

# DYNAMIC HVAC OPTIMIZATION

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## MISSION CRITICAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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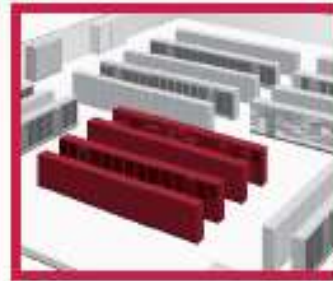
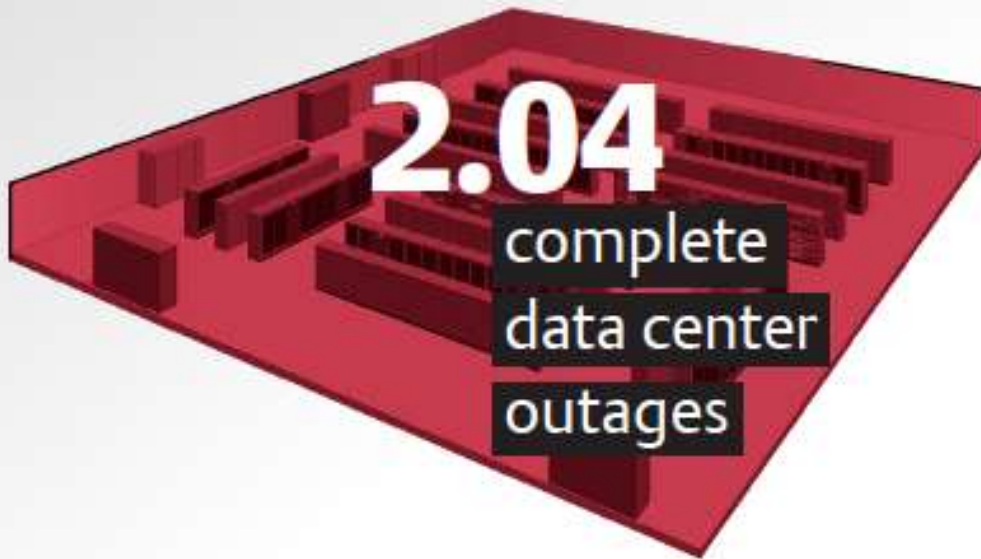
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# DOWNTIME IS COMMON ....

A study of 584 U.S.-based data center professionals found that in the past 24 months, the average data center experienced



**5.88**  
localized  
shutdowns



**10.16**  
limited  
outages

Source: Ponemon Institute

# DOWNTIME IS EXPENSIVE ....

THE AVERAGE COST OF DATA CENTER DOWNTIME

**\$5,600**  
**PER MINUTE**

**\$505,500**  
**PER EVENT**

Source: Ponemon Institute

# DOWNTIME IS CAUSED BY HEAT

COOLING FAILURES CONTRIBUTE TO 33% OF ALL OUTAGES



Wikipedia - Data center overheats, causing a global shutdown



Equinix – Paris facility hit by cooling outage, forcing client to discontinue service



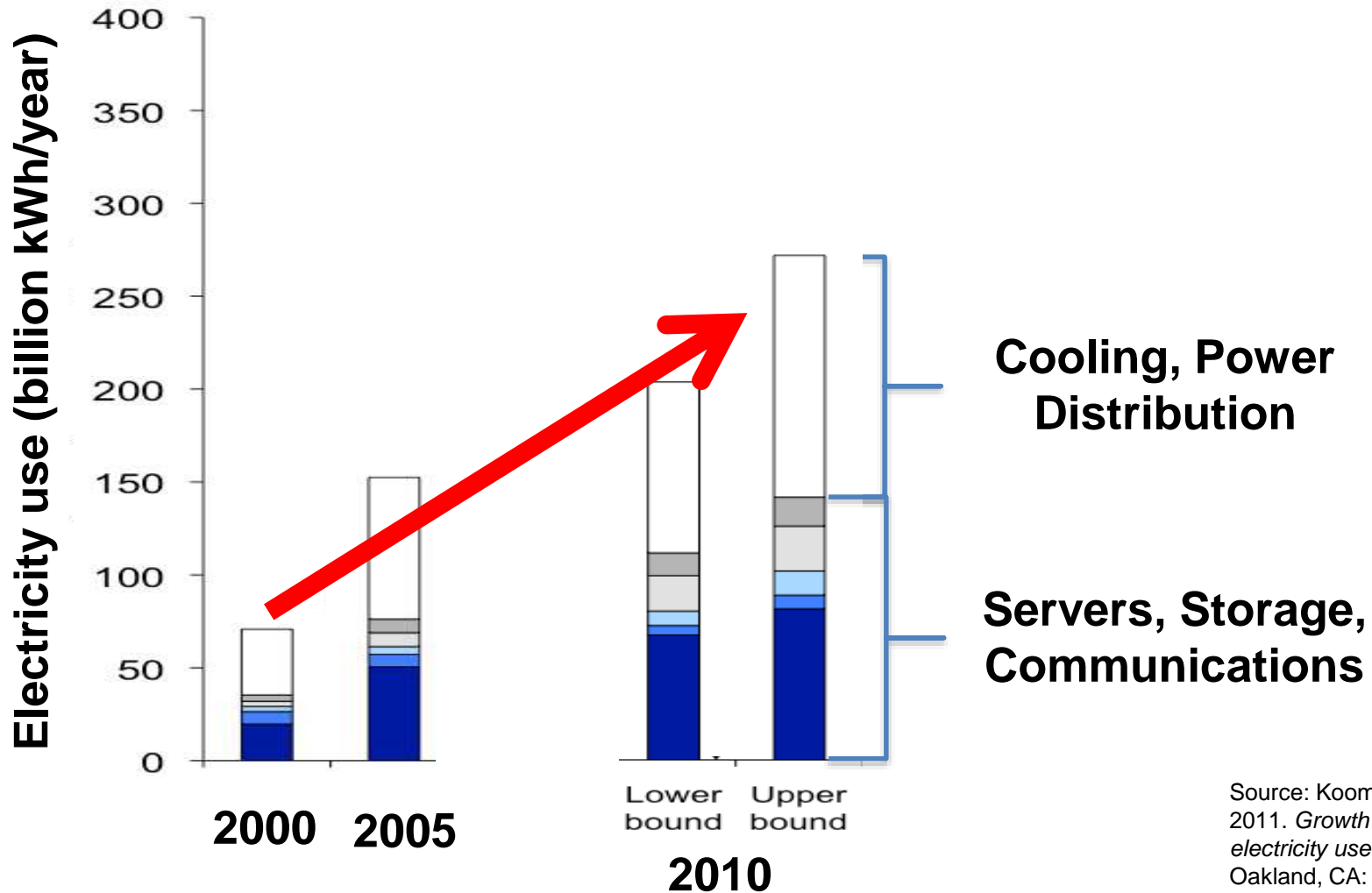
Microsoft – Temperature spikes in data center, causing a Hotmail outage



Last.fm – London data center overheats, causing service outage

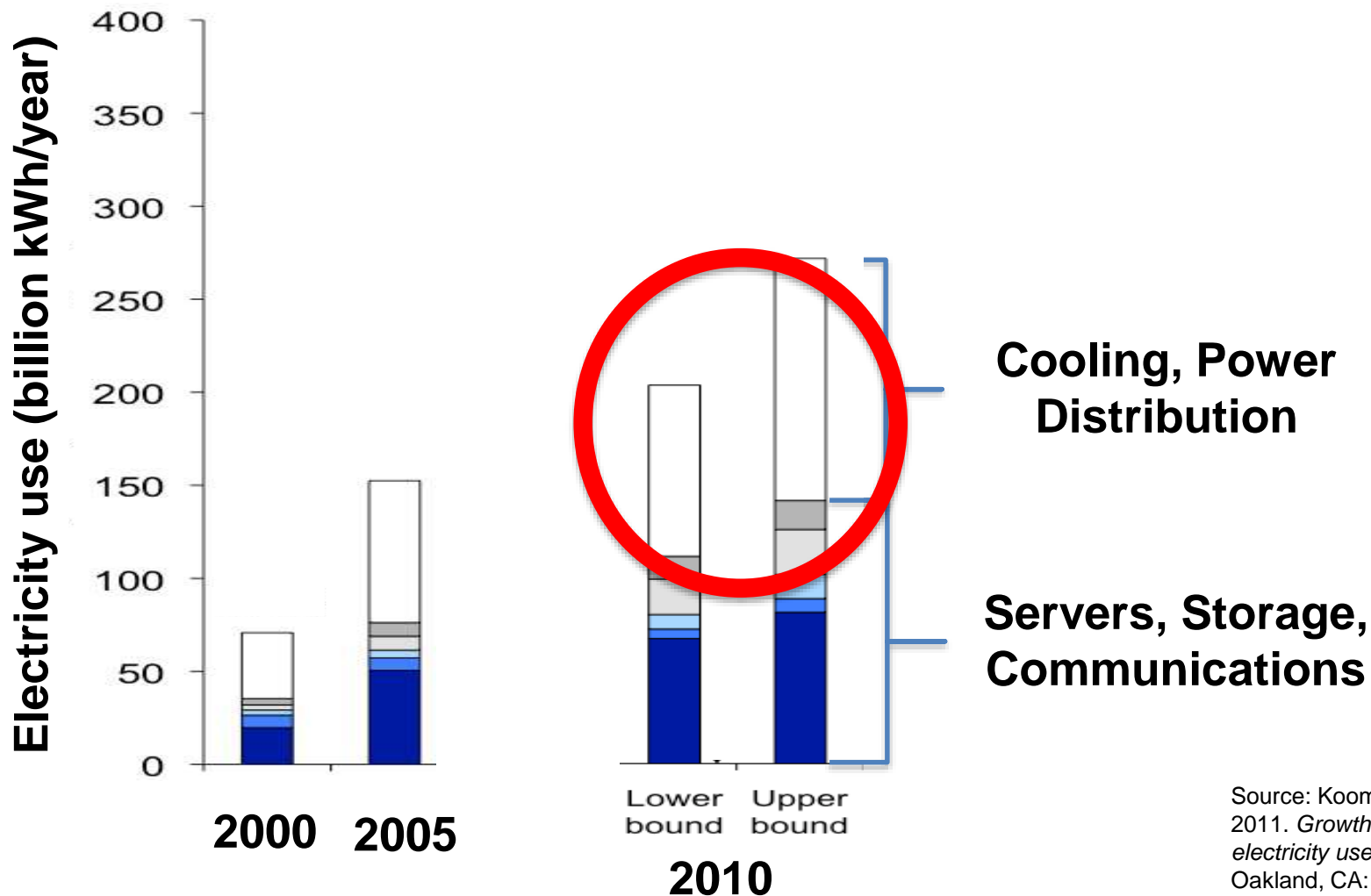
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# ENERGY USE RISING



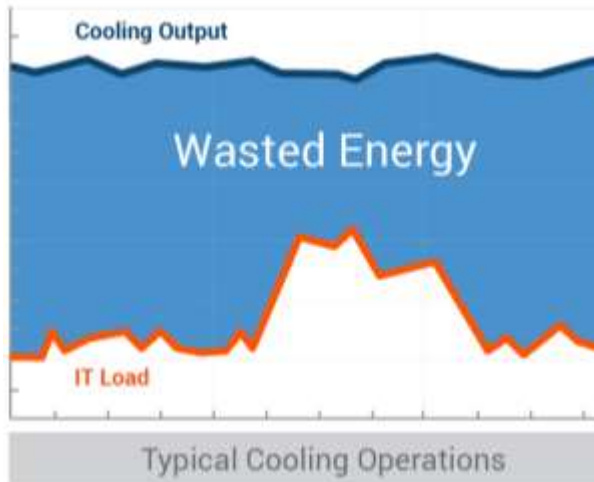
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# LOTS OF COOLING



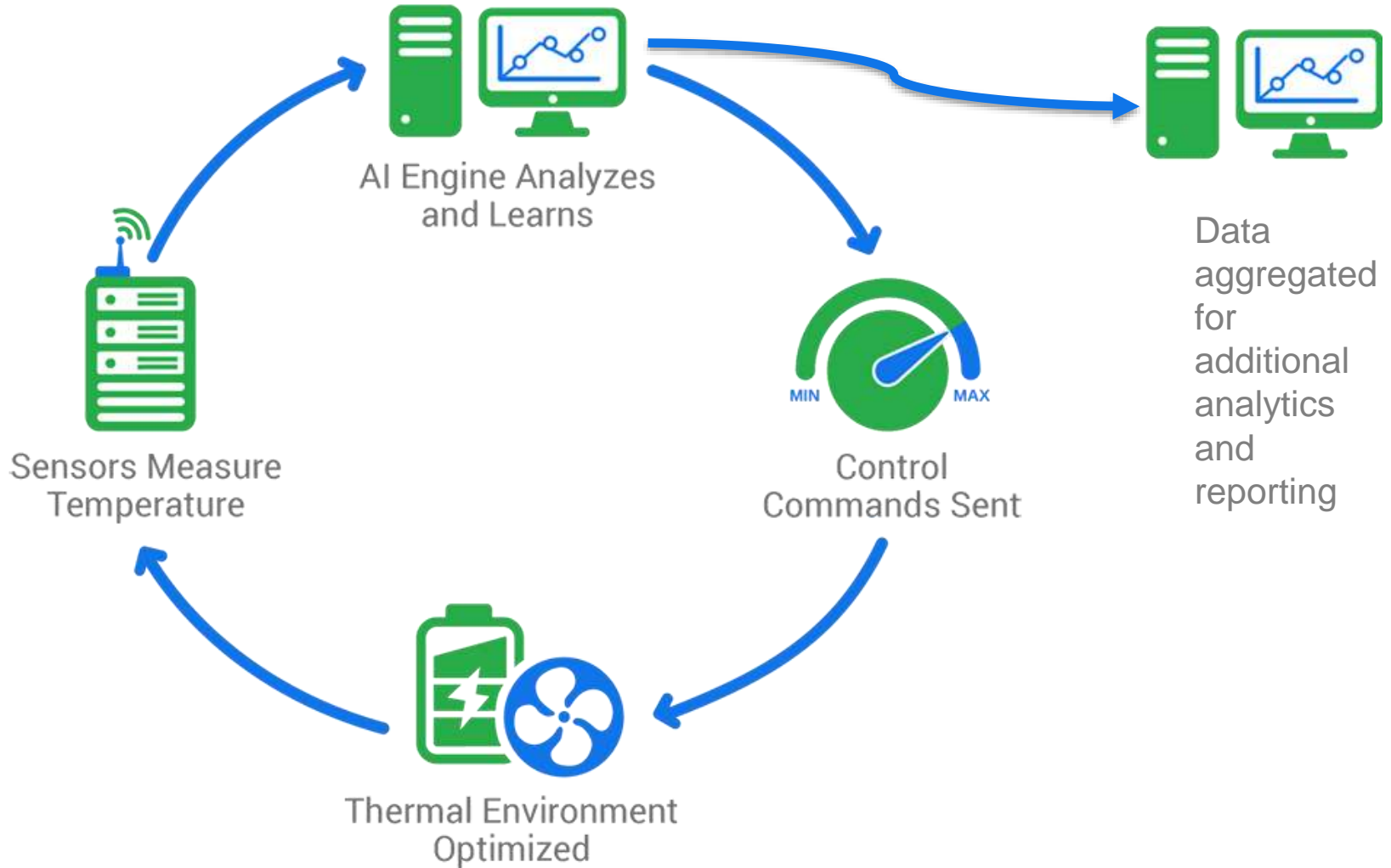
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# SOLVE BOTH PROBLEMS AT ONCE?



# HOW TO SOLVE BOTH PROBLEMS

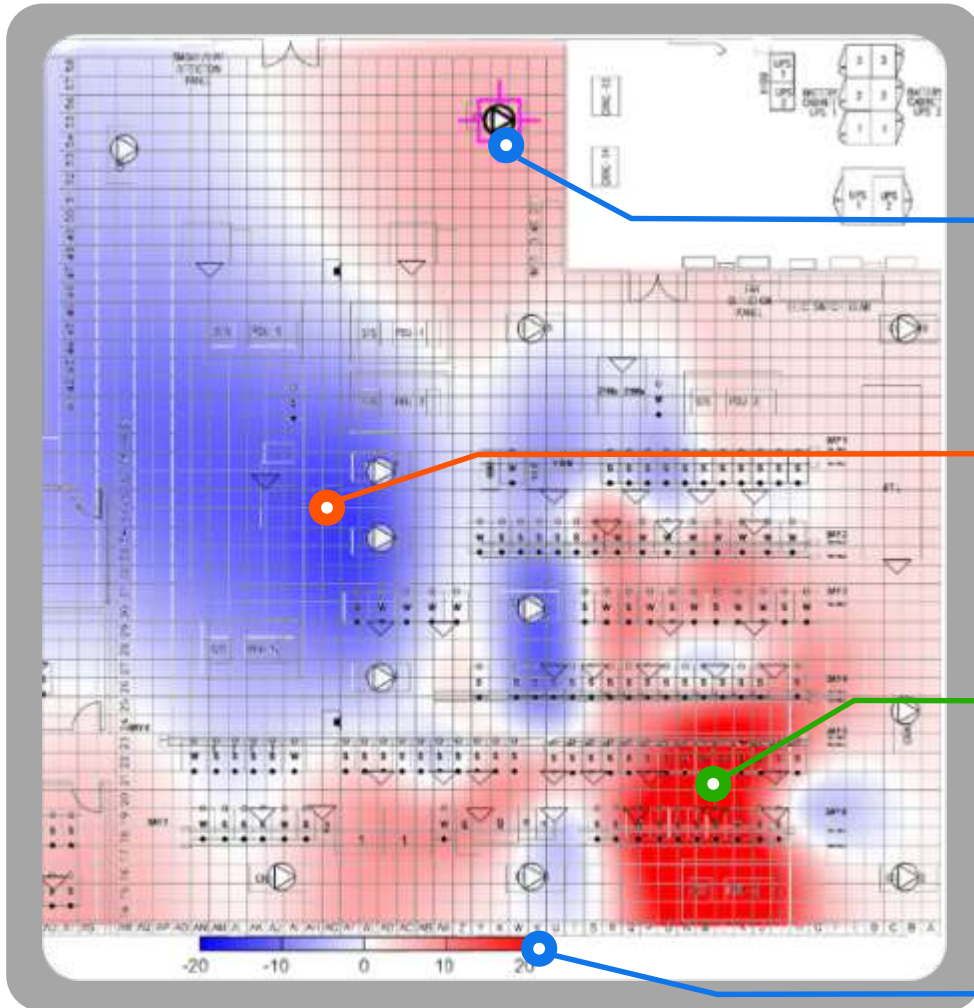
*Automatic, closed-loop control optimizes cooling*





# PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

*Learn the influences and effects of cooling infrastructure*



Cooling Unit Selected

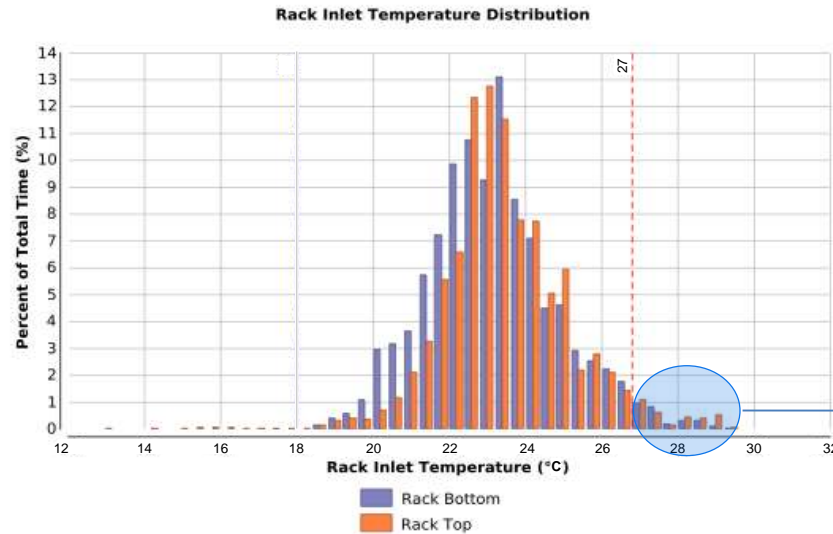
Cooling Impact

Heating Impact

Measured influence

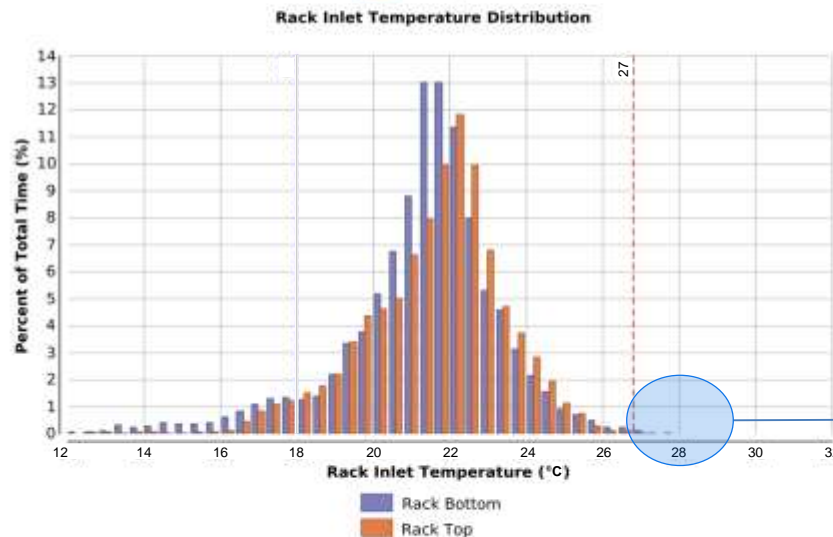
# THERMAL STABILIZATION

*98% reduction in hot spots across your facility*



Baseline

3,799 Hot spot hours



**98% Reduction in Hot Spots**

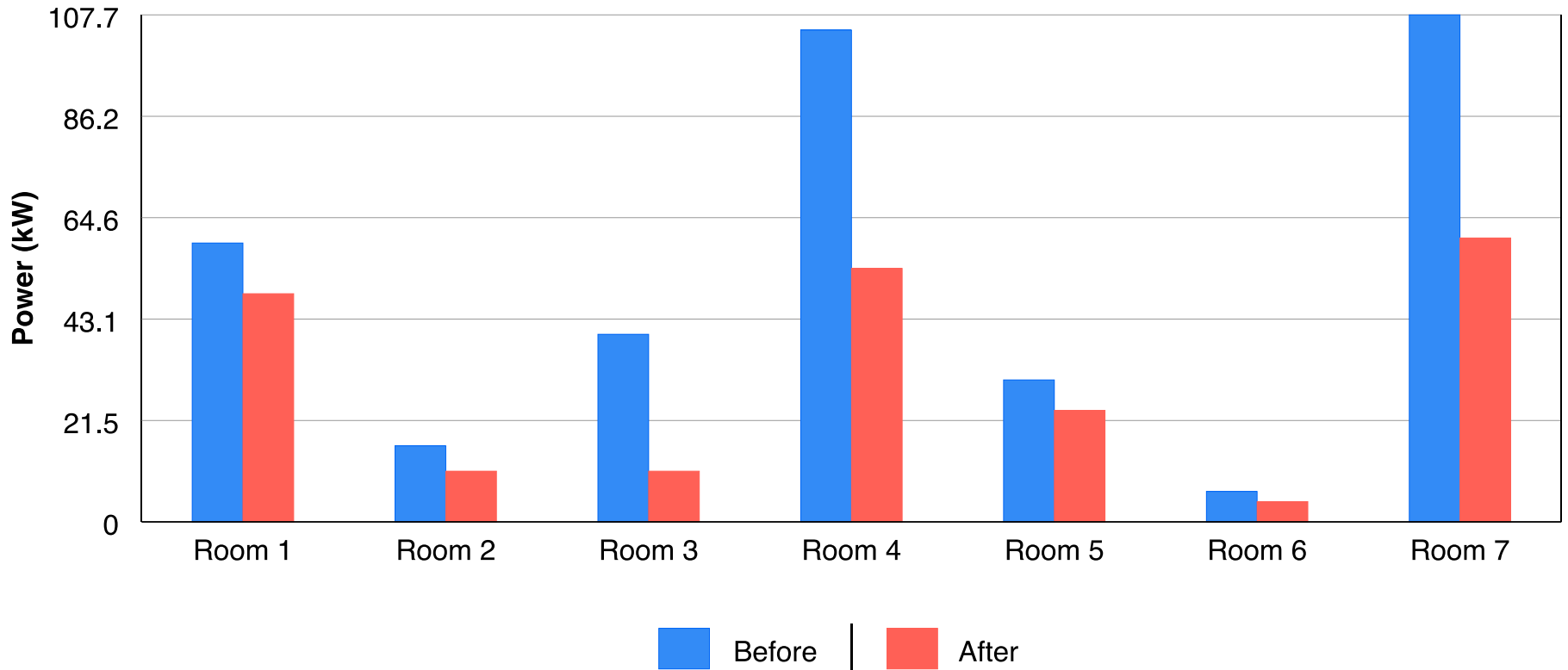
After Control

91 Hot spot hours

# ENERGY SAVINGS

*Cooling energy reduced by 41%*

Average Power Reduction



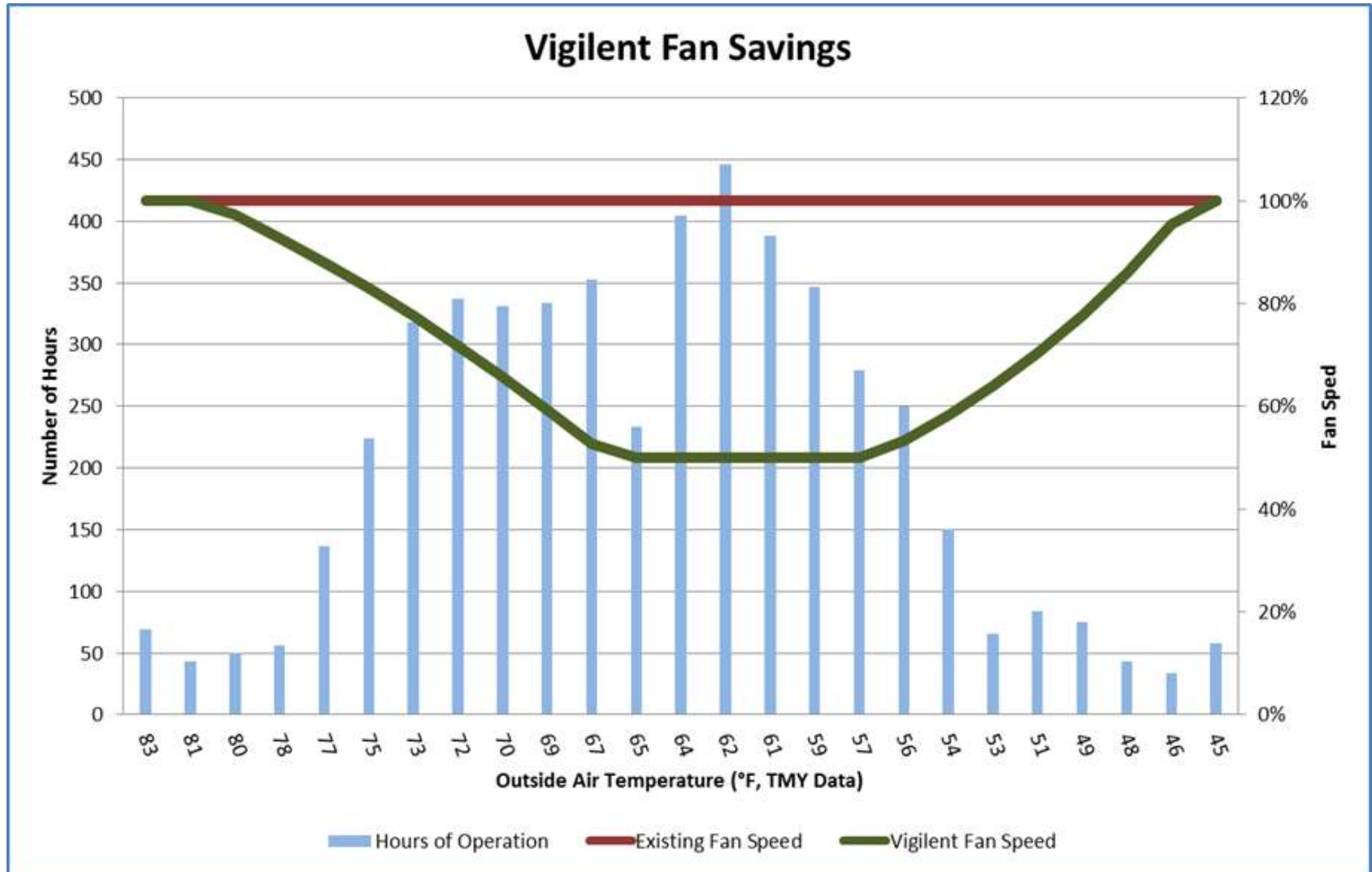
***41% Cooling Energy Reduction***

# WHAT ABOUT BUILDINGS?

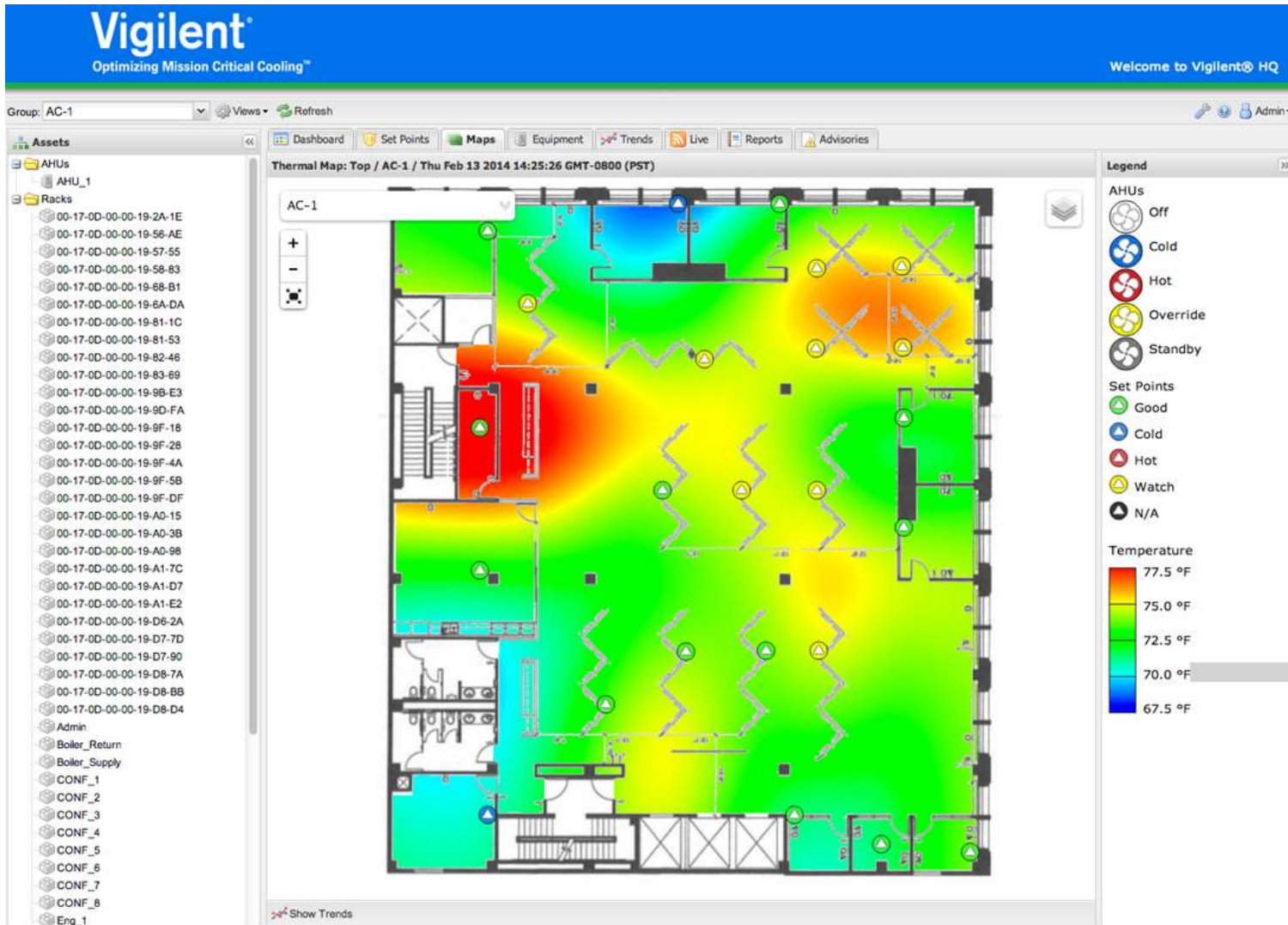
*“60% of savings of traditional VAV retrofit at 30% of the cost.”*

- Anna Levitt, UCSD

# OPTIMIZED FAN SPEEDS



# VISIBILITY



# GEISEL LIBRARY – UC SAN DIEGO

- 490,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- 22 AHUs
- VFDs installed
- BACnet integration w/JCI
- Software turn-up in 1 day
- Results:
  - Fans individually controlled / average 65%
  - Tight temperature space set points met
  - \$280,000 annual savings



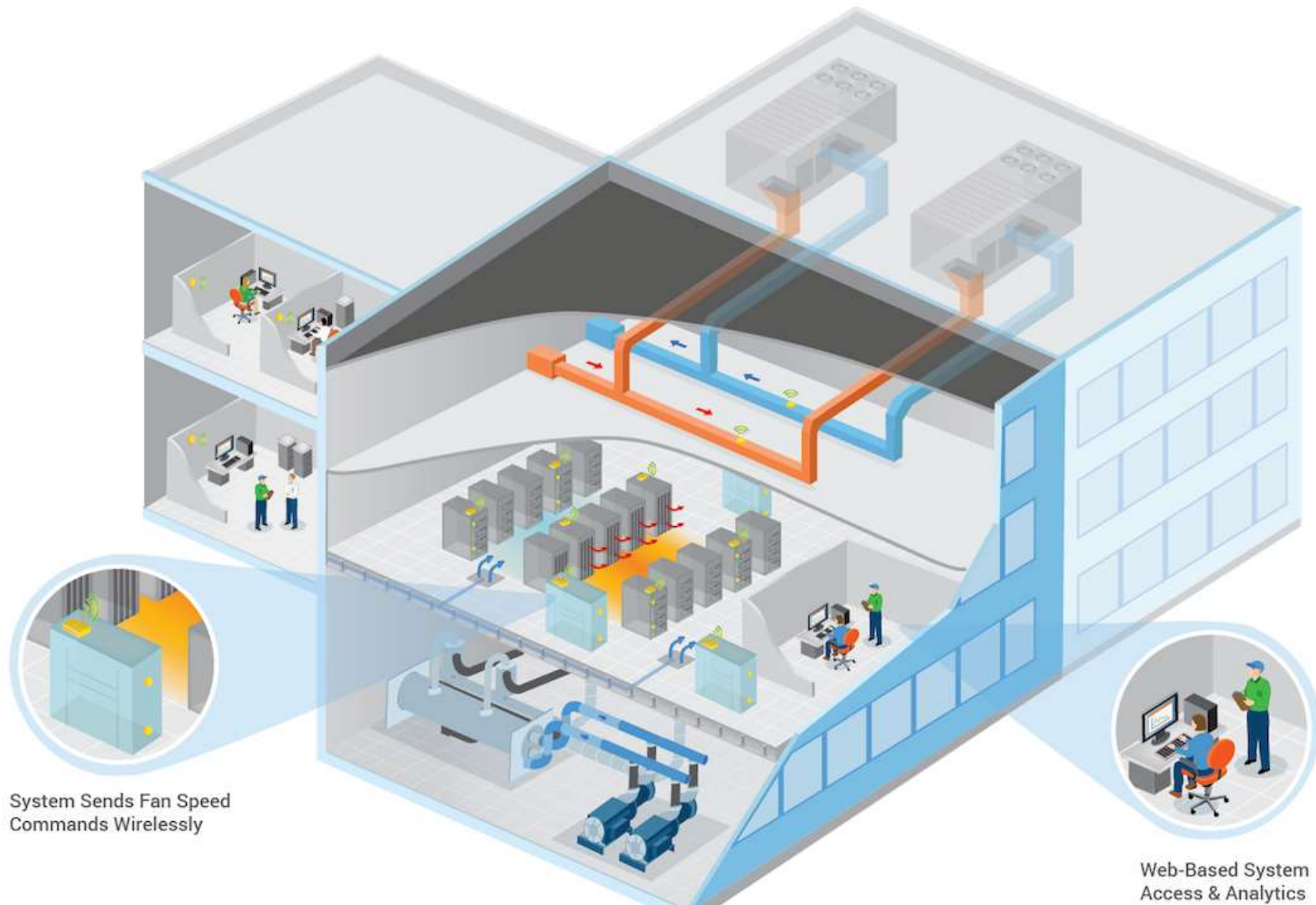
*“ROI, aided by energy efficiency incentives, was achieved in about one second.”*

– Glen Brandenburg, Sustainability Advisor,  
Associated Students of San Diego State University



# ARCHITECTURE

*Automatic, closed-loop control optimizes HVAC*



System Sends Fan Speed  
Commands Wirelessly

Web-Based System  
Access & Analytics