Master Thesis
Literature research, Programming and Simulation

Energy consumer behavior in renewable energy systems
Keywords: Energy consumption, renewable energies, community

Conditions:

Duration: 6 months
Requirements: Strong MATLAB knowledge
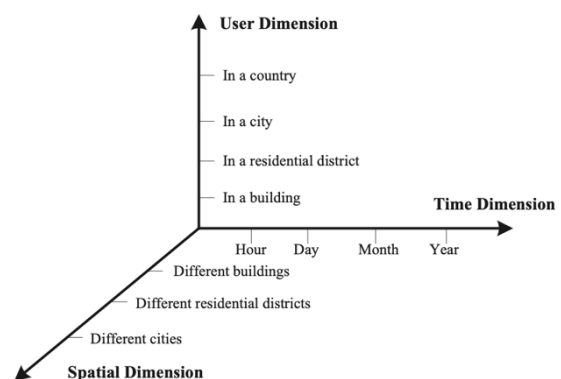Language: English
Target group: Master students

Contents:

In recent years, there has been a growing global interest in renewable energy resources such as solar and wind. This interest is driven by concerns about climate change, air pollution, energy security, and the desire for sustainable and clean energy alternatives. Because of this, an increasing focus appeared for understanding how consumers make decisions related to renewable energy consumption, and the factors influencing consumers choices.

Different dimensions of household energy consumption behavior. [Zhou et al., 2016]

In this work, the primary objective is to employ simulations-based methods to develop models that represent different types of consumers, such as residential households, businesses, or industrial facilities. These models simulate how these consumers make decisions regarding their renewable energy consumption through the time. By adressing the key factors that influence energy consumers within the community, which may include economic considerations, weather conditions, and social influence. The focus to solve the mentioned problem in this work will be by using machine learning approaches.

The goals/steps of this work are:

- Based on literatur review: Defining the different existing research, theories, and models related to consumer behavior in renewable energy community systems
- Based on literature review: Refining the different features for energy consumers in communities
- Determining data requirements for the simulation (may include data on renewable energies, energy loads, consumer demographics, energy prices, policy incentives, and market dynamics.)
- Generating methods and models using machine learning to adress the problem
- Simulation and comparison of the methods using MATLAB/Simulink
- Evaluation and validation of the developed methods using real datasets

Complete and detailed documentation/presentation of the research results

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