



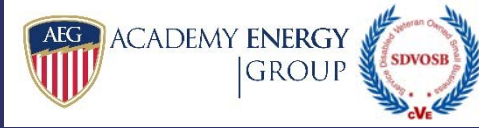
Innovative, Sustainable, Resilient Solutions:

New ASHRAE® Design Guide Overview Developed by USACE-CERL
“Guide for Resilient Energy Systems Design in Hot and Humid Climates”

Federal Government Technology Innovation Programs
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Applying HVAC Technology to Solve Problems of Mold, Corrosion, Improve Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) & Save Energy
Using Pretreatment of Outside Air for Chilled-Water Cooling & Dedicated Outside Air Systems (DOAS)

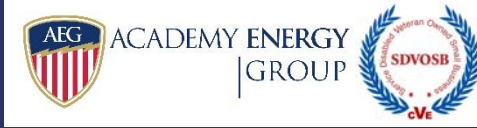
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GUIDING PRINCIPALS

- Integrity: Say/Do Ratio
- Ethics: Acting in Truth
- Service to Others
- Partnering to Win
- Innovate to Differentiate
- Collaborate to Deliver
- Adhering to The Higher Power

PRACTICES

- Project Management
- Technical Compliance Framework
- Vendor Management Collaboration
- Contract Compliance
- Quality Control



SERVICES

- Pre-Construction Services
- Solar PV Design & Commissioning
- Energy & Lighting Consulting
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Consulting
- Resiliency - Microgrid - Storage
- Power Quality Consulting
- Communications Design Support

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- Solar PV
- Lighting & Controls
- UV Disinfection Lighting
- Electrical Materials
- HVAC & HVAC Dehumidification
- Communications

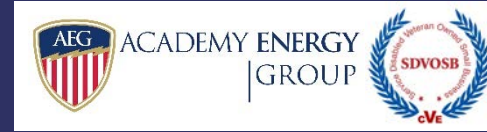


AEG President – Bill Morrison (USMA '97)

Altaire – Jim Johnston (former U.S. Marine)

“Semper Fi”

Altaire Overview

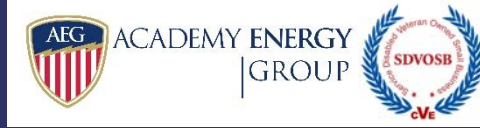


- Engineered HVAC Products Manufacturer & Services Provider solving dehumidification issues in the most extreme environments
- Designed for environments where precise temperature and humidity control are critical
- Founded by a team of HVAC construction, Commissioning and Building BAS Optimization Subject Matter Experts with over 60 years of experience
- Veteran Founder

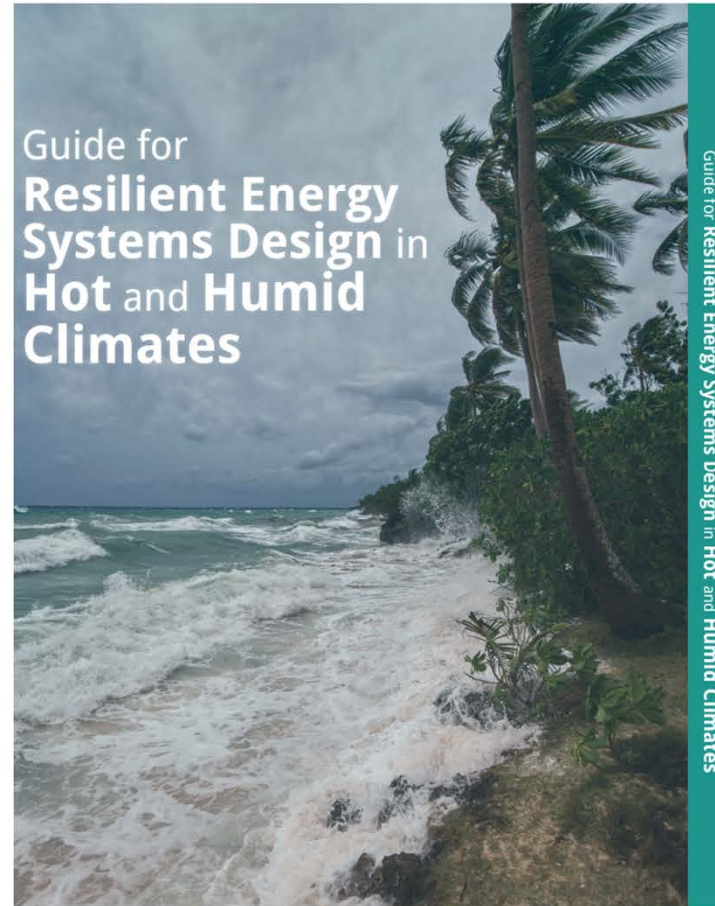
Altaire's suite of patented dehumidification products save energy, improve indoor air quality and occupant comfort, while providing a healthier, safer and more productive indoor environment.

NEW ASHRAE® Design Guide

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Guide for Resilient Energy Systems Design in Hot and Humid Climates

Hot and humid climates (HHC) present some of the most complex challenges for sustainable building design and operation to maintain high IAQ efficiently. Additionally, high temperatures and high humidity create extreme comfort issues and exacerbate the potential for condensation, mold, and mildew.

Buildings in humid climates, especially in coastal locations, are also subject to rust and the decay of materials much more quickly than in other environments. In extreme situations, e.g., at Kwajalein or Okinawa, concrete elements of the building envelope break down, and condenser units installed outside of the building envelope must be replaced within two to three years due to premature corrosion caused by salt-laden ambient air. Additionally, many coastal areas located in HHC are frequented by tropical storms and hurricanes with heavy winds, which can force water into the building and be damaging to the building envelope.

HHC provide unique challenges to HVAC, plumbing, and thermal energy system designers. Considering facility operation in the context of high OA temperatures and humidity, system reliability and building resiliency cannot be understated. This Guide describes best practice examples of robust and reliable systems emphasizing redundancy, durability, and functionality.

The target audience for this Guide is technical experts involved in building and energy systems design, renovation, operation, and maintenance; architectural and engineering professionals; and energy service companies. The content of this Guide may also be of interest to building owners, executive decision-makers, and energy managers of public, government, and military organizations.

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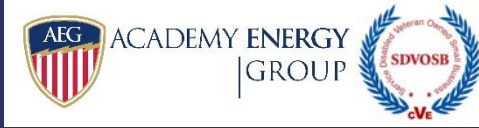
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Focus ASHRAE® Climate Zones (0A, 1B, 2A, 3A)

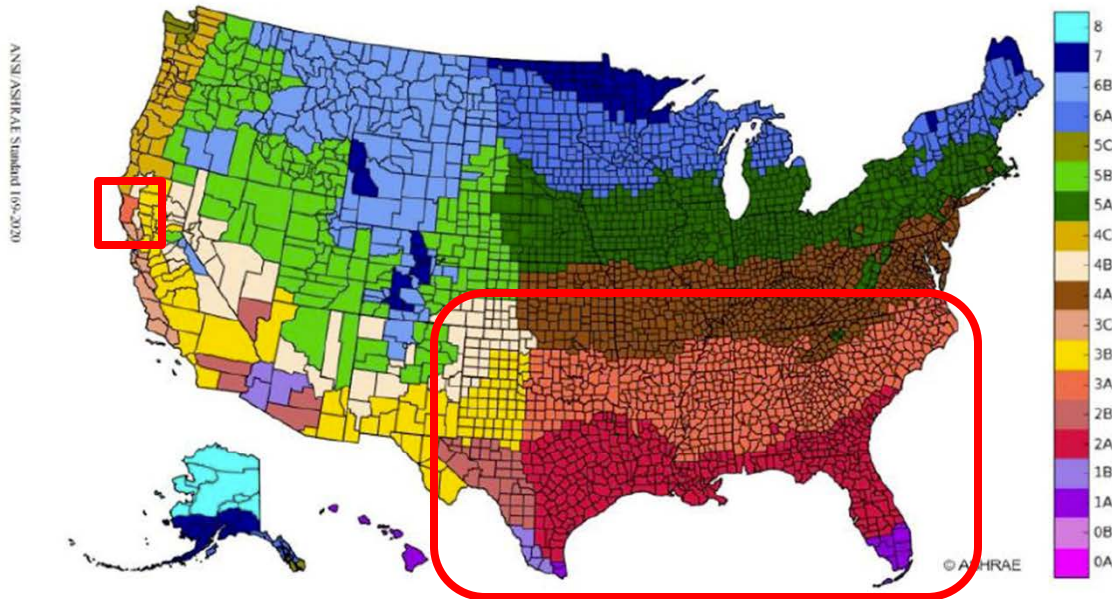


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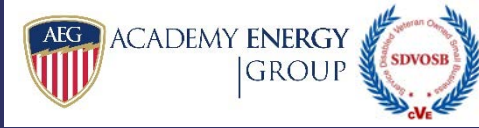
Thermal Zone	Name	I-P Units	SI Units
0	Extremely Hot	10,800 < CDD50 °F	6000 < CDD10 °C
1	Very Hot	9000 < CDD50 °F ≤ 10,800	5000 < CDD10 °C ≤ 6000
2	Hot	6300 < CDD50 °F ≤ 9000	3500 < CDD10 °C ≤ 5000
3	Warm	CDD50 °F ≤ 6300 and HDD65 °F ≤ 3600	CDD10 °C < 3500 and HDD18 °C ≤ 2000

Table 1-2. Examples cities located in the Equatorial region that represent ASHRAE climate zones 0A, 1A, 2A, and 3A.

Country	City	ASHRAE Climate Zone
Brazil	Barranquilla	0-A
Brazil	Manaus	0-A
Colombia	Monteria	0-A
	Providencia	0-A
	San Andrés	0-A
	Quibdo	0-A
	Recife	0-A
	Valledupar	0-A
	Villavicencio	0-A
	Neiva	0-A
Guam	Guam	0-A
India	Coimbatore	0-A
	Nagpur	0-A
Indonesia	Bali Ngurah Rai	0-A
Jamaica	Kingston-Norman Manley	0-A
Kenya	Mombasa	0-A
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	0-A

Country	City	ASHRAE Climate Zone
Marshall Islands	Kwajalein	0-A
Mexico	Acapulco	0-A
Nigeria	Lagos	0-A
Panama	Panama City-Tocumen	0-A
Philippines	Manila	0-A
Puerto Rico	San Juan-Luis Muñoz	0-A
Singapore	Singapore Changhi	0-A
Sri Lanka	Colombo-Bandanariake	0-A
Thailand	Bangkok	0-A
Tanzania	Dar Es Salaam	0-A
Brazil	Belo Horizonte	1-A
Colombia	Cali	1-A
Japan	Iwo Jima	1-A
Vietnam	Da Nang	1-A
Honduras	Tocontin/Tegucigalpa	2-A
Japan	Kadena	2-A
	Kumajima	2-A
	Naha	2-A
		2-A
Colombia	Bacaramanga	2-A
	Medellin	2-A
	Pasto	2-A
	Pereira	2-A
Japan	Kure	3-A
	Kobe	3-A
Mexico	Mexico City	3-A
Mexico	Toluca	3-A
Zimbabwe	Harare	3-A

1.2. Hazards Specific to Construction in Hot, Humid Climates



1.2.1. High Ambient Temperature, Humidity, and Dewpoint

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1.4. Major Issues Affecting Building Sustainability in Hot & Humid Climates

PROBLEM: Mold



1.4.1. Mold Considerations - Conditions for Mold Growth

High Heat 80°F to 100°F

+

Relative Humidity (RH) 70-100%

=

Ideal Conditions for Mold Growth

1.4. Major Issues Affecting Building Sustainability in Hot & Humid Climates

PROBLEM: Mold

1.4.1. Mold Considerations - How Mold Grows

HOW MOLD GROWS

1. MOLD SPORE LANDS ON SURFACE
2. MOLD SPORE GERMINATES
3. ADD MOISTURE
4. MOLD GROWS

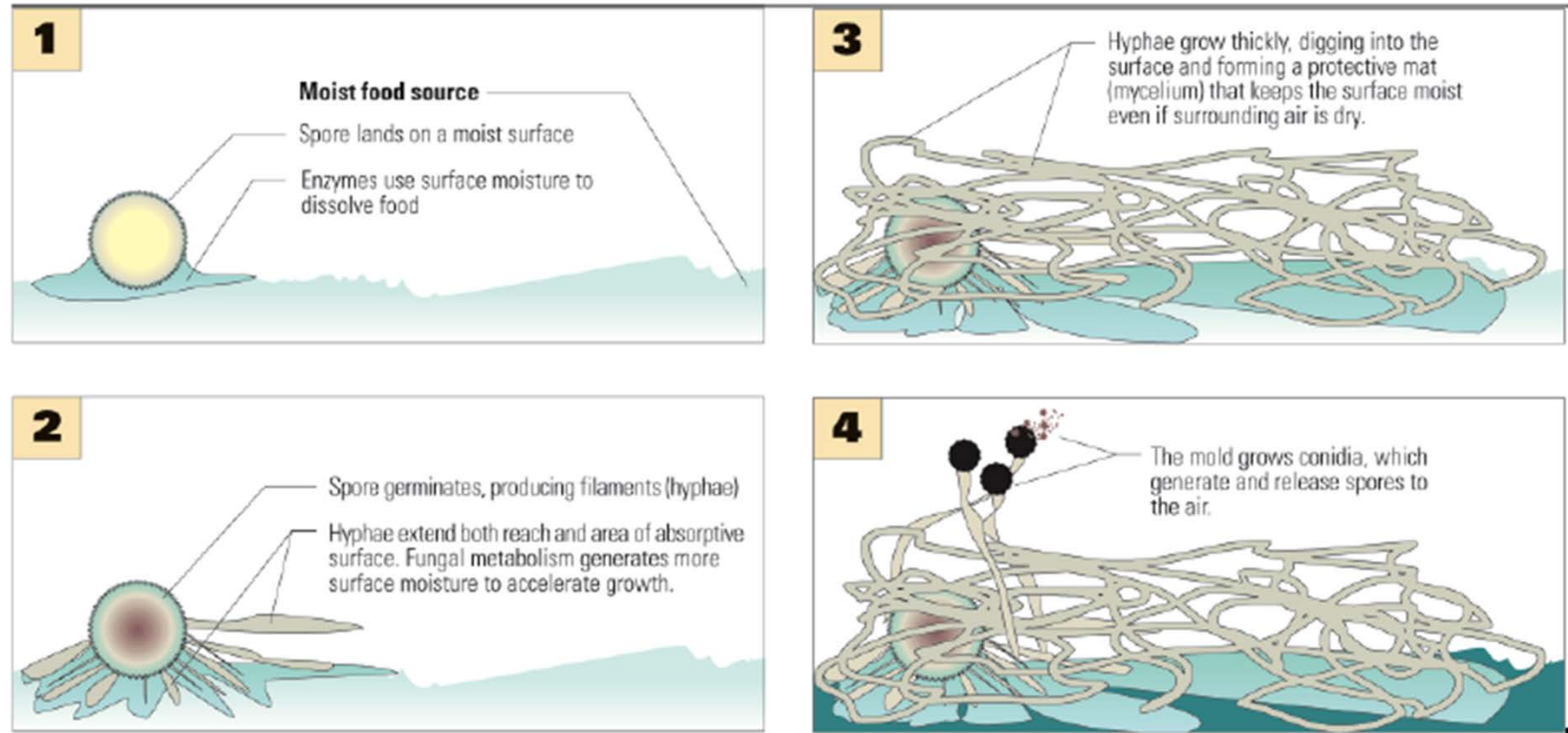
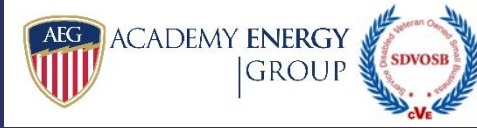


Figure 1-3. Mold growth stages (courtesy of Lew Harriman, Mason-Grant).

Army Finds Mold in Over 2,000 Facilities after Service-Wide Inspection

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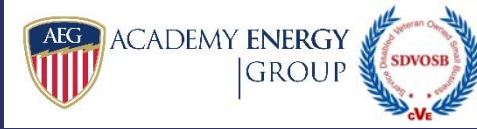


Senior Leaders at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, check barracks facilities for mold and other maintenance concerns.



1.4. Major Issues Affecting Building Sustainability in Hot & Humid Climates

PROBLEM: Mold



1.4.1. Mold Considerations - Health Effects of Toxigenic Molds and Mycotoxins.

1. **ALLERGY:**

Type-1 allergy or immediate type hypersensitivity

2. **REACTIONS:**

Delayed-type hypersensitivity reactions

3. **INFECTION**

4. **NERVE IRRITATION:**

Mucous membrane and trigeminal* nerve irritation (sensory info to skin/sinuses/face)

5. **HEADACHES, NASAL STUFFINESS, NAUSEA, VOMITING:**

Adverse reactions to odor or pseudo allergy

6. **TOXICITY & DAMAGE SKIN, LUNGS, GUT, VASCULAR SYSTEM, BRAIN-CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:**

Toxicity or neurotoxicity by molds and mycotoxins

7. **IMMUNE SYSTEM DAMAGE:**

Immunotoxicity induced by molds and mycotoxins.

1.5. Corrosion

PROBLEM: Corrosion



PROBLEMS:

Rapid Rust

Rapid Decay

Premature Failure / Increased Life Cycle Costs

Problems Across Many Systems

- Building Envelopes
- HVAC Systems
- Cooling Energy Generation, Storage, and Distribution Systems

SOLUTIONS:

Build With: Minimal Exposure to Corrosive Environment

Corrosion-Resistant Materials

Corrosion-Resistant Coatings

Humidity Control

CORROSION POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

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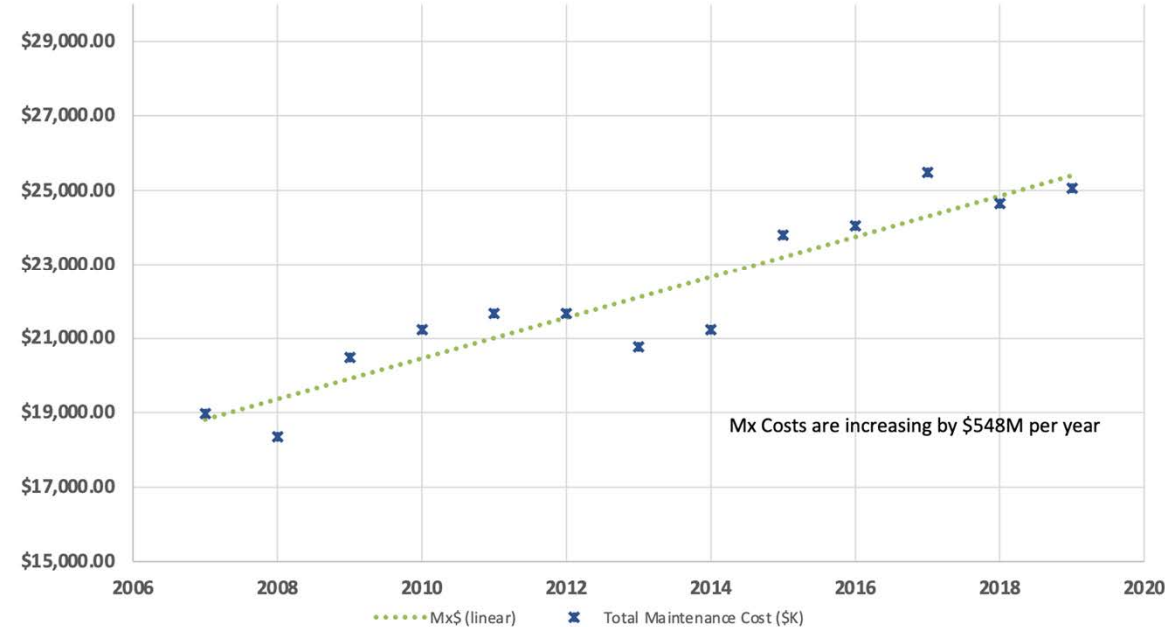
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PROBLEM: Corrosion Cost Impacts are Increasing



Notional View of Corrosion Impacts

CORROSION POLICY AND OVERSIGHT



CHAPTER 5. HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR HOT AND HUMID CLIMATES



Proper Design

+

Resilient Equipment Specification

+

Communication of Operational Requirements

+

Operation in Accordance with Design Requirements

+

Maintenance

=

HVAC can Protect Interior of Building that Envelope Alone Cannot

SOLUTION: Separate Outdoor Air Pretreatment Dehumidification (Latent Load) & Building Cooling Load (Sensible Load)

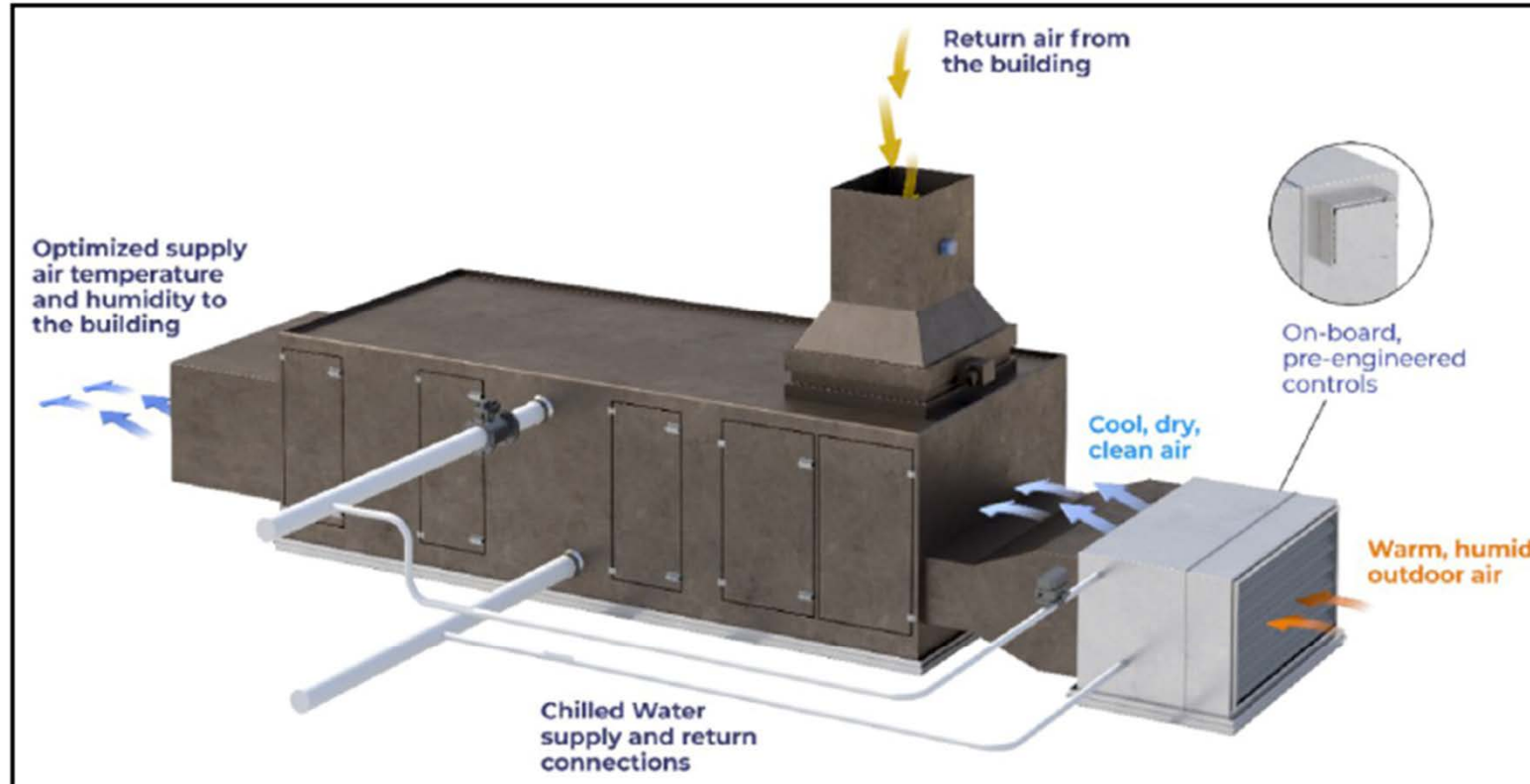


Image courtesy Altaire Systems, LLC (www.altairesystems.com).

Figure 5-3. Example outdoor air pretreatment device that decouples latent and sensible cooling loads.

Federal Government Technology Innovation Programs: GSA/DoE U.S. General Services Green Proving Ground Program (GPG) in Partnership with U.S. Department of Energy



The Green Proving Ground program leverages GSA's real estate portfolio to evaluate innovative building technologies. The program aims to drive down operational costs in federal buildings and help lead market transformation through the deployment of new technologies.

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**2021 – Award Winners
Academy Energy Group & Altaire Systems
HVAC DEHUMIDIFICATION**

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Ward R. Burke United State Courthouse Humidity Damaging Building – See Ceiling System Bowing **ENERGY WASTE: The Boiler Operates Year-round to Battle the Humidity**



Federal Government Technology Innovation Programs: (DoE) U.S. Department of Energy's High Impact Technology (HIT) Catalyst Program



High Impact Technology Catalyst

Buildings



The High Impact Technology (HIT) Catalyst is designed to help identify, prioritize and deploy cost-effective, innovative, energy-efficient technology solutions.

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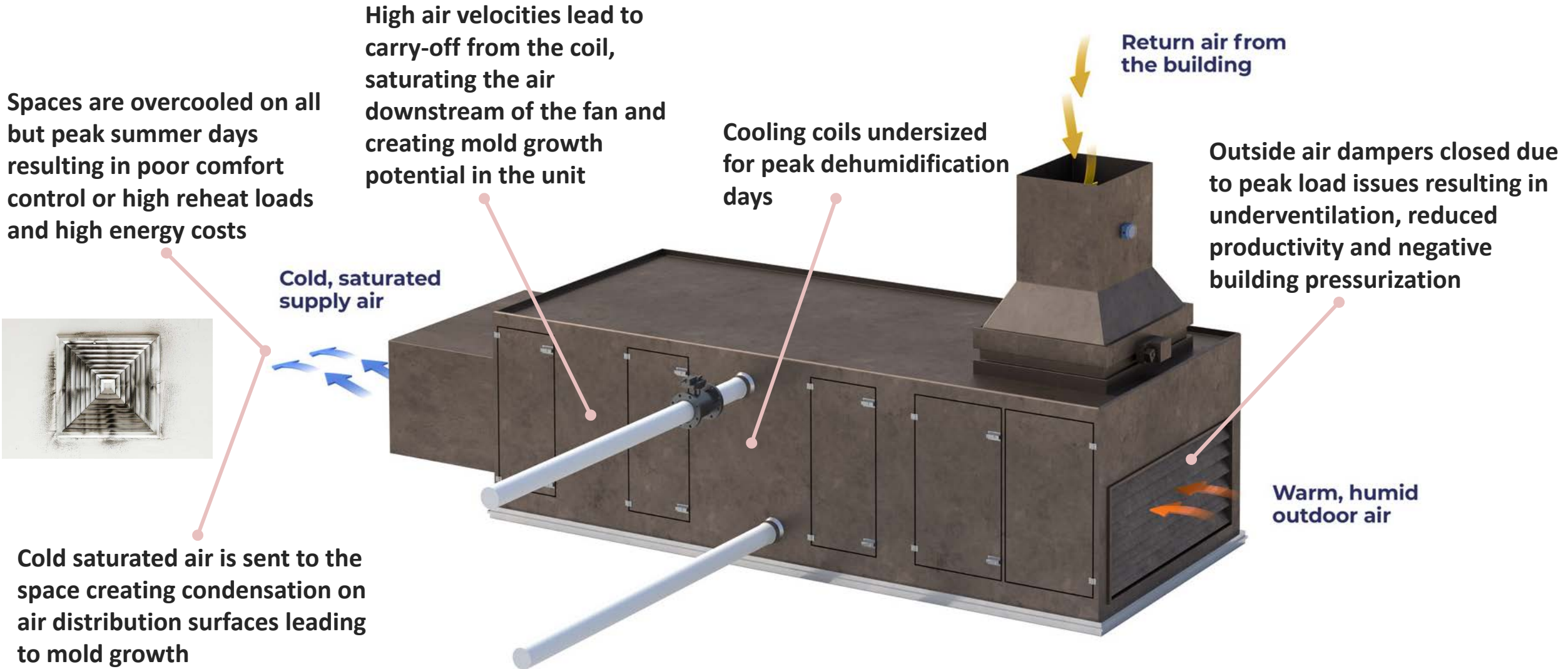


U.S. Navy – Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando, FL National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) – Instrumentation & M&V For Seven (7) Air Pre-Treatment Units



- **Latent Cooling.** **Removal of water** from the air by means of condensing water vapor from the air through cooling that results in a reduction in dewpoint temperature of the airstream.
- **Sensible Cooling.** **Removal of heat** from an airstream that does not result in a change in water vapor content and that results in a decrease in the measured DBT of the air with no change to dewpoint temperature.

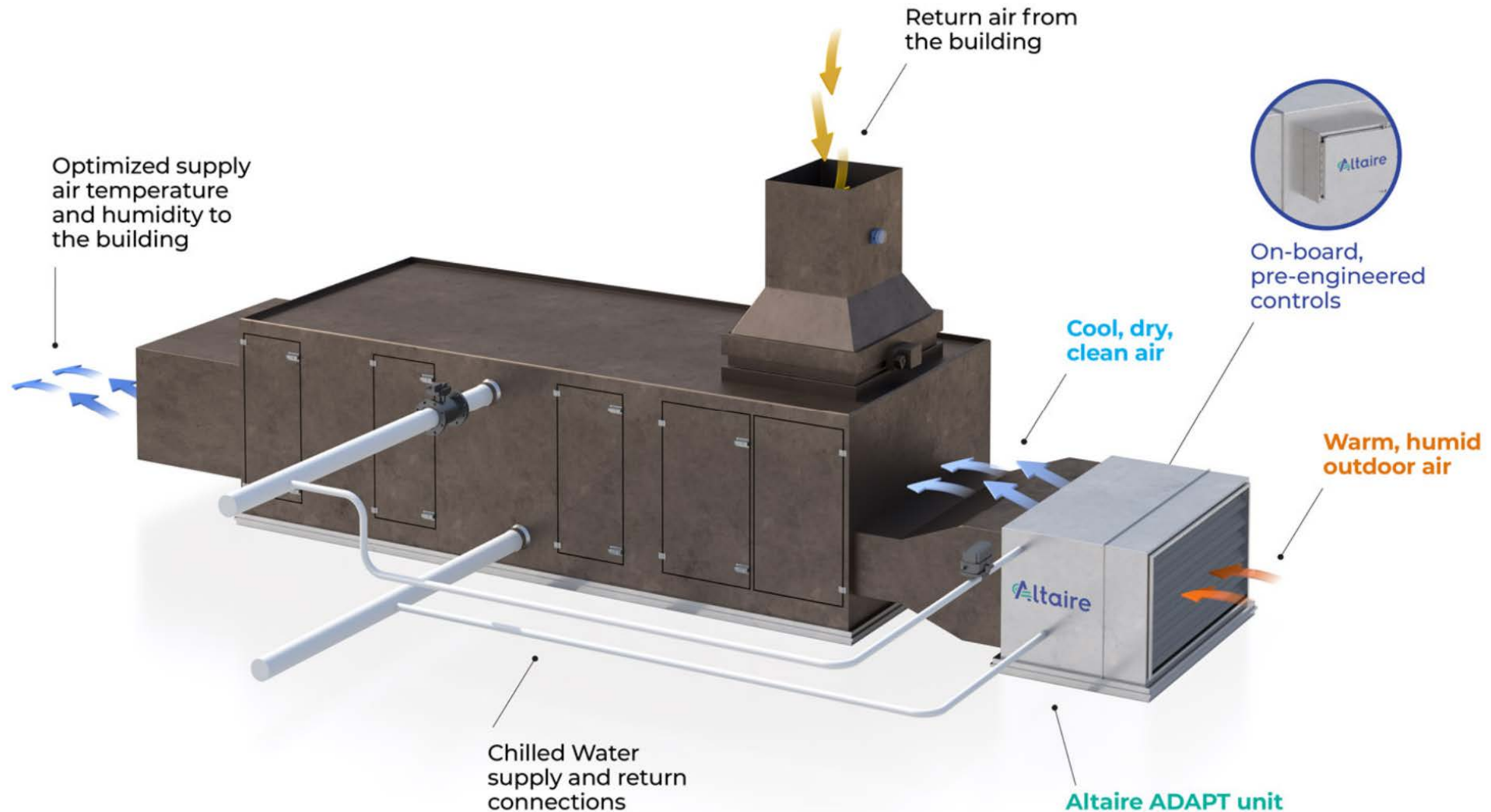
The Humidity Problem



Legacy Market Solutions



Advanced Dehumidification Airstream Pretreat Technology (ADAPT™)

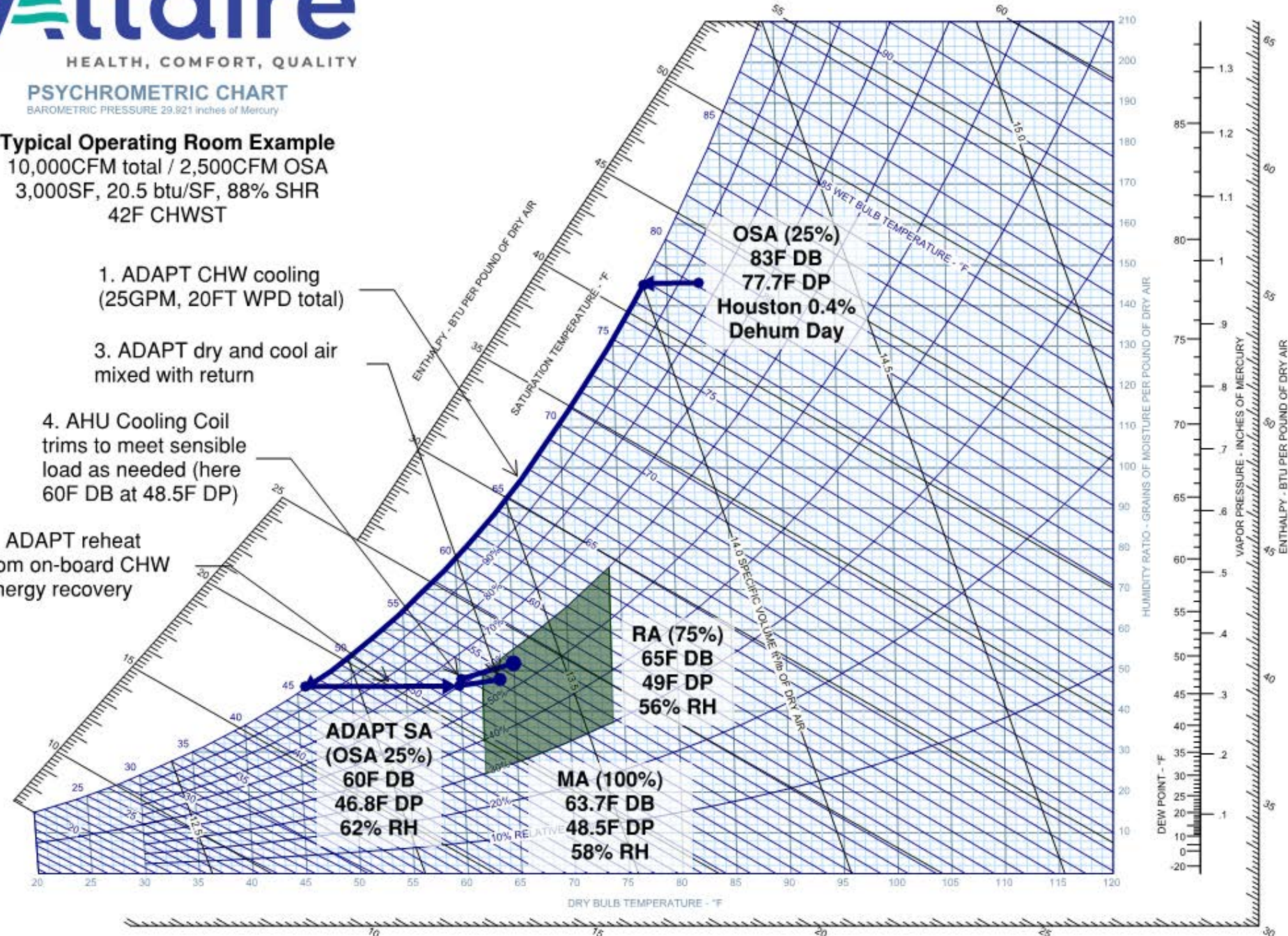


Psychrometric Analysis



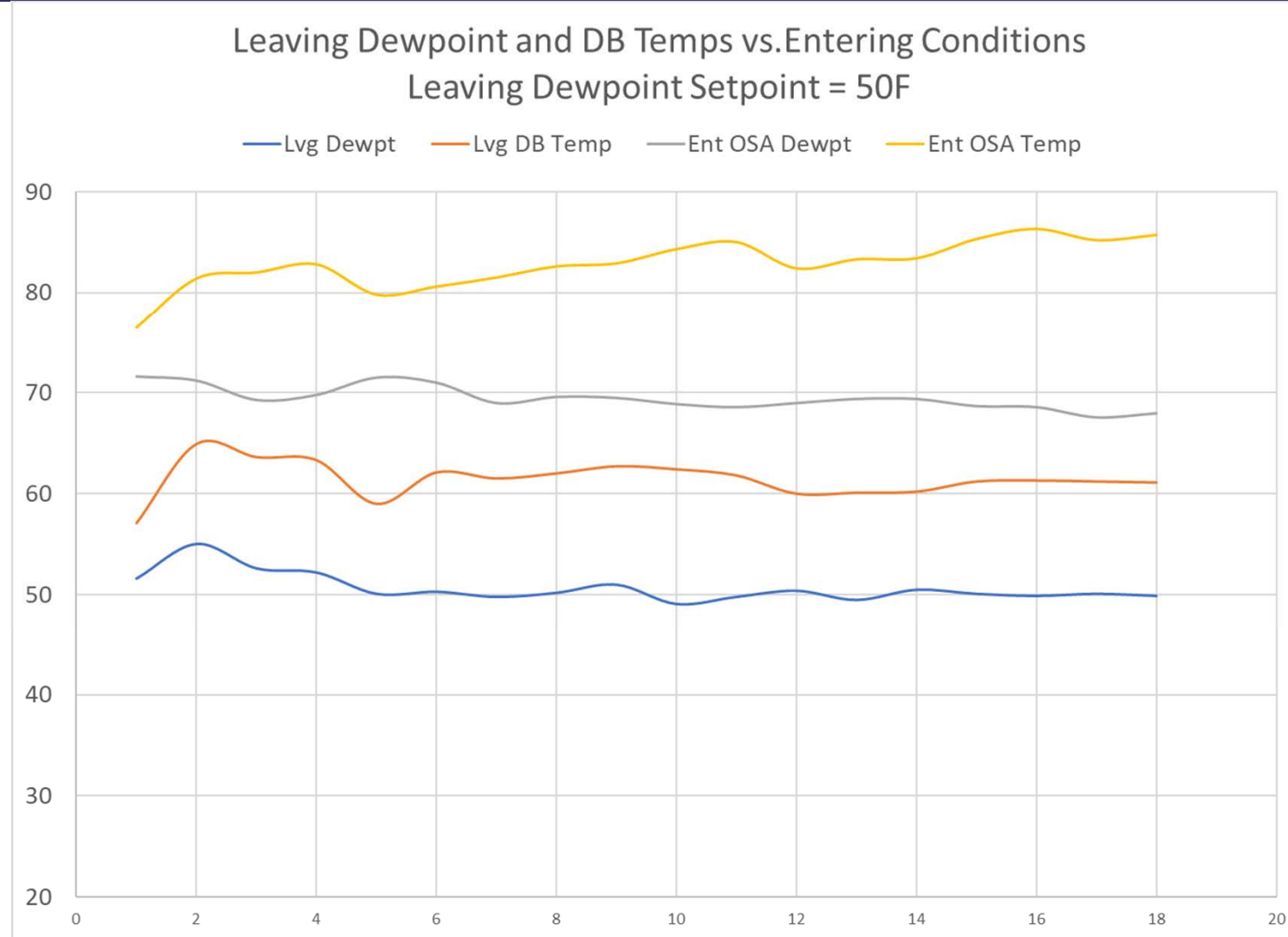
Typical Operating Room Example
10,000CFM total / 2,500CFM OSA
3,000SF, 20.5 btu/SF, 88% SHR
42F CHWST

1. ADAPT CHW cooling
(25GPM, 20FT WPD total)
2. ADAPT reheat
from on-board CHW
energy recovery
3. ADAPT dry and cool air
mixed with return
4. AHU Cooling Coil
trims to meet sensible
load as needed (here
60F DB at 48.5F DP)



U.S. Navy – Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando, FL

Data from the Field



ADAPT Integrated Heat Recovery

ADAPT Coil Layout

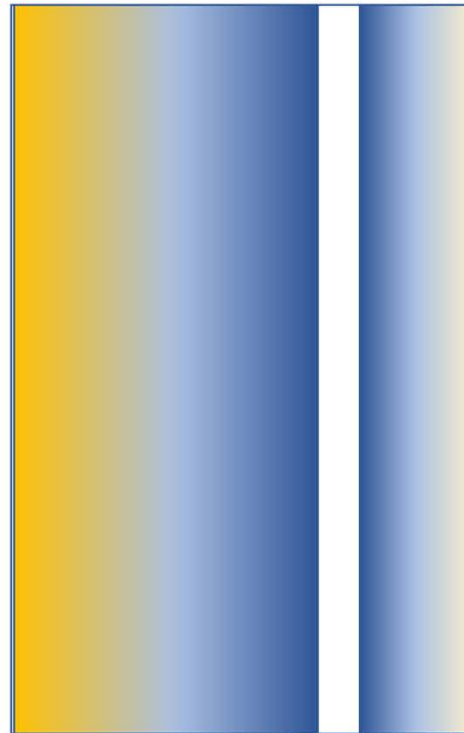
Outside air is filtered, delivering cleaner outdoor air to the existing AHU system, reducing downstream filter loading



TOP VIEW

Cooling & Dehumidifying Coil Section

Desaturation / Reheat Coil Section



Integrated desaturation coil enables control to ensure there is no fogging downstream in the AHU when mixing with return air



Single valve is used to control both temp and humidity of the leaving air

CHW Inlet

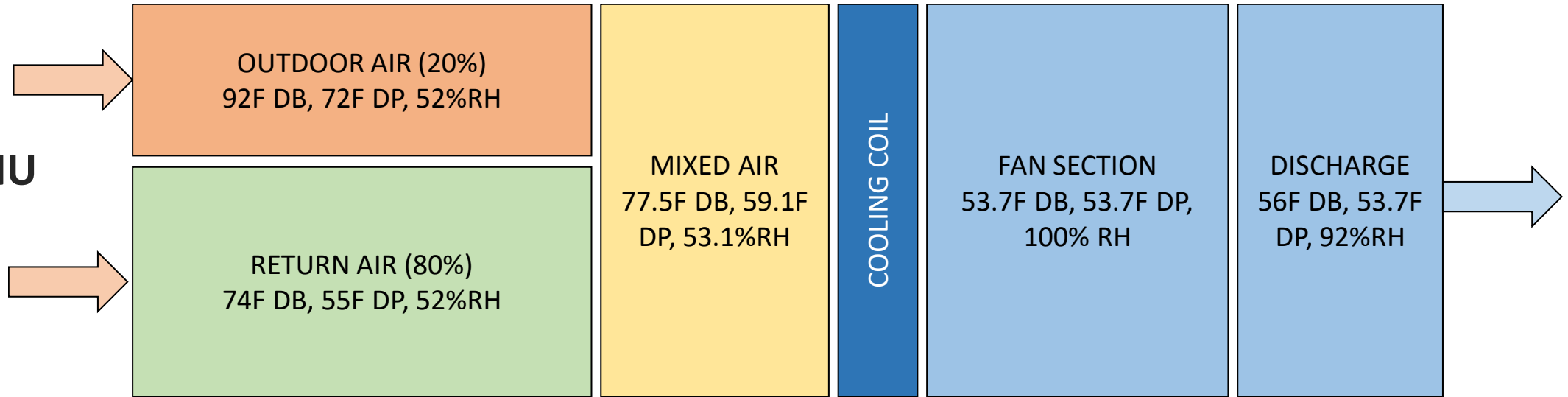
CHW Outlet

ADAPT designed with low pressure drop based on unit size, coil selection, and configuration to allow the unit to be bolted onto most existing AHUs without limiting airflow

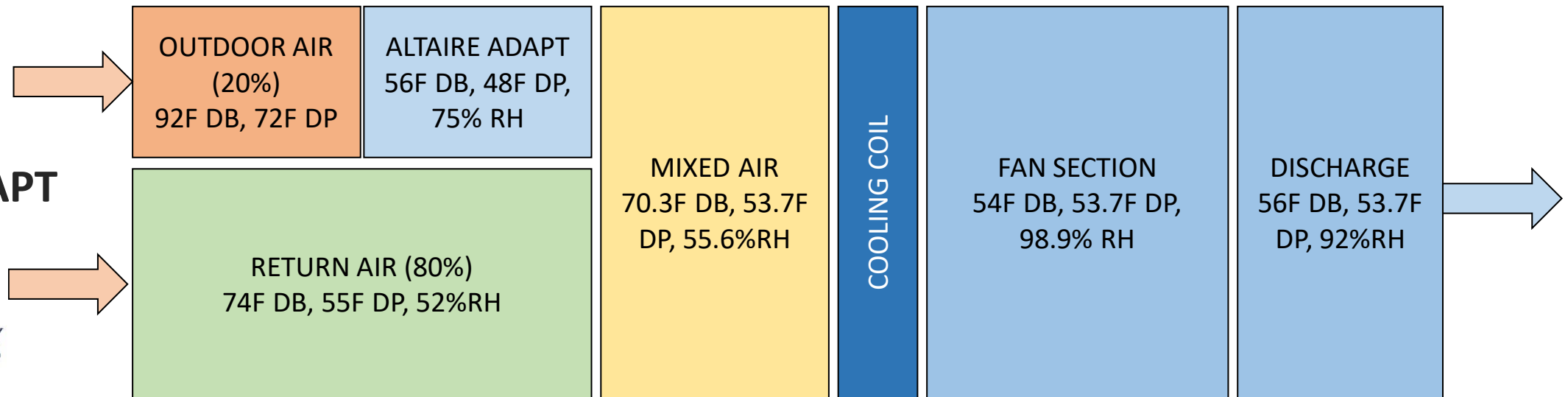
Application Performance Examples: Peak Sensible Load Day

Example Peak Sensible Day Requiring 56F Supply Air Temp to Meet Space Loads (SHR=0.91)

Typical AHU Design



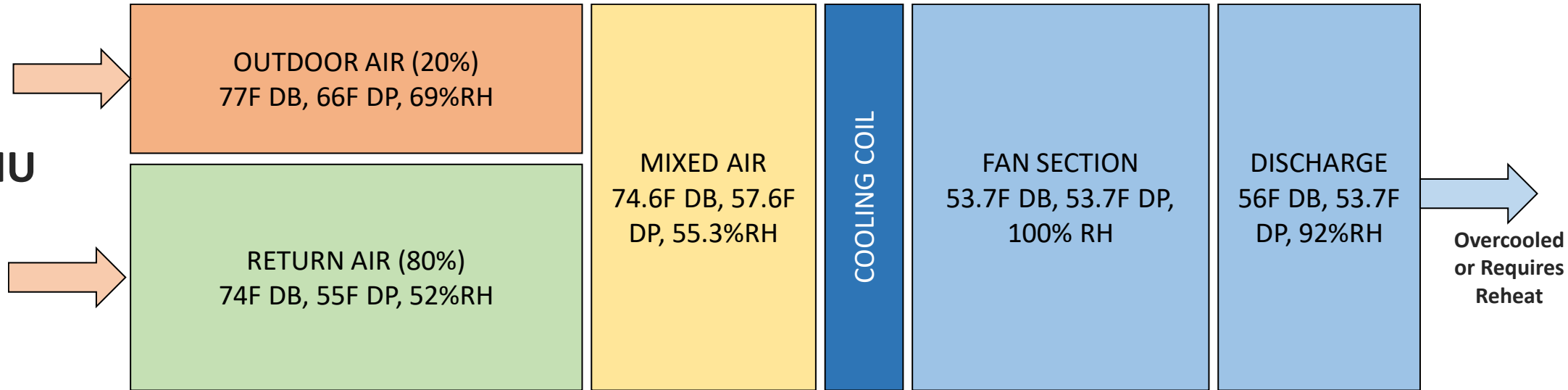
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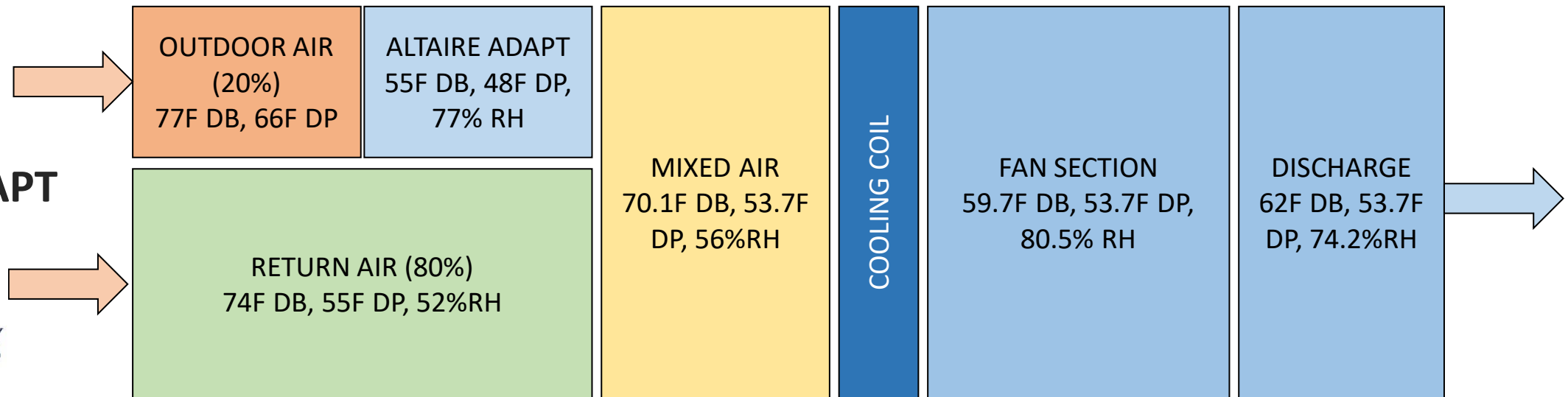
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Example Part Load Day Requiring 62F Supply Air Temp to Meet Space Loads (SHR = 0.88)

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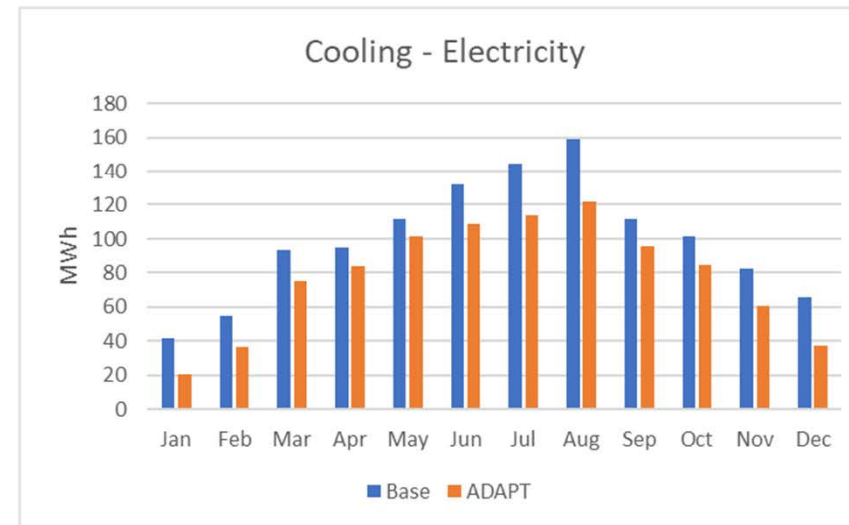
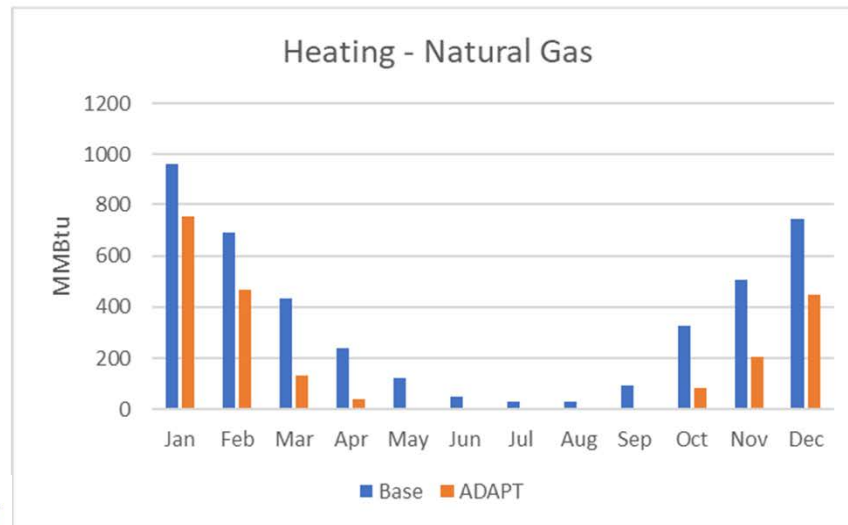
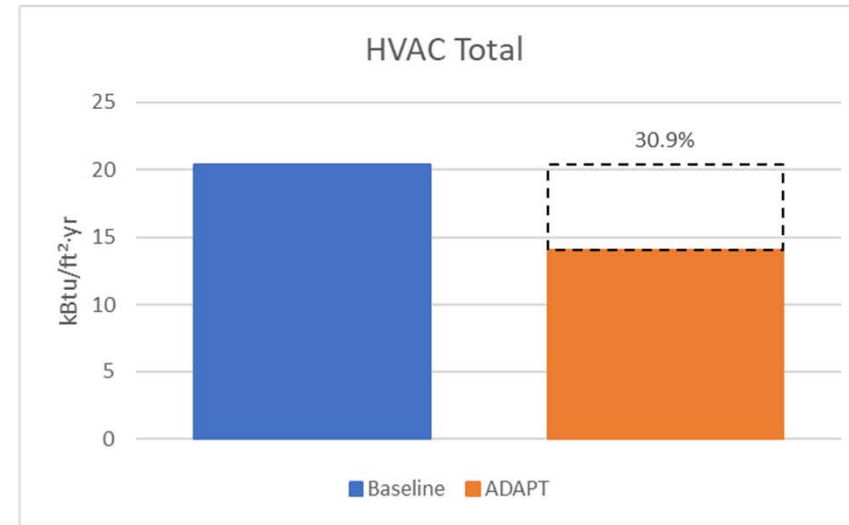
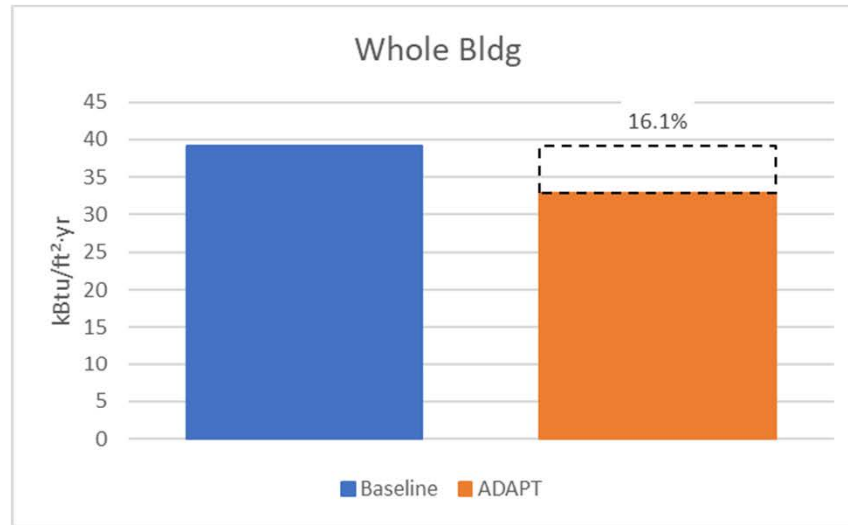


With ADAPT



NREL Modeled Energy Savings

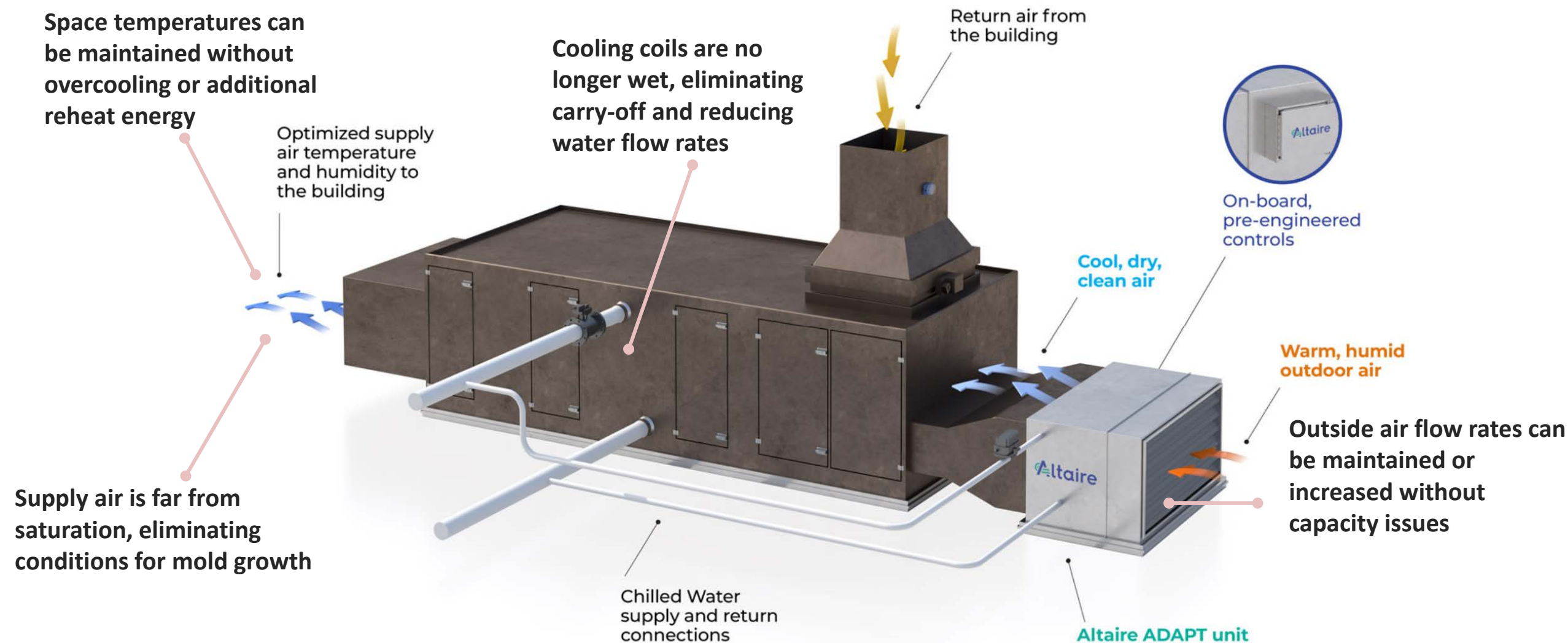
Sample Typical Office Building – Atlanta, GA



ECM Calculations and M&V

- Altaire has developed a detailed 8760 ECM calculator based on the existing conditions and application of ADAPT
- Field Measurement and Verification
 - CHW tons
 - CHW Plant kWh
 - Reheat: HHW, steam, electricity
 - AHU Fan kWh
- Adjusted baseline may be needed for buildings with OSA flows below design / new ASHRAE requirements.

Advanced Dehumidification Airstream Pretreat Technology (ADAPT™)



ADAPT Products (patent no. US11,441,797)

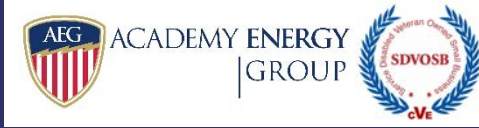


Advanced Dehumidification Airstream Pretreat Technology

- Handles 100% of dehumidification loads, protecting downstream systems from moisture
- Available in 2500, 5000, & 10,000 cfm capacities
- Constructed to last 20+ in marine environments using marine grade aluminum and 316 stainless steel
- Dehumidification capacity for the most extreme conditions, adding resiliency and flexibility
- Energy efficient design with integrated heat recovery delivers lower peak chilled water flows and loads
- ASHRAE 90.1 compliant, can eliminate exhaust heat recovery
- Options for boost fan, preheat, and bypass
- MERV 8 pre-filter and MERV 14 final filter - low pressure drop
- Shipped as one unit but can be broken down for site-assembly
- Units can be stacked to meet additional capacity requirements



ADAPT New Construction & Retrofit Design Considerations

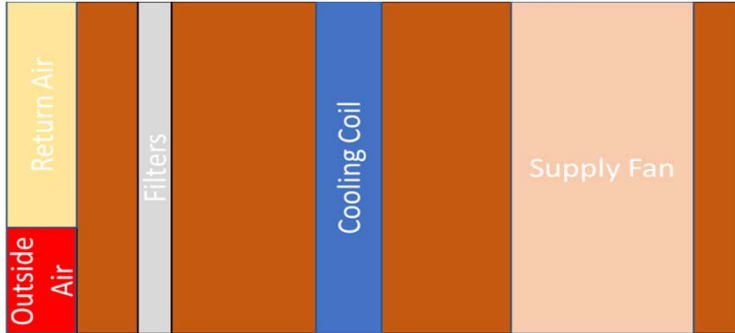


- Reduced downstream AHU size and cost
 - Decoupling latent cooling fundamentally changes the incoming design conditions
 - Higher face velocities -> less coil area
 - No dehumidification -> less rows on the coils
 - Dry coils -> higher delta T
 - Smaller AHU -> easier install
- ADAPT unit has high delta T (17F+)
 - Lower pump energy
 - Smaller distribution pipe sizes
 - More efficient chillers
- Integrated CHW reheat eliminates need for downstream reheat (ASHRAE 90.1 compliant)
- Decoupling latent and sensible control allows the supply air temp from the AHU to be reset, reducing cooling energy / improving space comfort
- Integrated CHW reheat can reduce peak cooling loads, enabling higher outside air flow rates without energy penalty



Comparative Replacement Options: 25,000 CFM AHU with 5,000 CFM Outside Air

Replacement AHU (Typical Solution)



- 8.5ft x 8.5ft: 50% larger with significantly larger coil, cannot fit through a doorway for installation
- \$250,000 AHU cost
- Major site disruption to install indoors
- Annual Operating Cost¹: \$26,200/yr

Replacement AHU + ADAPT



- 6.5ft x 6.5ft: 50% smaller with significantly smaller coil, sections can fit through a standard door
- \$150,000 AHU cost + \$125,000 ADAPT
- No site disruption for indoor installation
- Annual Operating Cost¹: \$12,400/yr

(1) Annual operating cost assumes 15kW BPH, \$0.12/kWh electricity cost, 60 hours per week operation; includes airside economizer.

Dedicated Outside Air System

- Adds fan to the ADAPT system to enable standalone operations
- Available in 2500, 5000 and 10,000 cfm capacities
- Delivers dry, neutral ventilation air without additional reheat energy or systems
- Energy efficient design with integrated heat recovery delivers lower peak chilled water flows and loads
- Integrated MERV 8 pre-filter with MERV 14 final filter
- Shipped as one unit but can be broken down for site-assembled applications
- Units can be stacked for additional capacity requirements



ADAPT Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS) 10,000 CFM

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