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Decision support system for district heating network development optimization



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Summary





- Company info



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- OptiDH: Decision Support System to optimise DH networks



- Case study: analysis and results
- Conclusions





A2A Calore & Servizi: DH key numbers

Is the main player in the DH

	Network extension (pair of pipes)	Customers	Heated volumes
	(km)	(n.)	(Mm ³)
Bergamo	69	545	6
Brescia area	665	20.726	42
Milan area	281	3.109	45
Varese area	16	146	3
Total	1.031	24.526	96

Calore & Servizi sector in Italy

last update 31/12/2015

			Busine	ss Plan
OPERATING DATA ⁽¹⁾		2015	2016	2020
Heat production	GWht	984	1.186	1.242
Purchases from other business units	GWht	1.026	1.181	1.335
Purchases from third parties	GWht	287	334	440
Heat volumes sales	GWht	2.297	2.702	3.018
Electricity production from cogeneration plants	GWh	235	214	184

(1) Net of distribution losses





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The business problem (2)

Summarizing

- Huge heat demand potential
- Limiting conditions both for the production side and for transport capacity of the system

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Need to analyse and compare a lot of small areas to decide on DH development plan

As a result

- Market survey for DSS tool (network development optimization)
- > Development of an existing tool based on A2A requirements



OPTIT: who we are



Optit srl is a spinoff of the Operations Research team of the University of Bologna with the mission to develop innovative **Decision Support Systems** based on state-ofthe-art Operations Research



WHAT WE DO

IT solutions development & deployment

> Operations Research and Mathematical Modelling

Business analysis & management consulting

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Challenges in DH networks development

Urban and industrial district heating networks require significant investments, which imply a challenging planning process



- Where should the new pipes be built ...
- Which potential new customers should be acquired first ...

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Should current ones be re-contractualised?

... in order to achieve max Net Present Value?



Optimizing DH network development

Decisions require dealing with:

- large numbers of existing and potential new customers and pipings leading to a huge number of possible combinations
- Capability to assign **cost/revenue** values to every single element of the network
- The network must respect complex thermohydraulic constraints



Optit's solution is an innovative decision support system, based on GIS technology, to generate and analyse strategic and commercial development scenarios of district heating networks









(*) Multiple networks can be managed as separate instances

Configuration of scenario and parameters

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Scenario optimization: what if analysis of a new development area



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Examples of optimization results



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Case study (1)



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Case study (4)



System with new customers total power limitation

	Results		
isualizzazione risultati			
Versione confronto: 1 - Nuova istanza (V	IRTUALE)		
Parametri input			
Parametro	10_Simulazione con LIMITE POTENZA dana		
Massimo investimento nuovi allacciamenti (
Massima potenza nuovi allacciamenti (MW)	4		
Pressione massima della rete (bar)	16		
Pressione minima della rete (bar)	15		
Orizzonte temporale (anni)	20		
Tariffa assegnata ai clienti potenziali	Tariffa STD 🗡		
Parametri output	10. Simulation on UNITE DOTENTA de		
Parametro	10_SIMULAZIONE CON LIMITE POTENZA da		
Num tot potenziali gruppo di riferimento	29 ^		
Potenza tot potenziali gruppo di riferiment	7.213,01		
VAN complessivo (E)	666.740		
Potenza totale nuovi dienti (kW).	3 900 5		
Ricavo puovi allacciamenti (valore attuale)	1.918.920 ×		
	Esporta risultati Reset Chiudi		















Conclusions



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Key benefits of OptiDH

- Support for development / investment decisions (long term) enabling effective multiple scenario generation and analysis
- Commercial campaigns: choice of next best customers (medium to short term) that maximise return
- Solution provides scenarios to maximise Net Present Value, i.e. balance between CAPEX, OPEX and Turnover
- Solutions incorporate both commercial and tactical rationales, leading to more effective internal processes



Questions or comments?



Thank you for your attention

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