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for HVAC in schools?”**

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## WHAT'S NEW AT WCEC

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### Xeros Laundry System

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# Welcome

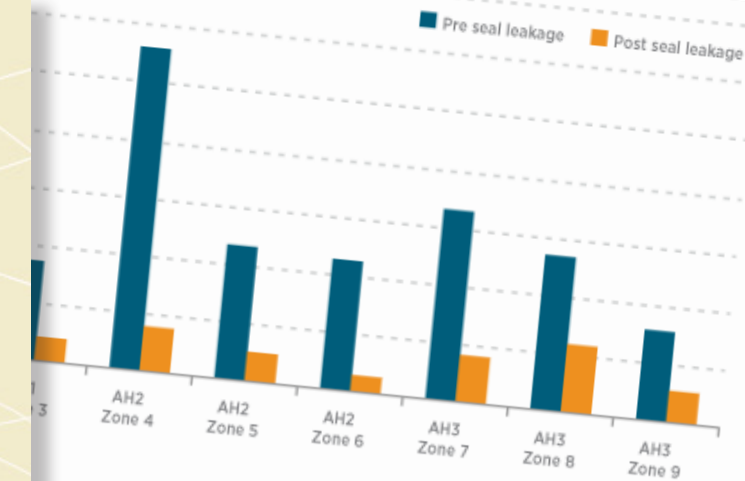
To the Western Cooling Connection Update Newsletter! This issue's featured article highlights WCEC's field testing of a new laundry machine technology that has significant potential to reduce energy in water heating and water-use. Also in this issue are brief updates on some of WCEC's main research including the Western Cooling Challenge, the Technology Demonstrations Program and Aerosol Sealing of Building Envelopes.

### Small Grime Fighting Beads Clean Laundry without Hot Water



When you want your laundry seriously clean, what do you do?

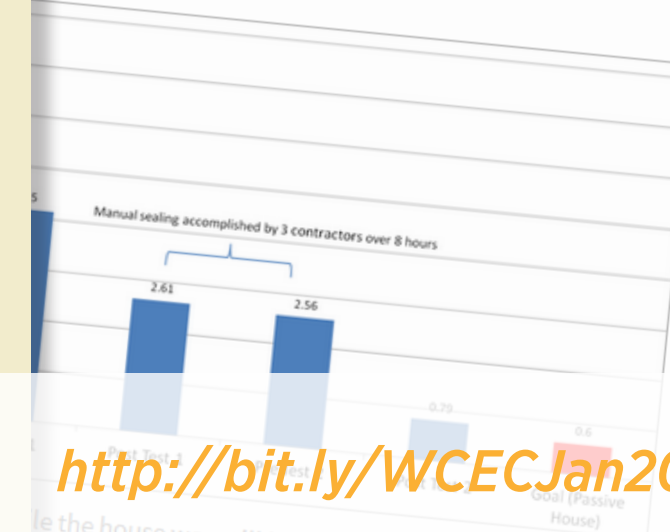
For the most part, we crank up the heat on the water to sterilize and remove grime from the most soiled laundry. This is also true for most commercial laundry systems as well, expending a significant amount of energy to heat up water to



at UC Davis pre- and post Aerosol application.

**Developes Update**

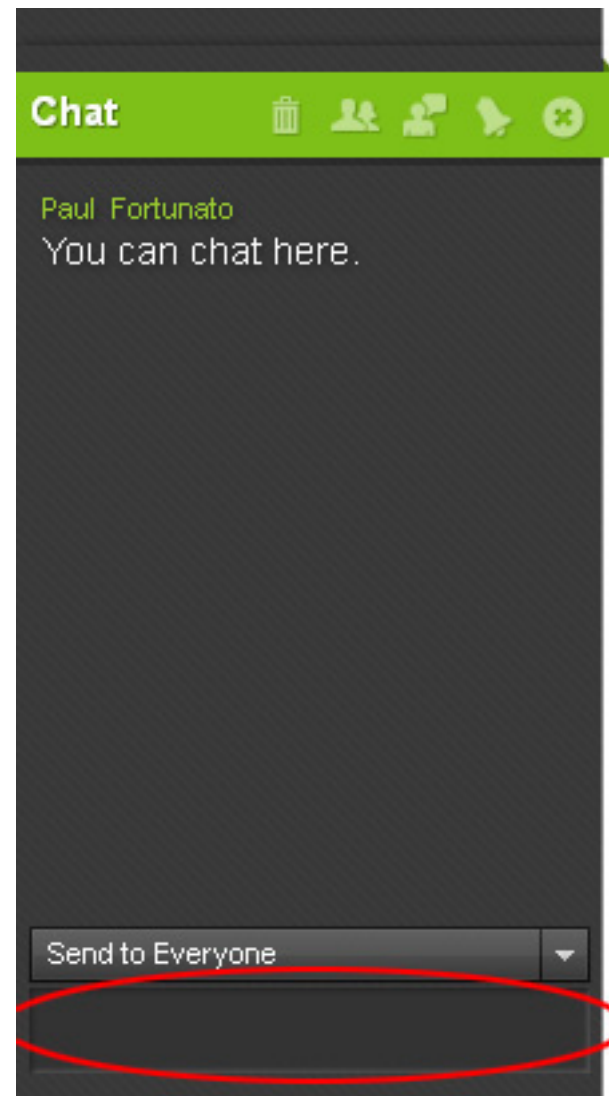
gle-family home yet with aerosolized adhesives. The Honda Smart Davis, is a two story home approximately 2,000 square feet in size. rates of the home in a couple of different stages (ACH50 = Air ure):



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le the house was still in the building phase just prior to  
ows the leakage rate after our first assessment.

# COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?



1. Write your question in the comment box during the session or after the presentation.



## UPCOMING WEBINAR IN FEBRUARY



**“Improving the Usability of  
Thermostats ... from the  
Wall to the Cloud.”**

Speaker: Alan Meier, LBNL



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# PROP 39: BASIC OVERVIEW OF THE CEC GUIDELINES DOCUMENT



- Funding for 5 years, **\$550 million dollars annually**
- **\$381 million** per year to local education agencies (LEA): K-12 schools including Charters and public, but not private
- **\$47 million** per year to California Community Colleges
- **\$28 million** per year for low-interest or no-interest revolving loans and technical assistance to the CEC
- Funding can only be used for **EXISTING Construction**



# PROP 39: AWARD ALLOCATION & ENERGY PLANNING FUNDS RESERVATION



## *AWARD ALLOCATION*

- **85%** funding based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA)
- **15%** funding based on number of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals

## *ELIGIBLE ENERGY PLANNING FUNDS ACTIVITIES*

- 1 Energy audits and energy surveys or assessments
- 2 Prop 39 program assistance
- 3 Hiring or retaining an energy manager
- 4 Energy related training



# PROP 39: PROCESS TO RECEIVE AWARD FUNDING

- 1 School to provide Electric and Gas usage data for past 12 months
- 2 Determine EUI of their buildings (See Appendix D)
- 3 Project Prioritization Considerations
- 4 “Low hanging fruit assessment”
  - Low risk/non-invasive retrofits first
  - More involved clean energy generation second
  - Non-renewable projects that combine heat and power

## APPENDIX D: Benchmarking Process

### Energy Benchmarking Steps

#### 1. Gather Energy Data and Summarize Energy Data

Gather and summarize energy usage data for all energy sources, including electricity, natural gas, and fuel oil. To accomplish this, an LEA gathers the last 12 months of utility bills, including electricity, natural gas, and fuels, to calculate the EUI. If a school has two or more meters for electricity, natural gas, or other fuels, the utility data shall be combined for one EUI calculation. Benchmarking a facility must be performed on a school-by-school basis. Table D-1 shows the data required to calculate EUI. If LEA staff members have difficulty gathering this information, they may contact their local utility or energy provider.

Table D-1: Example of School Energy Use Data Annual Summary

FACILITY: XYZ School									
UTILITY: PG&E									
School SQFT: 11,000									
	Year	Electricity			Gas		Other Fuels		Total Energy
		Account No.	Rate	Cost	Account	Rate	(propane/diesel)	Cost	Total
		Average Peak Demand (kW)	Total Energy Use (kWh)	Electric Charges (\$)	Total Gas Use (Therms)	Natural Gas Charges (\$)	Total Fuel Use (Gallons)	Fuel Charges (\$)	Total Charges (\$)
Total	2012	63.3	85,815	\$ 16,465	6,928	\$ 6,030	0	\$ -	\$ 22,495

Source: California Energy Commission

#### 2. Establish Energy Use Intensity

Establish an EUI for your school. After collecting 12 months of energy cost data and knowing the square footage of your school, the next step is calculating the EUI by dividing the annual energy use by the gross<sup>6</sup> square footage of the school for each end-use energy category. For example, in Table D-1, the LEA staff looking at XYZ School divides the total 85,815 kWh use by the total square footage of 11,000 to obtain the electricity use intensity of 7.8 kWh/sq.ft/year. Next, perform the same calculations for natural gas, other fuels, and total cost.

Table D-2: Example of School Energy Use Data Annual Summary

two numbers (highlighted in yellow) are the two numbers

XYZ School

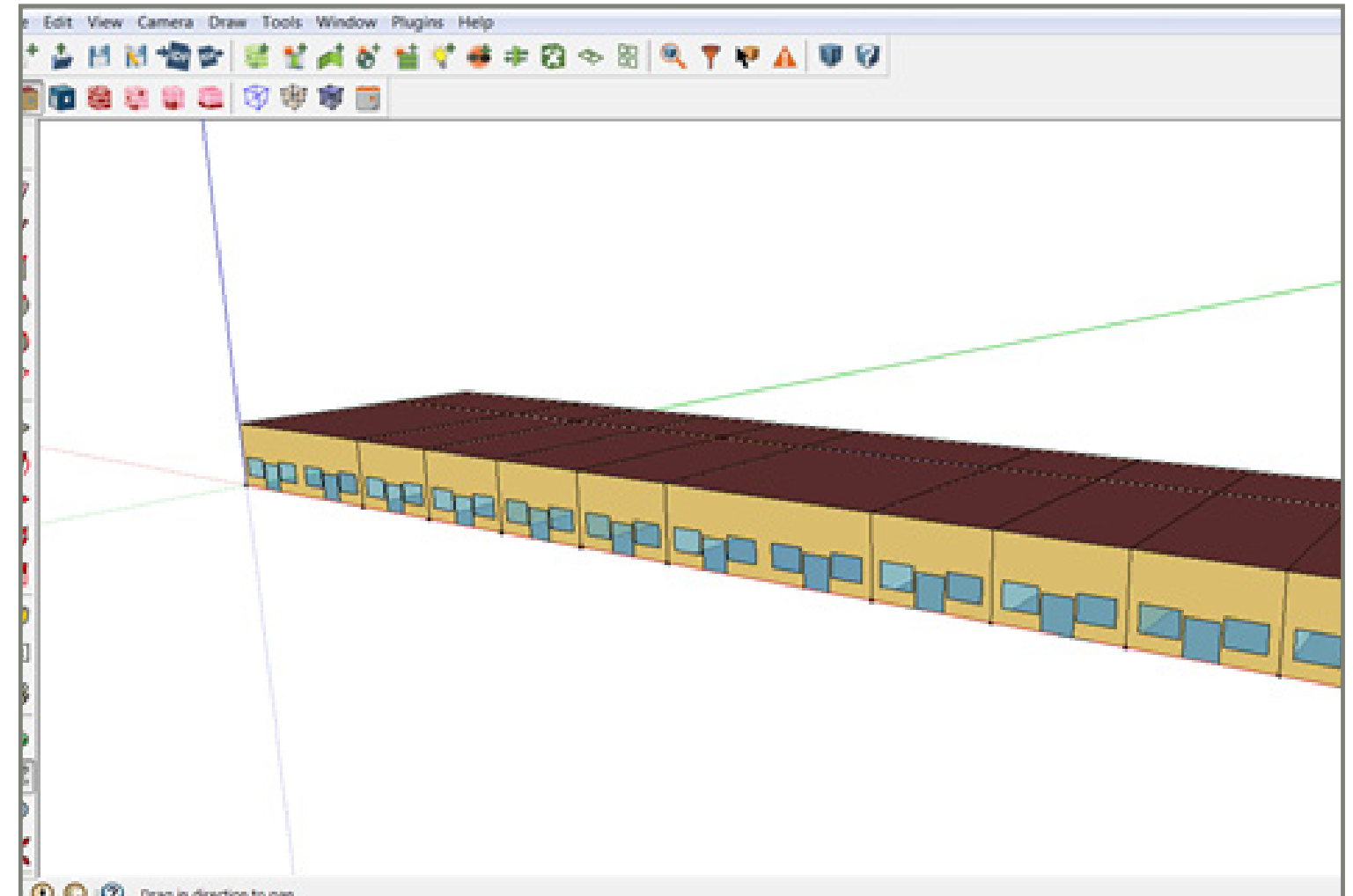
Fuel	Energy Costs/sq.ft./year	<sup>7</sup> Kbtu/sq.ft./year
Electricity	0	0.00
Natural Gas	\$1.55	127.8

Example report that lists the energy use intensity

Schools with the lowest energy use intensity. The report ranking schools to others in the

# PROP 39: ELIGIBLE ENERGY MEASURE IDENTIFICATION

- 1 **Energy Survey:** Looks at simple, more obvious EE measures (Appendix B)
- 2 **Data Analytics:** Energy modeling software. Must be software approved by their Utility
- 3 **ASHRAE Level 2 Audit:** For more in depth retrofits. Can be deployed through an Energy Manager, third party contractor, or Utility Program Audit.





# PROP 39: COST EFFECTIVENESS DETERMINATION

ELIGIBLE ENERGY PROJECTS MUST ACHIEVE A MINIMUM **SAVINGS-TO-INVESTMENT RATIO (SIR) OF 1.05 TO RECEIVE FUNDING**

**FORMULA FOR SIR (Appendix E):**  $SIR = NPV / (\text{Project Installation Cost} - \text{Rebates} - \text{Other Grants} - \text{Non-energy Benefits})$

**NPV** = Energy savings dollars over the projects' useful life

## REAL WORLD EXAMPLE: EVAPORCOOL RTU PRE-COOLER AT BEALE AIRFORCE BASE

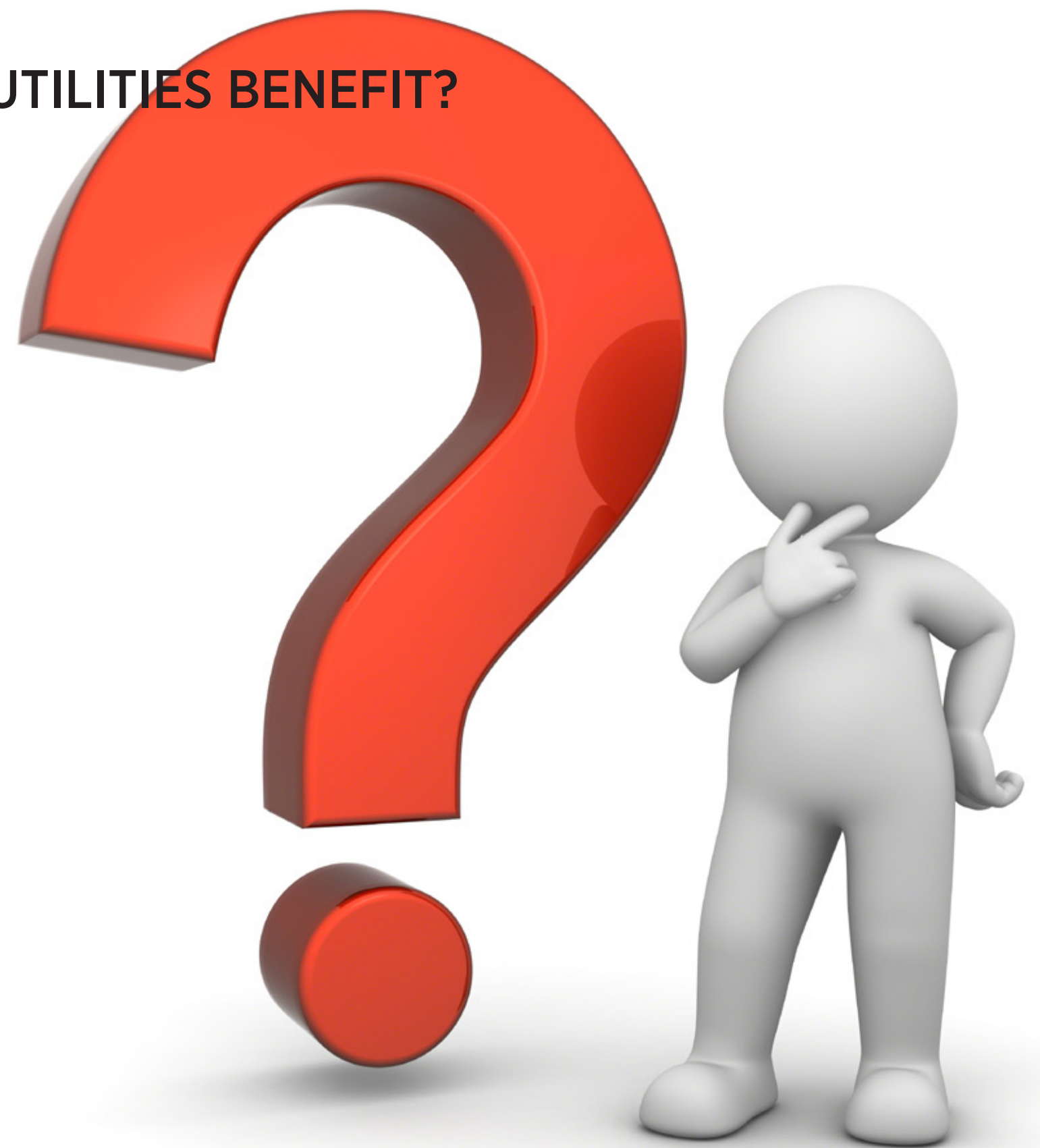
- 1 kWh Savings per year:  $14,000 \text{ kWh} \times \$0.12 \text{ (cost per kWh)} = \text{\$1,680 savings per year}$
- 2 Useful life for this type of retrofit: 15 years.  
Total savings for the useful life is:  $\$1,680 \times 15 = \text{\$25,200}$
- 3 Subtract new expenses(not install cost):  $\$48 \text{ per year for water} \times 15 \text{ years} = \text{\$720}$
- 4 NPV is:  $\$25,200 - \$720 = \text{\$24,480}$
- 5 Project Installation Cost = **\\$17,261**
- 6 SIR =  **$\$24,480 / \$17,261 = 1.42$**



*Contrails Dining Facility at Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, California*

# PROP 39: HOW CAN UTILITIES BENEFIT?

- Utilities must invest in these projects to claim savings on their portfolios
- How much do they need to invest to claim?
- Claim based on how much savings their particular investment saved?





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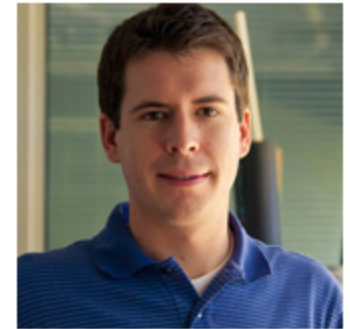
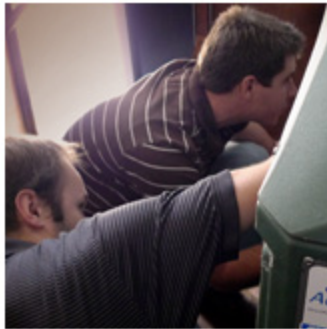
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## HVAC for California Schools

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# Presentation

- Schools in California
- Heating and Cooling
  - Energy use and equipment types
  - Occupancy patterns and loads
- Ventilation and IAQ
  - Importance of IAQ in schools
- Potential Energy Savings Technologies
  - RTU Retrofit Controllers
  - Evaporative Condenser Pre-coolers
  - Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation

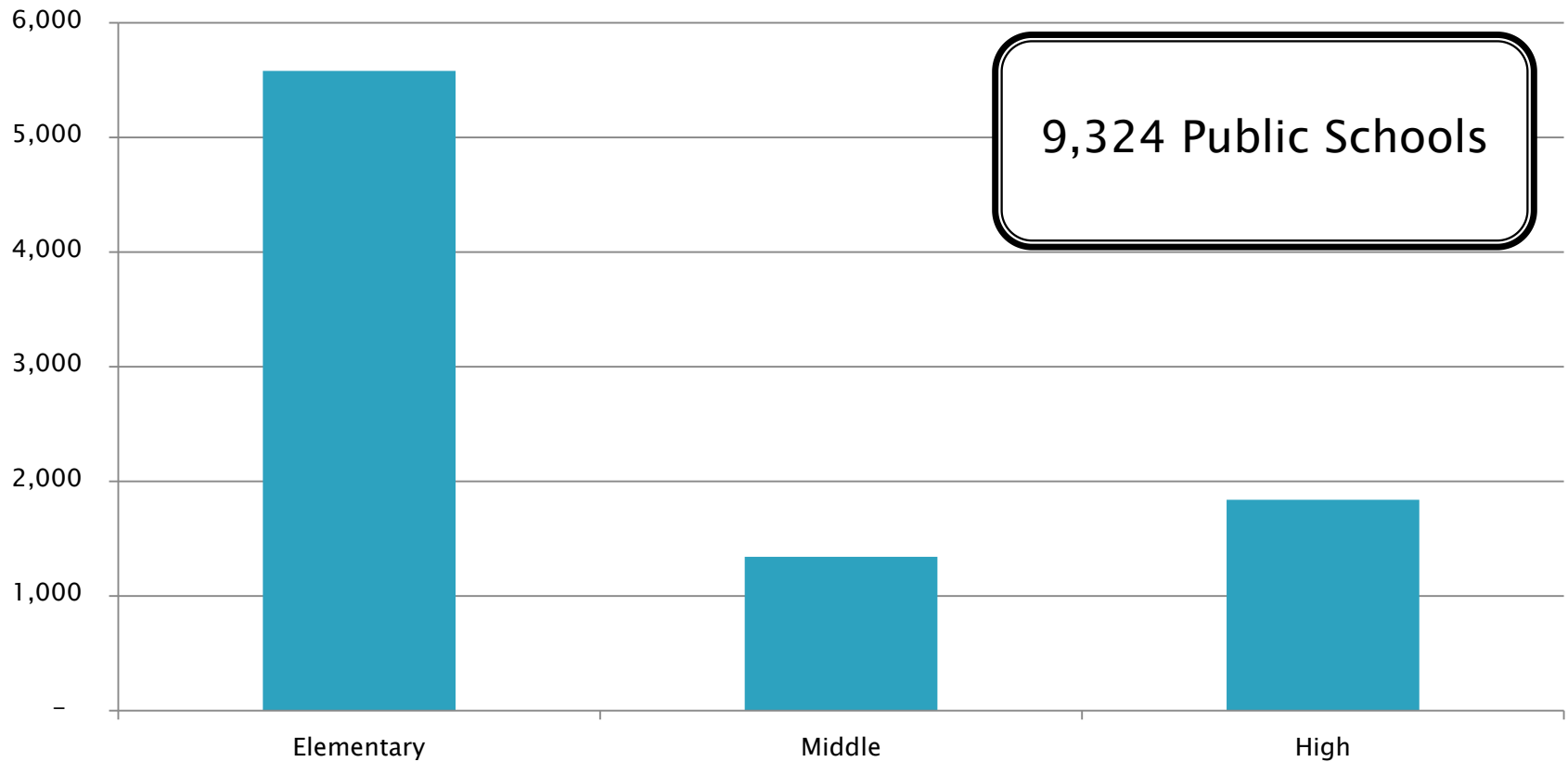
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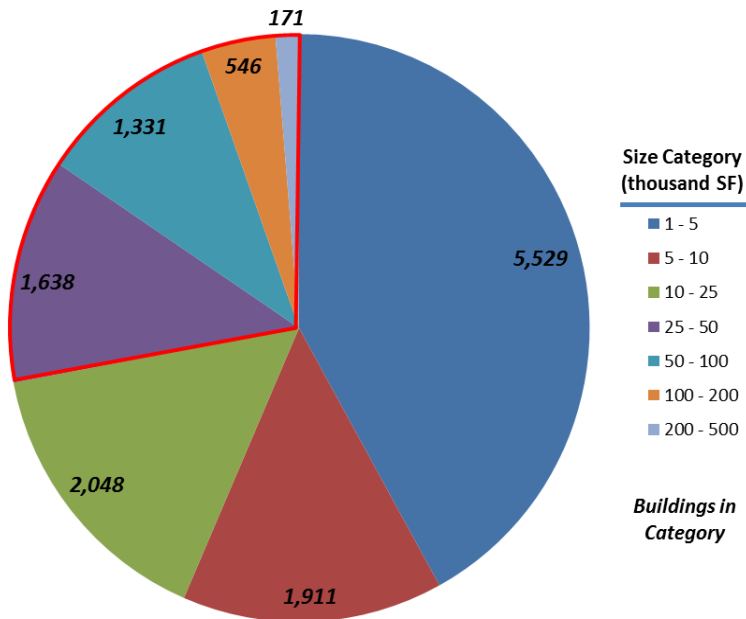
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A <sub>small</sub> number of **large**  
schools have the  
majority of floor area

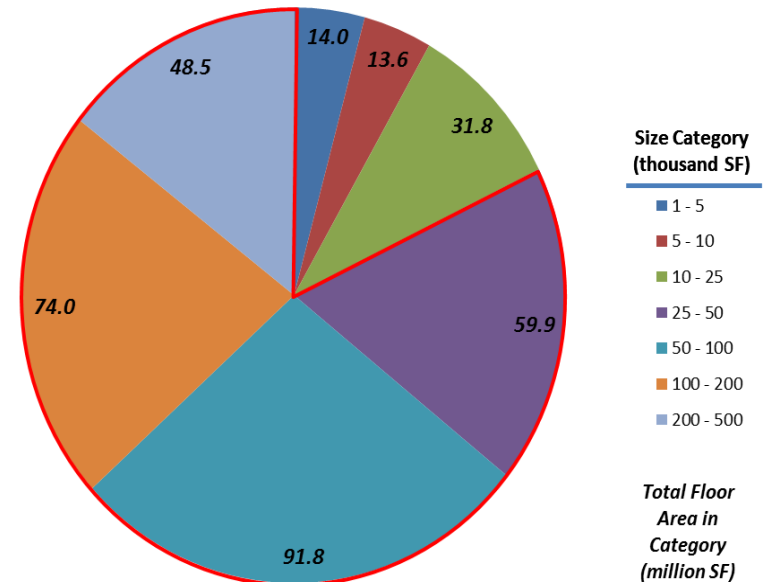


# California Public Schools

California Schools Buildings



California Schools Total Floor Area



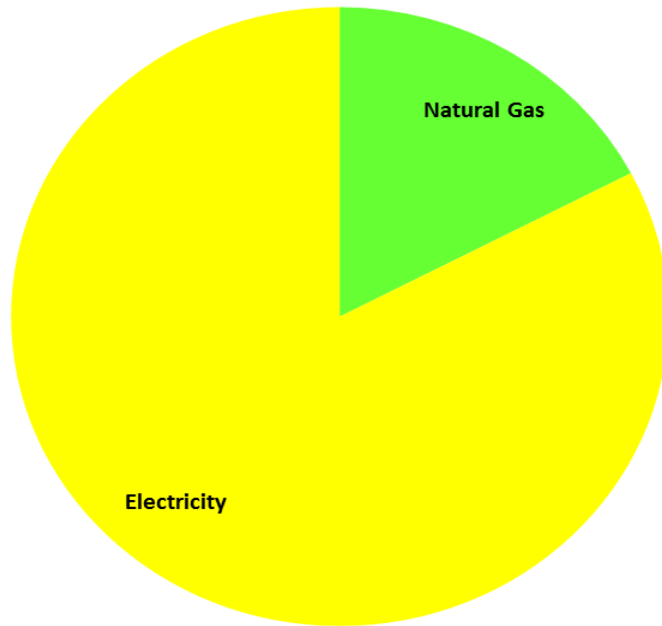
28% of Buildings account for 82% of the Floor Space

Source: CEUS Database

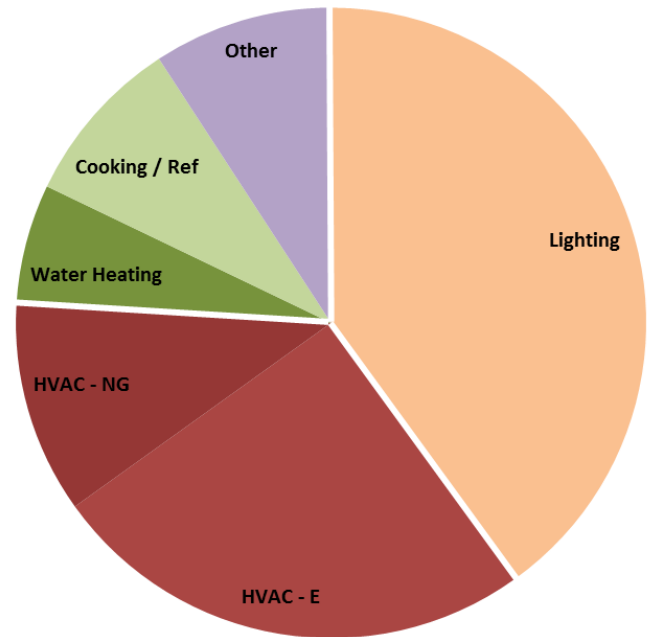
On a source energy basis, lighting, HVAC, and all other loads are split almost evenly.



# California Schools - Source Energy



Source Energy - Fuel



Source Energy – End Use

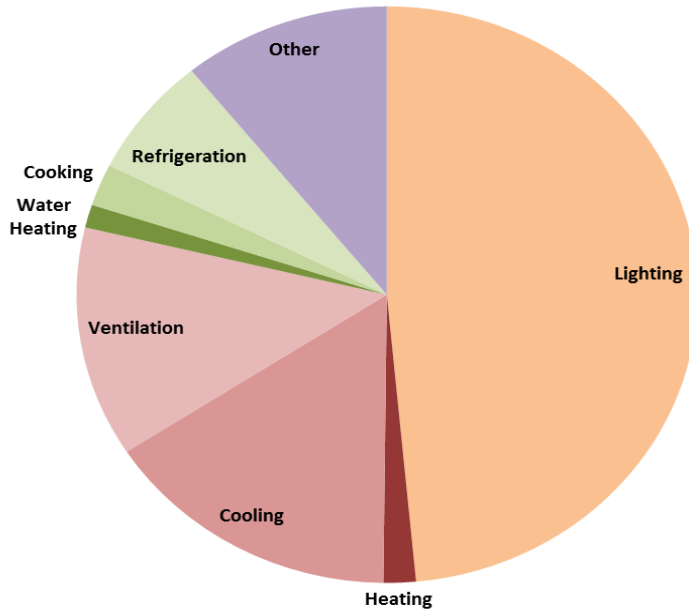
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Lighting is the primary use of electrical energy and space heating is the primary use of natural gas.



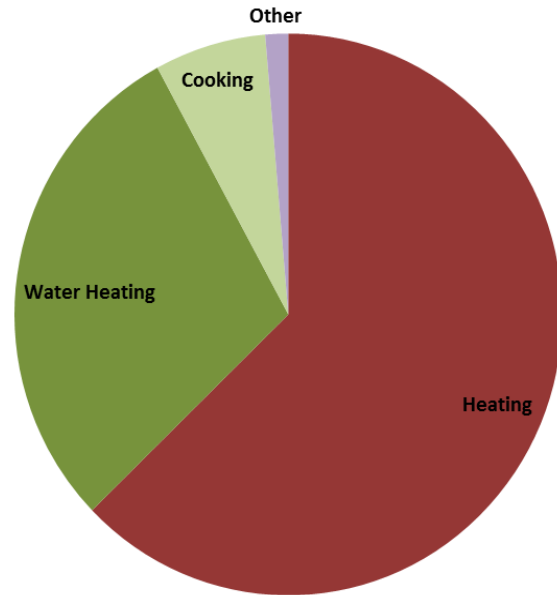
# California Schools – Site Energy

California Schools Electrical



7.5 kWh / SF

California Schools Natural Gas

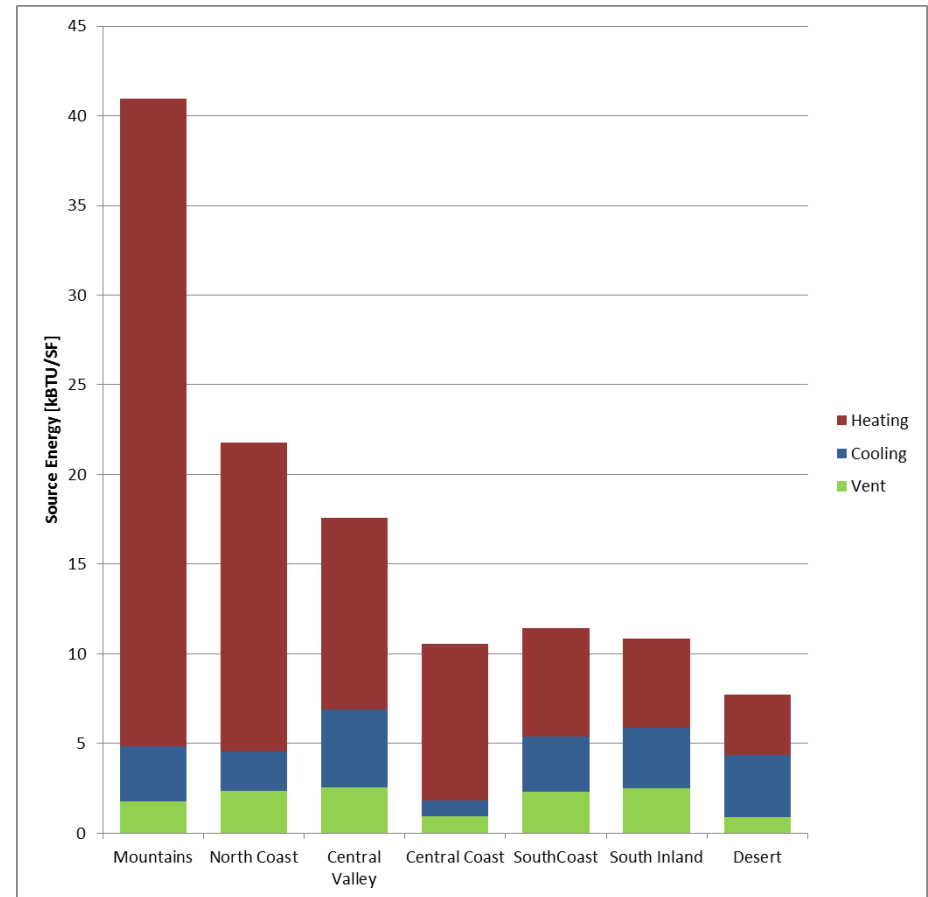


.16 Therm / SF

Source: CEUS Database

# Heating and Cooling Energy

- ▶ **Heating in California is relatively less intense than rest of US**
  - Milder climate than rest of US
- ▶ **Wide range in heating energy use throughout the state**
- ▶ **Cooling energy use relatively consistent**
  - Summer vacation?



Source: DOE Building Performance Database

# Equipment





# Equipment Distribution in K-12 Schools

Equipment Type	Characteristic	Installed Base
Packaged DX unit	Single zone	60 to 65%
Packaged DX unit	Multiple zone	5%
Split System	Single zone	10 to 15%
Bard	Single zone	10%
Unit Ventilator/fan-coil	Central plant	10%
Split System	Variable Ref Flow	~1%

Data courtesy of Resource Solutions Group and Trane

# HVAC Equipment in CA K-12

- ▶ Typical sizing is similar to light commercial buildings
  - 1 CFM / ft<sup>2</sup> Ventilation
  - 350 CFM / ton
- ▶ Preferred configuration is one 4-ton RTU per classroom – many small units
- ▶ Simultaneous retrofit could be economical



Data courtesy of Tim Sisson Trane

# Ventilation

- ▶ High occupancy - highly variable
  - Many multipurpose rooms, gyms, assembly areas
  - Schools benefit greatly from Demand Control Ventilation
- ▶ Large internal gains – sensible and latent
  - Larger peak cooling needs than normally would be expected – lots of breath and sweat
- ▶ Natural ventilation – nature's solution!
  - Used in some coastal climates (Peninsula and North Coast)
  - Being eliminated in San Diego. Concerns about noise and security.
  - Optimized and operational economizers are the next best thing.





# Ventilation

- Higher Ventilation - IAQ vs. Energy vs. Absences
  - Recent LBNL study in 150 classrooms found that more than 50% of classrooms statewide (and 95% of central valley classrooms) don't meet ventilation standards (15 CFM / person)
  - Findings indicate that increasing ventilation to the state standard in schools would reduce absences by 3.4%
  - The research suggests that increases in energy use are more than compensated by reductions in student absences (increased state funds) and reduced medical and missed-work costs

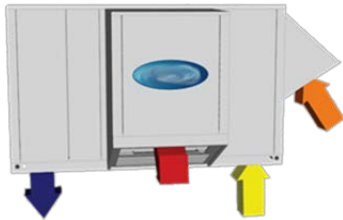
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# HVAC Efficiency Technologies

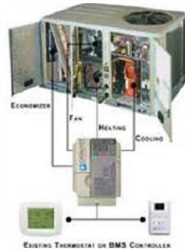


# Technologies

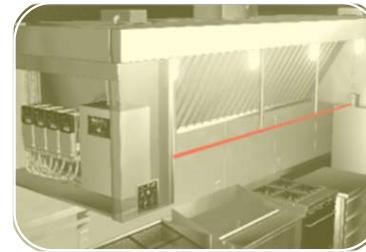
## Packaged Unit Efficiency



Climate Optimized  
RTU



RTU Optimizer  
Controller



Kitchen Hood  
DCV



Laboratory Fume  
Hood DCV



Evaporative Cooled  
Condenser



Laboratory ACH  
DCV



Shut-the-Sash  
Campaign



# RTU Retrofit Opportunities

1. Advanced Economizer Controls
2. Demand Control Ventilation

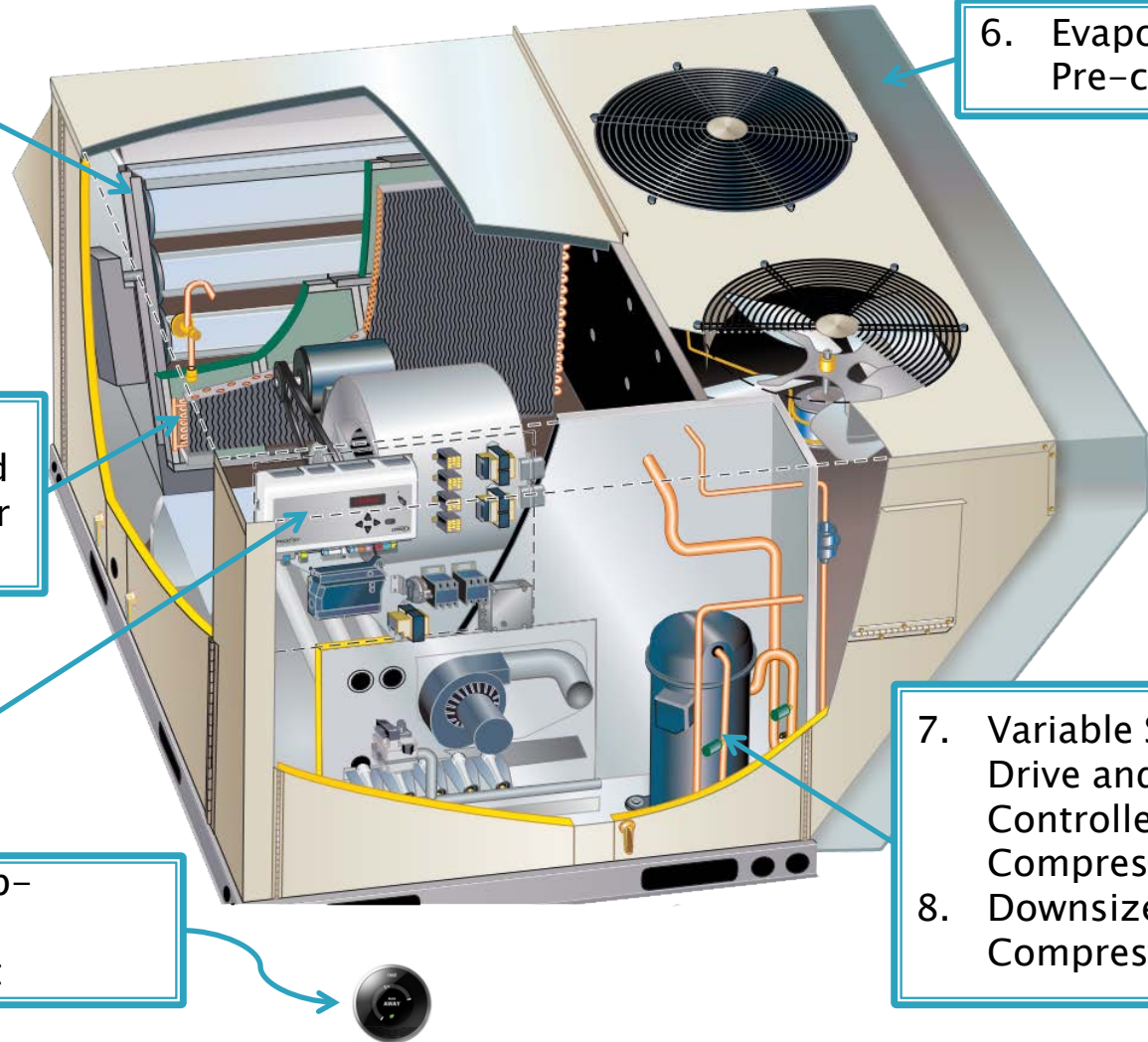
3. Downsizing Fan Motors
4. Variable Speed Drive and Controller for Evaporator Fan

5. Fault detection and diagnostics

9. "Smart" web-connected Thermostat

6. Evaporative Pre-coolers

7. Variable Speed Drive and Controller for Compressor
8. Downsize Compressor



# Technologies

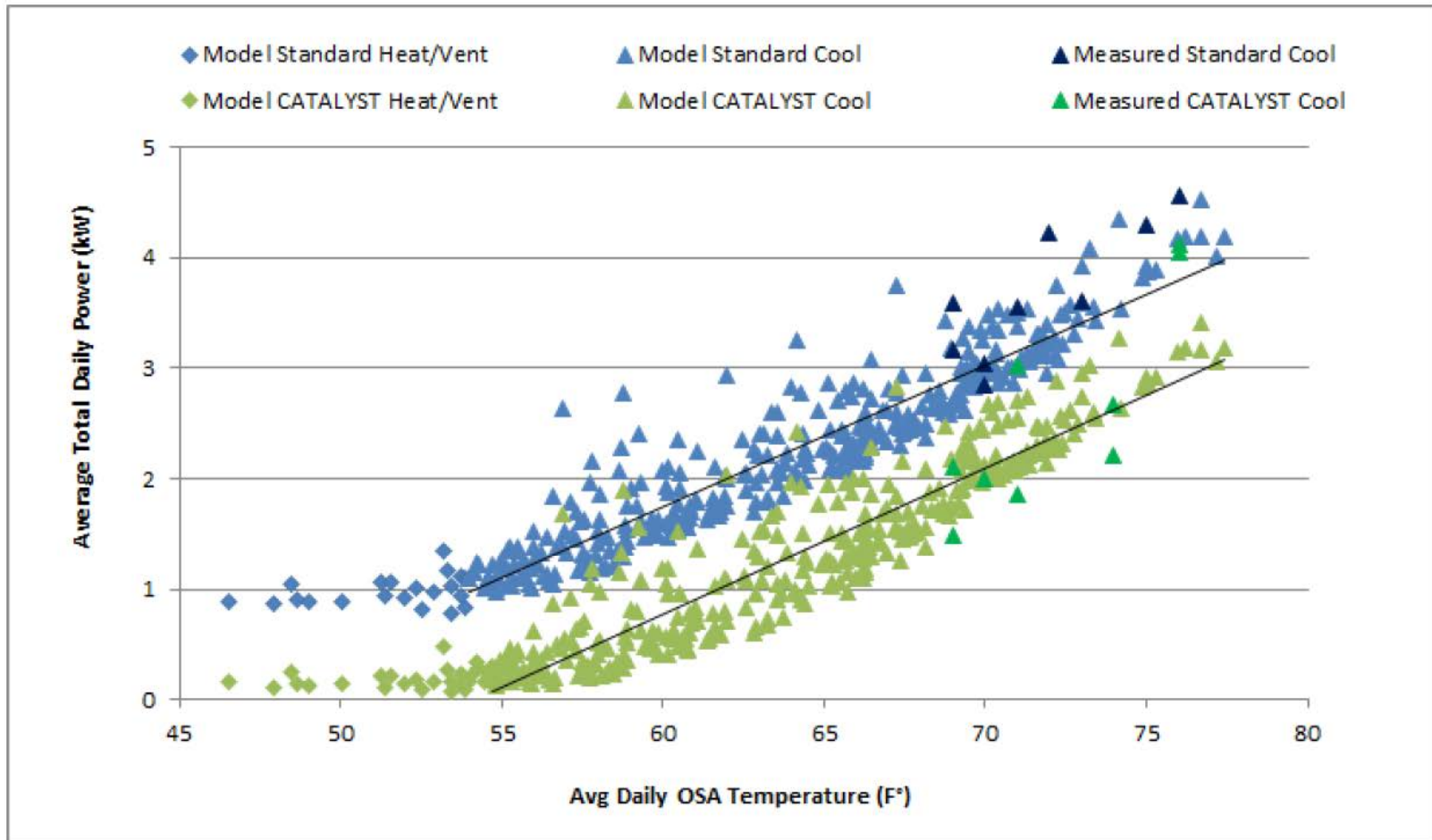
## RTU Optimizer Controllers



- ▶ Variable speed supply fan control
- ▶ Demand controlled ventilation
- ▶ Differential economizer control
- ▶ Extended fan runtime
- ▶ Fault detection diagnostics

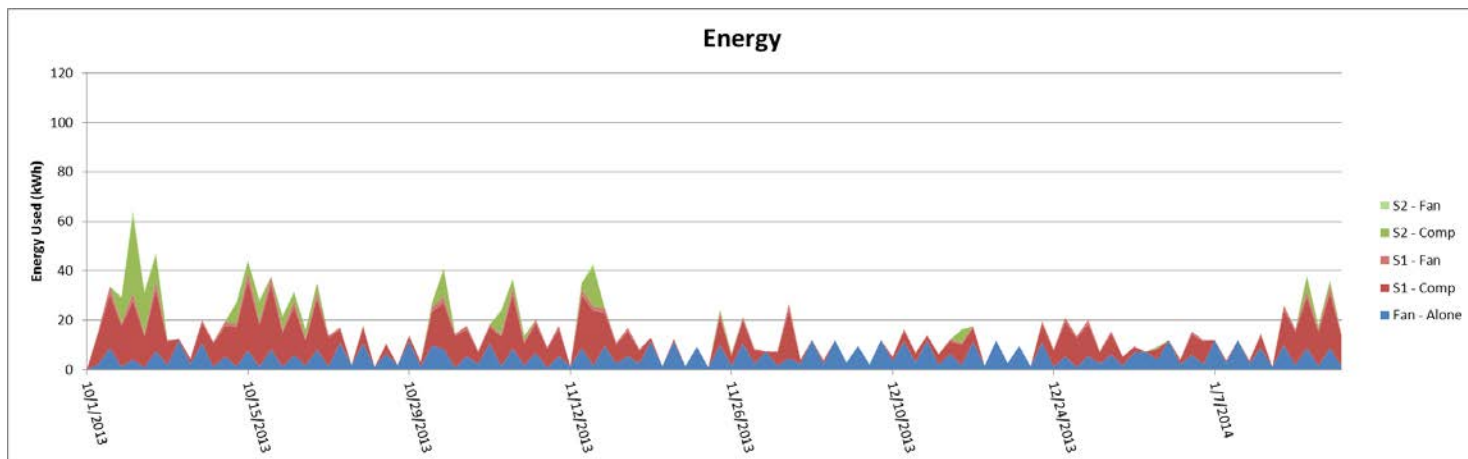
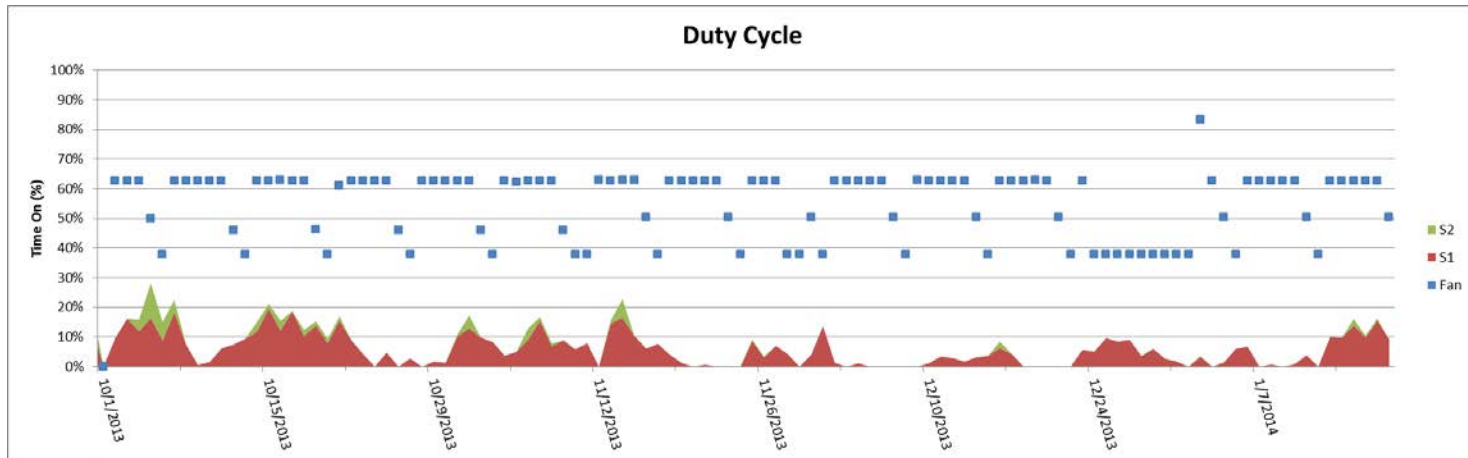


# Catalyst – CSU LB

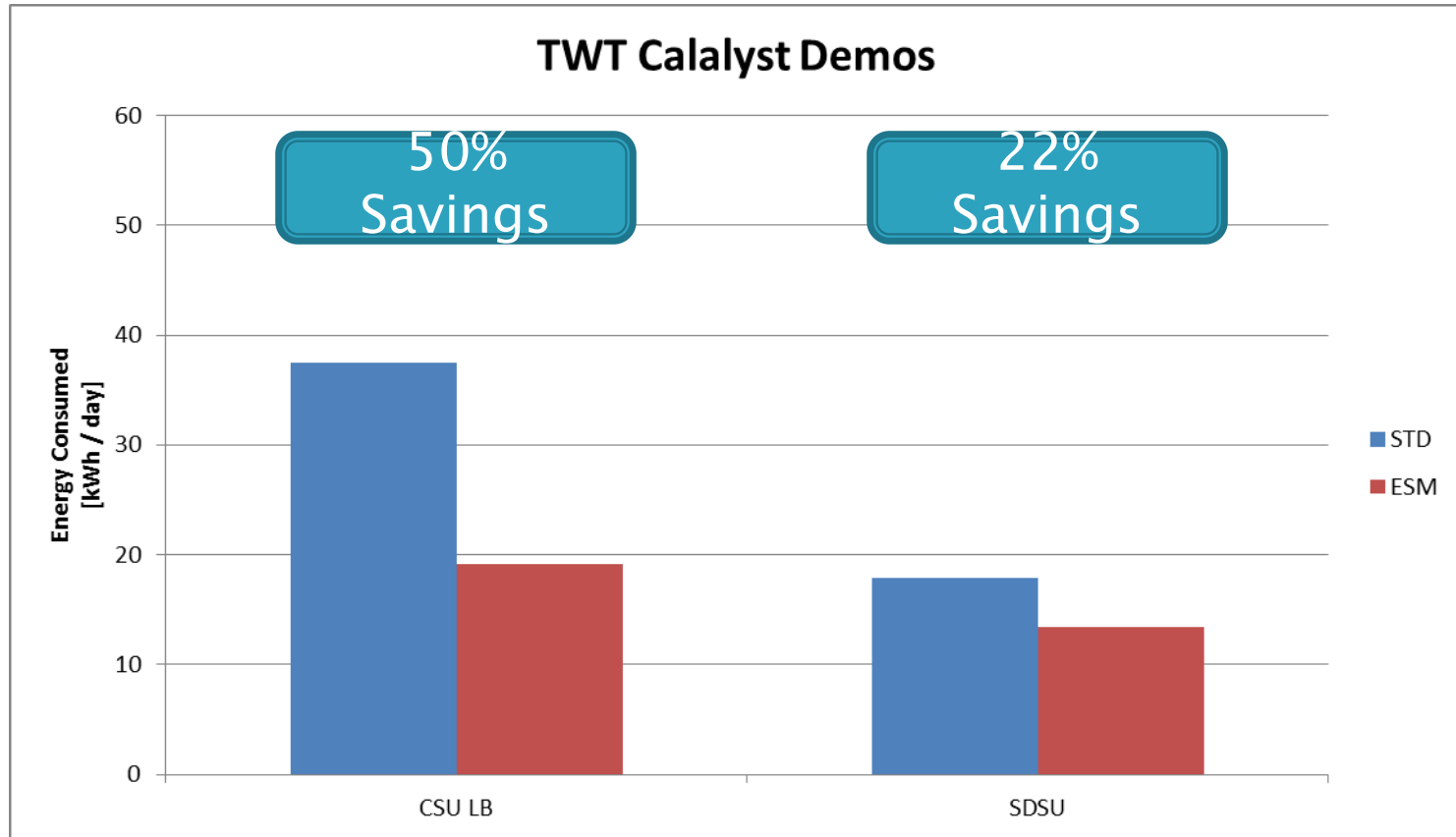




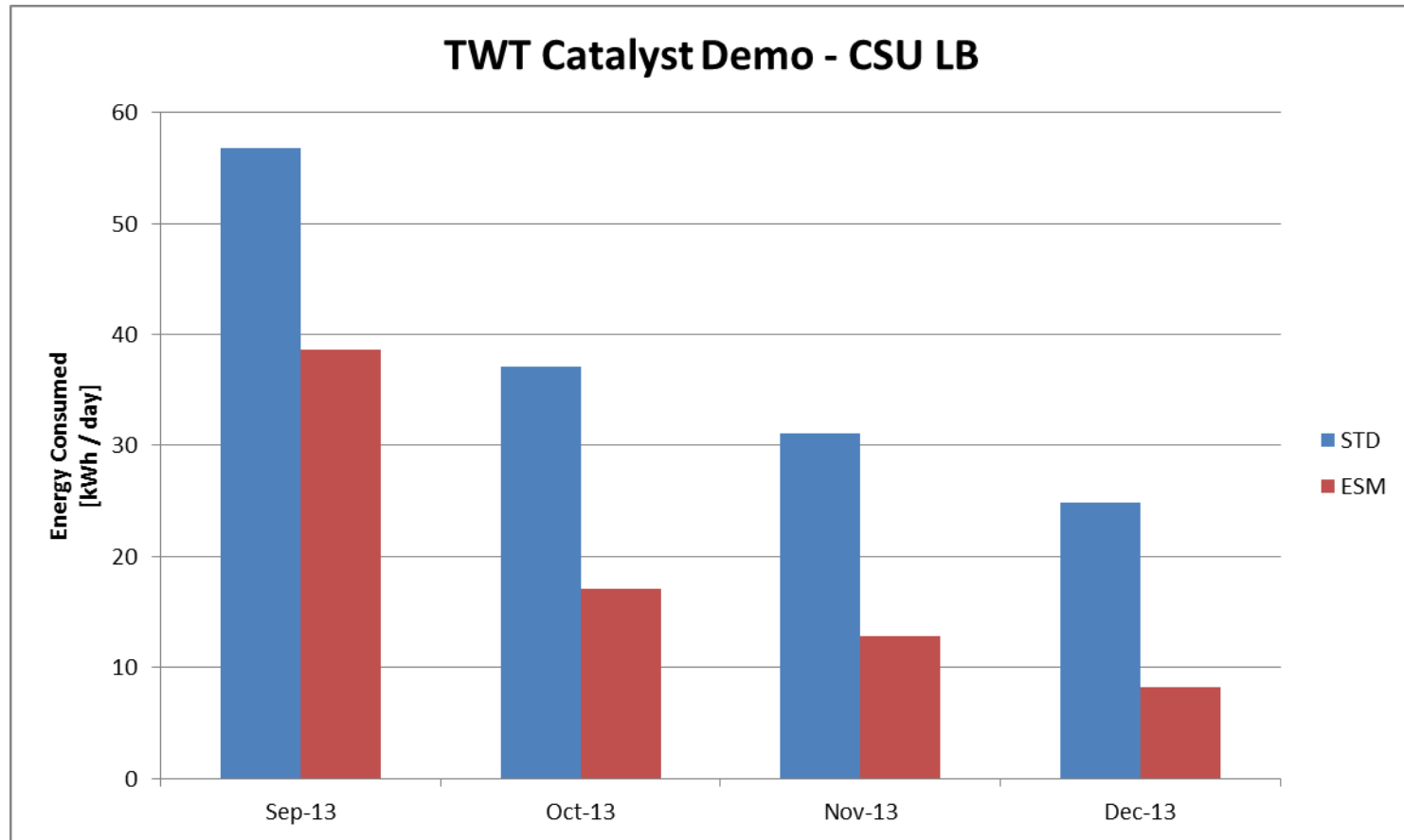
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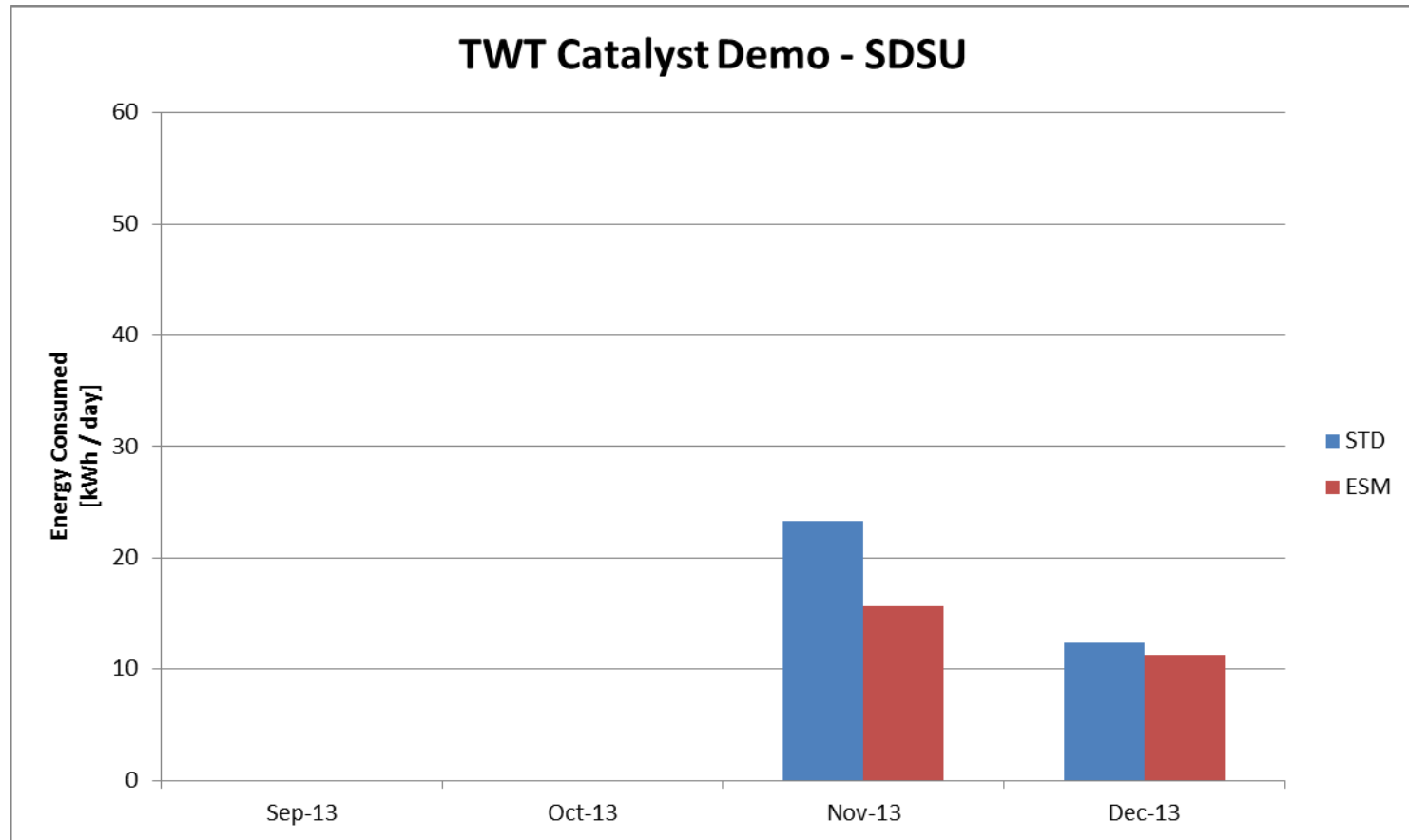
# TWT Catalyst Summary



# CSU Long Beach



# San Diego State University



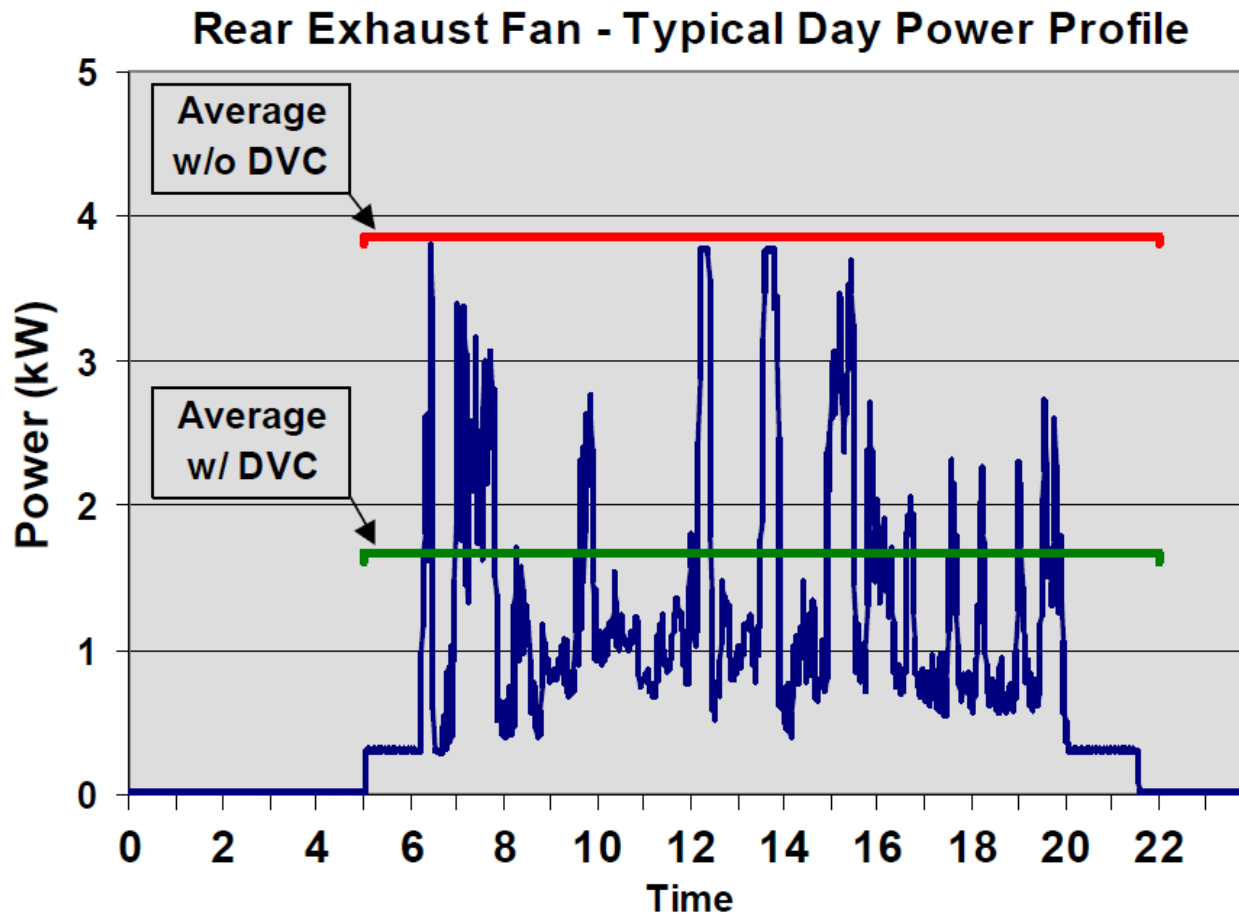


# Demand Controlled Kitchen Ventilation

- ▶ VFD controlled fan motor responds to
  - Heat
  - Particulates
- ▶ Typical fan energy reduction of 40 – 70%
- ▶ Typical thermal energy reduction of 15 – 40%
- ▶ Typical simple paybacks 3 – 5 yrs

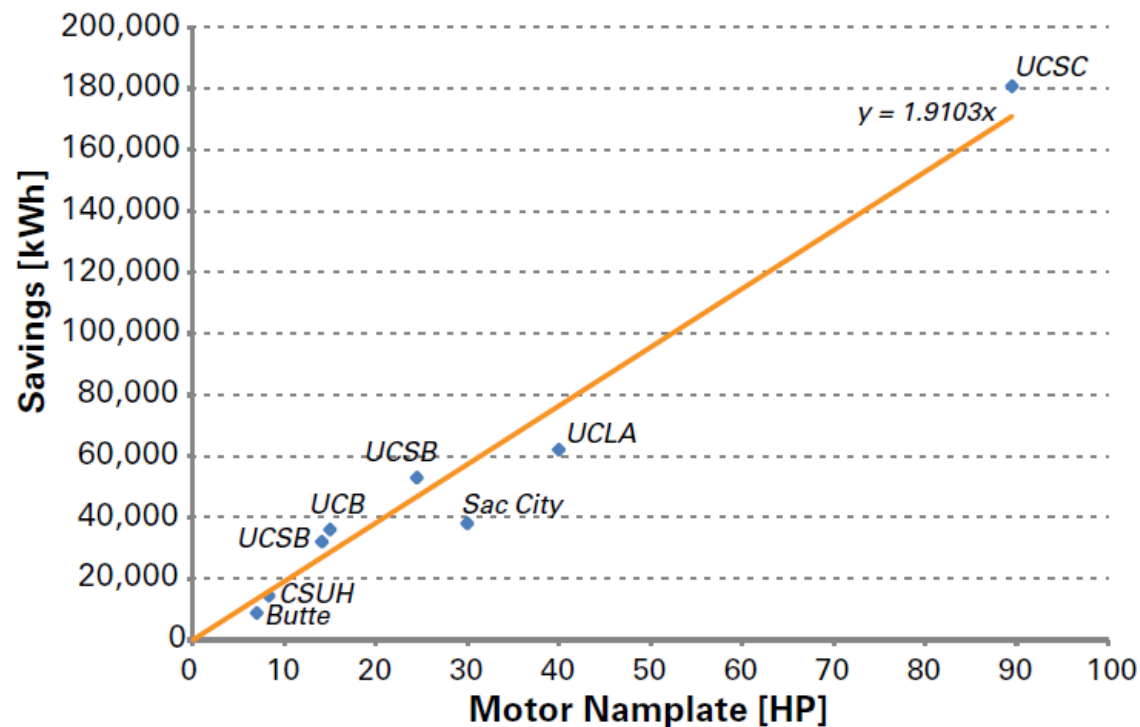


# Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation



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**FAN SAVINGS VS. MOTOR  
NAMEPLATE HORSEPOWER**



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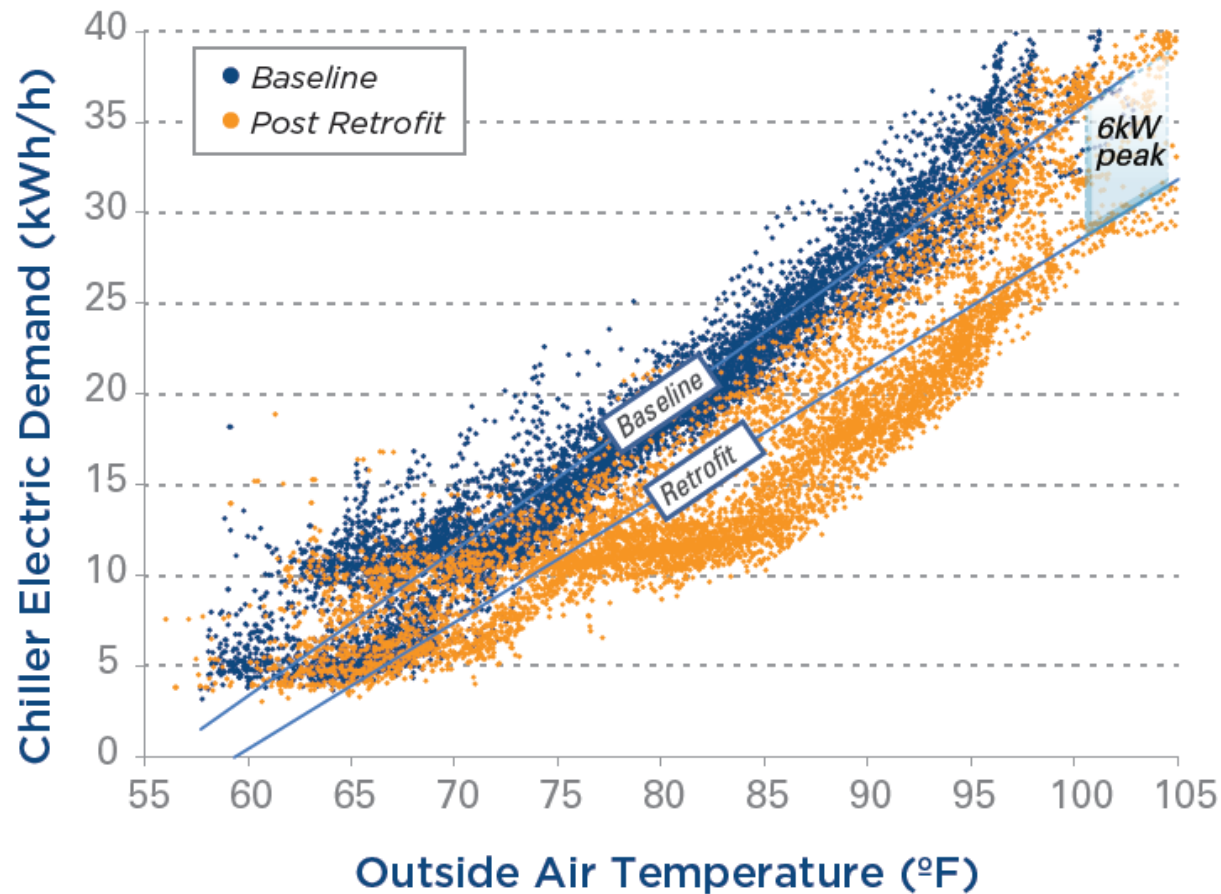
## Evaporative Condenser Precoolers

- ▶ Reduces refrigerant condenser temperature
- ▶ Lowers head pressure
- ▶ Reduces compressor power





# Evaporative Condenser Pre-coolers



# Thank you!

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