



Clustering Electric Load Curves: The Brazilian Experience

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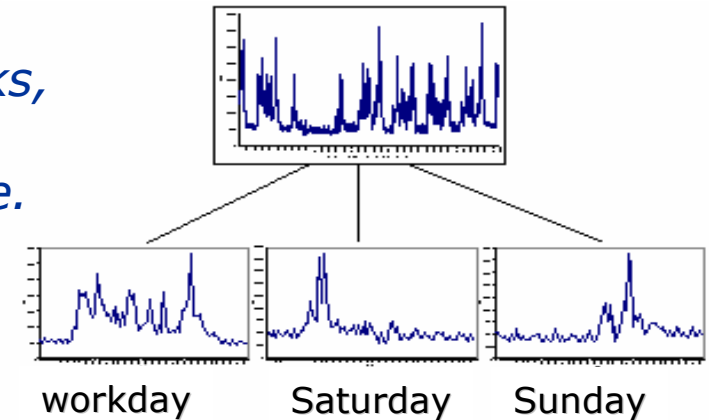
- The Brazilian electric power sector adopts tariffs based on marginal cost pricing since 1980.
- The electricity tariffs are calculated by a methodology, whose origin is the Electricité de France (EDF) and the French 'marginaliste' economists like Allais and Boiteux.
- In this methodology, an important step is the identification of a few typical daily load profiles from a set of electric load curves measurements on a sample of customers.
- These profiles represent patterns of energy use of different class of customers e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, rural, public lighting, public administration etc.
- The standard way to identify the typical load profile from a sample of load curves is to perform a clustering of the representative workday load curves. The centroid of each cluster defines a typical load profile.
- This work presents a brief history about the softwares for identifying of typical daily load profiles developed in the Brazilian electric power sector.
- In order to tell this history we present the features of three softwares that have been used by the Brazilian electric distribution utilities.

Procedure to identify typical load profiles

- 1) Select a sample of customers (or power transformers)
- 2) Get a load curve measurement from each customer

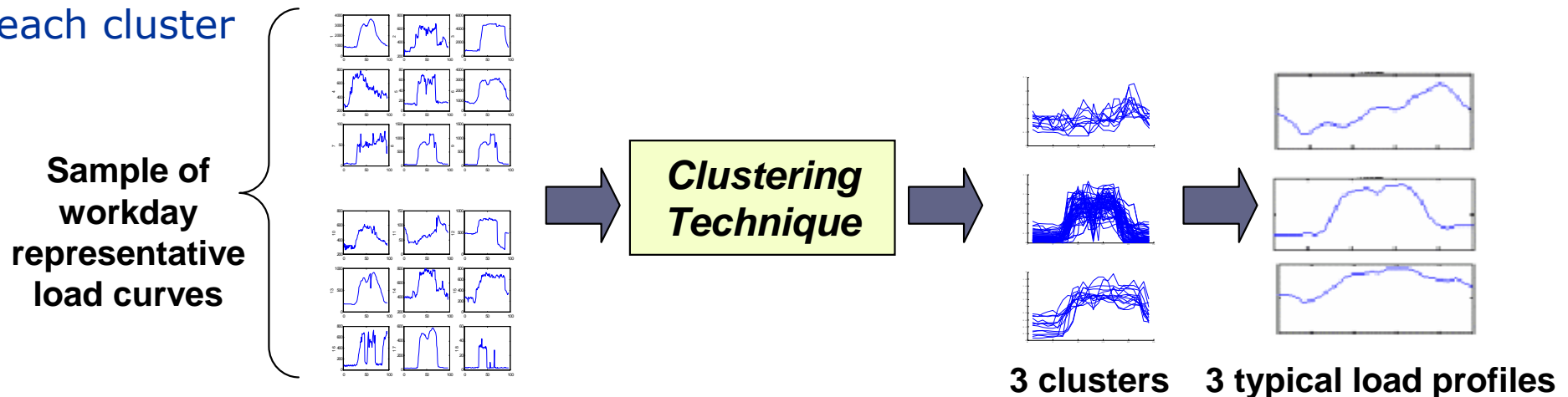
The load curves measures cover a period of two weeks, where the demand is recorded every 15 minutes by recording meters installed at each point in the sample.

Load curve measurement



- 3) Examine the load curve measurement (kW) of each customer in order to identify its three representative load curves (workday, Saturday and Sunday)

- 4) Apply a clustering technique to group customers with similar workday load curves (each daily curve has 96 points). After that, take the typical load profiles from each cluster



- 5) Derive typical load profiles for the entire population

Softwares for identifying of typical load profiles developed in the Brazilian electric power sector

We select a representative sample of three softwares for identifying of typical load profiles used in the Brazilian electric power sector.

- **SNACC (1991)**

Sistema Nacional de Avaliação do Comportamento da Carga

National system of evaluation of the load behavior

- **TARDIST (1998)**

Programa para cálculo dos custos marginais de fornecimento e tarifas de uso da distribuição

Computational program for computing the supply marginal costs and distribution tariffs

- **ANATIPO (2005)**

Sistema computacional para construção de tipologias de curvas de carga

Software for building typical load curves

SNACC Program (1991)

It was the first software for clustering load curves developed in the Brazilian power sector.

It was developed by the National Department of Waters and Electric Power (DNAEE).

DNAEE was officially closed upon the establishment of the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (ANEEL).



The SNACC employs the methods of cluster analysis programmed in two computational routines in Fortran brought from the Electricité de France (EDF): **NUDYC** (*nuées dynamique*) and **DESCR2** (Ward method).

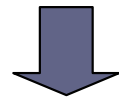
- Molliere, M. *Um ensemble de modules de classification automatique et de modules explicatifs associes*, Note EDF, Direction des etudes et Recherches n° HI 2818/02, 1978.
- BRASIL, Ministério das Minas e Energia, DNAEE, Eletrobrás, Empresas Concessionárias de Energia Elétrica, *Nova Tarifa de Energia Elétrica: metodologia e aplicação*, DNAEE, Brasília, 1985.

SNACC Program (1991)

The NUDYC and DESCR2 routines are executed sequentially:

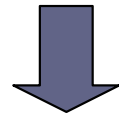
first the typical workday load curves are clustered by the “*nuées dynamique*” programmed in the NUDYC routine, then the *formes fortes* are clustered by the Ward method programmed in the DESCR2 routine.

Set of workday load curves
(each load curve has 96 points and
represents a customer)

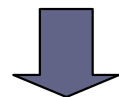


“Module NUDYC”
Nuées dynamiques

formes fortes



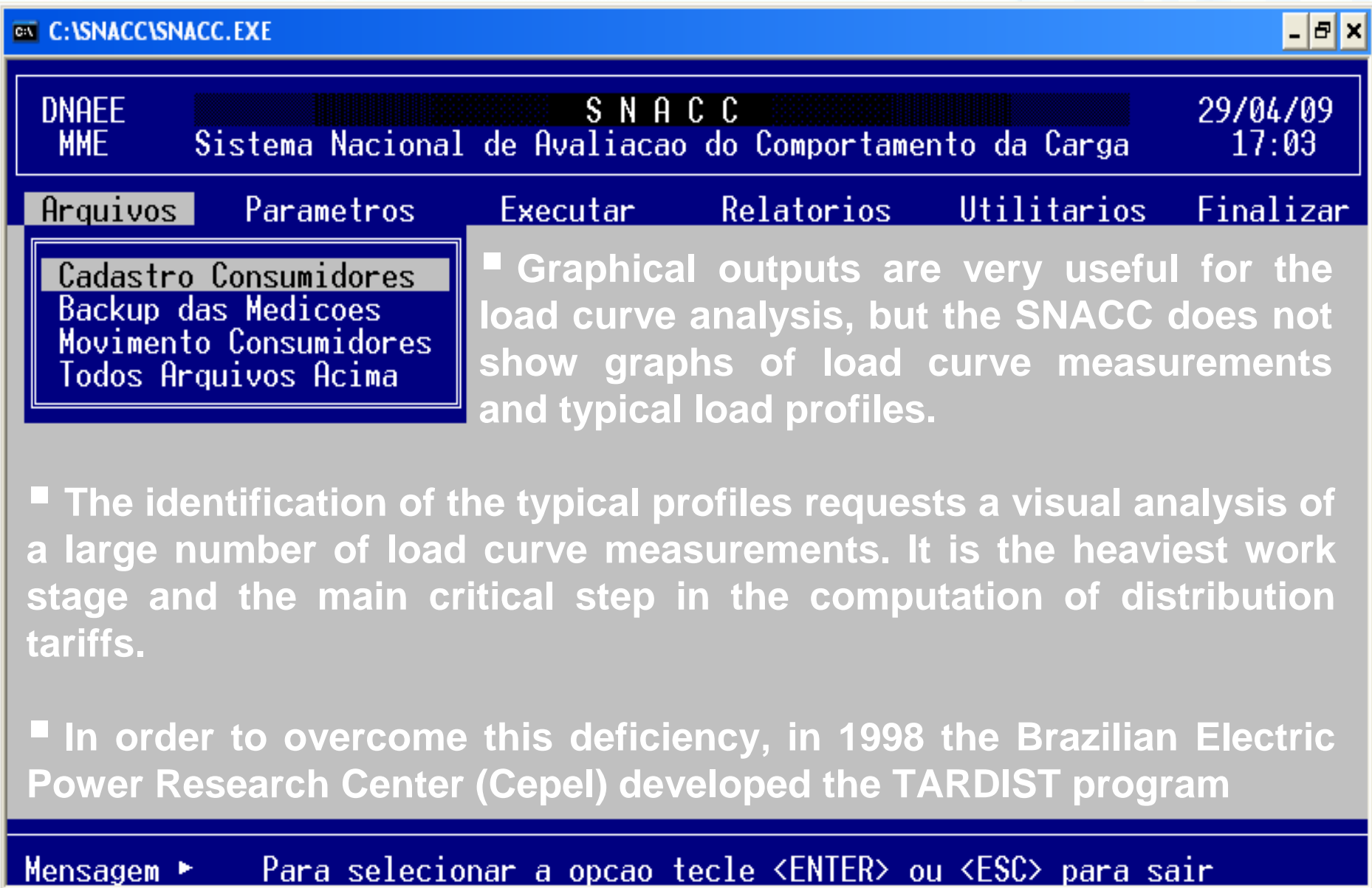
“Module de Description et classification
hiérarchique ascendente (DESCR2)”
Ward method



Typical load profiles

Diday, E. Une nouvelle méthode en classification automatique et reconnaissance des formes. La méthode des nuées dynamiques. Revue de statistique Appliquée, 1971, vol. XIV n° 2. Institut de Statistique. Université de Paris.

SNACC Program (1991)



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MME Sistema Nacional de Avaliacao do Comportamento da Carga 17:03

Arquivos Parametros Executar Relatorios Utilitarios Finalizar

- Graphical outputs are very useful for the load curve analysis, but the SNACC does not show graphs of load curve measurements and typical load profiles.
- The identification of the typical profiles requests a visual analysis of a large number of load curve measurements. It is the heaviest work stage and the main critical step in the computation of distribution tariffs.
- In order to overcome this deficiency, in 1998 the Brazilian Electric Power Research Center (Cepel) developed the TARDIST program

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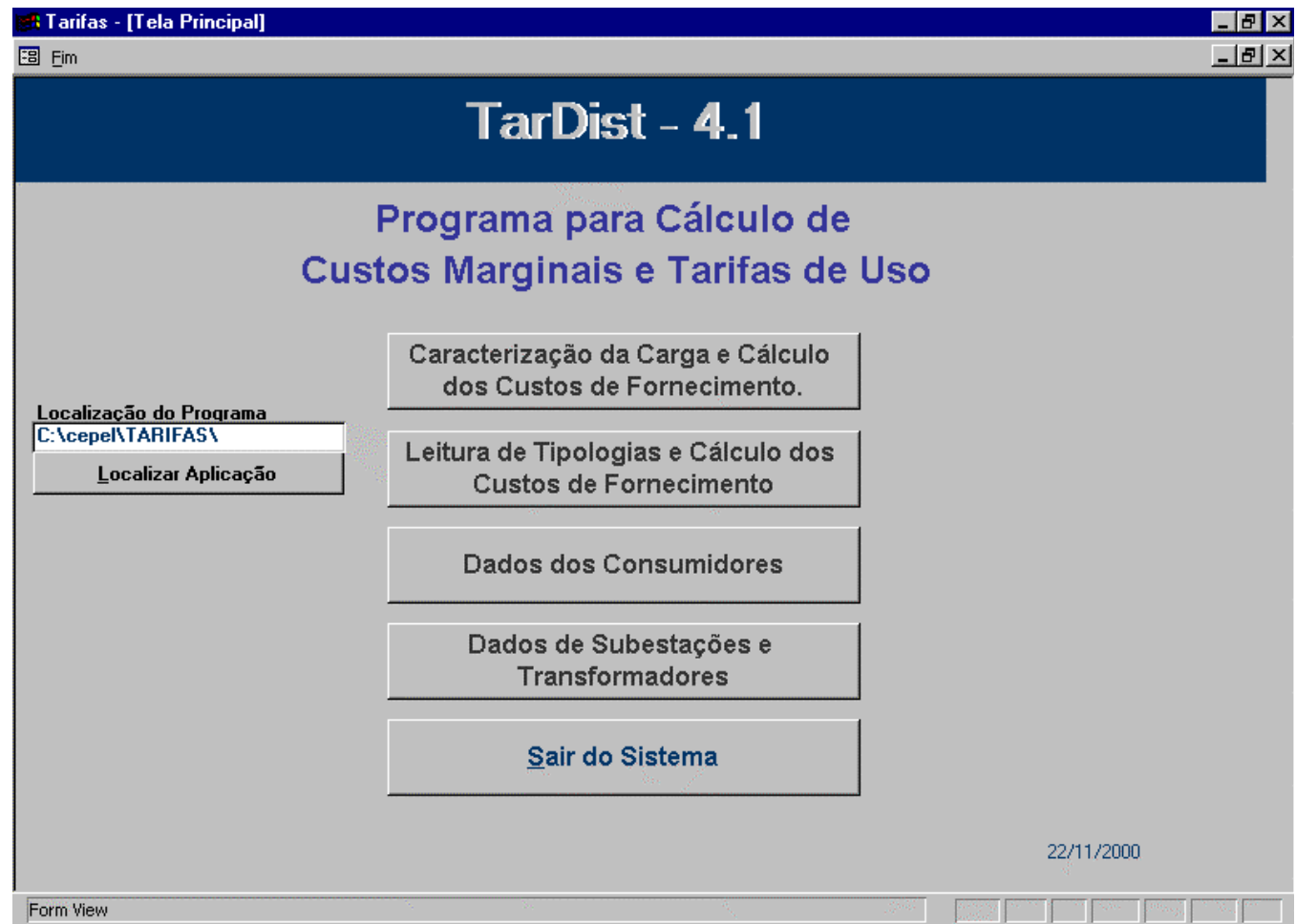
TARDIST program (1998)

Software developed by the Brazilian Electric Power Research Center (Cepel) to compute the distribution tariff framework based on marginal cost.

TARDIST also has a module to build typical load profiles, but it has a friendly user interface.

The software is used by the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (ANEEL) to set the distribution tariff.

Pessanha, J.F.M., Huang, J.L.C., Pereira, L.A.C., Passos Júnior, R., Castellani, V.L.O. Metodologia e sistema computacional para cálculo das tarifas de uso dos sistemas de distribuição, XXXVI SBPO, São João del Rey - MG,2004.



Tarifas - [Tela Principal]

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TarDist - 4.1

Programa para Cálculo de Custos Marginais e Tarifas de Uso

Localização do Programa
C:\cepel\TARIFAS\
Localizar Aplicação

Caracterização da Carga e Cálculo dos Custos de Fornecimento.

Leitura de Tipologias e Cálculo dos Custos de Fornecimento

Dados dos Consumidores

Dados de Subestações e Transformadores

Sair do Sistema

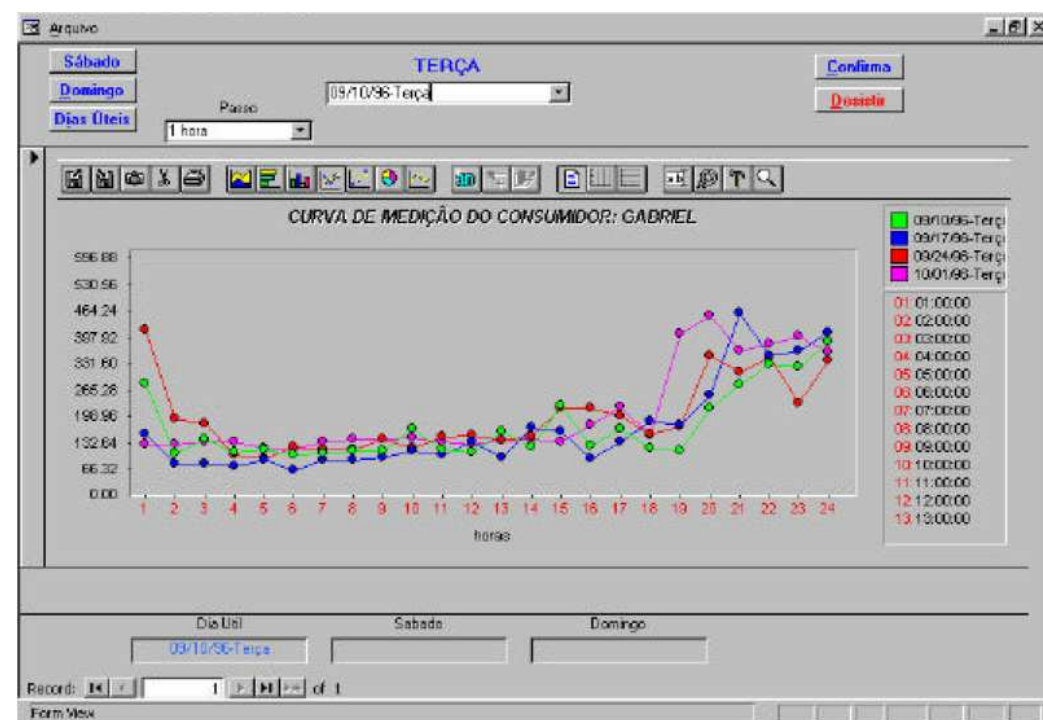
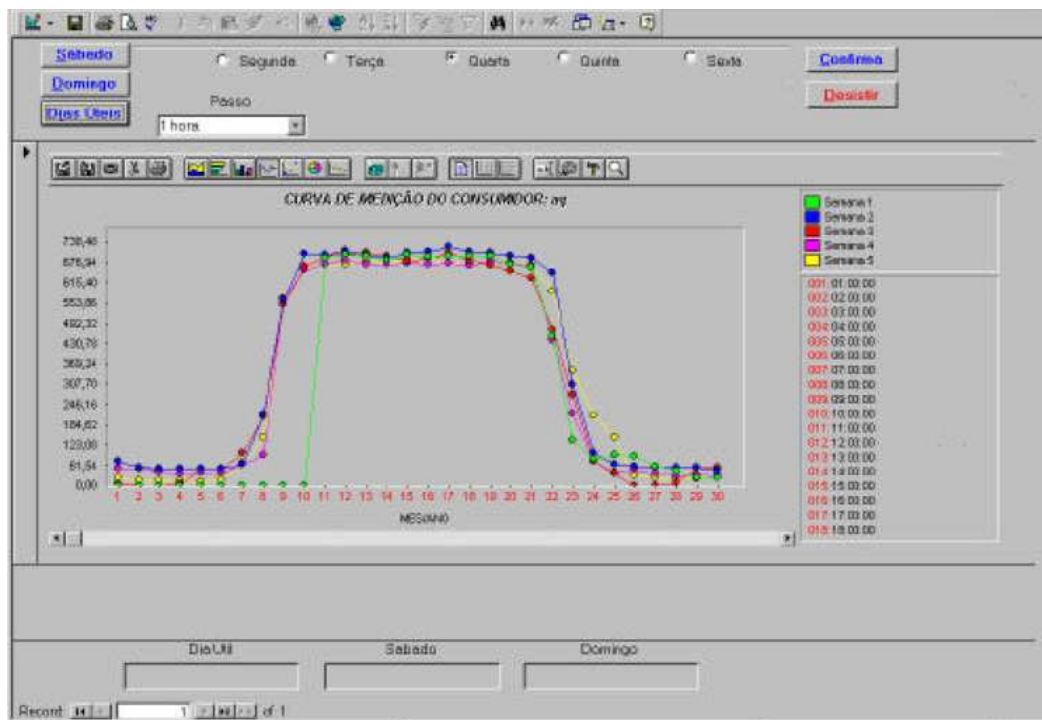
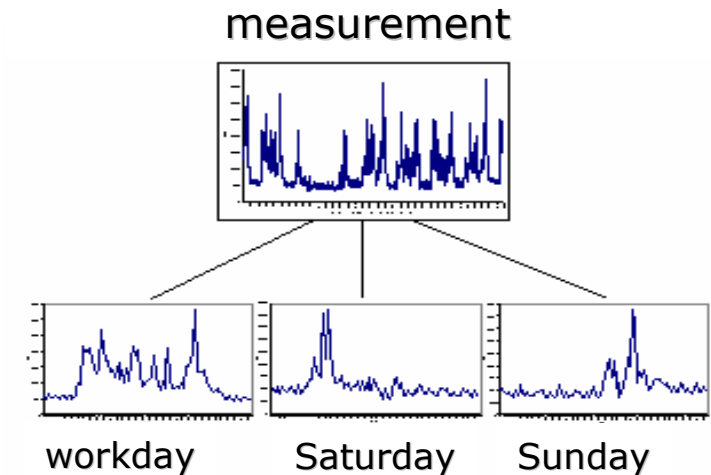
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Form View

TARDIST program (1998)

The friendly user interface shows the load curves registered in each measurement file.

Based on a pictorial analysis any user can select the three typical days (a workday, a Saturday and a Sunday) of each measurement file.



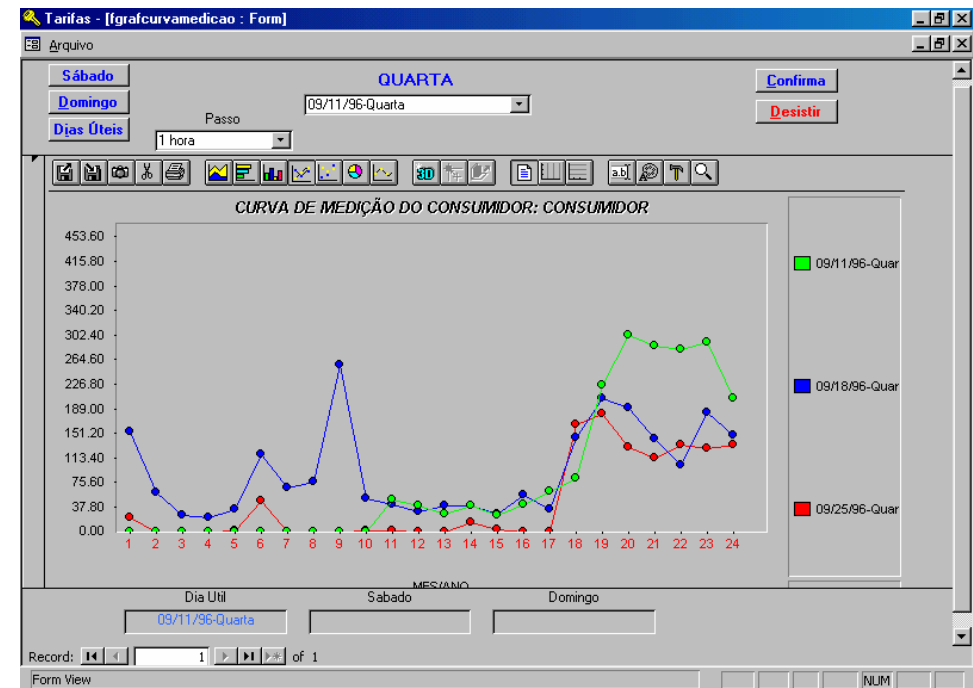
TARDIST program (1998)

TARDIST employs only the Ward method to cluster the workdays load curves.

The user can change the clusters' composition, in order to correct any misclassification made during the clustering process.

TARDIST shows the following results useful to set the number of cluster (typical load profiles):

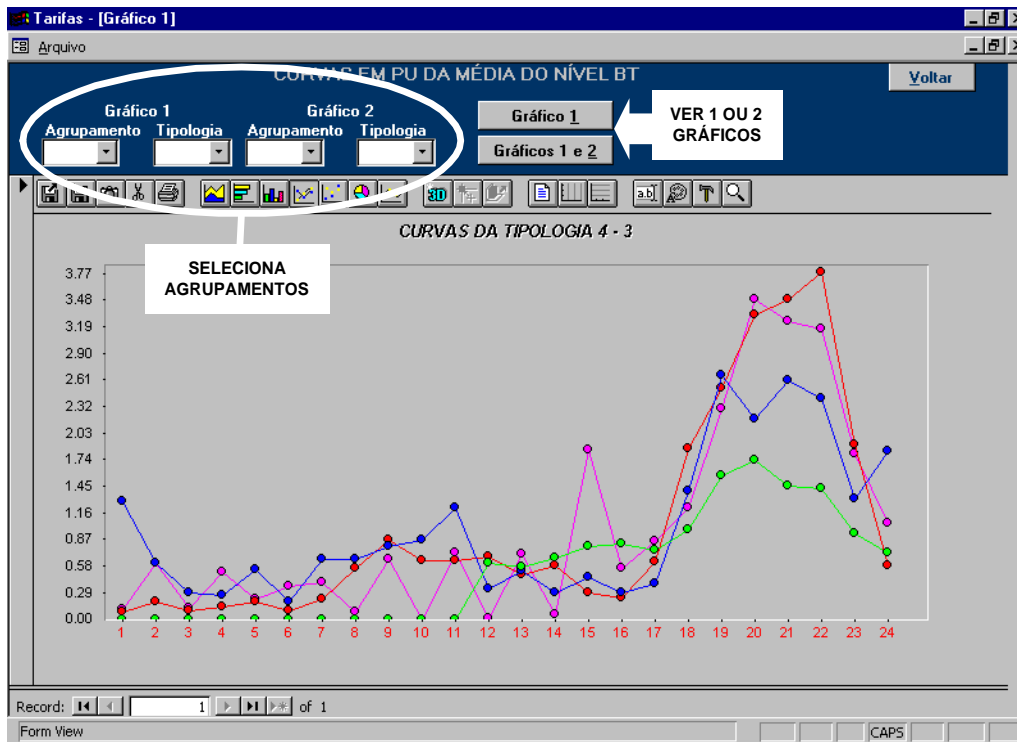
- Load profiles plots for each cluster
- Share (%) of each cluster in the energy consumption
- Within Sum Squares (WSS) and Between Sum Square (BSS).



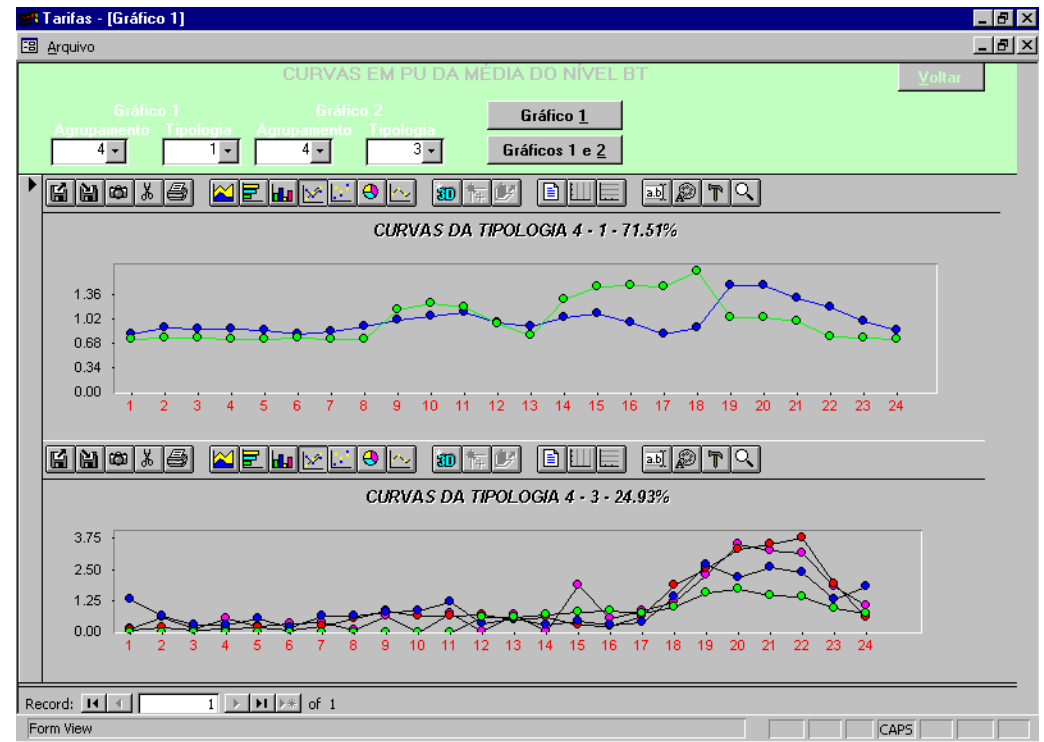
TARDIST program (1998)

The software shows the load curves classified in each cluster.

One cluster



Two clusters



ANATIPO Program (2005)

Software developed by Cepel to Cosern (Companhia Energética do Rio Grande do Norte) in its R&D Program.

Purpose: To identify typical load profiles from a sample of load curves measurements.

Main characteristics:

- Import load curve measurements (kW) from files in text format or Excel worksheet
- Routine for automatic identification of the typical workday, Saturday and Sunday curves of each measurement file
- Allows data analysis through graphics and reports
- Three clustering techniques: Ward, k-Means and Fuzzy Clustering Method (FCM)
- User friendly graphical interface
- Output reports (text format and Excel)

Pessanha, J.F.M., Castellani, V.L.O., Araújo, A.L.A. Uma nova ferramenta computacional para construção de tipologias de curva de carga, X SEPOPE, Florianópolis - SC,2006.

ANATIPO Program (2005)

Sample of customers or electric power transformers

Dados do Estudo de Clientes

Dados do Estudo

Código.: 005 ESTUDO SOBRE CLIENTES COMPLETO Mercado (MWh): 1000000

Nível de Tensão.: 7 BT Classe de Consumo.: 1 Residencial

Faixa de Consumo.: 2 0 à 500 KW

Clientes

Código	Nome	Ativo	Arquivo
005-00001-001	Consumidor Número 005-00001-001	Sim	C:\CEPEL\AnaTipo\INPUT\Formato_Publico\52733&hb.iod
005-00001-002	Consumidor Número 005-00001-002	Sim	C:\CEPEL\AnaTipo\INPUT\Formato_Publico\86150&ei.ams
005-00001-003	Consumidor Número 005-00001-003	Sim	C:\CEPEL\AnaTipo\INPUT\Formato_Publico\86178&gn.gde
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005-00001-005	Consumidor Número 005-00001-005	Sim	C:\CEPEL\AnaTipo\INPUT\Formato_Publico\86247&gn.gle
005-00001-006	Consumidor Número 005-00001-006	Sim	C:\CEPEL\AnaTipo\INPUT\Formato_Publico\86313&ei.fob
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Annual consumption (MWh)

Data input form

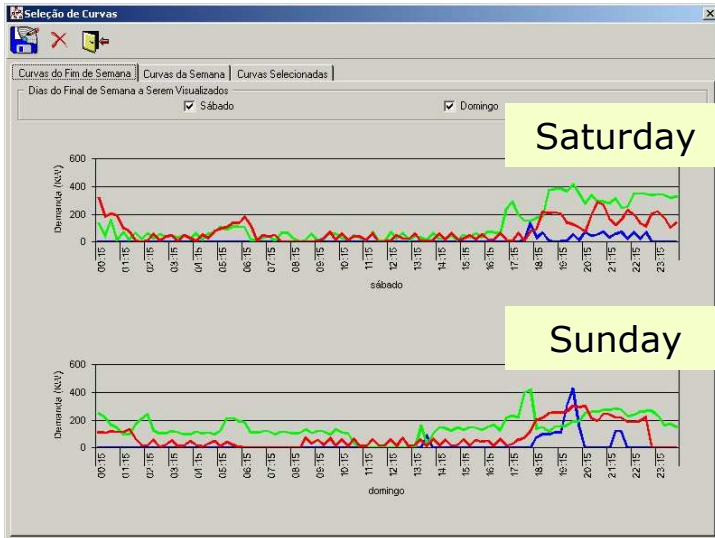
Customer code

Customer name

File with load curve measurement

ANATIPO Program (2005)

Saturday and Sunday measurements



Saturday

Sunday

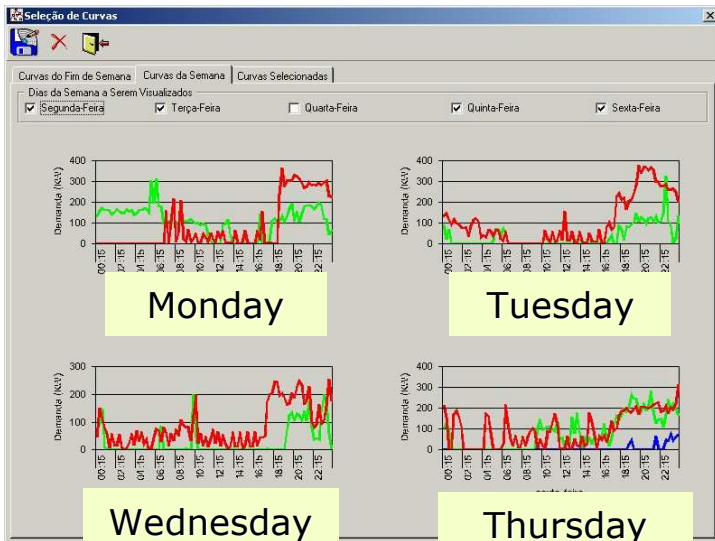
Identify the typical Saturday load curve

Identify the typical Sunday load curve

Two modes to select the three representative load curves from measurement files:

- *non-automatic (pictorial analysis of each measurement)*
- *automatic*

Workday measurements



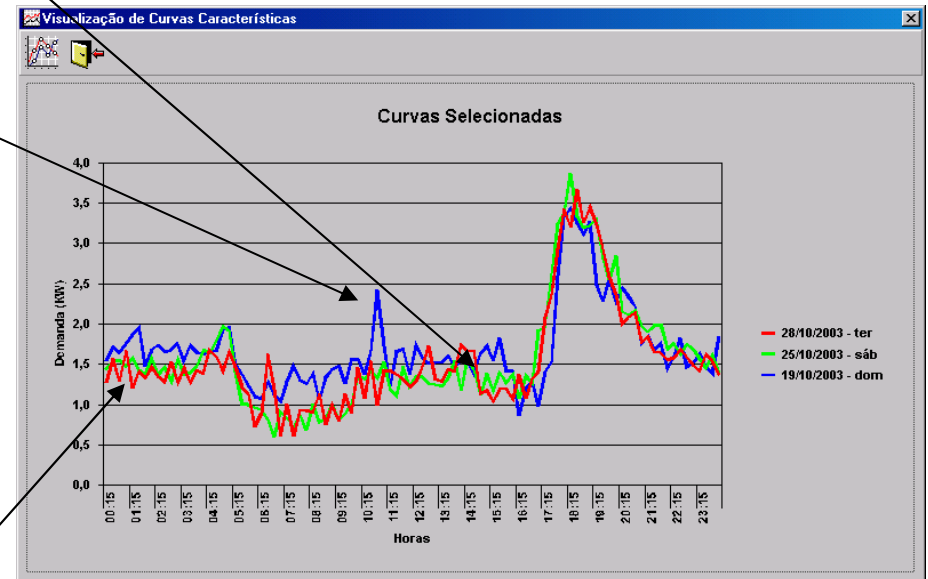
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Identify the typical workday load curve

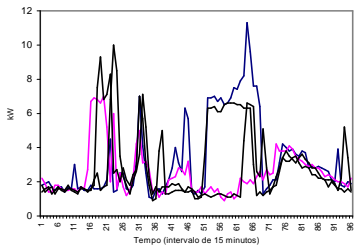


The three representative load curves : workday, Saturday and Sunday

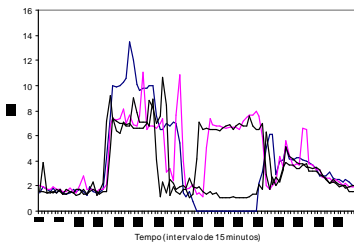
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Automatic selection of the representative load curves of each measurement file

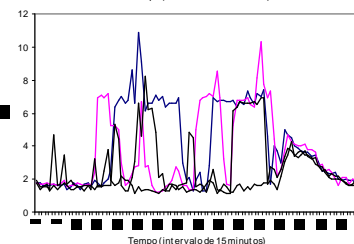
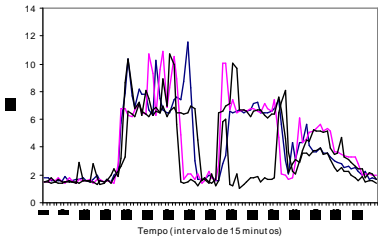
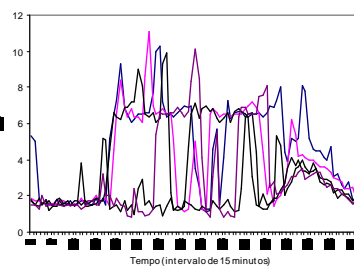
Automatic selection



Sunday

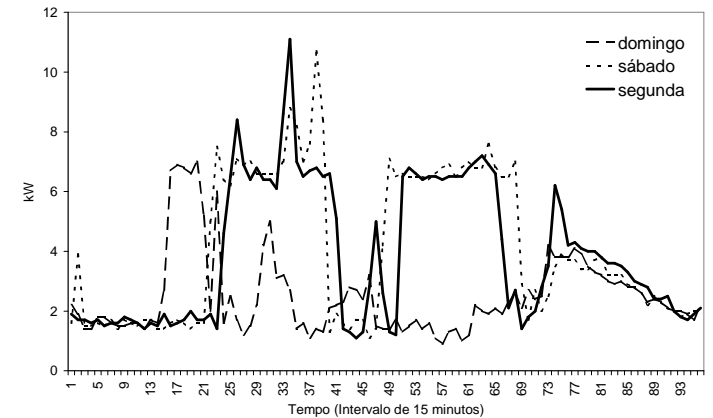


Saturday



workdays

- 1 - Delete the bad data (outage service and abnormal consumption)
- 2 - Compute three average curves (Sunday, Saturday and workday)
- 3 - Choice the three curves near to the average curves

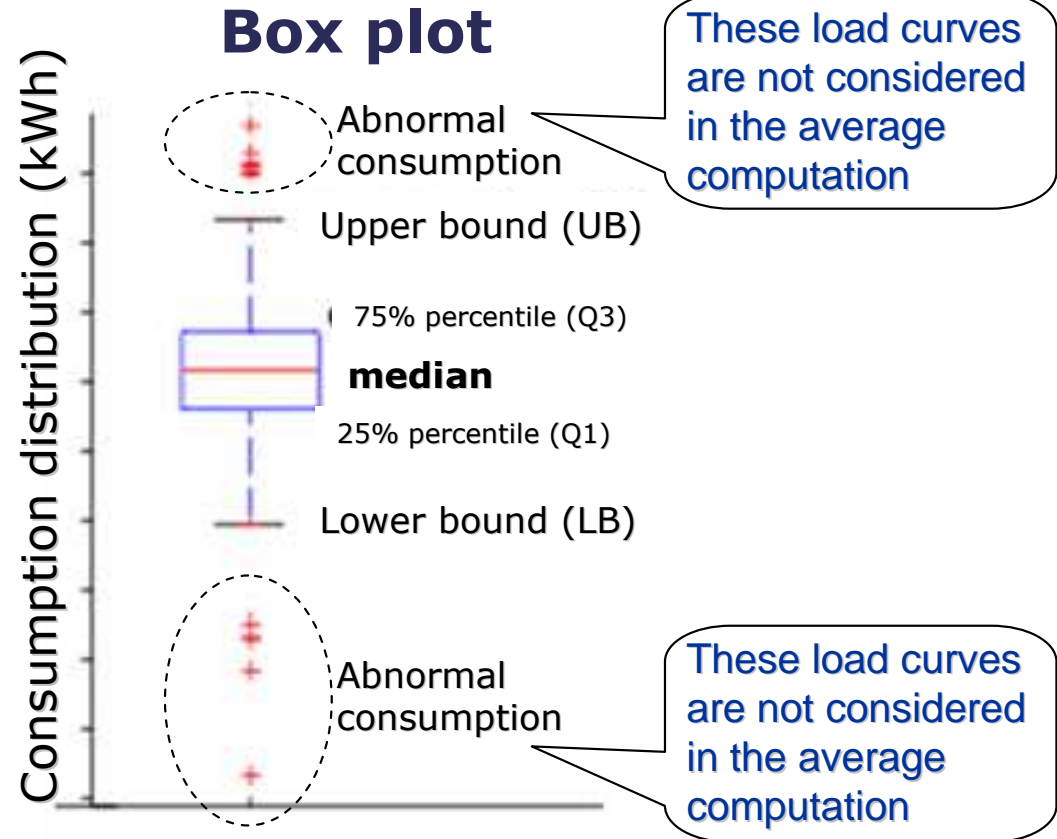
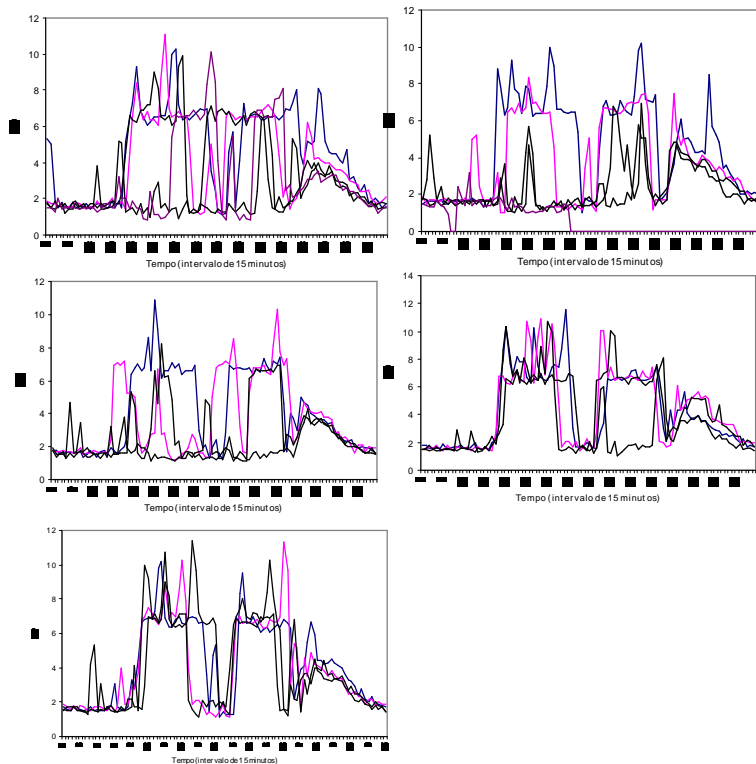


The three representative load curves for a customer: workday, Saturday and Sunday

This procedure is applied automatically to each load curve measurement file

Identification of the load curves with abnormal consumptions

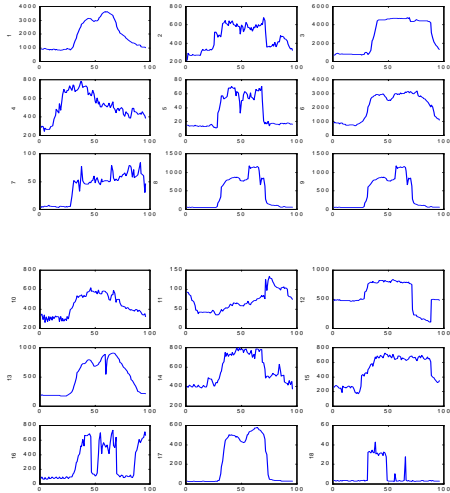
workdays



$$UB = Q3 + 1.5*(Q3-Q1)$$

$$LB = Q1 - 1.5*(Q3-Q1)$$

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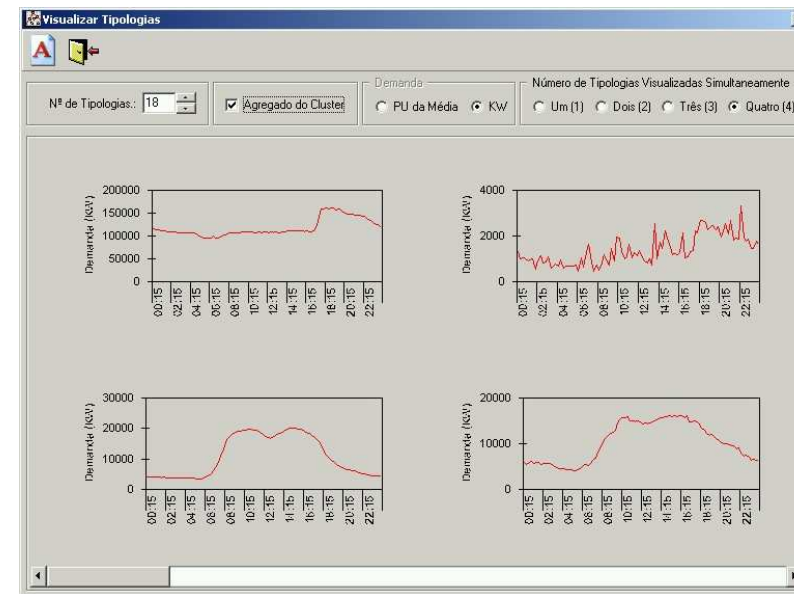
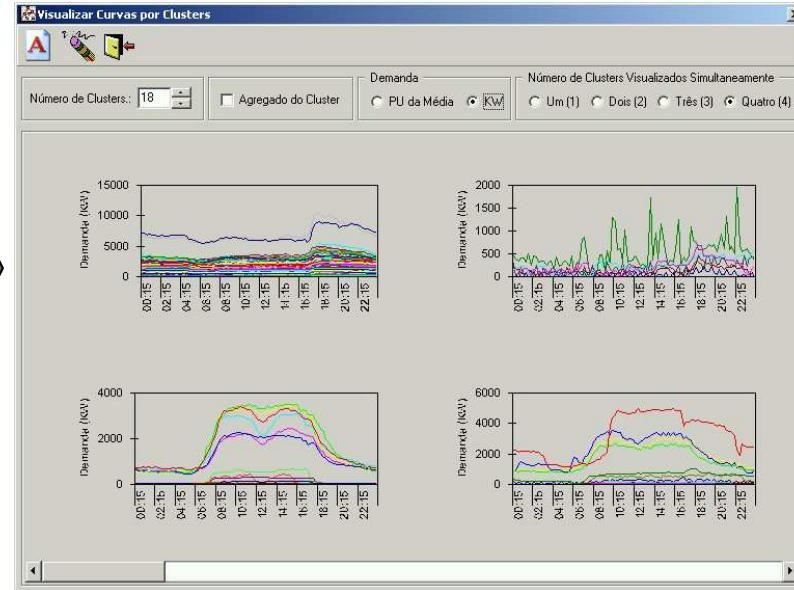


**Set of
workdays
representative
load curves**

Cluster analysis

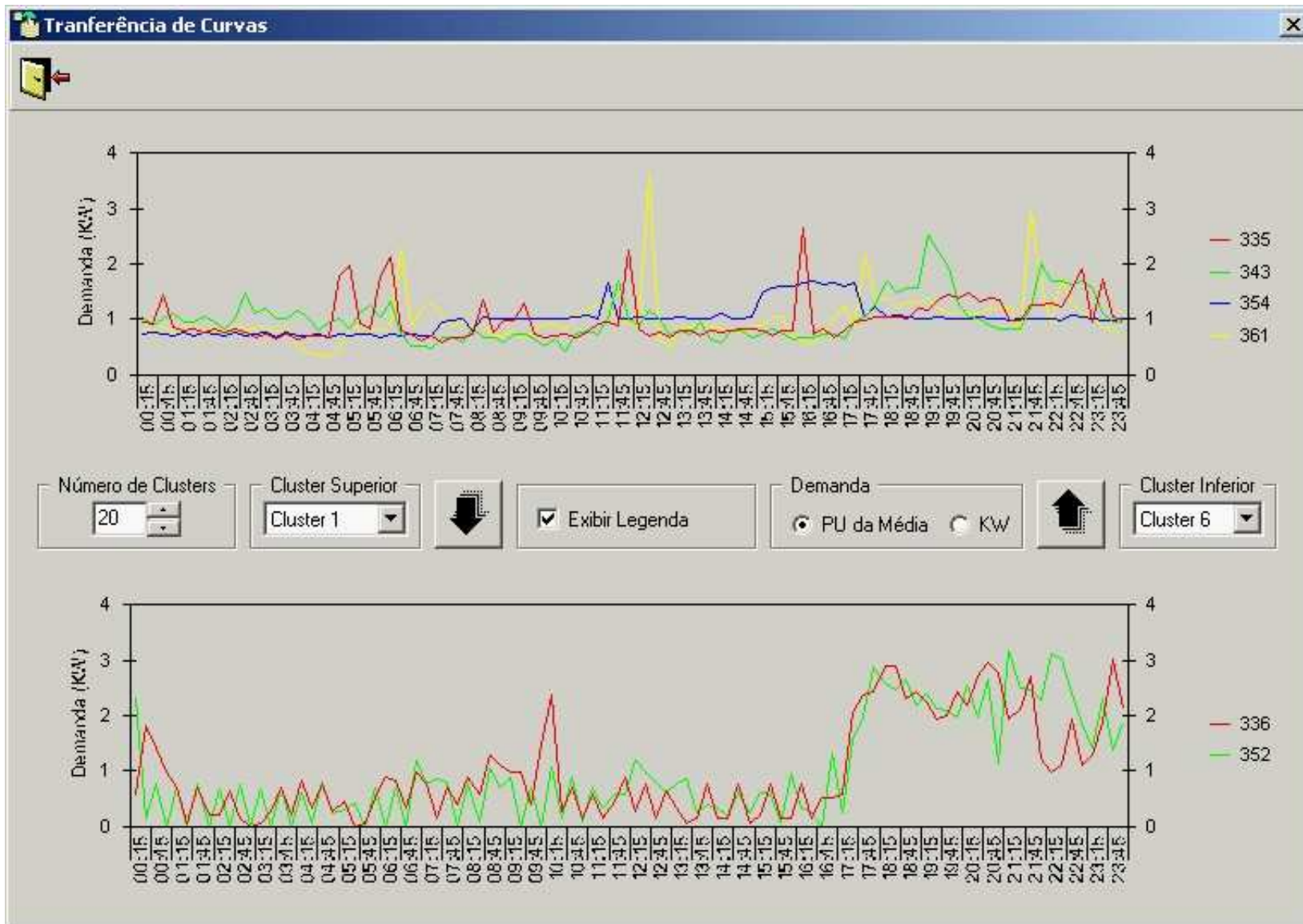
*The user
can
choice
K-Means,
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centroids

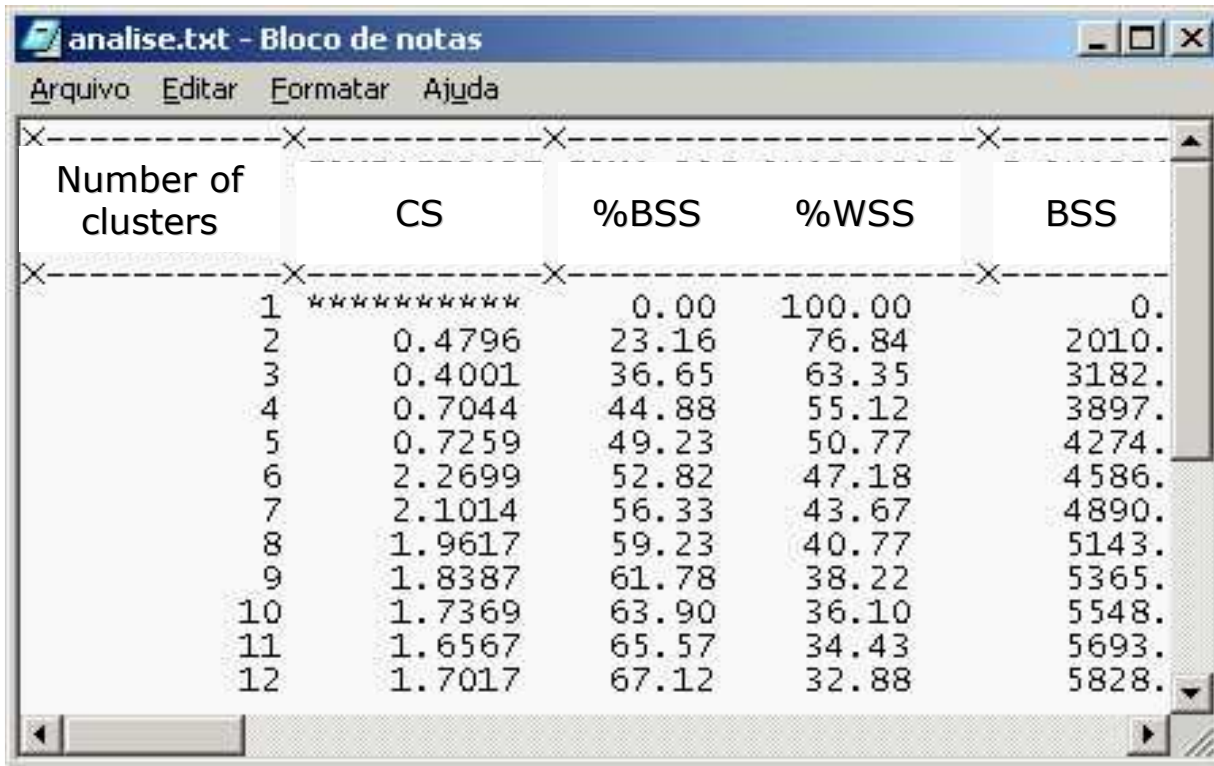


ANATIPO Program (2005)

User can move a load curve from one cluster to another



Output report with statistics to set the number of clusters



Number of clusters	CS	%BSS	%WSS	BSS
1	*****	0.00	100.00	0.
2	0.4796	23.16	76.84	2010.
3	0.4001	36.65	63.35	3182.
4	0.7044	44.88	55.12	3897.
5	0.7259	49.23	50.77	4274.
6	2.2699	52.82	47.18	4586.
7	2.1014	56.33	43.67	4890.
8	1.9617	59.23	40.77	5143.
9	1.8387	61.78	38.22	5365.
10	1.7369	63.90	36.10	5548.
11	1.6567	65.57	34.43	5693.
12	1.7017	67.12	32.88	5828.

BSS = Between sum squares

$$BSS = \sum_{j=1}^k \|c_j - \bar{c}\|^2$$

WSS = Within sum squares

$$WSS = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \|x_i - c_j\|^2$$

$$\%BSS = BSS / (WSS + BSS)$$

$$\%WSS = WSS / (WSS + BSS)$$

The ideal number of clusters minimizes the compacity and separation measure (CS)

$$CS = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^n u_{ij}^m \|x_i - c_j\|^2}{n \cdot \min \|c_{j1} - c_{j2}\|^2}$$

k = number of clusters

n = number of objects (load curves)

m = degree of fuzzyfication (m=1 for crisp methods k-Means and Ward)

x = load curve

u = membership function

c = cluster centroid

ANATIPO Program (2005)

The main result is a worksheet with the typical load profiles

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	CEPEL - Centro de Pesquisas de Energia Eletrica												
2	<i>Sistema ANATIPO</i>												
3	<i>Tipologias em MW</i>												
4													
5	INTERVALO	HORA		TIPO 1			TIPO 2			AGREGADO			
6			útil	sábado	domingo	útil	sábado	domingo	útil	sábado	domingo		
7	00:00-01:00	1	15.253	18.113	15.600	0.953	0.867	0.780	16.207	18.980	16.38		
8	01:00-02:00	2	14.907	18.113	16.120	0.867	0.953	0.693	15.773	19.067	16.813		
9	02:00-03:00	3	15.167	17.940	15.947	0.780	0.780	0.780	15.947	18.720	16.727		
10	03:00-04:00	4	15.167	17.680	16.033	0.867	0.867	0.693	16.033	18.547	16.727		
11	04:00-05:00	5	15.253	17.767	15.600	0.693	0.953	0.780	15.947	18.720	16.38		
12	05:00-06:00	6	18.287	19.674	16.033	0.867	0.867	0.693	19.154	20.540	16.727		
13	06:00-07:00	7	32.760	35.707	16.380	1.040	1.127	0.953	33.800	36.834	17.333		
14	07:00-08:00	8	44.460	63.787	16.293	1.300	1.733	0.953	45.760	65.521	17.247		
15	08:00-09:00	9	142.568	123.588	16.207	1.820	1.387	0.693	144.388	124.974	16.9		
16	09:00-10:00	10	306.976	227.935	15.773	6.067	1.387	1.127	313.043	229.322	16.9		
17	10:00-11:00	11	317.896	244.055	16.293	6.413	1.213	0.693	324.309	245.269	16.987		
18	11:00-12:00	12	287.042	234.522	18.200	1.560	1.127	0.780	288.603	235.649	18.98		
19	12:00-13:00	13	296.749	225.855	17.680	4.680	1.040	0.607	301.429	226.895	18.287		
20	13:00-14:00	14	219.962	184.428	17.073	0.780	2.253	0.347	220.742	186.682	17.42		
21	14:00-15:00	15	245.442	204.275	16.293	6.153	1.560	0.867	251.596	205.835	17.16		
22	15:00-16:00	16	250.989	202.455	17.247	5.893	1.040	0.520	256.882	203.495	17.767		
23	16:00-17:00	17	232.875	209.475	16.467	5.807	0.693	0.520	238.682	210.169	16.987		
24	17:00-18:00	18	228.109	215.282	16.900	0.780	1.560	1.300	228.889	216.842	18.2		
25	18:00-19:00	19	178.622	131.474	16.380	1.127	0.867	0.780	179.748	132.341	17.16		
26	19:00-20:00	20	117.868	94.901	17.247	1.907	0.953	0.867	119.774	95.854	18.113		
27	20:00-21:00	21	111.974	47.927	17.593	1.387	1.647	0.953	113.361	49.574	18.547		
28	21:00-22:00	22	79.041	32.414	17.333	1.127	1.387	0.347	80.167	33.800	17.68		
29	22:00-23:00	23	44.114	25.827	16.900	0.780	1.213	0.433	44.894	27.040	17.333		
30	23:00-24:00	24	23.054	17.680	16.033	1.473	1.040	0.173	24.527	18.720	16.207		
31	% mercado		98.347			1.653			100				
32	mercado MWh		983472.4			16527.56			1000000				
33	demanda média MW		135.606			2.297			137.902				
34	poderação sabado		0.808			0.517			0.804				
35	poderação domingo		0.122			0.314			0.125				
36	fator de carga %		42.657			35.811			42.522				
37	demanda máx MW Ponta		178.622			1.907			179.748				
38	demanda máx MW Fora_Ponta		317.896			6.413			324.309				
39													

Excel worksheet ready to be used in the distribution tariff computation

The softwares for identifying typical load profiles developed in the Brazilian electric power sector are based on the French tradition, specially from the EDF's experience.

Most of the studies carried out in the Brazilian electricity distribution utilities have been used statistics techniques (Ward method, k-Means or the “*Nuées dynamiques*”) to obtain the typical load profiles. For example, the statistics techniques have been used in the tariff revision process.

However it is possible to find few studies that use Self-Organizing Map (SOM) in order to get the typical load profiles. Most of these studies have been used the Matlab Neural Network Toolbox. The challenge remains to develop a software based on SOM like “*Courboscope*” (Debregeas & Hebrail, 1998) developed by the EDF's R&D Division.

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