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ASSESSMENT OF CLIMATE UNCERTAINTY IN AN INTEGRATED EUROPEAN POWER AND HEATING SYSTEM



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Overview

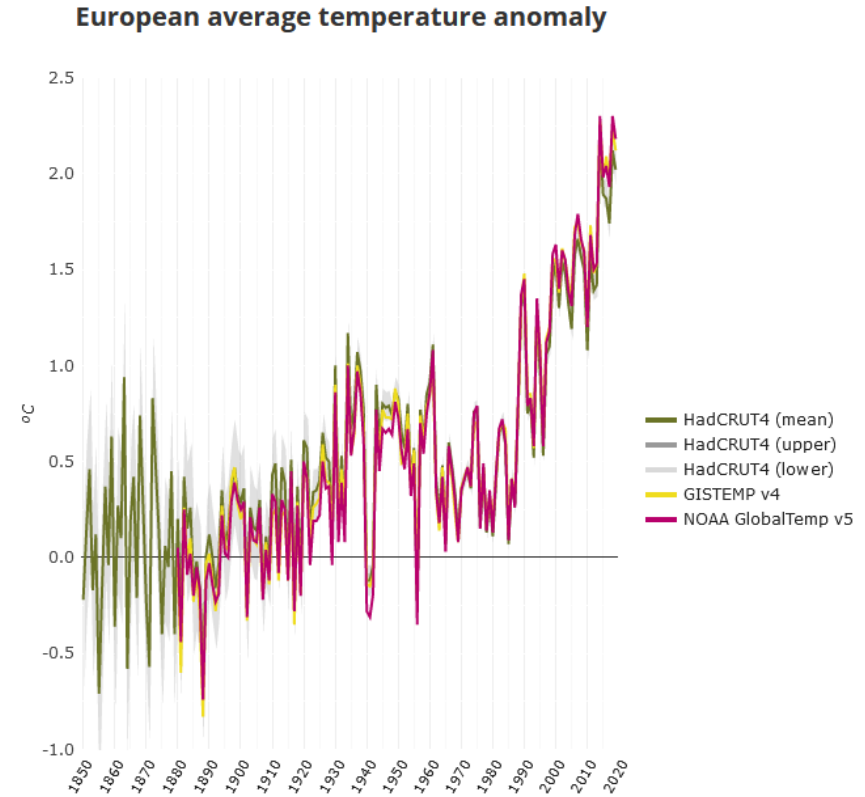
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Motivation

- Climate change impacts already visible
- Energy systems depend on climate variables



Source: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/global-and-european-temperature-10/assessment>

Motivation

- Climate change impacts already visible
- Energy systems depend on climate variables
- Climate projections are highly uncertain
 - different models
 - different years
 - different RCPs



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Motivation

- How can we plan an energy system, that is robust to different climate developments?
- How can we model influence of changing temperatures on heating and cooling demand?

→ **Robust optimization of integrated power and heat system**

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Integrated power and heat system

Overview

- Least-cost energy system optimization
- Target year 2050
- Zero CO₂ emissions



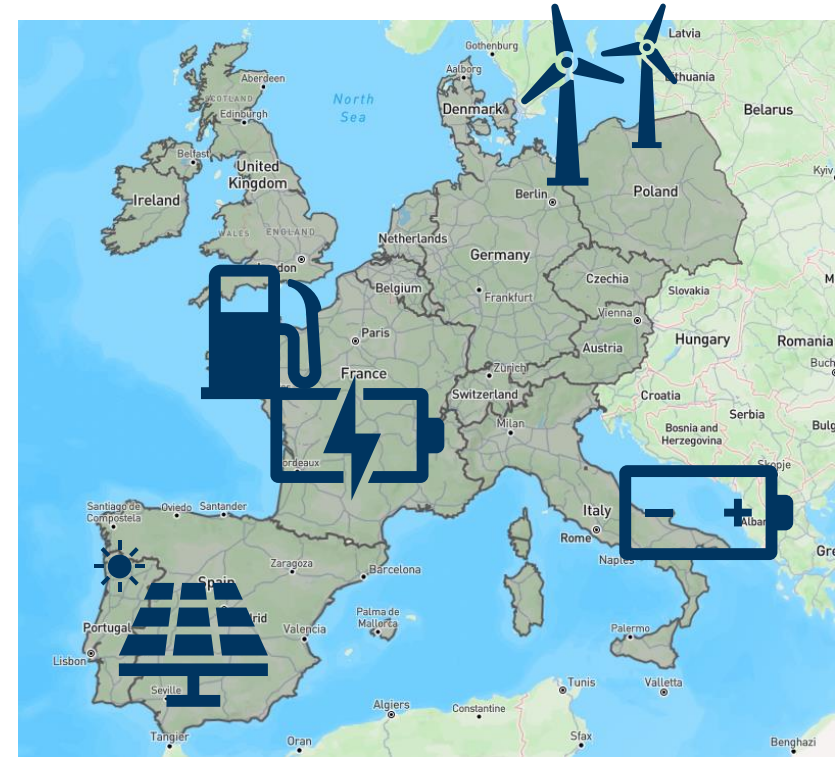
Integrated power and heat system

Power

- Green field modelling except for hydro power
- Investment possibilities
- Analysis in energy system model backbone¹
- Most power system data from pypsa-eur²

¹ Helistö et. al, 2019, doi.org/10.3390/en12173388

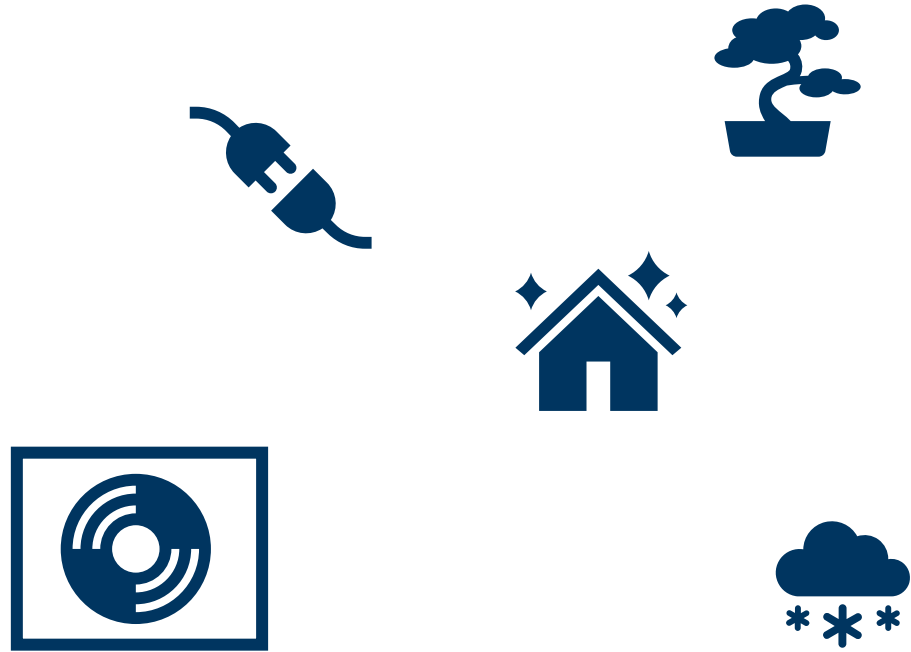
² Hörsch et. al, 2018, doi.org/10.1016/j.esr.2018.08.012



Integrated power and heat system

Heat

- Investments possibilities
- Retrofits possible



Integrated power and heat system

Climate data

Heat

- Simplified representation of buildings
- Aggregated per country
- U-values via regression with Hotmaps data¹
- 20° C temperature indoor



¹ Pezzutto et al. Hotmaps, D2.3 WP2 Report – Open Data Set for the EU28, 2019

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Assessment of climate uncertainty

Climate data and uncertainty

- Climate projections from Euro-Cordex
- Processed with tool *cd2es* (<https://gitlab.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ee/cd2es>)
- Bias-adopted temperature data
 - Two climate models
 - 5 years (2045 – 2050)
 - Two RCPs (2.6, 8.5)
- Only for temperature



(Sun et al., 2019)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Compared methods

- Base case: choose average year for planning of investments
- Two-stage robust optimization (column and constraint generation algorithm)
- Time series aggregation method *obpc*

(Sun et al., 2019)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Two-stage robust optimization

- Uncertainty set U

- Optimization problem:

First stage decision (e.g. investment)

$$\min_y \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{y} + \max_{u \in U} \min_{x \in F(\mathbf{y}, u)} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}$$

Second stage decision (e.g. dispatch)

$$\text{s. t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{S}_y$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}, u) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{S}_x: \mathbf{G}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{M}u\}$$

- Uncertainty set $U = \{\text{all scenarios}\}$

(Zheng, Zhao, 2013)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Two-stage robust optimization – column and constraint generation algorithm

$$\min_y \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{y} + \max_{u \in U} \min_{x \in F(\mathbf{y}, u)} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}$$

1. Solve master problem for one scenario:

$$\Rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}$$

2. Solve sub problems for all scenarios with solution \mathbf{y} :

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3. Add constraints to master problem:
investment may never be smaller than in solution \mathbf{y}
4. Return to 1., use worst scenario in master problem

Exit loop, if all
sub problem
solutions are
below threshold

(Zheng, Zhao, 2013)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Robustness via time series aggregation

Day 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



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System optimization

(Sun et al., 2019)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Robustness via time series aggregation – *obpc*

- Optimization *based*: Clusters in result space
 - Run every day individually
 - Use results for clustering
- Possibility to assign *priority* to days in the clustering process

Traditional

Demand timeseries
Capacity factors
Hydro inflows



Based on optimization results

Investment decisions
Generated energy
Costs

(Sun et al., 2019)

Assessment of climate uncertainty

Lost load as priority indicator

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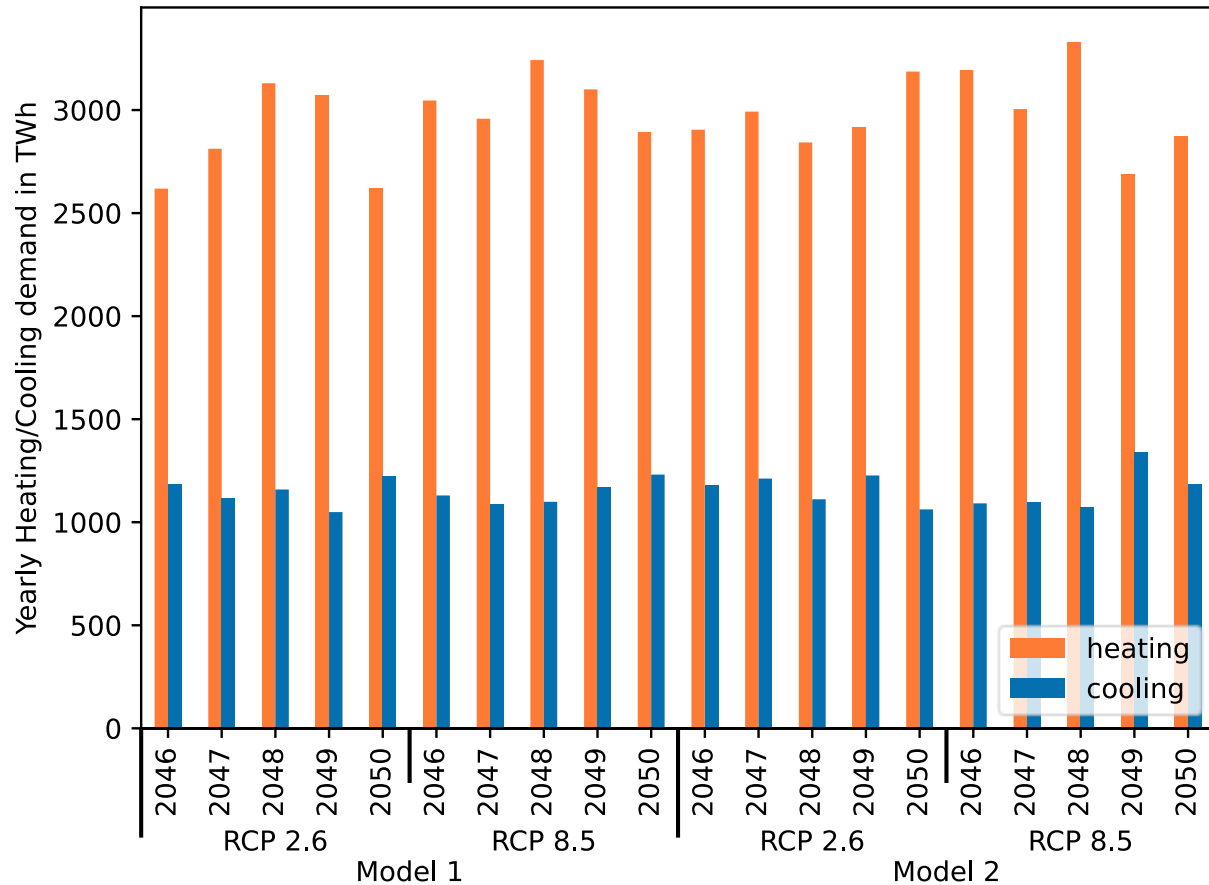
→ Only solve 1 365-day optimization model

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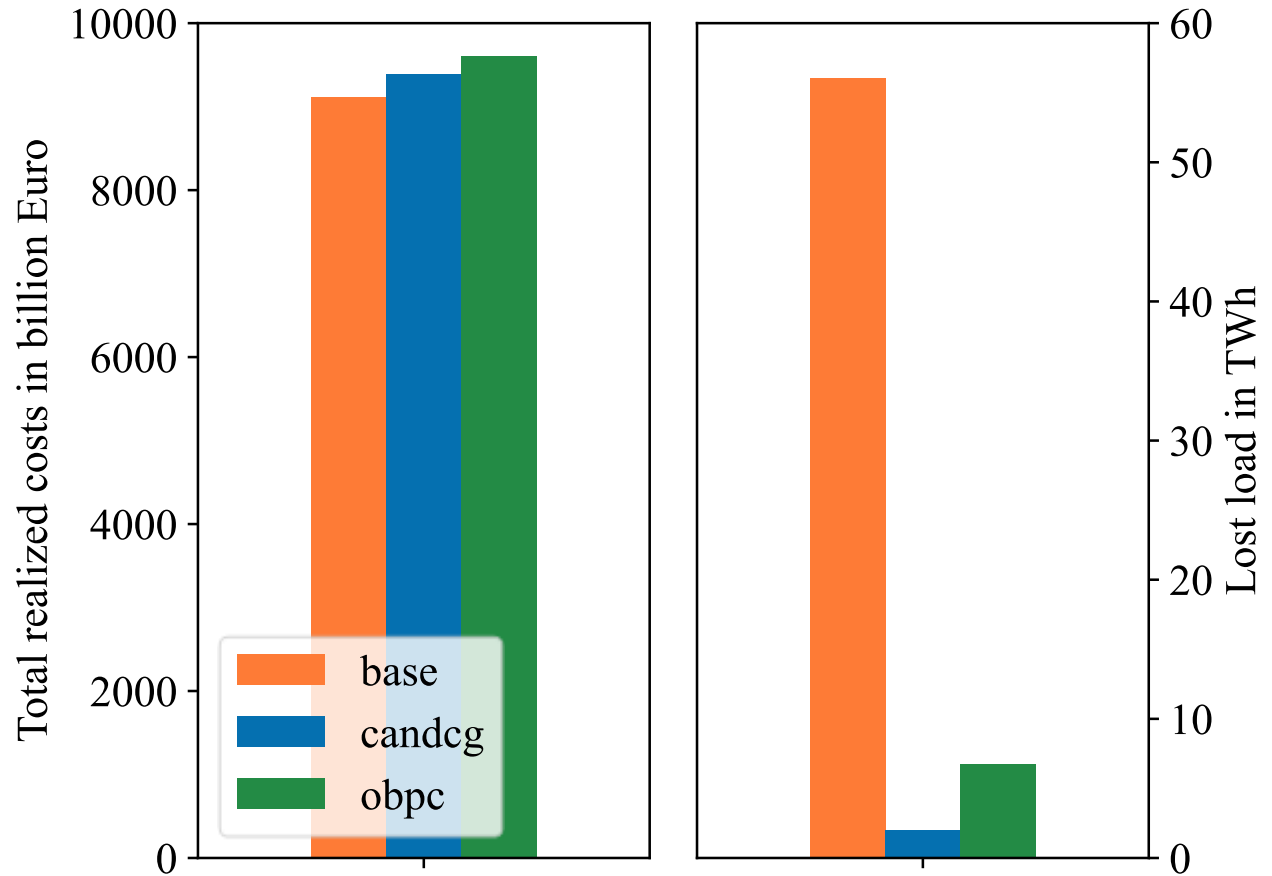
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Changes in heating and cooling demand



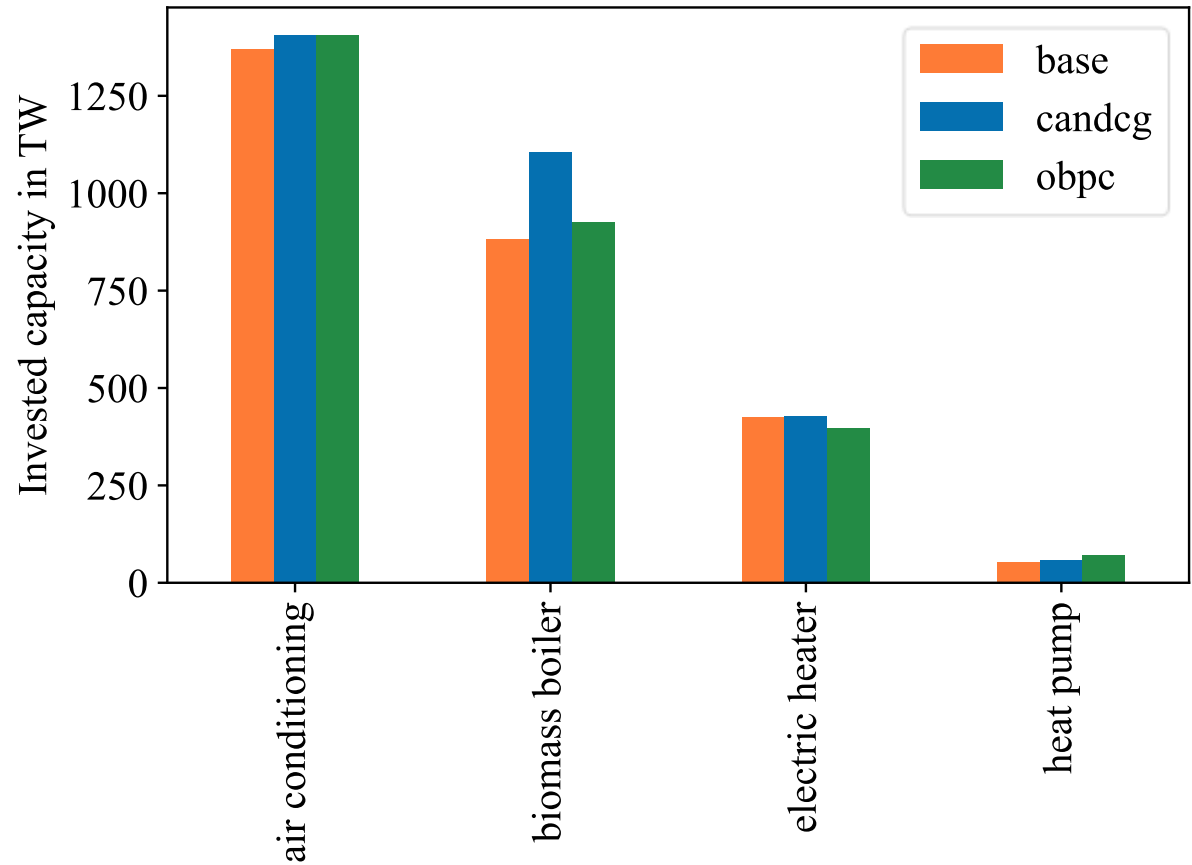
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Costs and lost load



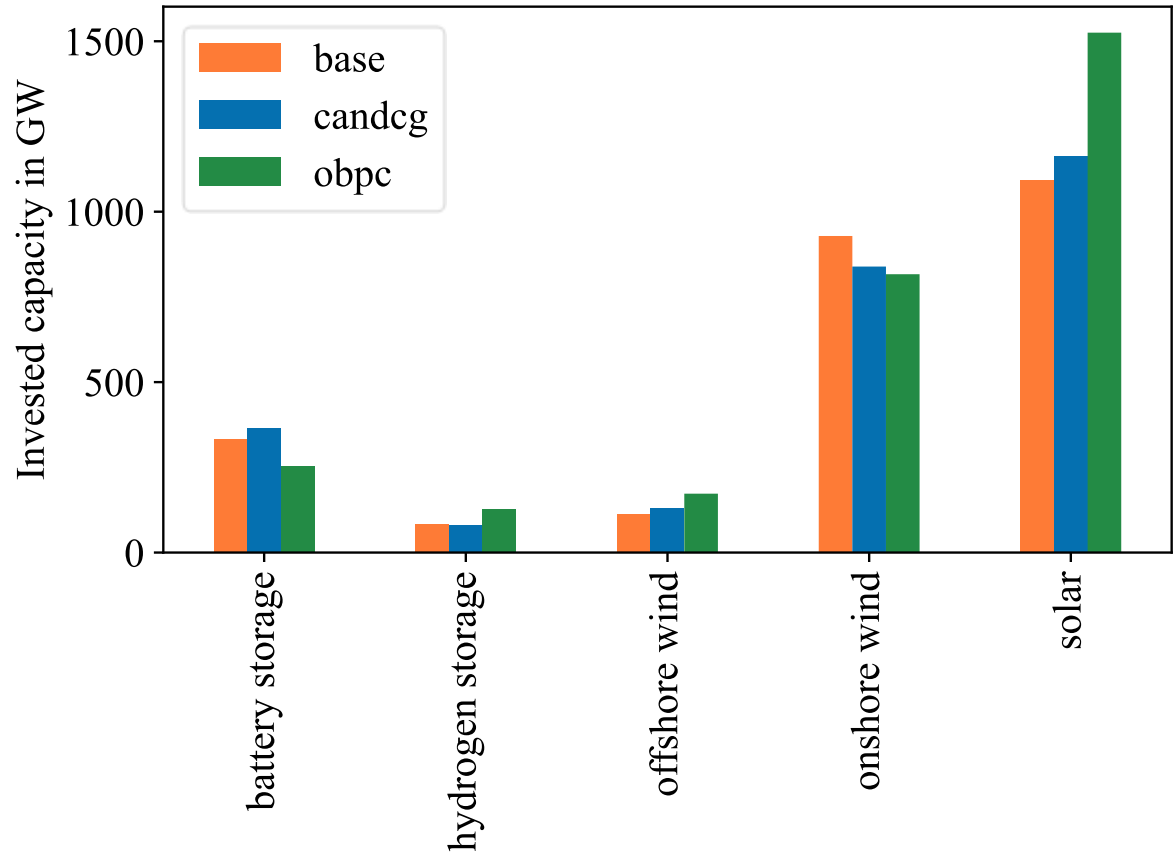
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Investment – heat technologies



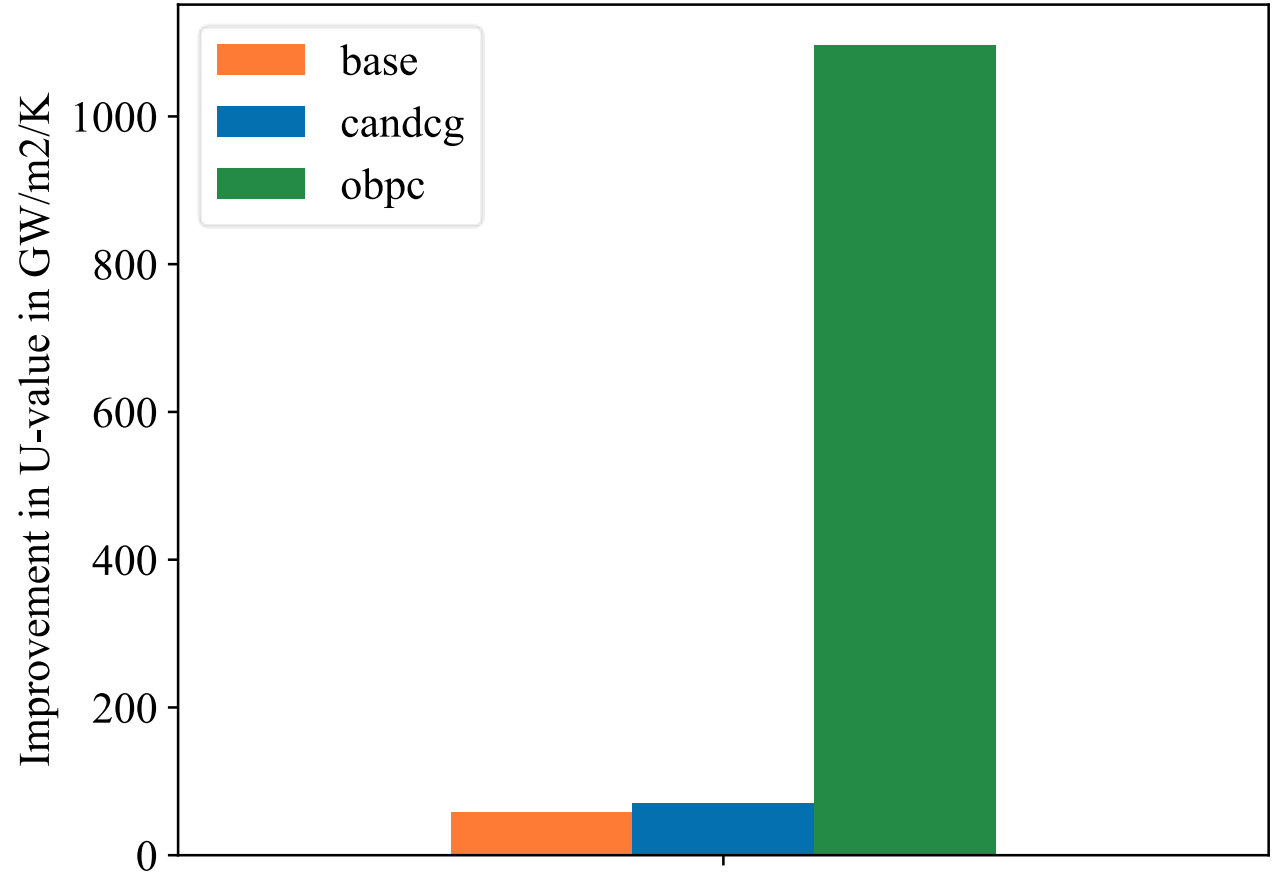
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Investment – generation technologies



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Investment – retrofit



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Conclusion and Outlook

Conclusion

- Climate change impact on integrated heat and power system
- Interyear variability greater than difference between RCPs/models
- C&CG and *obpc* reduce lost load
- *obpc* faster, but higher lost load abatement costs
- Very different solutions in investment space

(Sun et al., 2019)

Conclusion and Outlook

Outlook

- Improve performance of *obpc*
- Look into more climate impacts
 - Hydro power
 - Wind power
 - Solar power
 - Efficiency of thermal power plants
- Flexible temperatures in buildings
- Constrain biomass usage

Thank you for your attention!

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Additional Slides

Influence of climate variables on energy systems

- Demand
- Hydro power
- Wind power
- Solar power
- Efficiency of thermal power plants

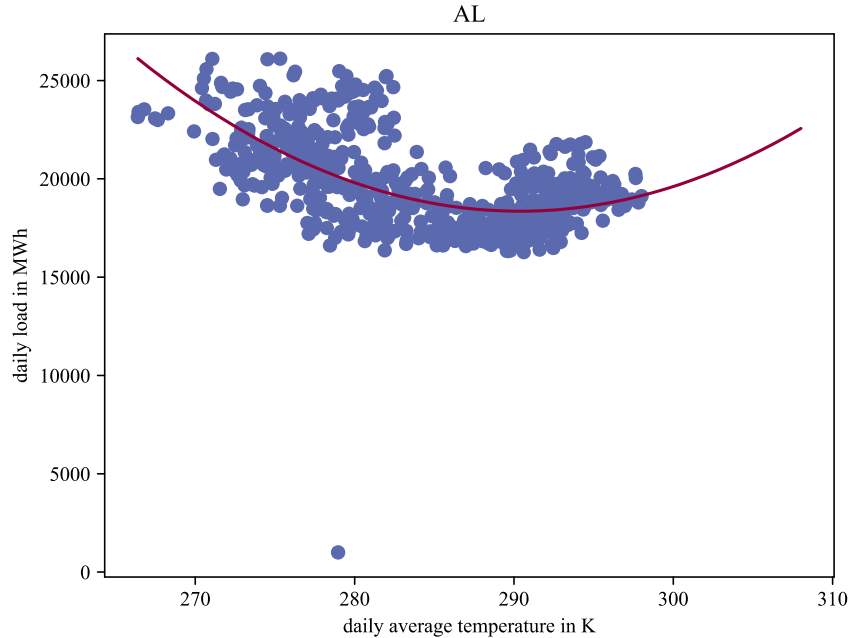
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 - Temperature influences heating and cooling demand
 - Country-specific regression

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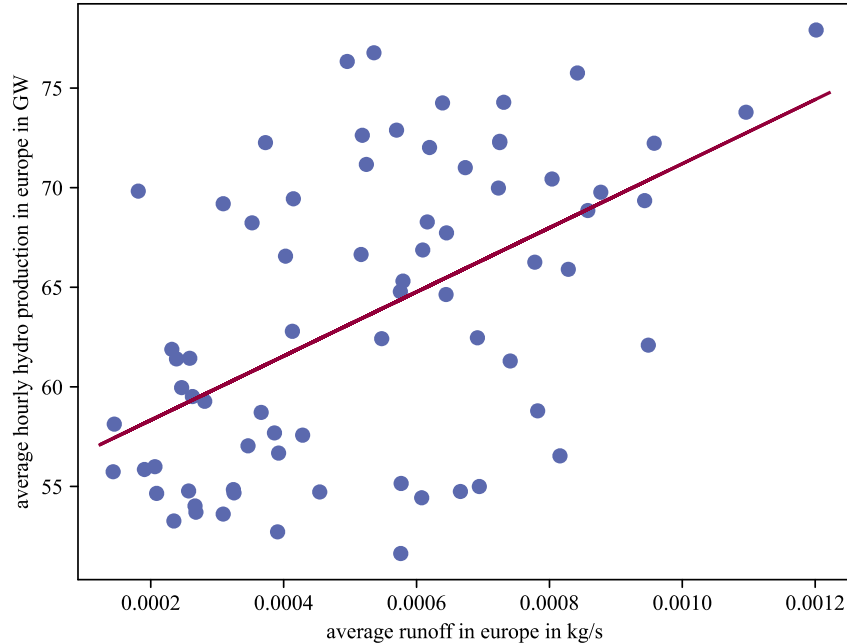
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- Hydro power
 - River-runoff determines production
 - Site-specific evaluation very costly
 - Europe-wide regression
 - Estimating country-specific hydro production based on European trend

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- Wind power
 - Interpolate wind speed to hub height
 - Use standardized production functions
- Solar power
 - Output depends on solar irradiation
 - Rising temperature decreases cell efficiency
 - Temperature of cell rises with outside temperature and irradiation

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Influence of climate variables on energy systems

- Efficiency of thermal power plants
 - Cooling system is depending on temperature
 - Once-through cooling more vulnerable than closed-loop cooling
 - In this study: only closed-loop

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Influence of climate variables on energy systems

- Wind power
 - Climate models report wind speeds
 - Interpolate to hub height:

$$v(h) = v(h_0) \cdot \left(\frac{h}{h_0}\right)^{1/7}$$

- Calculate capacity factor:

$$c_f = \begin{cases} 0, & v < v_{\text{in}} \\ \frac{v^3 - v_{\text{in}}^3}{v_r^3 - v_{\text{in}}^3}, & v_{\text{in}} \leq v < v_r \\ 1, & v_r \leq v < v_{\text{out}} \\ 0, & v > v_{\text{out}} \end{cases}$$

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- Solar power

- Rising temperature decreases cell efficiency:

$$\eta = \eta_{\text{STC}}(1 - \beta(T_{\text{cell}} - T_{\text{STC}}))$$

- Temperature of cell rises with outside temperature and irradiation:

$$T_{\text{cell}} = T_{\text{am}} + c \cdot G$$

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State-of-the-art robust optimization

Column and constraint generation algorithm

- Uncertainty set U
- Optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_y \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{y} + \max_{u \in U} \min_{x \in F(\mathbf{y}, u)} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s. t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{S}_y \end{aligned}$$

(Zeng., 2013)

State-of-the-art robust optimization

Column and constraint generation algorithm

- Set $LB = -\infty$, $UB = +\infty$, $k = 0$ and $O = \emptyset$
- Solve the following master problem.

$$MP2: \min_{y, \eta} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{y} + \eta$$

$$\text{s. t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{S}_y$$

$$\eta \geq \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}_l, \forall l \in O$$
$$E\mathbf{y}$$

- MP2
- : min y, η
- s.t. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{d}$
- $\eta \geq \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}_l$

- $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{S}_v$

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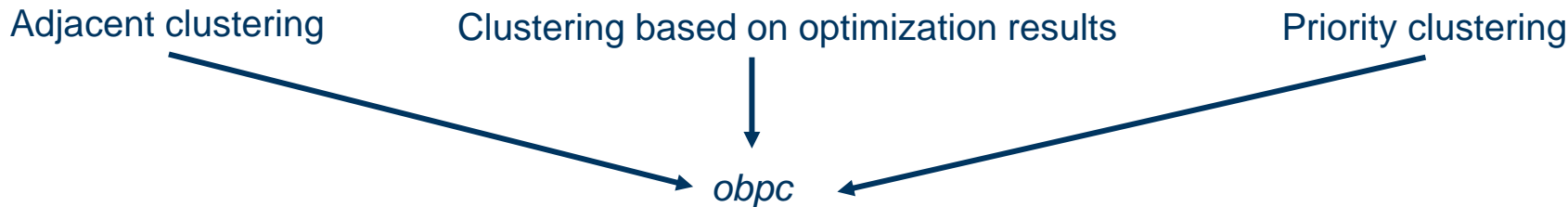
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Timeseries aggregation methods

Overview

- Reduce timeseries with length n to shorter timeseries with length n'
- Aggregation of redundant information
- Many different methods
- No method to improve robustness




(Hoffman et al., 2020)

Adjacent clustering

Basic method

- Combine vectors with lowest Euclidean distance
- Only neighbouring vectors can form clusters → conserves temporal order

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$


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Clustering based on optimization results

Original Method

- Divide timeseries in smaller timeslices (e.g. days)
- Optimize the smaller timeslices individually
- Cluster based on optimization results

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Priority clustering

Original Method

- Three groups:
 1. Very important timesteps
 2. Important timesteps
 3. Normal timesteps

(García-Cerezo, 2022)

Priority clustering

Original Method

- Cluster with the following adjustments:
 - Very important clusters cannot be merged
 - Merging clusters with the same importance: centroid = average of clusters
 - Merging clusters with the different importance: centroid = centroid of more important cluster

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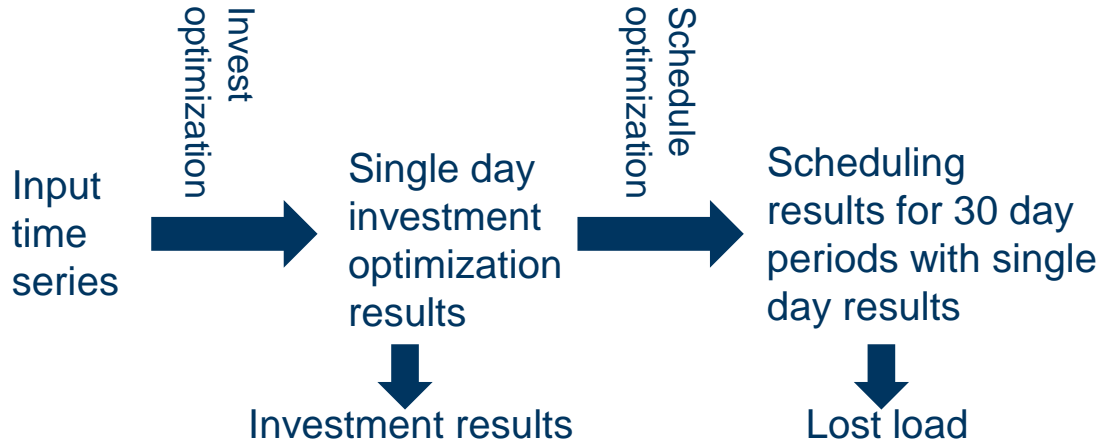
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Combination

Priority clustering based on optimization results

- Divide timeseries in day-long timeslices
- Optimize timeslices individually

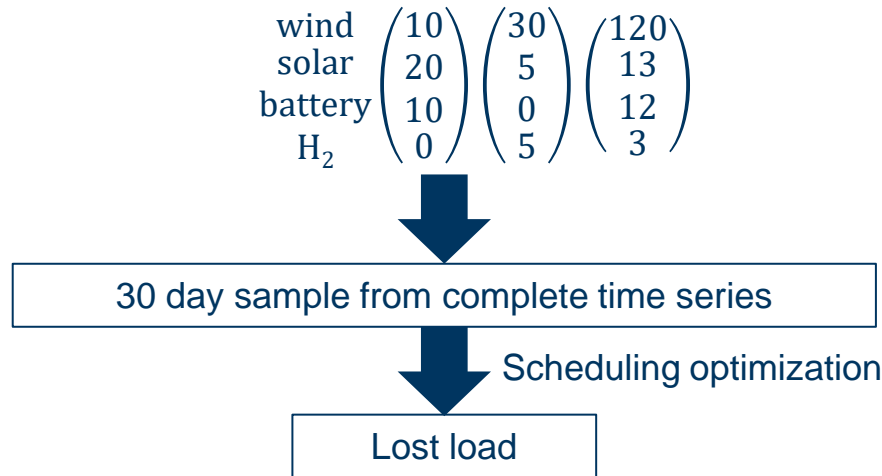


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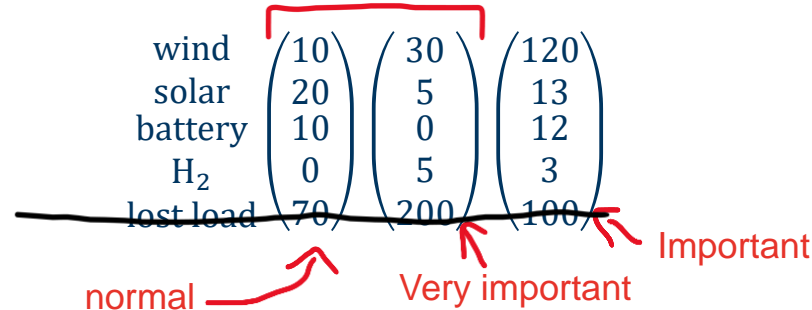


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Combination

Priority clustering based on optimization results

- Divide timeseries in day-long timeslices
- Optimize timeslices individually
- Run scheduling optimization with single day results
- Use lost load to divide timeslices into 3 priority groups
- Cluster timeslices based on investment decisions and priority groups



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