

Monitoring energy performance

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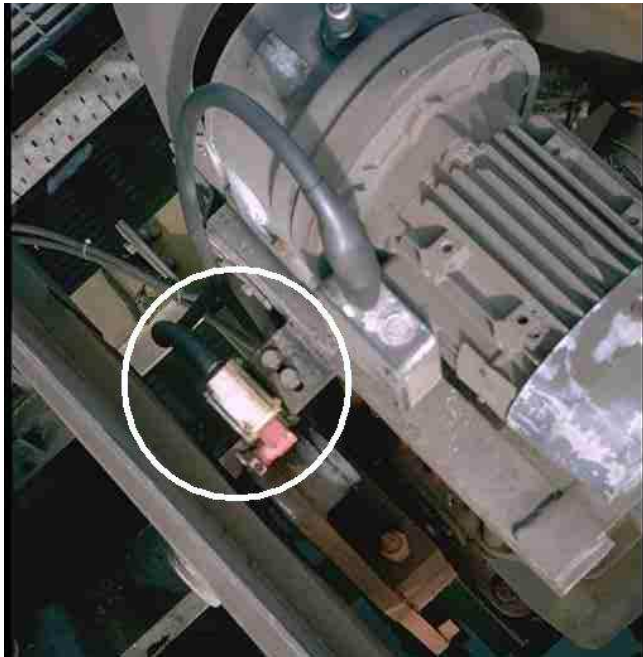
And when it goes wrong, it will waste energy

Examples of excess consumption



- Disintegration of air fan in heat recovery unit

Examples of excess consumption



- Limit switch detached

Examples of excess consumption



- Steam bypass valve left open

Examples of excess consumption



- De-icing heaters running continuously

Examples of excess consumption



- Heating timeswitch overridden during maintenance

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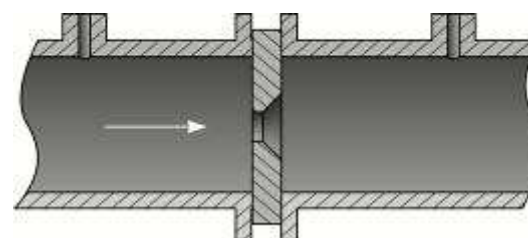
- Faulty non-return valve on compressor

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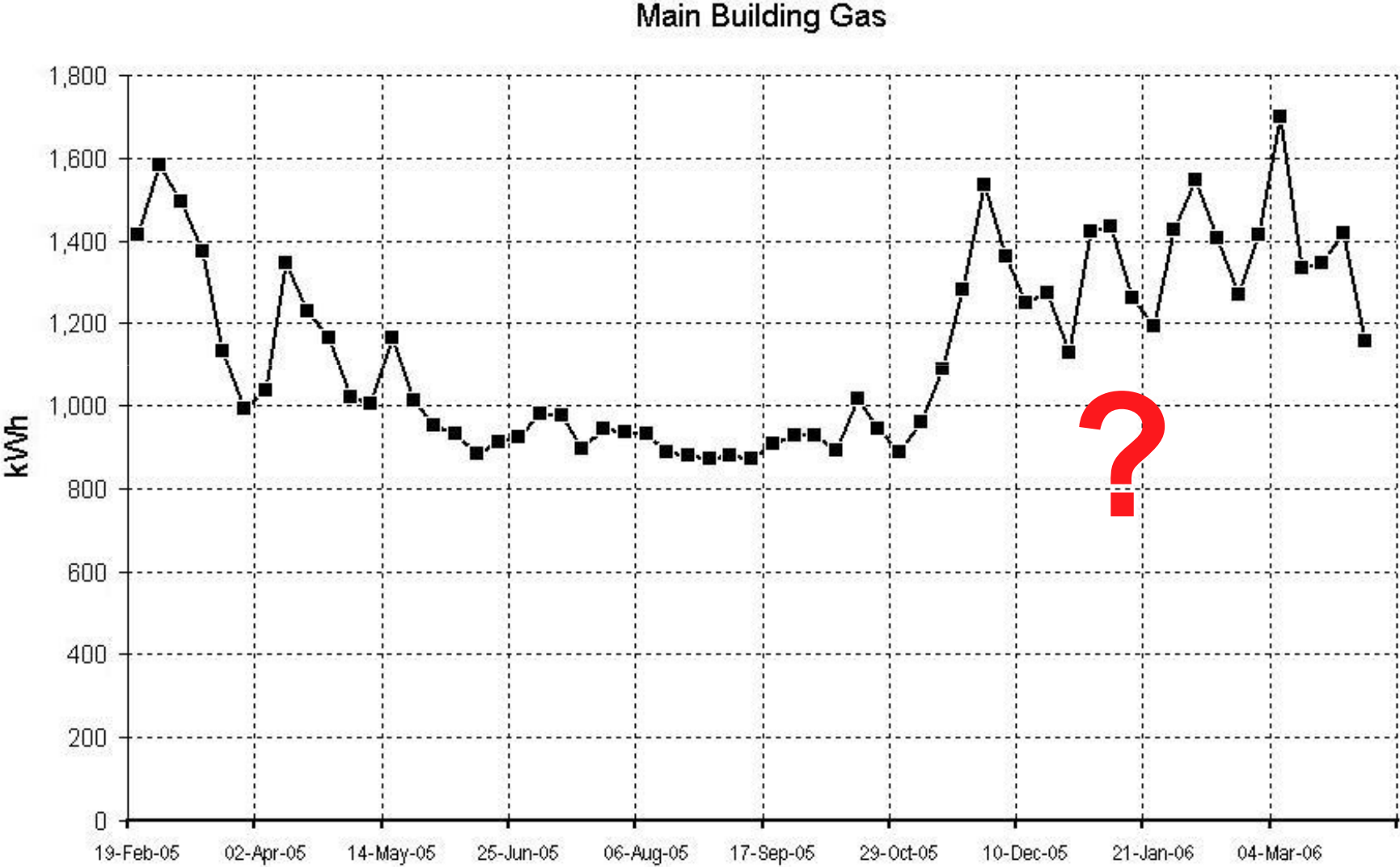


- Vandalism of control valve

We need to measure energy used



But then what?



We must also measure *driving factors*

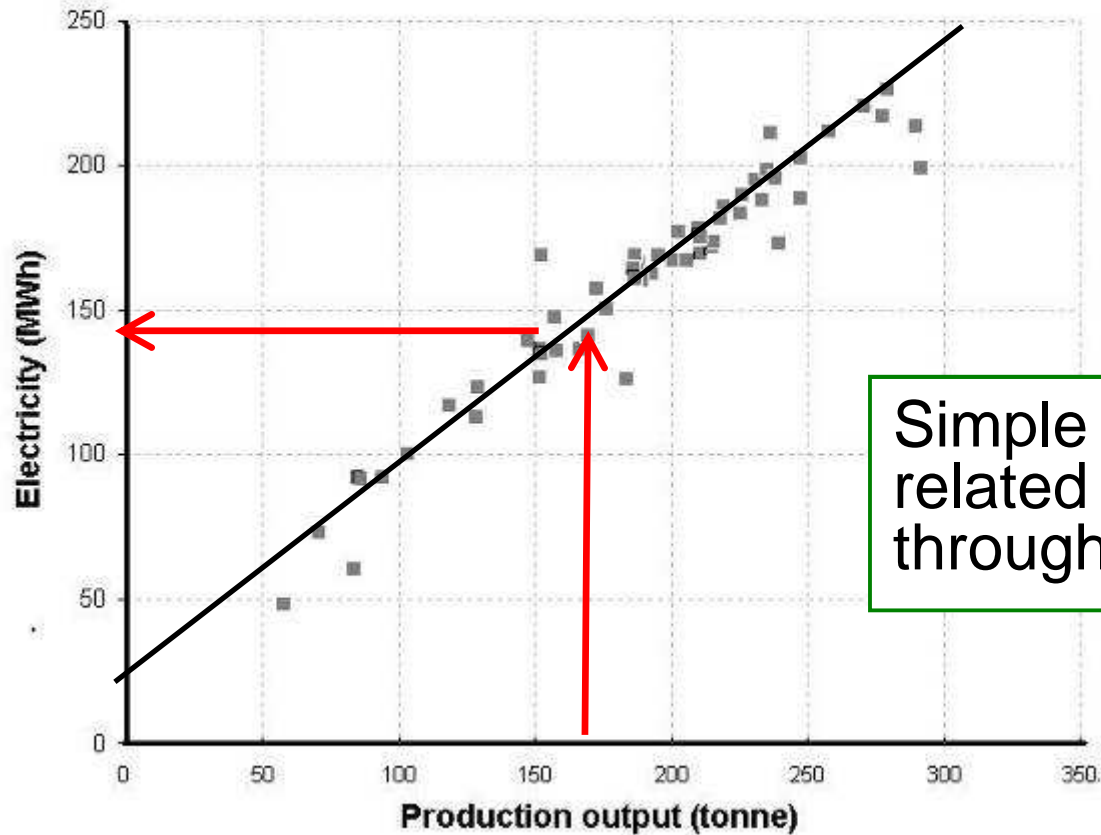
- Things that cause consumption to vary...
 - Weather
 - Production activity
 - Hours of darkness
 - ... *etc* ...



How driving factors are used

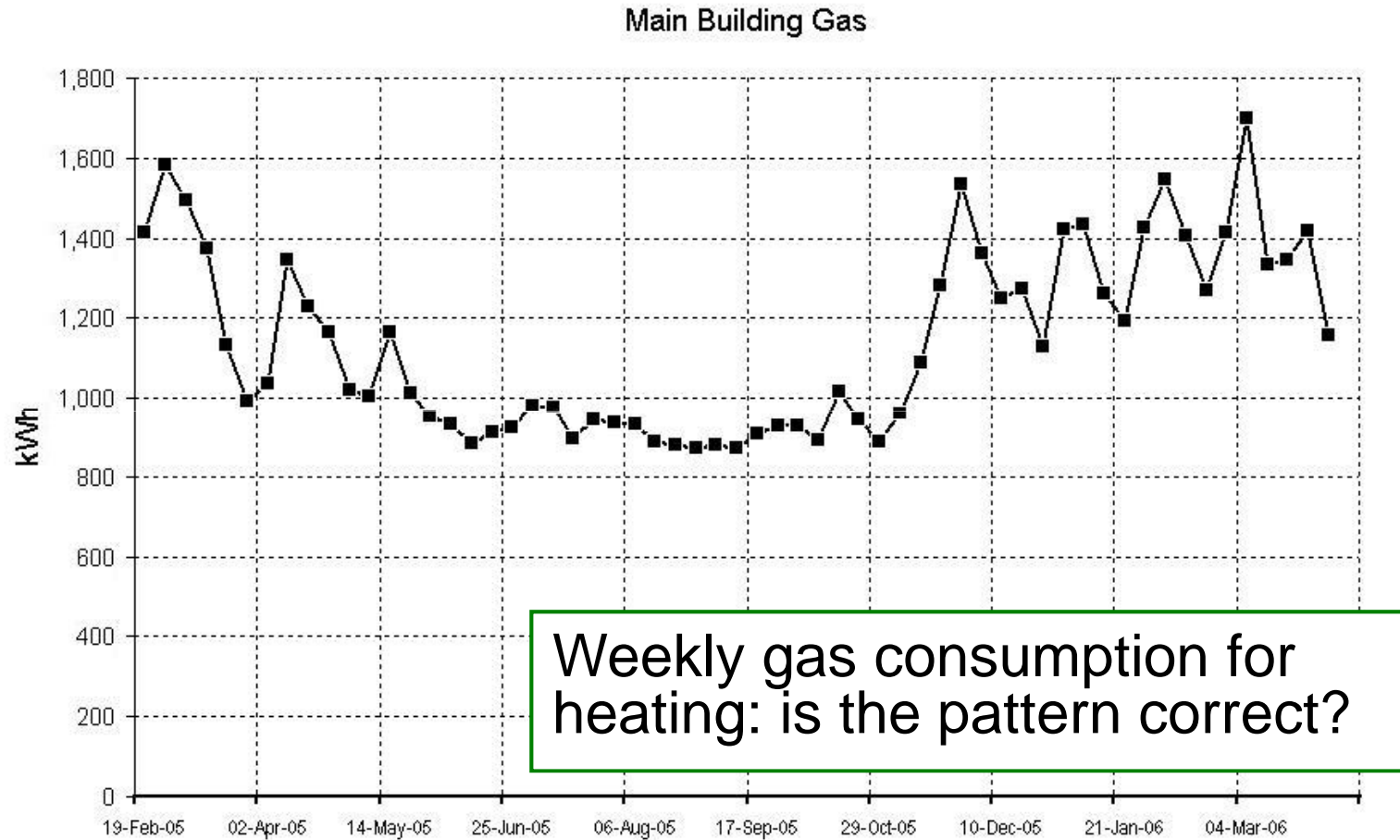
- Establish relationships between consumptions and driving factors
- Use relationship to compute *expected* consumption from known value of energy factors
- Calculate deviations
- Weekly is typical

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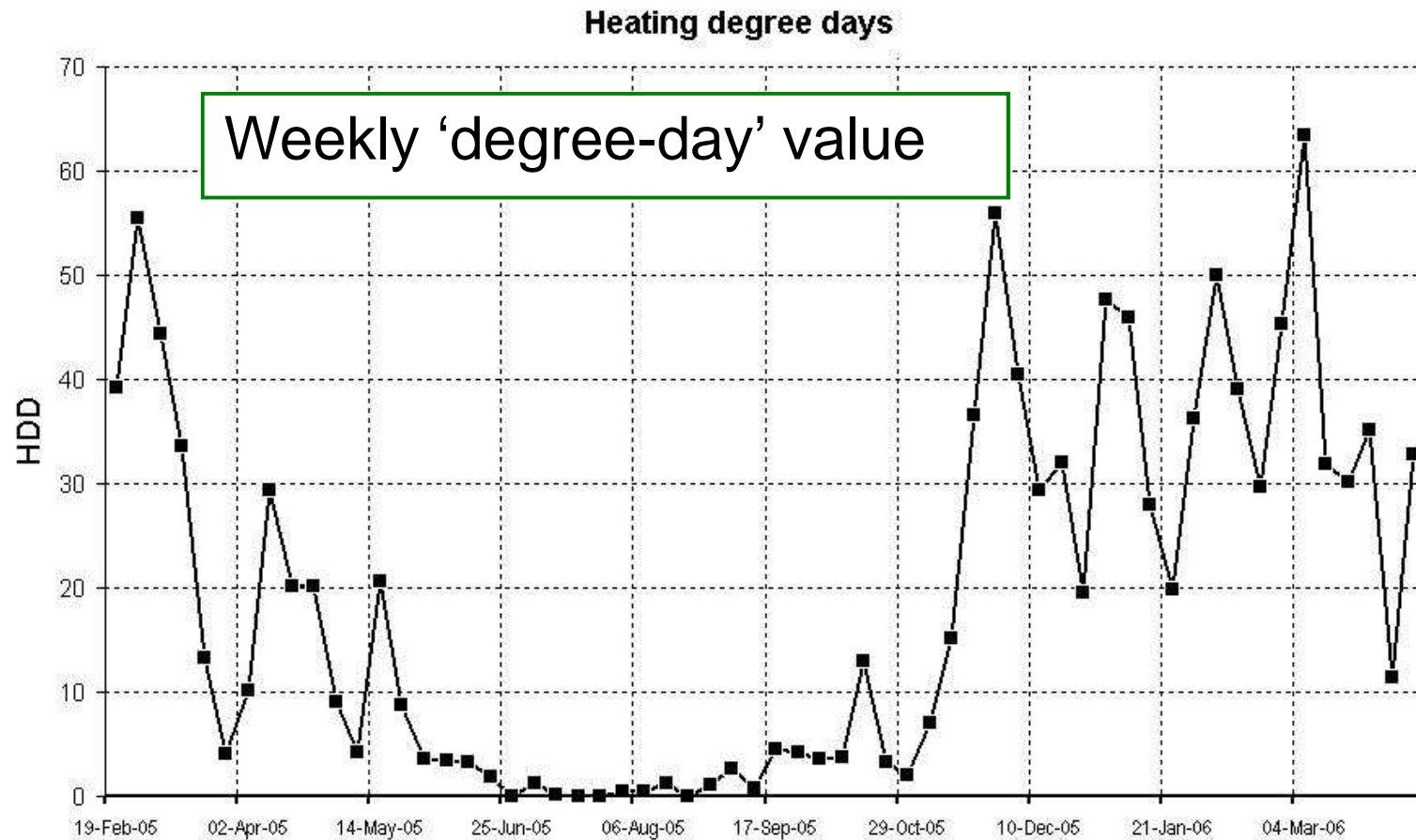


Simple case: electricity related to production throughput in foundry

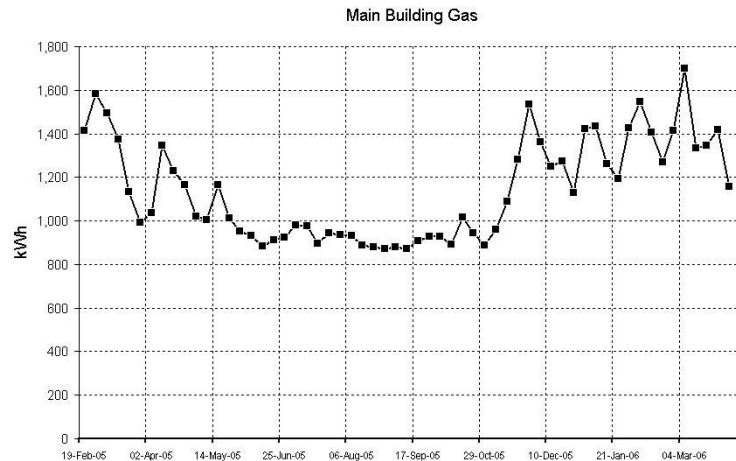
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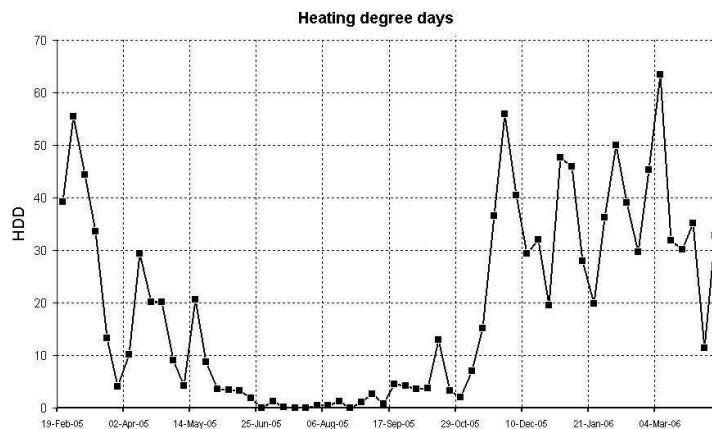
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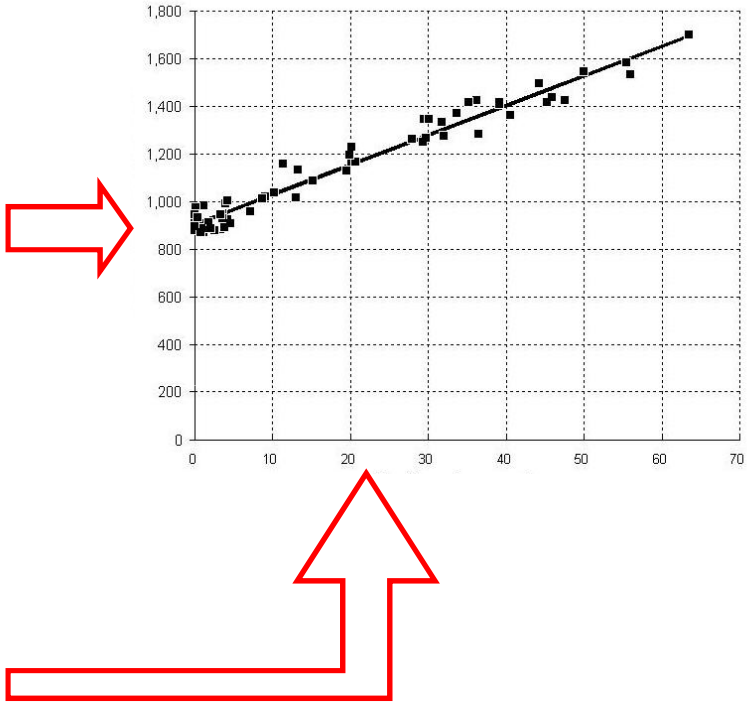
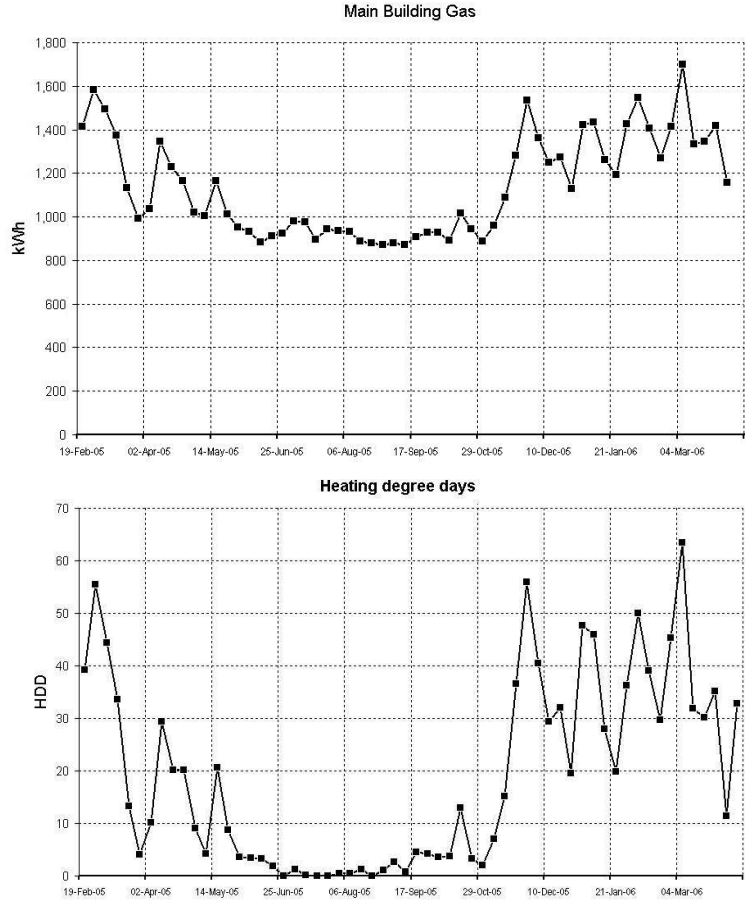
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- Notice similarities between the shapes

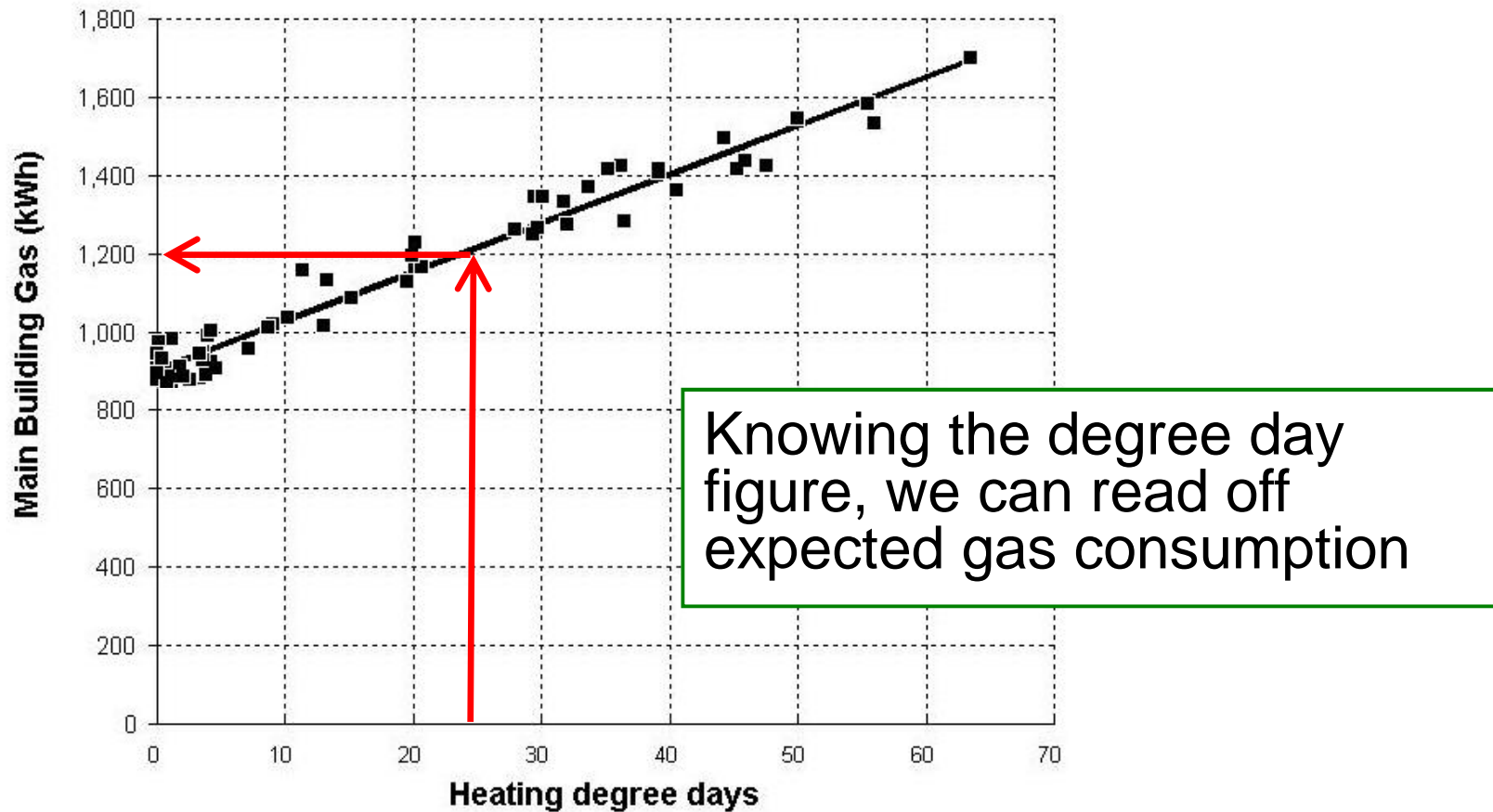


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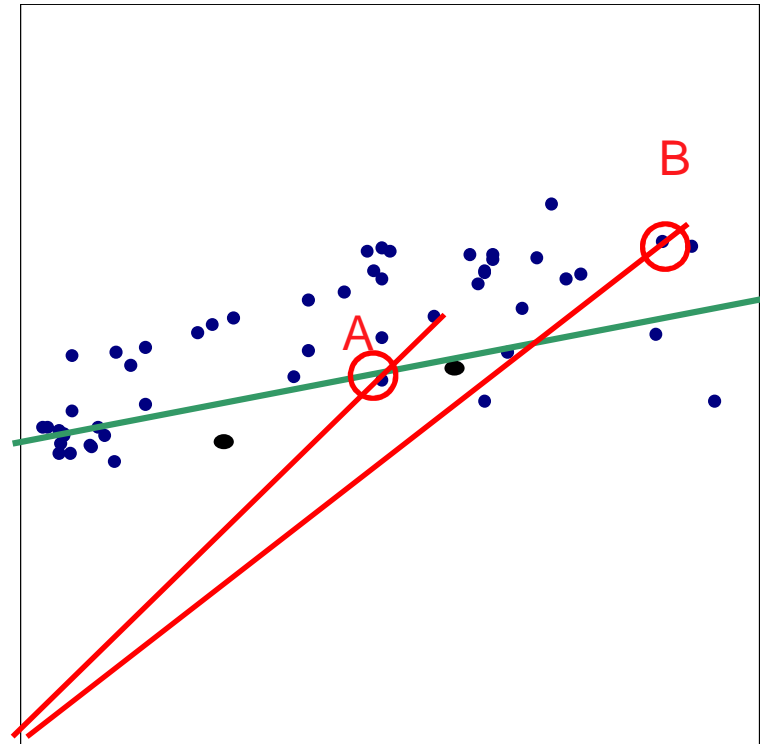
Plot energy against degree days

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Weakness of traditional method

- **Specific energy ratios are unsafe**
(week B was above expected consumption but had lower EPI)
- Cannot be calculated at all with two or more factors
- Wrong driving factor?



Understanding patterns of consumption





- Straight-line models are not the only method
- More complex models may be appropriate
 - Curved characteristics
 - Multiple driving factors
 - Real-time monitoring
- Principal objective: ability to calculate ***expected consumption*** from independent measurements

Reporting exceptions

Overspend league table for week ending 01/10/2009

Stream	Apparent overspend	Actual units	Expected	
North factory - treatment plant electricity	£386	1627	995	●
Building 1 - milling and grinding electricity	£273	277016	272474	●
Building 3 - air compressor electricity	£216	63881	60291	●
East factory - cooling tower makeup water	£175	3540	3254	●
Building 3 - Nitrogen flow	£159	360137	350186	●
North factory - EZ Klenz	£140	86285	77564	●
Primary processing - office elec	£70	35654	34500	●
Primary processing - HVAC elec	£50	8331	7500	●
Building 1 - effluent	£44	2254	2182	●
Building 1 - lighting electricity	£33	23130	22579	●
Building 3 - cooling tower electricity	-£9	33446	33584	●
Building 1 - kitchens electricity	-£11	7203	7388	●
East factory - flue scrubber water	-£61	475	575	●

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- Cost of deviation is most important
- Significance will depend on accuracy of expected-consumption model
- *Percentage is irrelevant*

Example: distillation plant

- Nine distillation columns
- Purifying a product by evaporating a blend of solvents
- Real-time monitoring with calculation of theoretical heat requirement
- 20-minute samples summated over 1 week

Distillation plant: typical savings

- Able to evaluate cost of known problem with steam trap (€100 per week)
- Monitoring after repair showed no improvement: discovered fouling in preheater (€100 per week)
- Detected €400 per week loss when operators turned off a preheater because of a condensate leak
- Saved €200 per *day* when operators discovered a more efficient operating mode *by mistake*

Distillation plant: other benefits

- Can now run most efficient columns in preference
- Shut down and repair only when necessary
- Provides a tool for efficiency experiments

How much could you save?

Industrial sector	Cost saving
Pottery	4%
Brick	5%
Private steel works	7%
Iron founding	8%
Paper and board	9%
Textile finishing	11%
Non-ferrous	12%
Food processing	13%

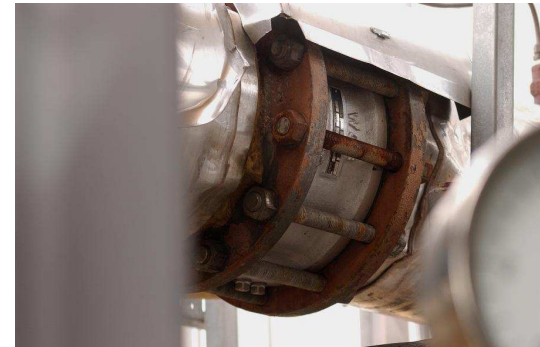
UK government study in the 1980s

How much could you save?

- Review in 1993 showed successful projects were saving 8% average
 - Similar to 1980s “pencil and paper” methods
 - Even though 30% were also using automatic meter readings
- Savings potential depends on ***risk of undetected loss***
- Actual achievement depends on ***effectiveness of follow-up***

Dealing with exceptions

- Losses are often avoidable
- Quick and cheap to remedy
 - Minor repairs
 - Staff training



Two major benefits *to your organisation*

- Detect avoidable excess costs
 - Operator error
 - Control faults
 - Leaks
 - Incorrect maintenance
 - User behaviour
- Evaluate savings achieved
 - Allowing correctly for weather, production, *etc.*



Thank you

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