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# Who is GEA?

## **“Process and Thermal Engineering”**

- Plant, equipment, and systems for manufacturing
- Process control for food, beverage, pharmaceutical, cosmetics, chemicals, power
- Headquartered Bochum, Germany
- 170 operating companies in some 50 countries
- 16,500 employees worldwide
- Approx. \$3B in annual sales
- Part of Metallgesellschaft Group

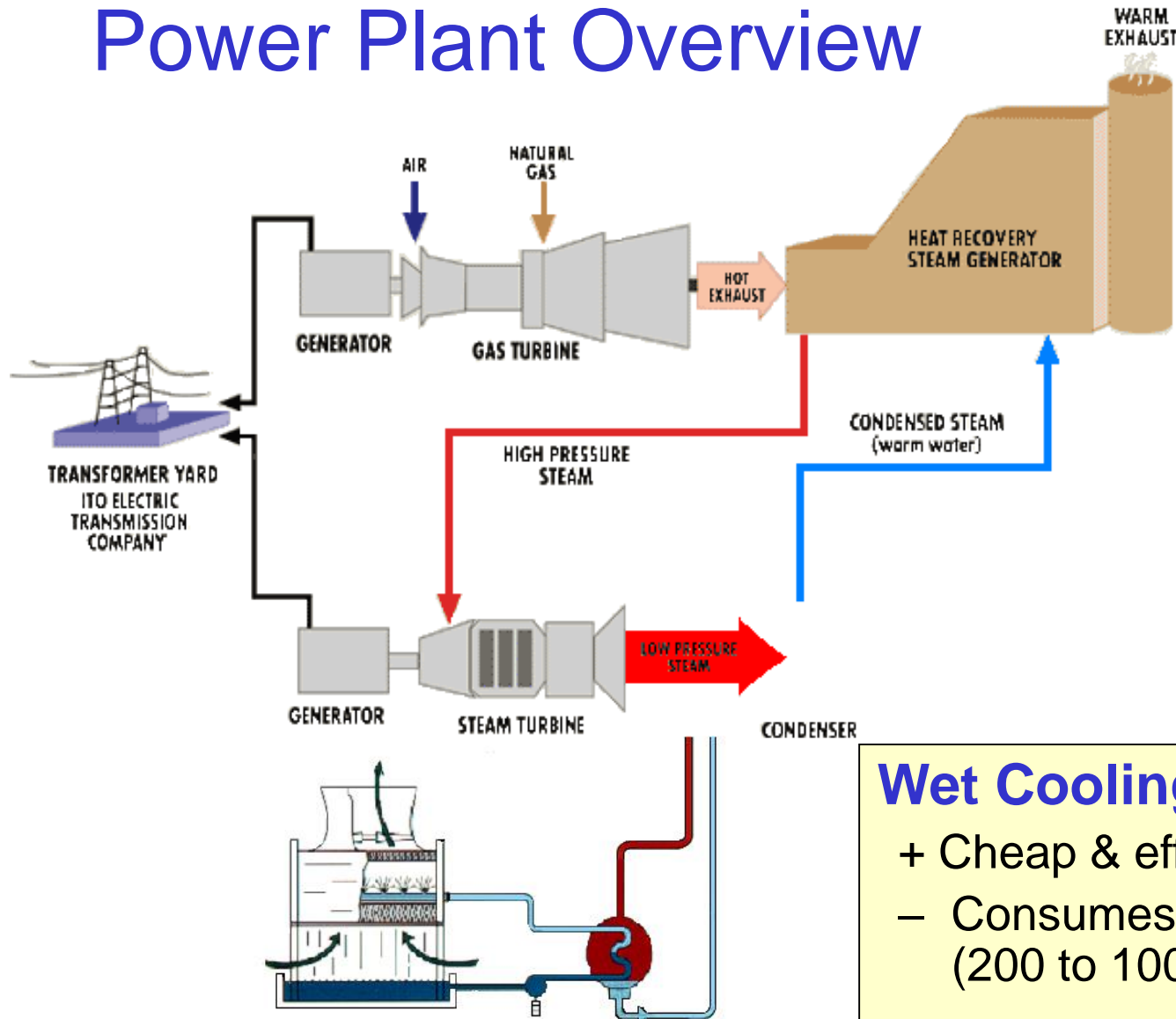


# Who is GEA Power Cooling?

## **“Power Plant Cooling Systems”**

- Remove massive quantities of heat from power plant operations
- Deliver both dry & combination wet/dry condensers
- 1000+ units installed worldwide
- US Operations headquartered San Diego, CA
- Remote monitoring initiative led out of US

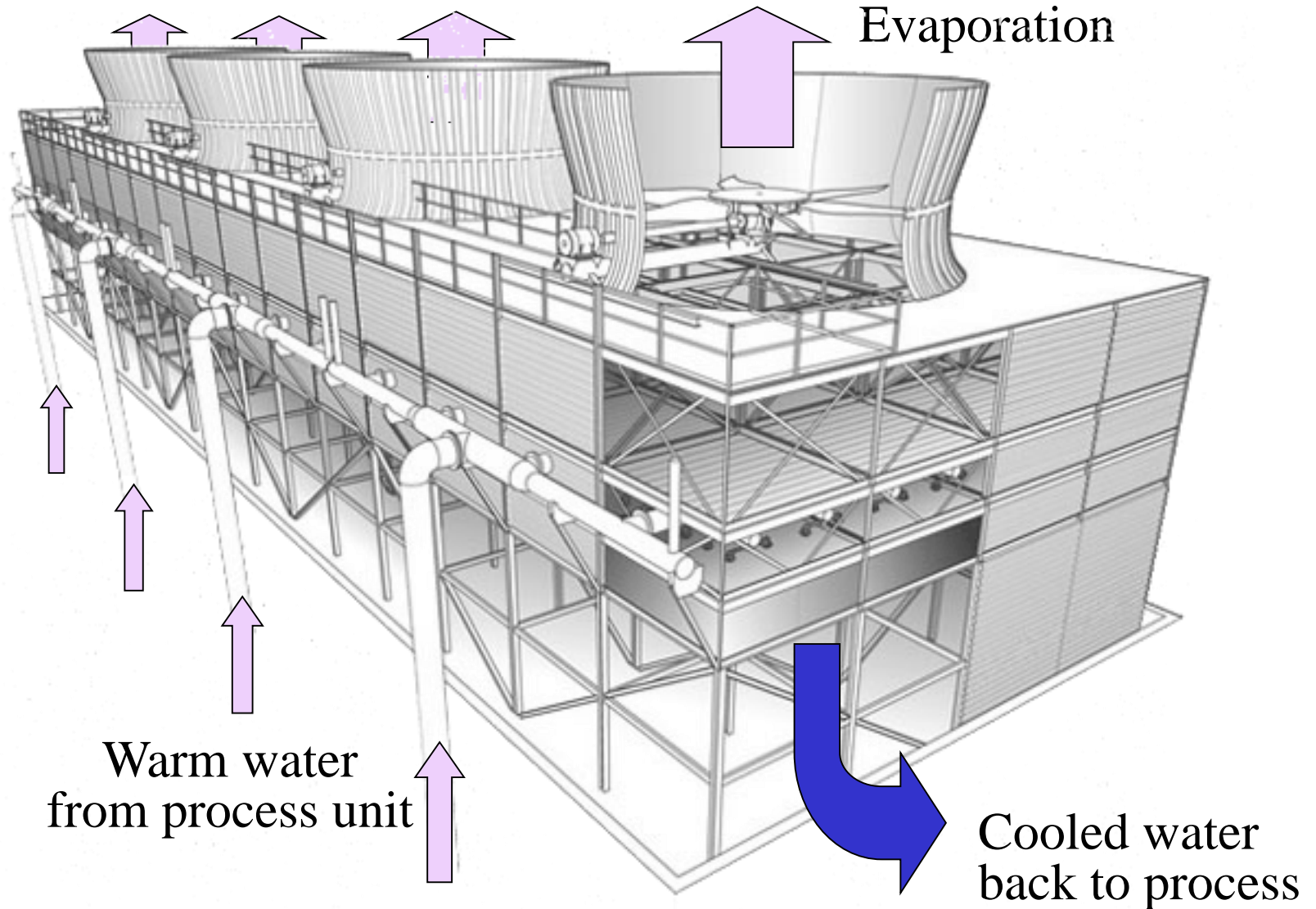
# Power Plant Overview



## Wet Cooling

- + Cheap & effective
- Consumes lots of water (200 to 1000 Tons/hour)





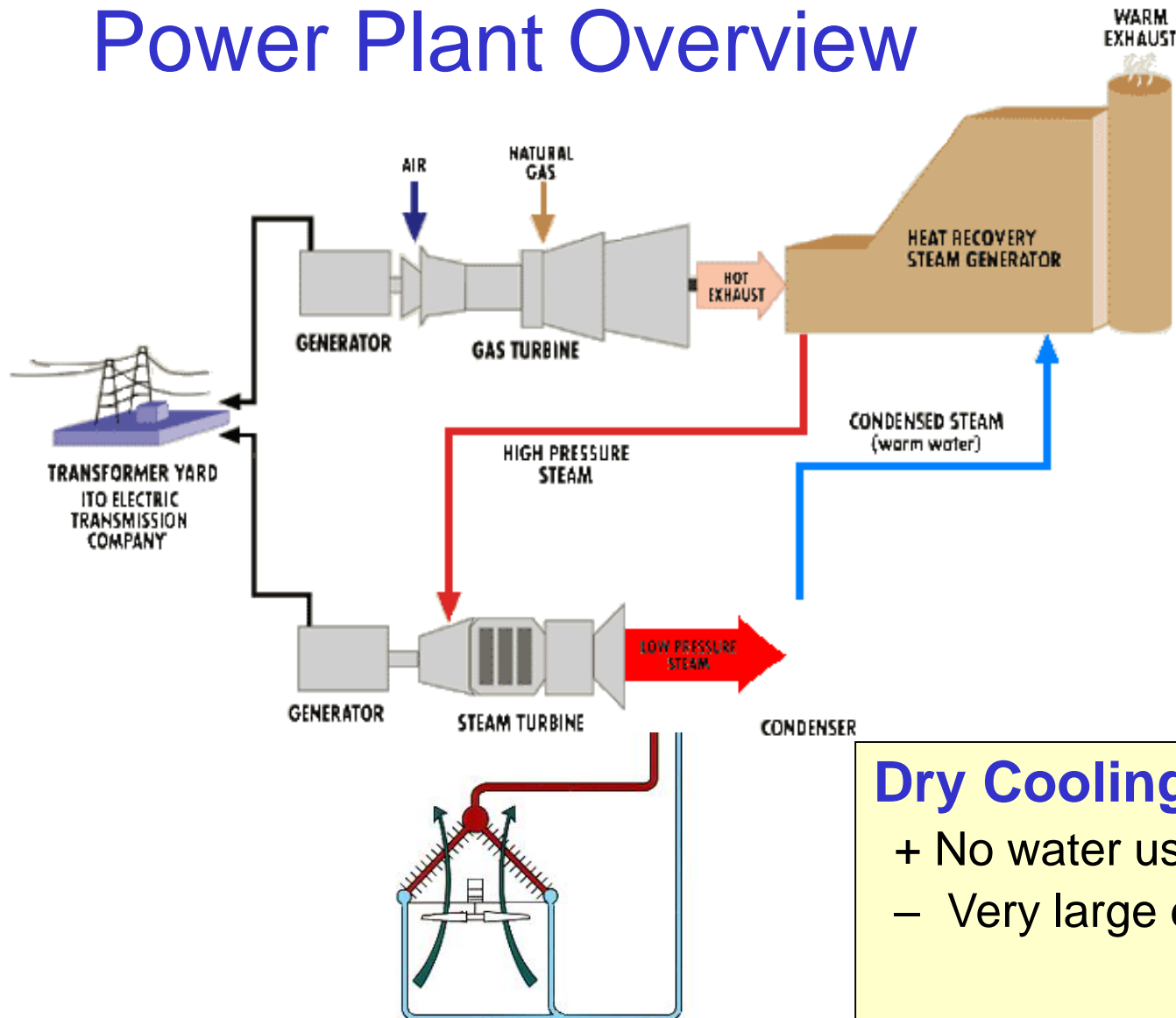


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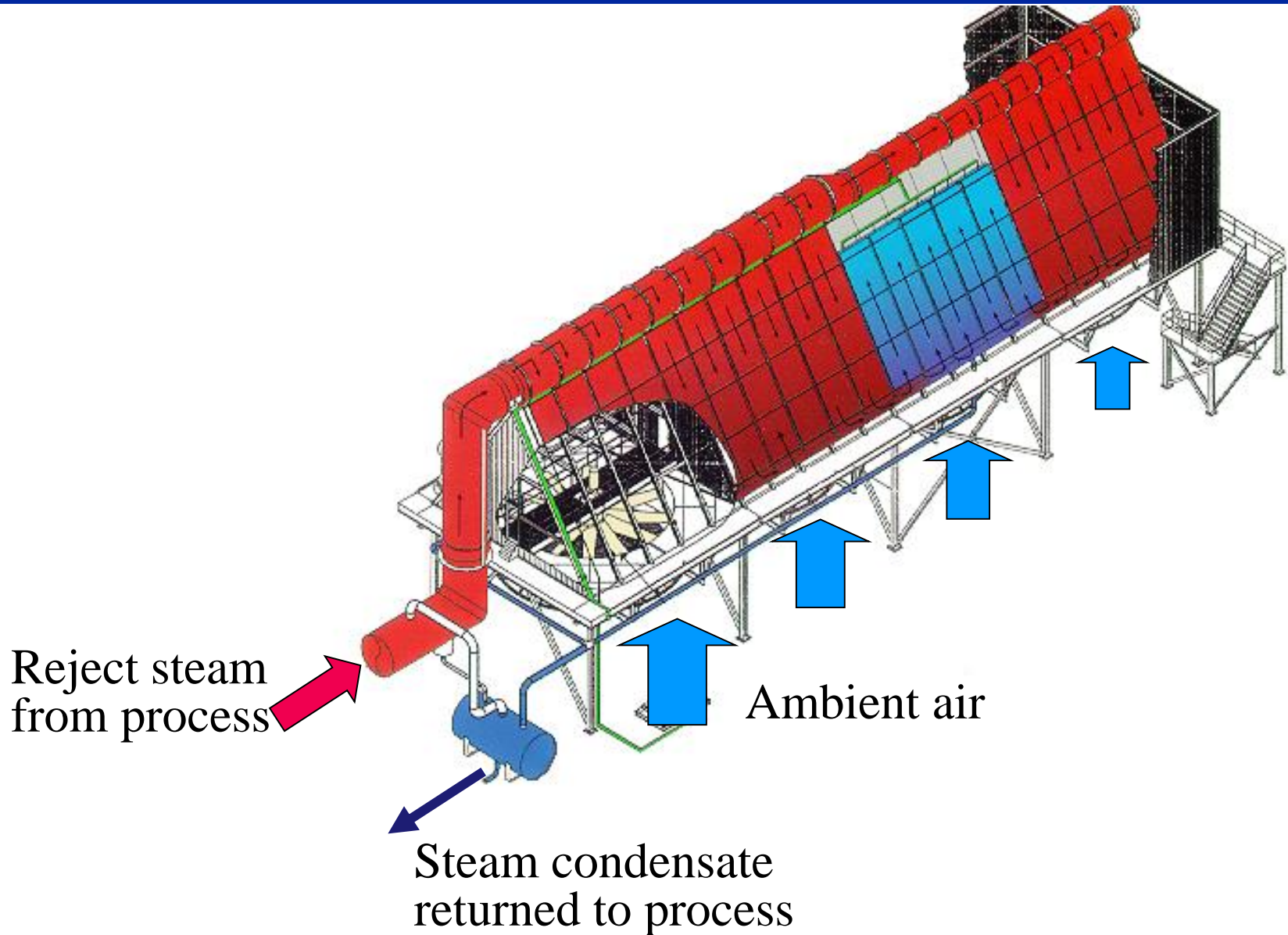


# Power Plant Overview



## Dry Cooling

- + No water used
- Very large equipment





## Massachusetts



Bellingham Cogeneration Plant - Intercontinental Energy Co.  
300 MW - 714,900 lb/hr

## New Jersey



Linden Cogeneration Plant - Cogen Technologies, Inc.  
285 MW - 1,911,000 lb/hr

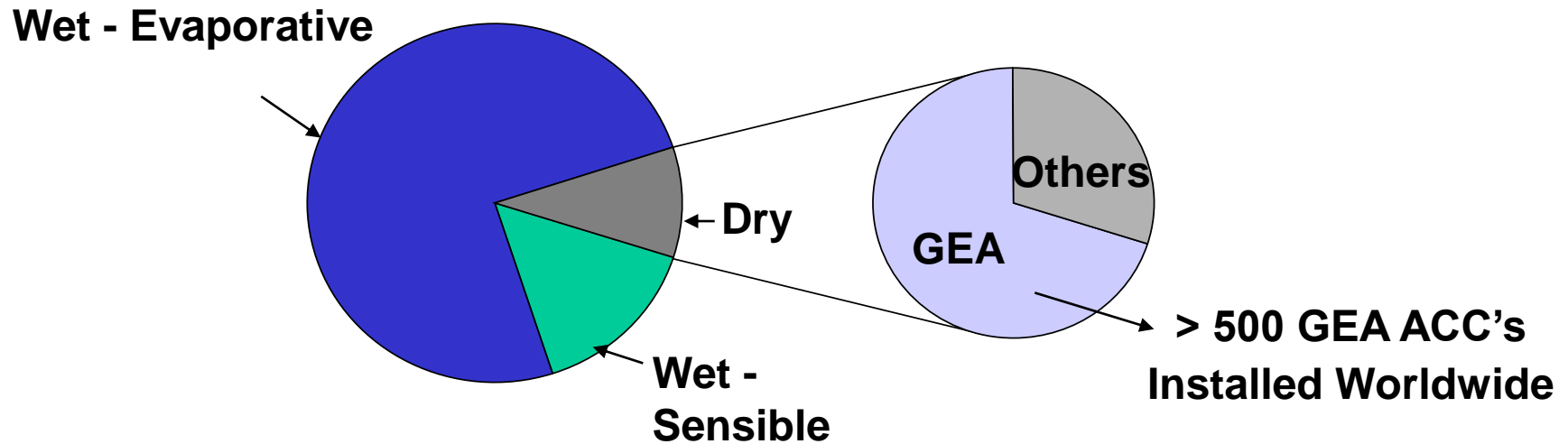


## South Africa



Matimba Power Plant  
6 x 665 MW

# Installed Base – Air-Cooled Condensers



Air-Cooled Condensers are the “high-tech” portion of the large-scale power cooling market



# Remote Monitoring Objectives

- Capitalize on GEA's experience
  - Expose as a differentiator in the market
- Better serve our customers
  - Improved warranty support & unit performance
- Build stronger customer loyalty
  - More frequent value-added customer contact
- Open new service business opportunities
  - Fee-based performance improvement guidance



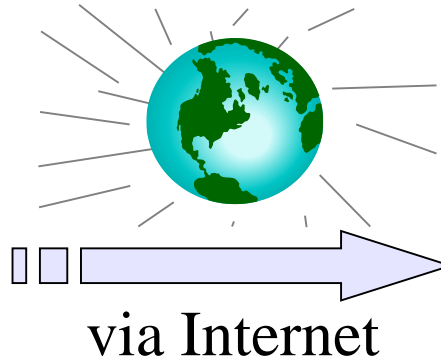
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# Remote Monitoring



Air Cooled Condenser  
at remote Power Station



GEA ACC at  
Home Office

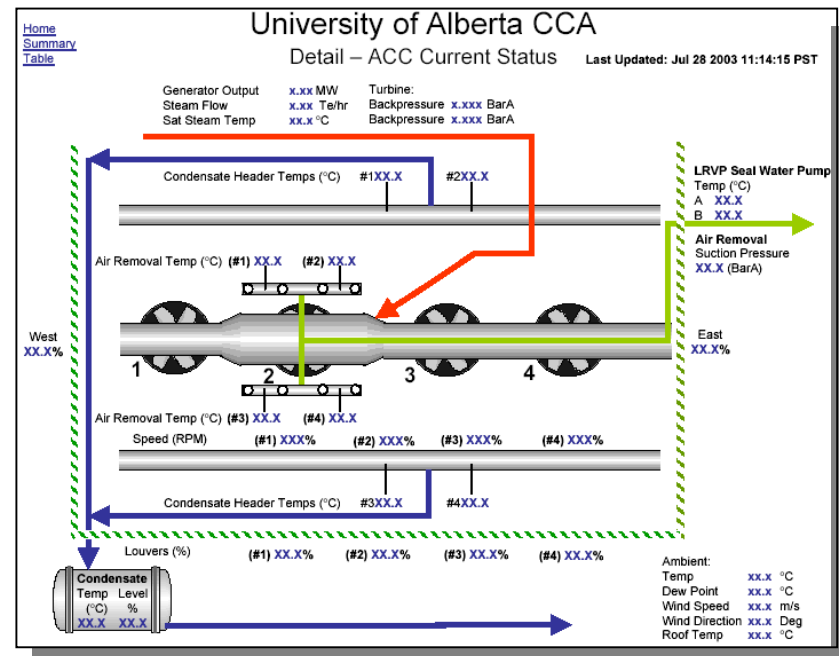


# Architecture

- Data collected from customer systems
  - PI, PHD, DCS, etc.
- Data stored into master PI System for GEA
  - Use Industrial Evolution Data Center
  - Brings PI expertise, allows GEA to focus on performance
- Remote Web views for GEA experts
  - Real-time access from anywhere
  - Immediate collaboration with customer

# Program Benefits

- Facilitates plant commissioning  
*(let the data travel instead of the people)*
- Rapid problem identification and resolution
- GEA's intellectual property maximizes power plant's performance / revenue
- Development of service opportunities





## Benefits Example

- Power plant in upstate NY
- ACC performance slowly degraded due to fouling
  - Occurred over a 2-year period
  - Not noticed by operations people (they need PI!)
- Profits were eroded by over \$600,000 over 2 years
- GEA's on-line monitoring would detect this, avoiding the profit reductions



# Implementations to Date

## Pilot sites:

- University of Alberta
  - On-line since December 2003
- Front Range Power
  - On-line since April 2004
- Currant Creek
  - Set for September 2005
- Benefits confirmed
- Strategic investments planned for global roll-out



## How PI Fits

- GEA customers are primarily in the power industry
  - Most already use PI on-site
  - Some use other systems (PHD, IP.21, etc.)
- Data collection/storage includes power cooling unit points
  - Generator power production
  - Steam flows, temperatures & pressures
  - Condensate flows & temperatures
  - Air temperatures & suction pressures
  - Fan speeds & louver positions
  - Ambient conditions: wind, humidity, temperature
- Data collection typically every 5-seconds to 1-minute

# University of Alberta CCA

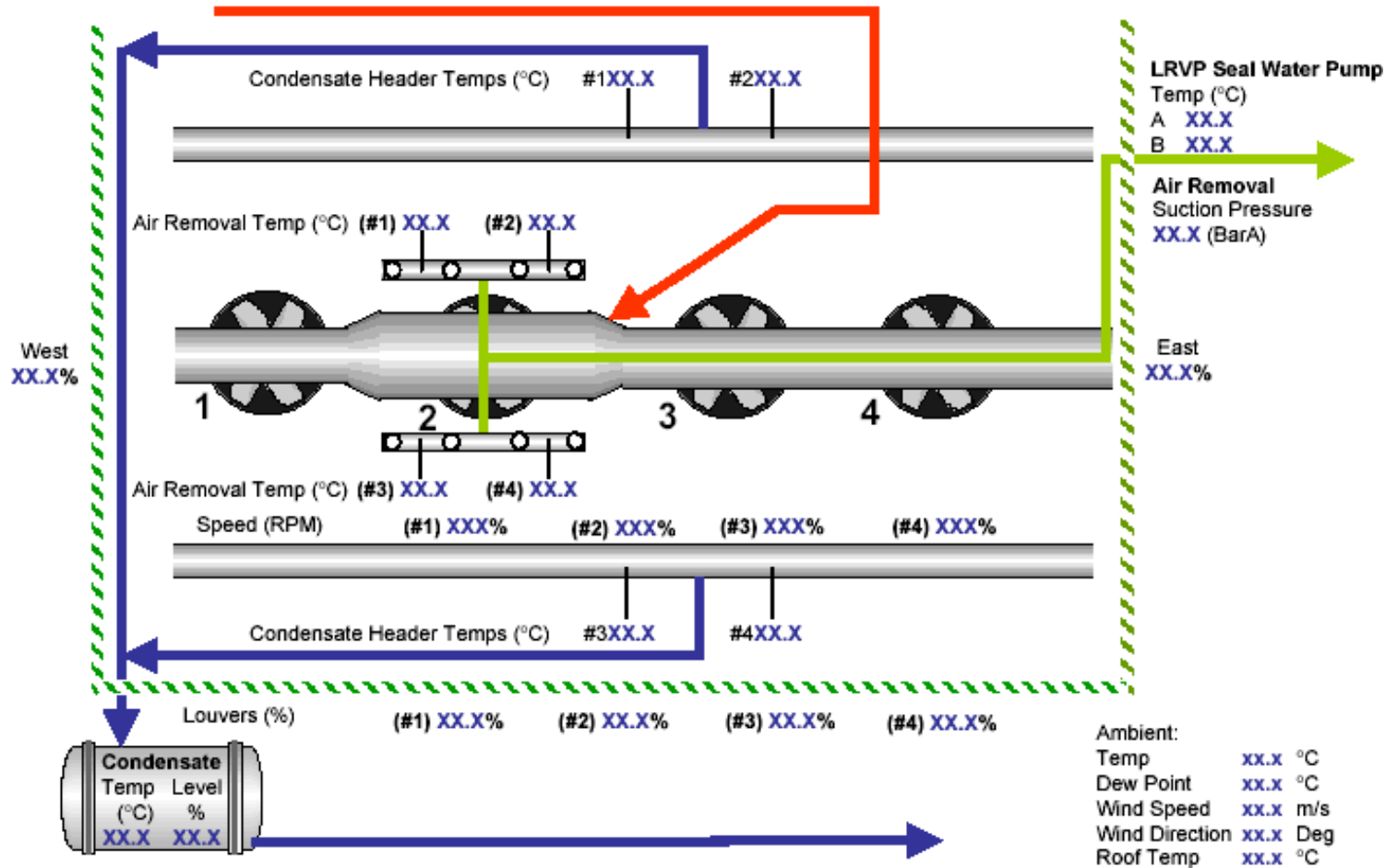
## Detail – ACC Current Status

Last Updated: Jul 28 2003 11:14:15 PST

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Generator Output    **x.xx** MW  
Steam Flow            **x.xx** Te/hr  
Sat Steam Temp       **xx.x** °C

Turbine:  
Backpressure    **x.xxx** BarA  
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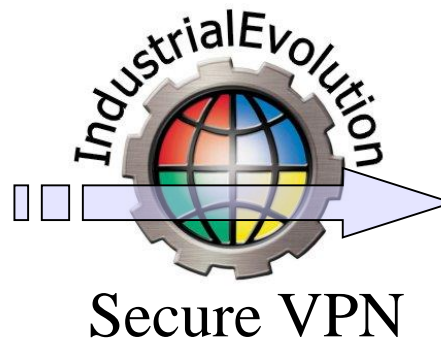


# How Industrial Evolution Fits

- Provides data collection & hosting solution GEA requires
  - ~50 data points stored in central PI System at the secure Industrial Evolution Data Center, updated every minute
    - ~30 collected from customer site
    - ~20 are GEA calculation results (performance indices, efficiencies, etc)
  - GEA engineers then log on and view live customer operations from home office or any other field location
    - Periodic performance analysis & reporting
    - As-needed warranty support and/or troubleshooting with customer



Remote Power Station



GEA Office

# GEA's Objectives

- Real-time view of cooling operations at customer sites
  - Live process data
  - Integrated GEA performance calculations
- Secure, hosted solution
  - Meet customer security needs
  - No additional IT support burden to their home office
  - Scalable to include 100's of sites



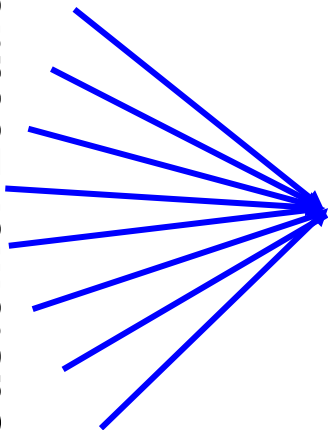
# Project Experience

- 2 years looking for suitable “e-service” solution
- Found Industrial Evolution through OSIsoft
- 1 month to find first pilot site
  - University of Alberta
- 2 weeks to implement
  - Came on-line in July 2003
- Project steps
  - Discuss IT issues with UoA staff
  - Set-up VPN connection
  - Establish PI-to-PI communication

# Results

- GEA sees live data from remote sites
  - Available as and when needed
- No multiple connections for GEA\
  - Industrial Evolution handles all connections & customer data/security issues
- Service is good and solution works well

World-wide  
Customer Locations



San Diego  
(or remote locations)



# Summary

- True utilization of the internet to open new potentials
- Immediate availability
  - New sites done on 2-3 weeks notice by Industrial Evolution
- Works at any data site
  - Interfaces available for any data source
- Proven improvement in product, problem resolution and increased customer profitability
  - Leads to greater customer satisfaction & more market share
- Applies across the GEA business lines
  - not limited to Air Cooled Condensers

# Industrial Evolution

- Data Sharing solutions apply to all industries
  - Oil & Gas
  - Pipeline
  - Power & Utilities
  - Paper
  - Chemicals
  - Other industries using PI
- Data Sharing possible from any source
  - PI, PHD, IP.21, etc.
  - PLC's, RTU's, etc.
  - Control systems
  - Any electronic form (XML, FTP, etc.)
- **300+ Companies now use Industrial Evolution**
  - Over 1,000 distinct site data connection points
  - Global coverage





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Questions?