



Intro Breakout MEP/HVAC/123



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MEP HVAC

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What we will cover

Electricity

Plumbing

Water

Gas

Drains/waste

Steam

Refrigeration

Chilled water

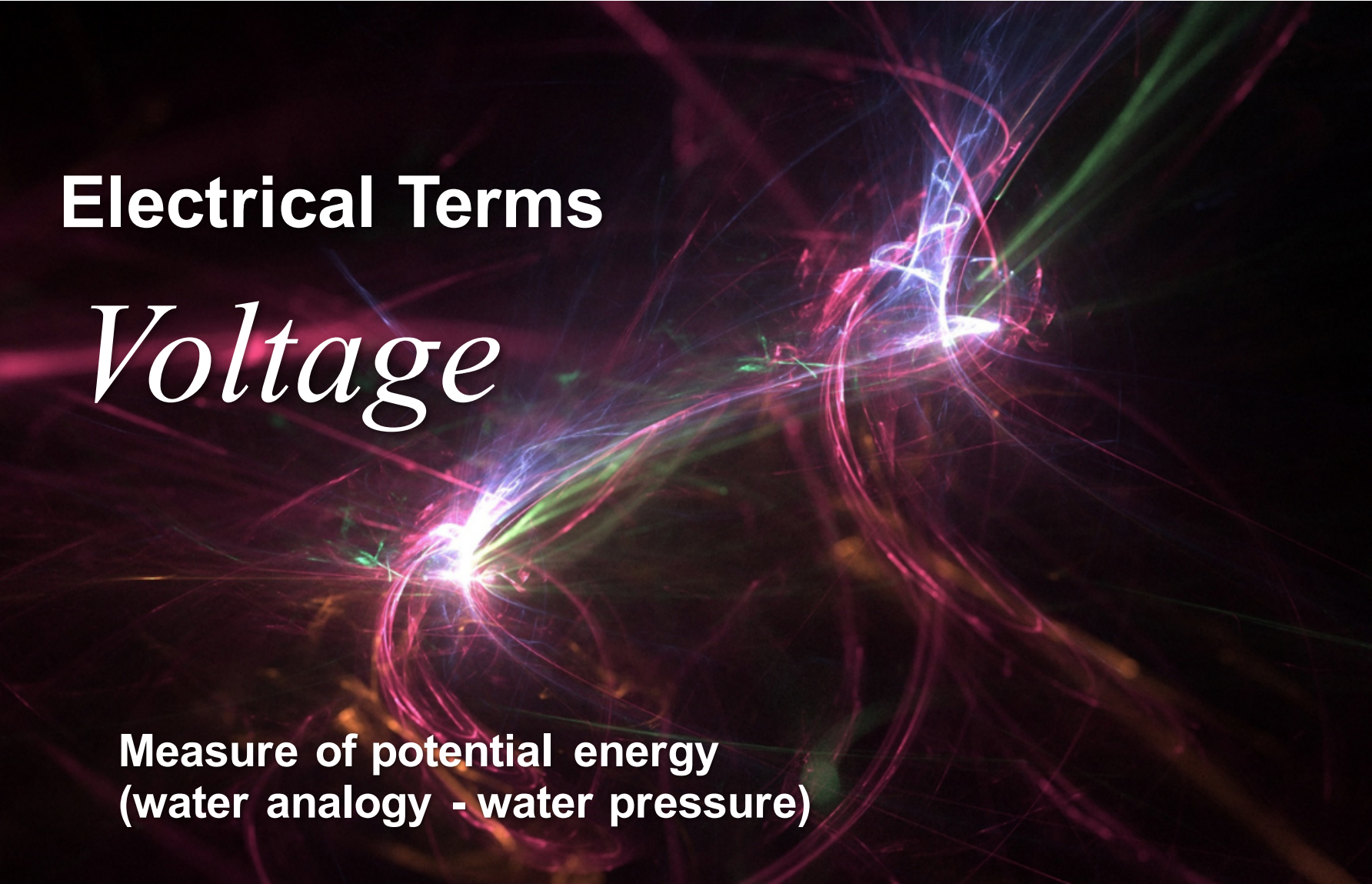
Exhaust



Electrical Terms

Voltage

**Measure of potential energy
(water analogy - water pressure)**





Amperage



AMPERAGE

**Unit to measure electric current flow
(water analogy – cubic feet per second)**

Watt-A

**Unit of electrical power,
amount of energy
expended per second
(electrical push)**

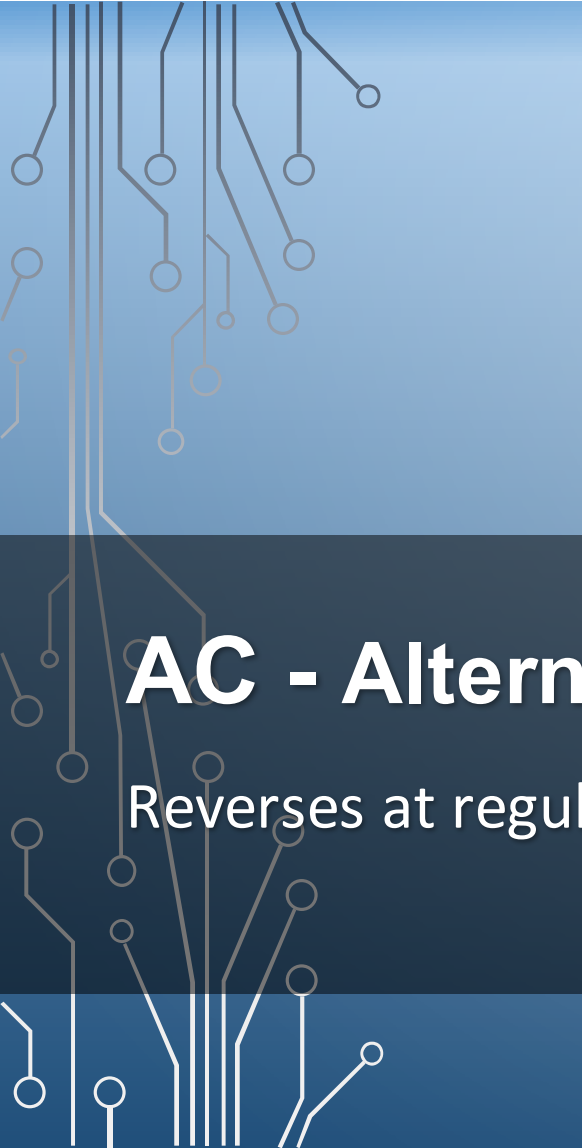


A wide-angle photograph of a solar farm. The foreground and middle ground are filled with rows of blue solar panels mounted on metal frames. The panels are arranged in a grid pattern, extending towards the horizon. The ground is dry and sandy. In the background, there are low, rocky hills under a clear sky. The lighting suggests it's daytime.

DC - Direct Current

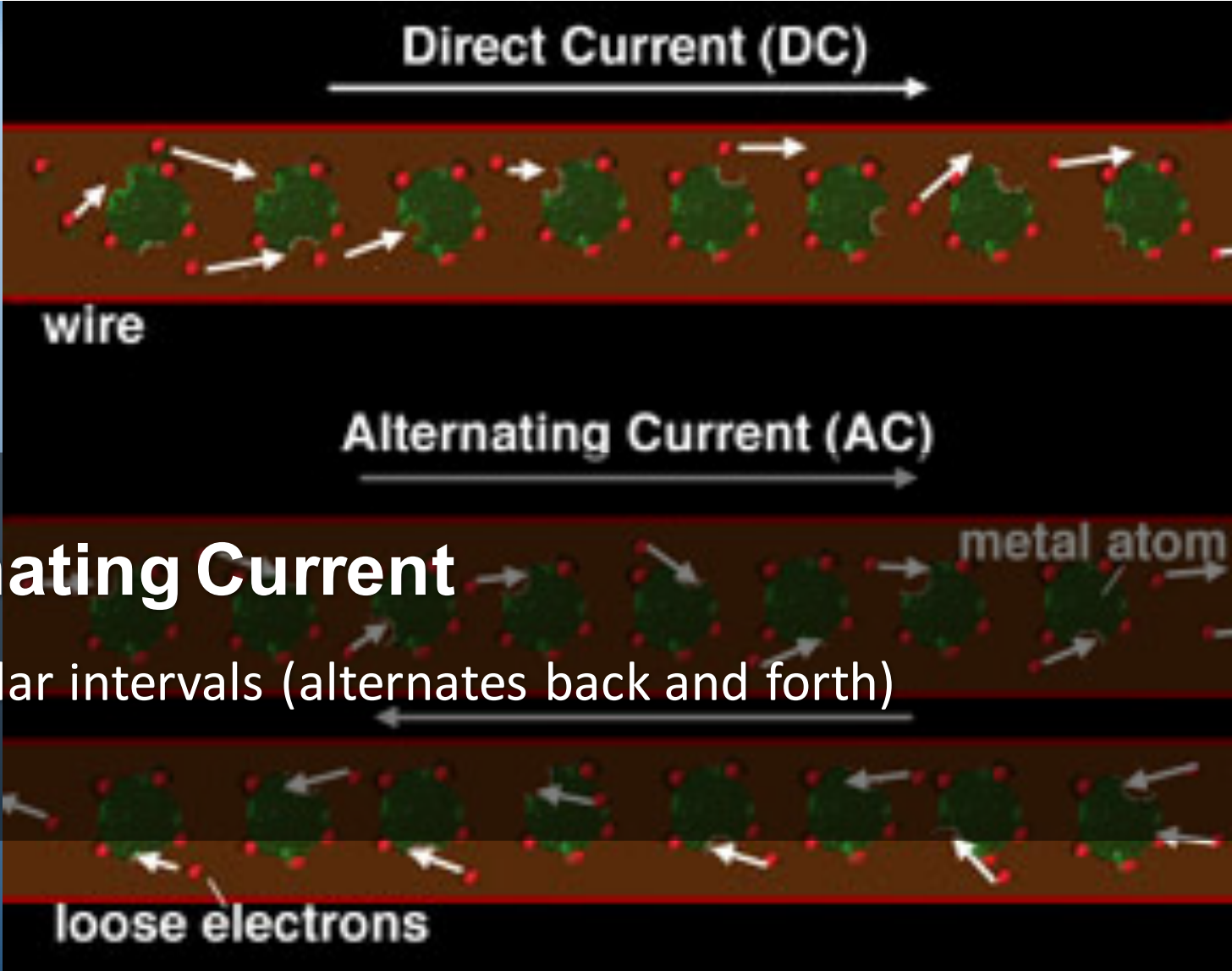
Consistent current flowing in one direction (i.e. battery or solar power)

Used for some elevators in Chicago Loop area



AC - Alternating Current

Reverses at regular intervals (alternates back and forth)



Voltages

120/1 = 120 volts, single phase

208/1

120/208

120/240 - residential

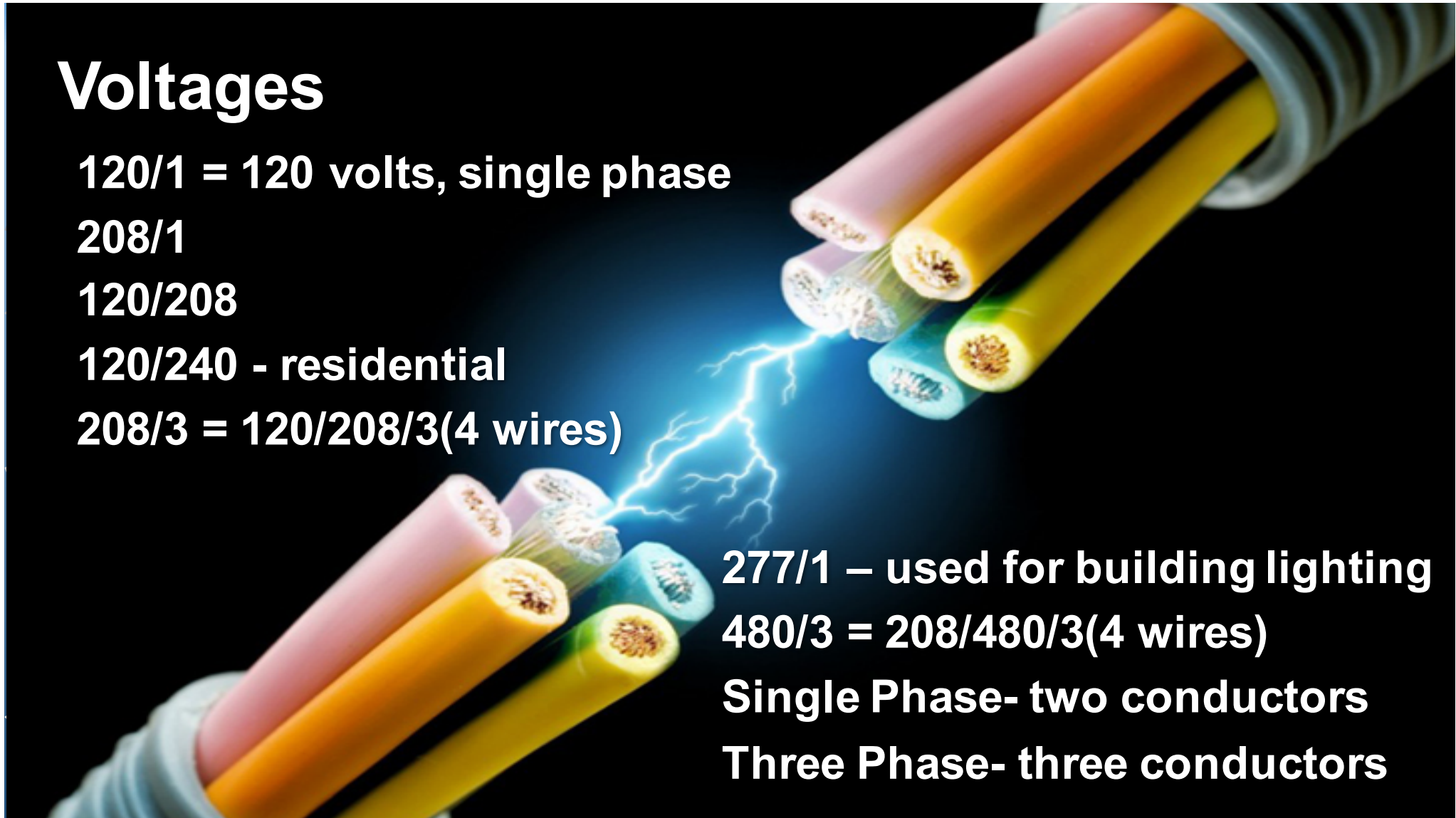
208/3 = 120/208/3(4 wires)

277/1 – used for building lighting

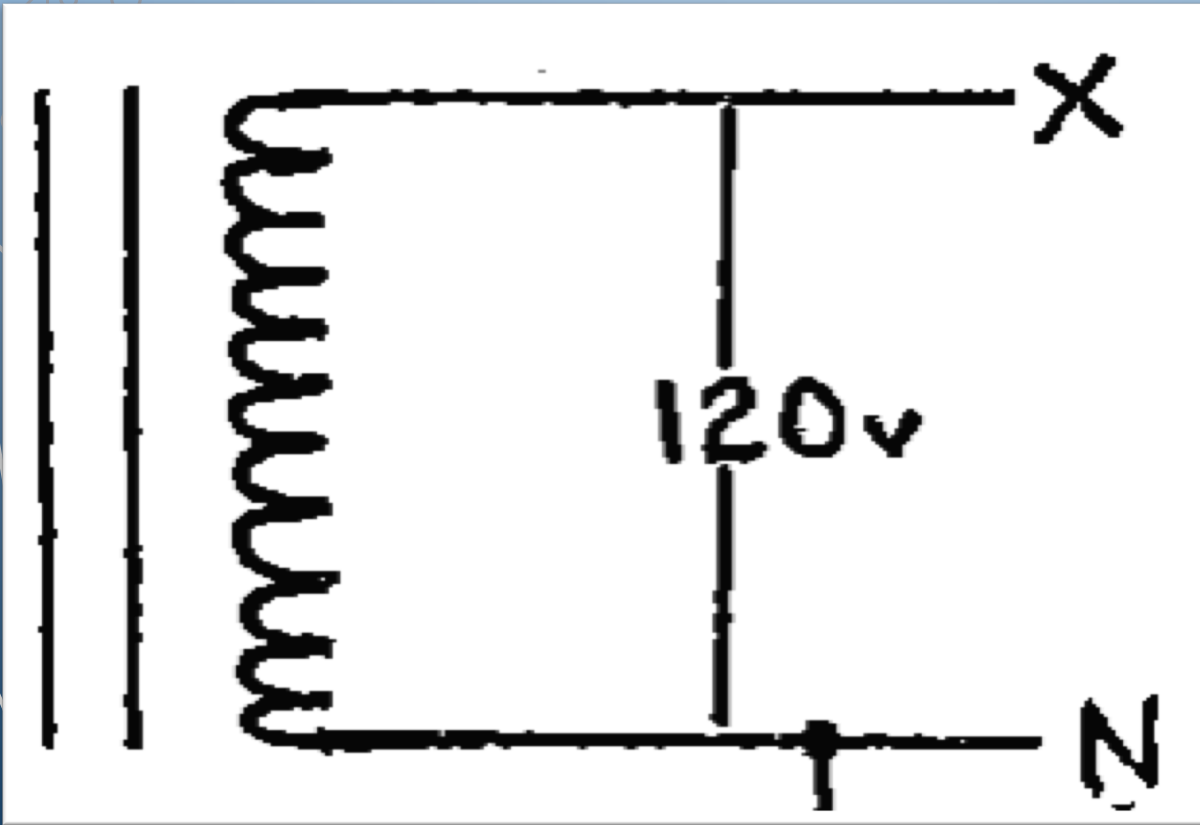
480/3 = 208/480/3(4 wires)

Single Phase- two conductors

Three Phase- three conductors



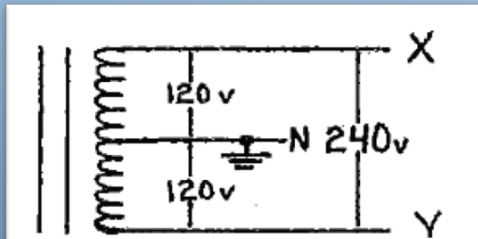
120 V/1



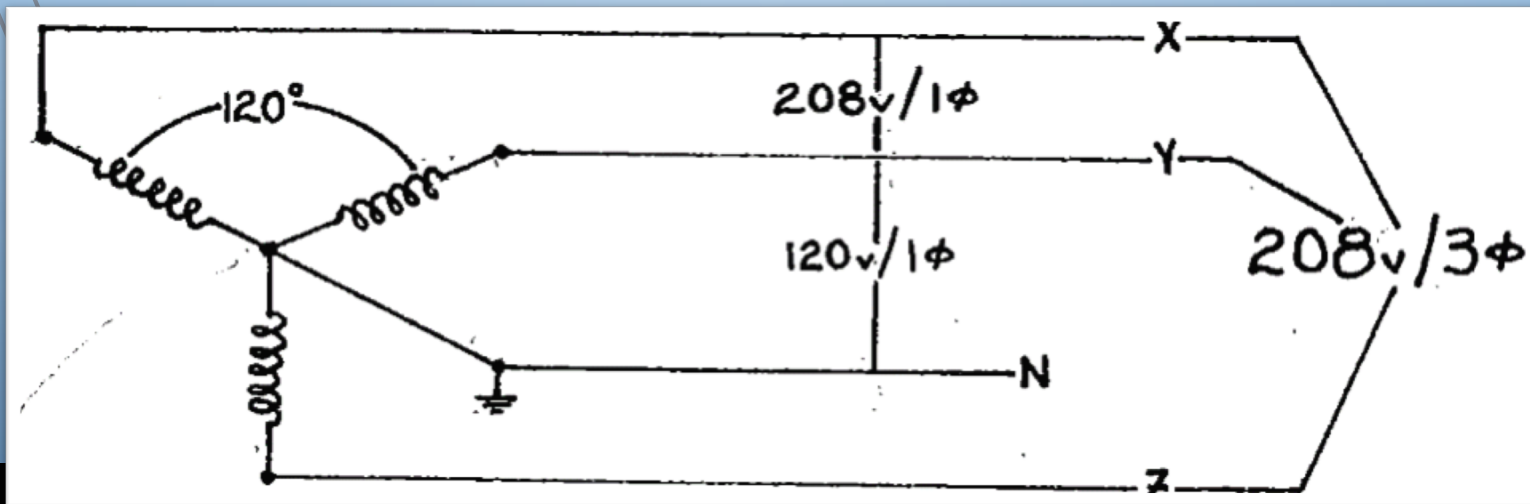
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	Hot 120
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	Hot 208/240

120/240 V

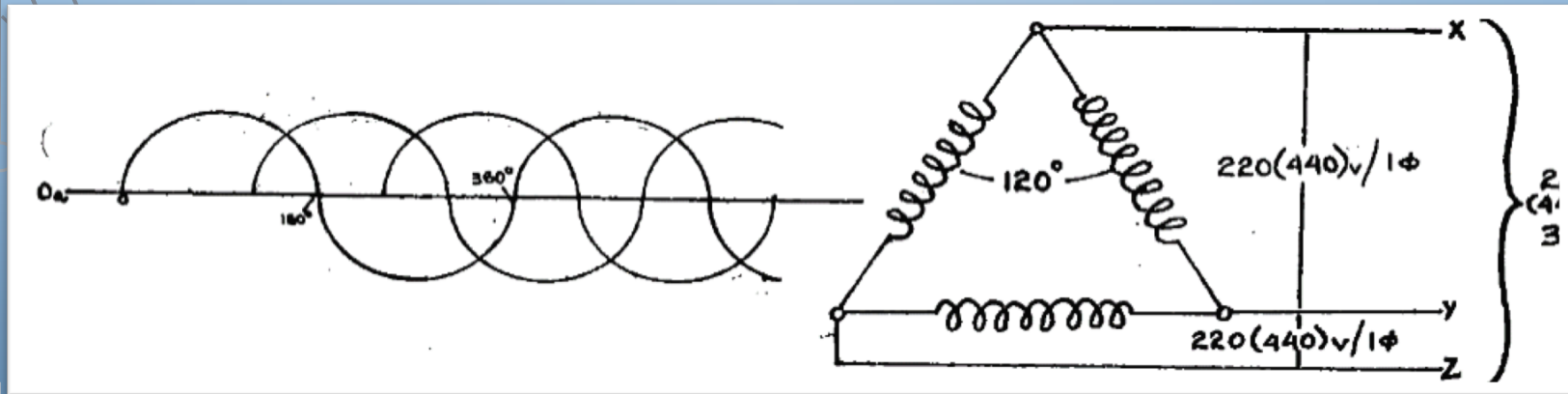
(What's in your home)



120/208/3 – “Y” Configuration



120/208/3 – “Delta” Configuration



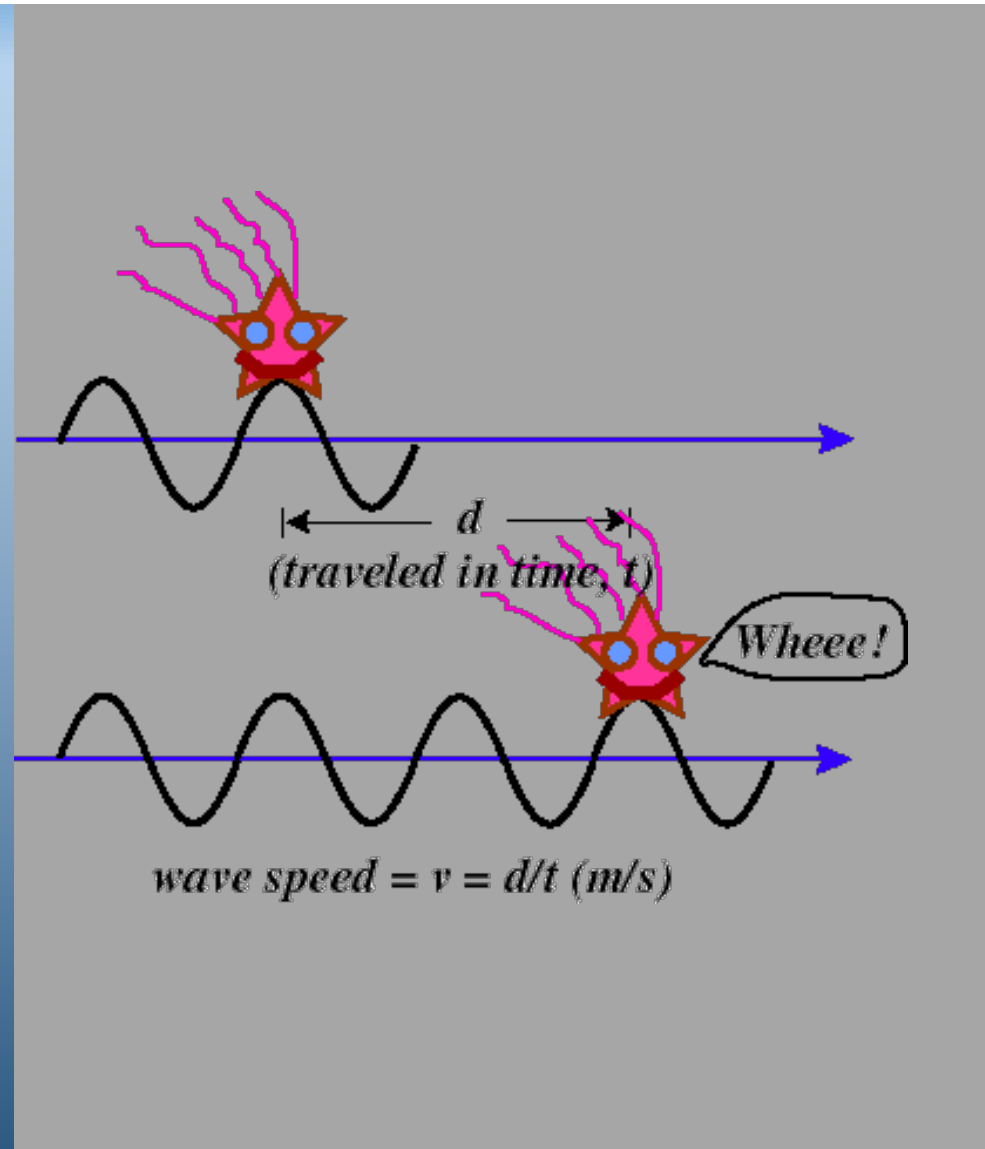
**It was the Deltas
against the rules...
the rules lost!**



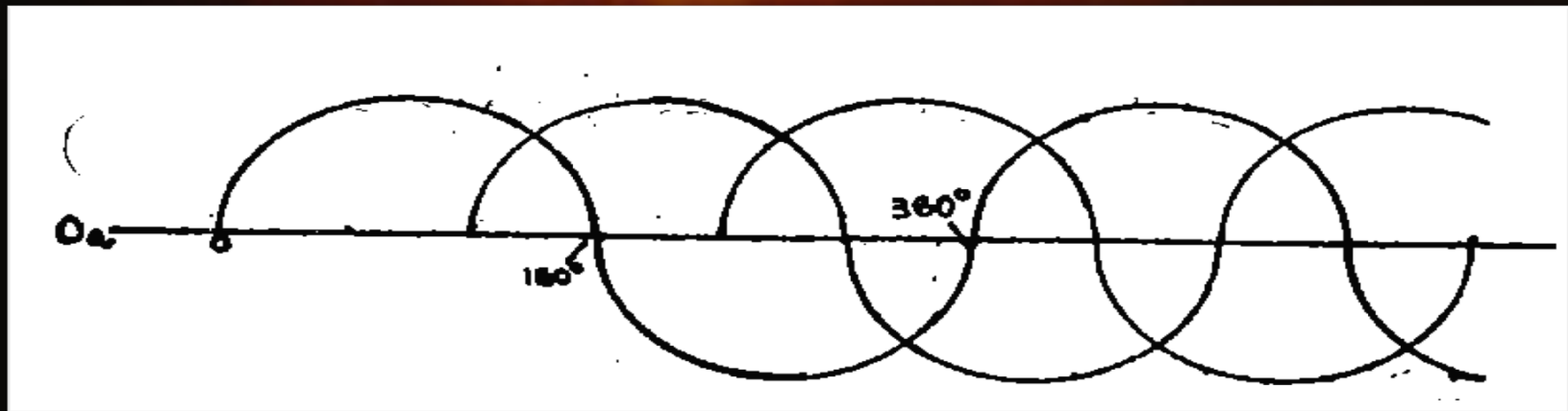
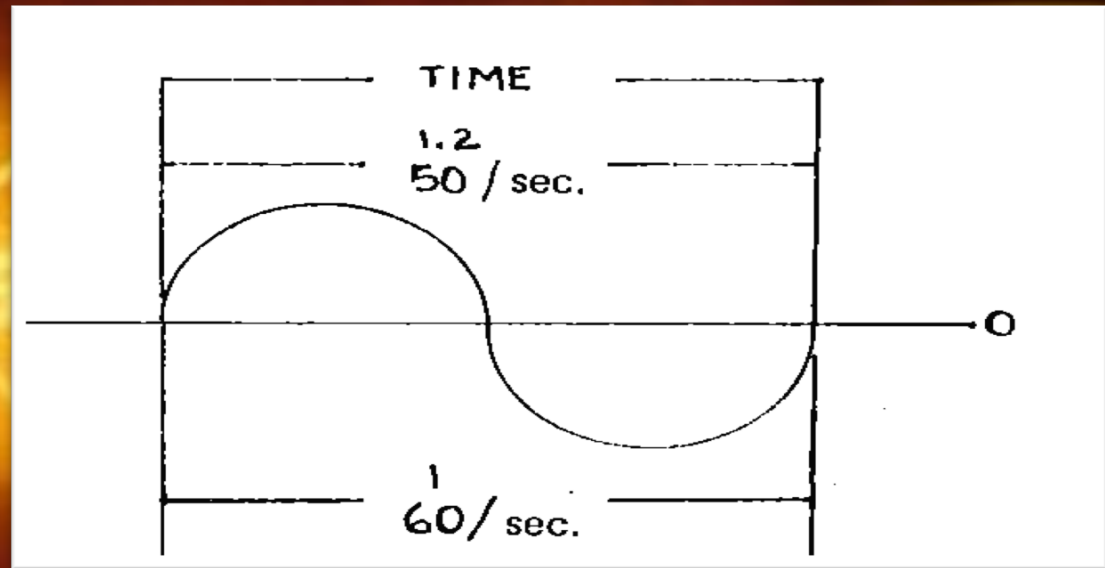
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Frequency of alternating current (number of times AC cycles per second)

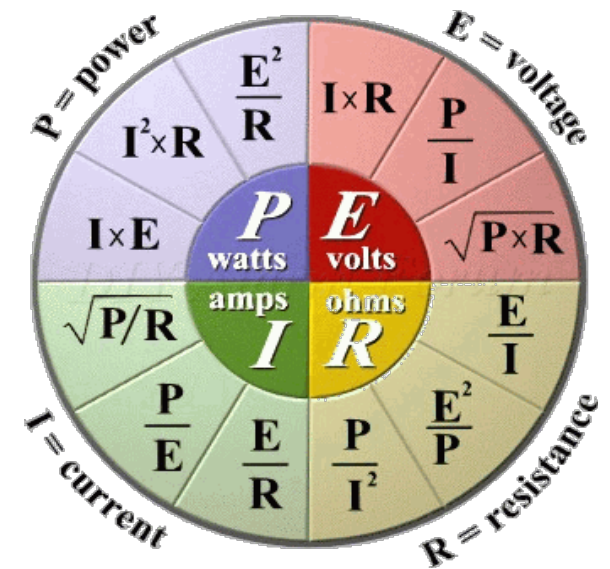
60 in US, 50 in Europe & Asia



3 Phase



OHMS LAW



Volts (E) * Amps (I) = Watts (P) $120/1V \times 10.0A = 1,200 W$ or $1.2 KW$

Use Ohm's Law to Calculate Amperage from Wattage

Voltage	Divide by	Watts	Amps
120	120	3600	30.00
208	208	3600	17.31
120/208	208	3600	17.31
208/3	360	3600	10.00
480/1	480	3600	7.50
480/3	831	3600	4.33

When to Use Different Voltages

3-phase better for large motors

480/3 better for large loads, like heaters

480/3 doesn't need to go through a secondary transformer

Consider availability of replacement motors or heaters before specifying 480/3



Temperature - hot or cold

Pressure

Size - inches NPT

Quality - hardness, chlorine, etc.

Protection from contamination

Flow control/shut-offs

Hot Water Temperature

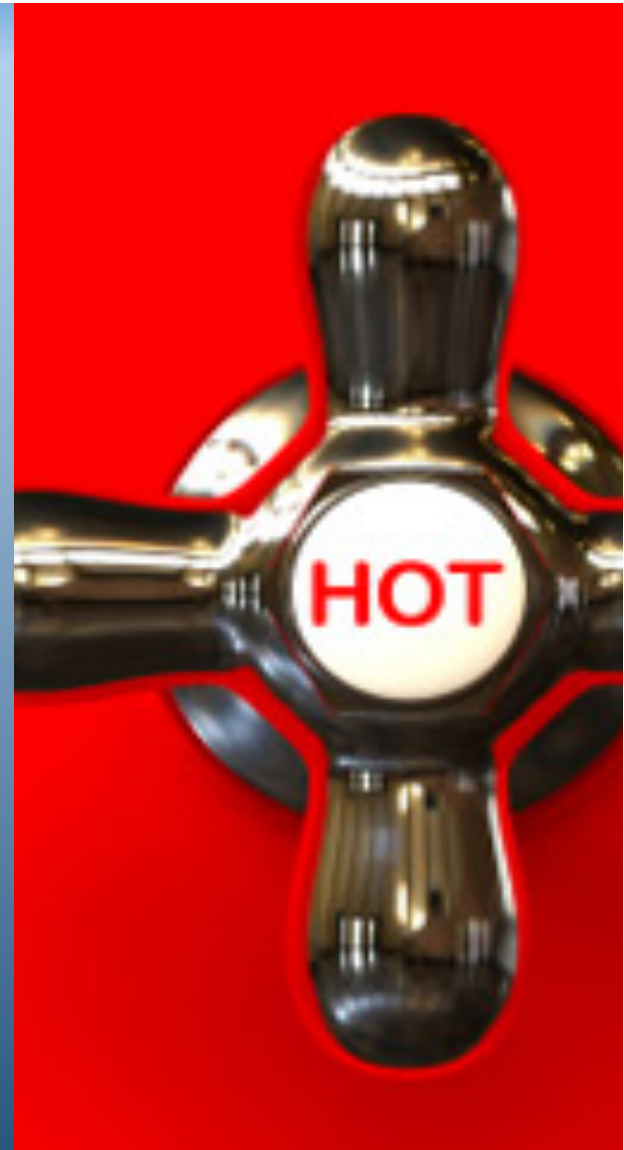
Minimum incoming temperatures for warewashing equipment

Booster heaters required to raise temperature to 180°, sometimes for lower temperatures

Some elementary schools only provide 90°-110° hot water, always ask!

Temperature for food prep & pot washing
110° minimum

Chemical sanitizing needs 75°-120° water



The image is a composite of two photographs. On the left, a clear glass is filled with water and several ice cubes. On the right, a close-up of a chrome water tap handle is shown against a blue background; the word 'COLD' is embossed on the top of the handle. The overall color scheme is blue and white.

Cold Water

Sometimes cold is not so cold, find out summer water temperatures when sizing ice makers

Shouldn't have problems with water being too cold

Water Pressure

Always check manufacture's cut sheet

• **Washing equipment 20-25 psi**

Cooking equipment 30-60

Beverage equipment up to 80-90 psi

Ideal water pressure 40 -55 psi

Tell engineers what pressure equipment needs, they should specify pressure reducing valves at equipment





Flow / Control Faucets


Shut-off should be provided at all water connections

Engineer to specify, mechanical contractor to install

Types-gate valves, $\frac{1}{4}$ turn ball valves (troughs & hot food wells), angle stops (faucets)

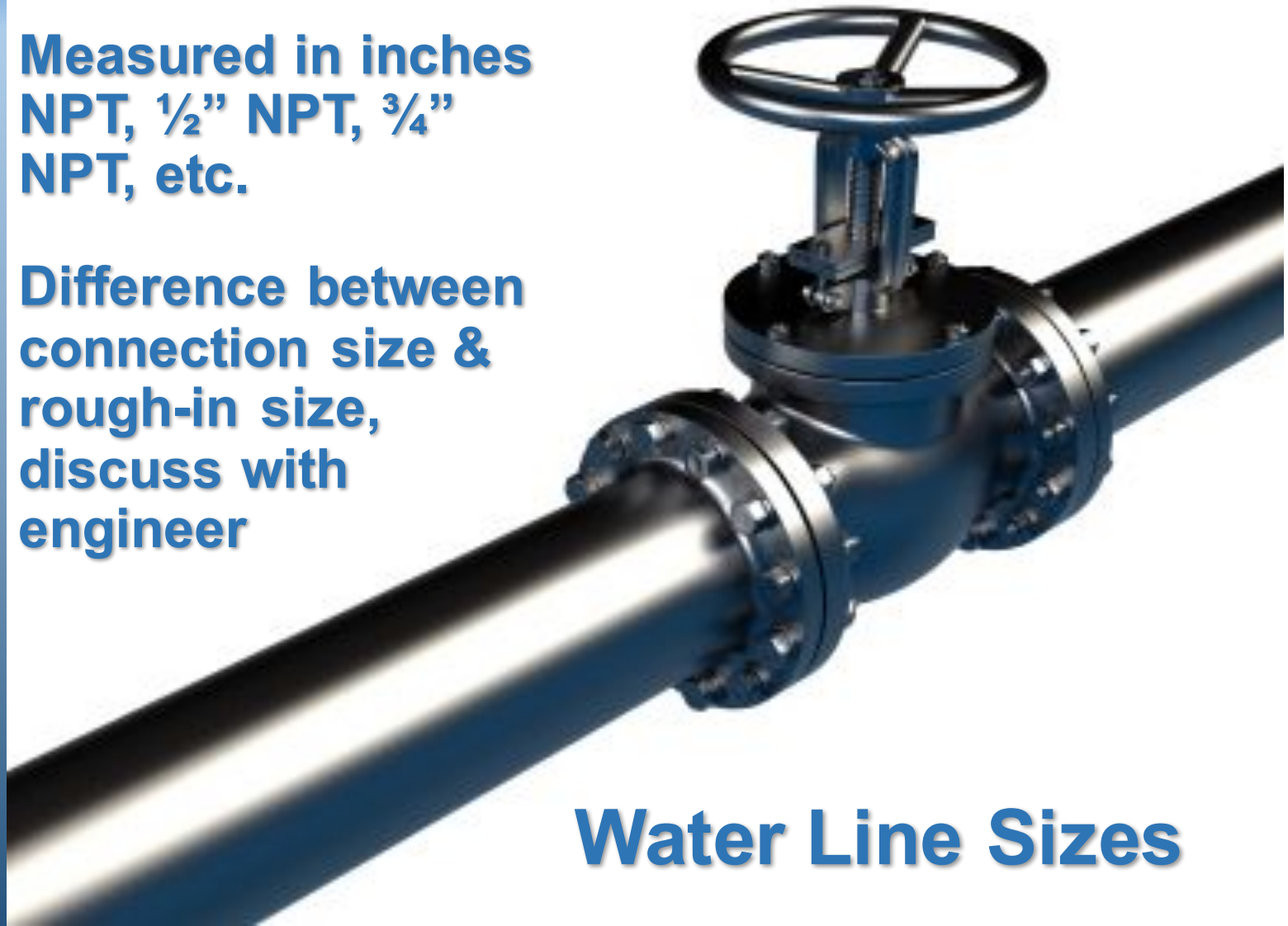
Faucets typically furnished loose for installation by mechanical





**Measured in inches
NPT, 1/2" NPT, 3/4"
NPT, etc.**

**Difference between
connection size &
rough-in size,
discuss with
engineer**



Water Line Sizes



Water Quality Treatment

Biggest concern is hardness –
discuss with engineer

Important for any equipment
that heats water

Water filters can help take out
particulate but not
minerals/hardness

Reverse osmosis systems take
out minerals/hardness

Water softening exchanges
calcium with sodium which can
still precipitate



Water Quality - Chlorine

Problem for ice makers

Prevents water from freezing

Affects flavor

Charcoal filter removes chlorine

Water Quality – Softened Water

Affects taste of soda & coffee

Problem for low sodium diets





Protection from Contamination

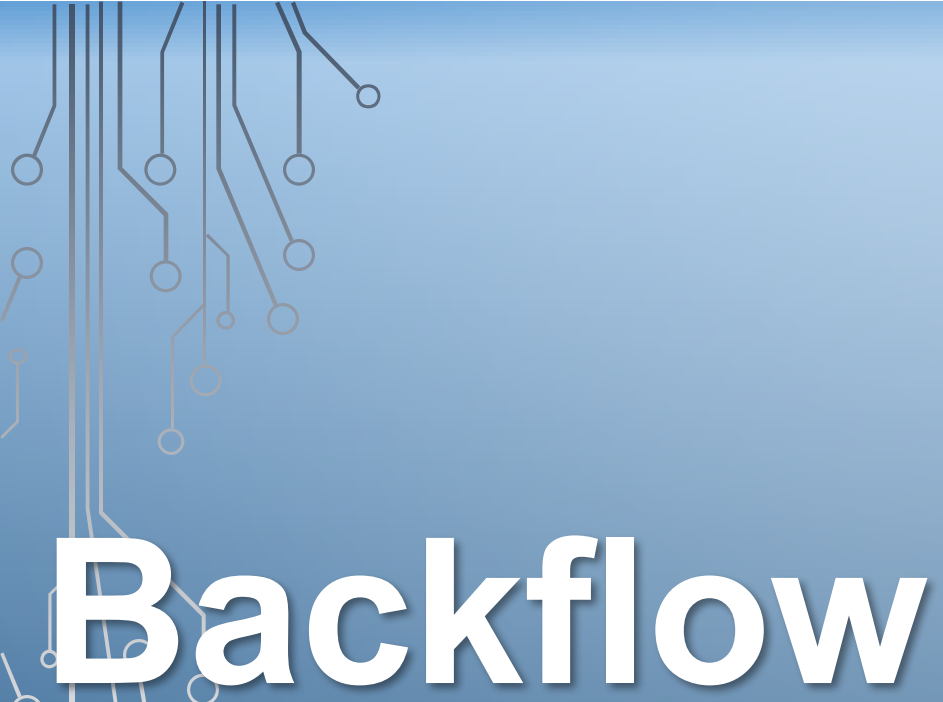
Backflow prevents/anti-siphon devices

Required for 'submerged inlets' like disposer water inlets, spray rinses, etc.

Prevent waste water from siphoning back into water supply if water pressure drops

Water wash hoods require 'reduce pressure principal backflow device' or RPZ (WI, CO & Chicago)





Backflow

GONE

WILD





Natural and Propane

Measured in BTUs

Sizes in inches NPT

1 cubic foot of natural gas = 1000 BTUs

1 cubic foot of propane gas = 2500 BTUs

Gas Pressure

Gas pressure for cooking equipment listed as inches/water column, w.c.

Typical pressures 3.5-7 w.c.

Gas piping in commercial building is 2 psi or higher

1 psi = 27" w.c.

Engineer needs to specify 'pounds to inches' pressure reducing valve

Cooking equipment should have "inches to inches" pressure reducing valve



Gas Quick Disconnects



DISCONNECT





Drains / Waste Systems

Direct-hard piped

Indirect-piped to floor sink or floor drain with air-gap

Local codes determine which type of connection

Most states require food prep sinks to have an indirect waste connection



Floor Sink Locations

Codes require access for cleaning

May need 1/2 of floor sink outside counter!

Direct Waste Connections

Handsinks/non-food sink

When food prep sinks are direct connected, 'tell-tale' floor drain is required

Require tail-piece and 'P-trap' typically furnished by mechanical

Drains usually furnished loose by FSEC

Strainer, removable basket, lever or pop-up waste



Indirect Waste Connections

Food prep sinks

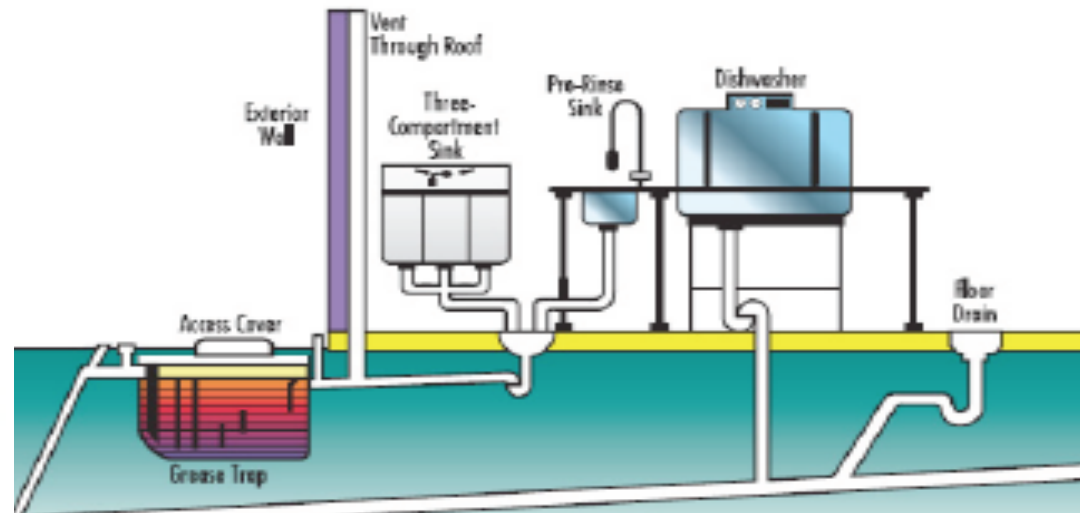
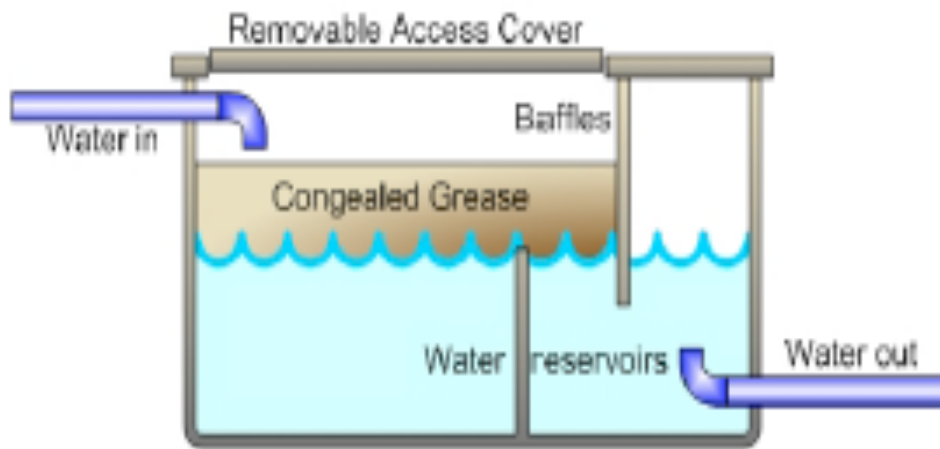
Hot Food Wells, Cold Pans, Ice Makers

Only require tail-piece typically furnished by mechanical

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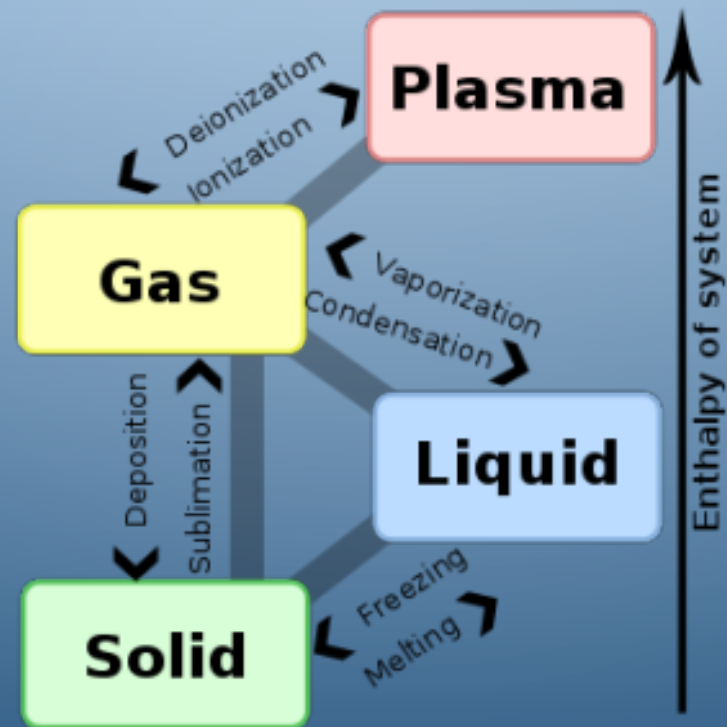
Grease traps far away from kitchen

Required for 'greasy waste'

Fixtures that need to be connected vary by code and inspector

If you can't get them out of the kitchen try to flush with floor

Changes of State



Steam



Water vapor

Transfers heat by condensing from vapor to water

Five times as much heat in steam as boiling water

Most efficient way to transfer heat/cook

Can be hotter than 212°

Brown meat in steam kettle with 50 psi steam

Steam



Requirements listed as inches NPT, psi, and pounds/hour or boiler horsepower

1 boiler horsepower = 34.5 pounds/hour

Typical steam pressures are 15-45 psi

Boiler license required on site if steam over 15 psi

Some cook/chill use 100 psi steam

Higher pressure faster cooking



Piping

Requires 2 connections

- Supply
- Condensate return

Condensate lines need to return via gravity or condensate pump

Challenges with condensate return when on grade

Refrigeration



Removes heat by 'changing state' from liquid to vapor or gas

Refrigerant boils at low temps, 25° or -20°

Liquid refrigerant can still give off heat on 120° roof

Refrigeration systems work on changes in pressure

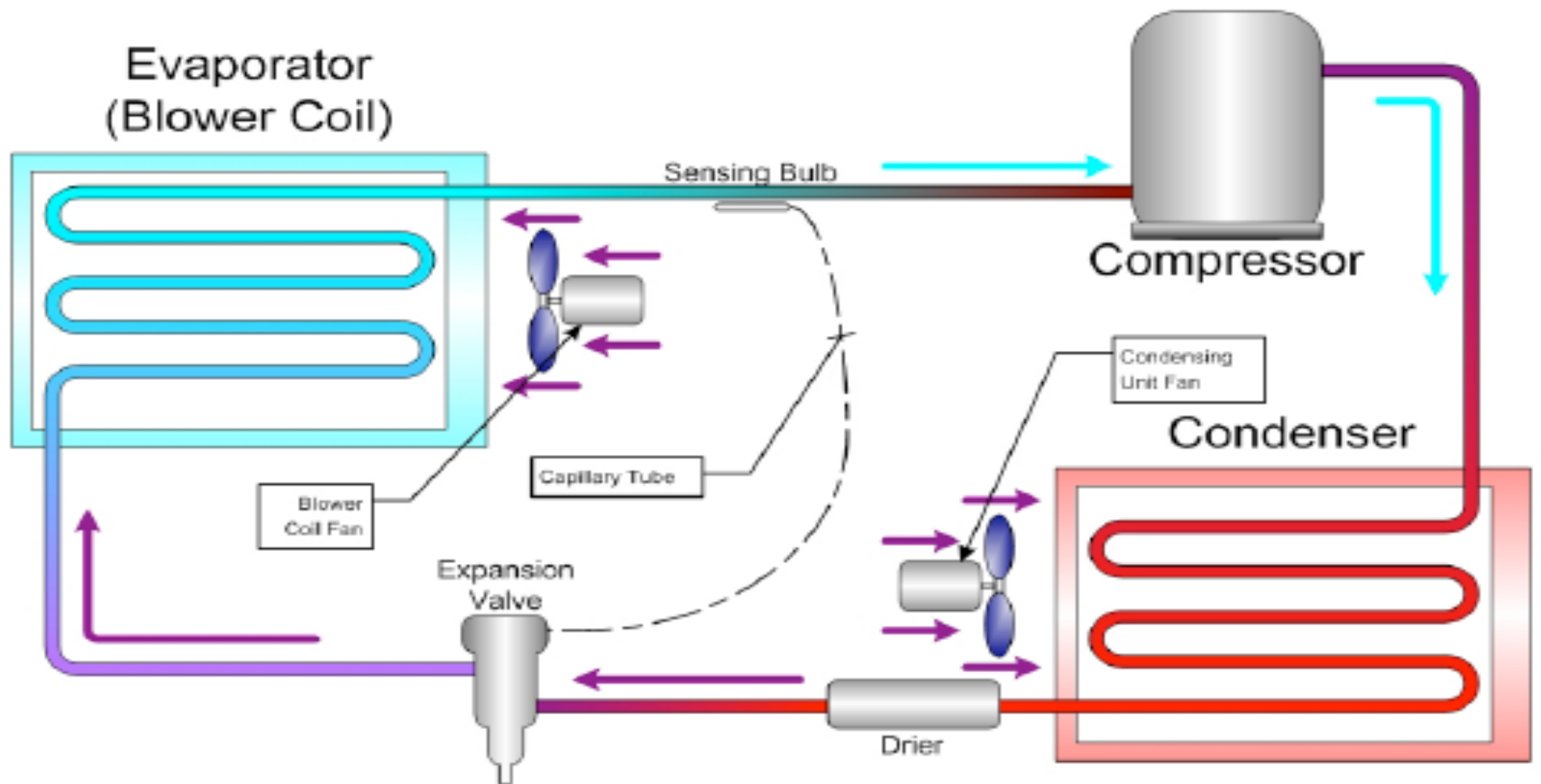
High pressure = hot

Low pressure = cold

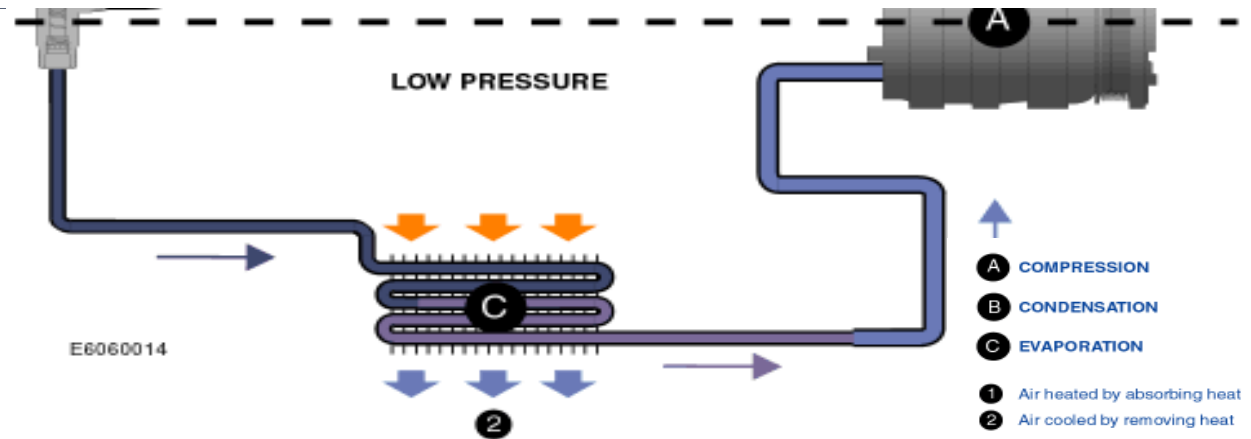


Refrigeration

**IF PRESSURE/VOLUME
CHANGES SO DOES
TEMPERATURE**



The Low Pressure Side



Expansion valve releases high pressure liquid refrigerant into evaporator coil

So little pressure in coil, refrigerant boiling point is so low that it absorbs heat from air & turns into 'super-heated' gas

Refrigerant gas 'sucked' onto compressor/also known as 'suction or gas' side

The 'High' Side

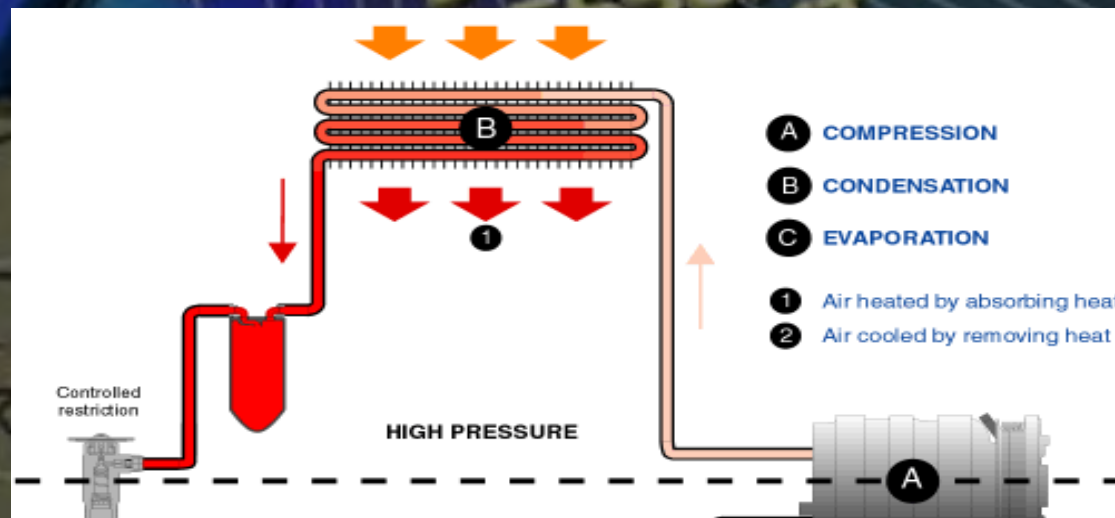
Compressor 'compresses' gas increases temperature to 90°-130°

Gas proceeds to condenser, like a radiator, gives off heat to atmosphere

Onto receiver, has reserve of liquid refrigerant ready to meet demand

Back to expansion valve

Condensing unit refers to compressor, condenser & controls



Compressor



Pressure Controls



Refrigeration systems are activated by changes in pressure

No wiring required between the coil & condensing unit

under
pressure?

Defrost

Electric heaters controlled by a timer
for freezer

Need to wire from time clock to coil
(double check shops)

Air defrost for refrigerators



Other Components

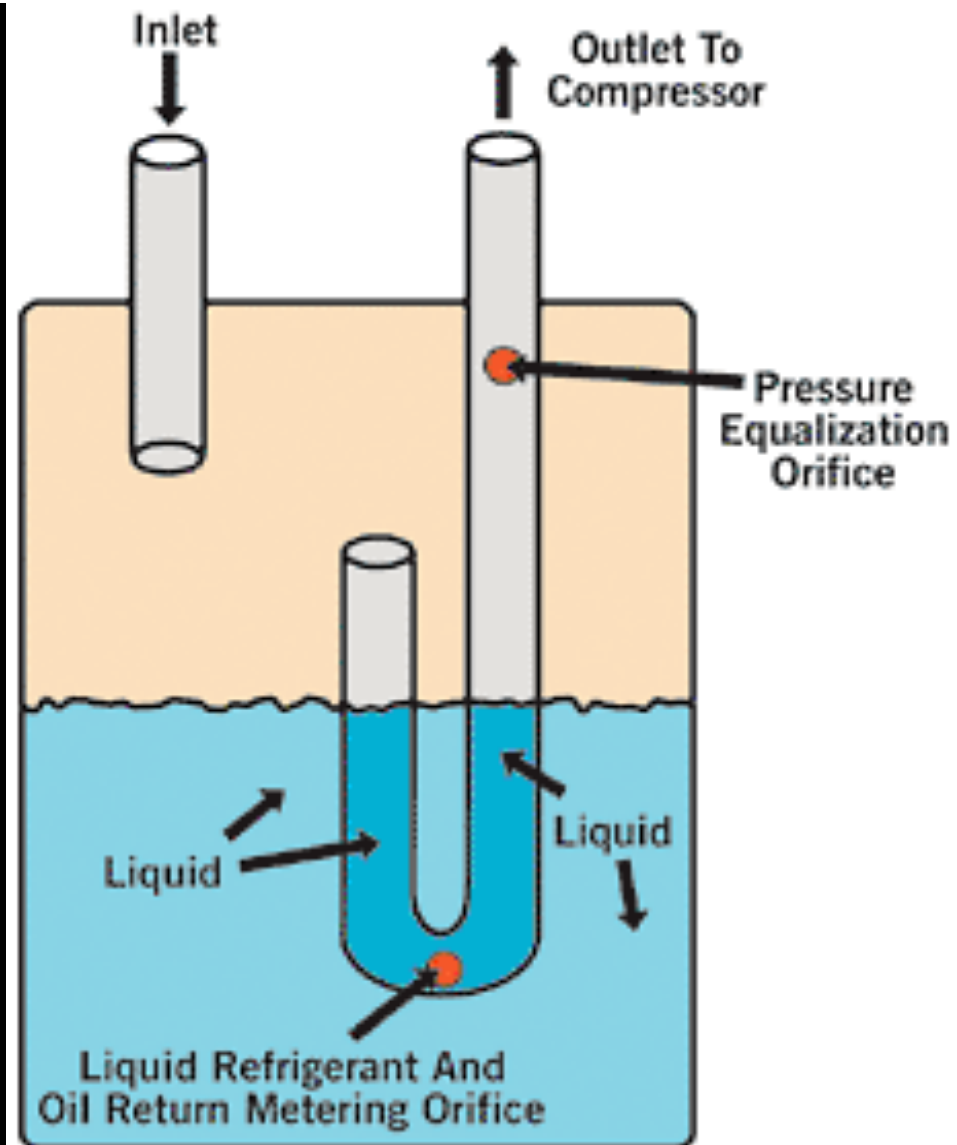
Suction line accumulator/filter-
prevents liquid from getting into
compressor

Liquid line filter/drier-collects
moisture & debris before expansion
valve

Liquid line site glass-for inspection

Low ambient controls

- **Headmaster controls-**regulates how
much heat needs to be given off when
cold outside
- **Crankcase heater**



Water Cooling

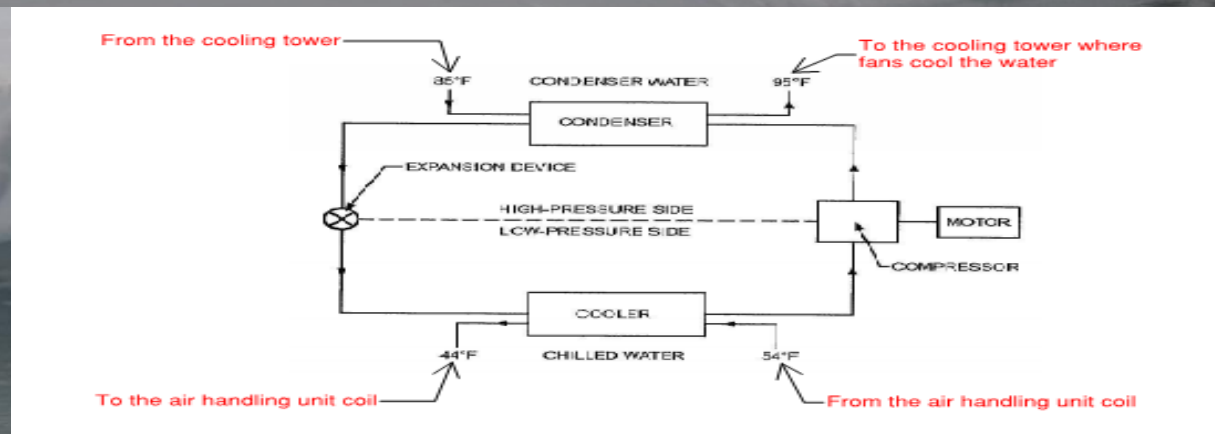
Use for refrigeration, ice makers, beer systems

Sources of water for cooling

Cooling tower or condenser water (85°-95° F)

Chilled water (44°-54° F)

Domestic water (not recommended)



Water Cooling Requirements



What you need to tell engineers about water cooling needs

- Acceptable temperature range
 - Will it work with 45° water?
 - Will it work with 85° water?
- Connection sizes for incoming & outgoing water
- Peak GPM
- Heat of rejection BTU's/hour (watts x 3.41=BTU/HR)

Water Cooling Requirements

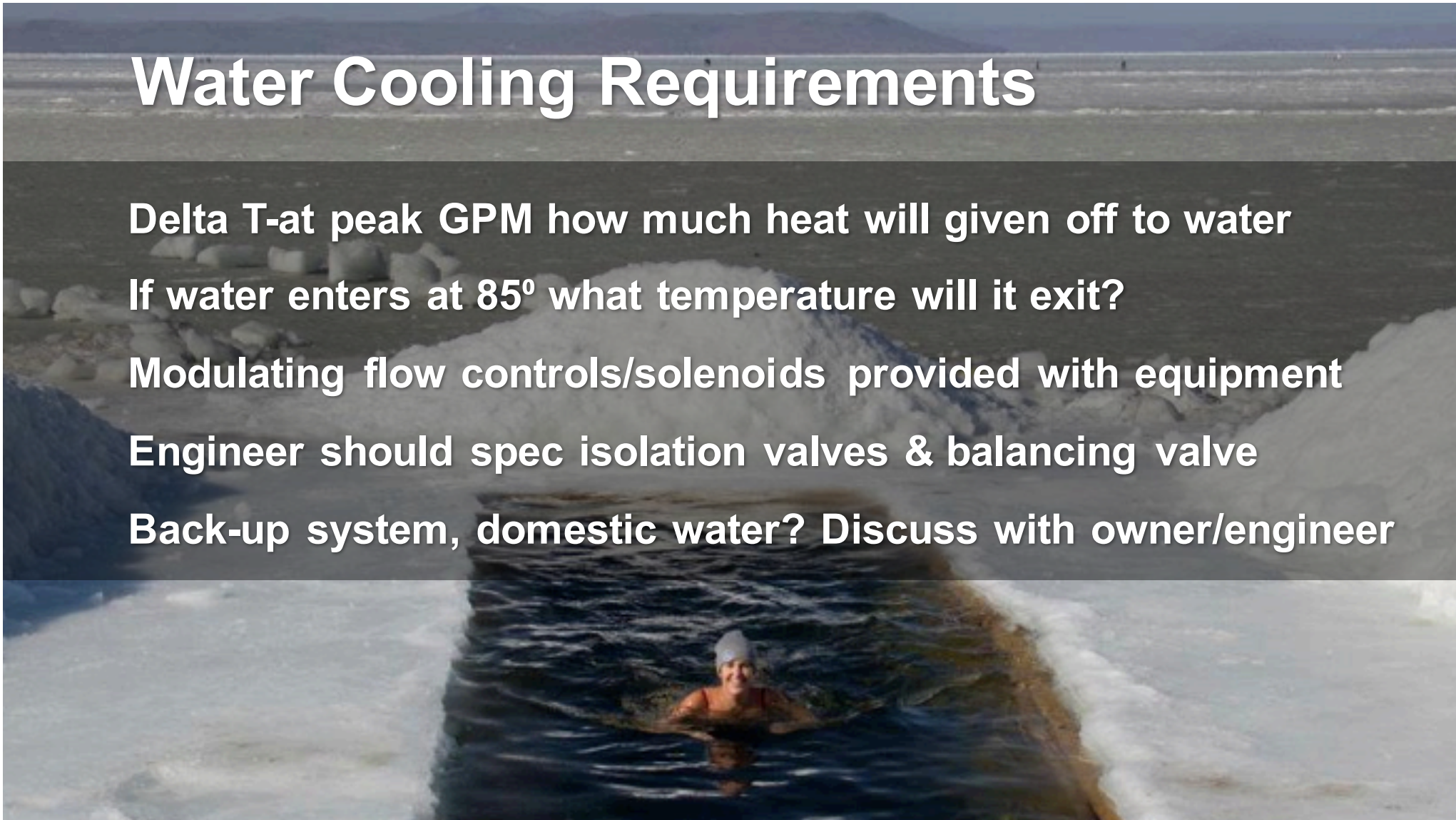
Delta T-at peak GPM how much heat will given off to water

If water enters at 85° what temperature will it exit?

Modulating flow controls/solenoids provided with equipment

Engineer should spec isolation valves & balancing valve

Back-up system, domestic water? Discuss with owner/engineer



Exhaust Hoods



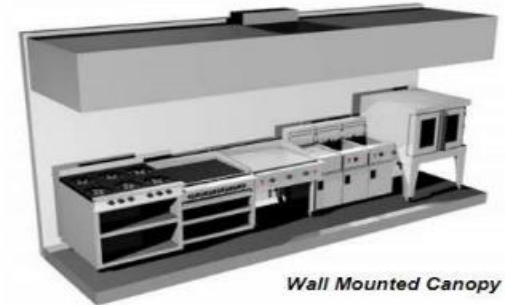
Back Shelf



Single Island Canopy



Double Island Canopy



Wall Mounted Canopy



Type I-grease exhaust

Type II-steam & vapor-limited uses

Hood types

Wall canopy

Island, single & double

Backshelf or low proximity

Exhaust Volumes

How low is low volume?

Caveat Emptor - see Fishnick.com
fishnick.com/publications/appliancereports/hoods/disclaimer.php

The more ends of hood that are enclosed, lower volume can be

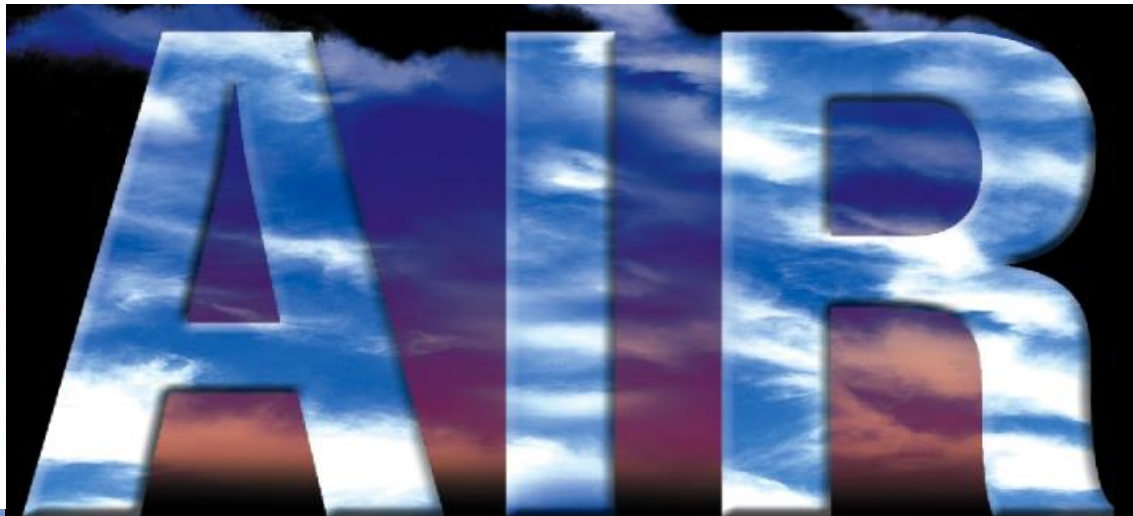
Island hoods require most exhaust

Backshelf hoods use lowest amounts -McDonalds fryer line





Make Up



AIR

What goes out must come in

Has to come from room, not hood

Replaces air that rises from cooking equipment

How make-up air is supplied affects exhaust performance more than hood design

Guidelines

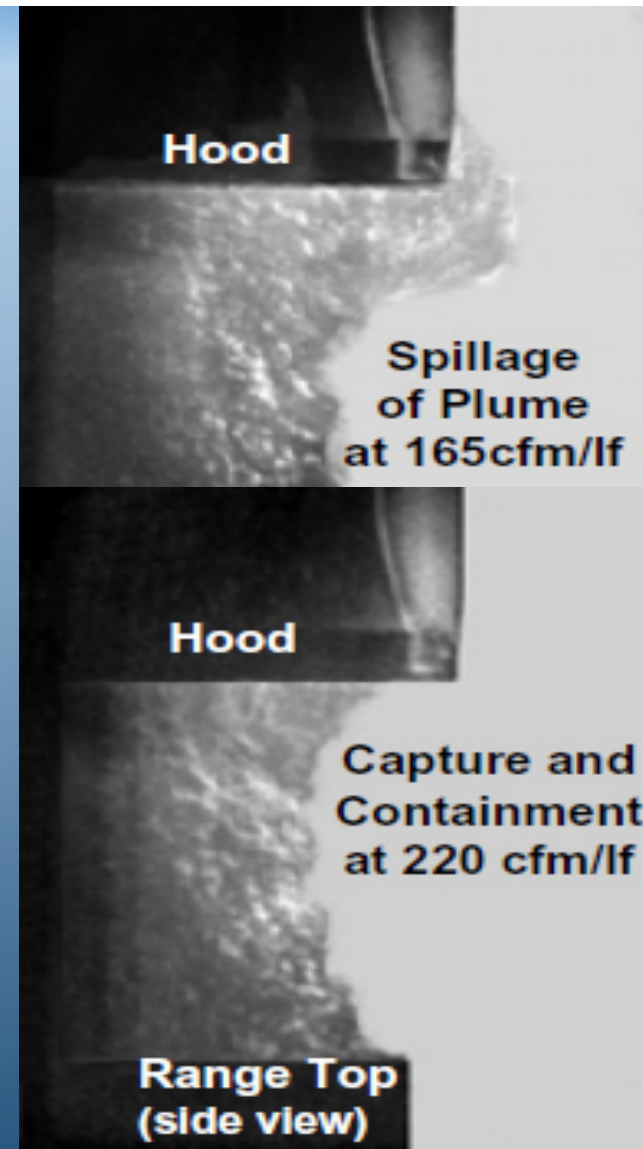
Farther away the better

Lowest velocity possible

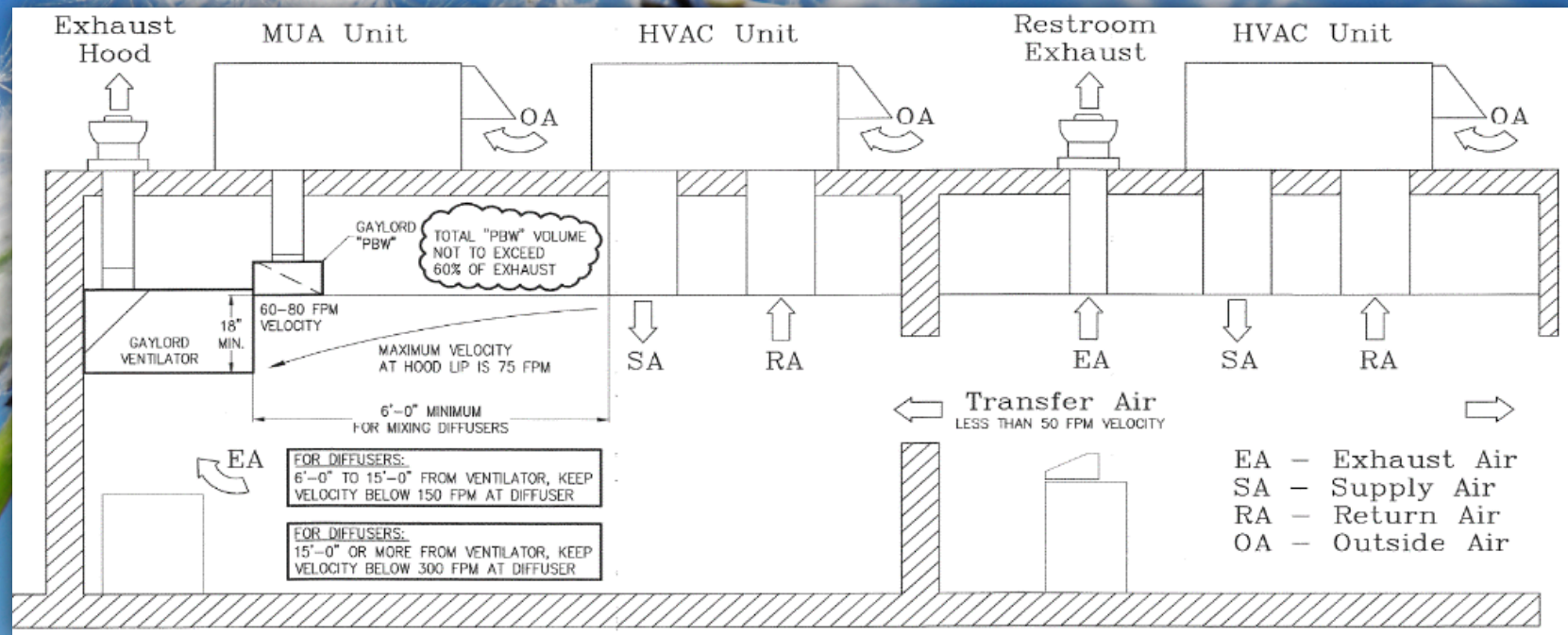
Some make-up air systems at hood do work, be cautious

Schlieren tests

<http://www.fishnick.com/ventilation/ventilationlab/>



Make-up Air Guidelines



Make-up Air Code

2006 IMC

Commercial Kitchen Makeup Air

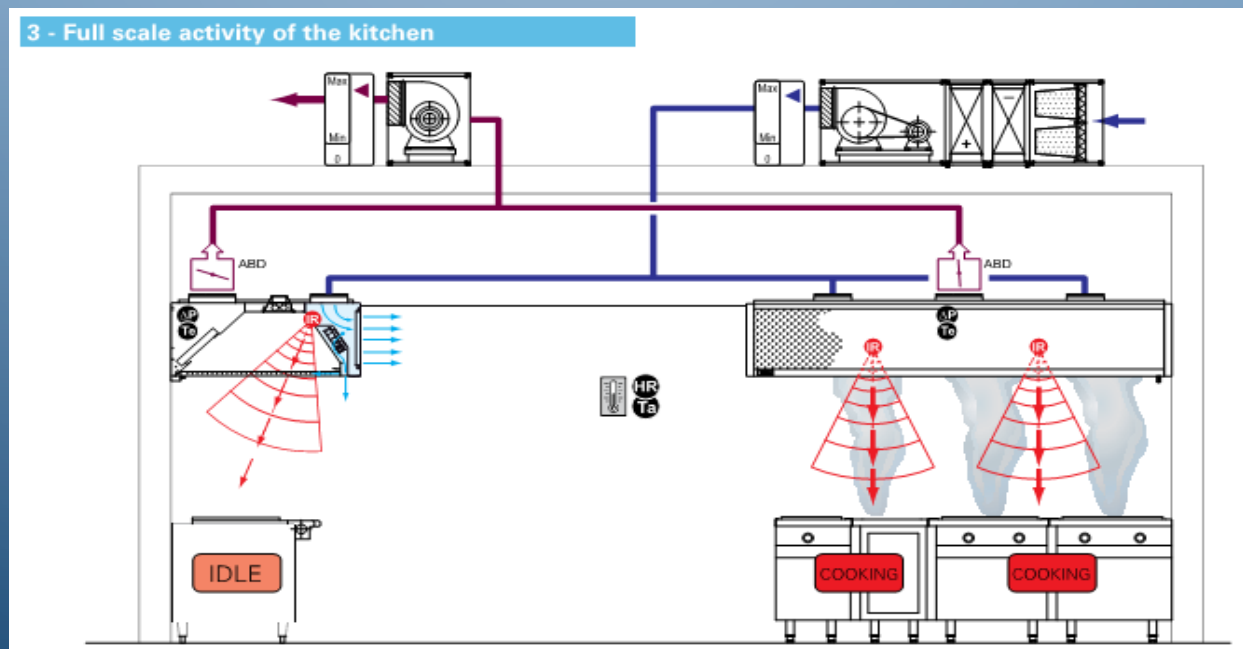
- **508.1.1 Makeup Air temperature.** The temperature differential between makeup air and the air in the conditioned space shall not exceed 10°F.
- **Exceptions:**
 1. Makeup air that is part of the air-conditioning system
 2. Makeup air that does not decrease the conditions of the occupied space

wheres my secret

decoder ring

Demand control Ventilation

Ability to control exhaust fan and make air speed/ volume during operation through a Variable frequency Drive (VFD) or Variable Speed Drive (VSD)





CONTROL



Strategies



Time of day

Appliance energy use

Sensing exhaust air temperature

Sensing smoke or steam

Monitor surface temperature

Direct communication from cooking equipment

Source ASHRAE Journal 2/13, Don Fisher & Rich Swierczyna



How does it work?



The system can measure temperature, smoke / steam vapor in hood, adjust fan speed to save energy, reduce heating and cooling load on make-up air unit

Sensing Exhaust Air Temperature

Least expensive option

Detects heat with duct collar sensor

Least complex wiring / installation

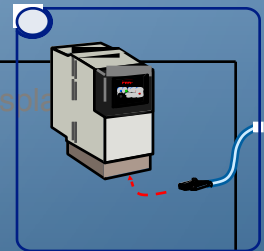


Sensing Smoke & Steam



Moderately expensive
Detects heat with duct collar sensor
Detects smoke & steam vapor with optic sensor
Simple installation

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Sensing Surface Temperature

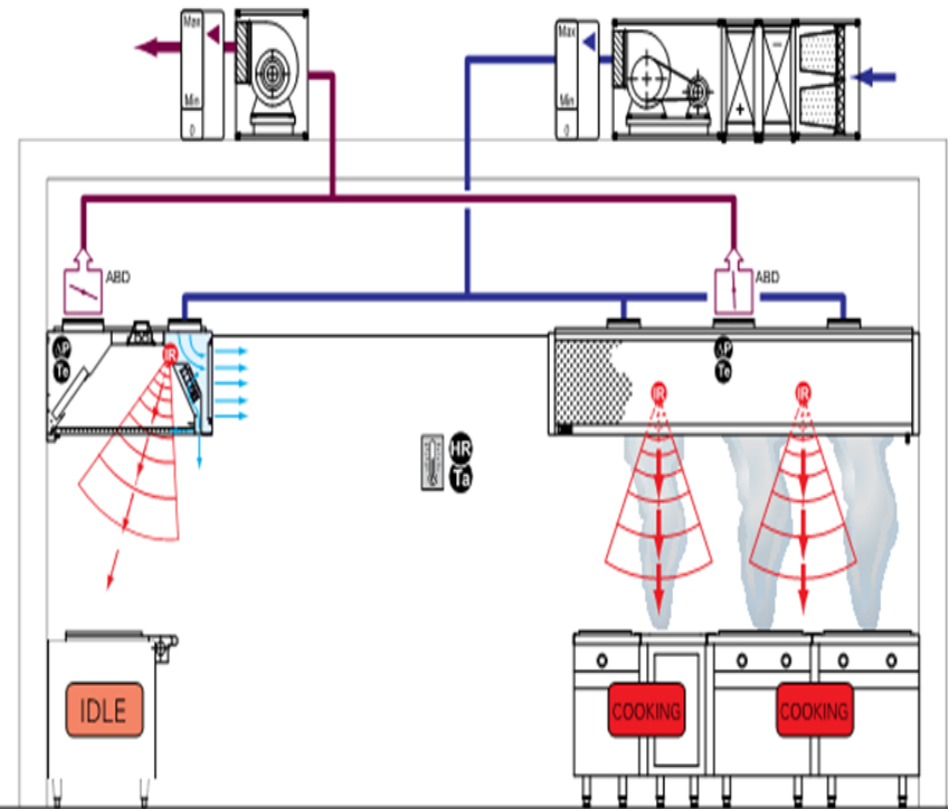
More expensive

Detects heat with multiple infrared sensors in hood canopy

Room temperature sensor (activates fan when duct collar sensor is $9^{\circ}+$ above the room temperature sensor)

Complex installation (lots of inter-wiring, standard & low voltage)

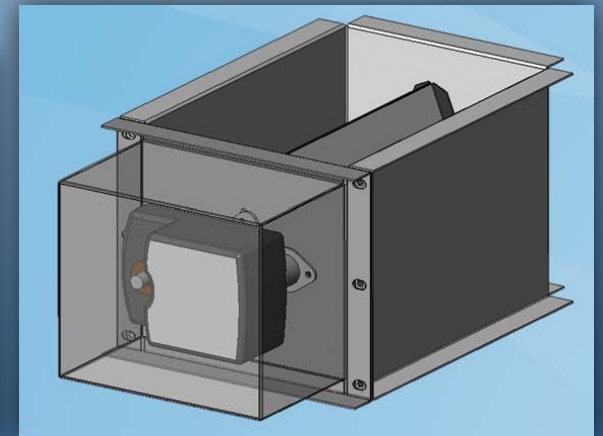
3 - Full scale activity of the kitchen



Motorized Exhaust Dampers

Most expensive

Adds additional level of control



Demand Control Ventilation

Factors affecting length of payback

- Number of hoods
- Total amount of exhaust
- Geographic location – annual heating and cooling cost
- Accuracy of input data
- Baseline used for comparison



TWENTY QUESTIONS





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