

# Load Forecasting Analysis in Power Distribution Networks and usefulness for Electricity Market

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# Introducing Data Science to the Power Engineer

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# Bachelor Power Engineering

Autumn'23	Spring'24	Autumn'24	Spring'25	Autumn '25	Spring'26
Digital Systems	Math1	Math2	Statistics	Electrical Machines	Project
Electronics1	Physics1	Physics2	Chemistry	HVAC	Thesis
Low Voltage		PLS	Hydro Power	HVDC	
OOP		Electric security	Electric Power System	Math3	
Python	Electronics2				

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Subjects containing programming

# Introduction: Research Area

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# Research Area: Machine Learning in Smart Systems

i)  
Urban Area Load Forecasting

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Network Capacity Planning

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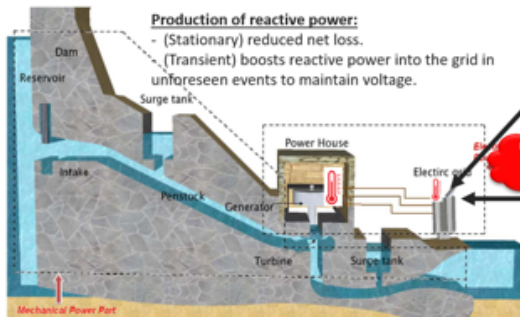
## Reactive power exchange – voltage control

### Absorption of reactive power:

- maintain the voltage profile and protect transformers against overvoltage.

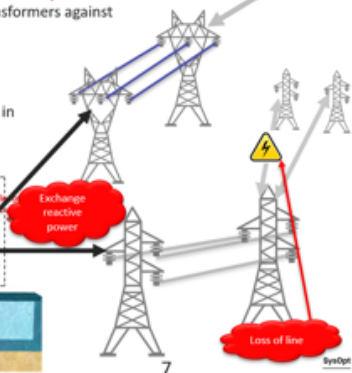
### Production of reactive power:

- (Stationary) reduced net loss.
- (Transient) boosts reactive power into the grid in unforeseen events to maintain voltage.



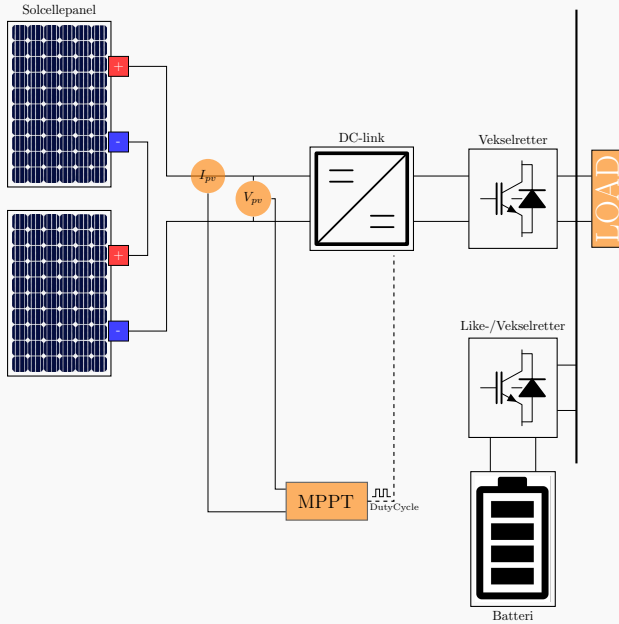
Flexible hydropower generator? 

Challenges:  
more variable and less  
controllable wind and solar  
power

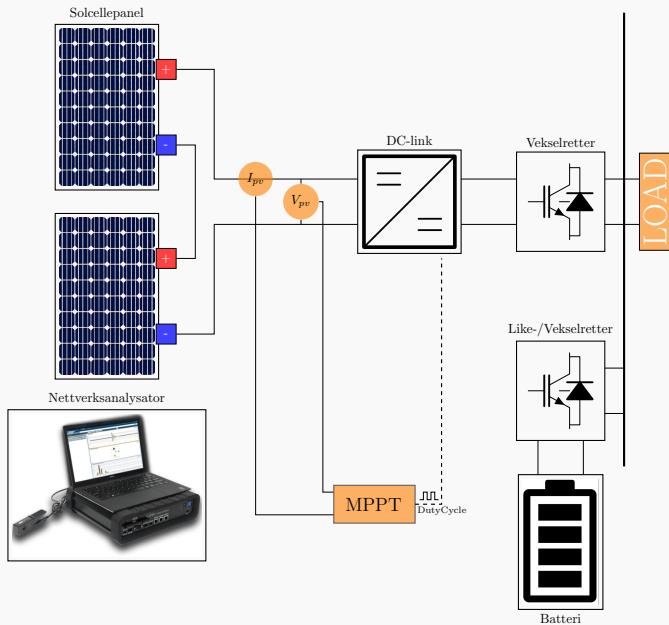




# Next-Step Lab



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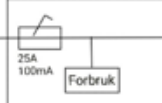
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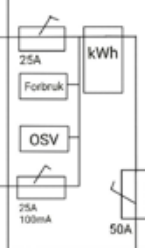
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## Underfordeling garasje



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## Hovedsikringskap



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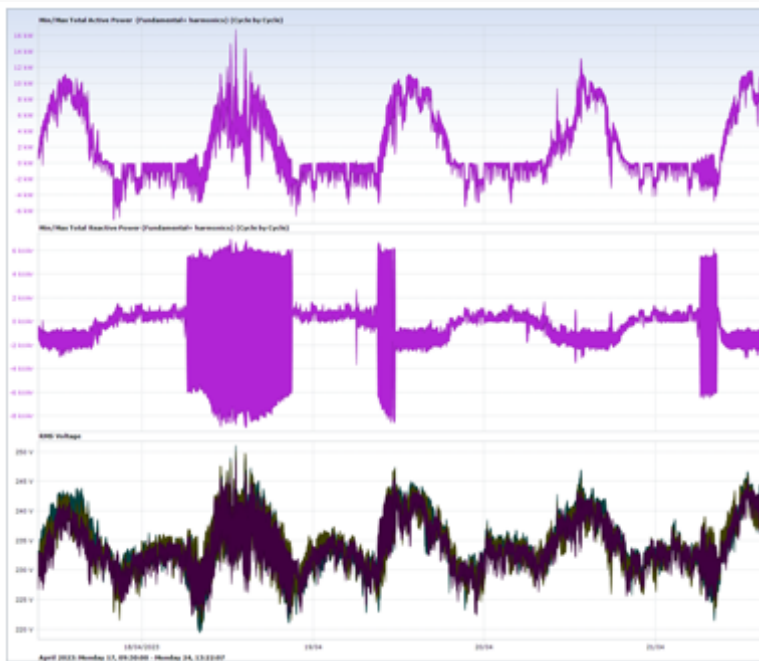
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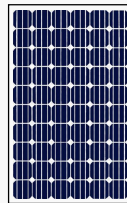
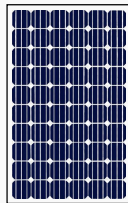
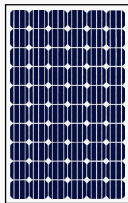
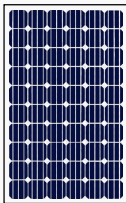
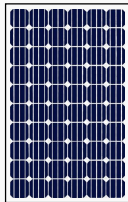
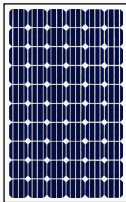
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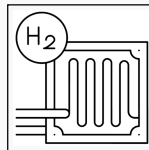
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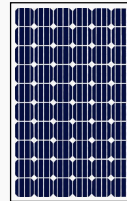
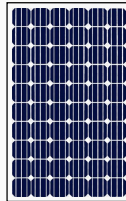
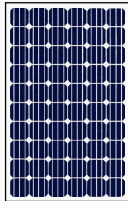
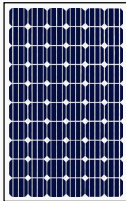
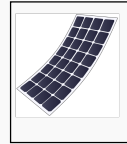
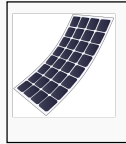
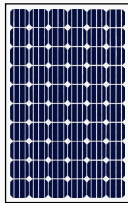
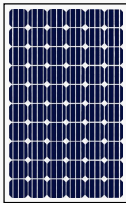


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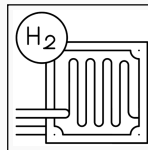
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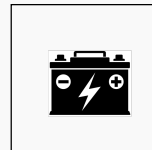
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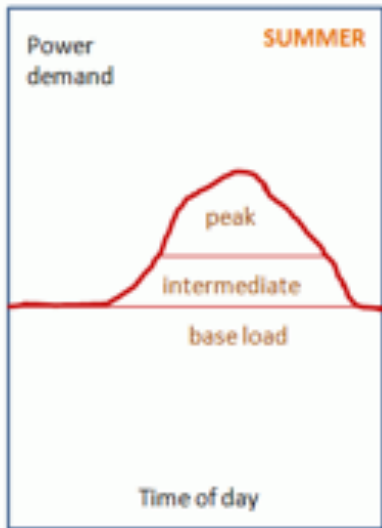
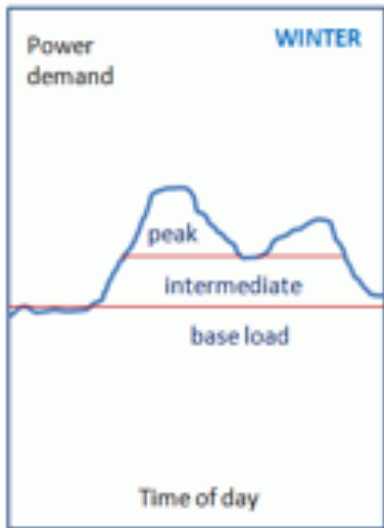


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# Load Forecasting Analysis

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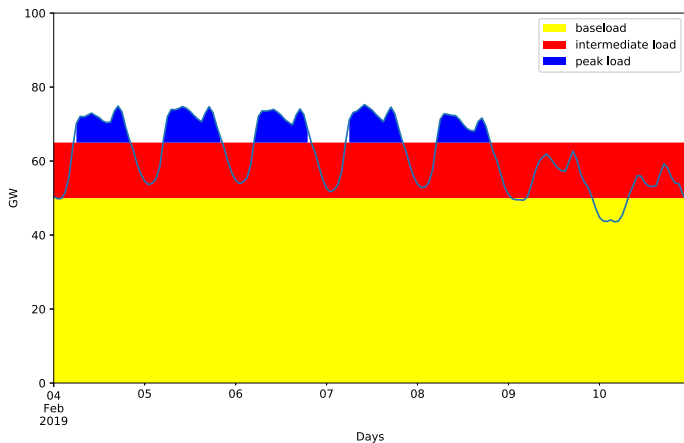


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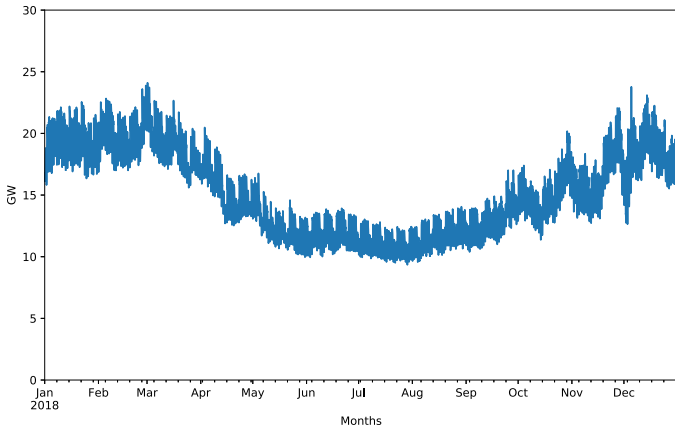


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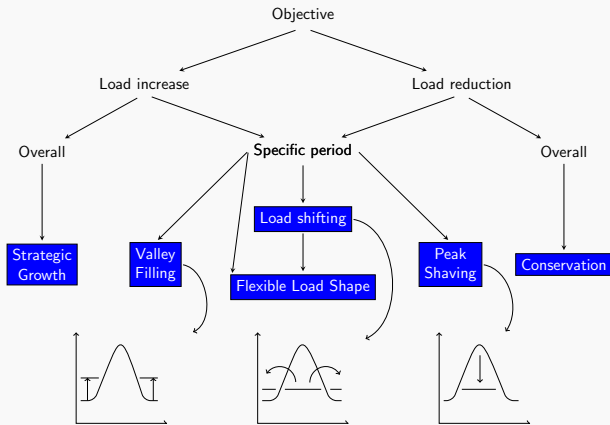
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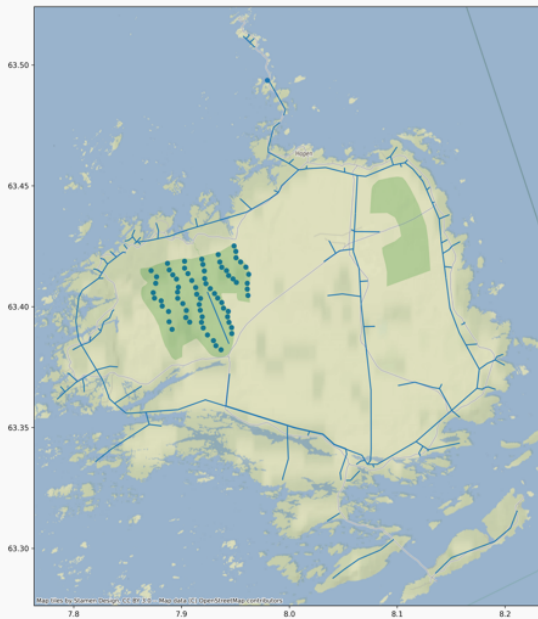
# Flexible Load Shapes



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# Power Distribution Network

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NVE Nedlasting av fagdata fra NVE

1 Data 2 **Format** 3 Kontaktinfo 4 Oppsummer og bestill

Velg kartformat  
GeoJSON v1.0 (.geojson) ?

Velg koordinatsystem  
Geografiske koordinater WGS84 - bredde-/lengdegrader ?

Velg utvalgsmetode  
Overlapper ?

Velg dekningsområde  
Kommune ?

Smøla ✕ smøla

Figure 2: Downloadable Geographical information system (GIS) from The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE)

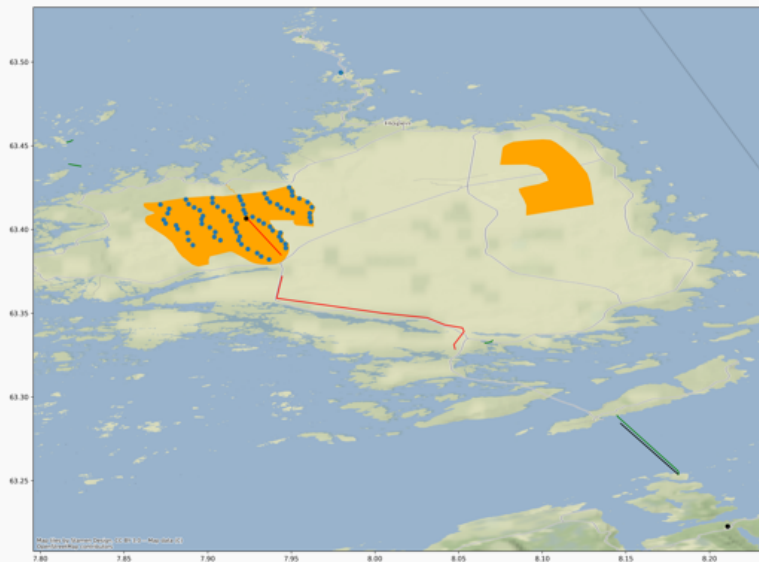
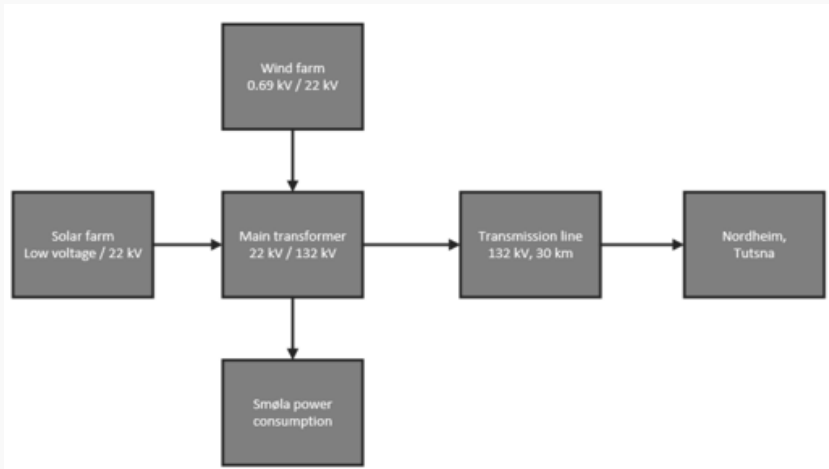


Figure 3: Transmission system to mainland

# System overview



**Figure 4:** System overview from generation at Smøla to Transformer at Nordheim Tutsna



# Feature Engineering

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## Feature Engineering: Important influences on Load Pattern

i)  
Time

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Time

**ii)**  
Weather

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Time

**ii)**

Weather

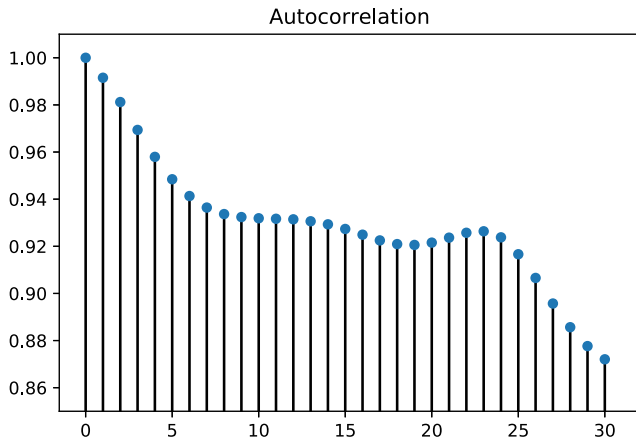
**iii)**

Random Effects

$$\rho_k(t) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (y_t - \hat{y}) \sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (y_{t+k} - \hat{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (y_t - \hat{y})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (y_{t+k} - \hat{y})^2}} \quad (1)$$

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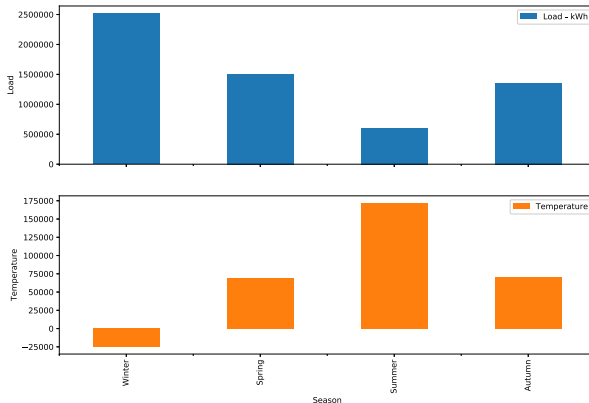
$$\rho_{xy}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{x}) \sum_{i=1}^n (y_{i-t} - \hat{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_{i-t} - \hat{y})^2}} \quad (2)$$

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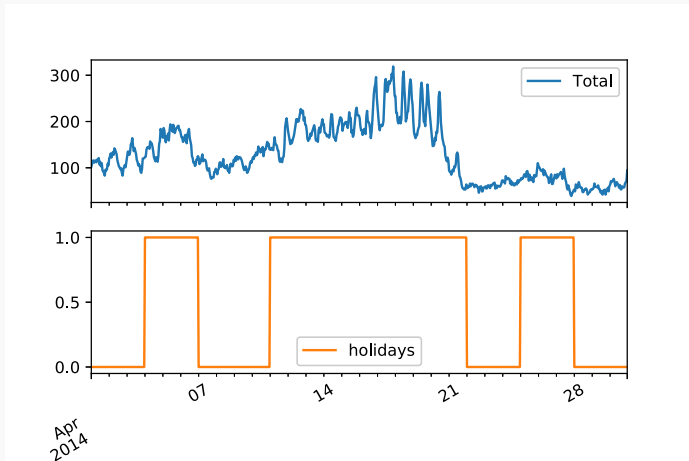


# Seasons-plot



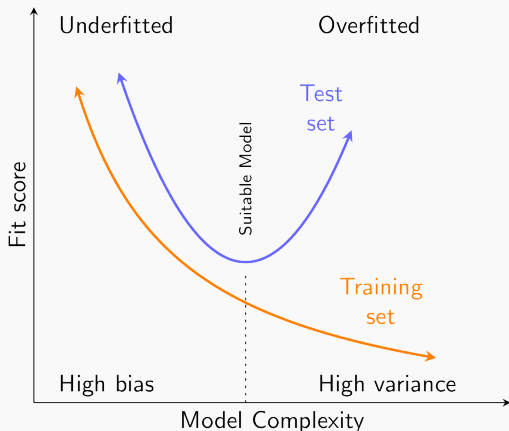
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# Bias vs. variance trade off



P. Bacher and H. Madsen, "Identifying suitable models for the heat dynamics of buildings," *Energy and Buildings*, vol. 43, no. 7, pp. 1511 – 1522, 2011

# Demand Side Management and Electricity Markets

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**Innlegg** Nils Jakob Johannesen

## Hva kan vi lære av Texas-krisen?

Delstaten Texas opplevde katastrofe etter rekordlave temperaturer og rekord i strømforbruket. Smarte nettverk er løsningen i fremtiden.



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● I Texas feier minusgradene til krise i strømforsyningen. Høyt strømforbruk kombinert med at deler av strømproduksjonen har kollapset, er noe av forklaringen. Fleksibel kraftdistribusjon og smarte nettverk er viktig for styring av fremtidens strømnett.

Problemene i Texas var en ventet hendelse, værutsiktene lå an til rekordlave temperaturer, og rekord i strømforbruket var ventet mandag morgen. En varsel krise kommer sjeldent alene, og i covid-19 tider er strømforsyning til utsatte grupper prekkert. Mandag nådde strømtoppen 69 GW. Til sammenligning nådde vi i Norge rekord-topp den 12. februar i år, på 25 GW.

Da denne toppen ble nådd mandag satte Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) i gang sin "Emergency Alert 3", som tvang kraftforsyningselskaperne til å rotere på kraften. Southwest Power Pool instruerte sine strømprodusenter til å gjøre kontrollerte stans i strømmen for å sikre strømforsyningen.

Brown-outs ble gjort, for å forhindre black-outs. Brown-out er alle en kraftbrot,



1 Millioner av innbyggere i Texas mistet strømmen da vinterstormen Uri rammet delstaten. Foto: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images/AFP/NTB

om 30 GW av forsyningskapasiteten satt ut av spill som følge av snø, is og kulde. Blant annet står vindturbiner og kjernekraftverk stille. Backup generatorer i gass- og kullkraftverk er oppkalt. Cogen er også kom-

melig nok er også nettsiden til ERCOT nede, men noe informasjon slipper på Twitter. På Twitter var også Texas-governør Greg Abbott, der han varsler full etterforskning av ERCOT.

## Los Angeles Times

CALIFORNIA

### A text asked millions of Californians to save energy. They paid heed, averting blackouts



After narrowly avoiding blackouts, California faces another bruising test of its power grid Thursday as a heat wave smothering the region builds, driving temperatures to dangerous levels. (Eric Thayer / Bloomberg via Getty Images)

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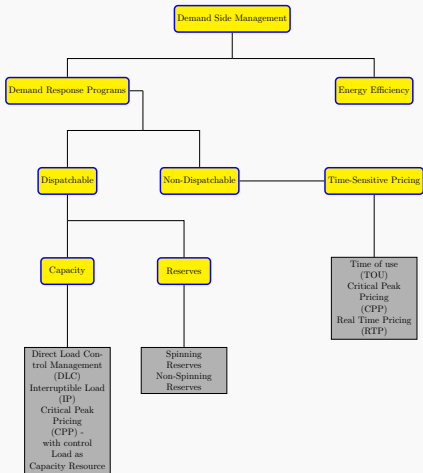
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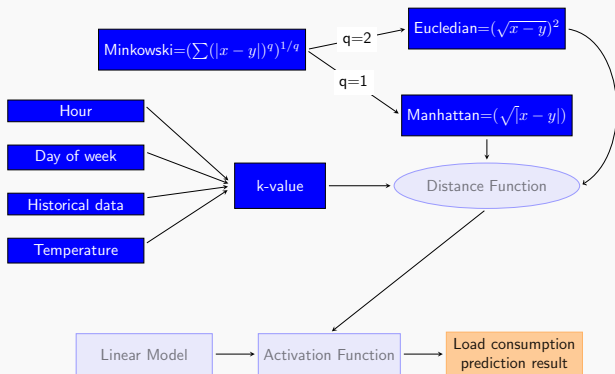
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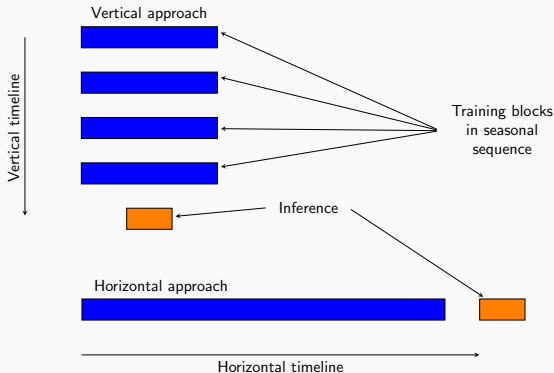
# Regression Model



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# Vertical Approach



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Season	Months		
Season 1	December	January	February
Season 2	March	April	May
Season 3	June	July	August
Season 4	September	October	November

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**Table 1:** Seasons

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$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}| \quad (3)$$

$$SMAPE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{|y_i - \hat{y}|}{(|y_i| + |\hat{y}|)/2} \right) * 100 \quad (4)$$

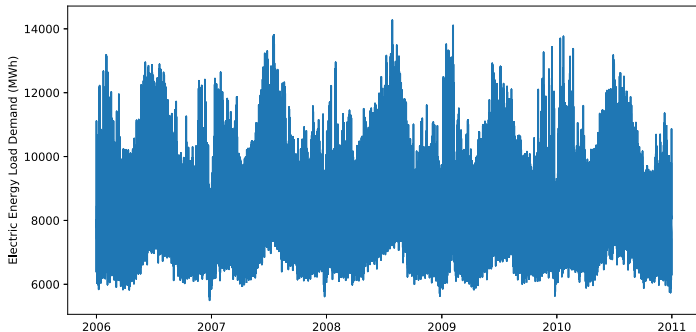
$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y})^2 \quad (5)$$

$$MAPE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{y_i - \hat{y}}{y_i} \right| * 100 \quad (6)$$

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## Sydney Dataset - New South Wales



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Johannesen, N. J., Kolhe, M., Goodwin, M. (2019). Relative evaluation of regression tools for urban area electrical energy demand forecasting. *Journal of cleaner production*, 218, 555-564.

**Table 2:** MAPE for Urban Area Load

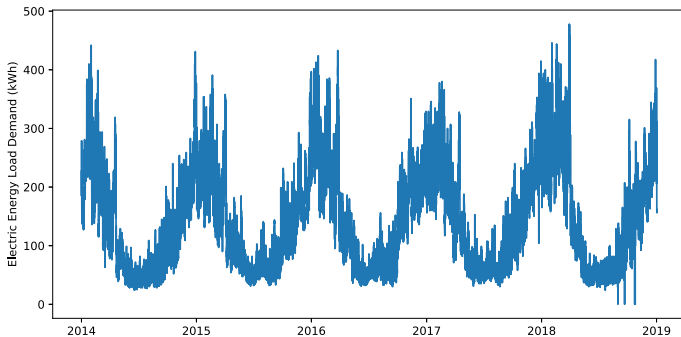
Time	Regressor		
	Random Forest	kNN	Linear
Season One Vertical Approach			
30 minutes	0.94(16*)	1.85(8**,1***)	1.76
24 hours	5.88(13*)	5.49(5**,2***)	5.83
Season Three Vertical Approach			
30 minutes	0.86(17*)	1.19(6**,1***)	2.15
24 hours	2.71(17*)	2.61(17**,1***)	4.26

\* n-estimator

\*\* k-value

\*\*\*q-value

## Bjønntjønn Dataset - 125 Holiday Cabins



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Johannesen, N. J., Kolhe, M. L., Goodwin, M. (2020). Smart load prediction analysis for distributed power network of Holiday Cabins in Norwegian rural area. *Journal of cleaner production*, 266, 121423.

**Table 3:** Forecasting Results (24 hours prediction) for season 1 (winter) trained with time feature lags of 24-, 48- and 168-hours

Features	Vertical winter			Continous winter		
	SMAPE	MAPE	MAE	SMAPE	MAPE	MAE
kNN AC	9.88	10.06	26.07	9.72	9.74	25.60
RF AC	10.43	10.67	27.85	9.56	9.49	25.24
kNN AC AR	10.05	10.20	26.39	9.25	9.24	24.42
RF AC AR	10.87	11.03	28.67	10.34	10.34	26.91
kNN AC T H	9.48	9.66	25.09	9.05	9.09	23.89
RF AC T H	11.39	11.53	29.86	11.50	11.53	29.81
kNN AC AR T H	9.75	9.92	25.65	<b>8.88</b>	<b>8.86</b>	23.45
RF AC AR T H	12.03	12.18	31.56	10.88	10.96	28.06

# Conclusions

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