Save Energy Now in Federal Data Centers August 7th, 2008

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  - http://datacenterworkshop.lbl.gov

Introduction

- Who Are You?
  - Facility Operations
  - Facility Engineering
  - IT
  - Consultant
  - Contractor
  - Vendor
  - Other
- What Brings You Here?

Course objectives

- Raise awareness of data center energy intensity and efficiency opportunities
- Provide resources for on-going use
- Group interaction for common issues and possible solutions

What we will cover

- Major energy use in data centers
- Opportunities to increase computational efficiency and the multiplier effect
- Energy intensity growth
- Benchmarking opportunities (how do I stack up?)
- Best practices to improve infrastructure efficiency
- Extending the life and effective capacity of existing data centers
- Technologies coming down the R&D pipeline and lessons learned from demonstrations
- Information and technical assistance resources

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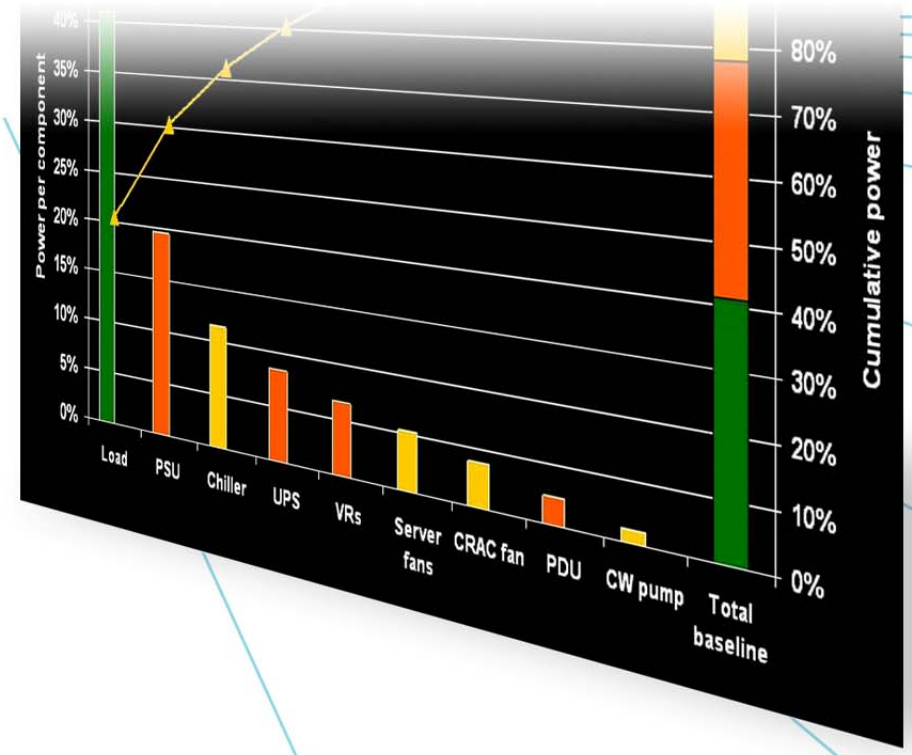

Overview of Data Center Energy Use

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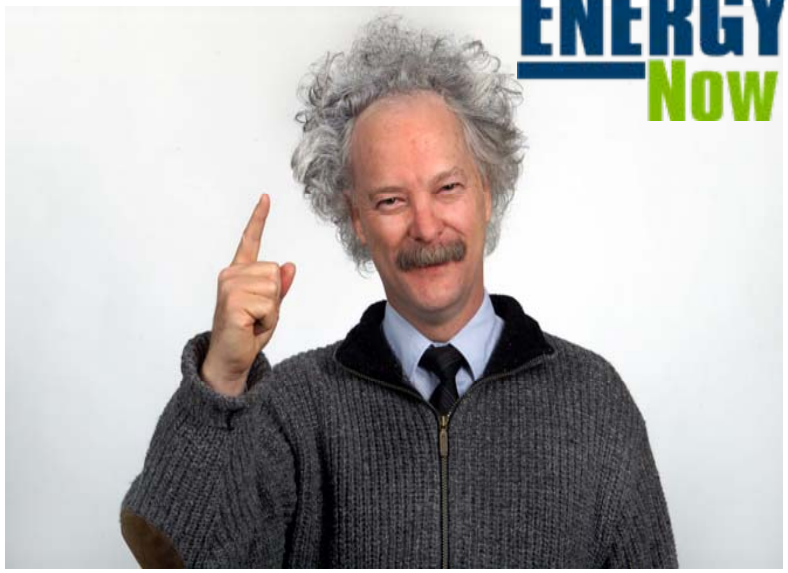


Data Centers are INFORMATION FACTORIES

- Data centers are energy intensive facilities
  - Server racks now designed to carry 25+ kW load
  - Surging demand for data storage
  - Typical facility ~ 1MW, can be > 20 MW
  - Nationally 1.5% of US Electricity consumption in 2006
    - Likely double in next 5 years
- Significant data center building boom
  - Power and cooling constraints in existing facilities
  - Utility power capcity constraints

Energy Issues Abound

- Over the next five years, power failures and limits on power availability will halt data center operations at more than 90% of all companies

  (AFCOM *Data Center Institute's Five Bold Predictions, 2006)*

- By 2008, 50% of current data centers will have insufficient power and cooling capacity to meet the demands of high-density equipment

  (Gartner press release, 2006)

- Survey of 100 data center operators: 40% reported running out of space, power, cooling capacity without sufficient notice

  (Aperture Research Institute)

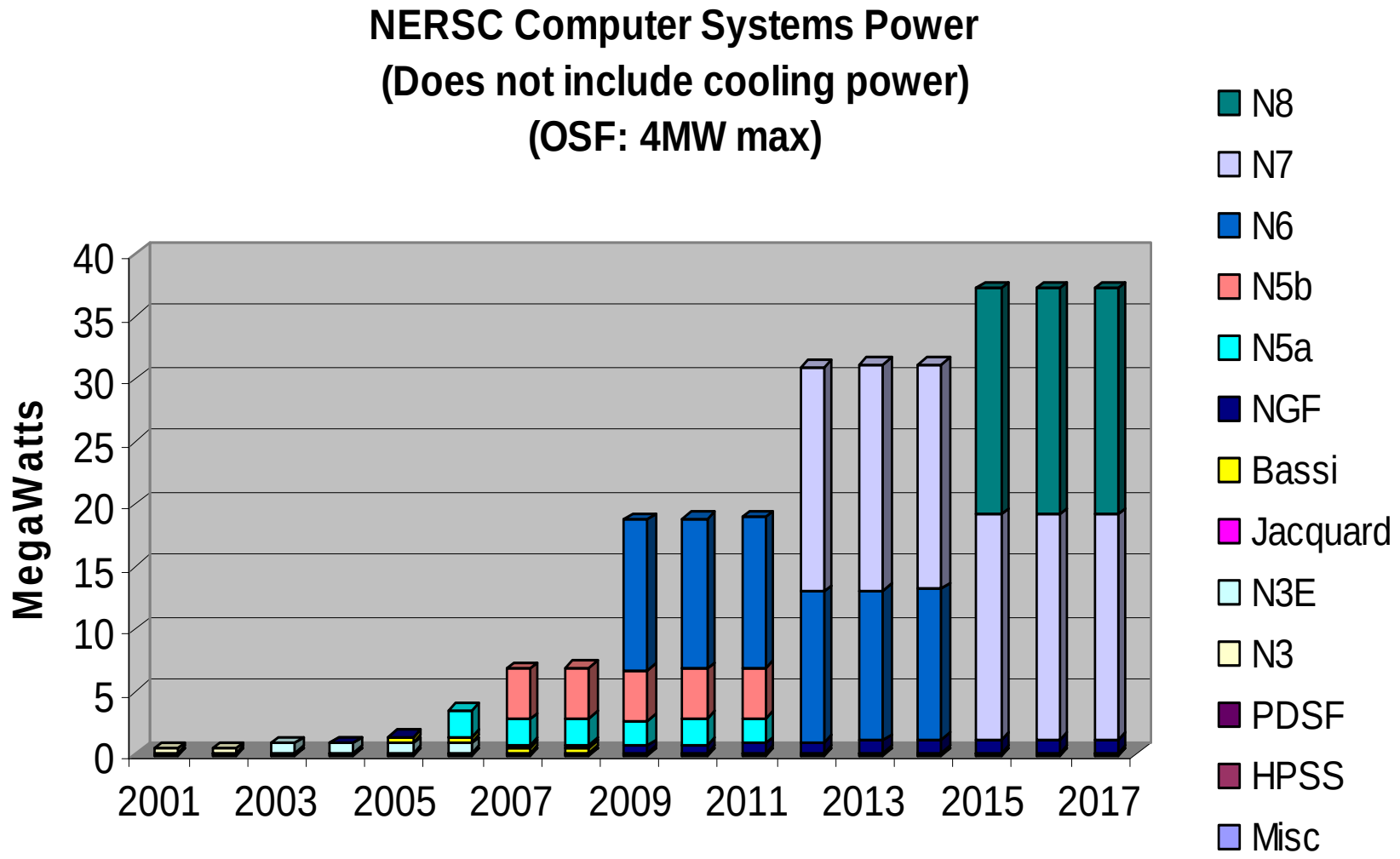
The Rising Cost of Ownership

- From 2000 – 2006, computing performance increased 25x but energy efficiency only 8x
  - Amount of power consumed per $1,000 of servers purchased has increased 4x
- Cost of electricity and supporting infrastructure now surpassing capital cost of IT equipment
- Perverse incentives -- IT and facilities costs separate

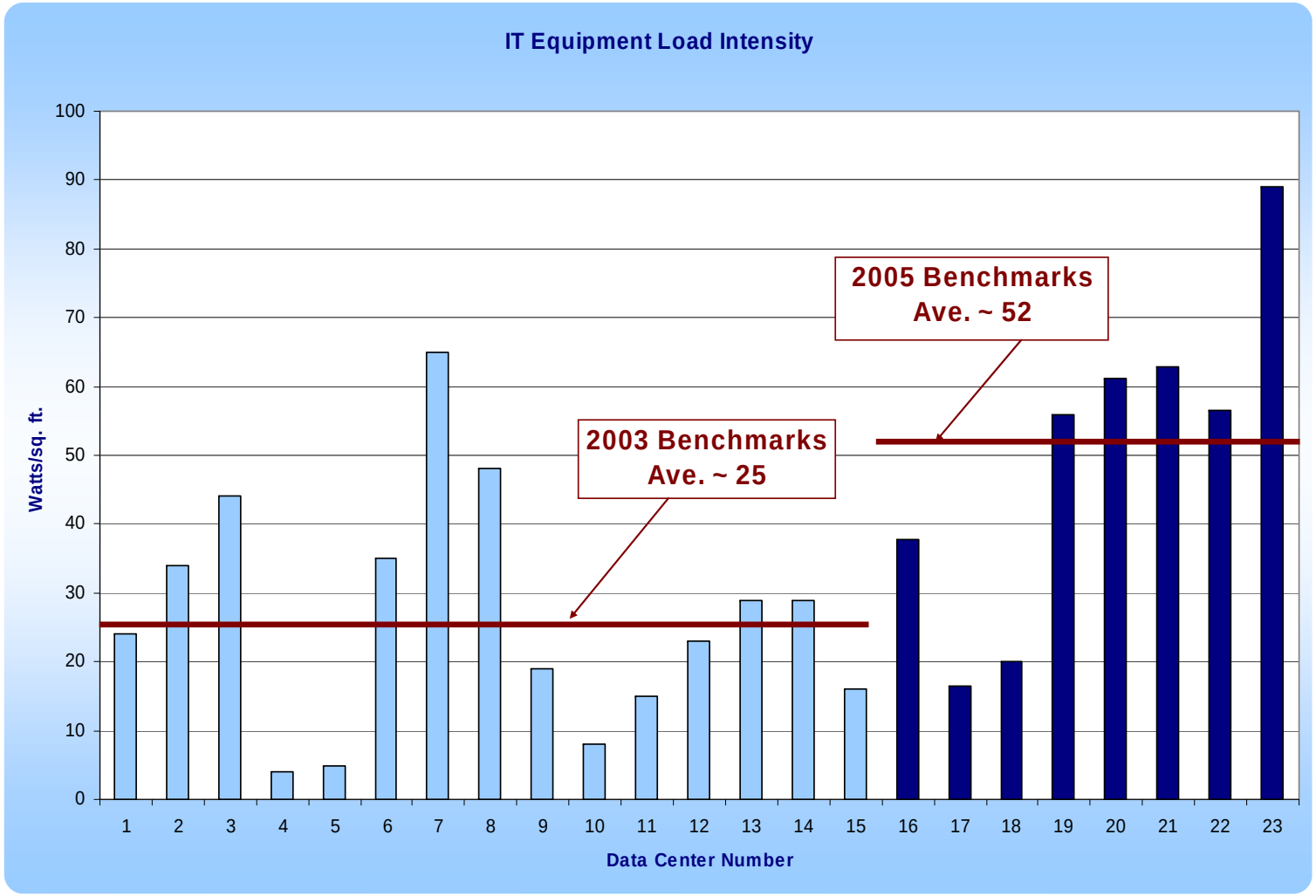
Source: The Uptime Institute, 2007

LBNL Feels the Energy Cost Pain!

LBNL Super Computer Systems Power:



IT equipment load density



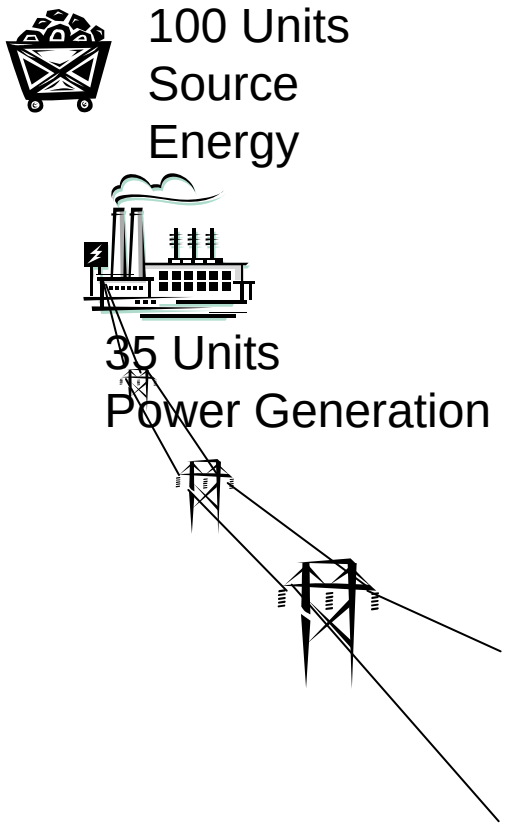
Data center definitions

- Server closet < 200 sf
- Server room <500 sf
- Localized data center <1,000 sf
- Mid-tier data center <5,000 sf
- Enterprise class data center 5000+ sf

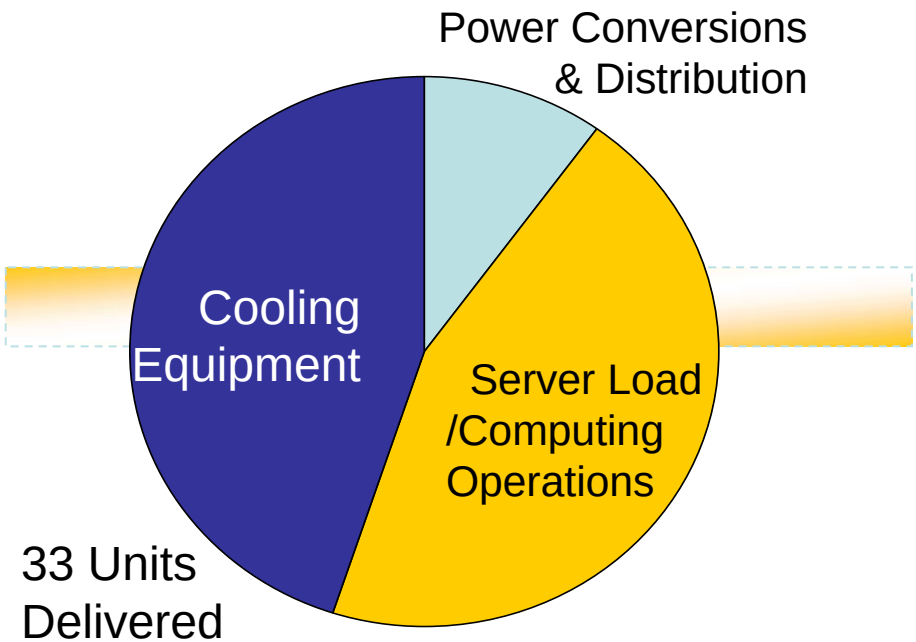
Focus today's training on larger data centers—
however most principles apply to any size center

Data Center Energy Efficiency = 15% (or less)

Energy Efficiency = Useful computation / Total Source Energy



Typical Data Center Energy End Use



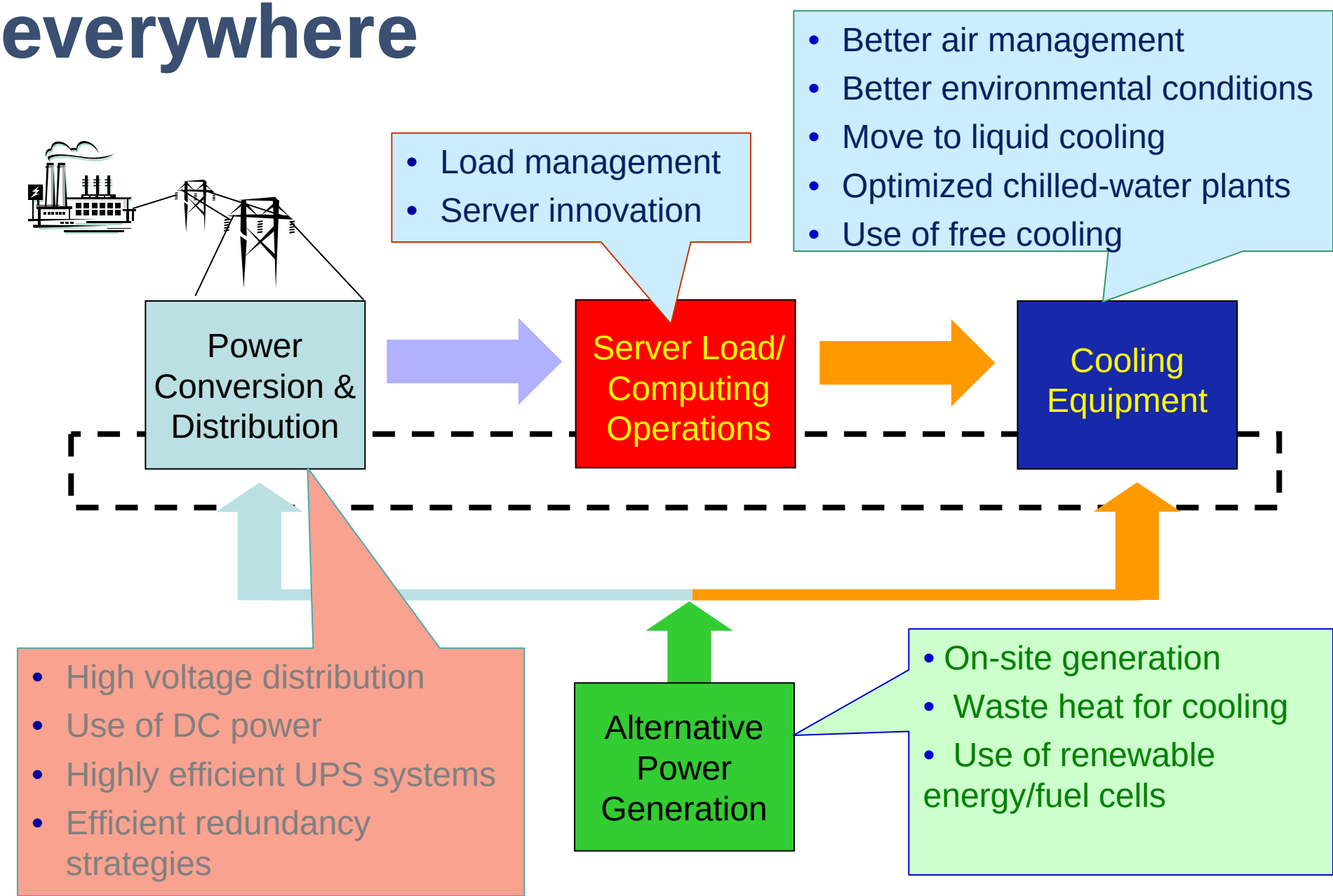
Data center efficiency opportunities

Benchmarking of over 25 centers consistently lead to opportunities

No silver bullet

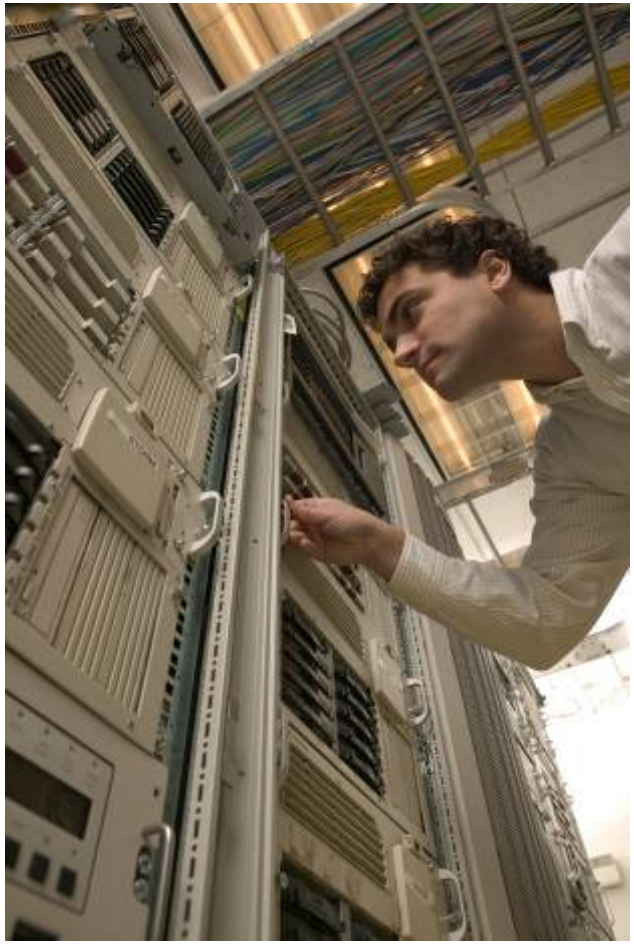
Lots of silver bb's

Energy efficiency opportunities are everywhere



Potential savings

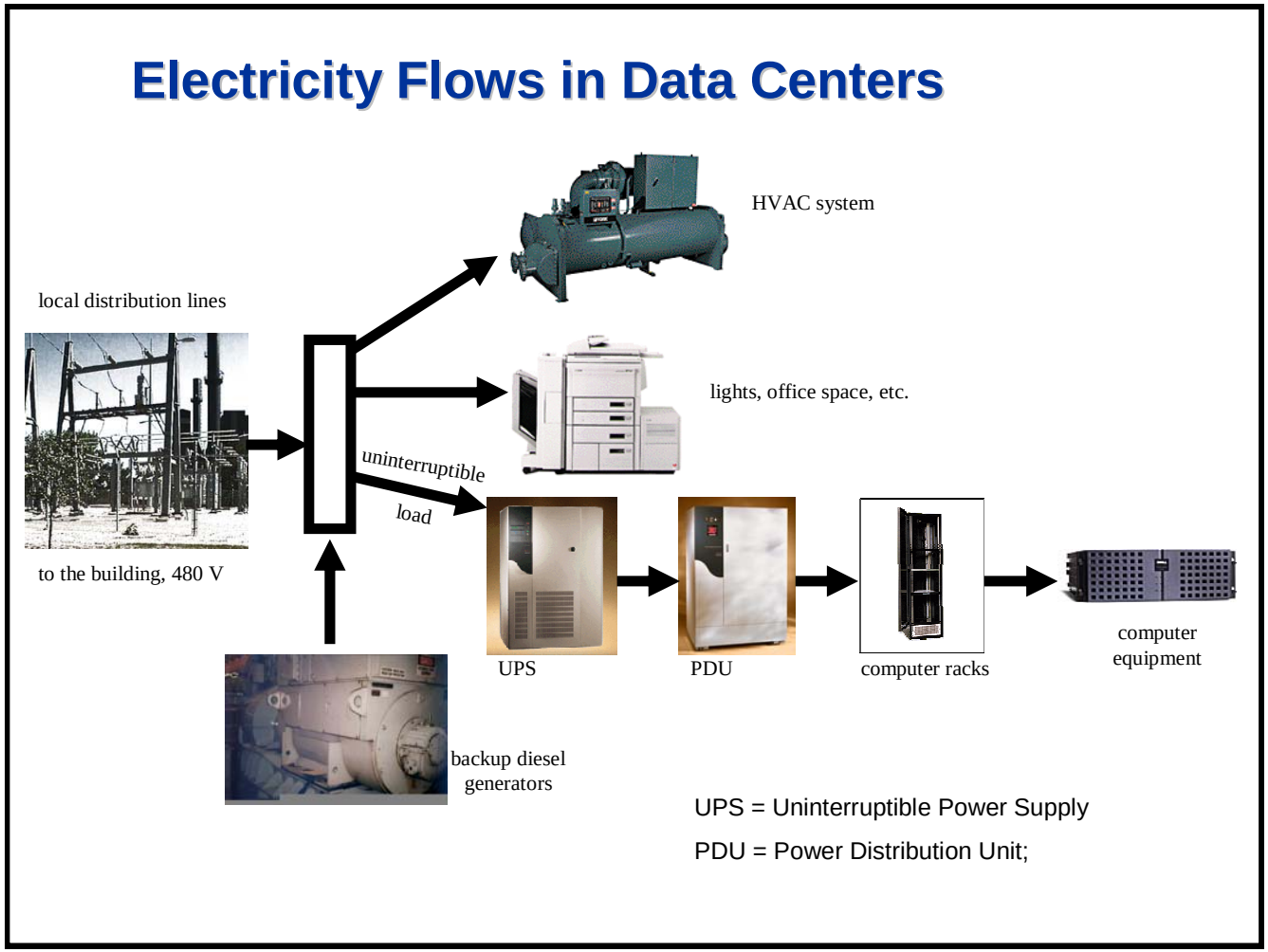
- 20-40% savings typically possible
- Aggressive strategies – better than 50% savings
- Extend life and capacity of existing infrastructure
- But is my center good or bad?



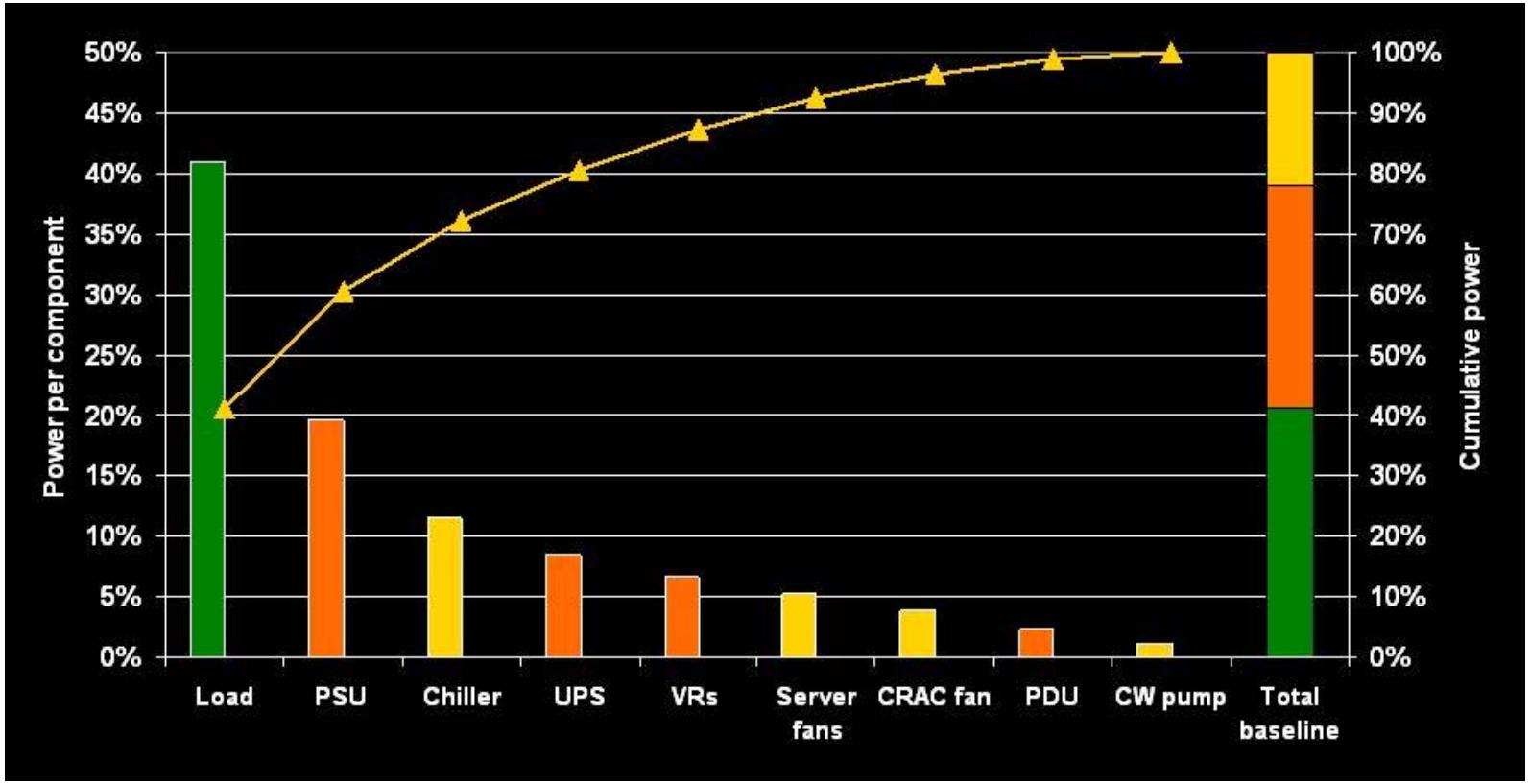
Benchmarking for Energy Performance Improvement:

Energy benchmarking can allow comparison of peers and help identify best practices

Benchmarking energy end use



Overall electrical power use in data centers



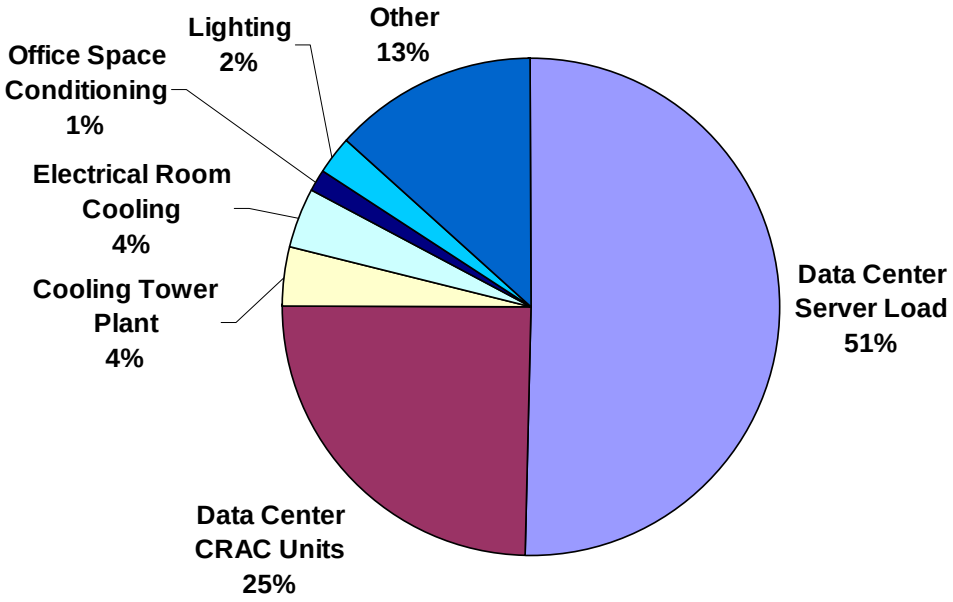
Courtesy of Michael Patterson, Intel Corporation

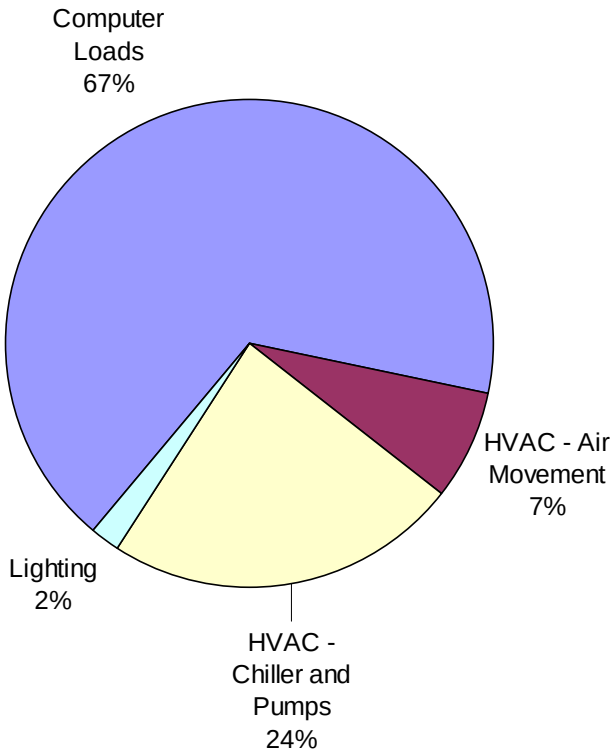
With funding from PG&E and CEC, LBNL conducted benchmark studies of 22 data centers:

- Found wide variation in performance
- Identified best practices

Your mileage will vary

The relative percentages of the energy actually doing computing varied considerably.





Data Center Performance Varies in Cooling and Power Conversion

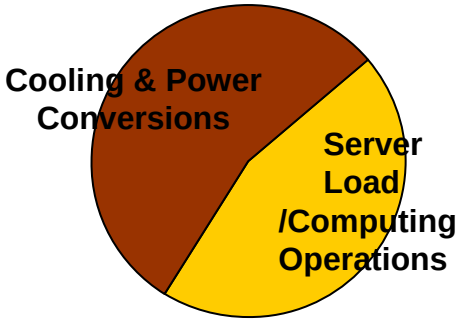
DCiE

Data Center Infrastructure Efficiency

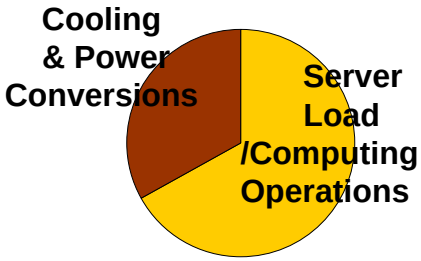
$$\text{DCiE} = \frac{\text{Energy for IT Equipment}}{\text{Total Energy for Data Center}}$$

Typical DCiE (Data Center Infrastructure Efficiency) < 0.5

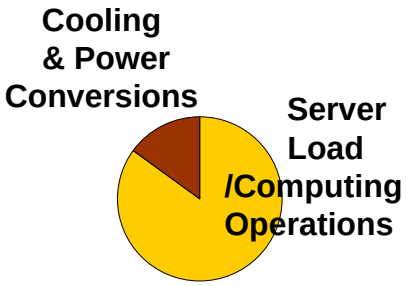
- Power and cooling systems are far from optimized
- *Less than half of the power is for the servers*



Typical Practice
DCiE < 0.5

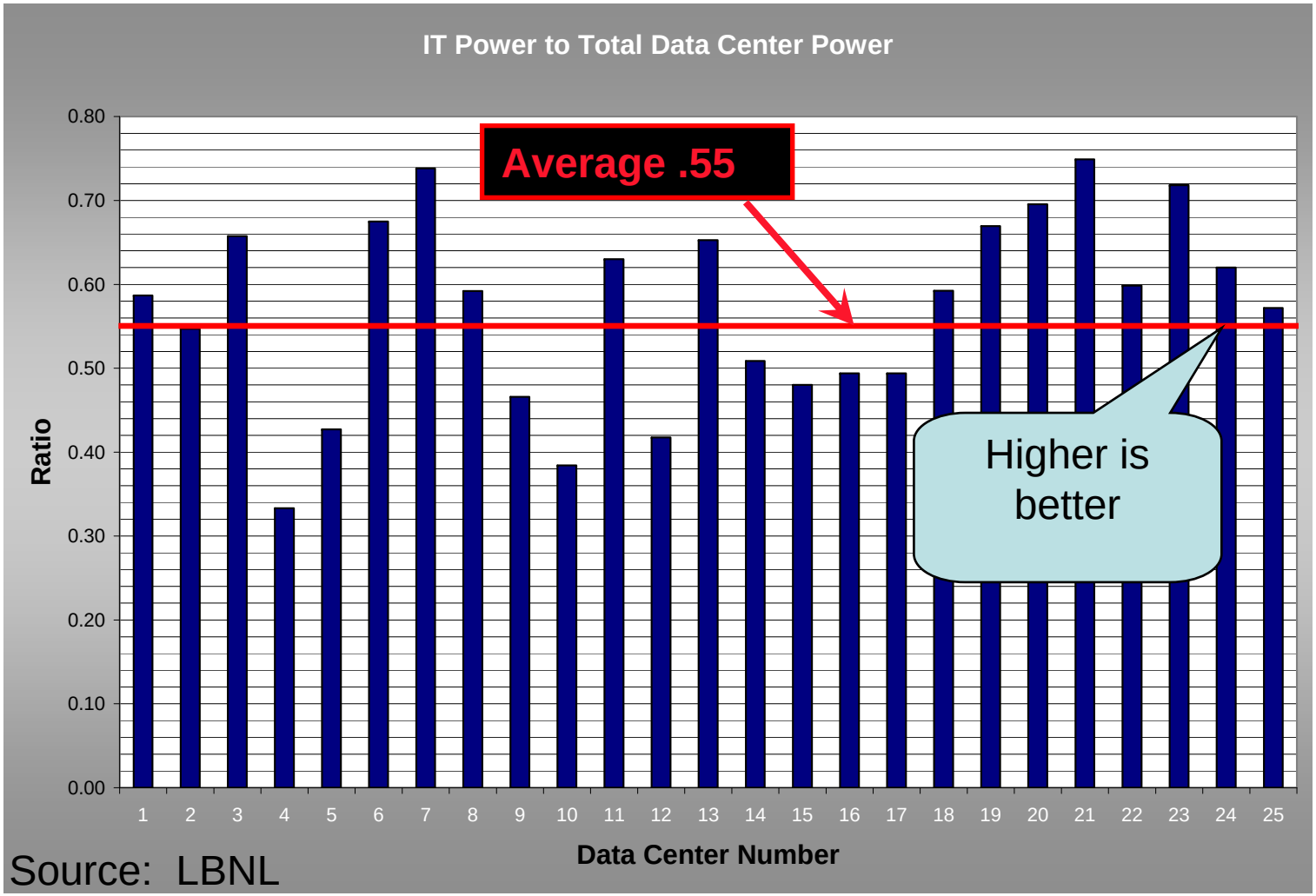


Better Practice
DCiE = 0.7



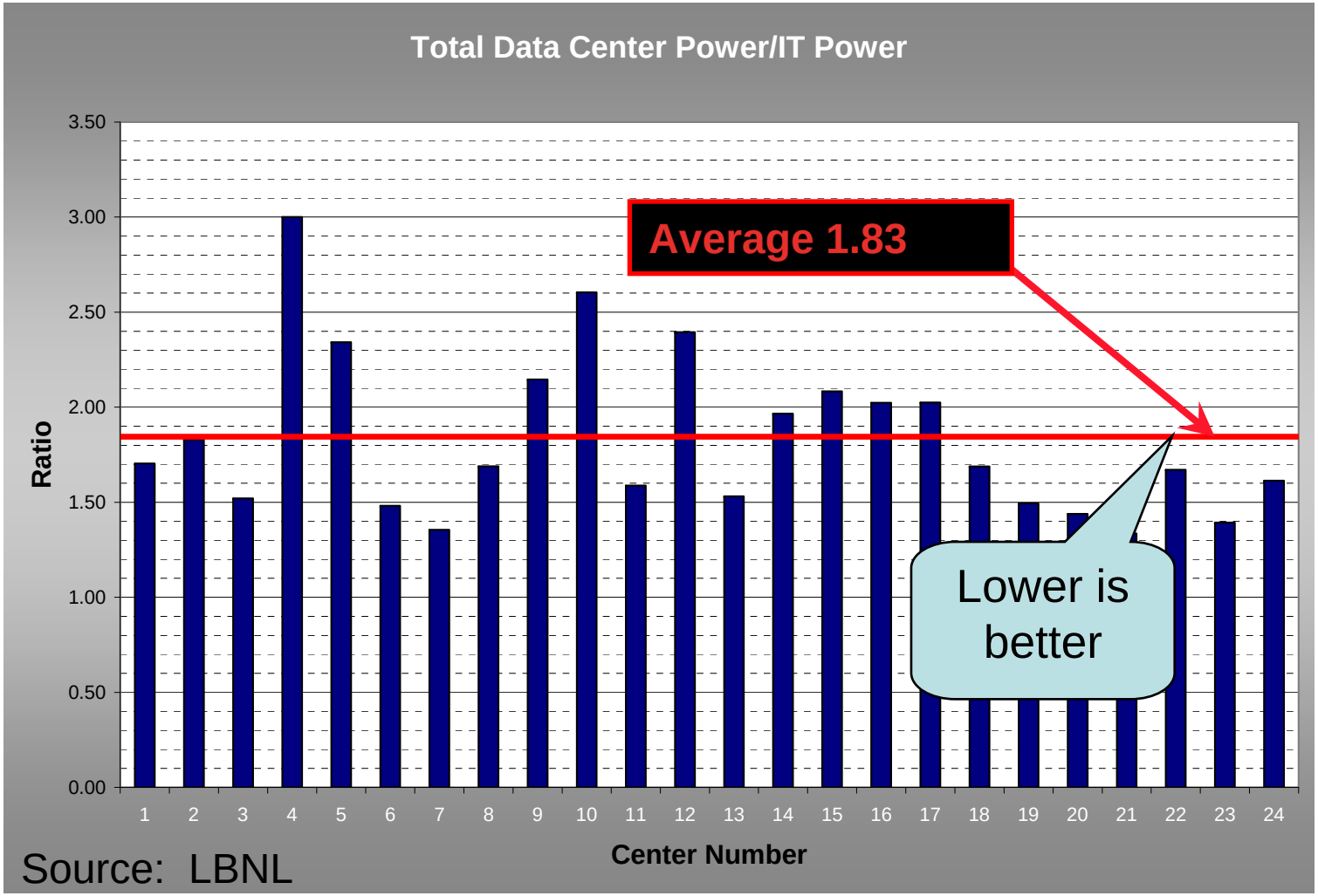
Best Practice
DCiE = 0.85

High level metric — IT/Total: DCiE



Source: LBNL

Inverse metric —Total/IT (PUE)



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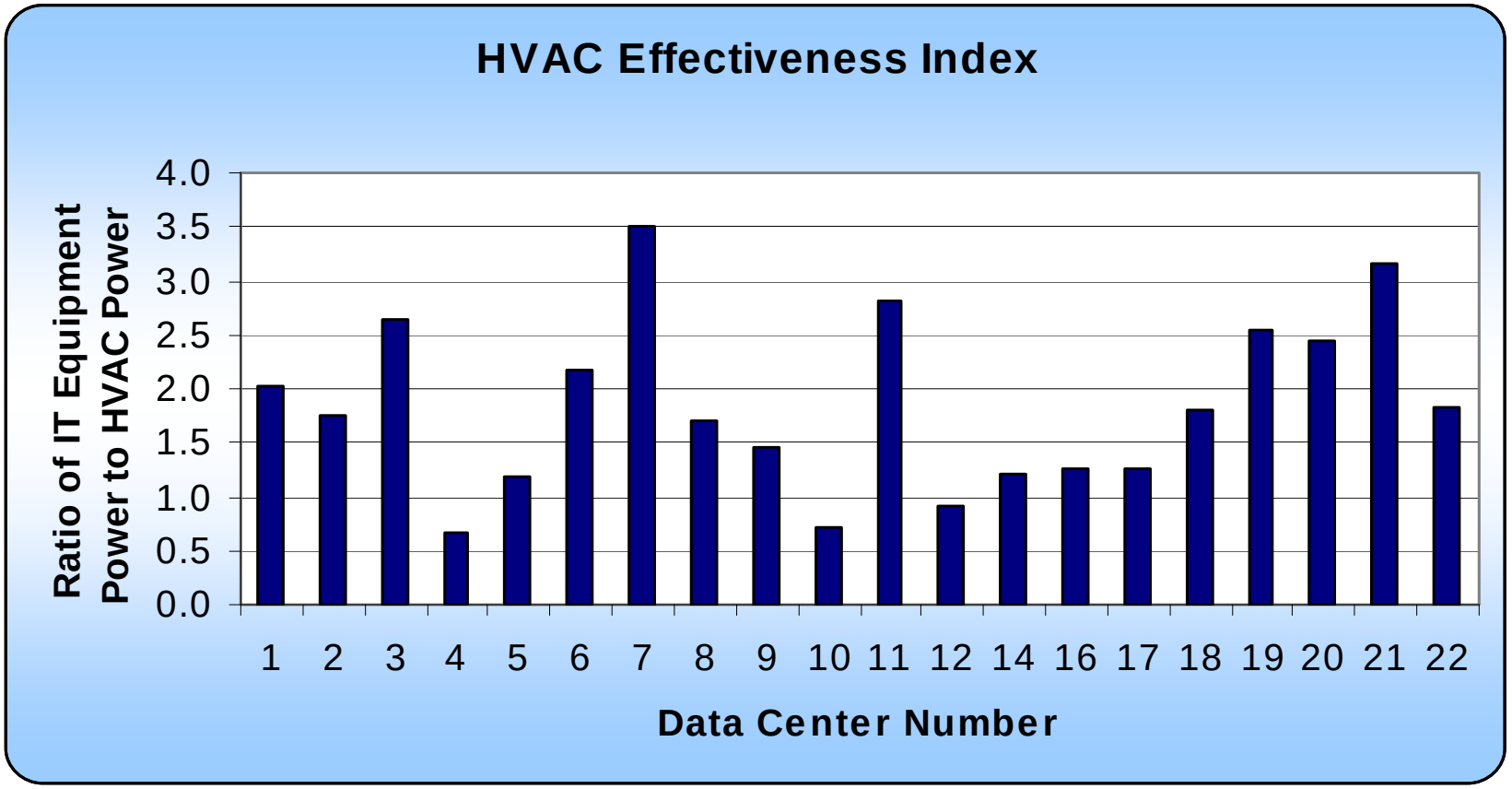
HVAC system effectiveness

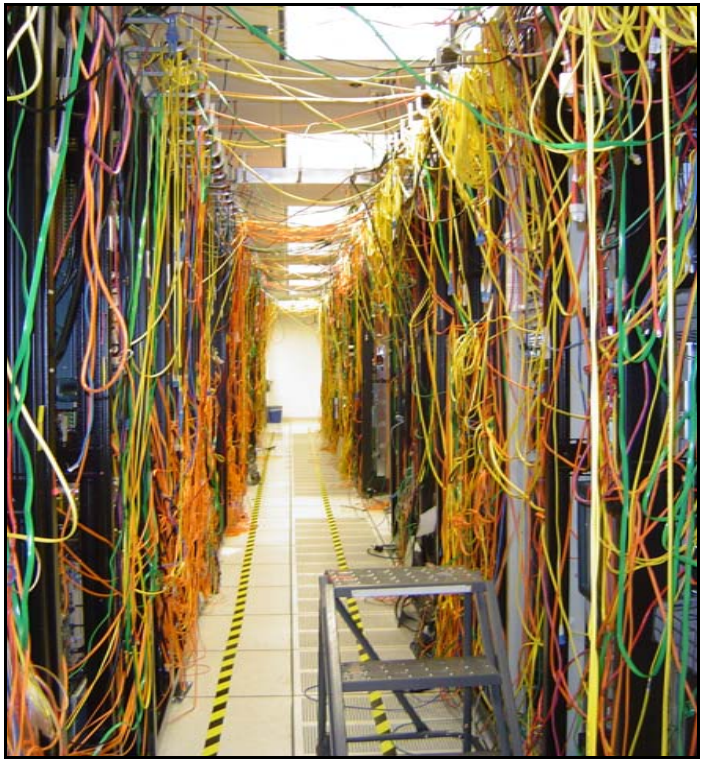
We observed a wide variation in HVAC performance



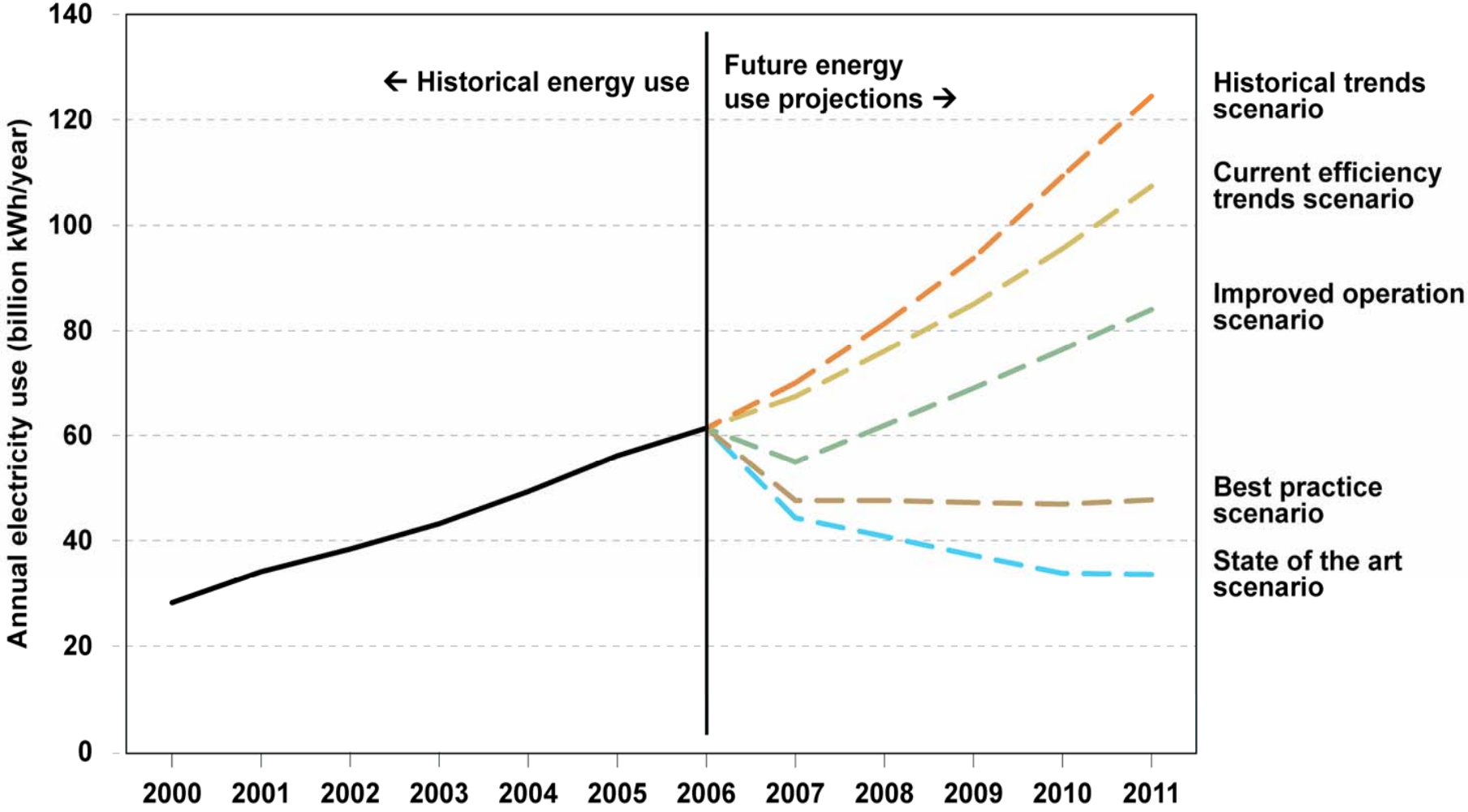
Benchmark results help identify best practices:

Examination of individual systems and components in the centers that performed well helped to identify best practices:

- **Air management**
- **Right-sizing**
- **Central plant optimization**
- **Efficient air handling**
- **Free cooling**
- **Humidity control**
- **Liquid cooling**
- **Improving power chain**
- **UPSs and equipment power supplies**
- **On-site generation**
- **Design and M&O processes**



Scenarios of projected energy use from EPA report to Congress 2007 - 2011



The good news:

- Industry is taking action
  - IT manufacturers
  - Infrastructure equipment manufacturers
- Industry Associations are active:
  - ASHRAE
  - Green Grid
  - Uptime Institute
  - Afcom
  - Critical Facilities Roundtable
  - 7 X 24 Exchange
  - Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- Utilities and governments initiating programs to help

IT Industry Taking Action

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IBM Plans $86M Big Green Data Center

IBM (NYSE: IBM) has announced plans for an $86 million data center expansion that will add 80,000 square feet of technical space to its Boulder, Colo. facility. IBM will use the space to build a "green data center" featuring IBM's latest energy-efficient technology. The project is supported by a $480

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By Candace Lombardi
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Ingredients for Data Center Energy Efficiency

Start Right

- Adopt "Best-in-Class" technologies, design practices, standards & guidelines
- Verify energy efficiency performance

Manage Energy

Create and apply energy management plan and standards considering required system flexibility & reliability

Data Center Energy Efficiency

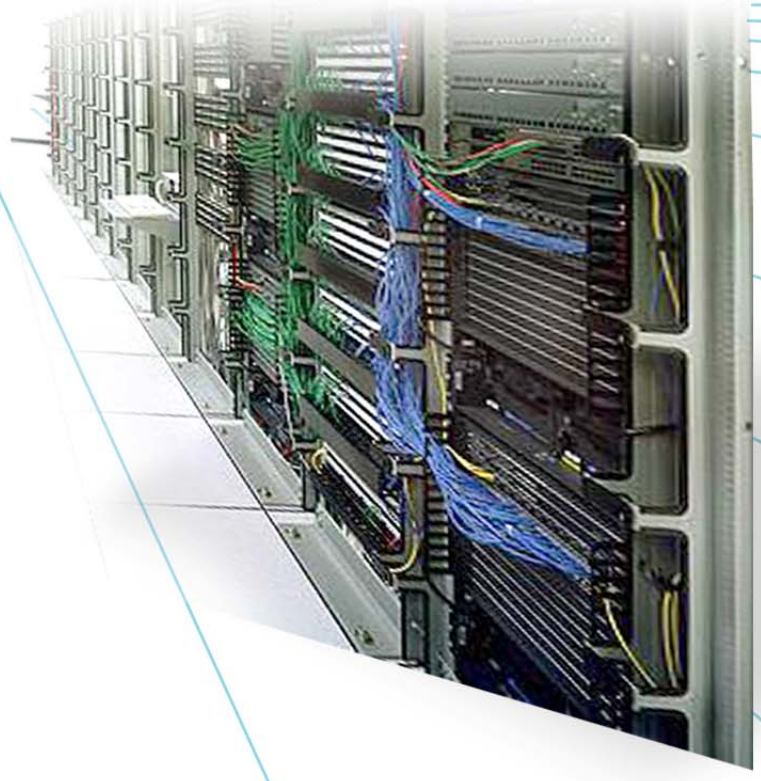
Continually Improve

- Benchmark data center
- Assess for energy saving opportunities
- Implement energy efficient best practices
- Adopt latest technology

Achieve Superior Performance

Overview take aways

- Various meanings for “data centers”
- Benchmarking helps identify performance
- Benchmarking suggests best practices
- Efficiency varies
- Large opportunity for savings
- Resources are available



IT Equipment Efficiency

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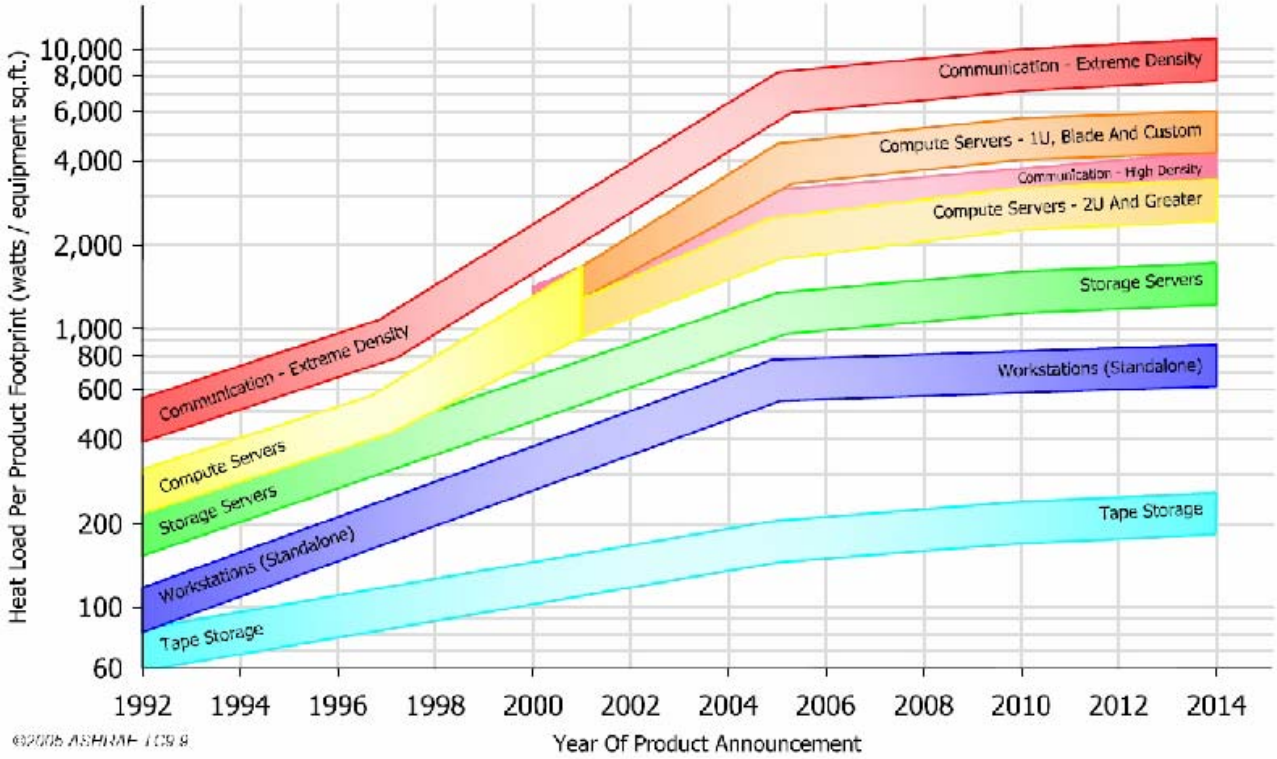
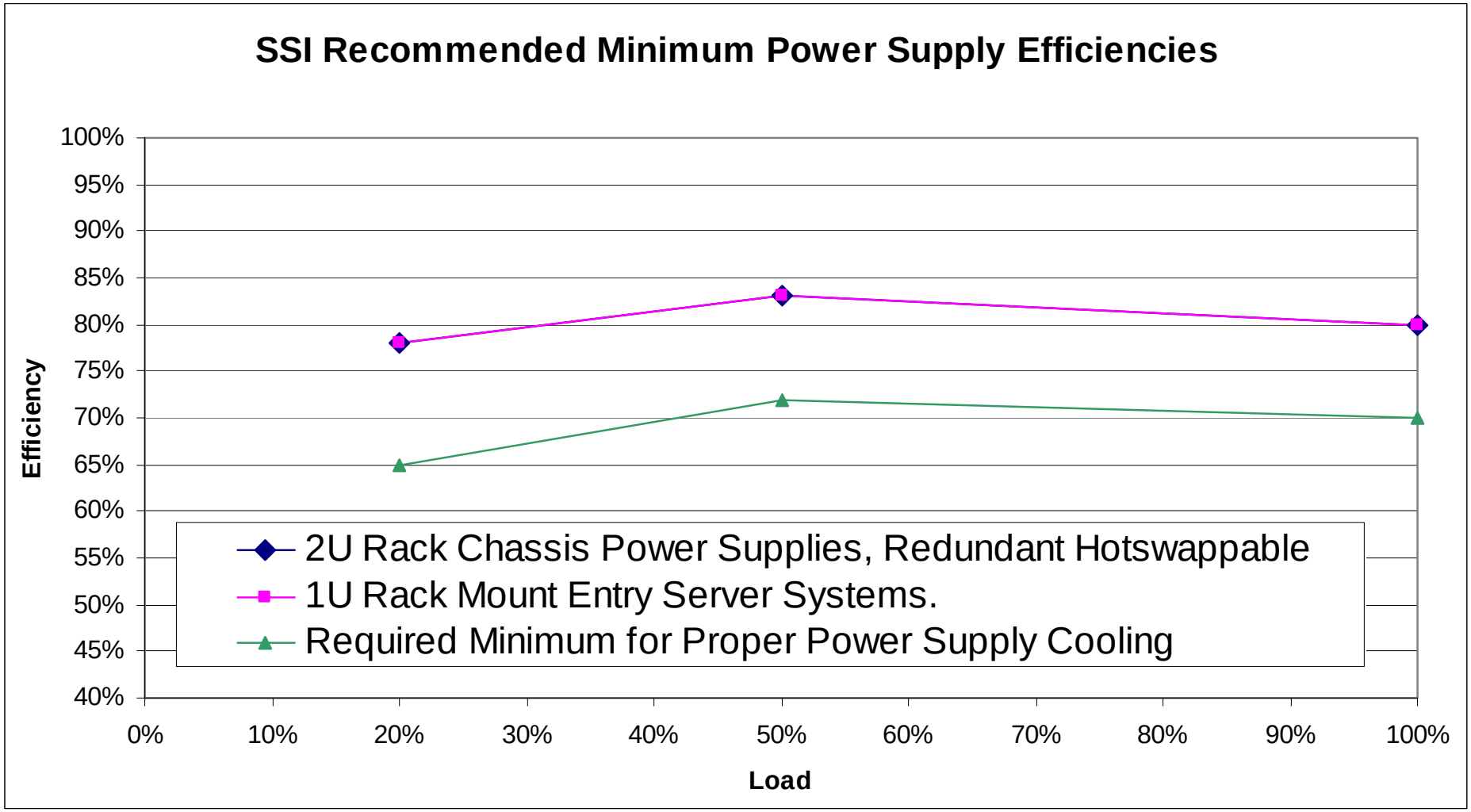
IT equipment load

- Predicting IT loads
  - Over sizing, at least initially, is common
  - Implement modular and scalable approaches
- IT loads can be controlled
  - Power supply options
  - Server efficiency
  - Software efficiency (Virtualization, MAID, etc.)
  - Redundancy and back-up power
  - Low power modes
- Reducing IT load has a multiplier effect

ASHRAE prediction of intensity trend



Efficient power supplies



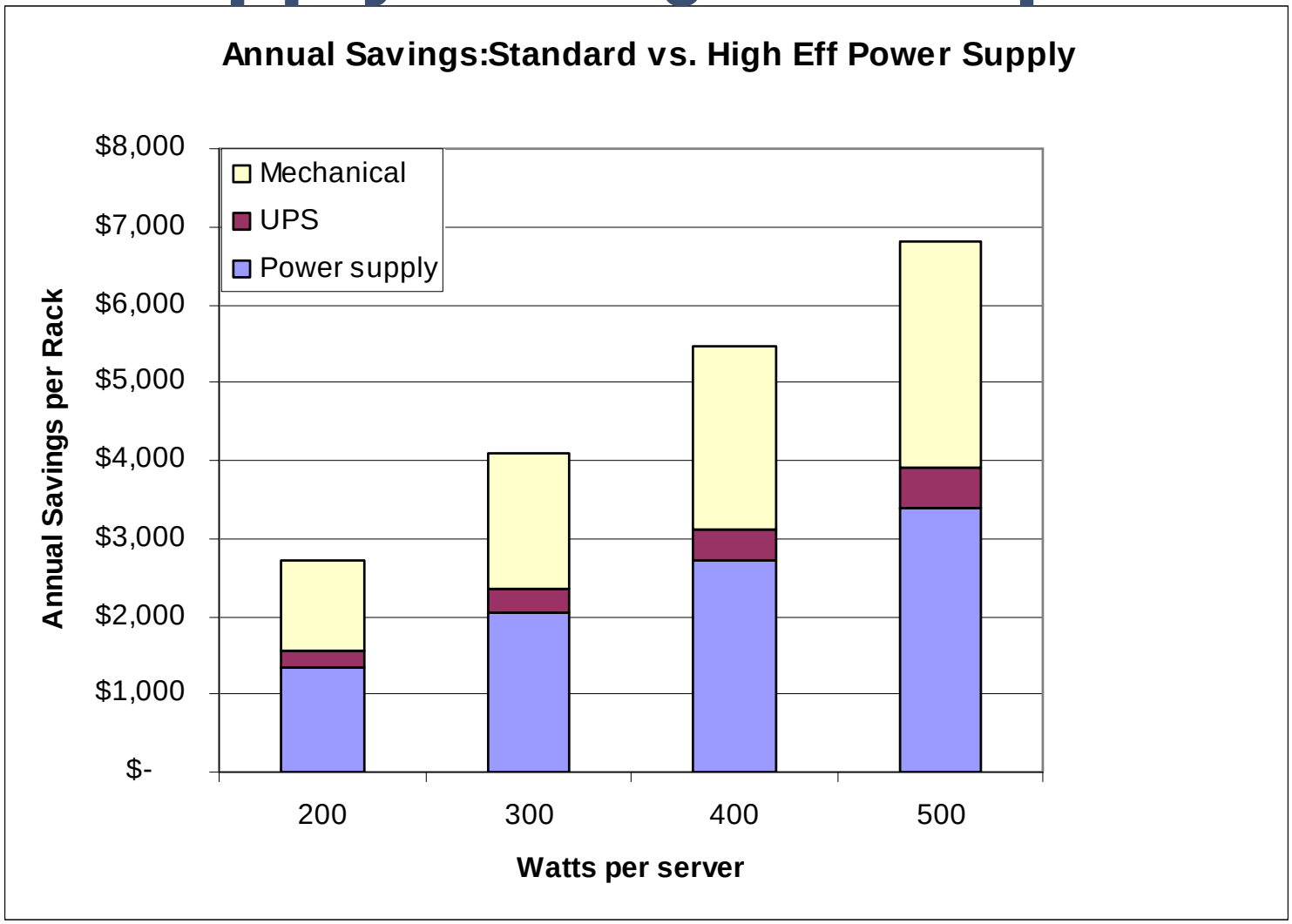
Server System Infrastructure (SSI) Initiative (SSI members include Dell, Intel, and IBM)

Power supply, per server savings

Power Supplied Per Server (Watts)	Annual Savings Using a SSI Recommended Minimum Efficiency Supply[1]	Annual Savings Including Typical Cooling Energy[2]
200	$ 37	$ 65
300	$ 56	$ 97
400	$ 74	$ 130
500	$ 93	$ 162

- 1. Assuming $0.10/kWh, 8760 hr/yr, 85% efficient UPS supply, 72% efficiency baseline PS
- 2. Cooling electrical demand is estimated 75% of rack demand, the average ratio of 12 benchmarked datacenter facilities

Power supply savings add up



High efficiency servers

Energy savings and potential utility incentive for installation of **three** new High Efficiency Servers.

	Baseline Usage	Installed Usage	Energy Savings	Electric Cost Savings	PG&E Incentive	Incremental Installation Cost
	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	$/yr	$	$
Install High Efficiency Servers - Direct Energy Savings	24,538	4,941	19,598	$ 2,352	$ 1,960	n/a
Install High Efficiency Servers - Indirect HVAC Savings	9,003	1,813	7,190	$ 863	$ 1,007	n/a
Combined	33,541	6,753	26,788	$ 3,215	$ 2,967	n/a

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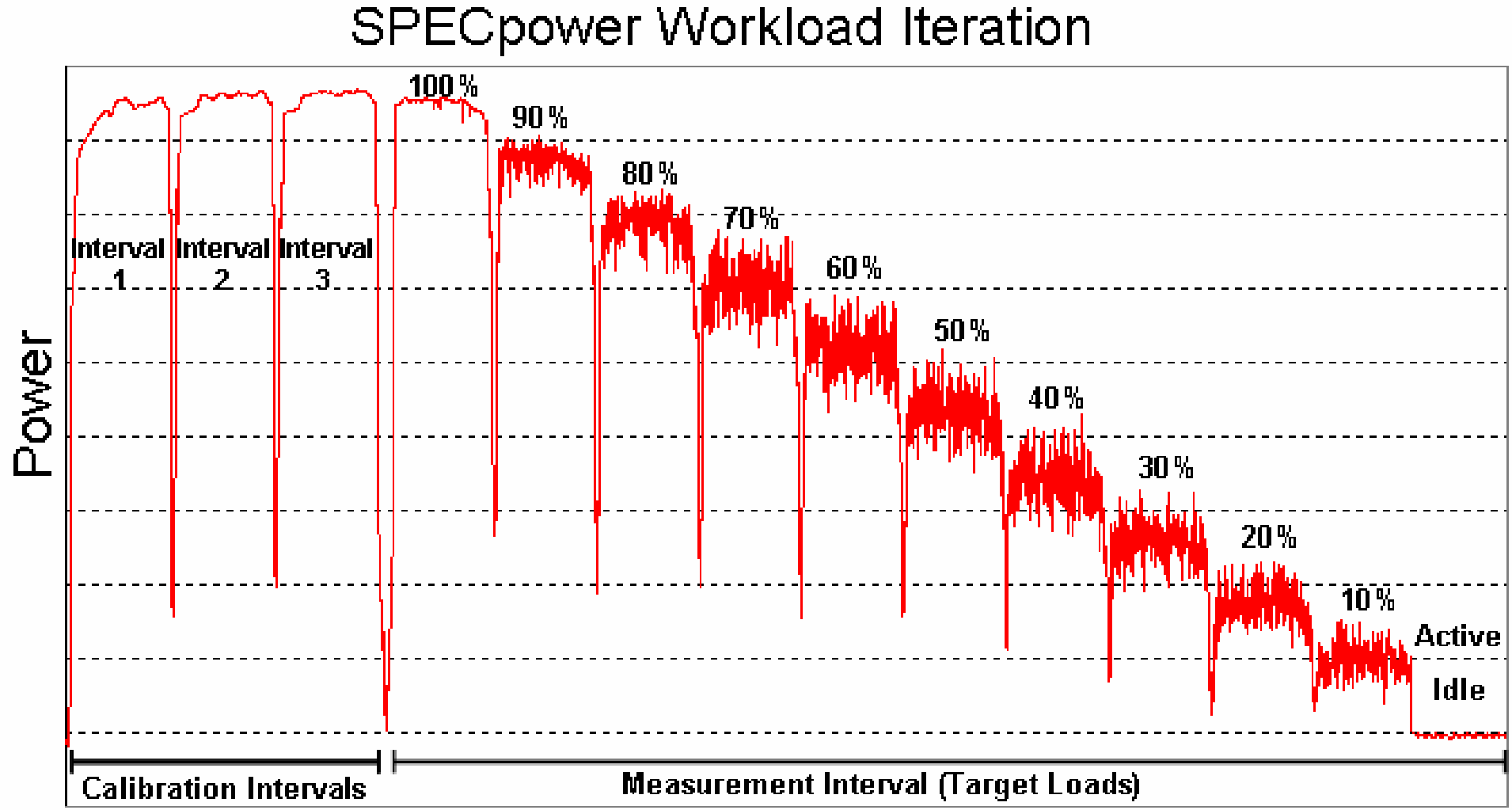
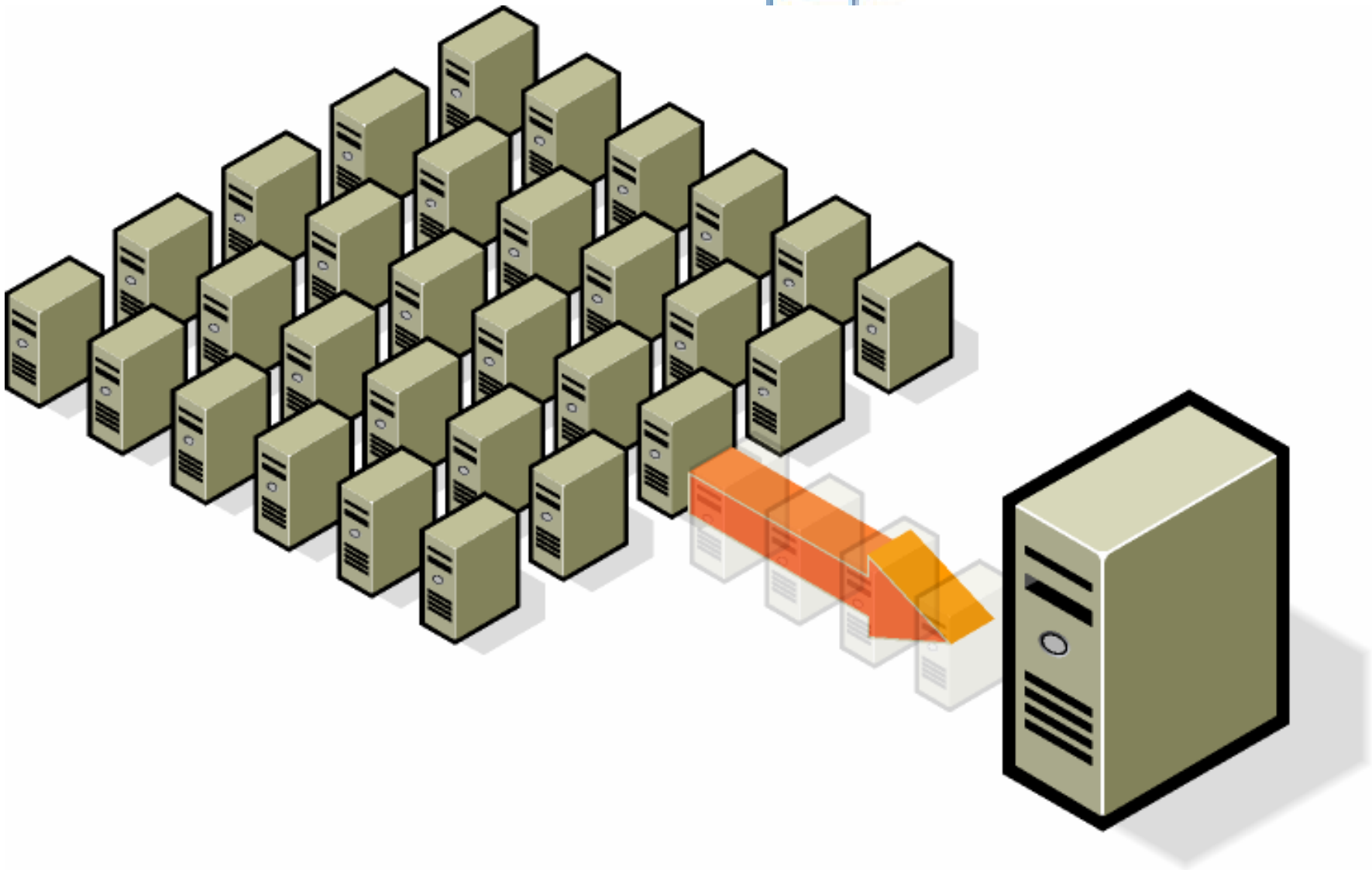
Coming soon – power performance metrics e.g. Standard Performance Evaluation Corp (SPEC)



Server virtualization



Server virtualization

- Energy savings and potential utility incentive for Server Virtualization.
- Number of servers before virtualization: 50.
- Number of servers after virtualization: 30.

	Baseline Usage	Installed Usage	Energy Savings	Electric Cost Savings	PG&E Incentive	Total Installation Cost
	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	$/yr	$	$
Install Virtual Server - Direct Energy Savings	98,550	59,130	39,420	$ 4,730	$ 3,154	$ 70,000
Install Virtual Server - Indirect Equipment Support Savings	60,636	36,382	24,254	$ 2,911	$ -	$ -
Combined	159,186	95,512	63,674	$ 7,641	$ 3,154	$ 70,000

Thin clients

- Typical Desktop Computer, 75 – 100 Watts, $500
- Typical Laptop Computer, 10 – 15 Watts, $1,000
- Typical Thin Client, 4 – 6 Watts, $300

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Thin clients

- Energy savings and utility incentive for implementation of a Thin Client network.
- Replace 50 generic workstations with 50 Thin Client terminals.

	Baseline Usage	Installed Usage	Energy Savings	Electric Cost Savings	PG&E Incentive	Total Installation Cost
	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	$/yr	$	$
Install Thin Client Computers - Direct Energy Savings	35,040	15,626	19,414	$ 2,330	$ 1,553	$ 25,000
Install Virtual Server - Indirect HVAC Savings	12,856	5,733	7,123	$ 855	$ -	$ -
Combined	47,896	21,359	26,537	$ 3,184	$ 1,553	$ 25,000

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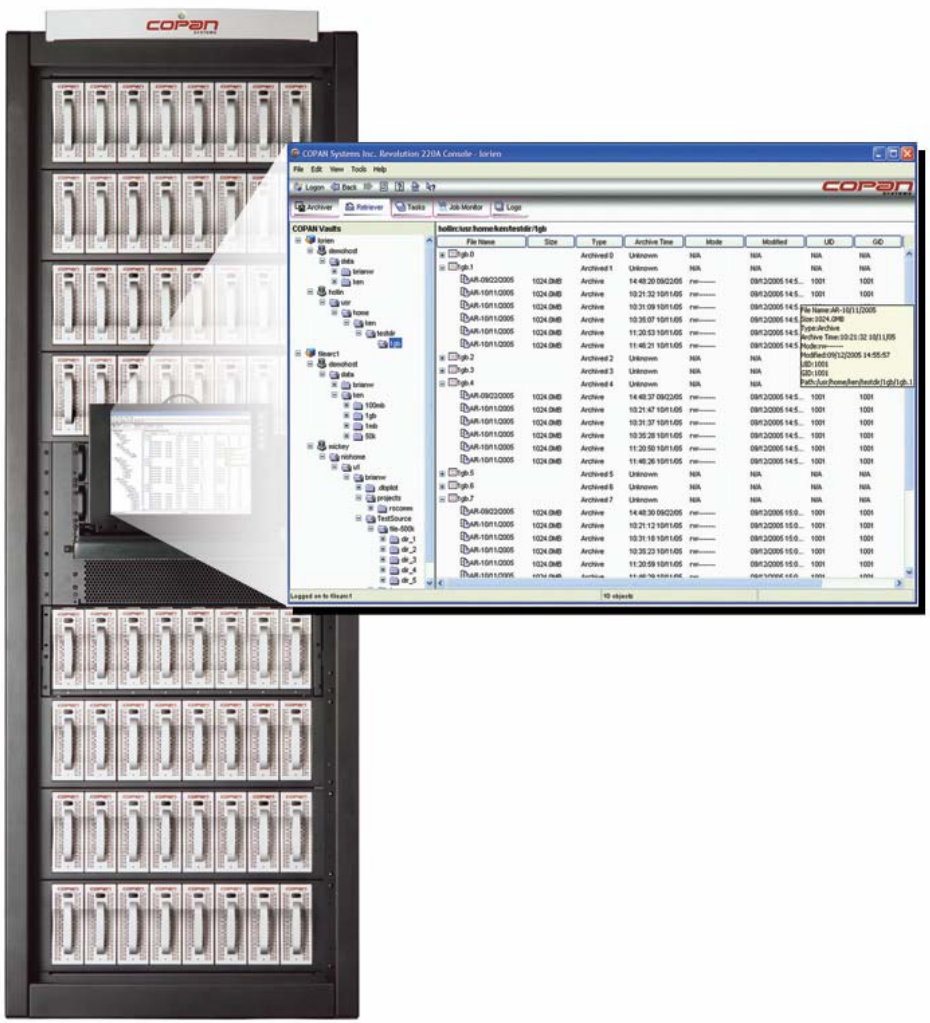
Massive array of idle disks (MAID)

- MAID is designed for Write Once, Read Occasionally (WORO) applications.

- In a MAID each drive is only spun up on demand as needed to access the data stored on that drive.



Massive array of idle disks (MAID)

- Energy savings and possibly utility incentive for installation of a MAID system.
- Install one fully-loaded MAID cabinet with a total storage capacity of 448TB in lieu of a traditional cabinet of the same capacity.

	Baseline Usage	Installed Usage	Energy Savings	Electric Cost Savings	PG&E Incentive	Incremental Installation Cost
	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	$/yr	$	$
Install Maid System - Direct Energy Savings	278,450	75,118	203,332	$ 26,551	$ 16,267	$ 224,000
Install Maid System - Indirect HVAC Savings	102,163	27,561	74,602	$ 9,742	$ 10,444	$ -
Combined	380,613	102,679	277,934	$ 36,293	$ 26,711	$ 224,000

The value of one watt saved at the server CPU

1 Watt at CPU

= 1.25 Watts at entry to server (80% efficient power supply)

= 1.56 Watts at entry to UPS (80% efficient power supply)

= 2.5 Watts including cooling (2.0 PUE)

= 22 kWh per year

= $2.20 per year (assuming $0.10/kWh)

= $6 of infrastructure cost (assuming $6/W)

- **Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Perspective = $12.60 (assuming three year life of server)**
- **Typical added cost of 80 plus power supply $3 - $5.**
- **Typical value - $168 (assumes 15 Watts saved at power supply not CPU)**

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IT take aways

- Efficient power supplies have large annual savings
- Efficient power supplies reduce infrastructure power consumption
- Efficient servers are orders of magnitude more efficient than older equipment
- Public utility incentives may be available
- Virtualization can eliminate many servers
- Thin clients are economical and great energy savers
- Software to limit spinning discs has large promise
- Saving one watt at the server saves 2.5 watts overall

Energy Star Server Draft Specificatons

- See http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=new_specs.enterprise_servers
- Main contact: Andrew Fanara, EPA, Fanara.andrew@epa.gov

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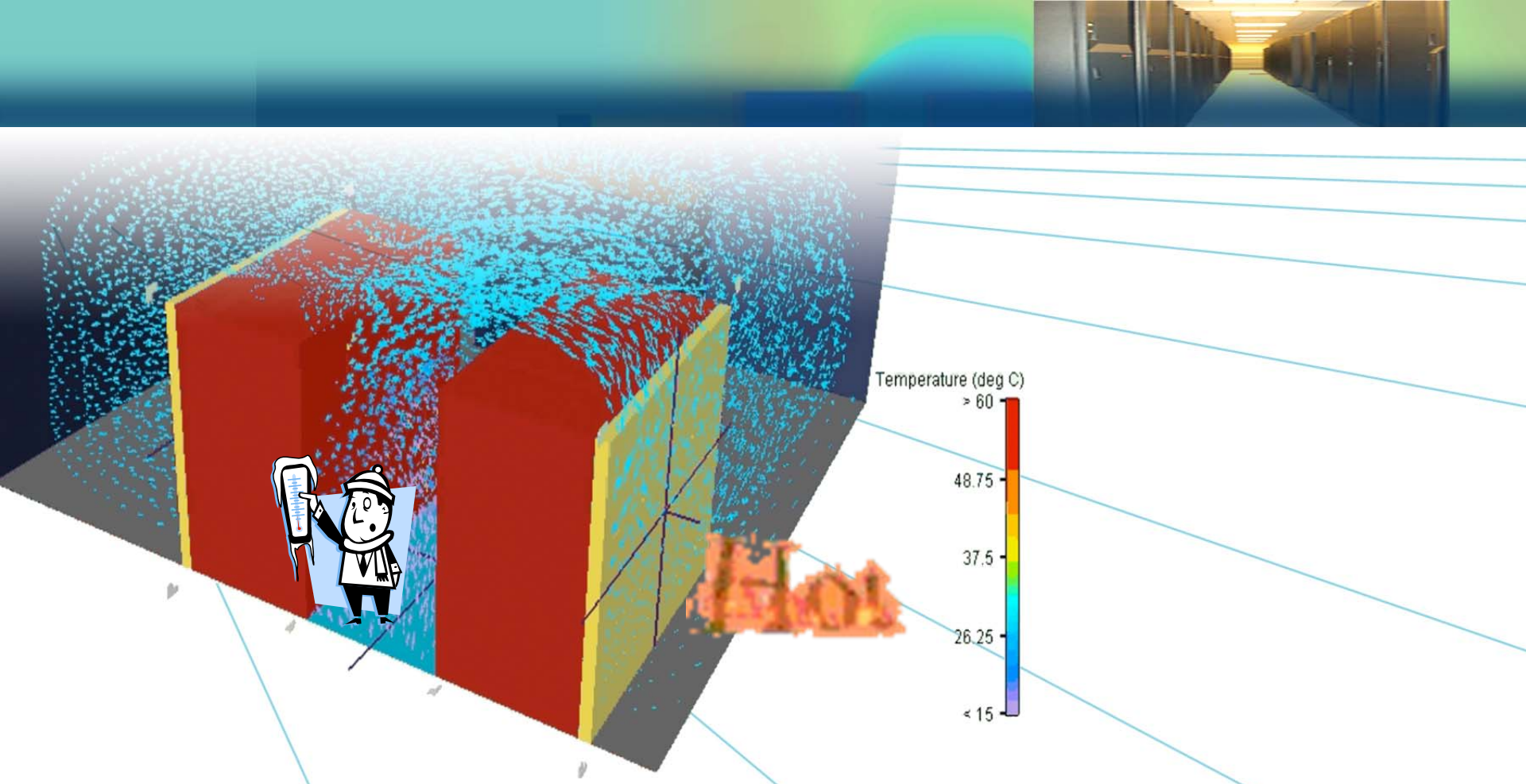

Environmental Conditions

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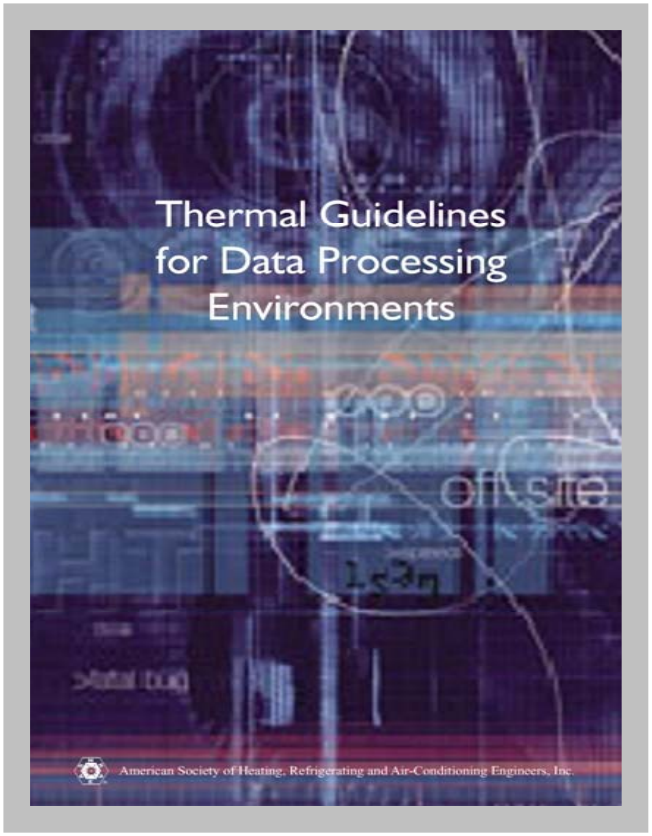
Environmental conditions

- ASHRAE - consensus from all major IT manufacturers on temperature and humidity conditions
- Recommended and Allowable ranges of temp and humidity
- In revision 2008



Design conditions at the inlet to IT equipment

Class 1 => Data Center
Class 2 => IT Space, Lab or Office Space
NEBS => Telecom standard

Recommended => Design and Ops Target
Allowable => Equipment Specs.
(may result in diminished reliability or operation)

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Class 1, Class 2 and NEBS Design Conditions

Condition	Class 1 / Class 2		NEBS	
	Allowable Level	Recommended Level	Allowable Level	Recommended Level
Temperature control range	59°F – 90°F[a,f] (Class 1) 50°F – 95°F[a,f] (Class 2)	68°F – 77°F[a]	41°F – 104°F[c,f]	65°F – 80°F[d]
Maximum temperature rate of change	9°F. per hour[a]		2.9°F/min. [d]	
Relative humidity control range	20% - 80% 63°F. Max Dewpoint[a] (Class 1) 70°F. Max Dewpoint[a] (Class 2)	40% - 55%[a]	5% to 85% 82°F Max Dewpoint[c]	Max 55%[e]
Filtration quality	65%, min. 30%[b] (MERV 11, min. MERV 8)[b]			

[a]These conditions are inlet conditions recommended in the ASHRAE Publication *Thermal Guidelines for Data Processing Environments* (ASHRAE, 2004).
[b]Percentage values per ASHRAE *Standard* 52.1 dust-spot efficiency test. MERV values per ASHRAE Standard 52.2. Refer to Table 8.4 of this publication for the correspondence between MERV, ASHRAE 52.1 & ASHRAE 52.2 Filtration Standards.
[c]Telecordia 2002 GR-63-CORE
[d]Telecordia 2001 GR-3028-CORE
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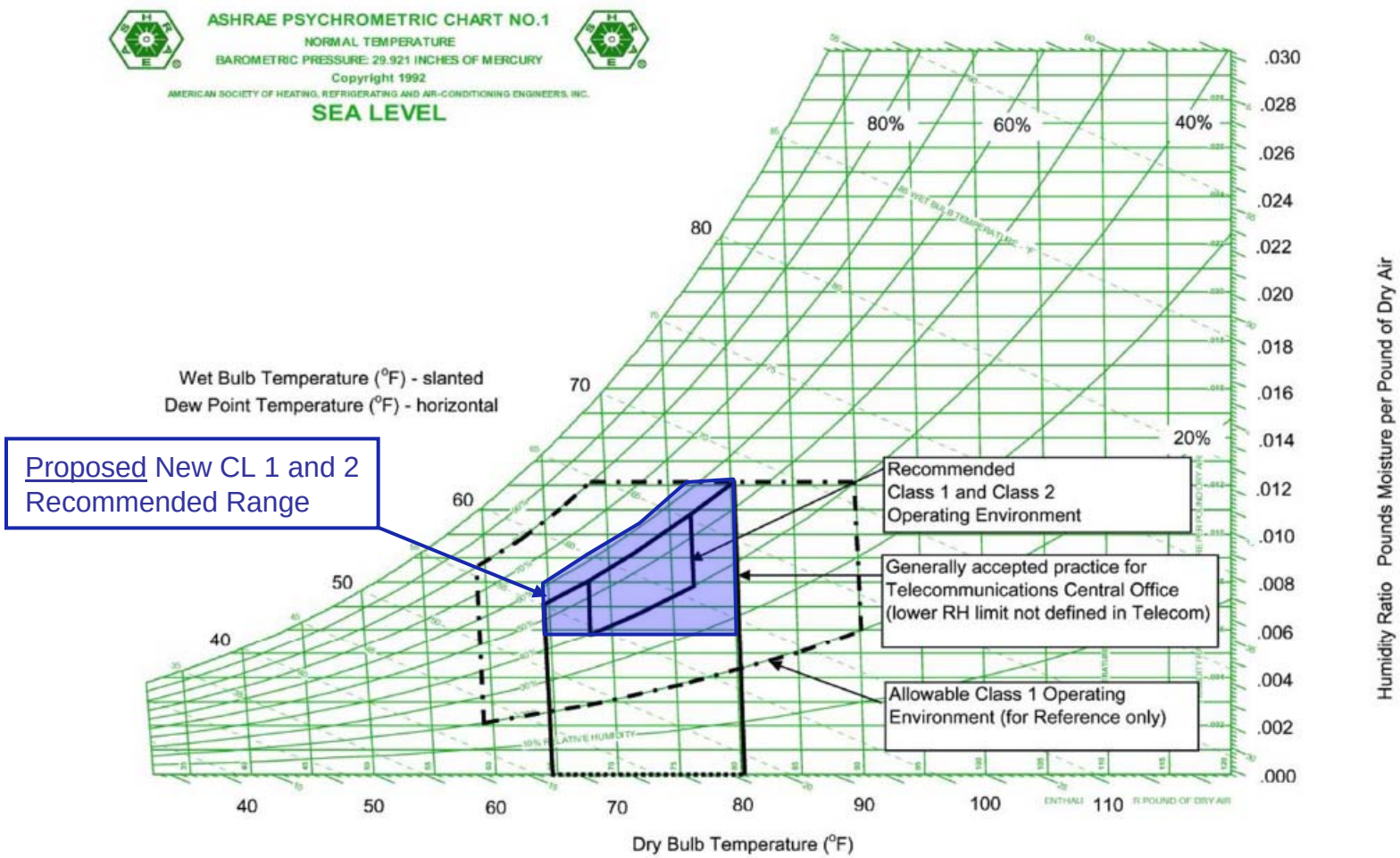
Design conditions at the inlet to IT equipment: proposed

	2004 Version	2008 Version
Low End Temperature	20°C (68 °F)	18°C (64.4 °F)
High End Temperature	25°C (77 °F)	27°C (80.6 °F)
Low End Moisture	40% RH	5.5°C DP (41.9 °F)
High End Moisture	55% RH	60% RH & 15°C DP (59 °F DP)

Design conditions at the inlet to IT equipment



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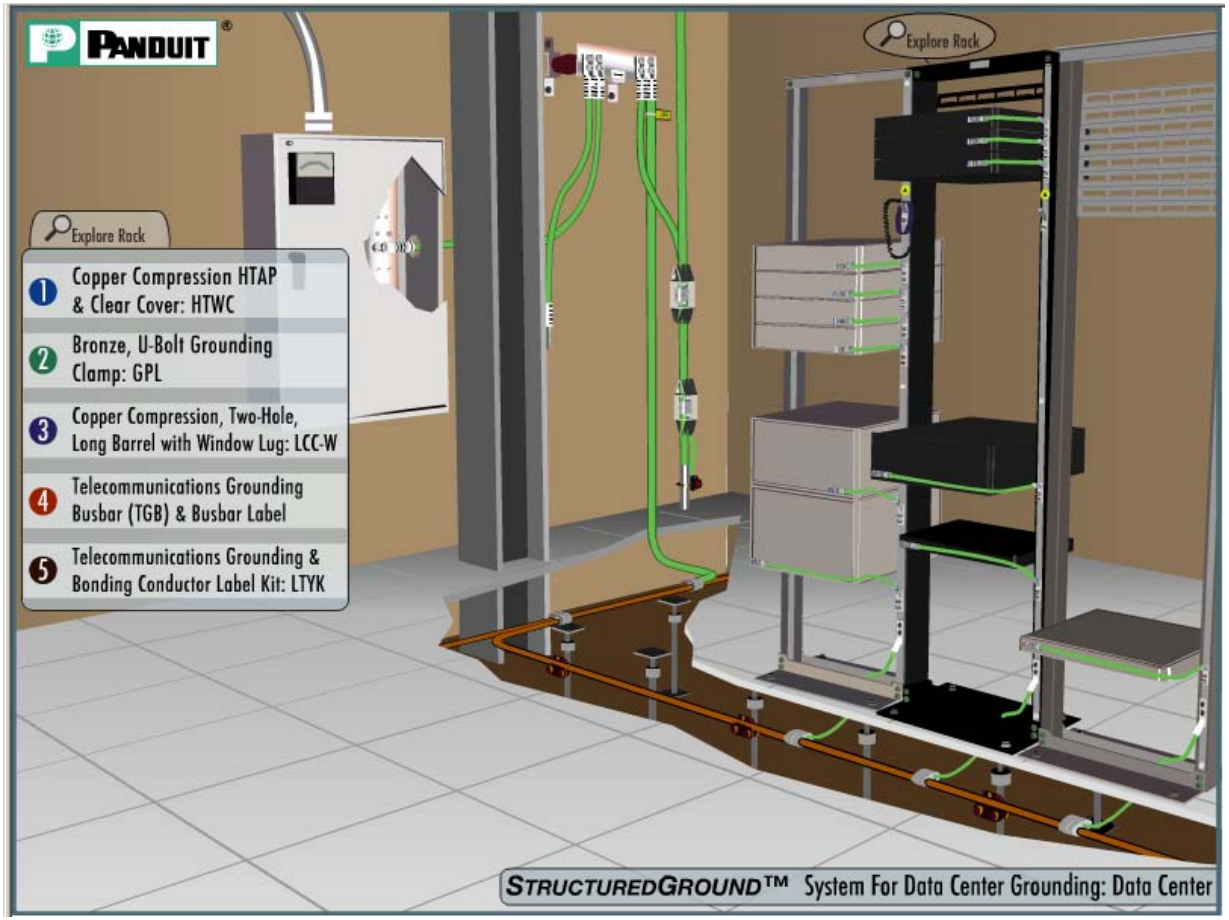
Lower humidity limit

- Mitigate electrostatic discharge (ESD)
  - Recommended procedures
    - Personnel grounding
    - Cable grounding
  - Recommended equipment
    - Grounding wrist straps on racks
    - Grounding for cables (ES build-up when pulling)
    - Grounded flooring
    - Servers rated for ESD resistance
  - Industry practices
    - Telecom industry has no lower limit
    - The Electrostatic Discharge Association has removed humidity control as a primary ESD control measure in their ESD/ANSI S20.20 standard
- Humidity controls are a point of failure and are hard to maintain
- Many data centers operate without humidification
- This needs more research
- Humidity may be required for some physical media (tape storage, printing and bursting)
  - Old technology not found in many data centers
  - It is best to segregate these items rather than humidify the entire data center

ESD control: floor grounding



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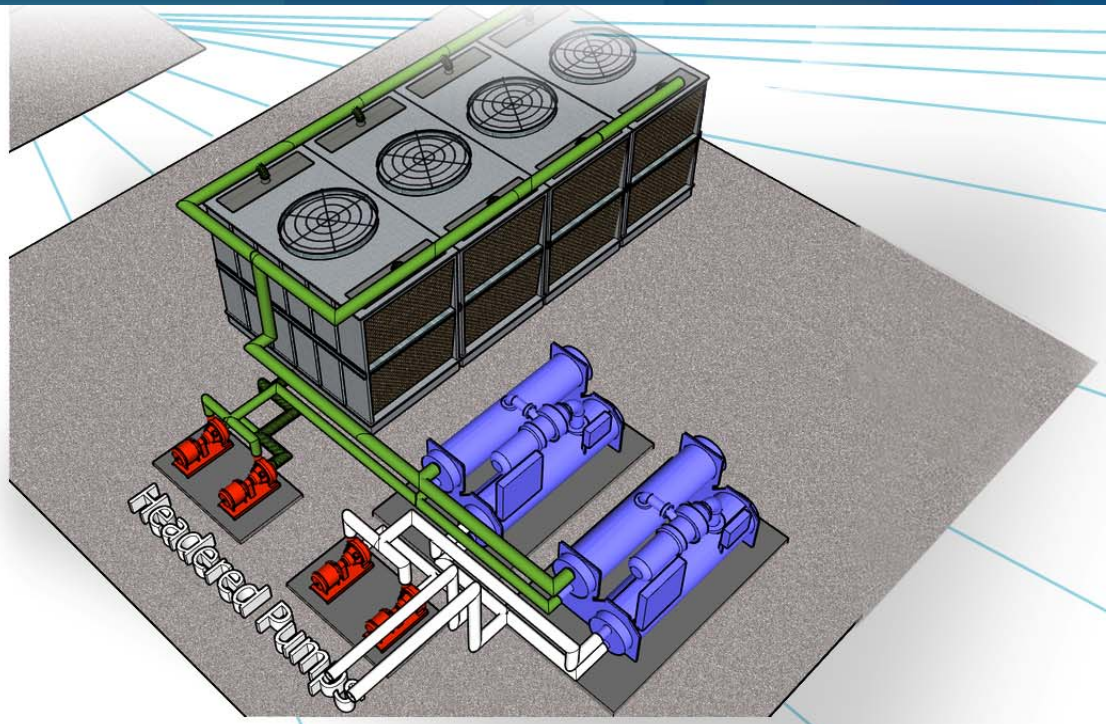
Design issue take aways

- Use the entire ASHRAE recommended range in data center operation.
  - Provide the warmest supply temperatures that satisfy the equipment inlet conditions.
  - Control to the widest humidity range.
- Humidification does not protect against ESD, consider ground and personnel practices in lieu of humidification.
- Isolate equipment that needs tighter humidity or temperature control.



Air System Design

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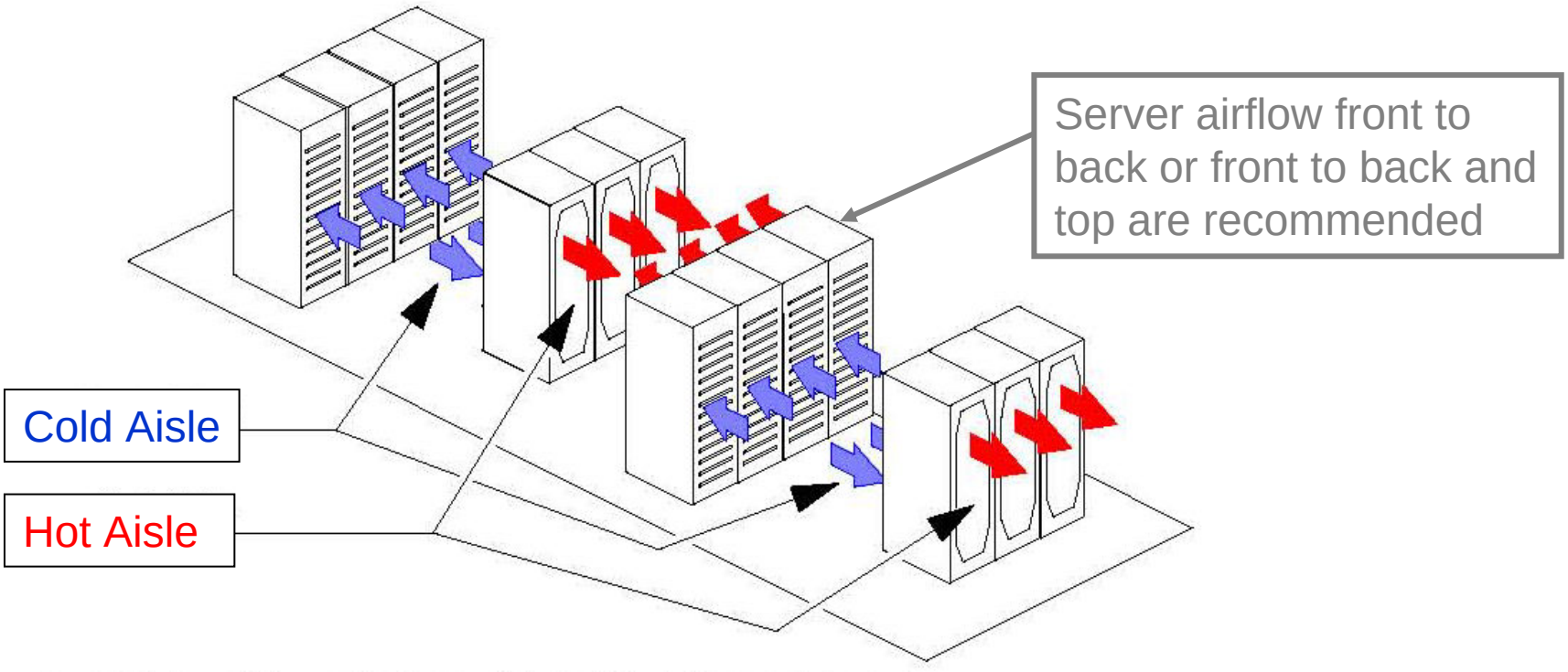
Air system design overview

- Data center layout
- Airflow configurations
  - Distribution: overhead or underfloor
  - Control: constant or variable volume
- Airflow issues

Data center layout



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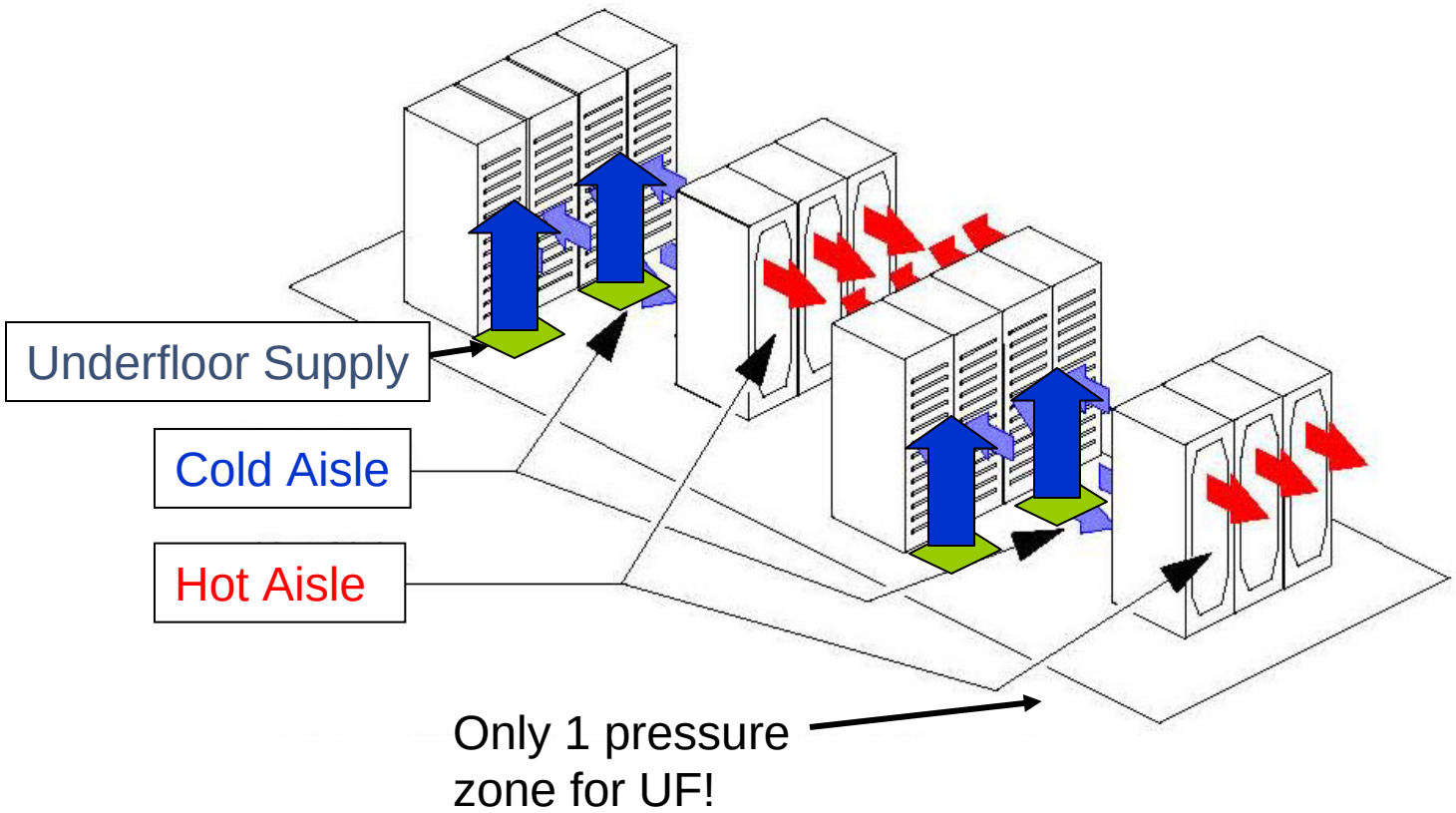
Underfloor supply



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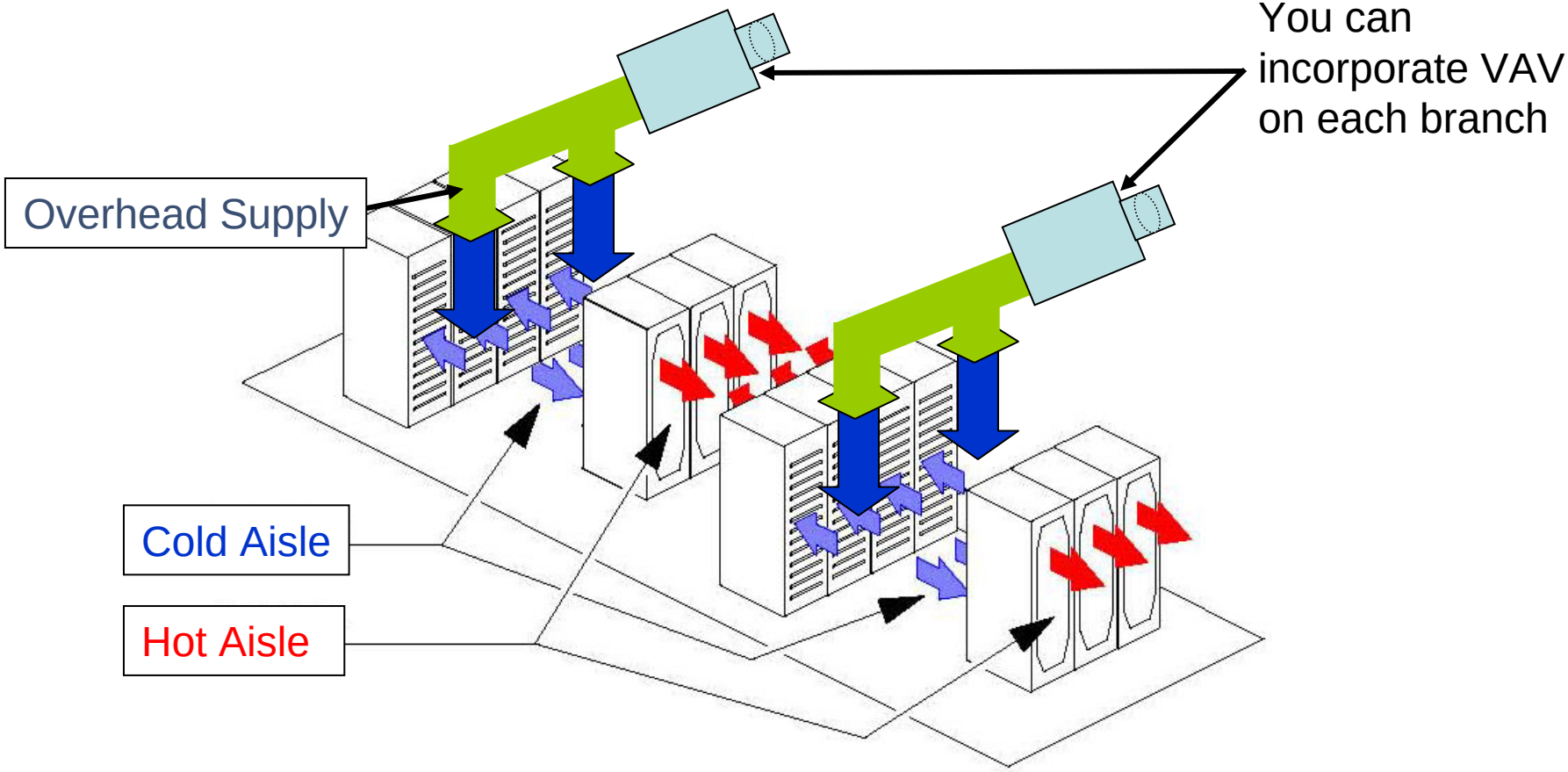

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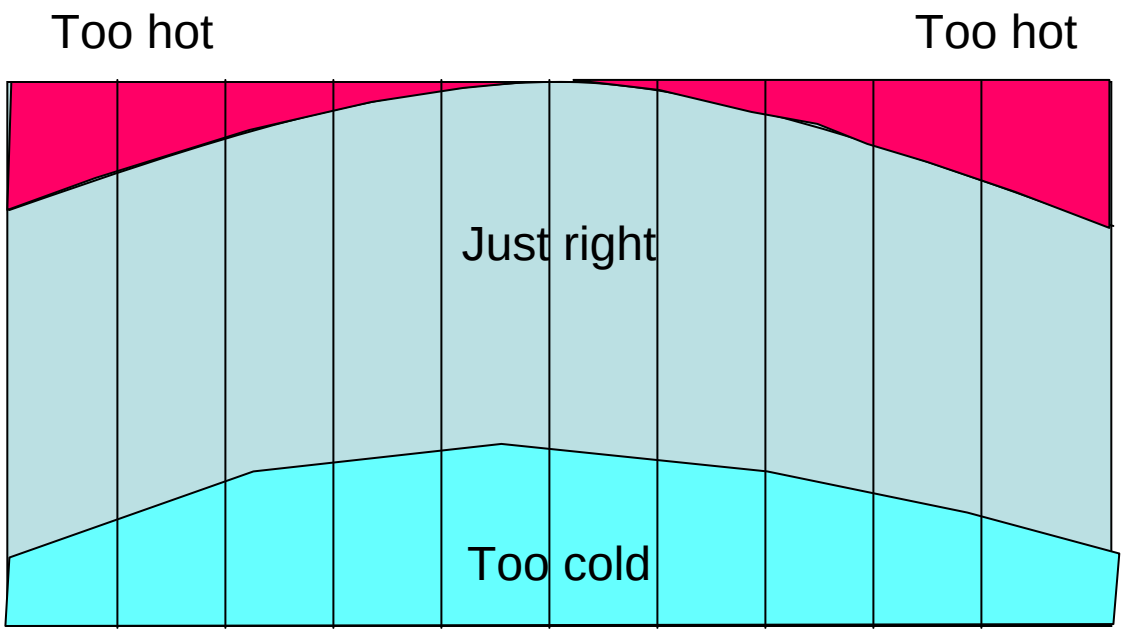
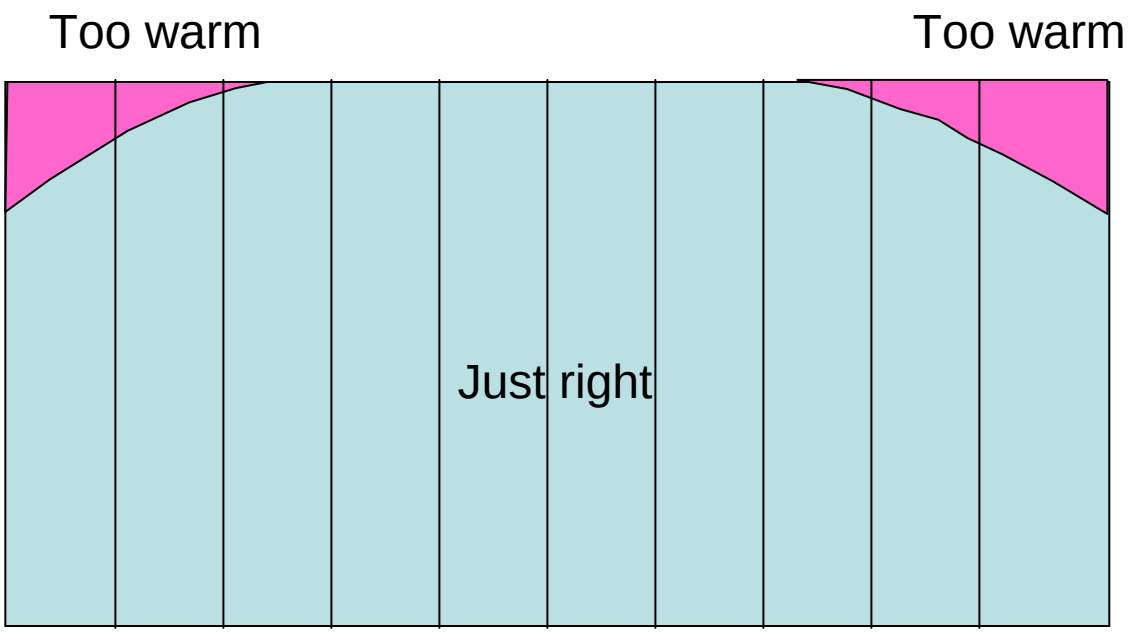
Typical temperature profile with underfloor supply



Elevation at a cold aisle looking at racks

There are numerous references in ASHRAE. See for example V. Sorell et al; "Comparison of Overhead and Underfloor Air Delivery Systems in a Data Center Environment Using CFD Modeling"; ASHRAE Symposium Paper DE-05-11-5; 2005

Typical temperature profile with overhead supply



Elevation at a cold aisle looking at racks

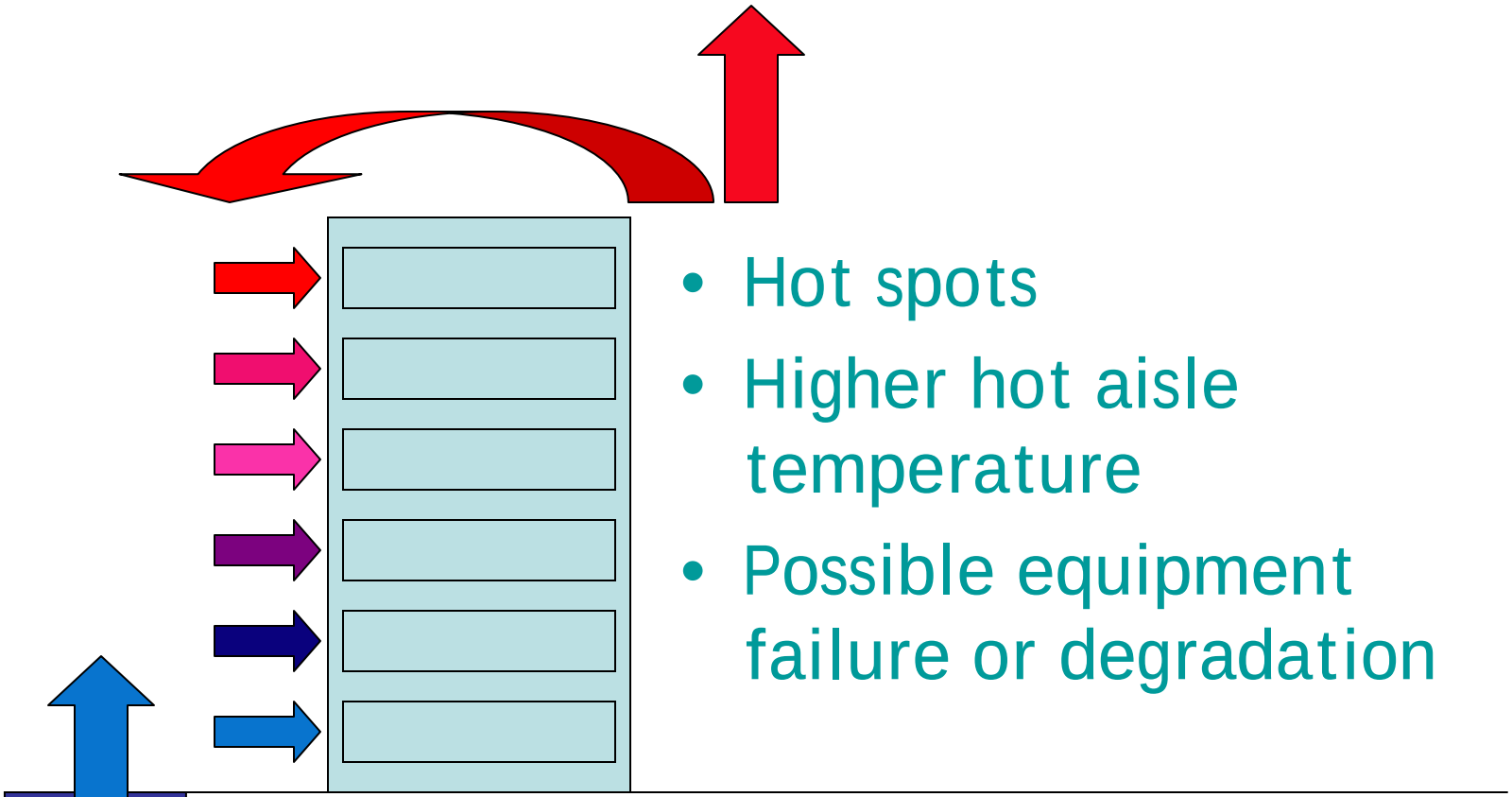
Overhead (OH) vs. underfloor (UF)

Issue	Overhead (OH) Supply	Underfloor (UF) Supply
Capacity	Limited by space and aisle velocity.	Limited by free area of floor tiles.
Balancing	Continuous on both outlet and branch.	Usually limited to incremental changes by diffuser type. Some tiles have balancing dampers. Also underfloor velocities can starve floor grilles!
Control	Up to one pressure zone by branch.	Only one pressure zone per floor, can provide multiple temperature zones.
Temperature Control	Most uniform.	Commonly cold at bottom and hot at top.
First Cost	Best (if you eliminate the floor).	Generally worse.
Energy Cost	Best.	Worst.
Aisle Capping	Hot or cold aisle possible.	Hot or cold aisle possible.

Airflow design disjoint

- IT departments select servers and racks – each having airflow requirements
- Engineers size the facility fans and cooling capacity
- What's missing in this picture?

What happens when the HVAC systems have less airflow than the servers?



- Hot spots
- Higher hot aisle temperature
- Possible equipment failure or degradation

$$\dot{V}_{HVAC_Supply} < \sum \dot{V}_{Servers}$$

i.e. Return Temperature Index > 100%

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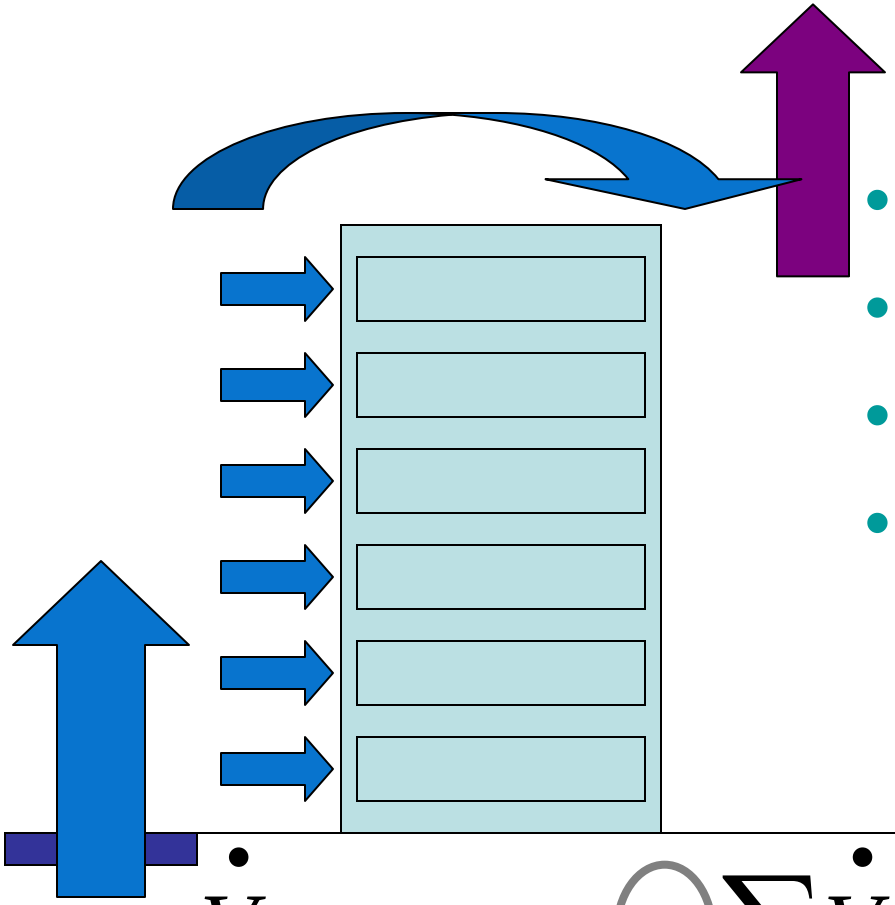
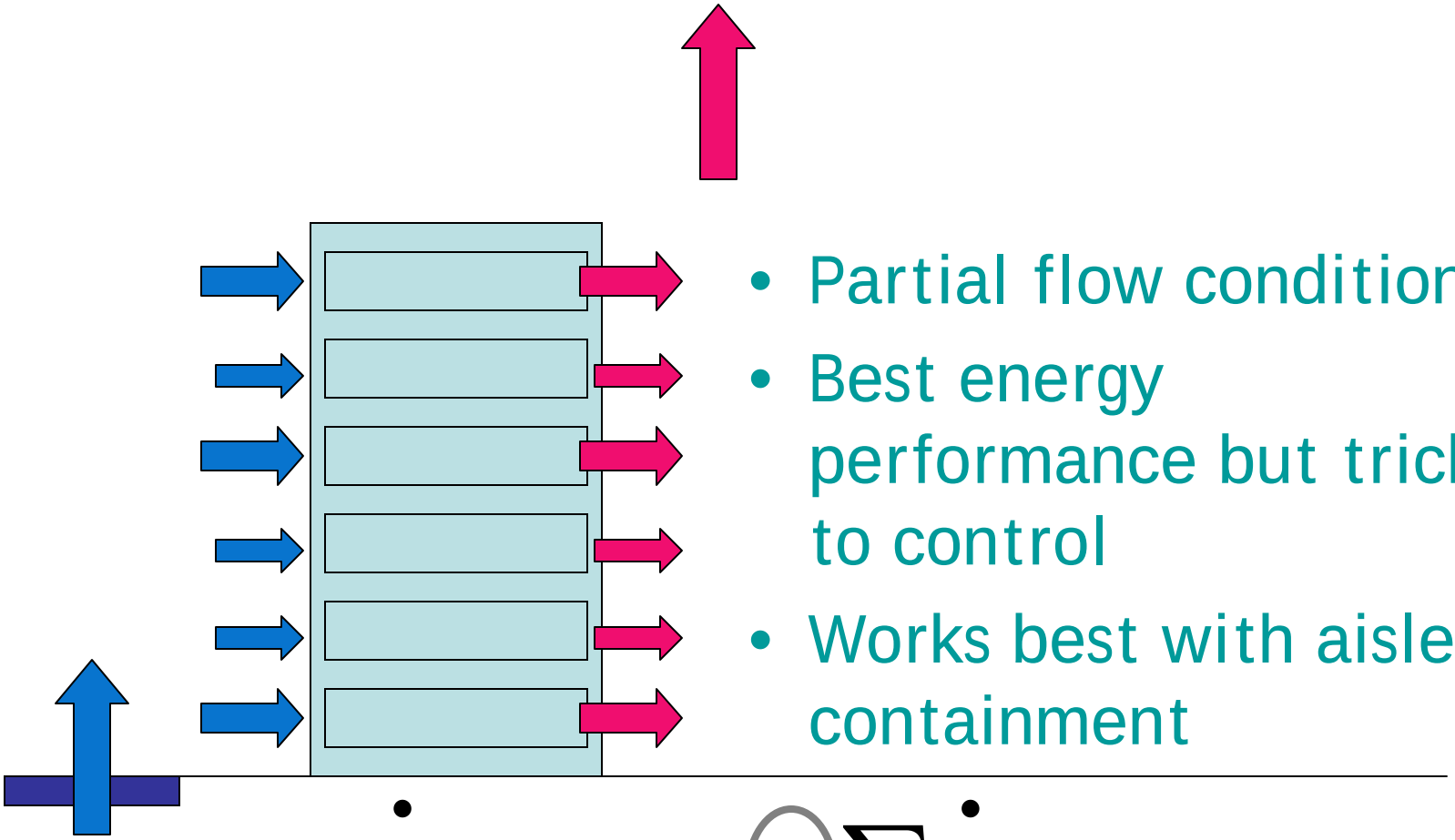


- Least hot spots
- Higher air velocities
- Higher fan energy
- Reduced economizer effectiveness (due to lower return temperatures)

$$\dot{V}_{HVAC_Supply} > \sum \dot{V}_{Servers}$$

i.e. Return Temperature Index < 100%

In a perfect world, variable flow supply and server fans…

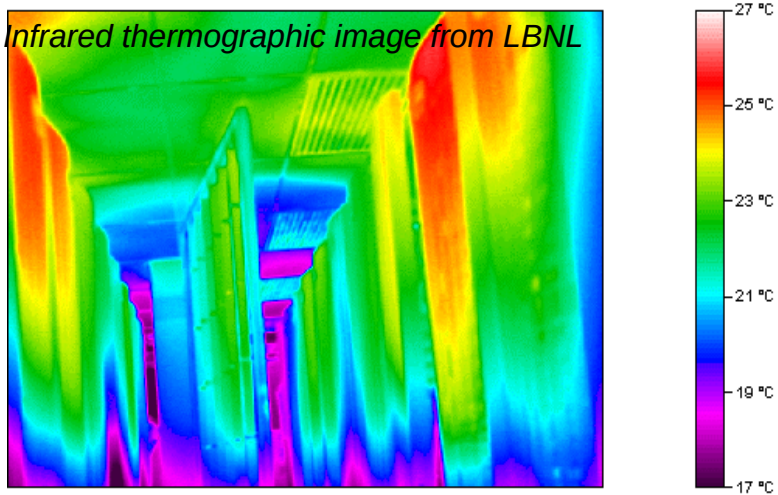


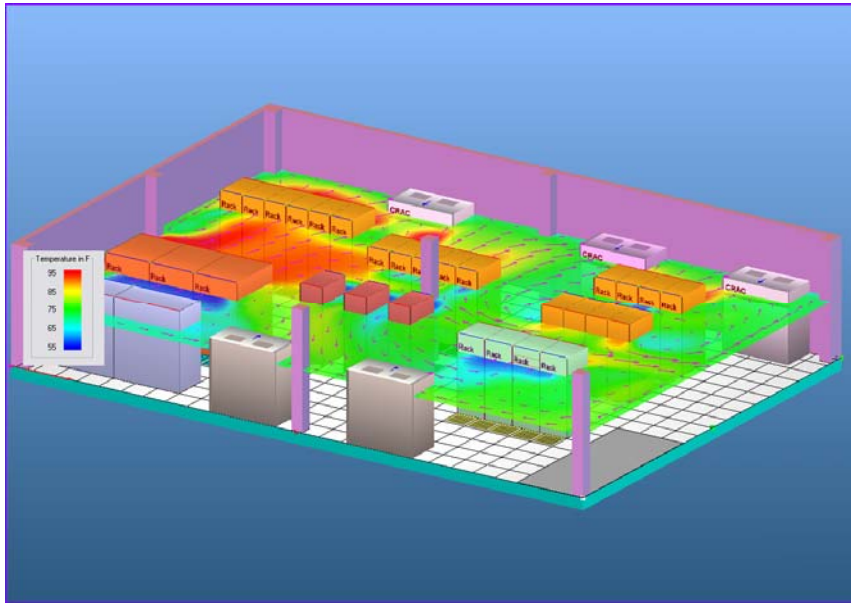
- Partial flow condition
- Best energy performance but tricky to control
- Works best with aisle containment

$$\dot{V}_{HVAC_Supply} > \sum \dot{V}_{Servers}$$

How Do You Balance Airflow?

- Spreadsheet
- CFD
- Monitoring, infrared thermography or other site measurements
- Using aisle containment





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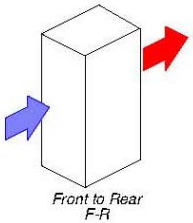
ASHRAE Thermal Report

XYZ Co. Model abc Server: Representative Configurations

	Condition								
	Voltage 110 Volts								
	Typical Heat Release	Airflow[a], Nominal		Airflow, Maximum at 35°C		Weight		Overall System Dimensions[b] (W × D × H)	
Description	watts	cfm	(m^3/h)	cfm	(m^3/h)	lbs	kg	in.	mm
Minimum Configuration	*1765*	*400*	*680*	*600*	*1020*	*896*	*406*	*30 × 40 × 72*	*762 × 1016 × 1828*
Full Configuration	*10740*	*750*	*1275*	*1125*	*1913*	*1528*	*693*	*61 × 40 × 72*	*1549 × 1016 × 1828*
Typical Configuration	*5040*	*555*	*943*	*833*	*1415*	*1040*	*472*	*30 × 40 × 72*	*762 × 1016 × 1828*

ASHRAE Class	Airflow Diagram *Cooling scheme F-R*		
1, 2, 3		Minimum Configuration	*1 CPU-A, 1 GB, 2 I/O*
		Full Configuration	*8 CPU-B, 16 GB, 64 I/O (2 GB cards, 2 frames)*
		Typical Configuration	*4 CPU-A, 8 GB, 32 I/O (2 GB cards, 1 frame)*

a. The airflow values are for an air density of 1.2 kg/m^3 (0.075 lb/ft^3). This corresponds to air at 20°C (68°F), 101.3 kPA (14.7 psia), and 50% relative humidity.
b. Footprint does not include service clearance or cable management, which is zero on the sides, 46 in. (1168 mm) in the front, and 40 in. (1016 mm) in the rear.

From ASHRAE's Thermal Guidelines for Data Processing Environments

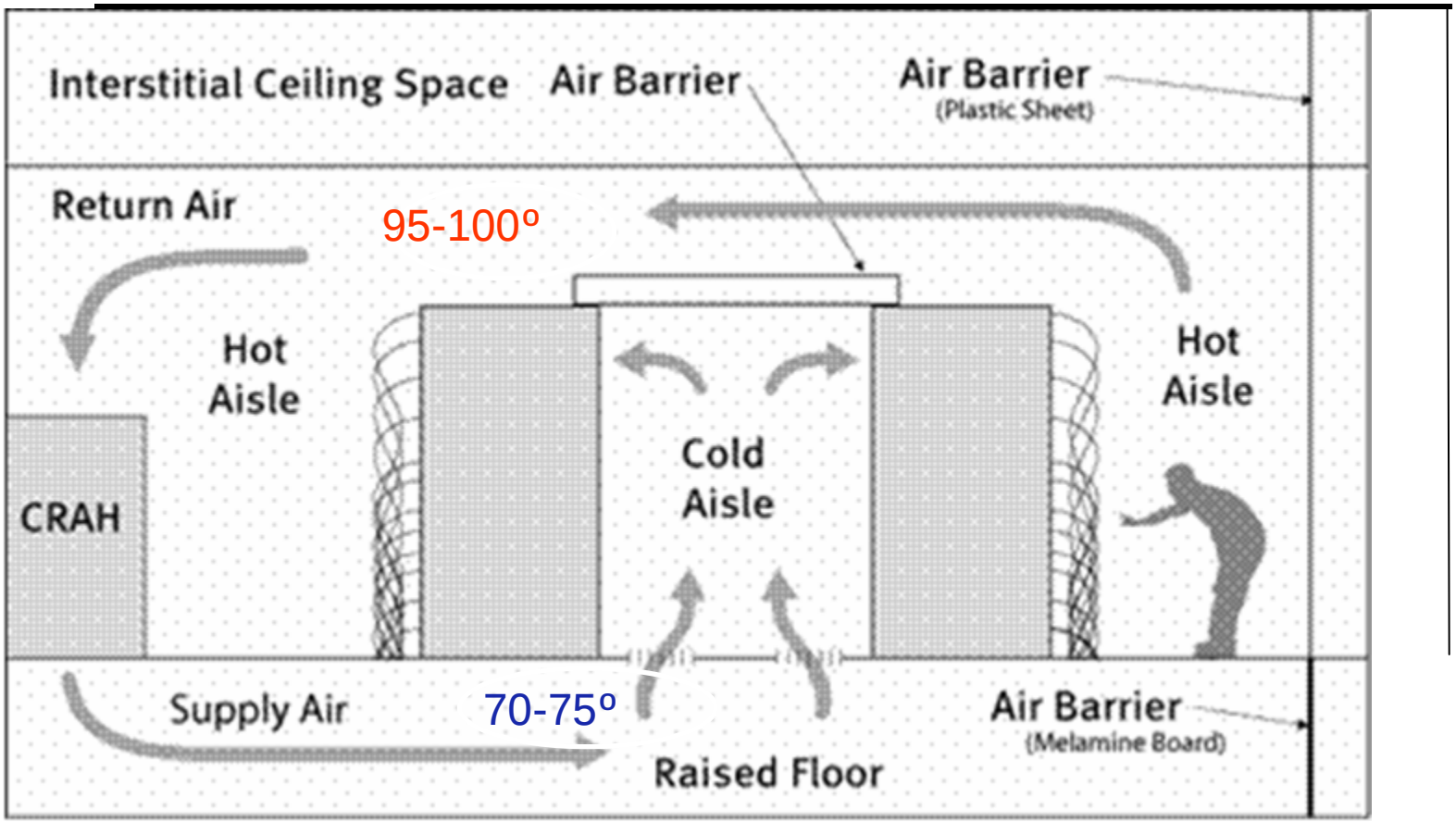
What's the IT Equipment Airflow?

	SUN	SUN	DELL	DELL
	V490	V240	2850	6850
num fans	9	3	n/a	n/a
total CFM (max)	150	55.65	42	185
total CFM (min)			27	126
fan speed	single speed	variable	2 speed	2 speed
fan control	n/a	inlet temp.	77F inlet	77F inlet
Form Factor (in U's)	5	2	2	4
heat min config (btuh)		798		454
heat max config (btuh)	5,459	1,639	2,222	4,236
heat max (watts)	1,599	480	651	1,241
dT min config	-	13	-	3
dT max config	33	27	48	21
servers per rack	8	21	21	10
CFM/rack (hi inlet temp)	1,200	1,169	882	1,850
CFM/rack (low inlet temp)	1,200		567	1,260
max load / rack (kW)	13	10	14	12

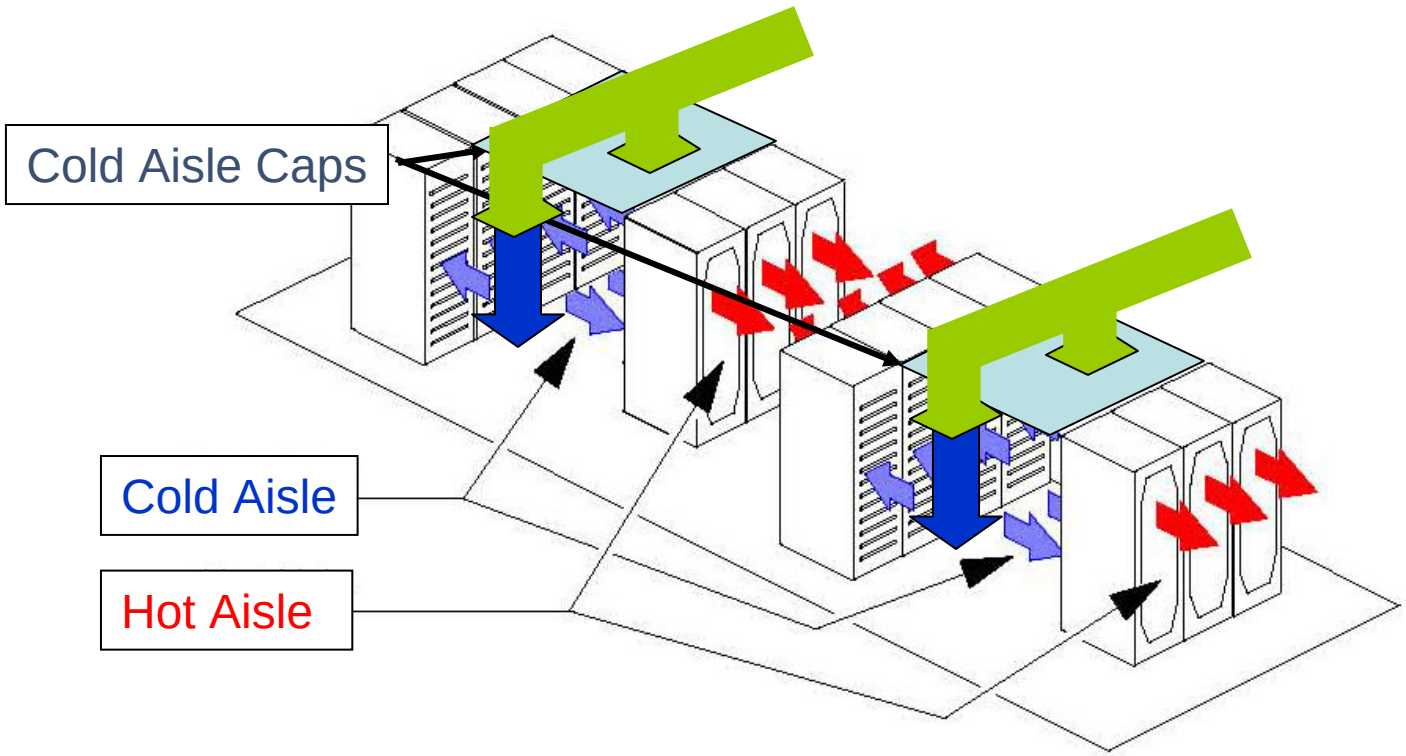
Isolating hot or cold aisles

- Energy intensive IT equipment needs good isolation of “cold” inlet and “hot” discharge.
- Computer room air conditioner airflow can be reduced if no mixing occurs.
- Overall temperature can be raised in the data center if air is delivered to equipment without mixing.
- DX coils and chillers are more efficient with higher temperature differences.
- Higher temperatures increase air- and water-economizer effectiveness.

Cold aisle containment, underfloor supply



Cold aisle containment, overhead supply



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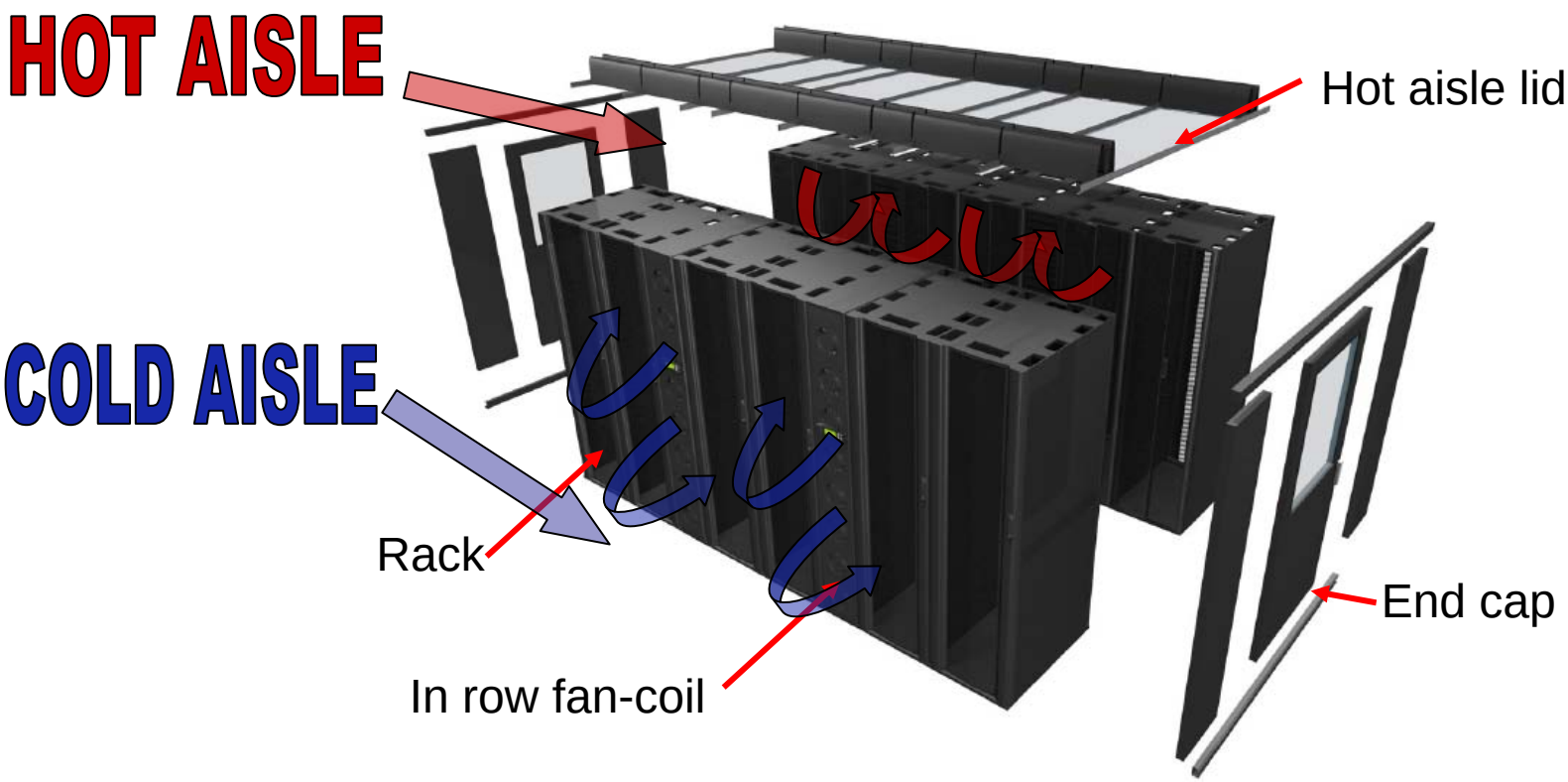
Hot aisle containment with in row cooling



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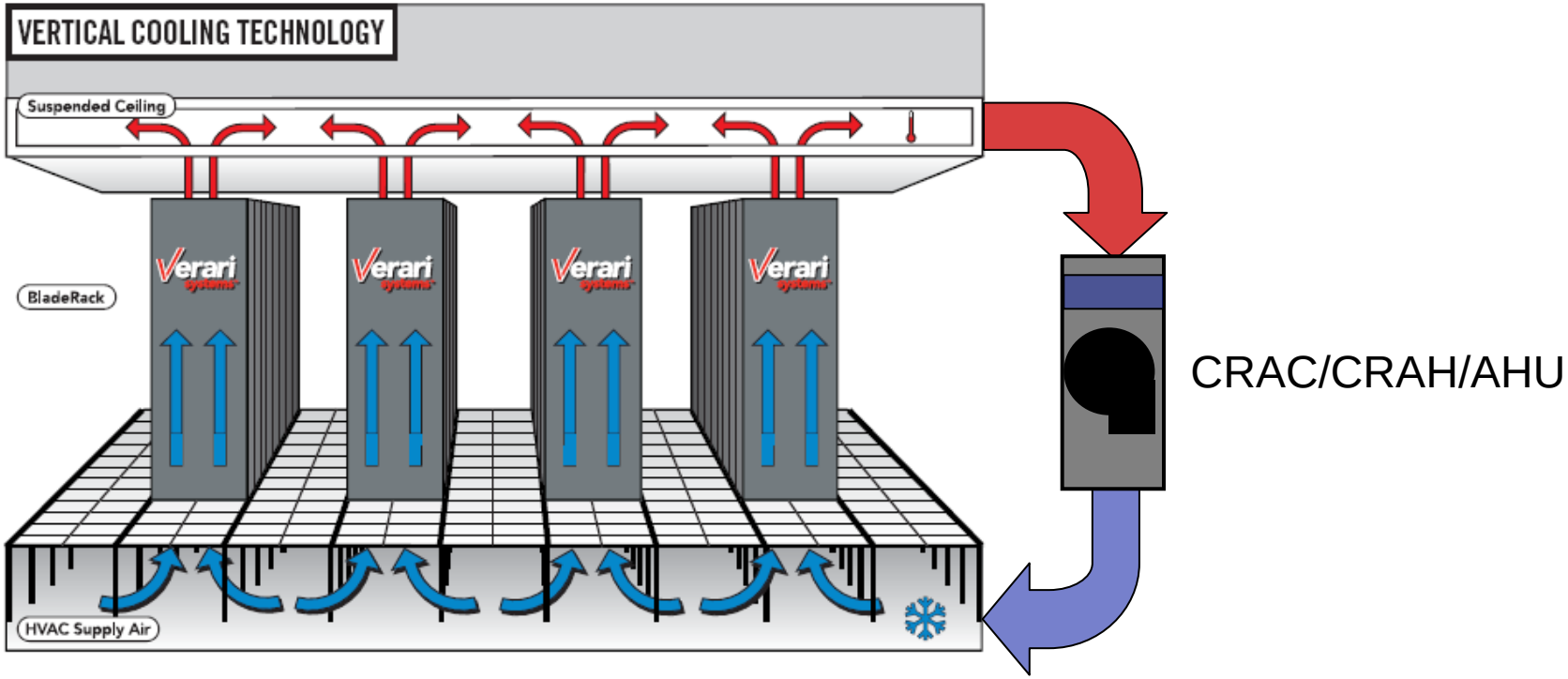
Combined hot and cold aisle containment



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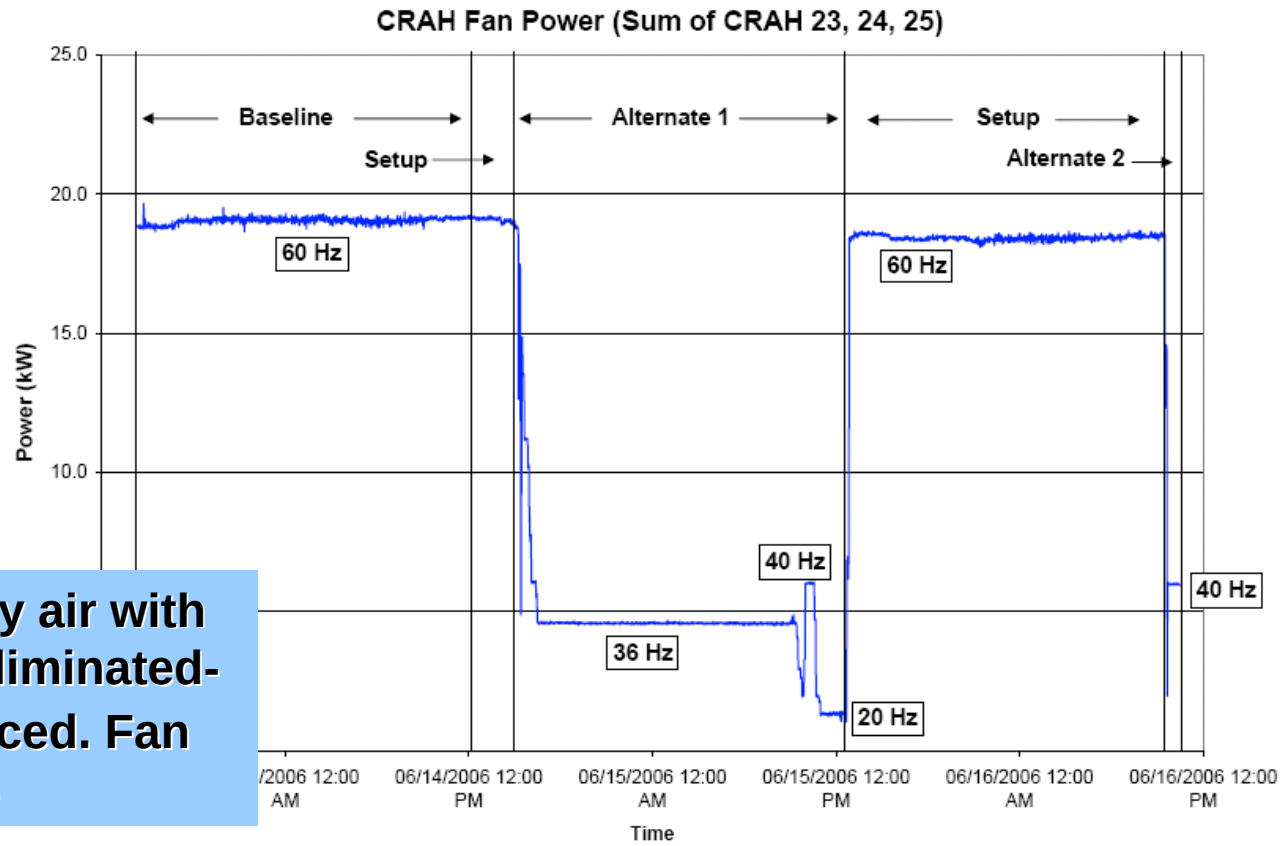
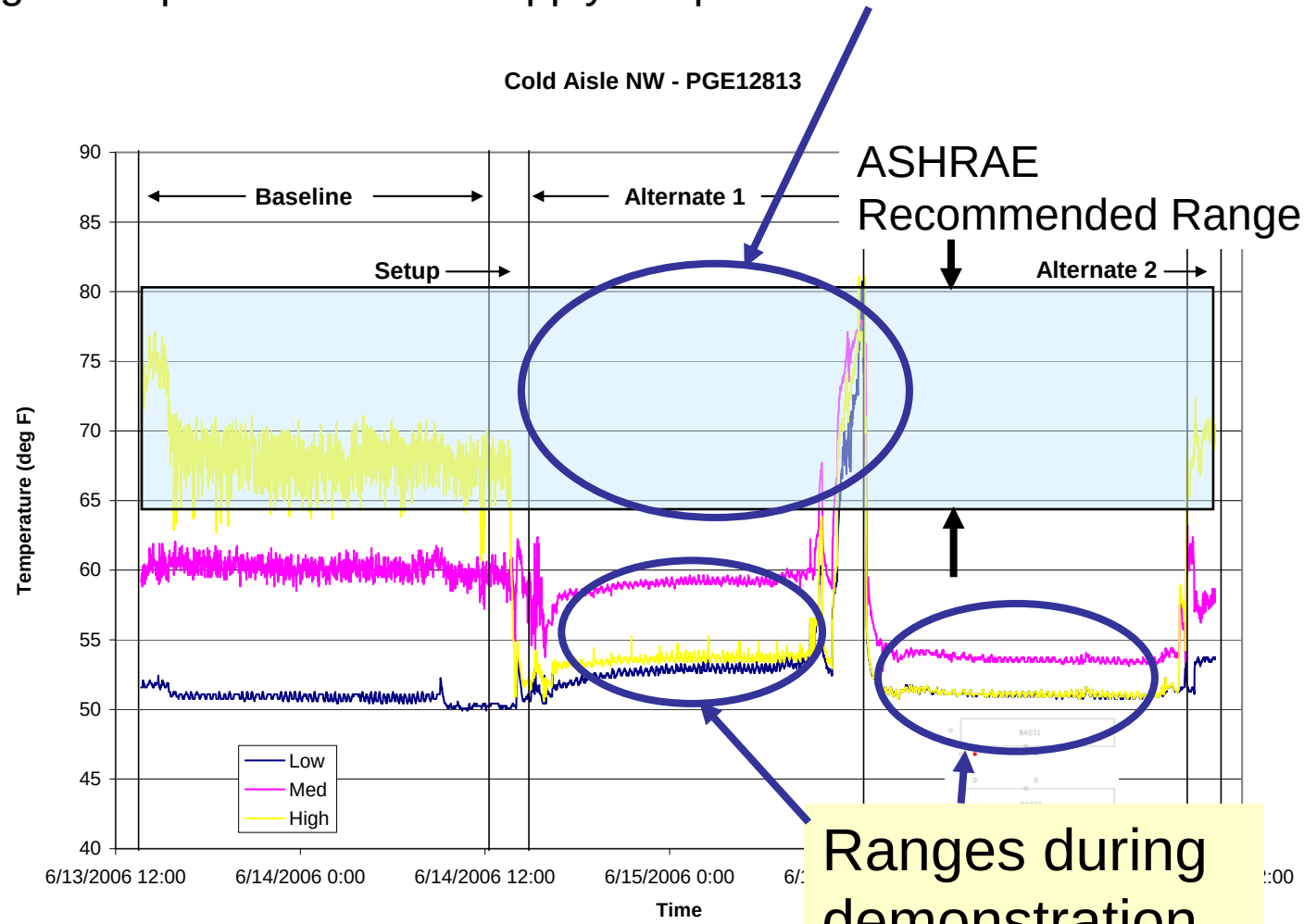
LBNL cold aisle containment demo



If mixing of cold supply air with hot return air can be eliminated- fan speed can be reduced. Fan Energy Savings ~ 75%

LBNL cold aisle containment demo

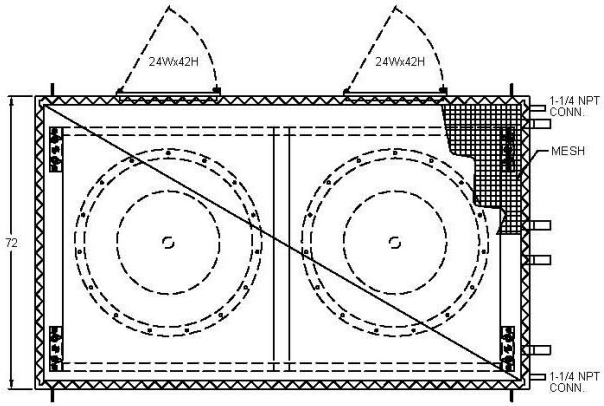
Better airflow management permits warmer supply temperatures!



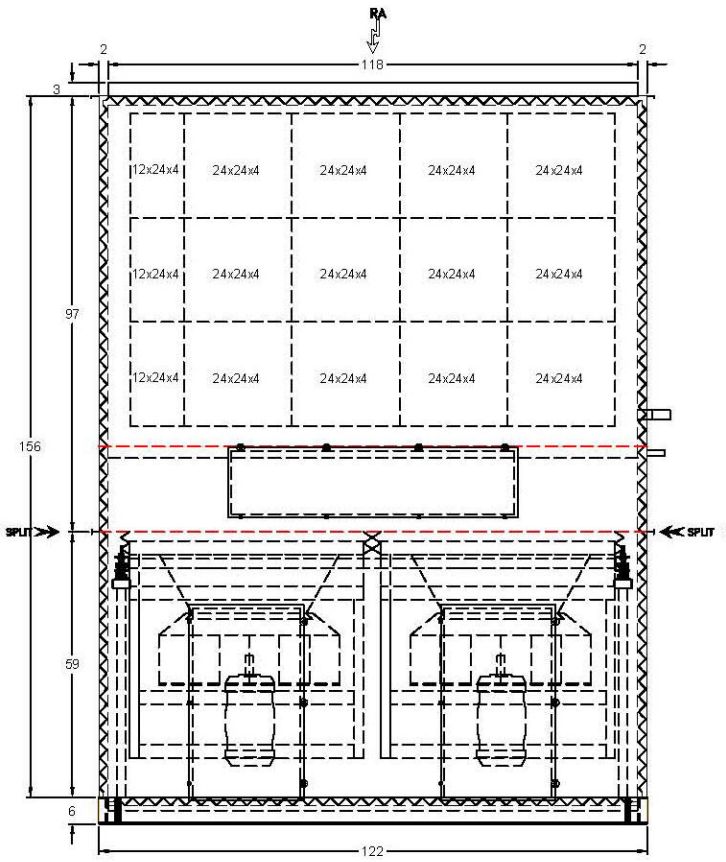
Other containment opportunities

- Freezer strips at hot or cold aisle (end caps and above racks).
- Consider just using eggcrates ceiling panels (and no containment over the hot aisles).
- Use ceiling for return and duct CRAC/CRAH/AHU returns to the ceiling.

Custom AHUs



PLAN VIEW



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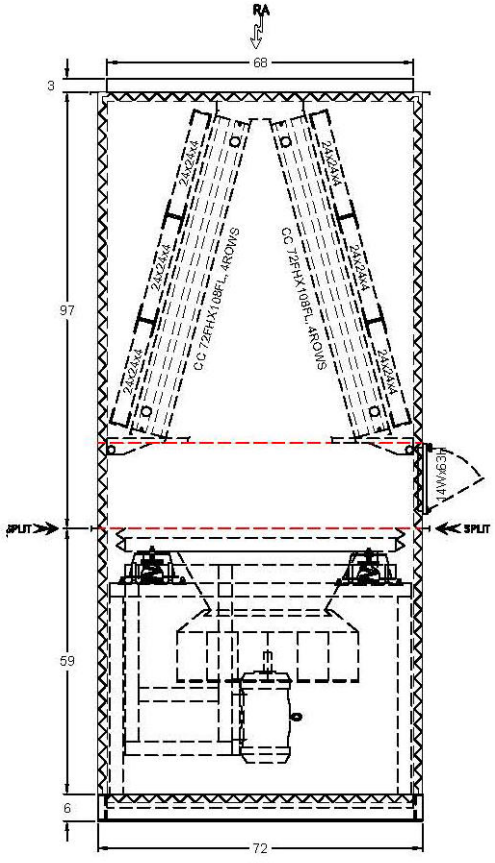


SIDE VIEW

Example custom CRAH unit comparison

	Option 1	Option 2	
Model	Std CRAC	Custom Model 1	Custom Model 2
Budget Cost	$ 16,235	$ 23,000	$ 41,000
Number of units	21	13	4
net total cooling (btuh)	434,900	410,000	841,000
net sensible (btuh)	397,400	399,000	818,000
sensible (tons)	33.1	33.3	68.2
CFM	16,500	25,000	50,000
SAT	49.90	59.30	59.00
airside dT	25.10	15.70	16.00
Internal SP	2	0.8	0.8
		1.8	1.8
no. fans	3	3	2
fan type	Centrifugal	Plenum	Plenum
no. motors	1	3	2
HP/motor	15	5	15
total HP	15	15	30
BHP/motor	15	4.7	11.5
Unit BHP	15	14.1	23
unit width	122	122	122
depth	35	36	72
height	76	156	168
filter type	ASHRAE 20%	MERV 13	MERV 13
Water PD (ft)	13.5 ft	11.1	11.1
CHW dT	14F	20	20
GPM	66.80	44.00	88.00
Total GPM	1,403	924	66%
Total BHP	315	275	87%

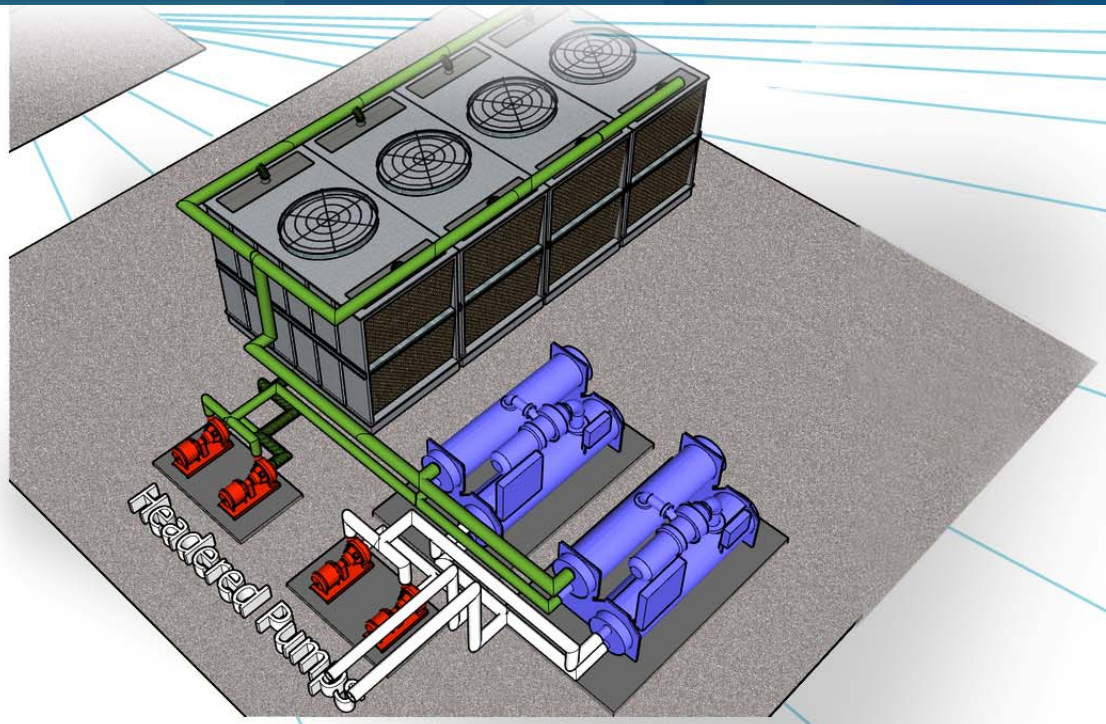
Example CRAH Unit Comparison

- 34% less water flow
- 13% less fan energy
  - More if you consider the supply air temperature and airflow issues
- Excess fan capacity on new units
- 36% higher cost for units, but
  - Fewer piping connections
  - Fewer electrical connections
  - Fewer control panels
  - No need for control gateway
  - Can use the existing distribution piping and pumps (case study)
  - Can use high quality sensors and place them where they make sense
- Possibly less turbulence at discharge?

Best air delivery practices

- Arrange racks in hot aisle/cold aisle configuration.
- Try to match or exceed server airflow by aisle.
  - Get thermal report data from IT if possible.
  - Plan for worst case.
- Get variable speed or two speed fans on servers if possible.
- Provide variable airflow fans for CRAC/H or AHU supply.
- Consider using air handlers rather than CRAHs for improved performance.
- Use overhead supply where possible.
- Provide aisle capping.
- Plug floor leaks and provide blank off plates in racks.
- Draw return from as high as possible.
- Use CFD to inform design and operation.

Break



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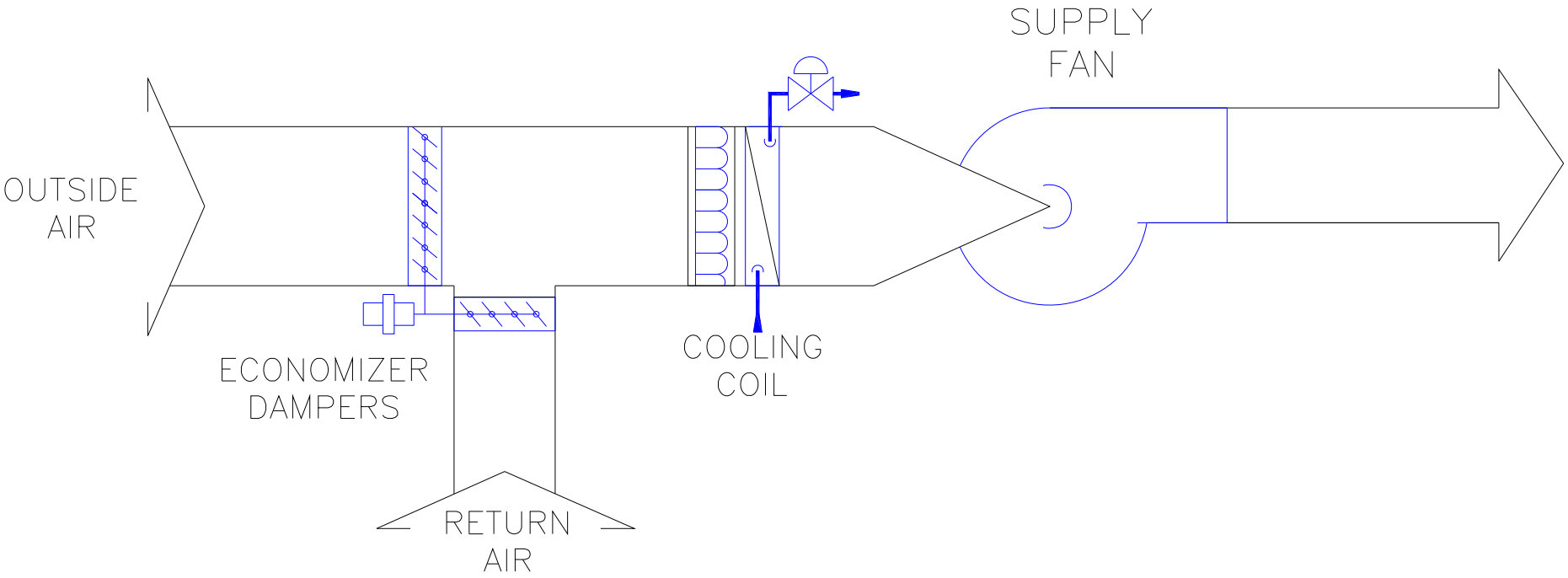
Air-side economizer



Air-Side Economizer issues

- Hygroscopic dust
- Design humidity conditions

Design conditions at the zone: old

Table 2.1
Class 1, Class 2 and NEBS Design Conditions

Condition	Class 1 / Class 2		NEBS	
	Allowable Level	Recommended Level	Allowable Level	Recommended Level
Temperature control range	59°F – 90°F[a,f] (Class 1) 50°F – 95°F[a,f] (Class 2)	68°F – 77°F[a]	41°F – 104°F[c,f]	65°F – 80°F[d]
Maximum temperature rate of change	9°F. per hour[a]		2.9°F/min. [d]	
Relative humidity control range	20% - 80% 63°F. Max Dewpoint[a] (Class 1) 70°F. Max Dewpoint[a] (Class 2)	40% - 55%[a]	5% to 85% 82°F Max Dewpoint[c]	Max 55%[e]
Filtration quality	65%, min. 30%[b] (MERV 11, min. MERV 8)[b]			

[a]These conditions are inlet conditions recommended in the ASHRAE Publication *Thermal Guidelines for Data Processing Environments* (ASHRAE, 2004).
[b]Percentage values per ASHRAE *Standard* 52.1 dust-spot efficiency test. MERV values per ASHRAE Standard 52.2. Refer to Table 8.4 of this publication for the correspondence between MERV, ASHRAE 52.1 & ASHRAE 52.2 Filtration Standards.
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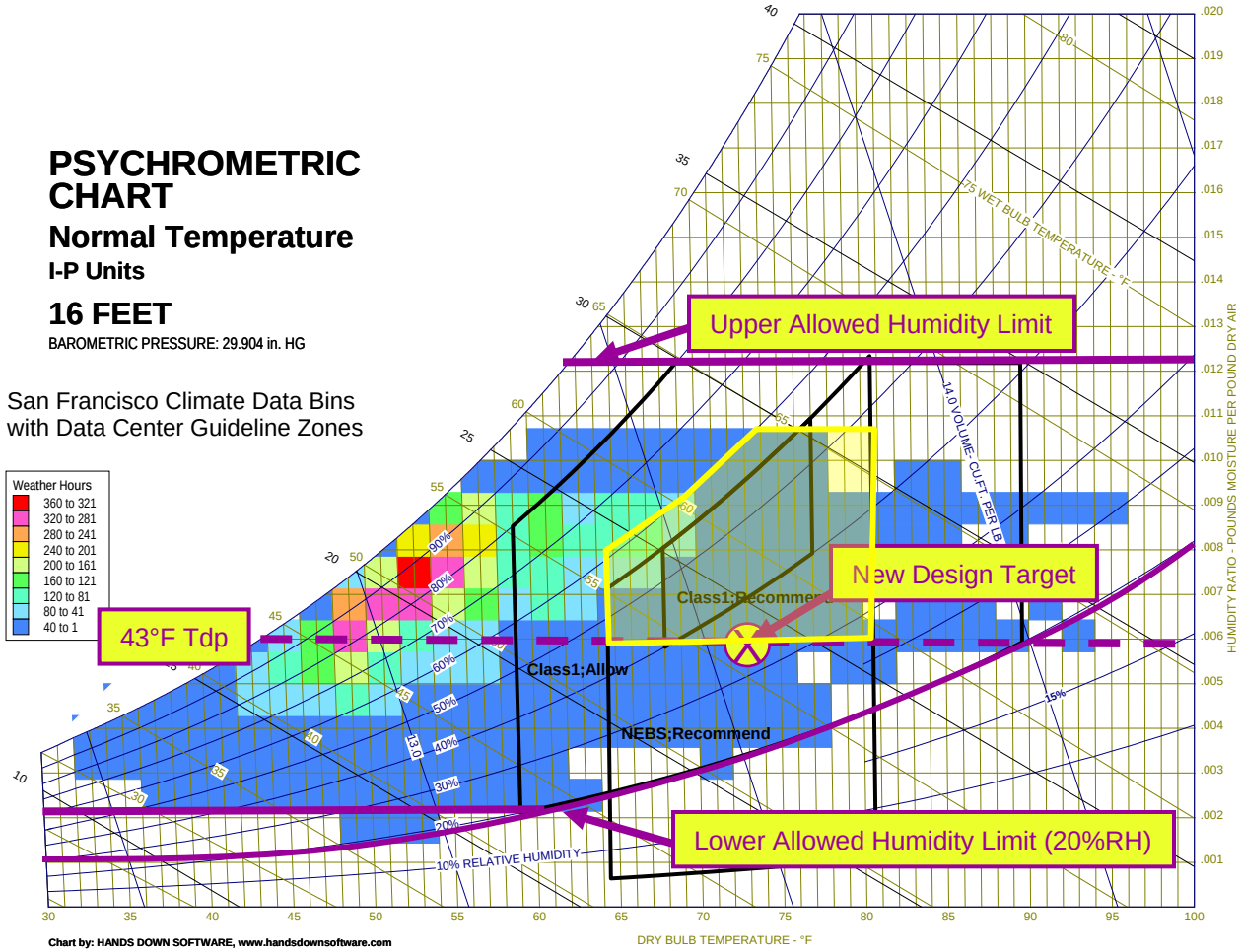

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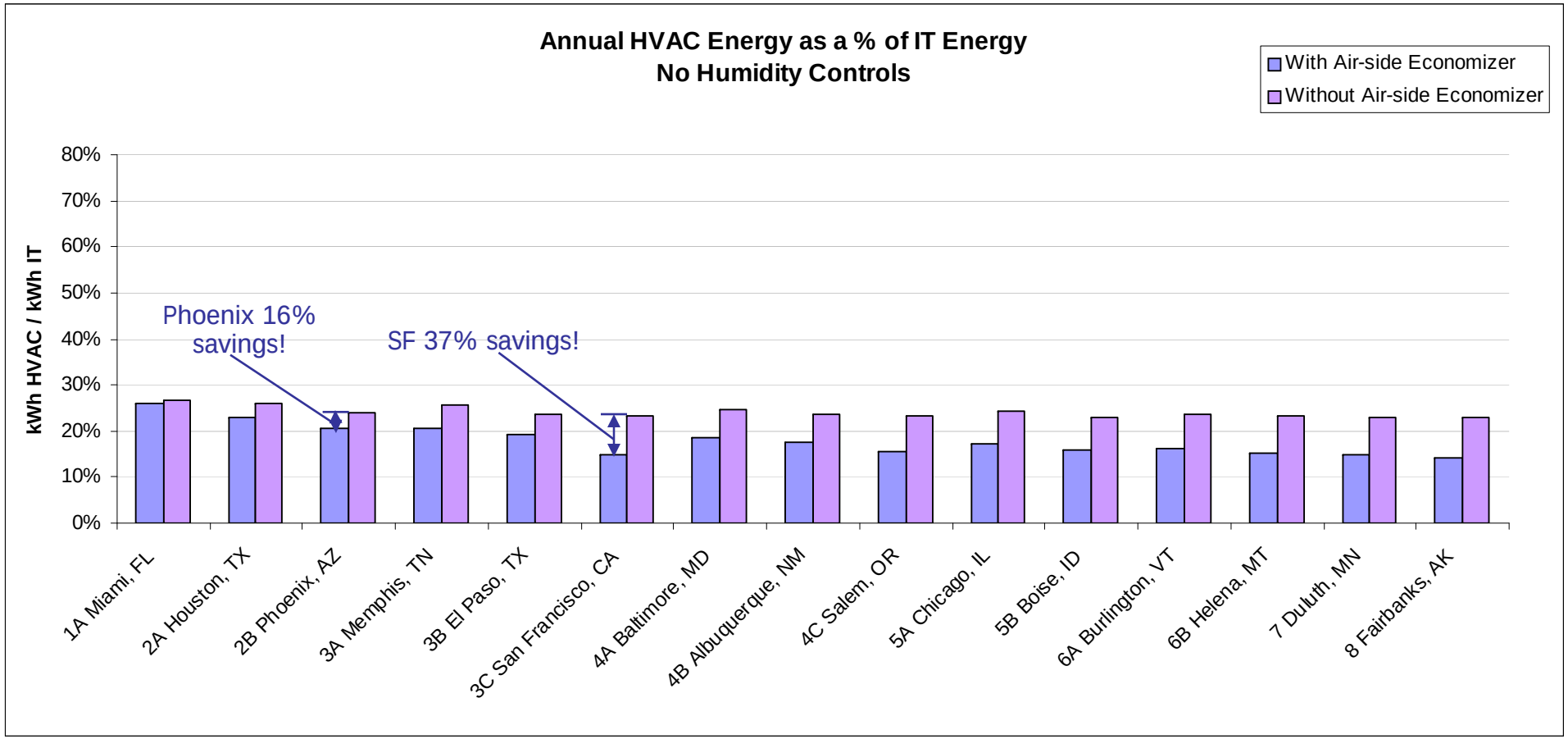
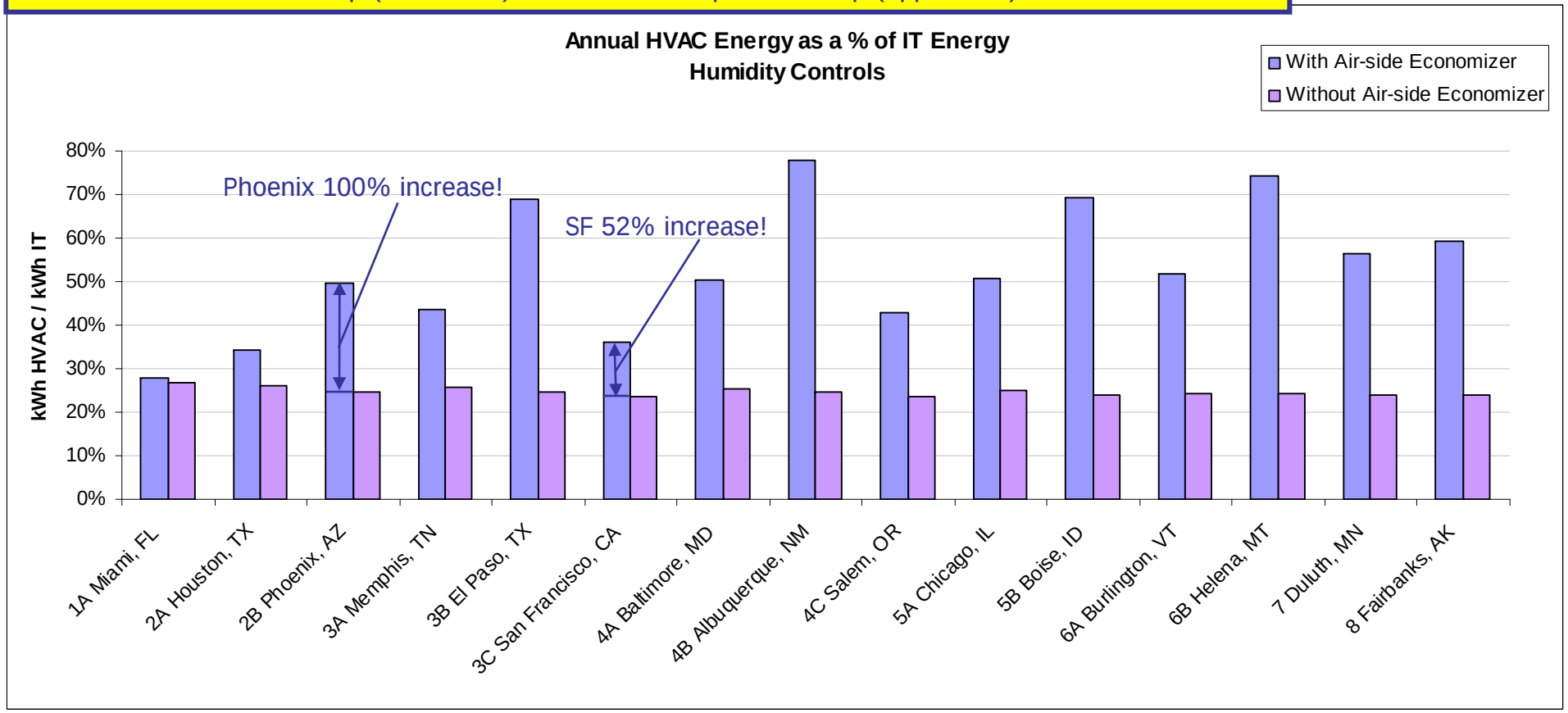


Air-Side Economizer Savings?, With Humidification

These results are based on conditioning to the current ASHRAE "Recommended" range of 40% to 55% RH. The draft revision is 43°F tdp (lower limit) and 60% to a cap of 59°F tdp (upper limit).



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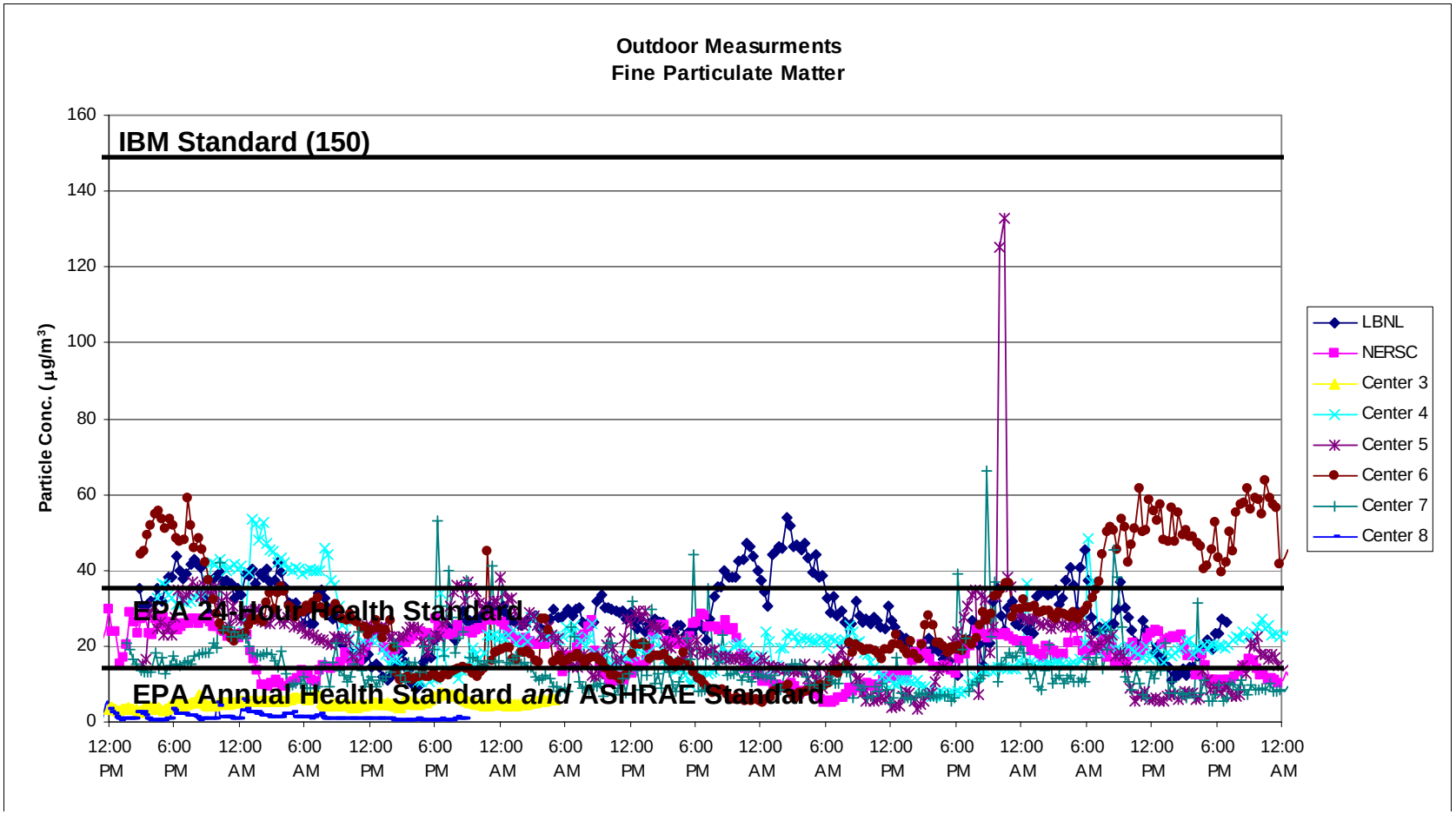

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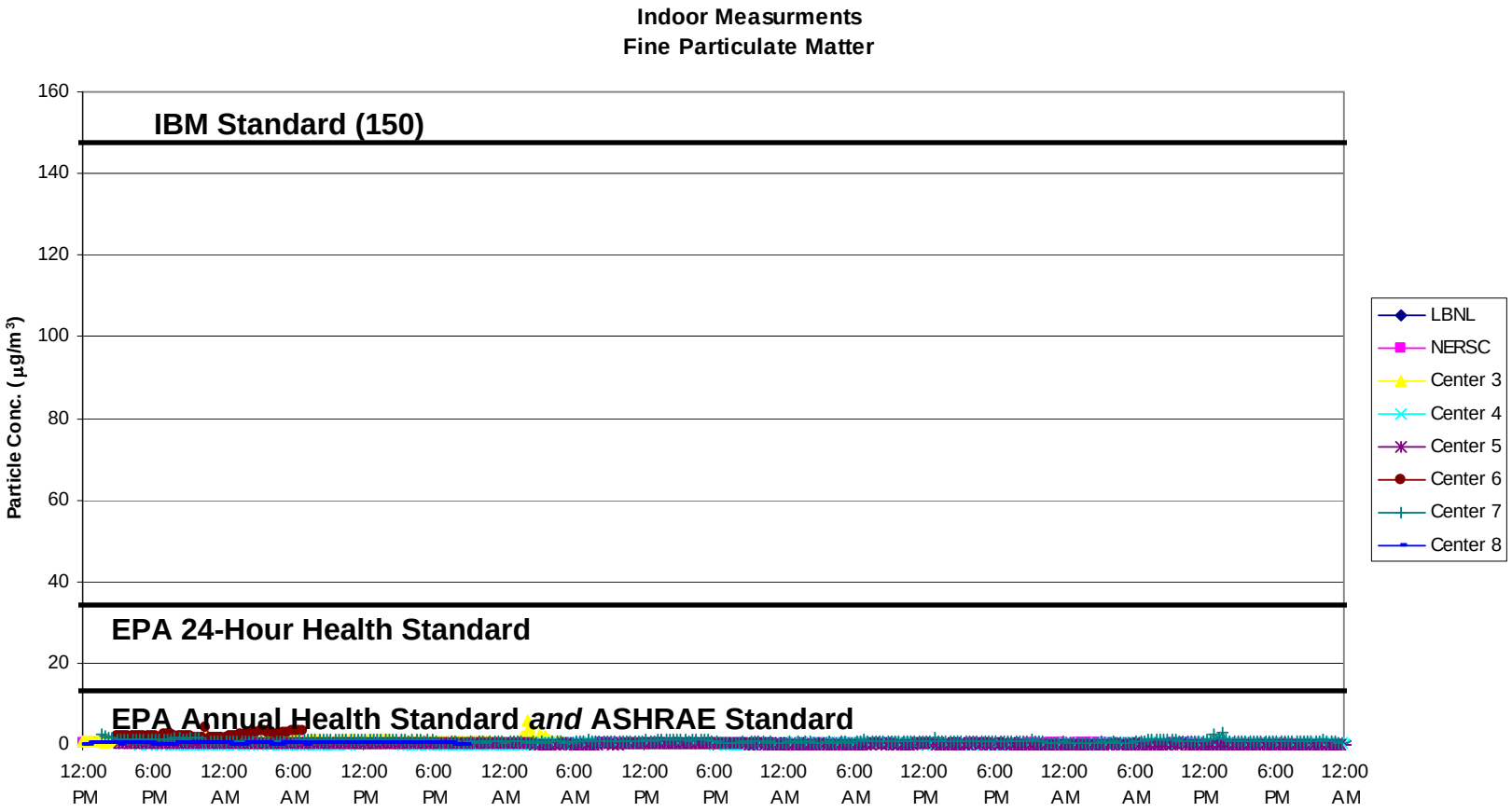
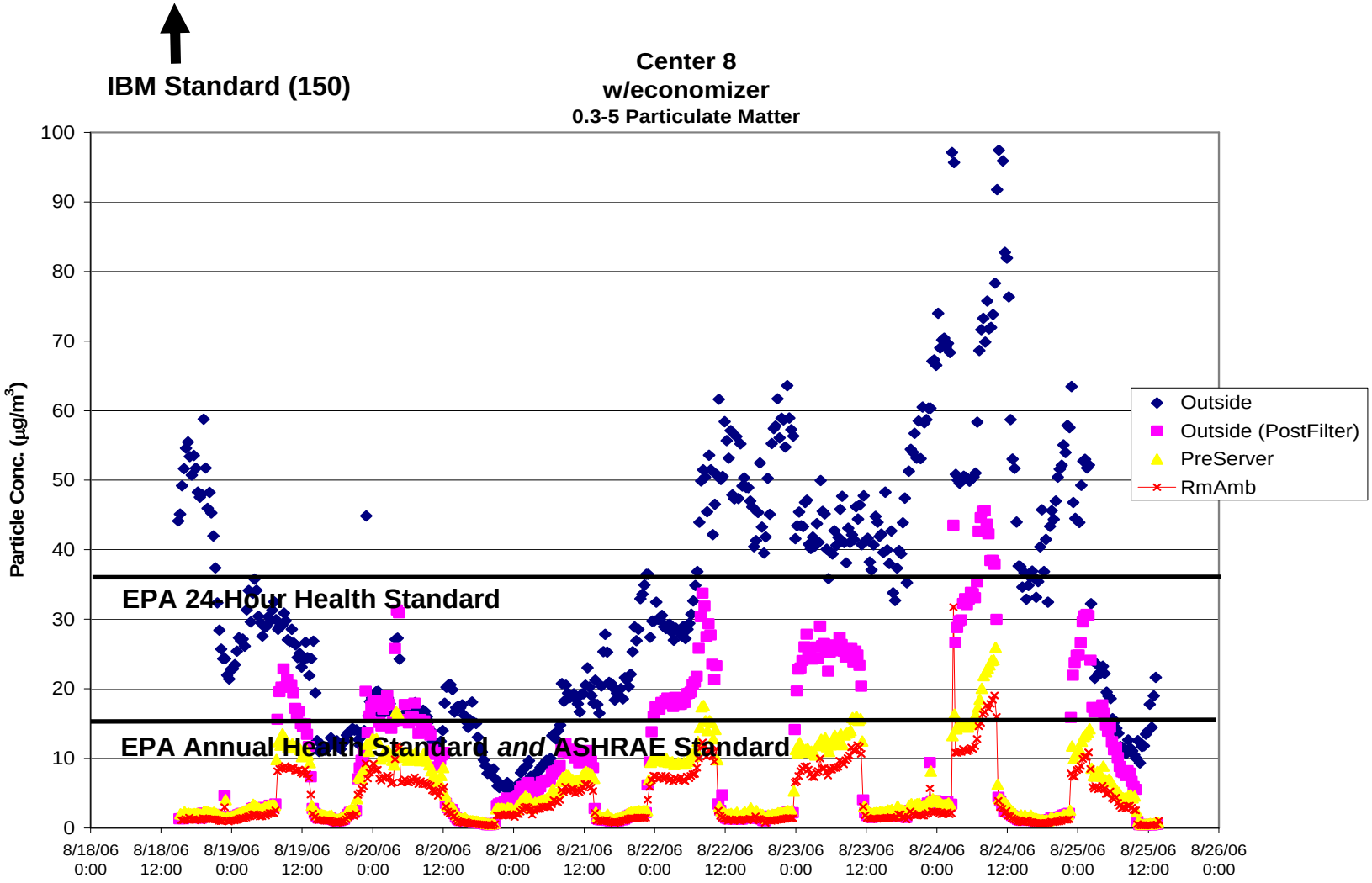


Data center w/air-side economizer



Non-integrated water-side economizer (WSE)

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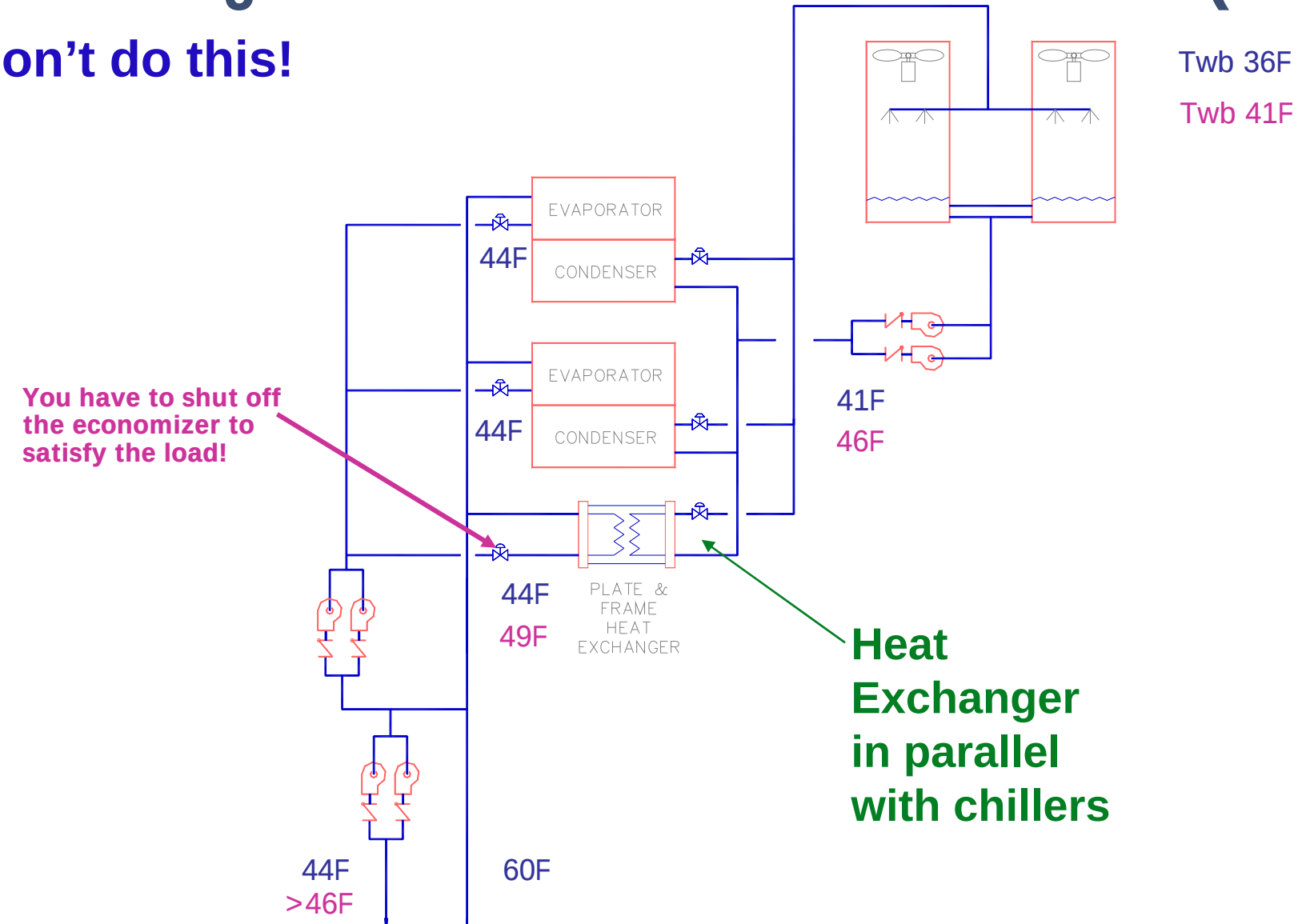

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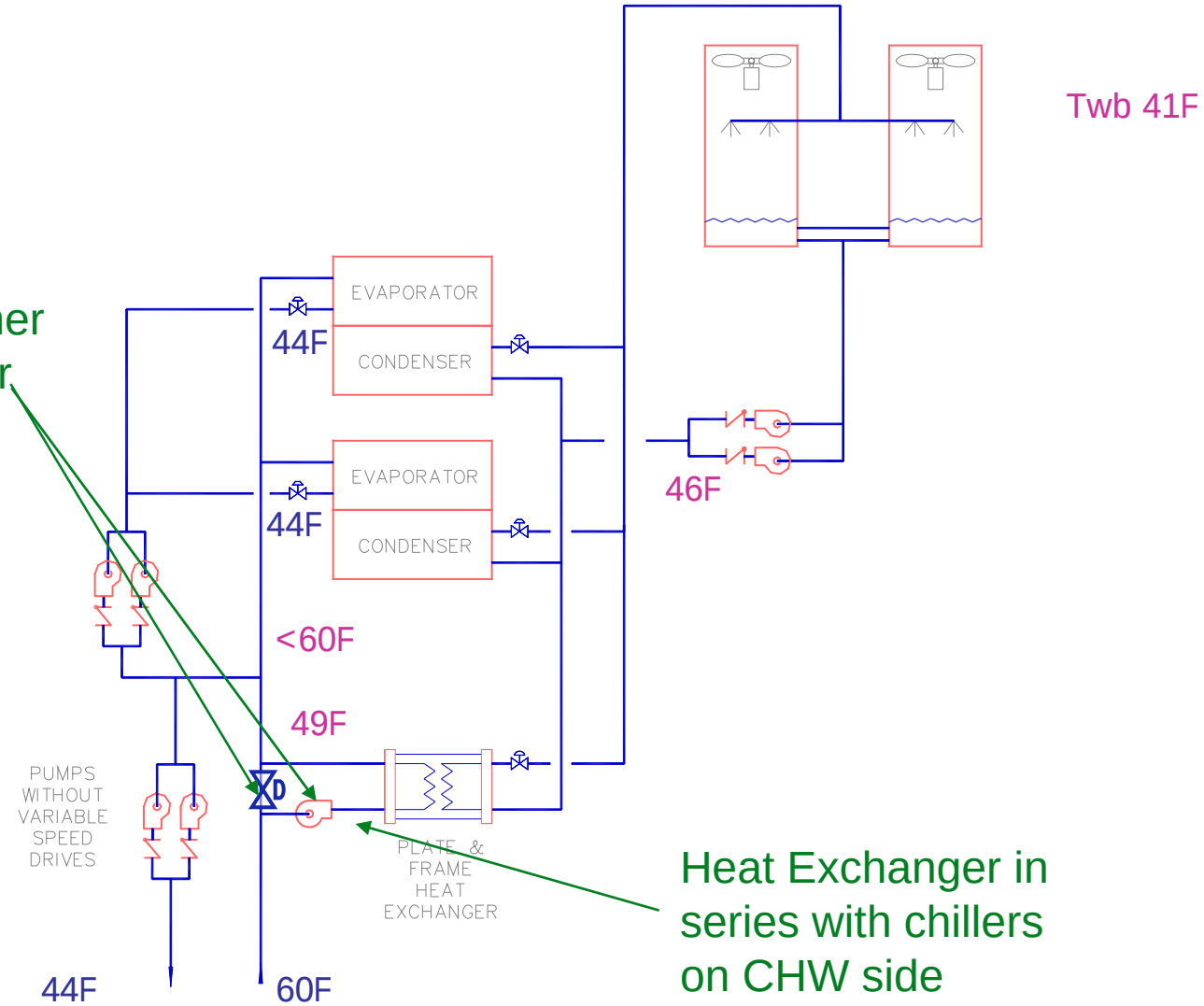


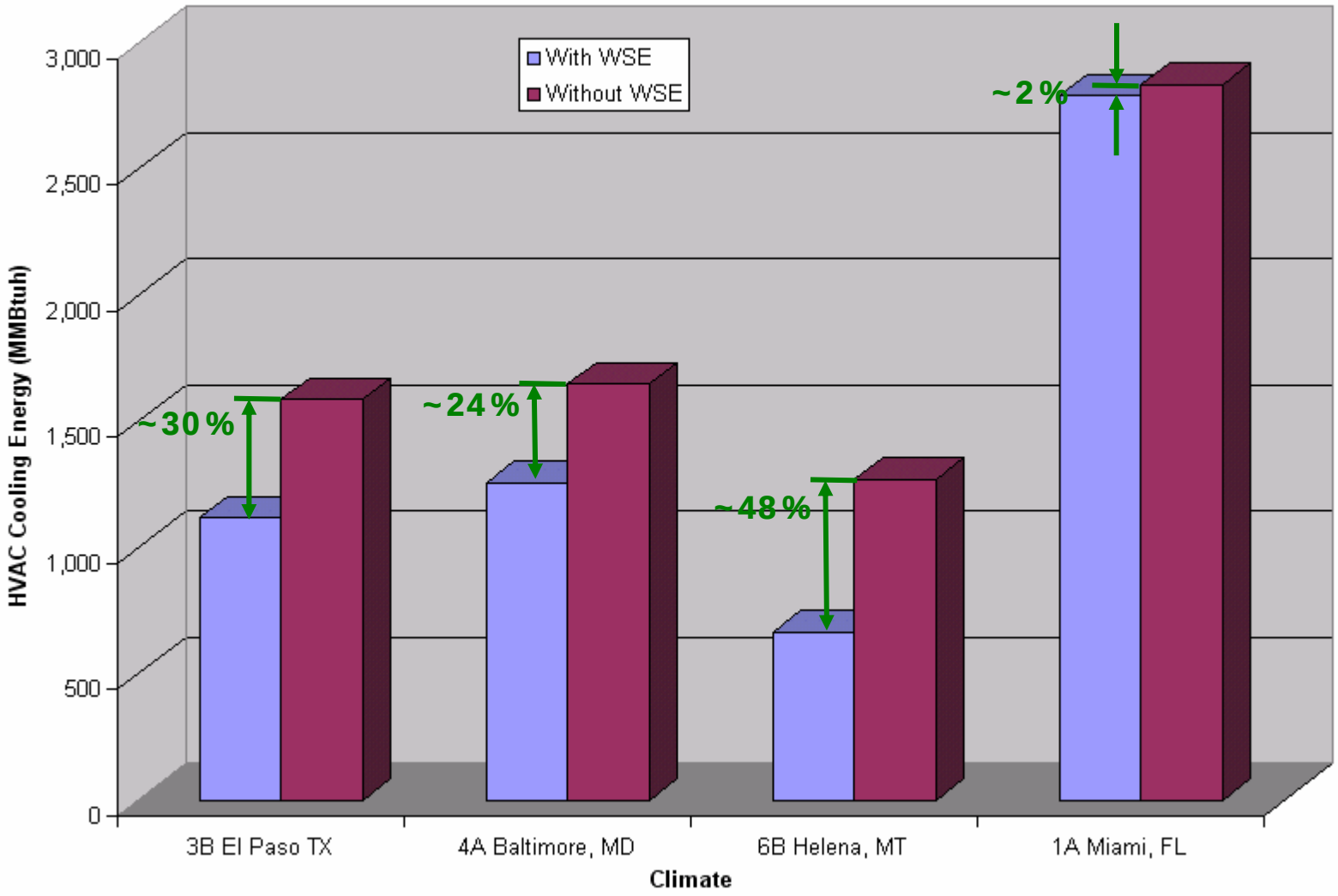
You can use either a control valve or pump

Heat Exchanger in series with chillers on CHW side

Example WSE Savings

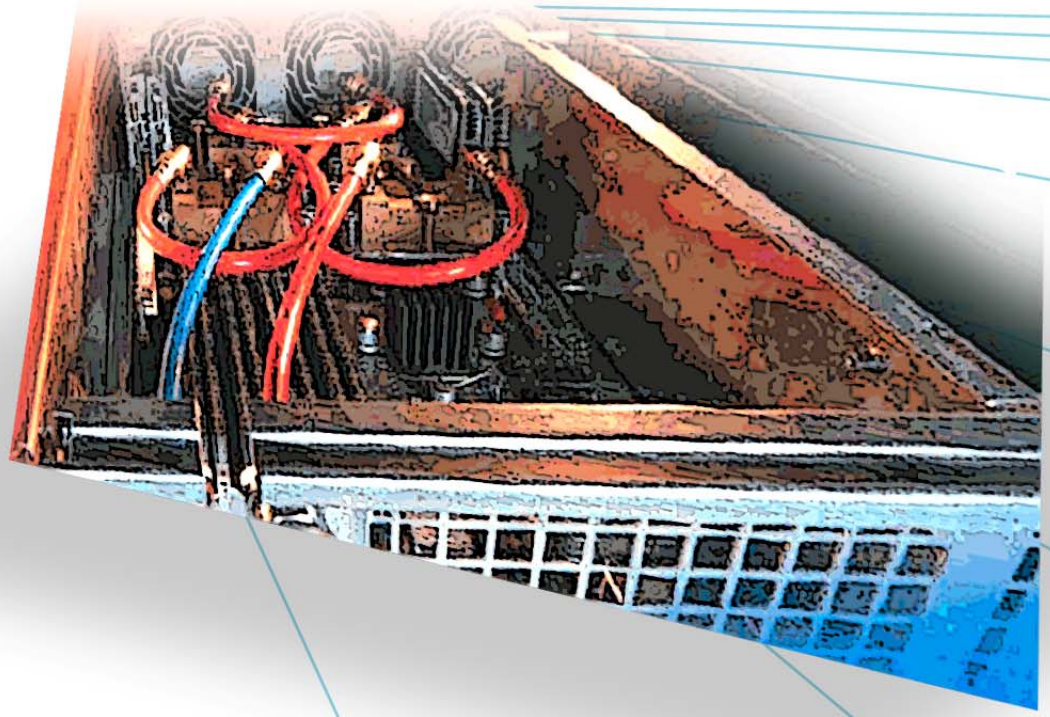
- 200,000 sf office building with ~ 110 tons of data center load.
- Location Pleasanton CA (ASHRAE Climate 3B)
- (2) 315 ton chillers (630 tons total).
- Building has air-side economizer.
- Data center has CRAH units.
- Water-side economizer on central plant with HX (integrated, see previous slide)

Example WSE Savings



Free Cooling Take Aways

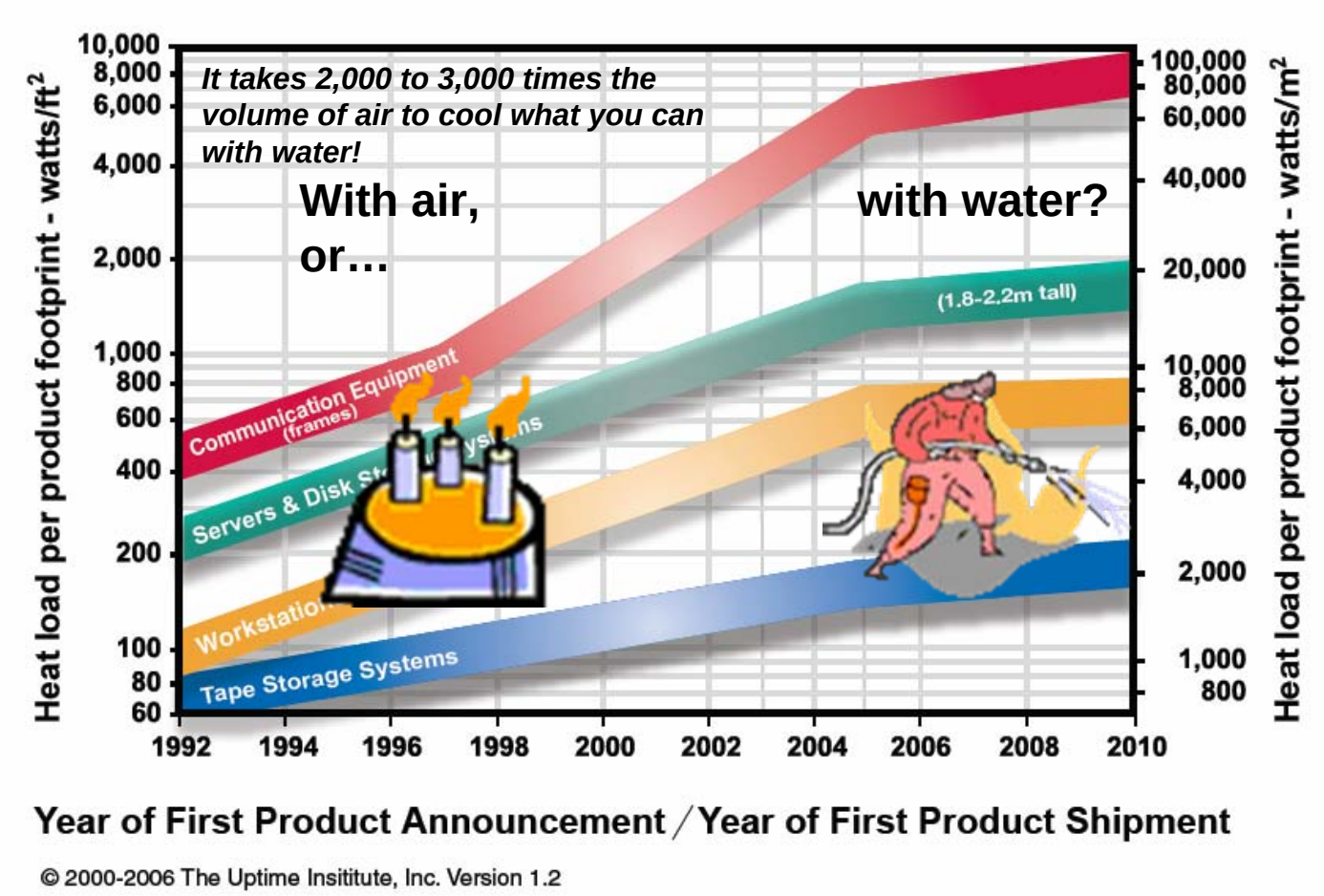
- Air- and water economizers can save significant energy if properly designed and controlled.
- Air- economizers can increase energy usage if you have humidity controls.
- Air-economizers do increase particulates but these can be addressed with standard filtration.
- Water economizers should be integrated by installing free cooling heat exchanger in series with the chillers.



Liquid Cooling Systems

Dale Sartor, PE

How do you effectively fight a fire?



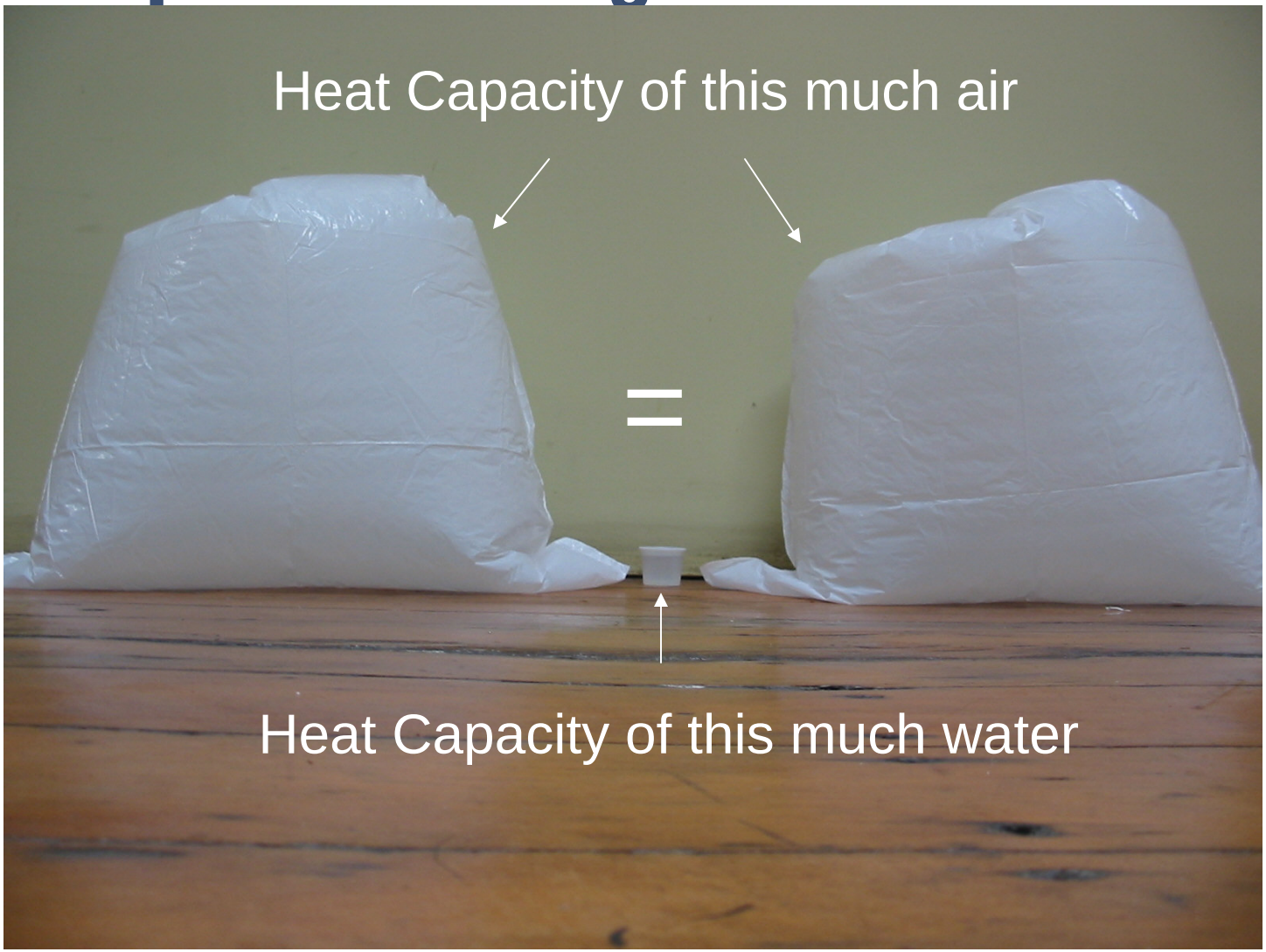
Outline

- Why liquid cool
- Liquid cooling options
  - Rack and row cooling
  - On board cooling
- Energy Benefits
- Interface with free cooling

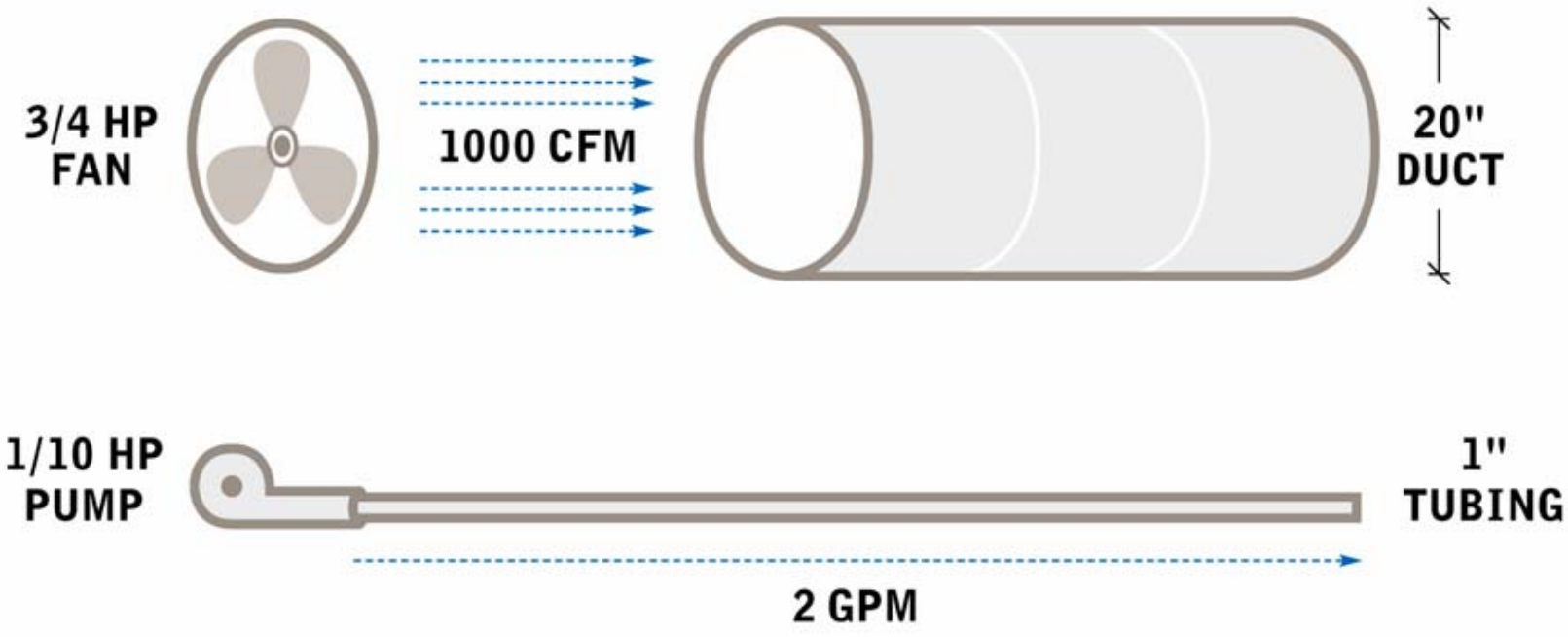
Air cooling issues

- Limitations on the data densities served (~200 W/sf)
  - Air delivery limitations
  - Real estate
- Working conditions
  - Hot aisles are (should be) uncomfortably hot
- Costly infrastructure
- High energy costs
- Management over time
- Reliability
  - Loss of power recovery
  - Particulates

Why Liquid Cooling?



Fans move energy less efficiently



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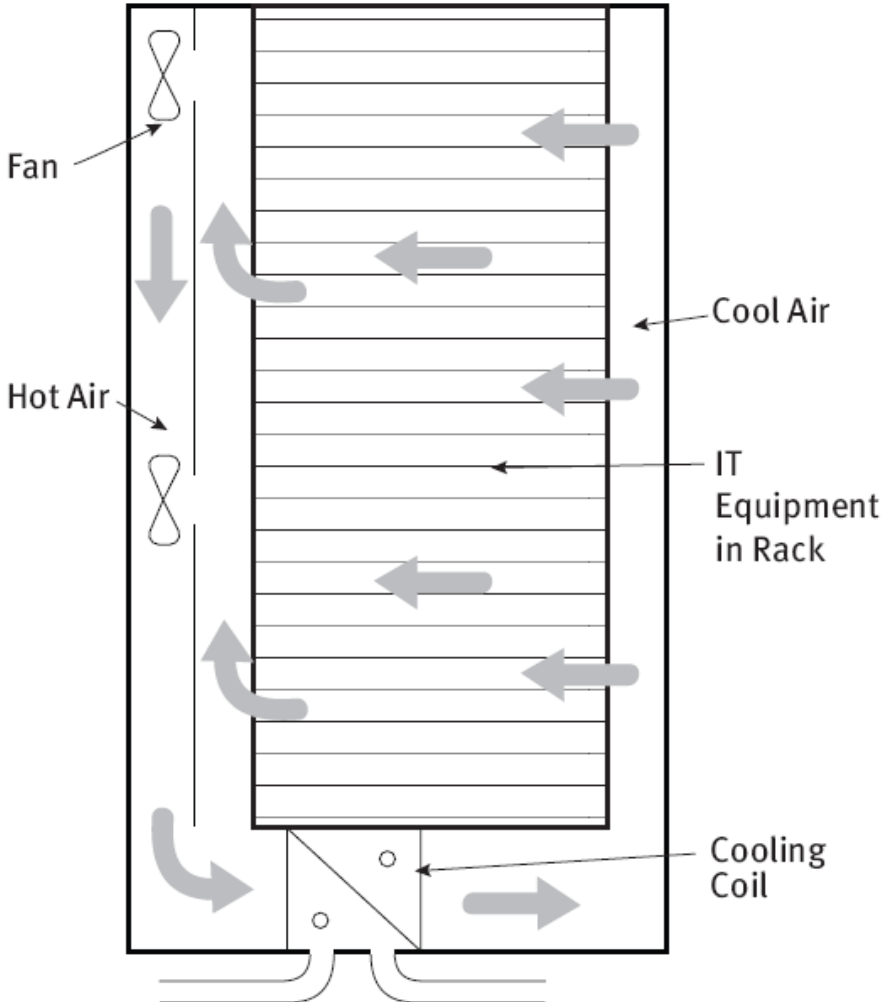


Close coupling between cooling source and server

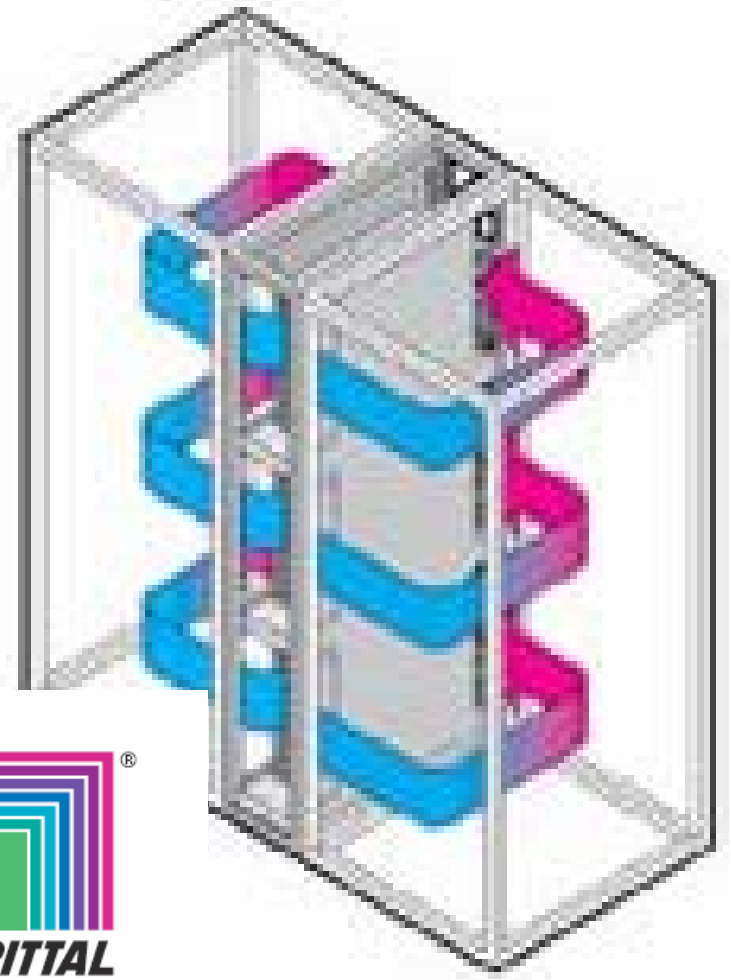
However, some of these solutions might present challenges to redundancy and increase maintenance

In rack liquid cooling

- Racks with integral coils

Rear door cooling

In row cooling



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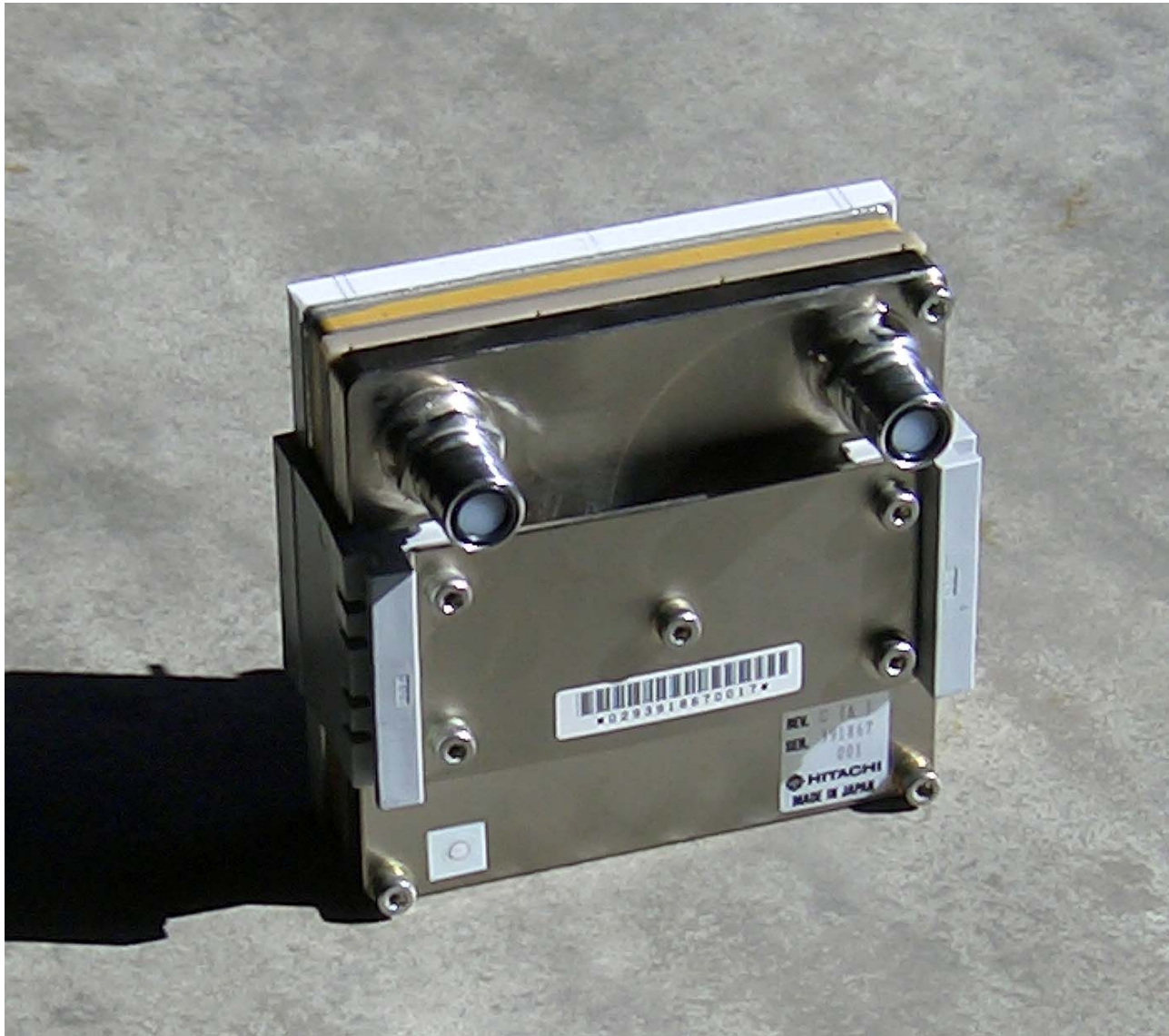

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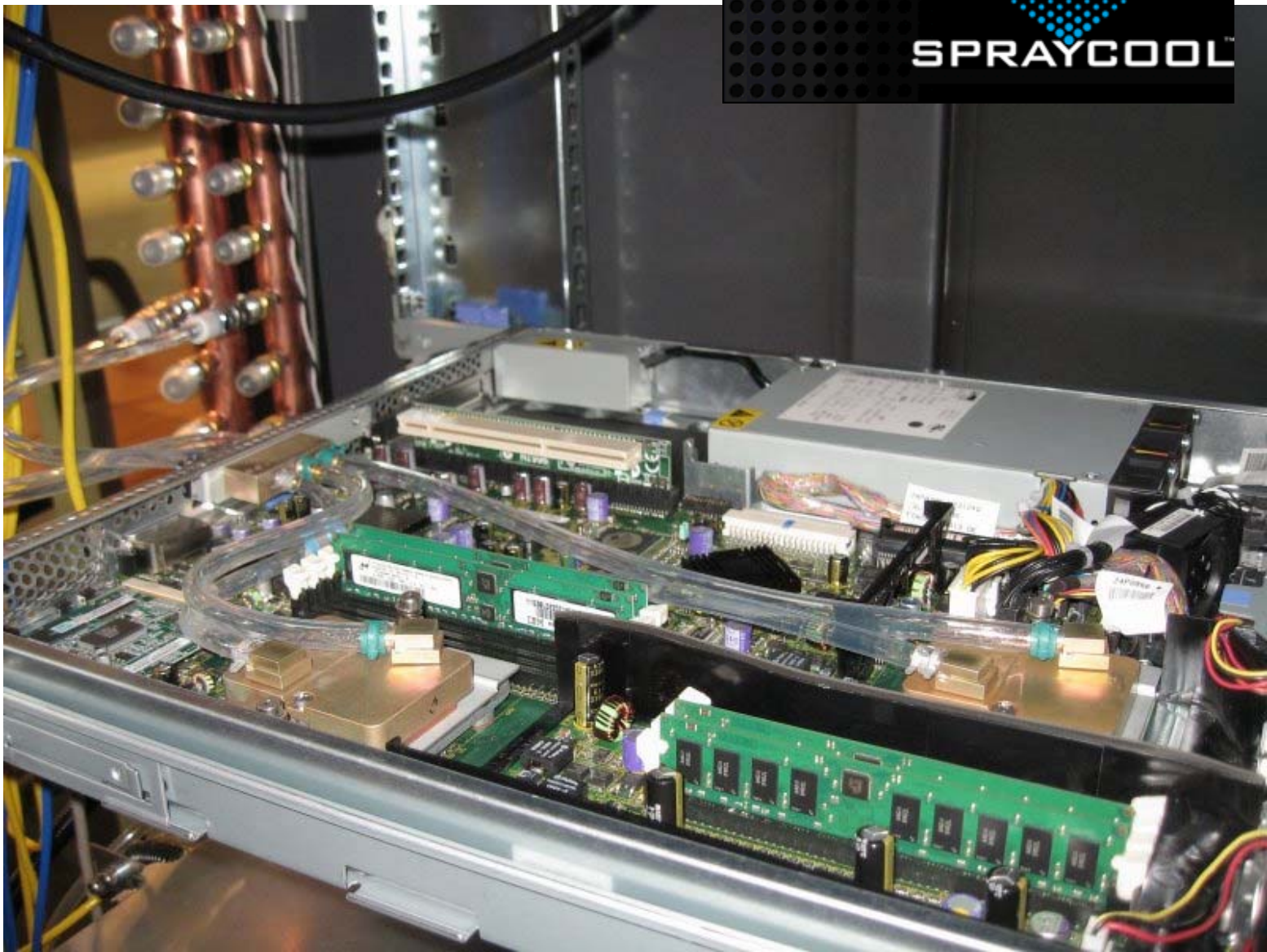


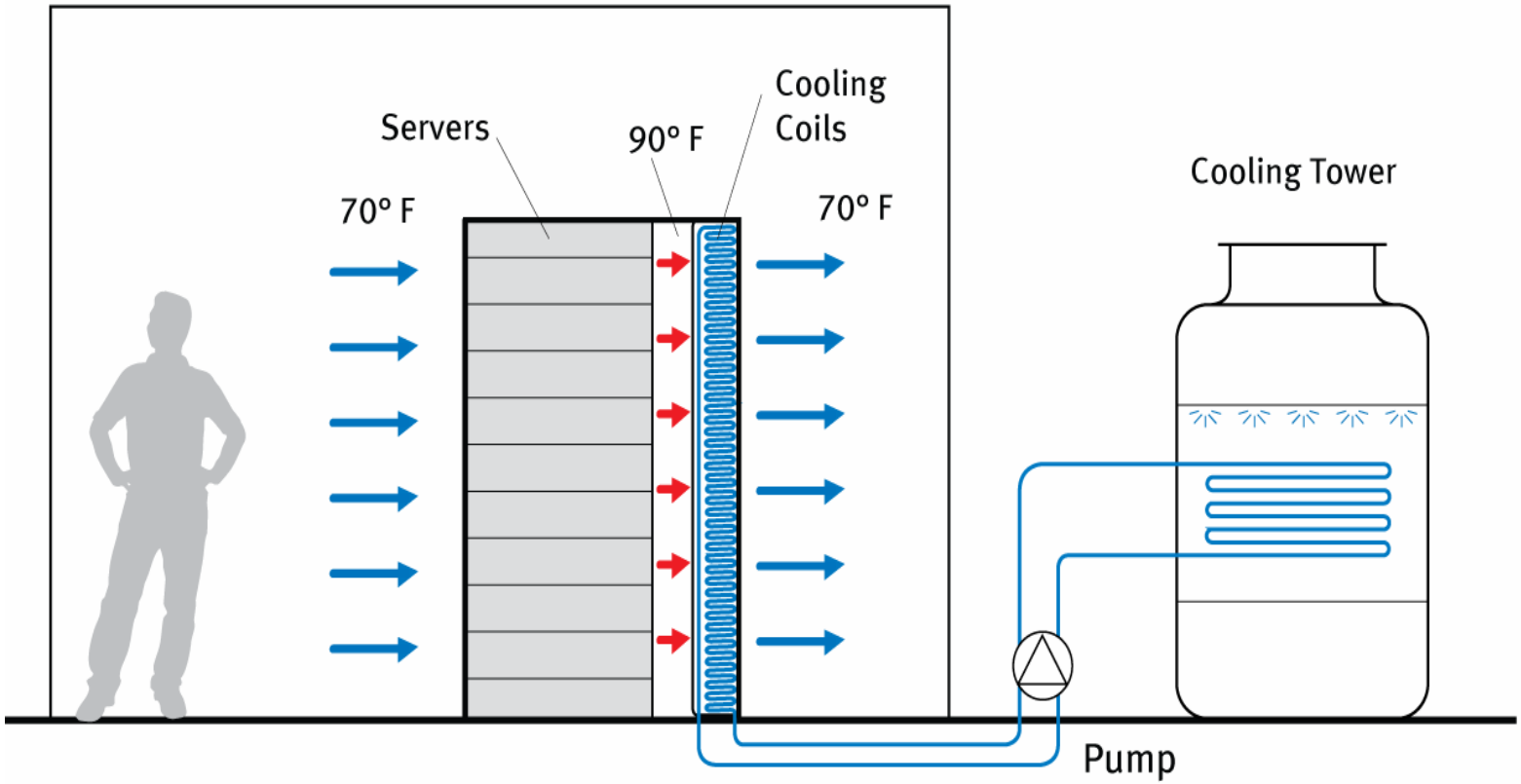
Comparison of conventional cooling to liquid cooling – 1,000 kW data center load

	Cooling Towers and Pumps	Chiller	Chilled Water Pumps	Fans	Other	Total Power (kW)	% SAVINGS
Traditional System - 45 Deg F Chilled Water	70	500	50	150	n/a	770	N/A
Liquid Cooled with Fans in the Rack - 55 Deg F Chilled Water	70	425	50	100	n/a	645	16%
Liquid Cooled without fans in the rack - 55 Deg F Chilled Water	70	425	50	0	n/a	545	29%
Liquid Cooled directly couple with CPU - 70 to 80 deg F Chilled Water	70	0	50	0	Room A/C - 245	365	53%

Free Cooling

- Use cooling towers and heat exchanger to produce chilled water
- Turn off chiller

Rear door cooling with condenser water



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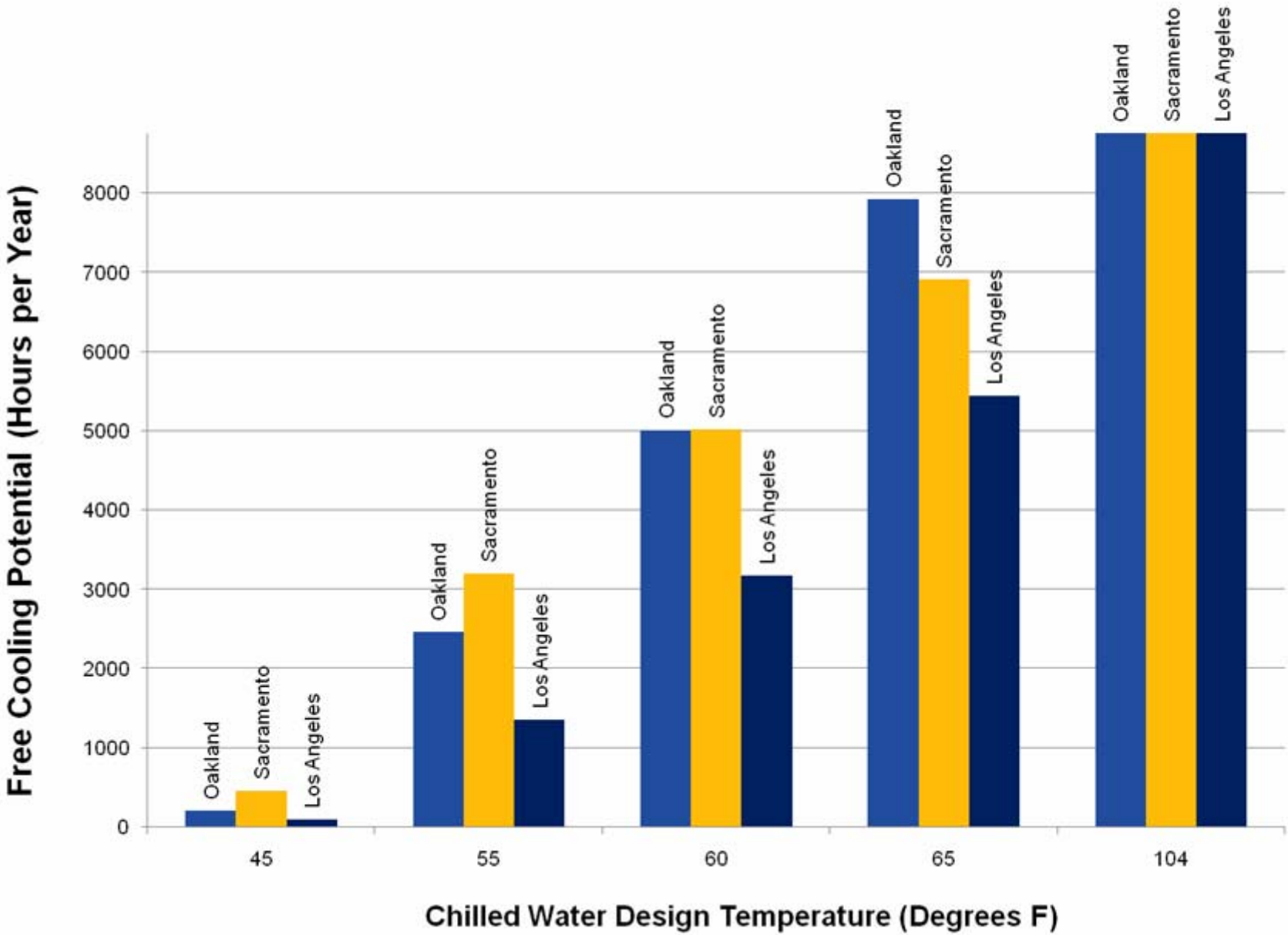
Free Cooling Opportunity

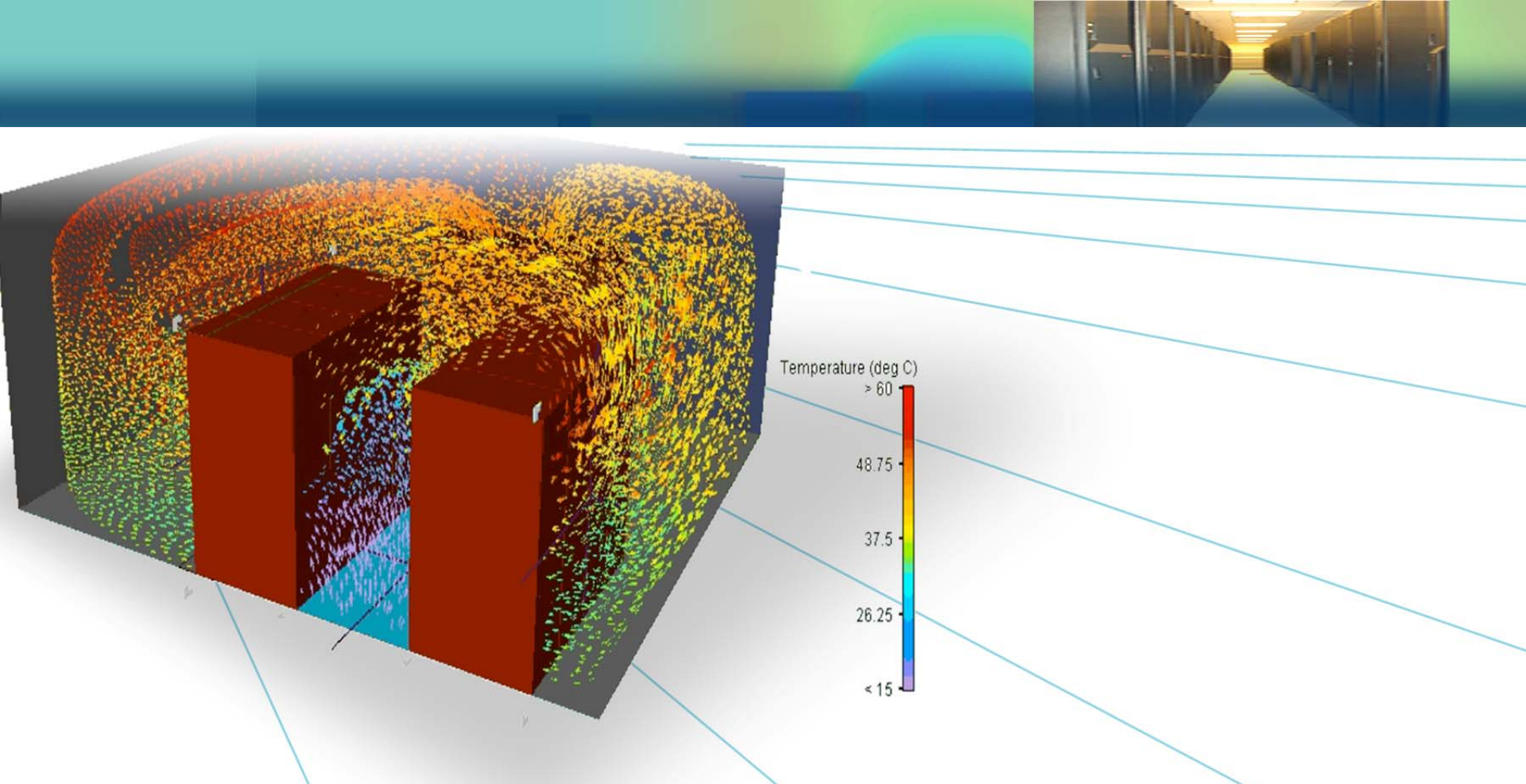


How to compare apples and coconuts

- The California Energy Commission's "Chill Off" at Sun Microsystems is documenting field performance of liquid cooling options
  - Collaboration of LBNL and Silicon Valley Leadership Group (and manufacturers)
  - Results will be posted on LBNL website when complete

Liquid cooling take aways

- Liquid has greater heat removal capacity
- Pumps use less energy than fans
- Coupling heat removal to the source eliminates mixing
- Commercially available liquid solutions are available
- The potential for energy savings is large
- Redundancy is a challenge for some liquid cooling technologies
- Water side free cooling can provide cooling with reduced chiller operation for much of the year



Data Center Controls

Steve Greenberg, PE, CEM

Control issues

- Temperature Control
- Humidity Control
- Airflow Control
- Feedback and Diagnostics
- IT Integration
- Others

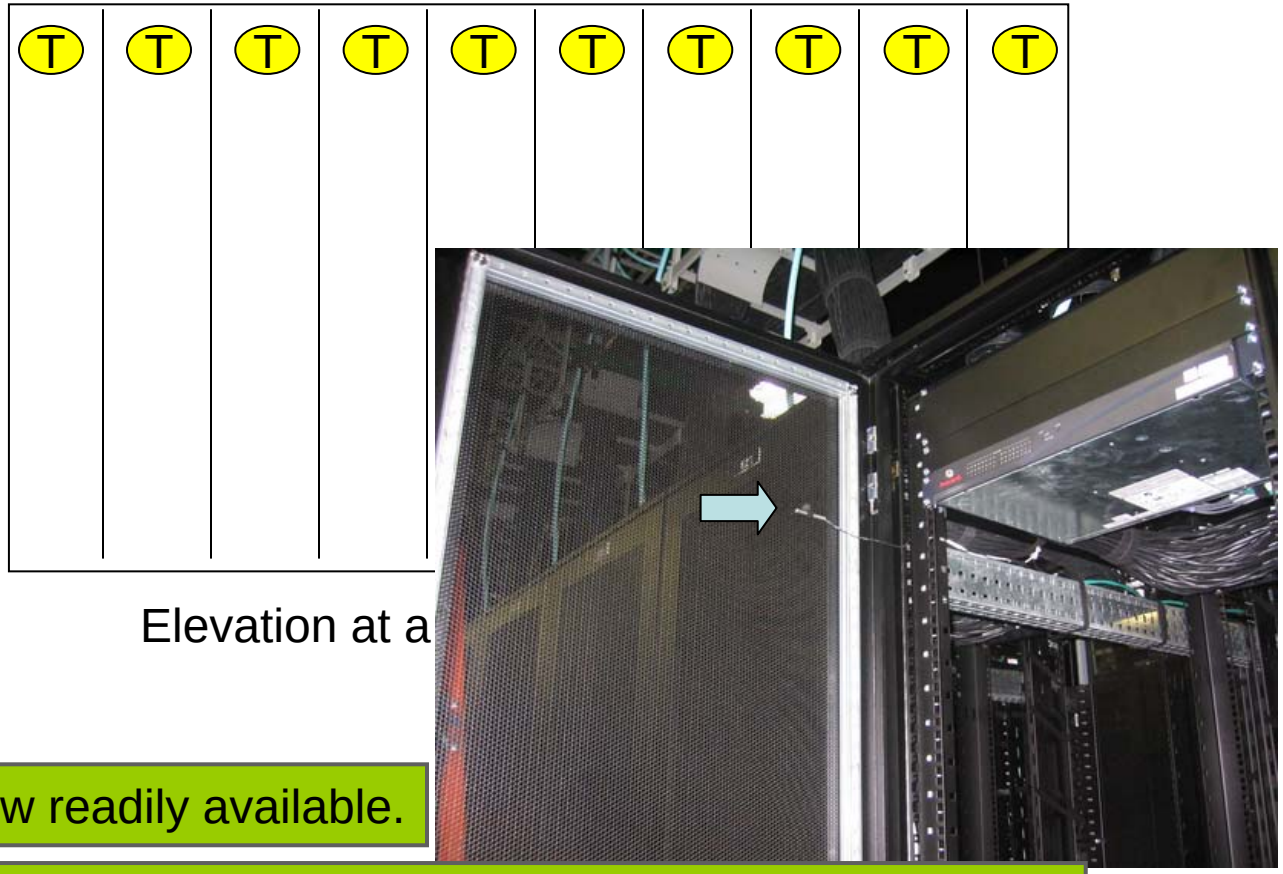
Temperature control

- Design Conditions
  - Maintain inlet conditions at servers between 64°F and 80°F.
    - 59°F to 90°F allowable.
    - At ~77°F two speed and variable speed server fans speed up (using more IT fan energy).
- Best practice
  - Provide feedback from racks.
    - Hardwired or wireless EMCS sensors.
    - Network data exchange with server on-board sensors.
  - Reset supply temperatures upward to keep most demanding rack satisfied (but below 77F).
  - Can have local temperature zones with distributed CRAC/CRAH/AH units.

Rack temperatures with UF supply

1. Reset SAT to keep rack EATs within design range

2. Keep SAT above minimum for design



Elevation at a

Wired sensors shown.

Wireless options are now readily available.

Communication with the servers is in development (LBNL demonstration).

Humidity control

- Avoid if at all possible
  - High humidity is usually limited by cooling coil dew-point temperature.
  - Low humidity limit is not well supported (see previous slides).
- If you decide to humidify, do all of the following:
  - Use high quality dew-point sensors located in the data center floor (Vaisala see NBCIP report: http://www.buildingcontrols.org/publications.html).
  - Use adiabatic (not steam or infrared) humidifiers.
    - Direct Evaporative Media.
    - Ultrasonic (but note that DI or RO water is required)
  - Best to provide on MUA unit.
  - Control all humidifiers together if distributed.

Example survey of CRACs

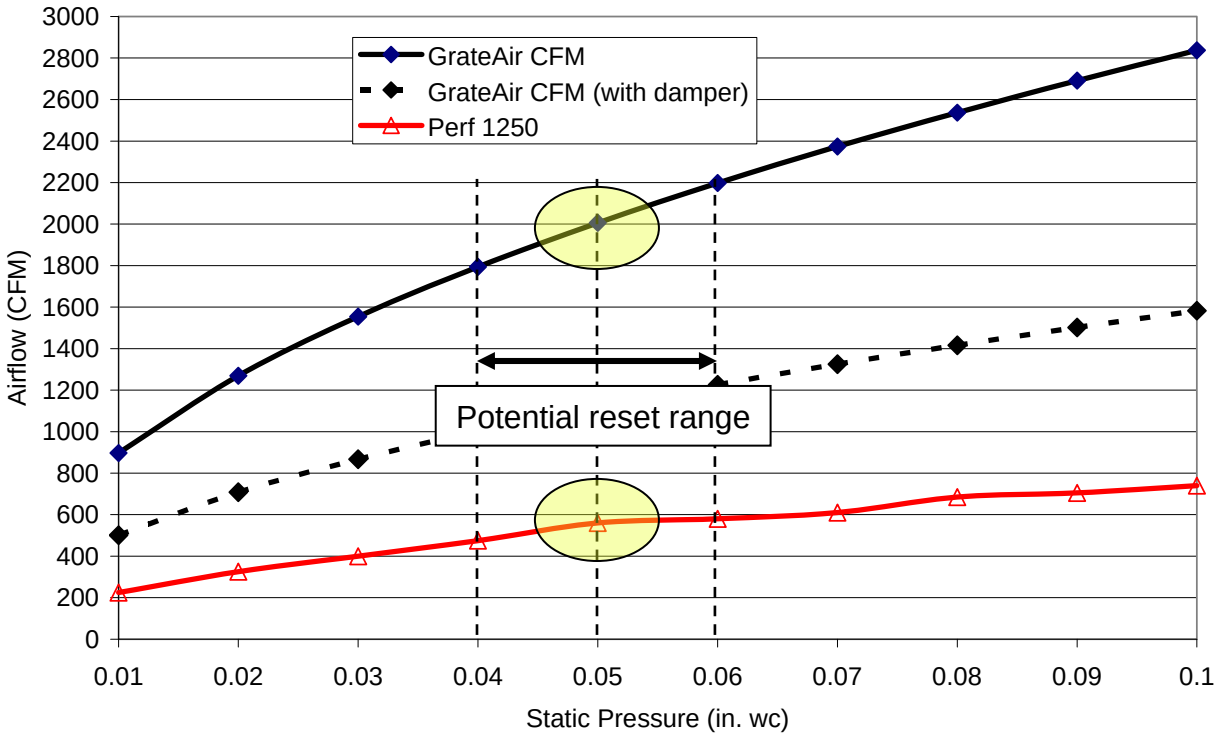
	Vaisala Probe			CRAC Unit Panel			
	Temp	RH	Tdp	Temp	RH	Tdp	Mode
AC 005	84.0	27.5	47.0	76	32.0	44.1	Cooling
AC 006	81.8	28.5	46.1	55	51.0	37.2	Cooling & Dehumidification
AC 007	72.8	38.5	46.1	70	47.0	48.9	Cooling
AC 008	80.0	31.5	47.2	74	43.0	50.2	Cooling & Humidification
AC 010	77.5	32.8	46.1	68	45.0	45.9	Cooling
AC 011	78.9	31.4	46.1	70	43.0	46.6	Cooling & Humidification
Min	72.8	27.5	46.1	55.0	32.0	37.2	
Max	84.0	38.5	47.2	76.0	51.0	50.2	
Avg	79.2	31.7	46.4	68.8	43.5	45.5	

Airflow controls underfloor

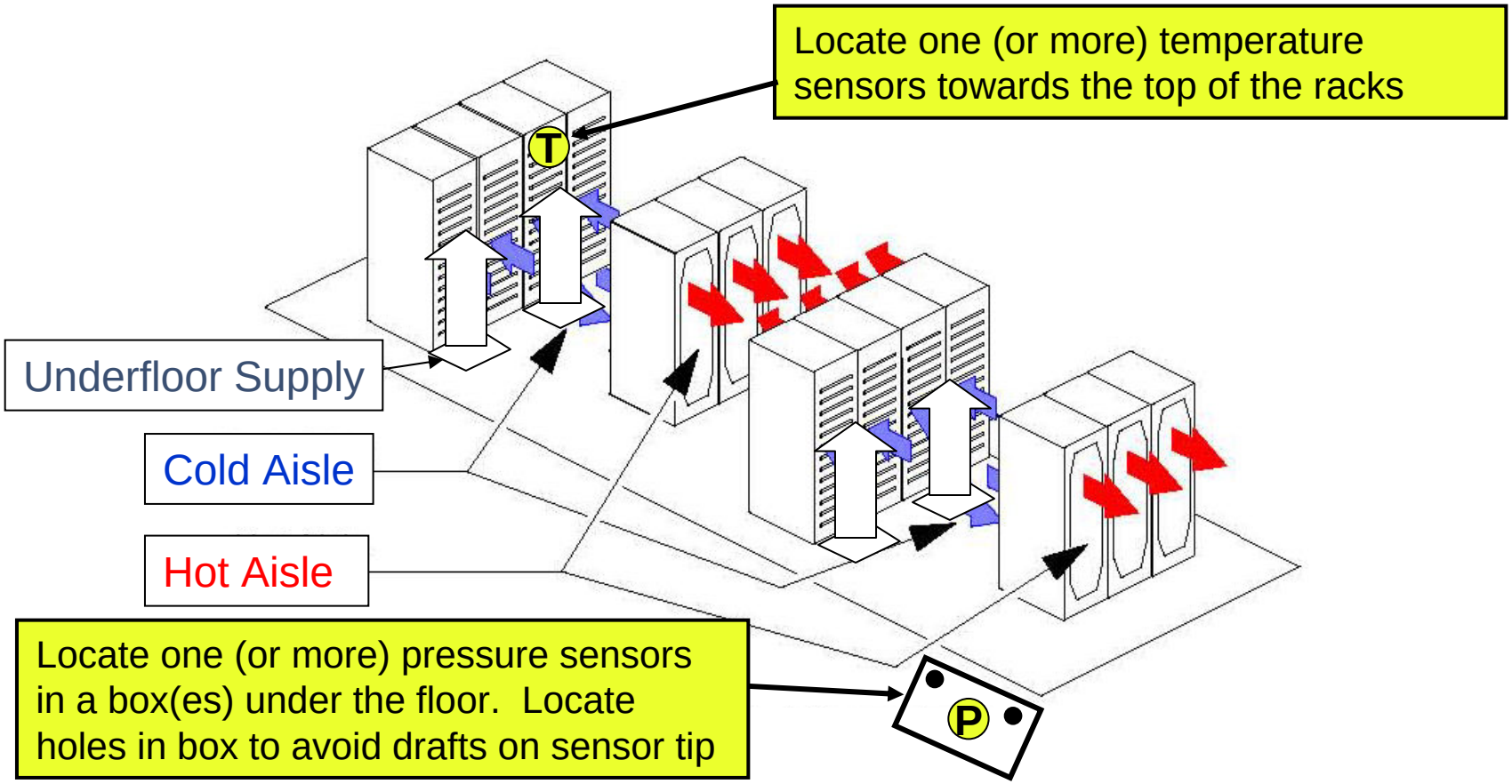
- All supply fans controlled to same speed.
- Set speed to maintain differential pressure setpoint under floor (can use multiple sensors).
- Reset differential pressure setpoint by highest rack temperature (slow acting loop).

Reset of floor pressure to satisfy racks

Tate Perforated Floor Tile Performance vs. Underfloor Pressure



Control sensors underfloor



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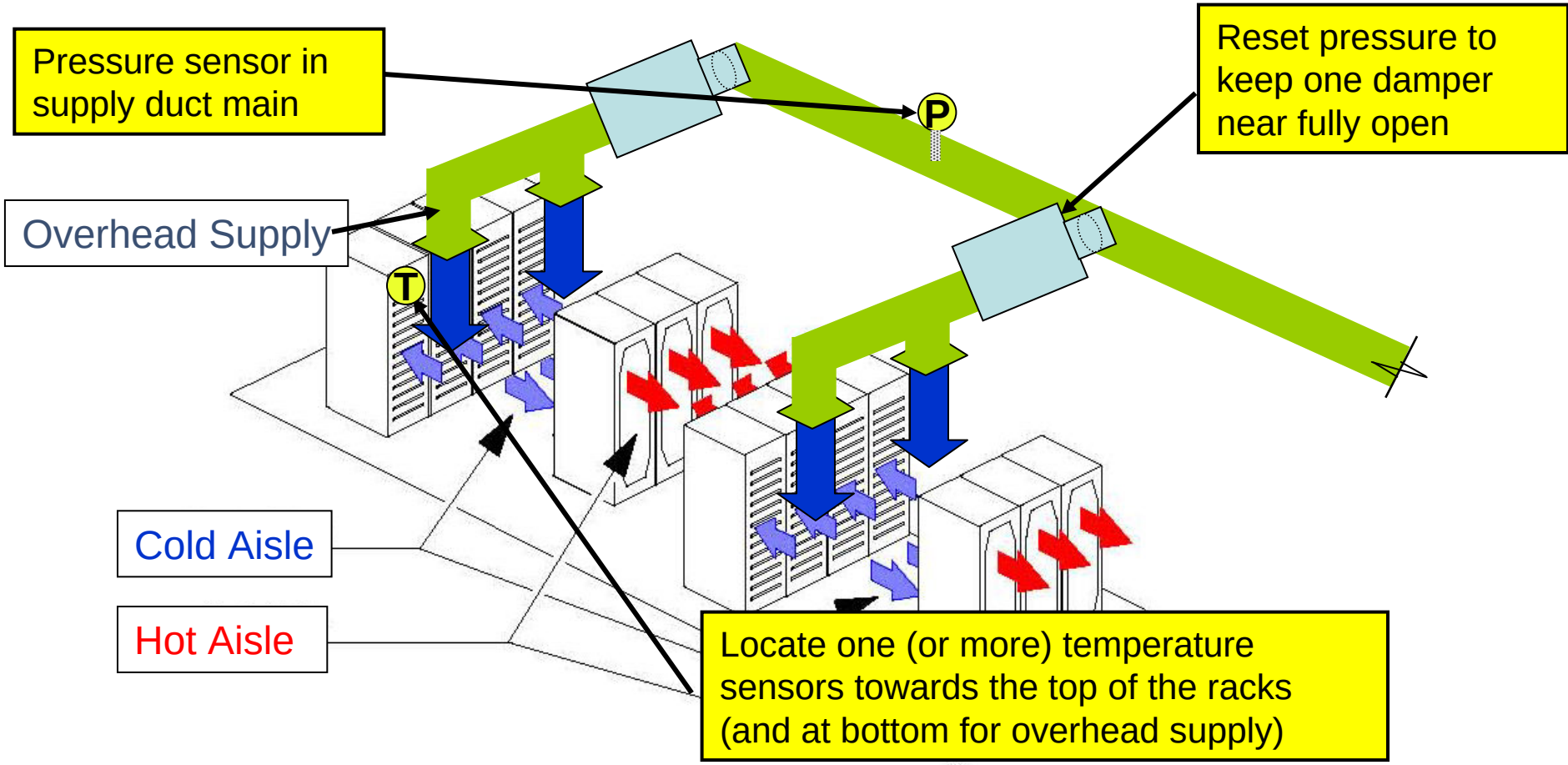
Airflow controls overhead

- All headered supply fans controlled to same speed
- Set speed to maintain pressure in supply header
- Control dampers to maintain racks at temperature
- Reset pressure setpoint to keep most open damper at or near fully open

Control sensors overhead



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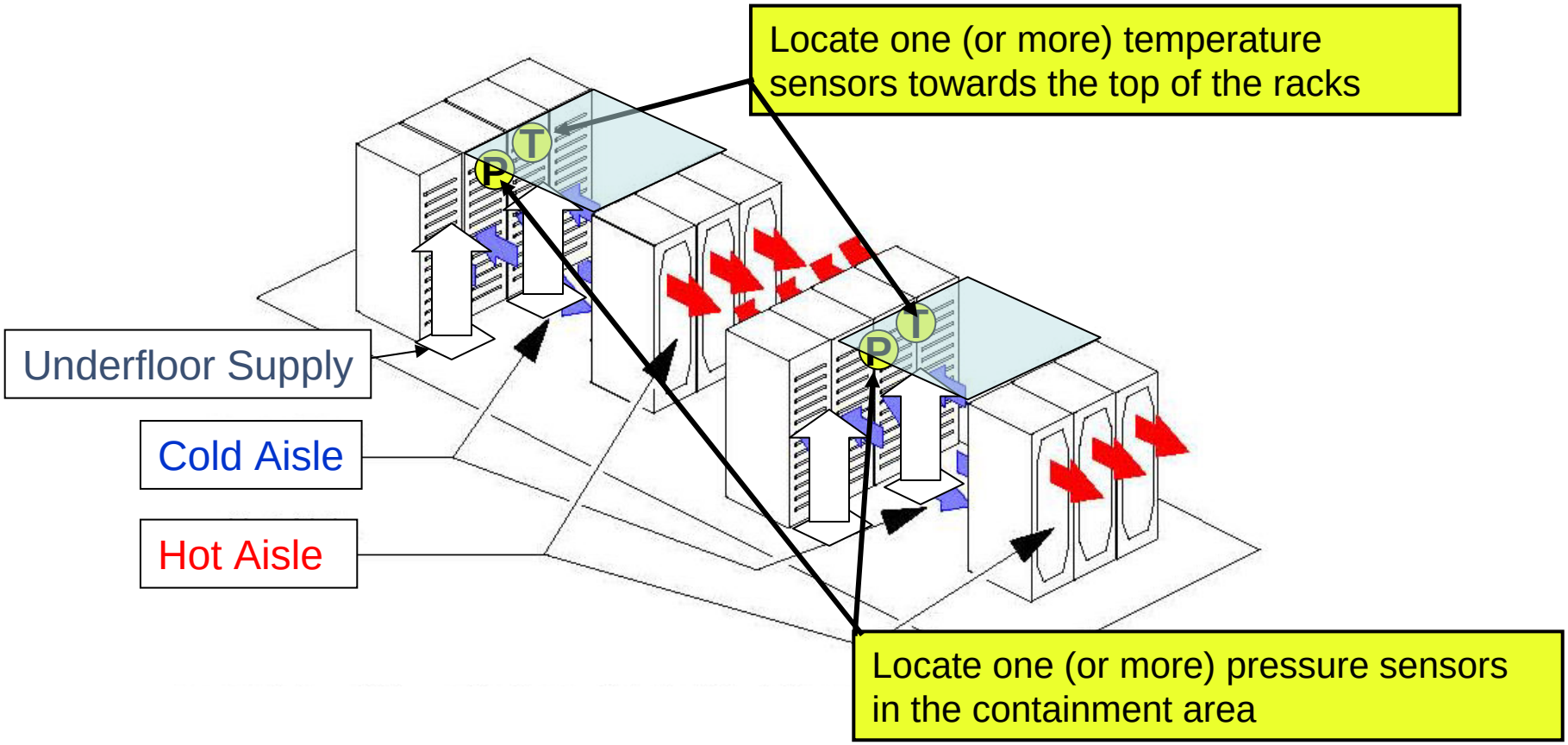
Control sensors with cold aisle containment



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Feedback and diagnostics

- Normal Indices
  - SAT (or RAT)
  - CHWS
  - Equipment Status
  - Space Temp
  - Space RH (or return RH)

- Improved Indices
  - Rack Cooling Index (see next slide)
  - Plant kW/ton
  - LBNL's Data Center Metric Phvac/Pservers
  - Most open valve status (and location)
  - Most open damper status (and location)
  - Air management

$$\frac{\Delta T_{ACs/AHUs}}{\Delta T_{Servers}} = \text{Return Temperature Index (RTI)}$$

Rack cooling indices

$$RCI_{HIGH} = \left(1 - \frac{\sum_i (T_i - 77)}{n \times (90 - 77)}\right) X100\%$$

$$RCI_{LOW} = \left(1 - \frac{\sum_j (68 - T_j)}{n \times (68 - 59)}\right) X100\%$$

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IT integration

- Control system server
  - Who provides it
  - Where is it located
- Control CRAC/CRAH/AHU based on IT temperature sensors – LBNL is doing a demonstration of this.
- Gateways
  - CRAC/H unit controls
  - VSDs
  - Electrical Panels

Other issues

- Power down restart sequences
- Control system redundancy (e.g. chillers)
  - Distributed controllers (one per chiller)
  - Redundant controllers (with heartbeat and transfer switches)
  - See Engineered Systems September 2007 Article "Mission Critical Building Automation."
- Testing coordination
- Remote access/security

Best practice controls

- Use high quality sensors (not the ones that come with the CRAC/H units!).
- If used, locate the humidity sensor in the data center floor (not in the unit return).
- Reset temp and pressure by demand at racks.
- Avoid humidity controls if possible, if necessary provide it on MUA unit.
- Provide CRAC/H or AHUs with variable speed fans and control all fans in parallel to same speed.
- Used advanced whole system metrics to track system performance.
- Commission the controls thoroughly.

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Electrical Systems Efficiency

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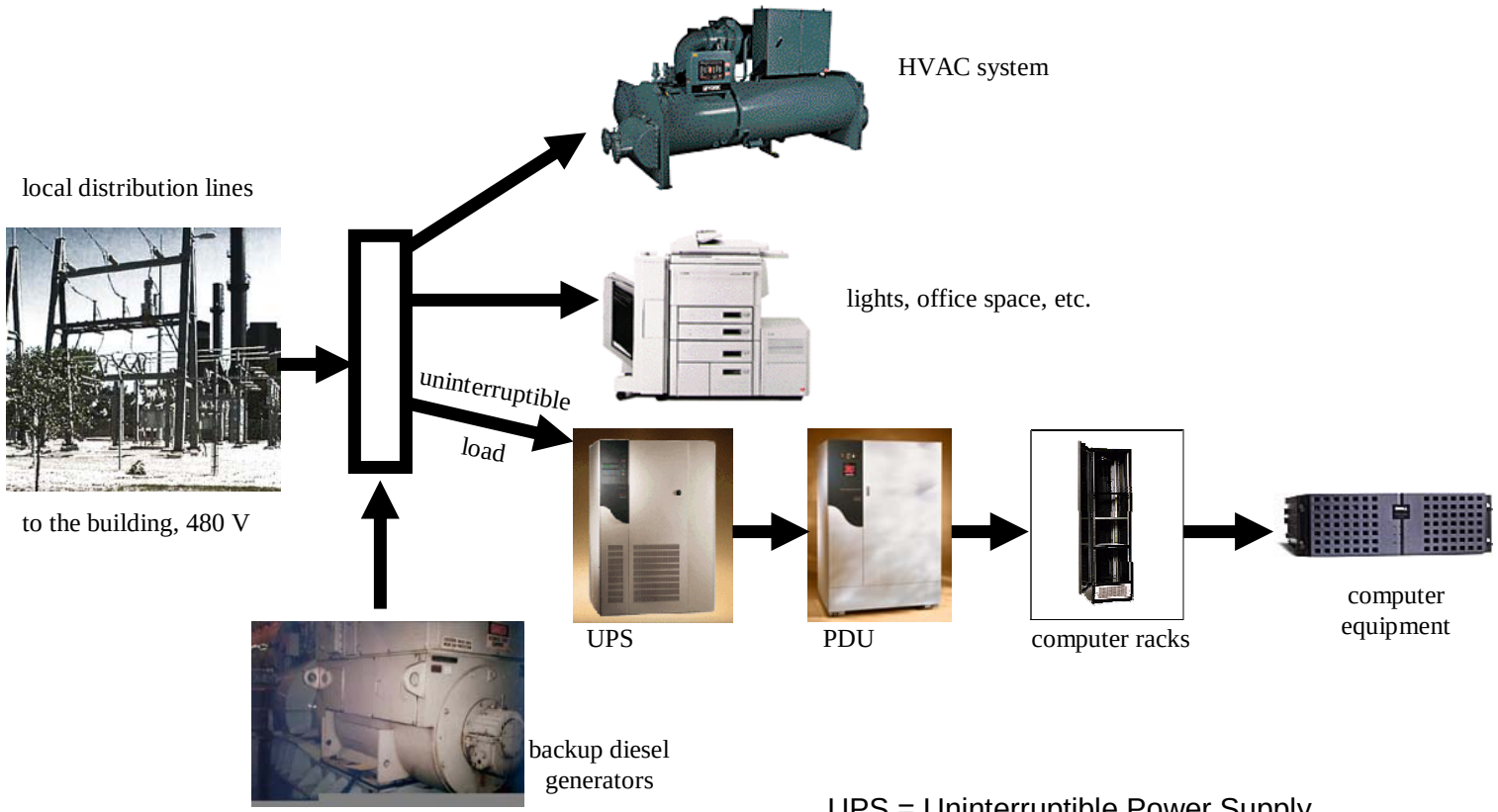
Electricity Flows in Data Centers



UPS = Uninterruptible Power Supply

PDU = Power Distribution Unit;

Power Chain Opportunities

- Root Causes of Energy Inefficiency
  - Electrical Infrastructure
  - Multi-stages of power conversions
- Roadmap to Maximize Energy Efficiency
  - UPS load capacity
  - Transformers and PDUs
  - Standby generation
  - Lighting
  - DC power distribution
  - On-site generation
  - Energy Management and Awareness
- Take Aways

Root Causes of Energy Inefficiency

- Physical Infrastructure is way OVERSIZED
- Power Requirements are greatly OVERSTATED
- Many units of INEFFICIENT Legacy Equipment are Incorporated
- Multi-stages of POWER CONVERSION – each conversion loses some power and creates heat

Electrical Infrastructure

Typical System Configuration Criteria:

- Focus on Increased Reliability & Uptime to 99.999%

Design / Sizing Concept:

- Design load based on nameplate plus WAG for future growth, or
- Assumed watts per square foot

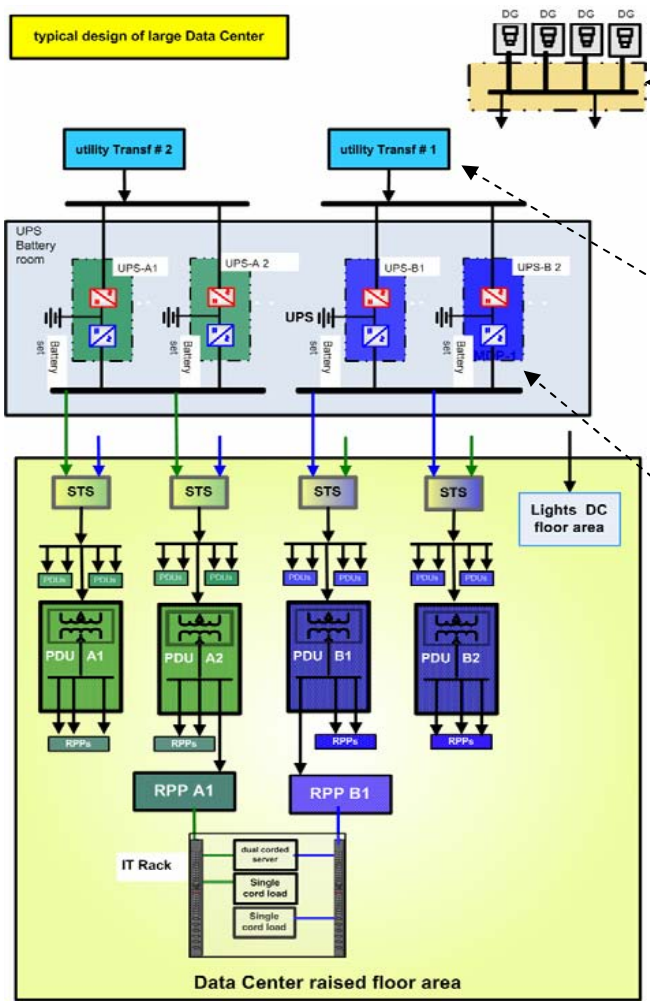
(both cases generally result in overstating load and oversizing equipment)

- UPS designed for above plus 20-50% plus redundancy (e.g. 2n)

Power Protection:

- Relying on UPS Power for voltage regulation and back-up

Infrastructure Inefficiency



- **Standby Generators**
  - Oversizing
  - Redundancy Exceeds N+1

  Higher power consumption of Block heaters, and water & Oil pumps up to 5%

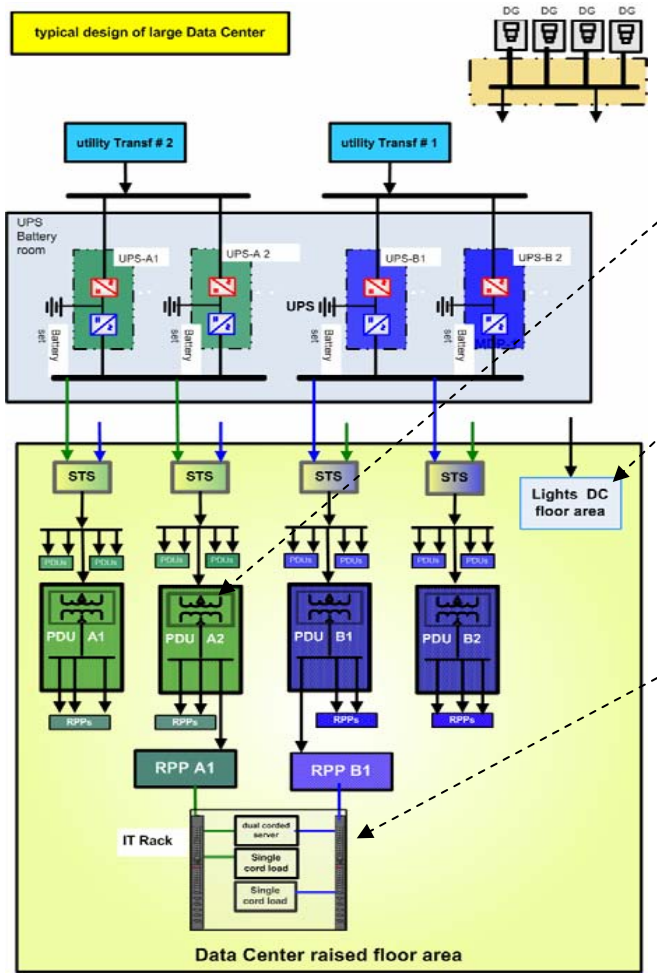
- **Transformers**
  - Oversizing
  - Inefficient

  Higher transformers losses up to 3%

- **UPS**
  - Low Load Capacity Due To
    - Oversizing
    - Multi-Stage Redundancy 2 (N+)
  - Inefficient UPS Topology
  - Low Input Power Factor
  - High Input Current THD

  Higher UPS losses up to 25%

Infrastructure Inefficiency



- **PDU**
  - Excessive Use of PDUs. 4 – 6 X IT designed Load
  - Inefficient Transformers

  Higher transformers losses up to 3%

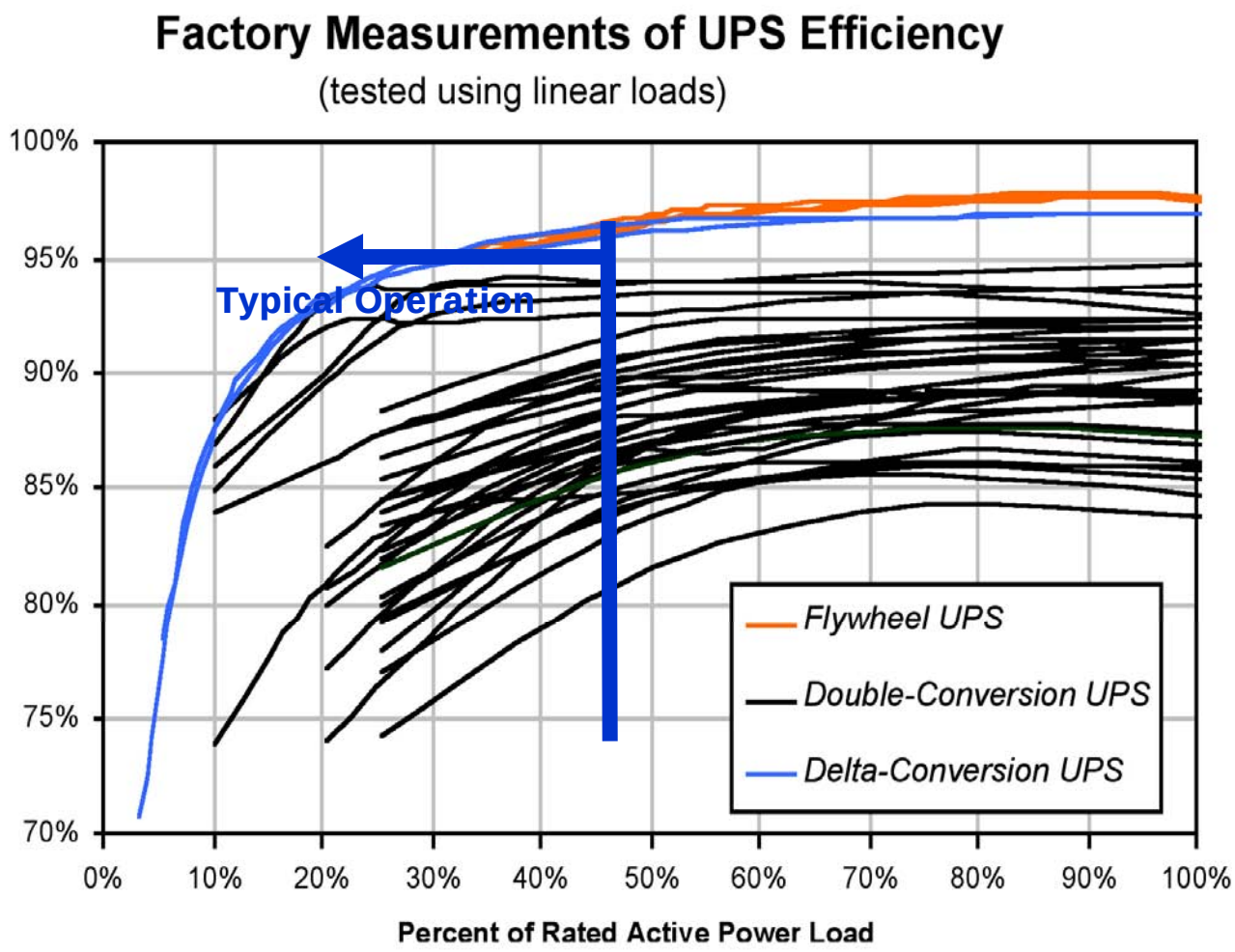
- **Lights**
  - Unused Floor Space
  - Use Of Inefficient Lights
  - No Lights Control Sensors

  Higher power consumption up to 5%

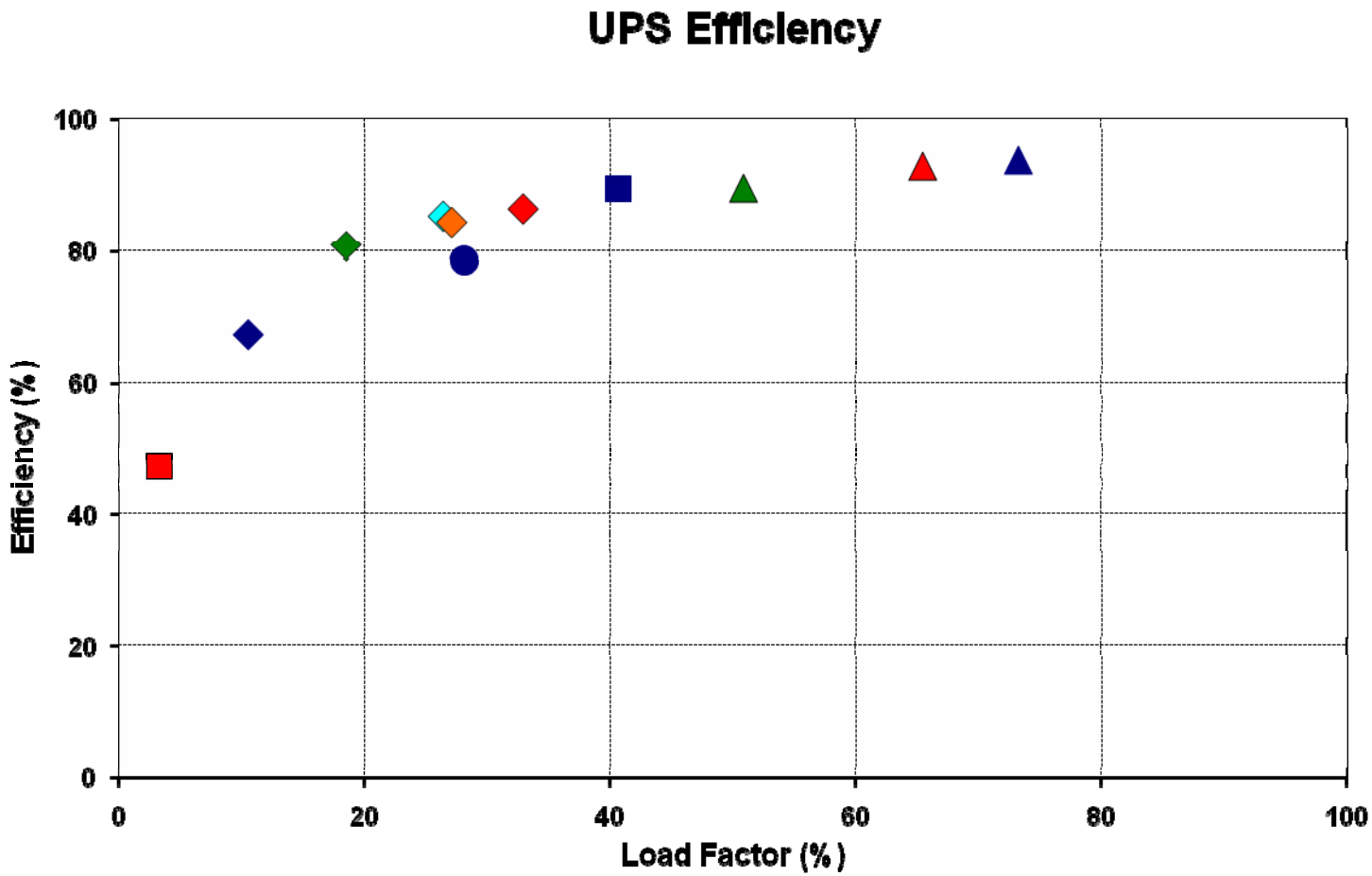
- **IT**
  - Sizing of IT load is based on Nameplate ++ growth
  - IT Low Power Factor
  - IT High Current Harmonic THD

  Higher cable & transformer losses

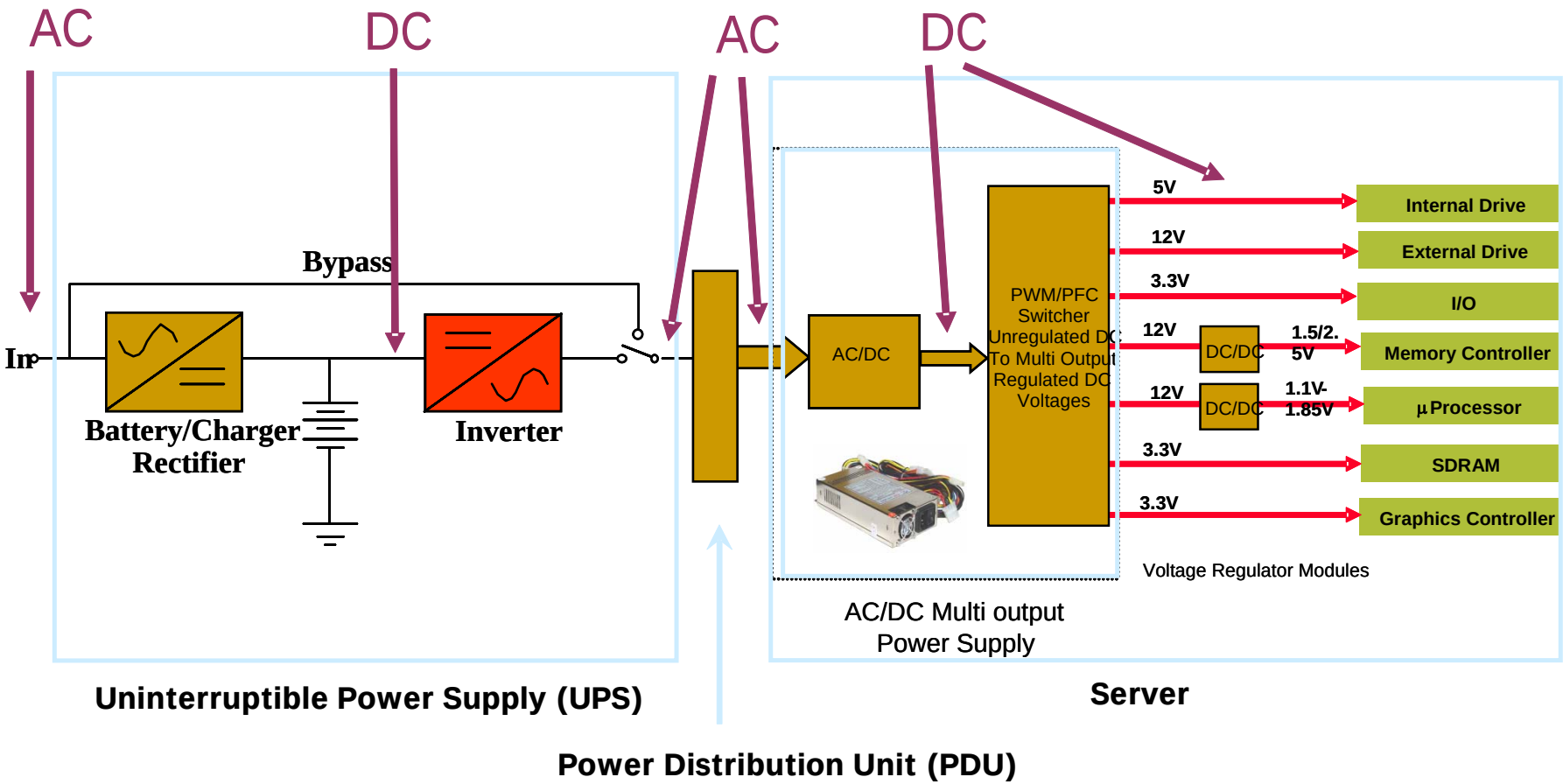
UPS factory measurements



Field Measured UPS performance



Multi-stages of Power Conversions



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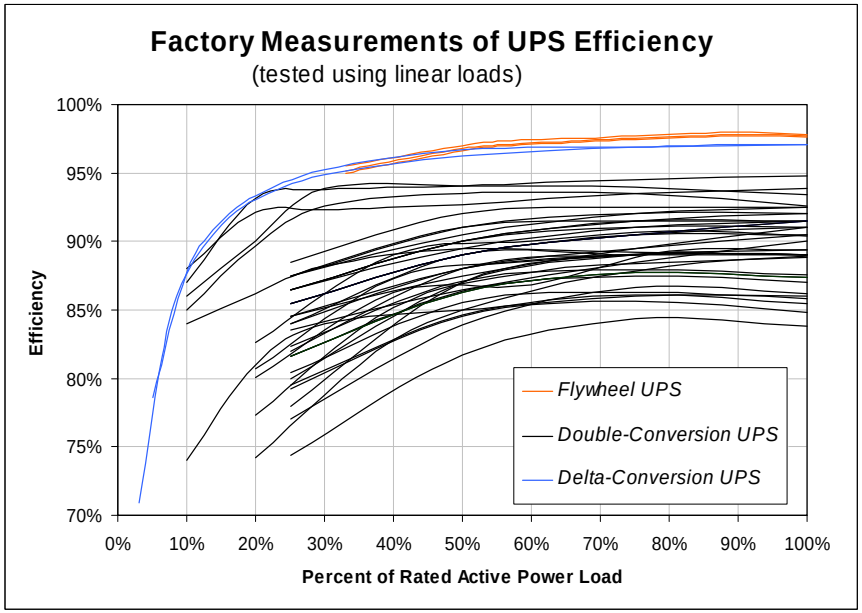
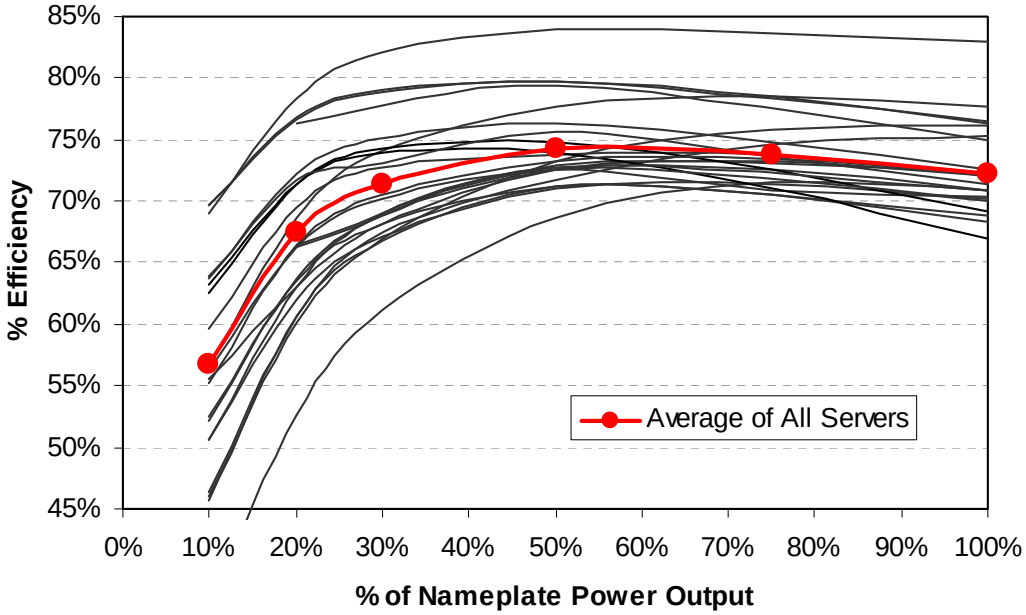
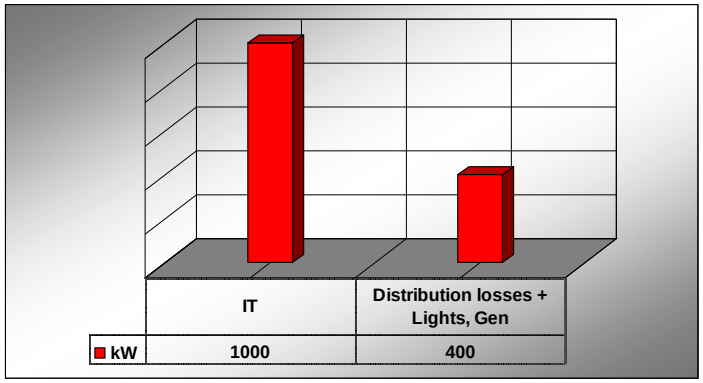




ENERGY INEFFICIENCY OF DATA CENTERS

Final Result of Power Chain



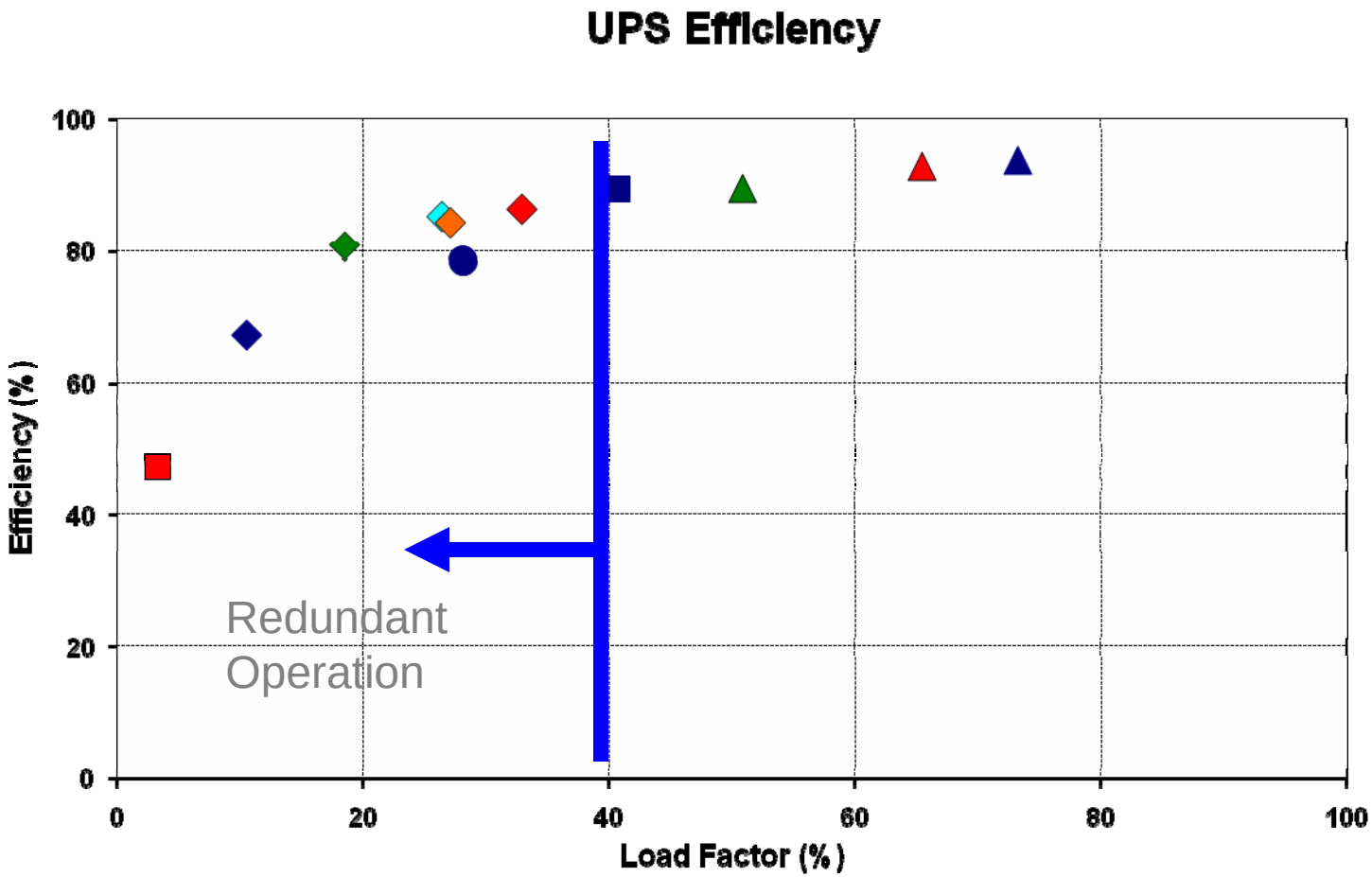
Excessive Energy Waste up to 40%

LOW (Poor) DCiE FACTOR

Redundancy

- Understand what redundancy costs – is it worth it?
- Different strategies have different energy penalties (e.g. 2N vs. N+1)
- Redundancy in electrical distribution always puts you down the efficiency curve
- Consider other options

Measured UPS performance



ROADMAP TO MAXIMIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- **Managing UPS Load Capacity:**

UPS Sizing and Loading Can Significantly Affect UPS efficiency:

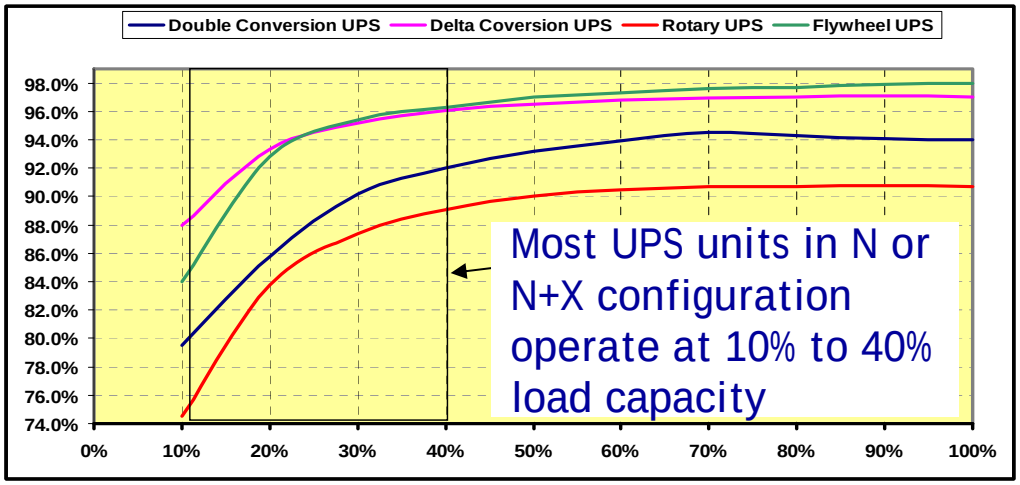
- ✓ **Maximize UPS Load Capacity**
- ✓ **Specify / Consider UPS system that has higher Efficiency at 10 – 40% load capacity**

  (Most UPS units in N or N+X configuration operate at 10% to 40% load capacity)
- ✓ **Use / Evaluate Efficient UPS Topology:**
  - **Double Conversion with Filter**
  - **Delta Conversion**
  - **Rotary**
  - **Flywheel**
- ✓ **Consider Modular UPS (An Option to Maximize UPS Load Capacity)**

Managing UPS Load Capacity (continue:)

Example: **10% difference in UPS efficiency per 1000 kW IT Load results in approx. 900 MWhr of Energy saving per year and approx $400K of Energy saving over 5 years.**

Result >> Overall Energy Effectiveness is high.



UPS Input Specs

- ✓ **Specify / Consider UPS system with Lower Input Current THD and higher Power Factor at 10- 40% load capacity.**

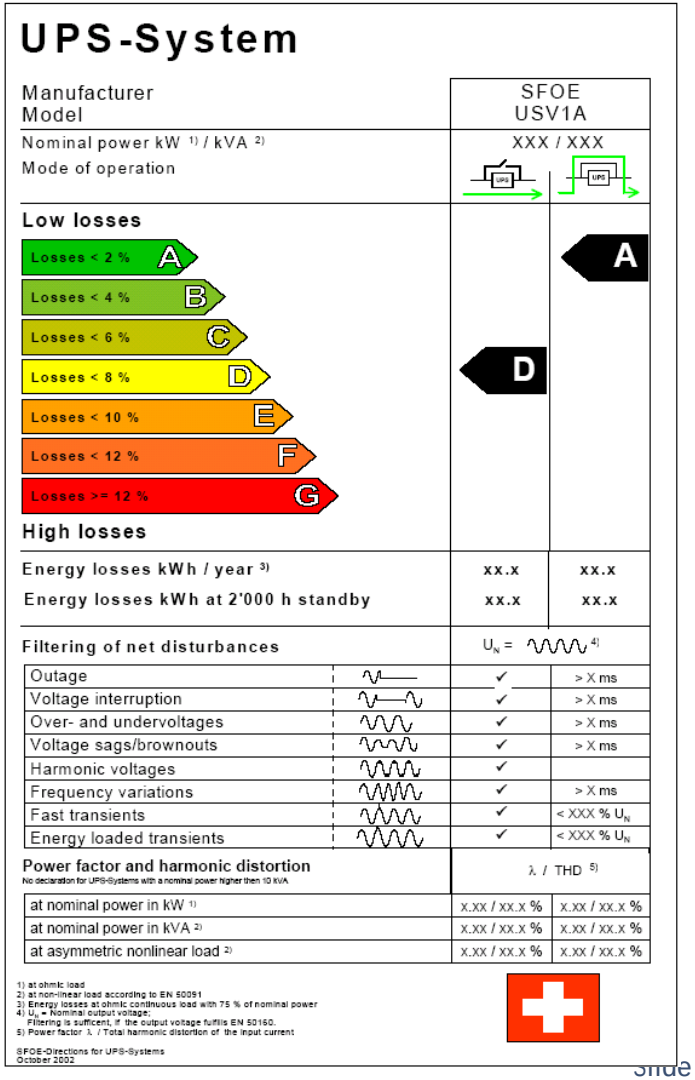
NOTE:
Input Current THD increases, and PF decreases when UPS operates at lower load capacity

UPS without Filter			
Load %	P.F.	THD	Losses
10	0.650	63.0	15.00%
25	0.695	60.5	12.80%
50	0.764	40.5	8.40%
75	0.800	30.0	7.30%

UPS with Filter			
Load %	P.F.	THD	Losses
10	0.770	25.0	15.00%
25	0.820	10.0	8.00%
50	0.840	6.0	6.00%
75	0.900	5.0	5.60%

UPS Draft Labeling Standard

- Based upon proposed European Standard
- Possible use in incentive programs



UPS-System

Manufacturer Model	SFOE USV1A	
Nominal power kW 1) / kVA 2) Mode of operation	XXX / XXX	
Low losses		
Losses < 2 % A		A
Losses < 4 % B		
Losses < 6 % C		
Losses < 8 % D	D	
Losses < 10 % E		
Losses < 12 % F		
Losses >= 12 % G		
High losses		
Energy losses kWh / year 3)	xx.x	xx.x
Energy losses kWh at 2'000 h standby	xx.x	xx.x
Filtering of net disturbances	U_N = 4)	
Outage	✓	> X ms
Voltage interruption	✓	> X ms
Over- and undervoltages	✓	> X ms
Voltage sags/brownouts	✓	> X ms
Harmonic voltages	✓	
Frequency variations	✓	> X ms
Fast transients	✓	< XXX % U_N
Energy loaded transients	✓	< XXX % U_N
Power factor and harmonic distortion No declaration for UPS-Systems with a nominal power higher then 10 kVA	λ / THD 5)	
at nominal power in kW 1)	x.xx / xx.x %	x.xx / xx.x %
at nominal power in kVA 2)	x.xx / xx.x %	x.xx / xx.x %
at asymmetric nonlinear load 2)	x.xx / xx.x %	x.xx / xx.x %

1) at ohmic load
2) at non-linear load according to EN 50091
3) Energy losses at ohmic continuous load with 75 % of nominal power
4) U_N = Nominal output voltage;
Filtering is sufficent, if the output voltage fulfils EN 50160.
5) Power factor λ / Total harmonic distortion of the input current

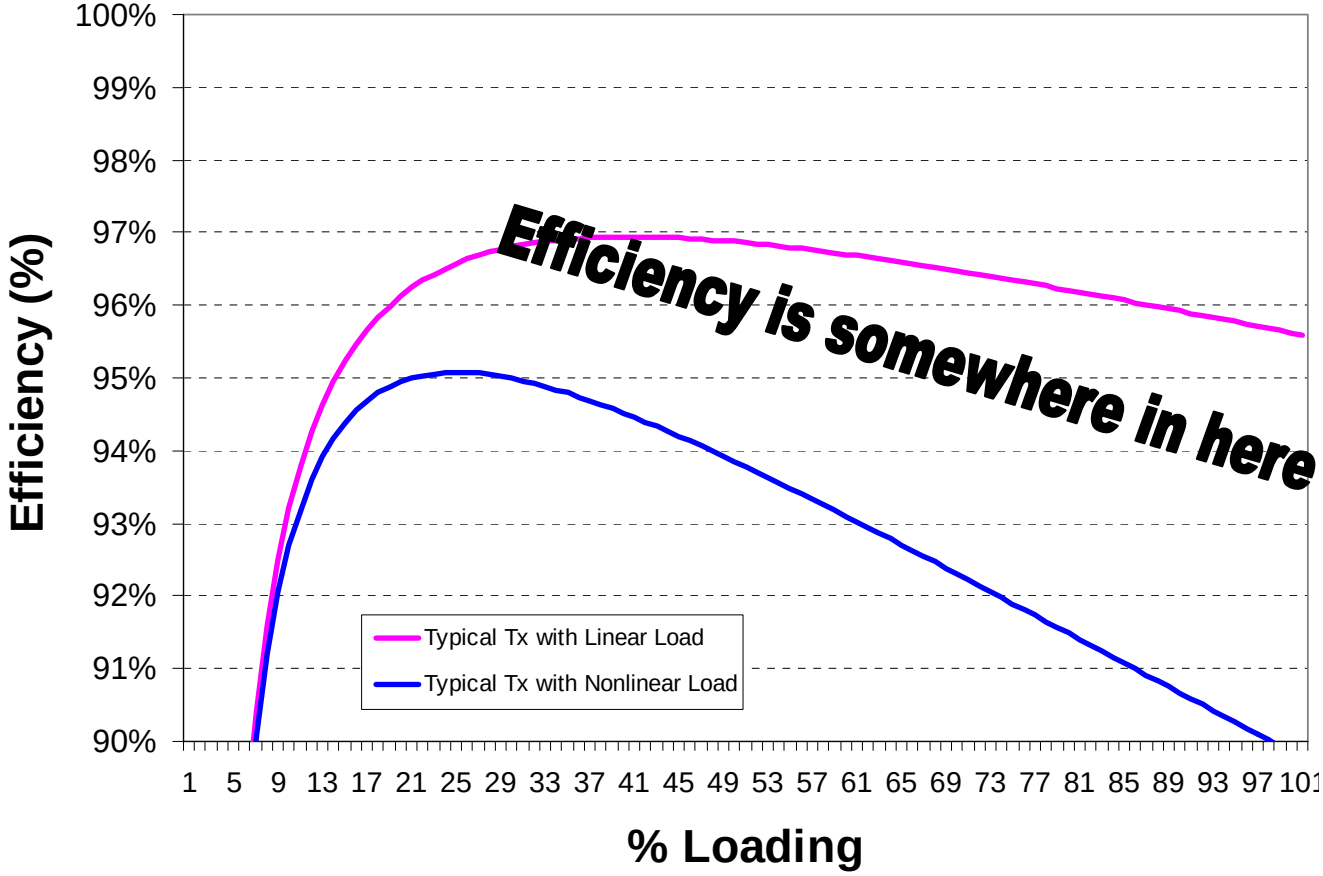
SFOE-Directions for UPS-Systems
October 2002

Transformers & PDUs (with built-in Transformer):

- ✓ **Specify / Consider Transformers with Higher Efficiency:**
  - **Transformers with 80°C temperature rise (vs. 150).**
  - **Higher Efficient Transformers that exceed:**

    ASHRAE 90.1, EPACT 2005, TP1
- ✓ **Install Low voltage (LV) transformers outside the raised floor area**
- ✓ **Reduce the number of PDUs (with built-in Transformer) inside the Data Center.**

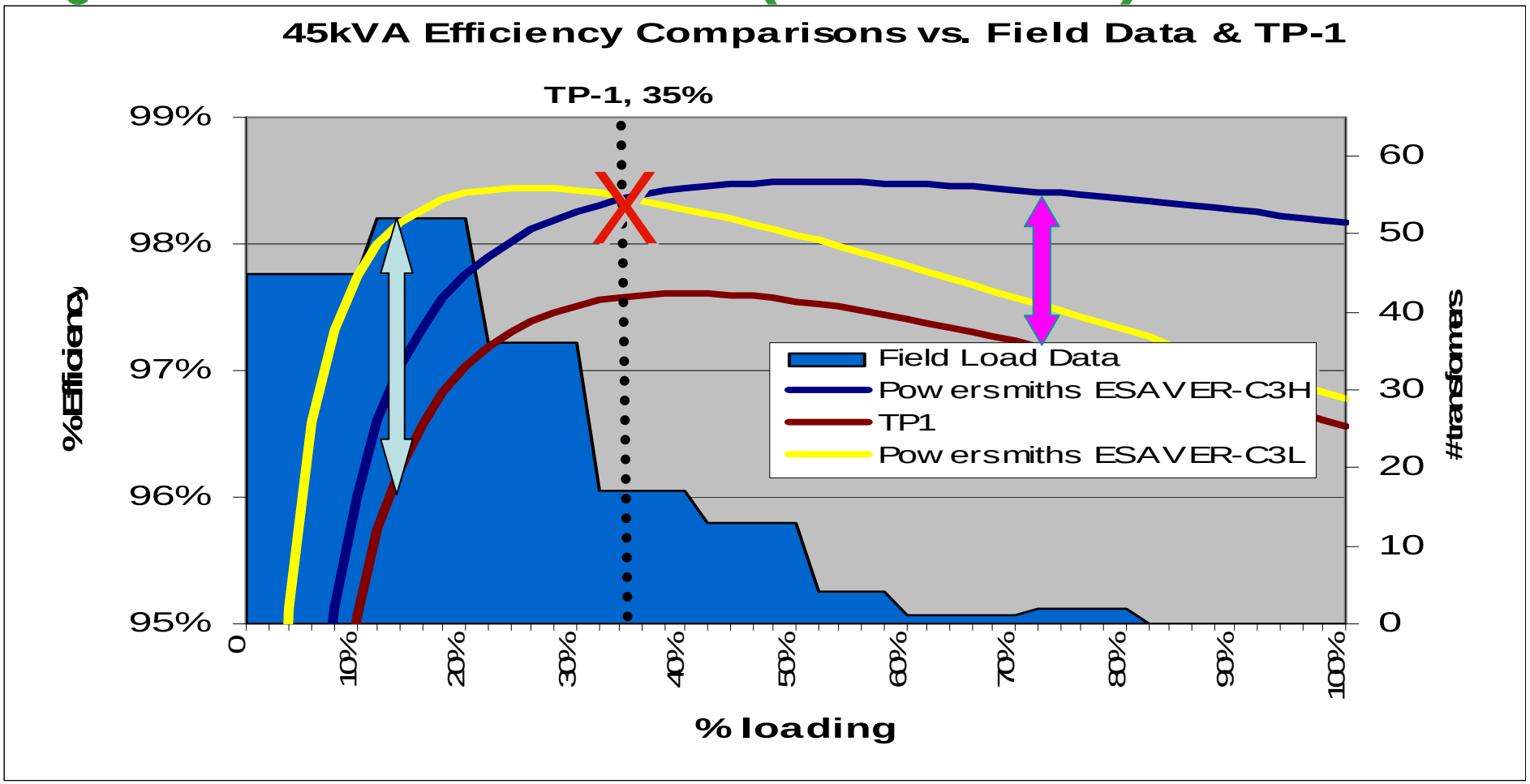
Energy Deficiency Typical 112.5kVA Nonlinear



Significant variation in efficiency over load range & concentration of electronic equipment

Courtesy of PowerSmiths

High Performance vs. TP1 (EPACT 2005) transformer



ESAVER C3L -> Light Load optimized, C3H -> Heavy Load optimized

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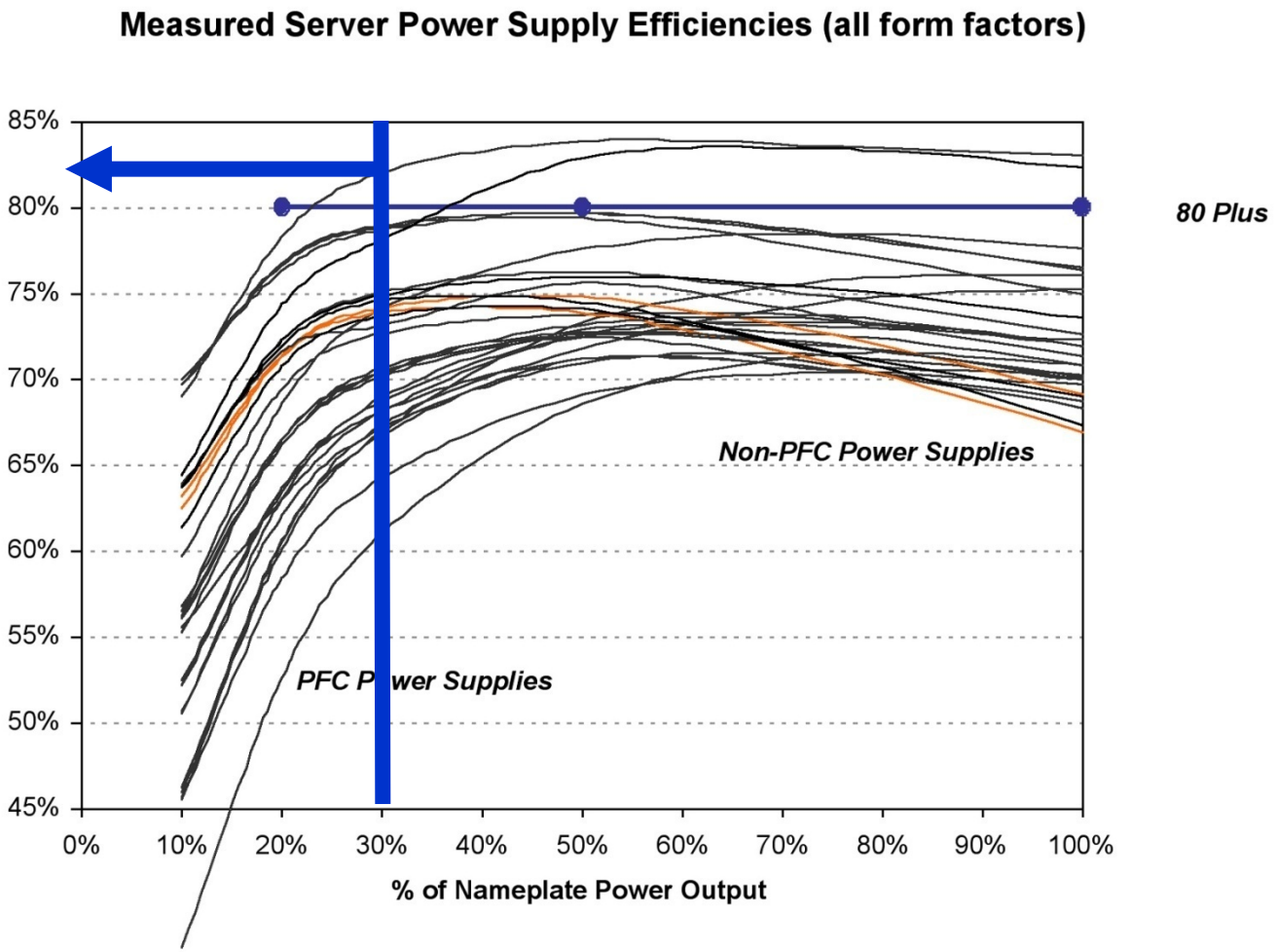
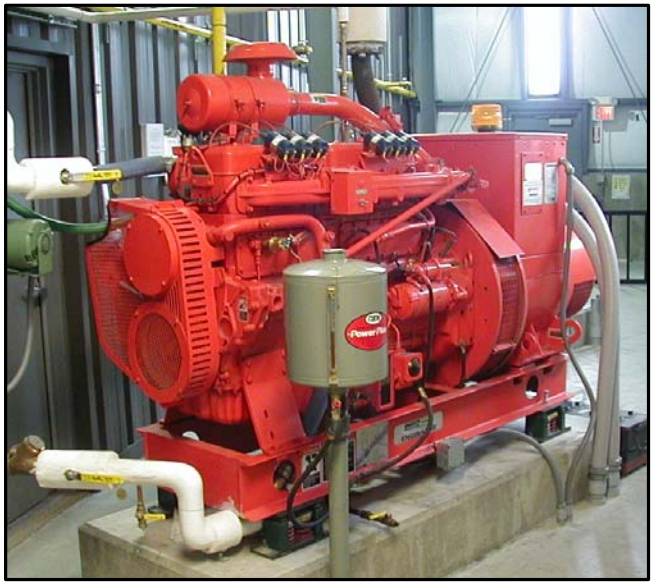
Spec 80 Plus power supply efficiency in IT equipment



Data center lighting

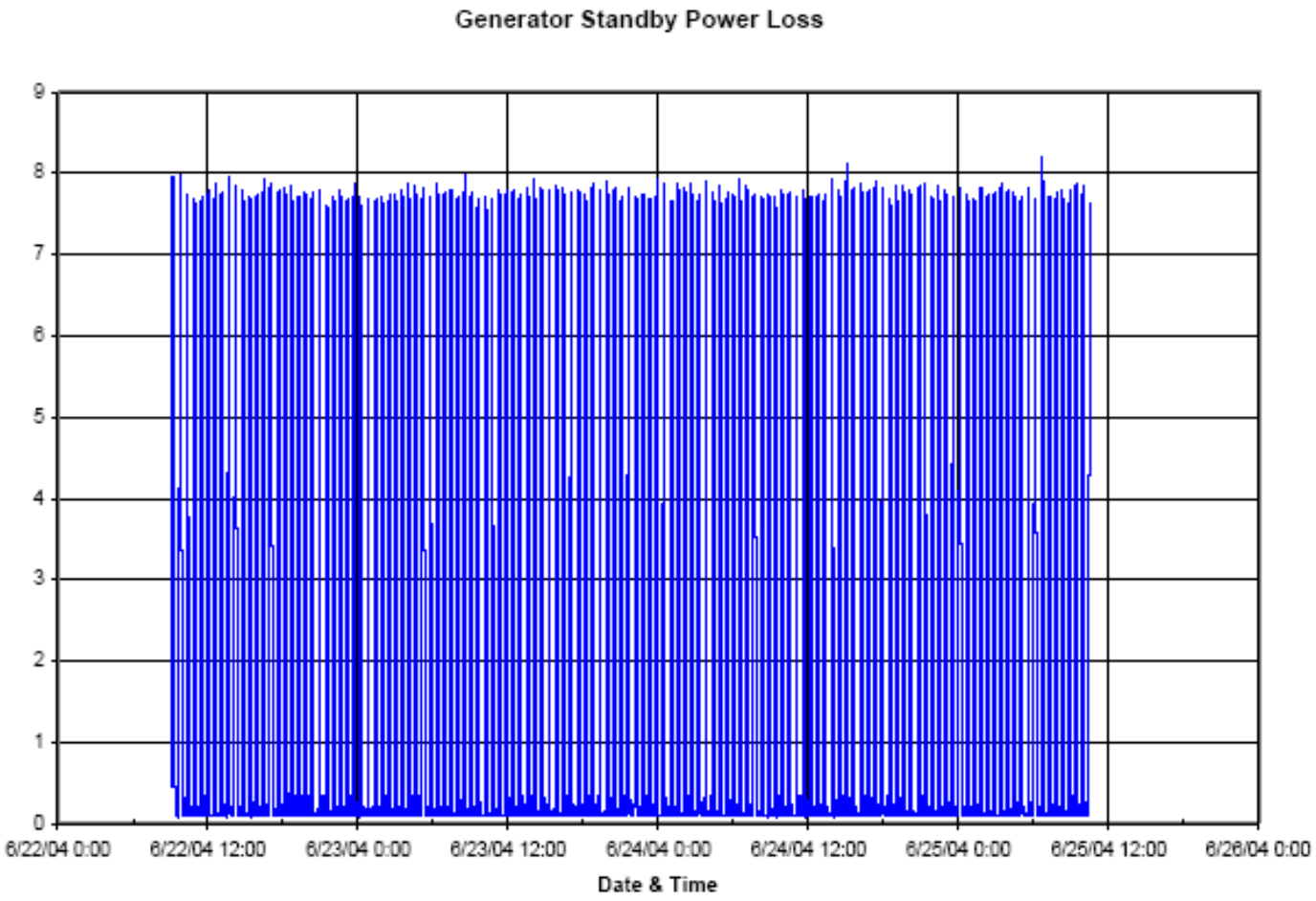
- Small benefit but easy to accomplish – also saves HVAC energy
- Lights are on and nobody's home
  - Switch off lights in unused/unoccupied areas or rooms
  - Lighting controls such as occupancy sensors are well proven
- Reduce excesive light levels
  - Utilize multi level switching or task/ambient lighting
- Use energy efficient lights -Replace older coil/core Ballasts type with new efficient electronic ones
- Lights in raised floor area should be located above the aisles
- Maintain fixtures including periodic cleaning and re-lamping
  - Remove the Ballast from the fixture when the lamp is removed (some Ballast types consume power w/o lamp)
- DC lighting would compliment DC distribution

Standby generation loss



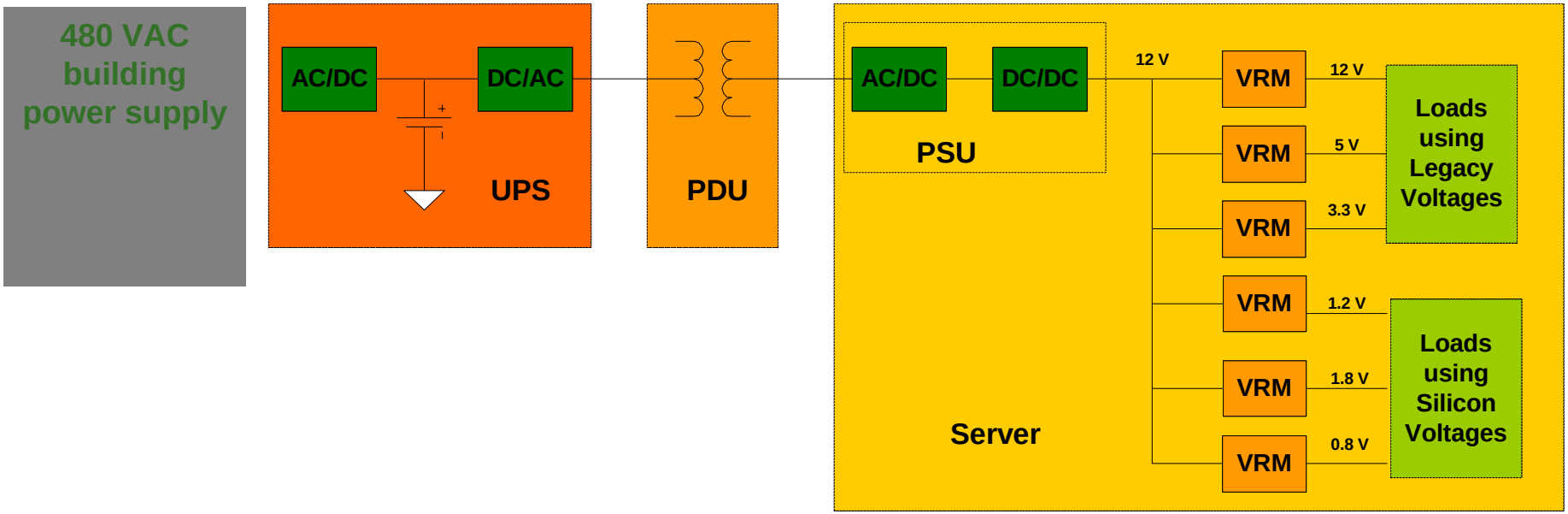
- Several load sources
  - Heaters
  - Battery chargers
  - Transfer switches
  - Fuel management systems
- Opportunity may be to reduce or eliminate heating, batteries, and chargers
- Heaters (many operating hours) use more electricity than the generator will ever produce (few operating hours)
  - Check with the emergency generator manufacturer on how to reduce the overall energy consumption of block heaters (hot water jacket(s) - HWJ), i.e. temperature control
- Right Sizing of Stand-by Generator
- Maintain N+1 Redundancy

Standby generator heater



LBNL DC Power Demonstration

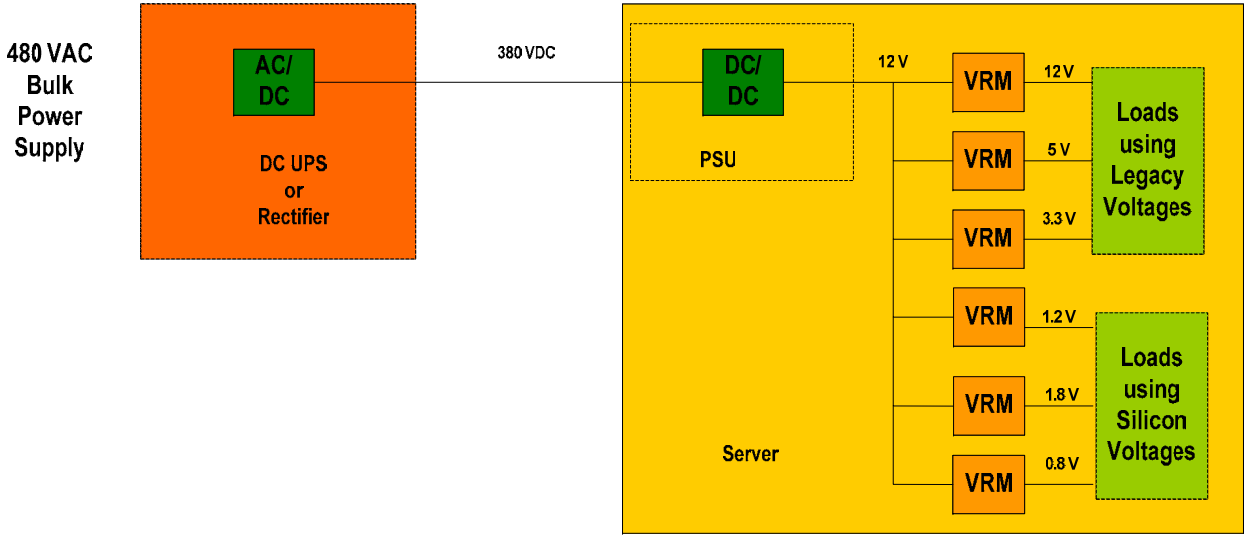
"Today's" AC Distribution



DC Power Distribution

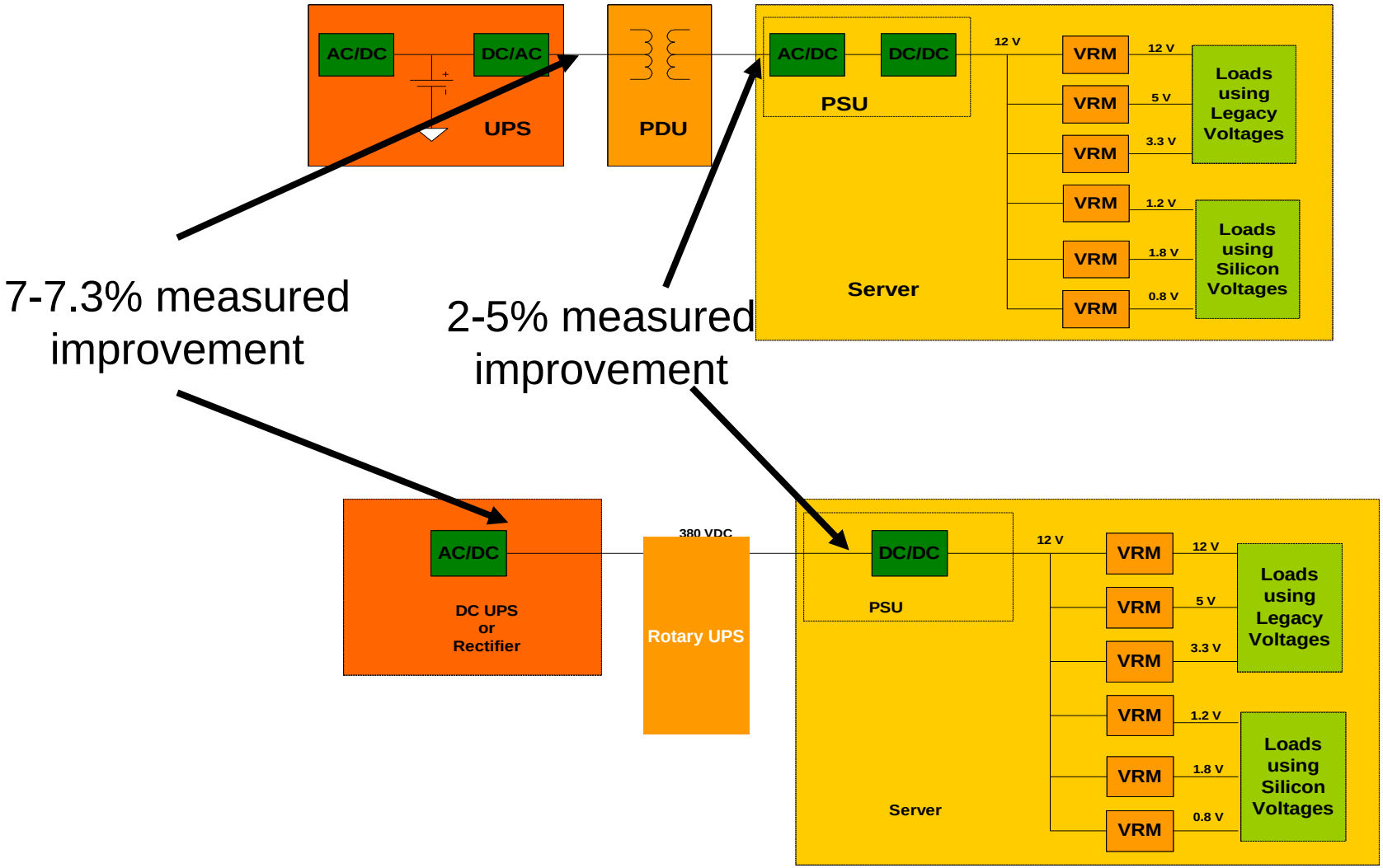
- **Eliminates two stages of power conversion.**

Facility-Level DC Distribution

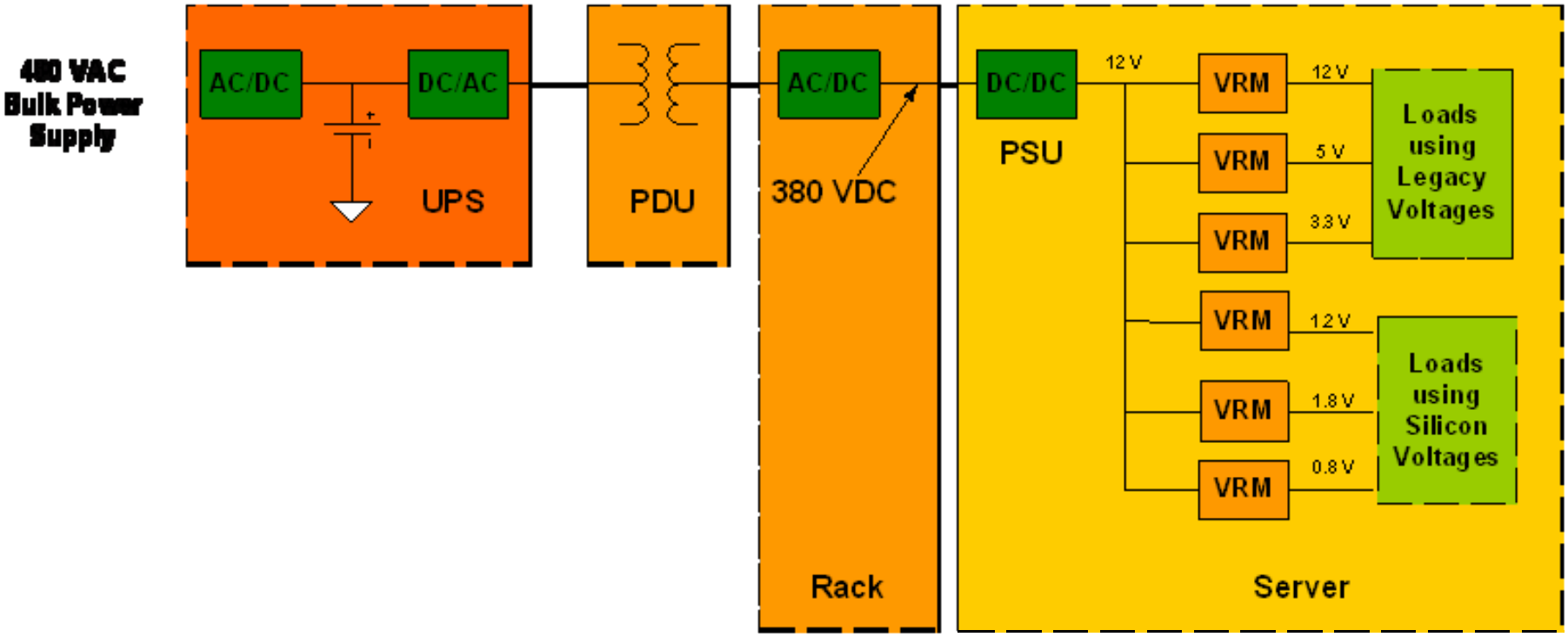


DC Demonstration

AC system loss compared to DC



Rack-Level DC Distribution

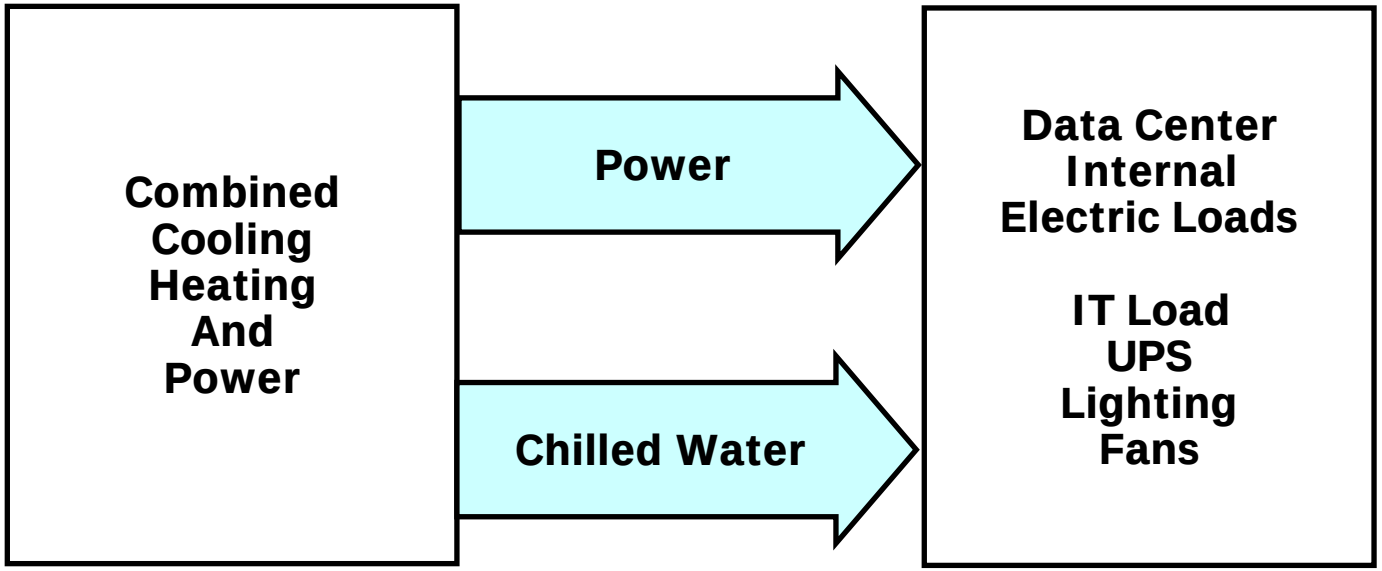


On-site (distributed) generation

- Swap role with Utility for back-up
  - Diesel or Gas- Fired Generators
  - Gas Turbines
  - Micro-Turbines
  - Fuel Cells
  - Bio-Mass
  - Solar
  - Wind
- Can use power plant heat for cooling
  - Absorption or adsorption chillers
  - Or other campus use
- Renewable sources (for dedicated loads such as generator engine block heaters, lights, etc.)

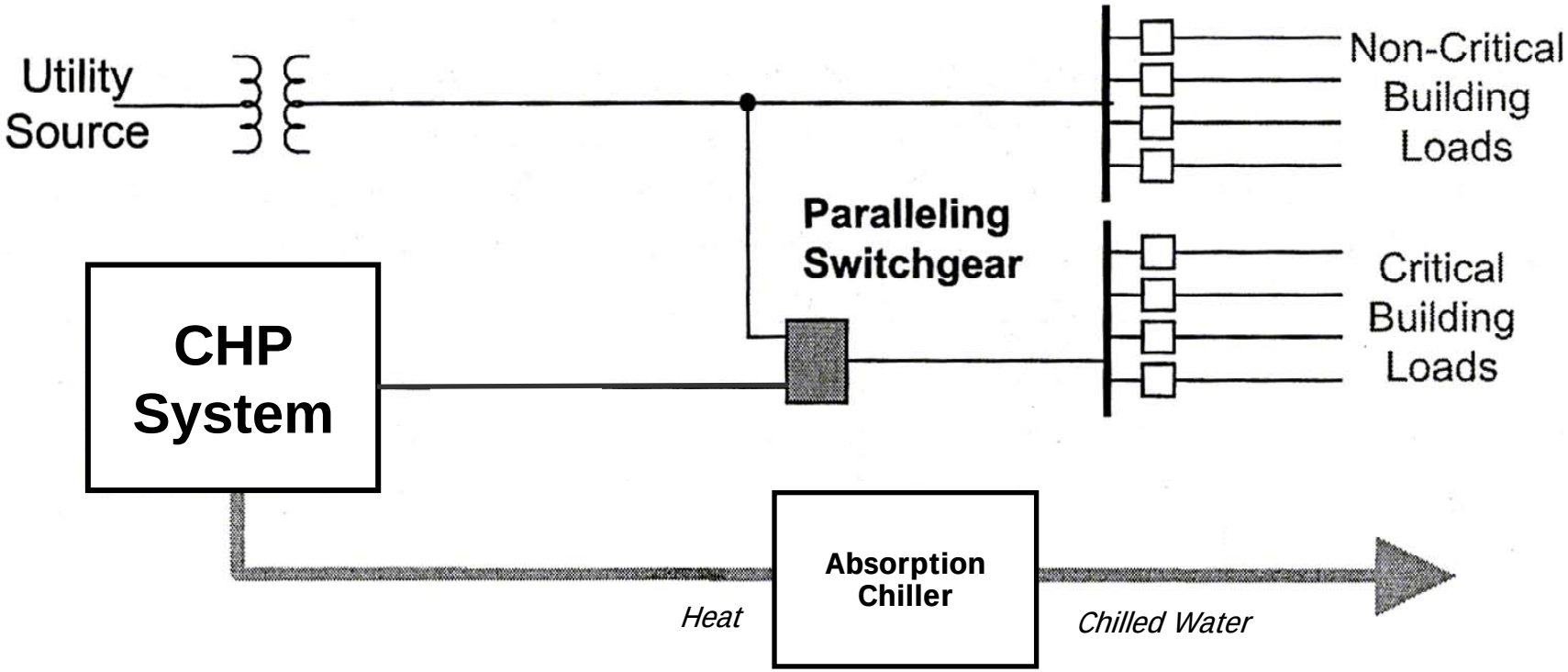
Data Center CHP Application in a Nutshell – Power in / Heat Out

1 kW of electric load adds 3412 Btu of heat (.28 tons of cooling load) That must be removed from the building

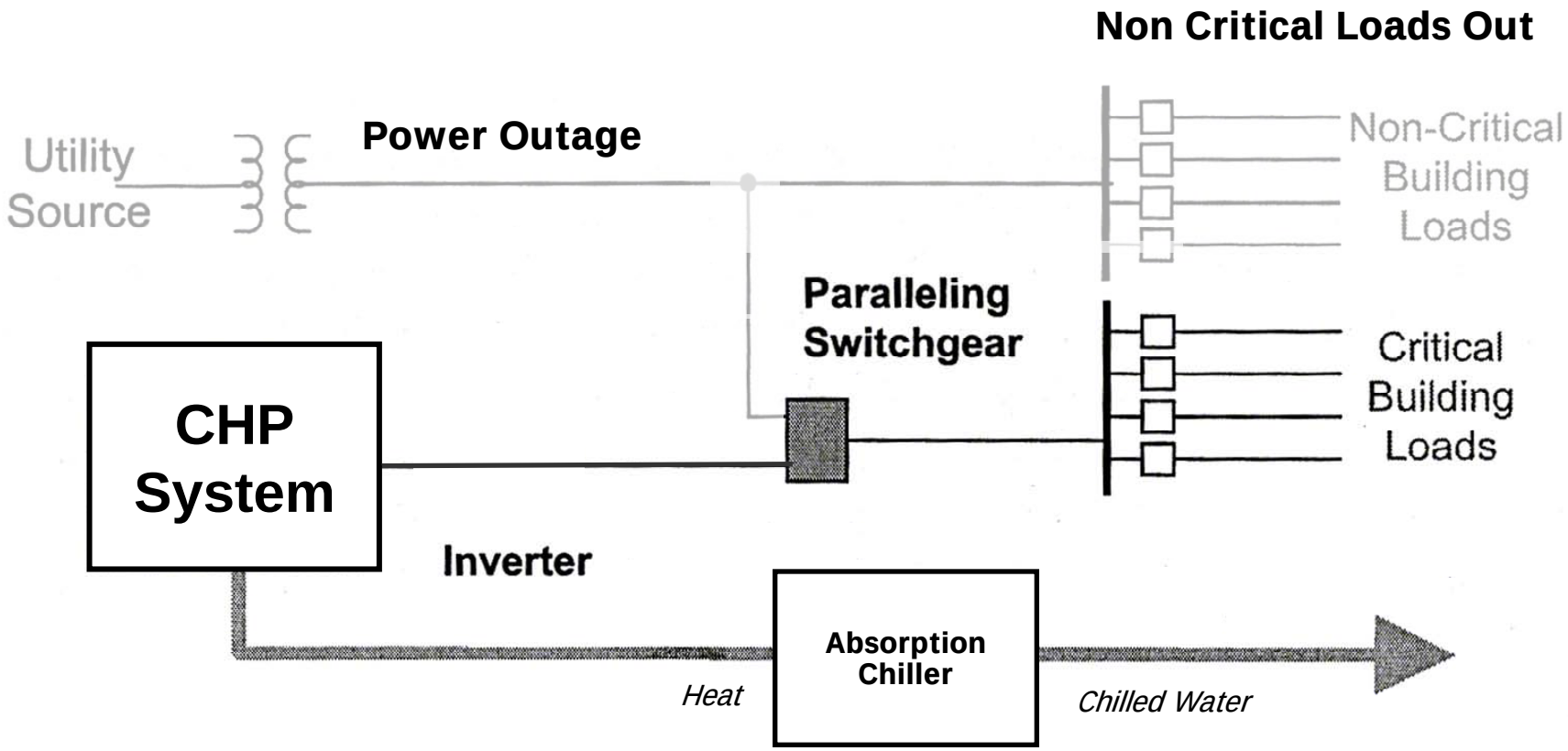


1 kW of of CHP electricity can also provide .11 to .55 tons of thermally Activated cooling depending on the prime mover technology and chiller type

CHP System in Data Center Application with Utility as a Parallel Feed



CHP Provides Power to Critical Loads during a Utility Outage

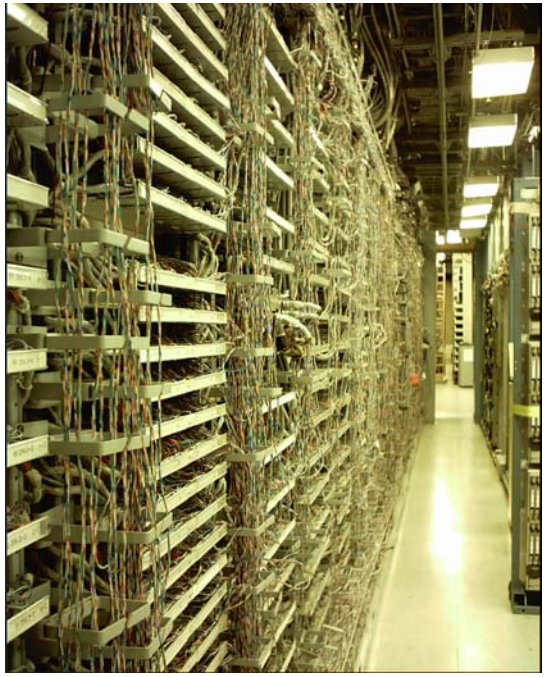


CHP in Data Centers

- There are currently 16 data centers in DOE data base with CHP, representing 16.2 MW of capacity
- What can CHP do for data centers?
  - Reduce Energy Costs
  - Increase Reliability
  - Reduce Emissions (e.g. fuel cells)
- Notable Examples
  - Verizon Garden City – 1.4 MW fuel cell (pictured above)
  - Network Appliance – 1.1 MW reciprocating engine
  - Qualcomm – 7.2 MW

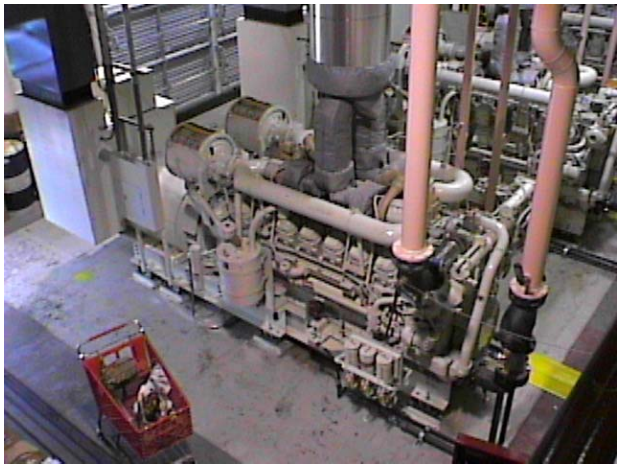
Verizon Central Office Building

- 292,000 sq. ft. "switching center" on Long Island, NY
- Computers and high-tech equipment create significant cooling load



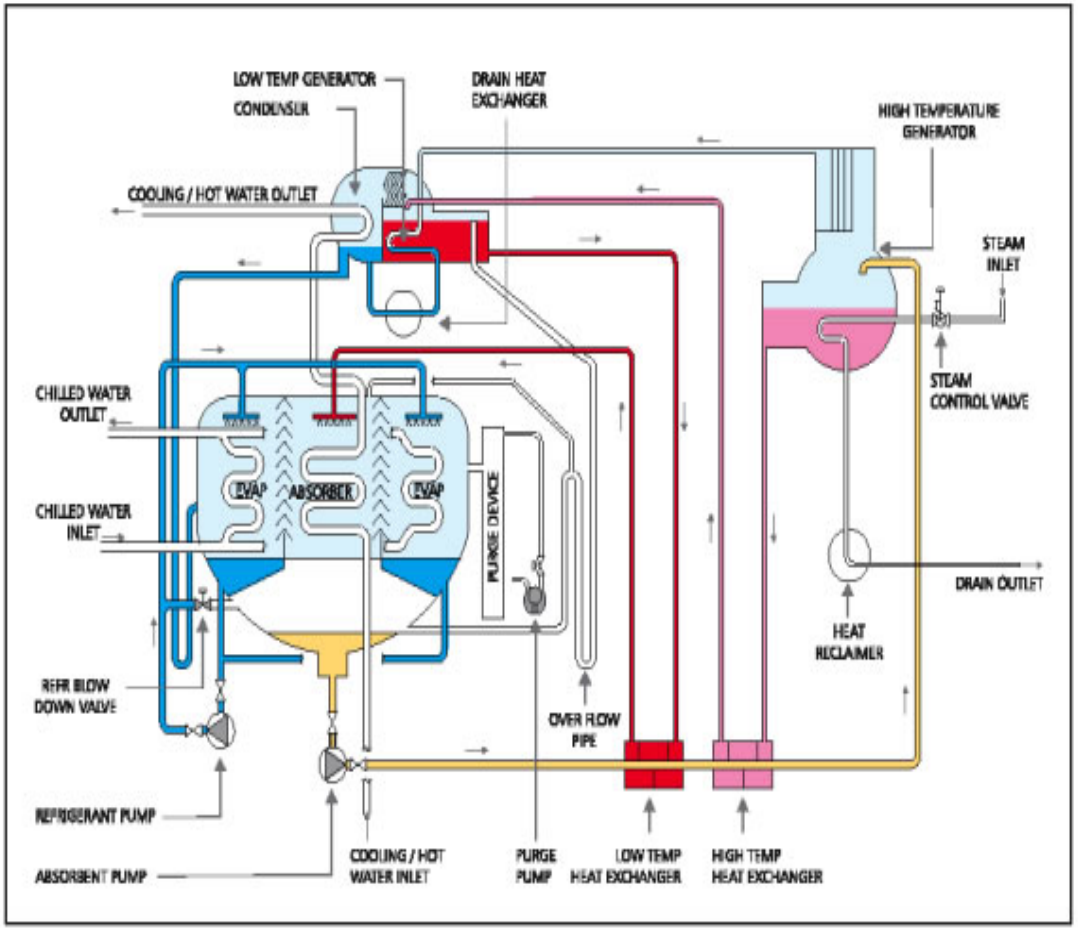
Distributed Power @ verizon

- 2.7-MW_e building load met by:
  - One Caterpillar natural gas (20%) and diesel (80%) dual-fuel engine
  - Two 2-MW diesel engines
  - Seven UTC 200-kW phosphoric acid fuel cells for supplementary power
    - Onsite Hydrogen reforming from natural gas
  - Onsite/grid power use coordinated with time of use monitoring to avoid high demand charges at/near peak



Distributed Cooling @ verizon

- Cooling
  - Peak cooling demand ~ 750 tons
  - Demand partially met by two 70-ton Thermax LiBr absorption chillers
  - Driven by heat from fuel cells
- Excess heat in winter used for space heating



Qualcomm Uses CHP for Mixed Data and Office use

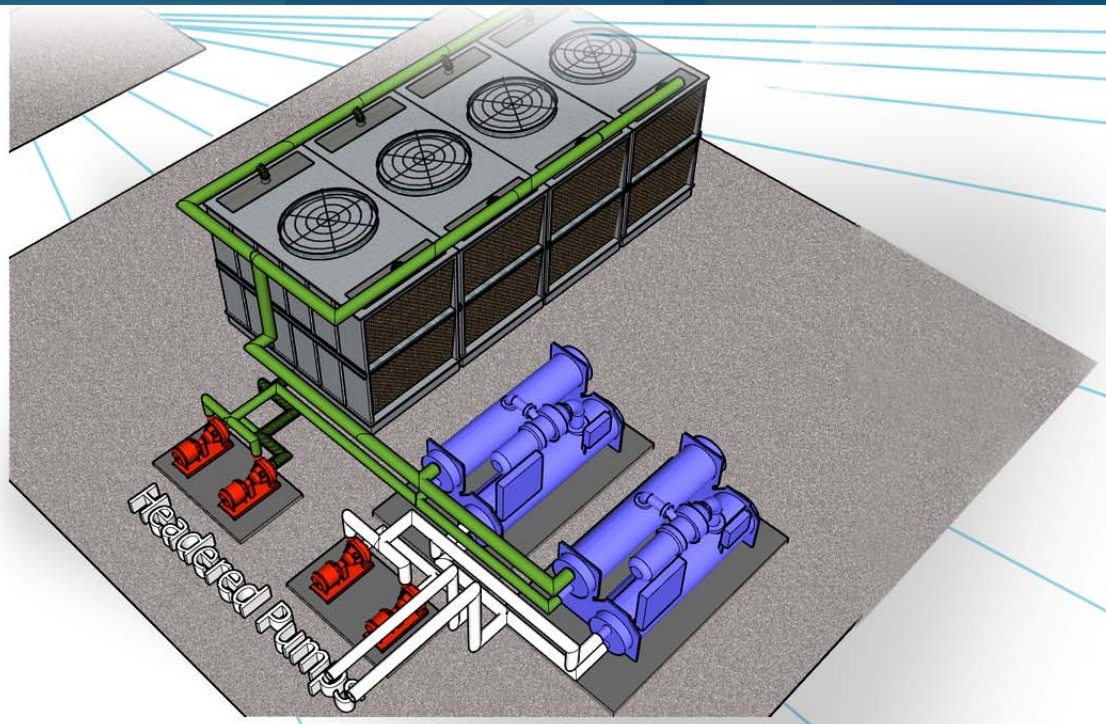
- 575,000 s.f. San Diego R&D facility with data center, plus a 12 story office building
- 4.2 MW Solar Mercury Gas turbine CHP system with 1200 tons of absorption chiller capacity
- 3 older gas turbines provide additional 3 MW of peaking capacity with additional absorption chillers
- 250 kW of rooftop PV
- At another site, Qualcomm has an additional Mercury CHP system providing 4.2 MW of power and 1200 tons of cooling along with 200 kW of rooftop PV

Awareness & Energy Management

- Perform an Infra-Red (IR) test for the main transformers and other electrical systems
- Improve the load balance between the phases
- Change UPS DC capacitors if older than 5 years
- Metering: Install monitoring equipment to measure system efficiency and performance
  - Measure instant DCiE values
  - Install Meters in every RPP, PDU, STS, etc
  - Install Metered Power Strip in IT Racks

Electrical Take Aways

- Distributing higher voltage (AC or DC) is more efficient
- Electrical power conversions are inefficient
- Specify highly efficient UPSs
- Specifiy highly efficient Transformers
- Lighting is small but an easy opportunity (efficiency and controls)
- Specify highly efficient IT equipment power supplies (80 Plus)
- Minimize standby generation losses
- On-site generation can improve efficiency
- Consider Alternative Energy Sources



Central Cooling Plants

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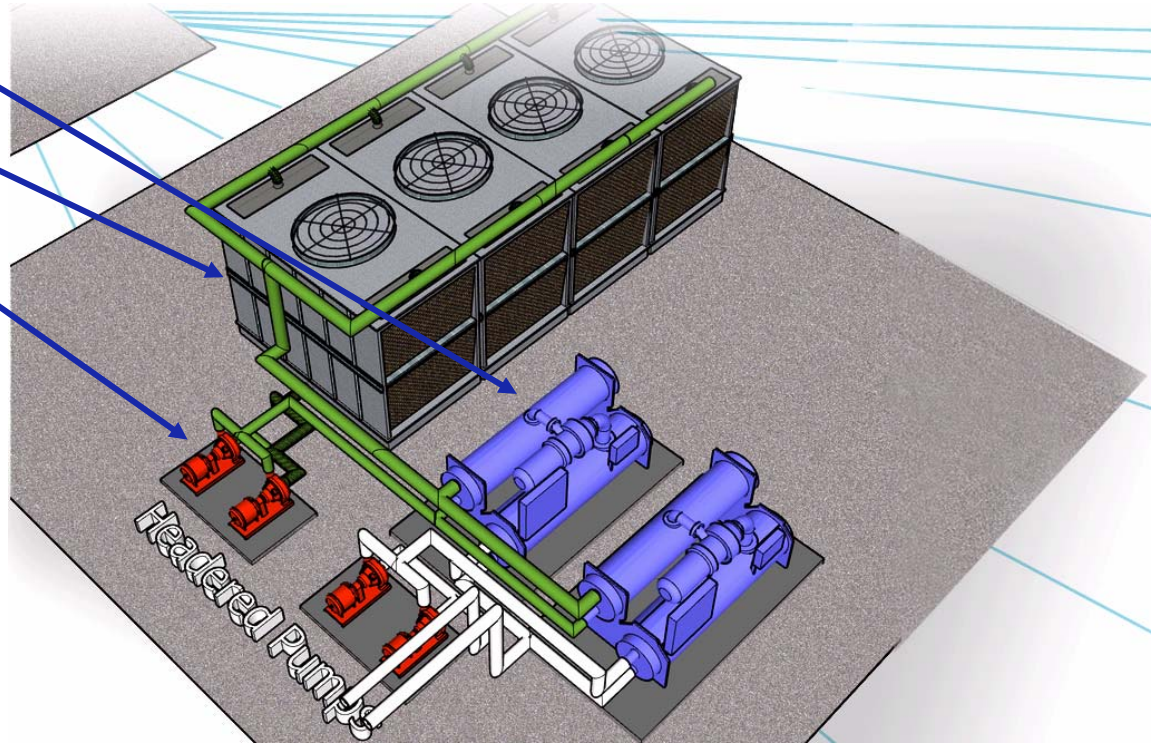
Central Plant Overview

- CHW Configurations
  - Loads
  - Plant
- Pumping Options
- Cooling Tower Issues
- Air- vs Water-Cooled Chillers
- Best Practices

This is only the tip of the iceberg!

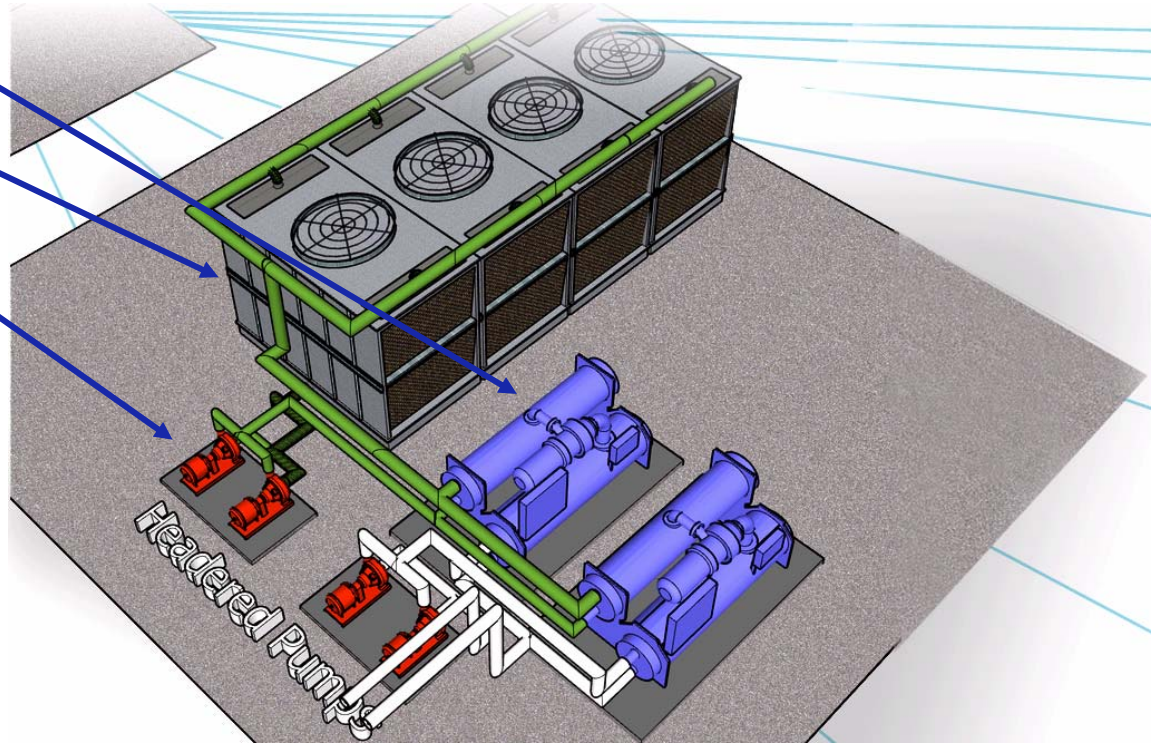
Pop Quiz 1

- What happens to component energy usage if we lower CWS setpoint?
  - ⇩ Chiller
  - ⇧ Towers
  - – Pumps



Pop Quiz 2

- What happens to component energy usage if we lower CW flow?
  - ⇧ Chiller
  - ⇩ Towers
  - ⇩ Pumps



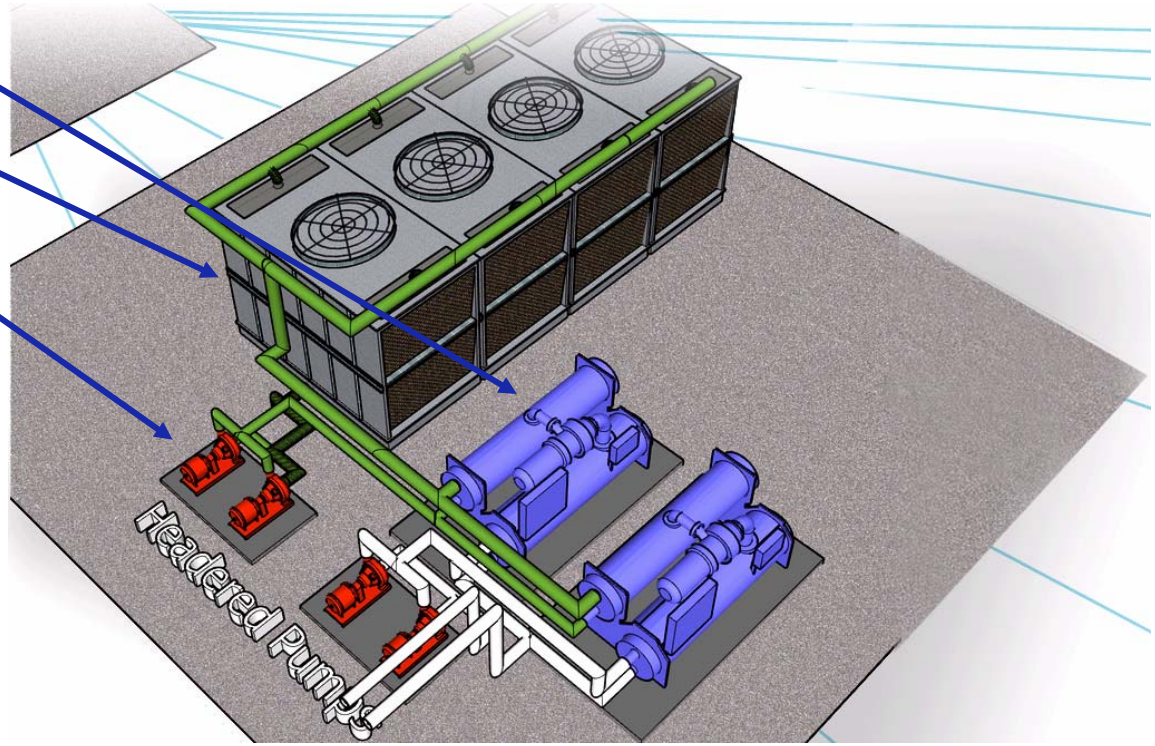
Pop Quiz 3

- What happens to component energy usage if we lower CW flow AND the CWS setpoint?

Chiller

Towers

Pumps



Options for Balancing Variable Flow Systems

- No balancing (relying on 2-way control valves to automatically provide balancing)
- Manual balance, most commonly using calibrated balancing valves (CBVs) to measure and adjust flow
- Automatic flow limiting valves (AFLVs)
- Reverse-return
- Oversized main piping
- Undersized branch piping
- Undersized control valves
- Pressure independent control valves

Data from the October 2002 ASHRAE Journal article, "Balancing Variable Flow Hydronic Systems," by Steve Taylor and Jeff Stein

Ranks

	Balancing Method	Controllability (all conditions)	Pump Energy Costs	First Costs
1	No balancing	7	3	3
2	Manual balance using calibrated balancing valves	4	6	6
3	Automatic flow limiting valves	7	7	7
4	Reverse-return	2	2	5
5	Oversized main piping	3	1	4
6	Undersized branch piping	6	4	2
7	Undersized control valves	5	4	1
8	Pressure independent control valve	1	8	8

Pop Quiz 4

- Why should you use 3-way valves in a data center?
  - They cost less to install.
  - They reduce pumping energy.
  - They provide better control.
  - You need them to provide flow in the system.

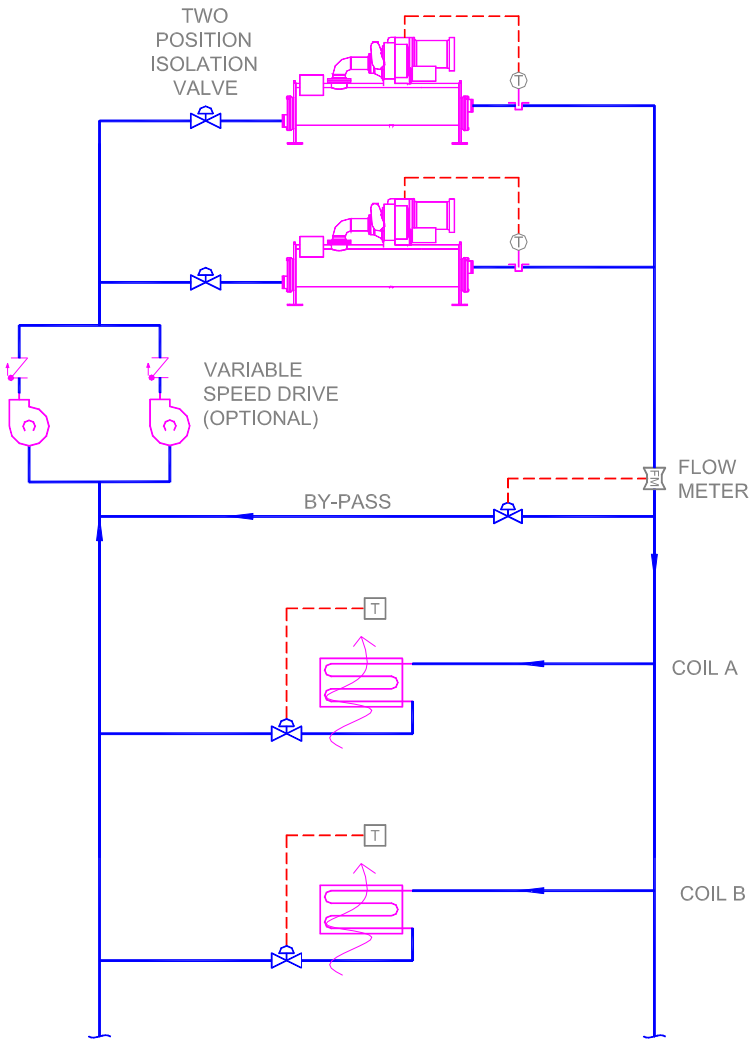
Balancing Variable Flow Systems

- Balancing Recommendations at Coils:
  - For data centers, use 2 way valves everywhere, it saves first cost and energy.
  - Automatic flow-limiting valves and calibrated balancing valves are not recommended on any variable flow system.
    - Few or no advantages and high first costs and energy costs.
  - Reverse-return and oversized mains may have reasonable pump energy savings payback on 24/7 chilled water systems like data centers.
  - Loop distribution systems for data centers are also recommended for reduced power and increased reliability.
  - For other than very large distribution systems, option 1 (no balancing) appears to be the best option
    - Low first costs with minimal or insignificant operational problems
- Balancing Recommendations at Pumps:
  - Do **not** use pump balancing valves (e.g. triple duty valves) with variable speed pumps.
  - For data centers the chilled water pumps should always have VSDs.

Variable Flow

Primary-only, Multiple Chillers

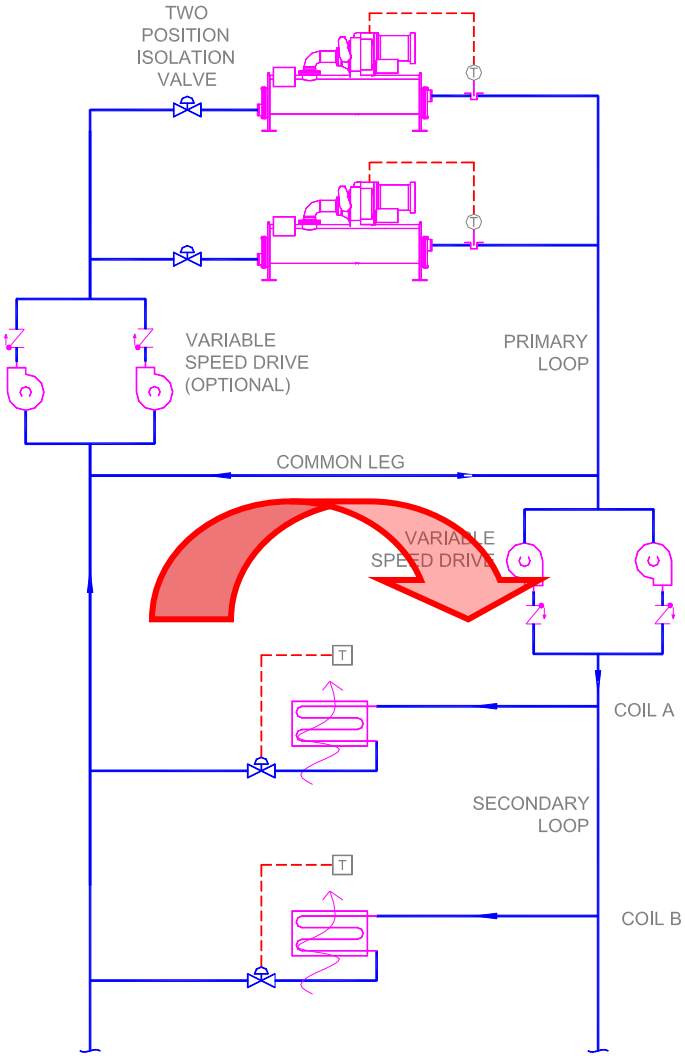
- Advantages
  - Low installed cost.
  - Low energy cost.
- Disadvantages
  - More complex controls.
  - Can lose chillers if you don't stage them correctly.



Variable Flow

Primary/Secondary, Multiple Chillers and Coils

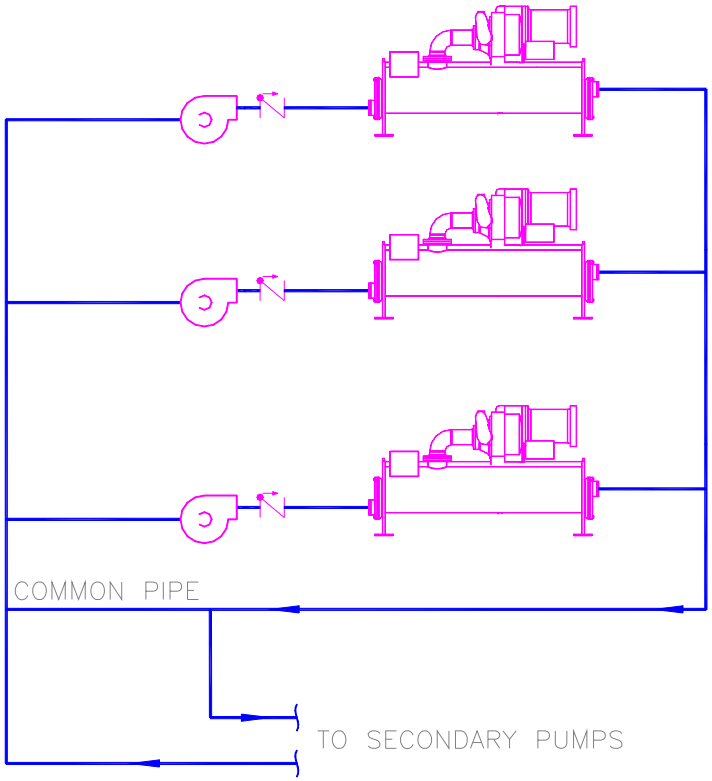
- Advantages
  - Simpler controls.
  - Easier to keep chillers on-line.
- Disadvantages
  - Higher installed cost.
  - Higher pumping energy.
  - Higher chiller energy as you have to stage the chillers on flow not load.
- Mitigation
  - Stage chillers by flow.
  - Put check valve in common leg.

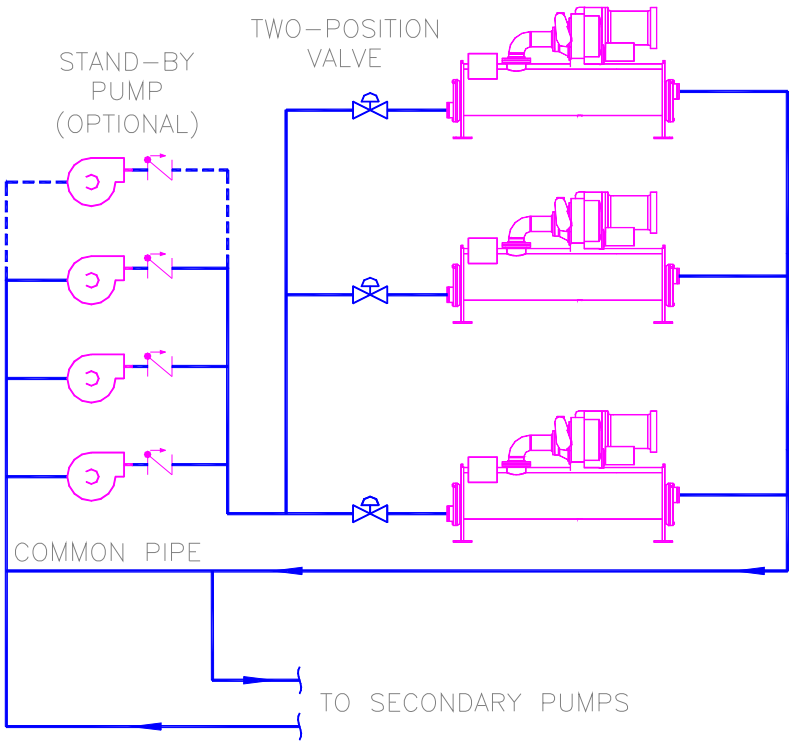


Primary-only vs. Primary/Secondary

- Use Primary-only Systems for:
  - Plants with many chillers (more than three) and with fairly high base loads where the need for bypass is minimal or nil and flow fluctuations during staging are small due to the large number of chillers; and
  - Plants where design engineers and future on-site operators understand the complexity of the controls and the need to maintain them.
- Otherwise Use Primary-secondary

Primary Pump Options

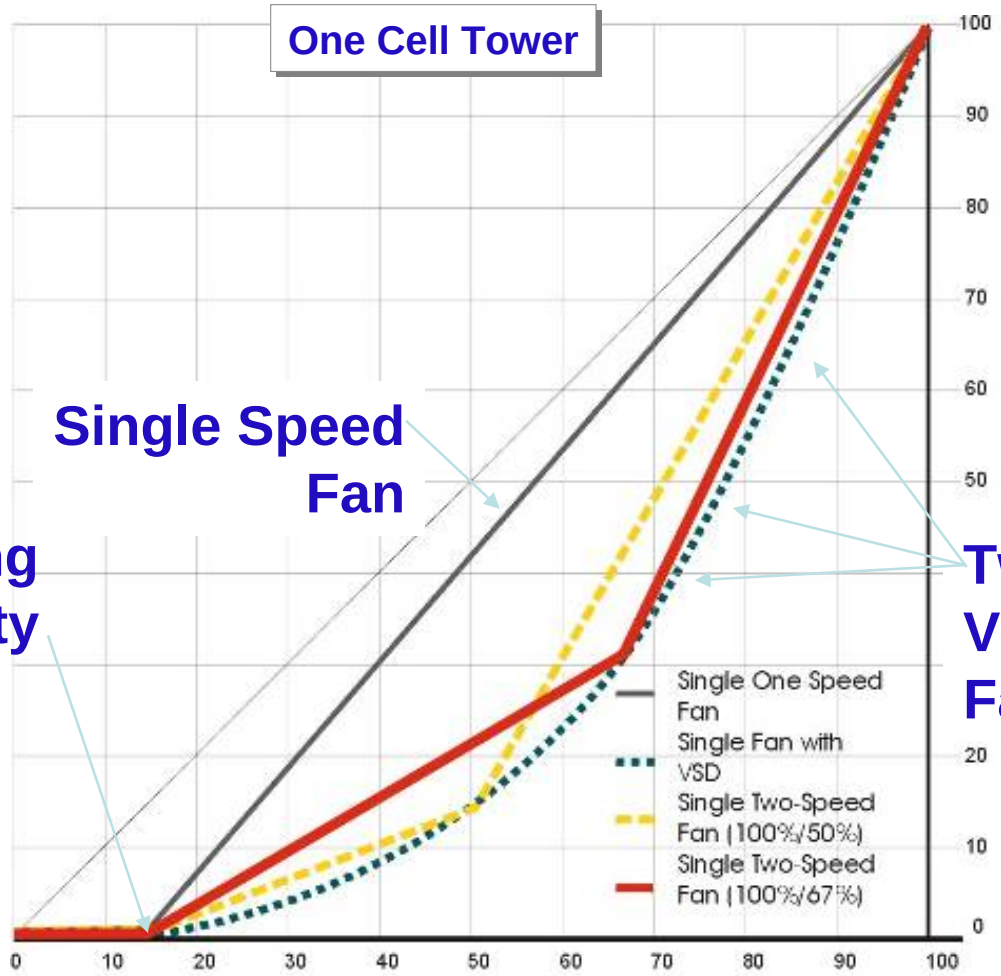




Dedicated Pumping Advantages:
- **Less control complexity**
- **Custom pump heads w/ unmatched chillers**
- **Usually less expensive**

Headered Pumping Advantages:
- **Better redundancy**
- **Valves can "soft load" chillers with primary-only systems**
- **Easier to incorporate stand-by pump**

Tower Fan Control



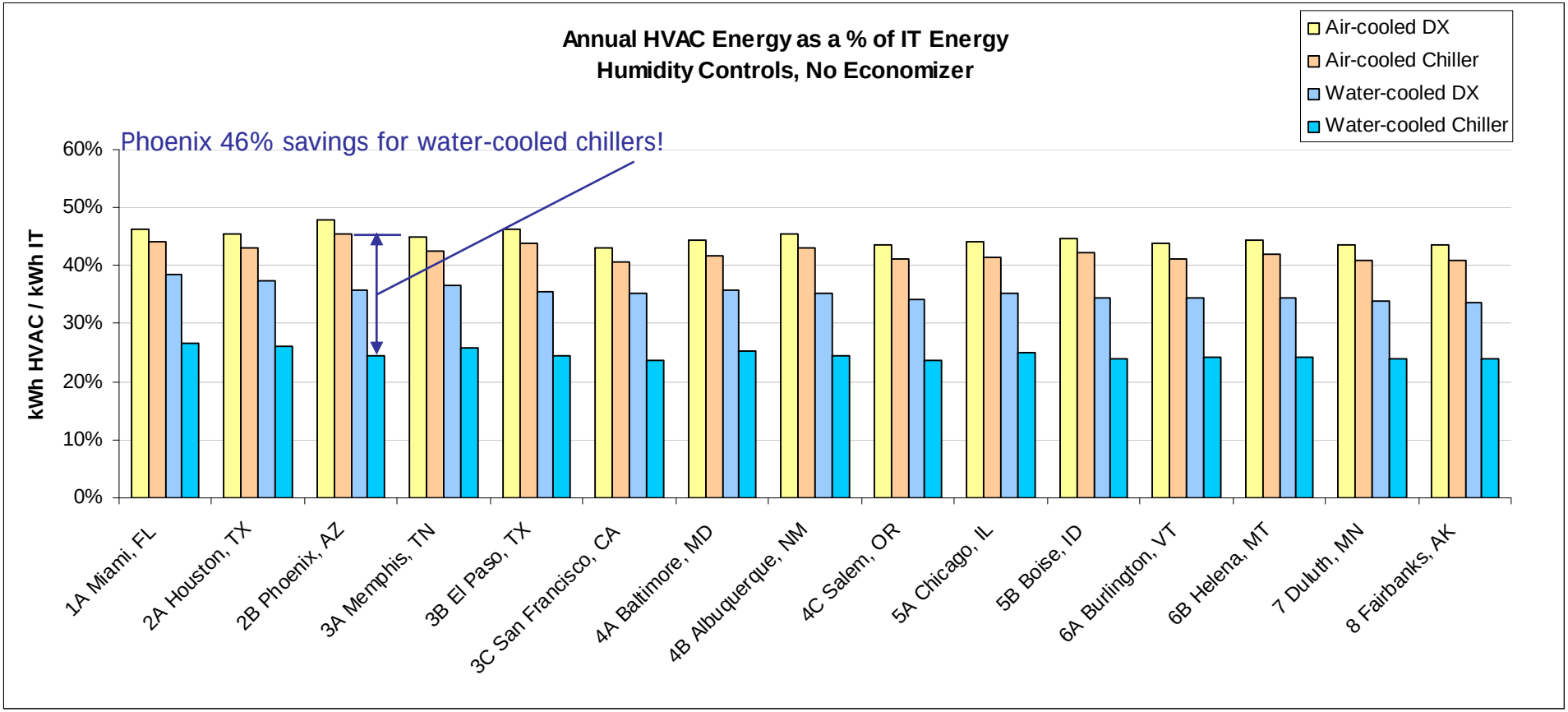
Tower Fan Control

- One-speed control is almost *never* the optimum strategy regardless of size, weather, or application
- Two-speed 1800/900 rpm motors typically best life cycle costs at mid-1990 VSD costs, but…
- VSDs may be best choice anyway
  - Costs continue to fall
  - Soft start reduces belt wear
  - Lower noise
  - Control savings for DDC systems (network card options)
  - More precise control
- Pony motors are more expensive than two-speed but offer redundancy
- Multiple cell towers should have speed modulation on at least 2/3 of cells (required by ASHRAE 90.1)

Tower Efficiency Guidelines

- Use Propeller Fans
  - Avoid centrifugal except where high static needed or where low-profile is needed and no prop-fan options available.
  - Consider low-noise propeller blade option and high efficiency tower where low sound power is required.
- For data centers and other 24/7 facilities, evaluate oversizing to 80 gpm/hp at 95°F to 85°F @ 75°F WB

Type of HVAC System, All Climates



Chilled Water Plant Best Practices

- Use 2-way valves on all loads.
- Use oversized headers to balance loads and consider a loop type distribution system.
- Consider primary-only unless you have a TES tank (which is piped in the common leg).
- Use water-cooled chillers where possible.
  - You must have a redundant water supply for the cooling tower (typically tank or ground water pump).
- Consider chilled water storage for make-up water, peak shavings and ride-through in chiller staging.
- Put VSDs on everything (pumps, fans and chillers).

Break

Data Center Commissioning

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Data Center Cx Overview

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Cx Timeline
- Prefunctional Testing
- Functional Testing
- Trend Reviews
- Other Issues

Commissioning

- Level of commissioning
  - No "right" answer – it depends on amount owner is willing to spend vs. perceived and real benefit of a functioning system
  - Typically follows 80-20 rule: 80% of benefit achieved with 20% of effort, and to eliminate the last 20% of problems requires 80% more effort
  - Make the level appropriate for the building type and complexity of systems
    - Non-critical: Small retail and office
    - More critical: Large, complex buildings
    - Most critical: Data centers, central plants, labs

Current Cx Practice

- Includes:
  - Submittal review
  - Post construction walk-through
- Typically no testing
  - Note that acceptance tests are currently part of many state and municipal energy codes and are being considered for 90.1

Comprehensive Cx

- Comprehensive Cx:
  - 3rd party peer review of design and sequences
  - Detailed submittal review
  - Detailed programming review including simulations
  - Prepare pre-functional and functional test forms
  - Pre-functional test verification
  - Perform functional tests
    - All main systems
    - Subset of repetitive systems (e.g. VAV boxes)
  - Post-construction trend review
  - Post-occupancy trend review
  - Pre-warranty trend review
  - Fully documented all steps and submit Cx report

Who Does Commissioning

- Contractor
  - Current practice
  - Largely ineffective due to competitive pressures, lack of oversight
- Design engineer
  - Most familiar with design, but often not sufficiently experienced with controls
  - Cx not included in standard fees
- 3rd Party
  - No conflict of interest, but most expensive and can be disruptive
- Combination of above
  - Split work among various parties to minimize cost, take advantage of expertise
- Cx Plan must be clearly detailed in spec's!

Roles and Responsibilities

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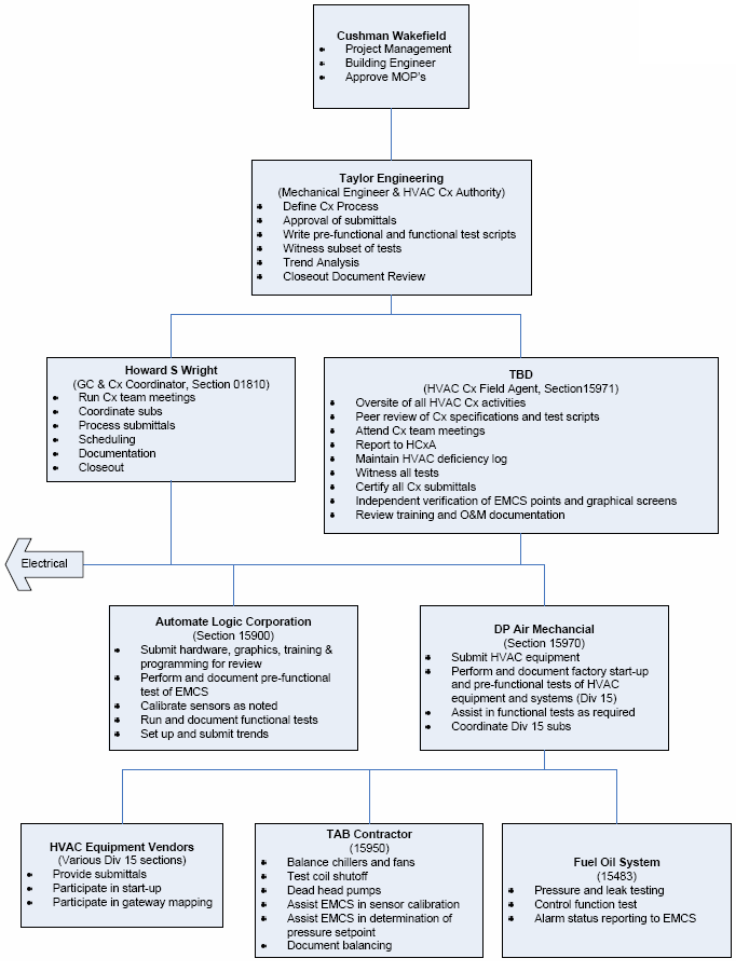

Prefunctional tests

- Augments and documents manufacturer's start up procedures for equipment
- Includes some system testing like
  - Pipe pressure testing
  - Duct leakage testing
  - Valve leakage tests
- May include factory witness testing (e.g. chillers)

Control system pre-functional tests

- General
  - Inspect the installation of all devices.
  - Verify integrity/safety of all electrical connections.
  - Verify that all sensor locations are as indicated on drawings
- Digital Outputs
  - Verify DOs operate properly and that the normal positions are correct.
- Digital Inputs
  - Adjust setpoints, where applicable.
- Analog Outputs
  - Verify start and span are correct and control action is correct.
- Analog Input Calibration
  - Calibrated as specified on the points list
  - Inaccurate sensors must be replaced if calibration is not possible.

Calibration Log

ID No.	Cal.Temp	Reading	Offset
AHU-1 SAT	53.2	53.2	0
Ahu-2 SAT	53.7	51.7	2
Ahu-3 SAT	52.6	51.4	1.2
Ahu-4 SAT	53.1	52.4	0.7
Ahu-5 SAT	58.6	59.9	-1.3
BLDG HW Supply	150	150.1	-0.1
BLDG HW Return	150	149.7	0.3
Primary HW Supply	150	150	0
BLDG CHW Supply	80	79.7	0.3
BLDG CHW Return	80	79.6	0.4
Primary CHW Supply	80	79.9	0.1

Pre-functional tests, continued

- Alarms and Interlocks:
  - Check each alarm separately by including an appropriate signal at a value that will trip the alarm
  - Verify internal and external response to alarm (email, page)
- Gateways
  - Verify operation and map across points
- Loop Tuning
  - Achieve specified stability
- Operator Interfaces
  - Verify that all elements on the graphics, functional and are bound to physical devices
  - Verify hyperlinks
- Trending/Network Traffic Test
- TAB tests
  - Setpoint Determination, e.g. DP and minimum outdoor air damper position

Functional Tests

- Scope
  - Test every sequence
  - Test every unique subsystem and a subset of multip subsystems (e.g. VAV boxes)
- Format
  - Test form to include setup, steps, expected response, and actual response
- Who prepares and performs tests?
  - May be contractor, engineer, or 3rd party Cx agent
  - We often have the engineer prepare and witness them and the contractor performs them

Functional Tests

I. Chilled Water Pumping System

The following is from the specifications for bypass valve, minimum flow control:

Chiller Stage	Chillers operating	Minimum Flow
1	1 small, 0 big	250
2	2 small, 0 big	480
3	1 small, 1 big	595
4	2 small, 1 big	825
5	1 small, 2 big	940
6	2 small, 2 big	1,170
7	3 small, 2 big	1,400
8	4 small, 2 big	1,605

The following is from the specifications for pump staging:

CHW Pumps Operating	Nominal flow	Stage up to this stage if flow exceeds this for 5 minutes	Stage down to lower stage if flow is below this for 5 minutes*
1	650 gpm	--	--
2	1,300 gpm	650 gpm	490 gpm
3	1,950 gpm	1,300 gpm	975 gpm
4	2,600 gpm	1,950 gpm	1,450 gpm

Unit(s) Tested:		**Tested by: Mark P & Gary K.**	
Action	**Expected Response**	**Observed Response**	**Date/Time**
At the chillers and the EMCS system, read and record the flowrates from each of the operating chillers. Read and record the EMCS calculated plant flowrate. **Chillers were locked on.**	The plant flow rate should equal the sum of the flow meters on all of the operating chillers The EMCS flow rate should	Flowrates (gpm) At Meter / At EMCS CH-1: **245.1** | **245.5** CH-2: **274.0** | **274.5** CH-3: **124.6** | **124.6** CH-4: **off** | **off**	11/16/06 3:23pm

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Functional Tests

Unit(s) Tested:		**Tested by: Mark P & Gary K.**	
Action	**Expected Response**	**Observed Response**	**Date/Time**
	match the flowrate on the faceplate of the flow meters	CH-5: **off** | **off** CH-6: **off** | **off** Plant: ----N/A------|	
For each pump, read and record the minimum speed setpoint in the drive **20% ---100% BAS** **20Hz----60Hz VFD**	Either the VSD minimum or the EMCS minimum should be 0. The other should be set to 10% (6HZ)	Minimum setting VSD EMCS P-1: **20Hz** | **20%** P-2: **20Hz** | **20%** P-3: **20Hz** | **20%** P-4: **20Hz** | **20%**	11/16/06 3:30pm
Read and record the following data: • Total plant flowrate (EMCS, gpm) • Current DP setpoint (EMCS, psi) • Current DP at the sensors in the distribution loop (EMCS, psi) • Which pumps are running • Current pump speeds (both at the EMCS and on the VSD panel) At the EMCS increase the DP setpoint by 10% to 15%. Wait 3 minutes. Read and record the following data: • Total plant flowrate (EMCS, gpm) • Current DP setpoint (EMCS, psi) • Current DP at the sensors in the distribution loop (EMCS, psi)	DP sensor reading should be stable at DP sensor setpoint. The VSD should have sped up to get the DP sensor reading to the new setpoint. There should be no hunting of the VSD speed or actual loop pressure. The plant flow rate should not change appreciably. The number of pumps running should be as follows: • 1 for flow between 0 and 490 gpm • 1 or 2 for flow between	**As-is data** Plant flowrate: **637.5** DP setpoint: **15#** DP reading 1: **14.8 #** DP reading 2: **NA** Pump Speeds/Status (0=OFF) VSD EMCS P-1: **49.9** | **83.5** P-2: **0** | P-3: **0** | P-4: **0** | **Post setpoint change data** Plant flowrate: **695.8** DP setpoint: **17.0** DP reading 1: **16.5** DP reading 2: **NA** Pump Speeds/Status (0=OFF)	

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More Functional Tests

- Shut off devices and watch system response (e.g. start of backup pump)
- Check alarms and response
- Override setpoints and watch system response
- Push system to extremes (full cooling/heating)
- Power system down and check recovery
- Observe system as it operates

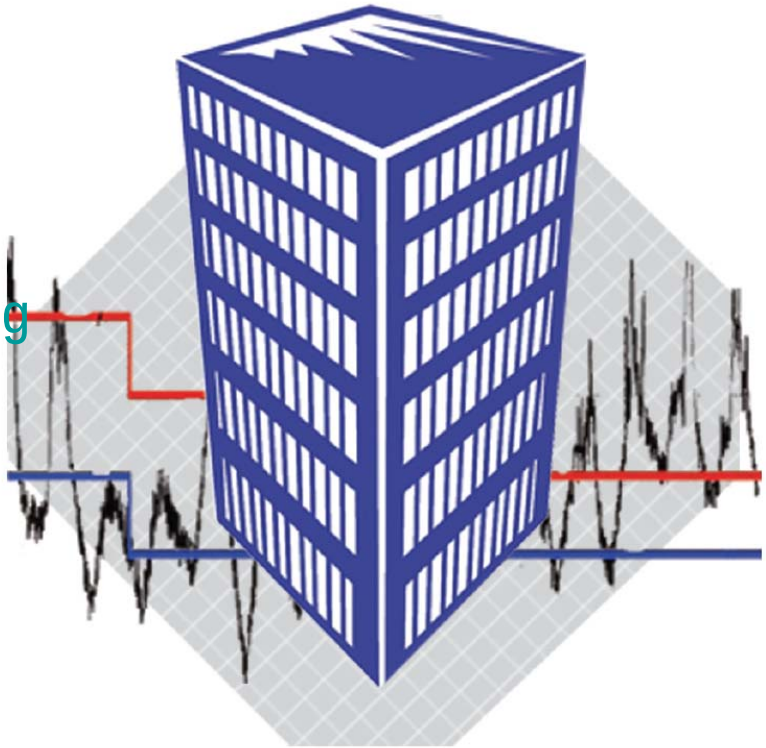
Trend Reviews

- Required even when detailed functional tests are performed
  - Functional tests mimic control sequences – they prove programming matches sequences but cannot identify bugs in sequences
- Less expensive than comprehensive functional testing with proper analysis tools
  - But trends do not generally show faults – they must be tested in the field since they may not occur during trend period
- Requires experienced eye – design engineer with controls experience who is very familiar with sequences and HVAC systems

DDC Trend Reviews

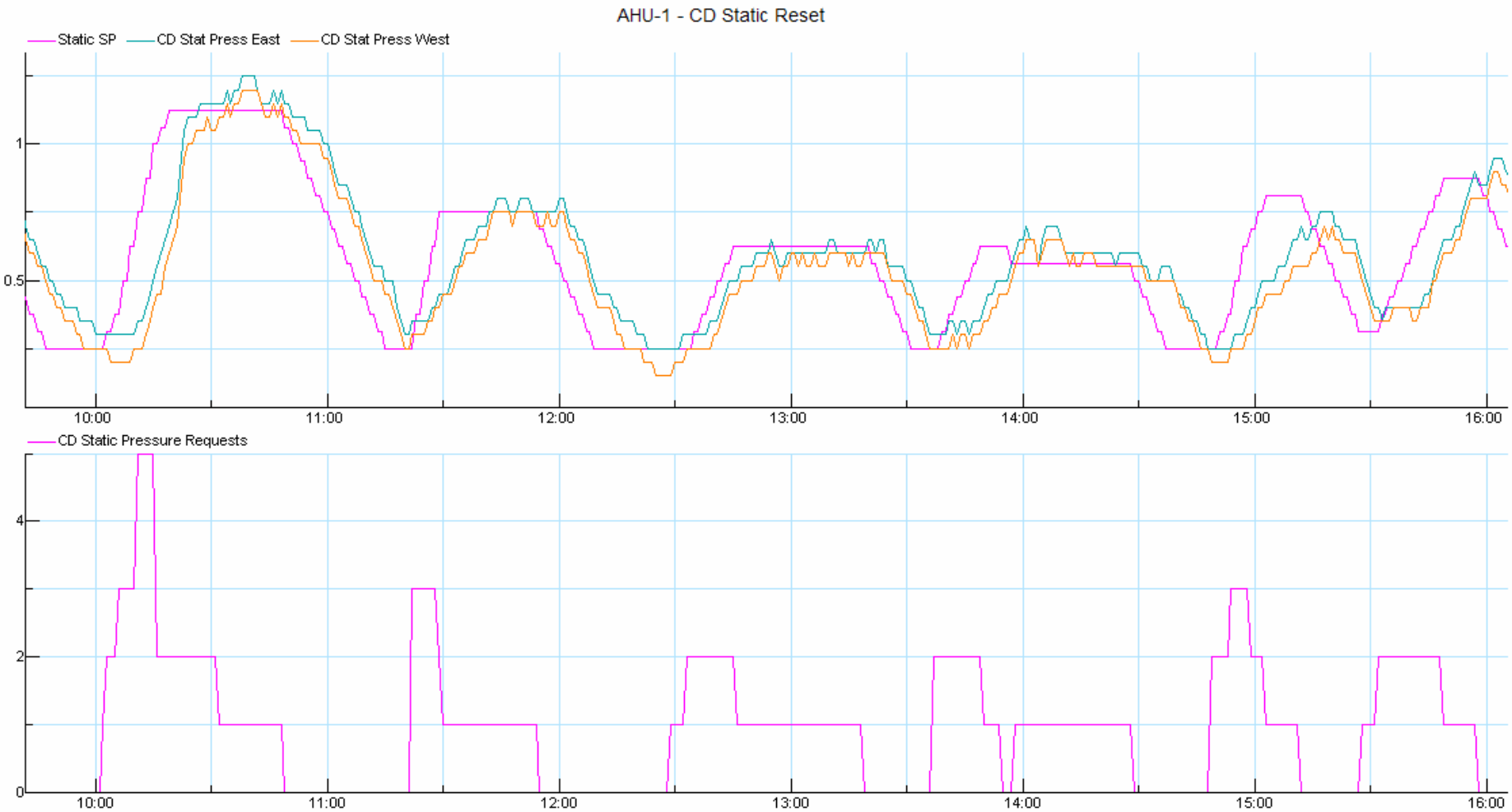
1. Collect Trends using DDC system
2. Massage data
   - Universal Translator software tool enables import, normalization, sorting, grouping and exporting of trends:

     http://www.utonline.org/
3. Perform statistical analysis
4. Graph selected variables
5. Analyze results



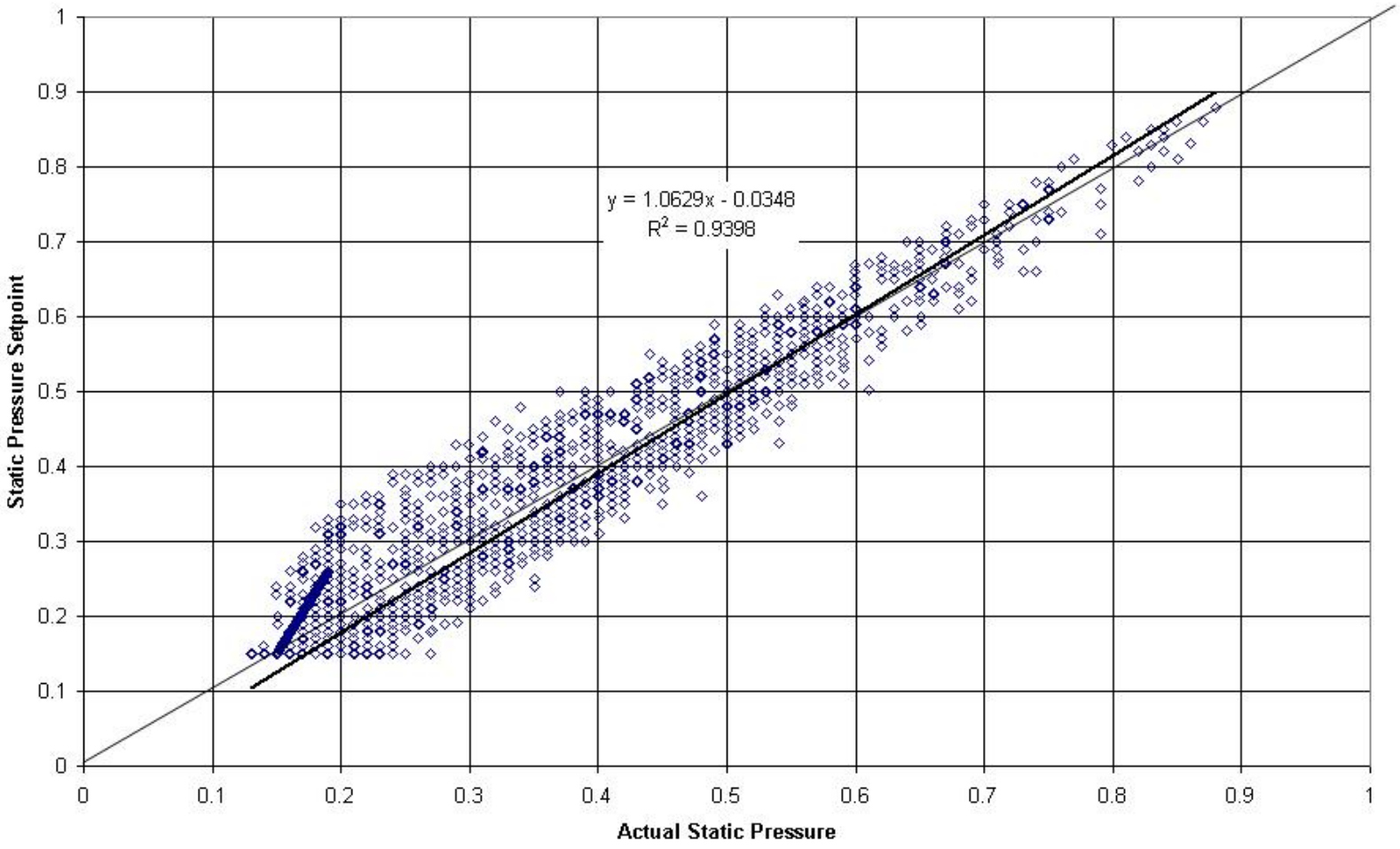
Time Series

Static Pressure Reset



Scatter Plot

Loop Tuning, Reset



Statistics

Date	Minutes of Warmup	Average OAT	Minimum OAT	Minimum N	Minimum E	Minimum W	Minimum S	Maximum N	Maximum E	Maximum W	Maximum S	Day of Week
Occupied Hours												
12/12/2001	0	51	45	67	70	69	70	73	73	73	74	Wed
12/13/2001	0	49	44	67	70	69	70	70	73	71	73	Thurs
12/14/2001	0	50	44	66	70	68	69	69	73	72	74	Fri
12/17/2001	0	52	48	64	66	66	67	72	73	72	77	Mon
12/18/2001	0	50	43	65	68	67	68	72	73	72	74	Tues
12/19/2001	0	51	44	65	67	-	68	73	75	72	74	Wed
12/20/2001	0	48	46	66	69	68	68	72	74	72	75	Thurs
12/21/2001	0	44	44	64	67	67	67	66	69	68	71	Fri
12/26/2001	0	45	45	68	69	68	69	68	69	68	69	Wed
12/27/2001	0	49	45	69	70	69	70	73	72	71	75	Thurs
12/28/2001	0	49	47	68	68	69	69	73	73	71	75	Fri
12/31/2001	0	56	51	65	66	67	67	72	73	71	74	Mon
1/2/2002	0	52	50	65	66	67	67	71	73	73	72	Wed
Unoccupied Hours												
12/12/2001	0	49	47	68	71	70	70	71	71	71	72	Wed
12/13/2001	18	46	44	66	69	69	69	70	72	70	71	Thurs
12/14/2001	19	45	43	66	70	69	68	69	72	70	73	Fri
12/15/2001	0	46	41	64	67	67	67	66	70	72	72	Sat
12/16/2001	0	48	44	63	66	66	66	65	68	68	68	Sun
12/17/2001	18	48	45	63	66	66	66	71	71	70	72	Mon
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12/30/2001	0	51	49	65	66	67	67	66	67	68	68	Sun
12/31/2001	18	52	50	65	66	67	66	71	71	70	71	Mon
1/1/2002	0	52	50	65	67	67	67	67	68	69	69	Tues
1/2/2002	0	51	50	65	66	67	67	66	67	67	67	Wed

Pivot Table or Summation Query

CT1_SS	CT2_SS	Instances (5 min)	Avg. CH1 CWST	Avg. CH2 CWST	Set Point	Pct
FAST	FAST	197	68.2	66.2	VHIGH	7%
FAST	SLOW	16	65.2	64.9	VHIGH	1%
FAST	**STOP**	**24**	**65.0**	**65.8**	**N/A**	**1%**
SLOW	FAST	86	66.4	65.0	VHIGH	3%
SLOW	SLOW	4	65.2	65.5	VLOW	0%
SLOW	STOP	39	63.7	64.1	VLOW	1%
STOP	**FAST**	**787**	**65.9**	**67.9**	**N/A**	**27%**
STOP	SLOW	1798	62.8	66.7	VLOW	61%
STOP	STOP	1	60.2	64.8	VLOW	0%

Other Cx Issues

- One person on site must coordinate all Cx activities
- Hold regular weekly Cx meetings
- Use of load banks
- Detail recovery procedures for testing on live data centers
- Carefully coordinate electrical, mechanical and control testing to save time and costs

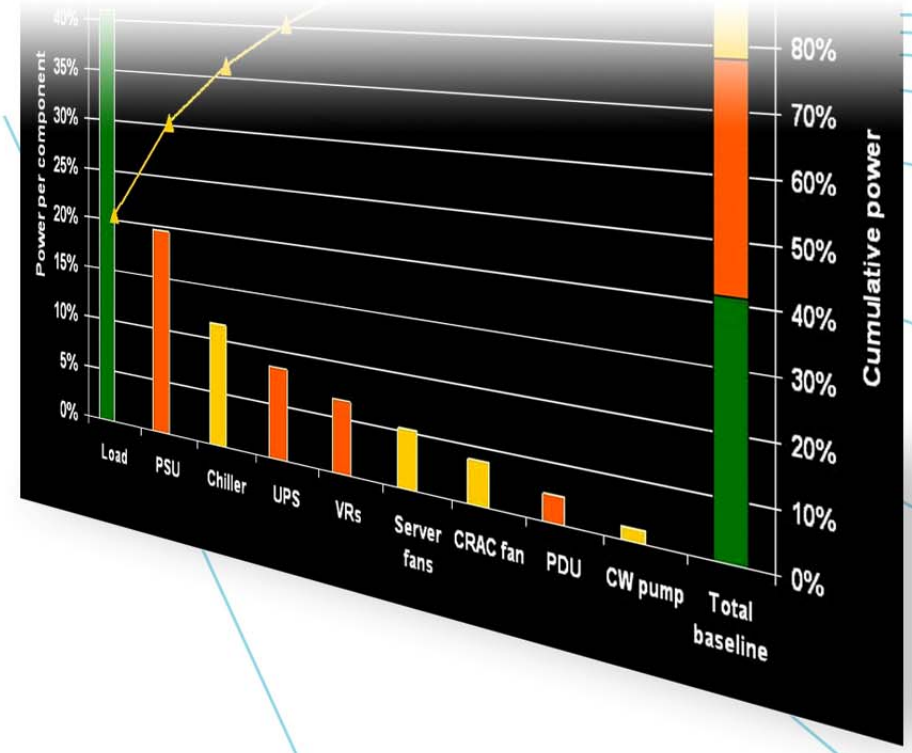
Best Practices for Cx

- Specify thorough commissioning for data centers
- Be specific on roles and responsibilities
- Have an experienced Cx Coordinator on the site
- Hold weekly Cx meetings with all trades represented
- Carefully coordinate electrical, mechanical and control system testing

Take Aways

- No “right” way to perform commissioning
- Comprehensive Cx involves many steps
- Various approaches—contractor, engineer, 3rd party, combo
- Commissioning plan must be in specifications
- Controls programming should be reviewed
- Prefunctional and functional tests verify system and component function
- Trend reviews while not as comprehensive can identify problems
- Coordination is important during commissioning

Break



Government Programs

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Industrial Technologies Program

- Tool suite & training
- Metrics & energy baselining
- Qualified specialists
- Case studies
- Certification of continual improvement
- Recognition of high energy savers
- Best practice information
- Best-in-Class guidelines
- R&D - technology development

Federal Energy Management Program

- Best practices showcased at Federal data centers
- Pilot adoption of Best-in-Class guidelines at Federal data centers
- Adoption of to-be-developed industry standard for Best-in-Class at newly constructed Federal data centers

EPA

- Metrics
- Server performance rating & ENERGY STAR label
- Data center performance benchmarking

Industry

- Tools
- Metrics
- Training
- Best practice information
- Best-in-Class guidelines
- IT work productivity standard

Public Law 109-431: EPA Report

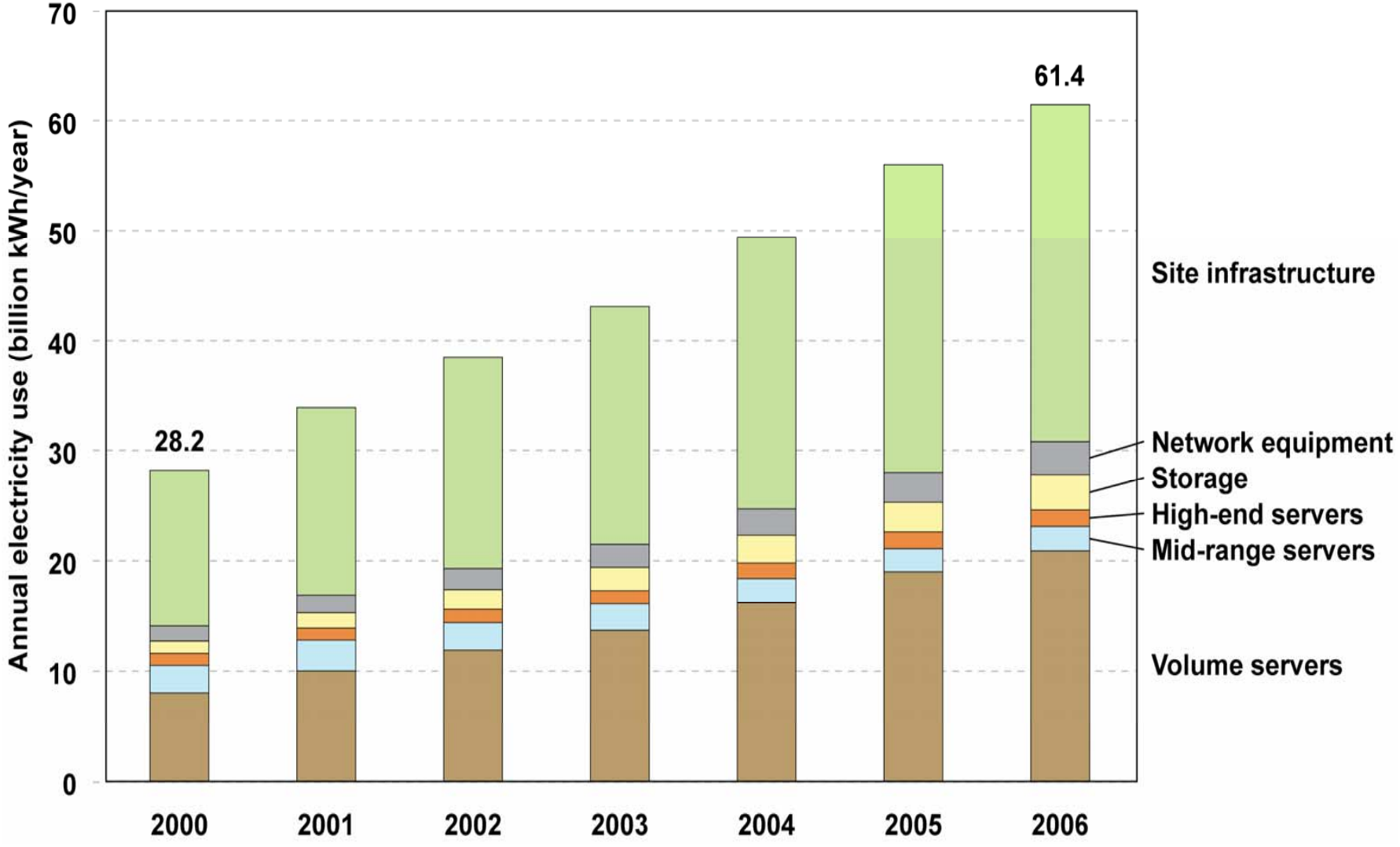
- **Purpose**: assess energy impacts on and from datacenters, identify energy efficiency opportunities, and recommend strategies to drive the market for efficiency
- **Goals**:
  - Inform Congress & other policy makers of important market trends, forecasts, opportunities
  - Identify and recommend potential short and long term efficiency opportunities and match them with the right policies

Report Findings

Trends in Data Center Energy Use

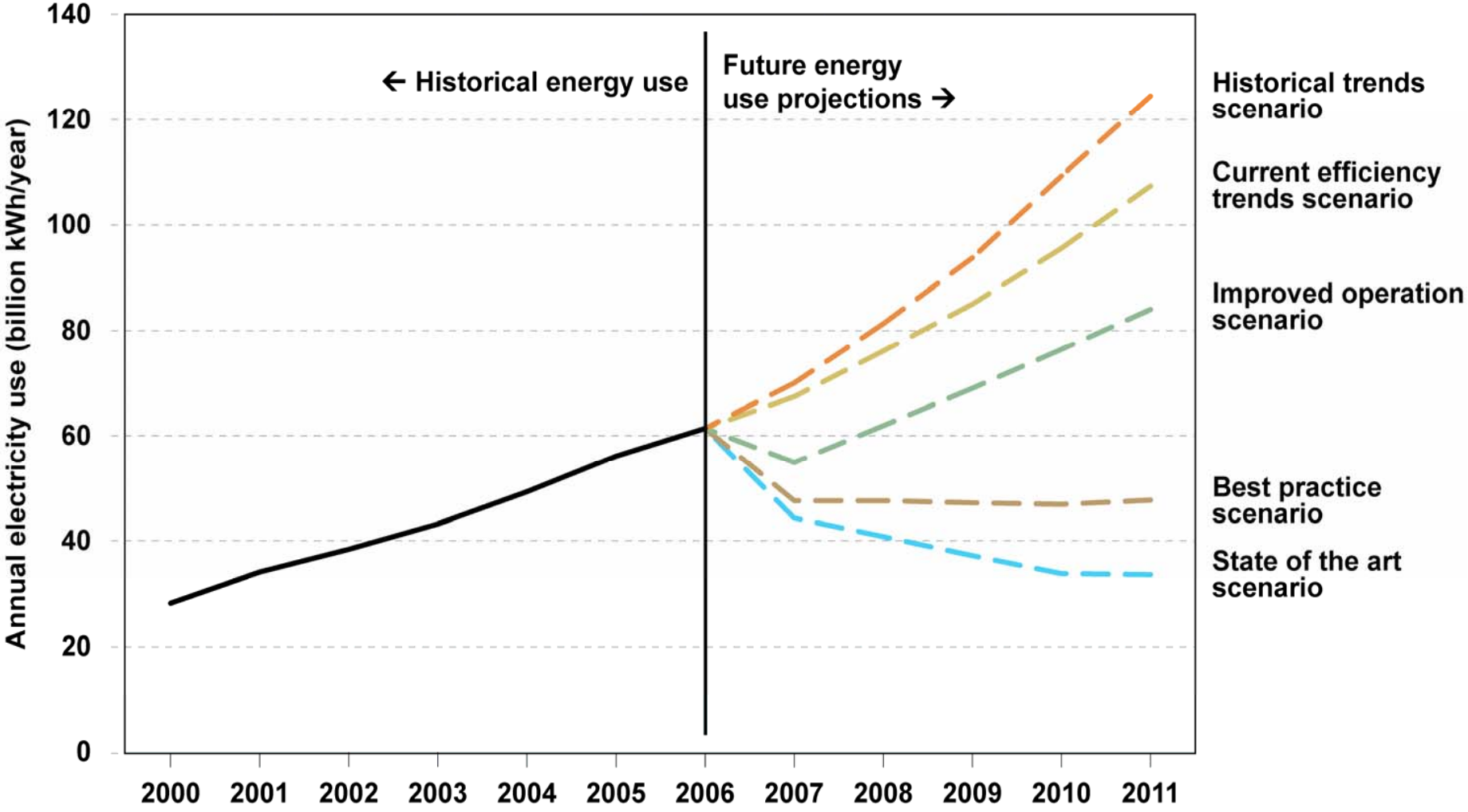
- Sector consumed about 61 billion KWh in 2006
  - Equates to ~1.5% total U.S. electricity consumption and ~$4.5 billion
  - Federal sector: ~6 billion kWh and ~$450 million
- Projected to increase to 100 billion kWh in 2011
  - Equates to ~2.5% of total U.S. electricity consumption and ~$7.4 billion

Electricity Use by End-Use - 2000 to 2006



Comparison of Projected Electricity Use

All Scenarios 2007 - 2011



Report Findings

Identified Key Barriers to Energy Efficiency

- Lack of efficiency definitions for equipment and data centers
  - Service output difficult to measure, varies among applications
  - Need for metrics and more data: *How do we account for computing performance?*
- Split incentives
  - Disconnect between IT and facilities managers
- Risk aversion
  - Fear of change and potential downtime – energy efficiency perceived as a change with uncertain value and risk

Report Recommendations

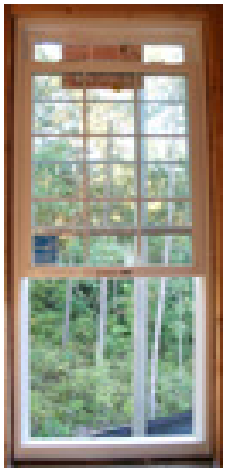
- Standardized performance measurements for IT equipment and data centers
  - Development of benchmark/metric for data centers
  - ENERGY STAR label for servers, considering storage and network equipment
- Leadership by federal government
- Private Sector Challenge
  - CEOs conduct **DOE Save Energy Now** energy efficiency assessments, implement measures, and report performance
- Information on Best Practices
  - Raise awareness and reduce perceived risk of energy efficiency improvements in datacenter
  - Government partner with private industry: case studies, best practices
- Research and Development
  - Develop technologies and practices for datacenter energy efficiency (e.g., hardware, software, power conversion)

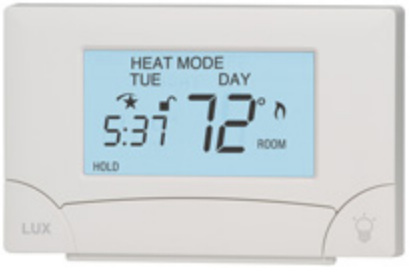
	Data Center Need	Federal Role
Standardized Measurements	Metrics to effective use of energy and identify energy efficient components for the data center	Adopt performance metrics for data centers and IT equipment
Leadership by Fed. Government	Real life examples of best practices in efficient data center design with benchmark numbers for comparison	Measure federal data centers and publicly report results Leadership in designing efficient DCs
Private Sector Challenge	Impetus to convince management to improve the efficiency of facilities	challenge industry and provides an opportunity for companies to compete on efficiency of facilities
Research and Development	Further investigation into methods of increasing the efficiency of data centers	Support for research and development
Information on Best Practices	Examples of currently available technology and solutions to improve data center performance and reduce power usage	collects information on best practices and makes public for industry

Federal Government Activities

- Energy Star Products
- Energy Star Buildings
- Save Energy Now
- RD&D
- FEMP
- GSA

ENERGY STAR Products





ENERGY STAR for Servers

- Server energy demand drives data center power & cooling needs
- Goal: Create protocol to measure server energy efficiency to allow fair competition
- Technical specification would have several key elements:
  - Definitions of product types eligible for ENERGY STAR
  - Test procedure for energy efficiency & computing performance
  - Proposed levels to set the bar: near term (i.e. Tier 1) may include power supply efficiency; longer term (i.e. Tier 2, replacing Tier 1) would be a more holistic metric (system efficiency)
- Initial focus on volume servers and blade servers/chassis
- Current Tier 1 Considerations
  - Power supply efficiency and/or net power consumption
  - Standard reporting requirements (standardized data sheet)
  - Power and temperature reporting requirements
  - Idle power
  - Power management and virtualization "hooks"
- Tier 2 Approach – utilize industry developed energy performance benchmarks to derive requirements

Performance Data Sheet

ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR Qualified Product Data Sheet
(SERVER MODEL NAME AND NUMBER)

- System Characteristics
  - Form factor (e.g., 1u, 2u, tower, blade chassis, etc.)
  - Available processor sockets
  - Processor information (model number, speed, # of cores, etc.)
  - Memory information (memory types, # Dimms, Dimm Size, etc.)
  - Power supply – number, redundancy, and size (Watts)
  - NIC information (#, speed)
  - Hard drive information (#, speed, size)
  - Installed operating systems (for purposes of testing)
  - OS listed as being supported
  - Other hardware features / accessories
- Air Flow Rate Information/Delta T
  - Total power dissipation for max load configuration
  - Delta T at exhaust of server for max load configuration (i.e., temperature rise across system at 100% load)
  - Size, position, and porosity of the inlet and exhaust grids/vents, including open, perforated, slotted, grille, mesh, etc.
  - Airflow at maximum fan speed (CFM)
  - Airflow at minimum fan speed (CFM)
- Available Power Management Features
- Virtualization Capability (e.g., embedded hypervisor, pre-installed software, etc.)
- Power and Temperature Measurement and Reporting
  - Compatible protocols for data collection
  - Ac / Input power available?
  - Dc power available (power supply output)
  - Input temperature available?
  - Output temperature available?
  - Processor utilization available?
- Power and Performance Data for base, typical and maximum configurations
  - Benchmark used and type of workload
  - Benchmark performance score
  - Maximum power[3]
  - Minimum power[3]
  - Idle power[3]
  - Power supply performance/net power consumption
  - Estimated kWh/year (*Assumptions TBD*)
- Link to manufacturer supplied savings calculator for customer specific configuration

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- Air Flow Rate/Delta T
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- Virtualization Capabilities
- Power and Temperature Measurement and Reporting
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- Link to Savings Calculator

Timeline

- Goal – Tier 1 specification finalized in 2008
- Draft 1 specification released
- Stakeholder meetings in 2007 and 2008
- More Information
  - www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment (click on New Specs in Development)
  - Andrew Fanara, EPA, fanara.andrew@epa.gov

ENERGY STAR Buildings

- U.S. Government energy management program to help building owners and managers reduce their energy consumption.
- Over 1,700 Partners operating more than 11 billion square feet of space (nearly 20% of space in the U.S.).
- More than 62,000 buildings measure and track their energy performance using ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager on-line tool.
- ENERGY STAR labeled buildings use about 40 percent less energy than average buildings.
- More than 4,000 buildings have earned the ENERGY STAR label for energy efficiency.

Energy Star Performance Rating System

- Allows for peer group comparison
  - Compares a building's energy performance to its national peer group.
  - Allows owners with multiple facilities to compare performance across a portfolio of buildings.
- Based on actual as-billed energy data.
- Serves as a whole building indicator
  - Captures the interactions of building systems not individual equipment efficiency.

Goals for the ENERGY STAR Data Center Rating

- Build on existing ENERGY STAR methods and platforms. Methodology similar to existing ENERGY STAR ratings (1-100 scale).
- Usable for both stand-alone data centers, as well as data centers housed within office or other buildings.
- Assess performance at the building level to explain how a building performs, not why it performs a certain way.
- Offer the ENERGY STAR label to data centers with a rating of 75 or higher (performance in the top quartile).
- Rating to be based on Data Center Infrastructure Efficiency (DCiE)

DCiE

- **Unit of Analysis:** IT Energy/Total Energy
- **What:** Measure of infrastructure efficiency
  - Captures impact of cooling and support systems
  - Does not capture IT efficiency
- **Why:** Best available whole building measure at this time
  - Ideal metric would be measure of useful work/energy use.
  - Industry still discussing how to define useful work.
- **How:** Express ratio (IT Energy/Total Energy) as an ENERGY STAR 1 to 100 rating
  - Each point on rating scale equals 1 percentile of performance.
  - Adjust for operating constraints outside of the owner/operators control (e.g. climate or tier level).
  - Factors for adjustment to be determined based on results of data collection and analysis.

Development Plan

- Gather monthly data from at least 100 data centers for a 12-month period
- A variety of information is needed, including the following elements that are critical to the development of a statistically valid rating model:
  - Climate zone (zip code)
  - Type of data center (function)
  - Reliability (Tier Level)
  - Total IT plug energy (12 months of data)
  - Total facility energy usage (12 months of data for all fuels)
- Data needed from a wide variety of facilities (large/small, stand-alone/within larger bldg, etc.)
- Analyze data to develop rating models.
- Launch ENERGY STAR Data Center Infrastructure Rating in Portfolio Manager.

DOE Industrial Technologies Program

Working to improve the energy efficiency of U.S. industry

U.S. industry consumes 32 quadrillion Btu per year -- almost 1/3 of all energy used in the nation

Partnerships with energy-intensive industries are key to ITP's success:

- 5 quads of energy savings, 86 MMTCE reduction

Data centers are considered information factories

Save Energy Now is working to reduce industrial energy intensity 25% by 2017

Data centers are an important and growing industry:

- Consumed 1.5% of all electricity in the U.S. in 2006
- Power demand is growing about 12% per year
- Power and cooling systems are "industrial" in scale and complexity

Save Energy Now: Products & Services

Tools

- Process Heating
- Steam Systems
- Plant Energy Profiler
- Motors & Pumps
- Fans

Information

- Website
- Information Center
- Tip Sheets
- Case studies
- Webcasts

Training

- Basic
- Advanced
- Qualified Specialist

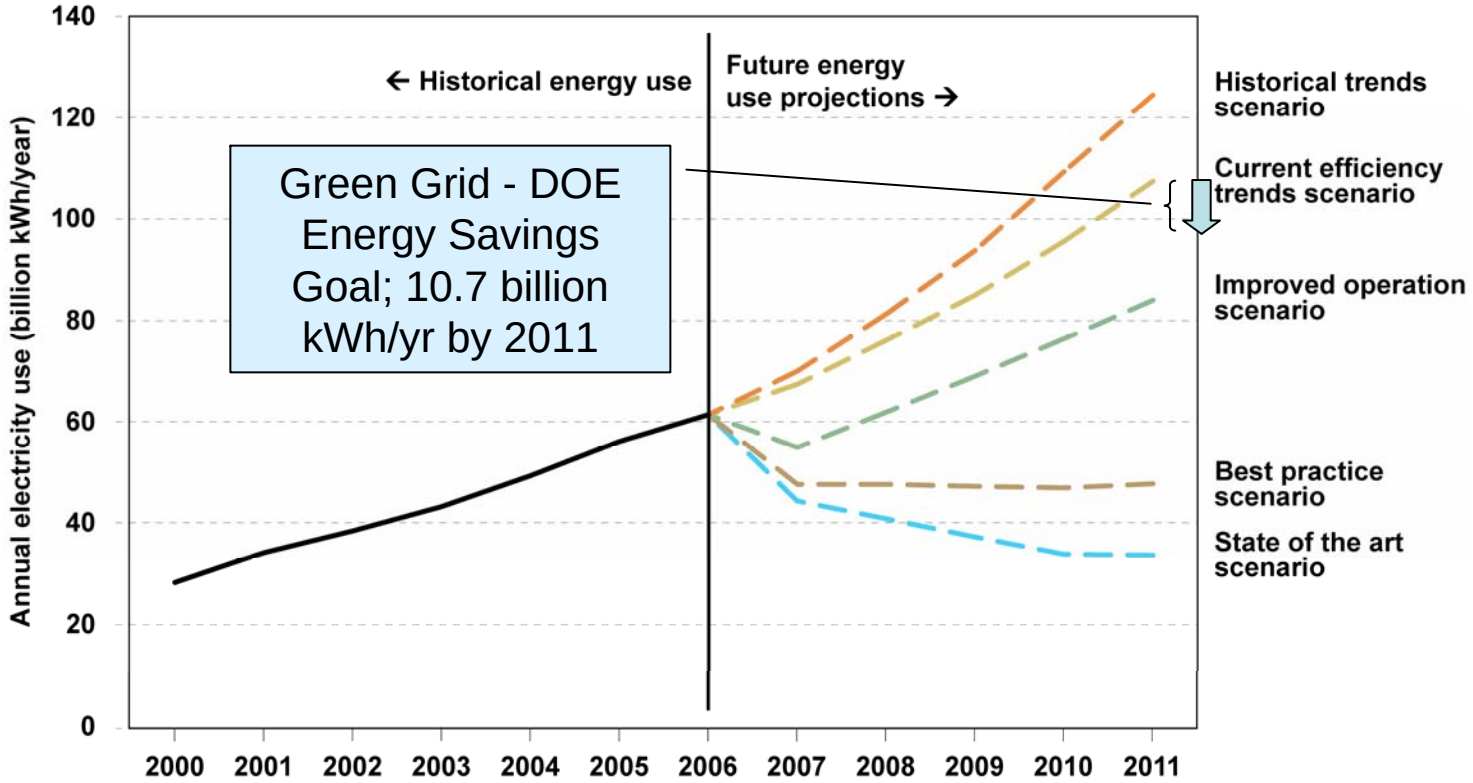
Assessments

- Energy Savings Assessments
- Industrial Assessment Centers

DOE-Green Grid Partnership Goals

2011 goal is 10% energy savings overall in U.S. data center

- 10.7 billion kWh
- Equivalent to electricity consumed by 1 million typical U.S. households
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 6.5 million metrics tons of CO_2 per year



Collective Goals

By 2011:

- 3,000 data centers completed awareness training through classes or webcasts via partners
- 1,500 mid-tier and enterprise-class data centers will have applied Assessment Protocols and Tools to improve data center energy efficiency by 25% (on average)
  - 200 enterprise-class data centers will have improved their energy efficiency by 50% (on average) via such aggressive measures as accelerated virtualization, high-efficiency servers, high-efficiency power systems, optimized cooling, and combined heat and power systems (e.g., fuel cells)
- 200 Qualified Specialists certified to assist data centers

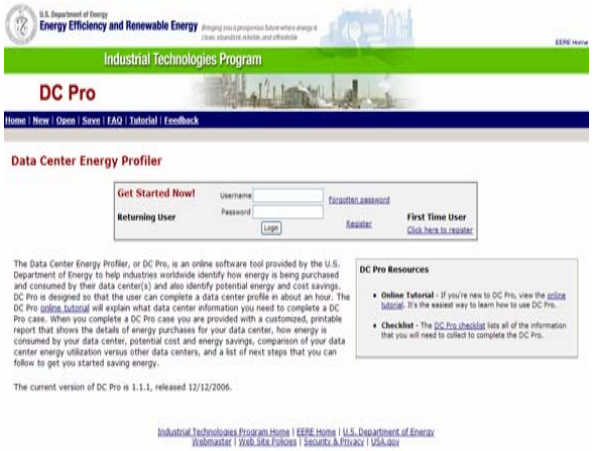
DOE Save Energy Now Data Center Program Elements

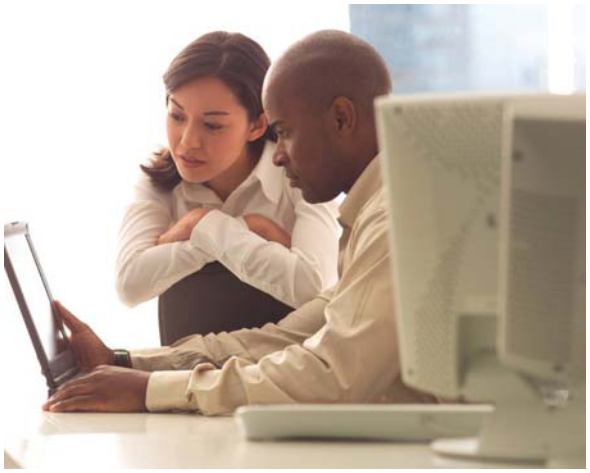
1. Establish metrics for data center energy intensity
   - IT and infrastructure
   - Energy cost ($), source energy (Btu), and carbon emissions (M tons)
   - Specified Best-in-Class targets for various types of data centers
2. Create technologies, tools and guidelines to drive continuous improvement
   - Develop and test "DC Pro" Tools
   - Create and publicize Save Energy Now case studies
3. Create best practice information and a training curriculum
4. Develop Qualified Specialists program for Data Centers
5. Support third-party certification process to validate energy intensity improvement and Best-in-Class
6. Provide recognition for data centers that achieve a certain level of energy savings
7. Create guidelines for "Best-in-Class" data centers and validate with Technology Demonstrations
8. Create and implement a collaborative research program with industry

“DC Pro” Tool Suite

Tools to profile baseline energy use of data center and identify key energy-saving opportunities

- Determine general performance of the data center
- Benchmark subsystems
- Assess energy savings potential
- Track energy intensity improvement
- Provide quantification of key metrics including cost ($), primary energy (Btu), and carbon





Key Milestones

• DC Profiling tool beta release	May ‘08
• Training curriculum piloted	May – Sept ‘08
• DC Pro tool version 1.0 release	September ’08
• Innovative Technology workshop	October ‘08
• Qualified Specialist training	June ‘09

By 2011

Products

- DC Pro tool
- Assessment protocols
- Training
- Case studies
- Best practices
- Best-in-Class guidelines
- Technology demonstrations

Market Delivery

- 200 Qualified Specialists
- Suppliers
- Engineering firms
- Utilities
- Associations and technical societies

Data Center Results

- 10 billion kWh per year saved
- 3,000 people trained on tools and assessment protocols
- 1,500 data centers improve energy efficiency > 25%
- 200 data centers improve energy efficiency >50%

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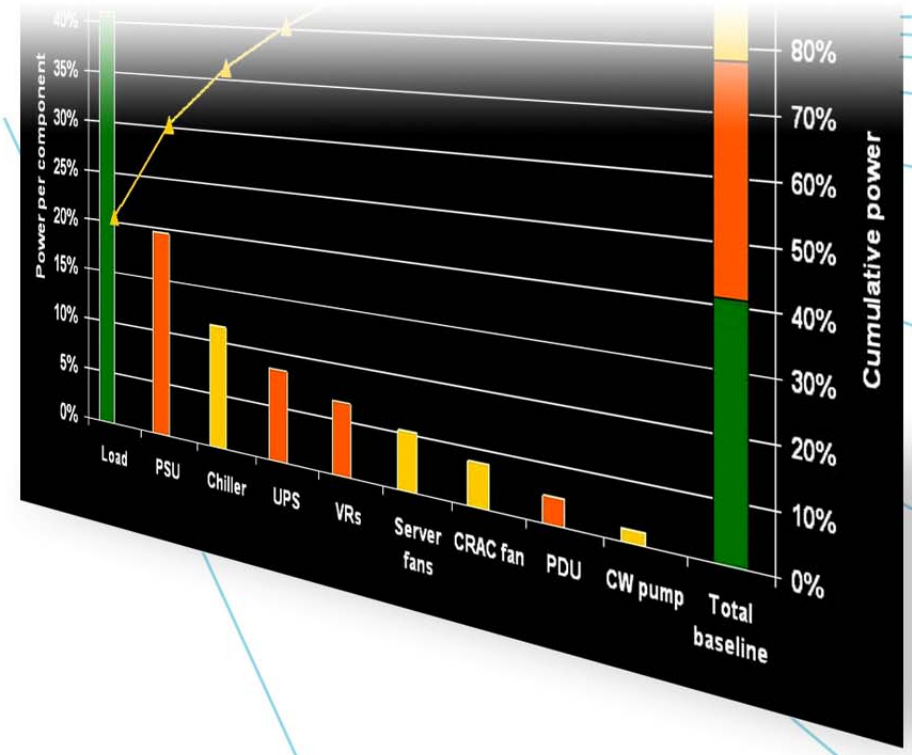
Federal Energy Management Program

- Workshops and training
  - GovEnergy 2008 (Phoenix, August 7)
  - Labs21/DataCenter21 (San Jose, September 15)
  - Webinars and forums for peer to peer exchange
- Technical assistance
  - Use of Profiling and Assessment tools
  - Showcase projects
- Procurement specifications (starting with servers and UPS)
- Best practice case studies
- DOE data center facility survey
- Strategic alliances with other Federal agencies (e.g. GSA) to coordinate Federal datacenter activities including establishing performance targets
- Federal Energy Management Program awards
- Facilitating energy savings in data centers through energy savings performance contracts



Assessment Tools and Protocols

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Energy Profiling

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Subsystem Assessment

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Detailed Engineering Audit

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Engineering Design

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Retrofit/RCx Implementation

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Savings Validation (M&V)

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Documentation

- Assessments conducted by owners and engineering firms using DOE tools
- Tools provide uniform metrics and approach

- Audits, design and implementation by engineering firms and contractors

- M&V by site personnel and eng firms
- DOE tools used to document results, track performance improvements, and disseminate best practices

DOE Tools Suite: DC Pro

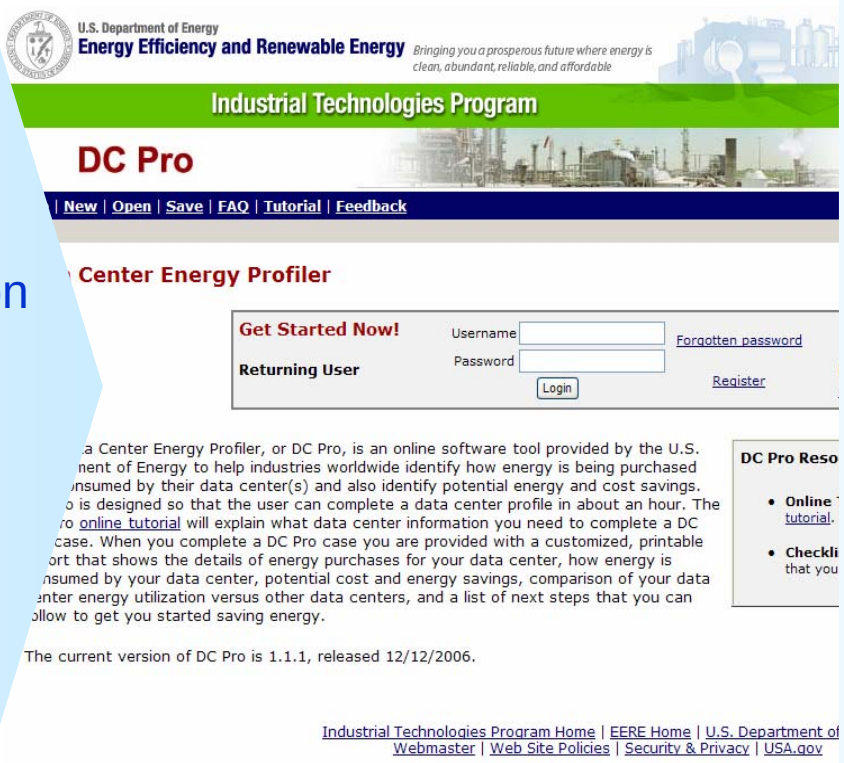
- Profiling Tool: Profiling and Tracking
  - Establish DCIE baseline and efficiency potential
    (~1-3 hours effort)
  - Document actions taken
  - Track progress in DCiE over time

- Assessment tools: More In-depth Assessments
  - Suite of tools to address major sub-systems
  - Provides savings for efficiency actions
  - ~2 week effort (including site visit)

Online Profiling Tool

INPUTS

- Description
- Utility bill data
- System information
  - IT
  - Cooling
  - Power
  - On-site gen



OUTPUTS

- Overall efficiency (DCiE)
- End-use breakout
- Potential areas for energy efficiency improvement
- Overall energy use reduction potential

DC Pro Profiling Tool Demo

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Username bsmith@abc.com

Password ******

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The Data Center Energy Profiler, or DC Pro, is an online software tool provided by the U.S. Department of Energy to help industries worldwide identify how energy is being purchased and consumed by their data center(s) and also identify potential energy and cost savings. DC Pro is designed so that the user can complete a data center profile in about an hour. When you complete a DC Pro case you are provided with a customized, printable report that shows the details of energy purchases for your data center, how energy is consumed by your data center, potential cost and energy savings, comparison of your data center energy utilization versus other data centers, and a list of next steps that you can follow to get you started saving energy.

This is the beta version of DC Pro. released 06/02/2008.

DC Pro Resources

- **Checklist** - The DC Pro checklist lists all of the information that you will need to collect to complete the DC Pro.

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Step 1 - Case Information

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Name: Bob Smith

Company: ABC

Existing Cases:
- 456
- Data Center Example 1bb
- KT Test
- All Actions

Modify

or

Start New Case

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Enter a name for your case and enter the company name which houses the data center. Then enter the basic information about the datacenter facility.

Required fields are in **bold**

Case Name	456
Data Center Company	QWERT
Country	United States of Amer
State/Region	Georgia
County	Carroll County
Floor Area (sq feet) - Non Data Center Space	100
Floor Area (sq feet) - Data Center Space	10
Floor Area (sq feet) - Data Center Support Space	10
Type of Data Center	ISP Routers
Data Center Tier (Uptime Institute definition)	Tier II
Current Data Center Buildout Level	10 %
Do you have premium efficiency motors on all cooling supply fans, pumps, and cooling towers that serve the data center?	Yes No
What is the redundancy level for HVAC systems?	N

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Energy Management | IT Equipment | Environmental Conditions | Air Management | Cooling Plant | IT Equipment Power Chain | Lighting | Default Breakouts

Has an energy audit or commissioning been conducted within the last 2 years?	◉ Yes	○ No
Is there a written energy management plan?	○ Yes	◉ No
Is there an energy manager directly responsible for the energy management plan?	◉ Yes	○ No
Has upper management accepted the energy management plan?	◉ Yes	○ No
Is there an energy measurement and calibration program in place?	◉ Yes	○ No
Is there a preventative maintenance program in place?	◉ Yes	○ No

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How many CRAC/CRAH/AHUs are there that operate under normal conditions?	4
Is there any supplemental cooling?	In-Row
Does the CRAC/CRAH/AHU have a free cooling coil (water side economizer)?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Is there air-side free cooling?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Air Supply Path	Underfloor Plenum
Is there a floor-tightness (sealing leaks) program in place?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Are the cable penetrations sealed?	11% to 89%
Is the cable build-up in the floor plenum or the over-head plenum more than 1/3 of the plenum height?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Is there a cable-mining (allow proper pressure distribution) program in place?	(•) Yes ( ) No
IT equipment in rows?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Is there a rack/lineup-tightness (using blanking panels) program in place?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Degree of current implementation of alternating hot and cold aisles?	Fair
Degree of current efforts to minimize recirculated air at the racks (for example, blanking panels)?	Fair
Degree of current efforts to minimize bypass air at the racks (for example, sealing cable penetrations in the floor)?	Fair

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Is there an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)?	(•) Yes ( ) No
UPS Technology Type	Double Conversion
What is the average load factor per active UPS module?	50% to 100%
UPS Redundancy Configuration	N+1
Is there a standby generator?	(•) Yes ( ) No
Standby Generator Power Configuration	N
Are there PDUs with built-in transformers?	(•) Yes ( ) No
What are the types of MV and LV transformer(s)?	Temp rise >80C
Average Load Factor per Active PDUs / Transformers	25% to 49%

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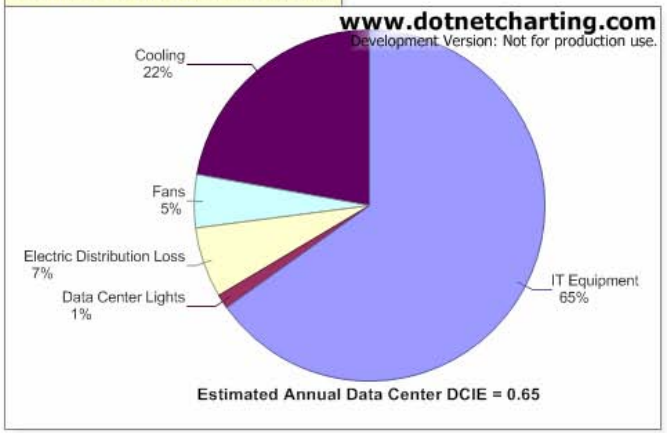
This screen will compute estimated data center end use. You will have the opportunity to input the actual energy use in Step 4, in whole or in part. DC Pro will modify the default breakouts to accommodate the actual energy use.

Estimated Data Center End Use



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Step 3 - Production Information (optional)

Use this screen to enter production information for your data center. This information will be used to calculate energy savings on a per unit of production basis.

The purpose of this screen is to gather some type of information that measures the activity at your data center. This information will be different for each data center. Below is a list of possible types of production information that different data centers might enter.

As you can see from the above examples you are free to enter any type of metric that measures production or activity at your data center. This information has no impact on the calculations of total energy savings by DC Pro. It is only used for your final report to show costs and savings per unit of production (or whatever metric you entered).

Product Name	Transactions
Average Quantity	1000000
Units	transactions
Period	Monthly

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- The product name can be anything that you wish.
- If you want to enter production information, all fields are required. If you choose to skip this step, please leave all fields blank.

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Step 4 - Supplied Energy (optional)

Use the next four screens to enter data from utility bills and/or submeters recordings, entering this data is optional but doing so will help DC Pro more accurately profile your facility. If you do not, DC Pro will use the default energy end-use percentages from Step 2. Enter data only for those meters that support -- either partly or wholly -- the DC Load and/or the DC cooling system. You will be allowed to distribute any of the energy streams across the end-use breakout categories in the next step (Step 5) of the DC Pro process. If your facility does not use one or more of the energy stream simply leave that screen blank and click the Next button.

For each energy stream you will need to enter account information for each meter or sub-meter you have data on. For each account enter a Meter ID, select whether or not the meter is a sub-meter (and if so what meter it is a sub of), enter the average quantities and units purchased, and select the period for which this purchase reflects. Entering different period intervals for different energy streams is acceptable, as DC Pro will calculate the annual data, but do not enter more than 1 year of data.

Electricity | Fuel | Steam | Chilled Water

	Meter ID	On Site	Sub-Meter Of	Use per Period	Units	Period	Bills per Period	Annual Use	Units	Annual Bills
Edit Delete	001	No		250,000	kWh	Monthly	$1,110.00	3,000,000	kWh	$13,320.00
Edit Delete	002	No	001	50,000	kWh	Monthly	$250.00	600,000	kWh	$3,000.00
Edit Delete	213	No		25,555	kWh	Monthly	$12,345.00	306,660	kWh	$148,140.00
Save		☐								

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- You may enter as many meter accounts as you wish for each energy stream.
- If you do enter data for a particular stream, all fields are required.
- Remember to enter the average cost and quantity for the selected period.
- The cost that you enter should be the TOTAL cost of the energy stream for the selected period. This should include the cost of energy plus the total of all other charges including demand charges and any other recurring charges.
- Don't forget to enter energy that is generated on site at your plant. When entering on site generation just check the Generated On Site checkbox, but remember DO NOT ASSIGN ANY COST TO THIS.
- Click the information icons to display the tooltip popup. Tooltips help to better understand what the question is asking.

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	Meter ID	Sub-Meter Of	Use per Period	Units	Bills per Period	Period	Annual Use	Units	Annual Bills
Edit Delete	1234		1,111	ton-hours	$111.00	Monthly	13,332	ton-hours	$1,332.00
Save									

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Step 5 - Energy Use Distribution (optional)

Use these screens to allocate the annual energy use for each meter identified in Step 4 across the Energy End-Use Breakout Categories.

If you do not know what the allocations are for a given meter, it is OK to skip this screen or enter estimates. All of the energy use for a given meter does not have to be allocated to the breakout categories. If the meter serves more than just the data center, it is OK to leave a portion of the energy in the Remainder column.

NOTE: DC Pro provides default percentages for you based on the information entered in Step 2. You may use these default percentages if you are unsure of the actual percentages that each energy use system uses. However, for more accurate results you should estimate your actual percentages and enter them in the boxes below.

Electricity | Fuel | Steam | Chilled Water | Summary

Site Energy End-Use Breakout Categories Recalculate

Meter ID	Total Annual Site Energy Use	IT Load		Lights		Electric Distribution Losses		Fans		Cooling & Humidity Controls		Site Energy Use Related to Data Center		Remainder (Non-Data Center Use)	
	kWh/yr	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%	kWh/yr	%
001	3,000,000	1700000	57%	90000	3%	350000	12%	600000	20%	90000	3%	2,830,000.0	94%	170,000	6%
002	600,000	400000	67%	60000	10%	90000	15%	18000	3%	12000	2%	580,000.0	97%	20,000	3%
213	306,660	153330	50%	91998	30%	0	0%	9199.8	3%	9199.8	3%	263,727.6	86%	42,932.4	14%
Totals		2,253,330	58%	241,998	6%	440,000	11%	627,199.8	16%	111,199.8	3%	3,673,727.6	94%	232,932.4	6%
Is this all the electricity associated with the breakout categories being used by the data center?		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes					

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- Please enter a value for each meter or sub-meter. If the meter or sub-meter does not use any energy from a given category, enter zero.
- The total annual energy use for each meter are the values calculated in Step 4. If you notice a problem with a meter or need to modify one, go back to Step 4 by clicking the circle on the top of this page.
- The percentages in the "Energy Use Related to Data Center" and "Remainder" column for a given meter MUST equal 100%, DC Pro will not let you move onto the next page if they do not.
- You must select "Yes"or "No" in the final row before proceeding to the next energy type. Select "Yes" if there is no additional energy being used by the data center for a given breakout category. Select "No" if there is

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Step 6 - Results

Open the Report in PDF

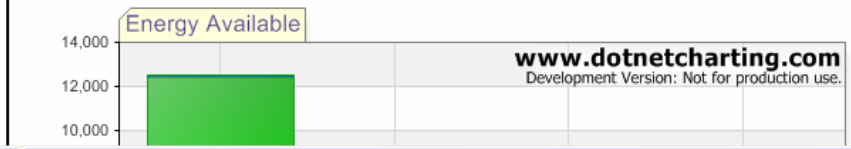
This is your customized DC Pro Summary Report. The report is broken into five basic sections. If you wish to go back and edit any of your values or add more dat. page to navigate to the desired screen.

1. Case Information - your basic case information including energy consumption and savings on a per unit of production basis.
2. Annual Energy Use - a summary of your data center's annual energy purchases and consumption broken down by energy category.
3. Potential Annual Energy Savings - an estimation of potential annual energy savings for your data center's energy use systems displayed in MMBtu and dollar
4. Potential Annual CO2 Savings - an estimation of the potential annual reduction of CO2 emissions.
5. Suggested Next Steps - a customized list of suggested next steps for you to take to realize potential energy and cost savings.

Case Information

Case Name	456
Name	Bob Smith
Email	bsmith@abc.com
Company	ABC
Data Center Company	QWERT
County	Carroll County
State	Georgia

Annual Energy Use



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Annual Energy Use

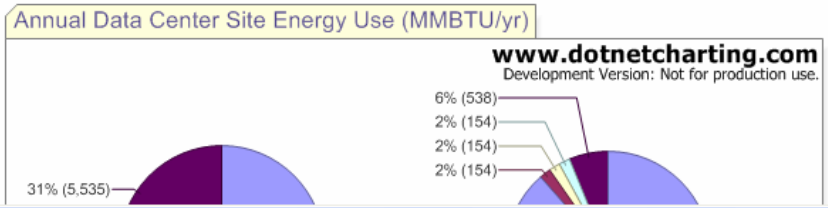
	Total Amount Generated On Site	Total Amount	Unit
Electricity	0	12,535	MMBTU/yr
Fuel	0	4,980	MMBTU/yr
Steam	0	176	MMBTU/yr
Chilled Water	0	160	MMBTU/yr
Total	0	17,851	MMBTU/yr

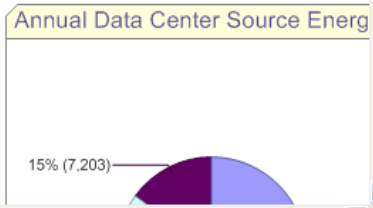
Potential Annual Energy Savings

Suggested Next Steps

The following chart and data table summarize your data center's potential annual energy savings by breakout catergory.
NOTE: The energy and money savings listed below are only estimates based on the data you entered and the estimated costs associated with the data center su

Breakout Category	Current Energy Use				Potential Energy Use				Potential Sa
	Site Energy		Source Energy		Site Energy		Source Energy		
	MMBTU/yr	%	MMBTU/yr	%	MMBTU/yr	%	MMBTU/yr	%	MMBTU/yr
IT Equipment	7,689	43%	25,872	54%	7,689	88%	25,872	88%	0
Data Center Lights	826	5%	2,779	6%	154	2%	517	2%	672
Electric Distribution Losses	1,501	8%	5,052	11%	154	2%	517	2%	984
Fans	2,140	12%	7,201	15%	154	2%	517	2%	1,623
Cooling	5,535	31%	7,203	15%	538	6%	1,811	6%	3,724
Total	17,691	100%	48,107	100%	8,688	100%	29,236	100%	7,003
DCIE		0.43		0.54		0.88		0.88	





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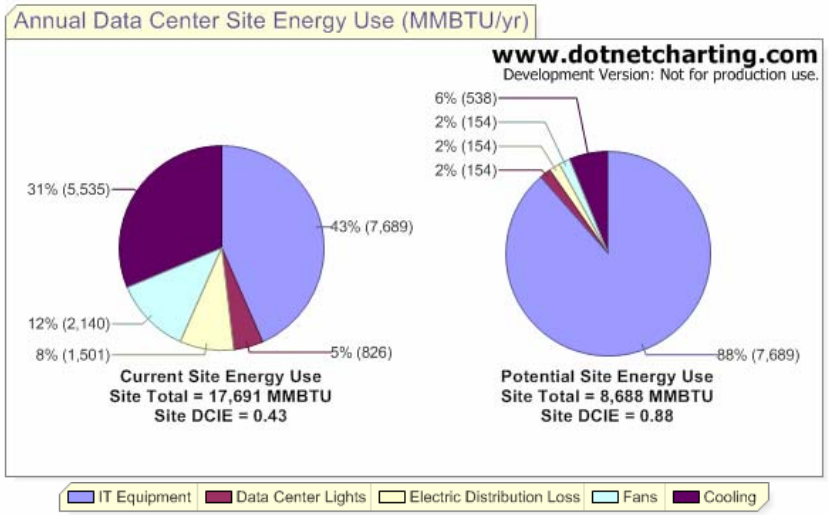

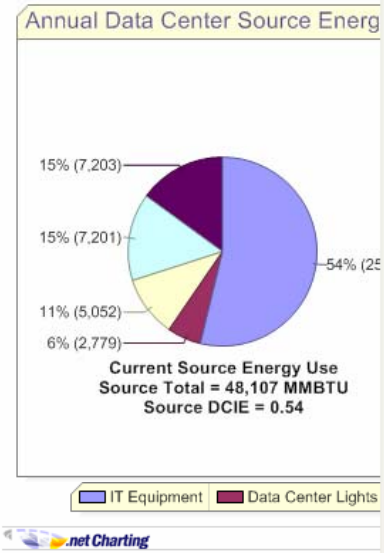

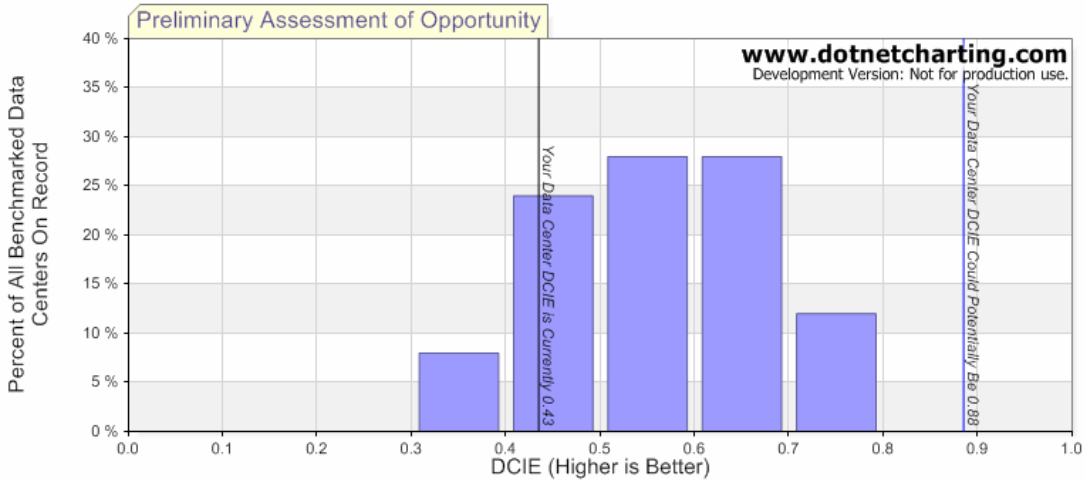

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State	Georgia

Suggested Next Steps Potential Annual Savings

Energy Management | IT Equipment | Environmental Conditions | Air Management | Cooling Plant | IT Equipment Power Chain | Lighting | Global Action

EC.A.1	Consider Air-Management measures	A low air temperature rise across the data center and/or IT equipment intake temperatures outside the recommended range suggest air management problems. A low return temperature is due to by-pass air and an elevated return temperature is due to recirculation air. Estimating the Return Temperature Index (RTI) and the Rack Cooling Index (RCI) will indicate if corrective, energy-saving actions are called for.
EC.A.2	Consider increasing the supply temperature	A low supply temperature makes the chiller system less efficient and limits the utilization of economizers. Enclosed architectures allow the highest supply temperatures (near the upper end of the recommended intake temperature range) since mixing of hot and cold air is minimized. In contrast, the supply temperature in open architectures is often dictated by the hottest intake temperature.
EC.A.4	Place temperature/humidity sensors so they mimic the IT equipment intake conditions	IT equipment manufacturers design their products to operate reliably within a given range of intake temperature and humidity. The temperature and humidity limits imposed on the cooling system that serves the data center are intended to match or exceed the IT equipment specifications. However, the temperature and humidity sensors are often integral to the cooling equipment and are not located at the IT equipment intakes. The condition of the air supplied by the cooling system is often significantly different by the time it reaches the IT equipment intakes. It is usually not practical to provide sensors at the intake of every piece of IT equipment, but a few representative locations can be selected. Adjusting the cooling system sensor location in order to provide the air condition that is needed at the IT equipment intake often results in more efficient operation.
EC.A.5	Recalibrate temperature and humidity sensors	Temperature sensors generally have good accuracy when they are properly calibrated (+/- a fraction of a degree), but they tend to drift out of adjustment over time. In contrast, even the best humidity sensors are instrinsically not very precise (+/- 5% RH is typically the best accuracy that can be achieved at reasonable cost). Humidity sensors also drift out of calibration. To ensure good cooling system performance, all temperature and humidity sensors used by the control system should be treated as maintenance items and calibrated at least once a year. Twice a year is better to begin with. After a regular calibration program has been in effect for a while, you can gauge how rapidly your sensors drift and how frequent the calibrations should be. Calibrations can be performed in-house with the proper equipment, or by a third-party service.
EC.A.6	Network the CRAC/CRAH controls	CRAC/CRAH units are typically self-contained, complete with an on-board control system and air temperature and humidity sensors. The sensors may not be calibrated to begin with, or they may drift out of adjustment over time. In a data center with many CRACs/CRAHs it is not unusual to find some units humidifying while others are simultaneously dehumidifying. There may also be significant differences in supply air temperatures. Both of these situations waste energy. Controlling all the CRACs/CRAHs from a common set of sensors avoids this.
EC.A.8	Consider disabling or eliminating humidification controls or reducing the humidification setpoint	Tightly controlled humidity can be very costly in data centers since humidification and dehumidification are involved. A wider humidity range allows significant utilization of free cooling in most climate zones by utilizing effective air-side economizers. In addition, open-water systems are high-maintenance items.
EC.A.9	Consider disabling or eliminating dehumidification controls or increasing the dehumidification setpoint	Most modern IT equipment is designed to operate reliably when the intake air humidity is between 20% and 80% RH. However, 55% RH is a typical upper humidity level in many existing data centers. Maintaining this relatively low upper limit comes at an energy cost. Raising the limit can save energy, particularly if the cooling system has an airside economizer. In some climates it is possible to maintain an acceptable upper limit without ever needed to actively dehumidify. In this case, consider disabling or removing the dehumidification controls entirely.
EC.A.10	Change the type of humidifier	Most humidifiers are heat based; ie, they supply steam to the air stream by boiling water. Electricity or natural gas are common fuel sources. The heat of the steam becomes an added load on the cooling system. An evaporative humidifier uses much less energy. Instead of boiling water, it introduces a very fine mist of water droplets to the air stream. When set up properly the droplets quickly evaporate, leaving no moisture on nearby surfaces. This has an added cooling benefit, as the droplets absorb heat from the air as they evaporate.

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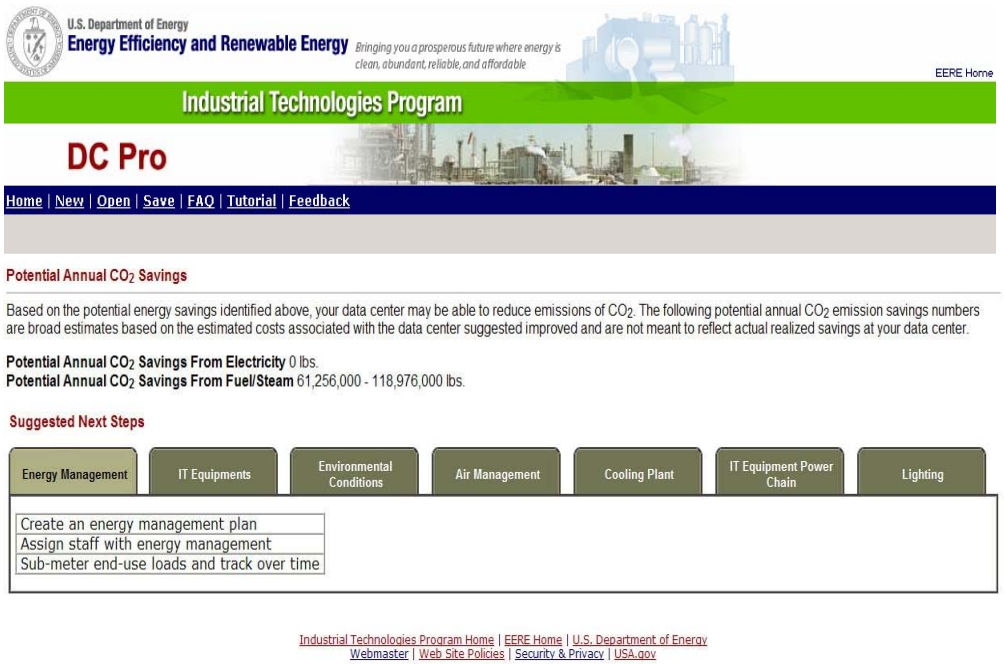
Example “DC Pro” Recommendations

List of Actions (for Electric Distribution System)

- Avoid lightly loaded UPS systems
- Use high efficiency MV and LV transformers
- Reduce the number of trans-formers upstream and down-stream of the UPS
- Locate transformers outside the data center
- Use 480 V instead of 208 V static switches (STS)
- Specify high-efficiency power supplies
- Eliminate redundant power supplies
- Supply DC voltage to IT rack



Energy Assessment Tools

Data Center Assessment Output

- More accurate overall energy performance (baseline) of data center
- Performance of systems (infrastructure & IT) compared to benchmarks
- Prioritized list of energy efficiency actions and their savings, in terms of energy cost ($), source energy (Btu), and carbon emissions (Mtons)

IT Module

- Servers
- Storage & networking
- Software

Cooling

- Air Mgmt
- CRAC/CRAH
- AHU
- Chillers

Power Systems

- UPS
- Distribution

On-Site Gen

- Renewables
- Co-gen

Data Confidentiality

- All input data is treated as confidential
- Data in benchmarking charts are “anonymized” with random facility ID numbers
- Data is saved and can not be accessed by the general public

Tool Development Process and Schedule

	Define Metrics	Define Actions	Develop Algorithms	Implement Software
Profiling Tool	**DRAFT**	**DRAFT**	**DRAFT**	**Sept 2008**
Assessment Tools				
Power	DRAFT	DRAFT	DRAFT	August 2008
Air Management	DRAFT	DRAFT	In Dev	Dec 2009
DC Cooling	DRAFT	DRAFT	In Dev	July 2009
Central Plant	DRAFT	DRAFT	In Dev	Dec 2009
IT	In Dev	In Dev	In Dev	Sept 2009

Assessment Worksheet

- List of metrics and features
  - Priorities for metrics
  - Data required
- Data collection template
- List of actions

Data Center Assessment Inputs: Features and Metrics
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Notes:
1. Each assessment area has two types of inputs: features and metrics
2. The features checklist can be used for stage 1 assessment (prior to site visit), and to prioritize metrics for stage 2 assessment
3. Input fields are shaded in blue - defaults are provided for priorities
4. Priority levels for metrics: 1 - Must have; 2 - Important, subject to ease of data collection; 3 - collect only if easily available

1. Overall Energy Management	
Has an audit or commissioning been conducted within the last 2 years?	
Is there a written energy management plan?	
Are there staff with explicit energy management responsibility?	
What is the redundancy level for Electrical systems? (N, N+x, 2N)	
What is the redundancy level for HVAC systems? (N, N+x, 2N)	
What is the current usage factor? (% of space?)	

Metrics	*Unit*	*Data Required*	*Priority*	*Value*
Overall Energy Effectiveness (IT energy use / total energy use)	-	IT Equipment Energy Use Total DC Energy Use (Site)	1	
Site Energy Use Intensity	Site BTU/sf-yr	Total DC Energy Use (Site) DC Floor Area	2	
Source Energy Use Intensity	Source BTU/sf-yr	Total DC Energy Use (Source) DC Floor Area	3	
Purchased Energy Cost Intensity	Energy $/sf-yr	Total DC Energy Cost DC Floor Area	2	
Peak Electrical Load Intensity	Peak W/sf	Total DC Peak Elec Demand DC Floor Area	2	

2. Environmental Conditions	
What are the temperature setpoints (specify range)?	
What are the humidity setpoints (specify range)?	
Recommended and allowable intake temperatures and humidity (specify ranges)?	
Where are temperature and humidity sensors located (return, other)?	
Do CRAC/CRAH units have centralized or distributed controls?	
Are there humidity controls and does the data center need humidity control?	
Are there procedures and personnel/cable grounding equipment to prevent ESD?	
Are unit controls fighting each other (for example, simultaneously humidifying and dehumidifying)?	
Does system have capability of taking slope and offset for sensor recalibration?	

Metrics	*Unit*	*Data Required*	*Priority*	*Value*
Ratio Max Density to Average Heat Density	None	Max Heat Density Average Heat Density	2	
Actual Dew-Point Temperature	F	Data Center Dewpoint Temperature	1	
Climate Data	F	TMY/TRY/WYEC data	1	
Temperature and humidity sensor calibration	Slope and offset	Reference sensor reading	1	

3. Air Management, CRAC/CRAH/AHU	
How many CRAC/CRAH/AHUs are there? Identify which operate under normal conditions and which are standby.	
For each CRAC/CRAH/AHU collect nameplate data for unit, for each motor and submittal data identifying capacity and design conditions.	
What is the clear ceiling in feet (slab to slab minus raised floor minus dropped ceiling)?	
Is there a ceiling return plenum? If yes, what is the height and static pressure?	
Is there a floor supply plenum (raised floor)? If yes, what is the height and static pressure?	
What is the estimated floor leakage in percent of total system airflow?	
Where are cables and pipes located?	

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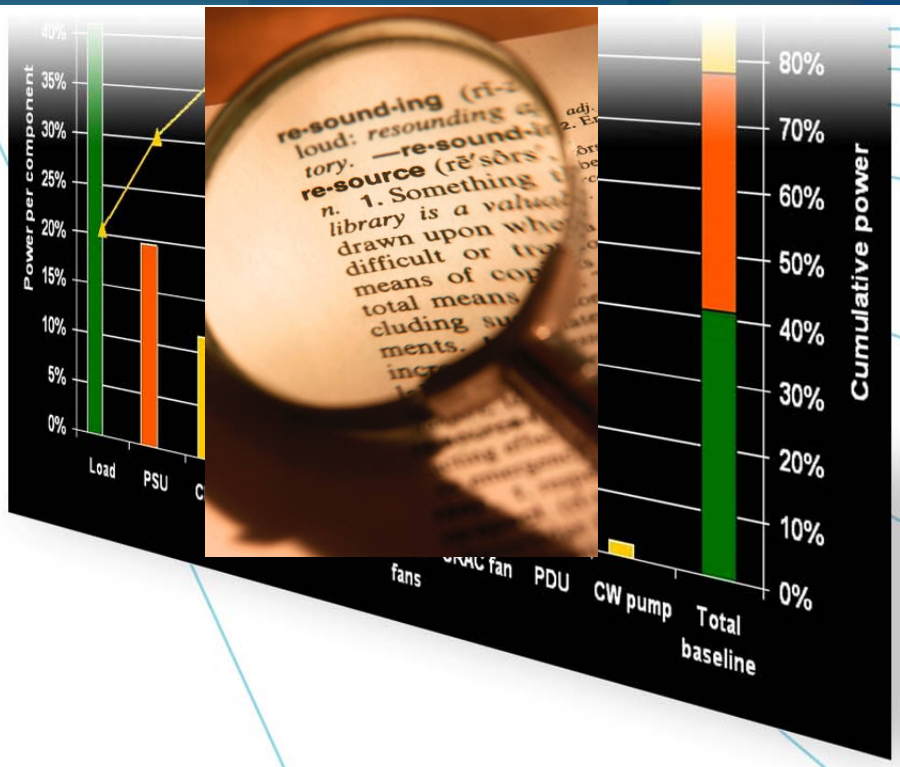

Resources

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Links to Get Started

DOE Website: Sign up to stay up to date on new developments
www.eere.energy.gov/datacenters

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
http://hightech.lbl.gov/datacenters/

LBNL Best Practices Guidelines (cooling, power, IT systems)
http://hightech.lbl.gov/datacenters-bpg/

ASHRAE Data Center technical guidebooks
http://tc99.ashraetcs.org/

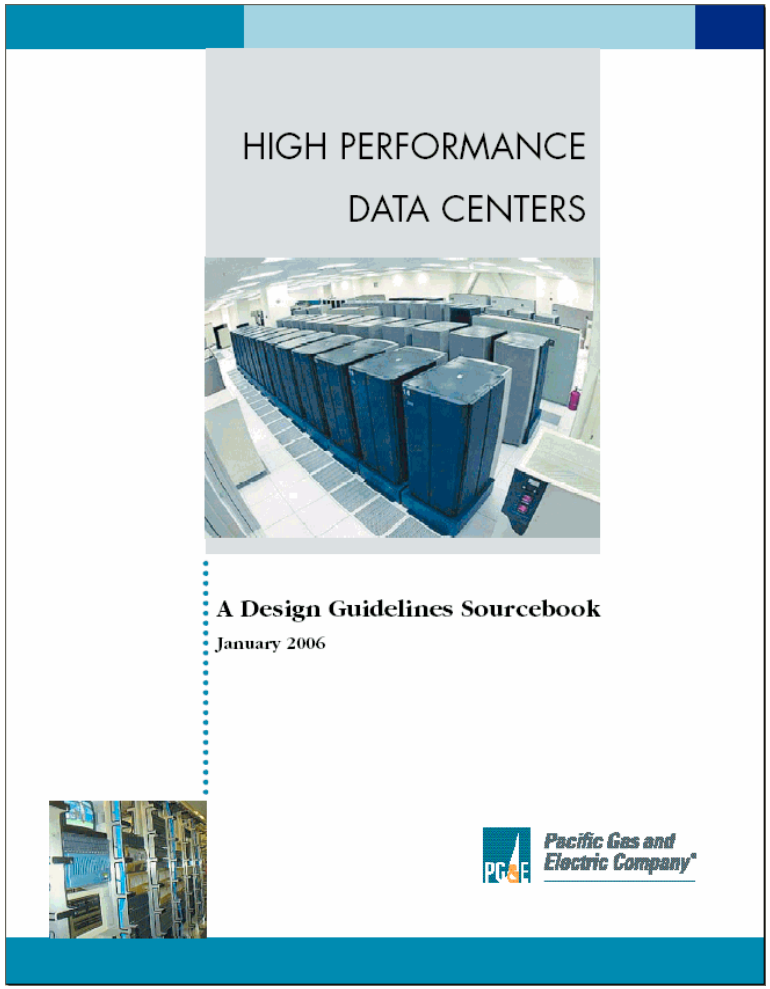
The Green Grid Association: White papers on metrics
http://www.thegreengrid.org/gg_content/

Energy Star® Program
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=prod_development.server_efficiency

Uptime Institute white papers
www.uptimeinstitute.org

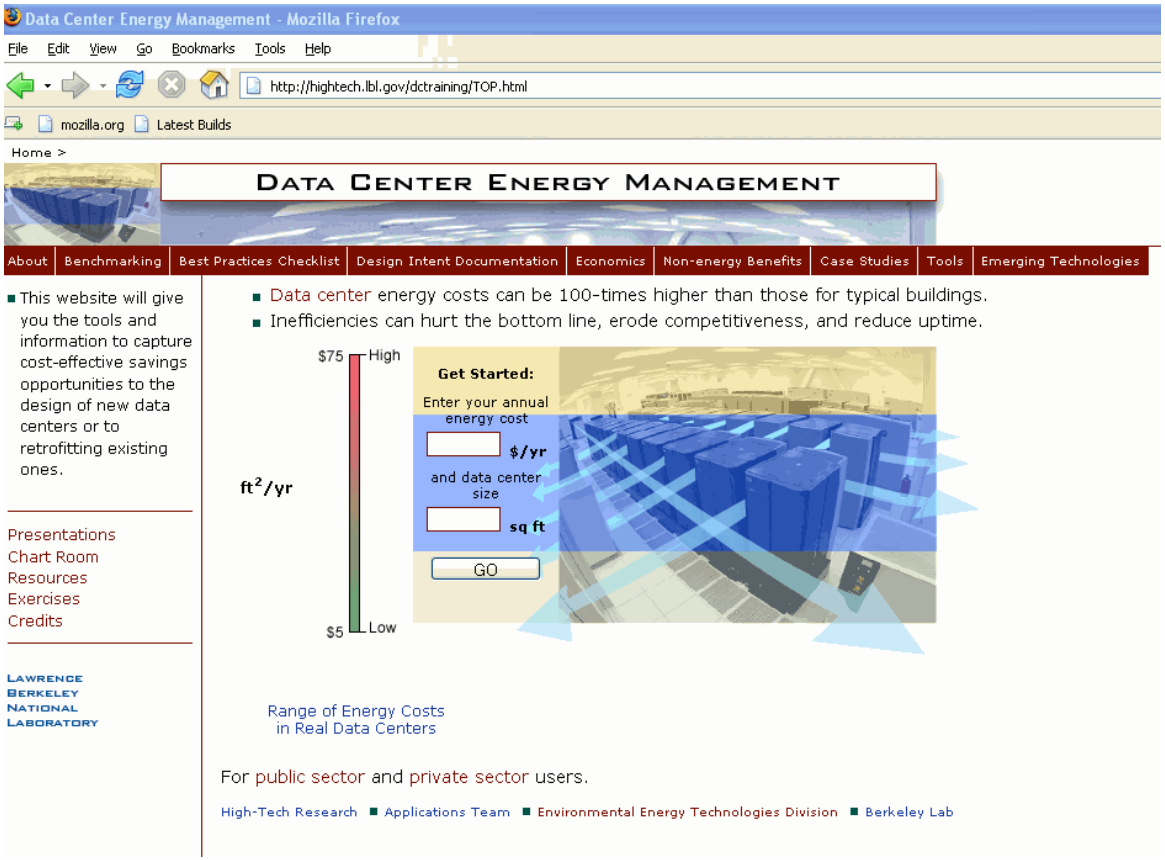
Design Guidelines Are Available

- **Design Guides were developed based upon observed best practices**
- **Guides are available through PG&E and LBNL websites**



http://hightech.lbl.gov/documents/DATA_CENTERS/06_DataCenters-PGE.pdf

Web based training resource



http://hightech.lbl.gov/dctraining/TOP.html

ASHRAE guidelines

Four books published—
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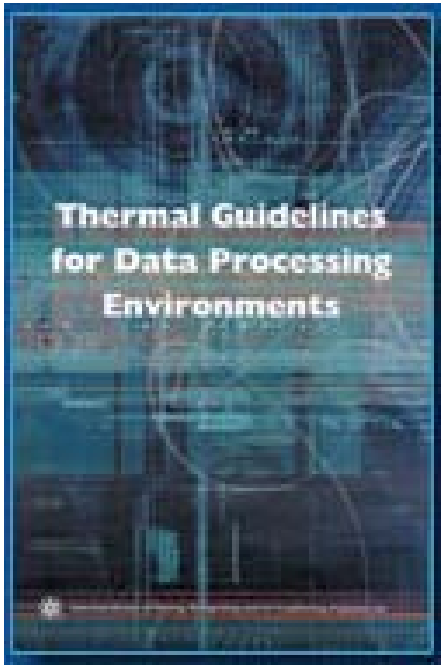

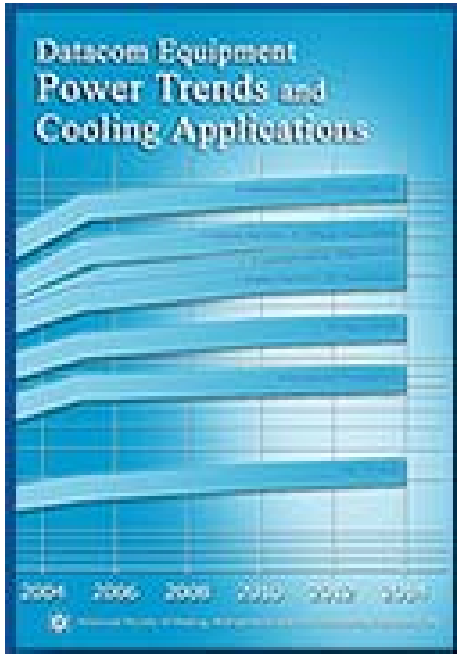

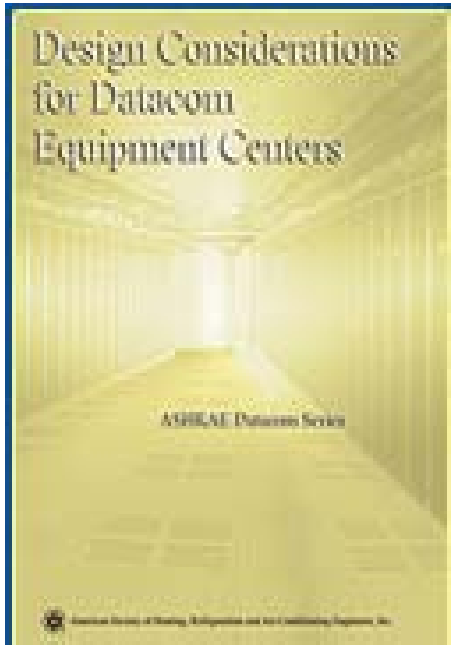

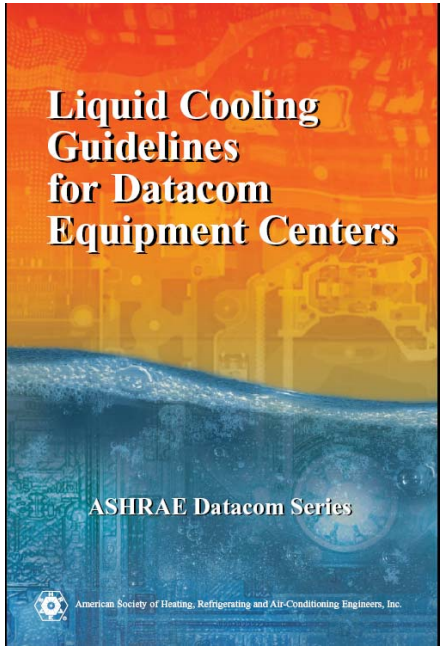

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ASHRAE Resources

- ASHRAE (http:\\www.ashrae.org)
  - Technical Committee (TC) 9.9 Mission Critical Facilities http://tc99.ashraetcs.org/
  - Design Considerations for Datacom Equipment Centers
  - Datacom Equipment Power Trends and Cooling Applications
  - Thermal Guidelines for Data Processing Environments
  - Additional Guidelines
    - TCO and Energy Efficiency
    - High Density Data Centers
    - Liquid Cooling
    - Filtration
    - Structural

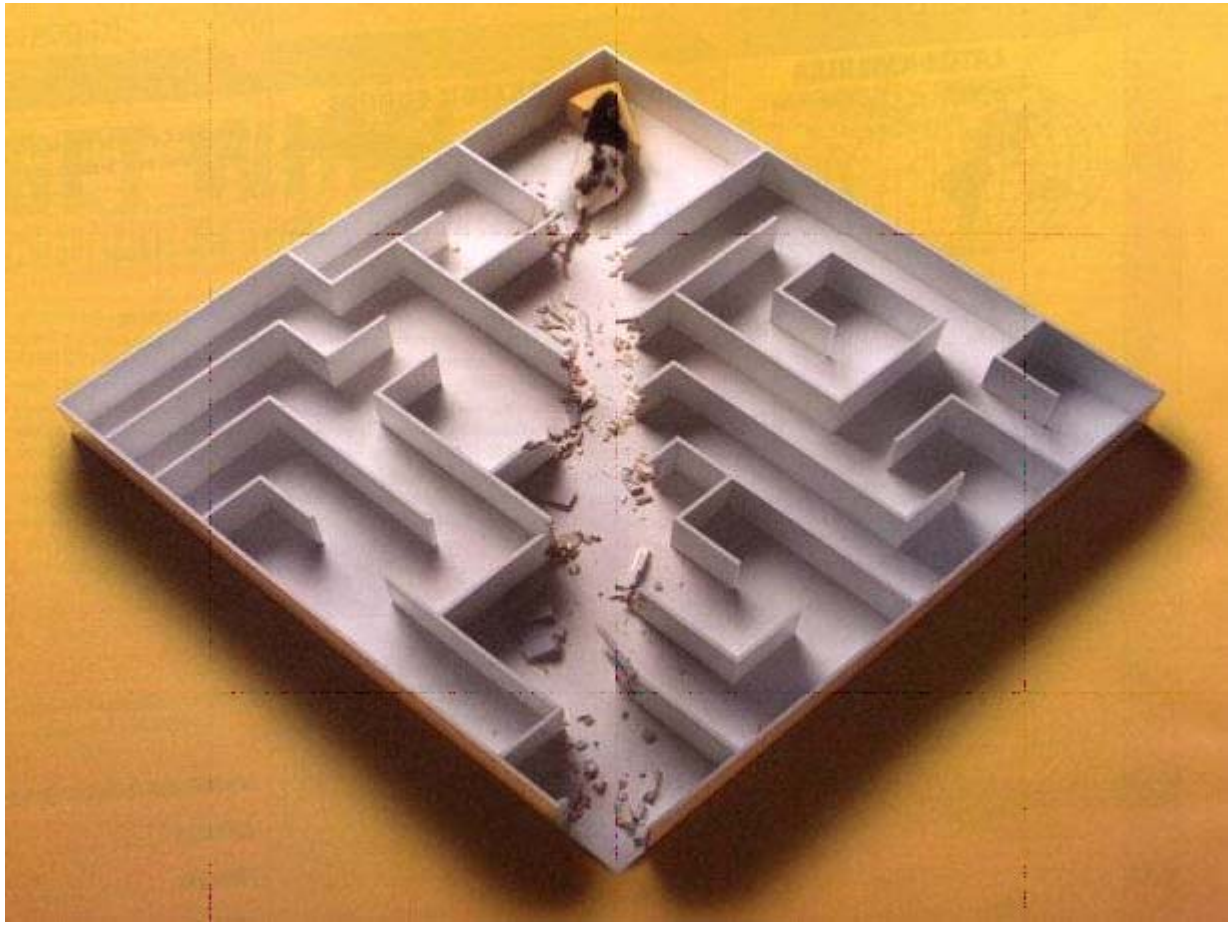
IT Power Supply Resources

Server System Infrastructure

Managing Component Interfaces

- www.ssiforums.org
- www.80plus.org

Other Resources

- Electrostatic Discharge Association (http://www.esda.org/)
- Uptime Institute (http://www.upsite.com/TUIpages/tuihome.html)
- Green Grid (http://www.thegreengrid.org/home)
- Chilled Water Plant Resources
  - PG&E CoolTools™ Chilled Water Plant Design Guide (http://taylor-engineering.com/publications/design_guides.shtml)
  - ASHRAE Journal article, "Balancing Variable Flow Hydronic Systems" and other CHW articles on TE website at http://www.taylor-engineering.com/publications/articles.shtml
- Control and Commissioning Resources
  - DDC Online (http://www.ddc-online.org)
  - AutomatedBuildings (http://www.automatedbuildings.com/). This site is an e-zine on building automation and controls.
  - ASHRAE Guideline 13-2000, "Specifying Direct Digital Control System."
  - Control Spec Builder an on-line resource for developing control specifications (http://www.CtrlSpecBuilder.com)
  - National Building Controls Information Program (NBCIP, http://www.buildingcontrols.org/)
  - CSU Control and CX Guidelines (http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/ae/guidelines.shtml)
  - California Commissioning Collaborative (CaCx, http://www.cacx.org)

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