Using Big data to estimate precision, degradation, errors and costs of water customer meters.

(in collaboration with <u>Baseform</u>)

Thesis proposal

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Water is o

All plants and animals must have was

If there was no water, there would be no life on earth

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The water utilities provides drinking water and wastewater services to residential, commercial, and industrial sectors of the economy.

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According to the World Bank, water utilities worldwide lose approximately EUR 14 billion annually due to various water losses



"The public water supply service has annual losses of around **184 million cubic meters**, warned the Water and Waste Services Regulatory Entity (ERSAR) in the 2023 report on the sector. "





Mathematics and Artificial intelligence help to reduce water loss in global supply networks

Typical distribution network



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Water meters

Water meters are essential for effectively managing water systems to promote water preservation

Nevertheless, they frequently display metering inaccuracies as a result of various factors such as

> type

- dimensions
- ➤ age, and
- > operating conditions

Moreover, the accuracy of water meters tends to decrease over time, presenting concerns for utilities



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Smart Water meters



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In God we trust. All others bring data.

"Without data you're just another person with an opinion."

- W. Edwards Deming





Is necessary less expensive, easier, and more accurate water flow rate measurement systems



The water meter measurement error depends on two factors:

 characteristic error curves of the meters
and the water consumption patterns of the users DATA



In conclusion, AI- and maths-driven solutions (statistics/data science/machine) can boost water utility profitability, sustainability, efficiency, and water loss reduction

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Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence open unimaginable new opportunities...

Who knows where you will be in 10 years?



