

Design of Direct Load Control Device and Its Effect on Load Reduction

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Background

- High electricity consumption from air conditioning units is able to disrupt power grid stability (i.e. may cause power outage)

Solution

- Implementation of *direct load control*



Implementation of DLC Device

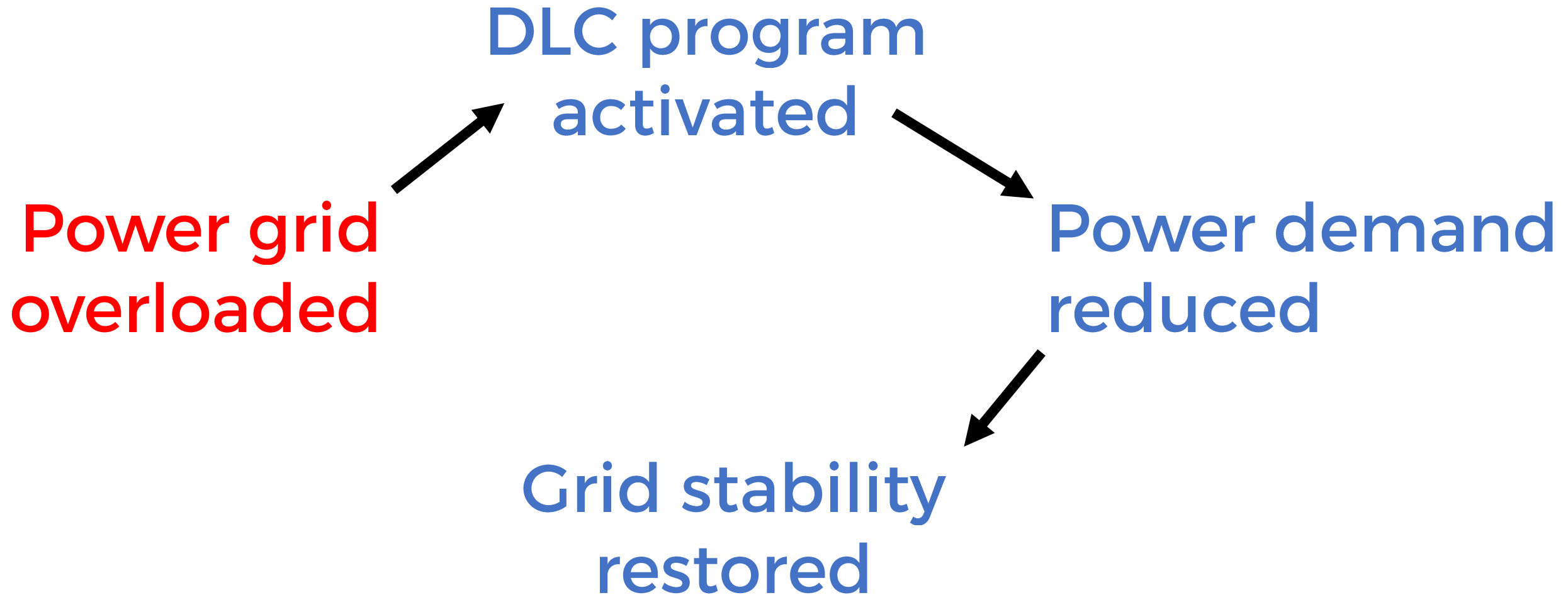
- Installed at electrical consumer premises
- Control air conditioning units

DLC Program

- Change cooling modes and temp setting at 00:00
- Turn off at 05:00



Use Case Scenario of Direct Load Control



Working Principle

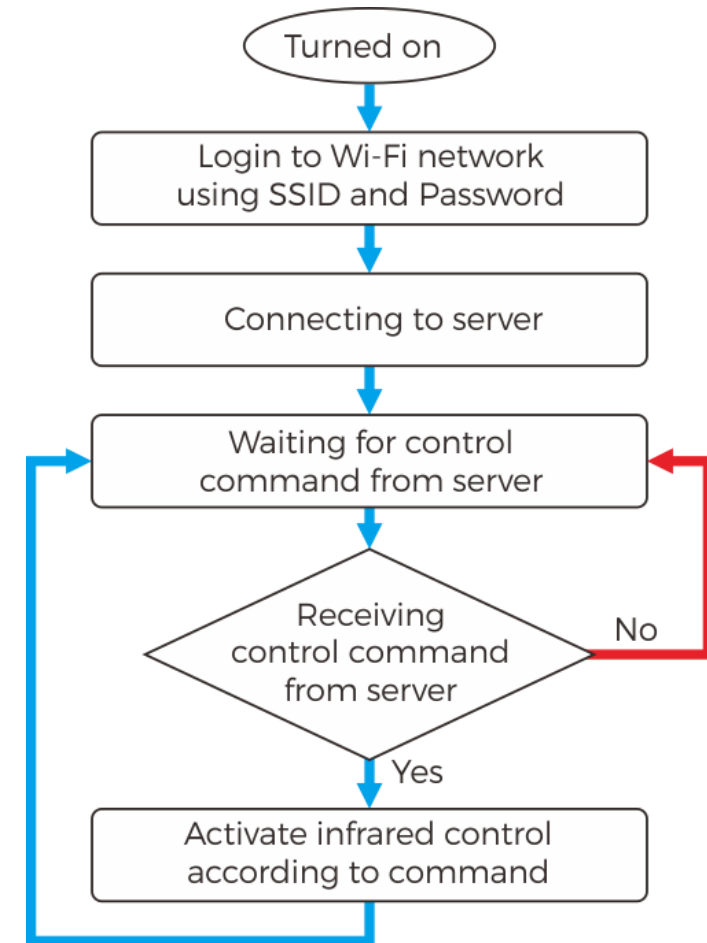
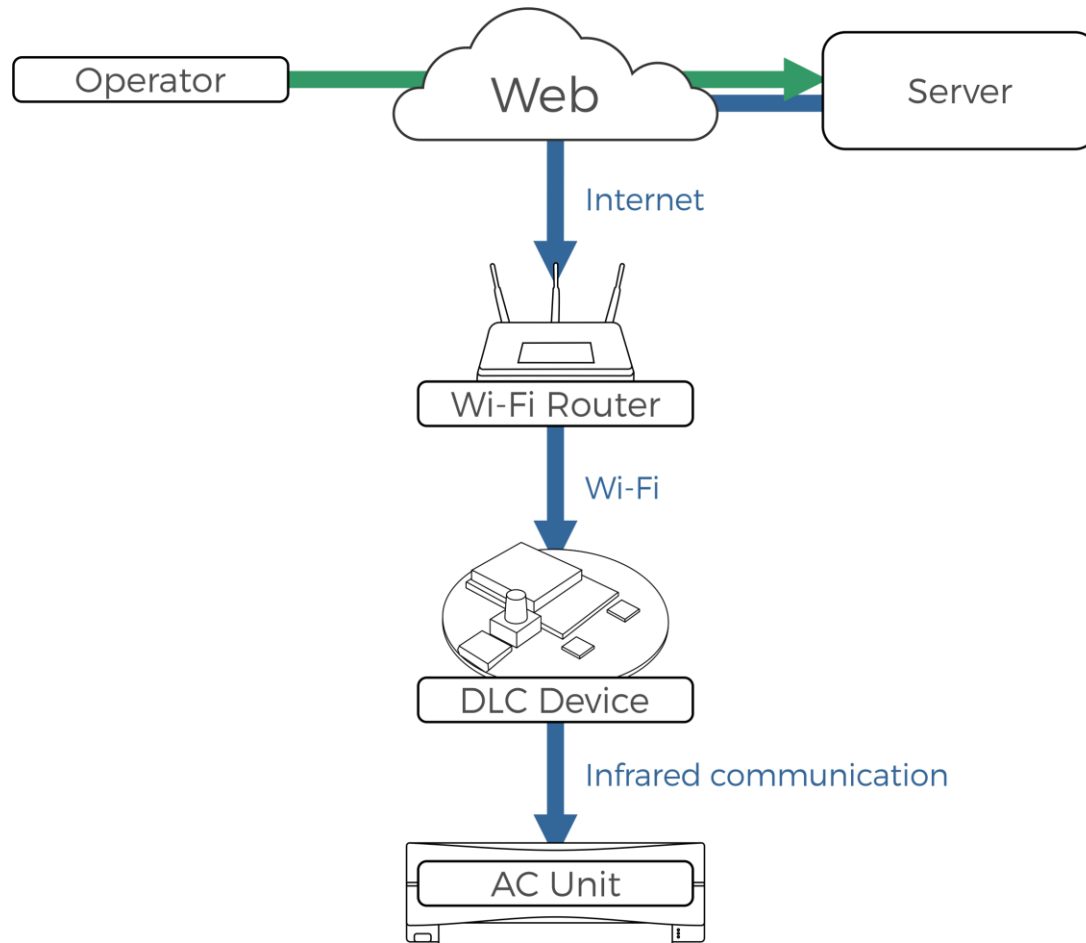


Figure 1. Operating principle (left) and software algorithm (right) of DLC device

System Design

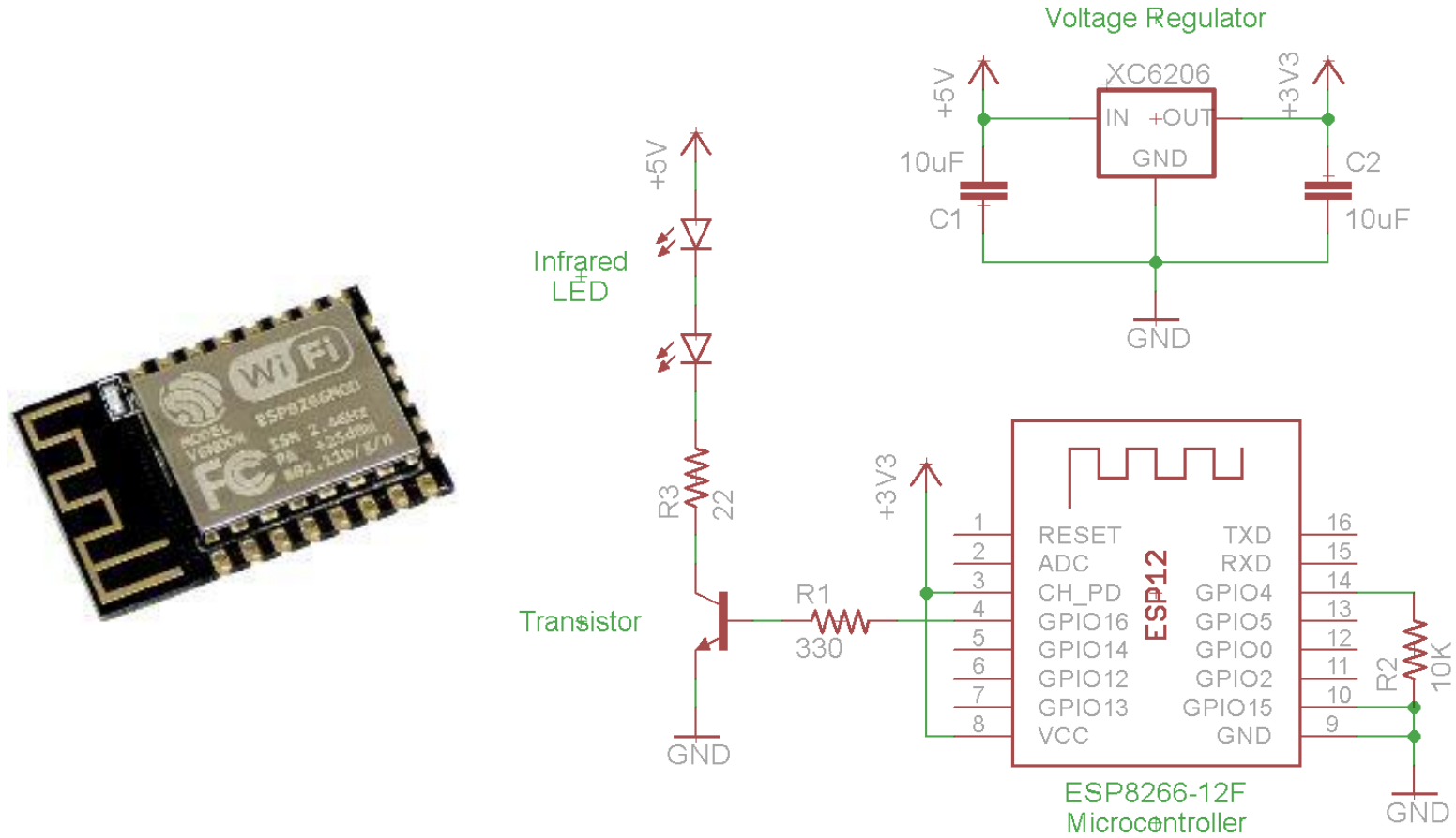


Figure 2. ESP-12F (right) and overall schematics (left)

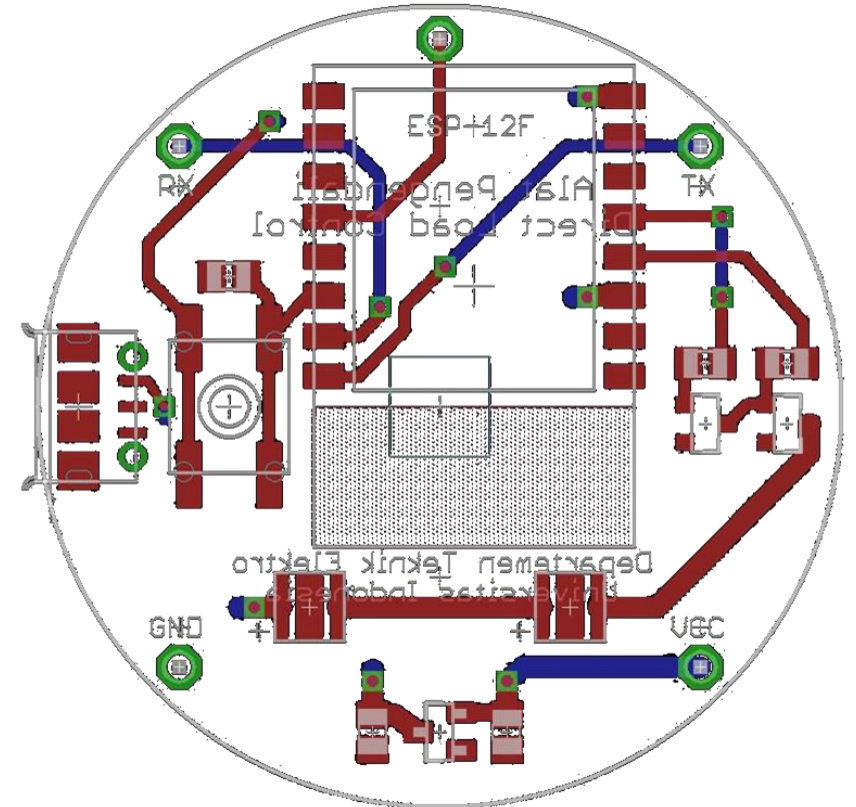


Figure 3. Board design

Experiment Setup

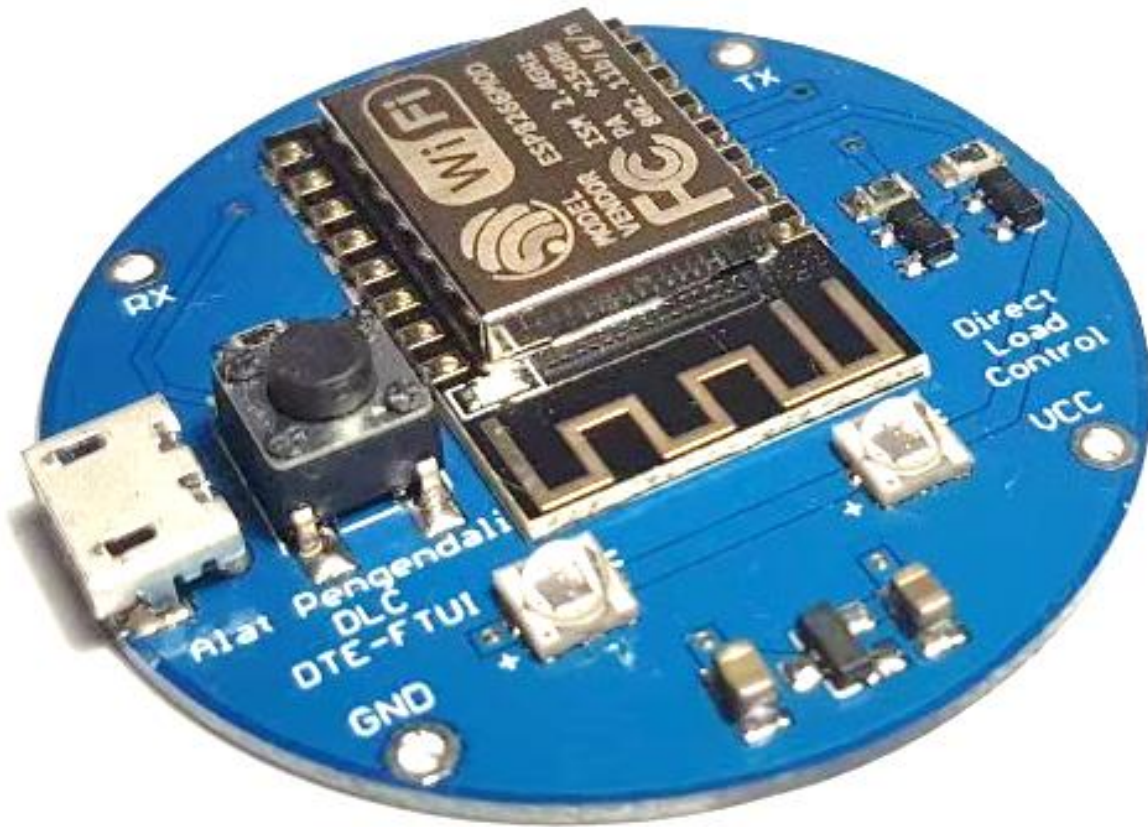
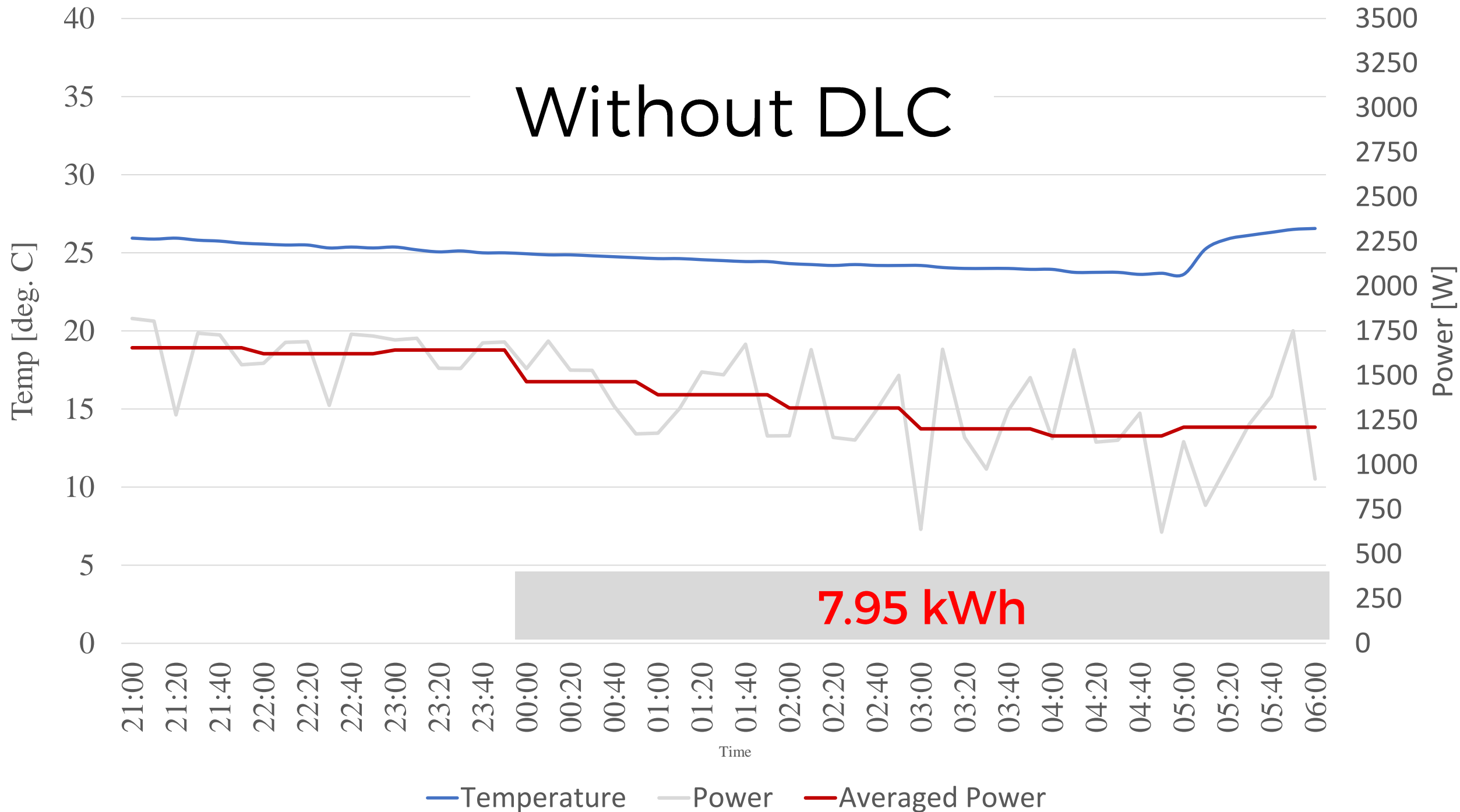


Figure 3. Final assembled board

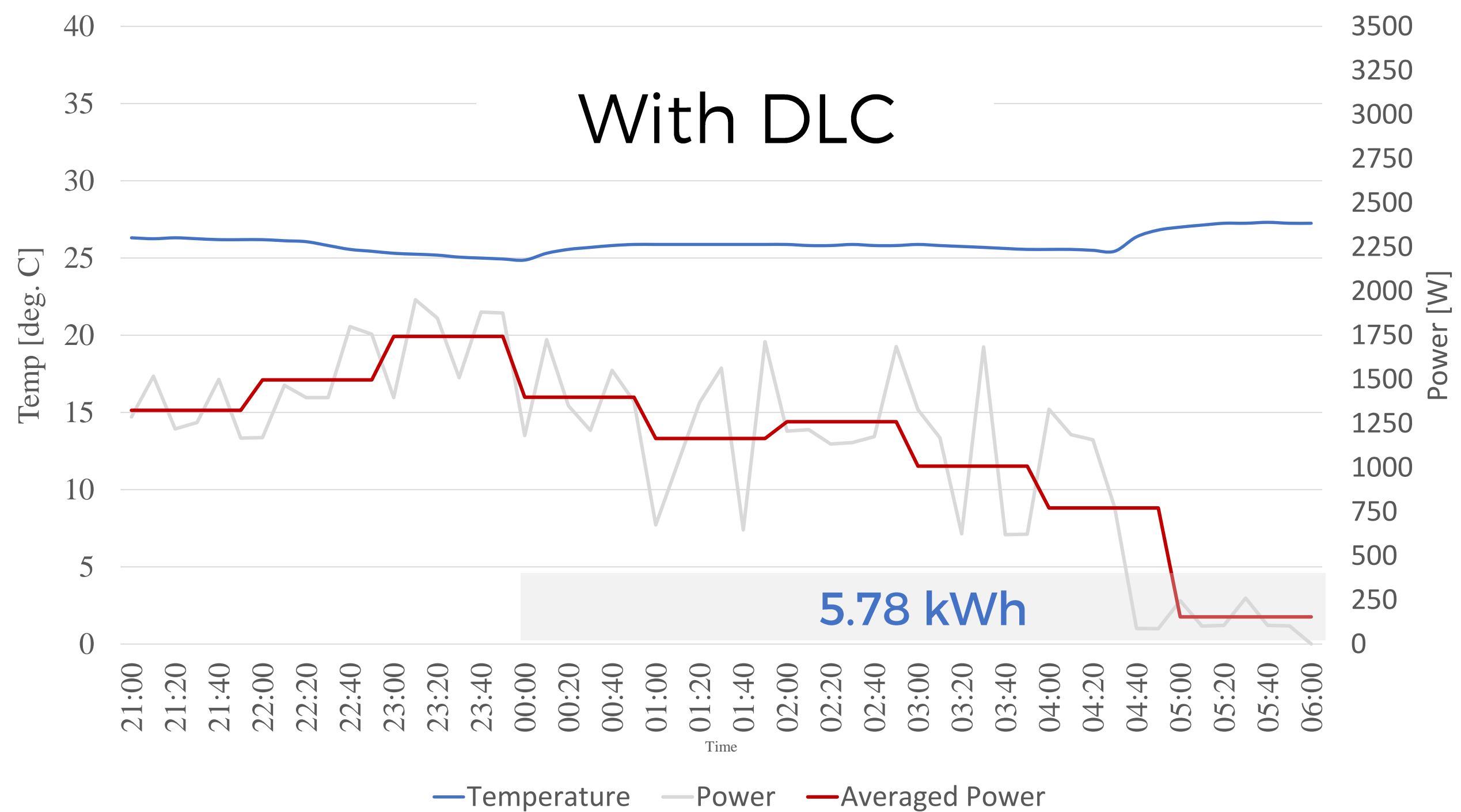


Figure 5. Installation

Without DLC



With DLC



Summary

Without DLC

7.95

kWh



With DLC

5.78

kWh



27.3% load
reduction

Without DLC

25.13

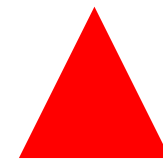
°C



With DLC

25.52

°C



1.5% temperature
rise



Conclusion

1. Successfully demonstrated load reduction using direct load control
2. Significant load reduction (>65 kWh/mo) with no noticeable impact on temperature rise (<0.5 °C)
3. May be implemented to large number of residential buildings
4. May be effective in maintaining grid stability during overload



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