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- ÖKOTEC Energy Management
- Daimler AG (Berlin)
- Bayer AG (Berlin)
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- ÖKOTEC: broad experienced in consulting regarding energy efficiency
- Fraunhofer IPK: Expertise in Automation and Control
- Conventional: find new set-points manually for particular systems using system knowledge

Field of application

- Industrial sector - huge saving potentials
- Efficiency by design or operation - consider already existing components, Retro-Fitting, new control strategies!
- Supply technology - energy transformation, energy intensive, broad scalability

Project

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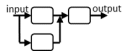
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... offers periodical updates for all models, restrictions and results.

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1. Inter-operability: From self-designed Interface to AutomationML
2. Send the optimal value to the control device (from a catalog or online)
3. general methodology and broad framework
4. Sophisticated simulation models are developed in the design phase – could be used in operation!
5. Cyclic update of all models, restrictions and results

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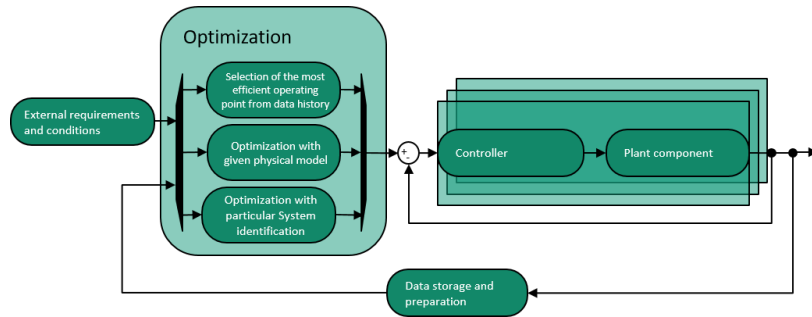


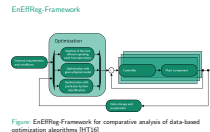
Figure: EnEffReg-Framework for comparative analysis of data-based optimization algorithms [HT16]

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- Control loop for set-points
- Additional cascade to the existing control and automation technology
- Interface *Optimizer* can handle and compare different optimization algorithms
- Predecessor project *EnEffCo* leaded to a commercial monitoring system

Control Layer Model

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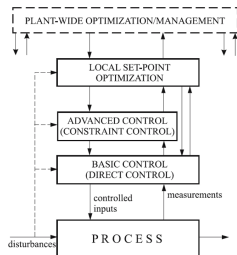


Figure: Tatjewskis control layer model, image source: [Tat10]

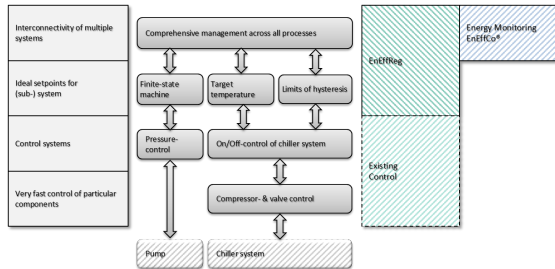


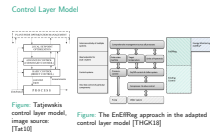
Figure: The EnEffReg approach in the adapted control layer model [THGK18]

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- Control Layer Model - Hierarchy of Dynamics
- Cascades: outer loop must not be faster than the inner one
- The set-point can be either a constant value or a timed trajectory
- Identify new degree of freedom which influences machine behavior

Energy KPI methodology

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a	factor to weight efforts
α	effort (energy or material flow)
ϵ	efficiency
ϵ_C	efficiency of a single component
φ	adjustable parameter
ϑ	external parameter
n	factor to weight benefits
ν	benefit (energy of material flow)
x	internal state

Table: Nomenclature

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \nu \\ x \end{bmatrix} = f(\varphi, \vartheta) \quad (1)$$

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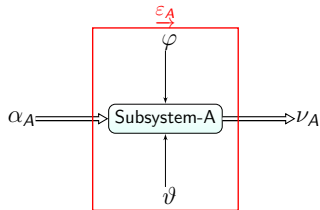


Figure: Sub-system

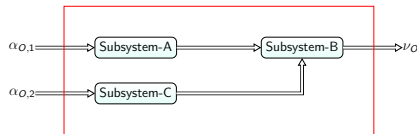


Figure: Overall system

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Methodology for

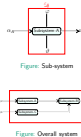
- Definition of efficiency
- Categorization of all quantities
- Common formulation of optimization problem
- Separation of facilities into networks of sub-systems

Energy KPI methodology

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Cooling system

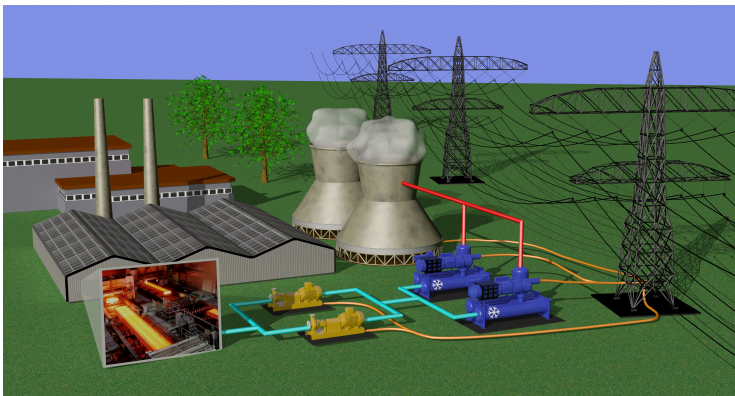


Figure: Cooling system with several optimization problems – [Mil17]

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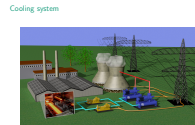


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Multiple settings incl:

- target temperature for cooling tower ventilator
- pressure level for pumps in cooled and chilled water cycle
- target temperature for chiller system

Independent optimization of single components is limited – overall optimization including all related systems

Hysteresis Controller

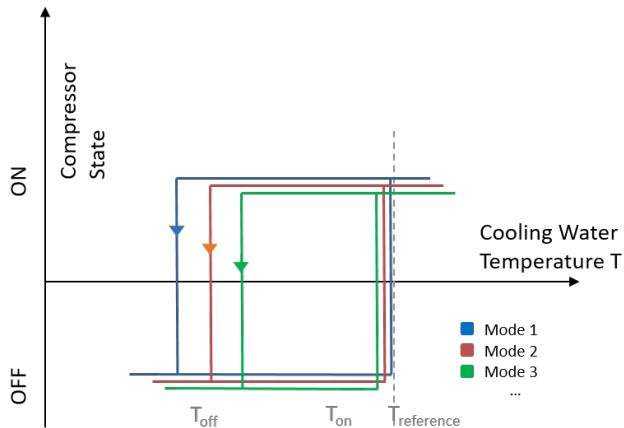


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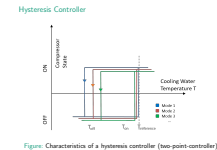


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- Avoid oscillations in control
- tolerance zone for binary switchovers

Experiments with hysteresis

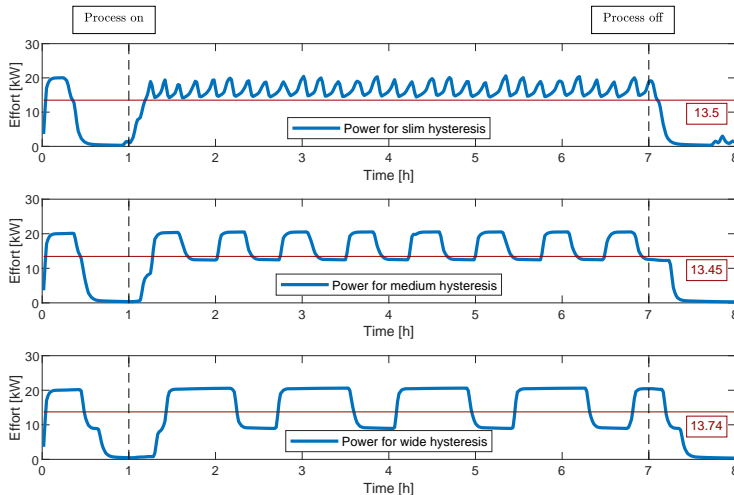


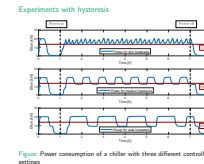
Figure: Power consumption of a chiller with three different controller settings

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└ Experiments with hysteresis



- Thin hysteresis - losses caused by switchovers + additional wear
- Wide hysteresis - losses caused by high temperature difference (thermal emission)

Optimization modules

OptimizerZero

- Find suitable norm
- Identify k-nearest neighbors
- Calculate respective efficiency
- Select operation points with highest efficiency
- Check constraints and apply or reject settings

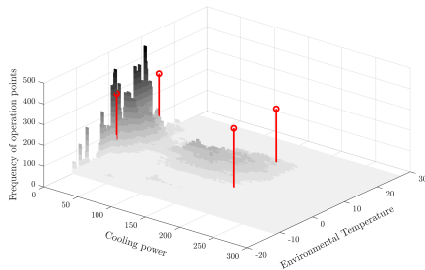


Figure: The empirical standardized unit is deduced from the specific data.

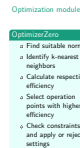
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└ Optimization modules

- conservative approach
- benchmark
- only already known operation points



Optimization modules II

OptimizerOne

Predict (static) system behavior:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \nu \\ x \end{bmatrix} = f(\varphi, \vartheta) \quad (3)$$

Evaluate model for all combinations of parameters (φ, ϑ)

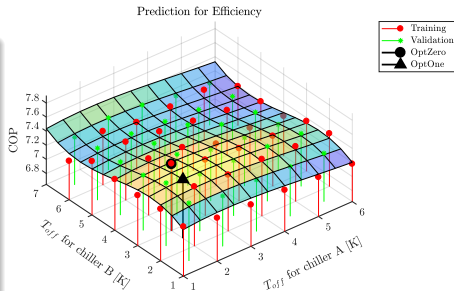


Figure: COP-values depending on hysteresis settings and optimization results.

Latest news: Utilization of **S**pars**e** **I**dentification of **N**onlinear **D**ynamica (SINDy) by Nathan Kutz et al. [SJJ16]

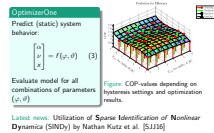
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- No time-dependent values in the formula!
- Set-point influences system dynamics indirectly
- System model: static, polynomials of third order



Current questions and further steps

Consider dynamics

Model predictive control: Utilization of buffer effects

Standardized interfaces

Utilize sophisticated models from machine design phase:

- AutomationML
- Functional Mockup Interface

Optimization algorithms

- Usage of heuristics for faster computation
- Clustering of strong connections & parallelization of computation
- Agent-based approaches vs. System-of-Systems (SoS)

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