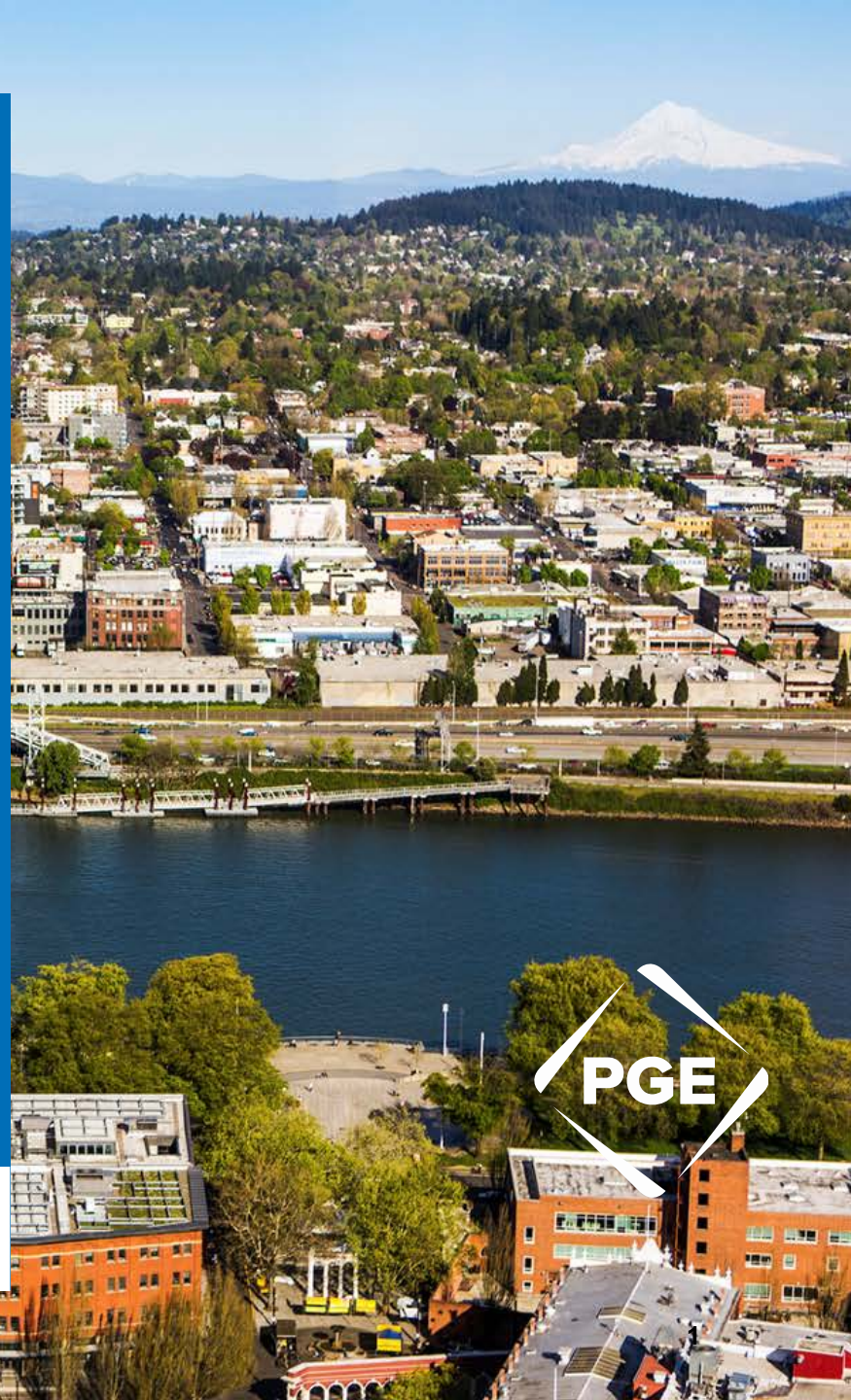


# Building Tune-ups & Commissioning

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# Learning objectives

- Understand what building commissioning is and why it's important
- Identify the differences between a new construction and an existing building commissioning process
- Become familiar with the commissioning tool set
- Describe some of the holistic benefits of the commissioning process

# Agenda

- What is building commissioning?
- Why do we need to commission?
- Commissioning's benefits
- Functional testing and the commissioning time line
- The system concept
- The load profile
- The control system
- Commissioning and the broader perspective



# What is building commissioning?

The definition of commissioning and the flavors it comes in





# Dictionary definition



Com·mis·sion

kə'miSHən

Verb; Gerund or present participle: Commissioning

1. Give an order for or authorize the production of (something such as a building, equipment, or work of art).

*The portrait was commissioned by his widow in 1792*

synonyms: order, authorize, bespeak

2. Bring (something newly produced, such as a factory or machine) into working condition.

*We had a few hiccups getting the heating equipment commissioned*

# Dictionary definition



**An analogy to a ship's sea trials or "shake-down" cruise**



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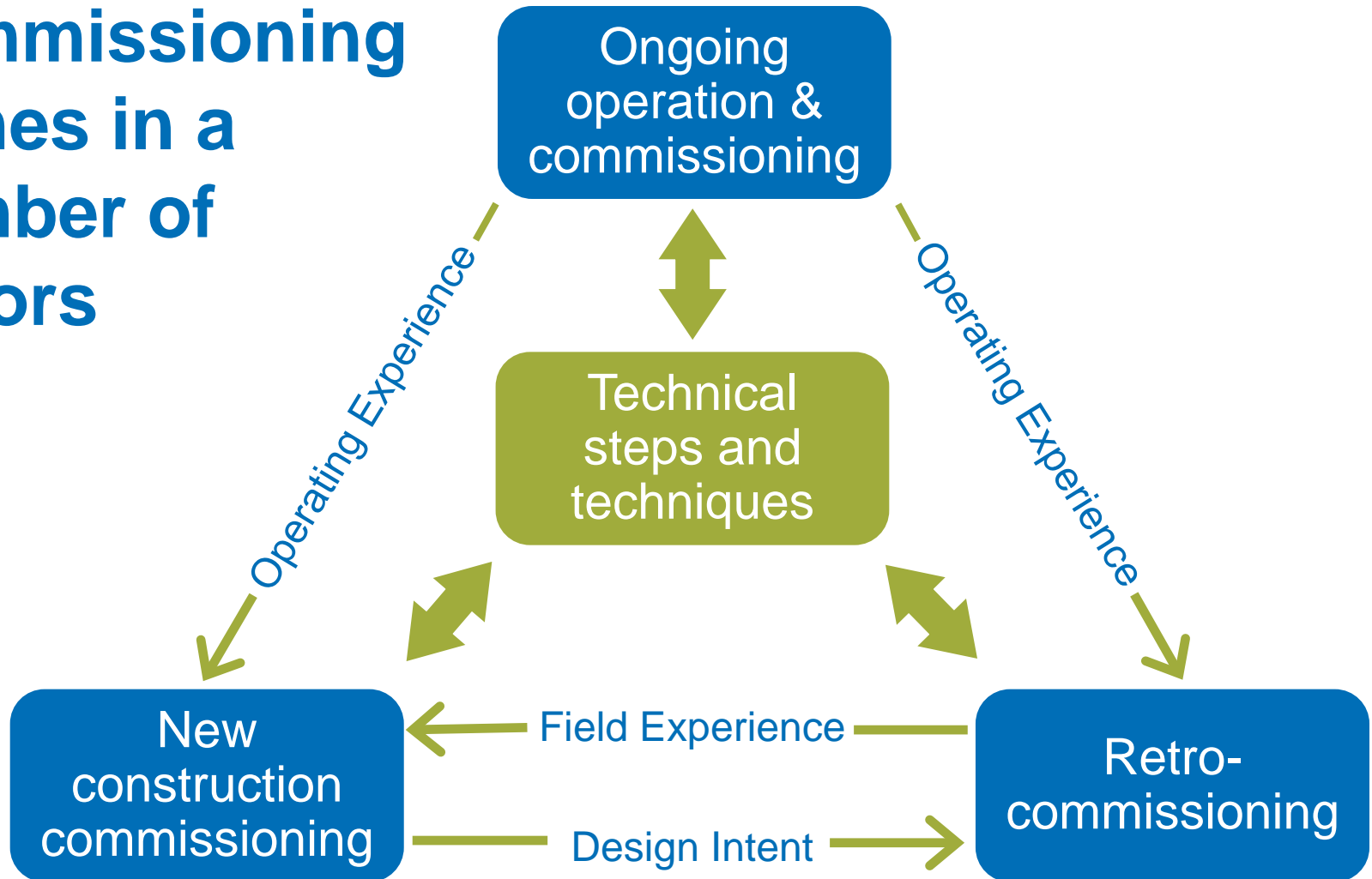
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# Commissioning comes in a number of flavors



# What is retrocommissioning?

In general terms, it's the same thing as:

- RCx
- Existing Building Commissioning
- EBCx
- Recommissioning
- Building tune-up



# What is ongoing commissioning?

Continuous Commissioning™

*A Trademarked Process Developed by Texas A&M*

Operating the building properly

*What folks called it when I started doing this stuff (1976)*

# Commissioning is a team effort

## No matter what the flavor

The building systems  
aren't the only thing  
that will be interactive  
and require integration  
from the Cx provider.

Farside Early Experiments in  
Transportation Cartoon Here



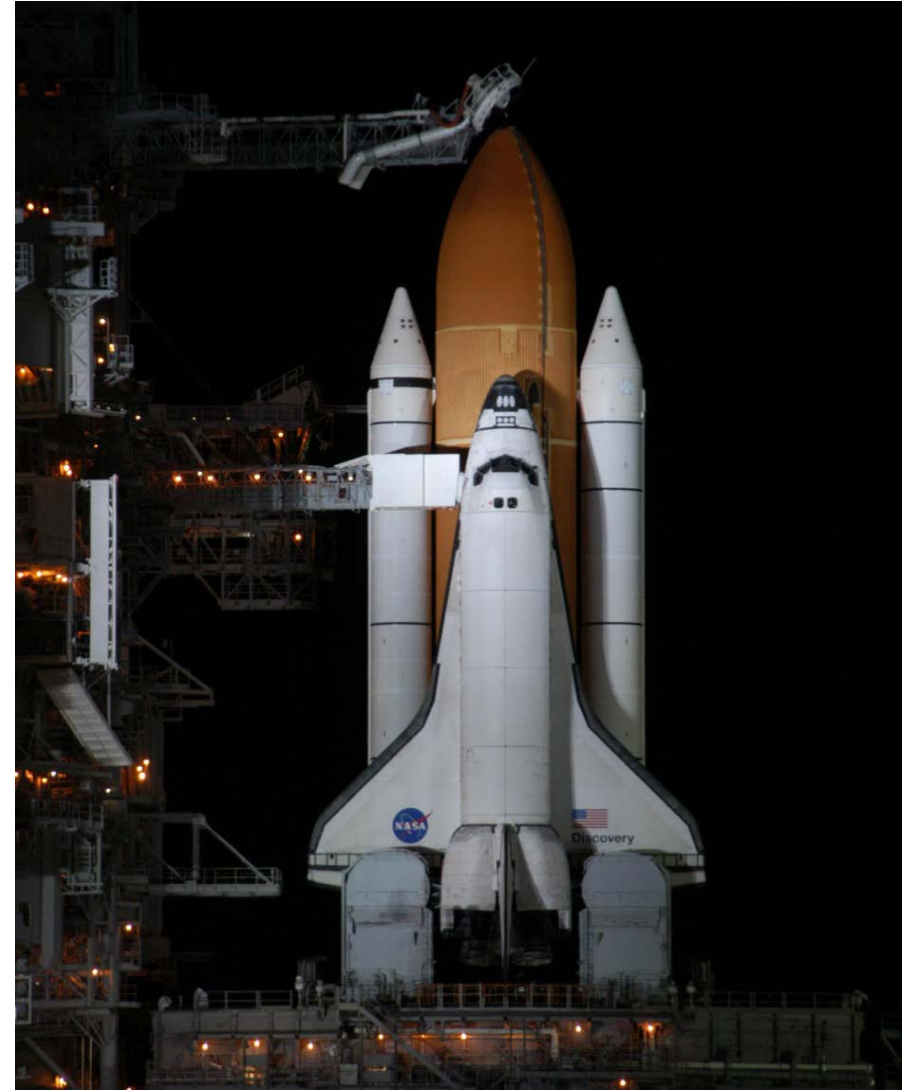
# Why do we need to commission?



# You may not fully comprehend the situation

*“... If you are piloting an untested vehicle on it's first test flight and that vehicle contains more propellant than was ever placed on a launch pad before and the vehicle was assembled by the low bidder and you aren't a little nervous, then you don't fully comprehend the situation”*

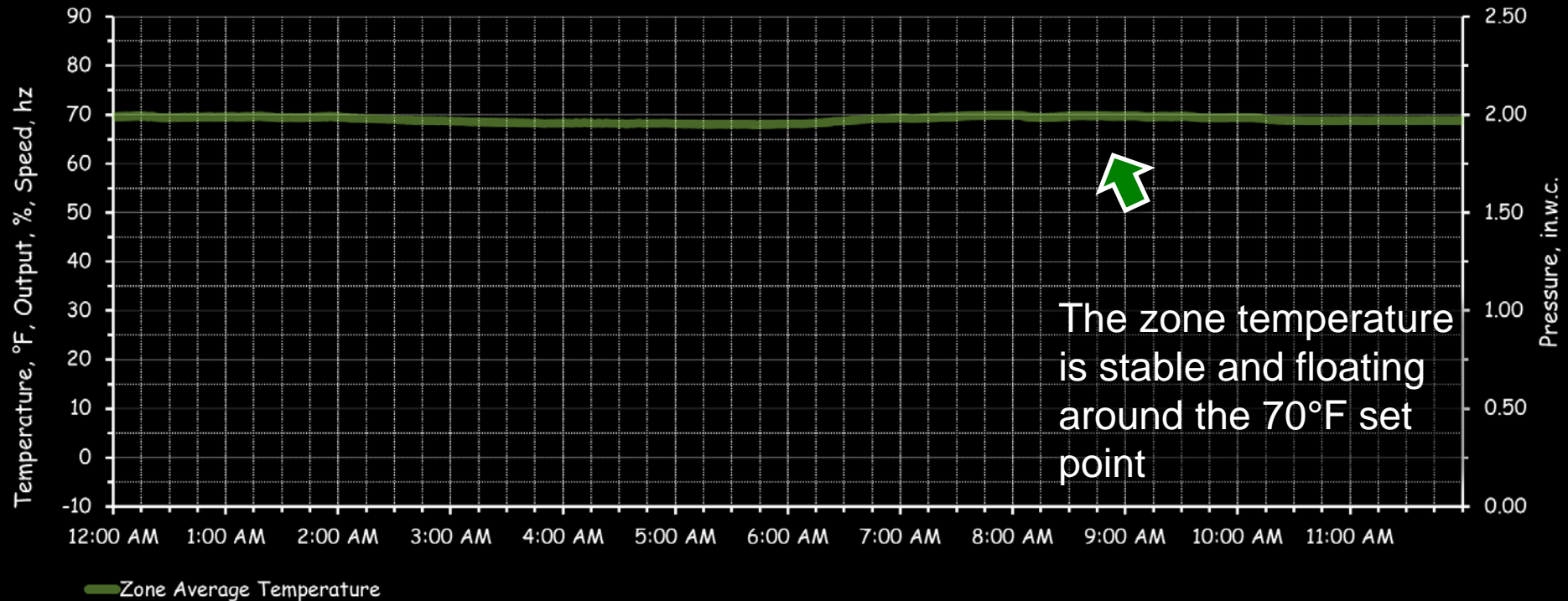
*Paraphrased; John Young to Barbara Walters when asked if he would be nervous as the test pilot on the first manned shuttle flight*





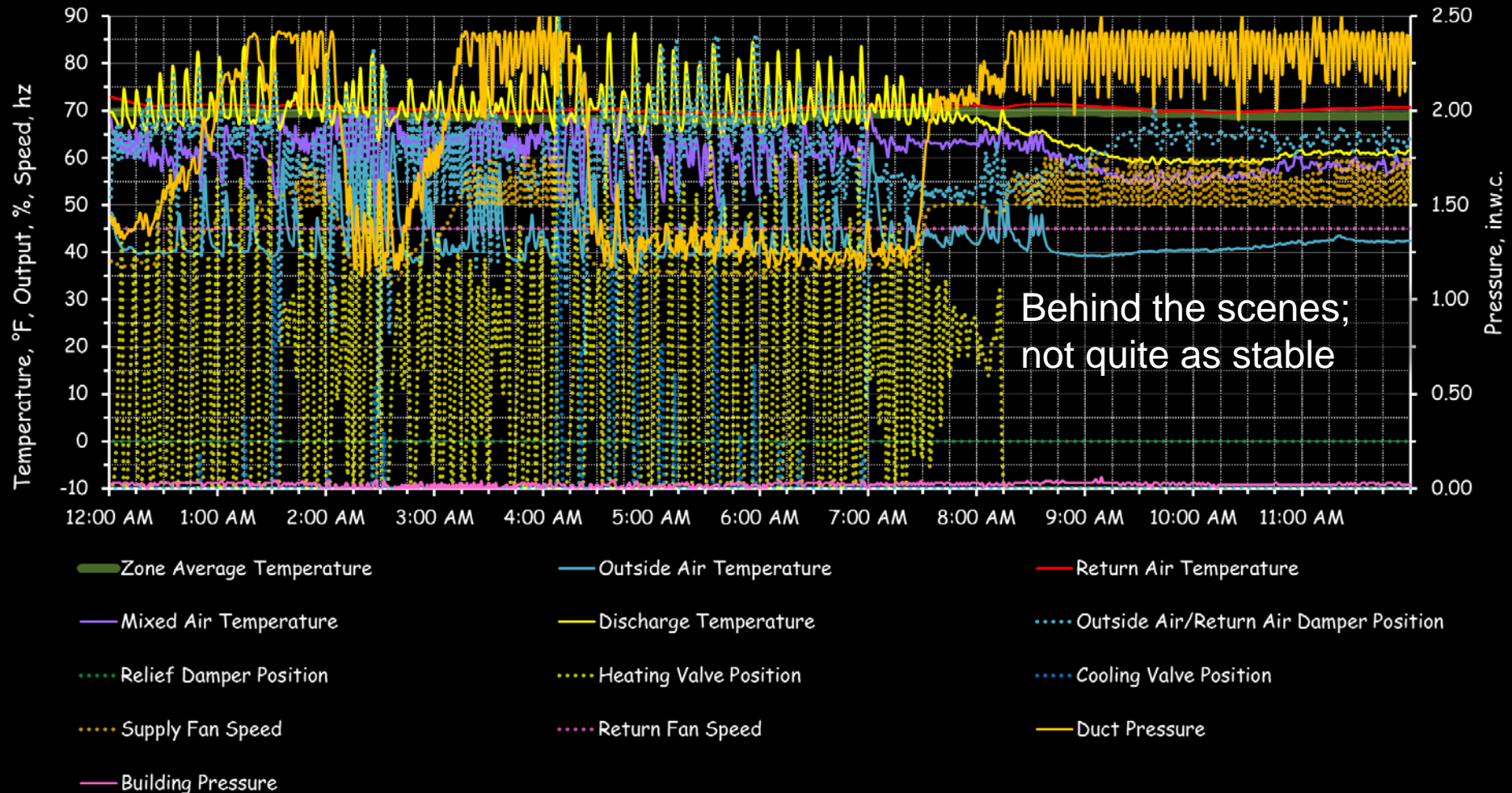
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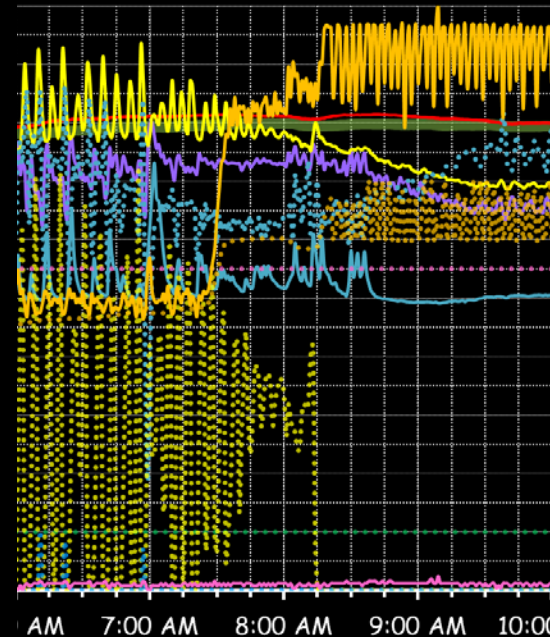
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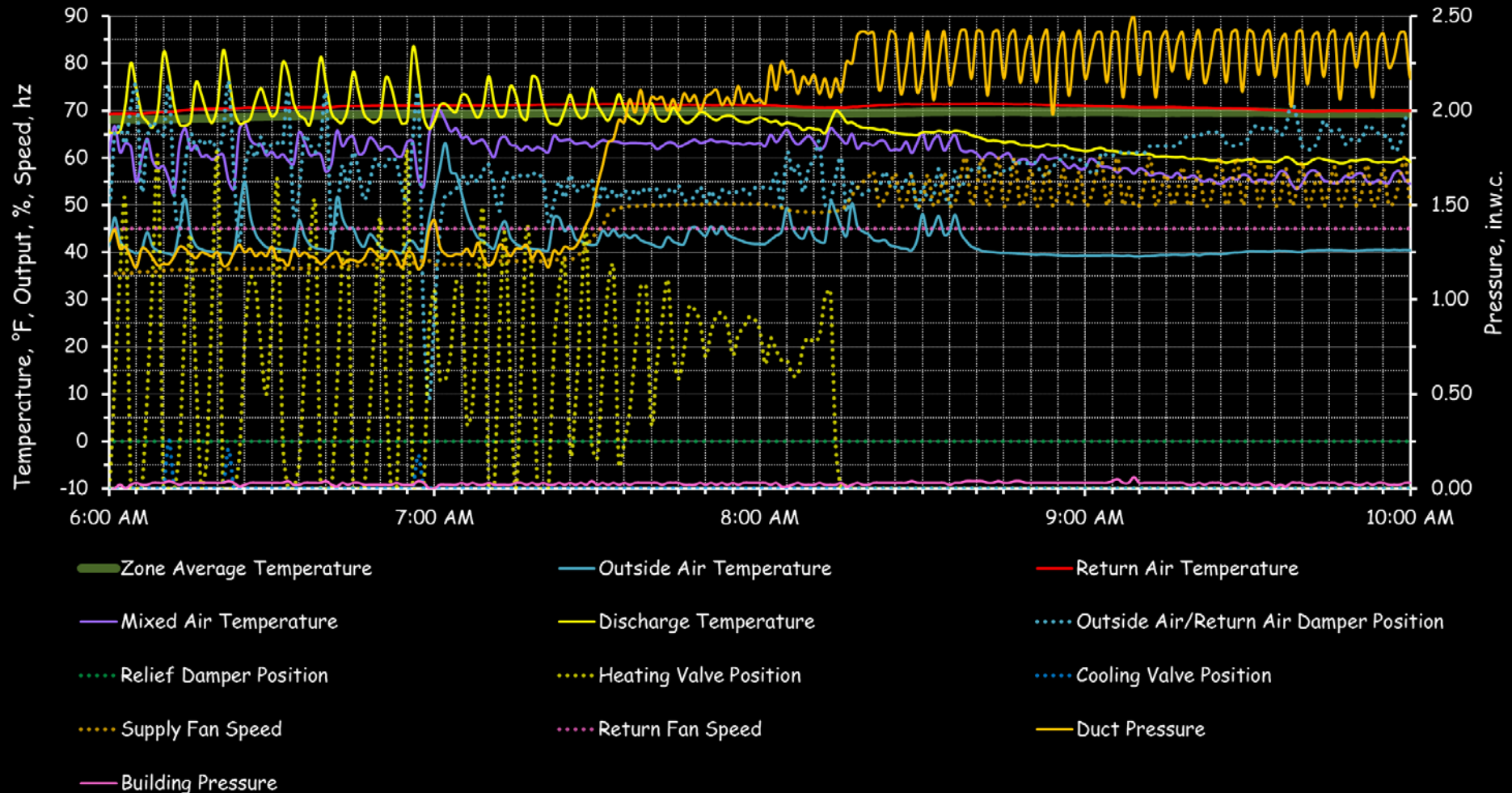
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Pressure — Duct Pressure

# ... and HVAC can be insidious

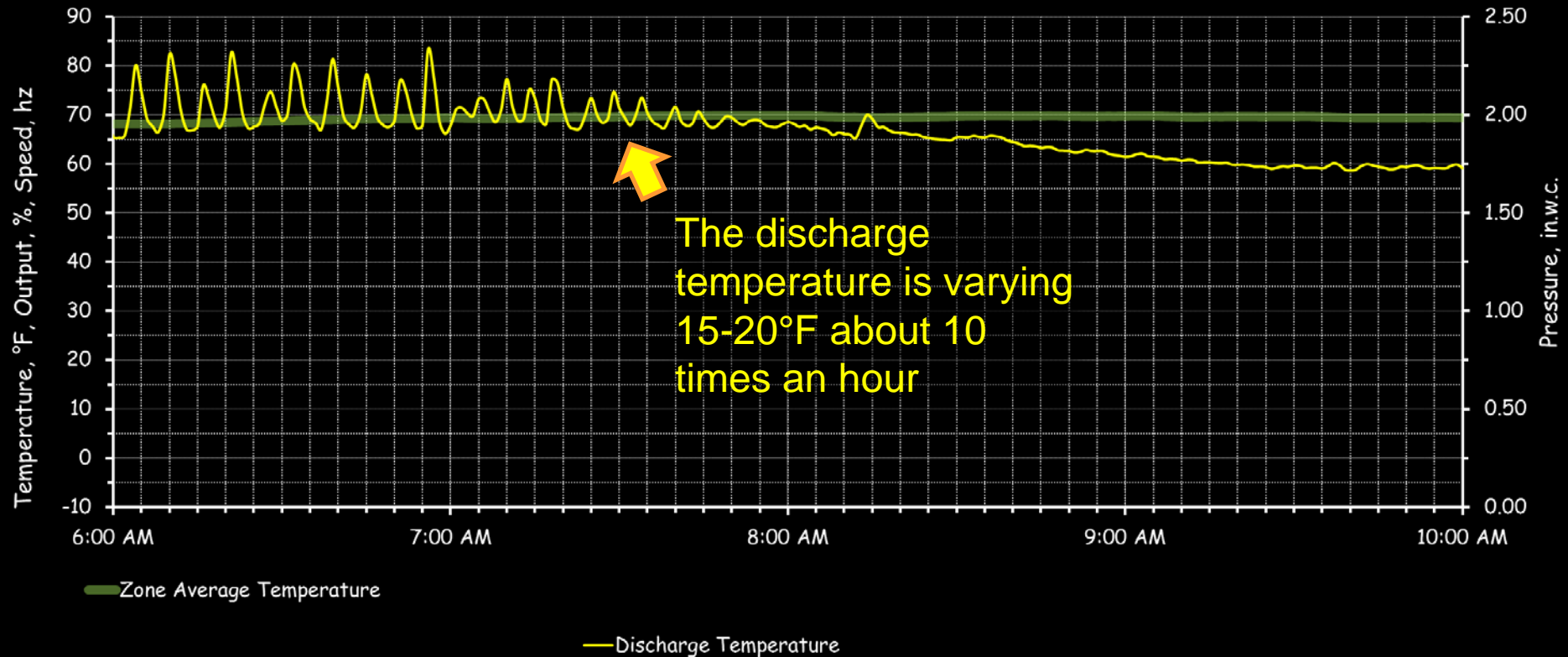
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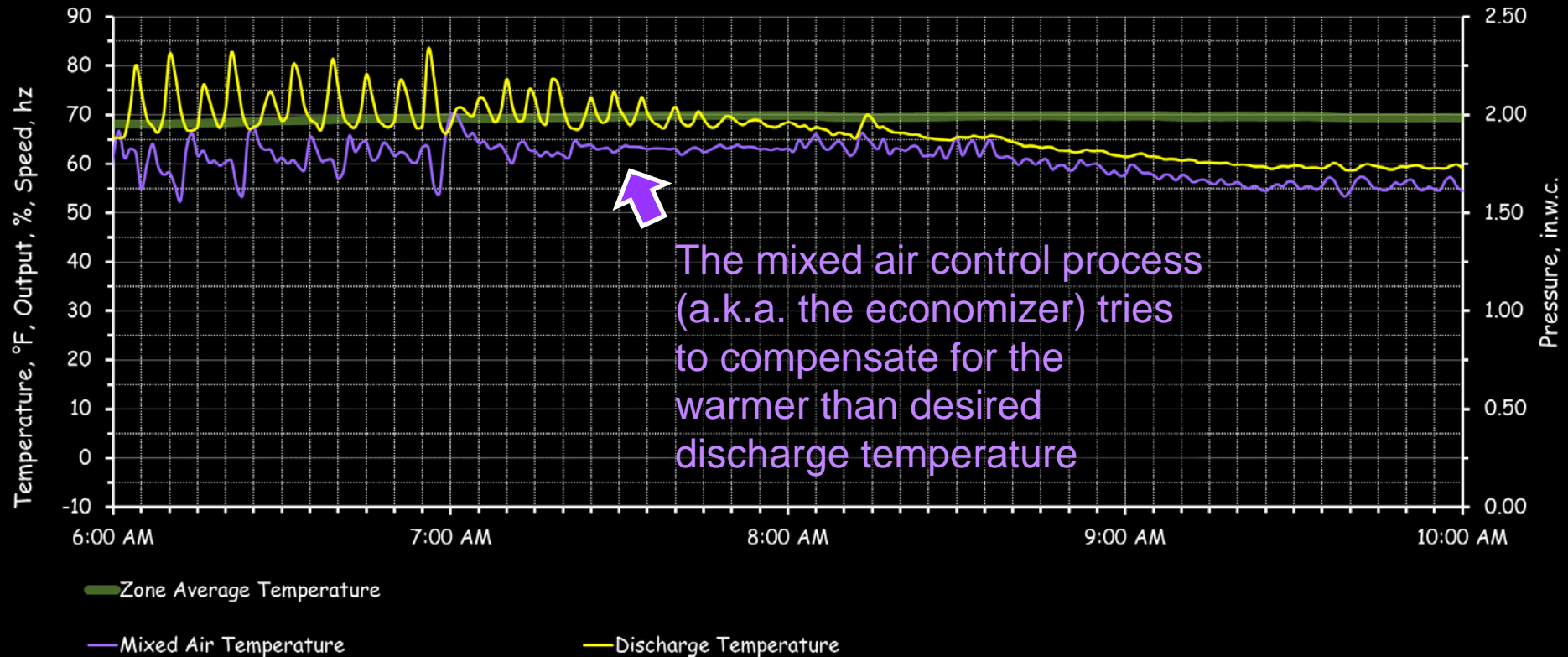
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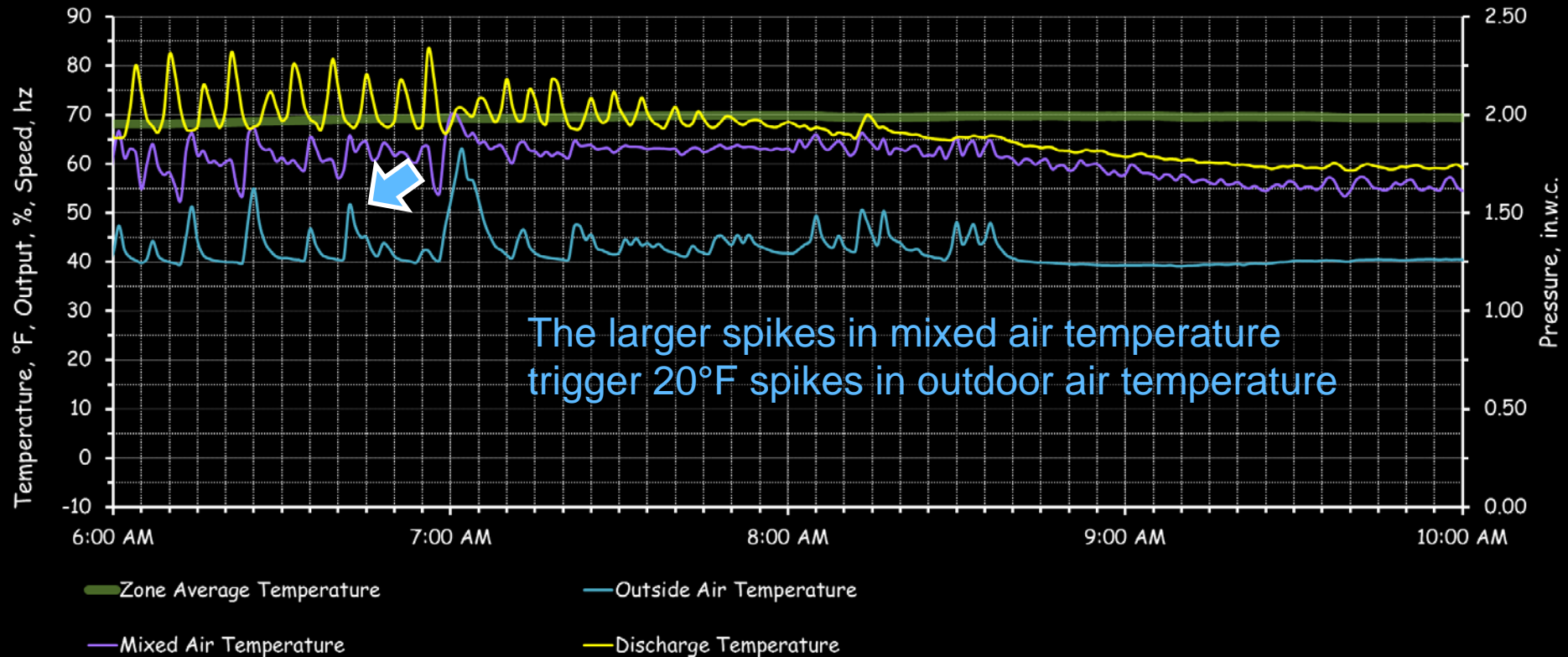
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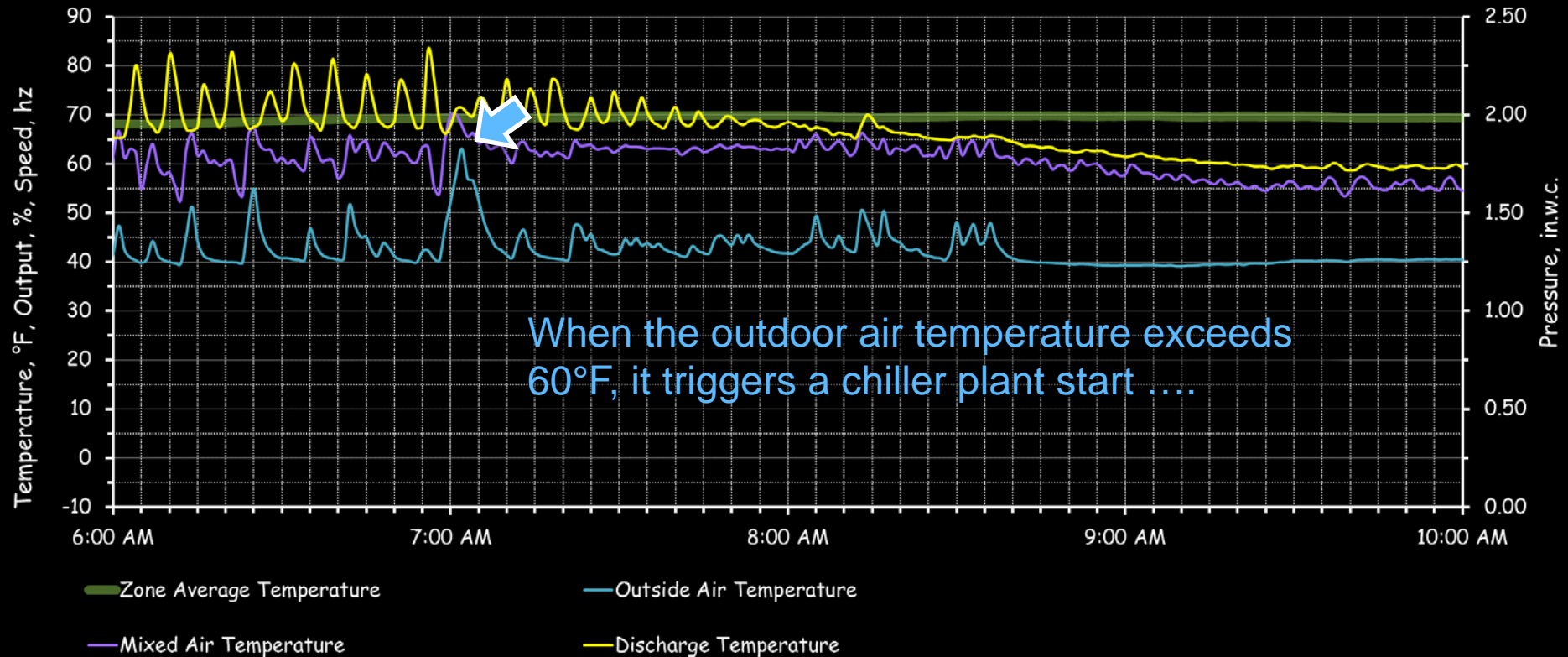
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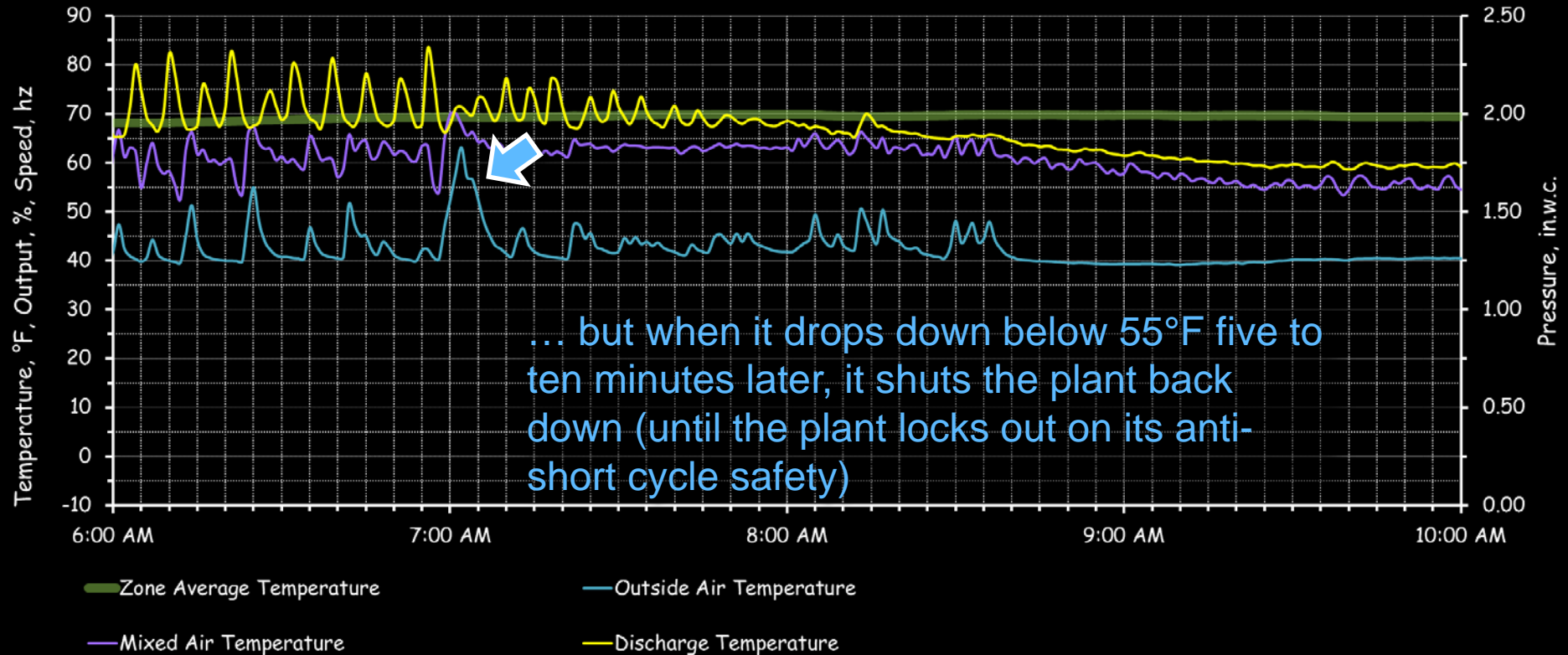
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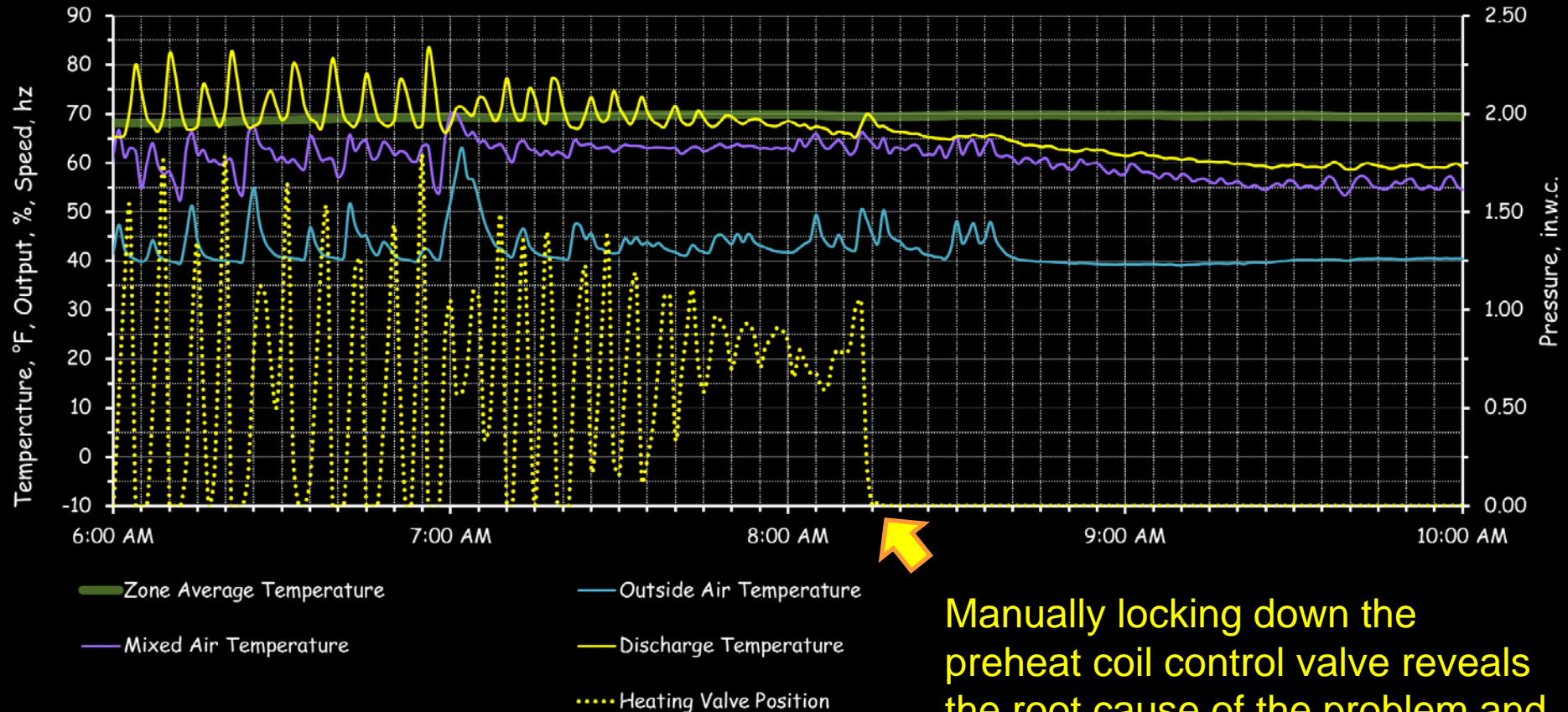
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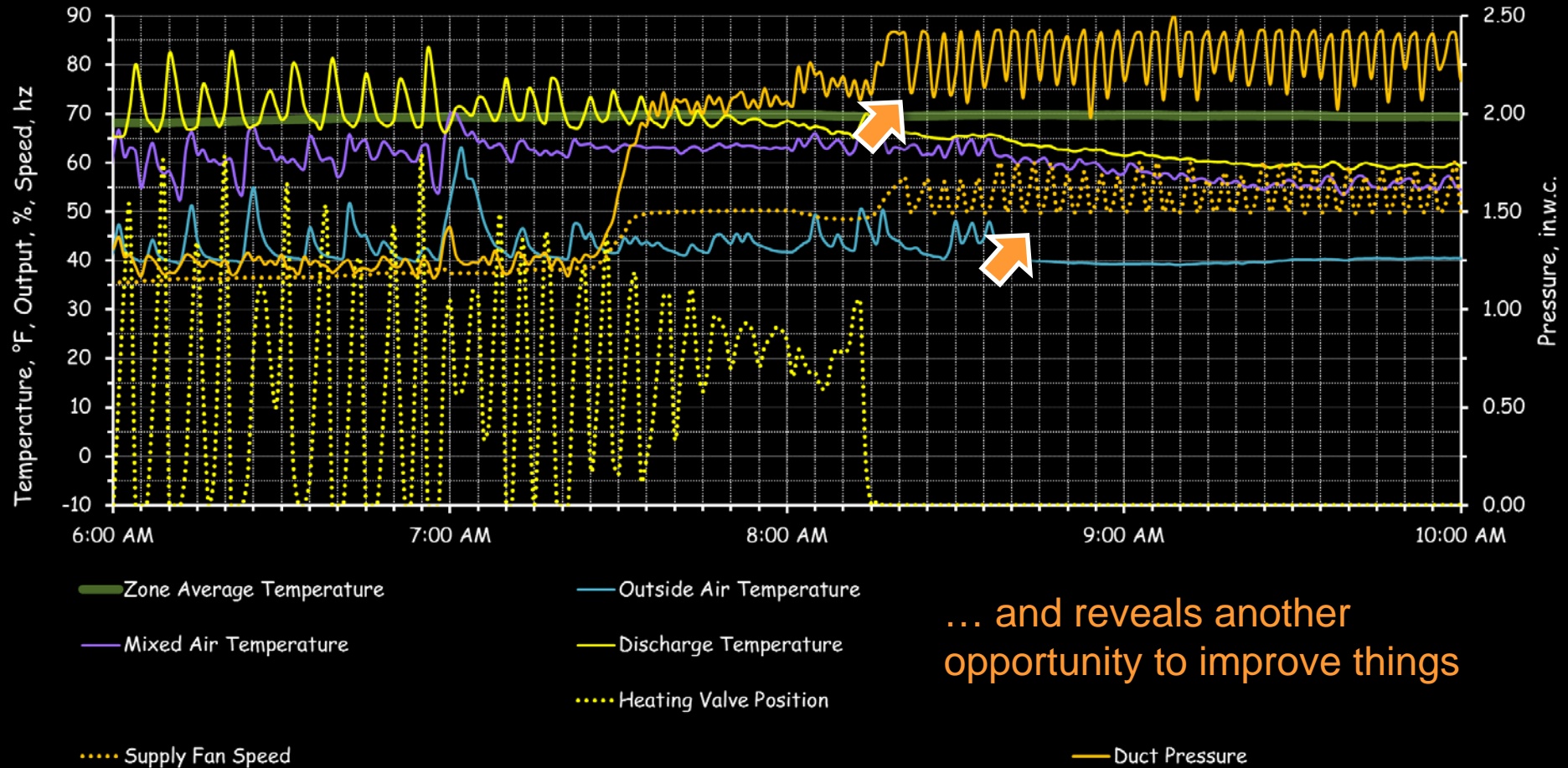
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Manually locking down the preheat coil control valve reveals the root cause of the problem and how to solve it ...

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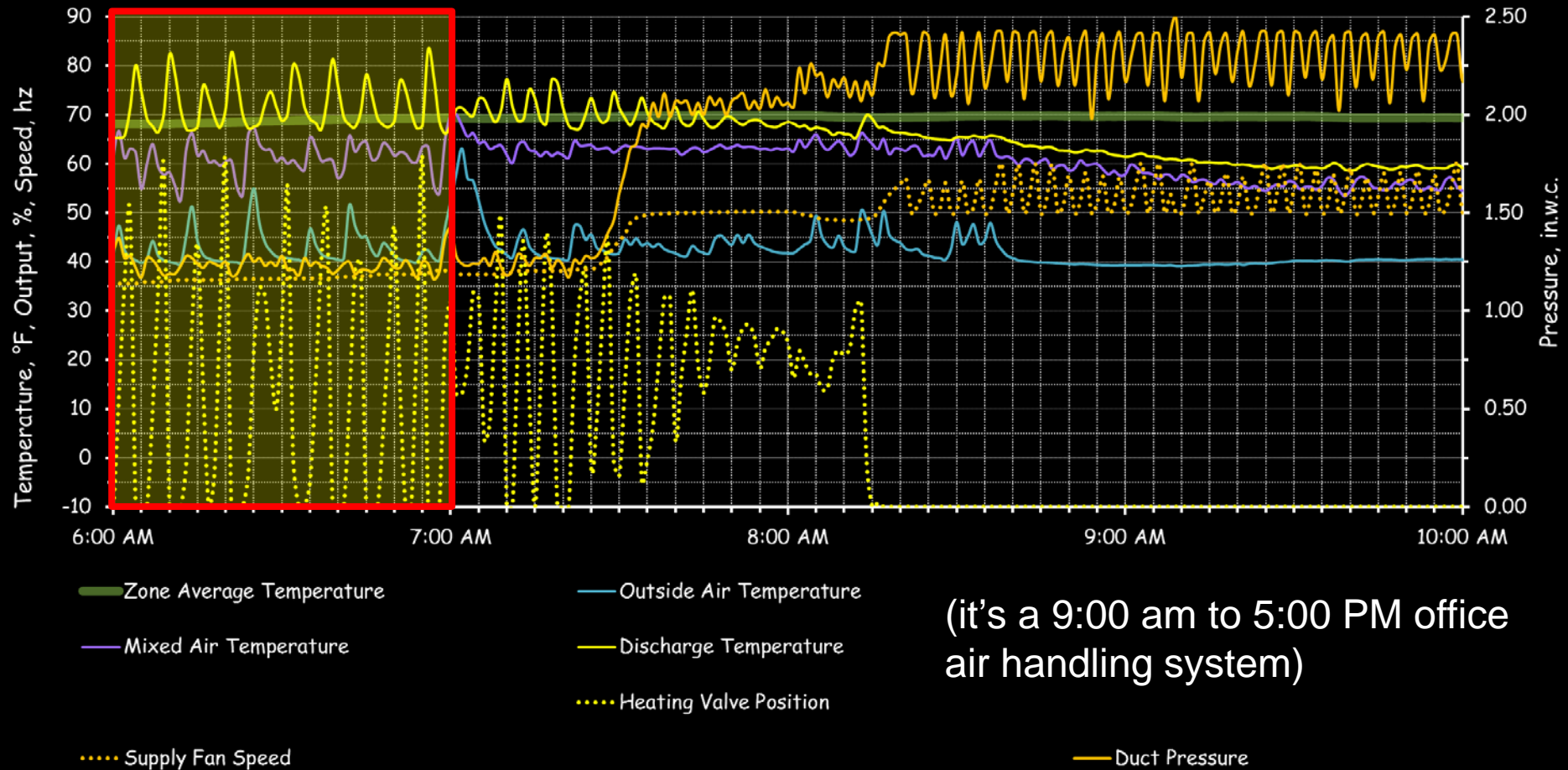


... and reveals another opportunity to improve things



# And let's not miss the obvious

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# Buildings don't perform as intended

*The future is not in plastics, my boy, the future is in construction.*

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*The future is not in plastics, my boy, the future is in construction. **Actually, the future is in fixing construction.***

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# Commissioning's benefits



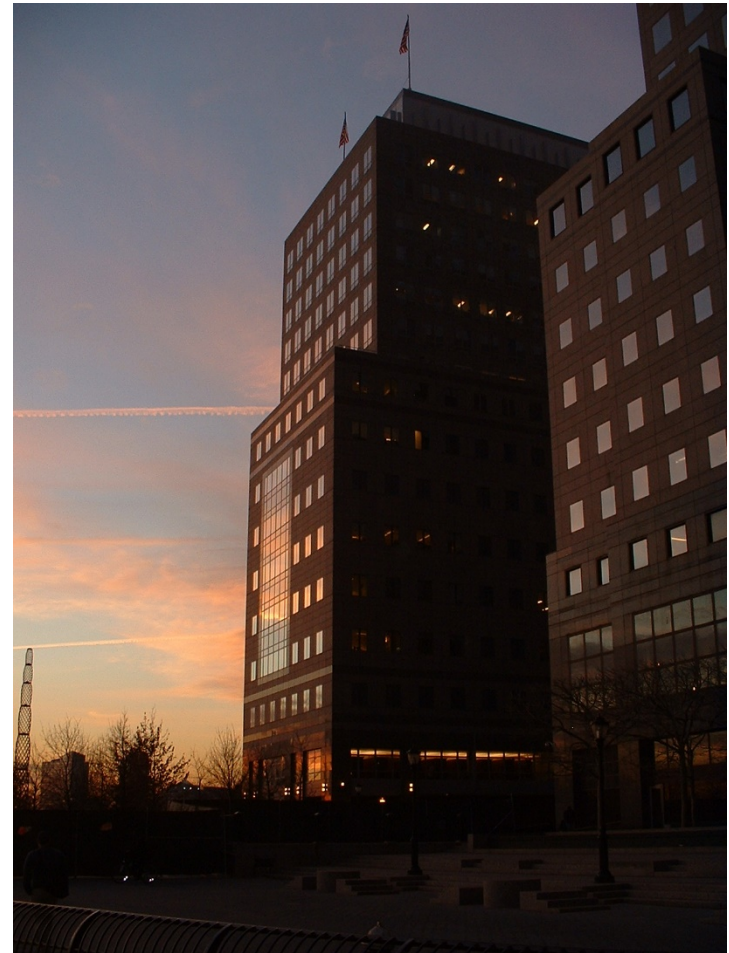
# Typical new construction Cx issues

- Poor turn-down capabilities
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- Rouge zones
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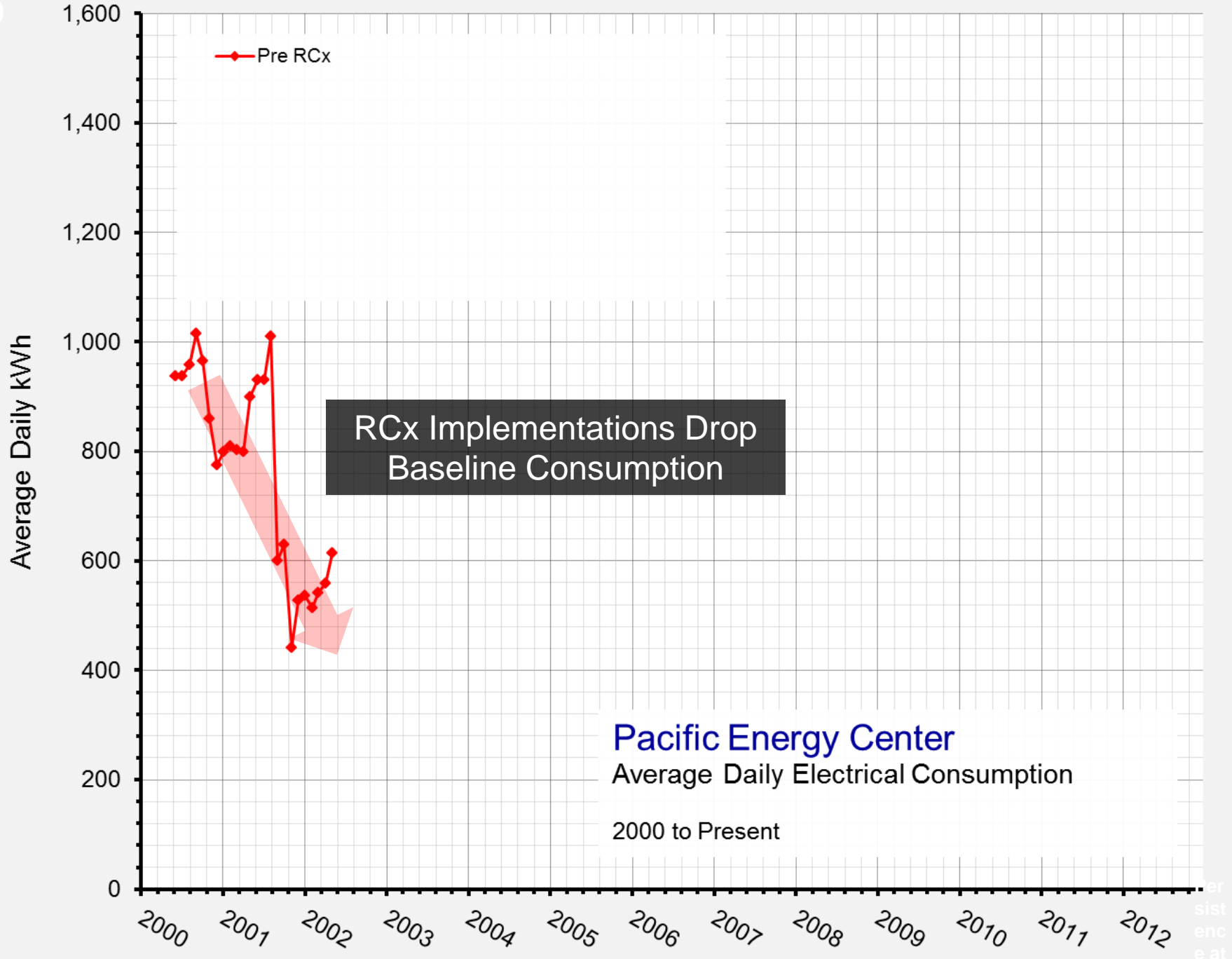
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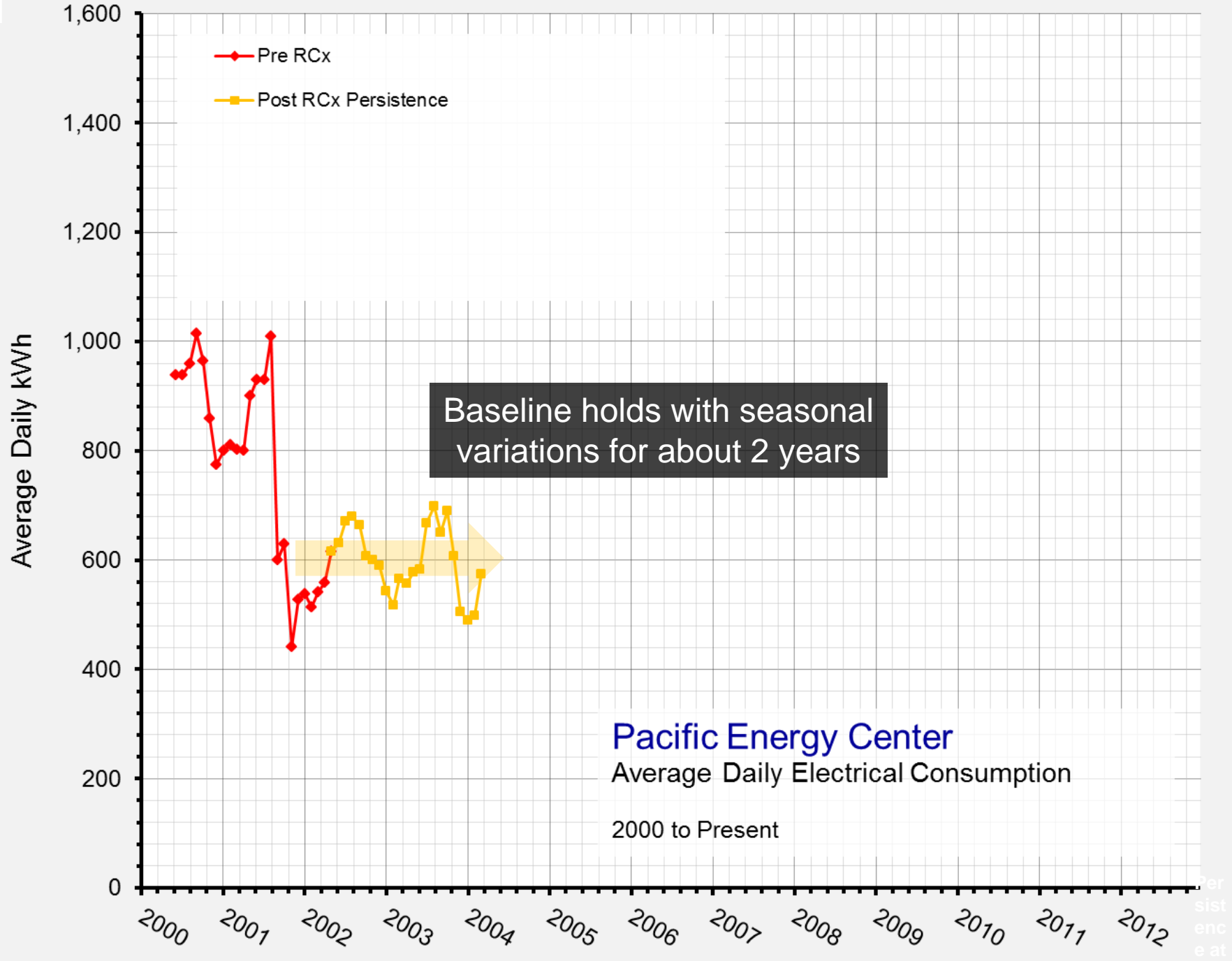
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- Most existing building commissioning issues are unresolved new construction commissioning issues or design issues
- Existing building commissioning issues are excellent design review targets



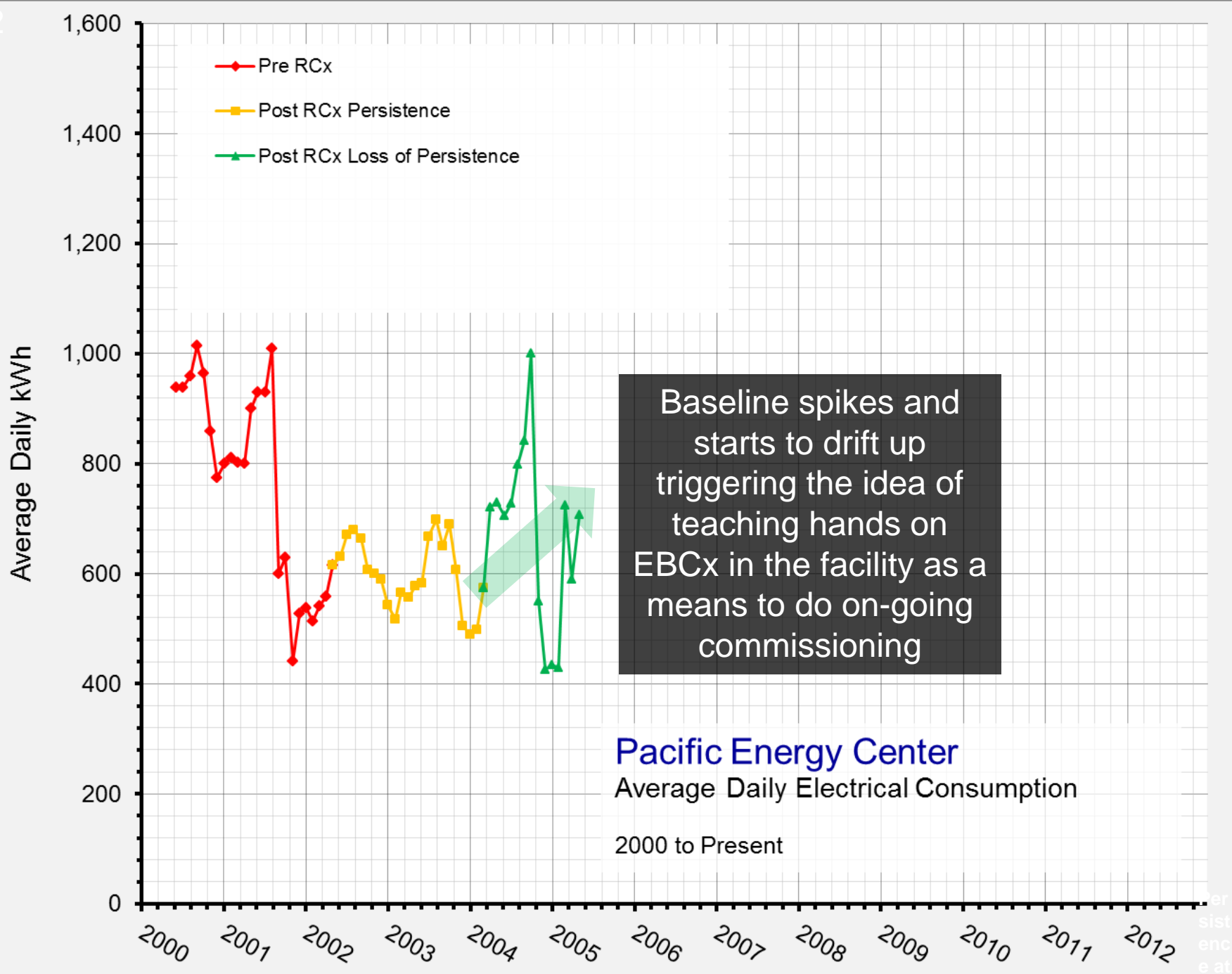
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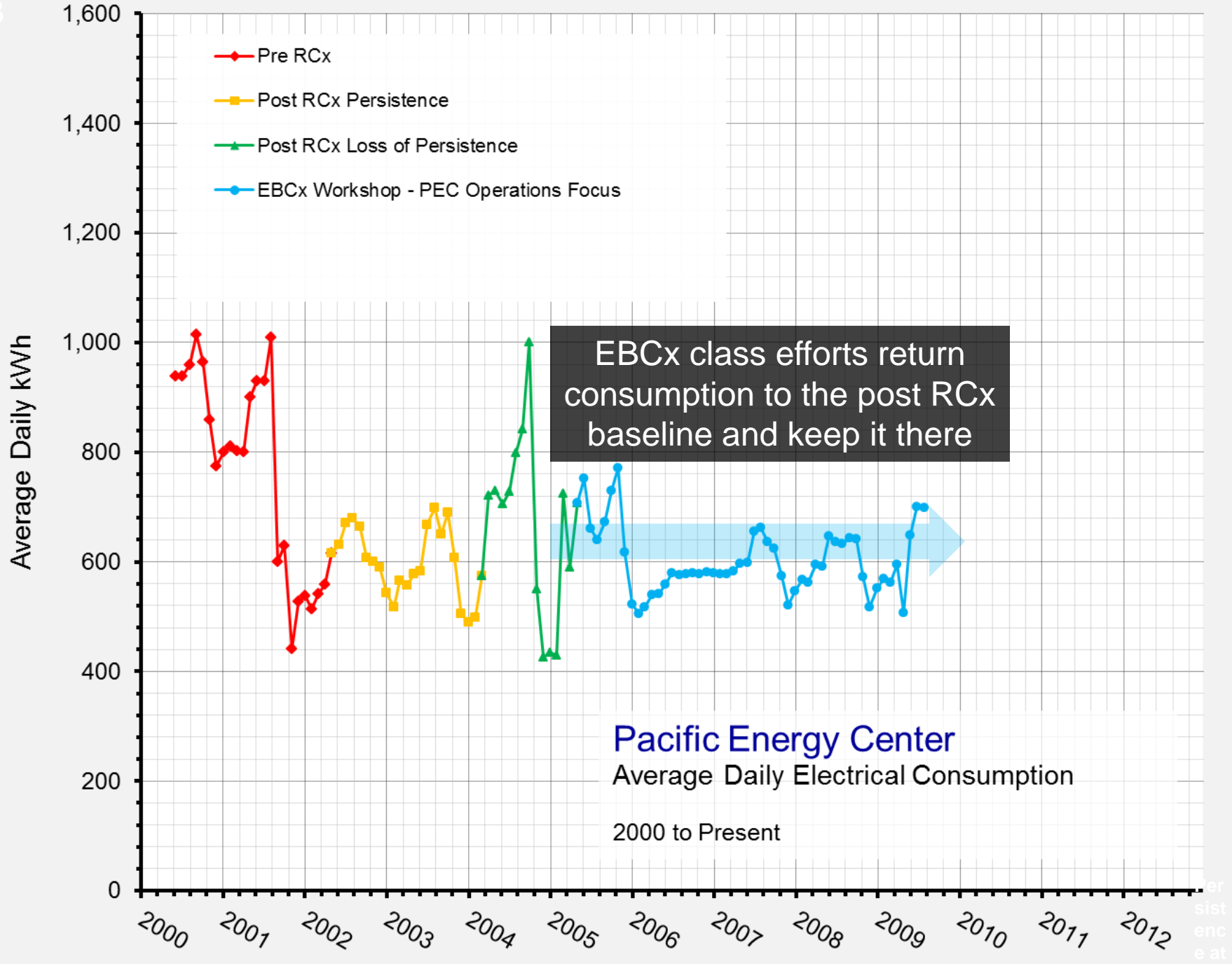


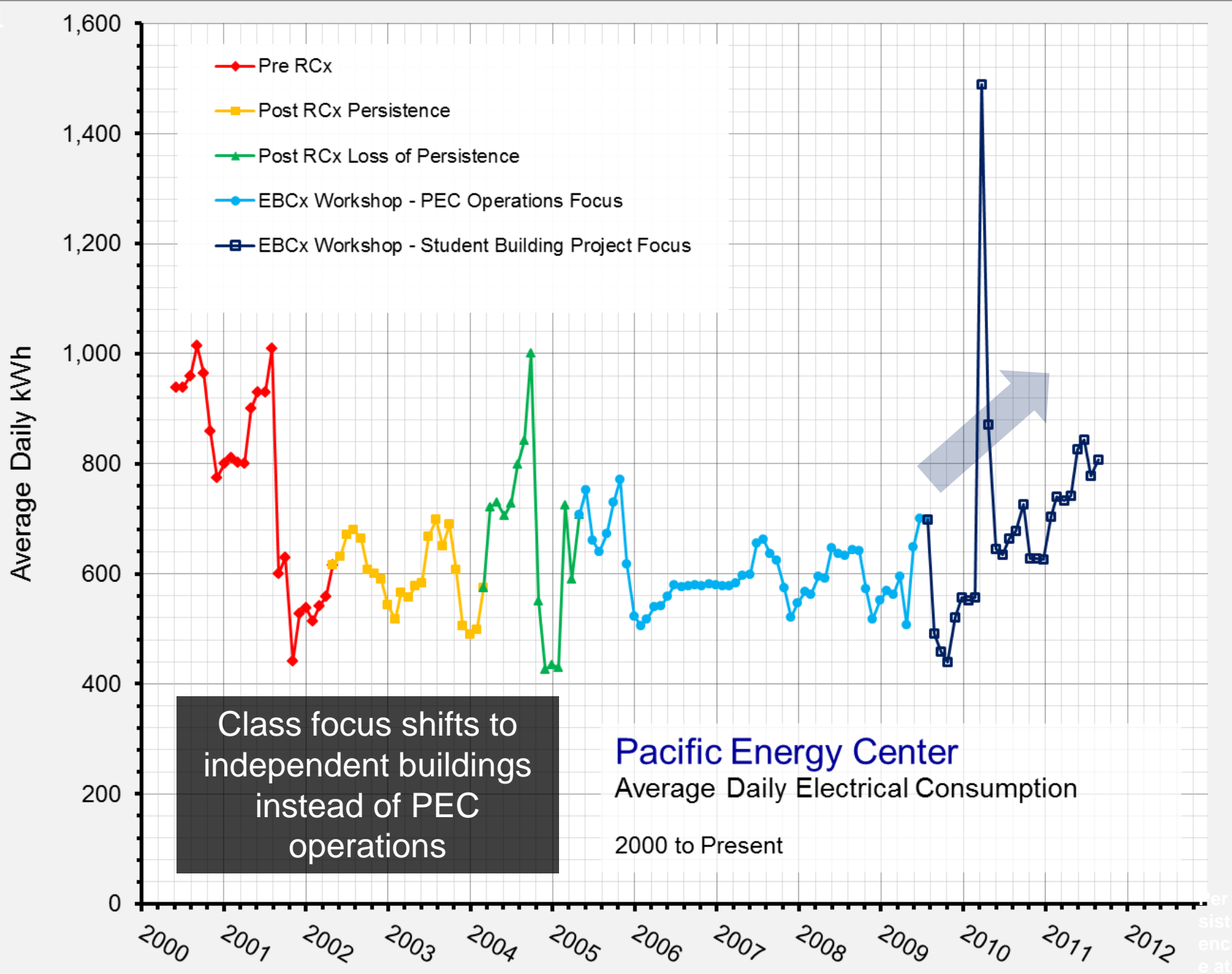


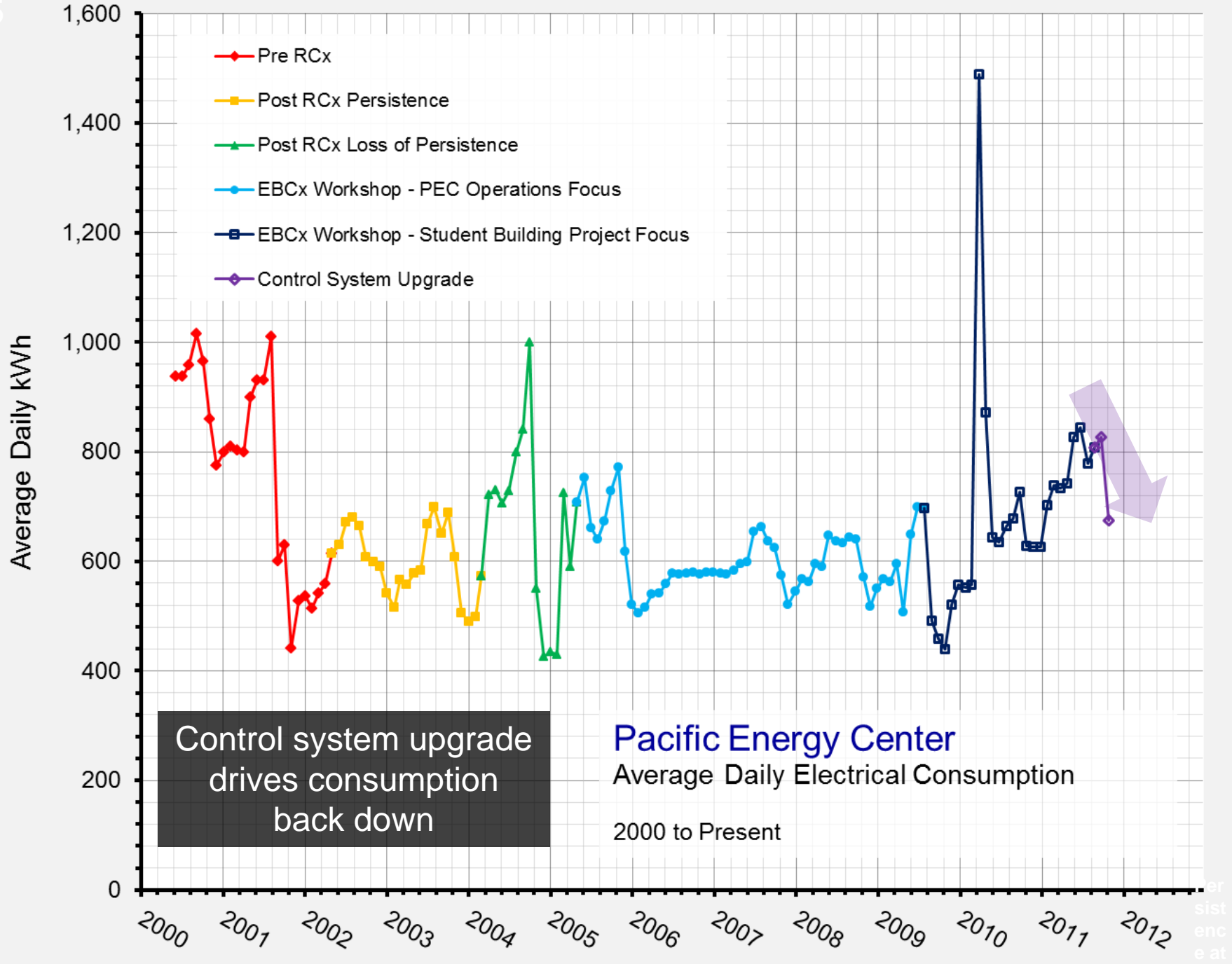












# Achieving persistence is the challenge

*In a system, a process that occurs will tend to increase the total entropy of the universe.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

- Things wear
- Heat transfer characteristics change
- Things break
- People forget
- People make mistakes



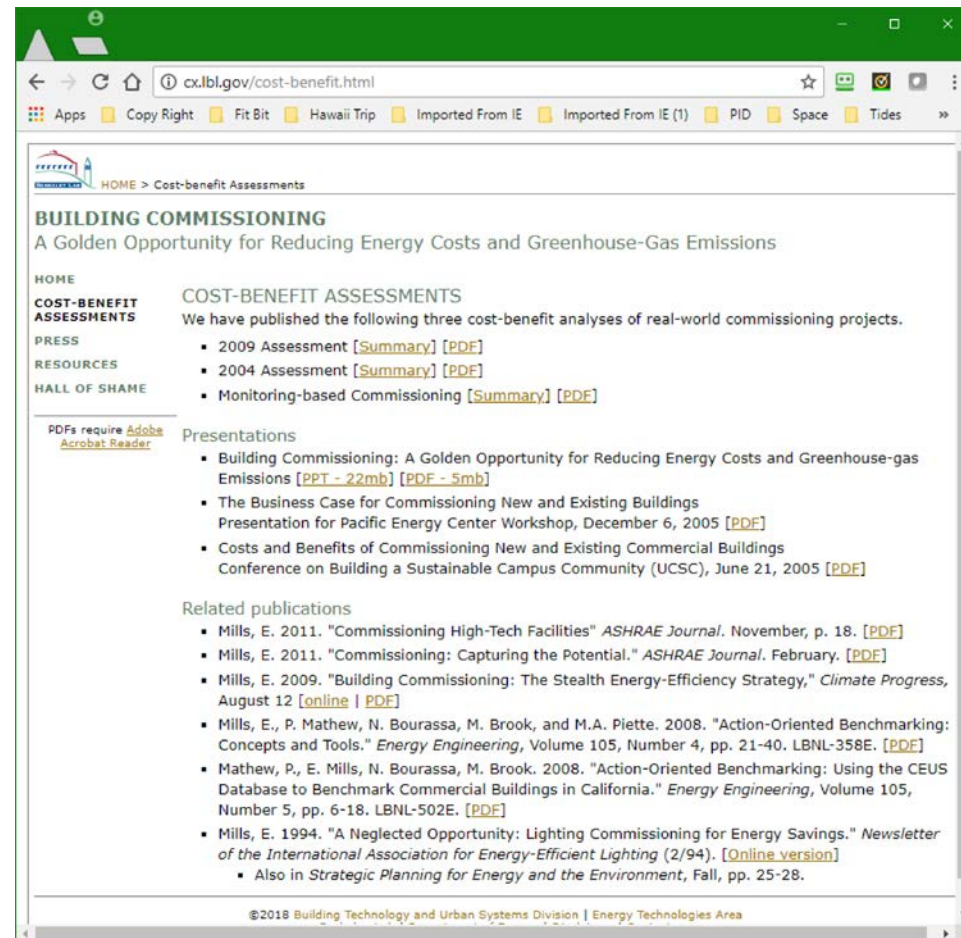
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# Achieving persistence is rewarding

Lawrence Berkeley National Labs published a meta-study on the benefits of commissioning in 2004

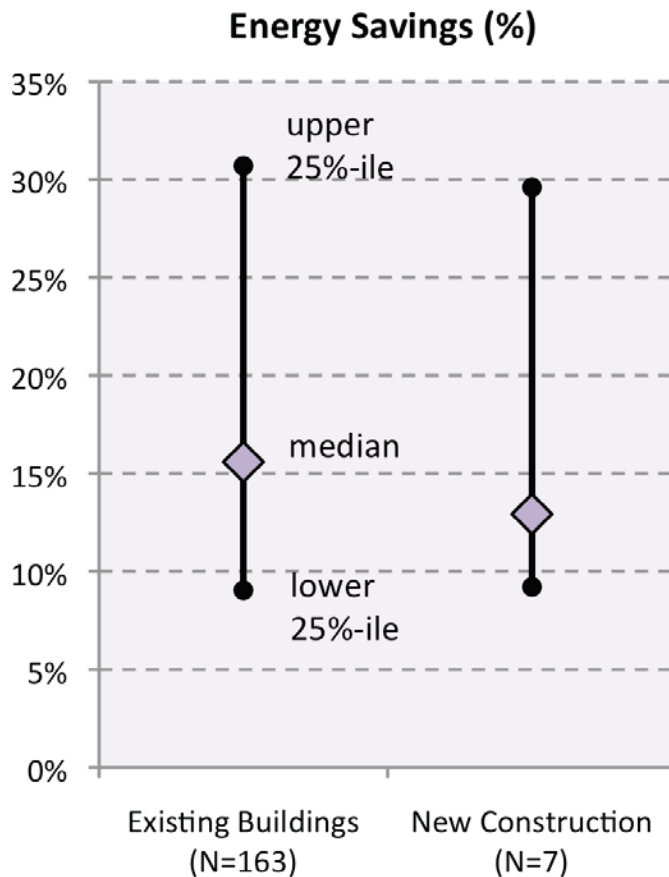
- Updated on 2009
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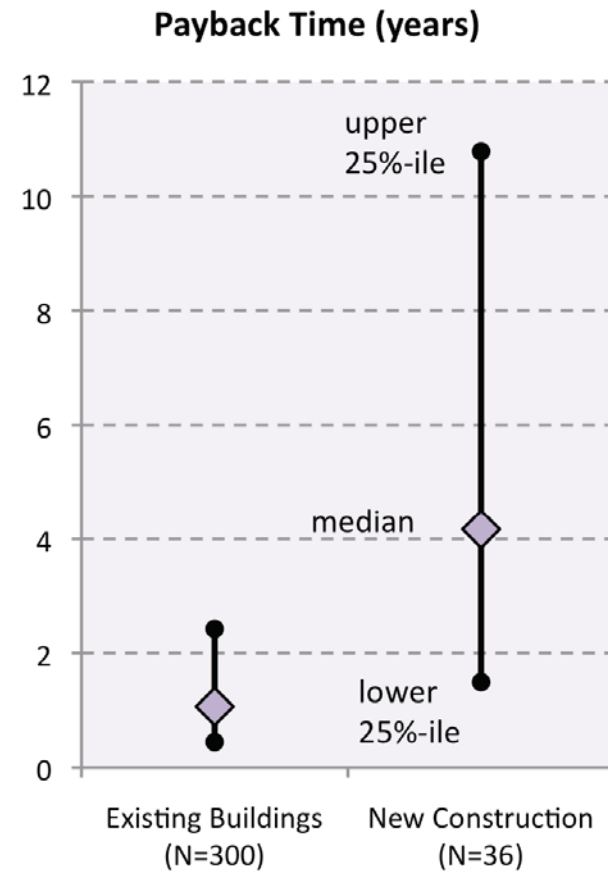
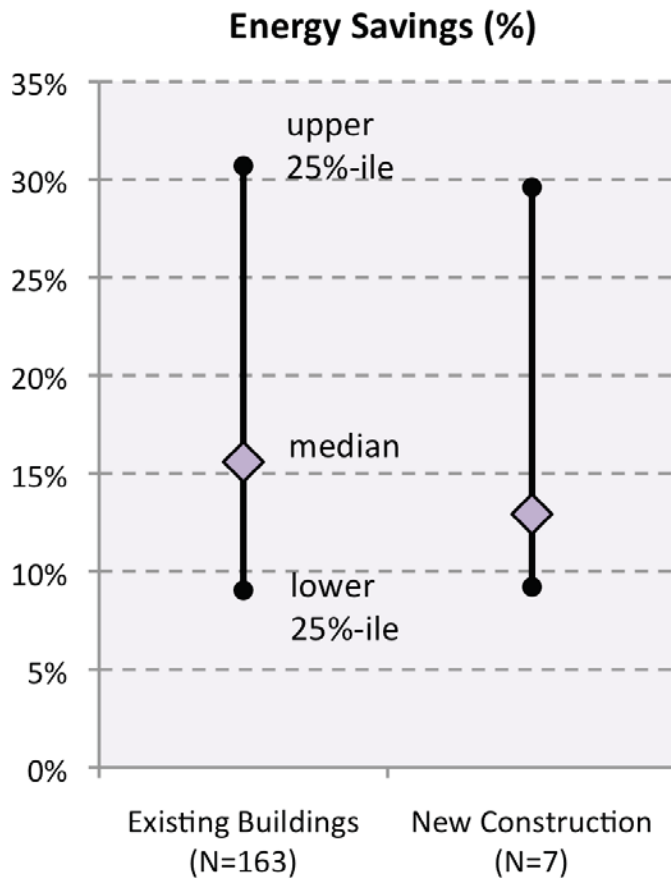
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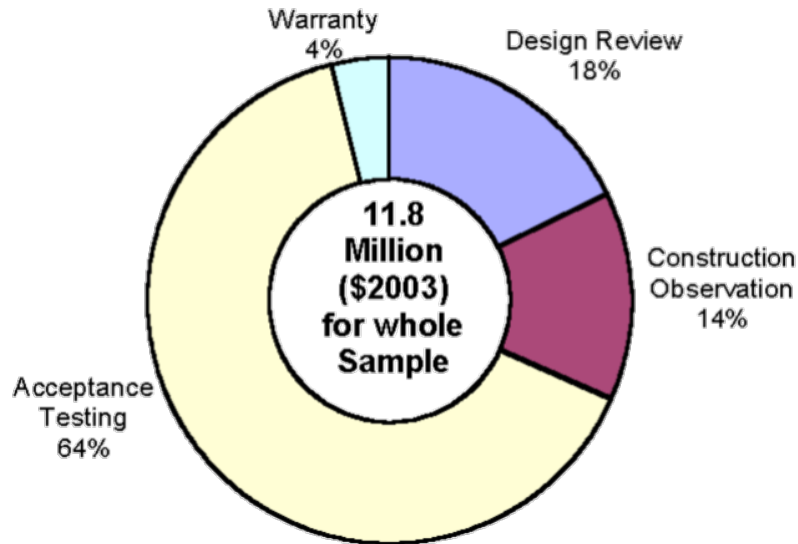
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# How the budget is spent

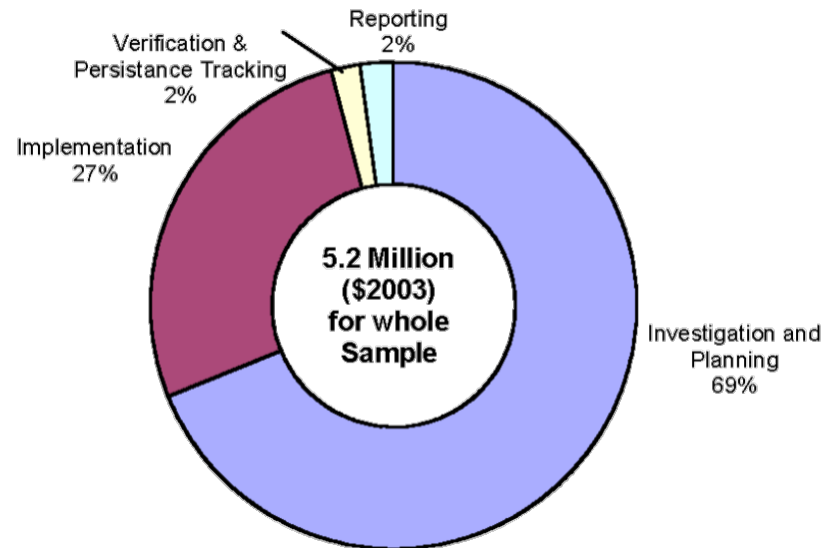
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Fig 30. Commissioning Cost Allocation  
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## Existing Building Cx

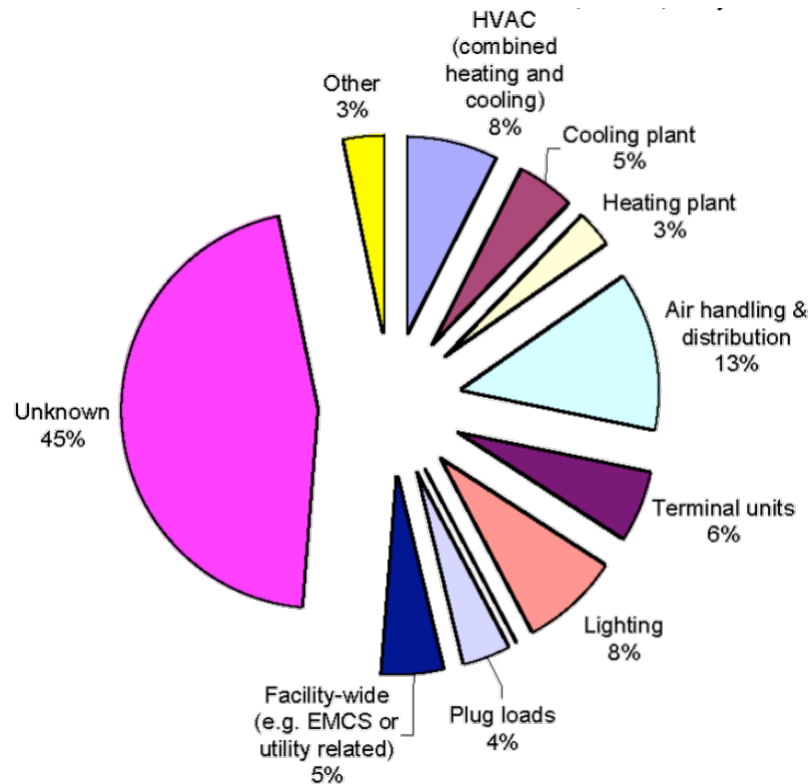
Fig 13. Commissioning Cost Allocation  
(Existing Buildings, N=55)



# Where the savings are achieved

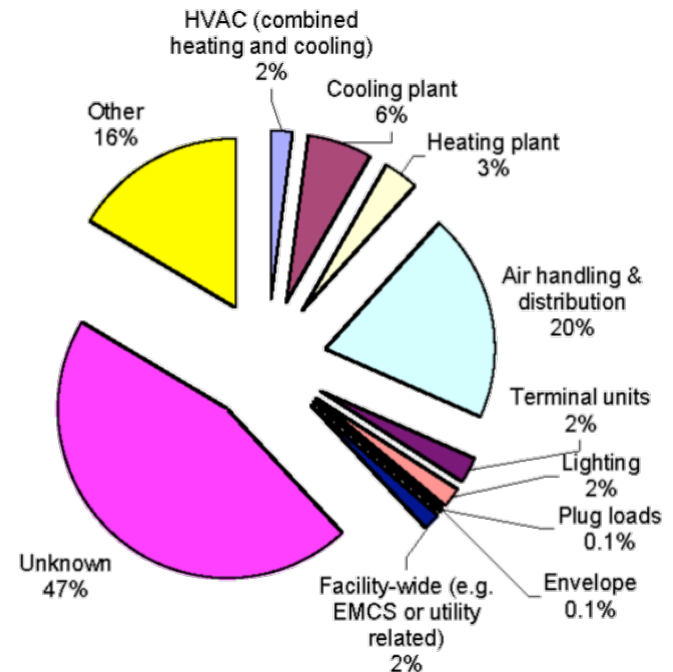
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**Fig 31. Number of Deficiencies Identified by Building System (New Construction, N = 3,305)**



## Existing Building Cx

**Fig 14. Number of Deficiencies Identified by Building System (Existing Buildings, N = 3,500)**



# There's more to save than energy

From the 2004 LBNL Report:

- Median NCx energy savings  
\$0.05 per square foot
- Median NCx NEB savings  
\$1.24 per square foot
- Median EBCx energy savings  
\$0.26 per square foot
- Median EBCx NEB savings  
\$0.18 per square foot

*NEB = NEI = Non Energy Benefit or Impact*

*NCx – New Construction Cx*

*EBCx = Existing Building Cx*

*Cx = Commissioning*

*(from Rx as in a prescription)*

Figure 16. *Non-energy benefits observed following commissioning.*

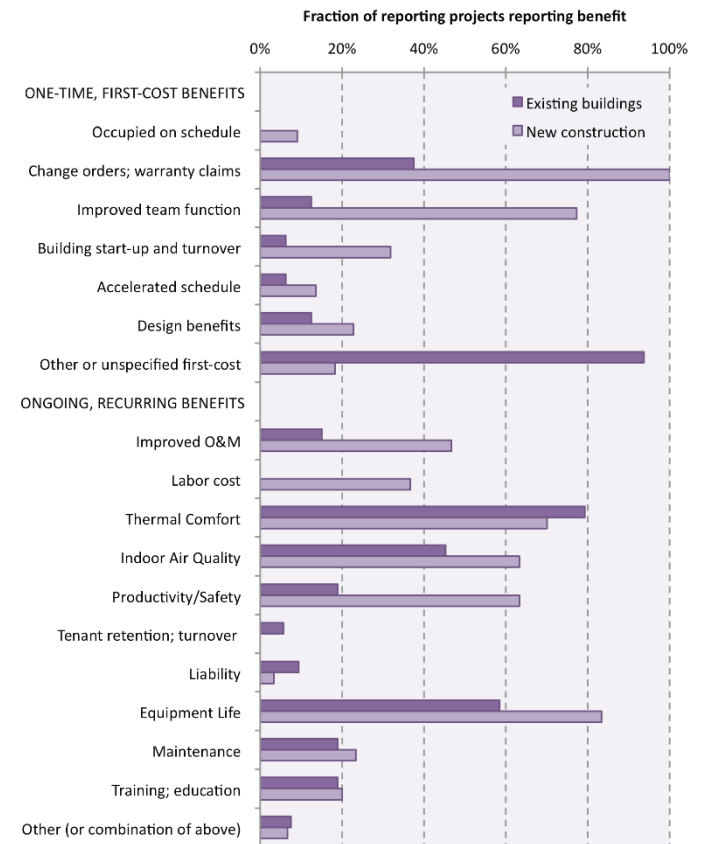


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**Fraction of reporting projects reporting benefit**

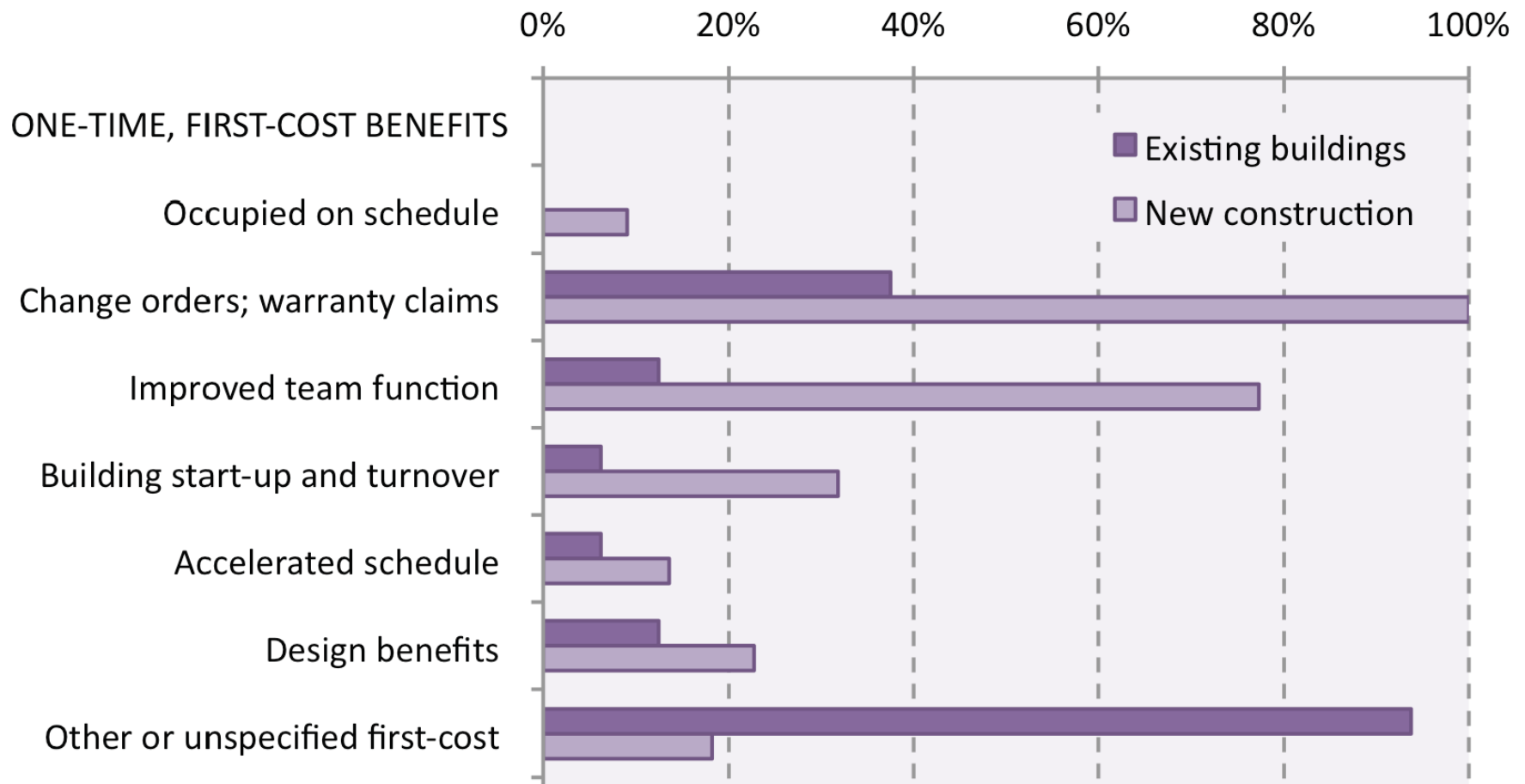
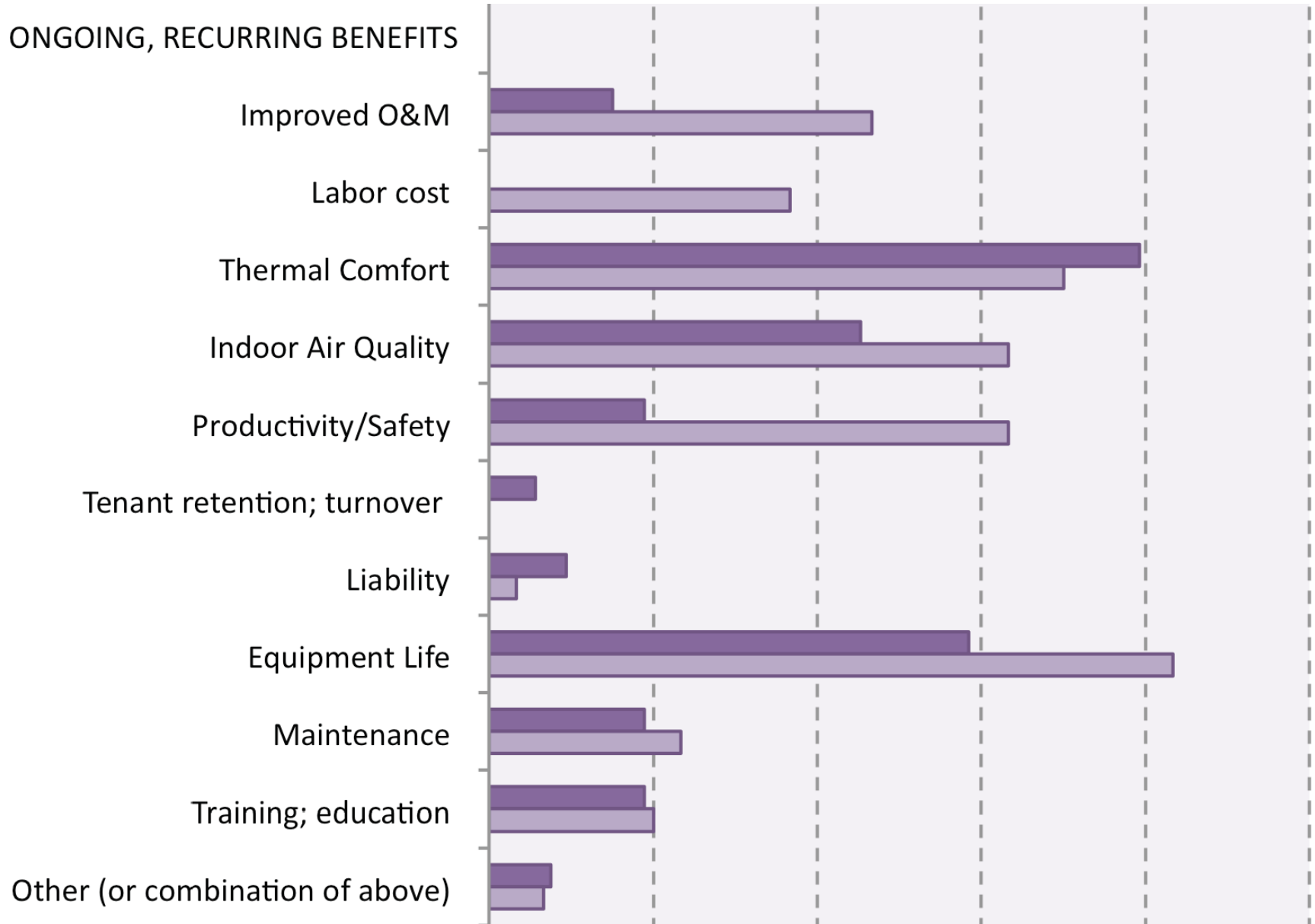


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# Functional testing and the commissioning time line



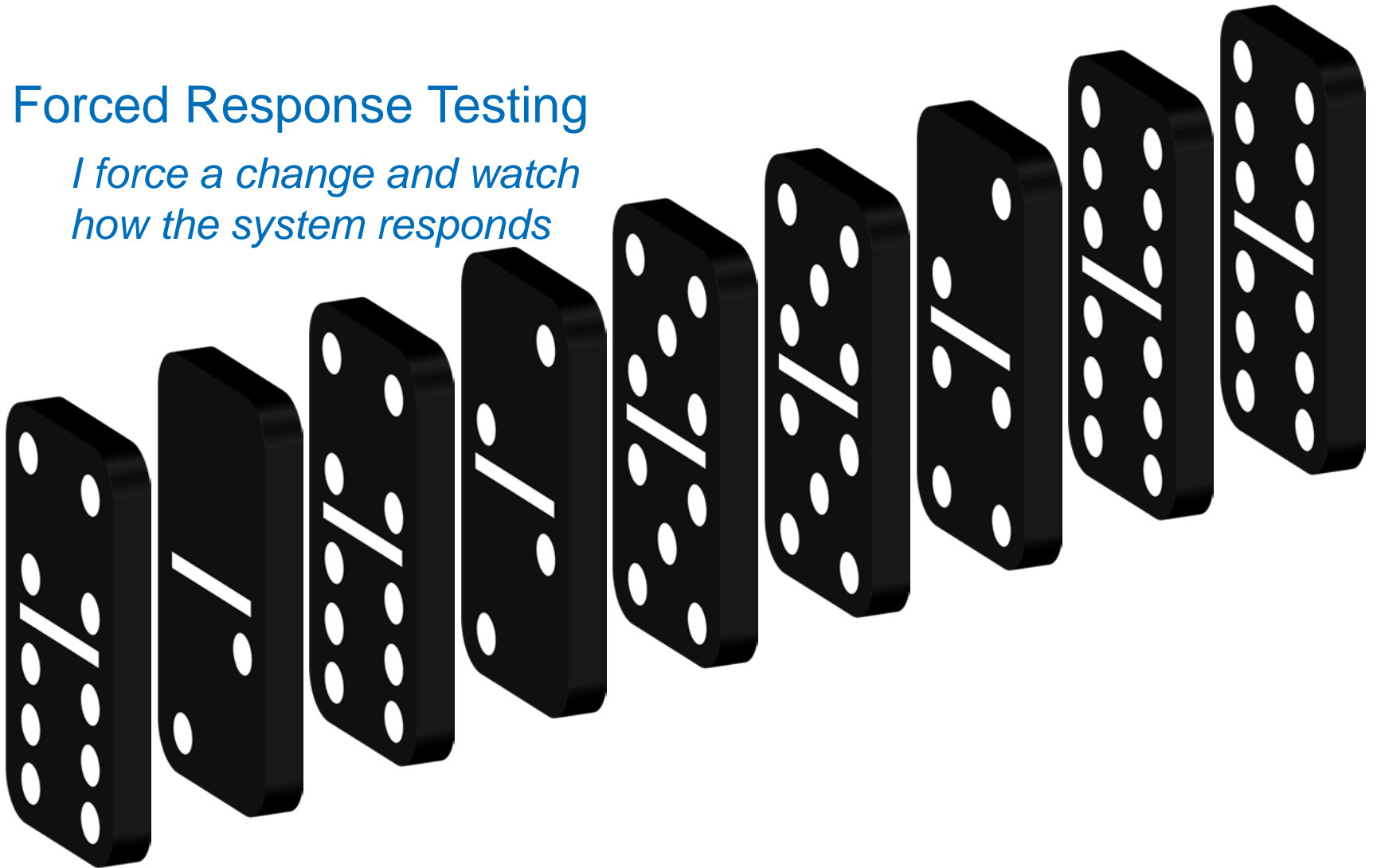
# Functional testing

- Core element of any commissioning process
- Validates machinery and systems
  - Do they deliver?
  - Why don't they deliver?
  - Do the work well together?
  - Why aren't they working well together
  - Was it big enough?
  - How big should it be?

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*I force a change and watch  
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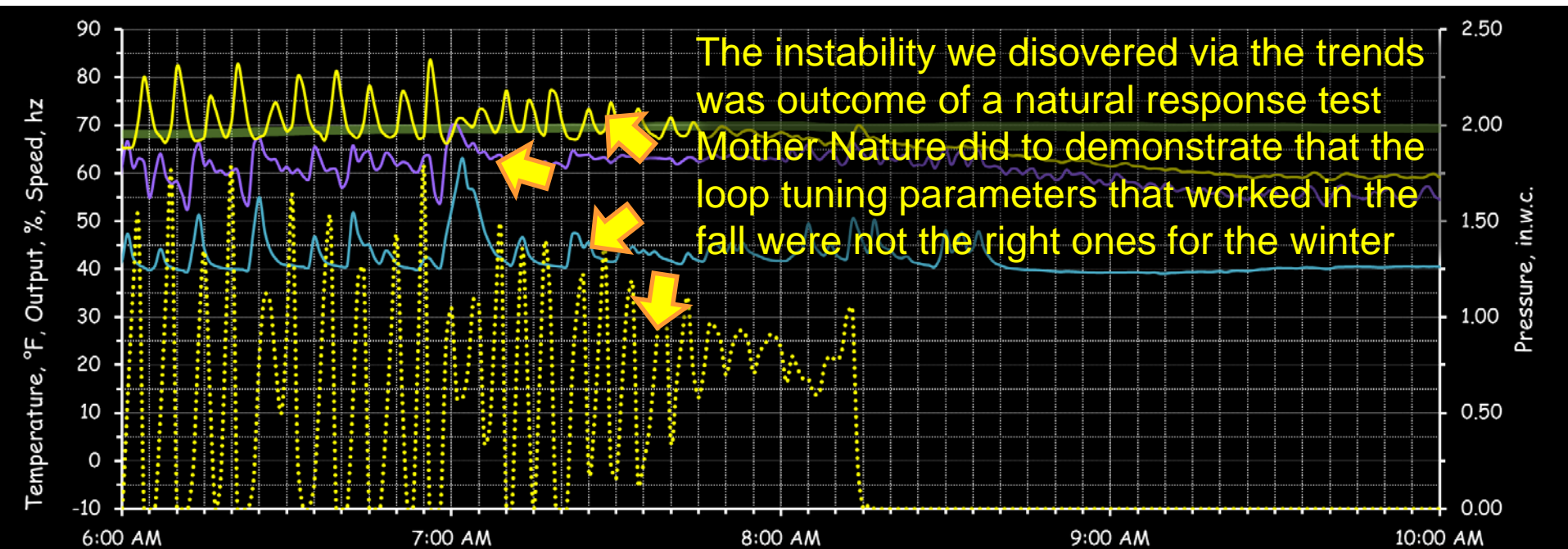
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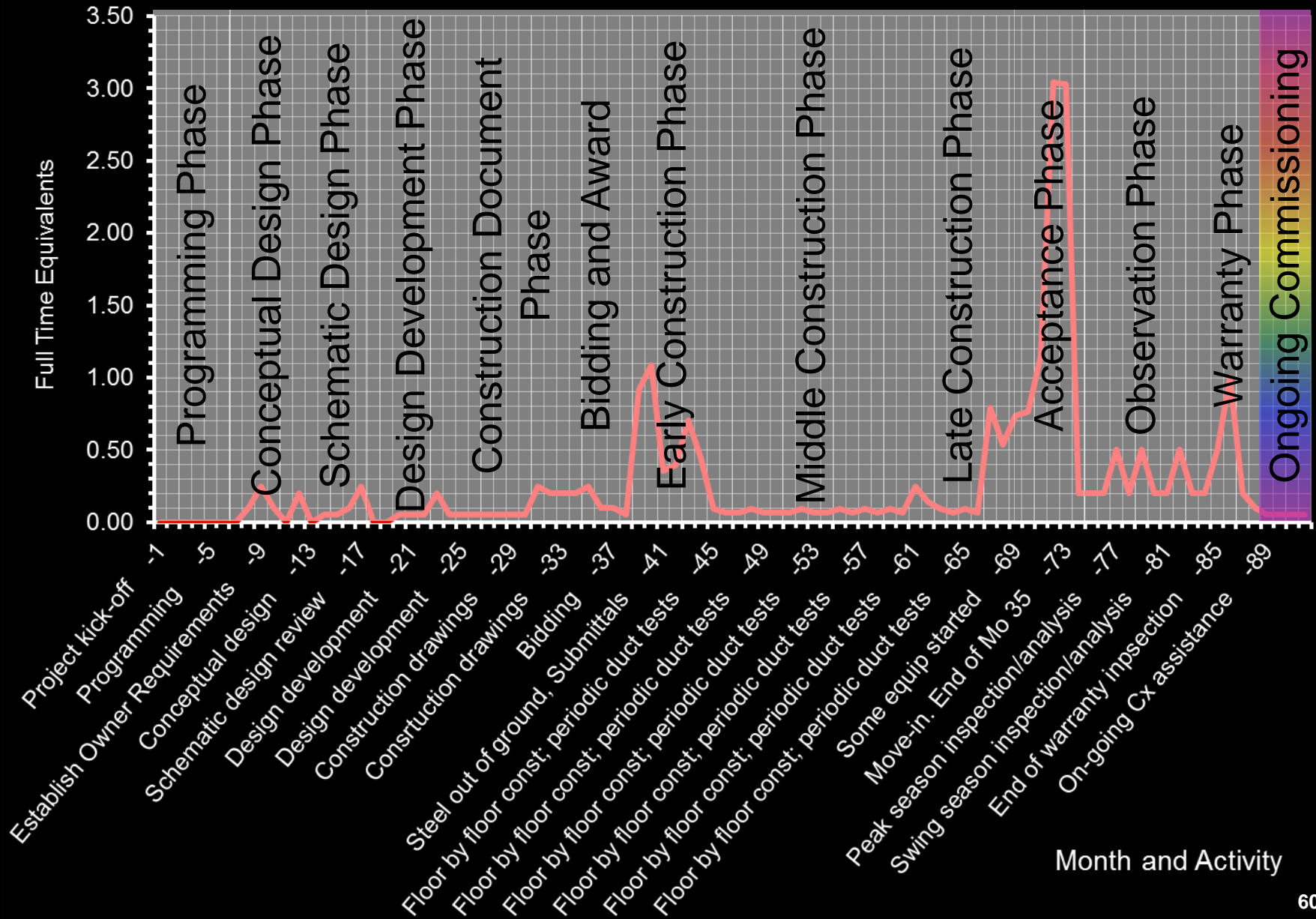
## Natural Response Testing

*I observe how a system responds to the normal course of events*



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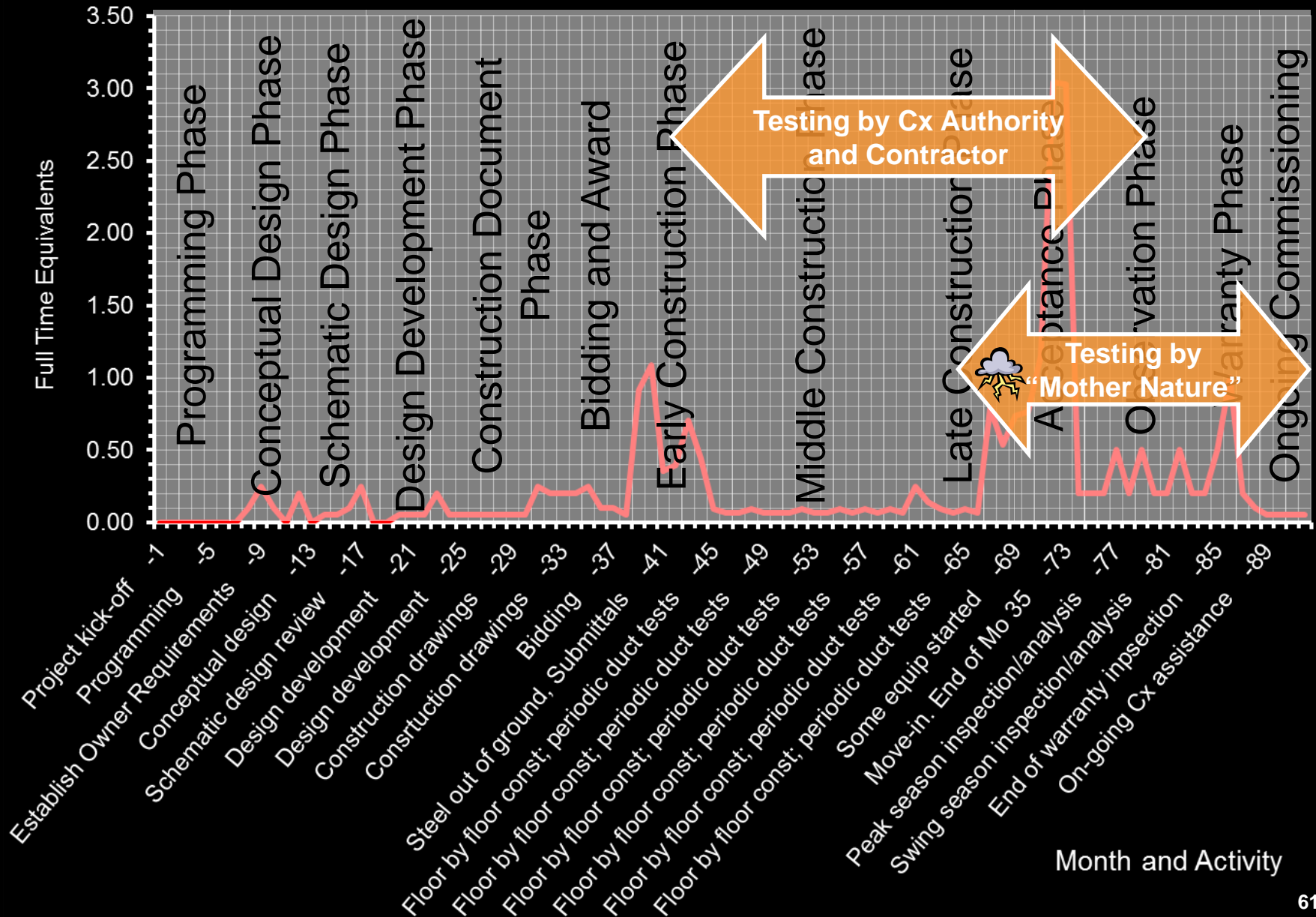
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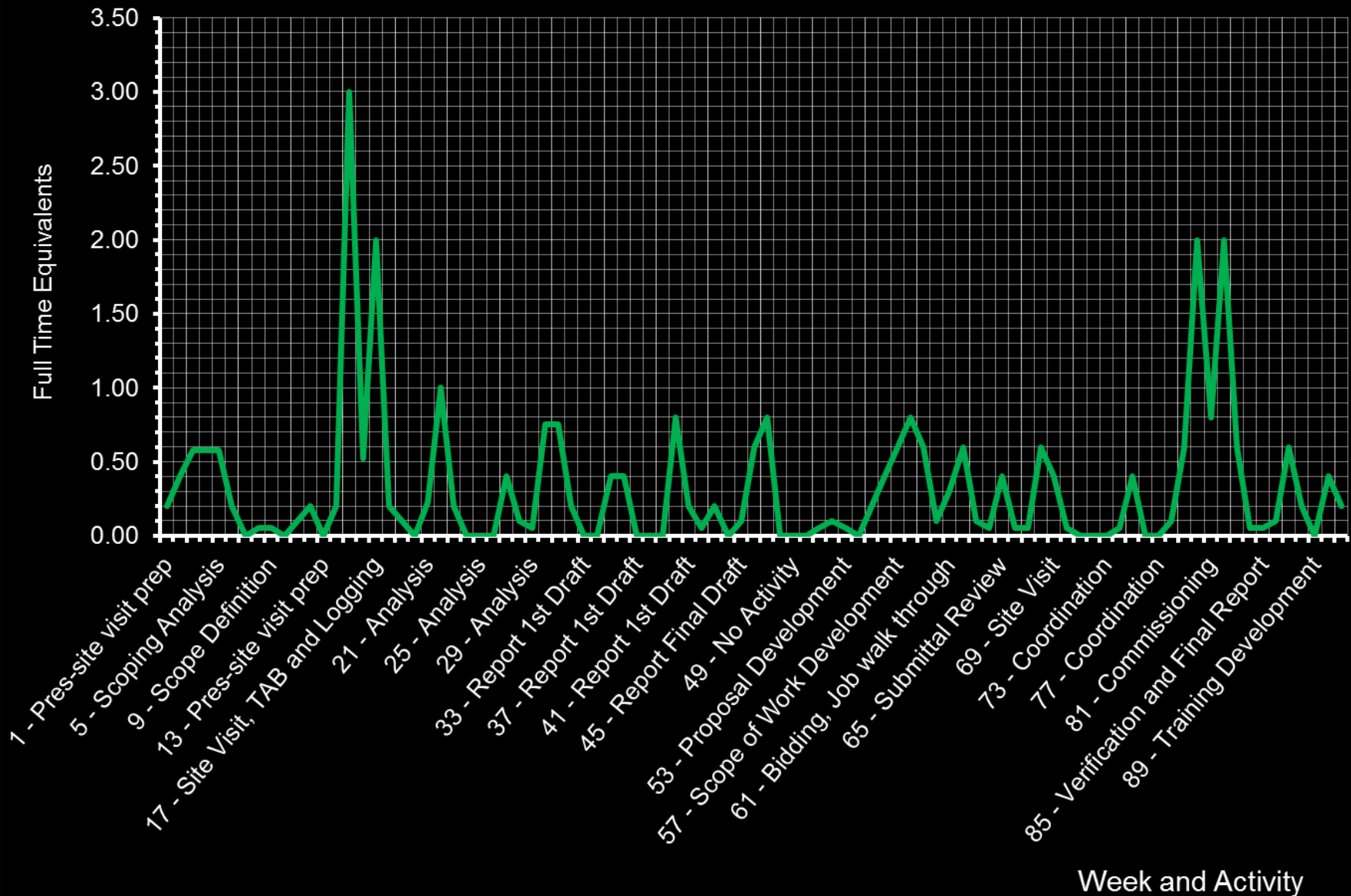
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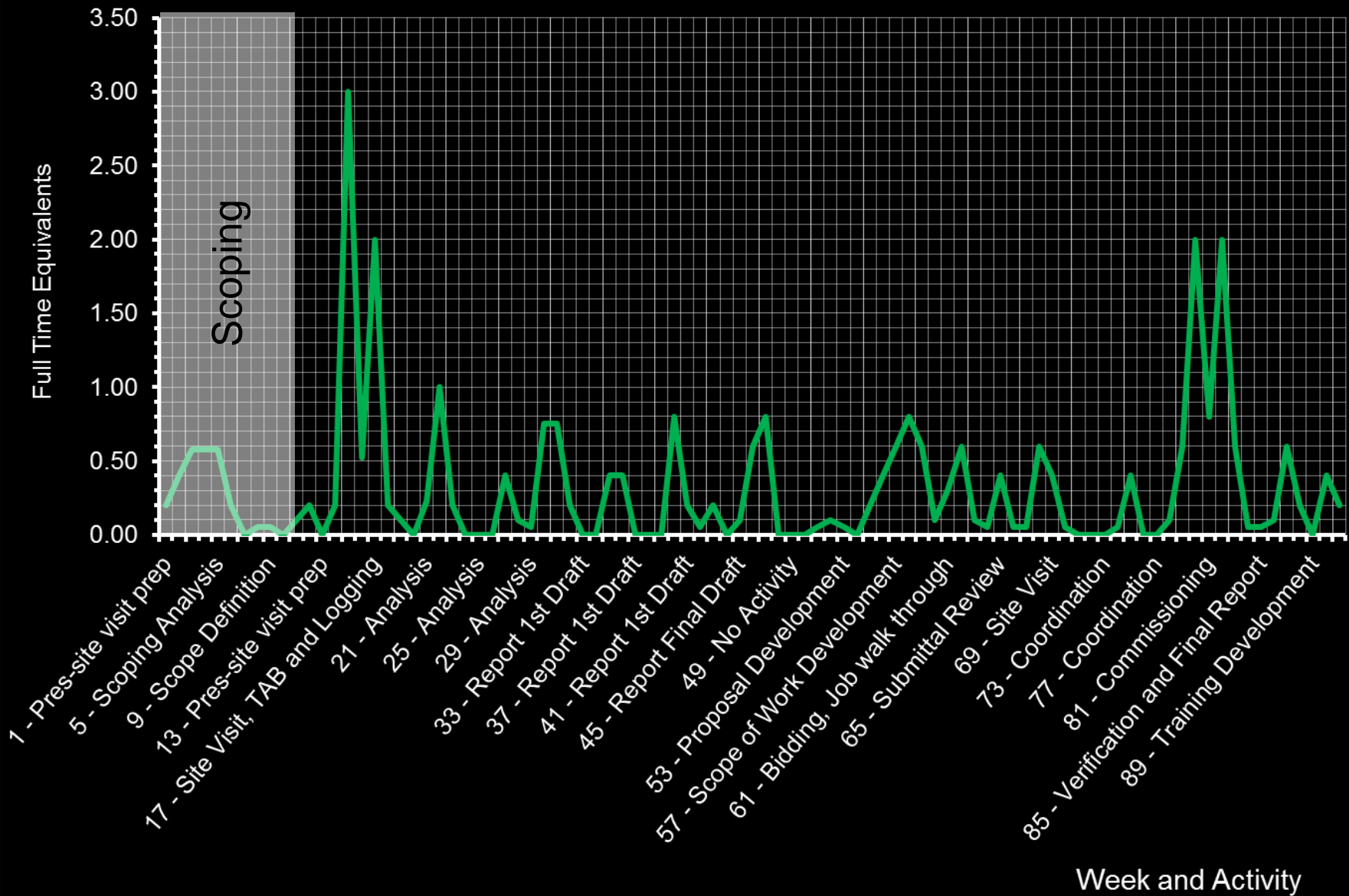
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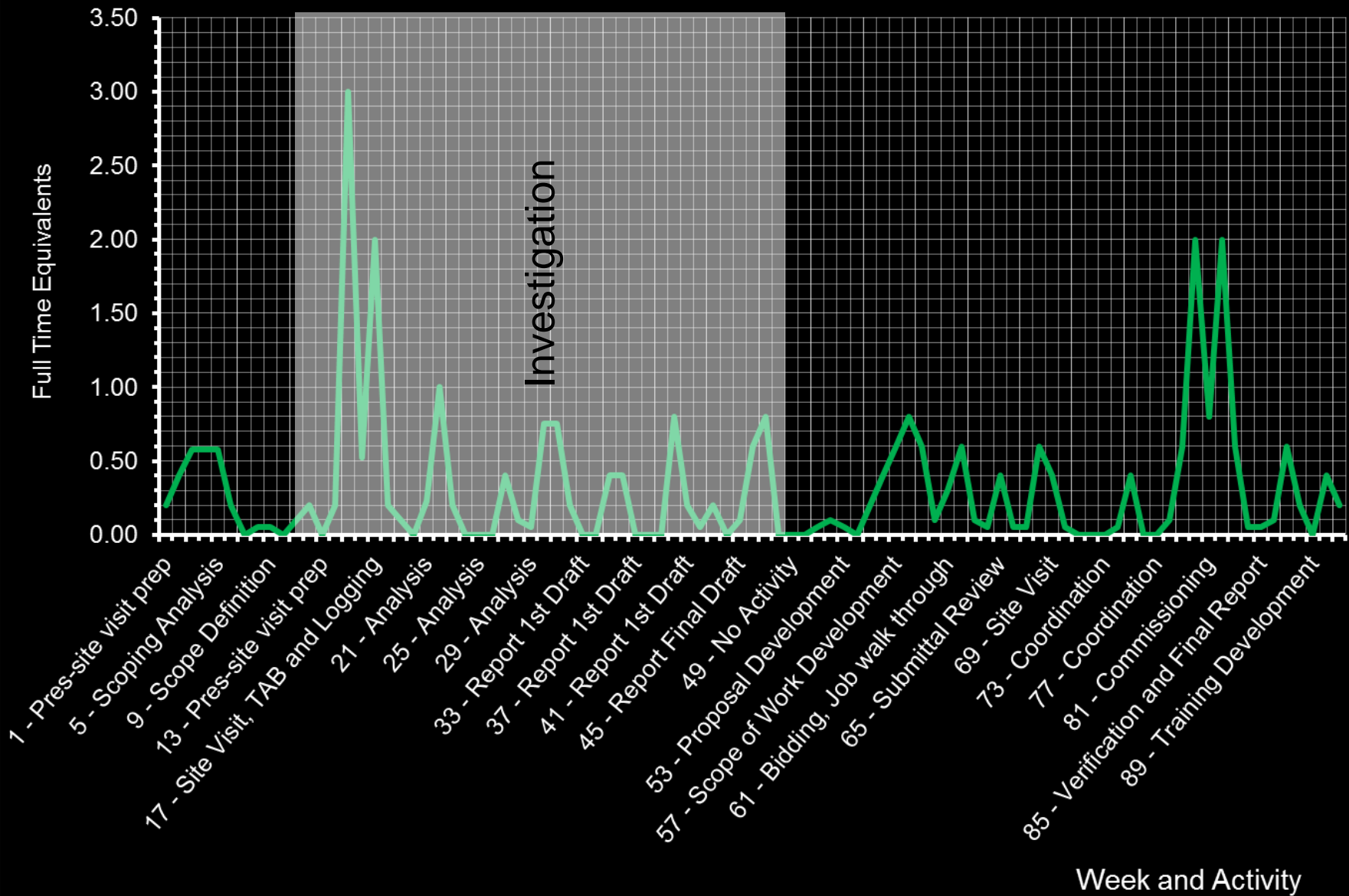
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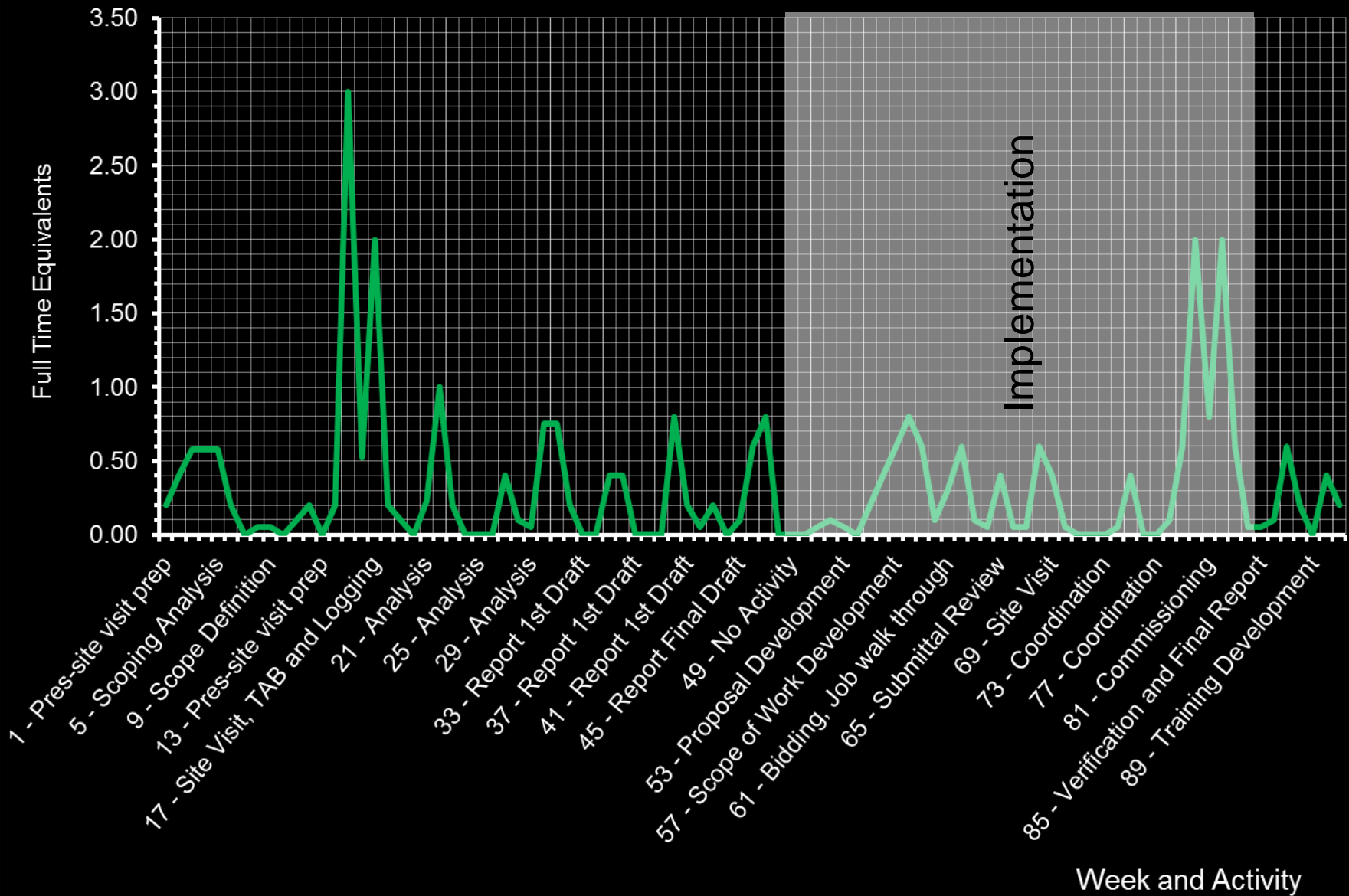
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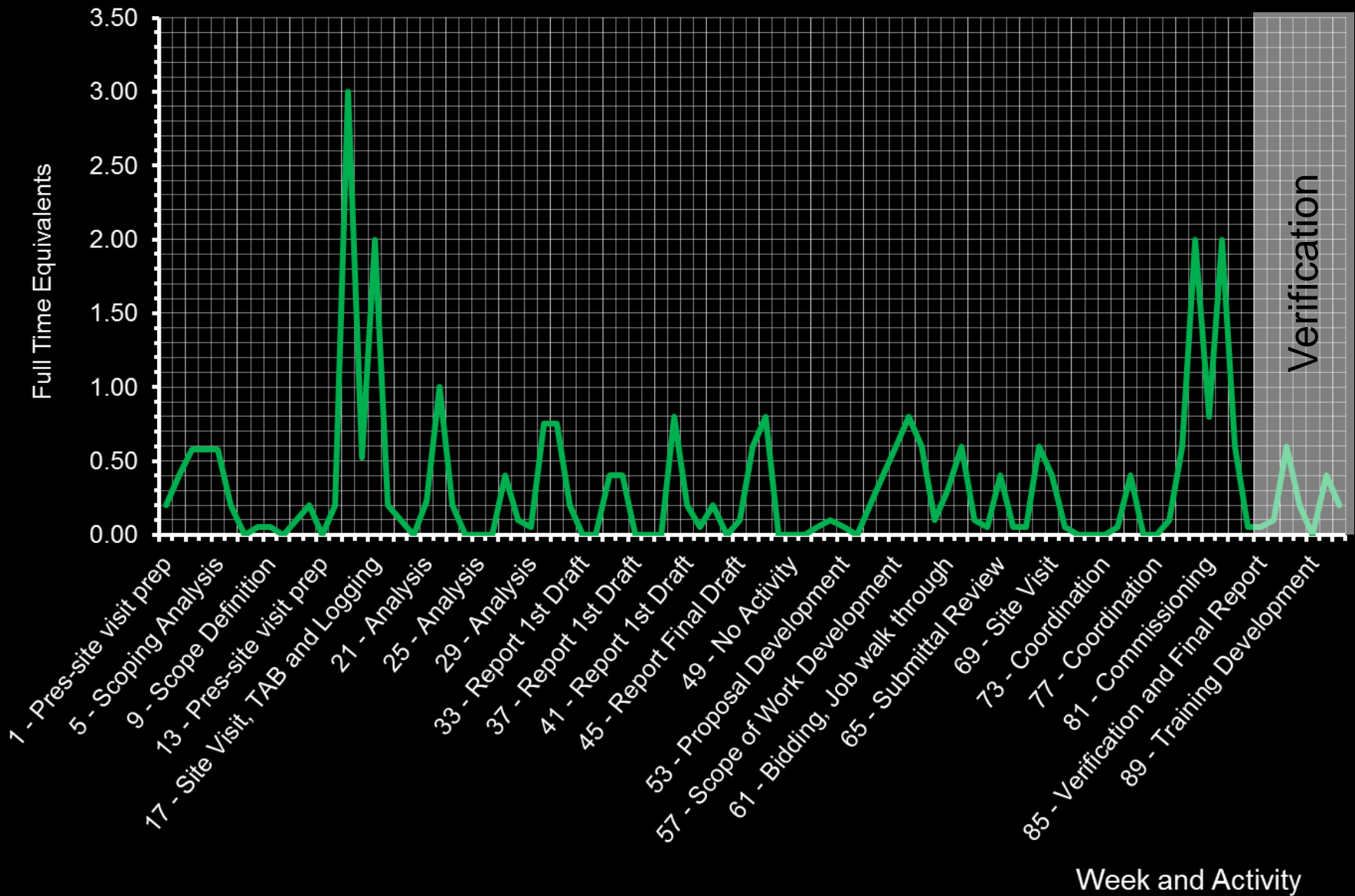
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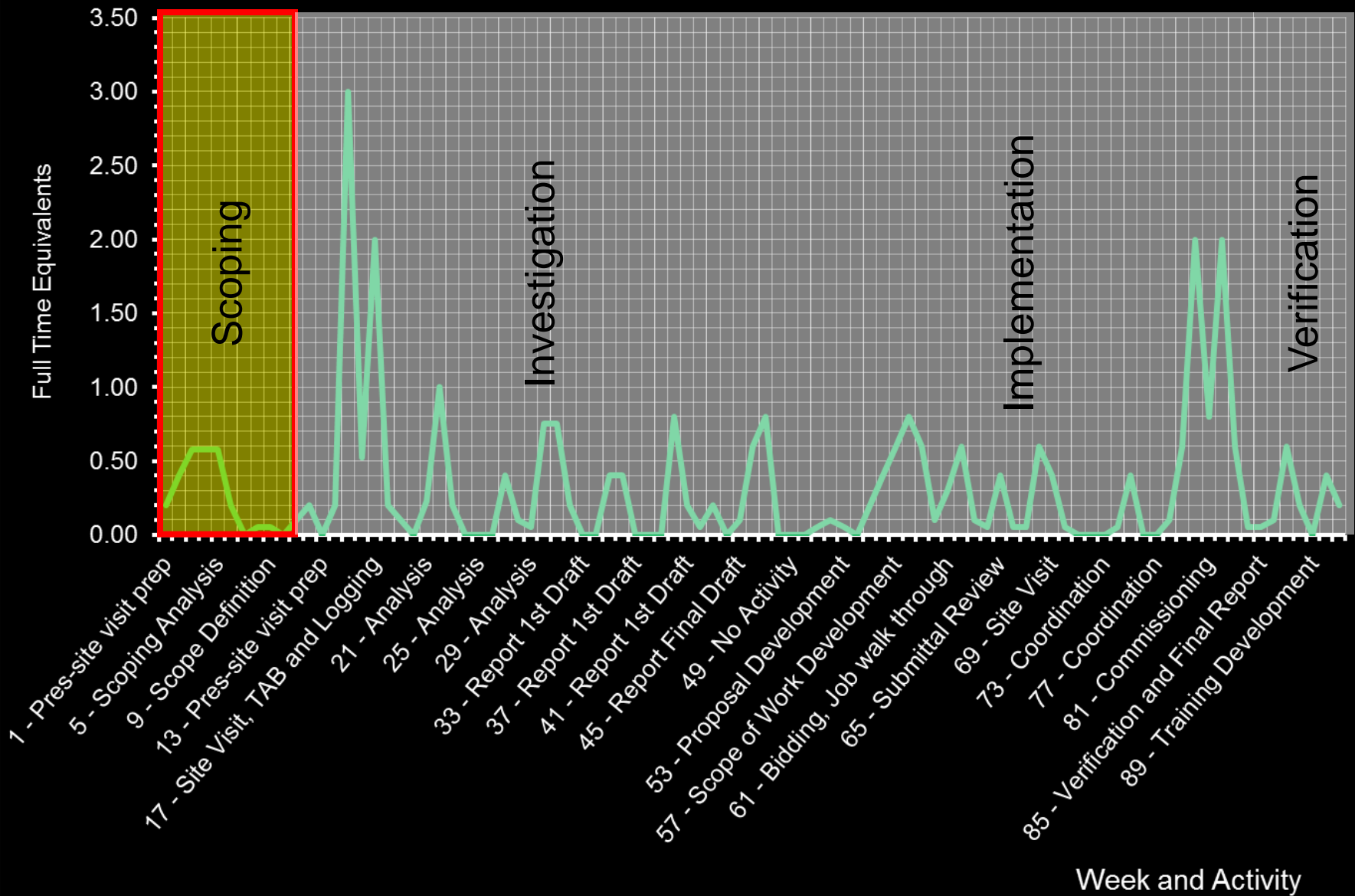
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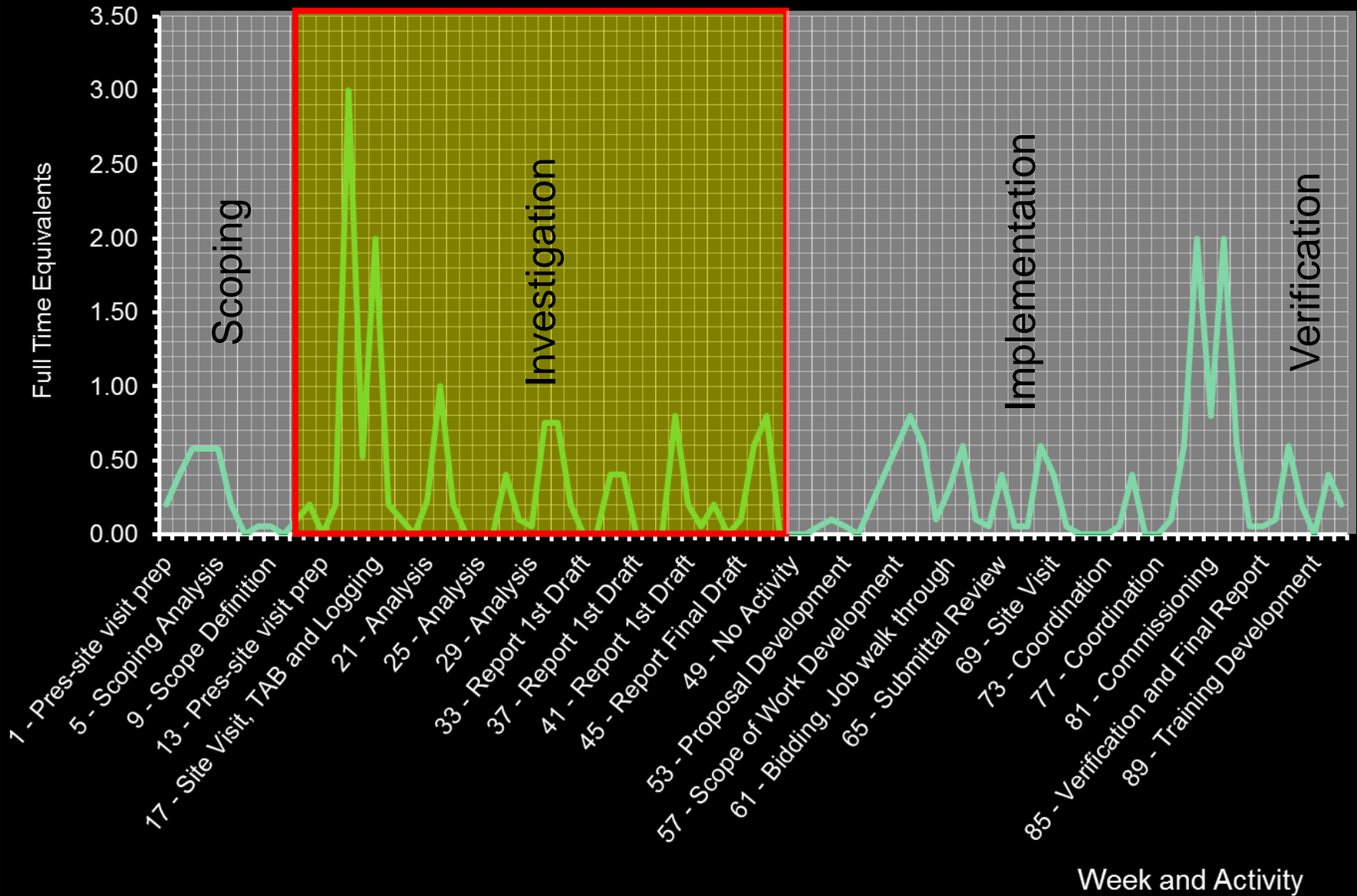
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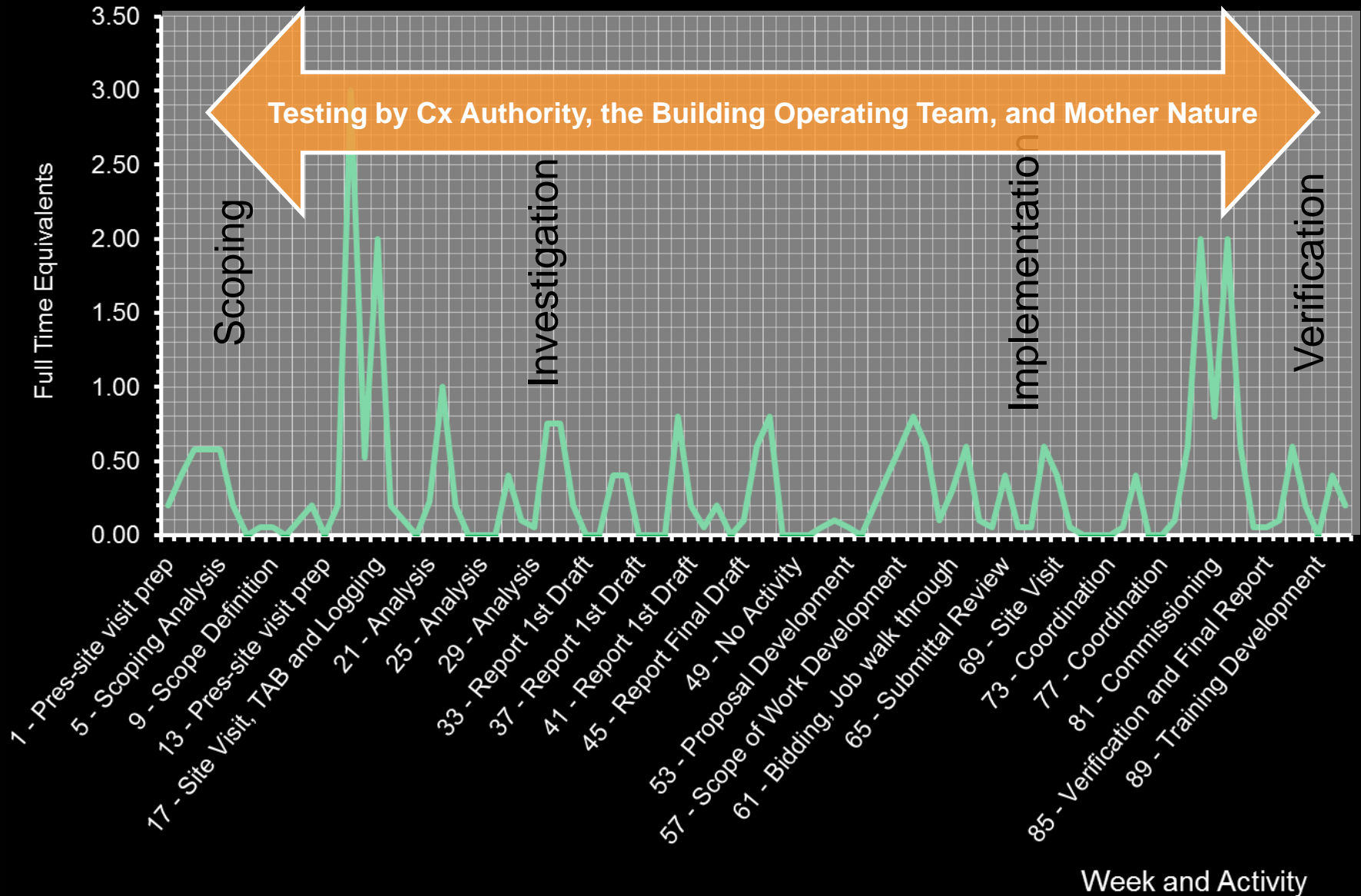
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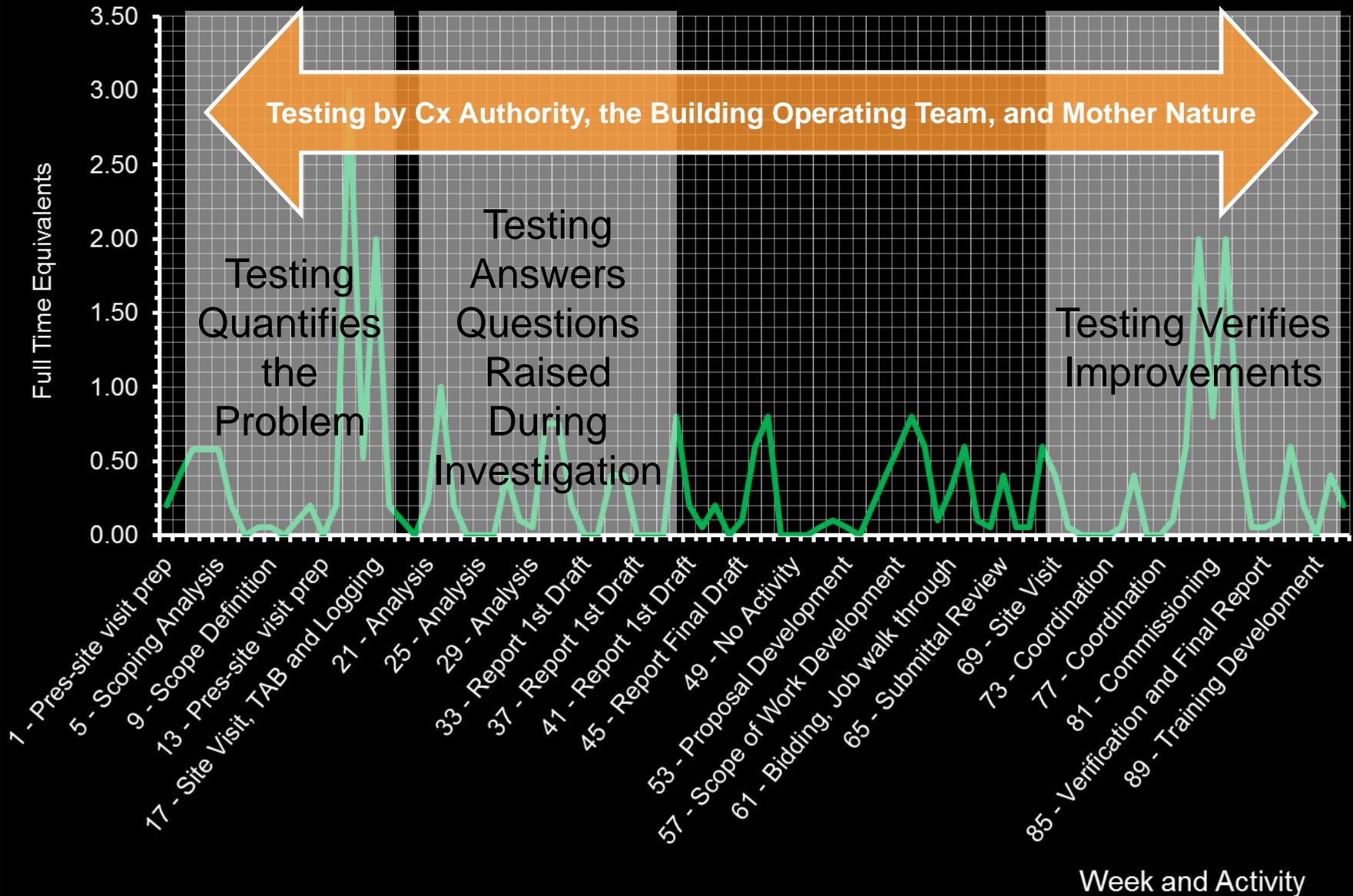
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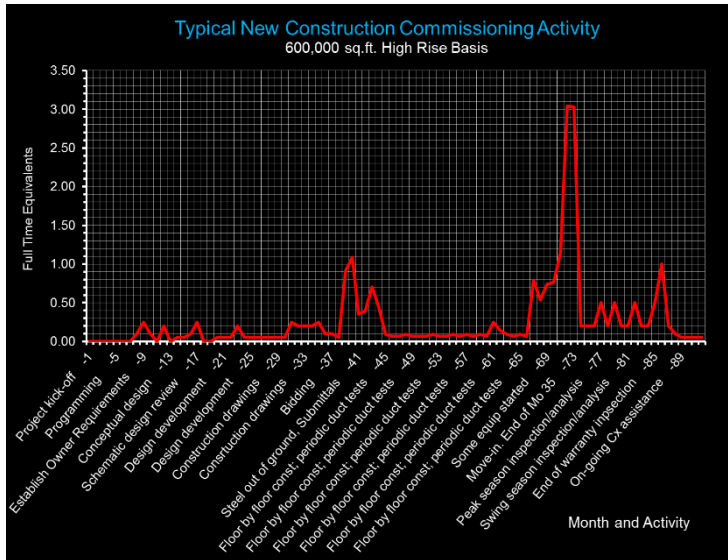
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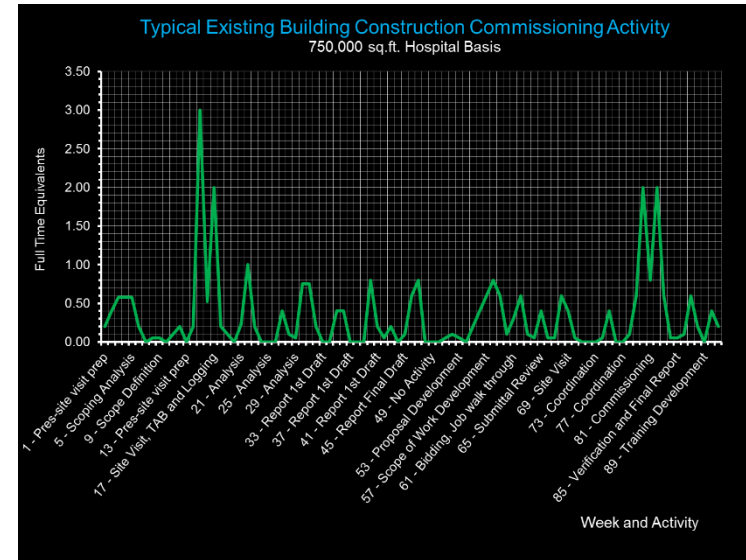
## New construction

- Trying to prove design intent
- Demonstrate all elements of the system meet requirements
- Verification and quality assurance process



## Existing building

- Trying to understand design intent
- Focused on certain elements of the system
- Diagnostic and troubleshooting process



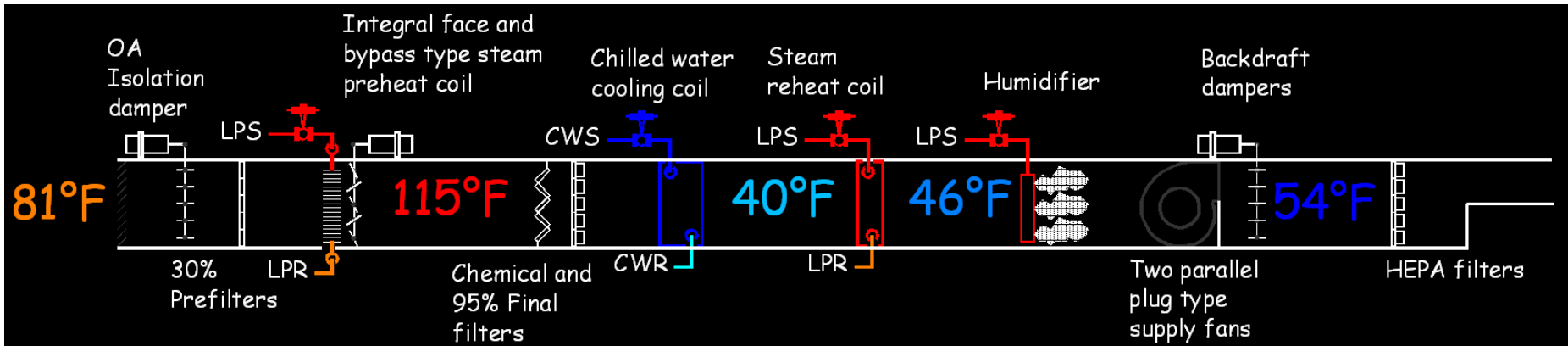
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Critical to success for design,  
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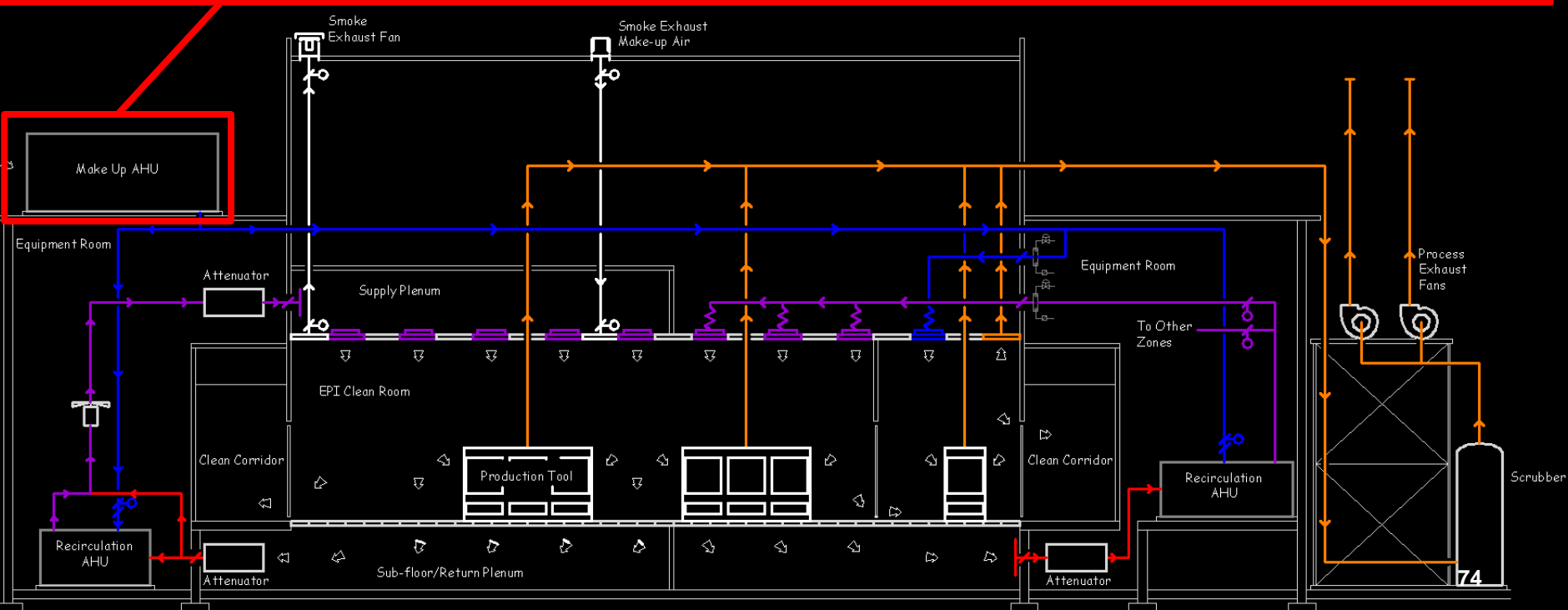
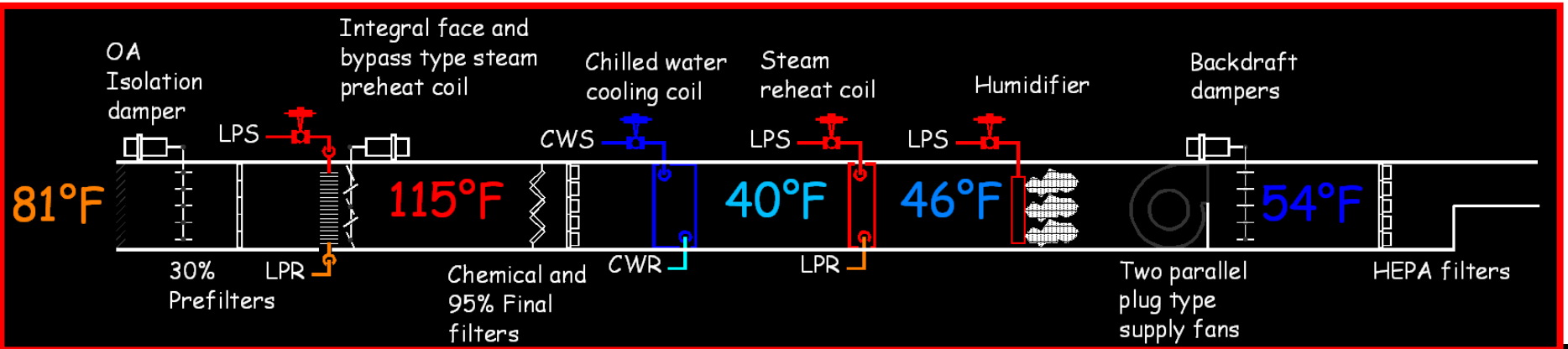




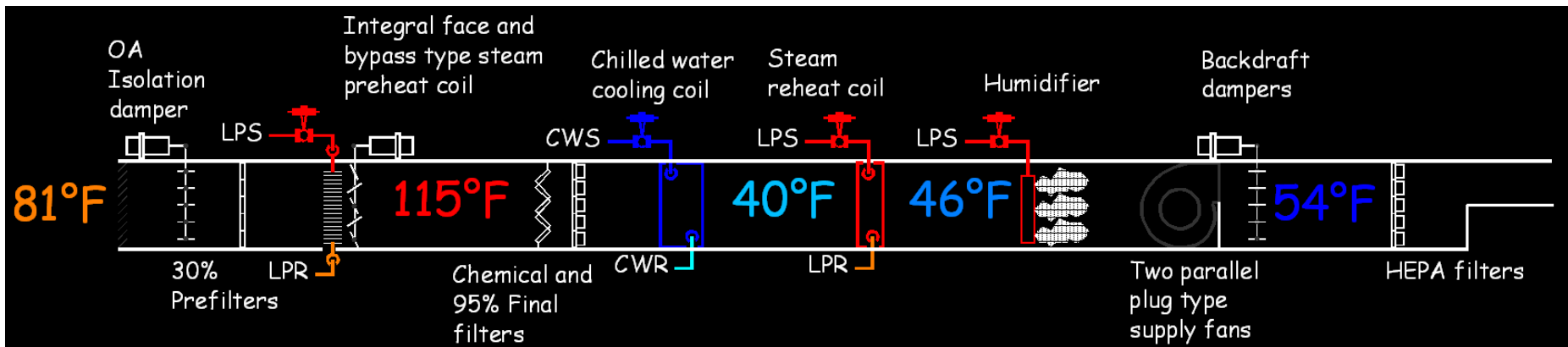
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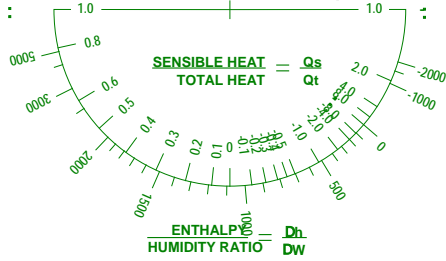
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# The load profile

The design day vs. reality



ALTITUDE: 66 FEET  
 BAROMETRIC PRESSURE: 29.851 in. HG  
 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE: 14.661 psia



Weather Data Location:  
 SEATTLE\_BOEING\_FIELD\_ISIS, WASHINGTON, USA

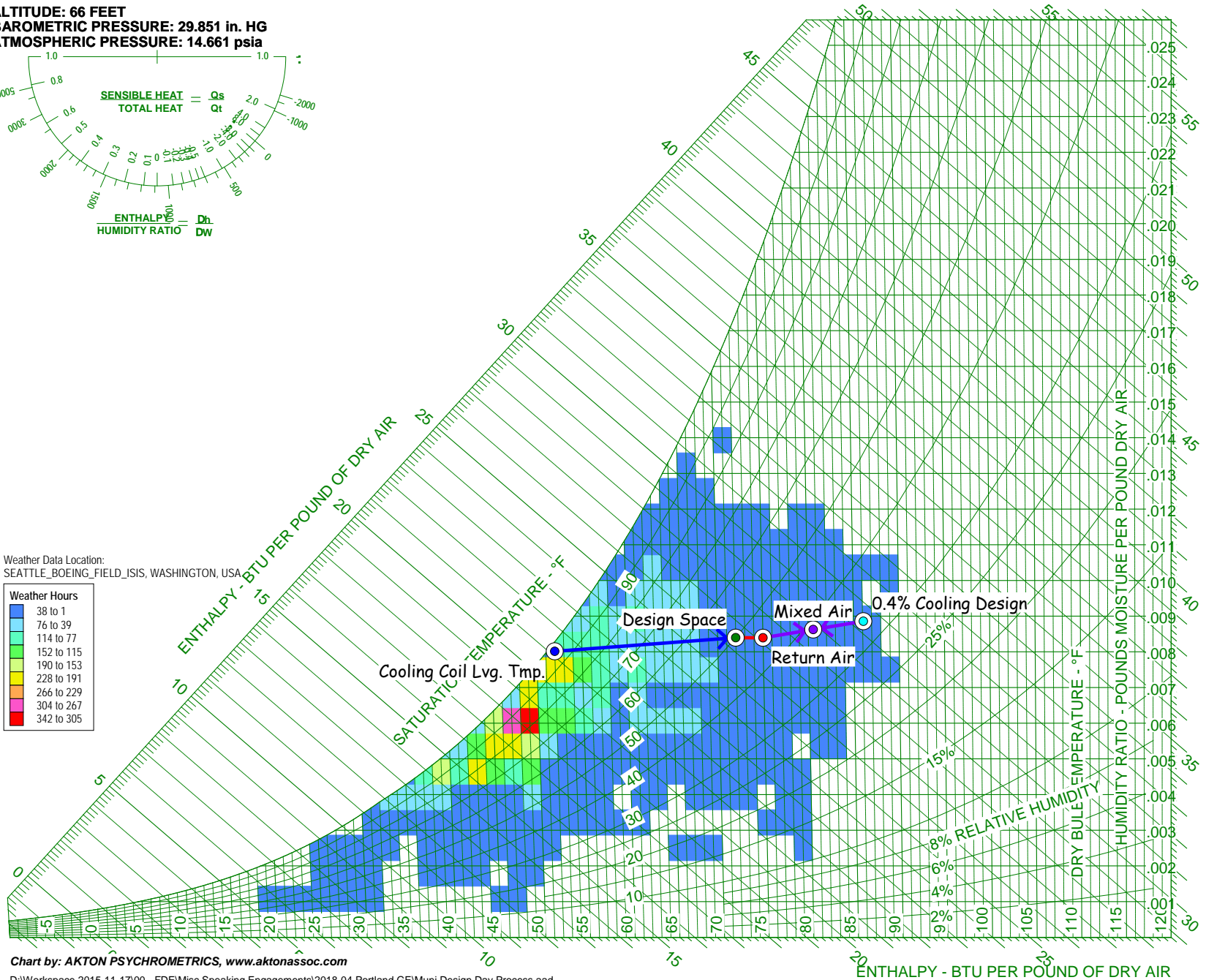
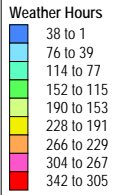


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# Load profile drivers

## 1. The state of the air

$$v = \frac{1}{x_a} \left[ \left[ \frac{RT}{p} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \left( x_a^2 A_{aa} + 2x_a x_w A_{aw} - X_a^3 A_{www} p \right) \beta \right]$$

$$h = \left[ x_a h_a^\circ + (0.62198 x_w h_w^\circ) \beta - \left( x_a^2 B_{aa} + 2x_a x_w B_{aw} + x_w^2 B_{aw} + x_w^2 B_{ww} \right) \cdot p \alpha - \frac{1}{2} x_w^3 B_{www} p^2 \alpha \right] \frac{1}{x_a} + \bar{h}_a W \bar{h}_w$$

## 2. The nature of the process occurring at the load

$$\bar{Q} + \sum_1 \left[ \dot{m} \times \left( u_1 + \frac{p_1 v_1}{J} + \frac{z_1}{J} + \frac{V_1^2}{2gJ} \right) \right] = \frac{\bar{W}}{J} + \sum_2 \left[ \dot{m} \times \left( u_2 + \frac{p_2 v_2}{J} + \frac{z_2}{J} + \frac{V_2^2}{2gJ} \right) \right]$$

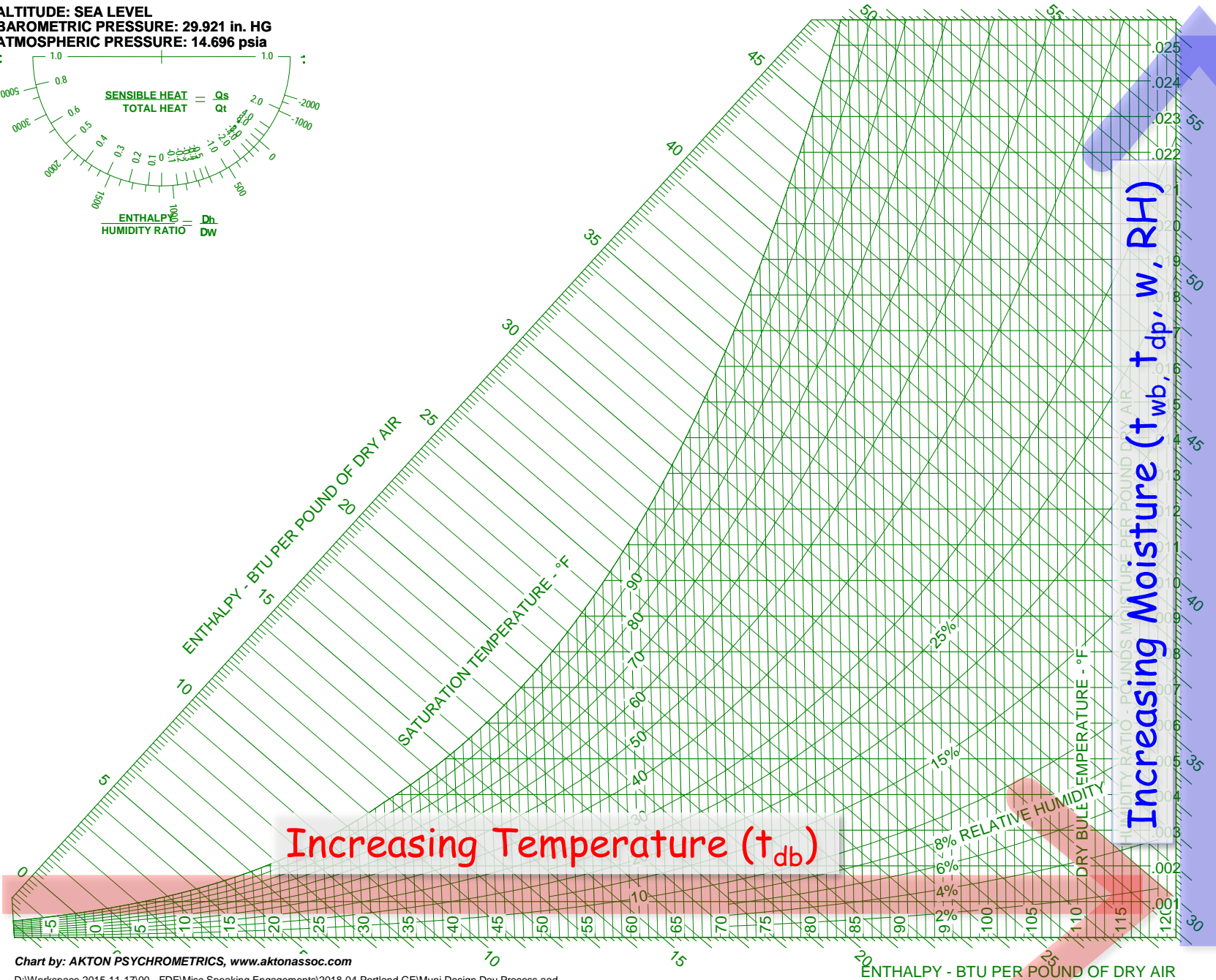
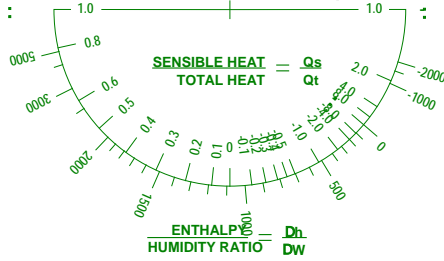
## 3. The process design target

$$t_{db} = 72.000^\circ\text{F}, t_{wb} = 60.064^\circ\text{F}, t_{dp} = 52.370^\circ\text{F}, h = 26.435 \text{ Btu/lb}_m,$$

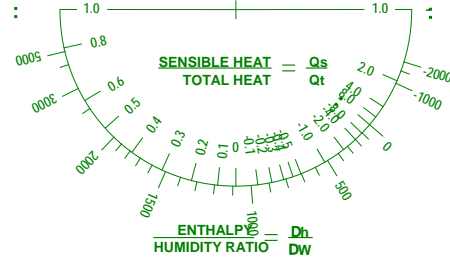
$$w = 58.73 \text{ grains}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}/\text{lb}_{\text{m}_A}, \text{RH} = 50.000, v = 13.611 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}_m, \rho = .0741 \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3$$



ALTITUDE: SEA LEVEL  
 BAROMETRIC PRESSURE: 29.921 in. HG  
 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE: 14.696 psia



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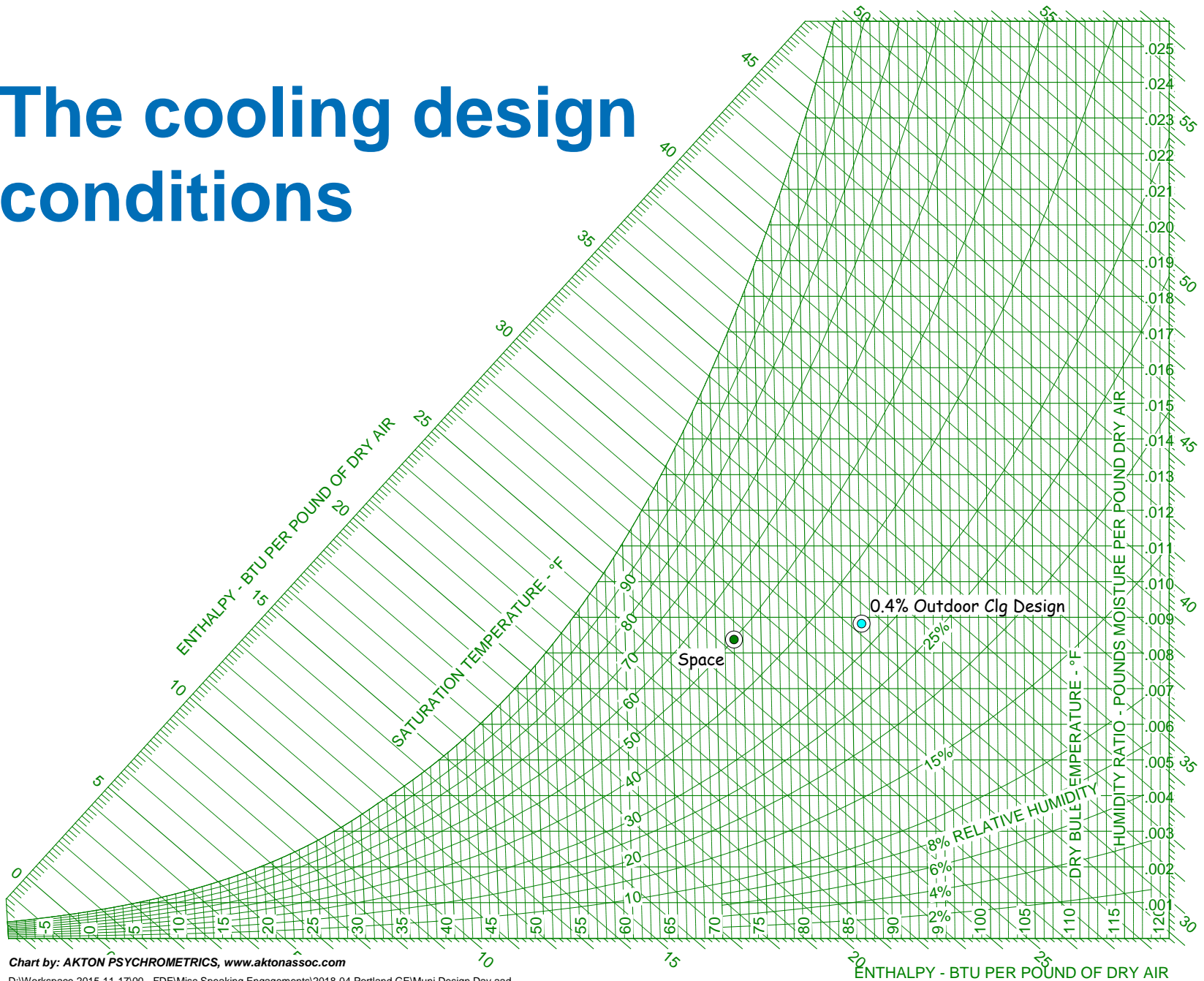


... and 50%  
Relative Humidity

Space

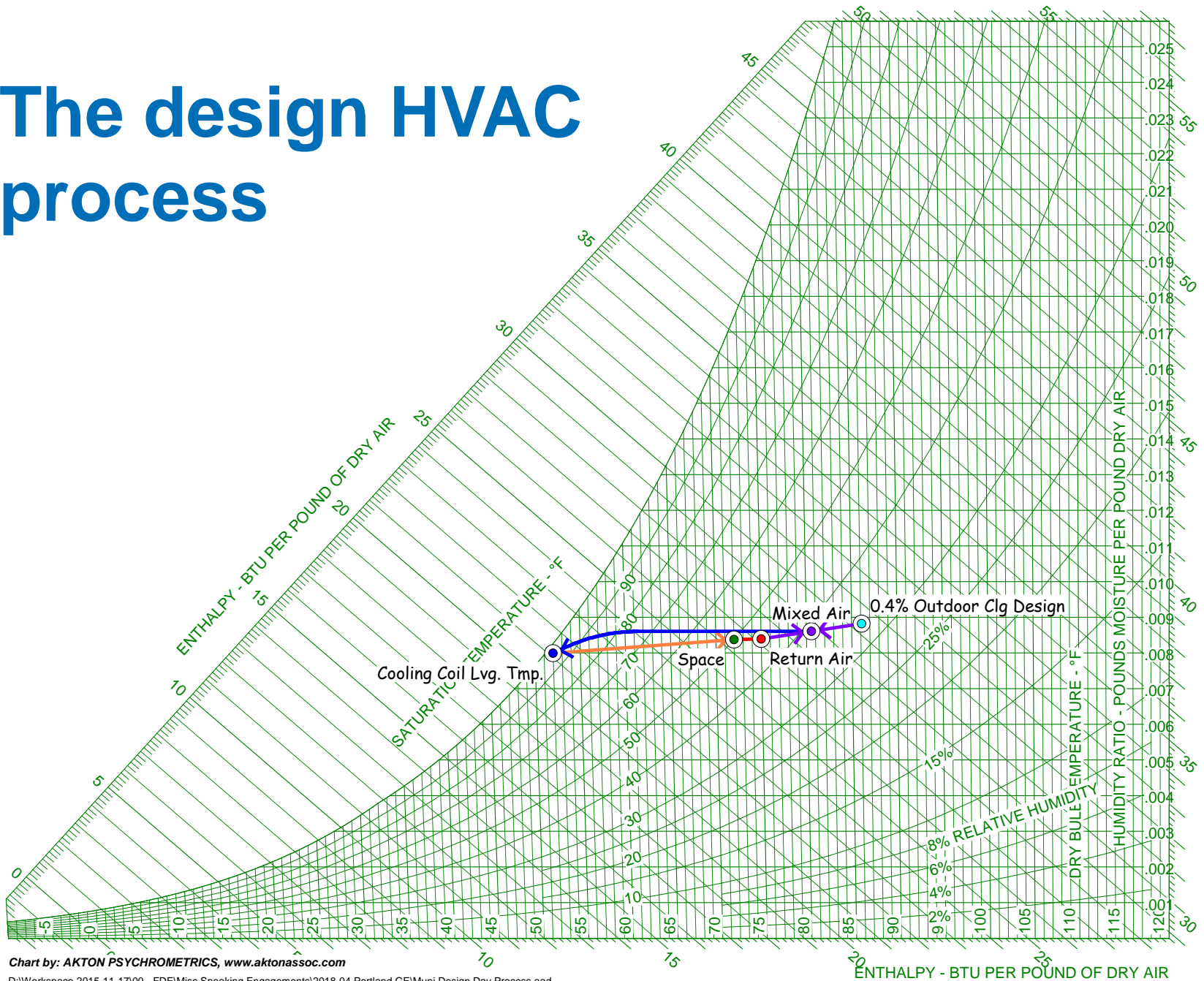
This dot represents a  
space that is at 72°F ...

# The cooling design conditions



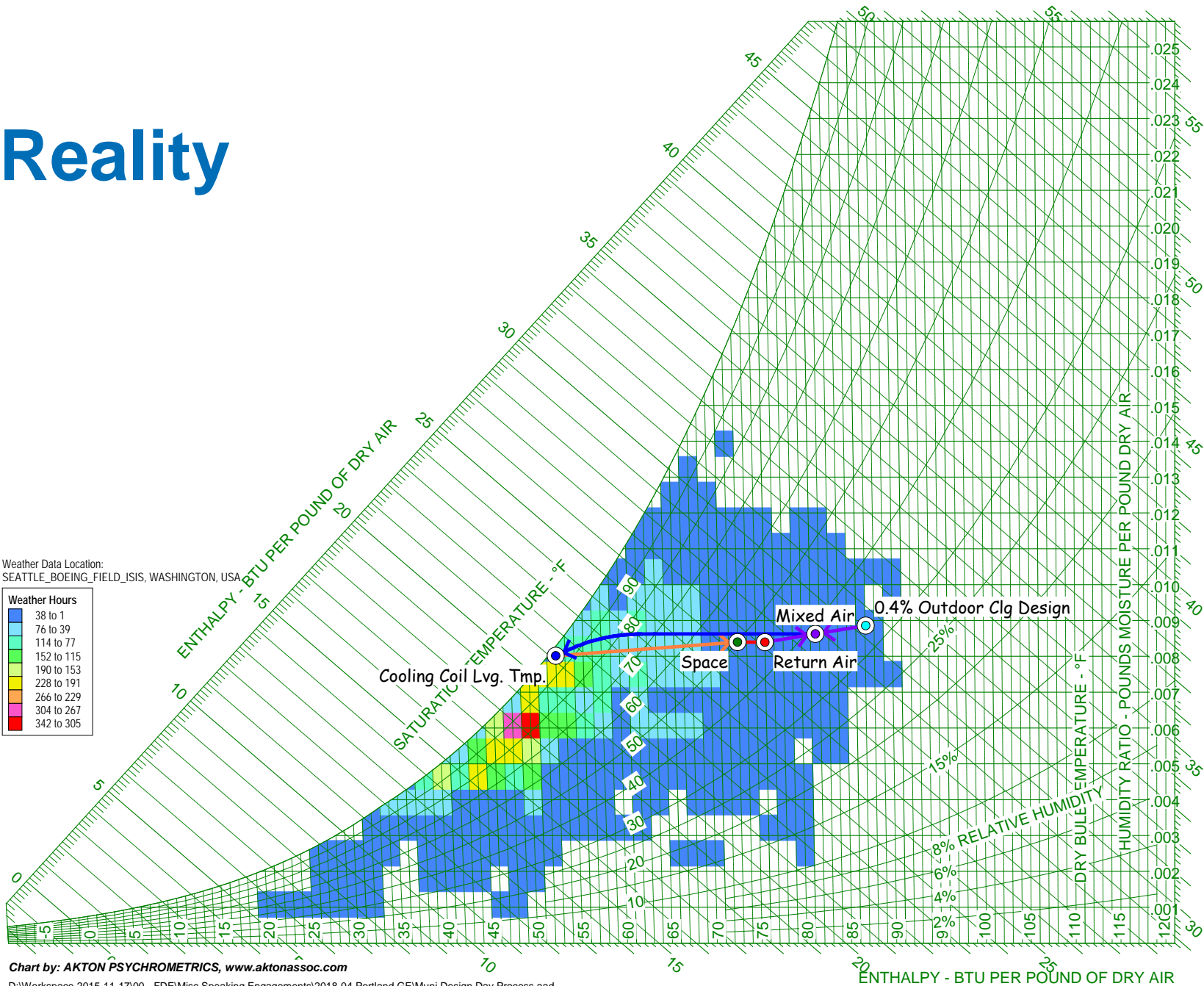
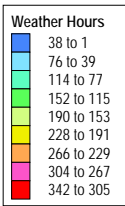


# The design HVAC process



# Reality

Weather Data Location:  
SEATTLE\_BOEING\_FIELD\_ISIS, WASHINGTON, USA



# Reality

The mixed air temperature will be moved around by the economizer control process and ventilation requirements and will always be between the outdoor temperature and return temperature

The space temperature will not move but the humidity will drop if it is dry outside

The cooling coil leaving condition dot will be moved around by HVAC optimization strategies like discharge temperature reset

The outdoor air condition dot could be any of the colored squares

The return temperature will move a little bit depending on the space sensible load and the humidity will drop if it is dry outside

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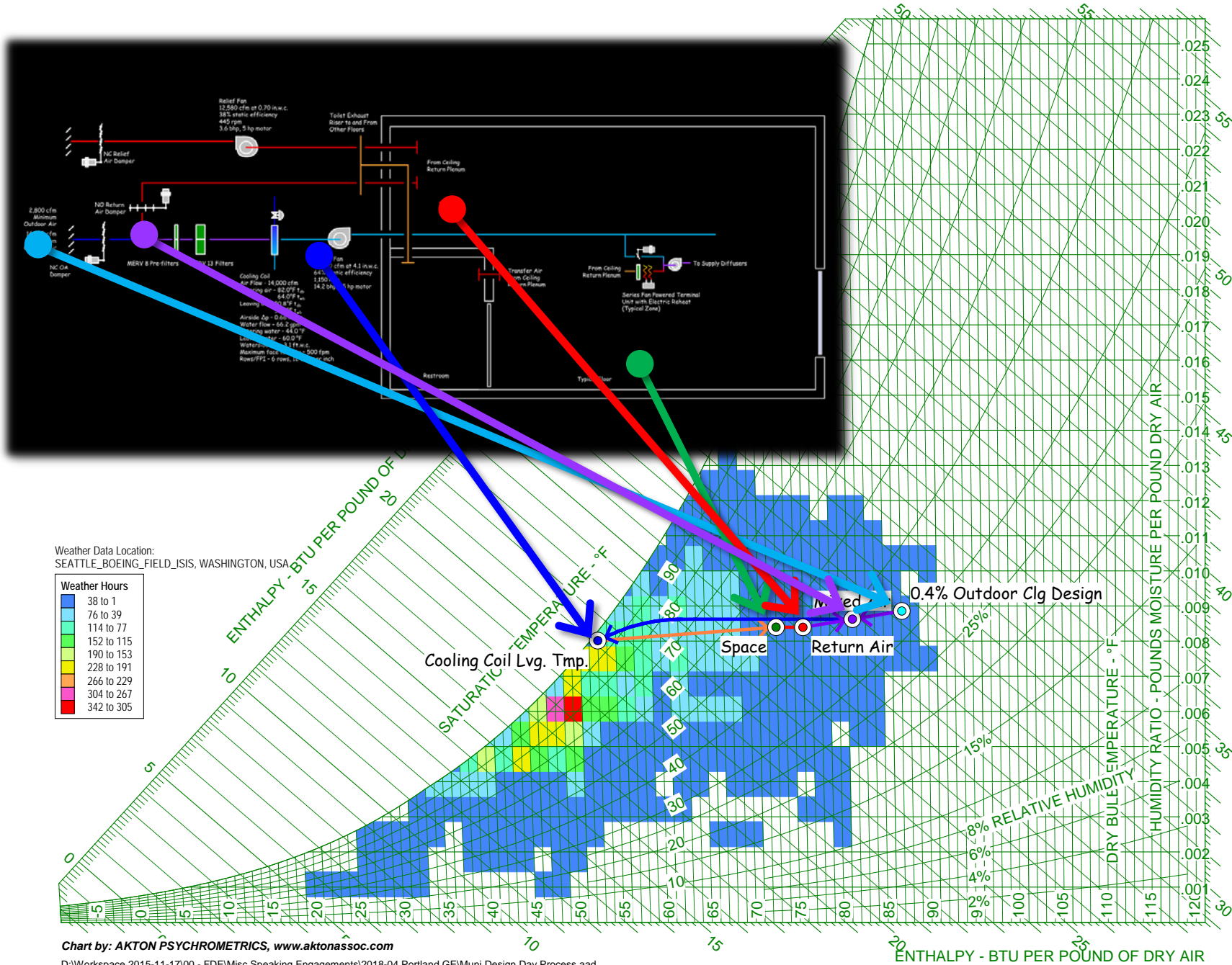
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38 to 1  
76 to 31  
152 to 115  
90 to 15  
304 to 267  
342

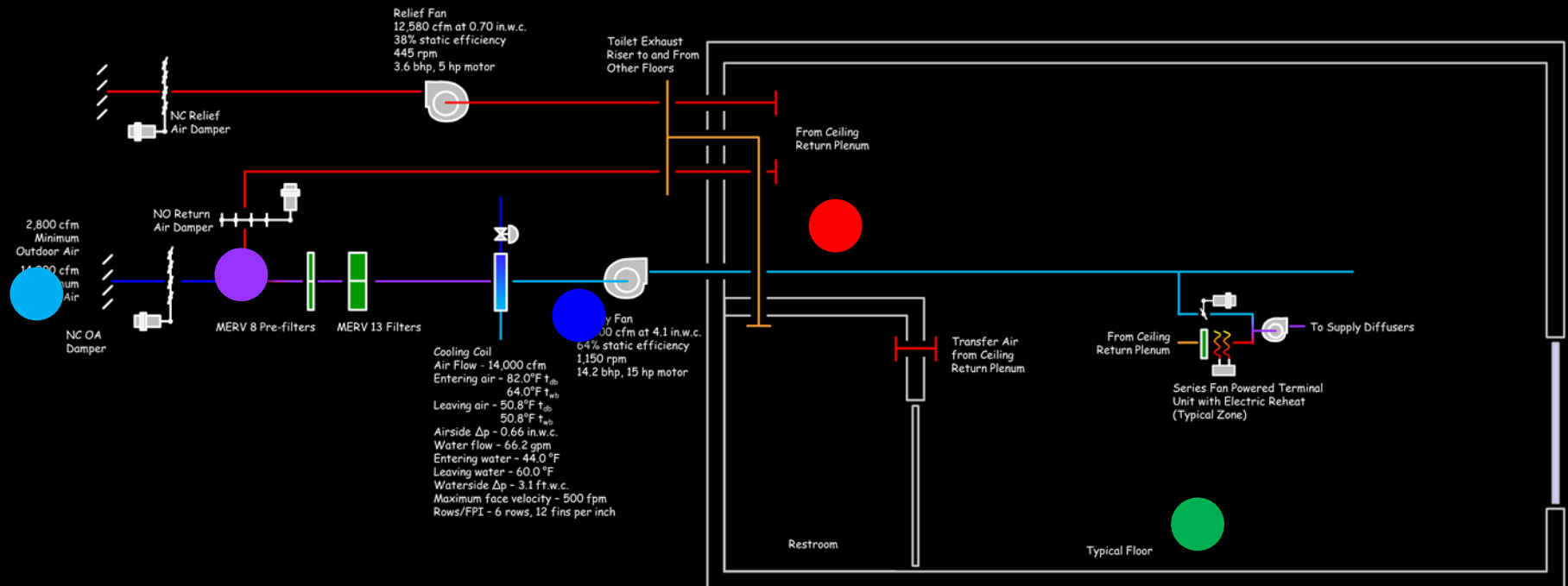
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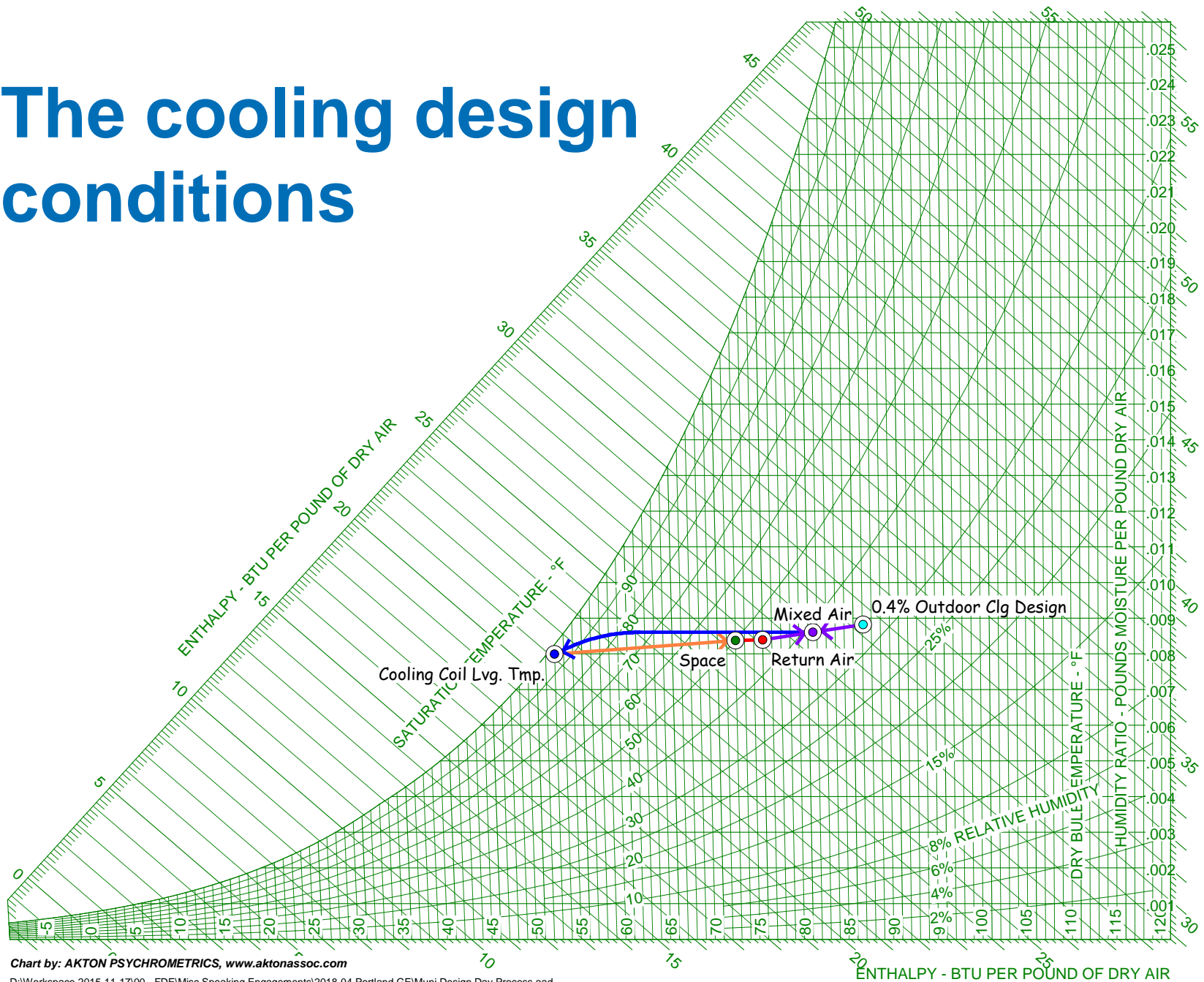


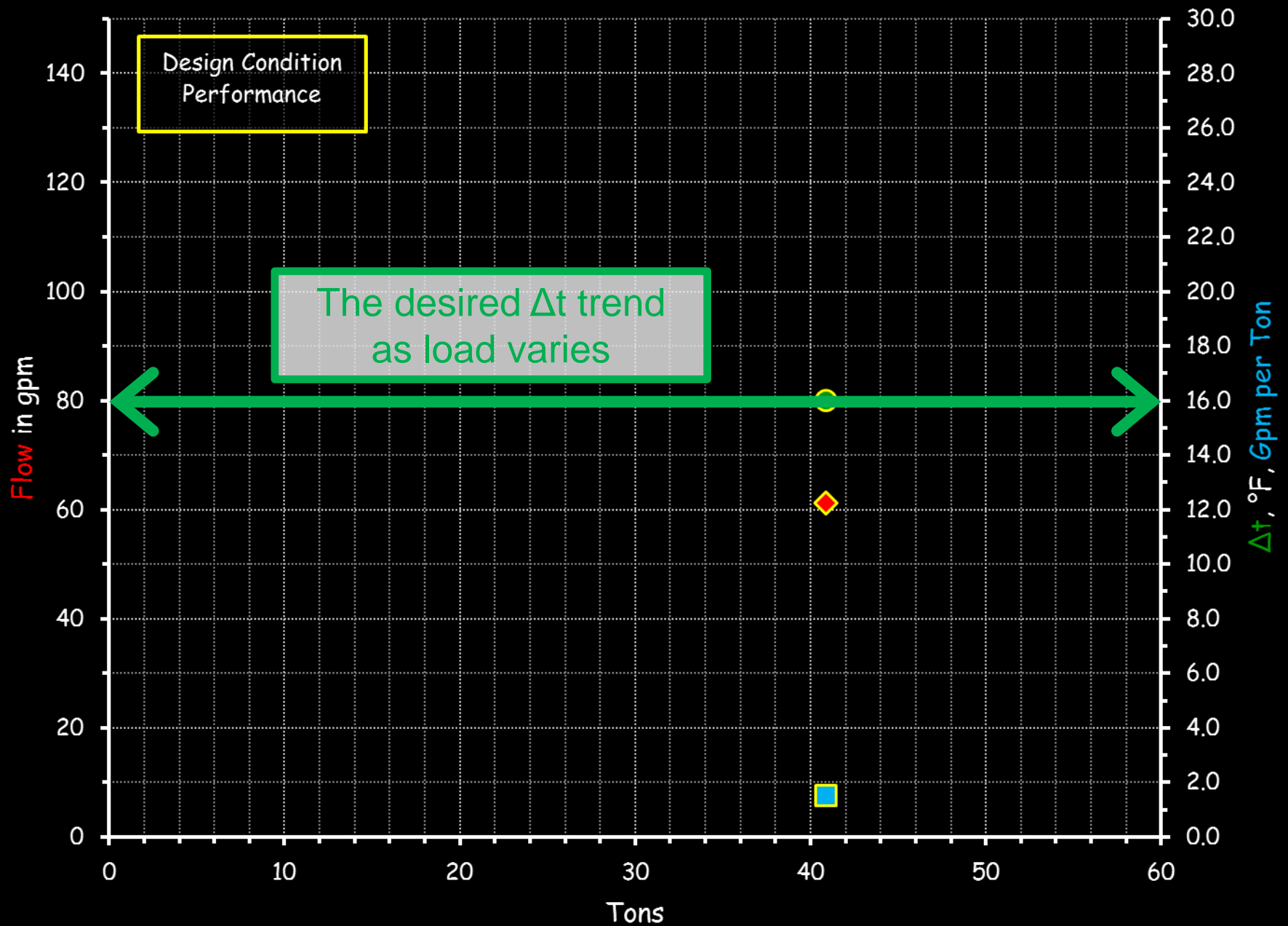
# The mixed air condition is the cooling coil entering condition

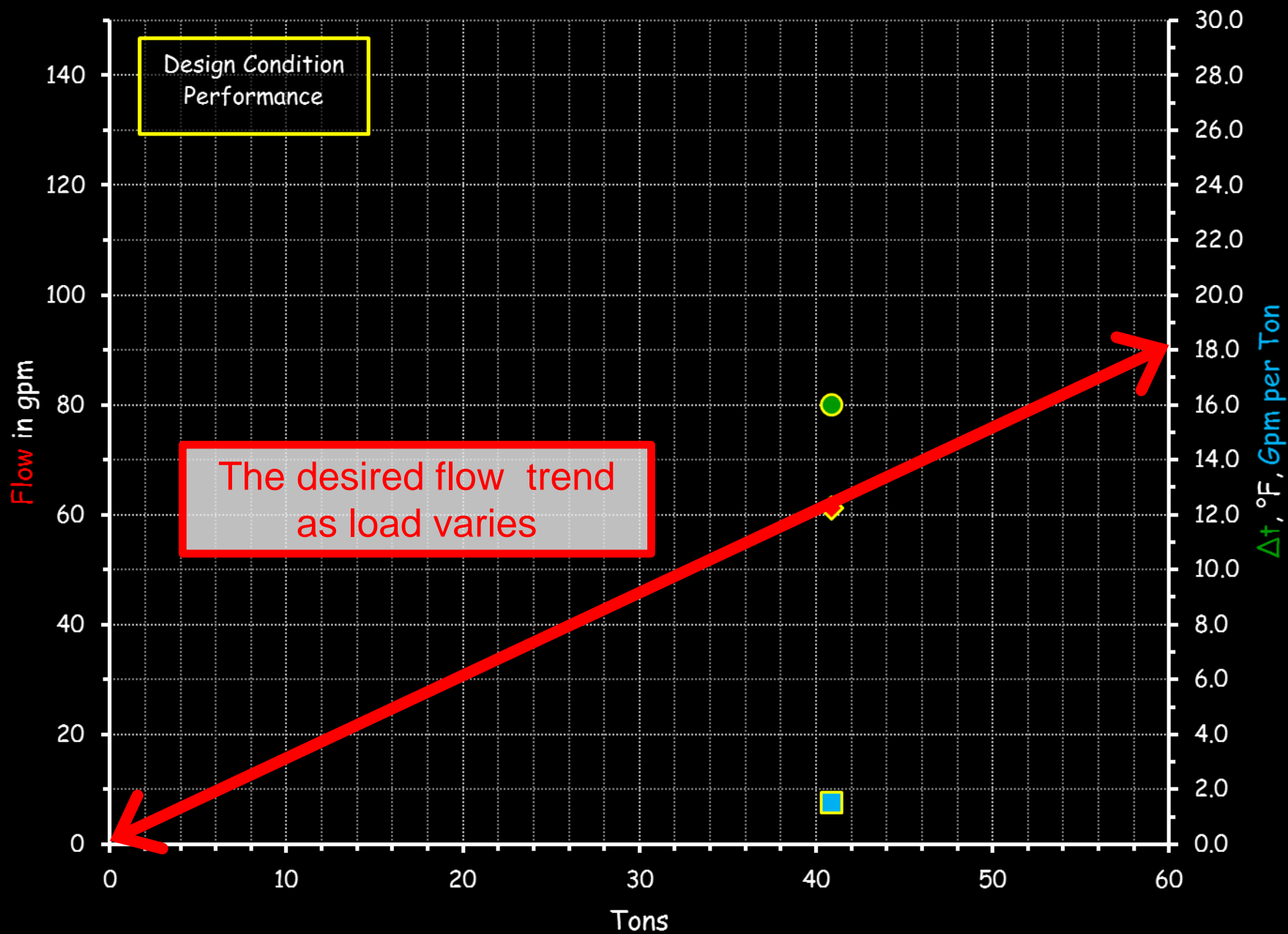


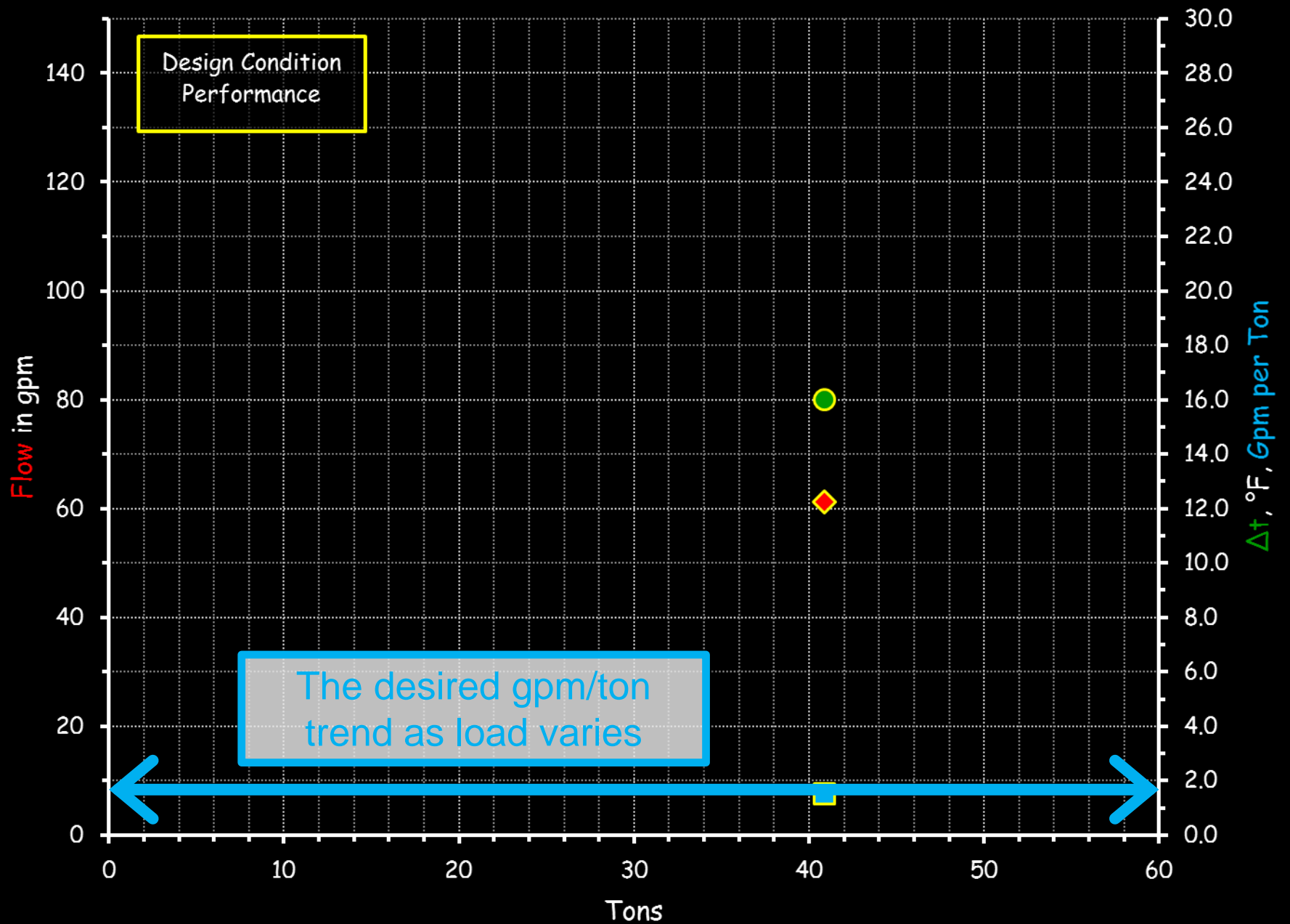
*Which means the cooling coil entering condition is highly variable*

# The cooling design conditions



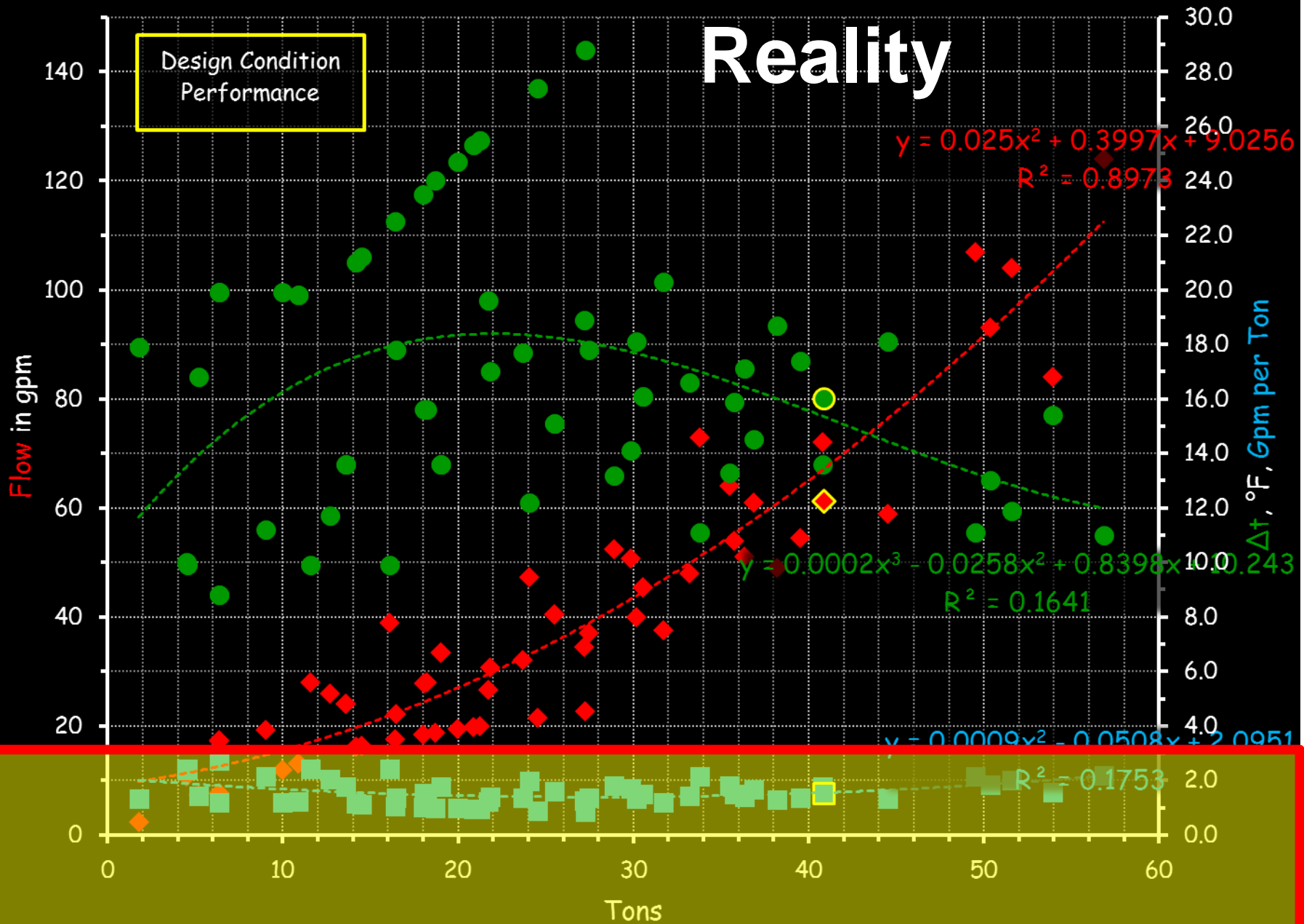




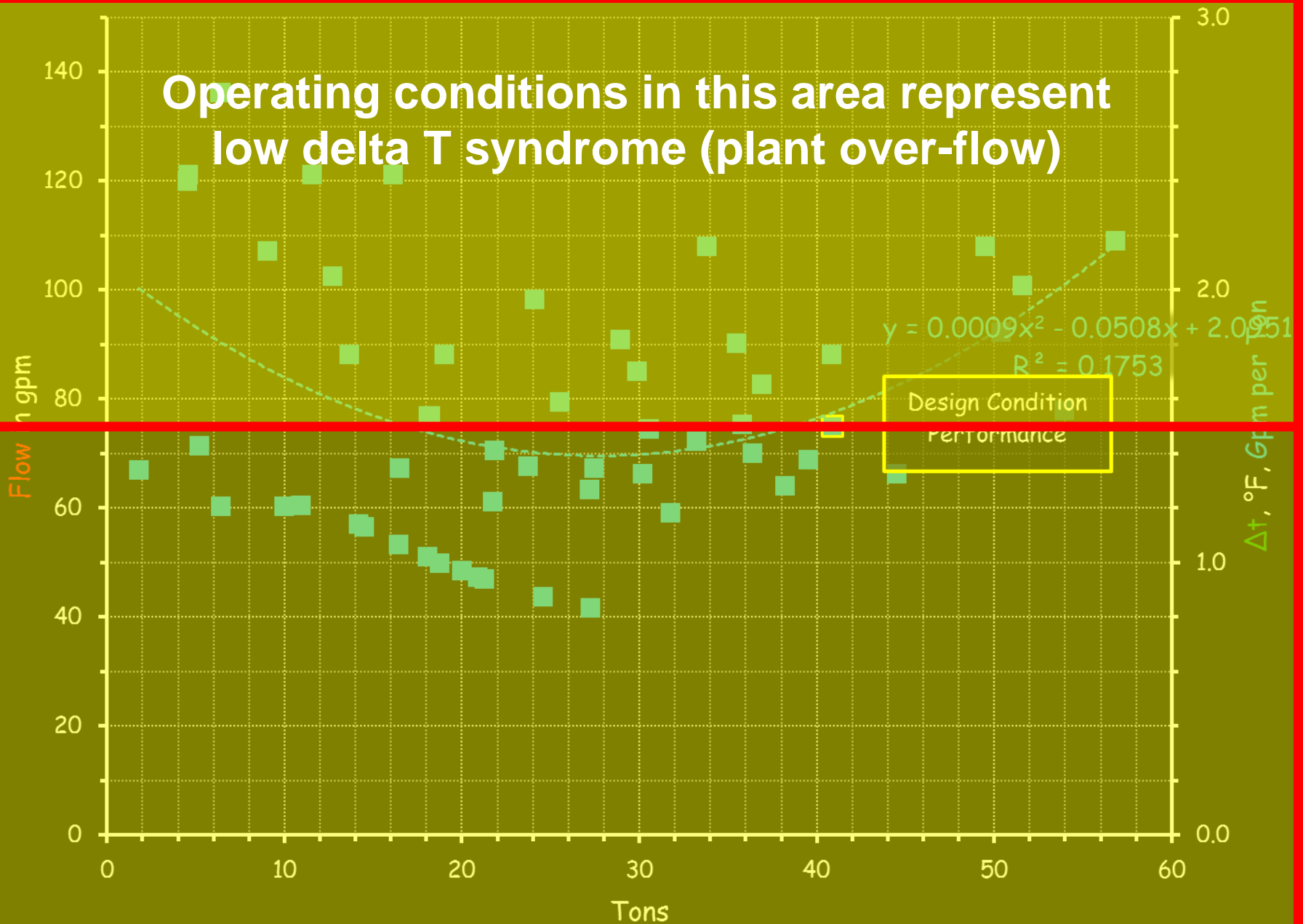




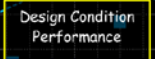
# Reality



**Operating conditions in this area represent  
low delta T syndrome (plant over-flow)**

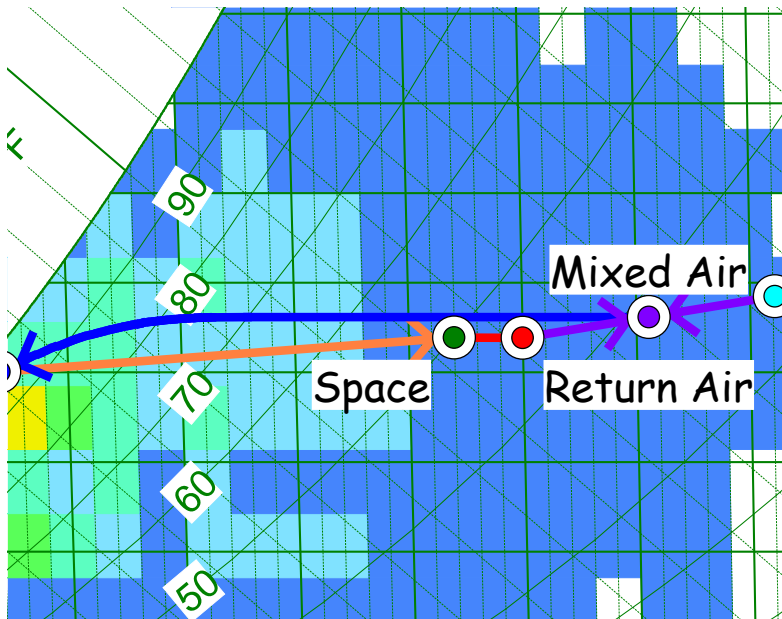


The seasonal and daily load profile seen by our building systems will vary a lot due to the nature of the climate and the performance characteristics of the equipment dealing with the climate.



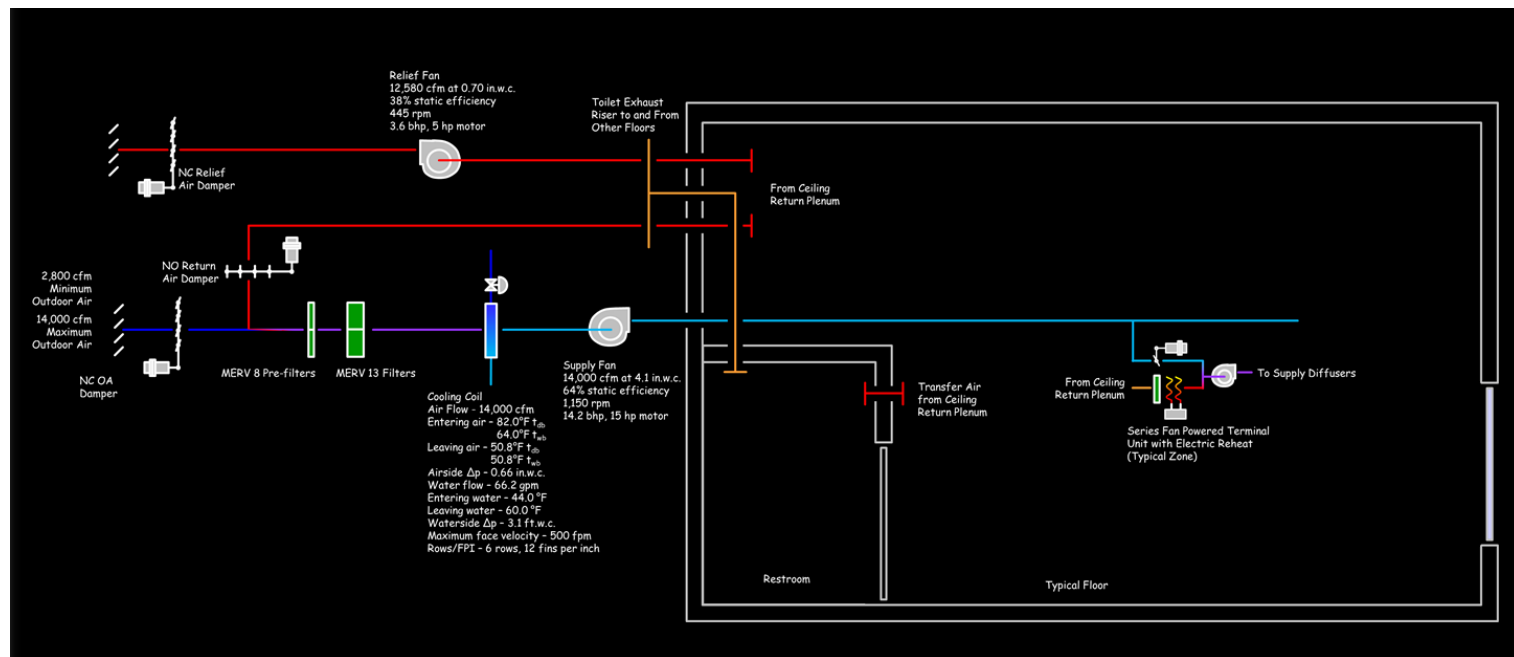
# Load profiles and performance vary with climate

But the built environment served by our building systems needs to remain clean, safe, comfortable and productive, no matter what.



# Equipment performance must follow load profile

Selecting, controlling and tuning the systems to follow the seasonal and daily load profile is a very important part of the over-all design, commissioning and operation process



# The control system

Crucial to optimal performance and  
energy saving





# The control system's crucial role



- Ensures systems perform as intended
- Manages system dynamics associated with load profile variations
- Supports functional testing
- Supports data logging and trending
- Supports persistence
- Informs future decisions

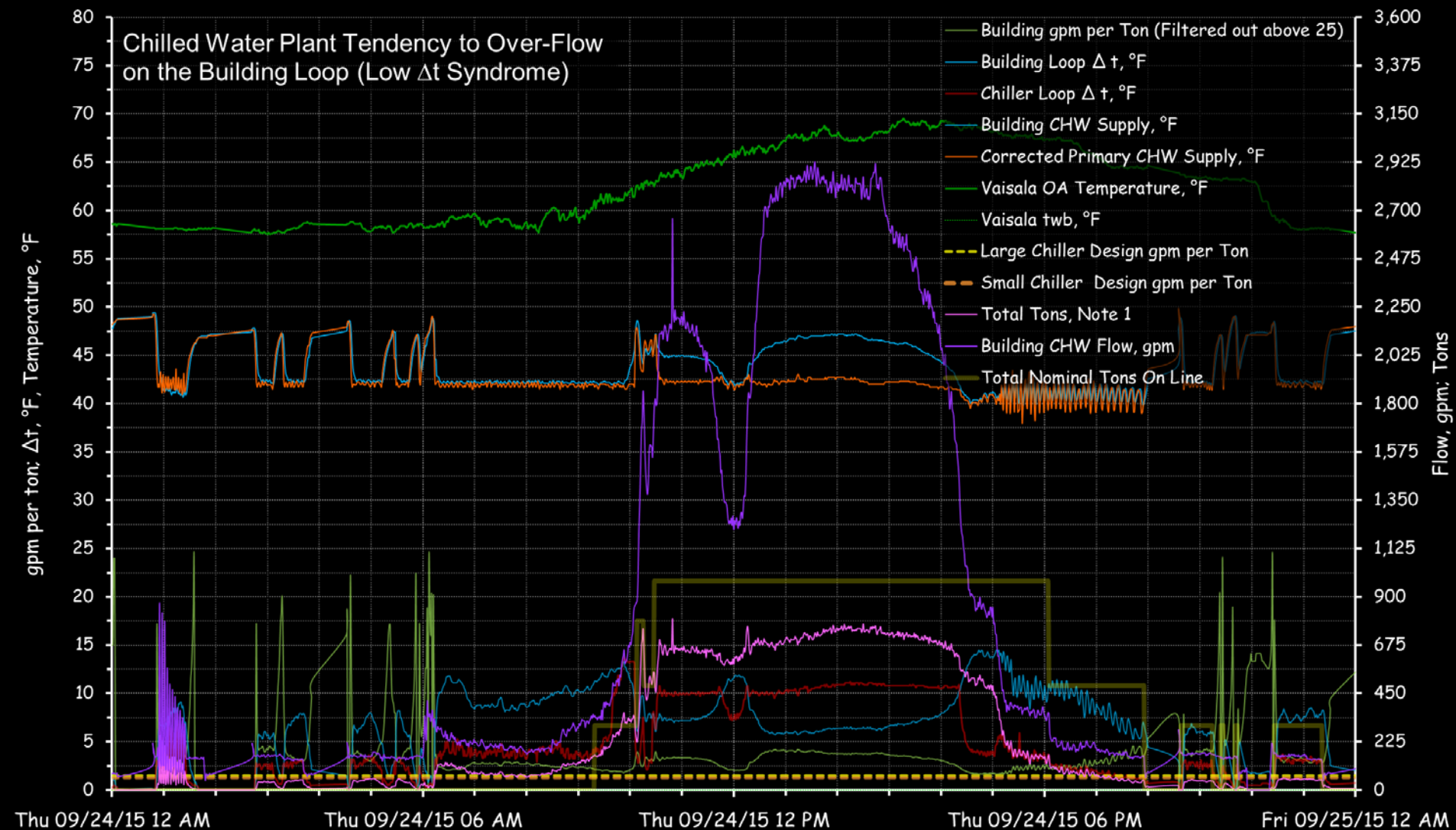
# Data loggers

Data loggers supplement the control systems trending capabilities

- Potential for faster sampling rates
- Pick up data where points are missing in the control system

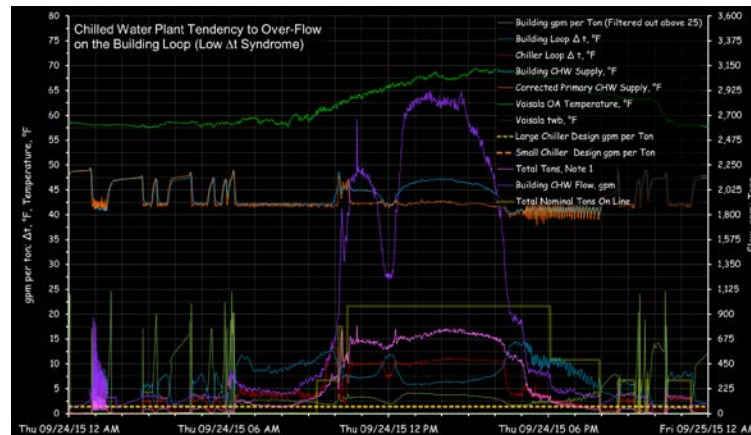
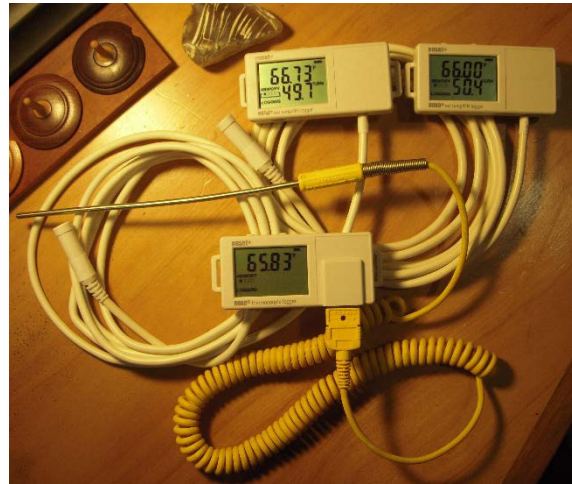


# Data<sub>Controller</sub> + Data<sub>Logger</sub> = Trend Analysis

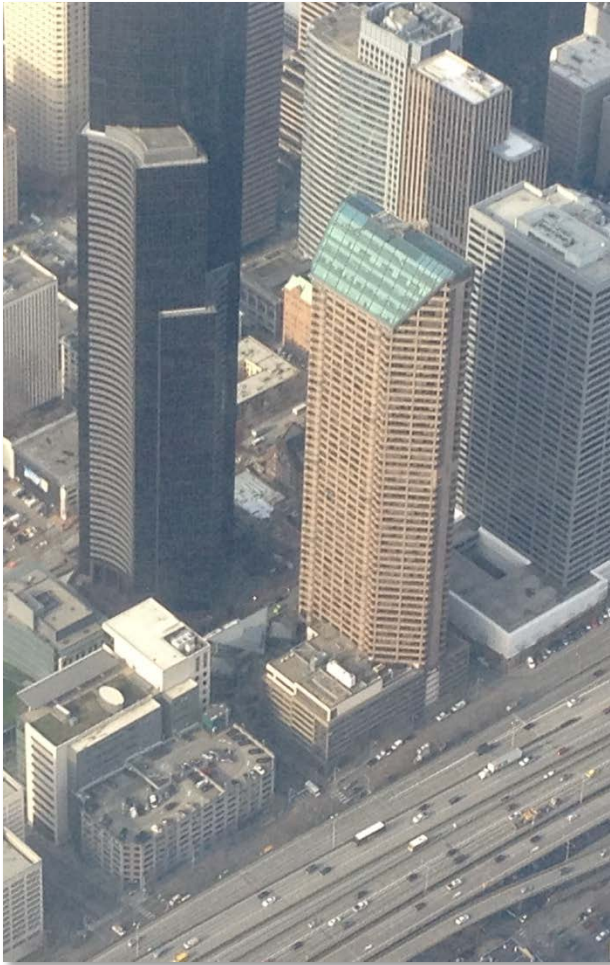




# Trend analysis + Testing = A building dialog



# Example of a load profile dialog



FADE IN:

EXT. EARLY – MORNING

- Cx provider with tool kit enters building and is greeted by the operating staff and a project manager

PROJECT ENGINEER (To Operating Team)

- *Our Cx provider has an idea about how to size the chillers for our new plant and would like to see what we have currently*

CHIEF ENGINEER

- Sure, let's head up and take a look around

FADE TO CHILLER PLANT:







Pump Identification			P14-3 Stand-Alone (Discharge Full Open)			P14-3 Full Open (Pumping through CH-3)		
Service Area			Primary CHW through Chiller 2			Primary CHW through Chiller 2		
Physical Location of Unit			14th Floor Mechanical Room			14th Floor Mechanical Room		
Pump Information:			Design	Submitted/TAB	Actual	Design	Submitted/TAB	Actual
Manufacturer:					Paco			Paco
Model #:					29-60151859001			29-60151859001
Serial #:								
Part / Catalog #:					KP 6015, 6inx12			KP 6015, 6inx12
Nameplate GPM:					1,460.0			1,460.0
Actual Flow (GPM)					1,650.0			1,520.0
Nameplate Head (Ft):					50.0			50.0
Differential Pressure (Feet Hd)					50.6			54.5
Nameplate HP:					25.0			25.0
BHP:					24.5			23.8
Nameplate RPM:					1,150			1,150
Actual RPM:					1,181			1,181
Listed Impeller Diameter:					11.9			11.9
Actual Diameter (Tested):					12.1			12.1
Manual Control Information:								
Control Type:			Manual Isolation Valve			Manual Isolation Valve		
Manufacturer:								
Model:								
Device Adjustment Position:			100%			100%		
Differential Pressure (Feet Hd)								
Control Information								
Controlled Medium:			Not Applicable			Not Applicable		
Control Type:								
Setpoint (BAS / Local Controller / FDI Measured):								
Final Controlled Device Position (Hz/On, etc.):								
Motor Data: Nameplate / Operational								
Manufacturer:			GE			GE		
HP / Efficiency / kW:			25.0	93.6%	Not Listed	25.0	93.6%	Not Listed
BHP Calc'd Meas'd Values / BHP VFD kW / VFD kW:			23.6	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	23.5	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Nameplate RPM / Measured:			1,180	1,181	1,180	1,180	1,181	1,181
Nameplate Volts:			460		460	460		460
Voltage (VFD Display):			481	483	476	480	482	477
Nameplate Amperage:			30.4		30.4	30.4		30.4
Amperage (VFD Display):			29.8	30.3	30.3	29.9	30.0	29.9
SFA:			Not Listed			Not Listed		
SF:			1.15			1.15		
Frame:			324T			324T		
Notes:								

## CX PROVIDER

*Then I bet the building knows how big the chillers need to be.*

*We just need to ask it the right questions.*

## CHIEF ENGINEER

*How will we do that?*

## CX PROVIDER

*With functional testing, trending, and data logging.*



CX PROVIDER (to building)

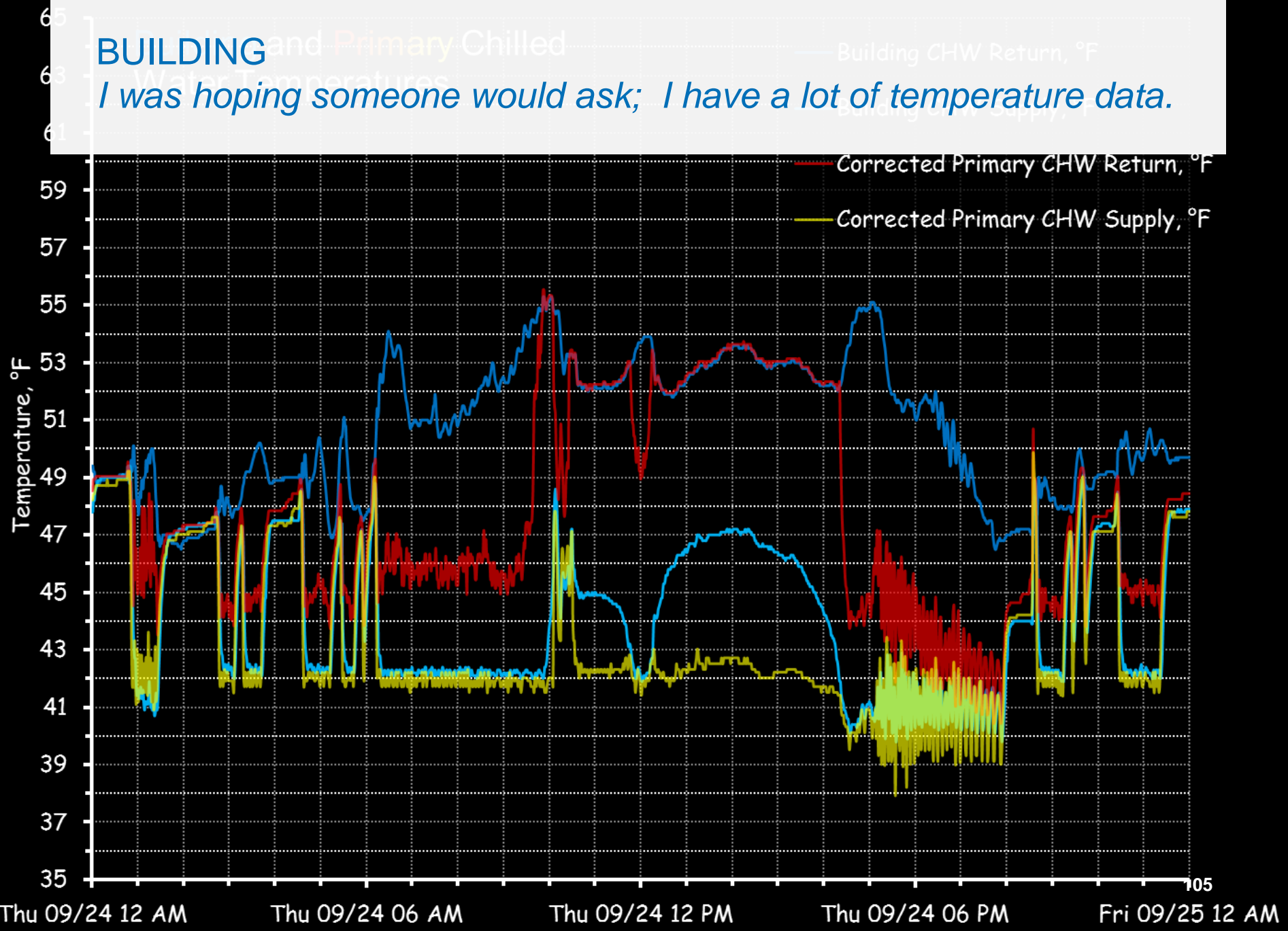
Tell me about the flow rates and temperatures in your chilled water system.





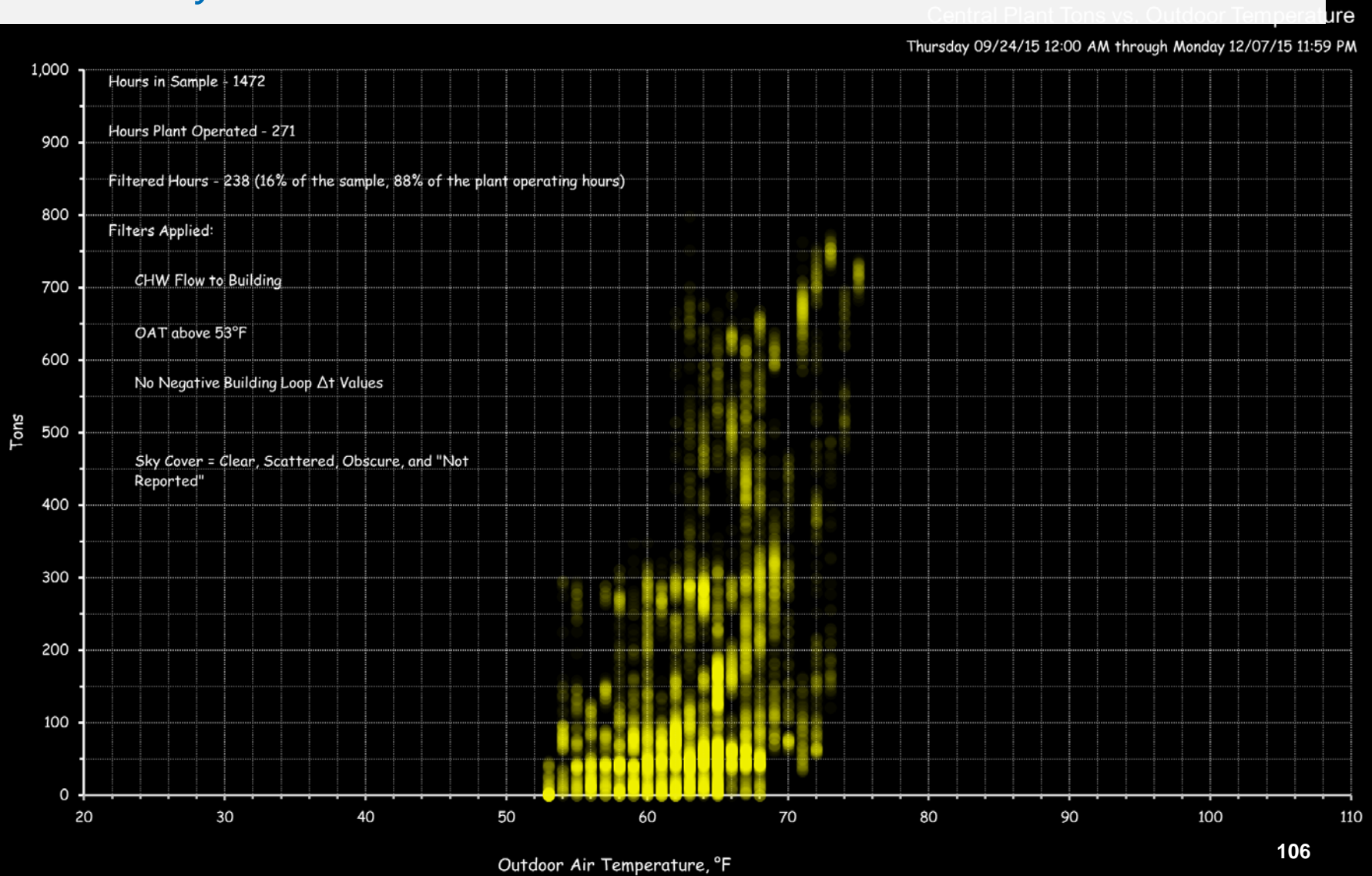
# BUILDING and Primary Chilled

*I was hoping someone would ask; I have a lot of temperature data.*



## BUILDING:

*But I am afraid I only have a couple of months of flow and tonnage data. My flow meter was broken for a while.*

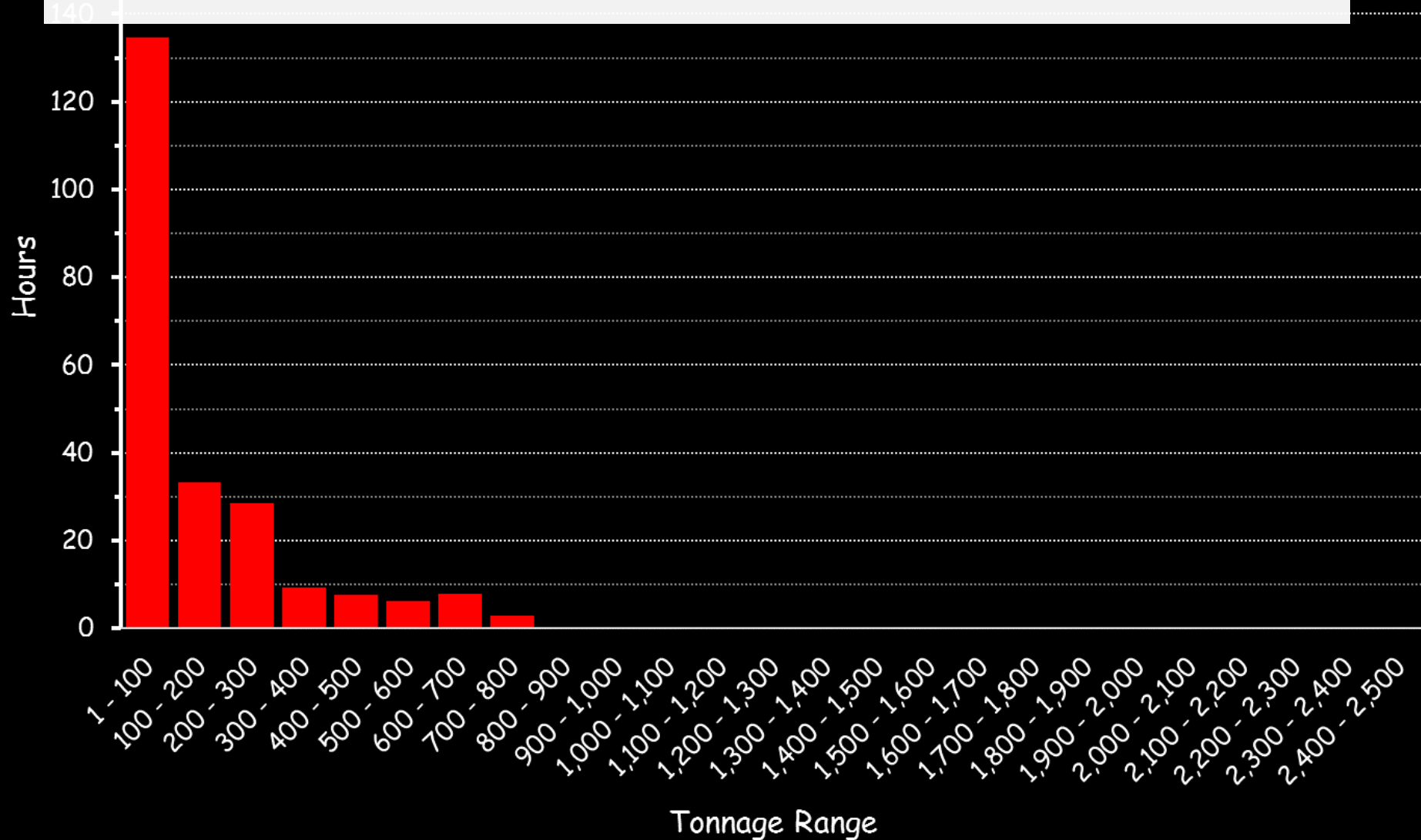


## Hours at a Given Tonnage Range

CX PROVIDER:

Thursday 09/24/15 12:00 AM through Monday 12/07/15 11:59 PM

*That's O.K., you've given me enough to start with ...*

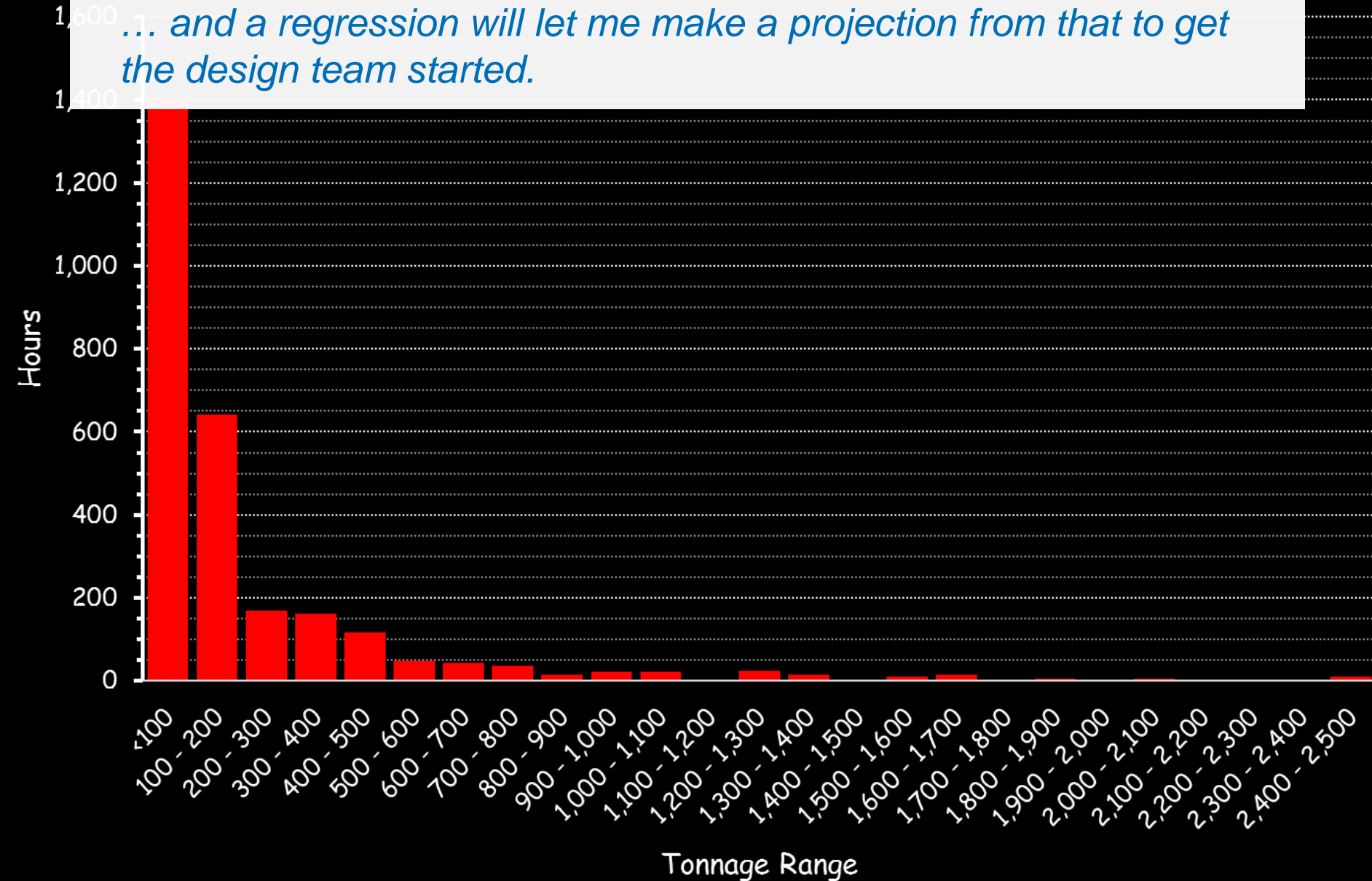


## Hours at a Given Tonnage Range

CX PROVIDER:

Average Year

... and a regression will let me make a projection from that to get the design team started.



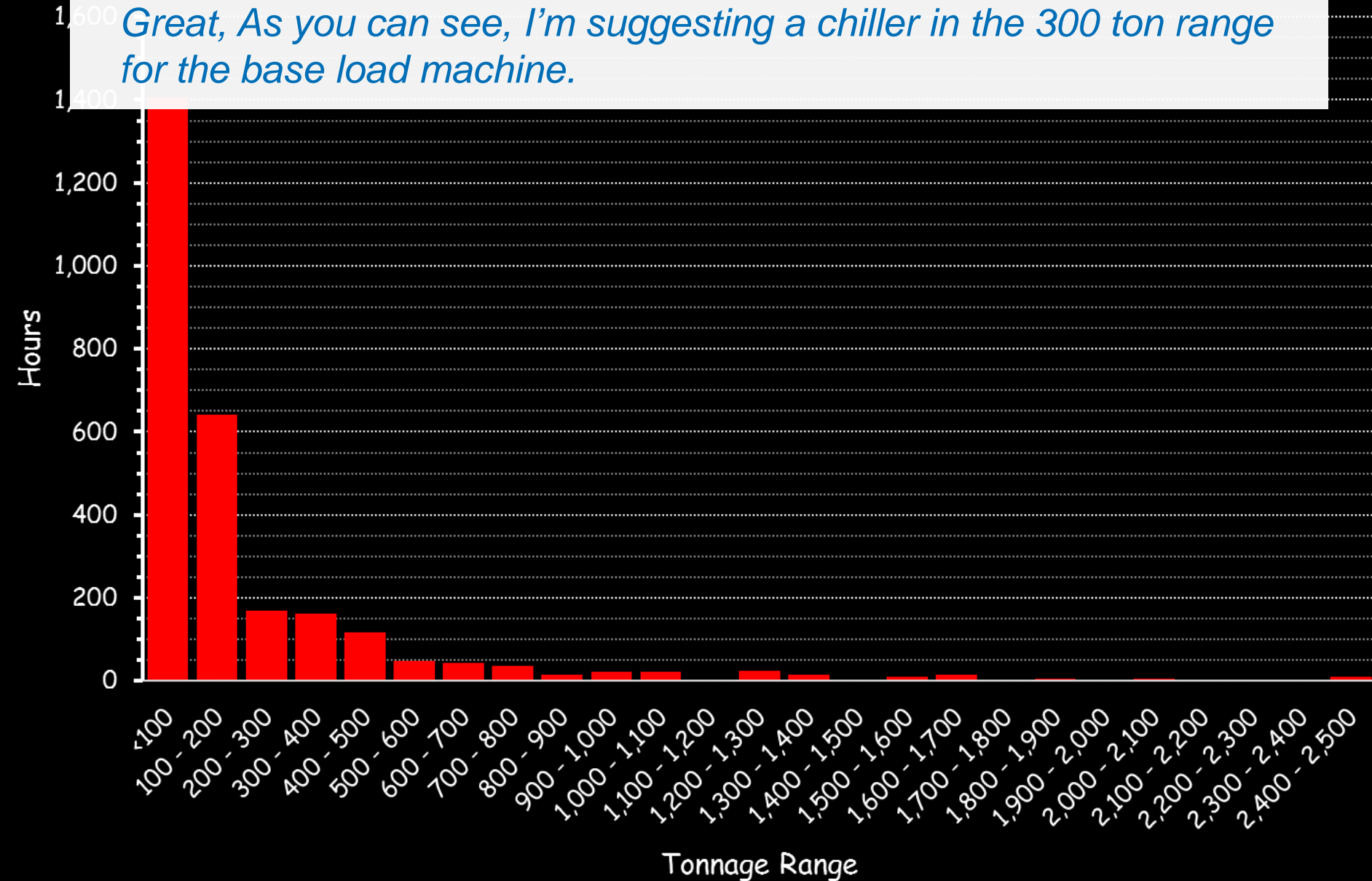


## Hours at a Given Tonnage Range

### BUILDING:

Average Year

*Great, As you can see, I'm suggesting a chiller in the 300 ton range for the base load machine.*

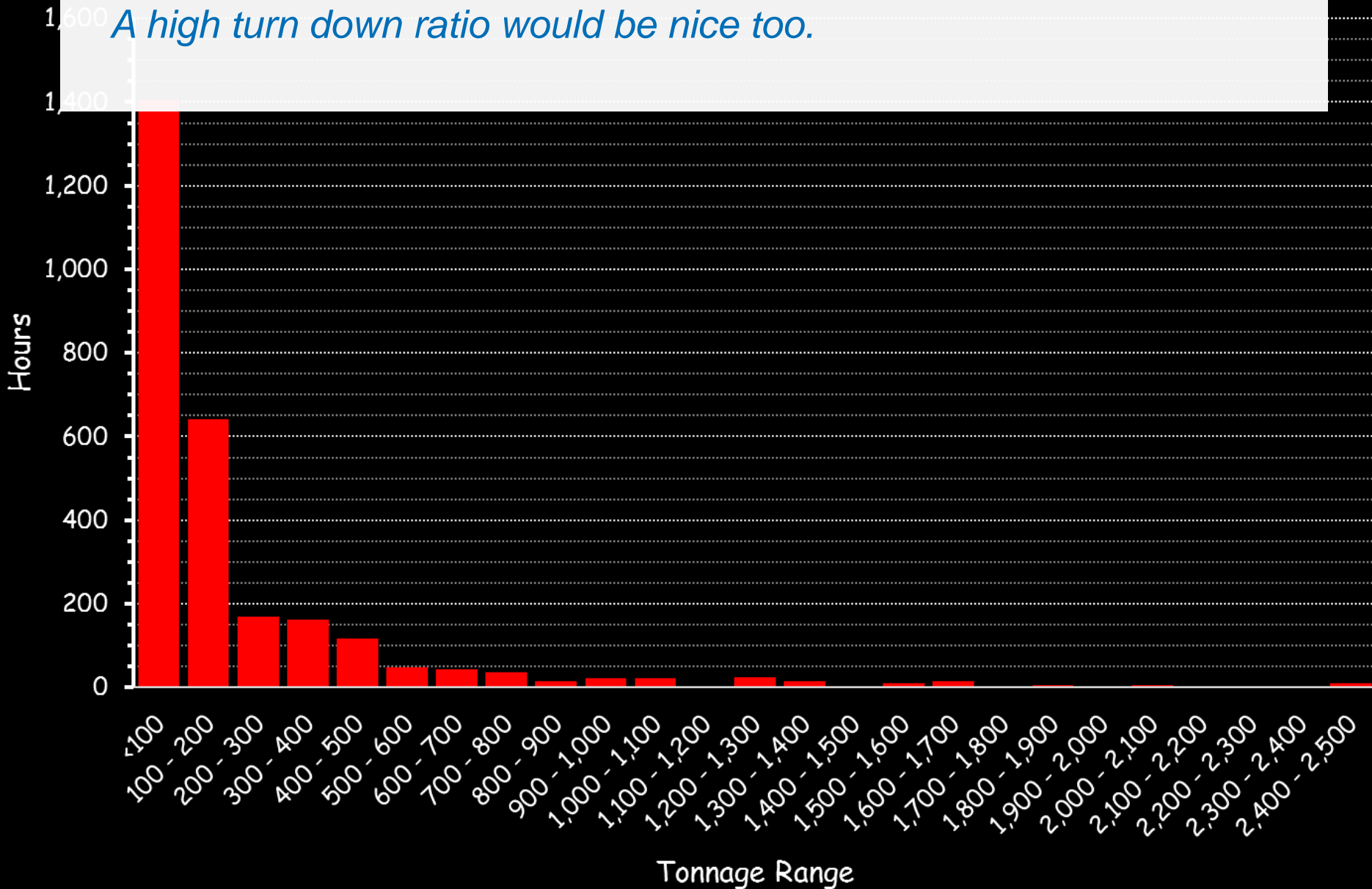


## Hours at a Given Tonnage Range

BUILDING:

Average Year

*A high turn down ratio would be nice too.*

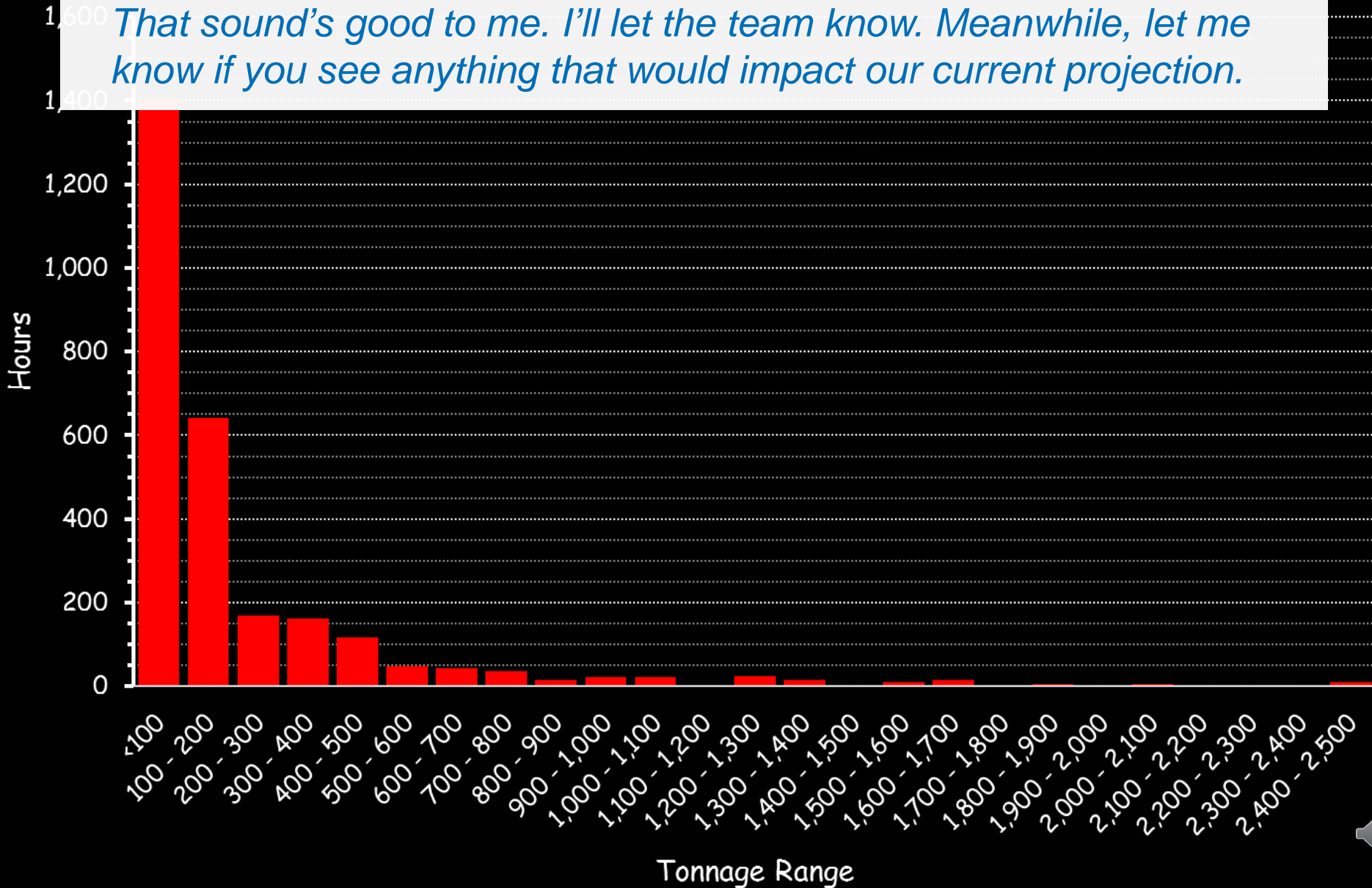


## Hours at a Given Tonnage Range

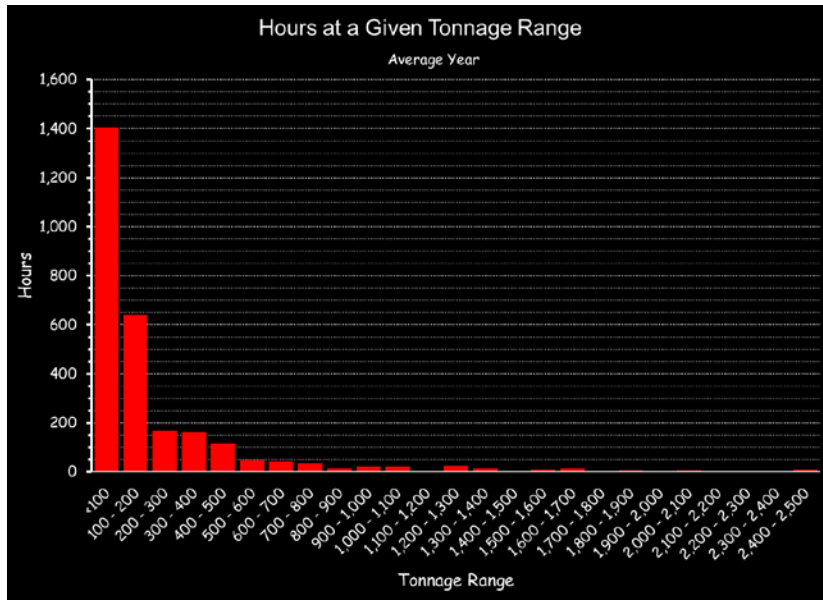
CX PROVIDER:

Average Year

*That sound's good to me. I'll let the team know. Meanwhile, let me know if you see anything that would impact our current projection.*



# The design evolves and is reviewed



FADE OUT:

FADE IN TIME PASSING MUSIC

FADE IN CX PROVIDER DOING  
DESIGN REVIEW ON THE NEW  
CENTRAL PLANT DESIGN

## BUILDING:

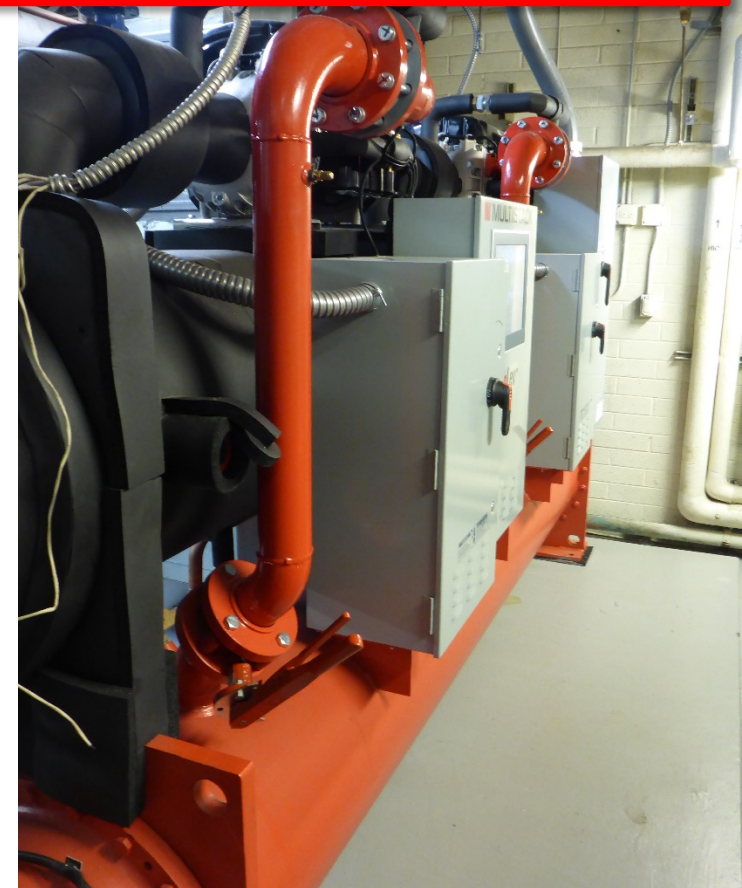
*I'm happy to see the design team paid attention to my suggestion about equipment sizes and turn down requirements.*

KW/TON		0.554	0.470	0.470
LOCATION		MECH RM	MECH RM	MECH RM
SERVES		CLG WATER	CLG WATER	CLG WATER
CAPACITY	TONS	300.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
	KW/TON	0.554	0.470	0.470
COMPRESSOR	COP			
	TYPE	CNTFGL	CNTFGL	CNTFGL
	QUANTITY: NO	2	3	3
EVAPORATOR	FLOW: GPM	450	1,500	1,500
	EWT: F	59	59	59
	LWT: F	43	43	43
	PD: FT HD	11	18	18
	FOULING FACTOR	0.00010	0.00010	0.00010
CONDENSER	FLOW: GPM	850	2,800	2,800
	EWT: F	86	86	86
	LWT: F	76	76	76
	PD: FT HD	15	16	16
	FOULING FACTOR	0.00025	0.00025	0.00025
REFRIGERANT	TYPE	R-134A	R-134A	R-134A
	CHARGE: LBS	895	2851	2851
ELECTRICAL	VOLT/PHASE	460/3	460/3	460/3
	TOTAL KW	163.3	470.4	470.4
	MCA	261	518 [3]	518 [3]
	MOP	350	724 [3]	724 [3]
	SCCR: AMPS	100,000	100,000	100,000
OPER WEIGHT	WEIGHT: LBS	10,000	35,000	35,000
BASIS OF DESIGN	MANUFACTURER	SMART	SMART	SMART
	MODEL	WA095.2H	WV400.3U	WV400.3U
	NOTES	[1, 2, 4, 6]	[1, 2, 4, 6]	[1, 2, 4, 6]

PROVIDE ALL CHILLERS FROM ONE MANUFACTURER.

### NOTES:

1. SINGLE POINT CONNECTION, REFER TO ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS.
2. MAGNETIC BEARING, OIL-LESS COMPRESSORS.
3. RATINGS PER COMPRESSOR.
4. PROVIDE ONE SPARE COMPRESSOR FOR EACH SIZE USED IN THE NOMINAL 300 TON AND 1000 TON CHILLERS. DELIVER AT END OF WARRANTY PERIOD - ALTERNATE BID ITEM.
5. PROVIDE 5 YEAR WARRANTY - ALTERNATE BID ITEM.
6. PROVIDE MARINE BOXES AT ENDS WITH PIPING CONNECTIONS (300 LB PRESSURE CLASS ON EVAPORATOR) AND HINGED ACCESS AT ALL ENDS.





## BUILDING:

*I think I will need to run some pumps and cooling towers when I run those new chillers. Will that impact how you would sequence them?*

PUMPS - HYDRONIC							
MARK LOCATION SERVES		P14-1	P14-2	P14-3	P14-4	P14-5	P14-6
		MECH RM	MECH RM	MECH RM	MECH RM	MECH RM	MECH RM
		CHILLED WTR	CHILLED WTR	CHILLED WTR	COND WTR	COND WTR	COND WTR
CAPACITY	FLOW: GPM	500	1,500	1,500	900	3,500	3,500
	TDH: FT	120	160	160	60	60	60
	EFFICIENCY: %	75	79	79	67	74	74
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	VIL	VIL	VIL	VIL	VIL	VIL
	MOTOR RPM	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
	MAX BHP	27.00	87.00	87.00	21.00	70.00	70.00
	SUCT CONN: IN	6	8	8	8	12	12
	DISCH CONN: IN	6	8	8	8	12	12
	IMP DIA: IN	11.20	13.26	13.26	8.34	10.00	10.00
ELECTRICAL	VOLT/PHASE	460/3	460/3	460/3	460/3	460/3	460/3
	MOTOR HP	40	100	100	25	75	75
	SCCR: AMPS	35,000	65,000	65,000	14,000	35,000	35,000
OPER WEIGHT	WEIGHT: LBS	1,050	2,150	2,150	950	2,600	2,600
BASIS OF DESIGN	MANUFACTURER	PACO	PACO	PACO	PACO	PACO	PACO
	MODEL	VLS 6x6x11.5	VLS 8X8X15	VLS 8X8X15	VLS 6x6x11.5	VLS 12x12x13	VLS 12x12x13
	NOTES	[1, 2, 3, 4]	[1, 2, 3, 4]	[1, 2, 3, 4]	[1, 2, 3, 4]	[1, 2, 3, 4]	[1, 2, 3, 4]

PROVIDE ALL PUMPS FROM ONE MANUFACTURER.

### NOTES:

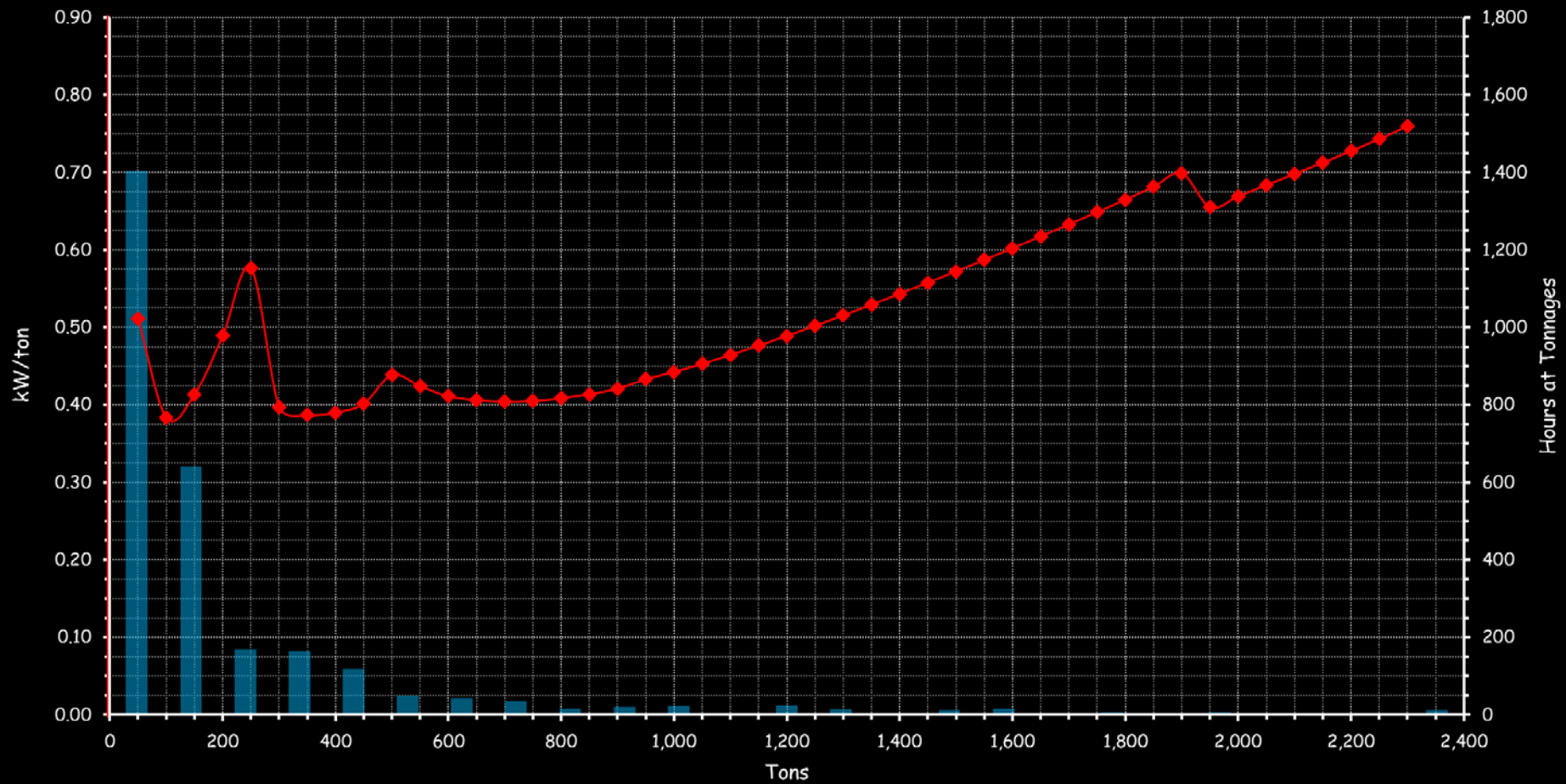
1. REFER TO ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS FOR DISCONNECT SWITCH.
2. PROVIDE WITH VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE AND SUCTION DIFFUSER.
3. MOUNT PUMP ON SPRING ISOLATED CONCRETE INERTIA BASE; OPER WEIGHT DOES NOT INCLUDE INERTIA BASE.
4. PROVIDE ALL PUMPS WITH SUCTION DIFFUSERS; 300 LB PRESSURE CLASS ON CHILLED WATER PUMPS.

COOLING TOWERS			
MARK LOCATION SERVES		CT-1A	CT-1B
		ROOF	ROOF
		CHILLERS	CHILLERS
TYPE	AIRFLOW CONFIG	IND DRAFT	IND DRAFT
	DISCHARGE CELLS	VERTICAL	VERTICAL
		2	2
CAPACITY [1]	HEAT REJ: TONS	1,185	1,185
	FLOW: GPM	3,450	3,450
	AMBIENT WB: F	66	66
	EW: F	86	86
	LWT: F	76	76
	PD: FT HD	12	12
FAN	TYPE	SILENT PROP	SILENT PROP
	FANS: NO	2	2
	AIRFLOW: CFM	268,800	268,800
	ESP: IN WG	—	—
	TOTAL MOTOR HP	60	60
	PONY MOTOR HP	—	—
	VOLT/PHASE	460/3	460/3
BASIN HEATER	HEATERS	—	—
	CAPACITY: KW	—	—
	VOLT/PHASE	460/3	460/3
ELECTRICAL	SCCR: AMPS	14,000	14,000
OPER WEIGHT	WEIGHT: LBS	43,780	43,780
BASIS OF DESIGN	MANUFACTURER	EVAPCO	EVAPCO
	MODEL	UT-224-418	UT-224-418
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PROVIDE ALL COOLING TOWERS FROM ONE MANUFACTURER.

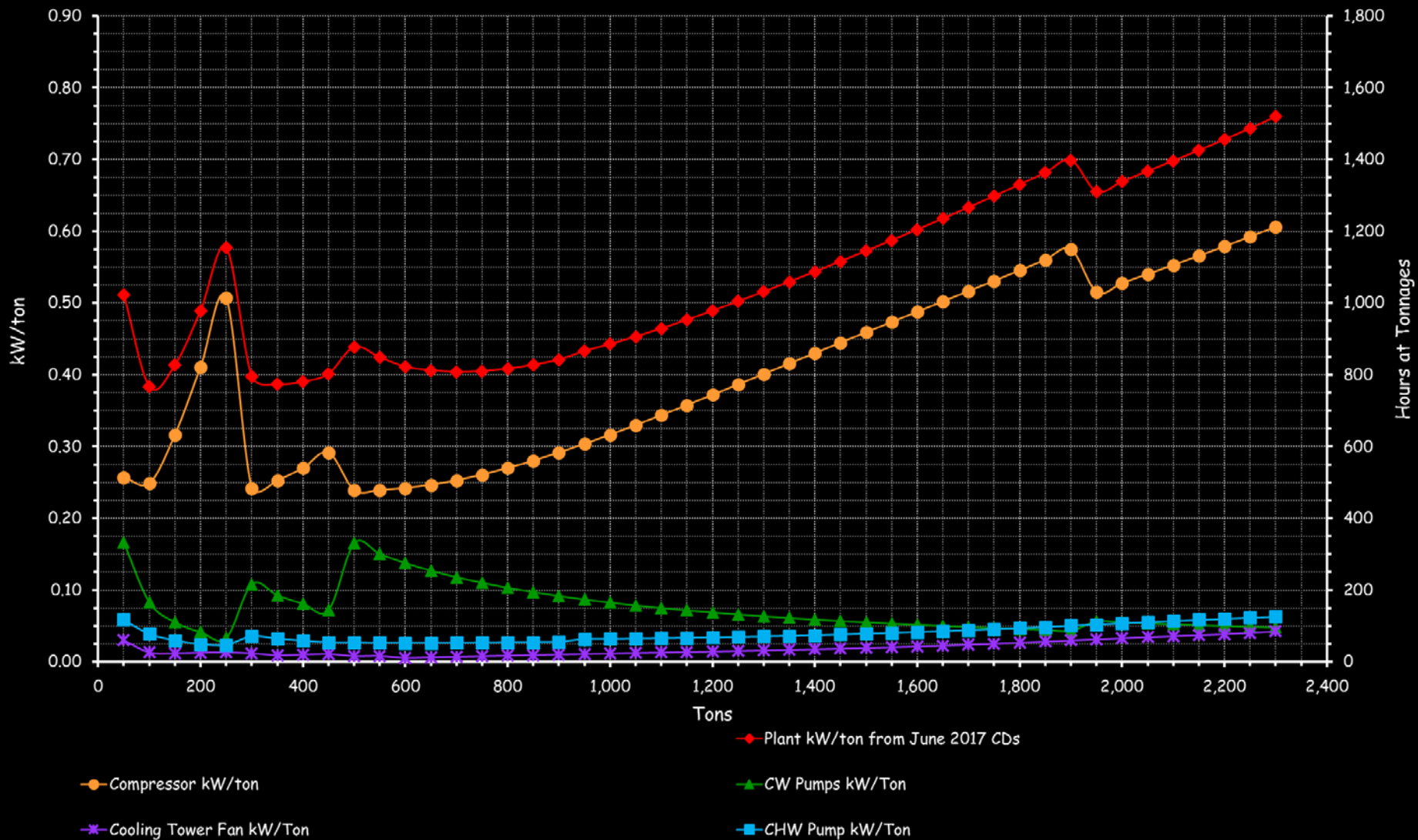
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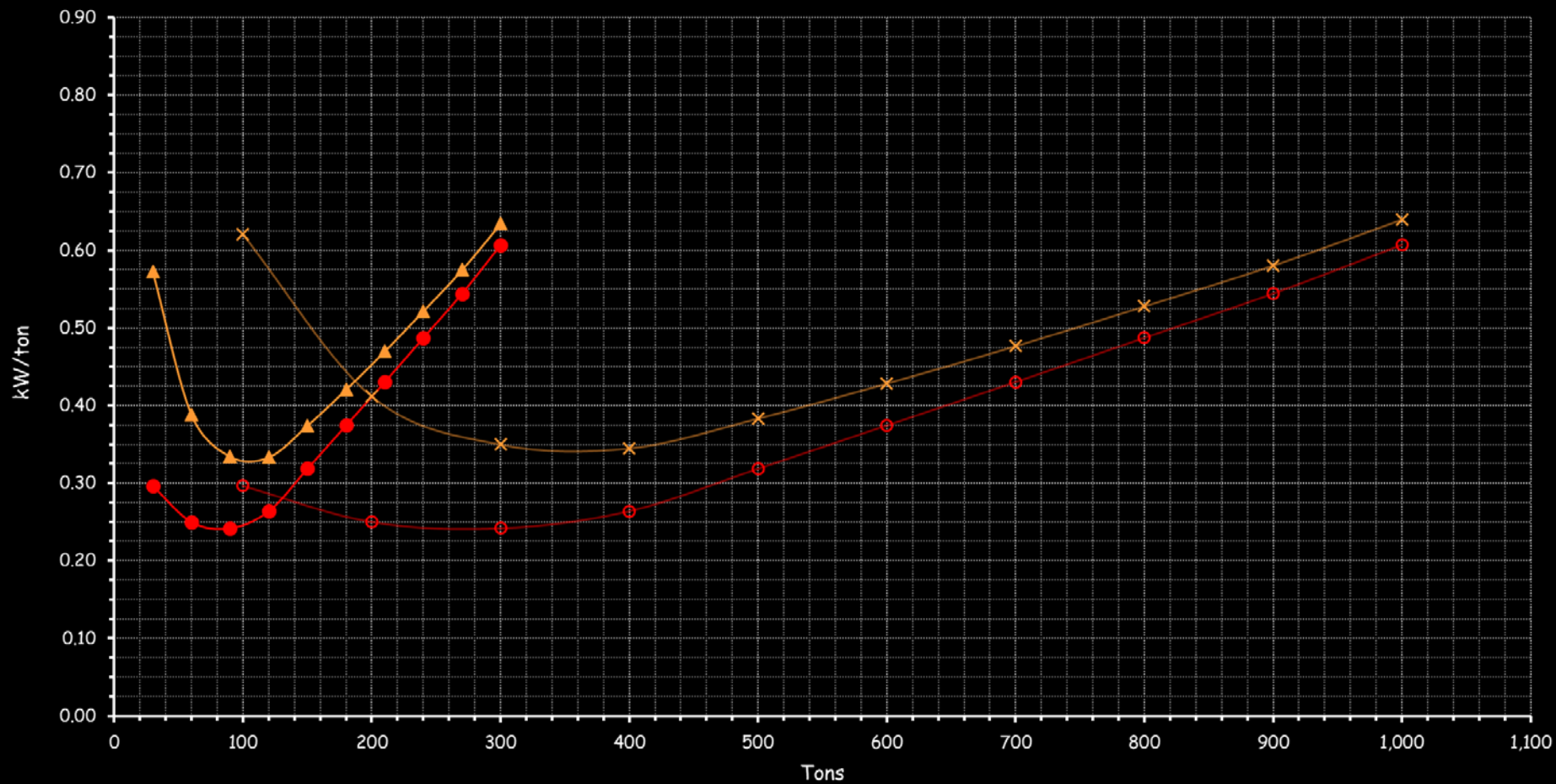
1. CAPACITIES BASED ON WATER.
2. REFER TO ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS FOR MOTOR STARTER AND DISCONNECT SWITCH.
3. PROVIDE WITH VIBRATION CUTOFF SWITCH.
4. PROVIDE WITH VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE AND FAN MOTORS.
5. PROVIDE WITH VORTEX ELIMINATOR AND BOTTOM PIPING CONNECTIONS.
6. PROVIDE STAINLESS STEEL PAN AND SUMP SWEEP PIPING/NOZZLES.
7. PROVIDE WITH REMOVABLE MOTOR LIFTING DAVIT PER 2-CELL TOWER, AND LIFTING DAVIT MOUNTING CHANNEL ON EACH TOWER CELL.



■ Annual Hours at Tonnages Based on a Regression from Measured Data

◆ Plant kW/ton from June 2017 CDs





● Chiller 1 Compressor kW/ton

Chiller 1 Running with All Chillers kW/ton with CW Pumps

▲ Chiller 1 Running Alone kW/ton with CW Pump

Chiller 1 Running with Chiller 2 or 3 kW/ton with CW Pumps

Chiller 2 Running with Chiller 3 kW/ton with CW Pumps

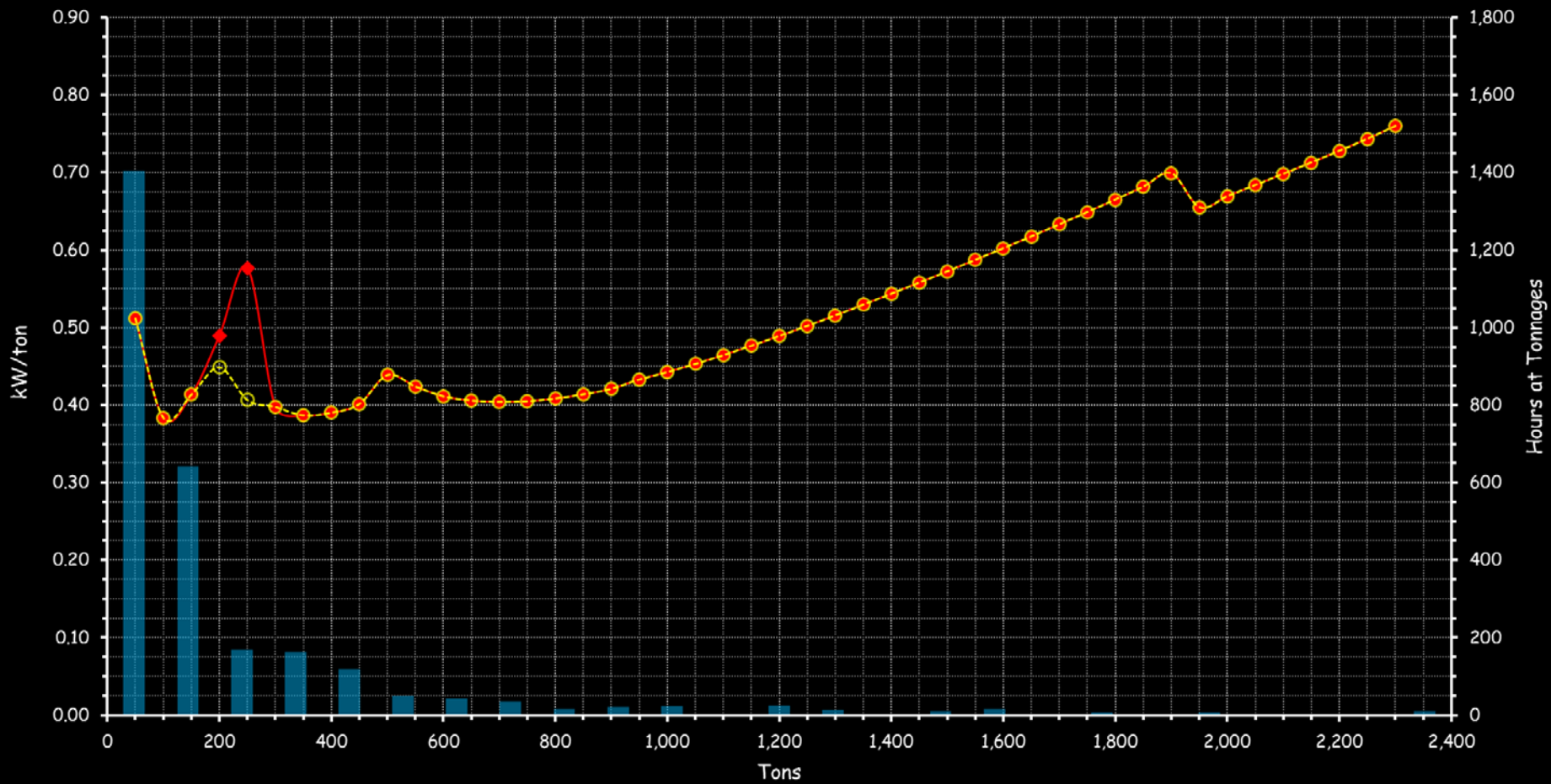
○ Chiller 2 or 3 Compressor kW/ton

Chiller 2 or 3 Running with All Chillers kW/ton with CW Pumps

× Chiller 2 or 3 Running Alone kW/ton with CW Pump

Chiller 2 or 3 Running with Chiller 1 kW/ton with CW Pumps



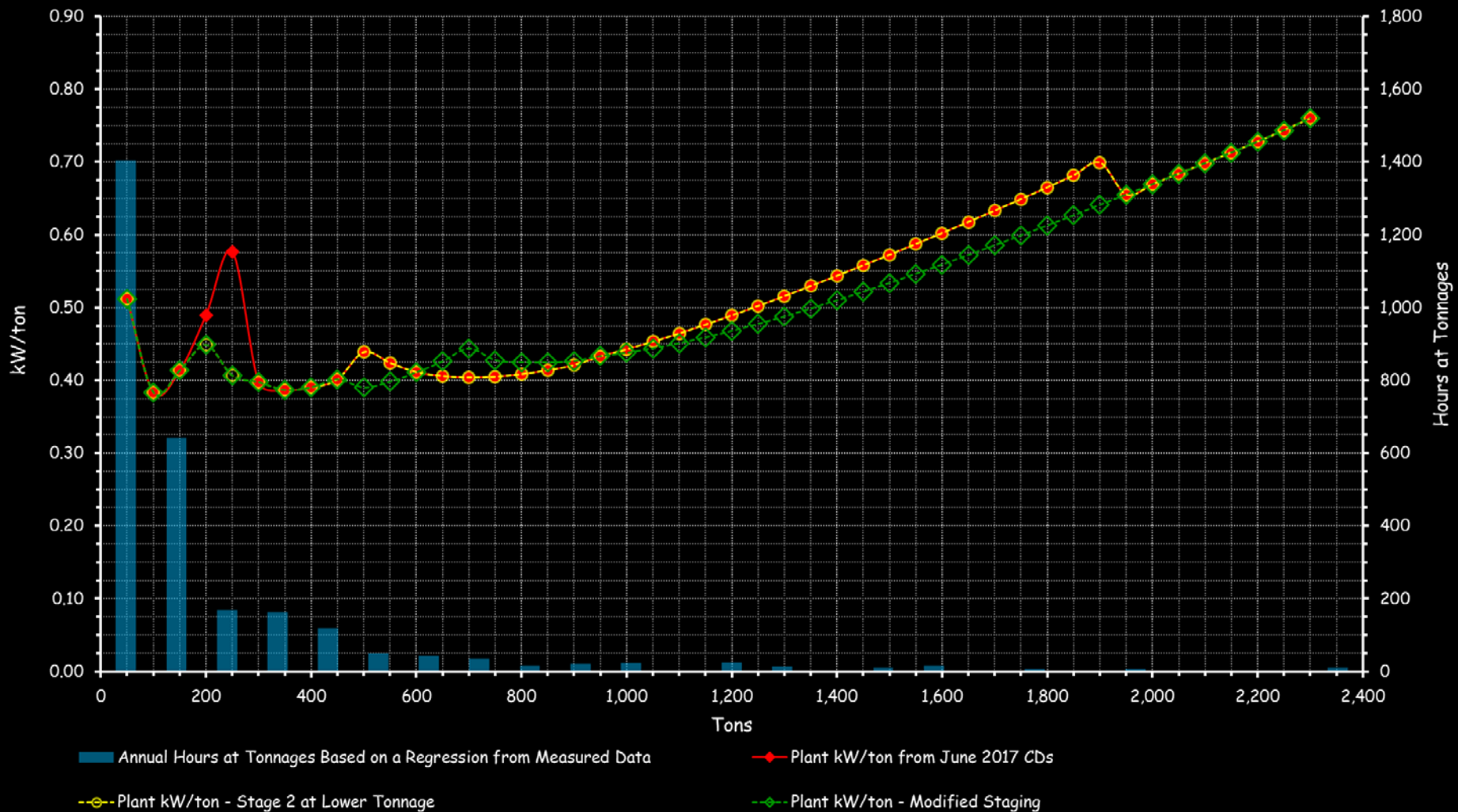


■ Annual Hours at Tonnages Based on a Regression from Measured Data

◆ Plant kW/ton from June 2017 CDs

○ Plant kW/ton - Stage 2 at Lower Tonnage





# Bottom line

Com·mis·sion

kə'miSHən/Submit

Verb; Gerund or present participle:  
Commissioning

1. A process during which buildings are mentoring us about design



# Operator training

The key to persistence of the  
benefits of commissioning



# Empower your team





# The bigger impacts of building commissioning

“We went to explore the Moon, and in fact discovered the Earth.”

Gene Cernan

Apollo 17 Commander





# Why this matters

*In a highway service station  
Over the month of June  
Was a photograph of the earth  
Taken coming back from the moon*

*And you couldn't see a city  
On that marbled bowling ball  
Or a forest or a highway  
Or me here least of all*

Joni Mitchell  
Refuge of the Roads

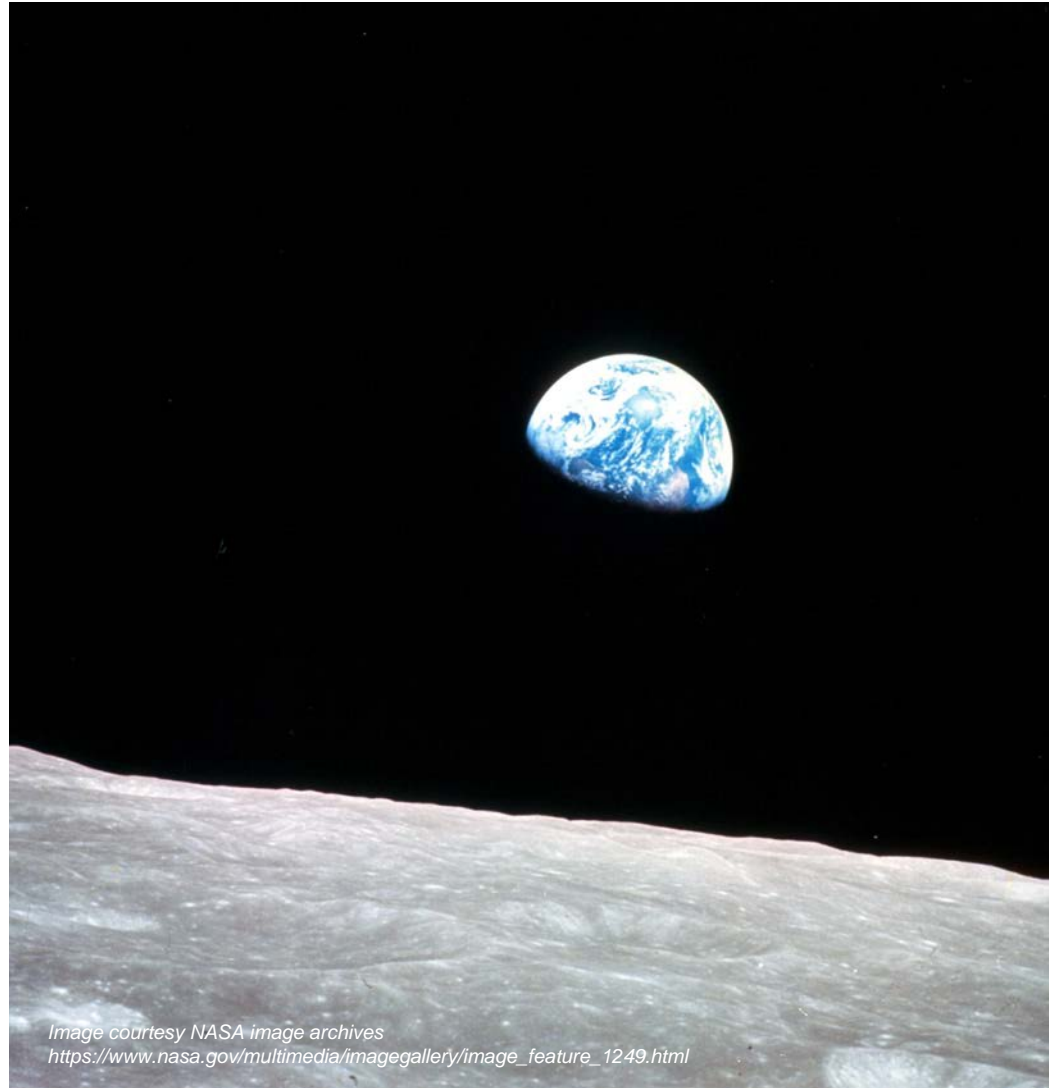


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[https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image\\_feature\\_1249.html](https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_1249.html)

**“Looking back at Earth from a great distance. I really believe that if the political leaders of the world could see their planet from a distance of 100,000 miles their outlook could be fundamentally changed.”**

**- Michael Collins; CM Pilot, Apollo 11**



**“The earth must  
become as it appears;  
blue and white, not  
envious or envied ...  
... Small, shiny, serene,  
blue and white,  
FRAGILE. .”**

**- Michael Collins; CM  
Pilot, Apollo 11**





**“We don’t inherit the  
world from our  
ancestors, we borrow it  
from our children.”**

**Unknown**

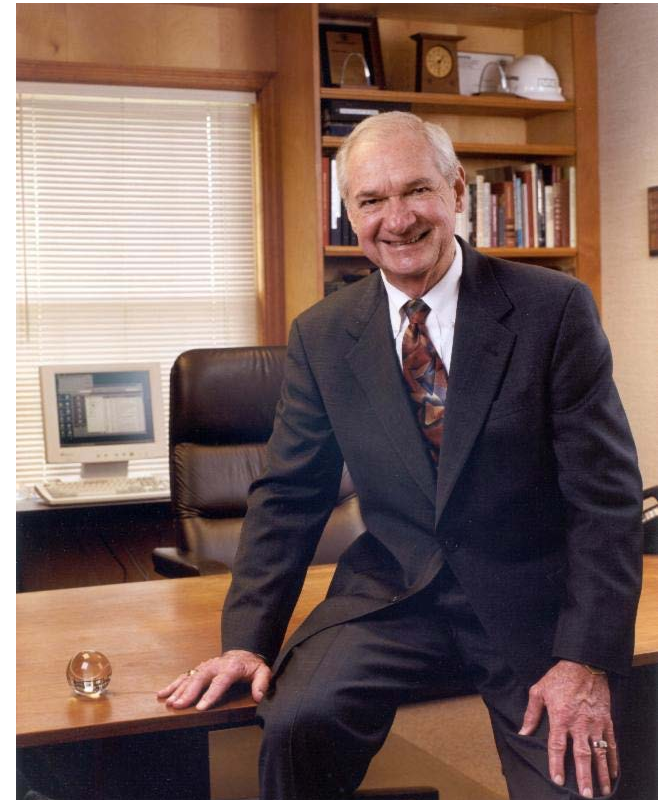




# Bill Coad's thoughts on the topic

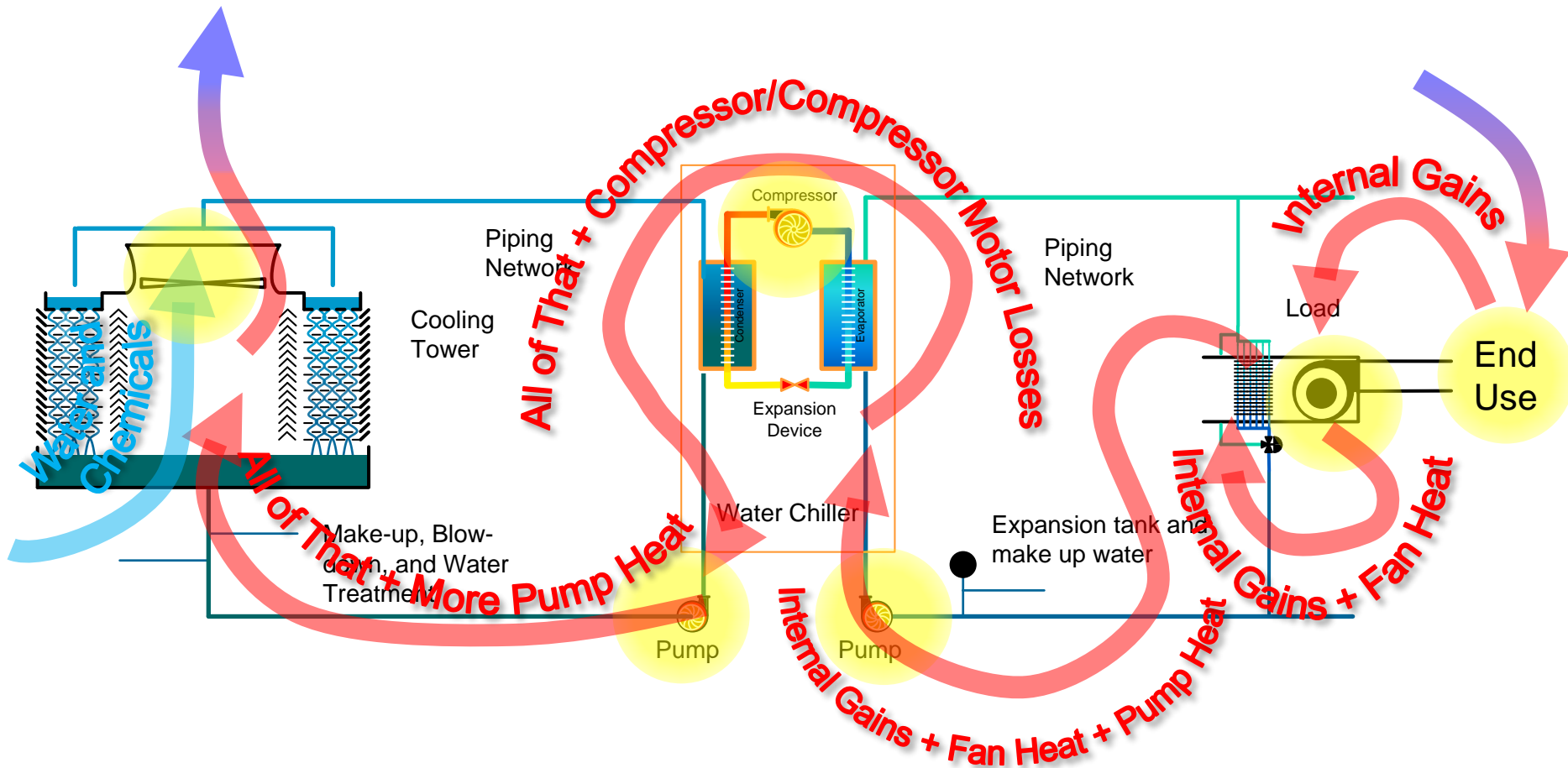
“... that is to practice our profession with an emphasis upon our responsibility to protect the long-range interests of the society we serve and, specifically, to incorporate the ethics of energy conservation and environmental preservation in everything we do.”

Energy Conservation is an Ethic  
ASHRAE Journal, vol. 42, no. 7, p. 16-21

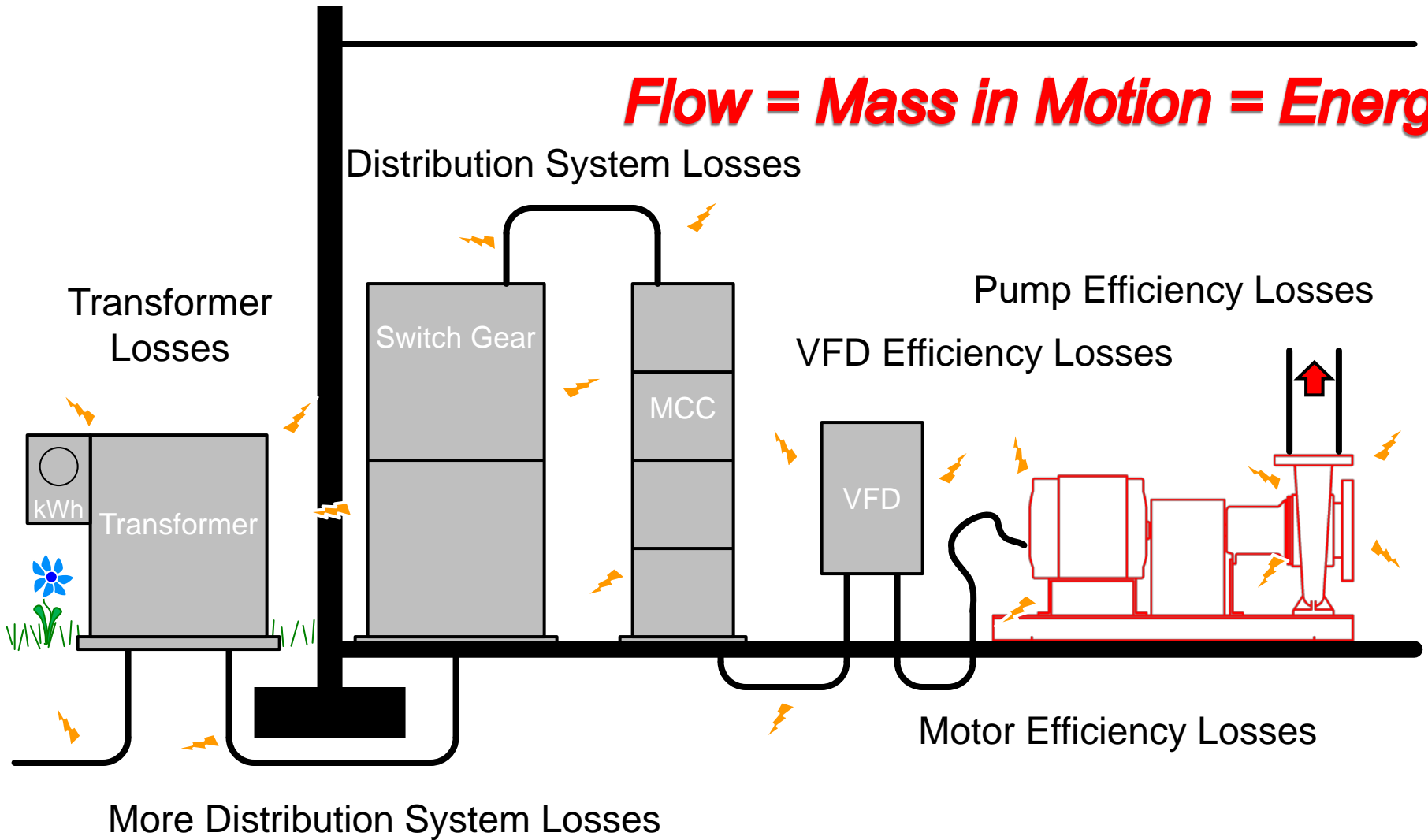


PDF available at <http://www.av8rdas.com/bill-coads-writings.html>

# Applying the commissioning tool set can have ripple effects



***Flow = Mass in Motion = Energy***



# Transmission losses are significant



There are currently 6-8% losses  
in these lines between the  
power plant and your meter

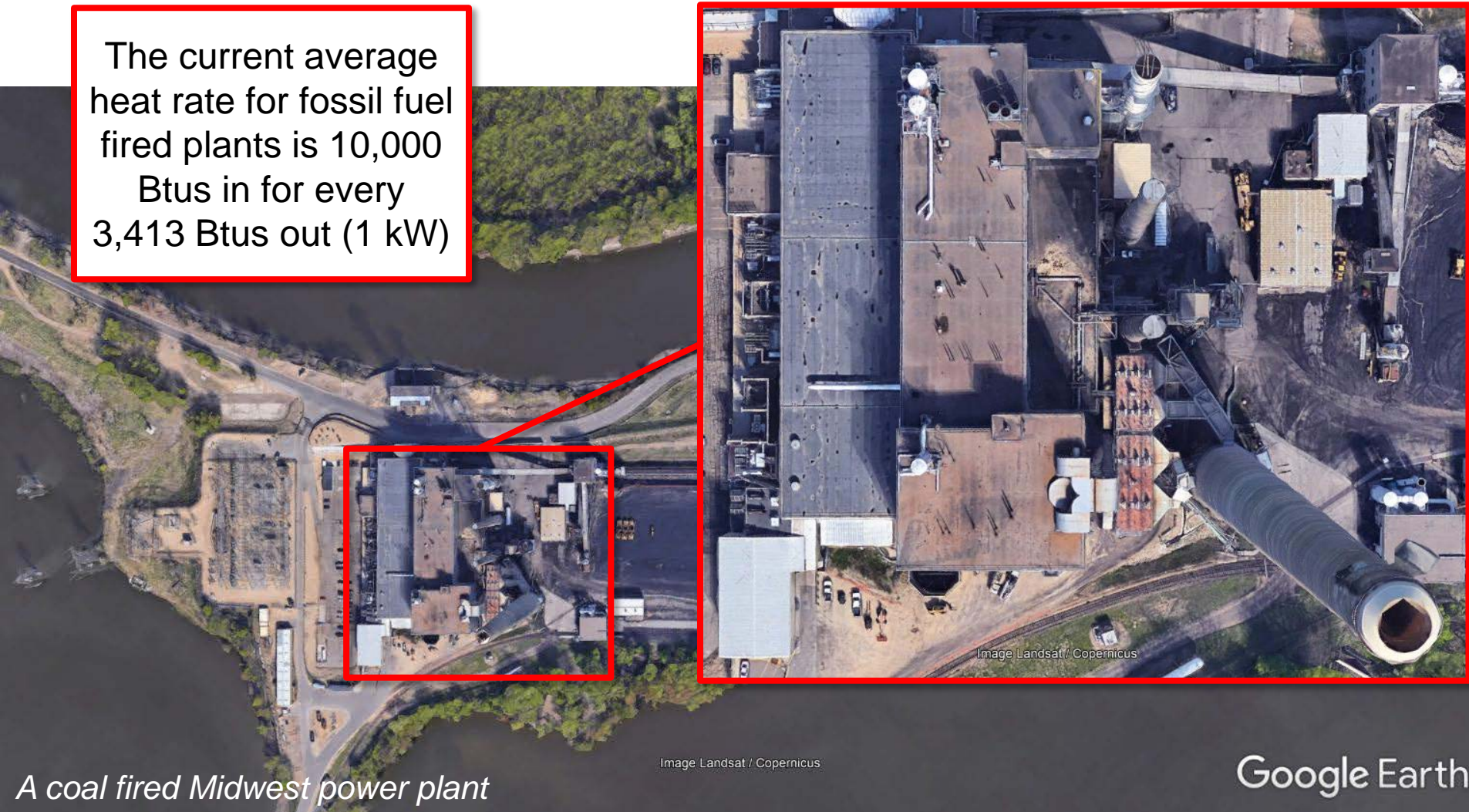
*A coal fired Midwest power plant*

Google Earth



# Conversion losses are significant

The current average heat rate for fossil fuel fired plants is 10,000 Btus in for every 3,413 Btus out (1 kW)



*A coal fired Midwest power plant*

Google Earth



# Physical principles will prevail

Conservation of mass and energy says that all of the mass in this pile of coal other than the fly ash will end up in the atmosphere



*A coal fired Midwest power plant*

Image Landsat / Copernicus

Google Earth

# Bottom line

Generating power consumes finite resources and impacts the environment



# Reducing atmospheric impacts

*We expect our energy mix to be 70% carbon free by 2040 based on current commitments and mandates, and we're working to deliver the right resources and technologies to make that happen.*

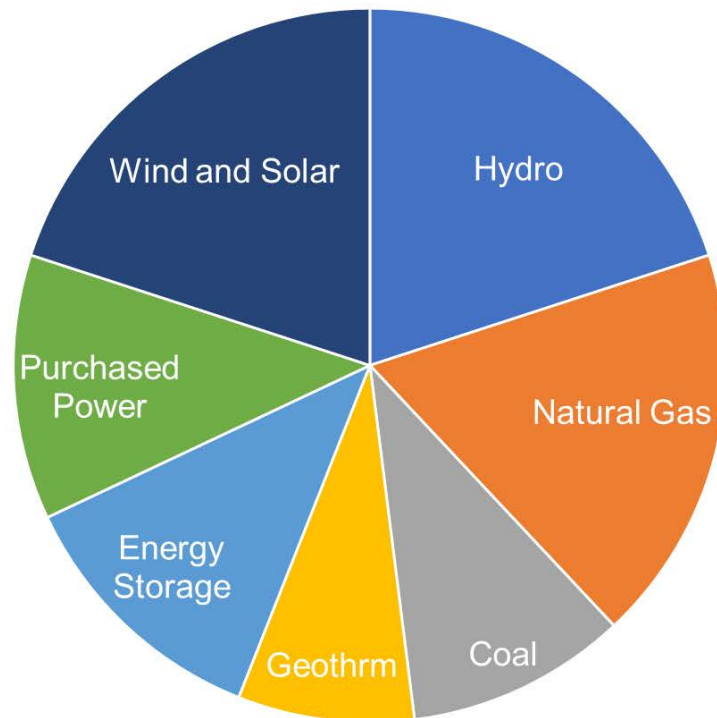
*Energy Strategy; [www.portlandgeneral.com](http://www.portlandgeneral.com)*



# Reducing atmospheric impacts

Moving away from carbon fuels is a common, long term goal for many utilities

XYZ Power Company Generating Mix

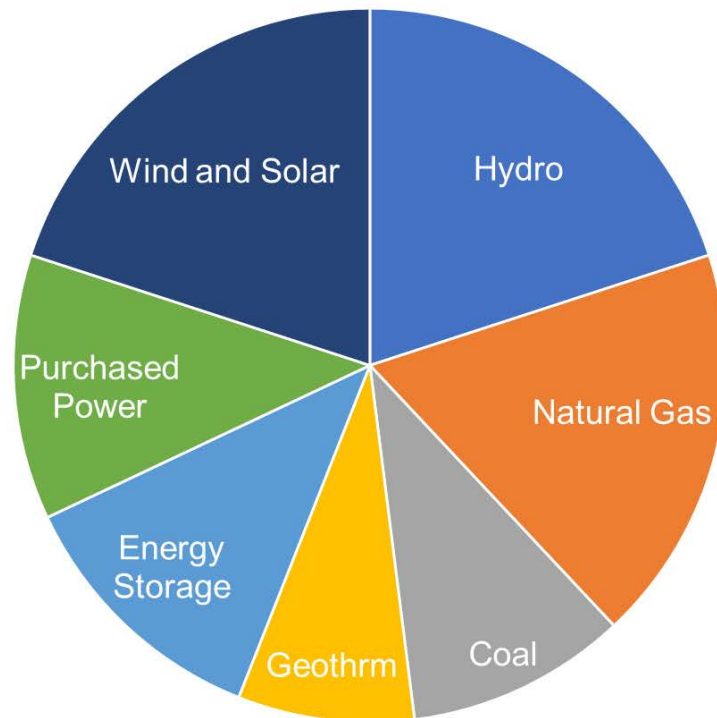


# Reducing atmospheric impacts

The commissioning tool set can have an immediate impact by reducing the need for energy in the first place

*It's a win-win situation*

XYZ Power Company Generating Mix

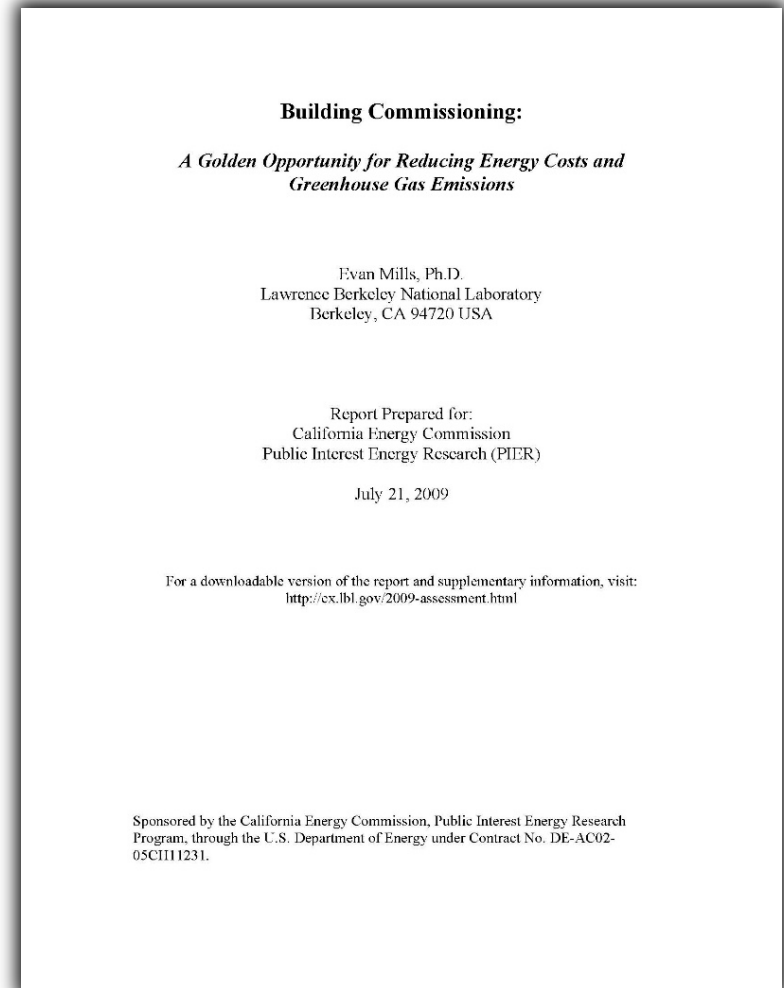




# Start to have your own impact

Survey your building inventory for big energy users.

- Read LBNLs report on the costs and benefits of commissioning at <http://cx.lbl.gov/cost-benefit.html>
- LBNL metrics indicate that the median savings from an EBCx process will be in the range of 16% of the annual energy cost



# Try it out on your facility

Apply the commissioning tool set:

- Save resources
- Save dollars
- Treat the planet better



# Learn more in the fall

- Attend Portland General Electric's Building Operation & Maintenance class on September 12, 2018 to learn more about how to do this and the benefits



# Key takeaways

- Commissioning is a technical process and the people executing it need strong technical skills
- Commissioning is not a one time event; rather, it's a holistic, integrated way of operating a facility through its entire life cycle
- There is a lot going on behind the scenes in a modern building
- The commissioning toolset helps us understand what is going on, eliminate waste, and optimize performance
- Facility operators play a crucial role in the process and should be treated that way
- Commissioning's benefits reach beyond the site boundary

# Commissioning is fun!







## Questions?

**Thank you for participating!**

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