

# Operation and energy efficiency of an hybrid air conditioner simultaneously connected to the grid and to photovoltaic panels

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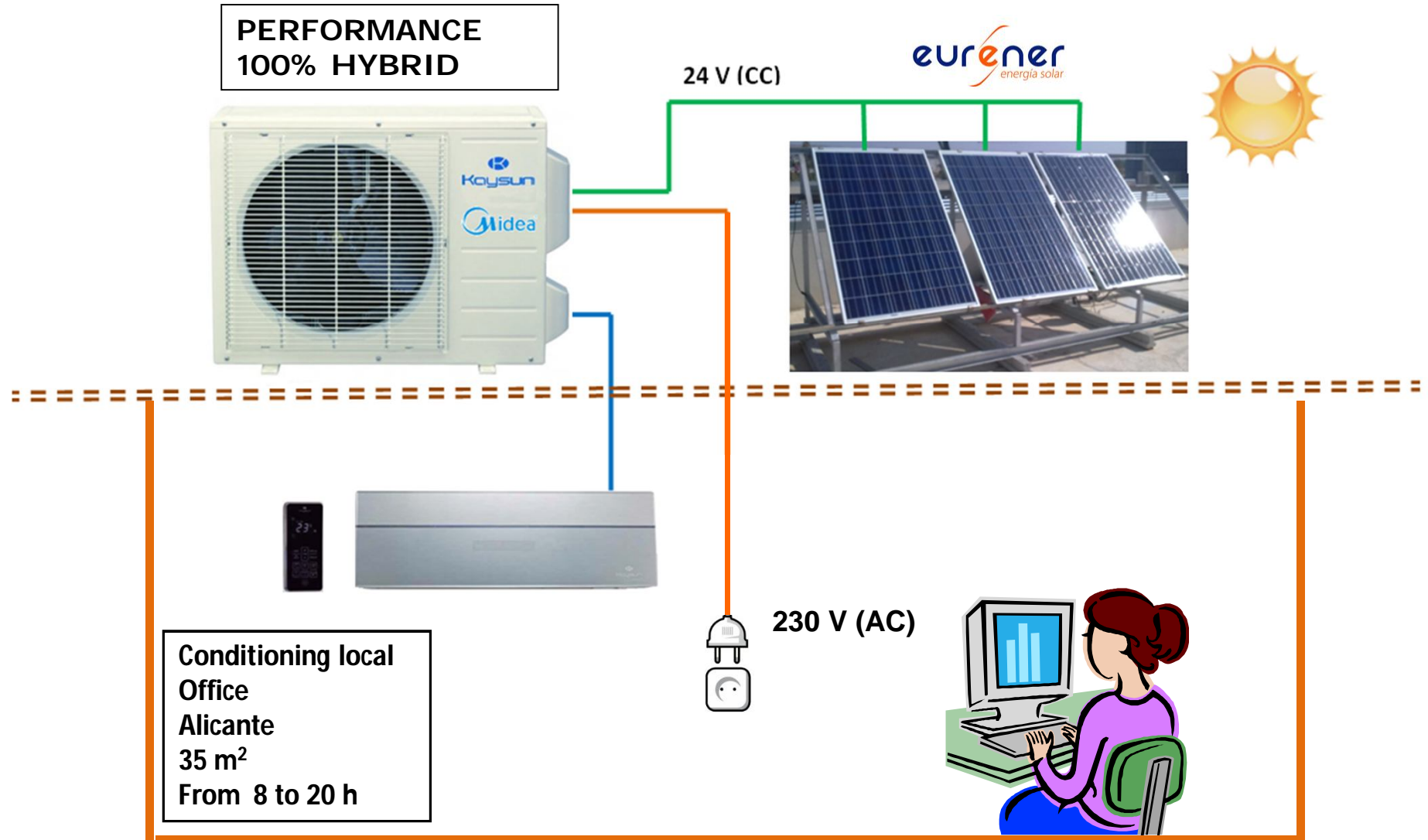
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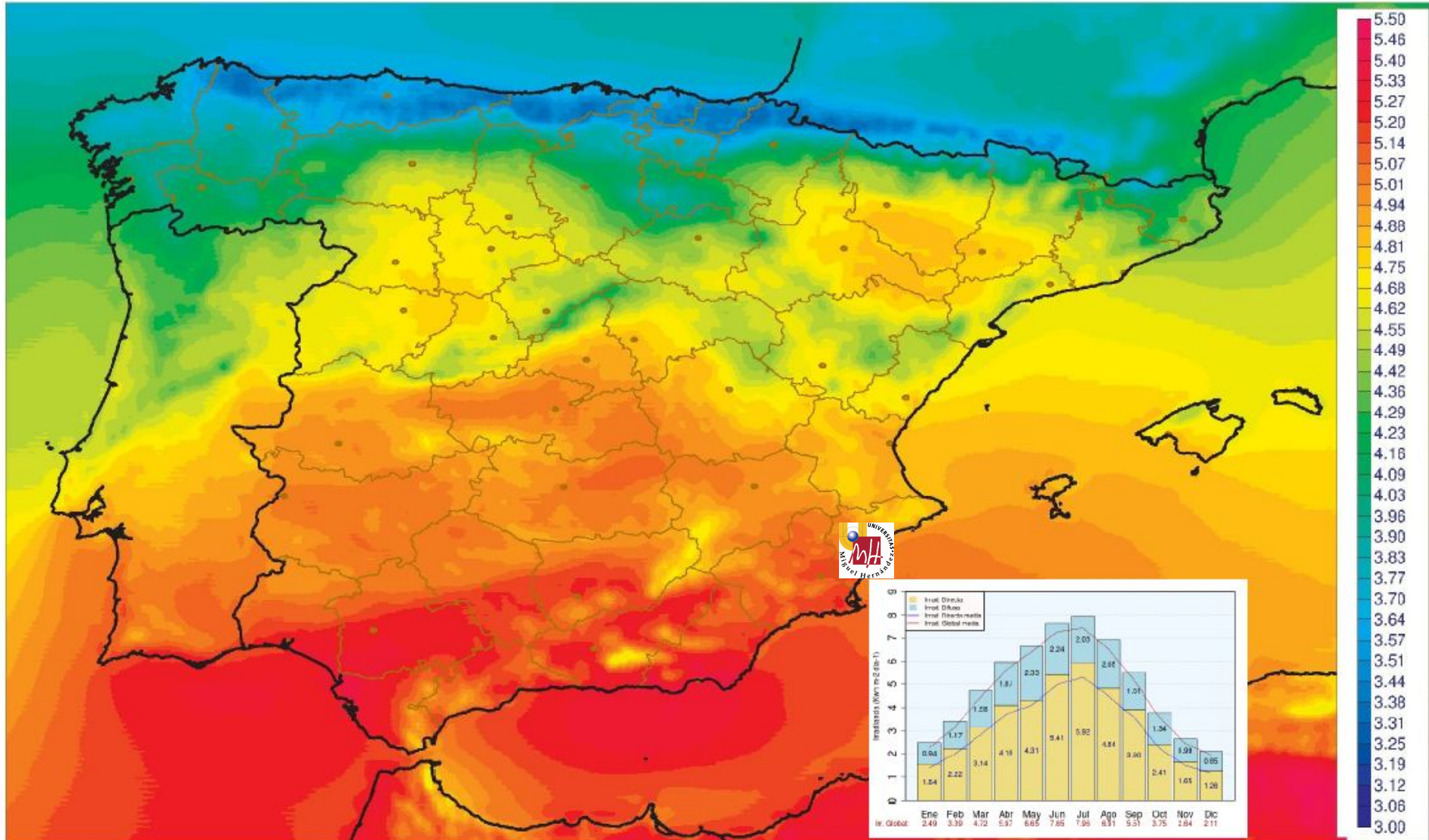
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# 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION





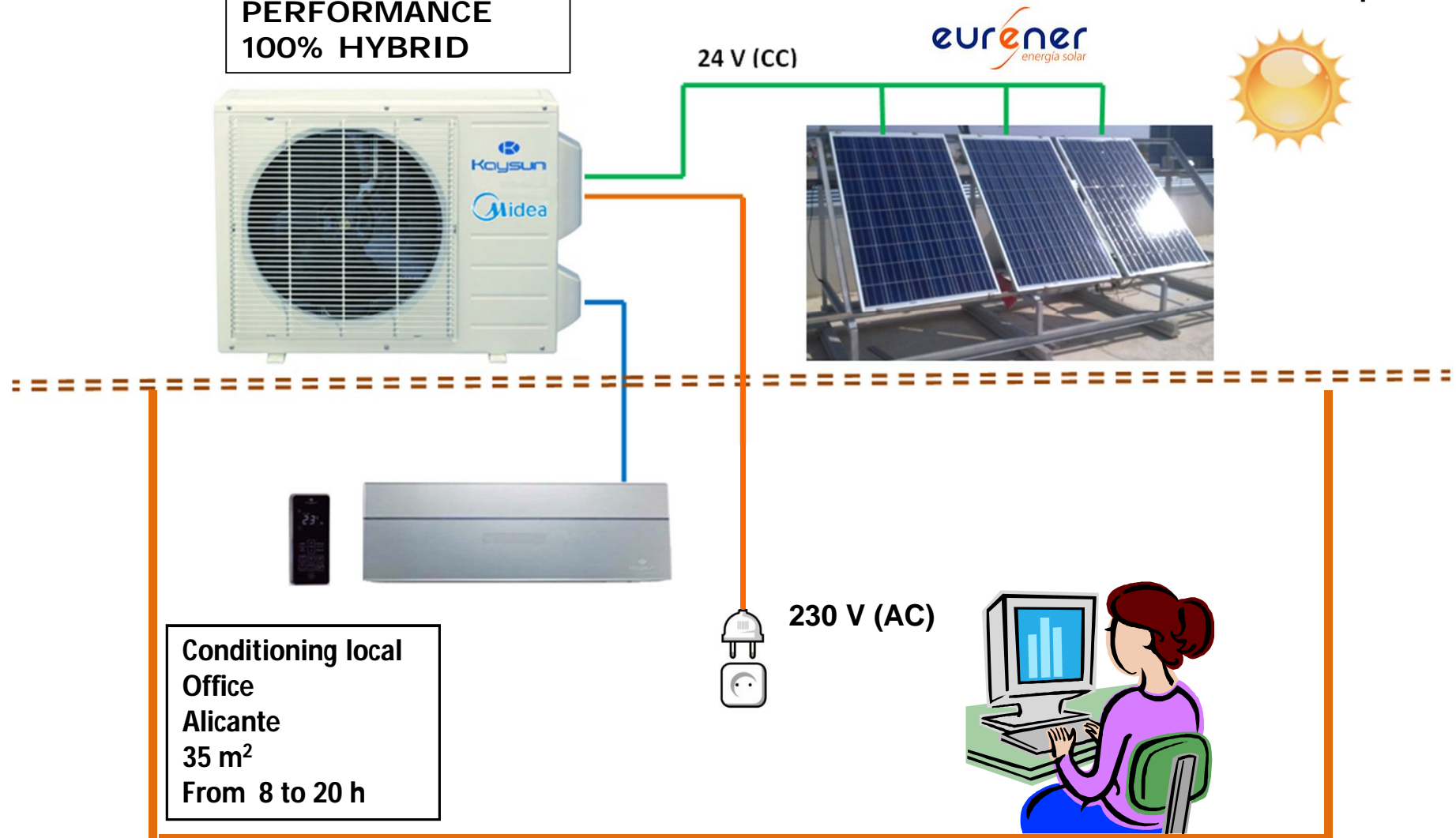
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**NO BATTERIES !**

**NO EXTERNAL INVERTER!**

**PERFORMANCE  
100% HYBRID**

**THE UNIT CAN WORK WITH 1, 2 OR 3 PV panels**



## 2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

### **Main objectives:**

- ж To determine the energy efficiency of the equipment monthly and stationally
- ж To demonstrate de real possibilities of using aircon units powered simultaneously from the grid and from photovoltaic panels

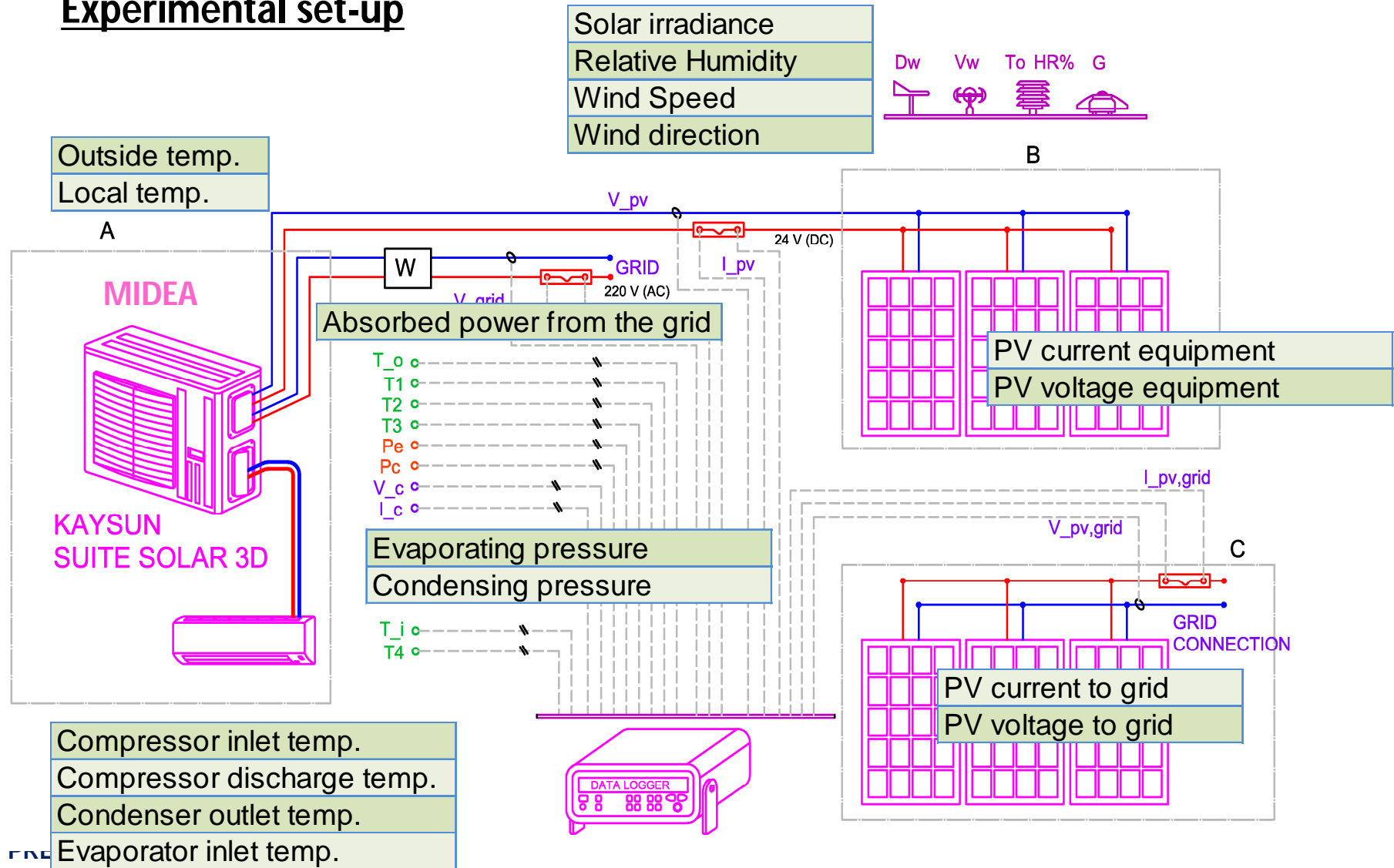
### **Long term objectives:**

- ж To determine the system efficiency when it works at different conditions (timetable, load, climatic)
- ж To establish the optimum design as a function of the climate region and application:

## 3. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

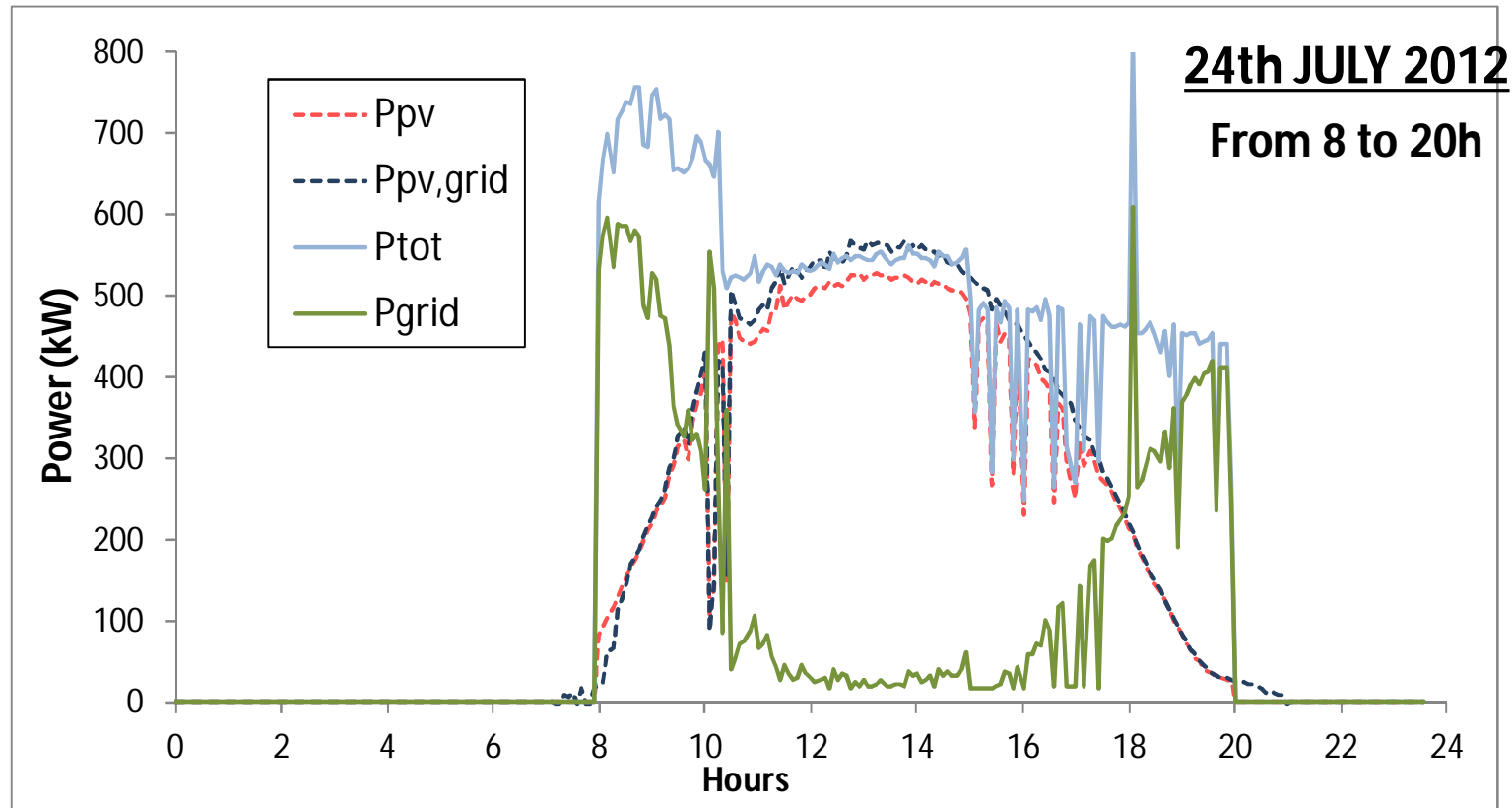


## Experimental set-up



Description	Symbology	14:00 - 24/07	Units
Compressor inlet temp.	$T_1$	14.27	°C
Compressor discharge temp.	$T_2$	63.54	°C
Condenser outlet temp.	$T_3$	35.97	°C
Evaporator inlet temp.	$T_4$	8.08	°C
Outside temp.	$T_o$	30.69	°C
Local temp.	$T_l$	23.29	°C
Evaporating pressure	$P_E$	8.38	bar
Condensing pressure	$P_C$	22.09	bar
Absorbed power network	$P_{GRID}$	35.51	kW
PV current equipment	$I_{PV}$	25.42	A
PV voltage equipment	$V_{PV}$	20.27	V
PV current network	$I_{PV,GRID}$	26.08	A
PV voltage network	$V_{PV,GRID}$	21.32	V
Solar irradiance	$G$	962	W/m <sup>2</sup>
Relative Humidity	HR	53.1	%
Wind Speed	$V_w$	1.41	m/s
Wind direction	$D_w$	43	°

## 4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



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<b>JULY</b>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	SC	$E_{PV,GRID}$	F	L
<b>From 8 to 20 h</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
23/07/2012	3,26	2,90	6,17	52,9%	3,69	88,4%	51,8%
24/07/2012	4,09	2,22	6,31	64,8%	4,41	92,7%	53,0%
25/07/2012	3,64	2,39	6,03	60,4%	4,28	85,1%	50,6%
26/07/2012	3,59	3,71	7,30	49,2%	4,14	86,9%	61,3%
27/07/2012	3,37	4,95	8,32	40,5%	3,69	91,5%	69,9%
30/07/2012	3,52	6,86	10,38	33,9%	3,67	95,9%	87,1%
31/07/2012	3,83	5,73	9,56	40,0%	3,98	96,1%	80,3%
PROMEDIO	3,61	4,11	7,72	46,8%	3,98	90,8%	64,9%

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SC(%) → Solar Contribution

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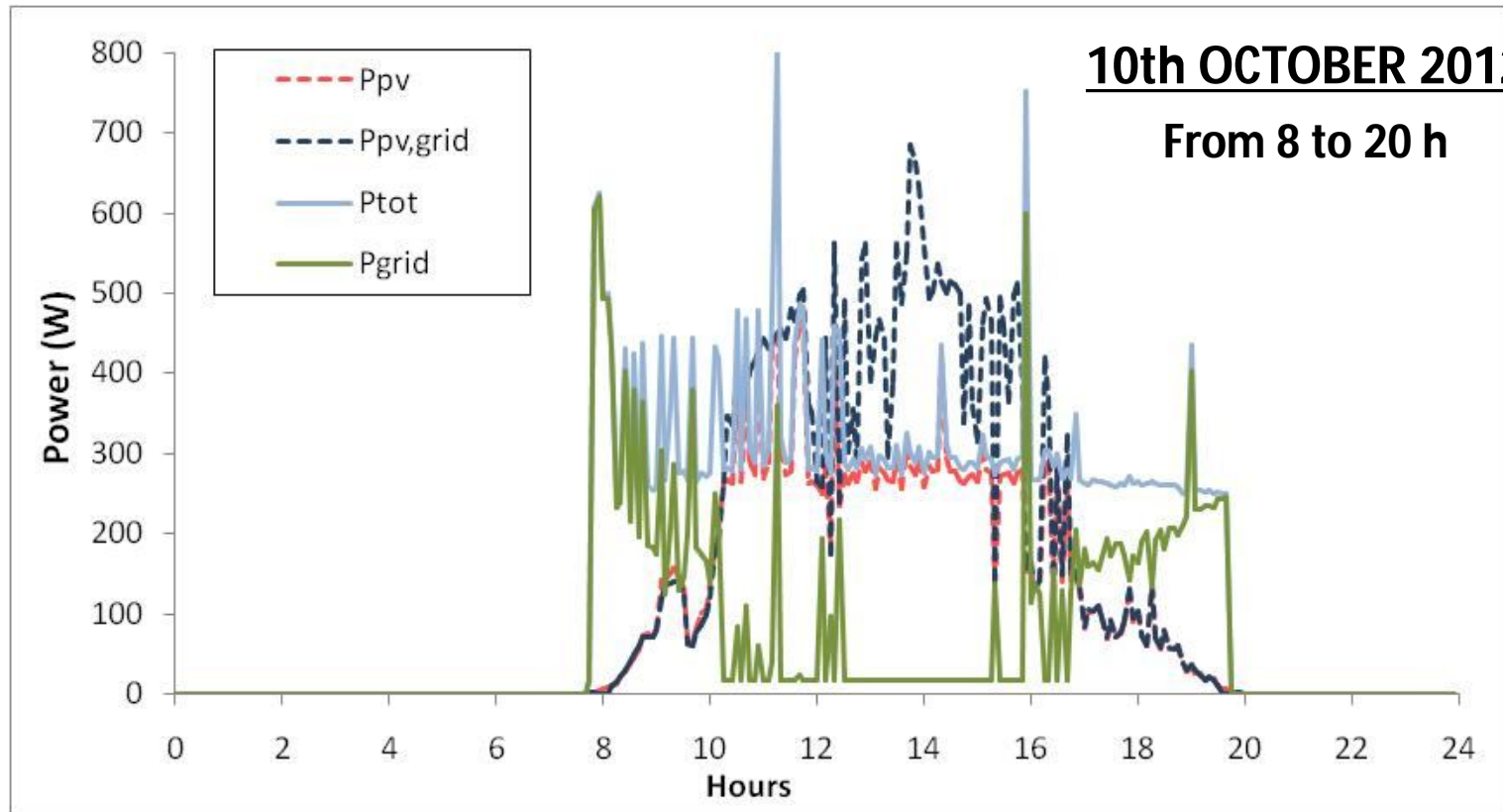
F → Production factor

L → Inverter unit mean load

$$SC \% = \frac{E_{PV}}{E_{TOT}}$$

$$F \% = \frac{E_{PV}}{E_{PV,RED}}$$

$$L \% = \frac{E_{TOT}}{E_{TOT,MAX}}$$

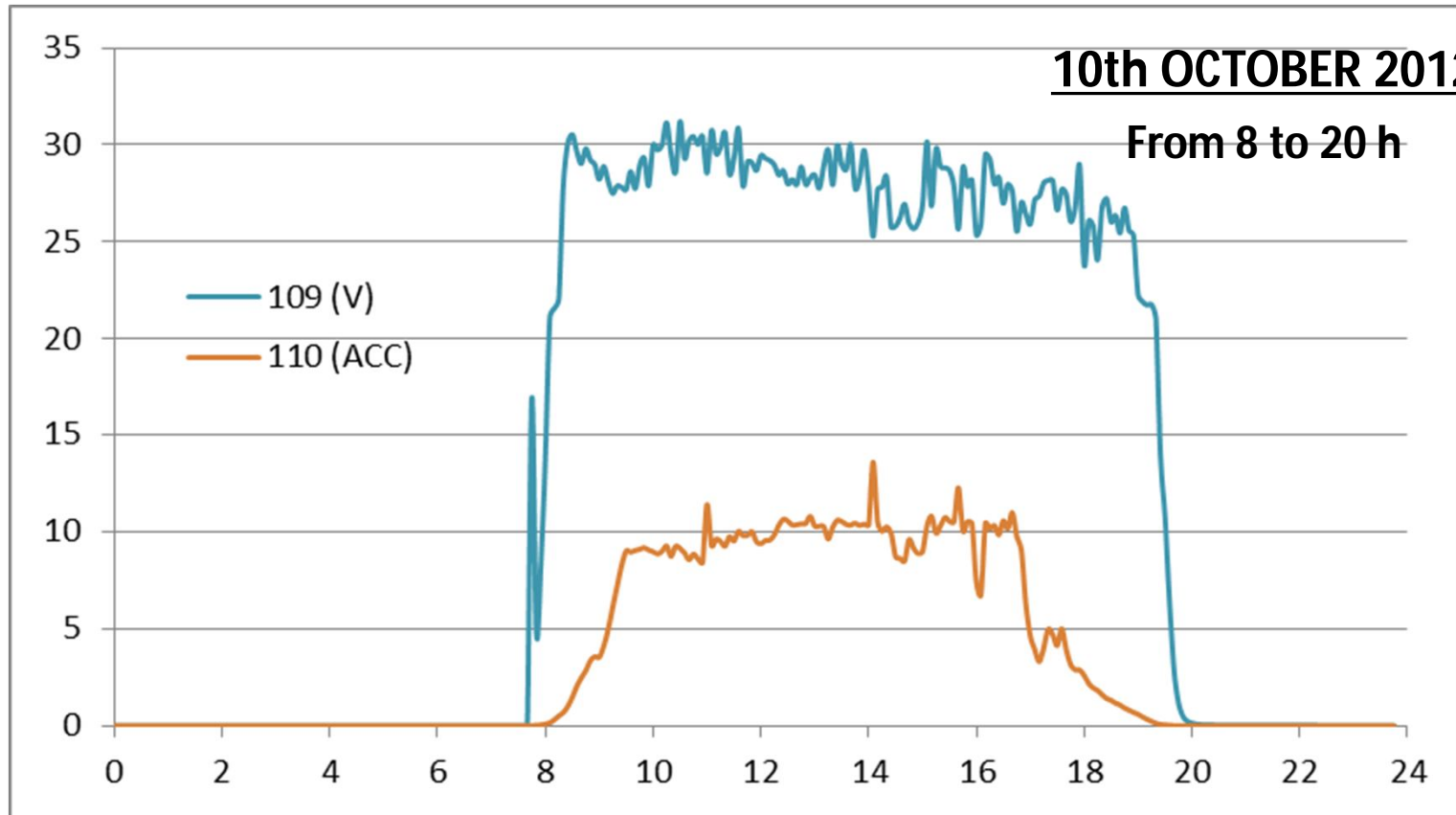


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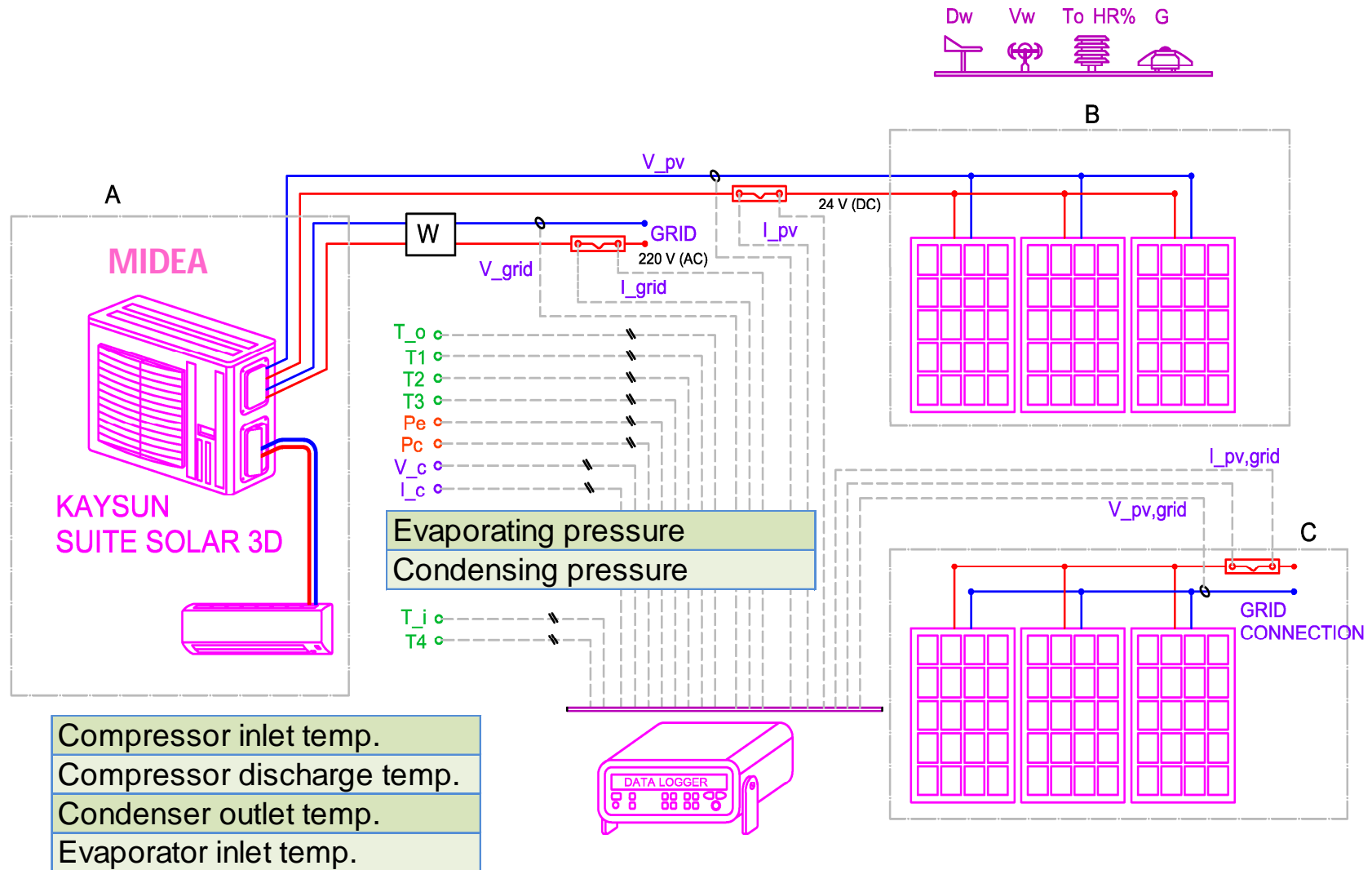


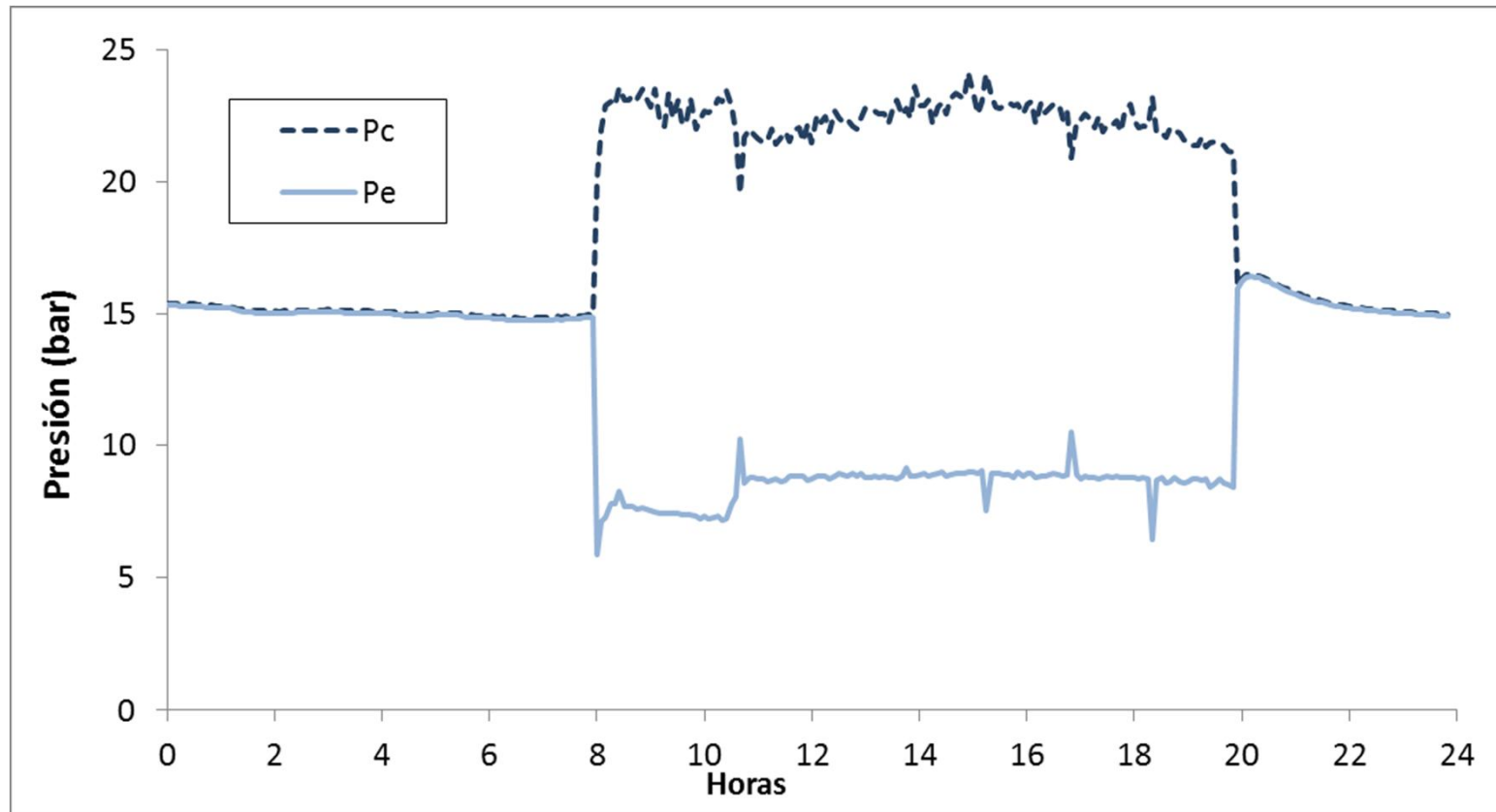
<b>SUMMER</b>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	<b>SC</b>	$E_{PV,GRID}$	<b>F</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>From 8 to 20 h</b>	<i>kWh</i>	<i>kWh</i>	<i>kWh</i>	%	<i>kWh</i>	%	%
JULY	3,61	4,11	7,72	46,8	3,98	90,9	64,9
AUGUST	3,42	5,11	8,53	40,0	3,57	95,7	71,7
SEPTEMBER	2,60	1,45	4,05	64,3	3,40	77,4	34
OCTOBER	2,23	1,44	3,67	60,8	3,13	72,7	30,8
AVERAGE				54,5		82,6	47,3

Total consumption = 840 kWhe ; Grid consumption = 378 kWhe; PV contribution= 462 kWhe

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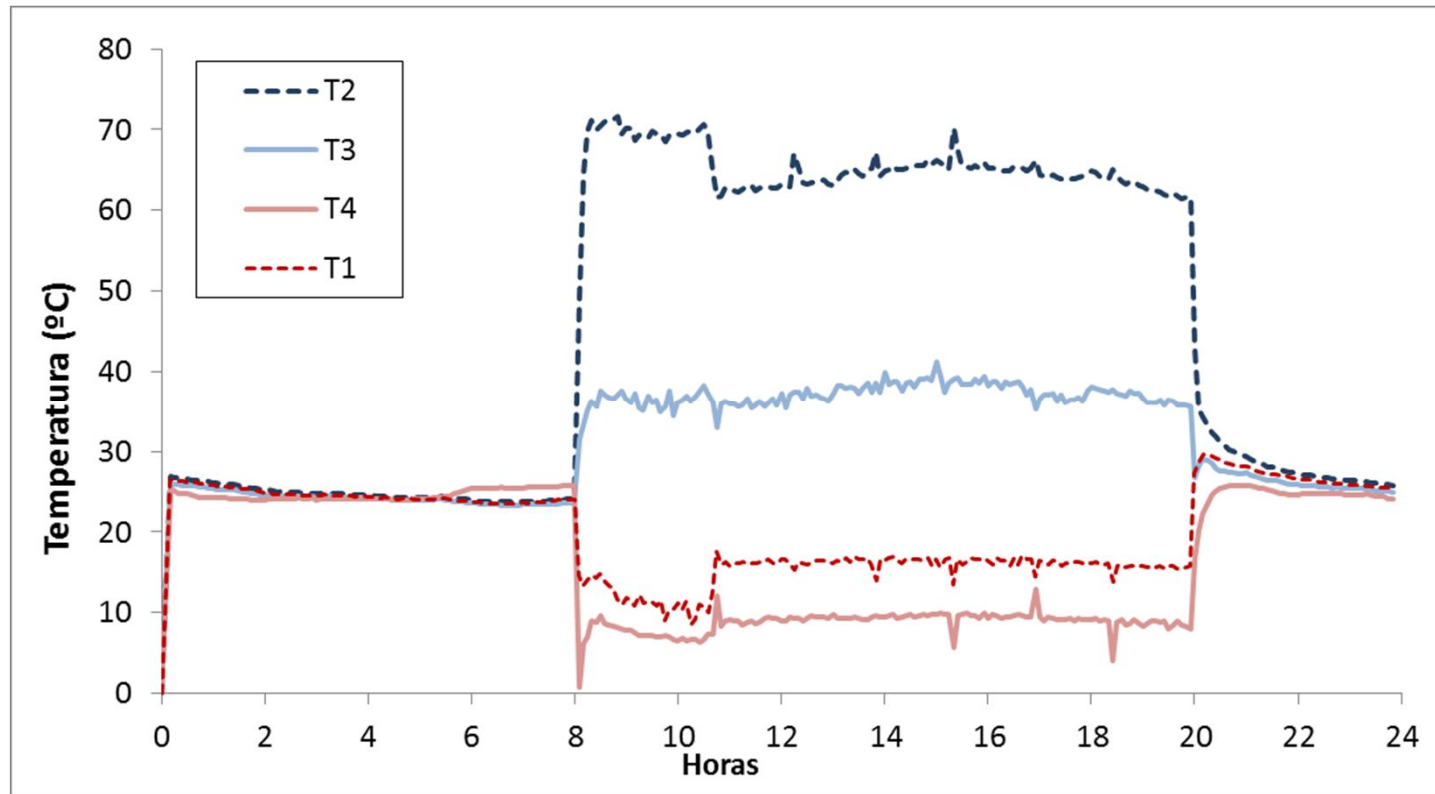




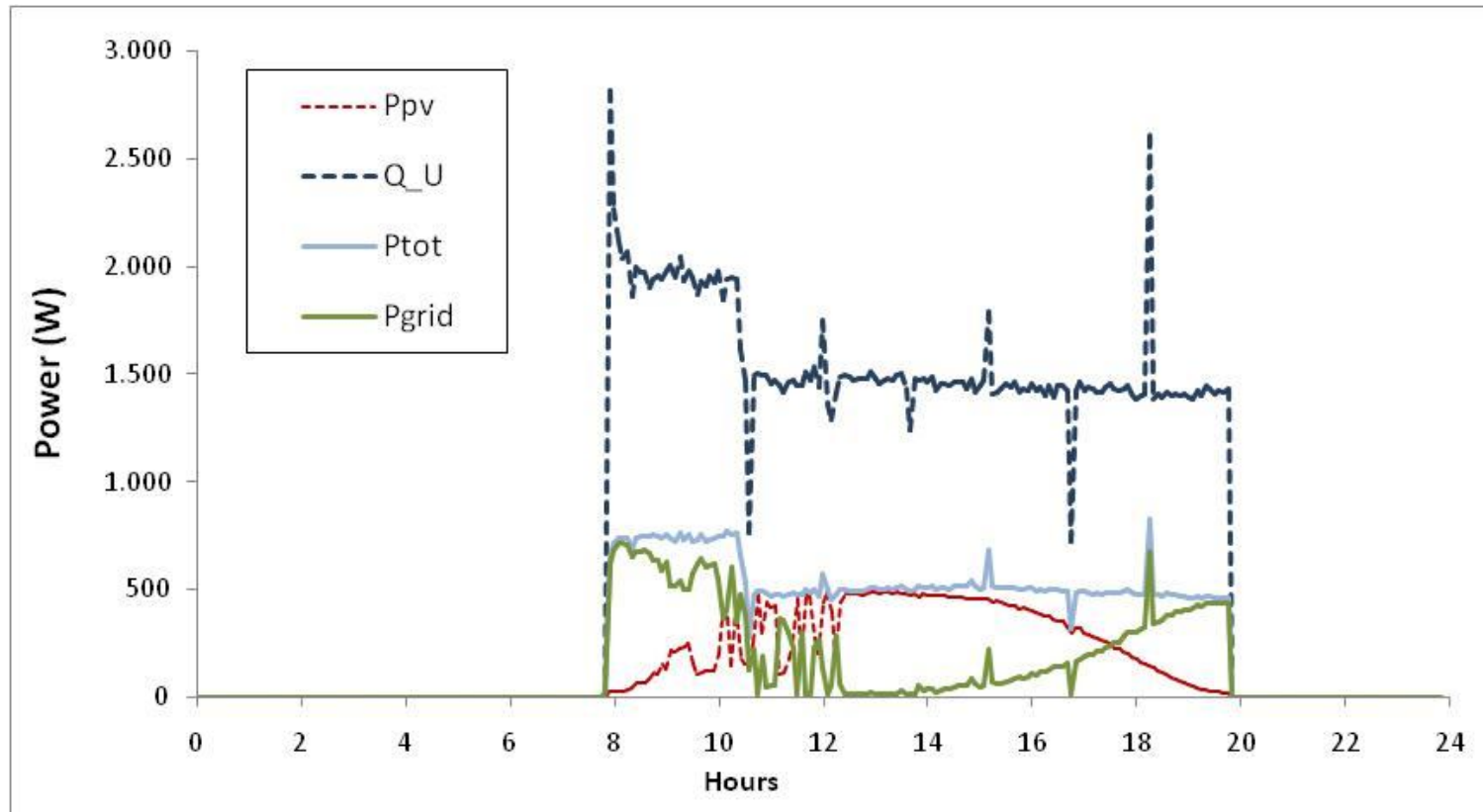


$P_C$  → Condensating pressure

$P_E$  → Evaporating pressure



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 $Q_U$  → Thermal power

## TIMETABLE FROM 8 TO 20 h

<i>SUMMER</i>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	$E_U$	SC	$EER_{UNIT}$	$EER_{SYSTEM}$
From 8 to 20 h	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	%		
JULY	3,67	4,30	7,97	32,17	46,00	4,04	7,47
AUGUST	3,43	4,88	8,31	32,17	41,27	3,87	6,59
SEPTEMBER	2,54	1,61	4,15	22,28	61,22	5,36	13,83
OCTOBER	2,23	1,44	3,67	19,94	60,76	5,43	13,85
AVERAGE	2,97	3,06	6,03	26,64	49,24	4,75	10,97

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$E_{COM}$  → Total Energy consumed by the compressor of the inverter unit

$E_U$  → Useful Thermal Energy

SC(%) → Solar Contribution

$ERR_{UNIT}$  → Mean Energy Efficiency of the inverter unit

$EER_{SYSTEM}$  → Mean Energy Efficiency of the system

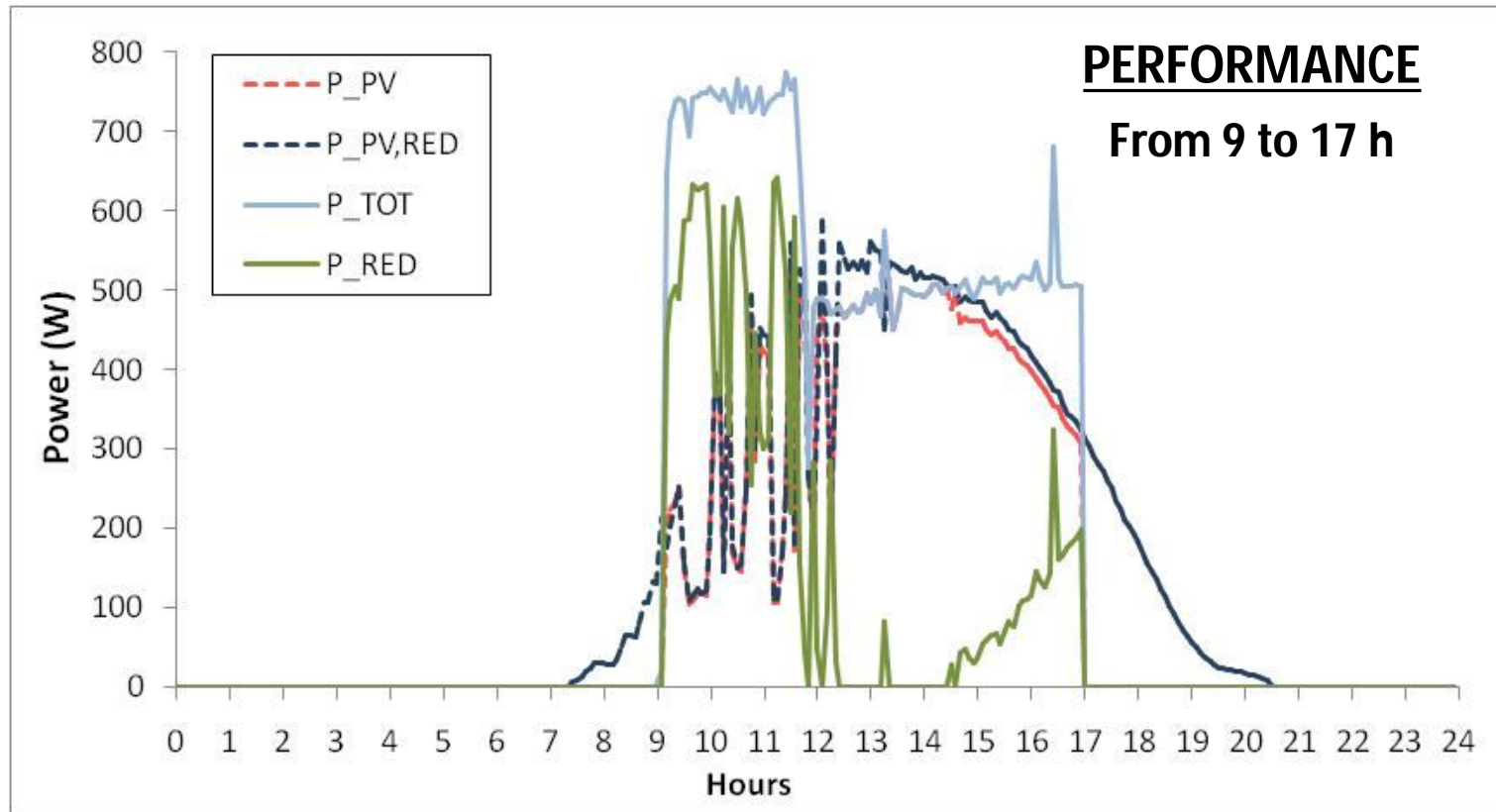
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<i>WINTER</i>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	$E_U$	SC	$COP_{UNIT}$	$COP_{SYSTEM}$
From 8 to 20 h	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	%		
DECEMBER	1,81	4,43	6,24	24,53	28,97	3,93	5,53
JANUARY	2,04	3,45	5,48	23,24	37,20	4,24	6,73
FEBRUARY	2,24	3,38	5,61	23,51	39,84	4,19	6,96
MARCH	2,30	2,66	4,95	21,25	46,37	4,29	8,00
AVERAGE	2,09	3,48	5,57	23,13	37,60	4,11	6,75



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## TIMETABLE FROM 9 TO 17 h

<i>SUMMER</i>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	$E_U$	SC	$EER_{UNIT}$	$EER_{SYSTEM}$
From 9 to 17 h	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	%		
JULY	3,36	2,19	5,54	21,96	60,54	3,96	10,04
AUGUST	3,12	2,58	5,70	21,71	54,74	3,81	8,41
SEPTEMBER	2,29	0,84	3,13	14,77	73,19	4,72	17,58
OCTOBER	1,68	0,73	2,41	13,19	69,71	5,47	18,07
AVERAGE	2,61	1,58	4,20	17,91	62,25	4,48	14,15

<i>WINTER</i>	$E_{PV}$	$E_{GRID}$	$E_{TOT}$	$E_U$	SC	$COP_{UNIT}$	$COP_{SYSTEM}$
From 9 to 17 h	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	%		
DECEMBER	1,81	2,50	4,31	16,78	42,11	3,89	6,71
JANUARY	2,08	1,63	3,71	15,64	56,01	4,22	9,60
FEBRUARY	2,26	1,89	4,15	16,72	54,56	4,03	8,85
MARCH	2,17	1,43	3,6	15	60,40	4,17	10,49
AVERAGE	2,08	1,86	3,94	16,04	52,76	4,01	8,78



## 5. CONCLUSIONS

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- ж An inverter air conditioning unit connected simultaneously to the grid and to 3 PV panels has been monitored.
- ж Results of the system performance have been obtained for summer and winter conditions and depend on the timetable:
  - ж Working from 8 to 20:  
Solar Contrib. in summer around 50% and 40% in winter.
  - ж Working from 9 to 17:  
Solar Contrib. in summer around 60% and 50% in winter.
- ж The average EER evaluated by the relationship between useful thermal energy and the electricity consumed from the grid is about 11, and it can be higher than 14 if the working hours are from 9 to 17.
- ж The system has shown a 100% of reliability with no maintenance

## 6. RESULTS DIFFUSION

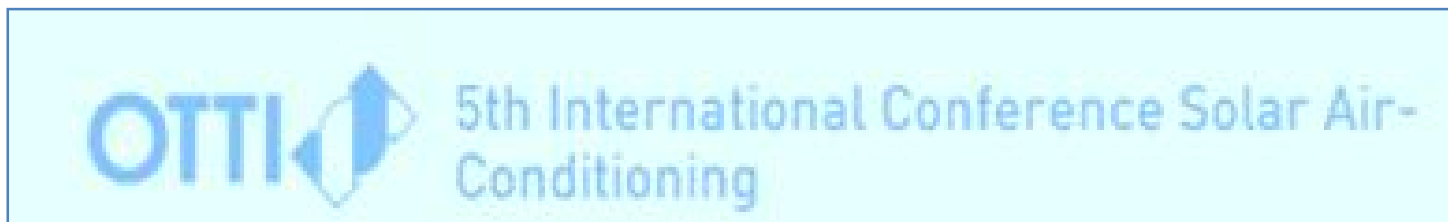
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## 7. FUTURE WORKS

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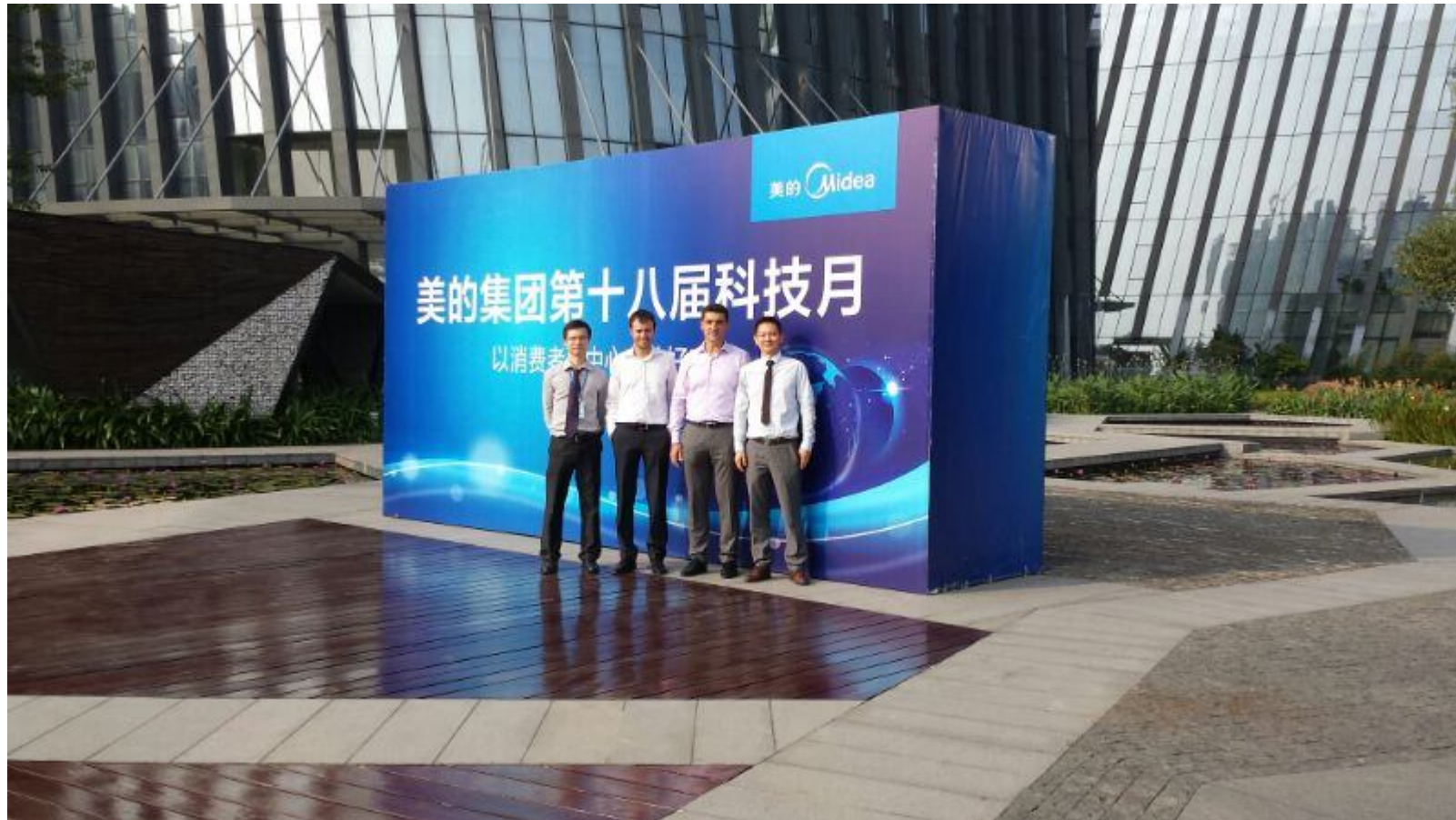
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## FUTURE WORKS

Now

- ж New unit with eco mode
- ж New unit with batteries
- ж New conducts internal unit

Next

- ж A Domestic Hot Water unit
- ж A higher power unit up to 10 kW

More research have to be done

- ж Experimental research
- ж Demonstrative projects
- ж Simulations

## UMH PARTICIPATION IN THE TASK

### Subtask C: Testing and demonstration projects

**General objective** : to stimulate, monitor and analyse performances of field test systems and demonstration projects for new generation solar cooling & heating systems

**Specific objectives** :

- \* to create a monitoring procedure for field tests or demo projects
- \* to select identified projects and organise a complete field test monitoring campaign for it
- \* to analyse potential technical issues on the monitored systems
- \* to report on the measured performances of the systems
- \* to validate and initiate standardised testing methods

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Subtask C: Testing and demonstration projects

C1: Monitoring procedure and monitoring system selection criteria

C2: Definition of energy performance indicators

C3: System description for field test and demo project

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C5: Best practices / feedback (planning+ commissioning + operation/measurements, user and grid utility)

C6: Testing method initiation for standards

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