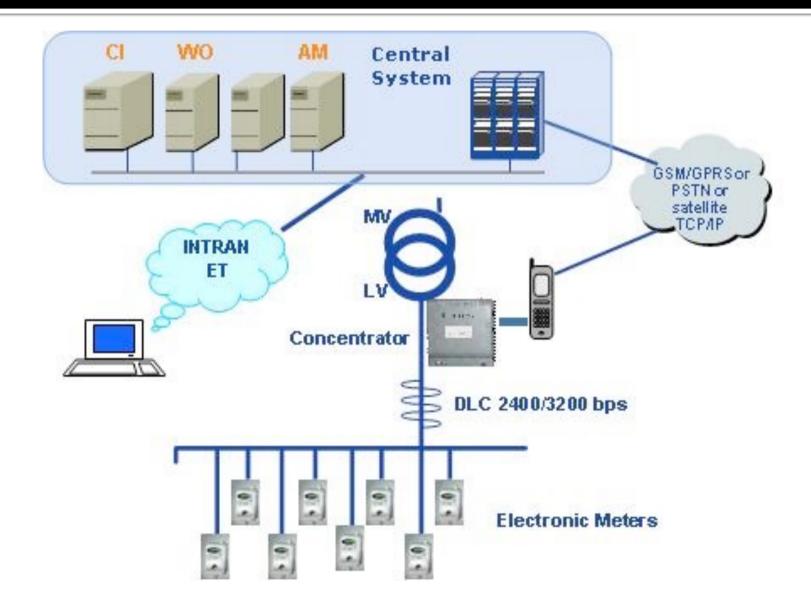
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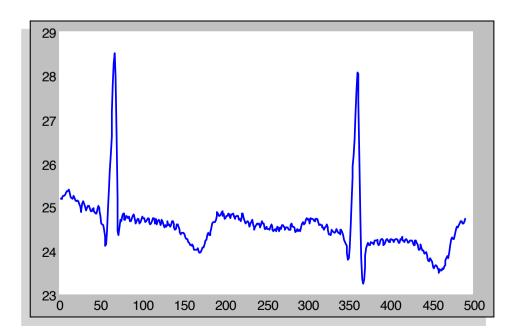
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The Enel Telegestore Architecture



Low-voltage electricity customer data

Thanks to the telegestore project, Enel is able to measure and store *load profiles* of their mass-market low-voltage (LV) customers in a flexible and effective way



Load Profile (LP): shape of a (group of) customer consumption chronologically ordered

Motivations

Main Goal:

to study the characterization of LV customers based on their consumption data

Major emphasis:

to characterize the most typical classes of electricity customers, i.e., detecting groups of customers having similar consumption behavior

Our proposal

- A clustering framework for electricity customer load profiles, which is supported by information on metadata (e.g., customer type, meter type, day, contract, location)
 - load profiles represented by exploiting a *time series-based* model
 - clustering algorithms: K-Means, TS-Part
 - distance measures: Euclidean, Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)



We were granted access to about 30,000 Enel Italian LV anonymous customer load profiles, measured during the period between the first week of February 2009 and the last week of March 2009

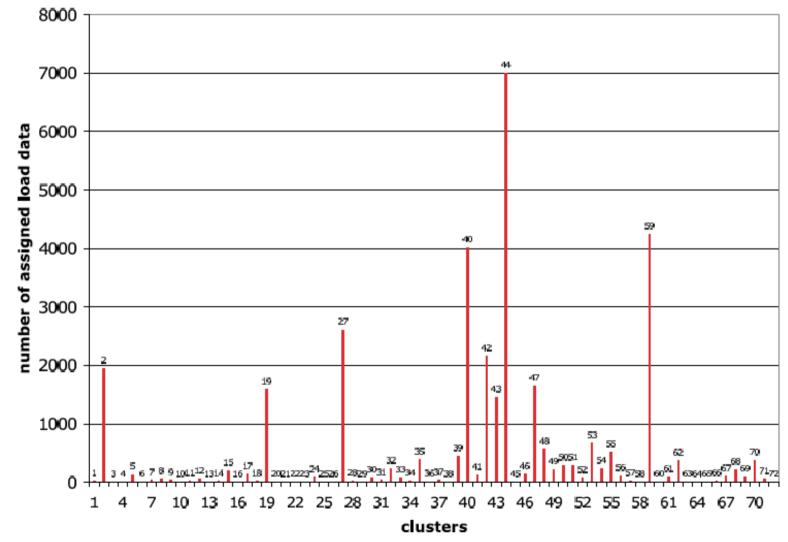
clustering	distance	# of clusters	MIA	CDI
algorithm	measure			
K-Means	Euclidean	10	9.775	0.682
TS-Part	Euclidean	10	9.103	0.914
K-Means	DTW	66	7.986	0.008
TS-Part	DTW	72	5.514	0.004

Best (average) performance of clustering: Weekdays load profiles

clustering algorithm	distance measure	# of clusters	MIA	CDI
K-means	Euclidean	17	9.964	0.109
TS-part	Euclidean	17	6.946	0.156
K-means	DTW	29	13.773	0.014
TS-part	DTW	32	11.646	0.012

Best (average) performance of clustering: Sundays/holidays load profiles

Results



Distribution of weekdays load profiles over clusters obtained by TS-Part with DTW