

# Energy Disaggregation at Greenely



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# State of 2015

## Competitors



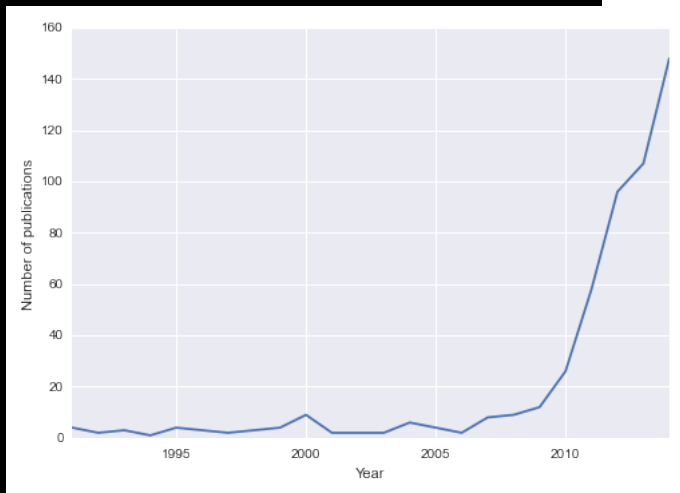
- ▶ Smart-meter disaggregation
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  3. Opower, energy efficiency

# State of 2015

## Research



### ► Research in Energy Disaggregation

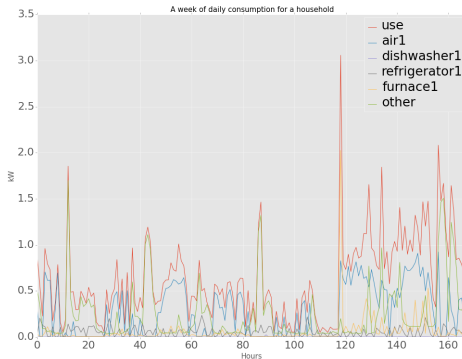


Increase at 2010 from 20 - 140 in 4 years

# State of 2015

## Challenge

### ► Challenge



- Lots of methods one common denominator, Data
- Perform unsupervised on test, and supervised on scaled houses

# State of 2015

## Solution



- ▶ Data, Data-preparation, Data-data, Data-data-data
- ▶ Ed Freeman, More Data or Better Algorithms?
  1. Having a good problem to work on
  2. Having a good approach to that problem
  3. Having decent data. Quality is much more important than quantity
  4. Handling the data well – good transforms, good missing value handling, making sure that all approaches make sense for the problem.

# Input data

We have  $1 : k$  appliances



- ▶ We define one class (e.g. heater)  $\mathbf{X}_i \leftarrow 1, \dots, k$
- ▶ Where  $\mathbf{X}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times m}$ ,  $T$  hourly week data for  $m$  houses
- ▶ **One** aggregated household  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} \leftarrow \sum_{i:k} \mathbf{X}_i$
- ▶ Assuming we have individual energy readings  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k$
- ▶ Goal: test with new data  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}'$  to components  $\mathbf{X}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}'_k$

# Input data

We have  $1 : k$  appliances



$$\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times m}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{App} & \mathbf{x}_1^{(j)} & \dots & \mathbf{x}_1^{(m)} \\ 1h & 0.8kWh & \cdot & \cdot \\ 2h & 0.7kWh & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 168h & 0.1kWh & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

*How do we get this format?*



# Pre-processing raw-data



- ▶ Number of missing values in data
- ▶ When missing - what to do?
- ▶ These points need to be considered before dealing with any algorithm
- ▶ Demonstration of processing

# Sparse coding pre-training

pre-train activations and basis vectors



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## Algorithm 1: Discriminative disaggregation sparse coding

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**input:** data points for each individual source  $\mathbf{X}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times m}$ ,  $i = 1 : k$ , regularization  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with gradient step size  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

### Sparse coding pre-training:

1. Initialize  $\mathbf{B}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_i \geq 0$ , scale columns  $\mathbf{B}_i$  s.t.  $\|\mathbf{b}_i^{(j)}\|_2 = 1$
  2. For each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , iterate until convergence:  
$$\mathbf{A}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{A} \geq 0} \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \lambda \sum_{p,q} \mathbf{A}_{pq}$$
$$\mathbf{B}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{B} \geq 0, \|\mathbf{b}^{(j)}\|_2 \leq 1} \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}_i\|_F^2$$
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# Discriminative disaggregation training

perceptron algorithm



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## Algorithm 2: Discriminative disaggregation sparse coding

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### Discriminative disaggregation training:

3. Set  $\mathbf{A}_{1:k}^* \leftarrow \mathbf{A}_{1:k}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{1:k} \leftarrow \mathbf{B}_{1:k}$ .

4. Iterate until convergence:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{1:k} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{A}_{1:k} \geq 0} F(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k})$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} \leftarrow \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{B}} - \alpha \left( (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\hat{\mathbf{A}})\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T - (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{A}^*)(\mathbf{A}^*)^T \right) \right]_+$$

$$\forall i, j, \mathbf{b}_i^{(j)} \leftarrow \mathbf{b}_i^{(j)} / \|\mathbf{b}_i^{(j)}\|_2$$

### Given aggregated test examples $\bar{\mathbf{X}}'$

5.  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}'_{1:k} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{A}_{1:k} \geq 0} F(\bar{\mathbf{X}}', \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k})$

6. Predict  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}'_i = \mathbf{B}_i \hat{\mathbf{A}}'_i$

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# Trained models

DDSC



Finds patterns within the data

$$\text{Accuracy of Week} \equiv \frac{\sum_{i,q} \min \left\{ \sum_p (\mathbf{X}_i)_{pq}, \sum_p (\mathbf{B}_i, \hat{\mathbf{A}}_i)_{pq} \right\}}{\sum_{p,q} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{ip,q}}$$

The overlap of the predicted appliance use and the actual appliance usage.

# Extensions

DDSC



- ▶ Gridsearch across hyperparameters
- ▶ Clustering - label data
- ▶ Adding extensions to the model, through Andrew

Total energy priors:

$$F_{TEP}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{B}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k}) = F(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{B}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k}) + \lambda_{TEP} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mu_i \mathbf{1}^T - \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{A}_i\|_2^2$$

Group Lasso:

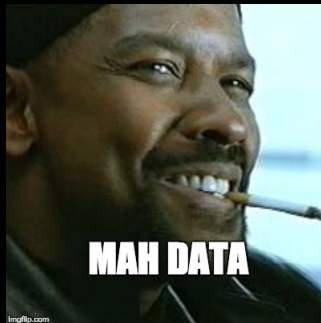
$$F_{GL}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{B}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k}) = F(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{B}_{1:k}, \mathbf{A}_{1:k}) + \lambda_{GL} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{a}_i^{(j)}\|_2$$

# Suggestions

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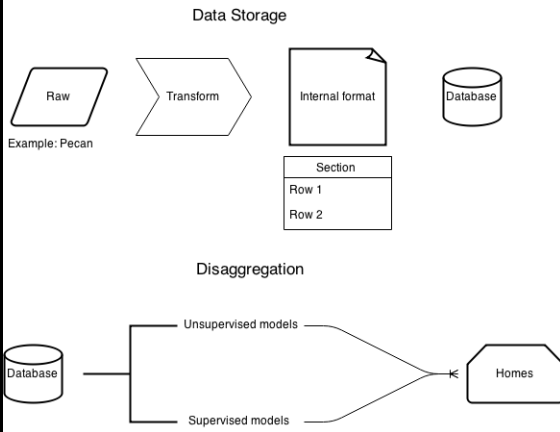


## ► Data, Data, DATA



- Quality data == better models. Period
- Model using fewest assumptions is most likely to be correct.
- Simple algorithm quality data
- All models are wrong, but some are useful. (George E. P. Box)

## Disaggregation Infrastructure





Thank you!

Questions?