Residential heat consumption analysis towards 4th generation district heating: An econometric approach for Viborg district heating in Denmark

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## Introduction

- Lowering DH temperature moving towards 4GDH
- Lowering consumption in residential buildings

#### **Research Question**

To what extent do the tariff prices, supply and return temperature have an impact on the consumption pattern of residential district heating consumers?

Main focus is on demand side

- Heat consumption analysis/behavior of end users/smart meter Case Study
- Viborg Distric heating



# Viborg DH



- Population 96,000(40,000 live in Viborg)
- The Heat of Viborg DH produced by Viborg CHP
- Viborg DH (1953) is distributor and consumers owned company
- 16,000 houses and companies are connected to Viborg DH

#### <u>Total Tariff</u>

#### Fixed expenses (DKK/m2)

- Maintenance and distribution system
- Employees
- Meter rent

#### Variable expenses ( DKK/kWh)

- Purchase of heat
- Losses in pipes
- Water treatment

Motivation tariff

• Since 2002



# Methodology

### Case study

- 100 residential houses (random,anonymized)
- Daily data for one year (2018,kWh)

#### Data Processing

- Data collection
- Correspondence data gathering technique
- Data sorting and cleaning
- Data analysis

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### Econometric model

- Log transformation of Cobb-Douglas function
- Variance inflation factor (VIF)
- P-value (0.05)

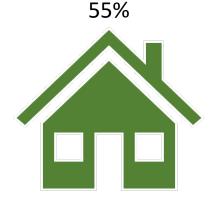
### Tools

- MS Excel
- MATLAB software R2018b





## **Characteristics of Segmented Zones**







Motivation Zone	Building Age Category	No. of Buildings	Average Age Average Size		Average Motivation	Average Supply Temp.	Average Return Temp.	
			(years)	(m²)	(%) of Total Bill	(°C)	(°C)	
	1850 - 1930	1	92	153	-1.71%	64	33	
Bonus Zone	1931 - 1950	8	77	145	-2.77%	64	31	
	1951 - 1960	8	62	114	-1.27%	63	34	
	1961 - 1972	13	52	156	-1.95%	63	33	
	1973 - 1978	13	43	145	-2.01%	59	34	
	1979 - 1985	5	35	101	-2.03%	57	34	
	1986 - 1998	3	29	125	-1.35%	59	35	
	1999 - 2006	3	15	123	-2.51%	60	33	
	2007 - 2011	1	10	159	-0.07%	60	37	

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	1850 - 1930	2	94	102		65	39	
	1931 - 1950	7	80	122		66	36	
	1951 - 1960	5	62	116		65	37	
	1961 - 1972	12	53	135		64	37	
	1973 - 1978	5	42	152		63	37	
	1979 - 1985	3	35	111		59	39	
	1986 - 1998	1	31	114	-	61	38	
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	1850 - 1930	1	115	237	1.64%	67	41	
	1931 - 1950	1	73	124	3.23%	62	47	
Penalty Zone	1951 - 1960	2	62	162	0.69%	60	43	
	1961 - 1972	6	53	159	0.85%	65	42	
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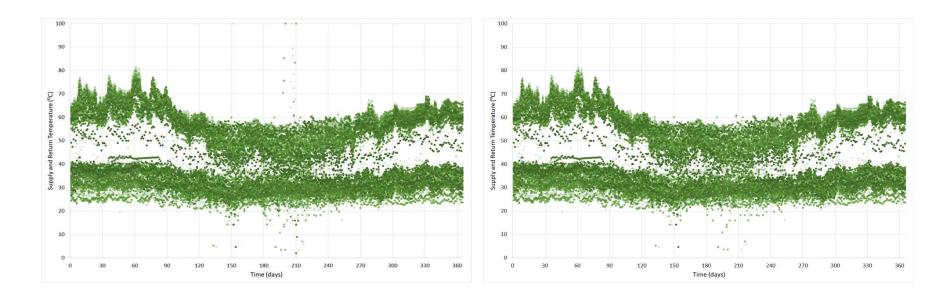






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## **Outlier Detection and Rectification**





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# Results



 $\ln HC_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln SP_t + \beta_2 \ln RE_t + e$ 

VIF VVV P-Value VVV

Regression Statistics	Bonus Zone	Neutral Zone	Penalty Zone
R Square	0.807523463	0.749611578	0.682340816
Adjusted R Square	0.807503715	0.749571468	0.682162004
Observations	19496	12488	3556





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# Results



Supply Temperature Changes	-50%	-40%	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Heat Consumption Changes (Bonus Zone)	0.00%	0.02%	0.06%	0.17%	0.43%	1.00%	2.15%	4.32%	8.20%	14.86%	25.83%
Heat Consumption Changes (Neutral Zone)	0.00%	0.02%	0.06%	0.18%	0.44%	1.00%	2.08%	4.06%	7.52%	13.29%	22.58%
Heat Consumption Changes (Penalty Zone)	0.01%	0.02%	0.07%	0.19%	0.45%	1.00%	2.04%	3.92%	7.15%	12.46%	20.91%
Return Temperature Changes	-50%	-40%	-30%	-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Heat Consumption Changes (Bonus Zone)	1.12%	1.09%	1.06%	1.04%	1.02%	1.00%	0.98%	0.97%	0.96%	0.95%	0.93%
Heat Consumption Changes (Neutral Zone)	0.57%	0.66%	0.75%	0.83%	0.92%	1.00%	1.08%	1.16%	1.24%	1.31%	1.39%
Heat Consumption Changes (Penalty Zone)	0.86%	0.90%	0.93%	0.95%	0.98%	1.00%	1.02%	1.04%	1.06%	1.08%	1.09%

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# Conclusion

- Heat consumption shows a stronger reaction to changes in supply temperate for all the motivational zones
- The heat consumption has little reaction to changes in the return temperature
- Neutral zone shows more sensitivity to heat consumption with respect to the changes in return temperature in comparison to the bonus and penalty zones



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