

EBR Distribution

Once `ebr-2.0.tgz` has been downloaded on a Linux machine, it is possible to unzip it by typing on a terminal the following command:

```
tar xfv ebr-2.0.tgz; cd ebr-2.0
```

This creates a new directory named `ebr-2.0`, with the following directories: `aux_files`, `example_files` and `src`. Moreover, an explanatory `README.txt` file is provided, together with a wrapper Bash script `launch.sh`.

In order to run Energy Bill Reduction (**EBR**), the main requirement is to have either CPLEX or GLPK installed on the machine (i.e., either the command `cplex` or the command `glpsol` must be available in the system or user PATH). Given this, the user may directly launch the Bash script:

```
bash launch.sh
```

This will launch **EBR** with default settings, which will run **EBR** on home 723 of Kalundborg test-bed. In order to customise the input, the `launch.sh` script accepts the following command line arguments (note they are all optional: when an argument is not given, the default is used).

- `-h`: prints an help message with all arguments and defaults. Does not run **EBR**.
- `-l h`: uses *h* as the number of hours to be forecasted for each charge/discharge action computation (default is 6).
- `-d d`: uses *d* as the directory containing the input files needed by EBR, i.e., `battery.csv`, `profiles.csv`, and `energy.csv` (default is `example_files/kalundborg/home_723`)
- `-pp pp`: uses *pp* as the EBR input file for power profiles output by DAPP (needed only if `-dapp` is greater than 0, default is `example_files/kalundborg/home_723/powerprofile.copy.1.npp_scen.3.csv`)
- `-pe pe`: uses *pe* as the EBR input file with PEV characteristics (default is `example_files/kalundborg/home_723/pev.13.csv`)
- `-mr mr`: uses *mr* as the EBR input file with costs for energy and CO2 (default is `example_files/market.csv`)
- `-co2 co2`: uses *co2* as the coefficient for the CO2 costs in EBR objective function (default is 1)
- `-en en`: uses *en* as the coefficient for the energy costs in EBR objective function (default is 1)
- `-dapp dapp`: uses *dapp* as the coefficient for the transmission and distribution costs in EBR objective function (default is 8)
- `-tsl tsl`: uses *tsl* as the duration (in minutes) of a time-slot, i.e., the periodicity of EBR invocations (default is 60)

-p p : uses p as the number of days in the past to be used for forecast (default is 10).

-pd p_d : uses p_d as the discounting factor for the days in the past. Format is $x_1:\dots:x_p$, and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$ must hold (default is $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2^2}:\dots:\frac{1}{2^9}:\frac{1}{2^9}$).

-ndmilps: do not delete auxiliary files for Mixed-integer linear programming (MILP) problems.

Finally, the output of **EBR** is the log of the decided actions (for both the Energy Storage System (**ESS**) and the Plug-in Electric Vehicle (**PEV**)) and their effect on the resulting home demand. Such output is stored in the Comma Separated Value (**CSV**) file **results**/ \tilde{t} /**output**/**results.csv**, being \tilde{t} the time-stamp at which **launch.sh** was started. Namely, **results.csv** contains the following information, for each time-slot in the execution (note that **EBR** actually starts to compute charge/discharge actions only after $24p$ hours):

- starting time-stamps of the current time-slot t ;
- overall home demand $d(t)$, shown both as energy and power (in kWh and kW, respectively) using **EBR**
- overall home demand $d(t)$, shown both as energy and power (in kWh and kW, respectively) using **EBR**, as computed by the EBR MILP
- overall home power demand $d(t)$, together with consumption only and production only (also in kW) without using **EBR**, i.e., without **ESS** and where **PEV** is not managed by **EBR**;
- **ESS** state of charge in t (in kWh),
- **ESS** action $a_e(t)$ computed by **EBR** for t (in kW),
- **PEV** state of charge in t (in kWh),
- **PEV** action $a_p(t)$ computed by **EBR** for t (in kW),
- **PEV** state of charge as a result of **PEV** action computed by **EBR** for t (in kWh),
- required number of hours for the **PEV** to be fully charged,
- cost of energy due to CO2 emissions (in EUR/kWh);
- cost of energy (in EUR/kWh);
- control field, may be skipped;
- power below the DAPP power profile, if present (in kW)
- power above the DAPP power profile, if present (in kW)
- lower and upper bounds of DAPP power profile, if present (in kW)
- results for predicting future h hours.