# Optimal Energy Management for Building Comfort Service together with ATES Operational Planning

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### Outline

- **1** OEM of Building Comfort Service
- **2** OEM for Smart Thermal Grids
- 3 Simulation Results & Next Steps



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- Desired building temperatures (local controller unit)
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- In uncertain weather conditions, uncertain demand profiles are generated

# **Building Comfort Service**



#### **Building Control Unit:**

- Main components: Boiler, HP, HE, micro-CHP, Buffer Storage
- ON/OFF status together with production schedule as decisions
- Thermal energy balance for dynamical systems

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### Mathematical Model

Define  $x_k$  to be the imbalance error between demand and production level. This yields the following dynamical model for imbalance error:

$$u_k \xrightarrow{w_k \rightarrow x_k} x_{k+1} = h(x_k, u_k, w_k)$$

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**Our objective:** design a state feedback control policy that minimizes the energy consumption of buildings, while keeping room temperatures between comfortable limits, despite *uncertain weather conditions*, and subject to the operational constraints

## **Optimal Control Strategies**

#### Finite horizon predictive control problem:

$$\min_{(u_k, y_k)_{k=0}^M} \quad J(x_k, u_k) := \sum_{k=0}^M x_k^\top Q x_k + \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} u_k^\top R u_k, \, Q \succeq 0, \, R \succ 0$$

subject to:  $f_k(x_k, u_k, y_k) \le 0, y_k \in \{0, 1\}, k = 0, 1, \cdots, M$ 

**Objective function:**  $J(x_k, u_k)$  consists of the following parts:

- Tracking building comfort profile
- Minimizing building operational cost

Additional parts of objective function for the future studies:

- Reducing carbon emission gas
- Planning ATES operations



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## Three Agents Case Study

#### Simulation Study Settings:

- Day-ahead control problem
- Economical cost function
- Operational constraints
- Uncertain energy demand
- Unit commitment problem
- Production scheduling problem

#### households, greenhouses smart thermal grid example



#### Mixed-Integer Chance-Constrained Linear Optimization Problem

### Developed Unified Framework

#### Resulting optimization problem in each sampling time:

$$\begin{split} \min_{\substack{(u_k, y_k)_{k=0}^M}} & J(x_k, u_k) \\ \text{subject to:} & f_k(x_k, u_k, y_k) \leq 0, \, y_k \in \{0, 1\}, \, k = 0, 1, \cdots, M \\ & \mathbb{P}\{x_k \in \mathcal{X}\} \geq 1 - \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \text{chance constraints} \end{split}$$

where  $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$  is defined as the desired level of constraints violation

#### **Optimal Solution in Theoretical Probability Sense:**

- robustness features of constraints in a relaxed probabilistic setting based on randomization of the constraints
- extracting at random some instances of the uncertainty, and then finding the optimal solution of a problem

### Comparison: Benchmark Approach



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### Simulation Results: Relative Cost Improvement



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### Simulation Results: ON/OFF Status of Boilers



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### Simulation Results: Imbalance Error Trajectories



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## Next Steps: ATES Systems



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Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (ATES) System





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$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \min_{\substack{(u_{k}^{i}, y_{k}^{i})_{k=0}^{M} \\ \text{subject to:}}} & J_{i}(x_{k}^{i}, u_{k}^{i}) & \text{local constraints} \\ & f_{k}^{i}(x_{k}^{i}, u_{k}^{i}, y_{k}^{i}) \leq 0, \\ & f_{k}^{i} \in \{0, 1\}, \ k = 0, 1, \cdots, M \\ & f_{k}^{i} + r_{k}^{j} \leq \bar{r}_{(i,j)}, \\ & f_{k}^{i} = g(x_{k}^{i}, u_{k}^{i}, y_{k}^{i}), \ \forall i, j \in N_{-i} \\ & \text{coupling constrains} \end{split}$$

#### **Centralized Framework:**

- Local constraints: limitation of operations
- Thermal capacity radius:  $r_k^i$  for each agent i
- Coupling constraints: limitation of ATES capacity
- Total distance between agents:  $\bar{r}_{(i,j)}$  for neighboring agents i,j

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\substack{(u_k^i, y_k^i)_{k=0}^M\\ \text{subject to:} \end{array}} & J_i(x_k^i, u_k^i) + p_{(i,j)} r_k^i \longrightarrow \text{coordination price} \\ \text{subject to:} & f_k^i(x_k^i, u_k^i, y_k^i) \le 0 \,, \quad y_k^i \in \{0, 1\} \,, \ k = 0, 1, \cdots, M \\ & r_k^i := g(x_k^i, u_k^i, y_k^i) \end{array}$$

local problems

#### **Distributed Transaction Coordinator:**

- · Local problems: completely decoupled framework for all agents
- Driven under the influence of the coordination price:  $p_{(i,j)}$
- Coordinator task: updating price w.r.t local actions





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