ADVANCED DATA ANALYTICS FOR FAULT DETECTION AND OPTIMIZED OPERATION IN DISTRICT ENERGY CONCEPTS

On the use of semantics, machine learning and optimization



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Current situation Transformation of energy supply systems for districts



- Raising complexity of energy supply infrastructures
- Limited manpower for the operation phase of buildings and districts
- Need for new concepts for energy optimized districts enabling:
 - the integration of a high amount of local renewable energy
 - interactions between people, buildings and heating and power networks

We need digital methods to increase the degree of automation in the operational management of buildings



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Optimization

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Semantic interoperability Foundation to take benefit of data

- Data amount and availability in buildings are steadily increasing
- Ideally, this data should be structured on the basis of standardized data models:
 - to interoperate heterogeneous applications
 - to process data automatically
- In reality:
 - It often looks like that:











Semantic interoperability Solution pathways

- Unified semantics as base to cope with existing systems and to automate analysis
- Enable the usage of BIM and Ontologies
- Labeling of systems
 - 1. Building
 - 2. Zone
 - 3. System
 - 4. Subsystem_1
 - 5. Subsystem_2
 - 6. Medium
 - 7. Position
 - 8. Kind
 - 9. Datapoint

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Available data points: BUI_WERK_WTH_ _ _ OA_ _MEA_T BUI_WERK_WC.H_ _ _HW_SUP.SEC_MEA_T BUI_WERK_WC.H_ _ _HW_RET.SEC_MEA_T BUI_WERK_WC.H.NO_PU _ _HW_SUP.SEC_SIG_CTRLSIG





Semantic interoperability Solution pathways



Automated identification of sensor types through meta data inference



Combined Machine learning architecture



Semantic interoperability Solution pathways

- Semantics as base for automatization
- Automatically trigger simple checking rules

$$T_{SUP,PuON} = T_{SUP} (PU_{SIG} > 0)$$

$$T_{SUP,PuOFF} = T_{SUP} (PU_{SIG} = 0)$$

if $T_{SUP,PuOFF} > T_{SUP,PuON}$:

fault = True



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Fault Detection and Diagnostics Principle



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Fault Detection and Diagnostics Methods







Optimization

Fault Detection and Diagnostics Clustering

- Density-based clustering (DBSCAN)
- Training on error-free data -> data are assigned to clusters
- Outliers correspond to incorrect data





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Fault Detection and Diagnostics Qualitative models

- Approximate description of system behavior
- Use of qualitative values e.g. "a lot" or "little"
- The qualitative behavior of the process is represented by a quantized system





Fault Detection and Diagnostics Qualitative models

Optimization Diagnostics Semantics

Example: fault detection in supply temperature of thermal activated slabs





Fault Detection and Diagnostics Method combination and feedback system



- Use of two complementary methods (e.g. clustering and decision trees)
- Continuous user feedback is used to adapt the methods







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Fault Detection and Diagnostics Method combination and feedback system

Benefits:

- Initially only error-free training data necessary
- Expert knowledge can be integrated
- Error detection improves during use
 - Required feedback decreases





Fault Detection and Diagnostics Example Rathaus im Stühlinger - Freiburg



Very precise detection of increased supply air temperatures in an AHU by learning from user feedback



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Semantics







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Conclusion and outlook

- Digital methods are key enabler for energy and cost efficiency in complex disctrict and building energy systems
- Unified data models and semantics are essential to inter-operate complex systems
- Analytics methods and connectivity technologies are mature for implementation and test in field
- New business and incentives models need to be developed to enable scalable solutions with high replication potential



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