

# Fostering the Development and Commercialization of Climate Appropriate Cooling Technologies

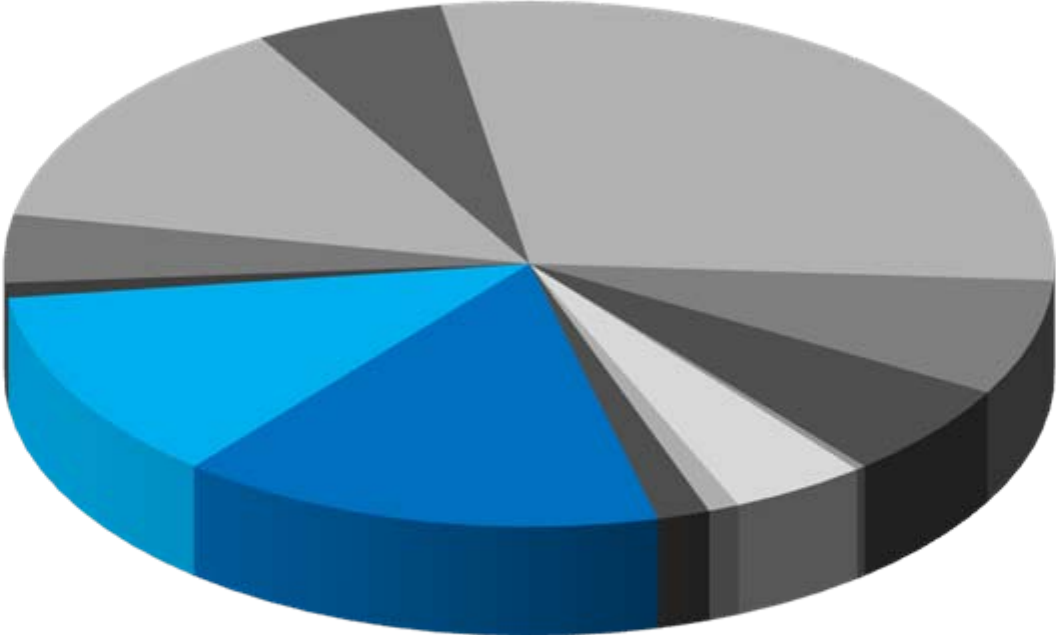
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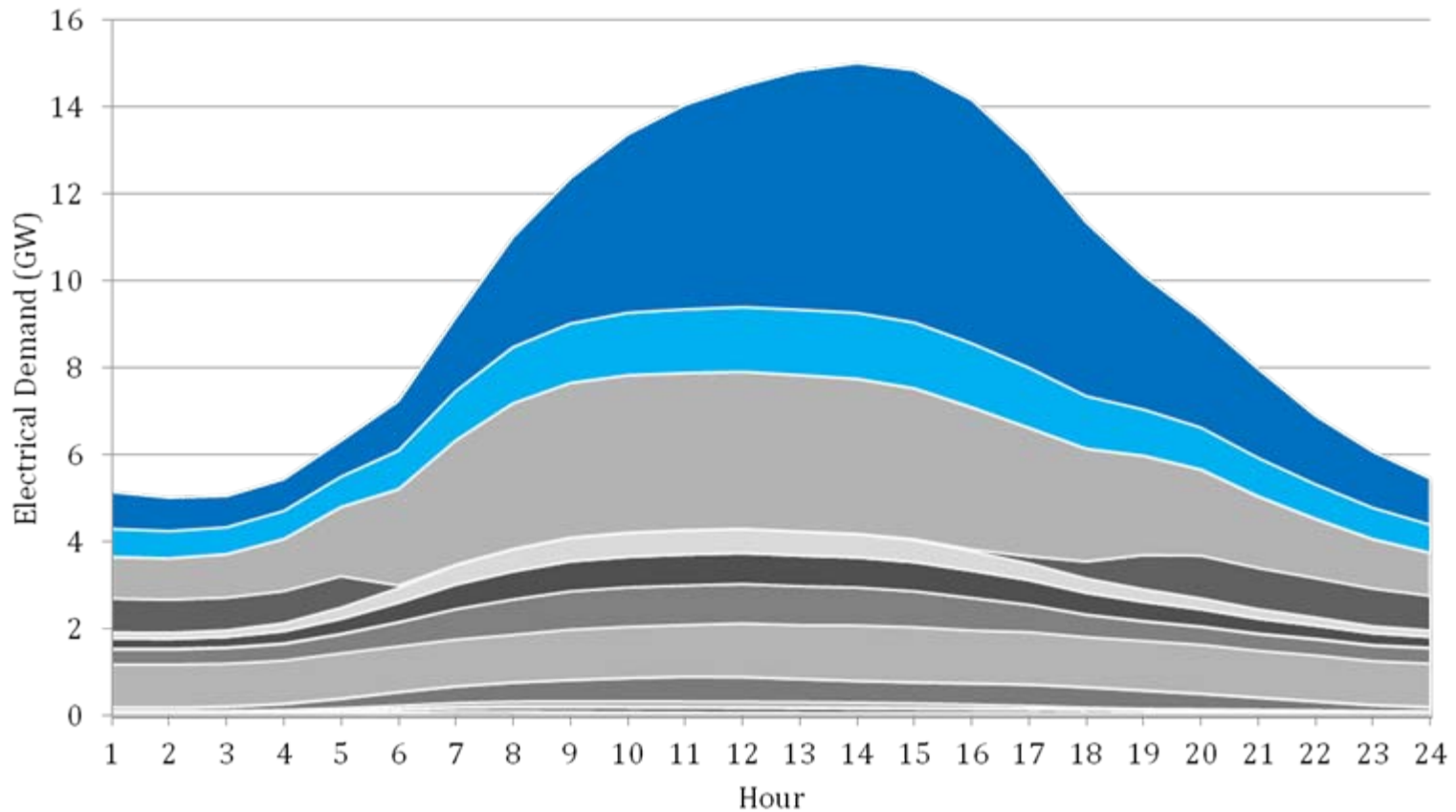
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# Cooling Contribution to Energy Use



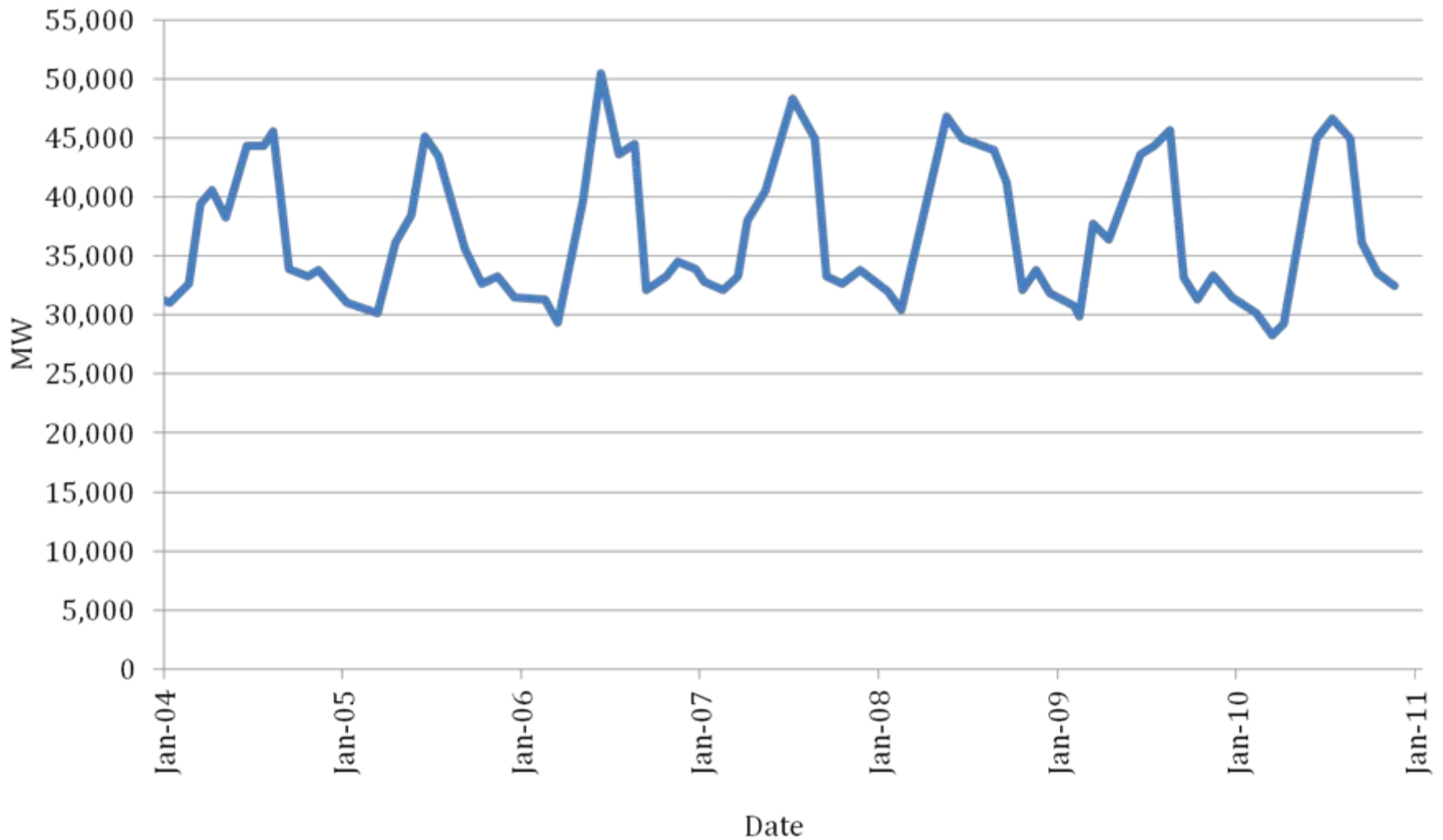
- Heating
- Cooling
- Ventilation
- Water Heating
- Cooking
- Refrigeration
- Exterior Lighting
- Interior Lighting
- Office Equipment
- Miscellaneous
- Process
- Motors
- Air Compressors

# Cooling Contribution to Peak



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- Misc
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- ExtLight
- IntLight
- Vent
- Cooling

# The Peak Demand Problem







# So Many Efficiency Improvements for Conventional Rooftop Units

- VFD fan conversion, part-capacity operation
- Multi-stage, part-load compressor operation
- Demand controlled ventilation
- Advanced economizer controls
- Extended fan run time
- High sensible heat ratios
- Fan motor efficiency
- Electronically controlled expansion valves
- Evaporative condenser pre-coolers
- Indirect evaporative cooling addition
- Maintenance!
- Fault Detection

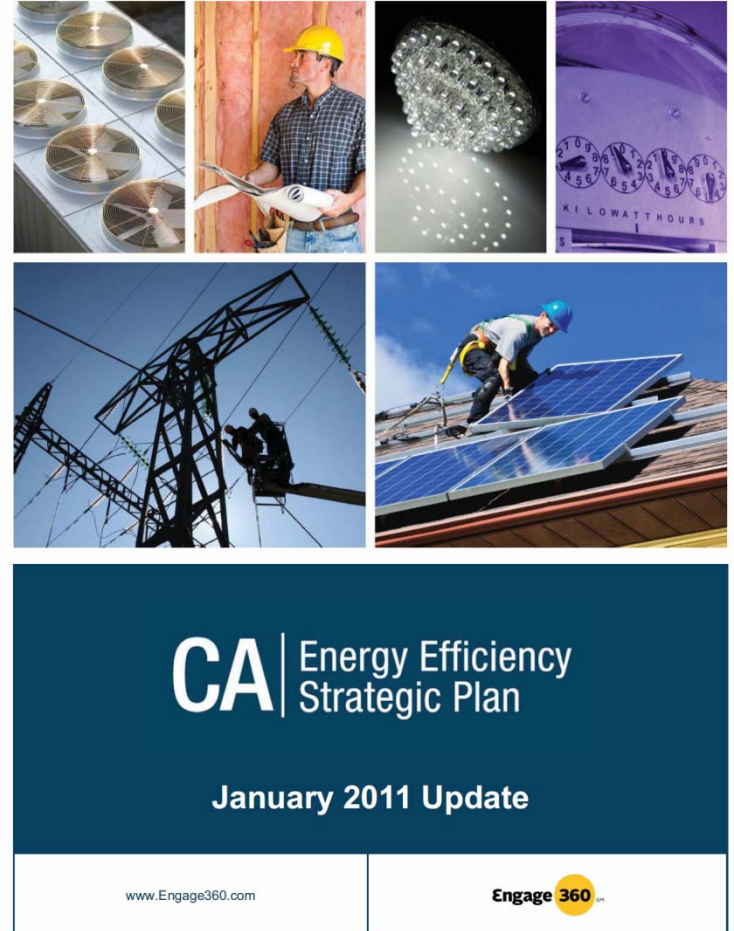






# CA Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan

- Accelerate market penetration of climate appropriate HVAC
- 15% penetration by 2015
- 70% of systems installed in 2020 to be optimized for California's climate
- Western HVAC Performance Alliance crafting HVAC action plan



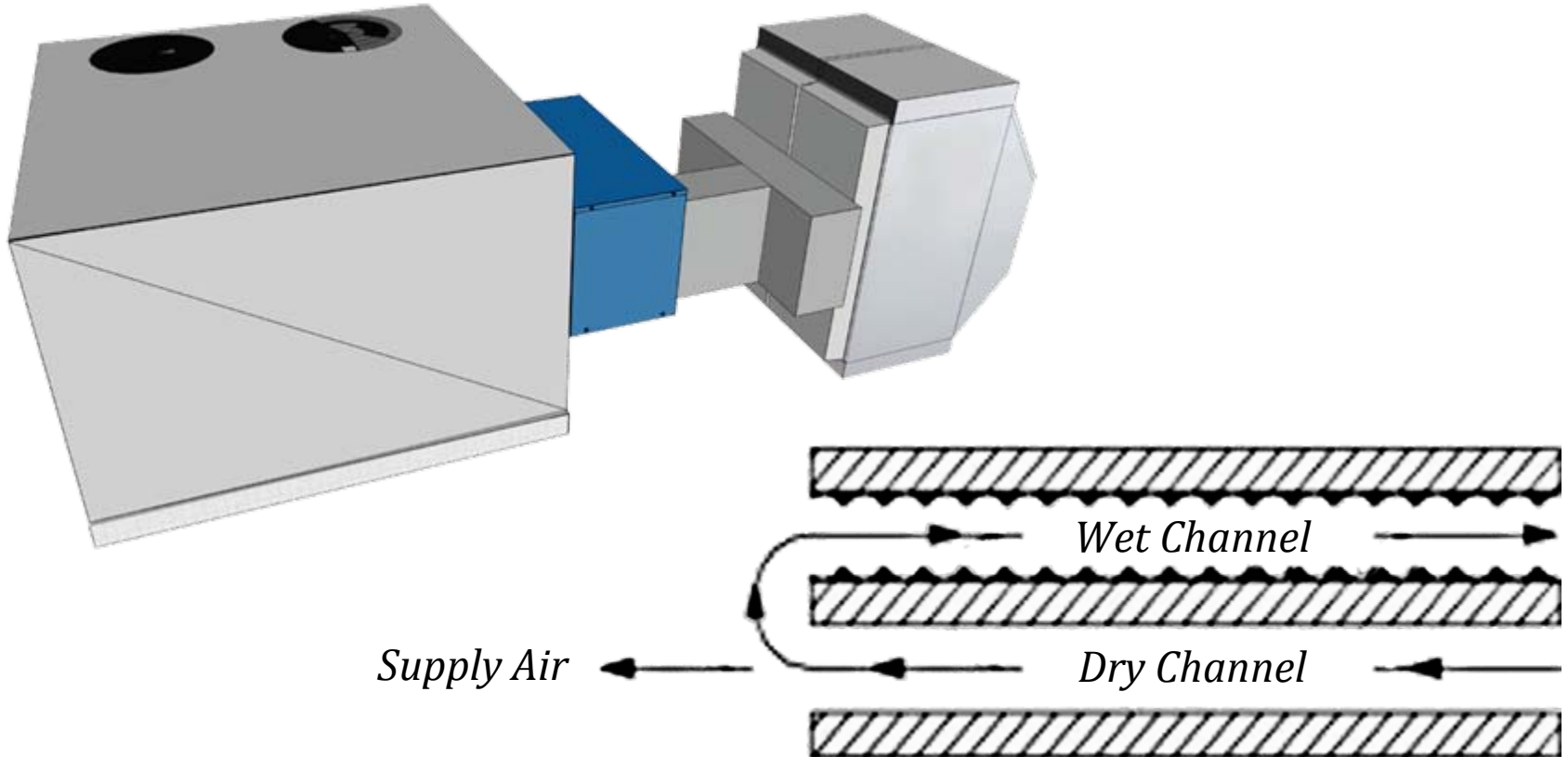
# What is '*Climate Appropriate*'?

# 'Climate Appropriate' Improvements Evaporative Condenser Air Coolers

- Reduces refrigerant condenser temperature
- Lowers head pressure
- Reduces compressor power



# 'Climate Appropriate' Improvements Indirect Evaporative Cooling



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**WESTERN COOLING CHALLENGE**

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# Minimum Performance Criteria

	Western Cooling Challenge Peak	Western Cooling Challenge Annual
Outside Air Condition $T_{db}^{\circ}F/T_{wb}^{\circ}F$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	105/73 (40.6/22.8)	90/64 (32.2/17.8)
Return Air Condition $T_{db}^{\circ}F/T_{wb}^{\circ}F$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	78/64 (25.6/17.8)	78/64 (25.6/17.8)
Outdoor Ventilation $cfm/nominal-ton$ ( $L/s-kW$ )	120 (16.1)	120 (16.1)
External Static In WC ( $Pa$ )	.7 (174)	.7 (174)
Minimum Sensible Credited Capacity % of nominal	NA	80%
<b>Minimum Sensible Credited EER <math>kbtu/kWh</math> (COP)</b>	<b>14 (4.1)</b>	<b>17 (5.0)</b>
Maximum Water Use $gal/nominal-ton-hr$ ( $L/kJ$ )	NA	4 (.24)
Maximum Supply Air Humidity $lb/lb$ or $g/g$	.0092	.0092

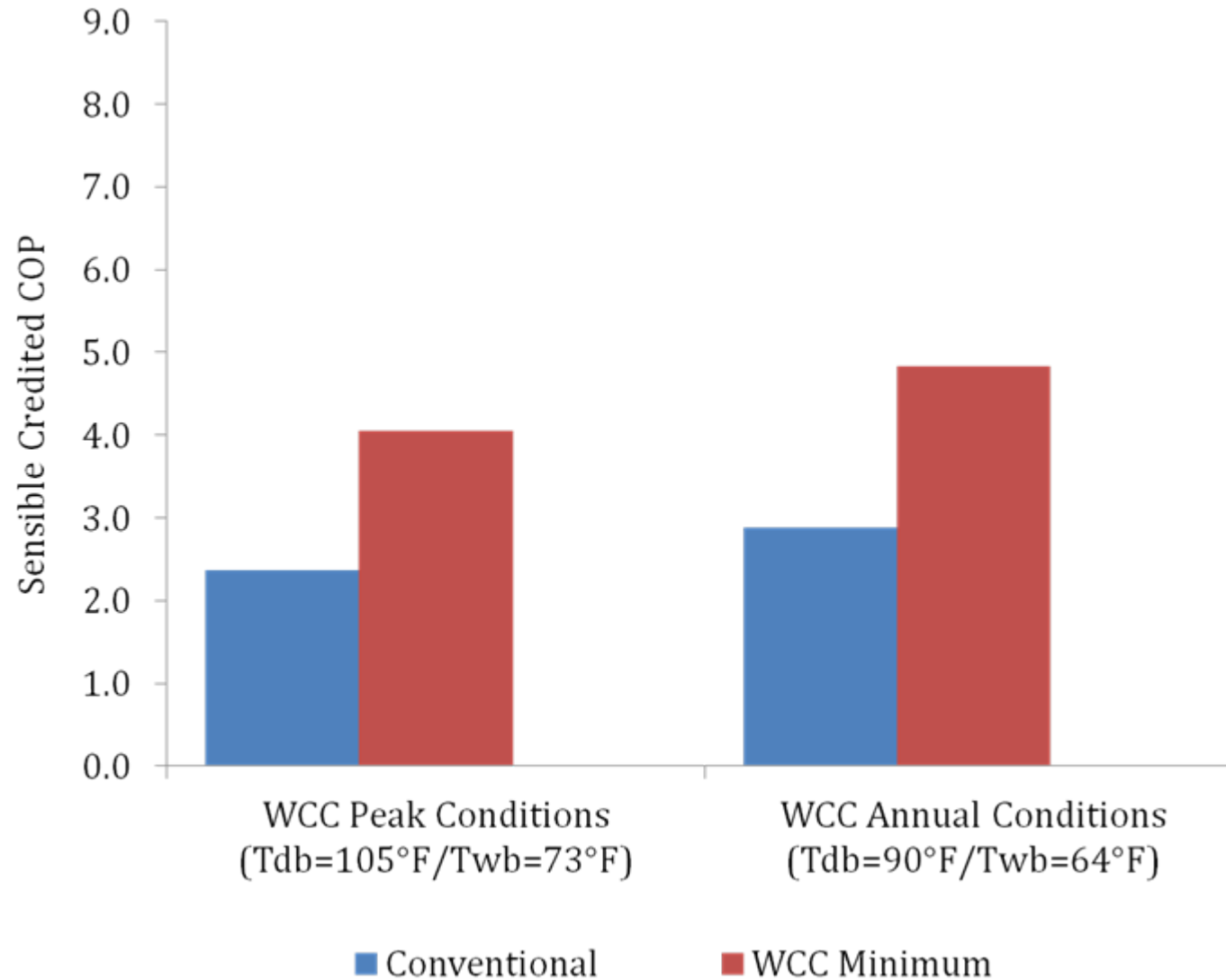
# Western Cooling Challenge Advances *Hybrid* Rooftop Packaged Units



- Ongoing multiple winner competition
- Minimum 40% improvement over federal standards
- Encourages commercialization of climate appropriate technologies optimized for Western United States
- Various system architectures - indirect evaporative plus high efficiency vapor compression



# Minimum Performance Criteria



# Advantages of Hybrid Cooling

- Various system architecture opportunities!
- Electricity demand, energy consumption and carbon footprint for space cooling cut by over 50%
- Capable of providing the comfort of standard AC system in any California Climate Zone
- Flexible – can be used in new systems and as a retrofit component
- Improved ventilation -100% fresh air operation in hot dry conditions at low cost
- Reduced water consumption relative to IDEC systems
- Water is a renewable cooling resource – on-site waste water could be used for evaporation

# Western Cooling Challenge Advances Commercial Production




- Minimum production capacity
- Warranty equipment
- Provide laboratory testing
- Conduct field evaluations
- Support market introduction
- Advocate for application of certified technologies

# DOE Advanced RTU Challenge

BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY** | Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

## High-Performance RTU Specification Launch



HVAC, Refrigeration, and Controls  
Supplier Summit  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
February 3, 2011

James McClendon  
Walmart Stores, Inc.  
Scott Williams  
Target Corp.

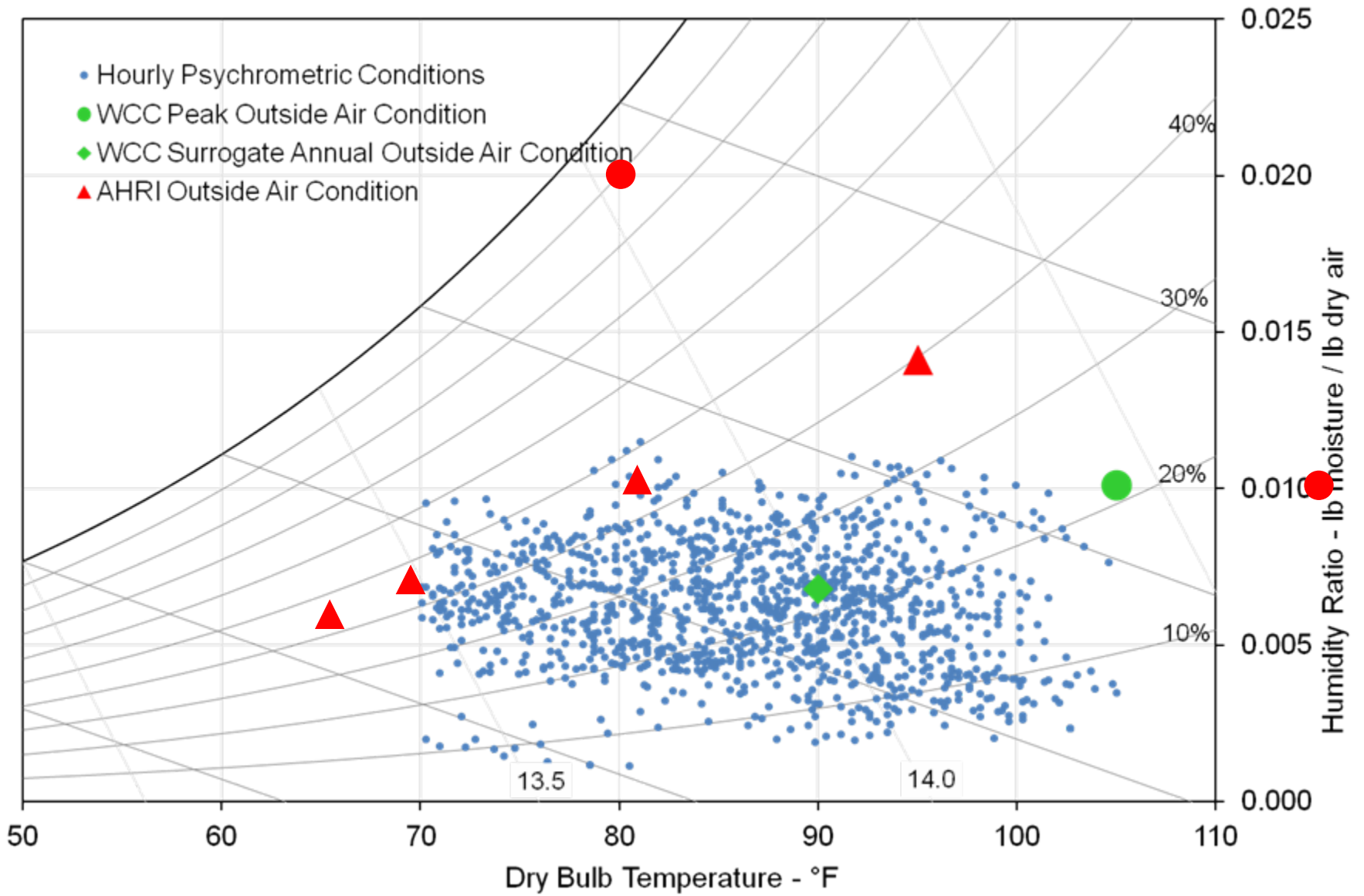
- Minimum IEER=18
- Explicit specifications

# Energy Efficiency Ratio - EER

- Common metric, AHRI Standard 340/360
- 95°F db and 75°F wb outdoor air conditions
- 80°F db and 67°F wb return air conditions
- Representative of efficiency at peak
- Does not represent how equipment might save energy at part load
- Not a climate specific metric

# Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio - IEER

- Aggregate of performance measured at multiple meteorological conditions and part load operating modes
- Weighted for time operating in each scenario
- Not a climate specific metric

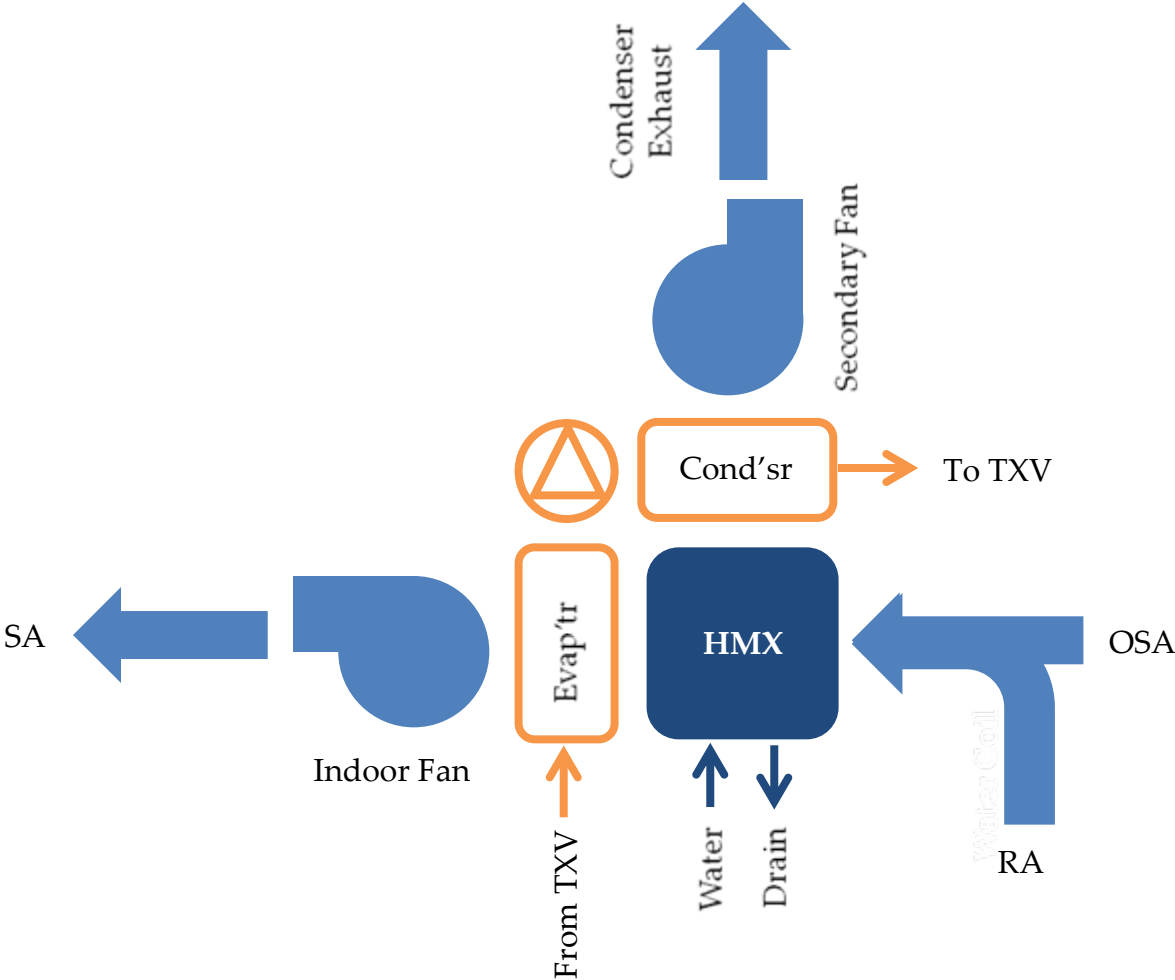


# A success story

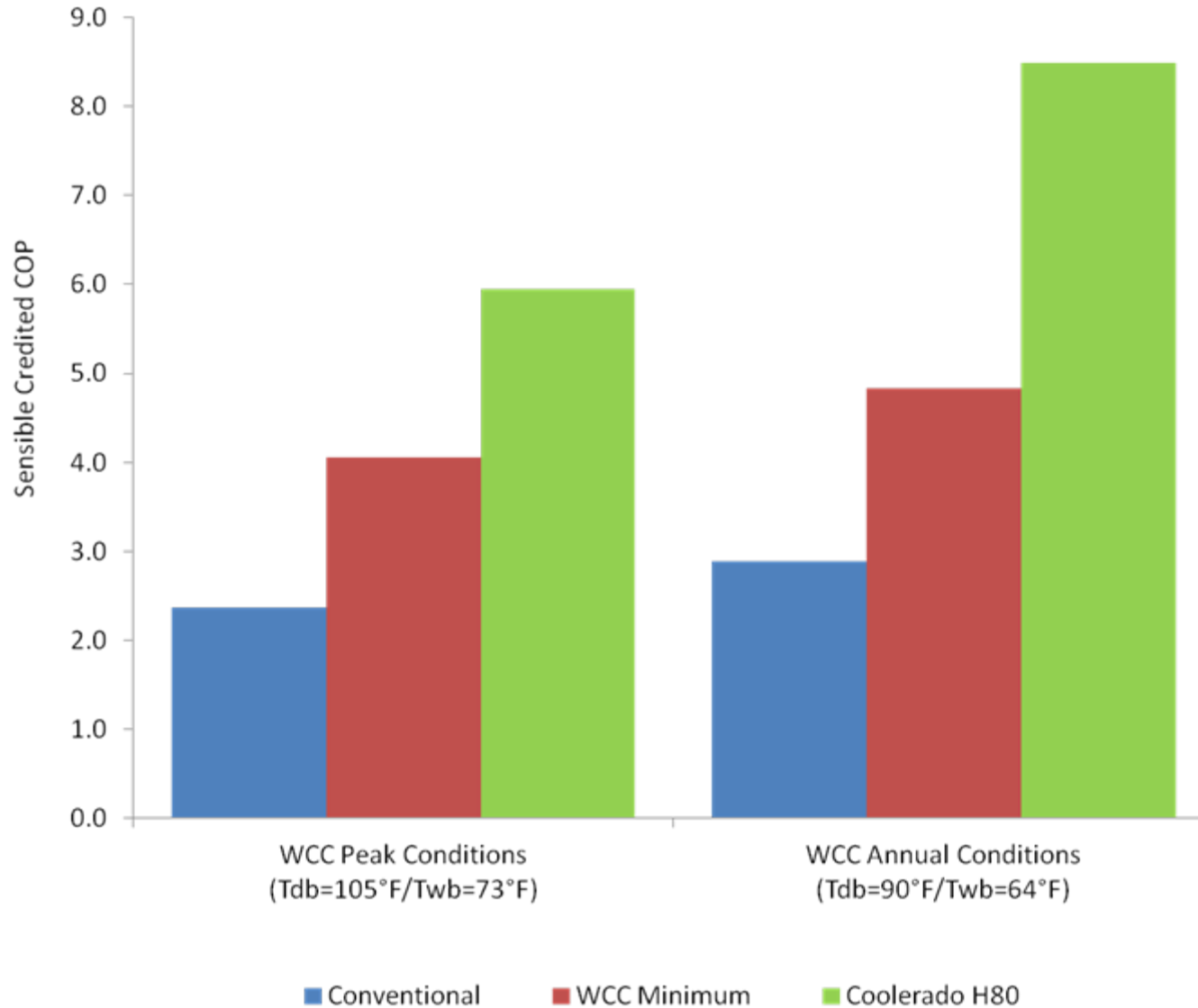


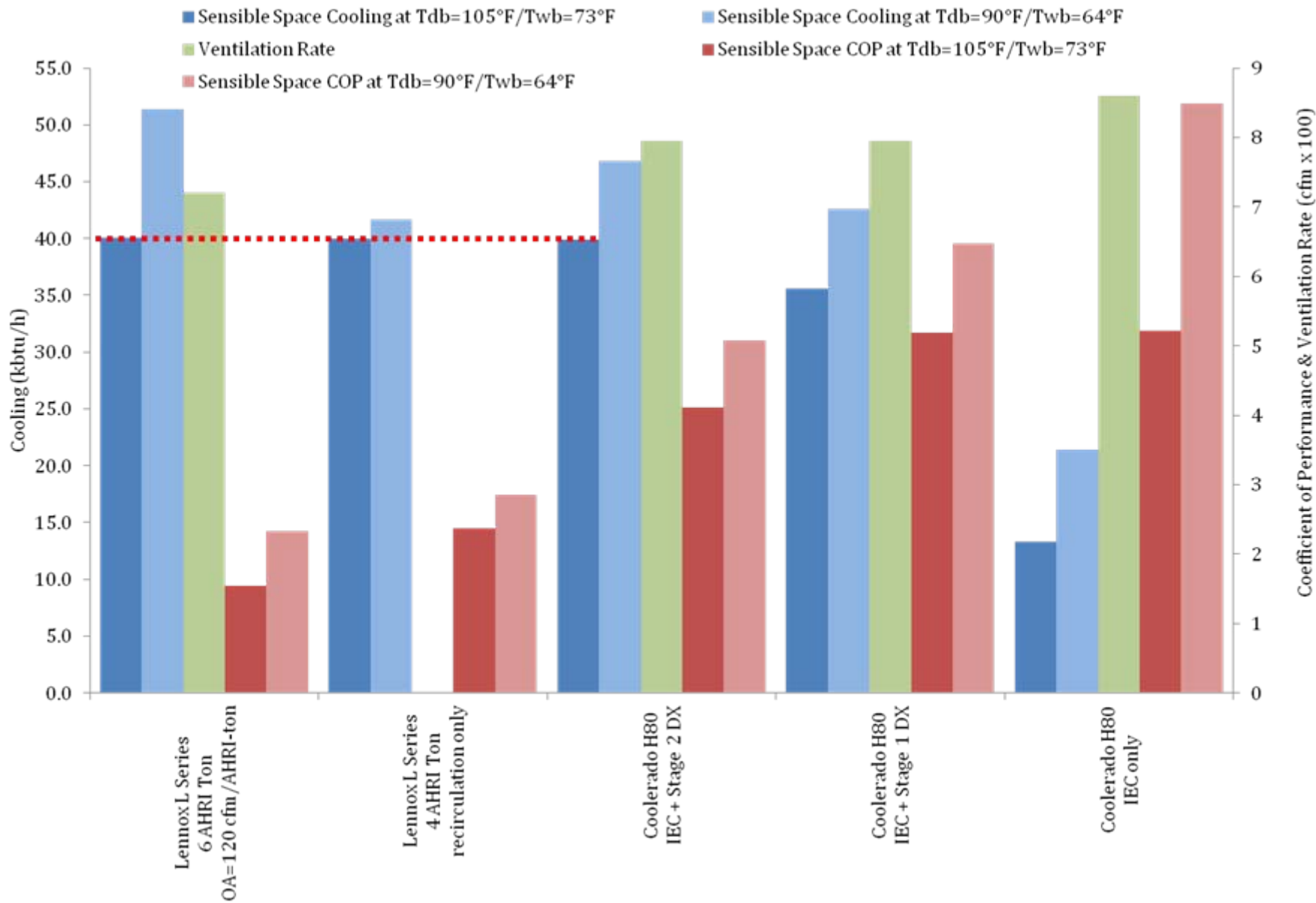


# Coolerado H80



# Minimum Criteria Exceeded



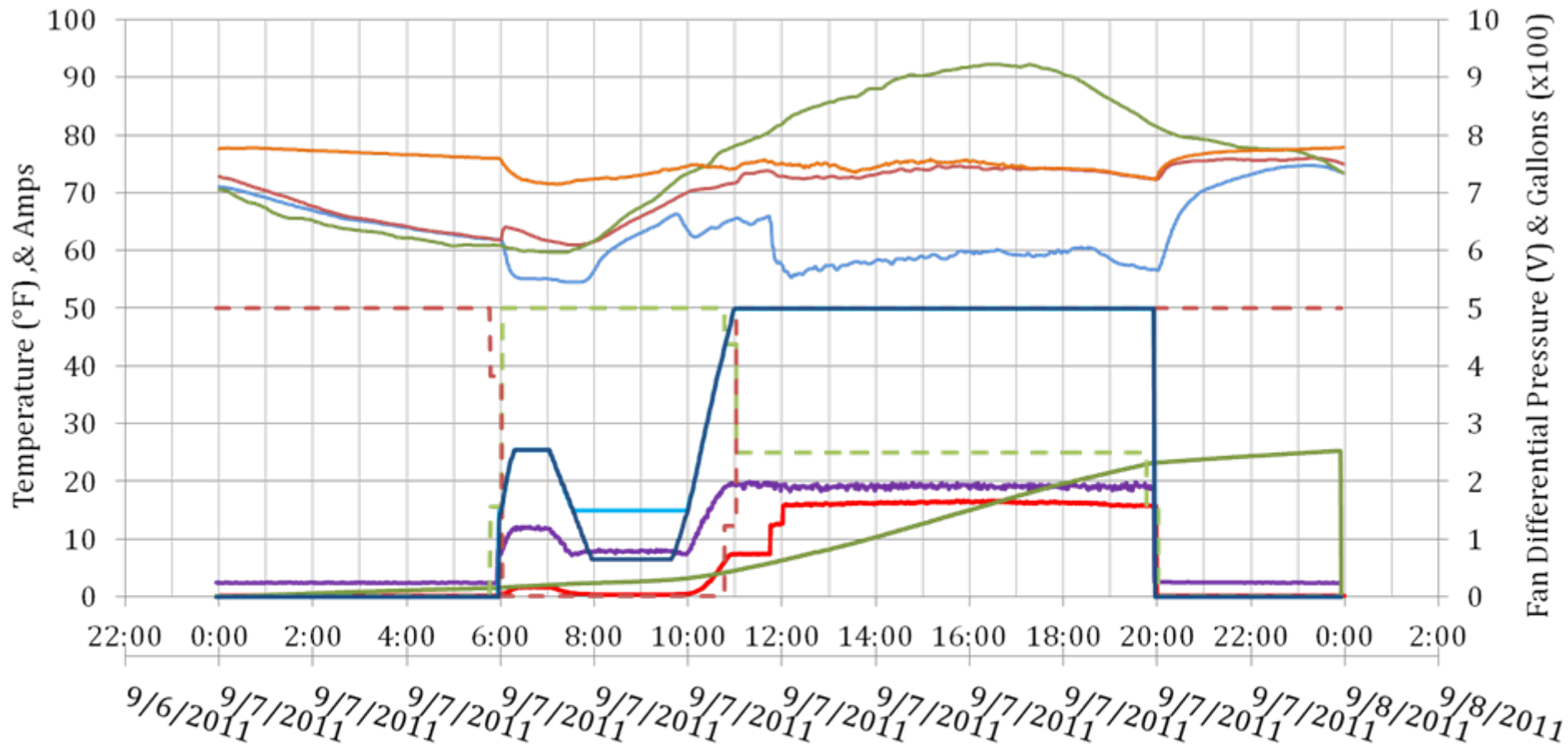




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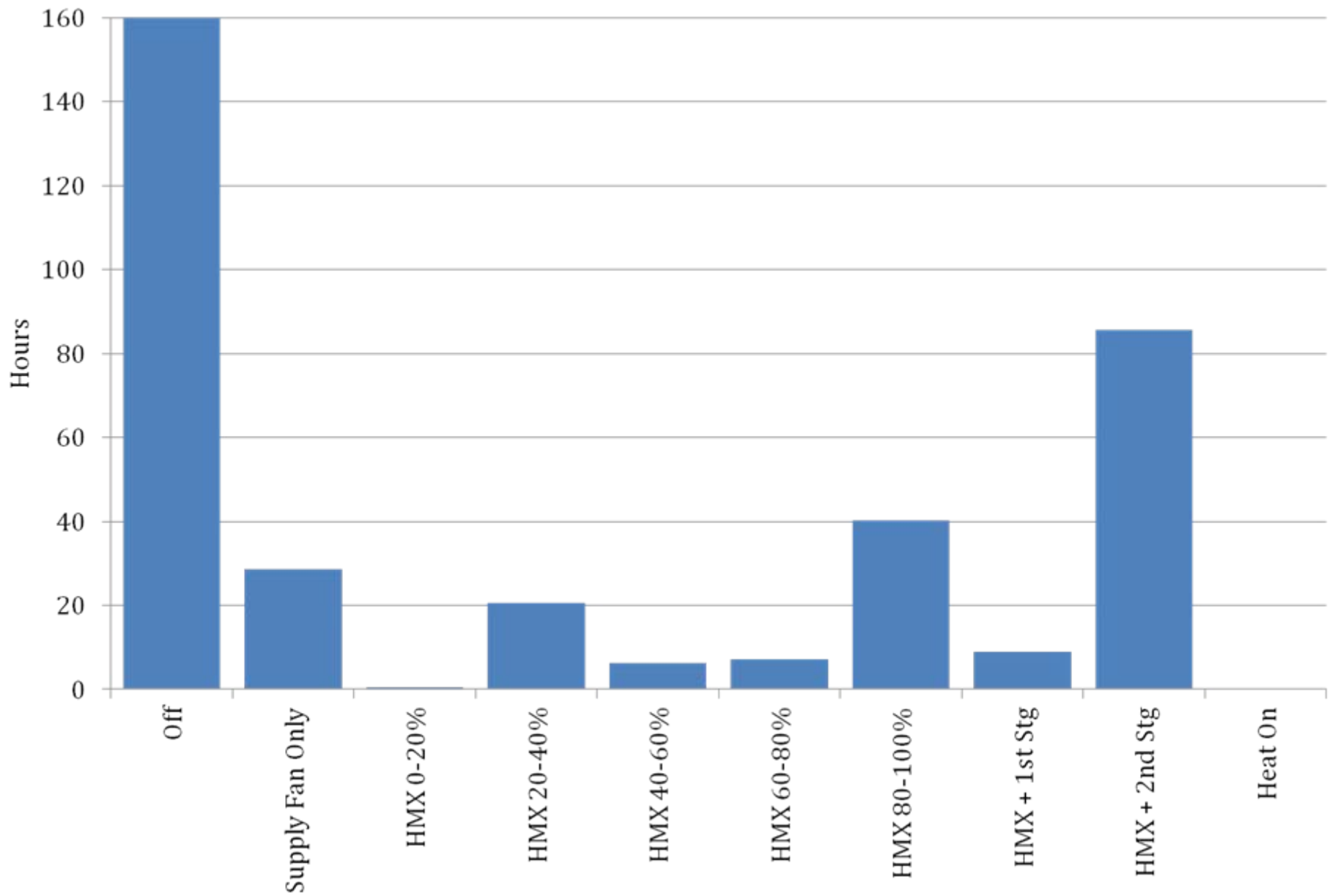
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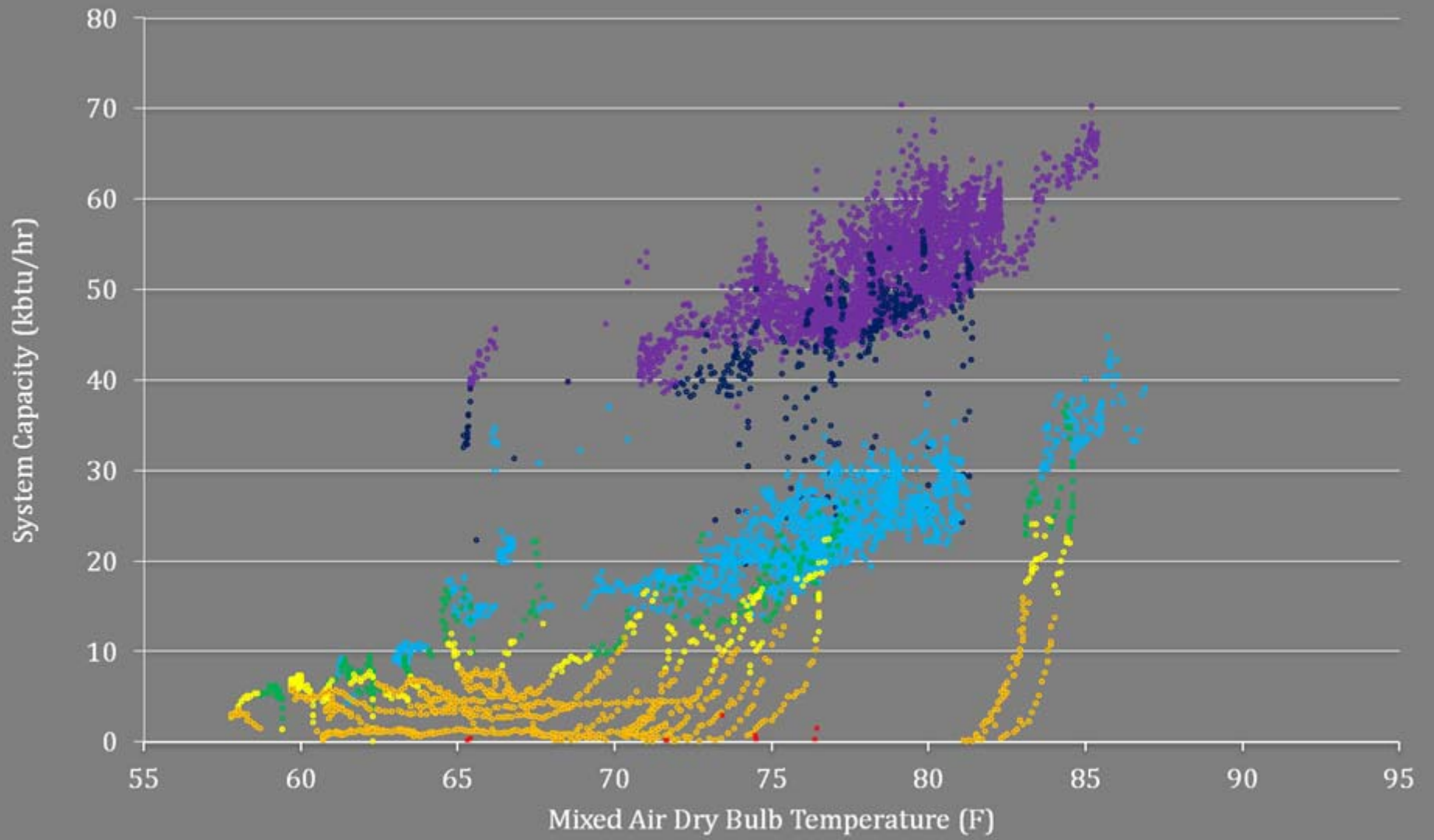
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- Leg 1 Current (Amps)
- Supply Temperature (F)
- Outside Temperature (F)
- Fan Change P (V)
- OA Damper 0-5 V (V/2)
- Supply Fan Voltage 0-5 V (V/2)

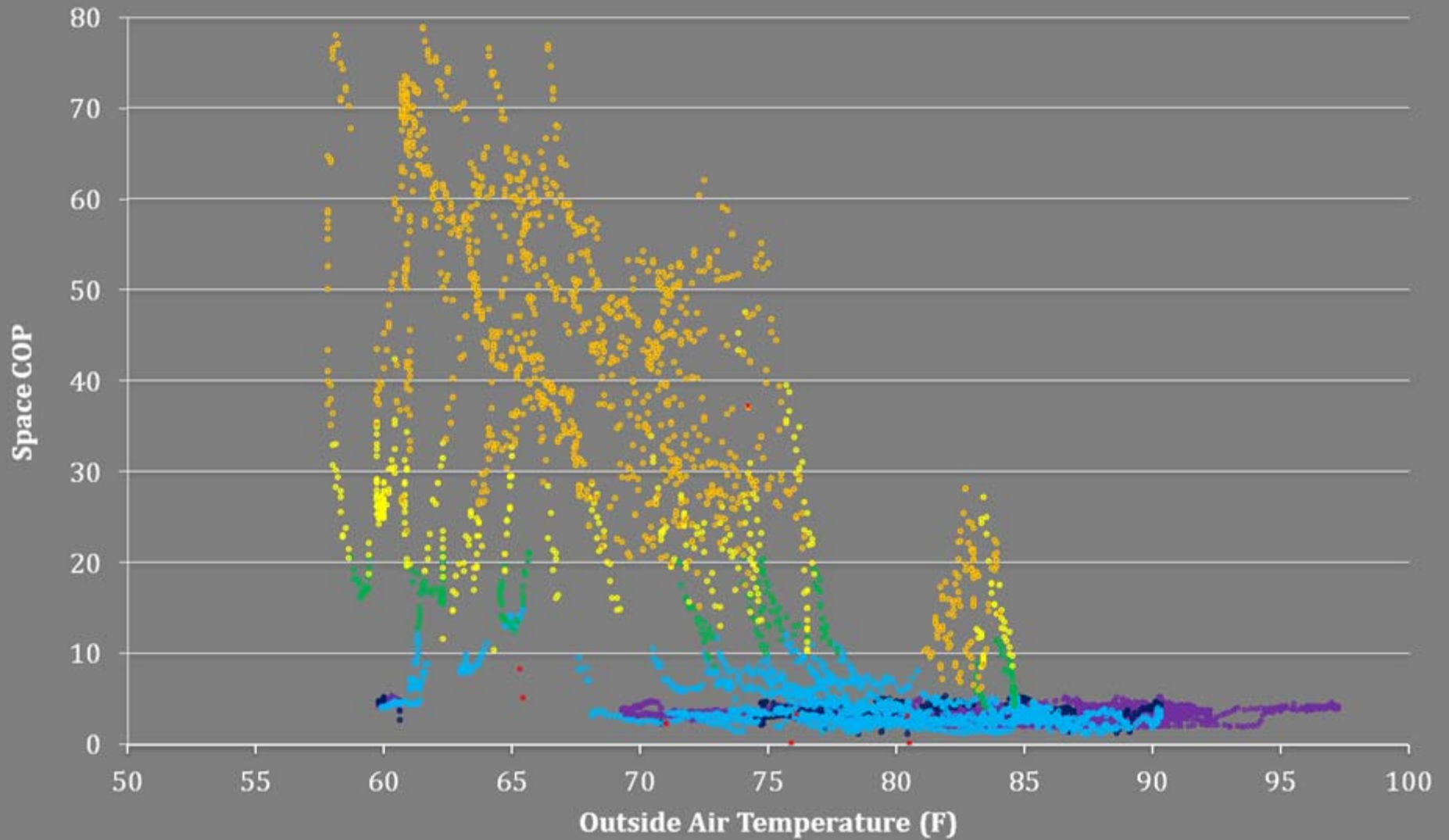
- Leg 2 Current (Amps)
- Return Temperature (F)
- Indoor Temperature (F)
- Cumulative Water Consumed (galX100)
- RA Damper 0-5 V (V/2)
- Secondary Fan Voltage 0-5 V (V/2)





- HMX + 2nd Stage DX    • HMX + 1st Stage DX    • HMX Only 80-100%    • HMX Only 60-80%
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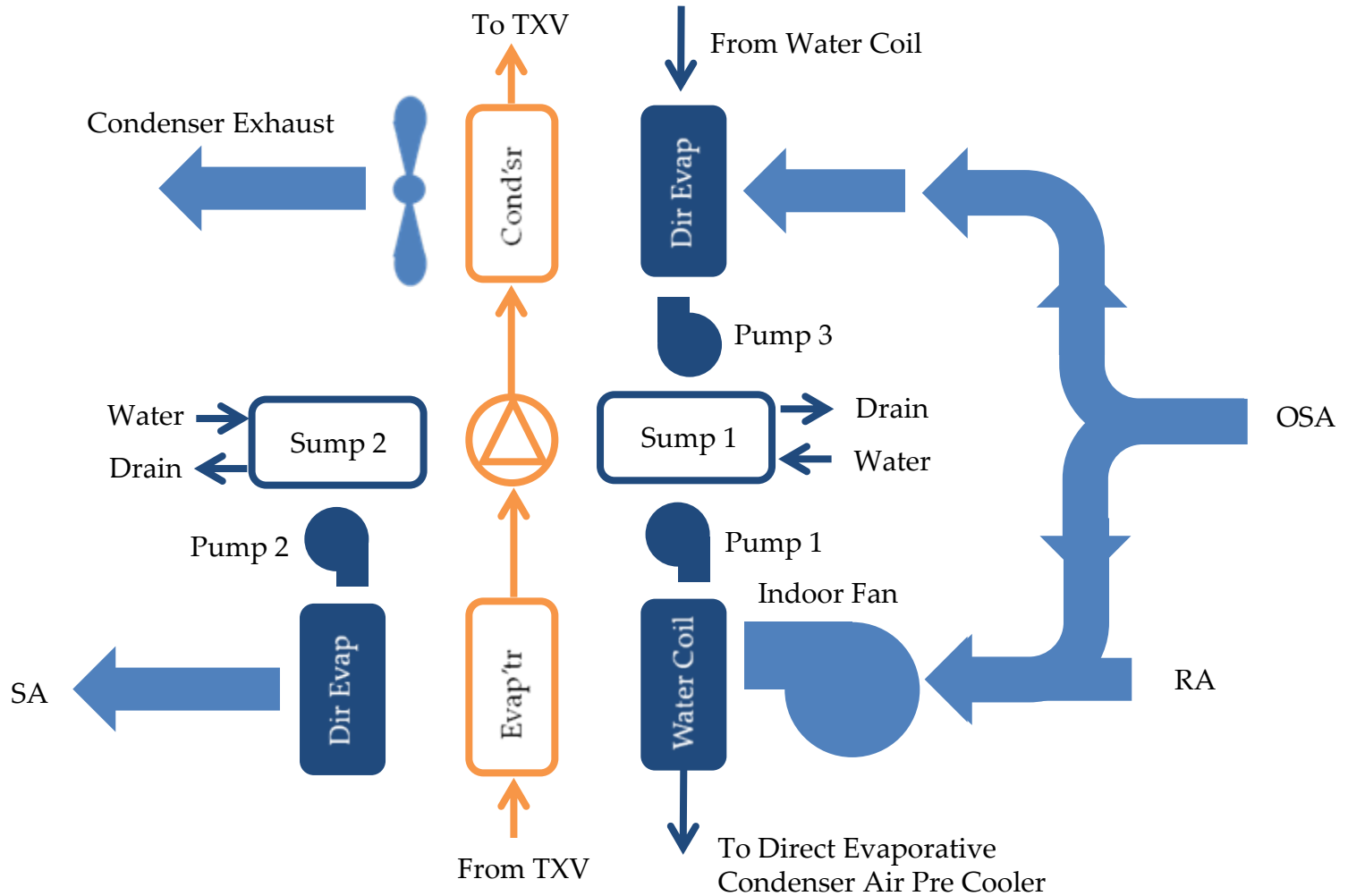




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# A Failure

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# A Breakthrough



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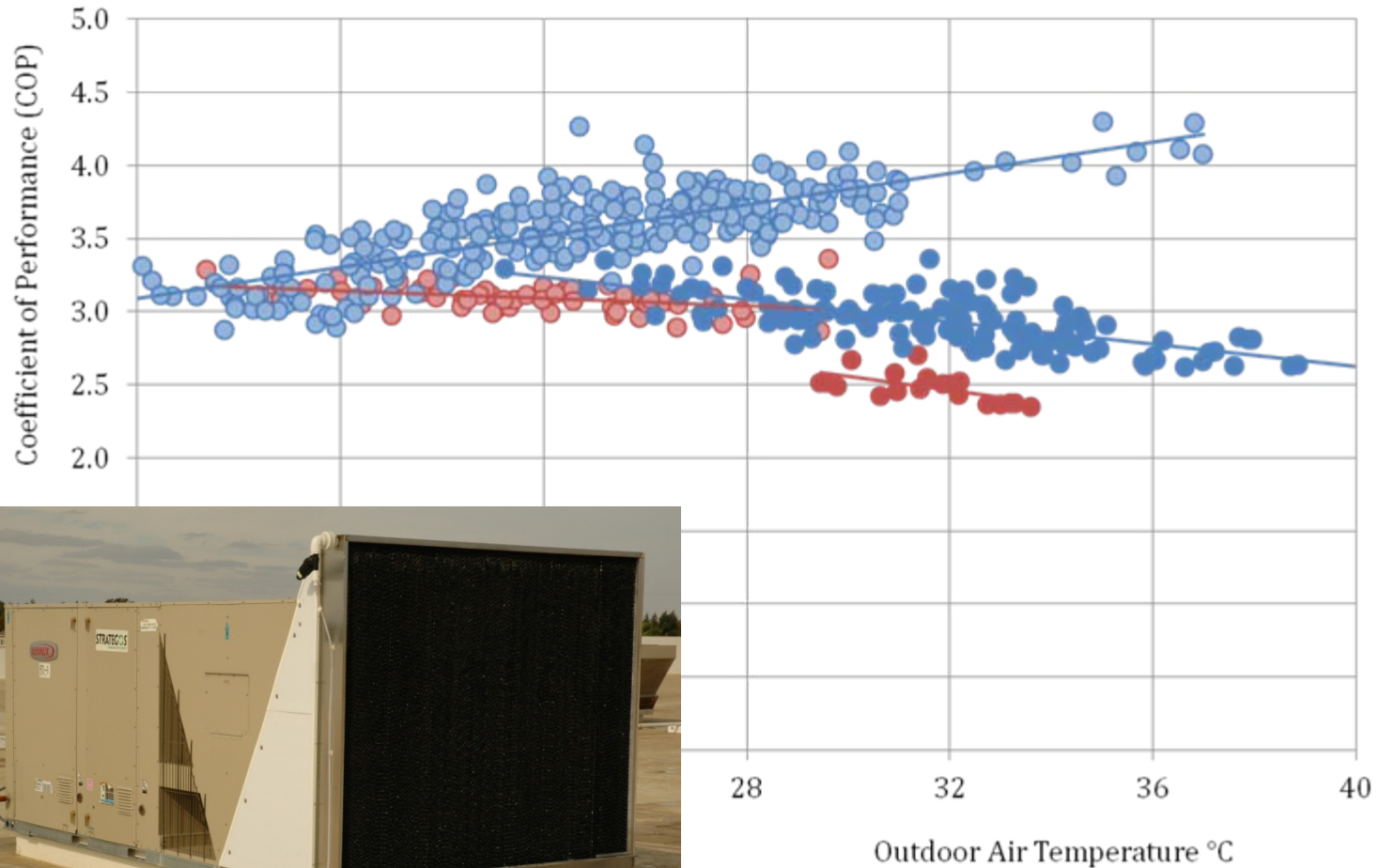
# RTU Retrofits for Retail Buildings



- Condensate capture and recycling
- Evaporative cooling for refrigeration condenser
- Hybrid cooling retrofit for rooftop packaged units

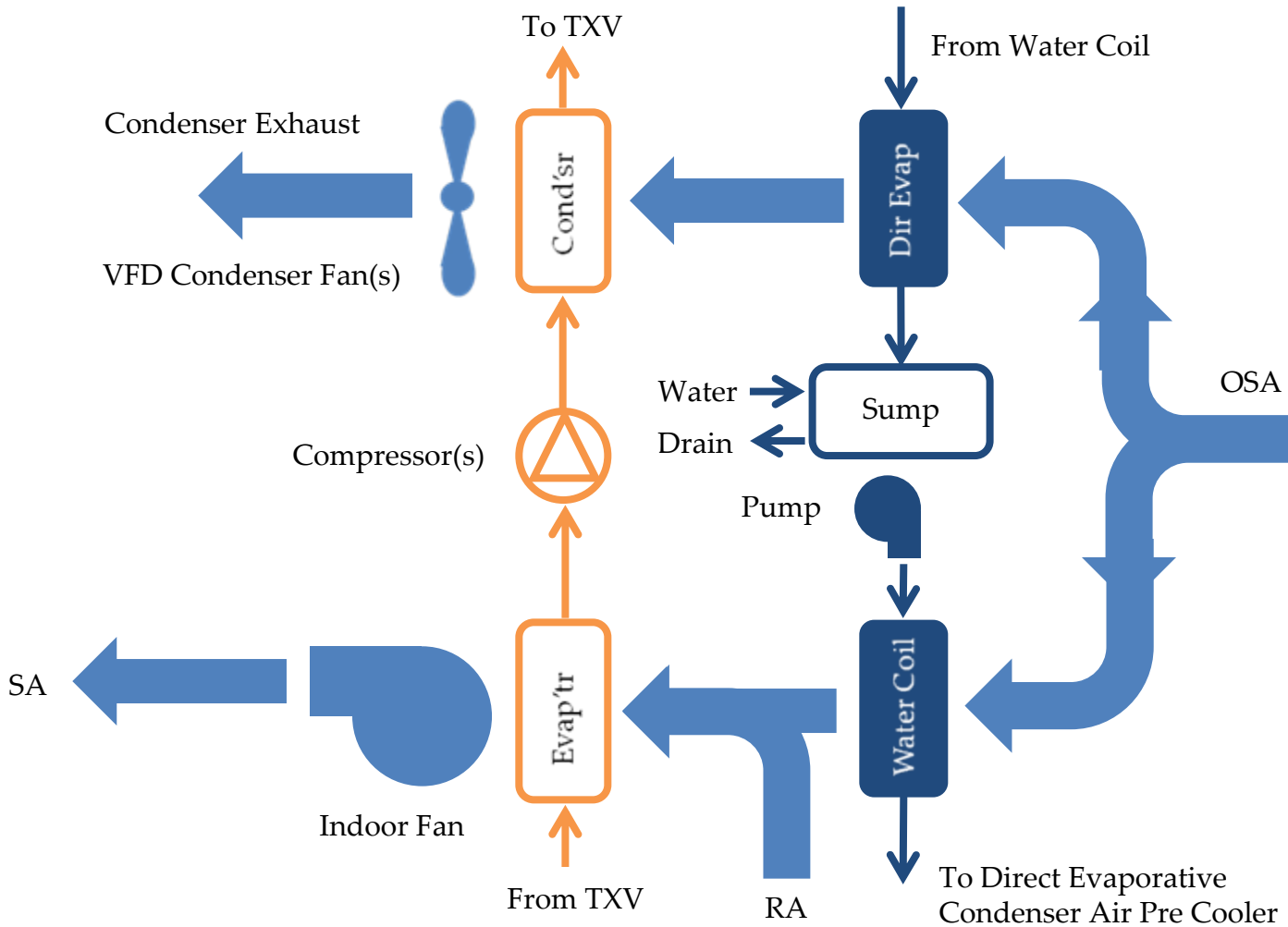


# Dual Cool Testing



- Baseline COP - Stage 2
- Baseline COP - Stage 4
- Retrofit COP - Stage 2
- Retrofit COP - Stage 4

# Trane Voyager DC



# Laboratory Testing



# Western Cooling Challenge is Ongoing

- Laboratory and field testing
- Market introduction
- Incremental improvements to equipment
- Additional participants

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