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Impact of Building Design Variables on Demand Response Capability Considering Local Grid Profiles

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Motivation and Objective

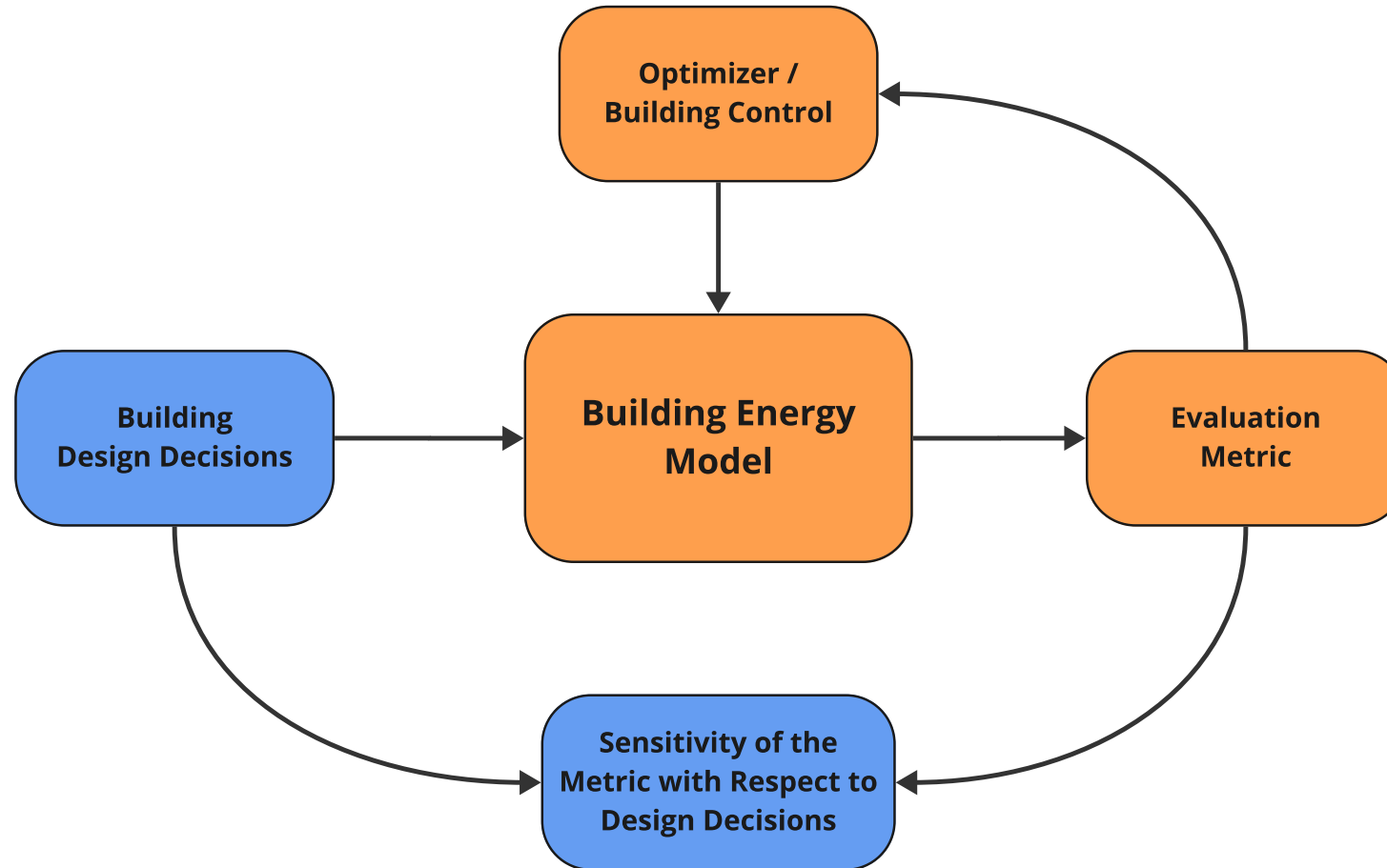
■ Motivation

- Buildings are major energy consumers
- Renewable energy sources are beneficial but volatile
- Demand response strategies can help balance the system
- Building design affects demand response capabilities

■ Objective

- Evaluate building design decisions with respect grid interaction qualities
- Grid context sensitive evaluation

Approach



Evaluation Metric – Grid Stress Index (GSI)

- **Definition GSI** – weighted and normalized power consumption

- $GSI = \frac{1}{E} \int_T w(t) \cdot p(t) dt$

- w ... weighting function, p ... power consumption

- $E = \int_T |p(t)| dt$

- **Weighting function**

- Load at a chosen transformer / substation

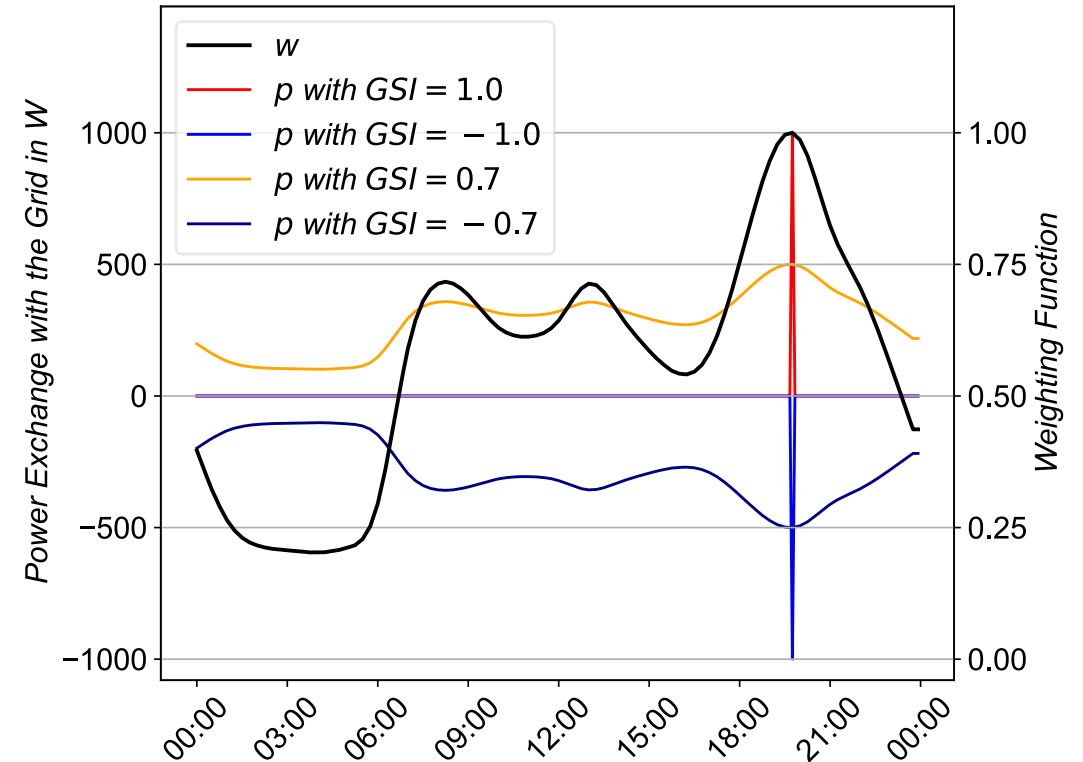
- Represents energy exchange with the higher-level grid

- Choice defines local grid context

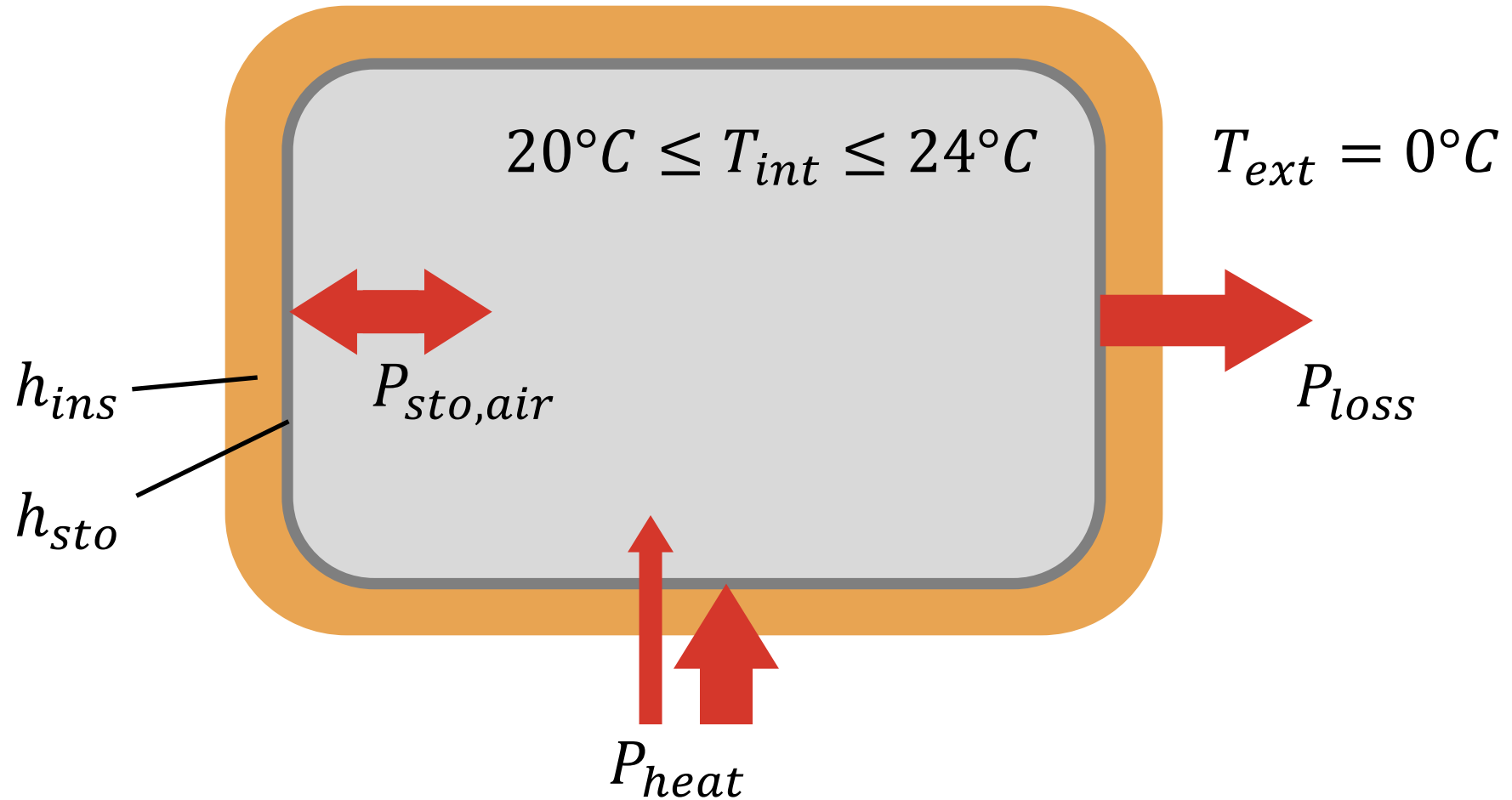
- Requires cooperation with grid operator (data not publicly available)

Grid Stress Index - Properties

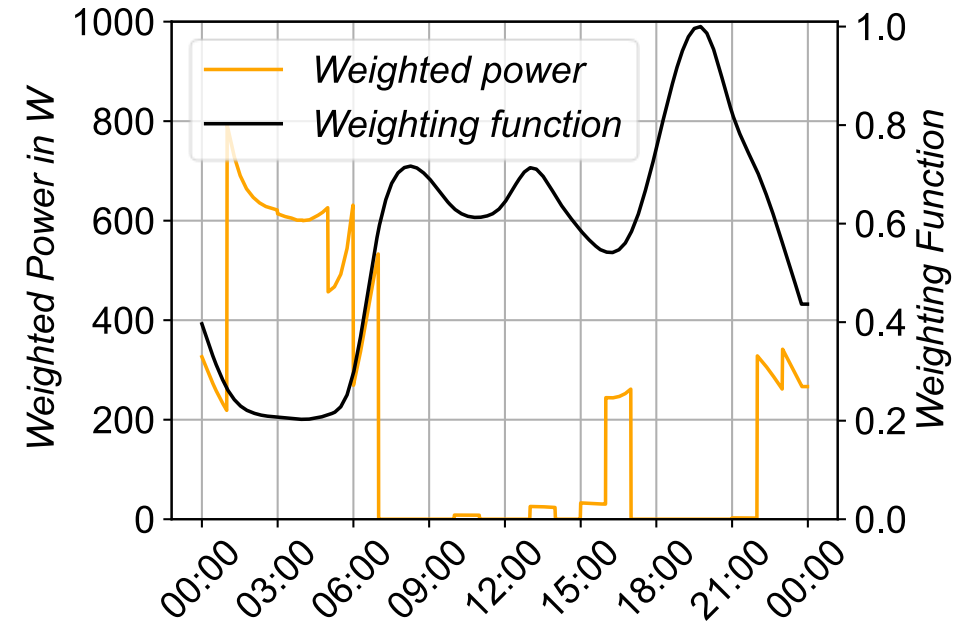
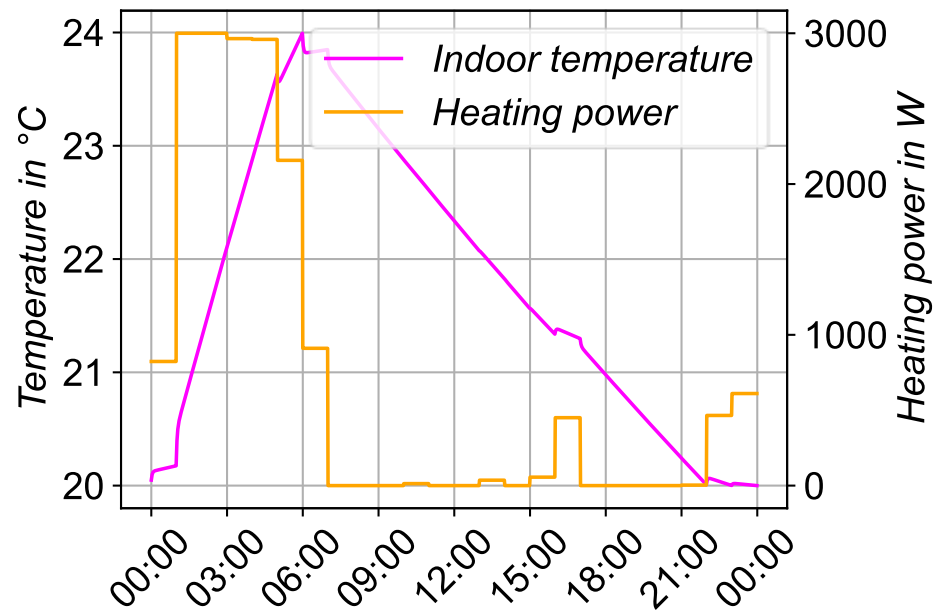
- $-1 \leq GSI \leq 1$ (lower is better)
- $GSI = \pm 1$ when consuming / feeding only at peak time
- Rewards consumption during local surplus
- Punishes consumption during local shortage
- *“How much does a grid participant’s energy exchange support sub-grid self-sufficiency?”*



Proof-of-Concept Building Energy Model

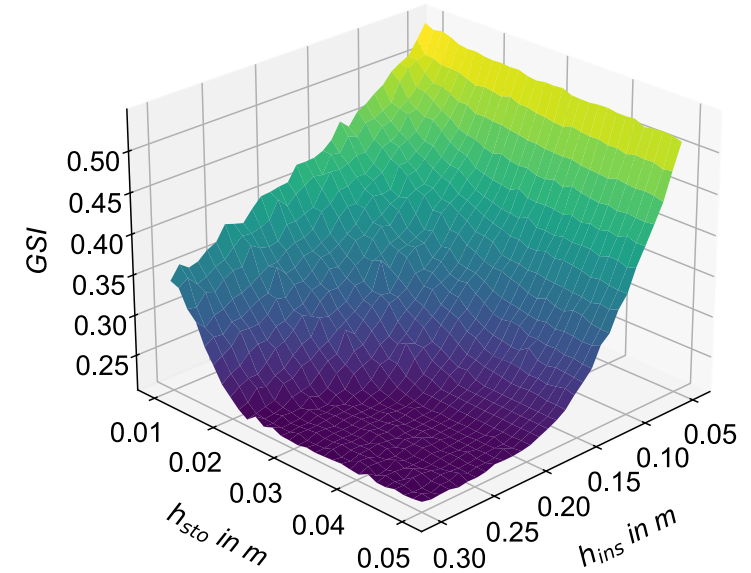
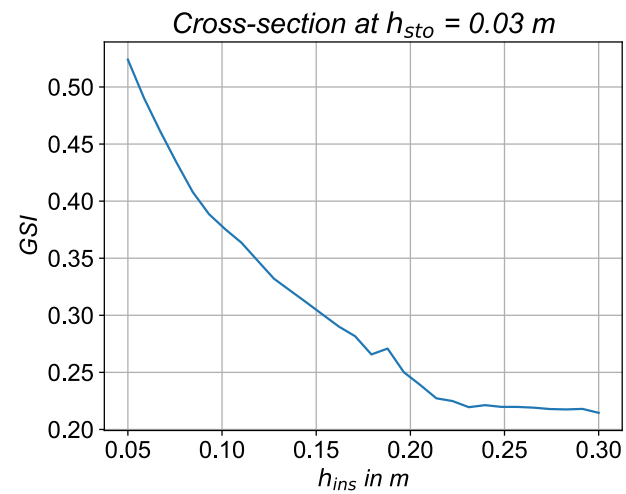
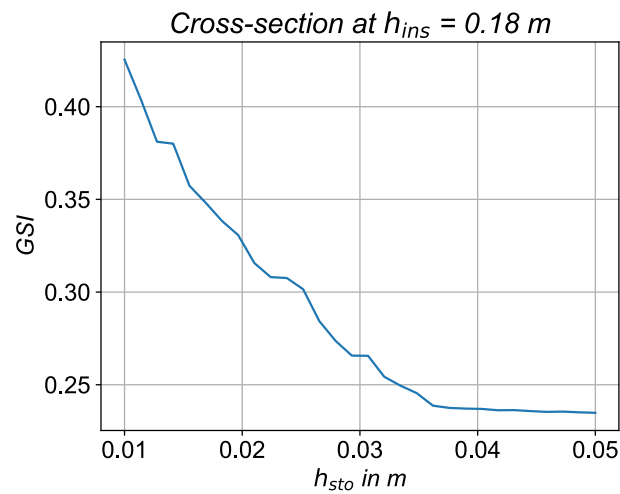


- Controls heating decisions
- Minimizes weighted energy consumption



Impact of Design Decisions

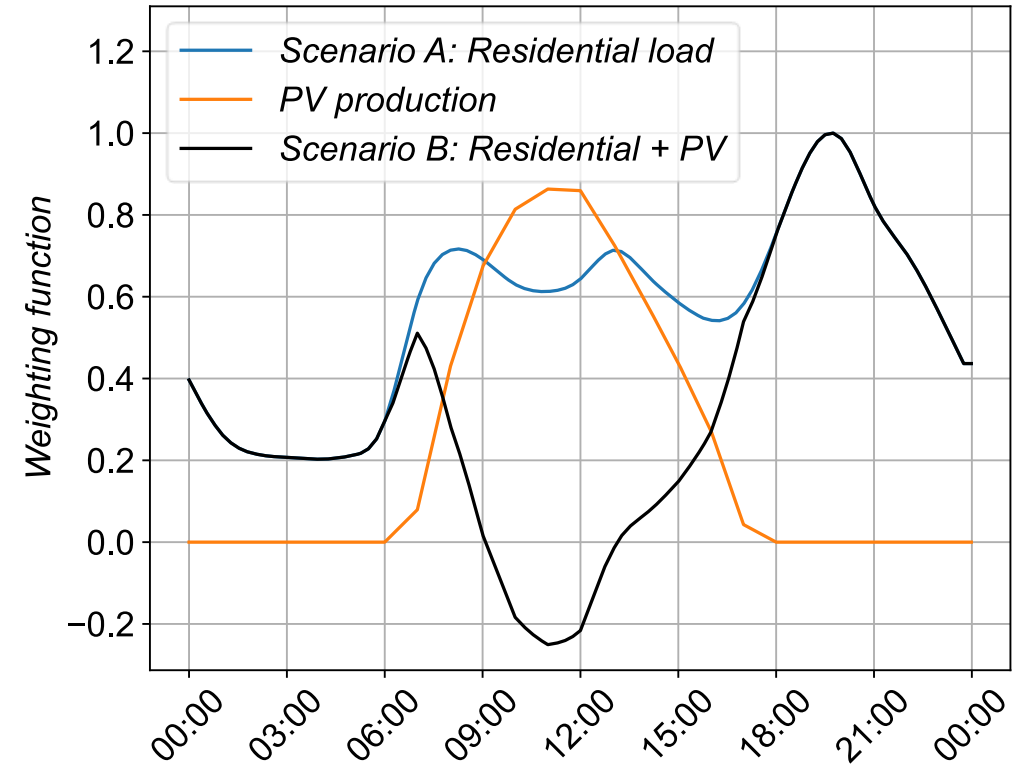
- Varying design decisions for h_{ins} and h_{sto}
- Evaluate impact on GSI
- Inspect combined effects



Grid Awareness of the GSI

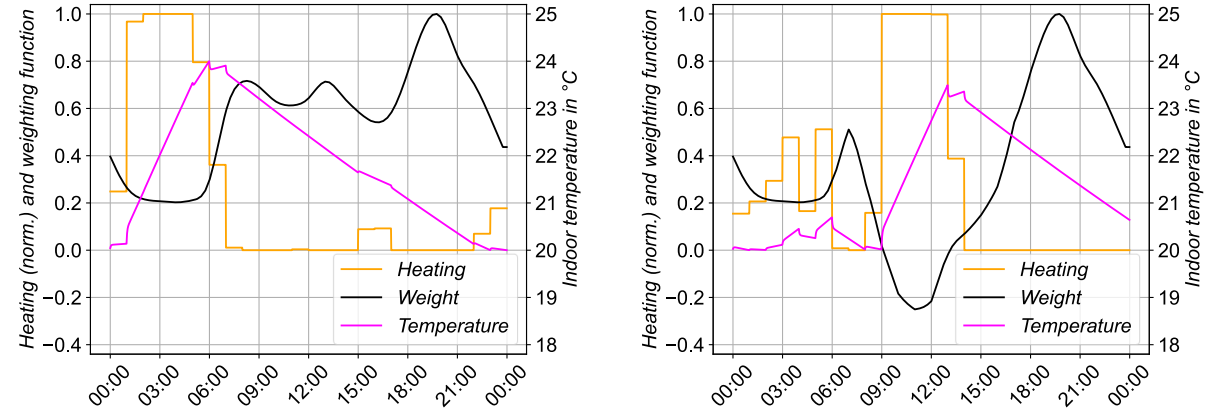
- **Design Decision**
 - Scaling PV System

- **Grid context**
 - Scenario A: Default residential context
 - Scenario B: Residential + considerable PV

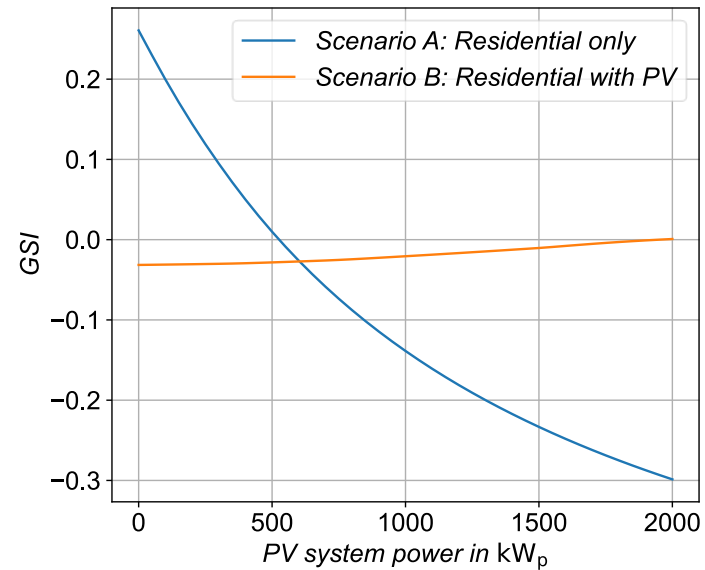


Grid Awareness of the GSI

- Heating decisions depend on grid context



- GSI evaluates PV in Scenario A differently than in Scenario B




- **Conclusions**
 - GSI allows evaluation of design decisions
 - GSI is a grid aware metric
 - GSI requires grid provider cooperation

- **Outlook**
 - Modelling with focus on ISO 52000
 - MPC-Control with PSO-Optimizer
 - Apply to real world buildings

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