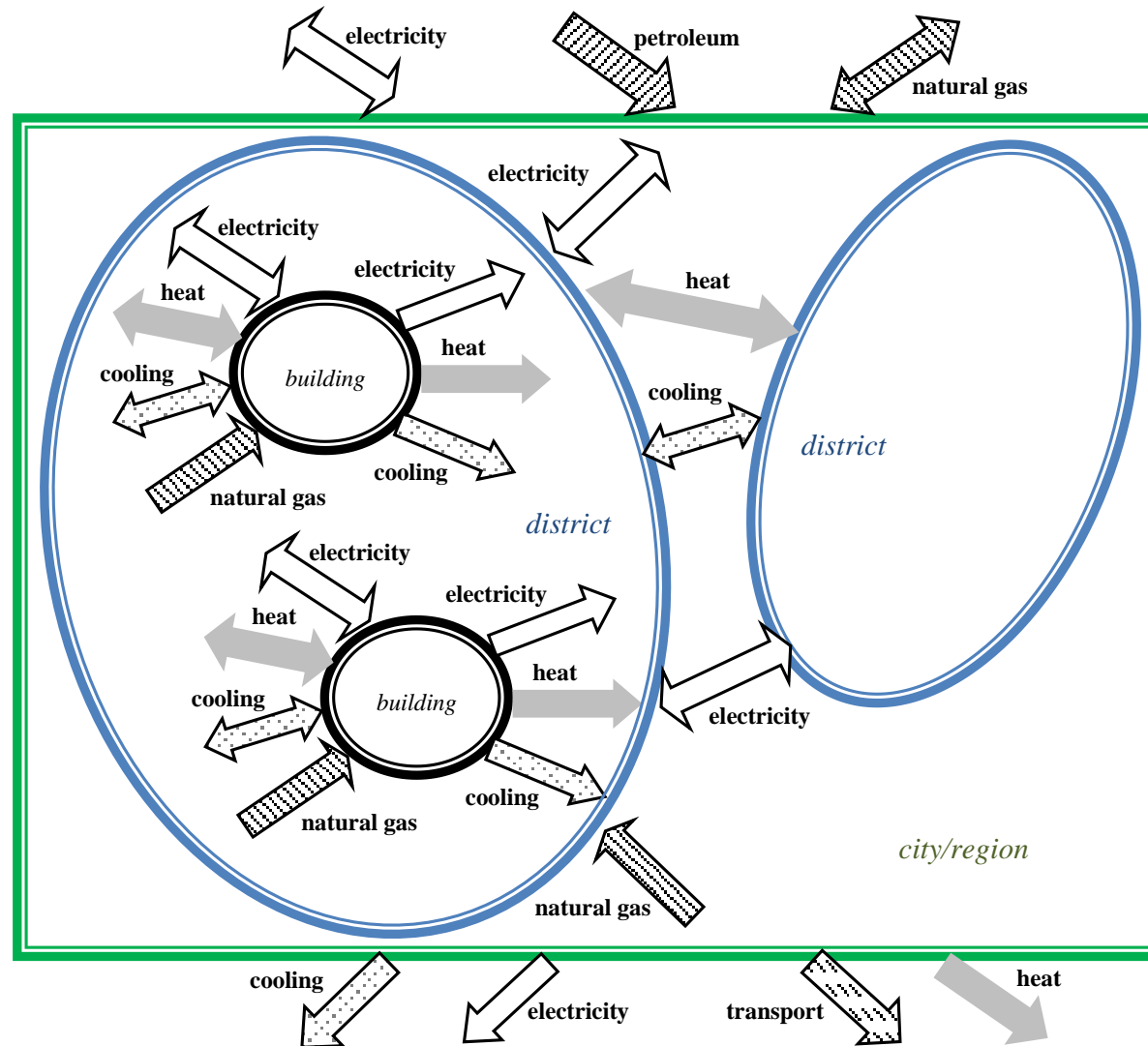
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Reduced order building models



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Aggregation: from buildings to districts



Multi-vector distributed energy network modelling

- Incidence matrices of each network (“local” topology)
- Network coupling through conversion components (“global” topology)
- Newton-Raphson solutions of coupled multi-vector equations:
 - Active and reactive power (voltages and angles)
 - Heat mass flow rates and temperatures
 - Gas volume flow rates
- Tool implemented in Matlab with Excel interface
- “Real” and “virtual” sensors

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Physical Flows at the UoM

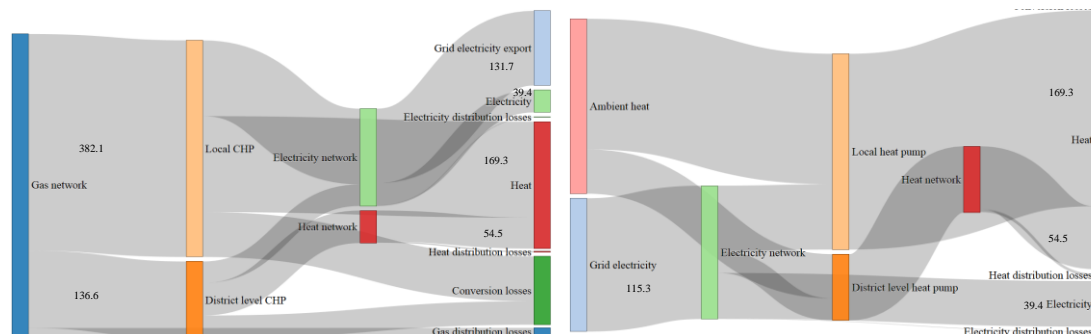
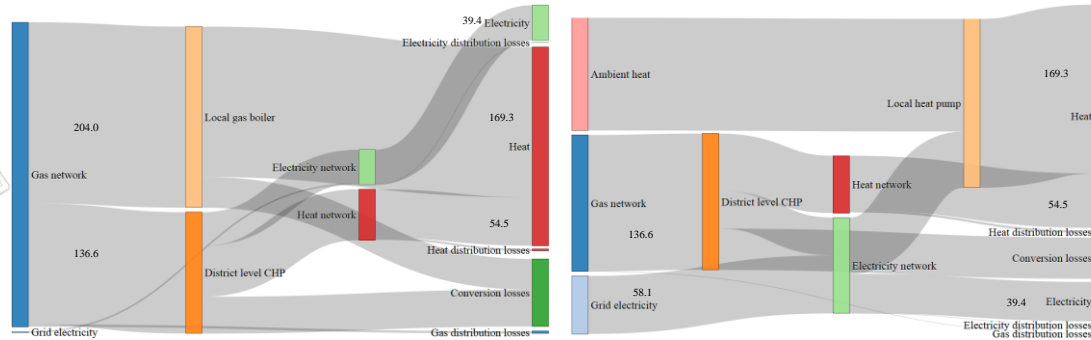
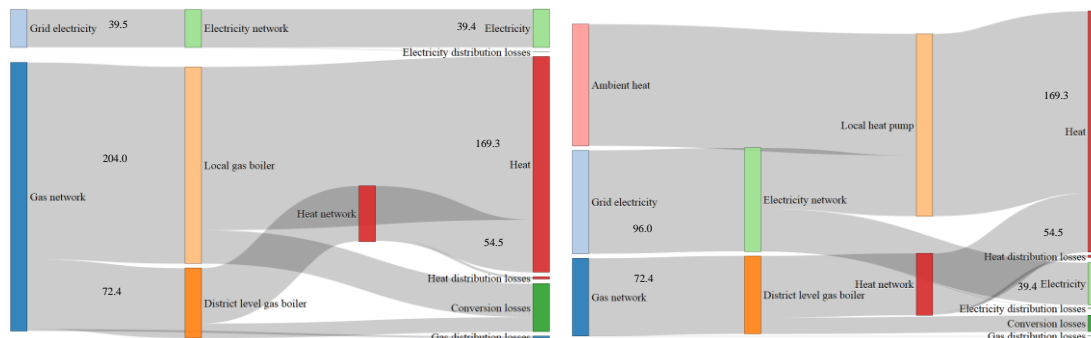
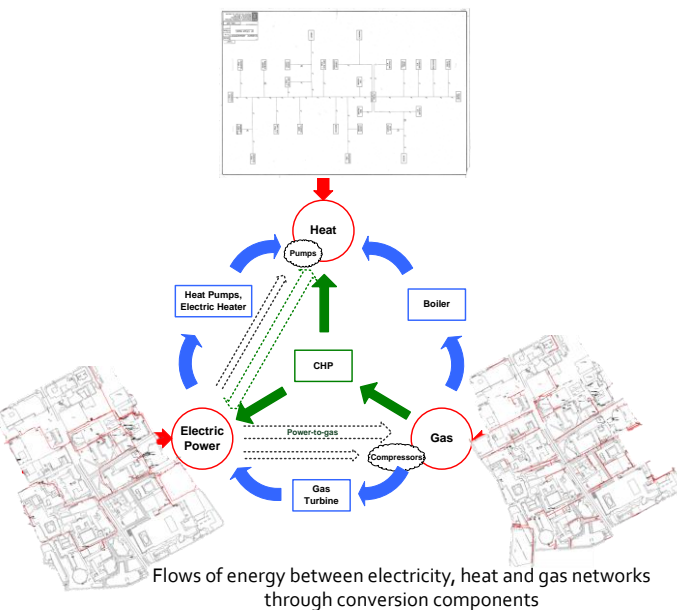
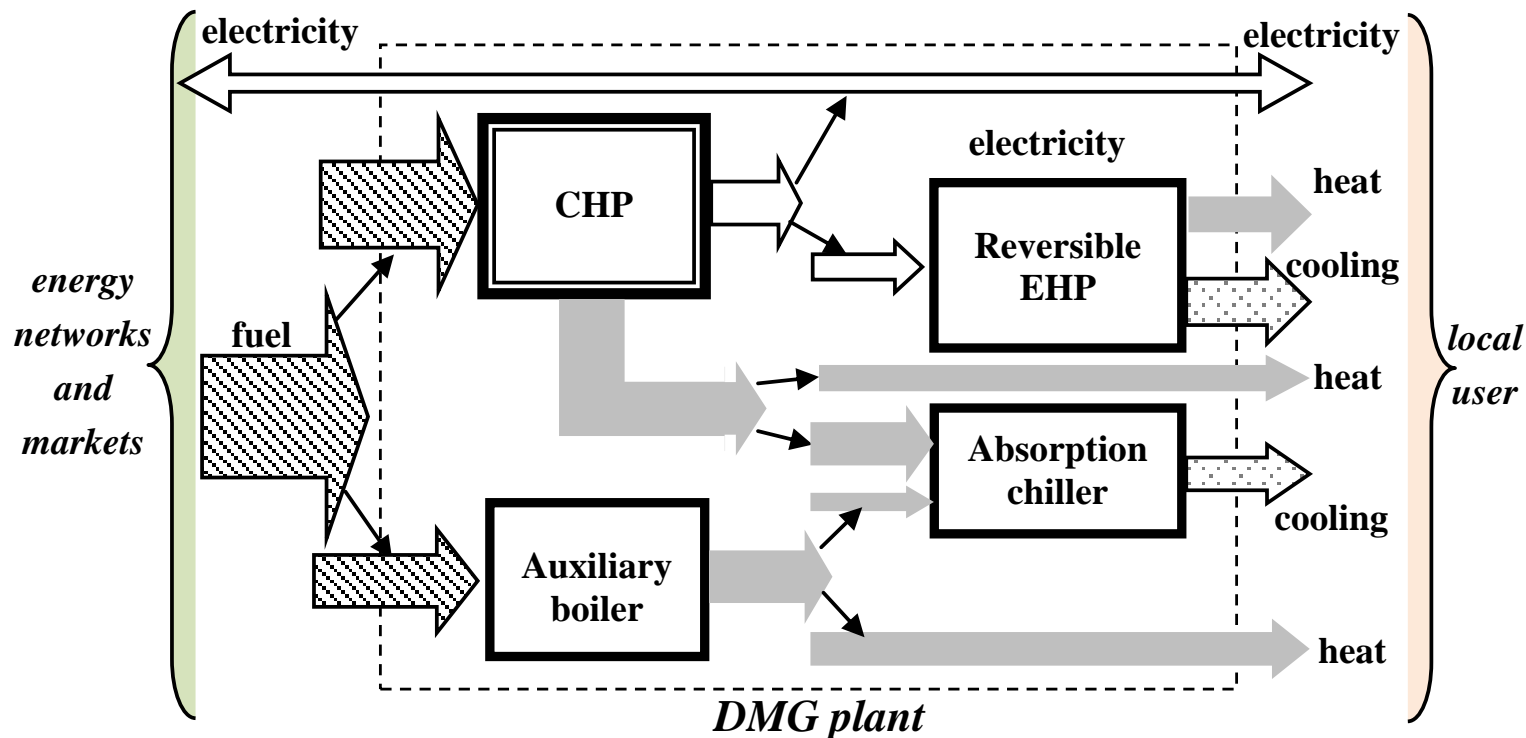


Figure 1: Flows of energy between electrical, heat and gas networks in total 24 hours for each Scenario

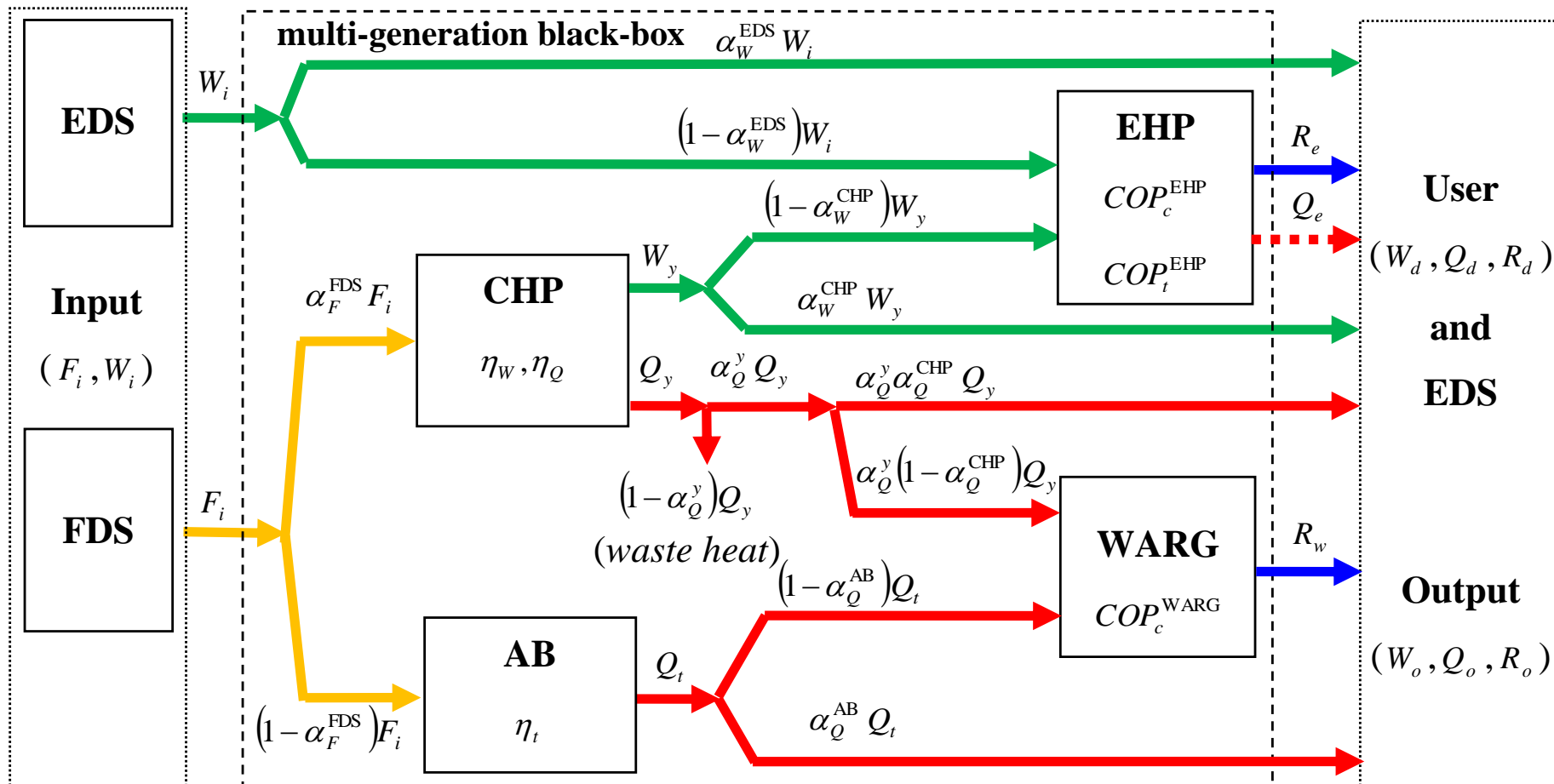
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Real time operational flexibility from Distributed Multi-Generation (DMG)



Generic black box “energy hub” model -> buildings, districts, cities, ...

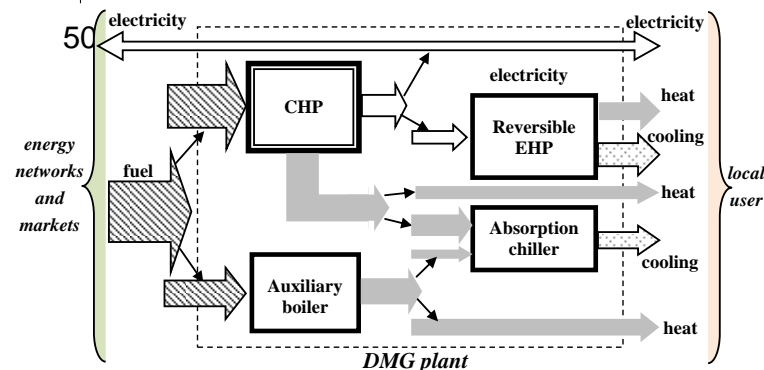
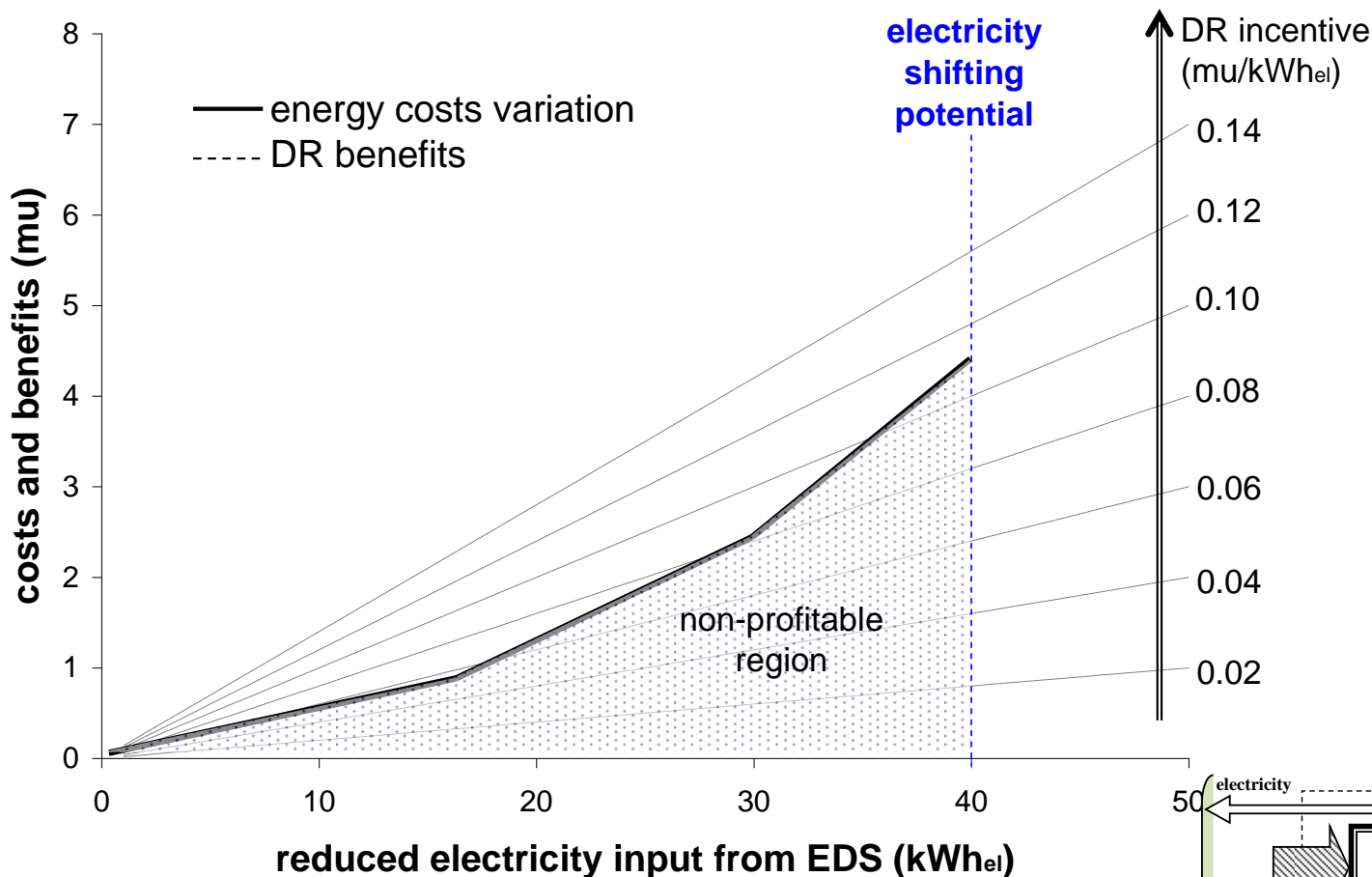
Flexibility in distributed multi-generation: Baseline optimization and *physical* flexibility



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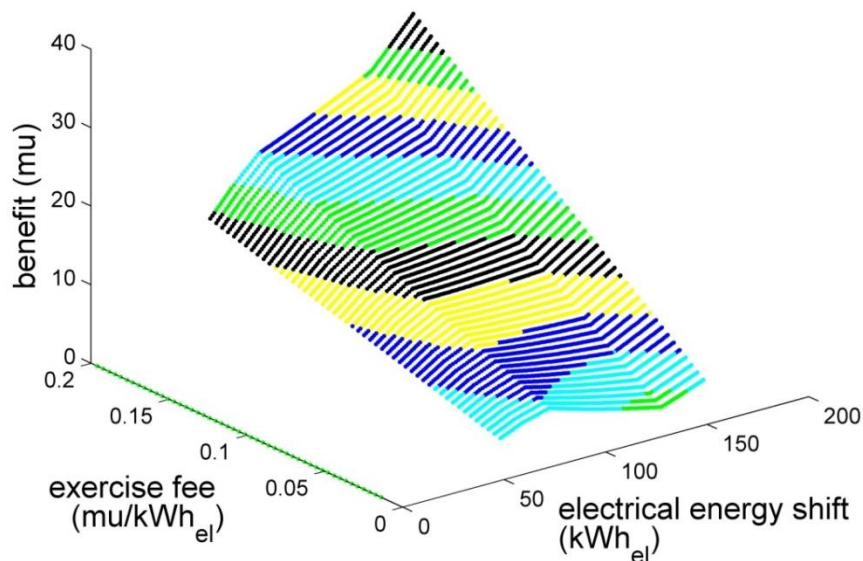
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Economic flexibility and real-time DR

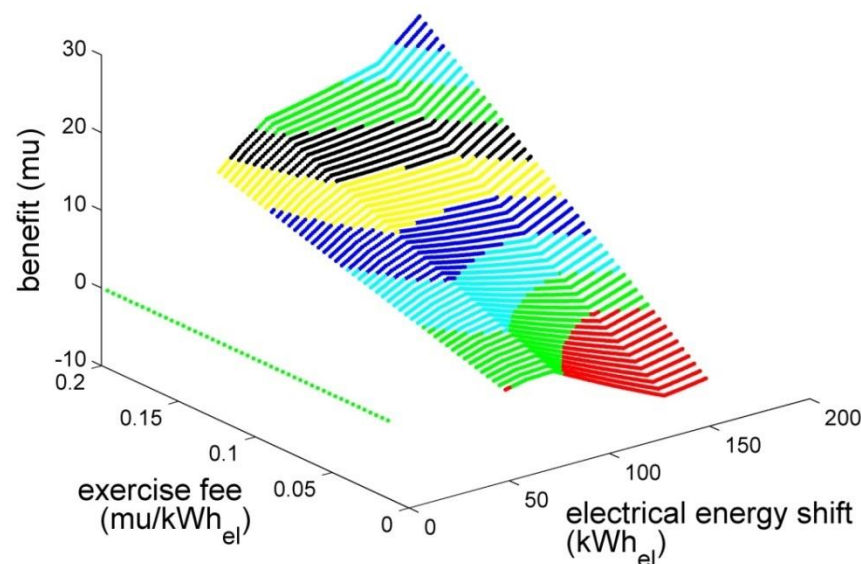


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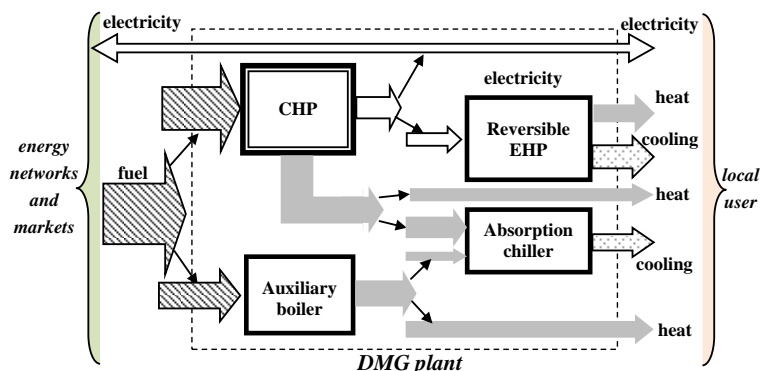
Provision of ancillary services: profitability maps



availability fee 0.05 $\mu/\text{kW}/\text{halfhour}$



availability fee 0.02 $\mu/\text{kW}/\text{halfhour}$



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Dealing with operational uncertainty: Multi-energy DR as Real options

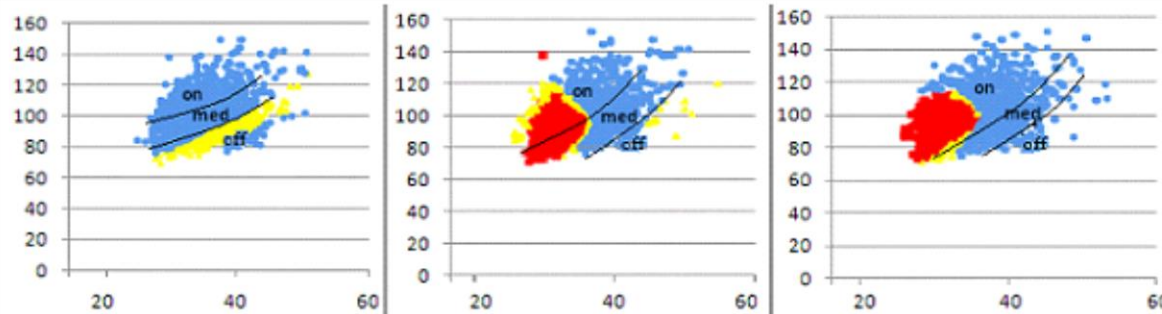
Strategy map for three times of day and for three levels of stored heat

1am

8am

12pm

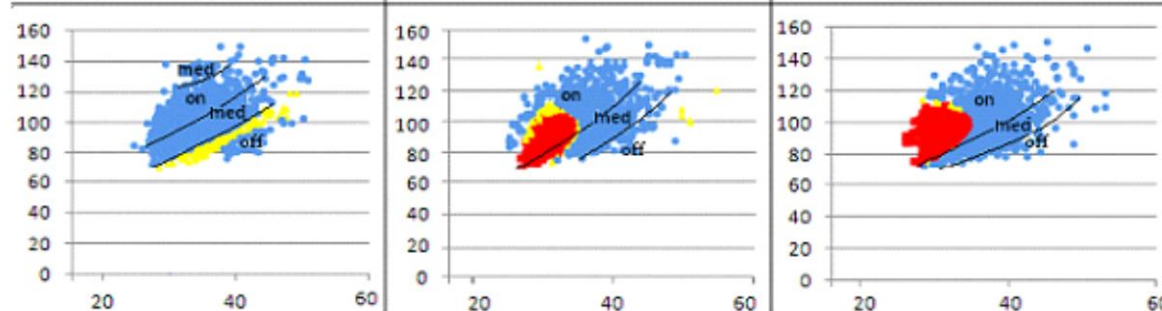
6MWh



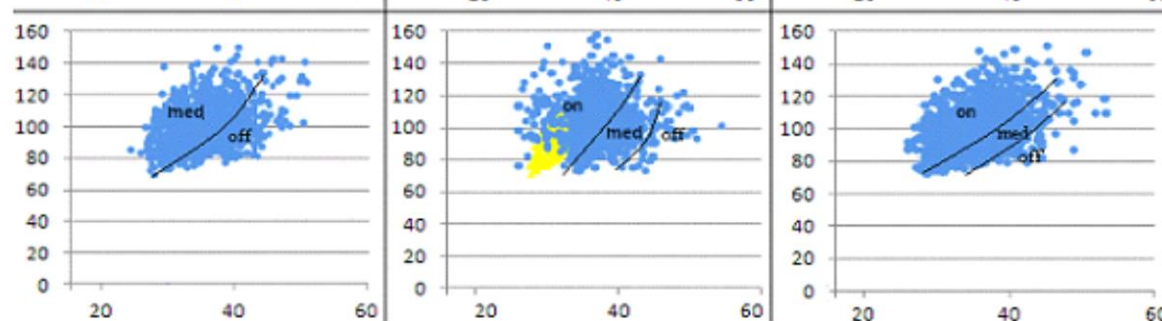
Total heat output
(boiler + CHP)

- low (0-3 MW)
- medium (3-6 MW)
- high (6-9 MW)

10.5MWh



15MWh



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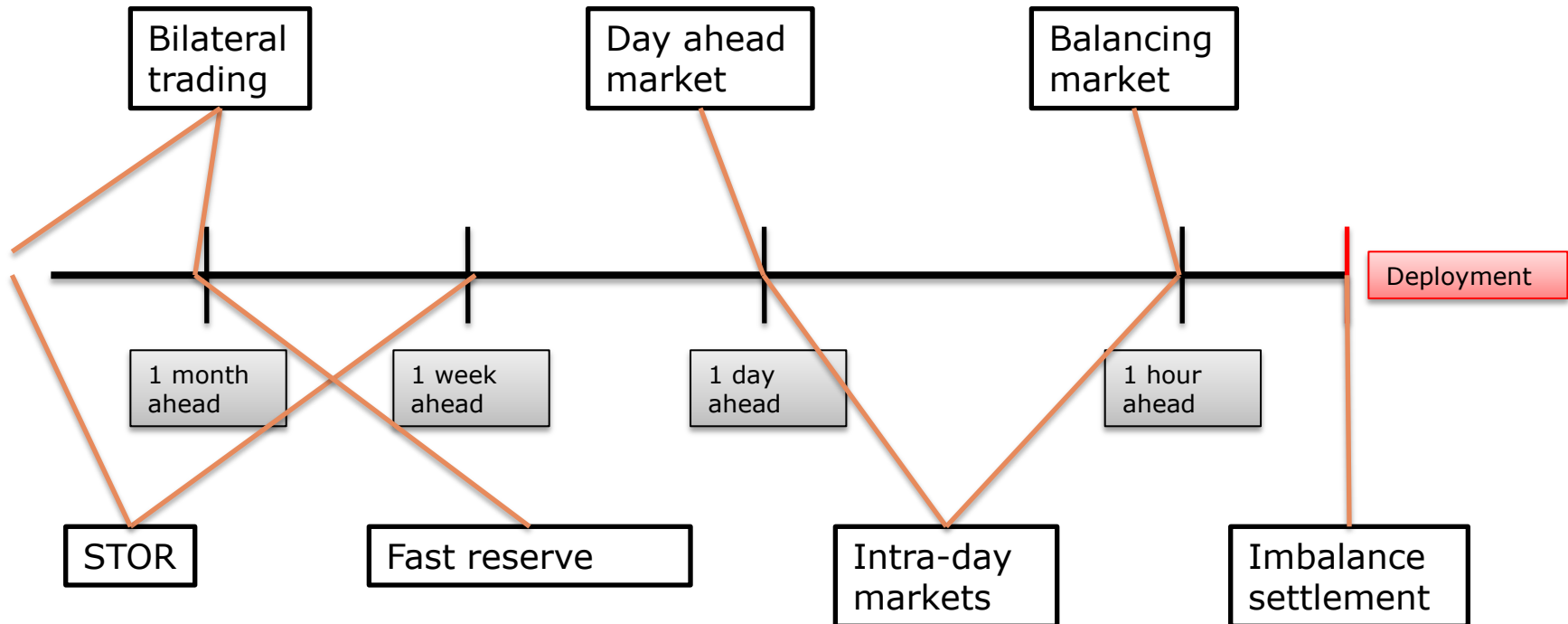
Where is value extracted from?

External market framework

- Electricity
 - Forward and day-ahead markets
 - Balancing markets, “real-time” markets
 - Ancillary services markets
 - “Network” markets
 - “Flexibility” markets
 - “Reliability” markets
- Gas
- Comfort (temperature, ventilation, ... -> heat/cooling)
- Energy externalities (emissions/efficiency)

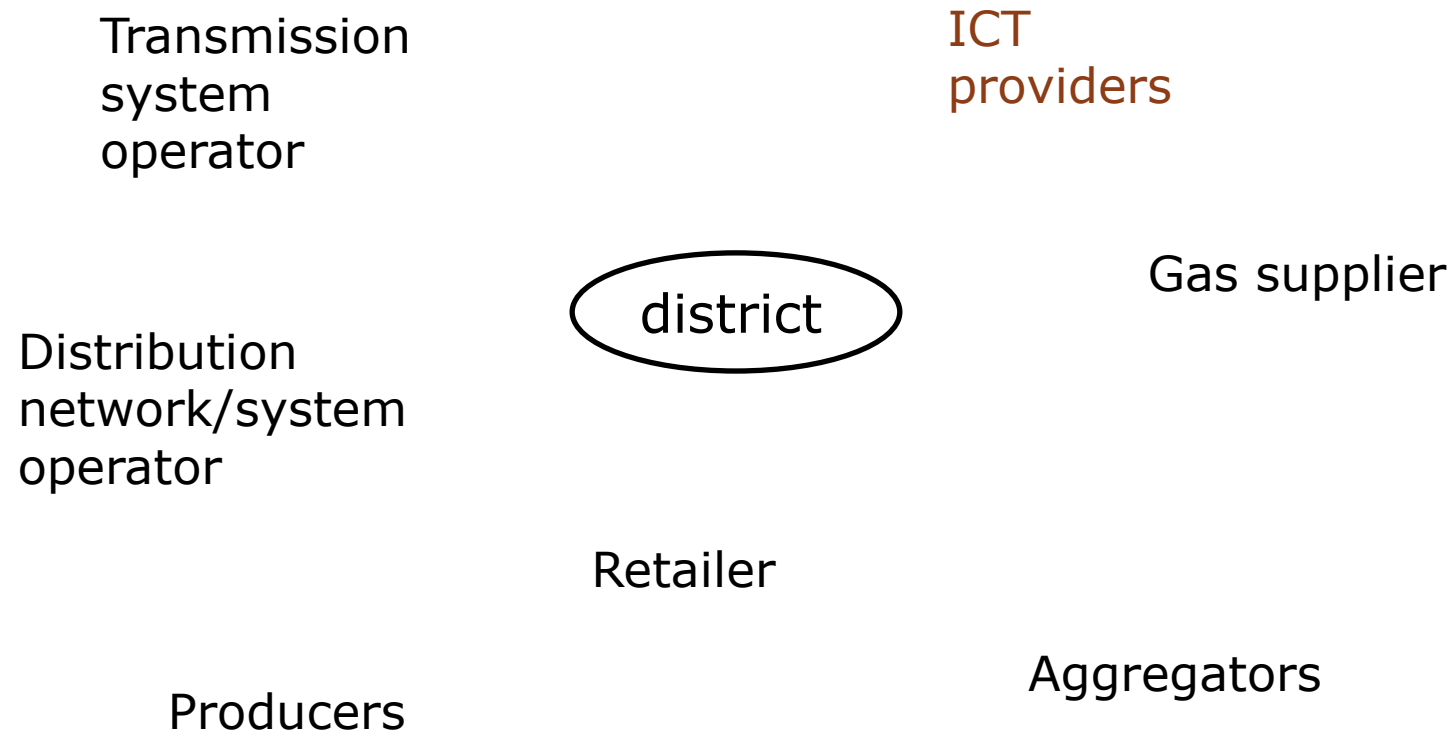
External market framework: example

External market frameworks dictate the process by which values and costs are created

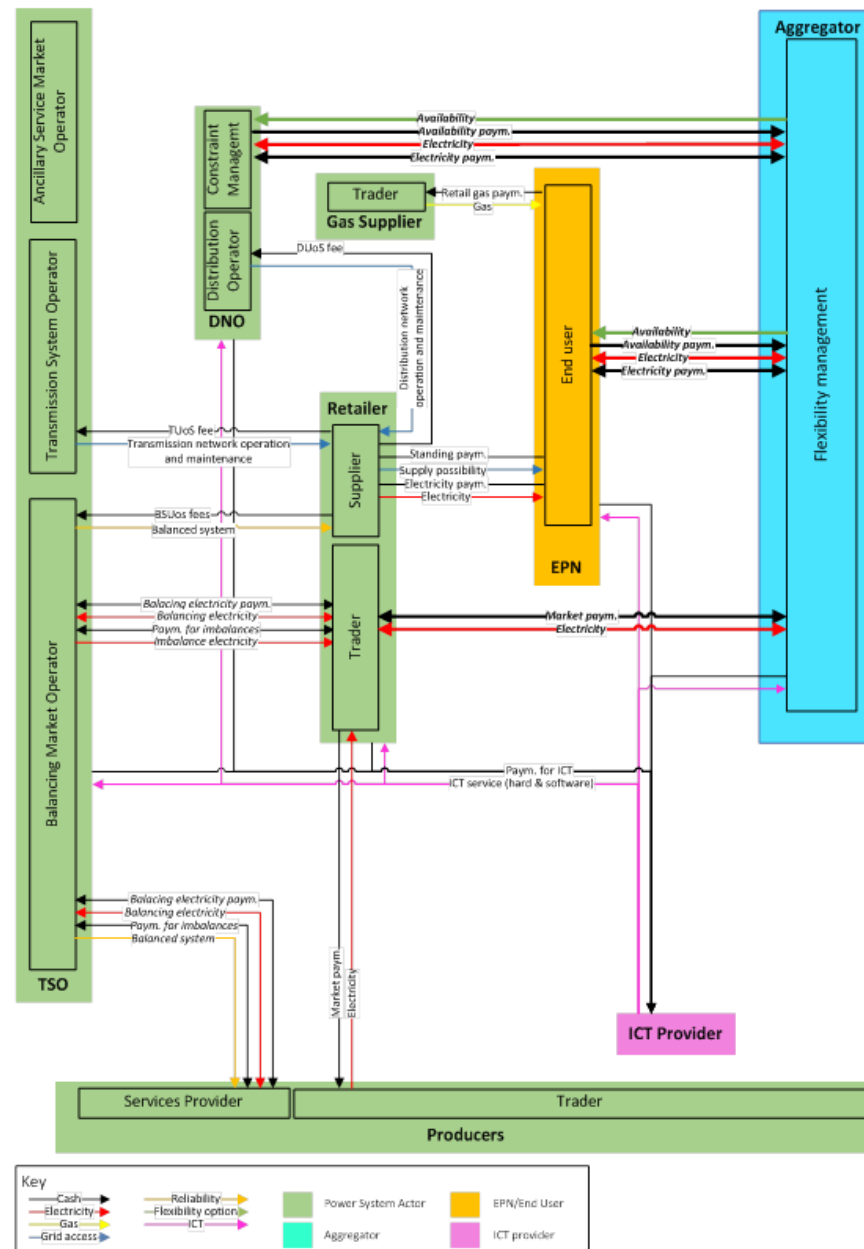


Commercial structures and Actors

External actors



Example: external flow mapping

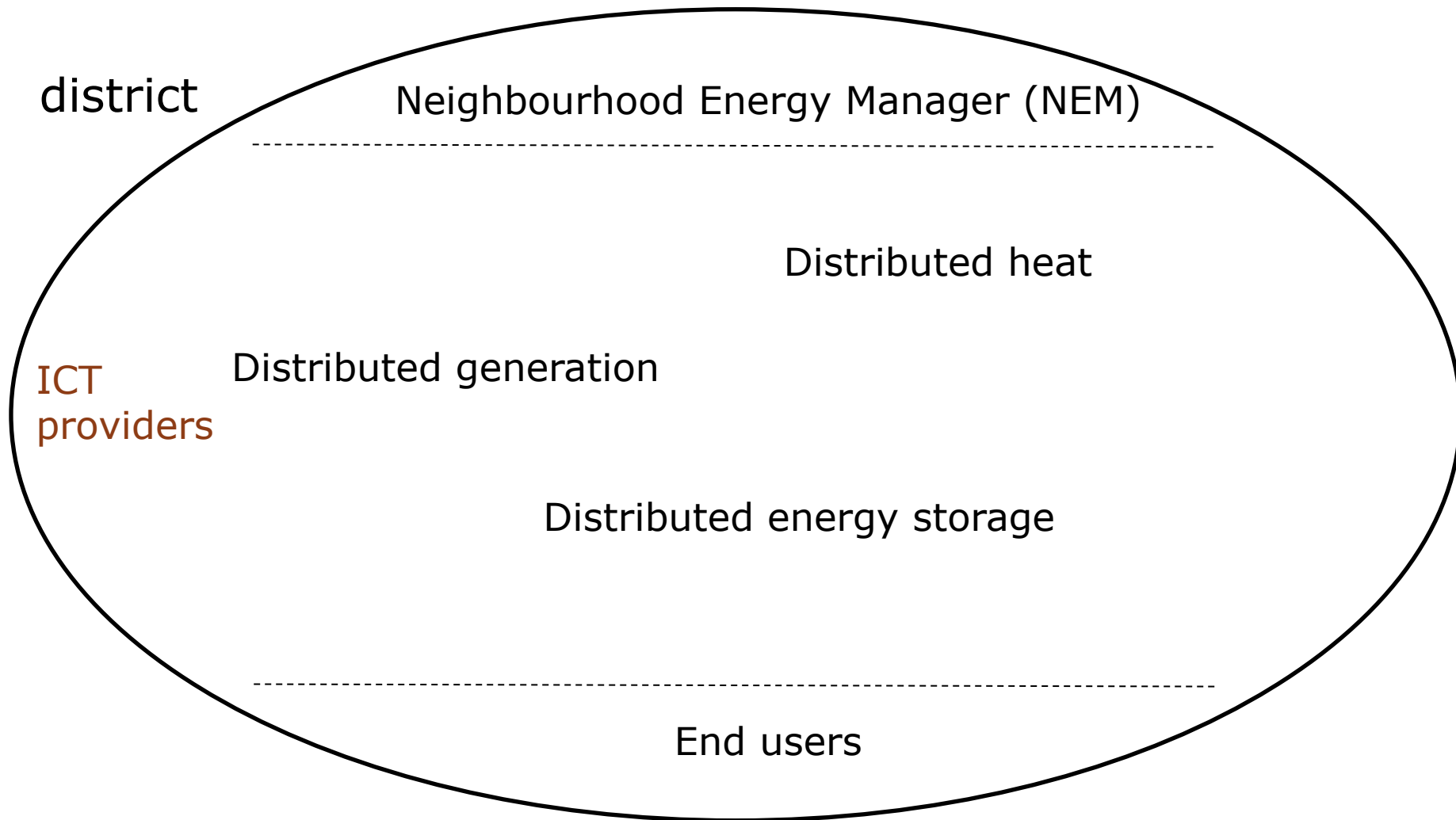


Example: interaction matrix

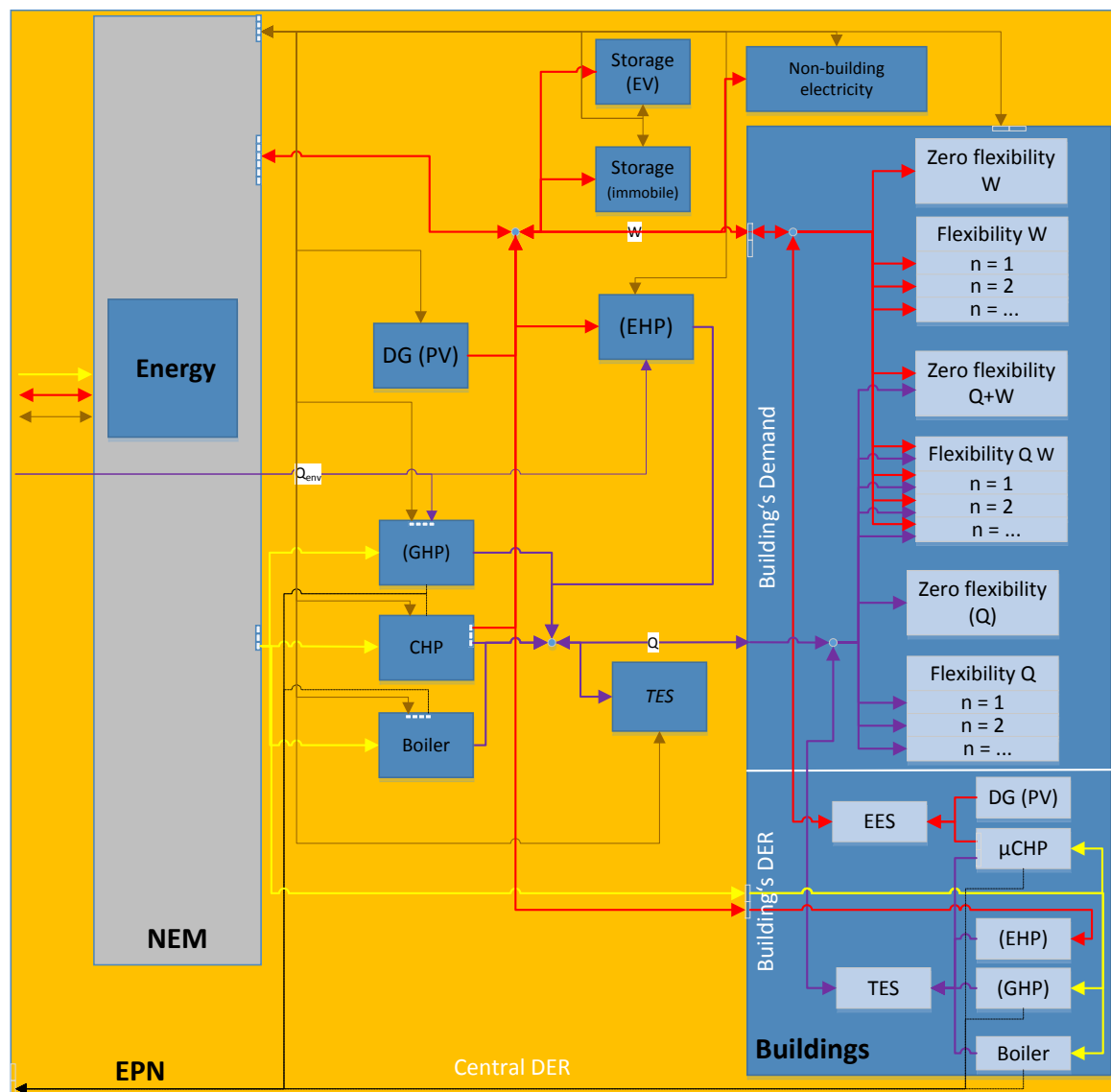
Sum of cash		Actor 2	Payment						
		Retailer - Aggregator					TSO	EPN	
Actor 1	Good/Service	BSUoS fee	DUoS fee	Payment for electricity	TUoS fee	Payment for gas	Payment for electricity	Payment for electricity	Payment for gas
DSO	Distribution network operation and maintenance								
Producer	Electricity (BM market)								
	Electricity (wholesale market)								
	Electricity (imbalance market)								
Retailer- Aggregator	Electricity (BM market)								
	Electricity (retail market)								
	Electricity (imbalance market)								
	Gas								
TSO	Balanced system								
	Transmission network operation and maintenance								
Gas supplier	Gas								

Actors

Internal actors



Internal EPN physical mapping

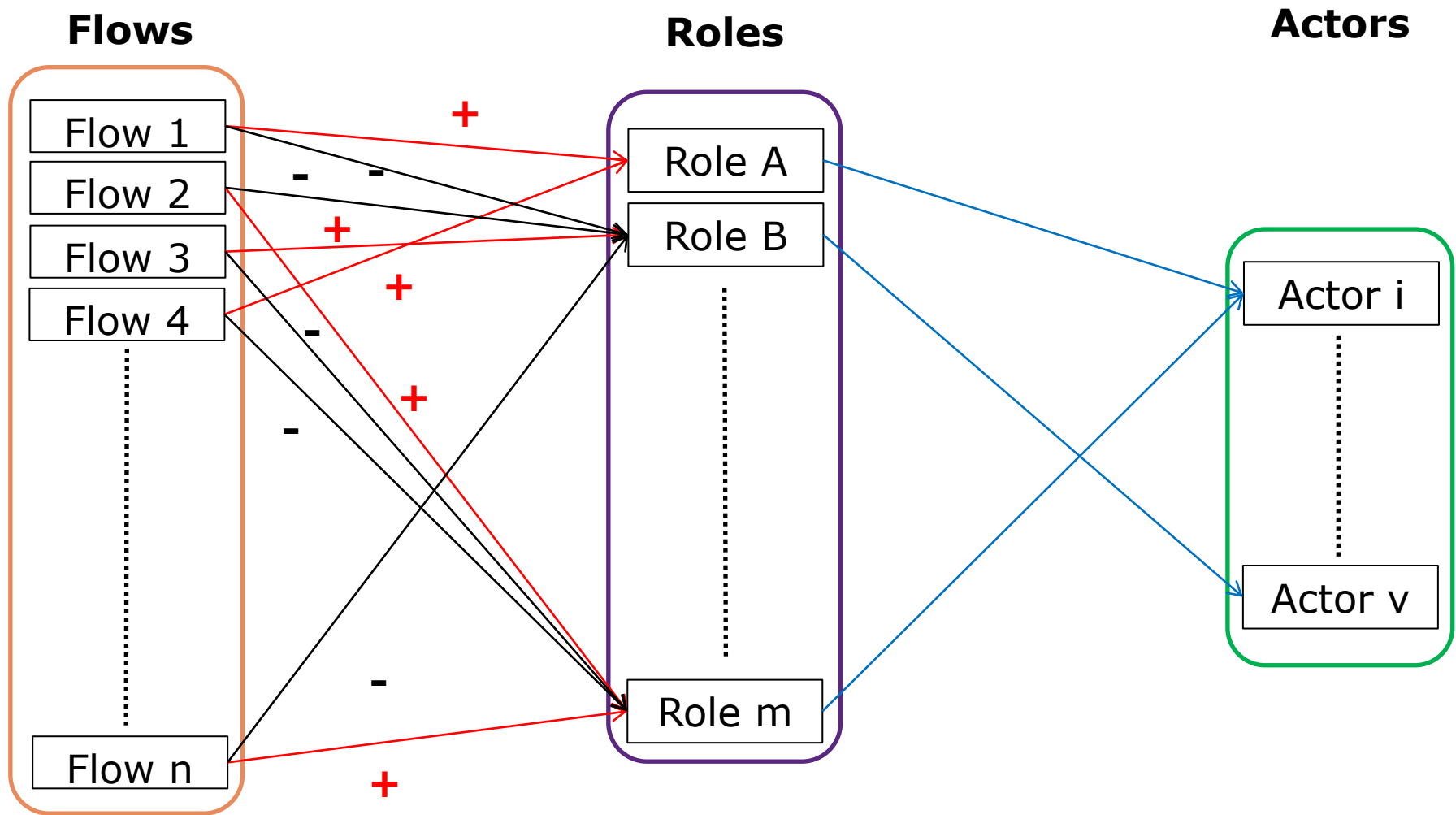


Internal market framework

- Internal market frameworks determines how value and costs are allocated within the distributed systems (e.g., a district, a microgrid, an aggregator's portfolio)
 - Tariffs, contracts, etc
 - Ownership options for enabling equipment
 - Crucial for boosting participation and investment decisions

How do we “align” services, share benefits and reduce fixed and transaction costs?

Flow-Role-Actor mapping



Market and contractual arrangements:

Service activation and benefit re-allocation in external actors

- Benefits may need to be re-allocated amongst actors for some business cases, in order to compensate some actors for lost revenue
- (Fixed) costs can also be shared between actors

	Actor 1	Actor 2	Actor 3	Actor 4	Actor 5	Actor 6	Actor 7	Actor 8
Actor 1	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actor 2	0.80	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00
Actor 3	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actor 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
Actor 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.20	0.00	0.00
Actor 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actor 7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	1.00	0.00
Actor 8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Example: DNO, TSO and suppliers

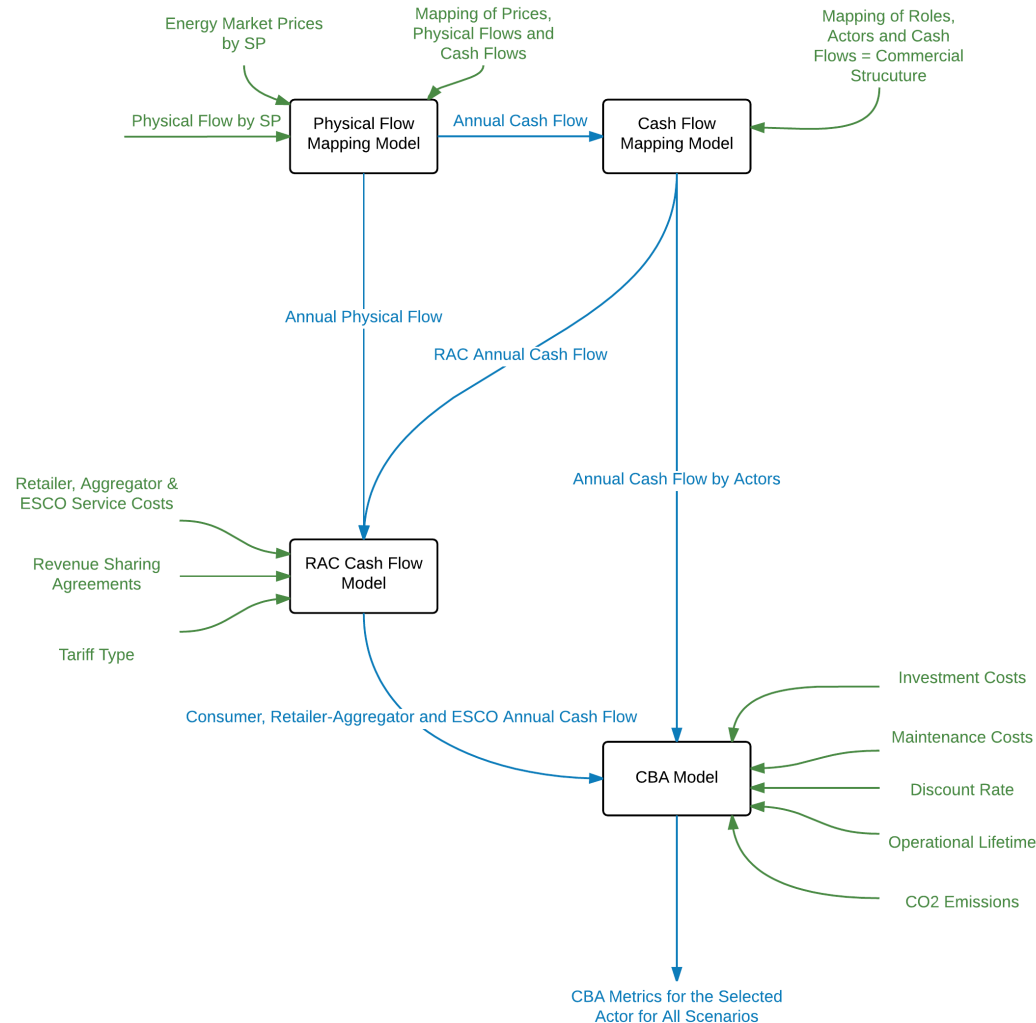
-> *Share or alignment* of the services?

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) model

Steps

1. Operational costs for each actor derived from the mapping method (ultimately from the employed model)
2. Investment costs specified per actor
3. Discount rates applied by actor, enabling the variance in cost of capital for different actors to be appreciated
4. Distribution of the benefits of flexibility can be shared amongst actors according to user prescription

Business Case Modelling Flow Chart



RAC=Retailer, Aggregator, Consumers

Figure courtesy of Mr Christopher Heltorp

Developing a multi-temporal framework for district energy system investment under uncertainty

- Short term (days) and medium term (months) time frames
 - Small scale uncertainties
 - Probabilistic analysis (e.g., Monte Carlo simulations)
- Long term time frame (many years, planning horizon)
 - Large scale uncertainty
 - Scenario-based
 - Multi-parametric scenario analysis ("stationarity")
 - Robust optimization/Decision theory ("worst case")

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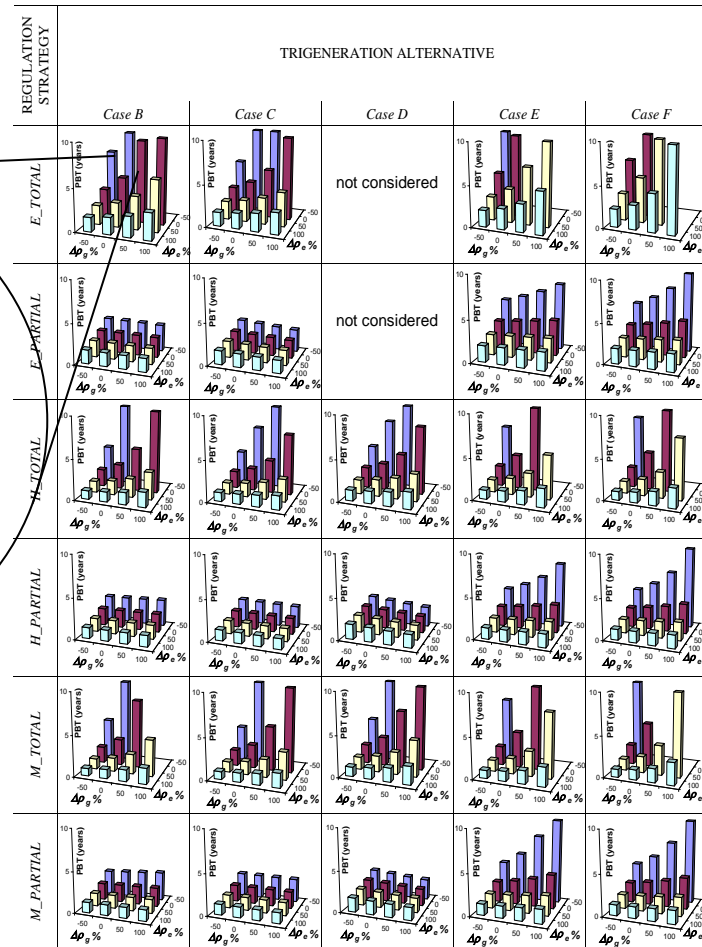
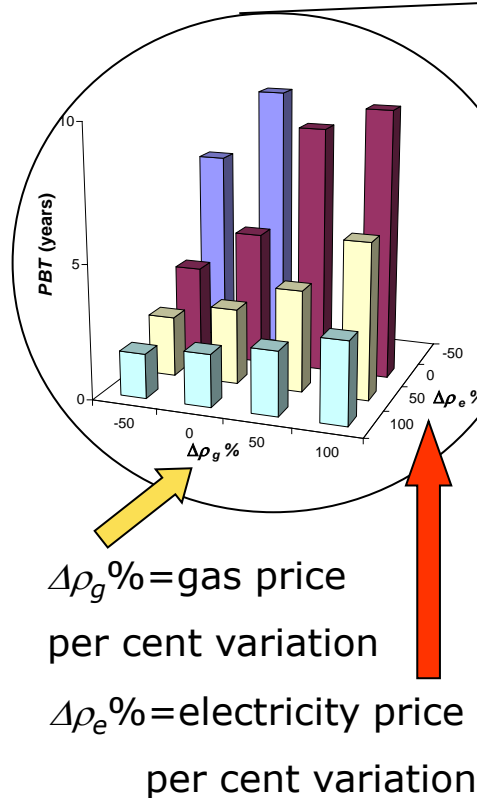
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Coping with uncertainty in planning: multi-parametric sensitivity analysis (looking for scenario “stationarity”)

PBT limited to 10 years



Equipment

case	heat	cooling	electricity
A	CHG	CERG	EDS
B	CHP + CHG	CERG	CHP + EDS
C	CHP+ HRCERG + CHG	HRCERG	CHP + EDS
D	CHP+ EHP + CHG	EHP	CHP + EDS
E	CHP + CHG	GARG	CHP + EDS
F	CHP + CHG	WARG	CHP + EDS

Control strategies

- E_TOTAL : electrical load-following
- $E_PARTIAL$: Smart electrical
- H_TOTAL : heating load-following
- $H_PARTIAL$: Smart thermal
- M_TOTAL : CHP always full power
- $M_PARTIAL$: Smart CHP full power

Source: G. Chicco and P. Mancarella, From cogeneration to trigeneration: profitable alternatives in a competitive market, IEEE Transactions on Energy Conversion, Vol. 21, No.1, March 2006, pp.265-272

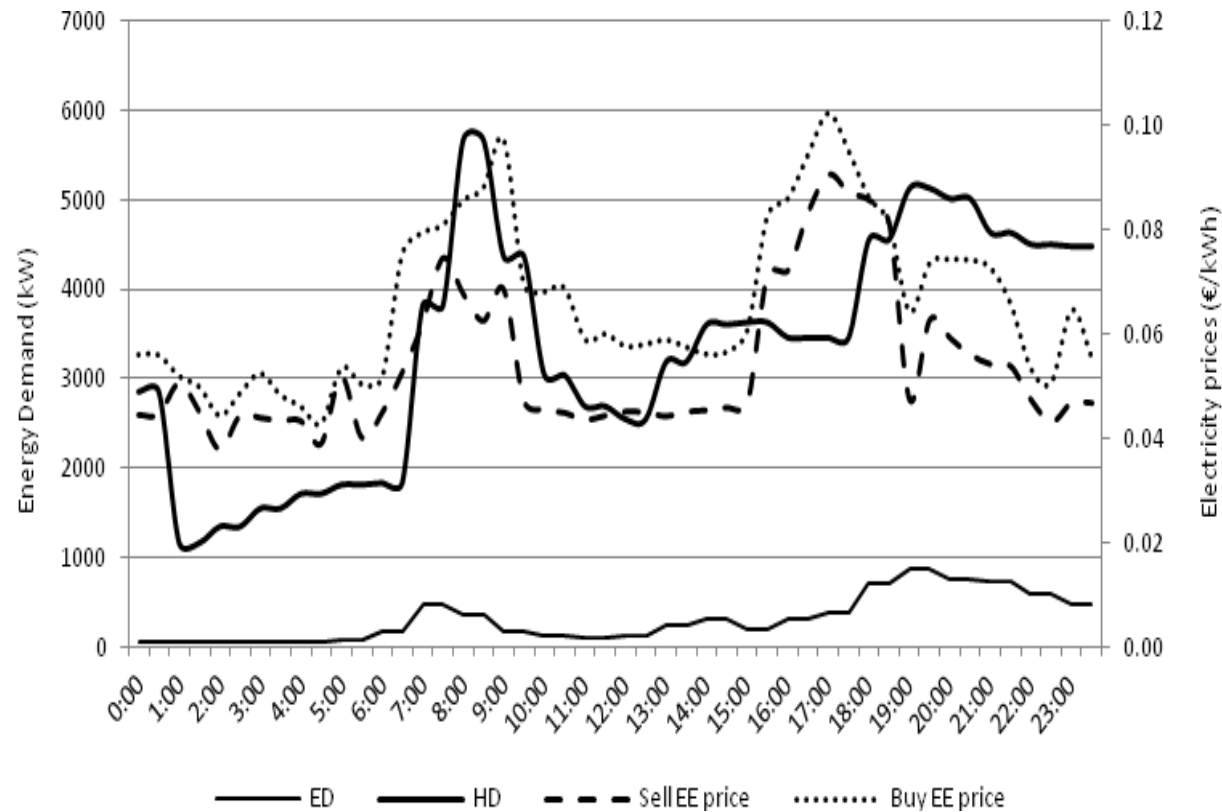
Business case in smart multi-energy systems: example of district energy system

- A district energy system supplying 1000 customers
- The system can comprise EHP, CHP and TES technologies
 - EHP have a COP of 3.0
 - CHP have a 35% and 45% electrical and thermal efficiency respectively
 - Boilers have an efficiency of 85%

Demand	Average power	Peak power	Yearly consumption
Electrical	293kW	872kW	2567MWh
Thermal	1798kW	5672kW	15753MWh

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Operational flexibility: example

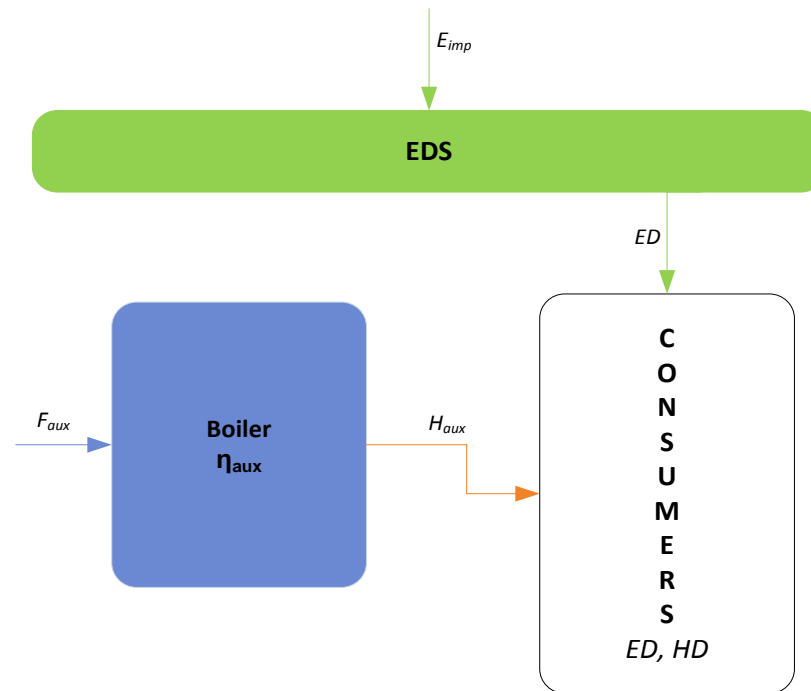


- Short term variability of electricity and gas prices
- Heat and electricity demand modelled with hourly profiles for typical days (four profiles)

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Today - Inflexible

- Separate energy vector production
- How efficient is this? How flexible is this?



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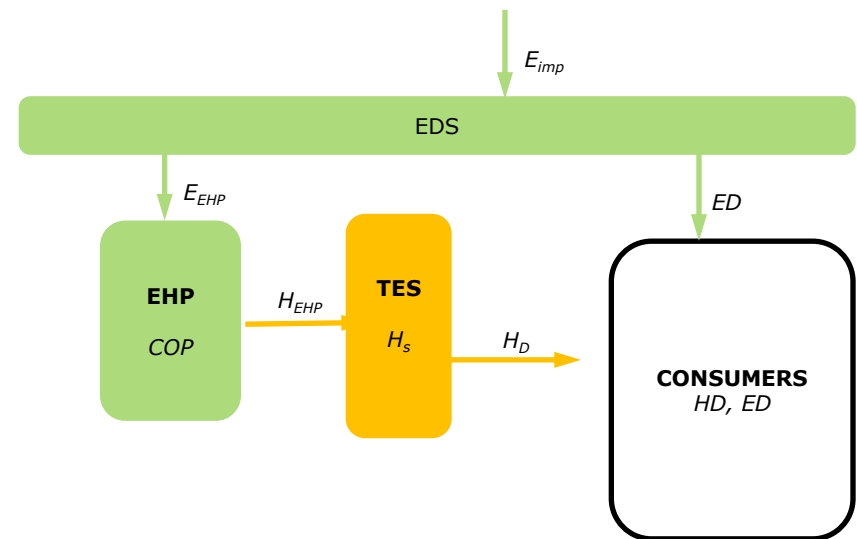
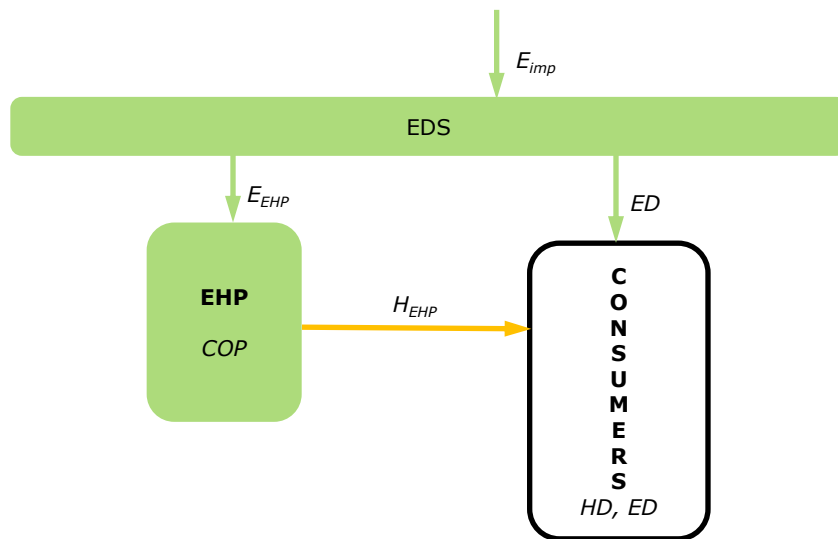
ED = Electricity Demand

HD = Heat Demand

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Tomorrow – How flexible?

- All-electric future
- More efficient? How renewable?
- How flexible?



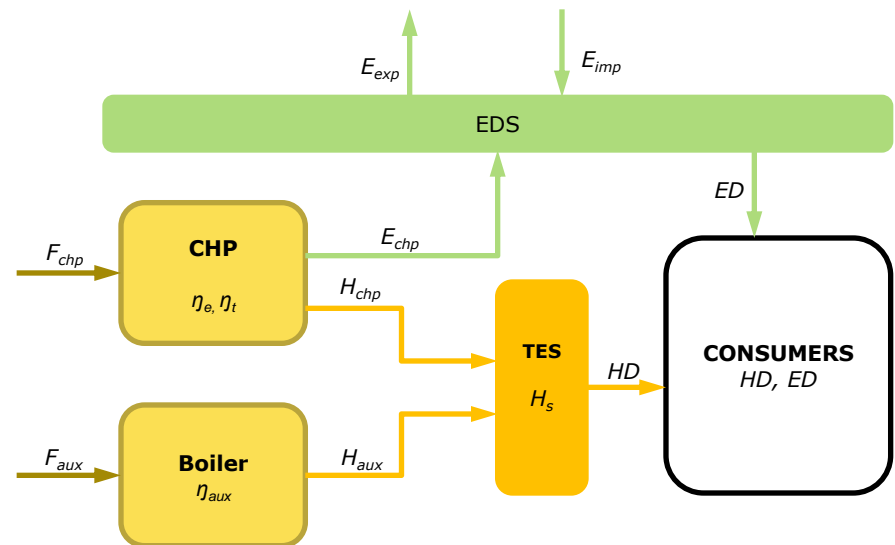
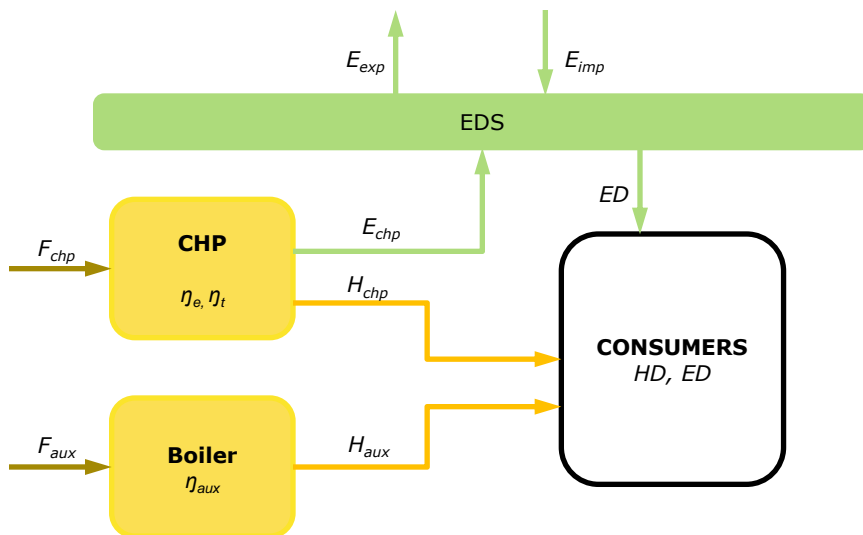
EHP = Electric Heat Pump

COP = Coefficient of Performance

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Today – How flexible?

- Cogeneration, in case coupled with TES
- Flexible response
 - Depends on the size of the storage



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"Static" optimal solution

	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	TYPE 5	TYPE 6	TYPE 7
CHP (kW)				4000	3000	2500	2000
Electrical efficiency				0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Thermal efficiency				0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Boiler (kW)	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
Boiler efficiency	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
TES (m³)			200		200		200
EHP (kW_{th})		5000	3000			2000	2000
COP		3.0	3.0			3.0	3.0

TYPE 1 = Boiler

TYPE 2 = EHP

TYPE 3 = EHP+TES

TYPE 4 = CHP

TYPE 5 = CHP+TES

TYPE 6 = CHP+EHP

TYPE 7 = CHP+EHP+TES

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Economic analysis: results and value of operational flexibility

- Optimal operation in a day-ahead market

DMG type		Operational cost (€/year)	Δcost wrt Type 1 (%)
Type 1	Boiler (reference)	625,440	---
Type 2	EHP	479,599	-23%
Type 3	EHP+TES	445,660	-29%
Type 4	CHP	462,691	-26%
Type 5	CHP+TES	422,436	-32%
Type 6	CHP+EHP	342,684	-45%
Type 7	CHP+EHP+TES	312,198	-50%

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"Static" economic analysis: base case investment

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Boiler efficiency	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
TES (m³)			200		200		200
EHP (kW_{th})		5000	3000			2000	2000
COP		3.0	3.0			3.0	3.0

CHP (€/kWh _e)	600
EHP (€/kWh _t)	240
TES (€/m ³)	840
O&M (€/MWh)	8
Discount rate (%)	3-10
Investment period (years)	15

TYPE 1 = Boiler

TYPE 2 = EHP

TYPE 3 = EHP+TES

TYPE 4 = CHP

TYPE 5 = CHP+TES

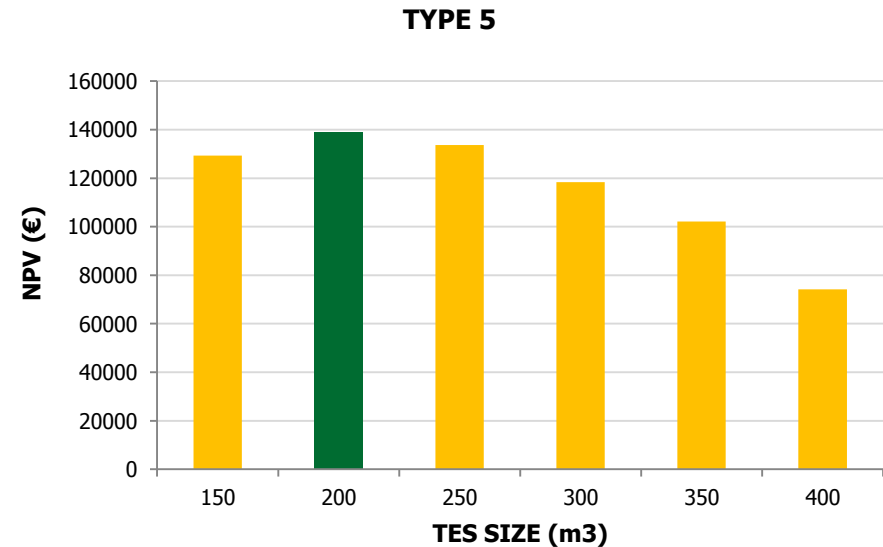
TYPE 6 = CHP+EHP

TYPE 7 = CHP+EHP+TES

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Investment analysis: sensitivity to DMG sizes

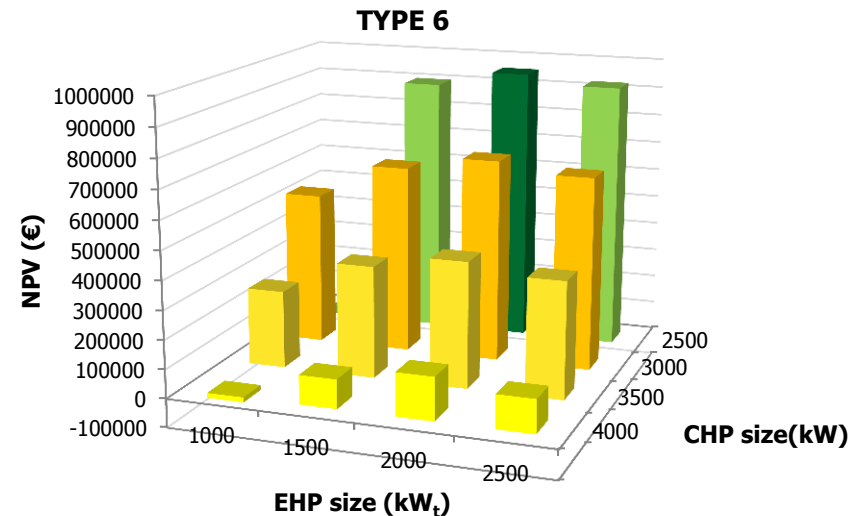
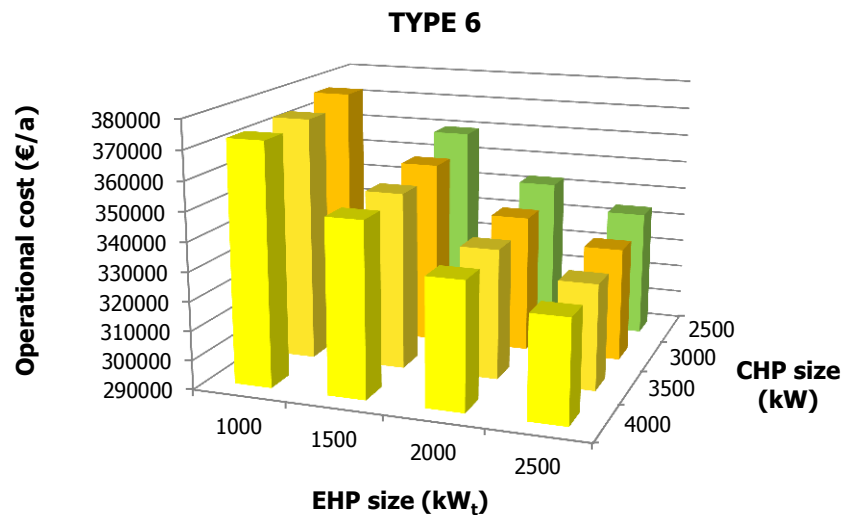
- Larger storage – lower operational cost
- Optimal size as a trade-off between operational cost and investment



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Investment analysis: sensitivity to DMG sizes

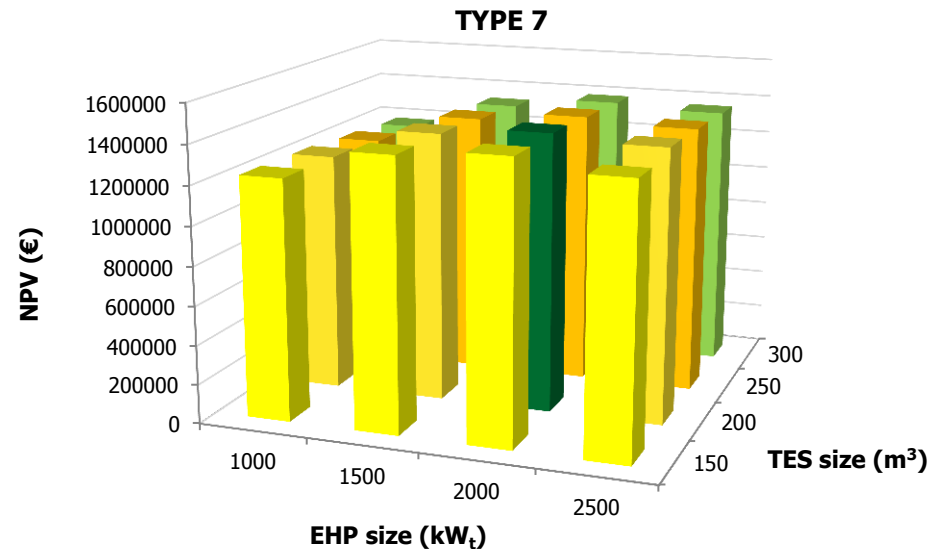
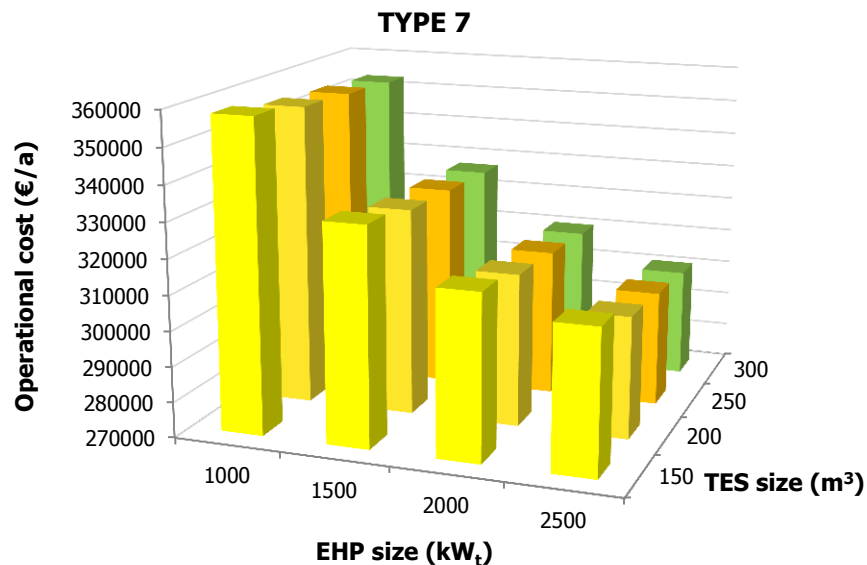
- Thermal power ratio CHP:EHP $\approx 1:1$
- Significant NPV differences for different CHP and EHP sizes
- Flexible, lower operation cost than type 5, higher NPV



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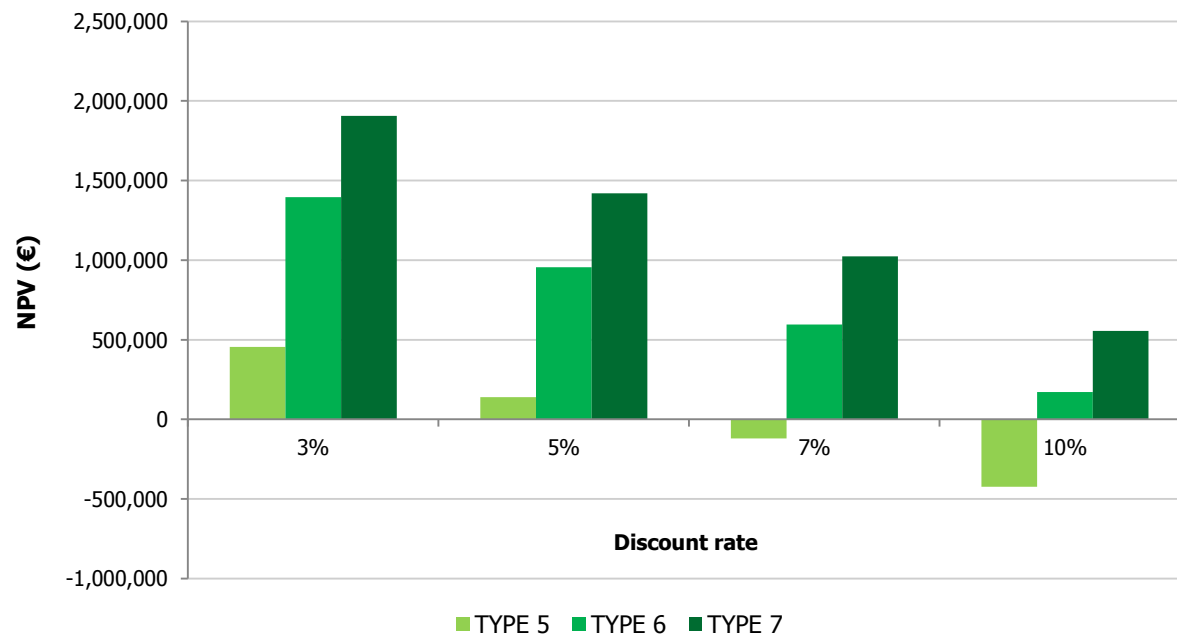
- Unit coupling
- Best characteristics of each unit



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"Static" investment analysis: sensitivity to discount rates

- Higher NPV (wrt reference case) for type 6 and type 7 units
- Faster return of investment
- Less sensitive to higher discount rates



TYPE 1 = Boiler
TYPE 2 = EHP
TYPE 3 = EHP+TES
TYPE 4 = CHP
TYPE 5 = CHP+TES
TYPE 6 = CHP+EHP
TYPE 7 = CHP+EHP+TES

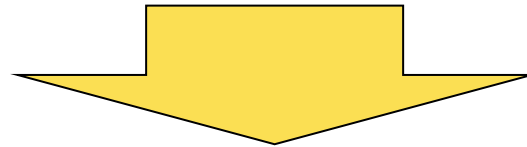
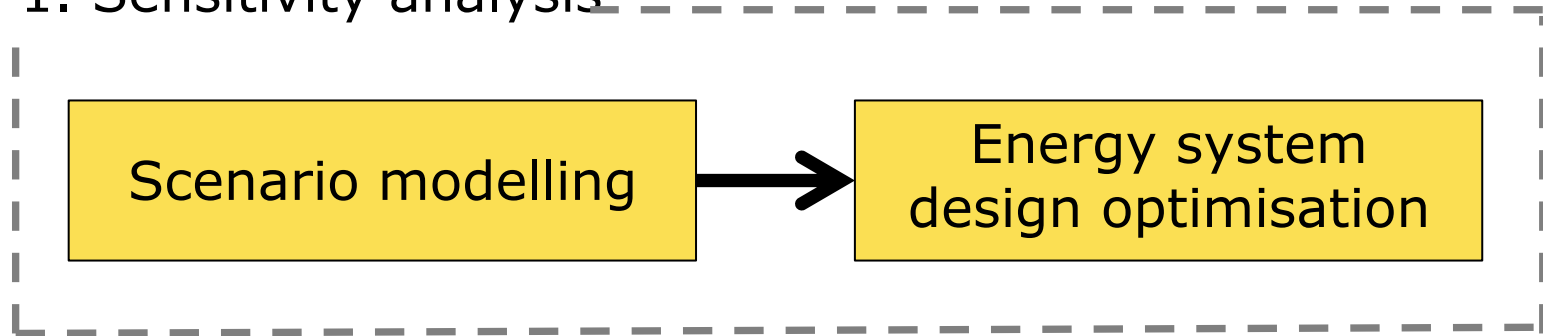
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Flexibility-in-planning a multi-energy system

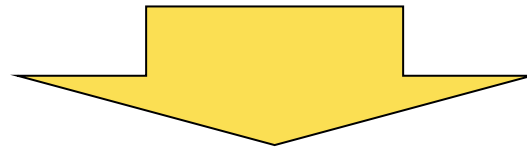
- Studies based on a deterministic price model
 - What if things change throughout the lifetime?
- Underlying uncertainties
- Robustness or flexibility?

Flexibility to cope with uncertainty in planning: stochastic optimization and Real Options

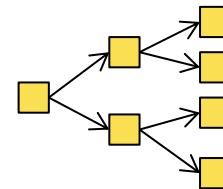
1. Sensitivity analysis



List of potential designs (upgrades) for the district energy system



2. Stochastic design optimisation



Flexible multi-energy system expansion

- How much the lifetime feasibility of a multi-energy system change with the underlying uncertain inputs (prices)?
- How “flexible-in-planning” is a multi-energy system?
- How can we analyse optimal (evolving) investment decisions based on a range of scenarios?
- Research objectives:
 - Examine existing philosophies for the assessment of investment decisions considering uncertainty
 - Explore traditional and “flexible” (options-based) philosophies

Case study example

- Long term uncertainties in electricity and gas prices are modelled using scenarios for 50%, 100%, 150% and 200% of their current value (16 combinations)
- EHP, CHP and TES capacity can be upgraded by multiples of 500kWt, 500kWe and 50m³, respectively
- The maximum capacities considered for EHP, CHP and TES are 5500 kW, 5000kW and 750m³ (795 combinations)

Note: This example is a simplified version of the model and examples found in "E.A. Martinez-Cesena, T. Capuder and P. Mancarella, Flexible Distributed Multi-Energy Generation System Expansion Planning under Uncertainty, *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, 2015"

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (1)*

Optimal investment matrix

Gas	Electricity price								
Price		50%		100%		150%		200%	
50%	EHP	2000	£3.5M	0	£3.1M	0	£0.3M	0	-£2M
	CHP	0		2500		3500		4000	
	TES	100		250		450		650	
100%	EHP	3500	£3.8M	2500	£5.8M	1000	£5.5M	0	£2.7M
	CHP	0		1000		3000		4000	
	TES	400		200		300		650	
150%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.4M	2500	£7.9M	2000	£7.6M
	CHP	0		0		1500		3000	
	TES	450		550		250		350	
200%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.5M	3500	£8.8M	3000	£9.8M
	CHP	0		0		1000		1500	
	TES	500		600		300		300	

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (2)*

- Storage can provide EHP and/or CHP flexibility to operate based on profits maximisation schedules rather than demand driven schedules
- **EHP coupled with storage becomes an attractive option when gas prices are high**

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (3)*

Optimal investment matrix

Gas	Electricity price								
Price		50%		100%		150%		200%	
50%	EHP	2000	£3.5M	0	£3.1M	0	£0.3M	0	-£2M
	CHP	0		2500		3500		4000	
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	TES	400		200		300		650	
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	CHP	0		0		1500		3000	
	TES	450		550		250		350	
200%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.5M	3500	£8.8M	3000	£9.8M
	CHP	0		0		1000		1500	
	TES	500		600		300		300	

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (4)*

- Storage can provide EHP and/or CHP flexibility to operate based on profits maximisation schedules rather than demand driven schedules
- EHP coupled with storage becomes an attractive option when gas prices are high
- **CHP coupled with storage are an attractive alternative when electricity prices are high**

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (5)*

Optimal investment matrix

Gas	Electricity price								
Price		50%		100%		150%		200%	
50%	EHP	2000	£3.5M	0	£3.1M	0	£0.3M	0	-£2M
	CHP	0		2500		3500		4000	
	TES	100		250		450		650	
100%	EHP	3500	£3.8M	2500	£5.8M	1000	£5.5M	0	£2.7M
	CHP	0		1000		3000		4000	
	TES	400		200		300		650	
150%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.4M	2500	£7.9M	2000	£7.6M
	CHP	0		0		1500		3000	
	TES	450		550		250		350	
200%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.5M	3500	£8.8M	3000	£9.8M
	CHP	0		0		1000		1500	
	TES	500		600		300		300	

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (6)*

- Storage can provide EHP and/or CHP flexibility to operate based on profits maximisation schedules rather than demand driven schedules
- EHP coupled with storage becomes an attractive option when gas prices are high
- CHP coupled with storage are an attractive alternative when electricity prices are high
- **A system with both EHP and CHP coupled with storage becomes attractive when electricity and gas prices are high**

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (7)*

Optimal investment matrix

Gas	Electricity price								
Price		50%		100%		150%		200%	
50%	EHP	2000	£3.5M	0	£3.1M	0	£0.3M	0	-£2M
	CHP	0		2500		3500		4000	
	TES	100		250		450		650	
100%	EHP	3500	£3.8M	2500	£5.8M	1000	£5.5M	0	£2.7M
	CHP	0		1000		3000		4000	
	TES	400		200		300		650	
150%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.4M	2500	£7.9M	2000	£7.6M
	CHP	0		0		1500		3000	
	TES	450		550		250		350	
200%	EHP	3500	£3.9M	4000	£6.5M	3500	£8.8M	3000	£9.8M
	CHP	0		0		1000		1500	
	TES	500		600		300		300	

Results: *Investments in deterministic scenarios (8)*

Gas price	Electricity price				
		50%	100%	150%	200%
50%	Do nothing	£3.93M	£4.94M	£5.95M	£6.96M
	Optimum	£3.51M	£3.10M	£0.35M	−£2.64M
	Difference	10%	37%	94%	138%
100%	Do nothing	£6.82M	£7.83M	£8.84M	£9.85M
	Optimum	£3.88M	£5.88M	£5.58M	£2.76M
	Difference	43%	25%	37%	72%
150%	Do nothing	£9.70M	£10.71M	£11.72M	£12.73M
	Optimum	£3.91M	£6.46M	£7.94M	£7.64M
	Difference	60%	40%	32%	40%
200%	Do nothing	£12.59M	£13.60M	£14.61M	£15.62M
	Optimum	£3.93M	£6.50M	£8.87M	£9.85M
	Difference	69%	52%	39%	37%

Uncertainty study: *Generalities*

- In practice, the environment of the district energy system is likely to change throughout time
- Accordingly, investment decisions have to be optimised not only based on a single scenario, but on a range of possible path-dependent scenarios
- How do I evolve/expand through uncertainties?
- Investment optimisation under uncertainty
 - traditional discounted cash flow techniques
 - options based approaches

Uncertainty study: *Traditional philosophy*

Traditional investment philosophy is modelled in two manners:

1. *Standard*: A single investment at the beginning of the project is considered (now or never decision)
2. *Staged*: Additional investments can be made in subsequent periods

Characteristics:

- Easy to perform
- Provides good investments if the future does not diverge far from the forecasts
- However, it can result in poor investments if the future diverges far from the forecasts

Uncertainty study: *Options based philosophy (1)*

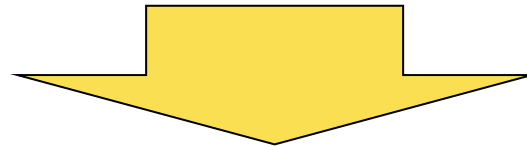
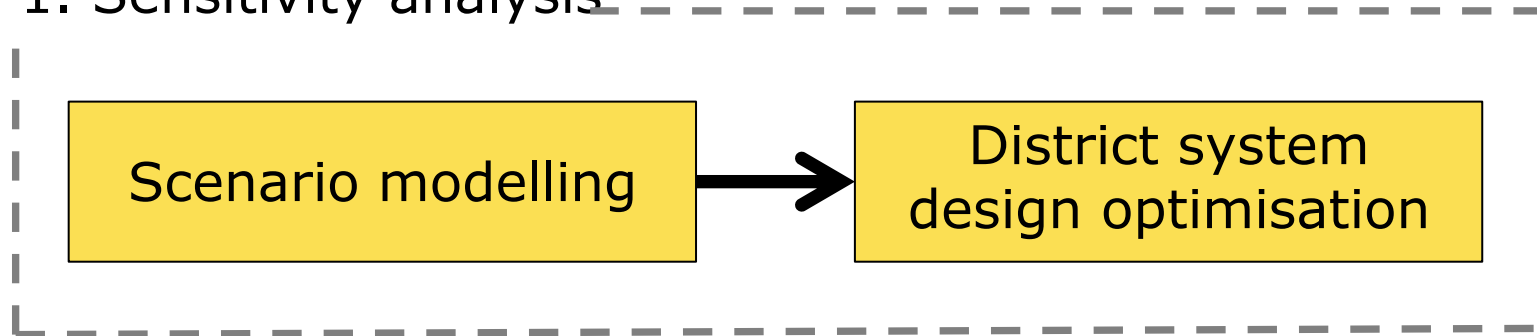
Investments are made based on their value and flexibility to be adjusted in potential future scenarios

Characteristics:

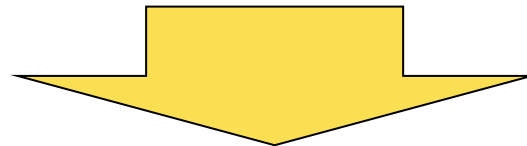
- Produces highly flexible investments that tend to be financially sound on most potential future scenarios
- Can produce suboptimal investment decision when uncertainty is overestimated
- Flexible investments are preferred over robust ones

Uncertainty study: *Options based philosophy* (2)

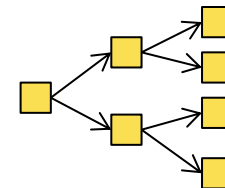
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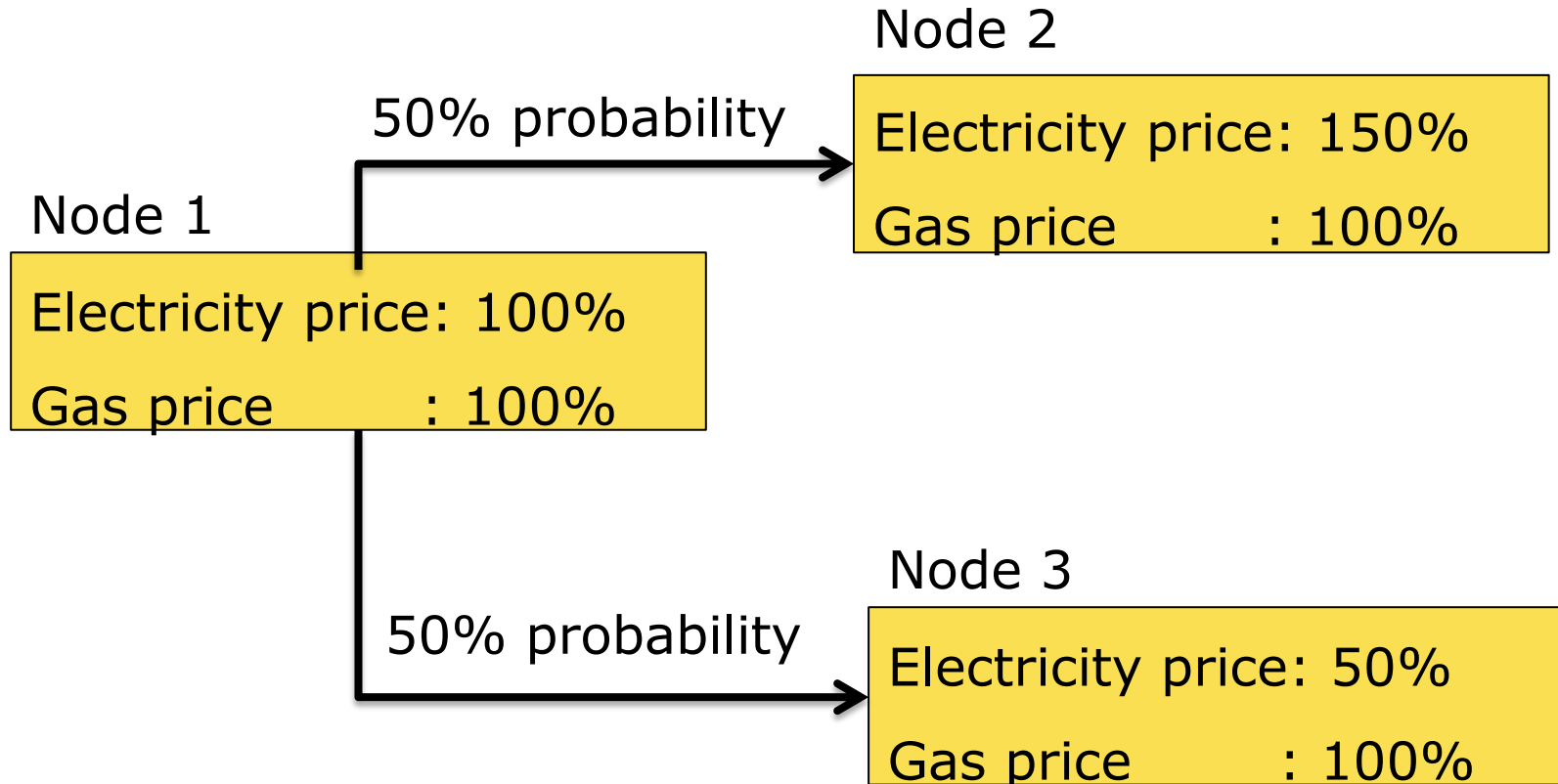
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2. Stochastic design optimisation



Example : *Scenario tree*



Example: *Some design alternatives*

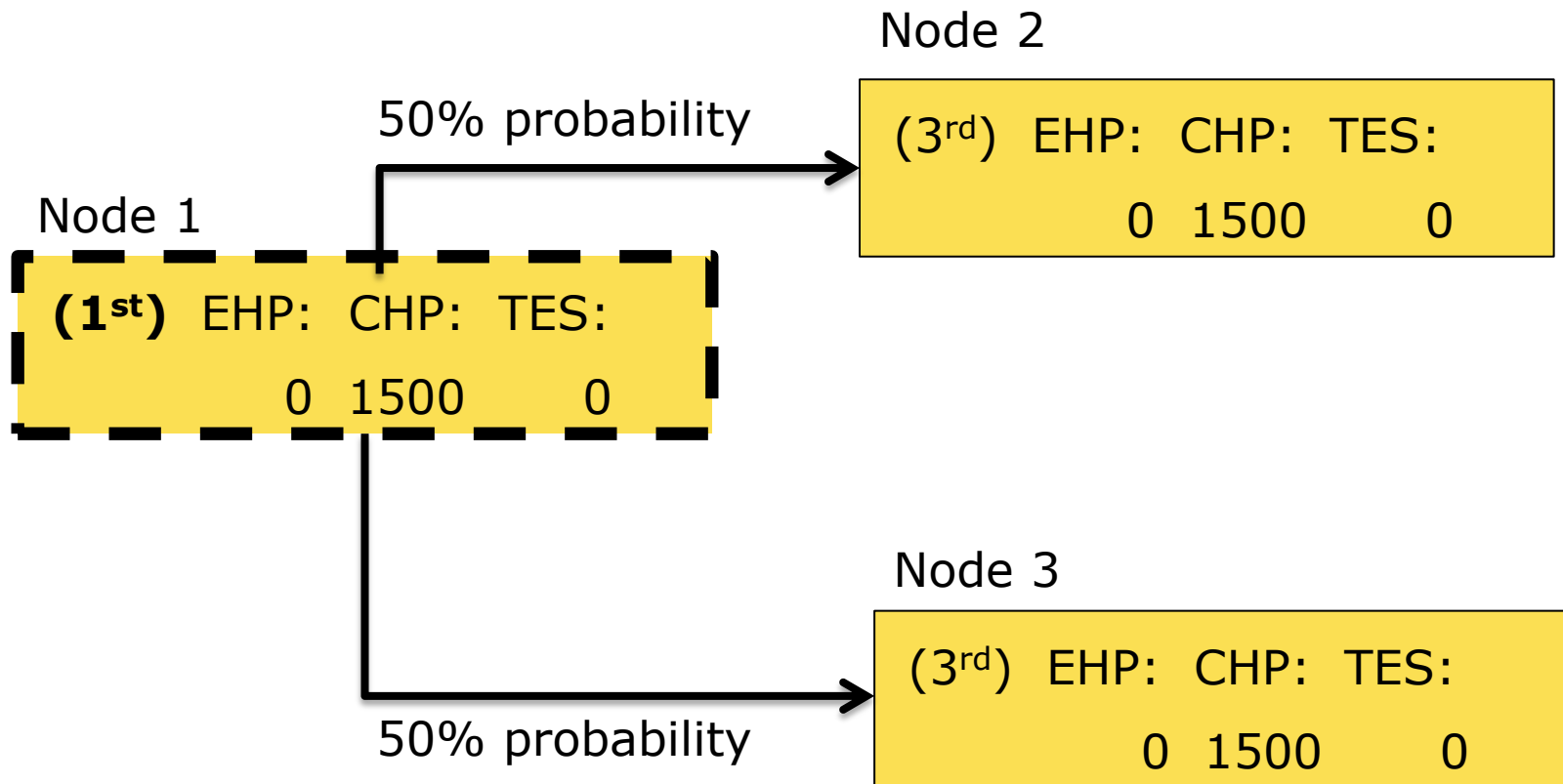
#	Design			Cost		
	EHP (kW)	CHP (kW)	TES (m ³)	Node 1	Node 2	Node 3
1	0	0	0	£10.1M (2 nd)	£5.7M (5 th)	£4.4M (2 nd)
2	1000	0	0	£12.3M (3 rd)	£5.5M (4 th)	£10.2M (4 th)
3	3500	0	400	£17.2M (5 th)	£10.8M (6 th)	£2.5M (1st)
4	0	1500	0	£9.3M (1st)	£4.3M (3 rd)	£4.8M (3 rd)
5	0	2500	150	£15.7M (4 th)	£11.1M (7 th)	£11.1M (5 th)
6	1000	3000	0	£18.6M (7 th)	£4.0M (2 nd)	£11.3M (6 th)
7	1000	3000	300	£18.5M (6 th)	£3.5M (1st)	£11.5M (7 th)

Example: *Traditional investment scheme (1)*

- This scheme seeks the best “now or never” investment
- In this example, it is the 1st rank solution for node one considering that node two or node three will materialize in the future
- The investment decision is optimal for node one
 - However, it is sub-optimal for other nodes

Example: *Traditional investment scheme (2)*

Expected discounted cost: £9.3M

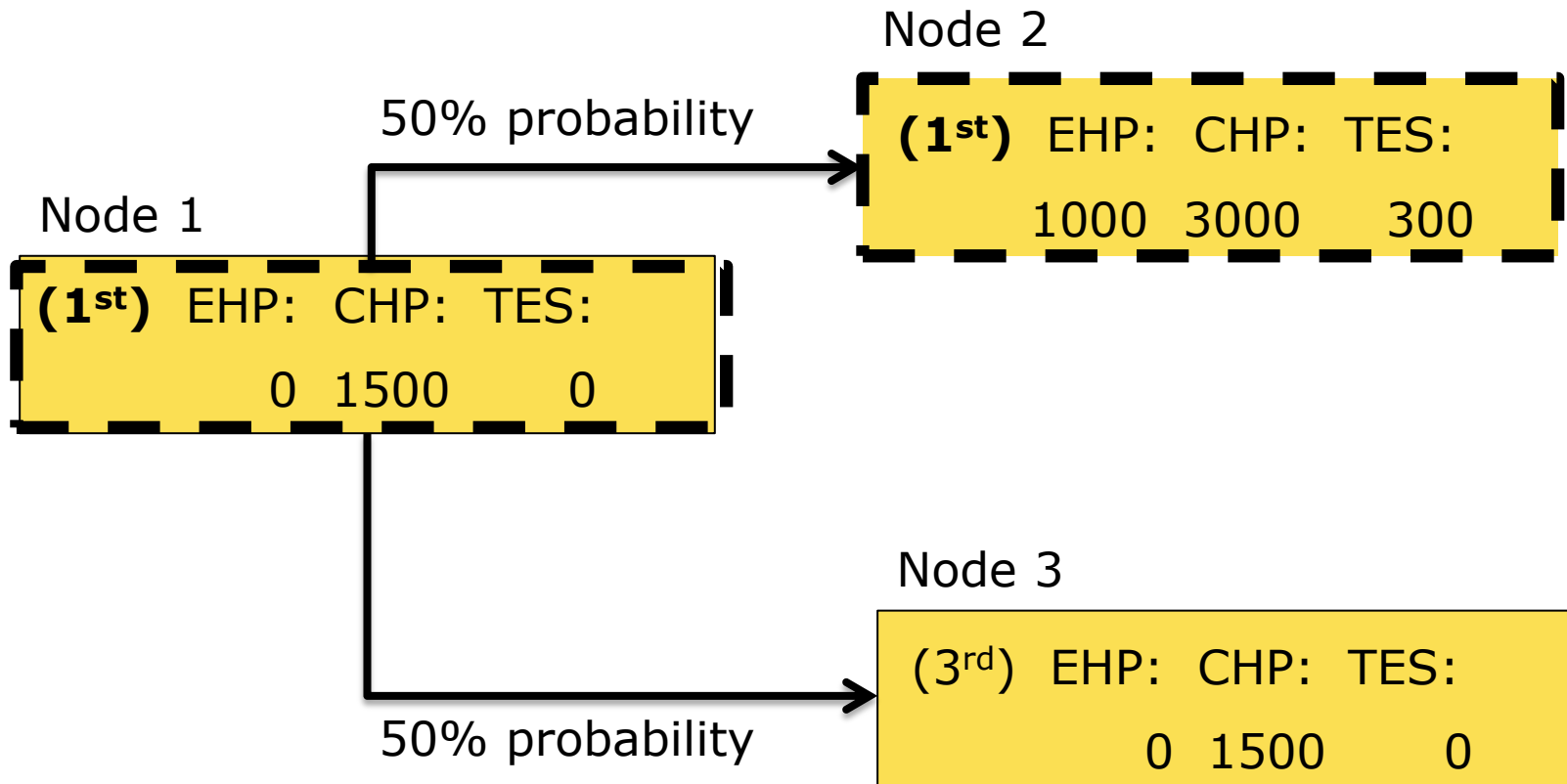


Example: *Traditional investment scheme (staged)* **(1)**

- This scheme seeks the best “now or never” investment decisions in each node constrained to investments previously made
- Investment in node one remains the same (1st rank)
- An investment is made in node two to reduce overall energy system costs
- A convenient investment cannot be made in node three due to the constraints imposed by previous decisions in node one

Example: *Traditional investment scheme (staged)* (2)

Expected discounted cost: £8.9M

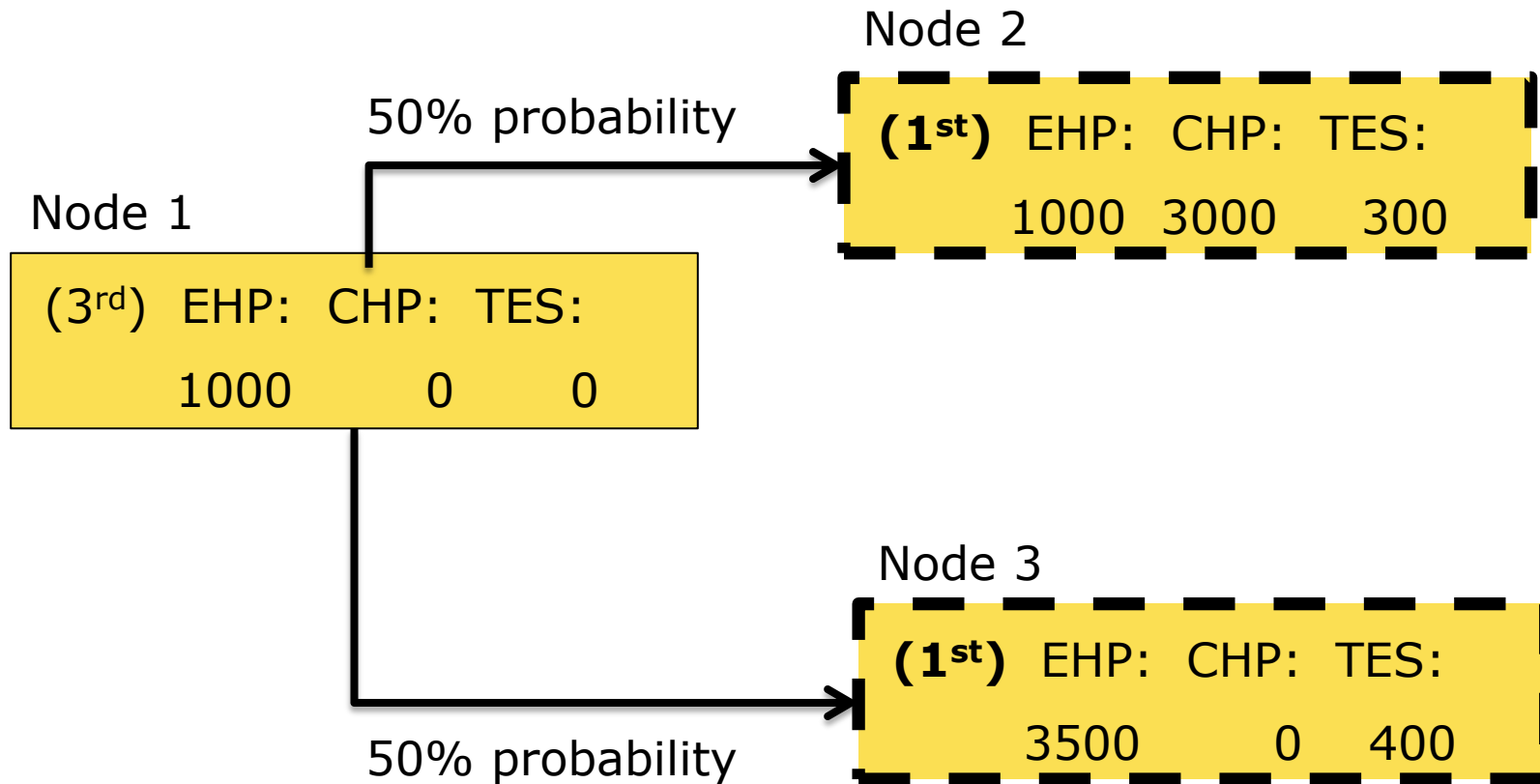


Example: *Options based scheme (1)*

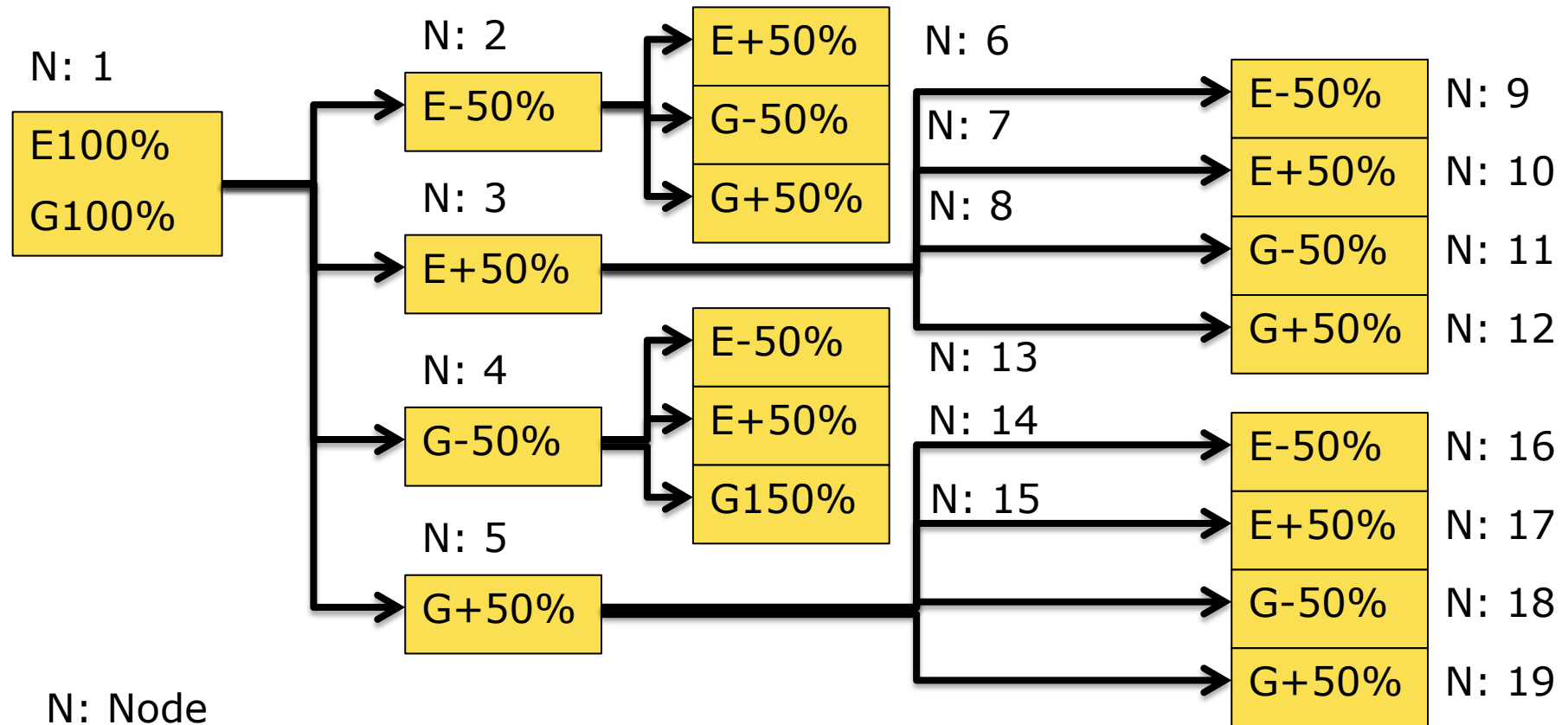
- This scheme seeks flexible investment decisions that can be adjusted in response to the evolution of uncertainty
- Instead of selecting the best solution for node one, the **3rd** best solution is chosen
- The solution can be upgraded to the **1st** rank investment in both node two and node tree

Example: *Options based scheme (2)*

Expected discounted cost: £7.5M



Case study: *Scenario tree*



N: Node

E: Electricity price

G: Gas price

Results: *System design and upgrades (1)*

Stage 1

Node	Traditional			Options based		
	EHP	CHP	TES	EHP	CHP	TES
1	2500	1500	0	1500	1000	0
2	2500	1500	0	2500	1000	0
3	2500	1500	0	1500	1500	200
4	2500	1500	0	1500	1500	150
5	3500	1500	300	3000	1000	250

Stage 2

Results: *System design and upgrades (2)*

Stage 3

N	Traditional			Options based		
	EHP	CHP	TES	EHP	CHP	TES
6	2500	1500	250	2500	1000	250
7	2500	1500	100	2500	1000	100
8	3500	1500	450	3500	1000	450
9	2500	1500	250	2500	1500	250
10	2500	1500	0	1500	4000	600
11	2500	3000	0	1500	3500	450
12	2500	1500	300	2500	1500	300
13	2500	1500	100	2000	1500	150
14	2500	3000	0	1500	3500	450
15	2500	1500	250	2500	1500	250
16	3500	1500	450	3500	1000	450
17	3500	1500	300	3000	1500	300
18	3500	1500	300	3000	1000	250
19	3500	1500	300	3500	1000	300

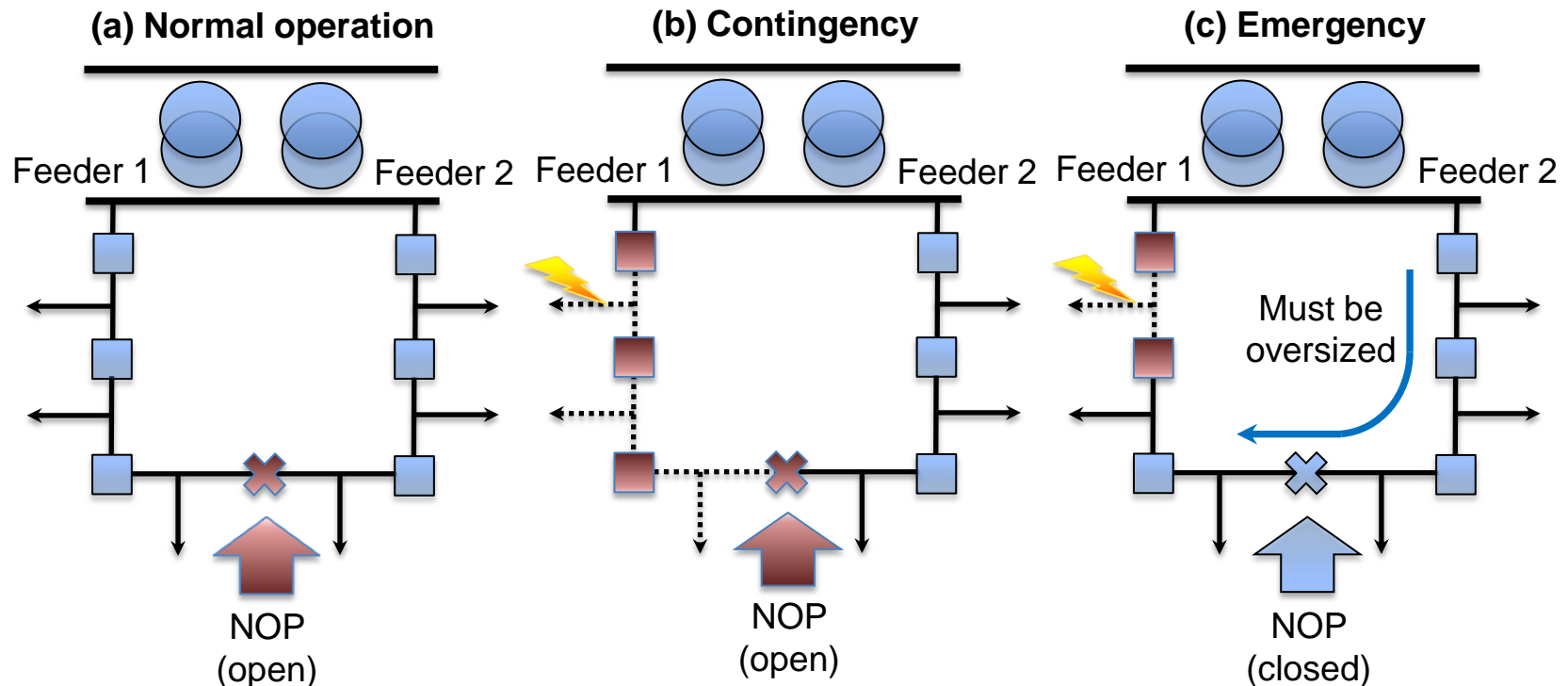
Results: *Expected cost*

Investment scheme	Expected discounted cost
Do nothing	£10.5 M
Traditional	£9.1 M
Traditional (staged)	£7.7 M
Options based	£6.5 M

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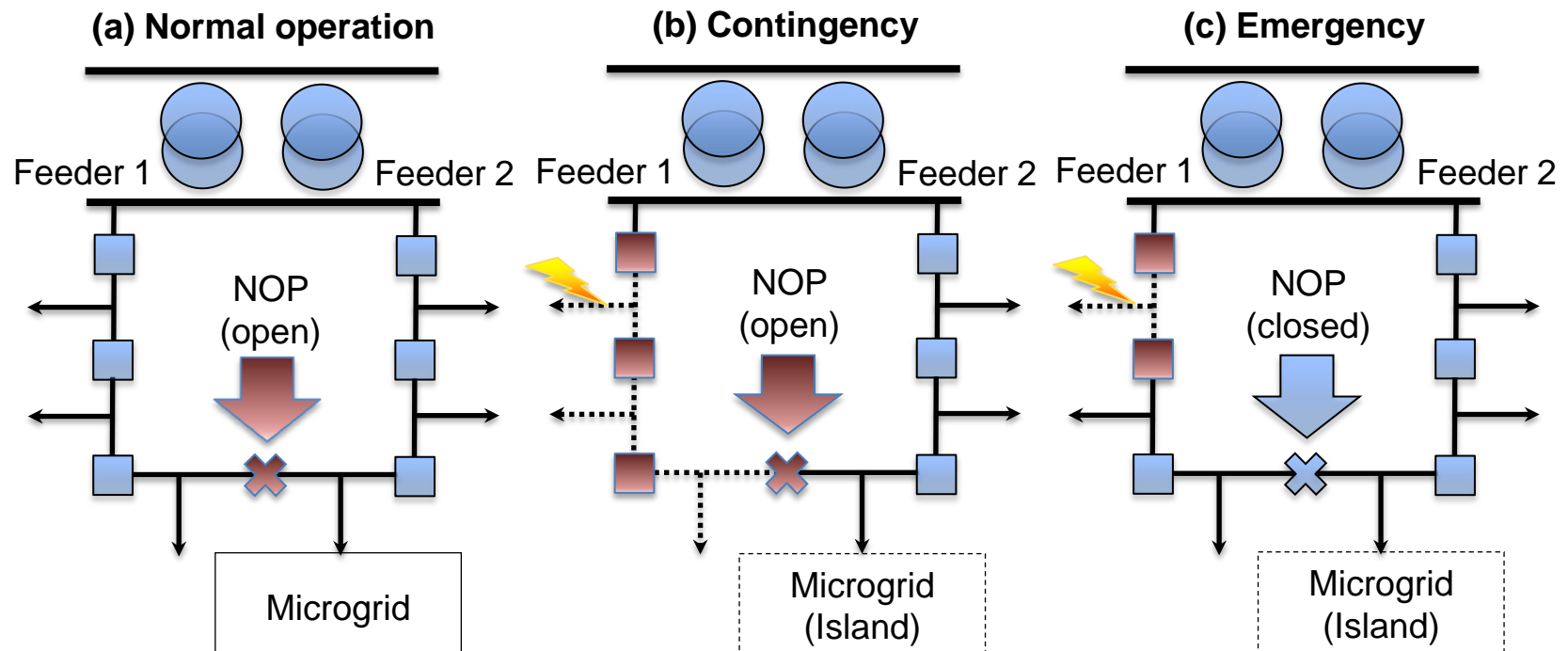
Boosting the business case – Distribution service (1/3)

- Distribution networks at the 11kV level are oversized to meet $\sim N-1$ security considerations



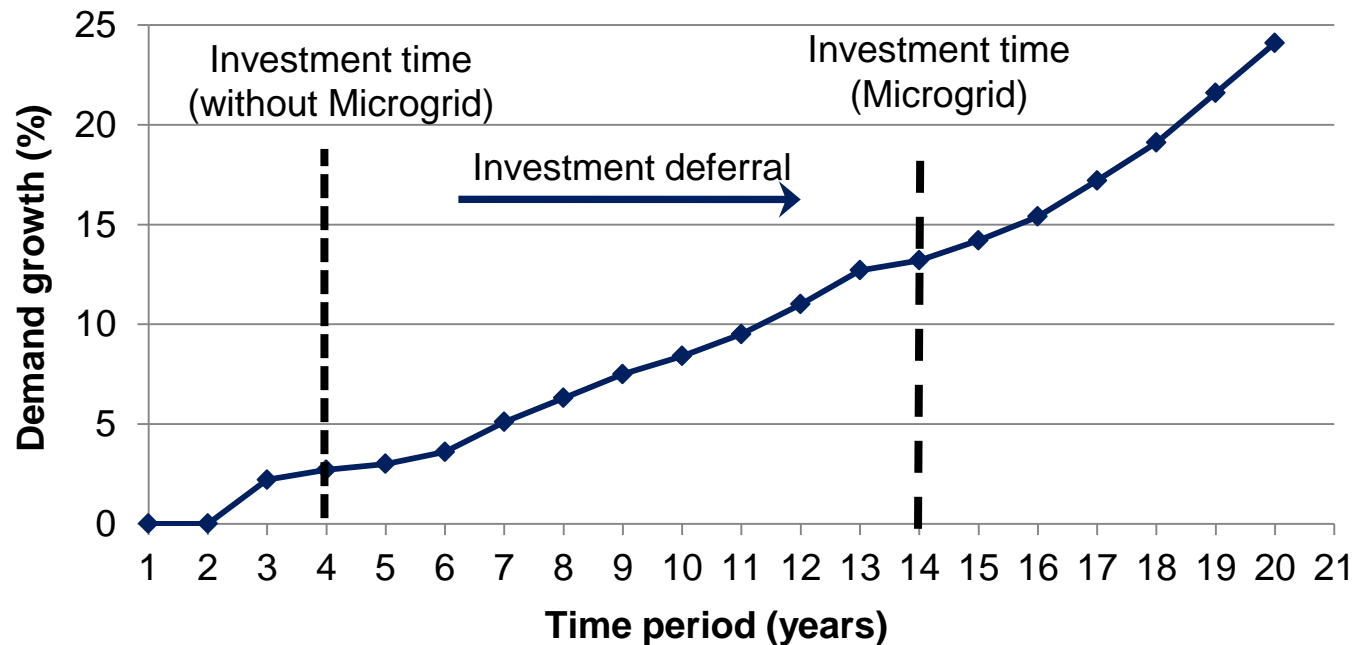
Distribution service (2/3)

- A Microgrid can operate as an island while the fault is being cleared, avoiding the need to oversize the feeders



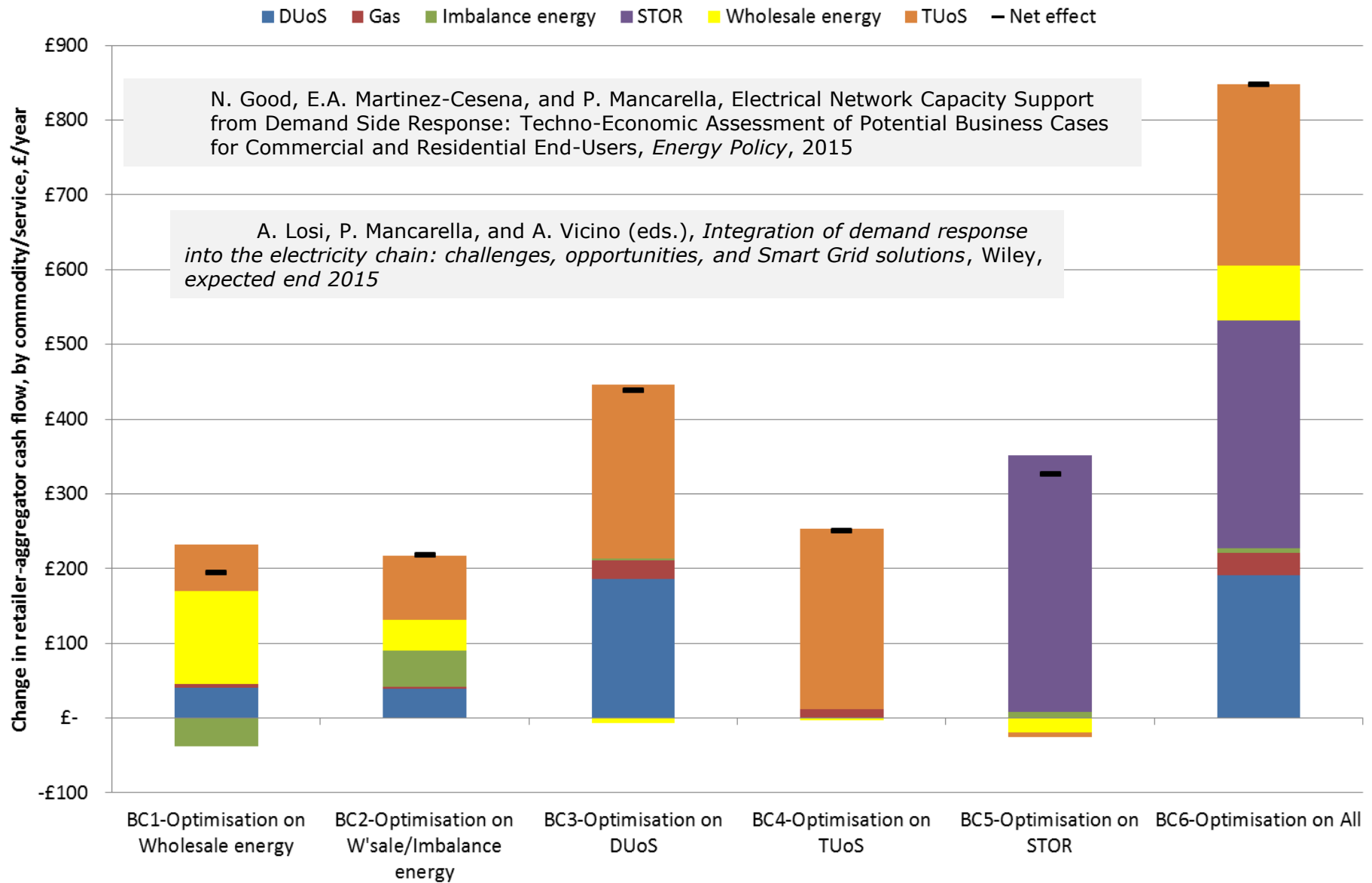
Distribution service (3/3)

- The service can be sold as post-contingency Demand Response (DR) to a DNO
- The DNO would save investment costs in the form of network reinforcement deferral or avoidance



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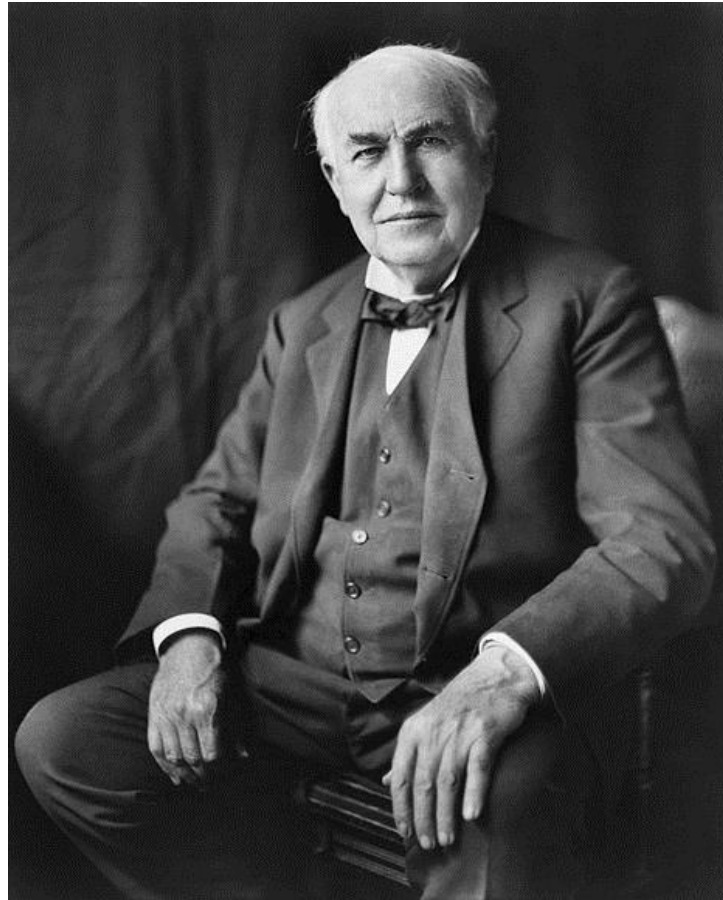
Concluding remarks

- Rethinking the energy system
- Key point: operational flexibility from energy vector switching
- Key point: flexible planning to truly reveal benefits from flexible multi-energy systems
- Networked effects of multiple commodities
- Modelling under uncertainty: operation and planning
- Full mapping critically needed to have a full understanding of the available business case opportunities and not to miss any
- Microgrid operation can add value to district energy system operation
- Results are case specific
- Barriers: regulation?
- Next: a tool for CBA of multi-energy systems is under development
 - Exercise in next iiESI course?

Back to the future...



Back to the future...



1878: "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles"

1882: Edison switched on his Pearl Street electrical power distribution system, which provided 110 volts DC to 59 customers in lower Manhattan

Edison's power plant was a CHP one

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