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Energy Systems Modeling

The potential for active demand response with heat pumps

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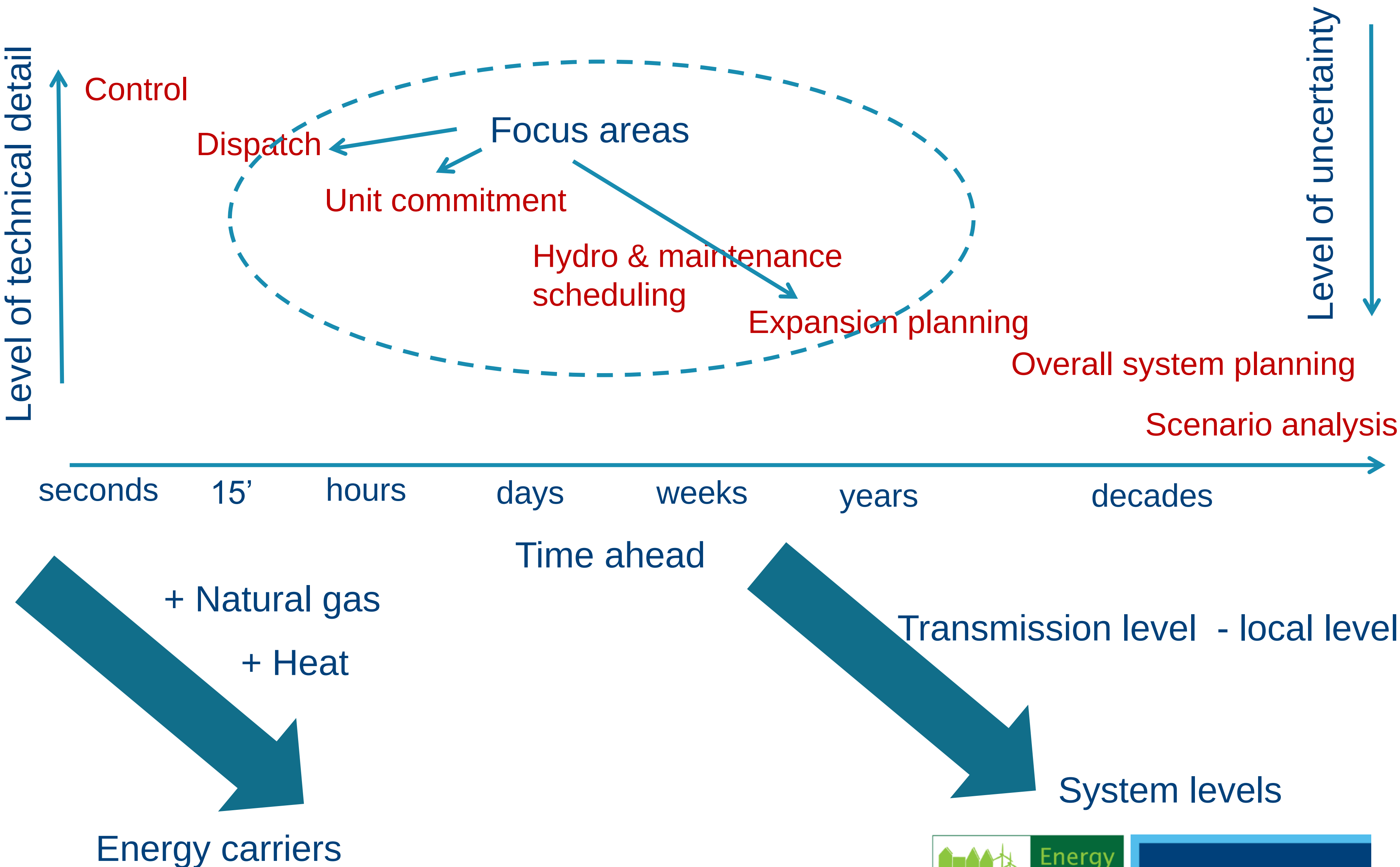
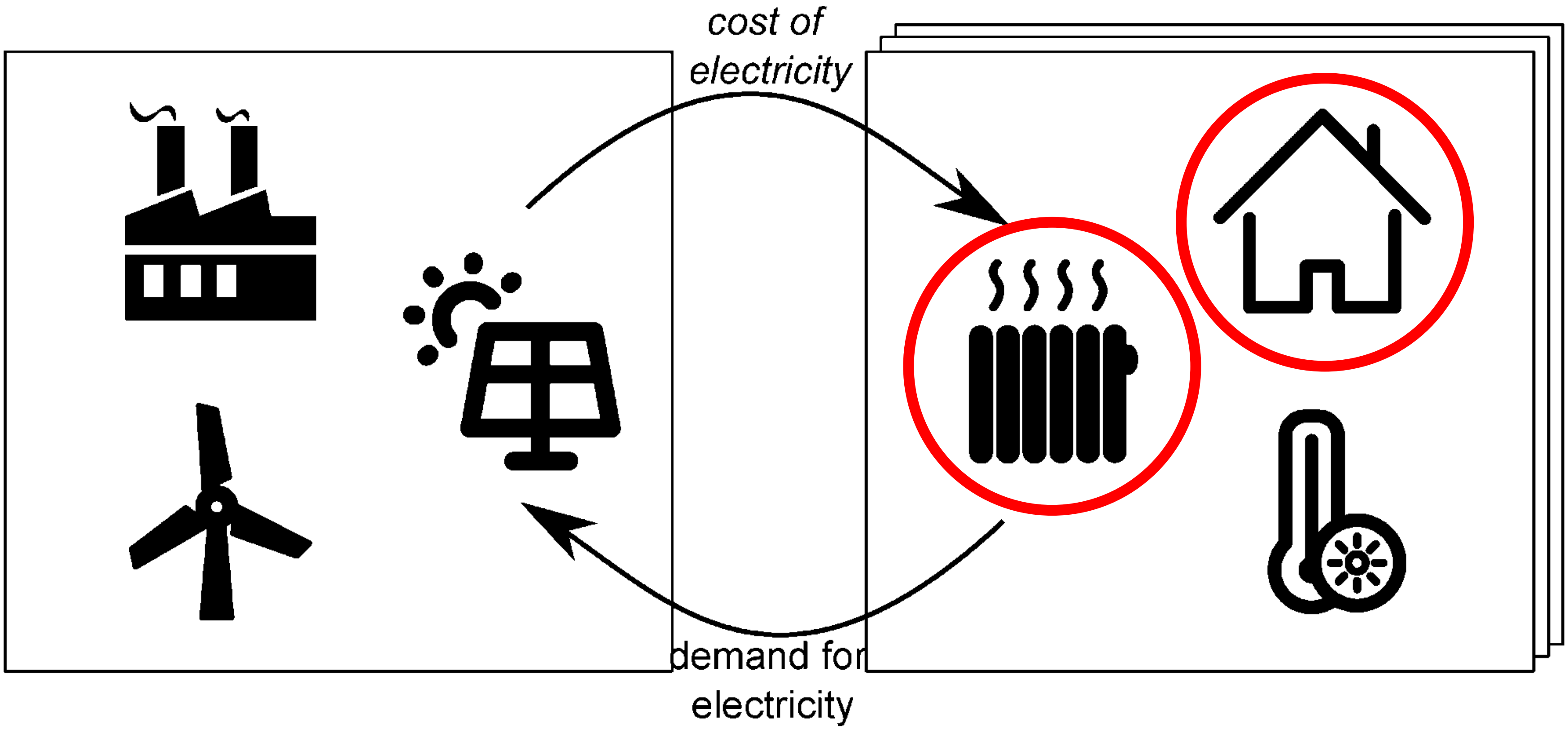
Electricity generation system operation and planning



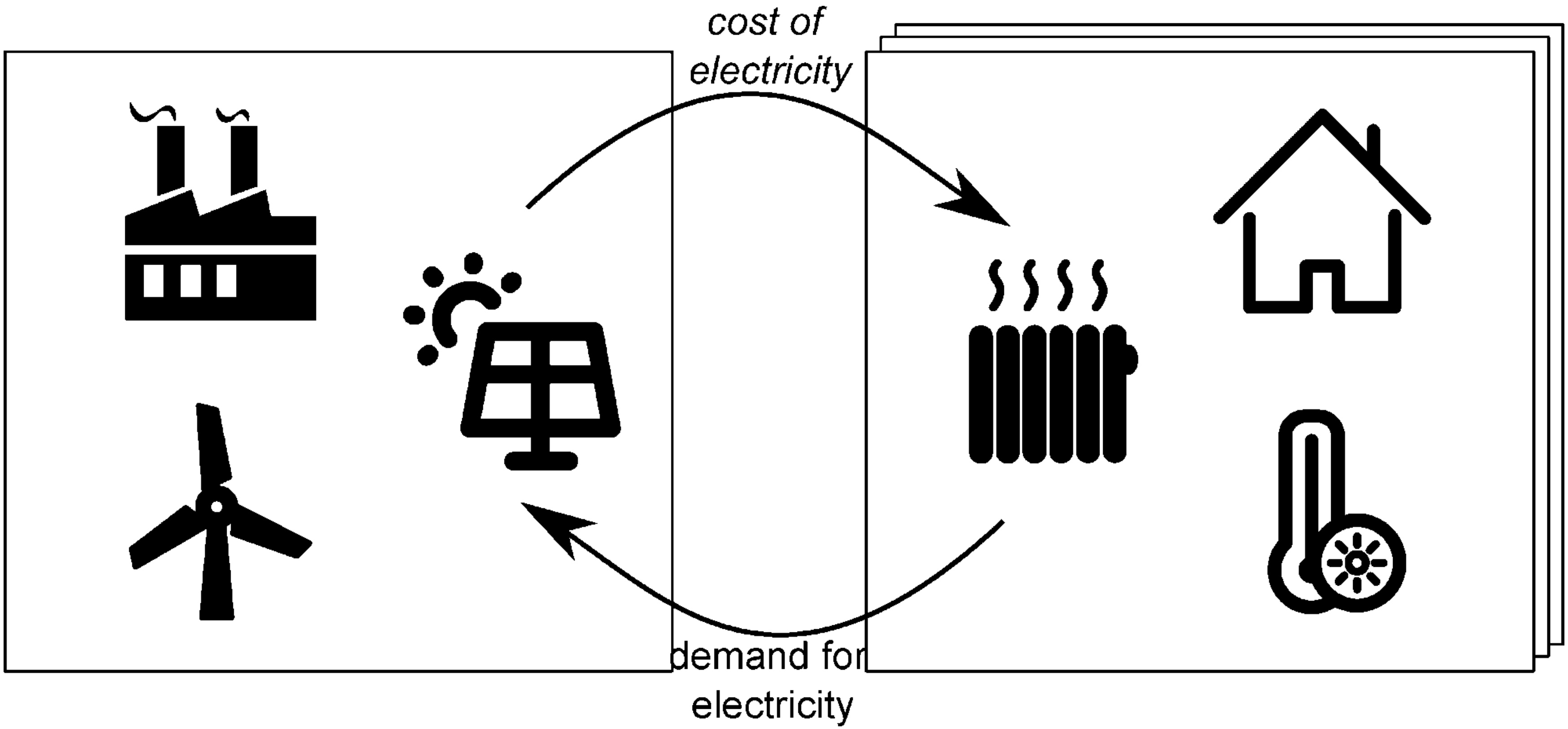
Scope & motivation



Conventional & stochastic RES-based electricity generation

Thermal inertia allows decoupling the electrical demand and the thermal demand without loss of comfort

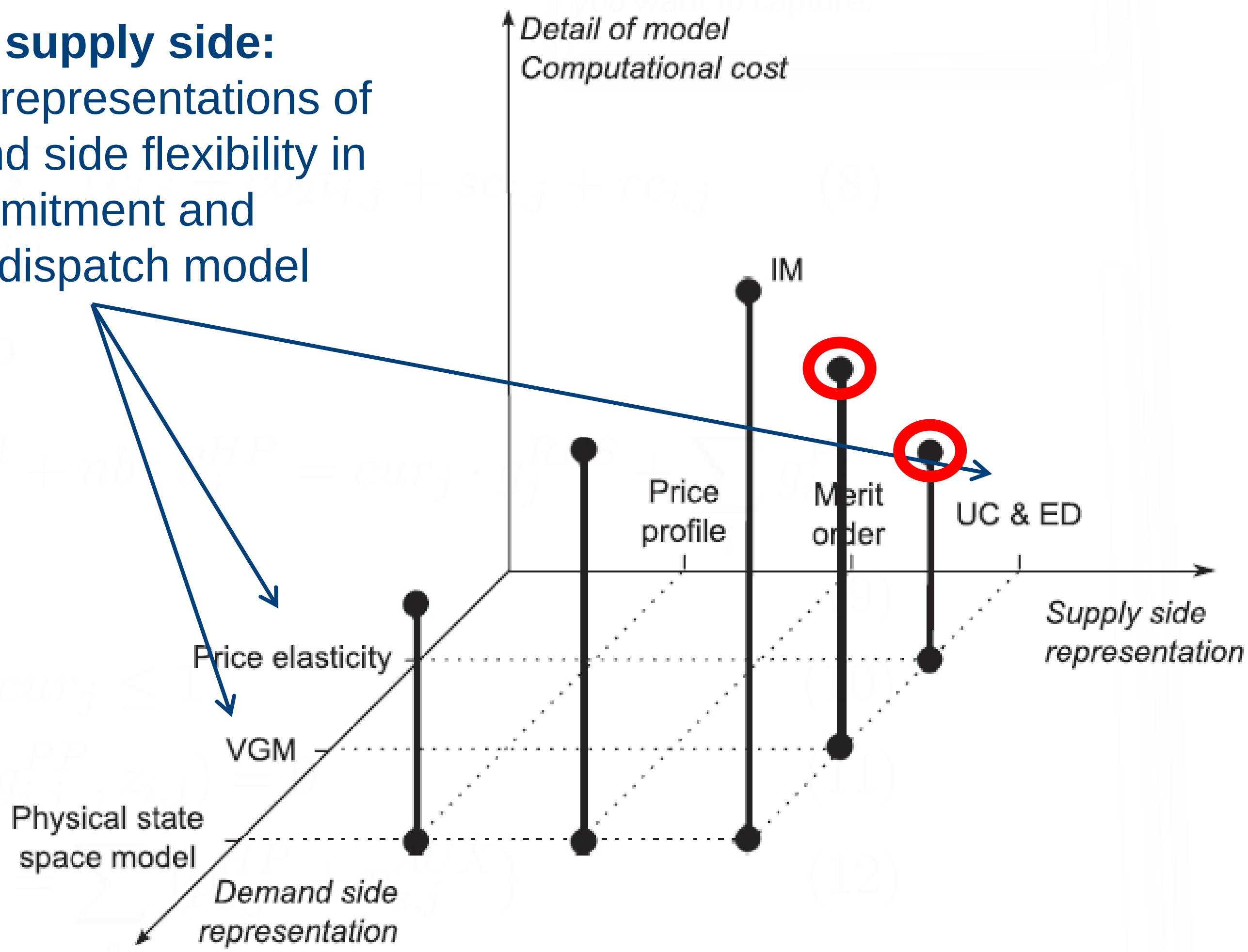
Modeling challenges & issues



Complex interactions between demand and supply: how do you capture this in an operational model?

Modeling challenges & issues

Focus on supply side:
Simplified representations of the demand side flexibility in a unit commitment and economic dispatch model



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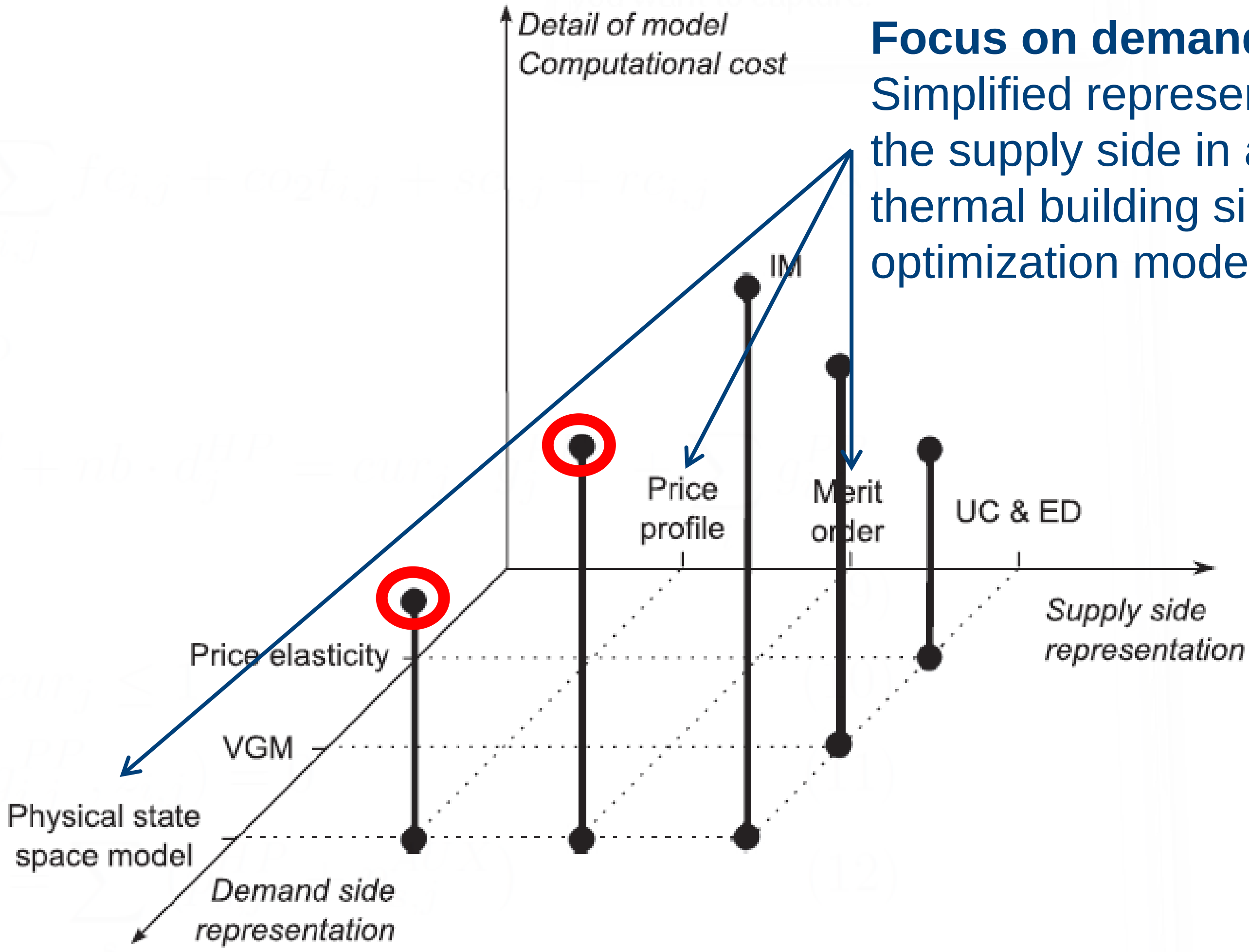
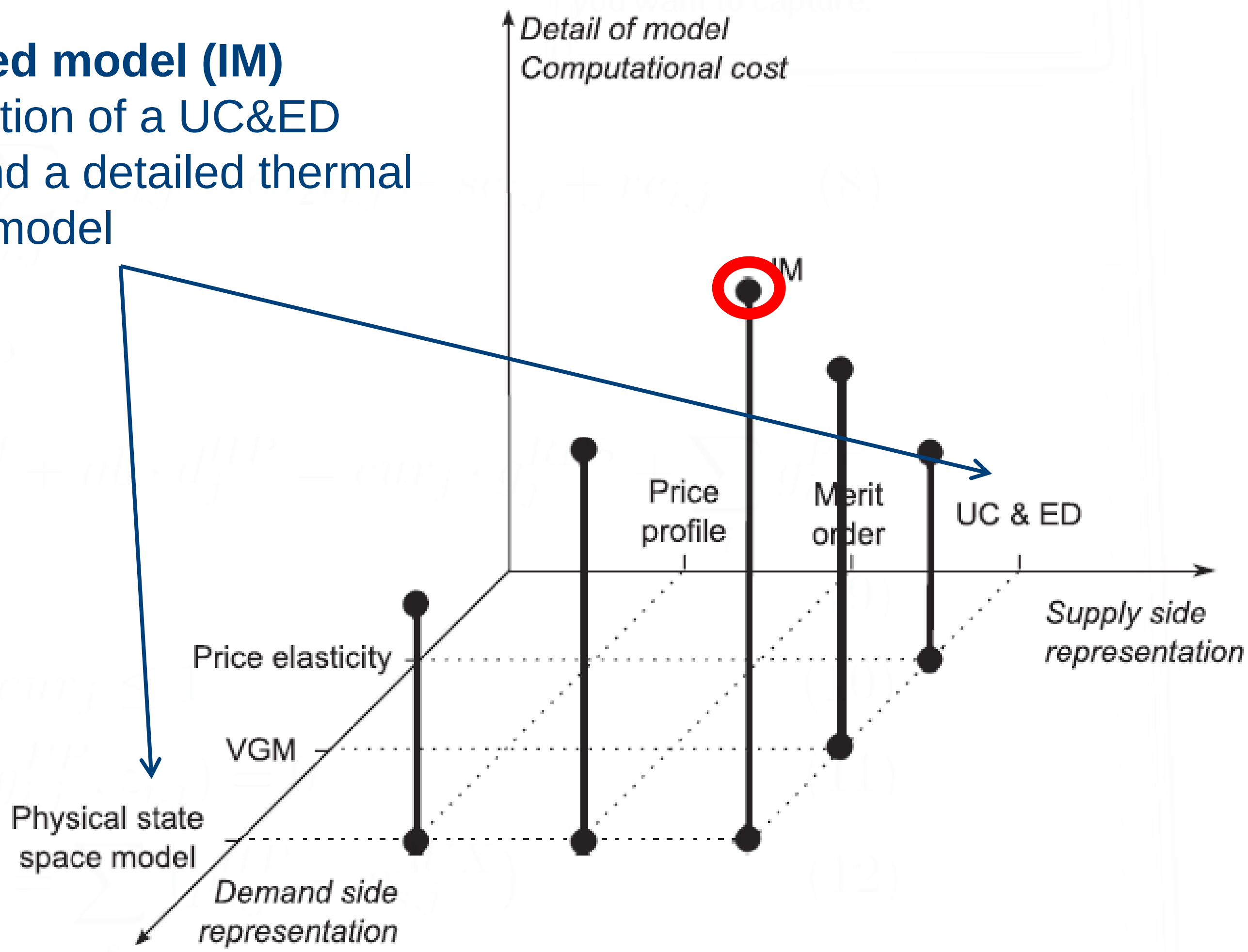


Focus on demand side:
Simplified representations of the supply side in a detailed thermal building simulation or optimization model

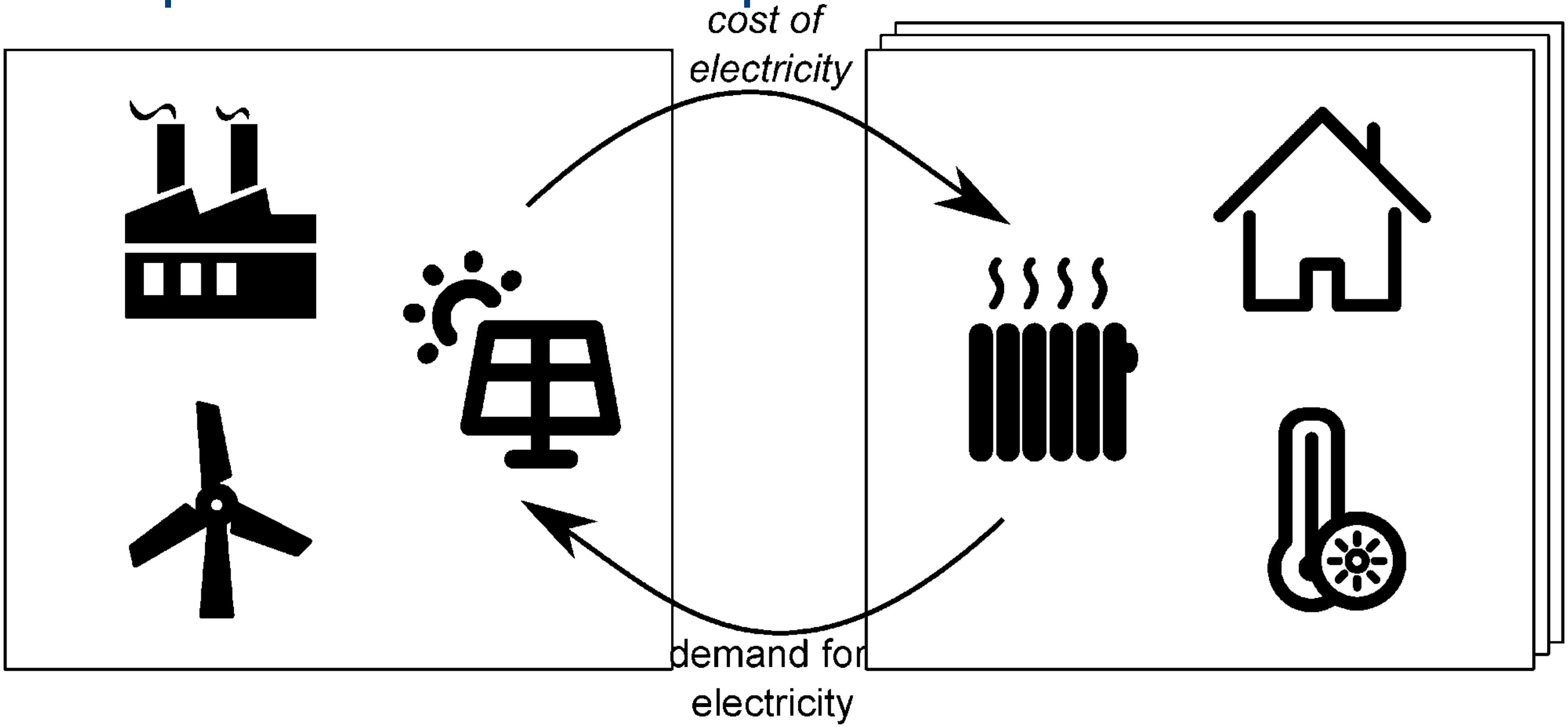
Modeling challenges & issues

Integrated model (IM)
Combination of a UC&ED model and a detailed thermal building model



An integrated model

Joint optimization: minimize total operational cost



UC & ED model, considering set of power plants, RES-based generation and a fixed demand profile (MILP)

DR-adherent demand model: RC network (thermal dynamics building), linear heat pump model, user behavior & external gains (LP)

An integrated model

Joint optimization: minimize total operational cost

- Thermal properties of buildings, aggregated in a **building stock model**

- Technical characteristics heat pumps
- **User behavior profiles**

- Power plants
- Demand
- **RES profiles**
- CO_2 price

Building stock ⟷ Thermal demand ⟷ Electric heating systems: heat pumps ⟷ Electricity price ⟷ Unit commitment and economic dispatch

Linear state-space model

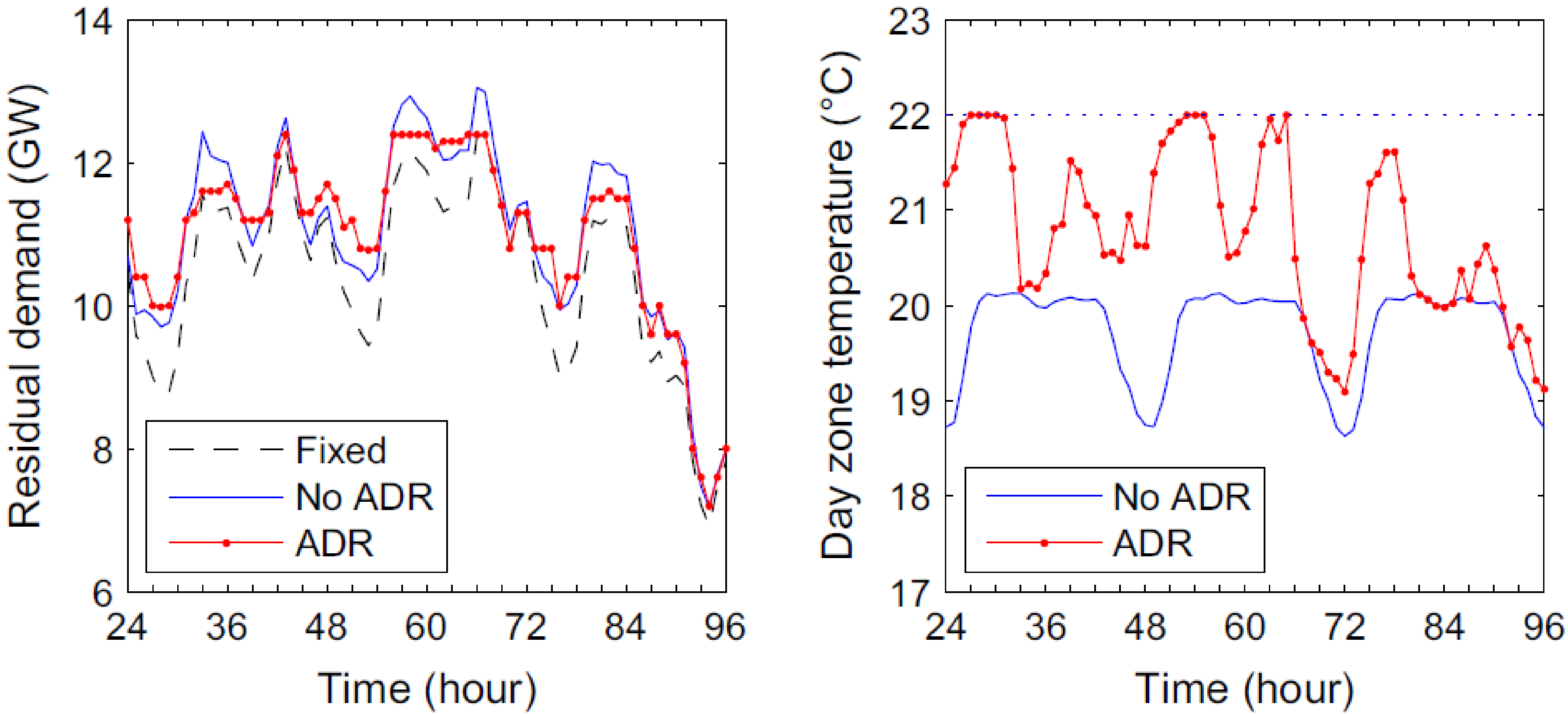
Different building types

Linear technical model

Different user behaviour types

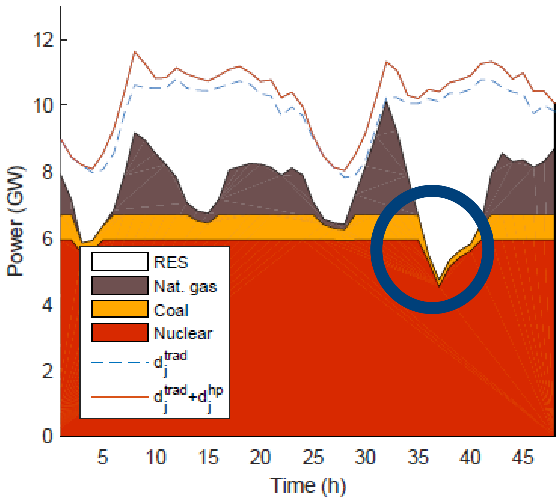
Mixed integer linear programming model

An integrated model: a first example

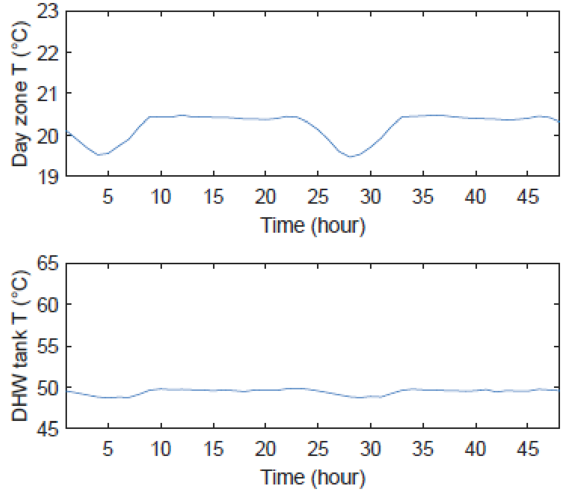


- Power system inspired on possible future setting of BE power system;
- 250,000 heat pumps;
- 52 user behavior profiles.

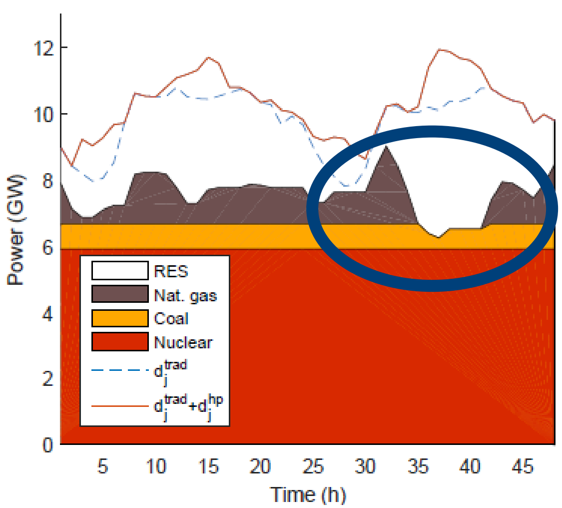
An integrated model: a second example



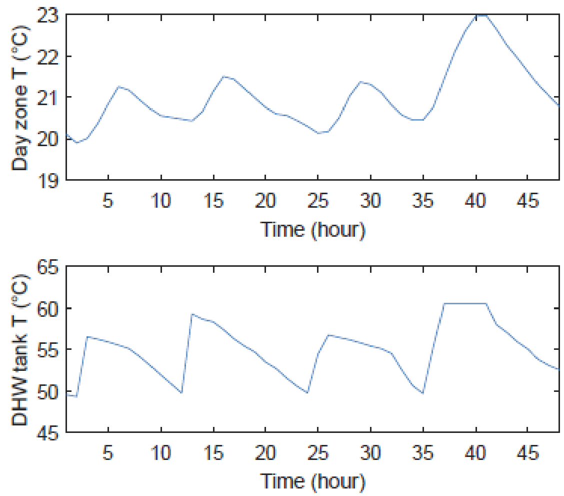
(a) Electricity generation, no DR



(b) Mean temperatures, no DR



(c) Electricity generation, with DR

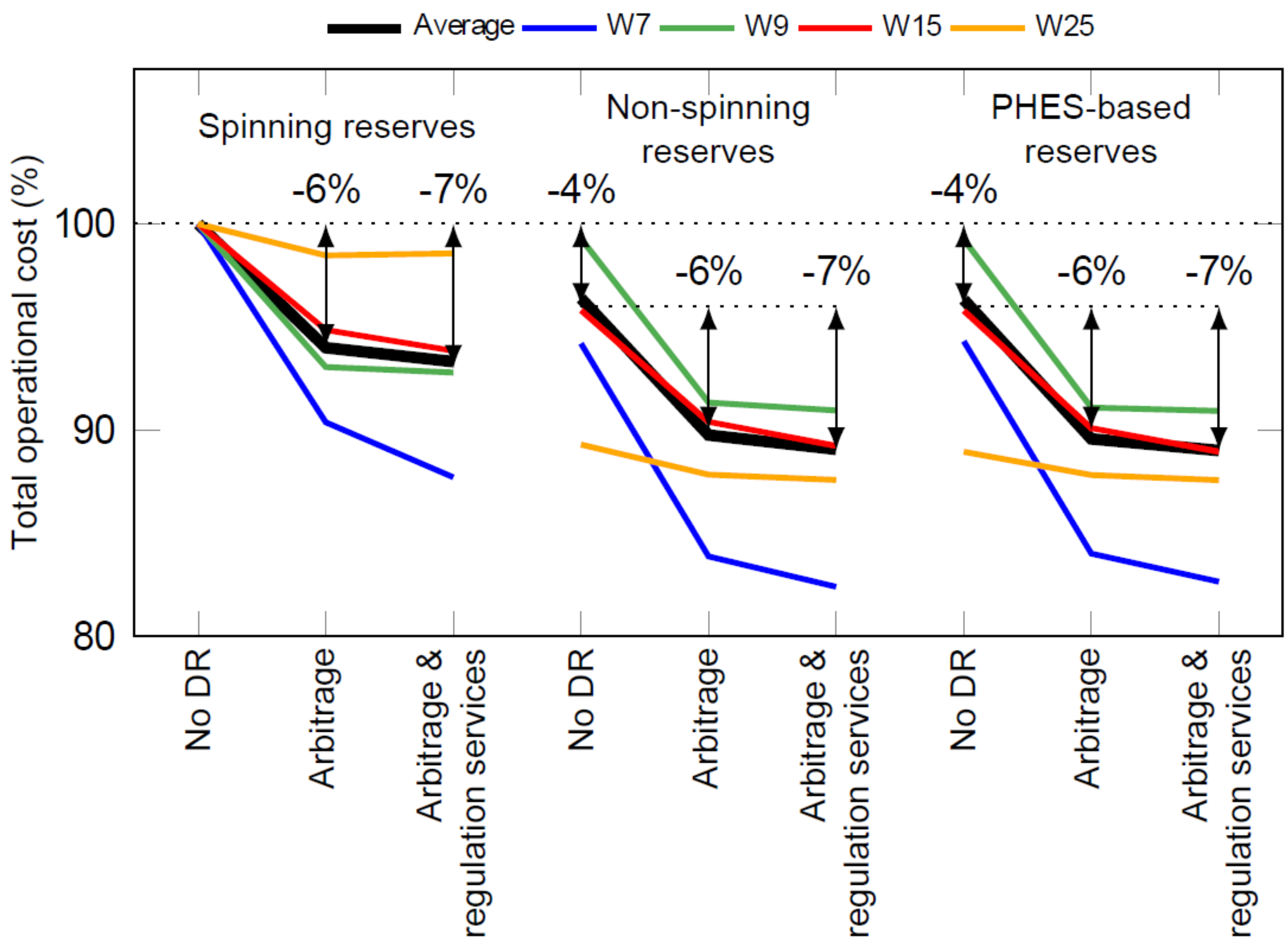


(d) Mean temperatures, with DR

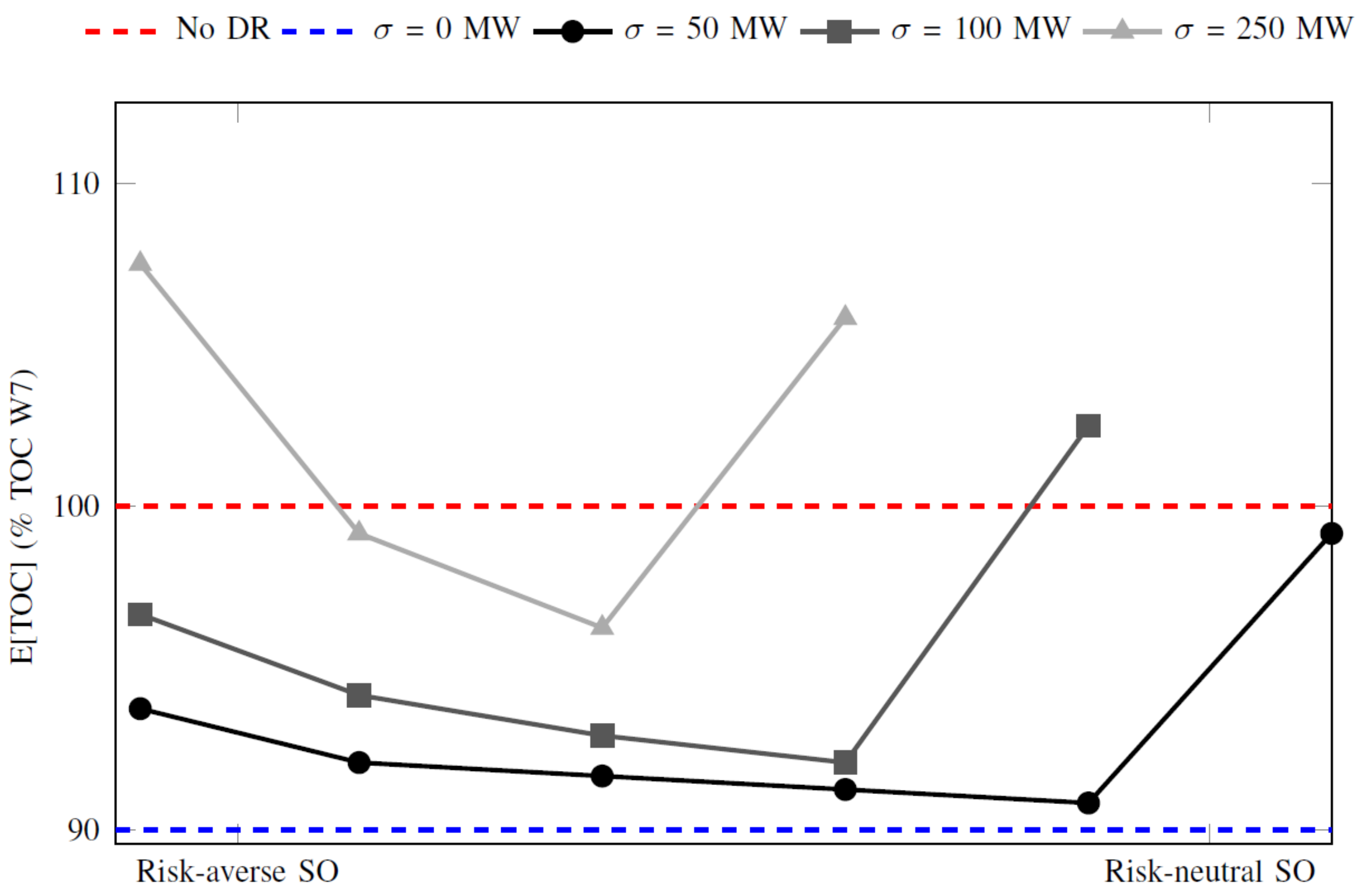
<u>Case study:</u>

- Power system inspired on possible future setting of BE power system;
- 250,000 heat pumps;
- Building properties represented via an ‘average’ building (detached dwelling);
- 52 user behavior profiles.

Value of DR-based arbitrage and regulation services



Impact of limited DR-controllability



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Conclusion

1 **Integrated modelling framework**

- Operational demand and supply side model formulated using MILP
- More accurate representation w.r.t. other methods
  - Merit order model provides valuable results at much lower computational cost
- Myriad of applications possible

2 **Demand response with heat pumps**

- Could hold significant environmental and economical advantages: operational cost savings, (additional) peak demand reduction, cost-effective regulation services
- Current modeling provides upper bound

3 **Future work**

- Impact on heating system design and life time
- Heterogeneity of DR-loads, user behavior, building types
- Conflicting objectives building owner – system operator
- Long term system adequacy

Further reading

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