

*Turbine Air Systems*

# An Introduction To Turbine Inlet Chilling

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# AGENDA

- Turbine Inlet Chilling 101
  - Chilling Attributes / When It Makes Sense / System Overview / Design Considerations
- Turbine Inlet Chilling Technology Types
  - Mechanical Chillers / Absorption
- Turbine Inlet Chilling Retrofits
  - Power Plant and Air-Filter Retrofit Considerations
- Turbine Inlet Chilling With Thermal Energy Storage
  - Thermal Energy Storage Overview
- Questions and Answers Session

# CORE COMPETENCIES



# TAS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES



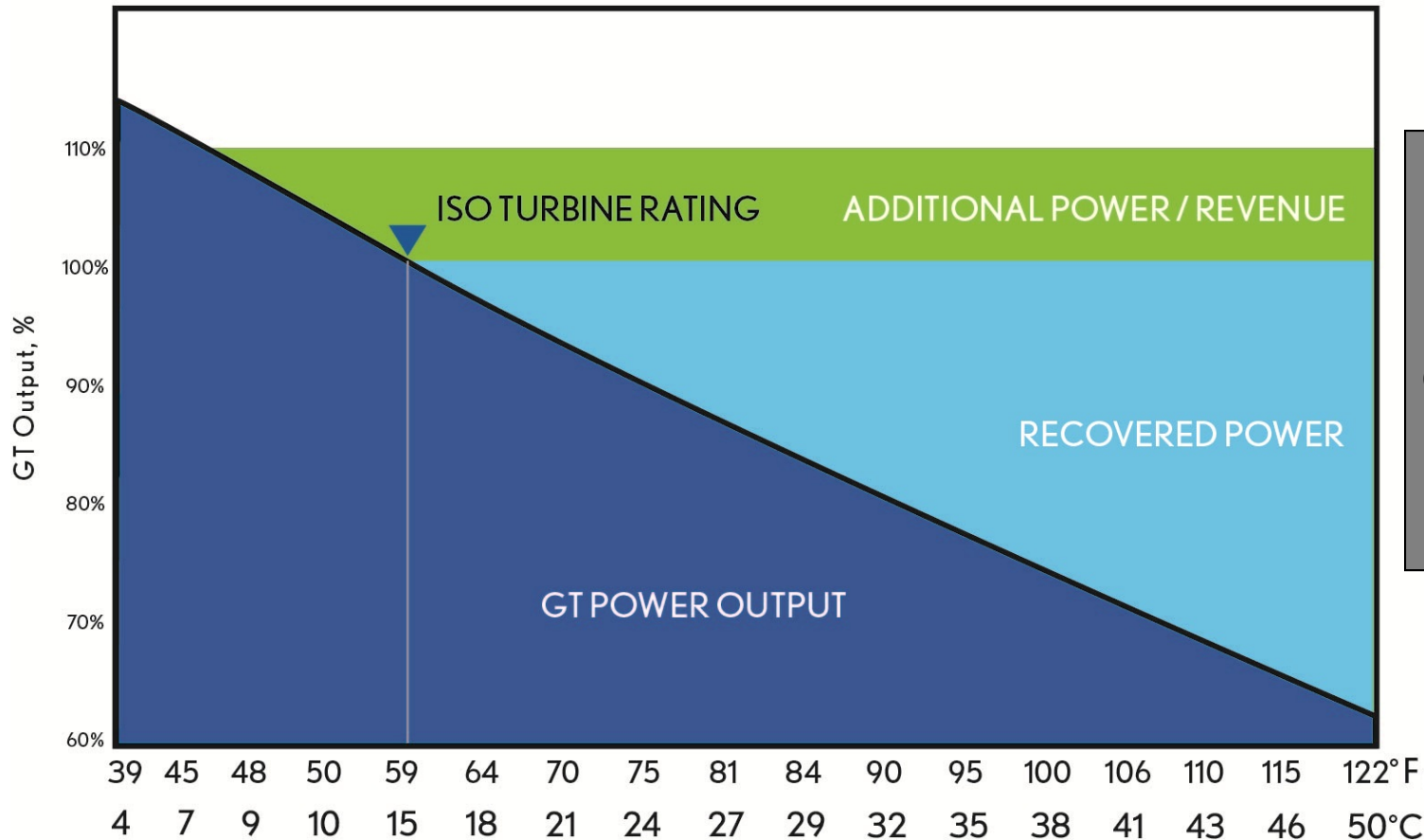
- ISO 9001:2008 Registered
- 240,000 square feet fabrication /assembly area
- 47,000 Square feet of office space
- Crane Capability – Single 80-Ton Pick
- ASME Section 9 Compliant Welding Program
- Third party NDE (x-ray, mag particle ,etc)
- In-house pneumatic system pressure / leak testing





# WHY TURBINE INLET CHILLING?

TIC Benefit - Aero derivative GT Output vs. Inlet Air Temperature



\*Typical TIC "T2" (Aero derivative)

**"The fundamentals of a gas turbine are such that on a hot day the gas turbine loses output and operates less efficiently."**

GT Inlet Air Temperature

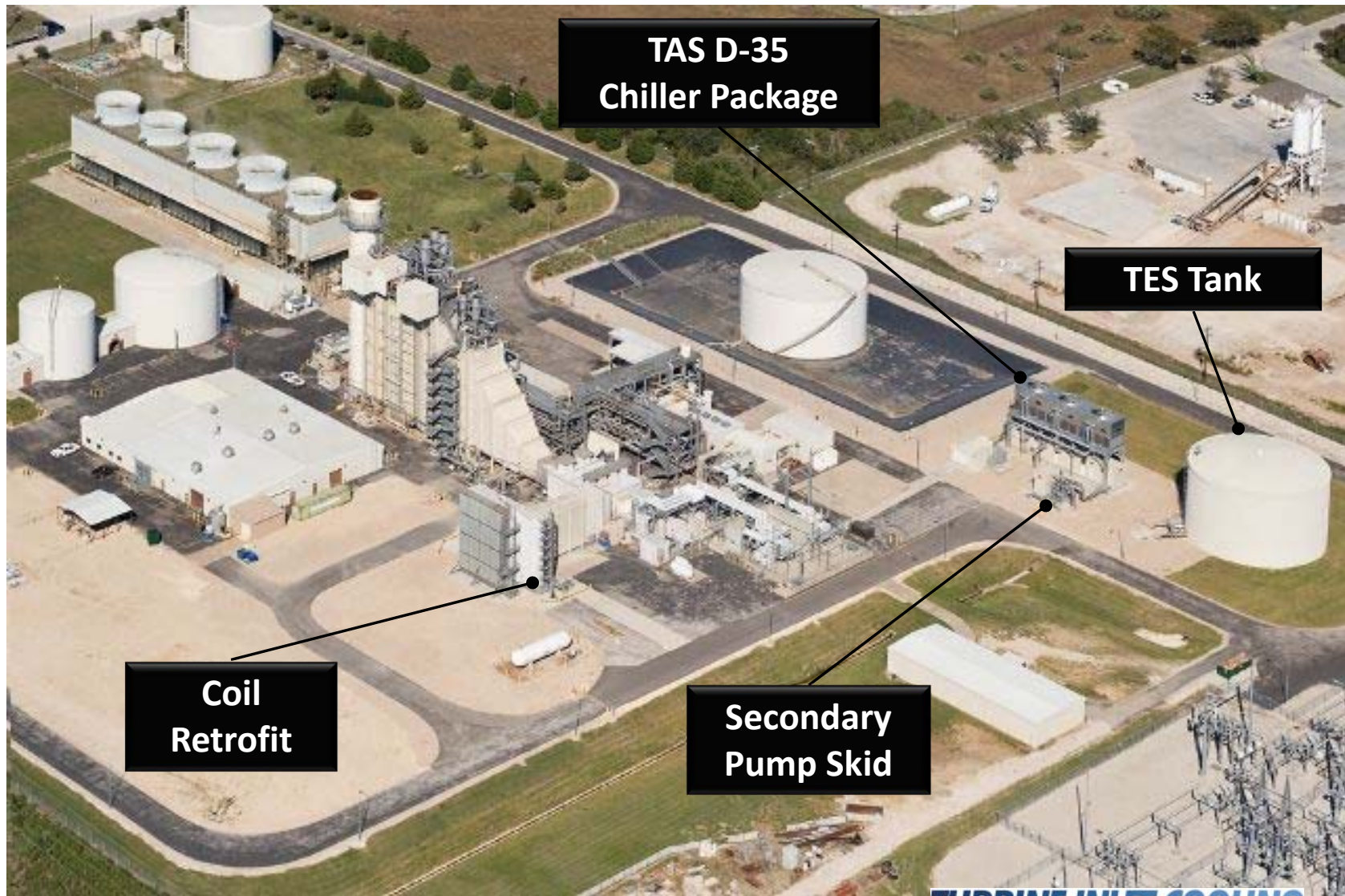
# TIC TECHNOLOGY ATTRIBUTES

- Produces “hidden” MWs with existing assets at costs less than new built generation
- Adds significant flexibility to operations
- Maintains ideal gas turbine air temperature
- Allows for arbitraging night time power pricing for day time peak pricing with thermal storage capability
- Eliminates weather risk
- Provides emissions predictability
- Provides opportunity to offset degradation
- Achieves all of the above with lower non-fuel O&M costs

# WHEN TIC MAKES SENSE

- Market demand in the form of:
  - High peak power demand or growing peak power load profile
  - Non-energy sales revenue in addition to energy sales (capacity payments – PJM market in US)
- Climate suitable to TIC(hot and humid environment)
- Muni / Coop / Gov't Utility looking to take advantage of incremental power improvement with existing assets
- Need incremental power in a relatively quick timeframe compared to new build generation (permits, construction, etc.)
- Short on a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) obligation and needs incremental power from the installed asset

# CHILLING COMPONENT OVERVIEW



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# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

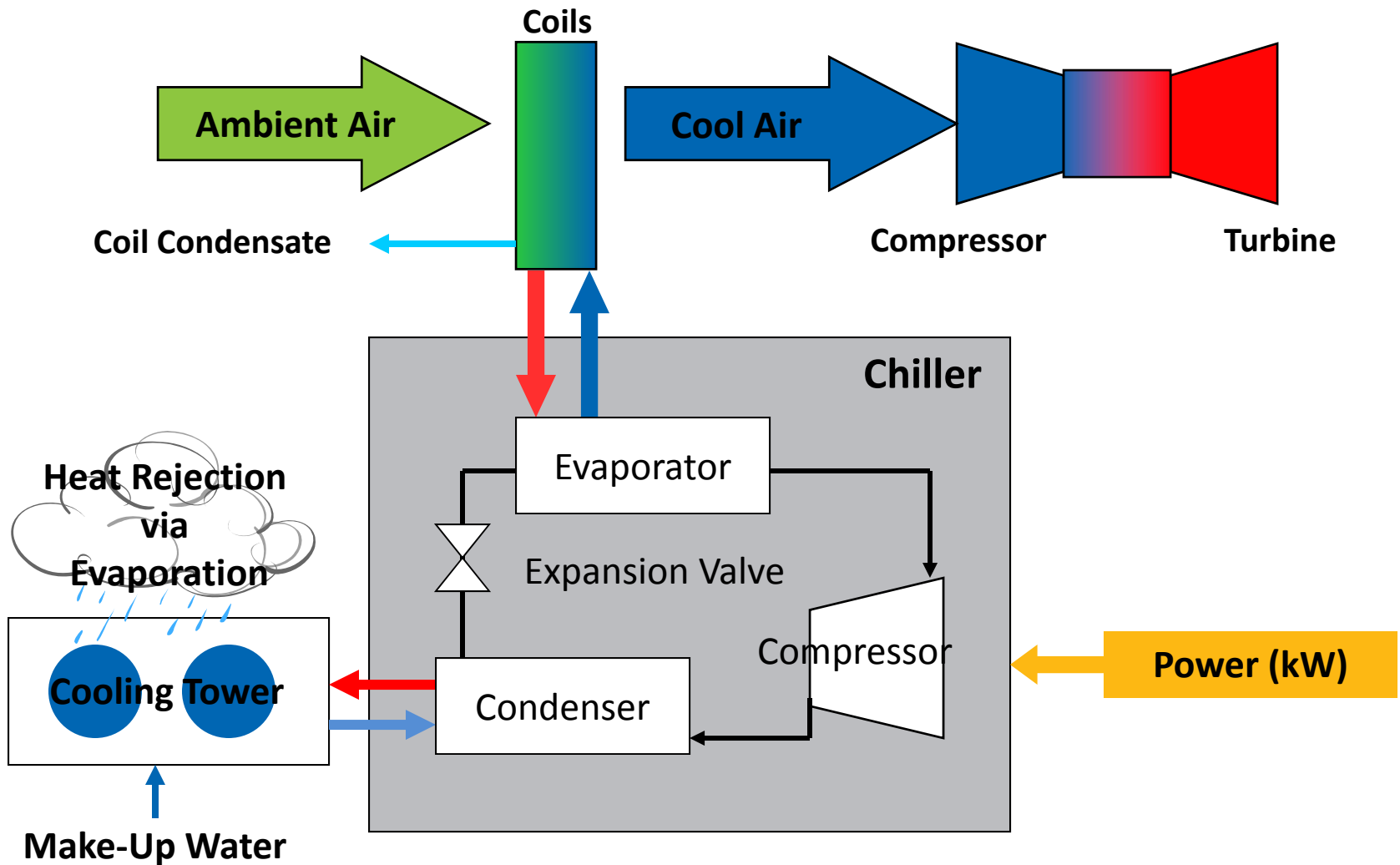
## Power Plant Considerations

- Desired Plant Output
  - Satisfy Capacity Contract
  - Satisfy Competitive Specification
  - Site Utility Limitation
  - Optimal Heat Rate
- Thermal Energy Storage Shift (Charge vs. Discharge)
- Ambient Design
  - Dry Bulb / Wet Bulb
  - Target Inlet Temperature
  - Mass Flow
- Space Availability
- Energy Source
  - Steam or Electrical Supply

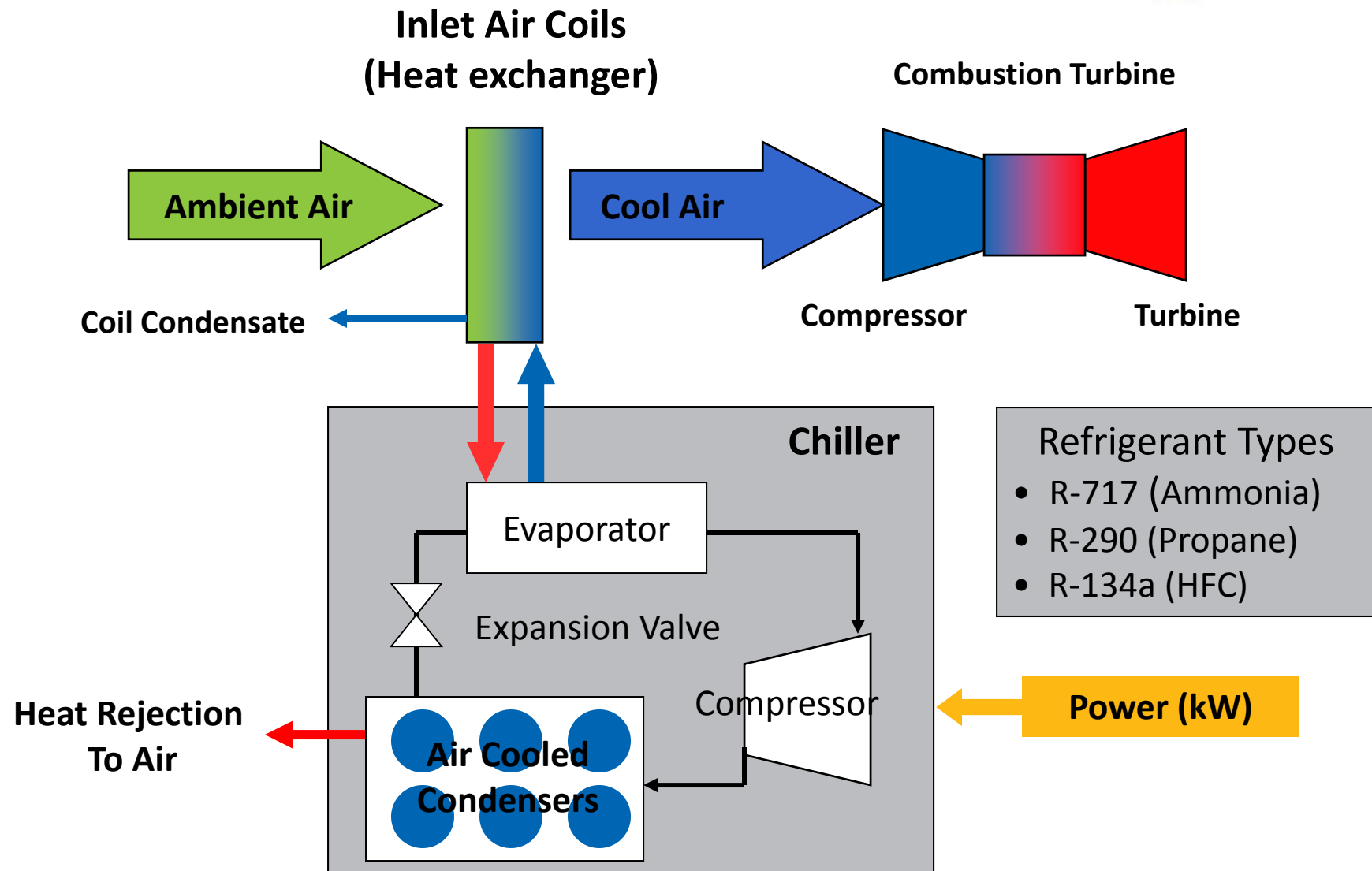
## Chiller Considerations

- Inlet Coil Design
  - Face Velocity
  - Pressure Drop
  - Freeze Protection
- Chiller Package Design
  - Refrigerant Type
  - Heat Rejection Technology (Water / Air / **Absorption**) 
  - Pump Redundancy
  - Cooling Tower Mat'ls / Sound
- Electrical
  - Feeds
  - Standards (NEC / IEC)
  - Protection (Arc Flash)
  - Controls

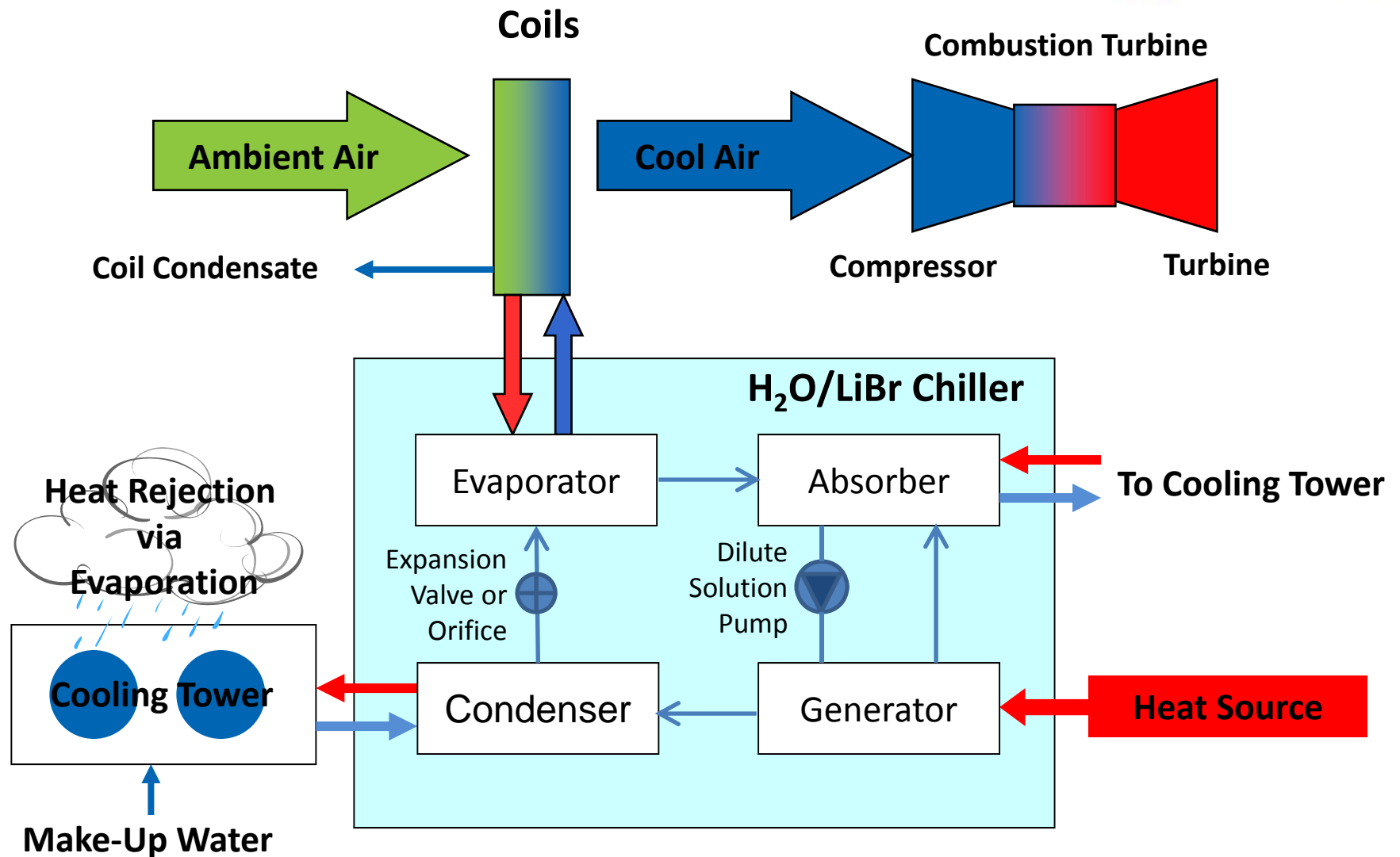
# WATER-COOLED MECHANICAL



# AIR-COOLED MECHANICAL



# ABSORPTION





# ABSORPTION CONSIDERATIONS

## Advantages

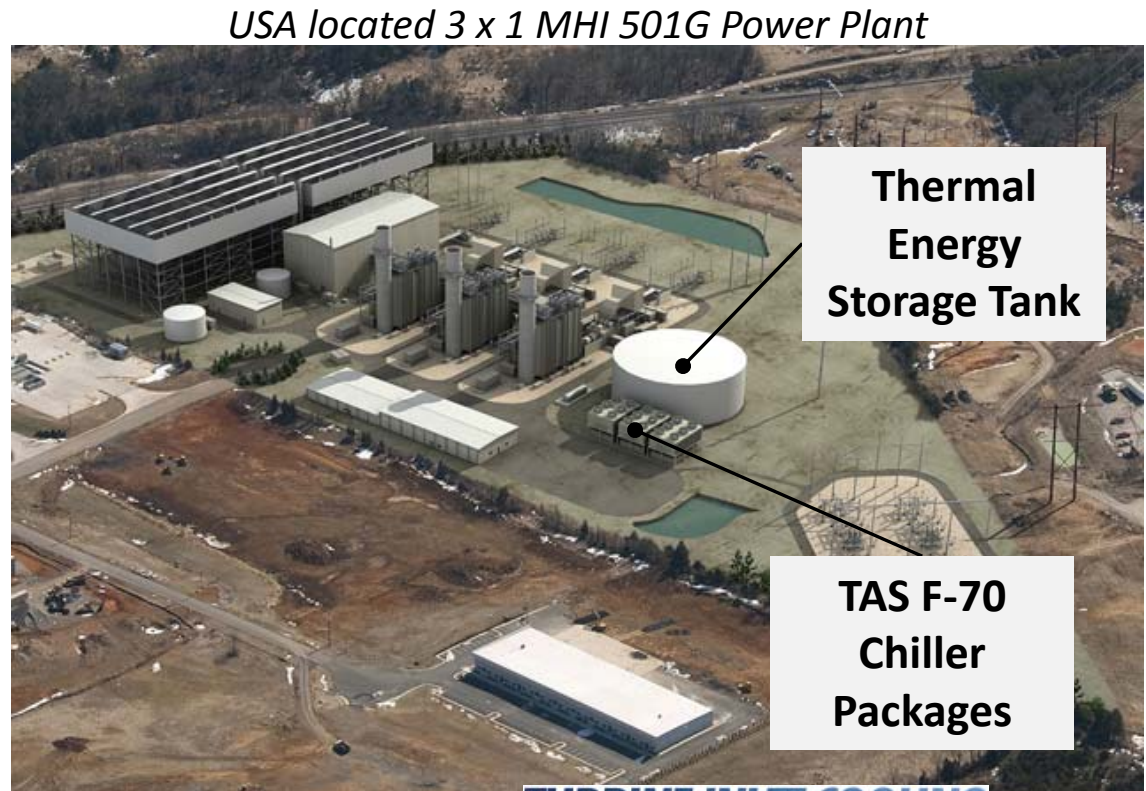
- Significantly lower electrical load
- Good use of waste heat if available such as:
  - Hot water
  - LP steam
  - Direct engine exhaust
- Well paired with a Thermal Energy Storage (TES) system, that allows the absorption chiller to operate at constant load

## Disadvantages

- Higher capital cost
- Low thermal efficiency
  - Higher water consumption
  - Not good in an air-cooled application
- Larger equipment footprint
  - Requires around 1/3 more cooling tower capacity compared to mechanical chiller
- Potentially reduced life expectancy compared to mechanical chiller
  - Highly dependent on quality of maintenance
- Can be prone to vacuum leaks
- Possibility of solution crystallization
- Does not cycle effectively

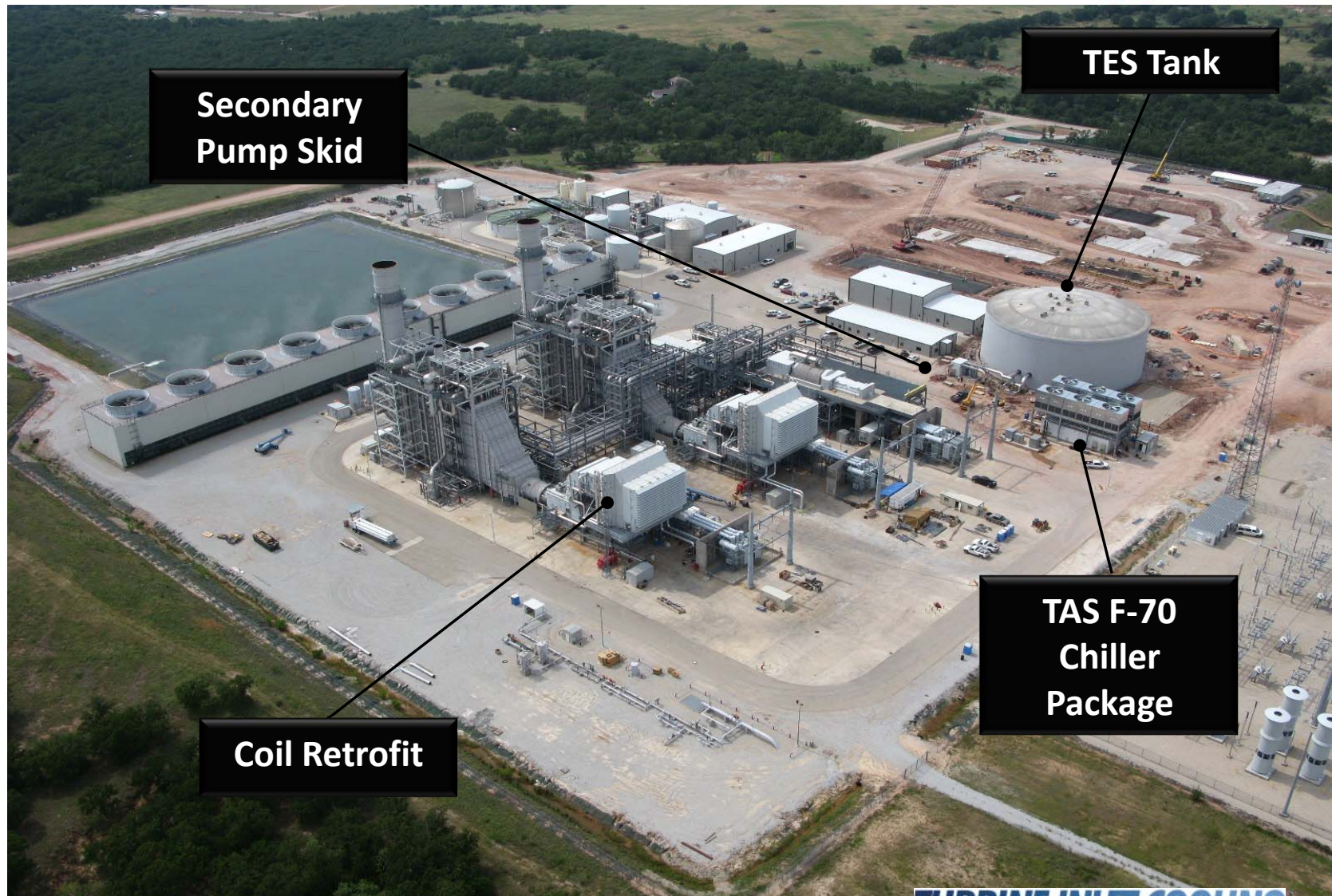
# SHIFT IN TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTANCE

- Historically Turbine Inlet Chilling (TIC) applications have been limited to aeroderivative peaking power plants only
- In the past 5-years there have been significant awards in chilling advanced combined cycle power plants globally
- Application advantages:
  - Ancillary services
  - Capacity payments
  - **SuperPeak™** 
  - Grid flexibility with increased renewable penetration
  - Storage as spinning reserve
  - Compliments night time wind generation





# TURBINE INLET CHILLING RETROFIT



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# RETROFIT PROJECT EXAMPLE

- Customer: Confidential
- Site location: Texas
- Project Timing: 2008-2009
- Outage Duration: ~15-30 Days
- Construction Man-Hours: ~50,000
- Construction Duration: ~9 Months
- Project Timing: 2008-2009
- Turbine OEM: GE Frame 7FA
- Power Plant Type: 2 x 1 Combined Cycle





# AIR FILTER RETROFITS



Erection of Filter  
Platform  
Extension



Existing Filter  
Removal



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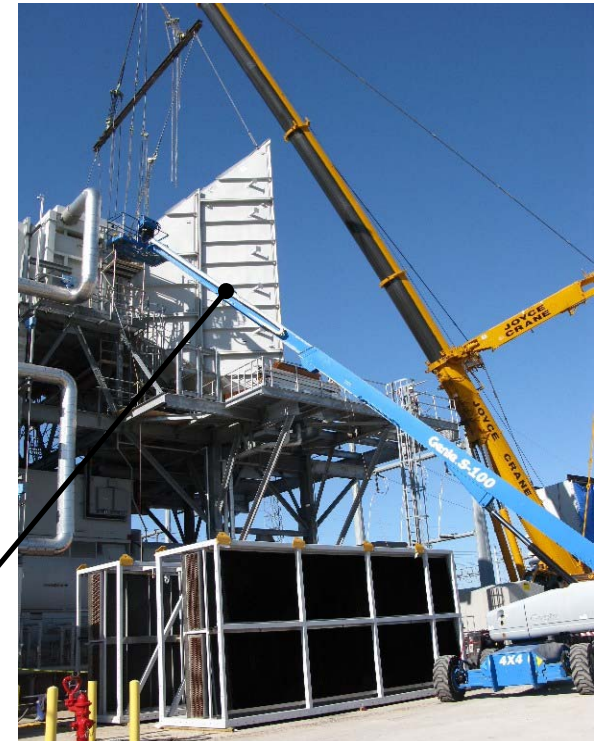


**Right Hand Coil Module**

**Four Coil Modules Installed**



**New Transition**



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# AIR FILTER RETROFITS



**Filter Module  
Installed**



**Coil Module  
Access Platforms**



**Coil  
Assembly  
Header**

# RETROFIT PHOTO



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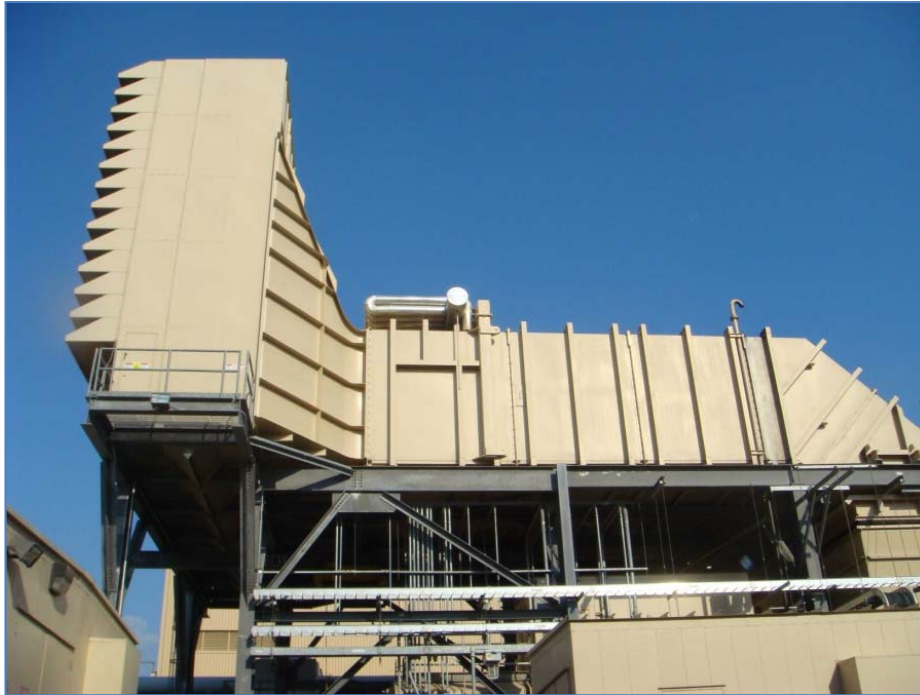


# FILTER HOUSE RETROFIT FEATURES

- Coil Module Sizing
- Filter House Transition
- Coil Location
- Filter House Obstructions (Forward / Aft)
- Filter House Structure / Modifications
- Filter House Ducting (Concentric / Eccentric)
- Outage Considerations (Timing / Interference)
- Chilled Water Pipe Routing
- Condensate Return

# CONCENTRIC VS. ECCENTRIC

## BEFORE



- Eccentric Inlet Duct
- Extended Inlet Duct for Fogging

## AFTER



- Concentric Inlet Duct
- New Spacer Elevates Inlet Duct
- Existing Filter House Utilized

# RETROFIT OUTAGE CONSIDERATIONS

- Parallel Construction Activities
- TIC Retrofit Should Not be Additive to Turbine Outage Durations
- At Site Construction Duration ~6 Months
- Duration From Execution to Outage ~50 Weeks
- Critical Path Retrofit Components are Air Filter Retrofit Kits / Coil Assemblies (30-35 Weeks)
- Work Can be Done In Parallel with Hot Gas Path / Major Outage Work
- Schedule Coordination a Must
- Consider Winter Outage for Performing Work

# TYP. RETROFIT OUTAGE DURATIONS

Site	Duration Days Planned	Duration Days Actual
Georgia - Unit #1	21	12
Georgia - Unit #2	21	14
PJM - Unit #1	13	15
PJM - Unit #2	13	15
PJM - Unit #3	25	32
PJM - Unit #4	25	32
Texas #1	18	15
Texas #2	26	23
Texas #3	29	20
<b>Average</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>

- Planning durations should be 3-4 weeks
- Contractor equipment / site familiarity and capability very important
- Outage duration typically dictated by gas turbine / steam turbine maintenance
- Site coordination during proposal phase required



# FILTER HOUSE COIL PIPING DESIGN



**Left Hand Coil  
Header Piping**

**Reverse Return  
Header Piping**



**Right Hand Coil  
Header Piping**



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