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Teun Johannes Verhagen was born on the 14th of March 1992 in Zwolle, the Netherlands. After completing high school in 2010 at the Thorbecke Scholengemeenschap Zwolle, he went to study Industrial Design Engineering at the Delft University of Technology (TU Delft). He discovered his passion for sustainability with the minor Sustainable Energy Technologies. Shortly after, he joined the TU Delft Solar Boat Team to help design the solar array for the 2014 race. After completing the bachelor's degree, his thesis was selected for the TU Delft Best Graduate Award of 2016. The two-year master programme Industrial Ecology at Leiden University was for him the next logical step. During this master, he worked at the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences as a policy advisor sustainability, and as a student assistant for the Resilient Cities Hub. In his master thesis, he analysed the trade-offs of low-carbon residential heating within the region of Leiden. Teun was then offered a research position in the field of Industrial Ecology at the Institute of Environmental Sciences (CML) to further pursue the topic of his master thesis. After one year, this position was converted into a full PhD. His research has been focussed on understanding the energy and material related impacts of the transition towards low-carbon heating in the Netherlands. He also contributed to multiple Circular Economy reports of the Dutch Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving (PBL).

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Total construction: 1,351,331 m2

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		Concrete	Brick	Wood	Roof gravel	Aluminium	Steel	Glass	Ceramic	Gypsum	Bitumen	Cast Iron	Other materials
	Supply	80,838	26,734	5,539	1,269	642	1,133	1,931	1,572	1,087	984	338	347
SIO2	Demand	55,949	18,063	3,537	1,338	455	1,073	1,310	889	964	740	179	335
	Balance	24,889	8,670	2,002	-69	187	60	621	683	123	245	159	$12 \overline{ }$
2020	Supply	119,258	41,645	7,229	278	700	567	2,222	2,282	789	1,468	521	154
	Demand	103,818	36,222	7,109	377	695	619	2,194	2,212	813	1,272	503	173
	Balance	15,440	5,424	120	-99	5	-52	27	69	-24	196	17	-19
2021	Supply	44,605	11,570	3,000	2,520	531	1,853	1,431	541	1,518	1,063	75	587
	Demand	96,705	23,948	5,495	5,857	1,135	4,228	3,048	921	3,408	1,875	98	1,349
	Balance	$-52,100$	$-12,378$	$-2,495$	$-3,338$	-605	$-2,375$	$-1,617$	-380	$-1,890$	-812	-22	-762
2022	Supply	97,802	21,724	5,513	4,731	1,054	3,490	3,183	1,219	2,669	1,595	189	1,109
	Demand	125,109	23,653	6,513	7,426	1,446	5,365	4,355	1,190	3,990	2,230	129	1,711
	Balance	$-27,307$	$-1,929$	$-1,000$	$-2,695$	-391	$-1,875$	$-1,172$	29	$-1,321$	-635	60	-603
	Supply	43,104	9,725	2,084	2,983	516	2,118	1,373	254	1,650	796	\sim	678
2023	Demand	113,084	20,658	5,330	7,895	1,366	5,611	3,925	672	4,190	2,180	\bigcirc	1,796
	Balance	$-69,980$	$-10,933$	$-3,246$	$-4,912$	-850	$-3,493$	$-2,553$	-418	$-2,540$	$-1,384$	\sim	$-1,117$
	Supply	10,112	2,474	481	696	120	493	309	59	393	171	\sim	158
2024	Demand	36,266	8,871	1,724	2,496	431	1,767	1,108	213	1,409	613	\bigcirc	567
	Balance	$-26,154$	$-6,398$	$-1,244$	$-1,800$	-311	$-1,275$	-799	-153	$-1,016$	-442	\sim	-409
	Supply	62,330	15,585	2,834	2,573	548	1,888	1,615	575	1,475	1,028	82	600
2025	Demand	152,889	57,208	16,781	3,736	1,147	2,978	3,572	2,050	2,462	2,309	398	921
	Balance	$-90,559$	$-41,623$	$-13,947$	$-1,163$	-599	$-1,089$	$-1,957$	$-1,475$	-987	$-1,282$	-316	-322
	Supply	65,436	18,494	3,811	2,150	587	1,649	1,723	929	1,369	1,015	172	519
2026	Demand	97,688	26,946	6,641	4,161	954	3,092	2,787	1,164	2,462	1,603	187	979
	Balance	$-32,253$	$-8,452$	$-2,830$	$-2,011$	-366	$-1,443$	$-1,064$	-235	$-1,094$	-588	-15	-460
	Supply	65,436	18,494	3,811	2,150	587	1,649	1,723	929	1,369	1,015	172	519
2027	Demand	97,688	26,946	6,641	4,161	954	3,092	2,787	1,164	2,462	1,603	187	979
	Balance	$-32,253$	$-8,452$	$-2,830$	$-2,011$	-366	$-1,443$	$-1,064$	-235	$-1,094$	-588	-15	-460
2028	Supply	65,436	18,494	3,811	2,150	587	1,649	1,723	929	1,369	1,015	172	519
	Demand	97,688	26,946	6,641	4,161	954	3,092	2,787	1,164	2,462	1,603	187	979
	Balance	$-32,253$	$-8,452$	$-2,830$	$-2,011$	-366	$-1,443$	$-1,064$	-235	$-1,094$	-588	-15	-460
2029	Supply	8,954	2,190	426	616	107	436	273	52	348	151	$\overline{}$	140
	Demand	48,925	11,968	2,326	3,367	582	2,384	1,494	287	1,901	827	\bigcirc	765
	Balance	$-39,971$	$-9,778$	$-1,901$	$-2,751$	-476	$-1,948$	$-1,221$	-234	$-1,553$	-676	$\overline{}$	-625
2030	Supply	26,675	6,525	1,268	1,836	317	1,300	815	156	1,036	451	\sim	417
	Demand	75,085	18,367	3,570	5,167	893	3,659	2,293	440	2,917	1,269	\circlearrowright	1,175
	Balance	$-48,410$	-11,842	$-2,302$	$-3,331$	-576	$-2,359$	$-1,478$	-284	$-1,881$	-818		-757

Table A3.5, material supply from demolition and demand from construction per year (tonnes):

AIII.III – Annual collected and recycled demolition waste in Leiden

Table A3.6, material recycling per material and year (tonnes, extrapolated values in dark blue):

Table A3.7, summarized recycling of materials (tonnes):

	Concrete	Brick	Wood	Roof gravel	Aluminium	Steel	Glass	Ceramic	Gypsum	Bitumen	Cast Iron	Other materials
Supply	586,487	183,970	37,817		5,983	17,315	17,405	9,022	14,318	5,377	1,634	5,747
Demand	1,100,894	299,796	72,309	50,141	11,011	36,960	31,661	12,366	29,441	18,122	1,867	11,731
Recycled	455,383	125,053	35,269		4,760	17.138	16,648	7,636	10,865	5,156	1,418	

Supply of demolition waste: 1,033,029 metric tonnes Supply of demolition waste after collection: 885,074 metric tonnes

Demand: 1,676,298 metric tonnes

Recycled: 679,327 metric tonnes

66% of demolition waste recycled as secondary materials, 41% lower primary

material demand

14% material of demolition waste not suitable for collection, 20% mismatch

Appendix IV

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In this document, we included the consequences of the heating transition for the electricity demand in detail (I), the input data used in the model (II), excluded materials (III), and the output data of the model per scenario (IV).

AIV.I – Consequences of the heating transition for the electricity demand

Figure A4.1 represents a typical low voltage grid in a neighbourhood in Europe (IEEE, 2020). The network has $N = 906$ lv connections (nodes), that are connected by *L = 905* lv cables (links) and 1 mv/lv transformer. Figure is the graphical representation of the grid, where the nodes represent the lv connections and the links are the cables between the connections.

Figure A4.1. European low voltage grid with N = 906 nodes and L = 905 links. The grid is a tree network, in other words, there are no loops. The network starts from the low voltage side of the distribution transformer (node 1).

We use electricity consumption behavior profiles from the vereniging Nederlandse Energie-Data Uitwisseling (NEDU), which is as an umbrella organization of the Dutch electricity companies, to represent an average lv connection in the Netherlands (NEDU, 2020). We use the profile E1A profile, which represent a lv connection smaller than 3x25A. A typical household electricity consumption in the Netherlands is taken as 6000 kwh. The planning for the electricity grid investments are mainly based on the peakload conditions, in other words when the electricity consumption demand is maximum. According to the NEDU profile, the peak load happens at the first week of January with the maximum peak load of 1.55 kw per household as shown in Figure A4.2.

Figure A4.2. The electricity consumption of an average household at the peak day. The x axis represent the hours in a day whereas the y axis in the electricity demand in kw.

We will use the linearized DC power flow equations to find the flow of each link in network at the peak load conditions (Cetinay, Kuipers, et al., 2018). Following (Cetinay, Soltan, et al., 2018). we assume that the thermal capacity $c_{i}^{}$ of a link *l* is $c_1 = \min \{ \text{mean}(\text{flows}), (1 + \alpha) \times f_i \}$ and an investment decision is made when the flow f_i of a link is higher than its thermal capacity c_i . In this paper we take α = 0.5.

We assume that in our test grid, initially, there are no houses with heat pumps, i.e. the number of total heat pumps is zero. Next, we add the heat pump load on the regular house hold electricity demand. We choose a heat pump of size 4 kw. Focusing at the peak day, we assume that the heat pump will work on a full capacity with COP=1 making the electrical load of a heat pump 4 kw (Nyers & Nyers, 2011). We take the simultaneity factory of the heat pumps as 1, meaning that most people are likely have heat pump working at this winter peak day. If we the probability that a house hold getting a heat pump is h_{i} , the total load of a household with heat pump $\textit{P}_{\textit{max}}^{\textit{HP}}$ becomes

$P_{i,max}^{HP} = P_{i,max}^{0} + h_i \times s_i$

where S_i is the size of the heat pump at connection (node) *i* and P_{max}^0 = 1.55 is the initial peak load of the connection *i*.

We assume a uniform distribution of the heat pump among the houses, in other words, every house has an equal probability *h*₁ to obtain a heat pump. Under these assumptions, we re-solve the dc power flow again to calculate the flow of each link in the network and we compare these new flows of the links with their thermal capacities to find the overloaded links. In addition, using the lengths of the cables in the datasets, we also calculate the total length of the overloaded links.

In order to calculate the average additional investment of lv cables and the number of distribution transformers per household in this example neighborhood, we normalize the heat pump integration effects with the number of households *N*. For the distribution transformers, we see that it becomes overloaded when $h_i = 0.2$ thus its investment decision becomes a step function. Table presents the average investments per customer in the example grid. To assess the whole Netherlands, we can scale up this average neighborhood for each city and their ambition for the heat pump integration.

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Table A4.1 Average investment length of lv cables and distribution transformers per household versus the probability of integration of heat pumps

A similar analysis has been done also for the hybrid heat pumps, with the assumption that the heat pump peak load is 3 kw (due to the switching to gas). Compared to the full electric heat pumps, we see the transformer is overloaded when $h_i = 0.3$ and the additional investments in the lv cables are slightly lower.

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Table A4.5a and A4.5b are input data used from from our previous paper for the calculation of the operational emissions over time (Verhagen et al., 2020).

Table A4.5a, CO₂ intensity per kWh of supplied heat for heating networks and heat pumps sources (MRA & TNO, 2017) (Stimular, 2016):

Other materials **Metals** Metals **Metals** Plastics Cement Aluminium Aluminium ABS Ceramic brick and the control of the Brass and the Hope HDPE

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