

The RAMP project for demand simulation.

From remote villages to mobility and charging time series of electric vehicles across European countries

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Part A.

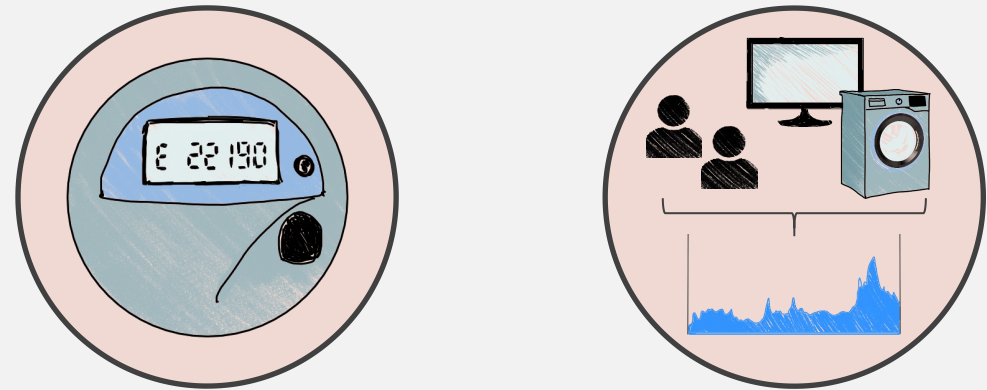
Simulating demand based on partial, uncertain data

The origins.

Energy access in off-grid areas

Knowledge of the **energy demand** is critical to design any energy system.

- Often, demand information simply exists in the form of **metered data**

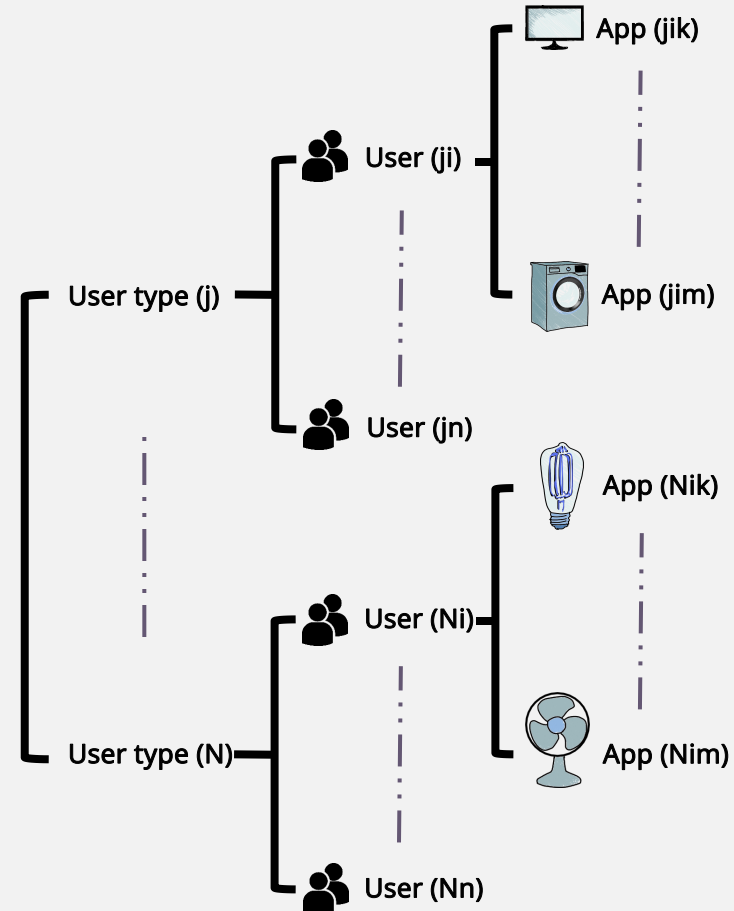


- If not, it can be **simulated** based on user activity and appliances data

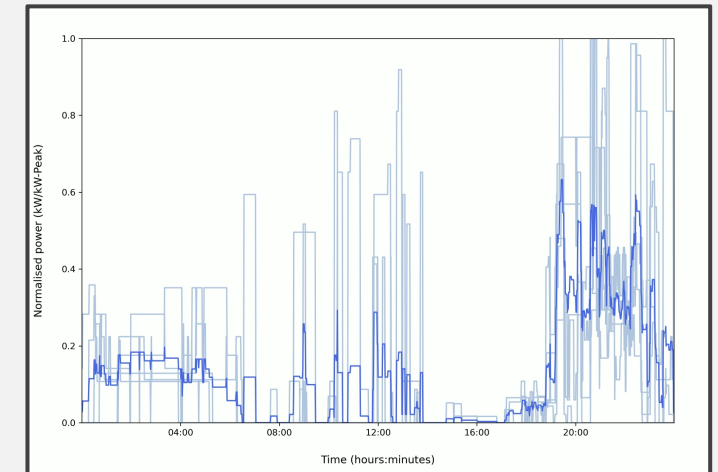
But what if a community has **never had (proper) access to energy** ?

A purely stochastic approach allows handling partial, uncertain data

The origins. Energy access in off-grid areas

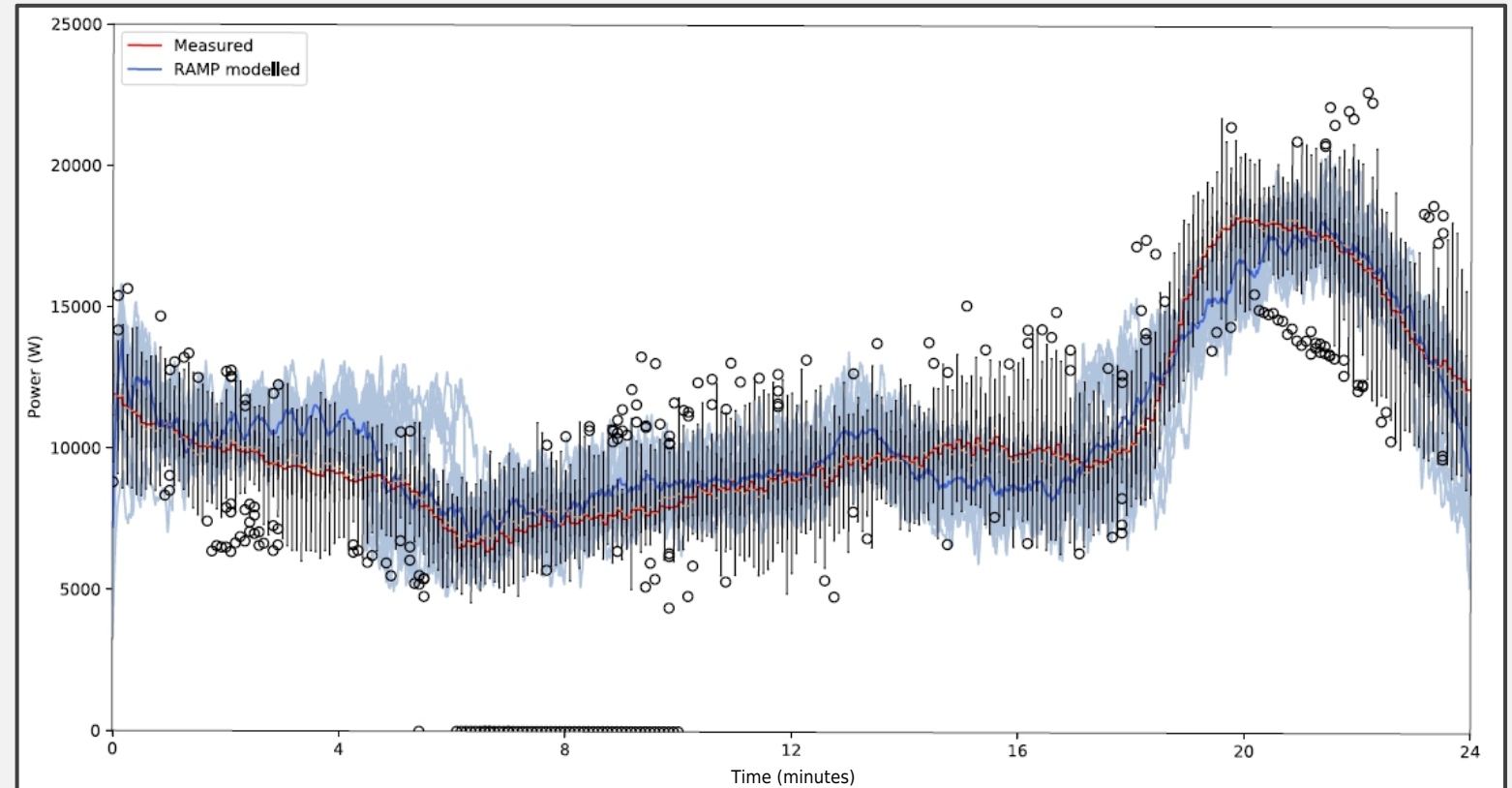


RAMP
Stochastic multi-energy load profiles



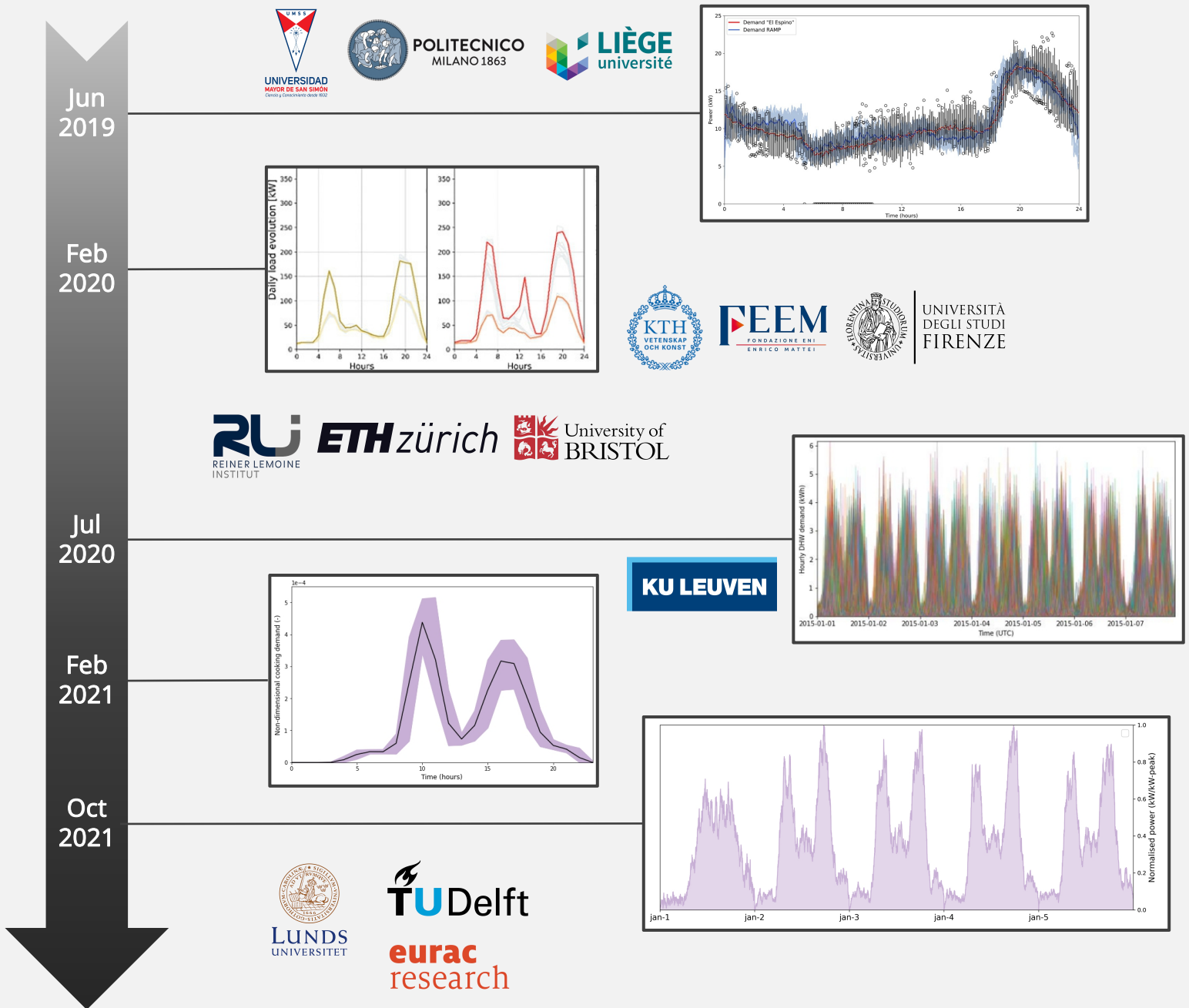
The origins. Energy access in off-grid areas

Solid results from the **validation** against data from a microgrid in Bolivia



The evolution.

Cooking, heating, mobility and more



Part B.

Mobility and charging time series of electric vehicles

RAMP-mobility.

Do we even need it?

With application to Europe, **why not using data-intensive approaches?**

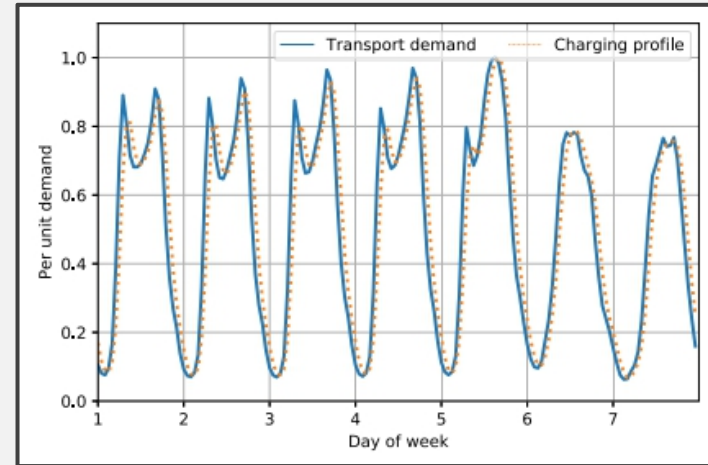


Figure:

Brown et al., 2018. [10.1016/j.energy.2018.06.222](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2018.06.222)

- German highway mobility data applied uniformly to all of Europe.
- Charging assumed as load-following with a lag

- Extremely detailed user-behaviour data for Germany
- For most countries, not repeatable

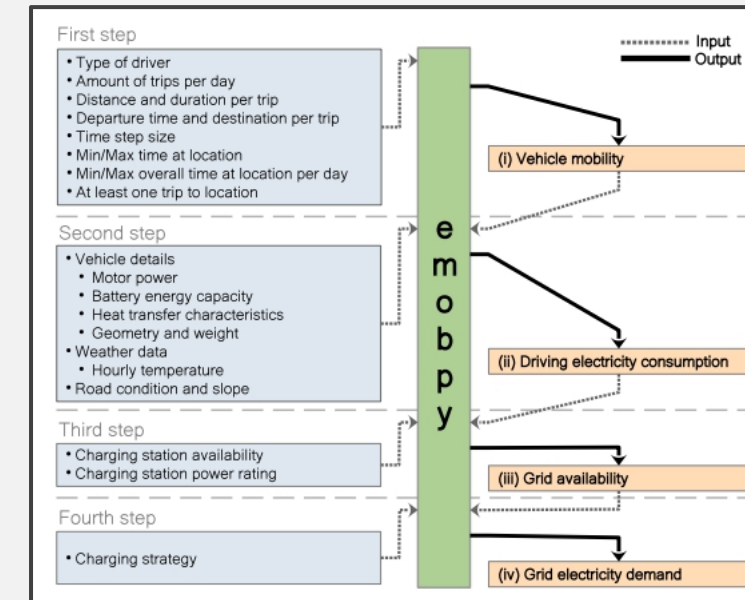


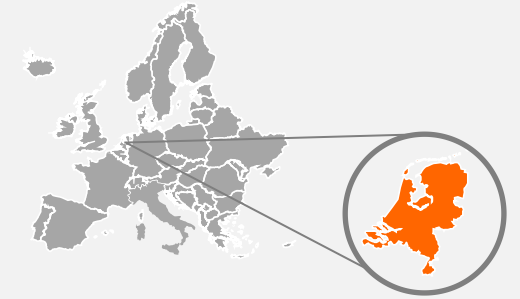
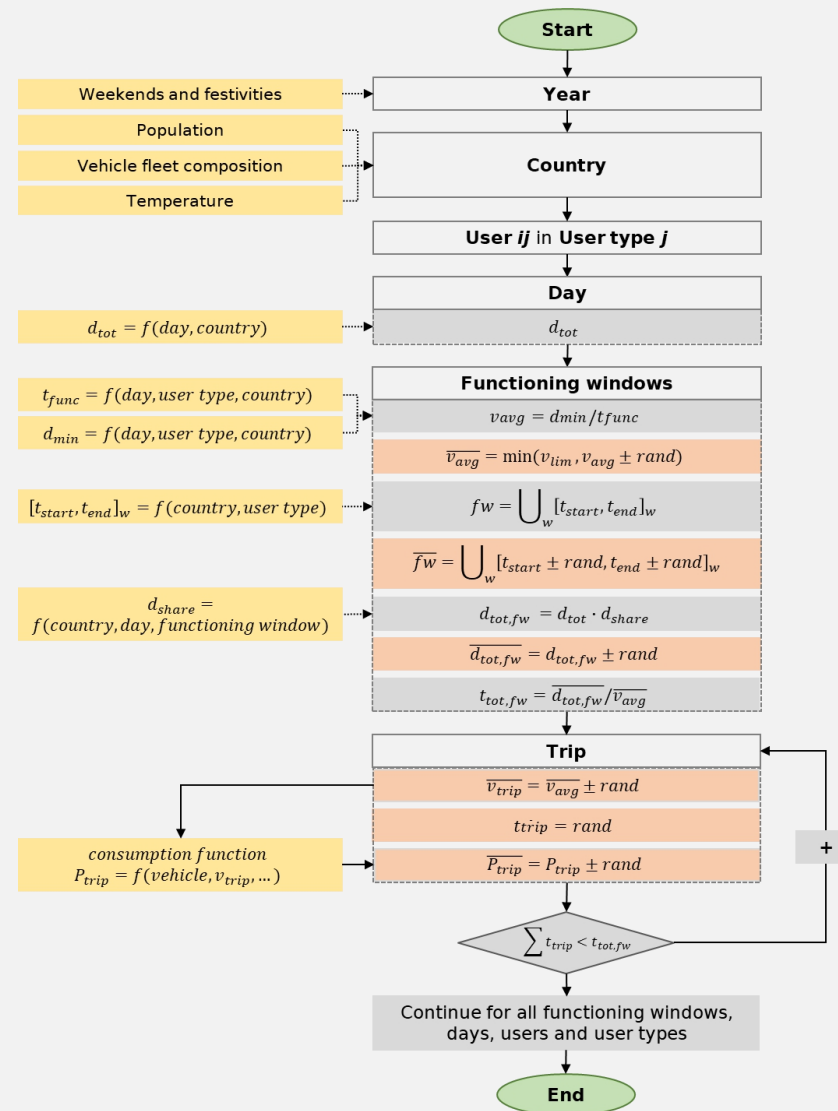
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RAMP-mobility.

Mobility module

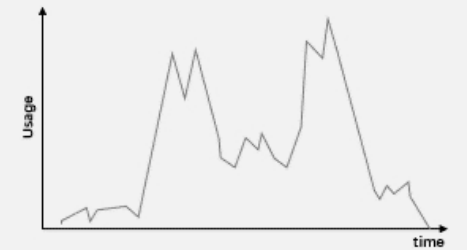
The original RAMP software engine with the addition of mobility features



Working
Inactive
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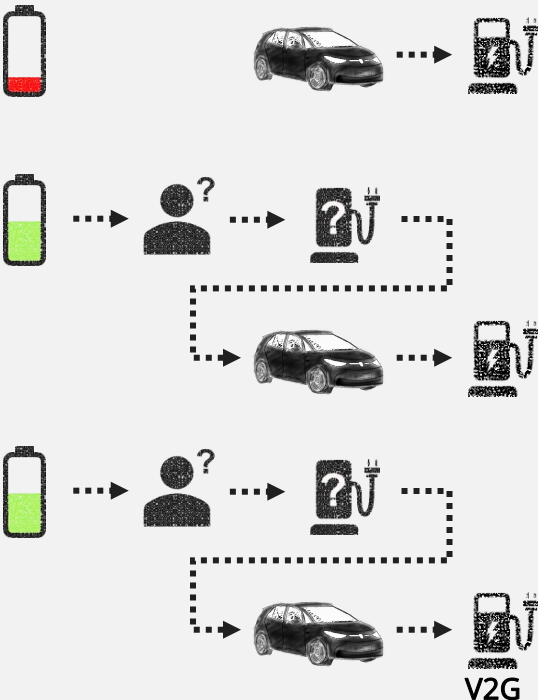
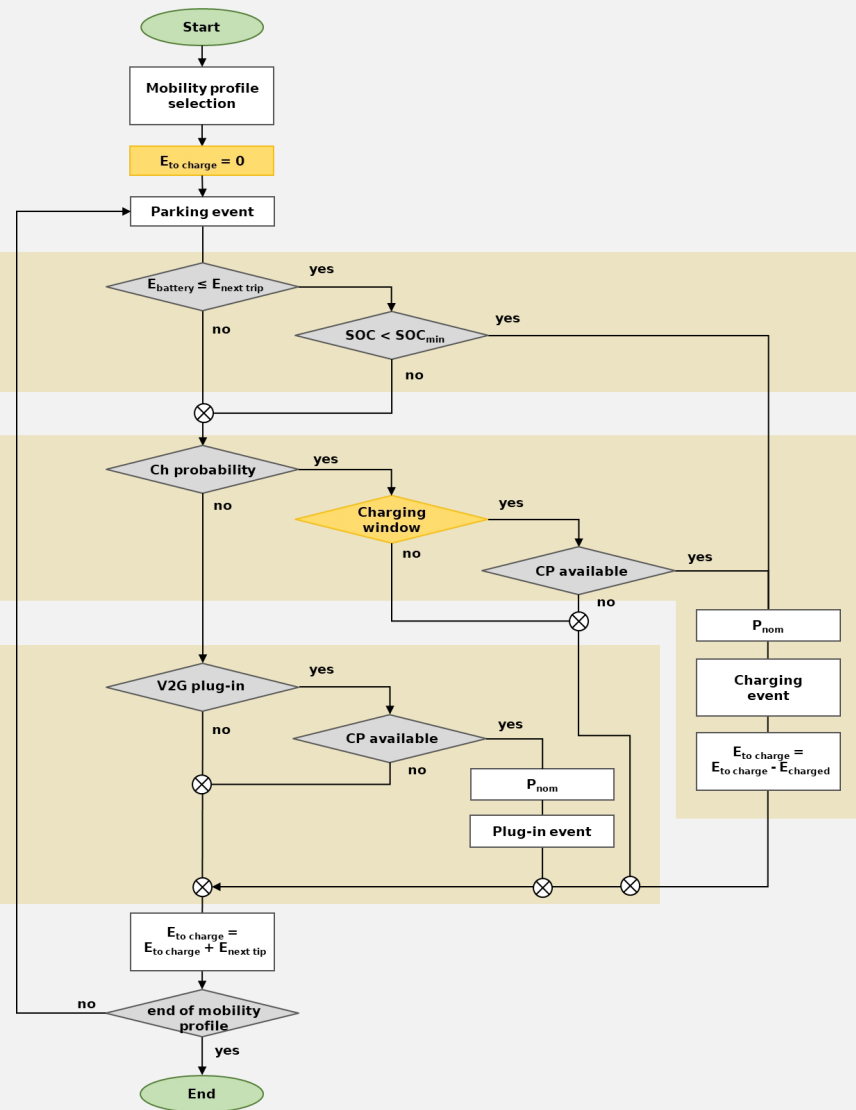
Small
Medium
Large



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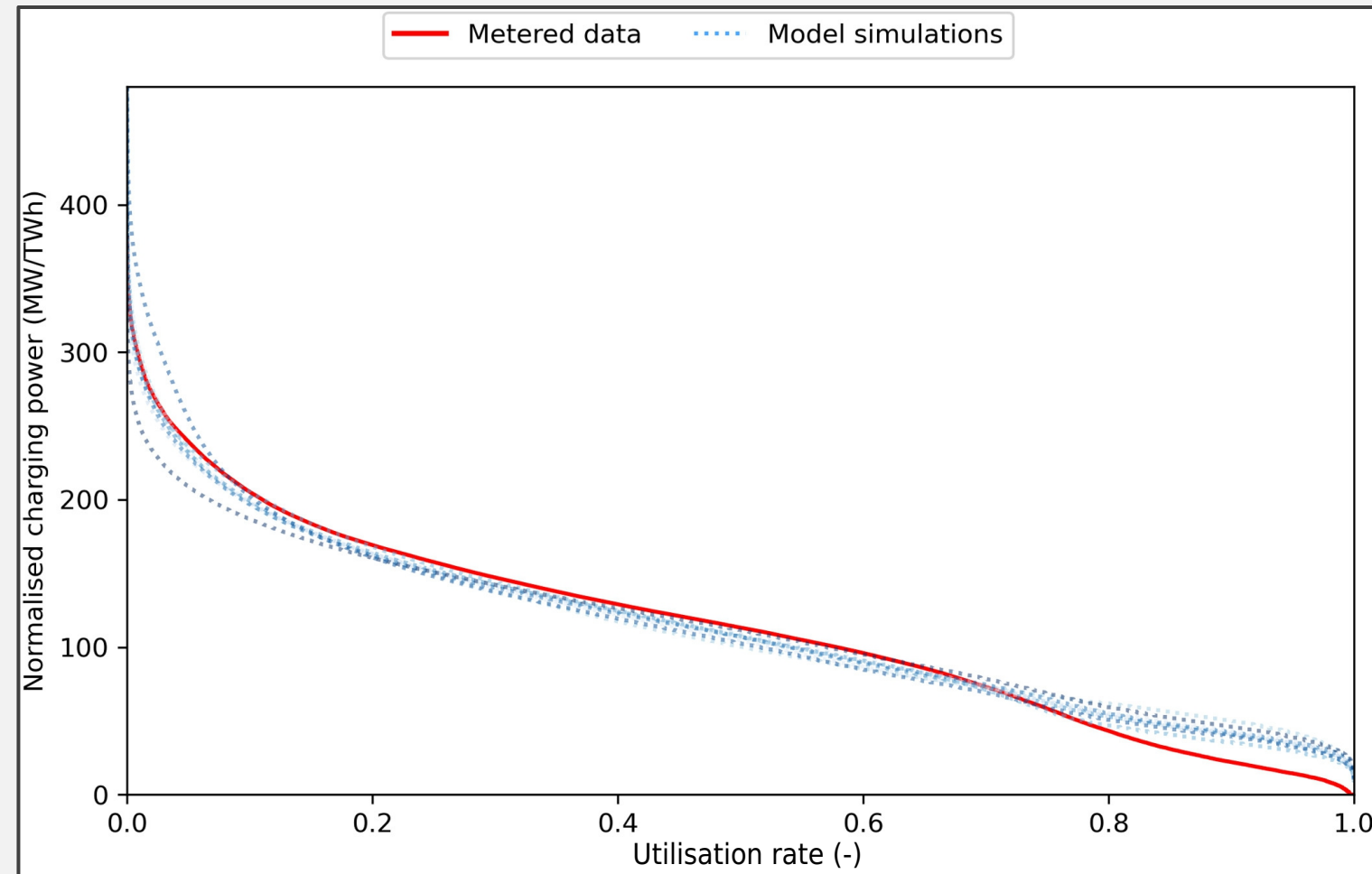
Charging module

An **entirely new** stochastic simulation on top of the mobility patterns

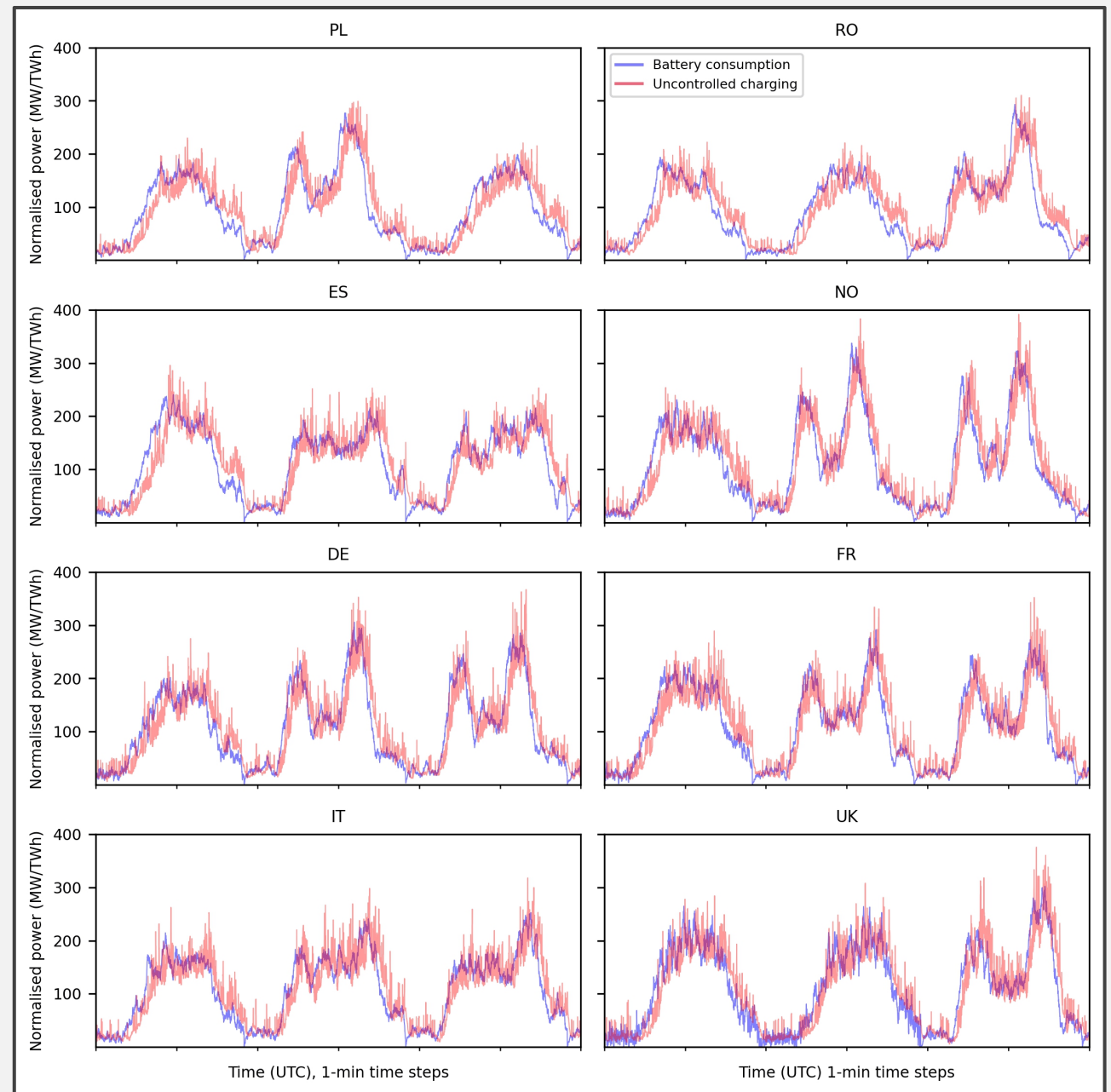


RAMP-mobility.

Validation against
data from ElaadNL

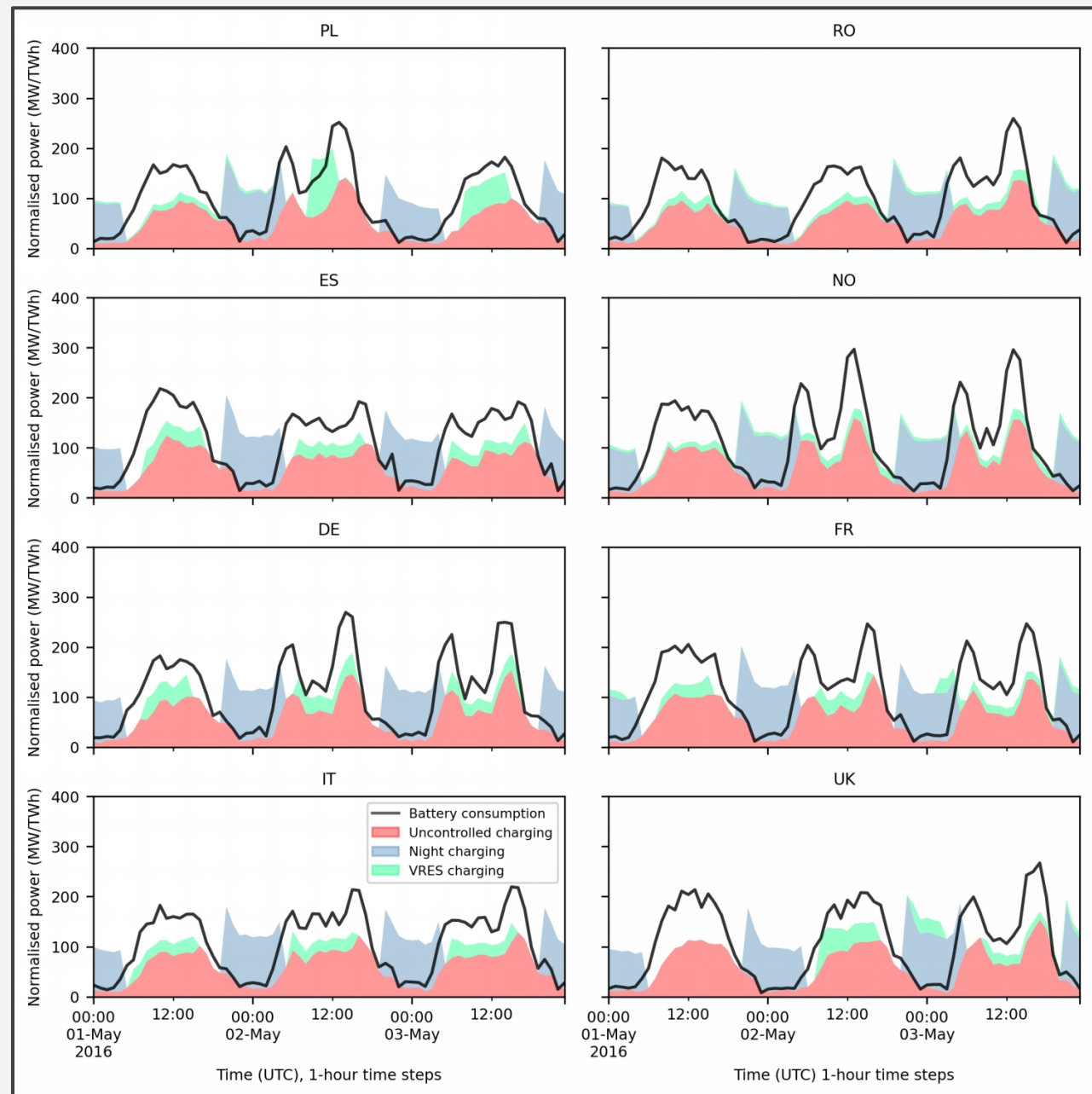


EVs in Europe. Uncontrolled deployment



EVs in Europe.

Partial uptake of smart charging

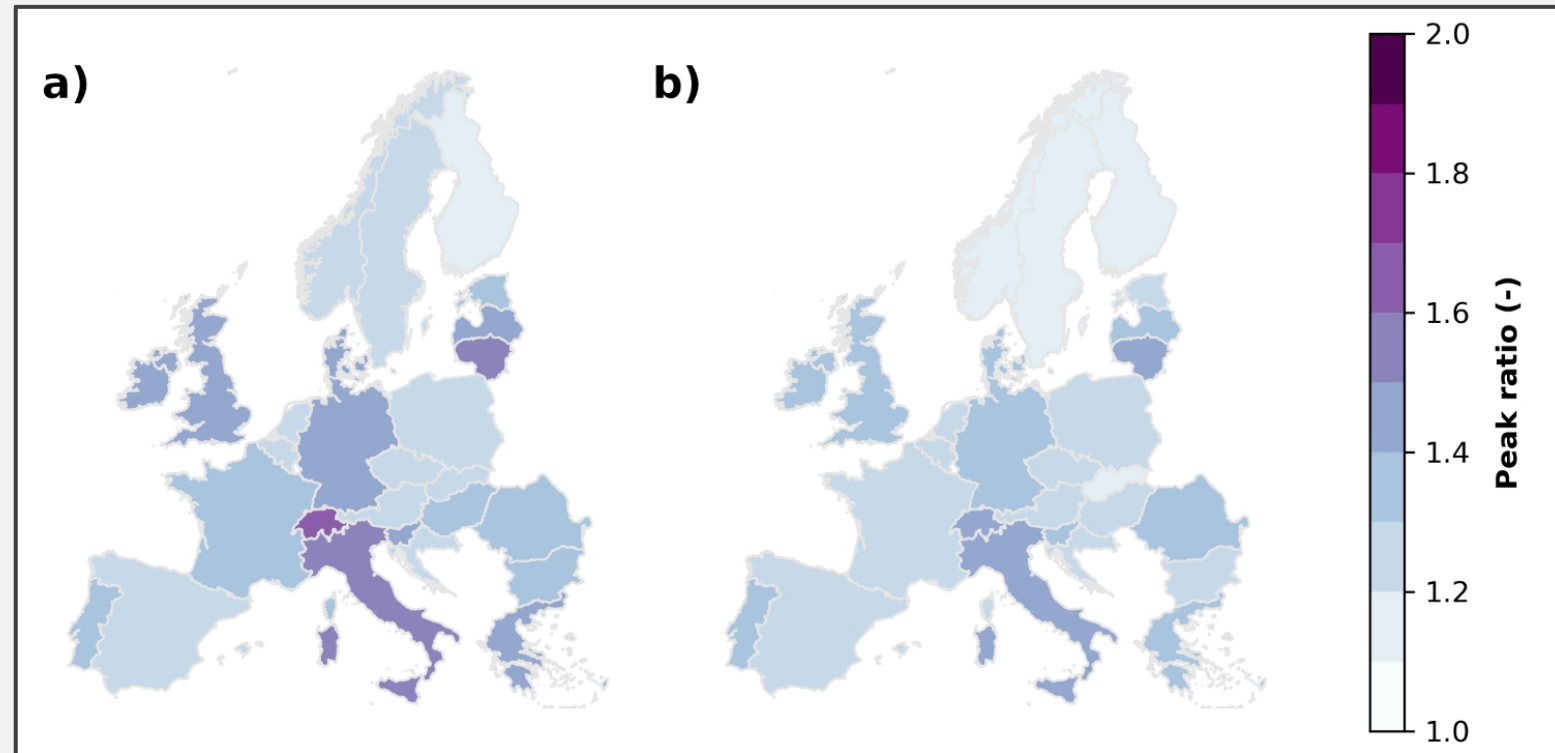


EVs in Europe.

Impact on peak electricity demand

Uncontrolled deployment

Partial uptake of smart charging



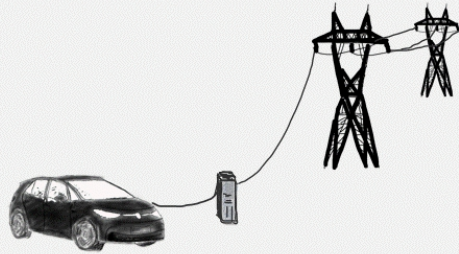
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Conclusions

- Mobility and charging time series **differ substantially across countries**
- Energy system **optimisation models need** country-specific, weather-explicit mobility and charging input time series
- An **uncontrolled deployment** of electric vehicles would have a **significant impact** on power systems' peak load (36-51%)
- Plausible adoption of **smart charging** would **limit the impact** on peak load to the range 30-41% across countries - for Germany, this means 6 GW less of additional peak load
- **Stronger benefits** expected with **wider adoption of smart charging** and with the even-smarter management of vehicles by **aggregators**

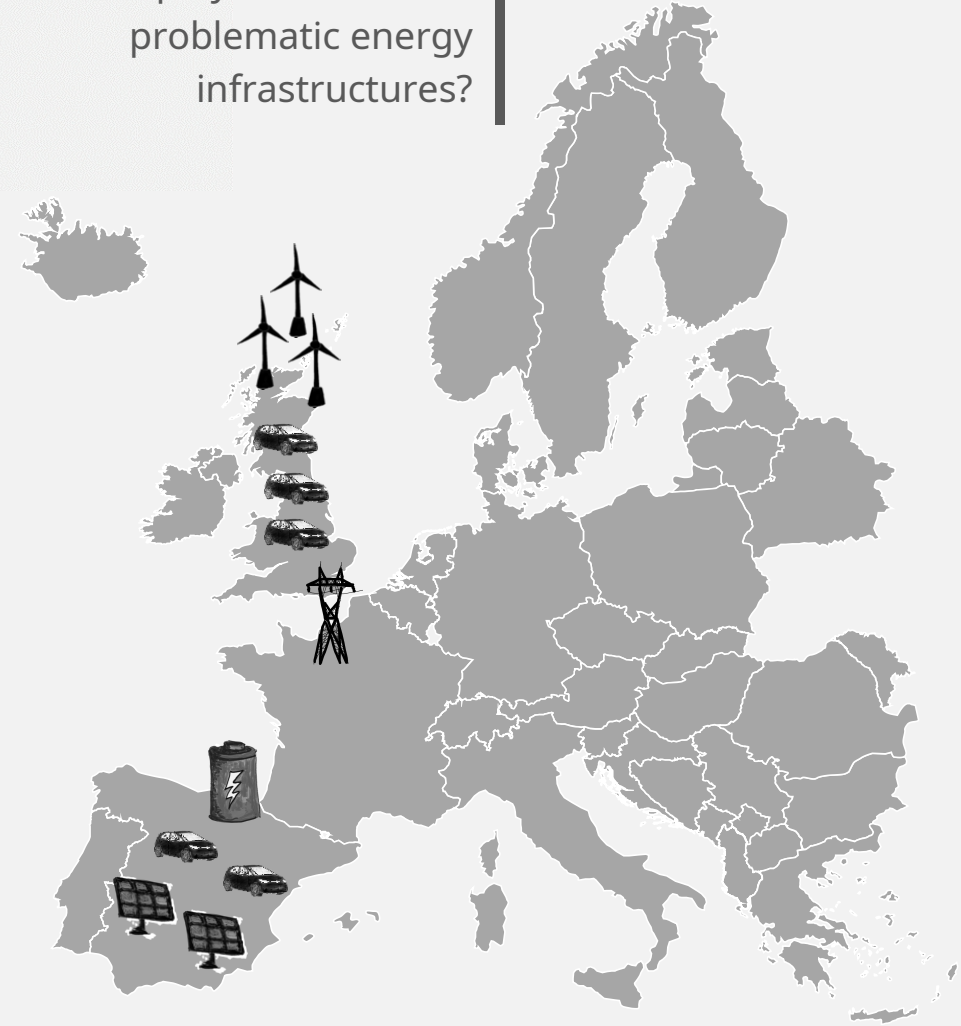
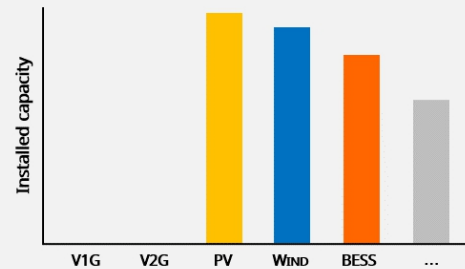
EVs in Europe.

Upcoming developments



Are EVs and smart charging mechanisms able to displace the deployment of other problematic energy infrastructures?

V1G and V2G could unleash many alternative energy system configurations



Part C.

Next-gen and multi-institution software development



How it started.



How it's going.



Next-gen RAMP.

Professional software,
website and more

1. Complete **restyling** of the **original RAMP** software
 - clearer, more efficient code structure
 - user-friendly (tabular) input files
 - tests and checks for internal code reliability
2. Dedicated **website** for the RAMP project and for its key sectoral applications (mobility, heat, cooking)
3. Publication of the joint software upgrade in the **Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS)**



Thank you. Questions?

- Download, reuse and contribute! github.com/RAMP-project
- Need technical support? Join our Gitter chat: gitter.im/RAMP-project
- Access the slides anytime at www.flombardi.org
- Find here all the methodology details

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