



L'Integrazione tra i modelli di sistemi energetici di lungo termine e le procedure di pianificazione urbana:

Il caso studio di Torino

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OUTLINE OF THE ACTIVITY

Emerging research limitations

Contribute in providing a theoretical framework to integrate long-term energy system models into urban energy planning practices.

LIMITATIONS



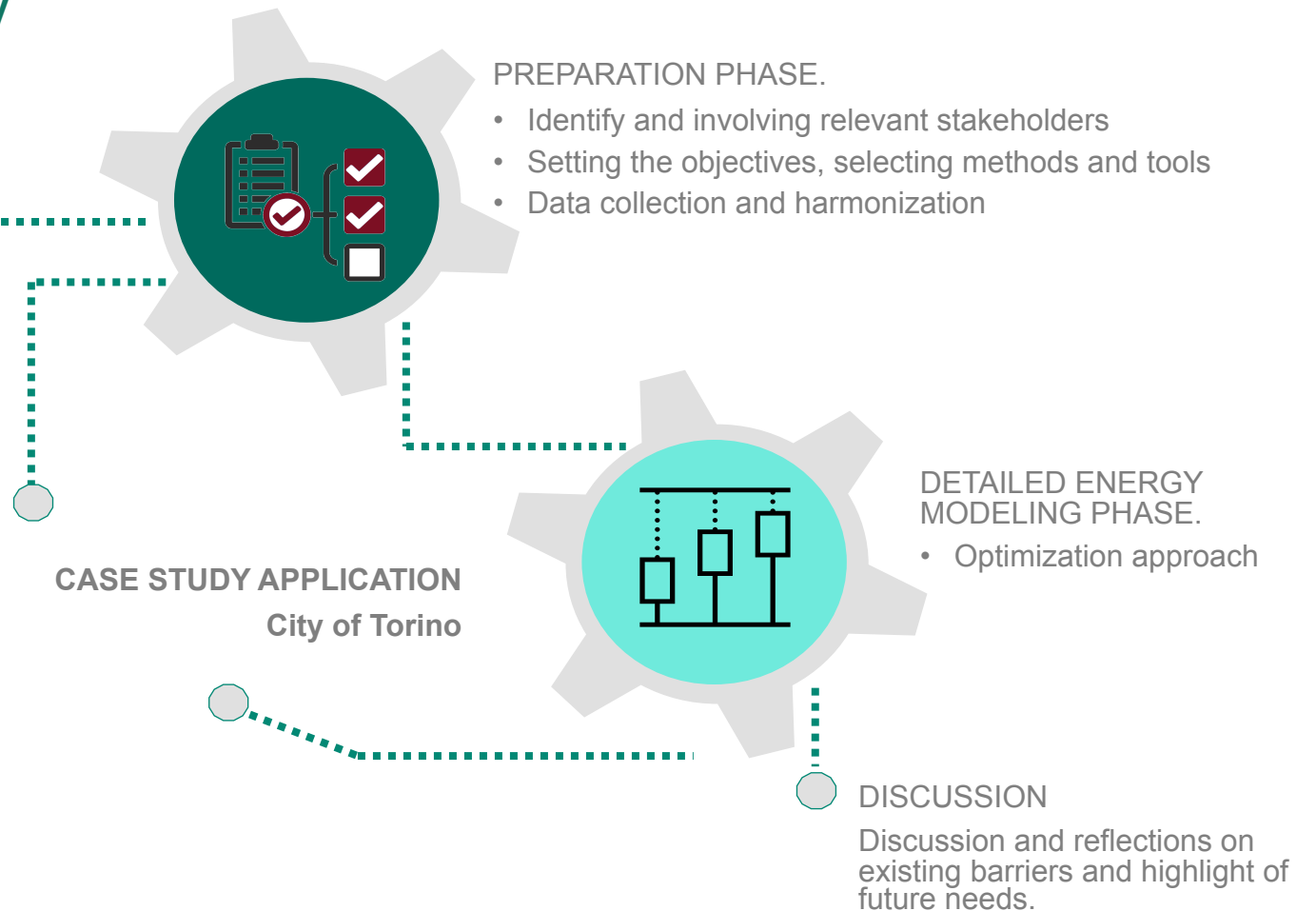
LACK of MEDIUM-to-LONG PLANNING VISION

Actions are generally thought, designed and implemented looking at the short-term without a clear and comprehensive objective.



LACK OF CROSS-SECTORAL ANALYSIS

Most of the current urban energy planning applications are single-sector focused, but urban areas are composed of multiple interconnected sub-systems.



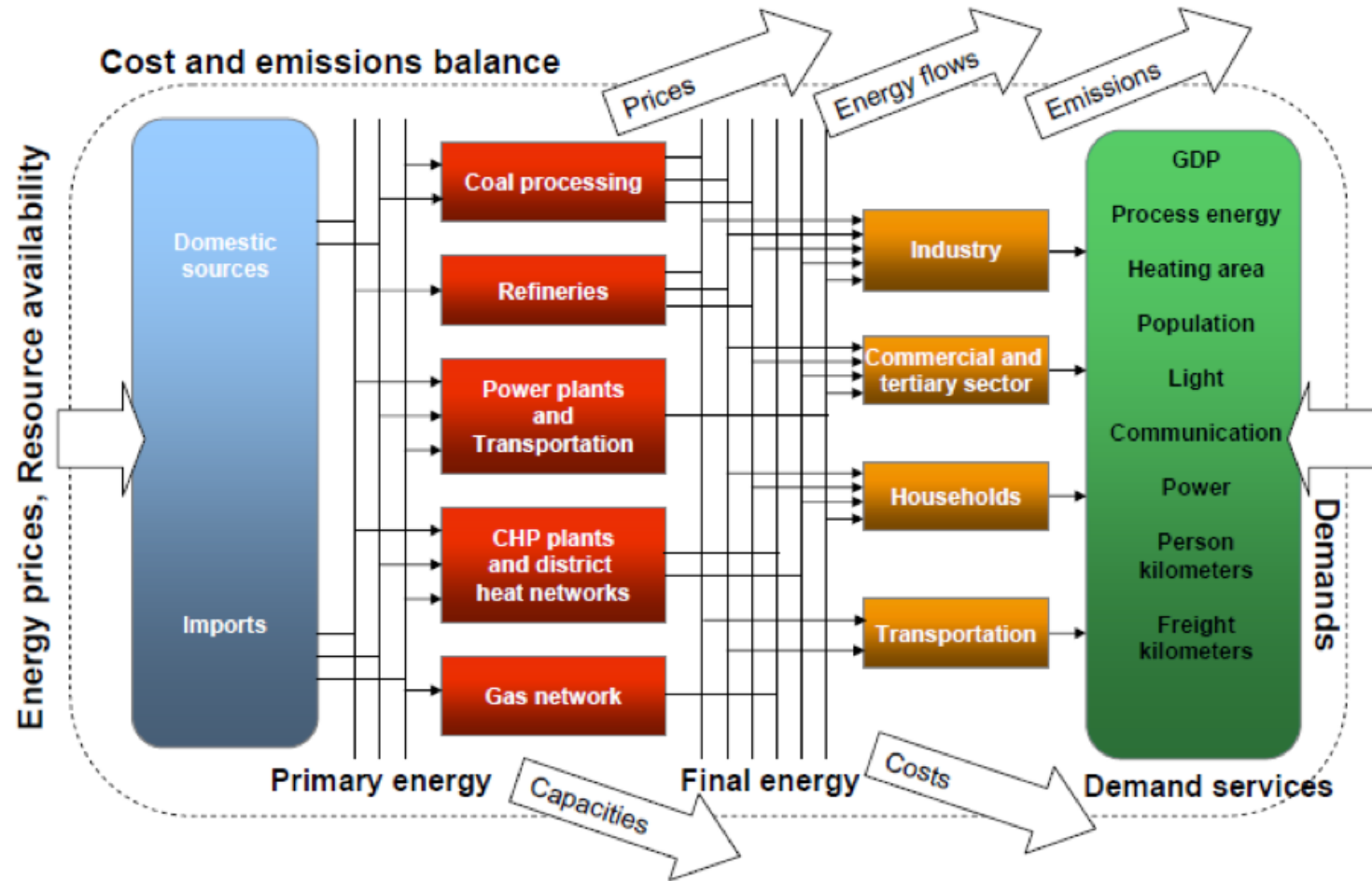
THE REFERENCE ENERGY SYSTEM

Energy system representation

RES definition

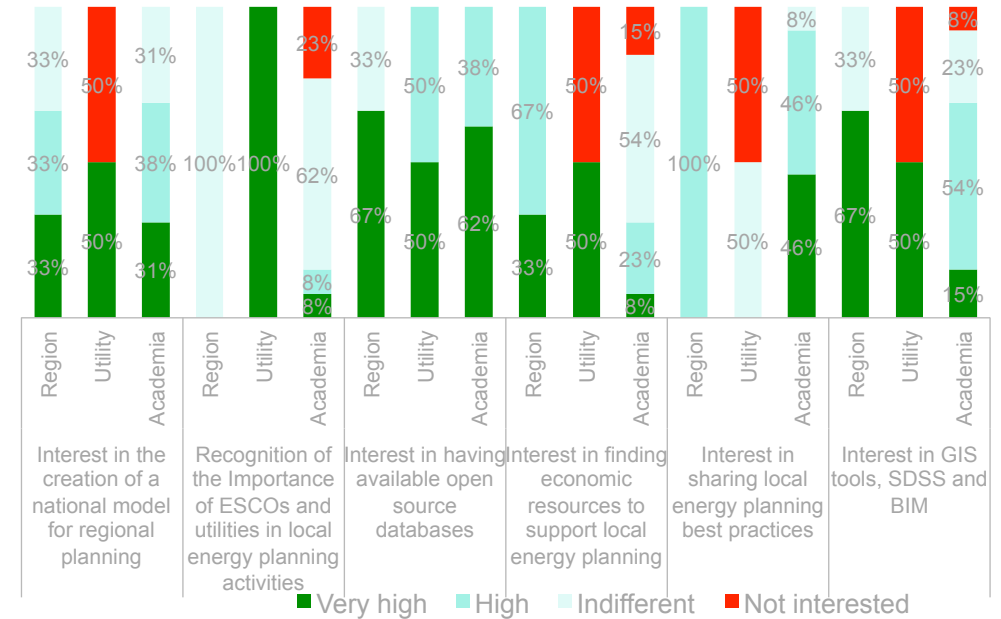
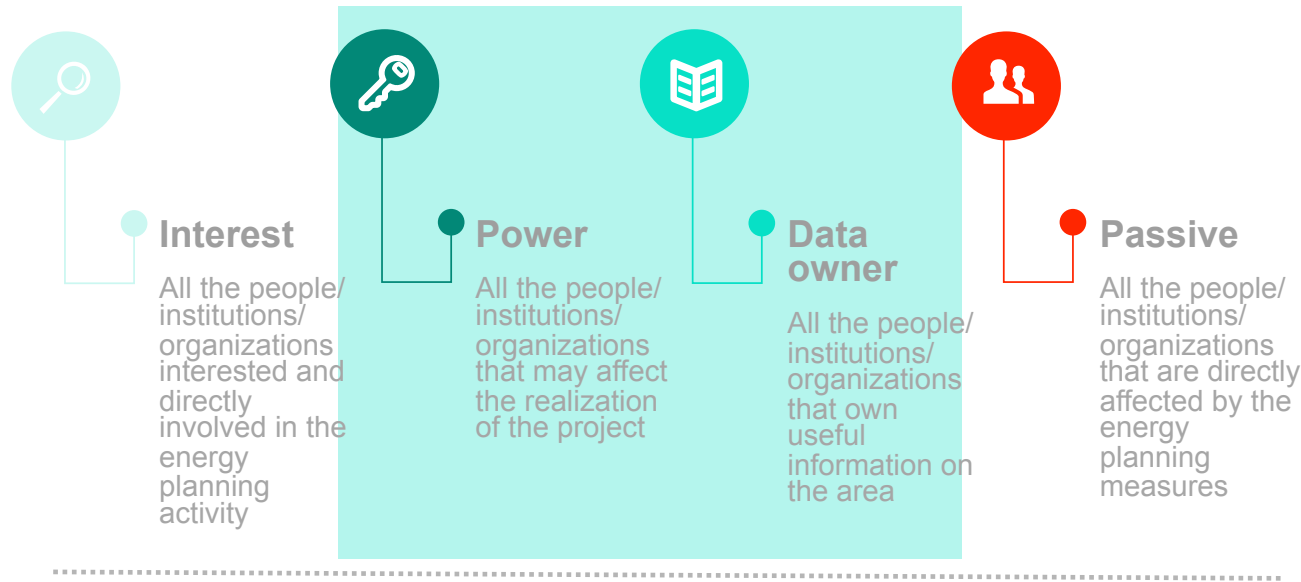
a network description of the energy system that captures all the activities involved in the entire supply chain by taking the technological characteristics of the system into account. This approach is often associated to optimization methodologies as linear programming.

Each “box” represents the principal characteristics of the technology (technical and economic).



INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS

Identify and involving relevant stakeholders



Relevant stakeholders

The most relevant stakeholders, identified as the Municipality, the district heating utility company and the Consorzio per il Sistema Informativo (Consortium for the Information System, CSI) were contacted individually.

The first workshop was held in Torino the 19th April 2016 (Politecnico di Torino LAME, 2016) with the goal of sharing best practices in integrated energy planning while the second workshop was co-organized with ENEA (ENEA and Politecnico di Torino LAME, 2017) and held in Rome the 22nd May 2017 with the objective of creating a network of energy planning stakeholders. Survey's Participants: 3 Regional stakeholders, 2 energy utility stakeholders and 13 academic and private stakeholders

DATA COLLECTION AND HARMONIZATION

Necessary data to be collected



BUILDING STOCK INFORMATION

Geometrical data, socio-economic data, real energy consumption data, etc.



TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY MIX INFORMATION

Energy balance, availability of local resources, technology share, etc.



ECONOMIC PARAMETERS

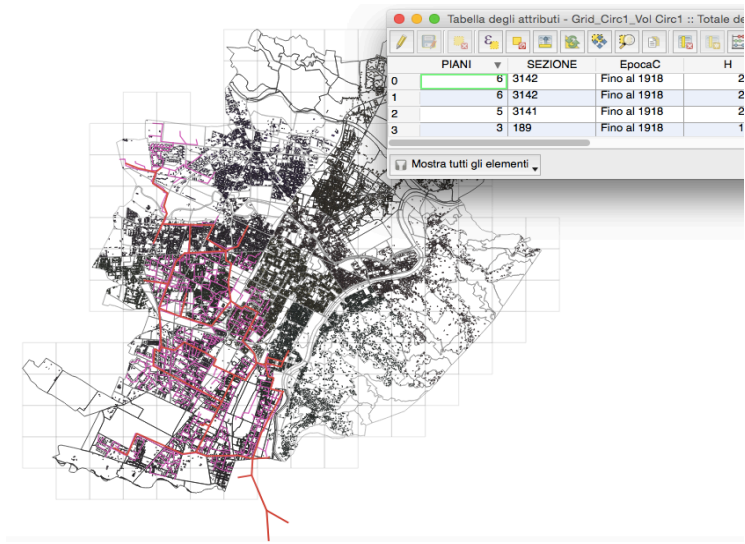
Energy prices of commodities, O&M costs, investments costs, taxes etc.



TERRITORIAL PARAMETERS

Urban physical constraints, land occupation plans, available space for new technology installation, etc.

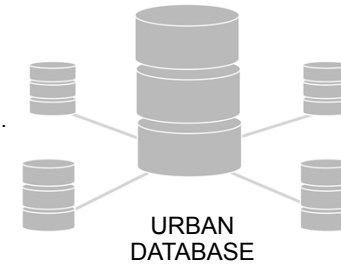
URBAN MAPS



DATA COLLECTION

HYSTORICAL TIME SERIES
energy consumption and demand data, ...

TABULAR DATA
Cost data, efficiencies
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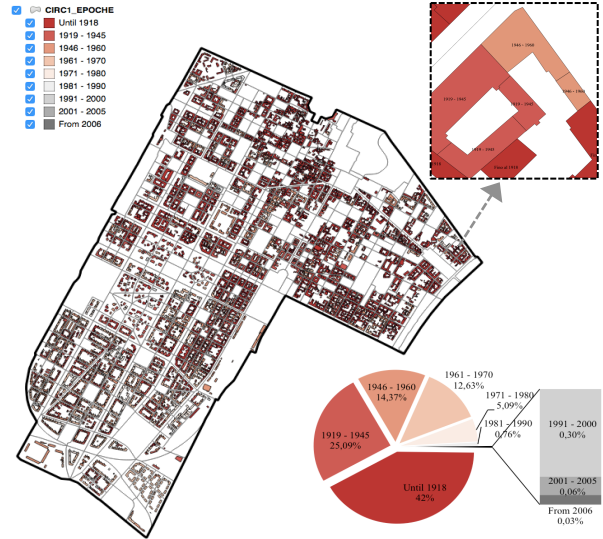
TECHNOLOGY LAYER
DH network
Type of technology
.....

TERRITORIAL LAYER
Technical map
Street maps
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In addition, they can be derived from multiple sources: municipalities, energy utilities, market analyses, statistic institutions, government bodies, academia etc.

BUILDING STOCK DATA COLLECTION

Defining building typologies



- 62,643 occupied buildings, 202 Mm³
- Average surface of residential apartments: 75.3 m² with a floor height of 3.5 m
- Residential building classified according to construction period (materials) and S/V (compactness): 36 building typologies
- Non-residential buildings classified according to destination use (school, offices, industrial activities, sport activities, churches, little commercial activities)

Non-Residential Buildings

6 destination uses

68.1%
Small industrial activities

18% VOLUME

Residential Buildings

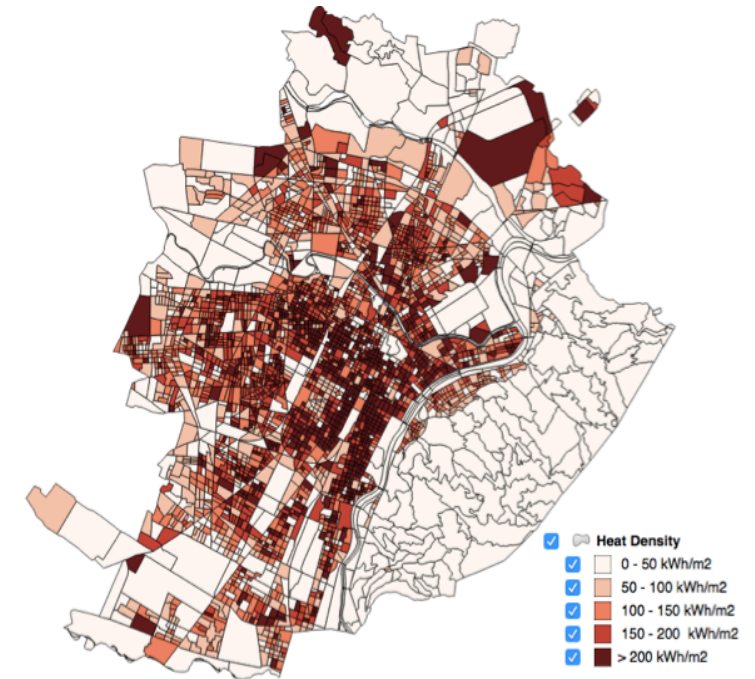
36 building typologies

93%V
Before '80s



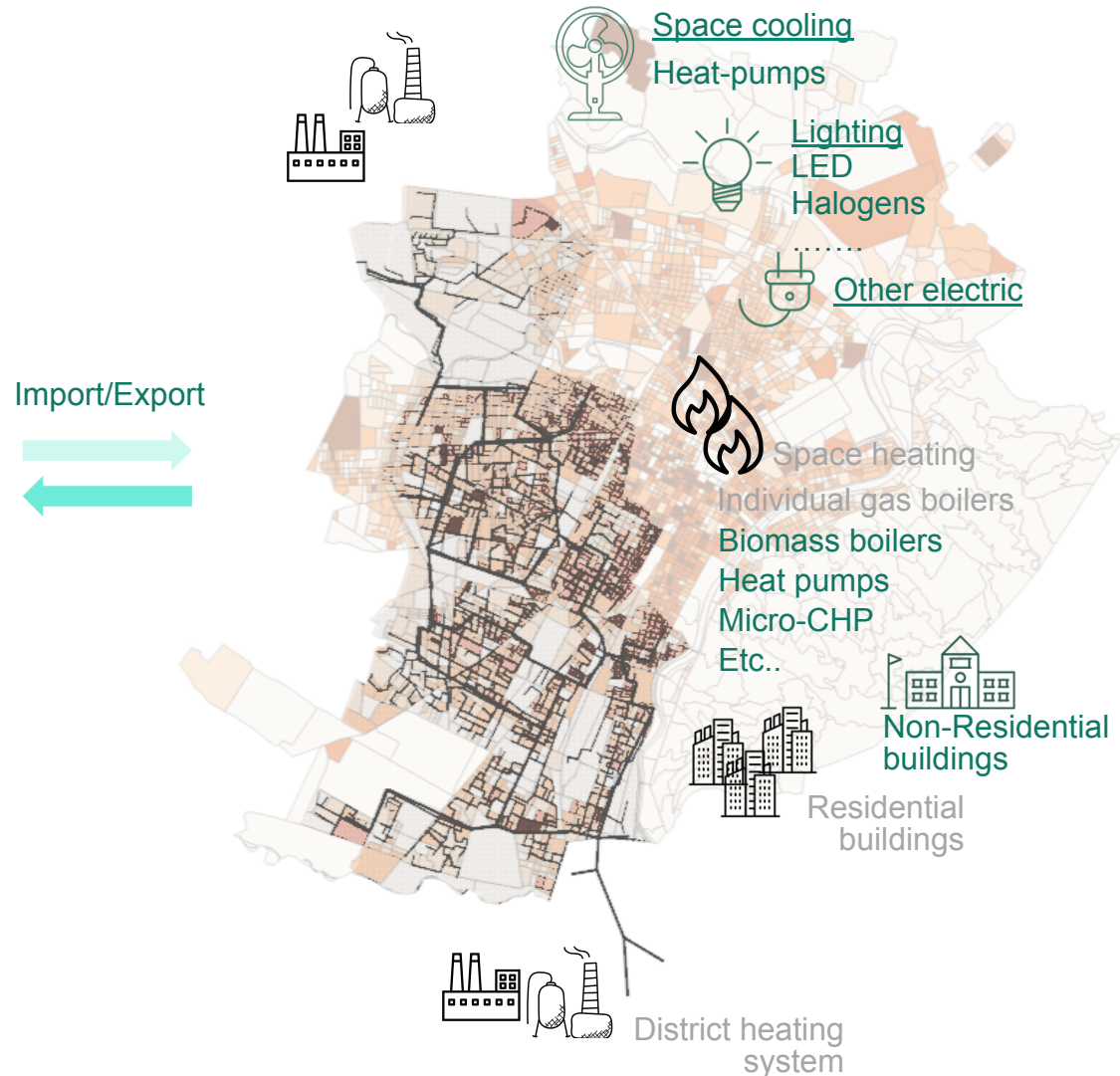
75%V
Apartment Block

82% VOLUME



OBJECTIVE

Introducing boundary conditions and the principal objective



Goal

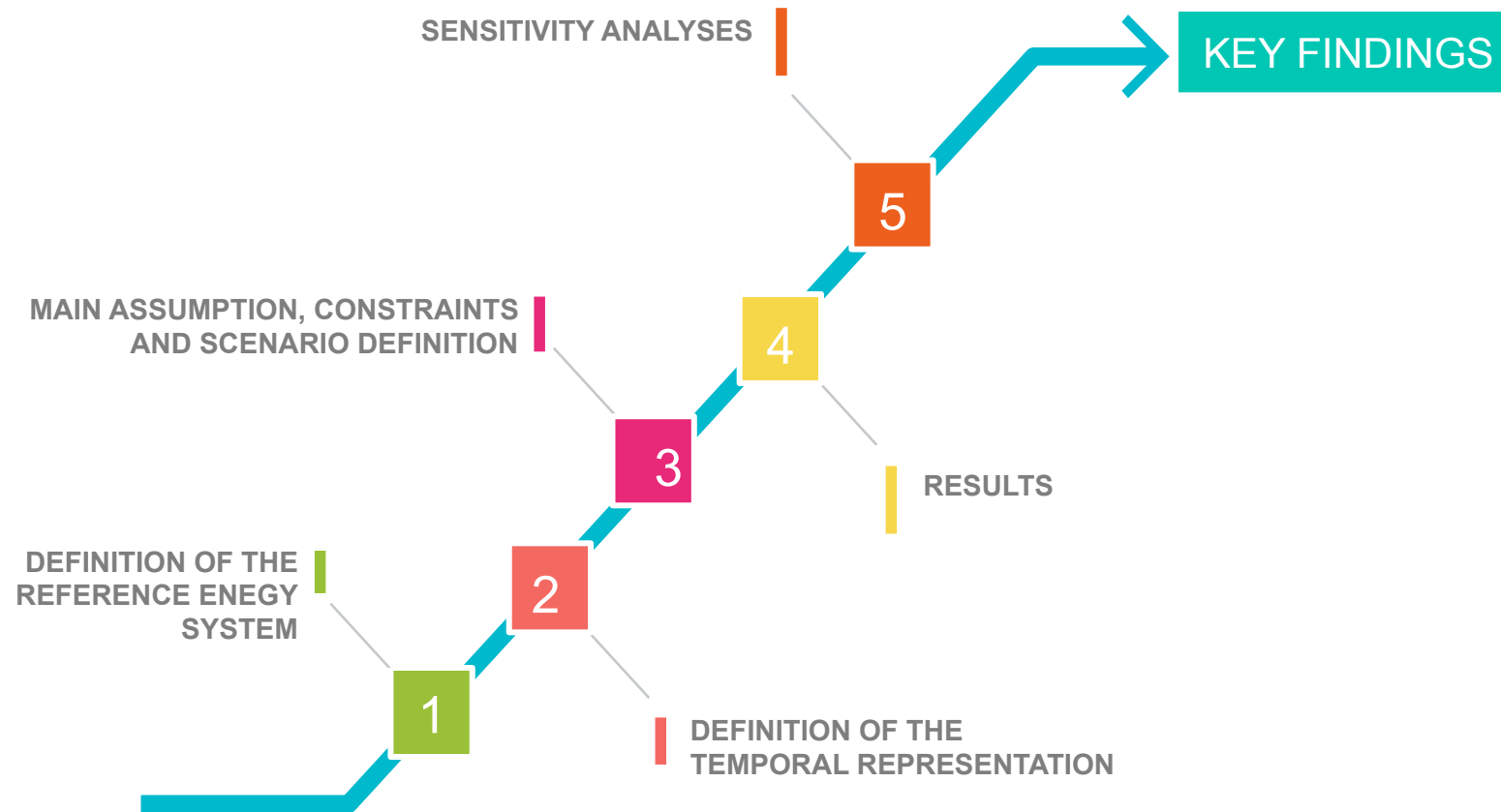
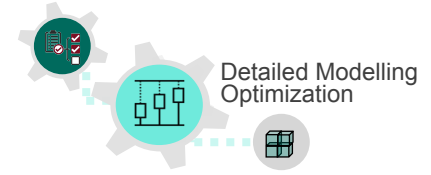
Develop an urban energy system optimization model with original features in order to study the specific interactions between energy efficient buildings and the development of urban heat strategies.

Compared to the simulation approach, an optimisation framework takes into account the competition across multiple technologies. This model extends the analysis to the whole city, to all building services and the related technologies to supply them. It provides, therefore, a broader perspective of heat decarbonization options.

- 01** At a certain point, energy efficiency measures in buildings will stop being cost-effective relative to the cost of heat
- 02** variation of thermal demand will impact the operation and generation strategies for DH and could influence any new investment strategies.
- 03** Lots of low carbon and high efficient distributed generation alternatives are market available
- 04** Adding electricity consumption and looking at wider synergies

OPTIMIZATION APPROACH: METHODOLOGY

Schematic of the methodology



OVERVIEW OF THE REFERENCE ENERGY SYSTEM

Milestones years

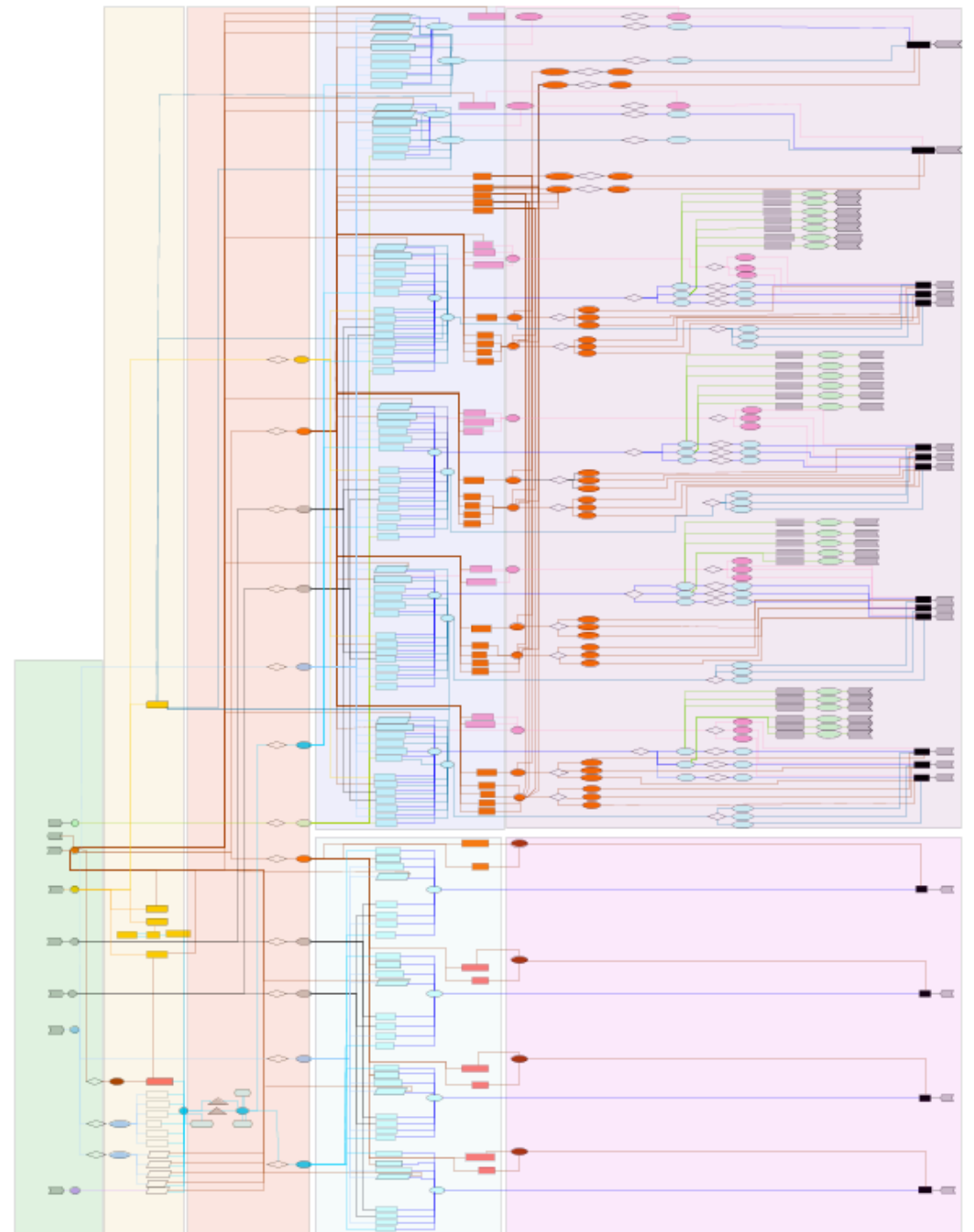


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TIME RESOLUTION

Timeslices definition



The goal is to define representative “timeslices” (Tsl) in order to aggregate temporal periods characterized by a similar load. The timeslices selection is extremely relevant for the model outcome; its definition depends on the purpose of the analysis taking into account the always existing compromise among computational time and technical resolution.

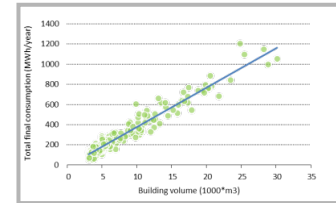
Time horizon: 2015-2050
 Time periods: 9 time periods
 Timeslices: 40 timeslices



GIS Database:
building volume

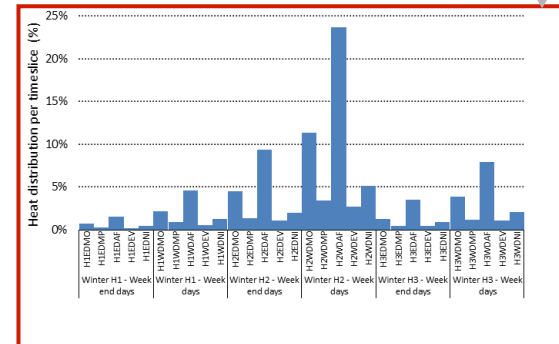


Building sample:
Thermal consumption

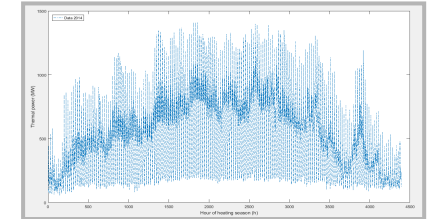


Total urban residential final yearly space heating consumption

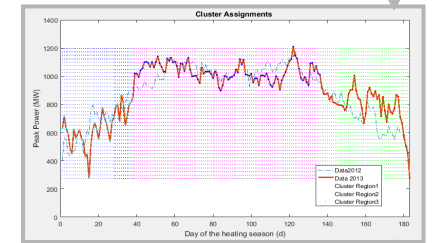
Heat profile: represented into 40 timeslices



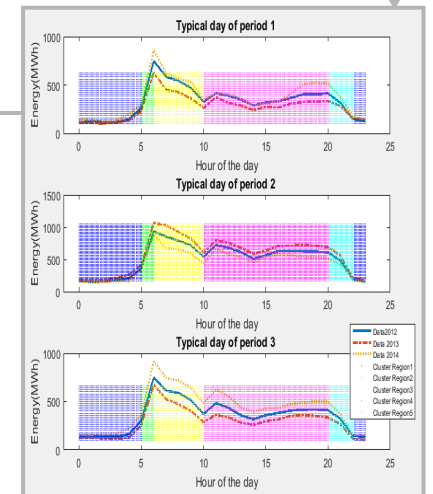
District heat profile



Season representation:
Clustering into seasonal timeslices



Daily representation:
Daily week/weekend timeslices



SCENARIOS DEFINITION

Main assumptions and constraints



SCENARIOS VARIABLES

 **FINANCIAL VARIABLES**
Discount rate

 **PRICE OF COMMODITIES**
High prices
Low prices
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 **VARIABLES DEPENDENT FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY**
Power sector decarbonization
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
 **TECHNOLOGICAL VARIABLES**
Fixing the share of district heated buildings

Fixing the share of renewables

 **POLICY RELATED VARIABLES**
Efficiencies of technologies
Environmental targets
Carbon tax
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CONSTRAINTS (dynamic or not)

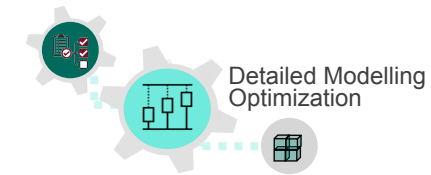
 **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**
MSW
Solar energy

 **URBAN SURFACES AND LAND AVAILABILITY**
Rooftop installation
Land availability for installation

 **EXCHANGE OF RESOURCES**
Export of electricity

GENERATED SCENARIOS

Scenarios description



Baseline



S1



S2

BASELINE

40% (2030)

Emission reduction*

SCENARIO S1

60% (2050)

Emission reduction*

SCENARIO S2

80% (2050)

Emission reduction*

SCENARIO S2-CT

Adding a carbon tax

SCENARIO S2-DH

40-60% min share of DH

SCENARIO NO RETR

Excluding Retrofit

SCENARIO N

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Discount rate

5%

5%

5%



Fuel and electricity prices

High

Low

Low



Decarbonization level of the power sector

Low

High

High



RES minimum penetration

60% solar heating
New buildings

60% solar heating
New buildings

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New buildings

* Compared to 1990

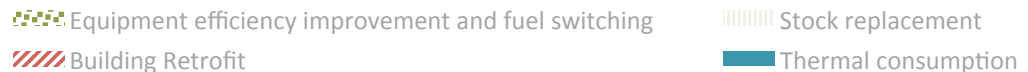
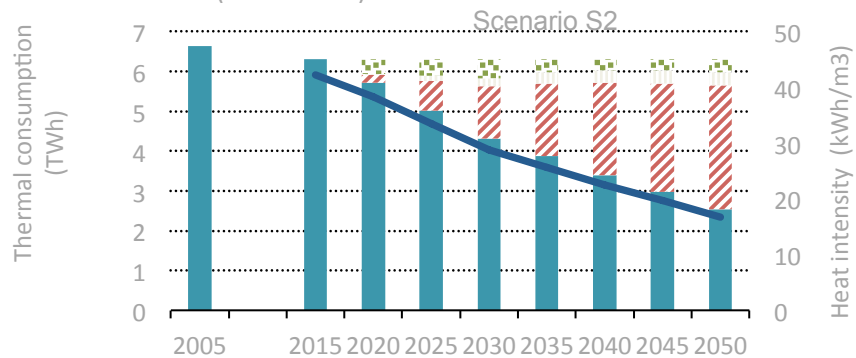
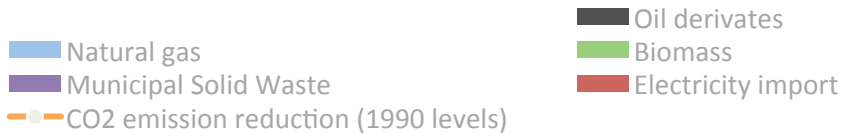
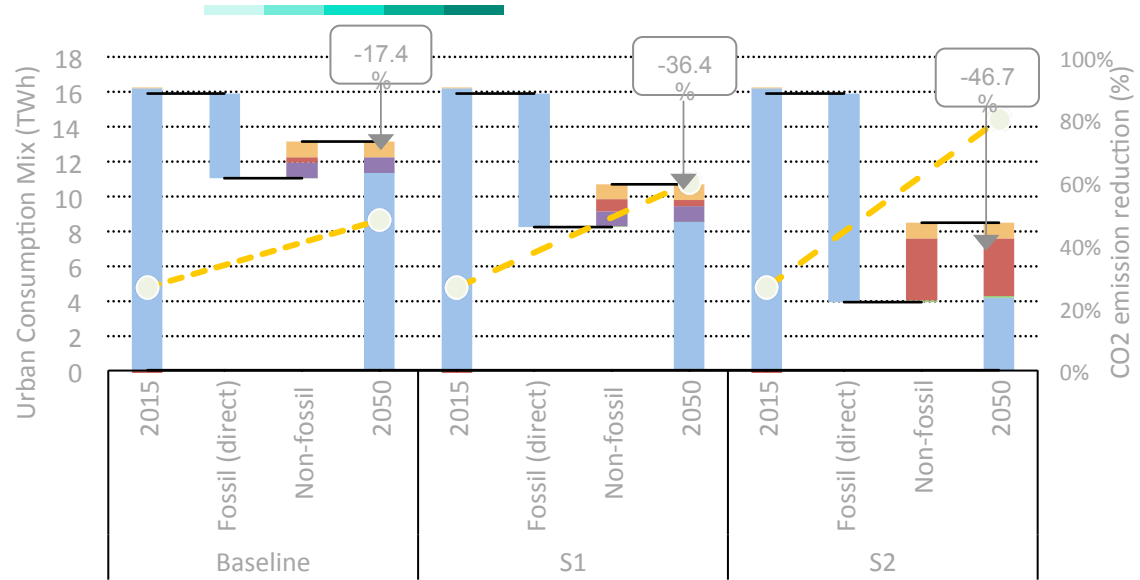
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The least cost solution to satisfy energy service demands and constraints.

- Technology investments (capacity and related costs).
- Technology annual activities (input and output).
- Emission trajectories.
- **Marginal prices of energy commodities.**
- Total discounted system cost.

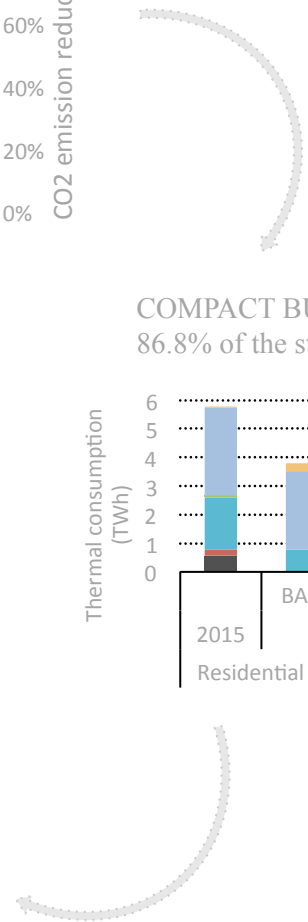
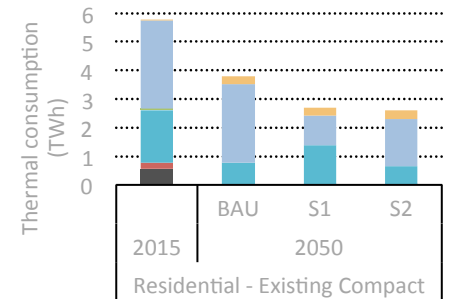
RESULTS

Overview



COMPACT BUILDINGS

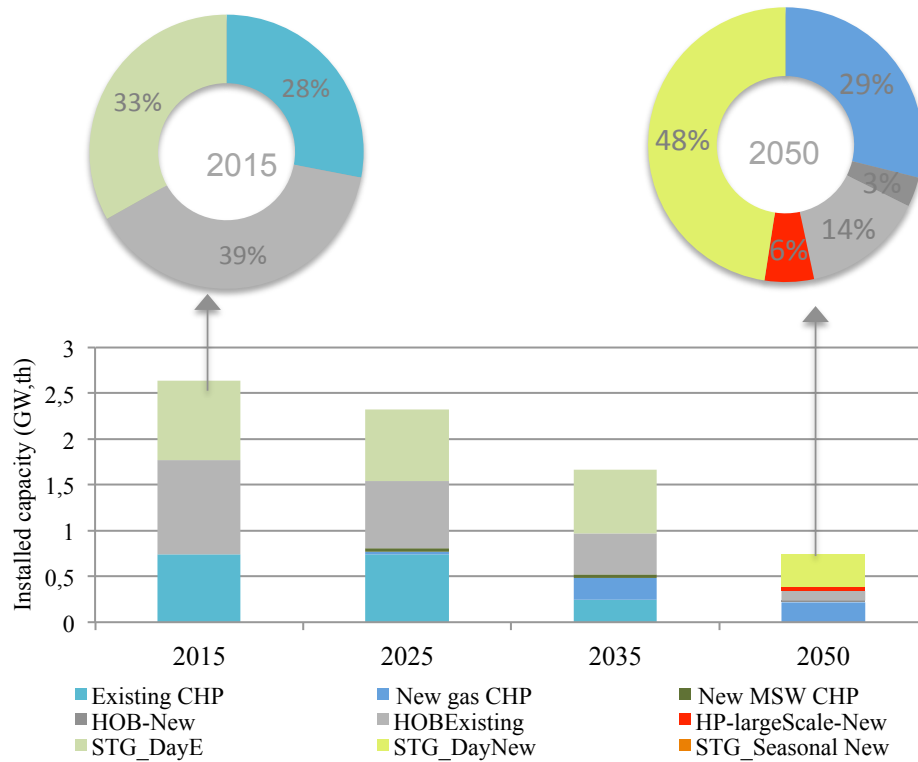
86.8% of the stock volume



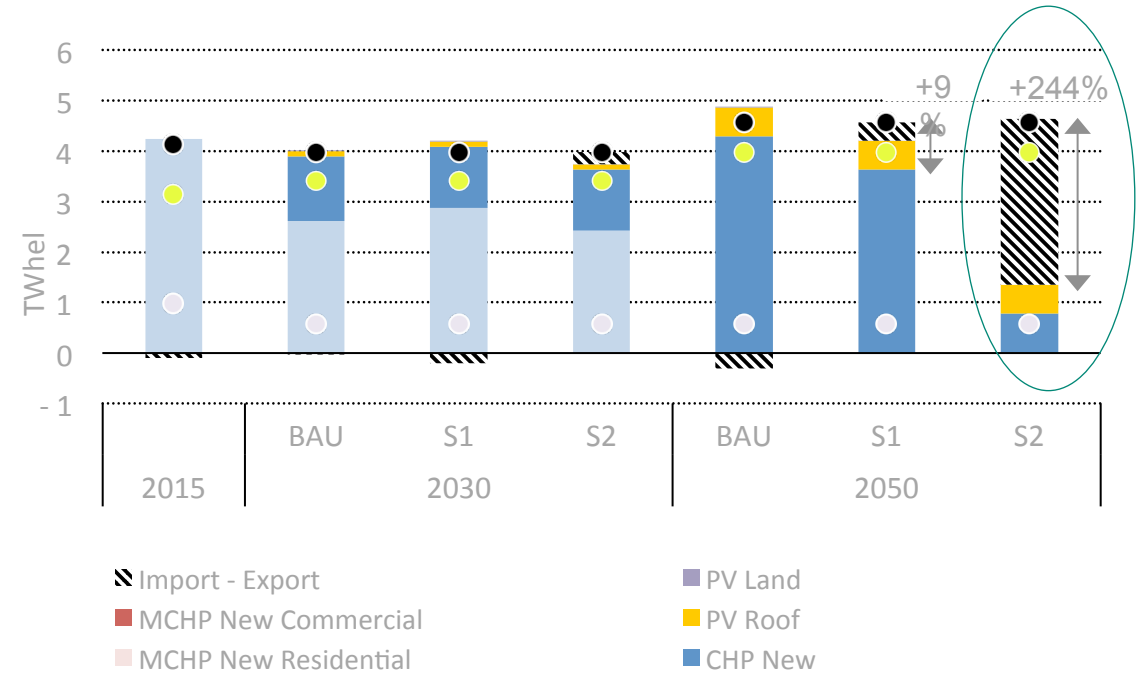
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RESULTS

District heat generation mix



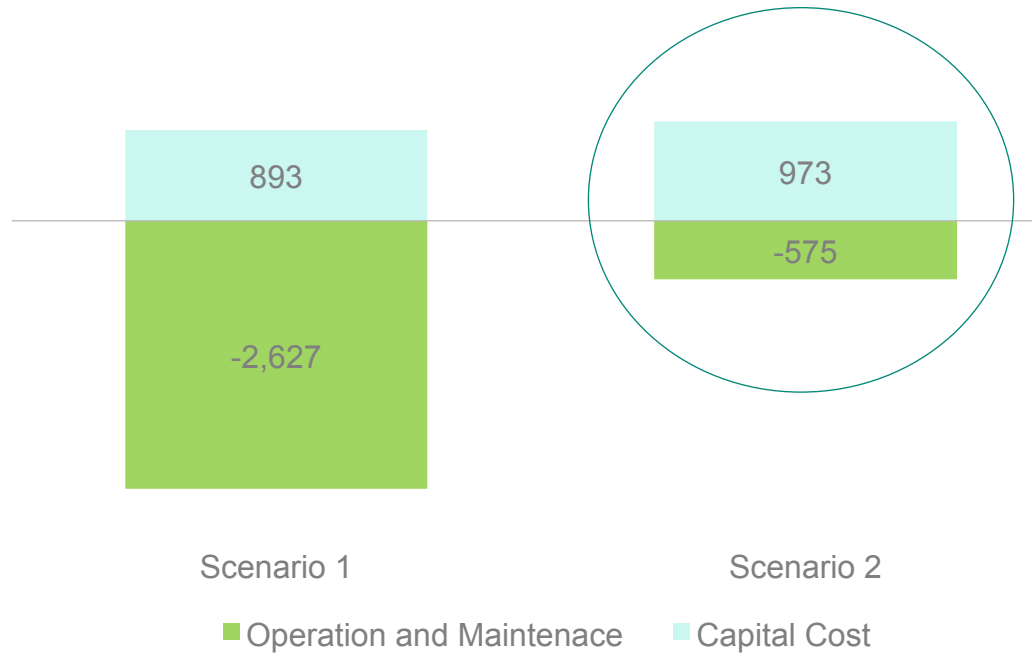
Scenario S2, characterized by the lowest thermal demand and by higher environmental targets, cannot reach the emission reduction level with the proposed district heating technologies



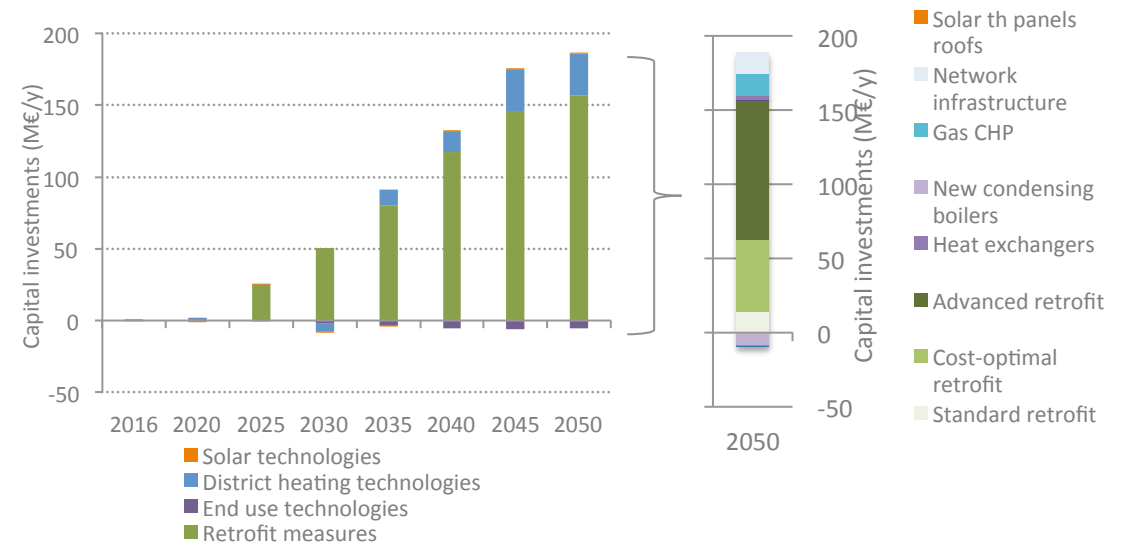
The increased import of “electricity” is also driven by heat savings correspondent to a reduced capacity needs in the heat sector, reducing the capacity of installed CHP units

RESULTS

Financial evaluations to support decarbonization



Discounted Total System Cost compared to Baseline. Billion €



Not discounted investments – Baseline compared to S1

FINANCIAL EVALUATIONS



Consistent opportunities are available in order to meet the decarbonization targets and contemporary provide improved building services at reasonable added costs

RESULTS

Key trends



2 principal trends:



- (i) The reduction of urban consumption is achieved by fuel switching, efficiency improvements and energy conservation;

The CO₂ targets can be reached through a mixture of building retrofit measures (advanced in the later periods), solar PV and solar thermal, district heat from low carbon sources together with heat pumps, high efficiency gas and (for single families only) biomass boilers. District heating strategies require coordination with energy efficient buildings together with a shift to low carbon solutions (integrating heat pumps, renewables and storage technologies).

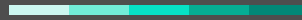
- (ii) An increased level of electrification

In absolute value, electric consumption does not increase too much, but it covers a higher share (energy efficiency improvement in lighting and appliances). For example substituting electric water heaters with solar thermal systems, and inefficient light bulbs with LED lamps. The decarbonization of the power sector, key prerequisite to reach the environmental targets.

Sensitivity: together with the discount rate that impacts on investments choices, the most relevant variable is the decarbonization of the power sector influencing the gas/electricity ratio, and the share of district heating.

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE DETAILED MODELING PHASE

Optimization approach



METHODOLOGY

MAIN CRITICALITIES

USEFUL INFORMATION

What can you do with...?

- Definition of energy plans, scenarios analysis, analysing the role of some technologies

Why should you use it...?

- Integrated demand-supply analysis, cross-sectoral evaluations, long-term.

When should you use it..?

- When a target needs to be reached (back-casting), policy analysis.

Who can use it...?

- Energy experts.

Traditional thinking and habits

radical change in the traditional planning practice, requiring new competencies and additional people to perform it

Need of transparency

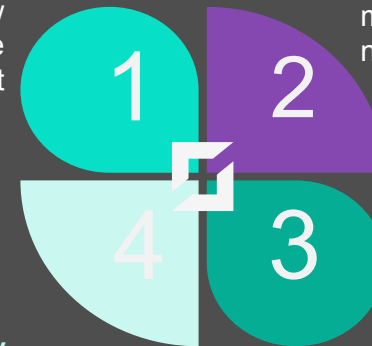
This fact is crucial since it provides new opportunities for collaboration between non-experts and experts.

Time consuming and high level of expertise

Time that technician of the municipality or decision makers may not dispose.

High level data

The availability and reliability of large standardized databases and public data sources are currently limited at the local level, limiting the modelling choices and requiring high efforts from local stakeholders

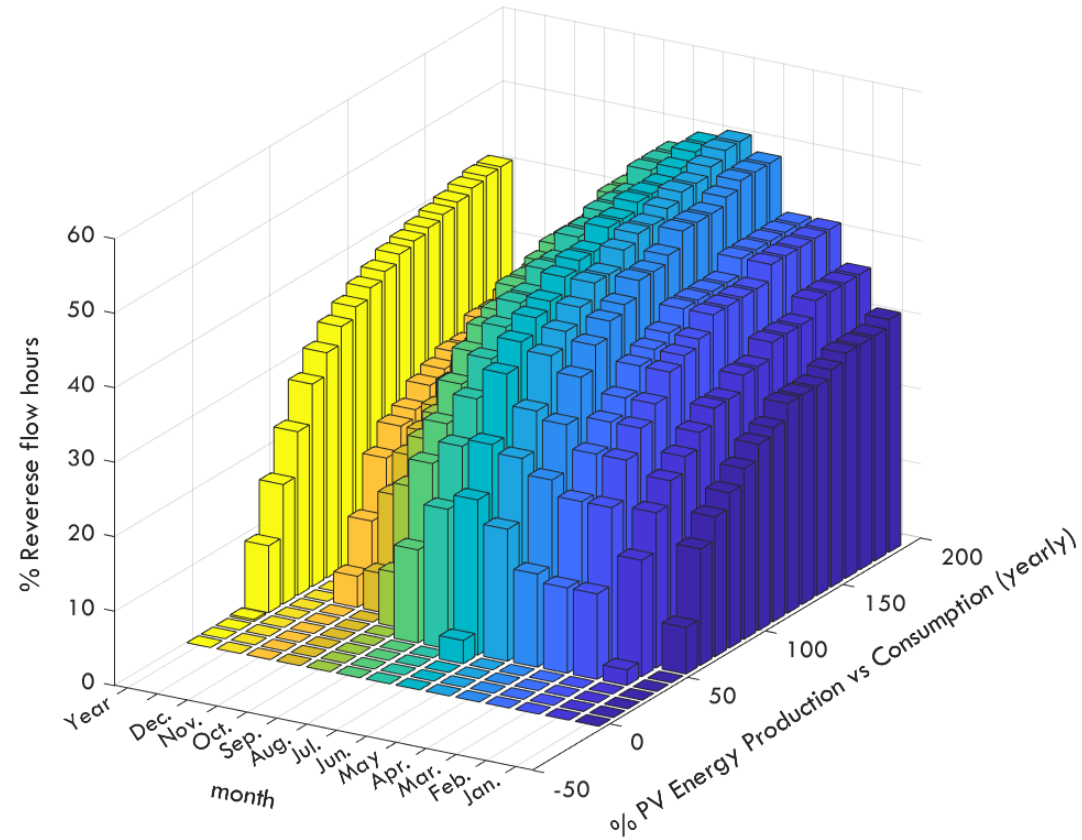


Gli scenari operativi: la modellazione delle reti urbane

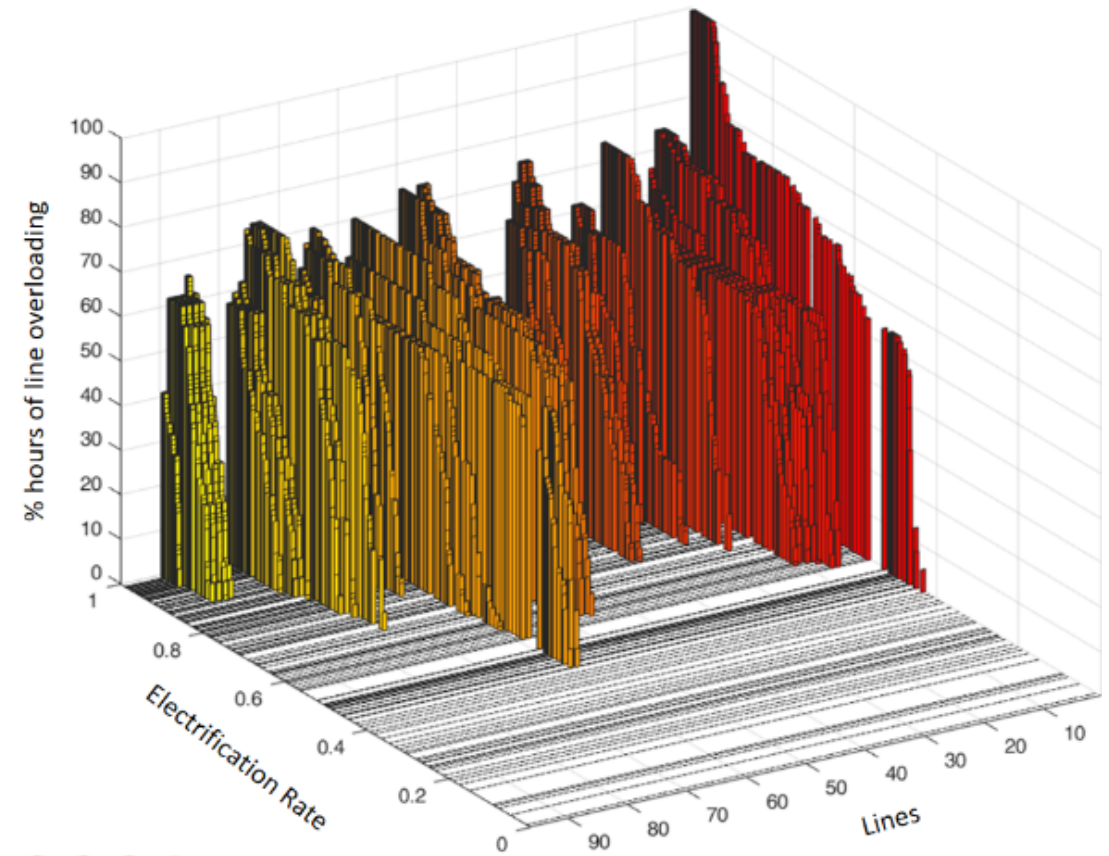
Heat in the pipe project 2017-2019

Understanding the role of gas networks in the energy transition process

I flussi inversi e il bilanciamento



L'elettificazione e i limiti di rete





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