

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Generation District Heating and Cooling

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#### Agenda

- 1. Indroduction of the CoSES laboratory and the district heating and cooling experiment Ulrich Ganslmeier
- Operational designs for District Heating and Cooling Networks with Decentralized Energy Substations: Development and Validation Orestis Angelidis
- Flow direction in district heating and cooling grids with booster heat pumps: Does it make sense to have unidirectional flow?
  Daniel Zinsmeister
- 4. Open discussion



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## Smart Energy System with 5 Buildings



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#### **Electrical House Emulator**



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#### **Electrical Grid**





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#### **Thermal House Emulator**



Air Source Heat Pump



Ground Source Heat Pump





Booster Heat Pump



#### **Control Structure**





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#### **Prosumer Experiment Hardware Setup**





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#### Key message

Experimental and simulative infrastructure for the study of new concepts of 4th and 5th generation district heating and cooling systems and individual heating systems



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#### **Thermal Devices**

|                          | House 1   | House 2   | House 3  | House 4   | House 5  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Heat Generator           | CHP (2 kW <sub>el</sub> , 5,2 kW <sub>th</sub> )<br>Condensing Boiler | Condensing Boiler<br>(20 kW <sub>th</sub> )                             | Ground source heat<br>pump (19 kW <sub>heat</sub> )          | Stirling Engine<br>(1 kW <sub>el</sub> , 6 kW <sub>th</sub> ) | CHP (5 kW <sub>el</sub> ,<br>11,9 kW <sub>th</sub> )     |
|                          | (20 kW <sub>th</sub> )<br>Solar Thermal (9 kW <sub>th</sub> )         | Air source heat pump<br>(19 kW <sub>heat</sub> , 9 kW <sub>cold</sub> ) | Solar Thermal (9 $kW_{th}$ )                                 | Integrated auxiliary<br>boiler (20 kW <sub>th</sub> )         | CHP (18 kW <sub>el</sub> ,<br>34 kW <sub>th</sub> )      |
|                          |   | Solar Thermal (9 kW <sub>th</sub> )                                     |  |   | Condensing Boiler<br>(50 kW <sub>th</sub> )              |
| Thermal Storage          | 800 I   | 785 l   | 1000 I   | 1000 I  | 2000 I   |
| Domestic Hot Water       | Fresh water storage<br>(500 l)  | Fresh water station   | Fresh water station  | Internal heat<br>exchanger                                    | Fresh water station                                      |
| Transfer Station         | Bidirectional Transfer<br>Station (30 kW <sub>th</sub> )              | Bidirectional Transfer<br>Station (30 kW <sub>th</sub> )                | Bidirectional Transfer<br>Station (30 kW <sub>th</sub> )     | Bidirectional Transfer<br>Station (30 kW <sub>th</sub> )      | Bidirectional Transfer<br>Station (60 kW <sub>th</sub> ) |
|                          | Booster heat pump<br>(19 kW <sub>heat</sub> , 14 kW <sub>cold</sub> ) |   |  |   |  |
| Thermal Load<br>Emulator | 30 kW <sub>heat</sub> , 9 kW <sub>cold</sub>                          | $30 \text{ kW}_{\text{heat}}$ , $9 \text{ kW}_{\text{cold}}$            | $30 \text{ kW}_{\text{heat}}$ , $9 \text{ kW}_{\text{cold}}$ | 30 kW <sub>heat</sub>   | 60 kW <sub>heat</sub>                                    |
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# OPERATIONAL DESIGNS FOR DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING NETWORKS WITH DECENTRALIZED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS: DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

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#### **AGENDA**

- Background and project aim
- Operational designs
- Experimental Validation
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusion





#### DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING NETWORKS WITH DECENTRALIZED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS





## DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING NETWORKS WITH DECENTRALIZED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS



**No validated system** with controls and detailed operational philosophy is present.

This work, explores a complete thermofluid operational philosophy for and presents its experimental validation.

Prosumer interaction, thermofluid behaviour and control regime are included.



# OPERATIONAL DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

## **HYDRAULIC SETUP – THE IDEAL WORLD**







### **HYDRAULIC SETUP – THE IDEAL WORLD**







#### **HYDRAULIC SETUP – BALANCING UNIT**



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#### **HYDRAULIC SETUP – BALANCING UNIT**



## **HYDRAULIC SETUP – PASSIVE BALANCING UNIT**



#### **GRID PUMP CONTROLS: FLEXIBLE GRID AT**





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## **GRID PUMP CONTROLS: CONTROLLED GRID AT**

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# **PROPOSED DESIGN AND ITS KEY ELEMENTS**

- Large passive balancing unit for thermodynamic and hydraulic balance.
- Low hydraulic resistance of the network to not oversize pumps.
- Controller setup to allow for decentralised controls without overarching controllers.

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## SIMULATION MODELS IN MODELICA

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

Operational and control philosophy

Hydraulic interface

Digital twins of CoSES prosumers

# **EXPERIMENTAL** VALIDATION

#### **EXPERIMENTAL SETUP – MAIN IDEA**

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#### **CONTROLS IN LAB VIEW**

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# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### **RESULTS**

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#### **RESULTS**

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# **COMPARISON OF OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES**

- Flexible grid  $\Delta T$  harder to control & prosumers units' efficiency varies.
- Controlled  $\Delta T$  BHP operation with varying flowrate.
- None is designed to have both heating and cooling at the same time.
- Multiple starts and stops of BU.
- Hydraulic basis for future bespoke solutions.

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- This work presented two operational strategies for the operation of district heating and cooling grids with decentralised energy substations that could allow for energy trading.
- Both operational strategies can facilitate the most common hydraulic and thermodynamic issues that arise in bidirectional grids by utilising novel control approaches.
- More details on the exact setups, a thorough discussion of the results and an analysis of different scenarios with the validated Modelica models is to follow.
- Information about the develop simulation models and the Power Hardware in the Loop methodology will be presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Modelica conference and published as a conference paper. The preprint is available on ResearchGate.

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**QUESTIONS?** 

# Flow direction in district heating and cooling grids with booster heat pumps: Does it make sense to have unidirectional flow?

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#### **Booster Heat Pump Transfer Station**

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Components:

- Booster heat pump
- Direct heat exchanger

Modes:

- Active heating (Booster heat pump)
- Active cooling (Booster heat pump)
- Direct cooling (Direct heat exchanger)
- Direct heating (Direct heat exchanger)

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#### Prosumer Integration - No Pressure in DHC grid

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 $\Delta p_{pump} = \Delta p_{res}$ 

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#### Prosumer Integration - High Pressure at Supply Line

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#### **Bidirectional Grid Setup**

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#### Advantages

- Higher efficiency due to balancing of heating and cooling
- Lower volume flows
- Simpler to extend

#### Disadvantages

- Grid islands
- Additional grid pump at each house
- More complex control

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#### Unidirectional Grid Setup

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Disadvantages

- Lower efficiency due to no balancing of heating and cooling
- Higher volume flows

#### Advantages

- Similar to state of the art heat grids
- Central grid pump
- Simple control

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#### Unidirectional Grid Setup

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Disadvantages

- Lower efficiency due to no balancing of heating and cooling
- Higher volume flows

#### Advantages

- Similar to state of the art heat grids
- Central grid pump
- Simple control

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## **Simulation Analysis**

#### CoSES ProHMo

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[O. Angelidis et al.: 5th Generation District Heating and Cooling Modelica Models for Prosumer Interaction Analysis, 2023]

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#### Szenarios

- Unidirectional / Bidirectional
- Heating / Cooling Demand:
  - Seasonally balanced
  - Daily balanced
- Number of Prosumer
- Thermal storage size in the balancing unit
- Grid temperature

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#### Key message

- Unidirectional flow for prosumers might be beneficial
- Simulation library is ready scenario analysis still pending
- Open access FMUs will be provided to allow analysis of individual cases

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