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Absorption Chiller Principle and Configuration Webinar 2021





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Our products have been sold and serviced in over 80 countries, and deployed across a wide spectrum of industrial, commercial, educational, and institutional applications.

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80+

Countries we have served



60

Prefabricated buildings



3000+

Global employees



80%

Energy saving in our systems and practices



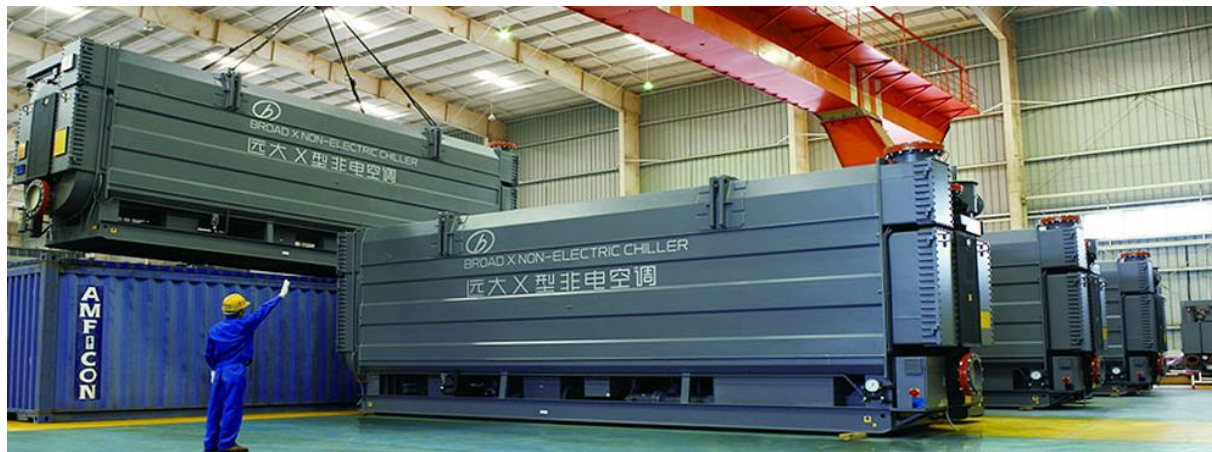
90%

Carbon emission reduction in life cycle



95%

Construction waste reduction rate





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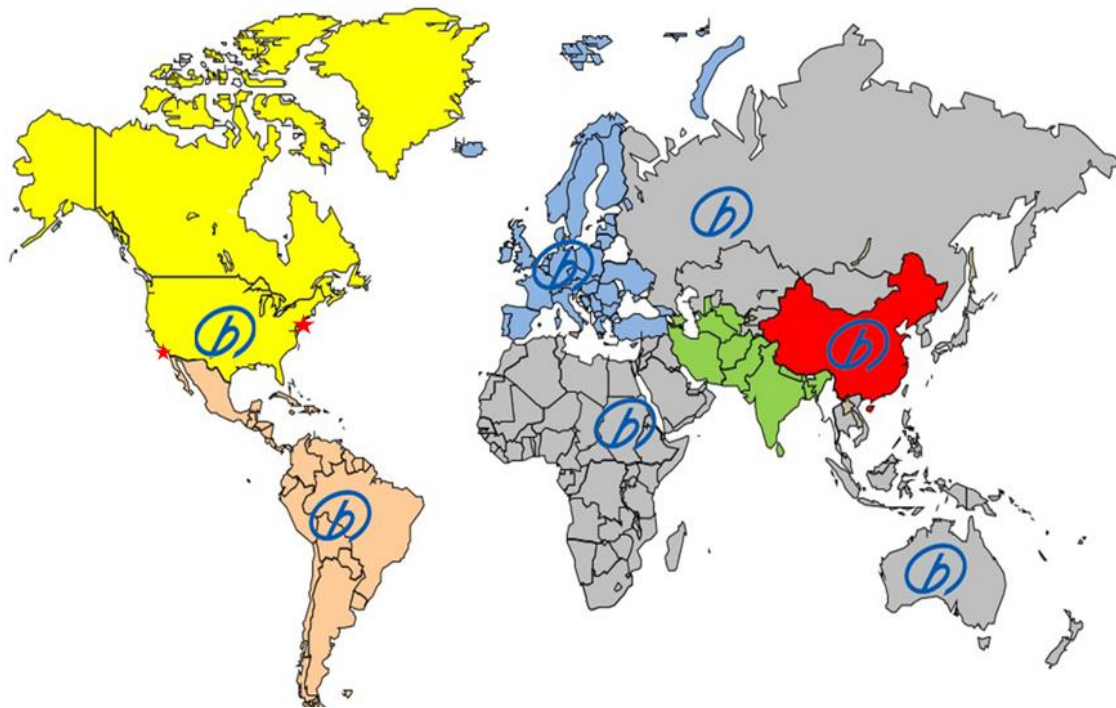
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Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller

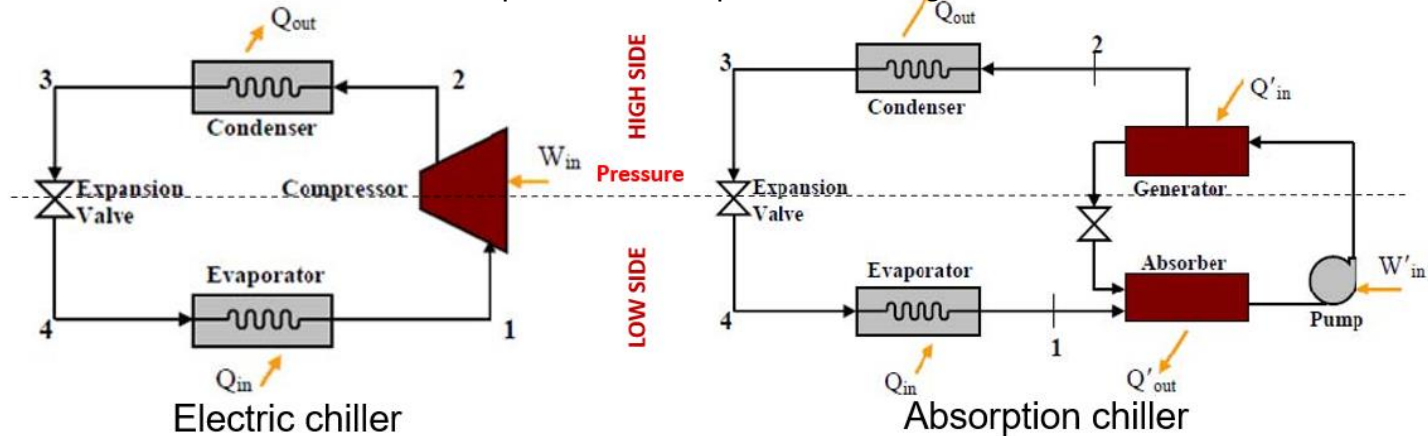
Electrical Chiller vs. Absorption Chiller

Both chiller refrigeration cycles are accomplished by: **Heat Transfer and Phase Change**

1. **Removal** of heat through the evaporation of a refrigerant at a low pressure
2. **Rejection** of heat through the condensation of the refrigerant at a higher pressure

Basic differences:

1. An electric chiller use a mechanical compressor to create the pressure differences necessary to circulate the refrigerant
2. Absorption chillers use a heat source and replaces the compressor with a generator and an absorber





Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller

Why Lithium Bromide(LiBr) Solution?

**Distilled Water
(Refrigerant)**



Lithium Bromide (Absorbent)



Lithium Bromide (Solution)



- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Nontoxic
- ☐ Readily available
- ☐ Environmentally friendly

- ☐ High latent heat of vaporization
- ☐ High affinity for water (refrigerant)
- ☐ In solution, higher boiling point than water
1,265° C (2,309° F)

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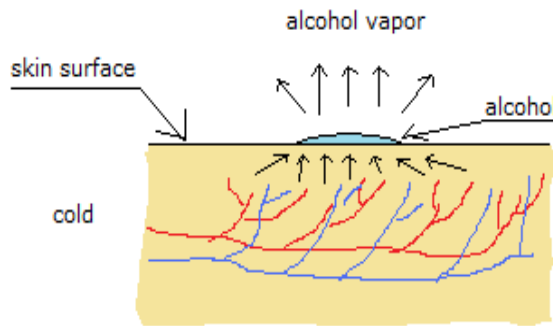
1. Refrigerant phase change:

Vaporization — Liquid to gas (included boiling and evaporation) — Absorb heat

Condensation— Gas to liquid — Release heat

2. Boiling temperature:

A liquid in a partial vacuum has a lower boiling point than when that liquid is at atmospheric pressure.



Boiling point	Pressure
212° F	14.7 psia = 0 psig = 29.92 inHgA
39° F	0.117 psia = -14.58 psig = 0.24 inHgA



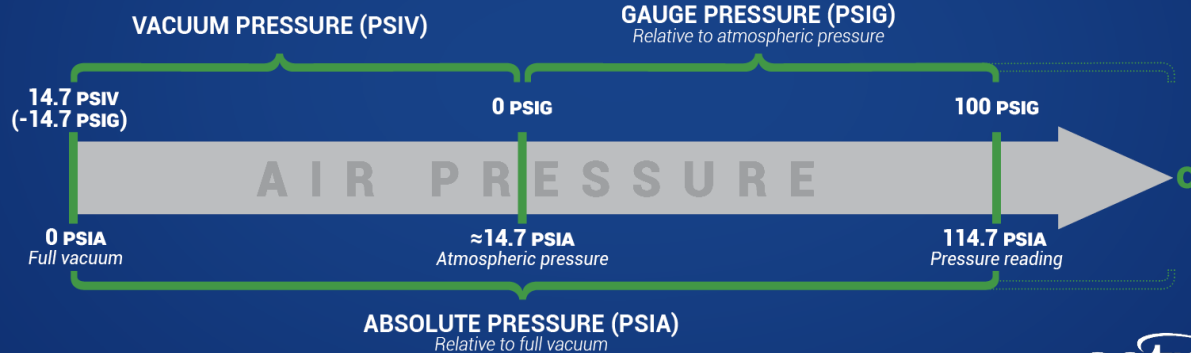
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What's the difference between
PSI, PSIA, & PSIG?

PSI = Pounds Per Square Inch

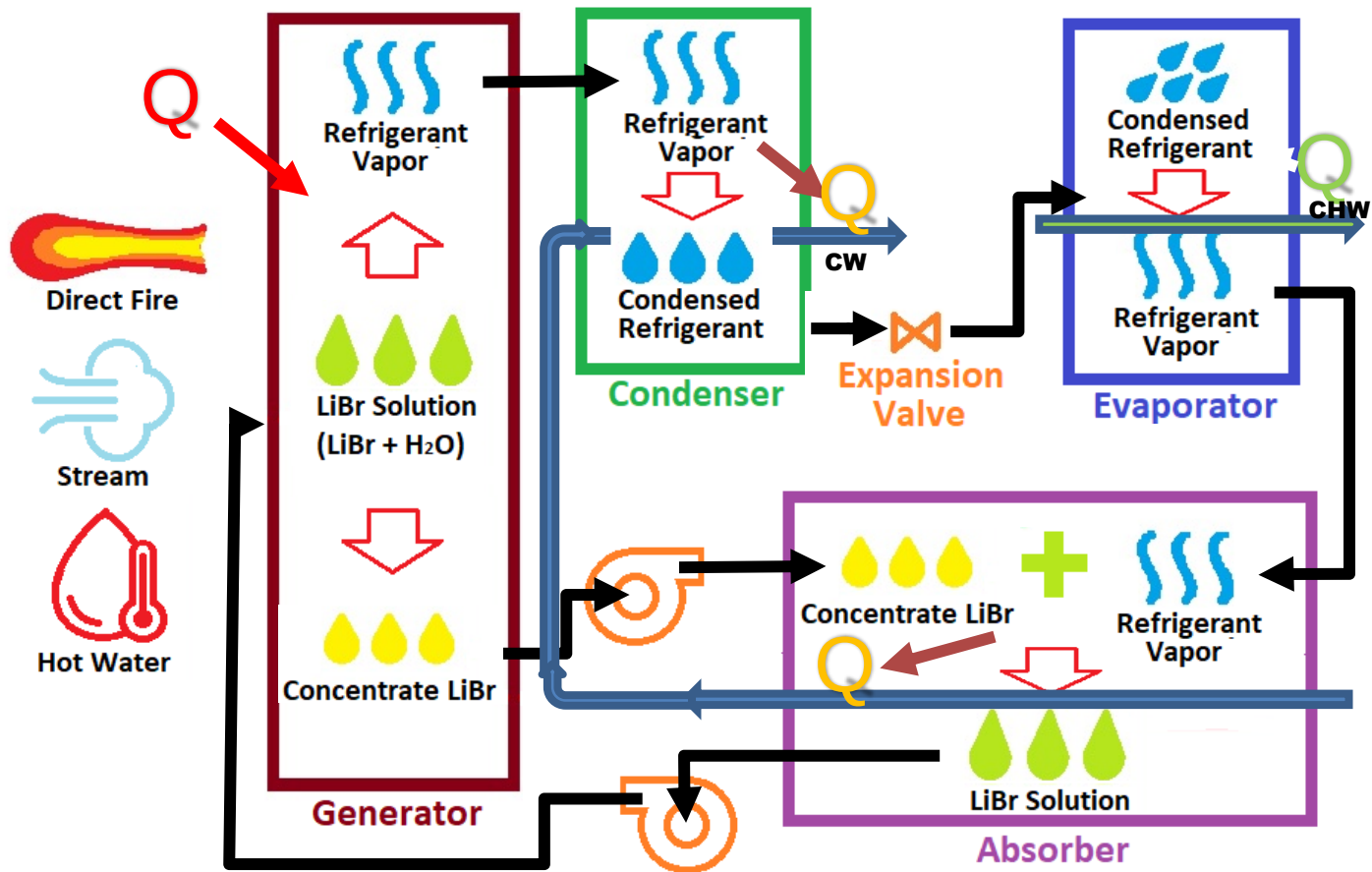
PSI is the most basic unit to measure pressure. The majority of pressure transducers are specified in pounds per square inch.

PSI + {
A = Absolute
G = Gauge
V = Vacuum



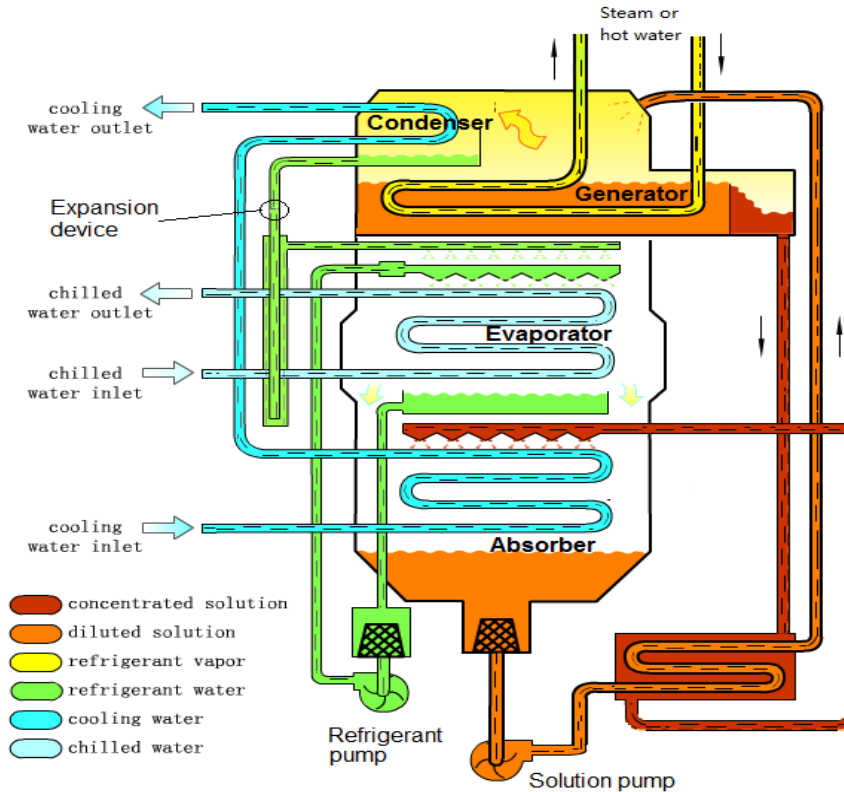
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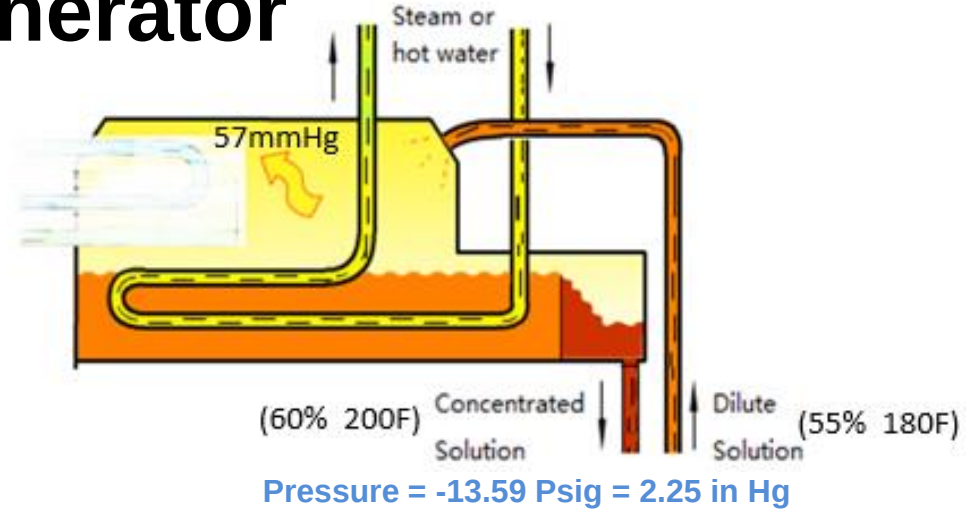
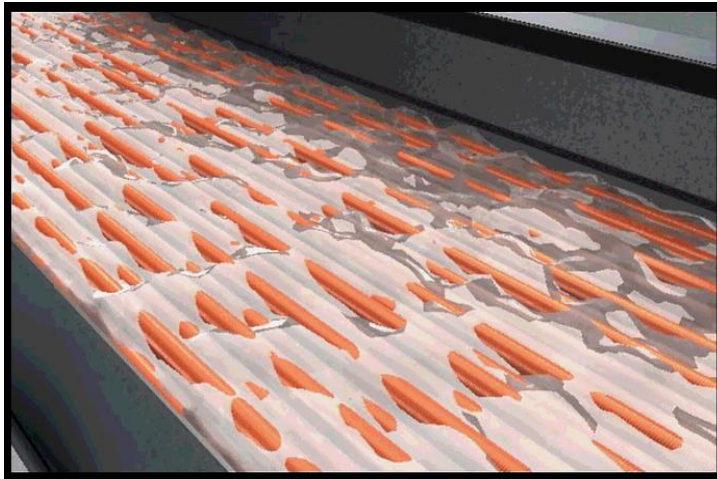


Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller



Generator

1. Hot water enters the copper tubes and heats the diluted solution to **194° F**

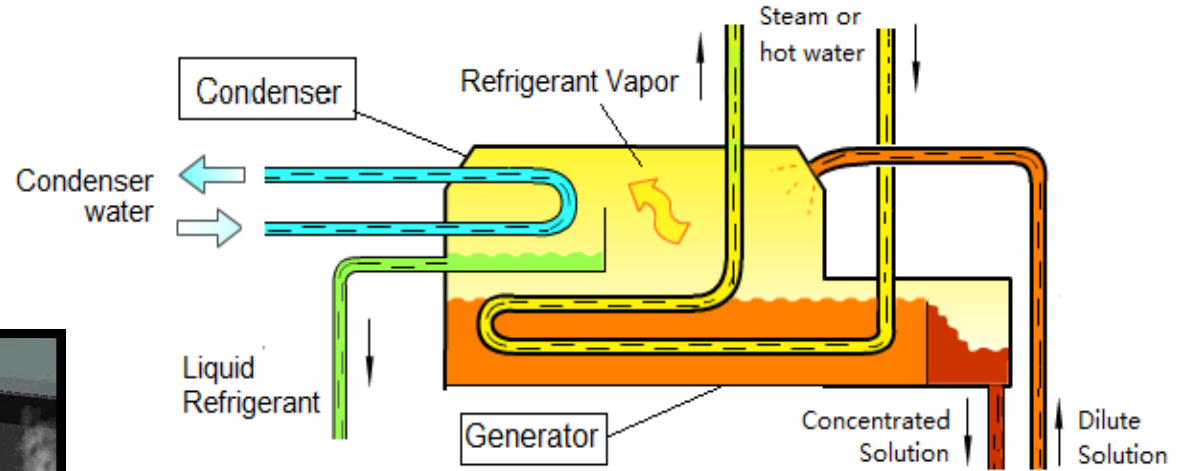
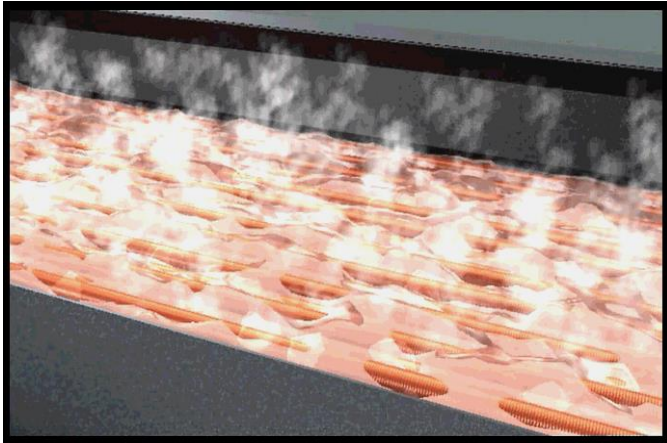


2. The refrigerant(water) boils and separates from solution, traveling to the condenser
3. The generated refrigerant vapor travels to the condenser

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Condenser

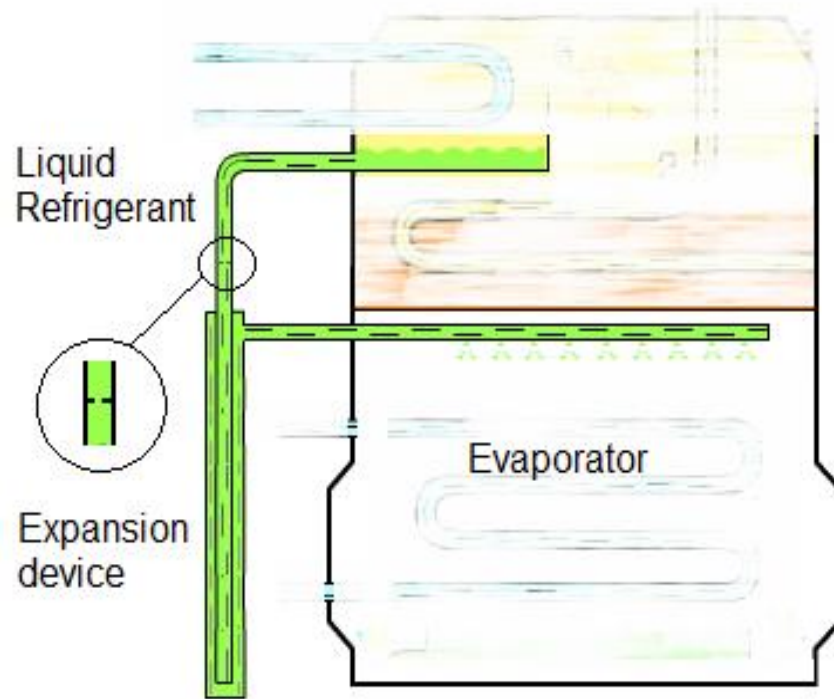
1. The refrigerant vapor surrounds the condenser (cooling) water tubes



Pressure = -13.59 Psig = 2.25 in Hg

2. Heat from the refrigerant vapor transfer to the condenser(cooling) water
3. Refrigerant condenses resulting in refrigerant water

Expansion device

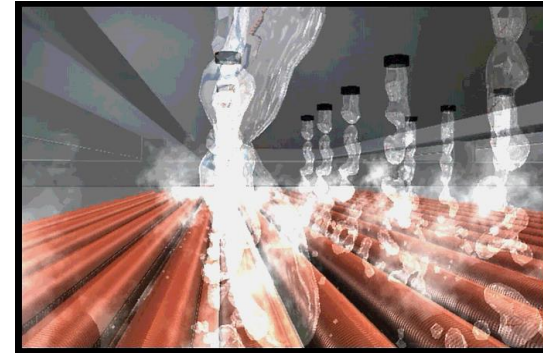
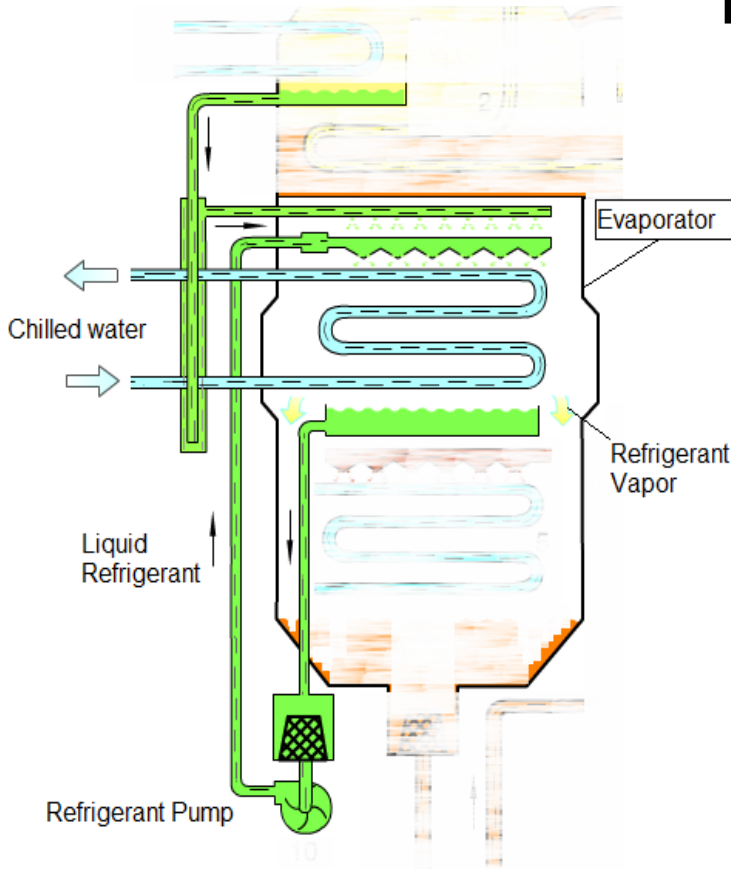


The expansion device is a throttling pipe, which is a long section of pipe with an orifice restriction in it.

- Refrigerant water flows through the expansion device
- Expansion device maintains the pressure difference between high pressure(condenser) and low pressure (evaporator)



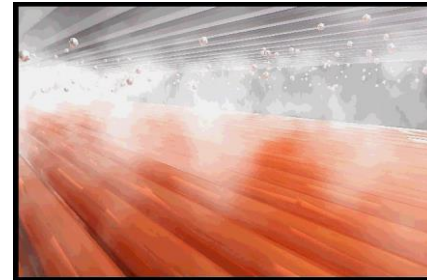
Evaporator



1. 39° F refrigerant water from condenser sprays on the chilled water tube in vacuum condition
Pressure = -14.58 Psig = 0.25 in Hg
2. Partial water evaporates and goes into absorber
3. Unevaporated Refrigerant water will be recycled thru R-pump and sprayed again

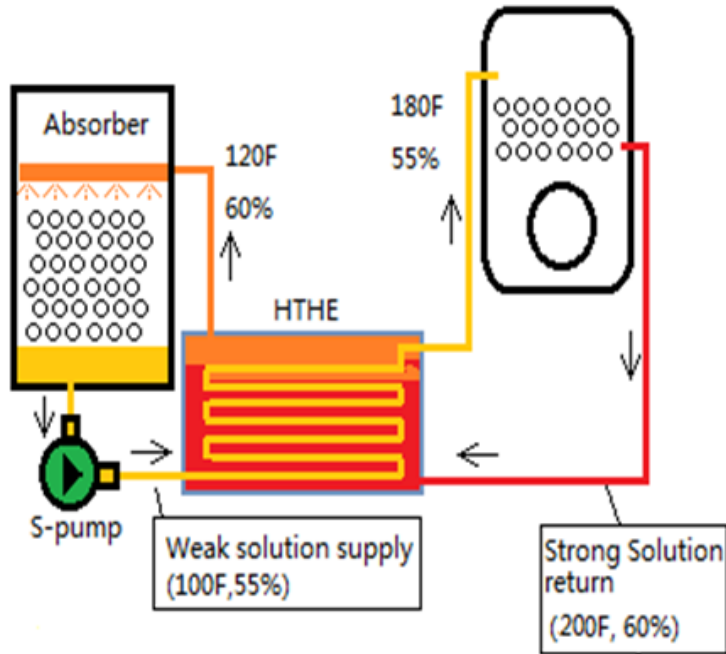


1. Refrigerant vapor produced in the evaporator is absorbed by LiBr solution
2. Refrigerant vapor condenses back to liquid
3. Heat generated is rejected to the cooling (condenser) water





Heat exchanger



1. Preheats the diluted solution, reducing the heat energy consumption.
2. Precools the concentrated solution, reducing the required flow rate of cooling water

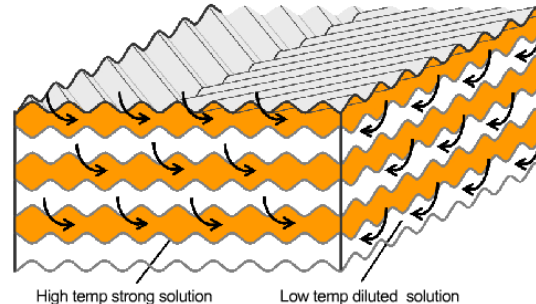
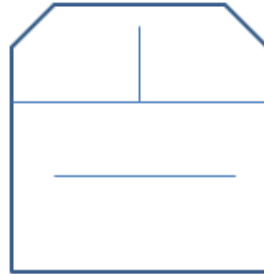


Plate type heat exchanger

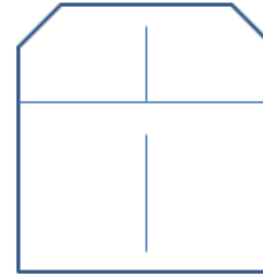
Purpose of HTHE (LTHE)



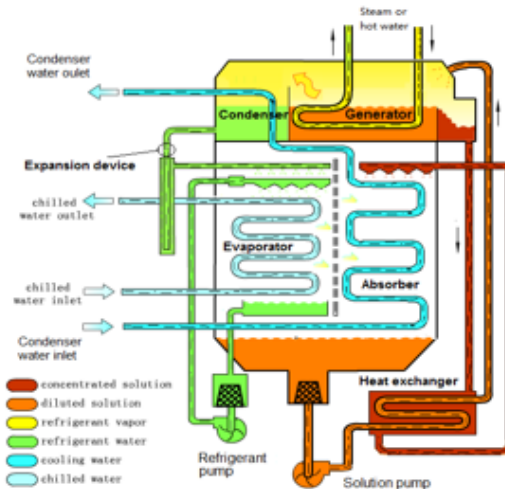
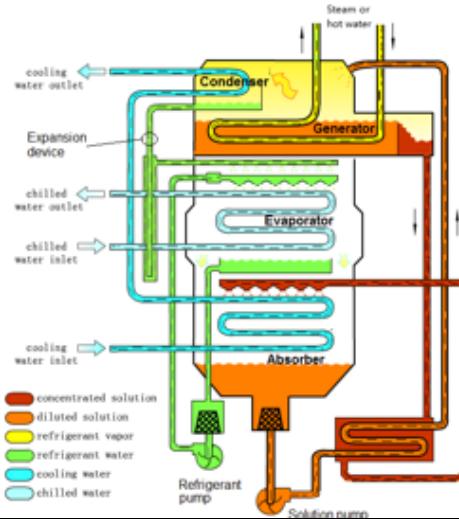
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UP-Down
Structure



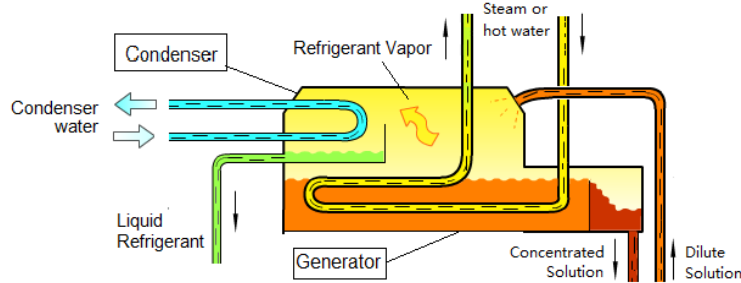
Left-Right
Structure





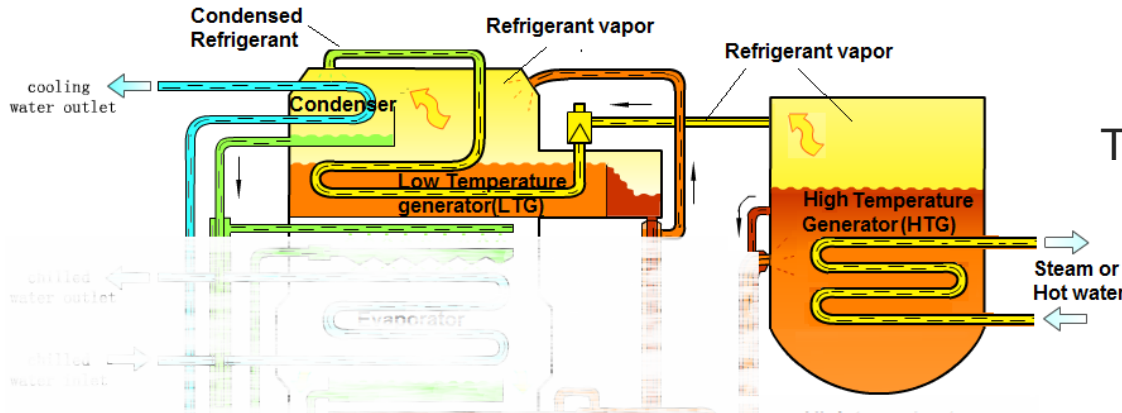
Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller

Single stage chiller Vs Two stage chiller



COP: coefficient of performance

Type	COP
Single stage chiller	0.7~0.8
Double stage chiller	1.3~1.4



The equation is: $COP = \frac{Q}{W}$

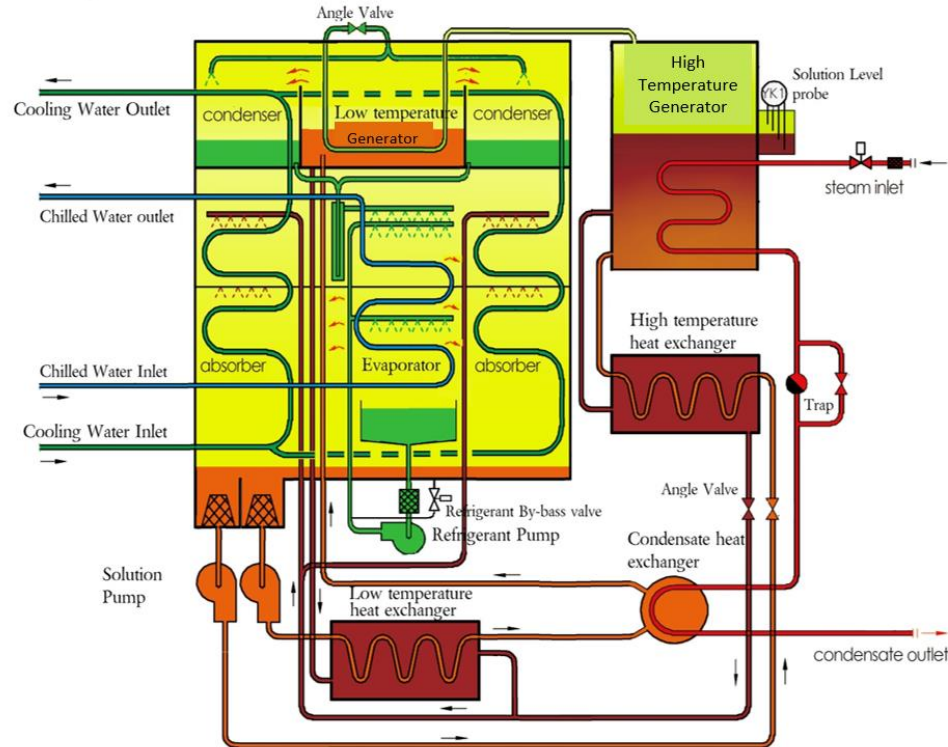
where

Q is the heat supplied to or removed from water.
 W is the work consumed by the Unit.



Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller

Two stage chiller





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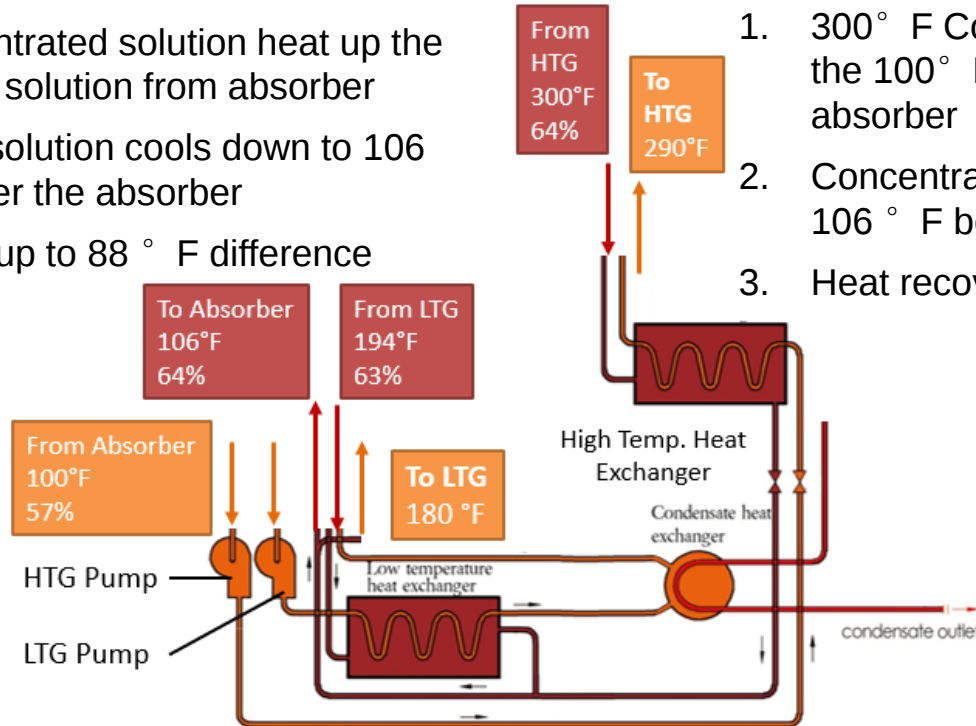
Two stage chiller

LTHE

1. 194° F Concentrated solution heat up the 100° F diluted solution from absorber
2. Concentrated solution cools down to 106 ° F before enter the absorber
3. Heat recovery up to 88 ° F difference

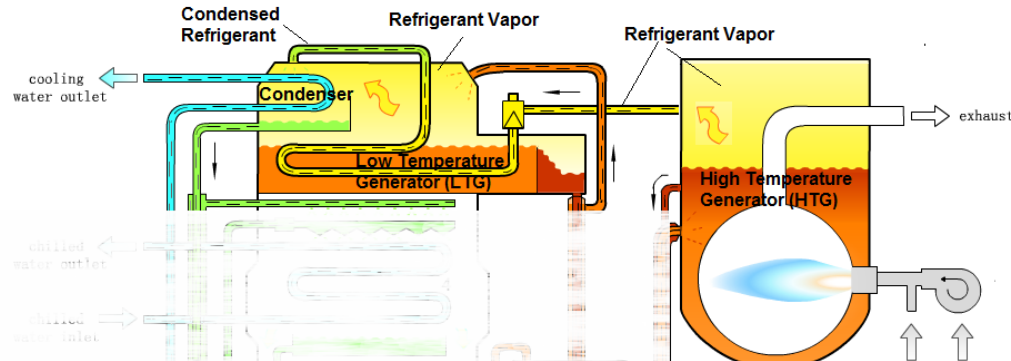
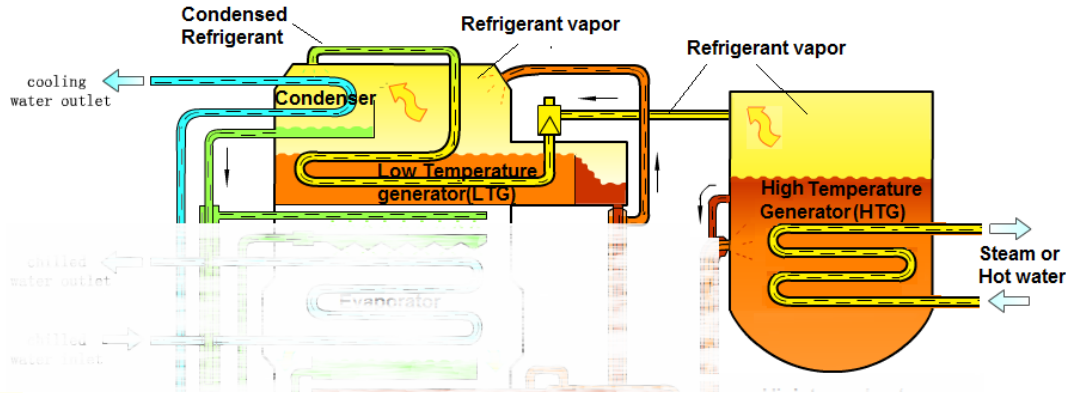
HTHE

1. 300° F Concentrated solution heats up the 100° F diluted solution from absorber
2. Concentrated solution cools down to 106 ° F before entering the absorber
3. Heat recovery up to 202 ° F difference



Basic Principles of Absorption Chiller

Indirect fire absorption chiller VS Direct fire absorption chiller





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Functions: Cooling, heating, hot water (dedicatedly or simultaneously)

Energy Sources: Natural Gas, Oil, steam, hot water, exhaust(multiple energy)





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Single Stage Chiller



Main Function: Cooling

Heat Source:

- Hot Water
- Steam
- Exhaust

Application: CHP Systems, systems with excess heat source energy



Configuration of Broad Chiller

Two-Stage Chiller



Main Function:

- Cooling

Heat Source:

- Hot Water
- Steam
- Exhaust

Application:

- Hospitals or Schools with waste or excess steam or hot water from their power plant



Configuration of Broad Chiller

Two-Stage Direct Fire Chiller



Main Function:

- Cooling
- Heating
- Hot Water
- Cooling and Hot Water

Heat Source:

- Gas/Oil Burner

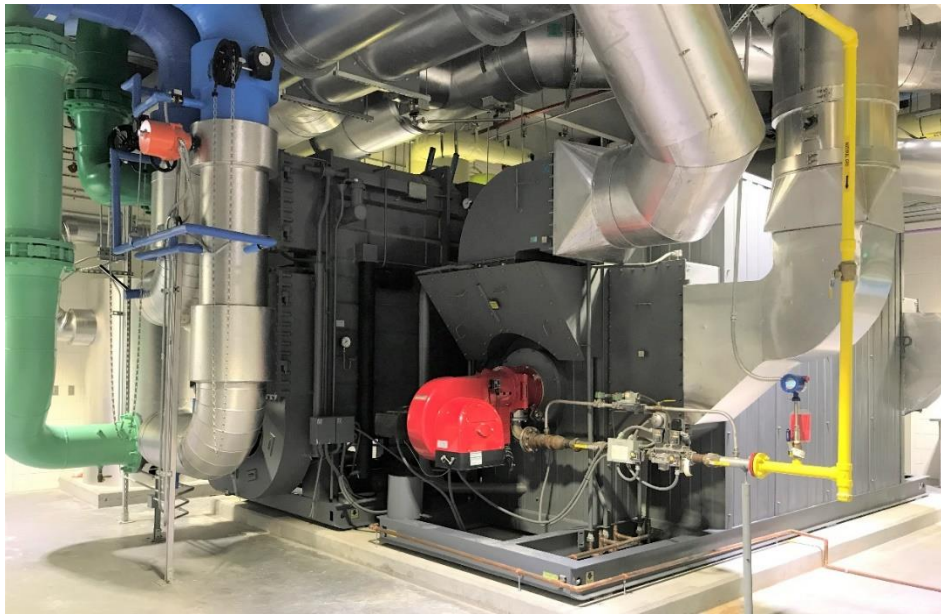
Application:

- Building with all Year load
- Need to use minimum electrical supply
- Substitute electrical supply for gas/ oil



Configuration of Broad Chiller

Multi Stage Chiller



Main Function:

- Cooling
- Heating
- Hot Water
- Cooling and Hot Water

Heat Source:

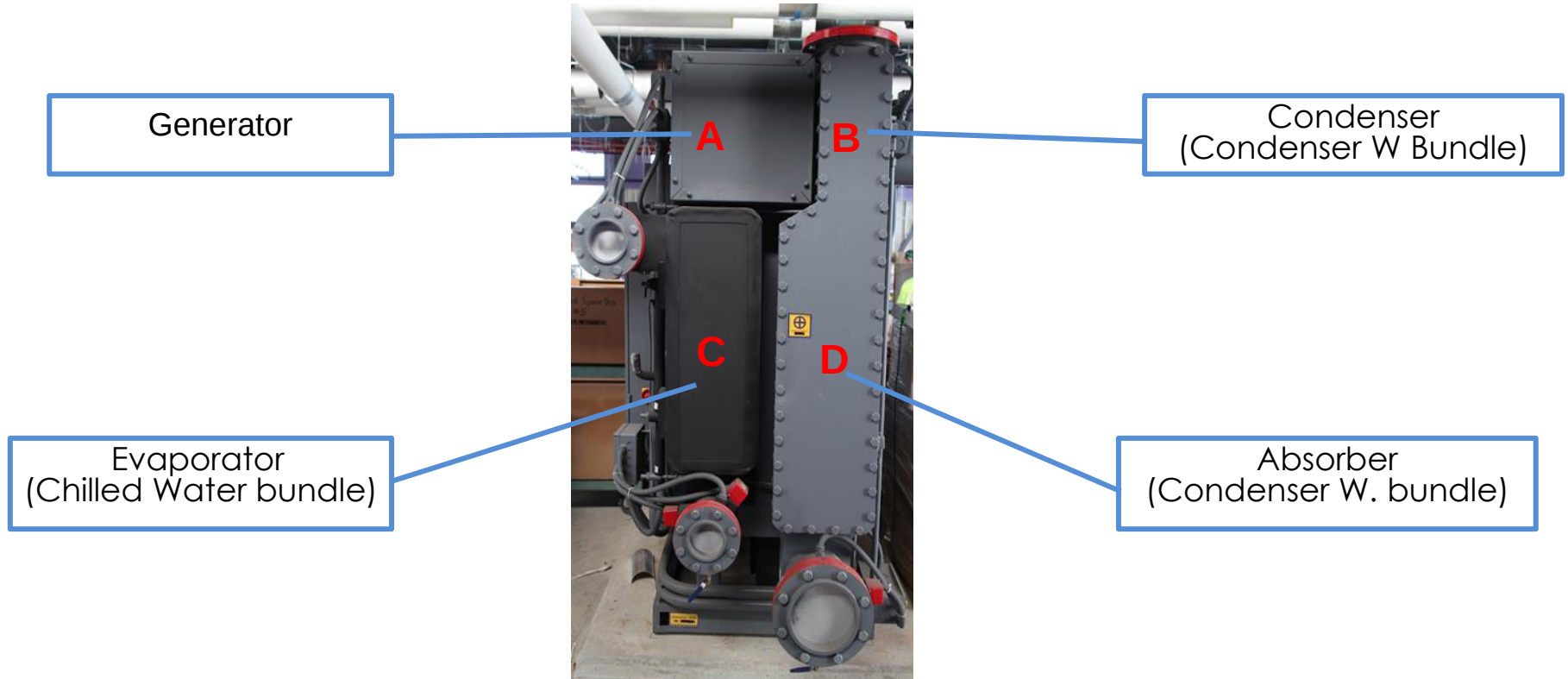
- Gas/Oil Burner with Exhaust/Hot Water

Application:

- CHP Systems
- Building with all Year load
- Need to use minimum electrical supply
- Substitute electrical supply for gas/ oil
- Excess exhaust or Hot water heat source energy

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Configuration of Broad Chiller





Configuration of Broad Chiller

HTG (Left side)
High Temperature Generator

Main shell (Right side)



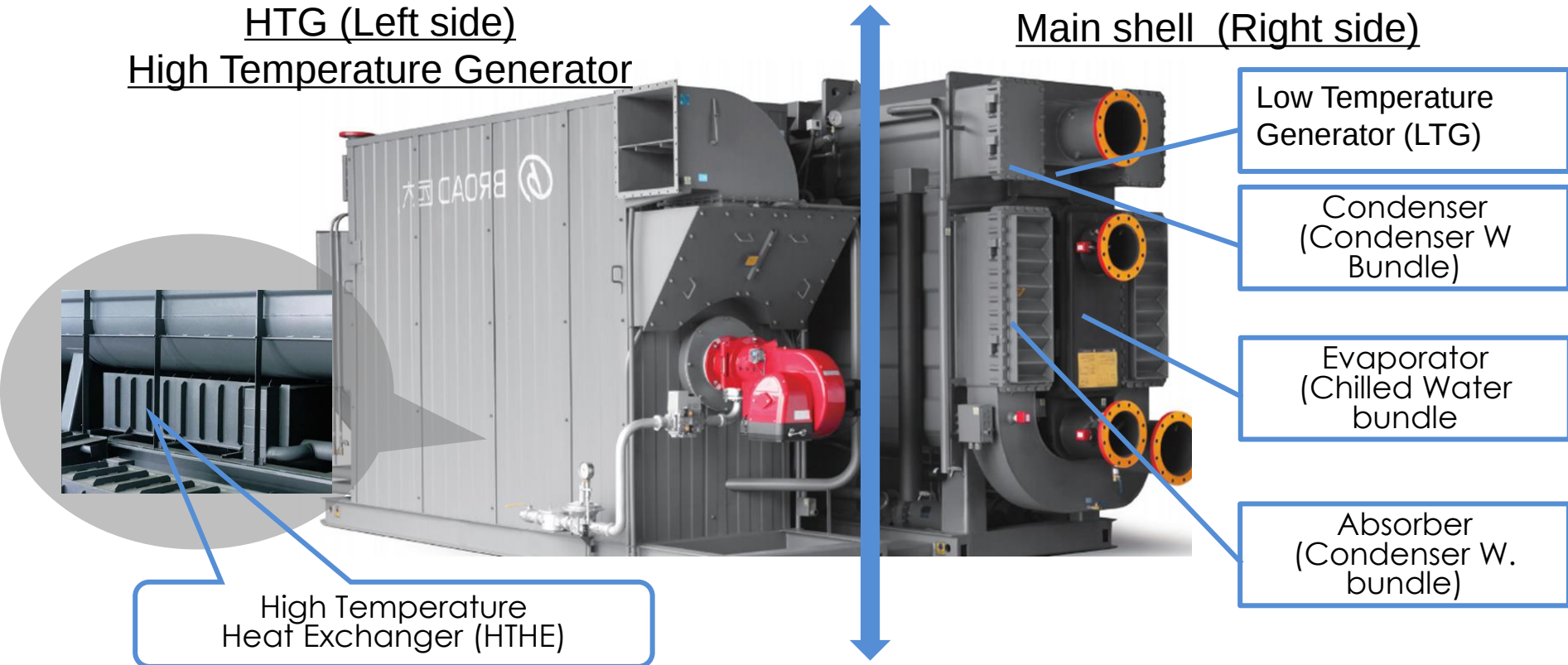
High Temperature
Heat Exchanger (HTHE)

Low Temperature
Generator (LTG)

Condenser
(Condenser W
Bundle)

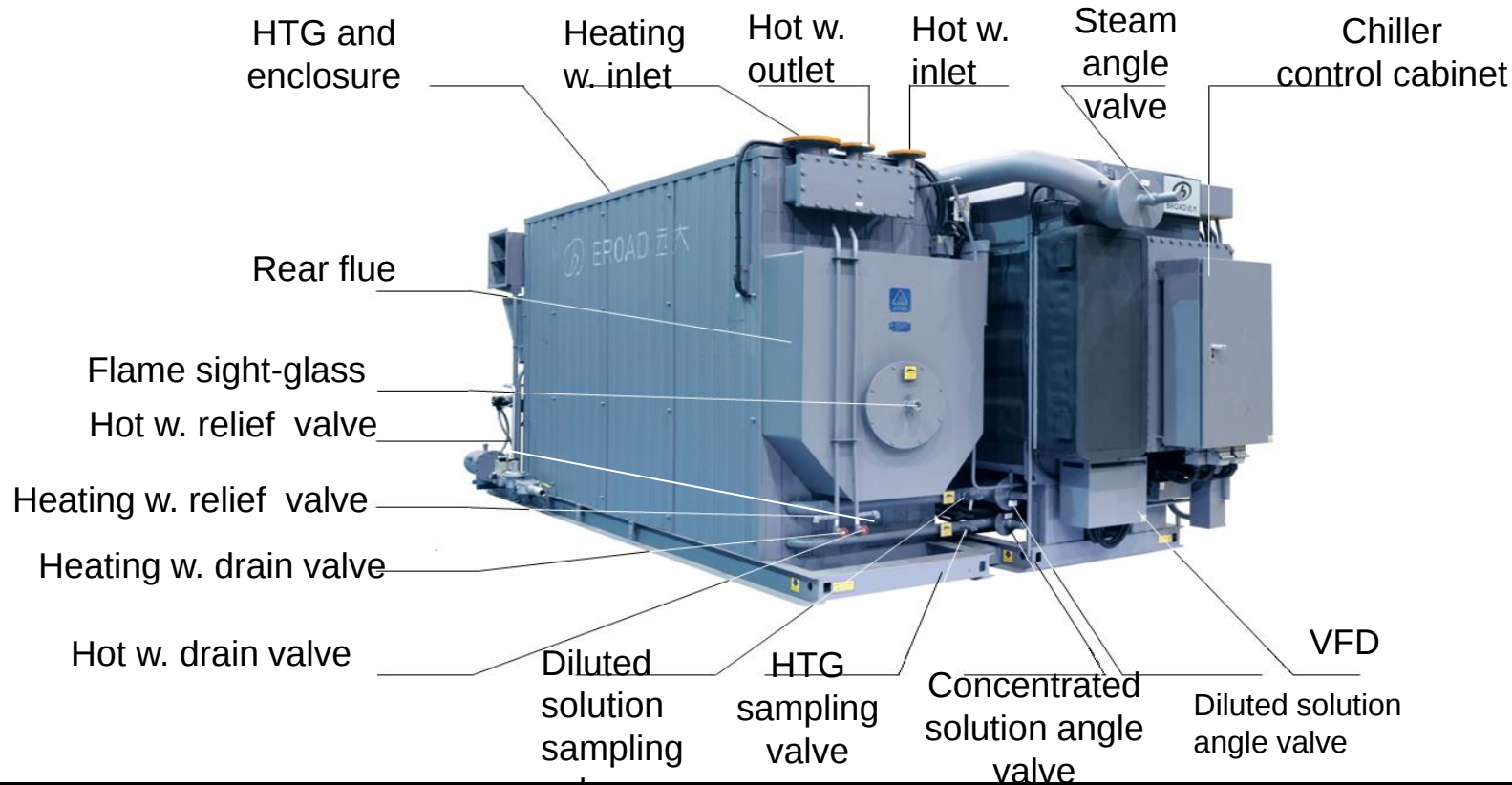
Evaporator
(Chilled Water
bundle)

Absorber
(Condenser W.
bundle)





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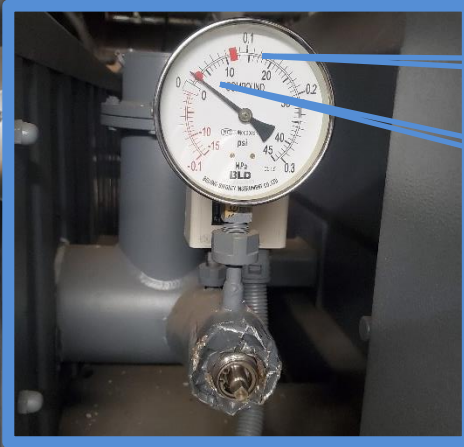
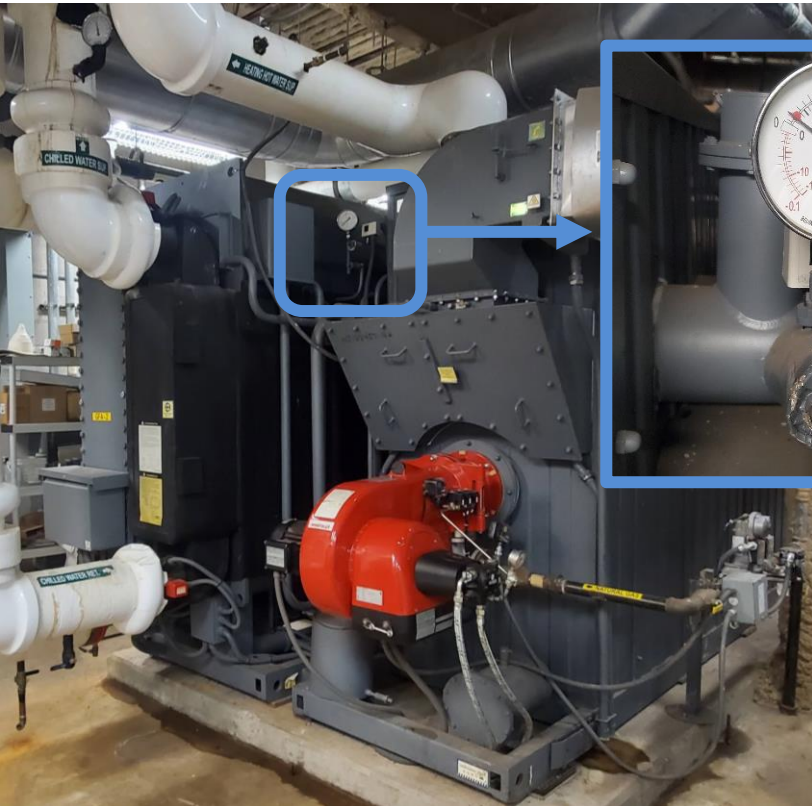


Configuration of Broad Chiller

HTG Pressure Gauge

Pressure Limit
11.6Psi (<0.08MPa)

Pressure Delivery
2.9Psi (0.02MPa)

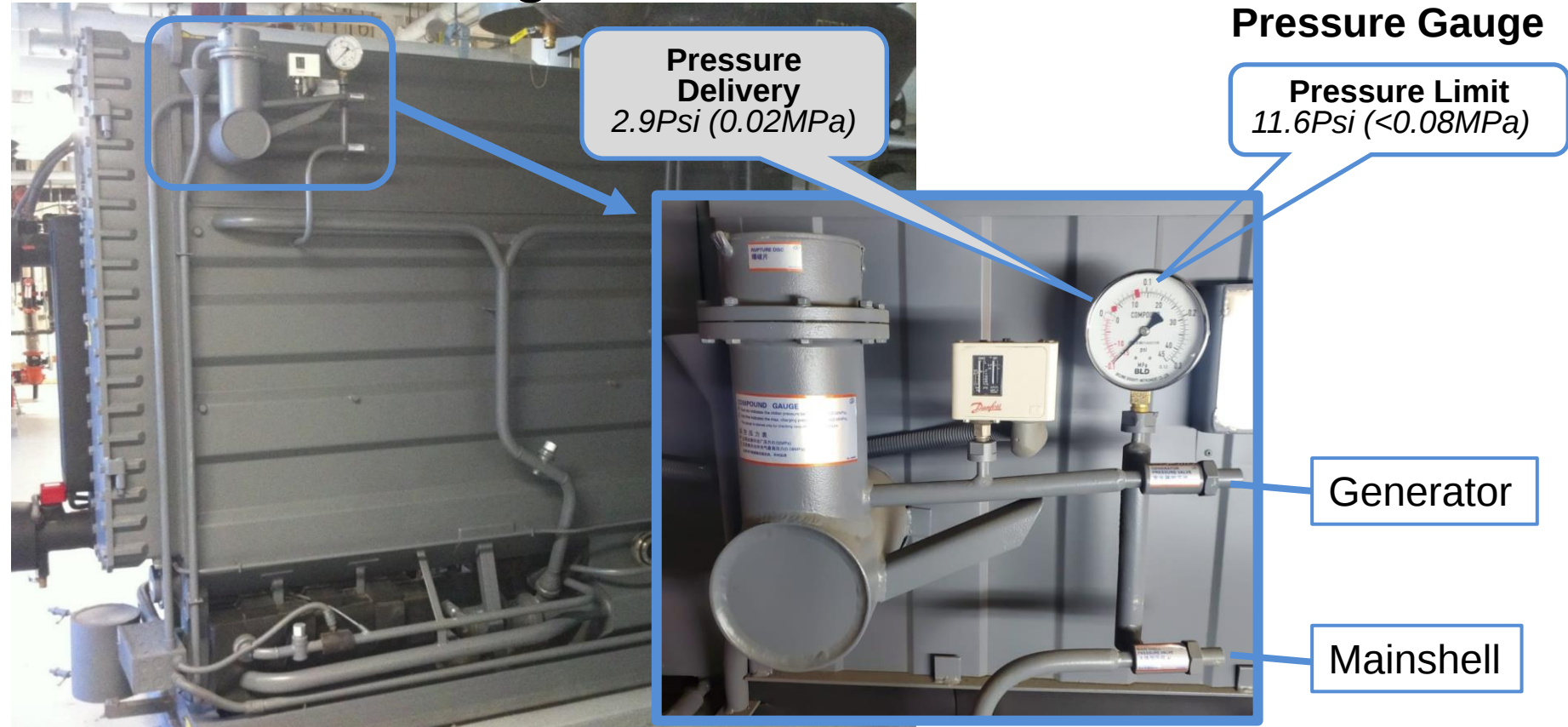


Mainshell Pressure Gauge



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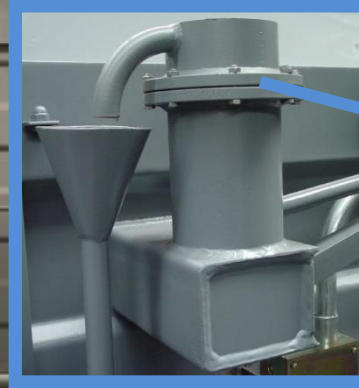
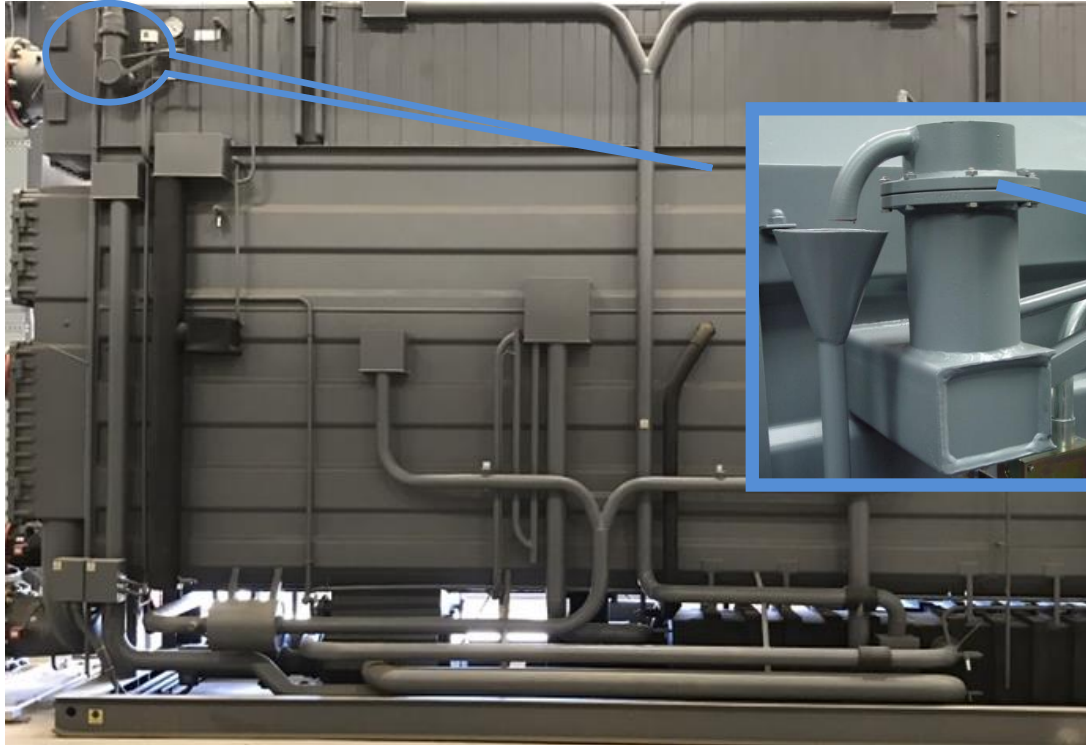
DANFOSS Pressure Controller



- Setting pressure: 2.9 psig
- Auto reset pressure :-2.9 psig/24.02 inHgA

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Configuration of Broad Chiller



Rupture Disk
Limit = 24.6 Psig



Configuration of Broad Chiller

Chilled water
Flow switch B1

Chilled water
Flow switch B3

Chilled water
Flow switch B1A

Flow Switches

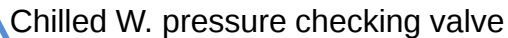
- 3 - Chilled water
- 1 - Condenser Water





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Precision Pressure Gauge





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Chilled water outlet temp. sensor

- Detects chilled water outlet temperature
- Controls the cooling load accordingly
- Prevents tube freezing in the evaporator

Chilled water calibration temp. sensor

- Checks the chilled water outlet temperature
- Avoids copper tube freezing in the evaporator caused by chilled water outlet temperature error

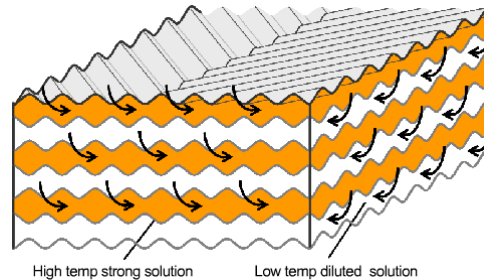
Chilled water inlet temp. sensor





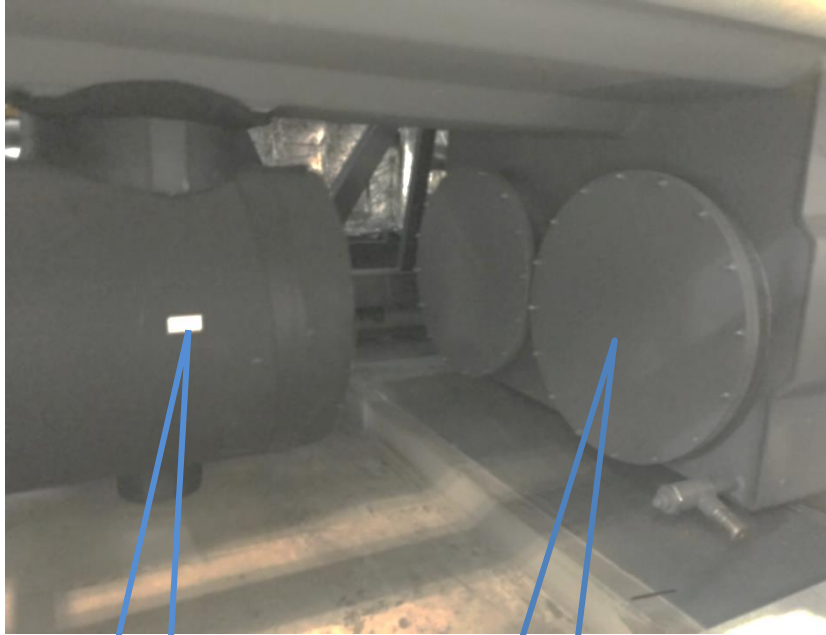
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Low Temperature Heat Exchanger (LTHE)



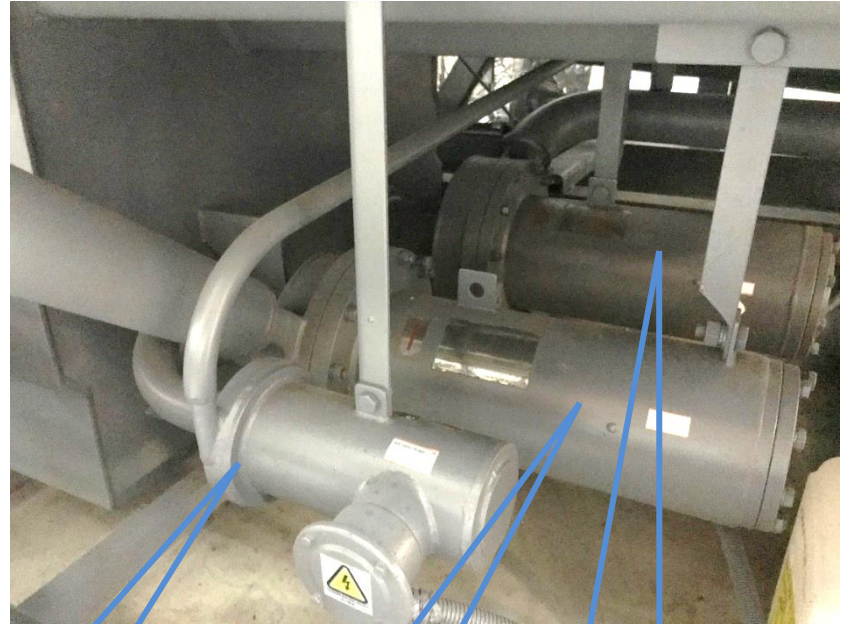
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Configuration of Broad Chiller



Refrigerant pump

Pump Strainer and flange



Auto Vent pump

LTG Solution pump

HTG Solution pump



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Pump Strainer

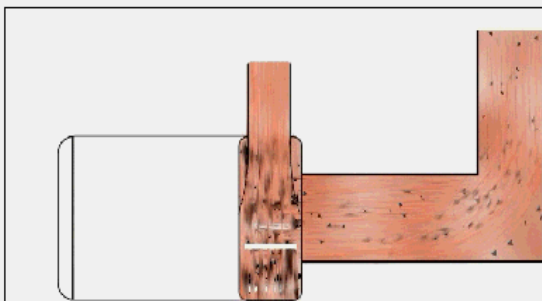
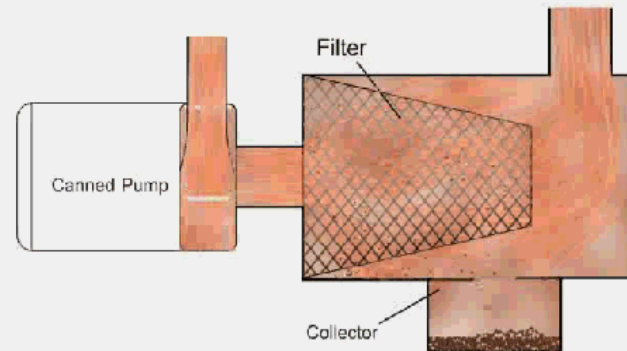


BROAD Advantages

Prevent pump from being clogged.

Prevent spraying nozzle being blocked.

It is unnecessary to dismantle the filter for cleaning and maintenance work load is reduced.



Conventional:

Pump is easy to be clogged and motor damaged, which results in blockade of spraying nozzles and fouling with copper tubes.



Configuration of Broad Chiller

Refrigerant Bypass Valve





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Sight Glass

- Check corrosion or clogging of the nozzles etc.

Under full cooling load

1. LiBr Solution sight Glass:

- Solution level below copper tubes
- Solution should cover absorber's bottom
- Solution pump should not be empty
- Solution color should be Yellow or Clear

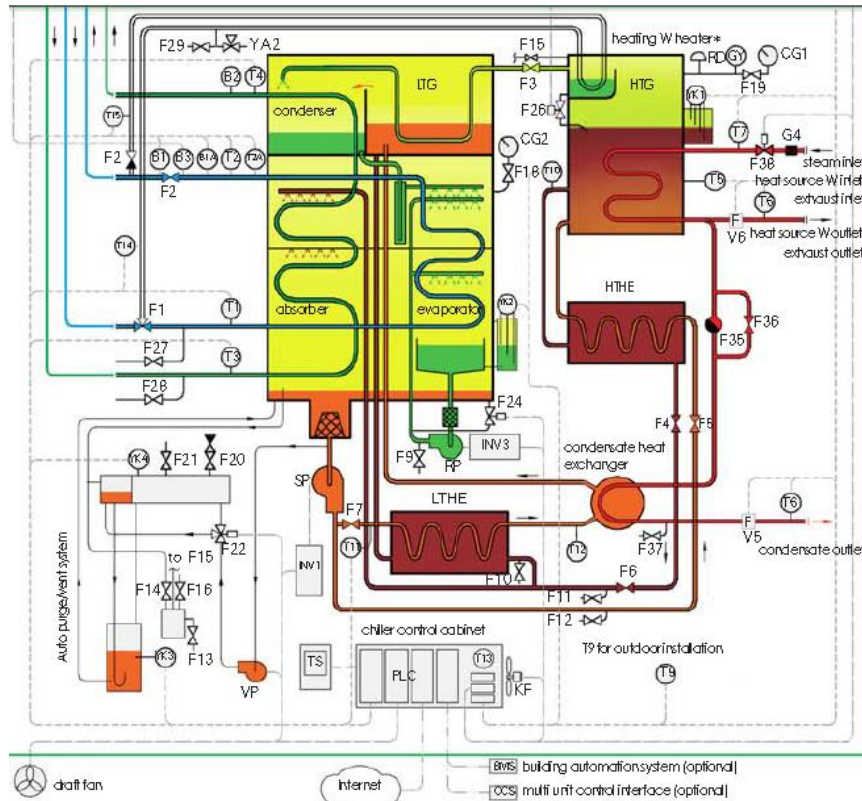
2. Refrigerant sight Glass:

- Should not be over or touching the copper tubes
- Check refrigerant level
- Refrigerant Color should be clear





Configuration of Broad Chiller



P&I Diagram(Sensors)

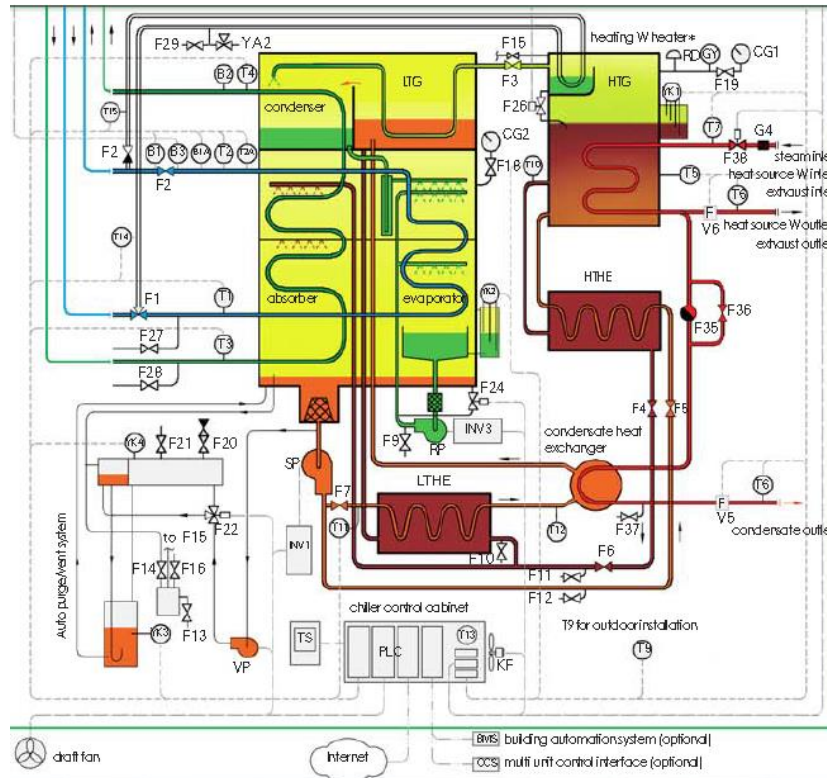
Sensors:

- T1 chilled W inlet temp sensor
- T2 chilled W outlet temp sensor
- T2A chilled W calibration temp sensor
- T3 cooling W inlet temp sensor
- T4 cooling W outlet temp sensor
- T5 generator temp sensor
- T6 heat source W outlet temp sensor
- T7 heat source W inlet temp sensor
- T9 ambient temp sensor
- T11 crystallization sensor
- T12 control cabinet temp sensor
- T13 heating W inlet temp sensor
- B1 chilled W flow switch
- B1A chilled W flow switch
- B2 cooling W flow switch
- B3 chilled W flow switch
- GY pressure control
- YK1 generator solution level probe
- YK2 refrigerant level probe
- YK3 non-condensable probe



Configuration of Broad Chiller

P&I Diagram(Control



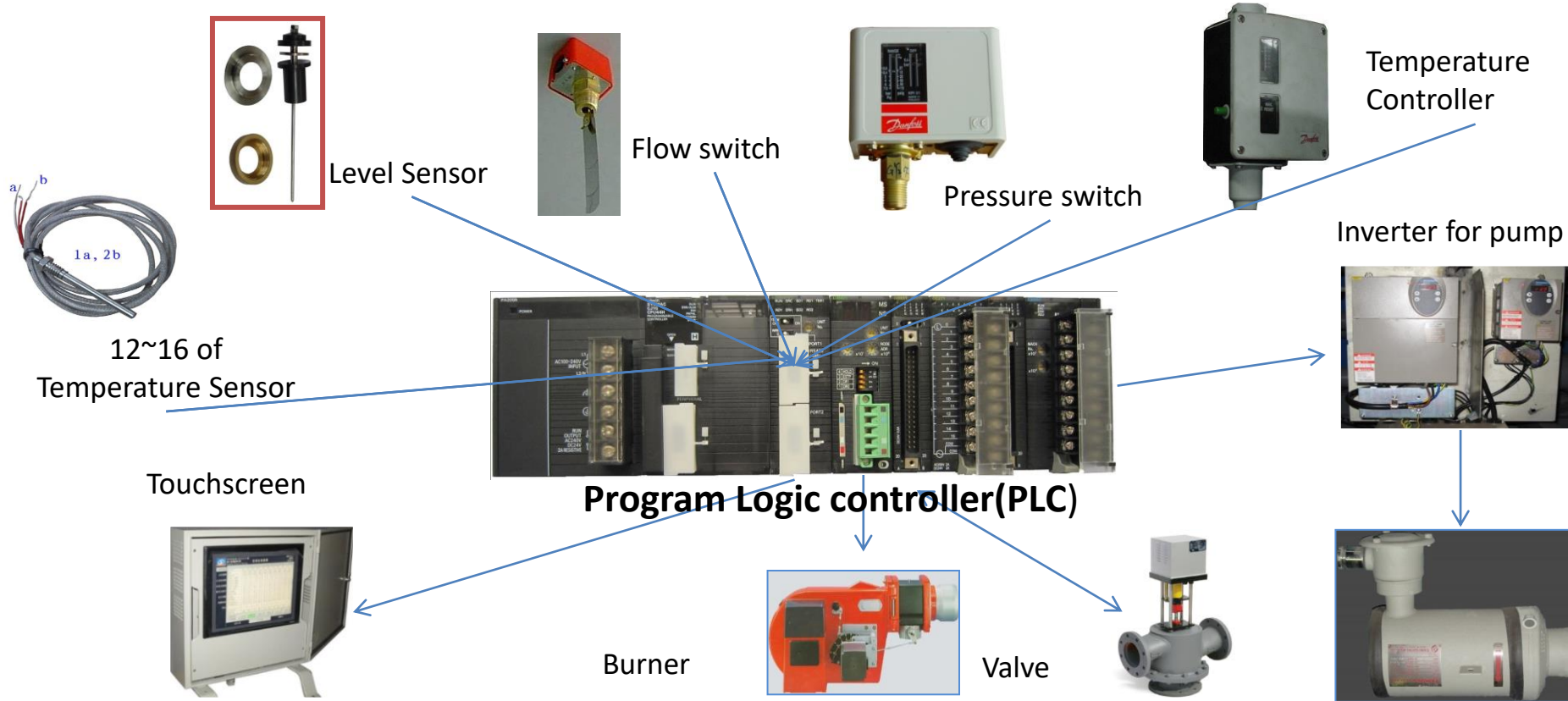
Control Devices:

- INV1 solution pump inverter
- INV3 refrigerant pump inverter
- TS touch screen
- PLC programmable logic controller

Controlled Objects:

- RP refrigerant pump
- SP solution pump
- VP air vent pump
- AP absorption pump
- LQFJ cooling tower fan
- F22 auto purge valve
- F24 refrigerant motor valve
- F38 heat source motor valve (exhaust motor valve is optional)

Configuration of Broad Chiller





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Control Panel



Main
Power





Configuration of Broad Chiller

Touch Screen

