

Design of renewable and system-beneficial district heating systems using dynamic emission factors for grid-sourced electricity in optimization models

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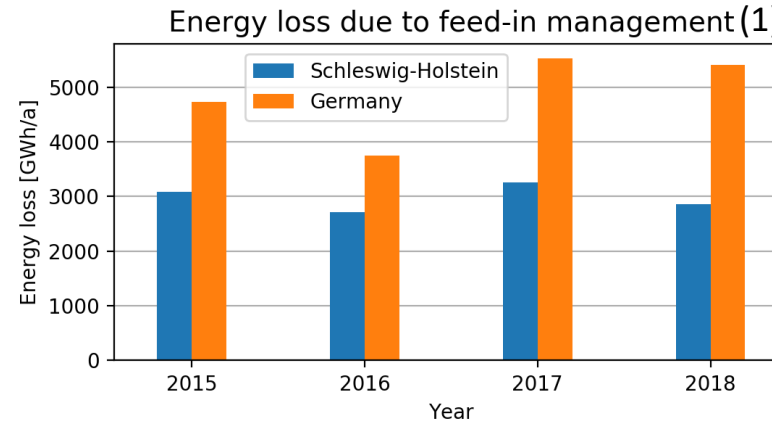
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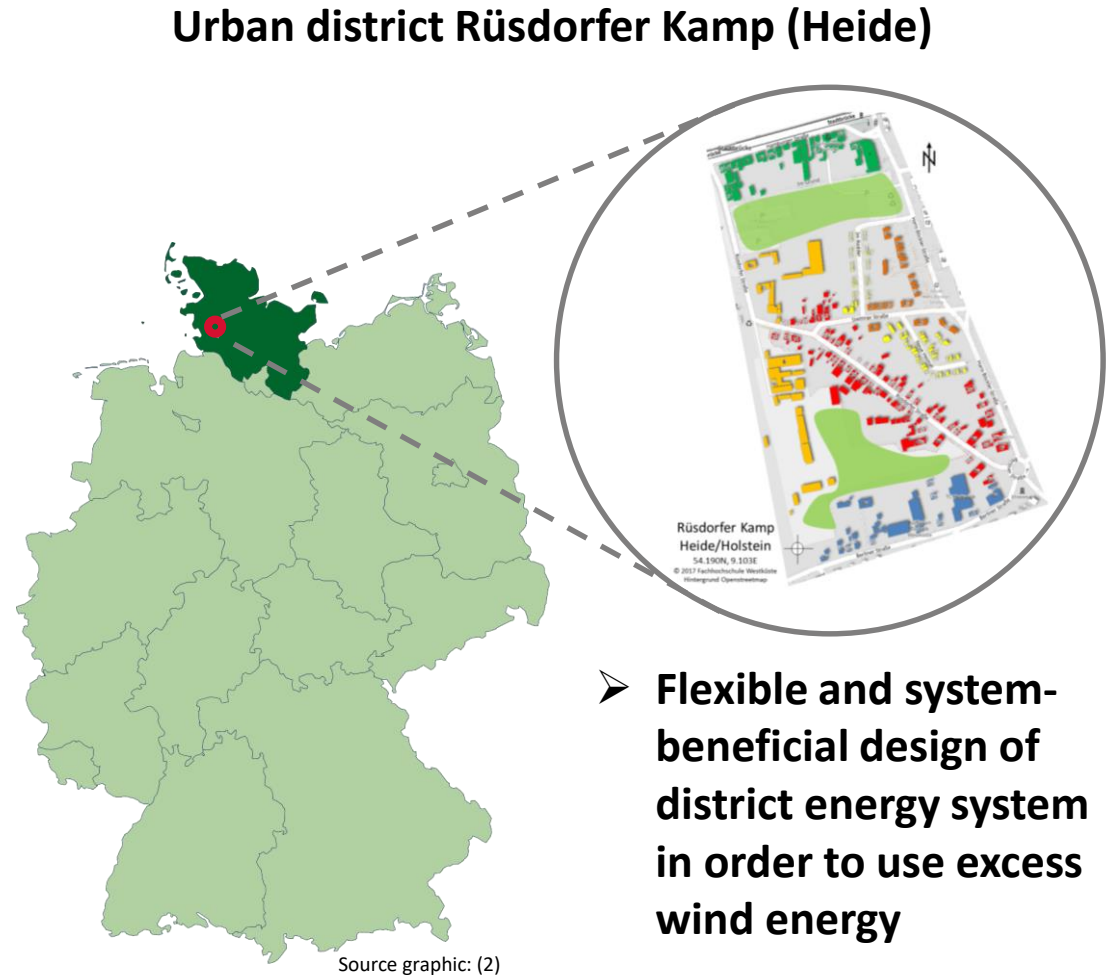
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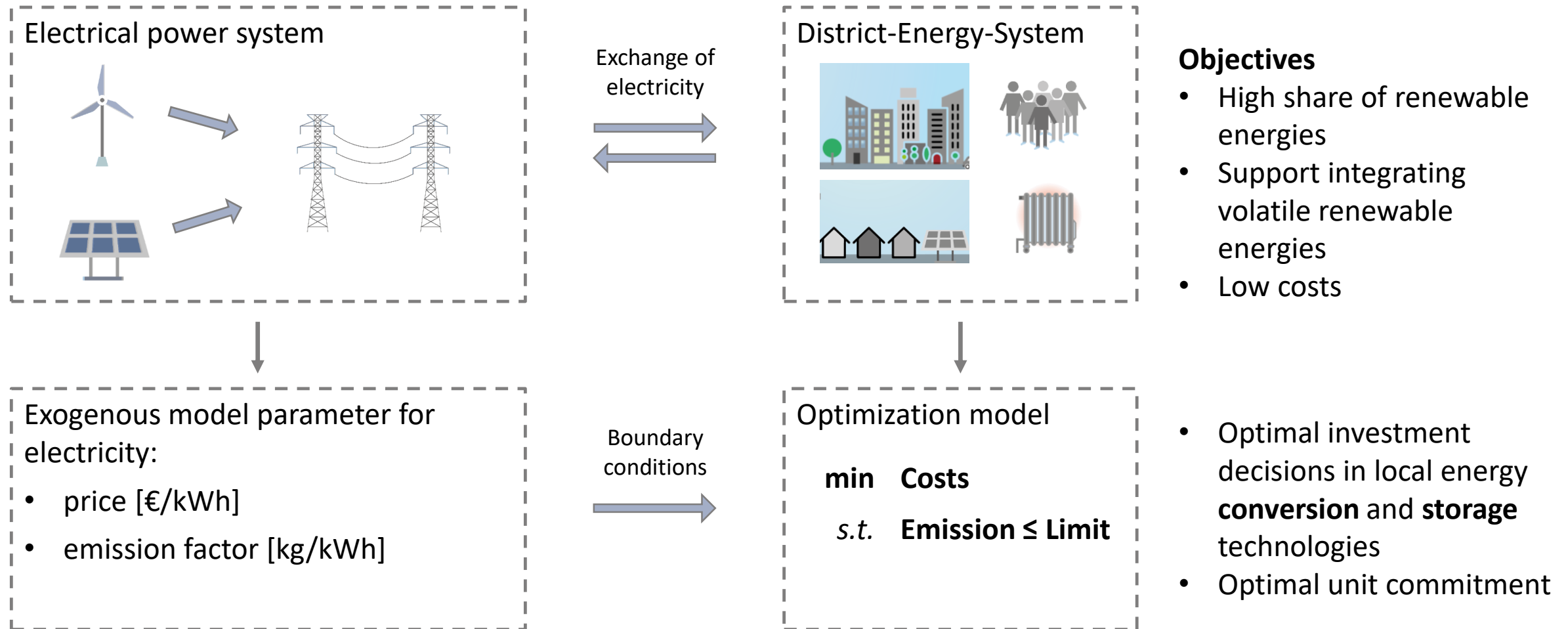




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- Resilient, scalable and transferable energy system solutions for built-up urban districts
- High share of renewable energies in all energy sectors
- Integration of urban districts in the overall energy system





Exogenous model parameter for electricity:

- price [€/kWh]
- **emission factor [kg/kWh]**

Boundary
conditions



Optimization model

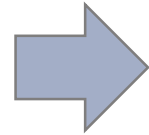
min Costs

s.t. Emission \leq Limit

- Optimal investment decisions in local energy **conversion** and **storage** technologies
- Optimal unit commitment

Challenges

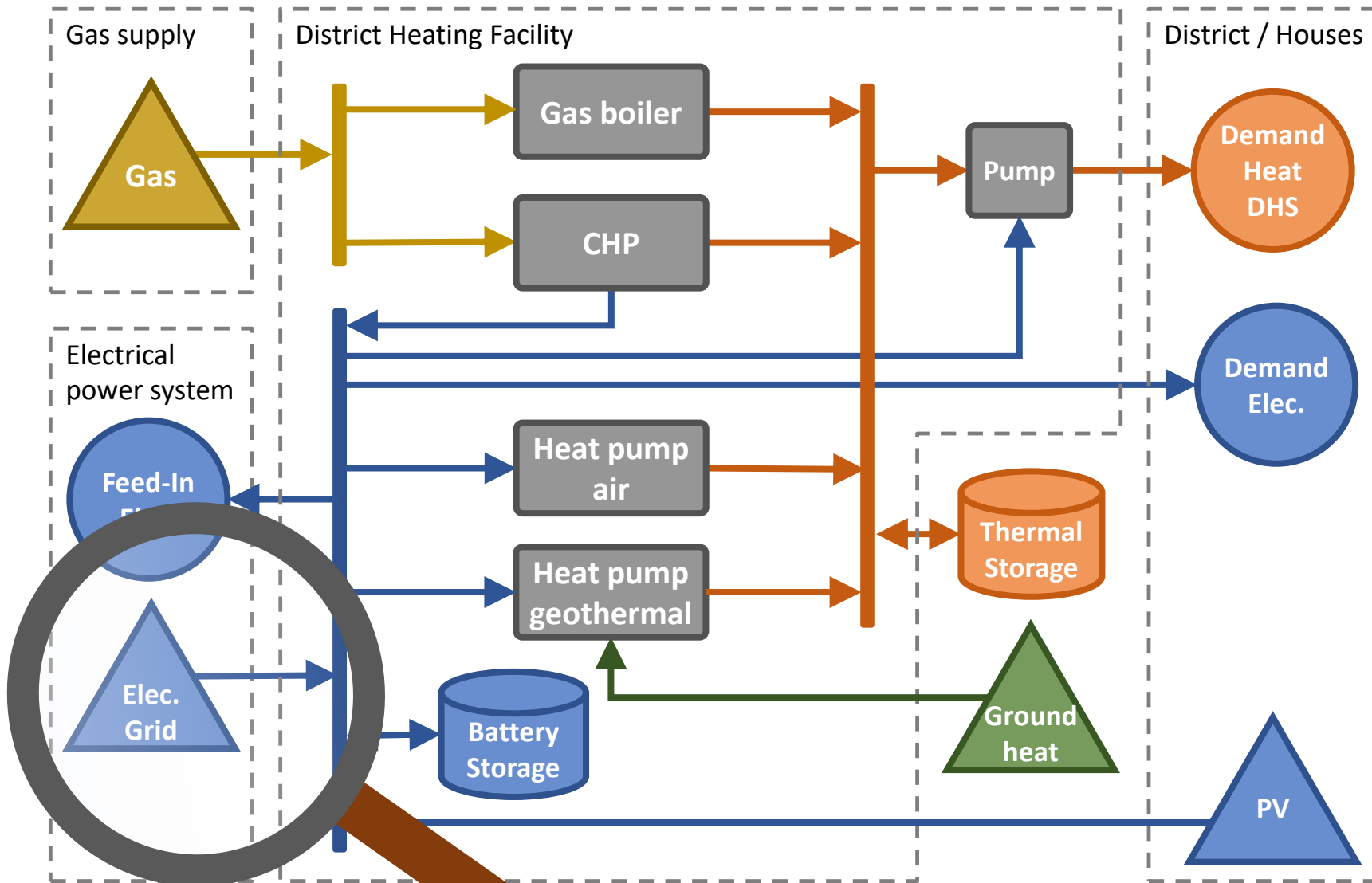
1. Emission factor of grid-sourced electricity depends on fluctuating renewable energies.
2. How can a grid supportive design and behavior of the district energy system be achieved?



Approach

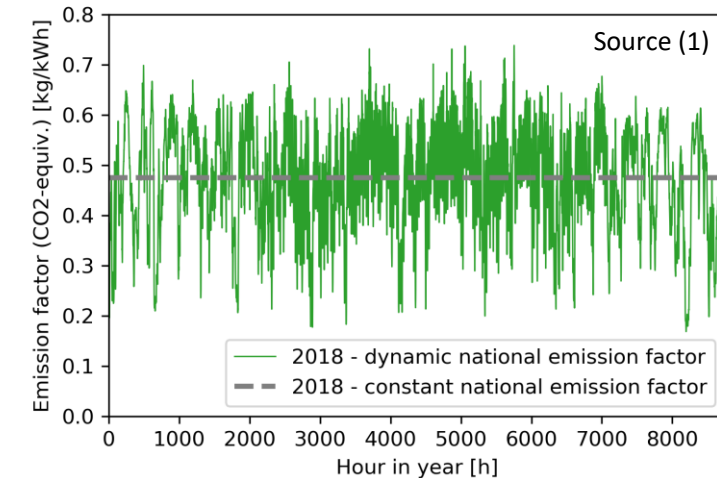
1. Using **time-dependent emission factors**
 - How does the energy system design differ?
 - When does it matter?
2. Considering **local and regional excess of renewable energies** due to congestions within the grid
 - **Dynamic** (= time-dependent) **local** emission factor as design parameter

Energy system model



- Linear investment- and unit commitment optimization model (LP)
- 1 year, 1 hour time resolution
- Technology data based on actual market data
- Commodity prices following German prices
- Demand time-series based on real-world case
 - Peak load heat ~ 2 MW
 - Annual heat demand ~ 5 GWh
 - Electricity demand ~ 1.1 GWh
- **Dynamic (time-dependent) emission factor of grid-sourced electricity**

Emission factor of grid-sourced electricity (Germany 2018)

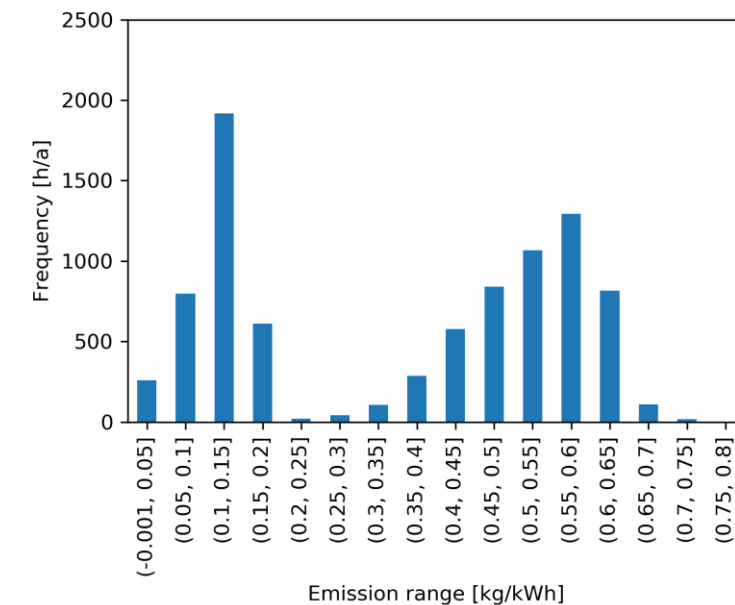
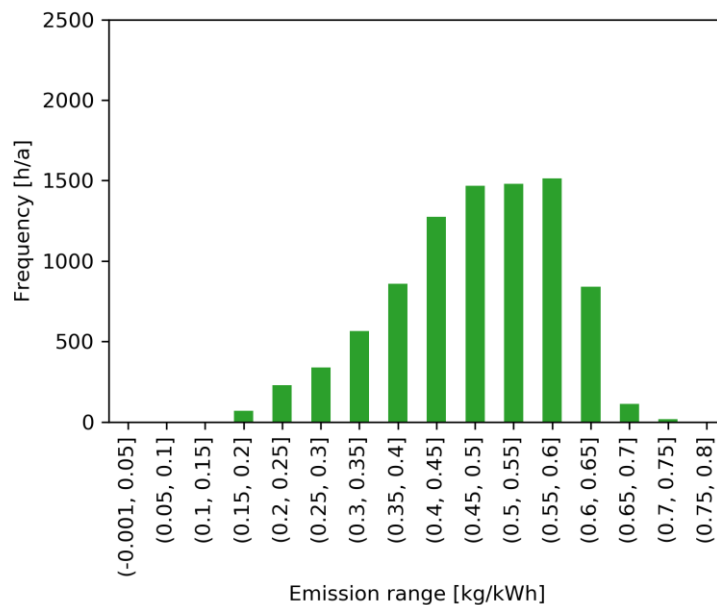
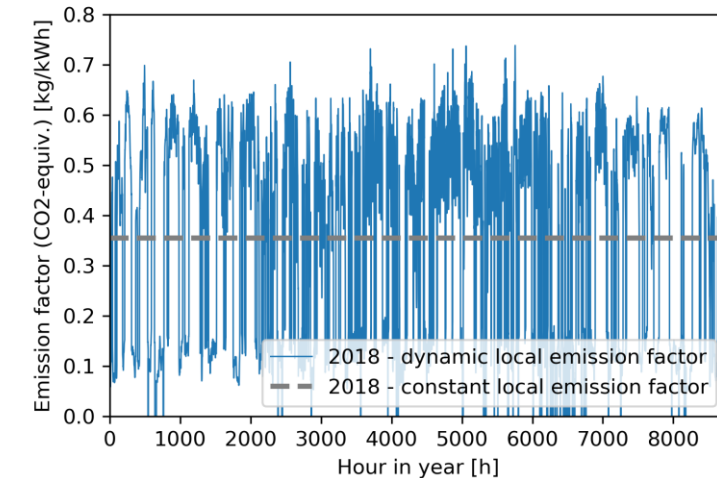


Reduction of emission factor
at times of excess



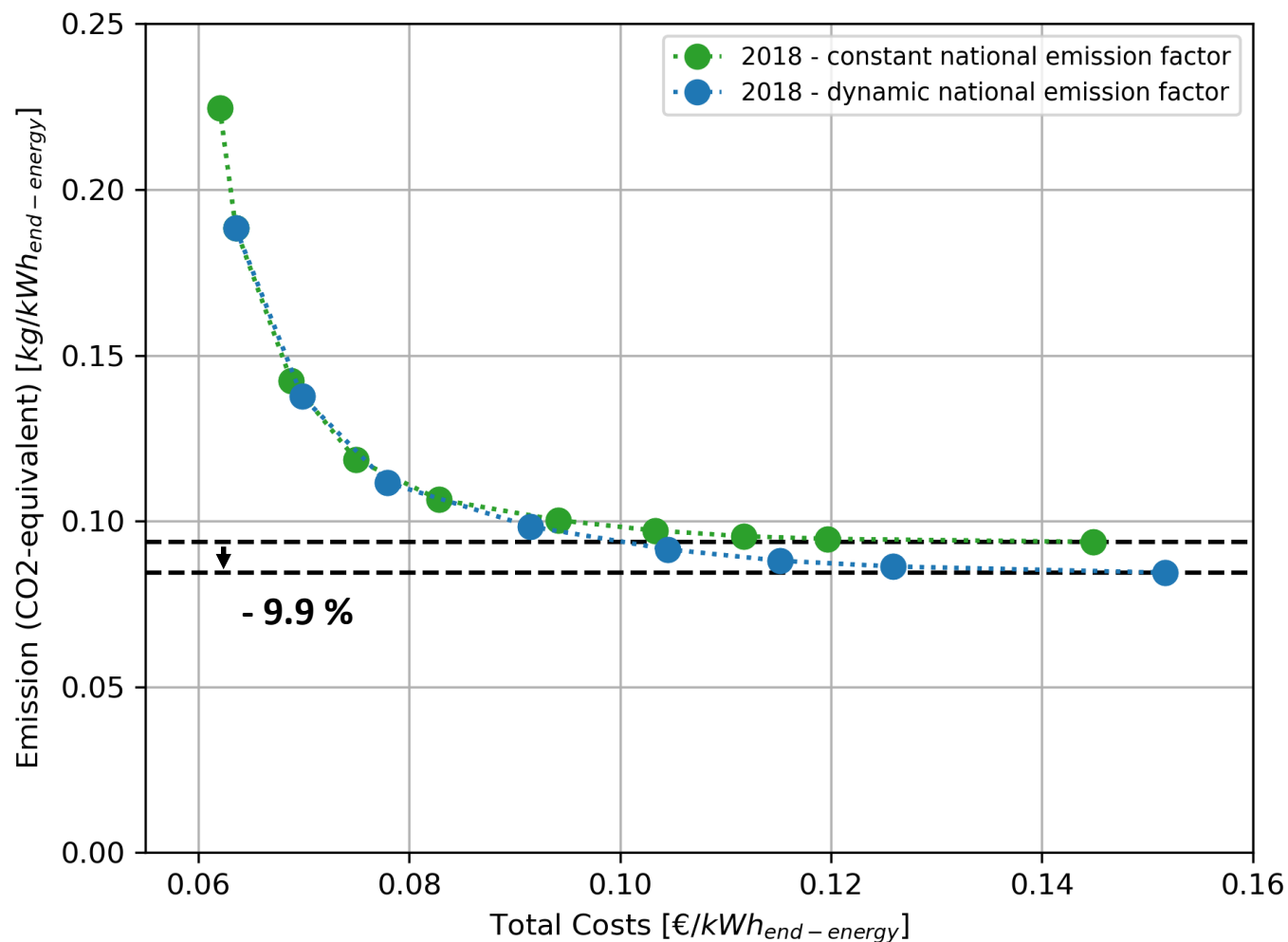
Local and regional cut-off of
renewable energy (historical
data)

- Feed-in management at next HV/MV transformer station from DSO
 - Feed-in management from TSO within region
- **Periods with low emission factor increase**



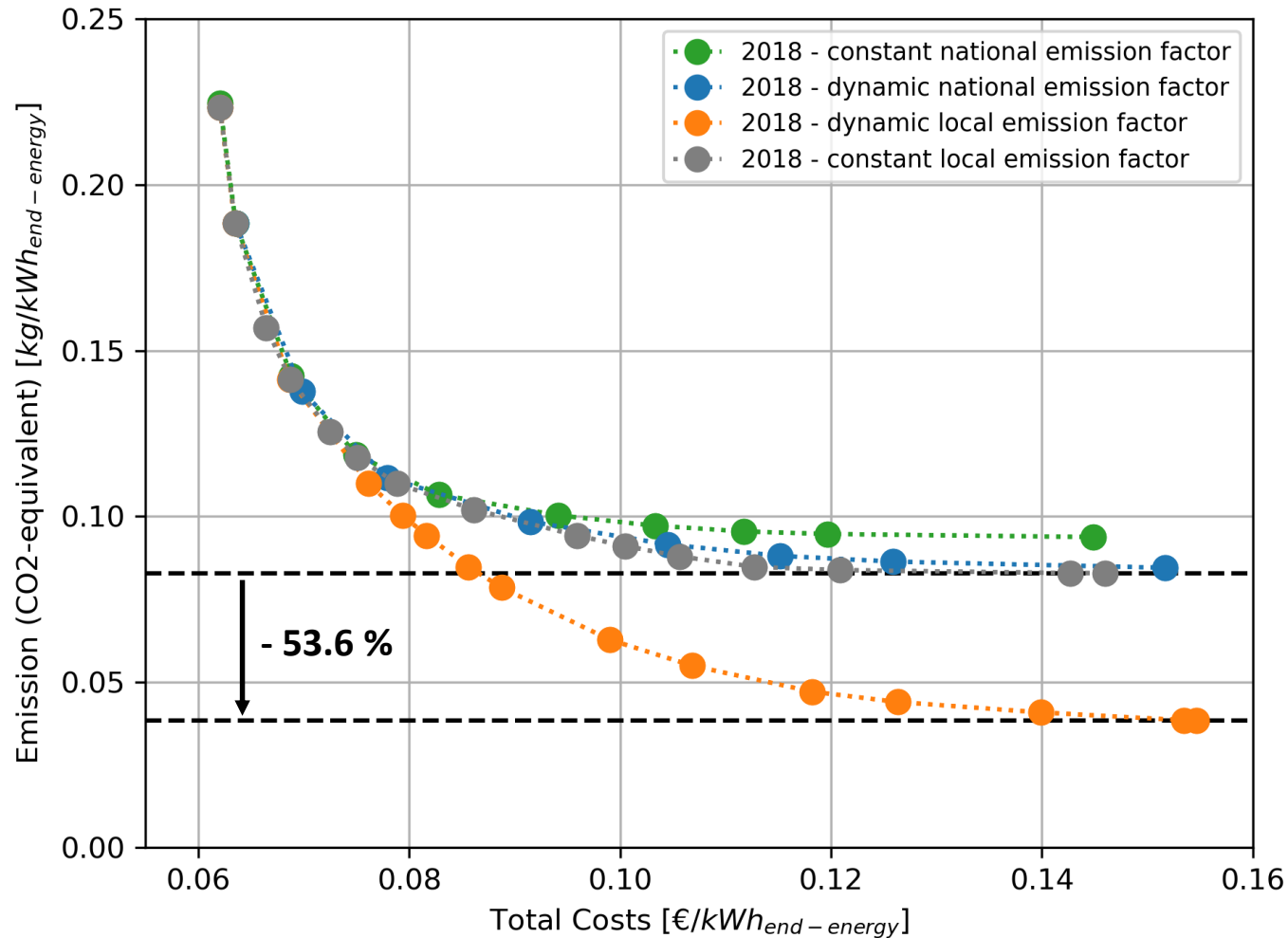
(1) Kleiner et.al., Agora Energiewende 2019

Results – total emission, total costs of energy (Pareto front)



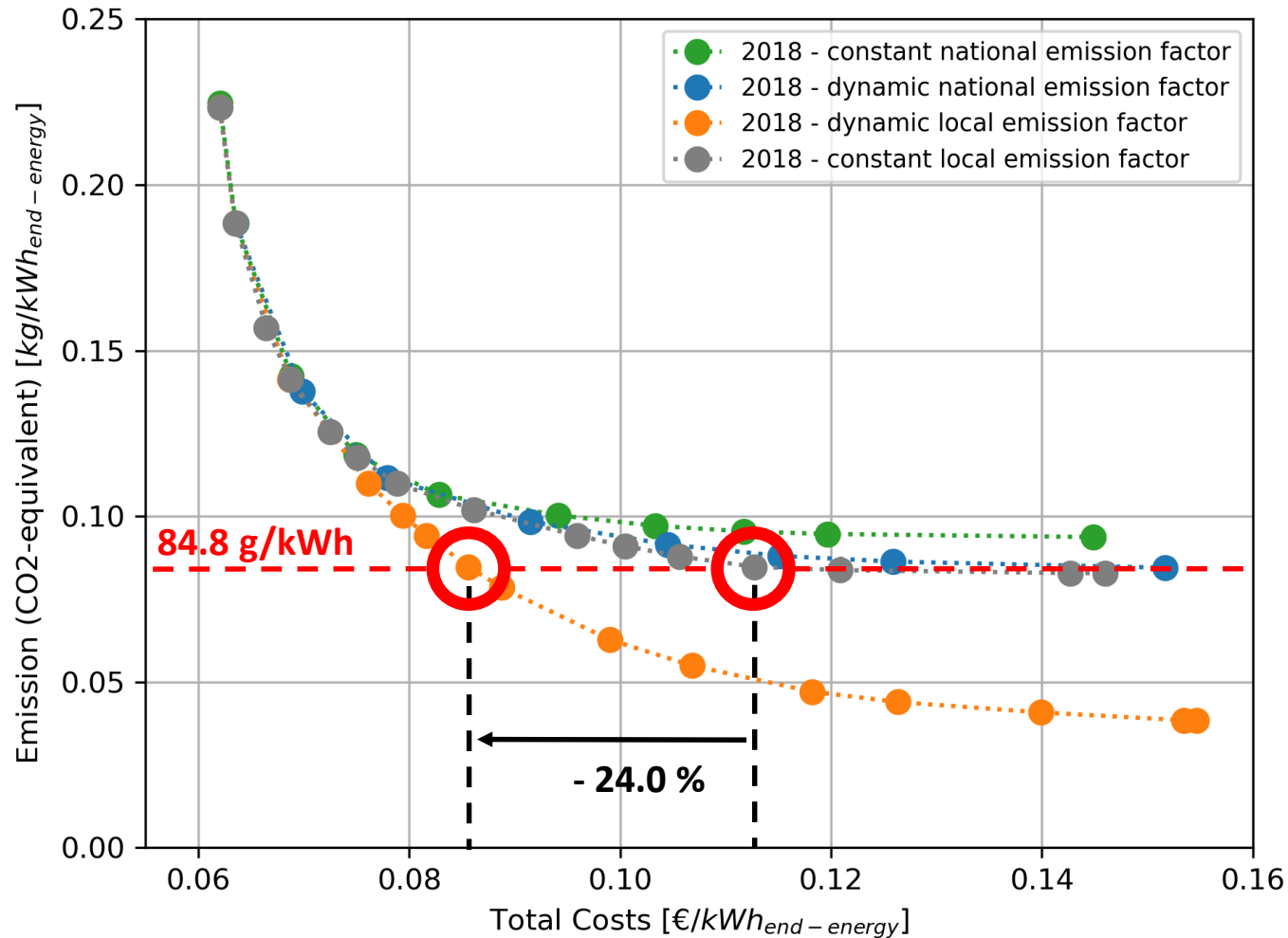
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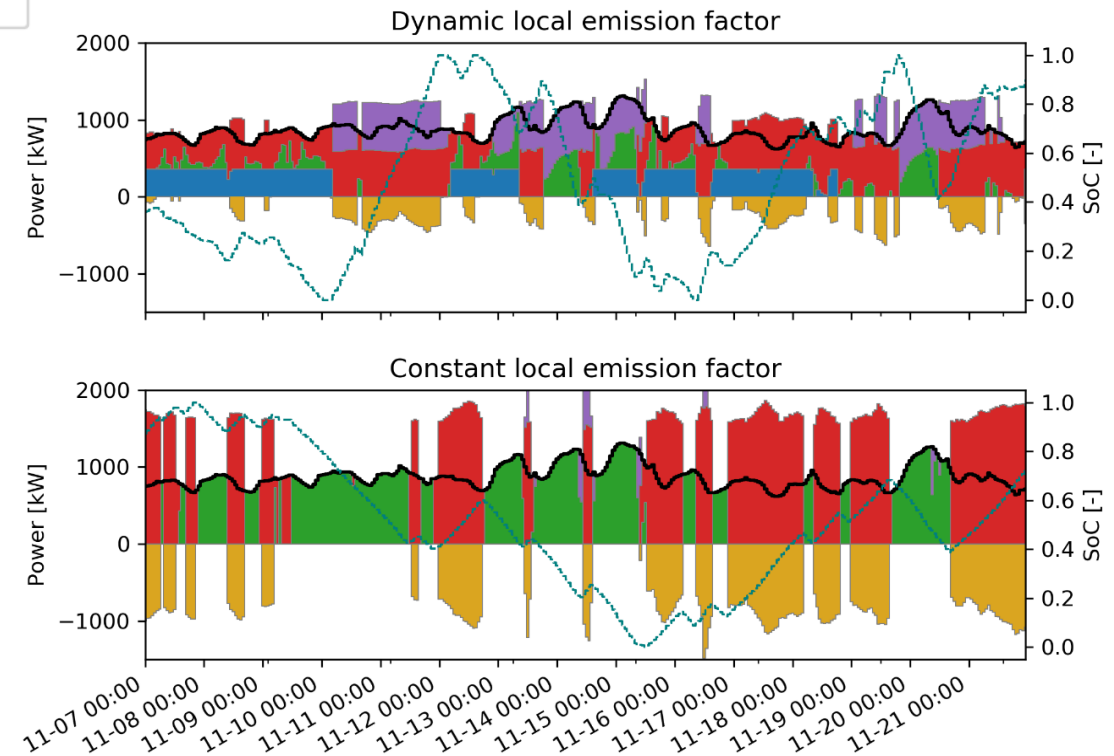
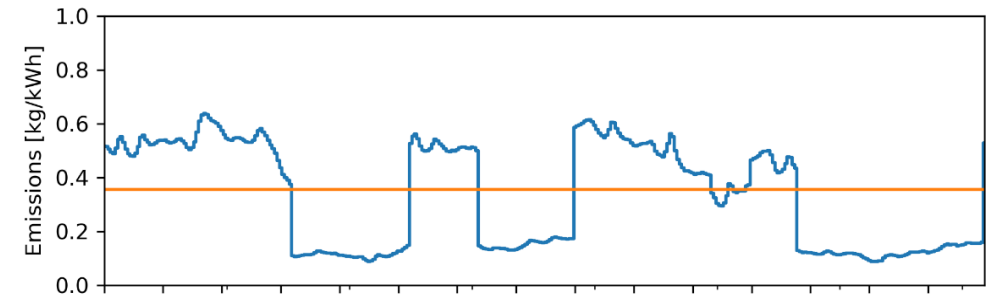
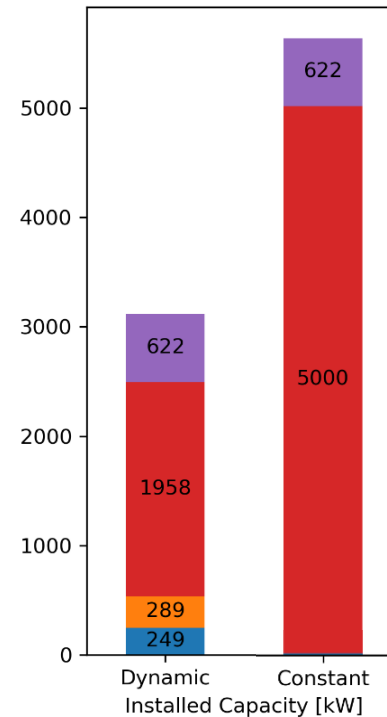
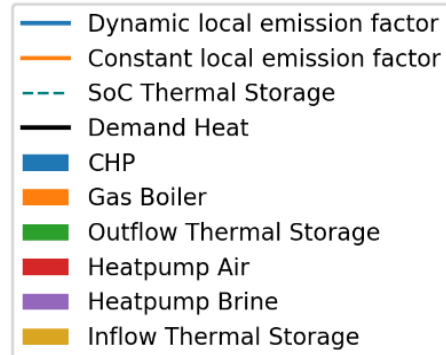
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Results – example of investment decisions and unit commitment

@Emission_limit
= 84.8 g/kWh

		Local emission factor	
		Dynamic	Constant
Emission Limit	[g/kWh]	84.8	84.8
Total Costs	[ct/kWh]	8.56	11.27
Investment Costs	[ct/kWh]	6.12	8.31
Variable Costs	[ct/kWh]	2.44	2.96
Average EF*	[g/kWh]	113.7	345.2
GSC _{abs} ** (EF*) ¹	[-]	0.321	0.973

*EF: Emission factor of grid-sourced electricity
 **GSC_{abs}: Grid-Support-Coefficient (absolute) with emission as weighting factor



¹According Klein et. al. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2015.10.107>

- Dynamic emission factors achieve lower emission at least costs
 - Case study: 53.6 % lower emission possible (local emission factor)
- Variance of the emission factor determines the impact on the design decisions. Thus, dynamic emission factors are important ...
 - ... during the transformation of the electricity system.
 - ... in regions with local congestions due to fluctuating renewable energies.
- Dynamic local emission-factors is a promising concept for designing low-emission and system-beneficial district energy systems.



<https://oemof.org/>

<https://github.com/oemof/>

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