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Bachelor thesis or master thesis

Development of a tool for creating electricity price scenarios

Research project/background:

The energy transition depends heavily on the decarbonization of the energy supply, with the heating sector playing a central role, accounting for almost 50% of final energy consumption. With only 18.8% renewable energies in heat generation, Germany has still a long way to reach its climate targets. Heating grids offer great potential for decarbonization, as they enable the integration of a flexible energy mix and can create flexibility in the electricity sector through power-to-heat technologies. The emerging coupling of the electricity and heat sectors makes the electricity price a highly important factor for the choice of the optimal technology combination. The aim of this work is to develop a tool for creating electricity price scenarios that can be used in the planning of innovative heating grids.

Research question/aim of the work:

Which parameters influence the future electricity price and how can these be integrated into a tool for creating electricity price scenarios? The aim of the work is to develop such a tool, which can then be integrated into the planning and optimization of heating network projects.

Tasks:

- Literature research on the main factors influencing future electricity prices
- Analyzing the identified parameters regarding their relevance for the creation of electricity price scenarios
- Development and programming of a tool for generating electricity price scenarios based on the analyzed parameters
- Validation and testing of the tool using various scenarios/case studies
- Evaluation of the practical suitability of the tool for use in the planning of heating grid projects

Target group:

Students in the field of engineering and computer science as well as comparable courses of study with good programming skills and an interest in energy-related topics.

Start: immediately

Duration: 3 months – 6 months

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