



Energy Efficient Compressed Air Systems

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Agenda

Efficiency Opportunities - Why Compressed Air?

5 Facts About Compressed Air

Compressed Air Energy Auditing

Case Studies

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Australia's largest independent compressed air and blower company

Delivering comprehensive air solutions for over 30 Years



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Air Compressors:

- Rotary Screw
- Scroll
- Centrifugal
- Portable Diesel



Power Generation

- Standby Generators
- Prime Power Generators
- Heavy Industry Turbine Generators
- Cogeneration & Trigeneration
- Portable and Stationary Diesel

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Blowers:

- Positive Displacement
- Single/Multi-Stage Centrifugal
- Rotary Screw
- High-Speed Turbo

Packaged Solutions

Nitrogen and Gas Systems

Engineering, Design and Installation

Service and Ongoing Support

Energy Efficiency Services





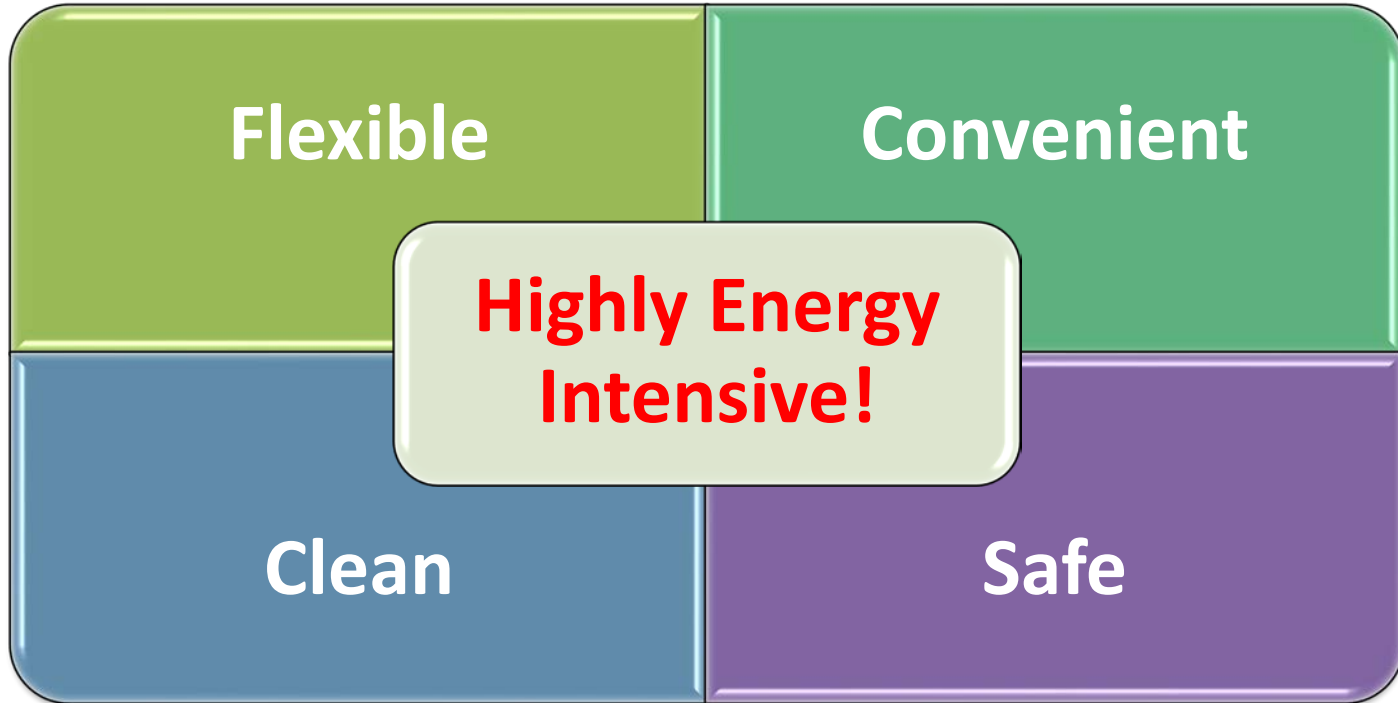
Most industries depend heavily on compressed air

Leak testing Grit blasting Foaming washers Instrument air Etching, frosting and boring glass
Component testing Aeration Maintenance Cooling Agitation and Blending Sand blasting
Floatation process air Blowing for cleaning purposes Medical breathing Cryogenic uses Machine operation
Moulding machines Pneumatic tools Concrete finishing Inflating tyres Centrifuges Seal air
Impregnating wood Bottle cleaning Fiending sewage Barling pies Vaporisation Diaphragm pumps
products Snow making Air Curtains Fumigation
Ejecting rejects Laundry machines Elevating liquids Blowing light and electronic tubes Jet loom
Vibrating Hoists and lifts Can manufacture Pulverising N2 & O2 Governor systems
Jet pulverising Actuation and positioning Spray painting Clutches, brakes and clamps Pelletising Charging shock absorbers
Grease pumps Cleaning by air jet Lapping valves Sealing and straightening
Humidifying Kiln cleaning Dewatering Bottle washers Hyperbaric oxygenation Breathing apparatus
Process air Pneumatic conveying Blowing bottles and glassware Pneumatic controls Down hole drilling
Vacuum systems Dehydration Emptying and cleaning liquid lines Can filling Lubrication systems
Ejecting punchings and stampings Lifting and racking blocks





Compressed Air

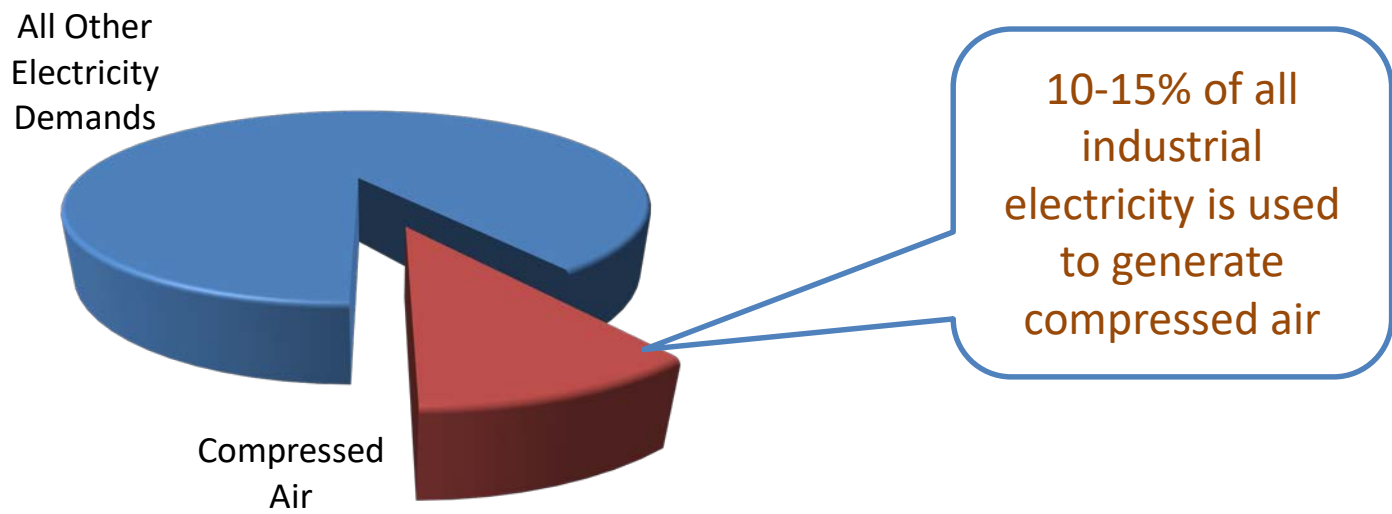




5 Facts About Compressed Air



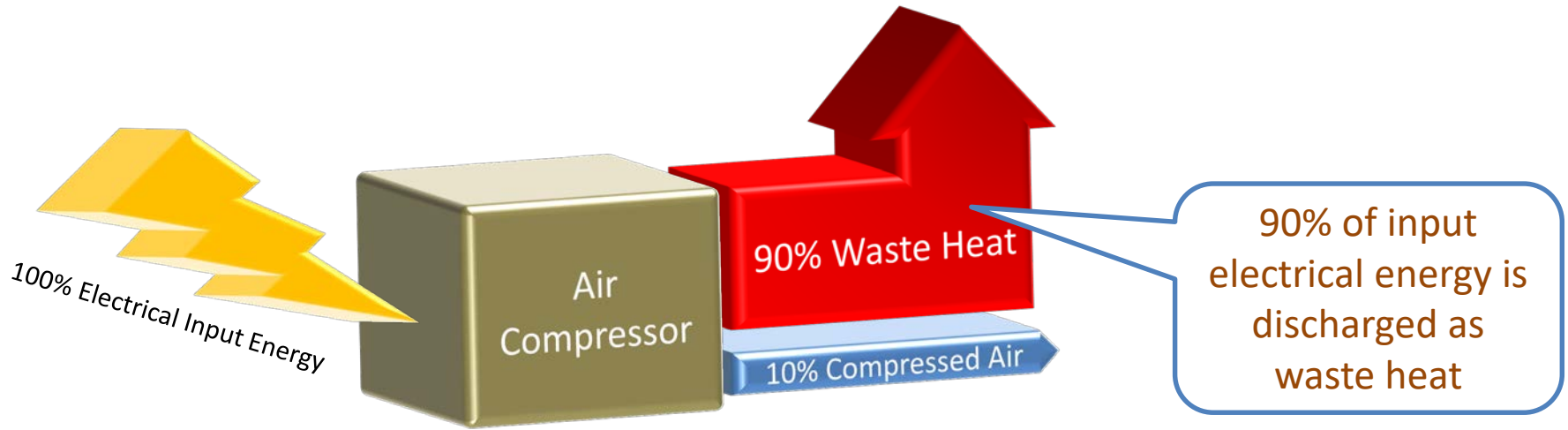
FACT #1: Compressed air is used extensively by industry





FACT #2:

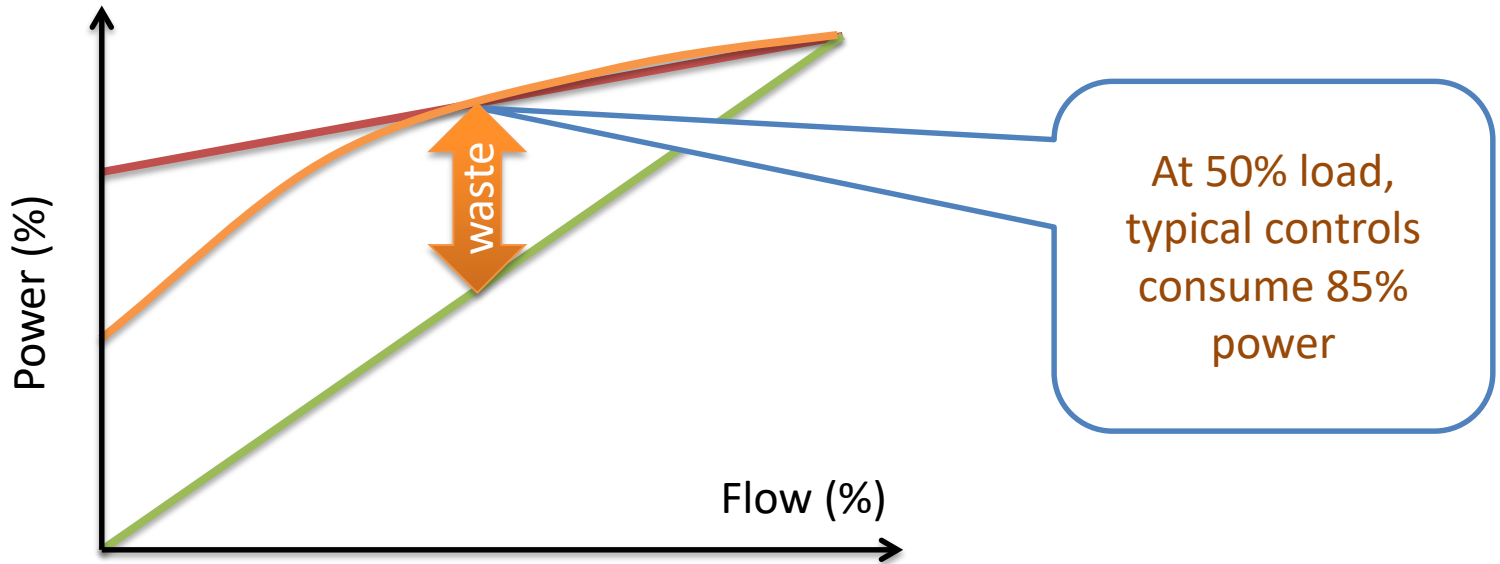
Compressed air is an extremely inefficient form of energy





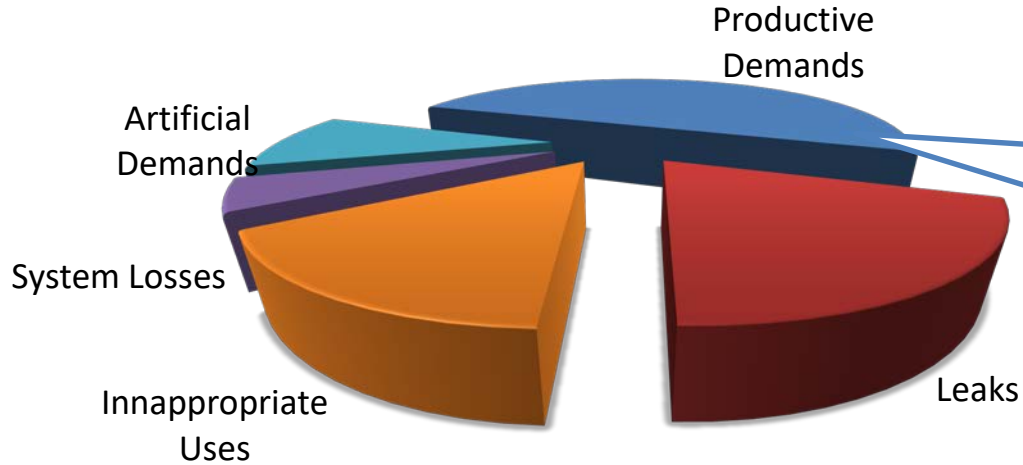
FACT #3:

Compressors can be extremely inefficient at part load





FACT #4: Compressed air is wasted profusely

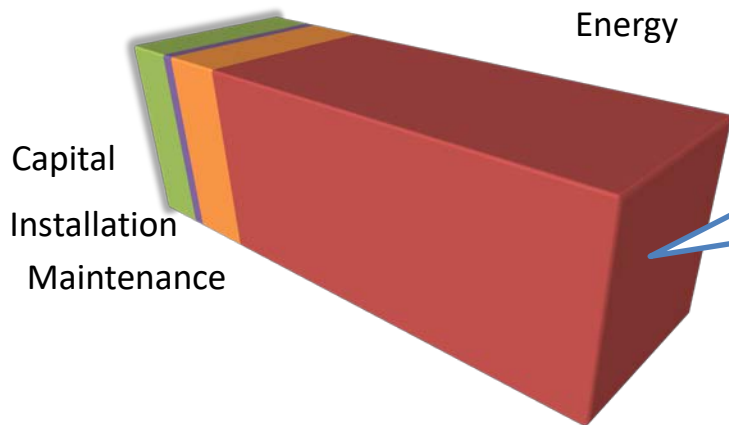


Typically, only 50% of compressed air is used for productive demands



FACT #5:

Electricity is by far the greatest cost of compressed air



Over 10 years, the energy cost will be 10 to 30 times the initial capital cost



Why are air systems so inefficient?

Growing
businesses and
evolving systems

Turn up the
pressure

Technical
outsourcing

Oversize it,
just to be
sure

Old and
inefficient
equipment

Poor advice

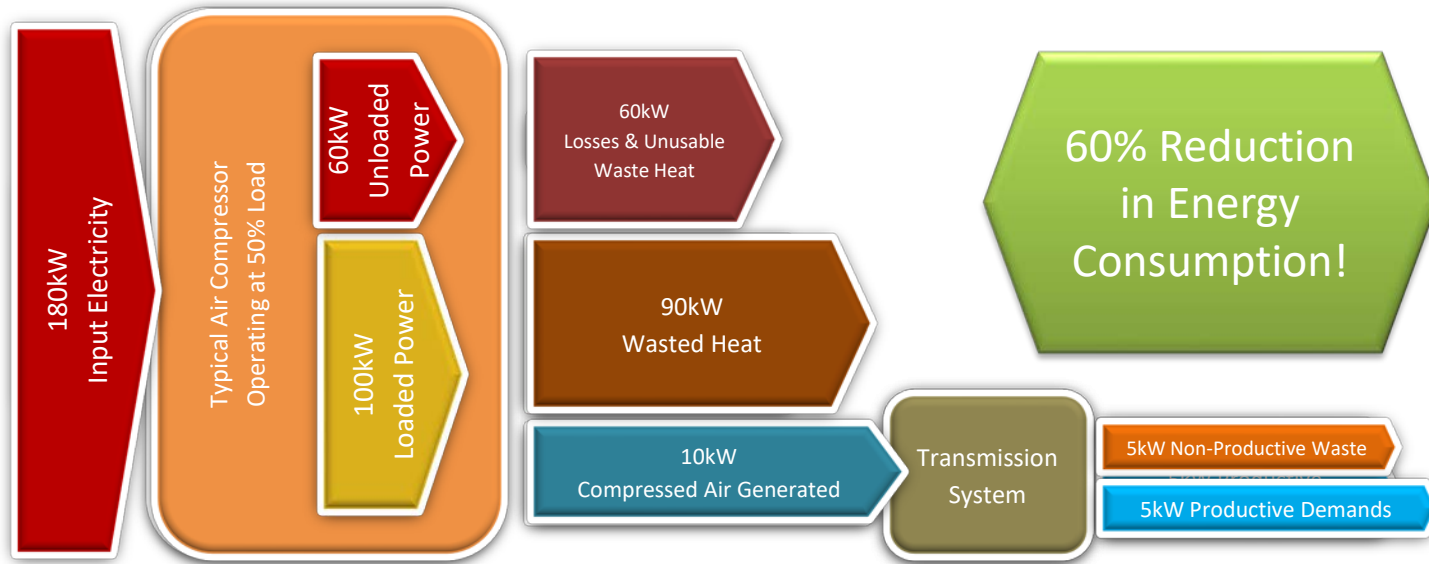
Lack of
knowledge and
experience

Lets do it
with air!



How can they be improved?

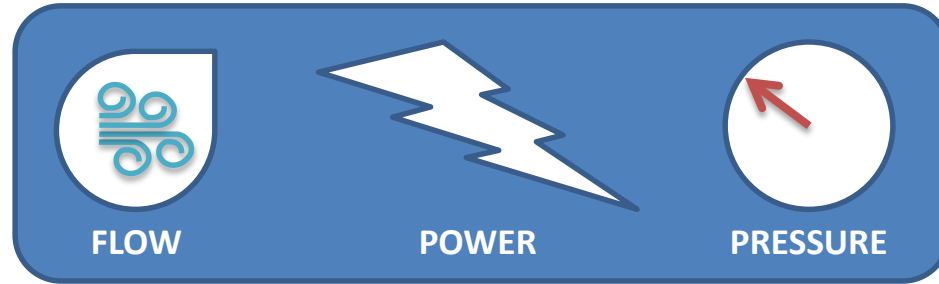
Systems Approach



Air-Energy Auditing

What you don't measure,
you can't improve!

What are the savings with an upgrade in technology?



How do we compare with best practice?

Develop an understanding of the system

How much does it cost to operate your system annually?

How does your system vary?
Daily, weekly, monthly,
quarterly, annually?



Air-Energy Auditing

- Relatively simple and low costs
- Collect and log system data during typical operational week
- Determine equipment and capabilities
- Develop a baseline of demand and performance
- Review and confirm appropriate service regime
- Uncover compressed air issues (i.e. pressure or quality)



What are the Opportunities?

Supply Side

- Efficient part-load compressors
- Multi-stage compression
- Storage and controls
- Pressure set points
- Maintenance
- Heat recovery

Demand Side

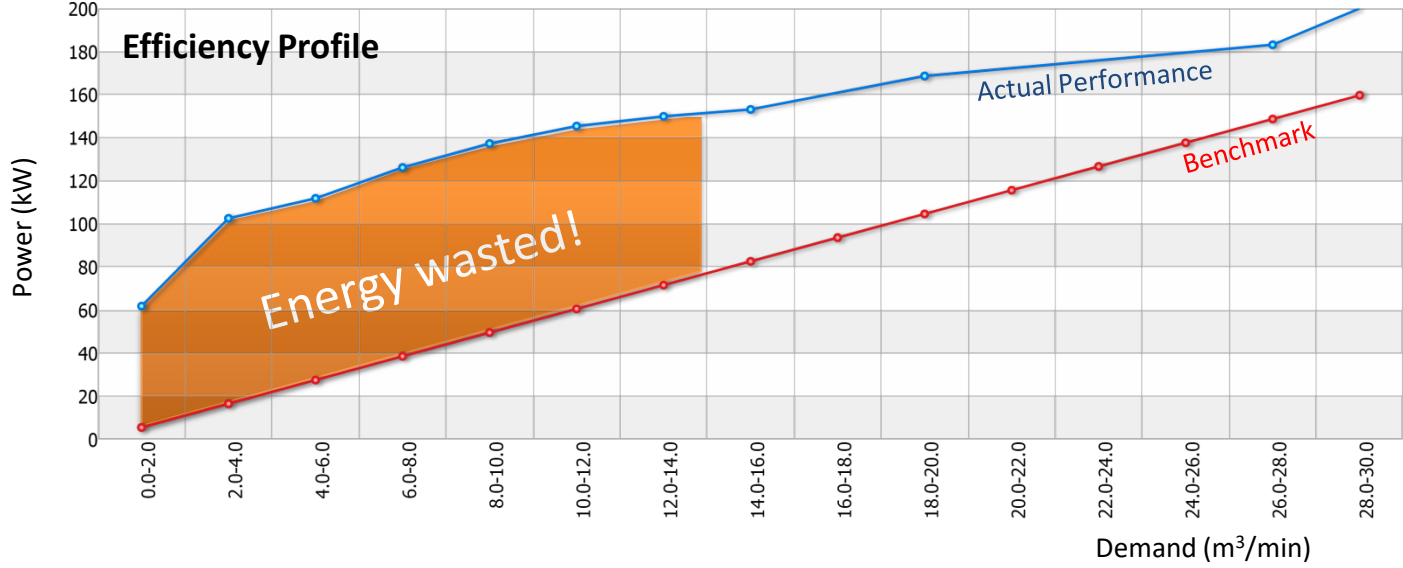
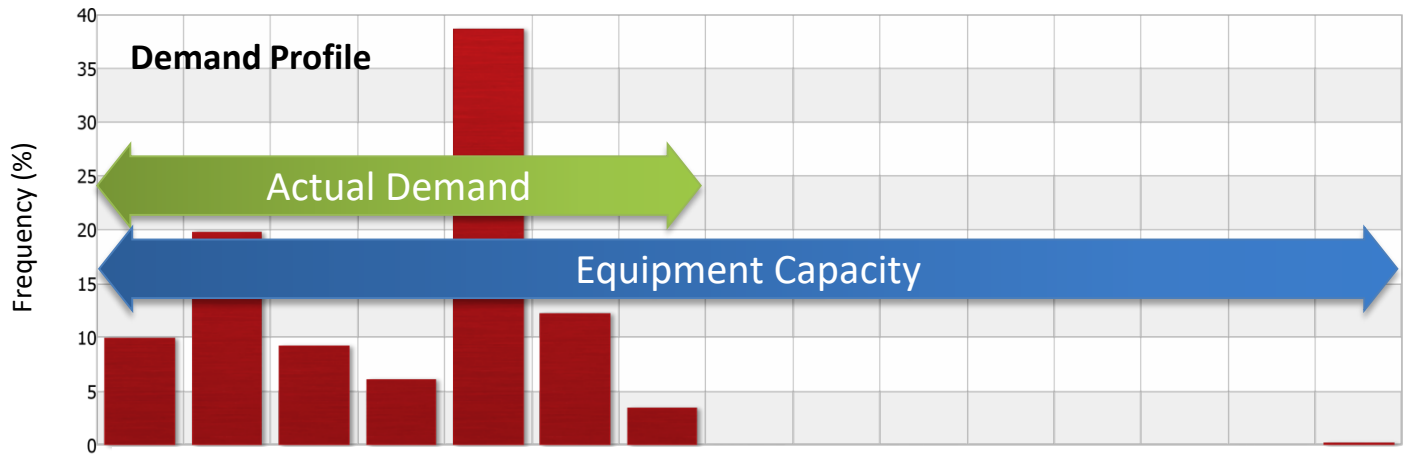
- Detect and fix leaks
- Inappropriate demands
- Central sequence control
- Pressure drop issues
- Pressure regulation
- Demand anomalies



Case Study #1:

Simple Manufacturing Application

- Manufacturing facility seeking energy savings opportunities
- Only one compressor in operation
- Data logging and analysis undertaken
- Along with a demand-side review





Holistic Solution

Supply Side

Smaller Compressor with
Variable Speed installed
Reduced pressure set point

Demand Side

Small reduction in demand
via identification and repair
of a few leaks, plus change
in usage practises



Outcomes

- Implemented solution saves \$45k/annum in electricity
- Additional savings in maintenance
- Payback on total project cost within 1.7years
- More reliable equipment
- Delivers more stable pressure and less wear and tear on downstream equipment



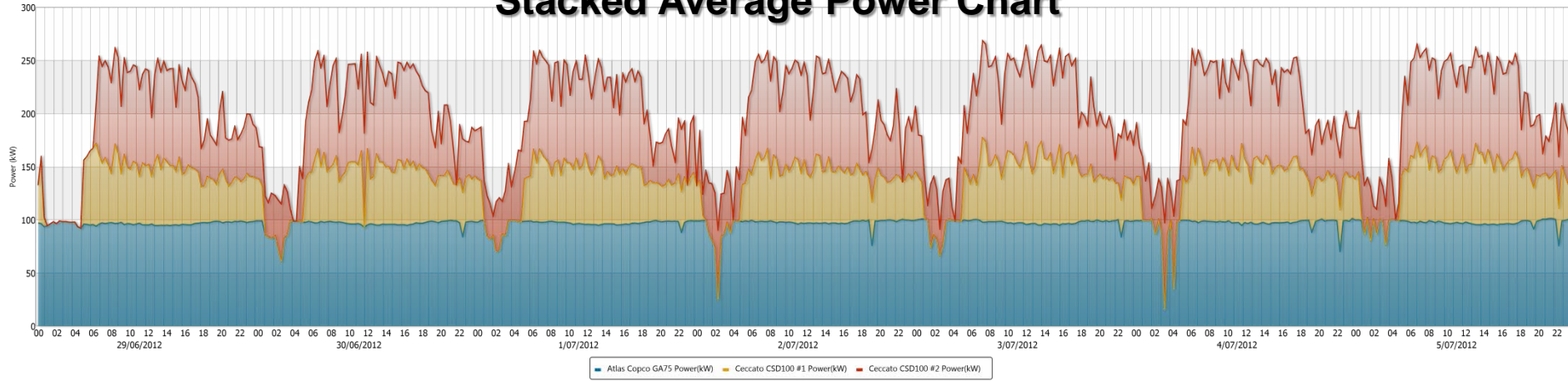
Case Study #2: Kilcoy Pastoral

- Abattoir seeking compressor upgrade with energy savings opportunities
- Three compressors in operation (3 constant speed unloading)
- Data logging and analysis undertaken
- Project recommendations undertaken by client
 - One new large VSD compressor with two existing compressors used as top up
- Data logging for verification purposes confirmed savings

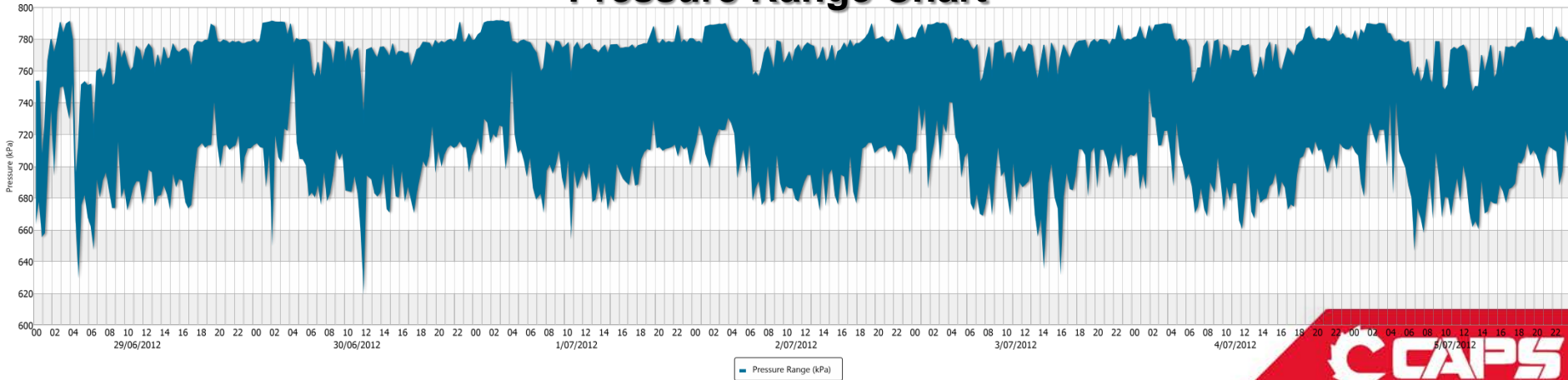
Plant Room Before



Stacked Average Power Chart



Pressure Range Chart

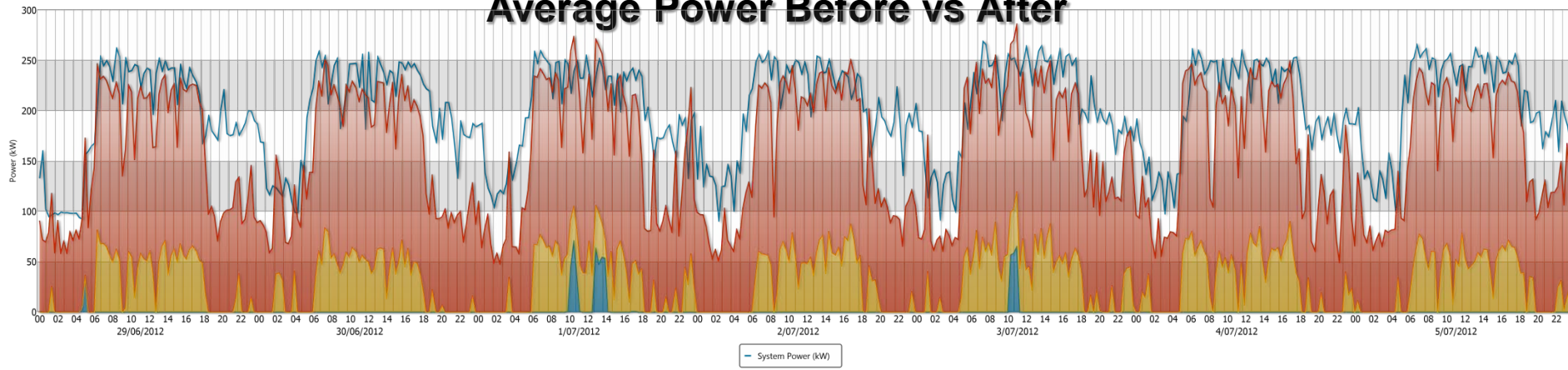


Plant Room After Upgrade

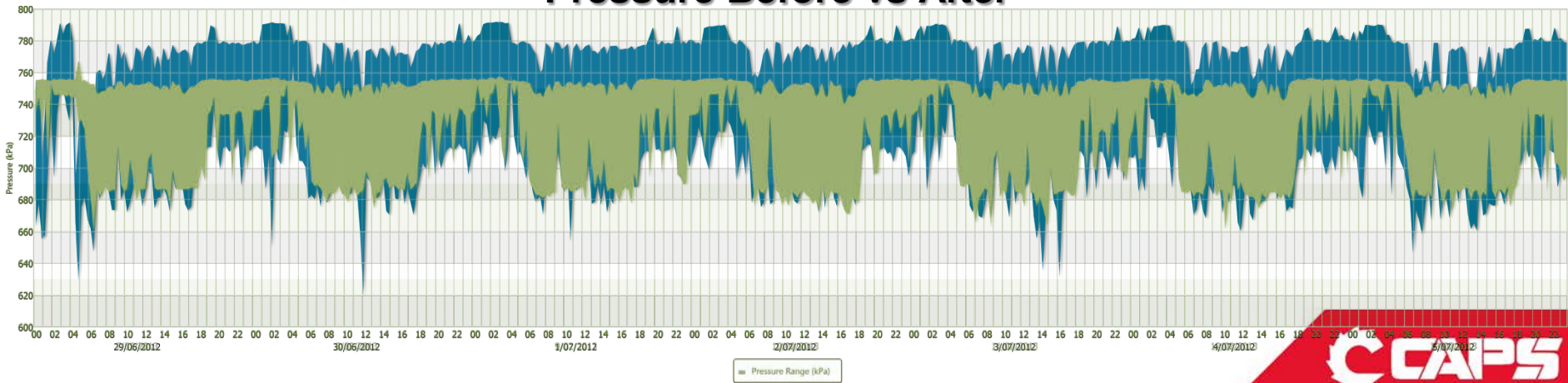




Average Power Before vs After

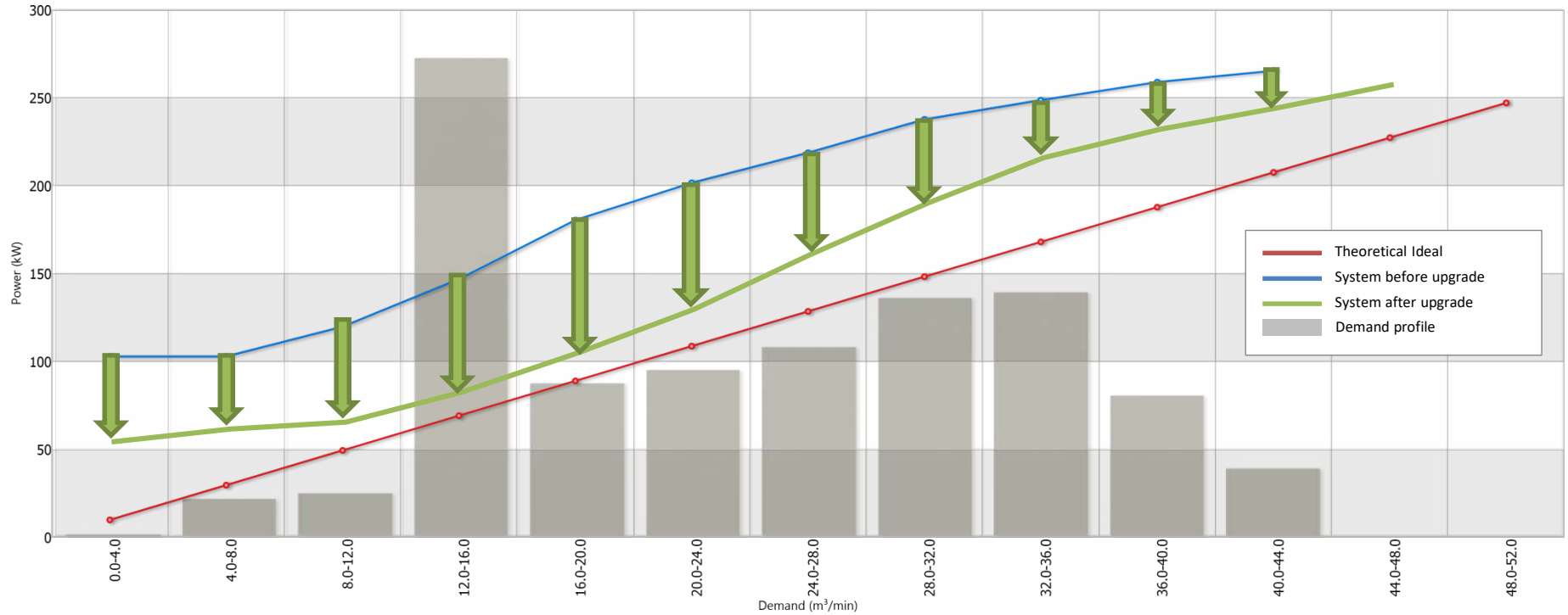


Pressure Before vs After





System Efficiency Improvement



Before/After Statistics

	July 2012	February 2013	Change
	3 x 75kW Fixed Speed units	1 x 160kW VSD + 2 x 75 kW fixed speed	
Average Flow (m ³ /min)	23.8	26.2	+10 %
Average Power (kW)	201.1	159.6	- 20.6 %
Average Pressure (kPa)	744.8	735.7	- 1.2 %
Air Production Efficiency (kW/m ³ /min)	8.4	6.1	- 27.4 %
Overall System Efficiency (kW/m ³ /min)	10.1	6.8	- 32.7 %

- Slight increase in average flow
- Significant decrease in average power consumption
- Vast improvement on overall system efficiency
- Similar pressure control – additional room for improvement
- Savings in the region of \$15,000 per month



Outcomes

- Implemented solution saves \$15k/month in electricity
- Additional savings in maintenance
- Payback on capital cost within 2 years
- More reliable equipment
- Delivering more stable pressure and less wear and tear on downstream equipment with implemented air treatment component



In Closing

- Compressed air a very costly ‘invisible’ energy.
- Significant opportunities exist for substantial cost savings with fast payback on solutions.
- However, seek assistance from specialised professional services to properly identify and quantify opportunities.

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