



Introduction to Exercise 1: energy demand

ECREEE Regional Training of Trainers Workshop:
HOMER software for RE project design

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ENERGY DEMAND

Elaborate an aggregated daily load profile from an existing energy demand, and input the load profile into a HOMER file



Energy Demand

“PRIMARY LOAD INPUTS”

Description of the interface to input the ENERGY DEMAND in HOMER Software



HOMER - [Project1 *]

File View Inputs Outputs Window Help

Equipment to consider **1** Add/Remove... Calculate Simulations: 0 of 1 Progress: Sensitivities: 0 of 1 Status:

Click the Add/Remove button to add loads and components.

Resources Other

- Economics
- System control
- Emissions
- Constraints

Document

Author

Notes

Sensitivity Results Optimization Results

Double click on a system below for optimization results. Tabular Graphic Export... Details...

Initial Capital	Operating Cost (\$/yr)	Total NPC	Ren. Frac.
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Add/Remove Equipment To Consider

Select check boxes to add elements to the schematic. Clear check boxes to remove them. The schematic represents systems that HOMER will simulate.

Hold the pointer over an element or click Help for more information.

Loads **2**

- Primary Load 1
- Primary Load 2
- Deferrable Load
- Thermal Load 1
- Thermal Load 2
- Hydrogen load

Components

- PV
- Wind Turbine 1
- Wind Turbine 2
- Hydro
- Converter
- Electrolyzer
- Hydrogen Tank
- Reformer
- Generator 1
- Generator 2
- Generator 3
- Generator 4
- Generator 5
- Generator 6
- Generator 7
- Generator 8
- Generator 9
- Generator 10
- Battery 1
- Battery 2
- Battery 3
- Battery 4
- Battery 5
- Battery 6
- Battery 7
- Battery 8
- Battery 9
- Battery 10

Grid

- Do not model grid
- System is connected to grid
- Compare stand-alone system to grid extension

Help Cancel **3**



HOMER - [Project1 *]

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Equipment to consider: **Primary Load 1** (0 kWh/d, 0 kW peak)

Resources: AC

Warnings: There is no power source.

Document: Author: Notes:

Simulations: 0 of 1 Progress:

Primary Load Inputs

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Label: **Primary Load 1** Load type: AC DC Data source: Enter daily profile(s) Import time series data file

Baseline data

Month: **January** Day type: **Weekday**

Hour	Load (kW)
00:00 - 01:00	0.000
01:00 - 02:00	0.000
02:00 - 03:00	0.000
03:00 - 04:00	0.000
04:00 - 05:00	0.000
05:00 - 06:00	0.000
06:00 - 07:00	0.000
07:00 - 08:00	0.000
08:00 - 09:00	0.000
09:00 - 10:00	0.000
10:00 - 11:00	0.000
11:00 - 12:00	0.000

Daily Profile (Load (kW) vs Hour)

DMap (Hour of Day vs Month)

Seasonal Profile (Load (kW) vs Month)

Random variability: Day-to-day: 15% Time-step-to-time-step: 20%

Scaled annual average (kWh/d): 0

	Baseline	Scaled
Average (kWh/d)	0.00	0.00
Average (kW)	0.00	0.00
Peak (kW)	0.00	0.00
Load factor	1.00	1.00

Efficiency Inputs... Plot... Export... Help Cancel OK



Check the interface and variables

Primary Load Inputs

Primary Load Inputs
File Edit Help

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Baseline data
Month: Day type:

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04:00 - 05:00	0.000
05:00 - 06:00	0.000
06:00 - 07:00	0.000
07:00 - 08:00	0.000
08:00 - 09:00	0.000
09:00 - 10:00	0.000
10:00 - 11:00	0.000
11:00 - 12:00	0.000

Daily Profile

DMap

Seasonal Profile

Random variability: Day-to-day % Time-step-to-time-step %

Scaled annual average (kWh/d) (.)

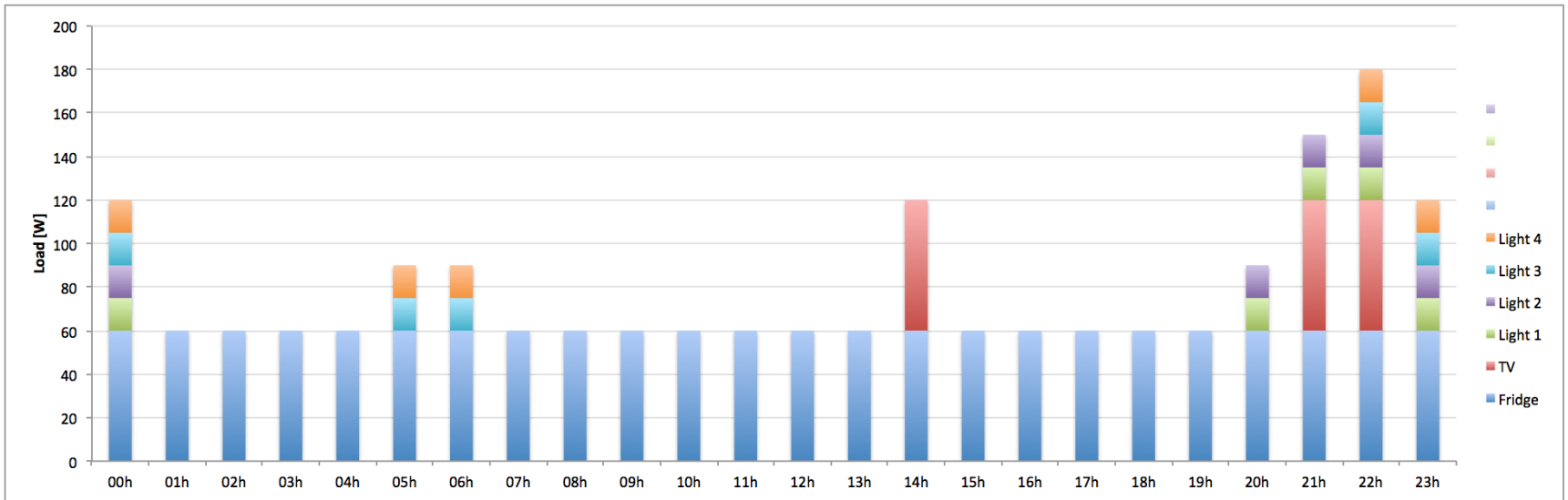
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Load profile for one user



How to create a daily load profile?



HOURLY LOAD [W]	00h	01h	02h	03h	04h	05h	06h	07h	08h	09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h	19h	20h	21h	22h	23h	
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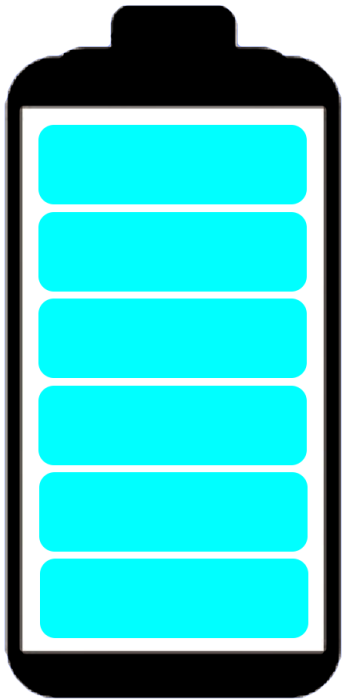


Storage: Energy Daily Allowance and Demand Factor

- In order to aggregate the users' demand we have to introduce **energy demand management concepts and a corrector factor**.
 - Normally hybrid energy systems use storage of energy, in order to fulfill the energy demand when the stochastic energy resources are not available
 - The energy of the system is a finite resource (since it is stored in a finite “tank”)
 - Every user may contract an amount of energy (related to the tariff) in kWh: Energy Daily Allowance
 - Not all the users are going to consume the 100% of their Energy Daily Allowance
 - So, the real daily energy demand that we use to dimension an hybrid system is scaled-down by a Demand Factor.

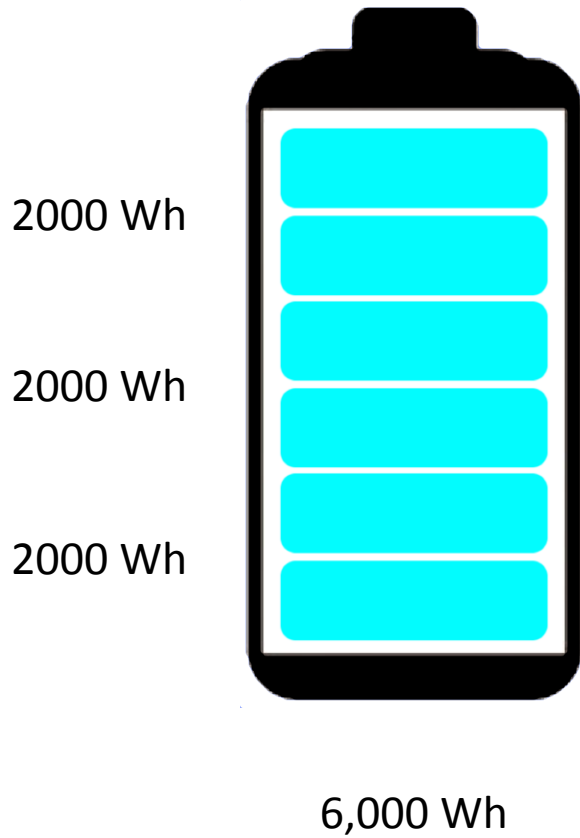


“Water Tank Example”





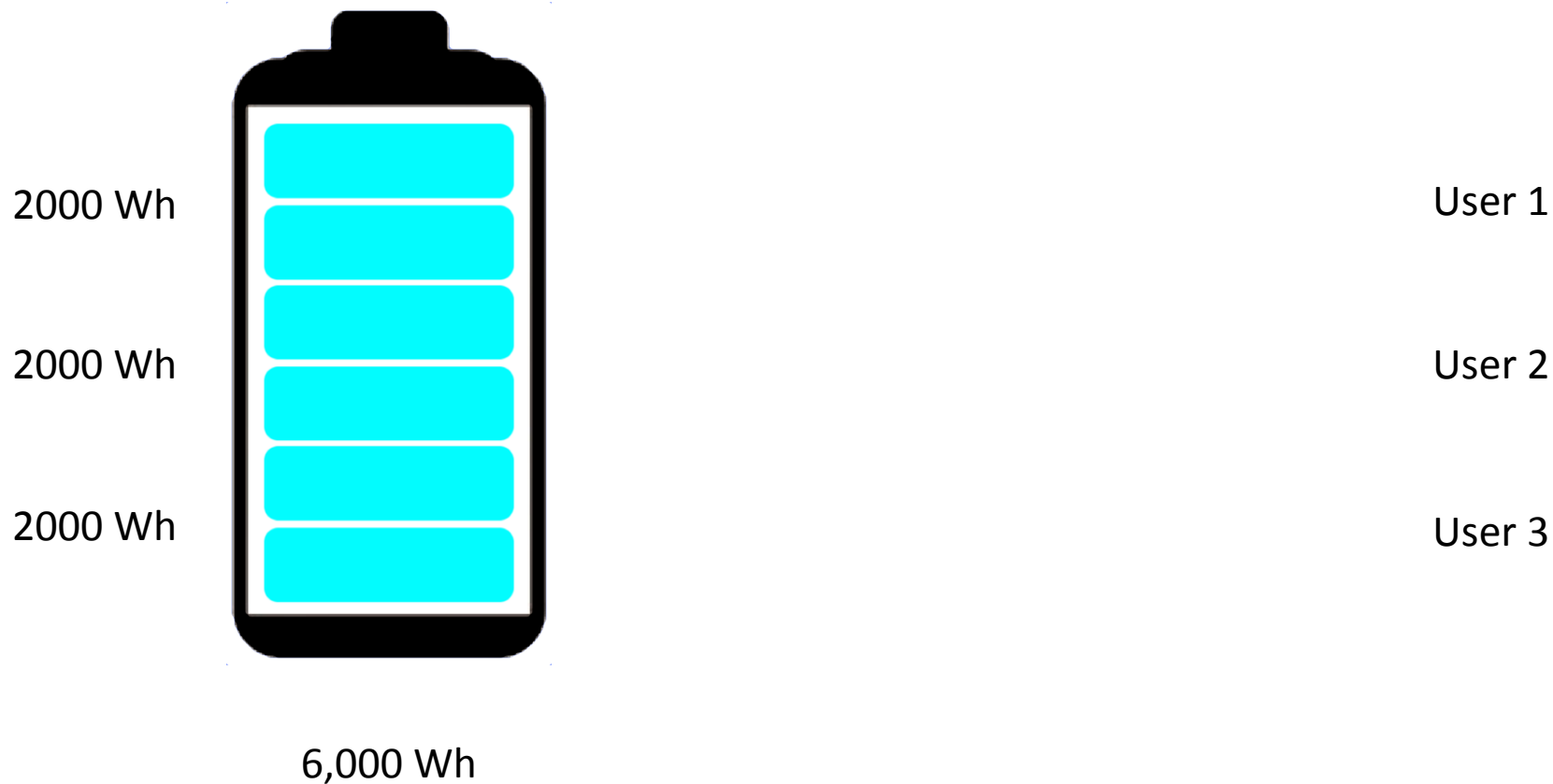
“Water Tank Example”





“Water Tank Example” (100% daily consumption)

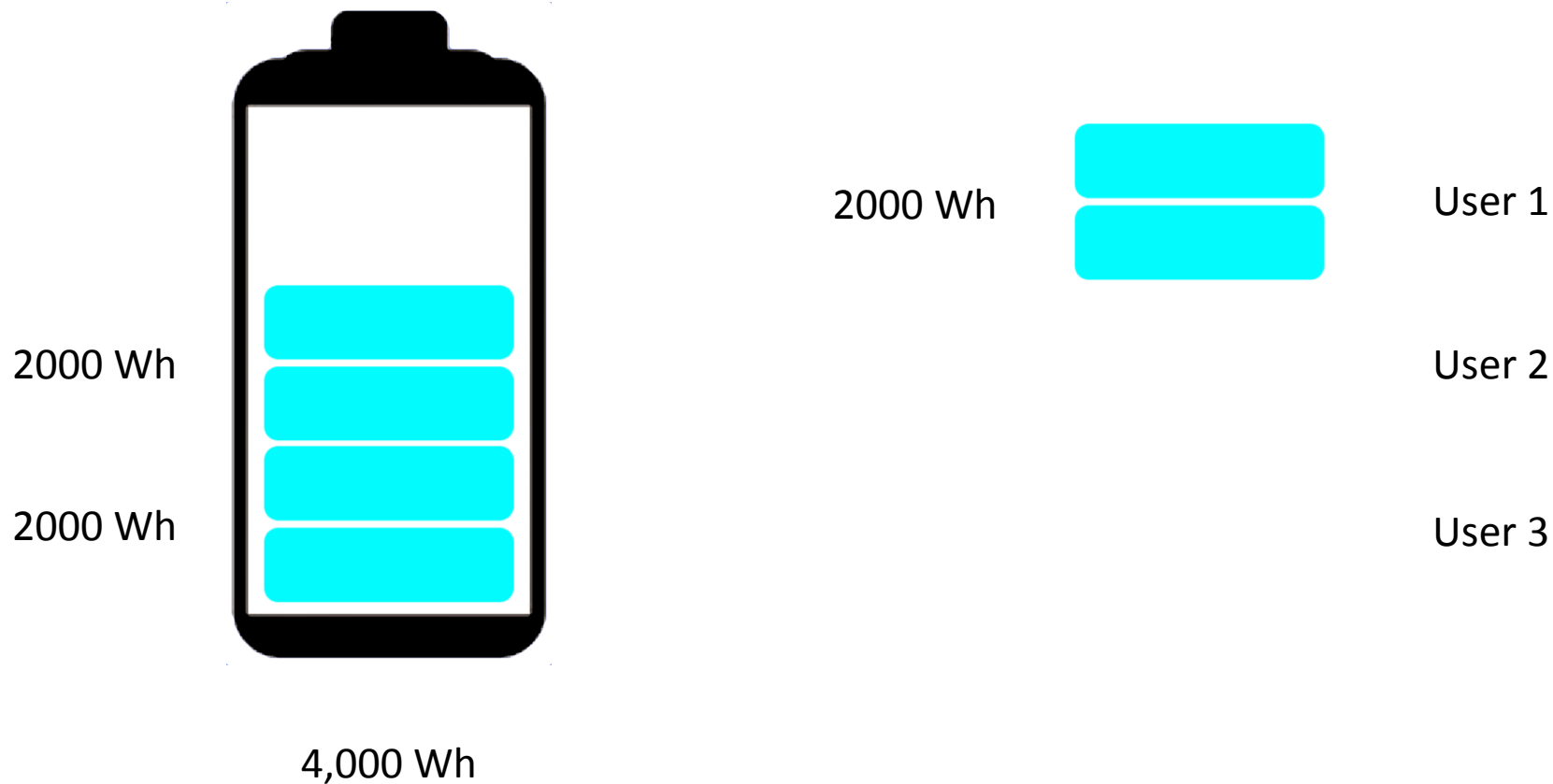
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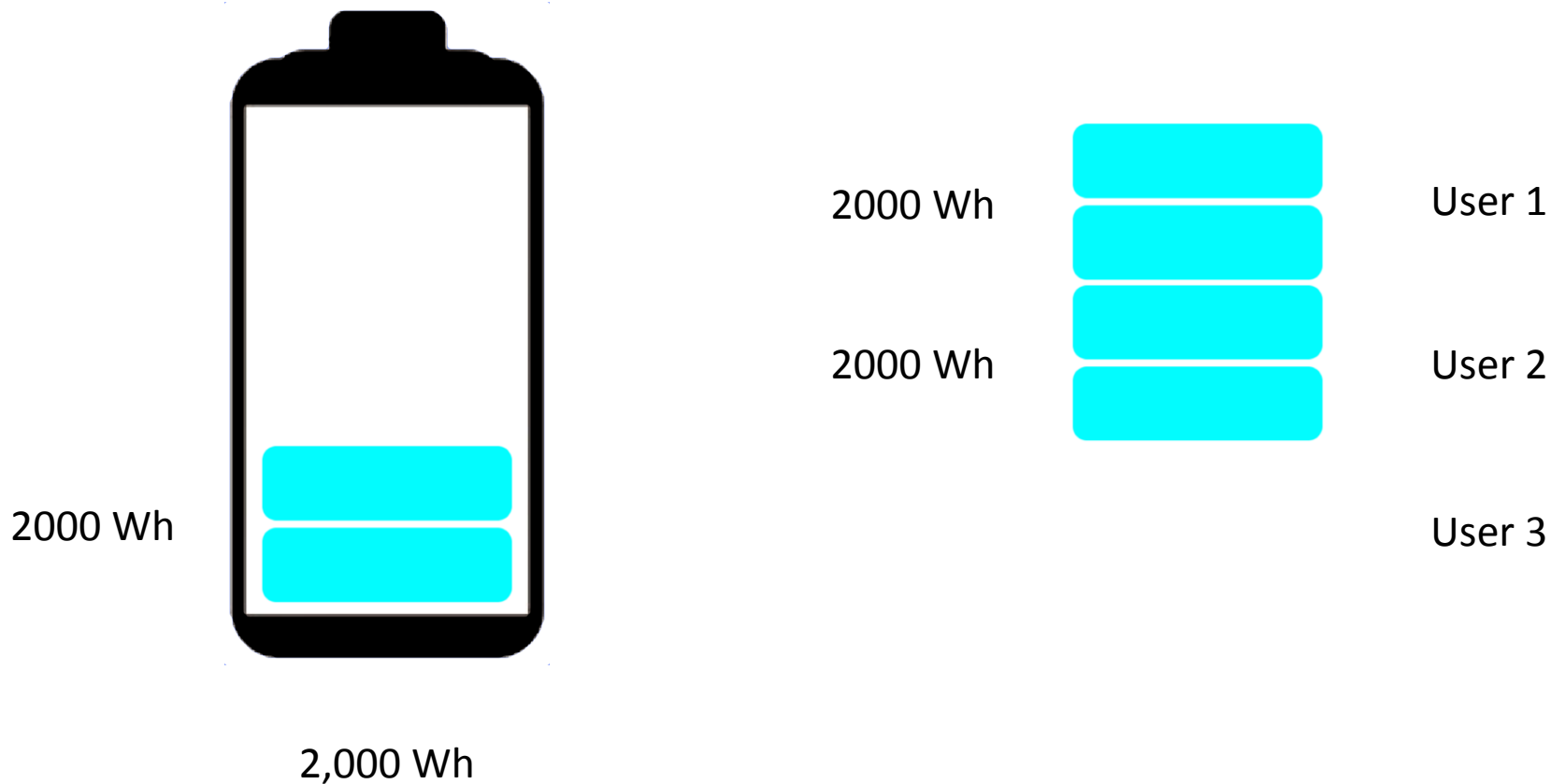
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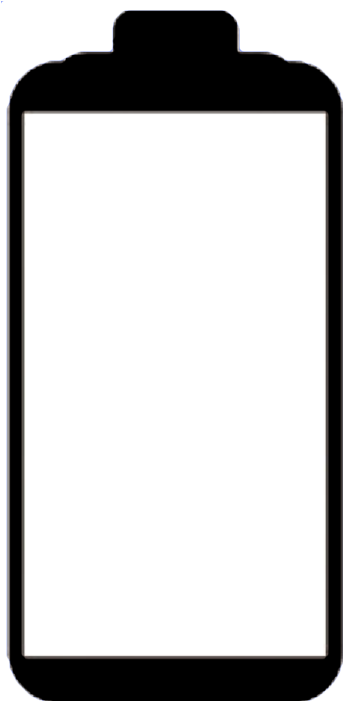
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“Water Tank Example” (100% daily consumption)

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0,000 Wh

2000 Wh



User 1

2000 Wh



User 2

2000 Wh



User 3

100% of consumption was 6,000Wh

The users consumed 100% of the daily energy available



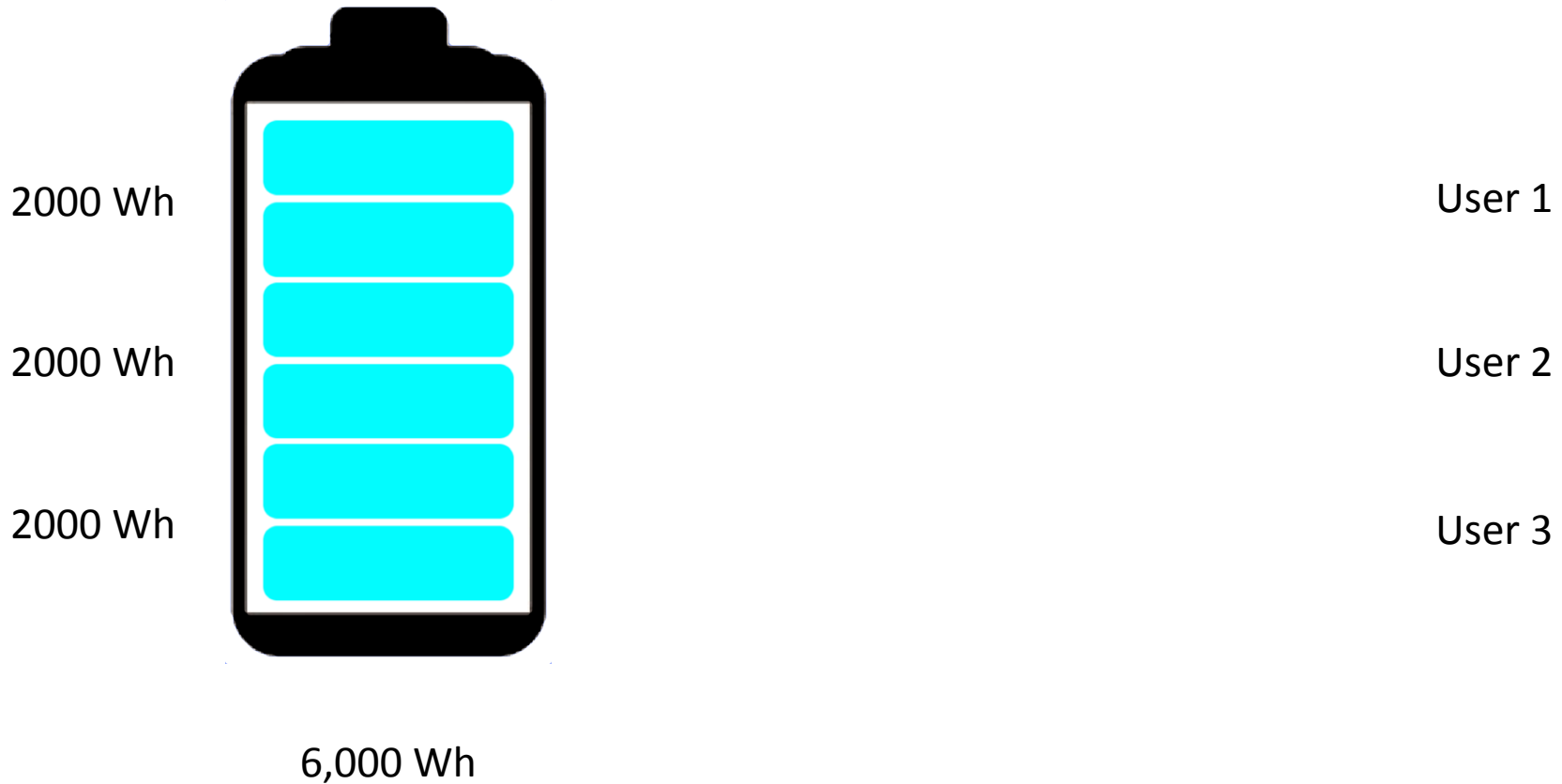
Reflection on variability in energy consumption

- As humans, our activities and needs are not exactly the same from day-to-day.
- So, it is “probable”, from day-to-day, not to consume the same amount of energy (80%, 93%, 100%, 91%, 99% ...).
- Since our collective behavior is not an exact equation, it is “probable” that not all the users behave the same way.
- So, we can set the hypothesis that some users will not consume the 100% of their own Energy Daily Allowance during a day.



“Water Tank Example” (**REAL** daily consumption)

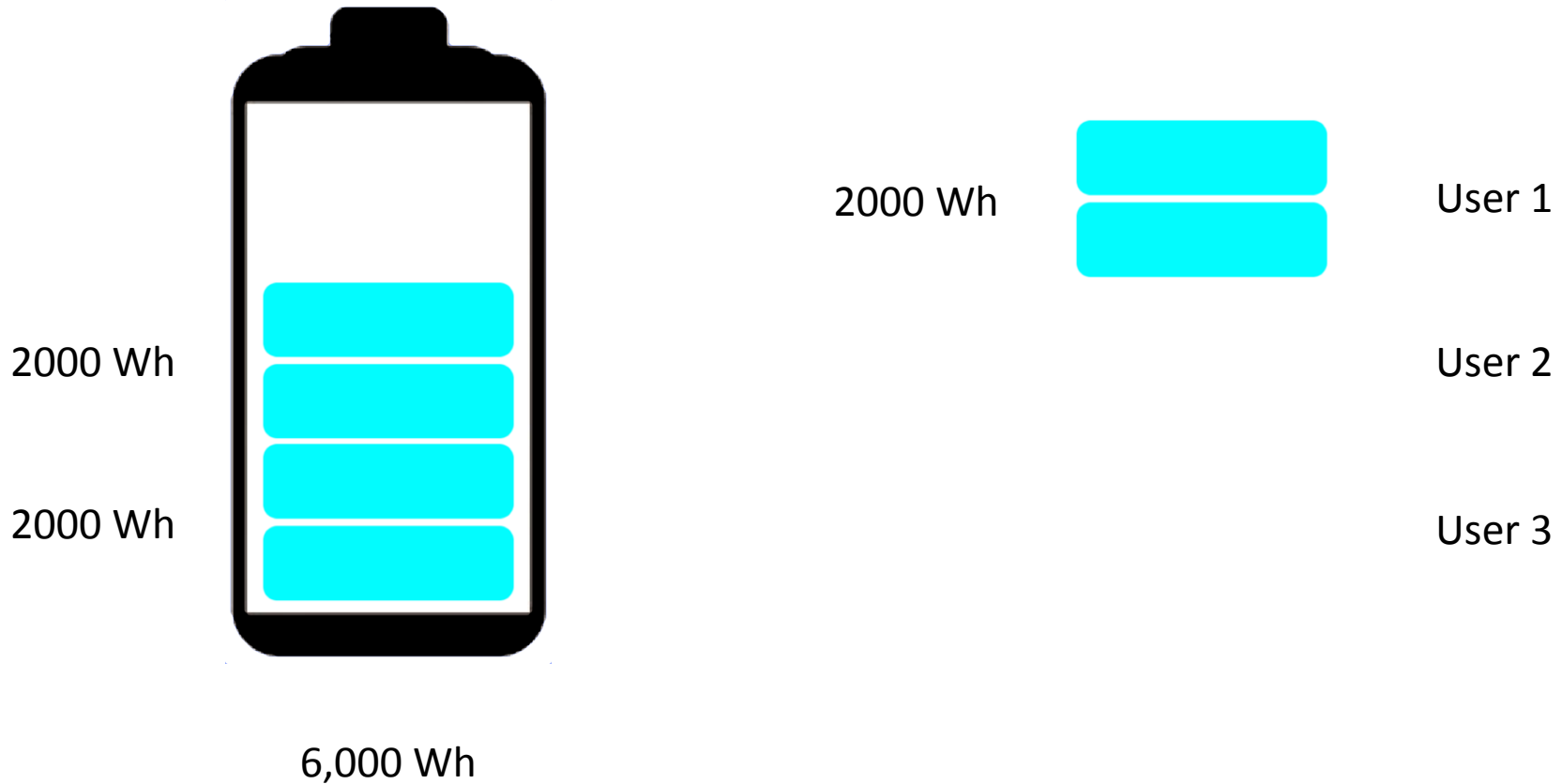
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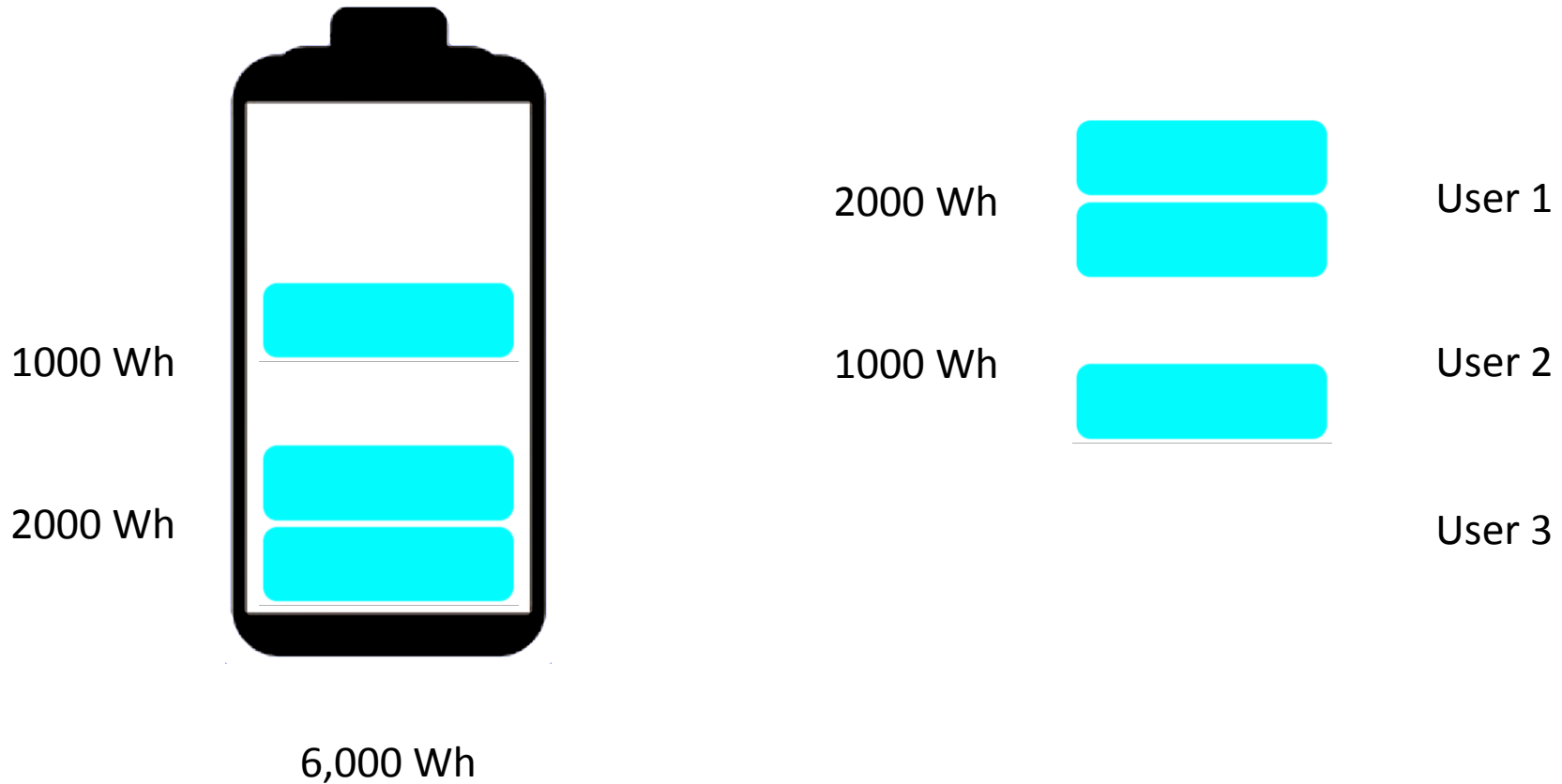
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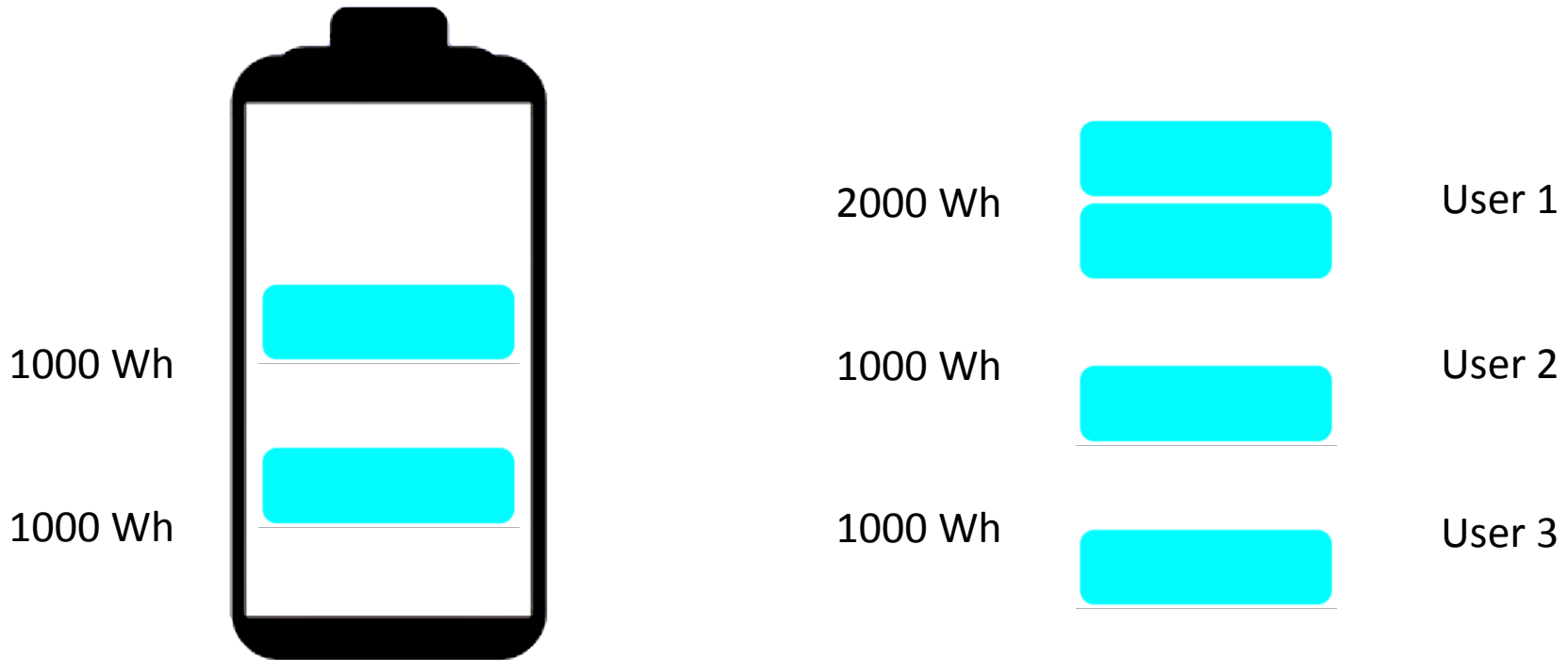
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“Water Tank Example” (REAL daily consumption)

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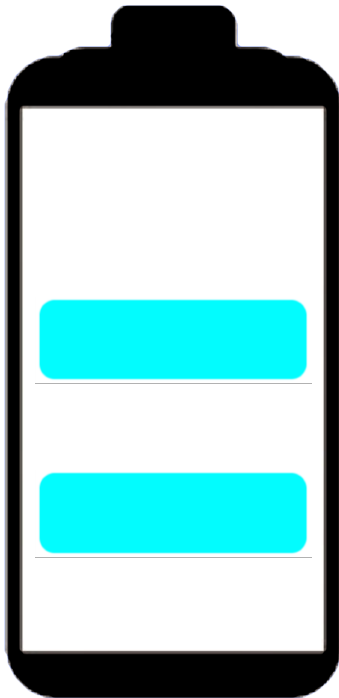


100% of consumption would be 6,000Wh but
the users consumed 67% of the daily energy available

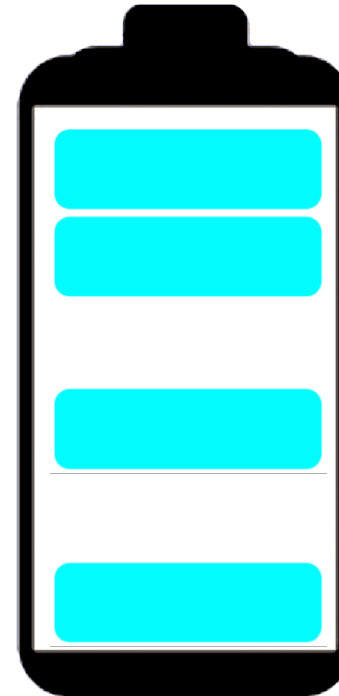


“Water Tank Example” (**REAL** daily consumption)

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2,000 Wh



4,000 Wh

User 1

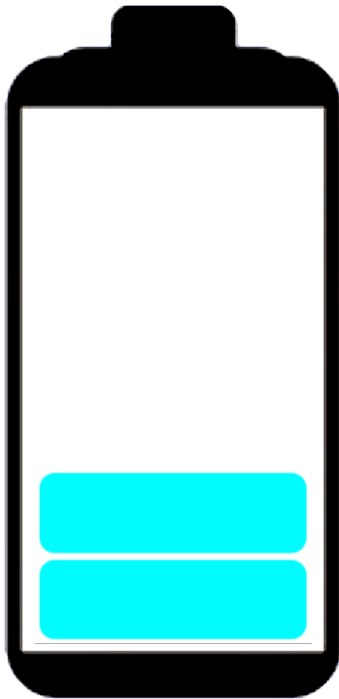
User 2

User 3

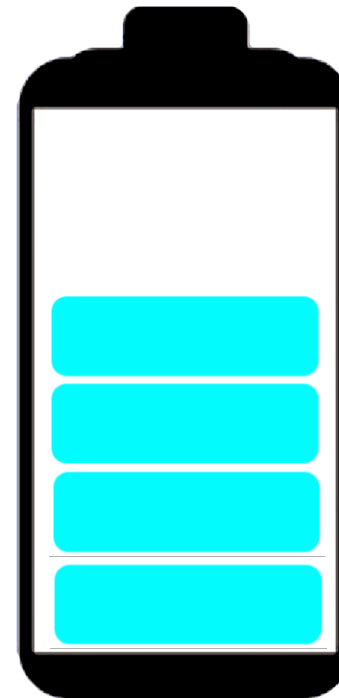


“Water Tank Example” (**REAL** daily consumption)

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DAILY
REMAINS

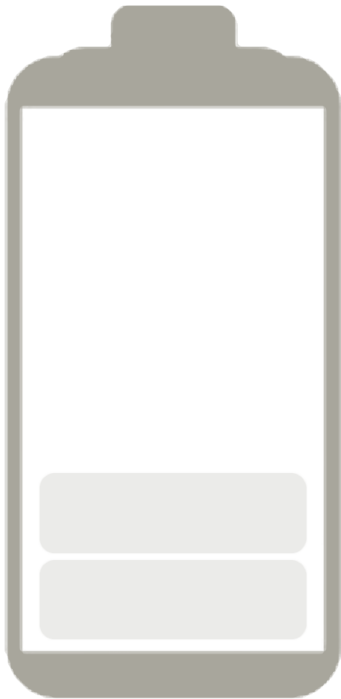


REAL DAILY
CONSUMPTION



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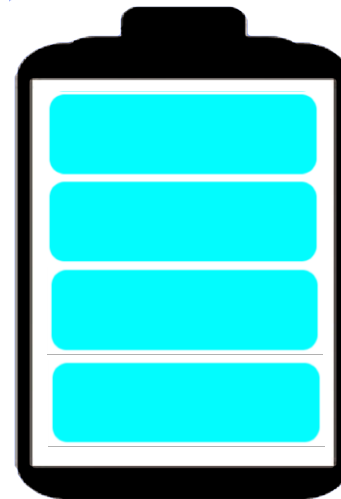
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2,000 Wh
6,000 Wh

DEMAND FACTOR = 0,67

$$4000/6000 = 0,67$$

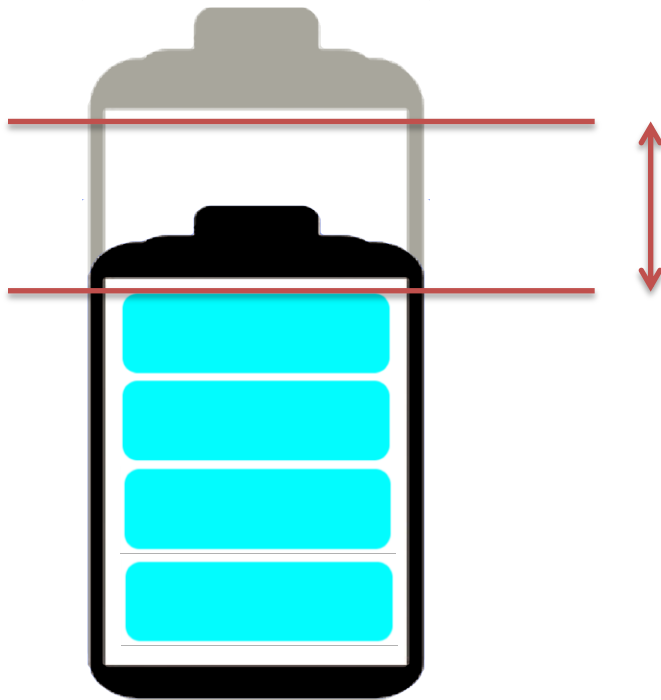


4,000 Wh



“Water Tank Example” (**REAL** daily consumption)

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DEMAND FACTOR = 0,67

With a corrected size of the Energy Demand input, we optimize the size of the Hybrid Energy System and will fulfill the users needs.

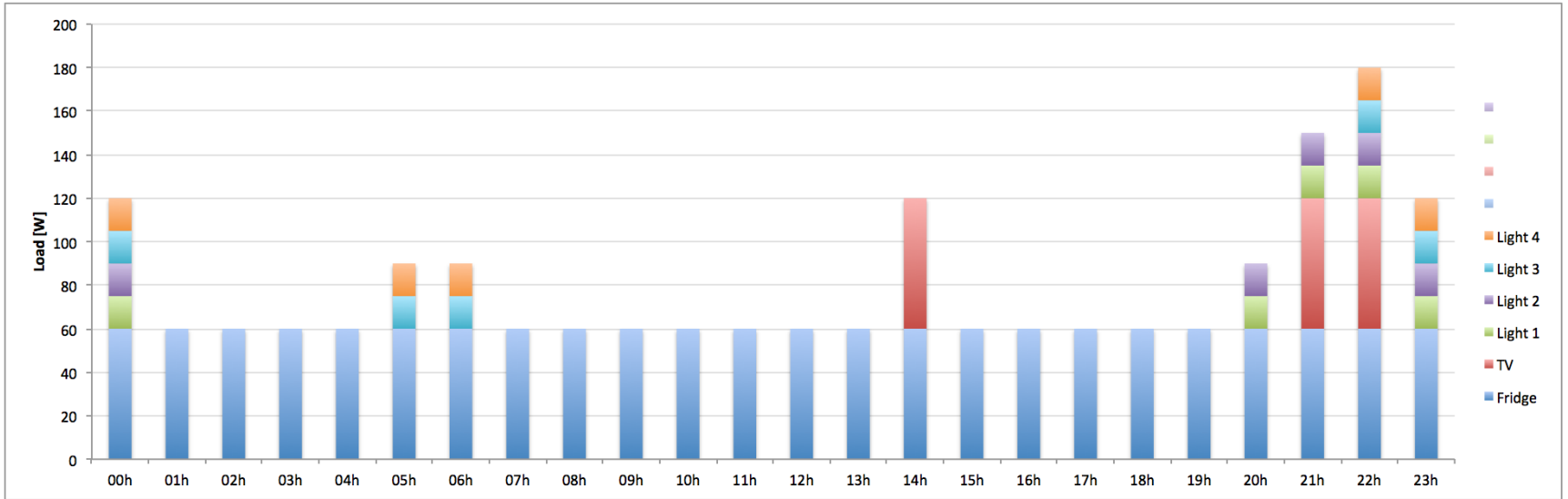


From one user to many users

Aggregated daily load profile



One user consumption

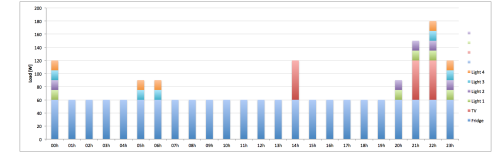


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Total users consumption vs. total demand



HOURLY LOAD [W]	00h	01h	02h	03h	04h	05h	06h	07h	08h	09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h	19h	20h	21h	22h	23h
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TOTAL [W]	120	60	60	60	60	90	90	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	120	60	60	60	60	60	90	150	180	120

Number of users | 117

TOTAL USERS [kW] | 14,04 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 10,53 | 10,53 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 14,04 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 7,02 | 10,53 | 17,55 | 21,06 | 14,04

224,64 [kWh]

Demand factor | 0,6

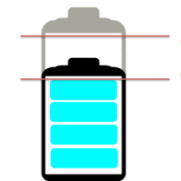
TOTAL DEMAND [kW] | 8,424 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 6,318 | 6,318 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 8,424 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 4,212 | 6,318 | 10,53 | 12,64 | 8,424

134,78 [kWh]

One user = 1,920 Wh Total users = 117

Total users consumption = 1,920 Wh · 117 = 224,640 Wh = **224.64 kWh**

TOTAL DEMAND = Total users consumption · (**DEMAND FACTOR**)



TOTAL DEMAND = REAL CONSUMPTION = DESIGN DEMAND = 224,64 · (0,6) = 134.78 kWh



How to set a demand factor

- Experienced estimations
- Monitoring and follow up of operational systems
- Research on demand management

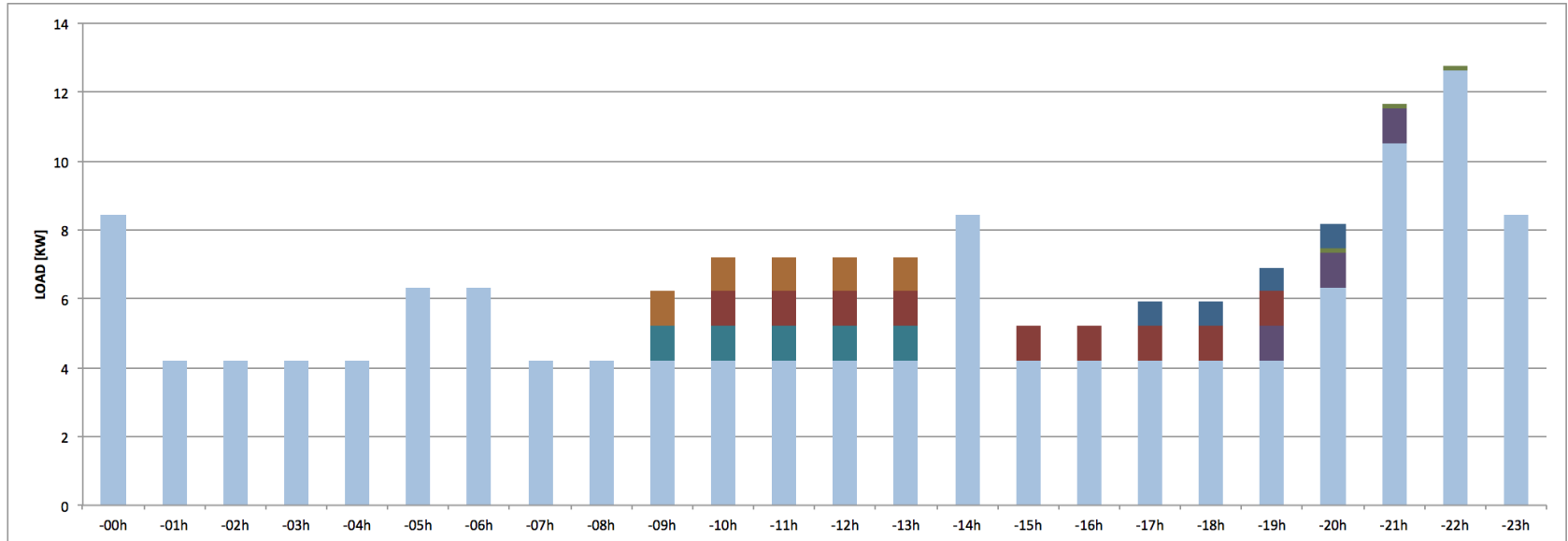
Just as a reference idea:

“The more the users, the lower the demand factor...”

(only for the total users' demand)



Aggregated daily profile many users and consumptions



Row Labels	Values																							
	-00h	-01h	-02h	-03h	-04h	-05h	-06h	-07h	-08h	-09h	-10h	-11h	-12h	-13h	-14h	-15h	-16h	-17h	-18h	-19h	-20h	-21h	-22h	-23h
TOTAL DEMAND	8,424	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	6,318	6,318	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	8,424	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212	6,318	10,53	12,636	8,424
STORES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
SCHOOL- MEETING ROOM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,15	0,15	0,15	0
PLACE OF WORSHIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
MACHINE WORKSHOP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HAIR SALON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	0	0	0



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09:00 - 10:00	6.212
10:00 - 11:00	7.212
11:00 - 12:00	7.212

Daily Profile
Bar chart showing Load [kW] vs Hour (0-24). The load starts at 8.424 kW at 00:00, drops to 4.212 kW, then rises to a peak of 12.8 kW at 12:00, and ends at 8.424 kW at 24:00.

DMap
Heatmap showing Hour of Day (0-24) vs Month (Jan-Dec). The color scale represents Load [kW] from 3.0 (dark blue) to 14.0 (red). The profile is consistent across all months.

Seasonal Profile
Bar chart showing Load [kW] vs Month (Jan-Dec). Each bar represents the daily load profile for that month, with a legend for max, mean, and min values.

Random variability
Day-to-day: %
Time-step-to-time-step: %
Scaled annual average (kWh/d): {2}

	Baseline	Scaled
Average (kWh/d)	160	160
Average (kW)	6.67	6.67
Peak (kW)	12.8	12.8
Load factor	0.522	0.522



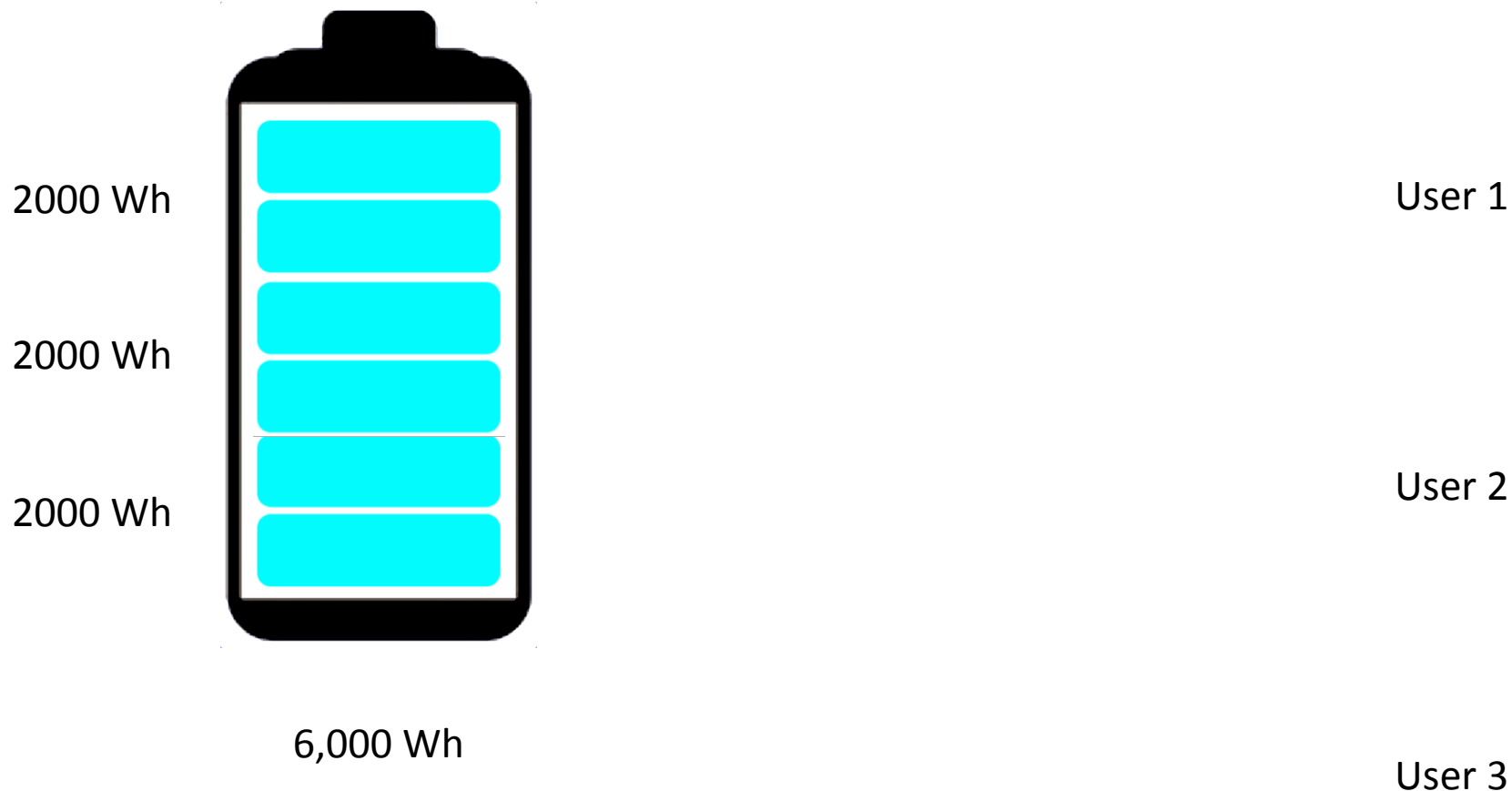
Link between knowing about technology and knowing how to simulate

Hypothesis, uncertainty and imperfect behavior



“Water Tank Example” (CONFLICT of consumption)

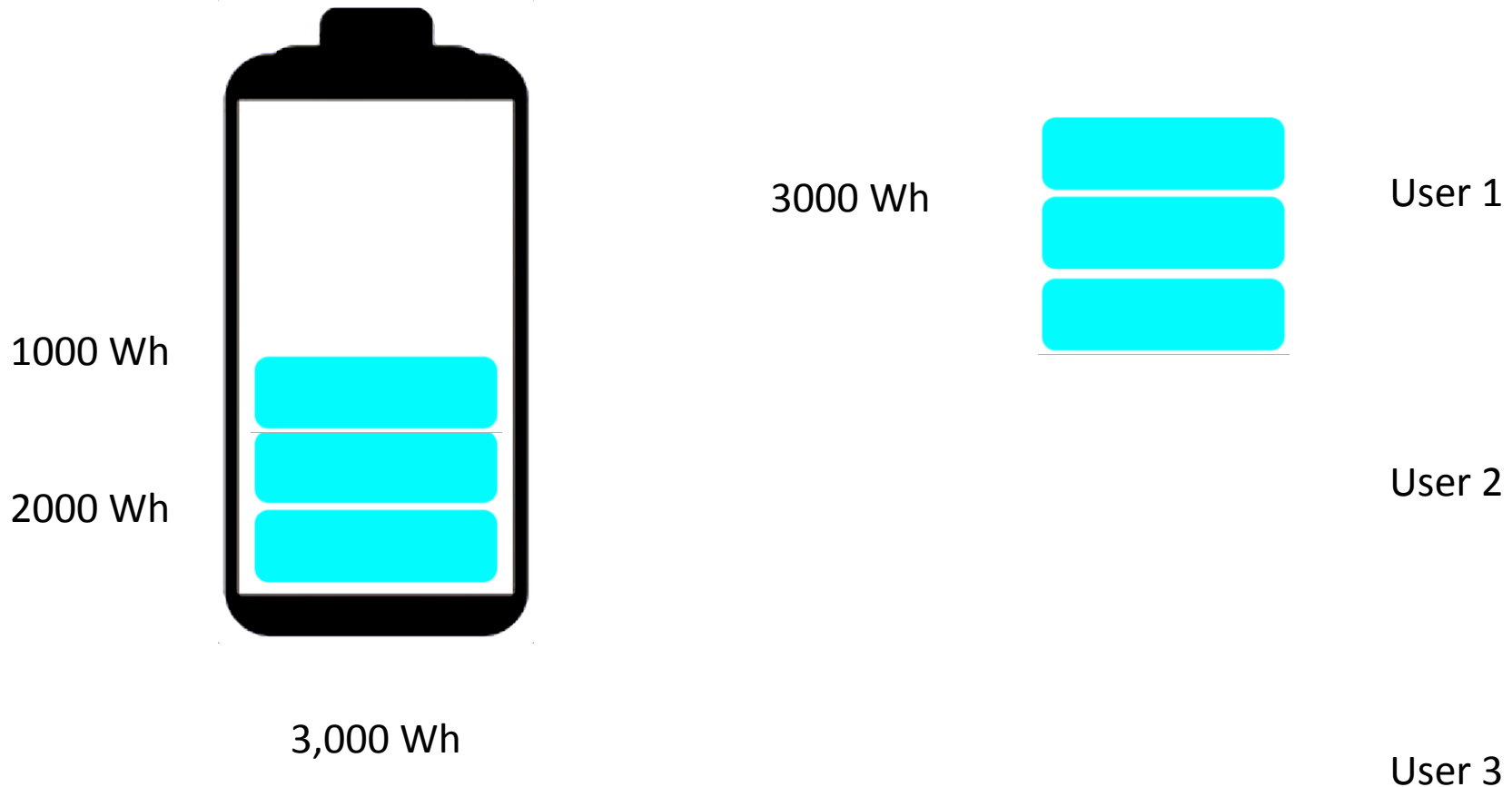
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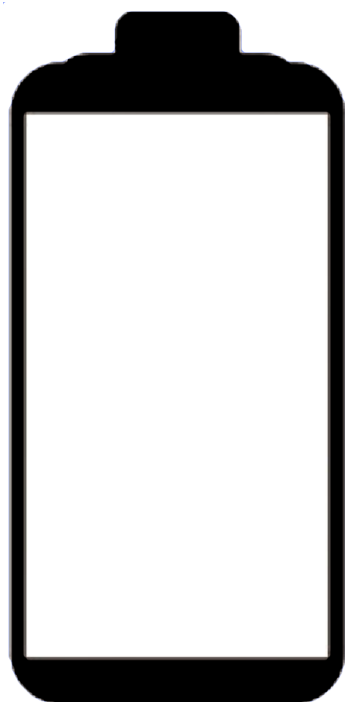
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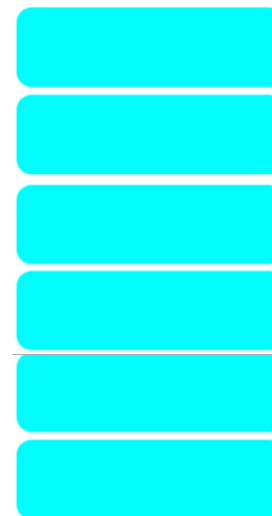
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0,000 Wh

3000 Wh

3000 Wh



User 1

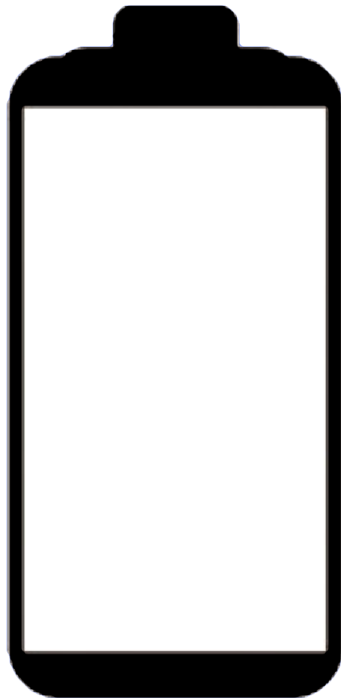
User 2

User 3



“Water Tank Example” (CONFLICT of consumption)

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0,000 Wh

3000 Wh



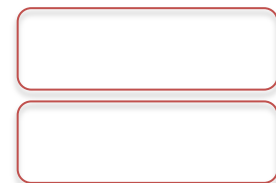
User 1

3000 Wh



User 2

0 Wh

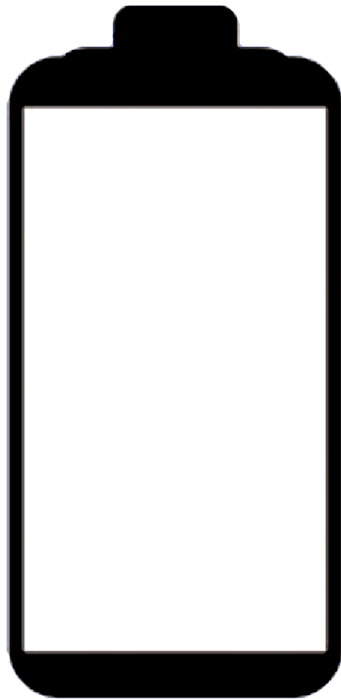


User 3



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0,000 Wh

3000 Wh



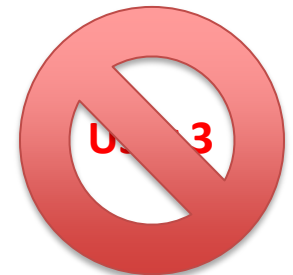
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3000 Wh



User 2

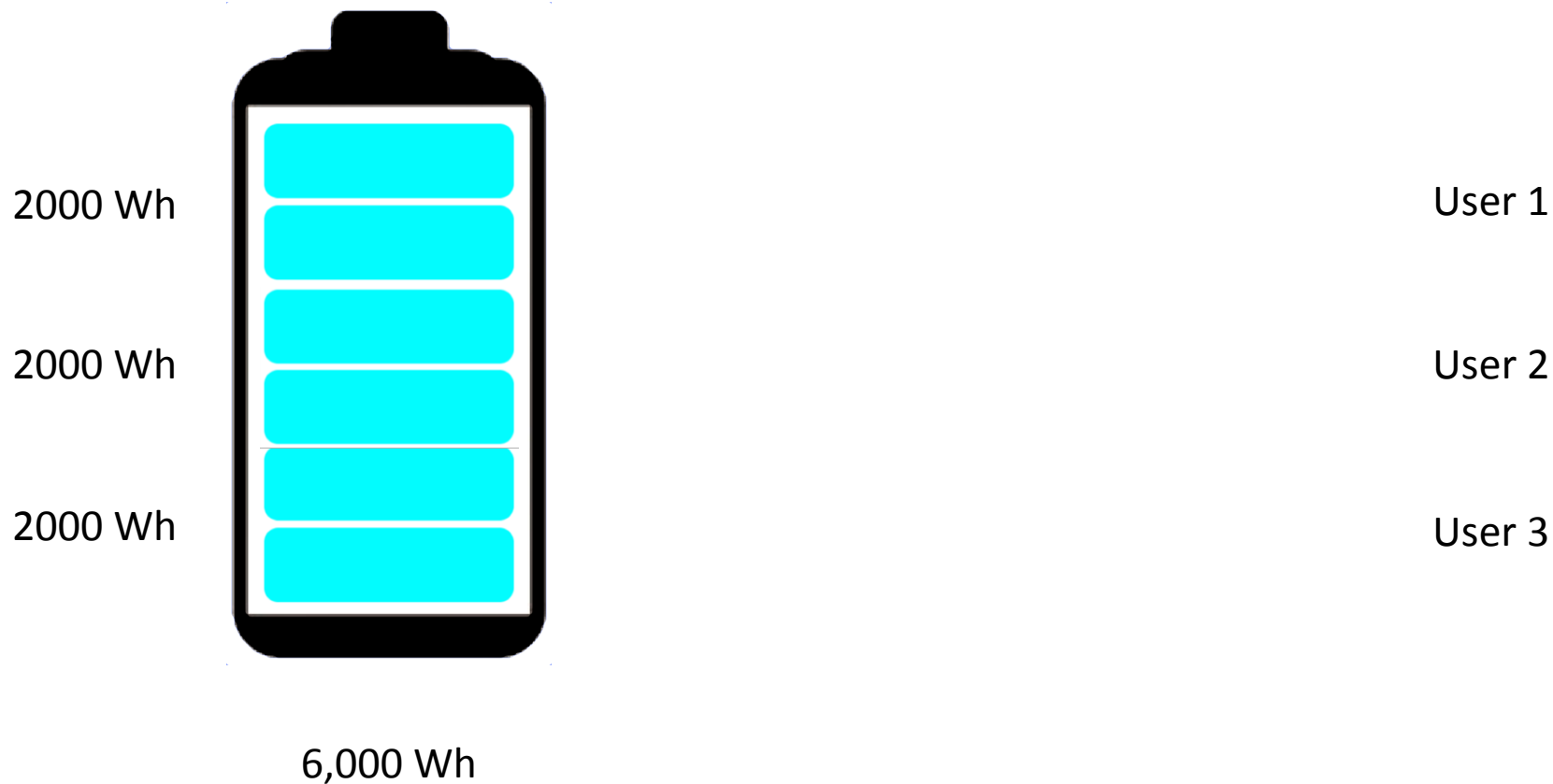
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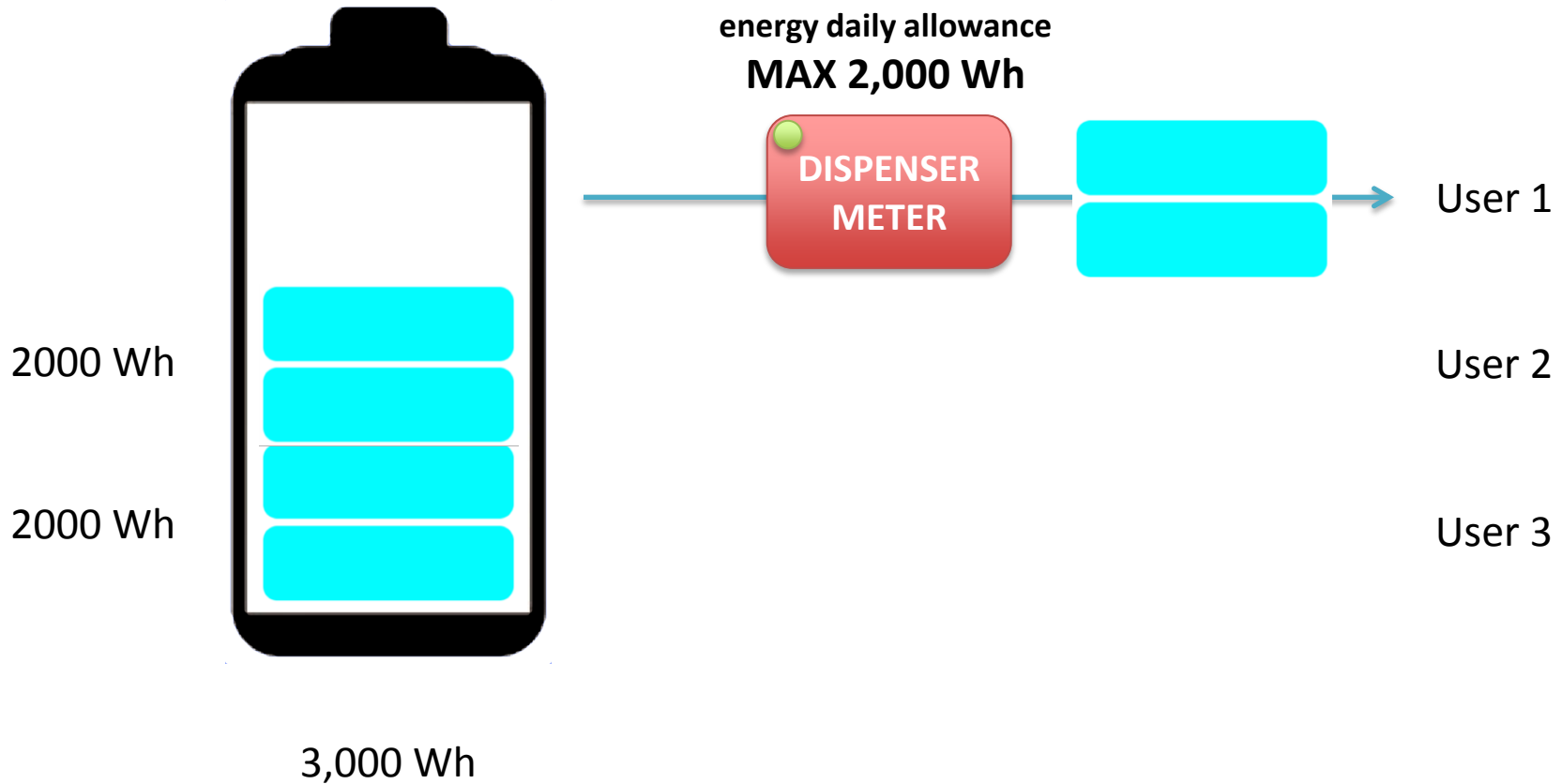
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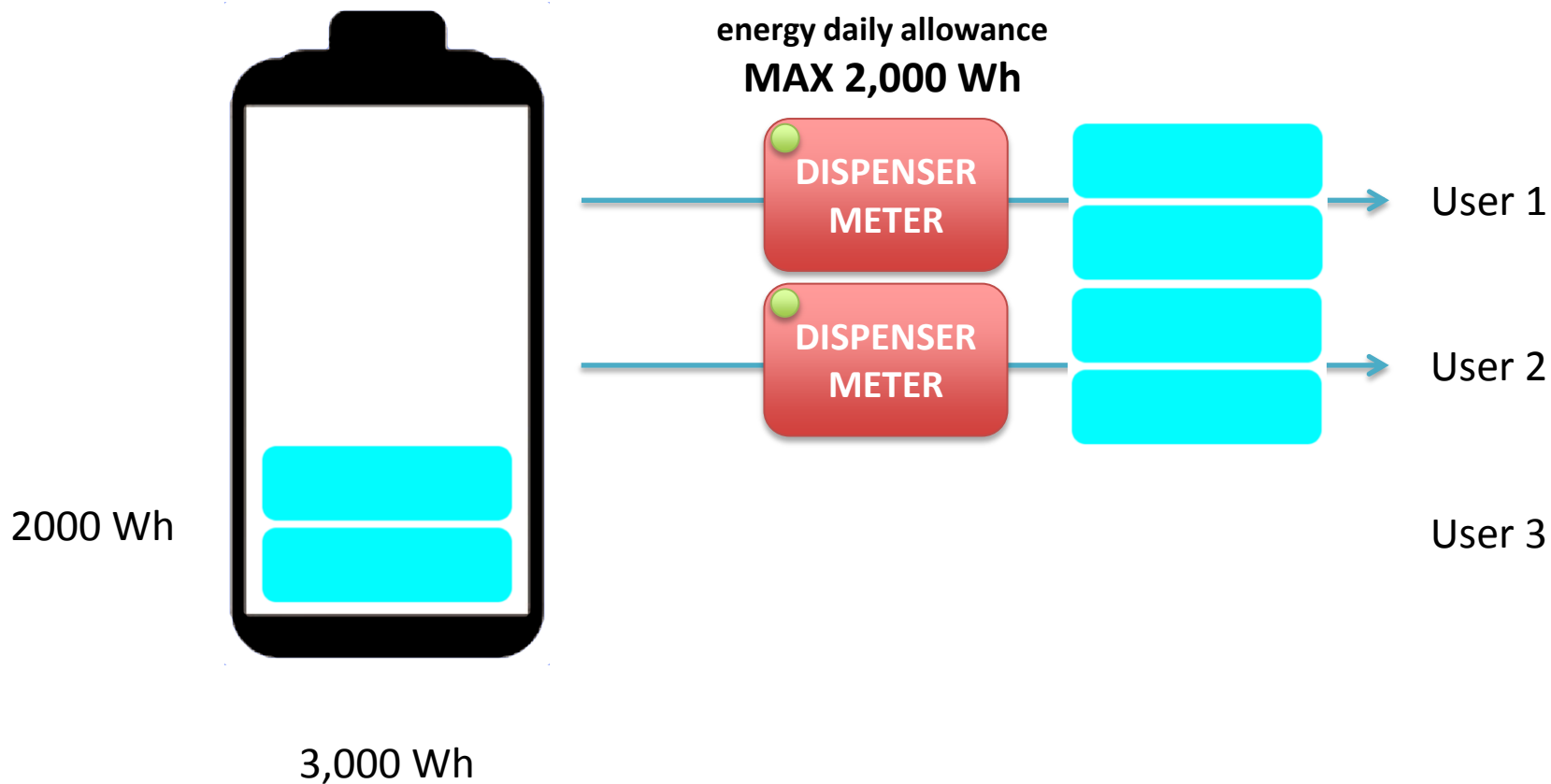
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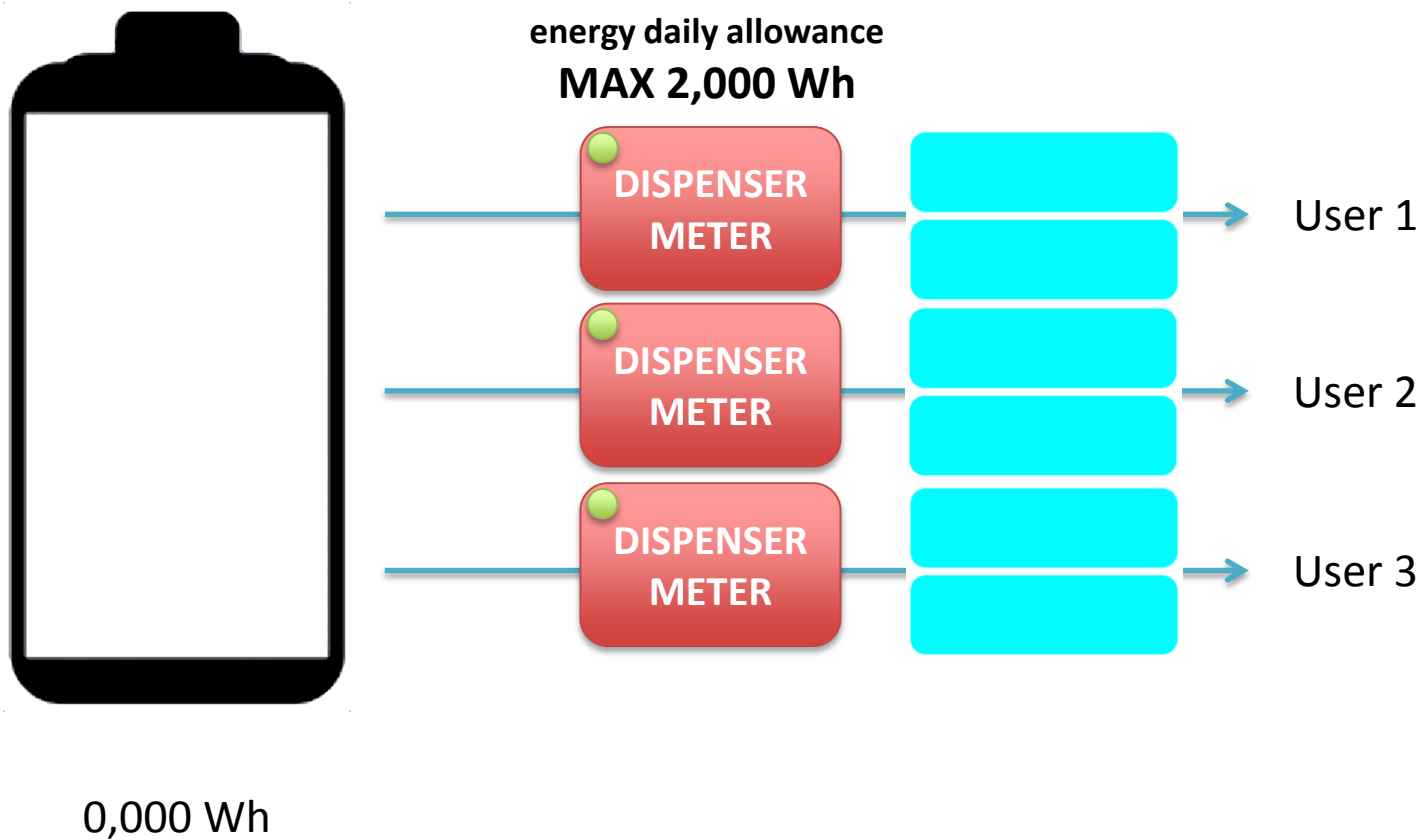
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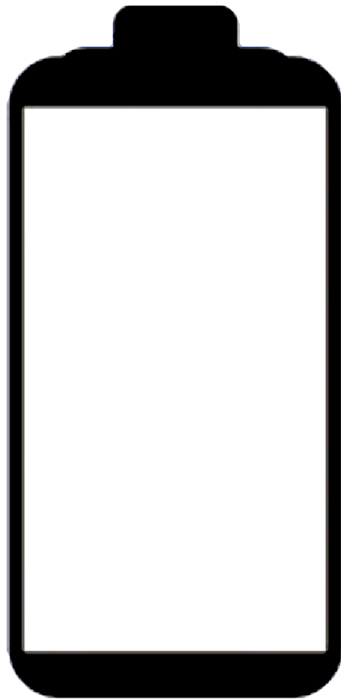
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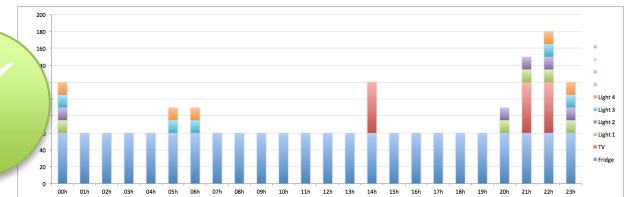
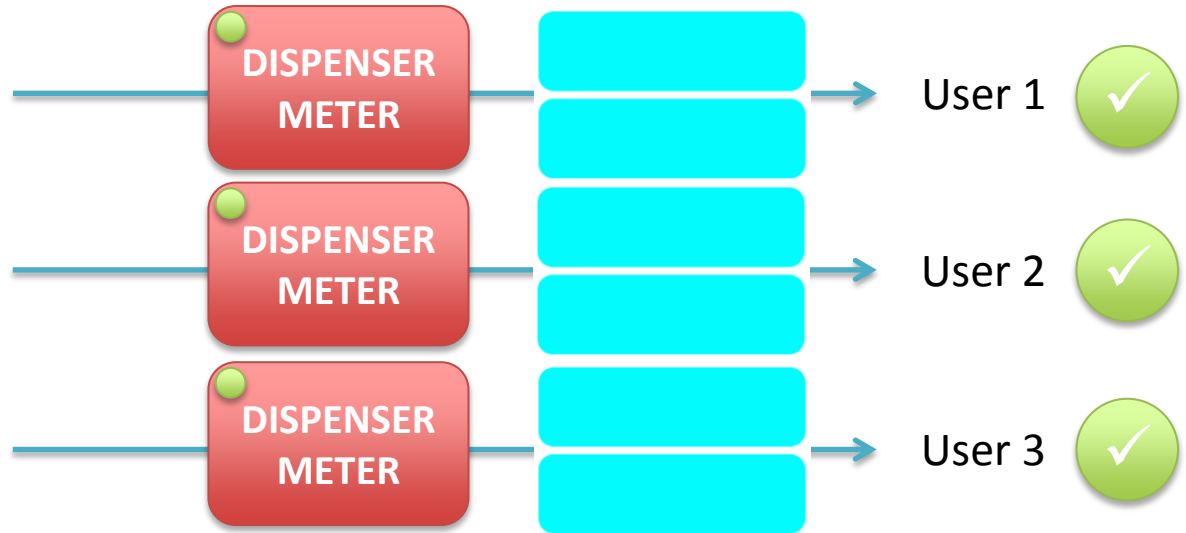
“Water Tank Example” (**MANAGED** daily demand)

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0,000 Wh

energy daily allowance
MAX 2,000 Wh



Hypothesis

verified



Recommendation on sizing and simulating RE hybrid systems with multiple users

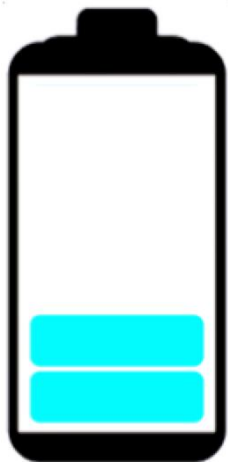
- Users should have *dispenser meters* with Energy Daily Allowance (EDA) management, according to the contracted tariff (**limitations through smart devices that control the kWh of energy consumed**).
- (...) The concept of Energy Daily Allowance **introduces certainty in the most uncertain parameter when sizing and simulating** RE hybrid micro grids with multiple users.



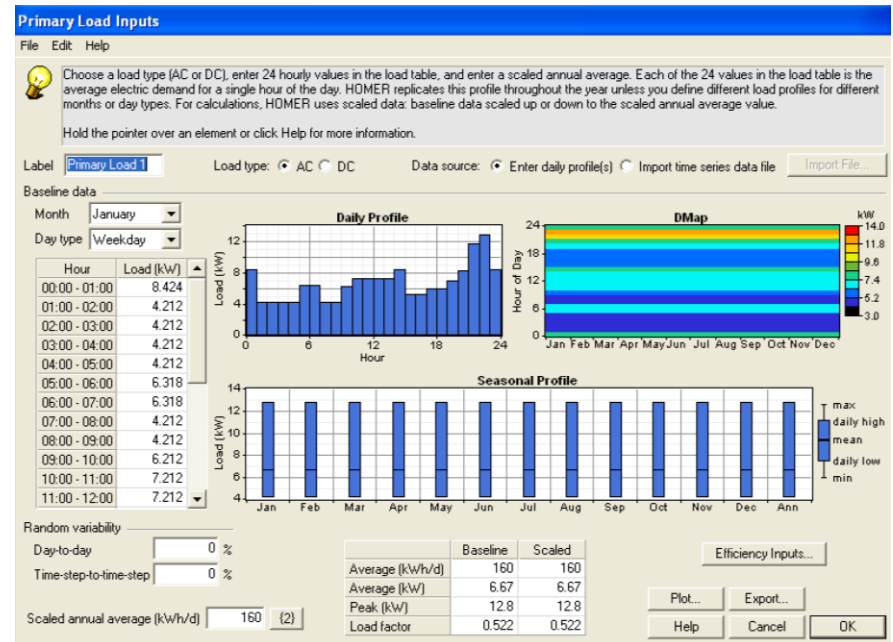
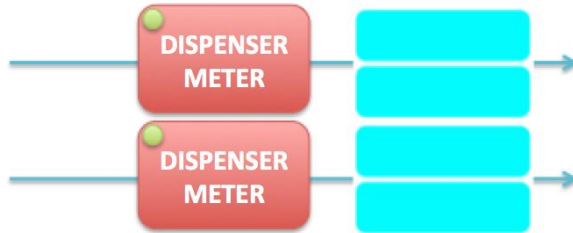


Storage, Energy Daily Allowance and Demand Factor

- The new paradigm of energy management is to manage not only the maximum LOAD (kW) but the ENERGY CONSUMPTION (kWh).



energy daily allowance
MAX 2,000 Wh

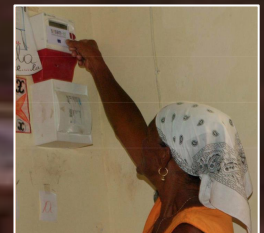
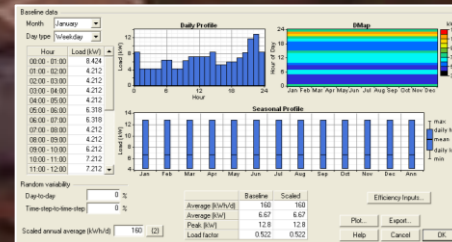
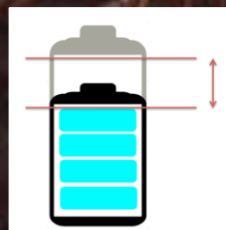
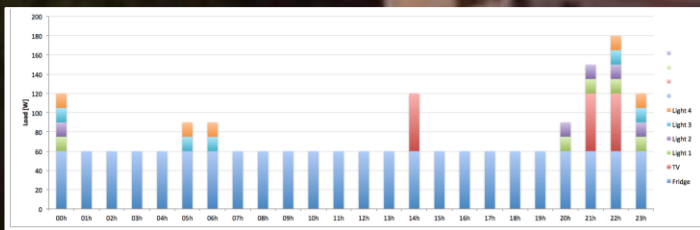




Simulation models, criteria and available technology

- Social energy appraisal, demand studies and available technology for energy management, are interlinked knowledge

Source: TTA





Data for Exercise 1: Input the energy demand in HOMER

Daily INPUTS	Number	Value	Time
DOMESTIC USES			
Bulb	4	15 W	05 hours
TV	1	60 W	03 hours
Fridge	1	60 W	24 hours
<i>Number of users</i>	<i>117</i>		
<i>Demand Factor</i>	<i>0.6</i>		
PRODUCTIVE USES			
School – meeting room		150 W	03 hours
Entertainment center		700 W	03 hours
Place of worship		1 kW	03 hours
Public Lighting	Not connected to the hybrid system (70W per unit)		
Machine workshop		1 kW	05 hours
Stores		1 kW	09 hours
Hair Salon		1 kW	05 hours



Data for Exercise 1: Other parameters

Input	Value
Month variability (seasonal variability)	No
Weekend variability	No
Day to day variability	No
Time step to time step variability	No



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Merci! Thank you! Muito obrigado!

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