Local Village Heating in a Smart Energy Context



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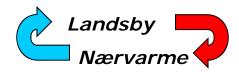




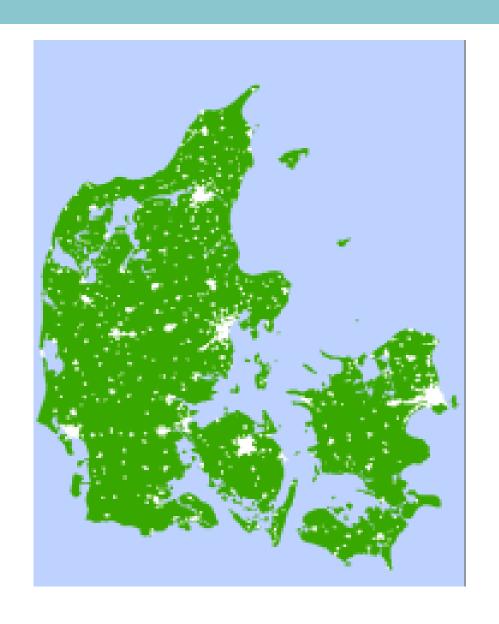


Outline

- 1. Introduction
- 2. What about future heating in rural areas
- 3. Smart ways of designing a local grid for the heat supply
- 4. Where do we get the heat from? local or remote heat sources
- 5. Planning, installation, financing and ownership
- 6. The role of smart technology in a local village heating concept
- 7. Discussion and questions



The green area is outside district heating areas







The village "Faraway"



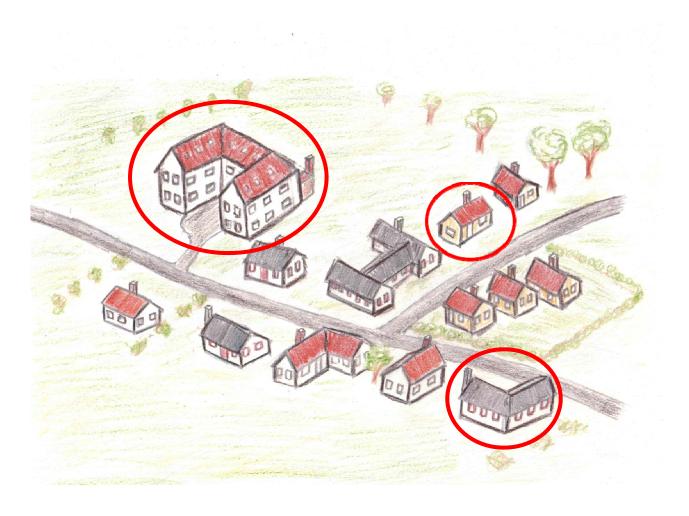
Typical heat sources:

Oil boilers & Wood pellets





Some of the residents







Injustice in the World

Some have too much....



..and some have too little!





Injustice in the World

So why don't we share?

Well:

...a connection to share heat is a little different from a WiFi connection!

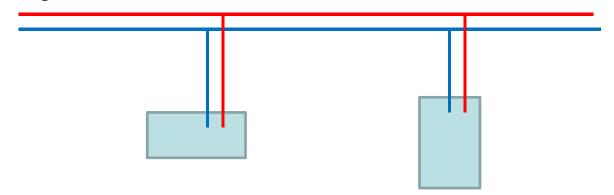
...so we have to think smart



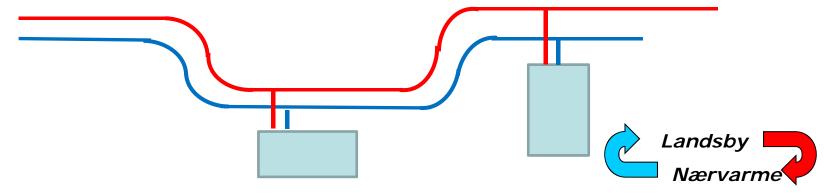
Alternative tracé for the distribution

Is is feasible to make a better tracé for the pipes than the traditional "Tree" structure?

1 Traditional: Along (under) the road and dead end at the last customer



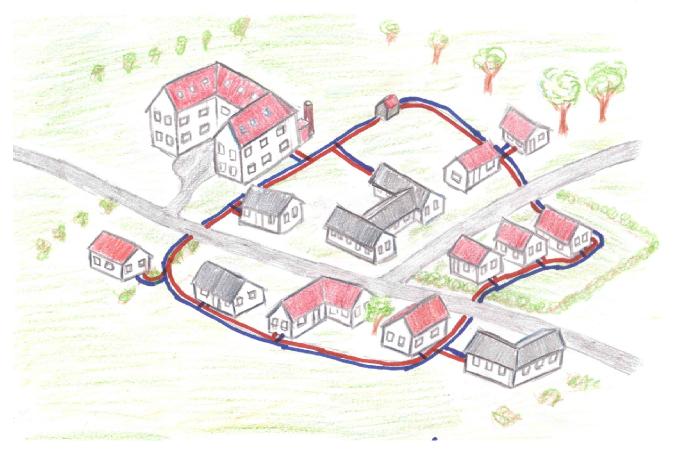
2 Alternative: Ring shaped grid installed close to the house



Heat distribution grid



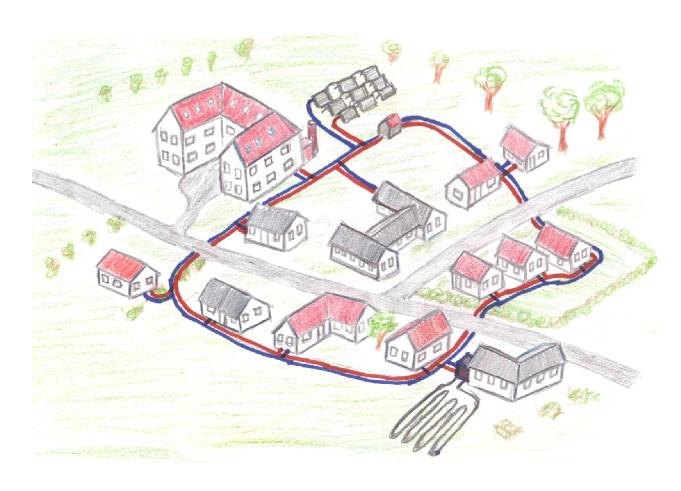
For the village Faraway a possible tracé could look like this



The point: Can we design the distribution grid in a smarter way?



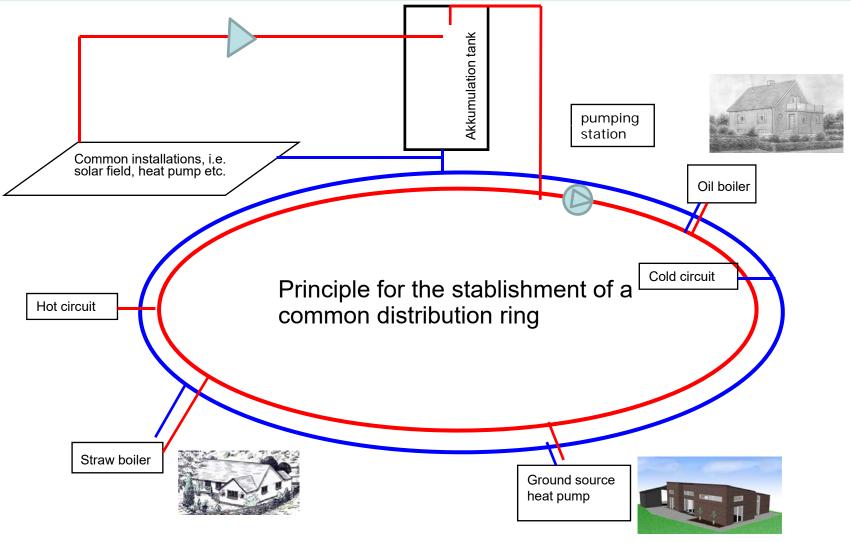
Utilising local and renewable sources







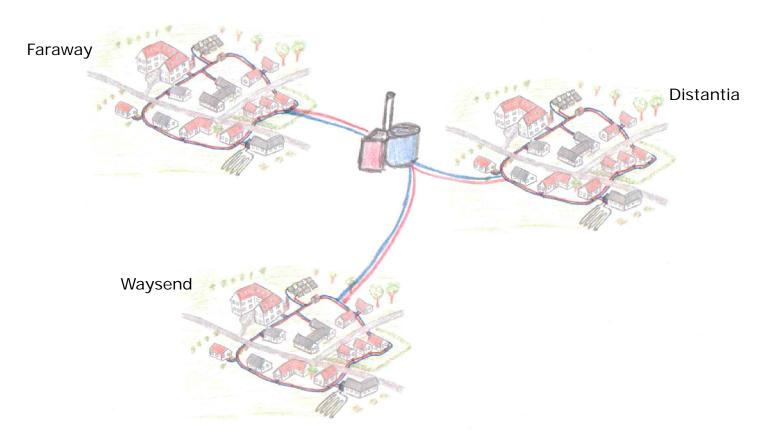
Example of the adopted concept



The house drawings illustrate what is characteristic for the village: They are different!



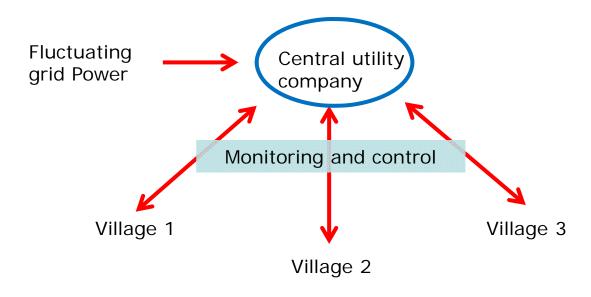
Connection of multiple clusters or villages (if applicable)







Transmission Free District Heating



Smart technology for:

-Surveillance

-Forecasting

-Operation





To make such a concept feasible, we have to be Smart

- Smart technology for "Prosumer" operation and pump control
- Utilizing the local heat sources cost- and energy effective and sustainable
- Optimised use of fluctuating grid power
- Consumption monitoring and forecasting





Key Players

Key players to make it <u>happen</u> and to make it <u>work</u>

- "Closest" utility company or municipality
- Engineering companies allow to think different!
- Smart technology for surveillance, operation and maintenance
- And not least The local residents!





Smart Technology in Local Village Heating

Thank you for your attention

Any comments or questions?

