

Customer classification based on heat load pattern recognition

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What would it mean for a utility to get a **better overview of the district heating network?**

Imagine having a possibility to find faulty substations?

What if you could visualize meter data together with your distribution network? Imagine having actual data and no more hidden databases? What if measured data could be used for **identifying distribution network efficiency?**

> What if you could identify your heat loss based on data you already have?

Digitalised District Heating



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Heat Intelligence – monitor network and locate heat losses (among other things)



DHC and smart meter data

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use of smart meter data to look into the buildings and consumer behavior:

- many substations are faulty (up to 75 %) which stresses the network and cause high heat losses
- Frequent data and automated analytical tools can provide overview of this faulty or inappropriate behavior
- Reveal what are the causes and where to optimize
- identify building characteristics and end user behavior that stresses the network most
- show the "bad" buildings on a map and point at where to prioritise ressources



- Benefits in relation to customers:
- get closer to customers
- fact based relevant dialog with cunstomers
- targeted advice and guidance
- reduce customers heating bill
- optimize network performance



Optimization of the energy distribution

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- Use of meter data to

- classify consumers depending on consumption pattern
- Input for forecasting, peak shaving, building optimization, end user behavior, calculating coincidence factors etc.
- For optimization of the distribution network





Find the buildings that stresses the network most



A building's true performance



Aggregated consumption in network subsection



Identify faulty or misadjusted substations

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Close

Heat consumption, pattern recognition, signal correlation (machine learning)

- Heating system:
 - Floor heating, radiator, both?
 - Control: Time operation, thermostat-controlled? Night setback? Well-regulated?
- Hot water:
 - Heat exchanger? Hot-water tank? Both? Well-regulated?



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20h

Heat load pattern / fingerprint for 30 customers during 1 heating season



meterid: 69714219

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Usign hourly data values for Consumption and temperature

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Integration registers from the meter are used to obtain representative values for consumption (volume) and temperature (volume weighted temperature **E8 and E9**)



Customer classification

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Understand the customers and their energy demand

Different types of customers and consumption is showed

Train a classifier for use in production planning, distribution network optimization etc.



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Thermostat regulated

Pattern recognition



Heat load pattern recognition

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Gadd, H., & Werner, S. (2013). Heat load patterns in district heating substations. Applied Energy, 108, 176–183















Labelling of dataset (1 year, hourly data from ~2700 costumers), continuous operation control





Time clock operation is classified with quite high accuracy

It is then possible to automatically identify all customers with time clock operation

Classifier automatically detects which days are showing time clock operation, e.g output for the meter shown here:

Day	TCO?
Monday	1
Tuesday	1
Wednesday	1
Thursday	1
Friday	1
Saturday	0
Sunday	0



Filtering the TCO consumers on a map



Conclusion

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75 % of all substations are faulty and subject to optimization

These can be automatically identified using hourly periodized meter data

And classified according to the type of error

Actions can be then taken accordingly

Classification is in pipeline for implementation into Heat Intelligence

13.8 °C

70.2 °C

Nordlundve

