



District Heating Transmission Line Planning With Redundancy Constraints

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Introduction: Why having a tool for DH grid planning?

- Objective of Art. 14 EED: identify potentials for increasing energy efficiency through cogeneration, DHC and the utilization of excess heat sources
- 78% of the total EU28 heat demand originates from dense urban areas
- Reaching a DH market share of 50% in EU's is economically feasible.
- However, the share of district heating in EU28 residential heat consumption has remained around 12% from 1990 to 2015.
- Reason: Lack of knowledge and data about the DH system can result in higher uncertainties about the implementation of this technology.
- We need data and models for supporting decision makers for taking necessary steps.



Introduction: Start planning a DH system in pre-feasibility phase

Urban areas & heat consumption

 For planning DH system, we should have a perspective to the urban areas and distribution of heat consumers and available heat sources.

Heat demand density map

Heat demand densit

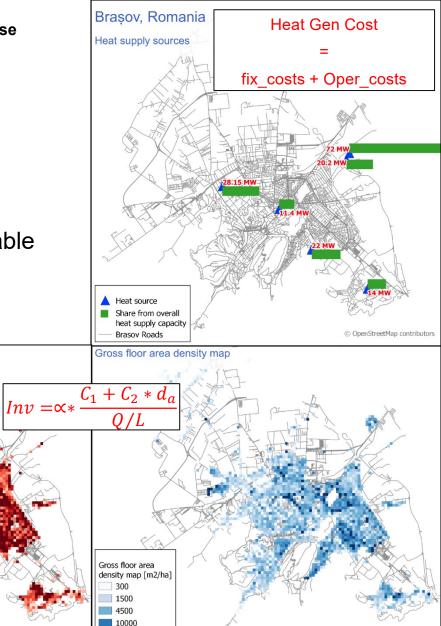
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[MWh/ha] 0-10



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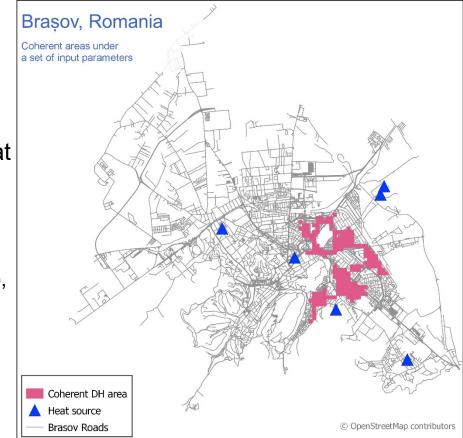
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Determine potential DH areas (coherent DH areas)

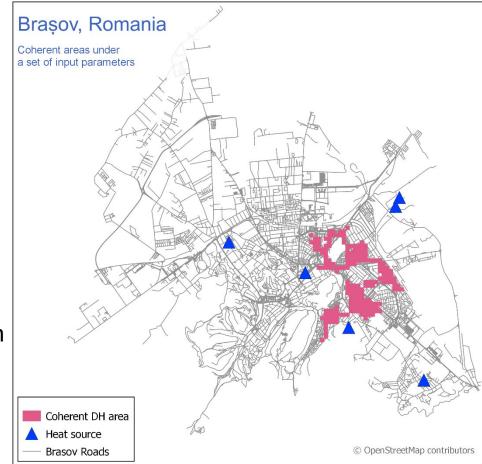
- Annualized specific investment cost per unit of delivered heat in each pixel
- Economic parameters: available capital for investment, interest rate, investment period, grid cost ceiling, construction cost constant & coefficient
- Other parameters: connection rate, energy saving, heat demand, plot ratio
- Priority of coherent areas with higher heat demand.
- Conditions:
 - Distribution grid cost ceiling (EUR/MWh),
 - Available capital for investment in <u>grid</u> (Million EUR)

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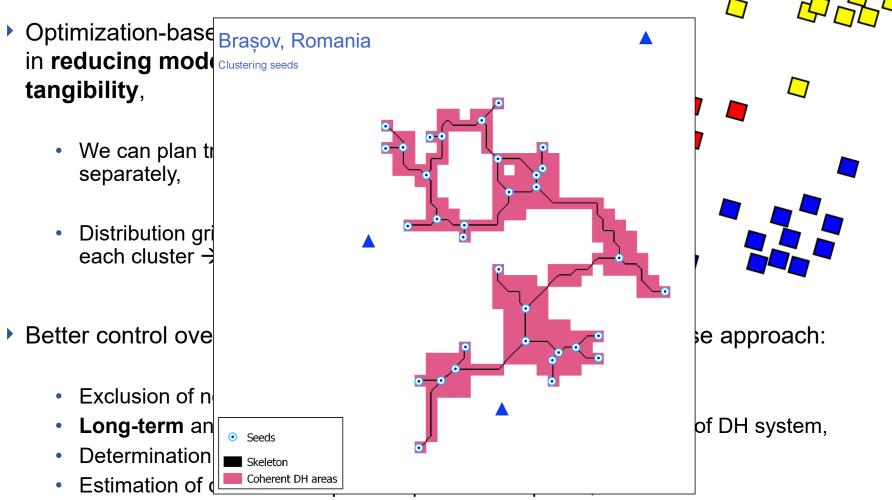
Research questions

- Is implementation of DH in all potential DH areas economically viable?
- Which one of the available heat sources should be use?
- How much of their capacity is used?
- Which routes and capacities should be used for transmission lines? How much do they cost?
- What happens if one of the supply units is unavailable?





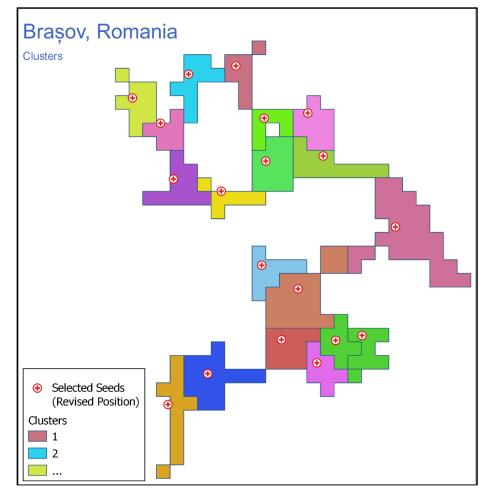
Clustering in coherent areas for answering to research questions





Clustering model

- Criteria:
 - Sum of the heat supplied by DH in a cluster must be:
 - greater than user-defined lower band (here, 6.3 GWh/a),
 - lower than user-defined upper band (here, 17 GWh/a, For dense areas).
 - To have a uniform set of clusters.
 - Decided based on connection rate and local conditions.
 - Each pixel must belong to **only one cluster**.
- Objective:
 - Sum of distances of all pixels from their cluster center should be minimized





Optimization model – Inputs

- Distance matrix
 - The distance between all pairs of **cluster centroids** and **sources** are calculated using **Open Street Map** routes (all routes except private ones).
- Heat sources
 - Cost function
 - Availability (n-1 condition with a user-defined power availability)
- Distribution grid costs (<u>currently the values come from Persson et al. method</u>)
- Heat sale price
- Available pipeline dimensions and heat volume that can be transferred by them
- Heat loss level in the grid
- Peak load factor



Optimization model – Objective & expected outputs

MILP optimization

• The objective of the MILP optimization model is:

Maximising the heat sale profit at 100% availability of all sources

$$Max Profit = R_{HeatSale} - C_{HeatGen} - C_{Grid}$$

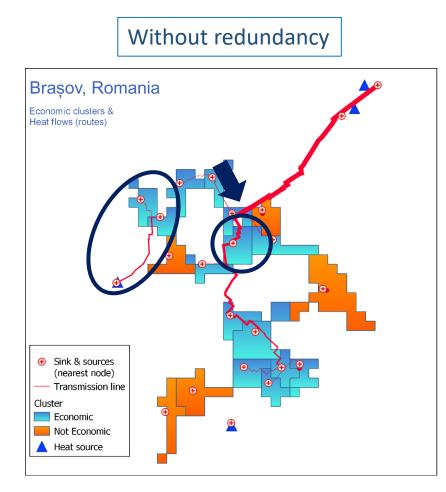
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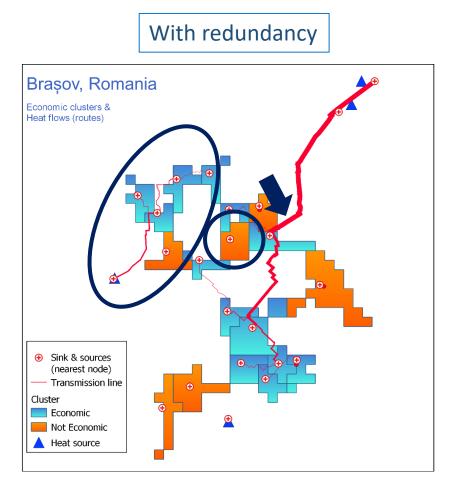
- Find economic clusters
- Determine the required sources
- Determine the transmission lines routes
- Determine the transmission lines dimensions



Results

Economic clusters, heat flow direction & capacities

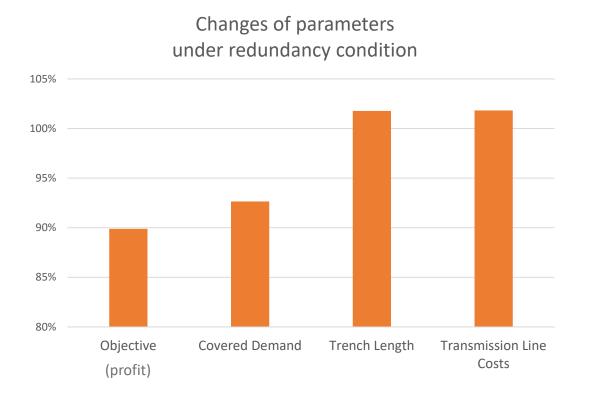






Results

Summary of Results





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Limitations & next steps

- Current limitations:
 - It is assumed that grids operate at the same temperature level.
 - Heat losses are not function of pipe length and dimension.
 - Line costs are aggregation of field work, pipe work, materials, and digging. Therefore, in case of common routes for two pipes, digging costs are calculated twice.
 - Also distance matrix used in model considers distances between cluster centers.
 → over-estimation in model
 - Is recalculated after model calculation
 - CO2 emissions should also be considered in the calculation.



Conclusions

- The proposed method:
 - Leads to reduced model complexity and increased tangibility by:
 - introduction of DH coherent areas,
 - optimization-based clustering,
 - Enables us for:
 - Transmission line planning under redundancy constraint,
 - Systematic planning (roll out phases) for extension and expansion of the DH grid,
 - Determination of profitable areas for starting the implementation,
 - Excluding non-profitable areas,
 - Estimation of costs and required capital in each phase,
- As expected, redundancy constraint reduces revenue and decrease DH coverage.
- To reflect a better cost estimation, the limitations should be removed in the next updates.







Thank you for your attention!

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DH Distribution Costs

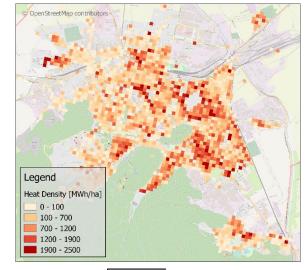
- Input GIS layers:
 - Heat demand density map (HDM) 1ha resolution
 - Plot ratio map 1ha resolution

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- For each pixel of HDM in each year within the investment period, the followings should be calculated:
 - Annual heat demand (D_t) based on the expected accumulated energy saving (S),
 - Annual heat supply via DH system (Q_t) depending on the market shares (MS₀ & MS_m),
 - Annualized specific investment cost per unit of delivered heat: according to Persson & Werner** (audit were performed in 83 cities in DE, NL, FR, BE on over 1700 networks.

$$Inv = \propto * \frac{C_1 + C_2 * d_a}{Q/L}$$



$$D_{t} = D_{0} \cdot \sqrt[m]{(1-S)^{t}}$$

$$0 \le S \le 1 \quad ; \quad t \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., m\}$$

$$Q_{t} = D_{t} \cdot \left[MS_{0} + t \cdot \frac{MS_{m} - MS_{0}}{m}\right]$$

$$L = 1 / w = 1 / (61.8 \cdot e^{-0.15})$$
 [m]

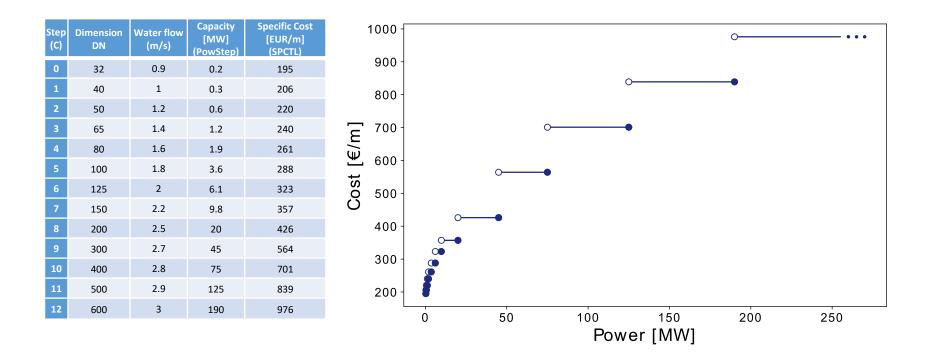
$$d_a = 0.0486 \cdot \ln (Q_t / L) + 0.0007$$
 [m]

$$Inv_{T} = \frac{C_{1,T} + C_{2,T} \cdot d_{a}}{\left(\sum_{t=0}^{m} \frac{Q_{T+t}}{(1+r)^{t}} + \sum_{t=m+1}^{n} \frac{Q_{T+m}}{(1+r)^{t}}\right) / L}$$
 [€/GJ]



Transmission Line Dimensions

Total cost of transmission pipes including projecting, field work, pipe work, materials, and digging with 55°C temperature difference*.



* Nielsen S, Möller B. GIS based analysis of future district heating potential in Denmark. Energy 2013;57:458-68. doi:10.1016/j.energy.2013.05.041.



Clustering

- For clustering, the number and location of center points of clusters are important.
- A skeleton of the DH areas is calculated and all cross-sections and end-points are considered candidate seeds for constituting clusters.
- In a clustering model, best seeds and consequently, clusters are determined with conditions on heat demand of clusters.
- Transmission lines transfer heat from sources to the center of clusters. Subsequently, the heat is distributed within the clusters via distribution grids. 18

