GLS Geospatial Load Modelling and -Forecasting

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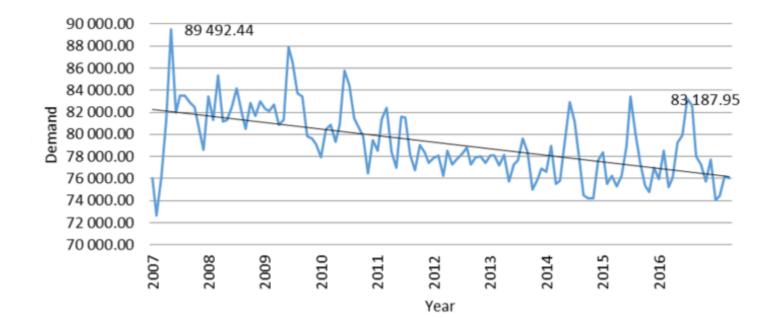
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1. Introduction

- Consumer behaviour has changed EEDSM, load-shedding, electricity prices, DG
- Growth vs. decline
- Necessitates a renewed look at load modelling and –forecasting





2. Tools Used

Two in-house developed software packages:



• GIS-based software that performs statistical analysis on utility billing data

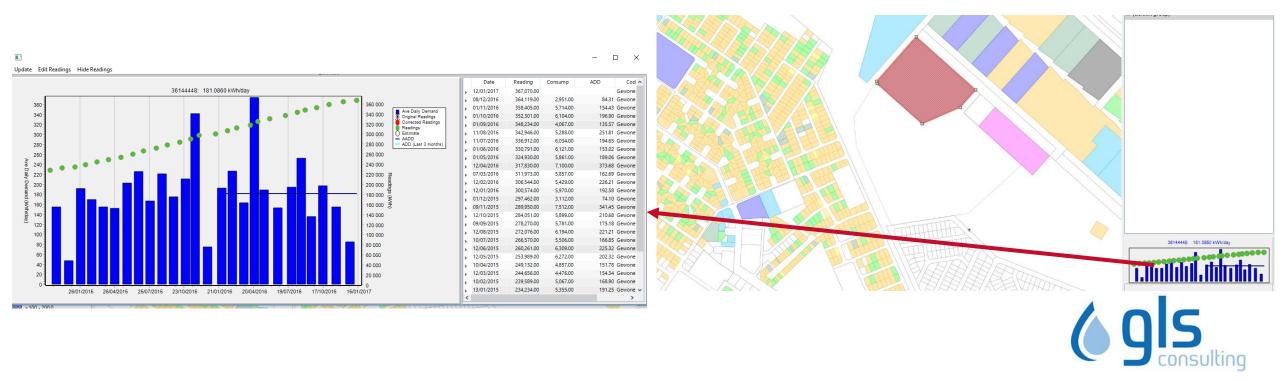


• GIS-based software for integrated and simplified electrical network planning



3. Energy Consumption Analysis

- Populate the Edisan model with electricity sales data from Swift (energy consumption in kWh)
- Populate the Edisan model with per stand land-use data from Swift
- Loss calculations (system input vs consumer usage)
- Revenue enhancement through, for example, visually identifying unmetered stands
- Tariff analysis (& cost of supply)



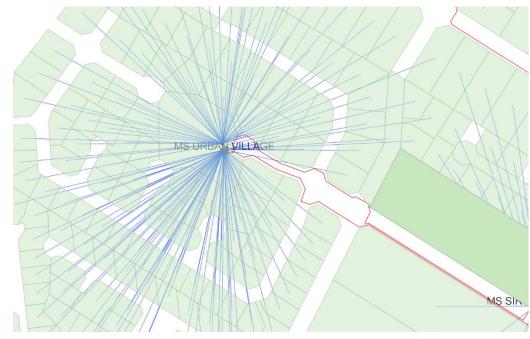
Working Principle:

- Consumption & land-use of each stand is imported into Edisan model via Swift
- Spatially tie stand to closest LV kiosk/minisub/substation etc. (model dependent)
- Get per-stand consumption, ADMD* and roll up kiosk- → transformer- → distribution- → substation zones
- Bottom-up approach from stand to substation

Benefits:

- Have the land-use & consumption on a per-stand basis
- No high-level estimation of load class mix in a load area
- Reduces errors in high-level load class mix estimation
- Identify customers affected by outages
- Ability to view composite load profiles at supply points
- Ability to model LV network

*to be discussed

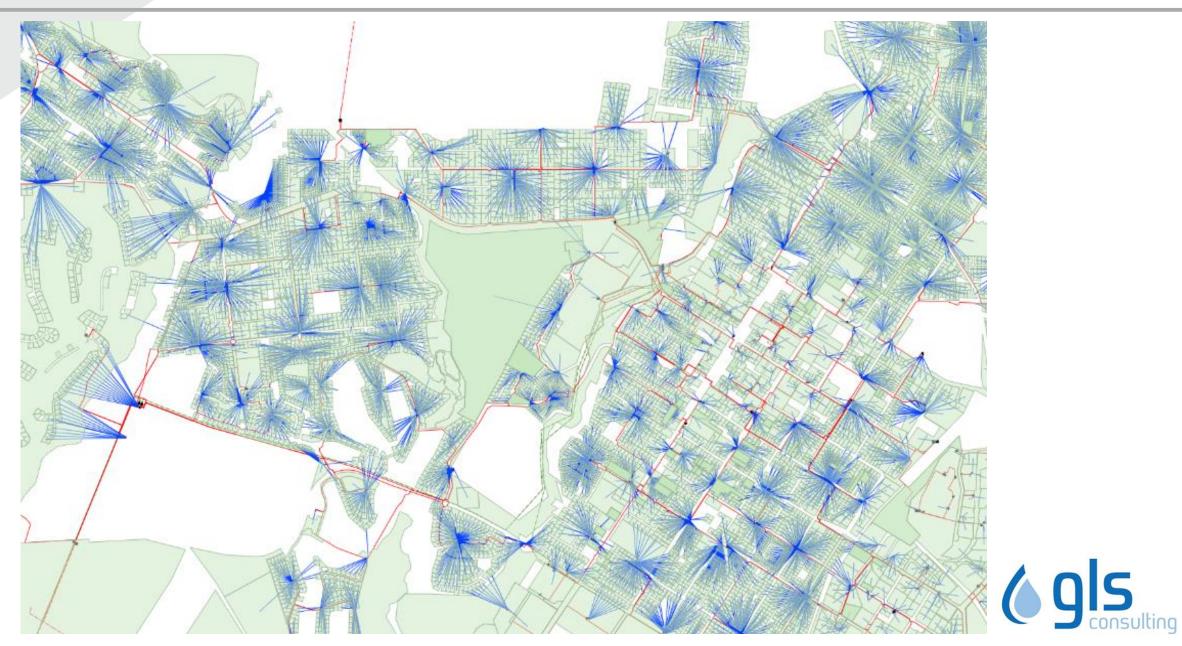


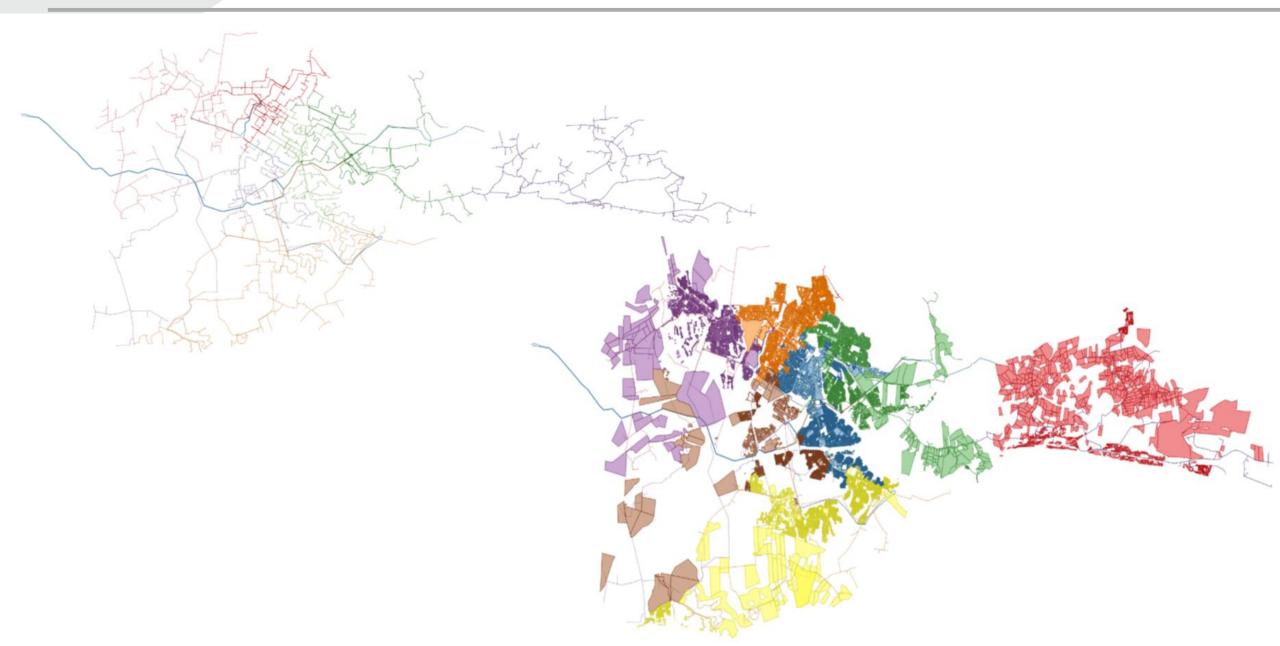


Spatial resolution:

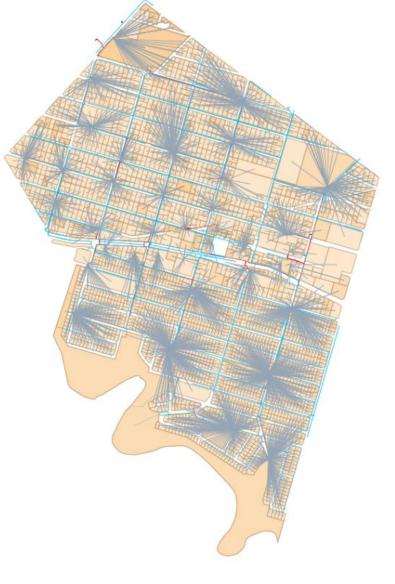
- 1) Substation Zone: Substation supply area
- 2) **Distribution Zone**: MV switching station supply area
- 3) **Transformer Zone**: MV/LV transformer supply area (minisubs, ground/pole mounted)
- 4) Kiosk Zone: LV kiosk supply area



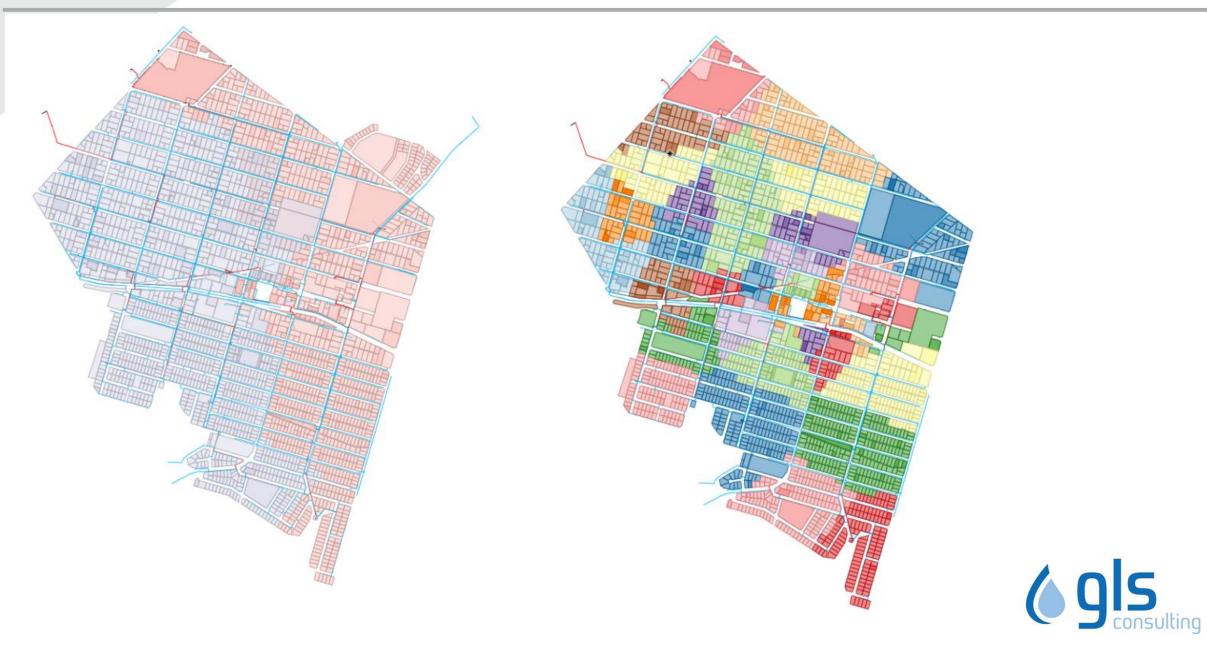


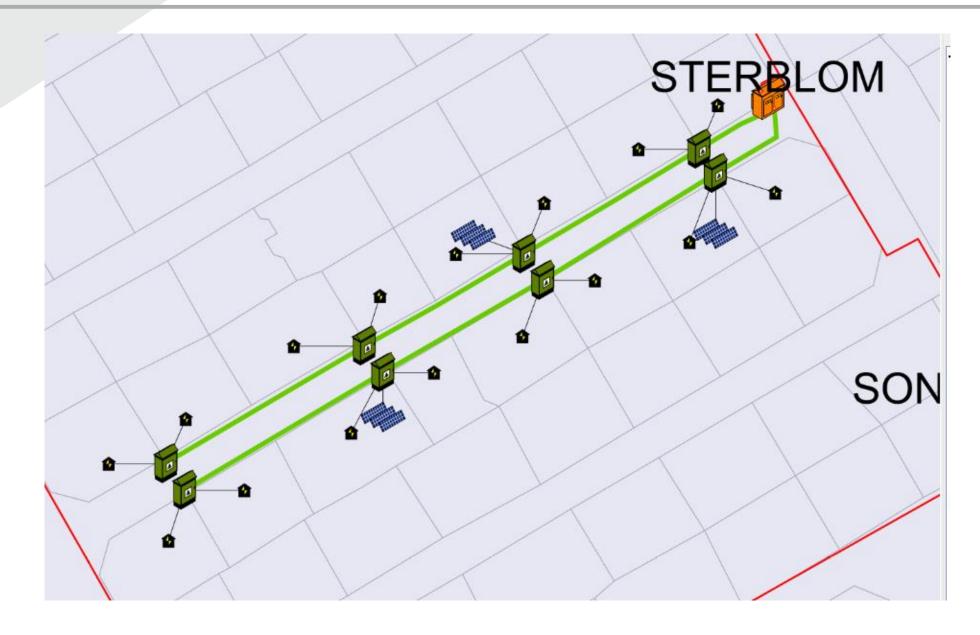






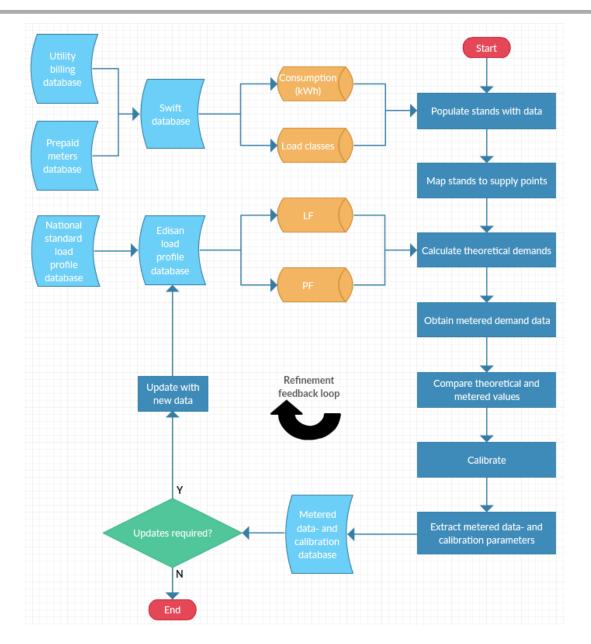








5. Methodology Overview

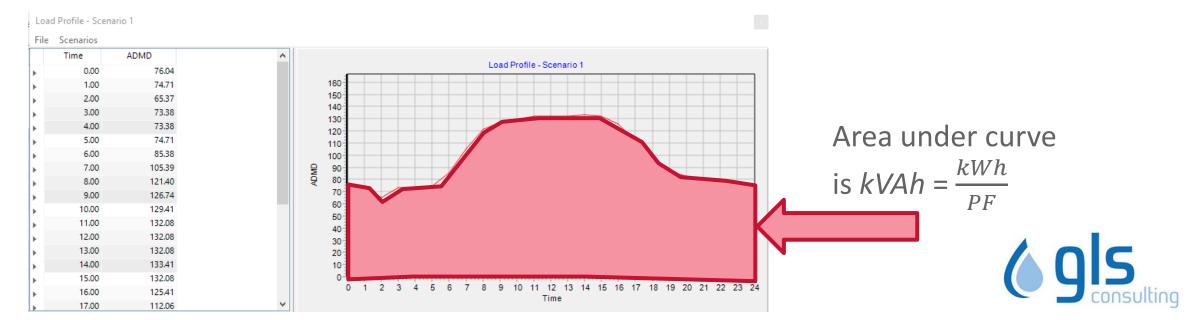




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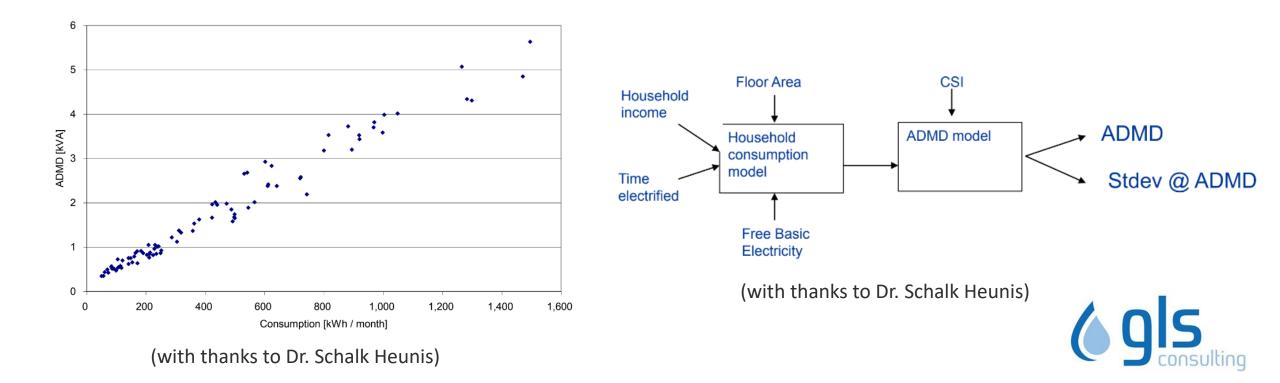
- Load data problem not readily available downstream of HV/MV substation
- Energy consumption data is readily available through Swift database
- Want to 'predict' MDs and ADMDs from energy consumption



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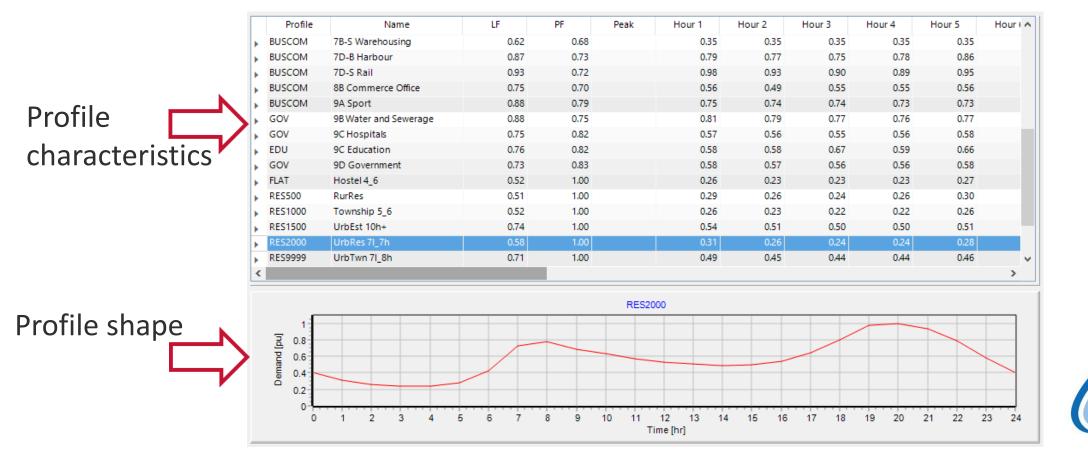


Research has shown: Consumption -> useful predictor of demand models



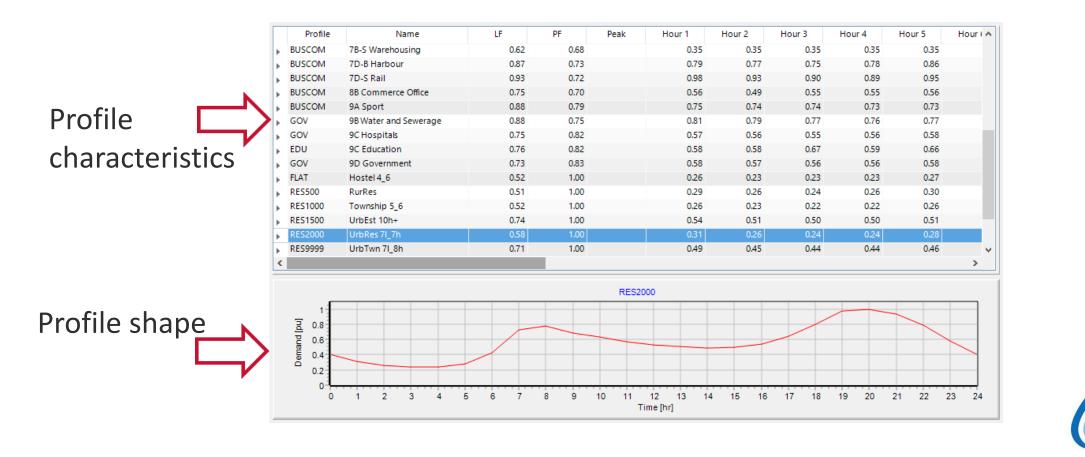
7. Load Profile Database

- Profile types assigned according to land-use imported from Swift into Edisan
- Load profile shapes can be imported, created, and are fully customisable
- Software is flexible, can perform functionality with whatever input it is given
 - Quick and easy testing and verification of different load models can be done



7. Load Profile Database

- Profiles normalized with 1 p.u. peak values and do not assume absolute kVA values
 - Same profile shape as national standard assumed, but not necessarily same amplitude
 - Peak value is **calculated** in relation to **actual** consumption data



$$MD_{theoretical} (kVA) = \frac{Consumption_{Swift} (kWh)}{LF \ x \ PF \ x \ 24h}$$

where

 $MD_{theoretical} \rightarrow$ theoretical maximum demand for a stand $LF \rightarrow$ aims to provide compensation for using averaged, as opposed to peak consumption $LF, PF \rightarrow$ theoretical values assumed from current national standard load shapes

*Consumption*_{Swift} input can vary:

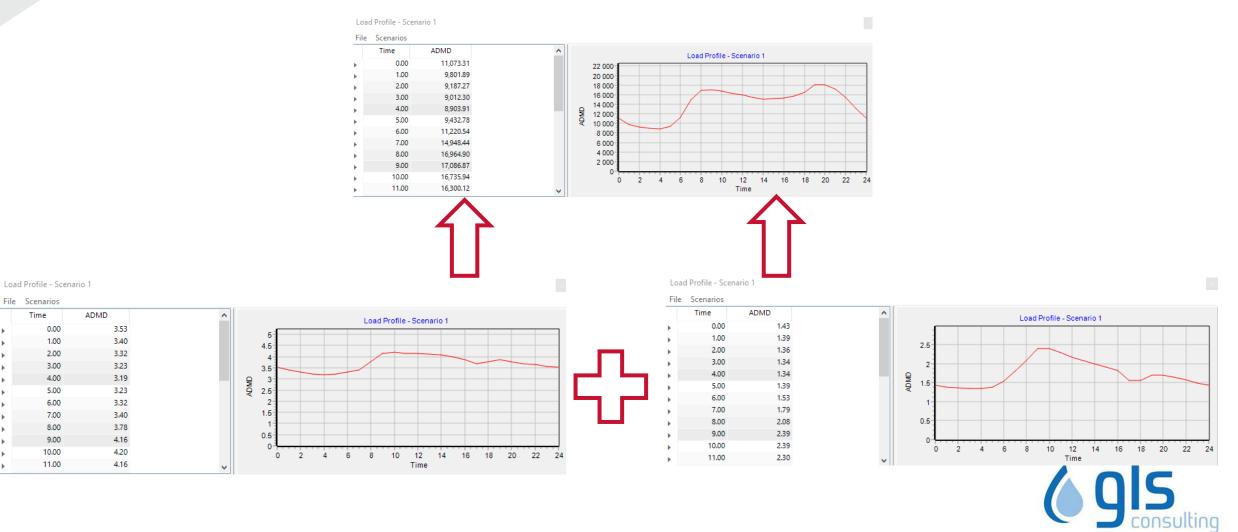
- Annual Average Daily Consumption (initial method tested)
- Per Month Average Daily Consumption
- Peak Month Average Daily Consumption
- Statistical distribution of *Daily* consumption (reflecting some input variability in demand calculation output)

Or

• Consumption can be considered on a monthly basis, with no averaging



• Substation-, distribution-, transformer- or kiosk zone profile is a summation of all profiles within zone



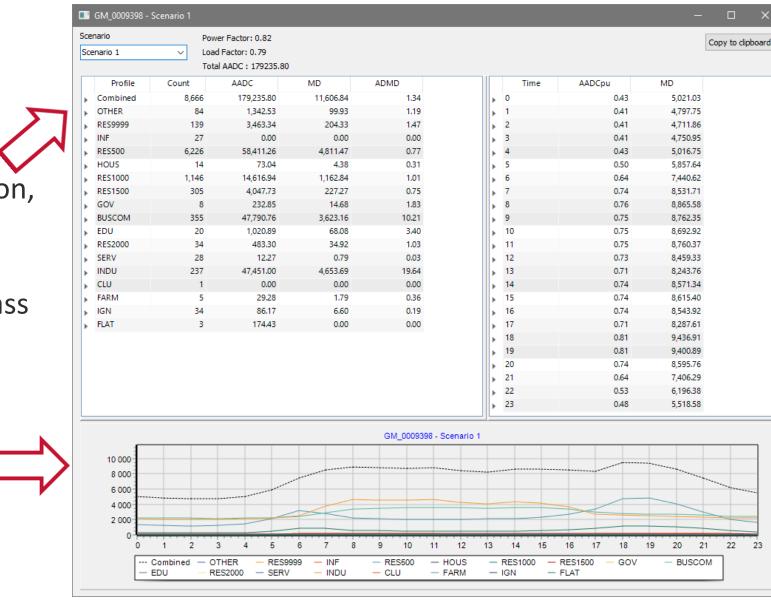
Consumption, MD, ADMD breakdown per load class

Combined-

and per-

class load

profiles



Combined consumption and MD hourly breakdown



What about non-domestic users?

- ADMD not a useful metric for non-domestic rather consumption density (kVA/Ha)
- Non-domestic kVA metering database also imported geospatially via Swift
- Facilitates easy comparison of predicted kVA versus metered kVA

Edisan is an integrated database

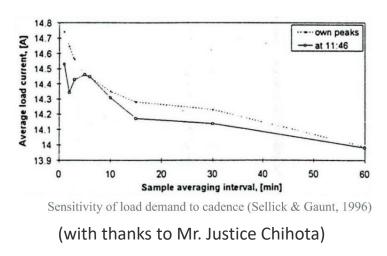
- Consolidate various datasets into one geospatial network model
- Future datasets
 - Climate data
 - Solar irradiance data
 - Building footprint shapefiles commercial & industrial demand density metrics (kVA/Ha)
 - Any other relevant metrics that will aid in studying load behaviour

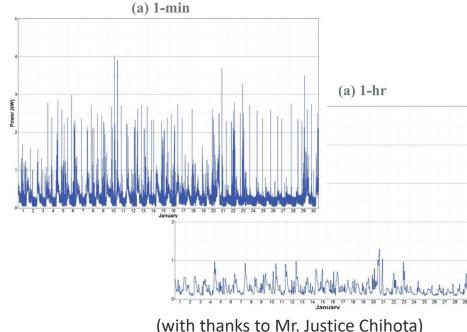


9. Calibration Process

Error is obviously introduced

- 1) Consumption resolution is per month (and not daily, 30- or even 5-minute)
 - Loss of visibility in the variability of the consumption with increased averaging interval
 - To what extent?
- 2) Making the jump from energy -> demand introduces error (even with high-resolution, accurate consumption data)
 (a) 1-min
 - To what extent?





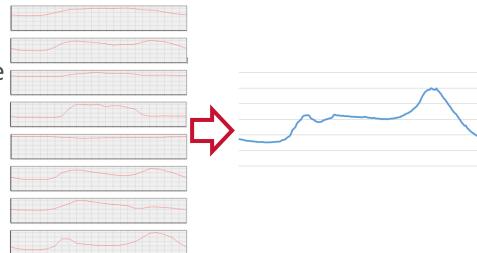


9. Calibration Process

- 5/30-minute data at HV/MV substation typically available
 - Currently have strategic minisub metering @ specific client for increased downstream visibility
- Use metered data to calibrate downstream loads
- Automatic load scaling functionality in Edisan, can be applied:
 - Per stand
 - Per load class
 - Per kiosk-, transformer-, distribution- or substation zone
 - Per user selection
- Future: Automated curve fitting algorithm
 - Auto calibration within specified set of rules and limits
 - Peak amplitude calibration vs. shape shifting
 - Different customer groupings?

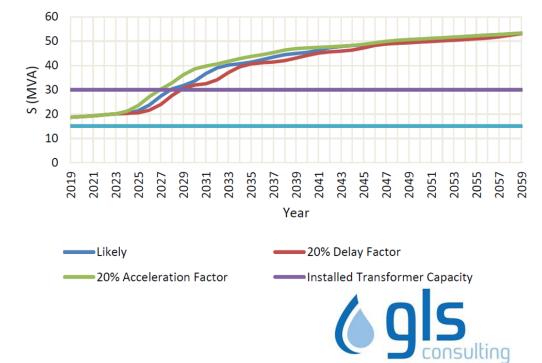
Important:

Capture calibration information to study the relationship between consumption and demand

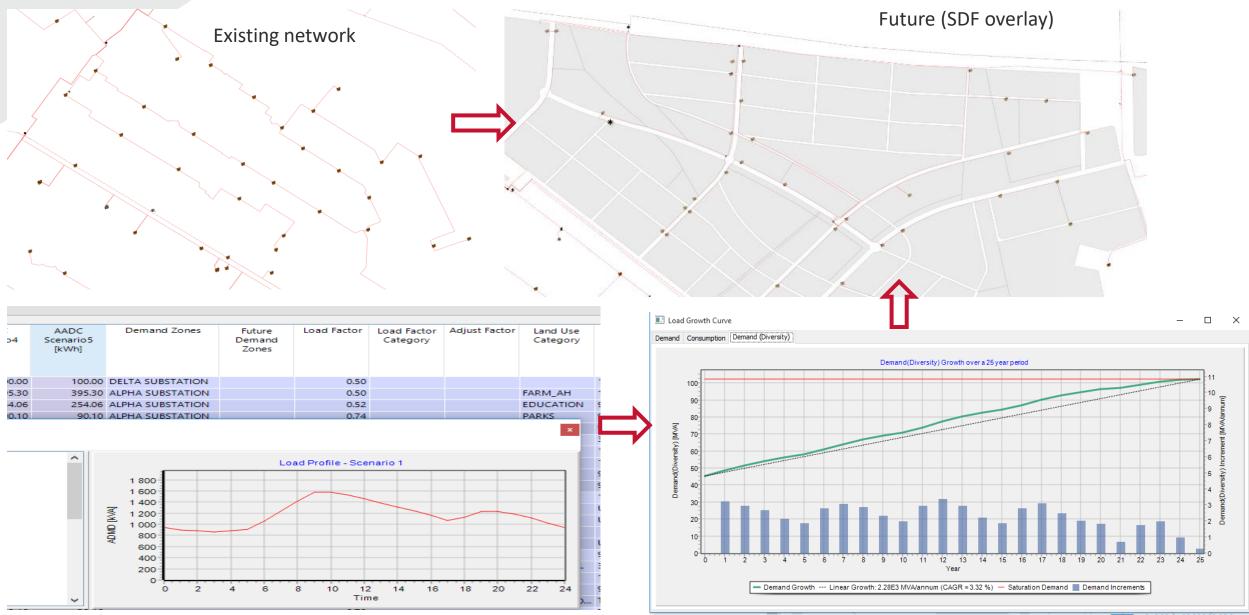


Load Forecast & Future Network

- 1. Future loads (load growth pockets)
 - Future development geospatial shapefile location, size, anticipated land-use, priority (when) and duration (how long)
 - Based on SDF, IDP, House Plans etc. workshopped with town planners & electrical departments
 - Growth curve linear, step, s-curve or custom
 - Scenario-based planning between 2 extremes (current situation \rightarrow saturation)
- 2. Current loads
 - Change in behaviour (stagnation, growth or decline)
 - Growth curve linear, step, s-curve or custom
- 3. Distributed generation
- 4. Demand-side management strategies

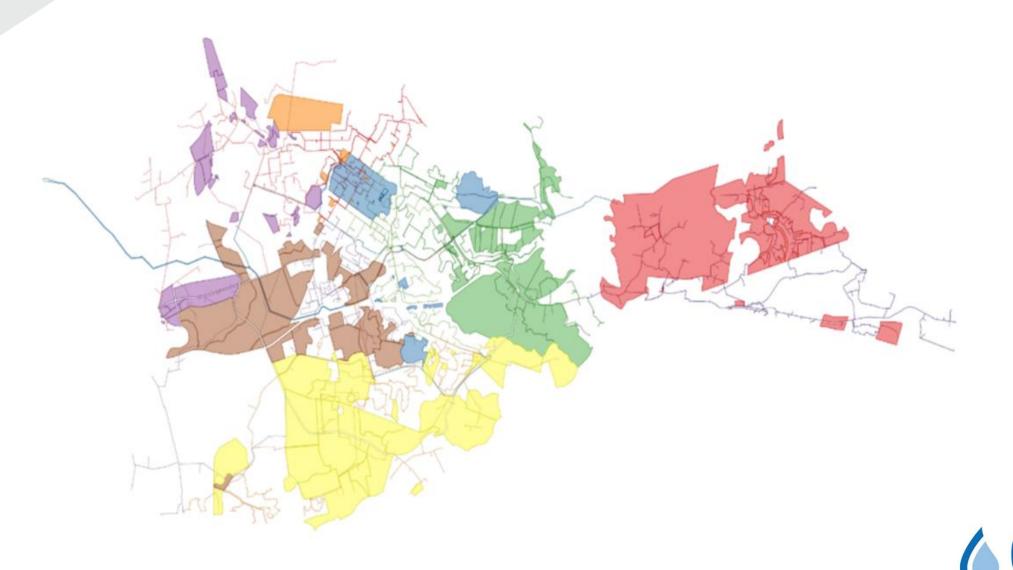


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10. Closing Remarks

- Load behaviour needs to be actively studied to keep trend with status quo
- GLS has powerful tools to support load modelling process
- Available data is limited
 - How do we best use the data that we **do** have?
 - How do we go about sourcing the necessary data we need
- The more times we do this, the more data we will have, and the more informed we will be
 - Refinement process
 - Rinse, repeat, learn, adjust



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