

# Centralizing, Upgrading, and Optimizing Chilled Water on Existing Campus

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# Agenda

An aerial photograph of a city, likely San Francisco, showing a large hospital complex in the foreground. The hospital consists of several multi-story buildings with a central courtyard. In the background, there is a large body of water (the bay) and hills. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

- **Existing Conditions**
- **Purpose**
- **New System**
- **Series Evaporator Optimization**
- **Results**

# Existing HVAC Systems

**EXISTING HYDRONIC WITH CENTRAL CHILLER PLANT  
(5 CHILLERS)**

**EXISTING HYDRONIC WITH BUILDING CHILLER PLANT  
(22 CHILLERS)**

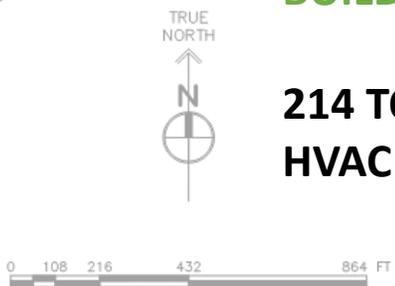
**EXISTING ROOFTOP DX UNITS  
(94 UNITS)**

**PLUS 93 UNITS IN THE HYDRONIC BUILDINGS**

**214 TOTAL REFRIGERATION UNITS FOR HVAC**



- Legend:**
- Above-Grade Piping
  - ..... Below-Grade Piping
  - Direct-Buried Valve
  - ✎ Above-Grade Valve



# Purpose

- Reduce Refrigerant Global Warming Potential (GWP)
- Upgrade existing infrastructure
- Improve energy efficiency
- Improve resiliency
- Reduce operations and maintenance

# Purpose – Reduce Refrigerant GWP

Refrigerant Type	Refrigerant Number	ASHRAE 34 Code	Refrigerant Name	Refrigerant Formula	Atmospheric Lifetime	GWP <sub>100</sub>	ODP	Charge (lbs)
HCFC	R-22	A1	Chlorodifluoromethane	CHClF <sub>2</sub>	12 years	1810	0.05	5,290
HFC	R-134a	A1	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	14 years	1430	0	36,110
HFC	R-404a	A1	44±2% C <sub>2</sub> HF <sub>5</sub> ·52±1% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> ·4±2% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		40 years	3922	0	6
HFC	R-410a	A1	50+.5,-1.5% CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ·50+1.5,-.5% C <sub>2</sub> HF <sub>5</sub>		17 years	2088	0	120
Natural	R-717	B2L	Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	≈0	0.7	0	
Natural	R-744	A1	Carbon Dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	30k years	1	0	
<b>HFO</b>	<b>R-1233zd(E)</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>Solstice zd</b>	<b>CF<sub>3</sub>CH=CHCl</b>	<b>26 days</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00030</b>	<b>25,300</b>
HC	R-1270	A3	Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	12 years	3	0	

**27,885 MTCDE charge can be reduced to 11.5 MTCDE (GWP reduced by 99.96%)**

**New low pressure chillers also have lower leakage rates than existing aged and high pressure equipment**

# New HVAC System

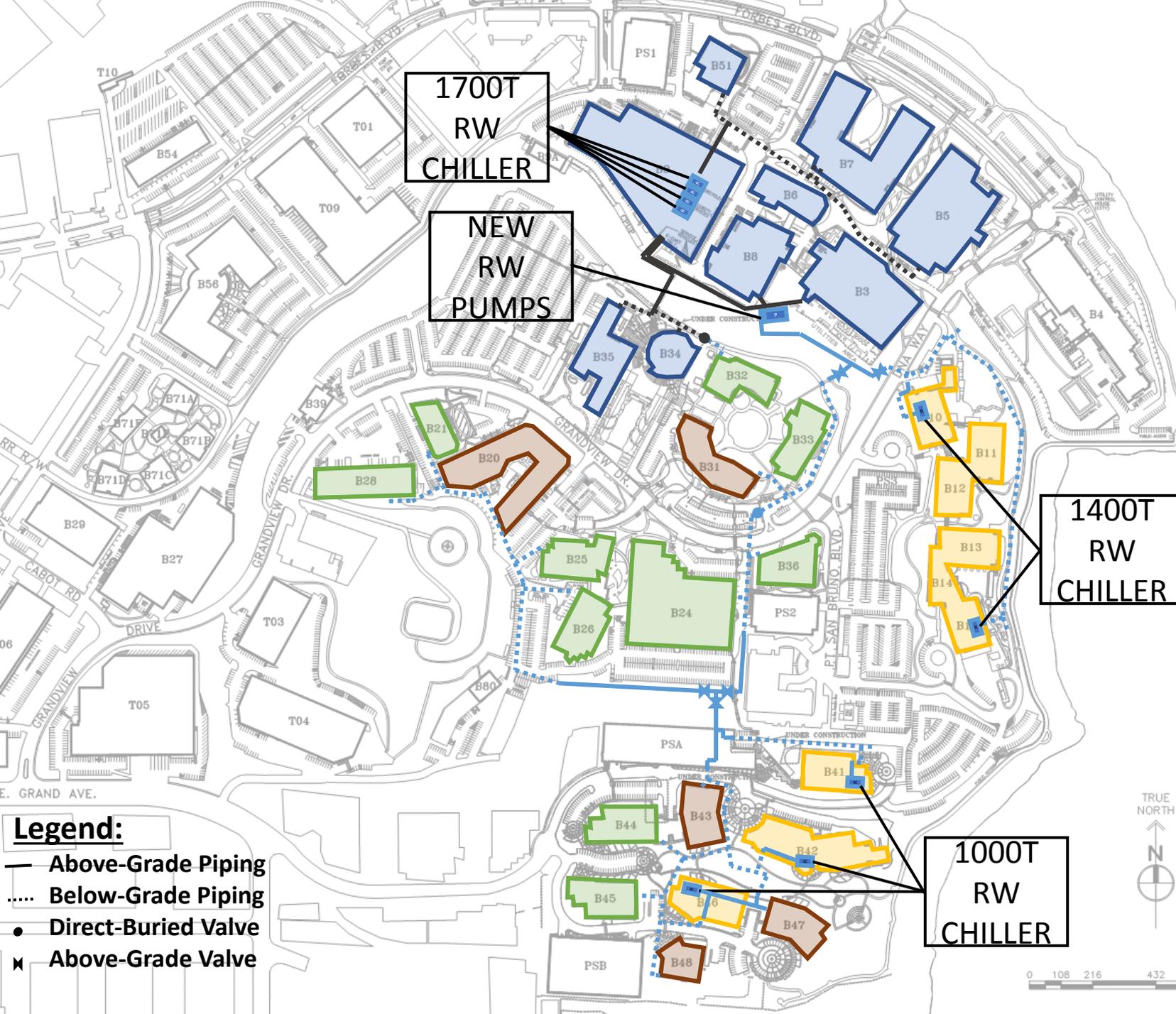
EXISTING HYDRONIC WITH CENTRAL CHILLER PLANT  
(4 NEW CHILLERS)

EXISTING HYDRONIC WITH BUILDING PLANT REPURPOSED AS REMOTE PLANT  
(5 NEW CHILLERS)

EXISTING HYDRONIC ADDED TO CAMPUS CHILLER SYSTEM

NEW HYDRONIC ADDED TO CAMPUS CHILLER SYSTEM

214 TOTAL REFRIGERATION UNITS FOR HVAC REDUCED TO 9



1700T  
RW  
CHILLER

NEW  
RW  
PUMPS

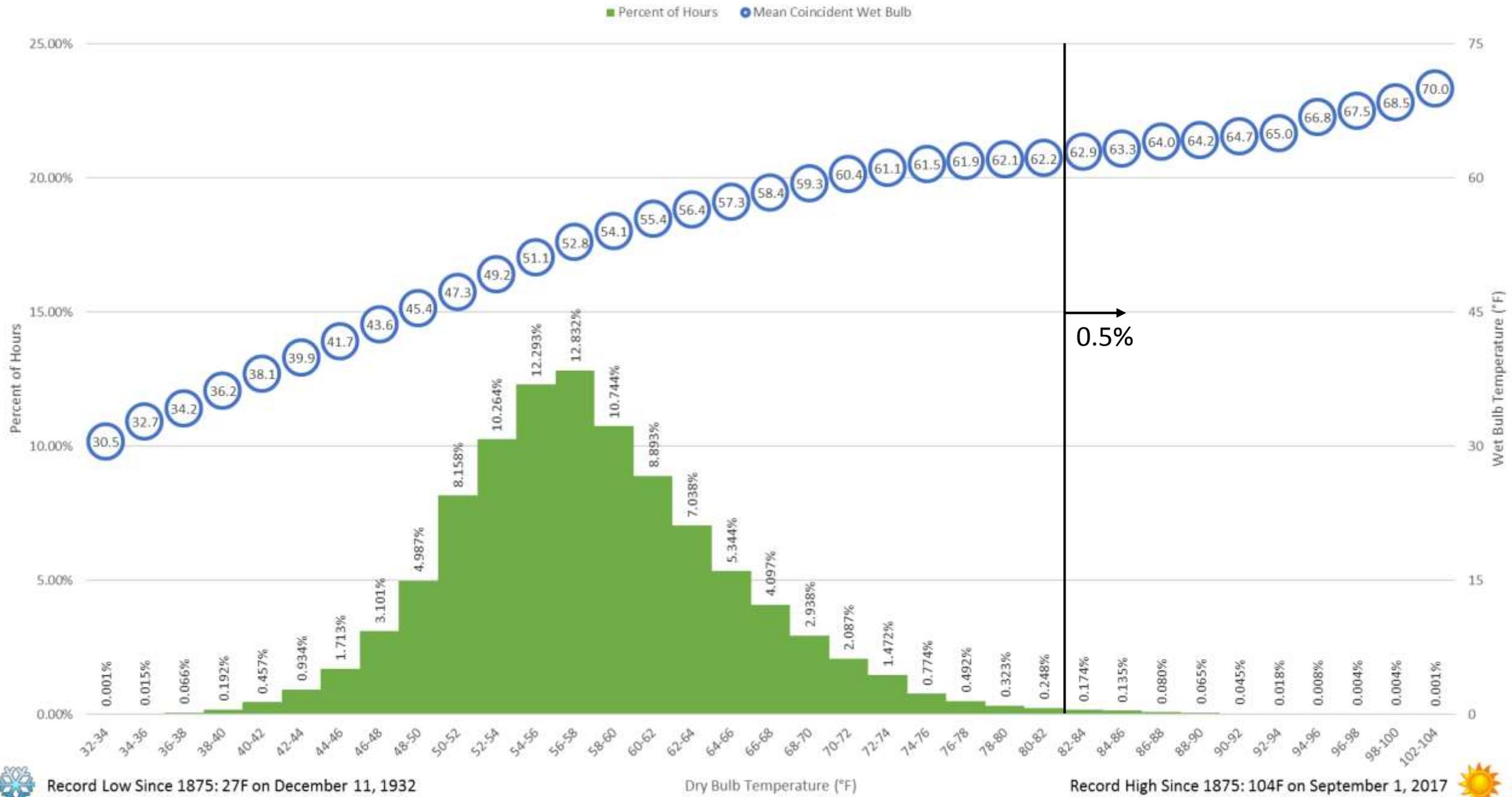
1400T  
RW  
CHILLER

1000T  
RW  
CHILLER

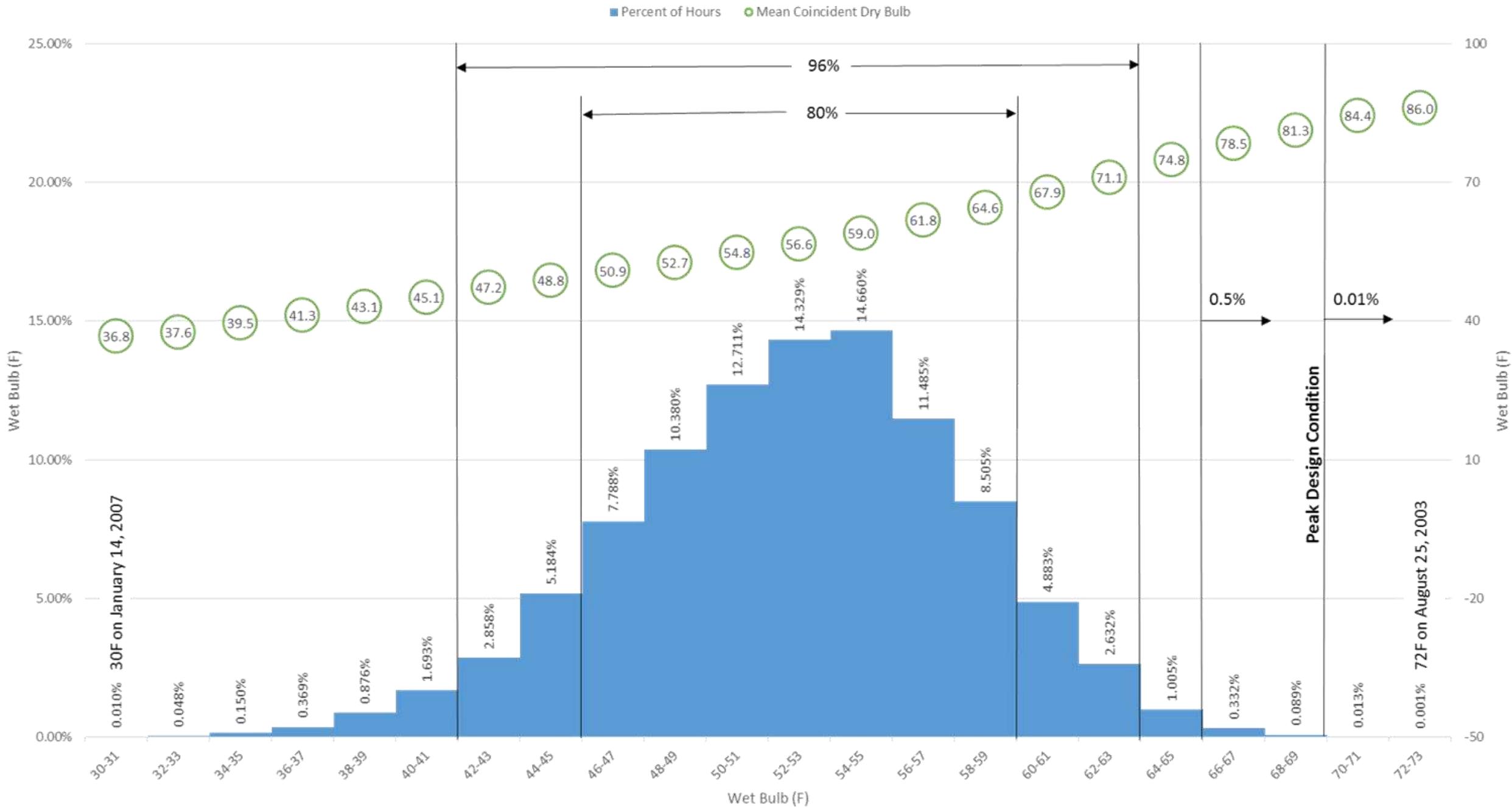
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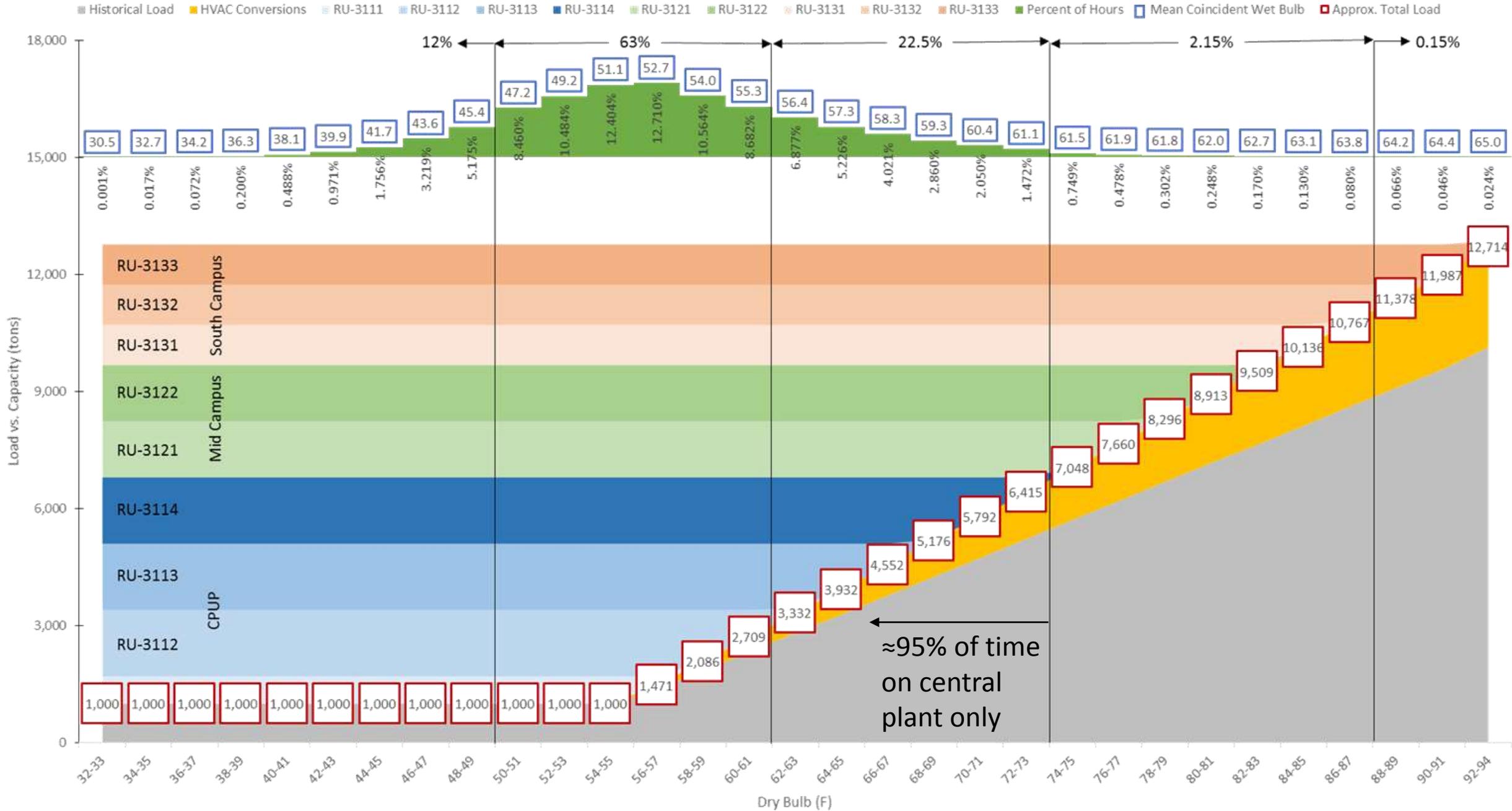
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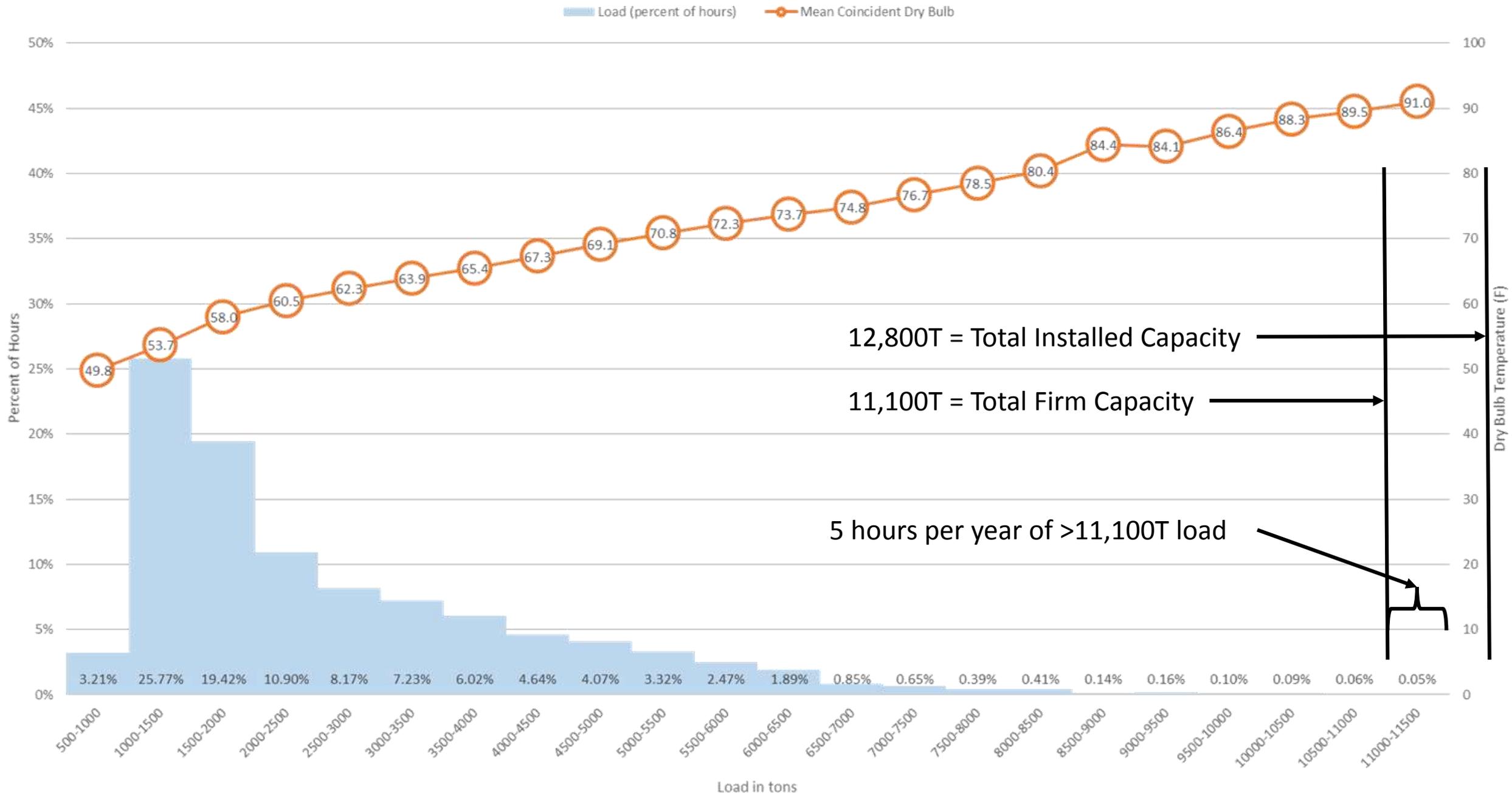
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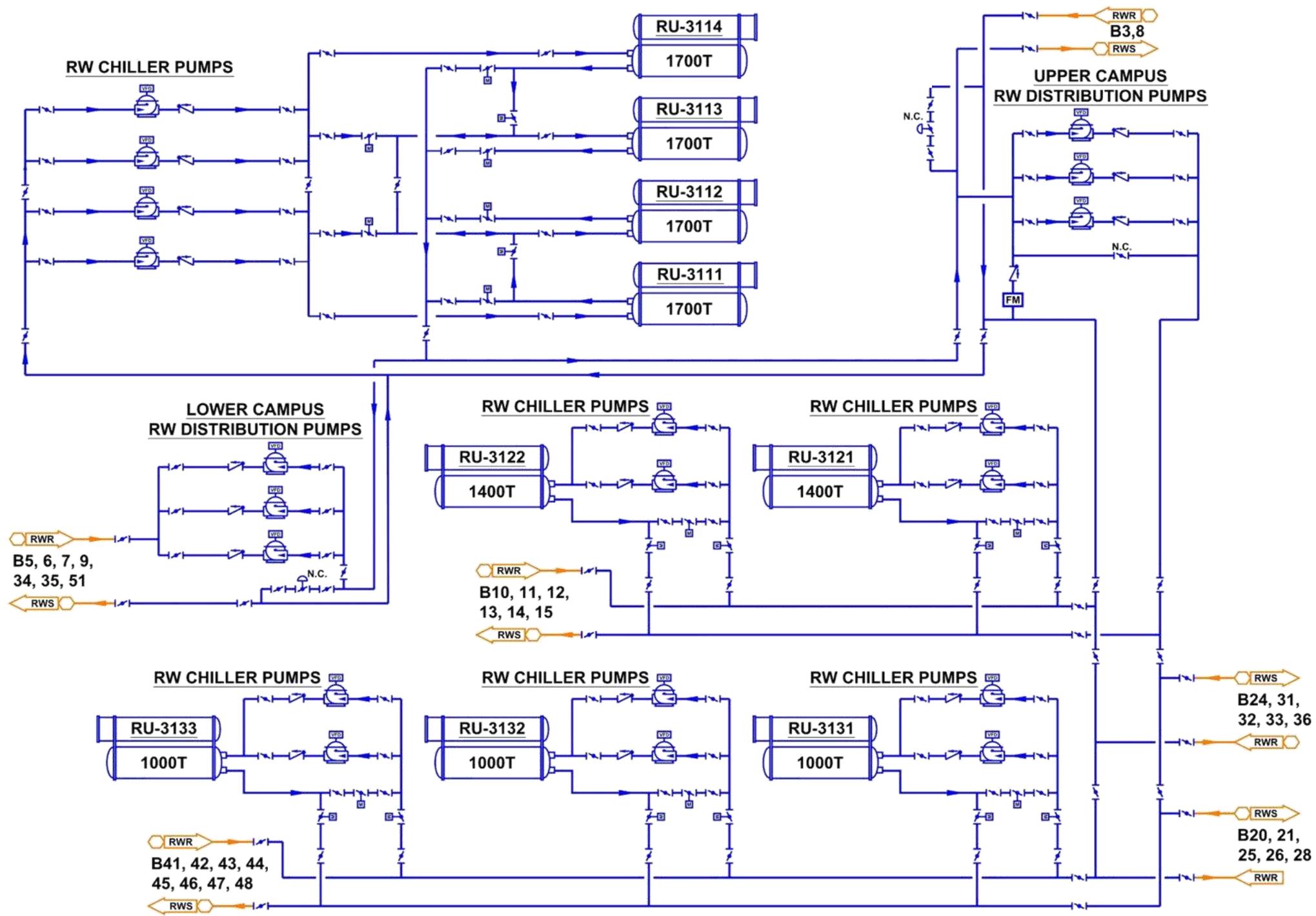


### Dry Bulb Histogram with Mean Coincident Wet Bulb (SFO 2000-2015) and Load vs. Capacity Overlay

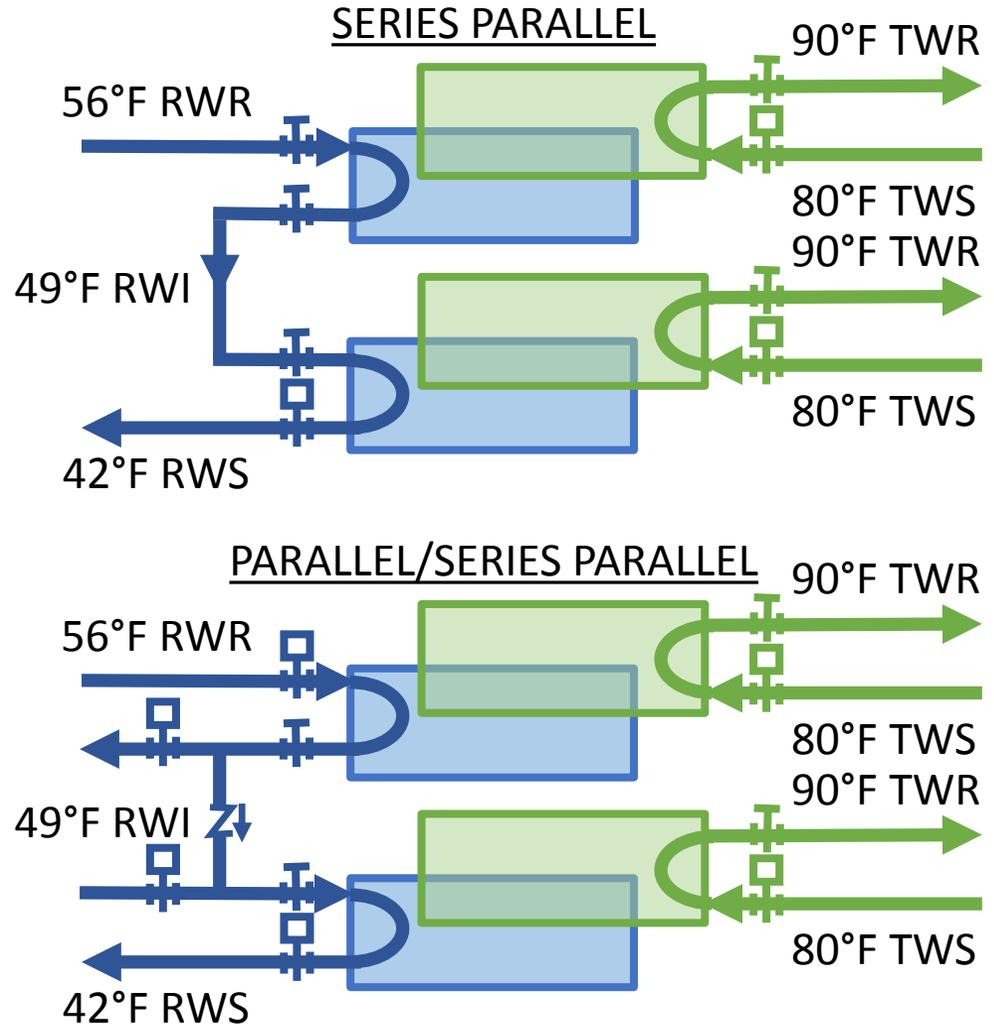
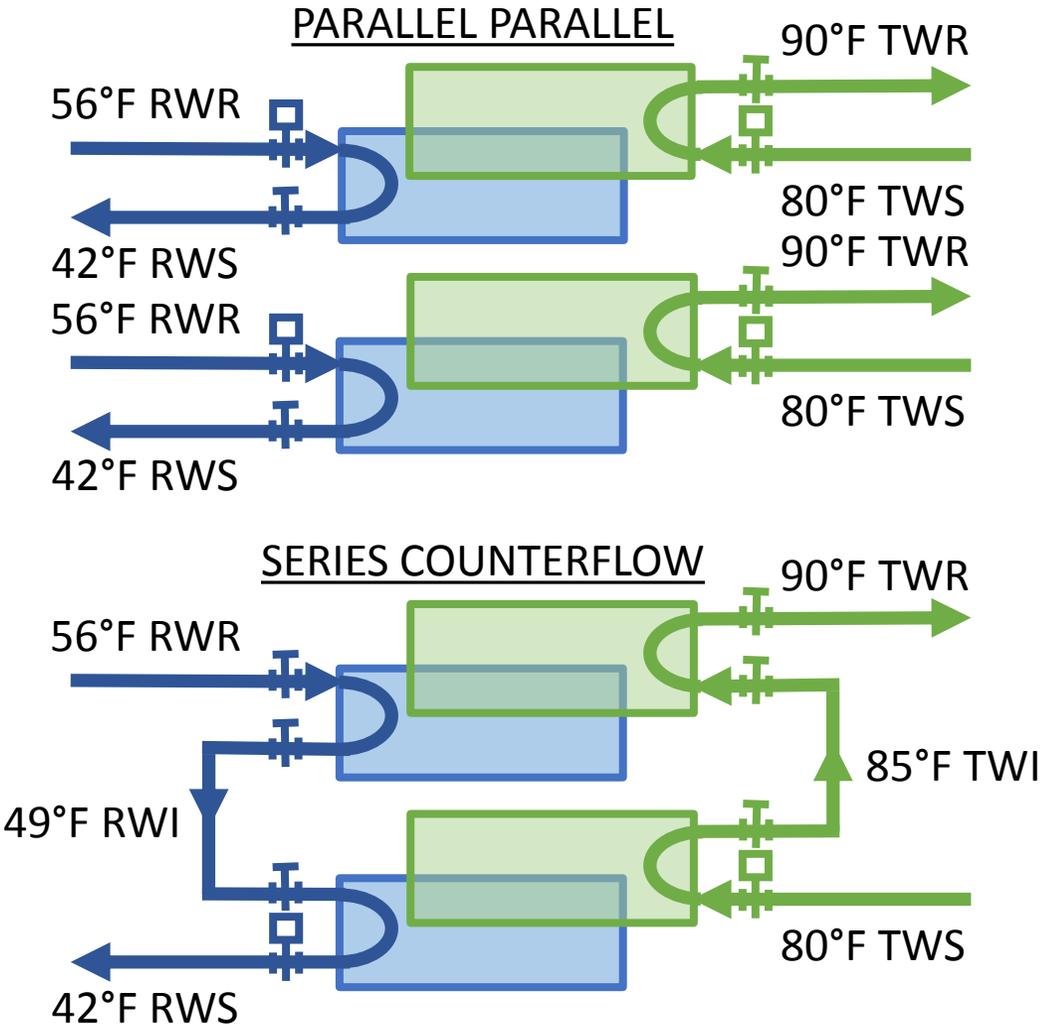


# CAMPUS LOAD DISTRIBUTION (WITHOUT WEST, 2014 DATA)



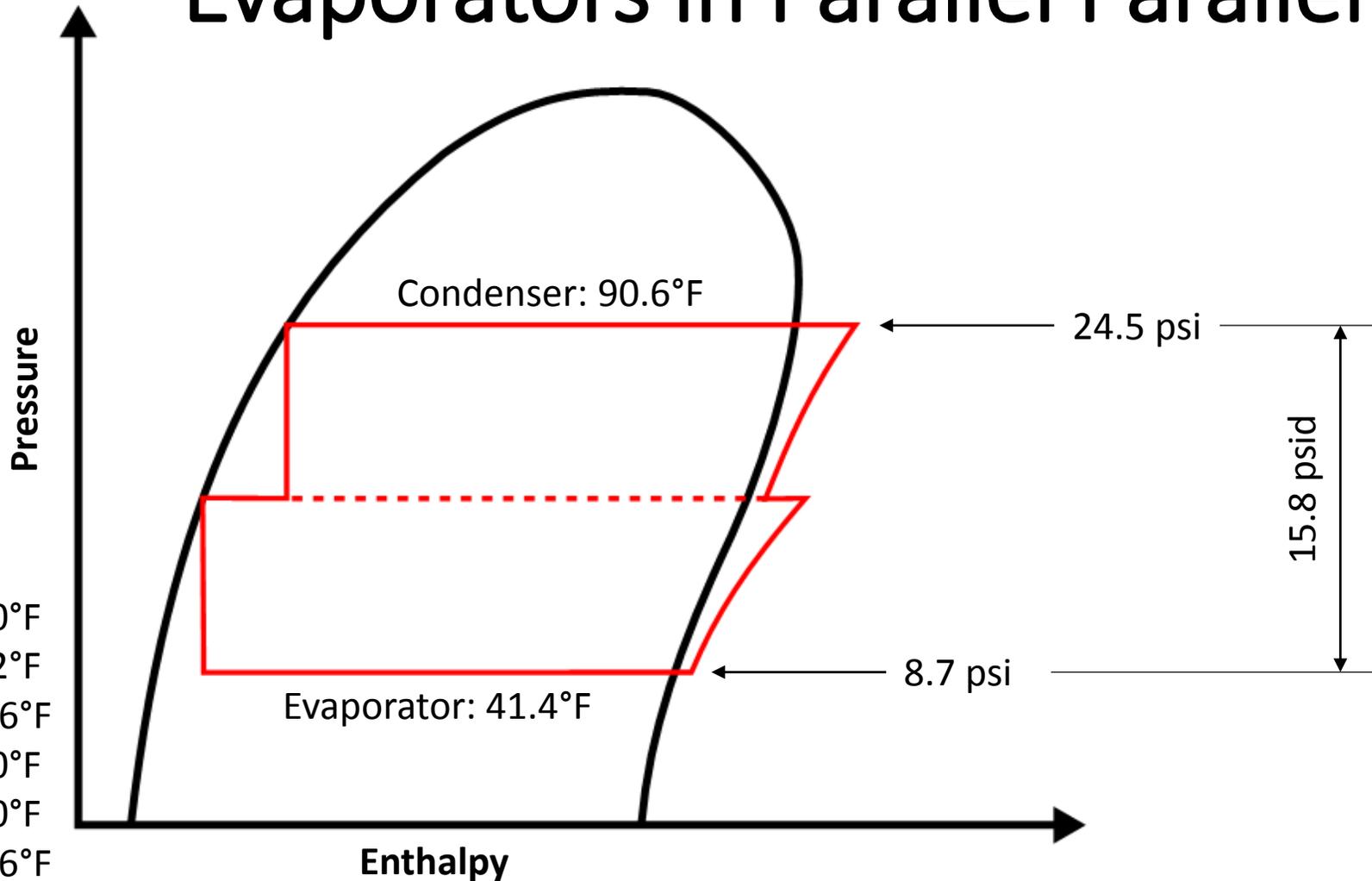


# Parallel vs. Series



# 2-Stage Vapor Compression Refrigeration

## Evaporators in Parallel Parallel

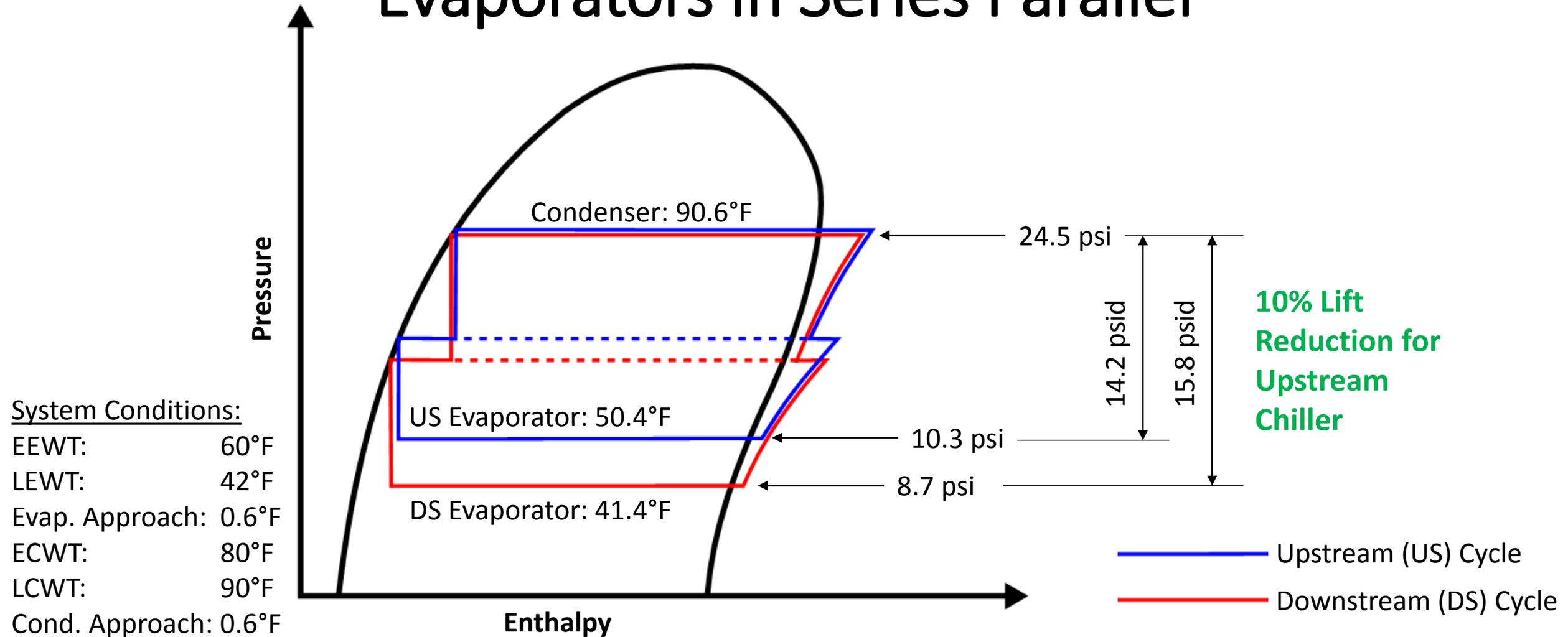


### System Conditions:

EEWT:	60°F
LEWT:	42°F
Evap. Approach:	0.6°F
ECWT:	80°F
LCWT:	90°F
Cond. Approach:	0.6°F

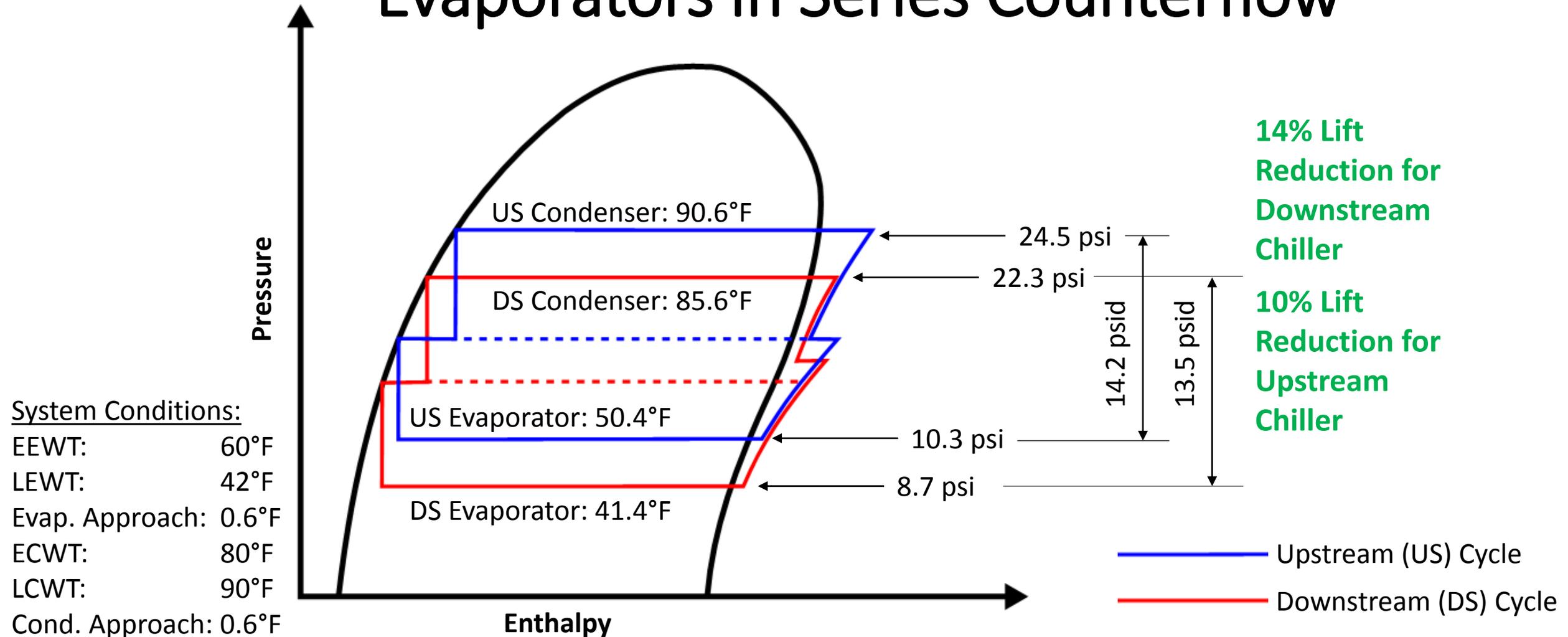
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## Evaporators in Series Parallel

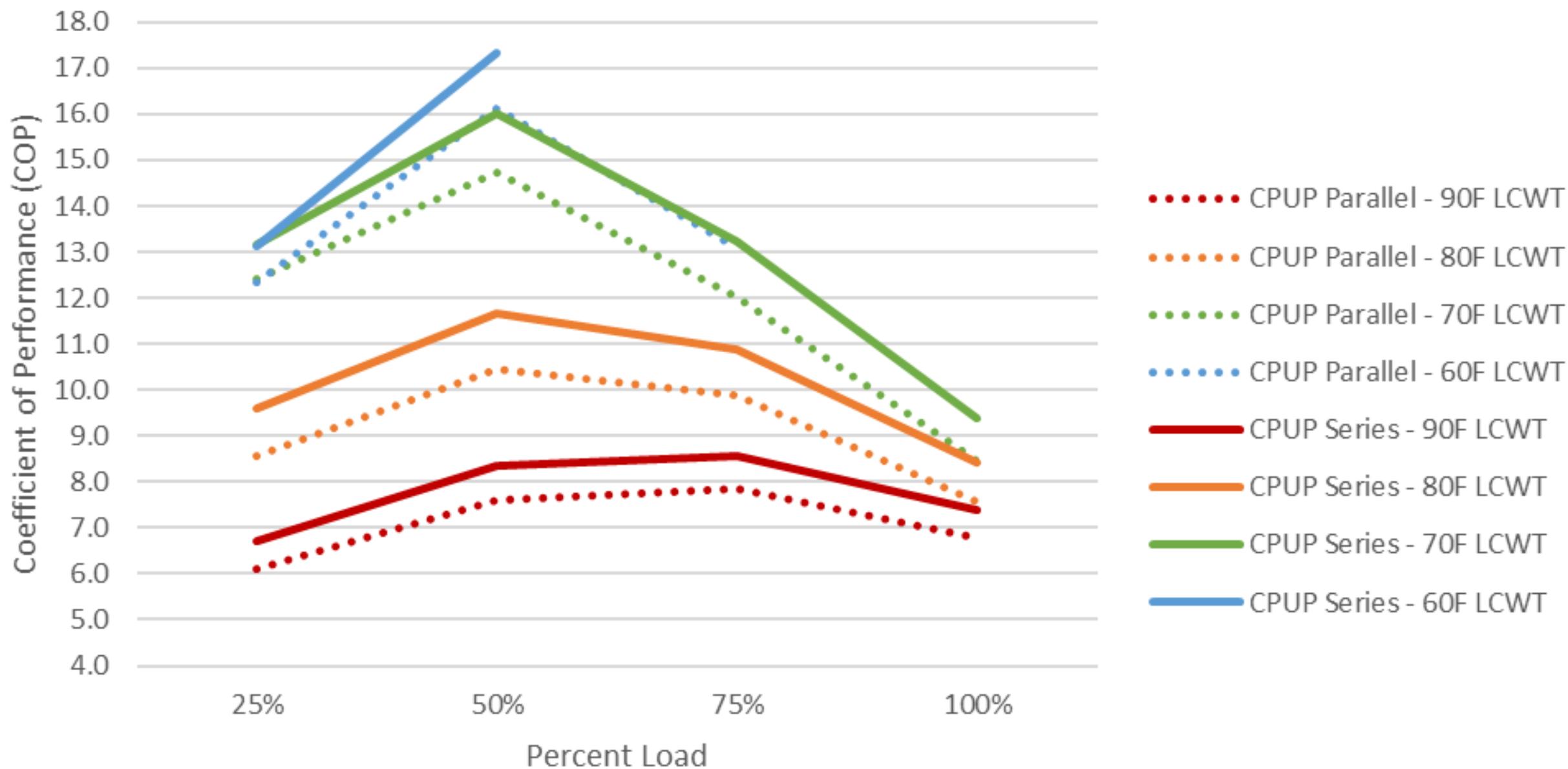


# 2-Stage Vapor Compression Refrigeration

## Evaporators in Series Counterflow



# CPUP - RW Chiller COP at Various Load and Lift and 42°F LEWT



# Total Chiller Plant kW/T @14F dT

Parallel

OA WB	325 Tons	650 Tons	975 Tons	1,300 Tons	1,625 Tons	1,950 Tons	2,275 Tons	2,600 Tons	2,925 Tons	3,250 Tons	3,575 Tons	3,900 Tons	4,225 Tons	4,550 Tons	4,875 Tons	5,200 Tons	5,525 Tons	5,850 Tons	6,175 Tons	6,500 Tons
(°F)	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T	kW/T
30	0.525	0.345	0.316	0.348	0.292	0.319	0.299	0.319	0.321	0.297	0.320	0.324	0.330	0.336	0.343	0.389	0.411	0.434	0.457	0.481
35	0.498	0.336	0.308	0.339	0.291	0.311	0.314	0.311	0.313	0.299	0.314	0.319	0.325	0.332	0.339	0.385	0.407	0.431	0.454	0.478
40	0.456	0.323	0.297	0.326	0.286	0.300	0.306	0.297	0.303	0.298	0.304	0.311	0.319	0.328	0.338	0.378	0.400	0.424	0.447	0.472
45	0.426	0.316	0.300	0.318	0.286	0.303	0.303	0.288	0.306	0.299	0.306	0.314	0.323	0.333	0.344	0.372	0.395	0.421	0.448	0.474
50	0.399	0.310	0.308	0.312	0.287	0.311	0.301	0.289	0.313	0.300	0.309	0.323	0.333	0.345	0.358	0.385	0.411	0.438	0.465	0.492
55	0.387	0.329	0.333	0.332	0.312	0.336	0.324	0.317	0.336	0.324	0.335	0.347	0.358	0.370	0.380	0.407	0.432	0.459	0.484	0.510
60	0.428	0.365	0.365	0.368	0.349	0.368	0.363	0.354	0.371	0.362	0.371	0.380	0.389	0.397	0.405	0.430	0.456	0.481	0.505	0.530
65	0.471	0.407	0.397	0.410	0.386	0.400	0.402	0.391	0.403	0.398	0.404	0.411	0.419	0.427	0.435	0.460	0.483	0.507	0.529	0.550
70	0.521	0.451	0.434	0.454	0.429	0.438	0.446	0.438	0.447	0.444	0.449	0.456	0.461	0.467	0.471	0.493	0.513	0.534	0.554	0.573
75	0.581	0.508	0.480	0.501	0.479	0.484	0.486	0.486	0.490	0.491	0.494	0.498	0.500	0.503	0.508	0.527	0.545	0.561	0.578	0.598

Series

30	0.525	0.345	0.316	0.315	0.264	0.286	0.281	0.298	0.294	0.269	0.288	0.291	0.295	0.300	0.305	0.345	0.363	0.383	0.402	0.423
35	0.498	0.336	0.308	0.310	0.266	0.278	0.287	0.290	0.291	0.274	0.282	0.285	0.290	0.295	0.301	0.341	0.359	0.379	0.399	0.420
40	0.456	0.323	0.297	0.295	0.256	0.265	0.276	0.276	0.279	0.268	0.271	0.275	0.281	0.287	0.293	0.333	0.352	0.373	0.393	0.414
45	0.426	0.316	0.300	0.285	0.252	0.256	0.269	0.264	0.270	0.265	0.263	0.268	0.274	0.280	0.287	0.327	0.347	0.349	0.370	0.392
50	0.399	0.310	0.308	0.277	0.248	0.260	0.277	0.254	0.274	0.262	0.266	0.271	0.277	0.293	0.301	0.323	0.344	0.365	0.385	0.405
55	0.387	0.329	0.329	0.292	0.272	0.287	0.299	0.289	0.296	0.284	0.290	0.294	0.305	0.314	0.321	0.341	0.361	0.381	0.400	0.420
60	0.428	0.365	0.354	0.317	0.294	0.308	0.322	0.317	0.320	0.308	0.313	0.320	0.326	0.334	0.341	0.360	0.380	0.400	0.419	0.439
65	0.471	0.407	0.373	0.338	0.319	0.333	0.346	0.348	0.342	0.332	0.339	0.344	0.352	0.360	0.368	0.388	0.407	0.427	0.445	0.463
70	0.520	0.434	0.396	0.373	0.356	0.367	0.376	0.387	0.379	0.369	0.375	0.383	0.389	0.396	0.402	0.420	0.438	0.456	0.472	0.487
75	0.563	0.480	0.444	0.425	0.401	0.408	0.413	0.431	0.426	0.413	0.416	0.421	0.426	0.430	0.438	0.455	0.469	0.483	0.498	0.514

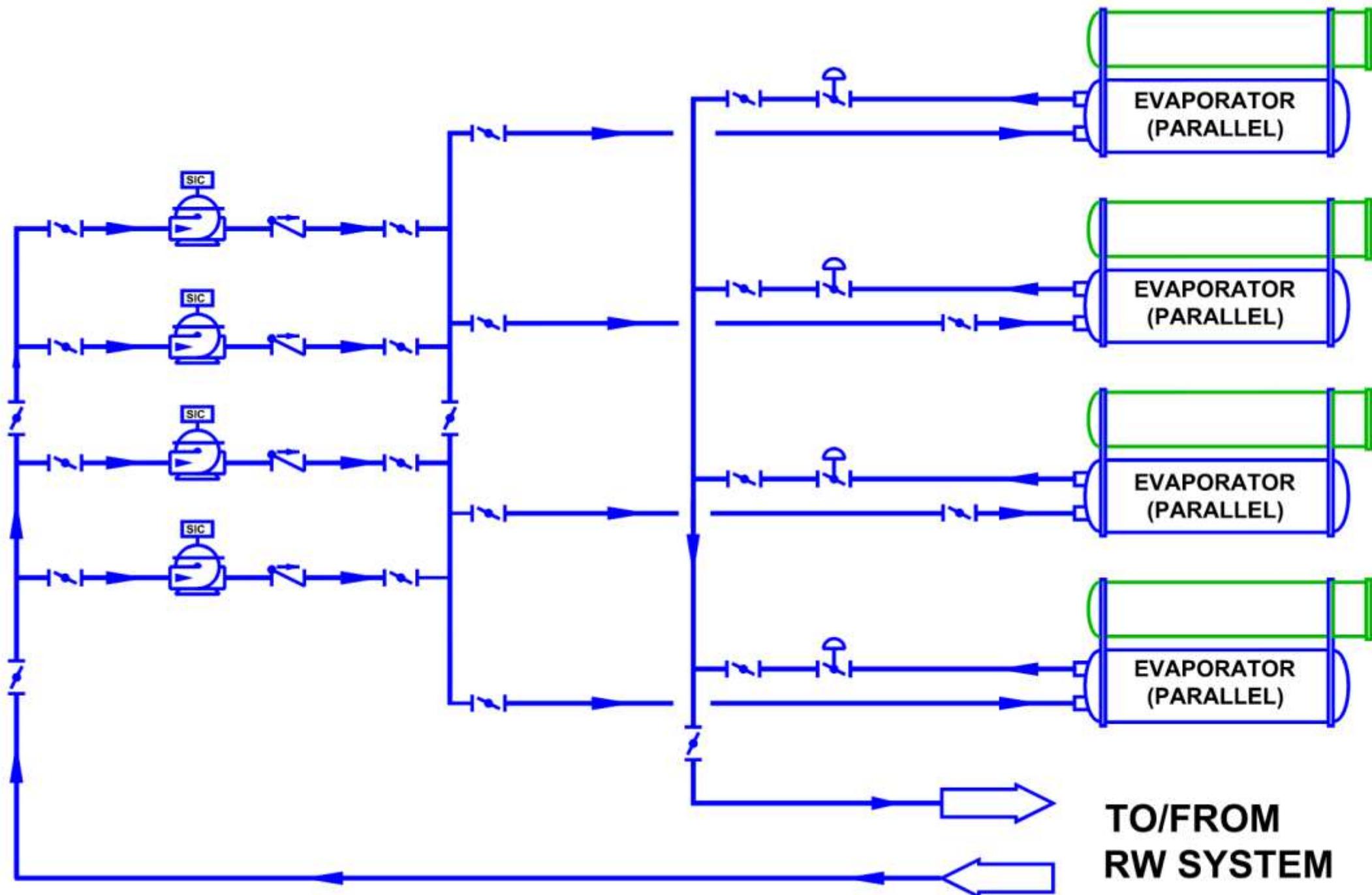
Series Mode is more efficient at every point

# Annual Weighted Total Chiller Plant kW/T

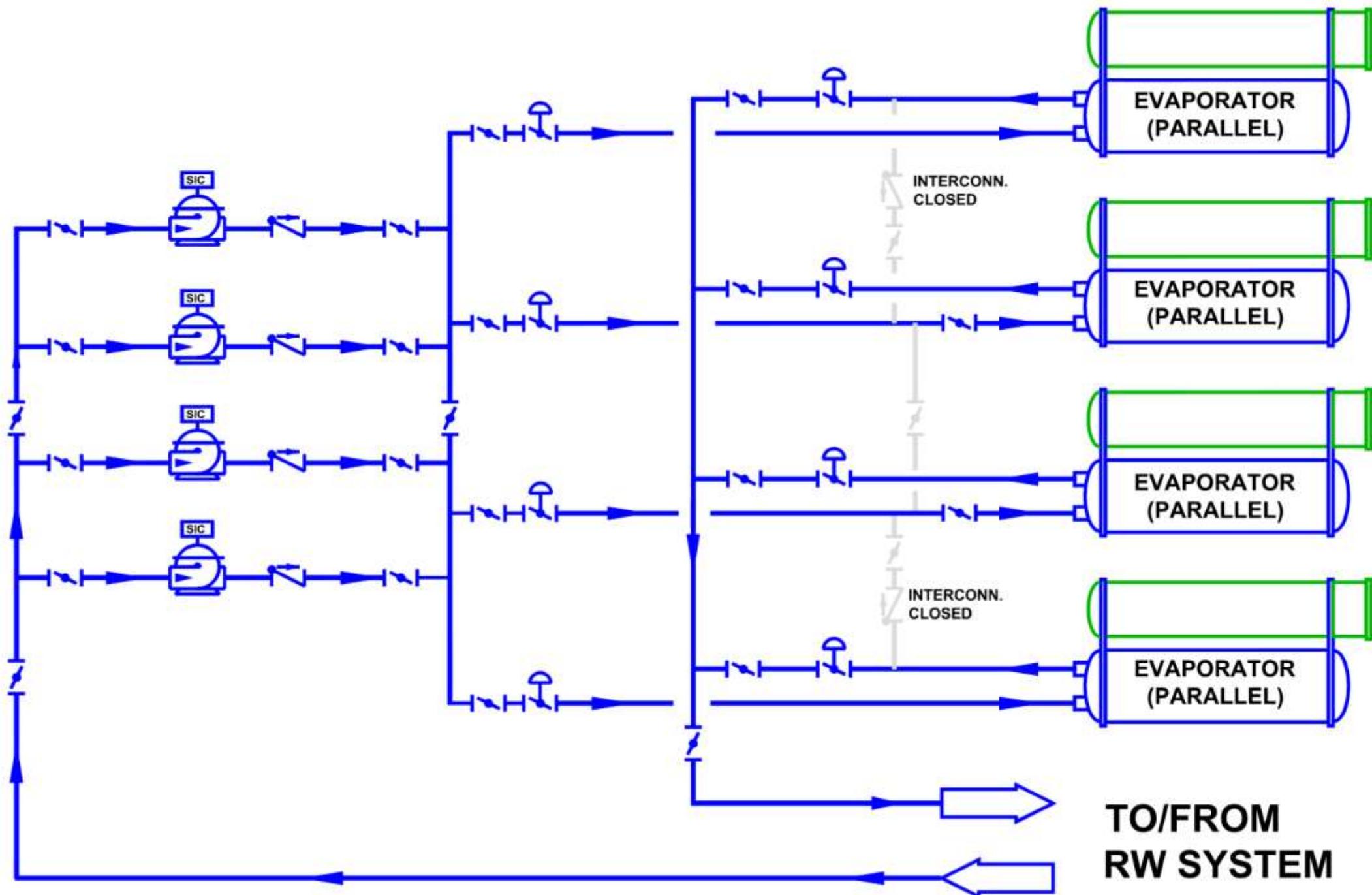
RW Differential Temperature (°F)	Parallel CPLV (kW/ton)	Series CPLV (kW/ton)	Series vs. Parallel CPLV (kW/ton)	Series vs. Parallel CPLV (%)
12	0.335	0.311	-0.024	7.2%
13	0.333	0.307	-0.026	7.8%
14	0.332	0.304	-0.028	8.3%
15	0.331	0.301	-0.030	9.1%
16	0.330	0.298	-0.032	9.7%
17	0.329	0.295	-0.034	10.3%
18	0.329	0.293	-0.036	10.9%

Series evaporator chiller plant is more efficient than parallel evaporator chiller plant, especially with higher differential temperatures.

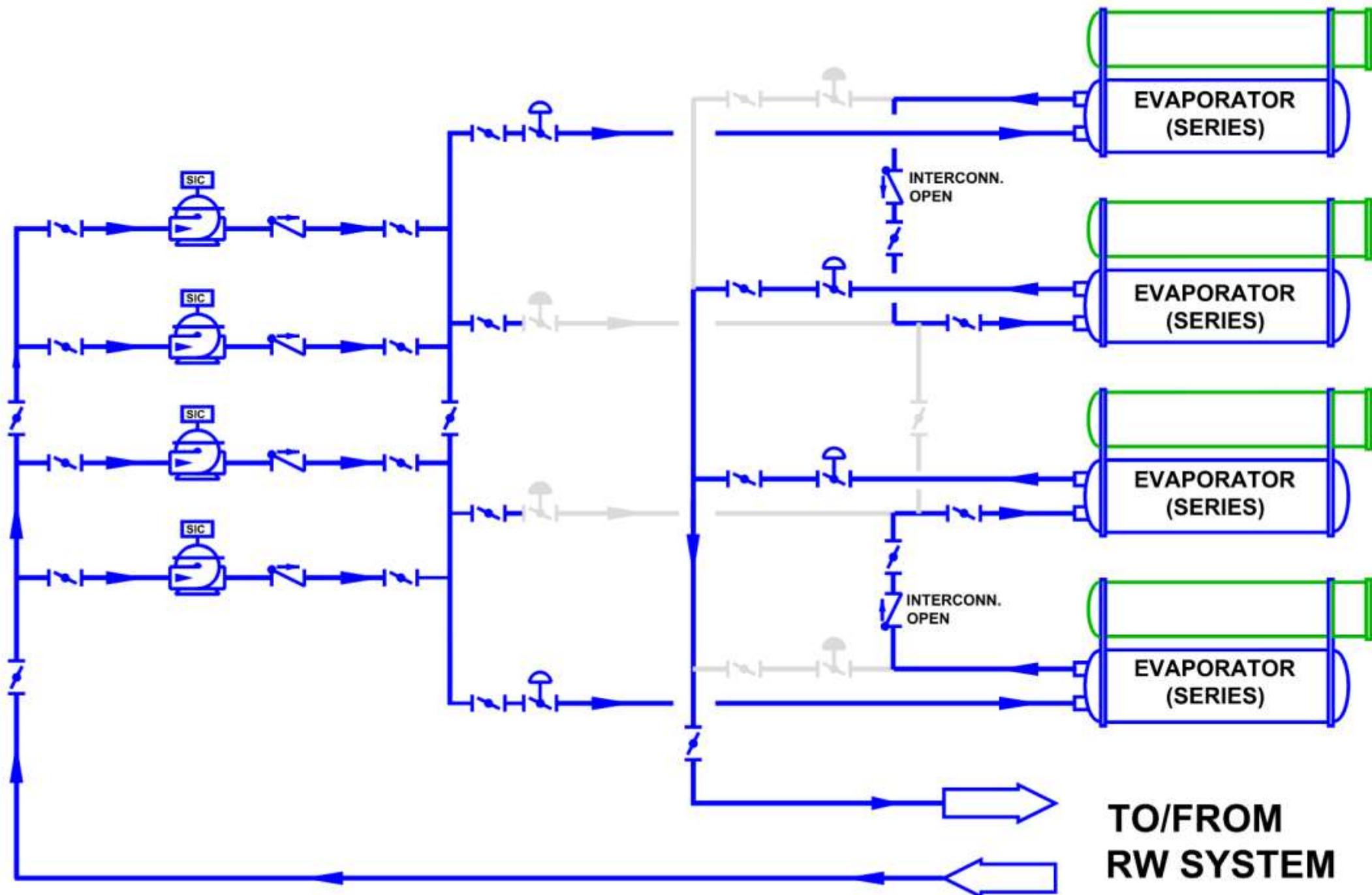
Estimated annual electricity cost savings: \$50,000  
25-year present value: \$1,000,000



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RW SYSTEM**



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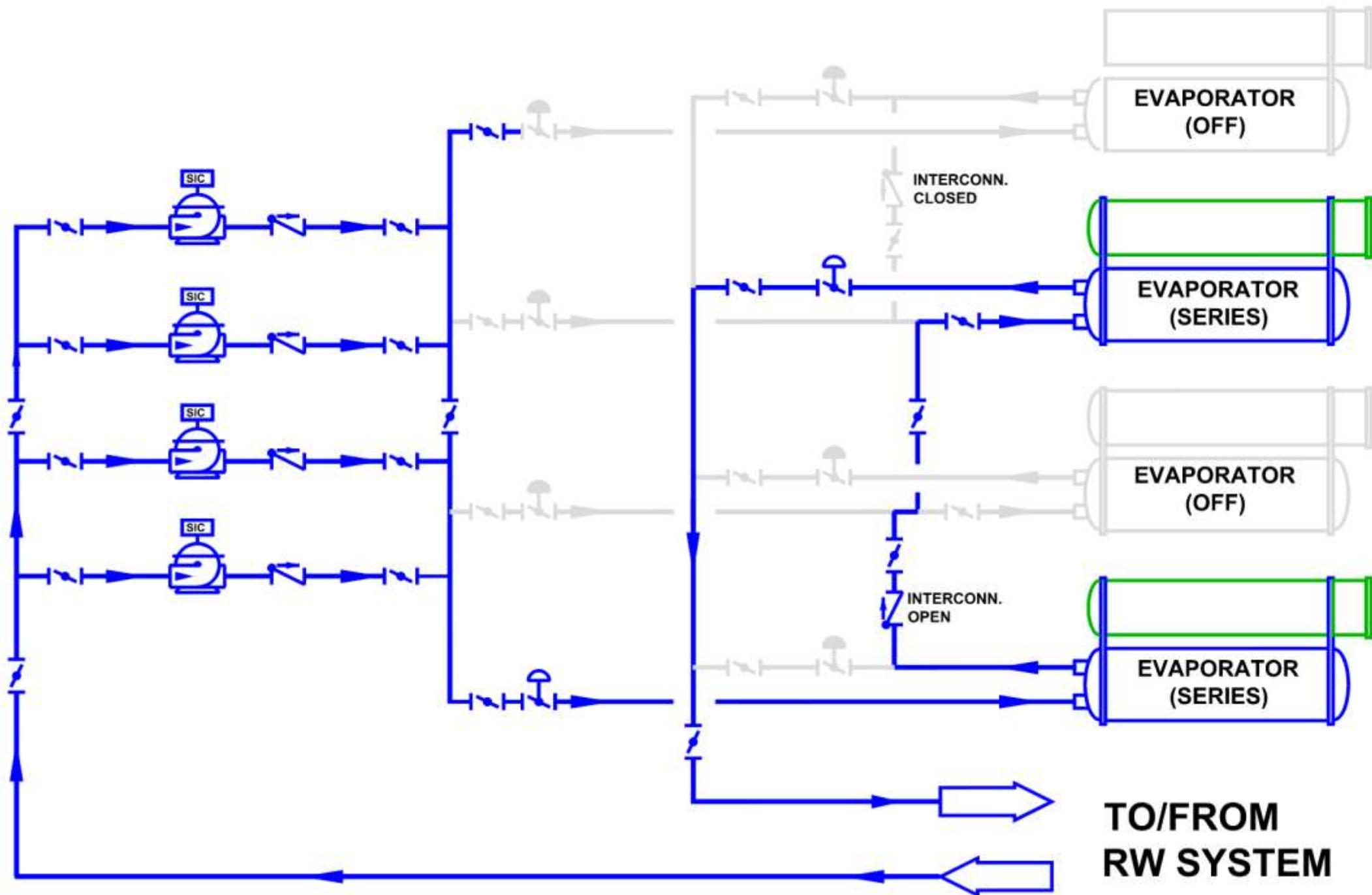
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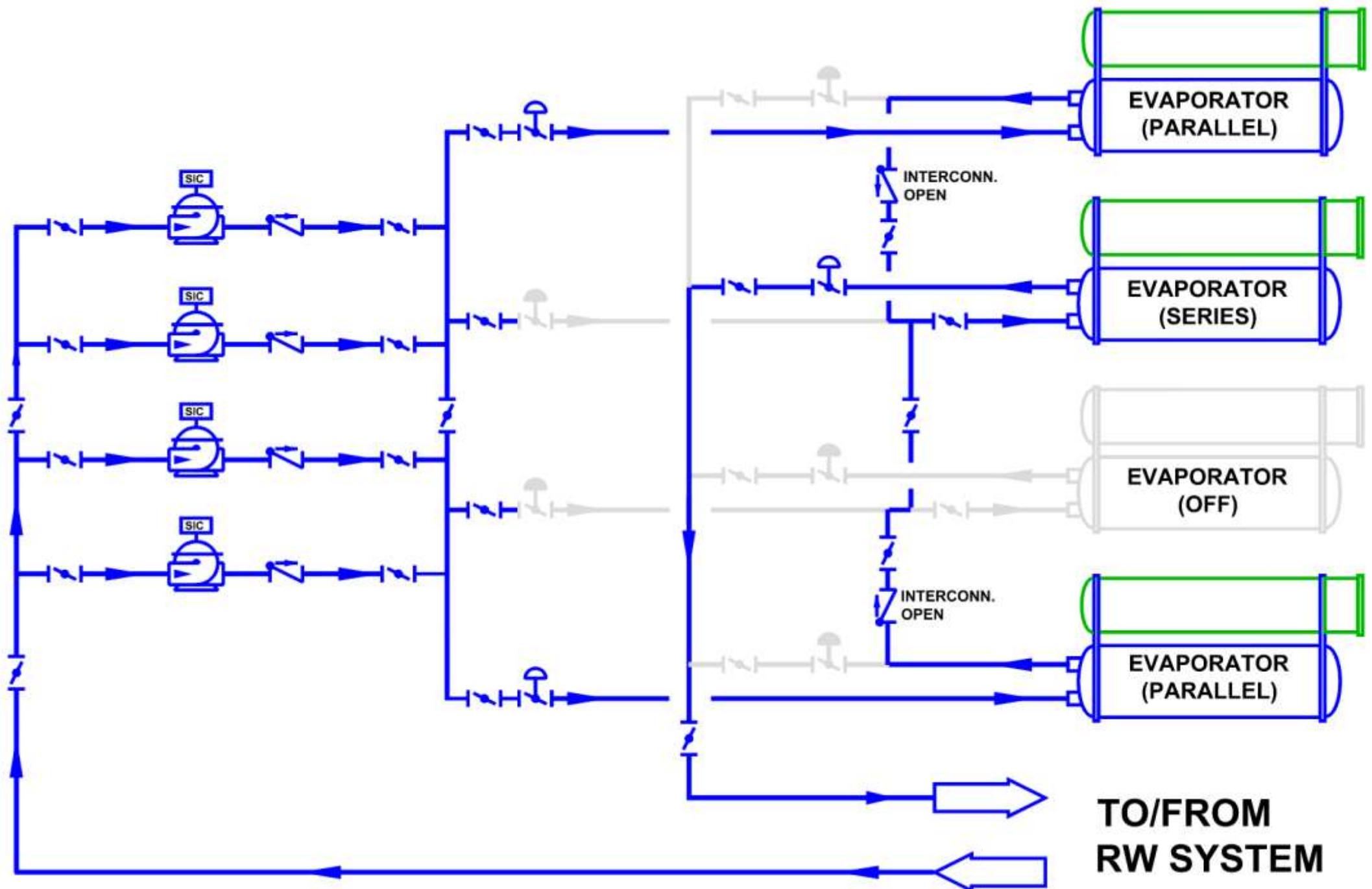
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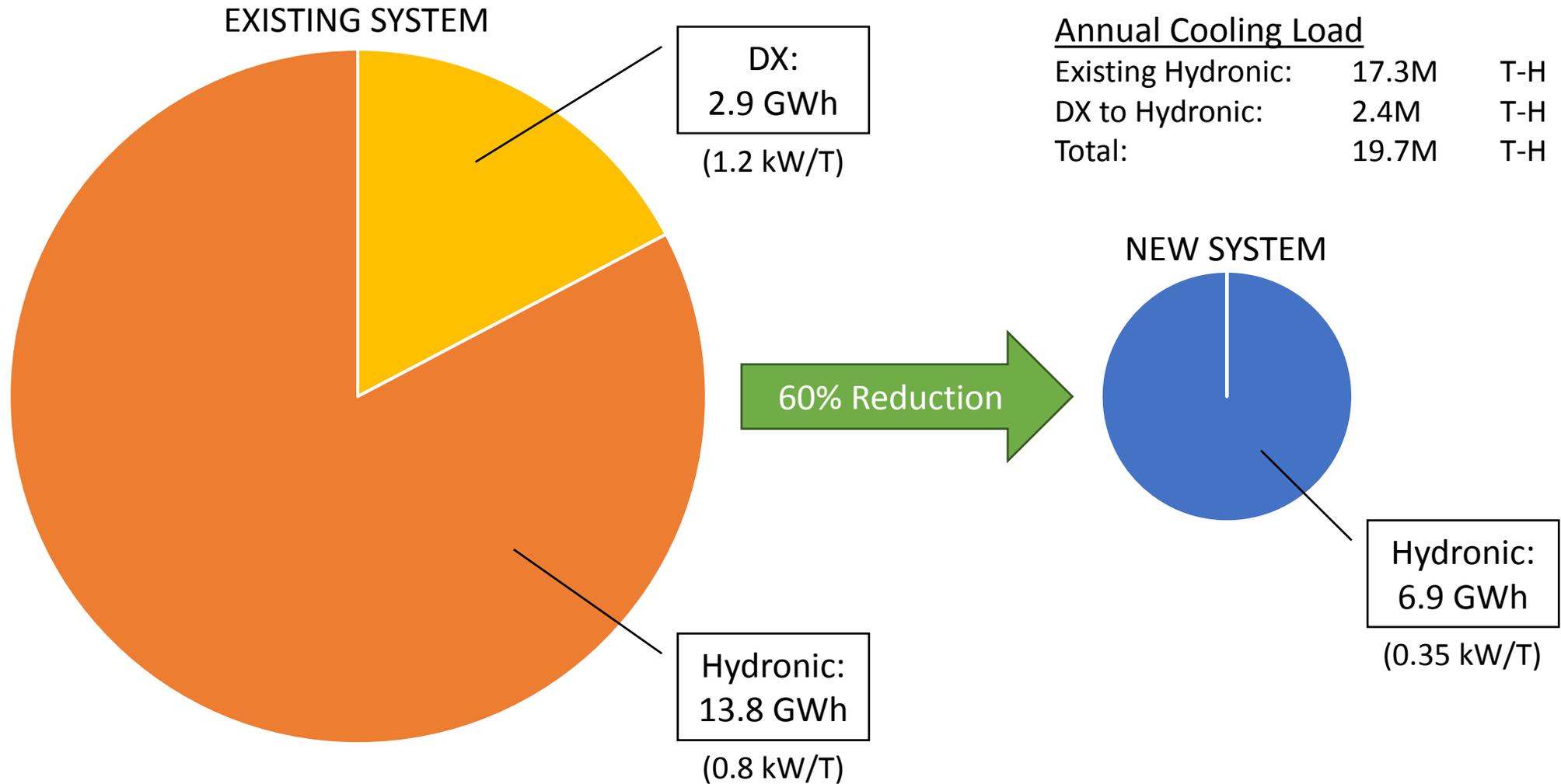


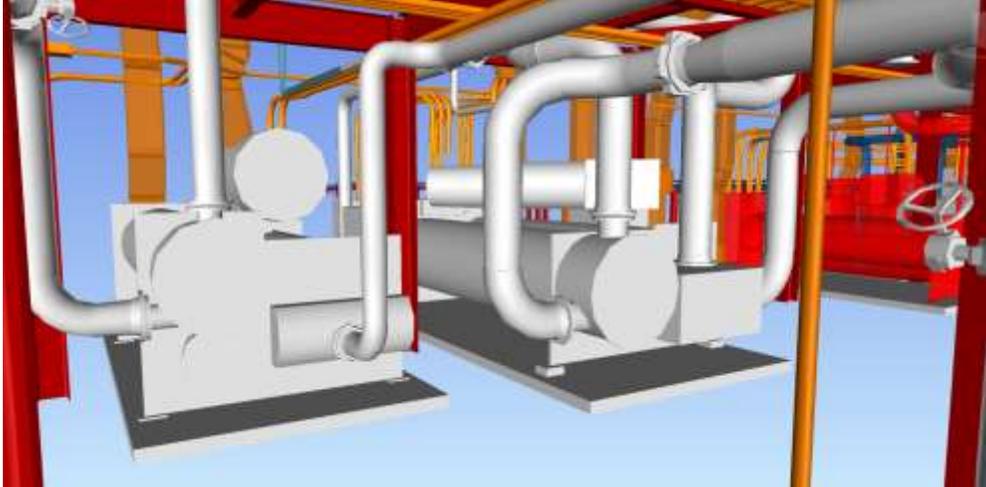
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# Annual Cooling System Energy Consumption





Existing Model



3D Scan

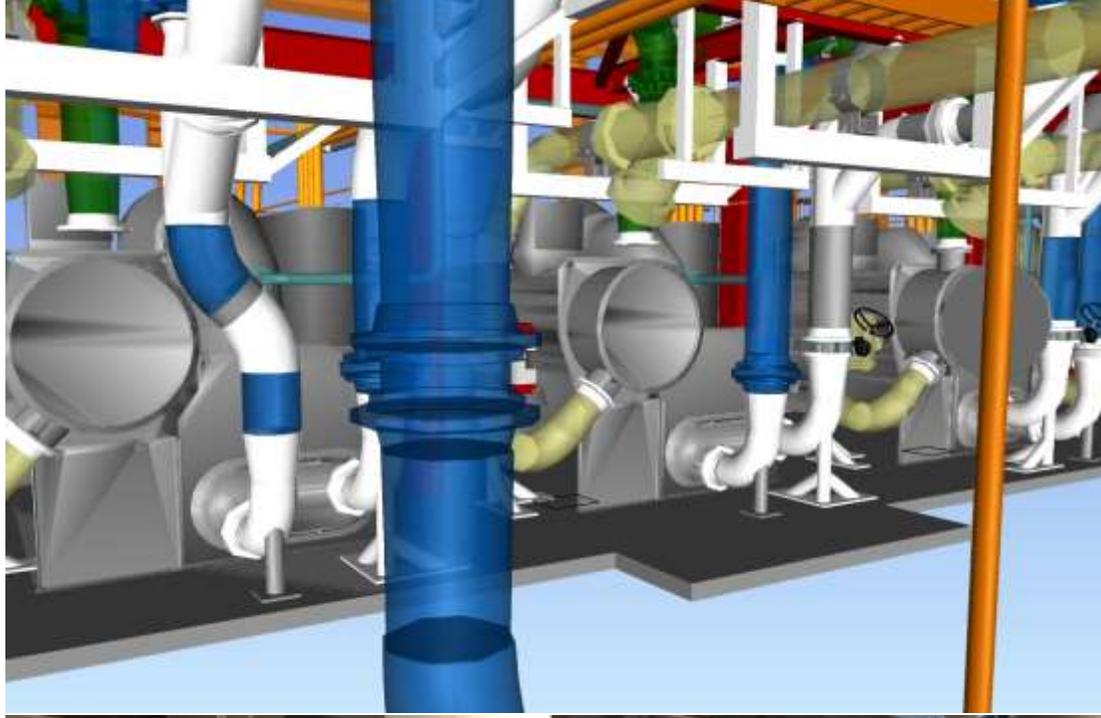


Original

Installation



New Model







# Summary

- 27,885 MTCDE total refrigerant charge reduced to 11.5 MTCDE
  - A 99.96% reduction
- 214 total refrigeration units for HVAC reduced to 9
- 18,940 installed tons reduced to 12,800
- New system is 60% more efficient than existing system
  - ≈25% savings by converting DX to new hydronic
  - ≈25% savings by centralizing existing hydronic
  - ≈10% savings by configuring central plant with series evaporators
  - 10 GWh annual energy savings

# Questions?

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