

# **Turbine Inlet Cooling: A Pathway for Maximizing the Economic Performance and Electric Grid Decarbonization Potentials of Combined Cycle Systems**



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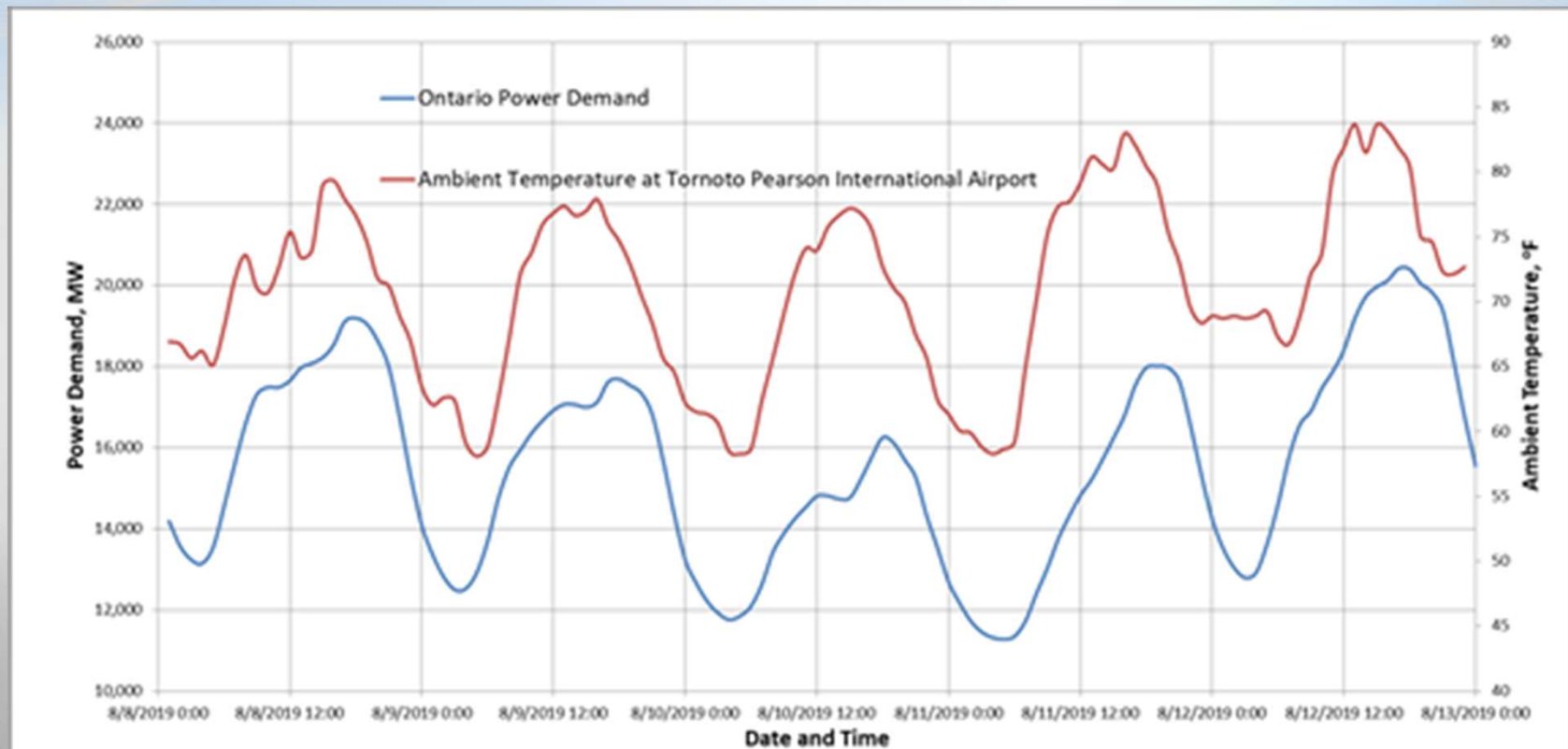


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# Presentation Outline

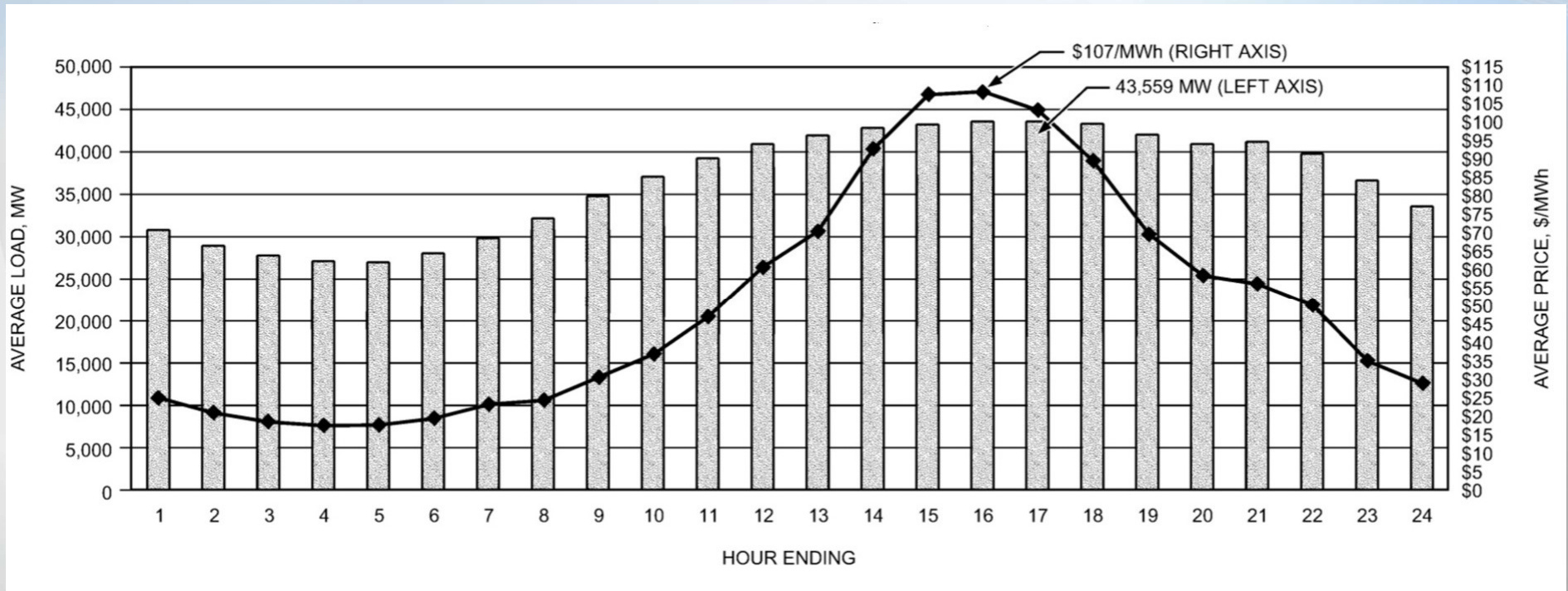
1. Hot weather impacts on electricity demand, price, and carbon emissions
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# Hot Weather Increases Electric Power Demand



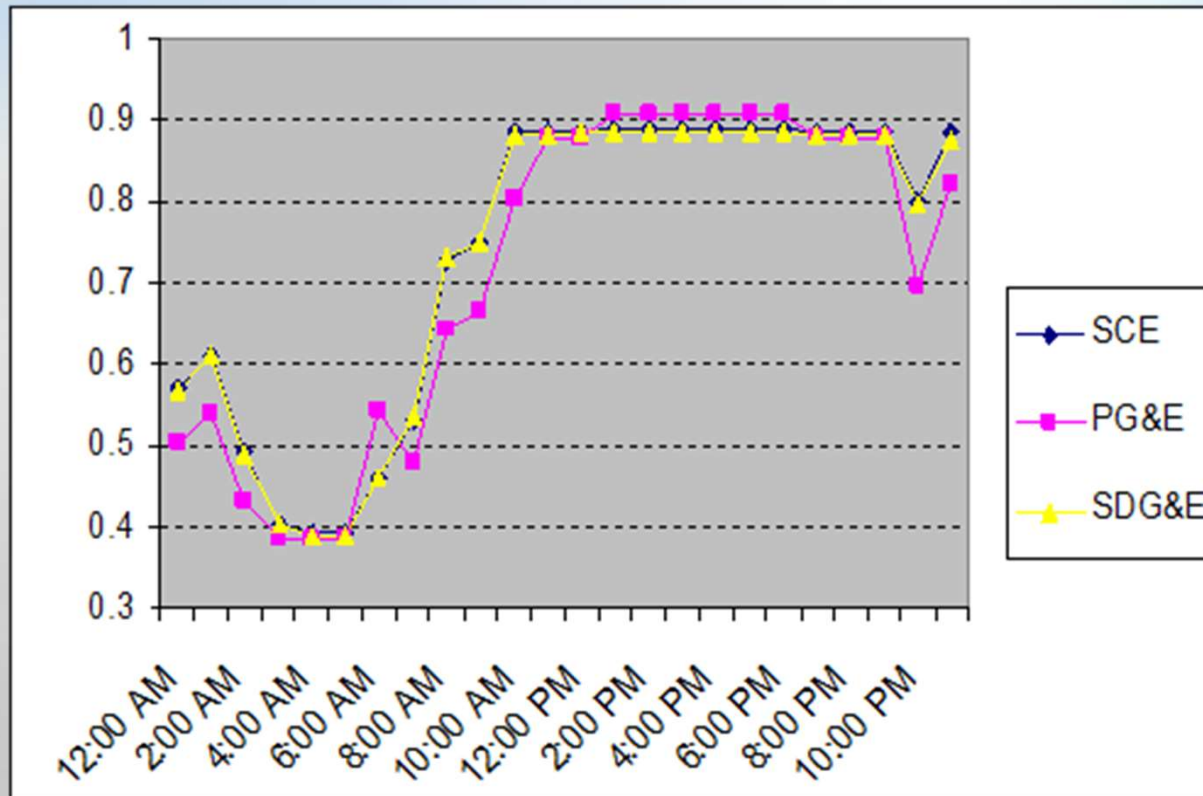
***Example of Hourly Ambient Temperature and System Load Profiles in Ontario, Canada***  
(Punwani, D., et al, "ASHRAE Design Guide for Combustion Turbine Inlet Cooling, 2022")

# Hot Weather Increases the Price of Electric Energy



- Actual price of electric energy depends on the mix of power generation systems connected to the grid

# Increase in Power Demand Increases CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



## Notes:

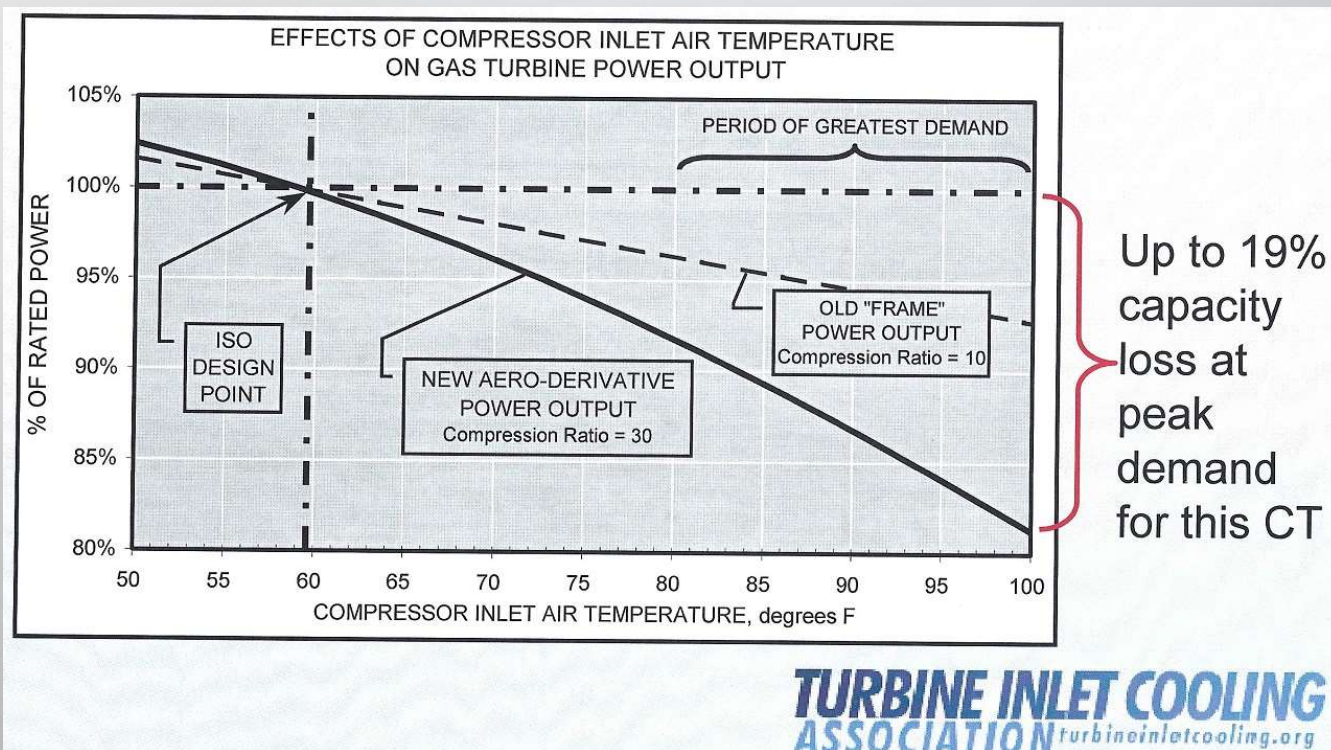
- Y-Axis Scale Shows lb. of CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh
- PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric); SCE (Southern California Edison); SDG&E (Diego Gas & Electric)

## Benefits of Combined Cycle Systems

1. Most energy efficient option for generating electric energy
2. Minimum carbon emissions, per unit of electric energy, at site
3. Minimum fuel cost, per unit of electric energy
4. CC systems that supply to electric grids minimize grid-wide carbon emissions and thus, help decarbonize the grid

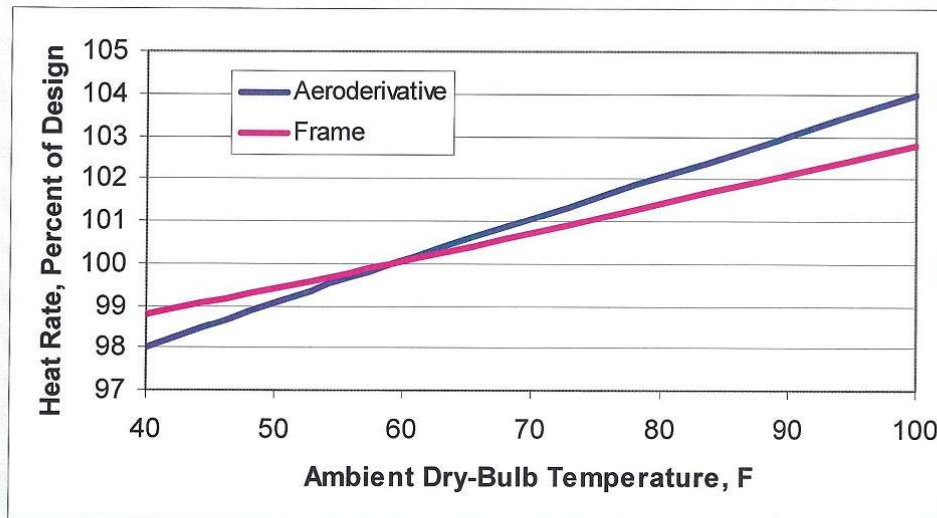
# Hot Weather Decreases CT Output Capacity

1. High ambient temperatures decrease output capacity below its rated capacity
2. Quantitative impact of ambient temperature varies with CT design



# Hot Weather Reduces the Energy Efficiency of CTs

- Energy efficiency decreases (heat rate increases) below its rated efficiency
- Quantitative impact varies with the CT Design



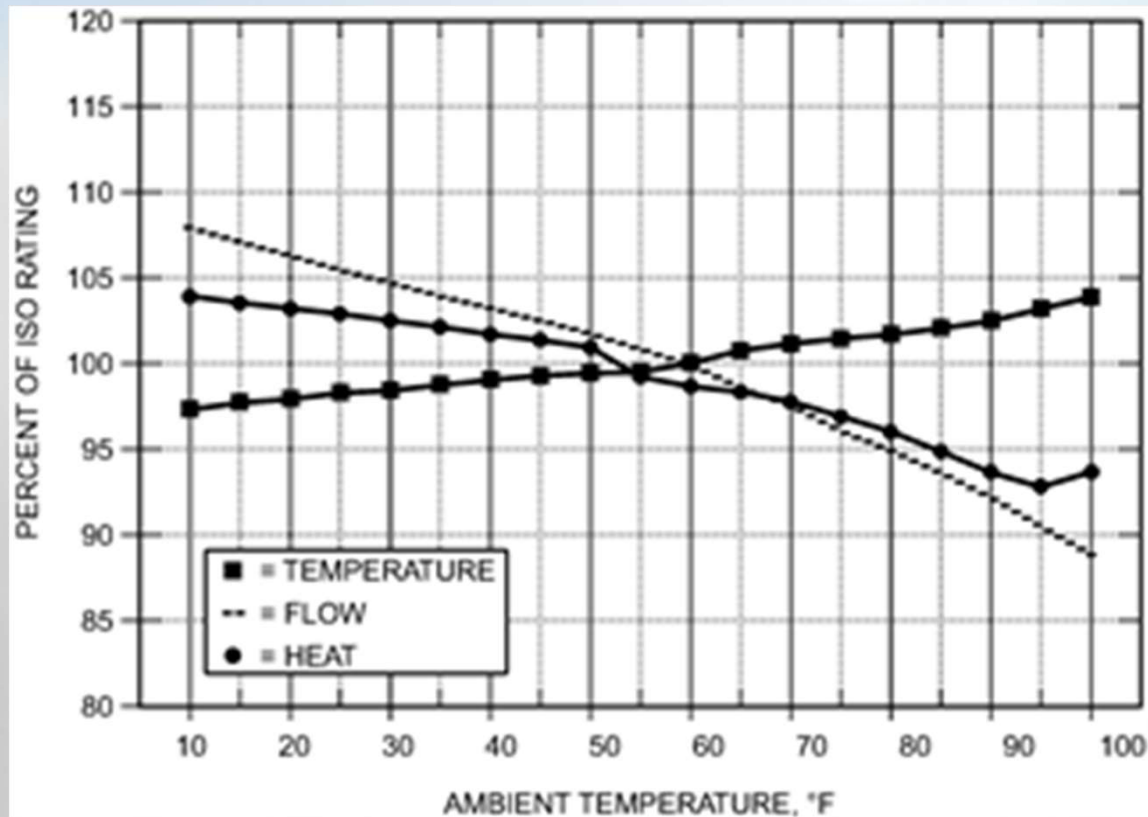
Fuel Use Increase (i.e. Energy Efficiency loss) at peak demand

Note: Heat rate is directly proportional to fuel consumption per kWh and inversely proportional to energy efficiency

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## Hot Weather Decreases Availability of Useful Thermal Energy from CTs for CC



Source: ASHRAE Combined Heat and Power Design Guide (1996)

# Effect of Hot Weather on CC Systems

## 1. Decreases power output capacity

- Reduces revenue from the sale of electricity
- Increases electric grid's need to order operation of less efficient and higher carbon emitting systems and thus, increases grid-wide carbon emissions

## 2. Decreases electricity generation efficiency

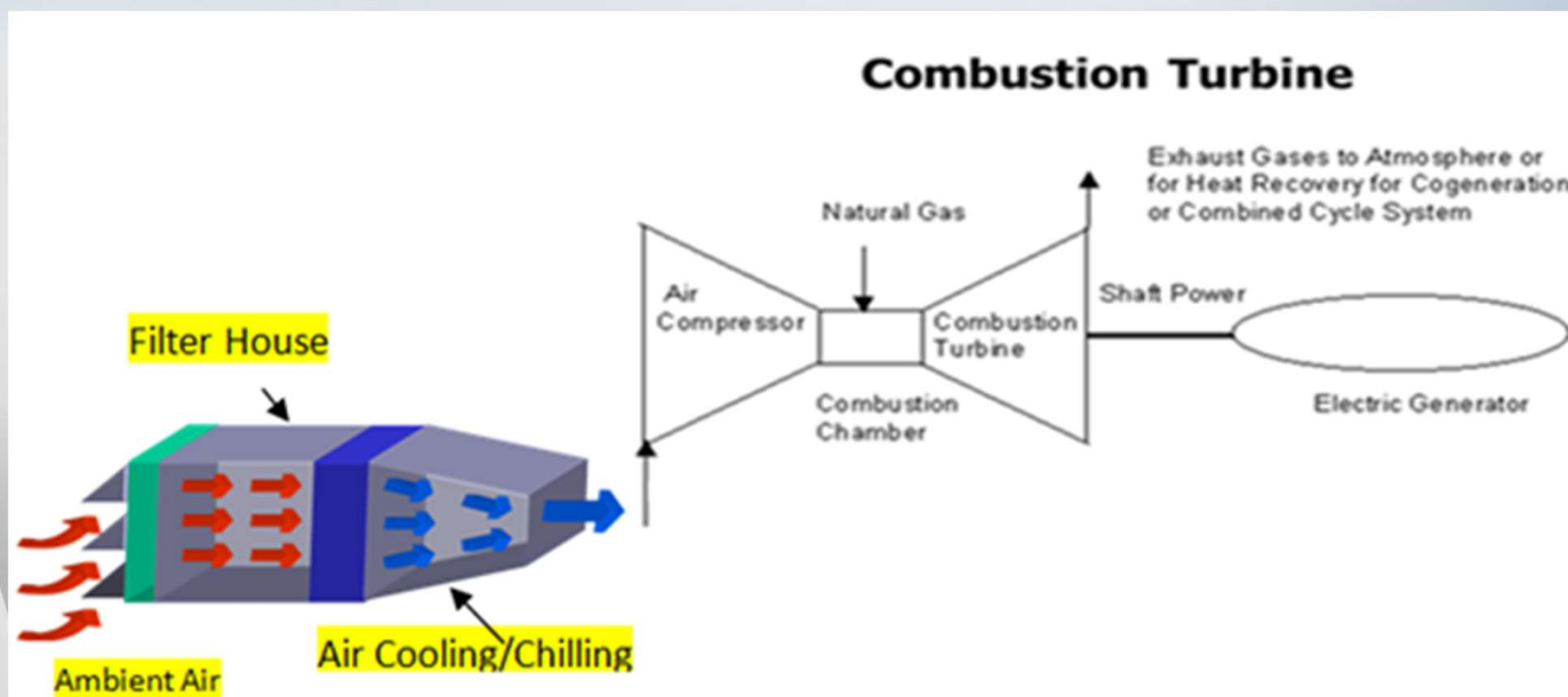
- Increases the need to burn more fuel per unit of electric energy
- Increases fuel cost per unit of electric energy
- Increases on-site carbon emissions, per unit of electric energy
- Increases grid-wide carbon emissions, per unit of electric energy

# Mitigate the Impacts of Hot Weather on CC Systems by Turbine Inlet Cooling

Since hot weather creates the problems, logical solution: Cool the turbine inlet air

# Turbine Inlet Cooling (TIC)

Cools the inlet air to the compressor of the CT system



# Turbine Inlet Cooling Technology Experience: ~50 Years

1. TIC is not a new technology
2. It has been successfully used since as early as 1975.
3. TICA's\* limited database has over 400 installations, including about 80 CC systems
4. TICA database\* shows TIC has been installed on at least 1,165 CTs of 125 models, from 21 OEMs
5. Capacities of the CT systems with TIC range from 1 MW to 3,162 MW\*

Note:  
\*Turbine Inlet Cooling Association (TICA) Database (<https://turbineinletcooling.org/data/ticadatap.pdf>)  
Actual number of TIC installations is in thousands

# Turbine Inlet Cooling Technology Options

1. Adiabatic Wetted-Media Evaporative Cooling
2. Non-Adiabatic Wetted-Media Evaporative Cooling
3. Fogging for Evaporative Cooling
4. Indirect Evaporative Cooling
5. Wet Compression (Fog Overspray)
6. Indirect-Heat Exchange with Chilled Water
7. Thermal Energy Storage for Chilled Water Indirect-Heat Exchange
8. Indirect Heat Exchange with Refrigerant Evaporation
9. Indirect-Heat Exchange with Liquefied Natural Gas
10. Hybrid Cooling Systems

**TIC Information Resources:** [www.turbineinlettcooling.org](http://www.turbineinlettcooling.org) and ASHRAE Design Guide for Combustion Turbine Inlet Cooling (2022)

# Factors Affecting Turbine Inlet Cooling Selection

1. Each TIC technology has its pros and cons.
2. No one technology is best for all power plants
3. Factors affecting technology selection include:
  - \* Value of the additional electricity by TIC
  - \* 8,760 hours/year of weather data for the plant location
  - \* Plant's annual operating schedule
  - \* CT design
  - \* Fuel cost
  - \* Capital cost limitation
  - \* Physical space limitation

## Turbine Inlet Cooling Benefits

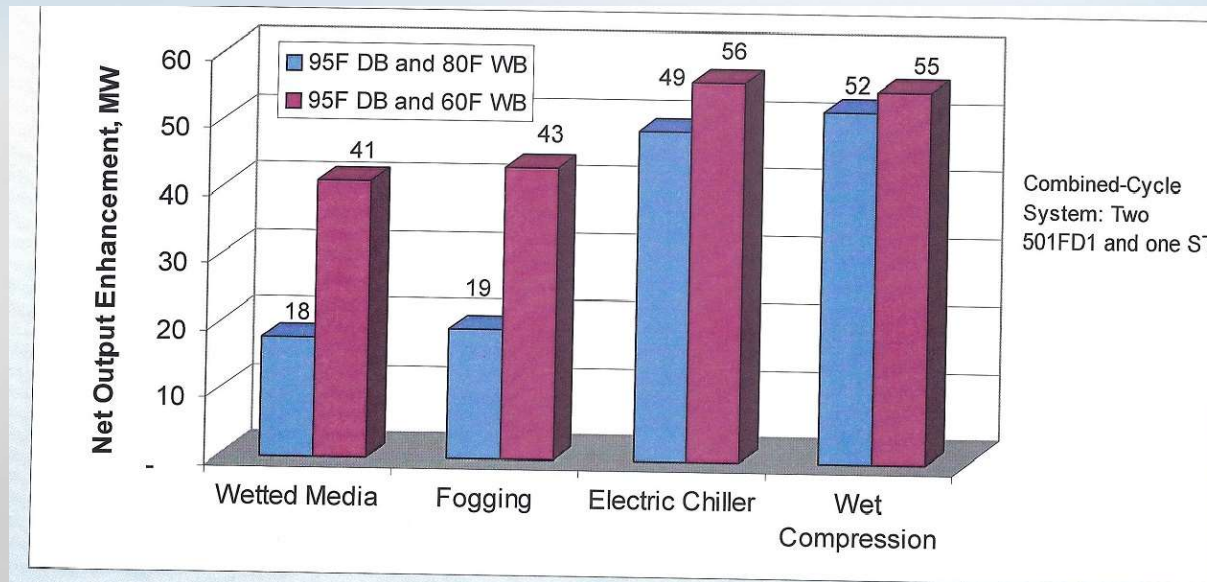
**Overall: Overcomes all the negative impacts of hot weather**

1. Increased power output capacity and energy efficiency
2. Reduced on-site carbon emissions per unit of electric energy (lb/kWh)
3. Reduced grid-wide carbon emissions
4. Reduced unit capital cost (\$/kW) for Increased capacity compared to a new uncooled CT
5. Reduced unit fuel cost (\$/kWh) compared to an uncooled CT
6. Increases opportunity for higher revenues from electric energy sale



# Effect of Technology and Humidity on Net Output Power Capacity Gain

Note: Each case study's results are only applicable to the SPECIFIC site evaluated and should not be generalized



Sources:

Wet Compression: Caldwell Energy, Inc.

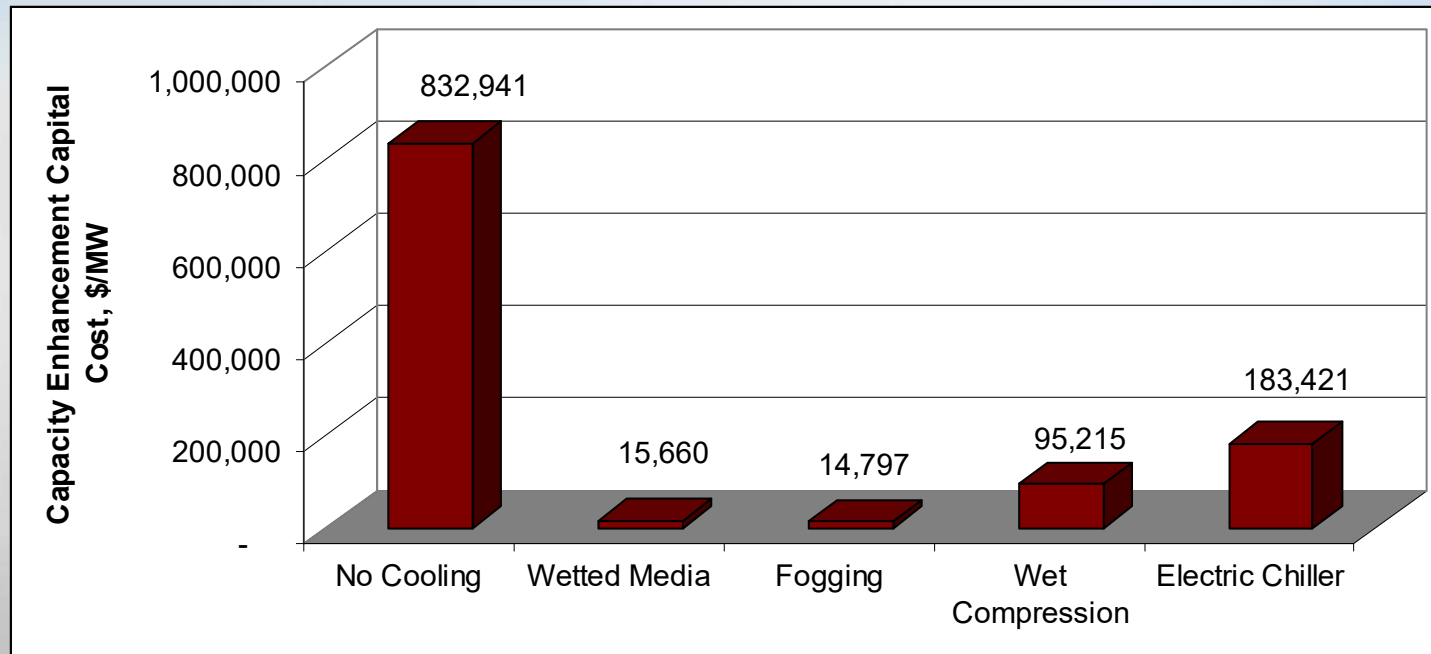
All Others : D.V. Punwani Presentation, Electric Power 2008

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A Case Study Example

- Wetted media and fogging are more sensitive to humidity and produce less capacity gain at higher humidity

# Effect of Technology on Unit Capital Cost (\$/MW) for Net Output Power Capacity Gain

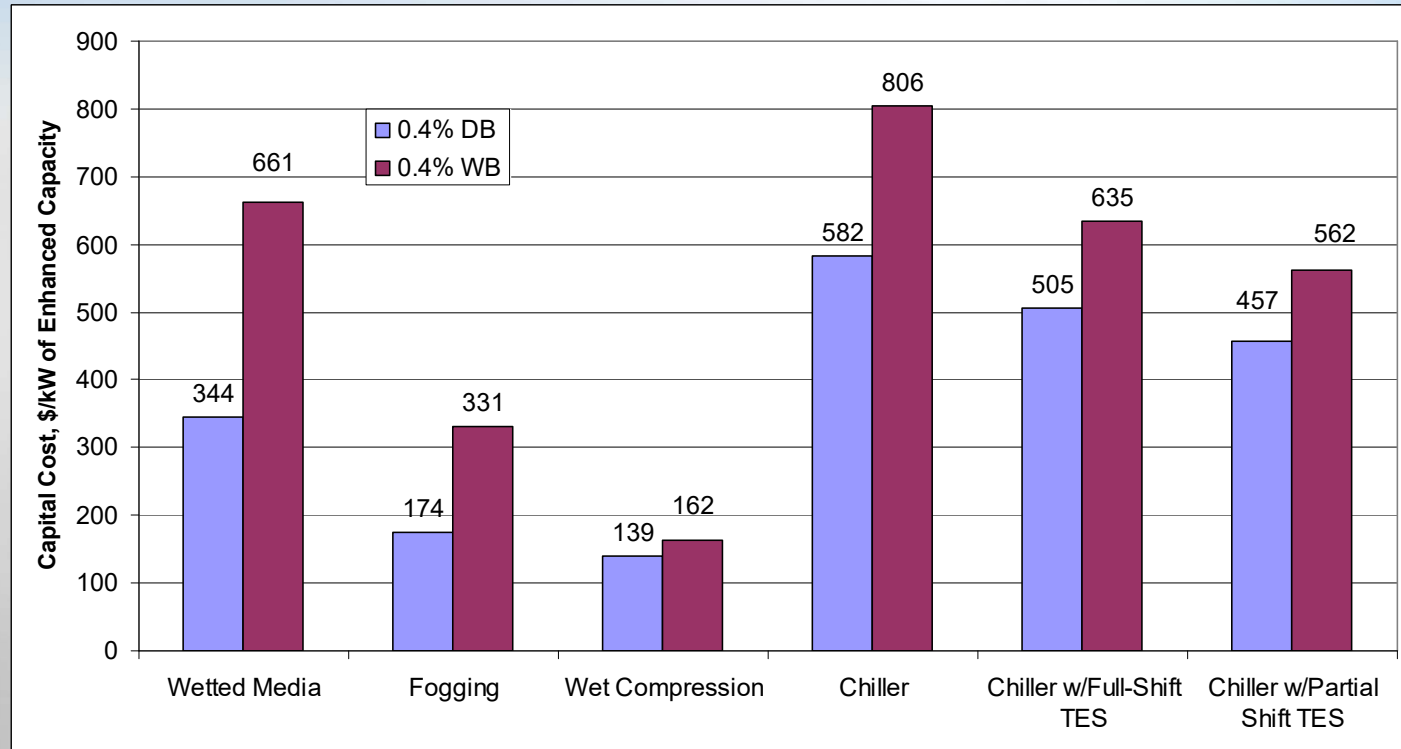


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A Case Study Example

- Capacity gain by **all** TIC technologies costs significantly less than that for another uncooled CT.
- The unit capital cost is the lowest for the wetted-media and fogging

# Effect of Technology on Unit Capital Cost for Capacity Gain (\$/MW)



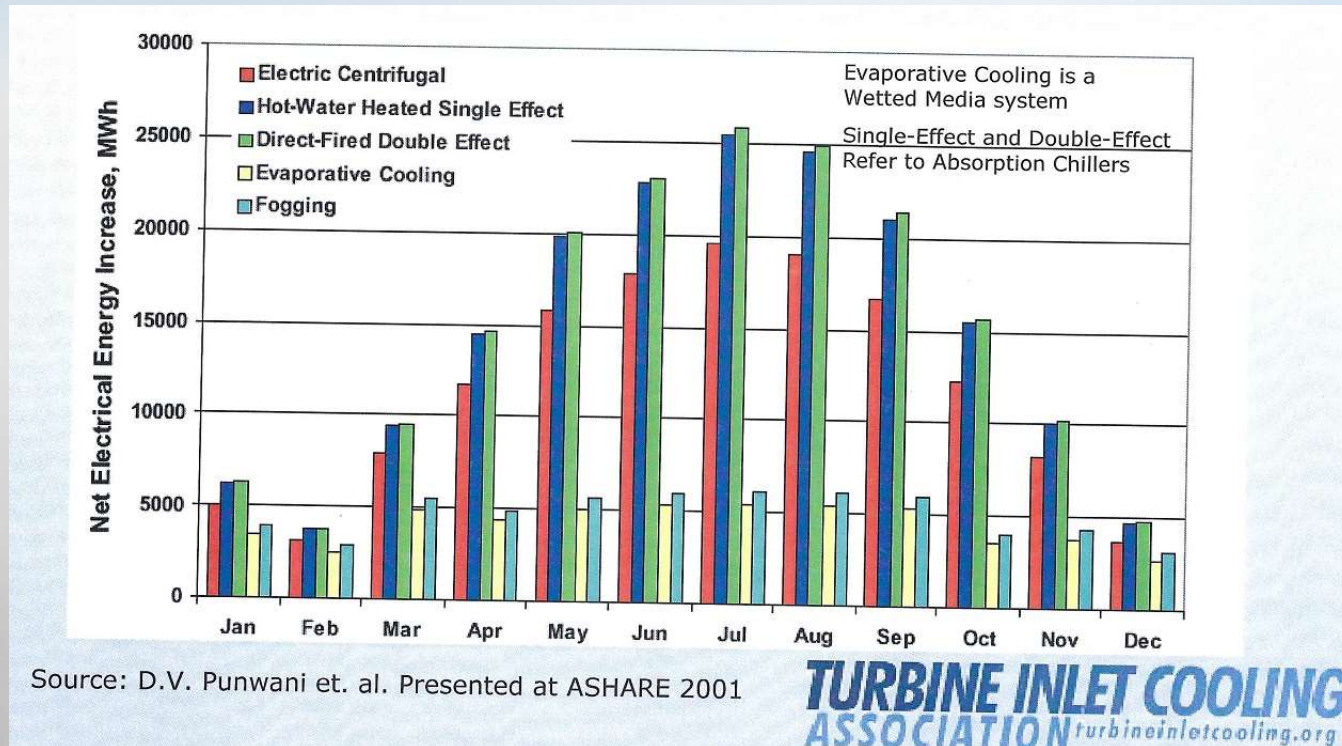
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- The unit capital cost for all technologies is higher at higher humidity
- Thermal energy storage (TES) helps reduce unit capital cost for chilled water systems

# Effect of Technology on Monthly Net Incremental Electric Energy Generated

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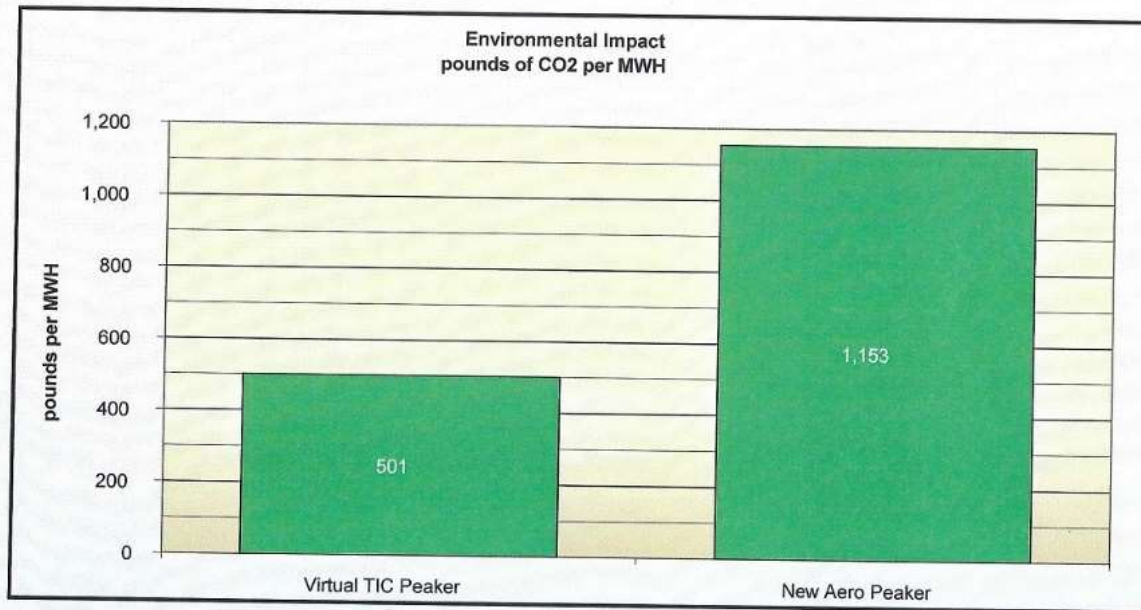


A Case Study Example

- TIC can produce gains through out the year
- The highest gains occur during the summer months

# TIC of CCs Reduces Grid-wide Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>

TIC of a 500 MW CC increases its output by about 50 MW and emits 500 lb. CO<sub>2</sub> per MWh.



TIC of 500 MW CC eliminates grid's need to operate a 50 MW SC peaker that would have emitted over 1150 lb. CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh.

Basis: LM6000PC-Sprint with hot SCR & TIC vs. incremental MWh from combined cycle 207FA with TIC added

Source: TAS

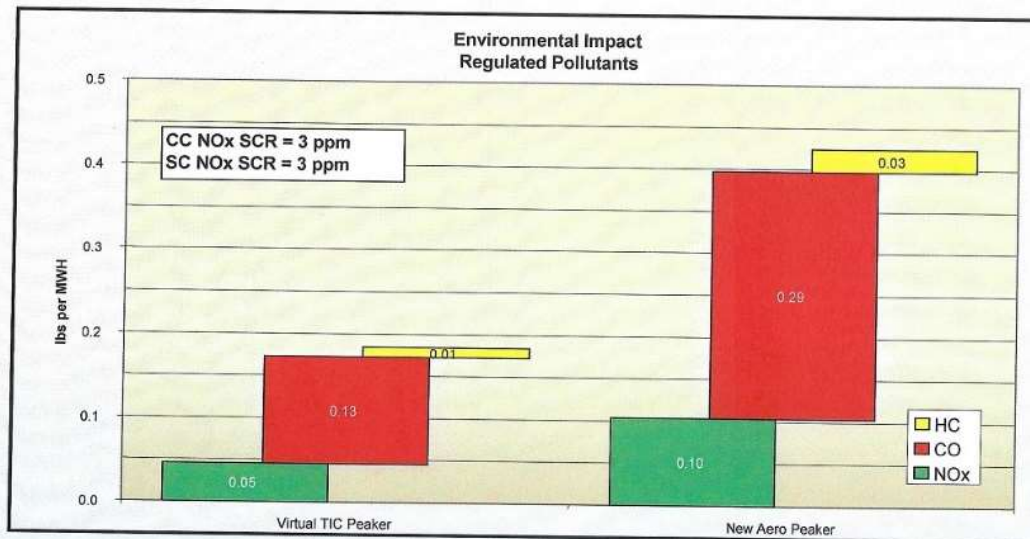
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TIC of a 500 MW CC helps reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 600 lb/MWh or over 57% of that of a 50 MW SC Peaker

## TIC of CCs also Reduces Grid-wide Emissions of CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and HC

TIC of a 500 MW CC increases its output by about 50 MW and emits only 0.13, 0.05 and 0.01 lb/MWh of CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and HC, respectively.



**TIC Reduces Total Emissions (lbs/MWh) by Over 50%**

Basis: Total of all pollutants (lbs/MWh), LM6000PC-Sprint with hot SCR & TIC vs. incremental MWh from combined cycle 207FA with TIC added (Source: TAS)

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TIC of 500 MW CC eliminates grid's need to operate a 50 MW SC peaker that would have emitted 0.2, 0.10 and 0.03 lb/MWh of CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and HC, respectively.

**TIC of CCs helps reduce grid-wide emissions of CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and HC by 35%, 50% and 67%, respectively compared to a 50 MW SC Peaker.**

# Electric Grid Decarbonization Potential of TIC of Combined Cycle Systems in the Top 20 States in the U.S.

1. Total CC Generation Name plate Capacity: 183,881 MW\*
2. Potential CC Generation Capacity Gain from TIC: 15,767 MW\*\*
3. Average Annual Hours per State at Ambient Temperature above 59°F: 4,674 Hours
4. Avoided Annual Fuel Burned by preventing the need for SC Operation: 382,321,683 MMBtu/Yr
5. Reduced Annual Grid-wide CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reduced by Avoided SC Operations: >22 Million Tons
6. NOx Emission Reduced by Avoided SC Operations: 152,929 Tons

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**Source:** \* TICA Estimates Based on US Department of Energy's Energy Information Agency)

\* \* <https://turbineinletcooling.org/News/Capacity&EmissionBenefits-2016Aug31.pdf>

# TICA Database\* List of 77 CC Systems Using TIC

2018	Dominion Greenville County	Virginia, USA	CC	New	3	MHI	591J
2017	Duke Energy - Hines Energy Complex	Bartow, FL	CC	Existing	8	W. Smis & GE	F-Class
2017	Gulf SPP GT2	Thailand	CC	New	2	Siemens	SGT-800B
2017	Gulf SPP GT51	Thailand	CC	New	2	Siemens	SGT-500B
2017	Gulf SPP GVTP	Thailand	CC	New	2	Siemens	SGT-800B
2017	HF Lee CC	North Carolina, USA	CC	New	2	Siemens	SGT6-5000F
2017	GREC 3	Oklahoma, USA	CC	New	1	MHI	591J
2016	Dominion Brunswick County	Virginia, USA	CC	New	3	MHI	591 GAC
2015	Baytown	Texas, USA	CC	Existing	3	Siemens	W501FD
2014	Amata B. Grim 4 & 5	Thailand	CC	New	4	Siemens	SGT800
2013	Nesher Cement	Israel	CC	New	2	G.E.	LM 6000 PF
2013	Dominion Warren County	Virginia, USA	CC	New	3	MHI	591 GAC
2012	Damanina	Australia	CC	New	4	Siemens	SGT800
2012	SWES Ghana	Ghana	CC	New	4	GT25000	GT25000
2012	Proctor and Gamble	Mehoopany, PA, USA	CC	New	1	Rolls Royce	Trent 60
2012	Diamond Generating Corp	Maniposa, CA, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	LM 6000 PC-S
2011	Das River	North Carolina, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2011	Amata B. Grim	Thailand	CC	New	2	Siemens	SGT800A
2011	SNC Lavalin	Peru	CC	New	2	G.E.	7241 FA
2011	Petrobras	Brazil	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 6000 PC-S
2010	Black Hills Colorado IPP	Colorado, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	LM 6000 PC-S
2010	Black Hills / Colorado Electric	Colorado, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	LMS 100 PA
2010	Dominion Energy - Bear Garden	New Canton, VA, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2010	Duke Energy - Buck Station	North Carolina, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2010	Brazos Electric Coop - Johnson I	Cleburne, TX, USA	CC	Existing	1	Siemens	501 F
2009	Cornel University	Ithaca, NY, USA	CC	New	4	Solar	Titan 130
2009	Sempra	Esccondido, CA, USA	CC	Existing	2	G.E.	7FA
2009	Colorado Energy Management	Hobbs, NM, USA	CC	New	2	MHI	501 FD2
2009	Brazos Electric Coop - Jaxki I & II	Jochisdon, TX, USA	CC	East-New	2 + 2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2009	Mackinaw Power LLC	Georgia, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2009	Tapaz - Barney Davis	Texas, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2009	Tapaz - Ilases Bay	Texas, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2009	Southern Co	USA	CC	Existing	2	G.E.	7FA
2009	FP&L	USA	CC	Existing	6	G.E.	7FA
2009	FP&L	USA	CC	Existing	3	G.E.	7FA
2009	Dominion Energy - Fairless Hills Ph 2	Fairless Hills, PA, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2009	BP Rodeo	Texas, USA	CC	New	1	Solar	Mercury 50
2008	Dominion Energy - Fairless Hills Ph 1	Fairless Hills, PA, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2008	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	California, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG 7241 FA
2007	Cyco Fos	France	CC	New	1	ABB	GT 26B
2007	Talawara	Australia	CC	New	1	ABB	GT 26B
2007	Sharikat Kahraha Hadjet En-Nouss	Wilaya of Tipaza, Algeria	CC	New	3	G.E.	9FB
2007	Inland Empire	California, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7H
2006	Atinyildiz	Turkey	CC	Existing	1	Solar	Taurus 60
2005	Silicon Valley Power	San Jose, CA, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	LM 6000
2004	National Institute of Health	Bethesda, MD, USA	CC	New	1	Alstom	GT 10
2004	NRG - Menden IS1	Menden, CT, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG7241FA
2004	NRG - Pike County IS1	Summe, MS, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	PG7241FA
2003	Calpine - Brazos Valley	Thompsons, TX, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	PG7241FA
2003	DENA - Deming Energy Facility	Deming, NM, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2003	DENA - Fayette Energy Facility	Fayette, PA, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2003	DENA - Grays Harbor Energy Facility	Grays Harbor, WA, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2003	DENA - Hanging Rock Energy Facility	Hanging Rock, OH, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	7FA
2003	DENA - Hoassa Energy Facility	Aps, AZ, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	7FA
2002	Calpine C-Star - Lisa Esteros	San Jose, CA, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	LM 6000
2002	DENA - Arlington Valley Energy Facility	Arlington, AZ, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2002	DENA - Hot Spring Energy Facility	Hot Spring, AR, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2002	DENA - Murray Energy Facility	Dalton, GA, USA	CC	New	4	G.E.	7FA
2002	DENA - Washington Energy Facility	Columbus, OH, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2002	TECO - Dell Generating Station	Dell, AR, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2002	TECO - Mckdams Generating Facility	Mckdams, MS, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2001	DENAPPL Global-Giffith Energy Fac	Giffith, AZ, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2001	GE / Calpine - Westbrook Energy Fac	Westbrook, ME, USA	CC	New	2	G.E.	7FA
2000	EM / Calpine - Rufford Gen Sto	Rufford, ME, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	7FA
2000	EM / Calpine - Tverton Gen Sto	Tverton, RI, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	7FA
1995	TECO - Alborado Power Plant	Escoentia, Guatemala	CC	New	2	G.E.	LM 6000
1994	Emon - Hainan Island Power Plant	Hainan Island, China	CC	New	3	G.E.	LM 6000
1994	Bechtel / Giloy	Giloy, CA, USA	CC	Existing	1	G.E.	Frame 7EA
1994	Kamne - Carthage	Carthage, NY, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 6000
1994	Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority	Tulsa, OK, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 6000
1993	Altreasco	Pittsfield, MA, USA	CC	Existing	1	G.E.	Frame 6B
1992	El Paso (Destec) - Bear Mountain	Bakerfield, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000
1991	El Paso (Destec) - Live Oak	Bakerfield, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000
1991	El Paso (Destec) - McKittick	McKittick, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000
1990	El Paso (Destec) - Badger Creek	Bakerfield, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000
1989	El Paso (Destec) - Chalk Creek	Manicopa, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000
1987	El Paso (Destec) - San Joaquin	Lathrop, CA, USA	CC	New	1	G.E.	LM 5000

## Selected Highlights of CC Systems Using TIC

1. First CC system in the US: El Paso (Destec) in 1987
2. Number of Dominion systems since 2008: Six
3. Number of Calpine systems since 2001: Five
4. Total Nameplate Capacity of Dominion and Calpine CC Systems with TIC: 7,633 MW
5. Total Nameplate Capacity of TICA Database of CC: 29,490 MW

\* TICA Database (<https://turbineinletcooling.org/data/ticadatap.pdf>). Actual number is much higher



# Conclusions

Turbine inlet cooling is a pathway for maximizing the economic performance and the electric grid decarbonization potentials of combined cycle (CC) systems during hot weather because, it

1. Increases revenues of the CC owners selling electric energy to the grid
2. Decreases cost of buying electric energy from the grid for CC owners using power at site
3. Decreases grid-wide carbon emission by preventing grid's need to operate lower efficiency and higher carbon emitting systems
4. Decreases fuel cost at the plant site
5. Decreases carbon emissions at the plant site

TIC has an extensive experience base of CC systems at least since 1987.

# Recommendations

1. More CC system owners/operators should consider evaluation and implementation of turbine inlet cooling
2. Consider joining TICA. Membership of all gas turbine users is complimentary
3. Use the following source of information about turbine inlet cooling:
  - TICA website as a one-stop source of turbine inlet cooling information for all technologies
  - ASHRAE Design Guide for Combustion Turbine Inlet Cooling (Published in 2022), jointly funded by ASHRAE and TICA
  - TICA LinkedIn Page

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# Combined Cycle System Case Study

## Nebras Power IPPI/Jordan PSC

1. **System:** 2 x 140 MW AE94.2 Ansaldo Gas Turbines
2. **Name Plate Capacity:** 480 MW
3. **TIC Technology:** Fogging Installed in 2013
4. **TIC Benefits:**
  - Increase Capacity by 25-35 MW
  - Decreased Heat Rate: 28,400 Btu/MWh
  - Reduced NOx: 10 ppm
  - Simple Payback Period: 2 Years
  - Internal Rate of Return (IRR): 105% (at Discount Rate of 12%)

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