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# Large scale heat pumps as a link between intermittent electrical energy sources and district heating sector

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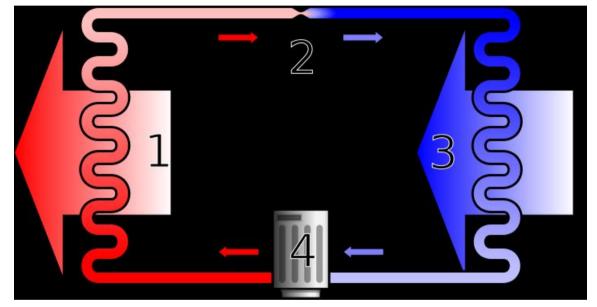


#### Heat pumps vs. Electric boilers

- Heat pumps:
  - High capital costs
  - Low running costs
  - Energy efficient technology
- Electric boilers
  - Low capital costs (asset-light technology)
  - High running costs
  - Relatively inefficient technology



#### Heat pump – a refrigeration cycle



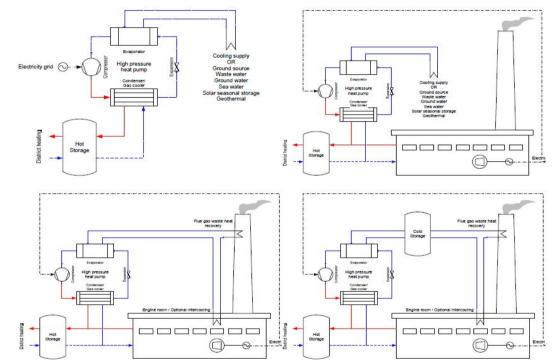
Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat\_pump (accessed on the 11th of January 2015)

#### I) condenser 2) expansion valve 3) evaporator 4) compressor

Reverse cycle a heating cycle



#### Large scale HPs – basic concepts



Source: Blarke MB. Towards an intermittency-friendly energy system: Comparing electric boilers and heat pumps in distributed cogeneration. Applied Energy 2012;91:349-365.

• Large-scale heat pumps basic concepts: HP-ES (top left), HP-ES with CHP (top right), HP-FG with CHP (bottom left) and HP-FG-CS with CHP



#### Levelized cost of heating energy (LCOH)

- Similar method to LCOE
- Investment, fixed, variable and fuel costs presented in one number
- Comparison of different technologies
- Unit:  $\in /kWh$  of heating energy generated
- Total annual expense (AE) in  $\in$ :  $AE = O \& M_F \cdot P + O \& M_V \cdot E_P + \frac{F}{COP} \cdot E_P + PMT_E + PMT_D + R_{M,PMT}$
- LCOH:

$$LCOH = \frac{AE}{E_S}$$

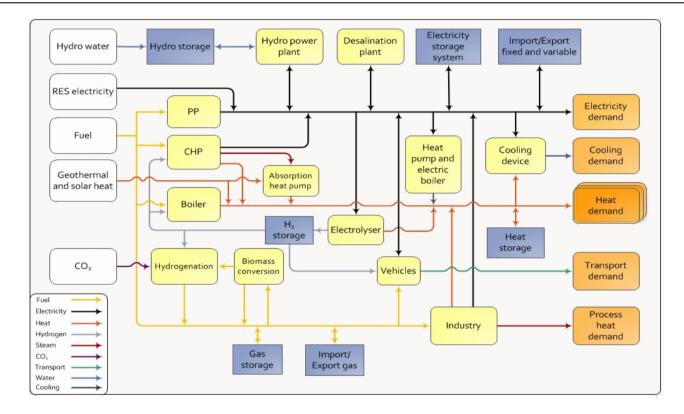
 $0\&M_F - Fixed$  operating and maintenance costs  $0\&M_V$ - Variable operating and maintenance costs  $E_P$ -Yearly amount of heating energy generated F- Fuel (electricity) cost COP- coefficient of performance  $PMT_E$  – annuity of equity  $PMT_D$  – annuity of debt  $R_{M,PMT}$  – annuity of major revision  $E_S$  - heating energy delivered to the DH grid ( $E_S = E_P$ ) P – capacity of unit

# LCOH – economic data

	Heat Pump	Electric Boiler
Specific investment [€/k₩ <sub>t</sub> ]	840	90
Technical lifetime [years]	20	20
Equity [%]	20	20
Debt [%]	80	80
Equity discount rate [%]	10	10
Debt discount rate [%]	3	3
Major revision [% of investment]	10	10
Major revision frequency [years]	10	10
Revision interest rate [%]	10	10
Fixed O&M [(€/kW)/year]	5.5	1.1
Variable O&M [€/kWh]	0.0005	0.0005



# EnergyPLAN



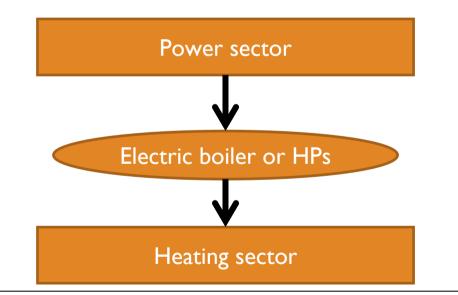
#### Source: www.energyplan.eu





### Smart Energy Systems

- Integration of different energy sectors
- Power, heating and gas sectors (including mobility)
- Sustainable use of biomass!







# **Scenarios**

2020 scenarios										
BAU	HP_alternative	HP_wind I	HP_wind2	HP_storage						
Implemented policy measure of minimum 50% of electricity generated by wind (no large-scale heat pumps)	BAU + optimal large scale heat pump capacity	HP_alternative + 4500 MVV of onshore wind capacity	HP_alternative + 3700 MVV of onshore wind capacity	HP_alternative + 600.000 m <sup>3</sup> of pit thermal energy storage						





## Optimal large scale HP capacity

EnergyPLAN:

- simulation tool
- Cannot optimize —> manual iterations

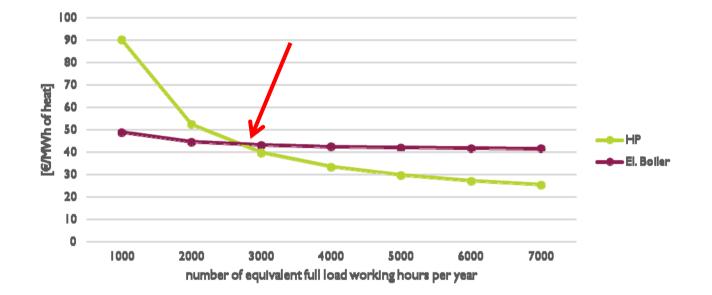
		Detect minimum
Iteration	HP [MW <sub>e</sub> ]	Total system costs [MDKK]
	100	?
2	150	?
• • •	200	?





#### Results – large scale HPs vs. Electric boilers (I)

• average electricity price: 39.38 €/MWh (the average Noordpool el-spot price for the year 2013)

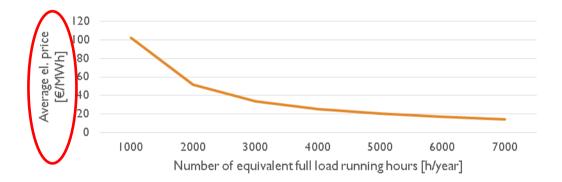






#### Results – large scale HPs vs. Electric boilers (II)

All intersection points in one figure:







# The optimal large-scale heat pump penetration level (I)

#### Iteration table for the *HP\_alternative* scenario:

Iteration	I.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
HP [MWe]	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	700
group 2													
Total system	92,19	92,07	91,97	91,88	91,82	91,77	91,75	91,76	91,79	91,83	91,89	91,97	92,05
costs [MDKK]	0	7	6	9	2	8	7	4	2	8	9	4	9

#### Optimal HP capacities in all scenarios:

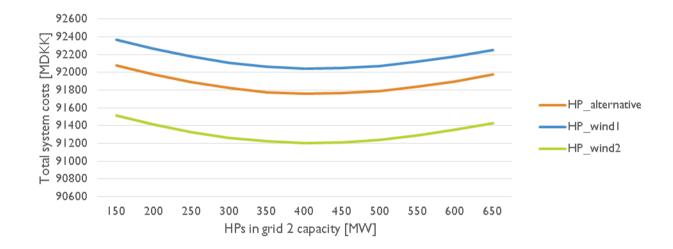
	BAU	HP_alternative	HP_wind I	HP_wind2	HP_storage
	50	400	400	400	400
HPs in Dif group 3	0	250	250	200	250





### The optimal large-scale heat pump penetration level (II)

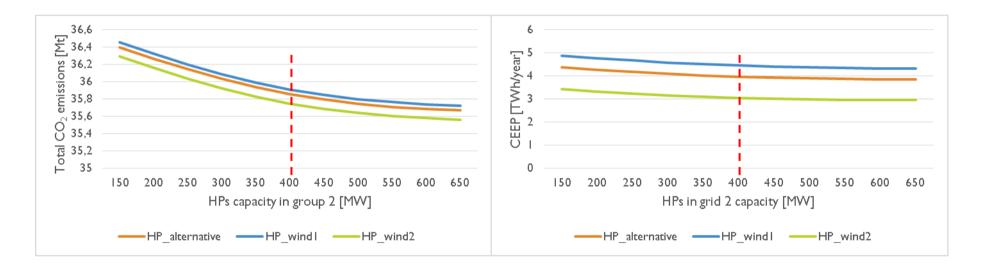
• Optimal values can be seen graphically:





#### CO2 emissions and CEEP

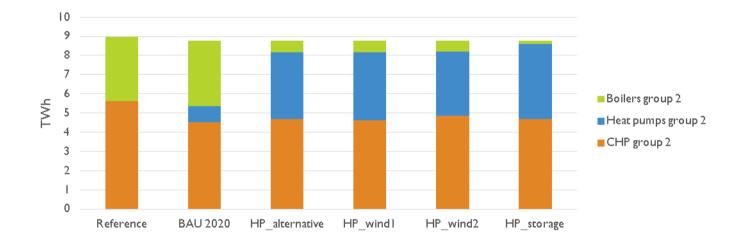
• CEEP = Critical Excess in Electricity Production





## Scenario results (I)

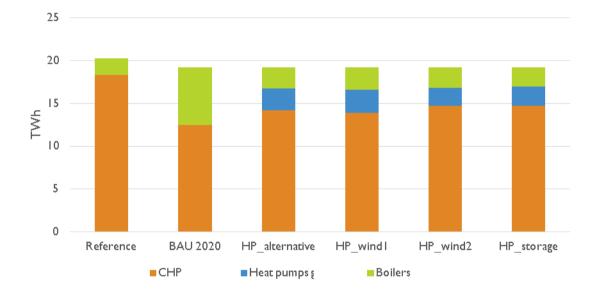
• District heating production in group 2:





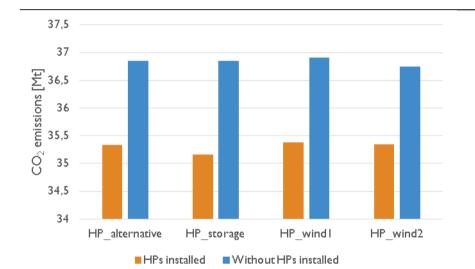
# Scenario results (II)

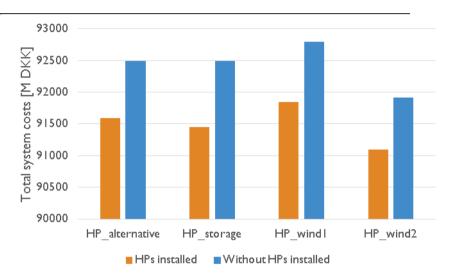
• District heating production in group 3:





#### Scenario results (III)





	HP_alternative		HP_v	vind l	HP_	wind2	HP_storage		
	CO <sub>2</sub> [Mt]	CEEP	CO <sub>2</sub> [Mt]	CEEP	CO <sub>2</sub>	CEEP	CO <sub>2</sub>	CEEP	
		[TWh/year]		[TWh/yea	[Mt]	[TWh/yea	[Mt]	[TWh/year]	
HPs installed	35.34	3.52	35.38	3.97	35.35	2.73	35.15	3.45	
No HPs	36.85	4.75	36.91	5.27	36.74	3.77	36.85	4.75	
installed									
<b>Reduction with</b>	4.3%	34.9%	4.3%	32.7%	3.9%	38.1%	4.8%	37.7%	
HPs installed [%]									



## Conclusions

- ✓ In the long run, a large scale heat pump is a more viable investment from economic point of view compared to the large electric boilers (potential for district cooling, too)
- ✓ Optimal level of heat pumps exists in every energy system. Depending on the penetration levels of intermittent energy sources and a share of district heating users, this point can move towards larger or smaller capacities.
- Implementation of large scale heat pumps lead to CO2 emissions reduction, decrease in critical excess in electricity production and savings in total annual energy system costs
- ✓ Seasonal thermal energy storage leads to the further CO2 emissions reduction and total system costs savings



Thank you!

Questions?

