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# POOLING OF HEAT PUMPS

## Short Overview and Simulation Results

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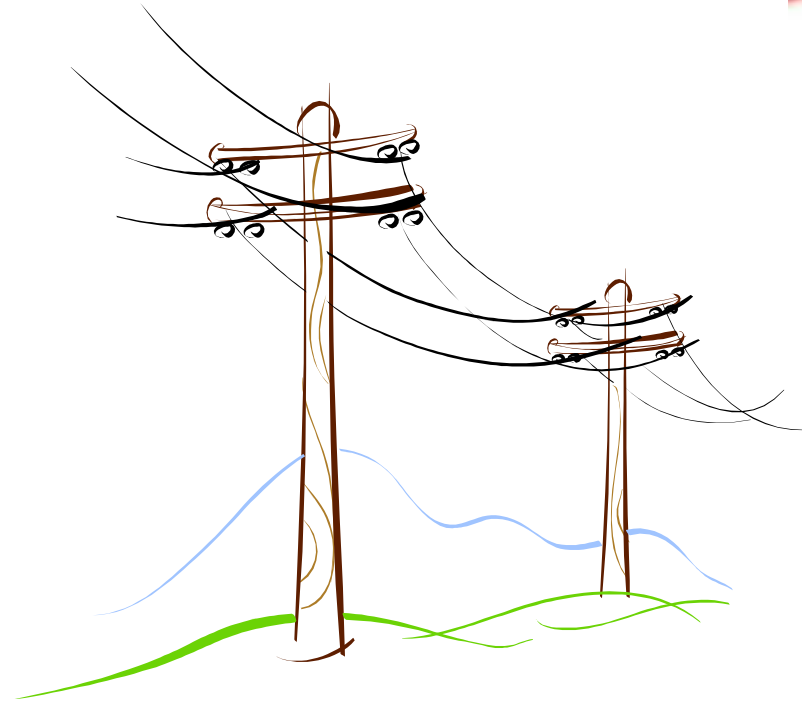
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# Why do we need smart grids and smart devices

## Demand priority vs. supply priority



# Reasons for Pooling

## Business Cases and Restrictions

- Examples for Business Cases
  - Reserve Markets (e.g. primary, secondary)
  - Intraday or Spotmarket (day ahead)
  - Reduced Grid Fees
- Minimum capacities for reserve markets (in Germany)
  - 5 MW for secondary (5 min) and tertiary (15 min)
  - 1 MW for primary (30 sec) reserve market

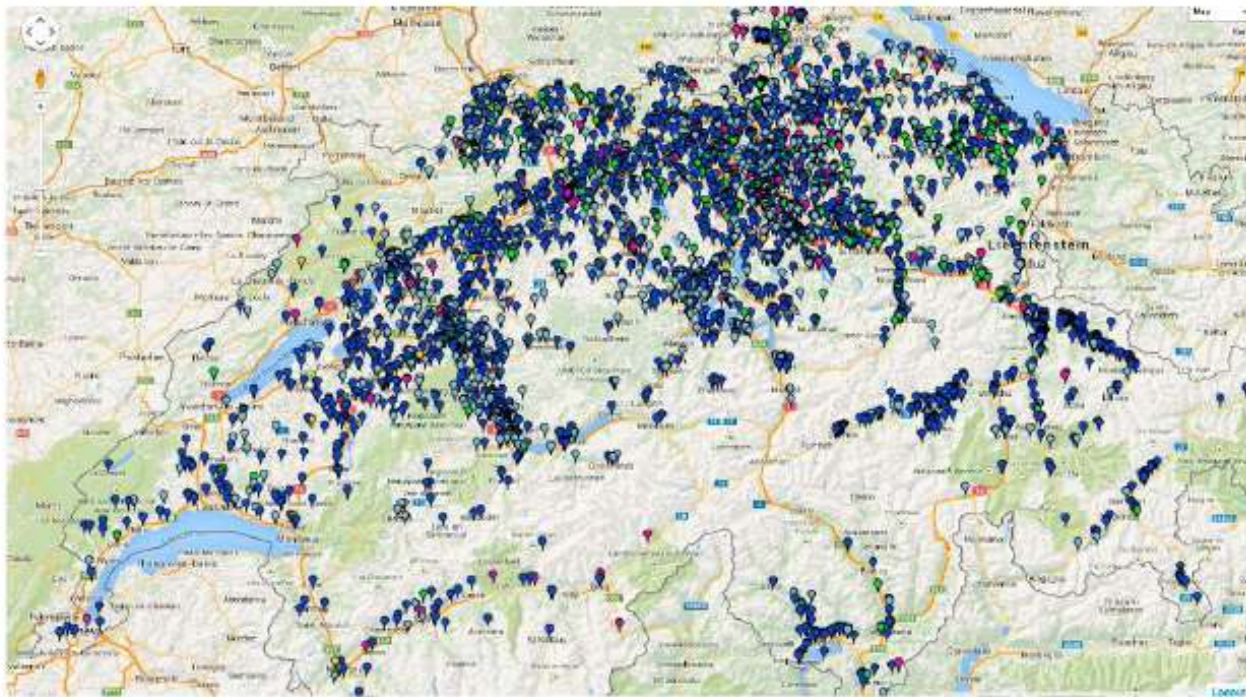
# Pooling of Heat Pumps

## Few Questionmarks (on the Way to Standardization)

- Communication (unidirectional vs. bidirectional)
- Interfaces and protocols
- Shared Information (e.g. what knows an aggregator?)
- Demand response strategy of the HP
- Impact on HP's operation behavior (efficiency, cycling, ...)
- Flexibility of HP-Pools
- ...

# Example for Established HP-Pool Storage Network Tiko (Switzerland)

- Swisscom Energy Solutions are participating with around 10.000 Devices (mostly HPs) on the reserve market



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## “Smart HPs in Existing Buildings”

- Efficiency of heat pumps in existing single family houses (field trial with around 60 HPs)
- Loadmanagement with heat pumps on single system and pooling level considering “SG ready” (field trial with around 10 HPs and simulation)



# Pool composition

## Used for this study

- Pool composition
  - 284 building / heat pump combinations
  - 4 different building ages / energy standards
- Abbreviations
  - SFH: Single Family Houses
  - TH: Terraced Houses

■ SFH ■ TH

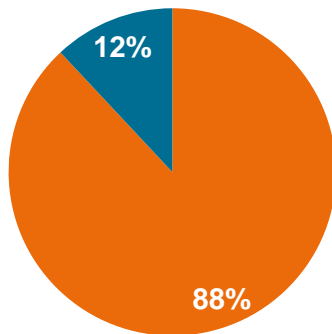


Figure 1. Building types

■ New ■ Renovated

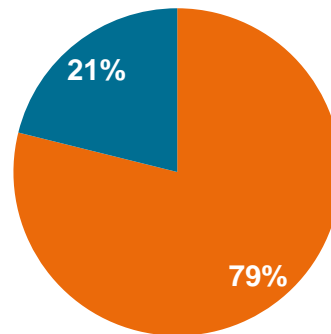


Figure 2. Building age / energy standard

■ Air source ■ Ground source

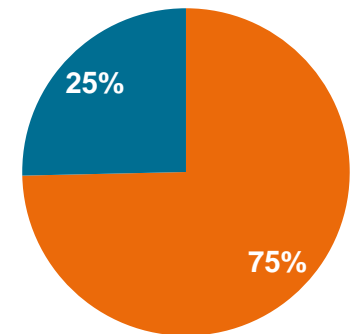


Figure 3. Heat pump type

# SG Ready

## Implemented Signals



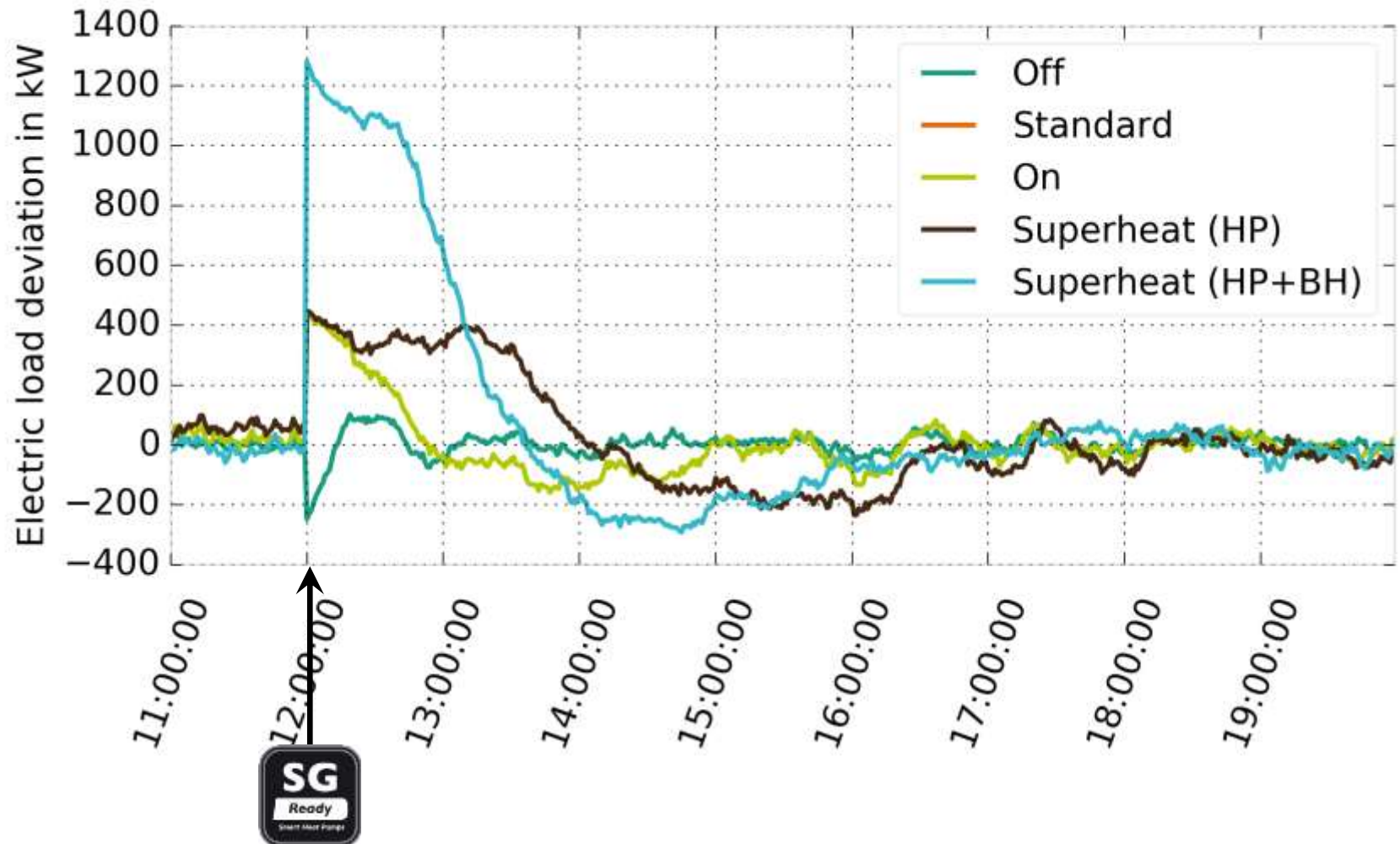
	Signal	Implementation	Restriction
1	Off	Switch of HP	Min. Runtime (6 Minutes), Min Pausetime (3 Minutes)
2	Standard	Normal operation	
3	On	Switch on HP; Increase set temperature by 10K	
4a	Superheat (HP)	Switch on HP; Heat storage to 60°C	
4b	Superheat (HP+BH)	Switch on HP; Heat storage to 60°C; Use el. Back-up heater	

- Trigger signal sent to pool at the beginning of each hour in the year for 1 Minute



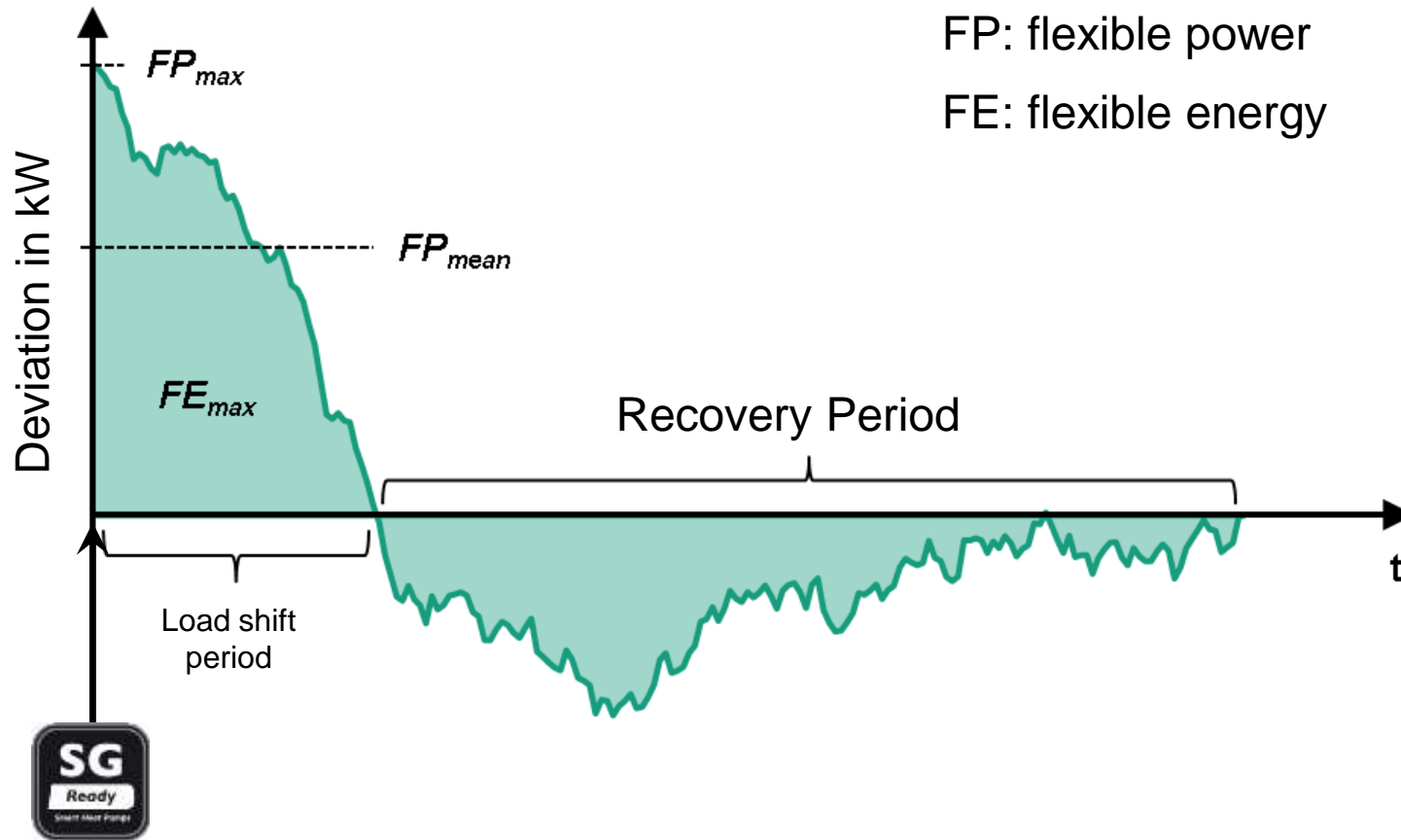
# Flexibility Analyses

## Characteristic Response – Difference Plot



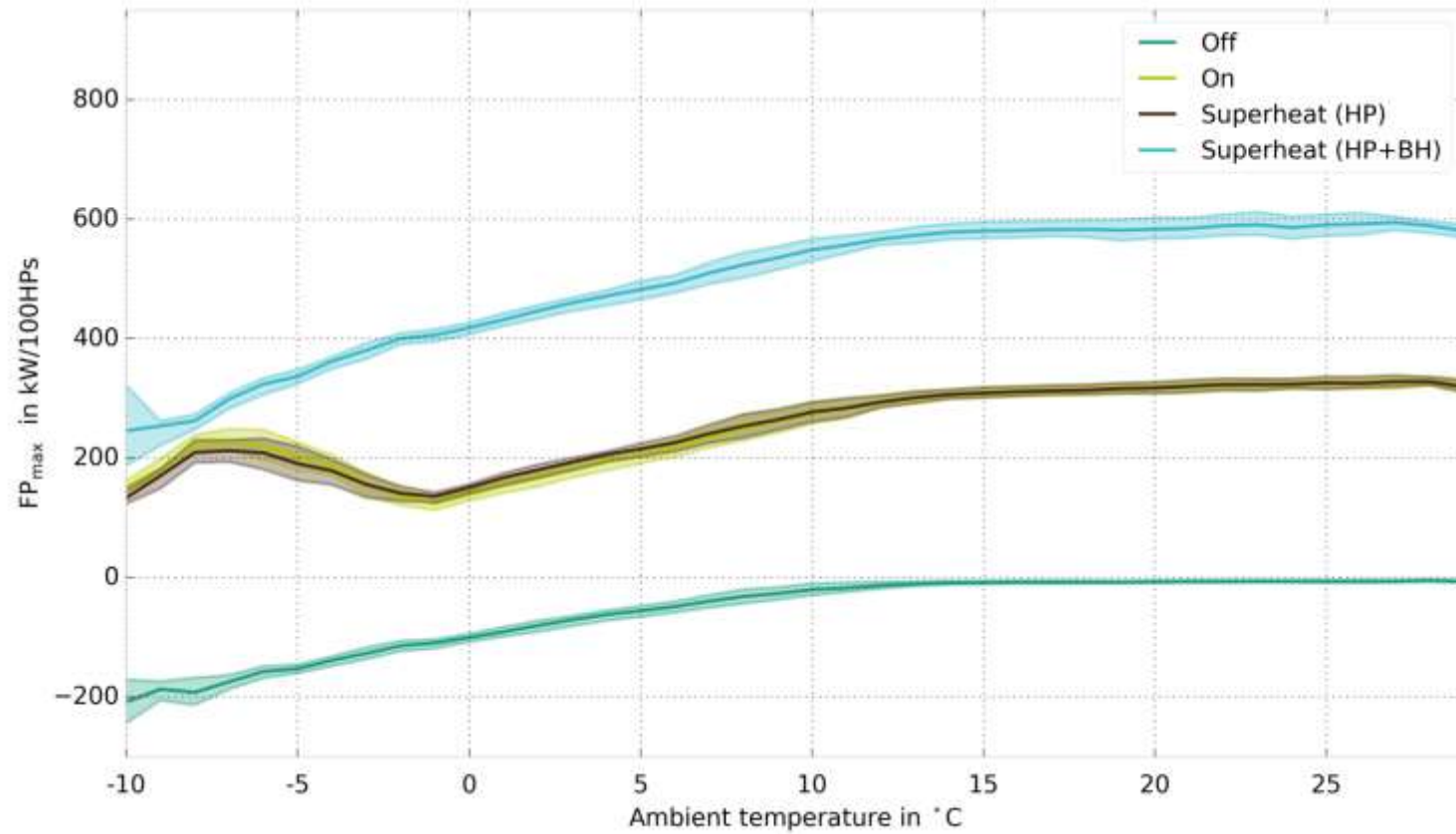
# Flexibility

## Characteristic Values



# Results

## Max. Power (FPmax)



# Conclusion

- Potential business cases require pooling of heat pumps
- Only few realized HP-Pools so far (missing infrastructure, standardization, the “critical” number of heat pumps, ...)
- Pool flexibility has clear limits and depends strongly on load situation and DR-strategy
- HP-Pools need recovery periods after triggering
- Load deviation of triggered HP-Pool is not constant (Poolmanagement is required)

# Further Reading

## Included Publications

Fischer, D., Härtl, A., & Wille-Hausmann, B. (2015). **Model for electric load profiles with high time resolution for German households**. *Energy and Buildings*, 92, 170–179. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.enbuild.2015.01.058>

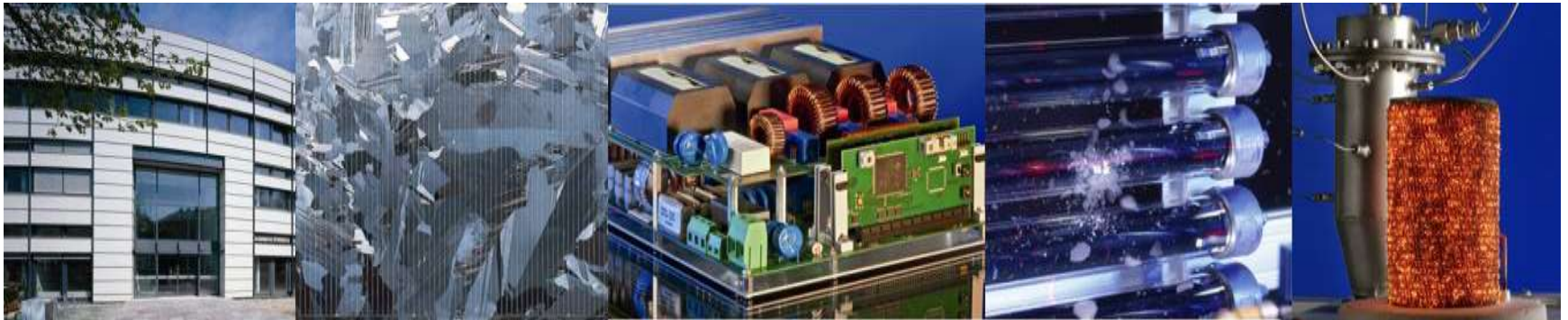
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**More about Pooling and Business Models on Wednesday in the Smart Grid Session:**

**9:15: O.2.3.2 Flexibility of heat pump pools: The use of SG-Ready from an aggregators perspective**

**12:05: O.2.4.5 Business Models using the Flexibility of Heat Pumps - A Discourse**  
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