

BOUW EEN “COOL” DATACENTER

CONSTRUIRE UN DATACENTER “COOL”

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- 32 years experience in ventilation & air conditioning in almost any application or sector
- Specialized in energy recuperation and – saving
- 32 years know-how in measuring & control
- more than 20 patents active
- Wide range of products for air conditioning & ventilation, compact hybrid chillers, energy recuperation from waste water.
- Present in 27 countries
- Local service support available



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Lowering power consumption,
CO₂ emission...



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Topics

- Importance of cooling on total energy consumption (Facts & Figures)
- Design Basics
- Different cooling systems compared
- Principle of the indirect adiabatic cooling system
- Advantages of indirect vs. direct free cooling
- Energetic comparison
- Intrinsic redundancy
- References

Facts & Figures (1)

• Definitions :

– PUE = Power Usage Effectiveness
= Total Facility Power / IT Equipment Power

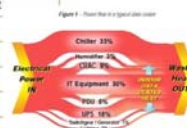
– DCiE = Data Center infrastructure Efficiency
= IT Equipment Power / Total Facility Power



➔ $PUE = 1 / DCiE$

$PUE = \text{Total Facility Power} / \text{IT Equipment Power}$
 $DCiE = \text{IT Equipment Power} / \text{Total Facility Power}$

PUE	DCiE	Level of Efficiency
3.0	33%	Very Inefficient
2.5	40%	Inefficient
2.0	50%	Average
1.5	67%	Efficient
1.2	83%	Very Efficient



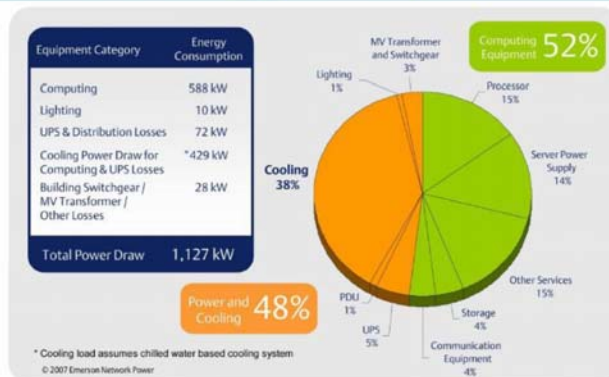
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Facts & Figures (2)

• What is the Total Facility Power?

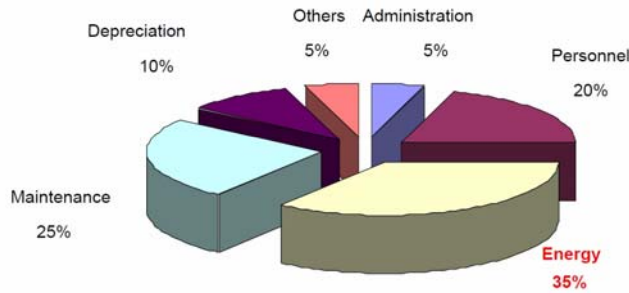
Data center energy consumption model



Facts & Figures (3)

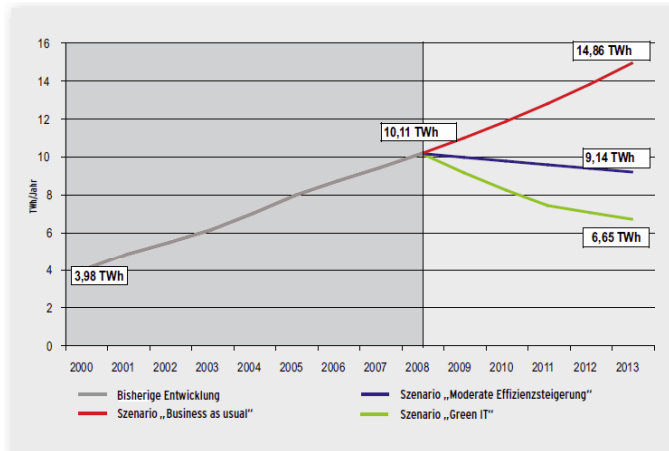
- What is the cost for cooling ?

Responding to the Power / Cooling Challenge
Data Centre Costs



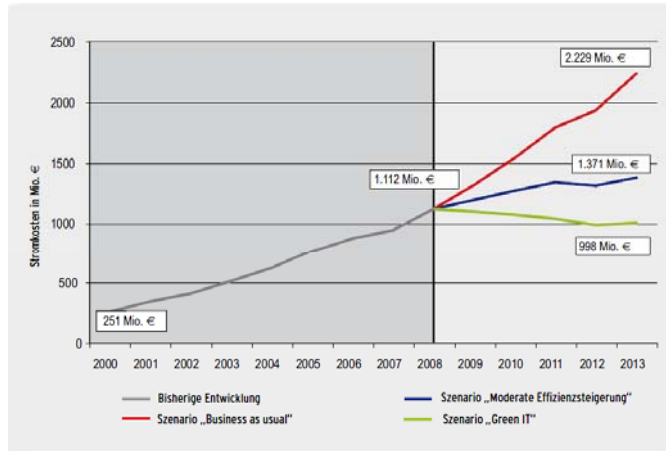
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- Energy consumption of DC in Germany



Facts & Figures (5)

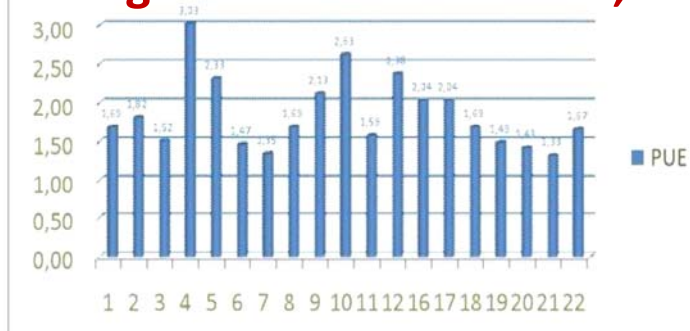
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Facts & Figures (6)

- What is the average PUE of DC worldwide ?

Average PUE worldwide is 2,04 !



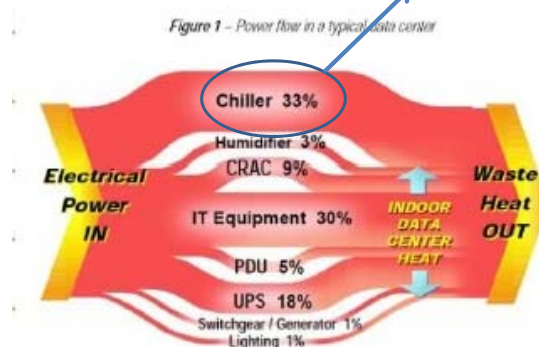
*1 = Best Practices for Data Centers: Lessons Learned from Benchmarking 22 Data Centers, Steve Greenberg, Einar MØis, and Bill Tschell, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Peter Plamsey, Plamsey Engineers, Bruce Myatt, EYP Mission Critical Facilities

Facts & Figures (7)

- Maximum allowed PUE :
 - Amsterdam : permit only if PUE < 1,3
Extra taxes for existing DC with PUE > 1,3
 - London : CO₂ taxes for DC based on PUE
 - Luxembourg : only 2% VAT for Green DC
 - ...

Facts & Figures (8)

- How to reduce the PUE ?
Cooling is the first target



Design basics⁽¹⁾

- $1 \times 1 > 1$
 - 1 Watt during 1 Year > 1 €
 - Each kW of continuous power use means a cost of more than 1.000€ yearly
 - DC uses 10s to 1000s of kW.
 - Power use must be lowered to its minimum level
 - Every Watt counts !

Design basics⁽²⁾

- 27
 - According to ASHREA, a room temp of 27°C is acceptable for IT-equipment.
 - The higher the room temperature is set, the more free cooling is possible
 - For comfort reasons, one might not accept 27°C, but that is no reason to set it at 18°C room temp.

Design basics(3)

Table 2.1 Equipment Environment Specifications

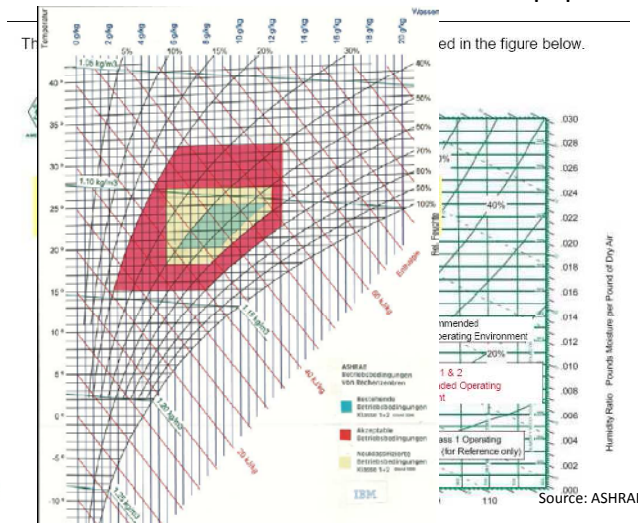
Equipment Environment Specifications										
Class	Product Operation ^{a,b}						Product Power Off ^{b,c}			
	Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C)		Relative Humidity (%) Non-Condensing		Max. Dew Point (°C)	Max. Elevation (m)	Max Rate of	Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C)	Relative Humidity (%)	Max. Dew Point (°C)
	Allowable	Recommended	Allowable	Recommended						
1	15 to 32 ^d	20 to 25	20 to 80	40 to 55	17	3050	5	5 to 45	8 to 80	27
2	10 to 35 ^d	20 to 25	20 to 80	40 to 55	21	3050	5	5 to 45	8 to 80	27
3	5 to 35 ^{d,e}	NA	8 to 80	NA	28	3050	NA	5 to 45	8 to 80	29
4	5 to 40 ^{d,e}	NA	8 to 80	NA	28	3050	NA	5 to 45	8 to 80	29



Source: ASHRAE

Design basics(4)

ASHRAE Environmental Guidelines for Datacom Equipment



Source: ASHRAE

Design basics⁽⁵⁾



- 300
 - 1 kW Peak Power can cost up to 300€ !
 - Depending on MV-contract, extra Peak Power can have a high penalty
 - Reduce investments !
MV-transformers, UPS and diesel no-breaks are very expensive. Reducing the peak power in summer will avoid a lot of investments.
- ➔ reducing the Peak Power for cooling in summer is very important!

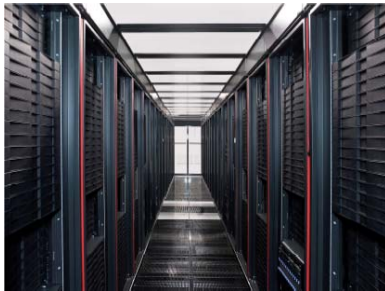
Design basics⁽⁶⁾

- 1,30
 - Total yearly PUE < 1,30 is the target !
 - Since cooling is the major power user, the PUE of the cooling needs to be under 1,11
 - The complete design of the DC needs to be focused on this target

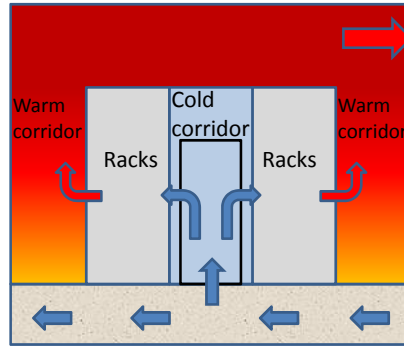
	Actual	Indirect adiabatic
Processor	15	15
Server Power	14	14
Other services	15	15
Storage	4	4
Comm. Equip	4	4
UPS	5	5
PDU	1	1
Cooling	38	5,6
Lighting	1	1
MV transfo	3	3
Total facility Power	100	67,6
IT equipment power	52	52
PUE	1,9231	1,3
	Target PUE	1,3
	PUE cool	1,1077

Design basics(7)

- Cold & warm aisle

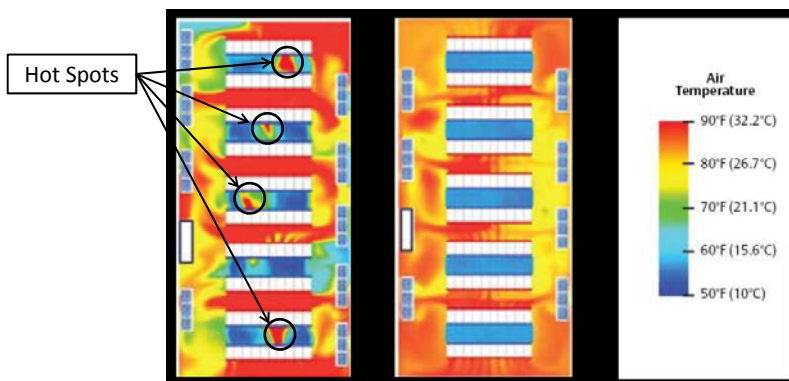


Source: IBM



Design basics(8)

- Cold & warm aisle



W/o cold/warm aisle

With cold/warm aisle

Source: IBM

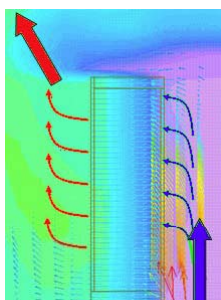
Design basics(9)

- Cold & warm aisle
Please provide space for cables AND air

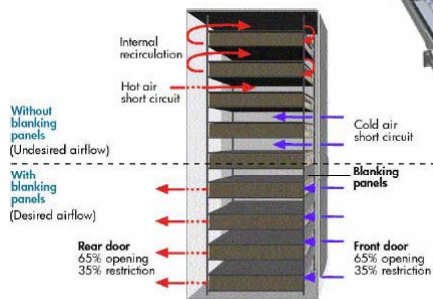


Design basics(10)

- Air inlet & outlet at server level



Source: INTEL



Source: HP



Cooling systems (1)

- Which cooling systems exist?
 - Cooling by water distribution (provided by chiller)
 - Without free cooling
 - With free cooling to water circuit
 - DX systems in DC, with dry-cooler on the roof
 - Direct free cooling
 - Indirect free cooling
 - Indirect free cooling with evaporative “adiabatic” cooling

Cooling systems (2)

- Cooling by water distribution,
without free cooling

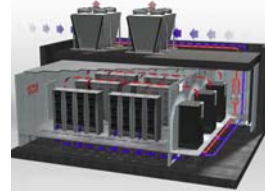


Cooling systems (3)

- Cooling by water distribution, **without free cooling**

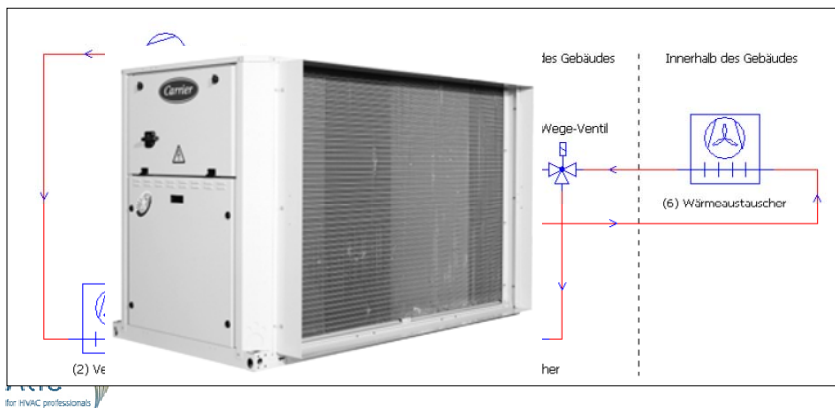
– Draw backs :

- Highest power consumption
- Highest peak power level
- No “green cooling” possible
- Expensive UPS, diesel no-breaks and MV-transformer because of peak power level
- Water circuit might have to be redundant.
- Poor EER of chiller



Cooling systems (4)

- Cooling by water distribution, **with free cooling**

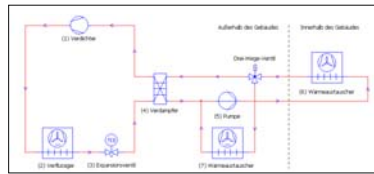


Cooling systems (5)

- Cooling by water distribution, **with free cooling**

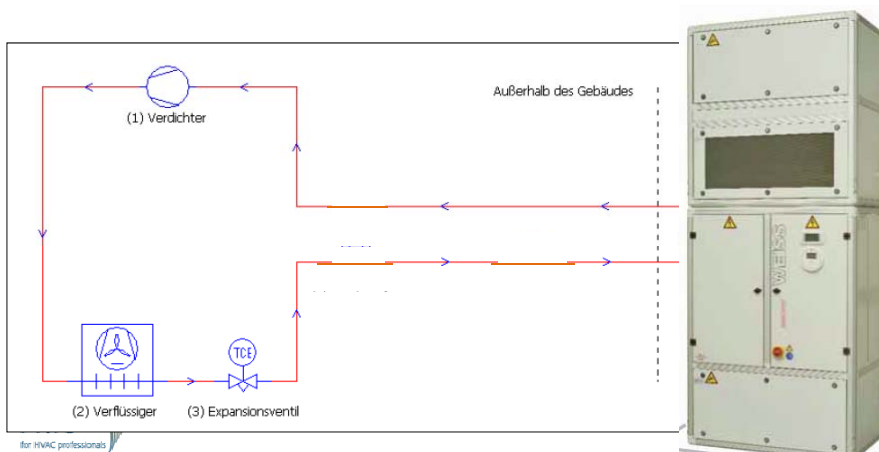
– Draw backs :

- High power consumption
- Highest peak power level
- Only partial “green cooling” possible
- Expensive UPS, diesel no-breaks and MV-transformer because of peak power level
- Water circuit might have to be redundant.
- Poor EER of chiller



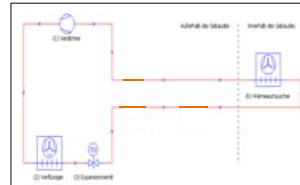
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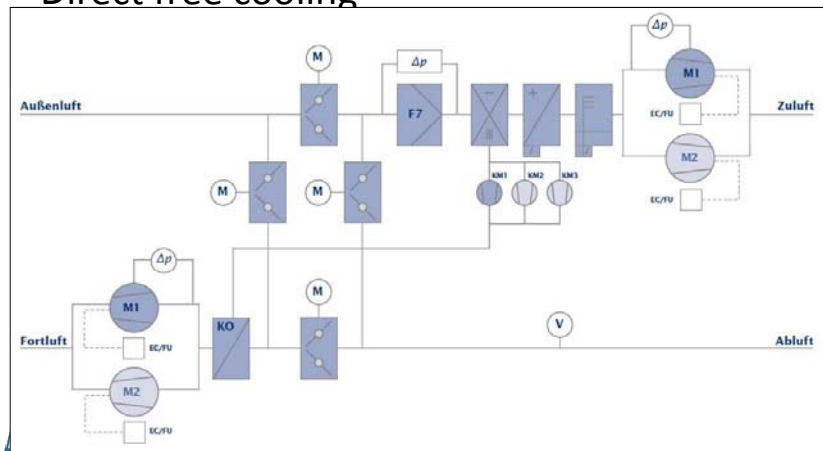
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- DX systems in DC, with dry-cooler on the roof
 - Draw backs :
 - High power consumption
 - Highest peak power level
 - no “green cooling” possible
 - Expensive UPS, diesel no-breaks and MV-transformer because of peak power level
 - Redundancy expensive / difficult.
 - Poor EER of chiller



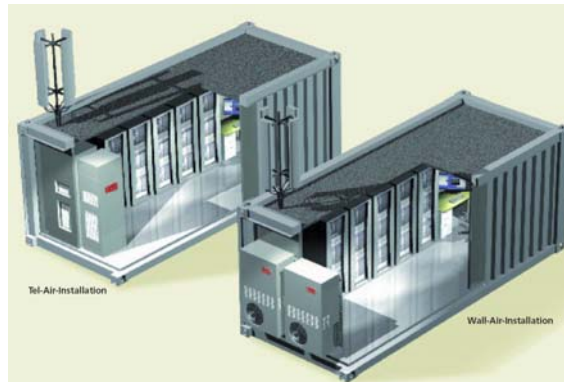
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- Direct free cooling



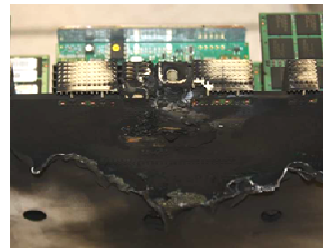
Cooling systems (9)

- Direct free cooling
= not widely accepted in Europe



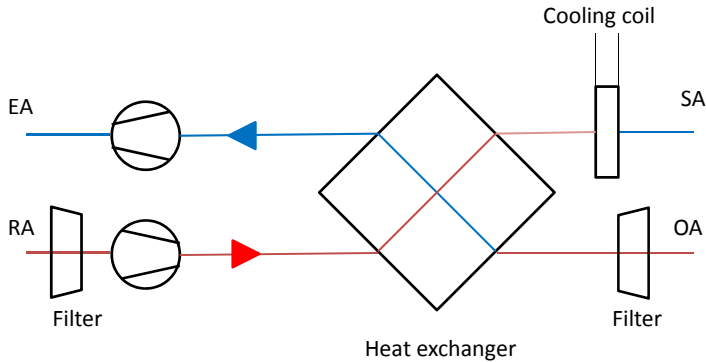
Cooling systems (10)

- Direct free cooling
 - Draw backs (ref : IBM)
 - Atmospheric influences (dust, gas)
 - Pressure drop by air filters
 - Humidity drops in winter
 - High power use for humidification
 - Problems with fire extinguishing (unable to use gas)
 - Chiller is still needed, at maximum capacity
 - High peak power level
 - Expensive UPS, No-Break, MV-transformer
 - Risk for sabotage or at the event of large chemical accidents



Cooling systems (11)

- Indirect free cooling

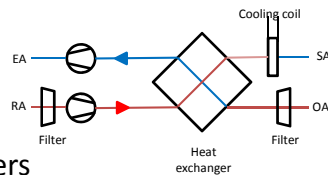


Cooling systems (12)

- Indirect free cooling

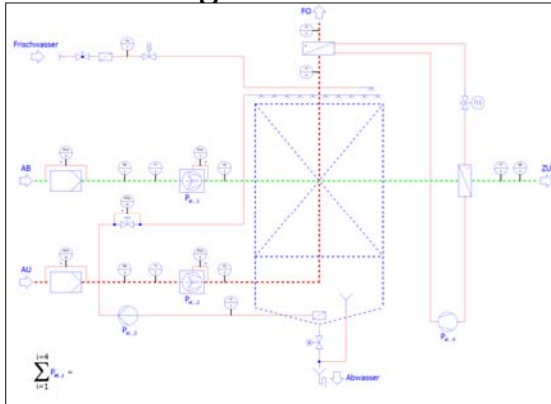
– Draw backs

- Pressure drop by fresh air filters
- Chiller is still needed, at maximum capacity
- High peak power level
- Expensive UPS, No-Break, MV-transformer
- High fresh air volume (same quantity as return air) inducing higher energy consumption



Cooling systems (13)

- Indirect free cooling with evaporative “adiabatic” cooling



Cooling systems (14)

- Indirect free cooling
 - Draw-backs
 - Water consumption
 - To be considered
 - Benefits
 - Lowest energy consumption
 - Lowest investment costs
 - Lowest operating costs
 - Lowest maintenance costs
 - Low friction
 - Compact units



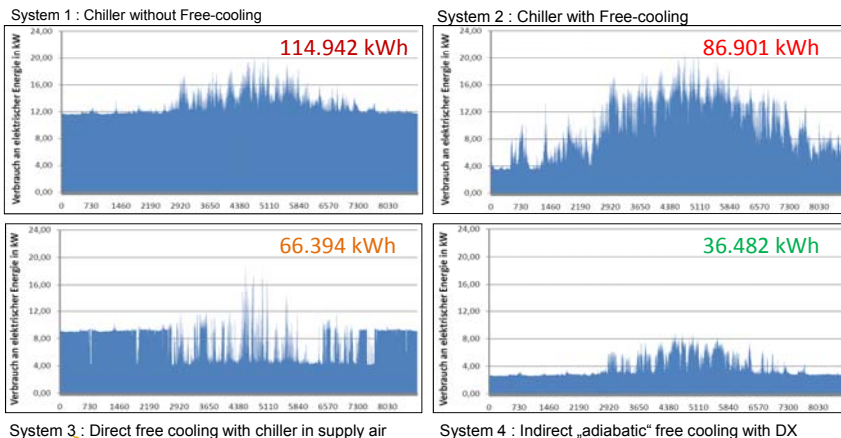
Cooling systems (15)

- Comparison of 4 systems
 - System 1 : Chiller without free cooling
 - System 2 : Chiller with free cooling
 - System 3 : Direct free cooling
 - System 4 : Indirect adiabatic free cooling with DX
- System design :
 - 35°C/40% outside air
 - 34/20° return/supply air
 - 40 to 60% rh room
 - Climate conditions @ Essen (Germany)
 - 50 kW Server load



Cooling systems (16)

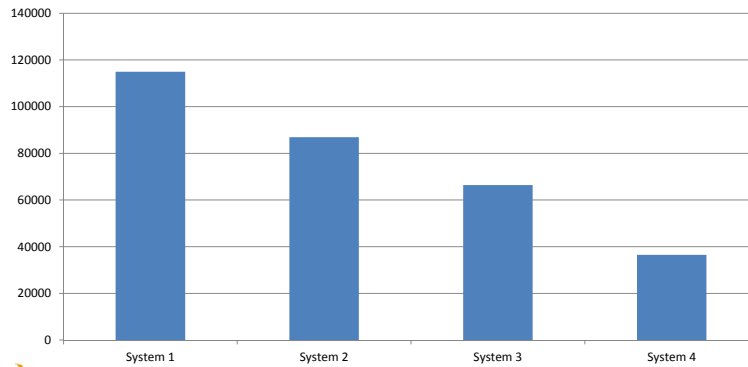
• Comparison



Cooling systems (17)

- Comparison

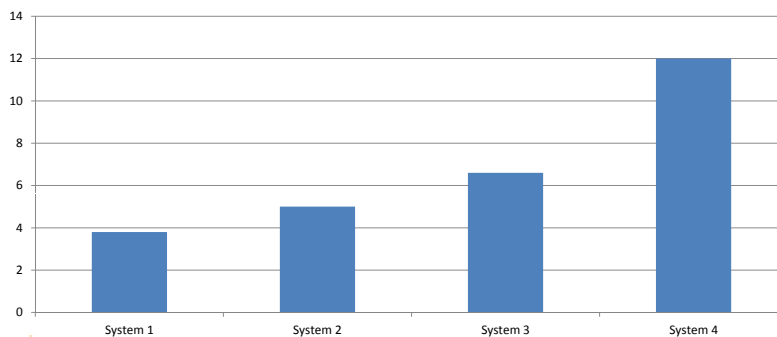
Power Consumption in kWh



Cooling systems (18)

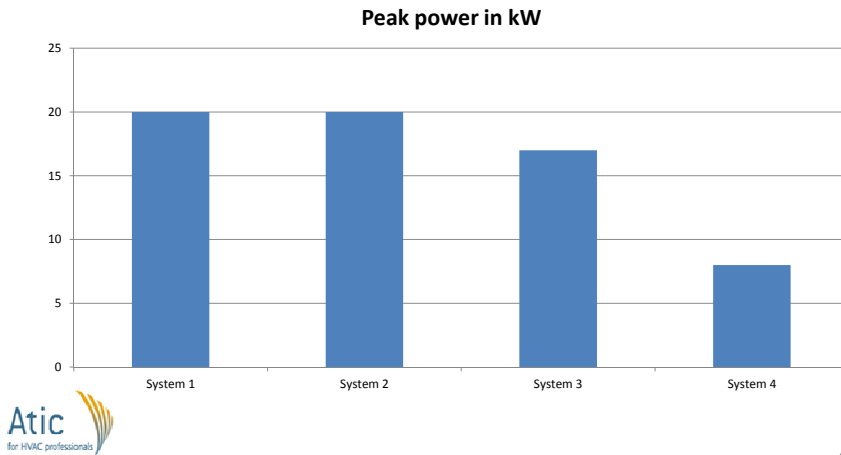
- Comparison

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Cooling systems (19)

- Comparison



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System Design (1)

- PUE calculation for :
 - Data Center with 375 kW of server load
 - Region of Brussels
 - Cold corridor : 20°C
 - Warm corridor : 30°C

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System Design (5)

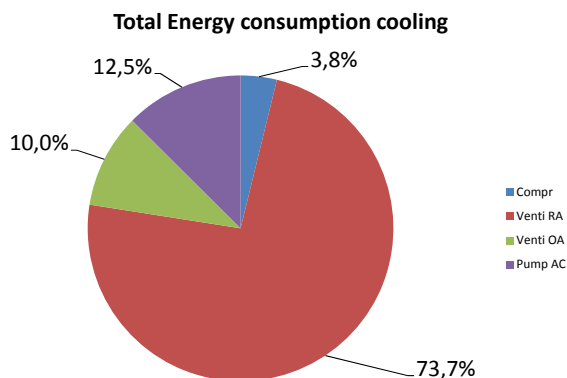
- PUE calculation

Total energy consumption for cooling	232	MWh	
Total net cooling energy	3.285	MWh	
Total indirect cooling energy	3.316	MWh	
Total DX cooling energy	81	MWh	only 2,4% of cooling energy is delivered by DX !
Peak DX cooling power	202,5	kWcool	
Peak power consumption	82,2	kWe	
100% free cooling up to	17,0	°C	
50% free cooling up to	31,0	°C	
PUE	1,071		
Evaporated water	3.375	m ³	
Water consumption	6.749	m ³ at thicking = 2	
	5.062	m ³ at thicking = 3	
	4.500	m ³ at thicking = 4	

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System Design (6)

- PUE calculation



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System Design (7)

- Indirect “adiabatic” cooling
 - Developed by Menerga in 1993
 - Used for cooling and ventilation of all kinds of buildings
 - Since 1994 DX cooling as option
 - Since 2007 with DigiScroll® compressors from Copeland®
 - System was adapted in 2010 for rooms with high thermal loads, like Data Centers.
 - Mathematic model confirmed by long-term measurements

System Design (8)

- Practical design
 - Most important elements are
 - Polypropylene recuperator with huge thermal surface

System Design (9)

- Why recuperator in polypropylene?
 - Totally inert to corrosion or degradation in time
 - Possible to integrate adiabatic cooling IN the recuperator
 - Resists to high pressure differences between air flows (important in combination with fire dampers)
 - Can be built in greater dimensions than aluminum recuperators
 - Low air pressure drop
 - Can easily be cleaned
 - High thermal efficiency (only 0,8% loss compared to alu)
 - Carbon footprint is 5 times lower at production of PP compared to Alu
 - PP is totally recyclable in the same product quality

System Design (10)

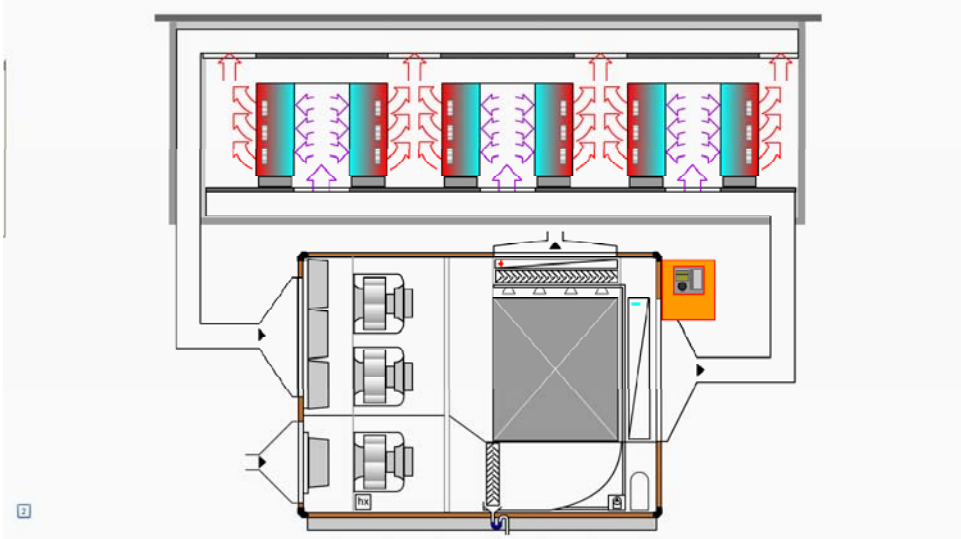
- Practical design
 - Most important elements are
 - Polypropylene Recuperator with huge thermal surface
 - Integrated humidification all over the recuperator
 - Integrated DX cooling with DigiScroll compressor
 - ➔ 10 to 100% capacity control
 - Intelligent DDC controller with mathematic model can predict behavior of the system at different air conditions or thermal load
 - ➔ automatically best running conditions are selected

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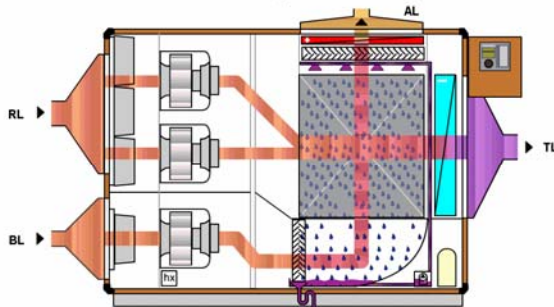
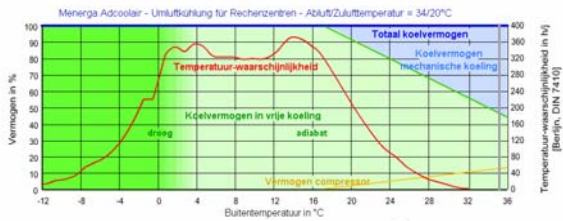
- Practical design
 - Water for adiabatic cooling
 - Different types of water sources can be used
e.g. rain water, tap water, source water, lake water
(with water treatment)
 - No risk for legionella
 - Intrinsic redundancy
 - Multiple fans
 - Option: Integrated DX cooling selected for full thermal capacity
 - Double adiabatic pump

System Design (12)

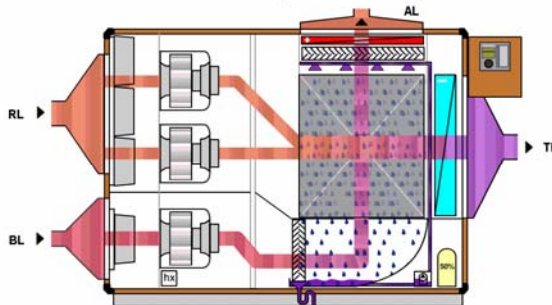
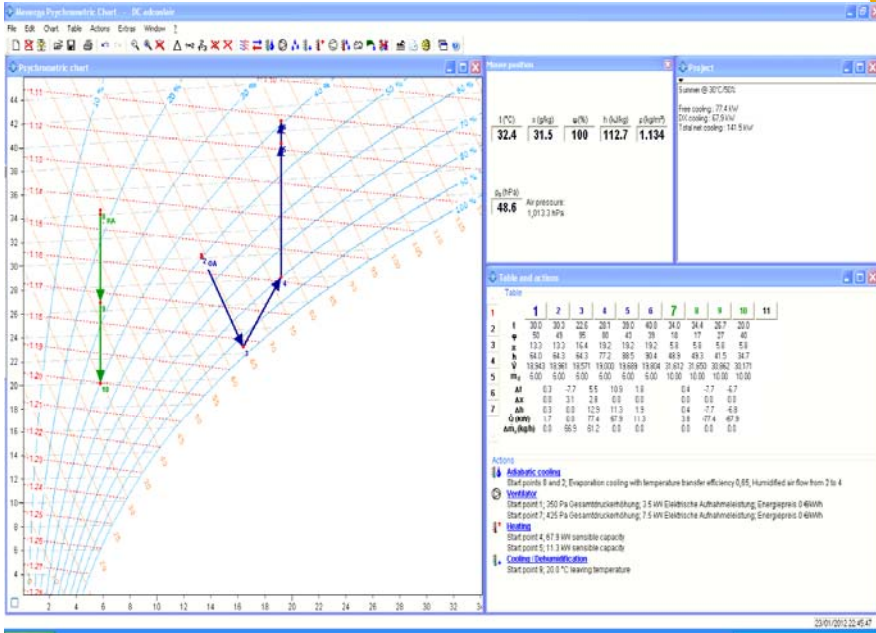
- Practical design
 - Option : Water condensor to heat offices in winter
using water at 40/30 °C,
 - ➔ Cheapest heating energy for offices
 - ➔ In one or more units installed

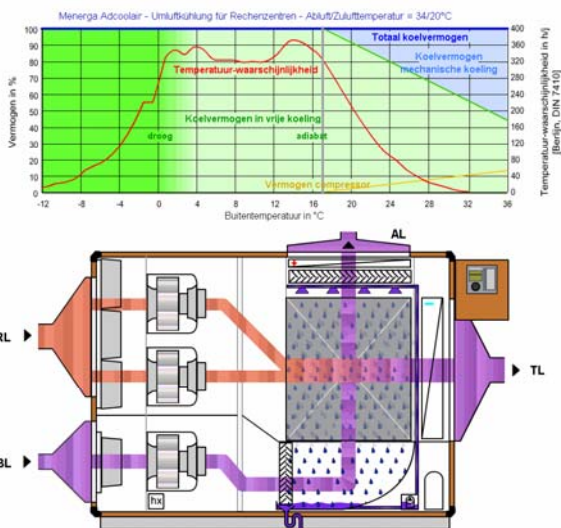
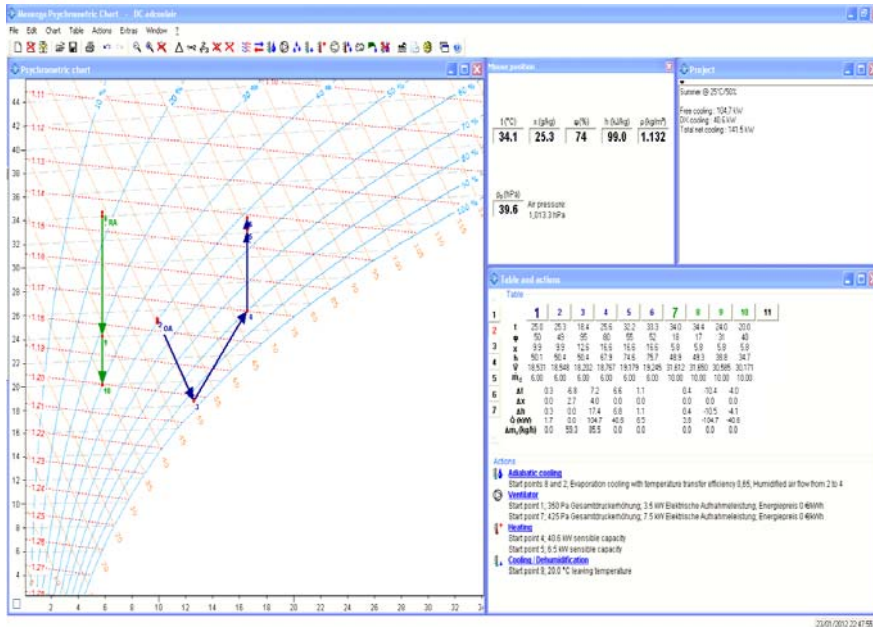


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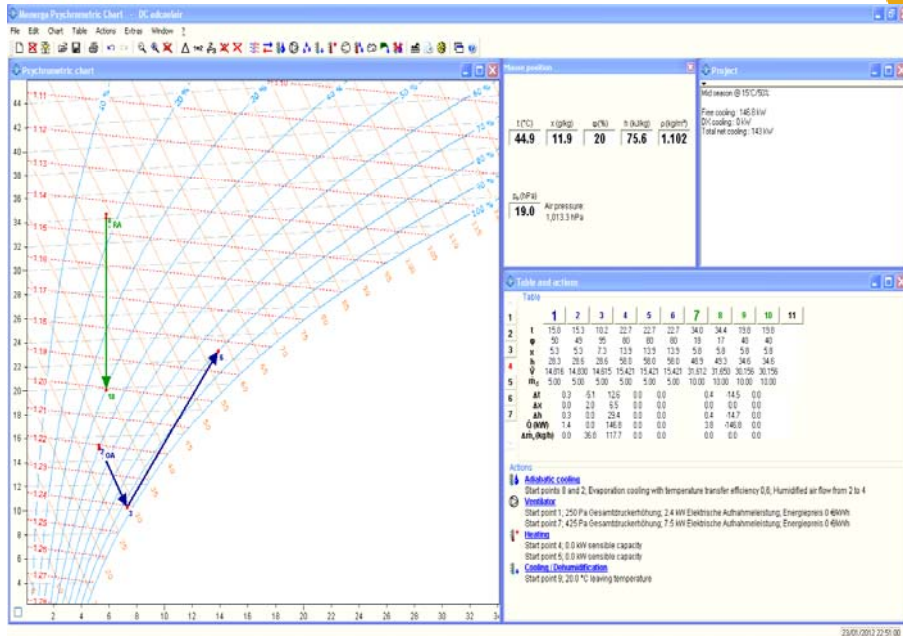
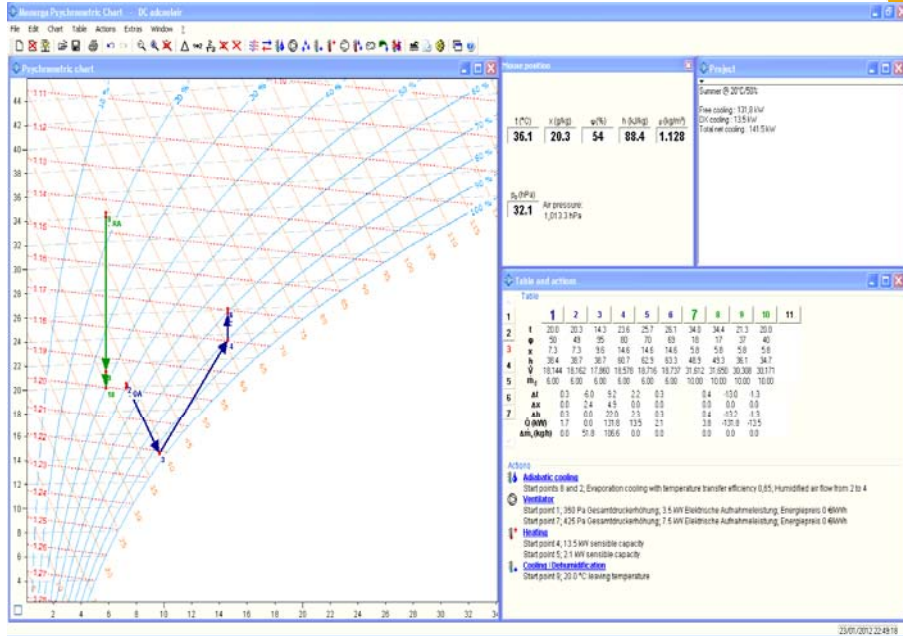


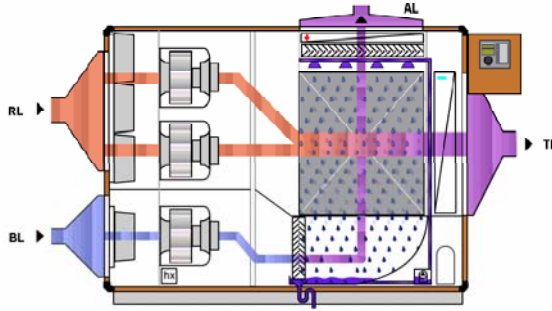
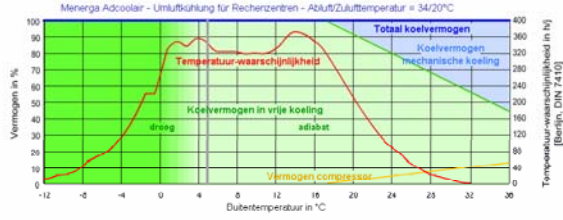
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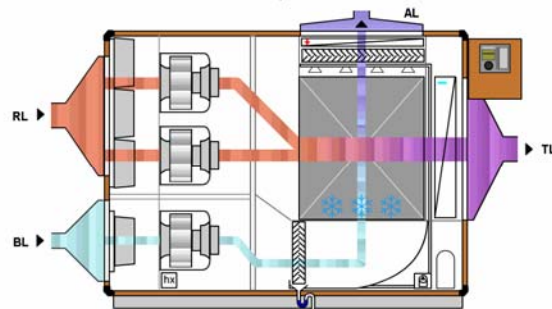
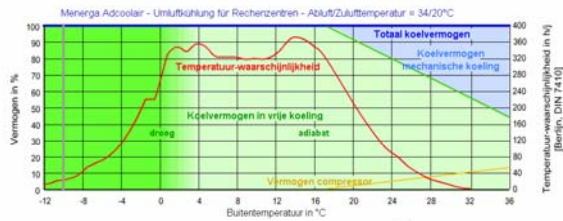


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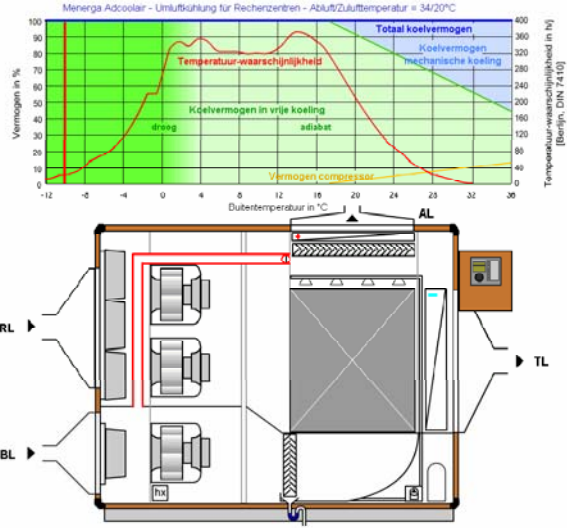




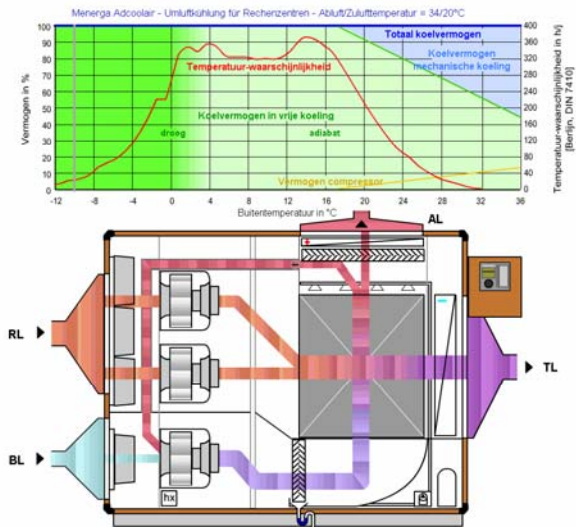
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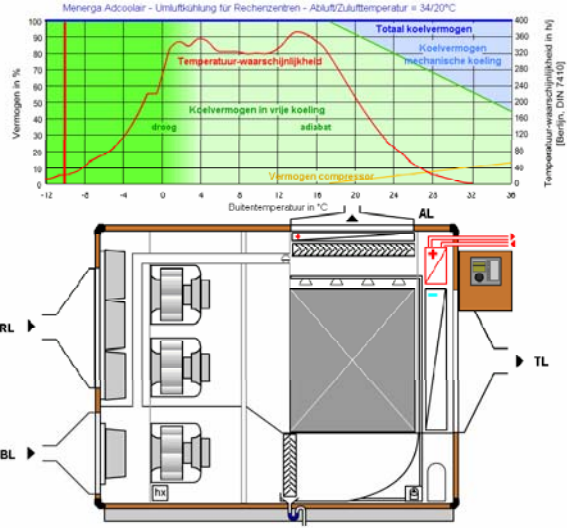
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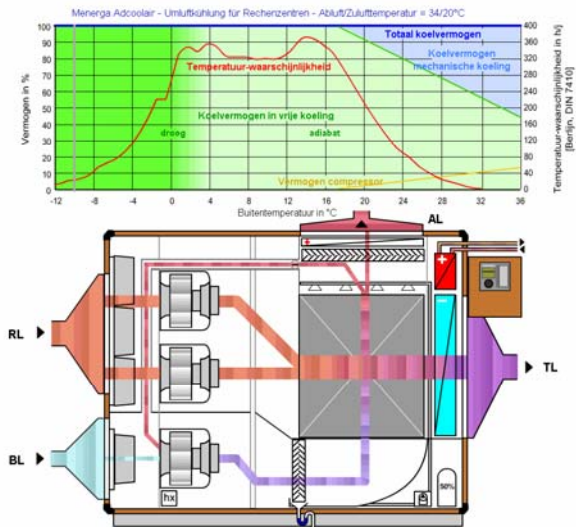
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Intrinsic Redundancy (1)

- Number of units defined by redundancy rule:
 - Mostly N+1
- Few huge units
 - high investment for redundancy
- Many smaller units
 - Higher redundancy and lower investment
 - Easier maintenance
 - Better MTTR
 - Possibility to let the data center “grow”

Intrinsic Redundancy (2)

- **Menerga® AdCoolAir®** is built with:
 - Multiple fans in airflow
 - drop-out of 1 fan still maintains the functioning
 - Easy to replace (< 40 kg) and short MTTR
 - Smaller fans with longer lifetime of the bearings
 - DX can be selected to backup the indirect cooling
 - Double adiabatic pump (except for smallest units)
 - Control cabinet with redundancy control by “heartbeat-check” at different levels

Intrinsic Redundancy (3)

- Back up unit is running too,
 - shorter reaction time at unit breakdown
 - Even better performance during summer

References

- **Biggest**
 - Banco Santander, Spain
 - 17 MW total cooling power
 - Units of 450 kW each
 - Redundancy N+2
- **Smalest**
 - Comunicode, Germany
 - 20 kW cooling power
 - 1 unit
 - No redundancy



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Is also a matter of

- **virtualization** : use CPU power at its max to get the same IT power for less energy consumption
- **Intelligent server** : temporarily shut down ¼ or ½ of a quad-core CPU

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Thank You for your attention !



Having the real Green IT !