USE OF MEASUREMENTS IN DH SYSTEMS

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- Data for DH consumption has been collected for a long time
- Intelligent meters opens frequent meter readings and therefore higher resolution
- Now also data from individual household consumption is collected by the ministry

• So – lots of data available – what can it be used for?





- Green development
- Fossilfree electricity and heating sector by 2035
- Fossilfree energy system 2050
- ... leads to discussing
- Energy savings of all kinds also heating
 - Invest in energy savings
 - Zero-energy houses
 - Efficient production of heating etc.
- Mainly focus has been on consumption (households) and production/transmission (DH company)



IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE ON ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN BUILDINGS

- Data from FIE-database (Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs)
- Yearly data for heat consumption for
 - District heating
 - Oil consumption
 - Gas consumption
- Purpose of analysing this data is to develop tools to be used by members of the Danish District Heating Association
- Challenges with data:
 - Missing data for electricity consumption for heating and individual biomass heating solutions
 - Yearly resolution
 - Periodicity



COMPARISON FIE AND BBR







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OIL SUPPLY IN 2012

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OIL CONSUMPTION KWH/M2





BACK TO DH: FROM DH COMPANY TO HOUSEHOLD

- DH Users/costumers has traditionally not had so much focus on the district heating unit installed
- District heating companies are focused to optimize production
 - And minimize loss in the transmission system
- Users has focused on energy savings such as isolating, reduce water and electricity consumption and sometimes supplement heating by other sources



USE OF FREQUENT MEASUREMENTS

- Partners: DFF-EDB, DFP, Grøn Energi, District Heating Companies, DTU??
- The project is to
 - analyse frequent meter data,
 - develop predictions
 - develop decision support systems based on data and predictions

• This is not unique – plenty of applications exists

- Challenge: Find suitable theory and apply this to district heating
- Next challenge: Implement this for households in 460 district heating companies



SUGGESTED PROJECT

- Increased knowledge on heat consumption
 - Improve information to consumers and knowledge on consumption patterns
- Better models for heat consumption in a household
 - Current model build on degree days and could be improved
 - If better models exists it will be possible to improve DH system management and run the system with less buffer
- Monitor the system
 - Make warnings if there is a sudden change (leak)
 - Also give a warning if something is drifting
- Consumer savings
 - Give consumers more insight into what to improve to make savings
- Possible business opportunity for district heating companies





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