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FORECASTING MULTIPLE ATTRIBUTES CONSIDERING UNCERTAINTIES IN A COUPLED ENERGY SYSTEMS MODEL

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OVERVIEW

Motivation: Massive uncertainties

- Recent geopolitical disruptions increase uncertainties & change prosumer reactions
 - Energy systems pathways highly uncertain
 - Assumptions (e.g. fuel prices) might be off
 - Prosumer reactions largely unknown
 - Buy an electric vehicle?
 - Buy PV + storage?
 - Buy a heat pump?



Research questions

- How to represent prosumer investment decisions under uncertainty?
- How to abstract individual decisions of prosumers so they can be integrated in energy systems models?



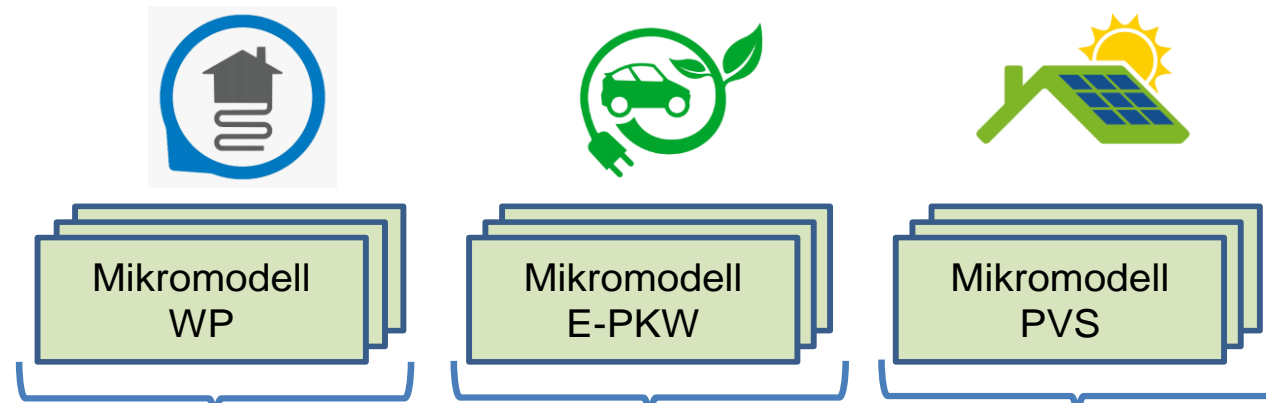
Idea

- Model **individual** decisions:
 - Simulate actual optimal operation of PVS, HP, EV
 - **Diffusion model** of household investment decisions (PVS, HP, EV)
- Large energy system models:
 - Feed these models into an **agent-based simulation** of electricity markets, AMIRIS
 - Couple AMIRIS with a **stochastic optimization model** for the supply side

→ **Ability** to model uncertainties between all these components of the energy system comprehensively

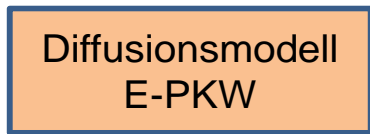
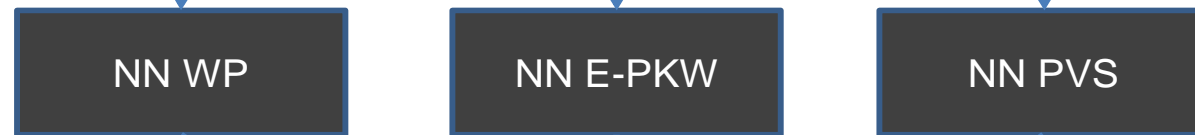


Model Setup



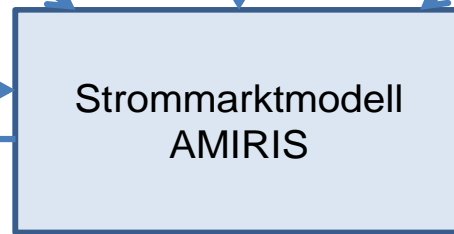
Einzelne
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Aggregation



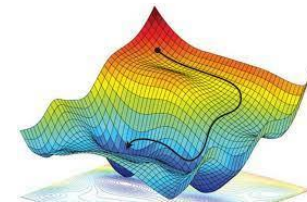
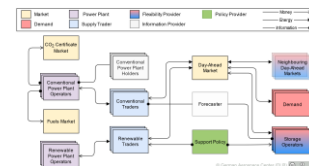
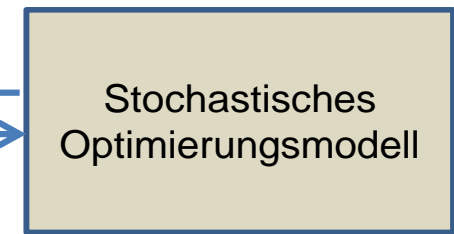
Marktdurchdringung
WP, E-PKW und PVS

Haushaltsstrompreise



Investitions- und
Betriebs-
entscheidungen

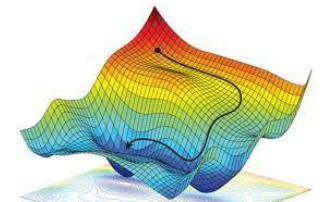
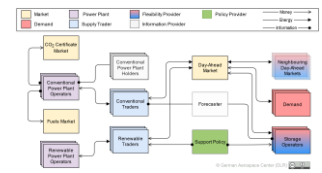
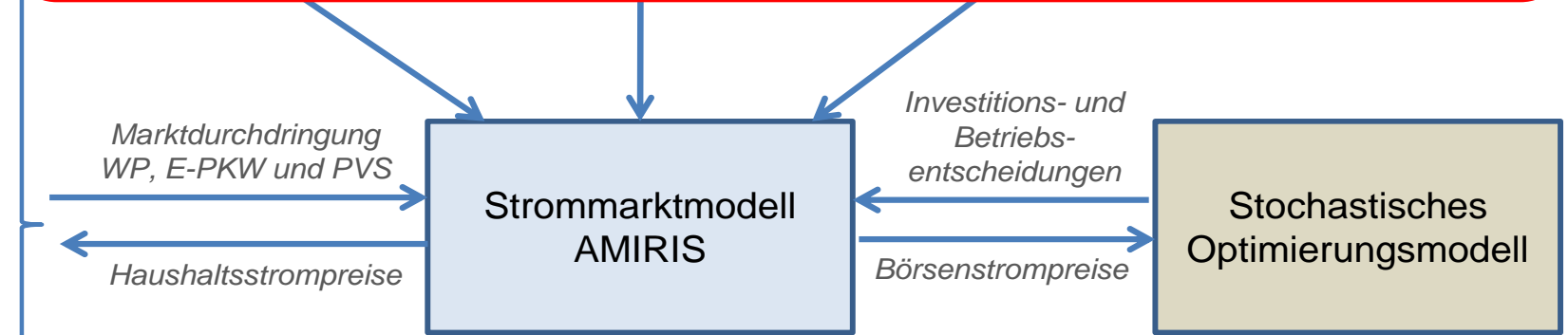
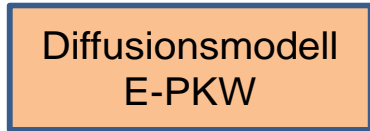
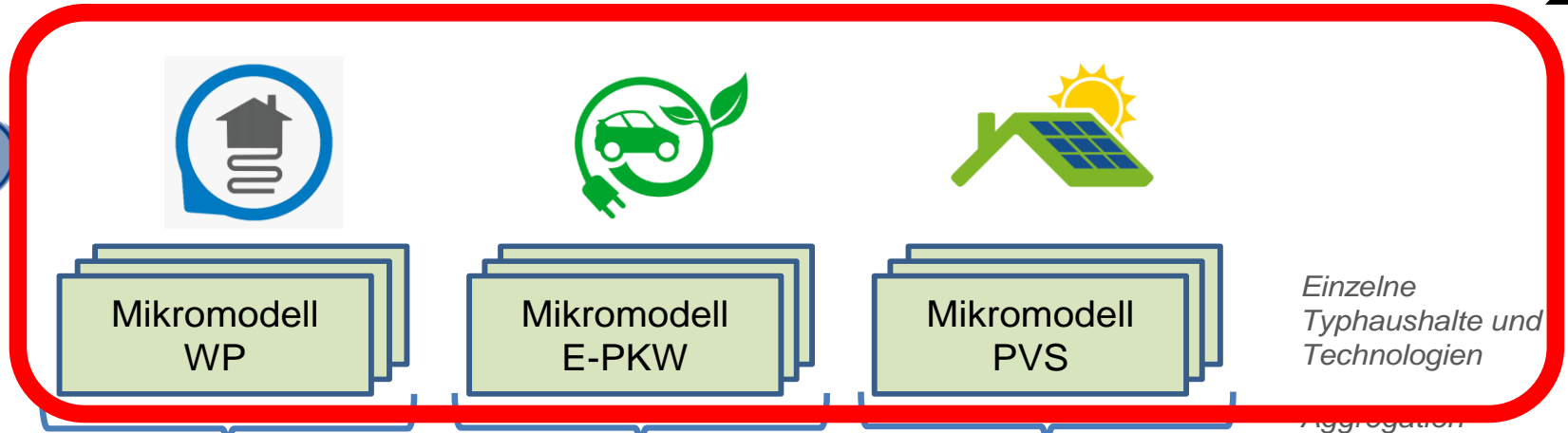
Börsenstrompreise



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MODELING INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS

Coupling models





How to model individual household decisions?

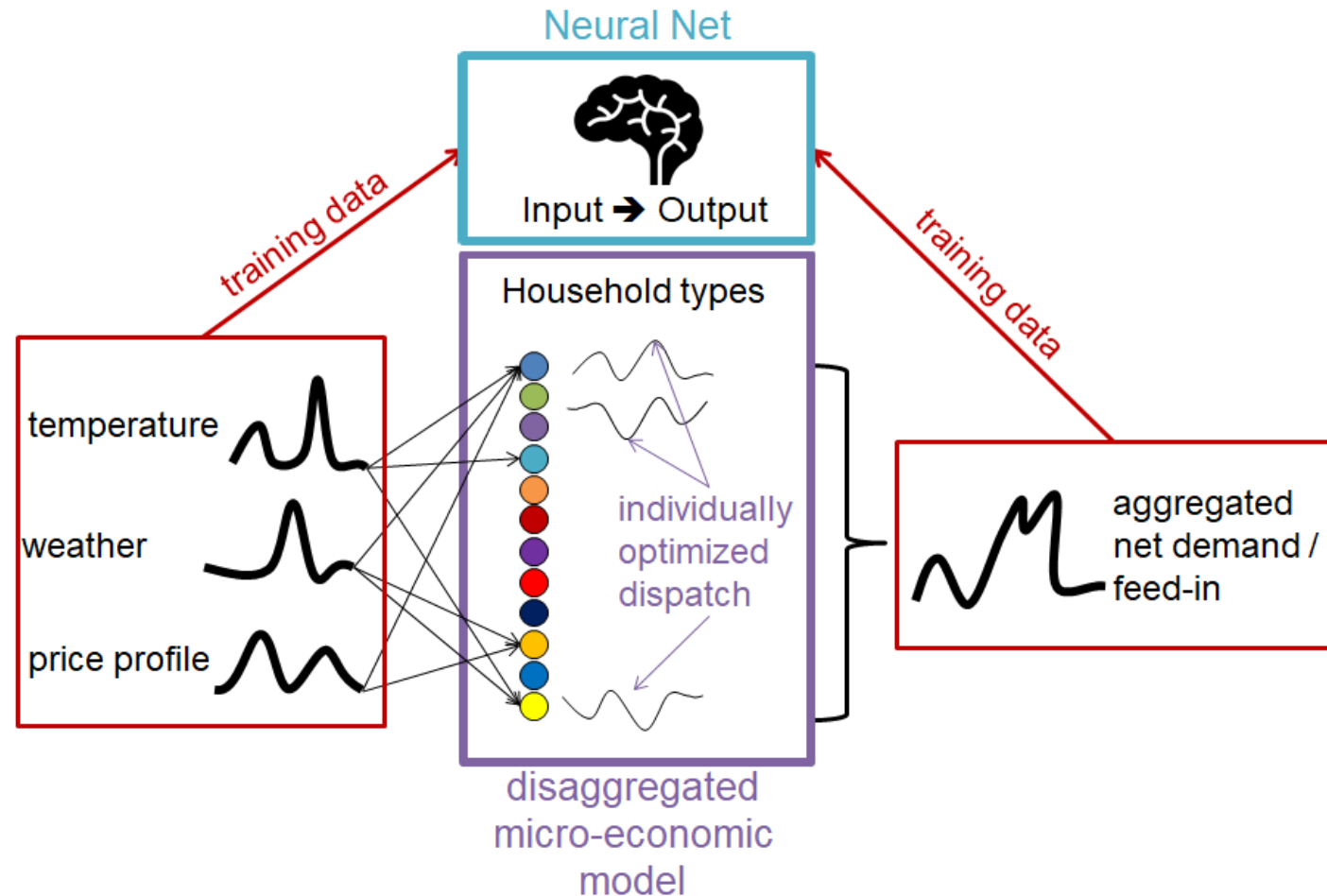


Problem

- Many different households
 - High computational effort per optimization
- Dispatch optimization of all household types not possible within AMIRIS simulation

Idea

- Individual household **dispatch** optimization done for multiple input variations (weather,...)
- Aggregate household results
- Train Neural Net to predict household aggregated behavior based on given input variations





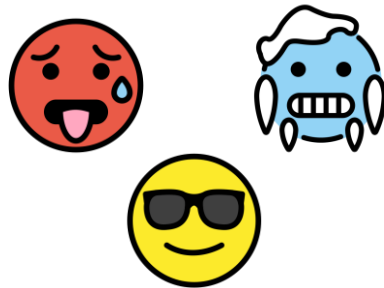
Input variation for heat pump model

- Exploring various household's decisions

18 building types



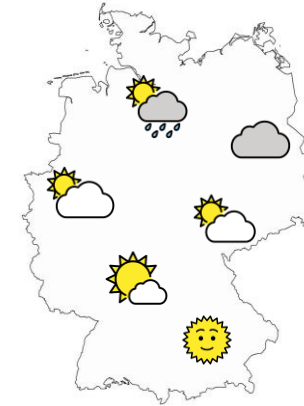
3 user comfort types



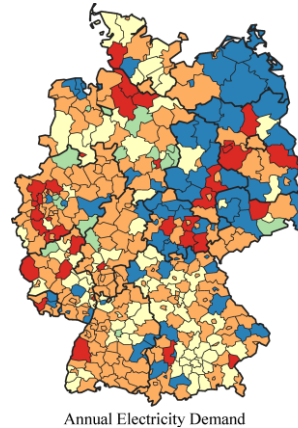
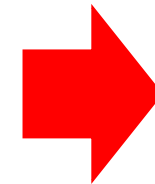
2 heat pump types



6 weather locations



Total demand



- High **computational effort** per optimization → Produce training data via input variations
- Train **Neural Nets** to predict household **aggregated** behavior i → dynamic reaction possible in AMIRIS

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FORECASTING WITH ML


Introducing Focapy – A new Python package



What is it?

- Provides Time Series forecasting
- Covers the whole workflow from data preparation to automatic plot generation
- Built around Darts 3.8
- GPU use possible

Felix Nitsch (2023). Focapy: Timeseries forecasting in Python. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7792750>

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focapy - Timeseries Forecasting in Python

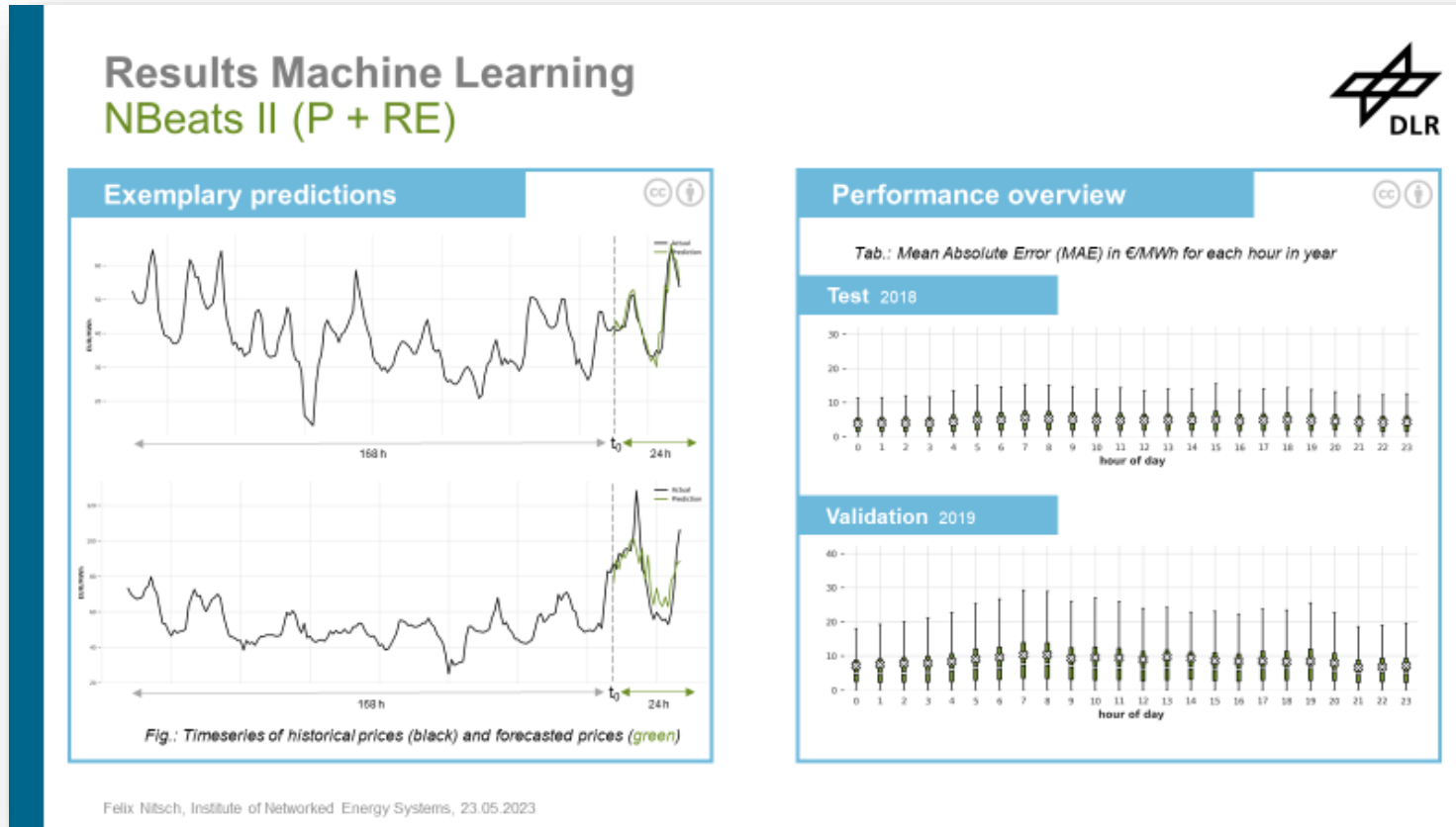
`focapy` is a package built to conduct timeseries forecasts. It is built around the framework `darts`.



<https://gitlab.com/focapy>



Comparison of Machine Learning Architectures



The competitors:

- NaiveSeasonal
- ExponentialSmoothing
- ARIMA
- LinearRegressionModel
- LightGBMModel
- RandomForest
- NBEATS
- RNN
- TFT

And the winner for the aggregated demand of typical households is...

TFT = Temporal Fusion Transformers

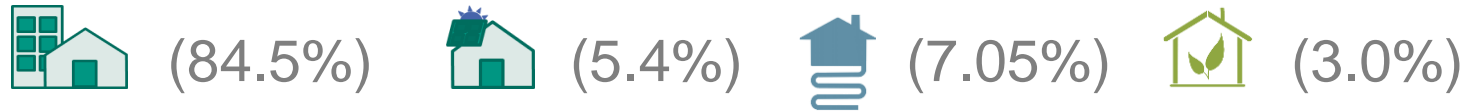
RESULTS



Results of diffusion model



- There are four different subgroups of renewable technology patterns:



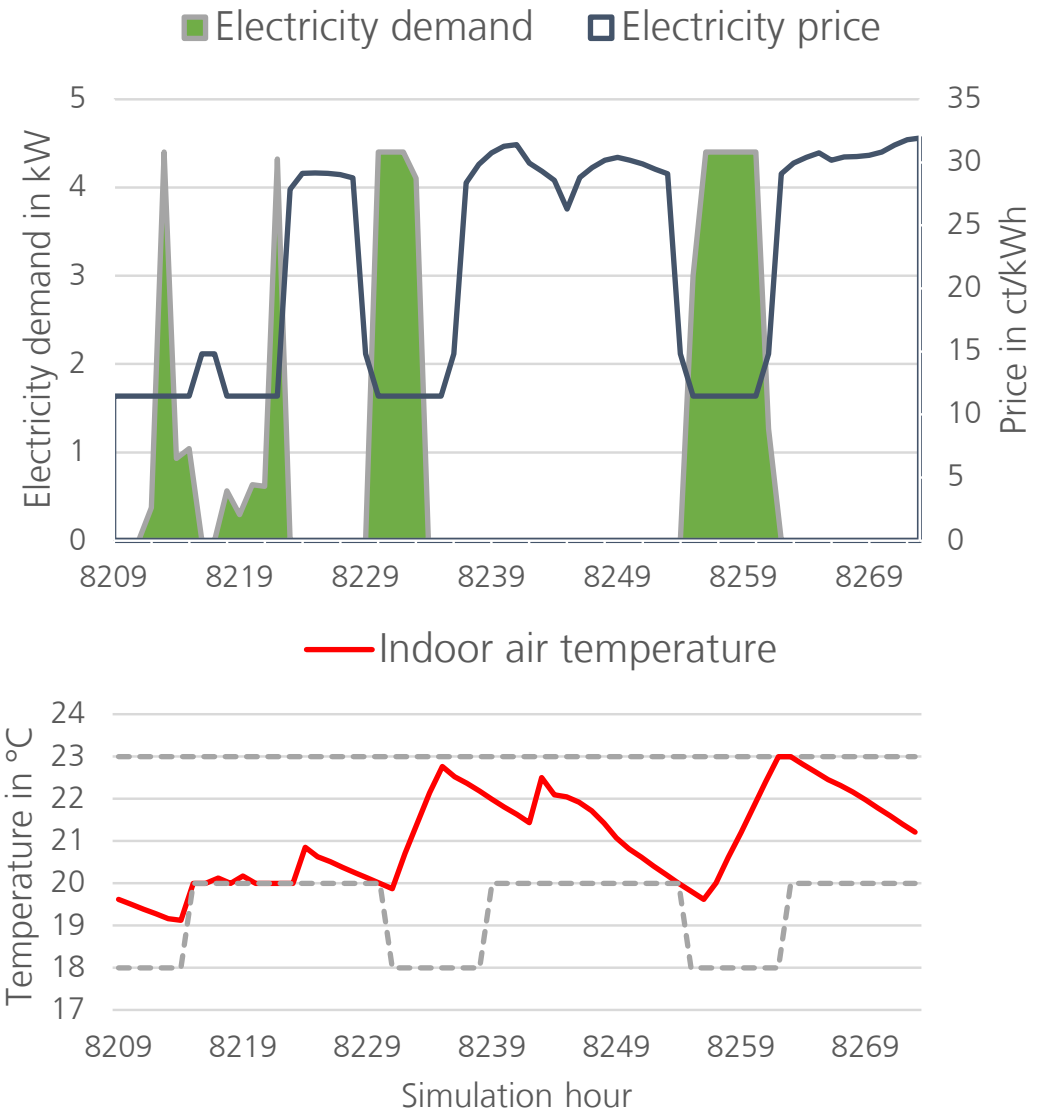
- Interested households** tend to install multiple electric technologies together
- A household's technology profile is mainly influenced by **age** and **education**
- Household income did not significantly predict class membership
- Small percentage of EE-adopters: just 3 out of 20 types of households



■ GAMS optimization model:

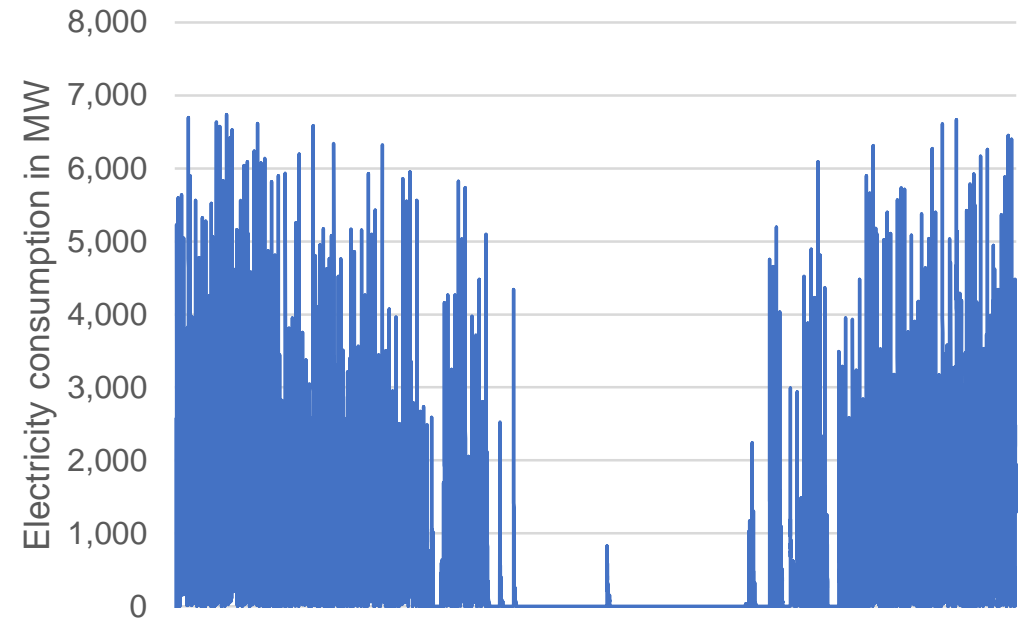
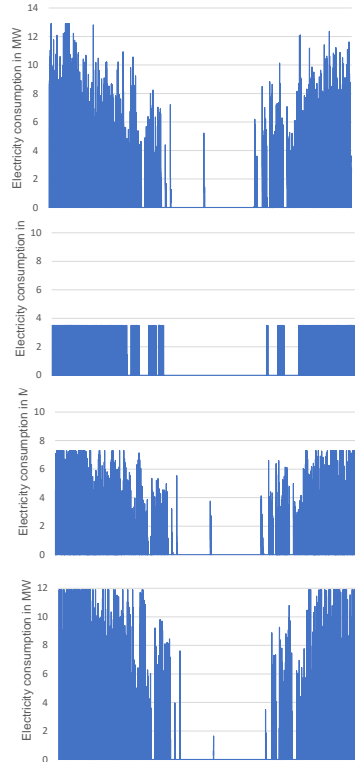
- Minimizes operating cost of residential heat pumps
- Flexibility by varying temperature within boundaries
- Electricity demand calculated bottom-up by reduced-order thermodynamic models of building archetypes¹⁾

1) Sperber, Frey, Bertsch: Reduced-order models for assessing demand response with heat pumps – Insights from the German energy system, *Energy & Buildings* vol. 223, 2020





Heat pump model: Aggregation of individual household decisions



- Building types
- User comfort types
- Heat pump types

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- **Best Model** = LSTM with 500 K params
- **Look-back-size:** 24 h
- **Train / Predict:** 5 locations / 1 other location
- **Data resolution:** 8760 h in ¼ h resolution

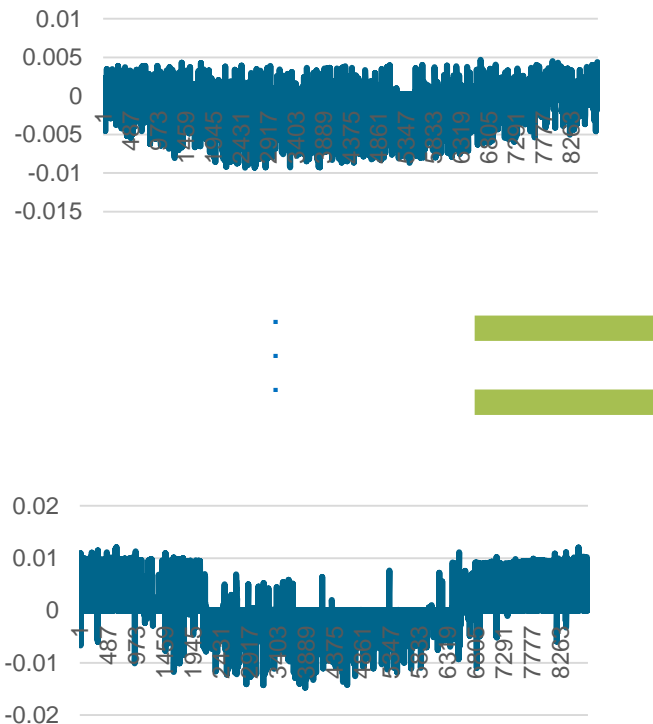


Aggregation of individual household decisions

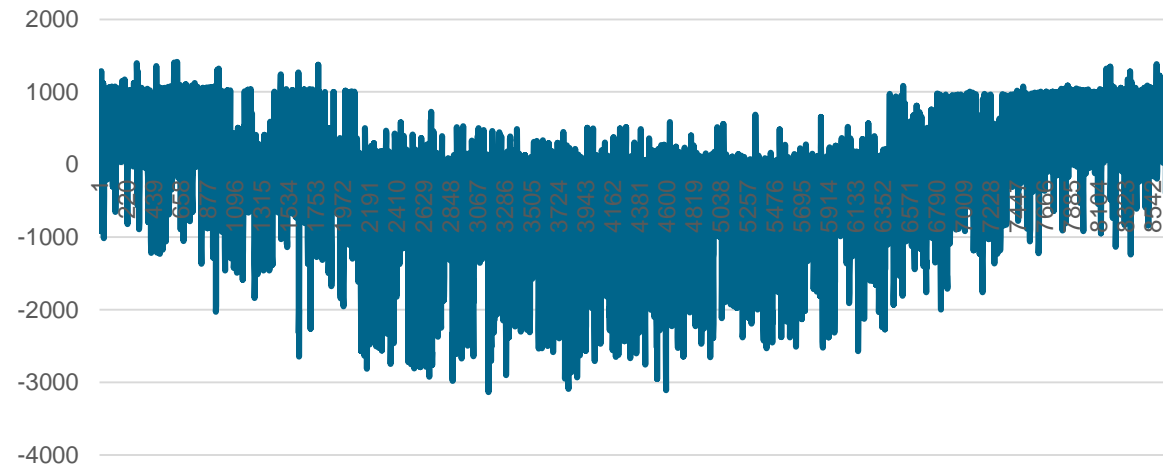
PVS micro-model



- 16 aggregations
- 40 Mio HH
- HH types
- PVS settings



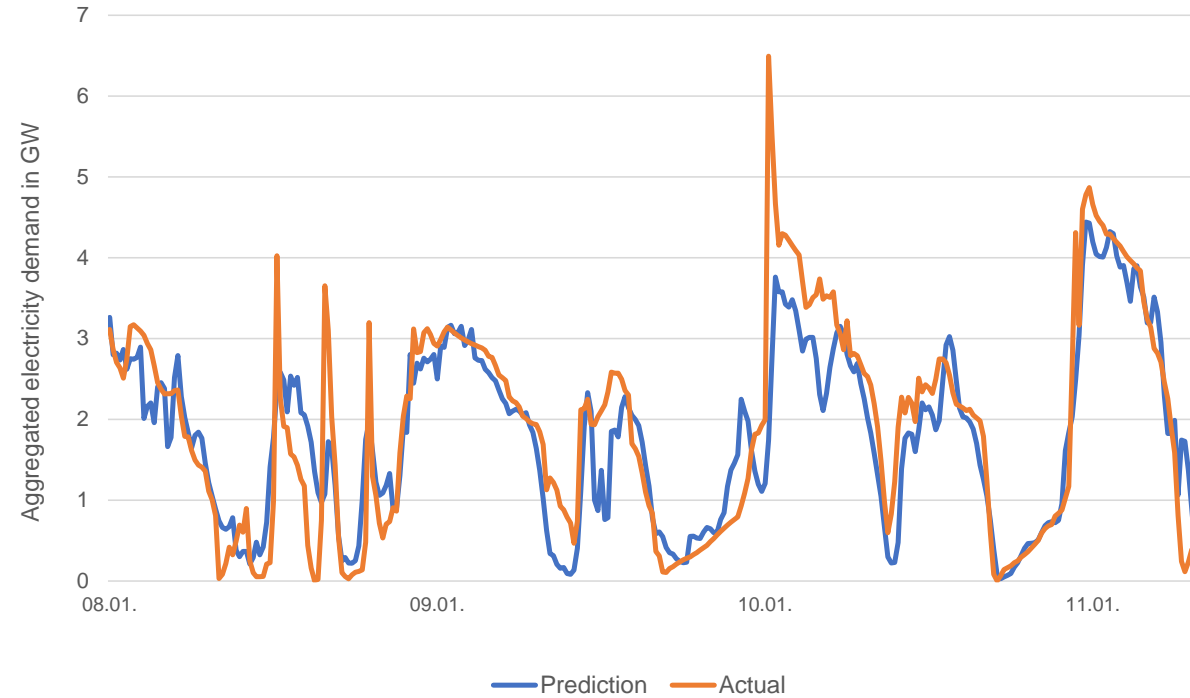
Electricity consumption in MWh

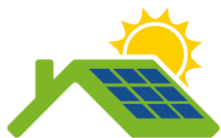


- **Best Model:** Temporal Fusion Transformer
- **Look-back-size:** 24 h
- **Train / Predict:** 5 locations / 1 other location
- **Data resolution:** 8760 h resolution
- **Error:** MAE: 296 MWh for range -3200 / +1414

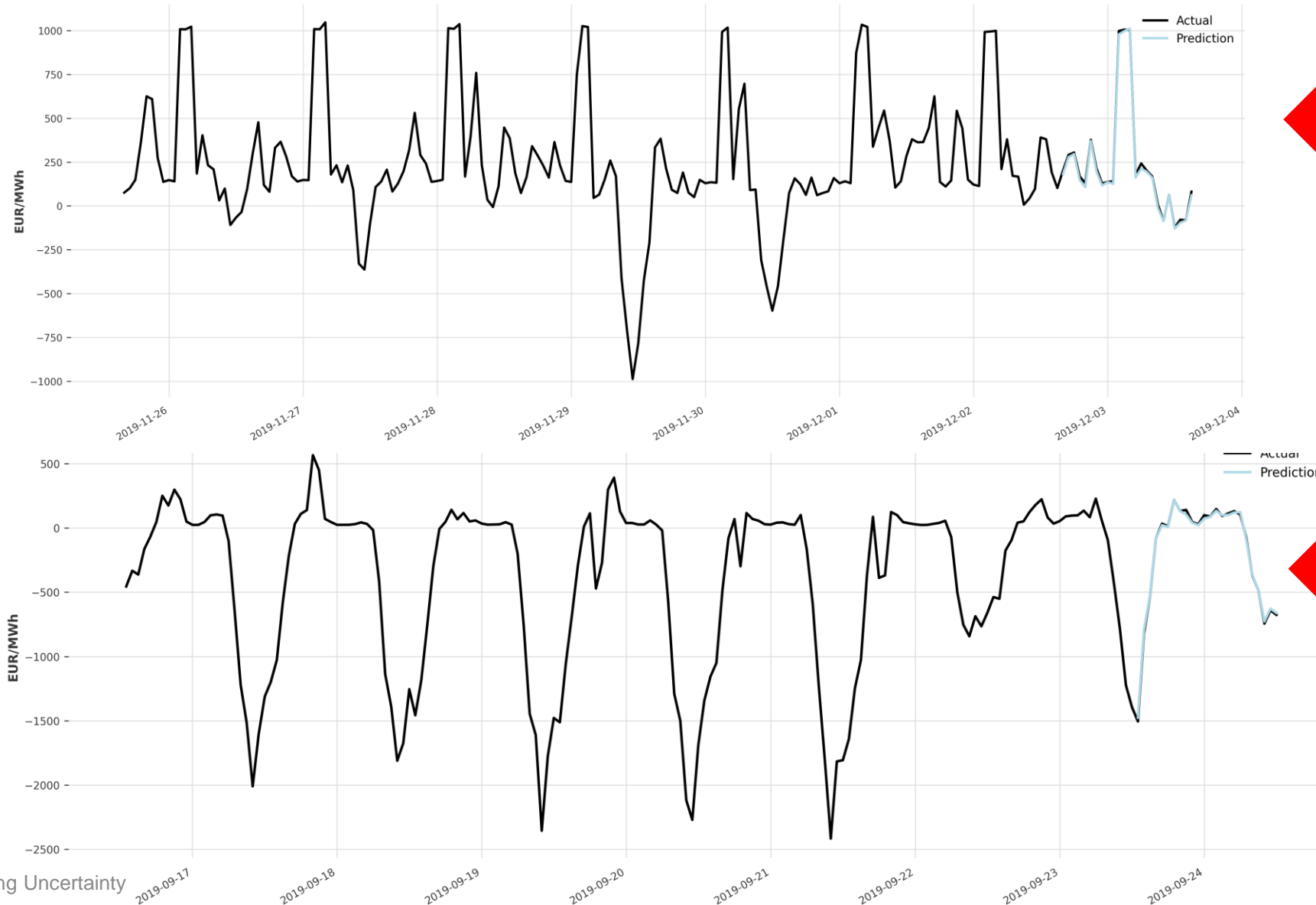
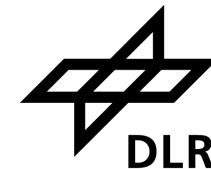


Heat pump model: Encapsulating aggregated household decisions with ML





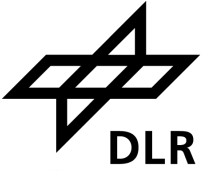
Results: PVS with ML, exemplary predictions



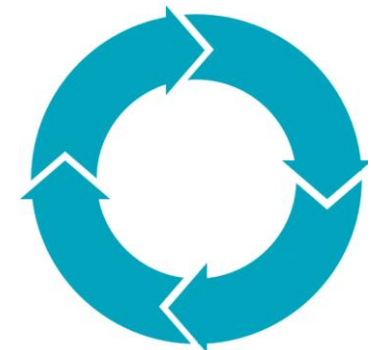
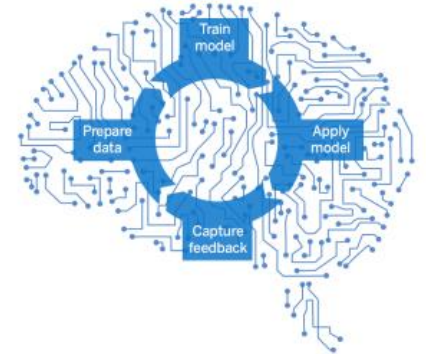
Nearly perfect predictions

CONCLUSION

High-level Conclusion



- Model coupling helps to analyze multiple aspects of the energy system at the same time
- Abstracting individual decisions with ML is a general solution for integrating computationally intensive tasks into simulations that were previously impossible
- Combining an ABM in a feedback-loop with an optimization model produces robust scenario pathways that are in fact economically viable



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Diffusion model: Survey + latent class analysis



LCA resulted in a **4-class model**



(1) Non-adopters of renewable energy technologies
(84.5%)



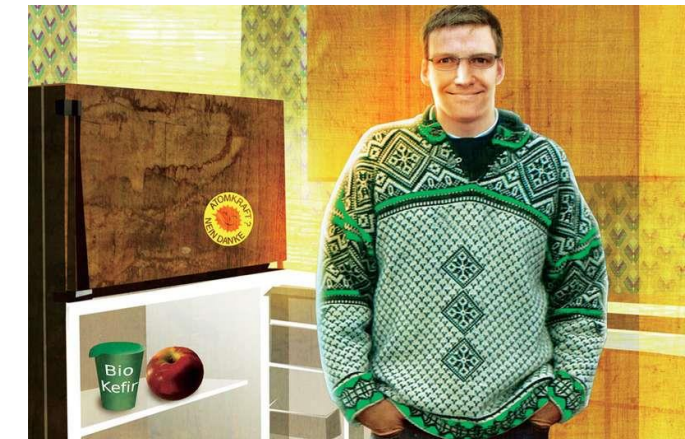
(2) PV owners living in (semi-)detached houses
(5.4%)

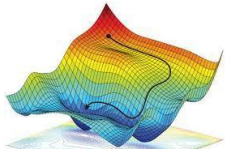


(3) Heat pump owners with comprehensive retrofit
(7.05%)

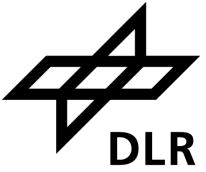


(4) Multiple renewable energy technology adopters
(3.0%)

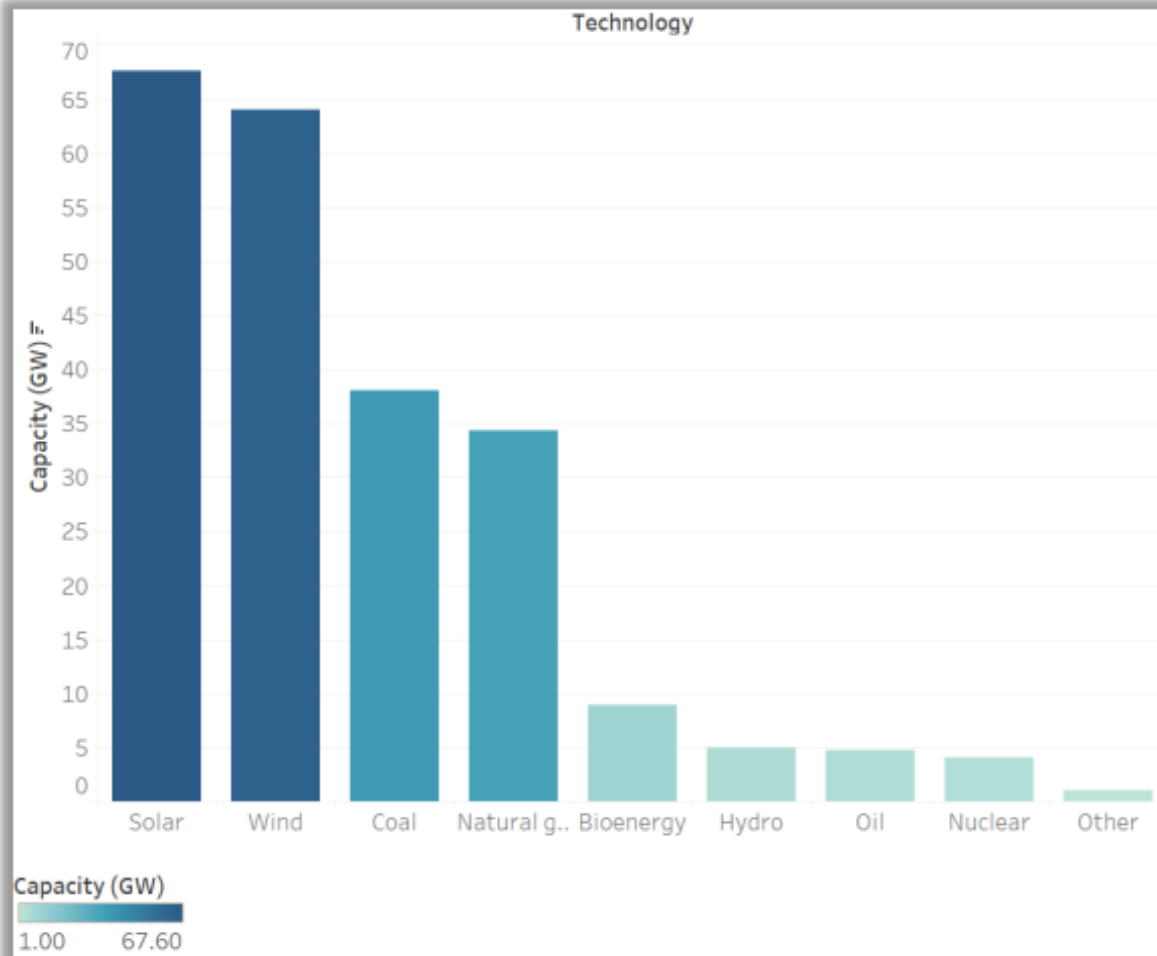




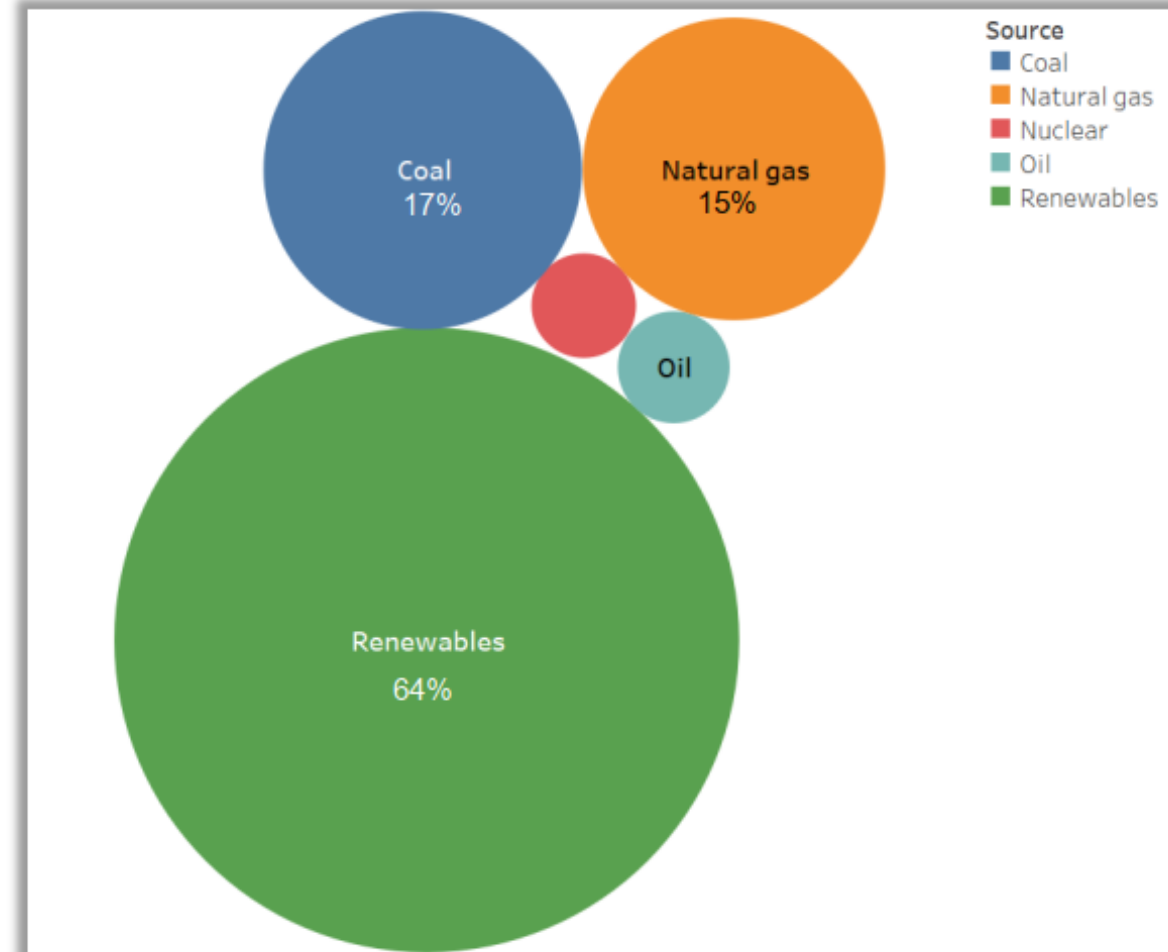
Stochastic optimization: Power production in TWh

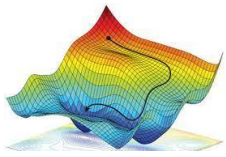


Capacity per technologies

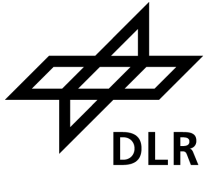


Capacity per sources





Stochastic optimization: first results



Observations:

- **Planning horizon:** Direct impact on retirement decisions and investment on renewables
- **Wind yield profile per state:** Investment projects with higher yield profiles are prioritized..

