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Absorption 101 Lithium Bromide-Water Cycle

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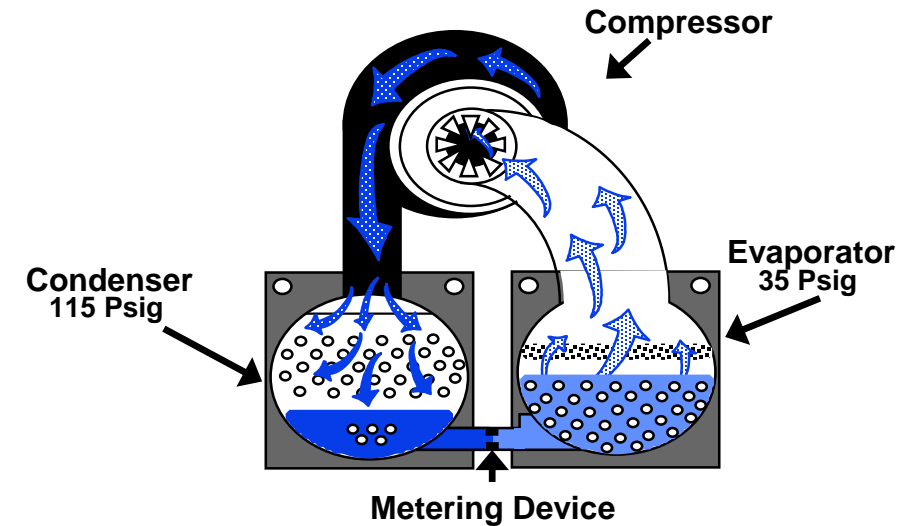
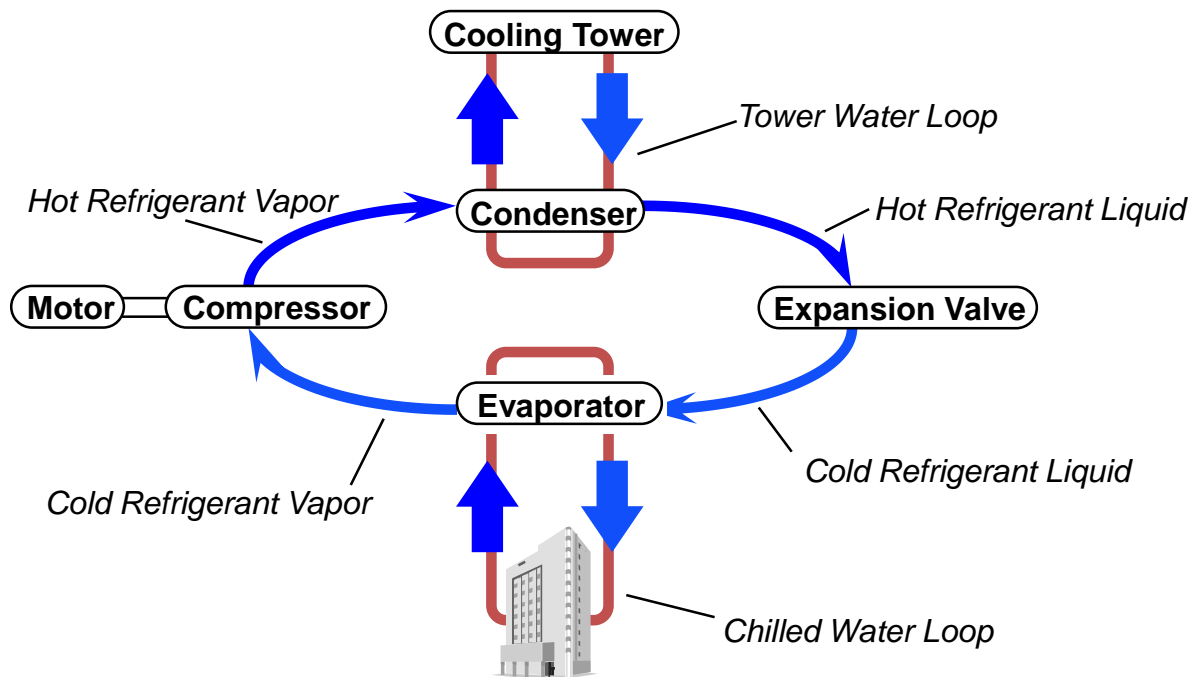
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Learning Objectives

- Understand how an absorption chiller works
- Overview of different types, performance

1. Fundamentals
2. How it works, Fluids
3. Types
4. Operational Range
5. Performance
6. PTX Diagram – Crystallization
7. Various Cycles
8. Conclusions

Conventional Vapor Compression Cycle



Boiling Point of Water

Atmospheric Pressure

0 psig
14.7 psia
760 mm Hg (abs)
29.92 in Hg (abs)



Liquid turns to
vapor

212 ° F

100 ° C

Water Pressure and Temperature Relationship

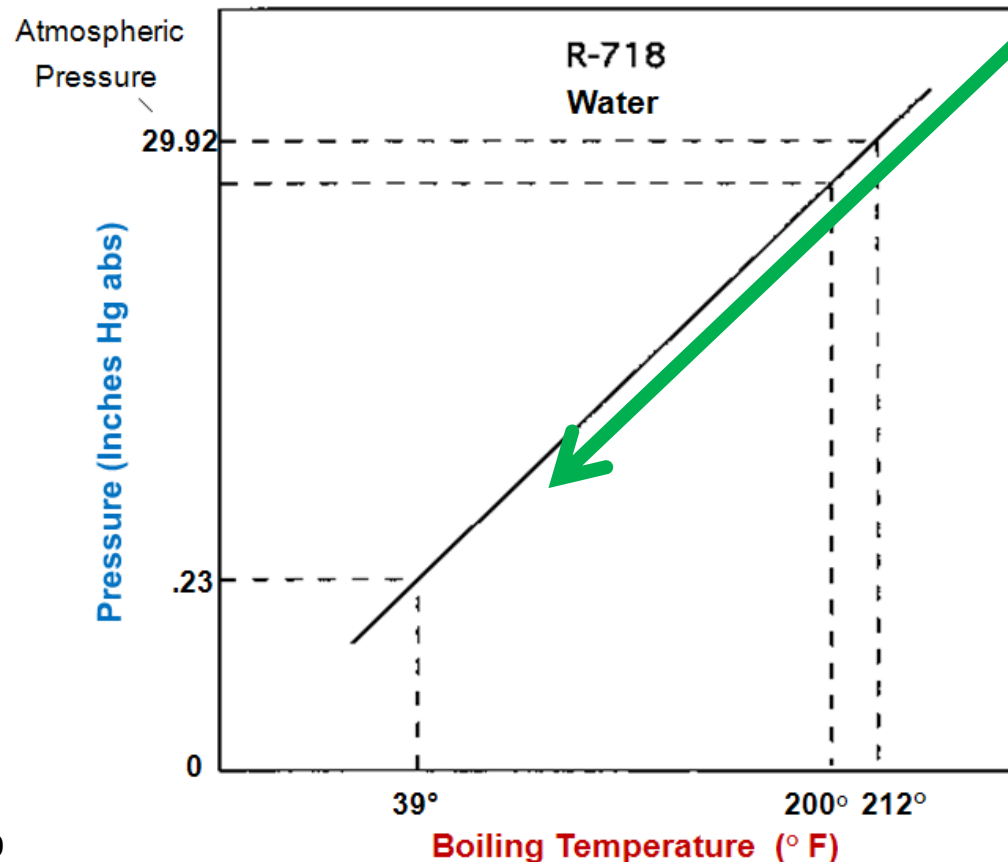
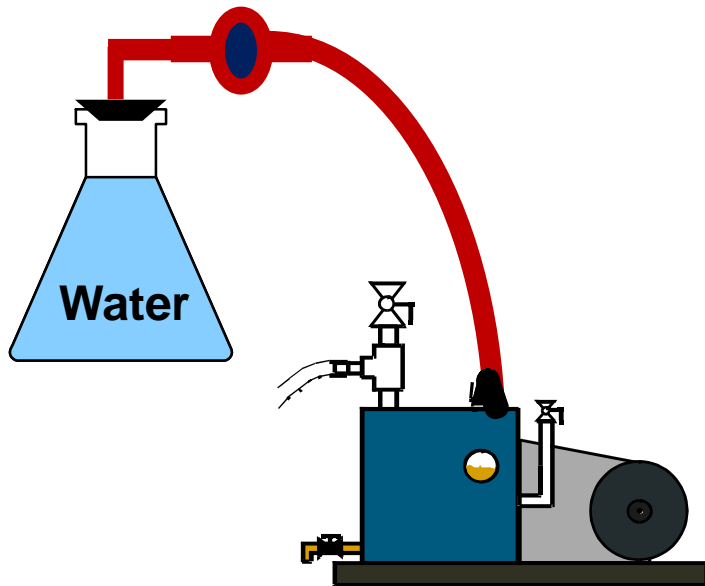
- **Sea Level**
 - 0 PSIG or 14.7 PSIA or 760 mm Hg (abs) or 29.92 in Hg (abs)
 - 212° F boiling point
- **Pike's Peak**
 - 14,000 ft above sea level
 - 165° F boiling point



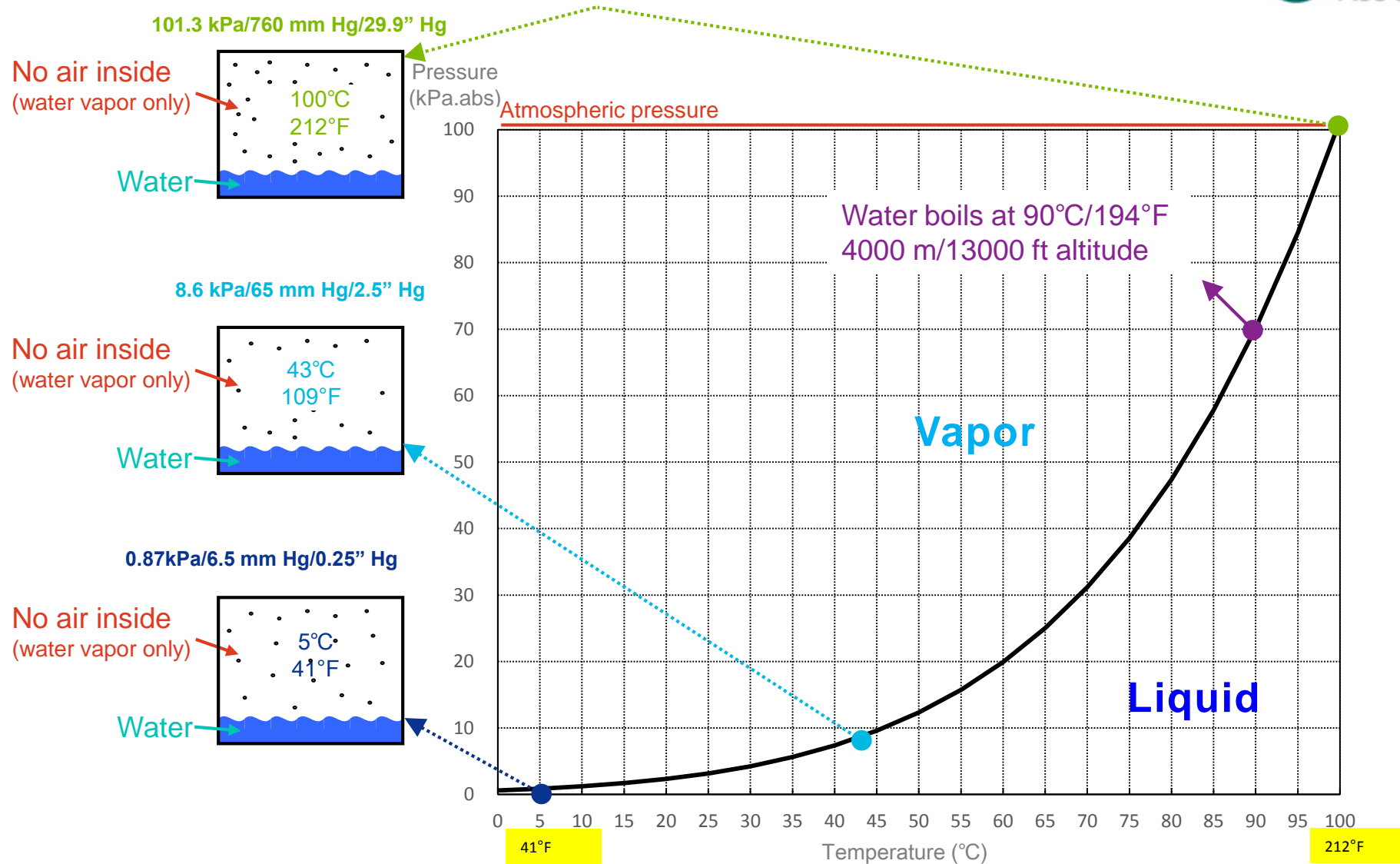
	PSIG	PSIA	"Hg (g)	" Hg (abs)	mm Hg (g)	mm Hg (abs)
Perfect Vacuum	-14.7	0	-29.92	0	-760	0

Water Pressure and Temperature Relationship

With the help of a Vacuum (Purge) Pump, the non-condensable gases(air) are taken out, this reduces the pressure to 1/100th of atmospheric. At this low pressure (deep vacuum), the boiling point of water drops to 3.9°C (39°F).

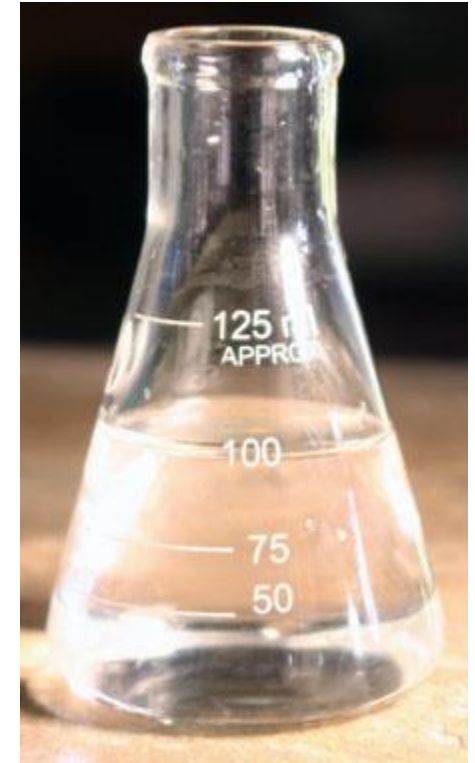


De-ionized Water as the Refrigerant



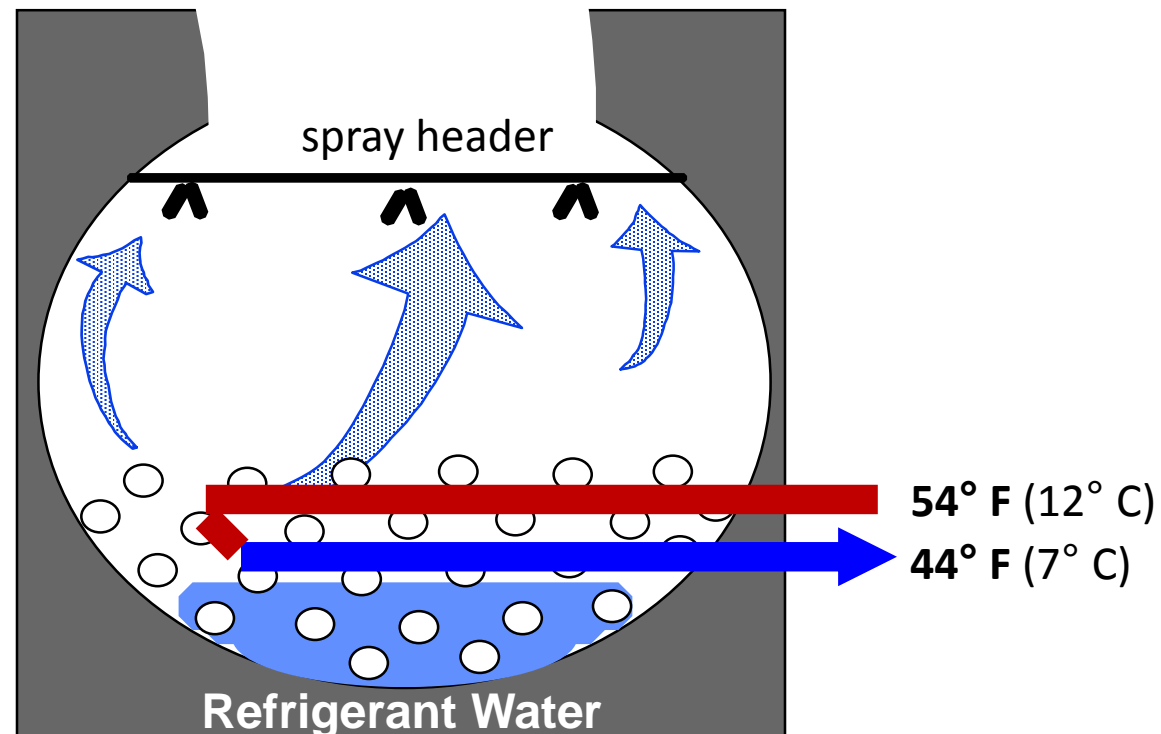
De-ionized Water as the Refrigerant R-718

- **Stable**
- **Non-toxic**
- **Environmentally Friendly**
- **Low Cost**
- **Latent Heat of Vaporization 1000 Btu/lb**
- **Can be easily absorbed and separated**



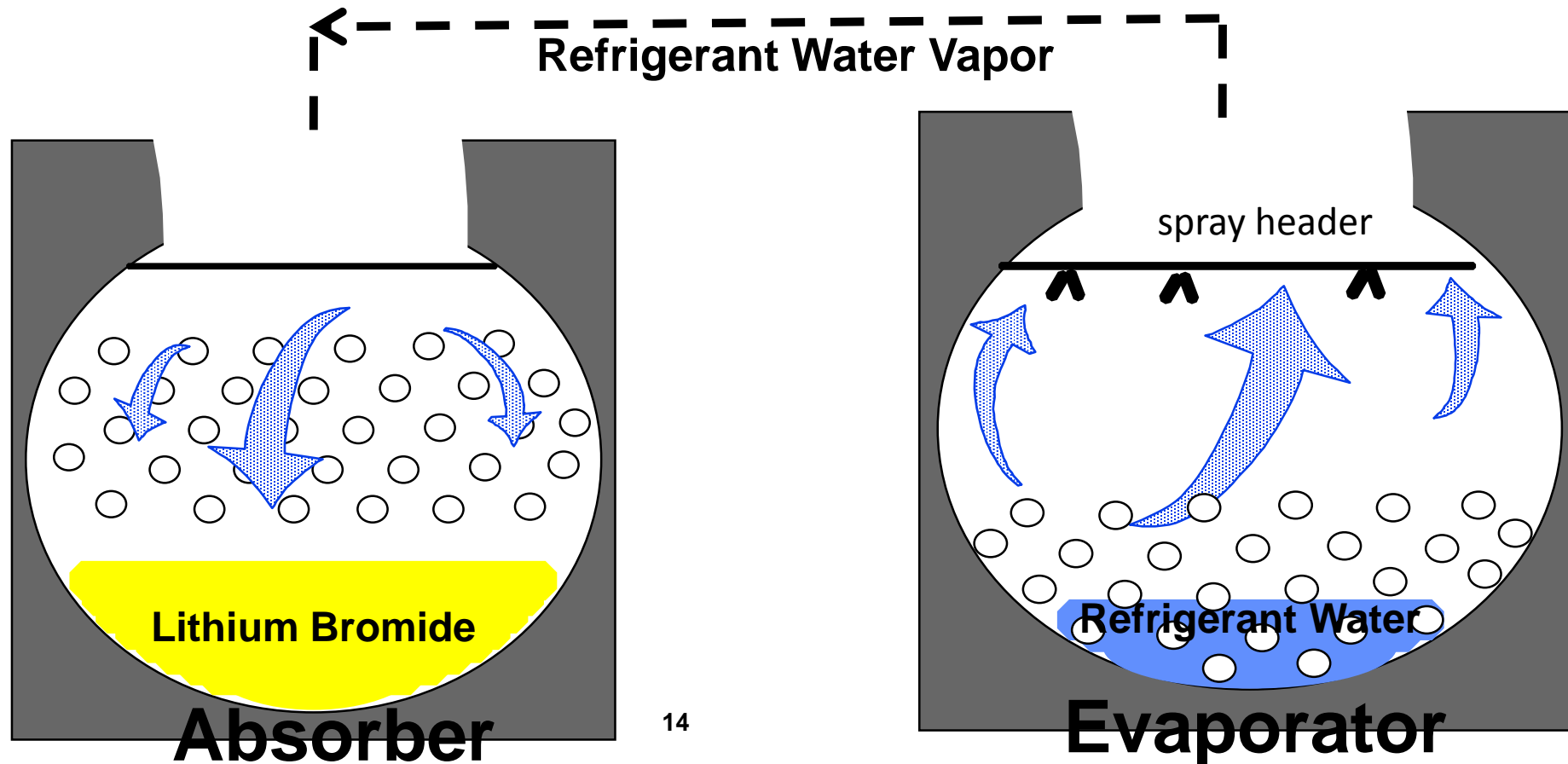
Evaporator

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6 mm Hg (abs) or 0.23 inches Hg (abs)**



Evaporator and Absorber

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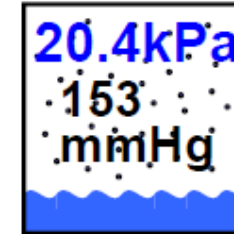
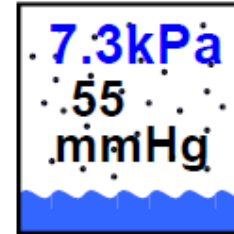
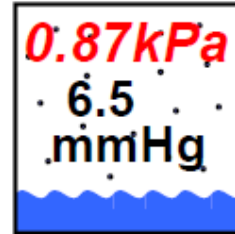


Lithium Bromide as the Absorbent

- LiBr – similar to NaCl (Salt)
- High affinity for water
- Molecular weight 86.856 (Li 8%, Br 92%)
- High boiling point
- Non-toxic (but don't drink/eat)
- Odorless
- Typically 53% ~ 55% (by weight) solution
- Inhibited with a corrosion inhibitor
- Octyl alcohol added as a surfactant

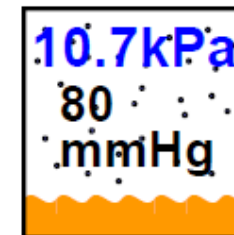
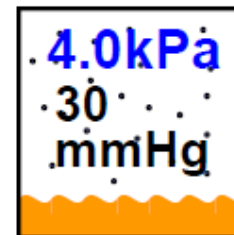
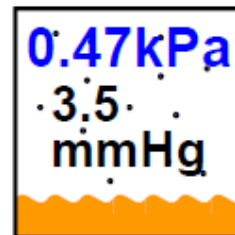
Evaporator and Absorber

Water



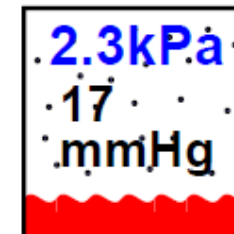
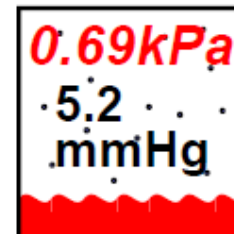
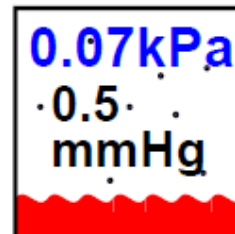
The inside pressure goes up as the ambient temperature goes up.

40%
LiBr Solution



In the LiBr solution case, the pressure is lower than that of water.

60%
LiBr Solution



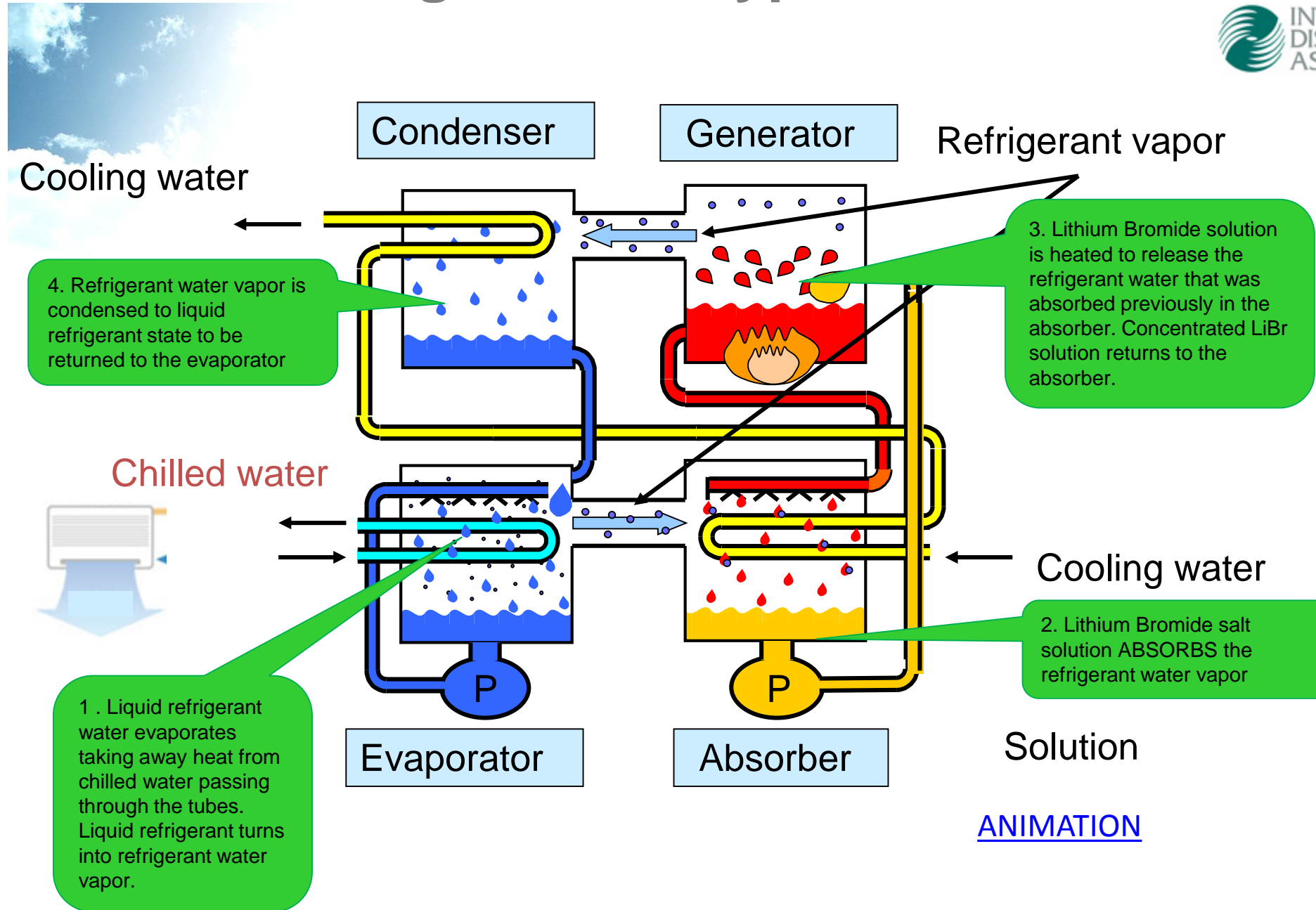
5°C
41°F

40°C
104°F

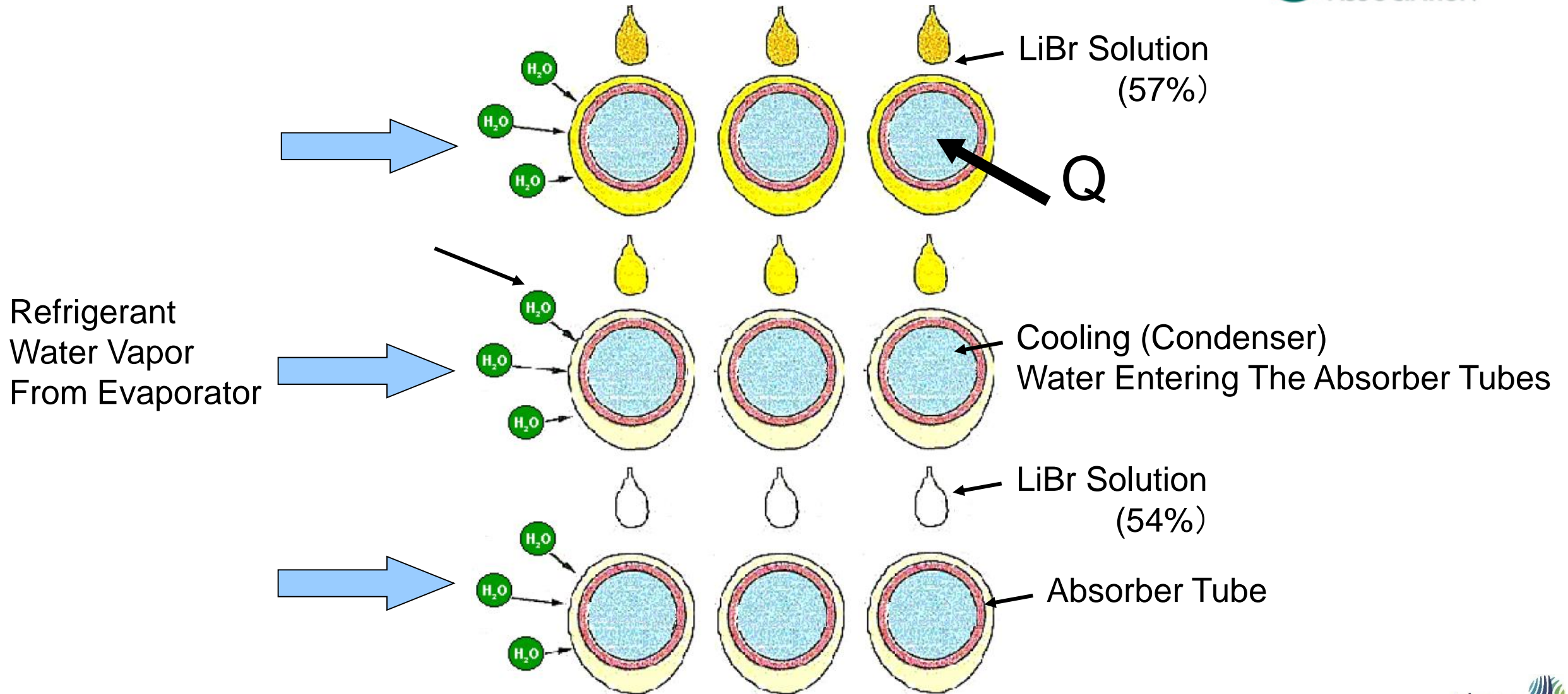
60°C
140°F

Notice the difference in vapor pressure between two boxes 0.87 kPa (6.5 mmHg) and 0.69 kPa(5.2 mmHg)

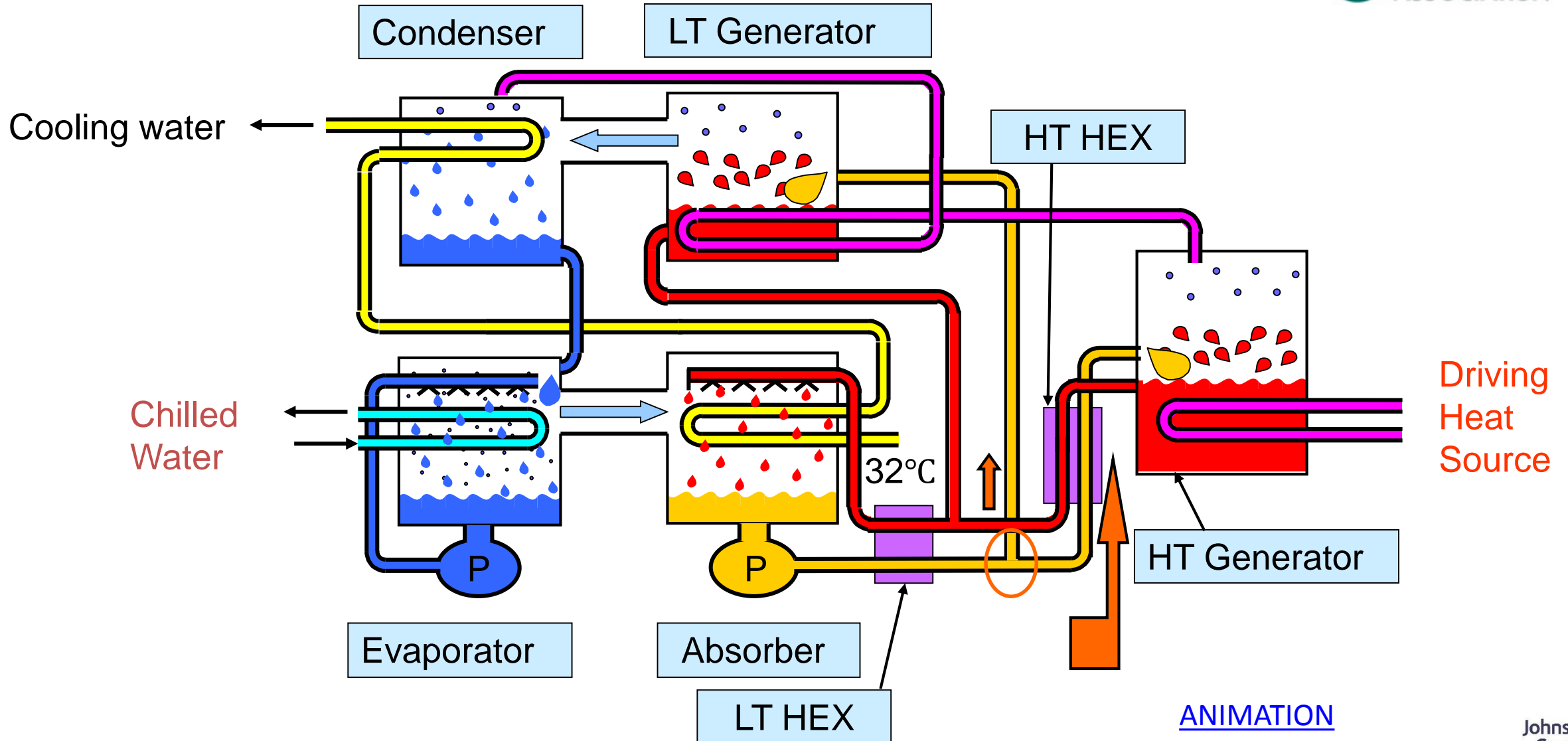
How it works – Single Effect Type



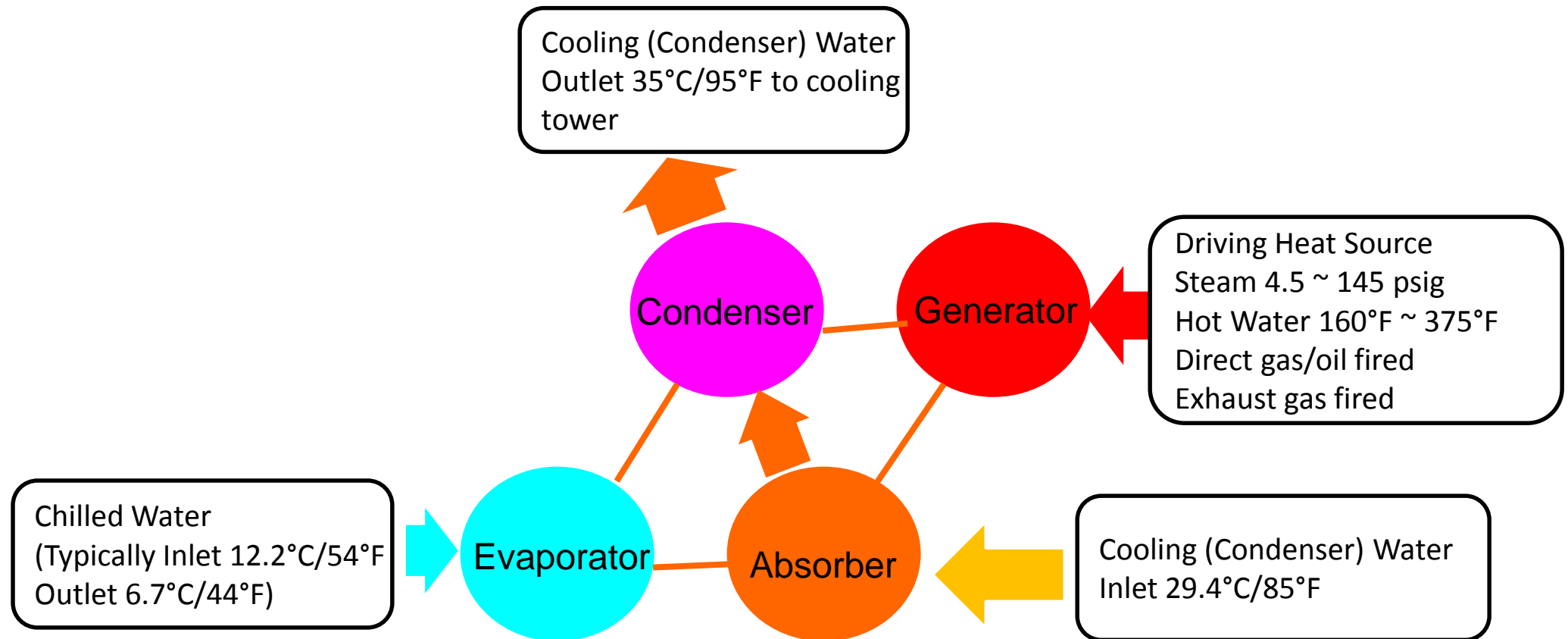
The Absorption Process



How it works – Double Effect Type



Four Basic Components Chiller Mode



Types

1. Single Effect or Double Effect
2. Direct Fired or Indirect Fired (hot water, steam, exhaust gas)
3. Water cooled or air cooled

Typical Operational Range

	Single Effect	Double Effect
Chilled Water Outlet °F	39.2°F ~ 68°F 4°C ~ 20°C	39.2 ~ 68°F 4°C ~ 20°C
Chilled Water Flow Rate	1.3 ~ 2.9 gpm/ton 0.29 ~ 0.65 m ³ /hr/ton	1.3 ~ 2.9 gpm/ton 0.29 ~ 0.65 m ³ /hr/ton
Cooling (Absorber-Condenser) Flow Rate	3.0 ~ 8.0 gpm/ton 0.68 ~ 1.81 m ³ /hr/ton	2.2 ~ 6.0 gpm/ton 0.49 ~ 1.36 m ³ /hr/ton
Cooling (Absorber-Condenser) Inlet °F	68 ~ 98.6°F (20°C ~ 37°C)	68 ~ 98.6°F (20°C ~ 37°C)
Steam Inlet Pressure	4.4 ~ 43.5 PSIG 0.3 ~ 3 Bar(g) 15,500 Btu/ton 14.8 lb/hr/ton 6.7 kg/hr/ton	29 ~ 145 PSIG 0.3 ~ 10 Bar(g) 8,700 Btu/ton 8.5 lb/hr/ton 3.9 kg/hr/ton
Hot Water °F (in case of hot water driven)	Up to 320°F (160°C)	Up to 370°F (180°C)
Direct Fired Input Energy		10,000 Btu/ton

COP

1000 Tons, Typical AHRI Conditions

Type of Chiller	Design COP	IPLV (COP)	Electrical Consumption kW/Ton
Electric Centrifugal	6.5	10.7	0.542
Single Effect Steam	0.78	0.81	0.01
Double Effect Steam	1.37	1.56	0.01
Direct Fired (HHV)	1.2	1.51	0.01



Heat Rejection To Cooling Tower

SINGLE EFFECT	DOUBLE EFFECT
29 MBH/ton	21 MBH/ton

1 MBH = 1,000 Btu

Impact of Cooling Water Inlet Temperature

Typical 1000 Tons Double Effect Steam



Cooling Water Inlet F	85	87	89	91	93
Cooling Water Outlet F	95.4	97.4	99.4	101.4	103.4
Cooling Capacity Tons	1000	1000	922	868	739
COP	1.37	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Steam lb/hr	8,514	8,668	7,992	7,524	6,406

Chilled Water 54/44 F, 2.4 gpm/ton

Cooling water 4.0 gpm/ton

Steam 115 PSIG

Chilled/Cooling Water fouling factors 0.0001/0.00025

Values may vary with manufacturer

Impact of Cooling Water Flow Rate 1000 Tons

Cooling (Condenser) Water Flow Rate	Single Effect Absorption COP 0.77	Double Effect Steam Absorption COP 1.37	Electric Centrifugal COP 6.5
3.6 gpm/ton	85/100.3 F		
3.0 gpm/ton	85/103.4 F	85/98.8 F	85/94.3 F
4.0 gpm/ton		85/95.4 F	

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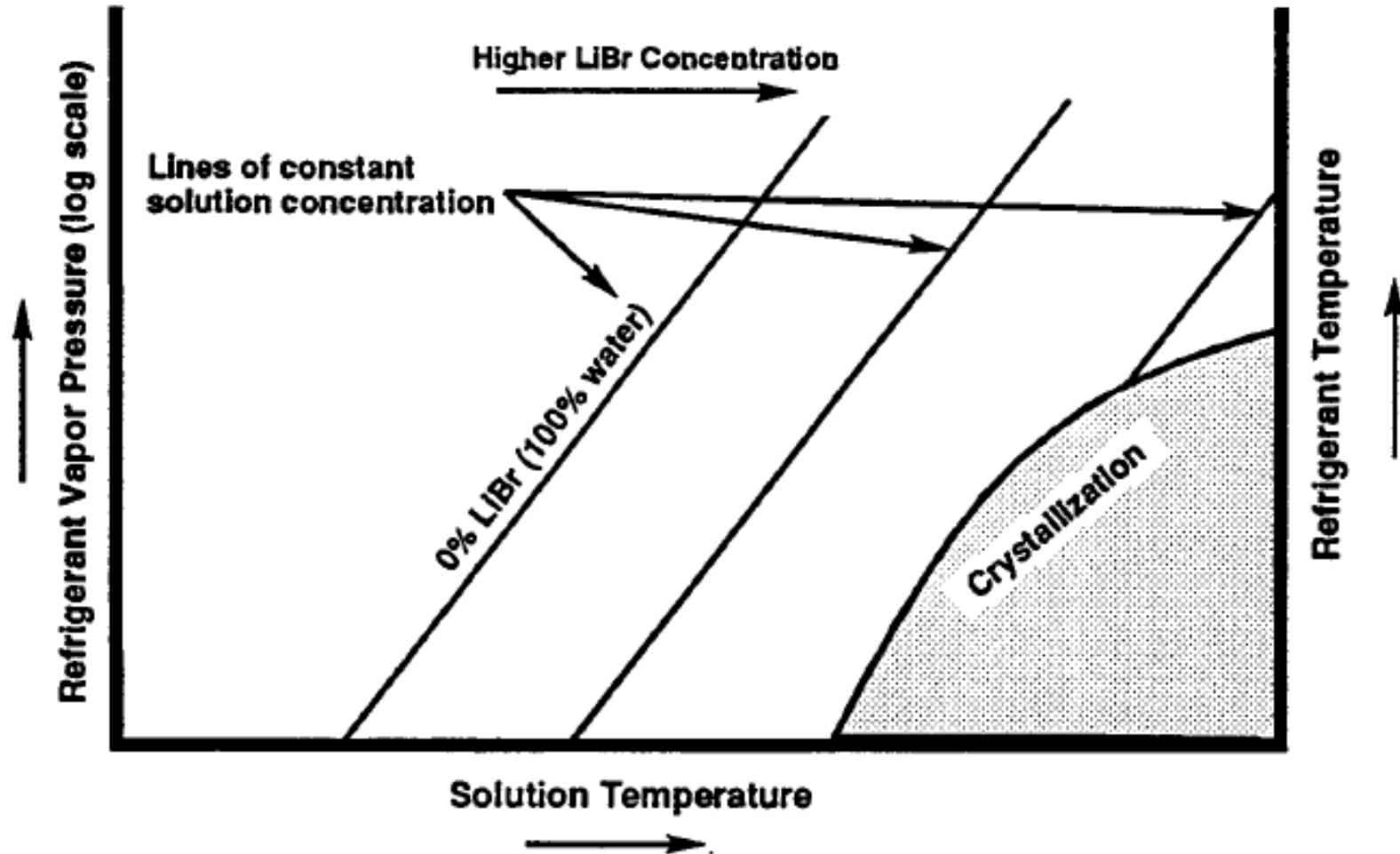
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Impact of different tube materials

Evaporator	Absorber	Condenser	Cooling Capacity %
Copper	Copper	Copper	100
Copper	CuNi 90:10	CuNi 90:10	93
CuNi 90:10	CuNi 90:10	CuNi 90:10	87
Copper	Titanium	Titanium	89
SS316	SS316	SS316	82

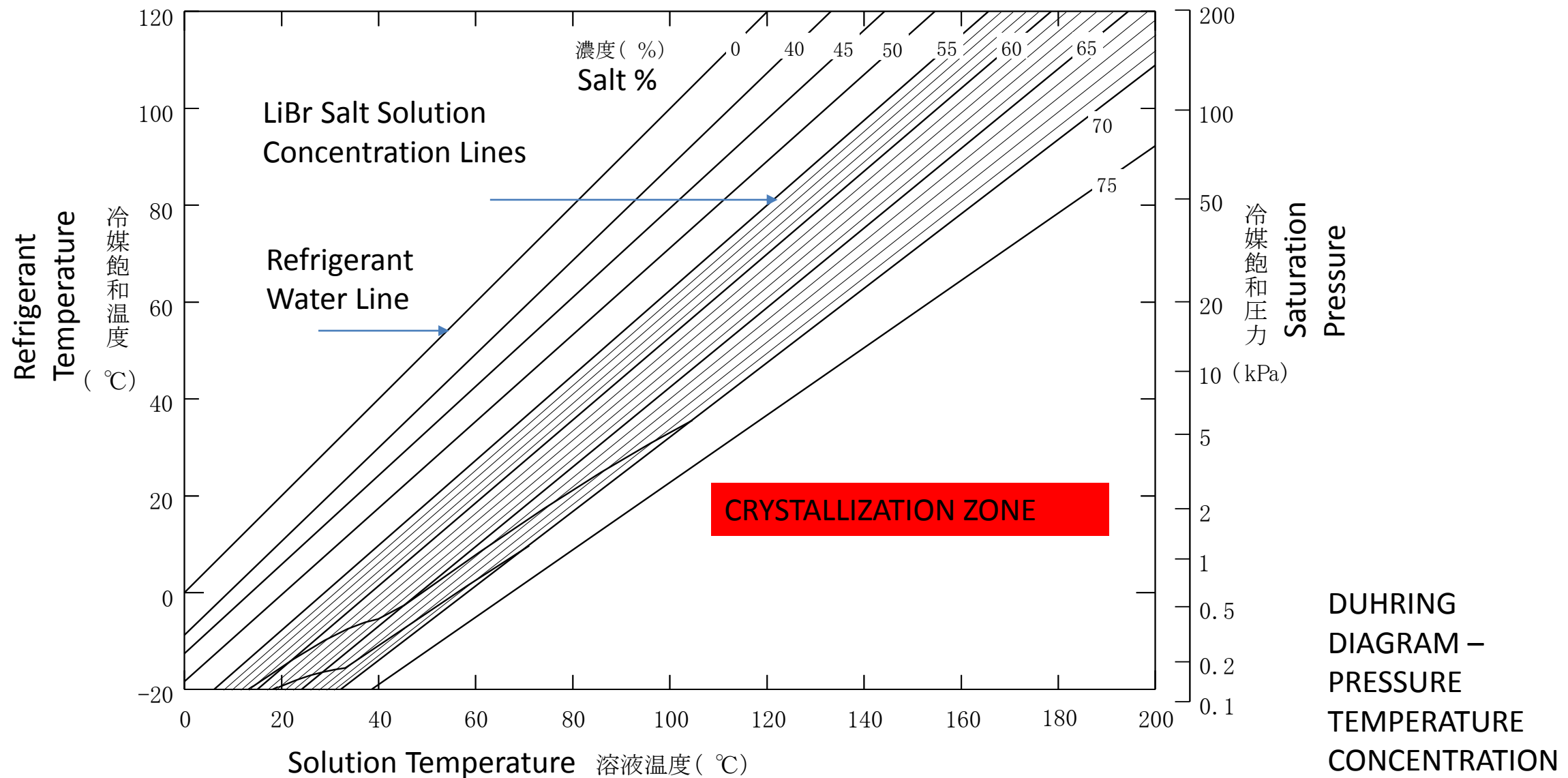
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Pressure Temperature Concentration (PTX) Duhring Diagram



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PTX Diagram



PTX Diagram

FORM 155.17-PTX1 (915)



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Useful Conversion Formulas

To convert °C (Centigrade) to °F (Fahrenheit) or °F to °C:

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{^{\circ}\text{F} - 40}{1.8} \quad ^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} + 40) \times 1.8 - 40$$

1 atm (atmosphere at sea level) = 14.696 psia = 0 psig = 760 mmHg = 29.92 in Hg

1 mm Hg = 1000 microns = 0.3937 inch Hg = .01934 psi

1 in Hg = 25.4 mm Hg = .491 psi

1 psi = 2.036 in Hg = 51.7 mm Hg = 2.31 ft H₂O

1 ft H₂O = .433 psi

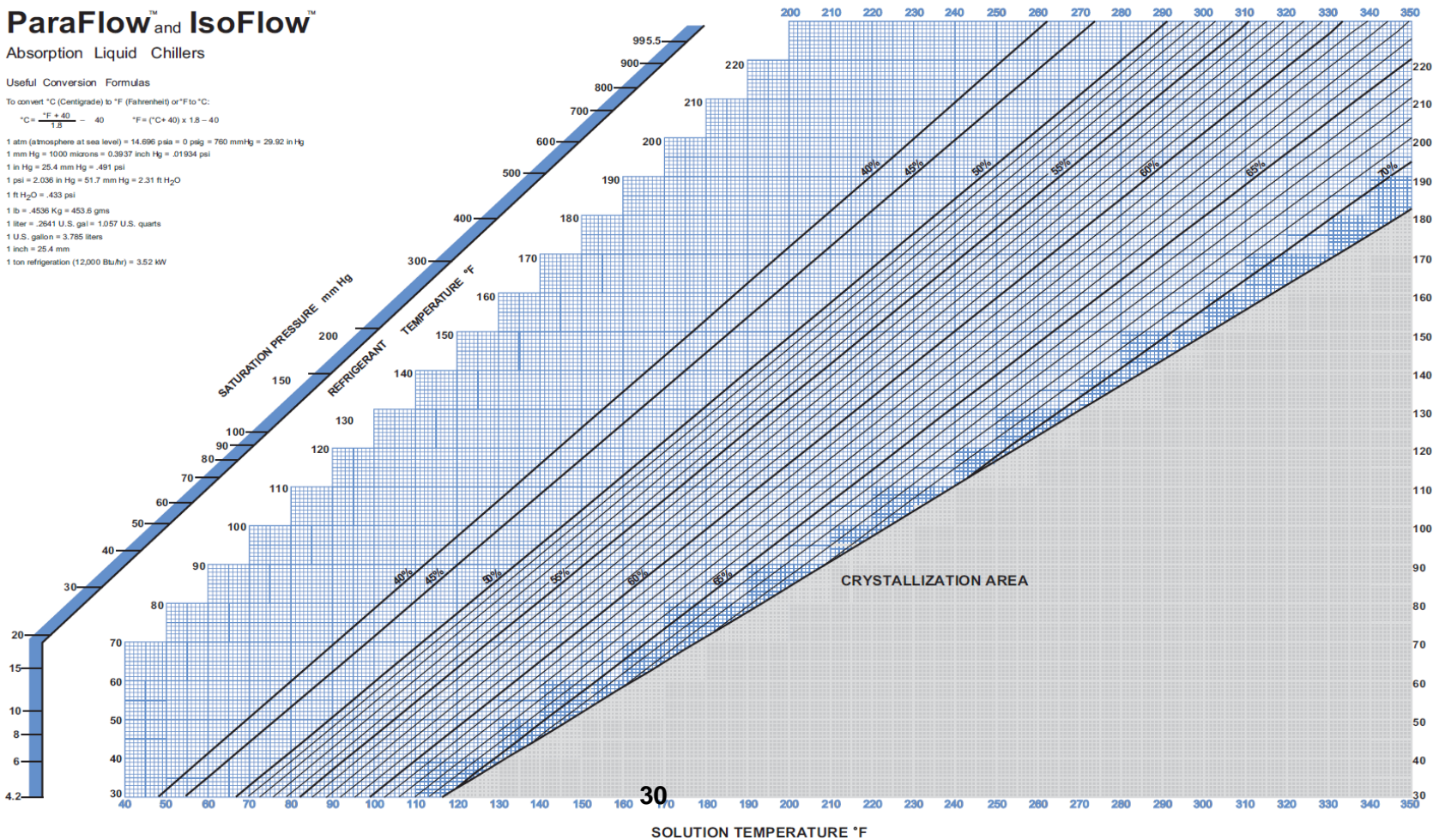
1 lb = .4536 Kg = 453.6 gms

1 liter = .2641 U.S. gal = 1.057 U.S. quarts

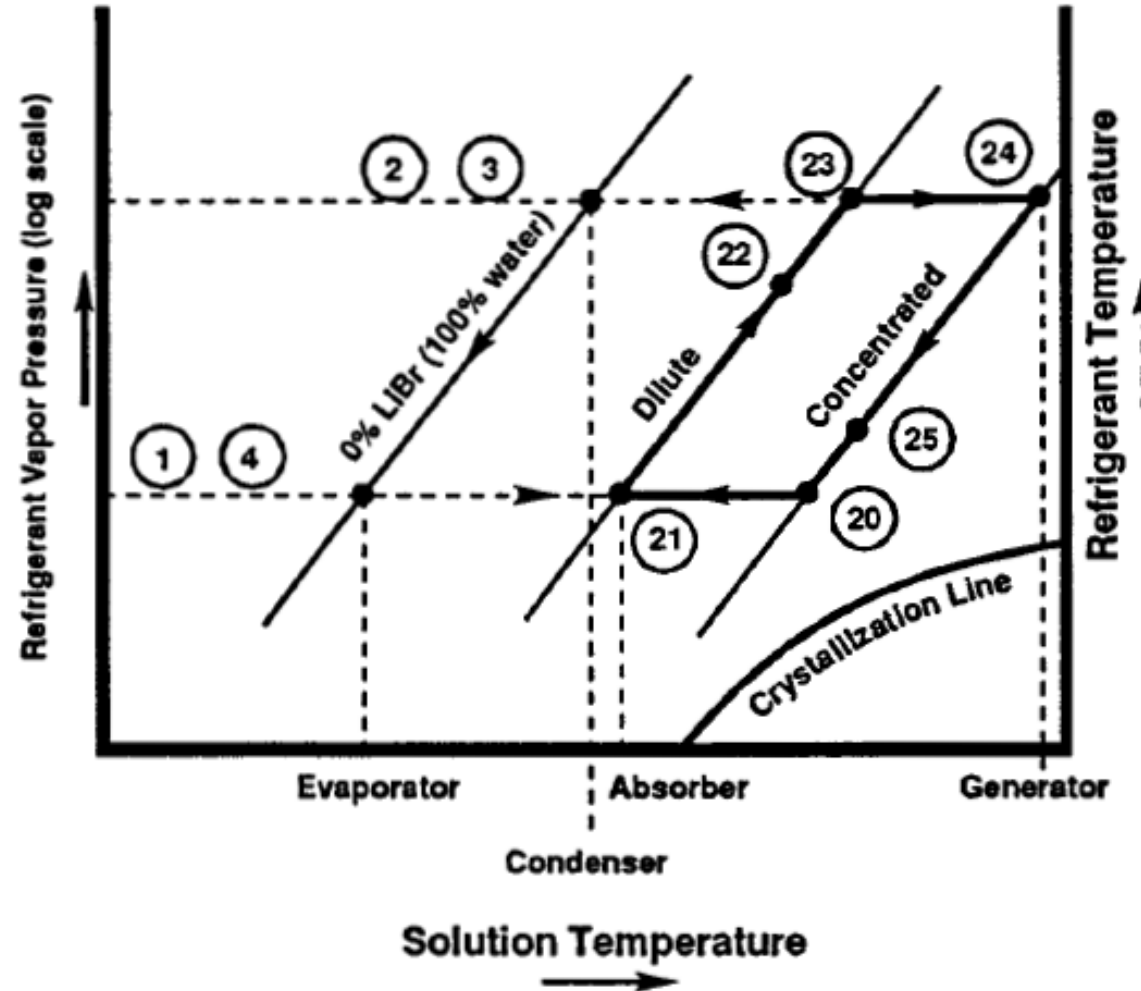
1 U.S. gallon = 3.785 liters

1 inch = 25.4 mm

1 ton refrigeration (12,000 Btu/hr) = 3.52 kW

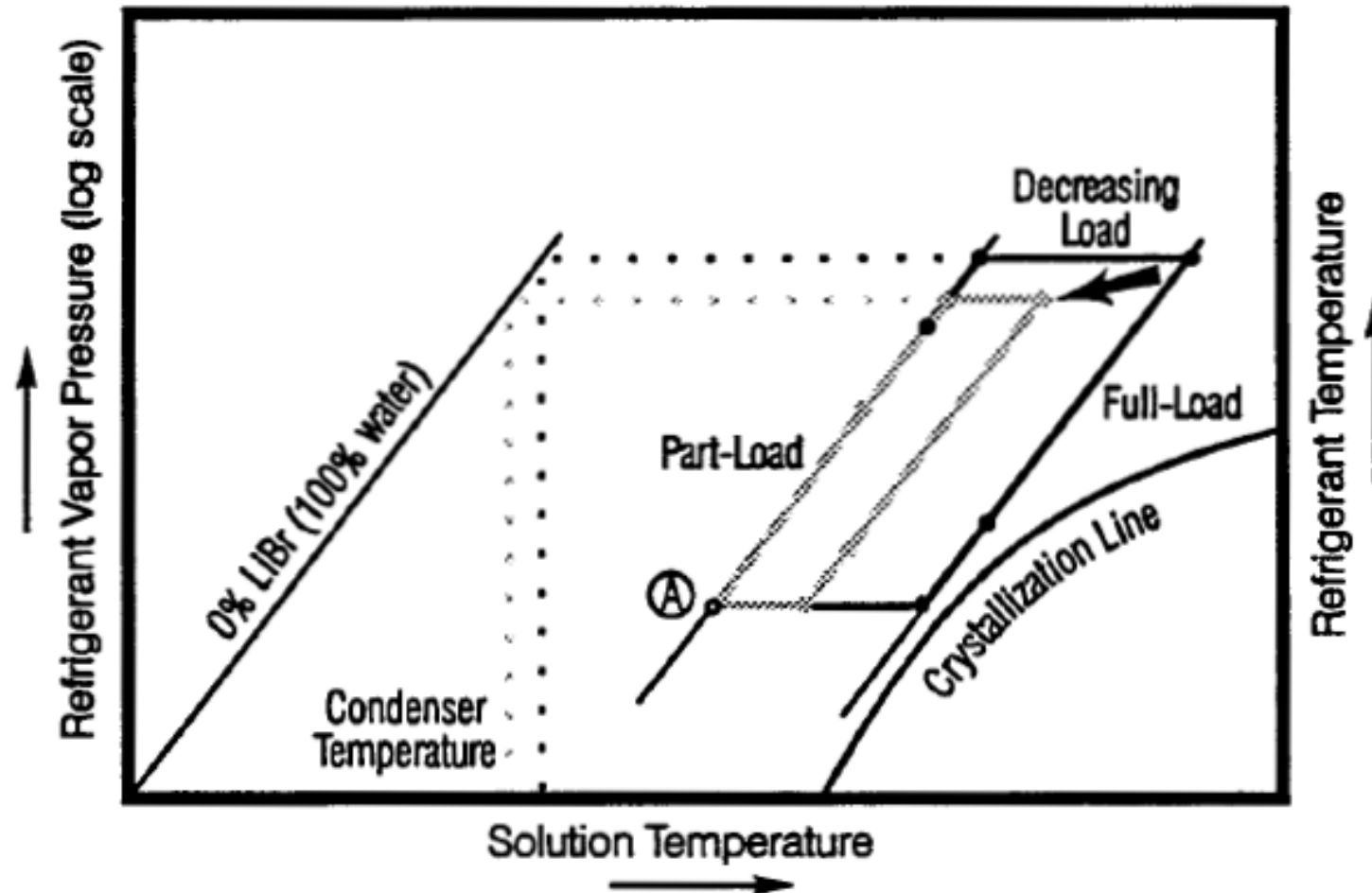


SINGLE EFFECT @ FULL LOAD



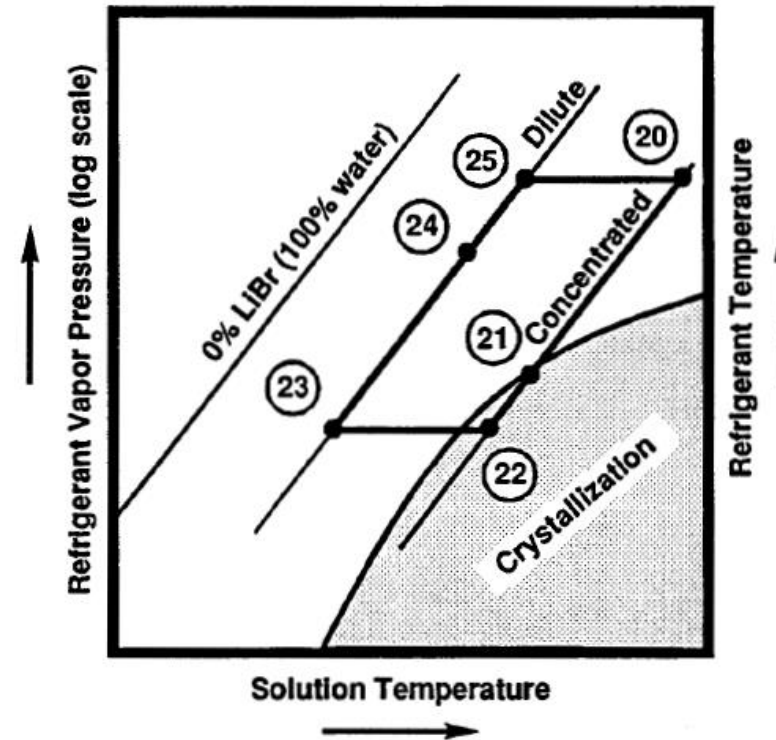
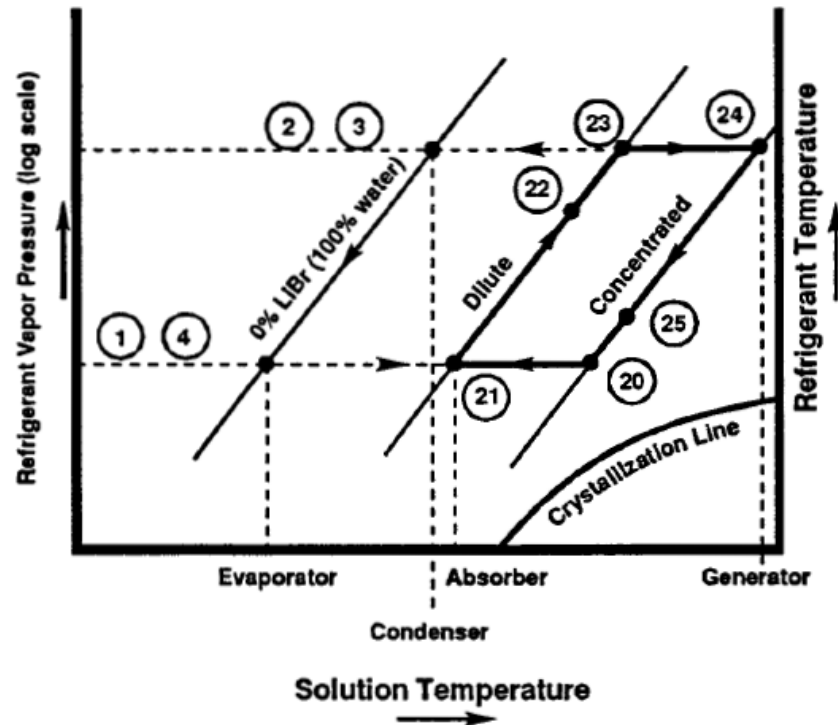
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SINGLE EFFECT @ PART LOAD



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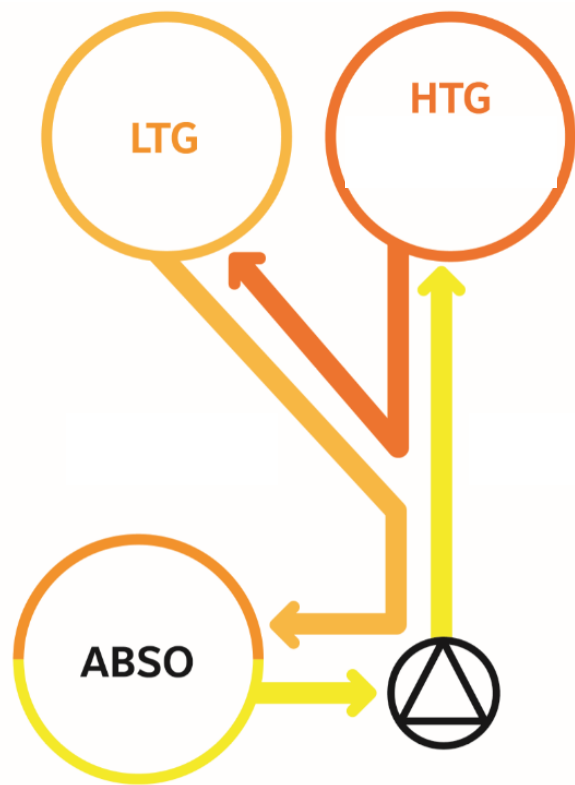
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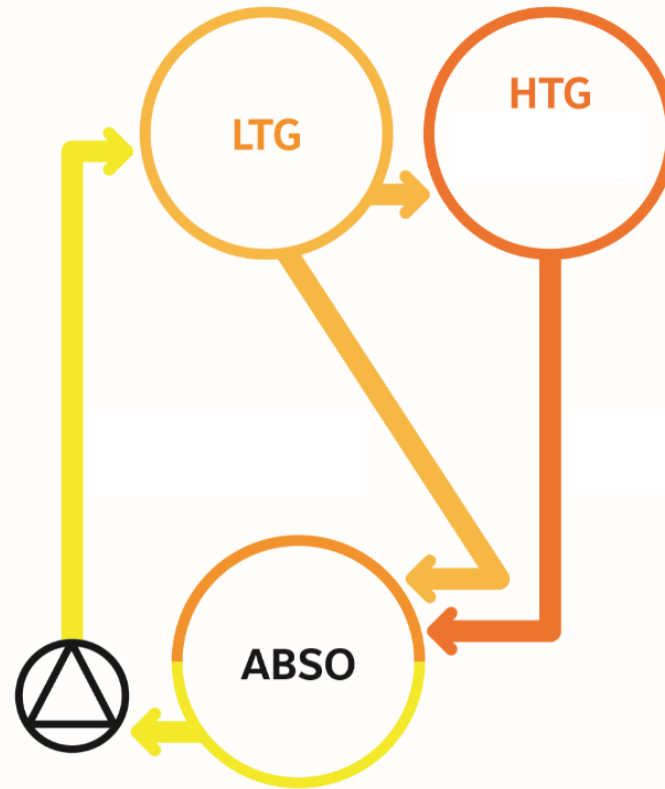
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Various Cycles

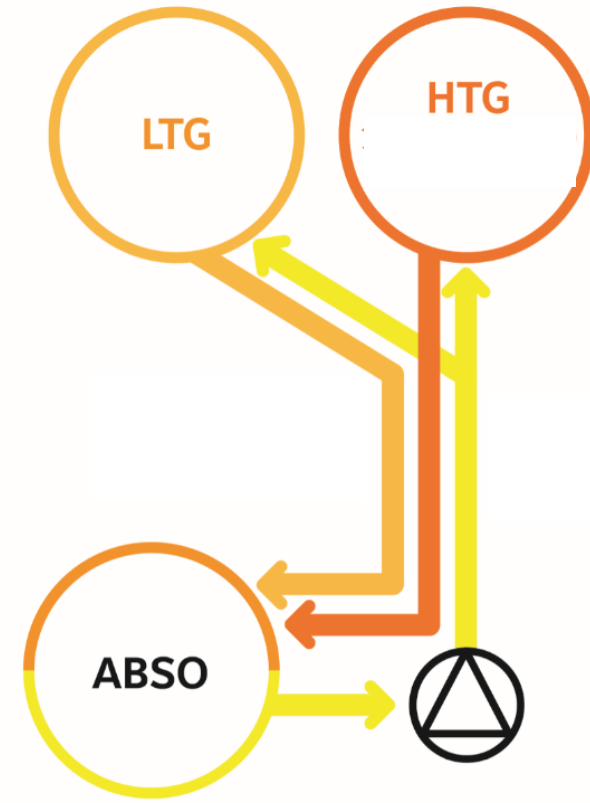
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Series Flow

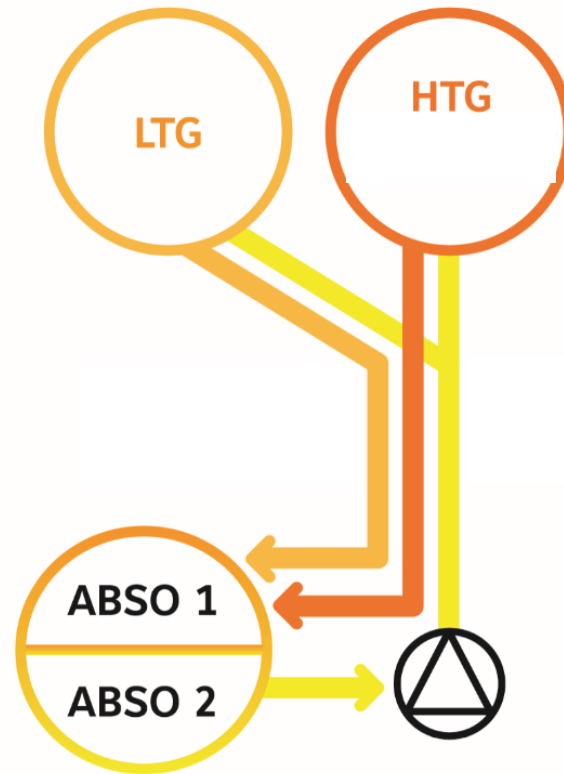


Reverse



Parallel Flow

Parallel Flow Cycle With 2-Step Evaporator Absorber



2-Step and Parallel

Select the cycle that offers:

1. The Lowest Pressure (P)
2. The Lowest Temperature (T)
3. The Lowest Concentration (C)

Conclusions

1. Water as the refrigerant – zero ODP and GWP
2. Very few moving parts – quiet and vibration free
3. Select the cycle with the lowest P, T and Salt Concentration %
4. Variety of applications
5. Driven by waste heat, low cost natural gas, renewable energy
6. Negligible electric consumption (reduced electric utility costs)
7. Fast payback
8. Saves energy, water and cuts emissions (Truly Sustainable)

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