

# What Utility Planners Need to Know About SEER vs. (True) EER

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Let's start with a survey.....



The “S” Does not Represent SEER!

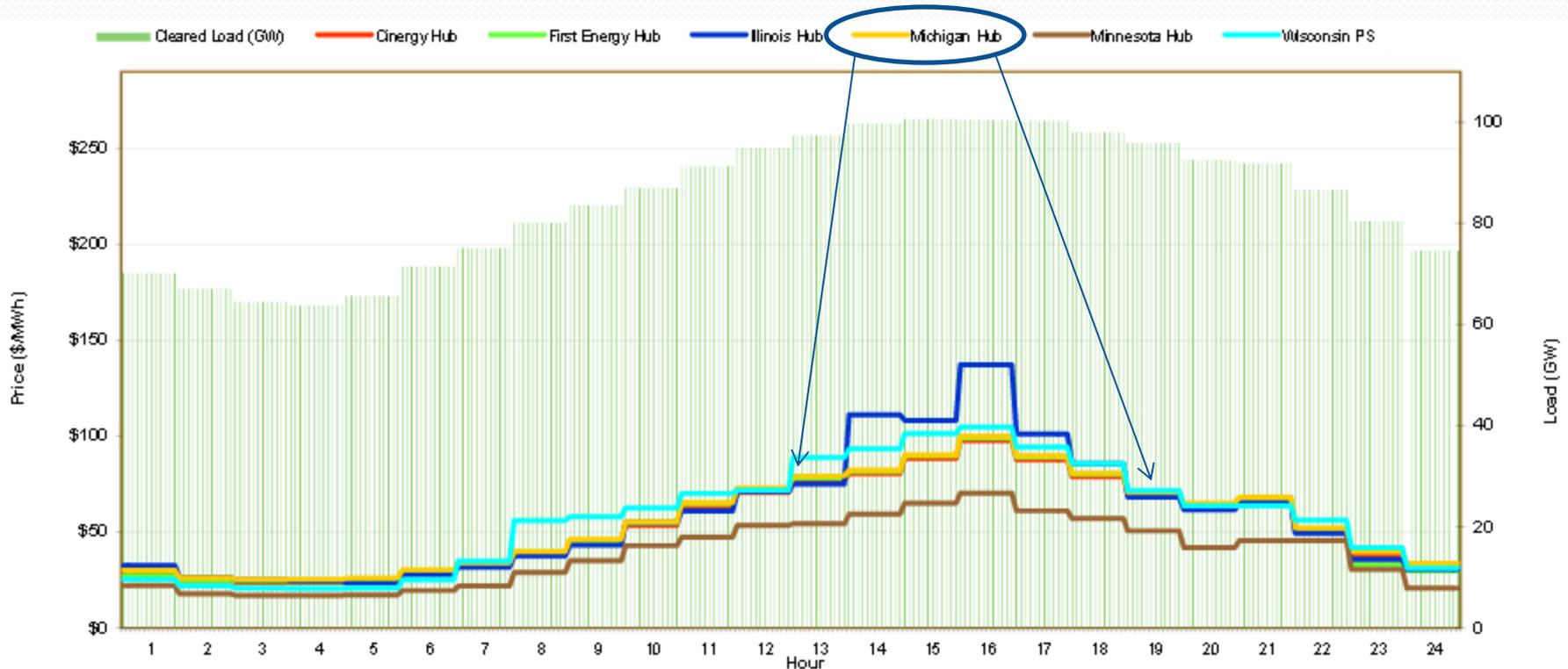


# Do You Worry About:

- Summer Peak Demand?
  - Wind does not back the peak,
    - The wind doesn't blow in Texas when it is 110 out
  - Solar PV may not back the peak -
    - The sun is not very powerful after 4 PM
  - HVAC rebates based on SEER will not save the day
    - But they will make things worse.....



Utility workers are expecting triple-digit temperatures Friday as they work to restore electricity to thousands of Michigan homes and businesses that are still without power....The forecast calls for temperatures to hit or surpass 100 degrees in several cities including Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing....



**Preliminary Real-Time Prices with Forecasted and Actual System Load**

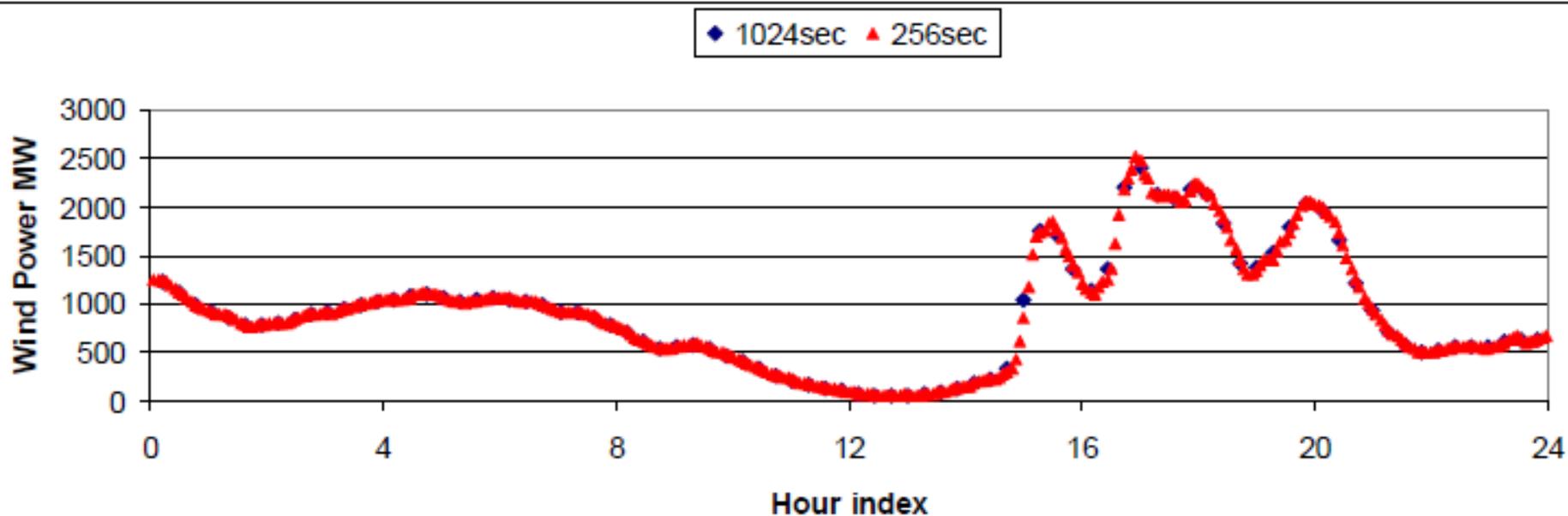
Hour Ending:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Avg. H-\$	
Cinergy Hub	26.93	24.63	24.27	24.12	24.86	25.72	27.43	41.91	50.99	41.97	62.78	86.24	61.17	66.23	75.08	94.18	75.99	60.47	57.66	45.09	44.99	33.12	35.17	31.53	47.60	58.31
First Energy Hub	26.96	24.78	24.52	24.37	25.12	25.88	27.50	42.07	51.35	42.37	63.57	87.66	64.65	94.56	81.43	86.18	76.12	68.09	58.78	45.84	45.66	33.57	35.51	31.93	50.35	62.34
Illinois Hub	26.63	24.14	23.68	23.46	23.93	24.86	26.92	41.42	50.23	41.49	62.12	85.19	60.28	62.37	61.09	68.32	65.94	59.70	56.67	44.48	44.36	32.82	34.73	30.76	44.82	54.46
Michigan Hub	28.38	26.02	25.62	25.47	26.33	27.17	28.98	44.31	53.63	43.53	64.65	88.49	63.24	65.67	62.95	67.80	65.94	61.02	58.25	45.85	46.00	34.10	36.58	33.25	46.80	56.38
Minnesota Hub	24.48	22.10	21.37	21.19	21.71	22.91	25.04	38.33	43.10	35.17	56.22	74.95	50.81	52.66	53.85	61.65	60.24	55.18	48.84	40.52	35.11	30.80	32.71	23.65	39.70	48.14
Wisconsin PS	27.63	25.14	24.52	24.11	23.98	25.15	54.68	86.51	87.99	58.82	130.79	198.19	56.79	57.72	59.20	69.80	68.29	61.85	51.66	45.02	37.64	33.93	36.28	30.41	57.34	71.28

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## Analysis of Wind Power and Load Data at Multiple Time Scales

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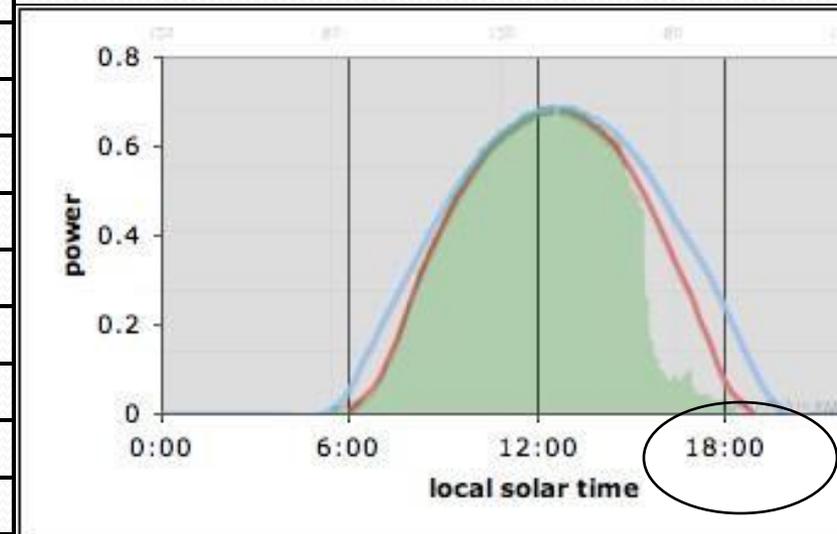


# HVAC Peaks Vs. Solar PV

The warmest time of the day isn't high noon. Instead, it's usually between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., and the high is usually recorded between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. -wiseGEEK

HVAC System
Peak Time
1/4/10 19:00
2/20/10 20:00
3/25/10 21:00
4/28/10 18:00
5/17/10 18:00
6/27/10 18:00
7/23/10 18:00
8/4/10 18:00
9/25/10 18:00
10/14/10 18:00
11/28/10 19:00
12/17/10 19:00

Louisville KY  
eQuest whole house  
Time of HVAC peak



# Does Your Utility Worry About:

- **Flat or declining kWh sales?**
  - **Fitch Ratings:** The expected small increases in U.S. electricity usage will add to the financial pressure on some power entities. The Energy Information Administration projects a 0.6 percent increase in consumption for industry and 0.7 percent for residences through 2040. Consumption fell in 2008, 2009, and 2011 with a small increase in 2010.

Over the next three to five years, "we expect increasing challenges to the monopolistic utility business model as federal lighting standards will be fully effective in 2015" and competition introduced from energy efficiency and demand-response businesses "will hurt the utility credit profile,"

# If Your Utility is Concerned About Flat or Declining kWh Sales:

- Solar PV spins the meter – backwards!
- Traditional efficiency programs also cut kWh usage
- Fuel switching – to natural gas – kills winter (off peak) space conditioning revenue but leaves the summer peak
- HVAC rebates based on SEER will not save the day (but they will make things worse!)



# So What is HVAC Efficiency?

## Air Source

~~ up to 19 SEER ??

~~ up to 20 SEER ??

~~ over 20 SEER ??

## Ground Source - Geothermal

~~ up to 27 EER ??

~~ up to 30 EER ??

~~ 40 + EER ??

# Air Conditioning Efficiency Ratings

*Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER)*

*Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)*

- SEER – the total cooling output provided by the unit during its normal annual usage period divided by its total energy input during the same period.
- EER for Air Source Systems – Efficiency/Capacity at 95 degree Out Door Temperature
- EER for GSHP's – Efficiency/Capacity determined by entering water temperature.

***SEER IS NOT EER!***

# HVAC Efficiency “Measurements”

- There are two versions of SEER
  - True SEER – Total seasonal cooling output kBtu  
Total seasonal electric input kWh

start at this value  
go to this value

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 n = 1+2+3+4 = 10$$

what to sum

- Government / “Industry” SEER
  - SEER became the mandatory federal efficiency metric for residential air conditioners in the late 1980s and for small commercial air conditioners in the early 1990s



# Air Conditioning Refrigeration Institute “ARI”

## *ARI – Tests all A/C Equipment for SEER/EER*

- The “calculations” for SEER require 136 pages in ANSI/AHRI STANDARD 210/240-2008 WITH ADDENDUM 2
- This is a formula based on lab measurements at 80 degrees inside and 82 & 95 outside (under perfect conditions)
- SEER can now be based/labeled on low speed operation!



# HVAC Efficiency “Measurements”

- The major flaws in AHRI SEER ratings for air source heat pumps include:
  - Testing at -indoor air temp – 80 deg. / outdoor air 82 deg.
  - For variable capacity heat pumps, 66% of the rating (test) points are at 67, 72, and 77 deg. Outdoor air temps!
    - So the outdoor air is colder than the indoor air...for cooling!
  - Equipment can be rated with out dehumidification capacity – do you live in Las Vegas??????
  - There is no requirement to rate (or report) performance at outdoor air temps above 95 deg. (or below 17 deg for heating) much less at 105 +!

# EER = Point in Time Efficiency

*Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)*

*EER = Btu capacity/system watts*

*Example – 3 ton unit*

*36000 Btu/10 EER = 3600 watts*

*36000 Btu/15 EER = 2400 watts*

*15 EER is 33% more efficient than 10 EER for the same Btu delivery*

# Efficiency Comparison

*SEER is never equal to EER*

## *3 Ton Single Speed Air Source Systems*

*13 SEER -- 11 EER*

*14 SEER -- 12 EER*

*15 SEER -- 13 EER*

## *2-Speed High SEER Air Source Systems*

*2 ton - 19 SEER -- 14 EER*

*3 ton - 18.6 SEER -- 13 EER*

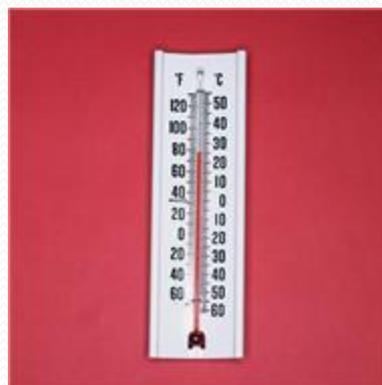
*4 ton - 17.5 SEER -- 12 EER*

*5 ton - 17 SEER -- 11 EER*

*Ground Source HP's -- 16-21 EER*

# HVAC Efficiency “Measurements”

- How many of your customers set their indoor temperature at 80 degrees in the summer?
- How often does your system peak when it is :
  - 82 degrees outside?
  - 95 degrees outside?
  - 100 (or more) outside?



# HVAC Efficiency “Measurements”

- What are the chances that the air conditioning equipment will be running on low speed on the hottest days of the year?
- If you were designing equipment and knew that 2 laboratory measurement conditions drove your efficiency rating, would you game the system to your advantage?



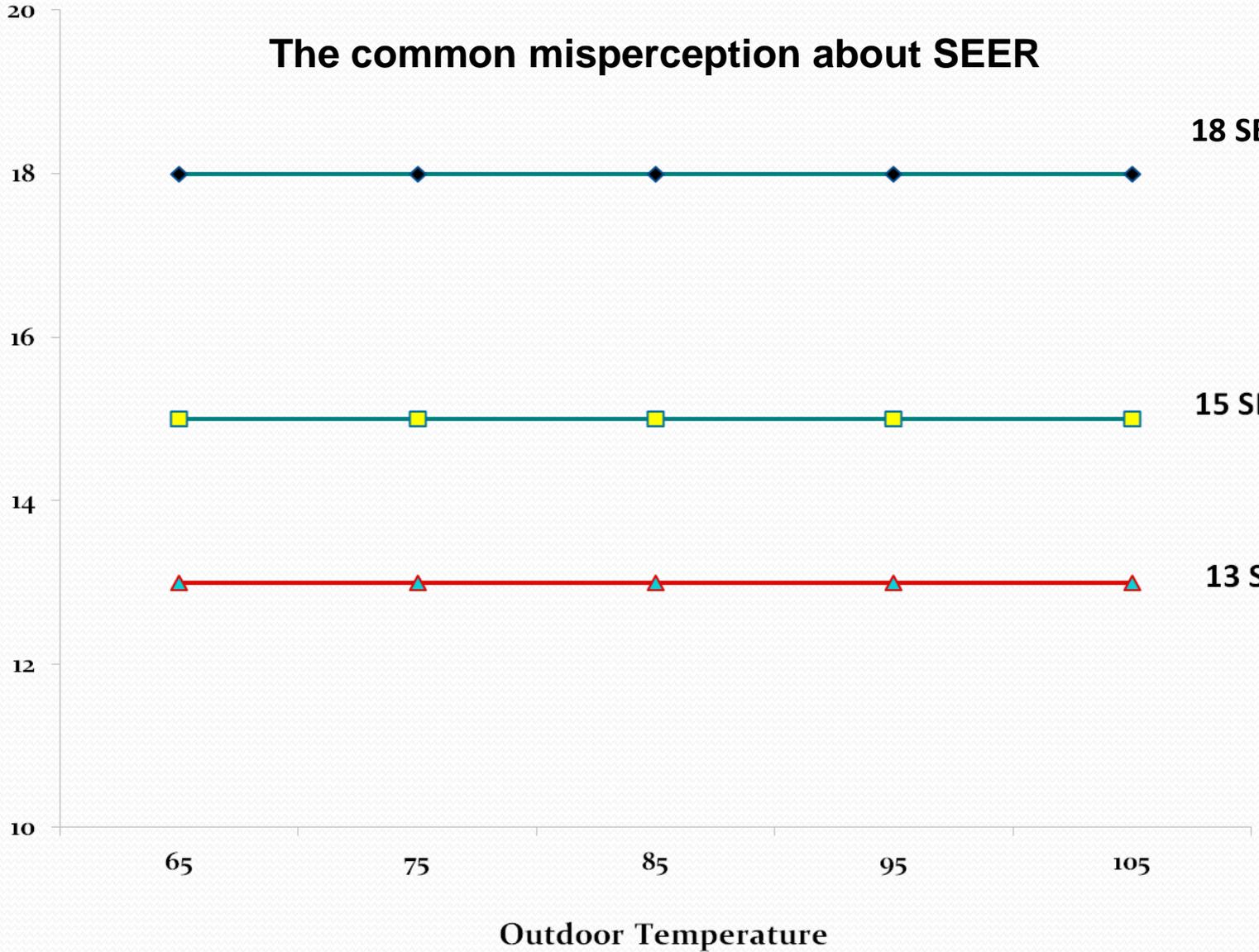
# Air Source Efficiency

The common misperception about SEER

18 SEER

15 SEER

13 SEER



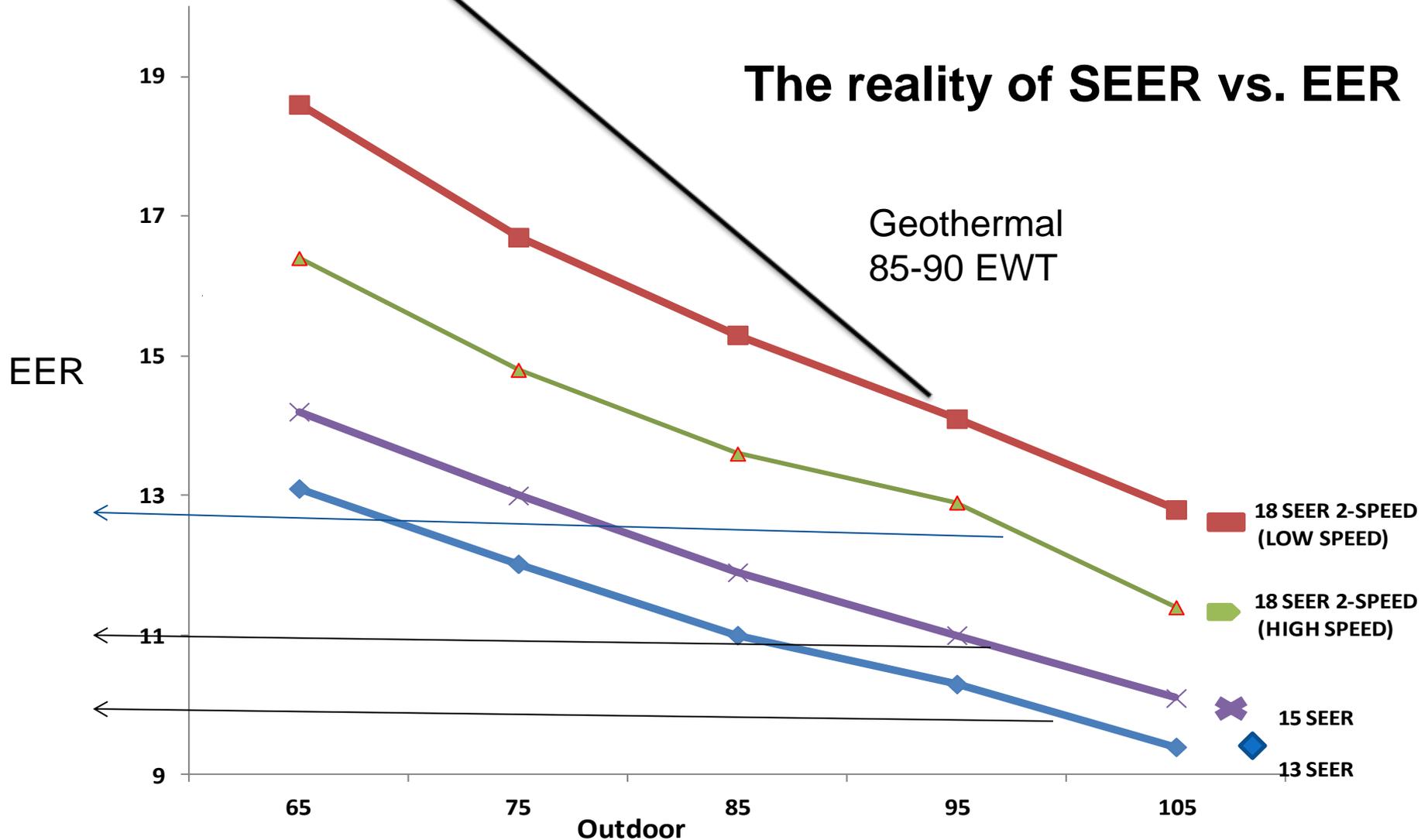
Energy  
Efficiency  
Ratio  
(EER)

Outdoor Temperature

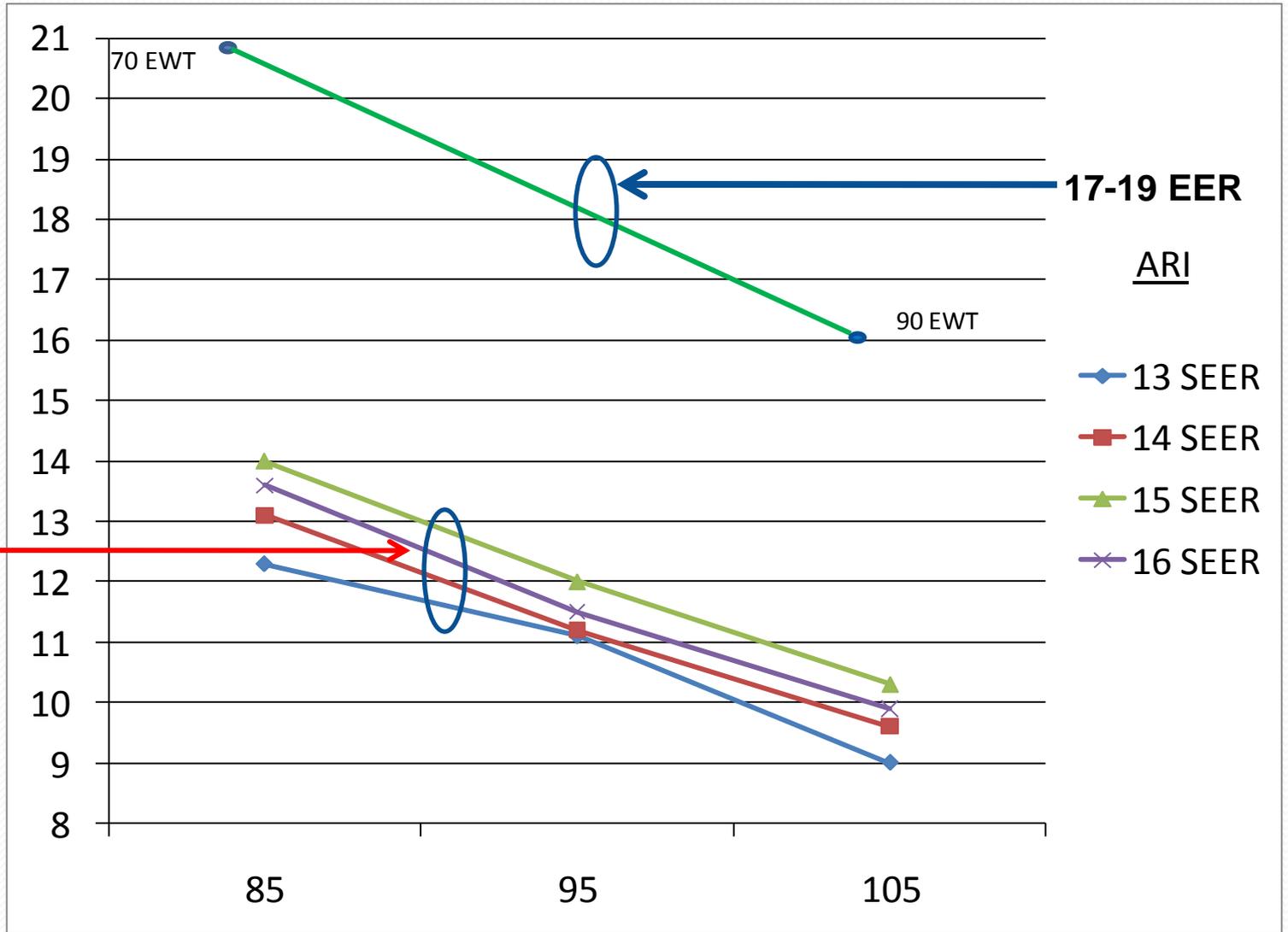
# Air Source Efficiency

(Maintain 75 INDOOR TEMP)

## The reality of SEER vs. EER



# Air Source to Ground Source Efficiency



Outdoor Temperature

Energy Efficiency  
EER

11-13 EER

17-19 EER

ARI

13 SEER

14 SEER

15 SEER

16 SEER

70 EWT

90 EWT

# The Reality of SEER

## DETAILED COOLING CAPACITIES CONTINUED

EVAPORATOR AIR		CONDENSER ENTERING AIR TEMPERATURES DEG F																	
CFM	EWB	75			85			95			105			115			125		
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<b>25HNA948A30 Outdoor Section With FE5ANB006 Indoor Section – Low Stage</b>																			
950	72	41.05	20.59	1.94	39.20	20.17	2.19	37.19	19.69	2.46	35.01	19.12	2.78	32.64	18.47	3.14	31.55	18.30	3.11
	67	37.04	25.08	1.94	35.34	24.72	2.20	33.49	24.28	2.48	31.50	23.77	2.80	29.33	23.18	3.17	26.94	22.47	3.60
	††63	34.15	24.15	1.95	32.55	23.77	2.21	30.83	23.32	2.49	28.97	22.80	2.82	26.95	22.19	3.19	24.72	21.48	3.63
	62	33.38	29.56	1.95	31.81	29.25	2.21	30.13	28.86	2.50	28.34	28.37	2.82	26.64	26.64	3.20	24.89	24.89	3.62
	57	32.14	32.14	1.95	30.94	30.94	2.21	29.63	29.63	2.50	28.20	28.20	2.82	26.64	26.64	3.20	24.89	24.89	3.62
1120	72	42.27	21.90	1.98	40.32	21.49	2.23	38.18	21.00	2.50	35.87	20.43	2.81	35.07	20.41	2.75	30.64	19.02	3.59
	67	38.17	27.18	1.98	36.35	26.83	2.24	34.40	26.40	2.51	32.29	25.90	2.83	30.00	25.30	3.20	27.50	24.60	3.63
	††63	35.22	26.13	1.99	33.52	25.76	2.24	31.69	25.31	2.53	29.72	24.79	2.85	27.59	24.18	3.23	25.26	23.46	3.66
	62	34.48	32.42	1.99	32.85	32.55	2.25	31.31	31.31	2.53	29.75	29.75	2.85	28.05	28.05	3.22	26.15	26.15	3.64
	57	34.05	34.05	1.99	32.73	32.73	2.25	31.31	31.31	2.53	29.75	29.75	2.85	28.05	28.05	3.22	26.15	26.15	3.64
1300	72	43.15	23.16	2.04	41.12	22.76	2.28	38.88	22.27	2.56	36.46	21.69	2.87	33.86	21.05	3.22	32.81	20.94	3.20
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1200	72	55.51	28.17	3.04	52.87	26.88	3.33	50.04	25.54	3.64	47.04	24.17	3.99	43.82	22.74	4.36	42.03	21.87	4.35
	67	50.45	34.17	2.99	48.01	32.78	3.28	45.43	31.35	3.59	42.68	29.88	3.93	41.17	28.96	3.84	36.51	26.78	4.71
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	57	43.40	43.40	2.91	41.65	41.65	3.21	39.77	39.77	3.52	37.76	37.76	3.86	35.59	35.59	4.24	34.14	34.14	4.21
1400	72	56.95	29.64	3.14	54.18	28.31	3.43	51.18	26.93	3.74	48.03	25.51	4.08	44.65	24.05	4.45	42.85	23.17	4.45
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1600	72	57.92	30.94	3.26	55.01	29.57	3.54	51.93	28.16	3.85	48.66	26.71	4.19	45.15	25.21	4.57	43.36	24.34	4.56
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	57	47.44	47.44	3.14	45.40	45.40	3.43	43.25	43.25	3.74	40.95	40.95	4.09	39.65	39.65	4.00	35.74	35.74	4.88

# EER Test Data for a Heat Pump Unit Promoted at 19 SEER

Outdoor air temp

75

CAPACITY MBTUH†		TOTAL SYSTEM KW**
TOTAL	SENS‡	
41.05	20.59	1.94
37.04	25.08	1.94
34.15	24.15	1.95
33.38	29.56	1.95
32.14	32.14	1.95
42.27	21.90	1.98
38.17	27.18	1.98
35.22	26.13	1.99
34.48	32.42	1.99
34.05	34.05	1.99
43.15	23.16	2.04
38.99	29.26	2.04
36.00	28.08	2.05

**At 115 degrees  
EER drops to  
8.5**

$36/2.05 = 17.5$  EER

$30.25/2.91 = 10.3$  EER

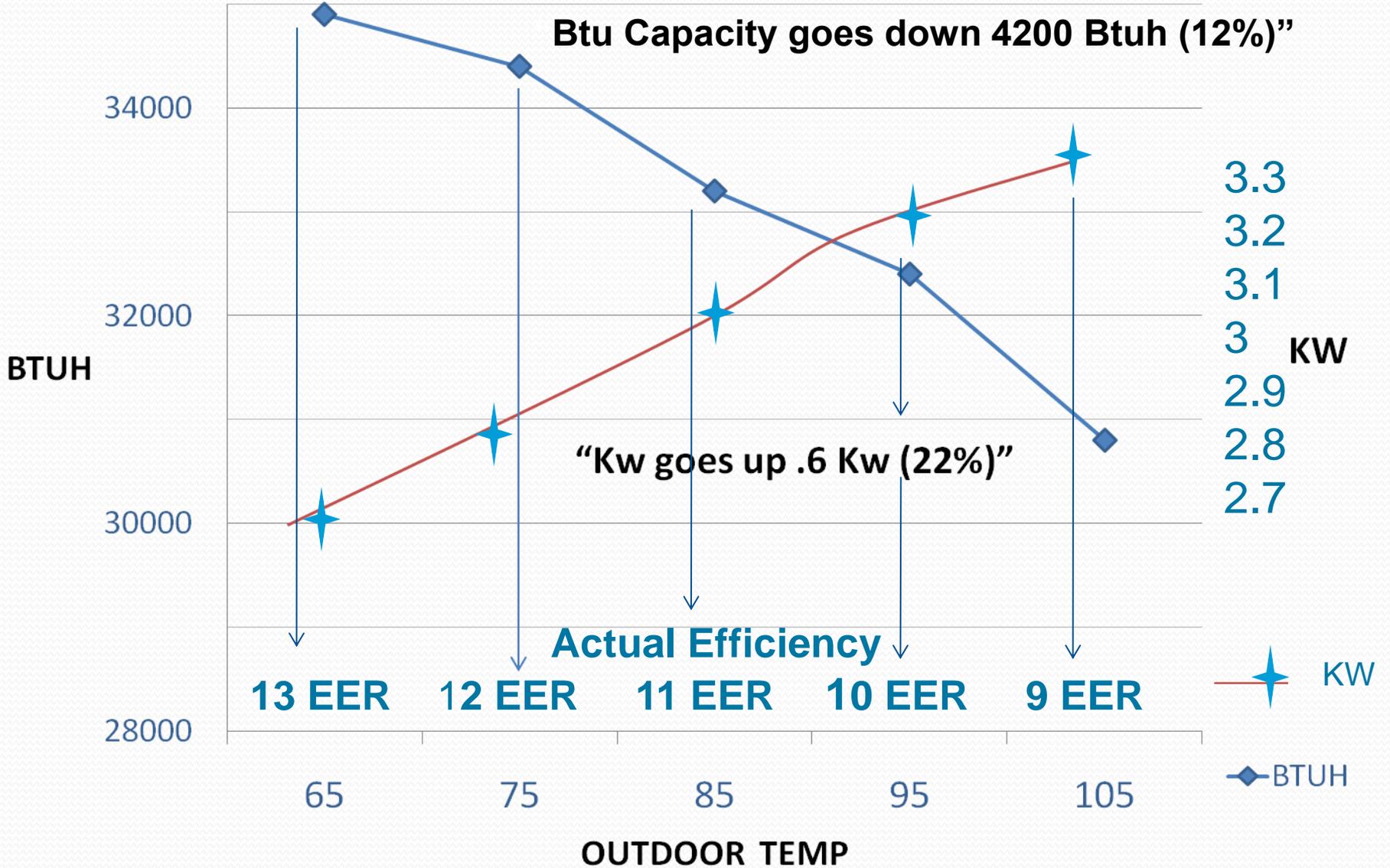
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CAPACITY MBTUH†		TOTAL SYSTEM KW**
TOTAL	SENS‡	
Door Section - Low Stage		
35.01	19.12	2.78
31.50	23.77	2.80
28.97	22.80	2.82
28.34	28.37	2.82
28.20	28.20	2.82
35.87	20.43	2.81
32.29	25.90	2.83
29.72	24.79	2.85
29.75	29.75	2.85
29.75	29.75	2.85
36.46	21.69	2.87
32.84	28.00	2.89
30.25	26.76	2.91

# Something Else You May Not Know

- As the outdoor Temperature rises, the capacity of air source equipment drops – a refrigerant function
  - But -to keep occupants comfortable, the equipment (capacity) needs to be sized to match the peak load... so systems are oversized off-peak
- Outside air coils deteriorate in performance over time and (field installed) refrigerant charges are critical to performance
- “Field conditions” never match “laboratory conditions” and have little chance of being better

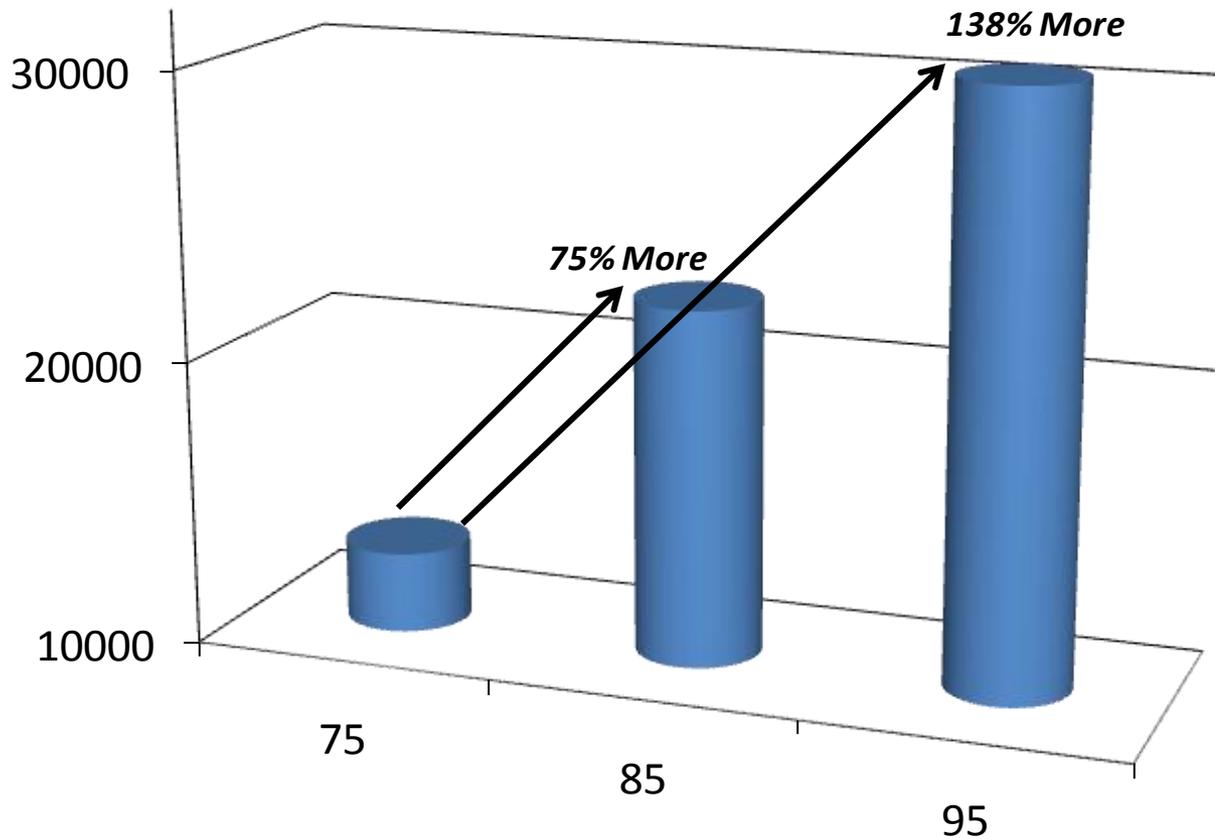
# 3 Ton - 13.0 SEER Air Conditioner (75/63 WB IDT)



# Outdoor Ambient Temperature Effect on Home Btuh Requirements

*Example - 2255 SF Home – Code Construction*

Btuh Heat  
removal  
to  
maintain 75  
indoors



Outdoor Temperature

**“The best efficiency is when the A/C unit runs the least!”**

# HP-A/C Efficiency Analysis

**High SEER Air Source Units**

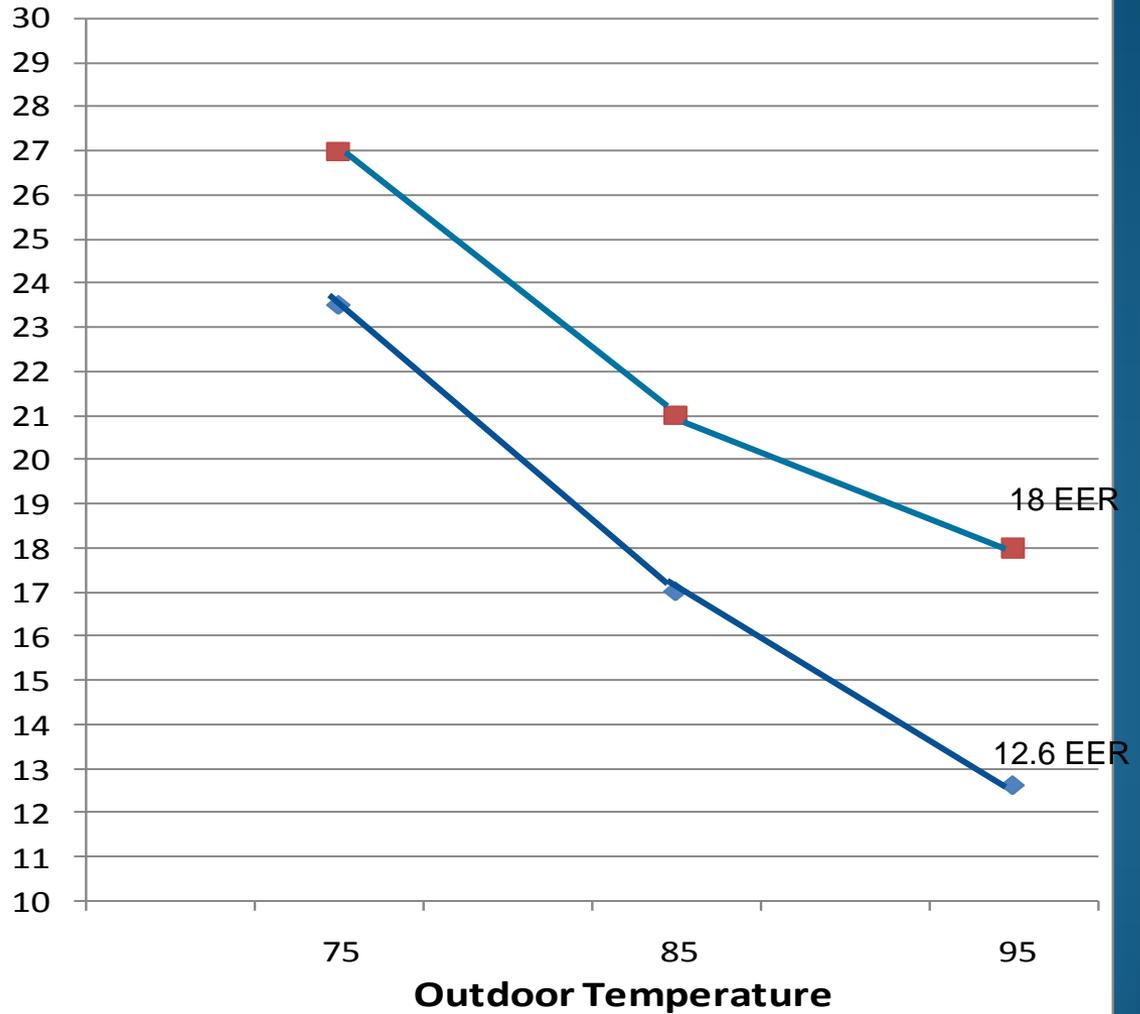
**SEER – 2--Speed Compressors**

# Best Air Source vs. Ground Source Efficiency

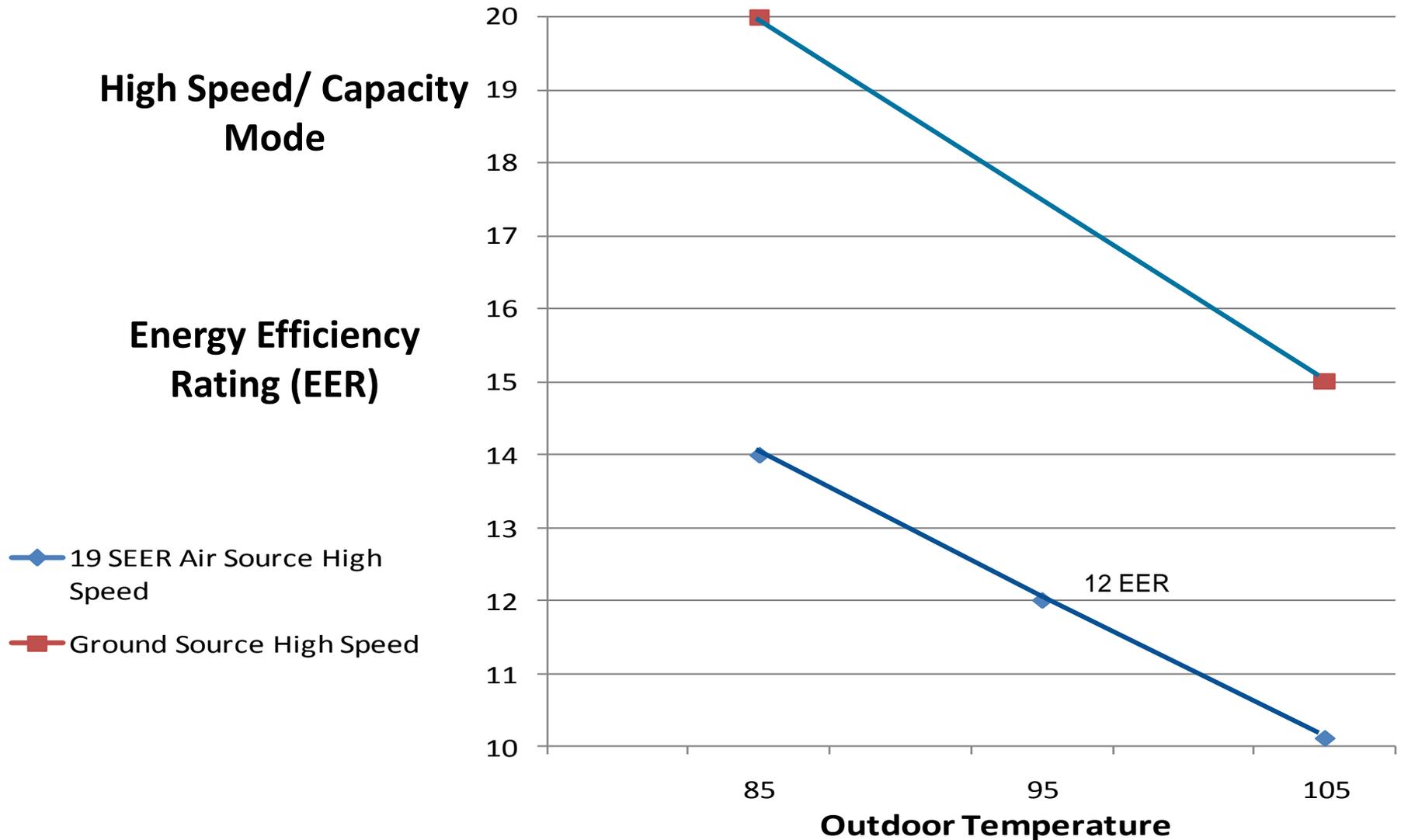
**LOW Speed/Capacity Mode**

**Energy Efficiency Rating (EER)**

-  Air Source Low Speed
-  Ground Source Low Speed



# Best Air Source vs. Best Ground Source Efficiency



# Summary -Air Source vs. Ground Source Efficiency

**At Typical Summer Outdoor Temps – 85-95 degrees:**

**The SEER Rating Efficiency is realized at very low outdoor ambient temps (~75 degrees) -- when there are less run operating hours**

## **Residential 2-Speed System Efficiency**

- **Ground Source Exceeds Air Source Efficiency – 26% for high speed A/C operation**
  - **Ground Source Exceeds Air Source Efficiency – 33% on low speed A/C operation**
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## **Single-Speed System Efficiency**

- **Ground Source Exceeds Air Source 13 SEER Unit Efficiency – 40% on A/C Operation**



# Demand Impacts

## GHP Summary

kW/ton at 85 F Outside Air Temperature

GHP Value  
.5 kW/ton

EER	GHP #1	GHP #2	GHP #3	Average	*Difference vs 13 SEER AC
15.1	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.85	0.45
16	0.85	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.48
17	0.80	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.52

\*Assumes 13 SEER AC at 105° F outside air temperature is about 1.3 kW/ton  
GHP EER of 15.1 is our minimum standard for rebate

# Demand Impacts

- Western Farmers initial rebate effort relied on EER for ground source and SEER for air source.
- After evaluating the results of their 2010 program they had to drastically modify their program if they hoped to achieve their peak reduction goal.

	<u>ASHP</u>	<u>GSHP</u>
Projected kW reduction per ton rebated	0.33 kW	0.66 kW
2010 results kW reduction/ton rebated	0.16 kW	0.65 kW

# Demand Impacts

- In several cases the ROI on air source installations exceeded the expected life expectancy of the air source equipment
- In many cases the new (rebated) air source equipment had decreased energy sales without reducing peak capacity requirements



# Demand Impacts

- After evaluating the results of their 2010 program they had to drastically modify their program if they hoped to achieve their peak reduction goal.
- Now require air source equipment to meet high EER ratings at 95 degrees.
- Moved most of their rebate money from air source to ground source
- Are working with CRN on a major study to compare actual before and after peak demand performance this summer with 20+ in field retrofits – suspect the real savings is 1kW/ton+

# National Peak Demand Impacts

- Each residential heat pump linked to geothermal system can reduce peak loads in (US DOE)
  - Summer by 1–2 KW vs. AC
  - Winter by 4–8 KW vs. AAHP & ER
- Residential Market Potential
  - Over 10 million residential consumers
  - Assume just 1 KW reduction per installation
  - 10,000 MW demand reduction
  - With increased kWh sales, reduced carbon emissions, and lower customer energy bills

# HVAC Efficiency

## What about Commercial?

Chillers

Roof-Top Units/Air Cooled HVAC

GSHP's

# Geothermal Efficiency Example

*(Actual New Commercial Building – Closed~Loop – 116 Tons)*

**Ground Source Heat Pumps – 116 tons - 13.5 EER – 103 Kw**

Adding the Auxiliary Components:

Circulation Pump -- 7.46 kW

Building Exhaust Fans -- .6 kW

Total Auxiliary -- 8.06 kW

Overall System Kw ---  $8.06 + 103 = 111$  kW

Overall GHP System Efficiency

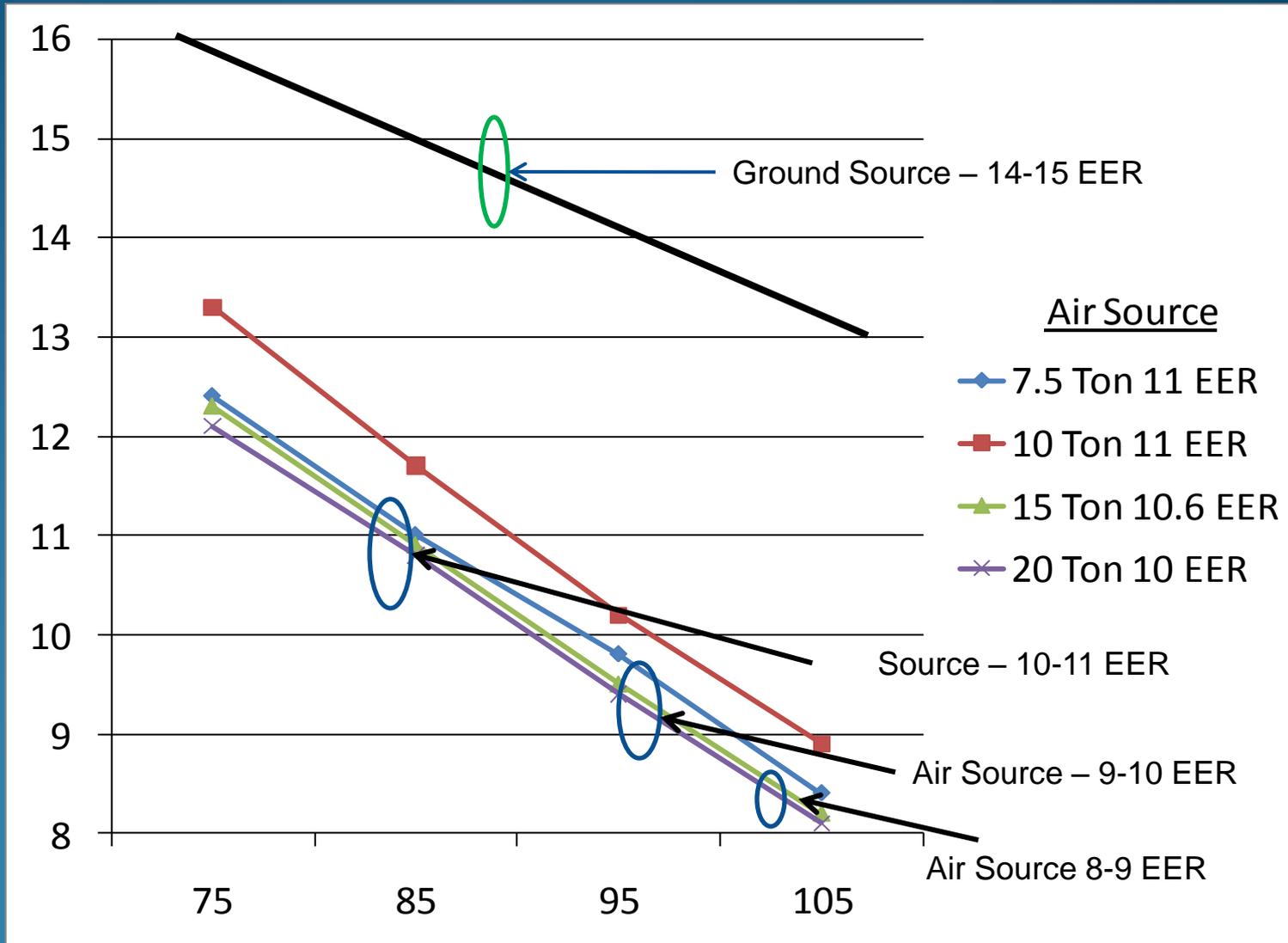
$116 \text{ tons} \times 12,000 / 111,000 \text{ watts} = 12.5 \text{ EER}$

Same building with conventional boiler/chiller

$120 \text{ tons} \times 12,000 / 275,000 \text{ watts} = 5.2 \text{ EER}$

# Commercial Air Source A/C vs. Ground Source Efficiency

Energy Efficiency  
EER



Outdoor Temperature

# Geothermal Efficiency Example

*(Actual New Commercial Building – Closed Loop – 116 Tons)*

**Water Source Heat Pumps – 116 tons - 13.5 EER – 103 kW**

Adding the Auxiliary Components:

Circulation Pump           -- 7.46 kW

Overall System kW       ---  $7.46 + 103 = 110.46$  kW

Overall System Efficiency

$116 \text{ tons} \times 12,000 / 110,460 \text{ watts} = \mathbf{12.6 \text{ EER}} \text{ -- } \mathbf{.95 \text{ kW/ton}}$

# Chiller Efficiency Example

- ◆ Chiller VAV System - .5 kW/ton – 24 EER
- ◆ Adding the auxiliary components:
  - ◆ Air Handler Fans
  - ◆ Chilled Water Pump
  - ◆ Condenser Pump
  - ◆ Cooling Tower Fan
  - ◆ Zone or VAV Fans
- ◆ Overall System Efficiency Result ----- 7-8 EER

Source: July 2003 ASHRAE Journal article “Estimating Demand and Efficiency”, by Steve Kavanaugh.

# Chiller Efficiency Example

*(Actual New Commercial Building 120 Tons)*

**Air Cooled Chiller – (condenser fan & compressor) 9.3 EER -- 155 kW**

Adding the Auxiliary Components:

Chilled Water Pump -- 11 kW

AHU Motors -- 61 kW

Total Auxiliary -- 72 kW

Overall System kW ---  $72 + 155 = 227$  kW

**Overall Full Load System Efficiency**

--  $120 \text{ tons} \times 12,000 / 227,000 \text{ watts} = \mathbf{6.3 \text{ EER}} \text{ -- } \mathbf{1.89 \text{ kW/ton}}$

# Geothermal Efficiency Example

*(Actual New Commercial Building – Closed Loop – 19 Tons)*

**Water Source Heat Pumps – (6 units) 15.5 EER – 14.7 kW**

Adding the Auxiliary Components:

Circulation Pump            -- 1.7 kW

Total Auxiliary            -- 1.7 kW

Overall System kW        ---  $1.7 + 14.7 = 16.4$  kW

Overall System Efficiency

**19 tons x 12,000/16,400 watts = 13.9 EER -- .86 kW/ton**

## “Conclusion” Commercial HVAC System Efficiency

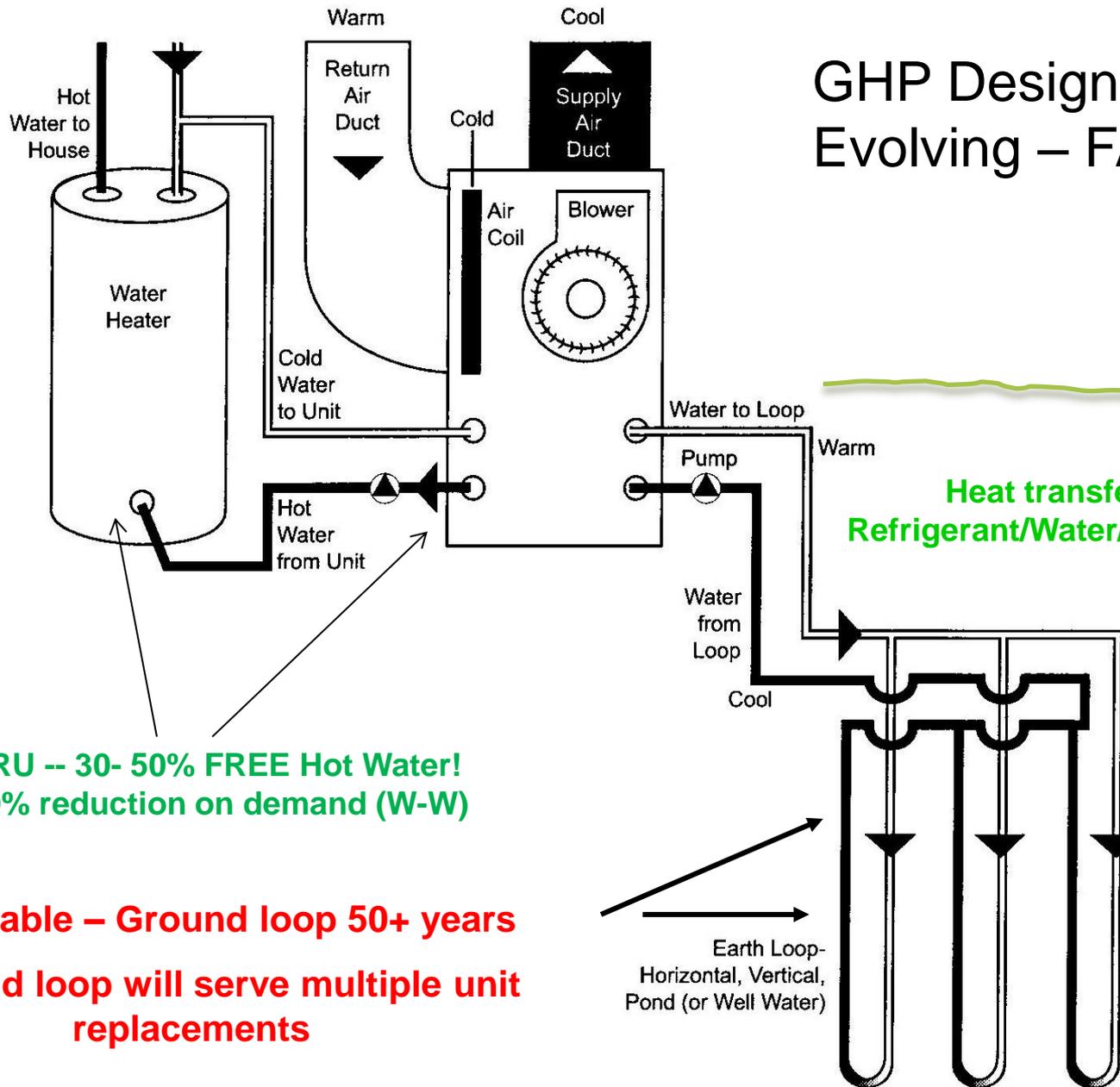
Chillers	1.8 kW/ton
Roof-Top Units	1.2 kW/ton
GSHP's	.9 kW/ton

### GSHP's vs. Air Source System Efficiency

25% more efficient than packaged equipment

50% more efficient than air cooled chillers

# Cooling Operation



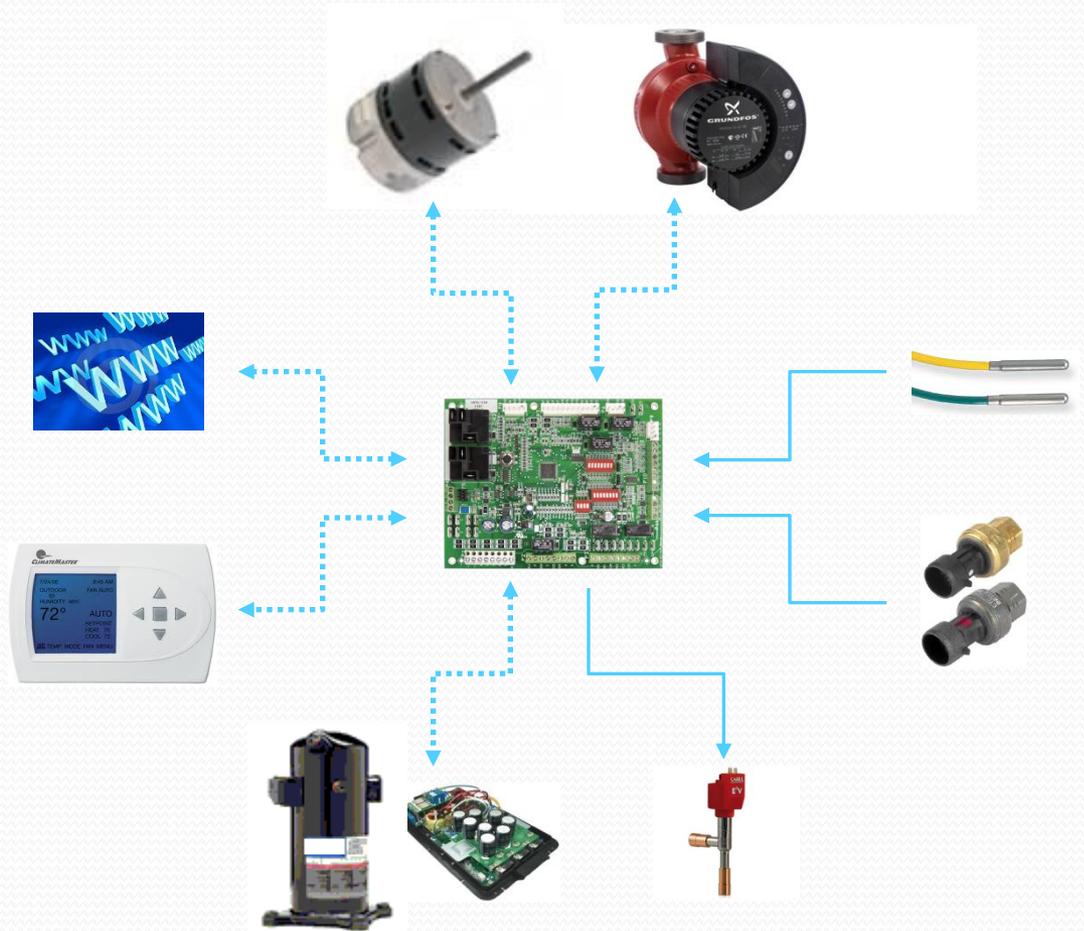
GHP Designs are Evolving – FAST!

HRU -- 30- 50% FREE Hot Water!  
50% reduction on demand (W-W)

Sustainable – Ground loop 50+ years  
-- ground loop will serve multiple unit replacements

Earth Loop-  
Horizontal, Vertical,  
Pond (or Well Water)

# A GHP Technology Revolution is Underway

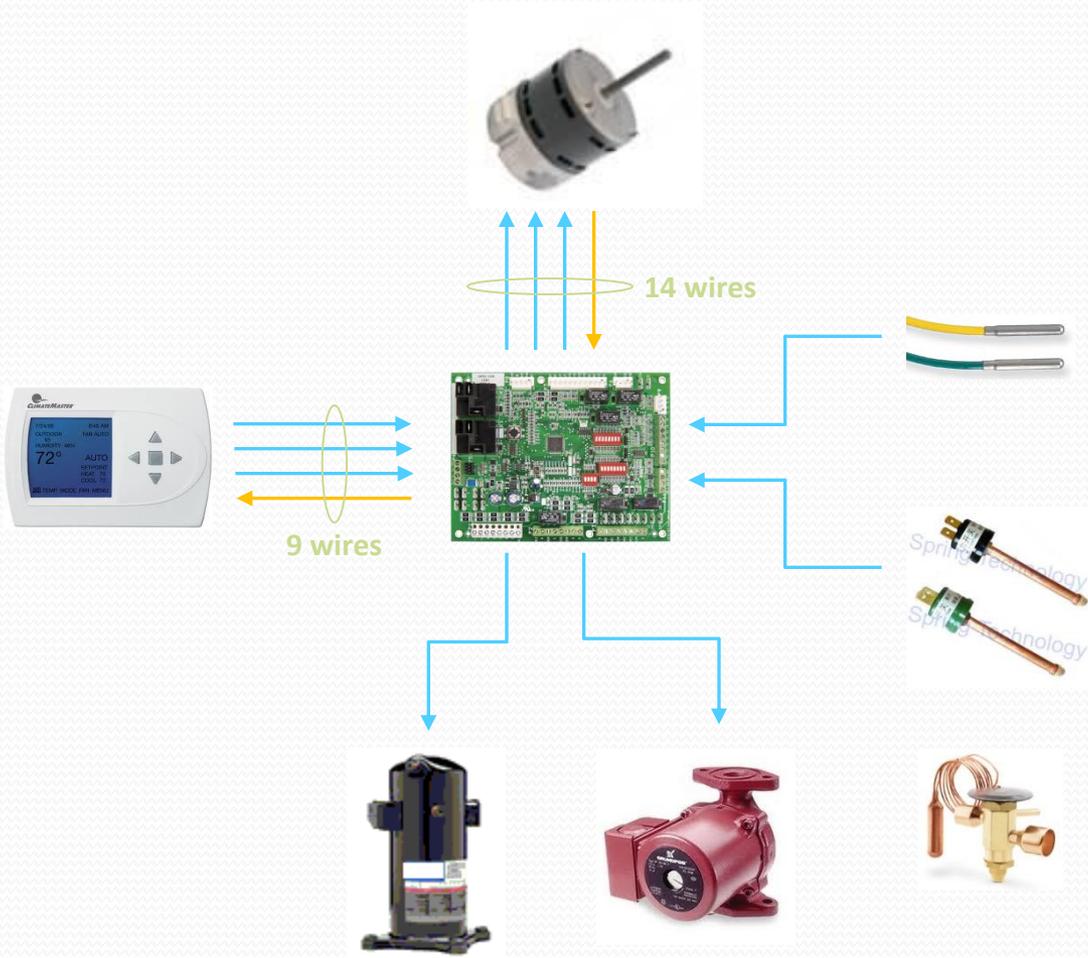




# **Advanced Controls**

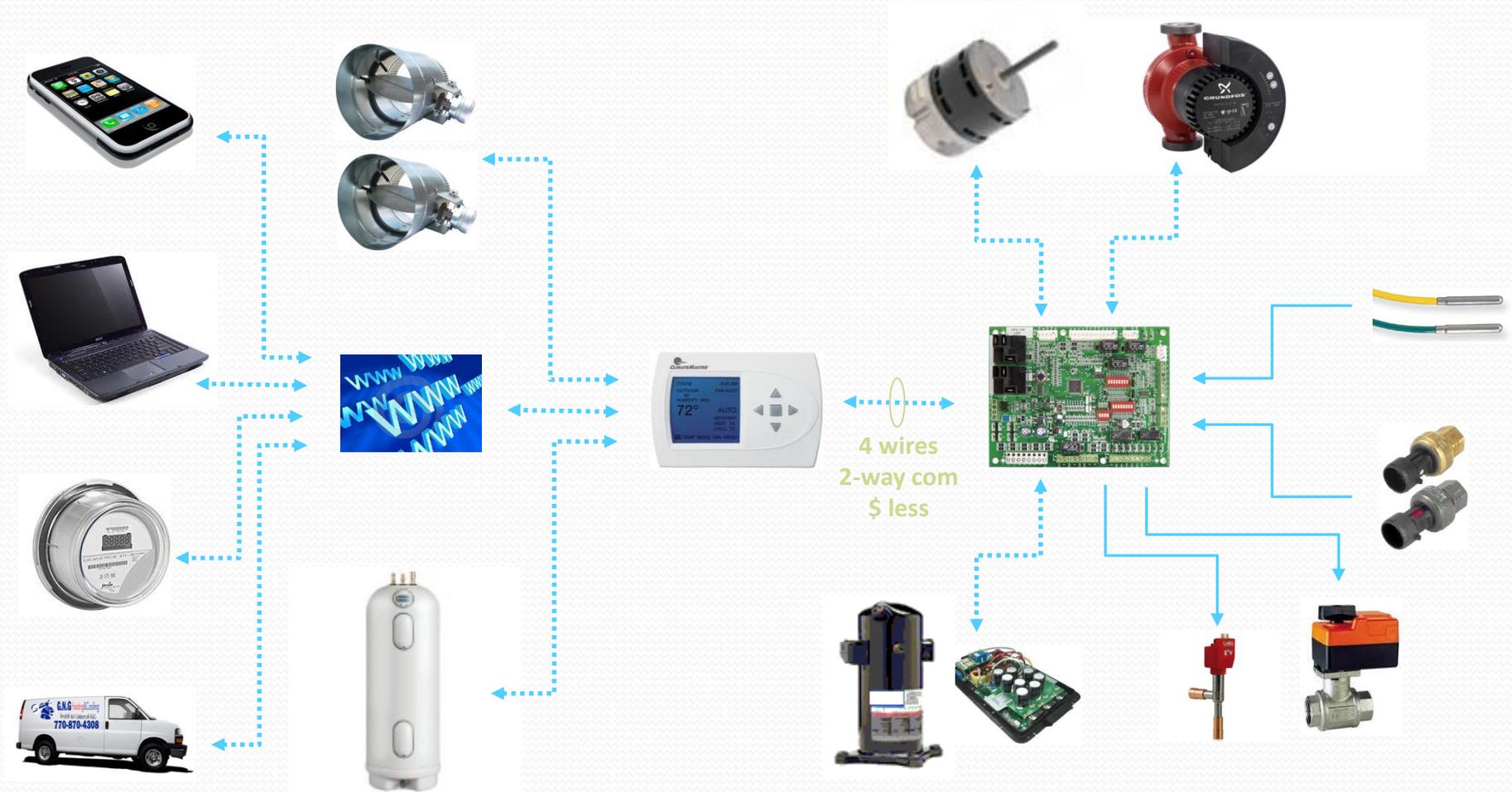
# Current GHP Controls

Circa 1990



# Communicating GHP Controls

Launched 2011





# Smart Components

# Smart Sensors



versus switch  
\$ less  
new points  
< \$10



added cost  
< \$ 75



added cost  
< \$ 150

# Smart Valves



added cost  
< \$ 50



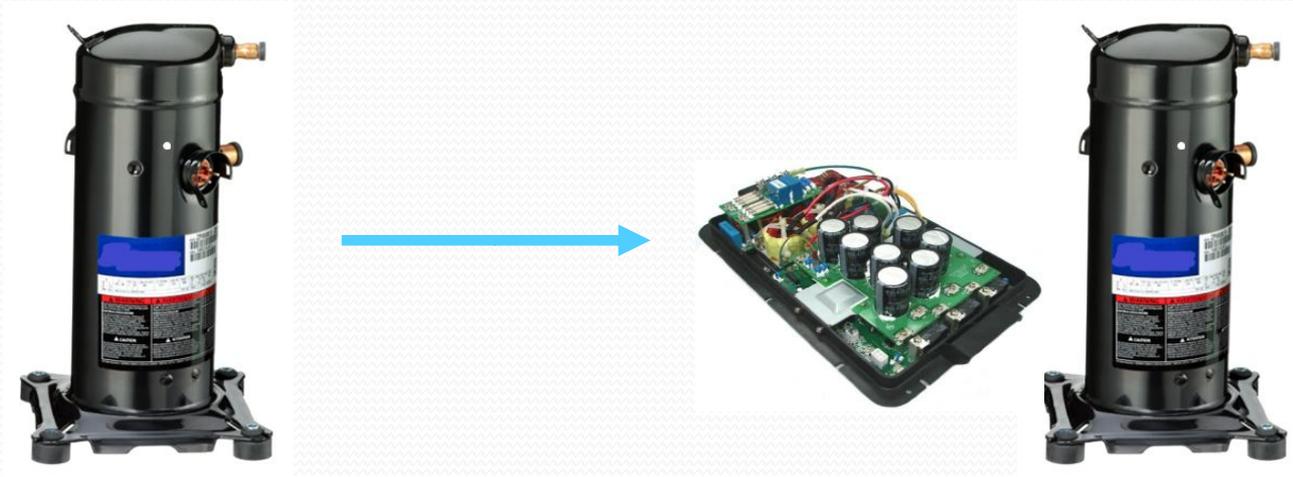
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# **Variable Speed**

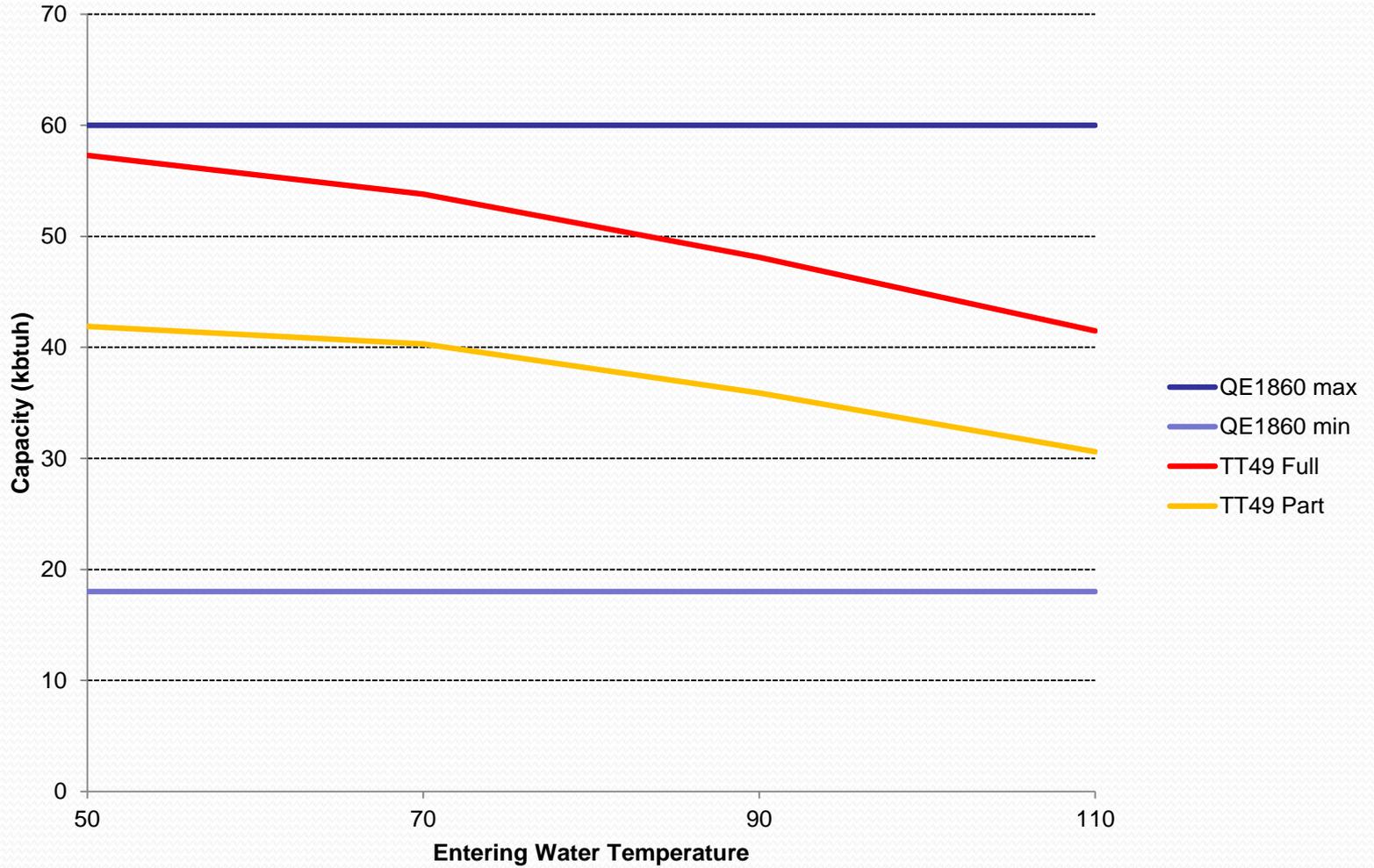
# Variable Speed Compressor

Field Trials began in 2009



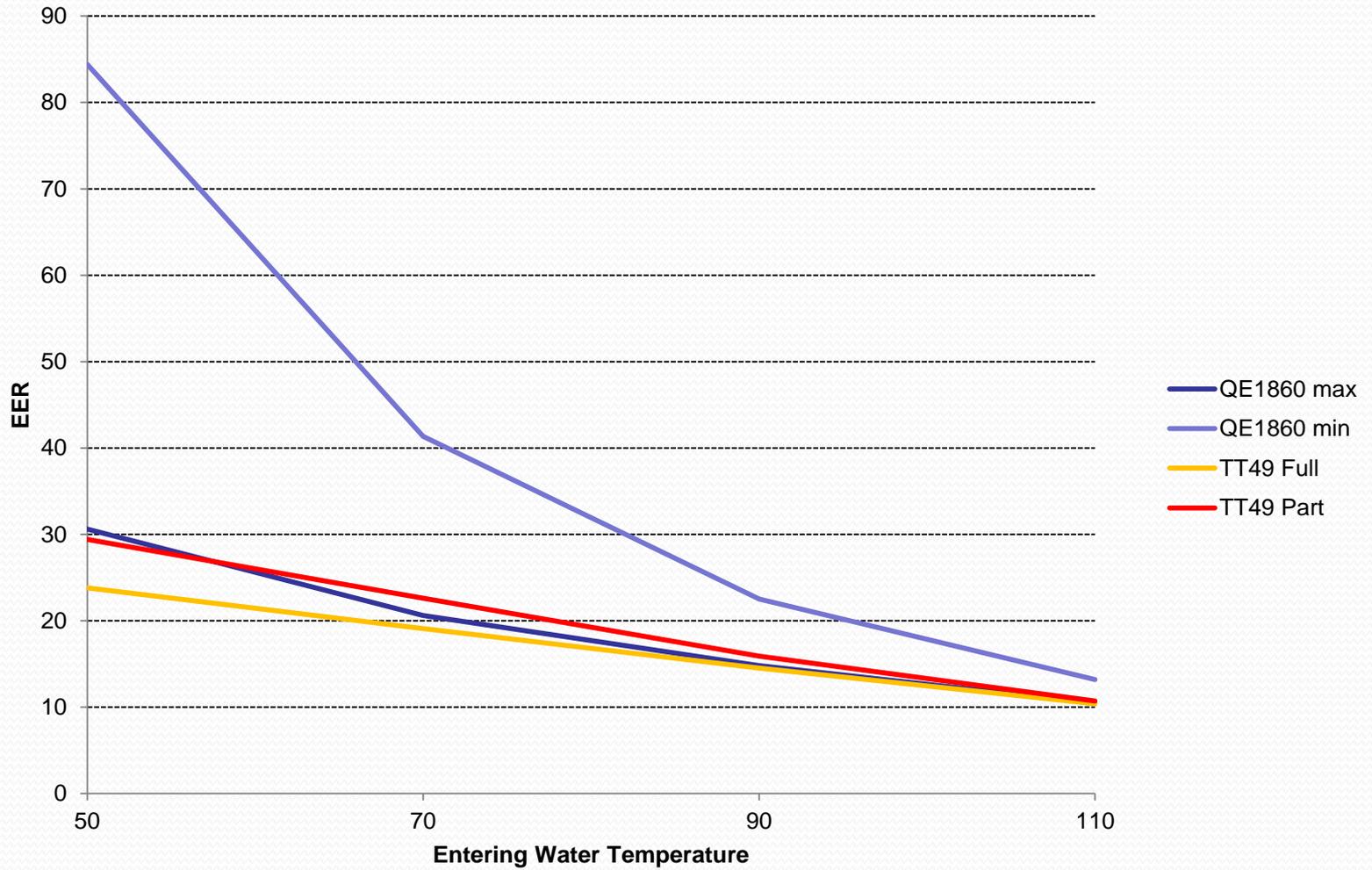
# Trilogy QE1860 Capacity

## Cooling Mode



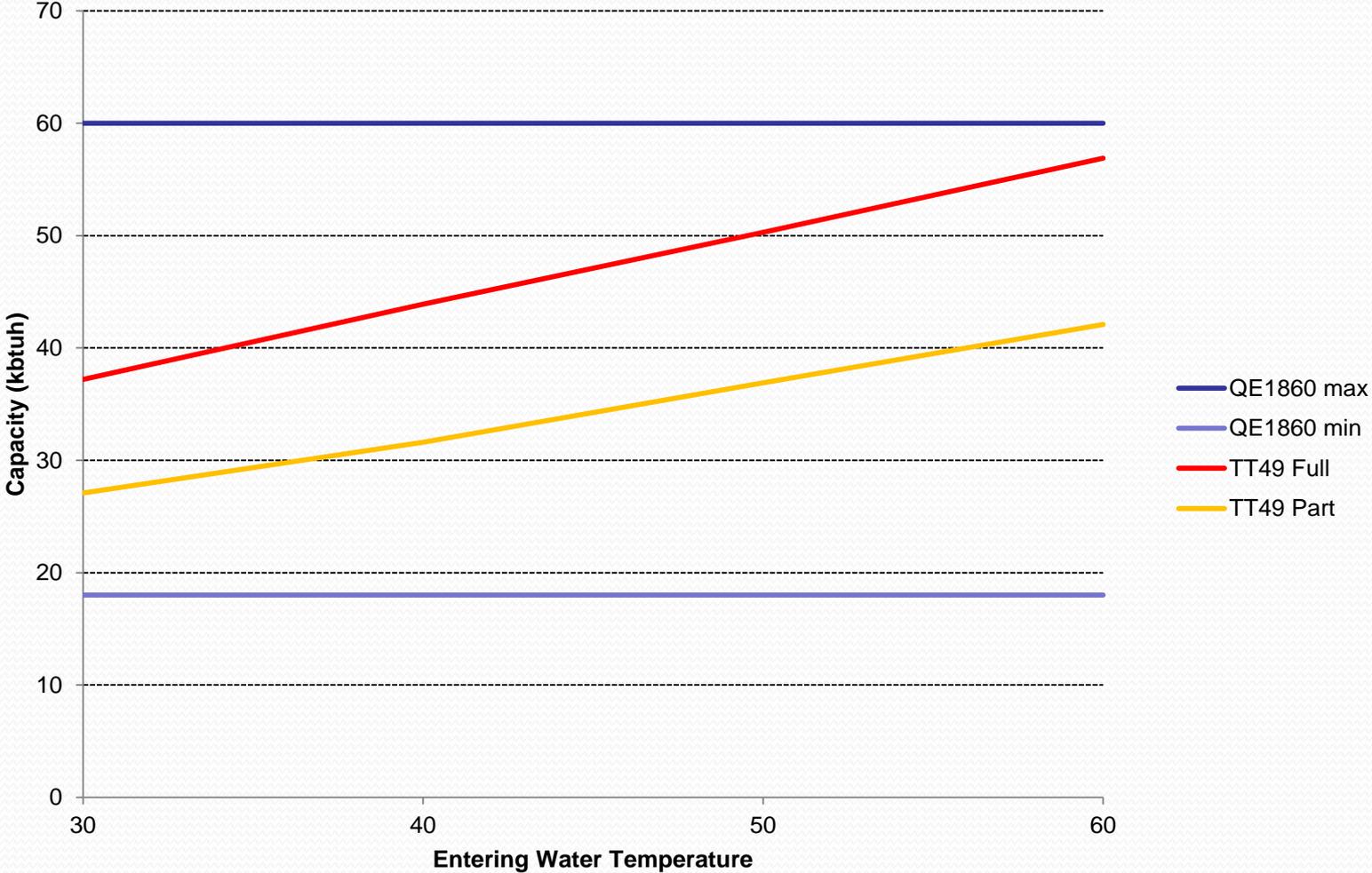
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## Cooling Mode



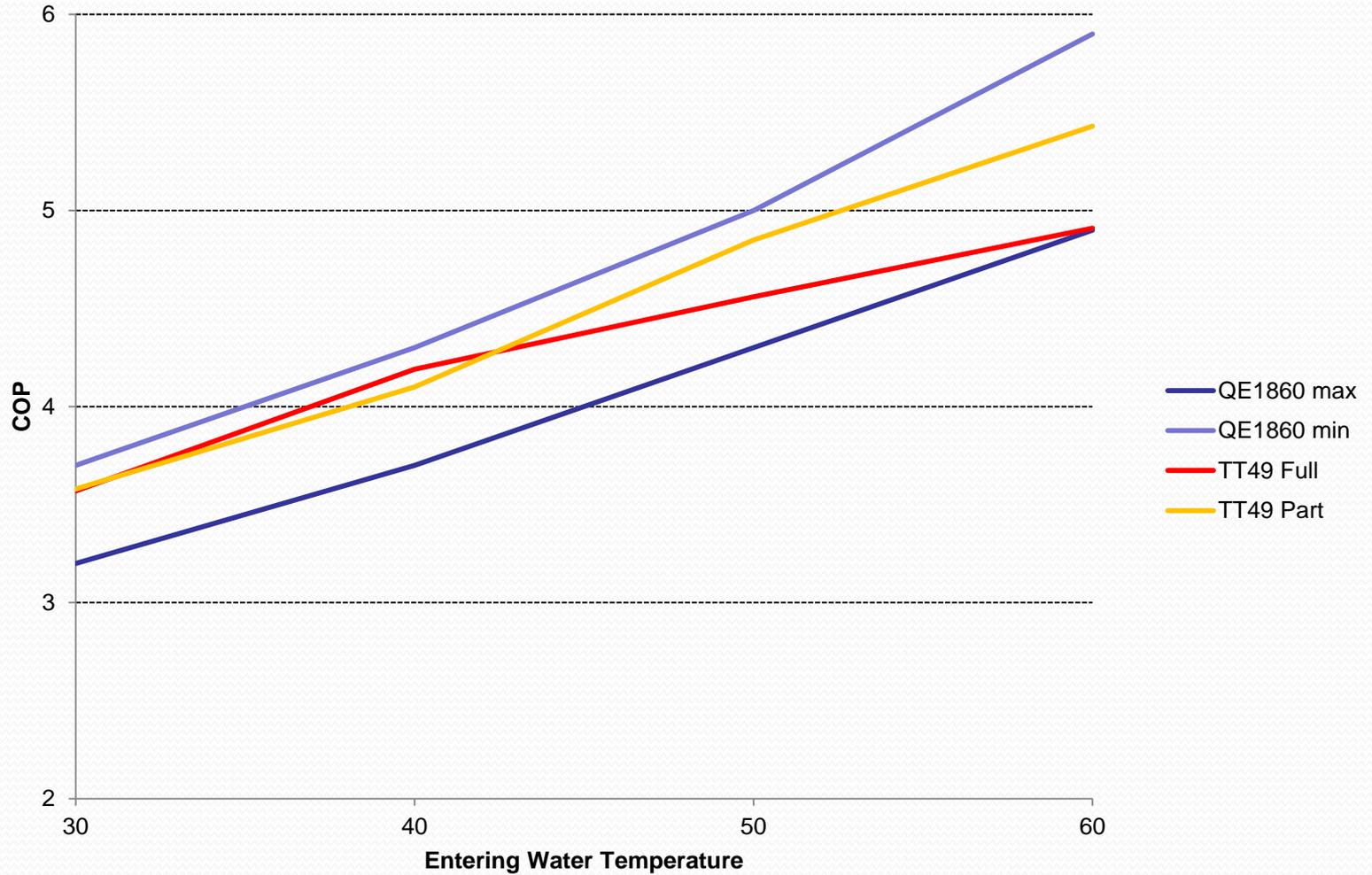
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## Heating Mode



# Trilogy QE1860 Efficiency

## Heating Mode



# Trilogy Series

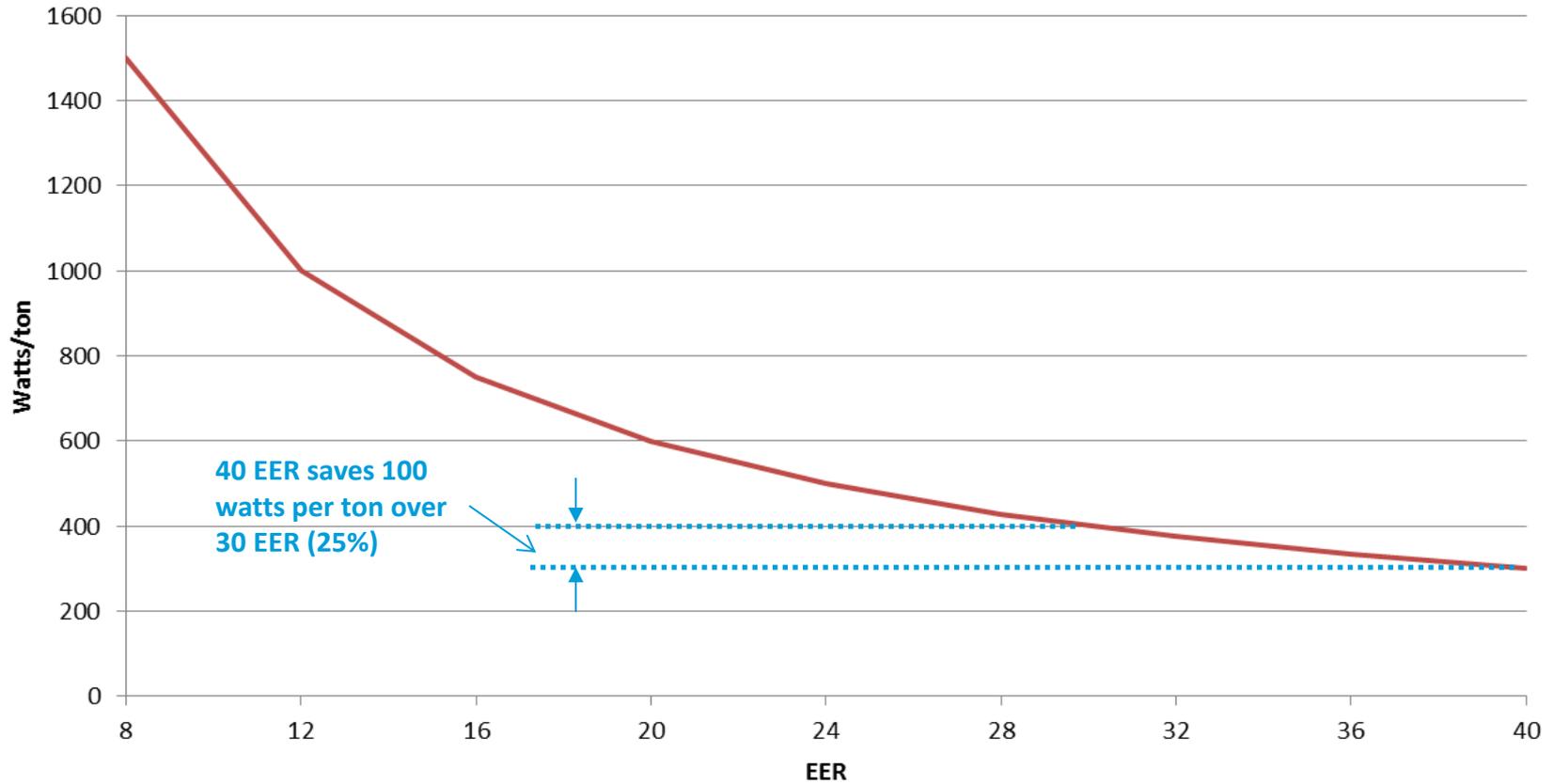
## Benefits

- **Comfort – Better Temperature, Humidity, and LAT Control**
- **Efficiency – Higher Part-Load Efficiencies and Lower Cycling Losses**
- **Wide Capacity Range – Better for Precise Zoning without Issues**
- **Over-speed Capability – Eliminates Resistance Heat and Meets Summer Extremes**
- **System Diagnostics – Full Implementation of Smart Components**

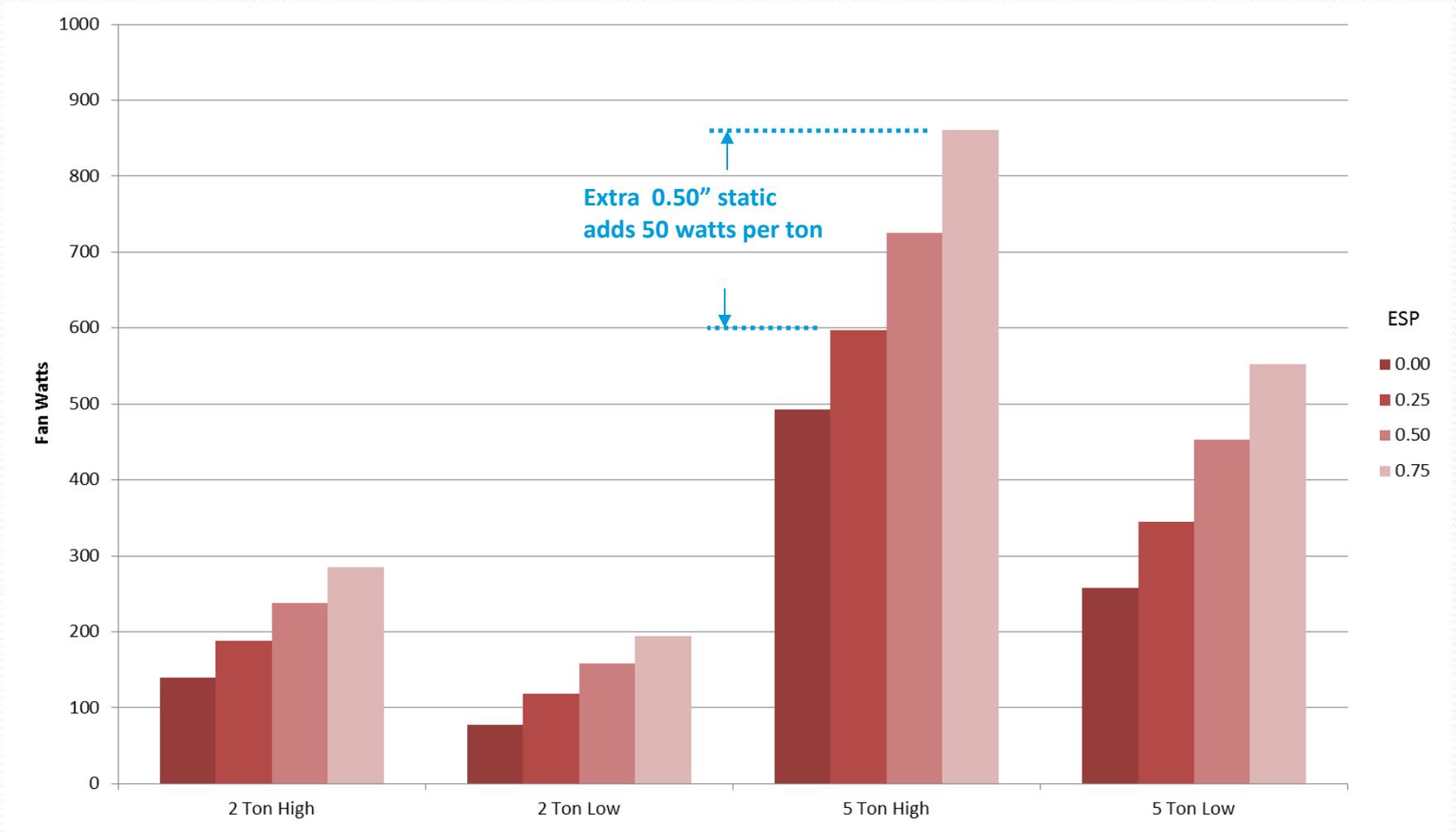
## Drawbacks

- **Higher First Cost**
- **Economics – Little Low Hanging Fruit with Current 2-stage GHPs (STL Cool < \$300 yr)**
- **Desuperheater Capacity – Low Discharge Line Temperatures**
- **Complexity – Requires Better Trained Technicians**

# EER and Cooling Energy Consumption



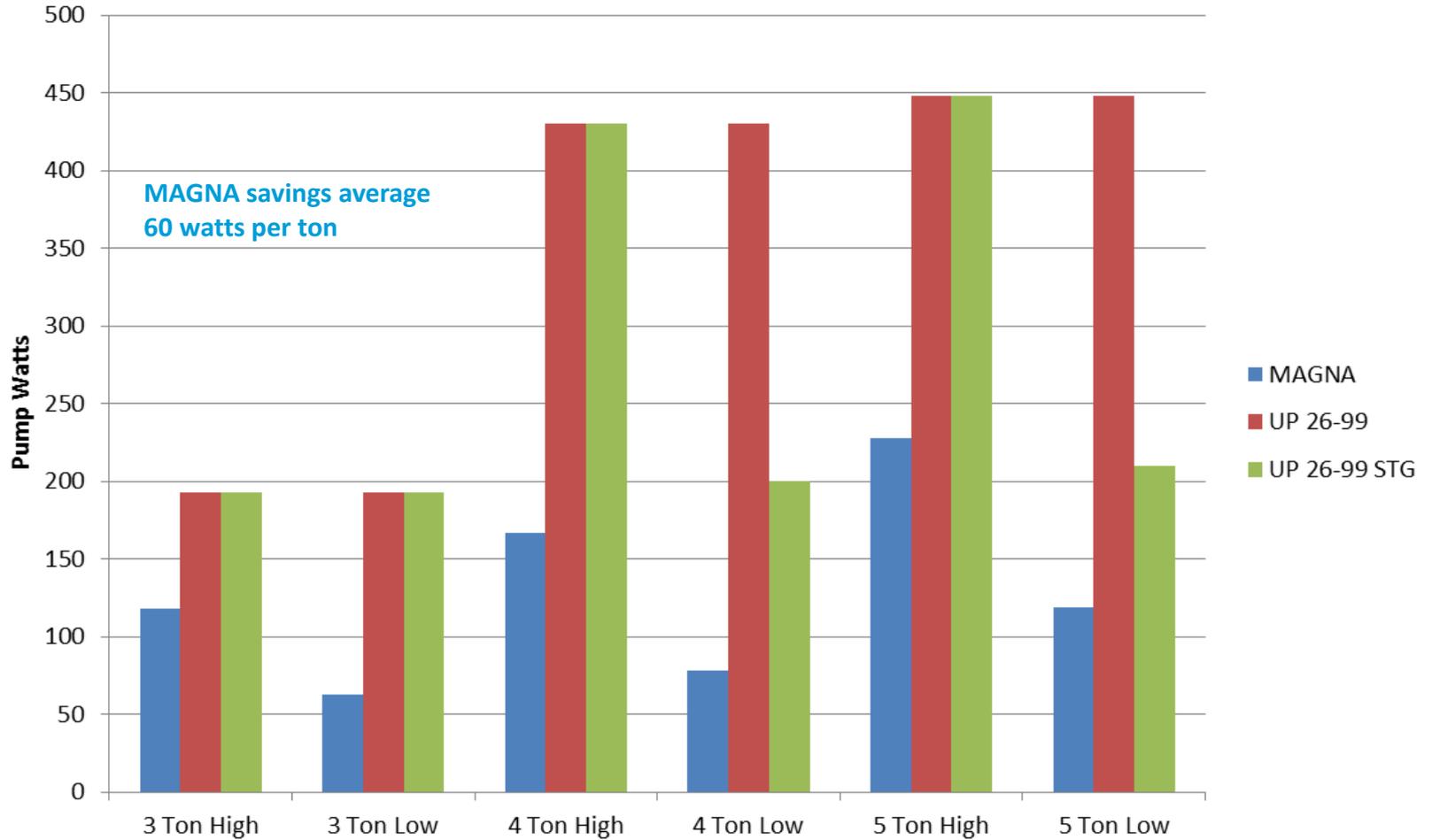
# Fan Energy Consumption



# Variable Speed Pump



# Pump Energy Consumption



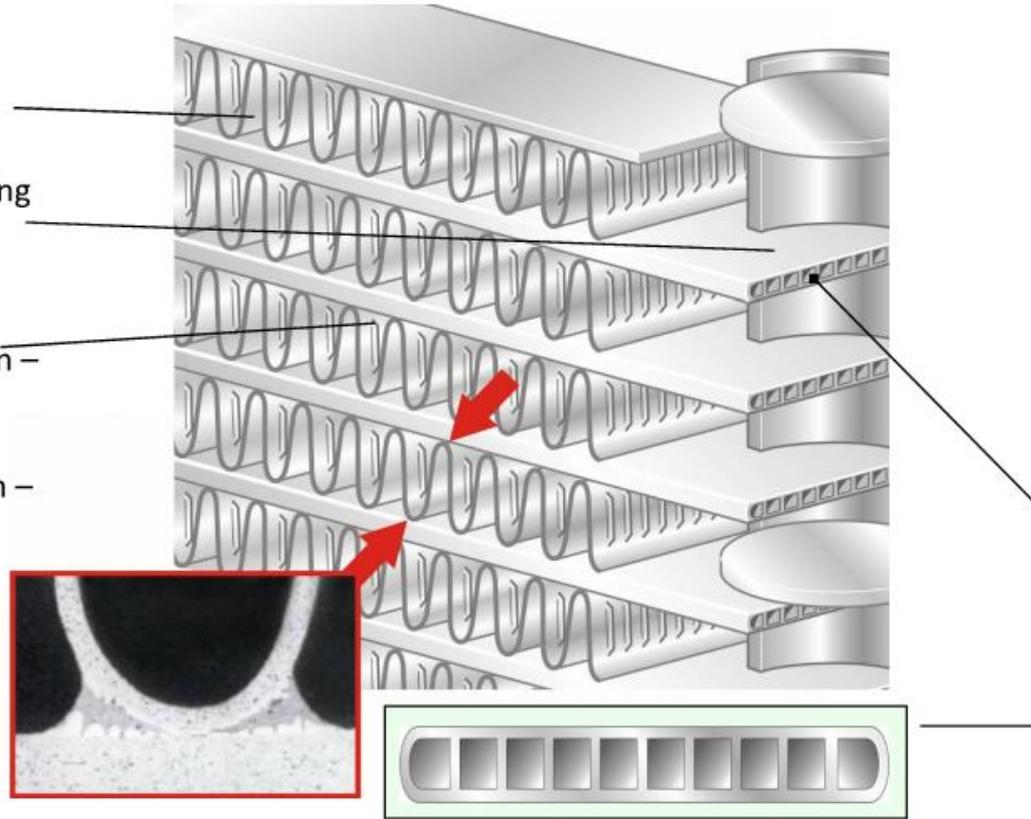


# **Advanced Heat Exchangers**

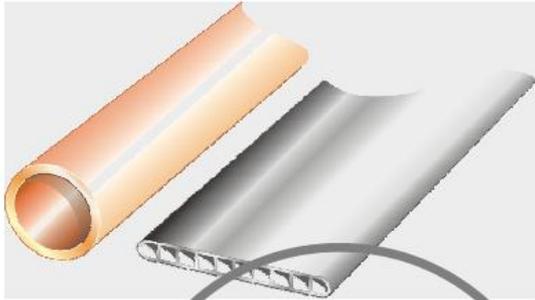
# Micro-Channel Air Coils

Limited Launch in 2012

1. Metallurgical bond – no galvanic corrosion.
2. MicroChannels – minimizing refrigerant charge and enhanced heat transfer
3. Superior louvred fin design – maximizing heat surface.
4. Ideal brazing configuration – no air gaps.
5. Vibrationless solid construction – low noise.



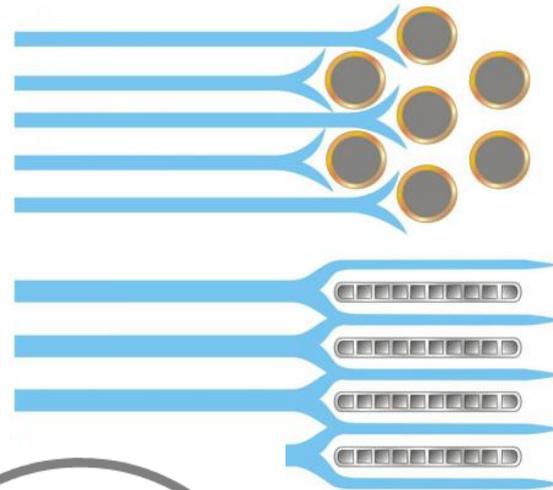
# Micro-Channel Air Coils



**77%**  
less refrigerant charge

\$ less

Low resistance to air flow



**40%**  
reduced pressure drop



# **System Integration**

# Plug-N-Play Geo Source Functions



# Plug-N-Play Geo Source Functions



## Plug-N-Play Geo Source Functions



Applied  
\$ less

# Plug-N-Play Smart Tank





# **Other Advances**

# Other Recent GHP Advances

## **GHX Technology**

- **Coaxial and Multi-Pipe Vertical Loops**
- **High Conductivity Grouts**
- **New Drilling Methods**

## **GHX Design Concepts**

- **Viewing GHX as Thermal Storage – Past Problem becomes Future Opportunity**
- **Hybrid and Campus Designs**

## **GHX Design Tools**

- **Residential Savings Calculators – Fast and Accurate Feasibility without Load Calcs**
- **Detailed Hourly (or less) Energy Analysis Tools with GHX Modeling**

## A New Public Energy Policy Approach

- We need to take a new approach to Renewable / Efficiency Portfolio Standards
  - If the goal is to **save carbon and/or peak demand**
- “RPS/EPs” requirements need to be based on **Btu’s saved, or peak kW** not just annual kWh
  - Carbon lives in the combined electric and hydrocarbon fuel stream.
- GHPs are a Demand Side Renewable Thermal Energy Technology (like solar thermal)

And GHP Loops are

Hurricane & Tornado Proof



Hurricane Ivan 2005

*Thank You For Your Attention!*  
*Questions?*



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