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Monitoraggio dei consumi, come verificare le performance progettuali

Risultati dei progetti di ricerca IEA-ECBCS Annex 48 e IEE-SAVE
project, HarmonAC.

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Introduction

- The IEA-ECBCS Annex 48 “Heat pumping and reversible air conditioning” project has examined the potential for heat pump system application in tertiary buildings: 5 italian case studies
<http://www.ecbcs.org/annexes/annex48.htm>
- The HarmonAC project was focused on HVAC system inspection, electric consumption data was taken: 20 italian case studies
<http://www.harmonac.info/>



Knowledge of HVAC system manager

The “automatic” settings represents often a problem:

- Chillers on during all the year (typical of all air system)
- Sequential heating and cooling (middle season)
- Human decisions is need to get the best performance, BMS helps, but it is not self sufficient.

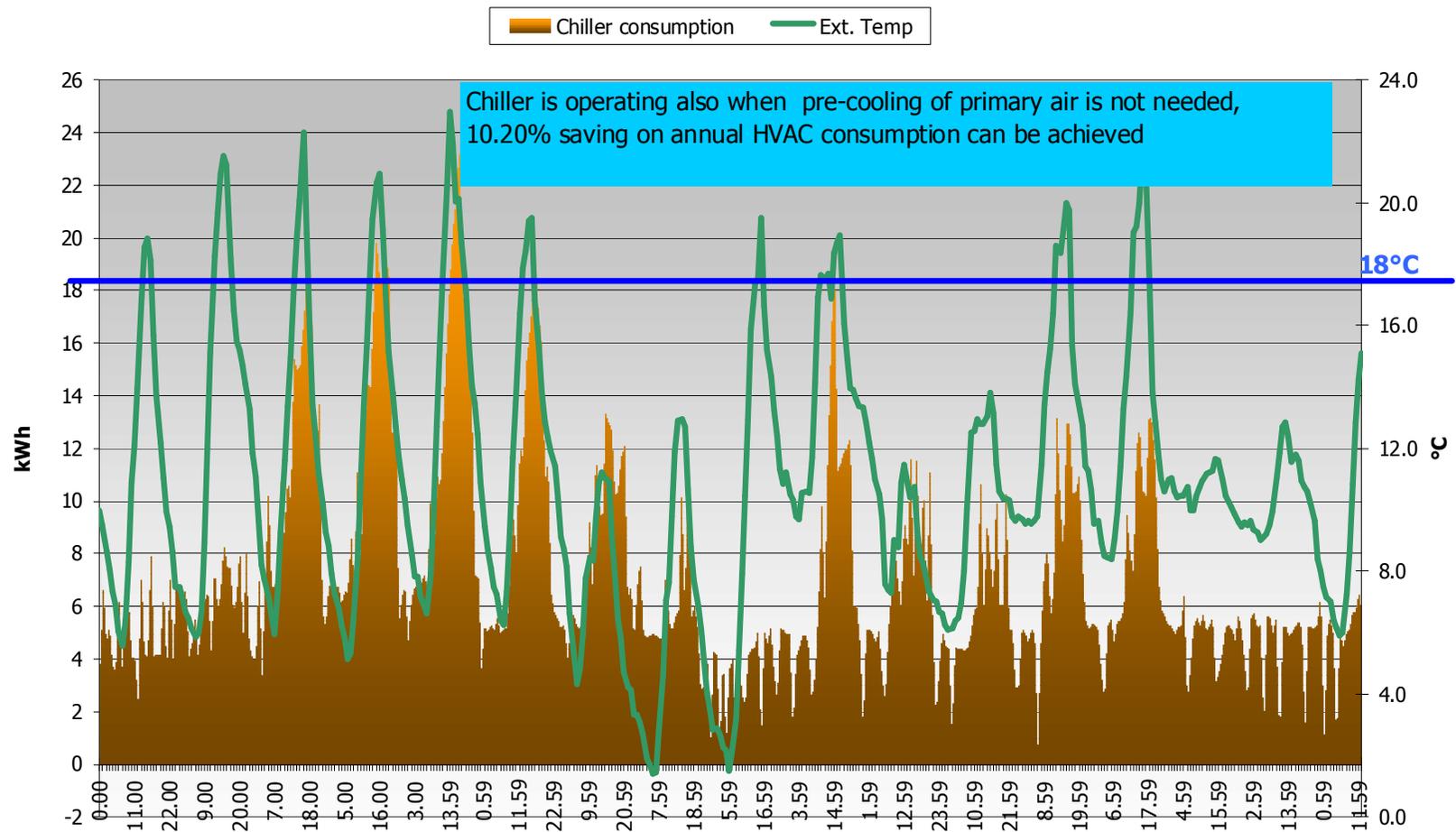


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Example of “automatic settings”:

POLITO FT-1 Chiller hourly consumption VS Temperature (14-30 March 2009)





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Instrumentation characteristics

Instrument	Typical values logged	Acquisition time	Memory	Cost (€)
Electrical power meter	kW, kWh, VAh, PF	15 minute	1 year	300-1000
T/RH logger (stand-alone)	°C, RH (%)	1 hour	6 months	120-250
Status logger (ON/OFF)	On/Off status	1 second	8000 COV(*)	100

(*) COV = Change of value

T/RH logger



Electrical power meter

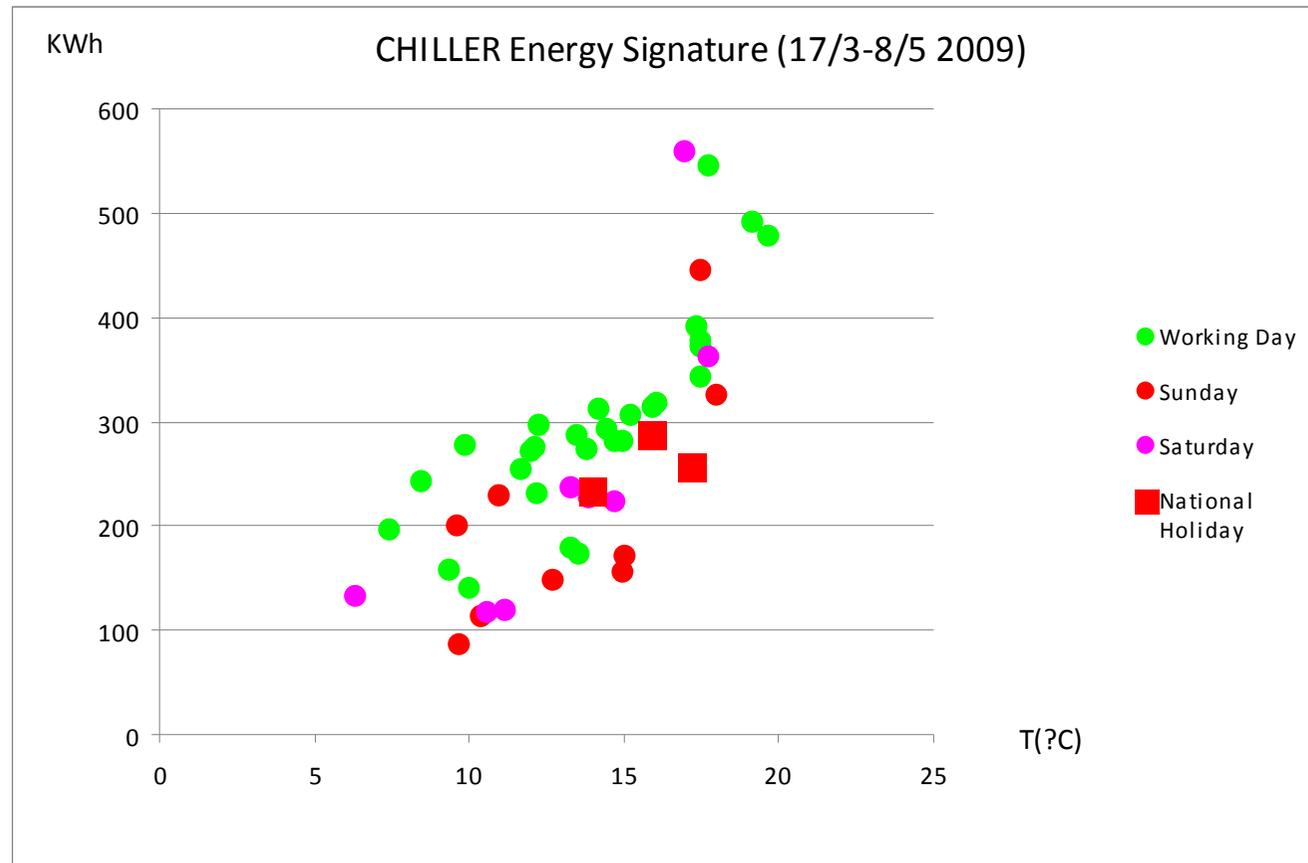




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Data analysis

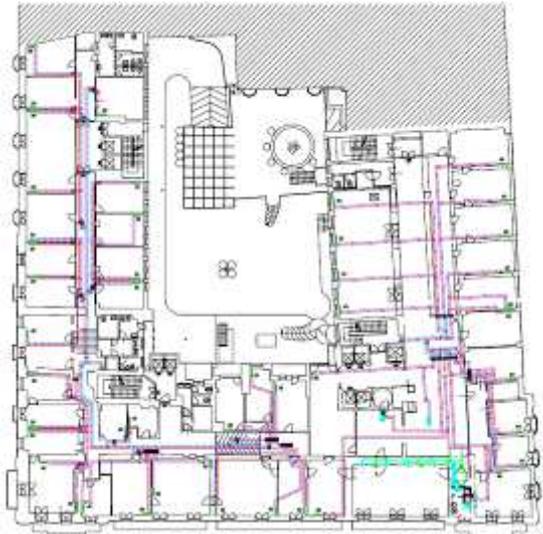




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Air-to-Air (VRF heat pump system)



VRF system specific electric consumption (kWh/m²)

Season	Annual	Heating Oct-Apr	Cooling May-Sep
2005 - 2006	65	47	18
2006 - 2007	48	35	13
2007 - 2008	49	37	12

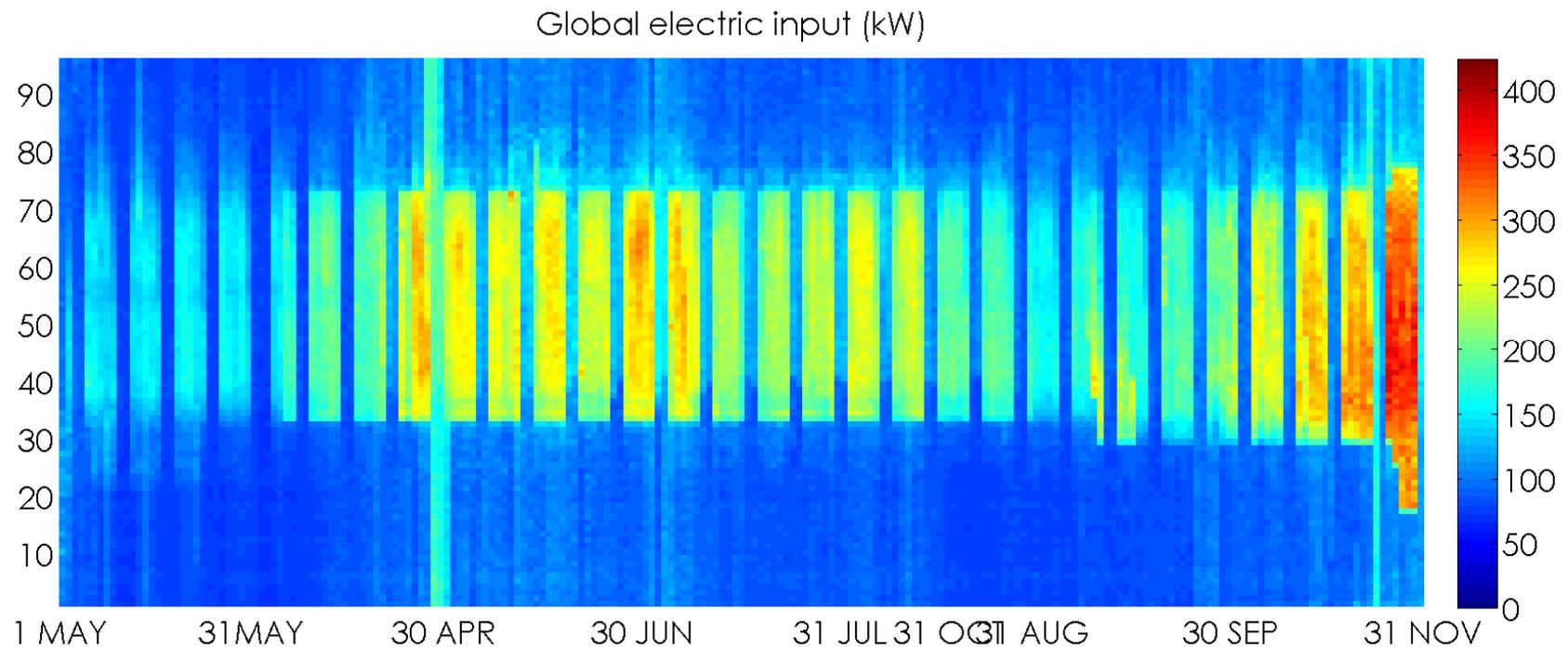


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Carpet plot of electric consumption (global income):

- HVAC schedule set correctly
- Some problem on late afternoon: some system remains ON



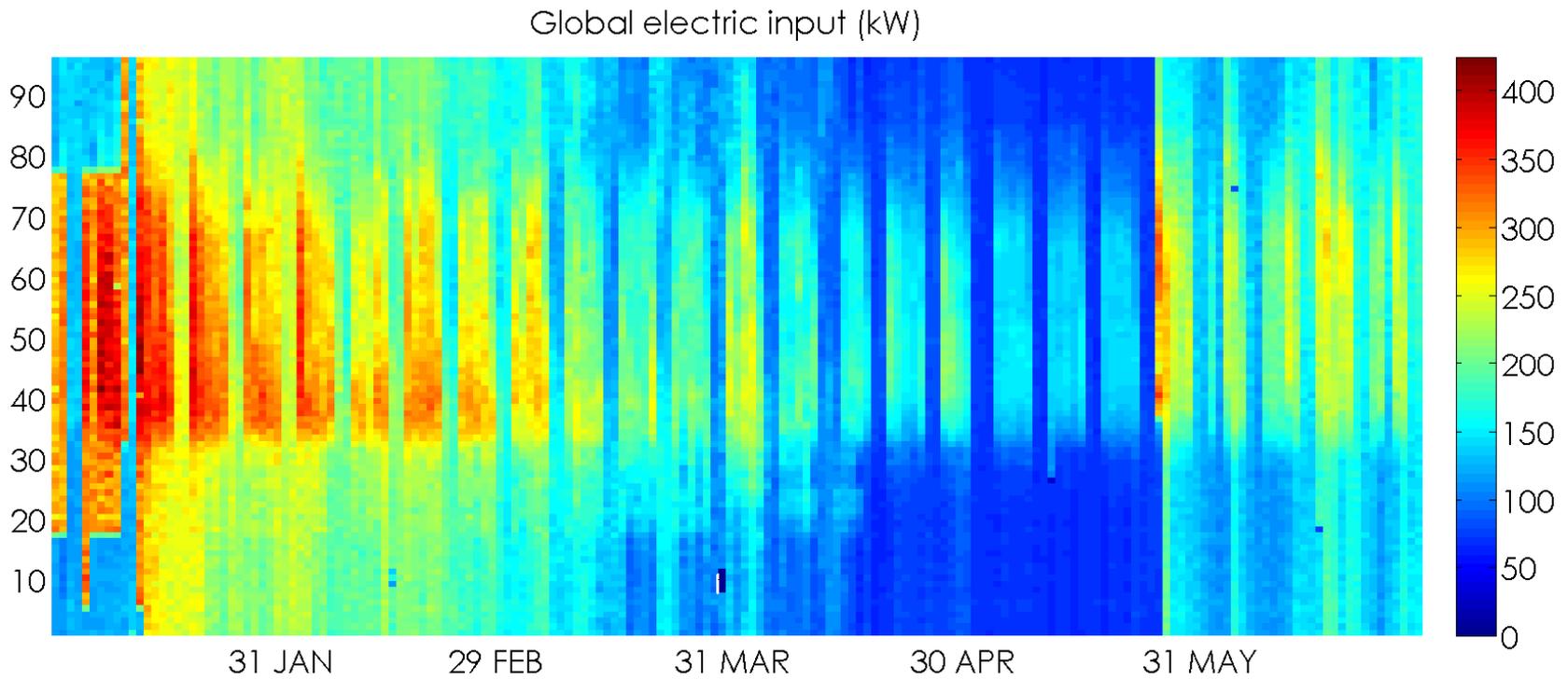


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Carpet plot of electric consumption (global income):

•HVAC control system lost schedule settings: 24h/day 7days/week

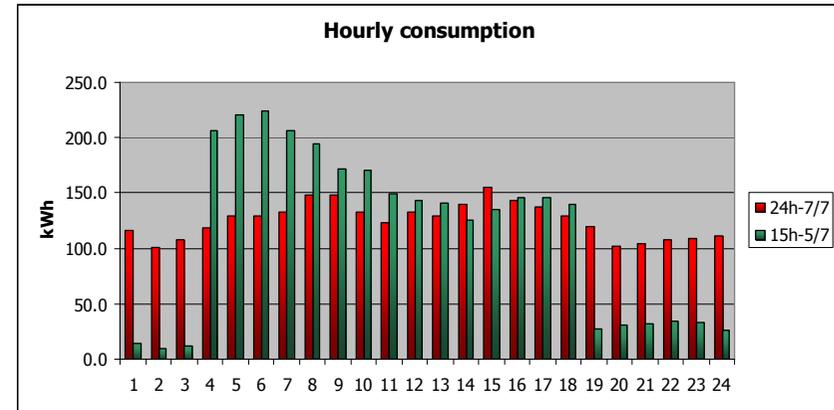
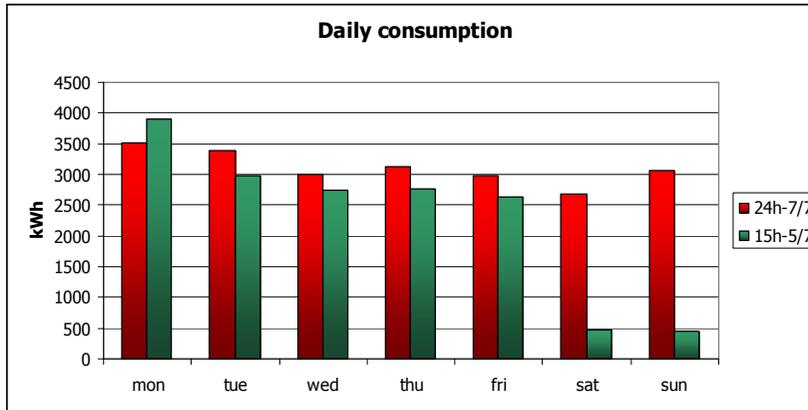




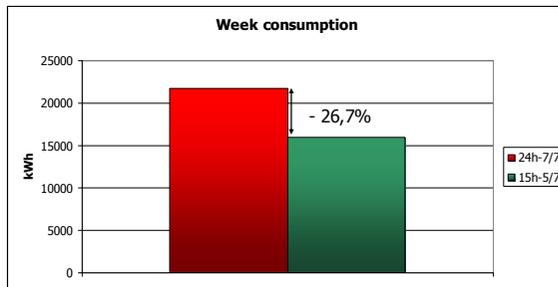
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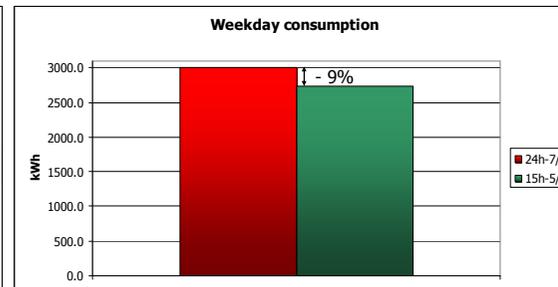
Daily and hourly electric energy demand of VRF system with different schedules



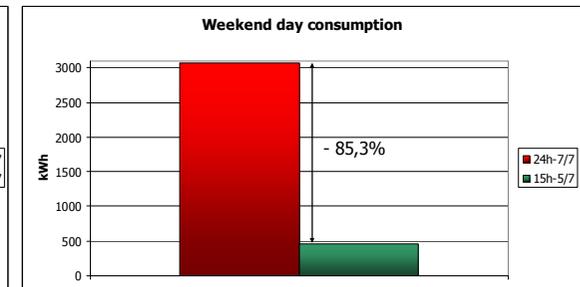
Energy saving achieved with modified operation scheduling



Weekly saving -26.7%



Workday saving -9%



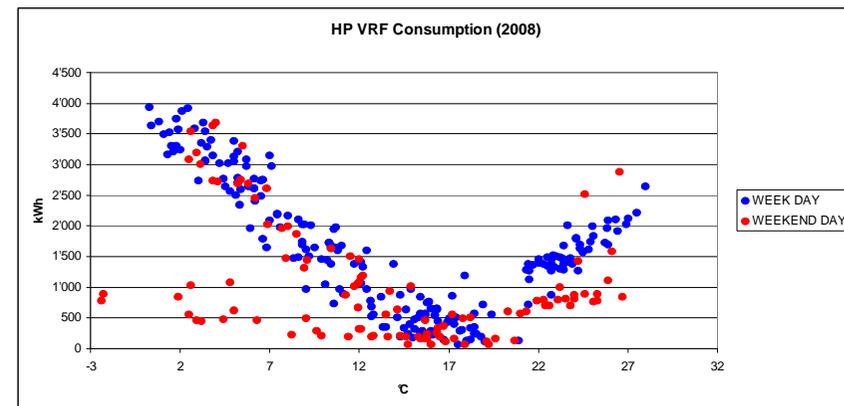
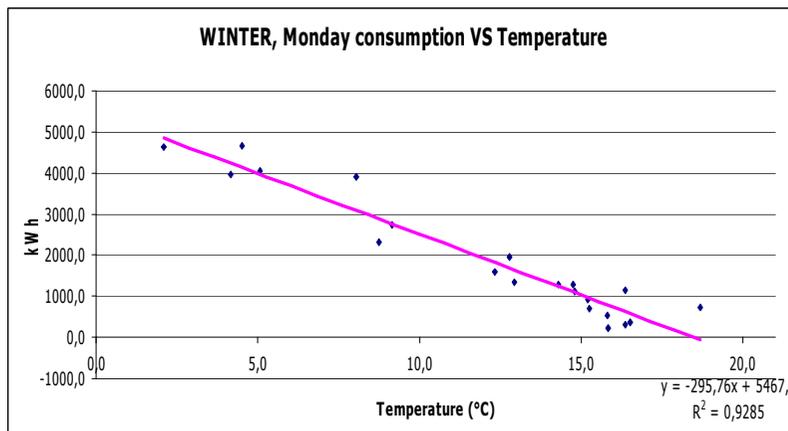
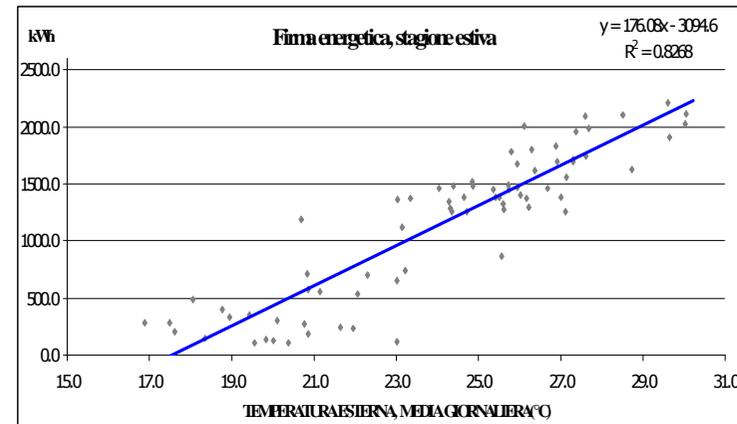
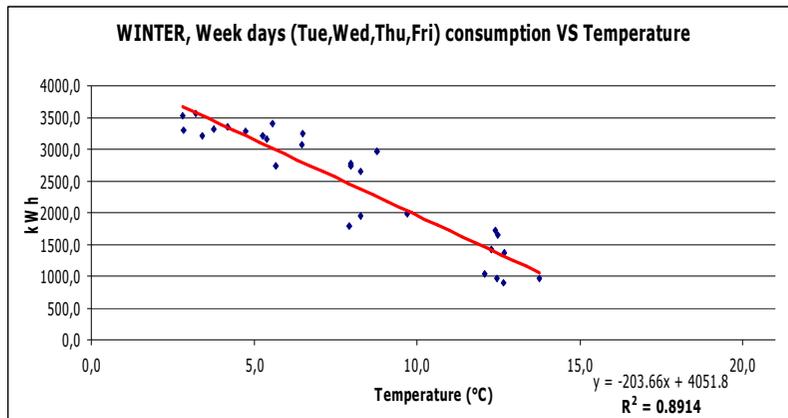
Weekend saving -85.3%



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Energy signatures of electric consumption (VRF external units)

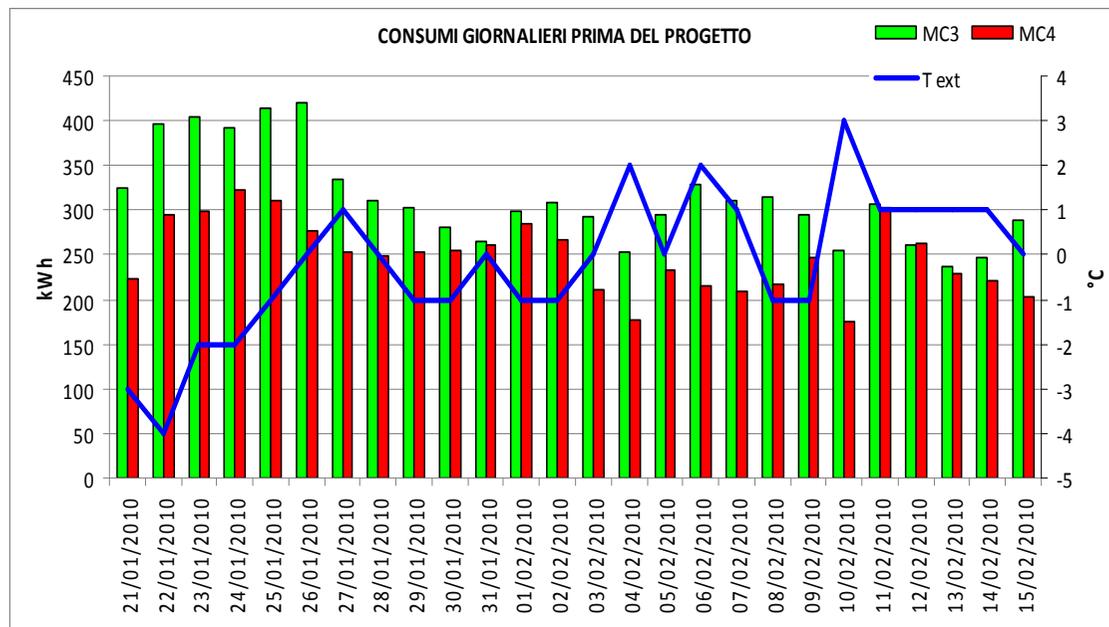




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Consumption Data before the control improvement



- MC3 nord side 
- MC4 sud side 

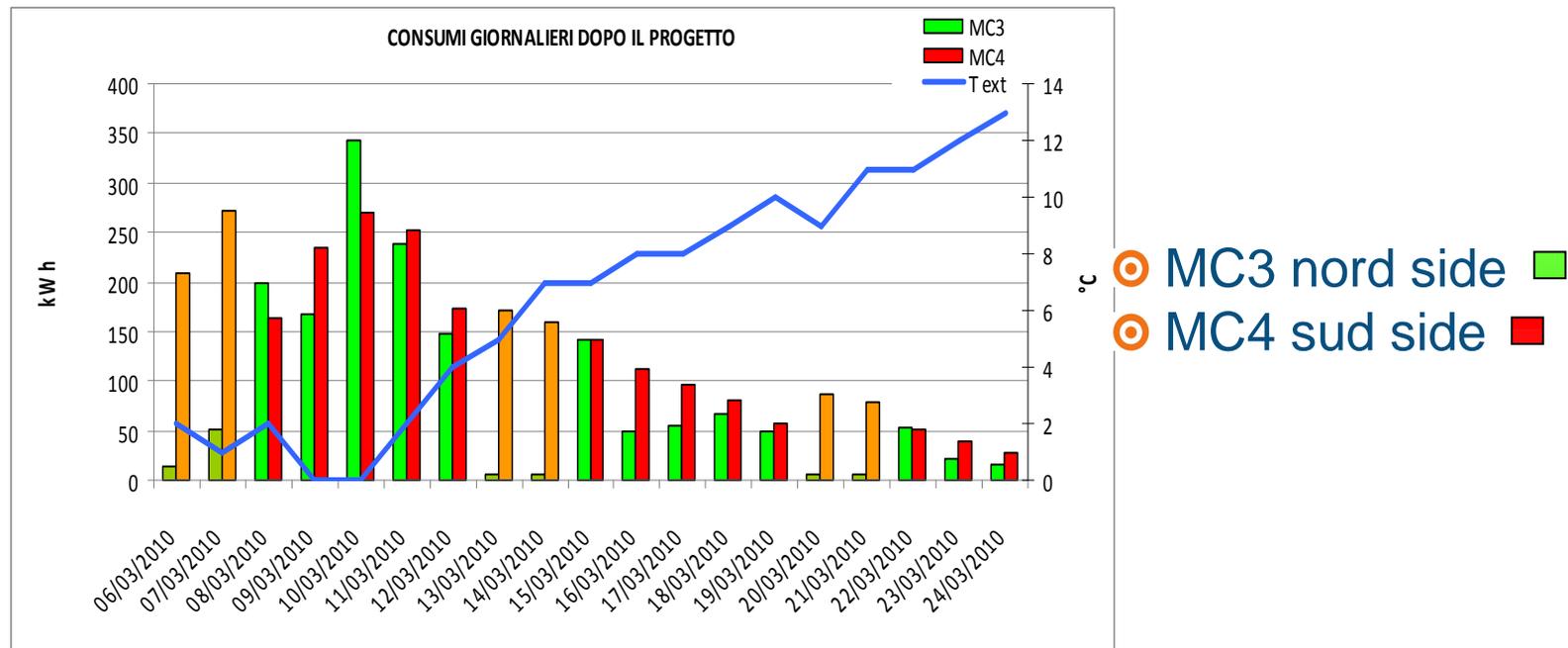
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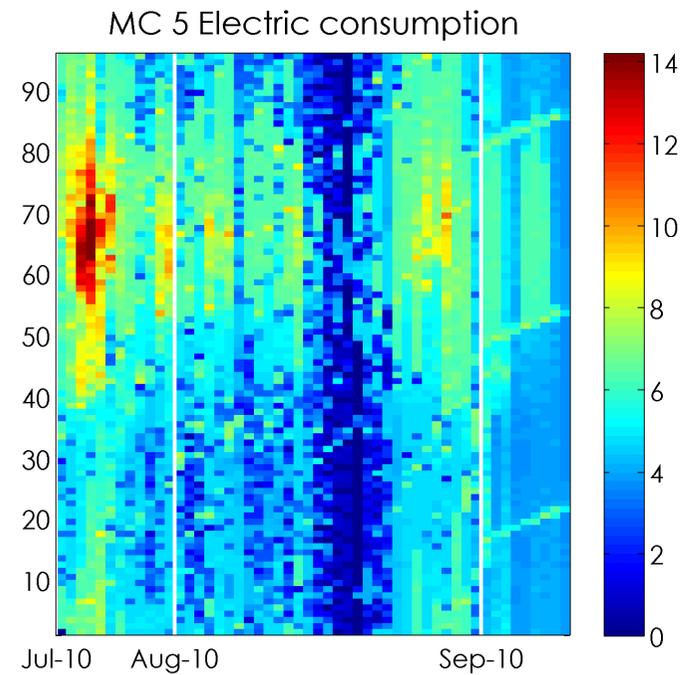
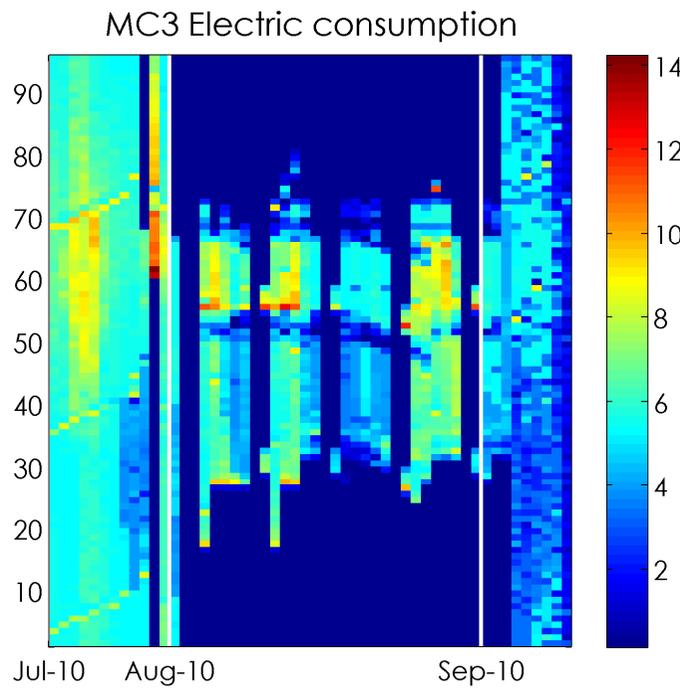
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Consumption difference

- Work days: - 20%
- Week end: - 83%

Overall savings: 30%





System Commissioning

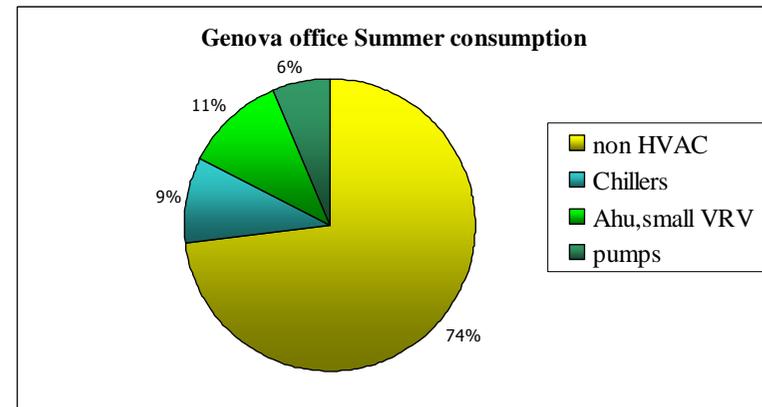
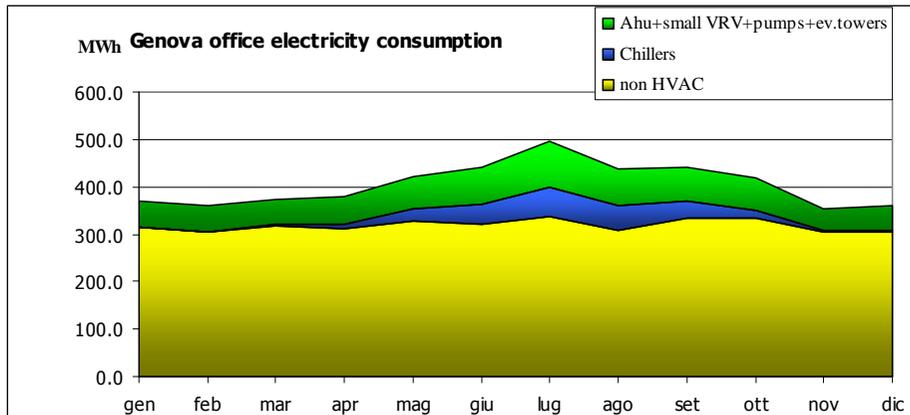
- Contractual specification of the commissioning procedure (responsibilities of the various subjects, required documents, technical aspects)
- *Initial commissioning* (starting from system delivery)
- *On-going commissioning* → monitoring (guaranteed performance in time)



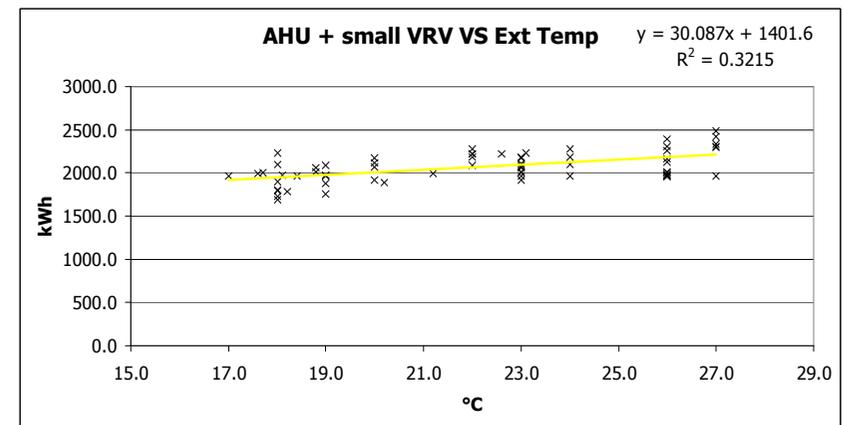
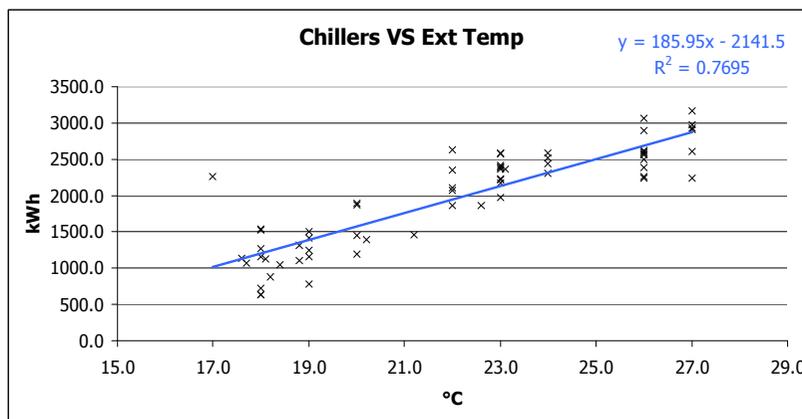
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Electrical uses breakdown based on annual monitoring



Energy signatures: electric consumption vs. outdoor temperature

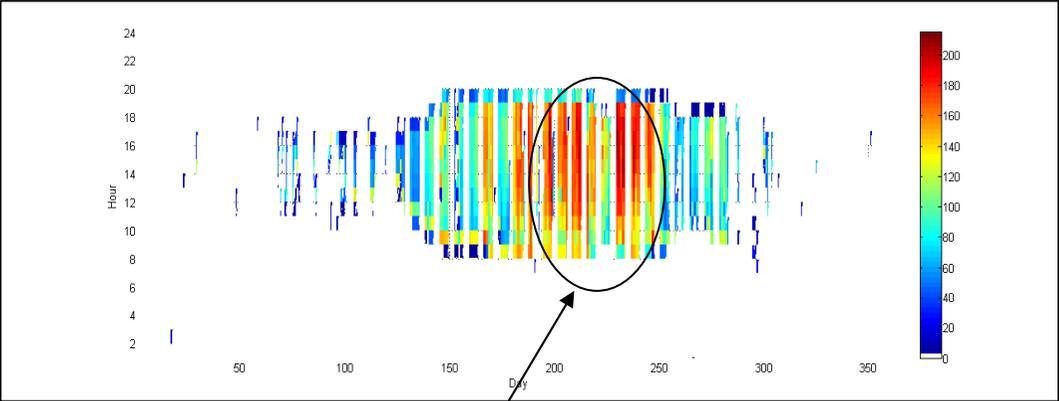




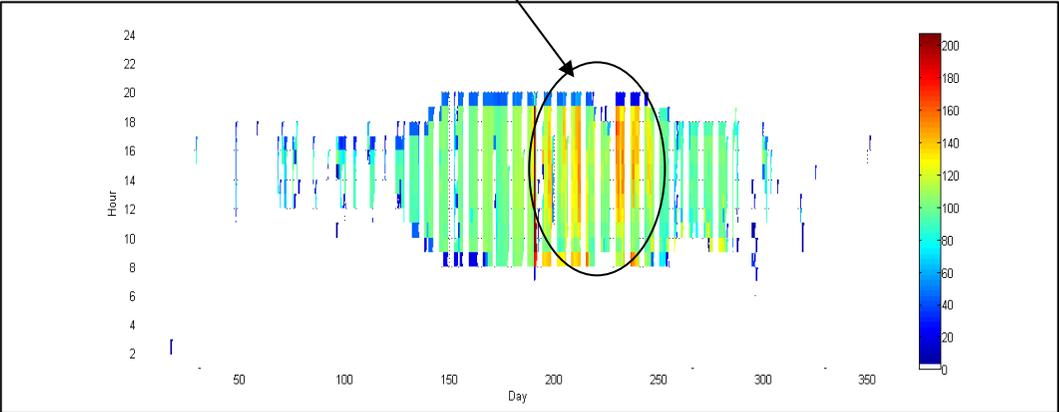
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Carpet plots of electric consumption of two water-condensed chillers



Different power of the two units under high load conditions

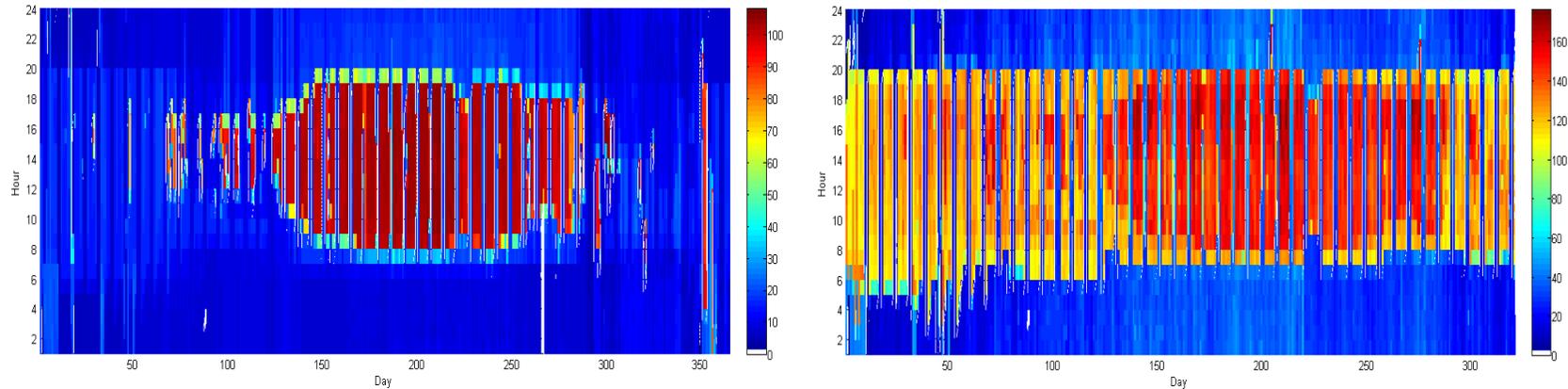




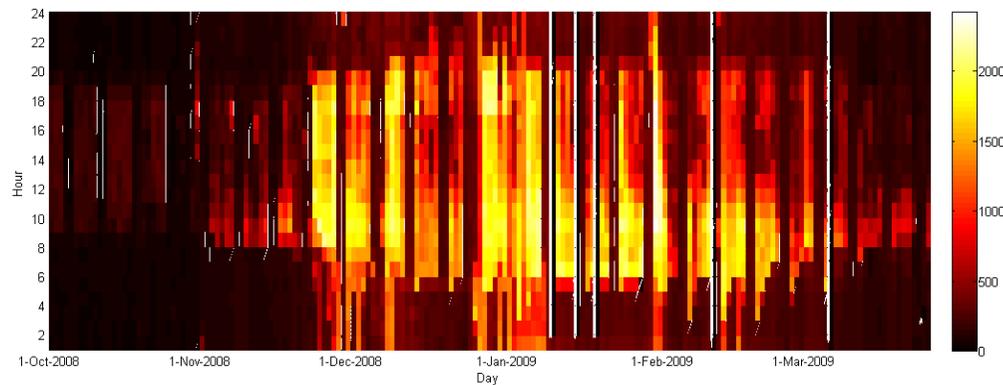
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Carpet plots of electric consumption of pumps (left) and AHUs (right)



Carpet plot of thermal energy at secondary side of district heating HX





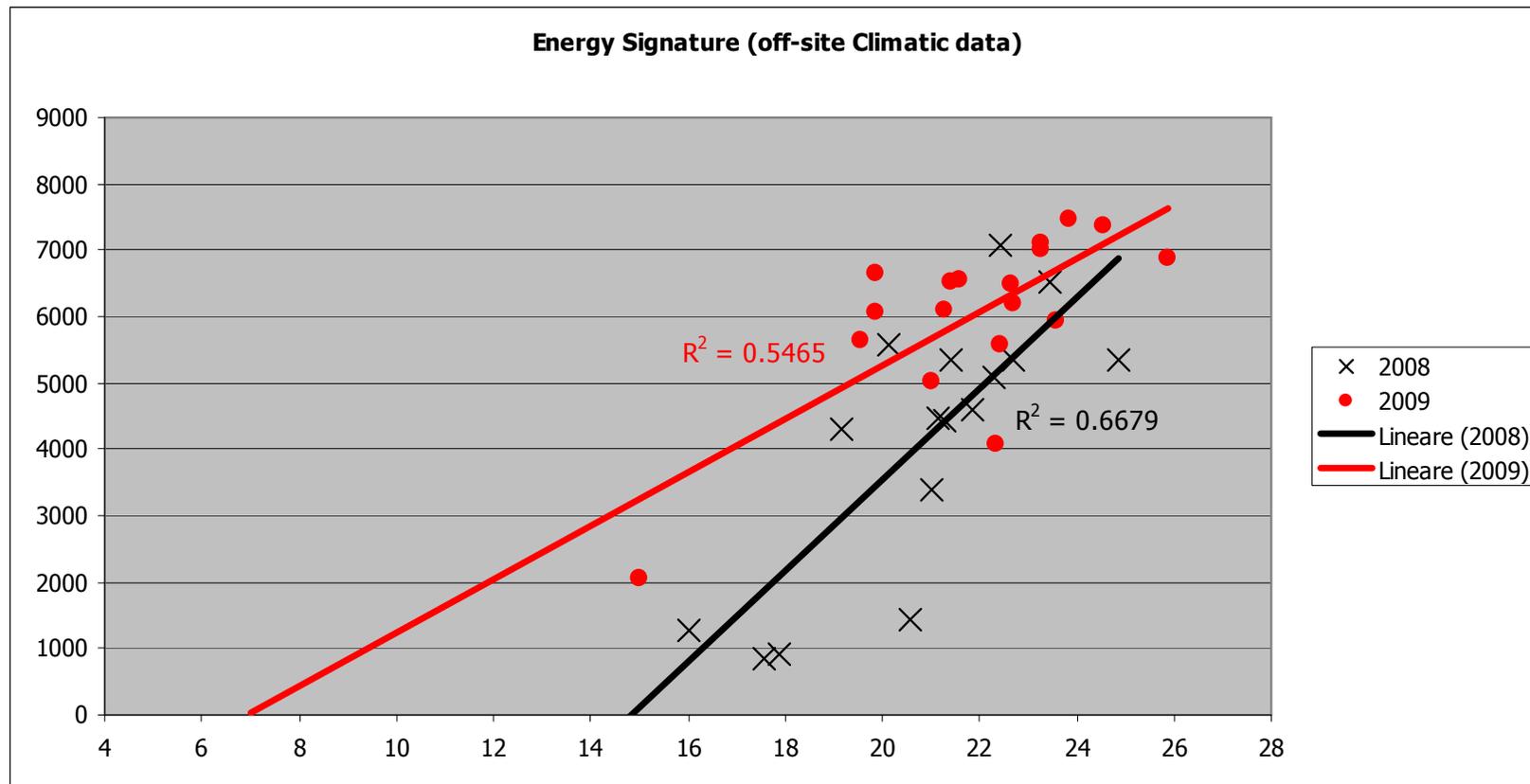
Conclusions

- Sophisticated systems require an accurate initial start-up and a qualified operation and maintenance
- Commissioning procedures (initial and on-going) are essential in order to achieve the expected results
- Monitored data should be stored and processed in a suitable way
- 20% energy savings in electric consumption may be easily achieved with current technologies: this would yield a 1% reduction in the European electric demand



Conclusions

- Energy savings are definitely hard to simulate...





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