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Heating demand peak shaving in smart homes

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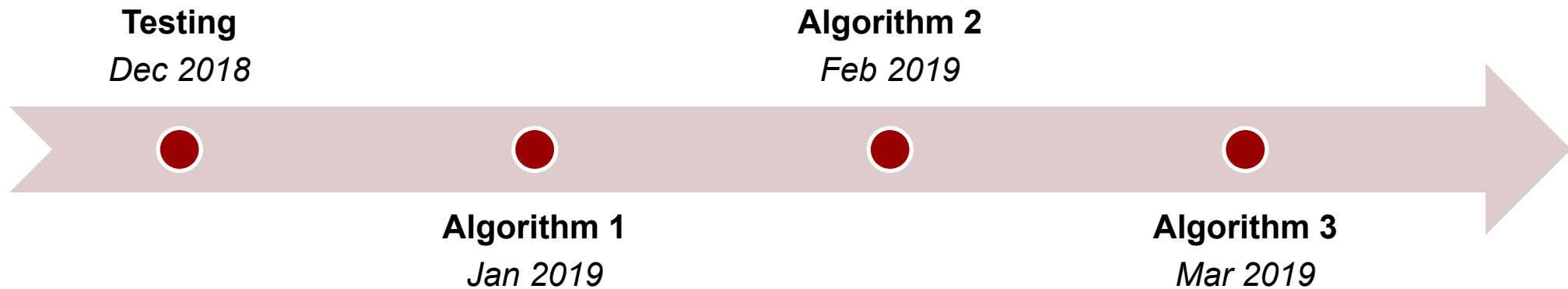
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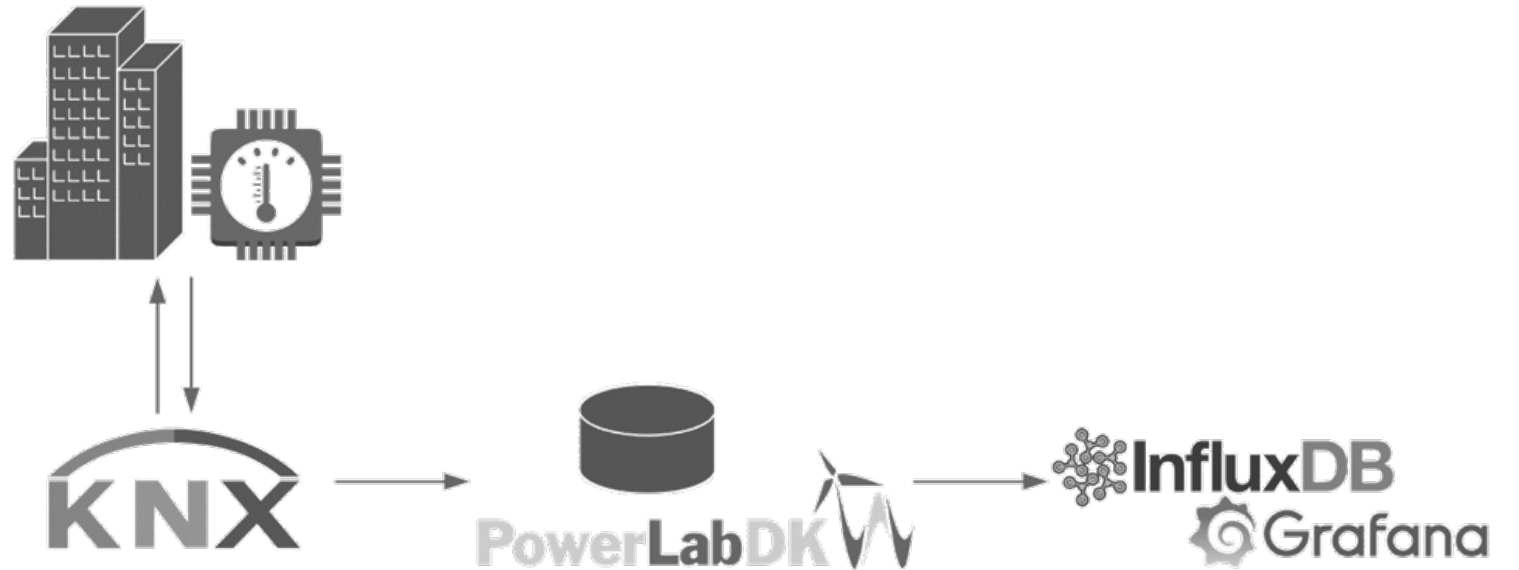
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Experiment

- Demand side management (DSM) - Peak Shaving
- Field tests in 16 smart apartments (heating season of 2018/19)
- Schedule control of the temperature setpoint of thermostats
- Focus on the learning process of the methodology



ICT System



← **Monitoring side** →

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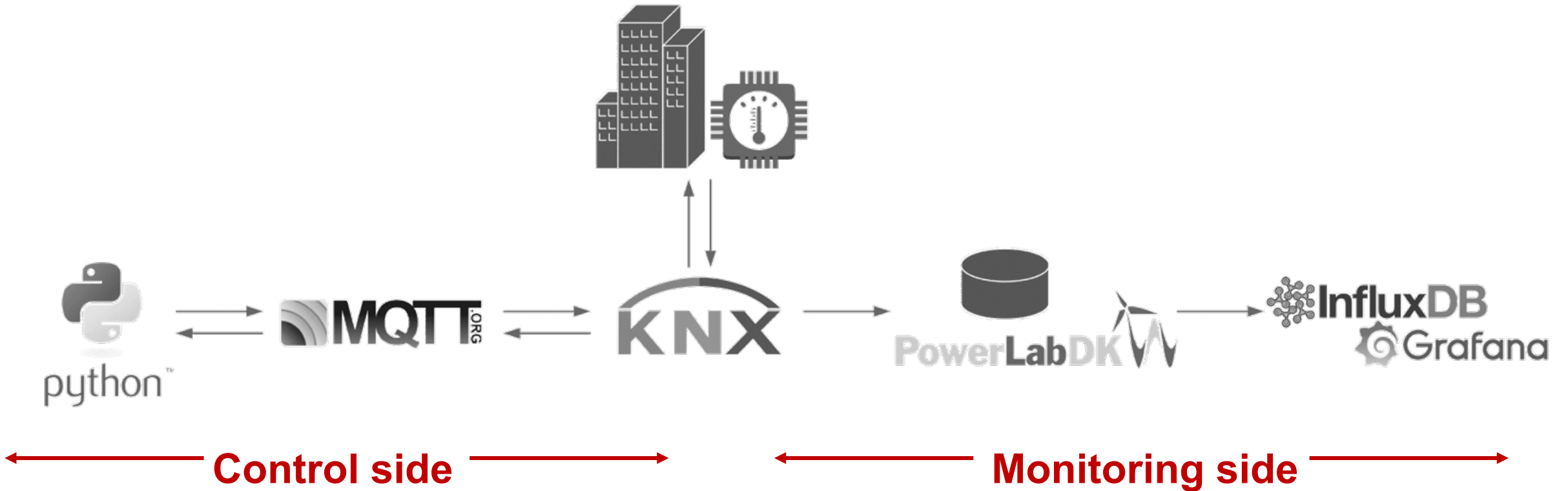
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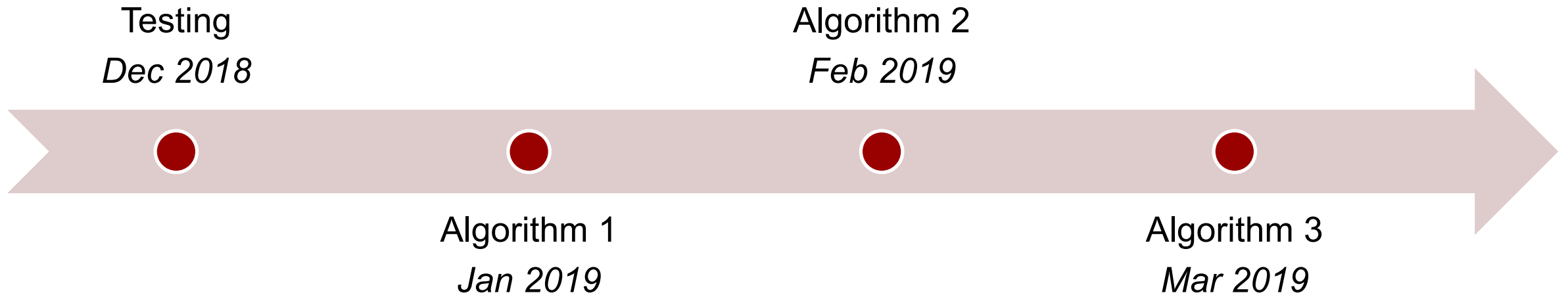
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Project timeline



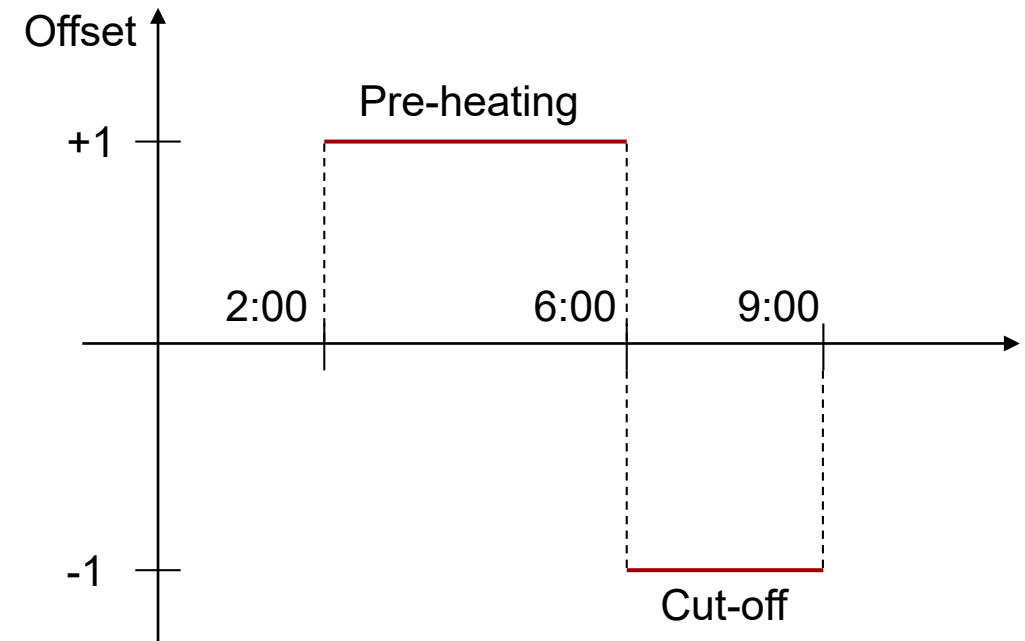
Testing phase – December 2018

- Making sure that the all systems was working correctly
- Fixing issues in the ICT system
- Single living room → Multiple living rooms
- Response of the heating system (indoor temperature) to simple control signals

- **Outcome**
 - Data available + monitoring/visualization tools → Detect issues in the system

Algorithm 1 – January 2019

- **Definition of reference temperature setpoint:**
 - Offline calculation using historical data of indoor temperature
- **Pre-heating between 2:00 and 6:00:**
 - Only living rooms
 - Offset of $+1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Peak shaving between 6:00 and 9:00:**
 - All rooms
 - Offset of -1°C



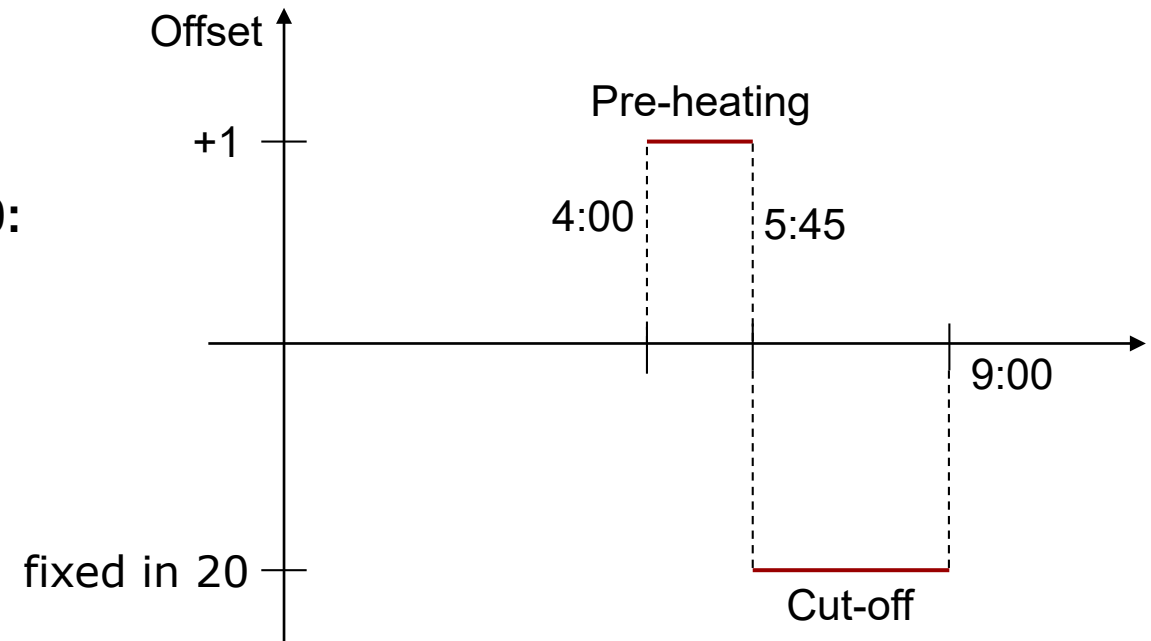
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- **Outcomes**

- Historic setpoint was not OK
- Pre-heating time of 4 hours was too long
- Delay of 15 minutes was observed in the system response

Algorithm 2 – February 2019

- **Definition of reference temperature setpoint:**
 - Defined as the current setpoint at 2:30
- **Pre-heating between 4:00 and 5:45:**
 - Only living rooms
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- **Peak shaving between 5:45 and 9:00:**
 - All rooms
 - Setpoints fixed in 20°C



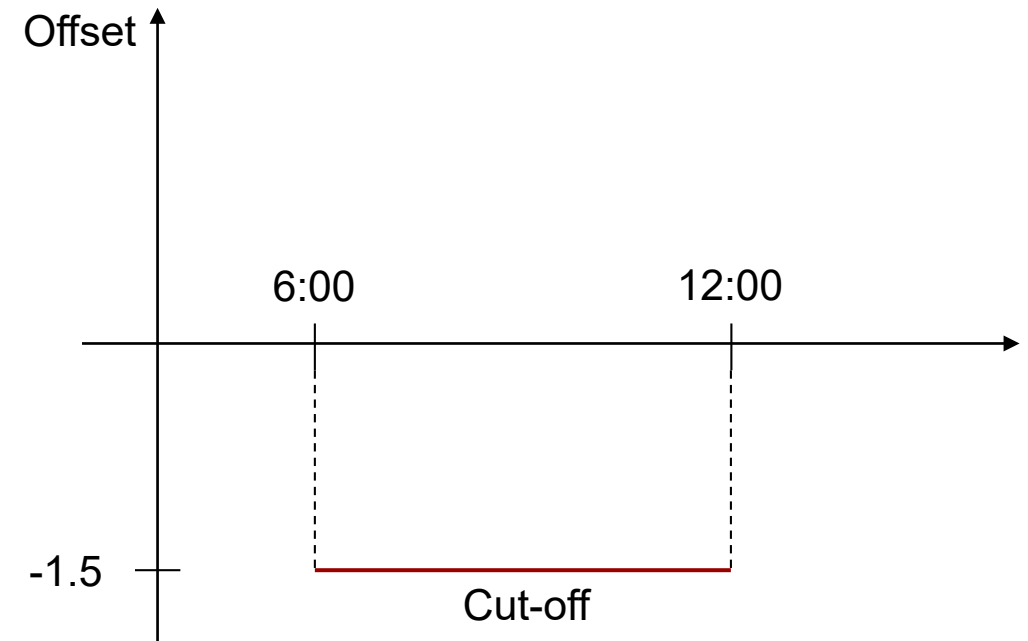
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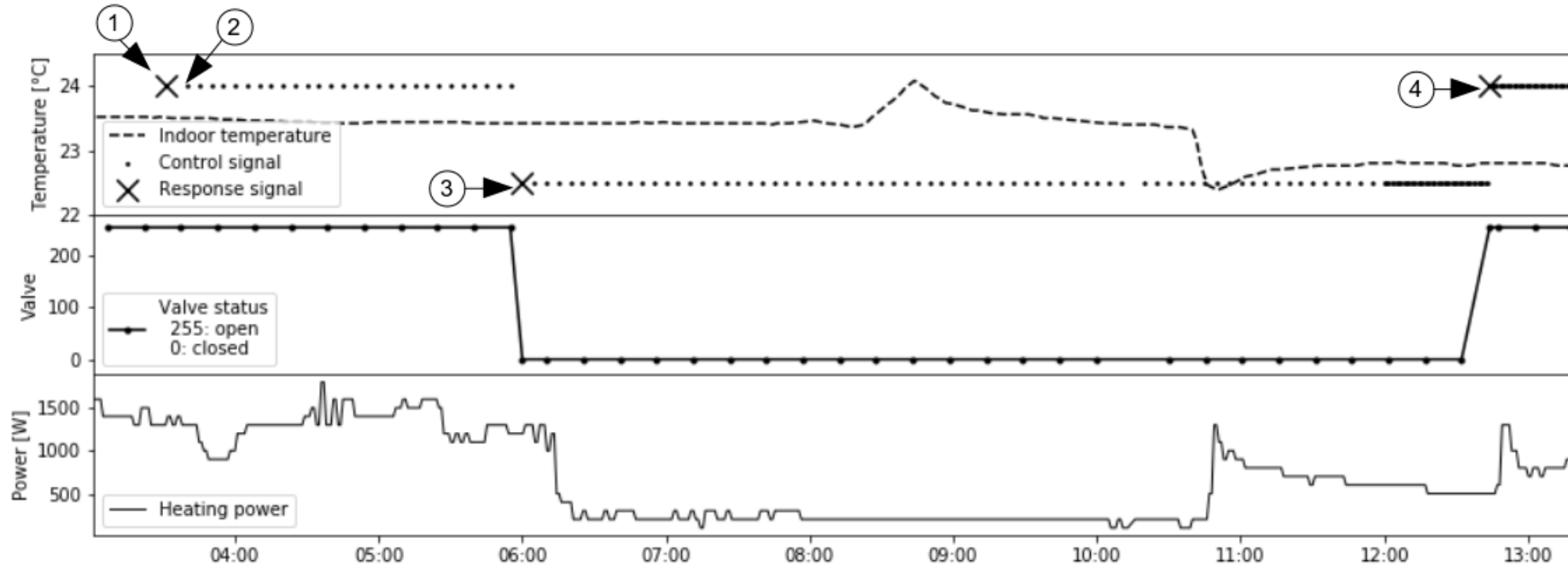
- Users feedback: bathrooms and toilets removed from experiments (warm floor)
- Rebound effect observed when temperatures were increased back to reference
- No pre-heating was needed (building's thermal inertia was enough)
- It was possible to increase the heat cut-off period

Algorithm 3 – March 2019

- Bathrooms and toilets were excluded from our control loop
- Definition of reference temperature setpoint:
 - Defined as the current setpoint at 3:30
 - No pre-heating
 - Peak shaving between 5:45 and 12:00:
 - Offset of -1.5°C
 - Extra step at 12:00 to set back the setpoint
 - Delay of 1 minute between rooms



Results – Algorithm 3



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| 1. Read of setpoint reference (3:30) | 3. Heat cut-off (5:45) |
| 2. Beginning of DSM experiment (3:40) | 4. Setpoint back to reference (12:40) |

Conclusion

- Significant reductions compared to non-experimental days with similar weather conditions
- Little impact on indoor temperature
- These methods can be applied to other smart homes where heating supply is controlled using room thermostats

Thank you

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