

# Benefits of a Connected System

District Energy and the Industrial IoT

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# Challenges in District Energy Today

- Increasing efficiency, while reducing costs, and lowering emissions
  - > Companies expected to reduce energy consumption and CO2 emissions
  - > Little to no visibility once energy leaves plant
  - > Energy supply / energy optimization: what levels, temperature, flow, and pressure should plants run at?
- Limitations of current systems and network
  - > SCADA only allows for partial monitoring of the network
  - > SCADA does not provide option to efficiently manage fluctuations in demand and weather conditions
  - > No software for temperature optimization
  - > Limited software for online operations
  - > No software for offline simulations

# Benefits of a Connected System

## From reactive control to proactive management

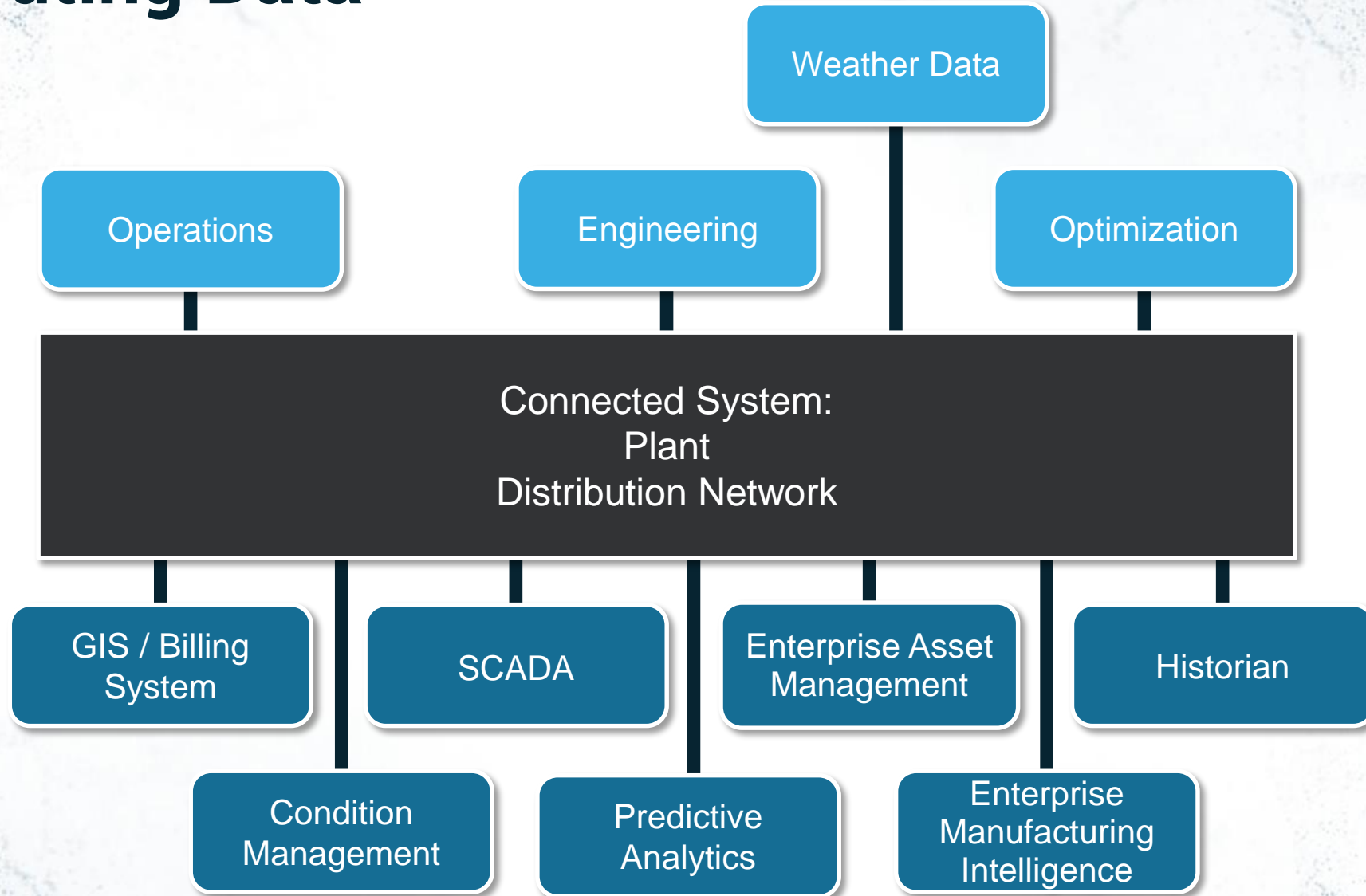
- Full visibility and control of operations – from distribution plant, to transmission network, to customer sites
- Automated response to dynamic conditions: supply, demand, pressure, weather
- Integrates data from multiple sources to display
- Increased access to actionable intelligence leads to improved, accurate, and timely decision making
- Efficient operations: reduced energy usage, operational costs, and CO2 emissions
- Links usage data and billing to enhance customer experience
- Connectivity to additional systems & data sources:
  - > Sensors
  - > Building Automation Systems
  - > Business Intelligence Systems
  - > Integration of data to SCADA



# Progression of a Connected System



# Contributing Data



# Connectivity & Visualization

## Automated Meter Reading





# Customer Success Story

## Creative Energy – Vancouver, BC

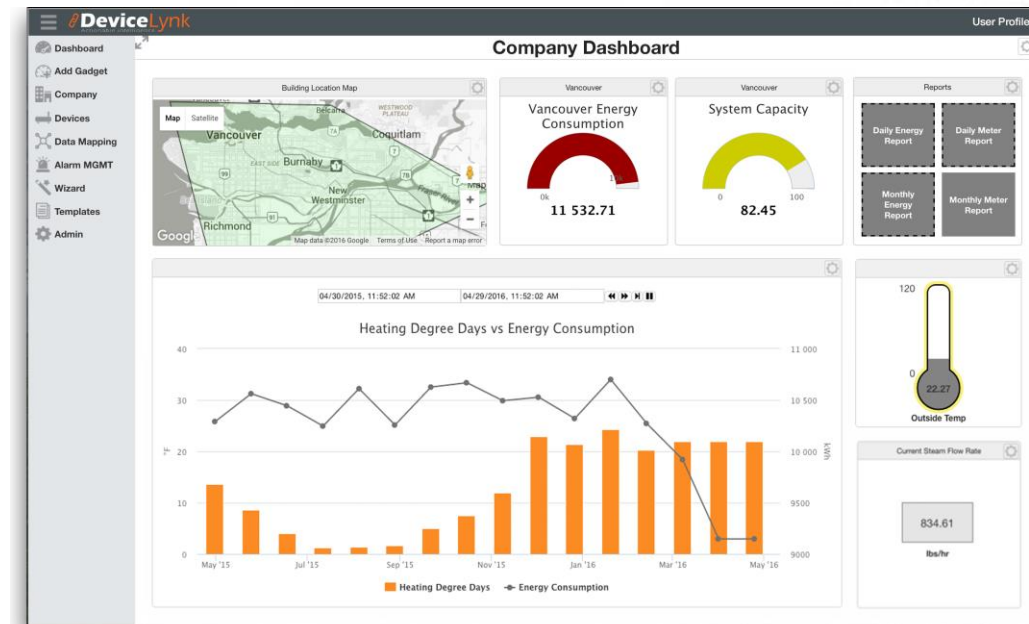
Vancouver based Creative Energy seeks remote monitoring solution for automated metering, customer retention, and more efficient system utilization.

### Project goals:

- Automate system-wide meter reading
- Provide customers with visibility into energy usage and billing
- Enable mobile maintenance staff with real-time data on mobile devices
- Make generation facility data available outside the control room

### Project Requirements:

- Customer Retention
  - > Detailed explanation of historical & real-time usage information to backup monthly bill
  - > Information to enable customers to make smart, energy saving investments
  - > Customer portal for real-time viewing
- Automated Data Collection (Meter Reading)
  - > Enhance existing infrastructure
- Connect with Building Automation System of customer
- Integration with District Energy provider's billing software
- Fully interface and compliment energy generation control system
- Provide customer data into CE's enterprise database for advanced analysis

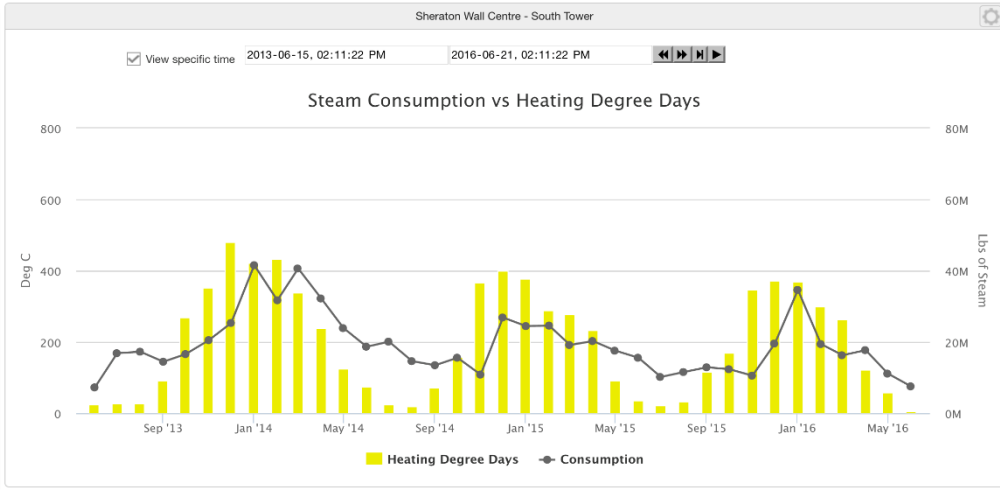
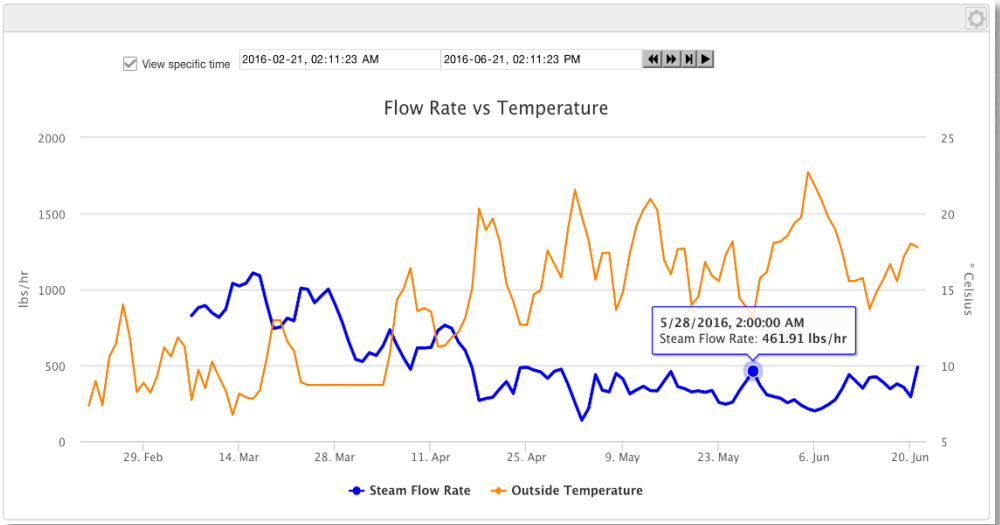
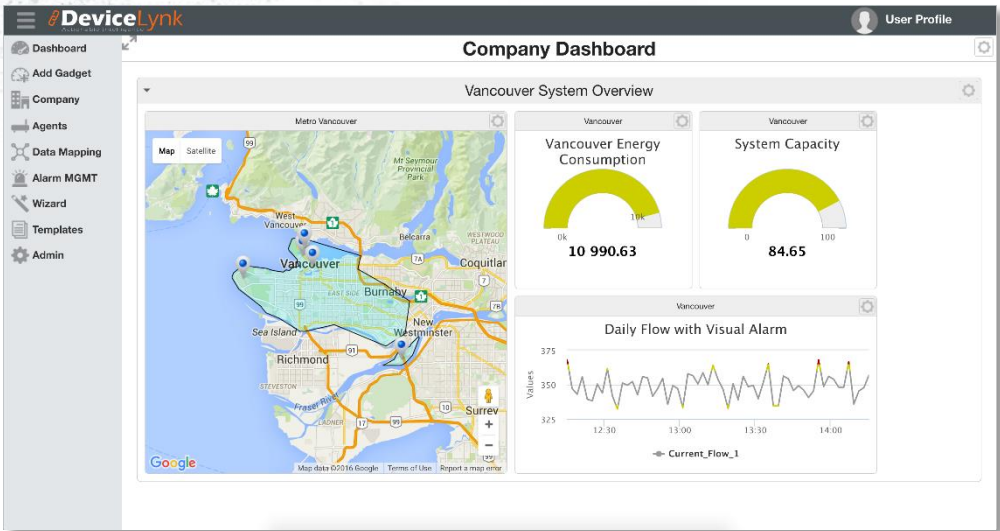


*“Based on the data being brought into our dashboard, I already see items that should be addressed in the Building Automation System.”*

**- Lori Parker, Operations Manager, on behalf of Creative Energy,**  
**4 Hours after gaining access to DeviceLynk’s Actionable Intelligence**

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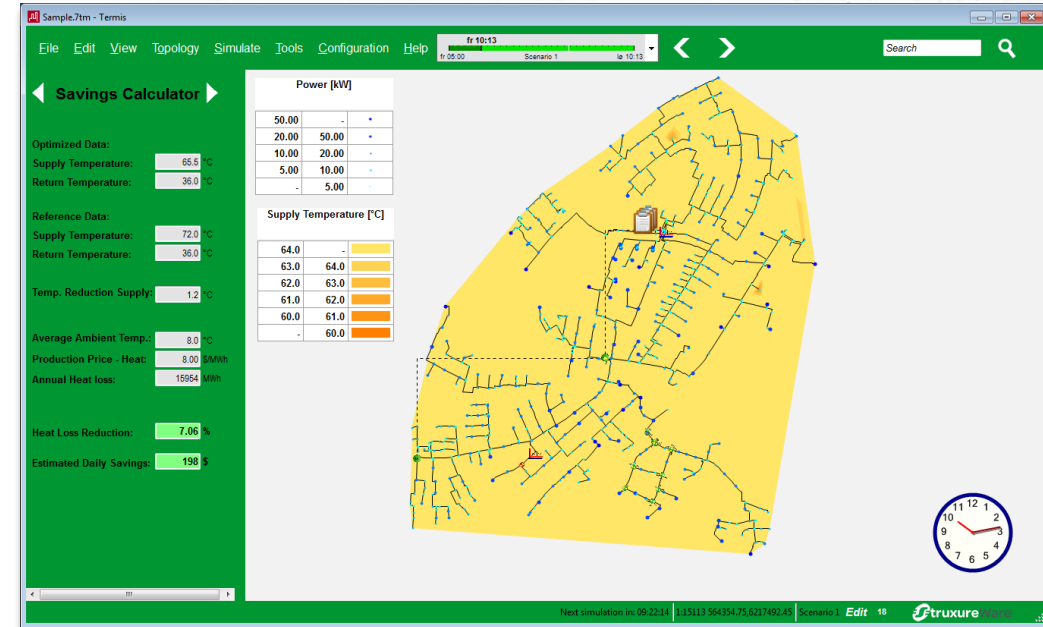
## University of Texas, Austin Energy Network Management

### Project goals:

- Reduce energy consumption and environmental impact
- Improve contingency planning
- Optimize expansion and maintenance
- Ensure operational continuity and high levels of reliability

### Solution: District Energy Platform with a Connected System

- Access to real-time application for prioritizing production
- Reduced overhead production costs
- Optimized system pressures and temperatures
- Knowledge of impact of operational actions beforehand
- Decreased operational man-hours



### UTA Facts:

3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Campus in USA

Consumers: 50,000

Campus Buildings: 160

Plants: 11

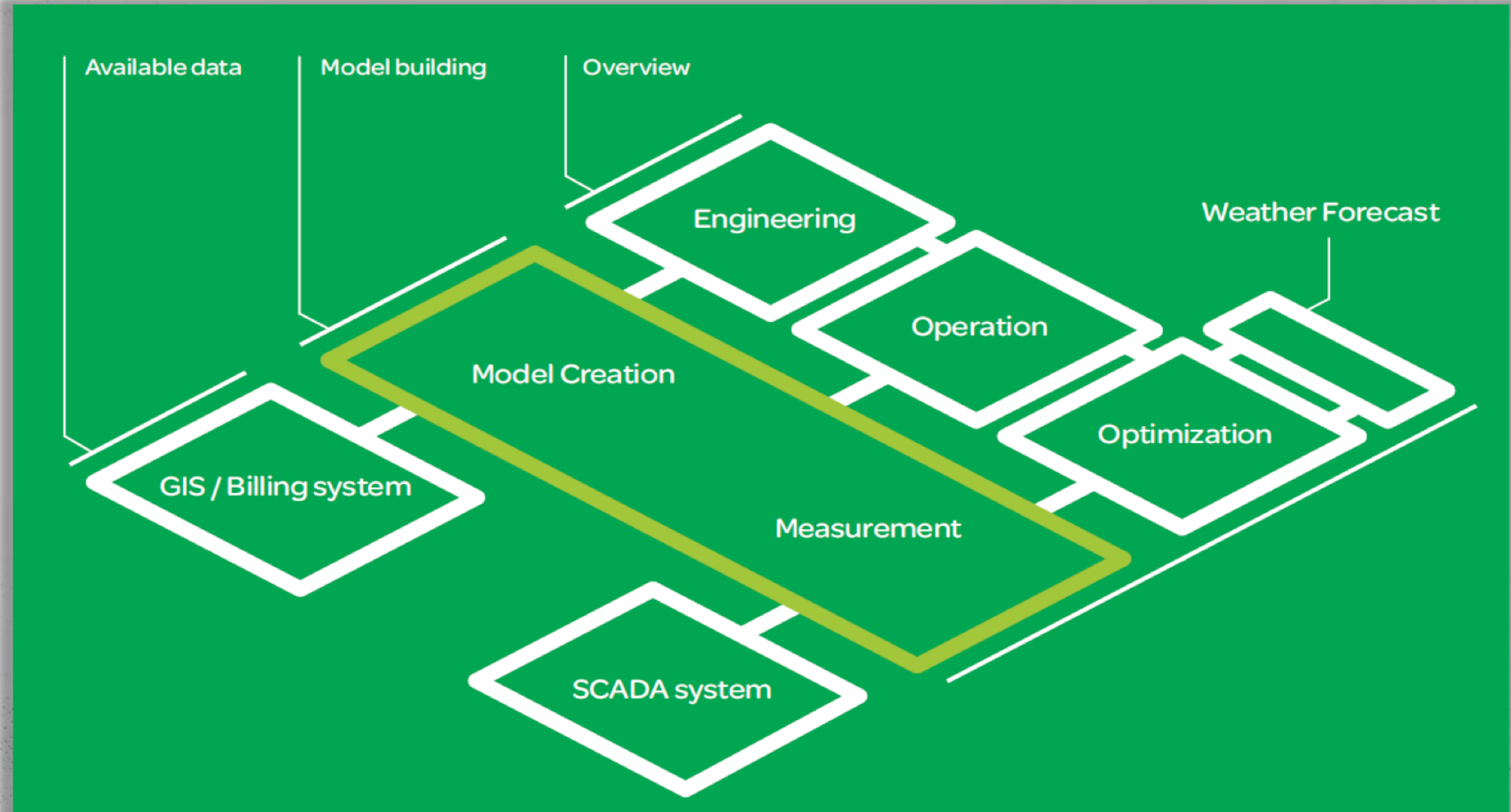
Chillers: 4

Piping: 9.7km (~6 miles)

Temperature: 3.9° C (~39°F)

# Customer Success Story

University of Texas, Austin





# Network Behavior Forecasting

Reduce operations and maintenance risks and costs

- Forecasts network behavior:
  - > Service pressure, flows, temperature, etc...
- Discrepancies between current and expected situation of network
- Detection of malfunctioning equipment
- Augmented Reality
  - > Switch between simulation and real-time modeling
- What-if scenarios based on real-time data – anticipate impact:
  - > Effects of planned events: closing valves for scheduled repair, network maintenance work
  - > Impact of unplanned events: pump failure, unexpected consumption increase

## Main

Operator

KPI

Production Data

Graphs

Consumer

Design

Lists

Object Data

Model Data

Reports

## Temperature Supply [°C]

75.0	-	
70.0	75.0	
65.0	70.0	
60.0	65.0	
-	60.0	

## Differential Pressure [kPa]

150.00	-	
140.00	150.00	
130.00	140.00	
120.00	130.00	
110.00	120.00	
100.00	110.00	
90.00	100.00	
80.00	90.00	
70.00	80.00	
60.00	70.00	
50.00	60.00	
-	50.00	

Temperature, Supply: 68.5 °C  
Pressure, Difference: 91.41 kPa

Flow: 55.370 kg/s  
Power: 8.14 MW  
Temperature, Supply, Plant: 70.8 °C  
Temperature, Return, Plant: 35.7 °C

Temperature, Supply: 66.9 °C  
Pressure, Difference: 96.49 kPa

Flow: 13.992 kg/s  
Power: 1.80 MW  
Temperature, Supply, Plant: 72.0 °C  
Temperature, Return, Plant: 41.3 °C

Data not available in  
SCADA





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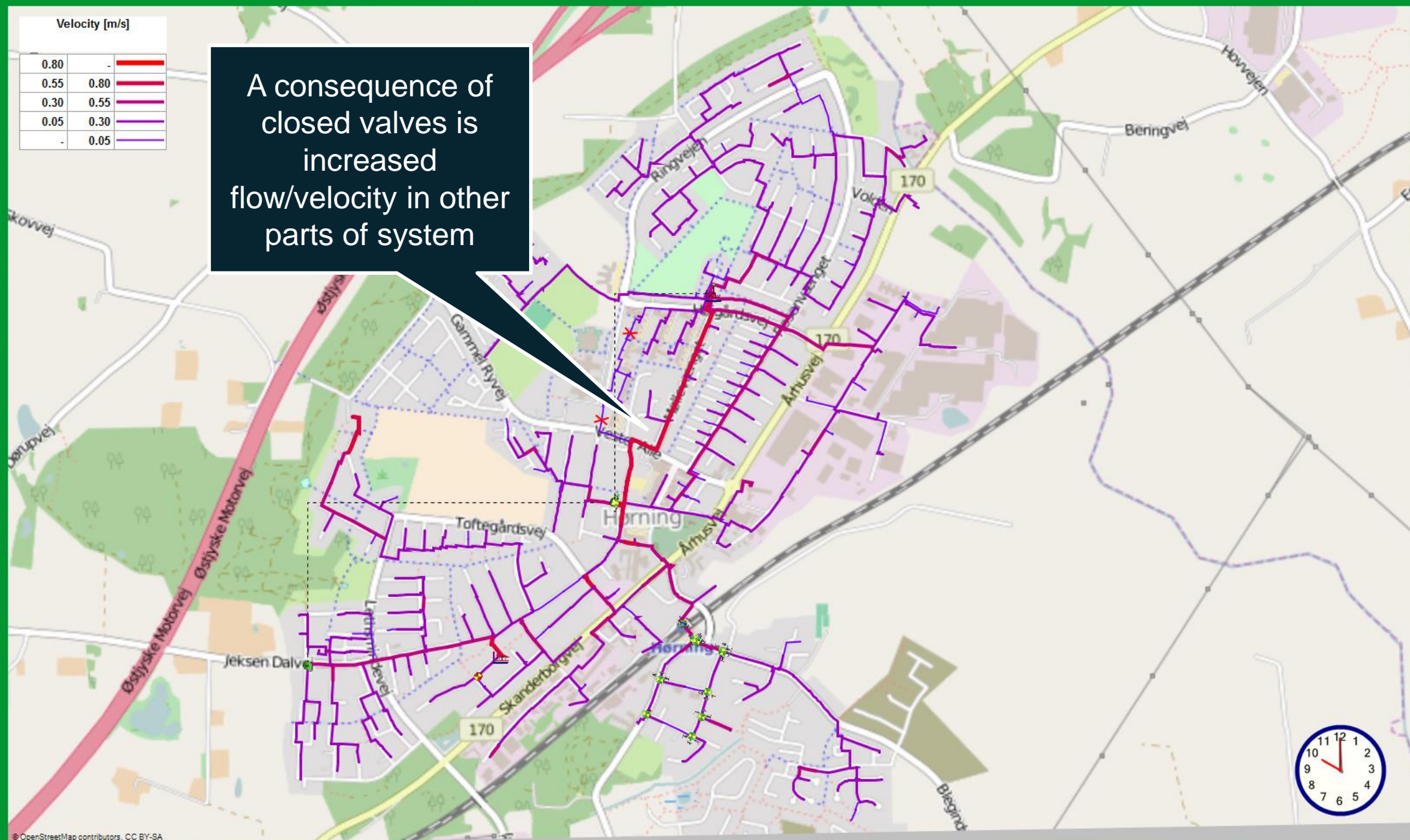
Model Data

Reports

Velocity [m/s]

0.80	-	
0.55	0.80	
0.30	0.55	
0.05	0.30	
-	0.05	

A consequence of closed valves is increased flow/velocity in other parts of system





# Temperature Optimization

**District Heating Systems - Provide required service at lowest production cost**

- Optimization of network supply and demand:
  - > Optimize inlet temperatures at plants, while ensuring sufficient supply temperatures at consumer's side
- Dynamically adjusts to temperature variations
- Automatic, optimal operation respecting pressure and flow constraints

# Temperature Optimization

District Heating Systems - Provide required service at lowest production cost

**Consumer target temperature**

**Heat Plant constraints for Optimization**

**Optimization request**

**Edit Data - Temperature Optimization - 29-07-2016 10:13:00**

	Plant Main	Plant South
Min. Temperature, Supply [°C]	63.0	60.0
Max. Temperature, Supply [°C]	78.0	80.0
Max. Temperature Change [K/s]	0.00	0.00
Min. Flow, Supply [kg/s]	0.000	0.000
Max. Flow, Supply [kg/s]	200.000	40.000
Max. Pressure, Supply [kPa]		
Min. Pressure, Return [kPa]		

**Edit Data - Temperature Optimization - 29-07-2016 10:13:00**

	CRIT-02	CRIT-04	CRIT-01	CRIT-03	N_16
Min. Temperature, Supply [°C]	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	
Min. Pressure, Supply [kPa]					
Max. Pressure, Supply [kPa]					
Min. Pressure, Return [kPa]					
Max. Pressure, Return [kPa]					
Min. Pressure Change [kPa]					

**Simulation**

Submodel	Enable	Temp. Opt.	Prod. Scheduler	Pump Opt.	Scenario	Condition	Forecast
Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scenario 1		TS_E_Forecast...
*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

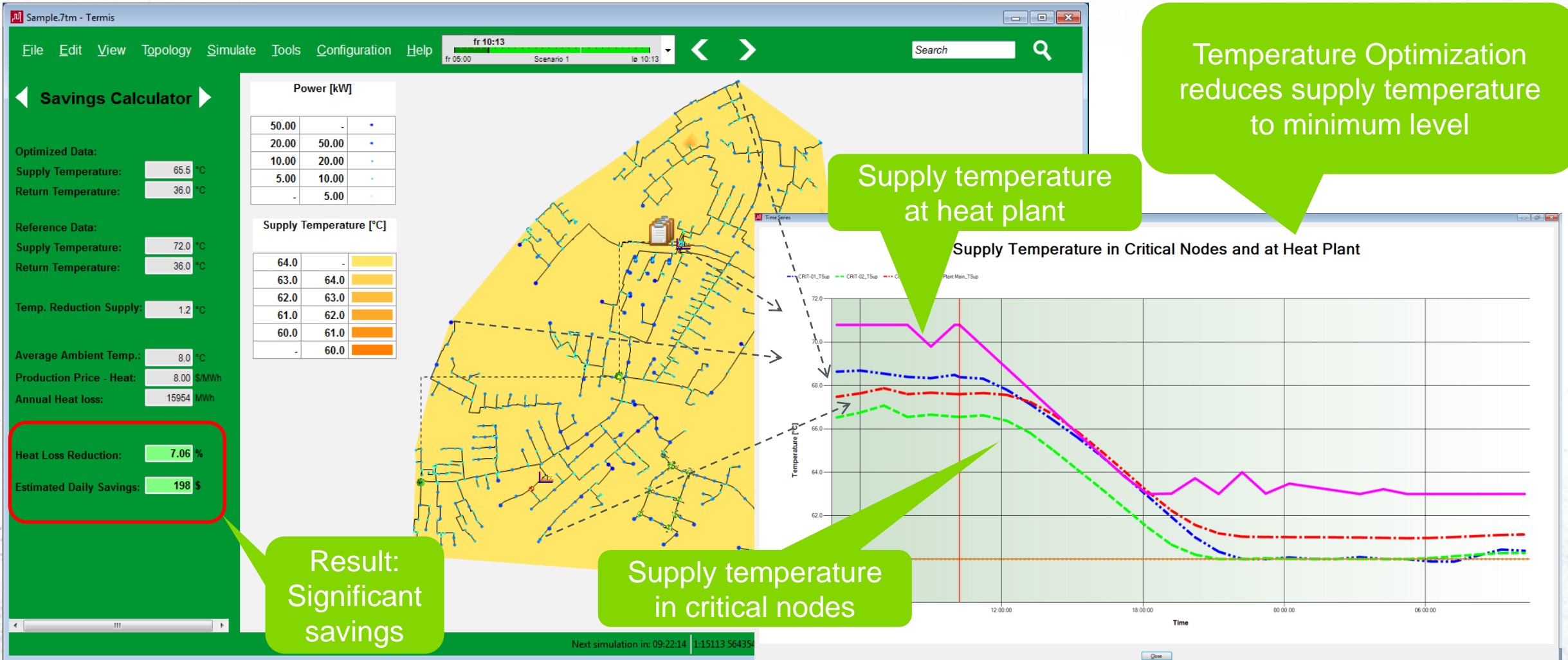
Time step: 1.00 hours

Cycle: 10:00:00 [D.HH.MM.SS]

Period: 1.00:00:00 [D.HH.MM.SS]

# Temperature Optimization

## Results & Savings





# District Energy Optimization

From reactive control to proactive management



- Transforms network management approach from reactive to proactive
- Enhances real-time supervision in SCADA
  - > Provides more data for real-time decision making
  - > Provides additional data for predictive analysis
- Reduces energy usage, costs, and CO2 emissions while ensuring required level of service
- Reduces operations & maintenance risks and costs: predict network behavior and see what happens before it happens
- Improves service and planning: plan ahead and save time and money
- Builds on existing data and IT: gives existing software and systems new functionality

# Progression of a Connected System





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## District Energy System Operator - Generation Facility

- Manage the network efficiently with fluctuations in demand and changing weather conditions
- Increased visibility provides improved decision making
- View key plant data remotely - without affecting production
- Reduce operations and maintenance risks and costs
- Fully optimize pressure, temperature, production to reduce production costs
- Forecast system behavior using real-time data



## Mobile Workforce

- Save time and money by automating meter-reads
- Access to operational data any time, any where
- Early detection of malfunctioning / inaccurate equipment



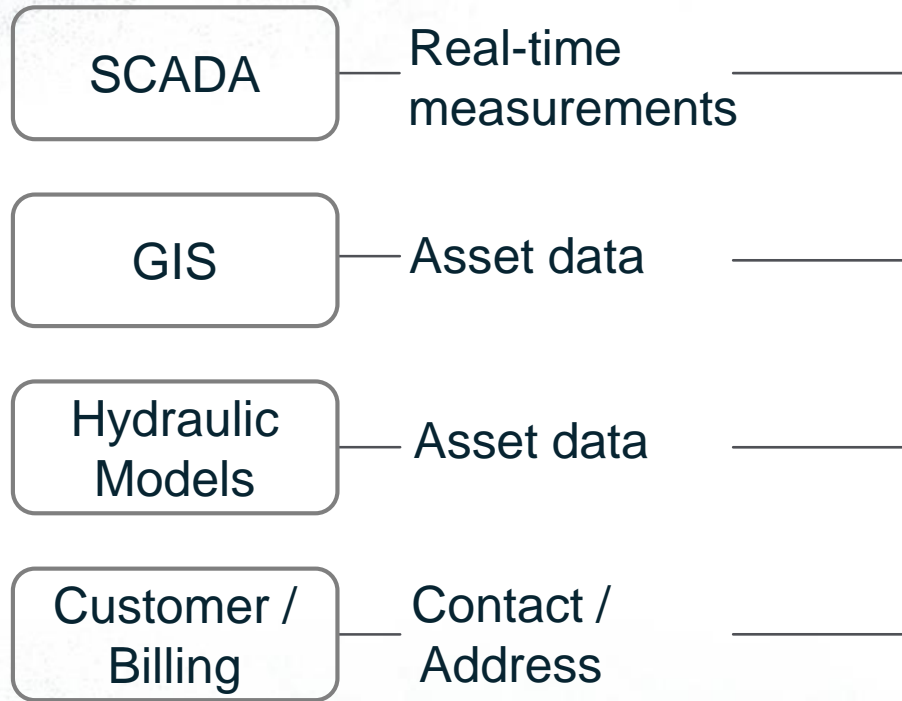
## Customer (building operator)

- Provides easy access to usage data via web portal
- Integrate BAS & usage data into a single dashboard
- Relate usage data to external factors (weather, etc...)
- Insight into service status & maintenance





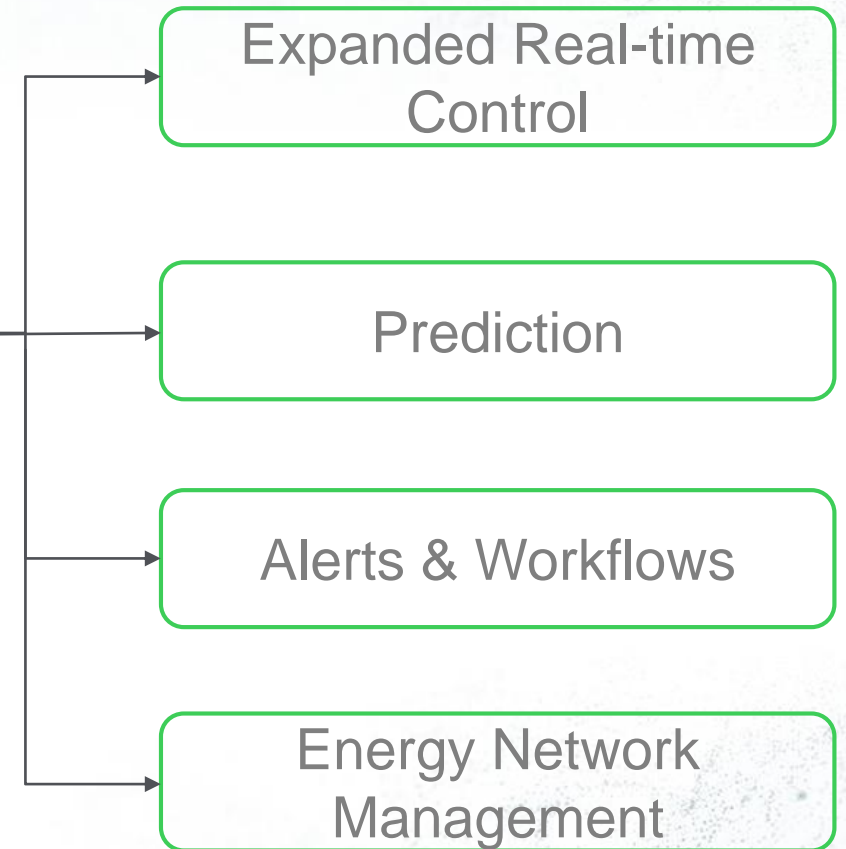
## Data sources



## Connected Application



## Outputs



# District Energy Optimization

## Improved Control of District Energy Networks

**10%**

Reduction of  
energy loss

**20%**

Reduction of energy  
costs

**25%**

Increase in  
Operational efficiency

**20%**

Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>

Less than 18 months  
Return on Investment

# Thank you!

Visit us at Booth 83 (DeviceLynk) to discuss your journey  
toward a connected system!



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