DHW/Cooling Hybrid Strategy for Solar Cooling: One Successful Year Monitoring Results

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Targeted building description

Montpellier Heating and System net utilities
=> System owner

TECSOL : engineering company

AXIMA GDF SUEZ : Company in charge of the works

Building A view

Existing Building block in ZAC Jacques Coeur in Port Marianne area (Montpellier, France, built in 2010)

2 parts : building A & B (mini district)

Building A : 11 000 m² for offices and shops

Building B : 10 600 m² with 167 dwellings

Buildings situation

Load & system strategy

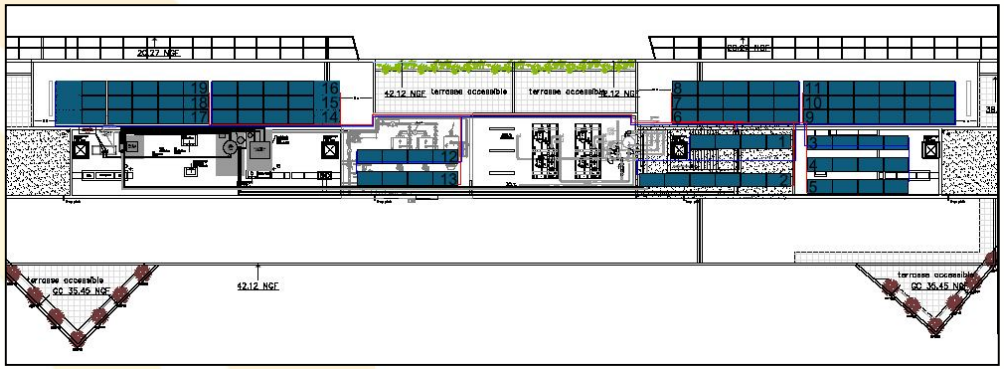
Picture of the collector field

Sizing strategy :

- available place on the roof
- simplicity & maximum yield

⇒ nearly 500 m² available on different locations on the Block A roof => 240 m² solar collector

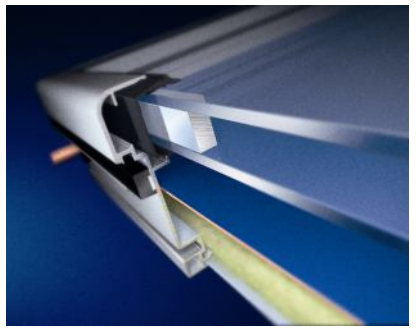
- DHW only in Winter + cooling (if possible +DHW) in Summer



Solar collector position on the roof

System description

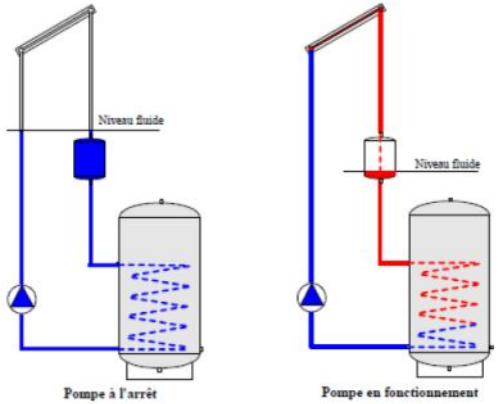
- **240 m² double glazed flat plate collectors**
- **one 35 kW absorption chiller**



Double glazed solar collector

- solar circuit in drainback mode (with water glycol + HX)

Solar collector fields in drainback mode

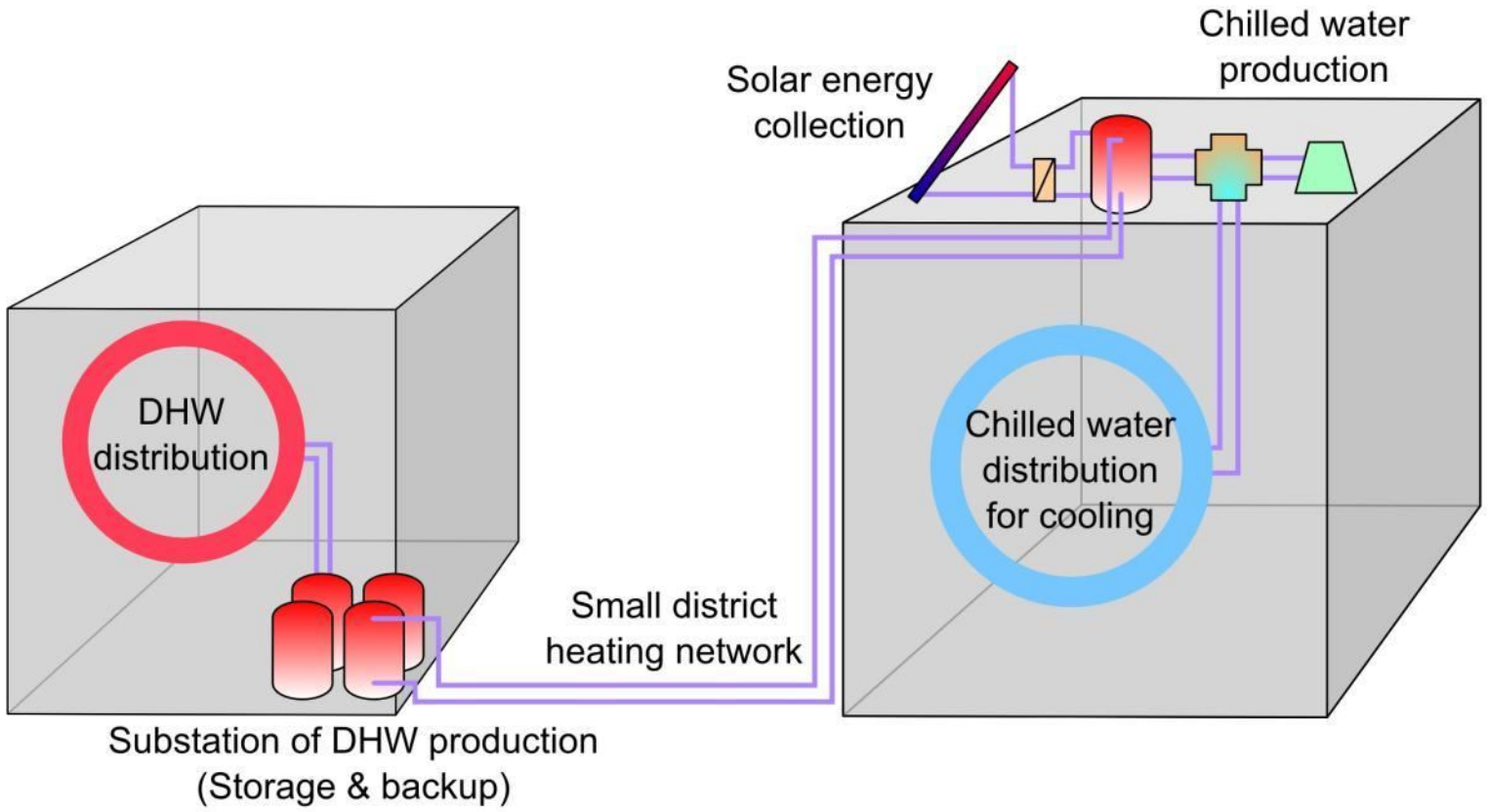


Drainback principle

- one **1500 liter hot buffer storage tank**
- DHW preheating

(+ 10 m3 DHW additional storage capacity in Building B for dwellings)

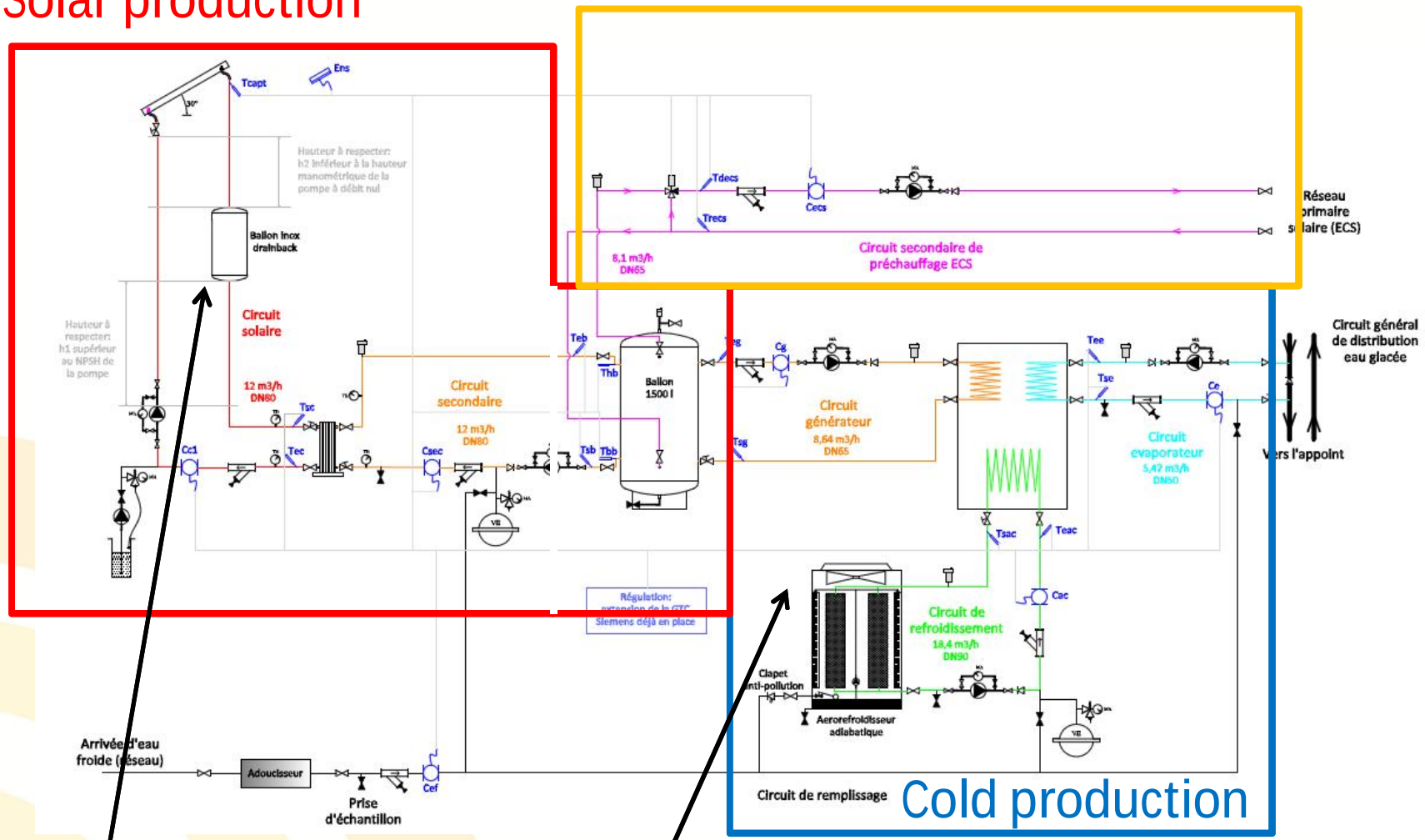
Hydraulic principle



Hydraulic scheme

DHW distribution

Solar production



Drainback system

Anti legionnella adiabatique cooling tower

Expected results

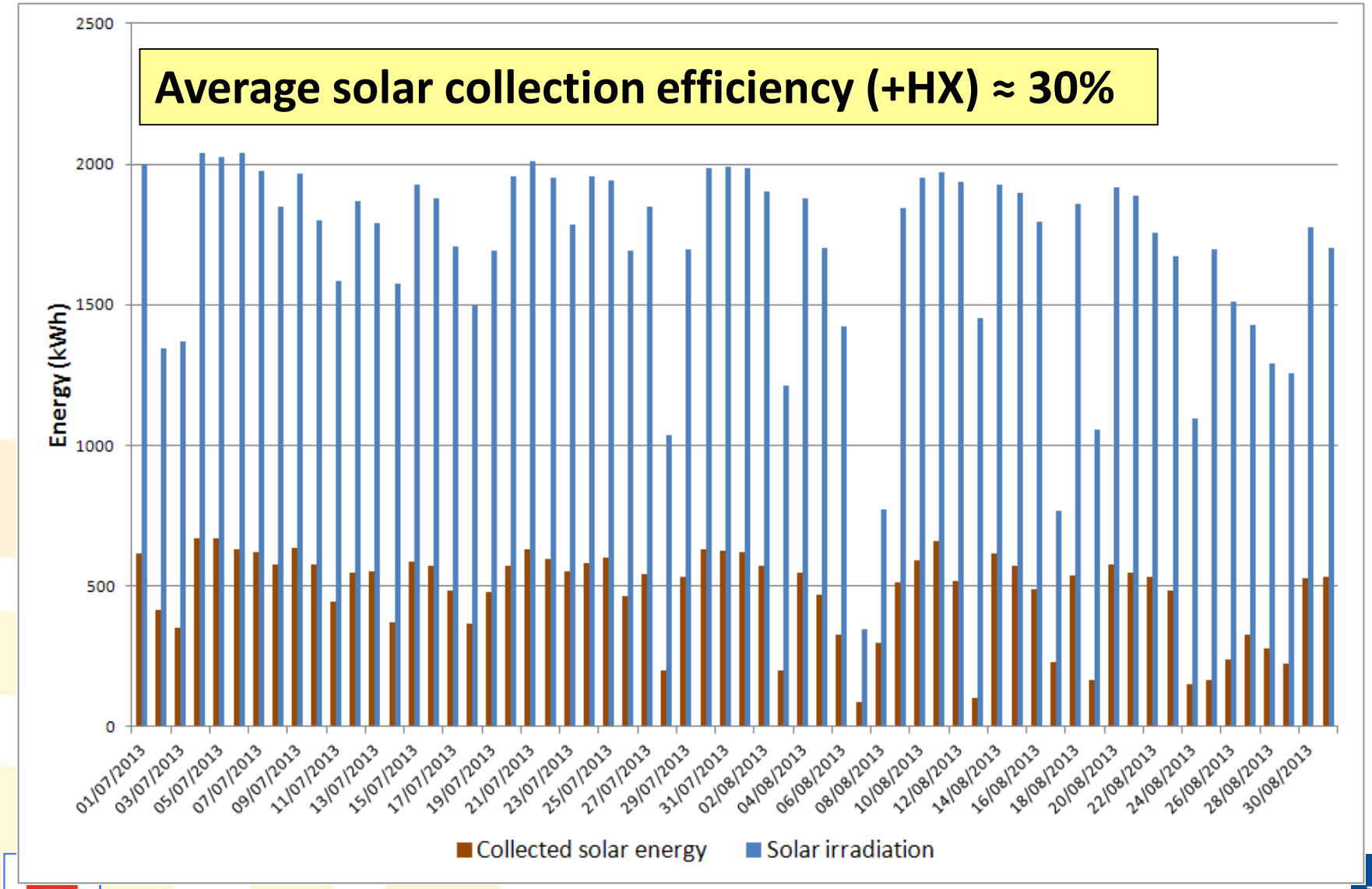
	DHW production (kWh)	Cooling production (kWh)	Electric consumption (kWh)	Solar productivity* (kWh/m²)	Electrical COP (-)	Solar fraction (%)
January	2 476	0	256	10,3	9,7	7,7 %
February	4 694	0	371	19,6	12,7	19,1 %
March	11 073	0	566	46,1	19,6	22,2 %
April	16 252	228	723	68,7	22,8	17,3 %
May	18 556	1 843	892	85,0	22,9	18,7 %
June	14 002	3 033	938	71,0	18,2	16,8 %
July	12 083	7 348	1329	81,0	14,6	9,8 %
August	11 583	6 281	1207	74,4	14,8	11,6 %
September	7 939	1 340	661	38,7	14,0	9,2 %
October	8 896	0	547	37,1	16,3	25,6 %
November	3 450	0	293	14,4	11,8	12,7 %
December	2 077	0	234	8,7	8,9	6,6 %
TOTAL	**113 080**	**20 073**	**8 017**	**554,8**	**16,6**	**13,9 %**

** Solar productivity: Calculated in winter as the distributed hot energy divided by the collector surface, and in summer the distributed cold energy is divided by the collector surface but also by the thermal COP of the chiller.*

Emergence program : mini annual thermal performance levels to reach

- Solar yield is estimated to 554,8 kWh/m².year **>> 350 kWh/m².year**
- **Electrical COP** is estimated to **16,6 >> 5**

Monitoring results for Summer 2013



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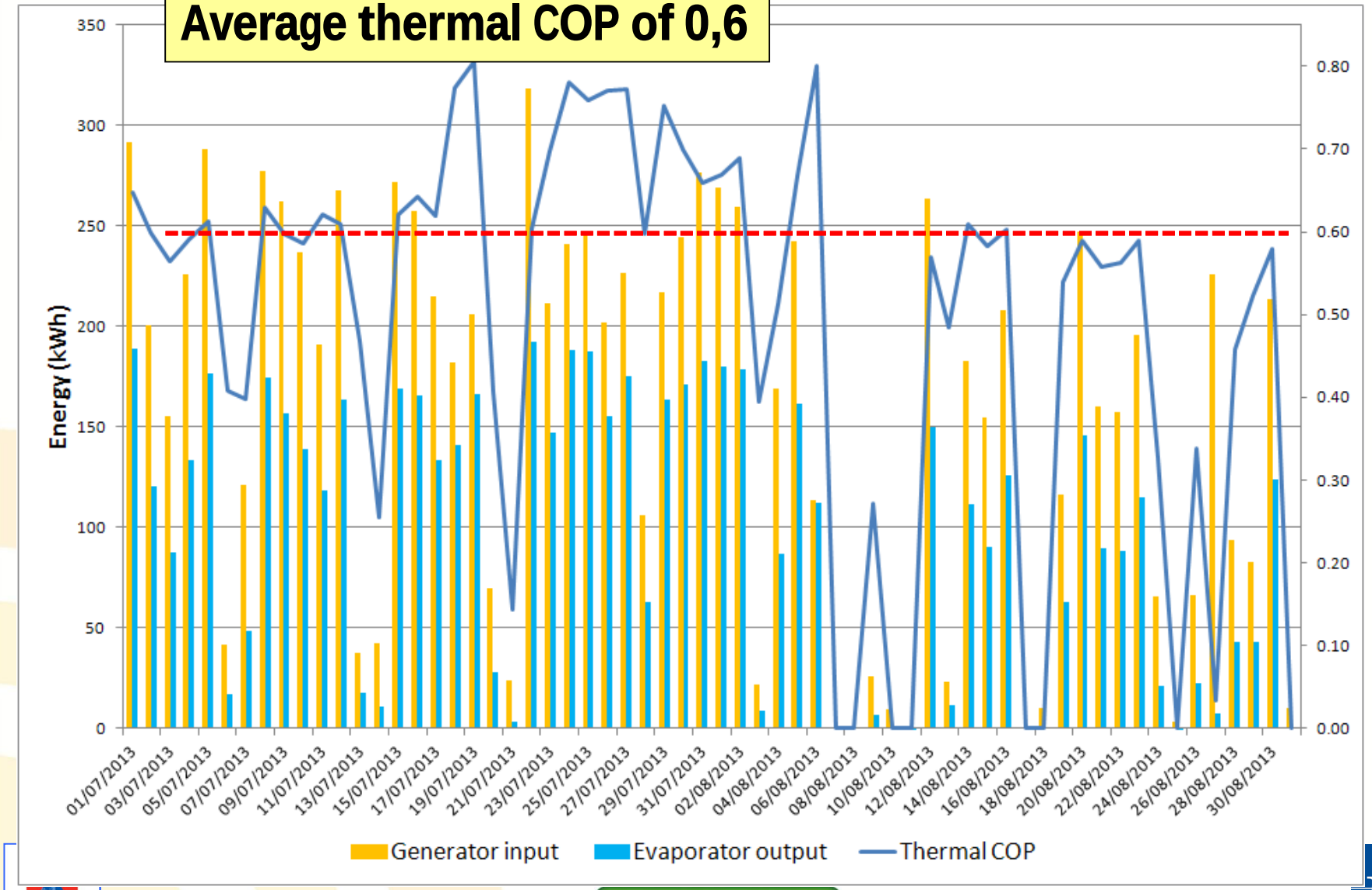
Average thermal COP of 0,6



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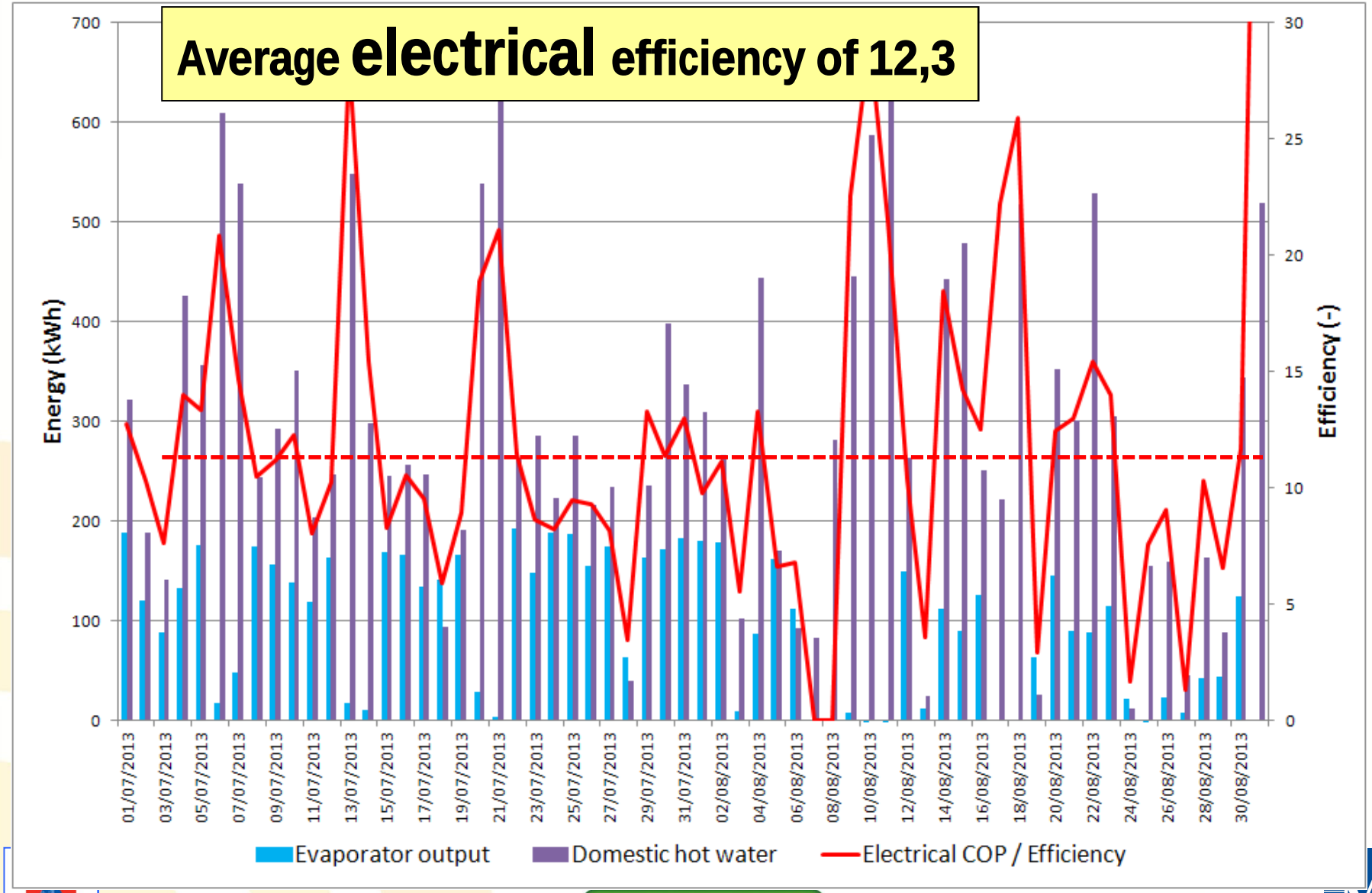

Summary of results for Summer 2013

	Unit	Value
Irradiation	kWh	104 000
Useful solar energy	kWh	30 000
Absorption generator	kWh	9 800
Absorption evaporator	kWh	6 000
DHW energy	kWh	18 000
Electrical energy	kWh	2 000
Thermal COP	**(-)**	**0.60**
Electrical Efficiency	**(-)**	**12.2**
Water Consumption	m3	60

System important advantage :

=> full complementarity between solar cooling and solar DHW

Simplicity of functionning :

=> No control issue (easy interaction Cooling <-> DHW)

Full year balance (march 2013/ mars 2014)

	DHW Production (kWh)	Cooling Production (kWh)	Parasitic elec. Consumption (kWh)	Useful Solar Yield (kWh/m2)	Overal elec efficiency (-)
from 18/03/2013	4 654	0	110	19.4	42.3
april 2013	11 588	0	290	48.3	40.0
may 2013	16 478	0	380	68.7	43.4
june 2013	7 497	2 765	902	42.8	13.4
july 2013	9 482	3 983	1 190	56.1	13.5
august 2013	8 628	1 970	840	44.2	14.2
september 2013	9 316	676	554	41.6	18.9
october 2013	7 843	0	240	32.7	32.7
november 2013	4 789	0	220	20.0	21.8
december 2013	3 851	0	157	16.0	24.6
january 2014	3 734	0	190	15.6	19.7
february 2014	6 435	0	218	26.8	29.5
march 2014	12 860	0	348	53.6	30.9
april 2014	14 085	0	360	58.7	39.1
may 2014	12 633	281	326	54.0	40.2
june 2014	8 847	944	685	39.7	15.2
july 2014	5 586	2 959	851	26.8	12.4
TOTAL	148 308	13 578	7 861	**674.5**	**20.6**

** elec consumption linked to the solar useful production (pumps solar, DHW, generator, evaporator, condensor circuits) without measuring back up elec consumption.*

Global Electrical efficiency of **nearly 21** in average for a full year and a **solar yield of 465 kWh/m².year**

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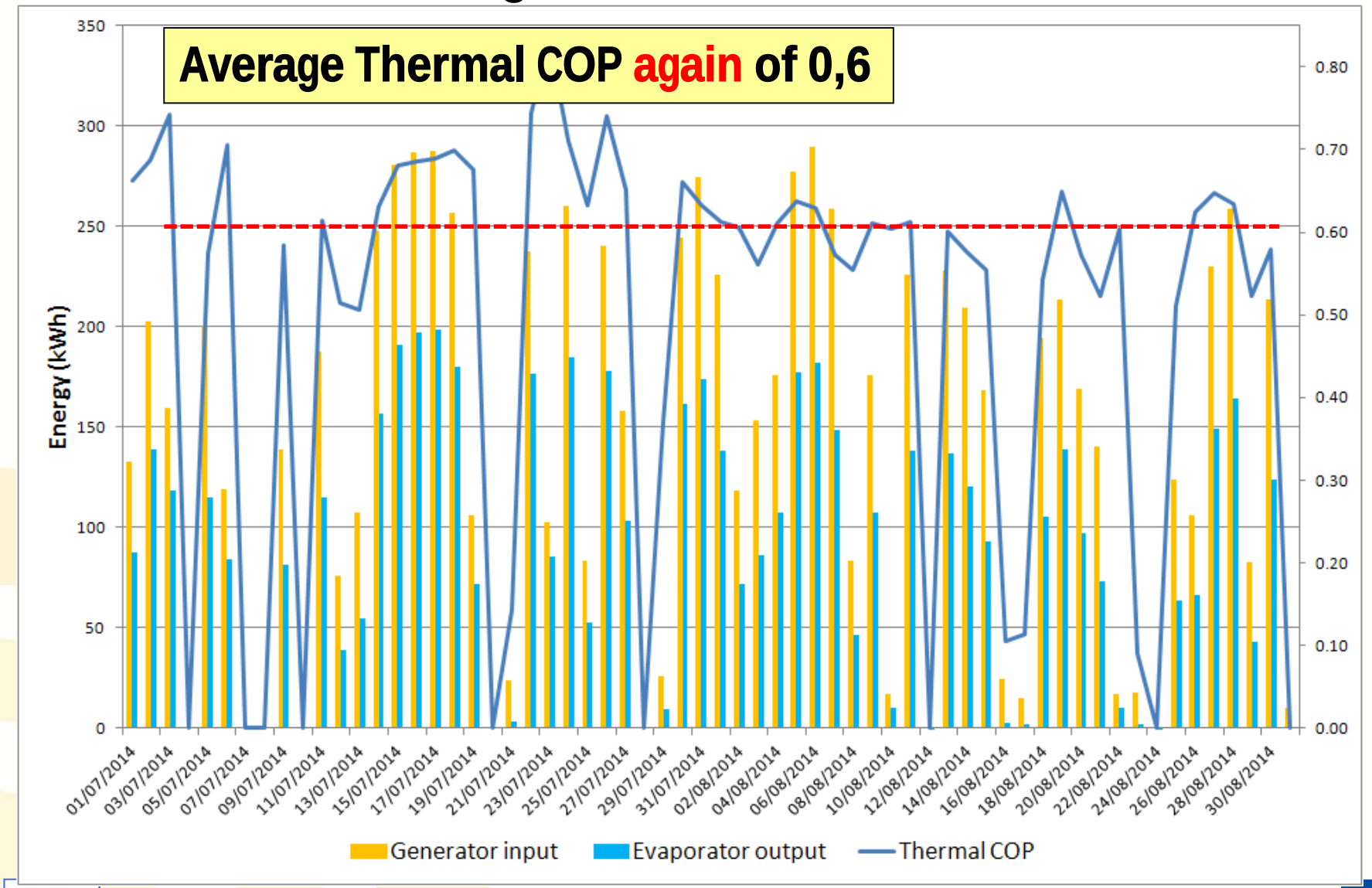

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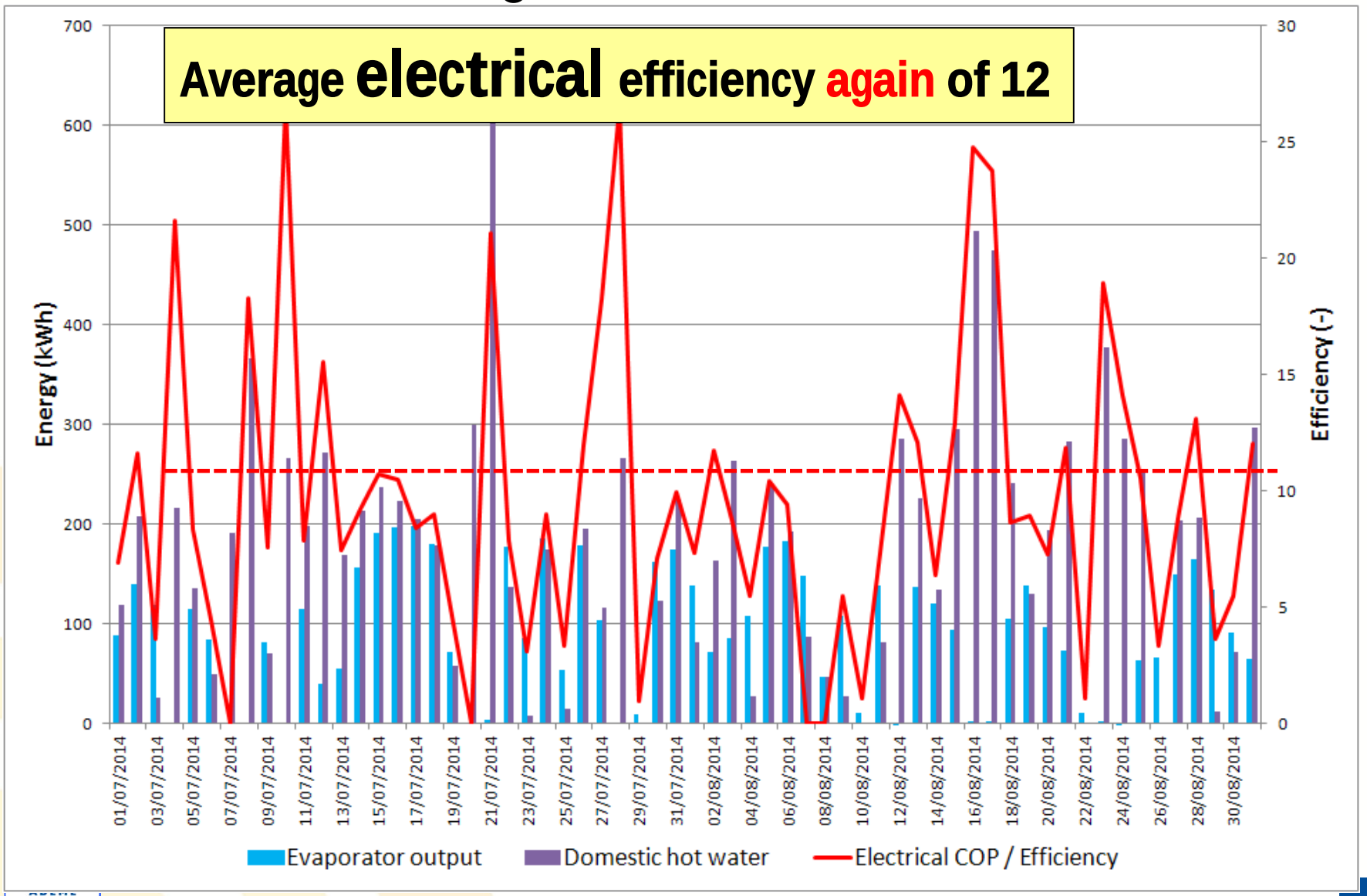

Summary of the cooling season 2014

	Unit	Value 2014	*Value 2013*
Irradiation	kWh	24 500	*30 000*
Useful solar energy	kWh	9 000	*9 800*
Absorption generator	kWh	5 700	*6 000*
Absorption evaporator	kWh	11 300	*18 000*
DHW energy	kWh	1 750	*2 000*
Electrical energy	**(-)**	**0.60**	***0.60***
Thermal COP	**(-)**	**12**	***12.2***
Electrical Efficiency	m3	35	*60*

Irradiation in 2014 15% less than in 2013 (bad Summer weather !!)

Electrical efficiency still so high (12)

IMPROVEMENT : division by nearly 2 of the water consumption

Robustness of the installation (no damage from 2013)

Conclusion

- Project **functionning very well since Spring 2012**
- **Full monitoring system** permetting a detailed feedback on energy performances
- **Very interesting concept for solar cooling and DHW** :
  - **Maxi usability** of the solar ressource and **system simplicity**
  - **Economical Optimum** (gains for DHW + cooling production)
  - **No overheating risks** because a load everytimer
  - **Drainback strategy** in case of failure/ damage
  - **First application** of Emergence Programe

Thanks for your attention !

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