

Distributed Model Predictive Control for energy management in buildings

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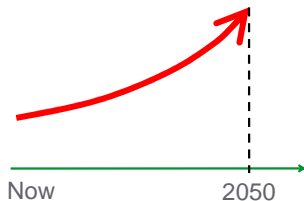
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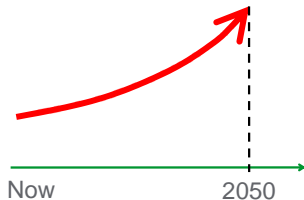
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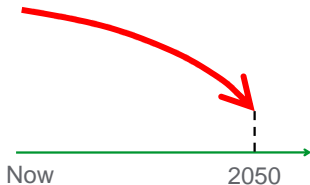


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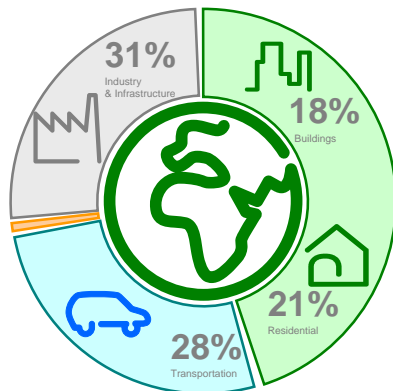
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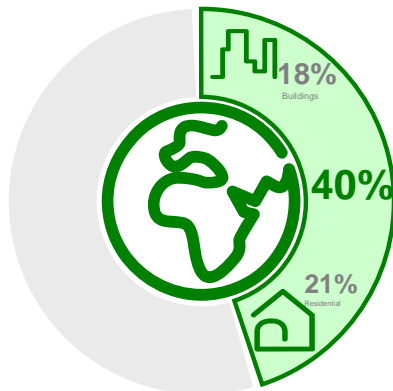


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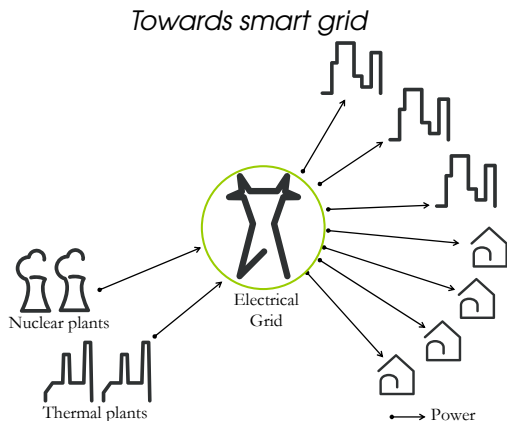


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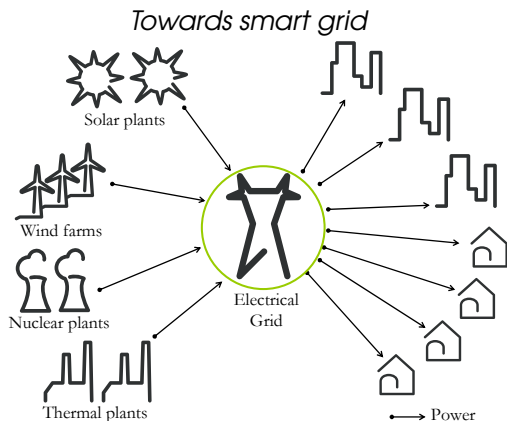


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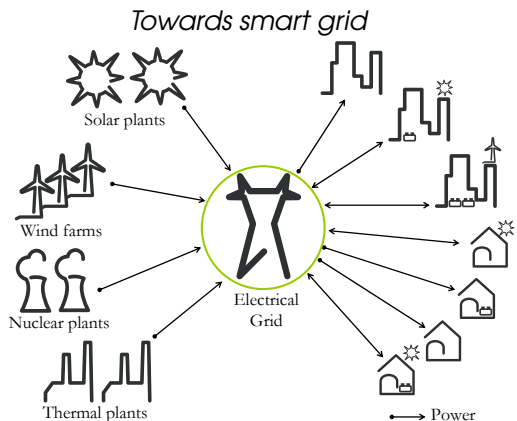


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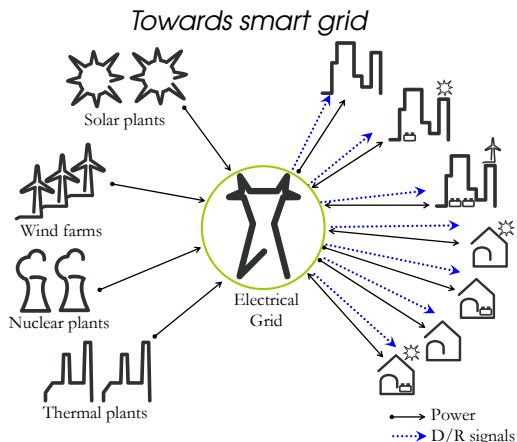


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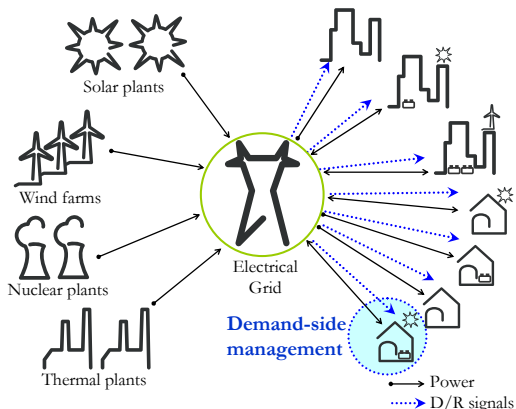


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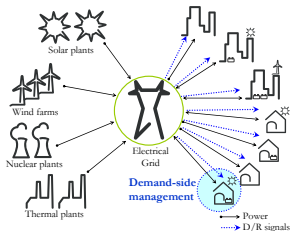
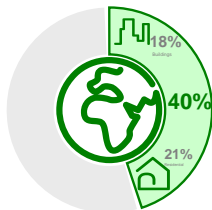


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"Equip each building with Active Energy Efficiency solutions, to achieve the best possible energy performance"

September 2008 > September 2012
 26 Work Packages – 80 M€
 39 M€ funded by OSEO (French Agency) incl. Schneider 26 M€



Thesis objectives



Design **control algorithms** able to improve energy management in buildings

- 1 **Reduce energy** and **maintain comfort**
- 2 Make buildings "**smart grid ready**" (variable energy prices, power limitations)
- 3 Design **generic**, **scalable** and **modular** solutions

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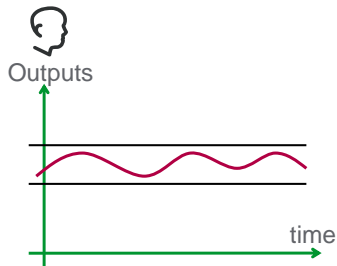
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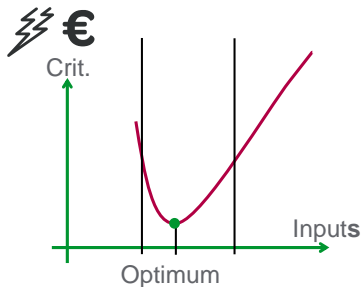


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To sum up ...

- Difficult to generalize
- Must be fully adapted for a given scenario
- Difficult to handle economical objectives
- Difficult to ensure coherence of the decision
- **Extremely simple to implement on BEMS !**

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An intuitive concept...

A simplistic example

minimize path length and avoid obstacles

Avoid Obstacles 

Target 



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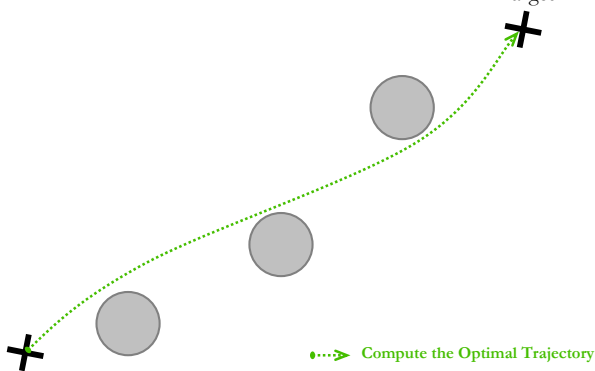
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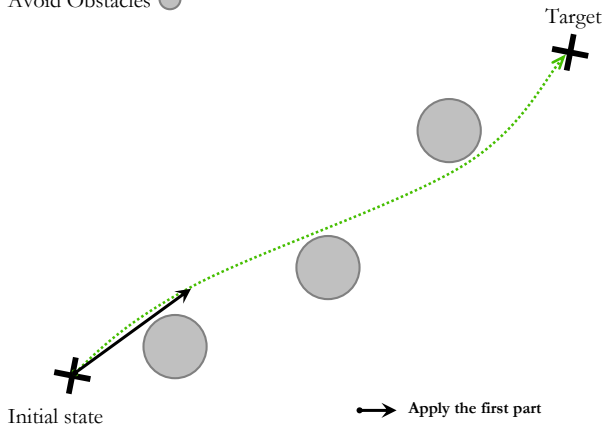
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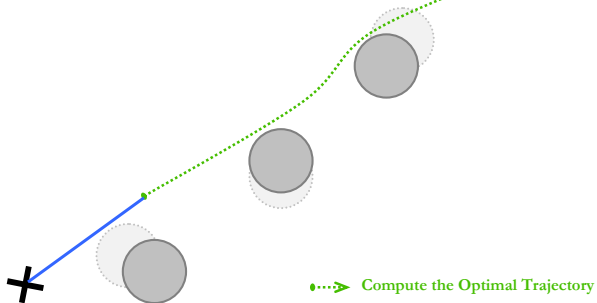
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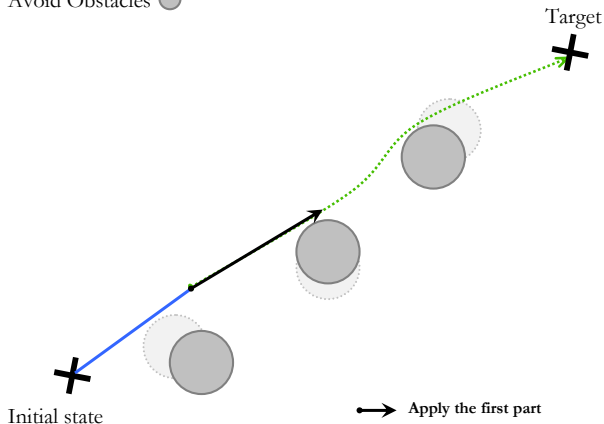
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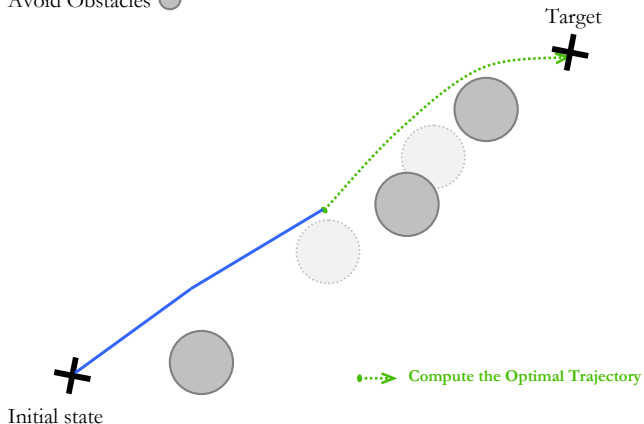
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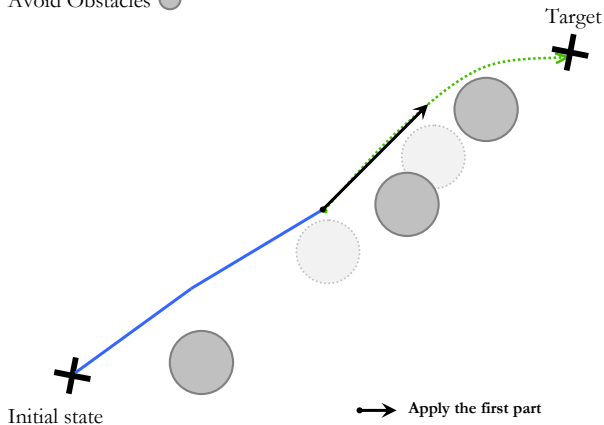
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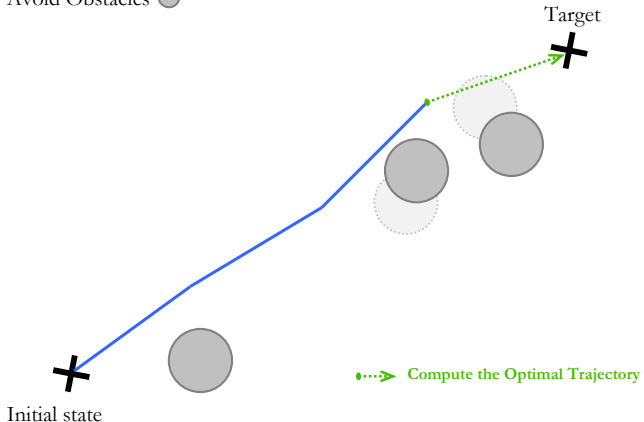
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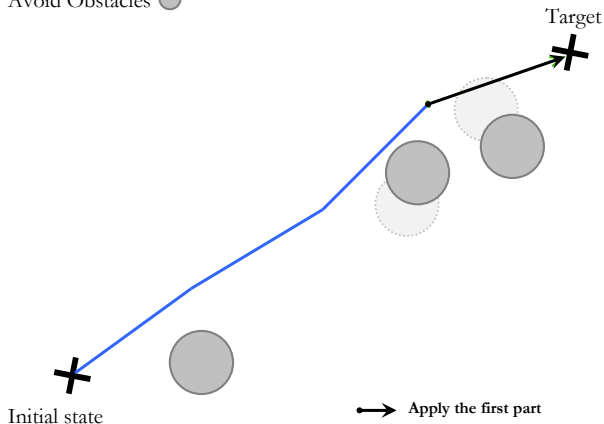
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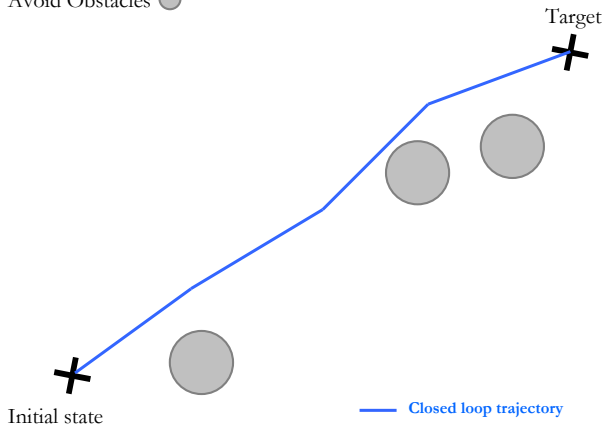
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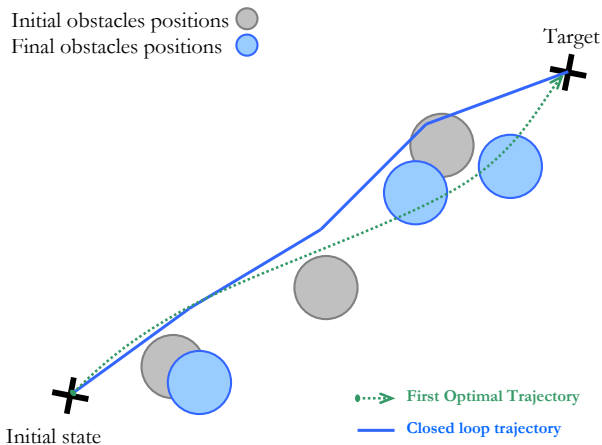


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Model Predictive Control (II)

Receding Horizon Principle

Why Model Predictive Control in buildings?

- Thermal inertia
- Coupled dynamics
- Constraints (comfort, actuators, power consumption, etc.)
- Multi-source: several power sources (thermal, electrical, etc.)
- Economic objectives (varying energy tariffs)

MPC for building Energy management

The ingredients ...

Model

$$\frac{\partial \theta^M T(\xi)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} T(x) f(x, \theta) dx = \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} \frac{\partial T(x) f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx$$

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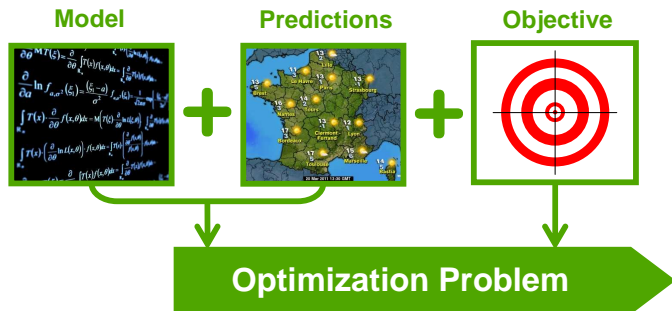


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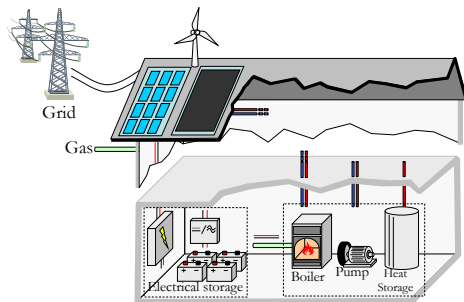
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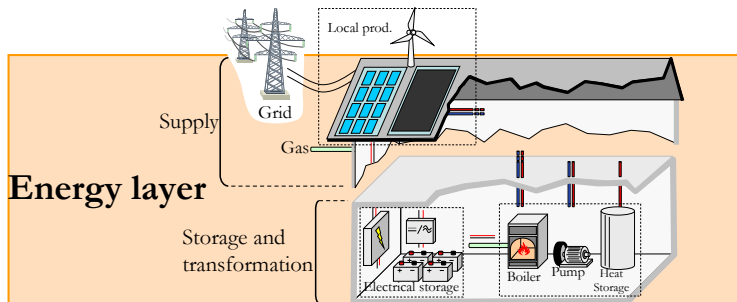
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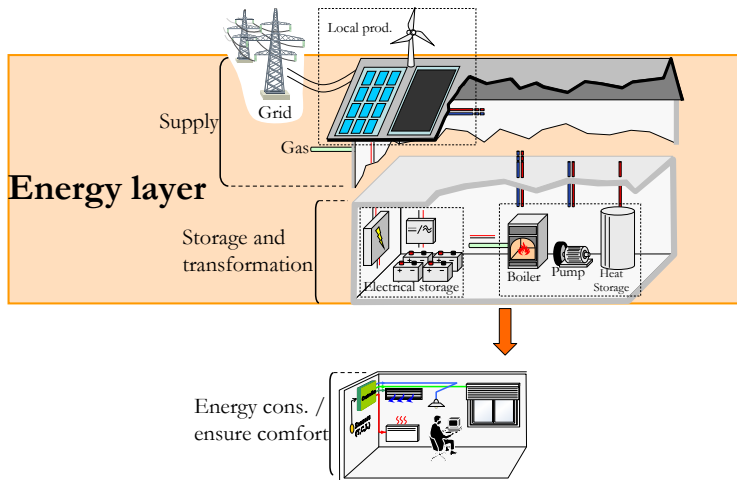
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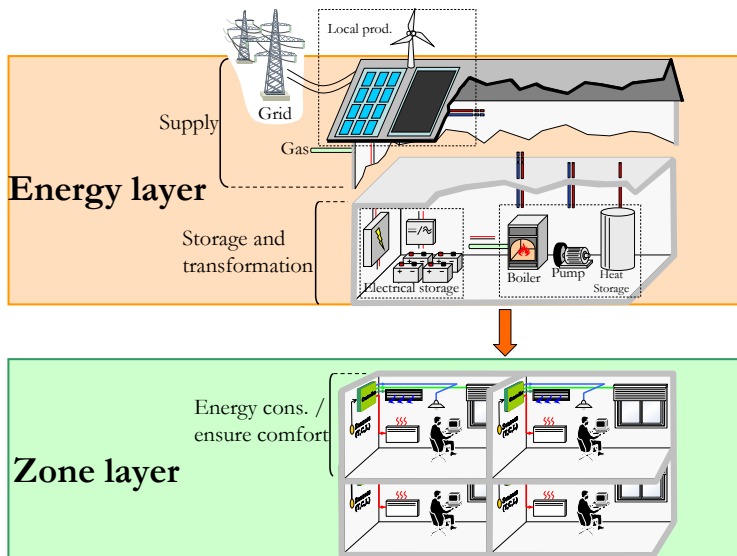
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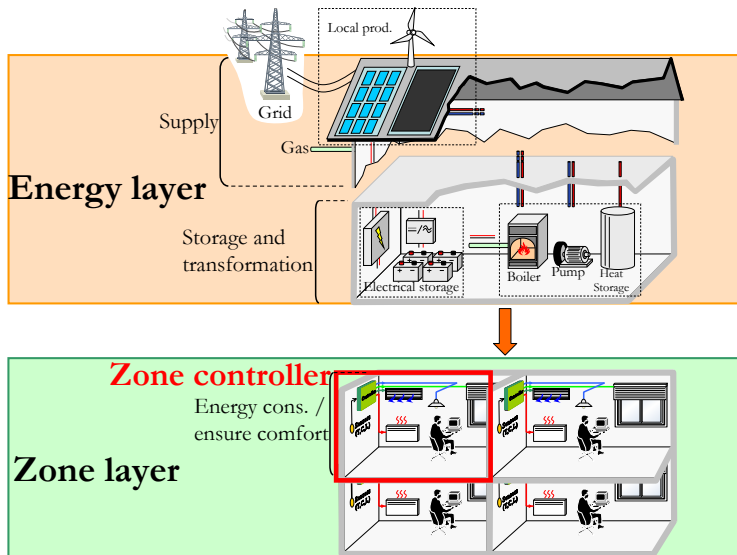
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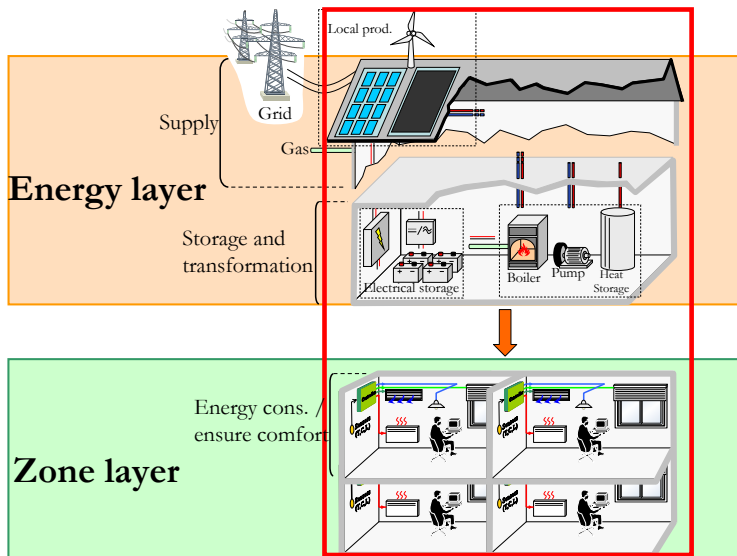
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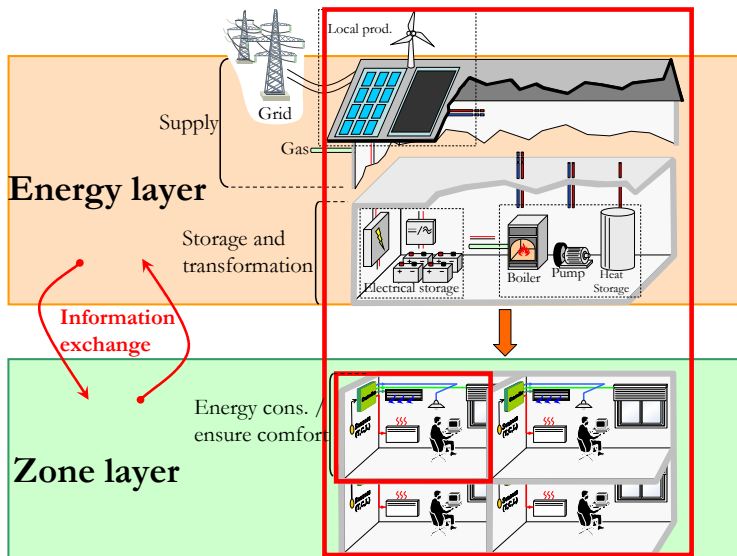
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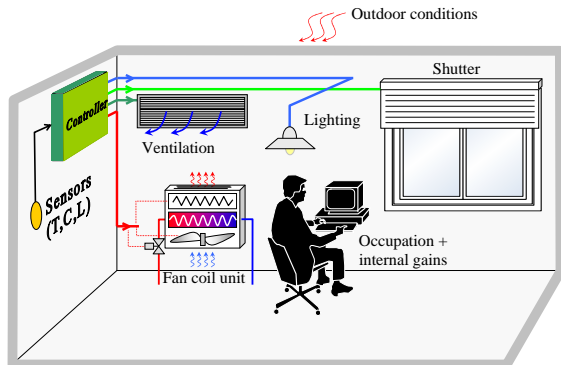


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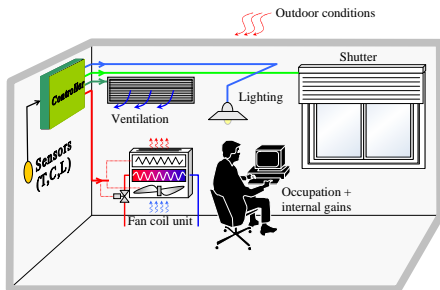


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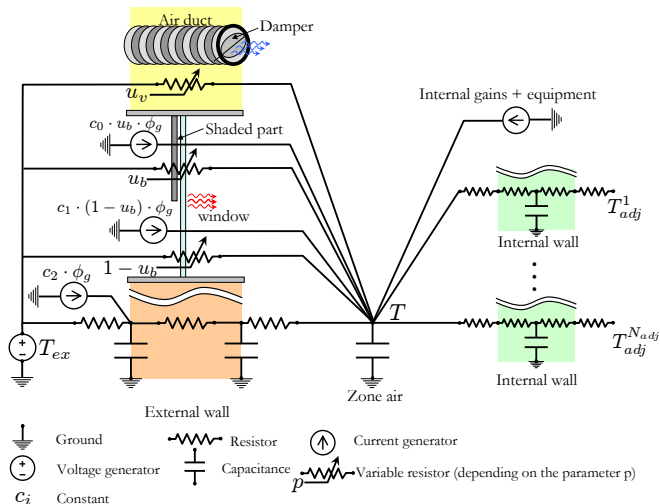
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L	Indoor illuminance	[Lux]

Description of Input/Output and exogenous variables

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electrical analogy

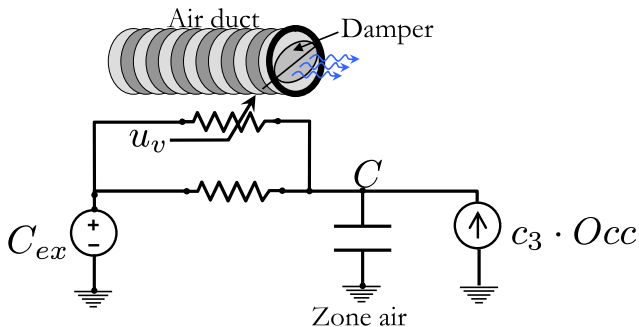
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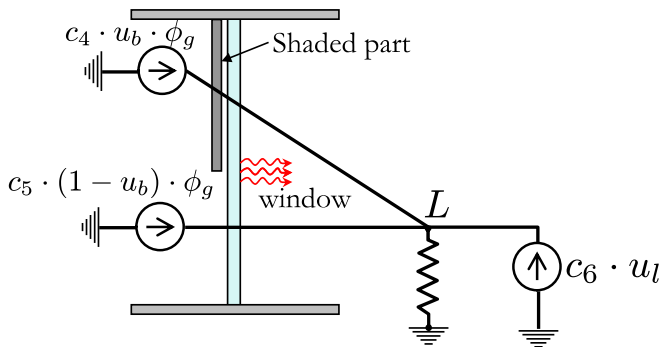
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Zone Model

Bilinear state-space representation

Zone model - bilinear system

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Simulator form

$$\mathbf{y}_k := \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{w}_k, x_k)$$

boldfaced vectors are predicted profiles (e.g.

$$\mathbf{u}_k := [u_k^T, u_{k+1}^T, u_{k+N-1}^T]^T).$$

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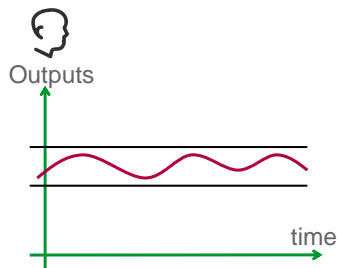
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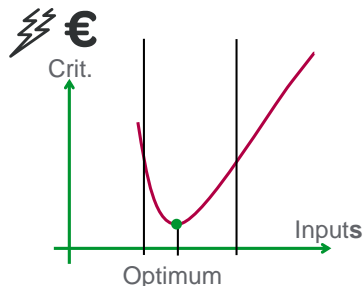


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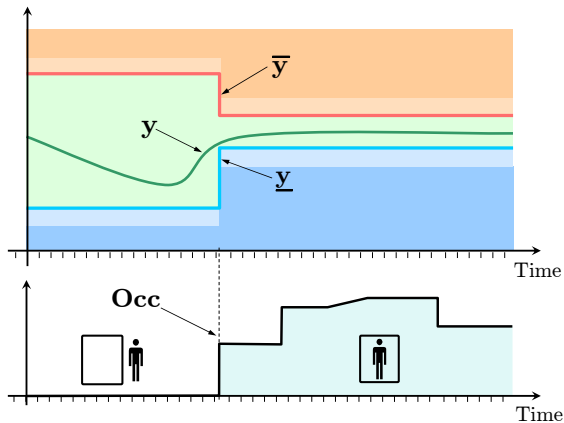
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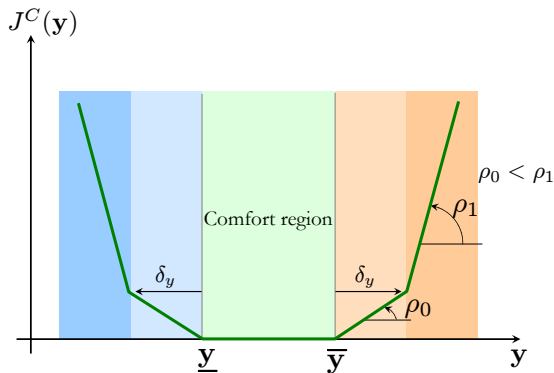
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The control problem

Mathematical formulation

NMPC-related optimization problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{U}}{\text{Minimize}} \quad J := J^E(\mathbf{p}) + J^C(\mathbf{y}) \quad (1)$$

where:

- the boldfaced vectors stand for predicted profiles (e.g. $\mathbf{y} := [y_k^T, \dots, y_{k+N-1}^T]^T$),
- $p \in \mathbb{R}^{n_p}$ is the power consumption,
- J^C is the discomfort criterion.
- J^E is the energy criterion.

The control problem

problem resolution

Optimization problem - explicit form:

$$\text{NLP}_k: \underset{\mathbf{u}_k, \delta_0, \delta_1, \delta_d, \mathbf{y}_k}{\text{Minimize}} J_k(\mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{y}_k) \quad (2a)$$

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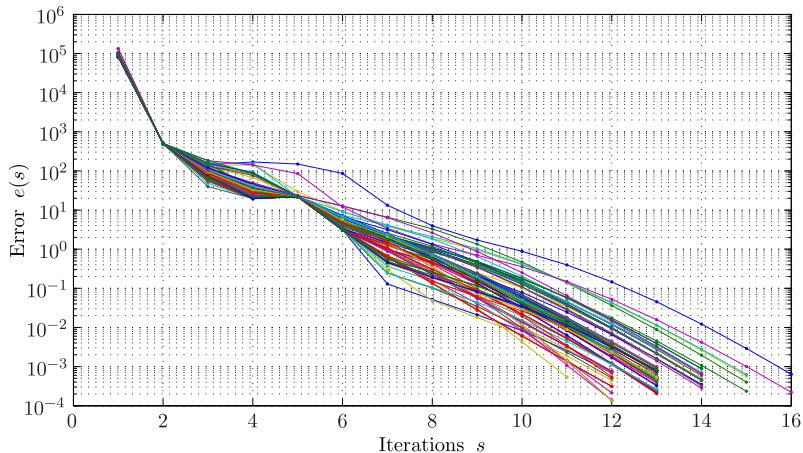
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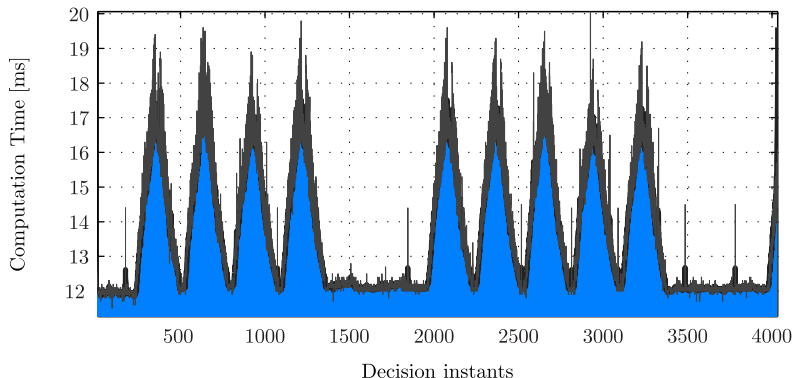
Fixed-point algorithm: $\mathbf{y}_k^{(s)} \xrightarrow{LP} \mathbf{u}_k^{(s)} \xrightarrow{SIM} \mathbf{y}_k^{(s+1)}$

Convergence analysis

- No formal convergence proof of the algorithm is provided,
- Run the algorithm starting from 100 random (unrealistic) initial guesses.



Computational burden



Computation time for $N = 720$, $N_u^{par} = 20$, $N_y^{par} = 20$ (Intel® Xeon® @ 2.67 GHz, 3.48 Go RAM - ILOG CPLEX 12.1 for LPs)

The case study

small business building

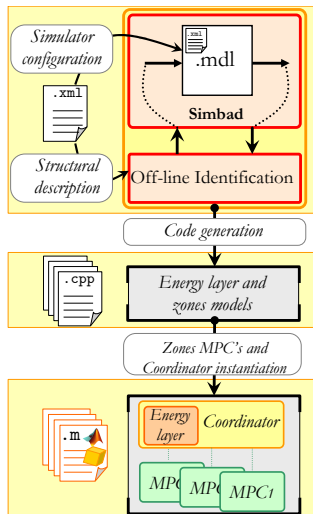
- Typical french small business building built in 2006, 20 zones, 540 (m²),
- Electrical heater,
- Local dampers for ventilation control,
- Automated blinds,
- Location *Trappes* (near Paris),
- Modeled using the SIMBAD toolbox.



MPC integration in SIMBAD

Configuration step

- 1 Build the structure of the building (.xml),
- 2 Identify the dynamical models of each zone,
- 3 Generate automatically C code able for zones and energy layer representations,
- 4 Instantiate MPCs for the whole building (observers, powers estimators, available forecast, occupancy schedule, available equipments, etc.)



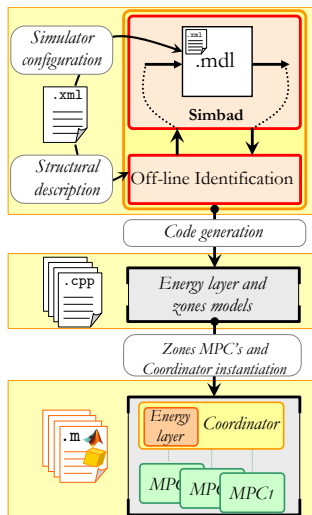
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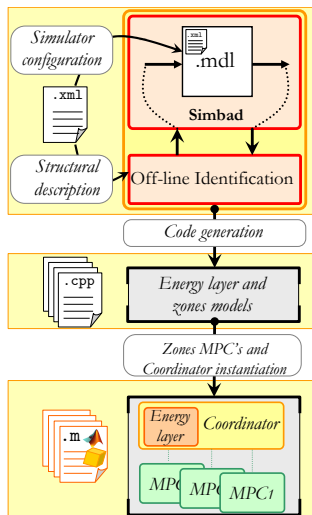
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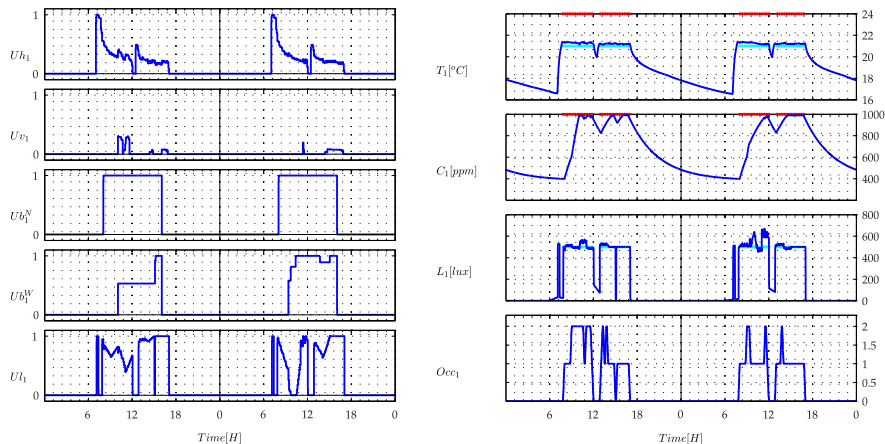
→ **need for efficient code to perform a yearly simulation**

- use of C code when appropriate
- vectorized m-code
- logical matrix indexation



Simulation results (I)

Zone MPC illustration- an office



48 (h) simulation - office # 1

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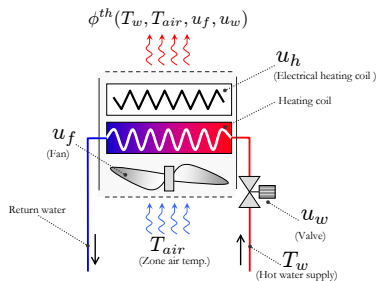
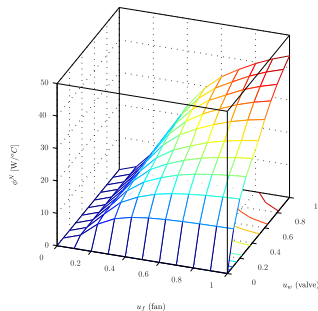
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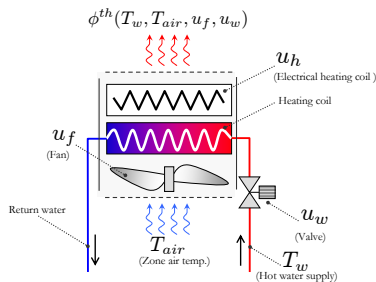
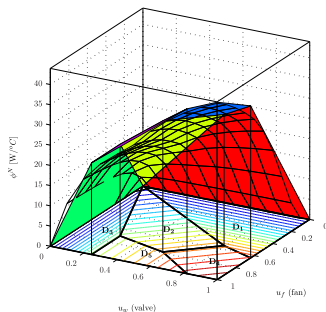
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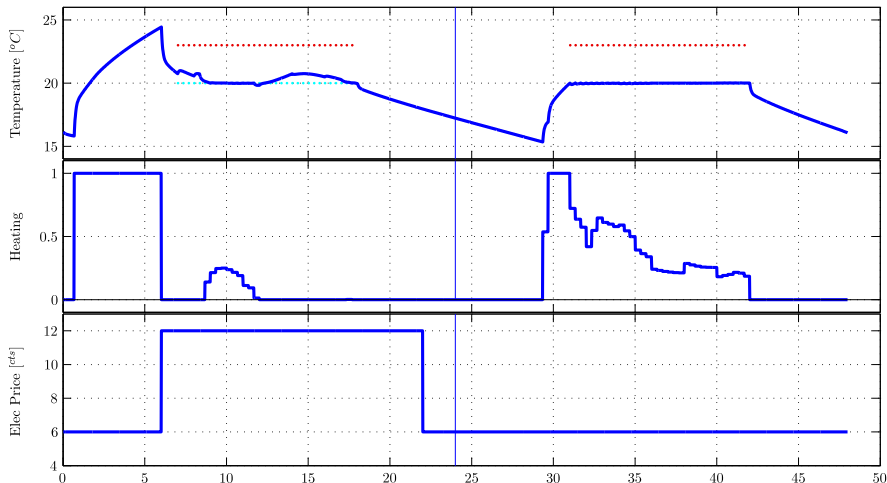
PWA approx.

Adapt the algorithm to handle FCUs and preserve the LP formulation

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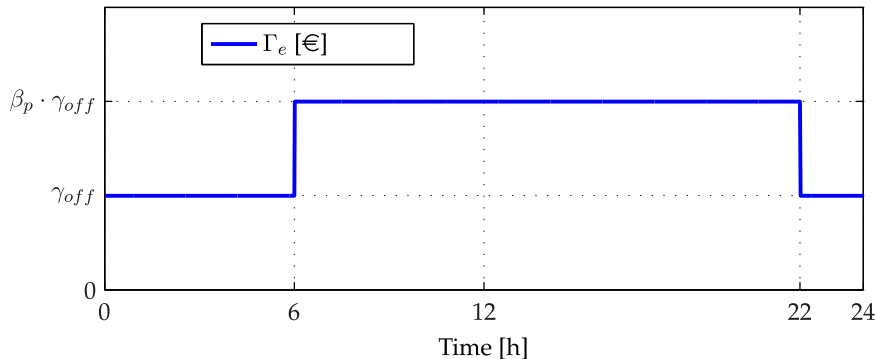
- 1 Preheat the first day during off-peak hours,
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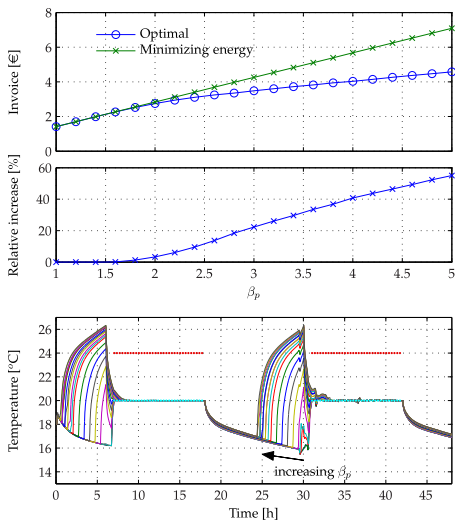
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Sensitivity of the solution to the ratio between high and low energy price periods (β_p)



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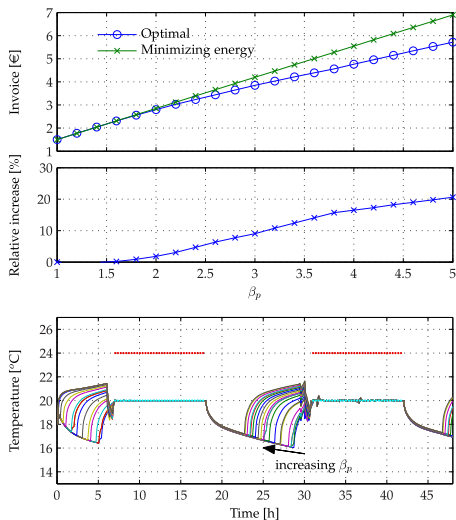
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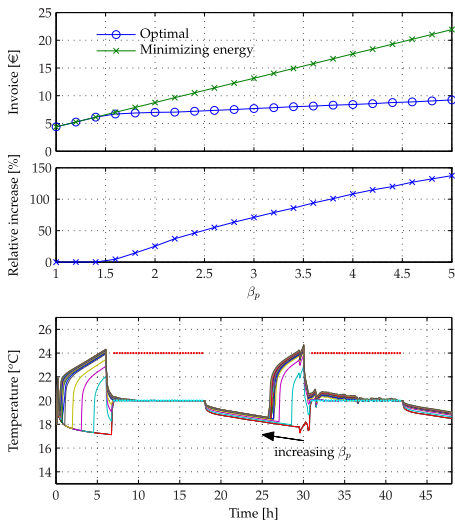
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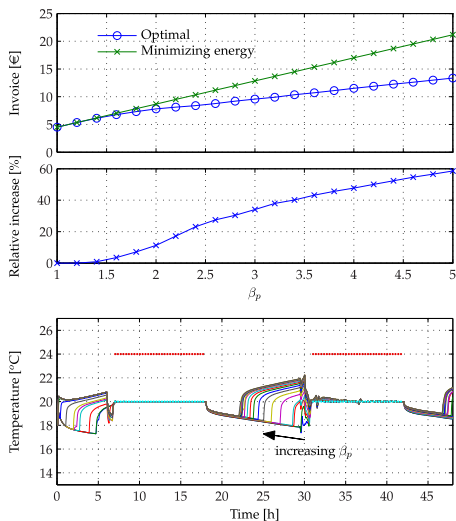
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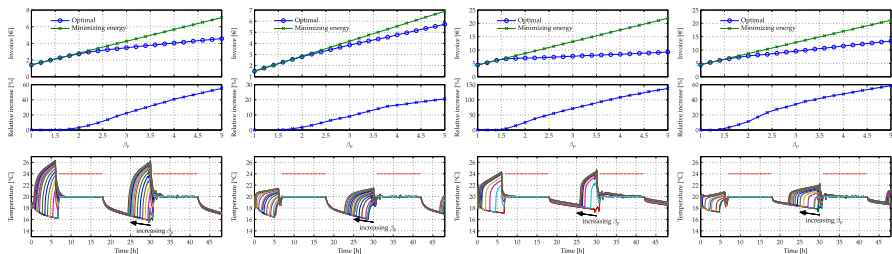
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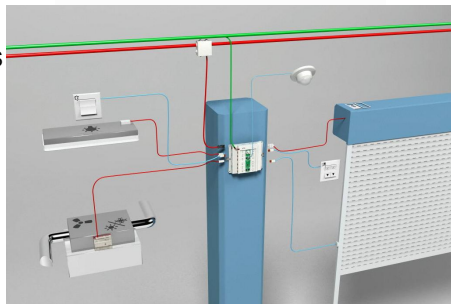
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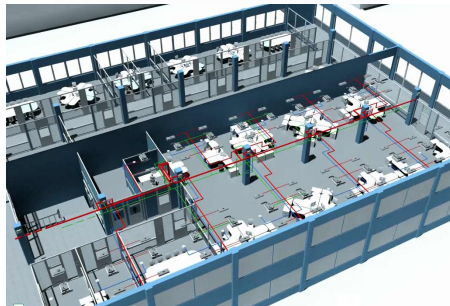
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Implement the MPC algorithm on the Roombox →

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- To identify the main related issues

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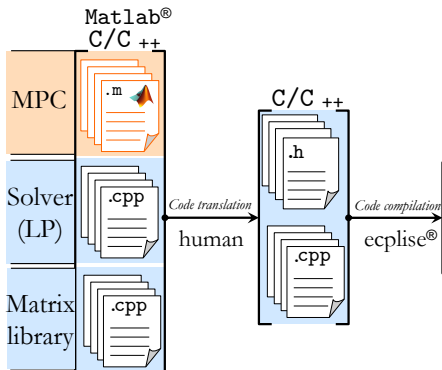
→ Virtual signals sent via the ethernet port (measures and forecast)



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Conditions

- Prediction horizon 12 h.
- sampling period 2 min.
- zone: $n_U = 6$, $n_Y = 3$
- GLPK (GNU MILP solver)



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- ≈ 6 (s) / iteration
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Roombox 

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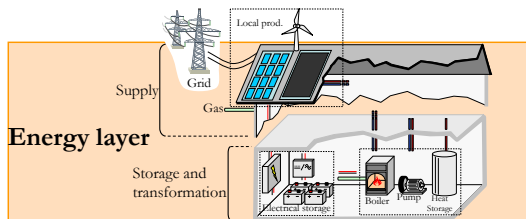
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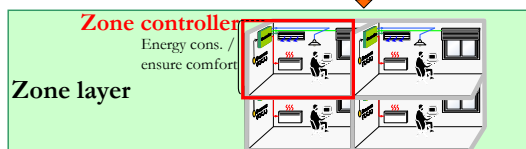
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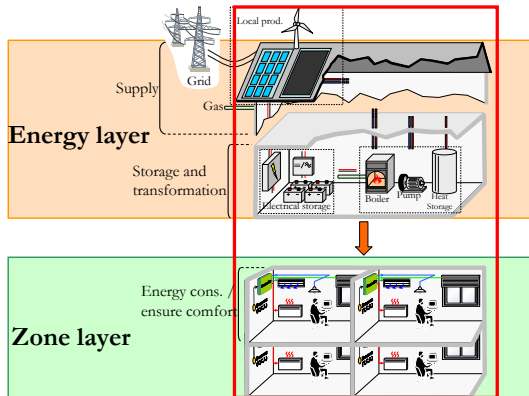
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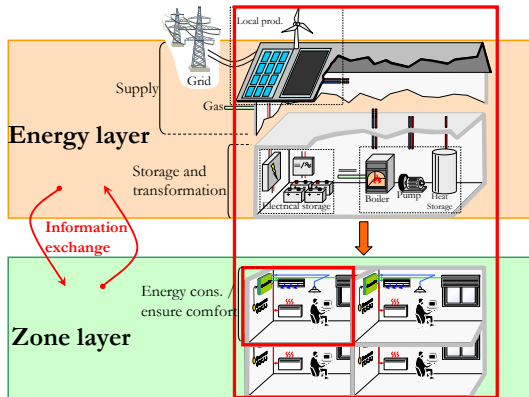
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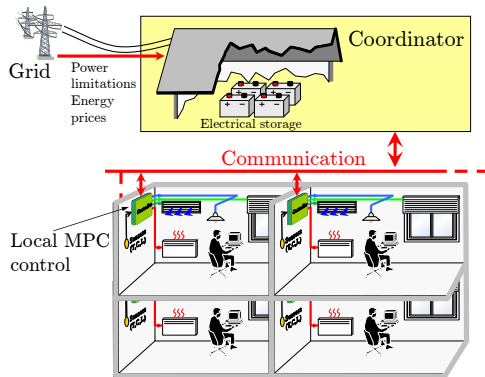
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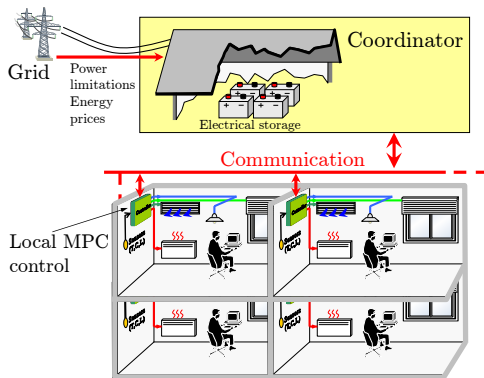
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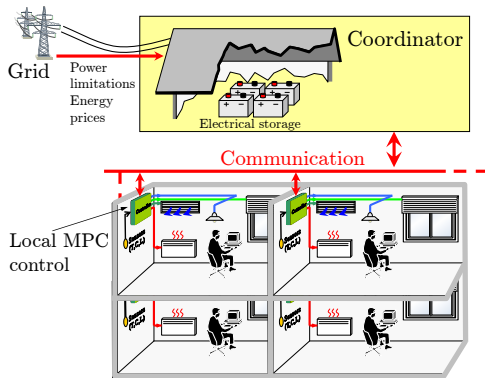
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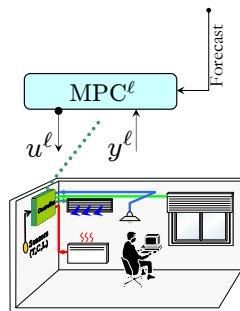
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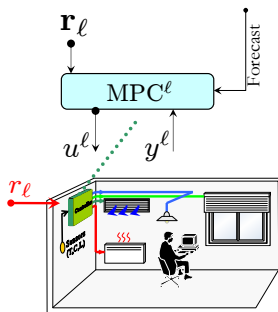
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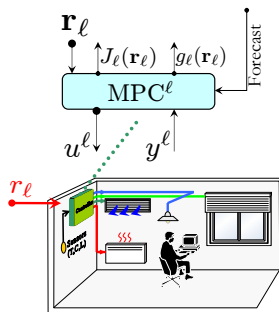
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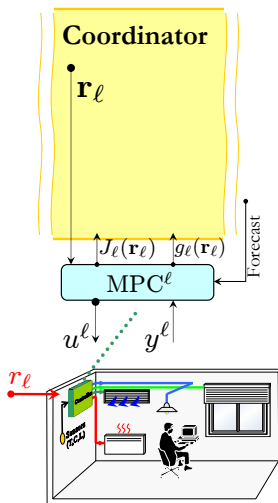
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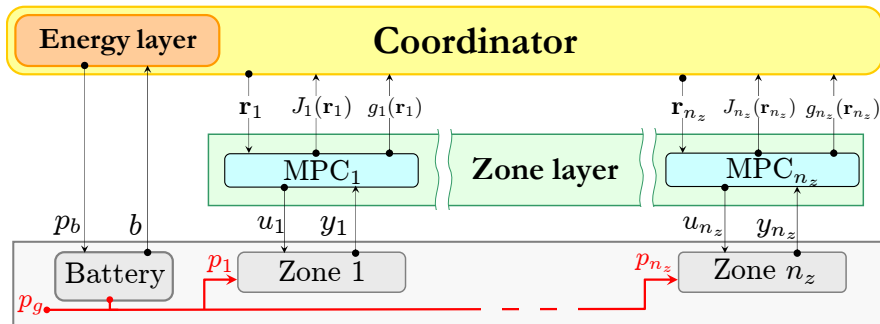
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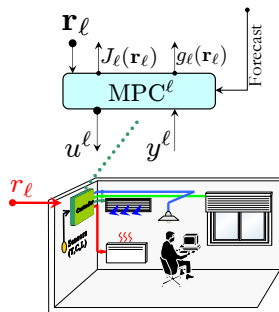
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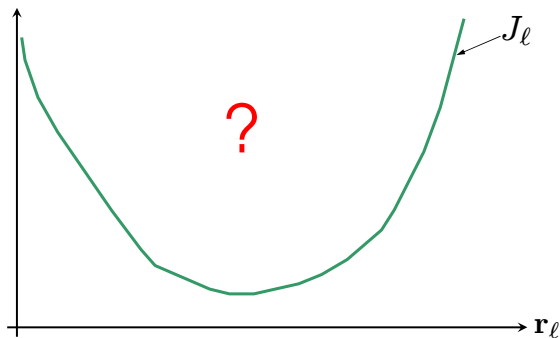
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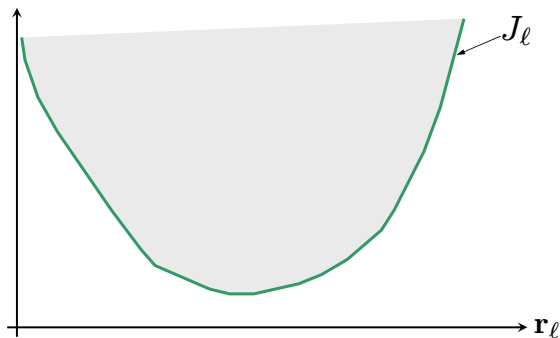
Cutting plane approximation

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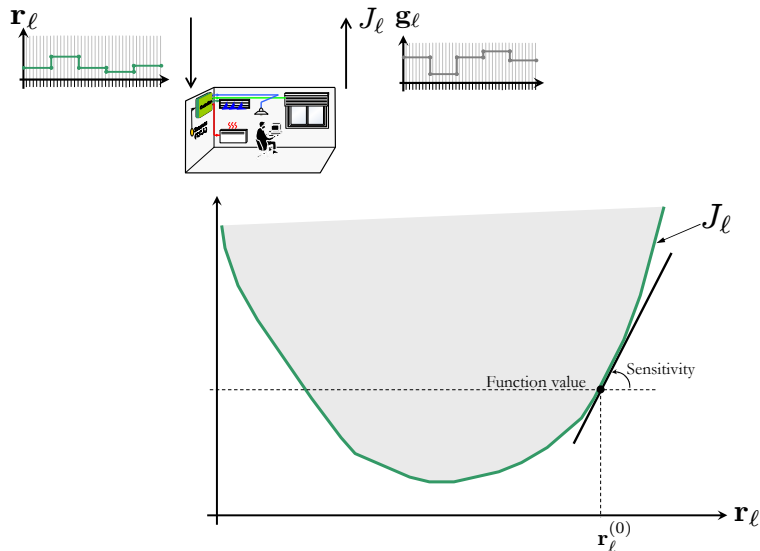
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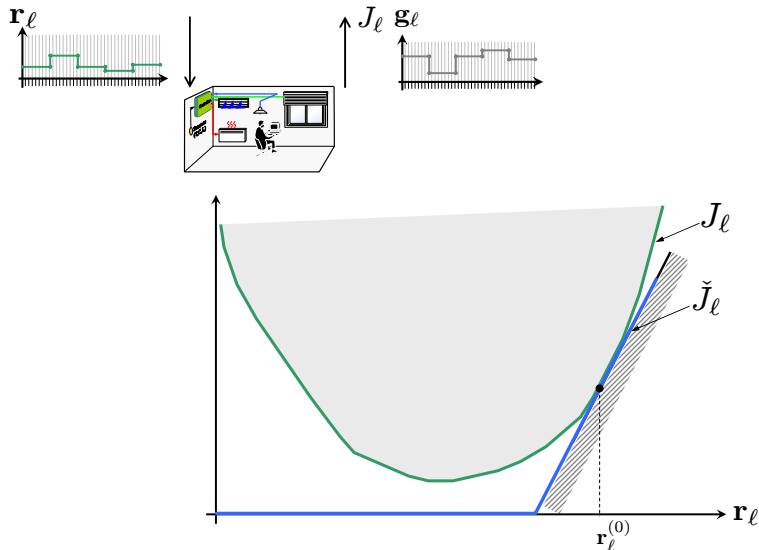
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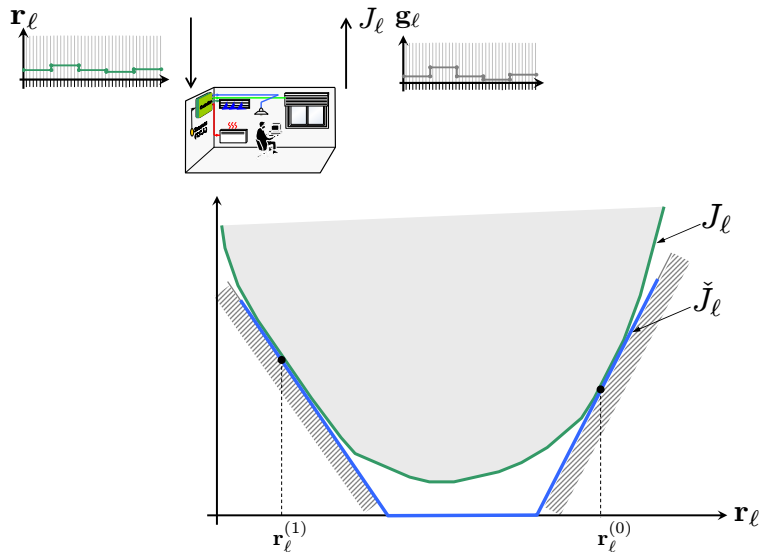
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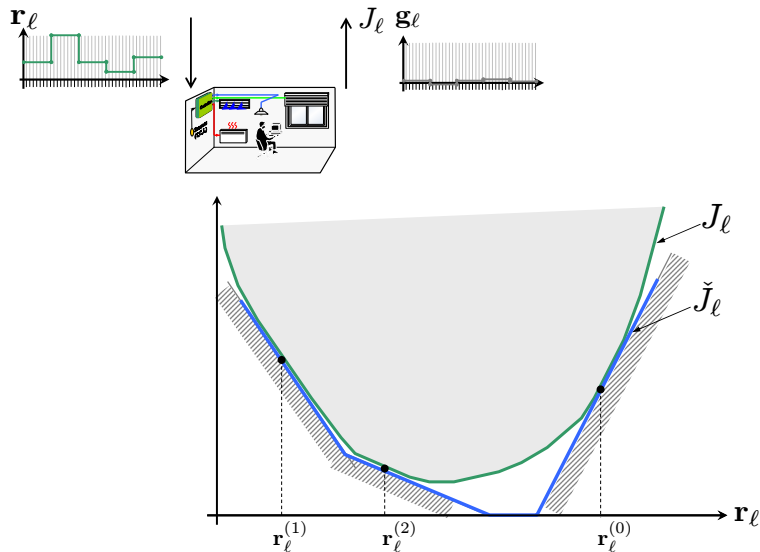
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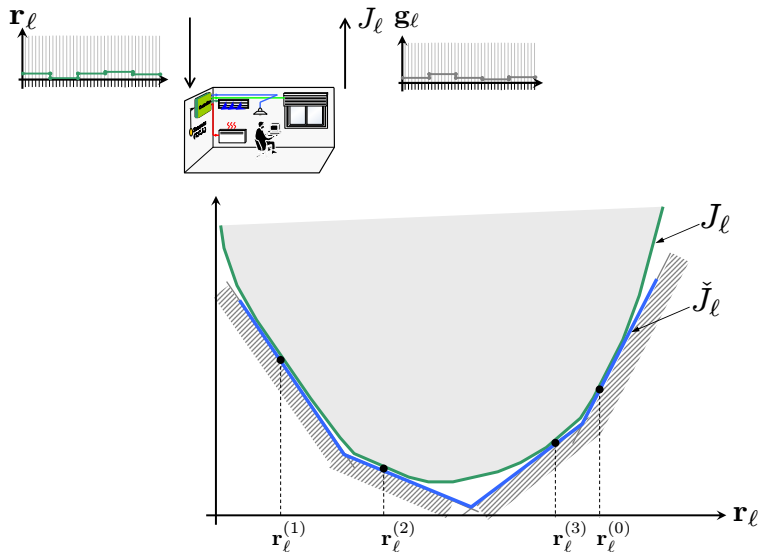
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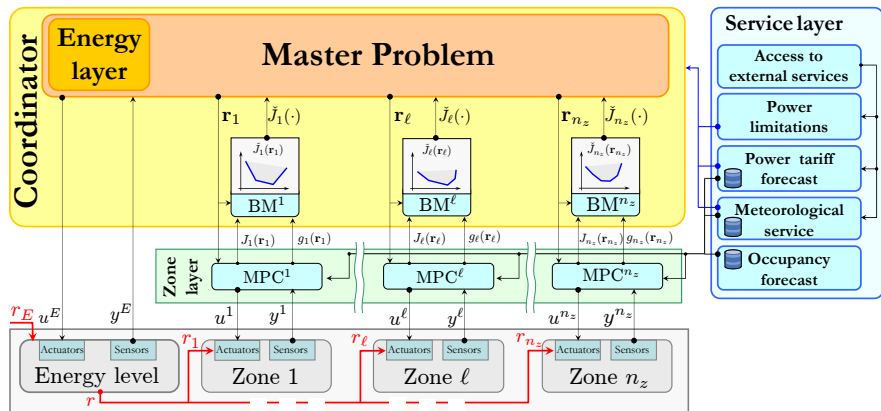
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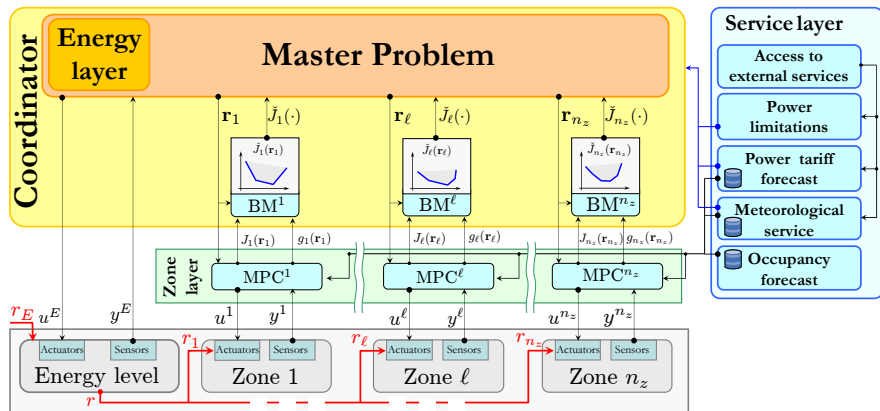
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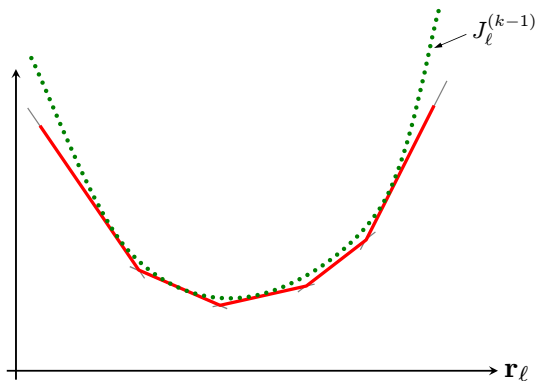


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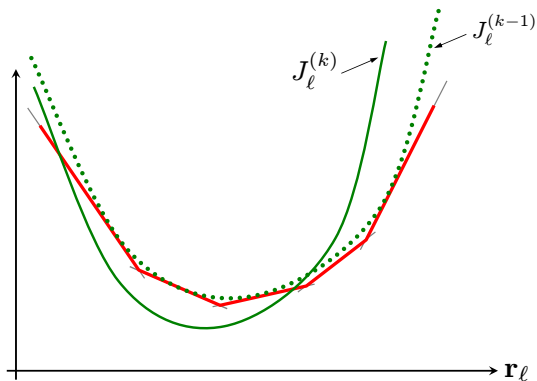
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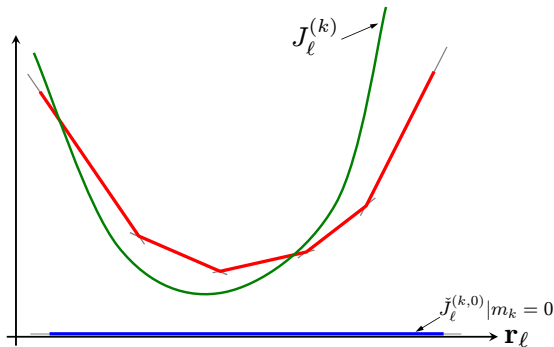
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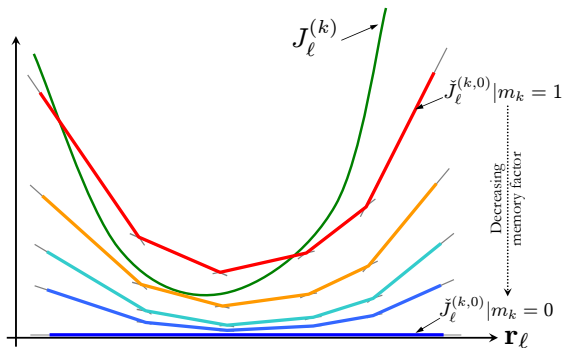
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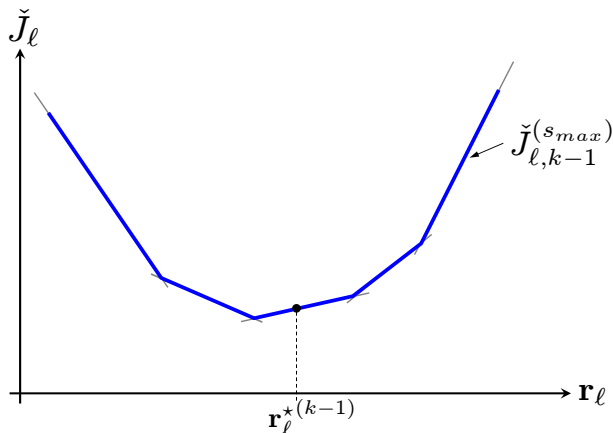


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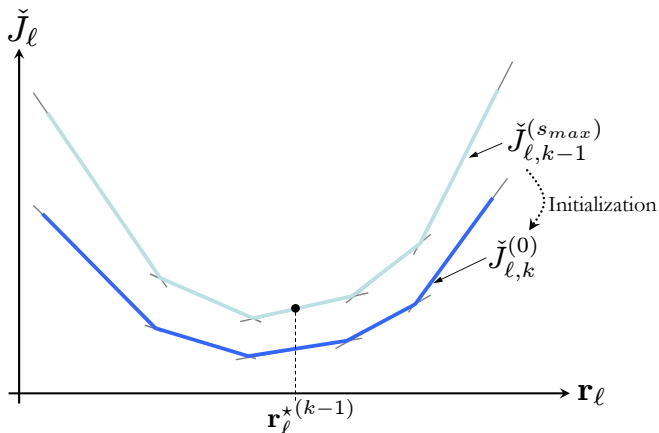
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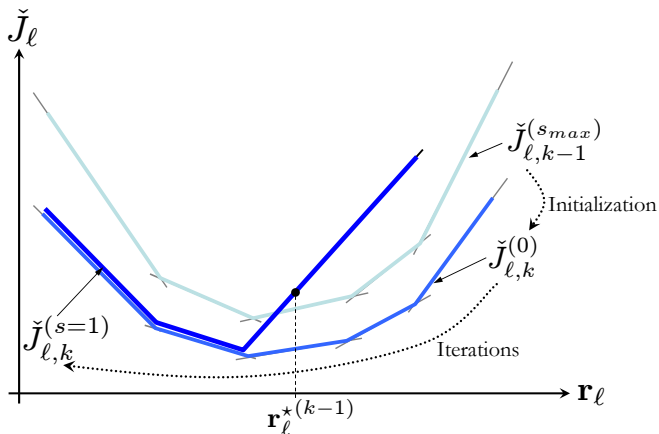
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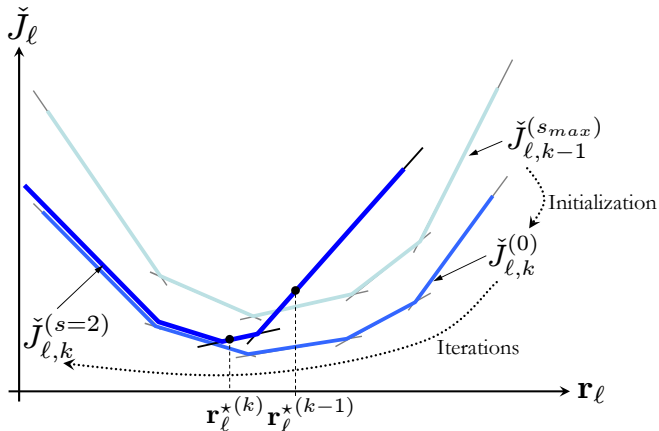
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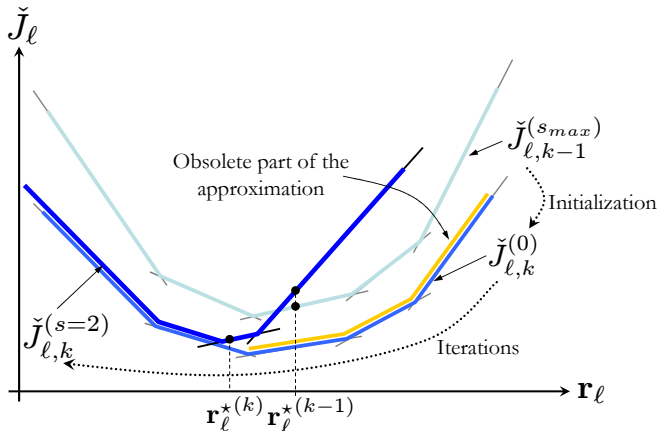
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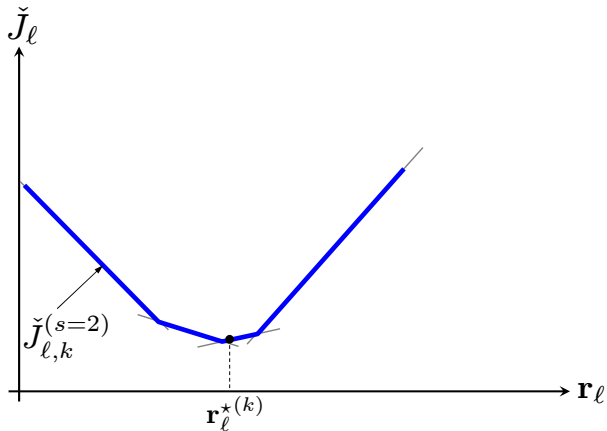
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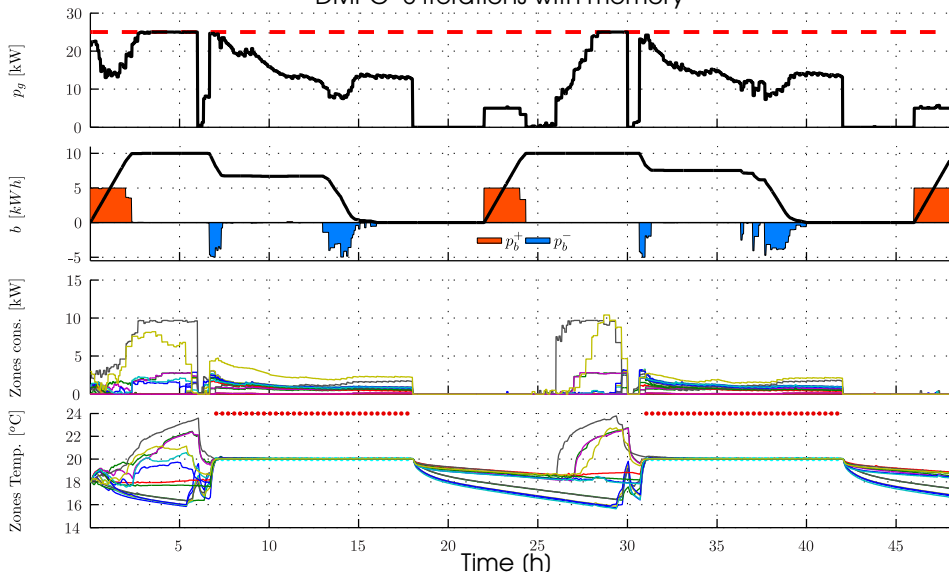
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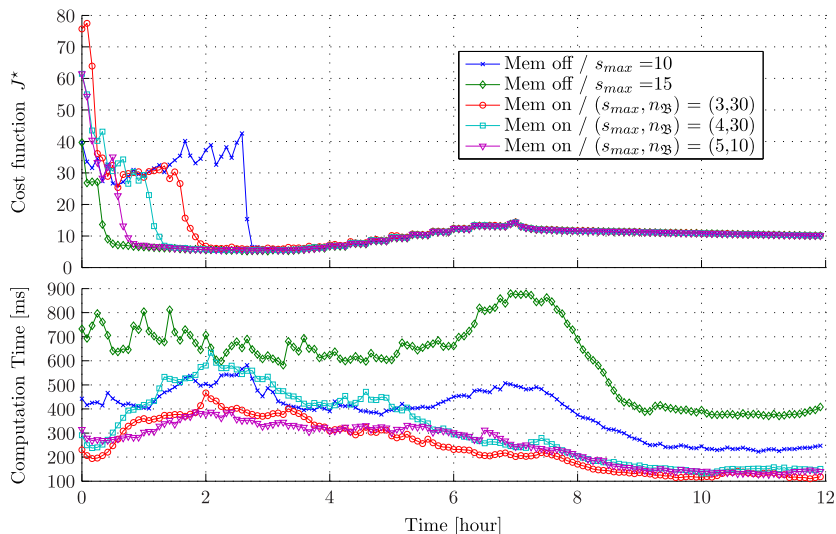
Closed-loop trajectories

DMPC- 3 iterations with memory



Effect of the memory mechanism

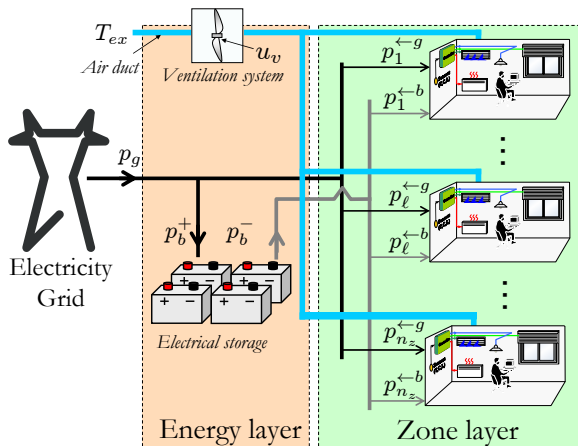
Achieve better solutions faster with memory !



Distributed Model Predictive Control

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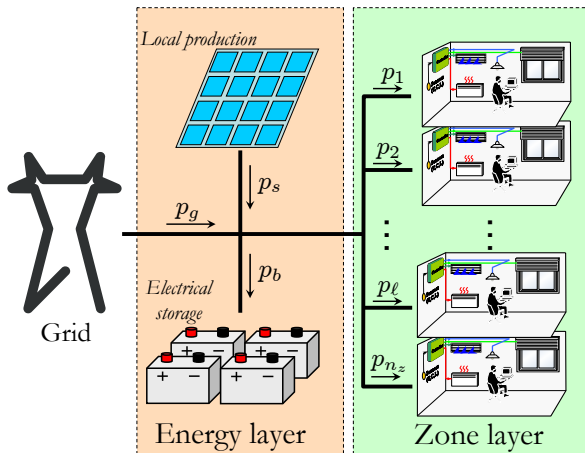
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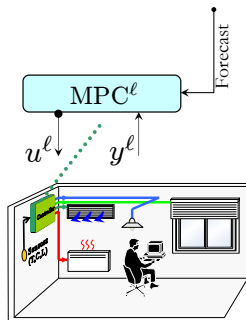
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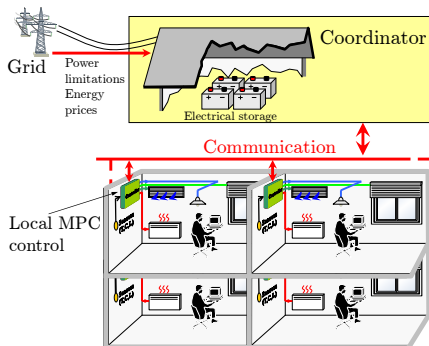
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but also ...

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