CAN HEAT PUMPS HELP TO INTEGRATE FLUCTUATING RENEWABLE GENERATION?

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Framework

- Different goals on the way to convert the German energy system
 - Long term:
 - Up to 80% renewable electricity until 2050
 - 450 ppm CO₂
 - Short term:
 - 35% renewable electricity until 2020 (coalition agreement)
 - 14% renewable energy to cover heating and cooling needs until 2020 (EEWärmeG) (2011: 11%, 70% of it from biomass)
- More renewable energies on the electricity and heating market
 - Fluctuating RES change the electricity system \rightarrow cause flexibility needs
 - Heat pumps based on "green" electricity are, besides biomass, one option for a decarbonisation of the heating market
 - Heat pumps can provide flexibility to the electricity market
- Heat pumps are one possible option to provide flexibility for the electricity sector together with lowemission heat for the heating market.



Methodology Analyzed Scenarios

- Cost optimized scenario of the electricity system for germany
 - Existing plants are taken into consideration with their lifetime
 - Endogenous optimization of fossil and renewable generation in a fundamental model
- Additional electricity demand caused by heat pumps to cover heating demand
- Main input parameters:

	2020	2030	2040	2050	Source
electricity demand (excluding heat pumps) [TWh]	611	630	670	700	Own assumption
heating demand covered by heat pumps [TWh]	26	58	90	120	BWP 2011[1]
Fuel price gas [€/MWh]	38	40	40	39	EC 2014[2]
Fuel price hardcoal [€/MWh]	14	15	17	19	EC 2014[2]
Fuel price lignite [€/MWh]	3,7	3,7	3,7	3,7	EC 2014[2]
Fuel price nuclear [€/MWh]	3,1	3,1	3,1	3,1	EC 2014[2]
Fuel price oil [€/MWh]	54	57	63	68	EC 2014[2]
CO ₂ price [€/t]	10	35	65	100	Own assumption

Sensitivities on storage size (no storage, 2h, 12h) and heat source (ground water, air)

[1] Bundesverband Wärmepumpe 2013 Branchenreport Scenario1 [2] EC, 2014, Trends to 2050 Reference Scenario 2013



Methodology Heat pump integration

Heat demand included as a heat demand supply constraint and storage constraint

heat demand[h] = $hp_{out}[h] + s_{out}[h] - s_{in}[h]$ $s_{content}[h] = s_{content}[h-1] \cdot (1-\eta_s) - s_{out}[h] + s_{in}[h]$ electricity demand[h] = $hp_{out}[h] \cdot \eta_{hp}[h]$

- Electricity consumption of the heat pump is included in the electricity demand supply equation of the fundamental electricity model
 - Electricity demand has to be delivered by the electricity system
 - Flexibility can be used by the electricity system
- Efficiency for ground water heat pump: 5,5 (ground water 10°C)
- Efficiency for ambient air heat pump: ~3,2 (ambient temperature -10°C to 15°C)
- Heat losses of the storage: 1% per hour



Results Reference Case without heat pumps





Results - chances in installed capacity Heat Pump ground water





Differences in storage demand and curtailment

- Heat losses of the heat storage (1% per hour) are less than losses for pump storages (20%)
- \rightarrow for heat pumps with heat storages these storages are used to substitute pump storages
- \rightarrow a 2h and 12h heat storage have similar pump storages savings

pump losses [TWh]	2020	2030	2040	20	50	pump storage capacity [GW] 2020	2030	2040	2050)
water_0	-2,	,6 -1	,9 -	2,9	-3,3	water_0	6,0	6,0	9,8	13,5
water_2h	-2,	,4 -1	,6 -	2,1	-2,2	water_2h	6,0	6,0	7,7	9,5
water_12h	-2,	,4 -1	,6 -	2,1	-2,2	water_12h	6,0	6,0	7,4	9,1

• A 12h heat storage reduces curtailment, a 2h storage has only small effects

curtailment [TWh]	2020	2030	2040	2050
water_0	0,0) -0,	9 -14	,8 -30,3
water_2h	0,0) -0,	6 -14	,4 -30,6
water_12h	0,0) -0,	3 -12	,6 -27,4



Results – changes in generation Heat Pump ground water





Differences in CO2 Emmisions

 Difference of overall system emissions compared to Reference scenario per covered heating demand

 $CO_2 = \frac{CO_{2ref} - CO_{2water}}{heating demand}$





Conslusions

RES-Integration and flexibility

- Heat pumps can contribute to integrate fluctuating RES generation if they are combined with large heat storage sizes
- Heat pumps can provide flexibility for the electricity market even with typical heat storage sizes, assuring an operation based on "market signals"
- CO₂ emission savings on the heating market
 - CO₂ emission savings depend on the efficiency of the heat pump
 - CO₂ emission savings on the heating market are correlated with share of renewable electricity and the ability to integrate fluctuating RES generation on the electricity market



Remarks? Questions?



Ambient Air Heat Pumps





Differences in CO2 Emissions for ambient air heat pumps

 Difference of overall system emissions compared to Reference scenario without heat pumps per covered heating demand

 $CO_2 = \frac{CO_{2ref} - CO_{2water}}{heating demand}$





Fossil fuel Prices EC, 2014, Trends to 2050 Reference Scenario



