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# Improving Operational Performance of HVAC Equipment

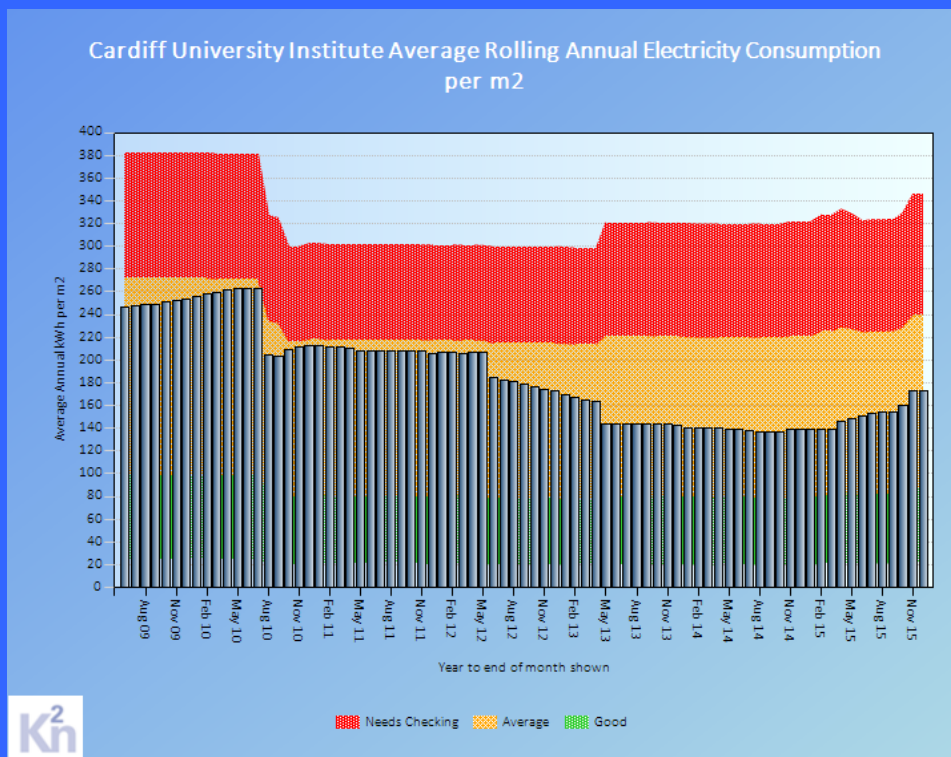
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# LEGISLATION

# Directives, directives, directives...

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Since 2002, EU Directives designed to reduce energy use tell us:

- What equipment we can buy (EcoDesign Directive – Jan 2016)
- What levels of insulation we must have in our buildings (EPBD)
- What improvements we must wrestle out of our existing buildings (EED/EPBD)
- All new buildings must be near Zero Energy by Jan 2021 (EPBD)

In reality, many of these ‘improvements’ exist mainly on paper not in practice – as evidenced by the ‘performance gap’. To achieve energy efficiency in practice we must understand and value operation as well as much as laboratory figures and theory

# How should Energy Policy change?

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- To enhance the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the people and communities of Europe, Energy Policy should address four main objectives in practice:
  - Provide affordable and reliable energy
  - Minimise environmental impact
  - Maximise energy efficiency in the activities undertaken
  - Encourage energy efficient products and services
- Operational Data helps achieve all four objectives by creating a framework in which the real-world impact of differing products, processes, services and techniques can be quantified in context.
- Need to legislate for Operational Data as a route to compliance

# EPBD legislation in practice

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- Challenges regarding compliance and quality of the works.
- How do we get the needed result from planning through doing the work to following up the actual conditions in use?
- Energy Performance calculations, component characteristics. Legislated via ERP with reference to trusted 3rd party certification schemes?
- Implementation of the work.
- Q. How many countries control the compliance energy performance during design and then following up the results?
- Q. How are problems recorded and reported?

# Push and pull

		Energy performances			Description
Product					
					
		MEPS			
Res.	AC<12kW	✓	✓	✓	
	Vent. units	✓	✓	✓	
	Heat Pumps	✓	✓	✓	
Non Res.	Chillers	✗	✓ 2004	✓ 2016?	✓ 1995 (S)EER, (S)COP, ESEER
	Fans	✗	?	✓ 2013	(S)EER, (S)COP
	VRF	✗	?	✓ 2013	(S)EER, (S)COP
	Rooftops	✗	?	✓ 2013	(S)EER, (S)COP
	AC>12kW	✗	?	✓ 2013	(S)EER, (S)COP
	AHU	✗	✓ 2008	✓ 2016	✓ 2007 f(V, η, Δp, f)
	Fan Coils	✗	?	?	1995
	Air Filters	✗	?	?	1995
HEx	✗	✓ 2005	✗	✓ 2001	R

**Residential products: Complementarity between market surveillance and voluntary certification**

**Non Residential products with high energy saving potentials: EU MEPS (push) and voluntary labels (pull) (Exception with Fans)**

**Other Non Residential products: only voluntary certification (driven by the market)**

# ECP energy label for certified fan coil units



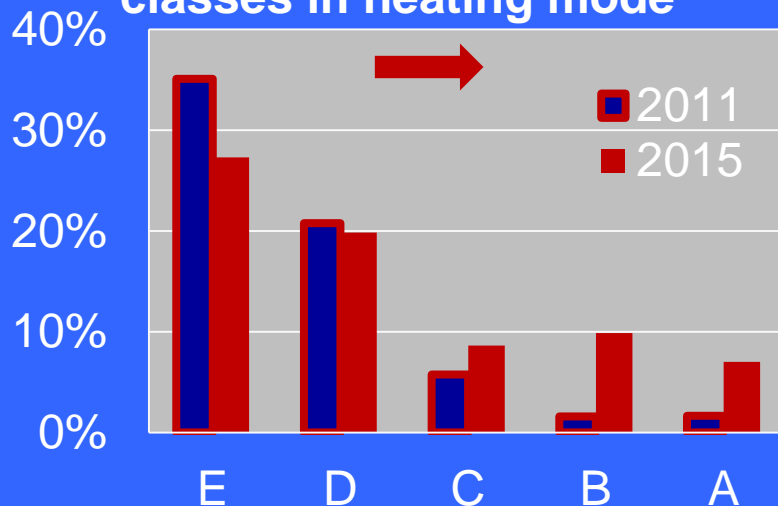
Energy efficiencies are moving from DE to ABC



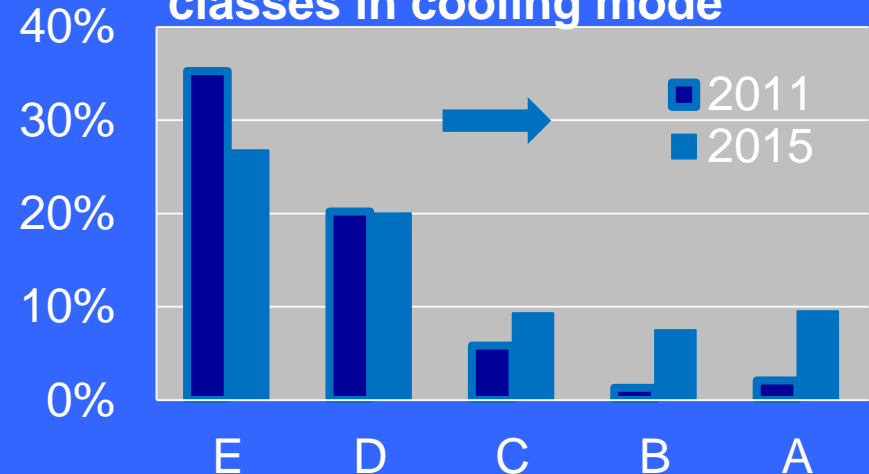
Evolution after 4 years  
of implementation  
(2011 – 2015)



Distribution of energy  
classes in heating mode

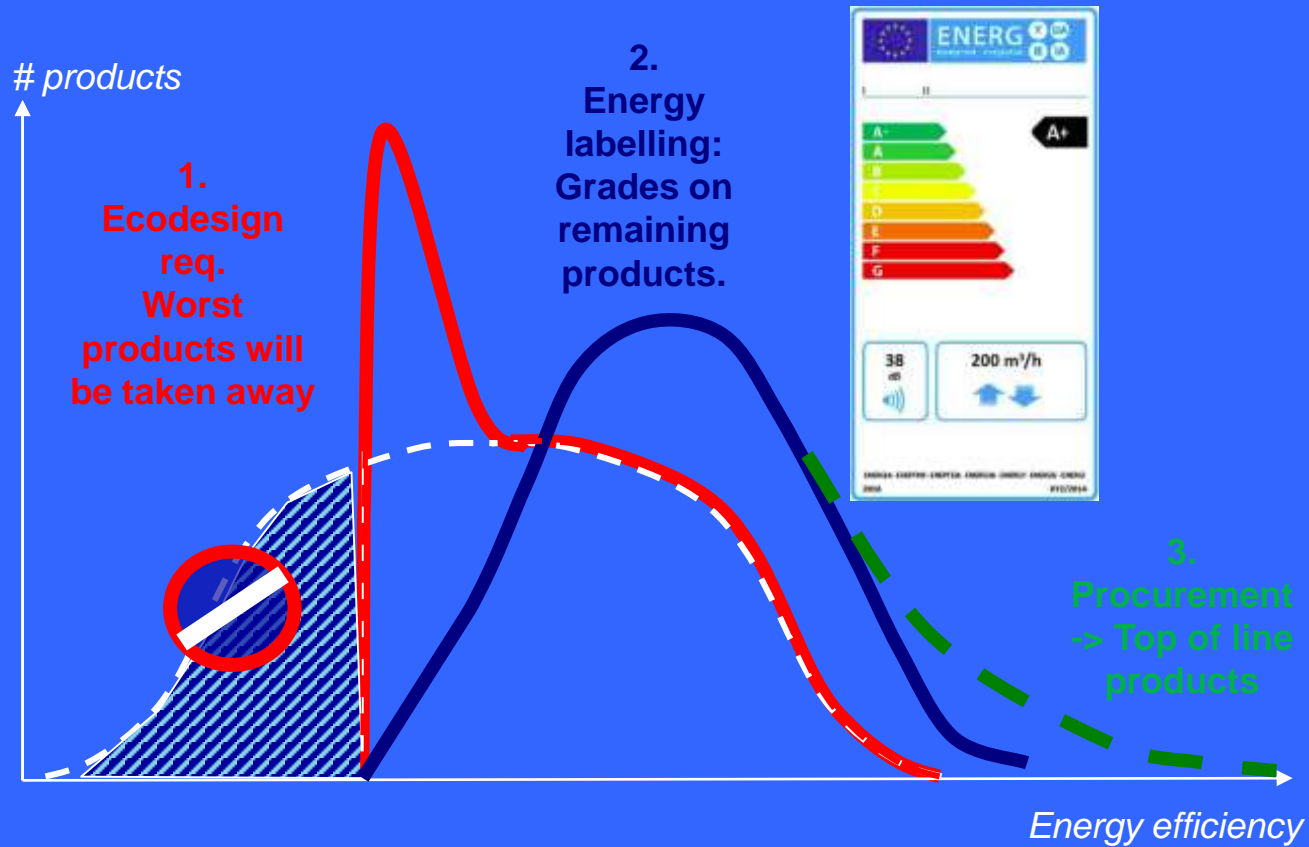


Distribution of energy  
classes in cooling mode





# Politics for Promoting High Efficiency Products



# Energy performance compliance

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- A workable system would need:
  - Legislation (i.e. Lot 6). Is this the best way to obtain compliance data or a voluntary scheme (e.g. Eurovent)?
  - A clear procedure which is legally accountable?
  - A way to deal with non-compliance?
  - Is an EPBD approach more desirable, but a product approach more manageable?
- Challenges
  - Q. How to get MS to take compliance and quality of work seriously?
  - Q. Is EPBD the correct framework to deal with these issues or is there another way?

# Summary

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- The bar has been set high for energy performance of both new and renovated buildings, so the conditions need to be right to achieve a healthy, accountable building stock across Europe.
- Q. How many countries control the compliance energy performance during design and then following up the results?
- Q. How are problems recorded and reported?
- Q. How to get MS to take compliance and quality of work seriously?
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# FRAMEWORK

# Data and HVAC equipment

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- Operational Data can inform the operation of HVAC Equipment in the following ways:
  - Shows how the delivery of a service is being achieved
  - Highlights areas for potential improvement in operation
  - Can allow comparison of achieved performance with design – enabling confidence in both initial and ongoing commissioning/maintenance
  - Enables ALL equipment to be assessed, not just a sample
  - Benchmarking of achieved performance by reference to similar
  - Identifying when it might be appropriate to replace equipment

# Data and Operational Practice

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Operational data provides:

- Greater certainty
- Factual information to underpin actions
- A more rapid route to dissemination of new ideas
- A means to demonstrate achievement of targets in practice

To do this it needs a framework to allow comparison

# A physical-based framework

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Proposed that the framework is based on physical assets and characteristics:

- Allows quantitative comparisons to be made
- Complements Standards and Legislation operation
- Allows comparative good practice to be identified
- Supports actions where needed
- Compatible with data-driven approaches

# Framework discussion

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Considering:

- The advent of BIM
- Easy access to data on all aspects of buildings
- The stochastic nature of human occupation of buildings
- The need to reduce absolute energy use in practice

Q. Does a physically based framework provide the correct basis for helping achieve operational energy efficiency from buildings?

Q. Are there qualitative data we need to capture?

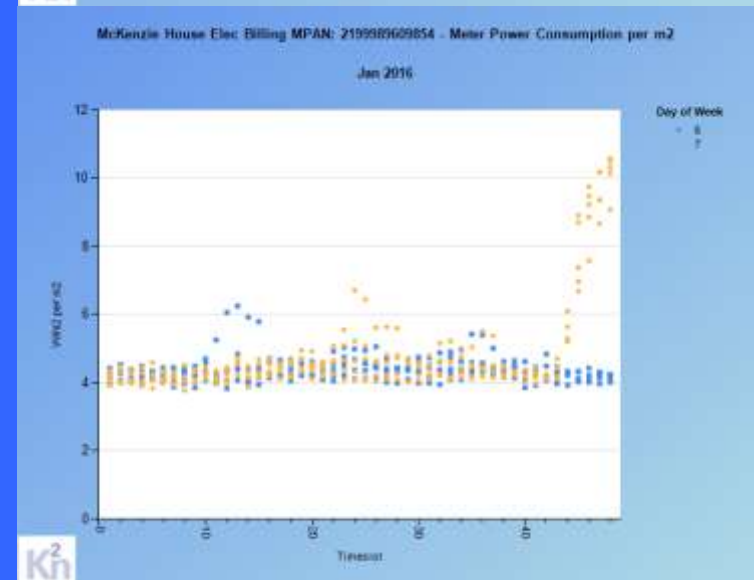
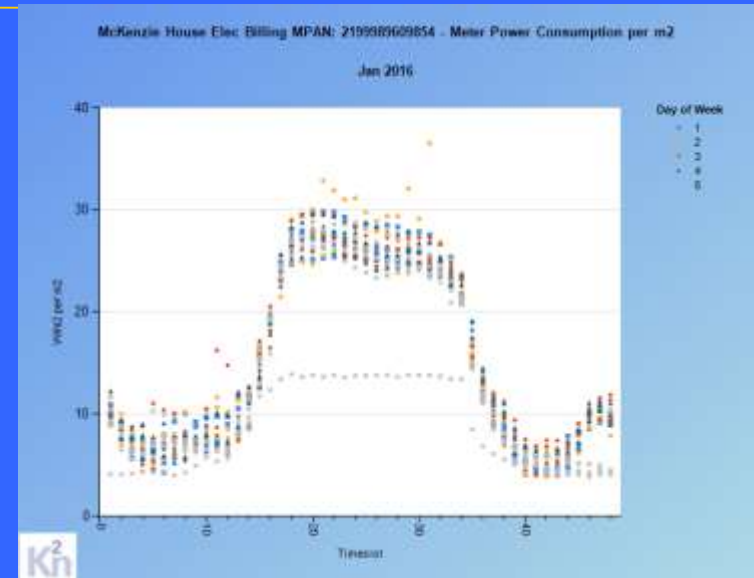


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# IMPLEMENTATION

# What is operational data and how does it inform HVAC Operation?

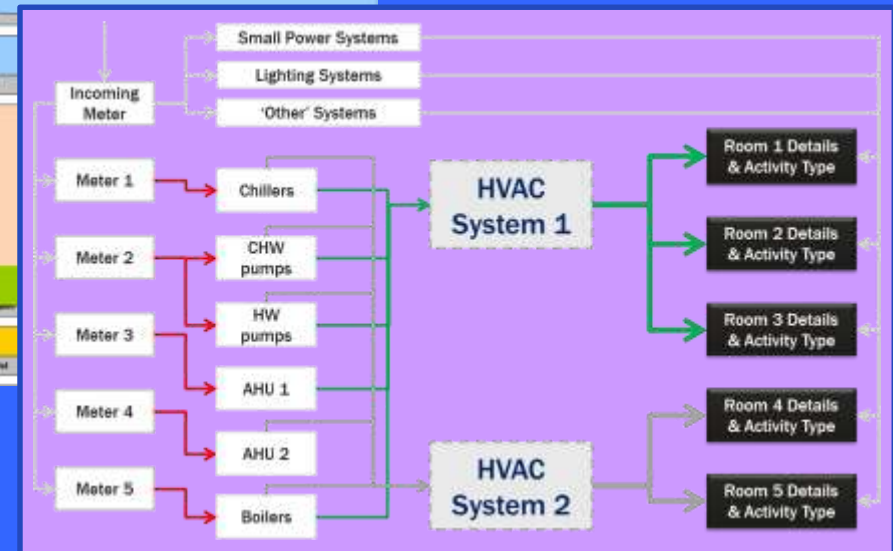
- Operational data is detailed information on consumption and conditions for spaces, activities, systems and components.
- Crucially, it is connected to the context in which it is used
- Can use this data to:
  - Compare performance against legislative and other benchmarks
  - Inform commissioning
  - Produce energy signatures
  - Inform maintenance
  - Inform upgrade/replacement timing
  - Keep benchmarks current



# Example Implementation of Operational Data

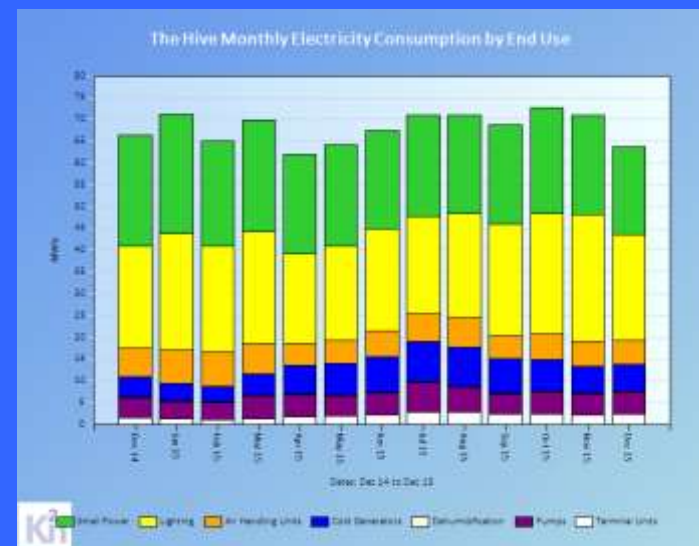
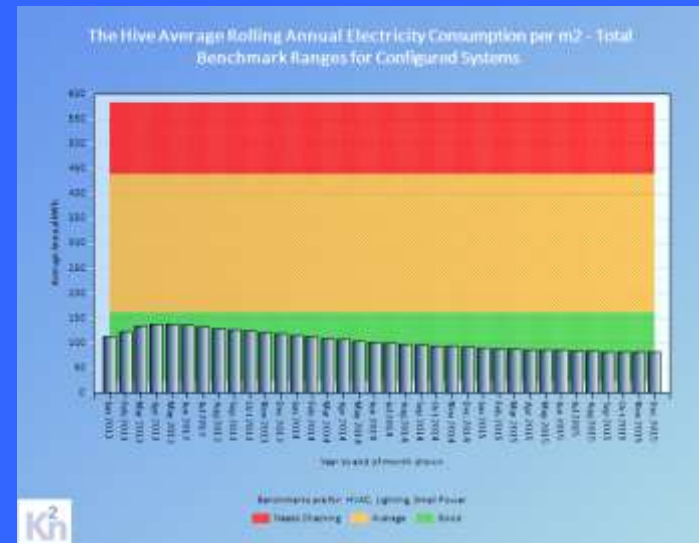
- Procedure trialled across 20 EU MS – [www.iservcmb.info](http://www.iservcmb.info)
- Now in commercial use – [www.k2nenergy.com](http://www.k2nenergy.com)
- Based on the interaction of physical assets and metered use

Data supplied from the Meter (All Meter/Type)												
Building												
Building Name*	Description	Organisation Name*	Site Name*	Device*	Address*	Floor*	Passive*	Control*	Control of HVAC Temperature*	Controlled Room*	Primary Reference Code*	EPS - Loc
Utility Meter												
Name*	Description	Room Name*	Unit Label*	Multiplex	System Where Located	Energy Meter ID*	Room Location*	Control Point*	Control Room Name*			
HVAC Sensor												
Name*	Description	System Label*	Unit Label*	Energy/Type	Room	Energy Sensor ID*						
HVAC System												
Name*	Description	Main BMS Control*	BMS Label*	System Classification*	Control Label*	Energy Meter ID*	Room Location*	Control Point*	Control Room Name*			
HVAC Component												
Name*	Description	Component Label*	Component Data Label*	System Where BMS Control*	System Where Located*	Room Location of Component BMS*	Room Location*	Control Point*	Control Room Name*			
Small Power System												
Name*	Description	Room Name*										
Lighting System												
Name*	Description	Room Name*										
Other System												
Name*	Description	System Label*	Room Name*									
Schedules of Setpoint and Occupation												
Name*	Description	To configure the schedule, please refer to the system user manual for more details and then update the data and save the schedule on the controller. The Controller will be updated.										
Space												
Name*	Description	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Height (m)	Device*	Priority*	Controlled By BMS/ID*	Control Point*	Control Room Name*	Lighting Control*			



# Operational Energy Efficiency

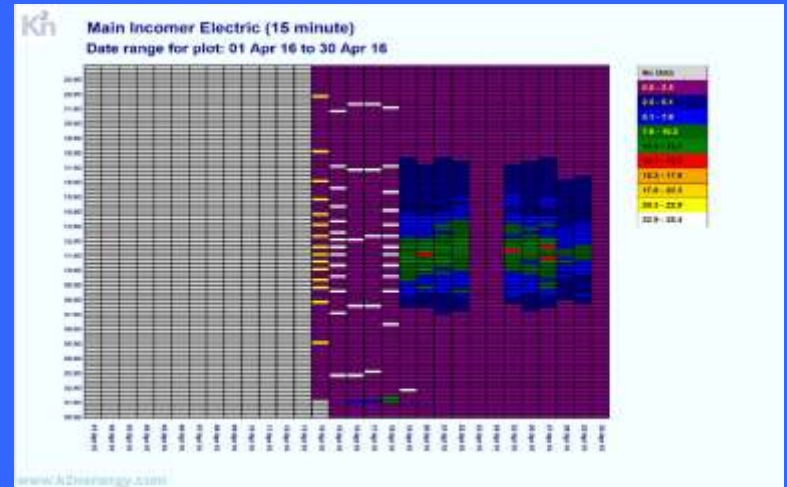
- Achieving energy efficiency:
  - Understand whether the **MAGNITUDE** of power demands and energy consumptions are reasonable.
  - Understand **WHY, WHEN** and **WHERE** energy is used.
  - Understand **WHEN** and **WHERE** action should be taken, and the potential savings to be made
- Easy to say – less easy to achieve
- Benchmarks show efficiency achievable in practice



# Metering, Connections and Maintenance

## Lessons from implementation:

- Much data is inaccurate or missing
- Many sub-meters are not connected to the end uses assumed
- Often meter and data resolution is inappropriate
- Approach needs to fit into operational procedures to provide most impact



# Implementation discussion

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Assuming the argument for operational data is proven, then the next step is to provide operational data based procedures the MS legislators can refer to:

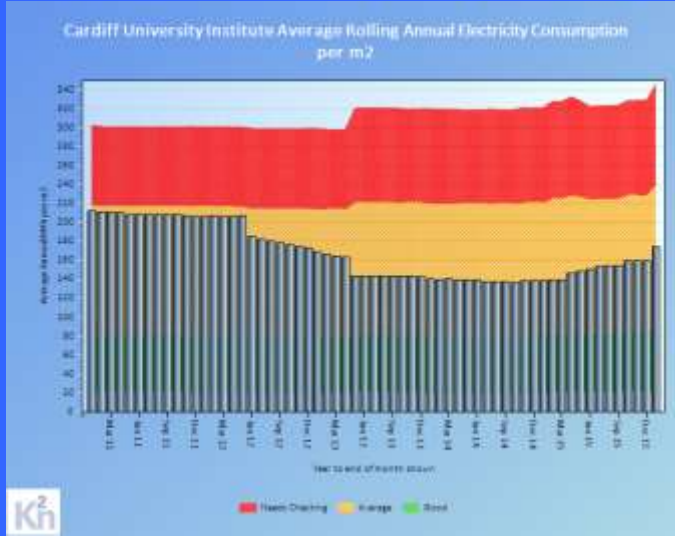
- Q. Can they provide a competitive advantage manufacturers can exploit?
- Q. How will this impact the design and operation of new and existing buildings and services?
- Q. Anything missing?

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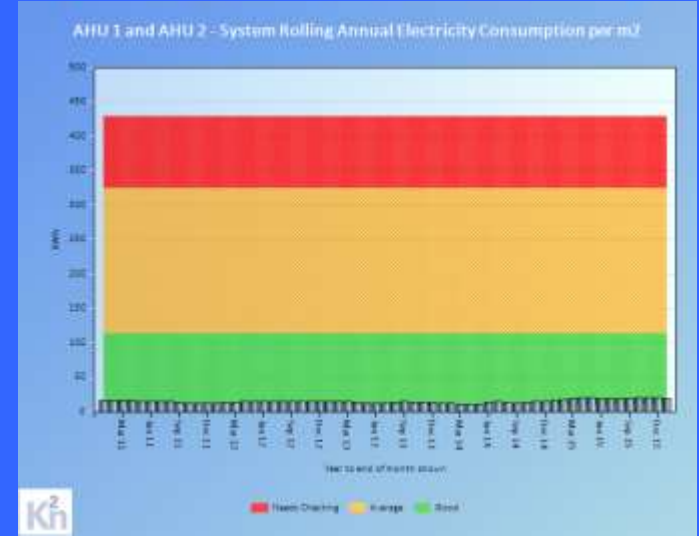
# REPORTS

# Data use and benchmarks

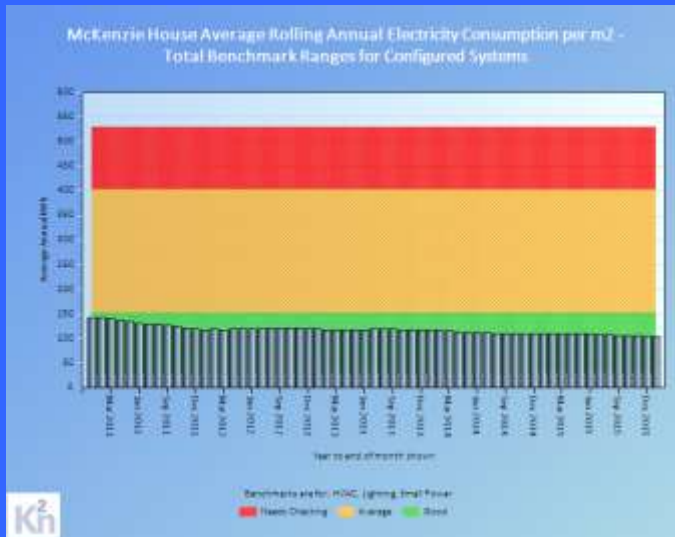
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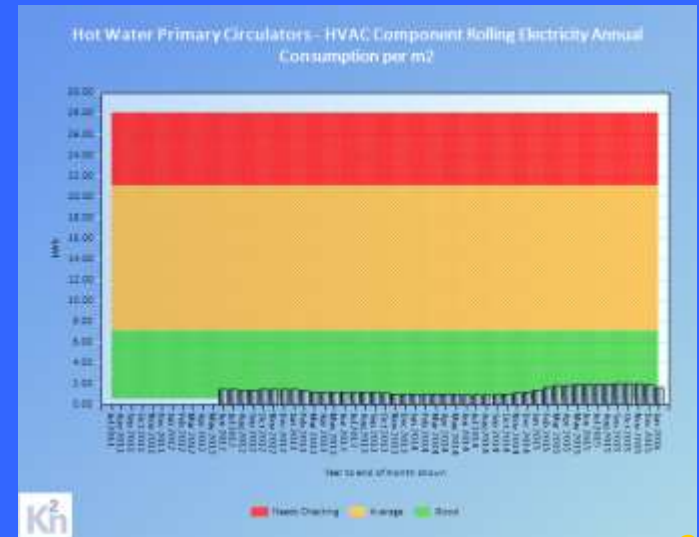
System



Building



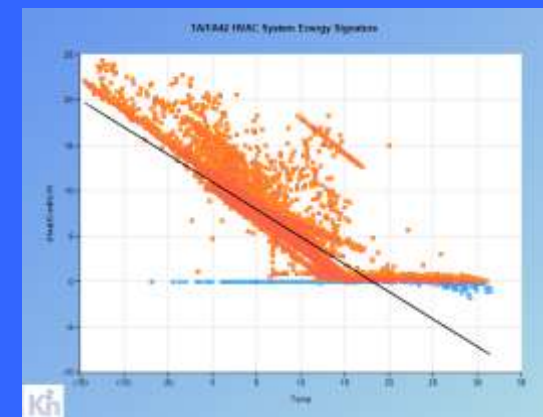
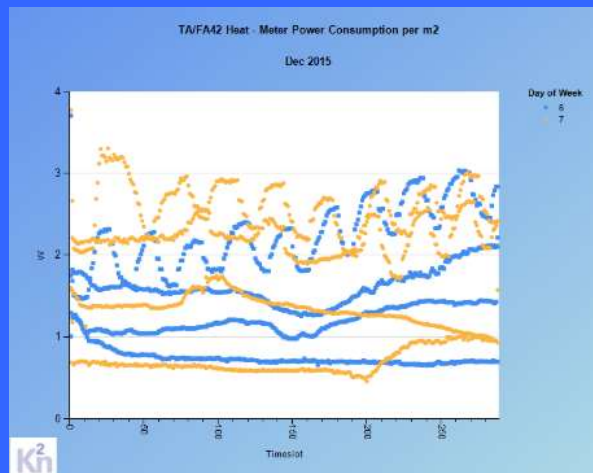
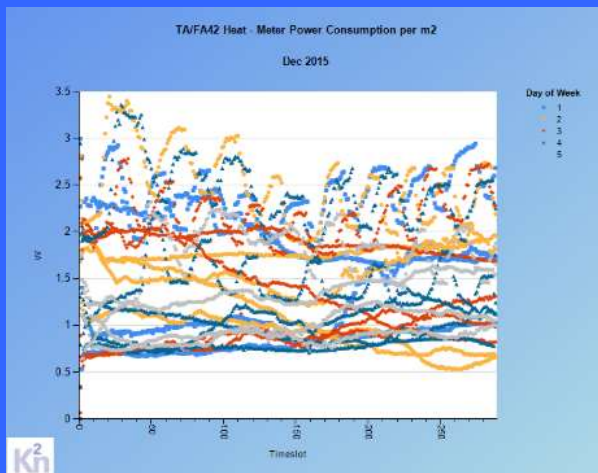
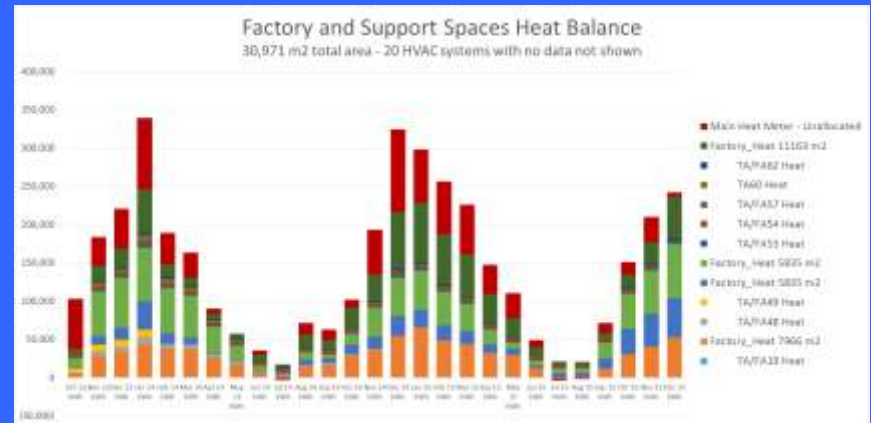
Component





# Data use in operational analysis

- Same data can be used to:
  - Understand contribution to overall energy use
  - Understand control and time of operation
  - Contribute to benchmarks
  - Produce energy signatures for spaces



Data Source and Regression Line Details	
Heat Meter	TA/FA42 Heat
Coolth Meter	TA/FA42 Cool
Temperature Sensor	TA/FA42_0x122F, Outside Air Temperature
Date Range	21/10/2013 to 01/05/2016
Regression Line	$y = -0.603611x + 10.9503$
R2	$R^2 = 0.778165$

Activities and Spaces Served		
Activity	Space	Area m2
Industrial process area	J0.11	7966.24

# Data used to achieve action

- Same data can be used with benchmarks to assess best opportunities and potential savings
- These examples rank order performance by building and show the potential for a single building compared to its benchmarks

Cardiff University Yearly Building Electricity Consumption m2	Status	Building Name	Year to end of	Annual kWh per m2				
				Measured	Benchmark Min	Benchmark 25%	Benchmark 75%	Benchmark Max
38/39 Park Place			Apr 2016	163.62	8.42	30.98	87.34	124.49
40/41 Park Pl (Computing Ctr) (MI)			Apr 2016	399.70	9.88	63.78	284.76	513.05
49 Park Place (Gymnasium) (MI)			Apr 2016	256.35	15.15	30.73	63.03	79.23
6 Museum Place (MI)			Mar 2016	353.36	10.95	36.30	88.41	114.85
Cartwright Court, Block C (MI)			Mar 2016	126.65	10.94	36.54	99.87	139.54
Colum Hall (MI)			Apr 2016	162.85	14.85	48.72	136.76	193.44
CUBRIC Building - excluding MRI, MEG and IT Suites (MI)			Apr 2016	409.56	23.91	101.18	279.33	379.71
Guest Building (MI)			Apr 2016	27.66	0.01	0.12	1.05	1.62
Haydn Ellis Building			Apr 2016	396.52	24.62	92.39	234.22	307.90
Henry Wellcome Building (MI)			Apr 2016	732.77	29.30	98.01	254.39	340.27
LTYB, Field Hall			Apr 2016	76.89	17.52	26.87	70.68	90.42
Tenovus Building (MI)			Dec 2013	277.16	34.57	108.39	272.42	360.63
Tower Block 2 (MI)			Jan 2015	118.20	7.62	26.57	67.53	89.27
Trethick Building (MI)			Apr 2016	129.24	15.48	46.72	122.58	175.99
University Hall, Tower & Office Block (MI)			Apr 2016	343.27	11.59	39.80	111.70	156.90
154 Colum Road			Mar 2016	66.55	15.60	52.24	143.20	198.91
33/35/37 Corbett Rd			Mar 2016	41.95	8.04	29.33	83.86	114.84
42-45 Park Place			Mar 2016	87.93	9.15	34.89	95.30	127.81
46 Park Place			Apr 2016	52.20	9.34	32.37	86.15	119.75
47 Park Place			Apr 2016	66.32	9.96	33.39	87.38	117.11
5/7 Corbett Road			Apr 2016	48.31	13.60	42.57	110.68	150.89
52 Park Place			Mar 2016	42.27	11.10	36.66	92.24	126.85
53 Park Place			Mar 2016	30.50	8.24	29.69	82.66	111.63
54 Park Place			Mar 2016	38.03	9.84	34.55	94.70	127.42
55 Colum Road			Mar 2016	68.05	15.74	51.10	139.33	193.58
Senghennydd Court, ABEL			Apr 2016	50.30	13.28	45.26	126.56	177.90
Senghennydd Court, Administration			Apr 2016	34.01	9.78	30.62	81.93	111.66
Senghennydd Court, BOOLE			Apr 2016	52.12	13.84	46.92	131.19	184.50
Senghennydd Court, CAYLEY			Apr 2016	51.79	13.71	46.63	130.45	183.52
Senghennydd Court, DESCARTES			Apr 2016	52.90	14.21	48.19	133.79	187.43
Senghennydd Court, EUCLID			Apr 2016	52.51	13.84	47.76	132.83	185.94
Senghennydd Court, FERMAT			Apr 2016	52.73	14.16	47.76	132.99	186.70
Senghennydd Court, GALOIS			Apr 2016	52.71	14.12	47.75	132.99	186.67
Senghennydd Court, HERMITE			Apr 2016	53.42	14.38	48.49	134.86	189.19
Senghennydd Court, JACOBI			Apr 2016	52.84	14.08	47.57	133.10	187.32
Senghennydd Court, KLEIN			Apr 2016	53.38	14.33	48.37	134.68	189.02
Senghennydd Court, LAPLACE			Apr 2016	50.54	13.63	44.97	125.94	177.98
Senghennydd Court, NEWTON			Apr 2016	51.37	13.91	45.71	128.06	181.08
Senghennydd Court, PASCAL			Apr 2016	51.23	13.86	45.64	127.76	180.56
Cartwright Court, House 7 (MI)			Mar 2016	27.83	10.17	36.75	102.36	142.76
Cartwright Court, House 9 (MI)			Mar 2016	35.61	12.25	42.30	117.81	165.10
EUROS Building A (68PP) (MI)			Mar 2016	24.55	12.19	39.68	96.25	125.41
EUROS Building B (67PP) (MI)			Mar 2016	26.76	12.17	39.84	96.74	125.95
EUROS Building C (66PP) (MI)			Mar 2016	22.03	10.26	33.51	80.80	104.04
Gordon Road Hall (MI)			Apr 2016	46.77	13.90	48.52	135.67	189.95
Janrumney Pavilion (MI)			Mar 2015	25.05	9.49	30.37	72.89	94.10
LTYB, 1 Bevan Place (ARNOLD)			Apr 2016	26.58	14.63	48.37	136.05	192.36
LTYB, 10 Bevan Place (ROSSETTI)			Apr 2016	25.40	13.81	46.19	129.99	183.61
LTYB, 10 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Sep 2015	36.44	13.18	43.37	121.31	171.35
LTYB, 11 Bevan Place (VAUGHAN)			Apr 2016	25.08	13.65	45.55	128.13	181.03
LTYB, 11 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Sep 2015	31.52	13.16	43.27	121.00	170.92
LTYB, 12 Bevan Place (WORDSWORTH)			Apr 2016	24.95	13.62	45.27	127.24	179.79
LTYB, 12 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Sep 2015	23.35	13.17	43.31	121.09	171.05
LTYB, 13 Bevan Place (YEATES)			Apr 2016	25.29	13.79	45.92	129.13	182.48
LTYB, 14 Bevan Place (SHELLEY)			Apr 2016	25.58	13.99	46.48	130.73	184.77
LTYB, 15 Bevan Place (THOMAS)			Apr 2016	24.91	13.53	45.23	127.24	179.73
LTYB, 15 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Sep 2015	23.32	13.56	45.02	126.45	178.61
LTYB, 16 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Apr 2016	47.31	14.50	48.19	135.70	191.78
LTYB, 19 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Apr 2016	47.78	14.59	48.37	136.13	192.42
LTYB, 2 Bevan Place (BYRON)			Apr 2016	26.58	14.63	48.36	136.02	192.32
LTYB, 2 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Sep 2015	20.25	13.18	43.37	121.29	171.33
LTYB, 21 Trotman-Dickenson Place			Apr 2016	40.29	12.65	41.73	116.71	164.80
McKenzie House			Apr 2016	102.71	29.82	139.88	364.01	476.88
Ty Dewi Sant (MI)			Apr 2016	24.94	14.20	44.98	110.95	148.65

## Potential Savings Summary

The potential savings shown here are relative to the top 10% of performance (Best Practice) and top 25% of performance (Good Practice) as indicated by the benchmarks obtained from operational buildings. These levels of performance may not be possible to obtain in this building or HVAC systems as currently designed. A negative figure indicates an increased cost or energy consumption.

### Whole Building

### Potential Annual Savings

Utility	Year To	%	Best Practice		Good Practice		£
			Units	£	Units	£	
Electricity	Apr 2016	69%	635,397 kWh	82,602	45%	411,616 kWh	53,510
Gas	Mar 2016	73%	921,209 kWh	46,060	35%	445,326 kWh	22,266
Water	Mar 2016	69%	2,196 m3	6,588	54%	1,731 m3	5,193

# Final discussion

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- It is clear that operationally low energy services are a key element for achieving lower energy use in buildings.
- Q. What are the implications for all the actors in this sector of this change?
- Already we are seeing a move to building procurement with guaranteed operational performance in the contract. This potentially means choosing the best kit in the future for both new build and refurbishment.
- Q. What else might it impact?

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# Thank you

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