

Decarbonization and Optimization through Cloud-Based Data Harvesting

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Harvesting – From Old to New. From Micro to Macro



Residential Applications and features – Job to be done

Analog



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VS

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Digital

Furnace + AC | E-Heat | Heat Pump

Furnace + AC | E-Heat | Heat Pump

Hardwired to Equipment

Hardwired to Equipment

Sense Temp

Run Equipment

Sense
Temp | Motion

Run
Equipment

Residential Applications value creation at-a-glance

Analog



No records of previous operation

On / Off Proportional Control

Completely Disconnected

Energy assessed via utility bill

Digital



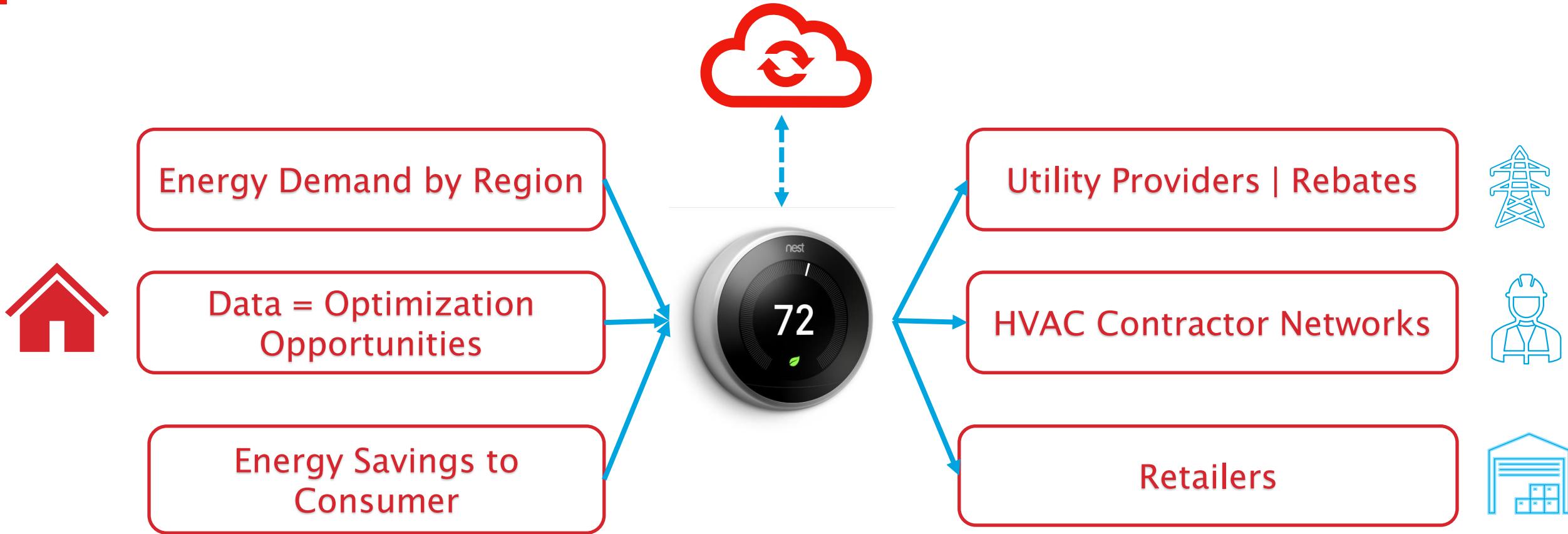
Data Logs upload to Cloud

Learns and adapts comfort using sensors

Enhanced UX + Mobile UX + Connected

Analytics | Energy optimization+ Savings

Value of Data to extend Ecosystem



Connects Consumers with Providers through data \leftrightarrow Win -Win - Win

Ecosystem Scope Expansion beyond HVAC | Open Connectivity



Why are Smart buildings lagging the Smart home movement?

Serial Network Architectures

Traditional Set point control
Lacking systems modeling

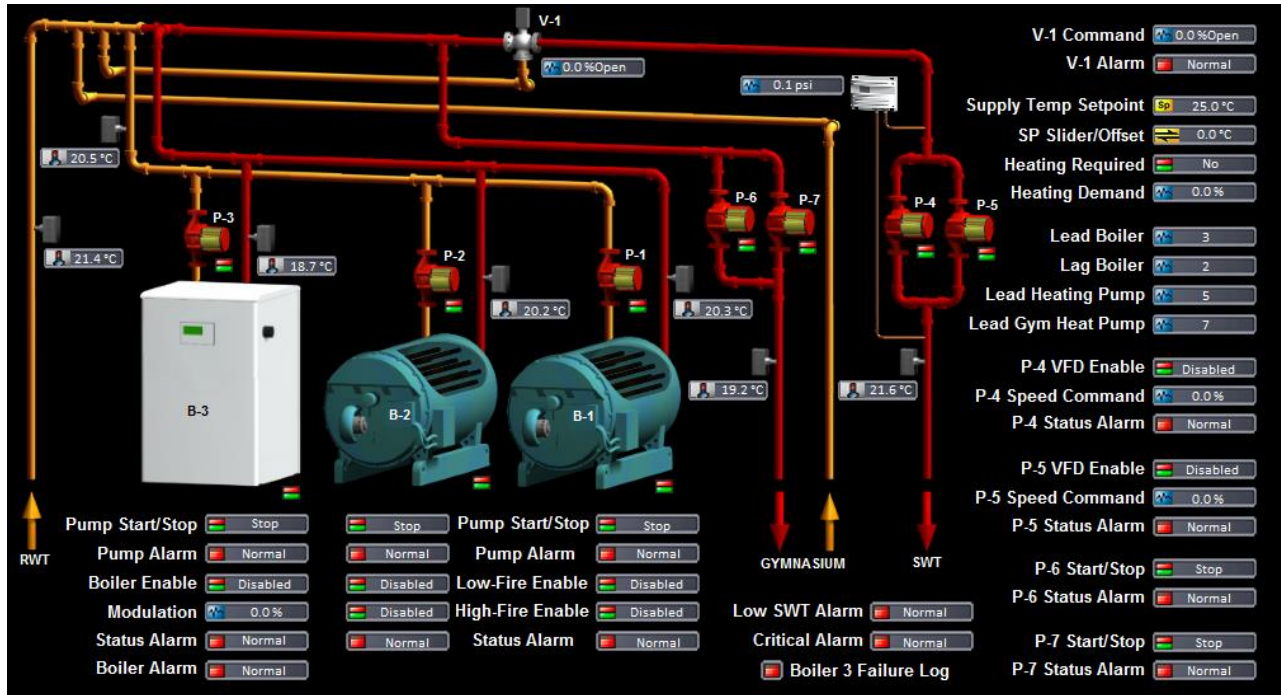
Slow Adoption of
IoT Tech | Cloud Computing

Proprietary SW | HW
Separate Lifecycle HW and SW

Hardware-Independent
Engineering



How about the Building Automations System (BAS) data?



Typically used as an information dashboard and very often offers reactive response

Who wants to use the BAS Data ?

BRAINBOX AI

SkyFoundry

Optimum
Insights

CopperTree
Analytics

HaiLin
Controls

EC ENERGY
INSIGHTS

ATRIUS

BuildPulse

NERVA
ENERGY

Google

GridPoint

THTF

How about the market incumbents?

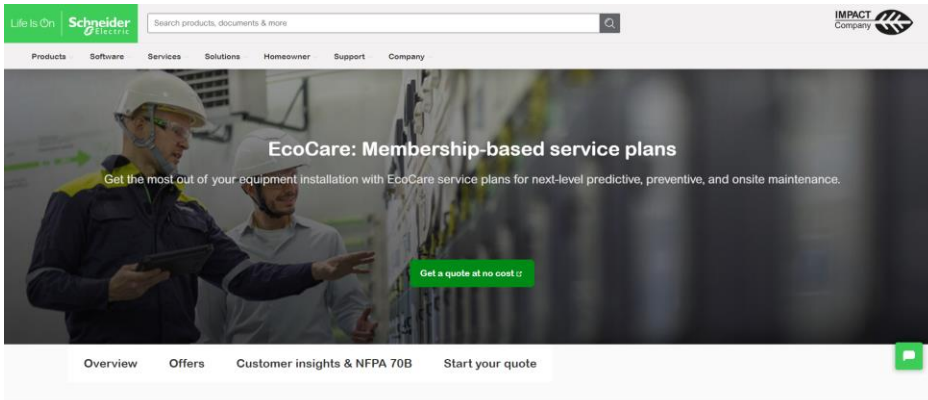
HONEYWELL
FORGE

OpenBlue

ABOUND

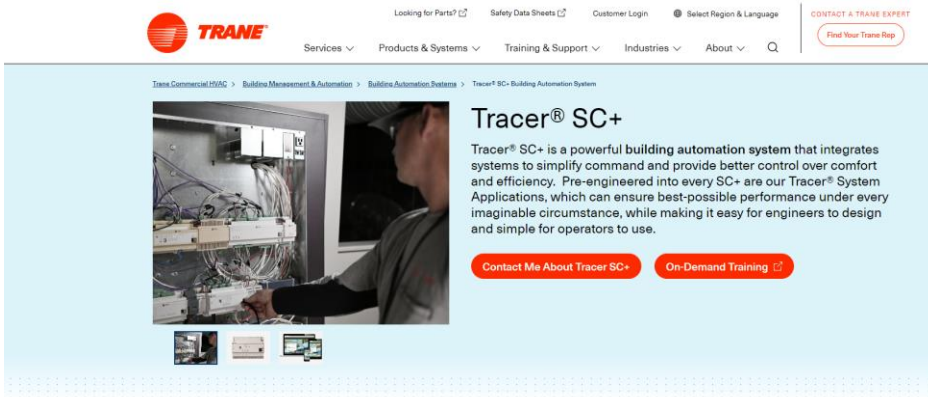
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BAS Companies Edging into Cloud Analytics

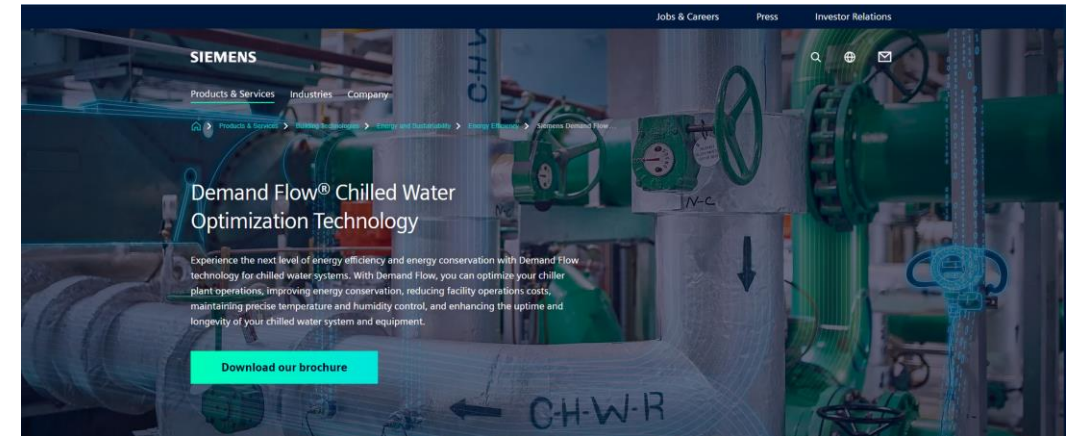


The screenshot shows the Schneider Electric website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Products, Software, Services, Solutions, Homeowner, Support, and Company. The main banner features two technicians in hard hats reviewing a tablet, with the headline "EcoCare: Membership-based service plans" and a sub-headline "Get the most out of your equipment installation with EcoCare service plans for next-level predictive, preventive, and onsite maintenance." A green button labeled "Get a quote at no cost" is prominent. Below the banner are links for "Overview", "Offers", "Customer insights & NFPA 70B", and "Start your quote".

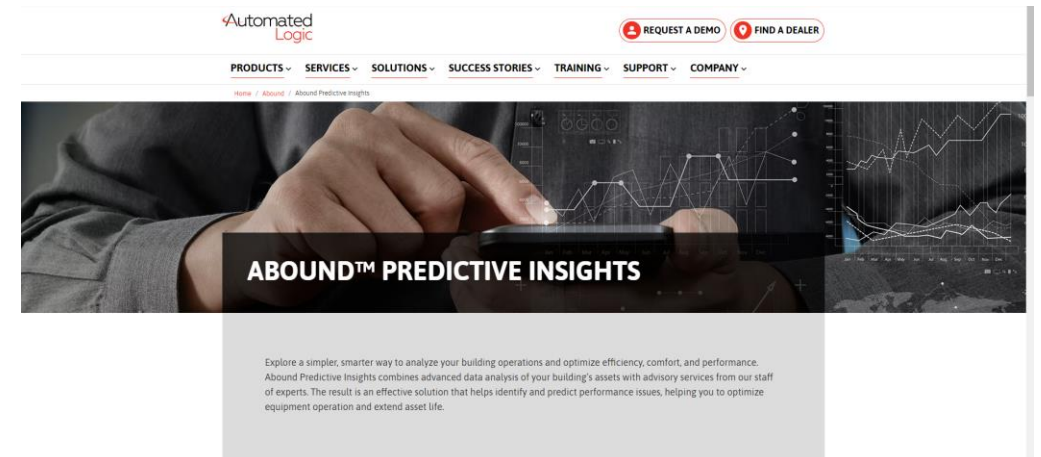
EcoCare: The service experience you deserve



The screenshot shows the Trane website. The top navigation includes "Looking for Parts?", "Safety Data Sheets", "Customer Login", and "Select Region & Language". The main banner features a technician working on a control panel, with the headline "Tracer® SC+" and a sub-headline "Tracer® SC+ is a powerful building automation system that integrates systems to simplify command and provide better control over comfort and efficiency." Two buttons are visible: "Contact Me About Tracer SC+" and "On-Demand Training".



The screenshot shows the Siemens website. The top navigation includes "Jobs & Careers", "Press", and "Investor Relations". The main banner features a close-up of industrial machinery with the headline "Demand Flow® Chilled Water Optimization Technology" and a sub-headline "Experience the next level of energy efficiency and energy conservation with Demand Flow technology for chilled water systems." A blue button labeled "Download our brochure" is prominent.



The screenshot shows the Automated Logic website. The top navigation includes "REQUEST A DEMO" and "FIND A DEALER". The main banner features a person's hand pointing at a tablet displaying data charts, with the headline "ABOUND™ PREDICTIVE INSIGHTS" and a sub-headline "Explore a simpler, smarter way to analyze your building operations and optimize efficiency, comfort, and performance." A paragraph below describes the service: "Abound Predictive Insights combines advanced data analysis of your building's assets with advisory services from our staff of experts. The result is an effective solution that helps identify and predict performance issues, helping you to optimize equipment operation and extend asset life."

Why everyone is after the Building Data where is the opportunity?

1 Identify RCx Opportunity

2 Energy Analytics

3 Energy Upgrade

Opportunities in retrofit and renovation of existing buildings

Addressing [commercial typology trends](#), organizational commitments, levers of transformation and [decarbonization technologies](#), the report covers a lot of ground. The section "Retrofit and Renovation" discusses how making our existing building stock greener and more energy-efficient will help us reach climate goals:

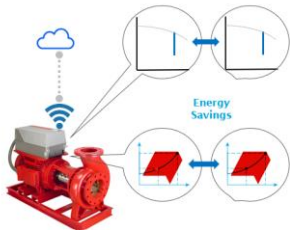
"Retro-commissioning (RCx) is a valuable tool for identifying and maximizing potential energy savings. For example, every 1% of retro-commissioning market penetration results in energy savings of almost four billion kBtu, the equivalent of over 830,000 metric tons of CO₂ e per year—more than the average of two U.S. natural gas-fired power plants operating for an entire year."

Source: U.S Green Building Council, <https://www.usgbc.org/articles/state-decarbonization-report-spotlight-retrofitting>

Performance Improvement through connectivity and data analytics

1

Connect

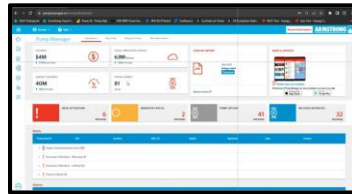


- Connect smart plant equipment to web at startup or at recommissioning
- Upgrade or retrofit older plant to be able to connect

Assets + Smart Services

2

Manage



- Proactive performance management meetings to discuss findings
- Process to address issues
- Advise savings being accrued

Follow ups

3

Analyze

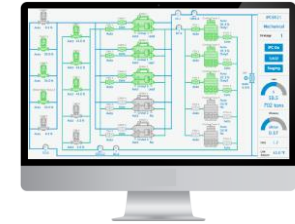


- Apply whole plant analytics and AFDD
- Application of learnings can save full plant energy reduction
- AFDD can lead to reduction in maintenance costs

AFDD + Case for Optimization

4

Optimize



- Full Plant optimization
- ~30% Plant energy reduction
- Energy upgrades can be delivered with confidence

Enterprise Energy Upgrades

What is the Size of this opportunity?

"IRA amendments to the commercial building incentive known as Section 179D update the financial benefits for energy efficiency retrofits to existing buildings," shares the report, explaining that buildings constructed before 1980 that have not been renovated since 2000 make up 37% of the national gross commercial floor area—and 47% of the tax deductions provided under Section 179D are tied to these buildings.

"If all existing commercial buildings in the United States were retrofitted with energy efficiency upgrades in compliance with their respective states' current energy code, \$314B of tax deductions could be recognized, resulting in \$66B in net total tax savings," estimates the report.

~ \$300B+

Source: U.S Green Building Council, <https://www.usgbc.org/articles/state-decarbonization-report-spotlight-retrofitting>

Research Results on Analyzing Data to Deliver Persistent High Efficiency



ASHRAE Journal Article December 2019 on Persistence – Its Findings

Commissioning and retro-commissioning (RCx) are critical steps to ensure that a building performs at its best. But commissioning and RCx are truly effective only if their impacts last over time, which cannot be taken for granted. We took a deep dive into dozens of RCx projects in Illinois to determine long-term persistence of savings from RCx and what drives that persistence.

BY SARANYA GUNASINGH; SCOTT HACKEL, MEMBER ASHRAE; XIAOHUI ZHOU, PH.D., P.E., MEMBER ASHRAE

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RCx Training. Training site engineering staff to operate and maintain RCx measures is critical to preserve savings from installed measures. Our analysis showed that staff who received training immediately following the RCx process were more knowledgeable about RCx measures and made continuous efforts to preserve energy savings. It is important to incorporate post RCx building operation training as part of the RCx process. **water) would be good candidates for this approach.**

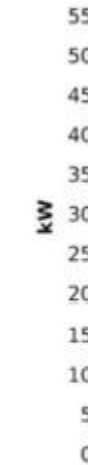
ner; Major Retrofits. When significant retrofit activity or building additions followed RCx, persistence suffered. **ls ex** After major retrofits, buildings were often zoned differently, had variations in space use or occupancy. All these **a n** factors made the building operation deviate from the post-RCx building management plan, causing a loss in **ue i** RCx savings. Outreach discussions could identify when **ring** building retrofit, significant HVAC equipment retrofit, **e.g.,** or BAS hardware or software retrofit are occurring.

Beyond BAS – Energy Management Information Systems (EMIS)

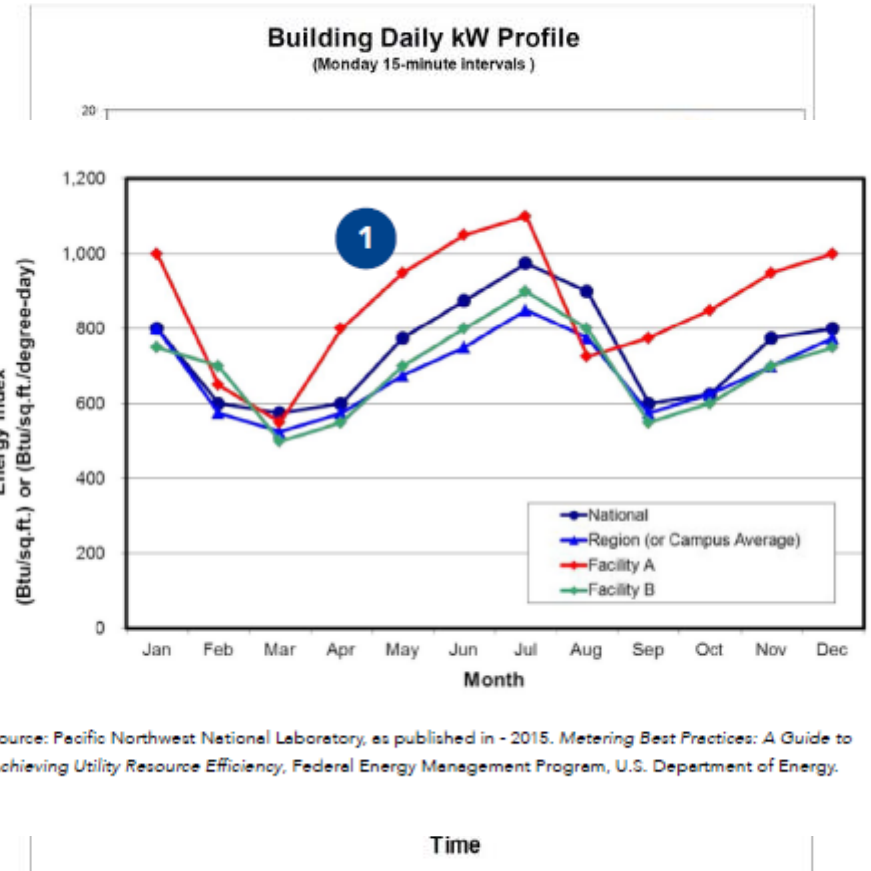


Using EMIS to Identify Top Opportunities for Commercial Building Efficiency

MAY 2017



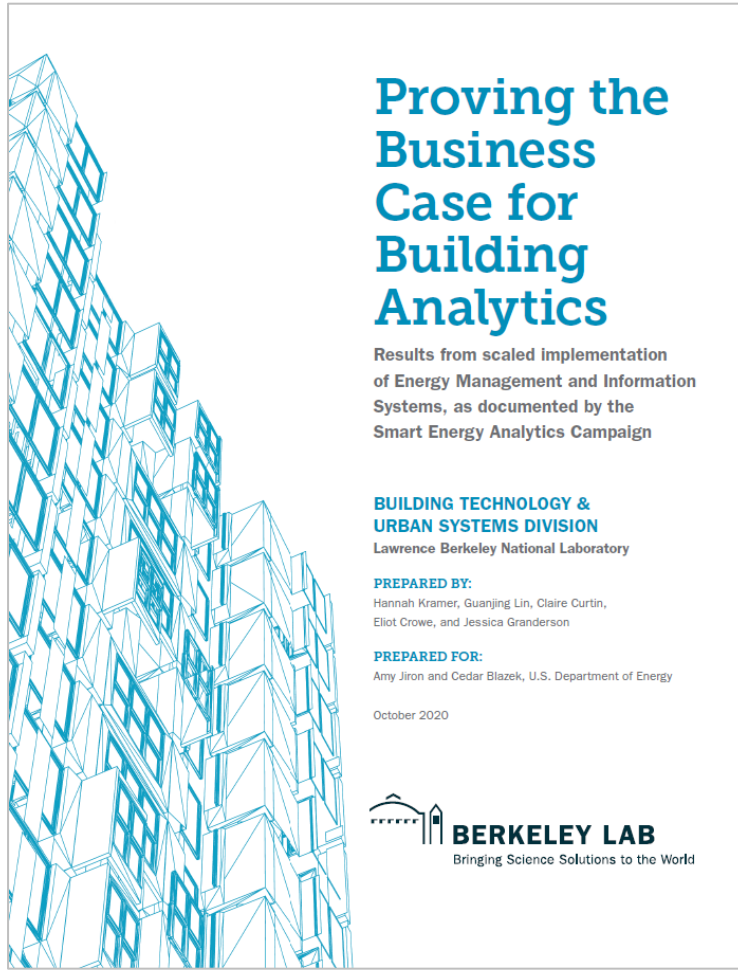
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Beyond BAS – Fault Detection and Diagnostics (FDD)



SECTION 5:

A Maturing Market for Analytics

HIGHLIGHTS:

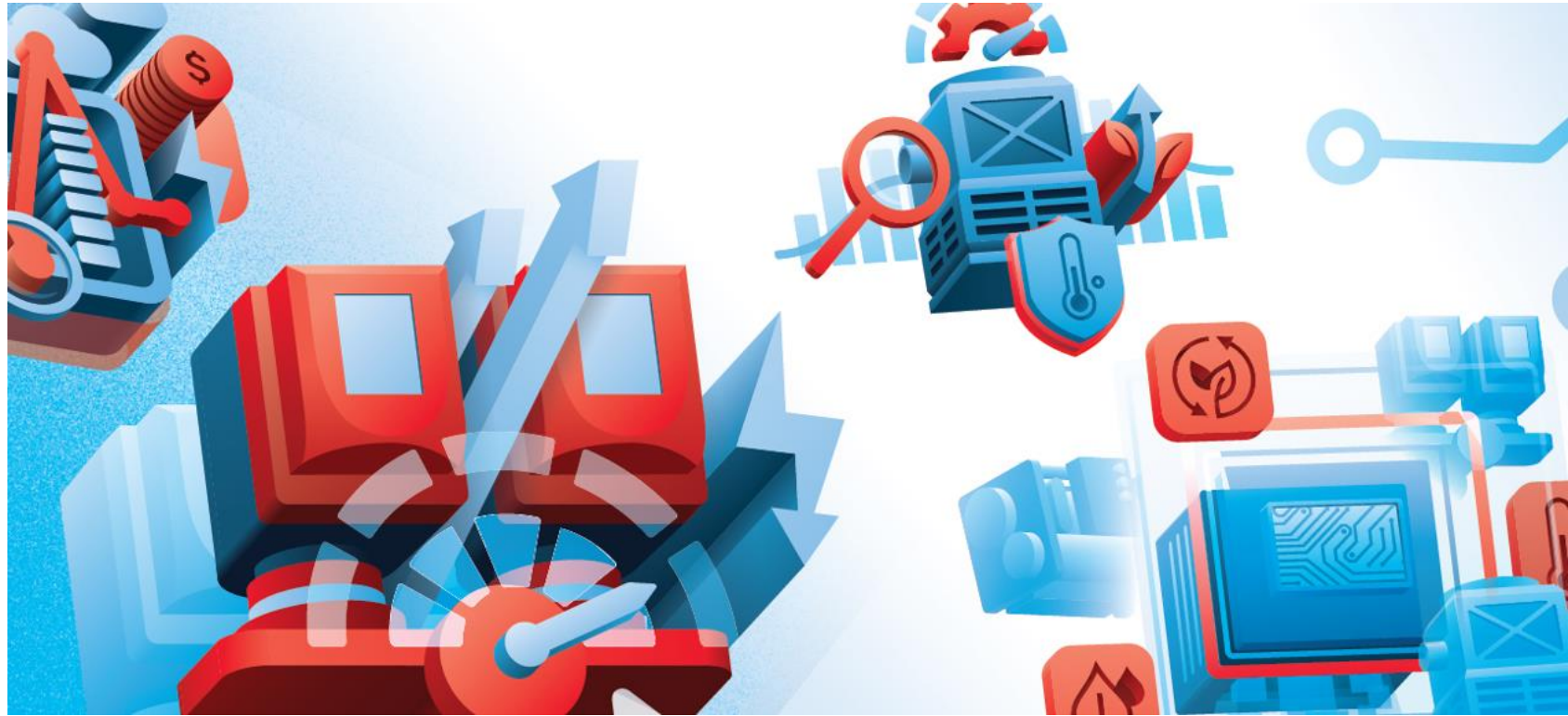
- **Smart Energy Analytics Campaign data reinforces and enhances prior research on EMIS benefits**
- **EIS and FDD offer complementary capabilities when deployed in parallel**
- **Organizations with FDD achieved greater savings than EIS but at a greater cost; overall both EIS and FDD showed a two-year simple payback**

Proving the Business Case for Building Analytics Hannah Kramer, Claire Curtin, Eliot Crowe and Jessica Granderson. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory October 2020

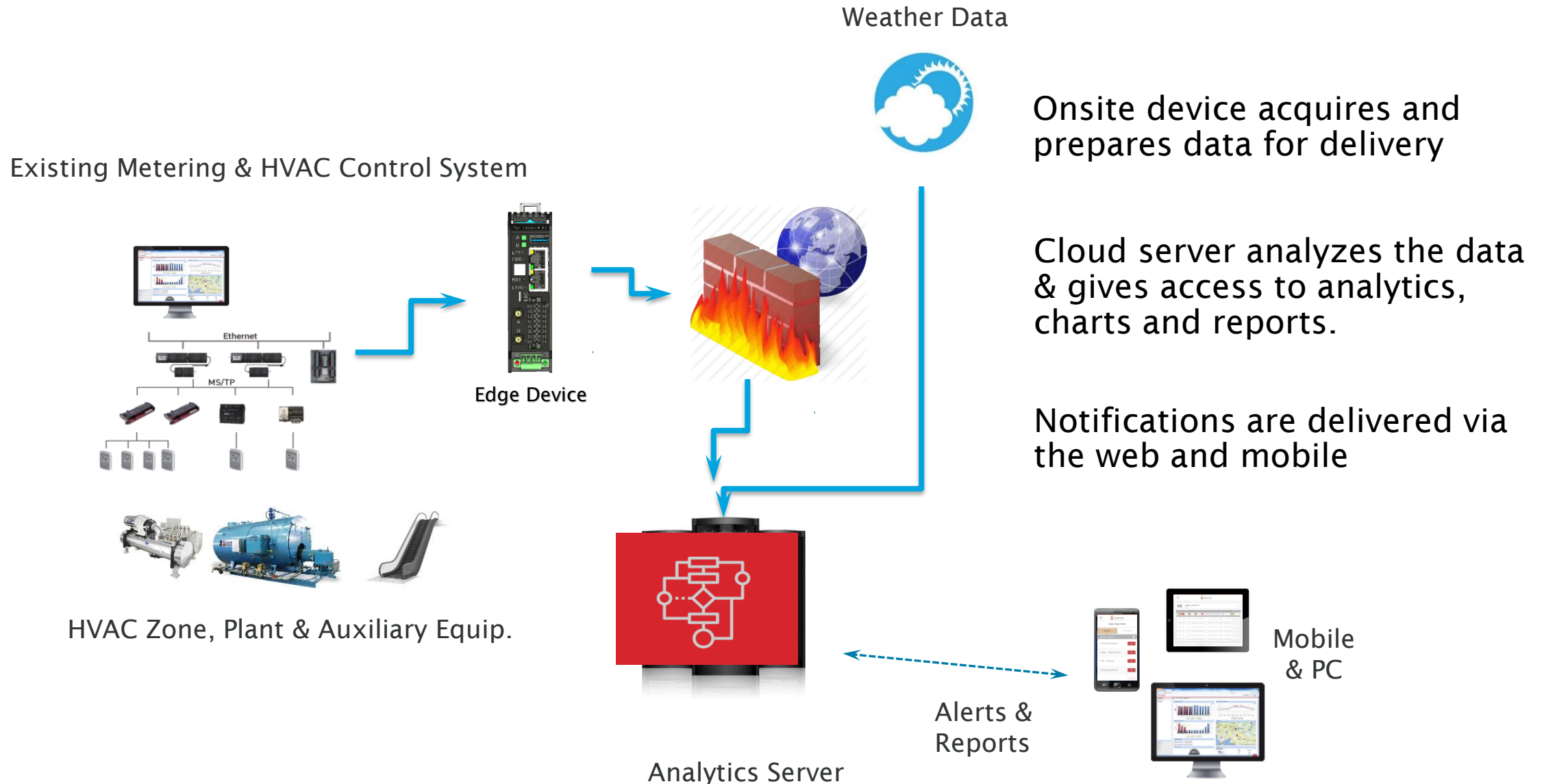
What route would you like to take?



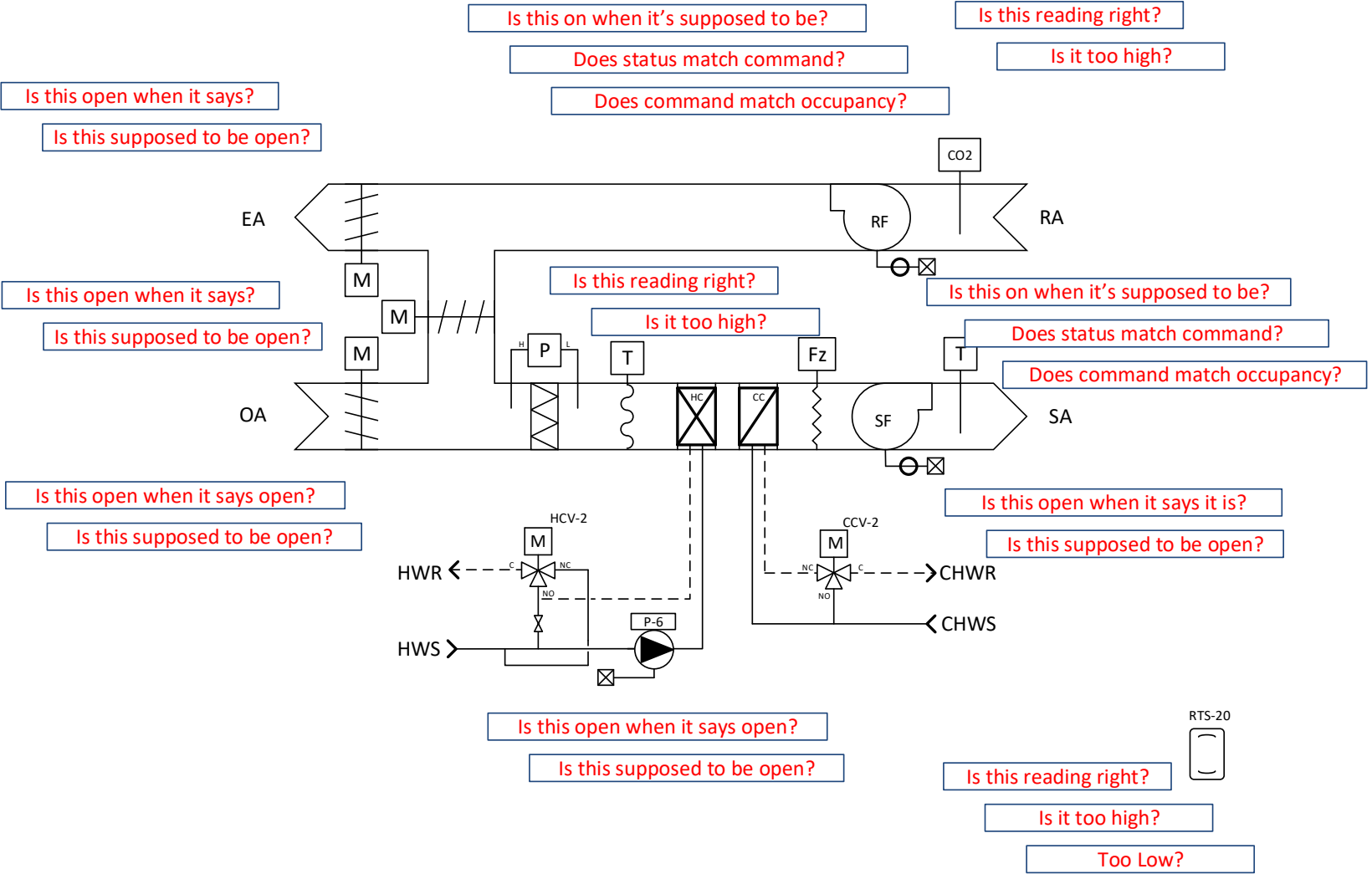
Analytics at Work on Buildings



How Does It Work?



AHU with Fault Detection and Diagnostics (FDD) Applied (1)

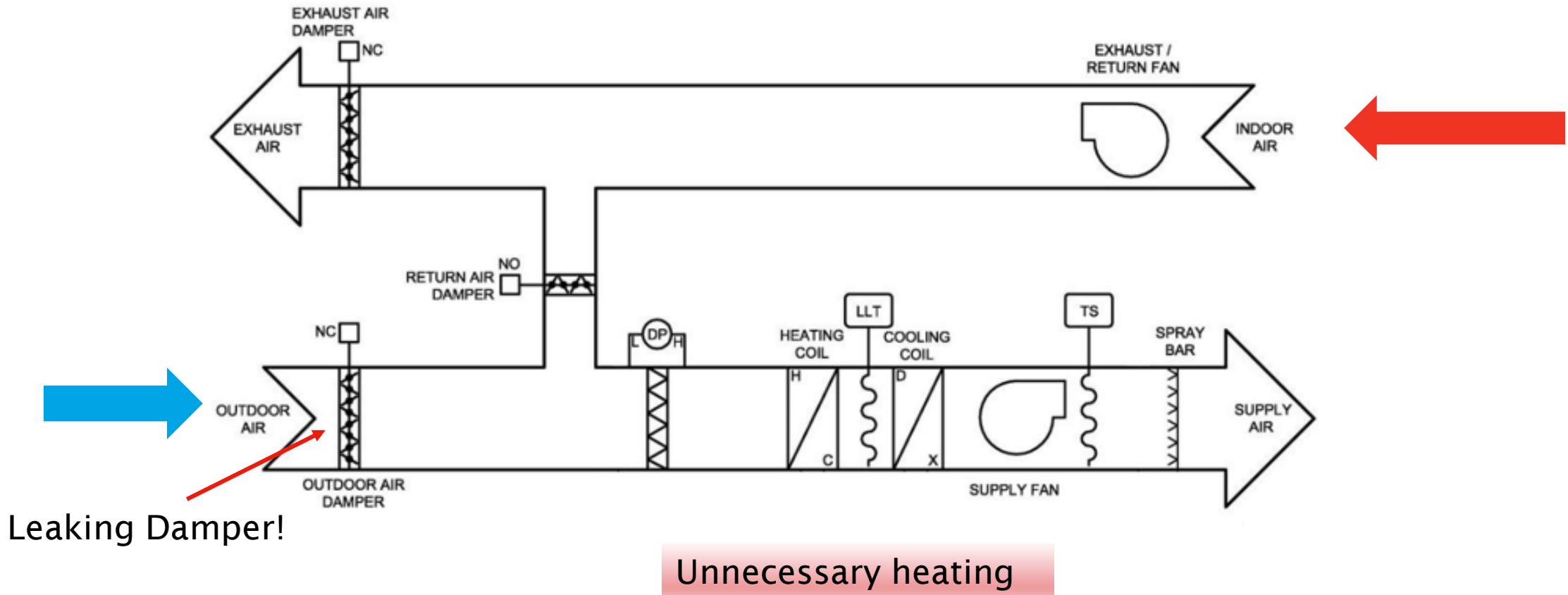


Data Collection and Analysis of an Air Handling Unit (2)



Harvesting Airside Data from a Single Dataset to Diagnose AHU Fault (3)

Outside Air Damper is Leaking (mechanical fault)



AHU Fault – Leaking Damper Algorithm (4)

Insight notification triggers only when all these parameters are TRUE:

Outside air damper says that it is **closed (0%)**

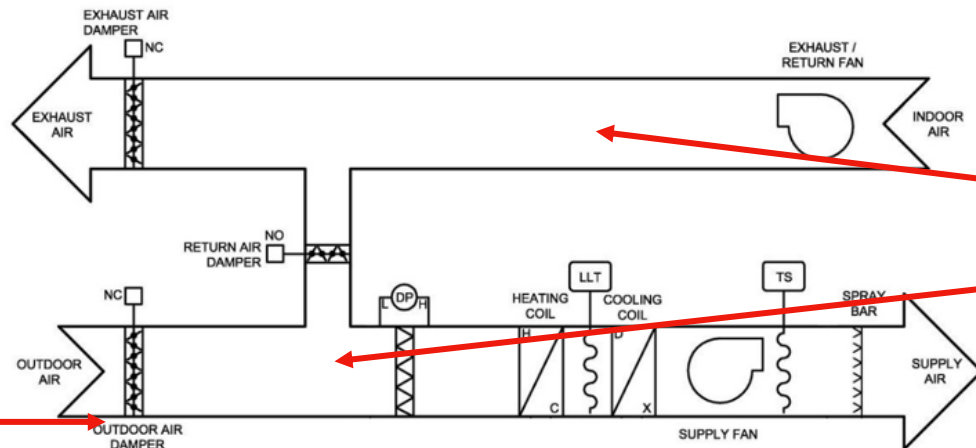
Mixed air and return air temperature sensor **delta T > 2 degrees**

These conditions have all been true for **> 6 total occupied hours in a week**

With this algorithm, once a week the data is analyzed and fault reports (if any) sent to interested parties



Damper closed?



Delta T > 2 degrees?

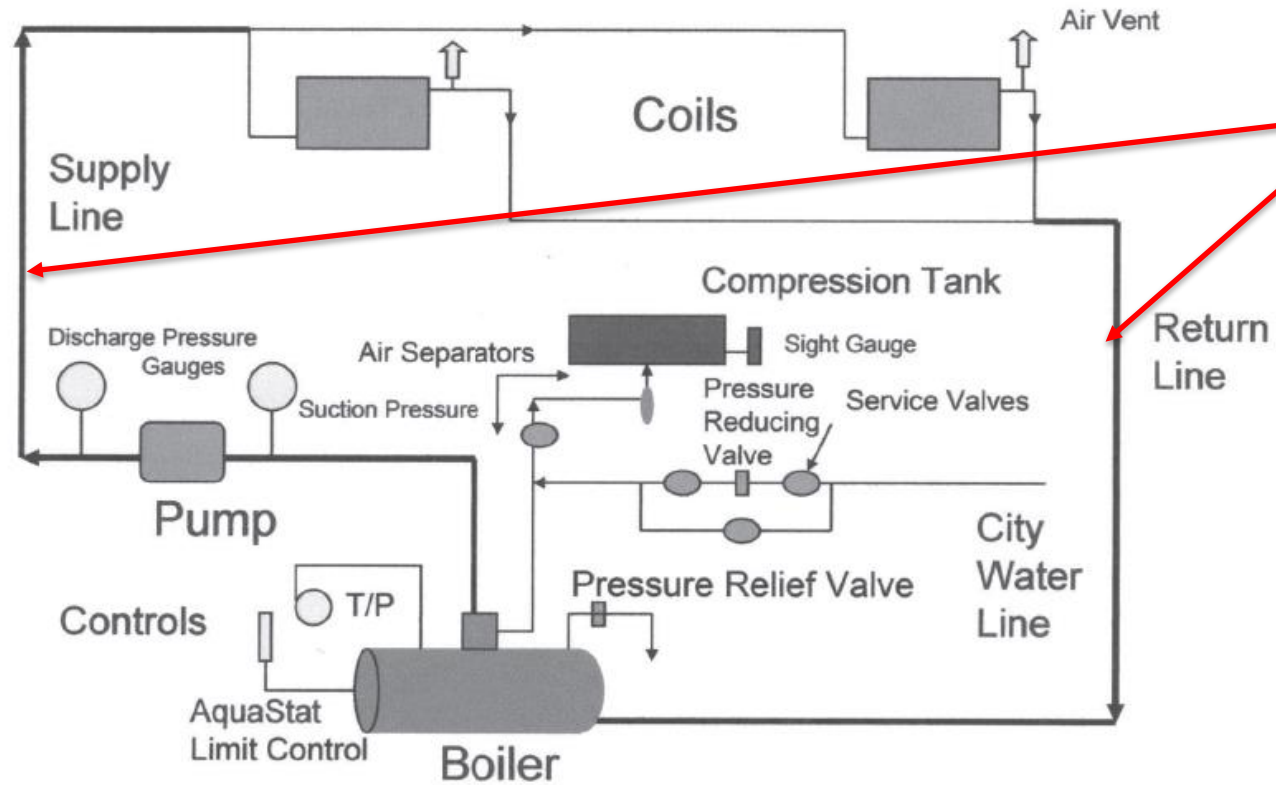
Hot Water Supply – Delta T Algorithm (1)

Insight notification triggers only when all these parameters are TRUE:

Boiler is Enabled

Flow and Return water temperature Delta T < 5 degrees

Conditions true for > 8 hours total per week



Delta T < 5 Degrees?

Hot Water Heating System

The Building Operator's Perspective (2)

Room Temperature Average 15 Minute Trend



BAS is not generating alarms because average temperatures are within range

Occupants complain nonetheless

No evidence of incorrect room temperatures or faulty mechanical equipment

Supply Air Temperature Analysis (3)

Room Temperature Average 15 Minute Trend

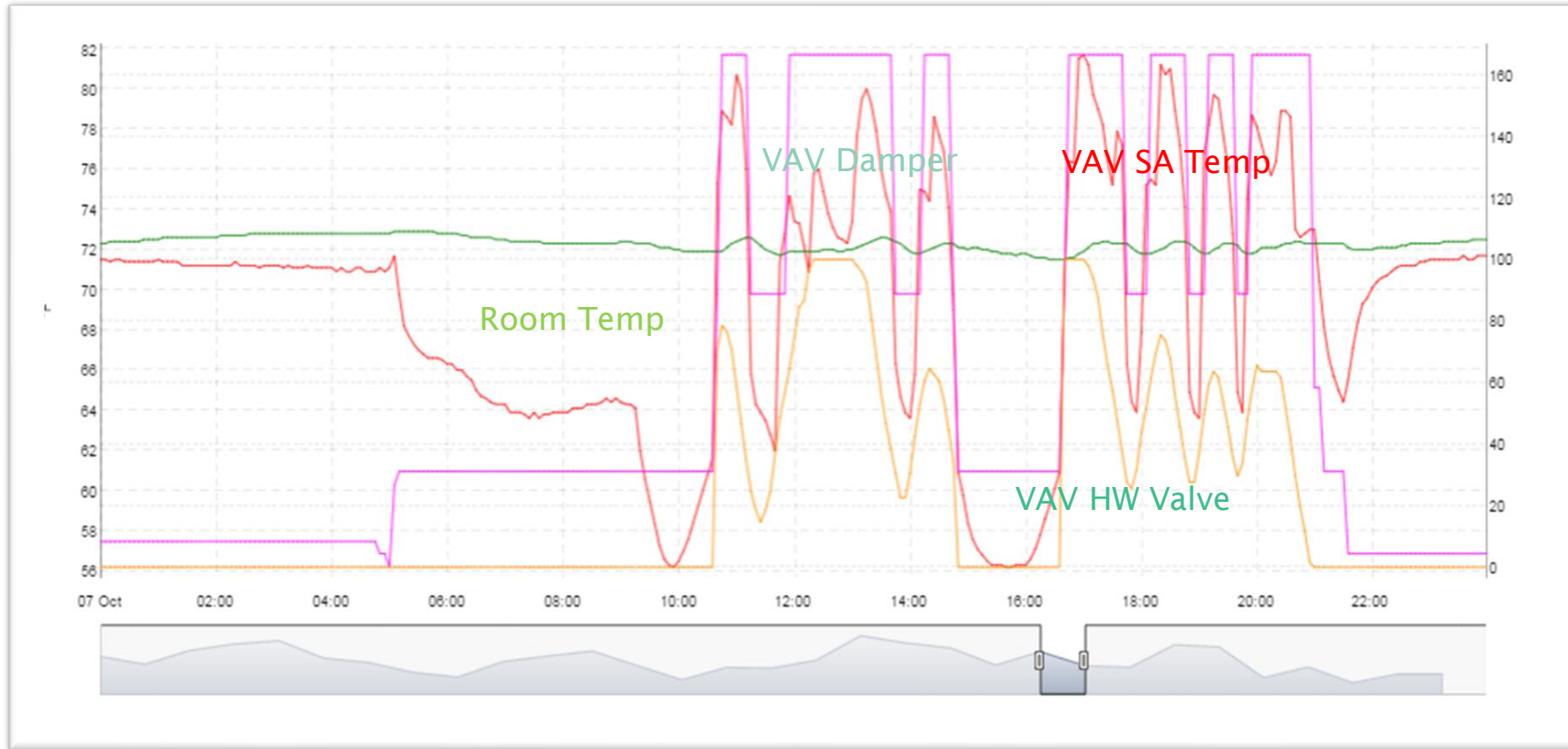


Supply air temperature swinging up to 25 degrees F either way

Occupants sitting close to diffusers would feel this.

However, 15 minute average room temperatures remain in range

Zone System Mechanical Analysis (4)



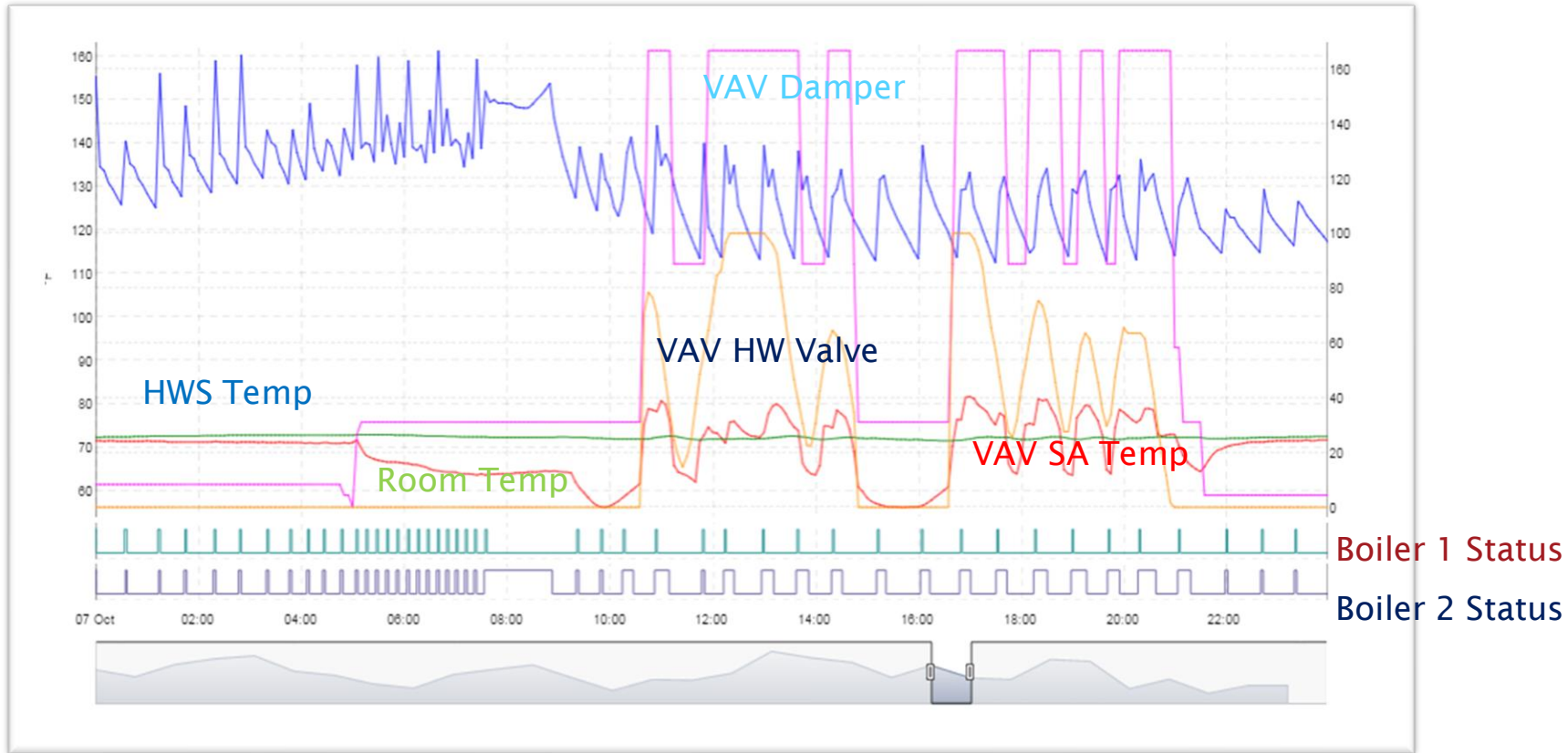
VAV dampers are actuating and hunting wildly

VAV hot water valves are hunting wildly

De Leading to excessive wear and tear on these plant items

Harvesting Waterside Data from a Single Dataset to Diagnose Fault (5)

Root Cause: Boiler Sequence Analysis

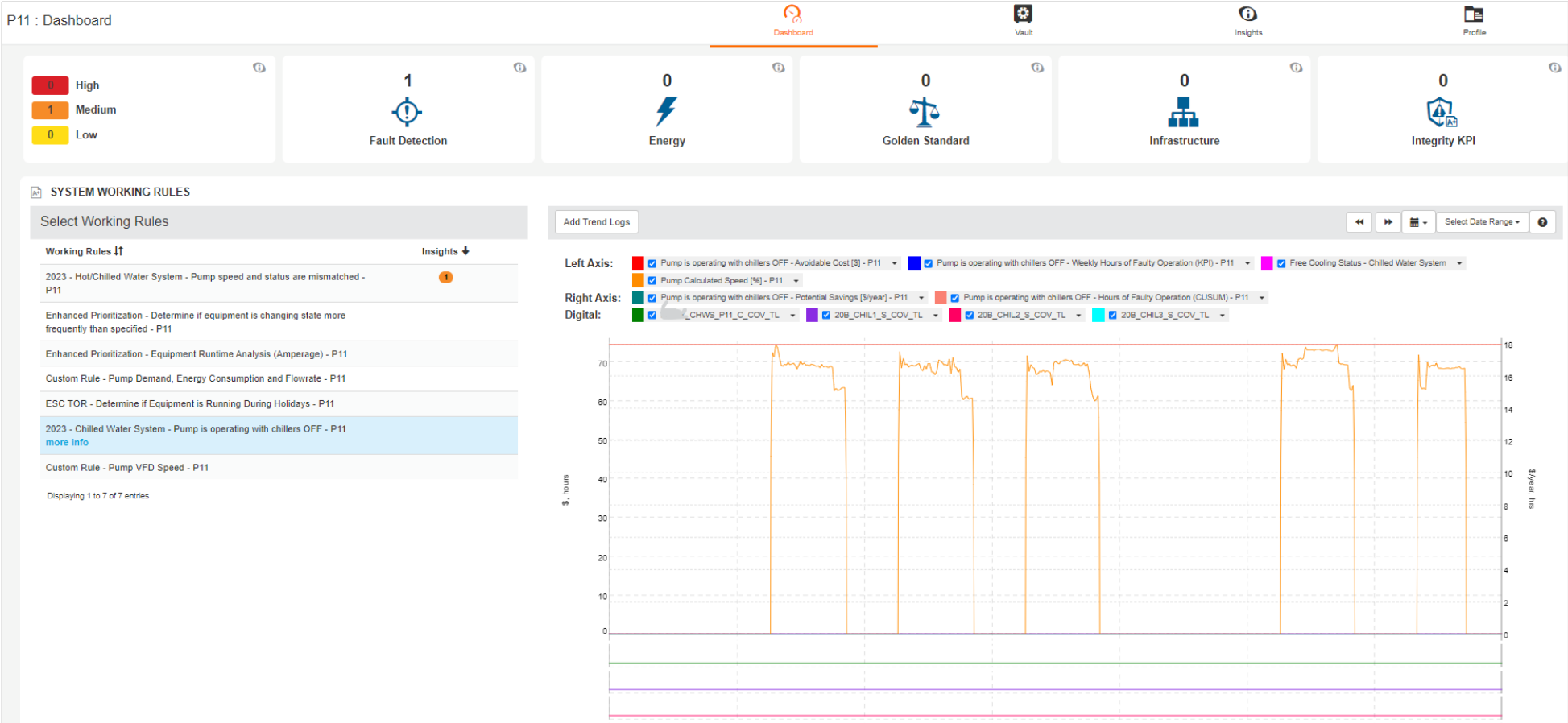


The boilers were designed to be lead/lag sequenced

But the analysis above shows them lead/lead sequenced – both operating together

De Overshooting setpoints

A pump related rule – Pumps in operation when chillers are off – wasting money and energy



Other Common Faults That Can Be Highlighted by Analytics

General

- Controls set to “hand” operation => \$
- Systems running outside intended schedule
- Control program incorrectly implemented
- Incorrect or inefficiency sequencing

Chilled Water Systems

- Low delta T warning with cost \$ implication
- kW/ton CHW plant efficiency (chillers, tower fans, pumps) year on year, by % load=>\$
- Excess chiller power consumption, compensating for tower degradation, cumulative, YOY \$
- Valves and dampers leaking; hunting and PID tuning issues
- Heat input to building vs OAT and vs WB, normalized by occupant #, year on year, \$



How are pumps connected to the cloud

Why is it done?

What does it deliver?

HMI Upgrade

Before



After



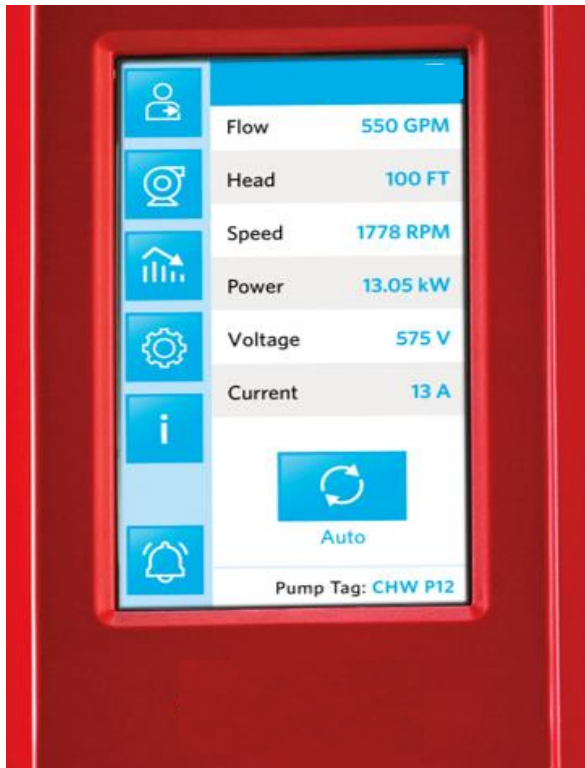
Updated Pump Controller – The Headline Benefits



- Expired Warranty
- Push-button monochrome screen
- Complex parameter list
- Flow display? Unlikely
- No maintenance prediction
- No analytics of performance

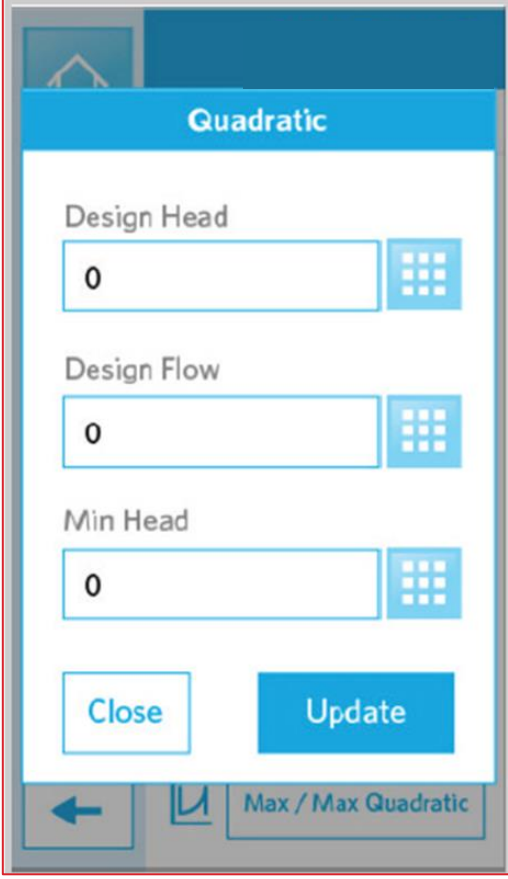
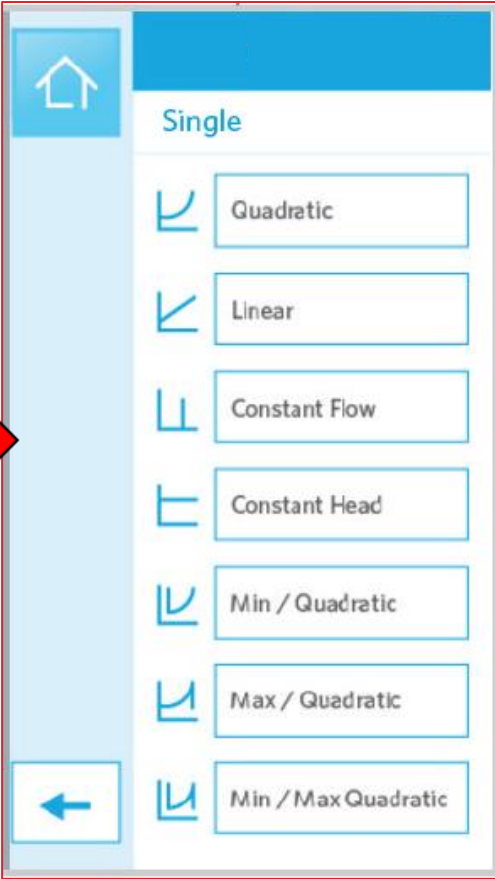


- 12 Month Warranty – Parts and Labour
- Colour touch screen
- Intuitive icon-led adjustment
- Flow rate at top of display
- Early warning of maintenance needs
- In-depth analytics - from cloud manager








In detail - What a modern pump controller delivers

Simple intuitive set up specific for pumps



Pump and Valve Control Bundles Included

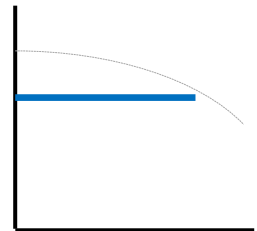
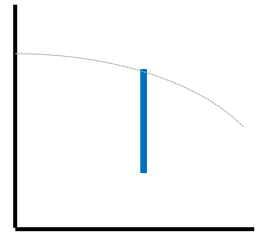
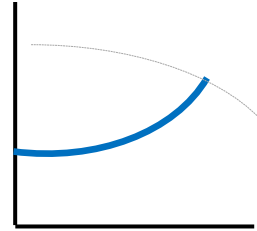
Control Bundles		Functions included
Sensorless Bundle		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quadratic Pressure Control- Secondary loop• Flow Metering• Constant Flow- typical in Primary and cooling tower loops• Constant Pressure
Parallel Sensorless		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parallel Sensorless Control (headered piping)
Energy Performance Bundle		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auto-Flow Balancing• Maximum Flow Control
Protection Bundle		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Flow Control• System Bypass Valve Control for a Chiller
Dual Season Setup		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Cooling and Winter Heating

Smart Pump Speed Control Capabilities

- **Quadratic Pressure Control**
 - emulates performance of one remotely mounted DP sensor,
 - Friction losses vary to the square of system flow

- **Constant Flow Control** – (Primary, Cooling Tower)
 - Maintains pre-set flow rate
 - Irrespective of pressure head change
 - Great for multiple condenser pumps piped into common header

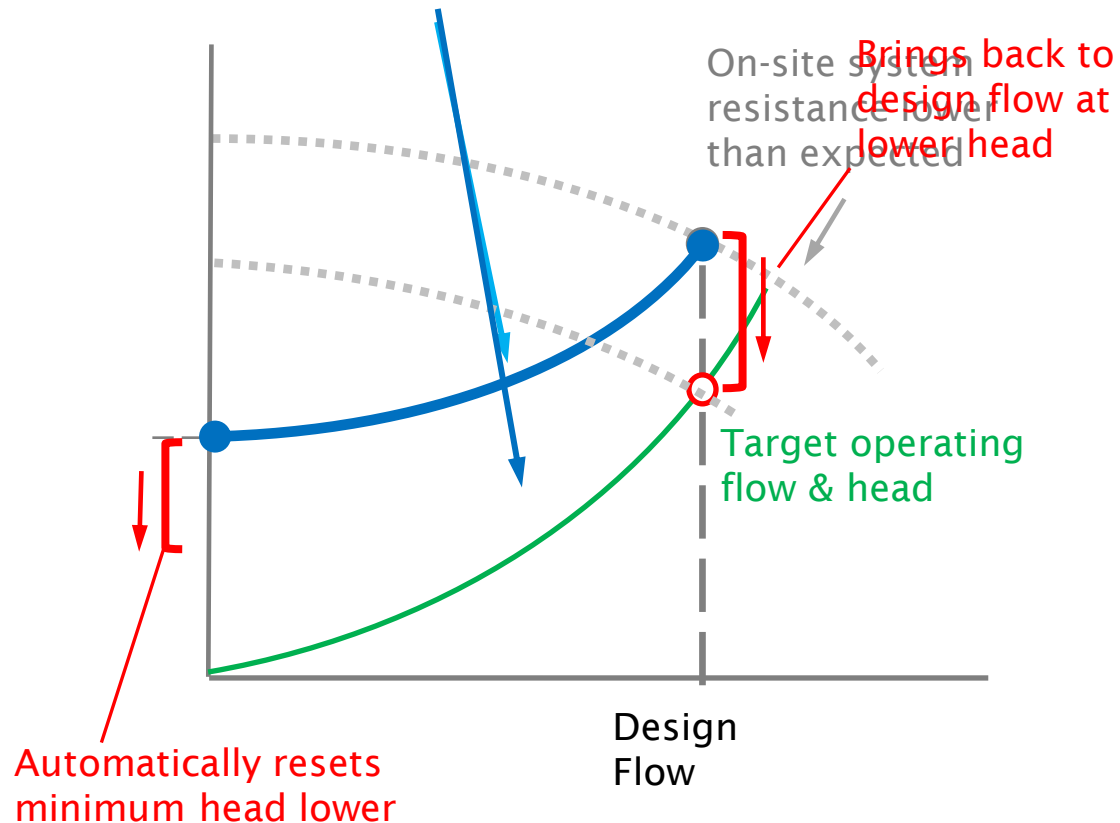
- **Constant Pressure Control**
 - Emulates performance of a DP sensor mounted close to the pump
 - Varies speed with system flow, maintaining constant pressure



Automatic Final Balancing – Start Delivering Value at Start-Up

For simplified start-up, push the button

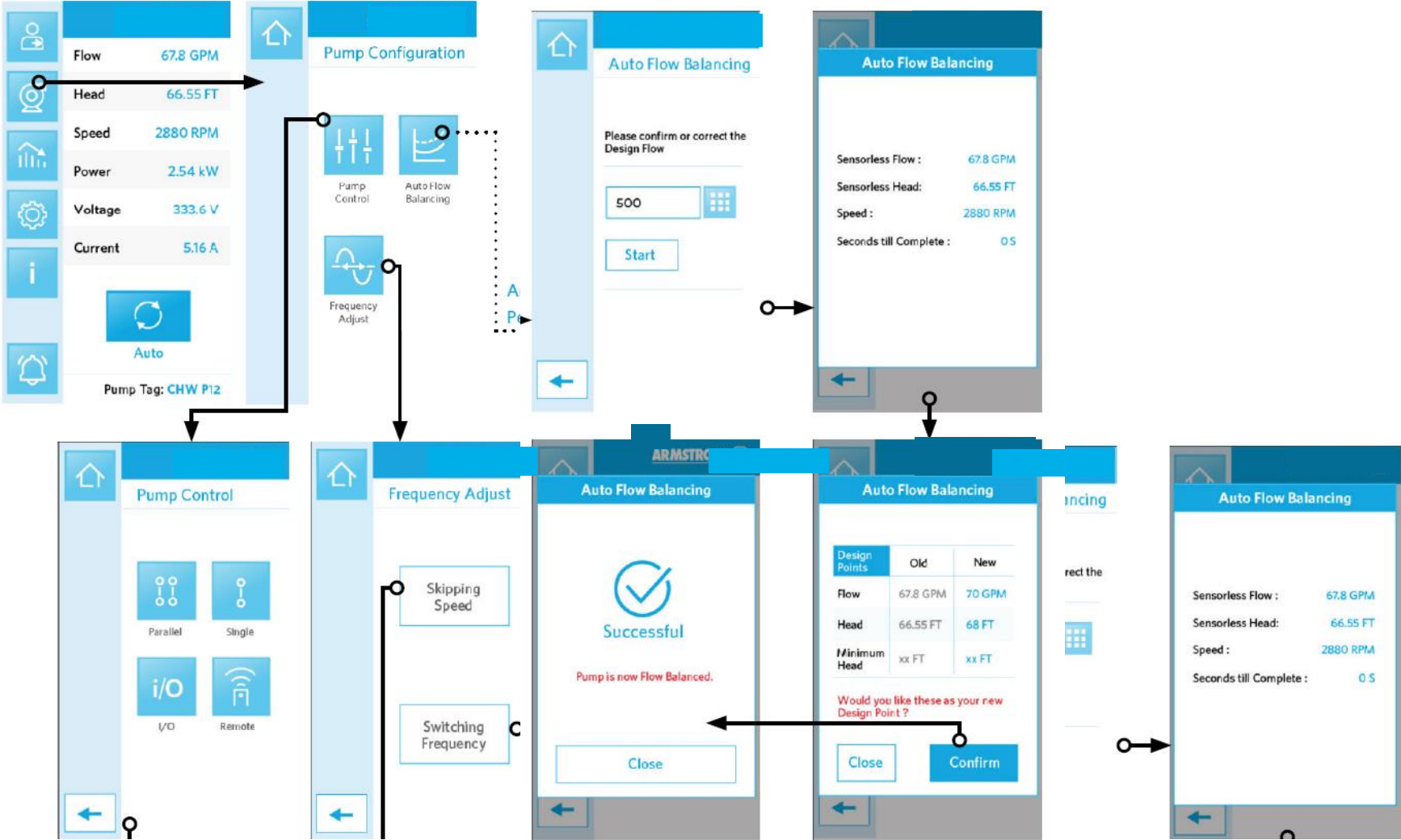
AutoFlow Balancing
adjusted curve



Up to **30%** energy savings
£00's T&B time

Auto-Flow Final Balancing

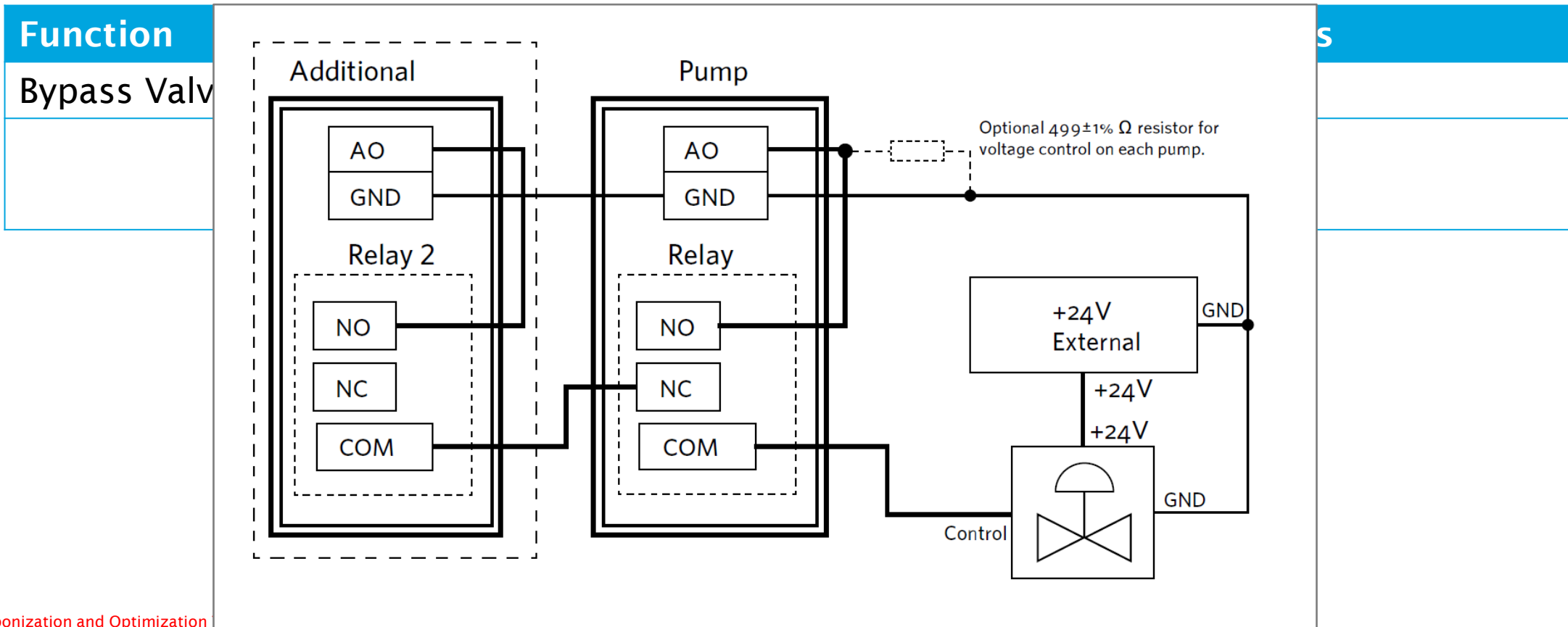
4.3.6 PUMP CONTROL



Protection Bundle



- **Bypass Valve Control** – actuates a bypass valve to protect flow sensitive equipment if pre-set minimum is reached

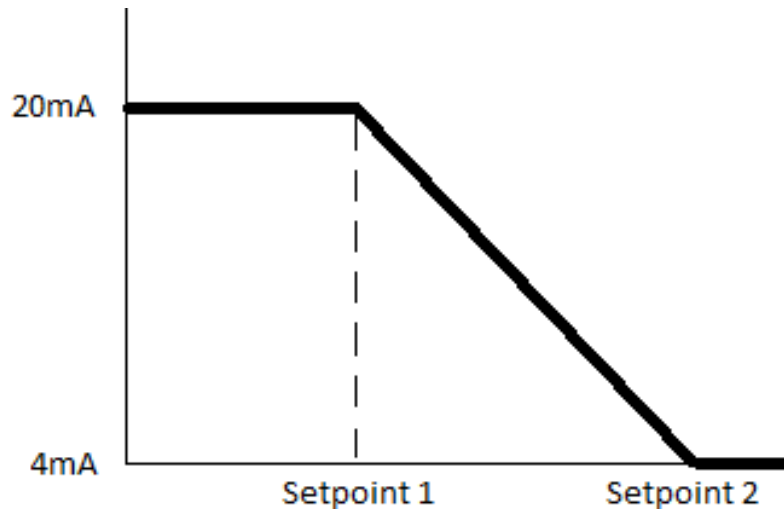


Protection Bundle



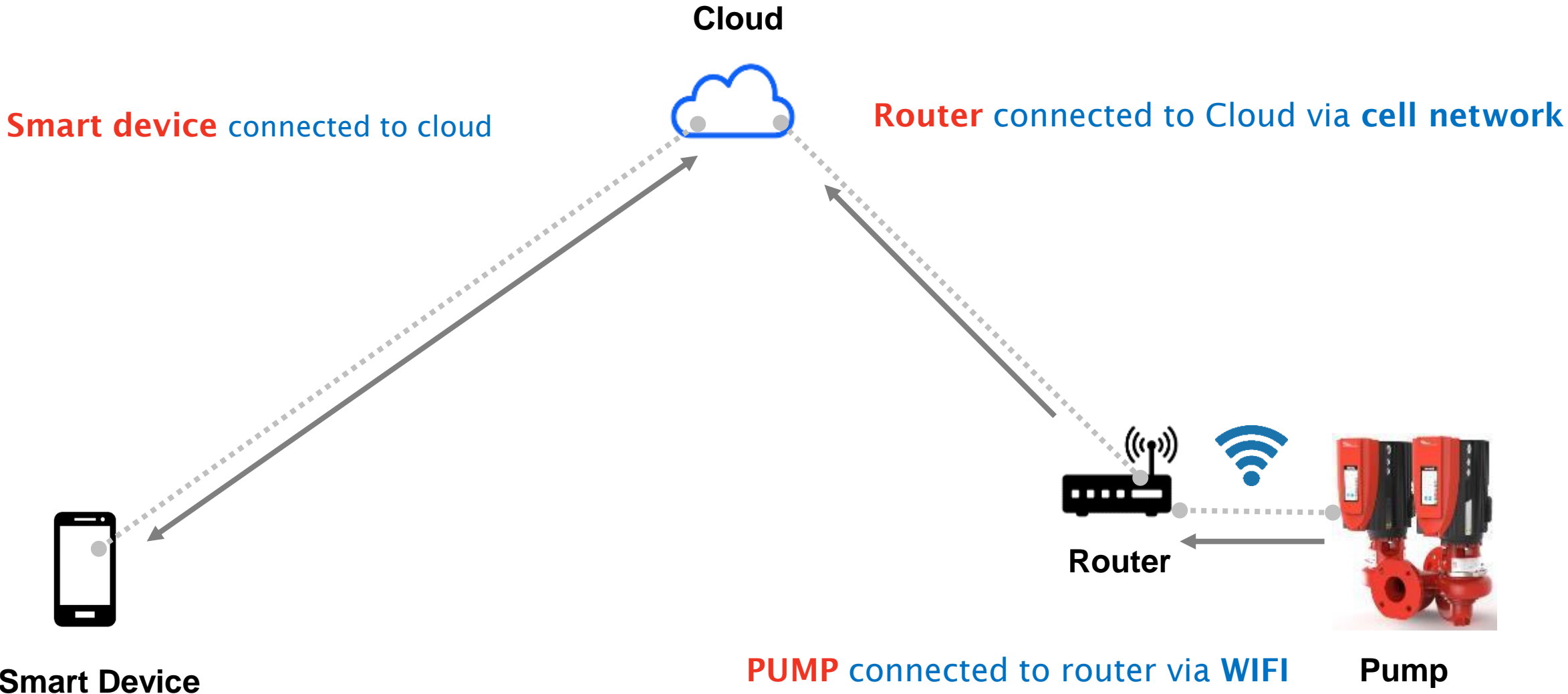
- **Minimum Flow Bypass Valve Control:**

- Modulates the opening and closing of the by-pass valve
- Valve chosen to have linear characteristic
- Normally closed
- 4-20mA



- If flow is less than Setpoint 1, DEPC sends 20mA signal to open valve
- If flow is greater than Setpoint 1, DEPC sends reduced mA to close valve
- Sufficient gap between Setpoint 1 and 2 Flows to prevent excess opening and closing

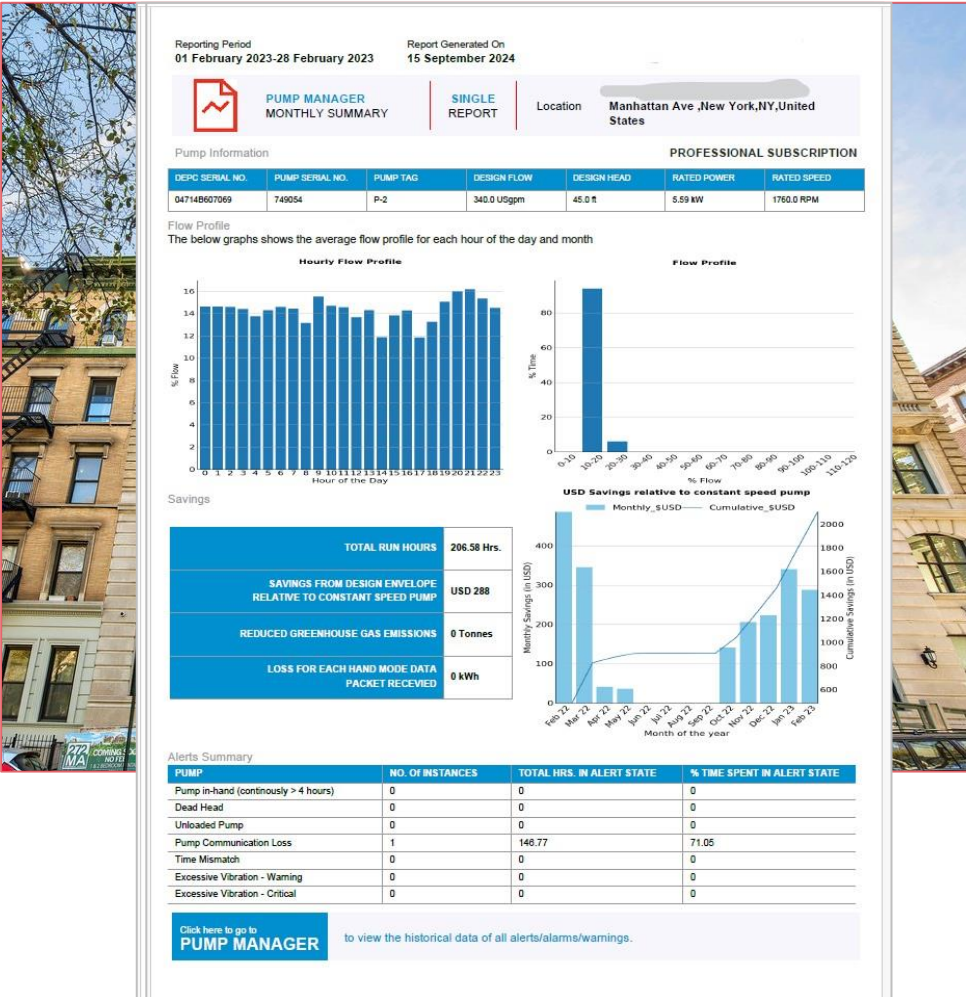
Connections to Cloud Analytics



Cloud Analytics Stories (1) – Oversized Pumps

Project: Residential Building, Manhattan, US

- Building renovated and **new controller retro-fitted**
- Cloud analytics reported in 2021 pumps were operating in hand
- In 2022 cloud analytics was sending owner dead-heading alarms
- Reports for the same month over 3 years were reviewed
- Insights from the reports revealed over sized boiler and pump
- Customer declares to make detailed design reviews for future projects – to reduce Capex and Opex



Cloud Analytics Stories (2) – N/C By-Pass Valve Left Open

CDSB 2021-22 Budget

June 22, 2021

During the 2020-21 school year, the Board will undertake several facility renewal projects, which are designed to create a safe and more comfortable learning environment for our students and staff. Administration and the Board of Trustees will be reviewing the needs of the system and identifying specific projects for the coming year.

From time-to-time, schools may require portables or portapacks to alleviate enrolment pressures. Portables and portapacks are typically funded using the Board's temporary accommodations allocation and from time-to-time accumulated surplus, where necessary.



HVAC Upgrade

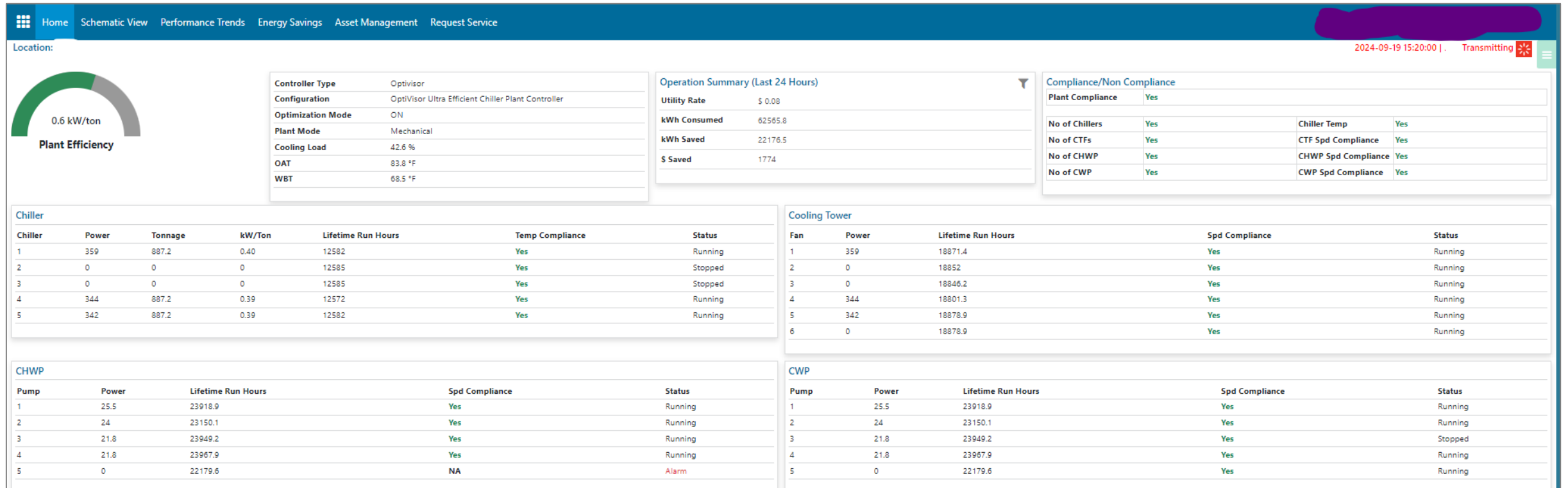


How is optimized chilled water plant connected to the cloud?

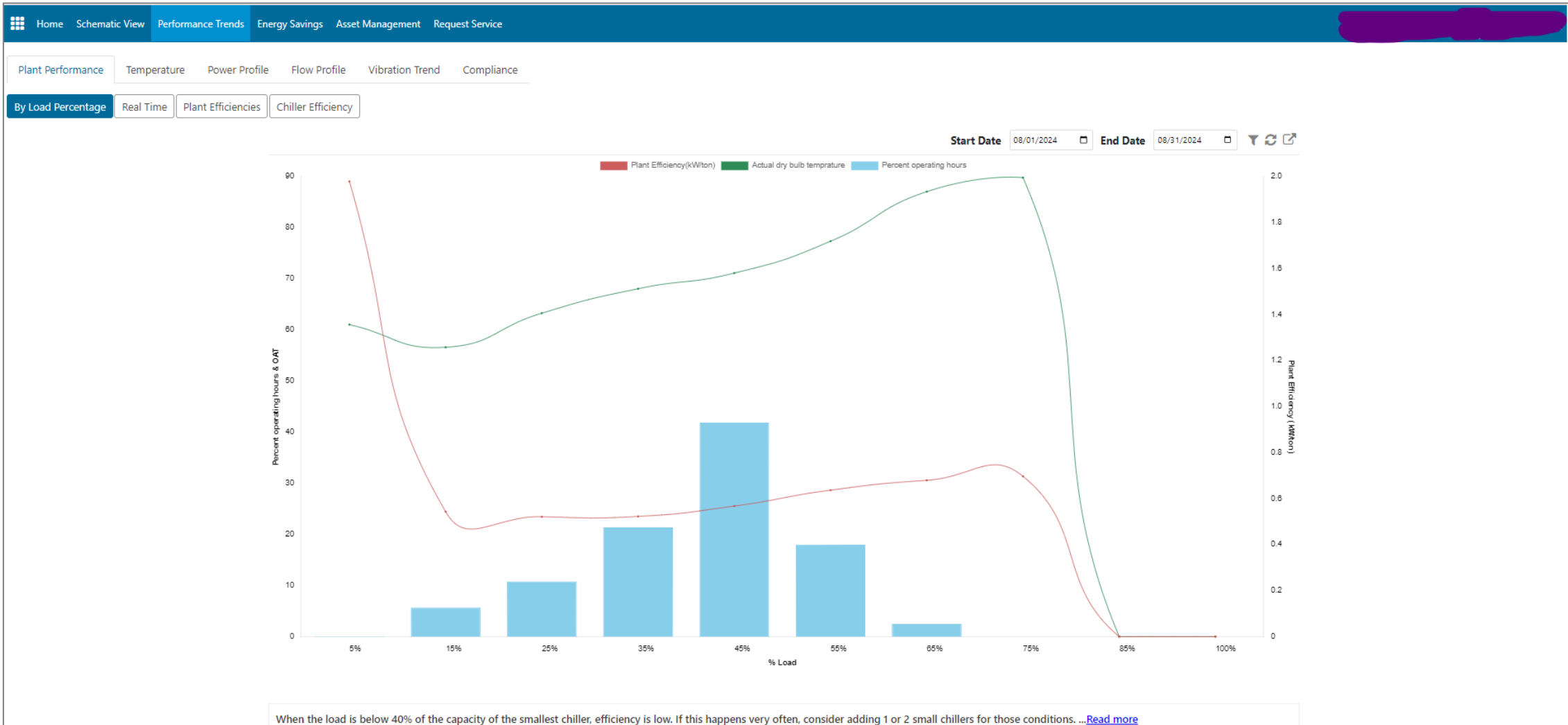
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What does it deliver?

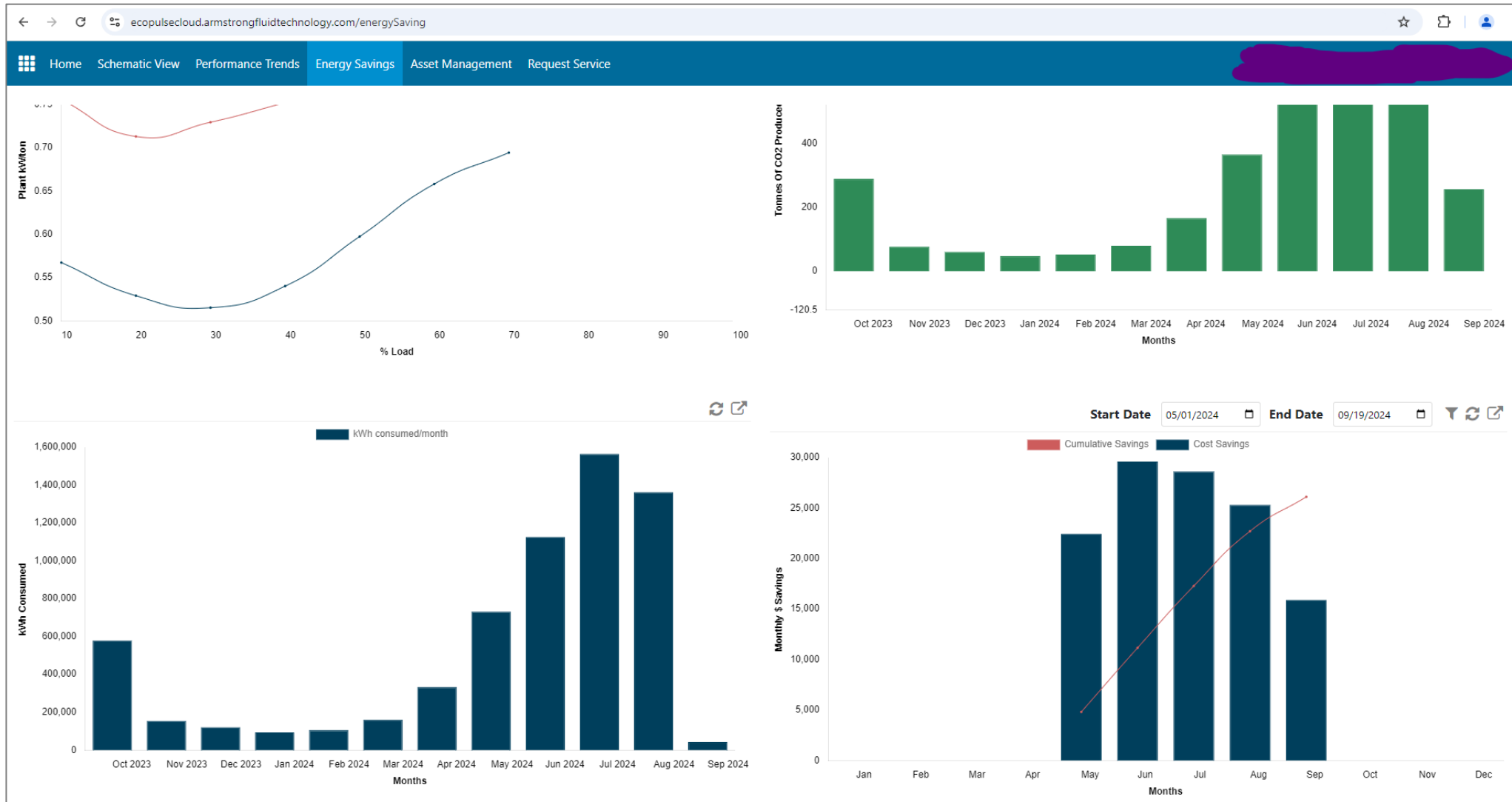
Hospital Optimized Chilled Water Plant - Cloud Dashboard – 0.6 kW/ton



Performance Trends by Load Percentage



Energy Savings \$



From Micro to Macro

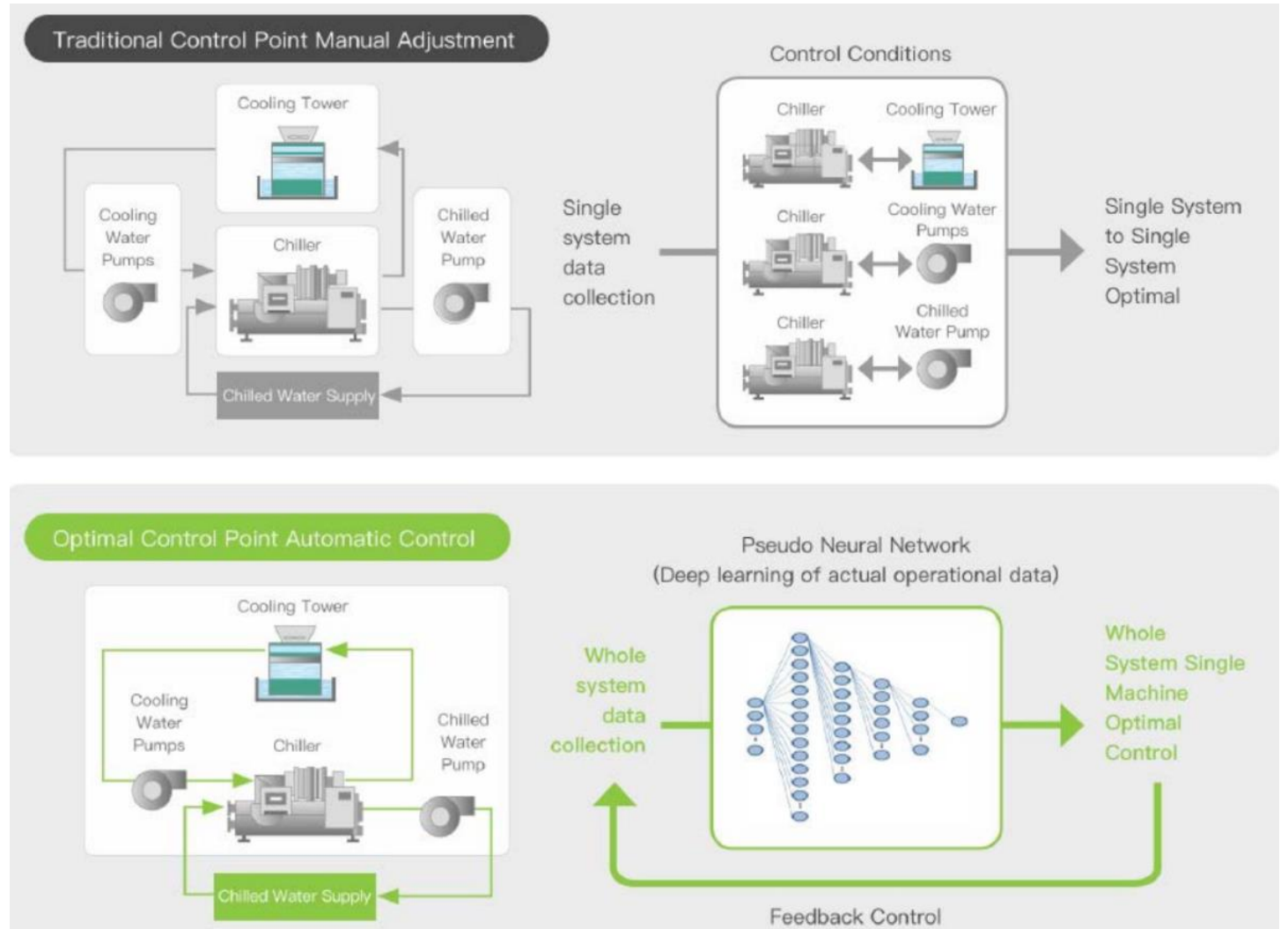
Harvesting Data from Multiple Datasets to Recognize Patterns

- Retail, education, multiple buildings, hospitality, healthcare chains,
- Use the mass data **aggregated** to improve outcomes.
 - Operational efficiency
 - Comfort levels
 - Grid management
- Applicable to:
 - District energy
 - Healthcare chains
 - Data centres



Adaptive Control Network → Improved Efficiency

- Bulk operational data
- Optimal energy saving program
- New model neural network algorithm of machine learning
- Explore correlations between multiple parameters



Urban Building Energy Modeling - Work in Progress

U. Ali, Mohammad Haris Shamsi, C. Hoare et al.

Energy & Buildings 246 (2021) 111073

- Global shift to urban areas
- 2/3 of energy consumption, of which buildings are 40%
- Sustainable energy sources
- Aggregated data used to help modeling
- Research continues to better match power infrastructure to demand

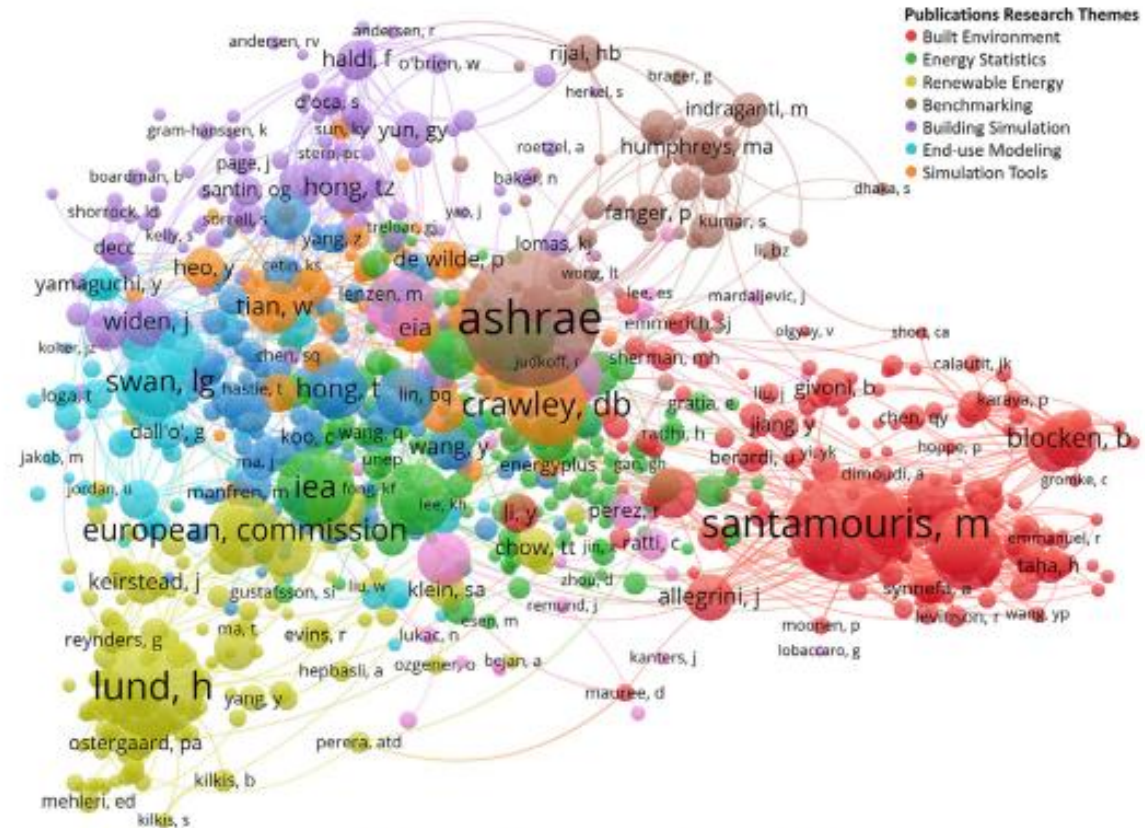


Fig. 2. UBEM publication co-citation network categorized under six clusters based on closely related research themes and obtained from World of Science academic search platform using VOSviewer tool [25].

Source: Energy & Building 246 (2021) 111073

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- Thank you for your attention.
- Questions:
 - 1) Q:How many billion \$ tax savings did the USGBC say could be saved if all existing commercial buildings were given energy efficiency upgrades in line with local energy code? A: \$56B
 - 2) Q: How many years did the Berkeley Labs say it took to pay back, in simple terms, the cost of FDD and EMIS? A: 2
 - 3) Q: According to the US Green Building Council, what percentage of the retro-commissioning market results in 4 billion BTU saved? A: 1
 - 4) Q: What was the highest 10 percent (decile) of design flow that the heating pump in the New York condo attained in any of the annual February reports? A: 30-40% - but that was when the pumps were in hand mode
 - 5) Q:What percentage of total urban energy do building systems consume? A: 40%