Hall 9 - How the Digitalisation will Revolutionise Operating Efficiency

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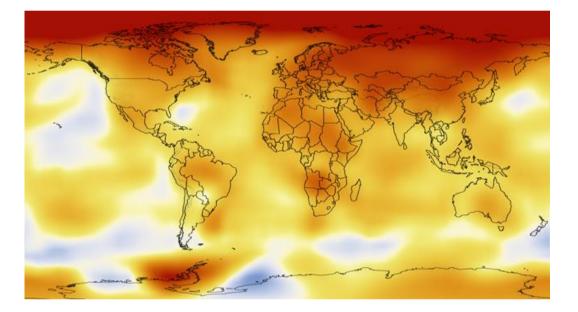
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### How the Digitalisation will Revolutionise Operating Efficiency

- Air Conditioning, Heat Pumps and Refrigeration use 20% of global electricity
- These systems represents 30-60% of electricity in buildings.
  - 10-30% savings potential = 2 to 6 % of global electricity
  - Reduction of peak power
  - Use building inertia to move load in time
  - Reduce failures and downtime

#### **ClimaCheck Sweden AB**

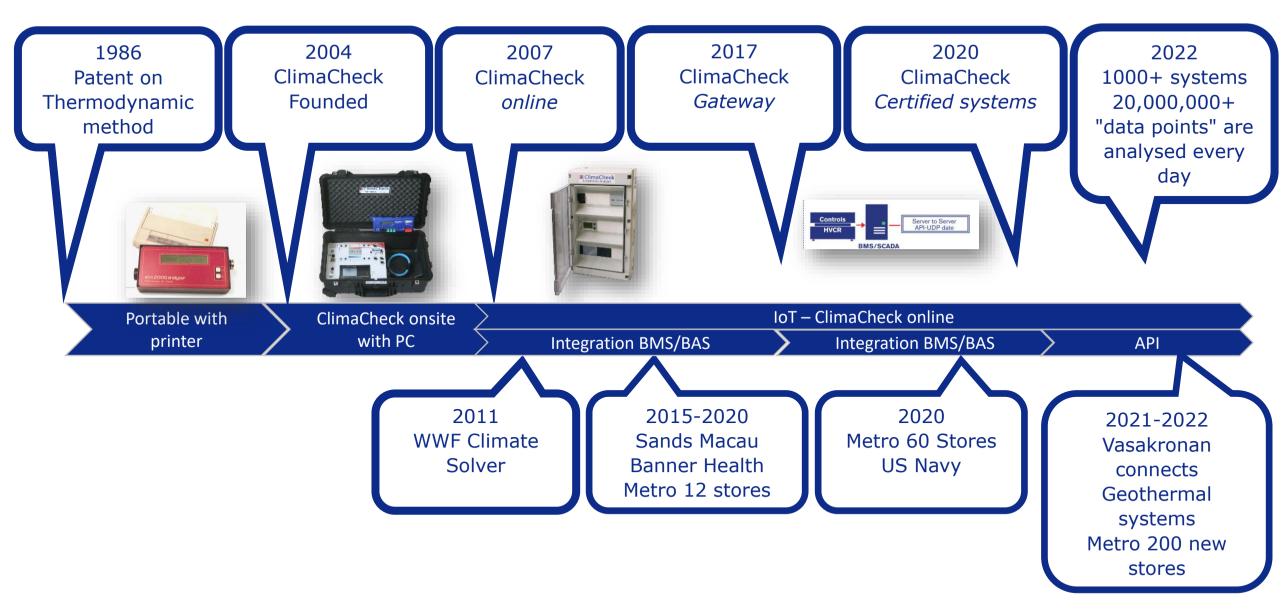
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### The future will be different and transition has started

### • Digitalisation will change Business as Usual

- Most systems have all or most of sensors required for complete performance analyses
- Equipment owners want to have pay-back on their investments in BMS/BAS/SCADA and IoT
- Pressure on Energy efficiency and reduction of peak loads is on
- Onsite troubleshooting and inspections are inefficient
  - Experts are not available onsite and it is costly to get them there
  - All technicians/engineers are not experts on everything
  - Analytics makes information of data
  - Thousands of systems can be analysed and benchmarked on component level online
  - Automated Fault Detection and Diagnosis serve competent experts with early warning



#### dena award ClimaCheck project to develop Energy performance indicators



- 450 000 Euro project to develop Energy Performance Indicator platform
- Germany has aggressive targets to decrease energy consumption
- dena the German energy agency has identified the need for action
  - In small and medium sized companies that lack in house experts
  - In refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump systems
  - dena want to speed up implementation by establishing
    - Energy Performance Indicators "EnPI" for benchmarking of system based on categories
    - A cost-effective web based solution for Small and Medium Sized enterprises "SMEs"
  - ClimaCheck has developed solutions for performance analysing and monitoring since 2004 and cooperate with
    - Kühlanalyse German distributor and expert on analysing and optimisation
    - Idun Real Estate Solutions Expert on secure data platforms on RealEstateCore standard

#### Wanted - Test pilots interested in benchmarking their systems

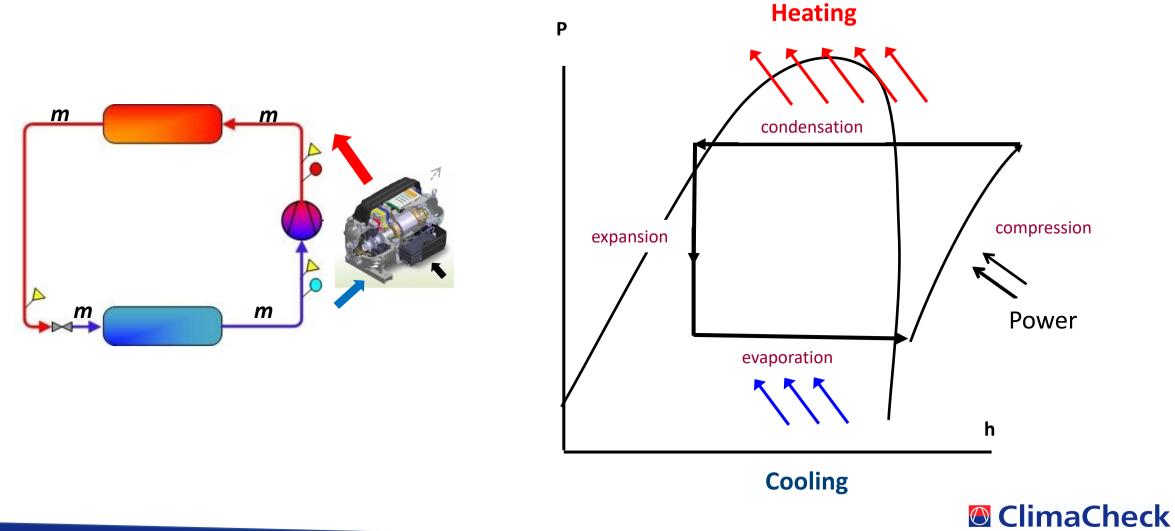


# A global problem need a solution



### **Thermodynamic Method = Internal Method**

internationally validated and proven - opens the "Black Box"



# **Performance analysis**

### **Crucial information/ KPI's**

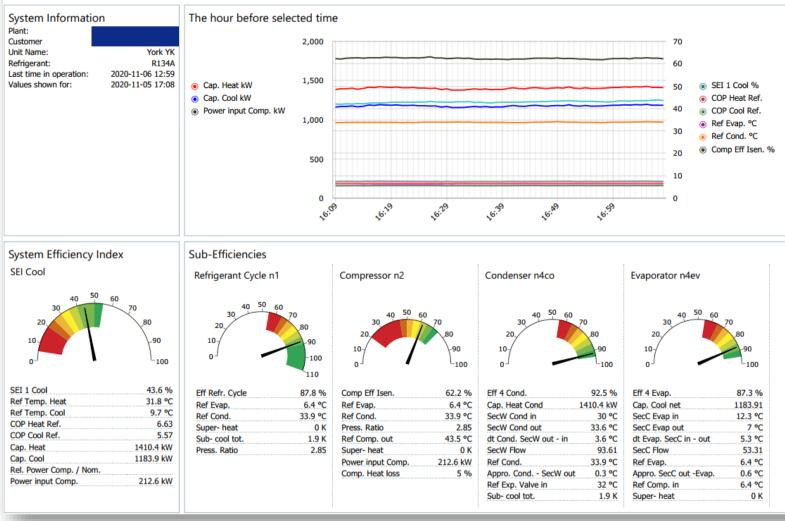
- System Efficiency Index SEI Same KPI's for all buildings that doesn't change continuously as COP/EER or kW/RT.
- Producing business intelligence supporting decision making

#### **Predictive maintenance**

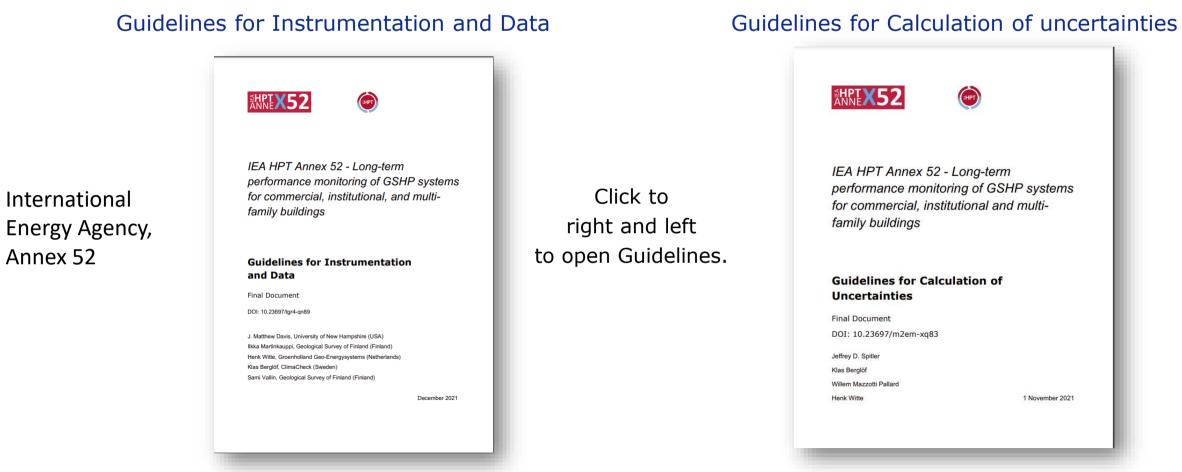
- Detect deviations in performance and functionality instead of "outside the envelope"
- Early Warnings (Fewer alarms)

#### Benchmark





# **Guideline establish best practice**

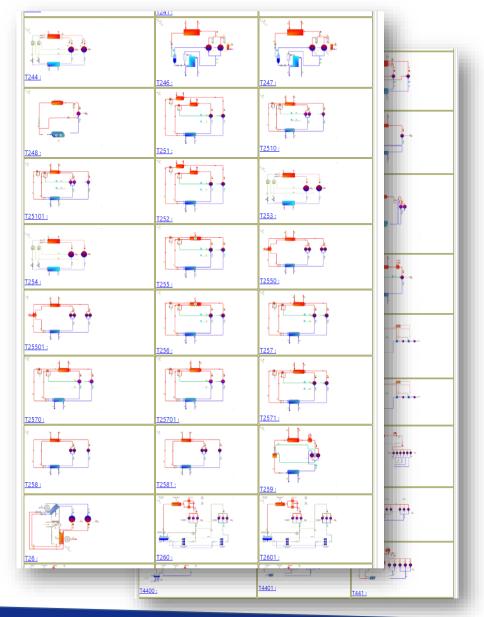


Project driven by demand for structured M&V procedures and performance indicators

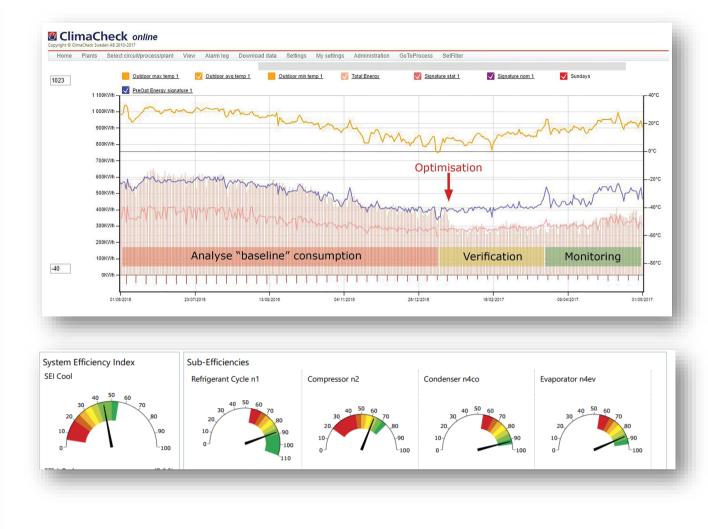
for Ground Source Heat pumps/Chiller

But structure generally applicable for verification and benchmarking of vapor compression systems

## **Straight forward - but there are hundreds of designs**

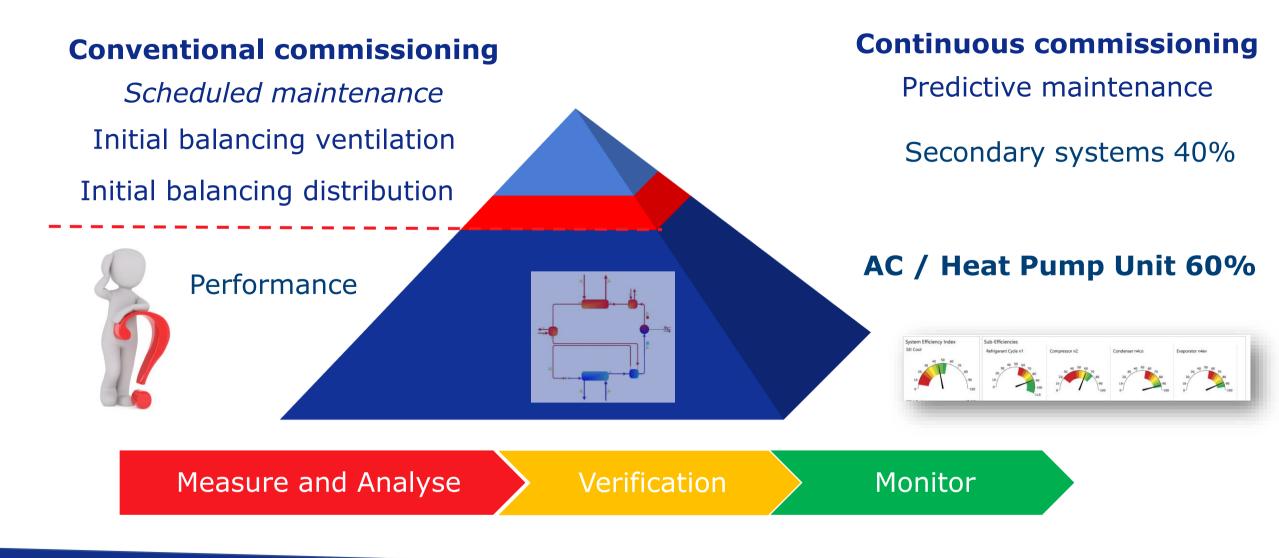


#### It is all about making actionable information out of data



### Systems are not stable and do not operate at rating/design

60% of energy overlooked



## **Typical Findings**

### **Common Identified Problems**

Controls - not well commissioned - adapted for the site

Refrigerant – shortage or over-charge

Flow balancing – to high or low on secondary media (air/water/brine)

Heat exchangers – fouling of – recirculation of air – corrosion

Fan/pump – high power consumption – under performance

Compressor – damage or wear

Insufficient capacity control – requires VFDs better capacity control

VFD installed but not correctly set-up – not used – not stable

Components changed/upgraded – without review system/controls

# **Significant savings achieved**

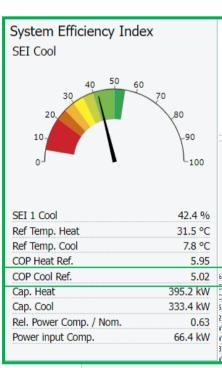
Historical savings structured optimisiation	
Supermarkets	20 - 30%
Heat pumps	10 - 30%
Ice rinks	20 - 40%
Industry	10 - 30%
Air Conditioning	10 - 30%

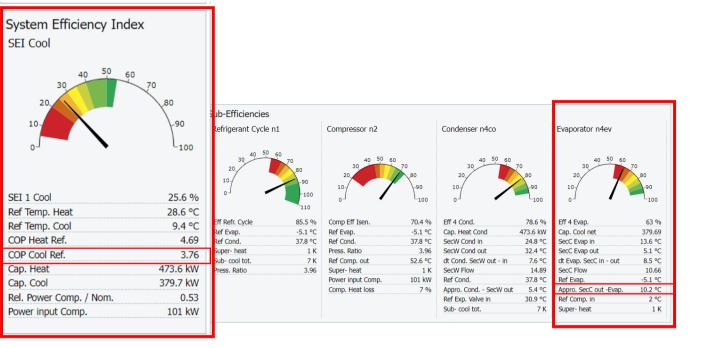
# It is critical to pin-point deviations and optimise

Bad COP 3.76

Same chiller – same supply temp

### Good COP 5.02



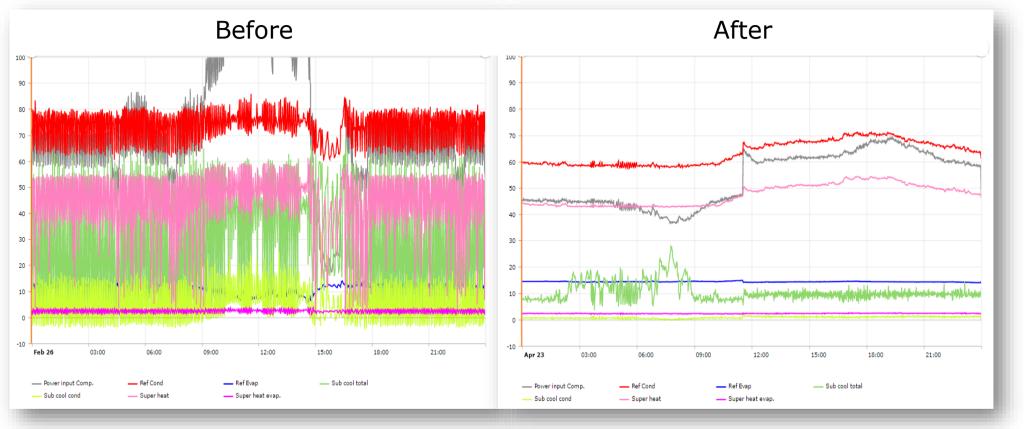




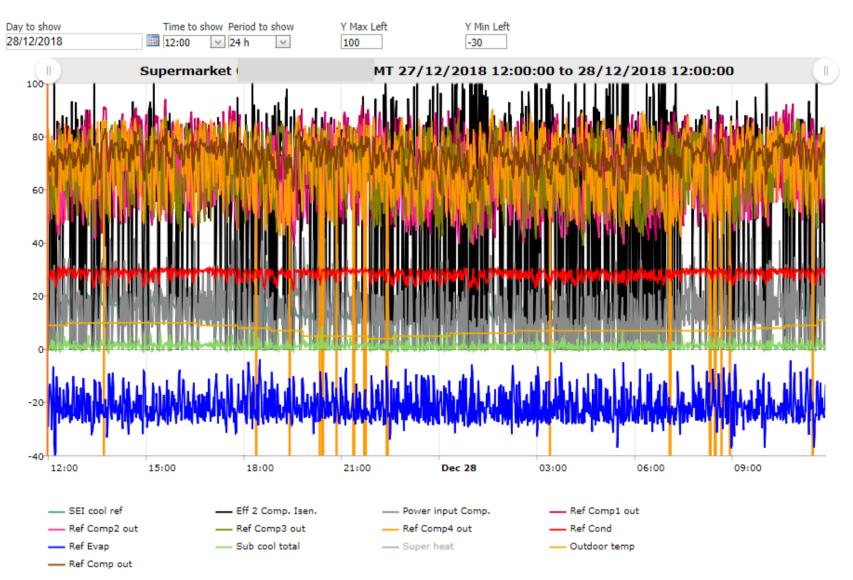
## If you cannot measure it - you cannot control it

- Understanding of the entire system necessary
- Analysing performance and controls is the key

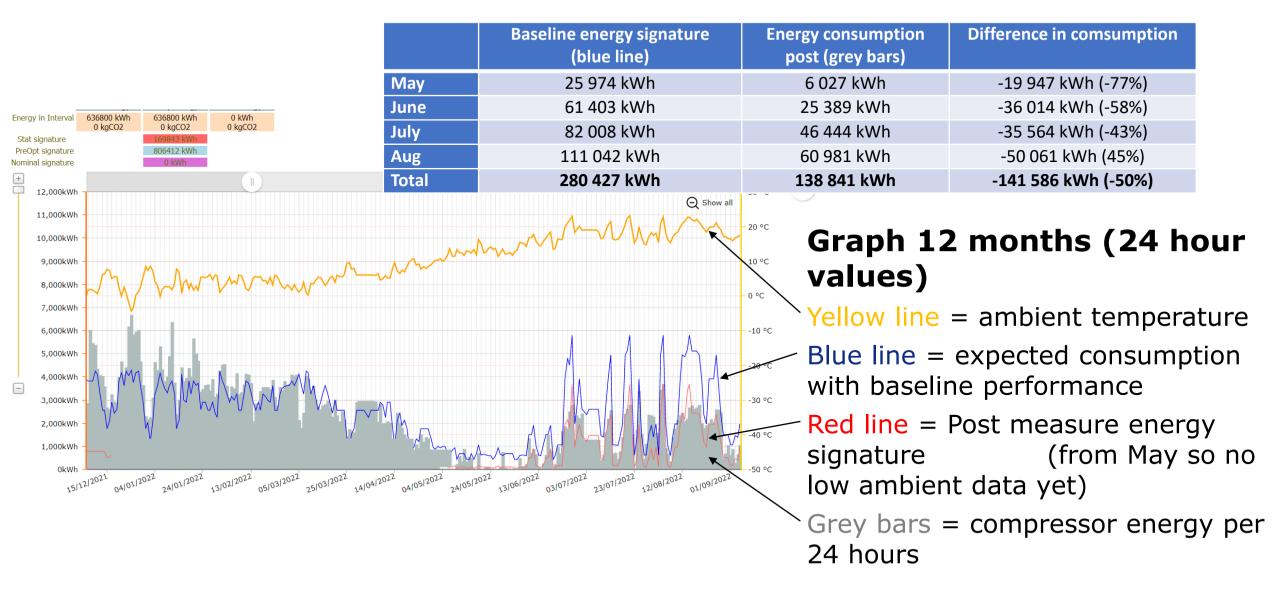
State of the art CO2 rack with one variable speed compressor



### **Supermarket rack - erratic controls**

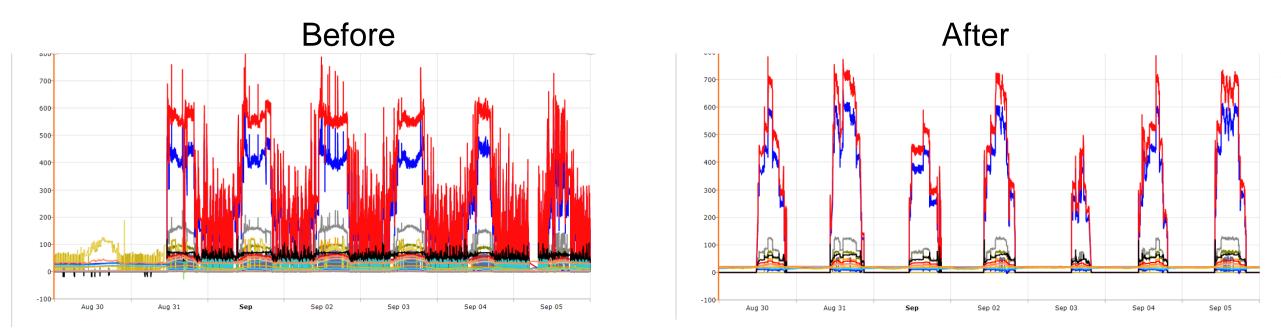


# Chiller plant 50% (141 586 kWh) saving May-August 2022



# Before (2021) and post corrective measures (2022)

Controls stabilised – **no more tripping** of screw chillers



Red – condenser capacity Blue - cooling capacity Grey - power

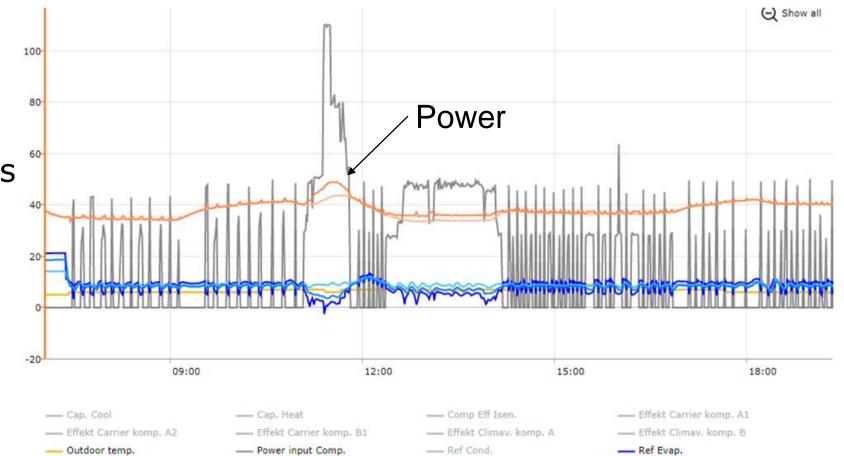


# **Chiller killer**

• Oil carry over

Start/stop

- Compressor trips
- Increased wear
- Lousy efficiency

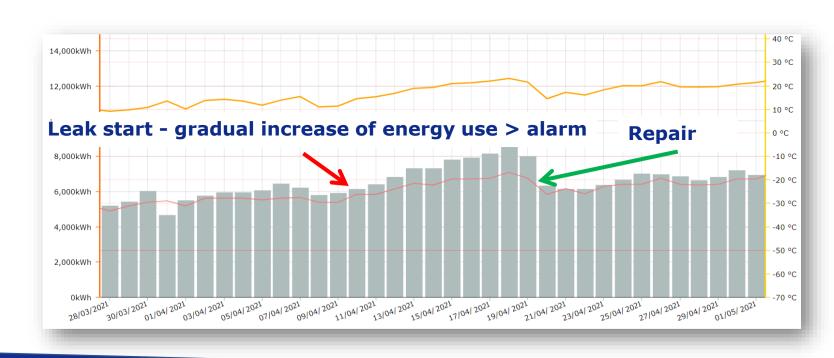


We see hundreds off these systems!



## The impact of an optimised system

- "Indirect leak detection"
- Energy efficient is also reliable
- 10-30% Reduced energy consumption
- Fewer breakdowns



### **Indirect leak detection**

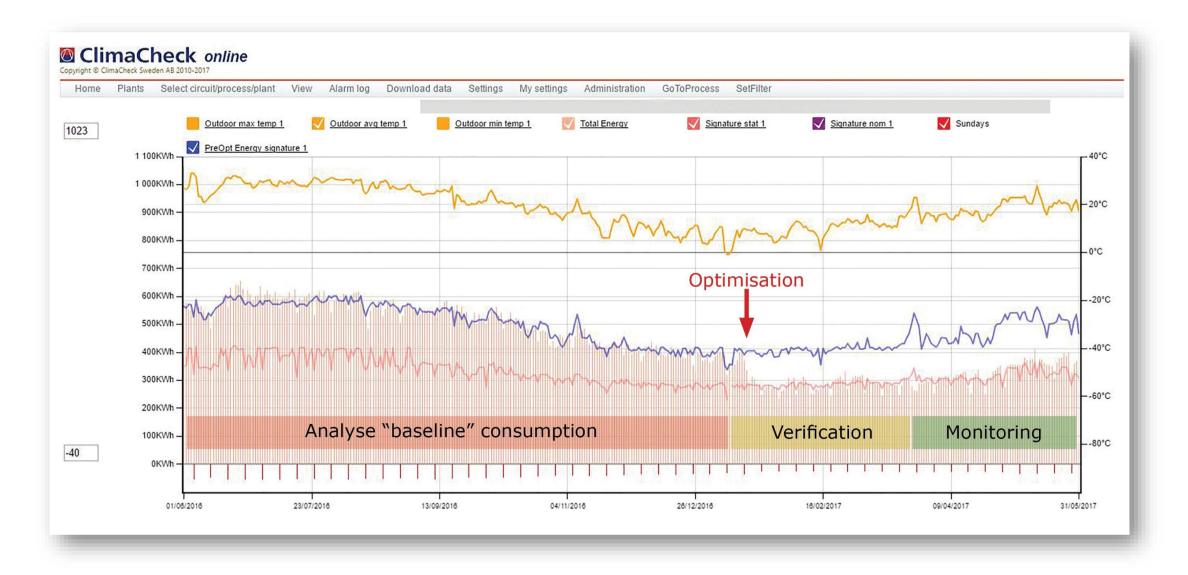
### Leaks are difficult to detect with gas warning detectors

• gas is only detectable near leak and is then dispersed and carried away with ventilation air.

### Indirect leak detection is often more reliable and cost effective

- ClimaCheck online offer "indirect leak detection".
- Leaks are detected by deviation in
  - Subcool
  - Superheat
  - Evaporation
  - Increase start/stopp
  - Energy signature

## **Optimisation should be verified and monitored**







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