

The Mystery of Energy Data Science

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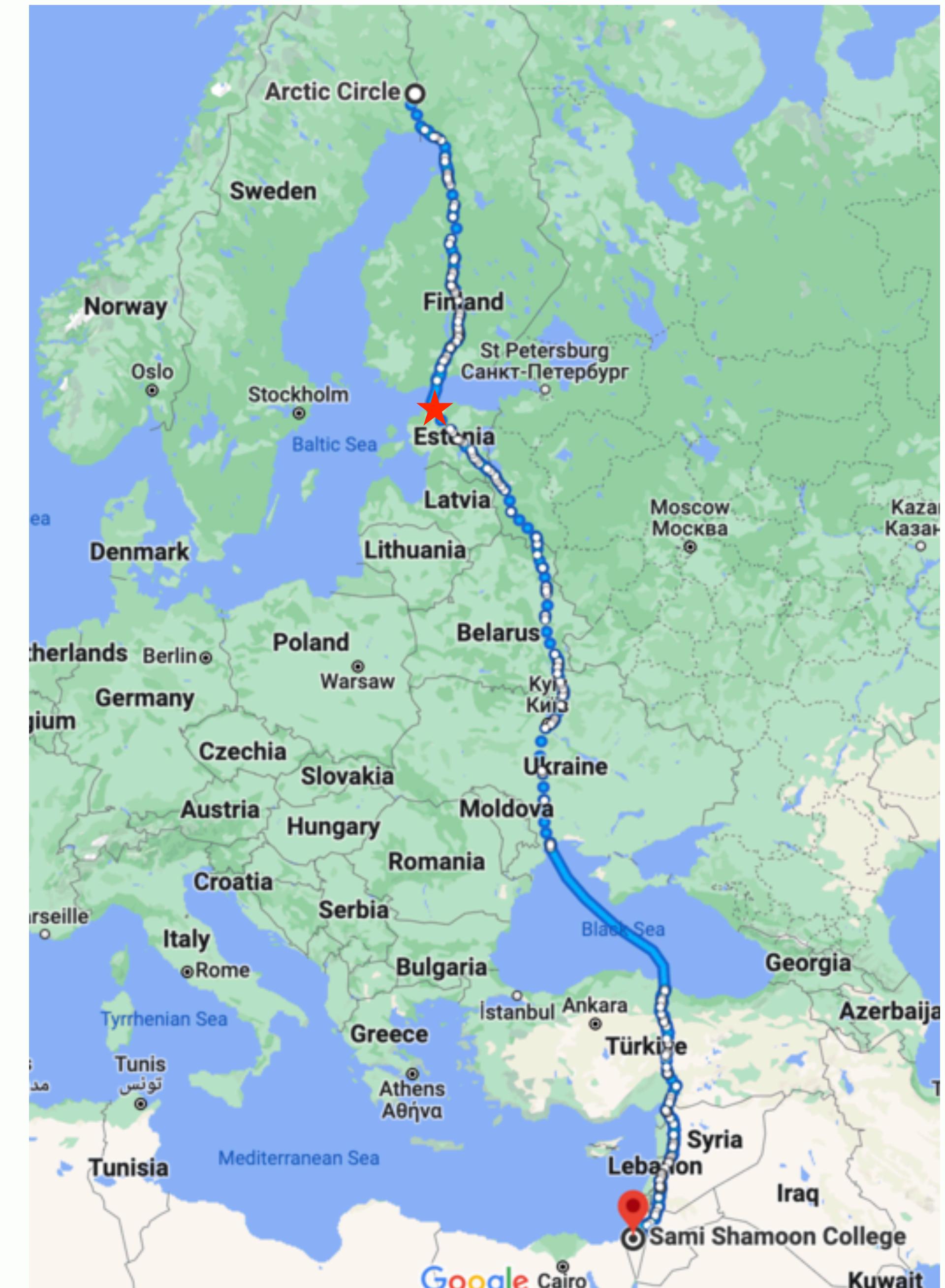
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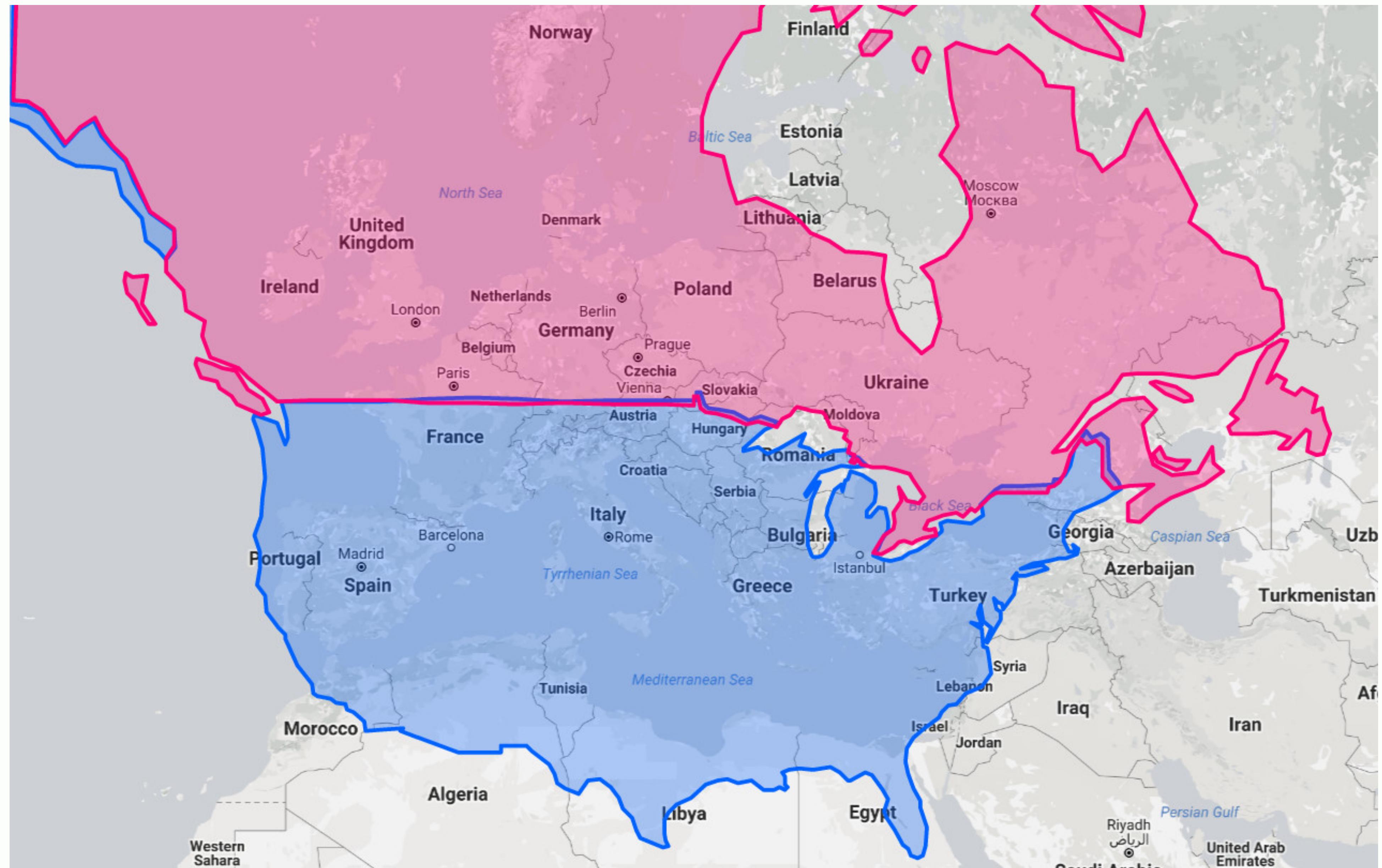
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ESTONIA

- ✓ Area 45,227 km²
- ✓ Population ~1.3 mln
- ✓ Capital: Tallinn
- ✓ Currency: Euro
- ✓ Over 52% is covered with forest
- ✓ Highest point is 318m above the sea level
- ✓ 10 unicorns (eg Skype, Playtech, Wise, Bolt, etc.)

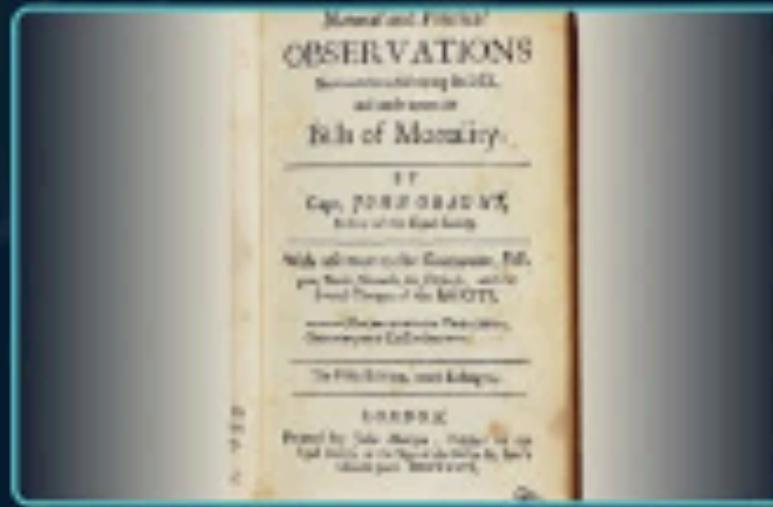




HISTORY OF DATA



The [Ishango bone](#) holds the first evidence of data collection and storage.



John Graunt introduces the [concept of data analysis](#) in 1663.



Herman Hollerith designs a [machine that helped complete](#) the US census in 1890.



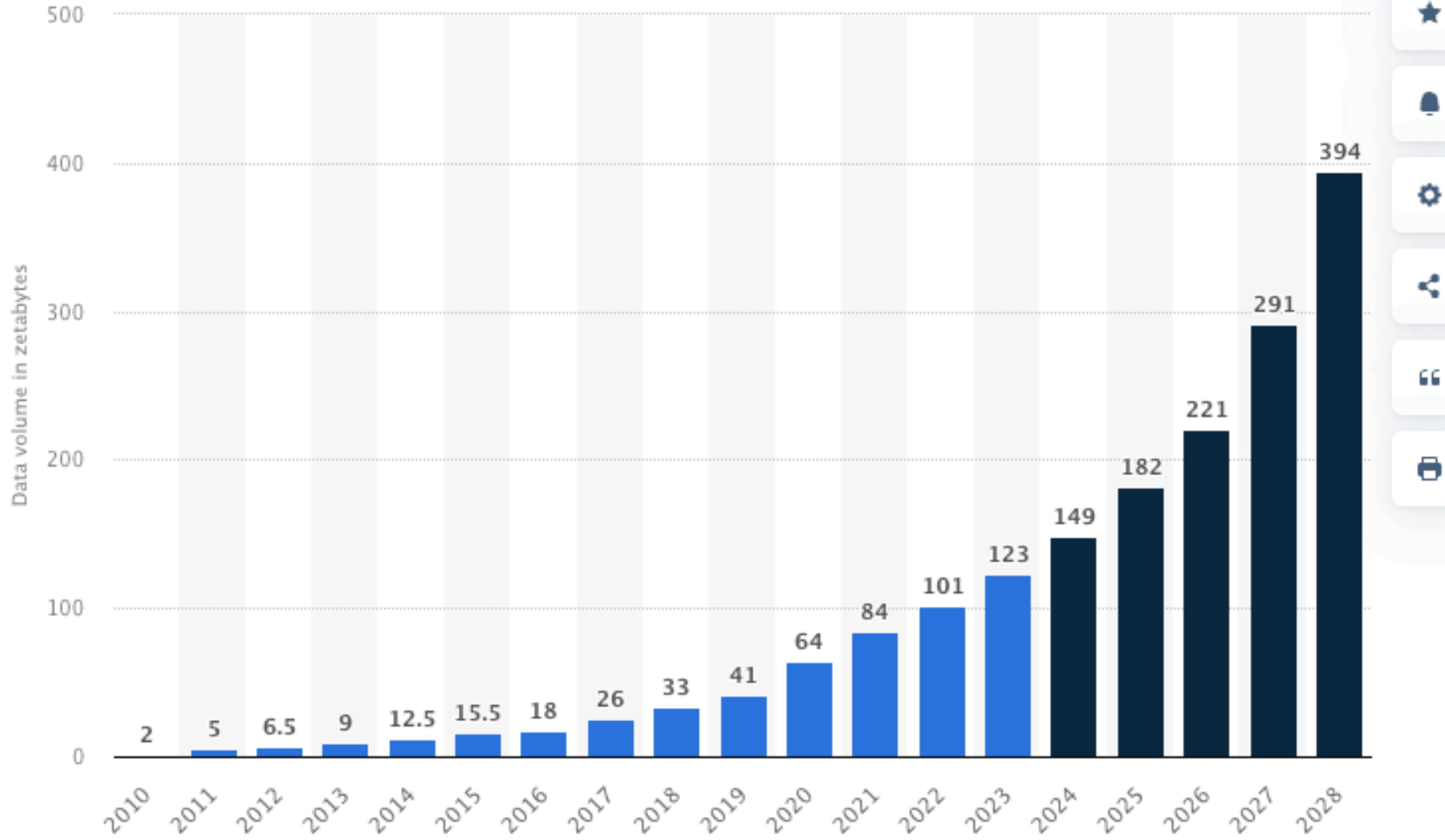
Fritz Pfleumer invents the [magnetic tape](#) which later inspired the invention of floppy disks and hard disk drives.



Sir Tim Berners Lee invents the [World Wide Web](#).

WORLD DATA IN NUMBERS

$1 \text{ ZB} = 1 \times 10^6 \text{ PB} = 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ GB}$

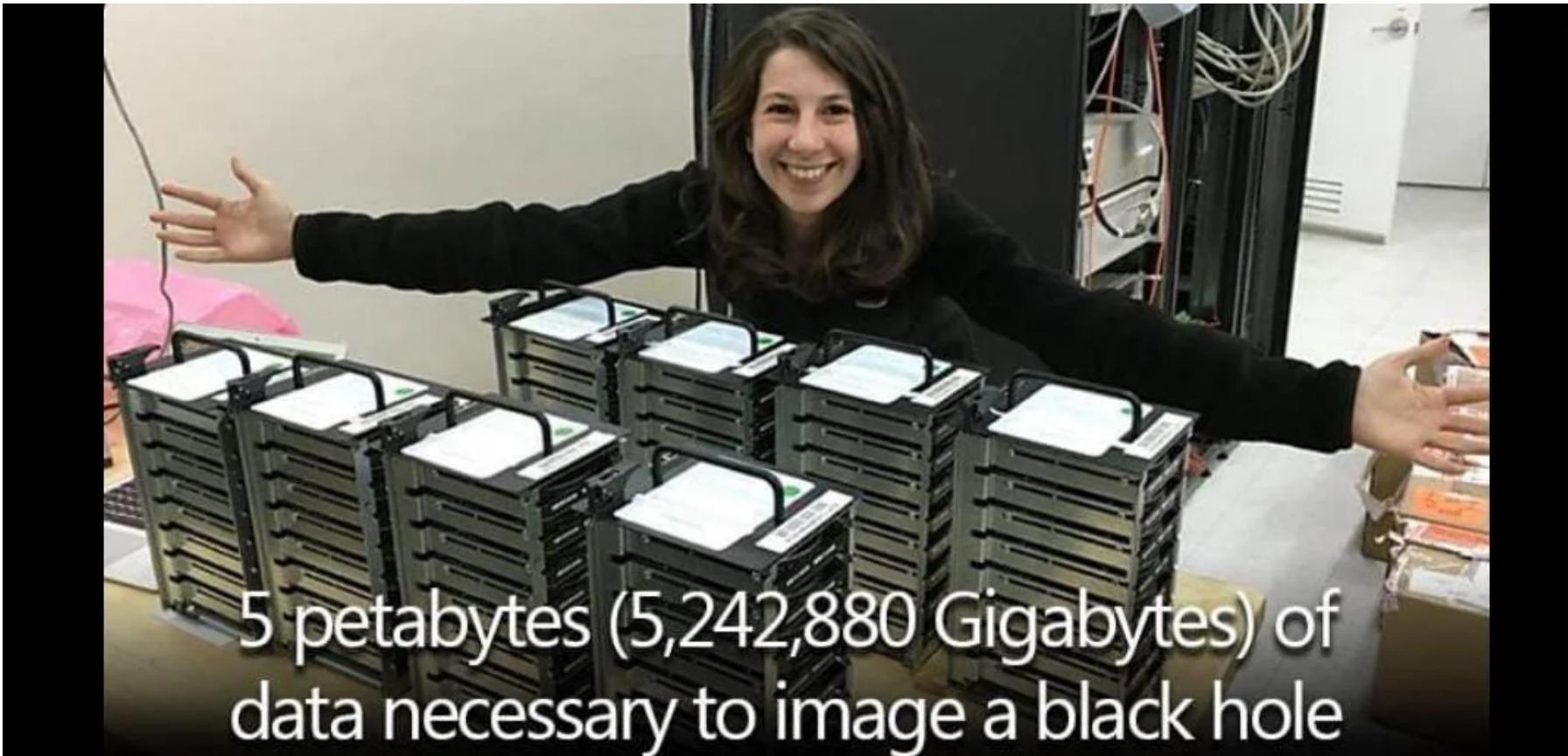
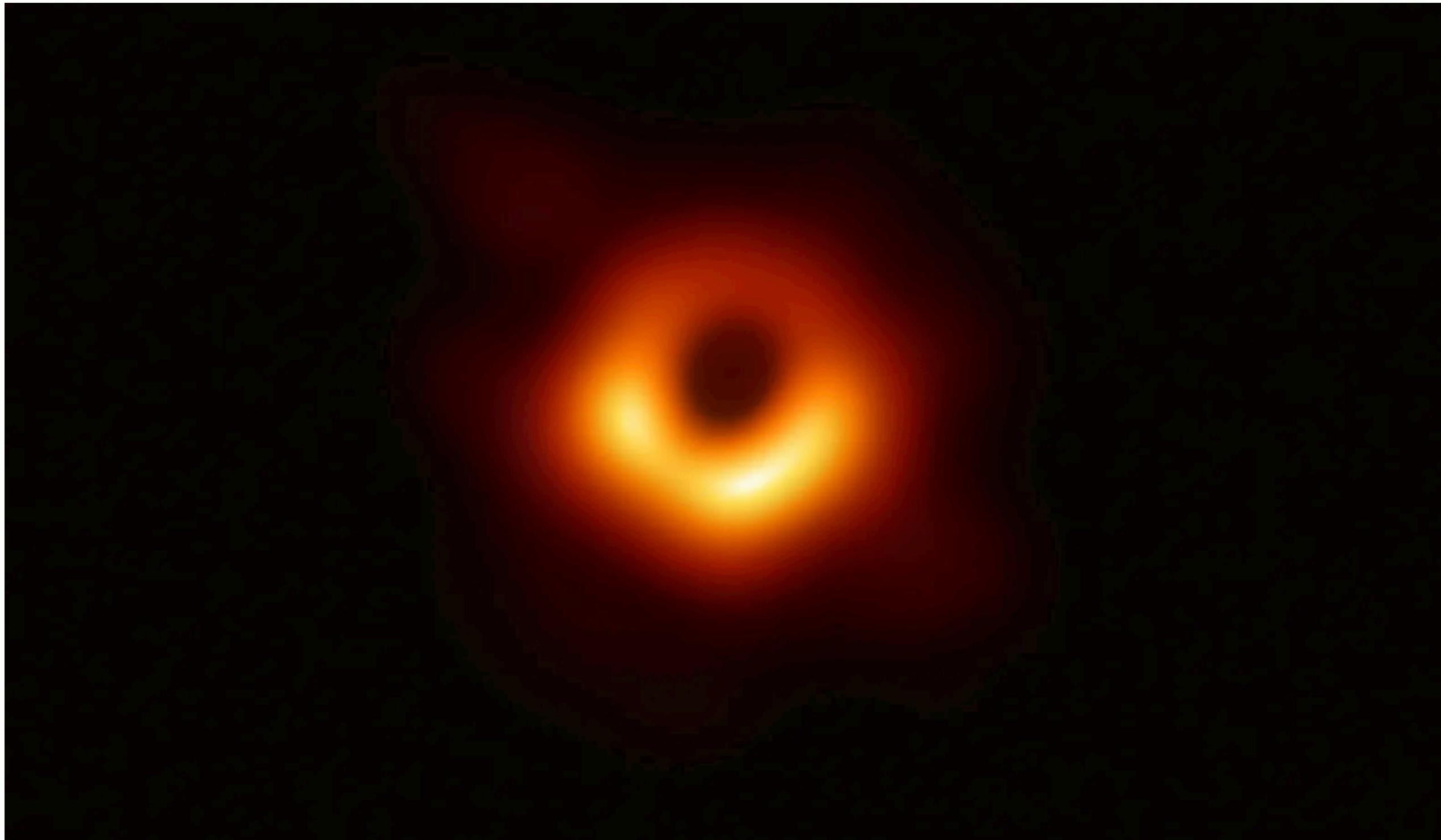


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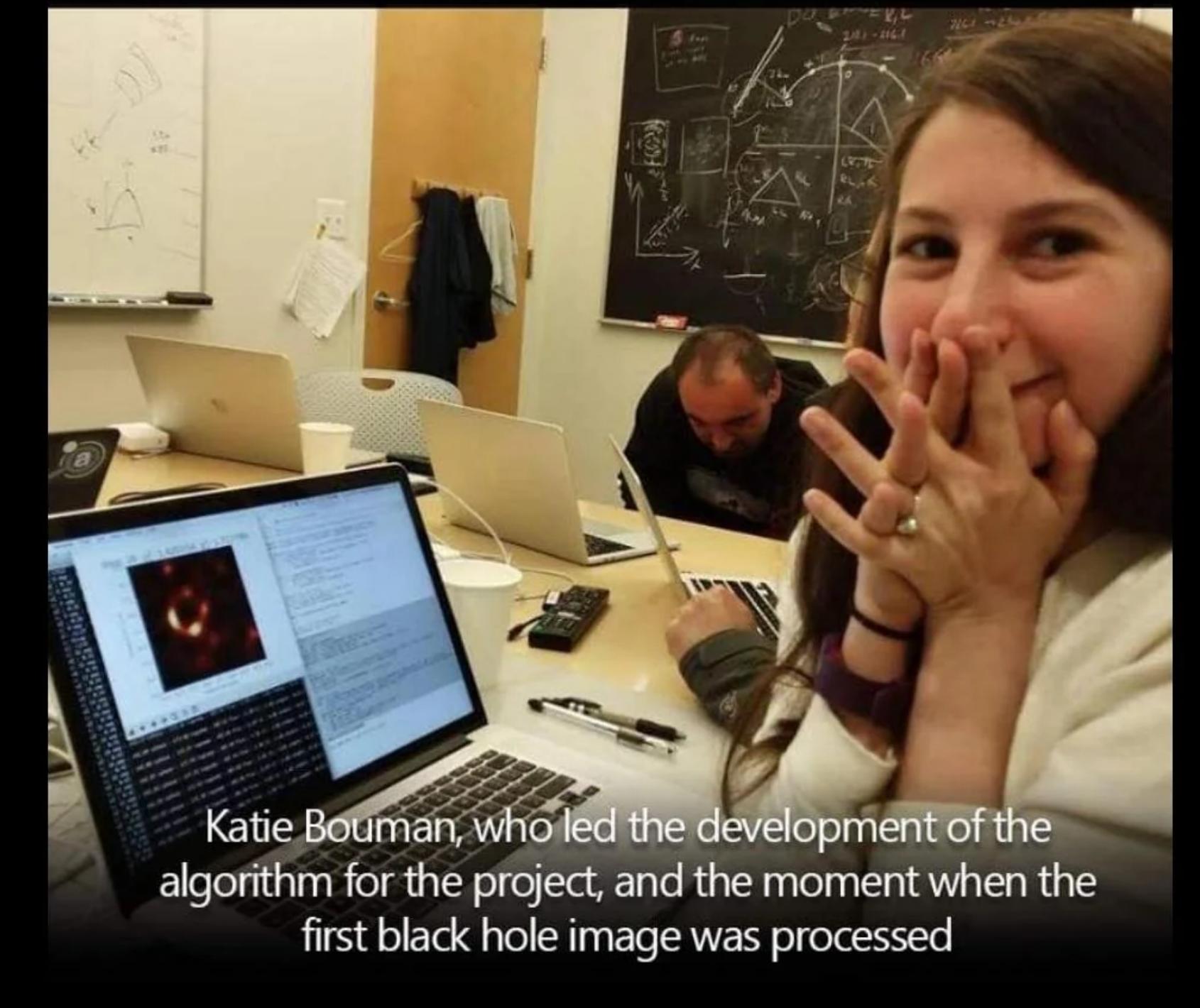
WORLD DATA IN NUMBERS (2)

Home > Extreme

It Took Half a Ton of Hard Drives to Store the Black Hole Image Data



5 petabytes (5,242,880 Gigabytes) of data necessary to image a black hole



Katie Bouman, who led the development of the algorithm for the project, and the moment when the first black hole image was processed

WORLD DATA IN NUMBERS (3)

A DAY IN DATA

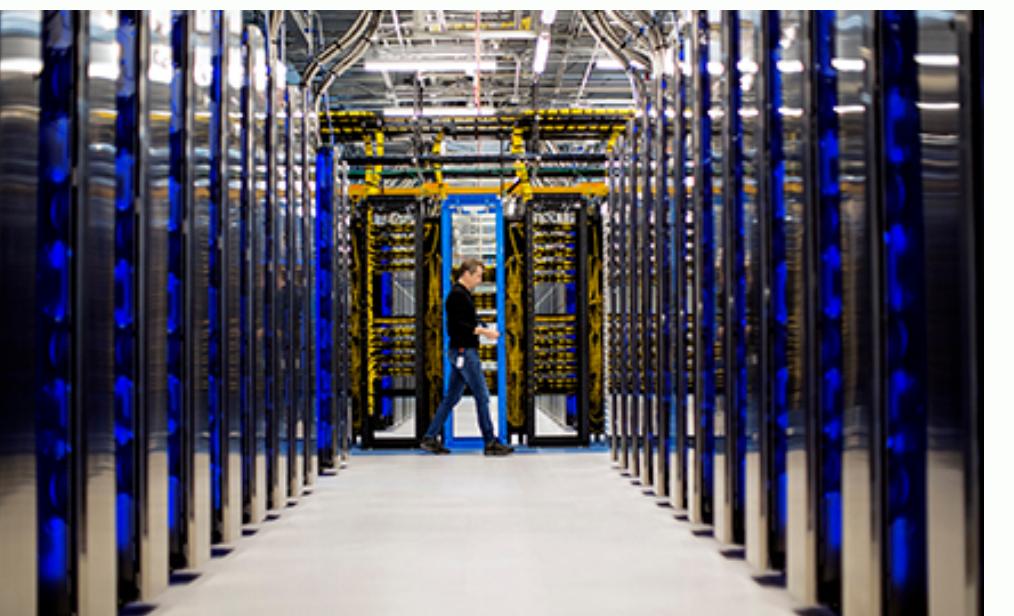
The exponential growth of data is undisputed, but the numbers behind this explosion – fuelled by internet of things and the use of connected devices – are hard to comprehend, particularly when looked at in the context of one day



DATA
IS THE NEW
GOLD

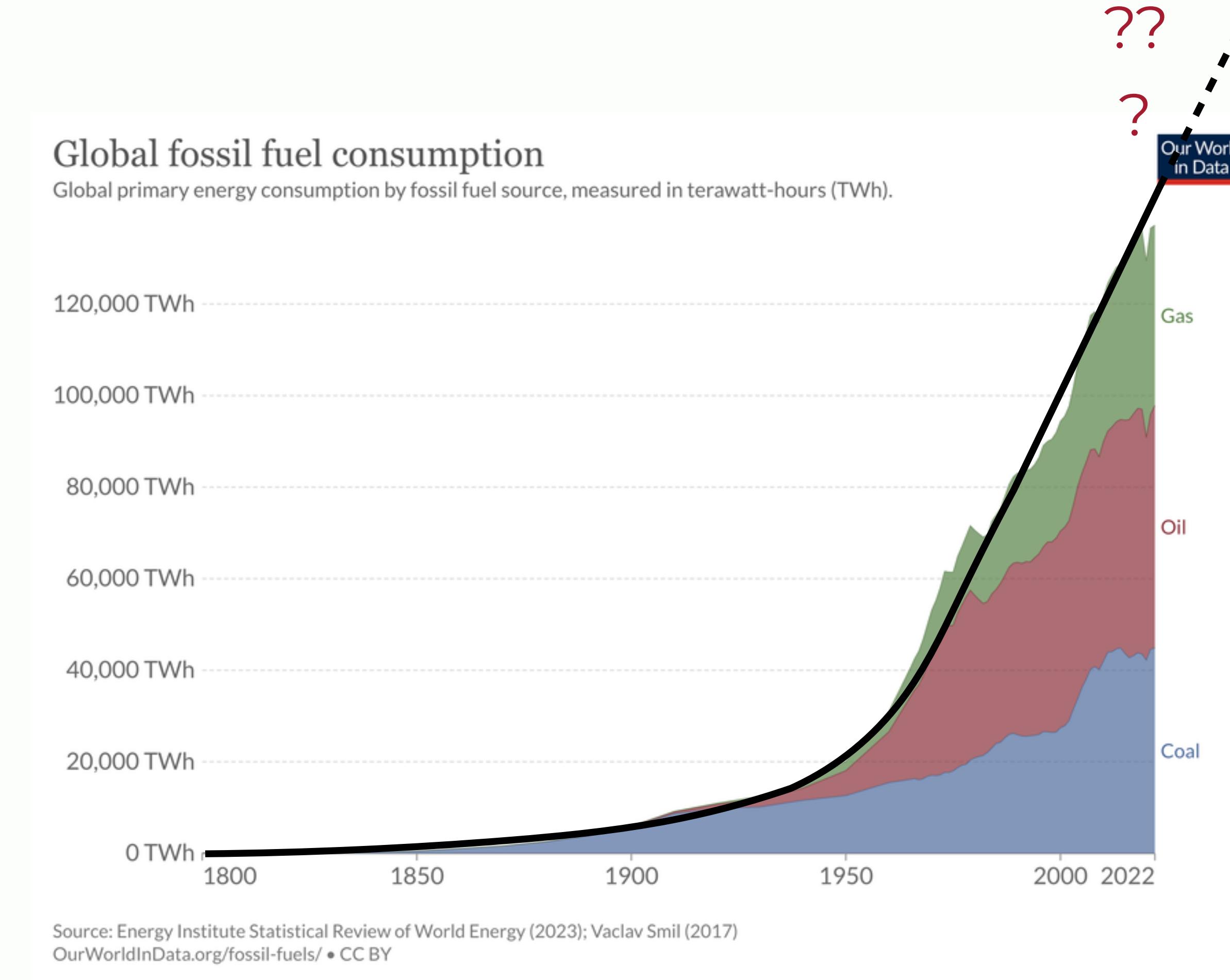
ENERGY & SCIENCE

Humans learn to use more energy ...

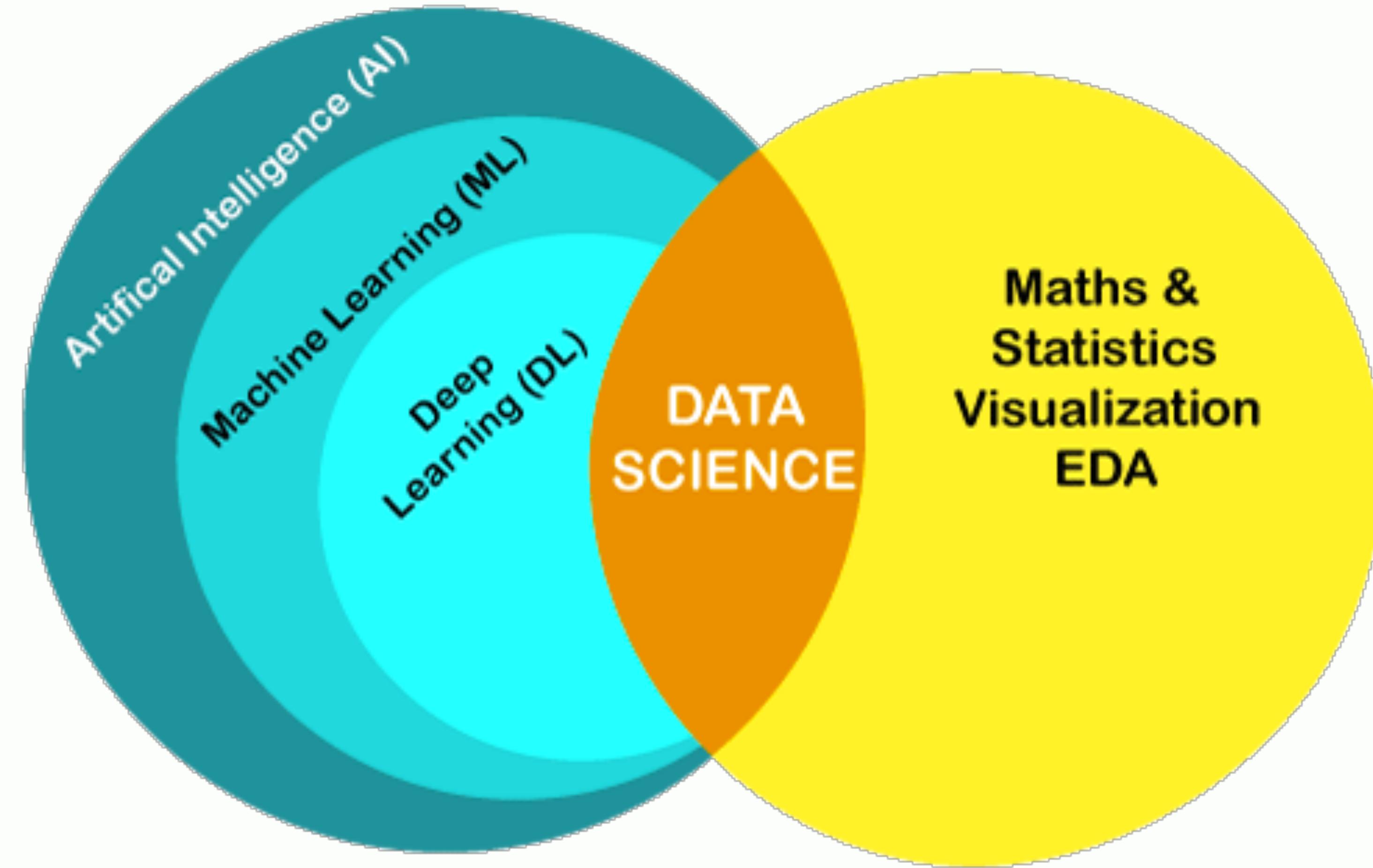


ENERGY LANDSCAPE: HOW LONG?

Such a growth is not *sustainable* and cannot last forever ...







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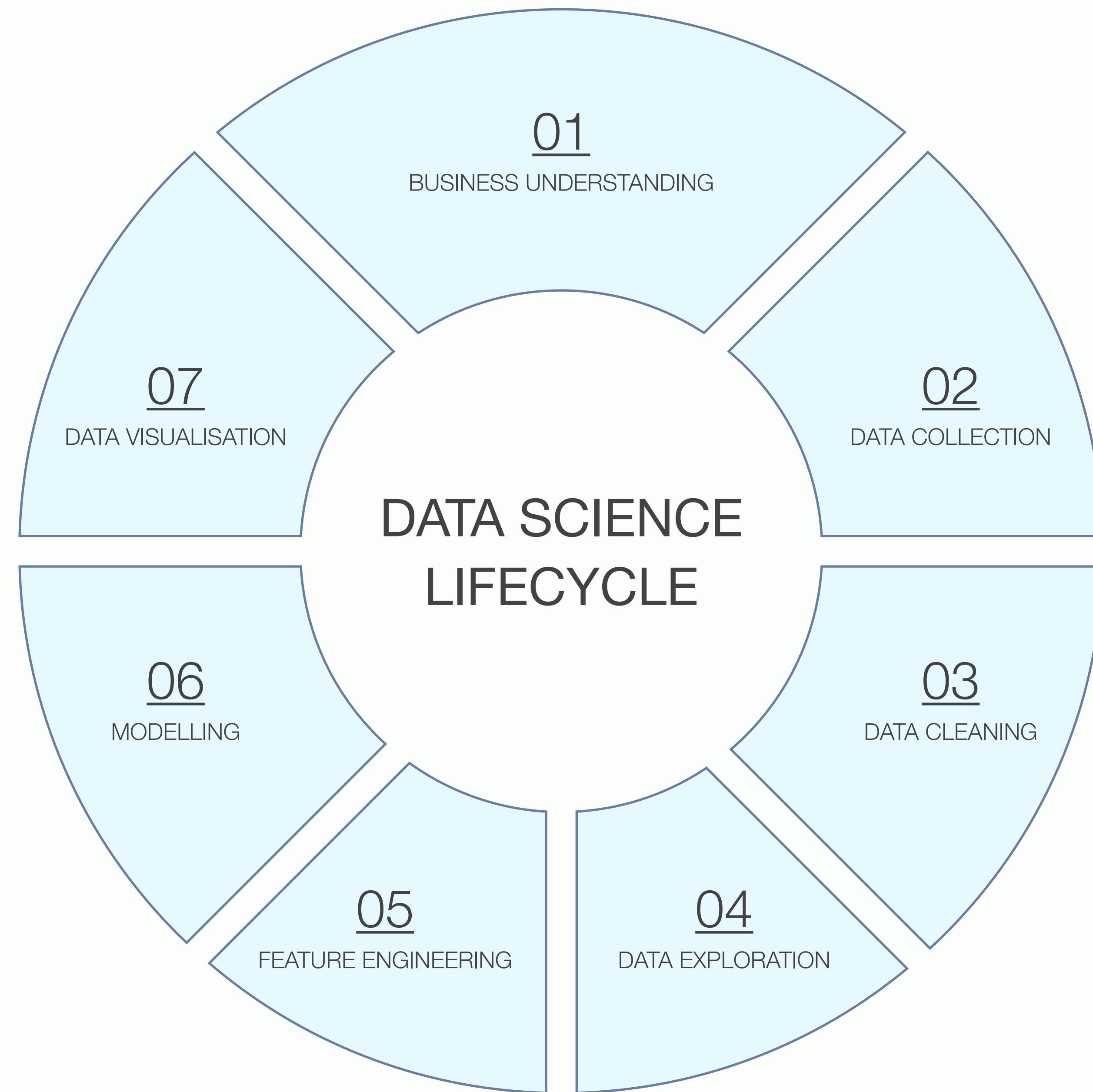
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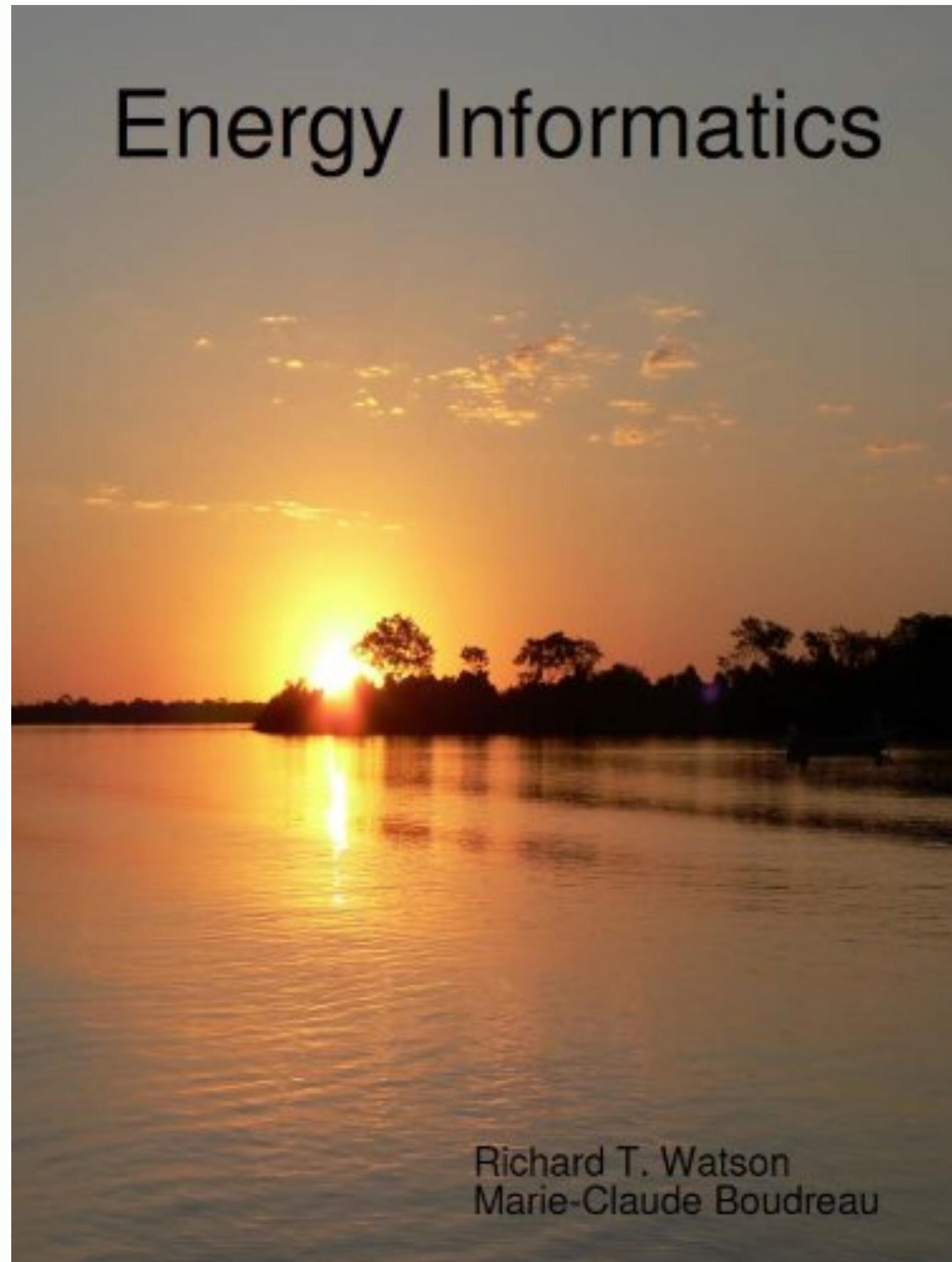
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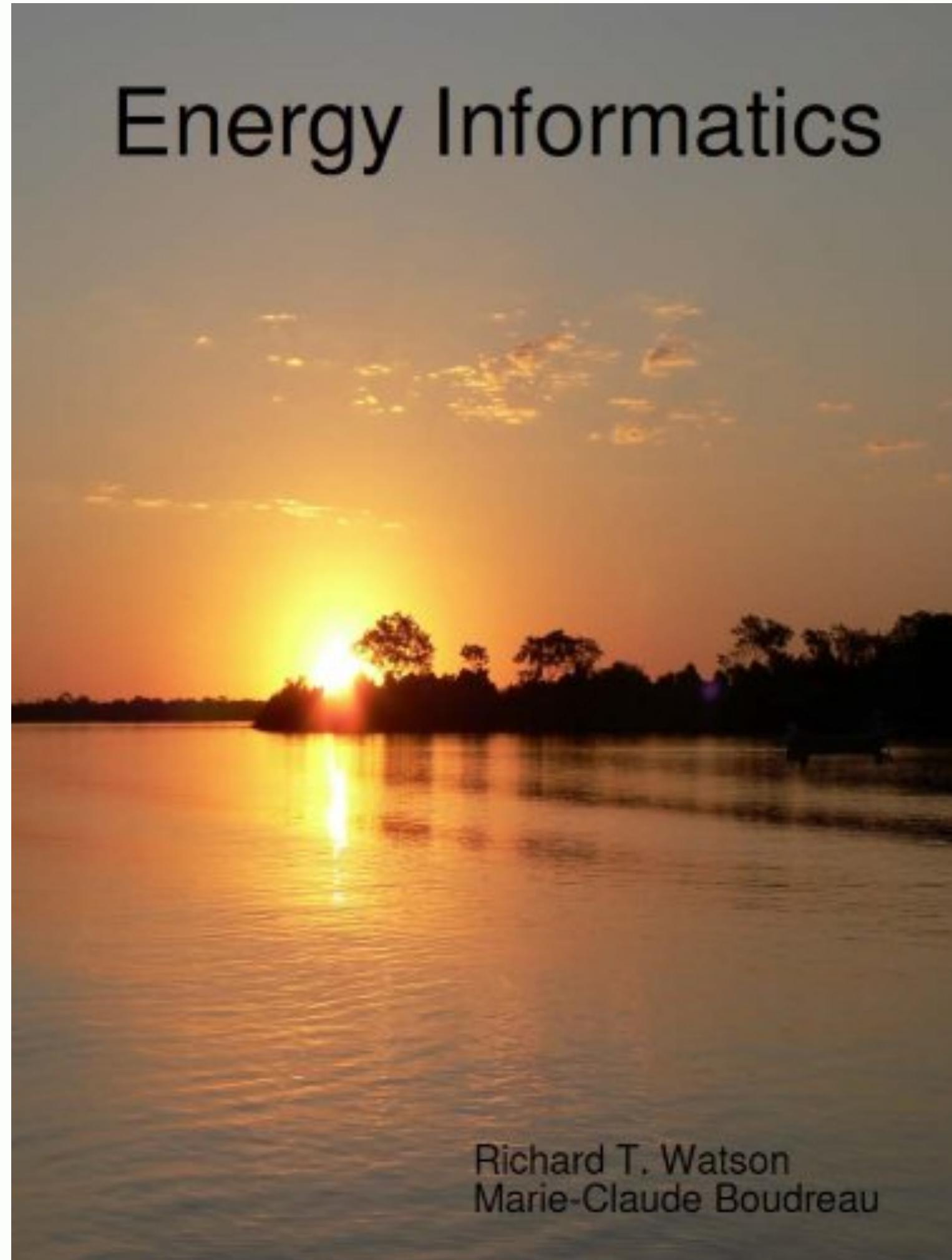
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Fundamental principle:
 $\text{Energy} + \text{Information} < \text{Energy}$

FUSION OF ENERGY AND IT



Energy (application areas):

- ✓ Buildings
- ✓ Cities
- ✓ Industries
- ✓ Grid
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Agriculture

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- Energy efficiency
 - Predictive maintenance
 - Renewable energy integration
 - Consumer engagement

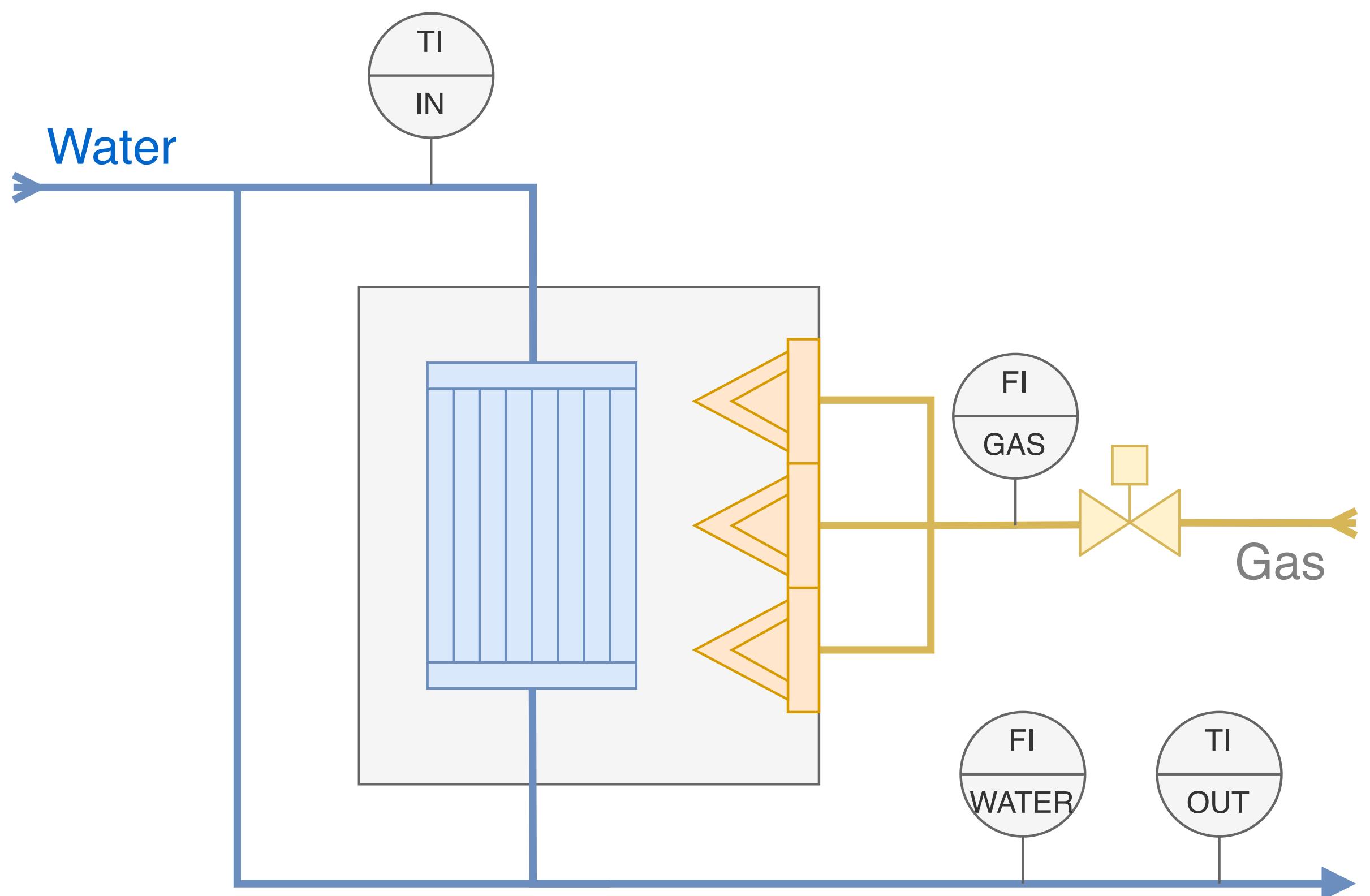
IT (enabling technologies):

- ✓ Internet of Things
- ✓ Digitalisation
- ✓ Machine learning
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ Big data
- ✓ Data analysis

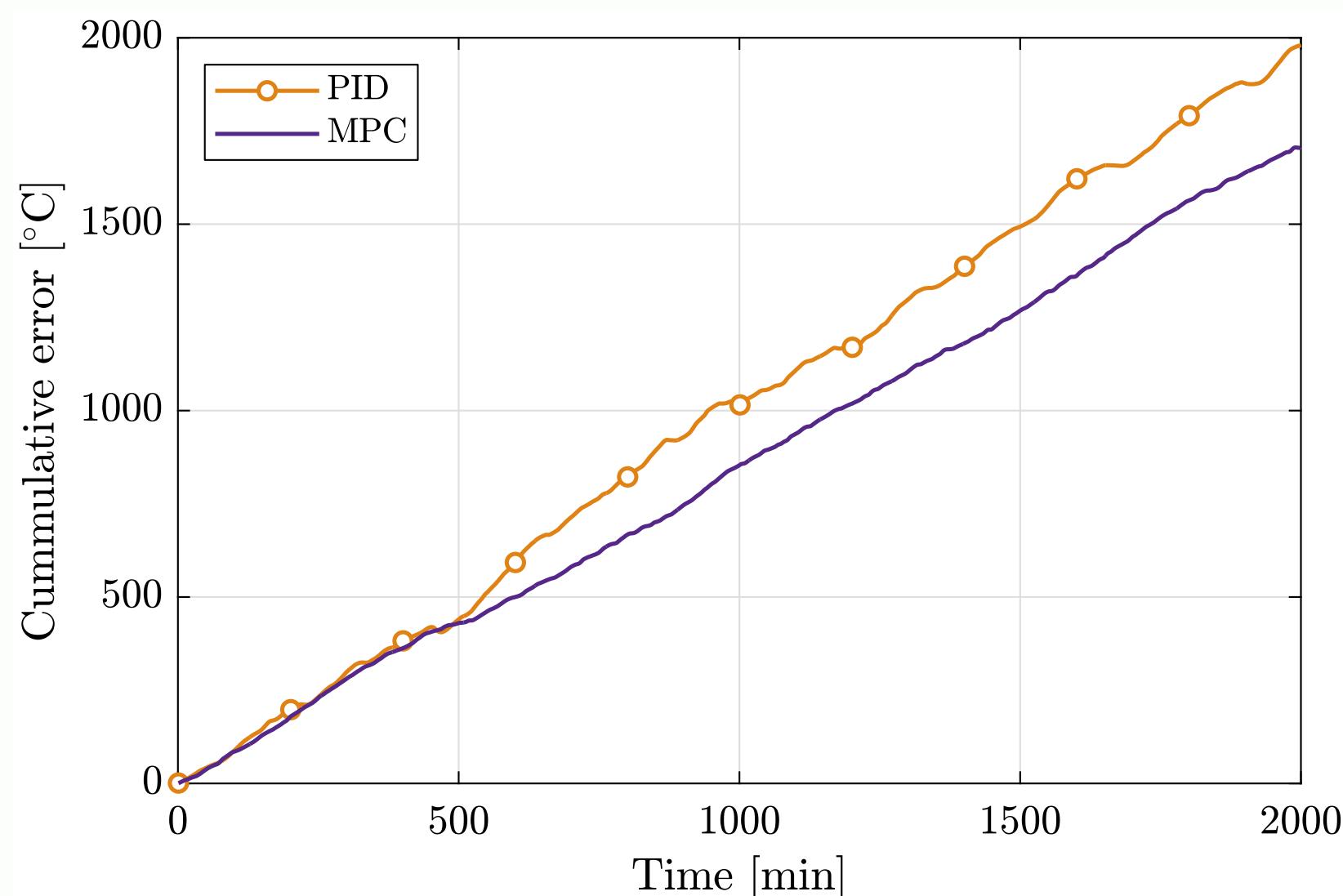
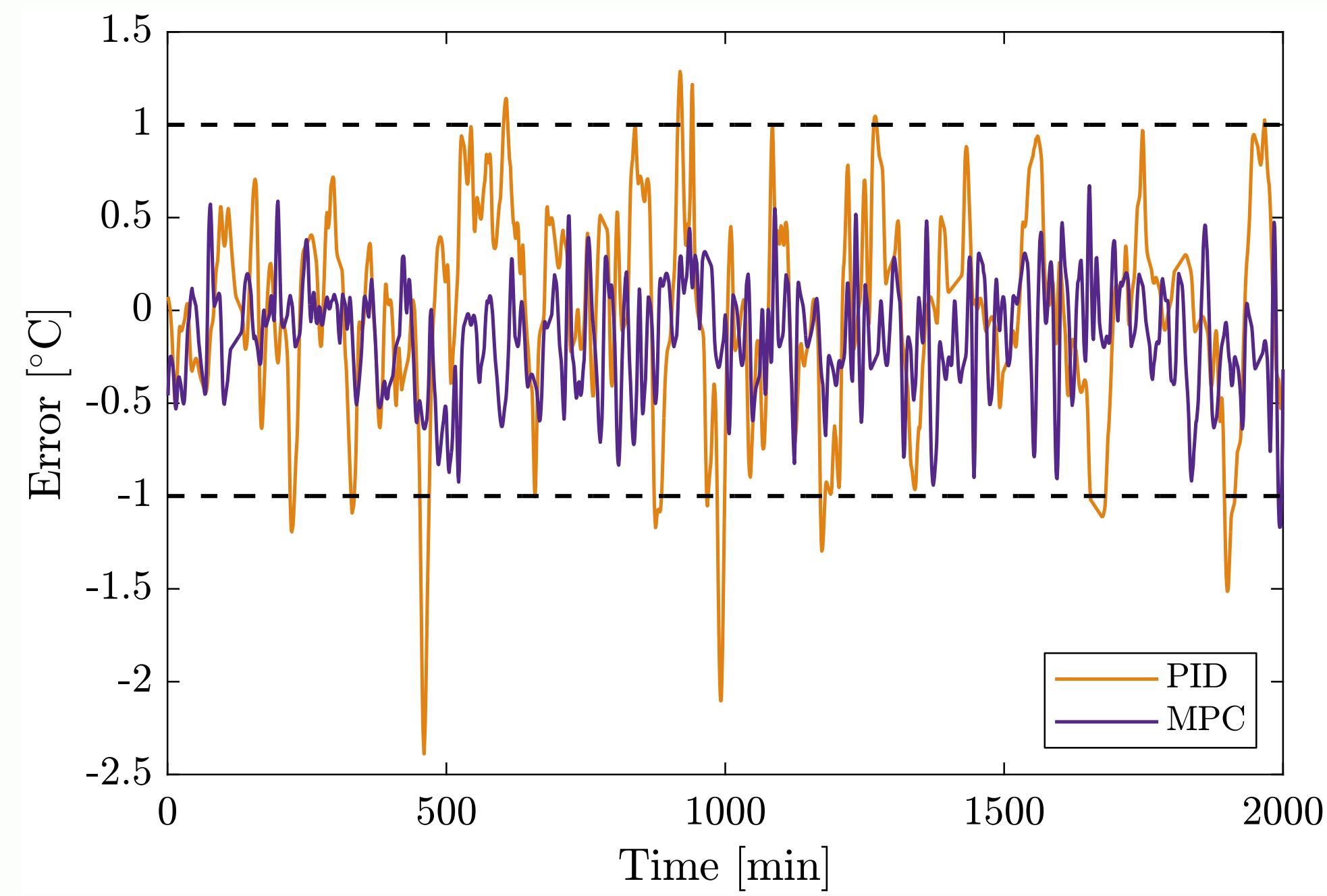
DATA!

Practice-oriented Research

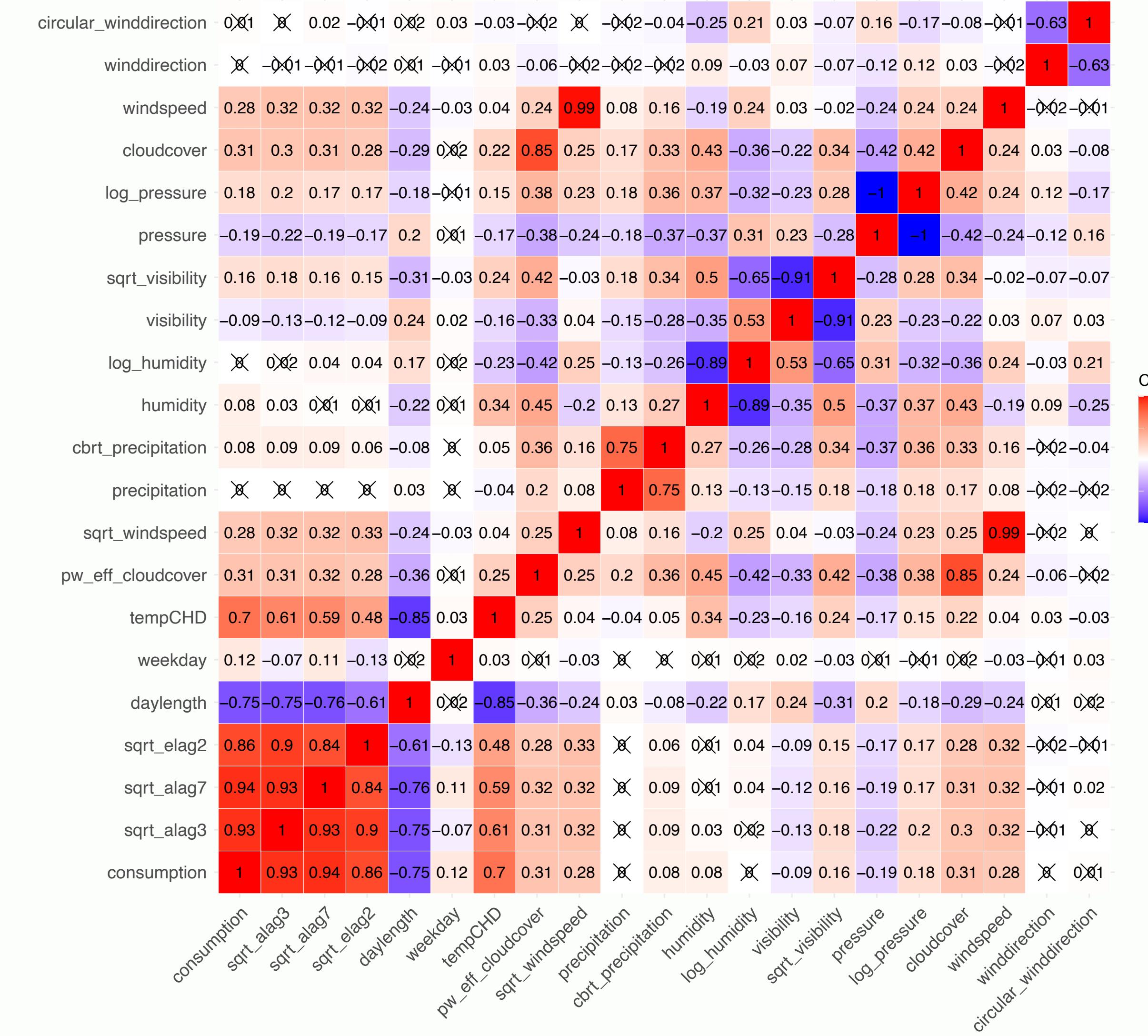
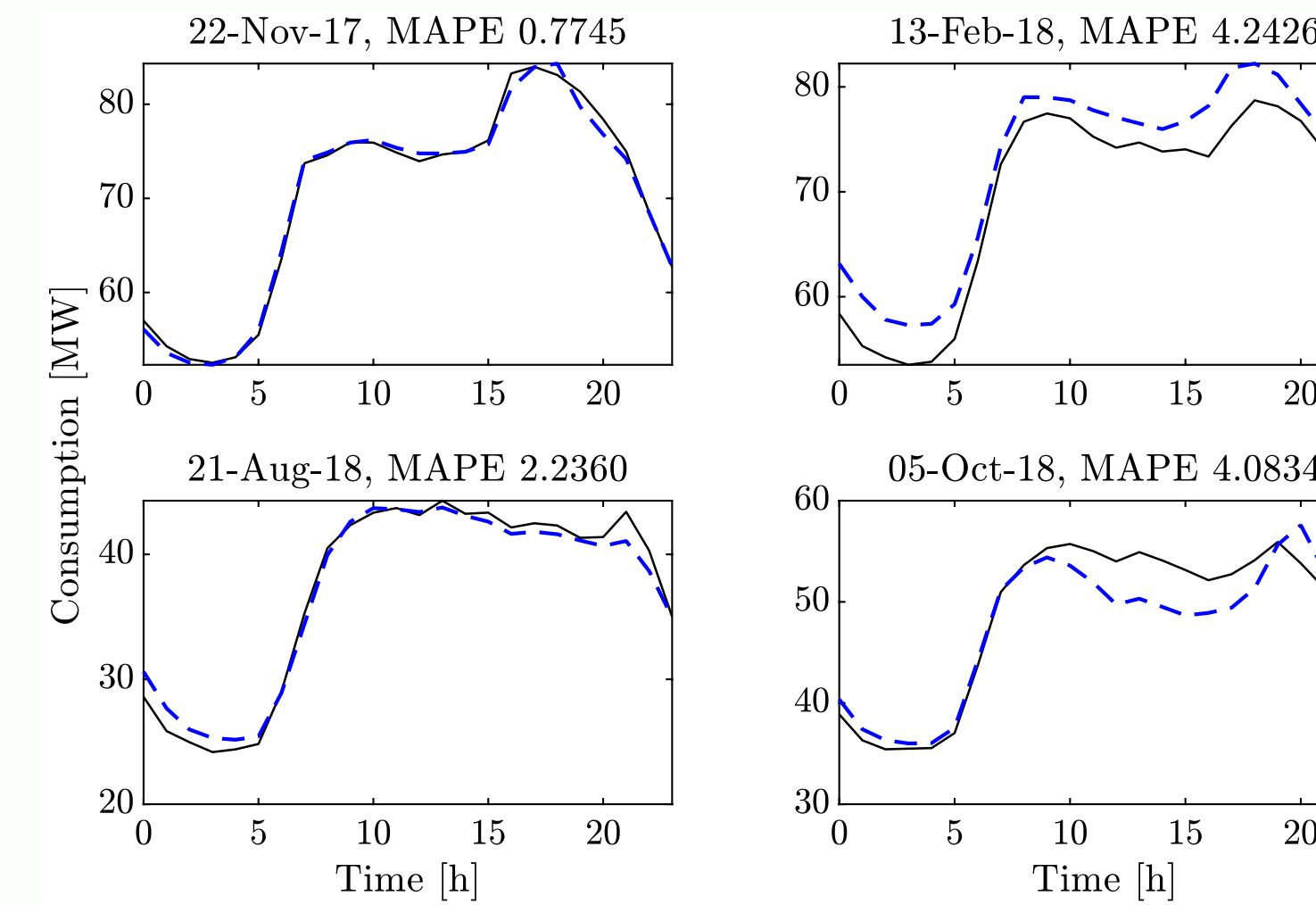
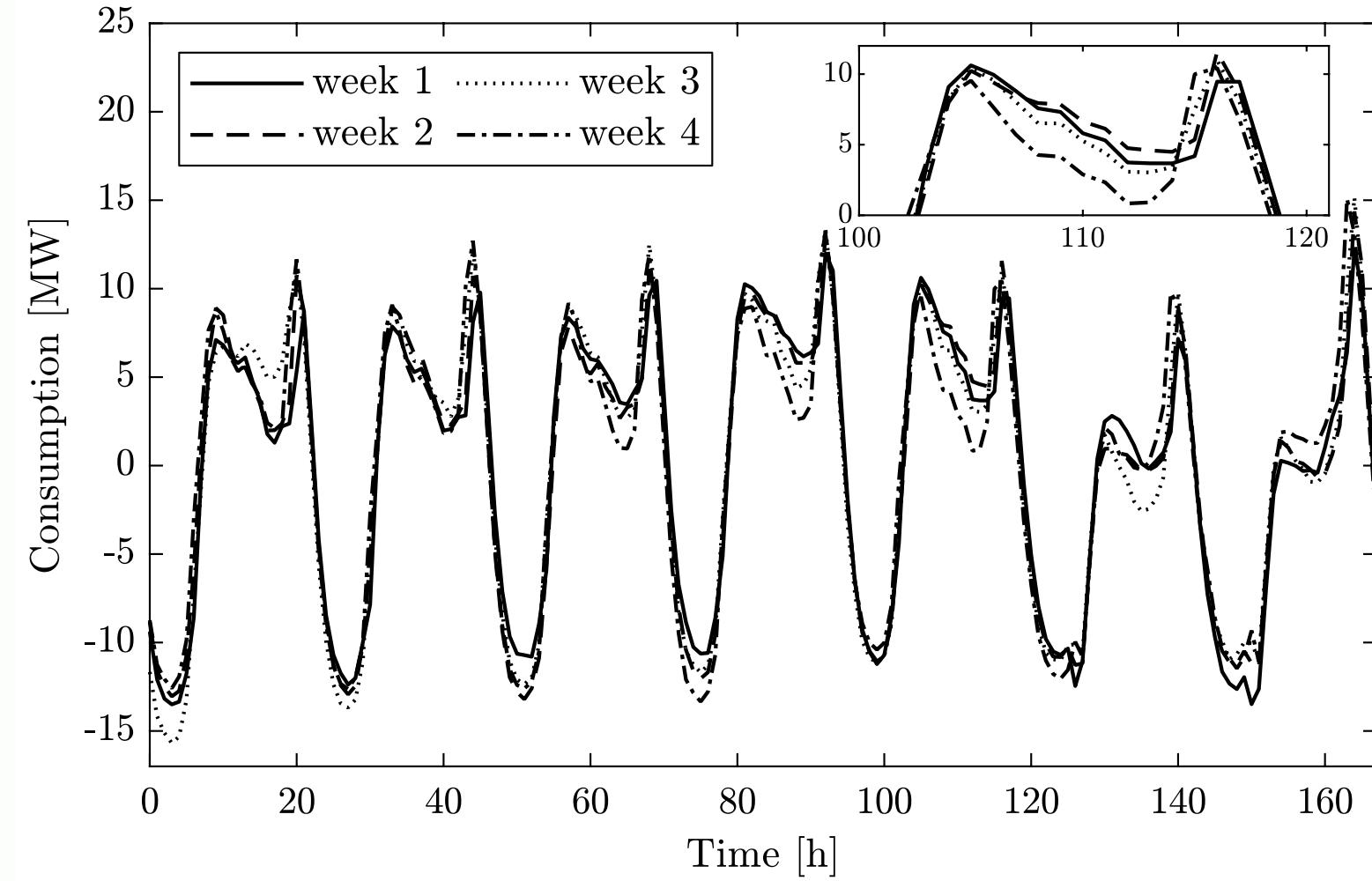
DISTRICT HEATING PLANT



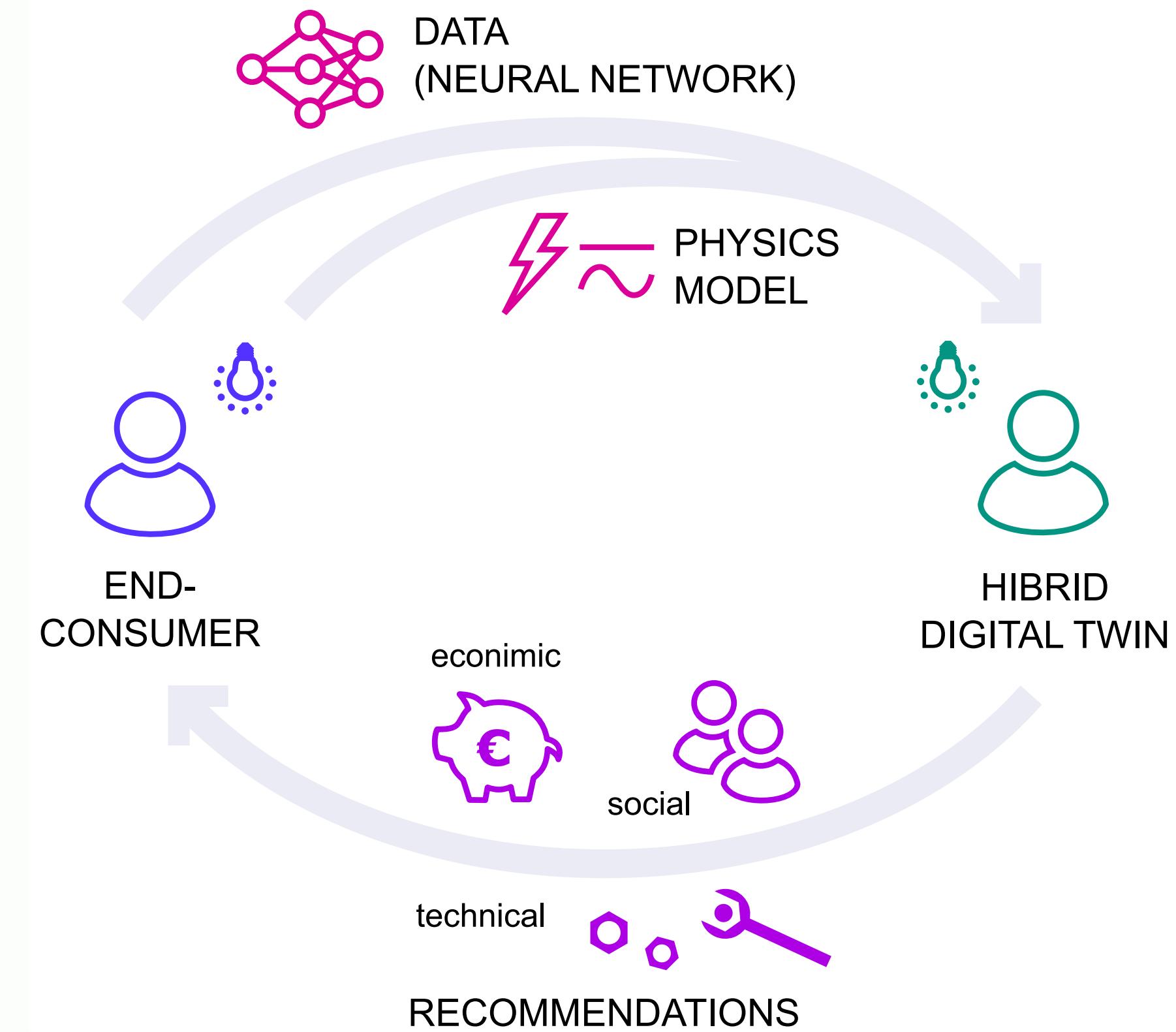
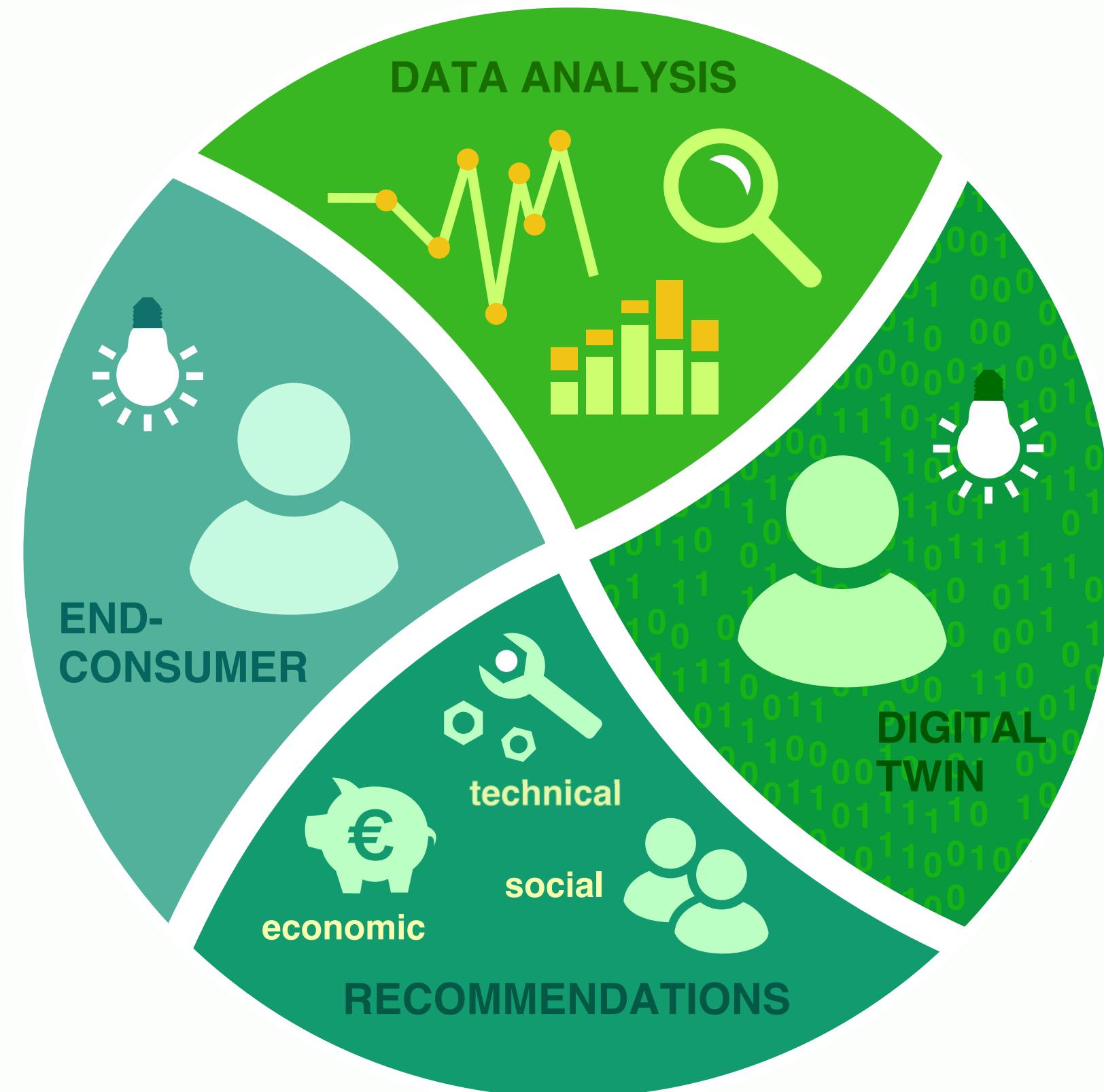
Reactive vs proactive



FORECASTING ELECTRICITY DEMAND



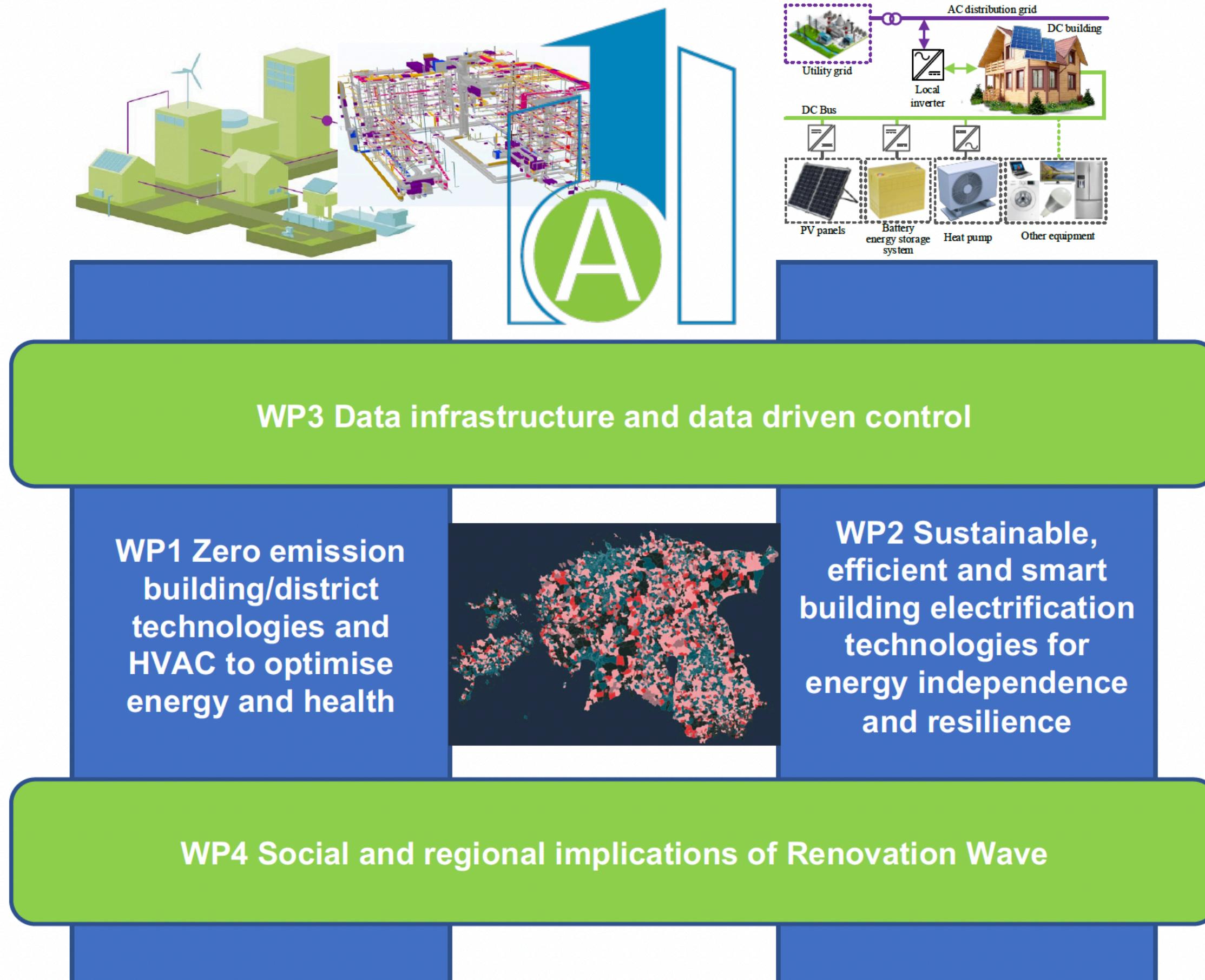
DT & INTELLIGENT ENERGY SERVICES



SMART & COGNITIVE BUILDINGS

- Human-centric AI
- Demand side management
- Optimal control
- Demand/supply forecast
- Mixture of enabling technologies: AI, ML, data science, IoT, smart materials and electronics, etc.





Data infrastructure, and data driven monitoring and control

- ▶ Development of data infrastructure
- ▶ Data driven modelling and control
- ▶ Intelligent energy services
- ▶ Trustworthy and reliable AI
- ▶ Occupant in the loop control



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Confronting Commercial Real Estate's Biggest Challenges With Technology



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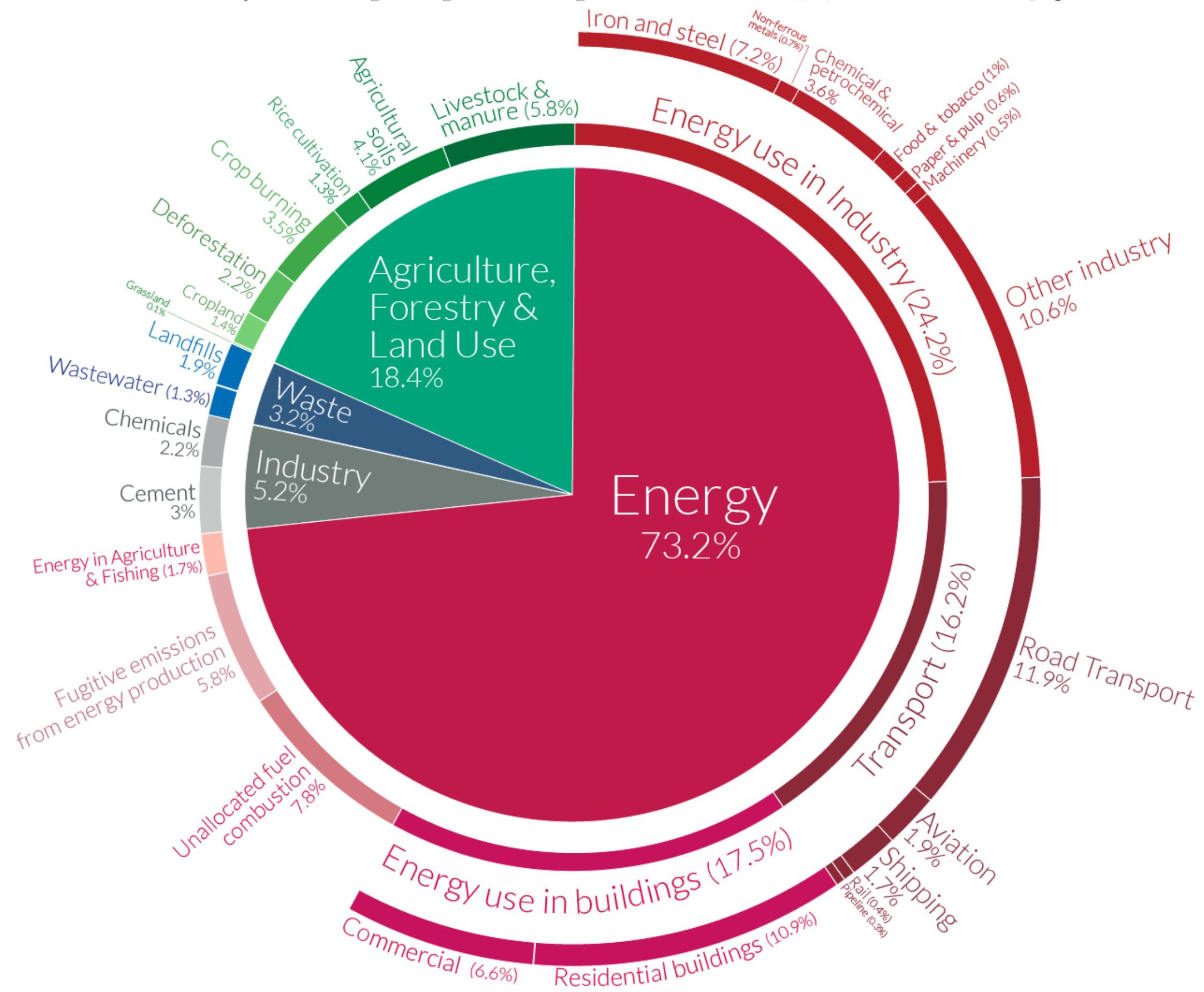
Climate Change And The Impact On Technology

First, let's talk about climate technology and how it is affecting the real estate industry. Nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions are generated from real estate. Approximately 27% of annual CO₂ emissions come from building operations and another 20% come from building materials, construction and other construction-related causes. Concrete, steel and aluminum for new construction are particularly large contributors to carbon emissions. Existing buildings are contributing to the climate crisis due to a lack of energy efficiency. Even though upgrades are available, many real estate developers and owners are slow to embrace sustainable solutions.

Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO₂eq.

Our World
in Data

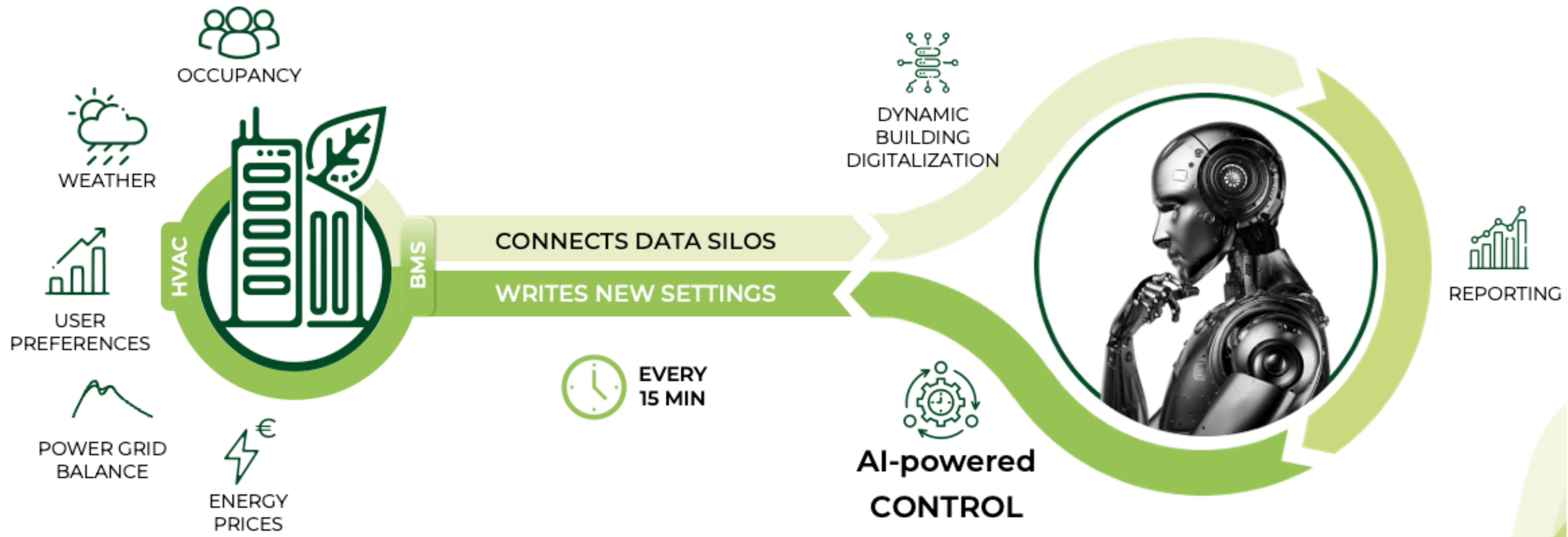


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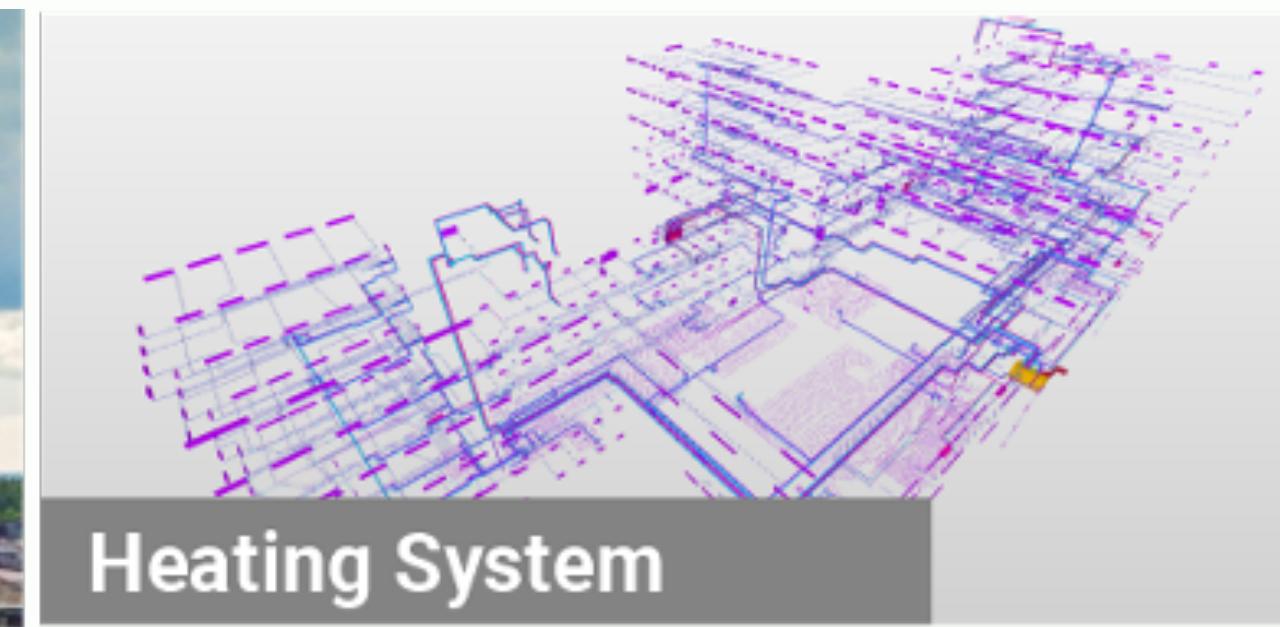
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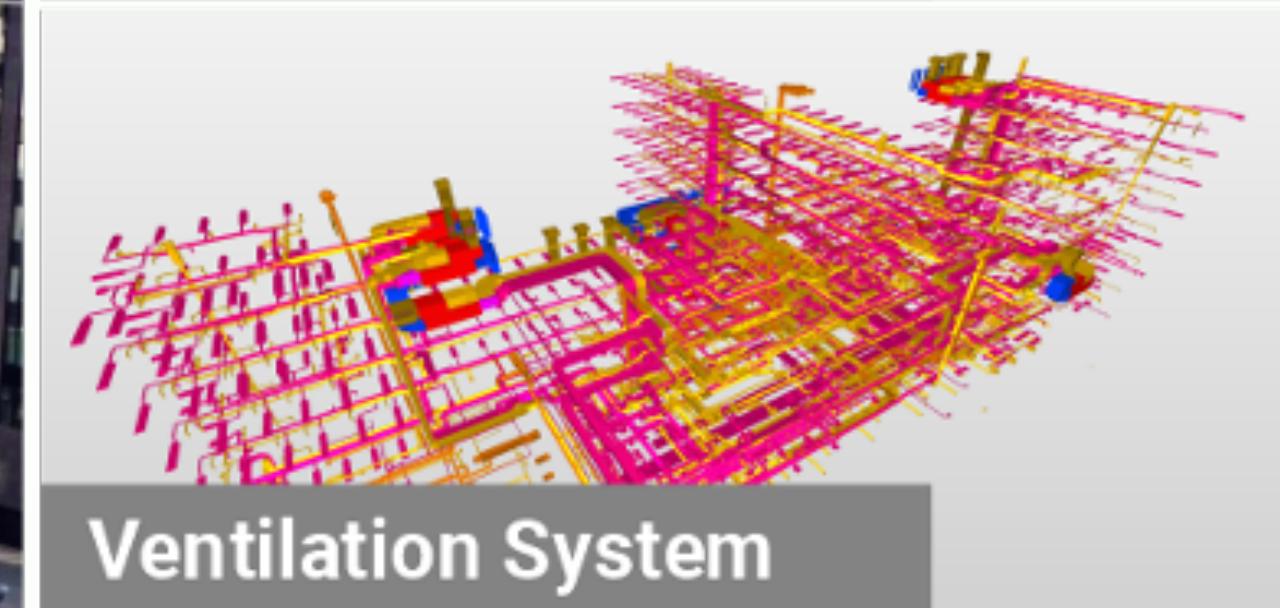
DIGITAL OPERATOR



SMART BUILDINGS



Heating System



Ventilation System



Cooling System



constructed
2018



25 304 m²
office building



48 813
datapoints

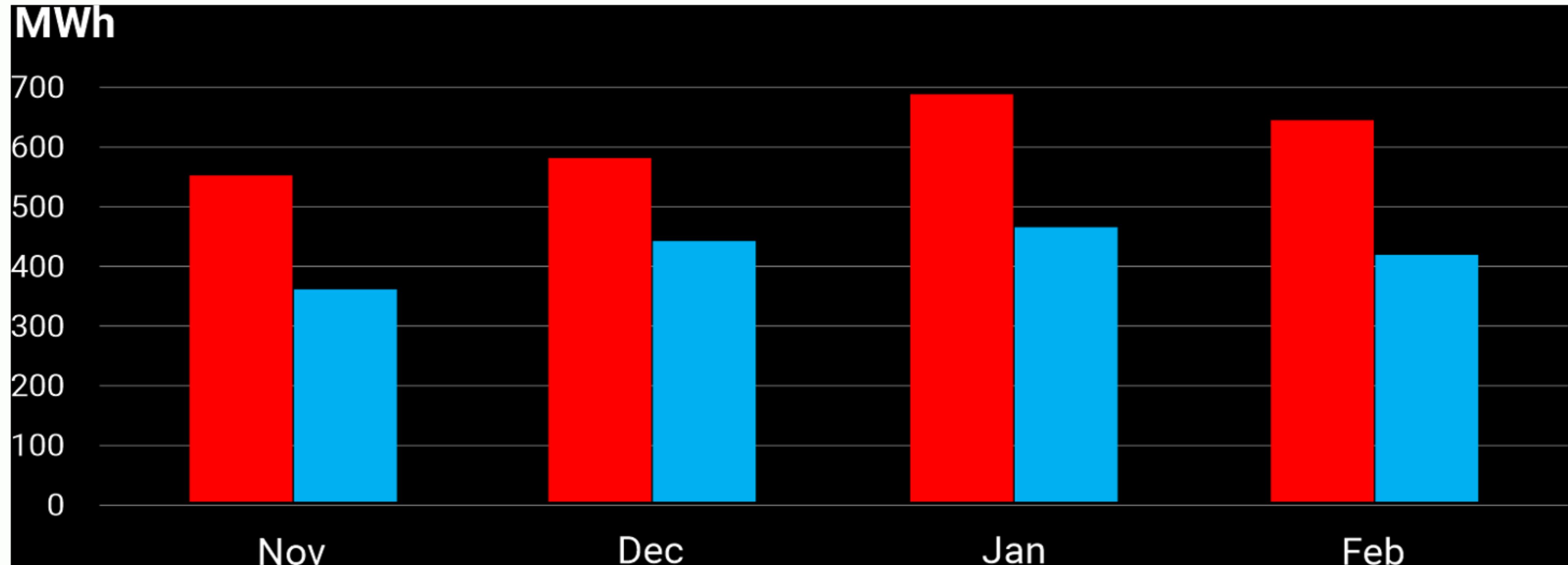


2 898 controllable
HVAC components

SHOWCASE

Energy demand reduction by ~31%

Before AI R8 With AI R8



680 000
setpoint changes



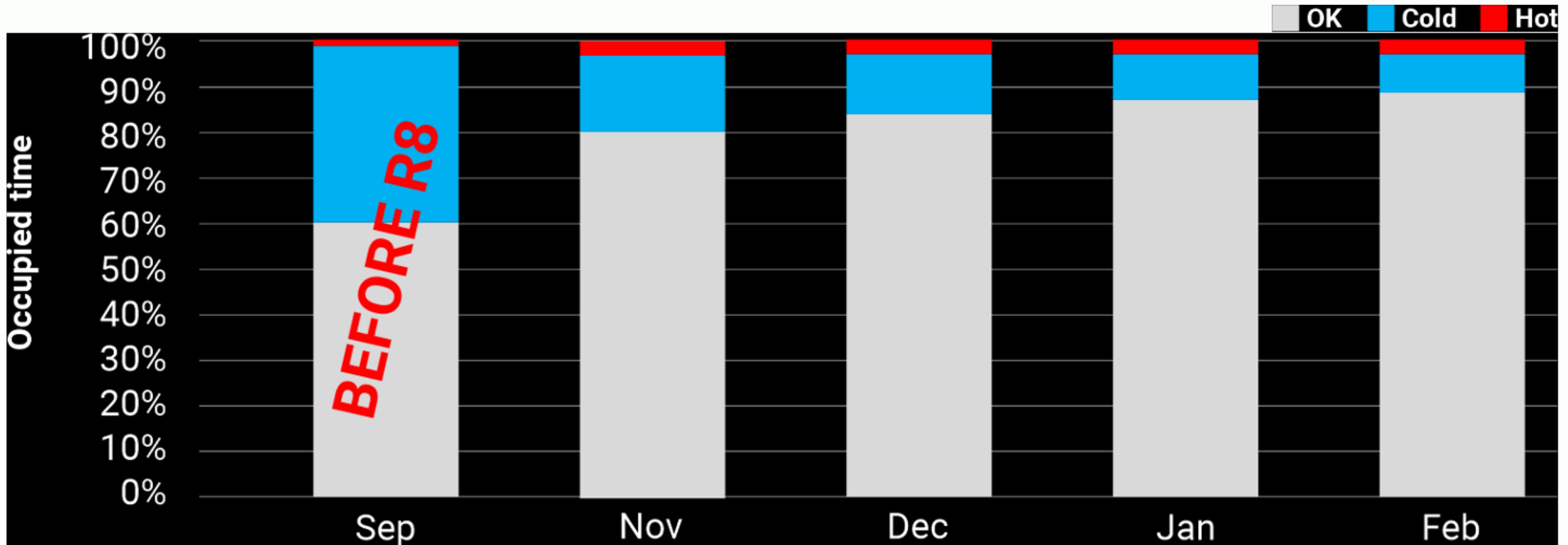
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225 000+
kg CO₂ savings

SHOWCASE (2)

Thermal comfort increase from 60% to 90%



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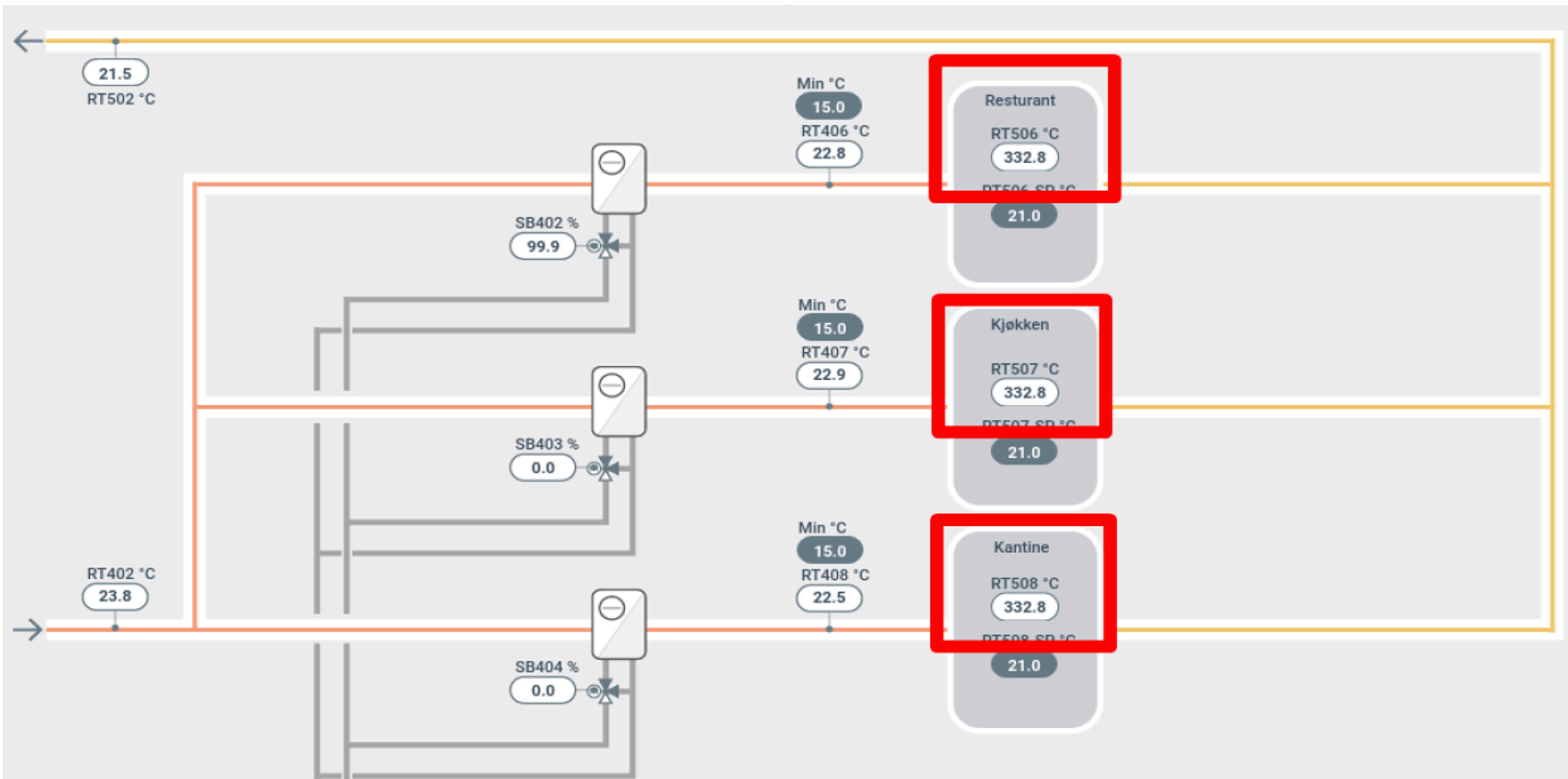


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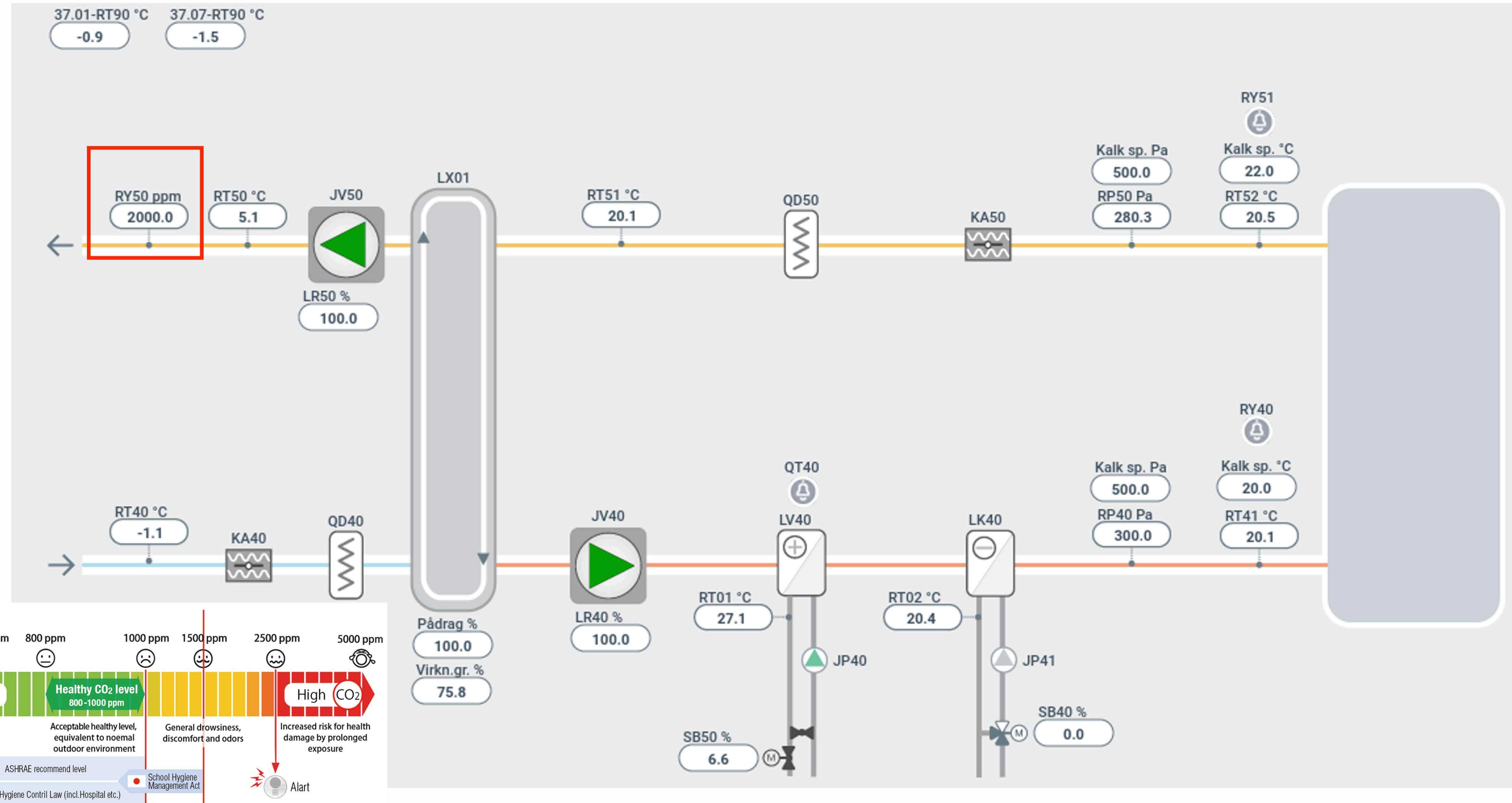


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SHOWCASE (3): ROOM TEMPERATURE SENSORS ARE STATIC



SHOWCASE (3): VENTILATION UNIT WORKS AT 100%; BROKEN CO₂ SENSOR



Thank you
for your
attention!

