Buildings & Cars as Power Plants?

Aggregating Flexible Loads in the Smart Grid

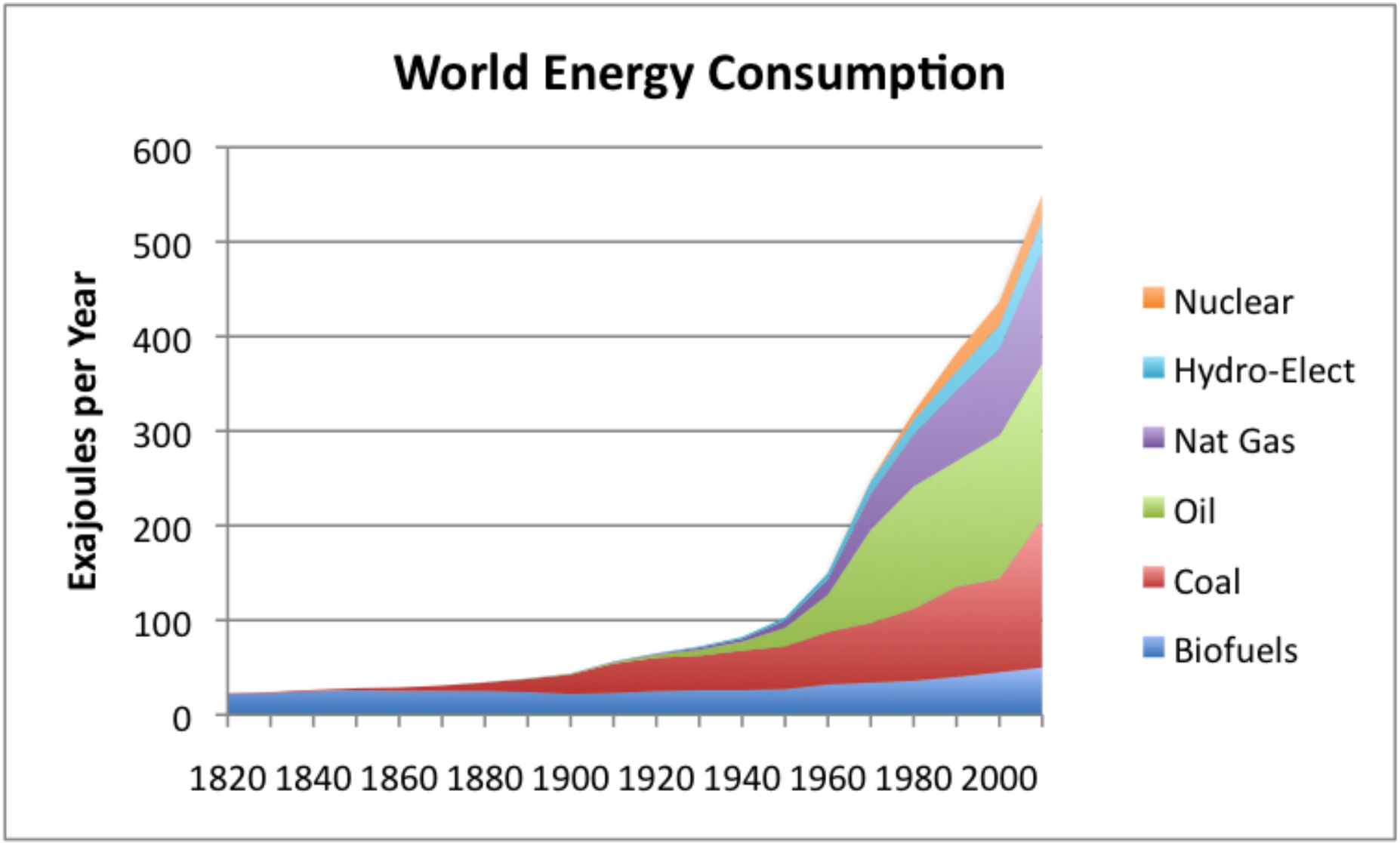
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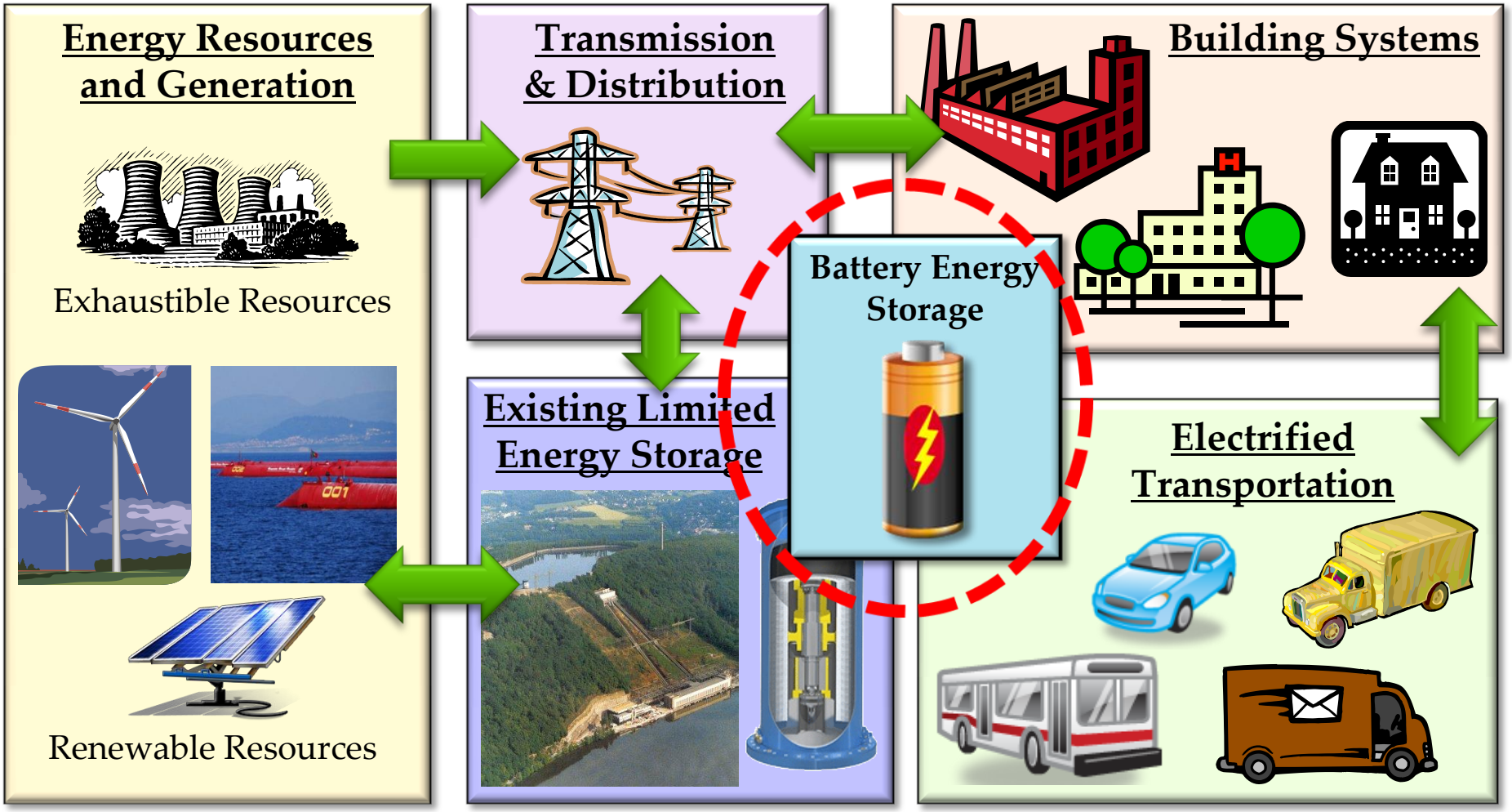






Source: Vaclav Smil Estimates from Energy Transitions

Vision for Future Energy Infrastructure



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Why Buildings?

U.S. buildings produce

- 48% of carbon emissions

U.S. buildings consume

- 39% of total energy
- 71% of electricity
- 54% of natural gas





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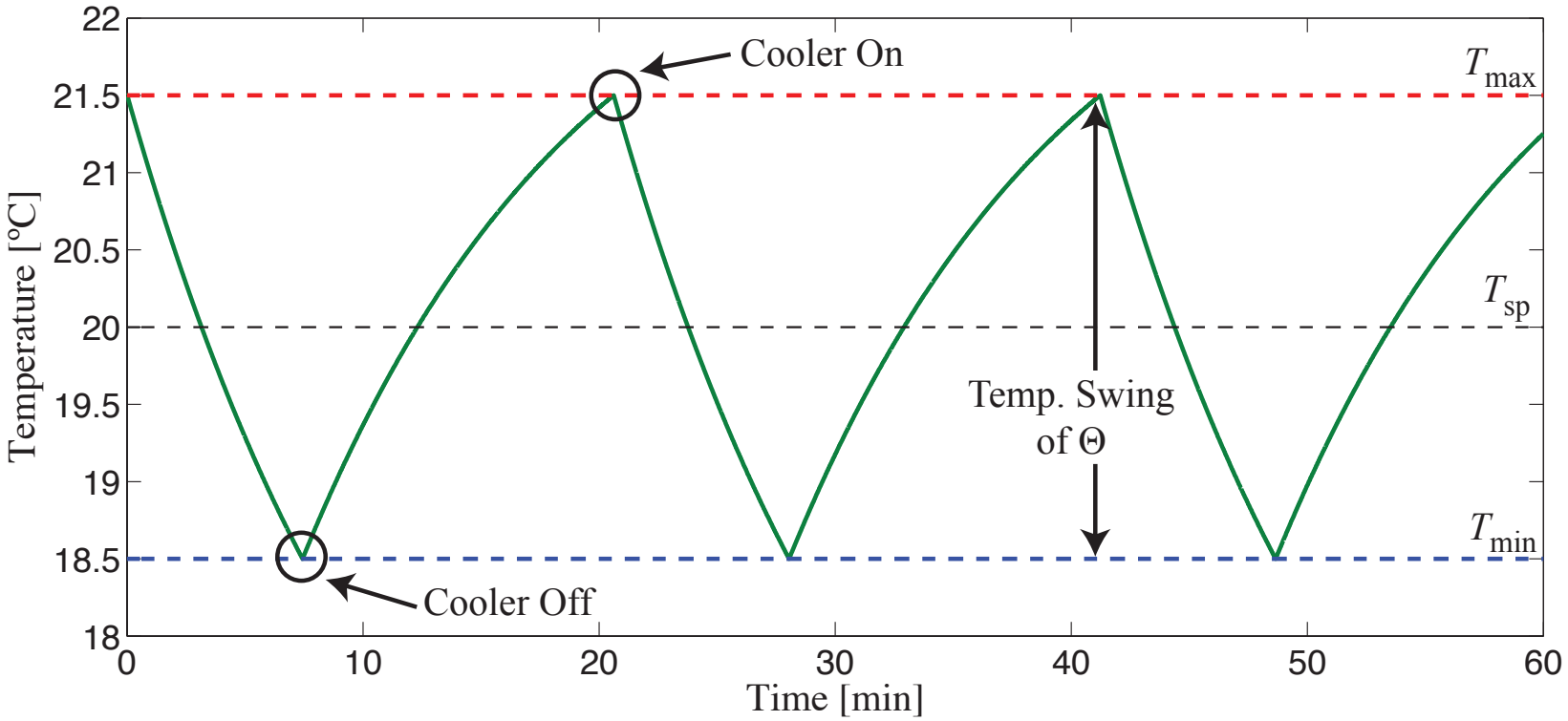
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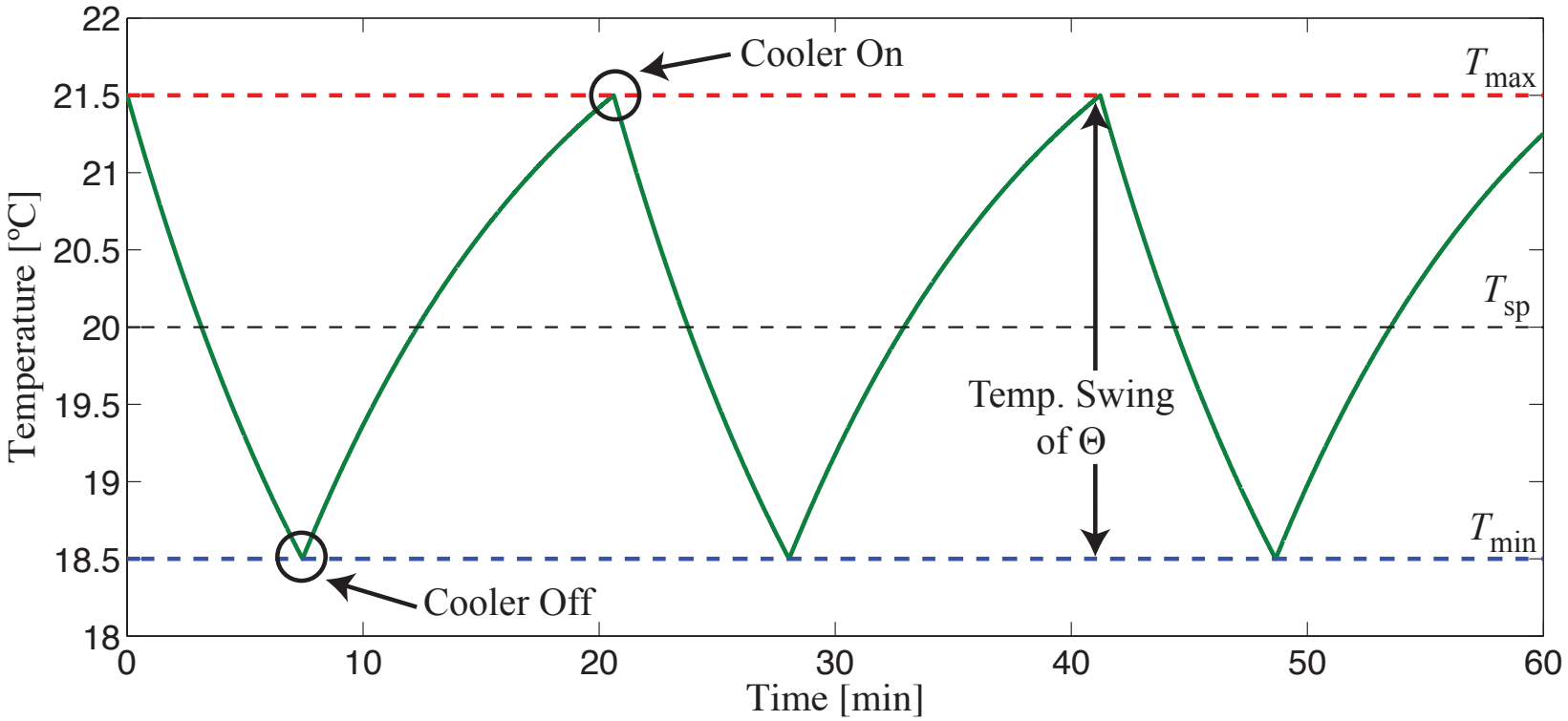
The Punchline

Exploit flexibility of TCLs for power system services

Modeling TCLs



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$$\dot{T}_i(t) = \frac{1}{R_i C_i}\left[T_\infty - T_i(t) - s_i(t) R_i P_i\right], \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, N$$

$$s_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

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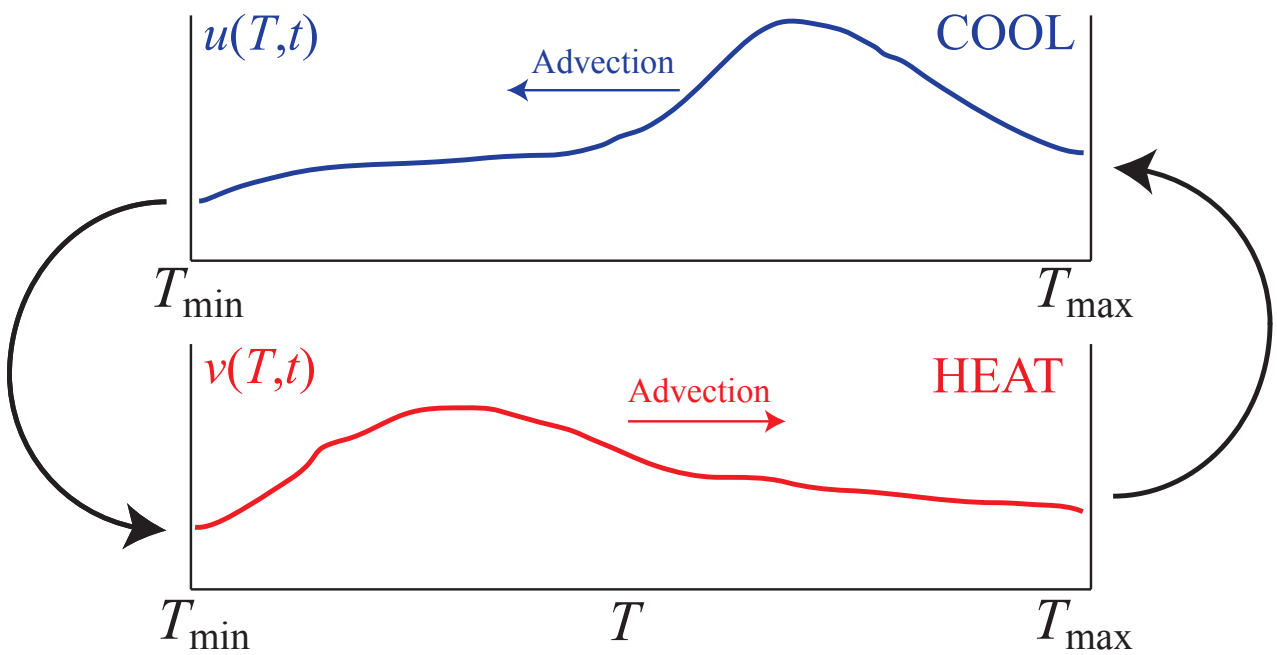
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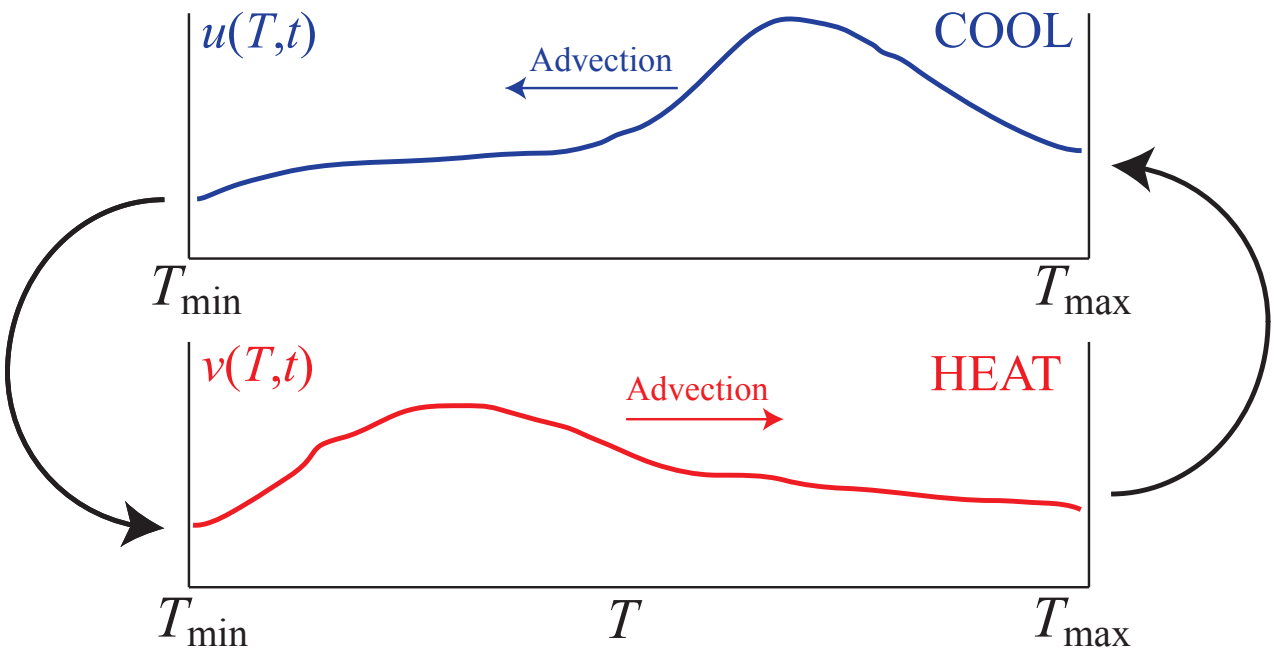
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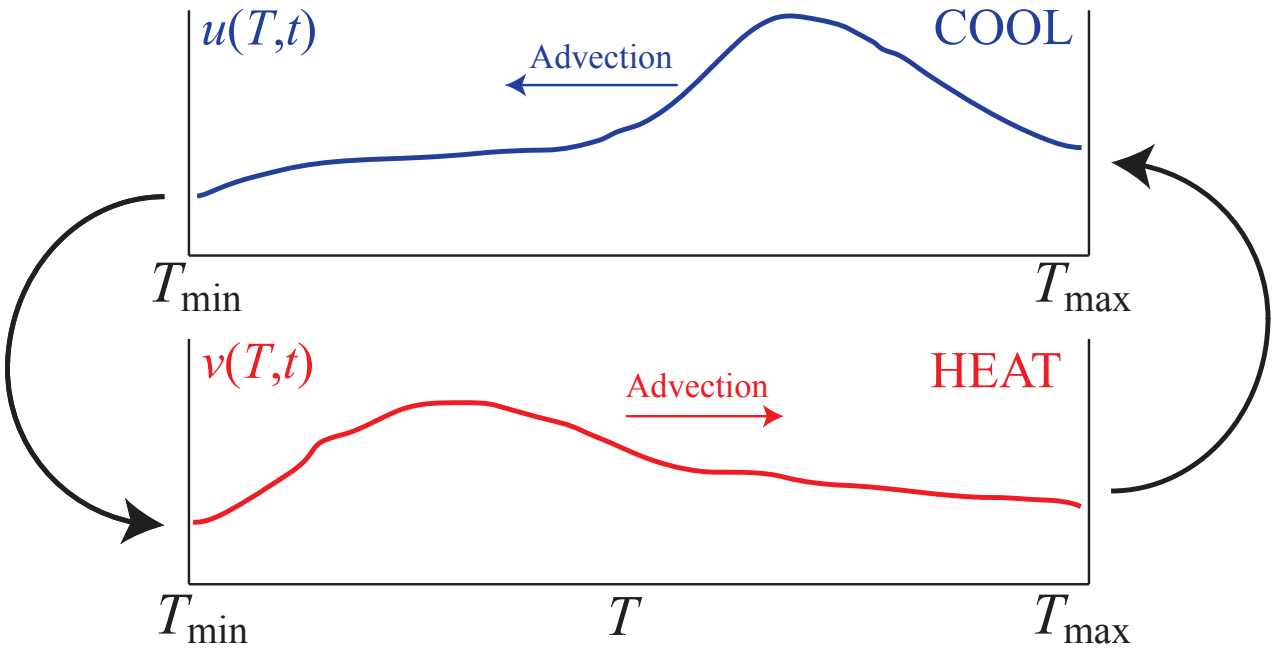


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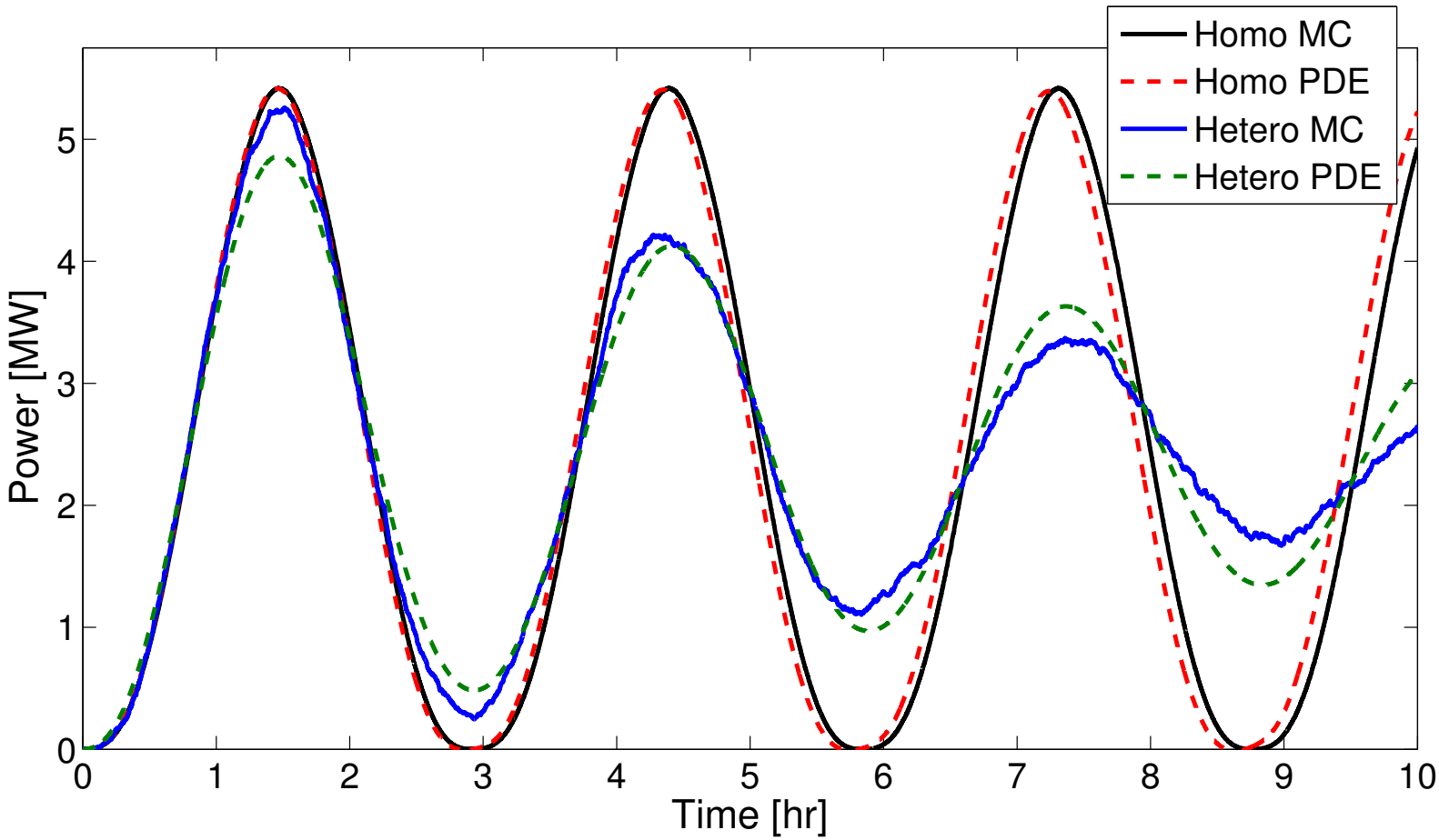
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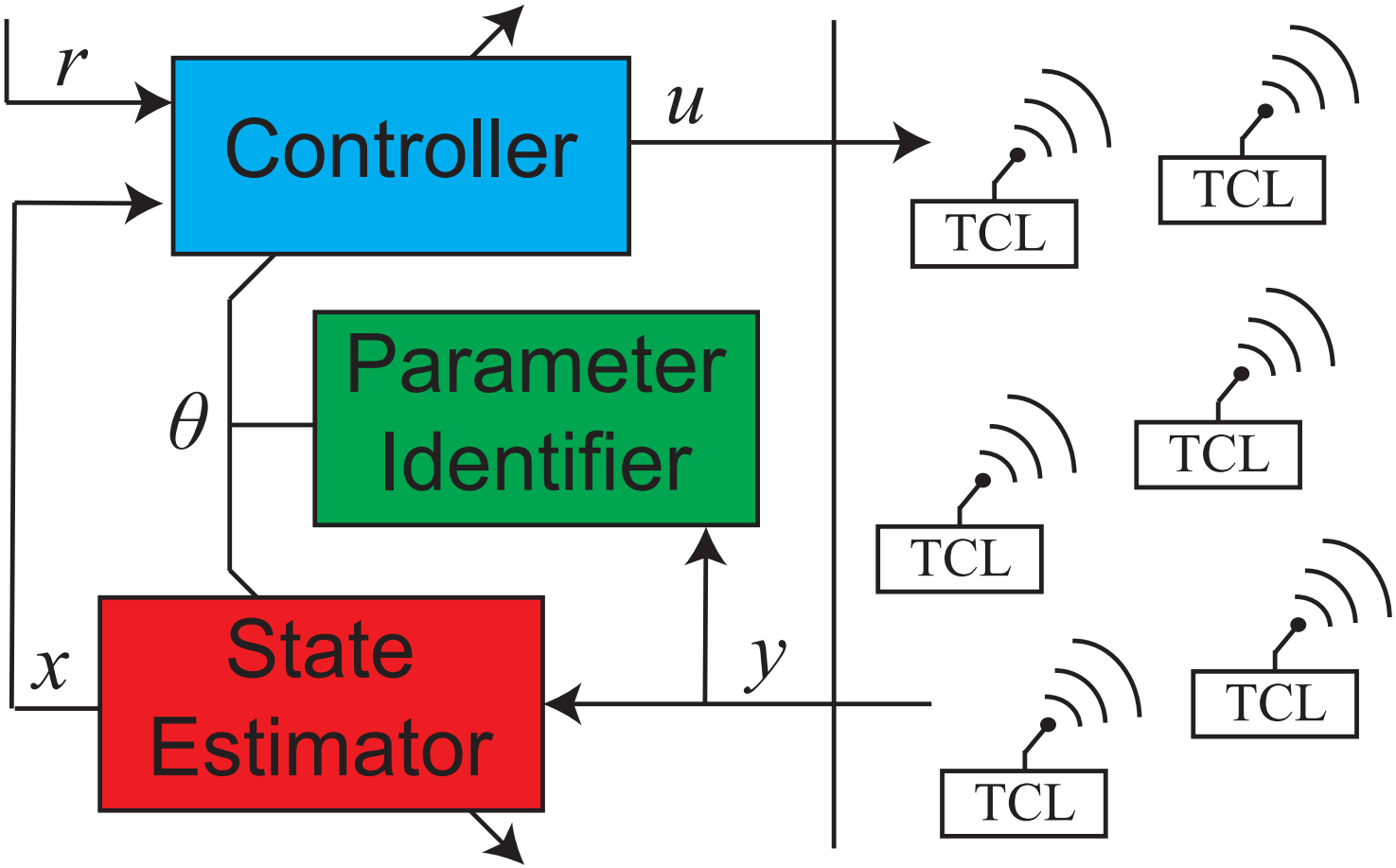
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Model Comparison



Feedback Control System



PDE State Estimator

Estimation Error Dynamics: $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) = (u - \hat{u}, v - \hat{v})$

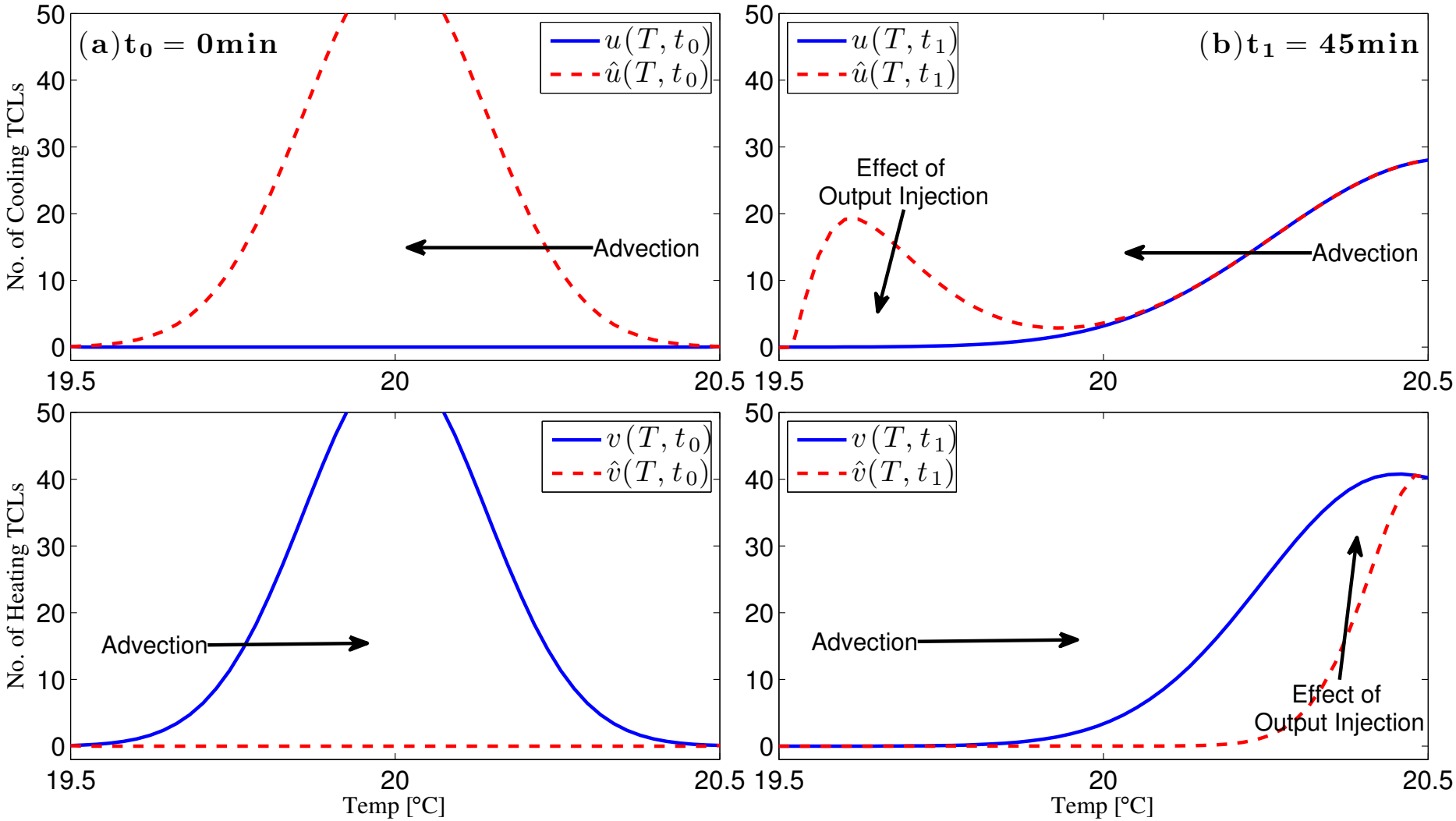
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\begin{aligned}
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Goal: Design estimation gains:

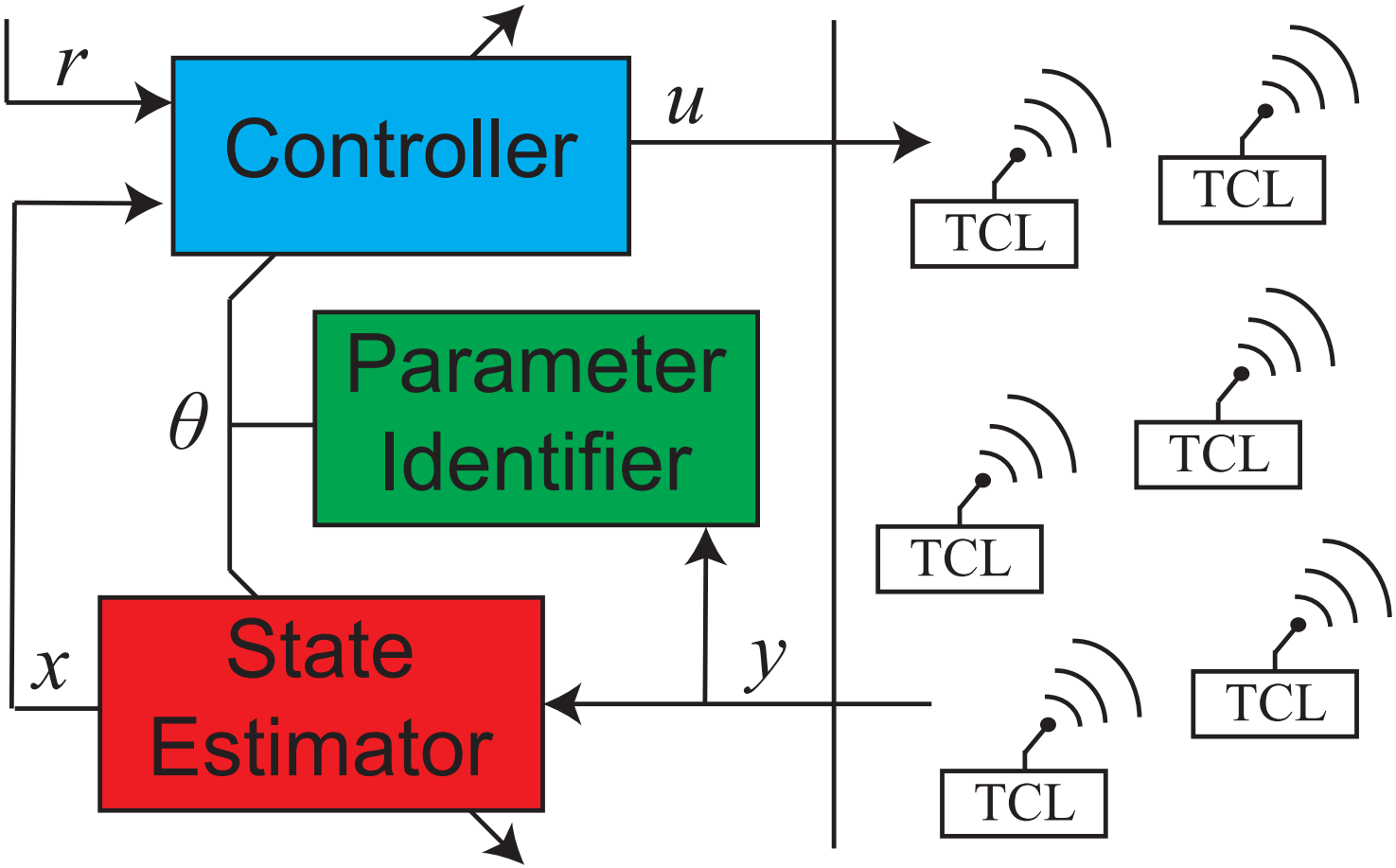
- $p_1(x), p_2(x) : (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$
- $p_{10}, p_{20} \in \mathbb{R}$

such that $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) = (0,0)$ is exponentially stable

Simulations



Feedback Control System



Parameter Identification

Uncertain parameters

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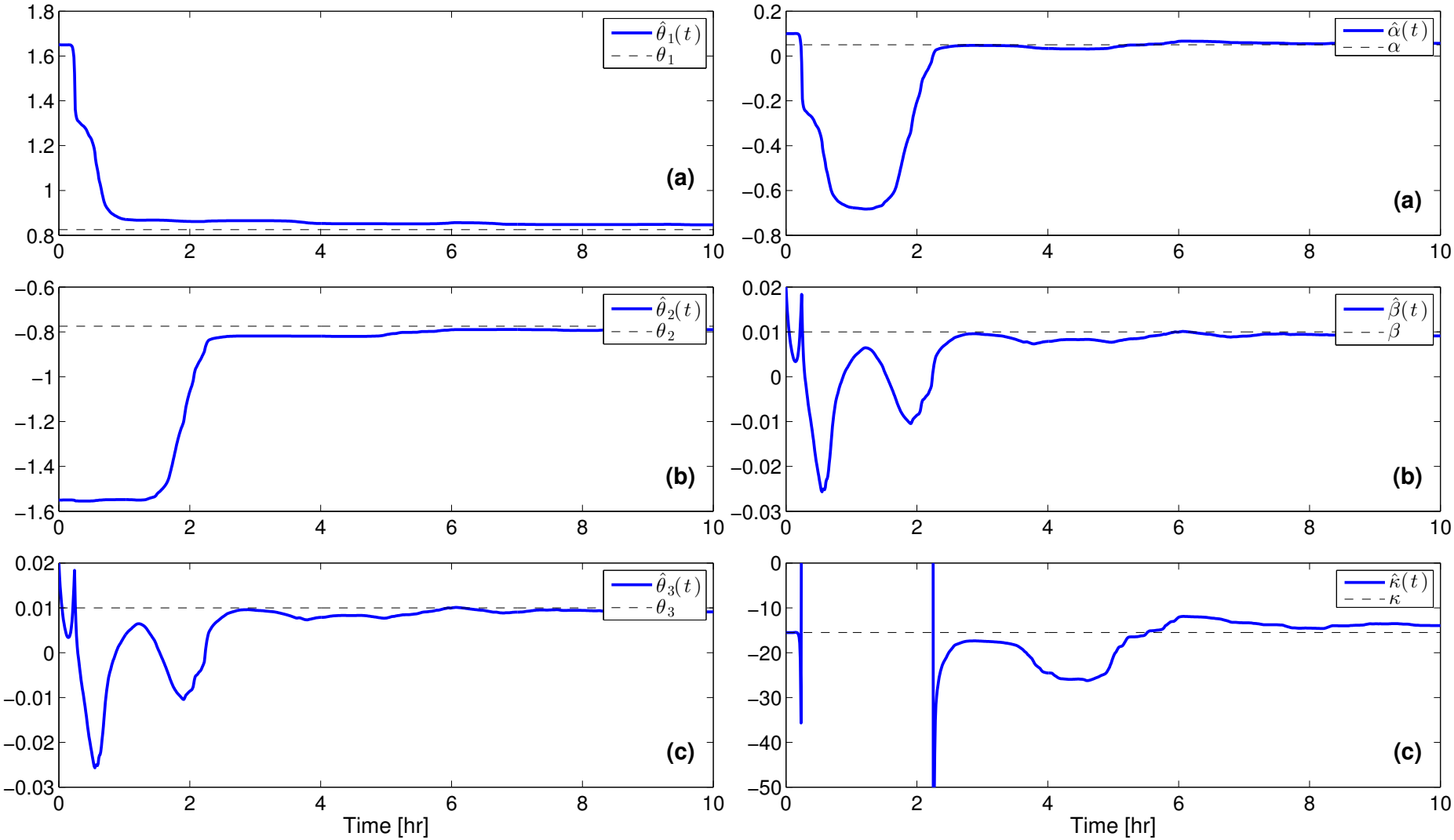
$$P(t) = \frac{\overline{P}}{\eta}\int_0^1 u(x,t)dx$$

Assumptions:

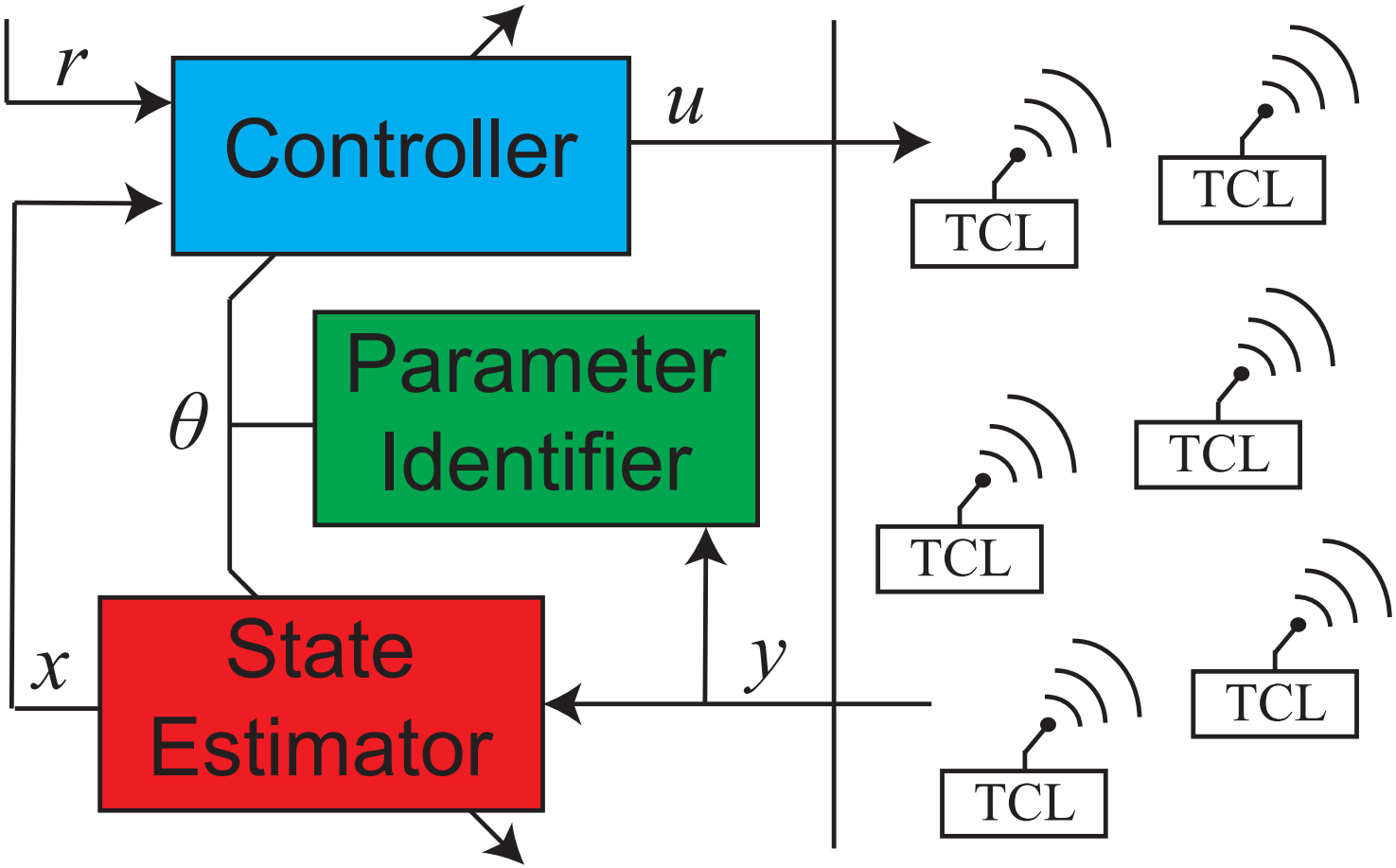
1. Aggregate Power $P(t)$ is measured
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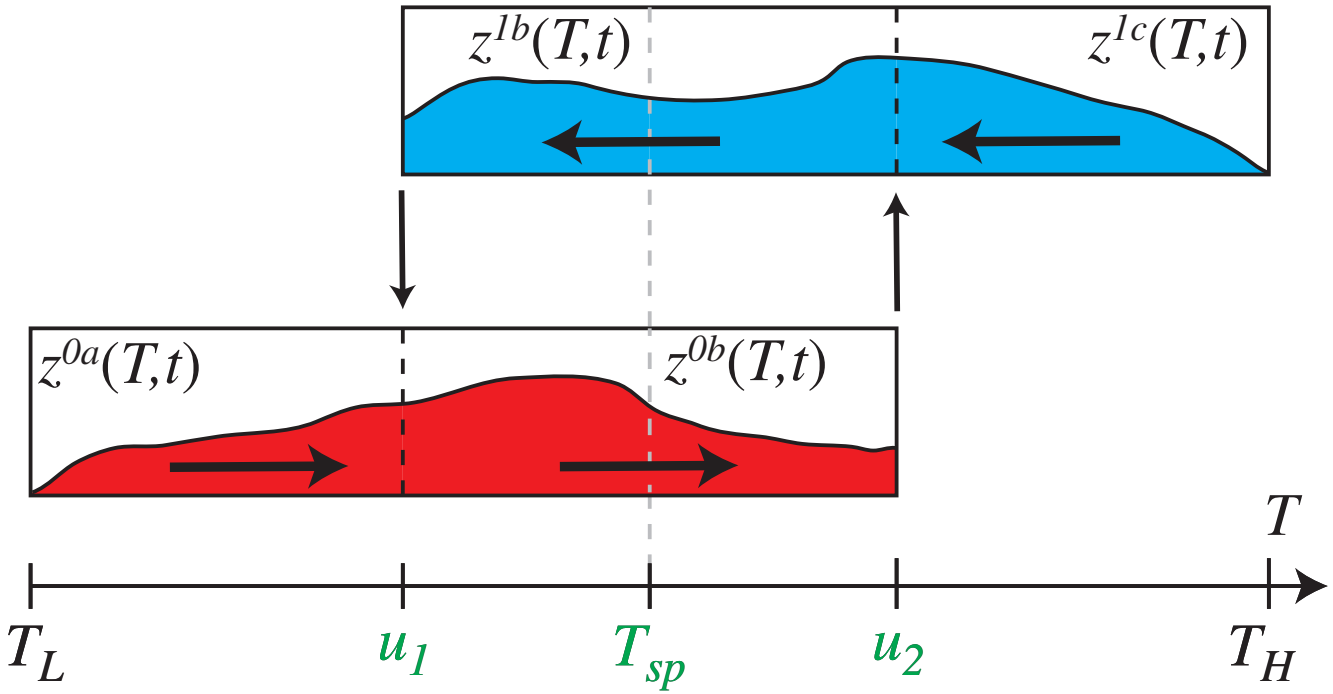
Identified from Population of 1,000 Heterogeneous TCLs



Feedback Control System



Set-point / Deadband Control

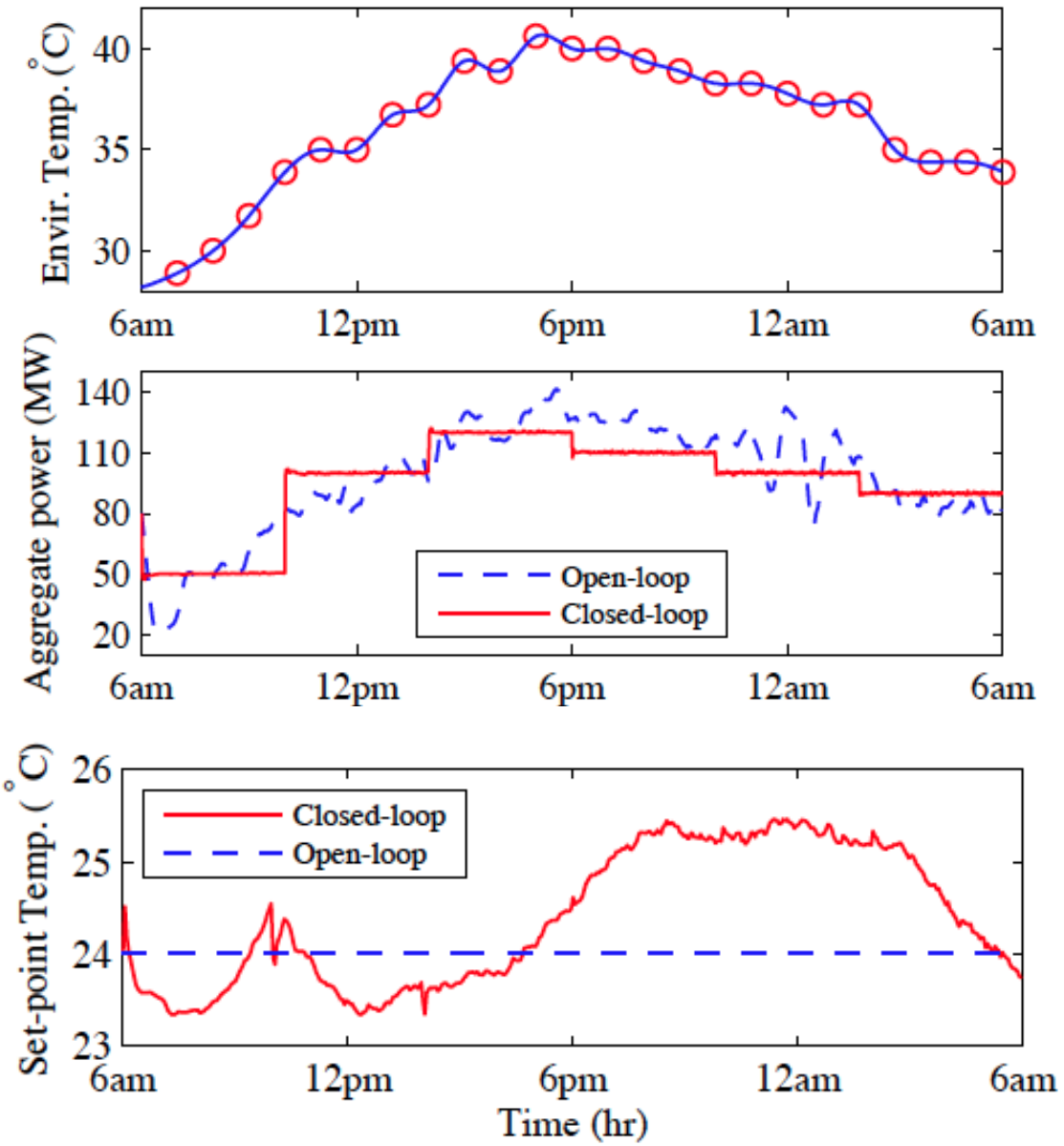


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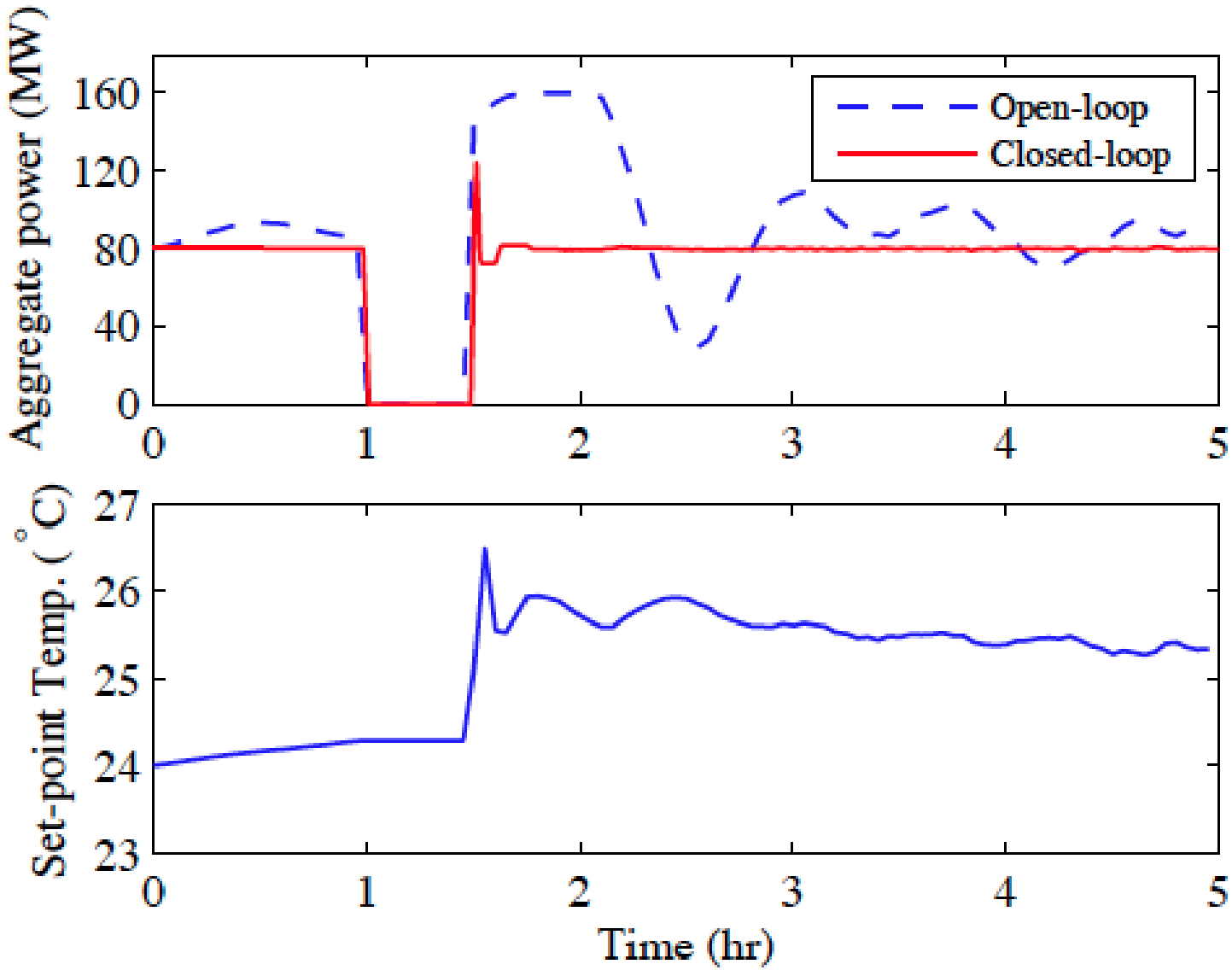
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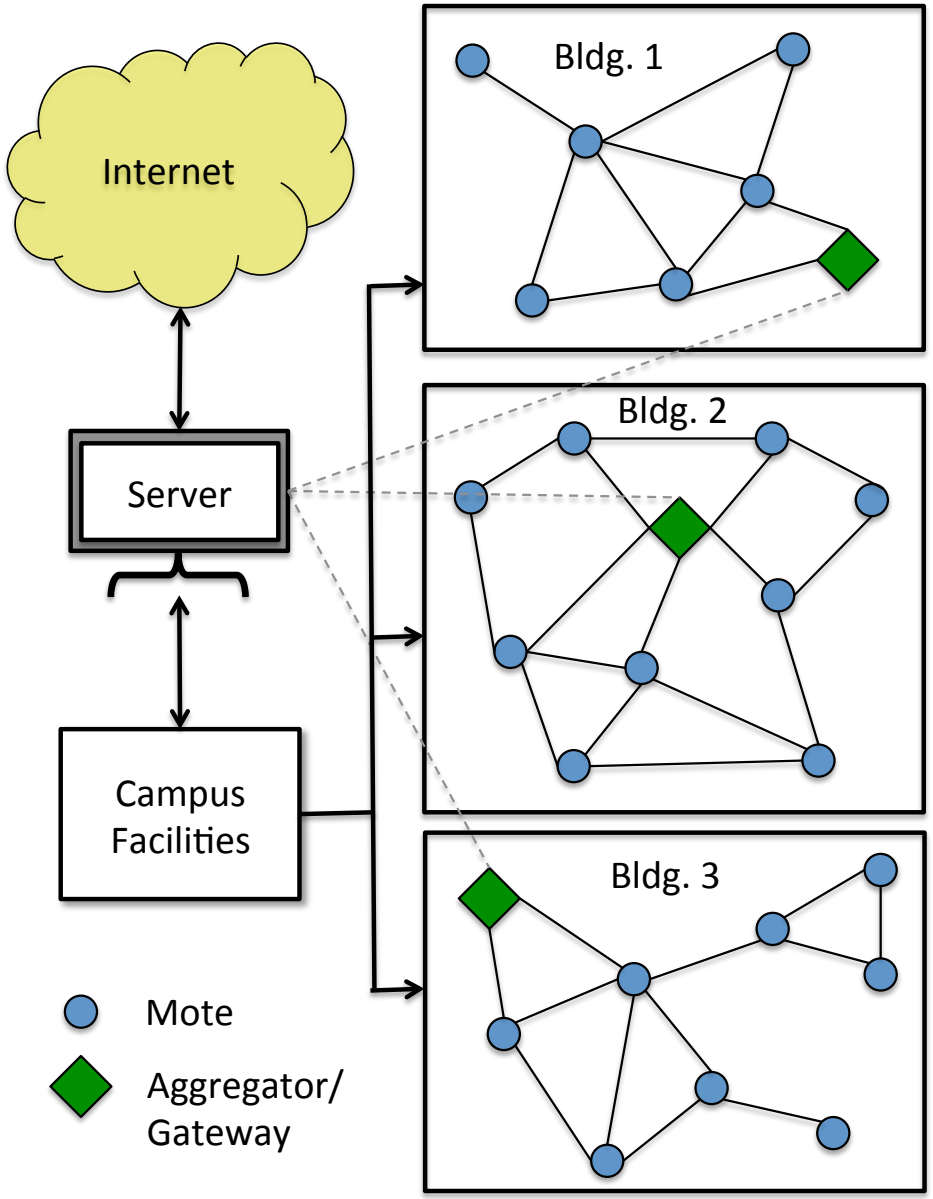
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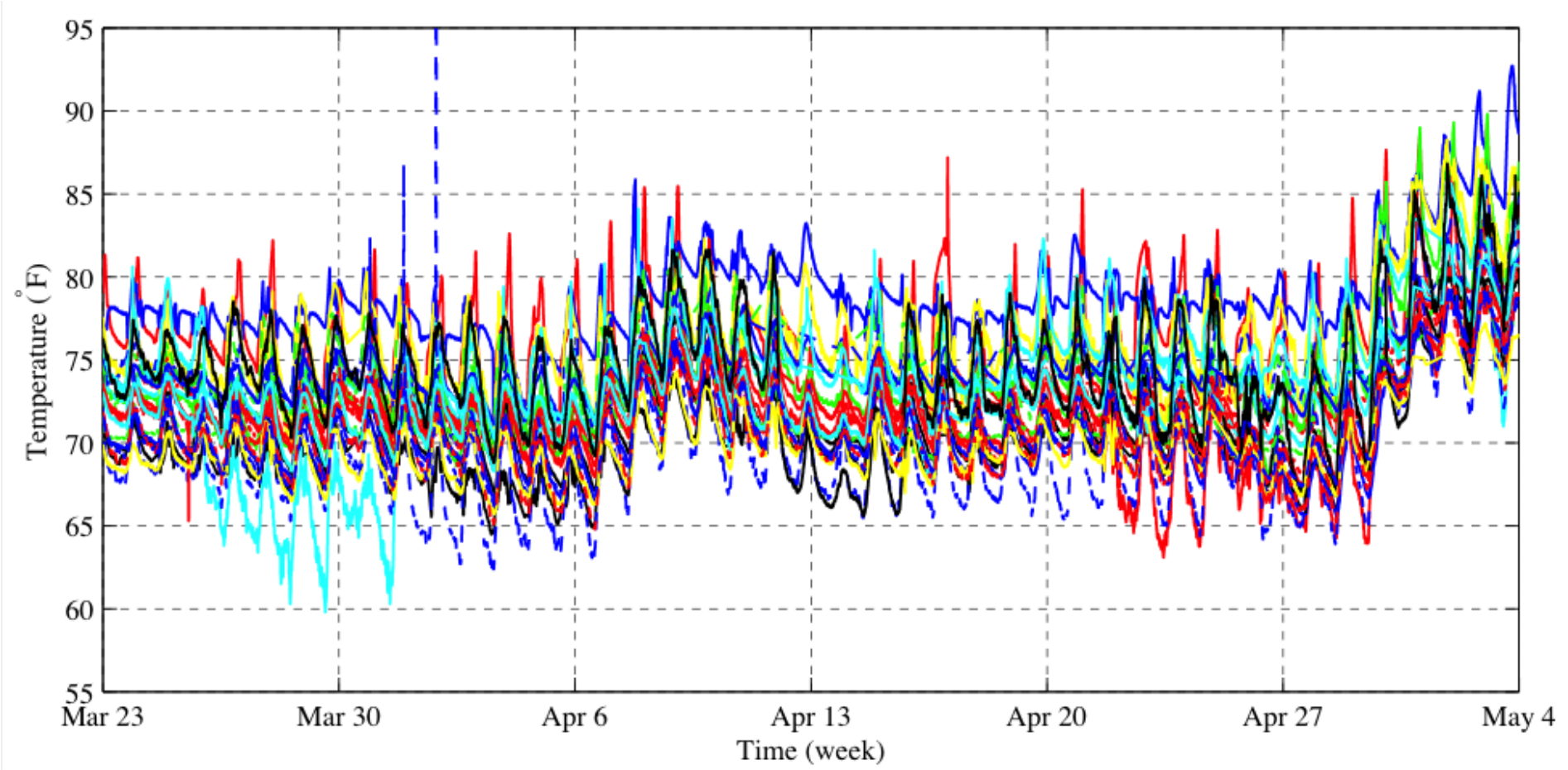
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3. Control design
4. Campus implementation



Sensor Nodes (Temp & Humidity)

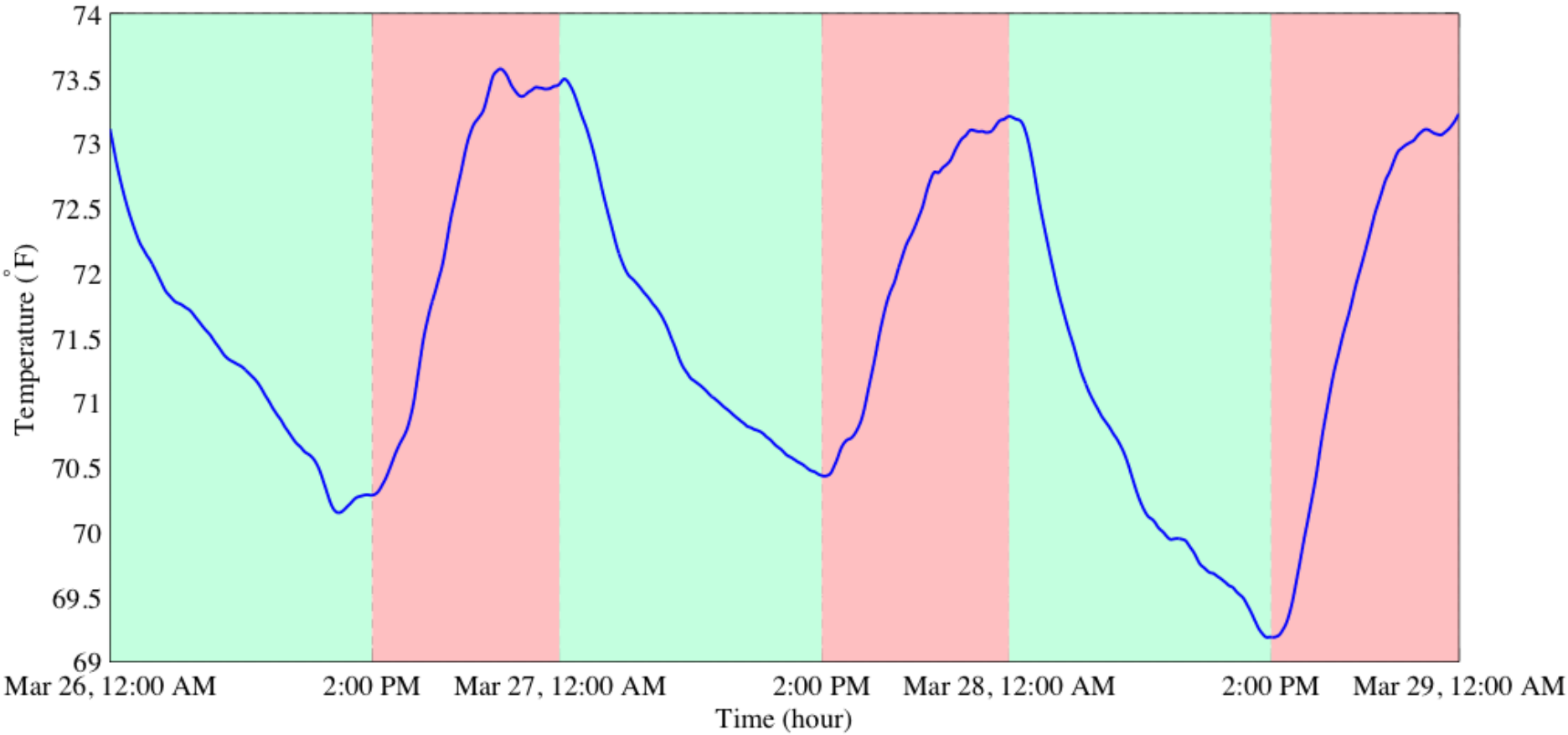


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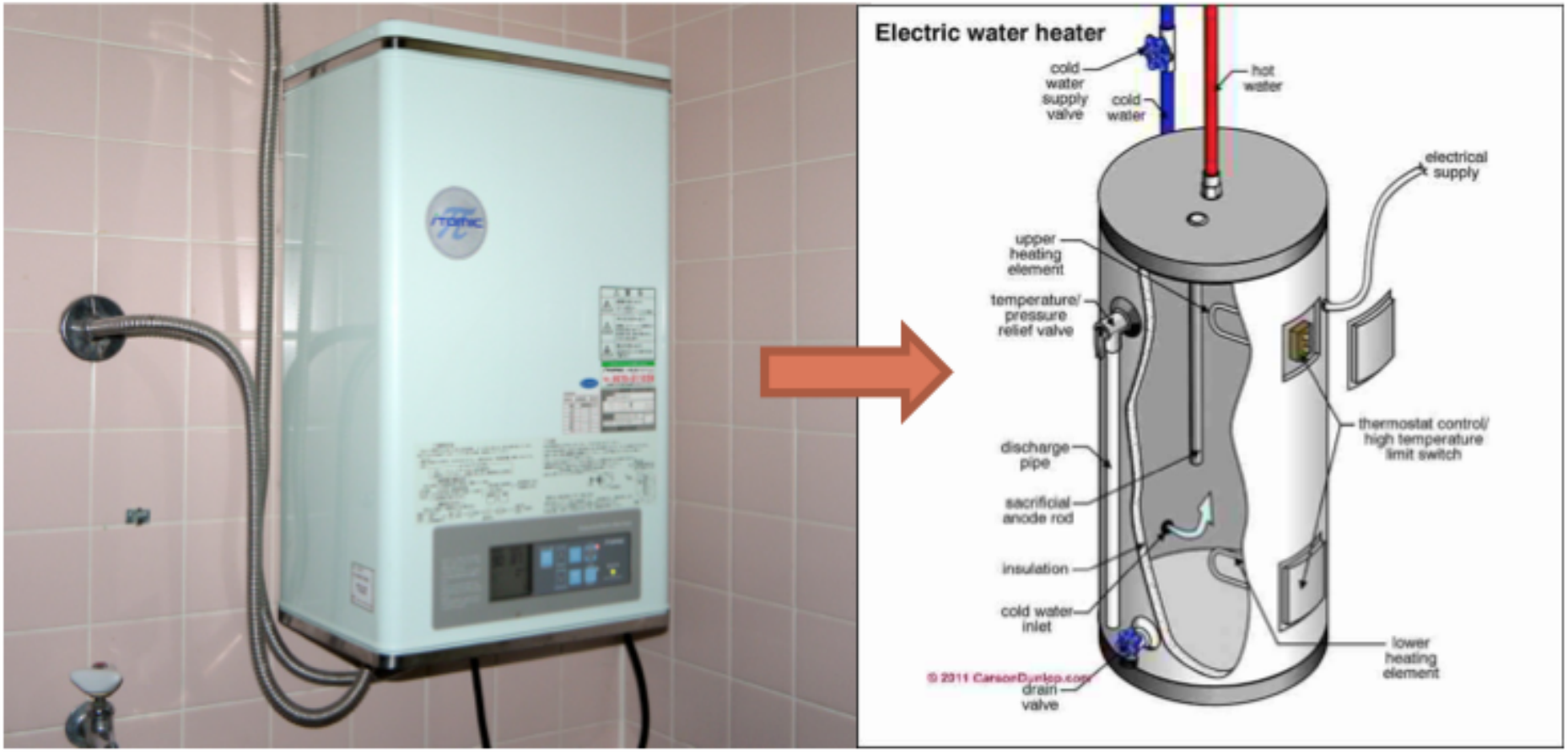
Temperature variation of monitored spaces over six week. The peak point of room temperature happens at midnight.

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The HVAC system works in a time scheduled manner. The green parts indicate off regions and the red bands show on regions.

Aggregating Electric Water Heaters (EWH) | EDF



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The Vehicle-Grid Integration (VGI) Problem

Needs: Resilient and sustainable energy/transportation infrastructure

Obstacle: Unprecedented constraints and demands on grid

Some Interesting Facts

Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEVs)	Potentially dispatchable loads
	"carbitrage" opportunity
	Firm variable renewables

The Punchline

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Government Initiatives



Vehicle-Grid Integration Roadmap

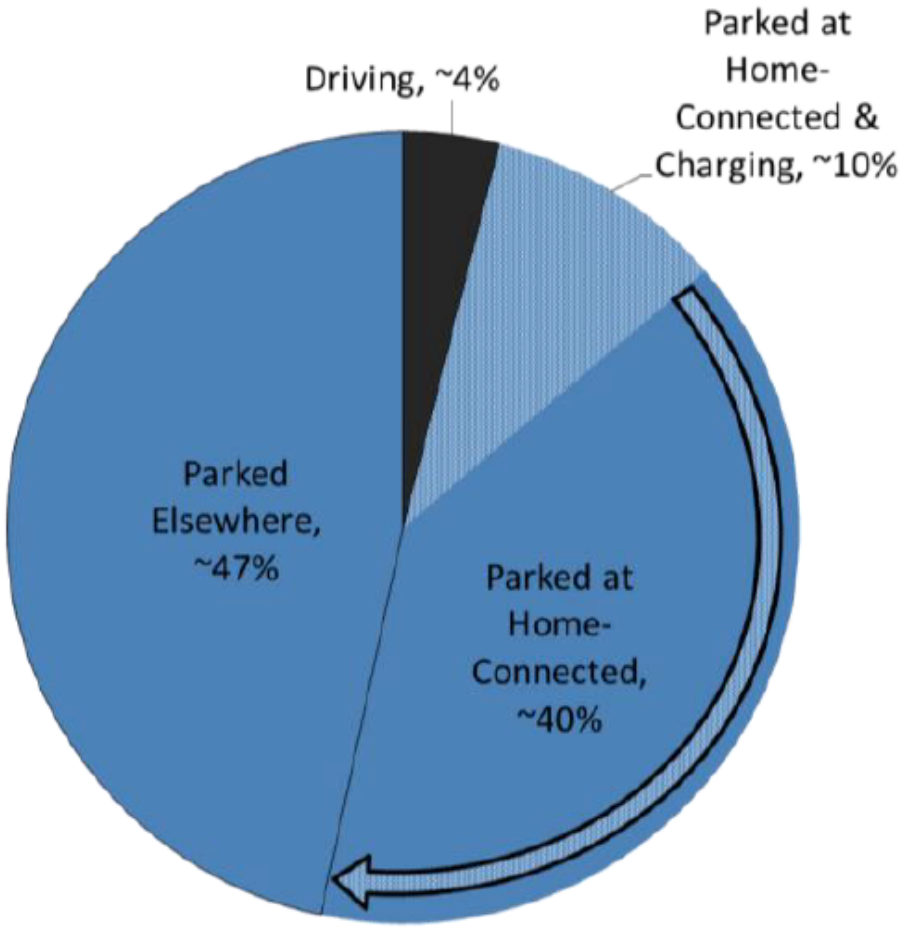
– 1.5M ZEVs in California by 2025

"Vehicle electrification and smart grid technology implementation present an opportunity for EVs, through charging strategies and aggregation, to support and provide valuable services to contribute to reliable management of the electricity grid"

DOE Congressional Budget Request

"The lack of understanding of the impact that the large-scale market penetration of PEVs may have on the electric grid (such as charging during on-peak hours, coordination of charging events, and time-of-day pricing) represents a challenge that must be overcome in order to achieve market success. "

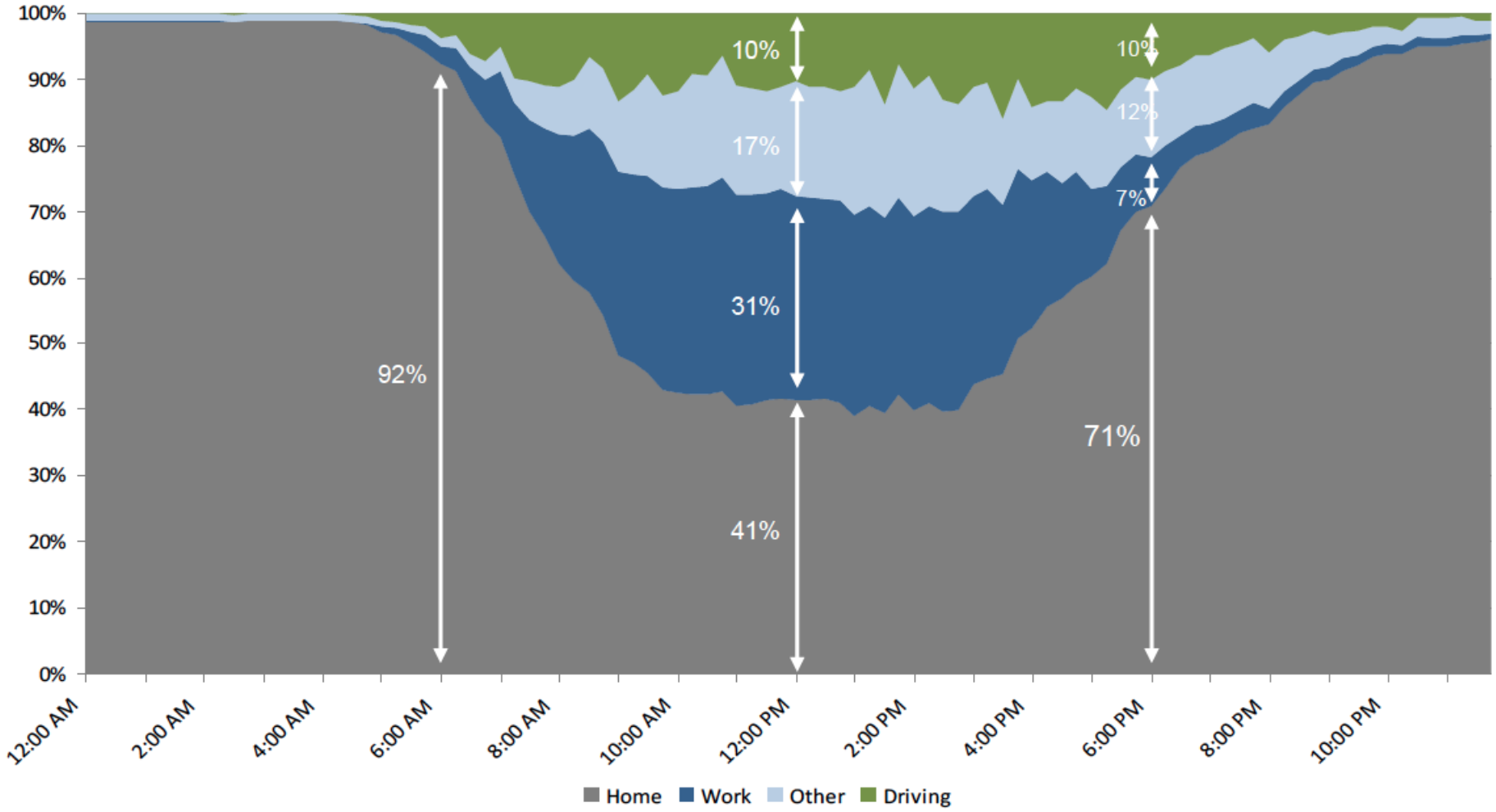
PEV Energy Storage: How much, when, and where?



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Project-based Course on V2G System

- Fleet of eScooters
- Collect shared mobility data, design VGI system
- Learn hardware, software, algorithms, big data, cloud-based computing
- Berkeley Energy and Climate Lectures Curriculum Innovation Award







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DESIGN OF CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

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Topics Include:

- Energy Management and Power Systems
- Vehicle-to-Grid and Battery Models
- Internet-based Systems
- Data Collection and Analysis

Cloud Enabled Smart Charging of PEVs

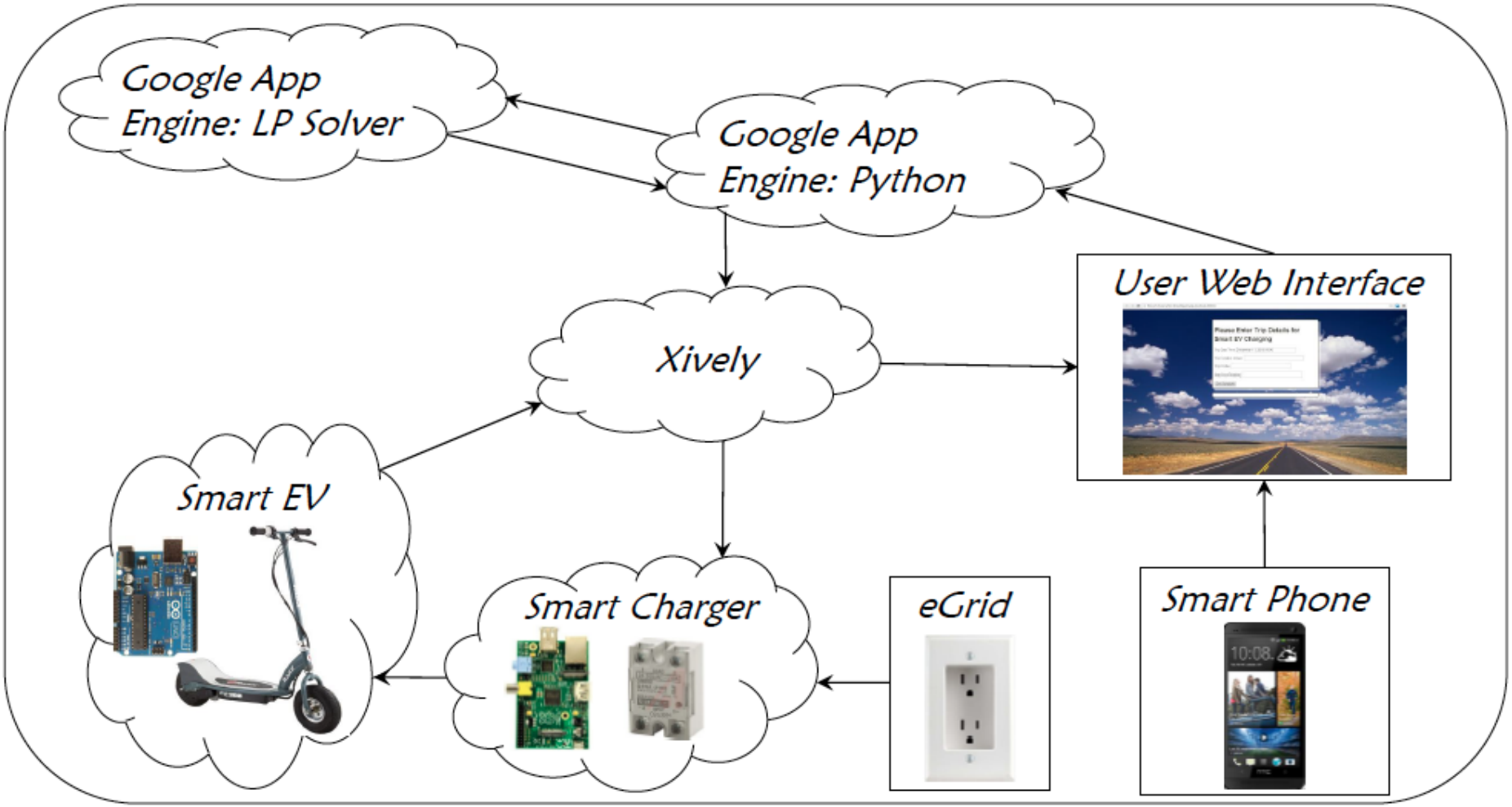


Figure 2. On the Cloud Optimization System for Smart EV Charging

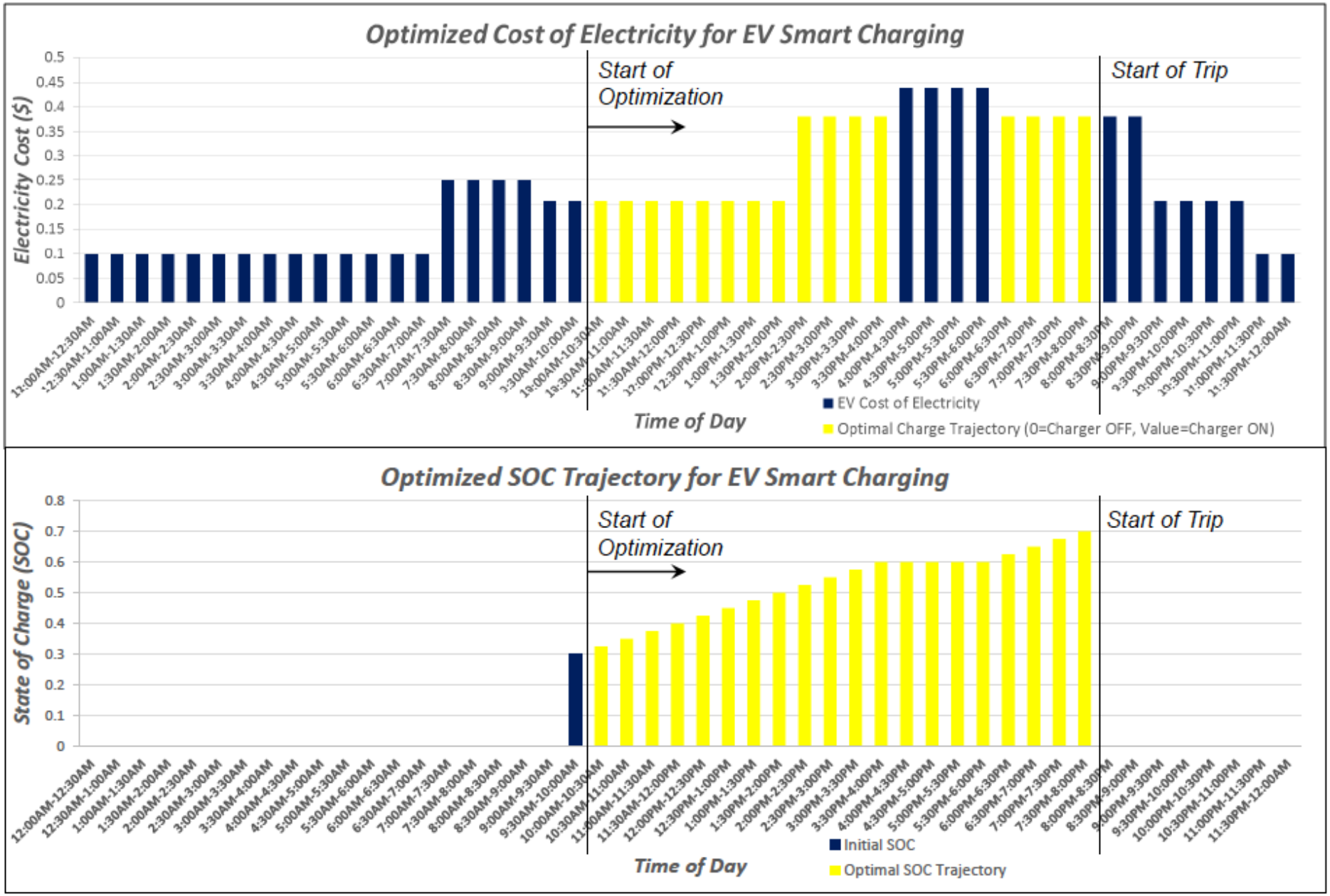


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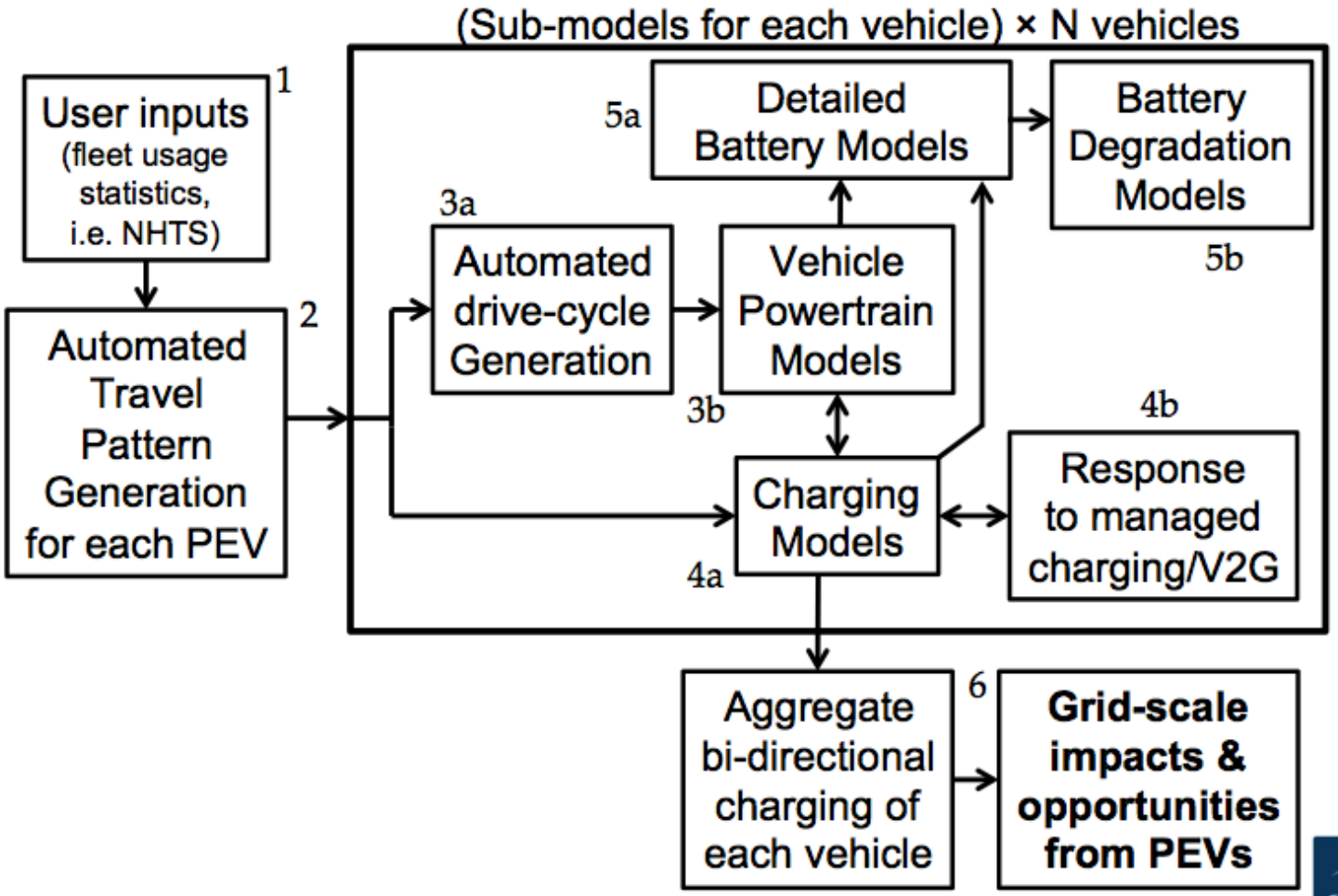
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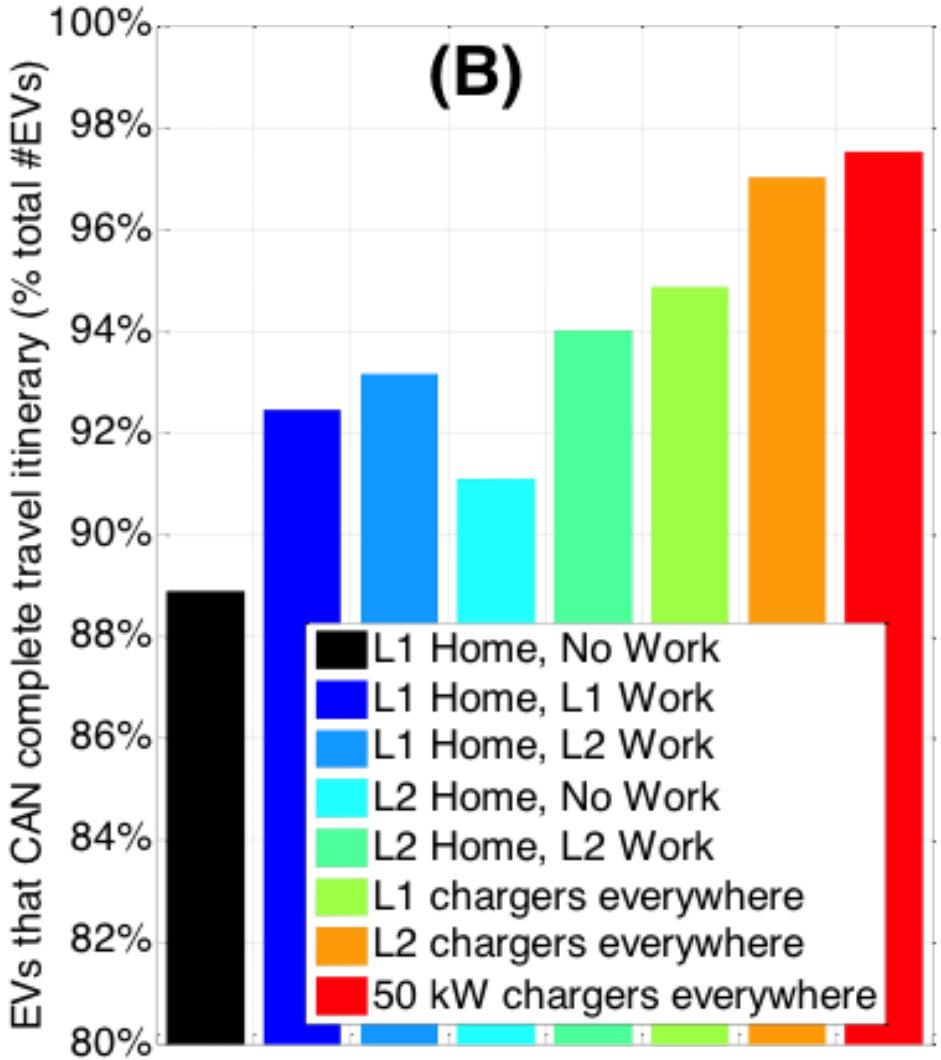


Environmental Energy Technologies: Vehicle Powertrain Technologies
powertrains.lbl.gov

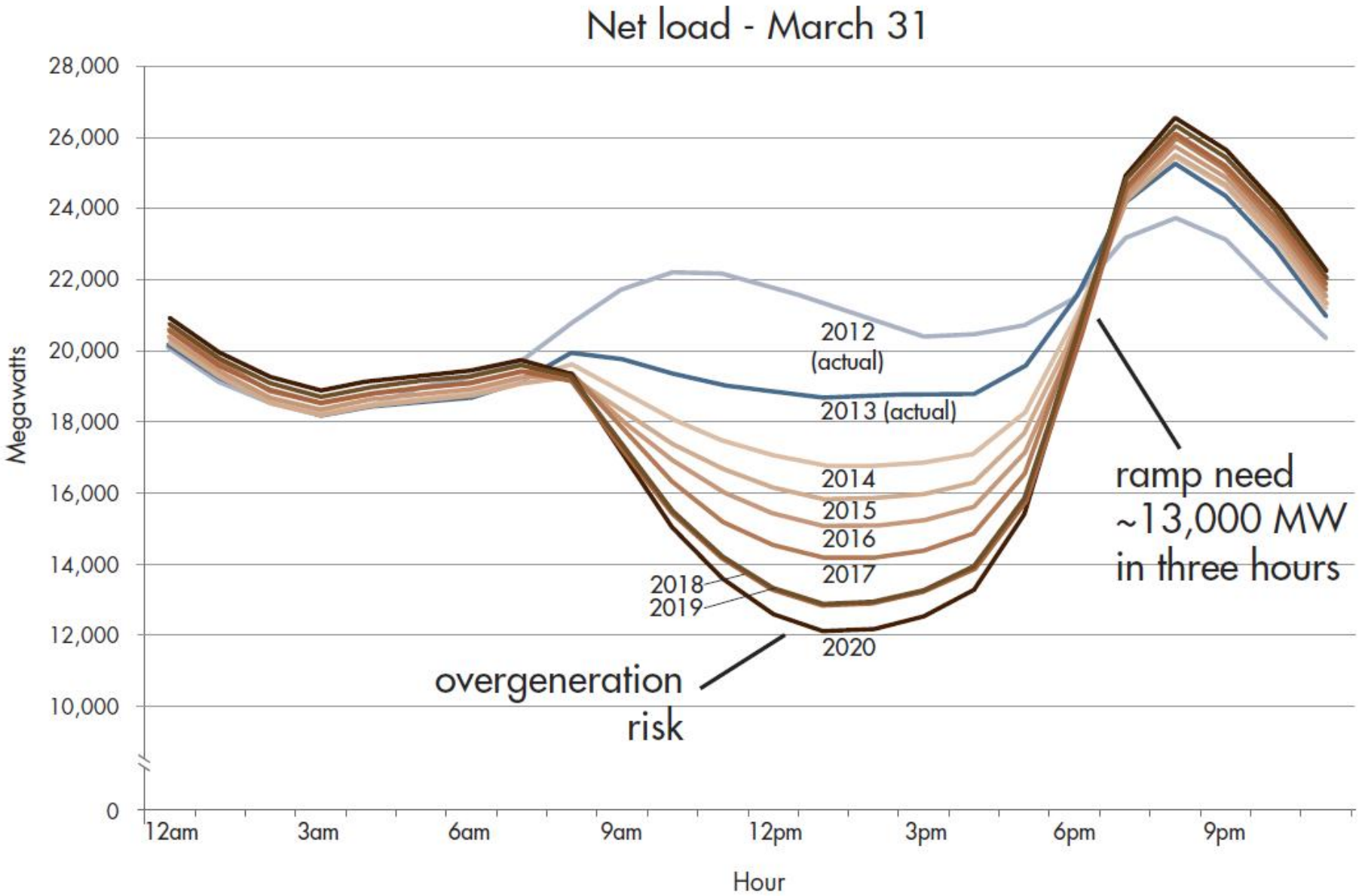
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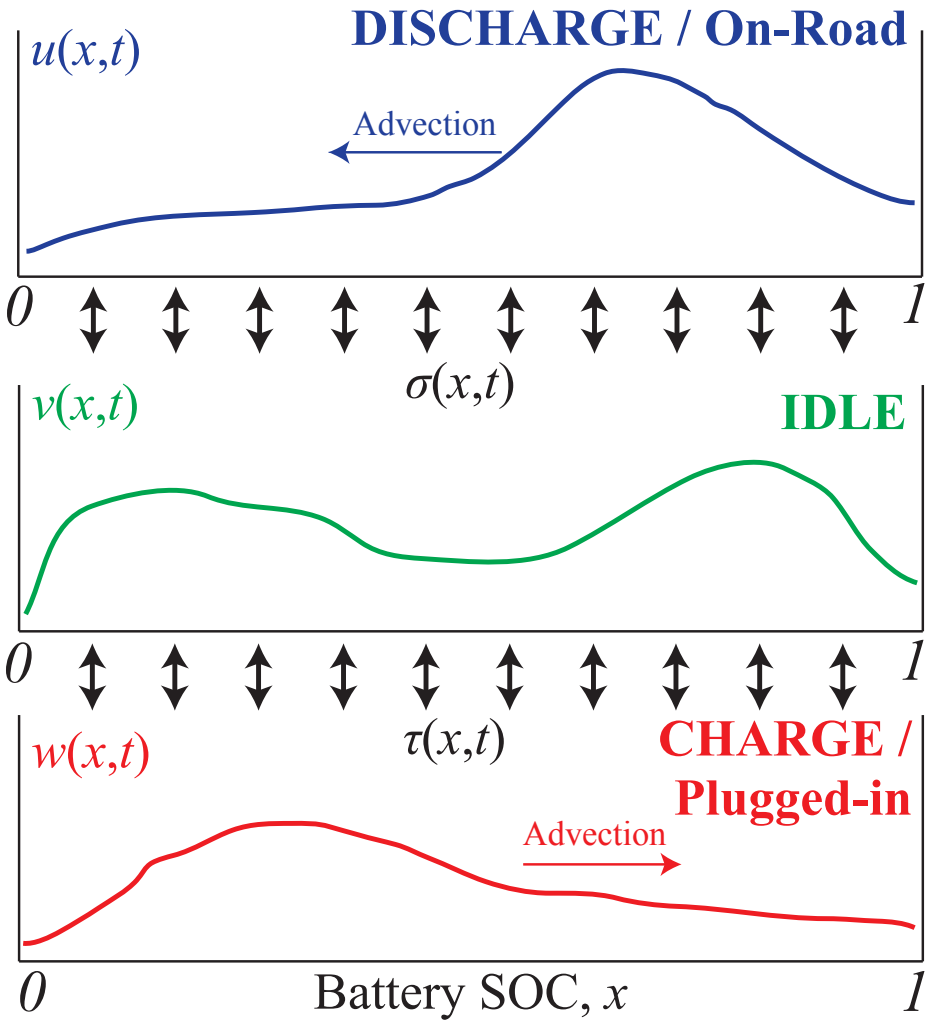
Do we need fast charging, or are standard home outlets enough?



The duck curve shows steep ramping needs and overgeneration risk

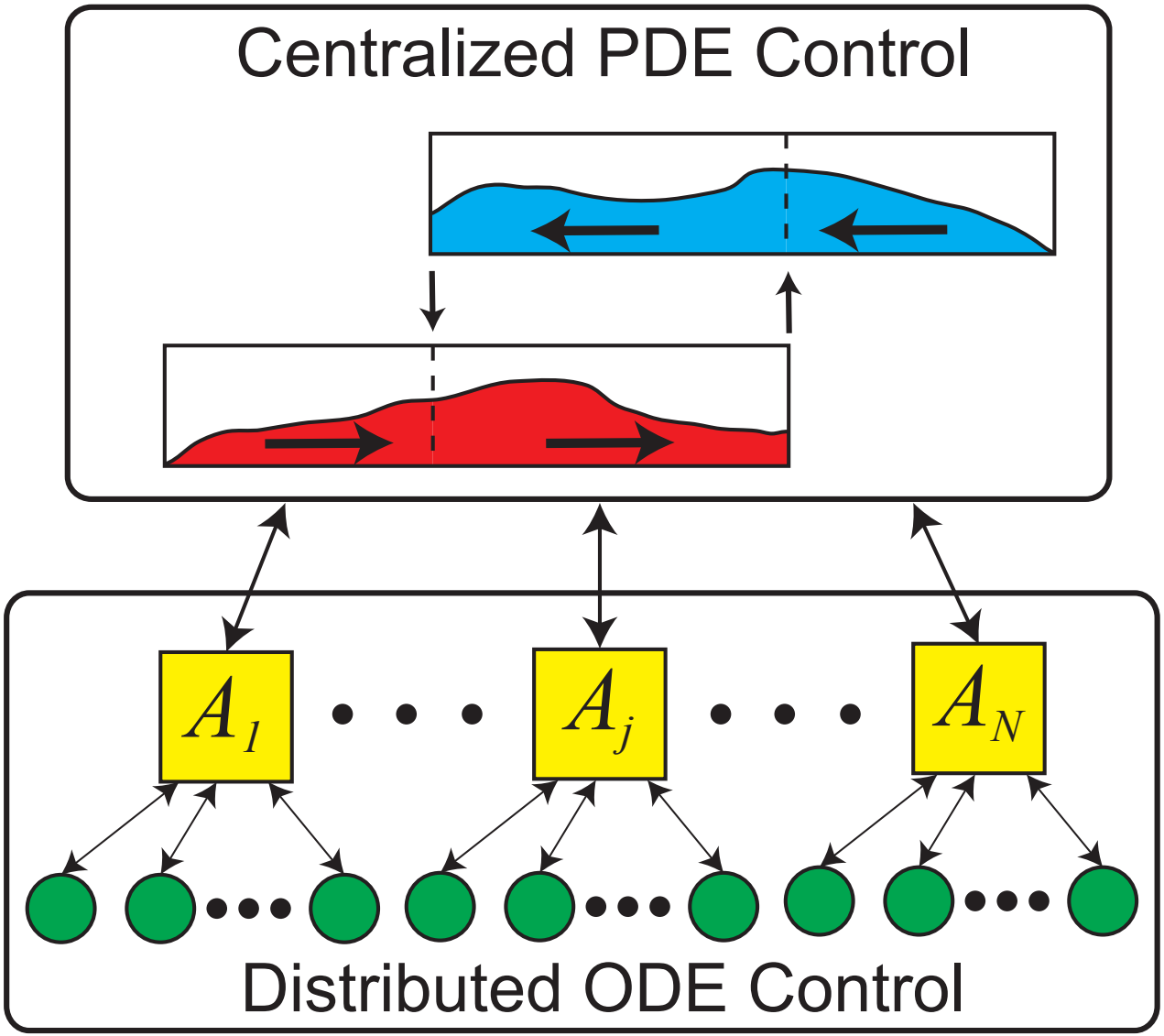


Modeling Aggregated PEVs w/ PDEs

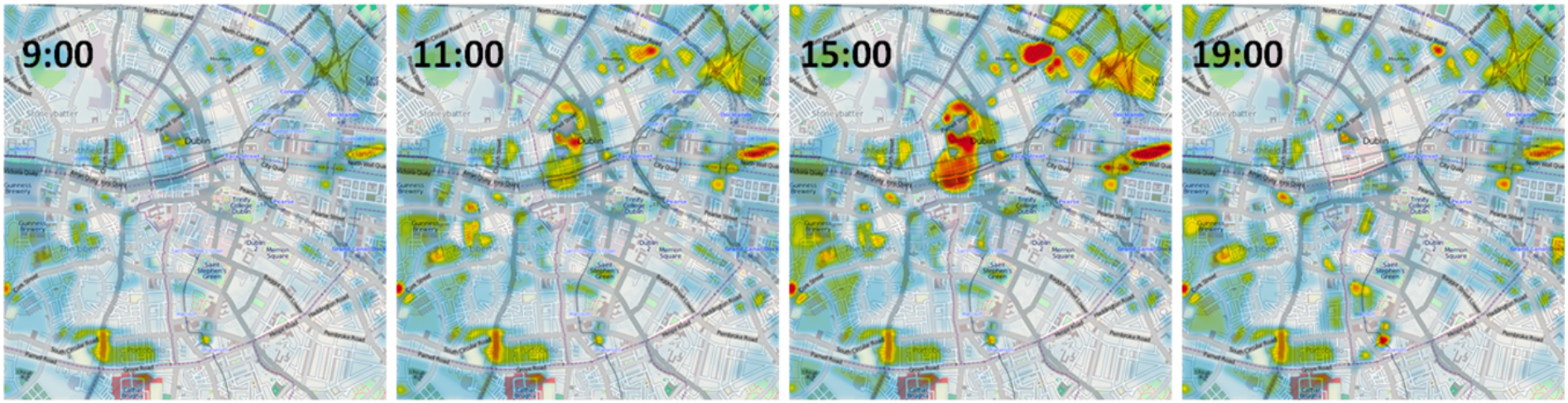


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Hierarchical Control

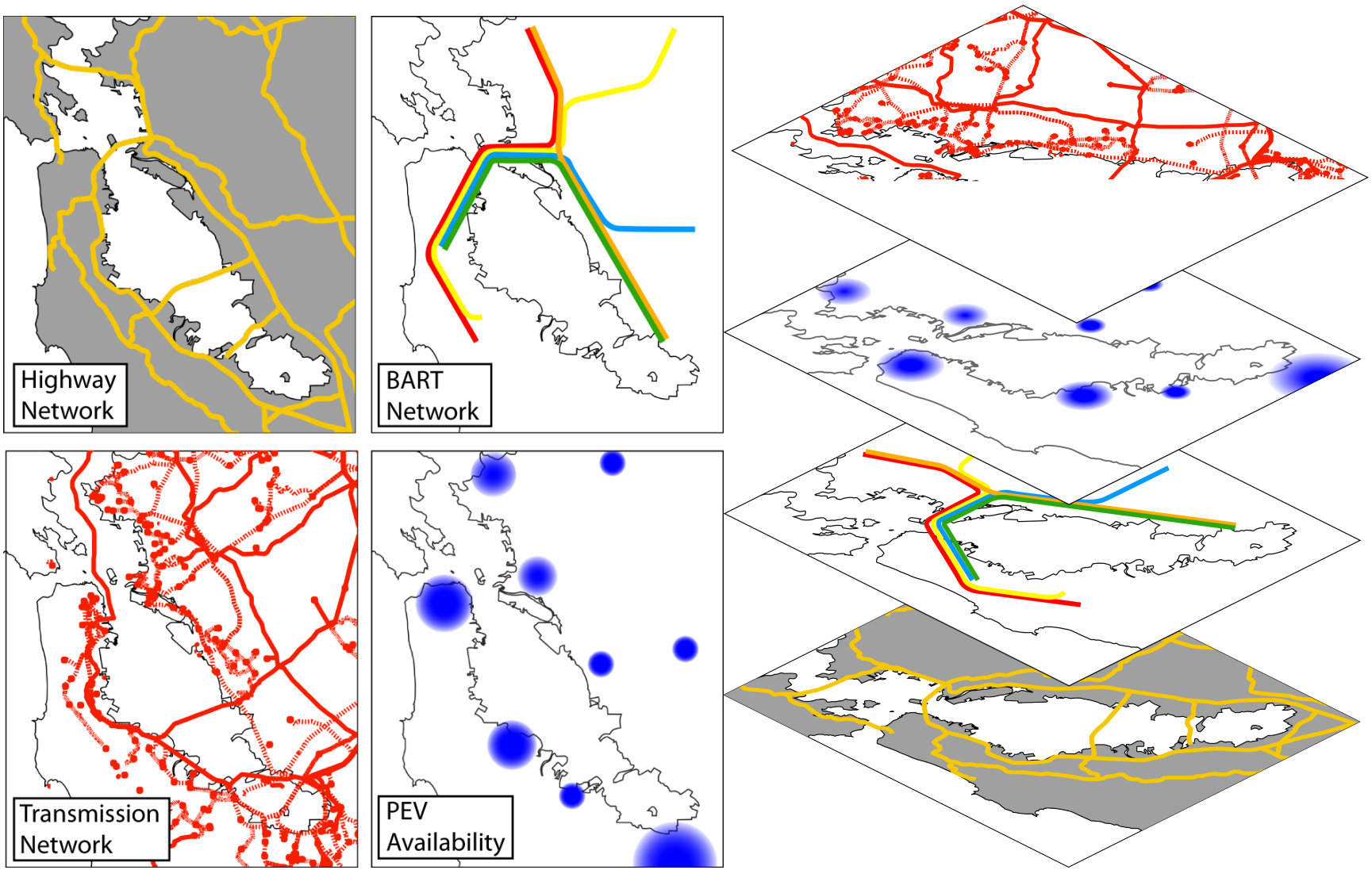


Spatio-Temporal Evolution



Population densities estimated from cell phone usage at different time of the day: morning (left), shopping time (both images in the centre), evening (right) (Source: Kaiser and Pozdnoukhov 2013)

Coupled Transportation-Energy Networks



QUESTIONS?

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Control & Optimization w/ Application to Energy Systems

Sample Course Projects:

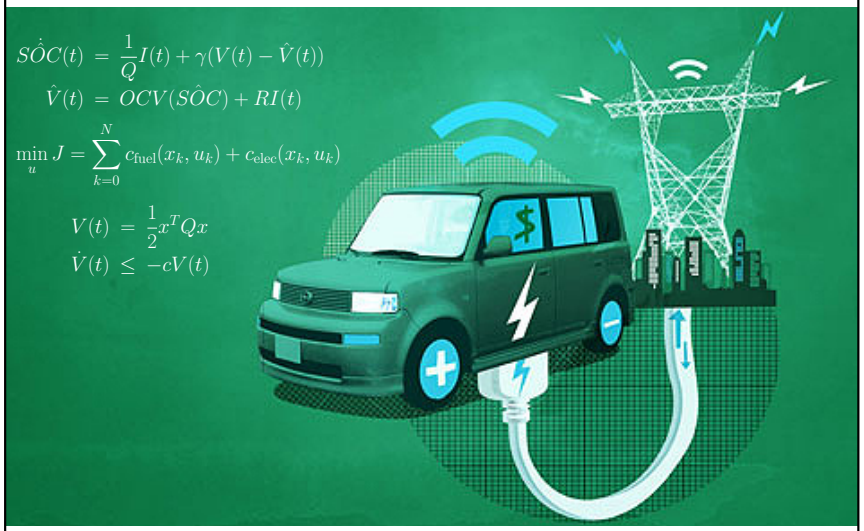
- Aggregate Modeling & Control of PEV Fleets
- Optimal Charging & Vending of Shared eBike Fleets
- Smart Home Thermostat
- Optimal Energy Storage Placement in CA
- Smart Home Energy Management w/ Solar
- Battery Estimation
- Building Lighting Controls
- Rooftop & Centralized Solar Generation in Nicaragua

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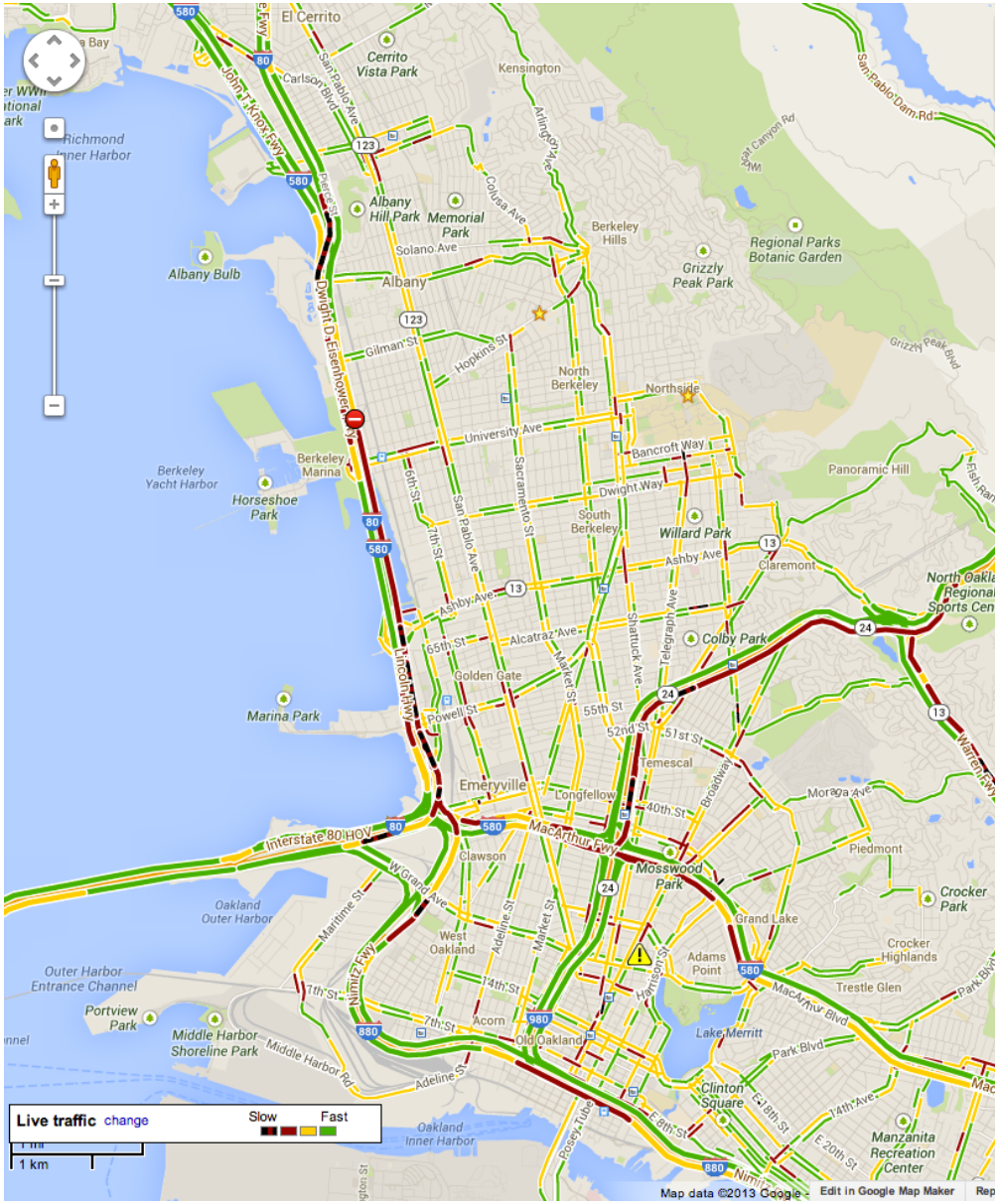
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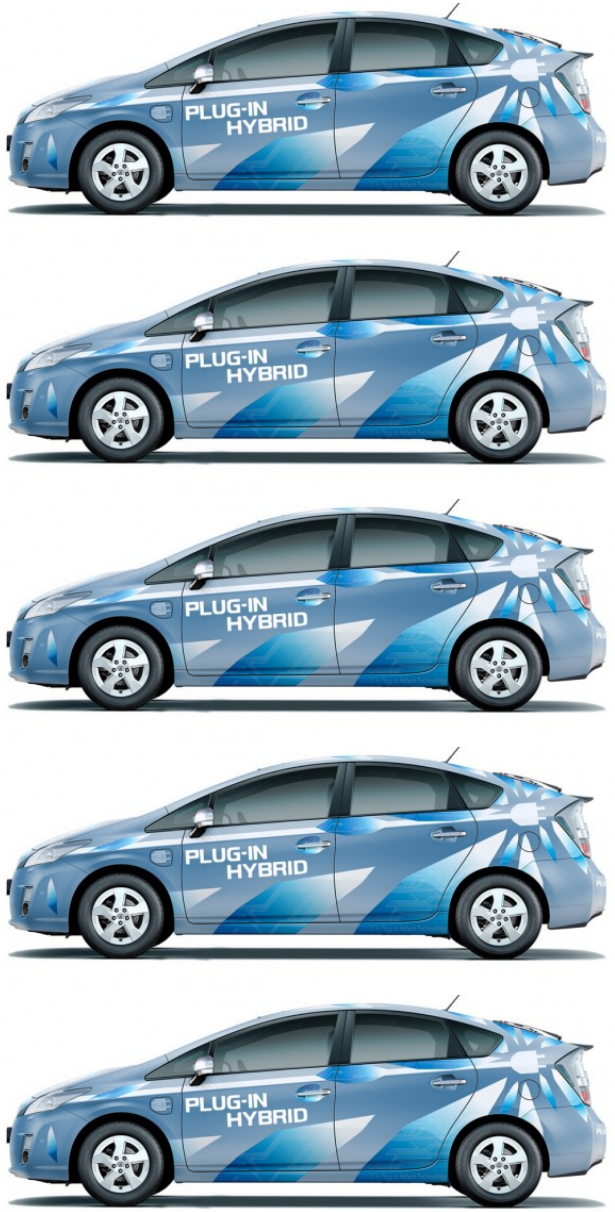


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- Energy Storage & Renewables
- Electrified Transportation
- State estimation
- Optimal control

Optimize PHEV Energy Management w/ Real-time Traffic Data





Why Care?

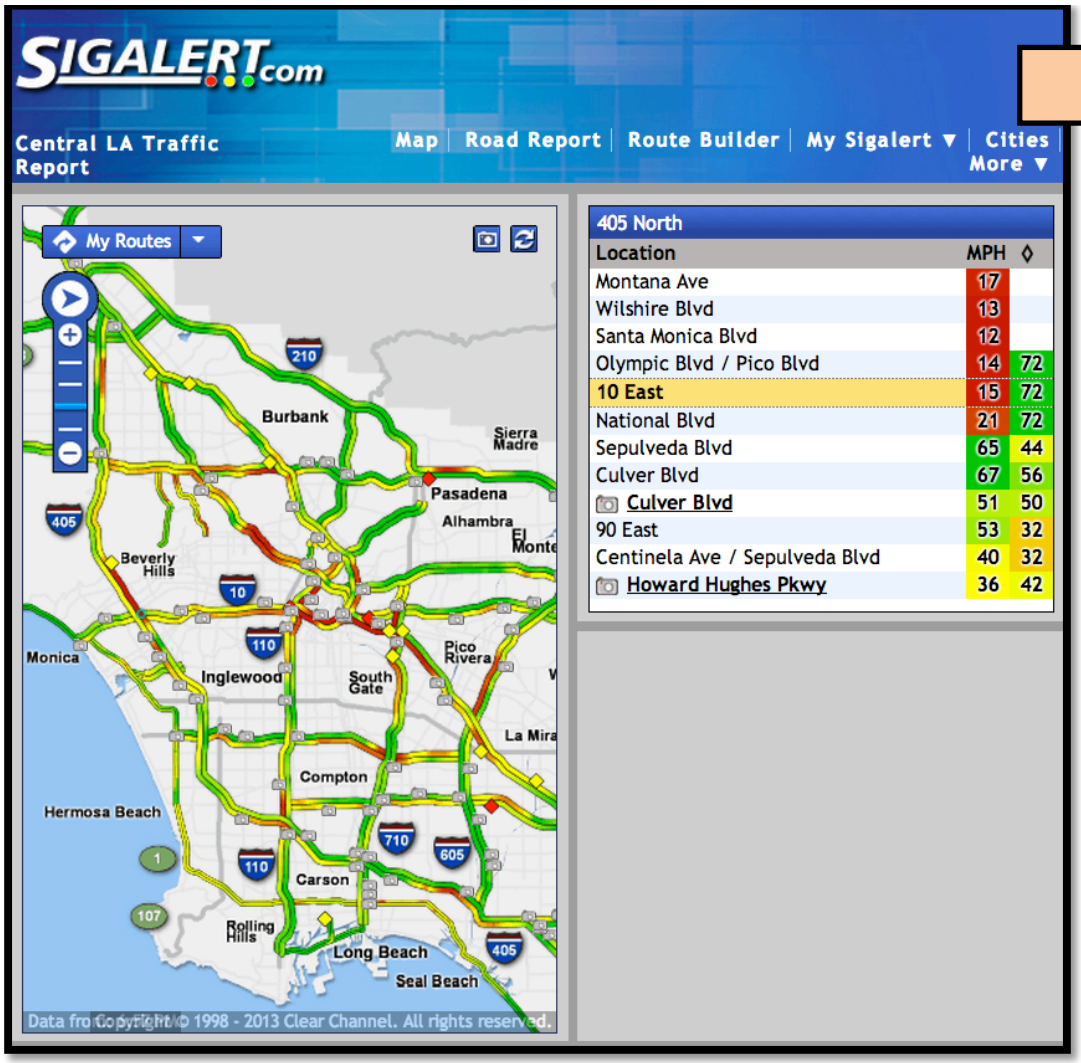
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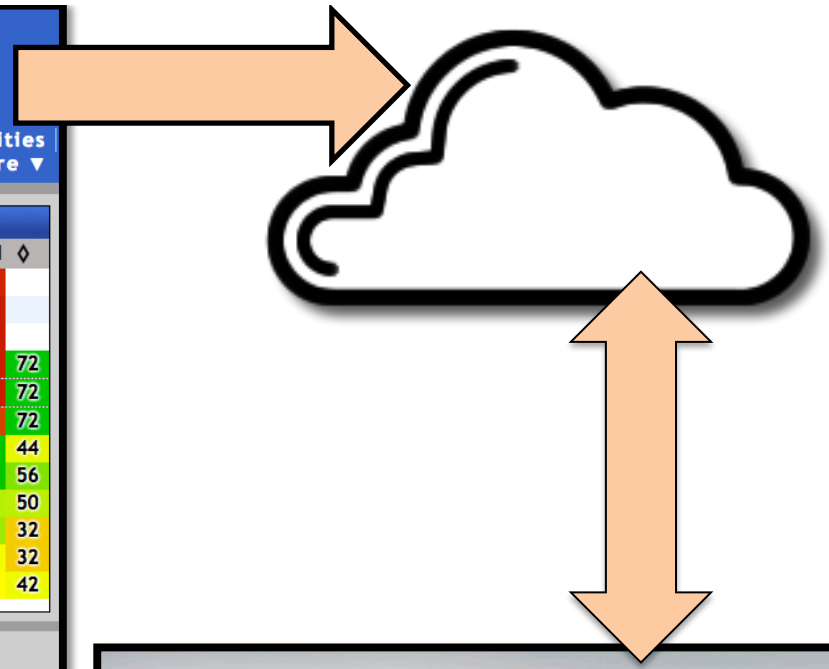
- 54.5 MPG CAFE by 2025
- Increased CAFE $\rightarrow$ Increased powertrain tech costs
- Urbanization $\rightarrow$ traffic $\rightarrow$ lower MPG

An Interesting Solution

- Real-time traffic data (Google Traffic, PEMS, SigAlert.com) is available
- Cloud computing enables data retrival, optimization, communication
- Adapt PHEV energy management to real-time traffic conditions

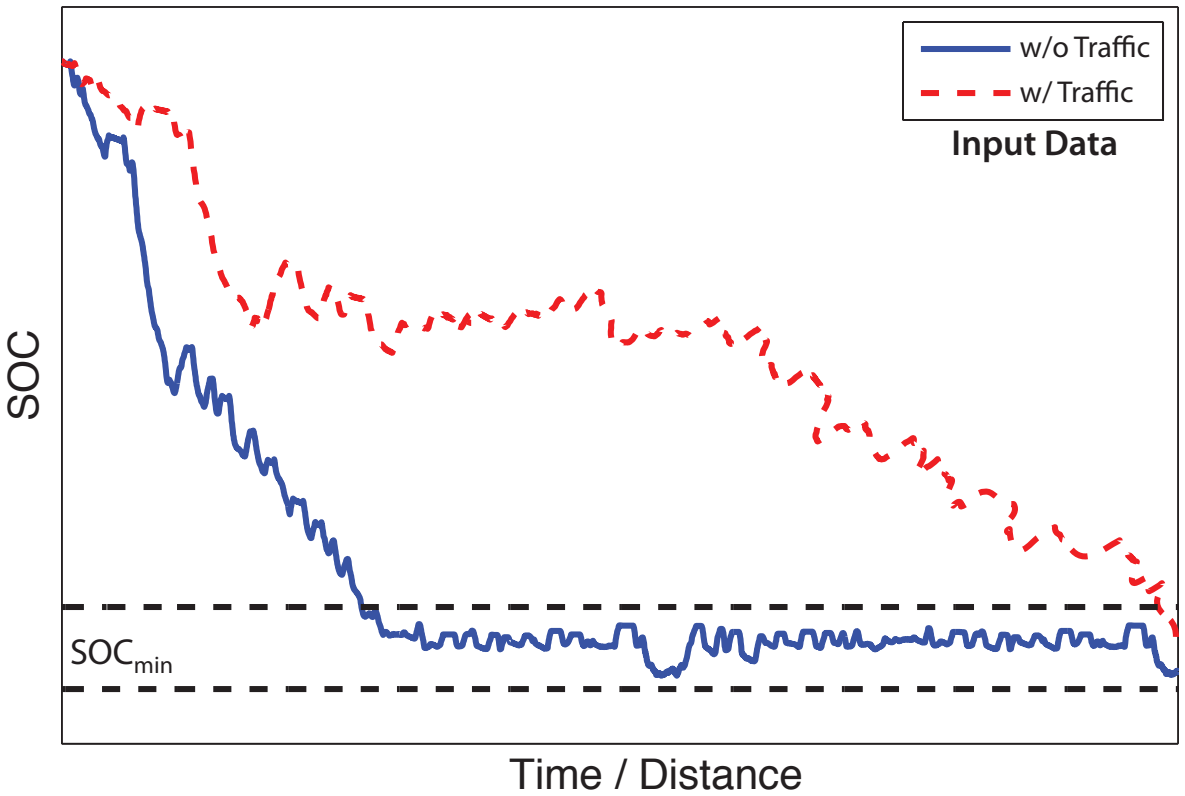
Optimize PHEV Energy Management w/ Real-time Traffic Data

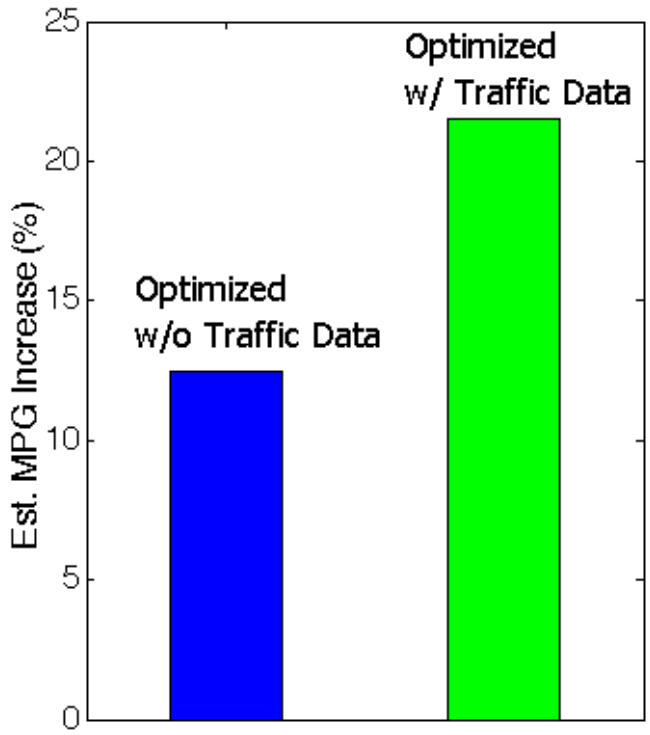






Traffic Data





- Maximize MPG by blending engine & battery such that min battery charge (SOC) is reached exactly at end of trip
- All trips are different
- Real-time traffic data provides speeds, elevation, accidents, etc.