

VencoPy Beta Release Workshop

Vehicle Energy Consumption in Python

DLR-VE-ESY-EnSYM, Stuttgart

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openmod open energy
modelling initiative

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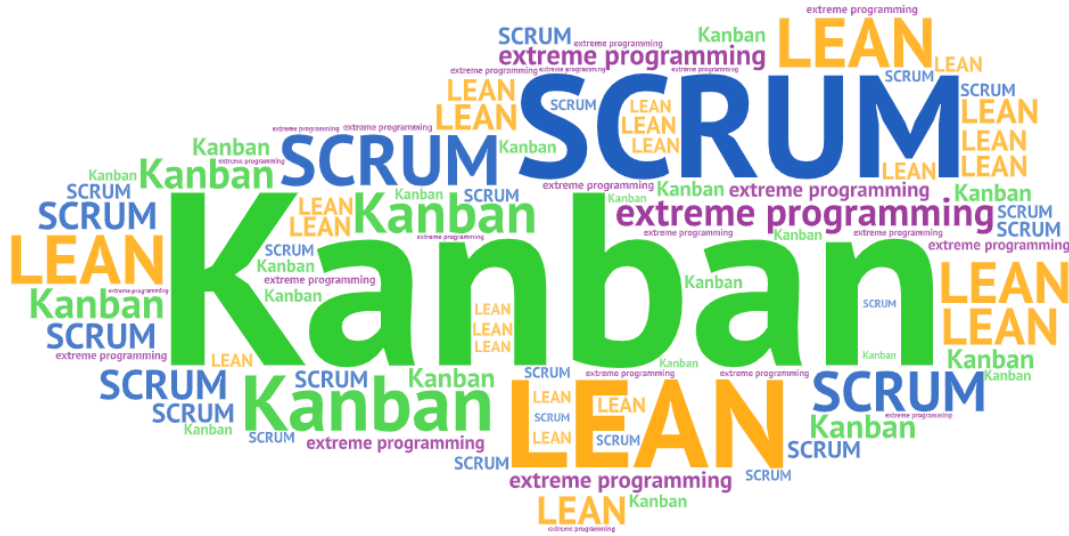
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Agile and Modelling



Lessons to learn from SCRUM:

- Defined and clear roles
- Structured communication
- Transparent tasks and prioritization
- Focused uninterrupted work

Agile methods focus on:

communication, processes, roles and responsibilities

Aim to...

minimize thoughts/discussions on how to do things

optimize com and coordination to avoid wasted time

maximize the time doing what needs to be done



SE / open source compared to research software development

Shared challenges:

- . **High turnover rate** of participants in software projects
- . **Broad and varied expectations** of users and developers
- . **Warring and changing requirements** from differing perspectives
- . **Frequent adaption** of source code

Typical issues that result:

- . **Inefficient knowledge transfers** during onboarding new team members
- . **Loss of know how** when people leave the team
- . **Prioritizing tasks** under warring requirements from differing perspectives

Big difference:

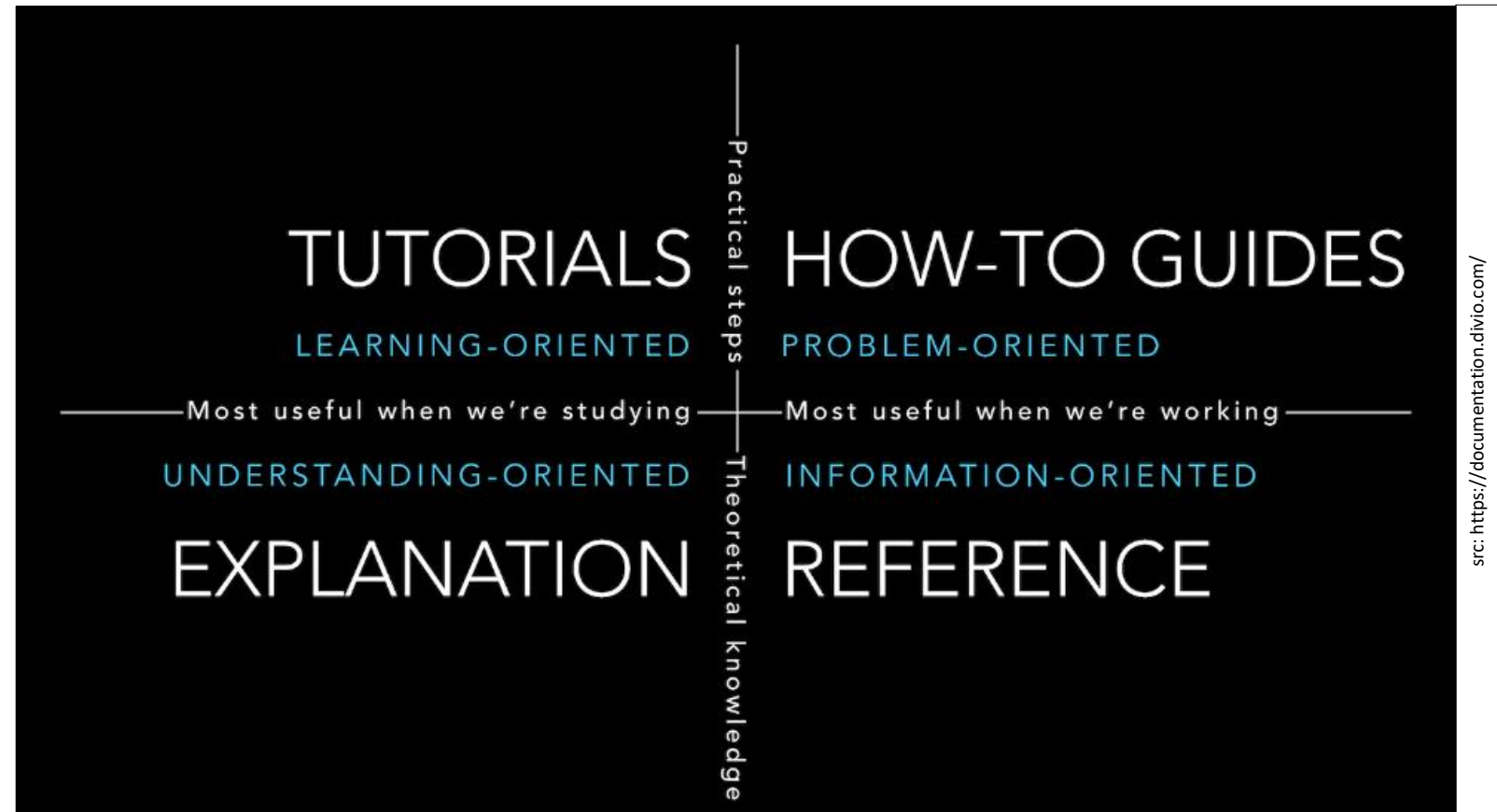
- . **software is (usually) not the sole focus** in research software engineering



SE / Open Source and research software development compared

SE & OS methods need tailoring and tuning towards research environment

Example: Documentation



src: <https://documentation.divio.com/>

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Example: CI & testing

All 42 Finished Branches Tags

Clear runner caches

CI lint

Run pipeline

Filter pipelines



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Example: integrated and transparent workflows

The screenshot displays a workflow management interface with three columns: Open, Staged, and Closed. Each column contains a list of tasks with associated status tags and user avatars.

- Open (27 items, 0 alerts):**
 - push current version to public git (Implementation) ioproc/ioproc#80
 - should we test general.py actions and yes what are our test approaches? (Discussion, Request) ioproc/ioproc#103
 - implemented vizualisation of workflow (Discussion, Request) ioproc/ioproc#13
 - log total runtime of workflow (Discussion, Request) ioproc/ioproc#70
 - Generation of Provenence Information (Discussion, Request) ioproc/ioproc#64
- Staged (4 items, 0 alerts):**
 - refactor config names to unified pattern (ioproc/ioproc#93)
 - field "enable development mode" should not be required (ioproc/ioproc#102)
 - Migration to snakemake as backbone reasonable/useful? (DP) (ioproc/ioproc#104)
 - create log of actions per dataset in ioProc workflow with checksums for DP (DP) (ioproc/ioproc#116)
- Closed (87 items, 20 alerts):**
 - prepare workshop of ioproc to interested users (Request) (ioproc/ioproc#77)
 - implementation of data provenience and issue definition (DP) (ioproc/ioproc#114)
 - guide to user in calling executables by providing a standardized action format (Request, Review) (ioproc/ioproc#81)
 - supply snippets on how to config user.yaml (Request, Review) (ioproc/ioproc#46)
 - migrate to new python packaging (Review)



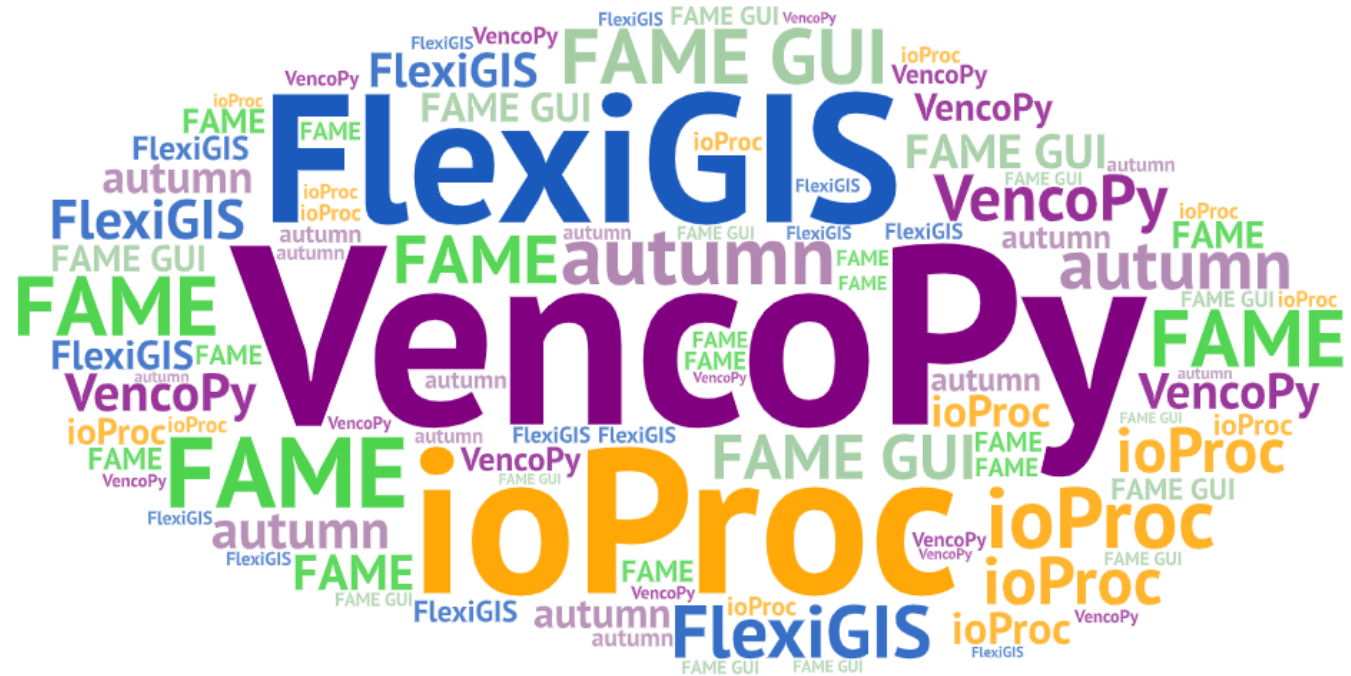
Things we do at ESY

Quality guidelines in ESY centred around **maintainability, accessibility** and **transparency**

- **Issue Boards** :: documentation, tracking of tasks
- **Git** :: branches, tags, features, releases
- **Code reviews** :: part of os process, on demand
- **Software companion document** :: internal processes, roles, responsibilities
- **Architecture document** :: purpose, decisions, quality values, requirements



Open Source Models in VE ESY-ST



- FAME** Framework for agent based modelling
- FAME GUI** Addon to enhance usability
- ioProc** maintainable + reproducible workflows
- FlexiGIS** Urban areas flex options esy model
- Autumn** CO2 cost potential curves
- VencoPy** todays topic!

In preparation: AMIRIS, agent based model for modelling energy markets

We also work on several other models, that we want to release in the future as open source



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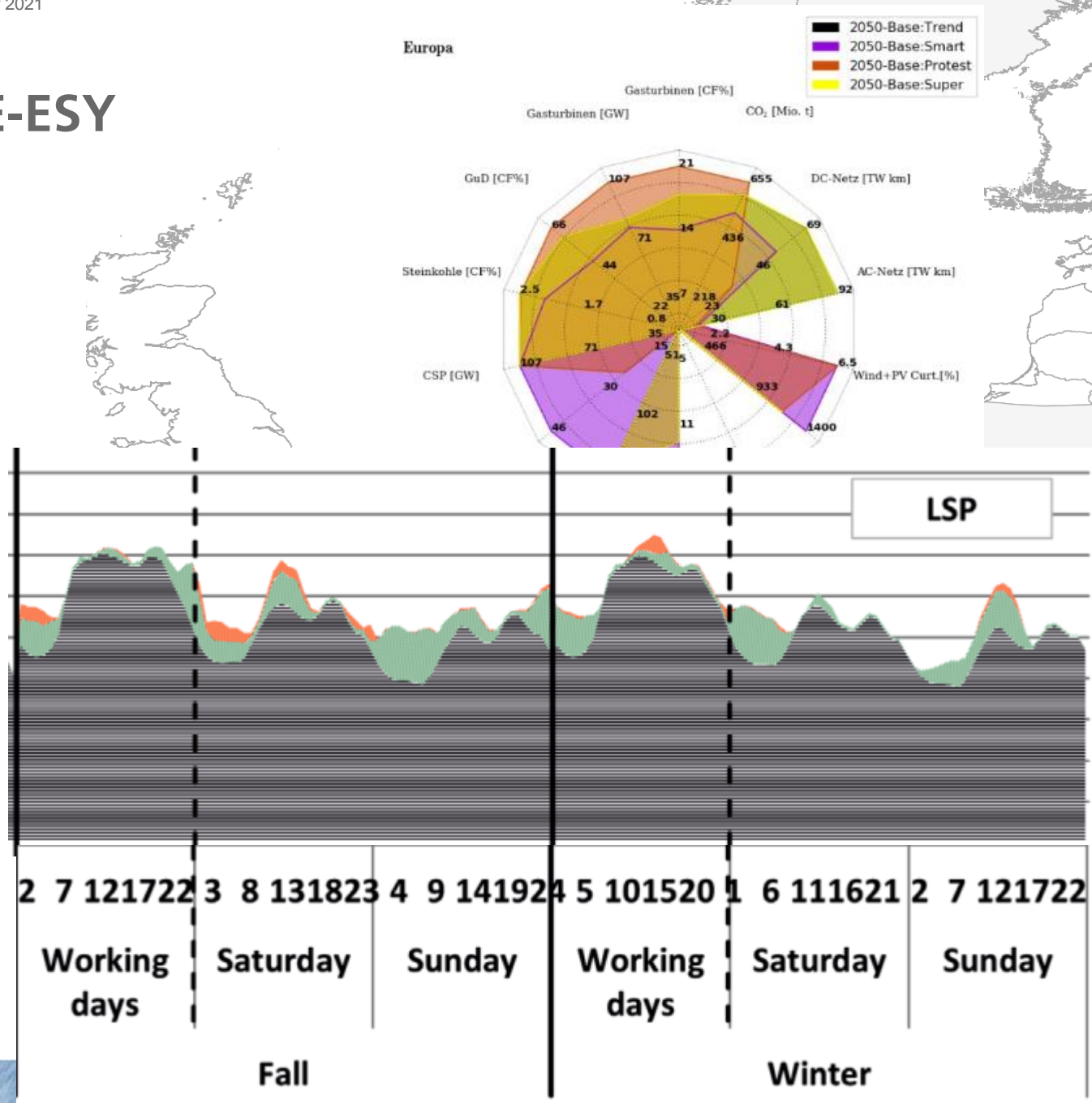


Energy system modelling at DLR-VE-ESY

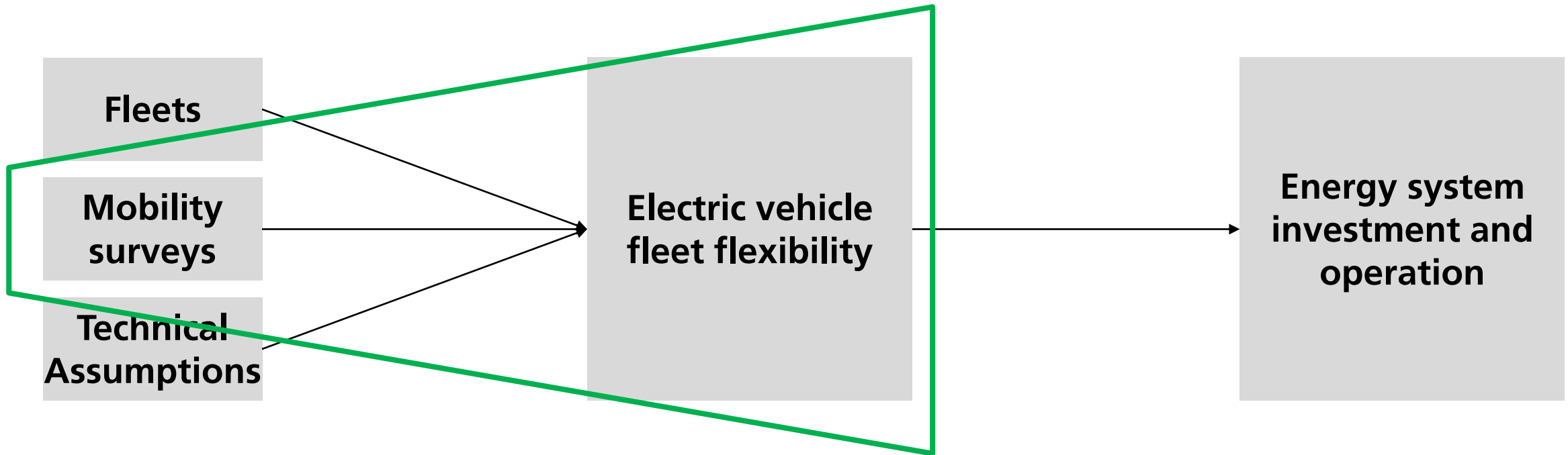
The goal of energy system modeling is to show the **feasibility of energy scenarios with high shares of renewable energies**, to find **optimal system designs** and to **show trade-offs**

We focus on the **German and European** energy systems

In **highly sector-coupled** energy system designs, different **flexibility options compete** against each other. One of them are future electric vehicle fleets.



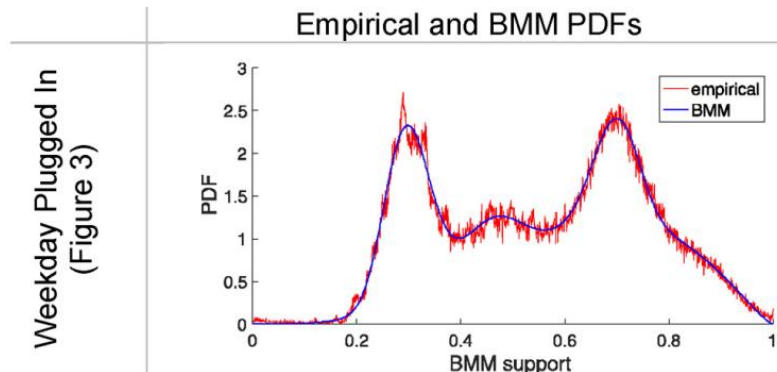
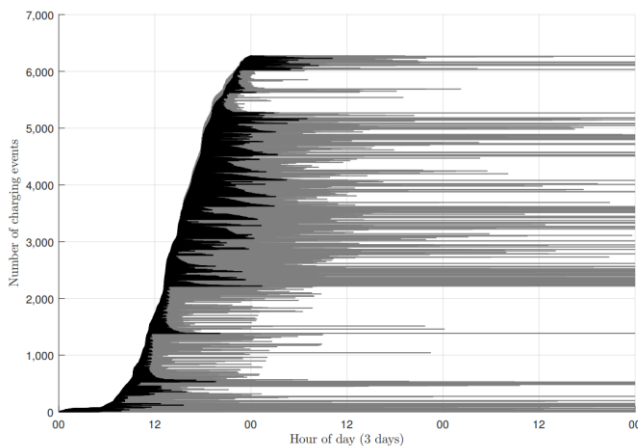
The application context of VencoPy



Two options of modelling EV load profiles and flexibility

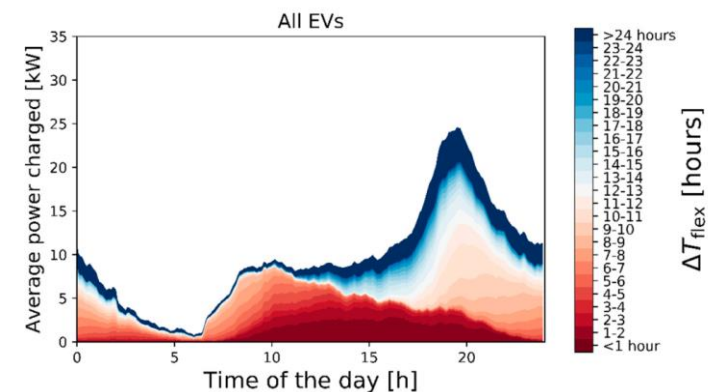
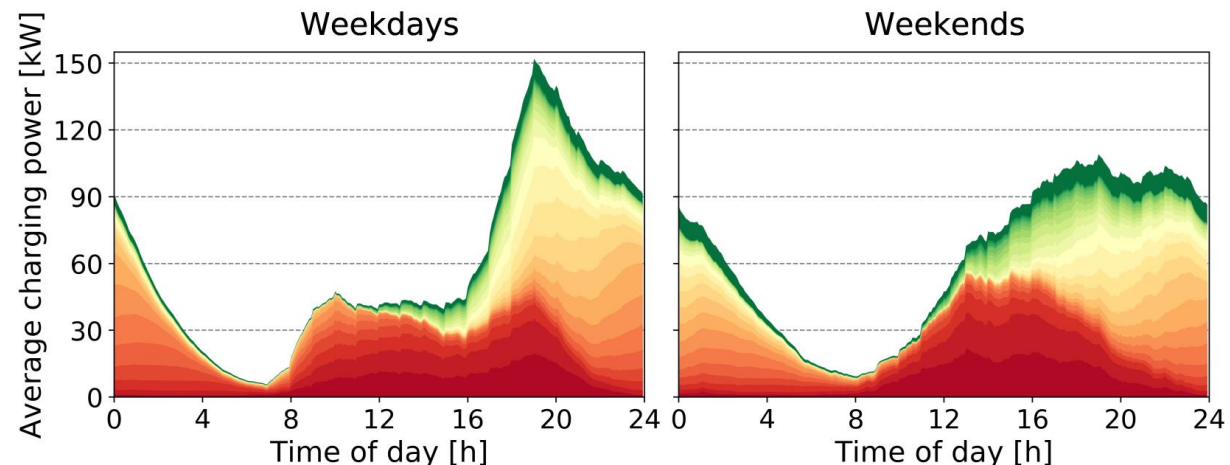
Data driven

- Measured EV data is scaled to represent respective fleets of the model scope
- Either measured vehicle SOC data or charging station data is used
- Publications
 - Schäuble et al. (2017)
 - Flammini et al. (2019)
 - Gerritsma et al. (2019) / Brinkel et al. (2020)



Weekday Plugged In (Figure 3)

Reference scenario



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FFE - eFlame

KIT-IIP – MobiFlex

Fraunhofer IEE – Michael v. Bonin

DLR-VF – CURRENT

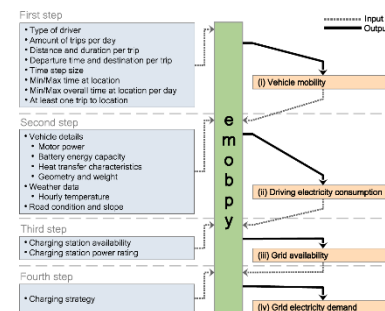


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Bottom-up simulation

- Today's mobility patterns as input (for us: Mobilität in Deutschland, the German travel survey)
- Vehicle stock scenarios (possibly model output from stock models)
- Assumption on charging controllability
 - Resulting fleet electric load profiles
 - Flexibility of charging

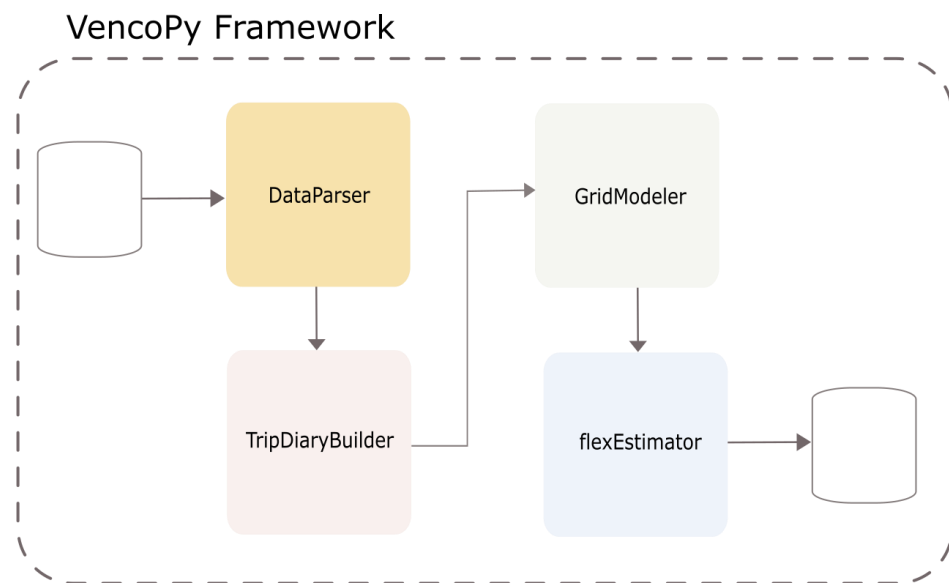
Example tools



VencoPy introspection – MiD input

MiD 2017 (B2 regional dataset)

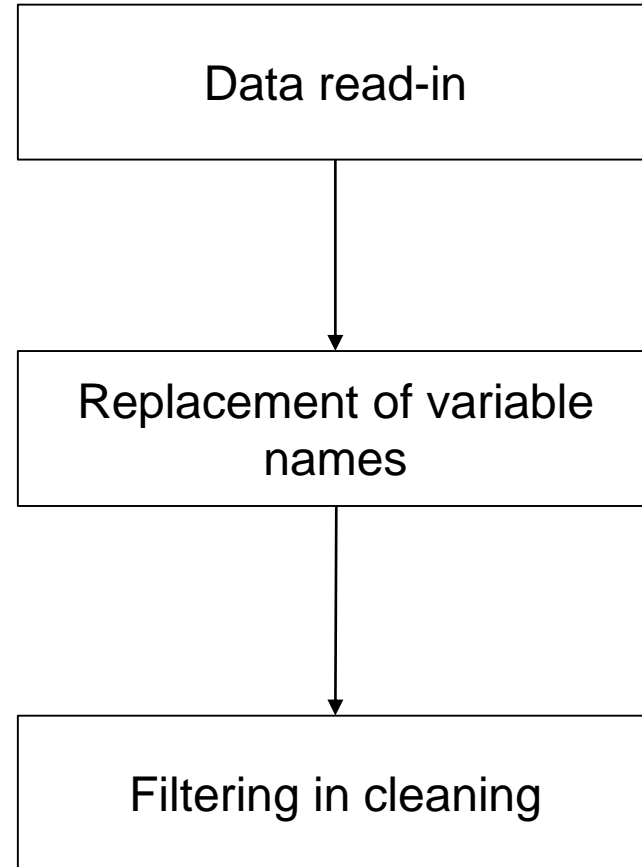
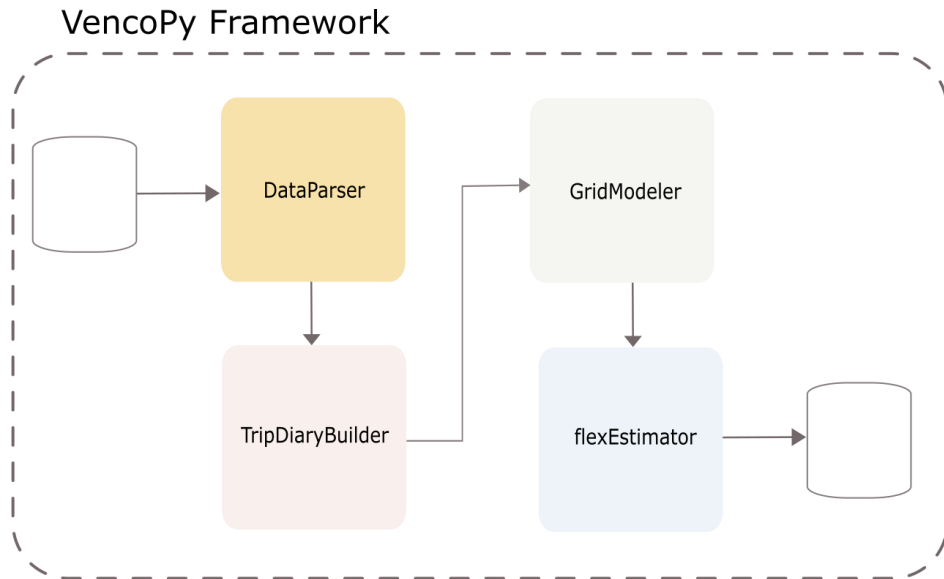
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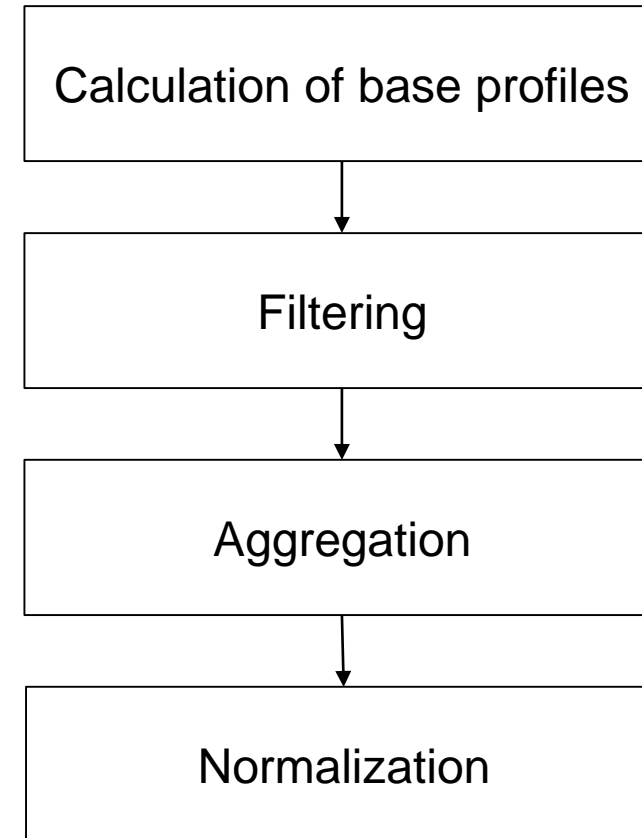
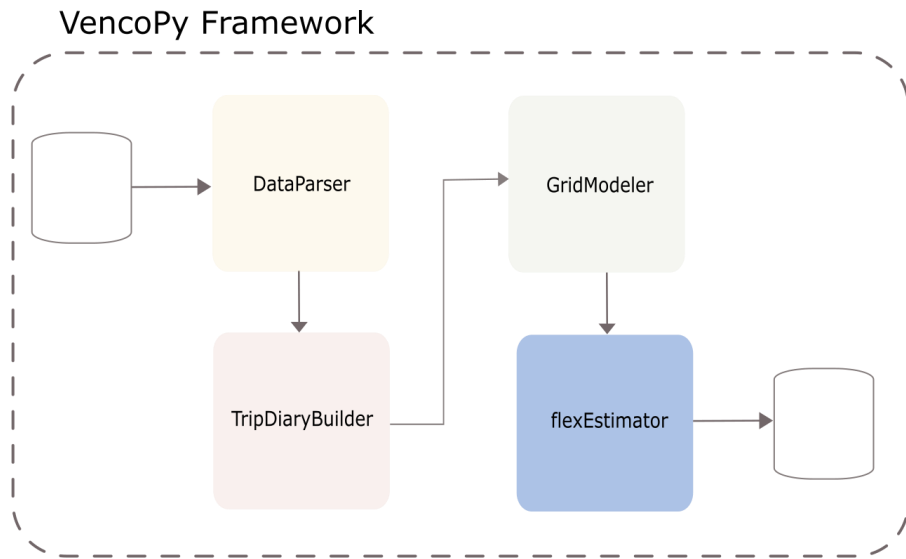
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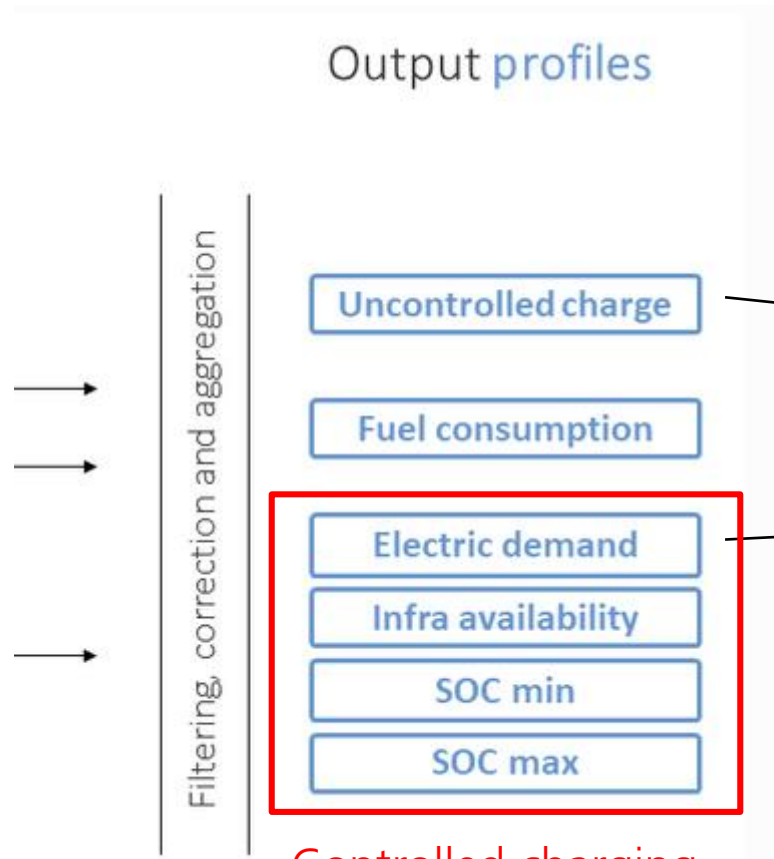
VencoPy introspection – data parsing



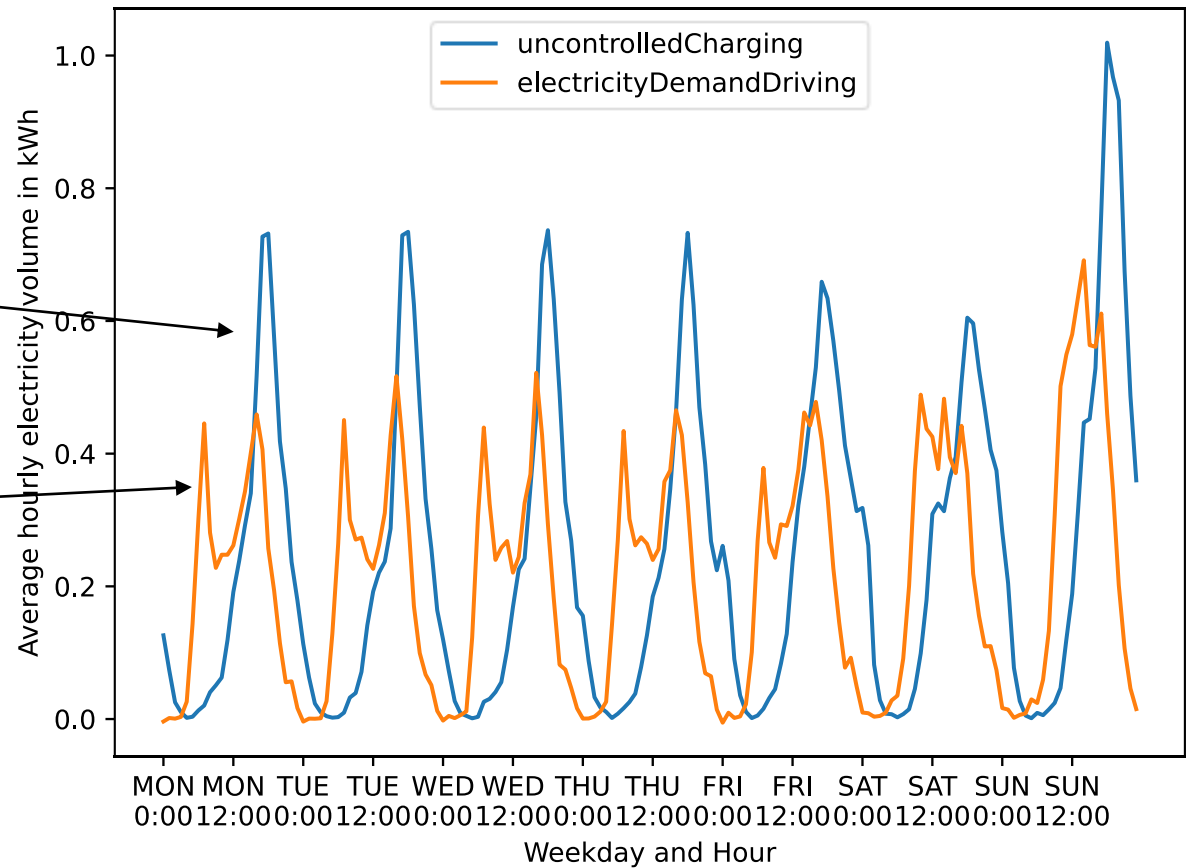
VencoPy introspection – fleet flexibility estimation



Exemplary results

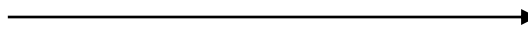


Controlled charging constraints



How to contribute

1. Send an email to Niklas or Fabia
2. Fill out the docx and send it to us
3. Check out the repo and follow the set-up instruction
4. Send us pull requests!
5. Join the gitter chat!



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Background Literature

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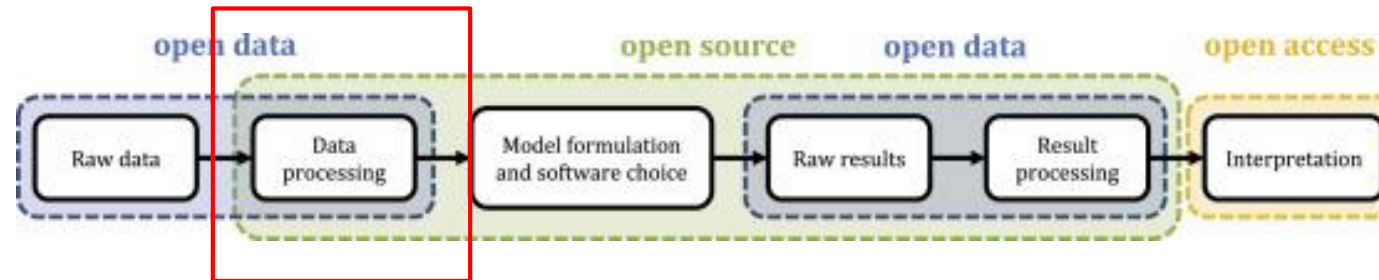
- Make the MiD open access
- Seasonal differences in VencoPy output profiles
 - Temperature dependency
- Derive representative profiles in order not to have to do an aggregation to fleet batteries
- Account for multi-day SOC and plugging behavior
 - SimBEV
- Add description of aggregation method and reference Sabrina Rieds paper
- Charging availability and distribution



Backup Slides



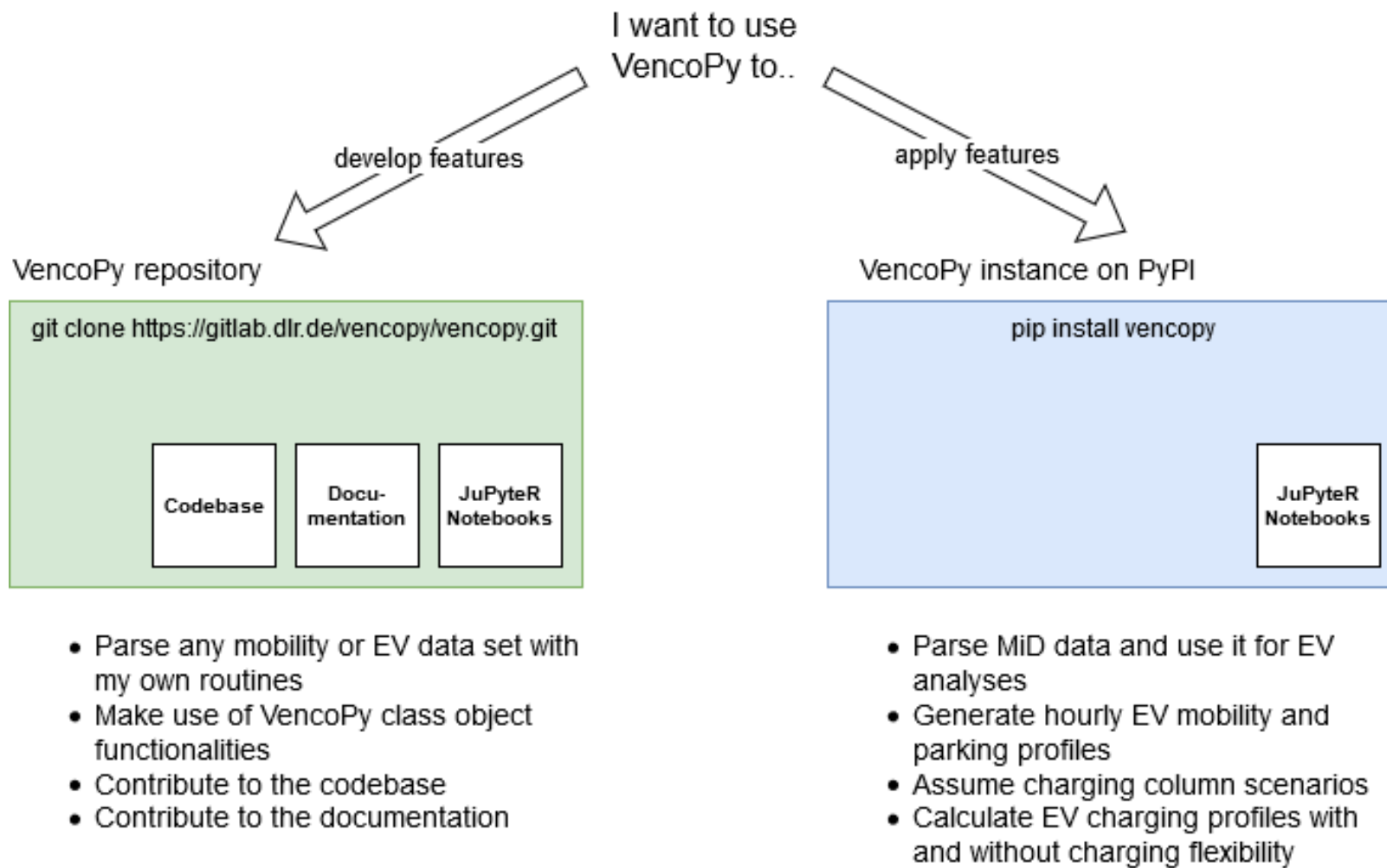
Reproducibility of energy scenario studies requires transparency across the whole data processing chain



VencoPy role in the modeling chain



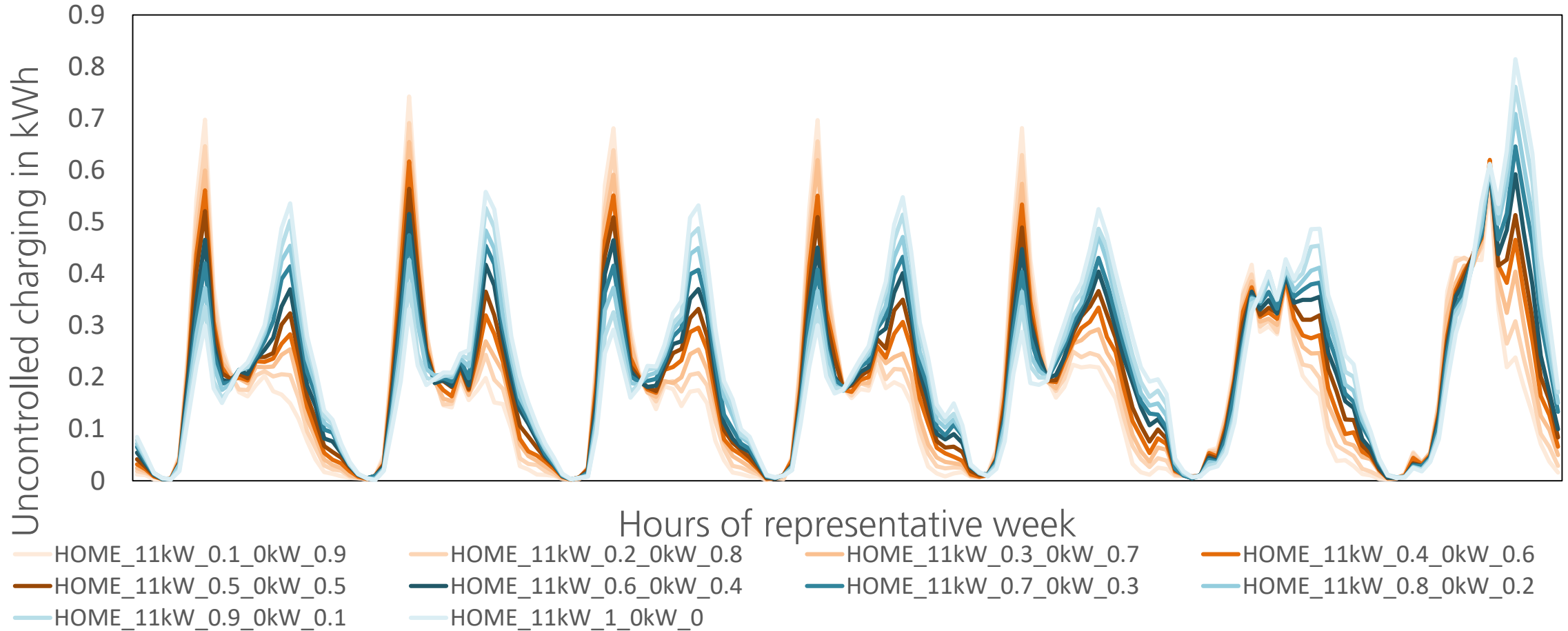
Overview over the VencoPy environment (from the documentation)



<https://vencopy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>



Grid modelling – ongoing work testing the profile sensitivity to home charging availability



Introduction – our research on the background of the granularity gap for the case of electric vehicle fleets

Transportation research

- Routing, car sharing, autonomous vehicles, congestion management etc.

Electrical engineering research

- Does EV electric load pose a risk to grids?
- Grid stability services by EV fleets, ...

Environmental science

- How much does electric mobility lead to GHG emission reductions (potentially at what Life Cycle stage)?
- What emissions do EV fleets cause (Schuller et al. (2015))

Energy system analysis

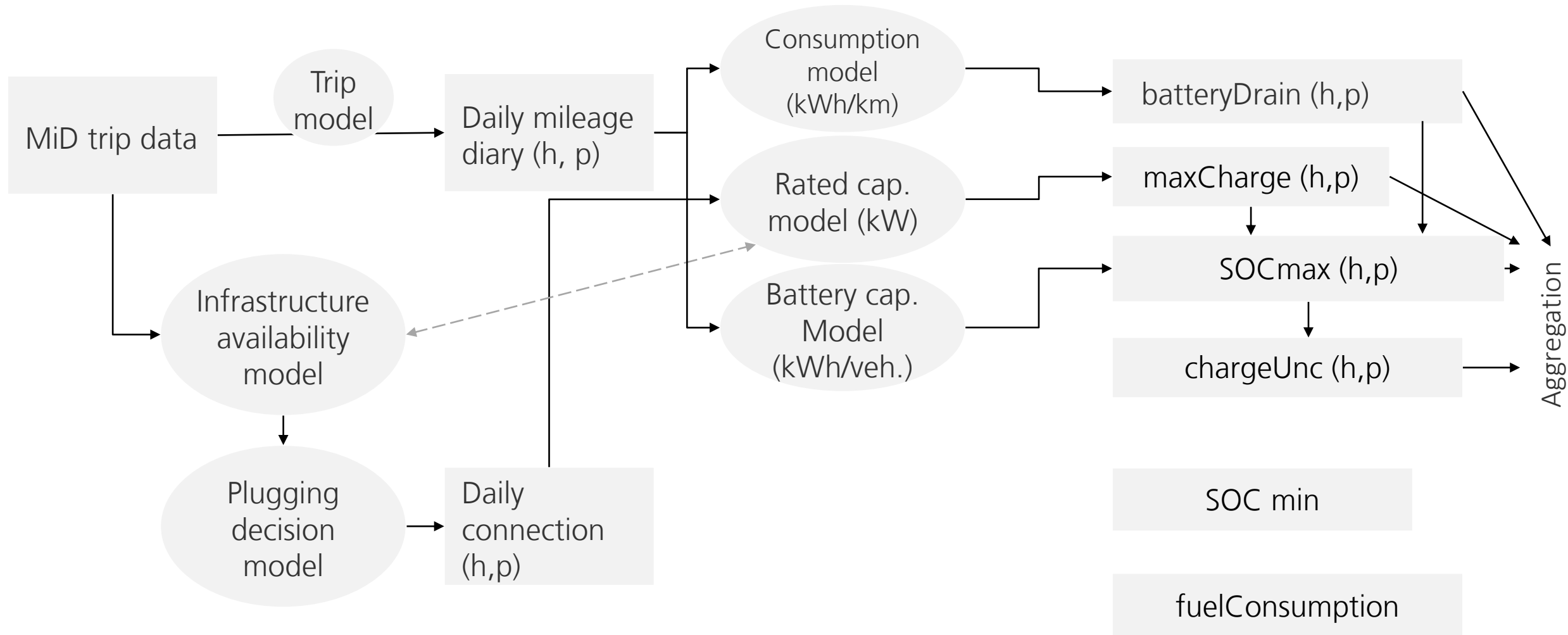
- EV-energy system interface modeling
- Influence of EVs on electricity prices
- Curtailment reduction potential of EVs
- ...

Ried et al. (2021) “The crucial difference of EVs compared to the other types of flexible loads [...] is that they are **less homogeneous, not always available for charging**, and need **certain energy levels for trips at certain moments.**”




VencoPy data flow diagram

h: Hour
p: Household-person ID




A glimpse in the REMix representation of controlled charging



Grid
Hourly electricity production costs

- $P_{charge,avail}(t)$
- $C_{uncontr}(t)$
- η_{GtV}
- $\Psi_{CC}(t)$

Maximum controlled charging




Fleet battery

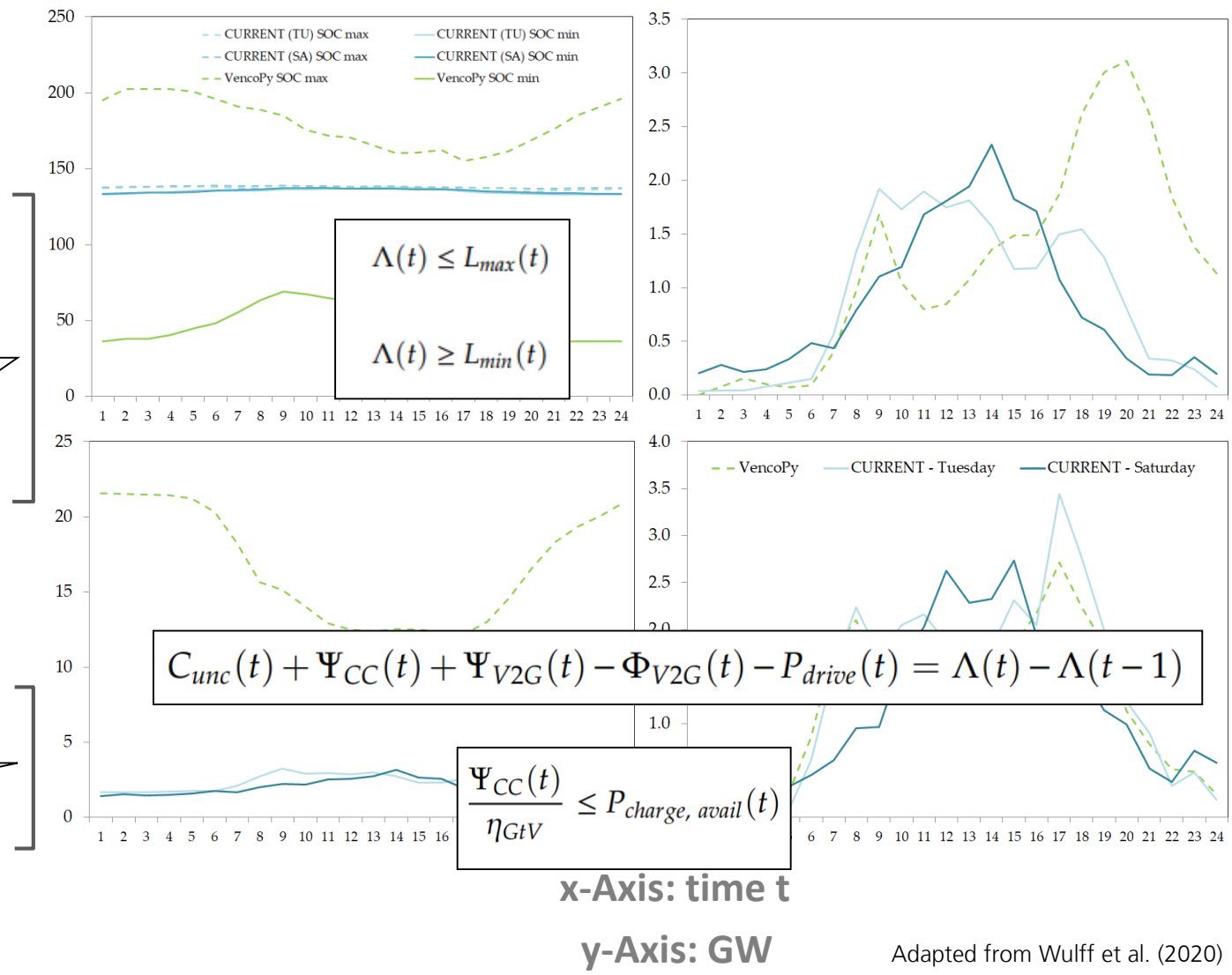
$\Lambda(t)$

$L_{min}(t)$ **Maximum SOC**
 $L_{max}(t)$ **Minimum SOC**
 $\Lambda(t-1)$ **Battery level balance**

- $P_{drive}(t)$ **Electric drive power**

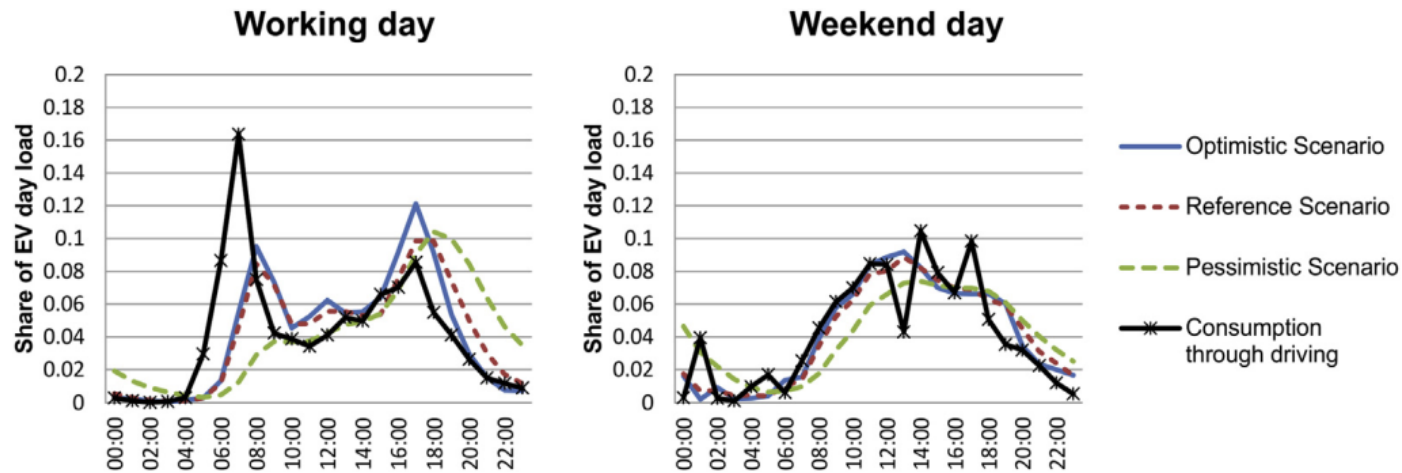


Final energy demand for driving



Adapted from Wulff et al. (2020)

Paper 2: Motivation Regional differences

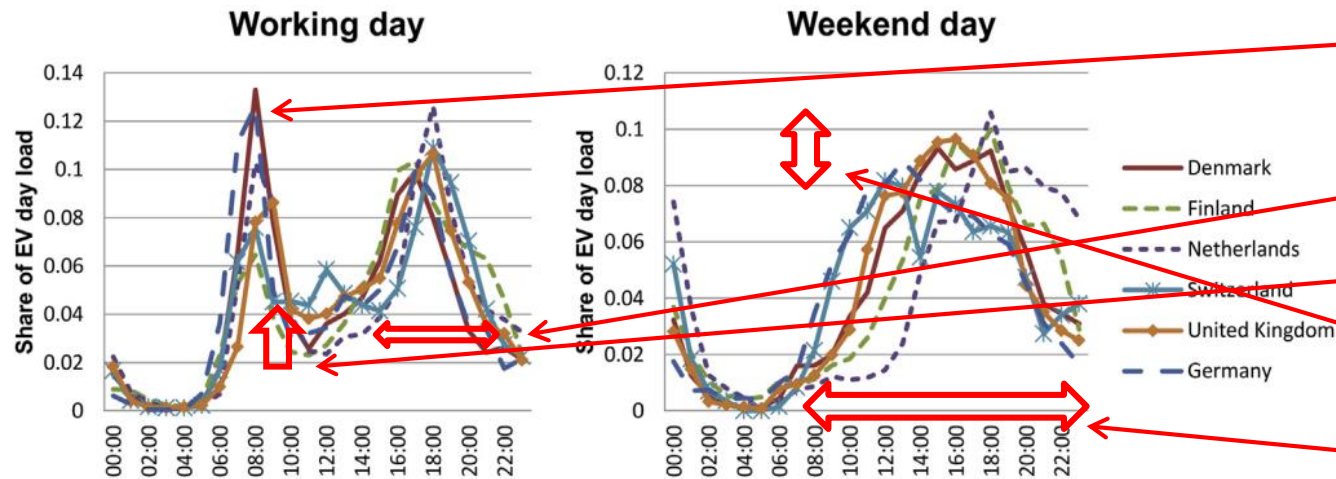


Technical assumptions

Battery size: ~30 kWh

Consumption*: 17.7-21.6 kWh / 100 km

Charging availability*: 3.5-60 kW (avg. 3.5-17.6 kW / charger)



Higher morning peak for Germany & Denmark

Wider evening peak for Finland

Swiss people drive more during midday

Different weekend distance peak amplitudes ...

... , times and distributions.

