Cooling Towers

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2. Overview of advantages
3. Working principles
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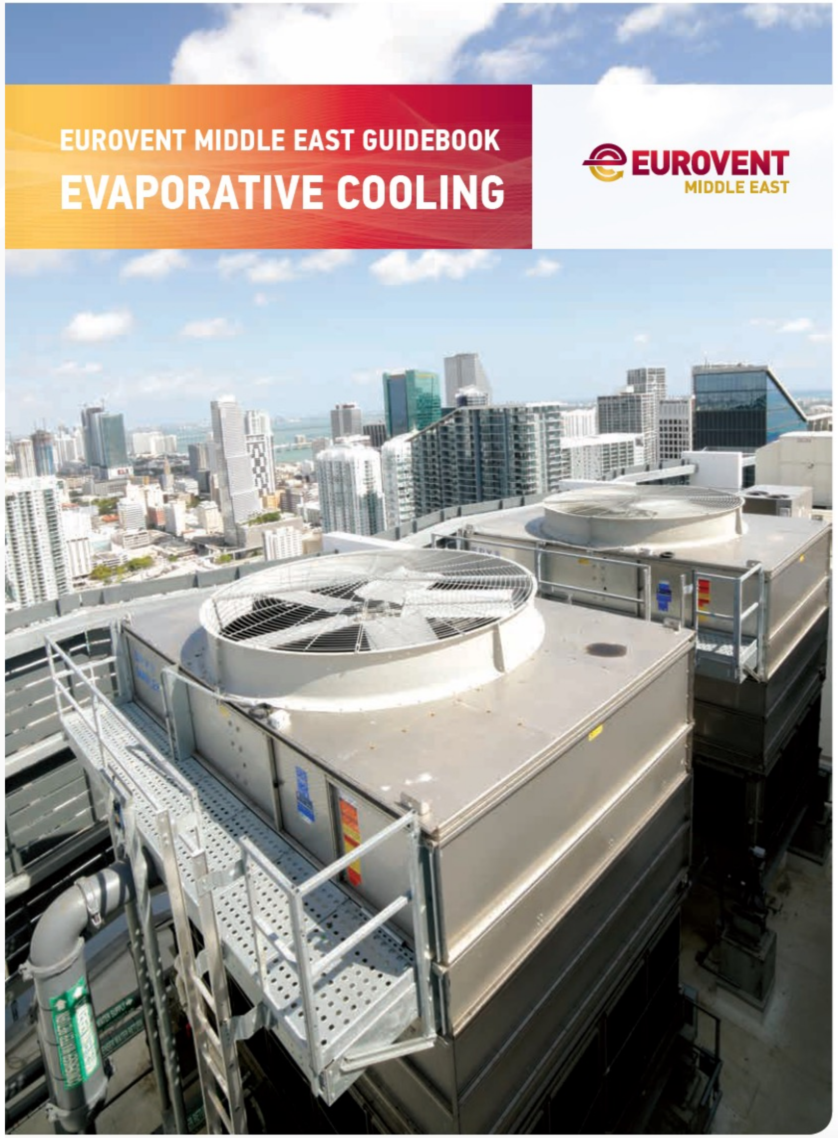
Introduction: Guidebook Evaporative Cooling



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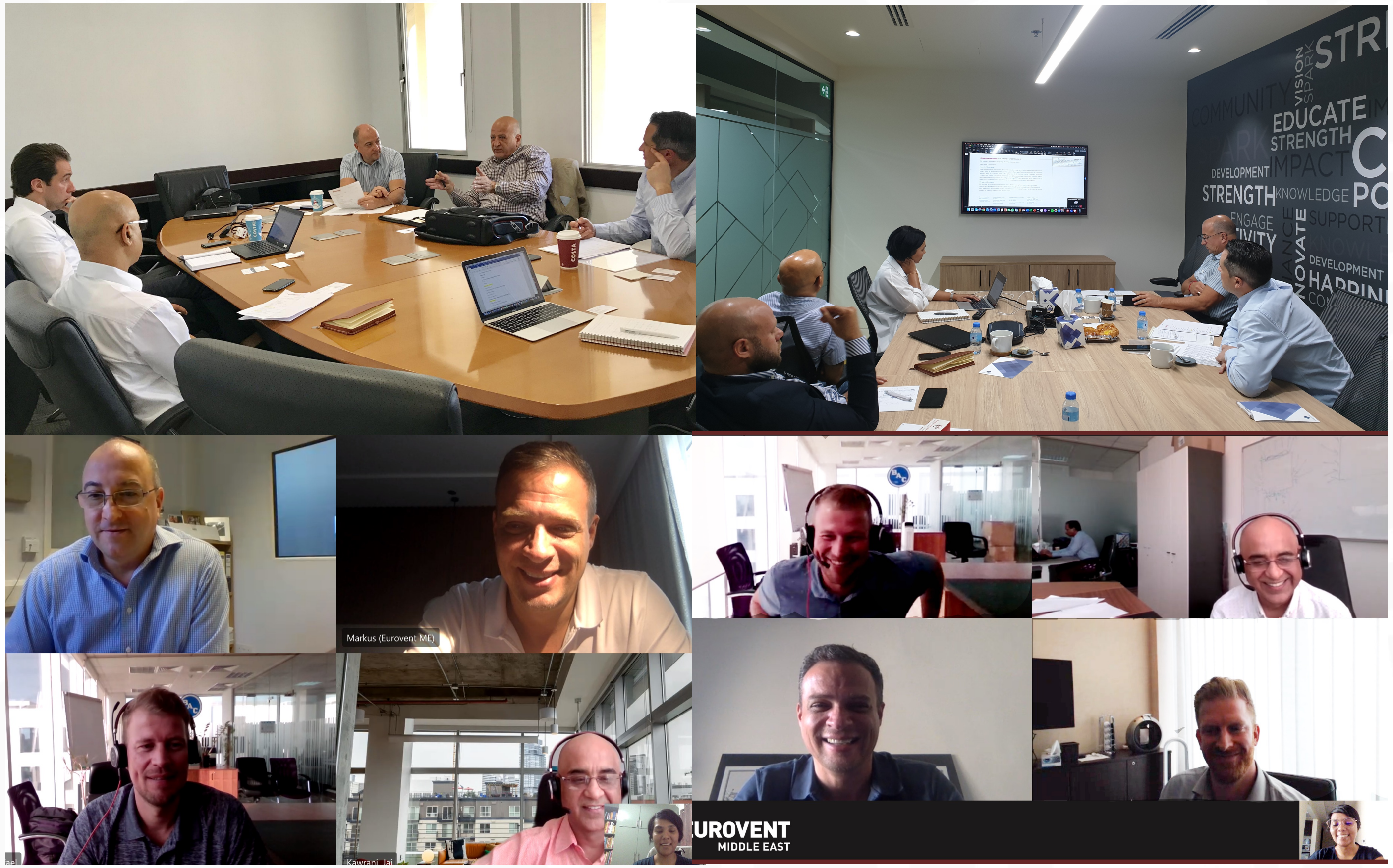

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Evaporative Cooling Advantages

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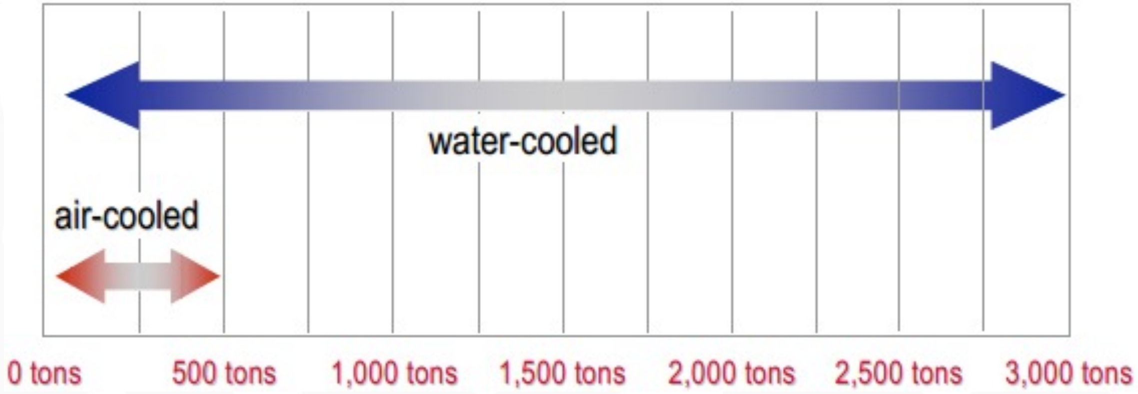
What are your design goals?

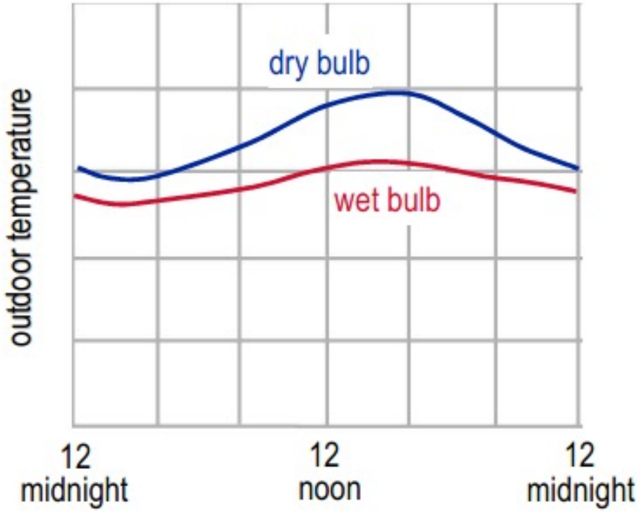
- Comfort
- Efficiency
- Cost
- Reliability
- Sustainability
- All of the above

Water-Cooled System Advantages

- Evaluated Cost (Energy Use)
- Capacity/Comfort/Control (Water-cooled chillers capacity)
- Noise and Maintenance Time (No. of Fans & equipment)
- Smaller Footprint (No. of Chillers)
- Total Water Usage (Power Generation)

System Definition: Water-Cooled Chiller vs. Air-Cooled Chiller





- **Water-cooled chiller has a larger capacity**
- **Utilisation of cooling tower requires extra piece of equipment, but allows us to cool below dry bulb temperature**

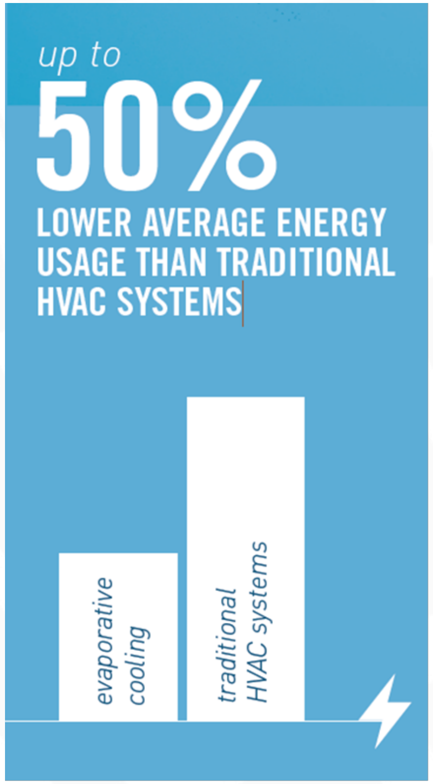
The Value of Evaporative Heat Rejection

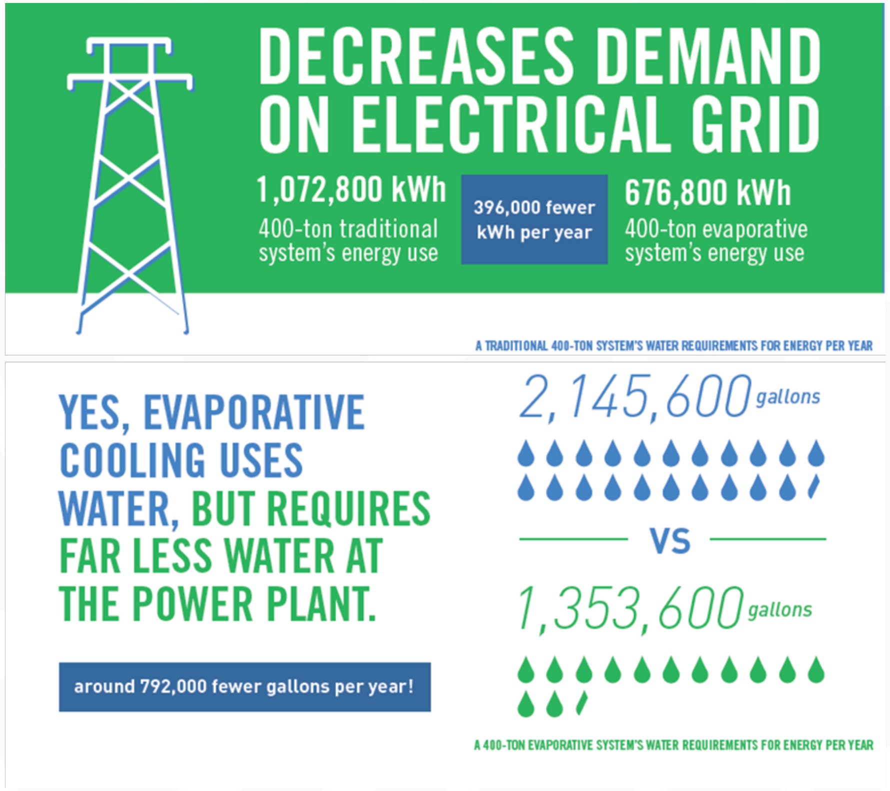
Vs. Alternative Systems

Highest energy efficiency	• 50% less energy usage on typical application
Lower GHG Emissions	• Significantly lower; less than half of the CO_2 footprint
Comparable or lower water usage	• Up to 40% less water consumption (high water usage in power production)
Other User Benefits	• Less noise – 2 fans vs. 20 fans, typical • Environmentally friendly materials – recycled PVC, less metal usage • Space – 2 - 5X less space for heat rejection

Evaporative Cooling is Sustainable with Significant Environmental and Water Usage Benefits

Benefits of Evaporative Cooling





Source: Alliance to Prevent Legionnaires' Disease

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Evaporative Cooling: Working Principles

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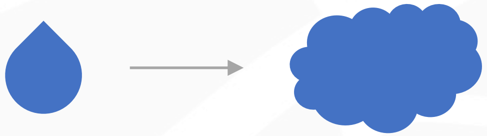
Methods of Cooling

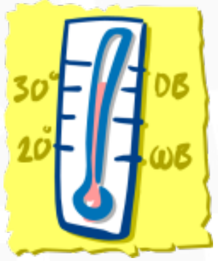
Air cooled

Dependent on ambient (dry bulb) temperature

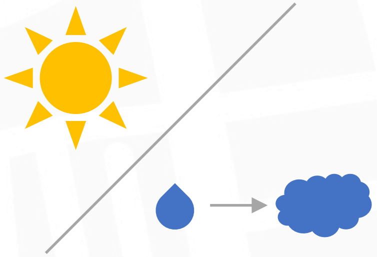
Evaporative cooled



Evaporative cooling, dependent on wet bulb temperature



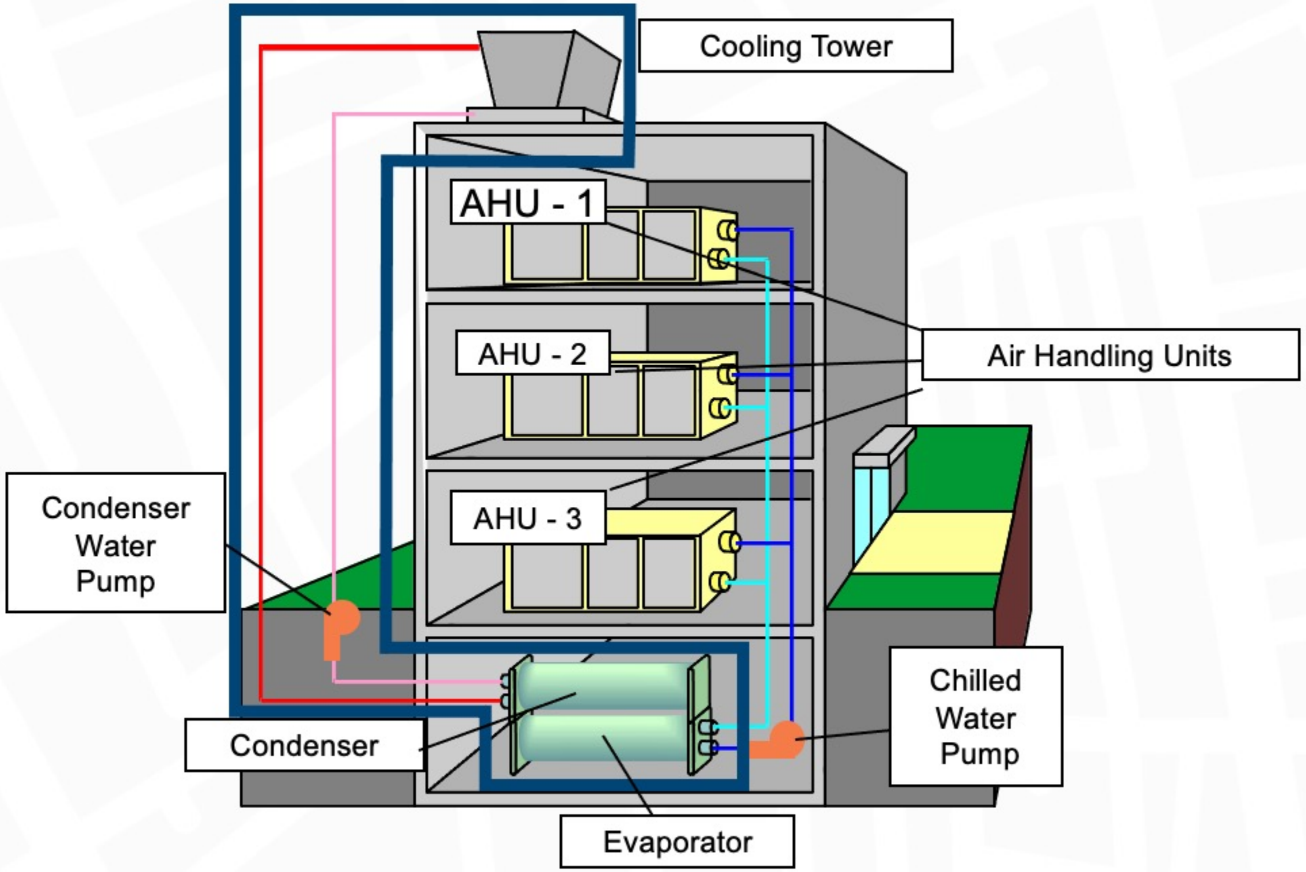
Hybrid, wet/dry, adiabatic



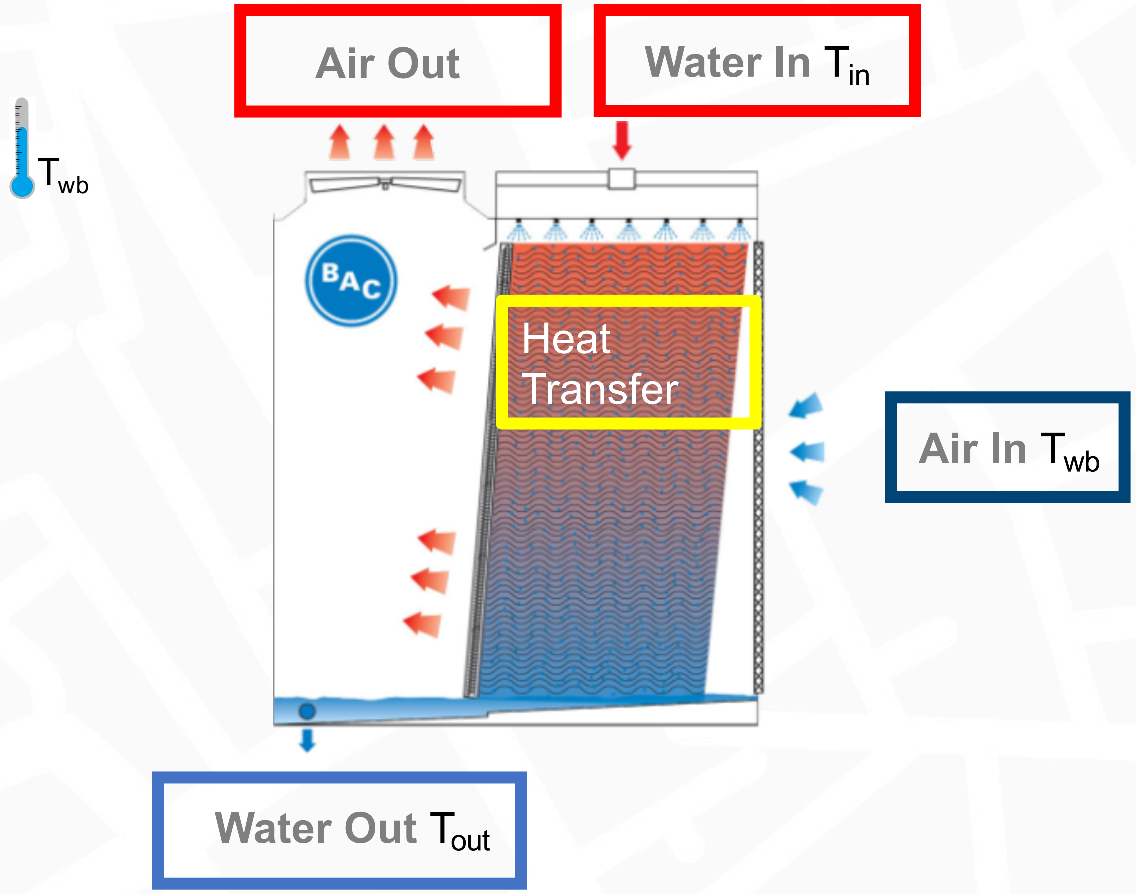
Dependent on both dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures

Typical >10°C difference between wet bulb and dry bulb

Traditional Water-Cooled HVAC System



Principles of Evaporative Cooling



T_{in}	:	Water Inlet Temperature (°C)
T_{out}	:	Water Outlet Temperature (°C)
T_{wb}	:	Wet Bulb Temperature (°C)

Range $= T_{in} - T_{out}$

Approach $= T_{out} - T_{wb}$

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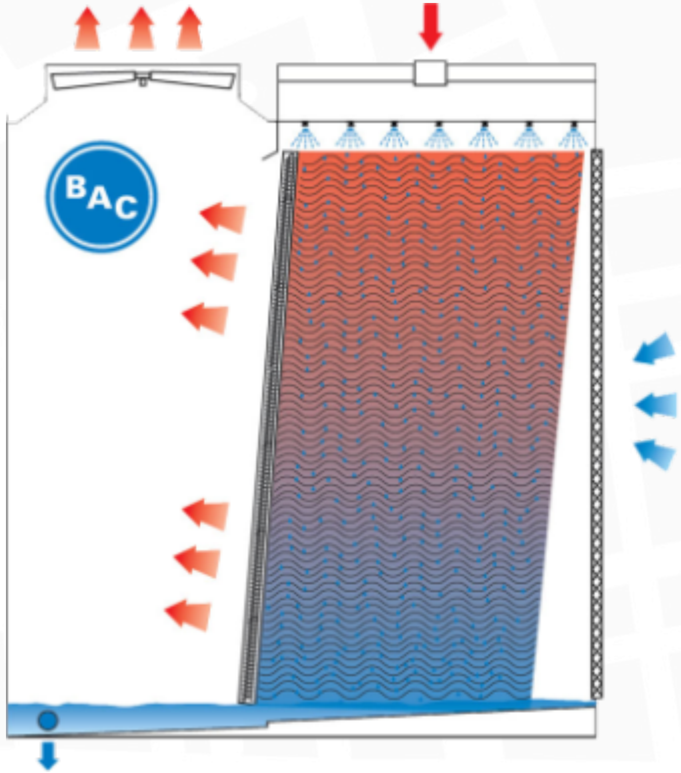
Principles of Evaporative Cooling

Heat transfer

- Sensible
- Latent

For every kilogram of water evaporated, 2256 kilo Joule of heat is removed from the water (whereas with 1 Kilogram of air, the heat removed is about 1 kilo Joule per deg C)



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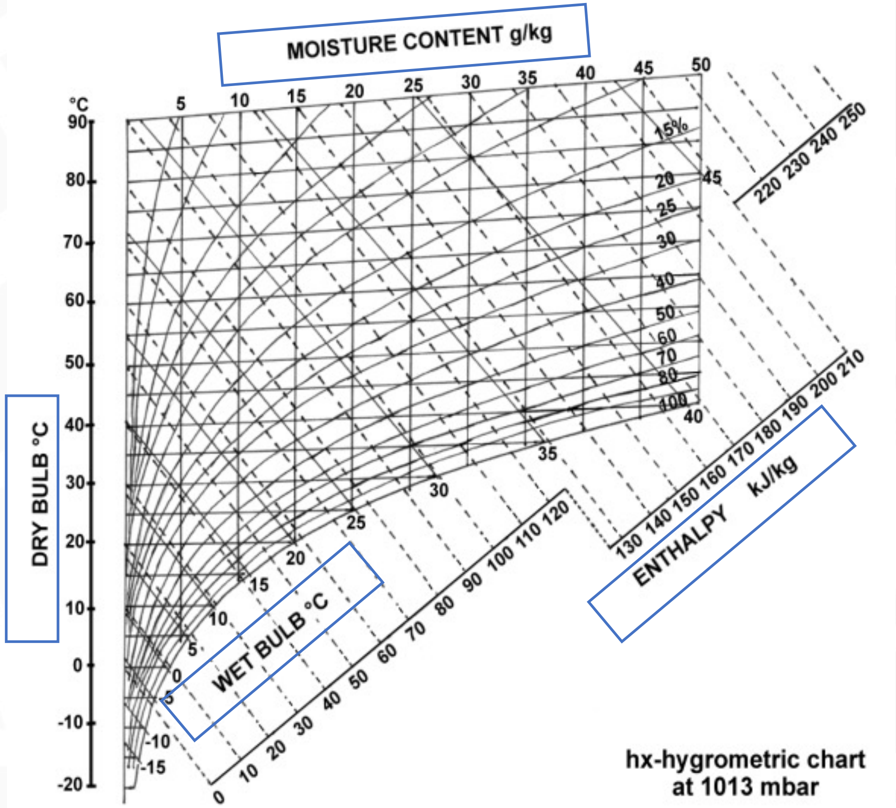
Dry Bulb

Wet Bulb

Enthalpy

Moisture Content



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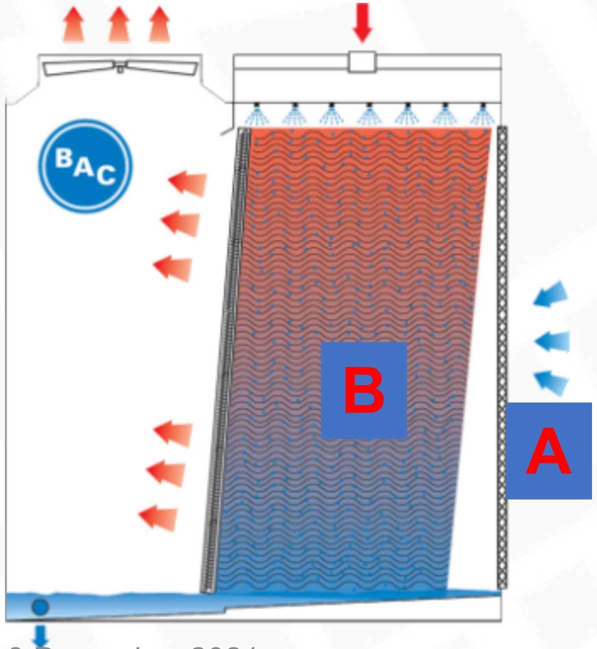
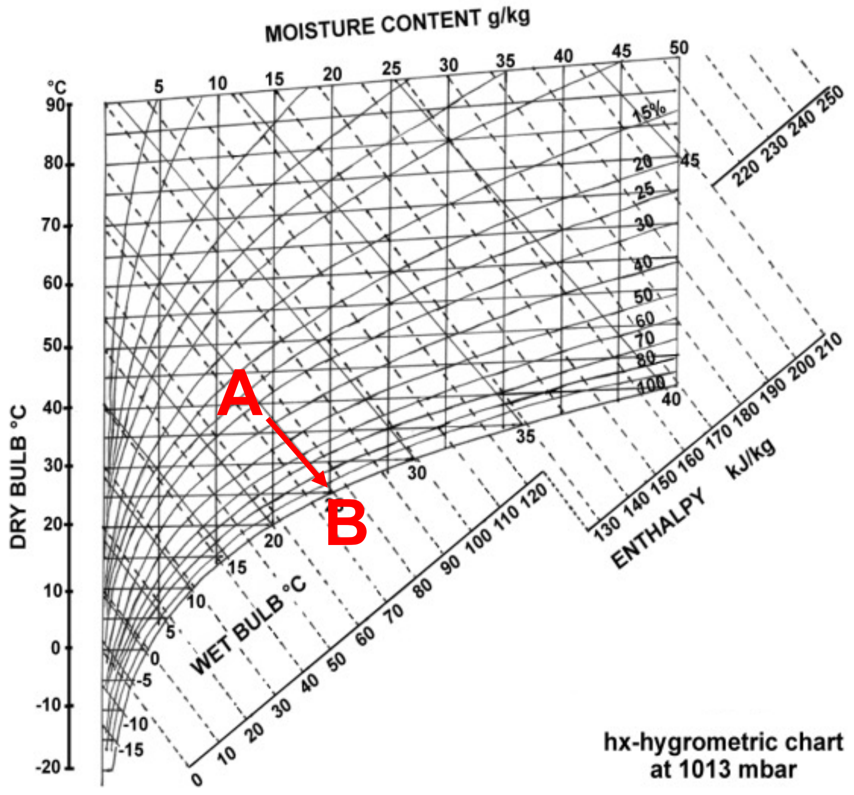
Air gets saturated





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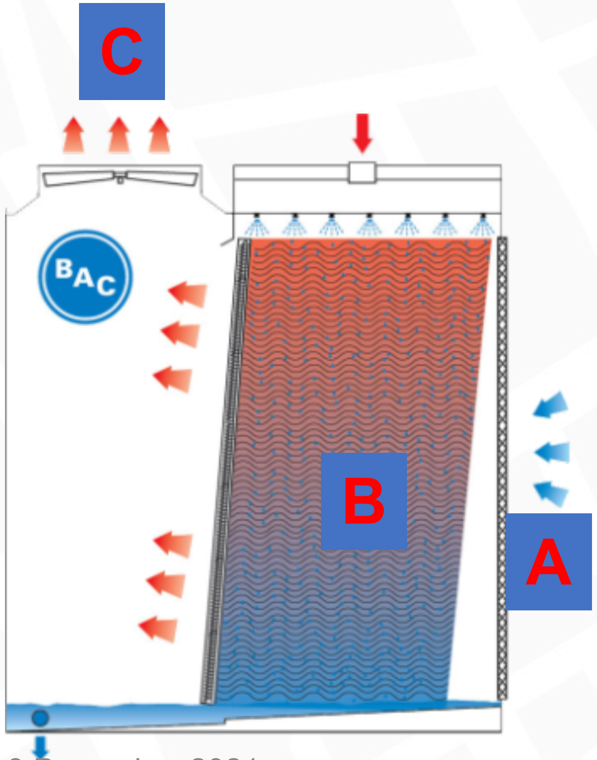
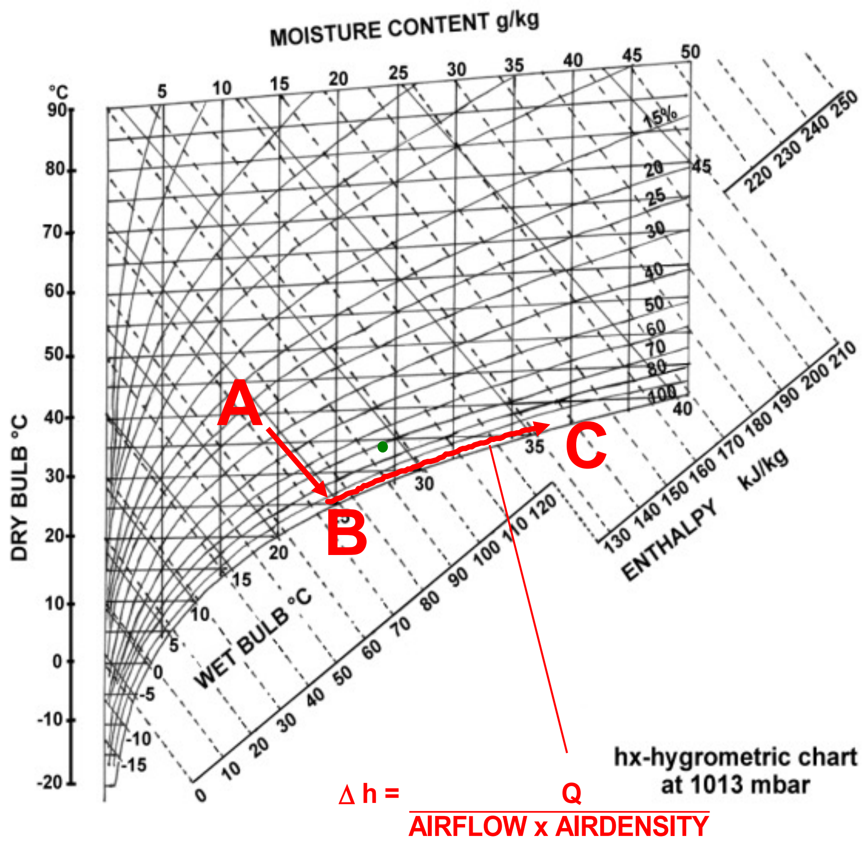
Air heats up

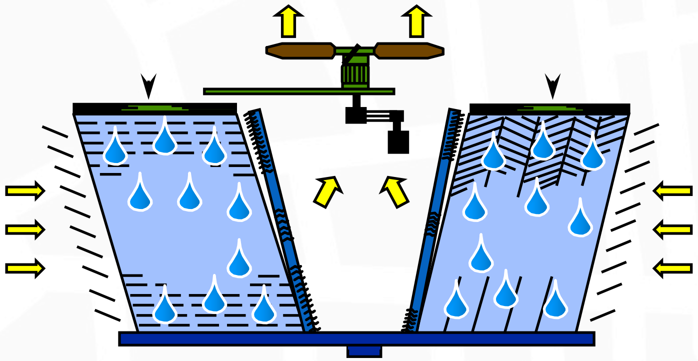




HVAC System

kW = flow (lps) x delta T x 4.186

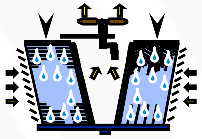
- The cooling tower does not control the range or flow
- The cooling tower only controls the approach



HVAC System Optimisation

10°C Approach
10.1°C Range
4300kW
Tin = 41.1°C
Tout = 31.0°C

22kW Fan motor



6°C Approach
5°C Range
2100kW
Tin = 32°C
Tout = 27°C

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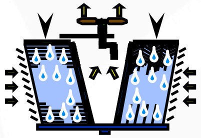
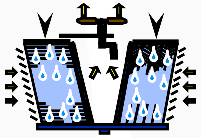


3.5°C Approach
2.5°C Range
1100kW
Tin = 27°C
Tout = 24.5°C

22kW Fan motor



Constant

- Flow: 100.9 l/s
- **Wet bulb: 21°C**

Variable

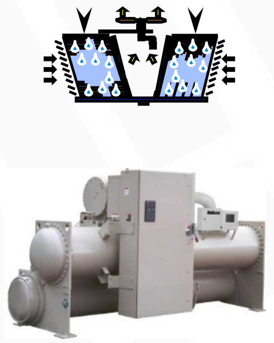
- Range

Same Cooling Tower can handle different capacities

HVAC System Optimisation

10°C Approach
Tin = 36°C
Tout = 31°C

15kW Fan motor



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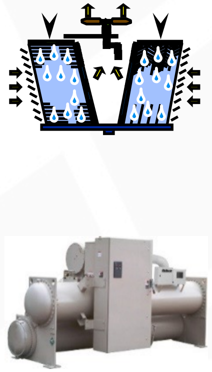
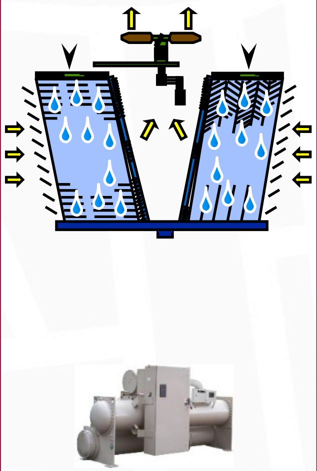


2°C Approach
Tin = 28°C
Tout = 23°C

45kW Fan motor



Constant

- Flow: 100 l/s
- Range: 5°C
- Heat rejection: 2100kW
- **Wet bulb: 21°C**

Variable

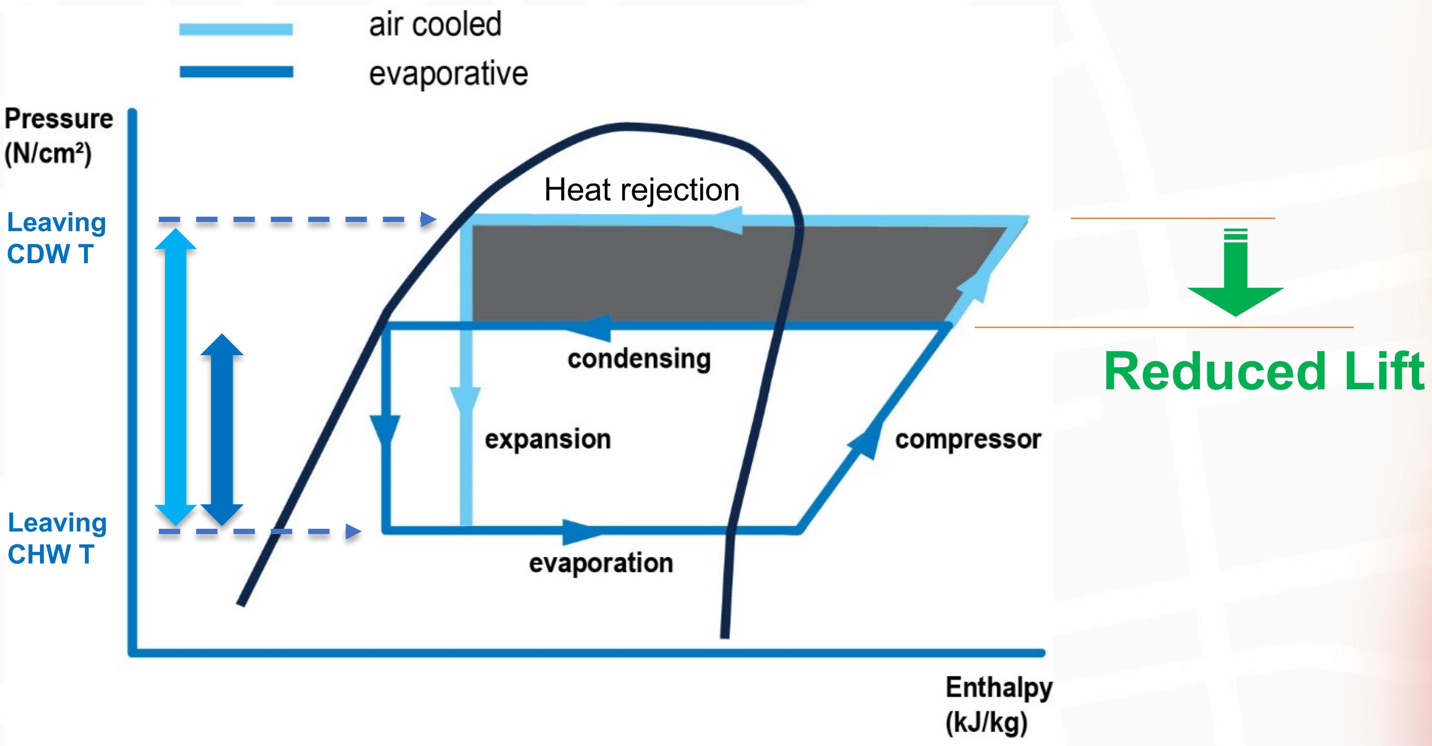
- Approach

Design for smaller Approach with a larger Cooling Tower → reduces the Chiller size

HVAC System Optimisation

Lift(F)=

Leaving CDW T – Leaving CHW T



For every 1°C decrease in condenser water → decreases the energy usage of the chiller by approx 3%

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Critical Aspects of Design, Installation and Operation

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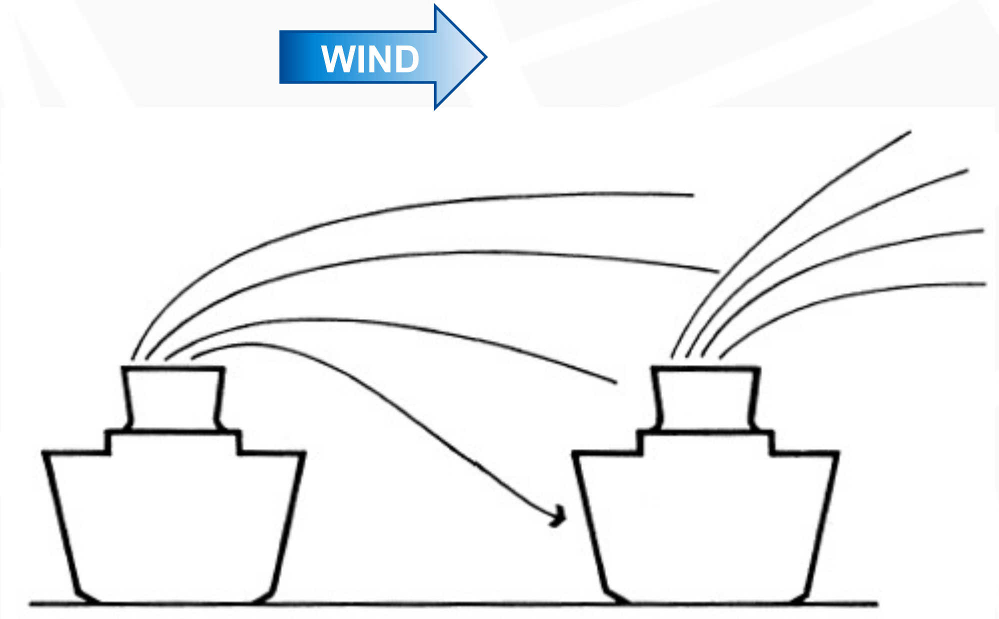
Cooling Towers Design

- Space available
- Obstacles/other heat sources surround the site
- Noise requirements
- Plume
- Cooling tower maintenance
- Types of cooling towers

Interference

It is wet bulb *at the tower air inlet* that matters

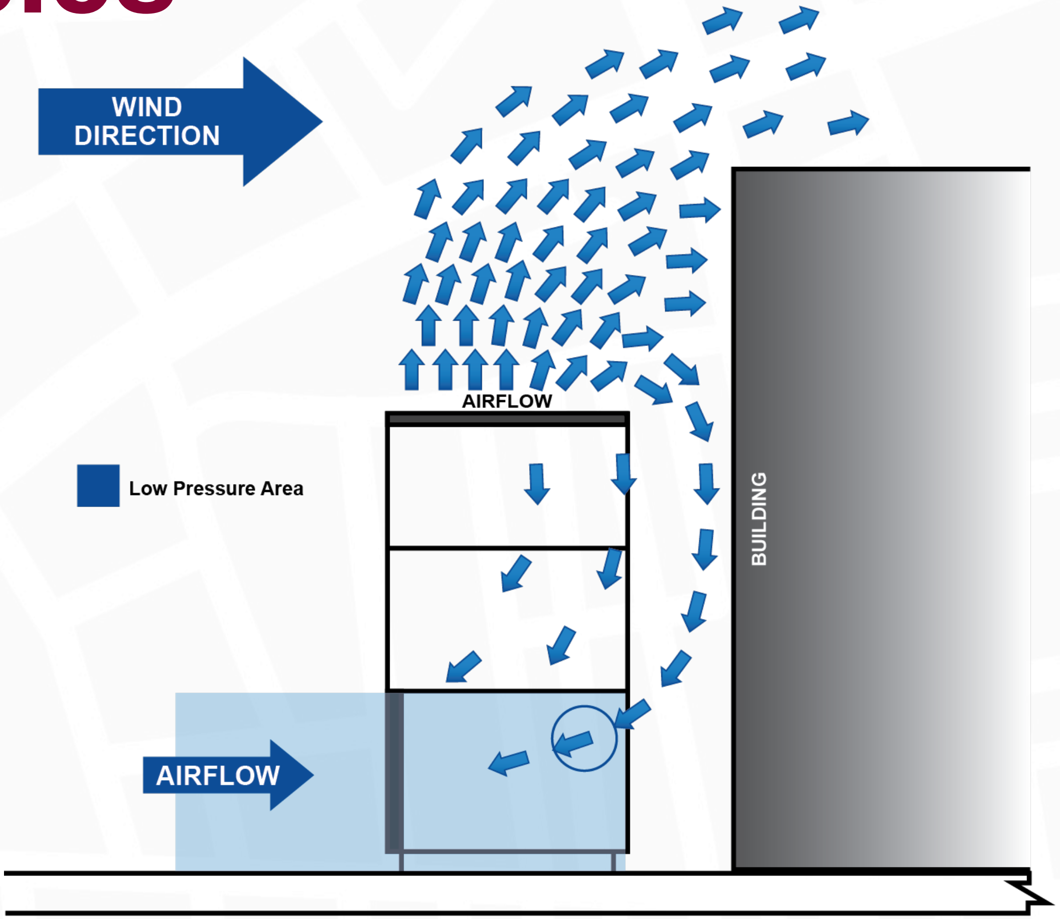


Local heat sources upwind of the cooling tower can elevate the wet bulb temperature of the air entering the tower, thereby affecting its performance. This could be an existing cooling tower, or another source of heat. This phenomenon is called “interference.”

Space & Obstacles

When siting a cooling tower next to a building, wind direction and discharge elevation need to be considered to avoid recirculation.

The higher building elevation, and low discharge velocity encourages the air back down towards the low-pressure area around the air inlet, created by the high inlet velocity of a forced draught configuration.



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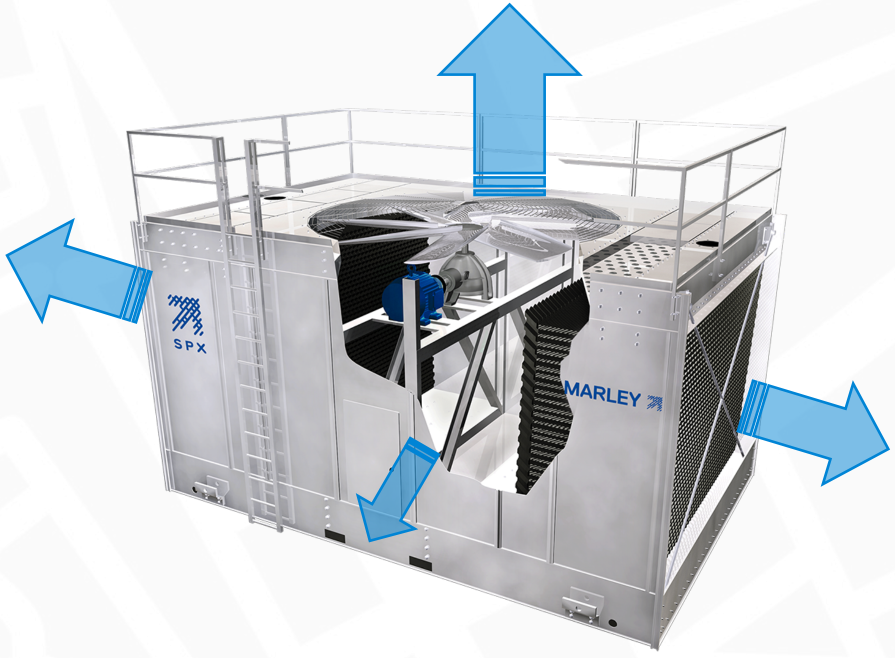
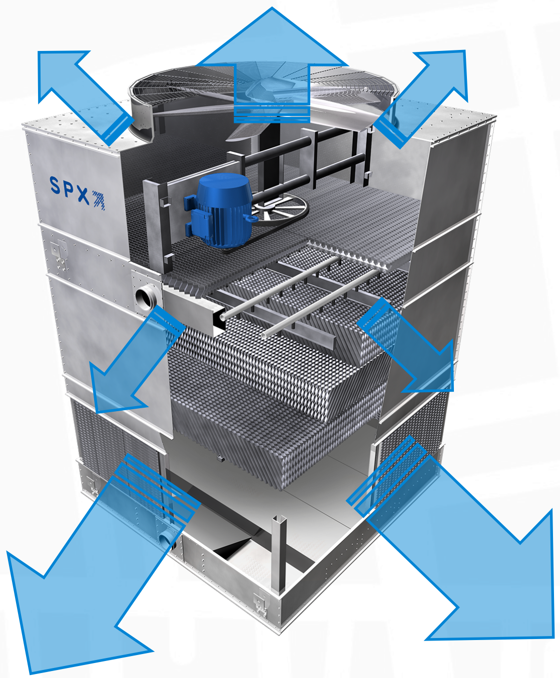
Primary Measurement Locations/ Breakout Sources





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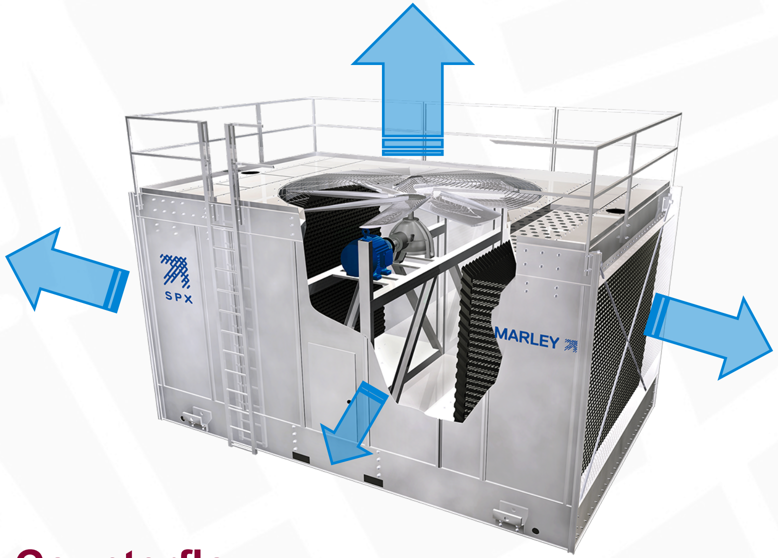

Counterflow

- Air inlets & fan discharge primary measurement locations
- Falling water noise produces higher frequencies at the air inlets, and on an induced draft tower this is typically on all 4 sides
- Again, noise breakout will also occur through the casing, although much
- less than fan discharge or air inlet

Crossflow

- Air inlets & fan discharge primary measurement locations.
- Because there is no falling water noise, air inlet noise is less prominent than a counterflow equivalent – lower frequency.
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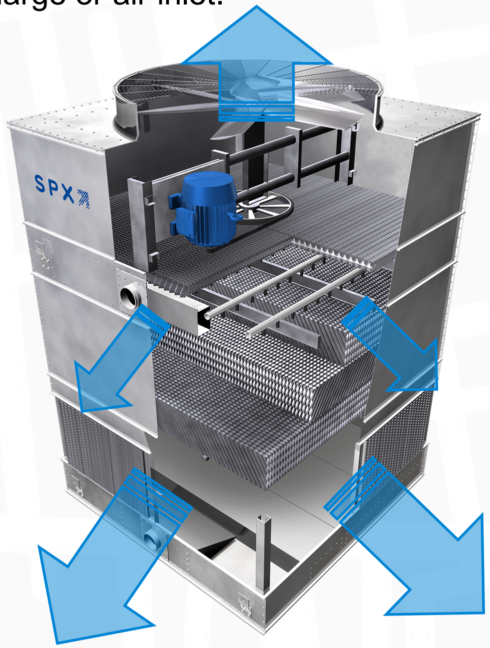


Cooling Tower Noise

- Where is cooling tower sound important?
  - Where people will be to hear it!
  - Varies with every installation
  - Considerations
    - Near field: occupational safety
    - Far field: property line sound levels

Properly defining sound requirements is critical to making sound decisions.

Sound Success Strategies

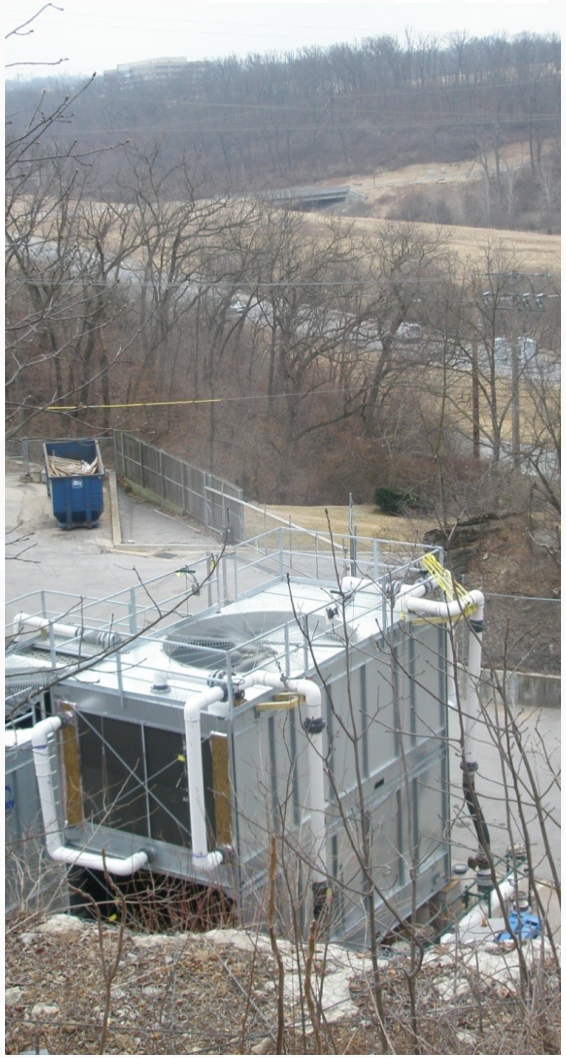
- Understand the project specific-requirements for noise
  - Where and what is the noise sensitive area
  - What options are there for where/how the tower can be oriented
  - Are there particular times of day that are more noise sensitive? – Running the fans at a lower speed at night will reduce noise
    - 50% speed = 12dB(A) approx
    - 66% speed = 8dB(A) approx

Cooling Tower Noise Treatment

- Re-orientation of tower
- Lower air inlet height (typically field erected only)
- Splash attenuation mats (counterflow only)
- Variable speed gearbox
- Incorporated and/or external barriers
- Low noise fan
- Inlet/outlet attenuators
- Ultra quiet fan, super low noise fan, …

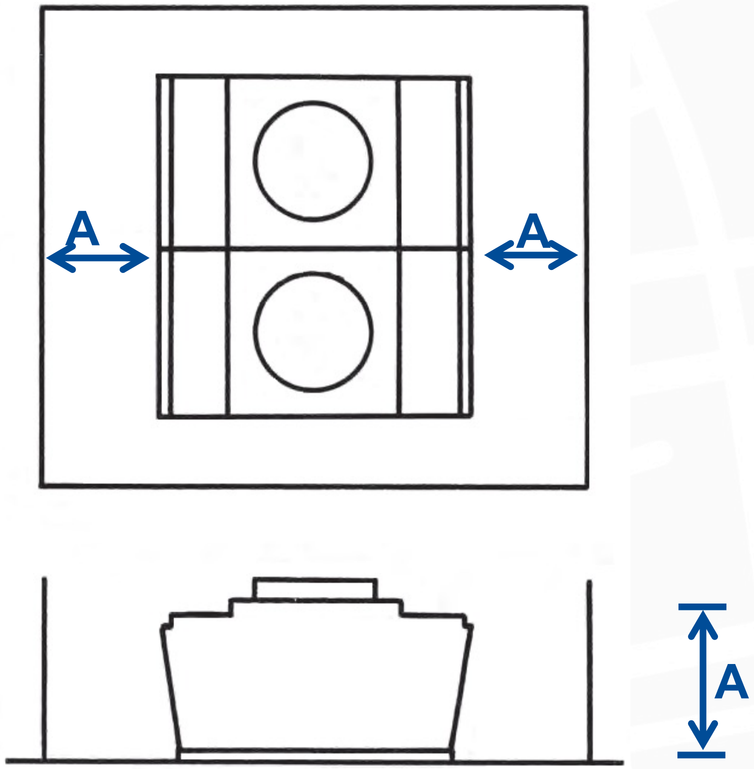
Consider options to reduce noise in order of cost

Plume



Induced Draft Crossflow Tower

- Induced draft towers develop less total static pressure than forced draft towers.
  - more sensitive to the impact of external air losses
  - ***air inlet clearances must be governed by their potential to add system air losses***



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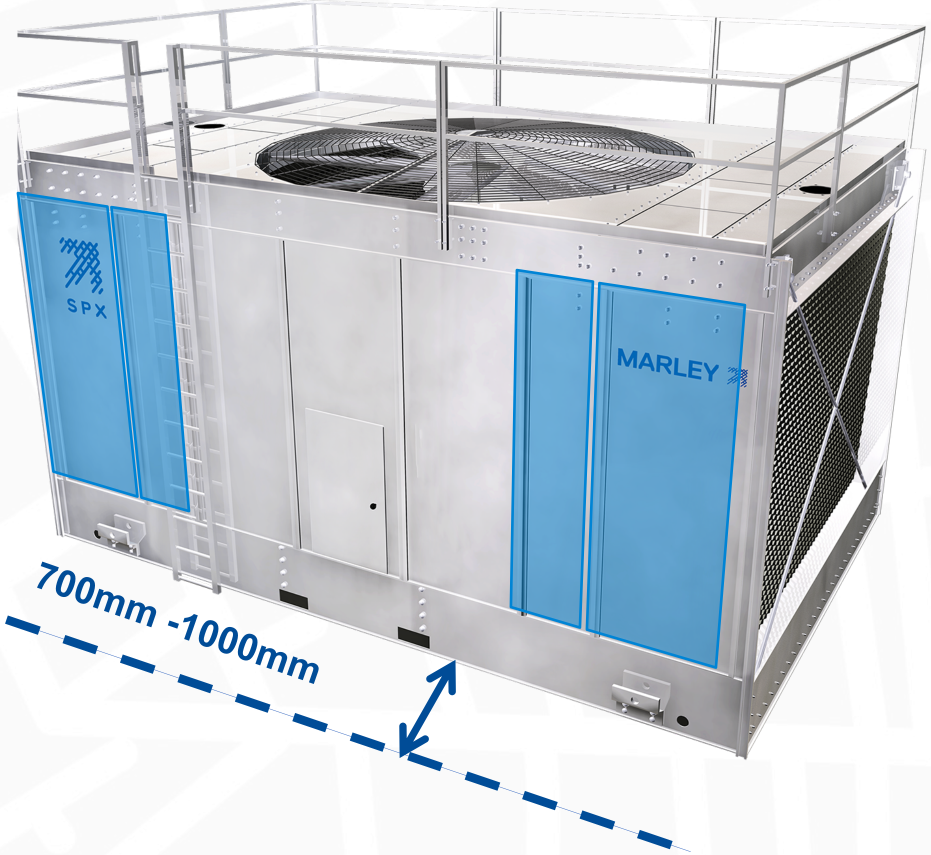
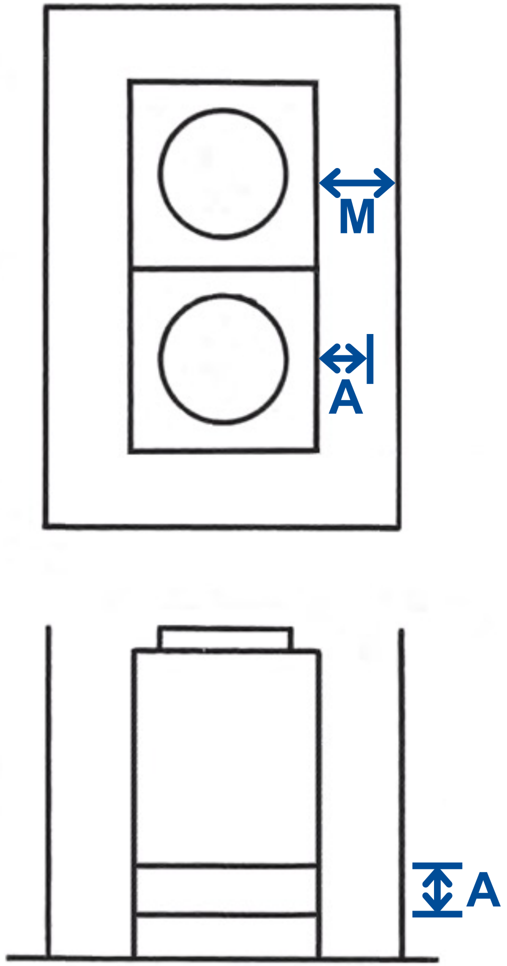
Maintenance Access: Induced Draft Crossflow



Induced Draft Counterflow Tower

- Because this distance is so much smaller typically on an induced draft counterflow, maintenance access becomes the deciding factor, not airflow.
- Typical maintenance access for this type of tower would be a minimum of 1000mm. Under normal circumstances, more than this would be given to allow for comfortable working.



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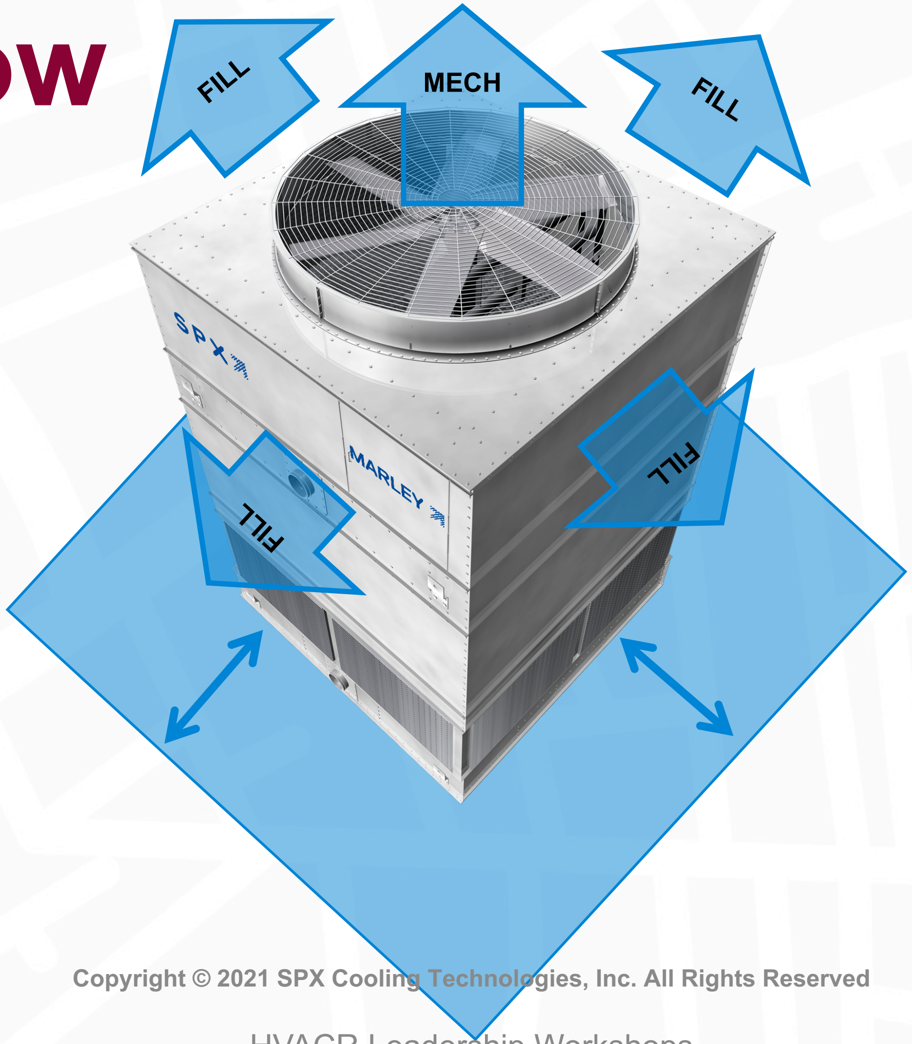

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Case Study: Total Cost of Ownership

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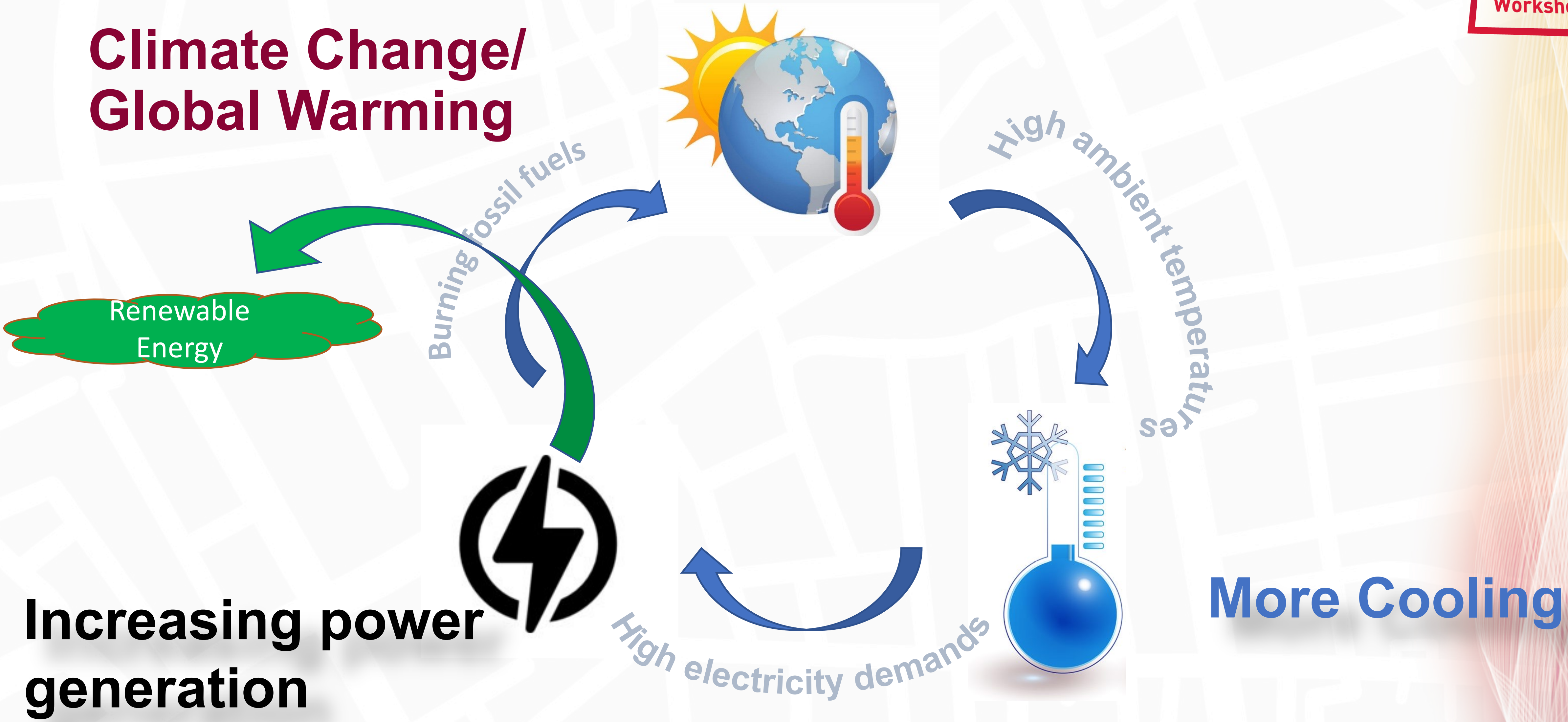
"If you want different results, do not do the same things!"

– *Albert Einstein*

Climate Change/ Global Warming



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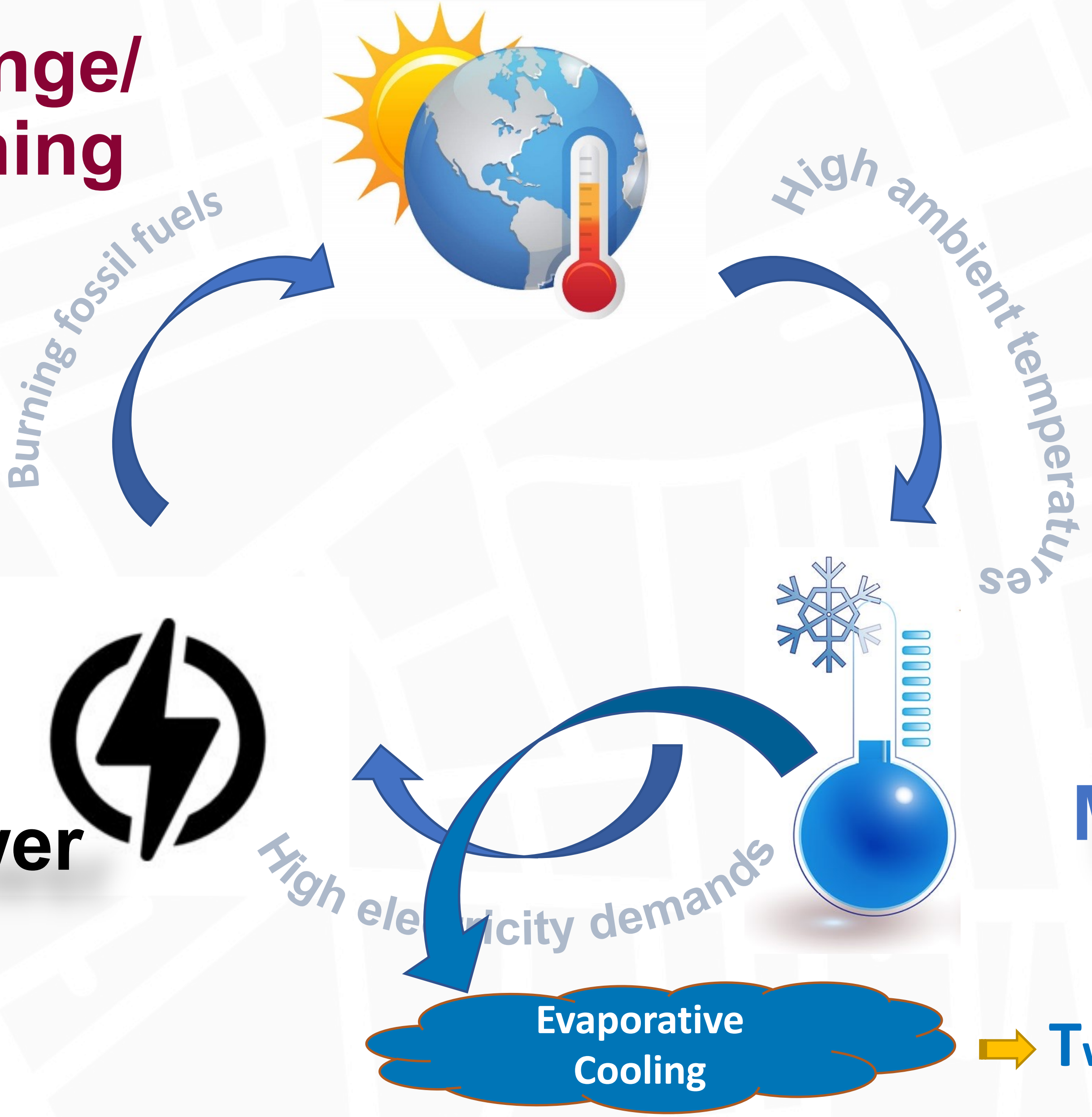


Increasing power generation

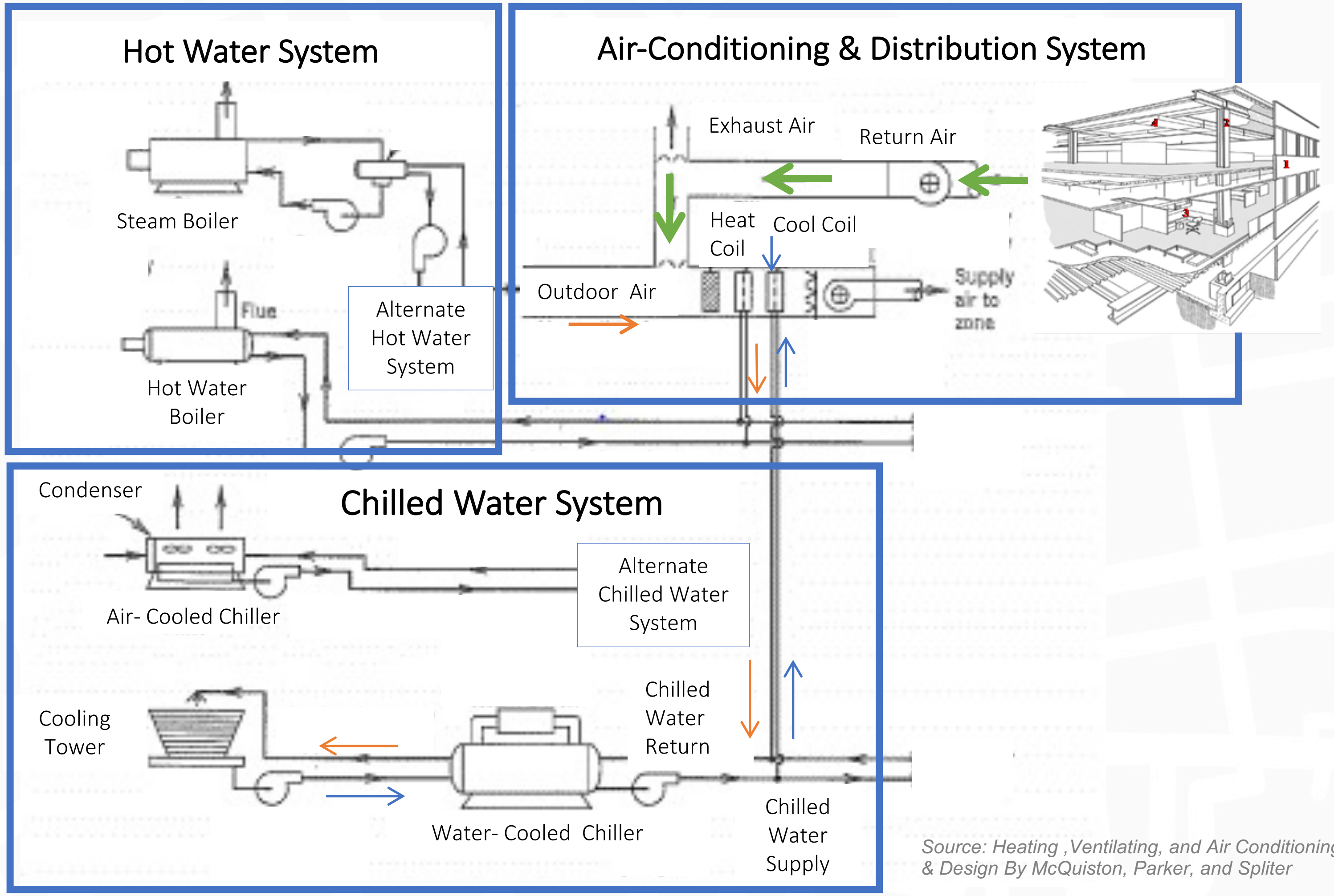
More Cooling

⇨ Twet bulb !!!

Example: Typical HVAC System

Air-Cooled System

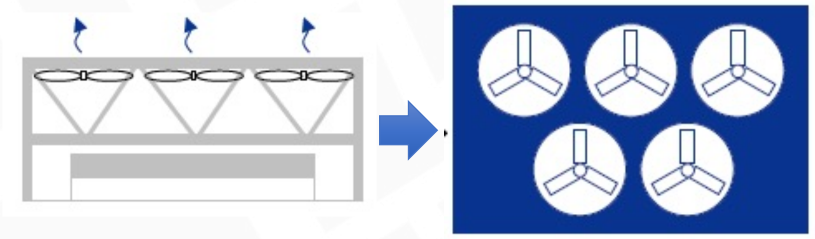
Water-Cooled System

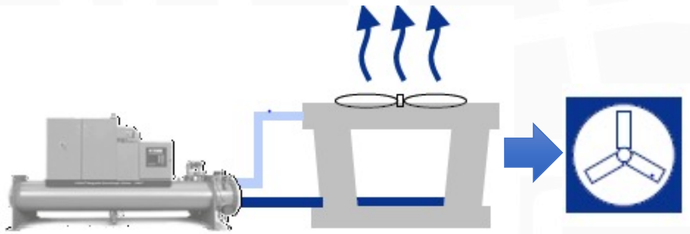


Source: Heating ,Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Analysis & Design By McQuiston, Parker, and Spliter

Air-Cooled vs Water-Cooled Heat Rejection

	AIR-COOLED SYSTEM	WATER-COOLED SYSTEM
1.	Design day is based on DRY bulb temperature	Design day is based on **WET Bulb** temperature
2.	Larger outdoor technical footprint (more surface area)	Smaller outdoor technical **footprint**
3.	Higher energy consumption	**Lower energy** consumption
4,	Higher noise emissions (many small fans)	**Lower noise** levels
5.	Consumes no water, at site (significant water usage at power plant)	Consumes water (Evaporative cooling) – TSE water





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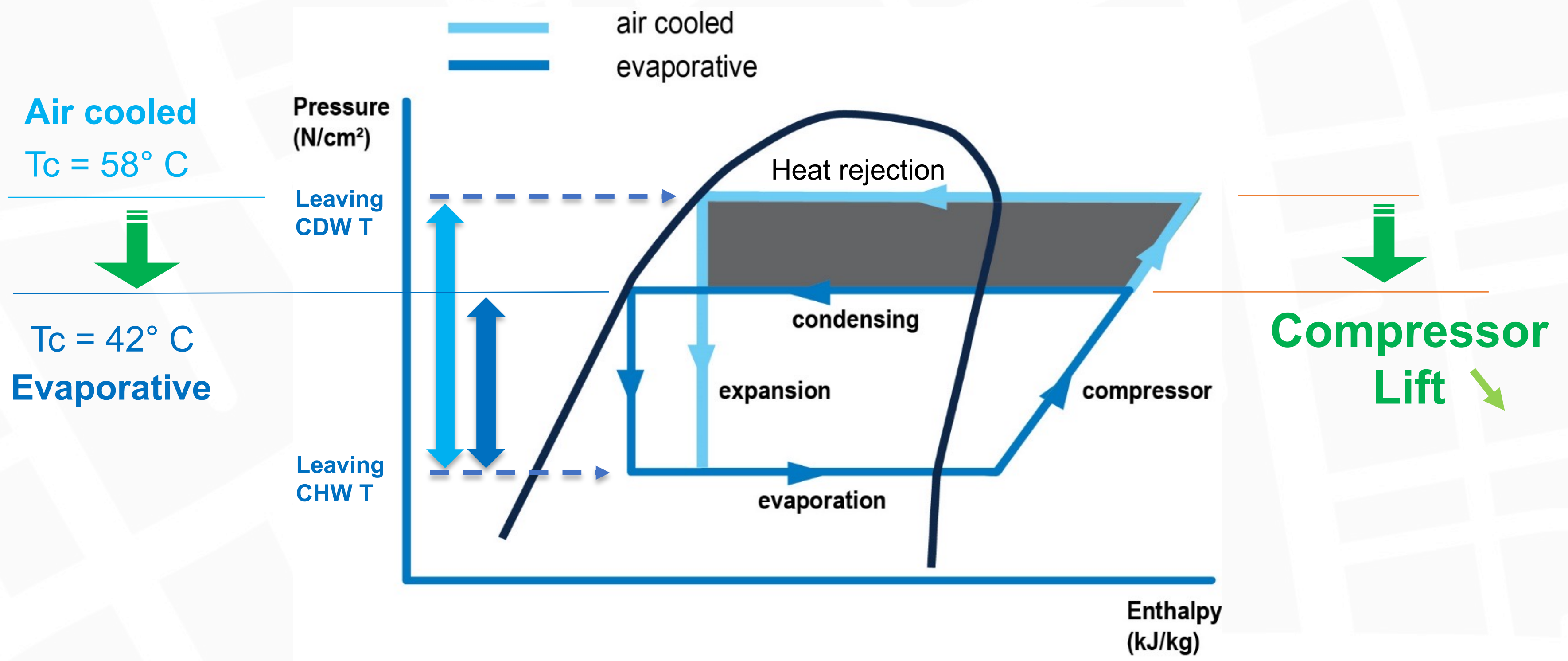
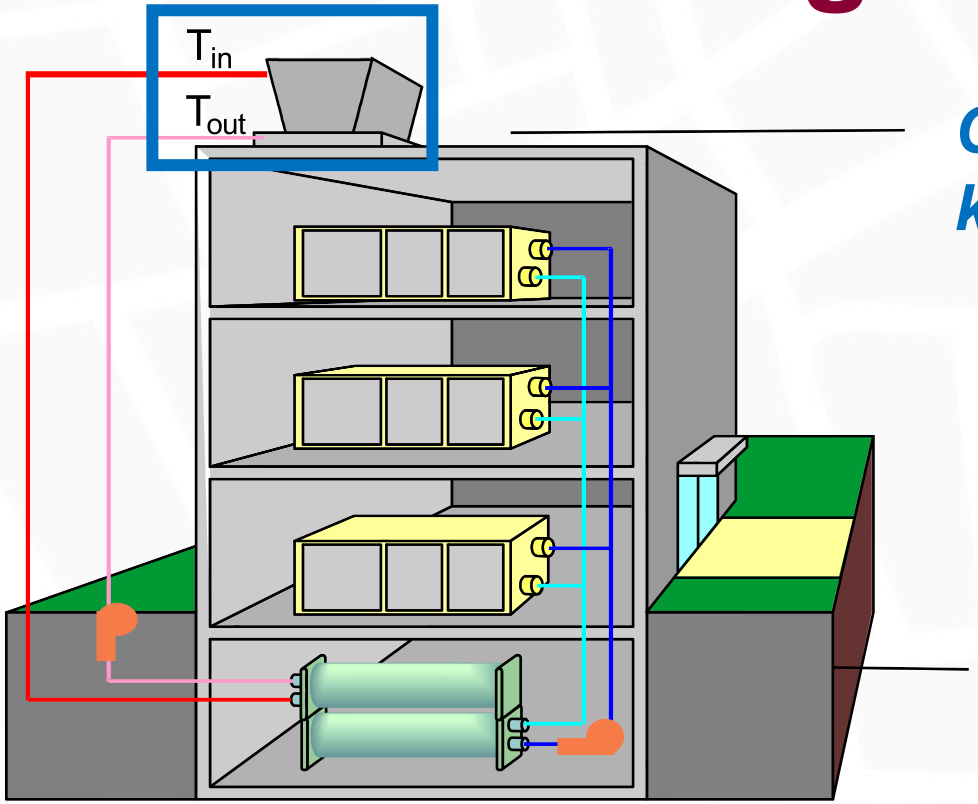


↘ 1° C Condenser water → ↘ 3% Energy chiller

Evaporative Cooling in HVAC



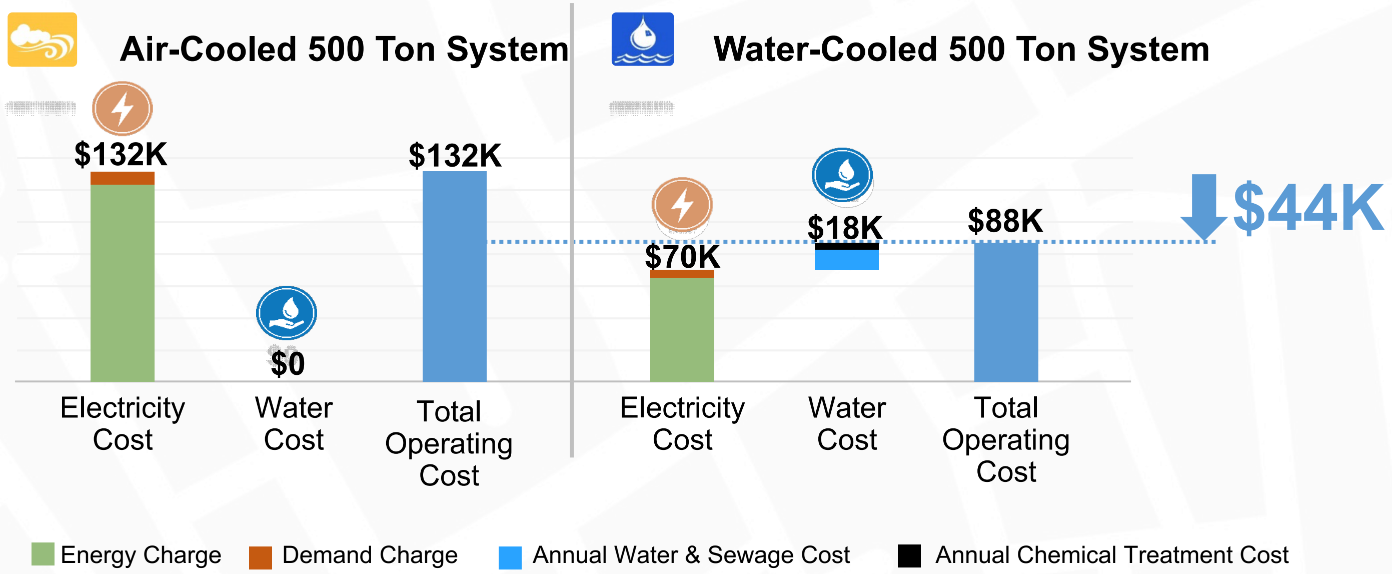
Cooling tower = kW

Up to 10 X

Chiller = ***kW***

Chiller is the MAIN energy consumer in an HVAC system

Annual Operating Cost



Assumptions:
Energy rate $0.103/kWh. Demand Charge $13.44/kW. Water rate $2.9/1000gal.
Sewage rate $5.3/1000gal. Hrs of Operation (IPLV) 4380.
Considered system cleaning equal for systems as both HEX open to atmosphere

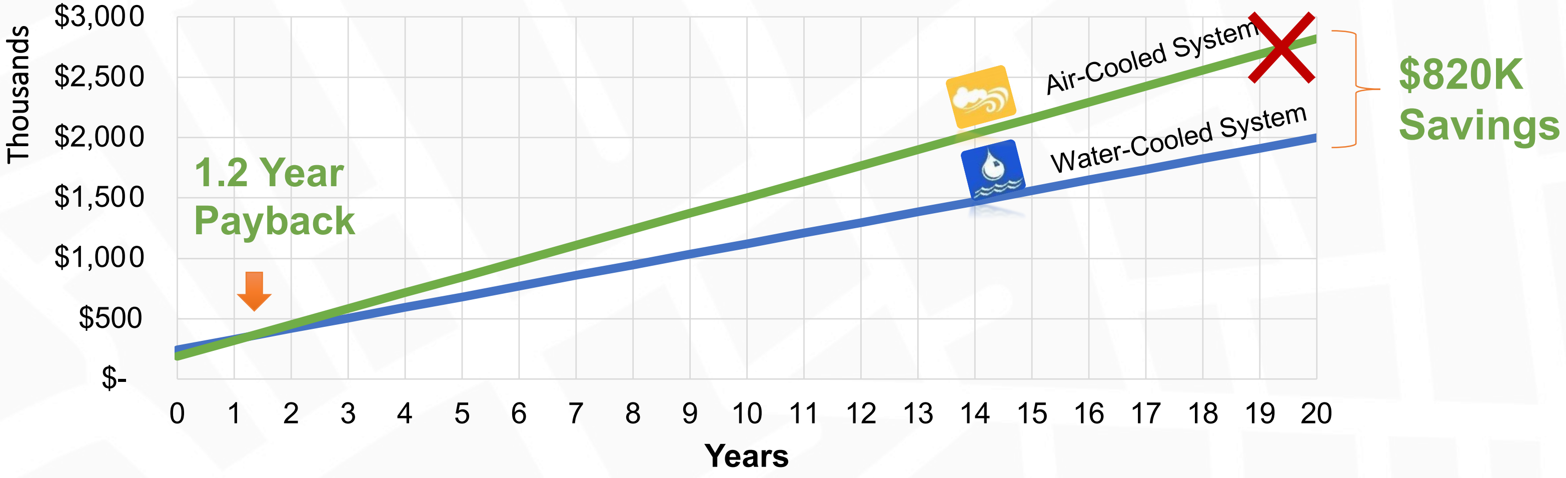
Water-Cooled Advantage:

- Savings of $44,000 annually
- 48% Energy Savings
- 33% savings on annual operating costs

System Total Cost of Ownership

500 Ton System Cost	Equipment & Install	Annual Operating	Avg. Life*
Air-Cooled System	$188K	$ 132K	15-20 years
Water-Cooled System	$ 242K	$ 88K	20-30 years

* Selecting Chillers, Chilled Water Systems by David Grassl. https://www.csemag.com



Water-Cooled Advantage:

- Payback Period of 1.2 years
- Life span of Water-Cooled > than Air-Cooled
- Total savings of ~$820K at the end of 20 years

Important Note:

Indirect costs linked to additional (valuable) spacing requirement and Sound reducing barriers/technologies can be very significant !!!

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Benefits: Evaporative Cooling

Lowest
Energy Cost

Lowest
Operating Cost

Lowest
Installation Cost
&
Easy Transportation

Lowest
Environmental
Impact

Agenda

1. Introduction to Eurovent Middle East's Cooling Tower Guidebook
2. Evaporative Cooling: Overview of advantages
3. Evaporative Cooling: Working principles
4. Critical aspects of design, installation, and operation
5. Case Study – Total Cost of Ownership
6. **Cooling Tower Certification**
7. Moderated Discussion

Cooling Tower Certifications

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Cooling Technology Institute (CTI)

The CTI establishes **standard testing and performance analysis systems and procedures** for cooling technologies. It also encourages and supports cooperative research to improve cooling technology and efficiency for the long-term benefit of the environment.

CTI STD-201

- The standard sets forth a program whereby CTI will certify that all models of a line of evaporative heat rejection equipment offered for sale by a specific manufacturer will perform thermally in accordance with the manufacturer's published ratings.
- Applies to Mechanical Draft Evaporative Heat Rejection Equipment such as Open Circuit Cooling Towers, Closed Circuit Cooling Towers and Evaporative Refrigerant Condensers.

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Eurovent Certification and CTI Partnership

ECC – CTI Memorandum of Understanding
Mutual recognition Eurovent – CTI

“CTI and ECC endeavor to work together in the area of cooling tower certification in an effort to advance the certification programmes of both groups, be it therefore resolved, that CTI and ECC pledge to work cooperatively on all matter of mutual interest in the area of cooling tower certification.”

- **Europe**
- **Middle East**
- **India**

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CONTRACT BETWEEN
COOLING TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
AND
EUROVENT CERTIFICATION COMPANY

Whereas Cooling Technology Institute (CTI) and Eurovent Certification Company (ECC) endeavor to work together in the area of cooling tower certification in an effort to advance the certification programs of both groups, be it therefore resolved, that CTI and ECC pledge to work cooperatively on all matters of mutual interest in the area of cooling tower certification. Further, CTI and ECC pledge to resolve any reasonable differences in the most professional and timely manner possible.

This contract is entered into this day, day, month, year, by and between the CTI whose address is 2611 FM1960 West, Suite A-101, Houston, Texas 77068, United States of America and ECC, whose registered address is La Kenweversstraat 21, 1050 Brussels, Belgium and whose office address is 62 Boulevard de Sebastopol, 75003 Paris, France.

Once significant interest is indicated by the above companies requesting the cooling tower certification program, the program will commence per the agreement indicated below.

In consideration of the promises of the parties contained in this contract, the parties agree as follows:

1. CTI and ECC each agrees, under the conditions specified herein, to cooperate with the certification of the other party with respect to covered product.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement:
   (a) Covered product means all products covered for certification in ECC publication OM-4-2008, which is a subset of the products covered in CTI STD-201.
3. Both CTI and ECC desire to affiliate per this contract. The ECC cooling tower certification program involves certification of published ratings on covered products by CTI. ECC will, in addition to the certification of published ratings using the CTI program, institute a complementary program to validate manufacturing according to the CTI official product data of record in the manufacturing facilities that may produce product for delivery or sale in Europe.

   Many benefits will be derived by all parties including the following:
   - Identical standards for cooling tower certification will be in use throughout the world;

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Scope of the Certification

General Purpose:

- Encourage honest competition
- Assure correctly rated equipment on the market

  - ➢ Separate and specific certification programmes for each product type

  - ➢ Product performance tests through an independent third-party

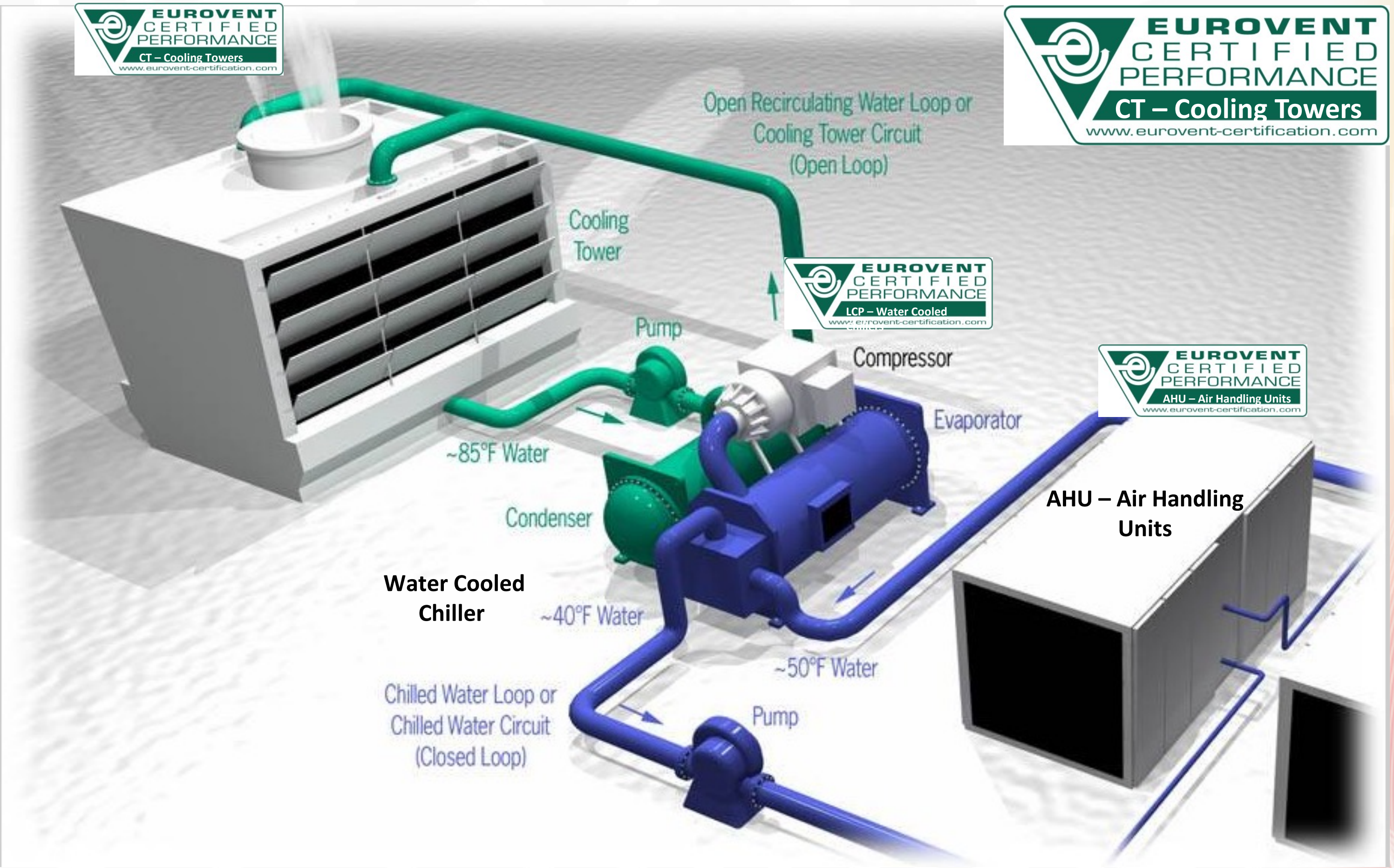
  - ➢ Application and participation open to all manufacturers

Initial Qualification Test

- **Thermal Performance Test per CTI ATC-105 Test Code**
  - Preparation per CTI FSP-156 Pretest Bulletin
  - Equipment Operation per CTI ATC-105 Test Code
  - Test Instrumentation per CTI ATC-105 Test Code
    - CTI owned flow measurement device
- **Capability Calculated Using Published Ratings**
  - Compares Measured Performance with Predicted Performance
  - 95% Minimum Capability Required to Pass Test
- **Verification of Physical "Data of Record"**
  - Inspection of Tower
  - Dimensional Comparison

Adding to System Design Performance/ Efficiency

Cooling Towers Joins the Certified Product Performance Programme from Eurovent Certita Certification



Formula For Success: Certified Efficient Products, Optimised System Designs, & Professional Installations

Some key issues:

- Air Recirculation
- Noise Amplification
- Control Strategy
- Poor Installation
- Regular Maintenance
  - Cleaning!

Verified performance:

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