

NEW ENERGY FORUM

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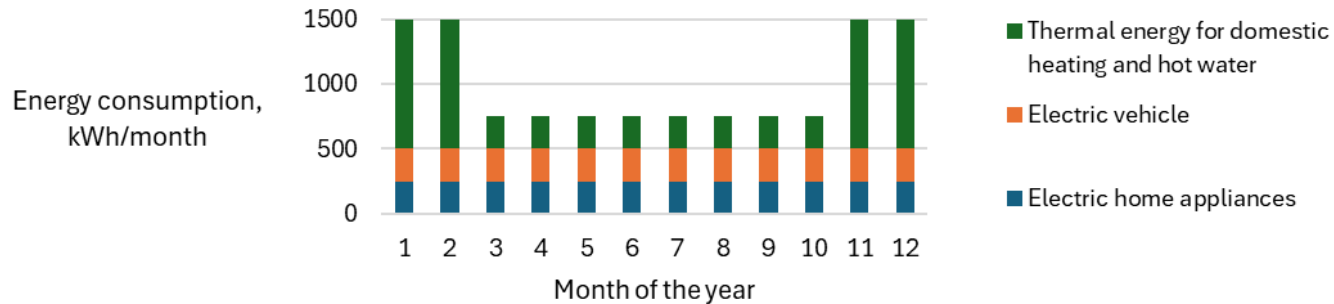
Breaking Barriers

A Balanswijk*) with gas

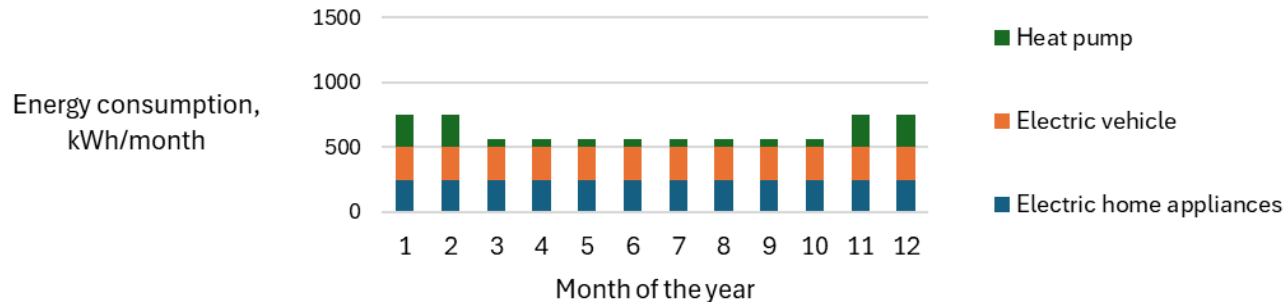
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<https://www.liander.nl/kijkt-vooruit/balanswijk>

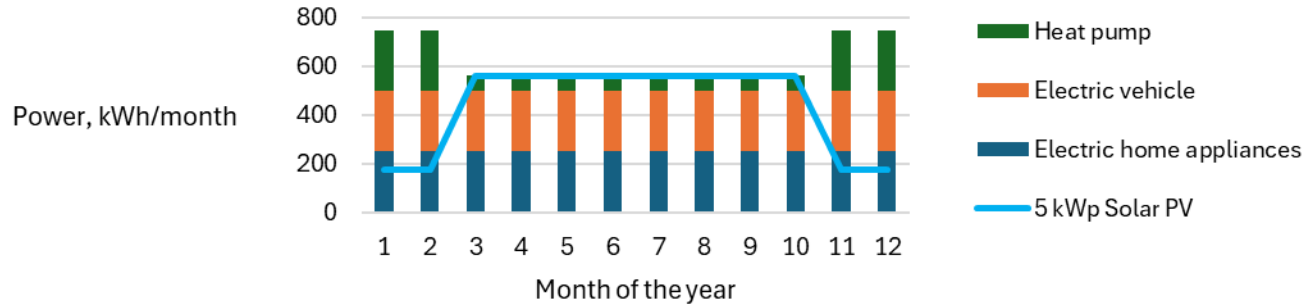
Energy consumption of a Balanswijk home



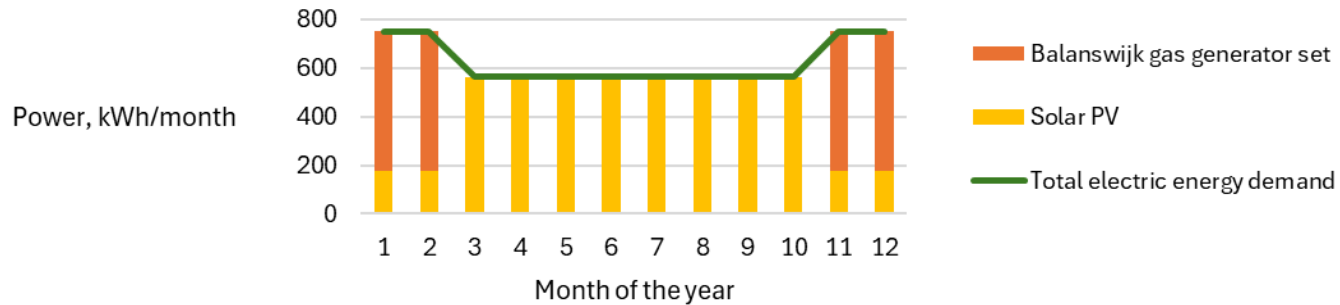
Energy consumption of an all-electric Balanswijk home



Energy management of an all-electric Balanswijk home



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In the Balanswijk **with gas** the solar PV deficit during the winter months is filled in by a gas generator set

A Balanswijk with gas

- ☐ Balanswijk battery pack required
- ☐ Average power generation of the gas genset: 1 kW per Balanswijk home
- ☐ Gas consumption : 5 MWh/yr per home
- ☐ Yearly electric energy demand: 70% satisfied by Solar PV, 30% by gas genset
- ☐ **Future of the gas genset:**
decommissioned when grid congestion has been resolved
when not: natural gas to be replaced by green gas or hydrogen
- ☐ No taxes due on the electric energy supply to the Balanswijk homes
- ☐ No seasonal energy storage is required for the Balanswijk with gas

A Balanswijk with gas

Facility	Capacity per Balanswijk home
Balanswijk solar park	5 kW _p
Balanswijk battery	10 kWh
Balanswijk gas power generator set	2 x 1 kW
Balanswijk Ultra Low Heat (ULH) network	Water/water heat pump 5 kW _{th}
Balanswijk single connection to NL electricity grid	Back-up only
Balanswijk single connection to NL gas grid	Gas consumption rate 5 MWh/yr

A Balanswijk with gas

- ☐ Average power generation of the gas generator set: 1 kW per Balanswijk home
- ☐ To satisfy the peak demand during extreme cold weather the design capacity of the gas generator set is 2 kW per Balanswijk home
- ☐ Gas consumption of 5 MWh/yr per home, 40% of the average consumption at present
- ☐ 70% of the yearly electric energy demand is satisfied by Solar PV, 30% by the gas generator set
- ☐ Gas generator set can be decommissioned when the national electricity grid has been sufficiently reinforced; when not: natural gas to be replaced by green gas or hydrogen
- ☐ Balanswijk battery pack required for diurnal balancing of supply and demand on the Balanswijk electricity grid
- ☐ No taxes due on the electric energy supply to the Balanswijk homes
- ☐ No seasonal energy storage is required for the Balanswijk with gas

A Balanswijk with gas

Facility		Capacity per Balanswijk home
Balanswijk solar park	Sufficient to satisfy power demand outside winter months	5 kW _p
Balanswijk battery	Diurnal balancing of power supply and demand	10 kWh
Balanswijk gas power generator set	Satisfying power supply during winter months; Double capacity installed as back-up and to satisfy peak demand during extreme cold weather	2 x 1 kW
Balanswijk Ultra Low Heat (ULH) network	Utilising thermal energy production by gen set and enabling application of individual water/water heat pumps	water/water heat pump 5 kW _{th}
Balanswijk single connection to NL electricity grid	Back-up only	PM
Balanswijk single connection to NL gas grid	Generator set gas feed	Gas consumption rate 5 MWh/yr