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Dynamische dispatch van e-boilers

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Clean e-boiler Spread – concept

> Dynamic cost of heat

- > Varies from moment to moment
- Based on day-ahead 'spot' prices
 daily for gas, hourly for electricity
- > Energy market arbitrage

Clean e-boiler Spread - CebS

- Difference in cost between 1 MW of heat generated by the e-boiler and the gas boiler
- > 'clean': take into account CO₂ cost
- > Short term energy OPEX only
- Can be calculated based on different markets
 - look at your contracts



Cost of heat calculated with the following assumptions: gas boiler efficiency = 81% HHV, e-boiler efficiency = 99%, CO2 price = 80 €/ton, gas grid cost & taxes = 1,42 €/MWh HHV, electricity grid cost & taxes = 13,15 €/MWh. Capacity tariffs not included. TTF DA EOD spot prices for gas and Belgian DA spot prices for electricity.



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- > Define the cost savings (or additional cost) potential





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- > Dispatch e-boiler for additional hours
 - Increase CO₂ savings while increasing cost
 - > "CO₂ abatement cost": define defendable cost level
 - Each additional hour dispatched will be marginally more expensive



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What about...

- > Other markets & ancillary services
 - React to price signals: day-ahead spot, intraday, imbalance
 - Sell flexibility to system operator: FCR, aFRR, mFRR
 - > Optimal valorisation on markets? Value stacking?
- > Integration with other assets
 - Standalone vs heat production park; time & energy market arbitrage
 - Local generation: CHP, PV & wind; avoid grid costs & taxes
- Grid connection
 - Limiting factor? Capex of upgrade?
 - > Firm vs flex capacity?
 - > What about capacity tariffs (€/MWpeak)?
- ETS I and II
 - > Counteracting dispatch incentives?





E-boiler use cases Combi with CHP on DSO grid, feeding hot water buffer



- Client can produce heat with gas boiler, CHP or eboiler. All heat is buffered in a hot water buffer
- 15 kV Fluvius grid connection
 = high grid tariffs & capacity tariff!
 - Stand-alone e-boiler on grid connection probably not economically feasible
- Day-ahead CHP dispatch with e-boiler imbalance
 - Take advantage of dynamic character of e-boiler, frequent & fast switching on imbalance market
 - Keep grid costs (captar) & taxes limited by preventing offtake peaks
 - > *Time arbitrage*: buffer heat in storage tank
 - > Energy market arbitrage: gas vs electricity



E-boiler use cases

As backup for heatpumps, including heat buffers & local generation



- > Fully electrified customer: no natural gas!
- All required heat is produced with several heat pumps, and buffered in heat buffers
- > E-boiler as backup, when heat pumps do not suffice
 - > HP designed on baseload, process heat requirement can be peaking
 - > Happens at least once per month: captar cost is already there!
 - Valorise flexibility of e-boiler when not needed for process:
 aFRR + dispatch on day-ahead market prices
- > Local PV: avoid grid costs & taxes



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Integrate into larger heat production park, TSO connected





Asset dispatching tools

Real time steering of assets - How does it work?

- > Techno-economic dispatch tool, economically optimising the real-time operation of a system
- > Dispatch tool as an optimisation plug-in, on top of technical control logic.



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