

# Sector-coupling emulation for PHIL laboratories

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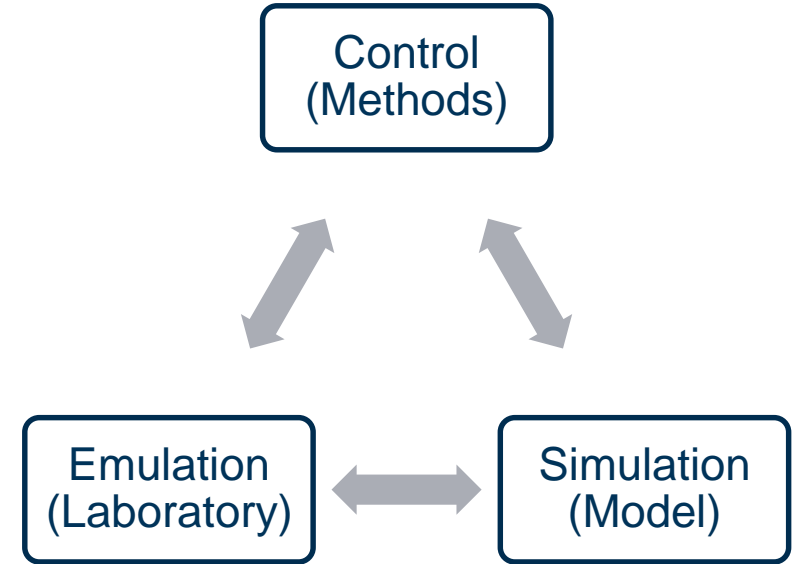
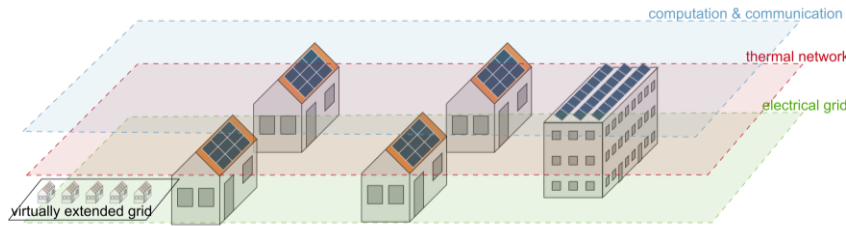
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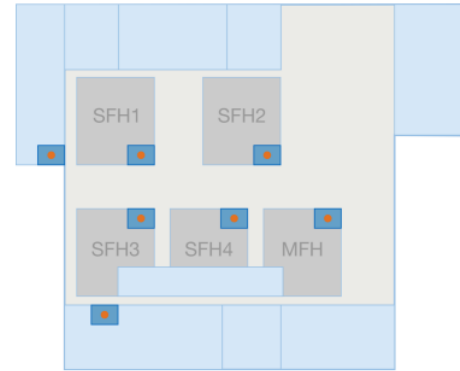
# Key Areas of Research and Expertise

## Multi-Energy Systems on Microgrid / District Level

- Active Distribution Grids
- Bidirectional District Heating & Cooling Networks
- Smart Management, Communication & Control



# CoSES: Energy technology of five buildings in one lab



Video Presentation:



[\[Lickleder2022\]](#)

Detailed info in our publications on the lab:



[\[Zinsmeister2023\]](#)



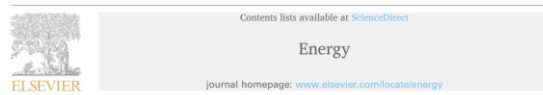
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# How to use PHIL in Sector-coupling research?



## Create *virtual* sector-coupling DERs for grid connected tests

dynamic modeling  
power hardware-in-the-loop



# Validate 4th and 5th generation heating grid controllers

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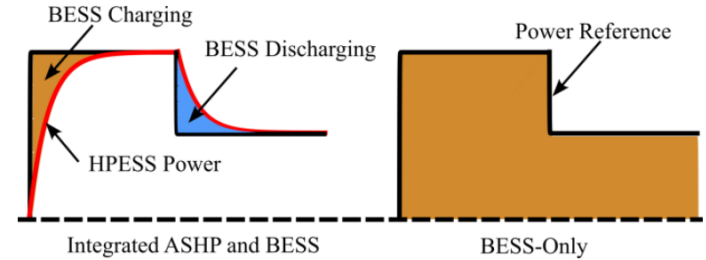
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## Evaluate heat substation control for smart thermal grids



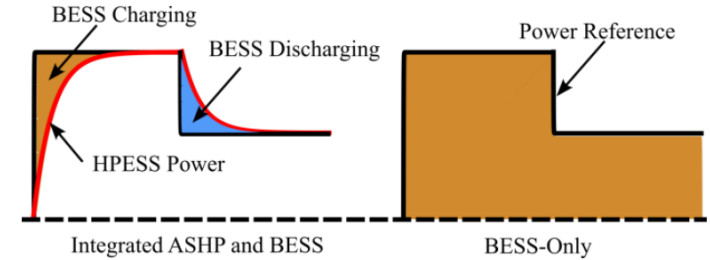
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- How exactly should power system laboratories „research“ sector-coupling through heat-pumps?
  - Lack of expertise in heat-pump modelling
  - Lack of access to requisite real hardware
  - Unable to bypass any device safety features for fast control





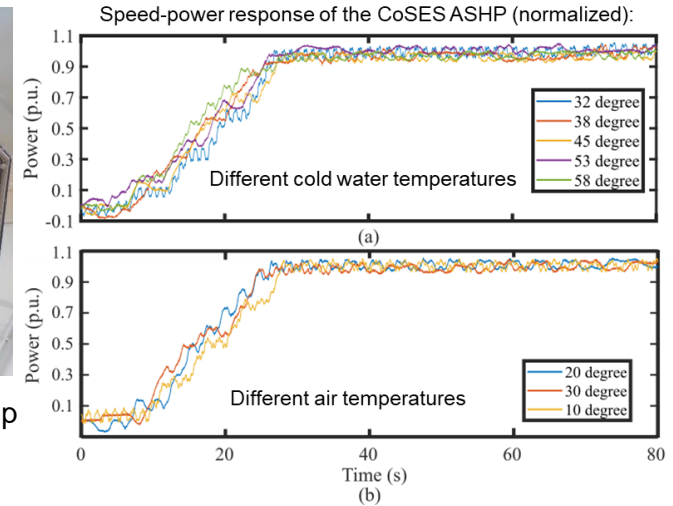
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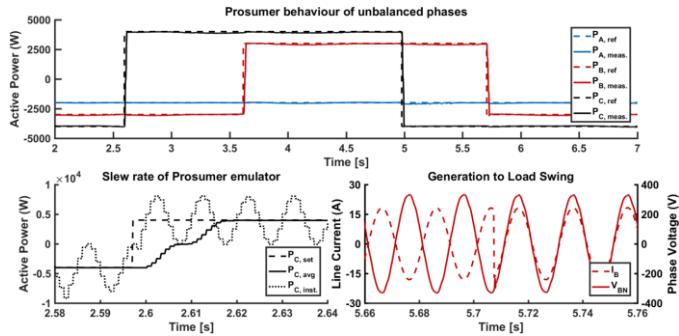
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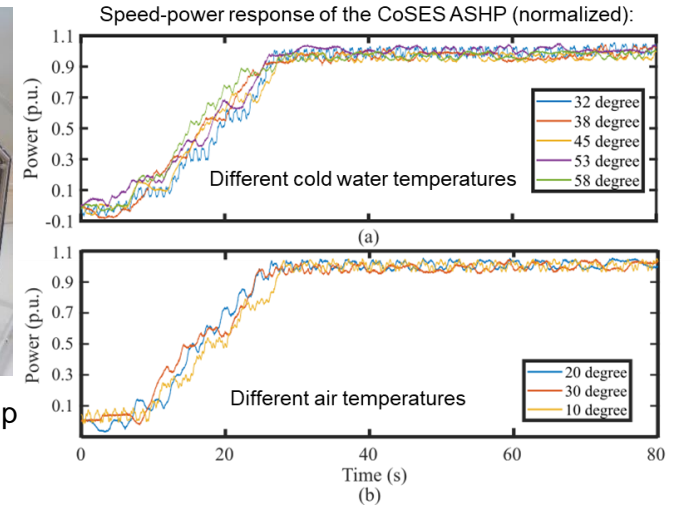
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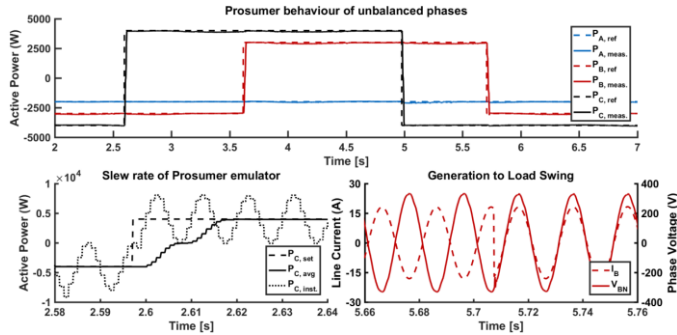
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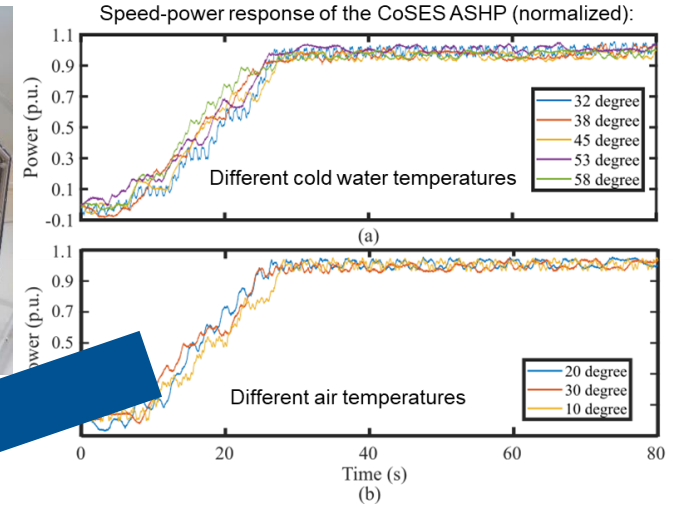


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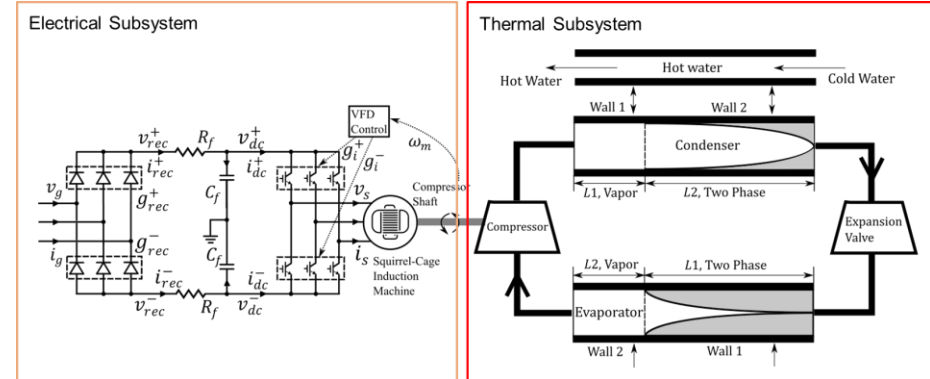


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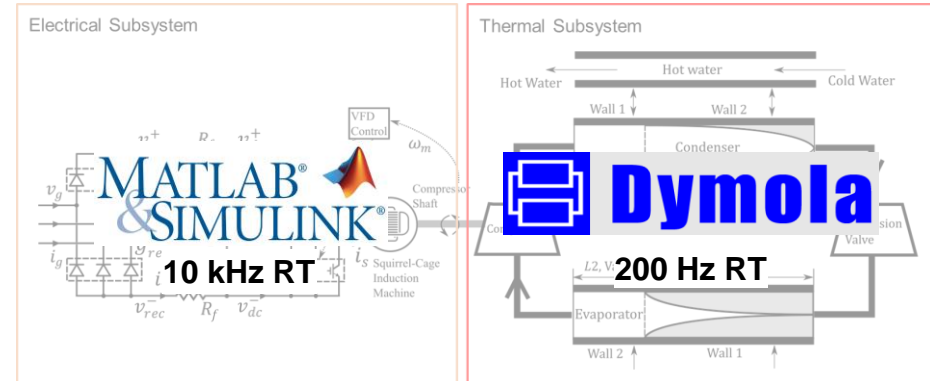
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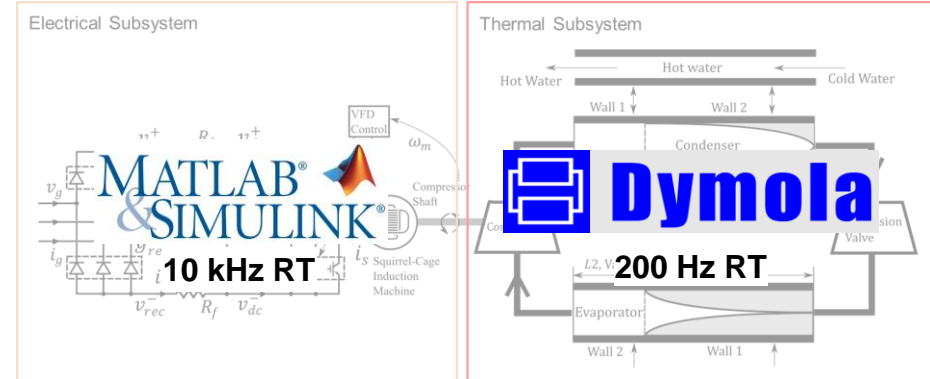
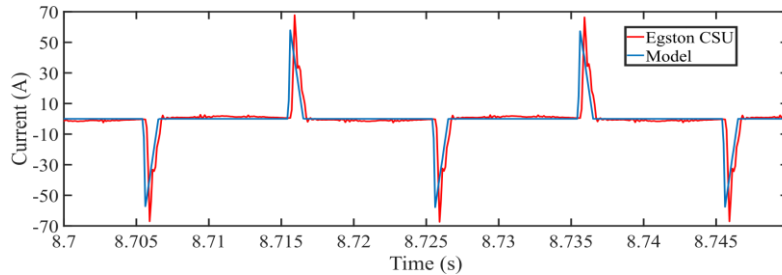
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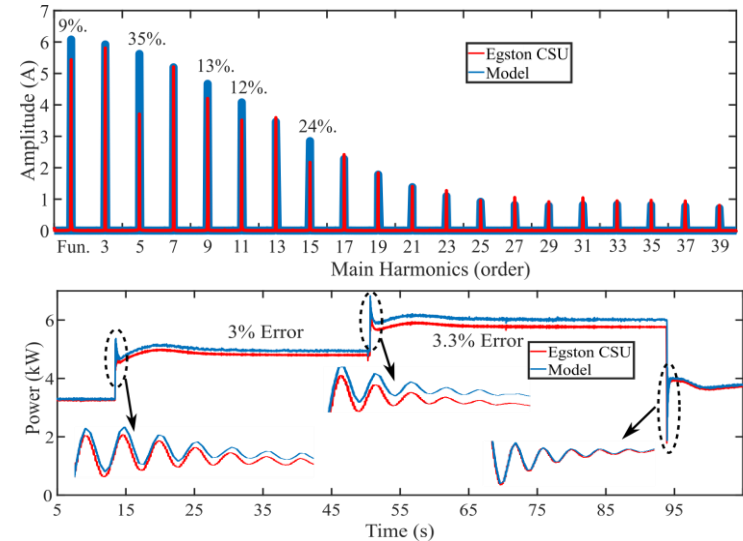
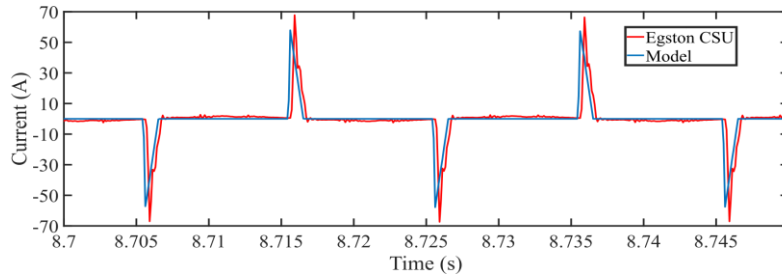
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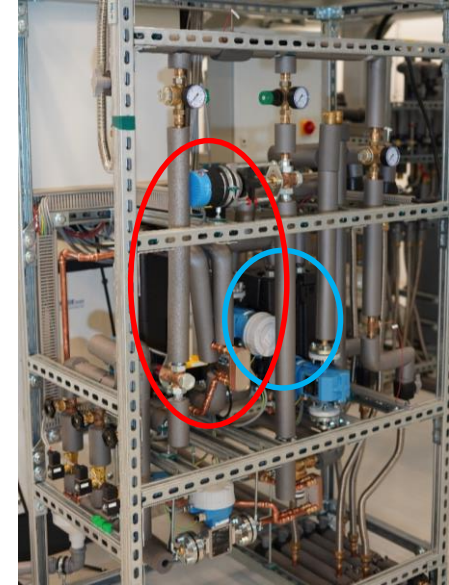
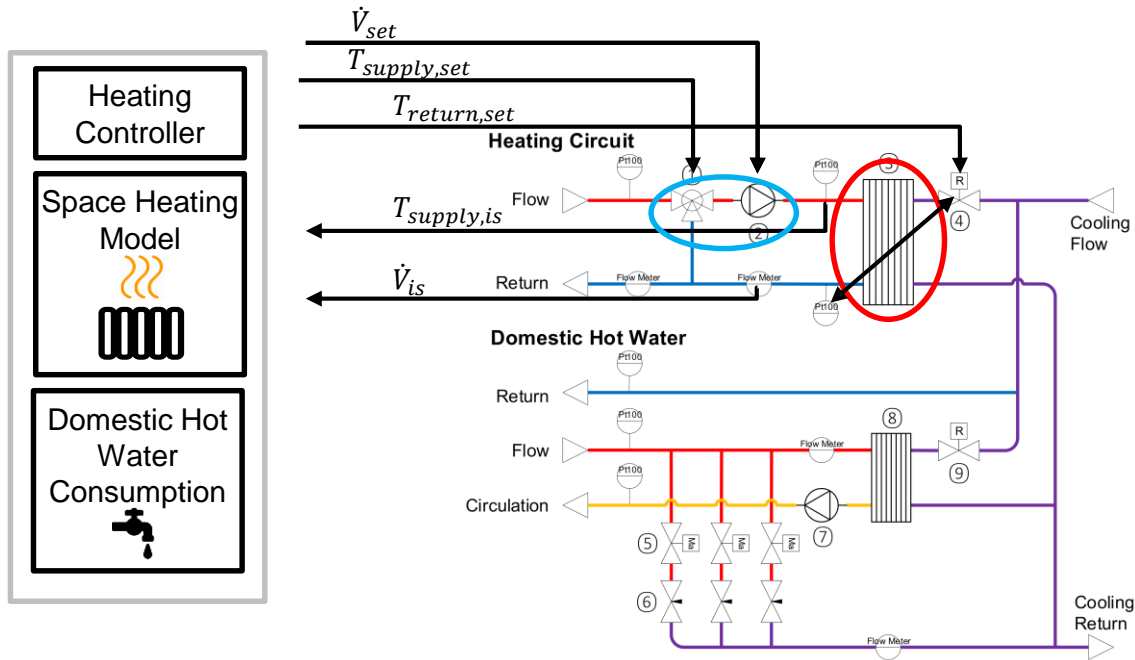
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How does PHIL look for a heating grid???

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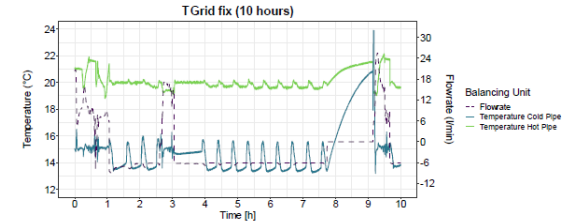
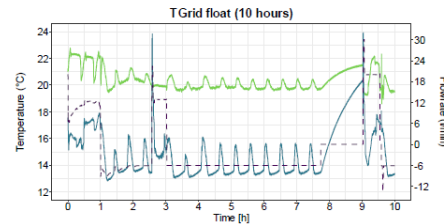
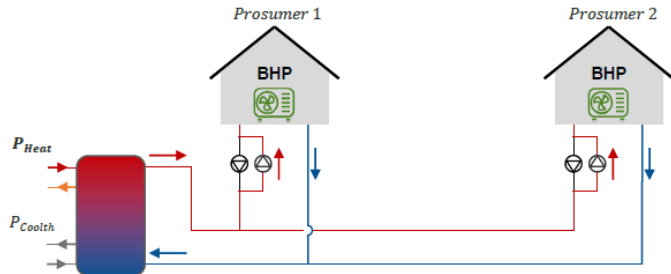
- Passive balancing unit:
  - Hydraulic decoupling
  - Energy balancing
- Booster heat pump transfer station:
  - Temperature boosting
  - Pumping power

## Control philosophies under test:

- Controlling the flow rate going through the prosumer
- Controlling the Temperature Difference ( $\Delta T$ ) across the prosumer

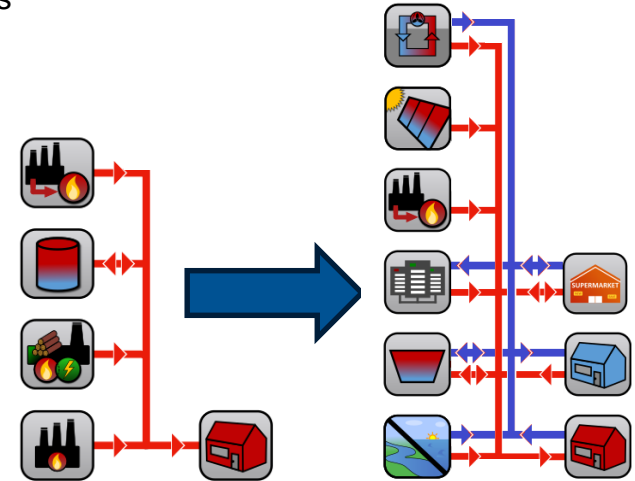
## Results of concept study:

- Total 20h of experiment; Heating and cooling demand
- Passive balancing unit simplifies prosumer integration
- Control strategy with fixed grid temperature achieves more stable control



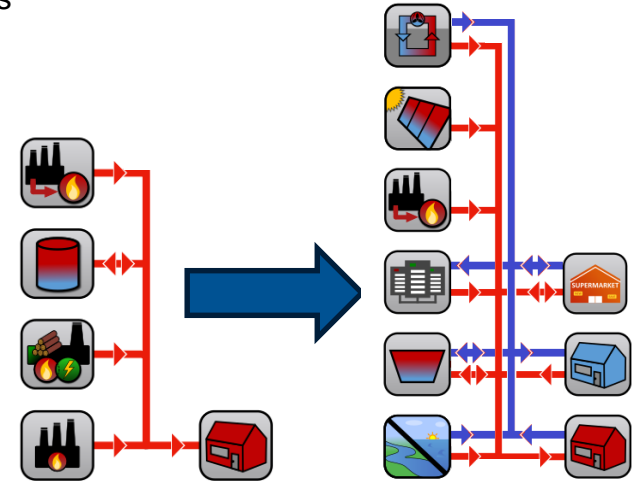
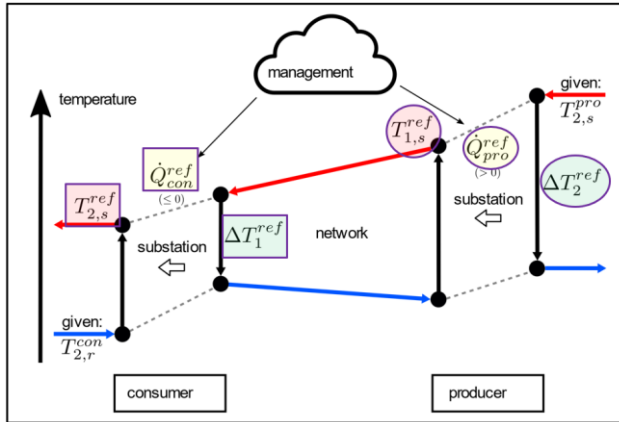
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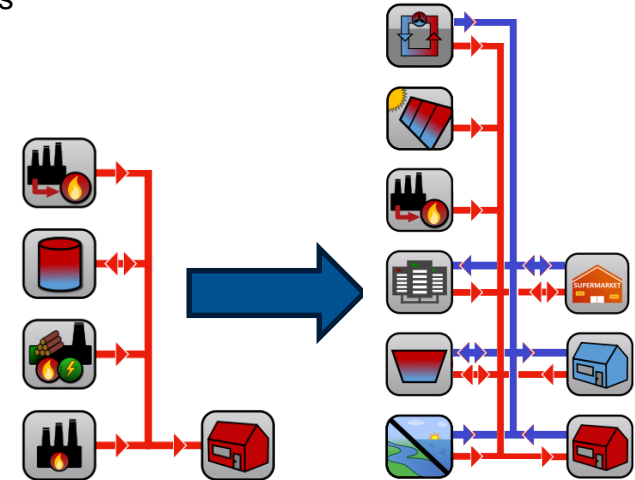
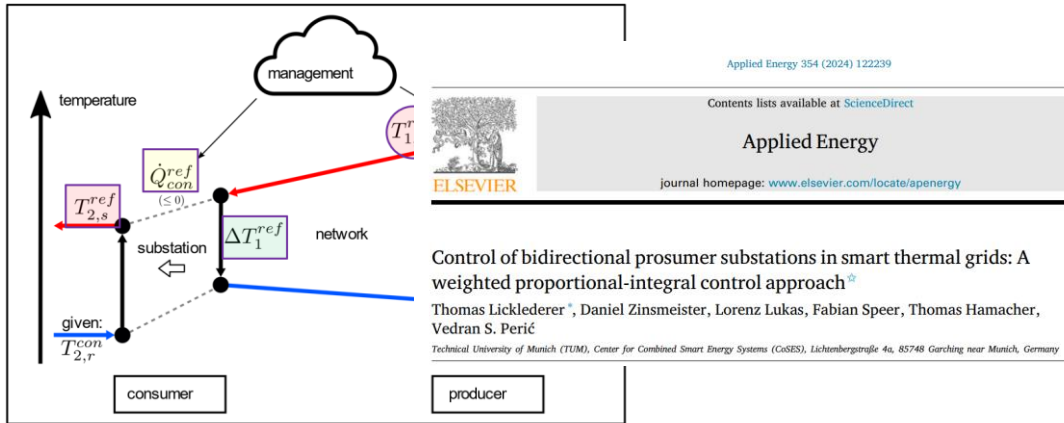
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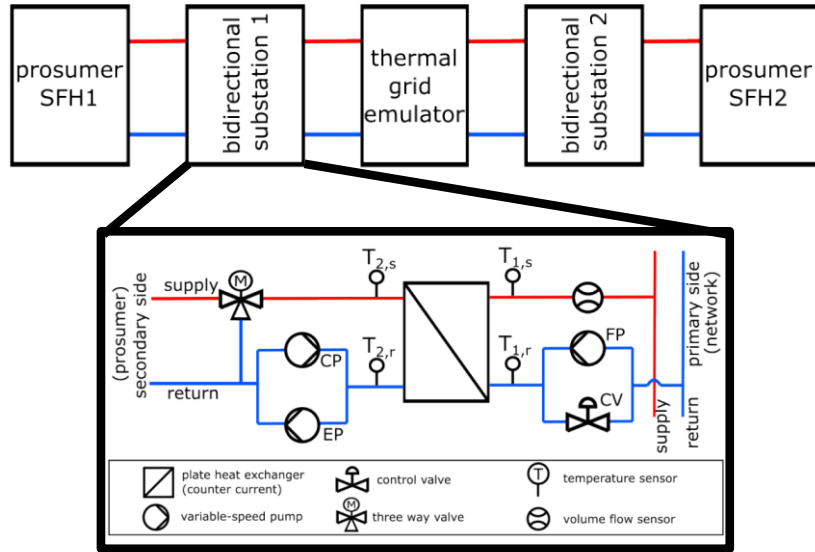


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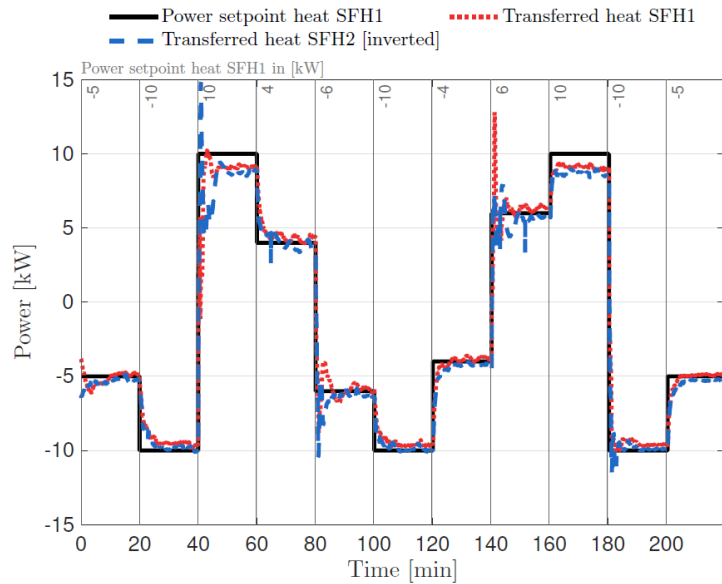
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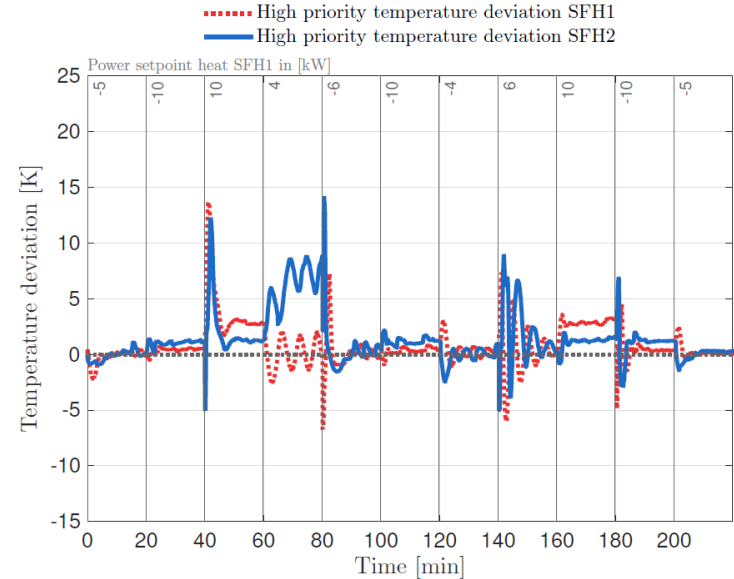


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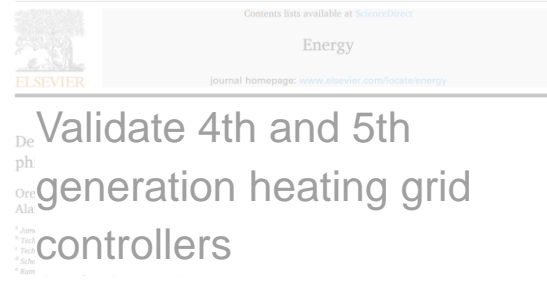
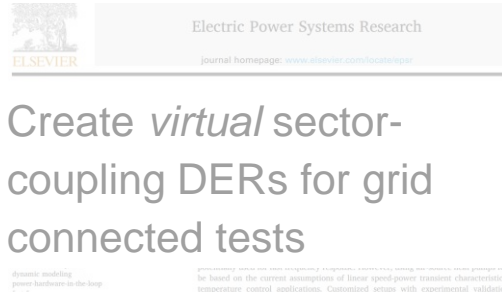
## Power Setpoint & Power Actually Transmitted



## High Priority Temperature Objective



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Choices are many!

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