

Integrating electrical and thermal domains - A case study of the Danish Technical University campus

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Background & Context

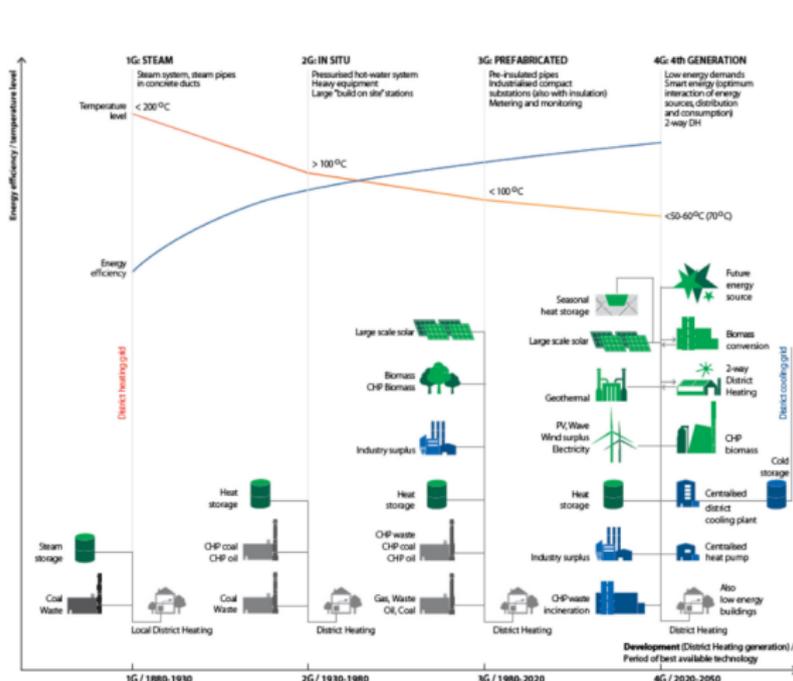
What big picture are we looking at?

- Integrated energy systems
- Multi-carrier energy systems
- Multi-source multi-products energy systems
- Energy systems coupling
- Multi-domain energy systems (MES)
- ...



Background & Context

What big picture are we looking at? - 4GDH and SMART GRID



credit: 4th Generation District Heating (4GDH): Integrating smart thermal grids into future sustainable energy systems - Lund et al.

Background & Context

What will change?

What the future looks like in integrated energy systems

- Renewables
- Distributed energy resources
- Power-to-heat technologies
- Bi-directional flows
- Local heat injection
- Control aspect become crucial
- Communication will play a key role



Problem statement

What does this field of research lack?

What challenges are faced in integrated electro-thermal systems

- Complexity
- Temporal and spatial
- Correlation of uncertainties
- Operational time scales
- What about control?
- Characterisation, aggregation & simplification



→ Properly described Use Cases (UCs) based on a holistic methodology



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Overview

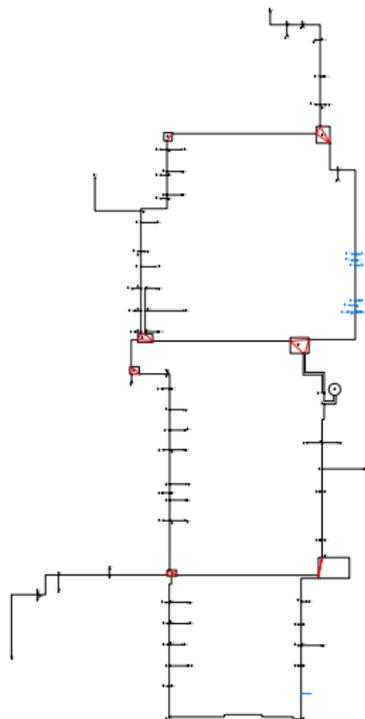
Key figures

- ≈ 11.000 students
- ≈ 6.000 staff
- Roughly 2km^2



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System configuration - on Scale



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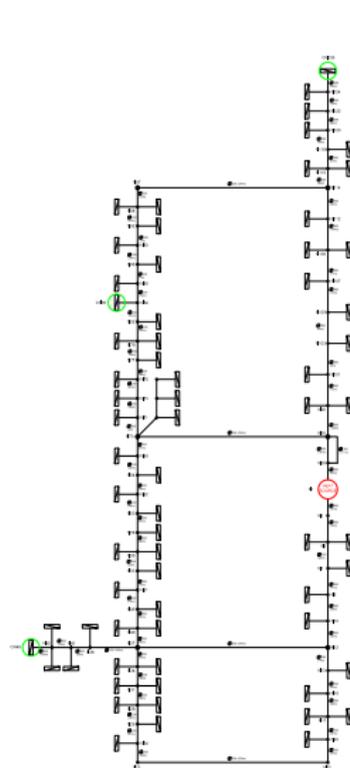
System configuration - Simplified

Key figures

- 68 Loads
- 126 Nodes
- Loops
- 3 critical points - Bypass
- 2 supply loops
- $\simeq 60.000$ MWh/year heat

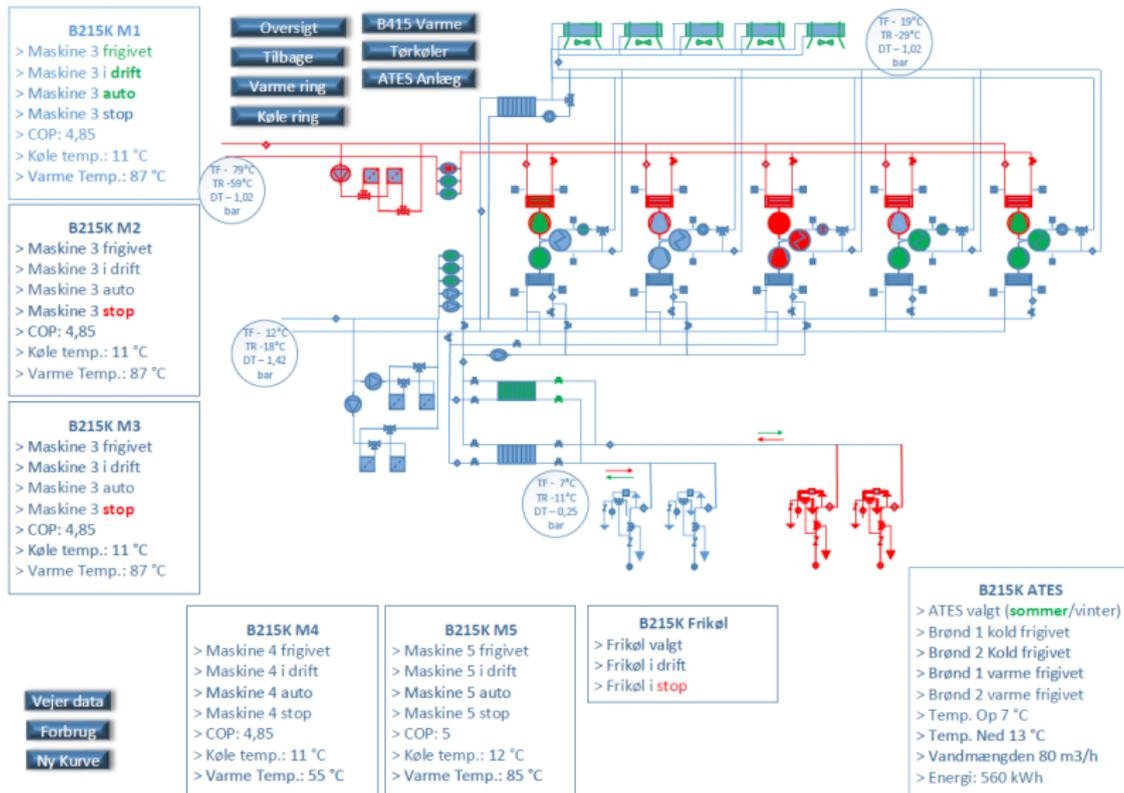
Potential

- 12MW of cooling (peak)
- 6MW of cooling installed
- Heat is wasted



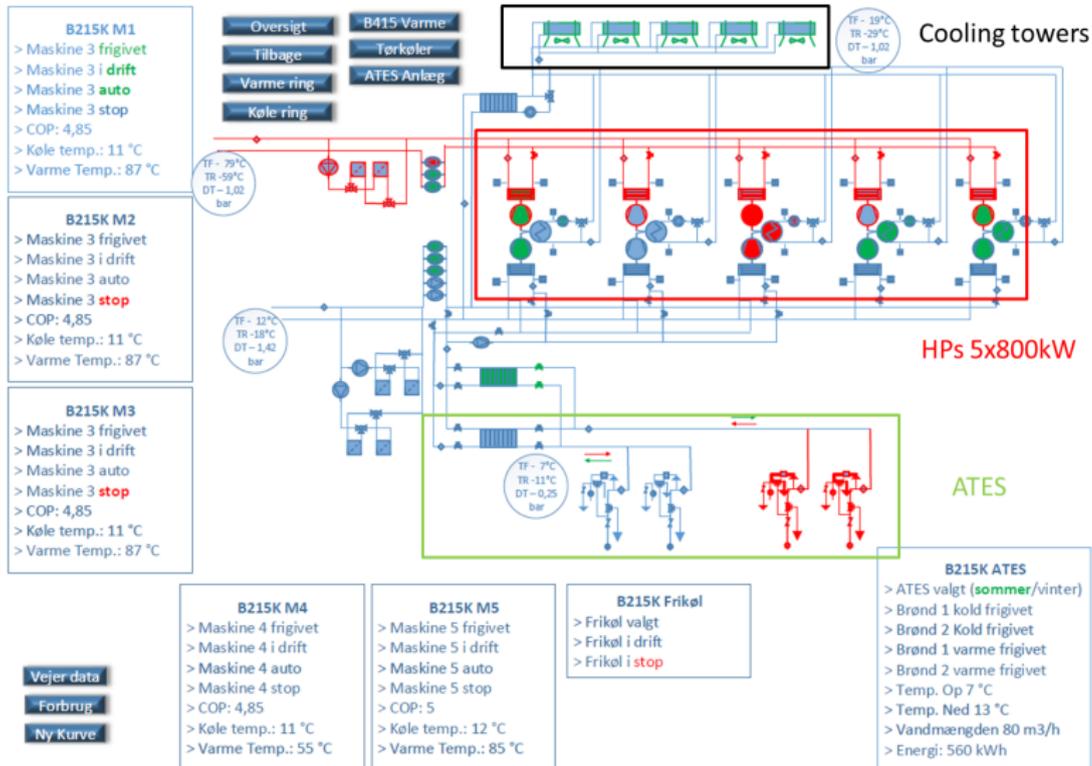
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System configuration - Future Heat pump I



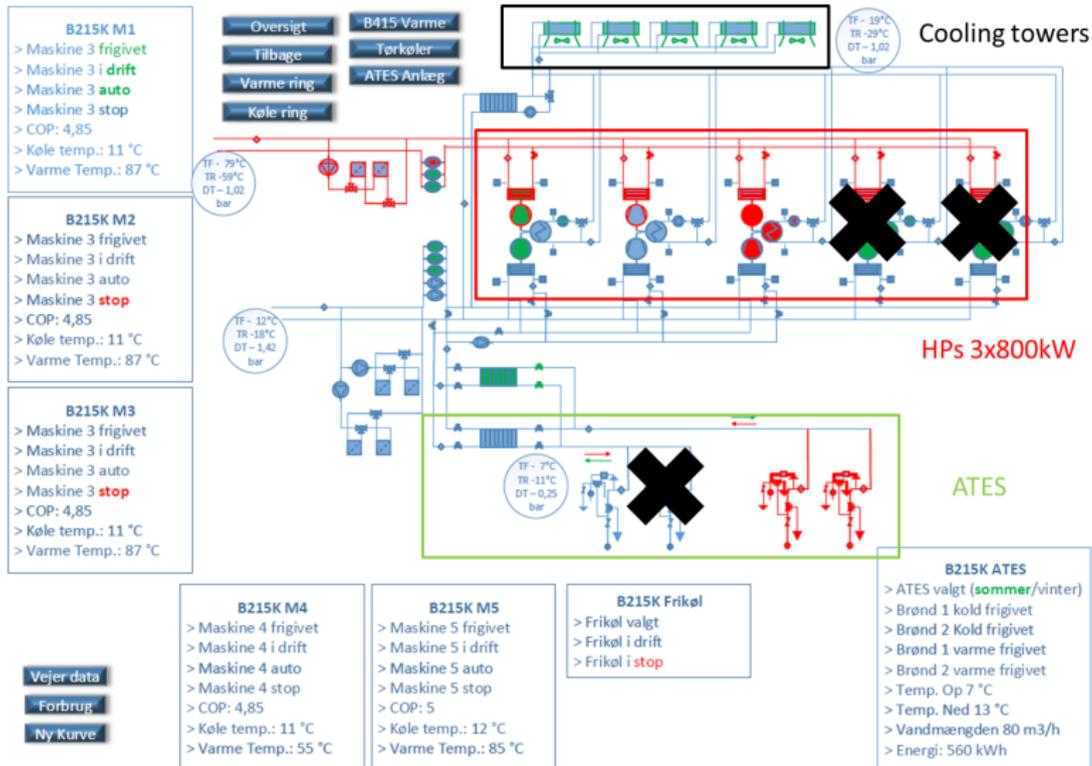
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System configuration - Future Heat pump II



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System configuration - Future Heat pump III



Use cases

Criteria - system operation focus

Requirements



- 1) UCs must be in line with the energy system evolution(s)
- 2) UCs must address some of the operational challenges
- 3) there should be a business case for the UCs
- 4) the UCs should grasp the control interaction of MES



Use cases

Definition



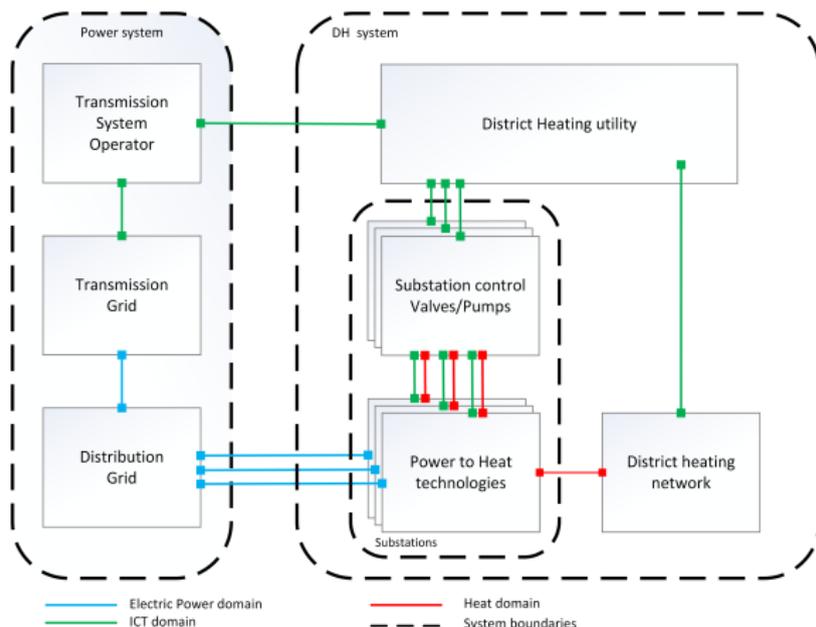
- **UC1** Decentralized feed-in in the DH network
- **UC2** District heating system providing ancillary services to the electrical system
- **UC3** Electrical system providing services to the heat distribution system

Use cases

Holistic view

System configuration

Domains refer to all physical or cyber-components belonging to a class of infrastructure



UC2 - DH provides ancillary services to the electrical system (TSO/DSO):



- Need for balancing - ancillary services
- Proliferation of DERs (e.g EVs)
- Aggregation
- Emergence of new market platform

UC3 - Heat peak-load shaving (mainly small) - Electrical system providing service to the heating system



- Heat load forecast
- Time lag (e.g due to high inertia)
- Change in operation of DH networks

Modelling tools

Requirements

Dynamic models are essential to understand interaction and characterize propagation of transient response from one system to another during normal and abnormal operation.

- Temperatures, flows, pressures, energy and power for the Heating domain.
- Energy, power, flows, voltage, frequency for the Electrical
- ICTs are beyond the physical coupling but of paramount importance when considering control aspects of these cyber-physical systems.



Modelling experience

- Modelling DH network is one "simple" thing
- Many tools exist
- Holistic vision becomes limiting
- API/co-simulation capable tools
- Co-simulation is a good candidate



Conclusion

What is next?

- UCs designed and representative of the future (hopefully)
- Dependant on external factors (i.e markets, policies, technologies)
- Maximize asset use
- DTU campus network is an interesting case study
- Data is key
- No single tool exists to address all UCs
- Co-simulation platform?
- Object-oriented, multi-domain modelling - Modelica?



