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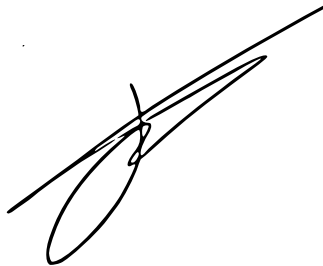
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## Executive Summary

The present document seeks for the commercial and business supply optimization to reducing the total costs of the system, mainly for gas and electricity. Next, it is explained, in a briefly and concise way, the steps and procedures followed in each chapter in the project's report.

**Chapter 1** introduces the energy sector in Europe, a breakdown of the most widely used technologies and the ones expected to burst in the sector in the next years.

**Chapters 2, 3 and 4** explain the State-of-the-Art of the processes and current technologies that are used in the electricity, heat and cooling generation. It should be noted the split of themselves in two main groups: CHP and HVAC technologies. Each of them is briefly explained regarding their operation, main features, emissions and O&M costs, as well as investment costs. Table 5 tidily details the main parameters of the technologies. Such parameters will be introduced in the model as inputs.

*Table 1. Main parameters of CHP machines*

	ICE	MGT	FC	Stirling
<b>Overall Efficiency [%]</b>	70-92	60-85	85-90	65-85
<b>Electrical Efficiency [%]</b>	25-43	13-30	37-60	40
<b>Power-to-Heat Ratio</b>	0.5-0.7	1.2-1.7	0.8-1.1	1.2-1.7
<b>Life Cycle (yrs)</b>	20	10	10-20	10
<b>CAPEX [\$ kW]</b>	800-1,600 <sup>1</sup>	1,290 <sup>2</sup>	\$7,000-\$10,000	1,300-2,000
<b>O&amp;M [\$ kWh]</b>	0.0045-0.0105	0.015-0.025	\$36-\$45	N/A <sup>3</sup>

**Chapter 5** develops the work methodology that has been followed. For this project, it has been used an optimization model called DER-CAM. This model computes with GAMS language.

The most relevant input parameters – besides the technology parameters – considered by the author of this project are as follows:

- Load profile
- Temperatures
- Fuel prices
- Solar insolation where the building to be optimized locates

<sup>1</sup> With a heat exchanger, there is an increase in the CAPEX.

<sup>2</sup> Same as in footnote 5.

<sup>3</sup> There is not enough data up-to-date to draw a reliable cost for operation and maintenance.

- Spot market prices
- CO2 emissions

Since the building are into contracted power capacities above 15 kW and are connected to the low voltage grid (<1 kV), it is compulsory, by law, register under the tariff 3.0A. This tariff is regulated and is distributed along three periods: on-peak, mid-peak and off-peak. Table 6 shows the capacity and energy costs, fixed term and variable term respectively. This fact allows the consumers to adapt the consumption and elaborate a strategy that makes pay less for the energy consumption, so cheapen costs.

*Table 2. 3.0A access tariff breakdown*

<b>3.0A</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 3</b>
<b>Capacity Term [€/kW/year]</b>	40.728885	24.437330	16.291555
<b>Variable Term [€/kWh]</b>	0.018762	0.012575	0.004670

**Chapter 6** is the case study itself, the different scenarios that have been planned prior to launch the model and assumptions made during the development of the project. Firstly, a set of parameters have been selected in order to be able to modify the conditions of the simulations and coming up with different outputs. Table 7 corresponds to the control panel of the model. It consists of 10 binary input variables.

Table 3. Binary input variables

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest in fuel-fired DG technologies'
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest continuous variable techs like PV, solar thermal, storage, and abs chillers'
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest in fuel-fired direct compression chiller technologies'
<b>PVSales</b>	'0-No PV Sales, 1-Allow PV Sales. If Sales is set to zero PV Sales will be disabled'
<b>CHP</b>	'0-with CHP, 1-without CHP'
<b>CO2Tax</b>	'0-without CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions, 1-with CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions'
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	'0-minimize Energy Costs, 1-minimize CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions'
<b>MultiObjective</b>	'0-no multi-objective function, 1-multi-objective function, which is a weighted combination of costs and CO <sub>2</sub> '
<b>CentralChiller</b>	0 means that no central chiller can be used for cooling.
<b>NetMetering</b>	'0-unrestricted electric sales to the macrogrid, 1-electricity sales < purchases electricity on an annual basis'

Six scenarios have been elaborated and planned, which are presented as follows:

- Scenario with exclusive CHP investments
- Scenario with exclusive CHP investment and minimization of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Scenario with exclusive continuous investments
- Scenario with exclusive continuous investments and electricity sales
- Scenario with both continuous and discrete investments
- Scenario with continuous and discrete investments and electricity sales

The output the model comes up with dictates that the optimal investment decision is the combination of continuous and discrete investments. The last case cited is the one attains larger savings in energy costs. In order to be able to state it, it was necessary to execute a base case scenario that lays out the system costs if no investments are done.

Table 8 compared the different scenarios with the necessary parameters to be capable of determining and comparing the different proposals to optimizing the current energy model. Within this chapter, there is a section devoted to the discussion of the proposals, highlighting their pros and flaws in each case.

Table 4. Output summary

	<b>BC</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>D2</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>DC2</b>
<b>Energy Costs</b>	\$501,392.806	\$150,408.241	\$246,157.121	\$ 495,500.860	\$190,680.564
<b>System Efficiency</b>	0.479	0.4999	1.137	0.597	1.254
<b>Annual Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	2,100,623.150	3,176,420.626	1,394,613.993	1,679,901.453	1,266,842.368
<b>PV [kW]</b>	-	-	-	210	210
<b>GSHP [kW]</b>	-	-	-	70	30
<b>Absorption [kW]</b>	-	-	-	-	119
<b>ICE [kW]</b>	-	540	1,300	-	-
<b>MGT [kW]</b>	-	120	120	-	660
<b>CAPEX</b>	-	\$906,000	\$1,800,000	\$180,044.880	\$937,594.408
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$496,217.867	\$276.839	\$1,890.628	\$430,674.373	\$220.621
<b>Natural Gas Cost</b>	\$5,174.938	\$20,168.201	\$49,326.778	\$22,654.157	\$44,928.008
<b>Sales [kWh]</b>	-	-	-	-	139,260.427

Finally, **Chapter 7** gives an assessment of the results and quote a set of conclusions, which have been drawn up very briefly, but they gather in a clear and explicit way the output and they verify the objectives this project had from its beginning. It can be therefore concluded that is not only important the energy costs reduction of the system, but also at what cost it is achieved. It is likely to happen that big initial capitals are needed to make decrease the gas or electricity bill, or the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions thrown to the environment as well. Having said that, there are multiple existing alternatives to face the problem, depending on the objectives willing to attain and the available capital investment, one energy model will be chosen or the other.



## Resumen Ejecutivo

El presente documento busca la optimización del abastecimiento de comercios y oficinas para la reducción de costes totales del sistema, principalmente gas y electricidad. A continuación, se explica, de forma breve y concisa, los pasos y procedimientos que se han seguido en cada capítulo de la memoria del proyecto.

El **Capítulo 1** introduce el sector energético en Europa, un desglose de las tecnologías más predominantes y las que se esperan que irrumpen en el sector en los próximos años.

Los **Capítulos 2, 3 y 4** explican el Estado-del-Arte de los procesos y tecnologías actuales que se emplean en la generación de electricidad, calor y frío. Cabe destacar la separación de las mismas en dos grandes grupos: cogeneración (CHP) y HVAC (“Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning” por sus siglas en inglés). De cada tecnología se explica de forma resumida su funcionamiento y operación, principales características, tipo de emisiones y cantidades por unidad de energía producida, costes asociados a su operación y costes de inversión. La Table 5 detalla de forma ordenada los parámetros principales de dichas tecnologías. Dichos parámetros serán introducidos en el modelo como parámetros de entrada.

*Table 5. Principales características de las tecnologías CHP*

	ICE	MGT	FC	Stirling
<b>Eficiencia Global [%]</b>	70-92	60-85	85-90	65-85
<b>Eficiencia Eléctrica [%]</b>	25-43	13-30	37-60	40
<b>Power-to-Heat Ratio</b>	0.5-0.7	1.2-1.7	0.8-1.1	1.2-1.7
<b>Ciclo (yrs)</b>	20	10	10-20	10
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El **Capítulo 5** desarrolla la metodología del trabajo que se ha seguido. Para este proyecto se ha usado un modelo de optimización algebraico llamado DER-CAM (“Distributed Energy Resources Customer Adoption Model” por sus siglas en inglés). El modelo está escrito en GAMS.

<sup>4</sup> With a heat exchanger, there is an increase in the CAPEX.

<sup>5</sup> Same as in footnote 5.

<sup>6</sup> There is not enough data up-to-date to draw a reliable cost for operation and maintenance.

Los parámetros de entrada más relevantes – además de los parámetros de cada tecnología – considerados por el autor de este proyecto han sido los siguientes:

- Perfil de carga
- Temperaturas
- Precio de los combustibles
- Radiación solar del emplazamiento donde se localiza el edificio a optimizar
- Precios del mercado spot
- Emisiones de dióxido de carbono

Al tratarse de edificios con potencias contratadas superiores a 15 kW y conectados a baja tensión (<1 kV), es obligatorio, por ley, acogerse a la tarifa 3.0A. Dicha tarifa está regulada y distribuida en tres períodos: punta, valle y baja carga. La Table 6 detalla los costes por capacidad y por consumo de electricidad, término de potencia y término de energía respectivamente. Este hecho permite a los consumidores dentro de esta tarifa elaborar una estrategia que les permita pagar menos por su consumo de energía y, de esta forma, abaratar sus costes.

*Table 6. Tarifa 3.0A desglosada en periodos*

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El **Capítulo 6** recoge el caso de estudio, los diferentes escenarios que se han elaborado previo a lanzar el modelo y suposiciones que se han tomado durante el desarrollo del proyecto. Primeramente, se han tomado una serie de parámetros para ir variando las condiciones de los escenarios y que éstos arrojen diferentes resultados para poder comprarlos después. La Table 7 corresponde al panel de mando que se va a modificar en el proceso. Consta de 10 parámetros binarios de entrada.



*Table 7. Cuadro de mando del modelo DER-CAM*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest in fuel-fired DG technologies'
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Se han elaborado 6 escenarios, los cuales se enumeran a continuación:

- Escenario con opción de inversión exclusiva en CHP
- Escenario con opción de inversión exclusiva en CHP y minimizando las emisiones de CO<sub>2</sub>
- Escenario con opción de inversión exclusiva en “Continuous Technologies”
- Escenario con opción de inversión exclusiva en “Continuous Technologies” y venta de energía en el mercado
- Escenario con inversión discreta y continua
- Escenario con inversión discreta y continua y con ventas de excedentes de energía

Los resultados que arrojados por el modelo dictan que la opción de inversión óptima es la combinación de inversiones discretas y continuas. El último caso enumerado es el que mayores ahorros en costos de energía alcanza. Para poder afirmar esto, ha sido necesario correr un primer caso denominado caso base, que consiste en calcular los costes del sistema si ninguna inversión hubiese sido acometida.

La Table 8 muestra una comparación de los diferentes escenarios elaborados, con los parámetros de salida necesarios para poder determinar y comparar las diferentes estrategias que se proponen para optimizar el modelo energético actual. Dentro del mismo capítulo, hay un apartado donde se discute en favor de una estrategia y de otra, argumentando sus ventajas y desventajas en cada caso.

*Table 8. Resumen de los resultados obtenidos*

	<b>BC</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>D2</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>DC2</b>
<b>Costes de Energía</b>	\$501,392.806	\$150,408.241	\$246,157.121	\$ 495,500.860	\$190,680.564
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Por último, el **Capítulo 7** recoge una valoración de los resultados y cita una serie de conclusiones, las cuales han sido redactadas con suma brevedad, pero que recogen de forma clara y explícita los resultados obtenidos y verifica los objetivos que este proyecto tuvo en sus comicios. Se concluye que no solamente es importante la reducción de costes de la energía dentro del sistema, sino también a qué costo se consiguen dichas reducciones. Es posible que se necesite mucho capital inicial para hacer decrecer el gasto en gas o electricidad, o también en reducir las emisiones de dióxido de carbono a la atmósfera. Es por ello que hay que existen múltiples soluciones y formas de abordar un problema, y que dependiendo de los objetivos que se deseen alcanzar y el capital disponible, se optará por un modelo energético diferente.





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## Nomenclature

<b>COP</b>	Coefficient Of Performance
<b>HP</b>	Heat Pump
<b>ASHP</b>	Air Source Heat Pump
<b>GSHP</b>	Ground Source Heat Pump
<b>CHP</b>	Combined Heat and Power
<b>HVAC</b>	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
<b>ICE</b>	Internal Combustion Engine
<b>MGT</b>	Micro Gas Turbine
<b>NG</b>	Natural Gas
<b>DG</b>	Distributed Generation
<b>RES</b>	Renewable Energy Sources
<b>KPI</b>	Key Performance Indicator
<b>PV</b>	Photovoltaic
<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operation and Maintenance
<b>TOU</b>	Time-Of-Use
<b>CAPEX</b>	Capital Expenditure



# 1 Introduction

Nowadays, heating and cooling take half of the total energy consumed in the EU, and most of it is wasted [1]. Current developments are intending to achieve a better utilization of this type of energy; cutting-edge technologies are being implemented to substitute the old ones, but still there is a great dependency on imports (especially for natural gas).

The aim of this thesis is to integrate and exploit the synergies of heating, cooling and electricity, so that, the decarbonization process of the energy sector becomes a reality and the dependency on primary energy from other countries decrease such in a notorious manner by means of RES.

Heating and cooling represent the biggest EU's energy sector, and it is expected to remain so [1]. As is depicted in Figure 1, it can be seen the small penetration of low carbon technologies in the heating and cooling installations, being fossil fuels the major supplier with 75% of the total demand.

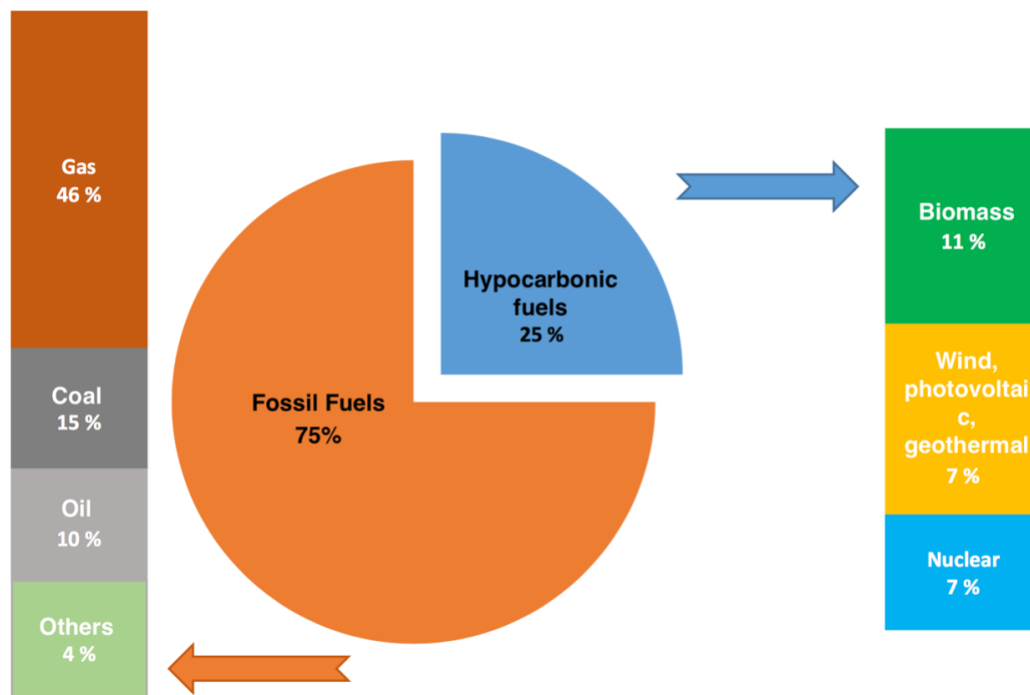


Figure 1. Primary energy for heating and cooling, 2012 [1]

Renewables accounted for 18% of the EU's primary energy used in heating and cooling, and it is still growing year by year. The objective of the Member States is to meet the EU targets for 2020, under which 20% of the current GHG emissions must be cut, 20% of electricity generation must come from renewable sources and the gain in efficiency must reach an extra 20% compared to today's efficiency. Likewise, there are new objectives facing the 2030 horizon; 32% of RES share in the energy is desired by the European Commission each SM has by that year.



In order to do so, Member States have adopted different measures to achieve those targets. The utmost renewable resource in heating and cooling is biomass. Roughly it represents 90% of renewable heating, and declares itself as the most widely used source among other renewable technologies.

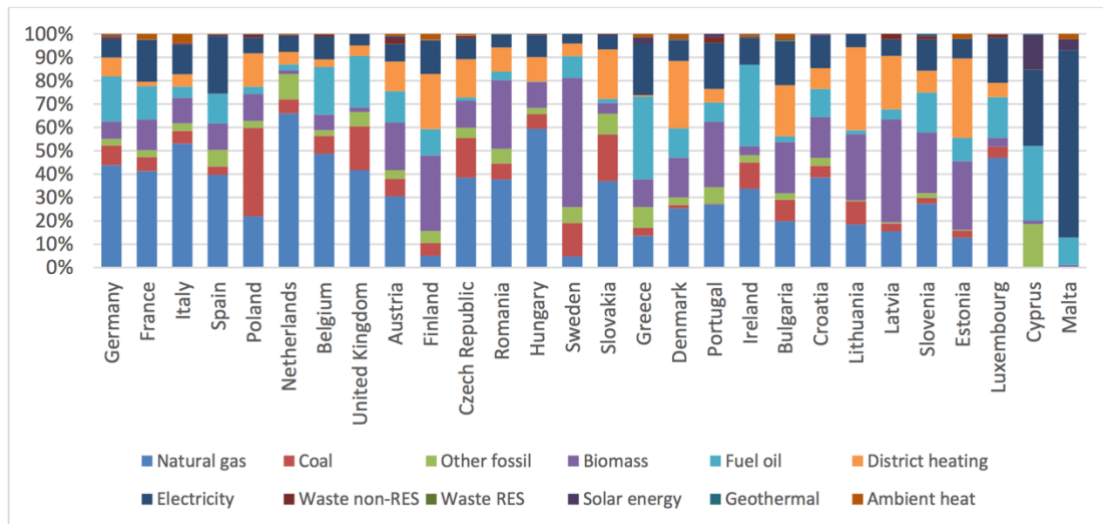


Figure 2. Final energy consumption for heating and cooling, 2012 [1]

A 45% of energy used for heating accounts for the residential sector, 37% corresponds to industry and the leftover 17% represents the service sector (commercial buildings, hotels, offices, etc.) [1]. Focusing on services, there is potential to enhance the efficiency and make improvements in the system to better off the current heating system in commercial buildings, which is the purpose of this project.

Improvements on efficiency has to do with better utilization of the energy, both space conditioning and electricity. Since they are related to one another, i.e., some heaters and chillers make use of electricity to work, an increasing of efficiency will come up with less use of electricity for the same amount of heating or cooling demanded. Moreover, the use of micro- and mini-generators would be an optimal solution, yet to be proved, but with high expectations because the more decentralized the energy generation, the larger the potential for reduction of energy losses and better use of heating and cooling procurement. Furthermore, it is important to bear in mind the economies of scale of technologies, which usually are more expensive at small scale. Furthermore, distributed generation is very complex and must be analyzed depending on the country and the consumer characteristics.

As a result, it can be seen there are synergies among electricity, heating and cooling, that can be exploited in order to gain overall efficiency in heating and cooling systems and contribute to sparing money in the billing.

## 2 State-of-the-Art

At the present time, there is not real change in society when talking about heating technologies. The traditional method to heat up and keep houses and buildings warm has to do with the thermal generation. It has been quite long time since our society started burning coal and oil in boilers to warm their places, and so remained for the time being. Those boilers are very inefficient and very pollutant. There is technology available to replace them by new machines and machinery with better performance and low-carbon emissions.

As a way of efficiency gaining, district heating has been widely used in the industrial areas exploiting the residual heat derived from power generation to heat up their installations and use the heat for own processing. The fact is it is quite complicated to bring that heat from the outskirts to the buildings located in the city center. It is very costly to carry heat in long distances up to final consumers, so that this only works on areas in the nearby of an industry or any power plant that produces huge amounts of heat.

Concerning the city centers, it seems there is a need to find another solution, and it exists actually. The idea of these new technologies is to provide cogeneration in areas where district heating cannot operate, i.e., decentralized heat and power generation. Through this, the overall grid efficiency will increase, and everyone will benefit from it. The main reason lies on the fact that the nearer final consumer and generation are, the better quality of service and the less losses in the system.

After this framing, there are some cutting-edge technologies entering the market very strongly and displacing those which used to be the original ones. Roughly speaking, it can be said they are four major technologies, but there is only one that is being very well accepted by customers: the heat pumps.

Heat pumps [2] are characterized by its revolutionary functioning and cleanliness. There are different types of heat pumps depending what transfer medium is used: aerothermal, hydrothermal, ground-water and ground-air heat pumps. Each type simultaneously has different variations according to its functioning principle. Aerothermal and hydrothermal heat pumps are the most commonly used, as they were first commercialized due to its competitive price.

Lately, there have entered new ones which make use of the soil and the ground water: the geothermal heat pumps. The good point of this kind of heating and cooling lies on its stability during operation, and also, they are not much affected by climate conditions as the heat source and energy sink is underground. Its main feature has to do with this, which means no matter what happens the yield and efficiency will remain constant on a regular basis [3]. Hence, it would be easier to predict electricity consumption, which would allow to make predictions on billing and, eventually, would help design in a more accurate way the capacity needs of the installation. In addition, these energy systems do not need fossil fuels to deliver heat and cold, but renewable and electricity as main sources.

Micro gas turbines [4], Stirling engines and fuel cells complete the list of technologies that are gaining market share in the heating and refrigeration industry in recent years [5].



Each of them has its pros and cons. It is therefore required to analyze the building to be conditioned and set up an ad-hoc strategy which best fits the building, a combination of many technologies may occur if this proves beneficial.

In this section, the current development of the several technologies applied in the electricity and heat sectors will be explained in detail. Operational functioning, fuel required to operate, associated costs, emissions and main characteristics of each are now presented, among others.

Two main fields are distinguished when talking about heat and electricity: CHP and HVAC.

### 3 CHP Technologies

Beginning with the CHP (Combined Heat and Power), this kind of machines use fuel to produce both heat and electricity. They admit two different configurations depending on the user's necessities regarding heat or electricity. If the user needs heat, then the machine will be set to produce heat as its main priority, and the other way around, when electricity is demanded the CHP will perform to produce electricity mainly and heat as a secondary energy flow.

For the CHP technologies, they can be classified into: ICE, micro-gas turbine, fuel cell and Stirling engine.

#### 3.1 Internal combustion engine

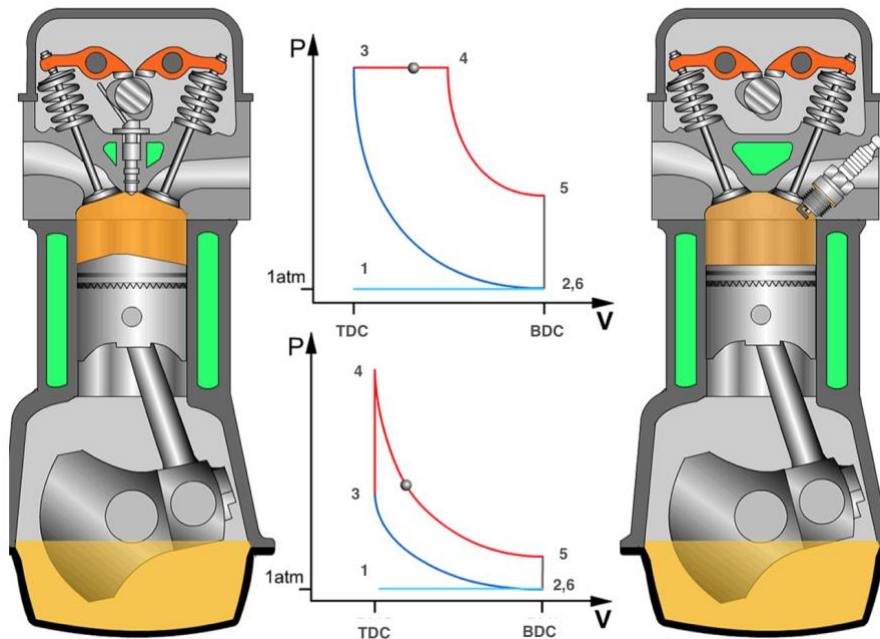
A reciprocating internal combustion engine, better known as ICE or as a piston engine, is a thermal engine which converts the pressure into rotary motion by means of pistons. There are two existing ICE types, i.e., on the one hand there are spark ignition reciprocating engines fed by natural gas as their preferred fuel, but that can also burn propane, gasoline or landfill gas, whereas on the other hand there are compress ignition ICEs which operate on diesel or heavy oil [5]. The range of the ICE can vary from several kW, i.e., 5 kW up to 20 MW at maximum.

*Table 9. Characteristics and parameters of IC engines*

	Compressed engines	Spark ignition engines
Capacity range	5 kW–20 MW	3 kW–6 MW
Overall efficiency [%]	65-90	70-92
Electrical efficiency [%]	35-45	25-43
Power-to-heat ratio	0.8-2.4	0.5-0.7
Life cycle (years)	20	20

##### 3.1.1 Operational functioning of ICE

The two different types of ICEs perform under the same functioning principle. Considering both engines take four strokes of movements of the piston to complete one cycle, these two are commonly known as the Otto cycle and Diesel cycle. Otto cycle belongs to the type of spark ignition while the Diesel one is linked to compress ignition. Next figure represents how they carry out one complete cycle and the events occur in each step of the process.



*Figure 3. Diesel cycle and Diesel p-v diagram (left and up). Otto cycle and Otto p-v diagram (right and down) [6]*

As depicted in Figure 3, both cycles are seemingly the same, which indeed is true, but there are some slight differences that are out of the scope of this project and not described here. Following the order by numbering the steps:

**Intake stroke.** This step (1-2) consists of an isobaric thermal process in which the piston moves from the TDC (Top Dead Center) to the BDC (Bottom Dead Center). At the BDC the inlet valve (right valve) opens and let the air in the combustion chamber.

**Compression stroke.** Once the air is in, the valve closes and the piston moves up compressing the air and increasing the temperature, so do pressure as well (2-3).

**Power stroke.** Here comes the main difference between Otto and Diesel (3-4 isochoric process). At the TDC the spark instantaneously ignites the combustion of the mixture of fuel-air and the piston by the force produced by the explosion is displaced virulently and rapidly to the BDC. The Otto injects the fuel just right before the expansion, the mixture reacts by the spark originated by the spark plug, reaching a peak that makes the displacement of the piston downwards. Whereas the Diesel engine reaches by means of compression a very high-pressure rate, then the fuel is injected and the high temperature reached inside the chamber makes possible the auto-ignition.

The mixture is expanded and the piston moves.

**Exhaust stroke.** As the piston moves to BDC the exhaust valve opens and pressure drops (4-5 isochoric). Eventually the mixture already burned comes out the combustion chamber through the left valve (exhaust valve) and the process starts all over.

The motion of the piston is transmitted by rotary motion through the crankshaft, which is connected to the propeller shaft and finally to the wheels.

### 3.1.2 Emissions of ICE

As already mentioned, there are two main existing technologies which are in use nowadays in CHP. First, the spark ignition engines. They make use of light fuels to work, i.e., gasolines and gas (biogas included). The second group refers to the diesel engines or compressed engines which mainly burn diesel and heavy oils to run, but can also operate with gas and gasolines although its yield would be drastically reduced when burning these light fuels.

*Table 10. Emissions comparative between technologies [7]*

	Compressed engines	Spark ignition engines
CO <sub>2</sub> (kg/MWh)	650	500-620
NO <sub>x</sub> (kg/MWh)	10	0.2-1

Table 10 shows the noticeable differences between the two existing engines. A priori, it seems the spark ignition is the best option regarding emissions, but this could lead to a misleading. In terms of overall efficiency both are quite similar. Breaking down the electrical efficiency and the heat output ratio (see Table 9) spark engines present a better efficiency concerning heat production, whereas diesel is better at electricity generation. Coming back to emissions, those numbers might vary depending on the kind of energy demanded at a time. If electricity is needed, then the diesel engines would fit better than the spark ones, so that gasoline consumption would increase, so do the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Regarding the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is indisputable that Diesel engines emits larger amounts of this toxic by-product due to the high compression rates taken place during the combustion. Thanks to the research and development of the current technologies, this NO<sub>x</sub> rate has drastically decreased through the years by catalytic converters that enables to diminish the temperature at which the combustion shall take place. But it is still at a high level compared to other power technologies.

### 3.1.3 Associated costs of ICE

Costs related to this technology are very dependent on the installed capacity of the engine. This means, the cost would vary in a great manner at different ranges of the machine. The more power the engine has, the larger the investment is required. Table 11 gives an overall idea on how much money is needed in order to make an investment in this CHP machines.

*Table 11. Comparison between ICE technologies according to their costs [7]*

	Compressed engines	Spark ignition engines
<b>Average cost of investment (\$/kW)</b>	340-1,000	800-1,600
<b>O&amp;M costs (\$/kWh)</b>	0.0075-0.015	0.0045-0.0105

### 3.2 Micro-gas turbine

Micro gas turbines, also called micro-turbines, relate to a branch of the combustion turbines but of smaller scale. It is mainly powered by natural gas, although it allows to burn other type of fuels such as diesel, gasoline or high-energy fuels. They are extremely reliable, as they only have one moving part; they use air bearing so that no lubricating oil is needed [7].

As it will be discussed later on, there are not only advantages. For instance, initial costs are higher compared with reciprocating engines, and also, track records on this technology are short [7], but it is further research ongoing and more analysis regarding its operation and how to implement them in an optimal way within the industry and commercial sector, as well as enhancements on their operation.

Concerning some features, their power capacity ranges from several kilo-Watts up to hundreds of kilo-Watts. With this size, they are very suitable for distributed generation and CHP and CCHP<sup>7</sup> systems [5]. Exhaust gases can be used to provide hot-water supply or steam to the adjacent buildings. One of the greatest advantages of micro-turbines is its adaptability and flexibility to different conditions of operation. Another key characteristic is their flexibility that small-scale individual units can be combined easily into large systems of multiple units, making time response very quick compared with other technologies [7].

*Table 12. Main characteristics and parameters of gas turbines [7]*

	Combustion turbine	Micro-turbine
<b>Capacity range</b>	250 kW – 50 MW	15 kW – 300 kW
<b>Electrical efficiency [%]</b>	25-42	13-30
<b>Overall efficiency [%]</b>	65-87	60-85
<b>Power-to-heat ratio</b>	0.2-0.8	1.2-1.7
<b>Life cycle (years)</b>	20	10

<sup>7</sup> Combined Cooling Heat and Power.

Detached in Table 12 can be noticed the relation between electric and thermal efficiency: the smaller the installation, the higher the latter, whereas larger installations provide better electric output. Also, the life cycle of the micro-turbines is half of the larger ones, which is quite remarkable and is discussed later on in the chapter.

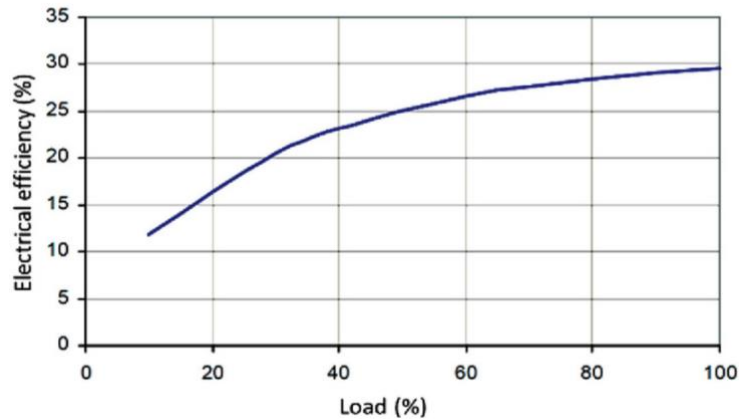


Figure 4. Partial load efficiency of micro-turbines

### 3.2.1 Operational functioning of micro-gas turbine

Micro gas turbines operate under the so-called Brayton cycle. This cycle is depicted in Figure 5.

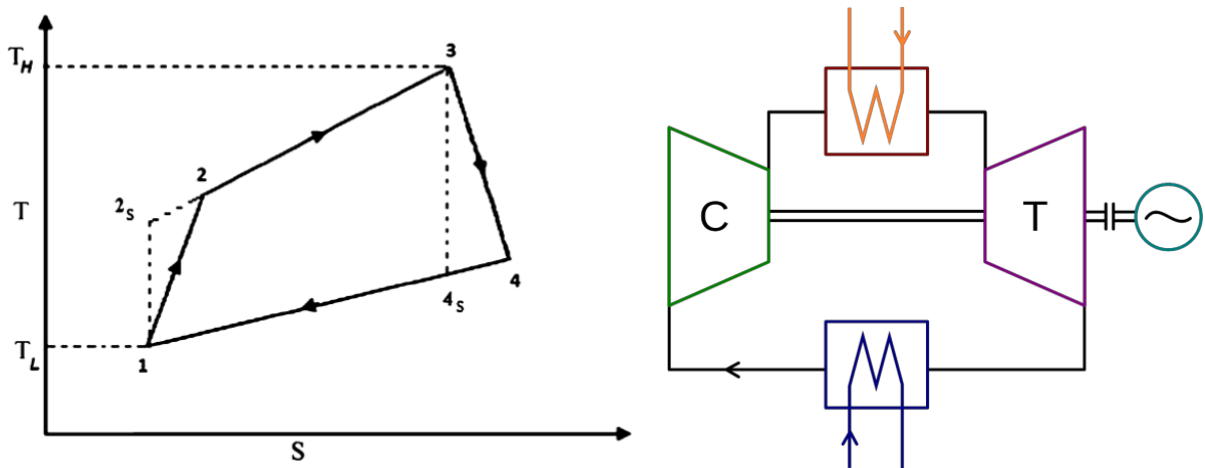


Figure 5. Diagram T-S of an irreversible closed Brayton cycle (left) and micro gas turbine scheme (right) [8]

Its functioning consists of four steps:

- 1) Air inlet. In this first stage the outside air enters the compressor to increase its pressure, and in consequence, the temperature does too. As this process is not ideal, some irreversibilities may happen; that is the reason the entropy increases as temperature rises.
- 2) Combustion. Once the air is pressurized, it is mixed with the fuel, typically, natural gas. This step takes place in the combustion chamber, in which temperature increases from 2 to 3 (see Figure 5), and entropy moves rightwards.



- 3) Expansion in the turbine. The mixture ignites itself and produces the rotation of the shaft, which, at the time, moves the generator connected to the turbine. Once again, the irreversibility of the process makes the temperature not decrease as much as if it were an ideal process (4 and 4s).
- 4) Heat recovery. The exhaust gases stemmed from the combustion and expansion remain at a very high temperature. In order to gain overall efficiency, this residual heat may be used to heat up some other flow, i.e., water or air, avoiding the energy spilling.

The process described above is merely a simplistic description of what in reality is happening; a lot of improvements have come into force to enhance its performance.

MGTs can operate in two modes [9]: non-cogeneration, say, electricity production only; and cogeneration, that is the CHP topic discussed in this chapter (thermal and electric output at the same time).

- a. Electrical priority operating mode. The micro turbine operates in open loop, as the only demanded energy flow is electricity; downstream the turbine does no matter. As a result, the exhaust heat from the combustion gases will be spilled.
- b. Thermal priority operating mode. Now, the cycle is closed and HR (Heat Recovery) is effective. In other words, the exhaust gases transfer their heat to cold flow in order to heat it up and make use of it in further processing (industrial activities for example). This mode enables the MGT to acquire a high efficiency rate.

The overall efficiency depends on the opening degrees of the BPV (By-Pass Valve).

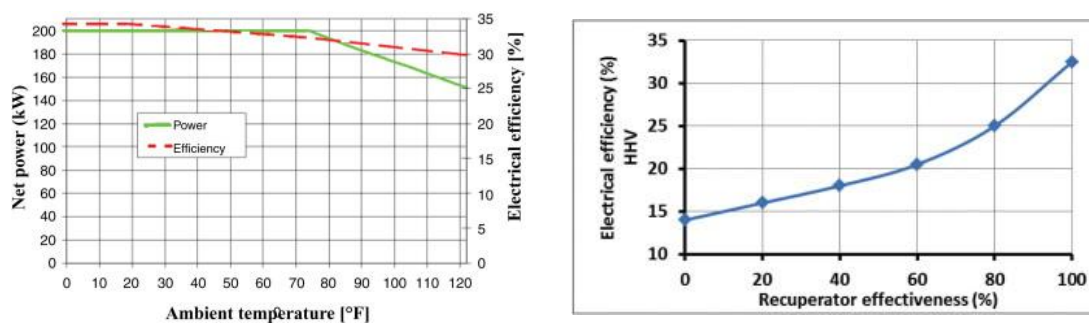


Figure 6. Electric efficiency against ambient temperature and opening degree of BPV

### 3.2.2 Emissions of micro-gas turbine

Talking about emissions, MGTs are seemingly in a strong position, thanks to the gaseous fuels, the low inlet temperature and the high fuel-to-air ratios which contribute to decrease the NOx ppm thrown through the flue.

*Table 13. Emissions of GTs and MGTs [7], [10]*

	Combustion turbines	Micro-turbines
CO <sub>2</sub> (kg/MWh)	580-680	620-790
NO <sub>x</sub> (kg/MWh)	0,3-0,5	0,1

As the electricity capacity becomes larger, the overall emissions tend to decrease. Hence, it would be optimal to install a large MGT which would cope with the equivalent demand of several consumers in order to optimize the GHG and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to the ambient.

*Table 14. Emissions of MGTs for a range of electric power capacity [10]*

Electricity capacity [kW]	100	300	800
NO <sub>x</sub>	0.25	0.1	0.13
CO <sub>2</sub>	790	720	620
CO	0.66	0.14	0.06
THC	8	0.04	0.05

### 3.2.3 Associated costs of micro-gas turbine

Economies of scale play an important when considering cost of capital per kW of installed capacity. Thus, bigger installation will have a lower cost per unit of power, but also, they will have better electric efficiency lower unitary emissions (kg/MWh).

The point is to what extent the turbine is suitable for the space available to set the machinery. Moreover, it is needed to estimate the demand this MGT will cover; error in estimations will derive in oversizing the installations. Consequently, operating the MGT, as depicted in Figure 4, the lower the load referred to the maximum will result in worse electric efficiency. It is important therefore to adequate the size of the system to the demand to optimize the consumption of fuel, beyond the reduction of emissions.

*Table 15. Average cost of capital for MGTs [10]*

Capacity [kW]	30	65	250
MGT package [\$/kW]	1,290	1,280	1,410
Heat recovery and other equipment [\$/kW]	430	340	190
Total IC [\$/kW]	1,730	1,620	1,600

*Table 16. Average cost of operation and maintenance for MGTs [10]*

Capacity [kW]	30	65	250
O&M [\$/kWh]	0.015-0.025	0.013-0.022	0.012-0.02

Even though with the drawbacks of higher capital costs than reciprocating engines, low electrical efficiency, and sensitivity of efficiency to changes in ambient conditions, the compact size and low-weight per unit power, a smaller number of moving parts, multi-fuel capability and low GHG emissions still make the micro-turbine an arisen prime mover in distributed energy systems [10].

### 3.3 Fuel cell

Fuel cells is another prime mover gaining market in the CHP and CCHP systems [5]. However, this technology seems far to be fully implemented in the coming years, because it is still a long way until it becomes competitive when compared with other prime movers (micro-turbines for instance, which have been developed during a larger period of time).

In recent years, a lot of work has been carried out to investigate fuel cell technology [5]. Mostly, it can be differentiated six types of fuel cells in the actual market [11]:

- i. Alkaline (AFC)
- ii. Direct Methanol (DMFC)
- iii. Phosphoric acid (PAFC)
- iv. Proton Exchange Membrane (PEMFC)
- v. Molten Carbonate (MCFC)
- vi. Solid Oxide (SOFC)

Each technology has its pros and cons, but there are some common features in all of them. They convert chemical energy from hydrogen into electricity by means of a reaction [5] [11]. As by-products, it is produced heat and water, that can be used in other applications.

The fuel employed in this technology is hydrogen; it derives mainly from a hydrocarbon, e.g., natural gas or biogas [11]. The performance characteristics are showed next. The data are an average among the five main types of fuel cells currently available in the market.

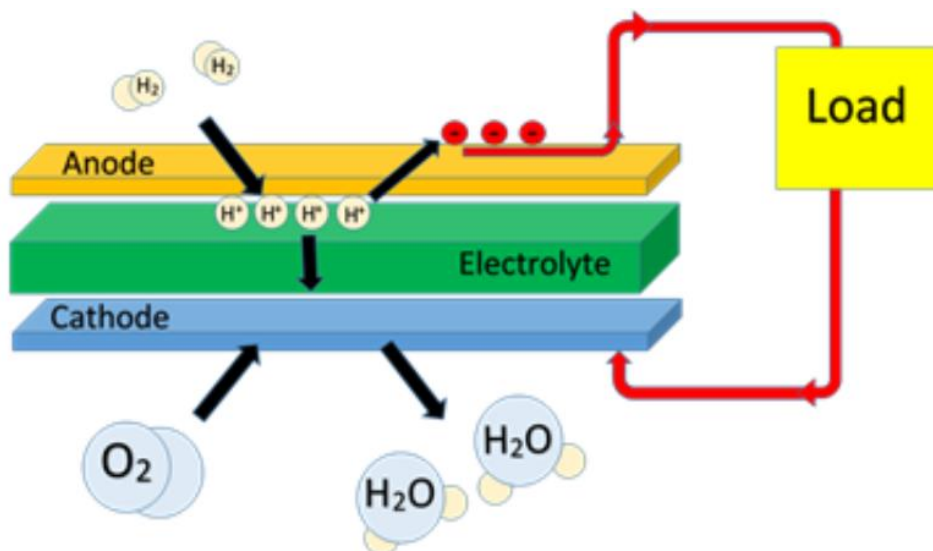
*Table 17. Main characteristics and parameters of fuel cells [7]*

<b>Capacity range</b>	5 kW–2 MW
<b>Overall efficiency [%]</b>	85-90
<b>Electrical efficiency [%]</b>	37-60
<b>Power-to-heat ratio</b>	0.8-1.1
<b>Life cycle (years)</b>	10-20

### 3.3.1 Operational functioning of fuel cell

Fuel cells are composed mainly by three subsystems [11]:

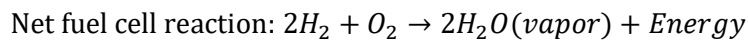
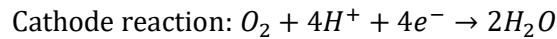
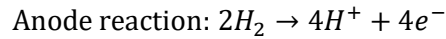
- 1) Fuel cell stack. It generates the direct current electricity.
- 2) Fuel processor. In charge of convert natural gas into a hydrogen flow.
- 3) Power conditioner. It converts the electric energy into alternating current, or just regulate and adapts the direct current to certain output operating conditions.



*Figure 7. Fuel cell detached scheme (PAFC type) [11]*

The fuel cell consists of a cathode and an anode, positively and negatively charged respectively, an electrolyte that makes possible the reaction, and an external load. The anode works as an interface between the hydrogen and the electrolyte (catalyzes the reaction, which means electrons tear apart from the  $H_2$  molecule). Those electrons conduct to the load through an

external circuit but, there is necessary to close the loop; so that the role of the cathode is to separate the oxygen from the electrolyte; it catalyzes the oxygen reaction by mixing  $O_2$  with the  $H^+$  stemmed from the anode. Also, the  $H^+$  mixes up the  $O_2$  and the electron from the external circuit of the load forming water and heat. The electrolyte is a non-electrically charged element which prevents the mixing of hydrogen and water; the link between the two electrodes that closes the loop.



The heat produced during the whole process stems from the natural resistances the cell has, in other words, the trespassing of electrons and molecules from one interface to another comes off energy in form of heat. This heat can be either thrown to the environment with no use, or can be conducted to a heat recovery exchanger in order to heat up some other liquid (water for instance).

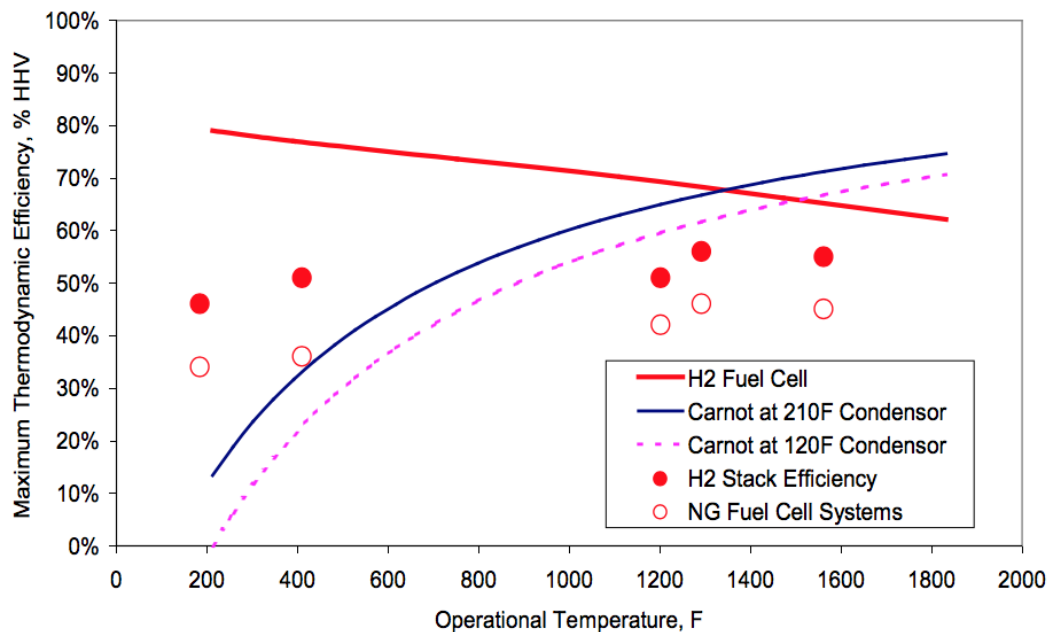


Figure 8. Effect of operating temperature on fuel cell efficiency [11]

The overall electrical efficiency of the cell is the ratio of the power generated and the heating value of the hydrogen consumed [11]. As depicted in Figure 8, the electrical efficiency decreases as the by-product temperature increases; the water by-product carries the heat due to high temperatures and, unless the addition of other thermal energy convertors, there is no possibility to exploit and enhance the fuel cell yield.



### 3.3.2 Emissions of fuel cell

The primary fuel source of this kind of systems is hydrogen that stemmed from hydrocarbon fuel, such as oil and gas. Depending on the fuel consumed to operate, the emissions are subject to a range of values. Those fuels are mainly:

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). Mostly propane and butane.
- Biogas or any by-product derived from organic waste and bio-degradation.
- Industrial waste gases from refineries, chemical plants and steel mills.
- Pipeline-methane natural gas.
- Manufactured gases derived from pyrolysis and gasification processes.

Since the power generation in fuel cells does not imply combustion, the rate of emissions is very low. Actually, the emissions are indirectly produced in the processing of the fuel, i.e., the fuel processing that turns gas and oil into hydrogen.

The hydrogen formation process takes places at temperatures below 1,000°C [11], which prevents the formation of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. This low-temperature combustion does not impede the formation of other pollutants such as CO and VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds), being the latter unburned hydrocarbons. Another kind of emission is the SO<sub>x</sub>, but this can be eliminated before reaching the atmosphere by means of absorbing processes.

As the primary power generation process in fuel cell systems does not involve combustion, very few emissions are generated. In fact, the fuel processing subsystem is the only source of emissions. The anode-off gas that typically consists of 8 to 15 percent hydrogen is combusted in a catalytic or surface burner element to provide heat to the reforming process. The temperature of this very lean combustion can be maintained at less than 1,800° F, which also prevents the formation of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) but is sufficiently high to ensure oxidation of carbon monoxide (CO) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs – unburned, non-methane hydrocarbons). Other pollutants such as oxides of sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>) are eliminated because they are typically removed in an absorbed bed before the fuel is processed [11].

**Table 18.** Estimated fuel cell emissions by type of pollutant [11]

Fuel Cell Type	PEMFC	SOFC	MCFC	PAFC	MCFC
<b>Nominal Electricity Capacity [kW]</b>	0.7	1.5	300	400	1,400
<b>NO<sub>x</sub> [kg/MWh]</b>	Negligible	Negligible	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>SO<sub>x</sub> [kg/MWh]</b>	Negligible	Negligible	0.0001	Negligible	0.0001
<b>CO [kg/MWh]</b>	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	0.02	Negligible
<b>VOC [kg/MWh]</b>	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	0.02	Negligible
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> [kg/MWh]</b>	1,131	734	980	1,049	980
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> with heat recovery [kg/MWh]</b>	415	555	520-680	495	520

### 3.3.3 Associated costs of fuel cell

Concerning the capital and maintenance and operation costs, these are labelled to a wide range that depends on the scope of the plant and equipment, the geographical area, markets conditions, whether is a new installation or a refurbishment of an old machine, among others [11].

Table 19 resumes the capital cost and O&M costs of the fuel cell, depending on the type and nominal capacity of each system. S1 and S2 belong to residential utilization, whereas from S3 to S5 correspond to industrial uses.

*Table 19. Estimated capital and O&M costs for typical fuel cell systems in grid interconnected CHP applications (2014) [11]*

<b>Installed Cost Components</b>	<b>S1 Residential</b>	<b>S2 Residential</b>	<b>S3 C&amp;I</b>	<b>S4 C&amp;I<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>S5 C&amp;I</b>
<b>Fuel Cell Type</b>	PEMFC	SOFC	MCFC	PAFC	MCFC
<b>Nominal Electricity capacity [kW]</b>	0.7	1.5	300	400	1,400
<b>Total Package Cost [\$ /kW]</b>	\$22,000	\$23,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$4,600
<b>O&amp;M Costs [\$ /MWh]</b>	\$60	\$55	\$45	\$36	\$40

### 3.4 Stirling engine

The Stirling engine is similar to an IC engine, but, in contrast to the latter, it is an external combustion engine in which the same working fluid alternatively expands and compresses in a closed-loop volume performance [5]. There are two existing types of Stirling engines, i.e., kinematic Stirling engines and free-piston Stirling engine. Each of them can operate in three different modes (alpha, beta and gamma) [5].

It can operate on many fuels, e.g., gasoline (and derivatives), natural gas and solar energy [5]. The possibility to operate with renewable sources, the sun; which is a free fuel, allows the Stirling engine to become a promising technology, since the progressive tax carbon increase and the energy policies the countries are adopting in order to protect and guarantee a sustainable environment.

*Table 20. Main characteristics and parameters of Stirling engines [7]*

<b>Capacity range</b>	1 kW–1.5 MW
<b>Overall efficiency [%]</b>	65-85
<b>Electrical efficiency [%]</b>	40
<b>Power-to-heat ratio</b>	1.2-1.7
<b>Life cycle (years)</b>	10

<sup>8</sup> Commercial and Industrial.



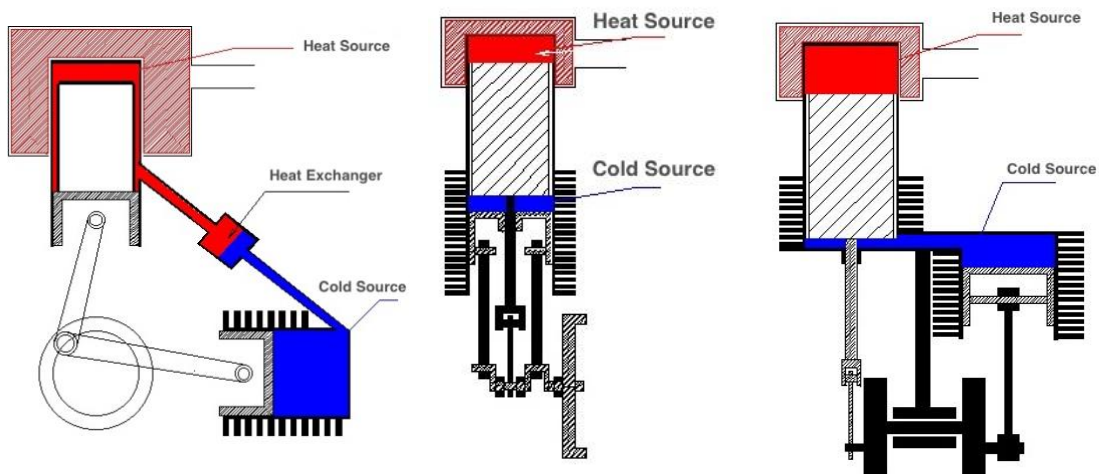
Another key factor of this kind of engine is its vulnerability to external conditions, say, the outside temperature really affects in great manner to the power output and yield of the Stirling engine [7]. The higher the temperature on the outside, the lower the efficiency the engine develops, since the cold side will be affected by high temperatures, increasing the cold side temperature and reducing the thermal gap between the hot area and cold area in the engine.

### 3.4.1 Operational functioning of Stirling engine

Its principle is exactly the same as the IC engines present. Thermodynamically speaking there are four steps that every engine follows (same as ICE):

- 1) Heating and expansion. The heat source might be natural gas, gasoline or solar power, increases the gas temperature inside the cylinder, so does pressure as well, and the force is transmitted to the piston, which moves up until reaching the bottom dead center providing work.
- 2) Flow, cooling. Once the piston expands, the work is carried to the crankshaft which, at the same time, connects to the electricity generator or whatsoever machine responsible to produce electricity. The hot gas flows through a conduct to another cylinder, where the cold source lays. This gas starts cooling down.
- 3) Compression. As the gas is cooled the heat is removed and the gas is compressed.
- 4) Reverse flow and heating. The gas moves back to the first cylinder throughout the regenerator, since the pressure is lower than in its actual cylinder, and the cycle repeats.

An important remark is needed. As mentioned, there are three different types of operation with the Stirling engine. In this description of the thermodynamic Stirling engine's cycle, the mode alpha is the described one. Next, schemes of the variants are exposed.



*Figure 9. Alpha, beta and gamma modes of a Stirling engine*

As illustrated above, there are several kinds of Stirling engines, but there are many more. Each with its pros and cons, one with less moving mechanical parts that enhances the efficiency, but the flip side comes with a more complex design, or, simpler design with less efficiency.

### 3.4.2 Emissions of Stirling engine

The thermodynamic process is the same as an IC engine, but the technology differs. This difference makes possible to reduce the GHG emissions compared to the emissions stemmed from an internal combustion engine. Of course, the emissions will be determined by the type of fuel used to operate the engine. As an example of efficiency, the same capacity, 25 MW, for an ICE and a Stirling engine produces a reduction in 34% of GHG pollutants [5].

*Table 21. Emissions of Stirling engines [7]*

<b>CO<sub>2</sub> (kg/MWh)</b>	430-490
<b>NO<sub>x</sub> (kg/MWh)</b>	0.005-0.01

In case the engine is a solar dish Stirling, emissions drop to zero, since the fuel is the sun.

### 3.4.3 Associated costs of Stirling engine

Although this technology is very promising in the coming years due to its low-rate on carbon emissions, the reality is that nowadays this type of engines is still expensive. Also, the lower power output makes them not very useful when considering the installation of hundreds of Kilowatts as the space required is larger than other technologies, e.g., IC engines or micro-gas turbines.

*Table 22. Cost of capital and O&M for Stirling engines [7]*

<b>Average cost of investment (\$/kW)</b>	1,300-2,000
<b>O&amp;M costs (\$/kWh)</b>	N/A <sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> There is not enough data up-to-date to draw a reliable cost for operation and maintenance.

## 4 HVAC technologies

The heat, ventilation and air conditioning technologies are those designed devices to work indoors, offering comfort to the occupants. Currently, in the market, there are two predominant technologies, although there are many others making some noise, but still in the very background.

Those two dominant technologies are the heat pumps and the absorption chillers. Heat pumps are very interesting regarding the energy transition and efficiency due to their good use of the energy. They are powered by electricity, and normally, their COP<sup>10</sup> is not lower than three, which means, with one unit of electricity, a heat pump is capable of producing 3 units of heat. In addition, they are reversible, i.e., they can either heat up or cool down when needed.

Absorption chillers may not have COPs as high as the heat pumps, but they have other advantages. One of them is their ease to combining with other technologies. This way allows to create a multidisciplinary system that gives heat, electricity and cold. They can operate with natural gas or diesel.

### 4.1 Heat Pump

A heat pump is a machine, or device, that is devoted to supply heating, cooling and hot water, at the same time, to residential, commercial and industrial processes. It is known, also, under different name, depending which energy type is predominant at each time. Therefore, a heat pump is called when the energy transfer occurs from the heat source to the cold sink, say, heating is being demanded. Air conditioning unit is the other way around, when cooling is demanded [2].

In accordance with the nature of the sinks, heat pumps may be labelled into three big groups [2]:

- Air source heat pumps;
- water source heat pumps and;
- ground source heat pumps

The classification depends on the energy source the heat pumps employs as sink. The air source heat pumps use outside, indoors or exhaust gas as energy sources [2]. The ground source, or geothermal heat pumps make use of the soil as energy source. The way to use the ground is via horizontal or vertical closed loops; where the loop is filled with refrigerant and transports the energy between the energy source (ground) and the heat pump. Finally, the water heat pumps, as its name denotes, use water as the transfer medium. They are very similar to ground heat pumps, but, instead of using a closed loop, they use an open loop.

An advantage that arises from the heap pump technology is its ease to be combined with other devices, A good example is the combination of heat pumps with solar collectors, or air heat pumps with small gas boilers.

#### 4.1.1 Operational functioning of heat pump

Heat pumps make use of the thermodynamic principles to operate. The refrigeration cycle is the cycle use by this sort of devices. It consists of four main components following cited [12]:

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<sup>10</sup> Coefficient of performance. It measures the units of energy produced per energy unit consumed

- 1) Compression. The refrigerant fluid, or coolant, is compressed. This is the only step in the whole process that requires energy provided from the outside. It is, normally, electric energy utilized by the compressor. The compressor raises the coolant temperature by means of increasing the pressure.
- 2) Condensation. Now the fluid is hot, it undergoes through the condenser. This heat exchanger allows the transfer of heat from the fluid to the condenser, lowering the fluid temperature and liquefying it.
- 3) Expansion valve. Once the coolant is cold down, putting back the fluid at low pressure is needed. For this reason, the expansion valve is used to carry out such task. This device is merely a valve that, ideally, do not create any disturbance in any other parameter, it just creates large pressures drops.
- 4) Evaporation. Closing up the cycle, the evaporator develops the opposite work as the condenser does. It takes heat from the ambient to heat up the fluid and turn it to vapor, so that it can go through the compressor.
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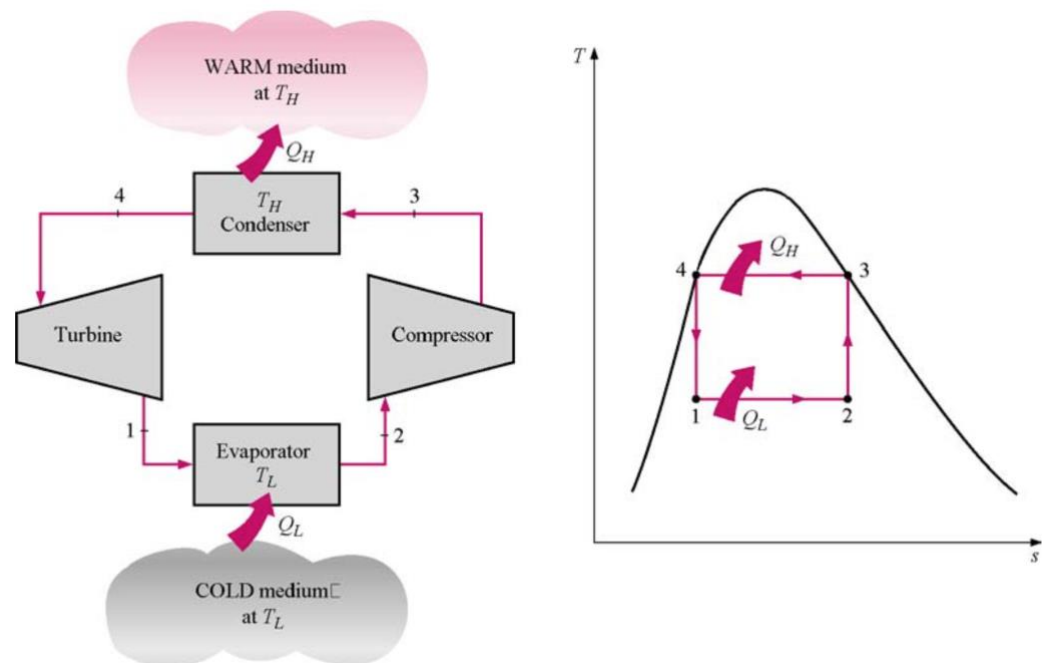


Figure 10. Standard refrigeration cycle [13]

The evacuation of the energy within the closed loop in the heat pump is done by means of water- or air-based medium, e.g., hot water or air conditioning, respectively.

#### 4.1.2 Emissions and efficiency of heat pump

Previously mentioned, it was stated heat pumps are normally powered by electricity. Commonly, most of the electricity comes from large generators that are connected to the grid, and, at the same time, consumers are connected to the grid and are provided with the electricity generated upstream.

In this regard, heat pumps do not emit any sort of emissions, since electricity is a clean energy. However, indirectly, the emissions are related to the mix of non-renewable energies that are producing electricity and, therefore, that electricity heat pumps are using contains emissions.

Although the indirect emissions heat pumps are producing during their functioning, their carbon footprint is much lesser than any other technology. This fact has to do with their good performance and efficiency they have.

The efficiency is measured by a KPI<sup>11</sup> called COP. Generally, heat pumps need one unit of electricity to generate approximately 3-5 units of useful heat [2]. This is possible thanks to the ambient source that gives the leftover energy needed to keep up the process.

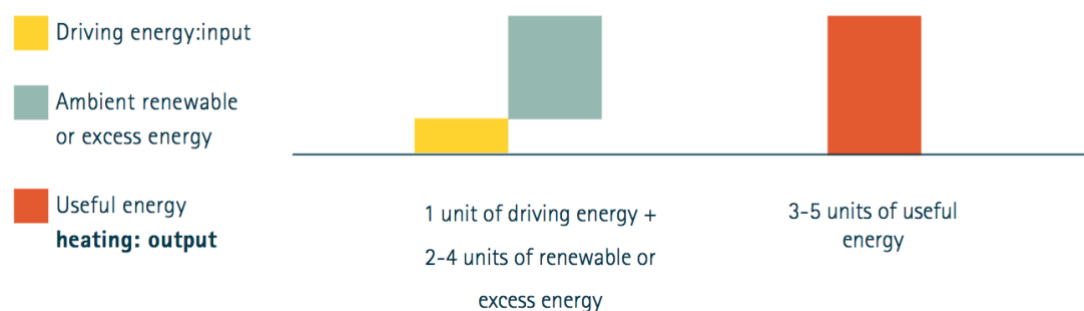


Figure 11. How energy is generated by an electric heat pump system [2]

Most of the energy generated comes from the environment, thus, a significant reduction in non-renewable energy sources is made, so does the emissions ratio too. Table 23 illustrates the efficiency of each system per unit of electricity.

Table 23. COP table for GSHP and ASHP

Type of HP	COP (Heating)	COP (Cooling)
Ground Source Heat Pump	4-5	3-4
Air Source Heat Pump	5-6	4-5

### 4.1.3 Associated costs of heat pump

The investment capital to put upfront may vary depending on many parameters. Some of those parameters are the location (i.e., climate conditions, temperature profile on a yearly basis, etc.), the capacity willing to install, the type of heat pump, among others.

<sup>11</sup> Key Performance Indicator. It is a parameter that defines and measures some value within a process, for instance, and gives at a glance if something is under control or not. KPIs must be easily to calculate and measure.



In this specific project, only ground source heat pumps and air source heat pumps are considered. Table 24 shows a comparison between GSHP and ASHP in terms of capital costs (initial investment).

*Table 24. Cost comparison between GSHP and ASHP [14]*

Type of HP	Capital Cost (initial investment)
Ground Source Heat Pump	\$9,000
Air Source Heat Pump	\$4,900

It is important to add that the capital cost may be lower if the installation of the heat pump system is going to replace an old system, since the piping system and many other components could be used. In addition, the O&M costs depend very much on the usage of the system, the location and the capacity of the machine.

Compared to other heating technologies, heat pump systems may seem very expensive due to their capital cost, but, analyzing the annual savings in fuel and less consumption of electricity they could be deemed very competitive in the long term.

## 4.2 Absorption chiller

Same as heat pump systems, absorption chillers are thermal driven machines designed to provide refrigeration. They are widely used due to their high efficiency rate under standard operation.

The difference between heat pumps and this machine lies in the phase where, in the case of a heat pump, the coolant is compressed and carried to the condenser. Absorption chillers do not have a compressor, but an absorber instead, thus they take the name out of this feature.

### 4.2.1 Operational functioning of absorption chiller

Because the operation is the same as any other cooling or heating machine, this section is focused on explaining the absorber, and how it works; what makes different this machine from the others.

The condenser, throttle and evaporator remain the same either in heat pumps or absorption chillers. In this latter, the compressor is divided into two main components: a generator, or desorber, and an absorber. In Figure 12, it can be seen a schematic representation on how this machine looks like.

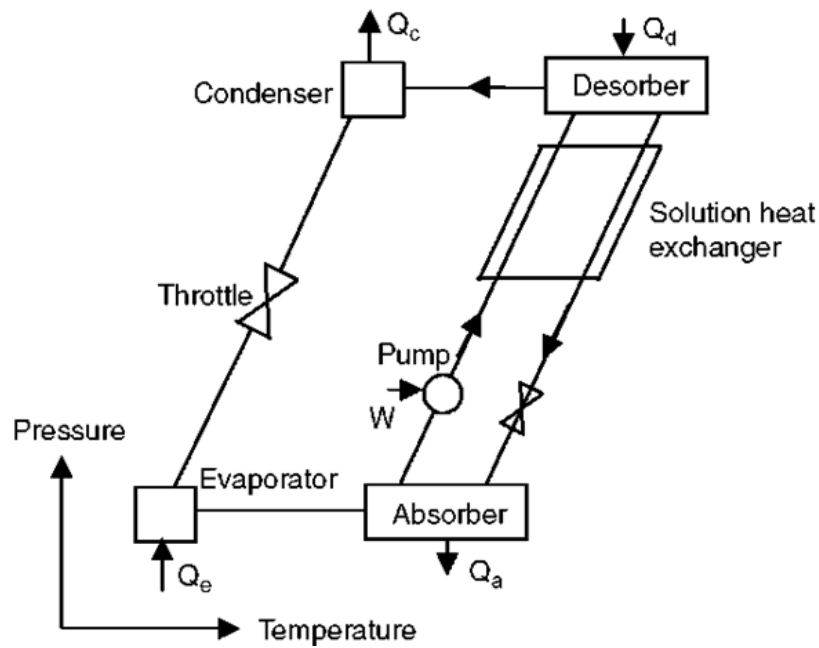


Figure 12. Absorption chiller scheme [15]

The compression of the vapor does not happen in an absorption chiller, but separating and recombining two fluids (the refrigerant and the absorbent) by means of heating up the mixture. Usually, there are two main pairs of fluids widely used: the ammonia-water cycle and the lithium bromide cycle. While in the former the water acts as absorbent and the ammonia as refrigerant, the latter employs water as refrigerant and the lithium bromide as absorbent.

In the generator (or desorber), the heat separates water from ammonia, and this latter directs to the condenser, while the water is flowed through a heat exchanger. The hot and pressurized ammonia enters the condenser cooling down and go through the expansion valve to reduce its pressure to evaporator pressure level. Once in the evaporator, it absorbs the heat from the environment and comes out being an ammonia saturated vapor. Last step before starting the cycle over again is the absorber stage. In this stage, the saturated ammonia is sprayed with an ammonia-water solution and is pumped through a heat exchanger (the hot water from the generator transfers heat to the ammonia-water mixture heating it up and increasing its pressure) [16].

#### 4.2.2 Emissions of absorption chiller

Parallel to heat pumps, the only consumption that absorption chiller has is the external heat source this machine uses to separate the two fluids.

Considering the multiple nature, the emissions that could come from the energy source may vary a lot. In case it makes use of solar energy or the chiller is integrated in a CHP system, then, residual heat can be used and no incremental CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will occur.

Their COP is not as high as a heat pump, but still, it reaches COPs in the range of three to four, depending on the energy sources used to heating.

### 4.2.3 Associated costs of absorption chiller

Regarding associated costs, they are included in a broad range. This range is dependent on many factors; citing some of them, the installed capacity, the application, the location and the fuel are important parameters to take into account.

Capacity is determinant to set the cost per kW of installed capacity. In addition, the application of the machine influences the final price, especially the fixed cost or upfront capital cost; it is not the same devote the absorption machine just for cooling than for cooling, heating and hot water supplying. Finally, location because there might be some countries specialized in this technology and could give important discounts to local partners, and fuel due to the price in the commodity markets.

Table 25 presents a possible breakdown of costs a user may incur in by acquiring a machine of such characteristics.

*Table 25. Absorption chiller's costs breakdown [17]*

<b>Investment Cost</b>	600 – 700 \$/kW
<b>Fixed Cost</b>	\$0
<b>Operation Maintenance Cost*<sup>12</sup></b>	0.022 \$/kWh

### 4.2.4 Solar panels. PV technology

Even-though the photovoltaic technology does not belong to the HVAC, nor to CHP technologies, the PV devices are increasingly gaining importance in the market, and consumers are now more confident about its benefits.

The volatility of the market and the drop in solar cells have stirred up the awareness, and people are now beating very hard on this sort of technologies. The on-site PV installations not only provide benefits for the user himself, but promotes the green economy and helps to reach the decarbonization of the world, shifting the generation and consumption to a greener panorama with renewable energies leading the process, followed by low-carbon technologies.

The operation principle of such technology is the exploitation of the energy contained in the sun. By means of chemical components, the cells are capable of turning that solar radiation to direct current. This electricity does not need to undergo through any sort of process to increase or lower the voltage, because it is ready to be consumed. That is the good point of PV panels, that it cheapens the costs of transport and distribution, as well as the transforming process.

As later on will be explained in the model, continuous investment in RES may facilitate to reach an optimal solution for the building to be optimized in consumption and distributed energies low carbon emissions. The limitation of this technologies lies in its performance yield, which is

<sup>12</sup> Affected by the cost of fuel, it it exists.





quite low for the time being when comparing to other technologies; and the space available to deploy these installations, which can at maximum occupied the roof of the building.

## 5 Methodology

Next step consists in defining the procedure to be followed. This chapter will explain the work methodology, as well as the model that has been used to compute and obtain the results. Once this latter is done, a case study will be presented in order to demonstrate how the model works and the potential it does have to solve optimization problems.

### 5.1 DER-CAM

The software's name stands for Distributed Energy Resources Customer Adoption Model. DER-CAM is a software tool developed at the Berkeley Lab in which the economically optimal CHP DER system is determined for a site, given the site's energy usage, utility tariffs, and DER equipment options. Equipment options include natural gas-fired generators such as reciprocating engines, micro-turbines, and fuel cells; heat recovery and utilization equipment such as heat exchangers and absorption chillers; and photovoltaics.

The last update of this tool has enabled new features to consider. Some of them are cited following:

- Opportunity to consider trends in building loads and utility tariffs (electricity rates, fuel prices, utility services...),
- Opportunity to consider optimal reinvestments through a dedicated option,
- Linear model for stationary battery degradation.

DER-CAM is written as mixed integer linear program, written in the optimization platform GAMS. Key inputs DER-CAM's code include are:

- End-use load profiles. Electricity only: loads that can only be met by electricity, cooling, space heating, water heating and natural gas only (such as cooking and distributed heating).
- Electricity tariff. Volumetric (\$/kWh) prices, demand (\$/kW) prices, varying by time of use and by month and fixed (\$) monthly fees.
- Natural gas tariff. Volumetric (\$/kWh) prices, varying by type of use (DG, cooling, or other) and month fixed (\$) monthly fees.
- Distributed generation costs. Amortized capital costs for equipment, system design, and installation, fixed (\$/kW capacity) annual maintenance costs and variable (\$/kWh) maintenance costs
- Distributed generation performance. Electrical efficiency, heat to electricity ratio for combined heat and power systems and minimum and maximum load
- Energy Conversion Efficiency. Recovered heat used for heating and absorption cooling, natural gas used for heating and absorption cooling and electricity used for cooling.

The model is also subject to some constraints that limits the model to give an output that might be out of range, or simply, that is technically impossible. The maximum payback period, the maximum of operating hours each technology has throughout a year and the minimum CHP efficiency are some of these constraints the model considers when running cases, among others.

Regarding the outputs, CHP optimal investment, the operating schedule, energy costs, fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are key parameters to measure and analyze the feasibility of the results given by the optimization tool.

## 5.2 Key input parameters

There are many inputs to consider when optimizing, but only several of them are deemed to be more important than others. For this current case study, the chosen parameters that have been chosen as the main drivers will be following explained in detail, how they have been calculated, the importance of them and so forth.

### 5.2.1 Load

This first input, the load, is the most important one. The reason lies in the fact that with no consumption data is not possible to estimate the power and energy needed at each time of the day, on a yearly basis, and therefore, impossible to determine the amount of CHP technologies to be deployed within the building under study.

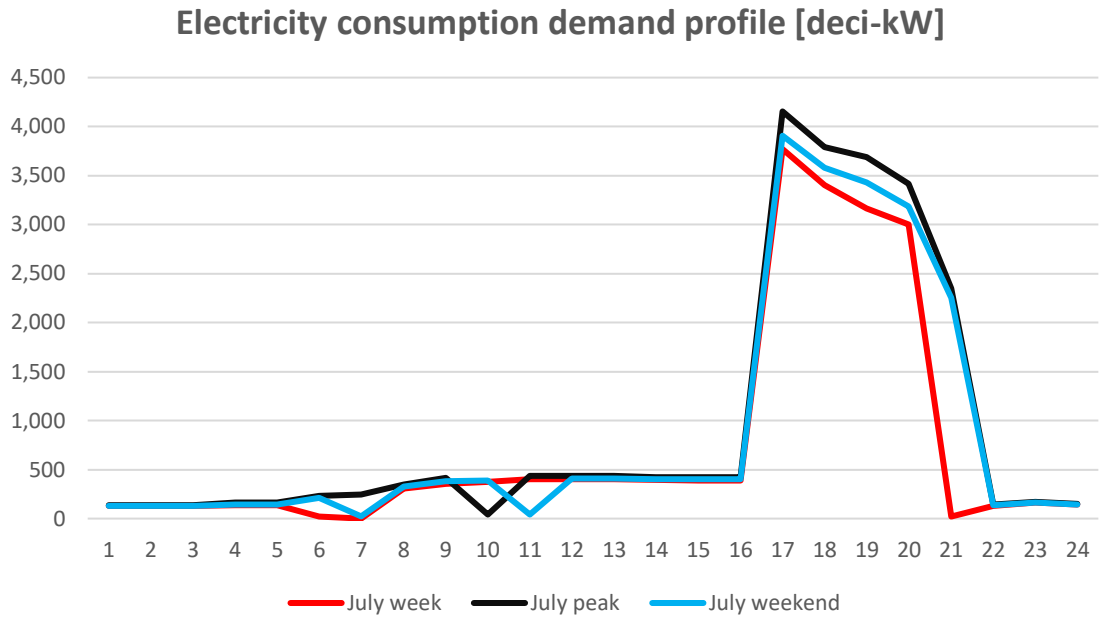
Due to the complexity of defining day by day, hour by hour, the consumption profile of a commercial building, instead, what it has been done is set a representative day for each month of the year, on an hourly basis. Hence, there are 24 consumption data for each of the twelve months. Moreover, and trying to be as much accurate as possible in the computation, the representative day making is done for a weekday, a weekend day and a peak day. This way the model, alongside other parameters incorporated in its inner code, can choose among a broader range of load curves and make iterations based on different profiles to finally compare all of them.

The data source used to acquire the consumption data is the U.S. Department of Energy. Within this database, profiles similar to medium-large commercial consumers have been selected to be part of the model. Such consumers are supermarkets, hotels, offices, etc. The dataset gathers hourly load profile consumption for 16 commercial building types, based on the DOE commercial reference building models) [18].

Consumption is not merely a general concept, but instead, there are different types of consumption. Electricity consumption may be the first that come in mind when talking about this concept, but there are many others. According to the Department of Energy of the United States, the consumption can be classified into several groups, but only five are taken into the model. Those are the use of electricity, cooling, refrigeration, water heating and use of natural gas.

An important issue that will be later on commented is that although these data belong to the US, and the study must be carried out for Spain, it is very needed to find a common reference between both countries. For that reason, and searching carefully locations with similarities, the city of Los Angeles has finally been pointed to be the common point between the two territories. Spain is, on average, a country with Mediterranean climate conditions. At the same time, the Californian State gathers similar weather conditions, and specifically Los Angeles.

The reference location in Spain that keeps more in common with Los Angeles seems to be island of Menorca, due to its humidity and medium temperatures during winter time.



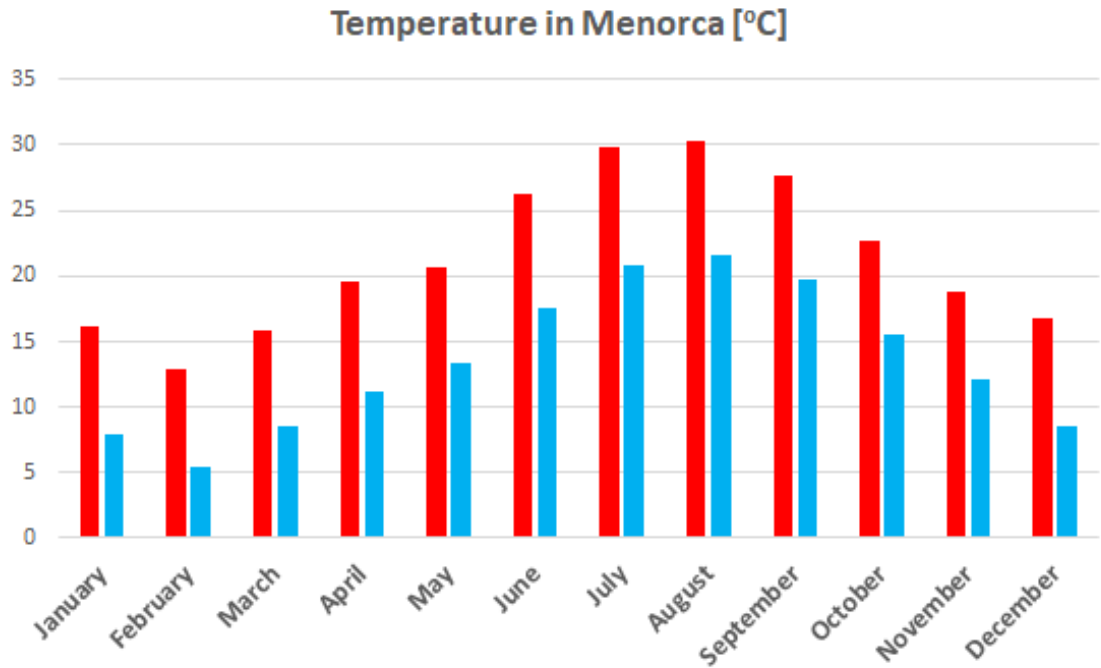
*Figure 13. Electricity consumption for week, peak and weekend electricity-only use in a reference supermarket*

## 5.2.2 Temperature

As mentioned before, the island of Menorca is the reference location that keeps similarities to Los Angeles city in the United States. Likewise, the temperature must be broken down in an hourly basis.

Making use of the tool released by AEMET<sup>13</sup>, it is possible to make such temperature spreadsheet. Likewise, a representative day for each month of the year. The temperature input is very relevant due to its implications with the use of air conditioners, heaters; and, combined with the solar radiation it permits the calculation of the power generated by PV panels and any other electric device powered by the solar energy.

<sup>13</sup> *Asociación Española de Meteorología.*



*Figure 14. Average maximum and minimum temperature in Menorca*

In red, the maximum temperatures, while colored in blue stand the average minimum temperatures registered in Menorca from 1981 until 2010 [19].

### 5.2.3 Solar insolation

Solar insolation determines the theoretical potential solar installations can reach while operating. The higher the insolation the higher the power production, and, in case of on-site PV panels, the less energy purchased in the market will be needed. Spain is in a good location to take advantage of time with sunlight, decreasing the independence from the network and allowing making effective a reduction in the electricity bill.

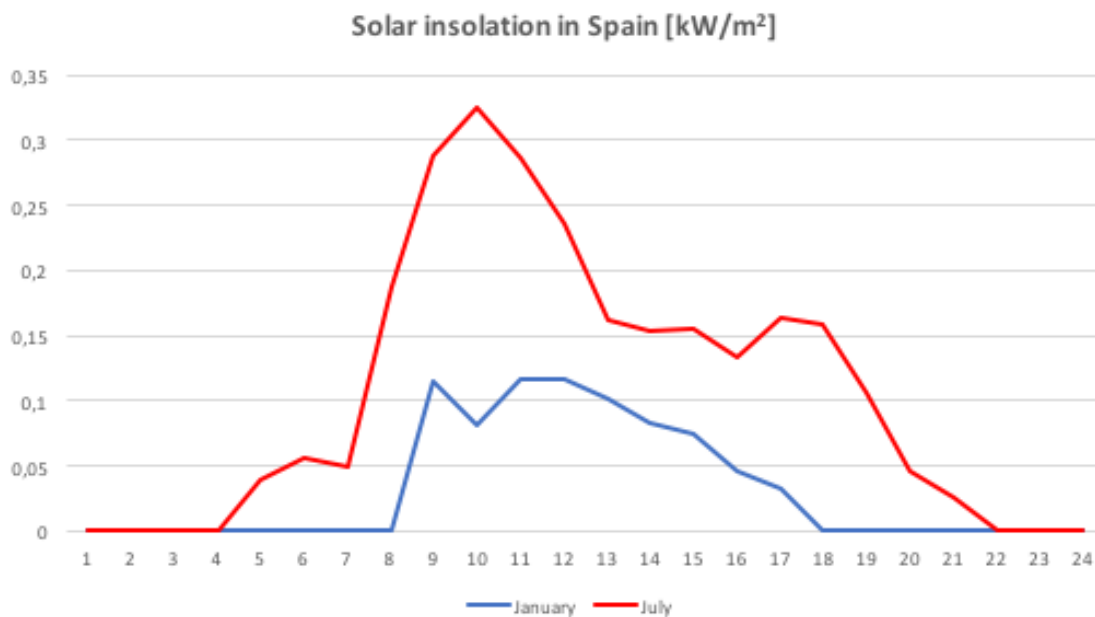


Figure 15. Average solar insolation in Spain

Summer presents higher rates of solar radiation, as expected, whereas in winter it reaches minimum values. Thus, it is reasonable to say that during summer time, the use of electricity supplied by the network will be diminished in exchange of larger utilization of PV panels.

#### 5.2.4 Electricity rates

The electricity rates term has to do with the prices cleared in the wholesale market. Spanish electricity market is cleared by OMIE<sup>14</sup>. Lately in 2019, the Spanish government has made a change in the paradigm concerning self-generation. This been said, now it is possible in the Spanish market to inject into the grid the energy surpluses produced by facilities and installation under particular ownership.

There are slight differences when considering either purchasing or selling electricity in the wholesale market. Purchasing electricity consists in be supplied by the national grid with energy that enables coping the current demand at any time of the day. There are several agents in the process that must be remunerated for their services, as well as the cost of the grid has to be recovered. The way to socialize and collect the money that pays back the infrastructure is by means the implementation of the so-called access tariff.

The access tariff allows the cost recovery of the grid and the remuneration to the agents that facilitates the market activity. Depending on the type of consumer, a different tariff shall apply. This project studies the commercial businesses, so that a tariff 3.0A is the one which has been chosen to carry on onto the analysis. Table 26 shows the features of the access tariff 3.0A.

<sup>14</sup> Operador del Mercado Ibérico de Electricidad.

Table 26. 3.0A Spanish access tariff breakdown in 2019

3.0A	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
<b>Capacity Term [€/kW/year]</b>	40.728885	24.437330	16.291555
<b>Variable Term [€/kWh]</b>	0.018762	0.012575	0.004670

This Time-Of-Use tariff (TOU tariff) is divided into three periods, which means depending on the time consumers are switching on appliances they will pay one rate or another. This tariff suits to those customers connected to the grid in low voltage (<1kV) and with a contracted capacity higher than 15 kW. The hourly discrimination is convenient to those electric intensive businesses, that can modulate the load to consume when price decreases.

The capacity term of the tariff relates to the cost of the grid and the power contracted; it is expressed in €/kW. On the other hand, the variable term that changes depending on the load profile, and, in consequence, so does it with the consumption and is expressed in €/kWh.

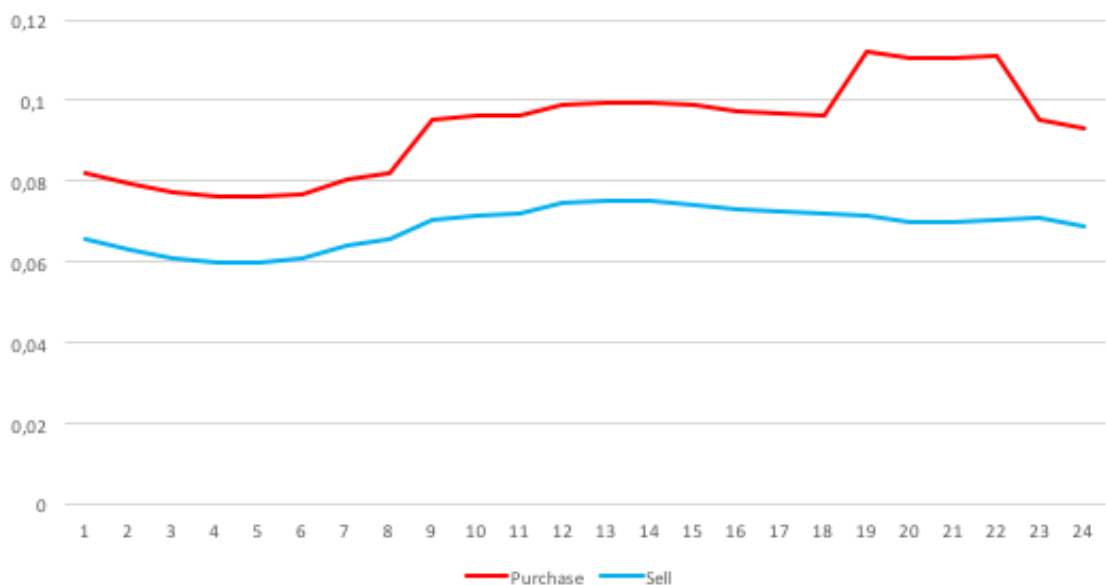


Figure 16. Comparison between purchasing electricity and selling electricity in the Iberian Market

The revenues gain by selling surpluses electricity are lower than the retail price. The good point is that now it is permitted to inject electricity into the grid and be paid for it, there might be some technologies attracting investors, as the exceeded energy can be sold.

### 5.2.5 Fuel prices

Natural gas is the key driver to decarbonize the economy in the short and medium term, in detriment of the use of coal. Hence, gas prices are deemed to be an important factor to consider when designing the optimal technologies to deploy in a building.



Figure 17. 2018 HH prices for the natural gas in Dollars [20]

Figure 17 illustrates the evolution of the natural gas price throughout a natural year. 2018 is the year chosen to compute the fuel prices in the DER-CAM model. Following, a table with the average monthly prices for 2018.

Table 27. Average monthly Henry Hub price in 2018 in \$/MMBTU [20]

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$3.46	\$2.74	\$2.89	\$2.82	\$3.00	\$3.01	\$2.87	\$3.03	\$3.06	\$3.36	\$4.69	\$3.32

Considering the price of diesel, commonly used in CHP technologies such as cogeneration, the reference index in Europe is the Brent quotation. This index is the one considered when compiling the price of the diesel due its well-known criteria to calculate it and, more importantly, because it is widely used.





Figure 18. Brent quotation in \$/barrel [20]

Table 28 shows the average prices, on a monthly basis, for the year 2018.

Table 28. Average monthly Brent Price in 2018 [21]

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$69.05	\$65.78	\$70.27	\$75.17	\$77.59	\$79.44	\$74.25	\$77.42	\$82.72	\$75.47	\$58.71	\$53.80

As a comparison, in order to demonstrate how important is the fuel price in the coming years, here lies a chart that depicts both natural gas and Brent historical prices. It can be seen how the natural gas price has drastically decreased in the recent years, making it more attractive to large producers and consumers planning on changing their actual boilers, generators, etc.

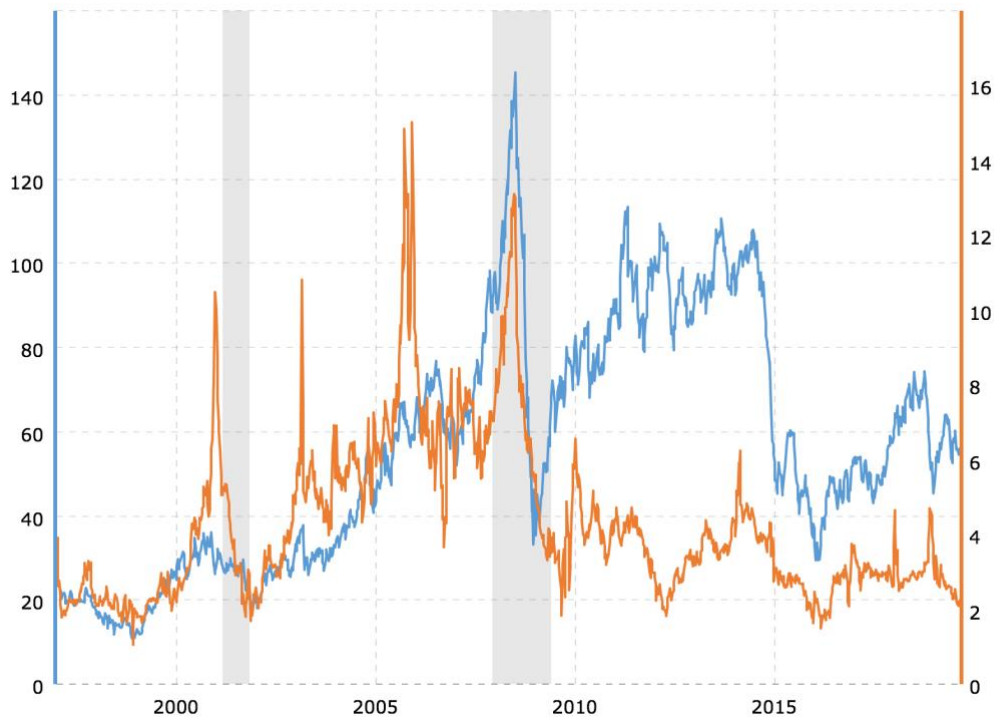


Figure 19. Comparison between oil prices and natural gas prices

In orange, the gas price, and blue belong to Brent price. The grey parts correspond to those recession periods the global economy suffered. After the last recession, in 2008, NG started declining, especially thanks to a new way of extracting this fuel: the fracking process. This fact places the US nowadays as the world's first LNG exporter, and it is the main reason the NG is so cheap in the market.

### 5.2.6 Emission allowances

The European Union CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading system is currently the largest carbon market in the world. It is devoted to mitigating and struggle against the climate change. To do so, the aim of this system is gradually reducing the greenhouse gas emissions in the European region [22].

The success of the mechanism lies in the existence of a cap that regulates the total amount of emissions allowed. It limits the greenhouse gas emissions emitted by over more than 11,000 installations in the European Union. Therefore, if an installation is short in emissions, it must go to the market and buy allowances that give the right to emit such amount of CO<sub>2</sub>. As the cap is reduced over time, so does the total amount. This measure pushes the companies and installations to invest in low-carbon processes and take action in efficiency matters. Otherwise, the allowance price will very high and unaffordable for most of them, since the number of rights is less but the emissions remain the same.

Since 2017 the price has dramatically increased, as Figure 20 shows. The reason is the recent amendment the European Commission has made effective, retiring a great number of allowances (cutting the emissions cap), rising the prices and giving signals to the heavy industries that accounts for 45% of the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the European territory.



*Figure 20. EU ETS quotation in 2018. €/tonCO<sub>2</sub> [23]*

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions pricing is relevant when computing the CHP technologies to install in the building. If the emission allowance is extremely high, it may happen PV panels are better to put in place, since the cost of diesel and natural gas will be more expensive. A price of 30 \$/MWh was set in concept of the emissions tax in the model.

## 6 Case study

This sixth chapter is devoted to the explanation and computation of the inputs and parameters that have been previously commented, in order to come up with optimal solutions for those commercial businesses that are interested in optimizing their operational and energy costs.

Based on the Department of Energy of the United States database for commercial reference buildings, a large hotel has been selected as the reference building for this project. There are other reference buildings such as offices, hospitals, restaurants and supermarkets, but a hotel fits pretty good with the object of this thesis, since the demand of a hotel is seasonal and it exists demand for almost any kind of energy: heating, refrigeration, electricity and gas.

### 6.1 Model parameters

Before starting running and discussing the scenarios, an explanation of the parameters that are changeable within the model is necessary.

A set of variables, binary variables, allows the model to follow one path or another. Some of the binary variables that are going to be managed are shown in Table 29.

*Table 29. Set of binary variables in DER-CAM*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest in fuel-fired DG technologies'
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest continuous variable techs like PV, solar thermal, storage, and abs chillers'
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	'0-Do nothing, 1-Invest in fuel-fired direct compression chiller technologies'
<b>PVSales</b>	'0-No PV Sales, 1-Allow PV Sales. If Sales is set to zero PV Sales will be disabled'
<b>CHP</b>	'0-with CHP, 1-without CHP'
<b>CO2Tax</b>	'0-without CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions, 1-with CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions'
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	'0-minimize Energy Costs, 1-minimize CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions'
<b>MultiObjective</b>	'0-no multi-objective function, 1-multi-objective function, which is a weighted combination of costs and CO <sub>2</sub> '
<b>CentralChiller</b>	0 means that no central chiller can be used for cooling.
<b>NetMetering</b>	'0-unrestricted electric sales to the macrogrid, 1-electricity sales < purchases electricity on an annual basis'



The dimensions of the building are changed in the model accordingly. These parameters, the area of the building measured as the surface of its roof, is relevant for the PV panels installation. The hotel has an estimated total rooftop surface of 1000 m<sup>2</sup>.

Load, temperature, spot purchase and sell prices, access tariffs, solar radiation, CO<sub>2</sub> hourly marginal emissions and fuel prices are gathered and already treated separate in a database. This database is called from the model as inputs when it runs.

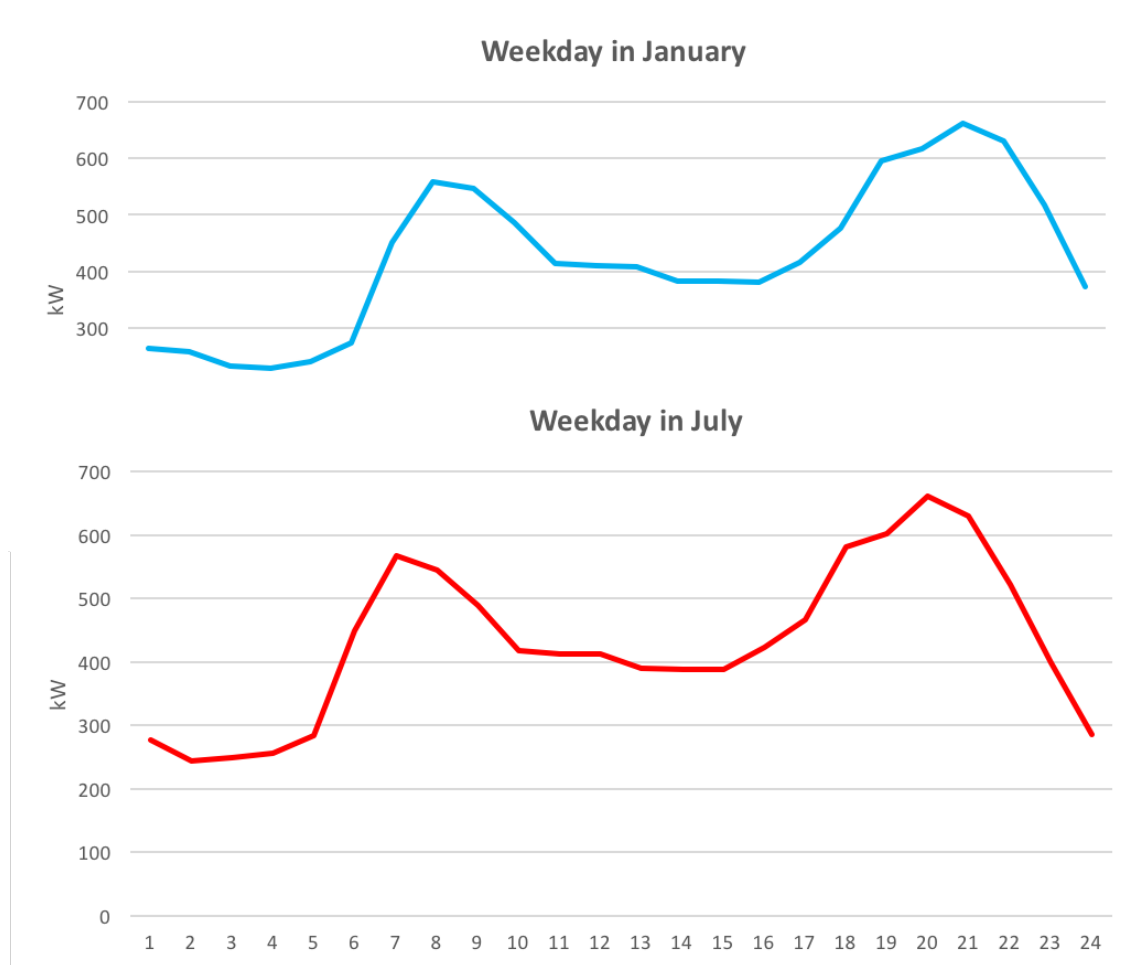
## 6.2 Base case scenario

To calibrate the model and give it a set point to start with the optimization, it is necessary to run first the model with no parameters online. In other words, it is going to be calculated the energy costs of the hotel as if everything was purchased from the network. In this case, there must be central chiller that cools down and heats up the entire building, thus, CentralChiller variable is set by default to 1.

*Table 30. Binary variables set for the base case*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	0
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	0
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	0
<b>PVSales</b>	0
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	0
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	0
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

Following, some figures plotting the daily consumption, weekday consumption, in summertime and wintertime, for gas and electricity, as depicted in Figure 21.



*Figure 21. Electricity load profile in a large hotel*

Both profiles are very similar. This may have to do with hotel lighting and other services that are full day in operation and rarely stop their performance. Cooling also follows the same trend, being constant throughout the year, with no big leaps between summer and winter.

Since water heating is needed no matter what season of the year is, so does the water heating load profile, being almost similar in every month of the year. The hot water is used for showering, cooking, indoors swimming pools; facilities and utilizations that are almost constant.

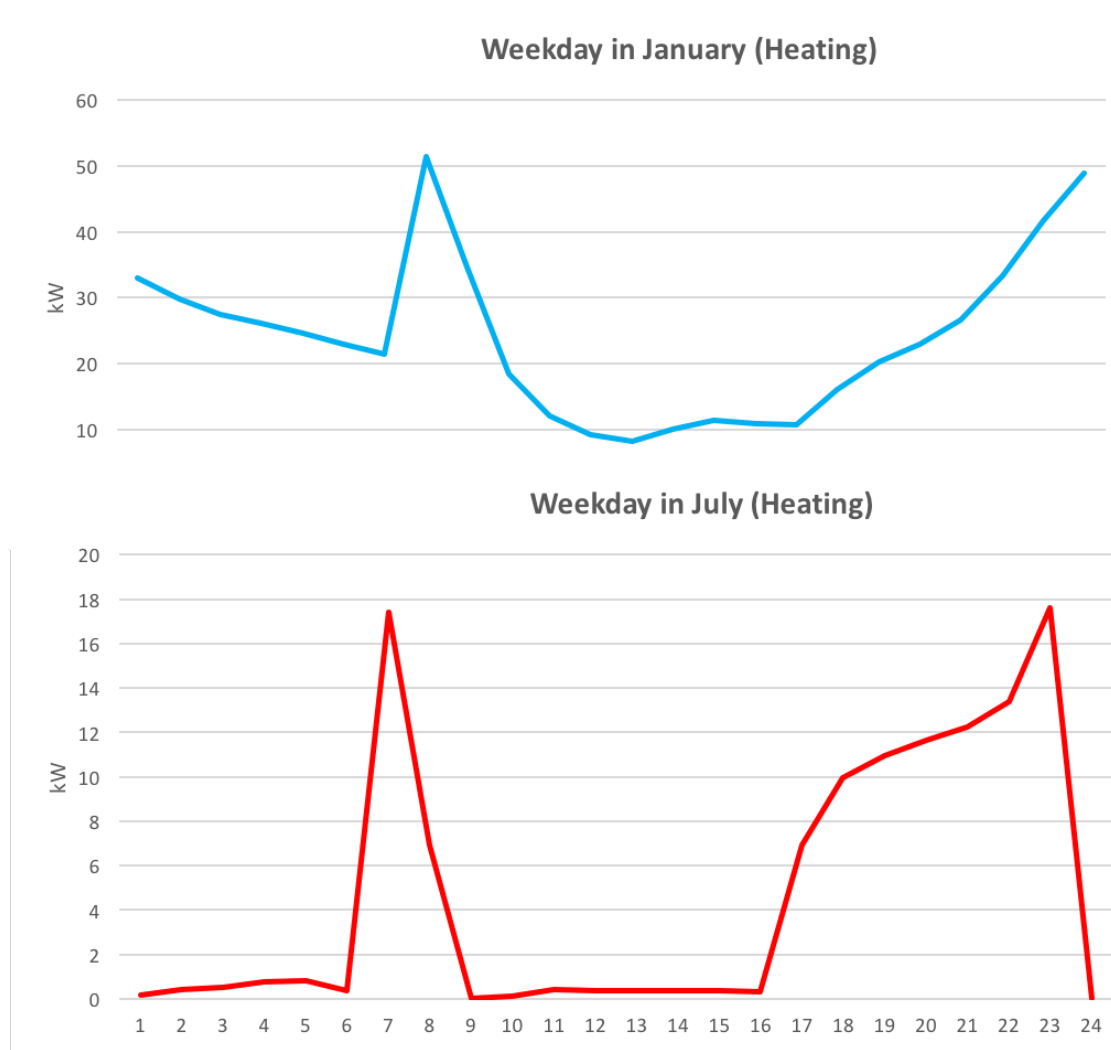


Figure 22. Heating load profile in a large hotel

By contrast, as Figure 22 plots, even-though the seasonal profiles could be similar, they are not equal in terms of energy demand. In the case of heating, it is reasonable to think that during summertime that demand tends to zero. Due to the fact most of the times natural gas is used in heating and processes that require hot sources, the natural gas demand in winter is higher than of summer.

Before running the model, the drivers of each CHP and HVAC technologies must be registered. Table 31 and Table 32 shows the parameters introduced in the DER-CAM in order to be ready to run the model on its base case.

Table 31. Drivers of CHP machines

	ICE	MGT	FC	Stirling
<b>Overall Efficiency [%]</b>	70-92	60-85	85-90	65-85
<b>Electrical Efficiency [%]</b>	25-43	13-30	37-60	40
<b>Power-to-Heat Ratio</b>	0.5-0.7	1.2-1.7	0.8-1.1	1.2-1.7
<b>Life Cycle (yrs)</b>	20	10	10-20	10
<b>CAPEX [\$/kW]</b>	800-1,600 <sup>15</sup>	1,290 <sup>16</sup>	\$7,000-\$10,000	1,300-2,000
<b>O&amp;M [\$/kWh]</b>	0.0045-0.0105	0.015-0.025	\$36-\$45	N/A <sup>17</sup>

Table 32. Drivers of HVAC machines

	GSHP	ASHP	Absorption Chiller
<b>COP (Heating)</b>	5-6	4-5	3-4
<b>COP (Cooling)</b>	4-5	3-4	2-3
<b>Life Cycle (yrs)</b>	15	15	10-20
<b>CAPEX [\$/kW]</b>	\$50,000 <sup>18</sup>	\$30,000 <sup>19</sup>	\$600-\$700
<b>O&amp;M [\$/kWh]</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0.022

### 6.2.1 Results of the base case scenario

The first case, used to calibrate the model and set the starting point of the optimization, is plotted in Figure 23. Comparing a typical day in January and July, there are slight differences. First, the natural gas burned in the chillers is relatively higher during summertime, due to the air conditioning units; and the other way around, the natural gas mostly used in heating is higher during the cold wave in winter.

<sup>15</sup> With a heat exchanger, there is an increase in the CAPEX.

<sup>16</sup> Same as in footnote 5.

<sup>17</sup> There is not enough data up-to-date to draw a reliable cost for operation and maintenance.

<sup>18</sup> Total investment regardless the size of the system.

<sup>19</sup> Same as footnote 6.



Electricity consumption remains constant in both seasons. Kitchen, electrical devices, lighting are permanent in operation, since the guests are coming constantly. Alike, because there are disabled any option of investments in self-generation is disabled, all the energy is purchased in the market at the market price.

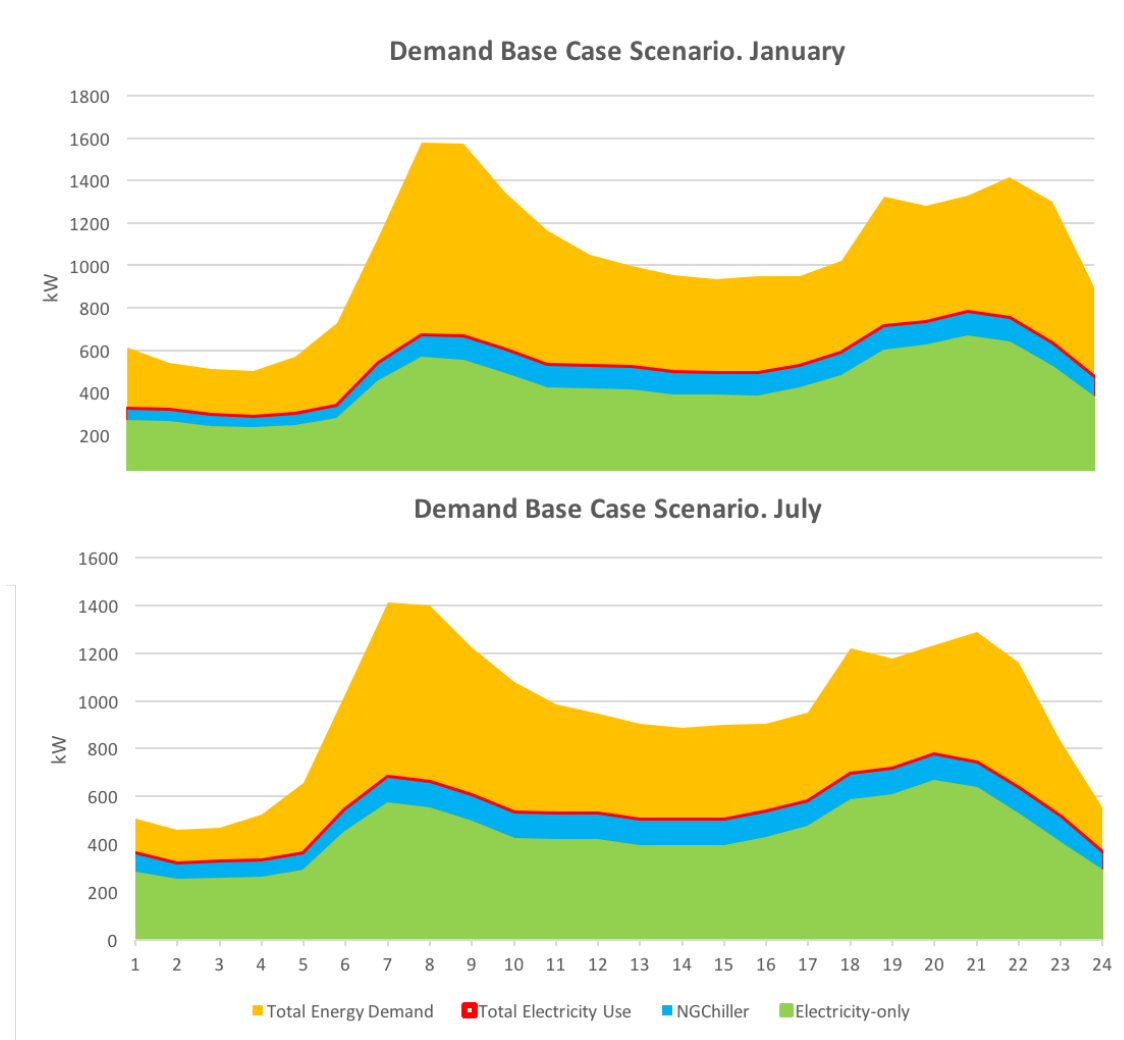


Figure 23. Demand load profile in the base case scenario

This scenario with conditions of no-investments and fully supplied by the network and market comes up with an annual cost of \$501,392.8055. Table 33 illustrates a summary after running the model in the first attempt. The part colored in yellow is energy demand provided by other energy sources such as natural gas.

Table 33. Base case scenario output

<b>Total Energy Costs – Electricity Sales</b>	<b>\$501,392.806</b>
<b>System Efficiency</b>	<b>0.479</b>
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	<b>2,100,623.150</b>

## 6.3 Discrete investments

This section focuses on the optimization of the system just installing discrete technologies, in other words, CHP machines such as ICE, MGT and so forth.

In total, two different cases will be analyzed, each with different options and conditions. Those case studies are:

- Discrete investment option and investments in natural gas chillers
- Discrete investment activated with CO<sub>2</sub> tax and its minimization

### 6.3.1 Case D1

In this case, as already explained, just discrete investment option will be activated on DER-CAM's control panel. Table 34 shows the control panel before running the model.

*Table 34. Binary variables set for Case D1*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	1
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	0
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	1
<b>PVSales</b>	0
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	0
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	0
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

Enabling CentralChiller and NGChiller variable allows the model deciding which option is less costly. Table 35 summarizes the final outputs after model running completion.



Table 35. Case D1 output summary

<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$150,408.241
<b>System Efficiency</b>	0.4999
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	3,176,420.626
<b>ICE Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	540
<b>MGT Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	120
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$906,000
<b>Microgrid-Benefit per Year</b>	\$87,352.924
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$276.839
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$20,168.201

The energy costs have dropped drastically after allowing discrete CHP technologies acquisition. They have diminished more than three times compared with the base case. This reduction in costs comes, as expected, along an increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions if, as it happens in this case D1, no CO<sub>2</sub> allowances fees are in force.

Economically, the benefits that stem from the microsystem amount to approximately \$87,500 per year, with an initial capital investment of nearly 1 M\$, included discrete technologies and chillers for refrigeration. As in the base case, Figure 24 plots the final output of the total energy demand and the electricity-only use. The same as in the base case scenario, natural gas, space heating, cooling and water heating complete the yellow part corresponding to the total energy demand.

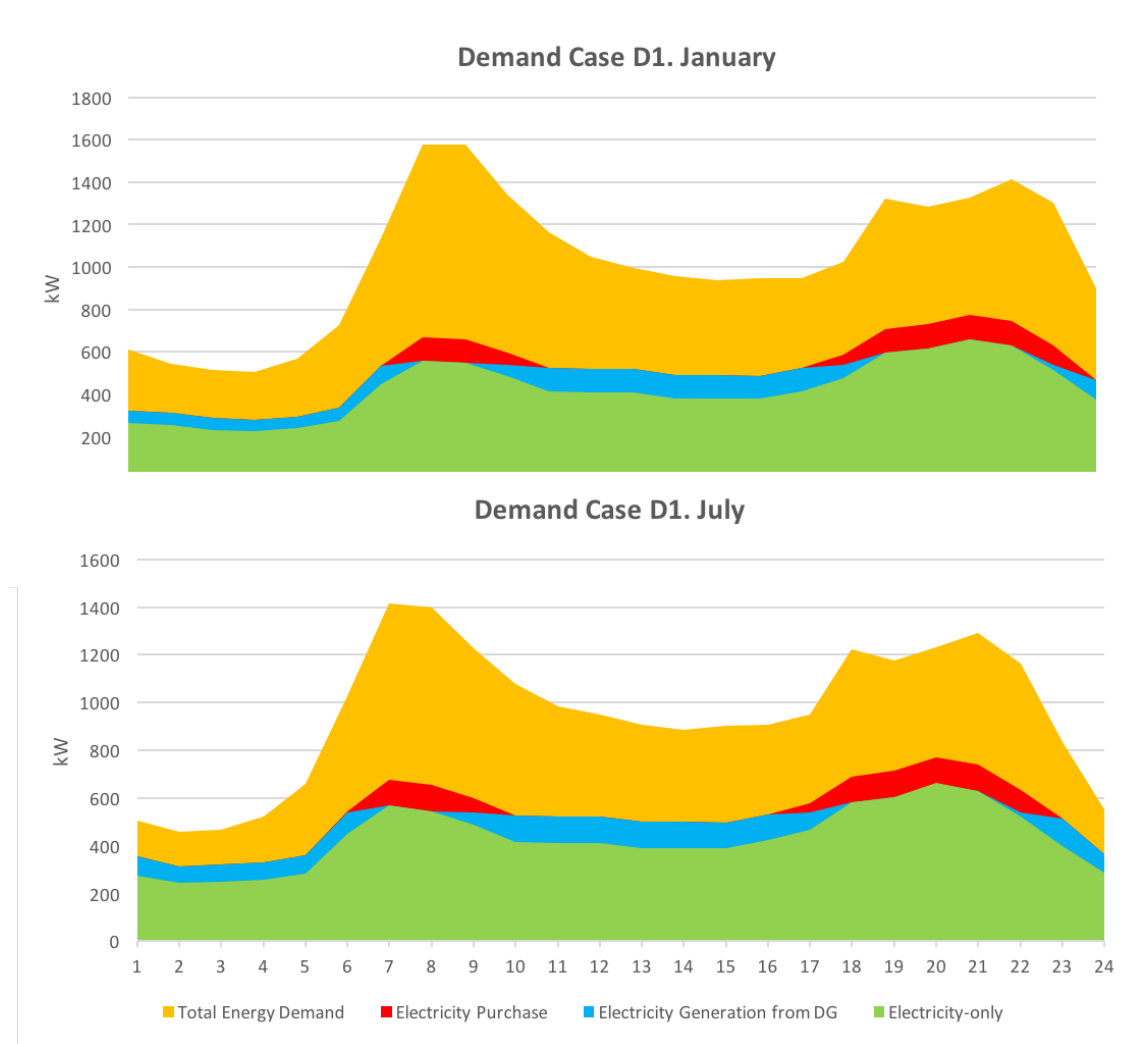
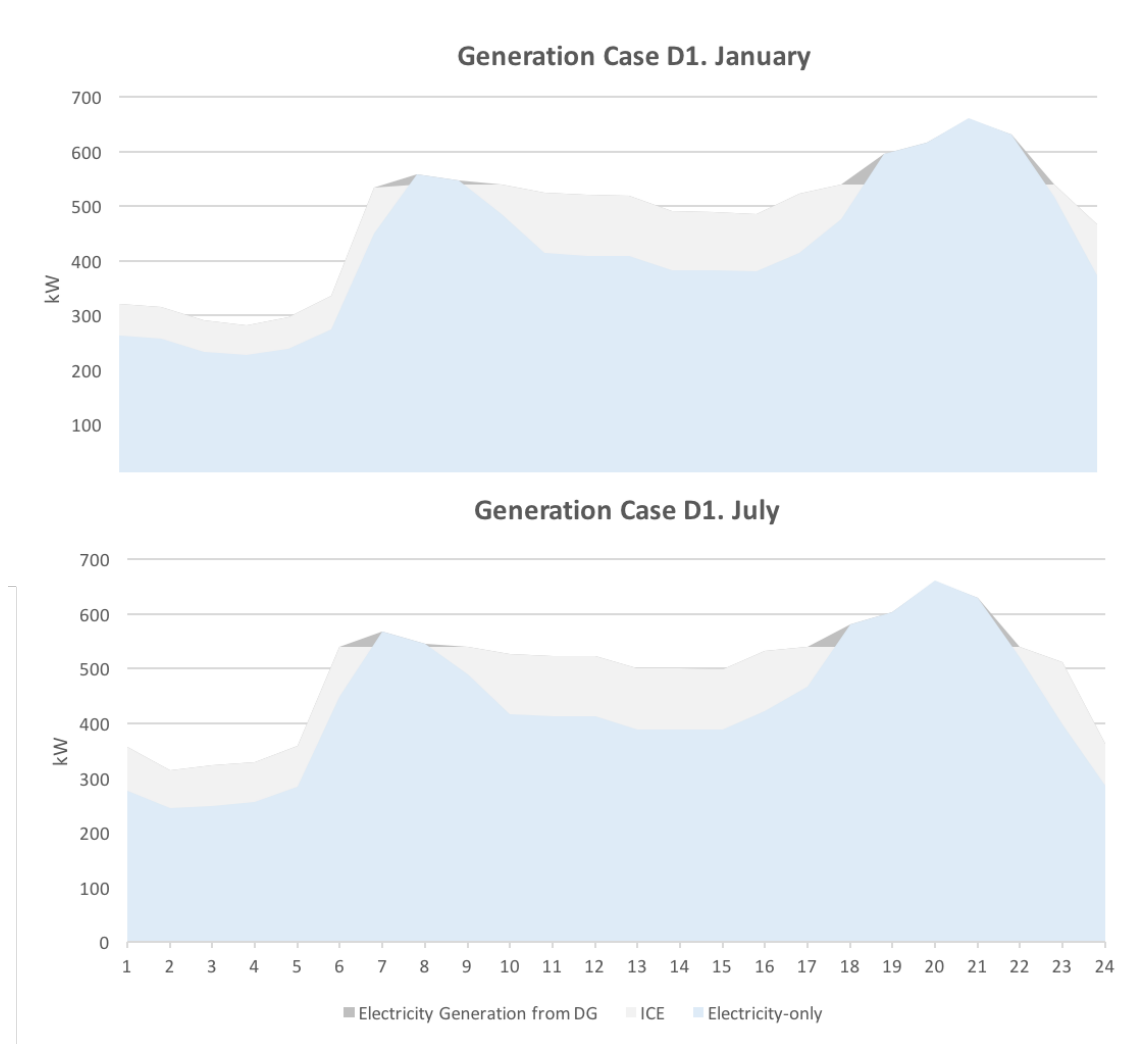


Figure 24. Demand load profile in case D1

The electricity supply is mostly covered with the ICEs and MGTs, but there are some peaks where they are not sufficient, thus electricity from the spot market is needed. That electricity purchased in the spot market is colored in red. The use of electricity for electric devices is covered by the CHP machines, and there is some time that it exceeds. That surplus is used in other appliances that are electrically driven to produce other source of energy, e.g., chillers' compressors.

Figure 25 depicts the distributed generation operation, being the ICE the technology that copes with the baseload. The microturbines are switched on just during peak hours (dark grey colored).



**Figure 25.** Electricity generation profile in case D1

With a secondary axis, Figure 26 compares the discrete generation with the NG chiller generation. It is curious to see that when central chiller is operating, the CHP machines can cope with that consumption, among others, pretty well. The periods where central chiller is switched off and the natural gas chiller starts up, it is when peak hours take place. The reason is that a natural gas chiller is more efficient and less costly than the central chiller. Central chiller disposes electricity, great amount of it, during operation; and, peak hours in the hotel are coincident with peak hours in the spot market. For that reason, it is convenient to stop operation and start up chiller that burn natural gas, since the fuel price is low and there is a noticeable gain in performance ratio.

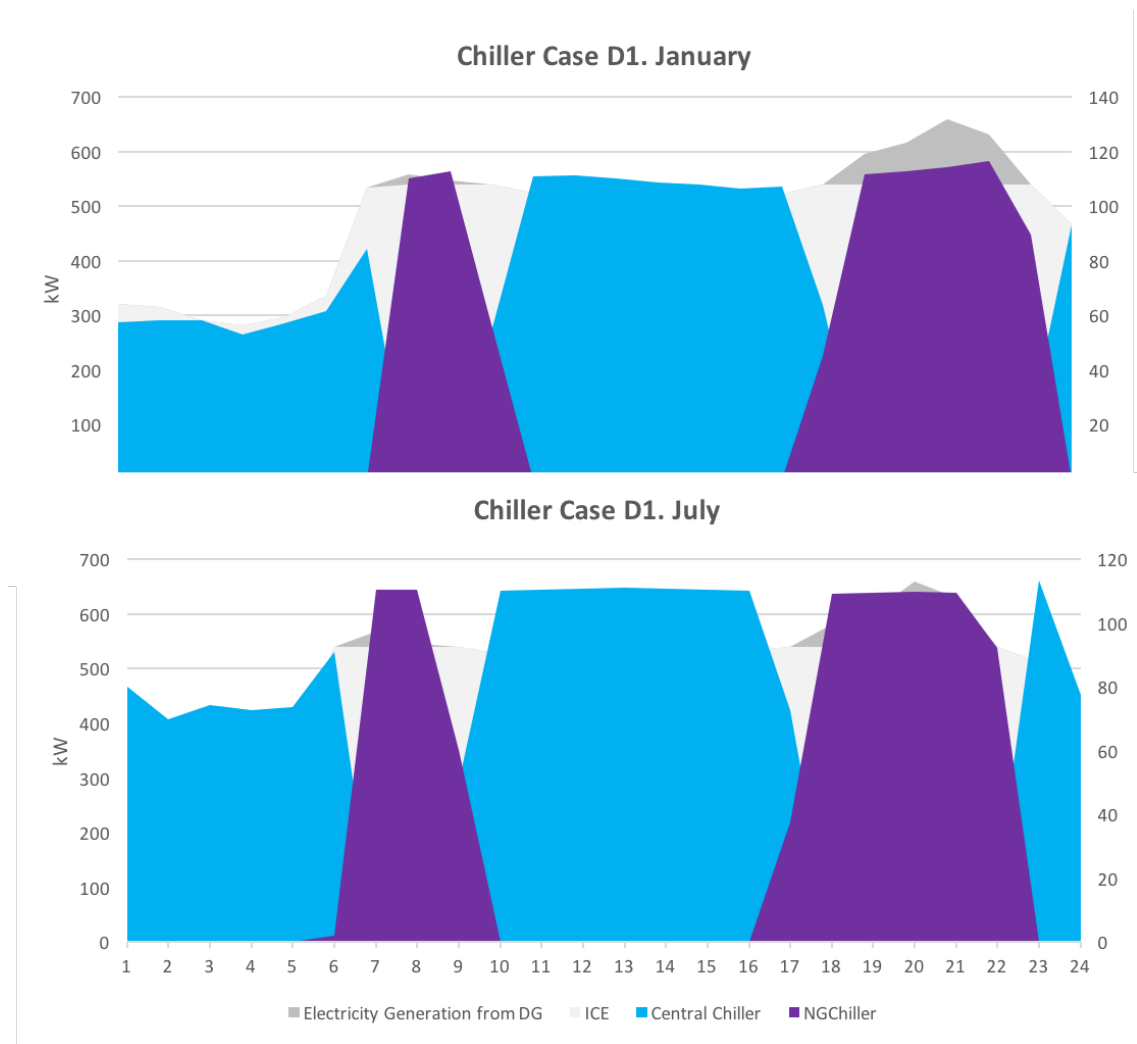


Figure 26. Electricity consumption by NG chillers in case D1

The use of CHP and natural gas boilers have enormously increased the natural gas consumption and made total electricity costs below \$300 on a yearly basis.

### 6.3.2 Case D2

It is true that installation of CHP and HVAC technologies implies a notorious energy cost reduction, but this occurs in exchange of emitting more CO<sub>2</sub> to the environment. For that reason, this D2 case study is focusing on attaining a cost reduction at the same time it tries to minimize the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by applying a CO<sub>2</sub> tax on the technologies.

Three possibilities arise from the task of decrease carbon emissions. Those are:

- Just activation of the CO<sub>2</sub>Tax option. Called Option1
- CO<sub>2</sub>Tax and MinimizeCO<sub>2</sub> options activated. Called Option2
- CO<sub>2</sub>Tax and MultiObjective options activated. Option3

First option just calculates the energy costs without taking into account the carbon emissions, but just the cost of them. The second alternative focuses on just minimizing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, not optimizing the total energy costs. Last but not least, the option that weighs a combination between energy costs and emissions.



Table 36. Comparison of options in case D2

	Option1	Option2	Option3
<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$236,884.582	\$611,572.185	\$246,157.121
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,815,832.932	1,373,331.093	1,394,613.993

Seeing the three outputs, it can be stated that Option2 is out of range, mainly because the total costs is by \$100k above the base case scenario. On the contrary, Option1 and Option2 are quite similar; one with lower costs and the other with less annual emissions.

However, Option1 just takes advantage when talking about costs incurred by \$10,000, whereas, by contrast, Option1 roughly produces 400 CO<sub>2</sub> tons more than the former. Consequently, Option3 was selected as the optimal solution for this scenario. Hence, Table 37 shows how the control panels must be before running the model.

Table 37. Binary variables set for Case D2

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	1
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	0
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	1
<b>PVSales</b>	0
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	1
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	1
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

After running the model, the results are shown in Table 38. The heat exchanger of the CHP technologies allows the system to gain an overall efficiency of 113.7%. For such purpose, the installed capacity required is large, accounting, in total, for 1,420 kW between ICEs and MGTs. Being the capacity very high, so is the capital expenditure, which amounts to 1.8M\$.



The cogeneration implies very high efficiencies, but, this means more fuel is burnt in the combustion chambers of the CHPs. That is the reason of doubling the quantity of gas purchased.

Table 38. Case D2 output summary

<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$246,157.121
<b>System Efficiency</b>	1.137
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,394,613.993
<b>ICE Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	1,300
<b>MGT Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	120
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$1,800,000
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$1,890.628
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$49,326.778

Figure 27 illustrates the load profile that has been explained in Case D1. Seasonality is not relevant, as the tendency stays constant. The total energy demand accounts for natural gas, cooling, heat and electricity. Having a look at the peak period, first peak period, it can be seen the demand in winter is 200 kW higher than in summer. This has to do with the natural gas demand for space heating and water heating houses make use of very early in the morning; probably before heading work.



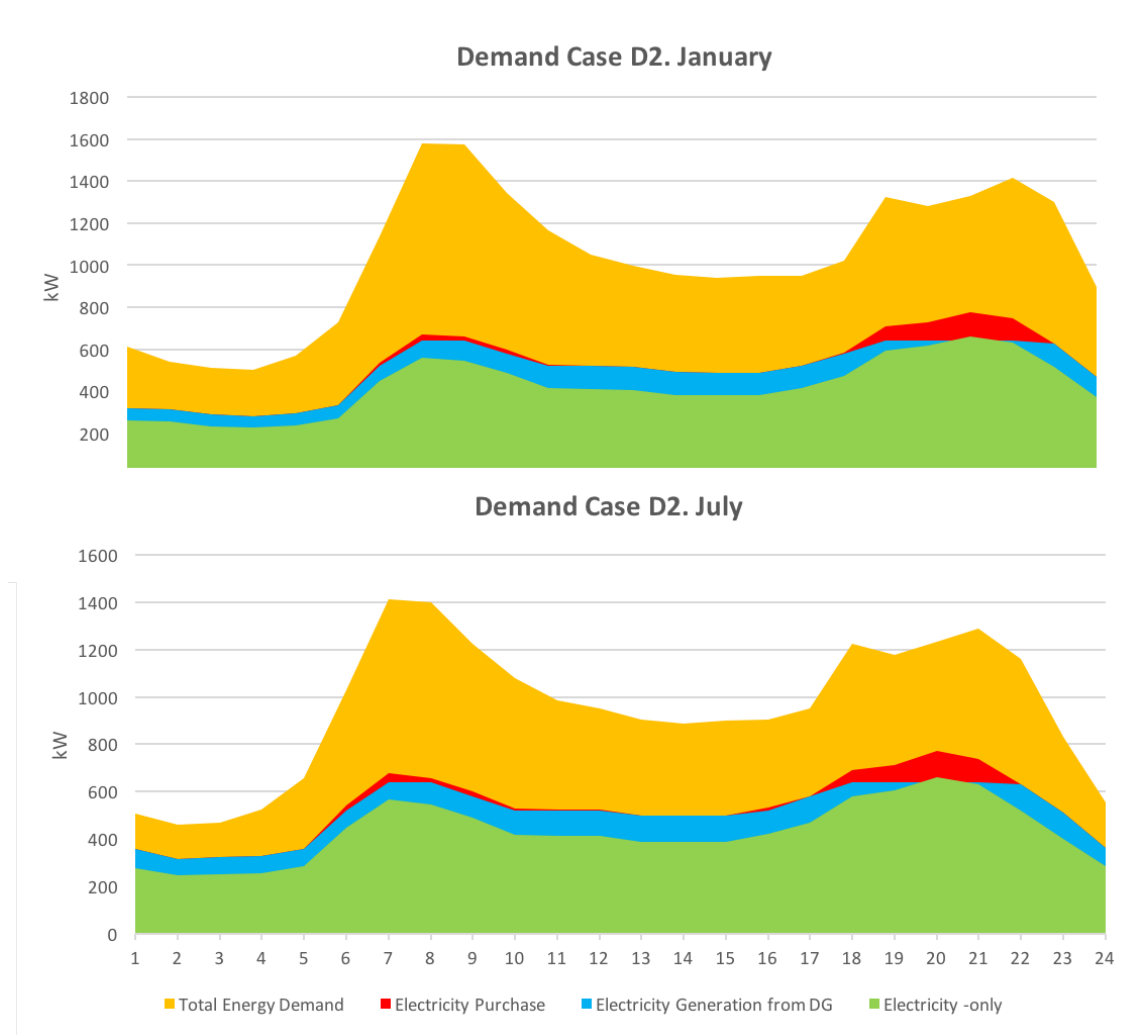
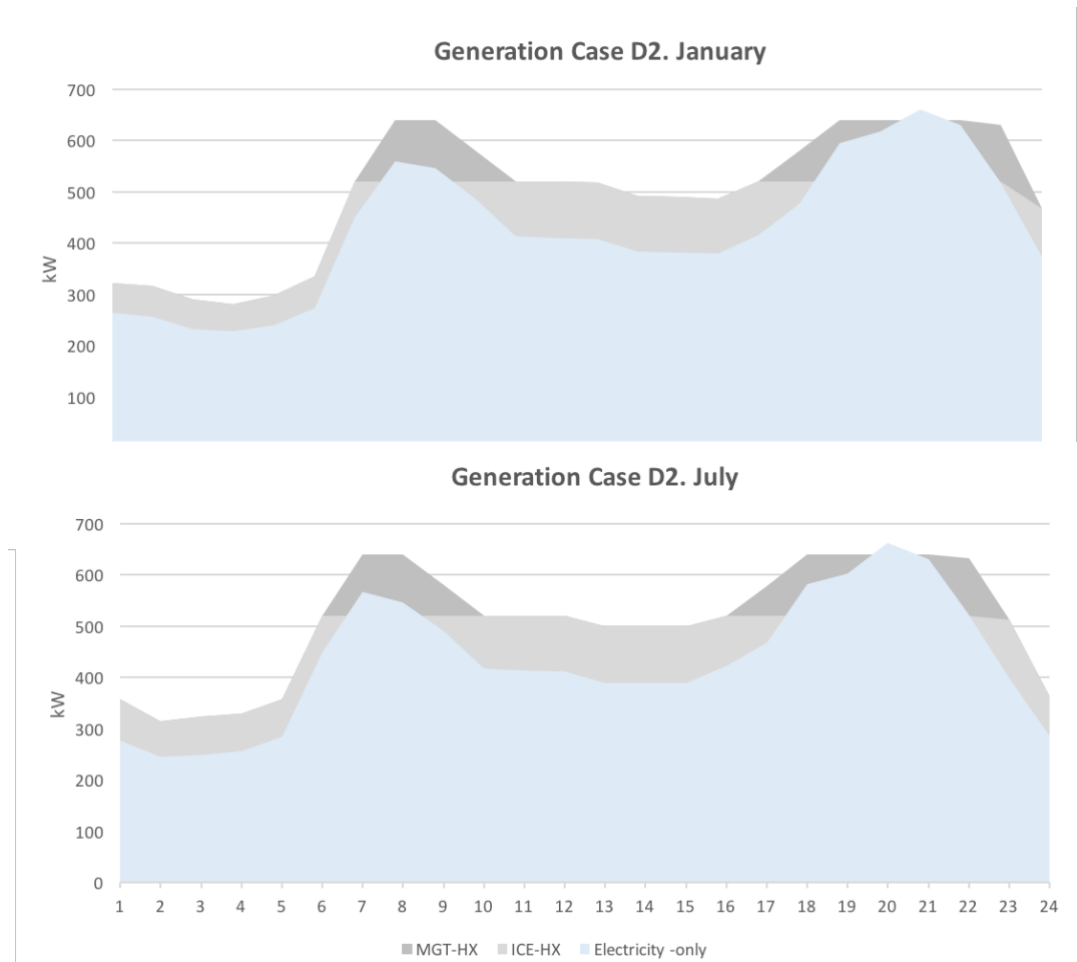
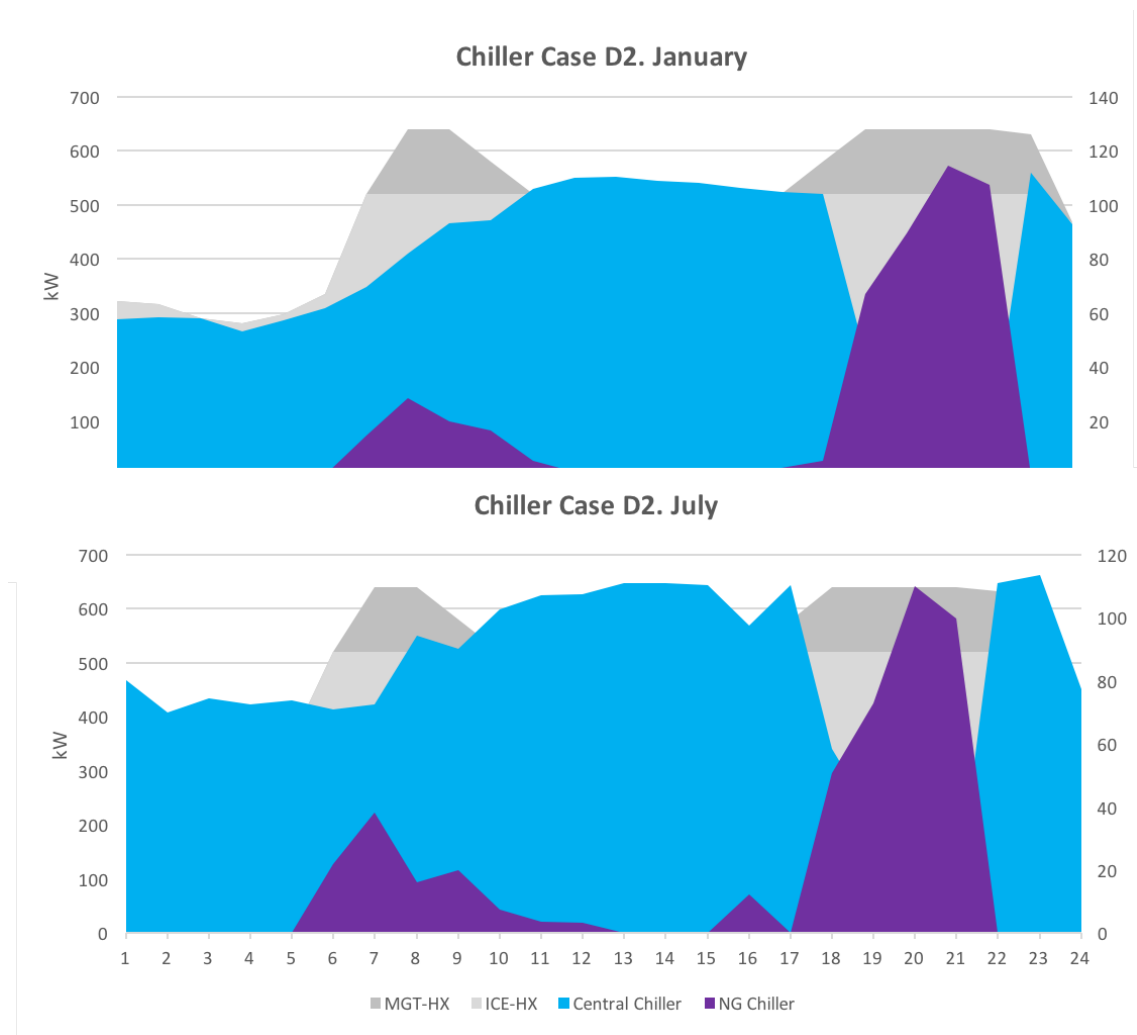


Figure 27. Demand load profile in case D2

In Figure 28, nothing else to add than commenting what it was already done in Case D1. ICE and MGT, both equipped with heat exchangers produce the major share of the electricity. Those peaks where the electricity-only surface is greater than the others it is when electricity is purchased directly in the market.



**Figure 28.** Electricity generation profile in case D2



*Figure 29. Electricity consumption by NG chillers in case D2*

Talking about the central and natural gas chillers (see Figure 29) the NG chillers start up during peak hours, but in this Case D2 the operation is not as steep as it was in Case D1. Central chiller is operative most of the time; just in the second peak period, it seems the natural gas chillers copes with the total cooling demand, but rapidly stops and central chiller takes on back again.

Finally, there is a new chart to explain. Figure 30 is of relevant importance since the CHP technologies operate with a heat exchanger. The heat exchangers are in charge of supplying their residual heat, or not residual but produced it on purpose, to provide with energy those appliances and devices demanding such heat. It is the case of space heating and water heating. Most of the heat directs to the water heating, probably because the temperature is lower and the CHP is enough to provide that service. Space heating may need more than just CHP residual heat, it takes some of it, but the rest comes from natural gas furnaces. In addition, the keeping warm a hotel, especially in winter, is extremely energy intensive, thus, the optimal solution is to utilize gas for such task.

The leftover part to cope with the total energy demand accounts for the natural gas, which is mainly use for heating purposes.

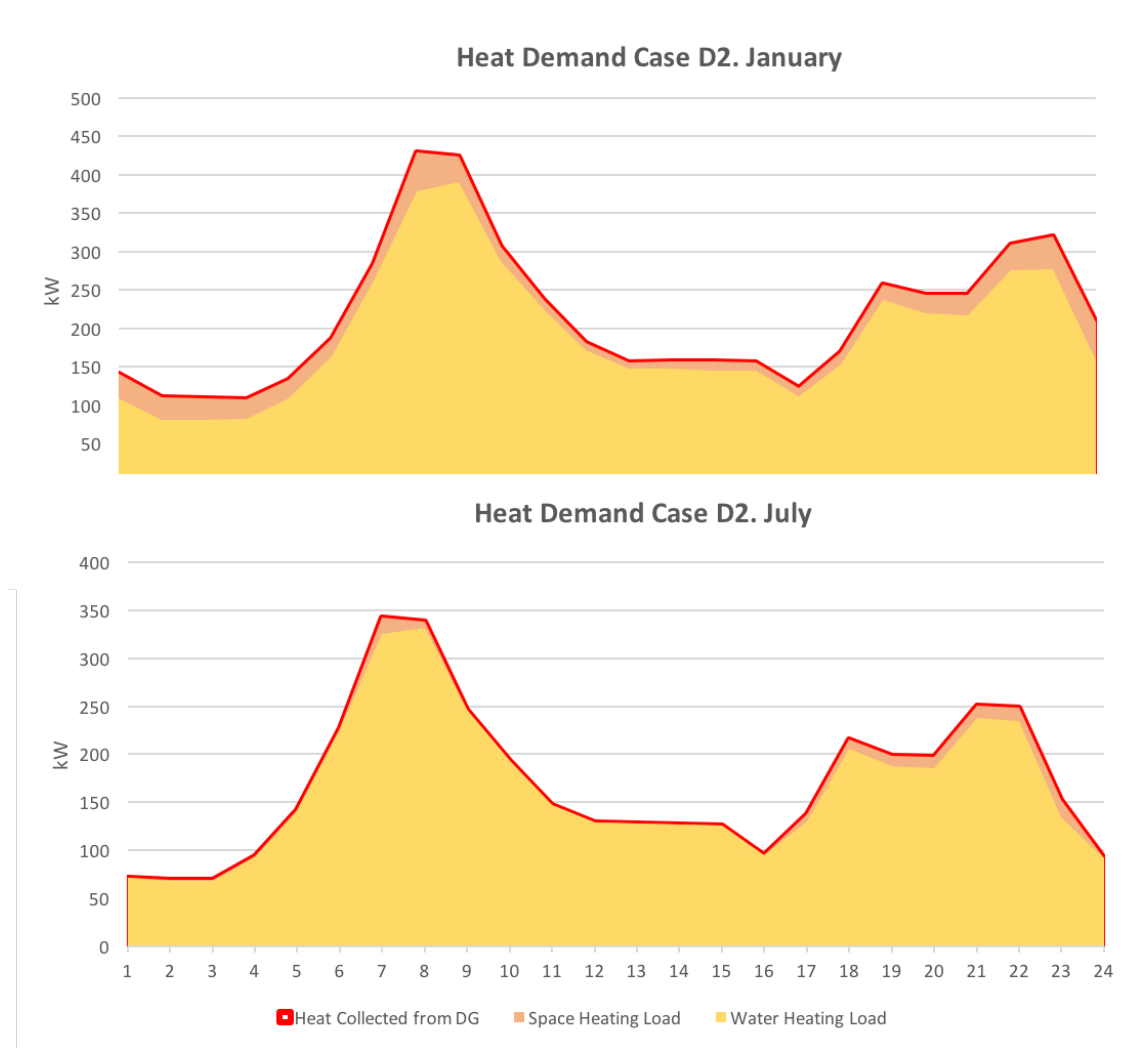


Figure 30. Heat demand profile in case D2

## 6.4 Continuous investments

Moving on another direction, this section follows the path of continuous installations investments.

Continuous investments refer to any technology that its capacity is not fixed by units, but gives some flexibility to the consumers to adopt his consumption to their capacity needs. PV solar panels, heat pumps, absorption chillers, solar thermal, among others, are examples of technologies deemed as continuous.

As in discrete investments, two cases arise, considering that CO<sub>2</sub> optimization is going to be included in all cases from now:

- Continuous investments with PV sales enabled
- Continuous investments with PV sales and NG chillers



### 6.4.1 Case C1

The DER-CAM panel changes from discrete to continuous investments. Just putting a zero in the DiscreteInvest and typing a one in ContinuousInvest option like in Table 39.

*Table 39. Binary variables set for Case C1*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	0
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	1
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	1
<b>PVSales</b>	0
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	1
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	1
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

After the model has been successfully executed, a summary is presented in Table 40.

*Table 40. Case C1 output summary*

<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$ 495,500.860
<b>System Efficiency</b>	0.597
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,679,901.453
<b>PV Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	210
<b>GSHP Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	70
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$180,044.880
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$430,674.373
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$22,654.157

The output is very flawed, since the results are not as expected. Capital investment is relatively high; and exceeds the base case total cost-function, the system efficiency is low if considering the installation of more than 300 kW of renewable capacity. The reason of this low efficiency is the poor use given to the facilities, substituting them by natural gas in most of the cases. An example is the solar PV, with maximum peak generation of 39.548 kW on July at 13 p.m.

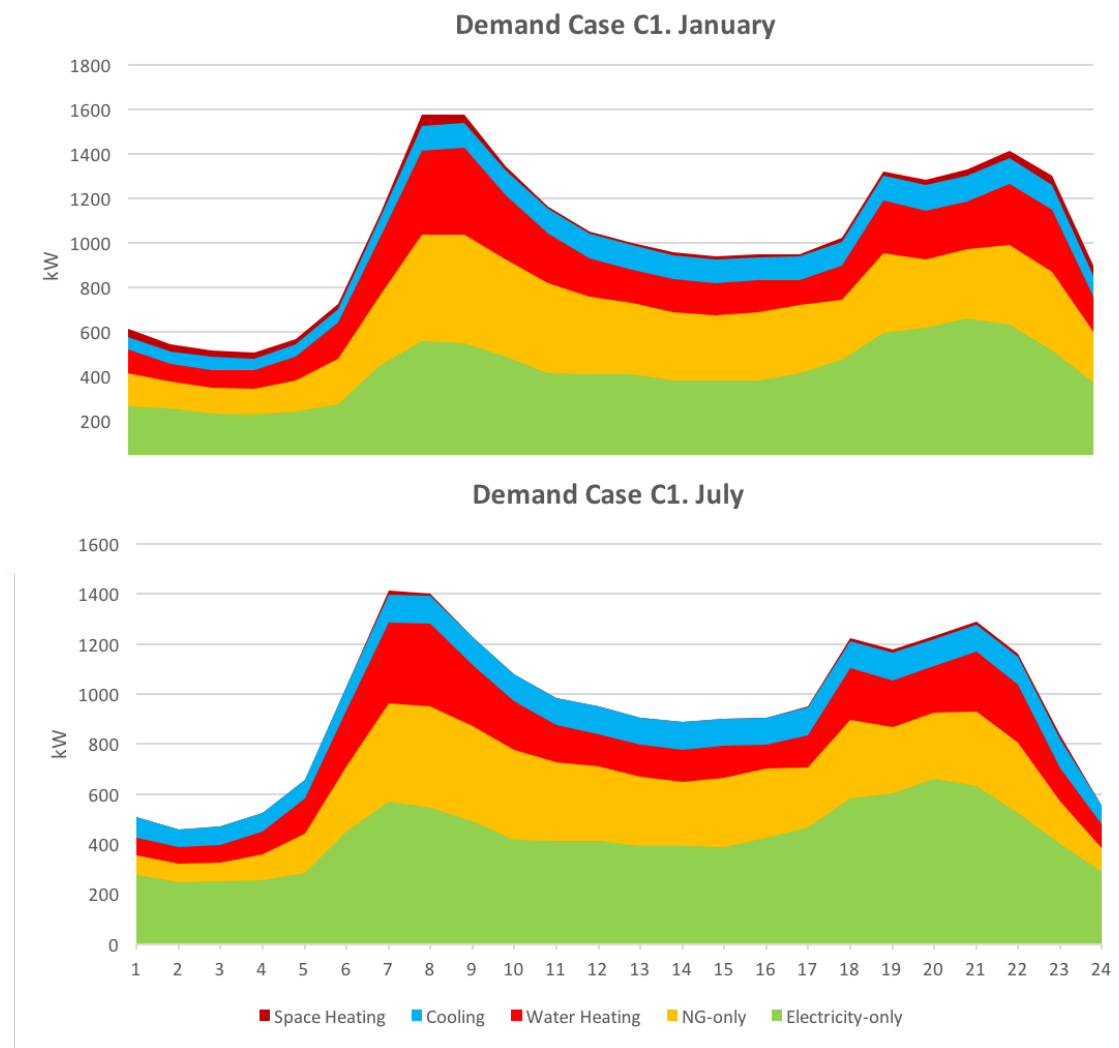


Figure 31. Energy breakdown in case C1

Electricity is still, by large, the most demanded type of energy. Since the PV capacity has a very poor performance, more than 95% of the total electricity consumed comes from the grid, in other words, electricity supply is provided by the spot market through a commercial retailer. Absolute peak demand is reached in wintertime; specifically, in January, it is reached at 8 a.m. with 1,600 kW.

Moving forward, there is a steep change when talking about renewables in heating demand. Figure 32 plots the contribution of each technology in supplying heating and water heating.

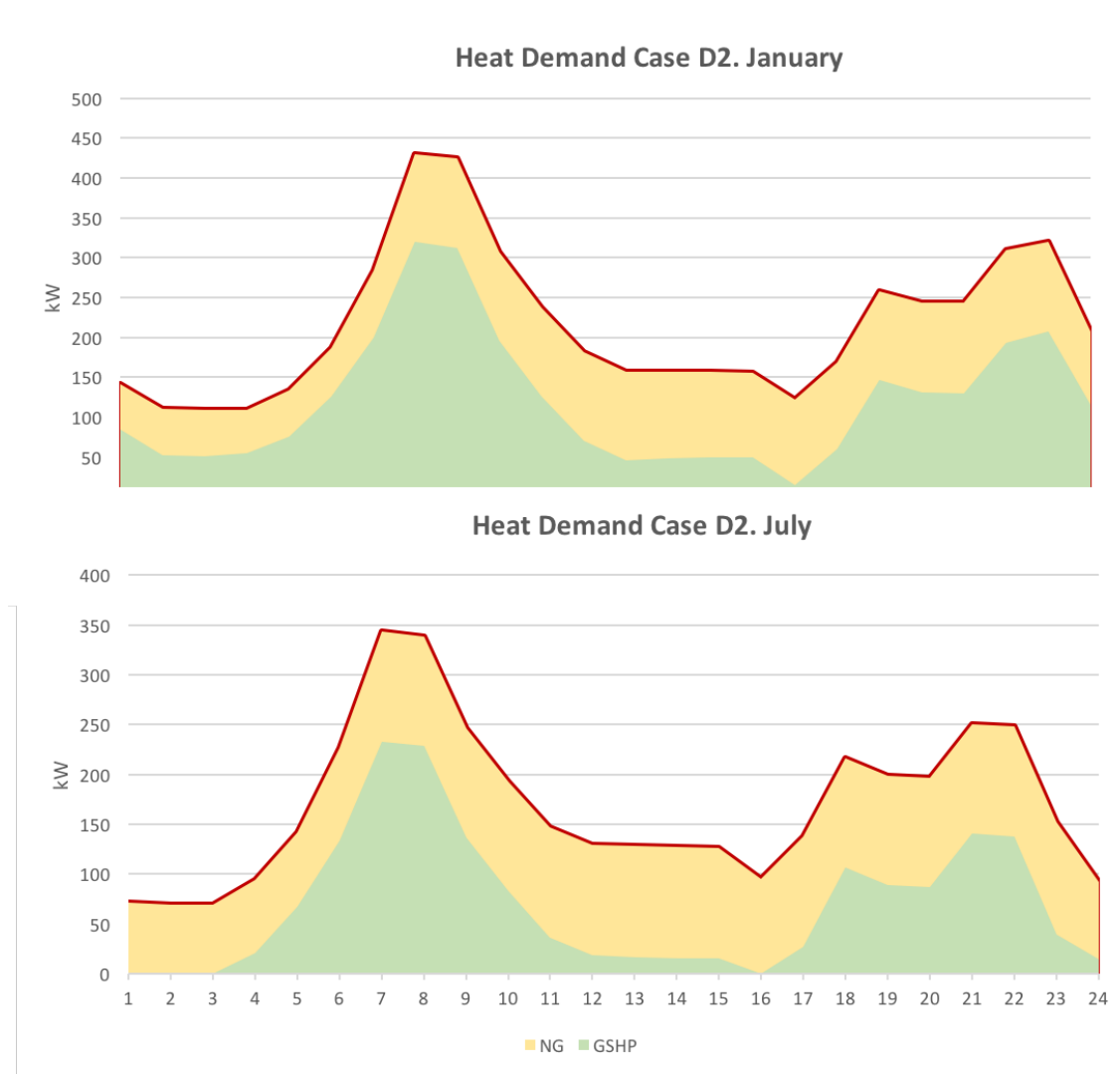


Figure 32. Heat demand profile in case C1

It is remarkable to say that the ground source heat pump facility is capable of covering half of the heat demand just with a maximum installed capacity of 70 kW. The fact is its good performance yield, the so-called COP. GSHPs can operate with COPs between five and six in heating mode, which means that with one unit of electric energy, it generates five or six units of useful heat. This outstanding performance makes a lot of savings in the natural gas procurement.

Going to the opposite side in the energy field, from heat to refrigeration, Figure 33 plots the distribution of the cooling generation by type of technology. As it is depicted, most of the cooling generation lies in the NG chillers, leaving small room for other technologies such as the GSHP (operating in cooling mode) at specific times during the day.

Differing from the discrete investment cases, central chiller is not optimal anymore. Although it is not illustrated, central chiller starts up only during peak hours, when NG and GSHP cannot meet the demand.

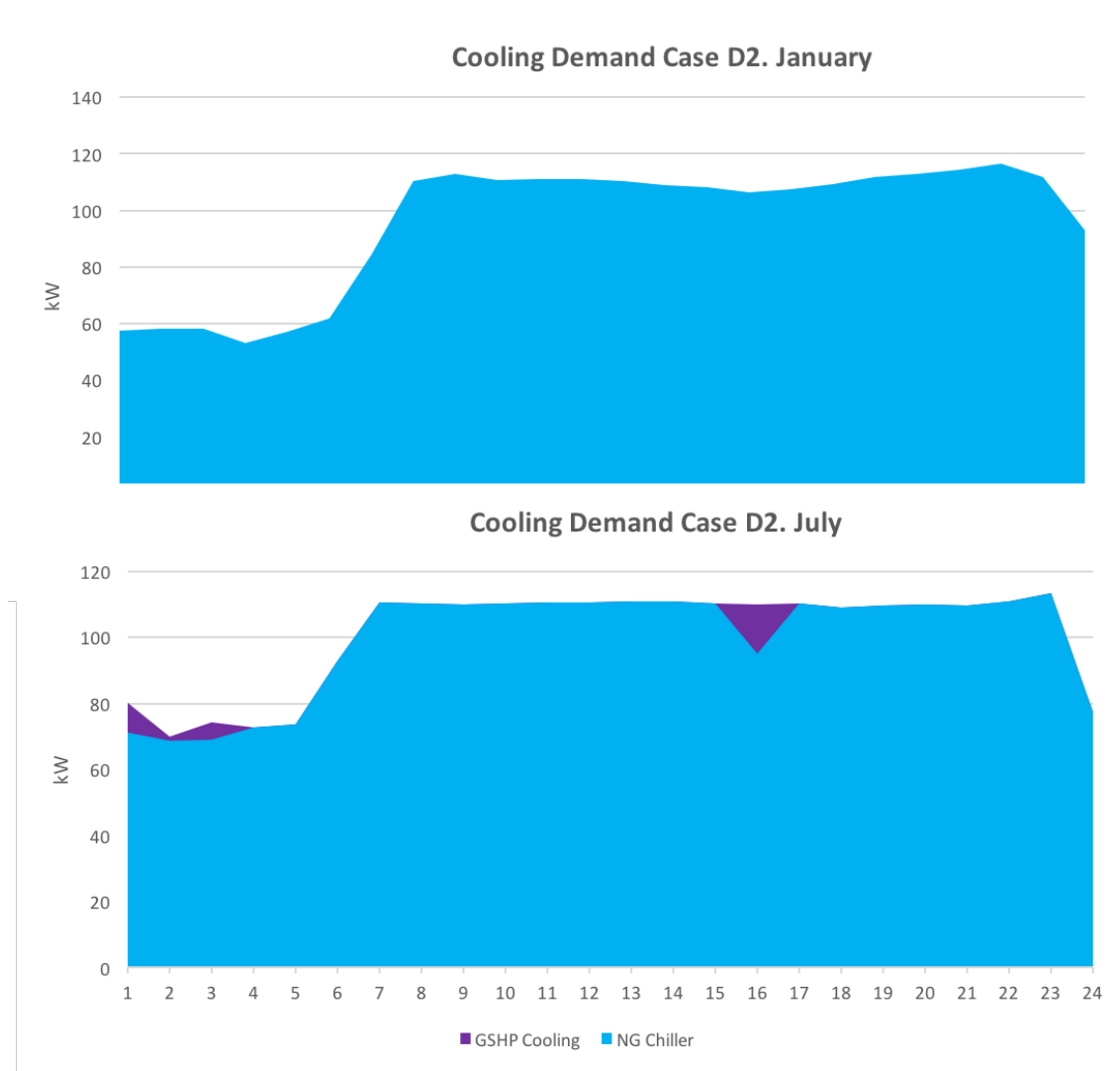


Figure 33. Cooling demand profile in case C1

### 6.4.2 Case C2

The output of this running after execution is very similar to the Case C1. This second case within the continuous investment routine added up the PVSales Option, but, as shown in Table 41, the savings are still below the baseline cost-function.



*Table 41. Results comparison for cases C1 and C2*

	C1	C2
<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$ 495,500.860	\$489,883.596
<b>System Efficiency</b>	0.597	0.574
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,679,901.453	1,823,894.260
<b>PV Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	210	210
<b>GSHP Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	70	0
<b>Absorption Chiller Installed Capacity [kW]</b>		2
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$180,044.880	\$220,000.047
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$ 430,674.373	\$415,165.142
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$ 22,654.157	\$29,124.334

The savings are narrowly below the baseline, but they are a bit lower than in Case C1; the overall efficiency diminishes, part of it is due to the nonexistence of GSHP capacity procuring heating to the building. An important issue that varied a lot is the CO<sub>2</sub> annual emissions; 200 tones more are emitted, and the reason lies in the use of more natural gas in exchange of renewable energies.

Linking to the emissions and non-investments in RES, NG expenditures sky-rocked, in turn of decreasing the electric costs derived from the purchasing activities.

Summing up, continuous-alone investments have proved not have been the best alternative as an optimal solution for the commercial businesses. Next step starts with the combination of both discrete and continuous investment.

## 6.5 Discrete and continuous investments

Last but not least, executions considering both types of investments are made. Two branches derived from this process:

- Investments without sales
- Investments with sales in the market

Both cases are under the CO<sub>2</sub> minimization process, but concerning, also, the optimization of energy costs.

### 6.5.1 Case DC1

A priori, the results should better off the previous ones, as the model combines and take advantages of the synergies derived from the discrete and continuous investments. Table 42 presents the command panel prior to the execution.



*Table 42. Binary variables set for Case DC1*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	1
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	1
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	1
<b>PVSales</b>	0
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	1
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	1
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

Results have better off, as expected, and the cost-function is below the cost baseline. Furthermore, revising just the real cases, say, those optimizations where the CO<sub>2</sub> constraint is included, it comes up to be the lowest cost up-to-date (see Table 43). Likewise, the annual carbon emissions result to be the lowest among all the scenarios run already.

Regarding the capacity installed, 210 kW of solar PV are in place deployed over the 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of available rooftop surface; 119 kW were invested in absorption chillers, amounting a total CAPEX of nearly 1M\$. Since most of the electricity is produced with 210 kW of PV solar panels and 660 kW of CHP microturbines, all these latter equipped with heat exchangers; reason to verify the low emissions of carbon, as the residual heat from the machines is used instead of burning gas in the combustion chambers.

Providing heating and cooling energy services are found 119 kW of absorption machines and 36 kW of renewable ground source heat pumps.



Table 43. Case DC1 output summary

<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$214,052.159
<b>System Efficiency</b>	1.278
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,242,697.162
<b>MGT Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	660
<b>PV Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	210
<b>Absorption chiller Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	119
<b>GSHP Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	36
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$937,615.289
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$220.621
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$44,075.158

Part of the electricity produced does not find its destination in electric driven appliances, as shown in Figure 34; colored in purple and yellow appears the electricity surpluses that may be used as secondary energy, for instance, in the compressors or pumps of the chillers and absorption machines. It is remarkable that PV production is peaking when load is off-peak.

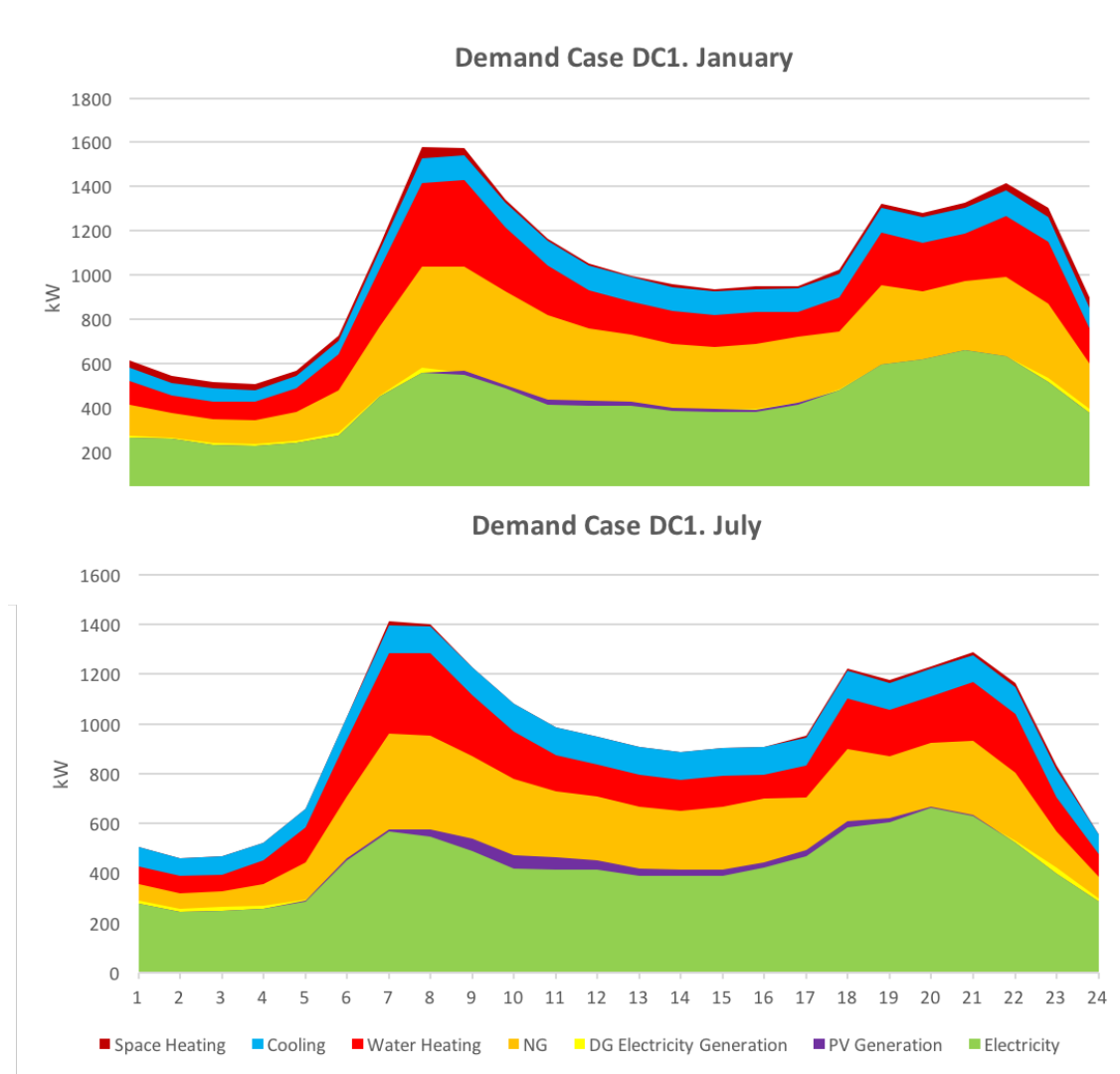


Figure 34. Energy breakdown in case DC1

Figure 35 zooms in what has been explained already, that PV generations reaches a maximum during off-peak hours. It is very likely that due to this fact the PV production remains very low if compare with its total installed capacity which accounts for 210 kW. The problem might be sorted out if sales were enabled and that electricity could be sold and injected into the grid, being paid for that activity as well.

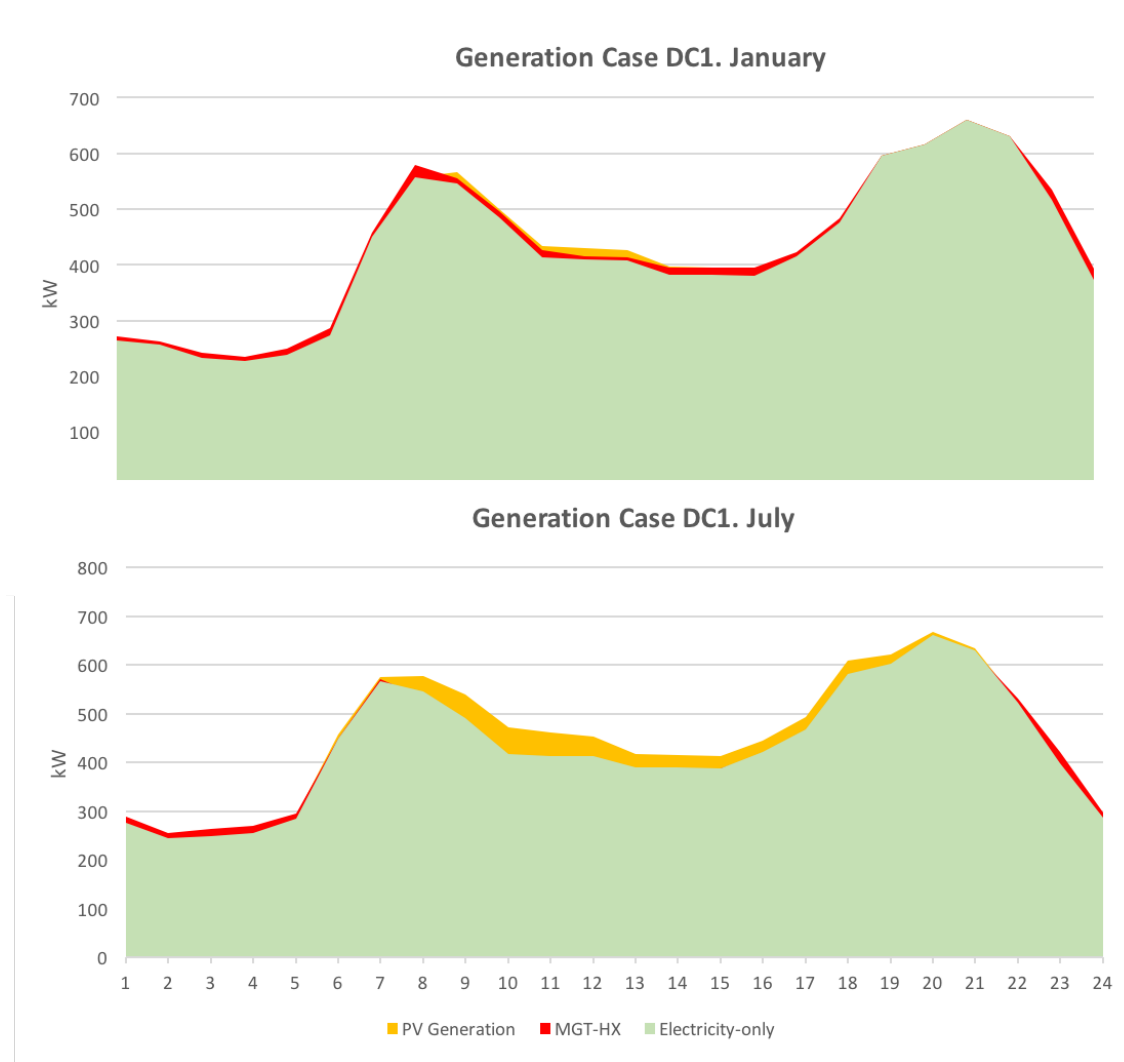
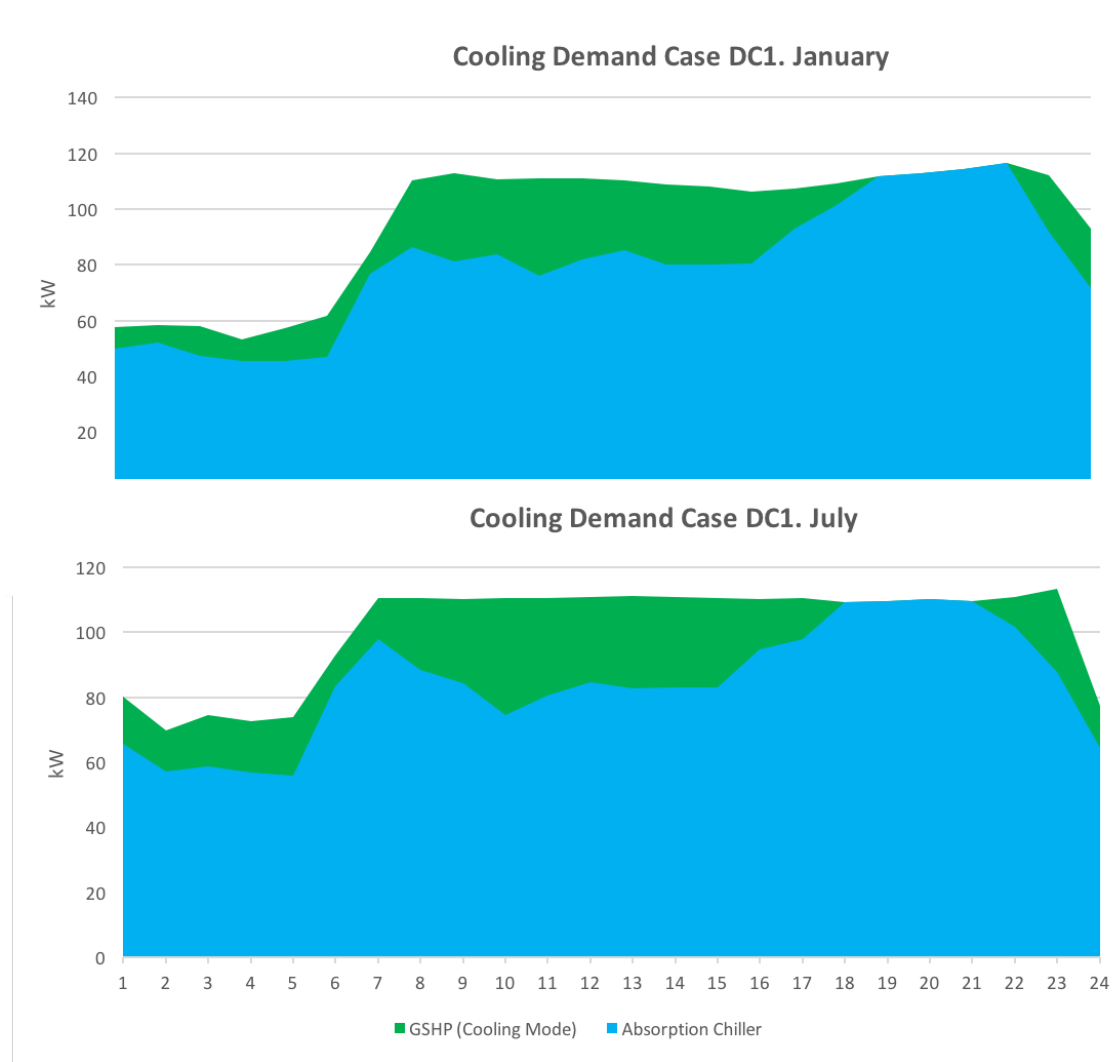


Figure 35. Electricity generation profile in case DC1

This case DC1 does not contemplate the possibility of a central chiller, or at least, the operation of a central machine if demand is not very high or it does not ramp up very quickly. Hence, absorption chillers and a GSHP are the technologies selected to fully cover the hotel's cooling demand. Largely, the former copes with more than 70% of the total cooling demand, being periods providing it completely.

The GSHP system serves as a support for the absorption machine, helping it in the ramp-ups and ramp-downs. Once again, the COP of the heat pump allows to produce large amounts of usable heat with less than 40 kW. The drawback, and the reason, why there are not big investments in this technology is the initial investment and the building work effort to deploy ne of this type of systems.



*Figure 36. Cooling demand profile in case DC1*

Pointing out that absorption chillers do not emit any kind of carbon-dioxide, if the heat source necessary for the operation of the generator within the machine comes from a renewable source. In this case, that heat stems from the residual heat of the CHP engines that by means of heat exchangers transfer the heat to a secondary fluid that directs the points where heat is needed through a piping system. The fluid can be either air or water.

The heat demand is distributed into three main demands:

- Absorption machines
- Space heating
- Water heating

Absorption machines requires great amounts of heat to make their system work, space heating accounts for a tiny piece, probably because the direct heating is not the efficient way to heating up the hotel, or the proper way to make the heat flow all over the place.

Instead, there are more efficient systems and way to do it. Water heating could be used by heaters by means of a water piping system that carries the hot water through the tubes that, at the same time, are placed in every room and in every hall.

Another way to do it is by burning gas to heating up water or air, and throughout tubes and pipes conduct the energy carrier to the places desired. The good point of not using residual heating directly offer the possibility to control the temperature and the flow of heat. Otherwise, the heat will be very difficult to manage and part of it will be wasted as energy spillages.

In the Case DC1 the natural gas is not used for heat collection, just for operating the MGTs.

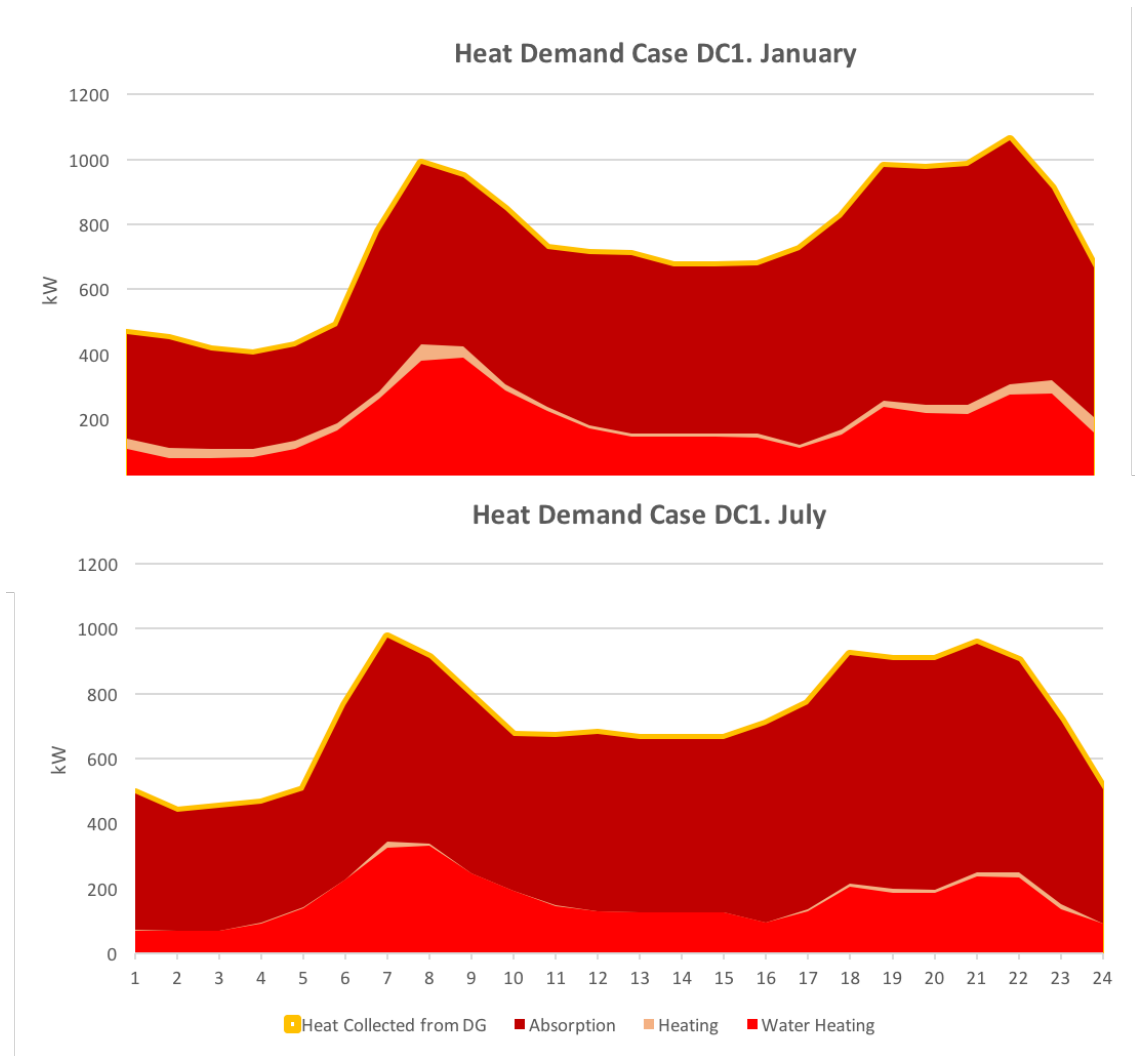


Figure 37. Heat demand profile in case DC1



## 6.5.2 Case DC2

In this last execution, all modes of investments are enabled, as well as the possibility to sell the energy surpluses in the market. Table 44 shows the control panel of the DER-CAM model.

*Table 44. Binary variables set for Case DC2*

<b>DiscreteInvest</b>	1
<b>ContinuousInvest</b>	1
<b>NGChillInvest</b>	1
<b>PVSales</b>	1
<b>CHP</b>	0
<b>CO2Tax</b>	1
<b>MinimizeCO2</b>	0
<b>MultiObjective</b>	1
<b>CentralChiller</b>	1
<b>NetMetering</b>	0

The model's output speaks itself; the total costs and carbon emissions are the lowest values out of the six simulations. In exchange of that, some other parameters have slightly increased, or decreased in the case of the system's overall efficiency.





Table 45. Case DC2 output summary

<b>Total Energy Costs</b>	\$190,680.564
<b>System Efficiency</b>	1.254
<b>Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	1,266,842.368
<b>MGT Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	660
<b>PV Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	210
<b>Absorption chiller Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	119
<b>GSHP Installed Capacity [kW]</b>	30
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$937,594.408
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$220.621
<b>Natural Gas Total Cost</b>	\$44,928.008
<b>Electricity Sales [kWh]</b>	139,260.427
<b>Annual Sales [\$]</b>	\$26,080.198

Based on the Figure 38, it charts the energy consumptions by type of energy, and there is a breakdown in the electricity generation, in order to assess the origin of the energy produced.

As expected, distributed generation, DG, copes with most of the total electricity produced, supported by the 200 kW-PV installation, whereof is sold in the spot market. Those parts in the Figure 38 where there is not any yellow or purple strip means that electricity was purchased in the market, but, that value amounts to \$220.6 in year. Therefore, it can be stated the electricity is produced independently from the network and large generators.

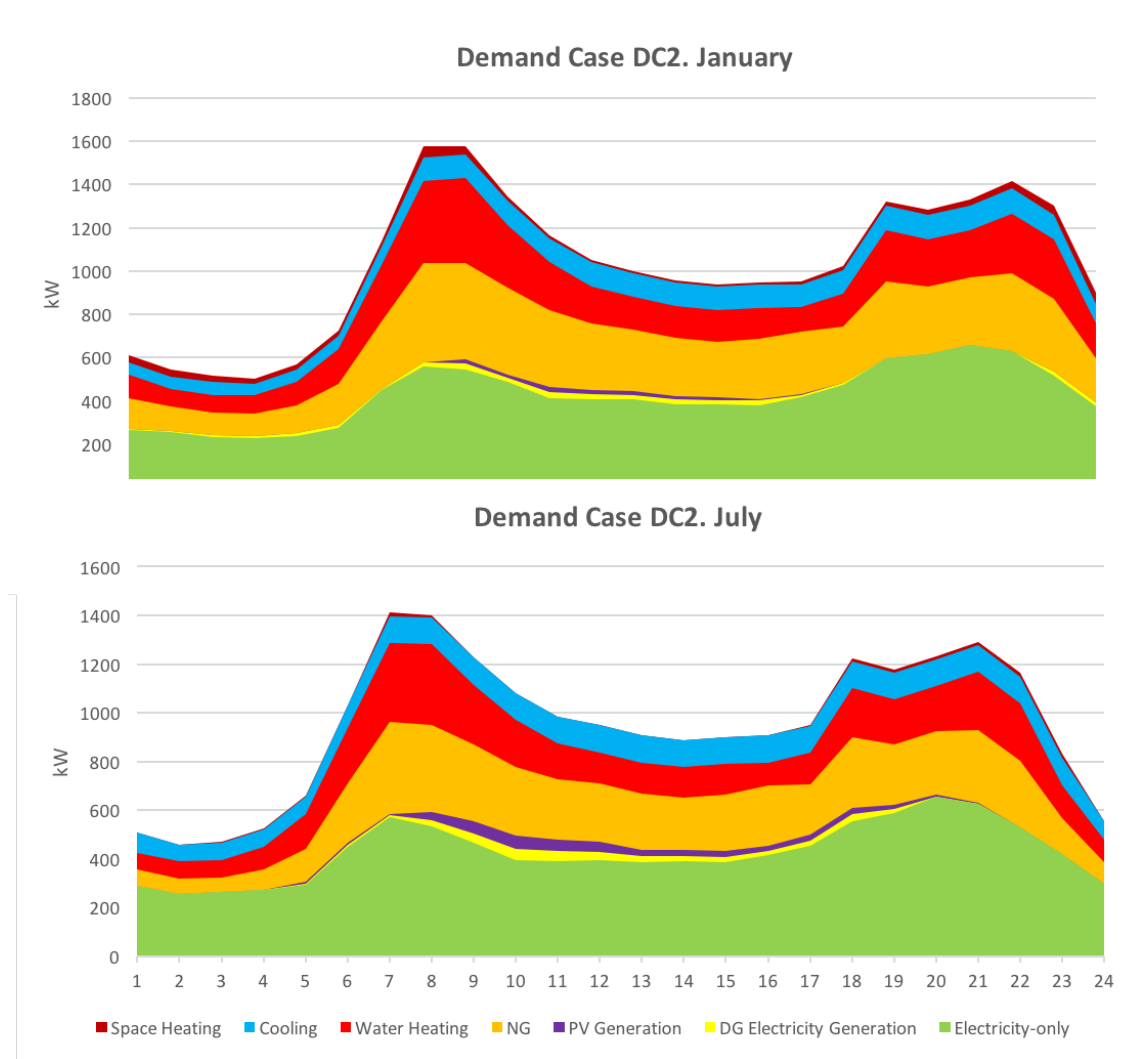
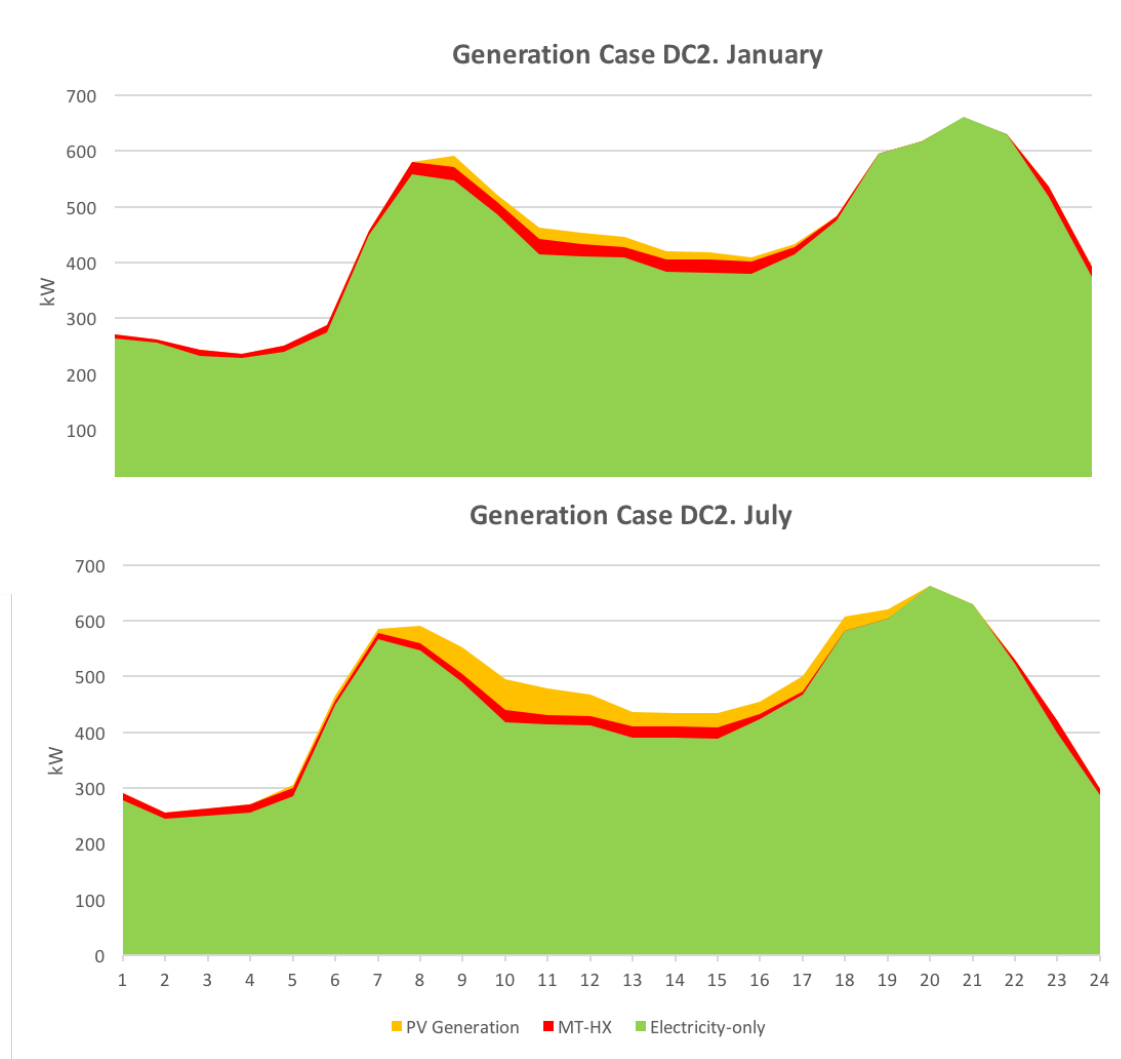


Figure 38. Energy breakdown in case DC2

Because the PVSales Option was activated, the optimal PV production has increased, and all of it is spilled in the market being remunerated for that. Figure 39 charts, and especially in July where the solar radiation is stronger, the solar production is maximum. The rest is generated with the MGTs.

Regarding the heating and cooling demand; first, the heating is supplied in the same way it is done in Case DC1, with the residual heat of the CHP technologies through the heat exchanger located in the exhaust chamber, transferring heat to water or air. Absorption chiller still demand large amounts of heat to operate themselves and produce cooling energy in combination with a ground source heat pump.



*Figure 39. Electricity generation profile in case DC2*

The electricity sales are due every time PV panels generates electricity. In the case of July, being vacation time in Spain, the peaks are not very steep, but still, it can be appreciated looking the electricity load profile, where the high prices may be. Solar peak occurs right when the market price starts climbing, so do benefits out of it can be achieved.

The Case DC2 is the only that finds optimal the electricity sales from the PV generation. This has to do with the advantage of producing at 'zero cost' and be paid for selling costless energy produced. This is relative, because, in order to do such activity, it is necessary to invest in solar PV facilities, pay the annual O&M and other charges associated to the operation of the installation.

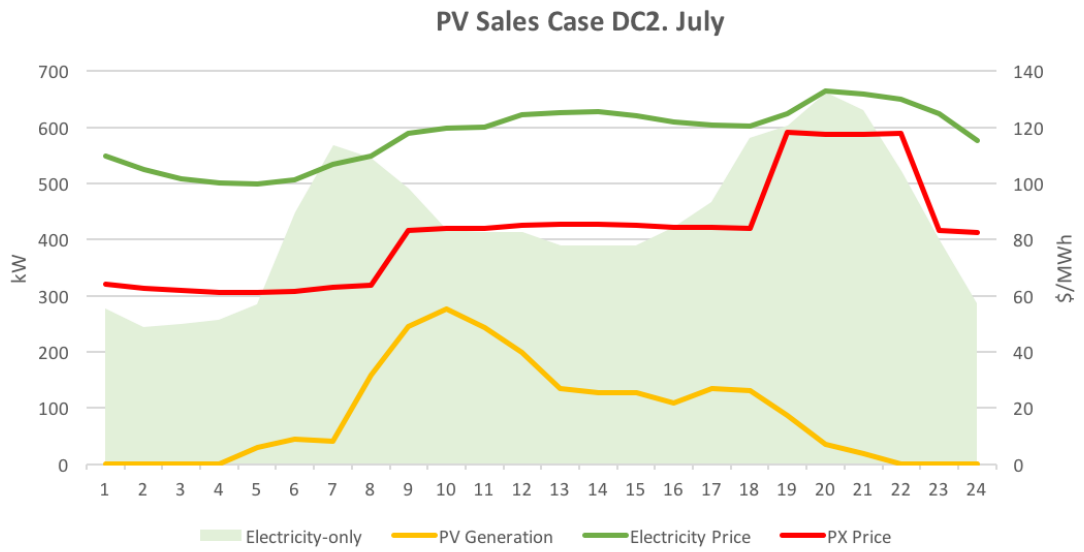


Figure 40. PV generation compared with the spot price in the Iberian electricity market

## 6.6 Discussion of the results

This chapter is dedicated to discussing and comparing the six simulations and to addressing the main pros and flaws each business model have. Since there have been proved some simulations to be worthless and not realistic, only four of them are presented in Table 46.

*Table 46. Output after-math simulation summary*

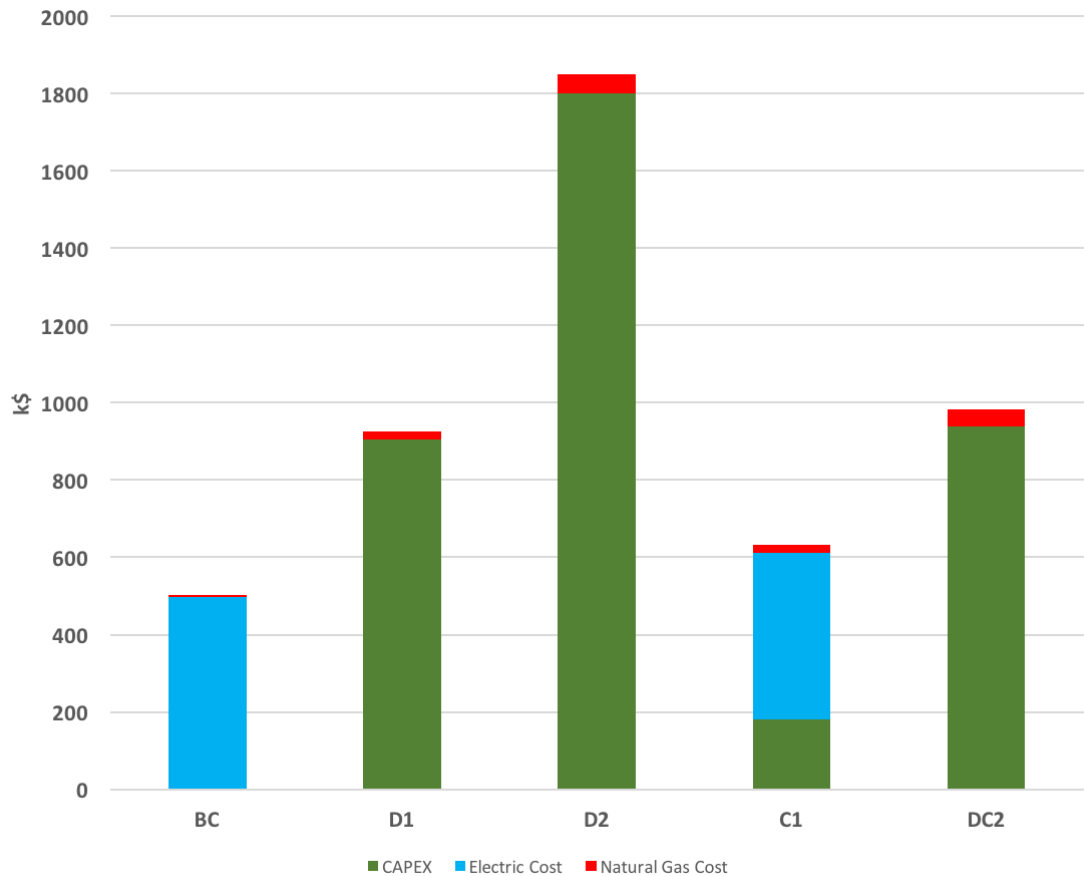
	<b>BC</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>D2</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>DC2</b>
<b>Energy Costs</b>	\$501,392.806	\$150,408.241	\$246,157.121	\$ 495,500.860	\$190,680.564
<b>System Efficiency</b>	0.479	0.4999	1.137	0.597	1.254
<b>Annual Emissions [kgCO<sub>2</sub>]</b>	2,100,623.150	3,176,420.626	1,394,613.993	1,679,901.453	1,266,842.368
<b>PV [kW]</b>	-	-	-	210	210
<b>GSHP [kW]</b>	-	-	-	70	30
<b>Absorption [kW]</b>	-	-	-	-	119
<b>ICE [kW]</b>	-	540	1,300	-	-
<b>MGT [kW]</b>	-	120	120	-	660
<b>CAPEX</b>	-	\$906,000	\$1,800,000	\$180,044.880	\$937,594.408
<b>Electric Cost</b>	\$496,217.867	\$276.839	\$1,890.628	\$430,674.373	\$220.621
<b>Natural Gas Cost</b>	\$5,174.938	\$20,168.201	\$49,326.778	\$22,654.157	\$44,928.008
<b>Sales [kWh]</b>	-	-	-	-	139,260.427

The best scenario is relative, it depends on many factors. Giving some of them, relevant parameters to consider are as follows:

- Capital investment budget
- Size of the emplacement
- Location of the building
- Purpose of the renewal work

Although the energy costs are lower in all cases, it is not being taken into account the initial outlay in technologies. That assumption is gathered in Figure 41, which sums the energy costs (natural gas and electricity costs in one year) plus the initial expenditure.

The chart does not look as it did when presented the results of the simulation. Indeed, the base case is the optimal one. Despite this fact, the investments are planned in the long-term, thus, a forecasting on how the costs will evolve is needed.



*Figure 41. Comparison of the simulation results for year 1 (2019)*

Every year, to a greater or lesser extent, investments attain some savings with respect to the base case. Doing so, what it is happening is the collection of money that pays back the expenditure invested in new technologies. Some of them make the cost recovery very fast, giving real cost reductions by the end of the fifth year after the startup of the installations.

D1 is the project that first recover and make real savings, but this project is not realistic since CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fee on them are not been under consideration. The second fastest project is DC2; expected result bearing in mind that it was the case with the highest potential savings on the paper; and the only that injects electricity into the national network.

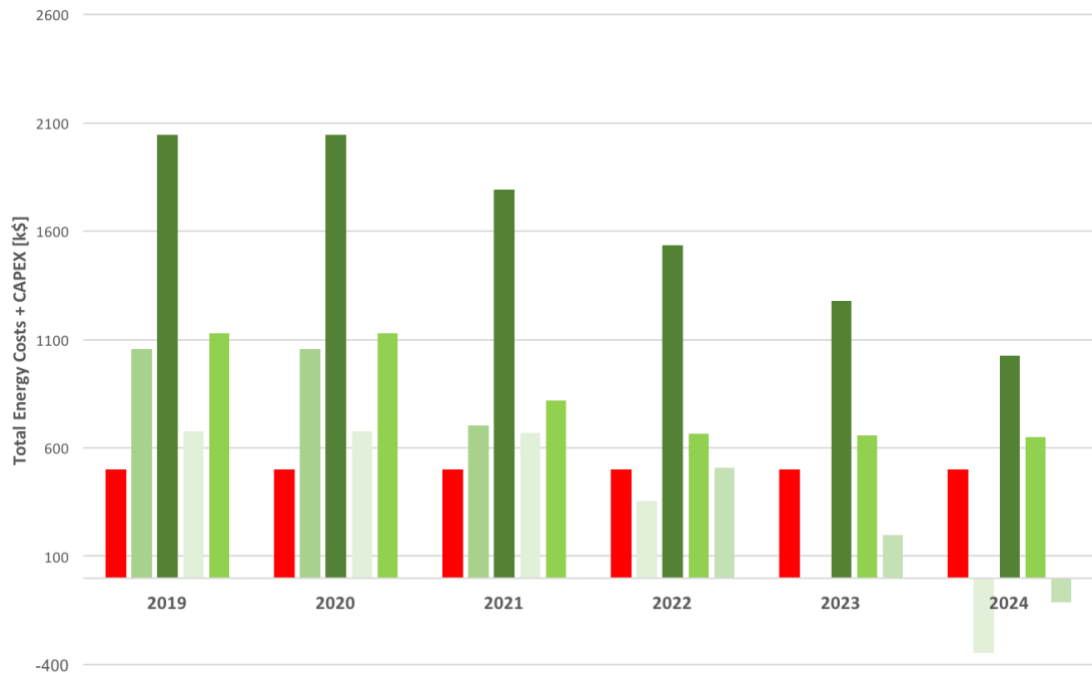
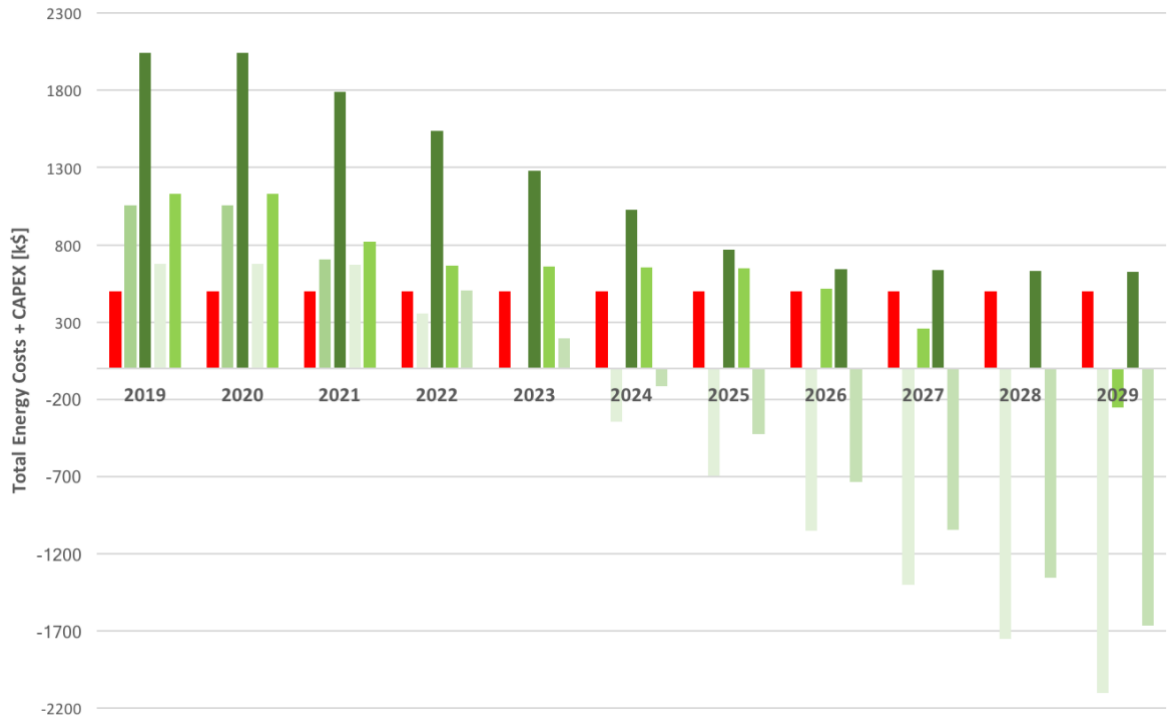


Figure 42. 5-year forecasting on total costs

Having said that, on a 10-year forecasting (see Figure 43) there are some projects that go ahead one on other. It is the case of D2, that, by year 2024 D2 is the project with more money to collect, basically because it was the most capital-intensive project out of the six scenarios; and by the end of 2029 it places in third position, if not considering D1 project it goes to the second position just right after DC2 project.

**Figure 42** and Figure 43 have no legend in the graph, because the colors are for classification purposes. Red color belongs to the cost baseline, and it remains constant for every year in the forecast. There are five columns each year; in this order they are BC, D1, D2, C1 and DC2 (for more information about the acronyms, address to Table 46). The darker the color, the more cost recovery is needed to attain savings. Therefore, the column with the lightest color means it is the best option for that year, because it beats all the others and has made more savings. The cost recovery is cumulative.



*Figure 43. 10-year forecasting on total costs*

The CO<sub>2</sub> tax applies to any facility that emits a proportion of carbon particles to the environment. In the power industry, this tax is implicitly in the purchase price, added by the generating companies to recover their variable costs. In other industries, this may change, and could happen some facilities do not pay for it.

This fact makes sense in considering models with or without CO<sub>2</sub> allowances. In any case, DC2 was executed with CO<sub>2</sub>Tax Option activated, and attained better results than of D1 with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions deactivated. Hence, D2 with no CO<sub>2</sub>Tax will be even better option.



## 7 Conclusions

There is a renewable-like lack of awareness about the benefits new technologies can give. Benefits not only in terms of personal benefits, but also for the rest of the society and the environment.

This project intended to optimize the performance of a commercial – or business – reference building in order to minimize energy costs in the long-term run. The completion of the project has brought some results and conclusions along.

First, there is room for the entry of new technologies that displace the traditional ones, making some benefits in the community and gaining economic incentives to keep investing. The utilization of a single technology, or the straight-use of the electric grid to provide services is not economically and technically efficient anymore. The network was very useful in the old days, but there are existing technologies that procure the same service, but in a cheaper and more efficient way. Talking about efficient ways, combined heat and power technologies are a good option when both energies are demanded; so do solar PV panels in electricity generation as well.

Second, the project has proved that the best investment decision is the deployment of hybrids systems consisting of CHP machines (internal combustion engines and micro-gas turbines) and other sort of miscellaneous technologies whereof a handful of them must be named. Those technologies – or the so-called continuous technologies – are solar PV panels, absorption chillers and heat pumps (HP). The CHP and HVAC machines provide the baseload and stability to the system, whereas PV generates and decide whether or not to use the electricity or sell it to the grid. This option is valid only in countries with third-party permissions that allows small and medium consumers carried out the activity of selling and purchasing at any time.

Third, the optimization does not implicitly mean reduction in all aspects at the same time, but it does in the long-term. Achieving significant cost reduction carries the decision-making in spending large lumps of money, which are not affordable for everybody. Based on the project, a hotel chain could do it, due to its financial muscle. The big consumption happening in hotels might be sufficient reason to face such outlays; and also, those hotelier's firms have some certainty whether or not the investment is worthy.

Last but not least, the payback period depends on the difference between the cost baseline stemmed from the cost if no new investments happen; and the cost after investing in new technologies. The CO<sub>2</sub> allowances plays an important role in this regard, because it is ultimately the factor that determines one investment path or another. In this specific project, carbon emissions were considered and included in the analysis.

Summing up, there is still a long way to go in the development of local technologies, proven to be economically under certain circumstances and for certain consumers. The technology and knowledge is there, but new regulations and aggressive energy policies would be very helpful to give a momentum to the investors.

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## 9 Annex

This section is devoted to chart the input tables and graphs used in the development of the project.



TECHNO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPLY ENERGY SERVICES TO COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS

Data consumptions of a large hotel broken down into five types of demand: electricity, cooling, space heating, water heating and natural gas demand.

Source: [18].

WEEK(Electricity)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	264.227511	257.10368	232.70782	228.203817	239.490236	273.86339	450.25878	558.214092	546.875204	485.898293	414.232106	409.953703	408.676137	382.940785	382.128916	380.178157	415.317939	475.999761	595.347765	616.54387	660.897064	630.668093	517.644691	373.950034
February	266.731165	258.919484	236.389753	233.471908	244.33749	278.547783	449.912472	561.972809	548.356744	491.751353	419.75486	415.483078	413.801722	388.506973	388.899914	389.215383	421.436414	473.236535	597.327009	619.334375	663.06183	631.446446	522.180735	385.310352
March	254.076252	242.779184	236.272599	240.68481	268.42302	395.377389	529.321322	551.23003	511.152507	447.5567	418.789287	416.706085	401.476059	393.134639	392.205499	413.68894	455.077519	546.45662	615.835193	651.702587	645.68351	563.775055	437.742375	312.157132
April	257.192776	244.275077	238.846294	249.337639	280.752838	451.879006	564.291946	551.897668	495.018941	423.325078	418.806114	418.081894	394.209024	394.010468	393.631471	427.761376	470.872282	587.251657	618.116475	664.487754	633.397995	525.585615	397.356457	277.481811
May	262.022982	244.729737	243.300535	252.538448	282.417615	453.757883	569.676222	548.024121	493.102145	421.079821	417.294791	416.826023	393.575021	393.469147	393.111578	427.023813	471.275007	586.038205	612.069395	665.260473	633.522444	524.859773	407.476923	279.933818
June	268.542446	242.122377	245.163962	254.63493	282.034269	451.875359	571.837578	544.421852	490.61399	418.060843	414.346019	413.896774	390.930822	390.612208	390.026713	423.631614	468.716805	582.402895	604.39048	663.3025	631.411362	521.906509	399.168936	282.954998
July	276.833365	244.788842	249.262353	256.382586	284.644613	449.15958	567.542293	545.728695	490.027761	417.28909	413.01578	412.589449	389.404491	389.175917	388.654695	422.374109	467.172638	581.666803	603.205865	661.697576	630.1314	521.550643	398.73353	285.970461
August	283.645177	256.25105	255.042421	261.100324	293.839217	458.272375	567.721388	542.676571	487.671606	414.979521	410.933807	410.611937	387.975612	387.666525	387.065619	421.093155	466.851932	581.46581	610.194081	661.449108	629.266202	520.050315	397.164408	292.753185
September	282.189984	252.264087	252.086666	259.666352	291.633409	457.683002	564.15068	544.644962	487.458428	414.598882	409.982508	409.508615	386.372198	386.256811	385.94396	420.259766	465.753303	583.019049	613.767098	660.165381	628.25738	520.004538	397.129839	290.629156
October	268.099964	241.825573	243.028511	256.313626	286.94084	461.104154	564.472146	550.456286	491.607725	419.876773	414.979251	413.794258	388.885315	388.657236	388.822041	423.361732	467.93043	597.215726	619.885823	662.237614	629.415217	522.355446	400.44647	283.773787
November	268.539322	255.449607	244.728801	239.808	255.042492	317.692385	476.906139	566.574349	537.698372	477.877593	419.503436	416.670574	411.439201	391.050552	391.050663	398.066963	438.336835	507.719817	604.987883	629.805438	659.843549	611.494027	499.225631	370.663928
December	260.596113	252.552675	232.854528	233.207317	239.195573	274.488397	450.705677	559.522324	531.753736	492.734375	412.711763	416.798259	414.148378	392.084003	392.851045	392.815045	433.736801	487.723812	604.322954	623.055205	664.421409	632.85961	429.934786	381.761095

PEAK(Electricity)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	297.78263	308.913368	259.559418	247.787842	258.009032	302.48017	506.287194	603.823373	594.193128	518.507542	437.105499	429.640588	429.533655	400.32468	400.48332	400.275424	434.995348	495.347211	620.353346	627.12706	677.219278	641.472517	541.009895	401.625702
February	301.784699	321.257475	250.99175	260.510504	274.375742	307.518845	492.860782	603.21382	594.353851	519.618377	438.213383	431.075026	431.322501	401.69116	401.912995	402.03908	438.807769	489.97039	621.482842	627.121185	676.362405	641.498098	543.109348	409.840164
March	296.315439	300.411018	258.107358	258.742855	301.112357	498.058561	605.120996	602.514668	593.712953	520.155935	439.756232	431.75564	432.324733	401.907899	401.487265	435.004692	476.496267	605.967493	626.551355	677.469701	677.070144	641.342348	541.03031	408.952609
April	311.887305	265.721033	266.674054	282.692937	303.623803	499.71531	603.474429	593.353596	520.204847	439.819608	431.11033	430.672306	403.018852	401.580901	401.549522	435.680578	477.210792	603.290589	624.550619	677.291495	641.966306	540.539904	407.576045	311.91157
May	311.445924	268.303306	277.022433	284.058545	305.636994	488.076045	603.384941	593.765095	519.601829	438.352392	430.773604	430.442233	402.036843	402.101803	402.026244	435.760921	476.409749	602.678927	618.683701	677.396547	641.474063	541.013467	407.745125	300.093121
June	307.886656	277.361057	271.420574	275.830809	306.118001	487.152127	603.387145	593.765095	519.229448	438.278085	430.533901	430.38238	402.082472	401.652317	401.276964	434.716259	476.227023	602.578857	614.839975	676.414791	640.308456	540.674147	407.745125	306.297042
July	312.480858	268.979136	276.240053	286.928515	319.22997	484.999072	601.995911	591.506413	518.347567	436.344297	426.348414	426.703403	399.853503	399.197859	397.737133	431.255217	474.251947	598.580209	607.761823	674.448873	638.204179	537.616657	405.508405	316.091848
August	321.359786	295.624789	285.184561	289.896303	315.257662	490.103196	601.985874	593.007644	514.254752	434.825908	426.079896	426.584335	395.565176	395.384304	394.803478	428.377072	475.647842	597.302596	616.021142	673.651196	637.552114	536.722564	403.7571	320.263283
September	311.939791	277.751576	279.312852	285.468756	313.28493	497.961777	599.825997	590.439237	516.574817	435.286494	428.061086	427.4176	399.590092	399.462702	399.229743	433.521347	473.511059	607.071157	623.674295	673.54829	637.152574	540.060896	407.237785	305.989731
October	313.340879	269.628824	257.483346	280.038156	312.125309	504.973243	605.453762	593.810204	519.587217	438.336453	429.348861	427.543528	400.410844	399.79759	400.555946	435.185423	477.712767	619.144162	626.021963	676.596575	641.112495	540.539246	406.691954	317.441255
November	310.133224	320.213089	267.304759	277.715747	307.80957	508.250408	601.412011	603.285793	593.091002	518.046631	436.176534	430.388933	428.486852	400.090073	401.476969	433.502832	478.187122	617.923799	625.803302	676.17447	677.360483	641.878332	543.097725	408.020998
December	288.375004	294.003738	262.603596	252.816673	258.06747	300.753305	501.796605	603.331191	593.851988	519.94724	430.702586	429.819778	429.202203	401.550653	401.177678	401.772019	443.485271	494.350934	620.818376	627.062042	677.091874	642.213102	541.563373	406.042267

WEEKEND(Electricity)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	259.625635	243.66028	224.568636	232.080708	235.557701	287.774216	492.282314	601.269104	514.484212	480.675409	409.135432	411.259439	410.776126	390.919273	391.288088	391.555857	427.066371	486.502596	593.393902	621.789372	676.20524	640.988147	517.441048	375.537481
February	253.697011	240.213371	227.660281	231.774931	232.488369	284.9515	488.49489	600.855199	514.574696	479.7031	409.005781	410.463661	409.567166	390.020213	390.155412	390.487375	423.044478	482.765165	596.347488	622.399522	673.918932	640.400883	518.504487	374.626221
March	237.221892	230.822575	227.13988	231.436836	266.114505	423.194451	561.475014	538.631165	486.986161	431.02623	404.171095	404.013543	392.116575	387.117966	387.140055	407.503728	454.389489	547.452714	614.466252	658.437739	652.670333	556.85369	421.585704	303.602466
April	235.68404	241.943714	230.830981	242.834555	294.693011	491.961151	602.129051	518.591037	478.680989	407.718825	410.639548	410.42858	390.116348	390.136773	389.827139	422.191933	473.220645	582.361634	622.463769	676.671259	639.857906	520.177537	390.591063	266.64995
May	244.090271	239.689747	243.027612	249.54938	296.660171	481.488866	602.037231	519.165278	482.789496	410.940176	412.714478	412.241261	392.61652	392.452771	392.049473	425.775451	475.303636	581.551185	615.000025	675.920371	639.776803	521.160141	396.525374	265.5138



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WEEK(Cooling)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	57.6317701	58.2663668	58.0880578	53.1443807	57.2076853	61.8030409	84.4607423	110.205793	113.005769	110.695546	111.098389	111.184273	110.245111	108.857607	108.030768	106.399144	107.344223	109.32829	111.770531	112.933435	114.430735	116.560671	111.970844	92.8691382
February	60.1397562	60.5027189	61.6848185	58.3128805	61.2533596	66.6612675	88.8418677	113.864468	114.439004	115.923693	116.578455	116.900098	115.636255	114.556809	115.112551	115.478421	114.185132	113.069138	113.168806	115.475915	116.569496	116.429135	115.621979	103.757349
March	55.3257165	61.1613914	61.1968887	62.0338388	65.7889085	81.899994	108.273291	114.971011	117.949942	119.504938	119.726971	119.412432	119.380662	119.035202	118.238356	118.459616	118.816413	118.757763	118.350401	118.938942	118.322812	117.619702	111.018079	78.8882294
April	58.4451465	68.3285994	63.1127971	66.0138198	68.6170463	95.5746908	116.370714	116.910387	117.805136	119.058475	119.681697	119.573721	119.322787	119.089764	118.743145	119.353623	118.661986	118.393466	117.870294	118.025251	117.480679	118.017952	115.299498	68.890086
May	62.5089	67.6151997	66.3669033	68.4375983	69.9251961	98.8913326	116.649222	116.46318	116.911328	117.891842	118.466695	118.541901	118.472972	118.230356	117.864756	118.149379	117.879672	117.107863	117.140404	116.807727	116.153772	117.259081	118.268122	69.8546666
June	68.7812321	67.0527667	67.0906082	69.7671884	72.8828057	95.3028298	115.375838	115.165687	115.206606	115.670899	115.893165	115.928523	115.880102	115.507346	114.986143	114.837564	114.6939	113.57506	113.69074	113.56274	113.12476	114.362524	116.840651	72.9314807
July	80.145999	69.8850237	74.4055369	72.6529831	73.7778611	92.8348615	110.624998	110.414595	110.106205	110.351114	110.591404	110.779042	111.007996	110.863608	110.362861	110.07828	110.344734	109.099564	109.584504	110.021722	109.577544	110.842629	113.378135	77.4579297
August	82.3267441	78.1241987	77.0435983	76.0396806	77.37808	96.1503934	110.320599	110.044098	109.82852	110.238264	110.500513	110.811931	111.303396	110.969633	110.342408	110.338199	110.70391	110.213803	110.221204	109.651196	108.746619	109.784097	112.062499	81.6492201
September	77.9248305	70.9471187	71.1317768	72.7536944	74.9541532	94.3874981	109.618675	108.404172	107.3115	107.540825	107.670644	107.644208	107.829906	107.881406	107.783369	108.385804	109.666428	109.570394	109.841419	109.097833	107.961148	109.004352	111.568043	77.1055761
October	66.9994219	64.9773272	65.739464	71.034577	72.6554168	94.0303403	113.805867	114.276844	113.909296	114.188843	113.94892	113.174908	112.708763	112.436679	112.703378	113.703859	114.676001	114.161928	113.537982	112.954409	112.324645	113.731985	116.539349	72.7132977
November	61.8177257	61.1133565	67.966446	62.3016793	66.093765	74.4200092	99.8197185	116.262523	115.778322	116.229098	116.447511	116.597001	116.351341	116.269885	116.497311	117.291135	117.835416	116.865857	116.300867	116.740289	116.556226	116.355455	116.790604	102.651906
December	54.4004592	58.7264441	58.9531123	57.1548474	57.7263154	63.4654863	88.2560397	113.974018	115.889587	115.785954	117.167828	117.125102	116.718534	117.095538	117.353297	118.289475	120.233181	120.206188	119.666019	119.232916	118.595149	118.377339	115.274927	100.307449

PEAK(Cooling)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	82.3148168	82.1312059	85.9366221	74.0066067	77.2966663	78.8264372	109.640798	119.995951	119.80164	121.003611	121.1762	121.430698	121.610316	121.317165	122.7796913	122.752658	123.250977	123.119854	122.107305	121.110195	120.295205	115.954782	120.508319	121.322032
February	80.3937541	93.4840988	76.678741	80.5213145	81.5834808	84.3955999	102.37718	120.029327	120.40563	121.0073169	121.768182	121.418192	121.708848	122.285838	122.412819	122.193688	122.668439	122.505686	120.966379	120.766096	120.158155	120.229452	120.481739	121.083905
March	83.1563377	84.9555596	84.6419929	80.958631	83.1841232	107.500789	120.074873	119.868096	120.571141	121.449403	121.944844	121.740583	121.861968	122.205602	122.335053	122.127643	122.733237	122.316978	120.879861	120.657669	119.979234	120.409919	121.279503	121.462783
April	86.0484673	81.8596036	83.0671566	81.9909189	110.739502	120.430651	119.722024	120.858588	121.314254	121.968642	121.930945	121.514545	121.11642	121.15618	121.136638	120.329393	120.558106	120.142254	119.861817	120.109741	121.137815	84.9660939		
May	83.9658695	83.5347311	84.7485846	85.3546427	83.308028	107.240691	119.966731	118.98649	120.148054	120.907998	121.426378	121.801243	122.08628	121.902496	121.941243	122.33209	119.905935	119.656151	120.091444	120.399308	119.316163	120.434665	121.439557	77.2387036
June	83.5231854	85.0445372	80.3991867	82.597729	86.4664443	106.469496	119.988143	119.105925	119.606649	120.727968	120.318501	120.504897	120.580124	120.820168	120.902198	118.858007	119.095935	118.858007	118.09042	118.292033	117.961013	117.612656	81.8228763	
July	89.9723815	91.3847203	88.9310211	86.0480834	91.6374489	101.29785	116.308324	117.336019	116.529748	117.572003	118.62674	117.808295	117.387499	116.564433	115.538794	115.247479	114.945491	113.360129	114.410856	114.252284	113.743462	115.486431	117.785587	93.1852032
August	93.5760013	101.217257	95.3790186	91.1644914	92.2933648	101.915785	115.955451	116.762557	116.800444	114.683281	114.555088	115.155771	115.500933	115.909798	115.768488	115.935324	116.336839	114.34897	113.909783	113.909783	111.769661	113.1745	114.670196	96.5236326
September	96.386276	88.7289215	89.4368666	93.424519	87.4924956	106.639203	117.423923	113.4843	113.206538	114.804673	114.634842	114.437638	115.801934	115.795903	115.344566	115.637278	116.884983	117.746286	117.258529	115.761456	115.666909	116.30509	119.328493	99.453745
October	90.1916417	95.8677139	79.9122125	86.240865	86.8088224	109.012522	118.116783	118.131358	117.776007	118.826235	119.469929	118.635795	117.193136	117.256687	118.355664	119.864832	120.355007	119.091584	118.319616	117.576084	117.671511	118.652299	121.591097	90.1772987
November	85.9784641	91.7494586	86.0291939	87.707096	82.6529434	110.417936	118.831842	118.349234	118.957288	120.936241	121.20013	121.897483	122.387286	122.213864	122.642873	122.974134	123.424636	120.244254	120.424395	120.779517	120.244245	120.395109	121.214377	102.192237
December	73.3734783	81.201357	89.21595	79.3008654	78.1385438	78.835081	108.270517	120.881581	119.025517	119.464629	121.292207	121.879389	121.011885	121.195392	121.050774	121.281442	122.463549	122.244596	121.350064	120.477017	119.938359	120.355021	120.211222	121.826667

WEEKEND(Cooling)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	59.9583021	58.7606803	55.8813113	60.5841288	57.8442586	66.3197463	96.8487744	116.730149	114.710183	117.668146	118.118545	118.797112	118.729632	117.935084	118.131443	118.652163	119.584857	114.35684	112.918524	114.708846	118.669287	118.468124	115.338891	98.081258
February	53.9704494	55.065013	57.4149624	59.5564743	54.6307978	63.623909	98.1621053	116.129106	114.337572	115.902679	117.202912	117.701962	117.454698	117.455677	117.629204	118.07183	117.29282	117.383412	116.249159	115.70902	116.679822	118.123496	116.516949	97.3254285
March	47.9894016	54.7640657	55.9725575	55.2139153	58.7340913	86.1977115	110.731724	110.751284	111.975273	116.571881	112.9819	112.810047	114.017554	115.515505	115.524064	113.507631	115.706485	118.084377	116.928998	118.261188	118.895394	114.714015	102.525299	77.291049
April	50.5617761	69.0340308	59.3868127	63.7664555	71.9477264	105.011188	117.368798	118.478362	115.426885	116.61773	118.391075	118.560564	117.552765	117.582167	117.320401	115.978825	116.554408	118.20088	119.132661	118.580549	116.693902	117.518499	112.507024	64.5772796
May	58.0161594	67.2500482	70.2008182	69.8121296	75.9118469	101.241	116.345785	118.167515	118.892542	119.374876	120.004528	120.092076	119.978572	119.764417	119.404279	119.384846	118.193401	116.769493	117.733358	117.697188	116.355514	117.975318	117.984106	63.0721483
June	68.7058422	66.392673	67.5959268	68.67																				



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PEAK(Heating)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	58.5943638	52.7282267	53.0500052	55.3683921	45.6113553	38.9155559	50.476739	109.53916	95.9714387	81.8364491	88.158242	59.6687134	47.2336376	72.9751341	98.5153672	60.4930558	51.798626	58.4863431	65.2683051	72.07337	110.096912	130.061324	128.9849	110.668695
February	47.7851722	39.9993572	35.8369286	30.3003189	42.9026497	41.6190434	35.0433864	93.3356354	70.7842135	38.9376048	40.7622857	31.5641152	25.7968647	29.0945404	34.1863601	38.1709952	41.8511049	50.273802	59.5933467	53.8357289	53.551494	54.7652608	57.6438721	61.1814879
March	40.3939906	53.1631391	45.906753	38.5125857	32.8508114	34.599064	79.7672677	28.2362216	13.7129489	8.18809997	8.81734239	9.71862326	10.7101142	11.1974222	17.8288138	19.568756	25.323609	38.7250282	44.4327454	43.929404	41.2116399	43.6370391	50.1604981	44.3510319
April	41.5019075	43.5134903	50.1426165	51.7544933	51.7316367	39.3002736	33.2909975	30.7331146	20.4145068	14.1030053	11.5334421	8.20262465	8.24700061	8.10652657	8.45101111	10.5401467	16.6410024	25.8650068	43.4073598	39.0801502	38.4783315	40.1037027	44.8409304	38.0749697
May	39.1992425	57.526769	82.8782187	81.4432531	66.820185	55.0808367	35.8254997	8.29770787	2.35060914	8.57807889	9.9051718	8.9721738	11.6053277	11.8672315	12.3575225	12.3167094	19.8994043	19.3955679	26.8229371	34.6888762	37.2679157	36.0360768	38.3491979	34.9877148
June	16.8738358	13.7681771	13.5002039	13.7228283	12.8533391	7.35563231	20.2478456	8.29770787	2.35060914	8.57807889	9.9051718	8.9721738	11.6053277	11.8672315	12.3575225	12.3167094	19.8994043	16.3498107	16.3498107	13.5848155	20.4000473	33.7040919	40.312932	20.2845894
July	0.85329401	0.9678007	6.55078103	10.4024419	11.6161568	3.24990815	17.85259	7.20820739	0	8.26335589	3.61541363	3.62470566	3.15419945	2.82221612	2.61269961	2.53124407	9.52154109	10.2517492	11.2625952	11.9454772	12.5674594	15.5503396	20.25851	0.10352346
August	0.86108152	0.86979873	0.84801875	0.82196617	0.81727231	0.33218164	18.1092231	7.20368395	0	0	0.03398405	0.07696439	0.08496151	0.09595755	0.02498912	0.2022477	8.22498081	10.4317256	11.3900236	12.0603477	12.6863104	14.8210049	19.3950104	0.10268615
September	0.91417779	5.31883793	11.7861137	17.2937386	25.5195287	28.9920827	22.1316299	7.20572956	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.86127626	10.5198679	11.4985451	12.1462573	12.7713481	13.5843131	17.9905369	0.82524148	
October	31.6777691	55.7589474	58.4712533	51.7117557	90.6282208	95.2235699	63.9811896	15.8256728	1.30228253	2.3981118	3.93951703	3.96880435	3.81247121	3.64532341	4.17300238	4.8755423	12.3145131	12.8225262	11.3213949	12.0082545	12.616679	18.0335597	22.528321	21.3010639
November	40.1864598	43.2069094	41.9194754	35.25803	29.904202	35.1747993	39.0602873	22.5435104	12.6944823	3.96330436	5.17567701	5.95742927	9.87741192	10.2192561	14.0094225	24.0645387	30.4041205	37.0053589	42.7883275	43.4306902	43.9559548	43.0181792		
December	50.601927	52.3736738	55.3825375	45.7308496	38.0955389	32.3914079	27.927712	91.963647	28.1899974	21.2911773	3.39111258	3.5190871	8.33007521	4.29589426	4.82515884	4.91587172	8.78831956	18.2550191	23.1244136	26.3744664	25.8137529	37.9092194	48.0772488	52.8768586

WEEKEND(Heating)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	26.9541381	25.7047421	24.1070279	24.5824461	23.7248175	20.182546	17.9721621	42.3115144	25.4840506	10.0426985	4.07707454	2.87079653	2.51237713	2.48048239	2.81634913	3.16494041	3.14216729	8.89915617	13.7791222	14.7317756	15.9198297	18.4712117	25.185574	38.9165397
February	31.5051086	29.5332361	26.990824	25.5201526	23.2928507	20.7507018	18.3531201	32.2700759	17.0036164	6.13724306	3.86812948	3.43038232	3.75392217	4.45998212	5.17510614	5.98724743	4.79015469	9.57471691	13.7951405	16.5070758	18.0562884	25.635456	34.8197224	
March	33.1740091	32.6338245	30.5358314	31.8390533	29.063175	22.0187924	31.1486258	31.2906299	16.4125499	10.0888597	8.34720317	12.0093439	9.32375757	8.39231308	8.97184675	12.5333185	12.8254257	16.1478509	20.524723	25.2180751	29.0635595	28.4580146	36.5786601	27.4984829
April	19.1869228	18.6879071	19.0987119	18.8580797	18.3747438	16.9162808	18.3340432	10.9620017	7.98859985	8.62337562	6.54614426	5.66172392	5.68409292	6.08258542	6.03570063	8.0351749	8.03570063	10.0290377	13.9956618	17.5405116	10.0290377	13.9956618	16.9314315	
May	10.1063317	10.8647749	12.6295579	13.7846851	13.9046163	7.9495686	13.9812846	6.33374516	1.98781949	6.5183283	7.34879483	7.23346631	7.25396315	7.3120023	7.13998269	2.9860793	2.84448313	10.1923553	11.2140071	13.8726937	13.921972	17.9084043	22.7836592	7.84305952
June	1.94825096	2.21833344	4.00621522	5.73624394	5.35799596	16.2789036	8.39495555	5.44225636	6.94271469	0.50053057	0.0305291	0.07002196	0.67418208	2.16991408	4.84856756	10.4714116	10.672387	11.3789577	12.0003332	10.4714116	10.672387	11.3789577	12.0003332	10.4714116
July	0.1159313	0.50097057	0.30186037	0.29761012	0.54234418	0.29299202	17.5737791	6.98294049	0	0.03232187	0.26271034	0.30706765	0.23919488	0.22231896	0.23493652	0.05706468	6.47791205	9.97330514	10.9527196	11.6223104	12.2436933	13.0700834	16.8263125	0.04224799
August	0.13952327	0.44508387	0.2549373	0.30068757	0.32950412	0.25551802	17.7871833	7.0827628	0	0	0	0	0	0.0005996	0.00179881	0	6.29492105	10.0111423	10.999676	11.6780387	12.3034332	12.9096522	14.8799434	0.02195793
September	0.14069926	0.42663563	0.36328991	0.46634412	0.70167173	0.80049414	16.7930352	6.76503257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.16945387	9.74585019	10.6989054	11.3631477	11.9690534	12.5535503	14.029637	0.04045946
October	0.18377834	0.97025633	3.49153361	7.99700117	12.6873654	14.2836725	20.4082949	6.31073737	0	0.26938066	0.13974952	0.04382507	0.03711101	0.08866595	0.18979201	0.00439075	5.07941858	7.95216055	8.74268392	9.30939219	9.83612618	10.6794616	14.8470061	0.43479744
November	17.5985197	21.4028829	26.8780388	26.7325234	29.4686373	27.8381768	22.9389273	23.8454416	7.03659339	1.18299851	0.76975716	0.8126364	0.82324727	0.84060796	0.95339321	1.25418984	1.51736562	4.87501615	7.59972655	7.85973876	9.42704252	12.7640957	17.6335972	21.258321
December	25.3103554	28.6782984	28.3658925	28.3034387	27.2333162	24.7203067	23.0170944	38.7967564	22.5376151	9.6339259	4.49127816	3.36242473	2.85136483	2.68849381	2.90044387	3.51069334	4.67180973	9.27712628	12.2105699	13.7946058	14.970275	20.4051374	29.7546596	38.3076179

WEEK(Water:heating)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	108.551499	80.5608518	80.9400111	82.0912923	108.322562	163.936546	262.458778	378.552637	389.869907	287.983286	224.383849	171.523124	147.968757	147.140985	145.469521	144.723082	111.120467	152.457318	237.439402	20.162876	216.955201	275.633556	277.608255	158.745077
February	108.396648	81.1851026	81.1682052	82.5051699	108.086378	163.949482	263.227795	380.470343	388.610292	287.690664	223.774386	172.6866	148.602037	146.896989	145.18762	145.786981	109.925584	152.699627	239.472651	219.167306	217.92295	276.636093	277.387196	158.607792
March	89.4548299	79.582612	79.451264	97.4289854	143.658886	232.254187	340.081018	375.364036	311.390973	237.570739	183.299574	152.367092	145.028571	143.30571	143.667526	120.986113	135.974271	211.93652	226.268637	214.481437	256.894801	270.445718	193.675748	123.291587
April	77.9567619	76.8562115	77.4190713	102.894921	155.042469	248.66665	360.523048	369.919092	274.902814	211.567207	164.799002	141.571211	139.762781	139.480677	138.513226	103.825933	144.96771	226.201454	209.322037	206.727343	260.302073	263.795193	151.119291	101.93545
May	74.4257667	73.6517787	74.4007944	97.9962368	150.13282	241.943692	348.370028	352.052236	260.714126	203.378715	156.830855	135.499652	135.040838	133.424025	134.521973	99.3674226	104.648105	199.2486196	199.275644	199.088814	252.497339	251.26895	142.828248	98.7003251
June	72.1299748	71.8107139	72.0513925	95.1688522	146.740624	236.818209	339.17269	340.486995	252.09175	196.275532	151.691628	132.379749	130.760659	130.207982	130.51058	97.296451	135.774239	215.18066	193.98829	192.616123	247.195121	242.1969		



TECHNO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPLY ENERGY SERVICES TO COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS

WEEK(Natural gas)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	148.252402	116.96859	115.10772	114.876853	139.589362	203.561007	317.161689	479.829233	491.095051	440.013179	403.389256	347.770639	323.08261	307.419163	290.481684	305.850384	305.451294	268.454616	357.593495	309.821472	310.232055	358.944671	352.545443	224.198311
February	142.069972	112.868568	109.71805	109.398665	134.206205	198.41792	314.137631	464.064754	478.627819	432.904199	399.795714	346.736227	321.970808	304.214089	286.258013	304.476771	302.632337	266.505362	357.854571	305.762043	305.38555	348.418736	337.596888	207.833068
March	119.813515	110.357233	109.328309	124.642001	175.874824	278.569947	410.094167	452.13068	427.470026	395.81157	353.601914	322.571403	304.708143	286.836974	292.444243	296.969203	273.252676	323.943596	322.421078	300.489124	334.327466	334.126975	244.420141	161.218591
April	102.30035	103.575091	106.18395	131.004615	190.852345	297.226507	427.169898	446.259511	412.781719	382.716641	336.115329	312.700759	294.323548	277.509927	293.512325	291.754337	253.224079	337.419258	292.036703	291.067254	328.639232	317.160734	191.33789	124.793072
May	87.5422645	88.3569116	90.3376531	114.487886	177.484312	283.00837	413.393415	424.602742	395.721227	375.579824	330.289286	308.898582	292.342232	274.220781	292.01275	288.203256	251.250083	329.656293	276.213048	277.156885	315.383775	300.491429	179.720549	110.460261
June	80.4250305	80.6544442	81.1681503	104.48722	165.732891	271.517464	405.957119	414.04591	386.254578	367.587607	324.707586	305.427704	287.738008	270.608322	287.454898	285.160971	246.467489	326.172871	271.598058	271.013501	310.523738	292.813805	176.874566	103.909196
July	77.9397497	75.497501	75.7200617	100.306172	157.993641	259.918454	392.853868	405.11443	379.701238	359.584442	314.038422	296.332851	278.074236	260.31446	276.248082	278.649149	236.998117	315.803528	264.748385	263.341834	300.143467	281.712294	168.918277	98.6103145
August	75.8999815	76.7836168	75.7356497	99.3739508	159.16281	264.958606	397.438319	399.025309	375.979038	356.135699	312.151204	295.157613	276.853423	259.693313	276.659806	277.871511	236.776866	321.879134	264.366507	263.438655	303.998572	277.900439	163.464491	100.022788
September	77.8563016	78.740408	78.3077988	102.150384	161.769651	264.860384	397.381045	413.995332	385.839957	362.872996	319.126505	297.760365	279.758692	261.814369	279.139524	279.432362	239.426203	316.538442	268.255217	267.697765	301.874267	287.177488	169.400565	101.077542
October	84.352191	86.486761	88.4864714	112.577235	179.857388	283.631106	413.343335	426.837522	395.838341	371.111243	324.388167	302.926575	284.437147	266.877731	283.378007	284.665986	243.817757	322.799858	273.391024	273.474138	308.448776	295.722553	175.799853	106.571538
November	118.676259	99.985196	100.951598	104.243025	137.954127	207.860109	324.06672	432.872089	400.757147	400.382915	368.763449	326.403992	305.342499	288.674737	276.025788	291.230958	281.577987	266.095981	326.22624	281.287552	322.074114	322.773303	284.129492	171.884057
December	146.668396	119.888709	117.692821	115.38709	138.836224	197.912486	305.692223	453.927921	468.035896	421.668932	388.06128	339.158871	313.464264	295.825091	278.552758	295.504471	294.844401	255.049225	339.280866	290.949602	290.442536	333.085459	332.249313	205.204995

WEEKEND(Water/heating)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	108.239794	80.531859	80.8188434	80.9393482	108.302277	186.950556	321.289036	427.79098	331.317825	252.172343	148.556305	146.178873	145.996324	145.820654	145.190873	110.449957	163.425509	297.390783	220.330877	217.352272	324.019172	241.473823	136.741483	
February	108.053098	81.8606107	80.5515892	80.6059959	108.495398	187.367701	321.926681	427.645949	332.313901	251.849061	200.338609	146.981026	147.601774	146.474689	146.670483	145.329771	111.846076	163.68342	295.770185	221.70906	217.988001	324.111516	241.602132	135.342376
March	88.4535317	79.587197	79.7201113	79.7535411	157.875934	271.520283	384.714989	357.810308	274.419587	212.3377	163.892189	144.924365	143.326884	144.583307	142.394944	120.101408	144.375885	246.693785	242.020676	214.76787	282.540692	264.716878	168.706749	115.297541
April	77.7014077	77.604124	77.6411346	102.426491	178.305226	303.759591	406.594057	315.694795	239.987478	188.992432	142.077741	140.441762	139.780764	139.177014	138.116644	127.77391	157.050062	282.299356	209.206469	208.176654	303.548862	263.448579	127.82599	102.430382
May	74.4050566	73.177887	74.0375371	98.170126	170.285252	291.973916	388.102602	302.04643	230.958036	181.73447	135.703837	135.821907	133.950663	132.986447	133.806183	100.490204	148.651385	269.869153	200.27484	199.029493	292.907765	221.615844	122.028849	98.0999312
June	72.8295946	70.6595237	71.9883942	95.4667602	165.224476	289.93678	376.453632	294.142629	239.91899	177.154458	139.071652	131.91173	130.488474	126.450695	130.425519	97.639768	144.210332	162.164465	194.590556	192.961393	280.97068	217.817816	96.163366	
July	68.8722995	70.4053413	69.6406301	92.4364499	153.366777	260.438569	353.202902	298.906977	225.231653	176.530301	135.281461	128.382338	125.210078	126.309414	126.84519	93.7794995	137.502504	238.512693	188.463727	185.667321	265.126361	215.774944	120.588537	90.8277256
August	69.1588448	69.7743542	69.1622514	91.6049946	159.404594	273.35672	363.613919	283.431291	216.330612	172.951342	126.734242	129.920915	125.25878	126.396601	125.064747	93.9845334	140.219273	252.697794	187.424324	186.346331	275.032163	208.066694	113.67694	91.6100228
September	69.8964314	71.2610558	69.976658	94.4920558	162.763284	281.305921	371.718078	289.239234	221.32867	174.843907	131.677655	129.201687	128.837519	129.621852	124.981852	98.6643353	141.840792	259.340625	191.851281	189.515439	282.16943	209.311497	119.265457	94.5193373
October	73.7578538	74.4459889	73.7570045	98.0028504	168.100675	289.954501	385.073857	303.418114	228.547641	181.26675	134.720578	135.481303	133.075098	131.775188	132.630329	100.694093	147.782801	268.072652	199.465814	197.186539	293.037474	218.760953	121.918455	97.9727998
November	98.546096	77.3845983	76.5239547	79.0826239	109.357373	191.02878	315.444221	392.886213	306.530509	233.29499	183.471569	141.641743	140.008291	138.255964	138.200559	133.29527	110.107217	167.980014	272.710064	208.627597	216.856715	296.781102	217.992257	125.273332
December	107.933857	77.8128584	79.8952353	80.4033706	104.853164	183.280408	315.308219	417.033853	325.376363	246.924996	195.864589	144.844249	143.997177	143.618061	143.269834	141.076339	108.84093	161.19361	289.605167	215.573077	213.883195	316.26728	237.120044	132.816546

PEAK(Natural gas)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	173.74352	140.041749	146.558037	142.674199	160.606316	215.587933	410.080985	561.942966	625.902071	498.270633	456.769081	411.073909	363.649094	376.107801	378.337908	356.892816	344.021383	315.788369	451.910663	361.49664	393.612842	500.550307	479.789704	314.524307
February	162.781829	128.808878	127.46341	123.792714	154.691367	242.551118	389.418253	552.232504	594.406836	499.804965	463.601208	403.516487	339.79404	325.619385	313.672891	334.330805	334.020604	295.604298	448.65926	336.791079	335.968205	422.113219	411.29387	263.579126
March	152.865494	137.973309	133.020811	153.161143	225.018435	378.519167	547.775473	543.608998	530.212091	467.967311	423.875041	377.407236	323.645311	307.302936	313.449086	311.407465	302.732529	416.031343	418.679733	325.619626	406.081735	397.867989	372.168773	236.625543
April	128.440374	124.326146	137.131737	159.606682	246.504405	371.78774	495.856017	542.086132	475.929027	423.117661	371.943549	320.368098	298.949065	283.00133	296.550815	302.245019	267.169195	406.096889	324.346686	313.605255	396.569878	385.506337	241.952491	146.40117
May	124.124439	138.110579	167.173911	185.429885	261.400807	383.43335	485.599128	492.652286	440.803519	407.063462	360.633134	314.40248	297.038085	278.707916	296.952428	296.356866	265.718888	392.697935	296.895655	306.582479	388.636116	343.619018	212.404596	142.774359
June	97.0621905	94.0923834	93.8239976	114.746288	195.630243	329.715247	452.729131	490.904841	434.667095	405.371407	360.633134	314.40248	297.038085	278.707916	296.952428	296.356866	261.294244	378.121734	279.663229	283.161097	372.121127	343.619018	212.404596	121.326343
July	80.9542366	80.4454668	80.910907	111.0611	189.891058	312.185803	434.813238	470.938275	423.25086	392.214724	345.99891	301.0840303	283.802734	266.67833	283.131908	282.571419	251.6002	366.175867	269.631519	266.224722	341.160991	323.327692	198.95159	100.895395
August	80.3717384	80.9509048	80.3822244	101.113234	178.885318	312.221281	435.146446																	





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Sale and purchase monthly prices in the Iberian electricity market. Based on type days (on-peak, mid-load and off-peak days).

Source: Own.

		SALE MARKET PRICE																							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	Week	52.927	45.746	42.064	40.734	40.354	42.157	48.829	56.388	63.195	63.877	65.028	63.404	62.231	60.231	59.591	58.713	58.075	60.039	65.748	67.099	67.943	66.016	62.320	59.006
February	Week	56.478	52.889	49.897	48.407	47.842	48.818	54.340	62.877	68.046	68.556	69.229	67.448	66.405	64.135	62.220	60.789	61.387	63.829	69.583	72.296	72.887	70.340	66.260	61.718
March	Week	45.743	41.974	39.660	38.795	38.593	40.996	46.388	53.863	60.530	60.854	58.909	57.431	55.571	53.946	51.497	49.272	48.222	49.002	52.624	60.115	63.321	60.006	53.804	47.975
April	Week	48.457	45.842	43.319	42.372	42.394	44.648	49.953	54.059	58.810	59.275	58.020	57.064	55.973	55.017	52.628	50.499	49.710	49.761	50.247	53.867	58.345	62.163	57.265	53.741
May	Week	61.470	59.033	57.310	56.778	56.893	57.903	60.935	63.066	65.606	65.804	65.010	65.325	65.371	65.390	64.539	63.000	62.480	61.891	61.375	62.496	64.751	66.619	65.643	62.865
June	Week	62.996	62.029	60.496	59.466	59.309	59.930	62.441	63.917	67.252	67.775	67.769	69.381	69.676	69.646	68.913	66.908	66.424	66.495	66.233	66.145	66.614	67.794	67.460	64.914
July	Week	65.665	62.928	60.827	59.848	59.667	60.676	63.963	65.636	70.579	71.715	71.850	74.478	74.968	75.133	74.306	72.958	72.329	72.031	71.506	69.898	69.895	70.427	70.698	68.870
August	Week	68.138	65.397	62.413	61.296	60.614	61.249	65.675	69.508	73.273	75.007	74.873	75.408	75.761	76.076	75.657	73.767	73.405	73.558	74.014	74.381	75.065	76.110	74.730	70.226
September	Week	72.980	71.153	68.798	67.781	67.404	68.275	74.142	79.011	82.159	82.636	82.116	81.745	81.761	82.098	81.148	79.761	79.412	79.923	80.849	82.661	84.488	83.089	79.319	78.202
October	Week	64.790	62.046	59.572	58.168	57.763	59.589	68.175	75.708	78.888	79.333	78.797	77.981	77.191	75.624	72.606	71.063	71.436	76.024	78.113	81.091	83.175	79.955	74.267	70.194
November	Week	62.269	59.138	56.580	54.590	53.395	55.574	60.652	64.900	67.842	69.670	70.090	69.810	69.201	68.711	67.282	66.297	66.950	71.004	75.869	76.514	74.678	72.242	68.986	65.605
December	Week	64.333	60.578	57.755	56.263	55.788	57.027	62.210	67.800	71.556	72.298	73.426	73.104	72.621	71.257	70.589	70.000	70.380	73.042	76.925	76.433	75.513	73.210	70.573	68.252
January	Peak	71.880	62.700	61.060	56.600	54.090	55.390	63.540	70.390	76.200	75.580	77.620	76.620	76.410	74.880	74.490	74.450	72.630	73.320	77.670	78.410	78.990	83.060	76.720	72.730
February	Peak	66.190	64.680	63.190	59.320	58.360	58.190	63.310	68.750	73.120	76.770	79.160	78.890	79.620	76.970	77.130	72.450	76.170	73.960	82.420	83.100	84.730	80.910	75.160	73.240
March	Peak	57.340	56.990	56.470	53.710	52.360	54.610	58.460	66.080	70.700	72.590	72.190	71.580	70.580	68.680	64.480	61.940	61.340	62.560	71.330	78.740	80.530	77.810	64.050	59.010
April	Peak	63.960	61.010	58.780	57.600	56.550	57.180	62.900	63.840	72.110	72.460	69.880	70.290	70.450	66.910	65.300	65.020	62.760	60.850	64.340	70.090	82.620	69.590	66.340	
May	Peak	71.230	70.920	70.170	69.710	70.170	70.050	70.970	70.900	72.730	72.500	72.230	72.810	72.870	73.010	72.170	71.100	70.660	69.850	70.250	71.110	71.590	73.310	73.000	71.400
June	Peak	70.850	70.080	68.670	68.470	68.280	67.580	70.020	70.490	71.230	71.930	71.630	74.090	74.450	74.410	73.210	71.920	71.550	71.390	71.030	70.140	70.290	71.430	71.530	70.680
July	Peak	70.530	69.370	67.260	67.280	66.330	66.590	68.770	69.160	75.580	75.470	75.510	78.240	78.180	78.470	78.080	76.890	75.500	75.170	75.020	75.720	72.880	74.550	74.390	73.630
August	Peak	73.970	71.470	70.380	68.560	68.210	68.390	71.760	76.050	79.490	83.010	81.250	81.700	82.380	82.820	82.200	79.460	78.450	77.550	80.790	80.630	81.160	82.980	80.370	75.800
September	Peak	78.790	77.820	76.610	76.790	76.690	76.770	78.830	82.720	86.200	86.860	86.140	85.980	84.930	85.460	84.460	82.780	82.410	82.340	83.260	86.300	88.140	87.060	83.890	81.090
October	Peak	77.970	77.720	76.540	74.410	72.840	69.520	78.390	86.110	88.380	89.700	86.470	85.270	83.150	83.370	80.630	79.680	78.980	84.740	87.760	88.330	91.740	87.870	80.850	76.400
November	Peak	74.230	71.880	70.220	69.530	65.550	65.470	72.950	73.760	76.130	76.660	77.320	76.630	77.150	76.960	75.790	74.910	75.000	78.260	81.200	81.440	80.250	79.580	75.330	72.880
December	Peak	72.330	70.680	67.130	64.050	63.210	65.870	69.980	72.870	76.130	76.380	77.360	77.310	77.010	75.340	74.550	74.260	74.500	77.830	84.210	84.230	79.290	77.640	73.410	73.610
January	Weekend	55.798	46.764	43.393	42.483	40.224	40.759	41.964	44.823	48.058	53.714	58.586	59.084	57.055	58.513	56.783	52.750	51.310	54.104	62.789	66.274	67.789	68.434	64.241	61.285
February	Weekend	60.116	56.965	53.923	51.663	50.599	50.571	50.543	52.189	52.528	57.039	61.121	59.350	57.749	58.575	57.189	54.720	53.223	54.501	61.164	66.726	67.916	67.928	64.654	62.020
March	Weekend	41.126	38.450	34.877	33.819	33.059	33.386	33.864	34.516	37.482	40.770	41.448	40.814	40.349	39.636	38.271	35.477	33.807	36.714	41.840	50.453	55.650	54.151	51.236	45.198
April	Weekend	51.009	47.028	44.261	44.256	44.019	43.924	44.362	44.026	44.642	46.439	47.392	47.587	46.070	44.323	42.726	37.941	36.538	37.351	39.049	42.669	49.889	57.013	55.612	51.493
May	Weekend	61.361	60.210	58.926	58.643	58.526	58.454	58.136	57.178	59.406	60.500	59.605	59.883	59.451	59.204	58.720	54.064	50.881	50.815	52.016	54.948	57.686	62.705	62.696	61.146
June	Weekend	62.473	61.966	60.542	60.577	59.759	59.258	58.923	58.196	60.052	61.287	62.220	63.040	63.586	63.493	60.104	58.100	57.617	57.856	59.613	61.956	65.886	66.544	64.503	
July	Weekend	66.813	65.628	64.499	63.788	63.114	63.033	62.648	61.886	63.942	64.568	65.060	66.284	66.616	67.288	66.962	64.598	62.988	62.238	61.768	63.058	64.702	67.560	69.088	67.431
August	Weekend	68.139	66.520	64.380	63.425	63.020	62.813	62.841	62.514	63.961	66.134	66.256	67.680	69.376	70.880	71.041	68.531	67.056	66.104	66.580	69.450	71.665	73.756	74.156	71.715
September	Weekend	74.854	72.530	70.941	70.383	69.690	69.548	70.458	71.526	72.112	75.317	75.012	75.526	75.487	76.414	76.054	73.472	71.858	71.368	72.339	77.094	81.400	82.588	79.885	76.332
October	Weekend	66.605	62.535	60.351	58.616	57.238	55.685	56.665	59.469	61.358	66.688	66.989	66.241	64.773	65.098	63.081	59.415	59.031	61.749	67.496	75.226	79.283	75.749	72.609	69.635
November	Weekend	63.425	58.958	56.459	53.505	51.933	53.409	53.964	56.955	60.138	63.581	65.030	65.773	65.840	65.401	63.814	61.334	61.463	67.496	74.414	74.995	72.790	70.824	67.329	64.466
December	Weekend	65.375	60.592	57.060	55.659	54.821	55.105	56.013	57.603	59.644	64.529	66.592	66.624	66.554	67.154	66.117	63.911	63.717	67.610	71.943	72.003	71.517	71.014	69.753	67.241



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		PURCHASE MARKET PRICE																							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	Week	69.219	62.038	58.356	57.025	56.645	58.448	65.120	72.680	87.633	88.314	89.466	87.841	86.668	84.668	84.028	83.151	82.513	84.476	106.477	107.828	108.671	106.745	86.758	83.443
February	Week	72.769	69.181	66.189	64.698	64.134	65.110	70.632	79.168	92.483	92.993	93.666	91.885	90.842	88.572	86.657	85.226	85.824	88.266	110.311	113.024	113.616	111.068	90.697	86.155
March	Week	62.035	58.266	55.951	55.086	54.884	57.287	62.680	70.155	84.967	85.291	83.346	81.868	80.009	78.383	75.934	73.710	72.660	73.440	93.353	100.844	104.050	100.735	78.241	72.412
April	Week	64.748	62.134	59.610	58.663	58.685	60.940	66.244	70.351	83.248	83.713	82.458	81.502	80.411	79.454	77.065	74.936	74.147	74.199	90.976	94.596	99.074	102.892	81.703	78.178
May	Week	77.761	75.325	73.602	73.069	73.185	74.195	77.227	79.357	90.043	90.241	89.447	89.762	89.809	89.827	88.976	87.437	86.917	86.328	102.104	103.225	105.480	107.348	90.080	87.302
June	Week	79.288	78.320	76.788	75.758	75.601	76.222	78.733	80.208	91.689	92.212	92.206	93.819	94.113	94.084	93.350	91.345	90.862	90.933	106.962	106.874	107.343	108.523	91.898	89.351
July	Week	81.957	79.219	77.119	76.139	75.958	76.967	80.254	81.928	95.016	96.152	96.288	98.916	99.405	99.570	98.744	97.396	96.766	96.468	112.235	110.627	110.624	111.156	95.136	93.307
August	Week	84.430	81.689	78.705	77.587	76.906	77.541	81.967	85.799	97.710	99.444	99.310	99.846	100.199	100.513	100.094	98.204	97.842	97.996	114.743	115.110	115.794	116.839	99.167	94.663
September	Week	89.272	87.445	85.090	84.072	83.695	84.566	90.433	95.303	106.596	107.073	106.553	106.182	106.198	106.535	105.585	104.198	103.849	104.360	121.577	123.389	125.217	123.818	103.756	102.639
October	Week	81.082	78.337	75.864	74.460	74.055	75.881	84.466	92.000	103.325	103.770	103.234	102.419	101.629	100.061	97.043	95.501	95.873	100.462	118.841	121.820	123.904	120.684	98.704	94.631
November	Week	78.561	75.429	72.872	70.882	69.687	71.866	76.944	81.192	92.279	94.107	94.528	94.247	93.639	93.149	91.720	90.734	91.387	95.441	116.598	117.243	115.407	112.971	93.423	90.042
December	Week	80.625	76.869	74.046	72.555	72.079	73.318	78.502	84.091	95.994	96.735	97.863	97.542	97.058	95.694	95.026	94.437	94.817	97.479	117.654	117.162	116.242	113.939	95.010	92.689
January	Peak	88.172	78.992	77.352	72.892	70.382	71.682	79.832	86.682	100.637	100.017	102.057	101.057	100.847	99.317	98.987	98.887	97.067	97.757	118.399	119.139	119.719	123.789	101.157	97.167
February	Peak	82.482	80.972	79.482	75.612	74.652	74.482	79.602	85.042	97.557	101.207	103.597	103.327	104.057	101.107	101.567	96.887	100.607	98.397	123.149	123.829	125.459	121.639	99.597	97.677
March	Peak	73.632	73.282	72.762	70.002	68.652	70.902	74.752	82.372	95.137	97.027	96.627	96.017	95.017	93.117	88.917	85.777	85.777	86.997	112.059	119.469	121.259	118.539	88.487	83.447
April	Peak	80.252	77.302	75.072	73.892	72.842	73.472	79.192	80.132	96.547	96.897	94.317	94.727	94.627	94.887	91.347	89.737	89.457	87.197	101.579	105.069	110.819	123.349	94.027	90.777
May	Peak	87.522	87.212	86.462	86.002	86.462	86.342	87.262	87.192	97.167	96.937	96.667	97.247	97.307	97.447	96.607	95.337	95.097	94.287	110.979	111.839	112.319	114.039	97.437	95.837
June	Peak	87.142	86.372	84.962	84.762	84.572	83.872	86.312	86.782	95.667	96.367	96.067	98.527	98.887	98.847	97.647	96.357	95.987	95.827	111.759	110.869	111.019	112.159	95.967	95.117
July	Peak	86.822	85.662	83.552	83.572	82.622	82.882	85.052	85.452	100.017	99.907	99.947	102.677	102.617	102.907	102.517	101.327	99.937	99.607	115.749	116.449	113.609	115.279	98.827	98.067
August	Peak	90.262	87.762	86.672	84.852	84.502	84.682	88.062	92.342	103.927	107.447	105.687	106.137	106.817	107.257	106.637	103.897	102.887	101.987	121.519	121.359	121.889	123.709	104.807	100.237
September	Peak	95.082	94.112	92.902	93.082	92.982	93.062	95.122	99.012	110.637	111.297	110.577	110.417	109.367	109.897	108.897	107.217	106.847	106.777	123.989	127.029	128.869	127.789	108.327	105.527
October	Peak	94.262	94.012	92.832	90.702	89.132	85.812	94.682	102.402	112.817	114.137	110.907	109.707	107.587	107.807	105.067	104.117	103.417	109.177	128.489	129.059	132.469	128.599	105.287	100.837
November	Peak	90.522	88.172	86.512	85.822	81.842	81.762	89.242	90.052	100.567	101.097	101.757	101.067	101.587	101.397	100.227	99.347	99.437	102.697	121.929	122.169	120.979	120.309	99.767	97.317
December	Peak	88.622	86.972	83.422	80.342	79.502	82.162	89.272	89.162	100.567	100.817	101.797	101.047	101.547	99.777	98.987	98.697	98.937	102.267	124.939	124.959	120.019	118.369	97.847	98.047
January	Weekend	72.089	63.055	59.684	58.774	56.515	57.050	58.255	61.114	72.495	78.151	83.024	83.521	81.492	82.950	81.220	77.187	75.747	78.541	103.518	107.003	108.518	109.163	88.679	85.722
February	Weekend	76.408	73.257	70.214	67.954	66.890	66.863	66.834	68.480	76.965	81.476	85.559	83.787	82.186	83.012	81.626	77.157	77.660	78.939	101.893	107.455	108.645	108.656	89.091	86.457
March	Weekend	57.417	54.742	51.168	50.110	49.350	49.677	50.156	50.807	61.920	65.207	65.885	65.252	64.786	64.073	62.708	59.914	58.244	61.152	82.569	91.182	96.379	94.880	75.673	69.635
April	Weekend	67.300	63.319	60.553	60.547	60.310	60.216	60.654	60.317	69.080	70.876	71.830	72.024	70.507	68.761	67.163	62.378	60.975	61.788	79.778	83.398	90.618	97.742	80.050	75.931
May	Weekend	77.653	76.502	75.218	74.934	74.818	74.745	74.428	73.469	83.844	84.937	84.402	84.320	83.889	83.641	83.157	78.501	75.319	75.252	92.745	95.676	98.415	103.434	87.134	85.584
June	Weekend	78.765	78.257	76.834	76.868	76.050	75.549	75.215	74.487	84.490	85.724	86.657	87.477	87.481	88.023	87.931	84.542	82.537	82.054	98.584	100.342	102.684	106.614	90.982	88.941
July	Weekend	83.105	81.919	80.790	80.079	79.406	79.325	78.939	78.177	88.380	89.005	89.497	90.722	91.053	91.725	91.400	89.035	87.425	86.675	102.497	103.787	105.431	108.289	93.525	91.868
August	Weekend	84.430	82.812	80.672	79.717	79.312	79.104	79.133	78.805	88.399	90.571	90.694	92.117	93.814	95.317	95.479	92.969	91.494	90.541	107.309	110.179	112.394	114.485	98.594	96.152
September	Weekend	91.146	88.822	87.233	86.675	85.982	85.840	86.750	87.818	96.549	99.754	99.449	99.963	99.924	100.851	100.491	97.909	96.295	95.805	113.068	117.823	122.129	123.317	104.322	100.769
October	Weekend	82.897	78.827	76.643	74.908	73.529	71.977	72.957	75.760	85.795	91.125	91.426	90.679	89.210	89.535	87.519	83.852	83.469	86.186	108.225	115.955	120.011	116.478	97.046	94.072
November	Weekend	79.717	75.249	72.750	69.797	68.224	69.700	70.255	73.247	84.575	88.019	89.467	90.210	90.277	89.839	88.251	85.771	85.900	91.934	115.724	115.519	111.553	91.766	88.904	88.904
December	Weekend	81.667	76.884	73.352	71.951	71.113	71.397	72.305	73.895	84.081	88.966	91.029	91.061	90.991	91.591	90.554	88.348	88.154	92.047	112.672	112.732	112.246	111.743	94.190	91.678

### Hourly marginal CO2 emissions.

Source: Own.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January		0.26059	0.27261	0.28837	0.29900	0.30418	0.31047	0.28701	0.27571	0.28056	0.28499	0.28545	0.28533	0.29490	0.29798	0.31055	0.31732	0.32427	0.32649	0.31650	0.30685	0.30607	0.30535	0.31525	0.32959
February		0.32399	0.32760	0.33853	0.34686	0.35340	0.35640	0.34733	0.32778	0.30123	0.28319	0.28066	0.28549	0.28554	0.28554	0.29155	0.30445	0.31132	0.31736	0.30466	0.28826	0.27561	0.27480	0.28488	0.29942
March		0.16469	0.15761	0.16973	0.16790	0.17327	0.17706	0.19084	0.19211	0.18658	0.15041	0.17445	0.18066	0.17353	0.17441	0.17799	0.18711	0.19677	0.20118	0.20870	0.20382	0.19105	0.18700	0.18050	0.17057
April		0.17449	0.17970	0.18435	0.19132	0.18519	0.18737	0.19097	0.18860	0.19911	0.17321	0.18331	0.18633	0.18650	0.18712	0.18151	0.17933	0.17824	0.17847	0.18348	0.18943	0.19646	0.19546	0.20285	0.19599
May		0.32506	0.33803	0.34589	0.35164	0.35955	0.35880																		



Hourly temperatures by month.

Source: Own

	Promedio	Real	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
January	12.0	11.9	7.9	8.5	9.5	11.2	12.5	13.2	14.7	15.5	16.1	15.6	14.9	14.1	13.7	13.3	13.0	12.7	12.4	11.9	11.1	10.3	9.4	8.8	8.3	8.1
February	9.0	9.3	5.6	5.5	6.3	7.0	7.8	8.6	9.8	10.7	11.9	12.9	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.3	11.8	11.1	10.3	9.7	9.0	8.4	7.9	7.2	6.7	5.9
March	12.0	12.0	8.7	8.6	8.5	9.6	10.9	12.2	12.9	13.7	14.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	15.1	14.6	13.8	13.1	12.4	11.8	11.4	10.7	10.3	9.8	9.3	8.9
April	15.0	15.3	12.6	12.1	11.5	11.2	11.7	12.5	13.1	14.7	15.8	17.8	18.7	19.6	19.3	18.9	18.6	18.2	17.3	16.8	16.1	15.2	14.8	14.5	13.9	13.4
May	16.6	16.6	14.6	14.1	13.7	13.3	13.0	13.7	14.3	14.9	15.7	16.5	17.8	18.4	20.7	20.3	20.1	19.6	19.1	18.6	18.2	17.6	16.8	16.1	15.7	15.3
June	21.6	21.9	19.7	18.9	18.3	17.9	17.6	17.5	18.2	20.3	21.5	22.1	22.9	23.5	24.6	26.3	26.1	25.9	25.3	24.8	24.3	23.9	22.6	21.8	21.2	20.6
July	25.5	25.8	25.1	24.4	23.7	22.6	22.3	21.6	20.9	21.7	22.9	23.9	24.7	25.8	26.9	28.7	31.0	29.8	29.2	29.1	28.9	28.7	28.2	27.5	26.8	25.9
August	25.6	25.8	24.6	23.8	23.3	22.6	21.9	21.6	22.3	23.1	24.5	25.4	26.7	27.4	28.8	30.3	29.6	29.1	28.4	27.8	27.4	27.1	26.6	26.0	25.6	25.2
September	23.4	23.8	22.4	21.8	21.2	20.4	19.8	20.3	21.3	22.4	22.7	23.5	24.3	25.8	27.7	27.3	26.8	26.6	26.4	26.1	25.7	25.1	24.6	23.9	23.2	22.6
October	19.1	18.9	16.3	15.9	15.7	15.6	16.1	16.7	17.6	18.3	19.8	20.9	21.6	23.0	22.7	22.1	21.8	21.4	20.5	19.4	18.9	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.7
November	15.3	15.2	12.5	12.3	12.1	12.9	13.4	13.8	14.6	15.7	16.1	17.0	18.8	18.5	18.2	17.7	17.2	16.8	16.3	15.9	15.5	14.8	14.5	14.0	13.6	12.9
December	12.5	12.5	8.7	8.0	8.6	9.3	10.1	11.4	12.3	13.8	15.7	17.0	16.8	16.2	15.9	15.4	14.8	14.5	13.9	13.2	12.4	11.7	11.1	10.6	9.8	9.1