MEBS7012 Air conditioning and refrigeration

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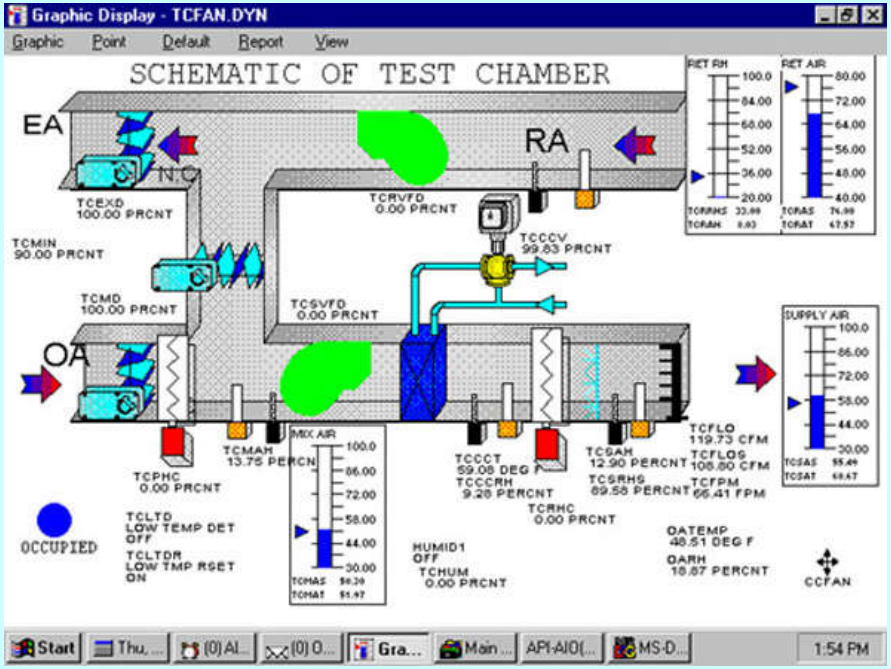

Introduction

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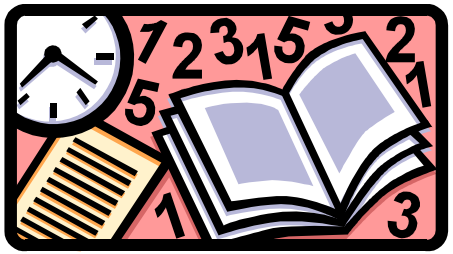

- MEBS7012 Air conditioning and refrigeration
  - Educational Objectives:
    - To enable students to understand the basic principles of design and operation of Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning and Refrigerating (HVAC&R) systems for environmental control of buildings
    - To enable students to design and select proper HVAC&R systems to serve the desired purpose

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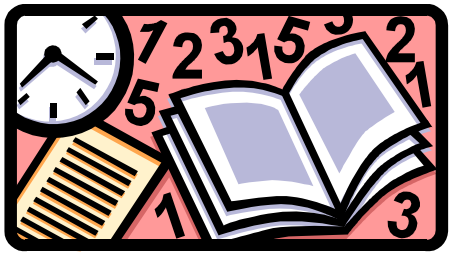
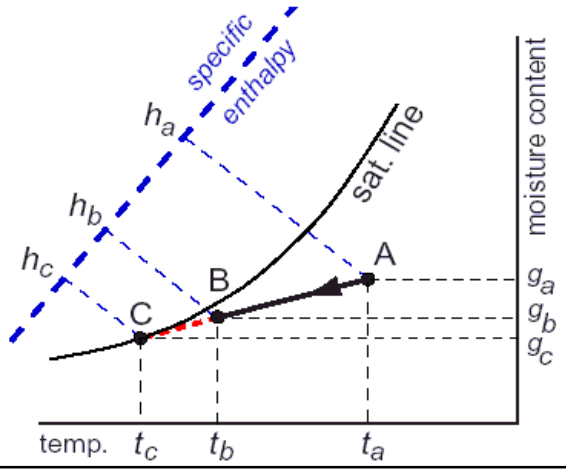
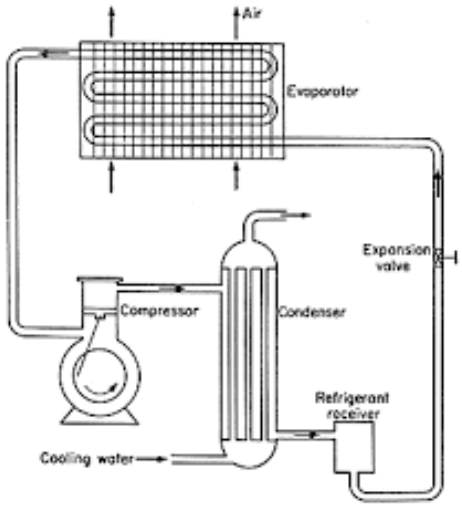


- MEBS7012 Air conditioning and refrigeration
  - Learning Outcomes:
    - To explain the fundamental principles of HVAC&R systems for environmental control of buildings.
    - To develop skills for design and selection of HVAC&R systems.





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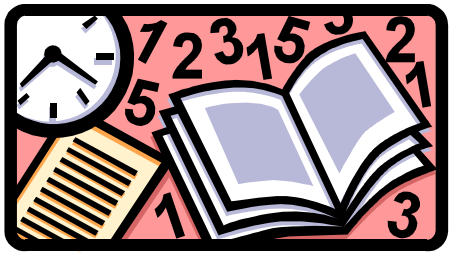

- These two courses are related
  - MEBS7012 Air conditioning and refrigeration
    - Basic principles of HVACR
    - Practical design skills
  - MEBS7014 Advanced HVAC applications
    - System characteristics and operation
    - Analysis and design strategies

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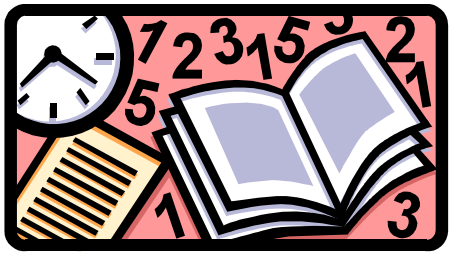
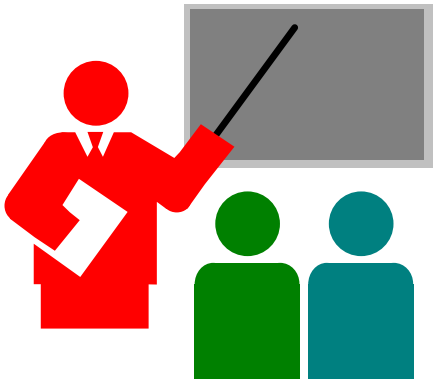


- Lecturers:
  - Ir Dr. Sam C. M. Hui (sam.cmhui@gmail.com)
  - Dr. Benjamin P. L. Ho (benjamin.ho@hku.hk)
- Assessment Methods:
  - 60% by written examination (2 hours)
  - 40% by continuous assessment (2 nos. assignments)
    - One assignment from each lecturer
- Course Website:
  - http://ibse.hk/MEBS7012/
  - (with links and resources)



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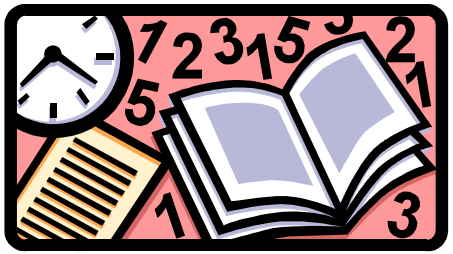

- Study topics of MEBS7012:
  - Introduction
  - Advanced psychrometry
  - Thermal comfort
  - Load estimation (I) & (II)
  - Energy calculations

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  - Cooling systems
  - Heating systems
  - Air side systems
  - Ventilation systems
  - Refrigeration systems
  - Heat rejection

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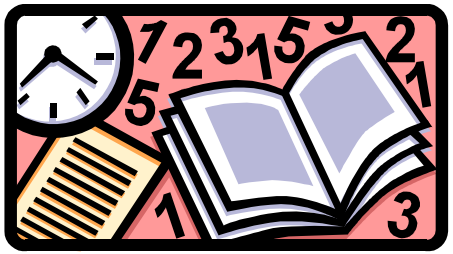

- Assumptions
  - You have basic knowledge of thermodynamics and fluid mechanics
  - You are interested in developing your knowledge and skills in HVAC&R
- Focus of this course
  - From basic principles to intermittent level of HVAC design skills
  - Main focus on cooling design and air conditioning

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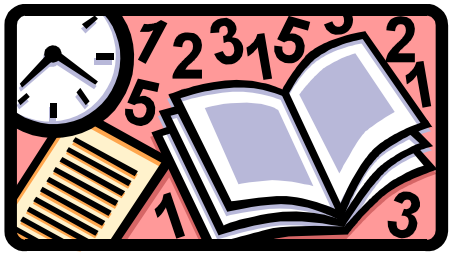

- Review of basic knowledge: [NPTEL E-learning course -- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning http://nptel.ac.in/courses/112105129/]
  - Lesson 4 Review of fundamental principles – Thermodynamics : Part I
  - Lesson 5 Review of fundamental principles – Thermodynamics : Part II
  - Lesson 6 Review of fundamentals: Fluid flow
  - Lesson 7 Review of fundamentals: Heat and Mass transfer

>> Review them if you need to know the basic knowledge.

What is HVAC&R?

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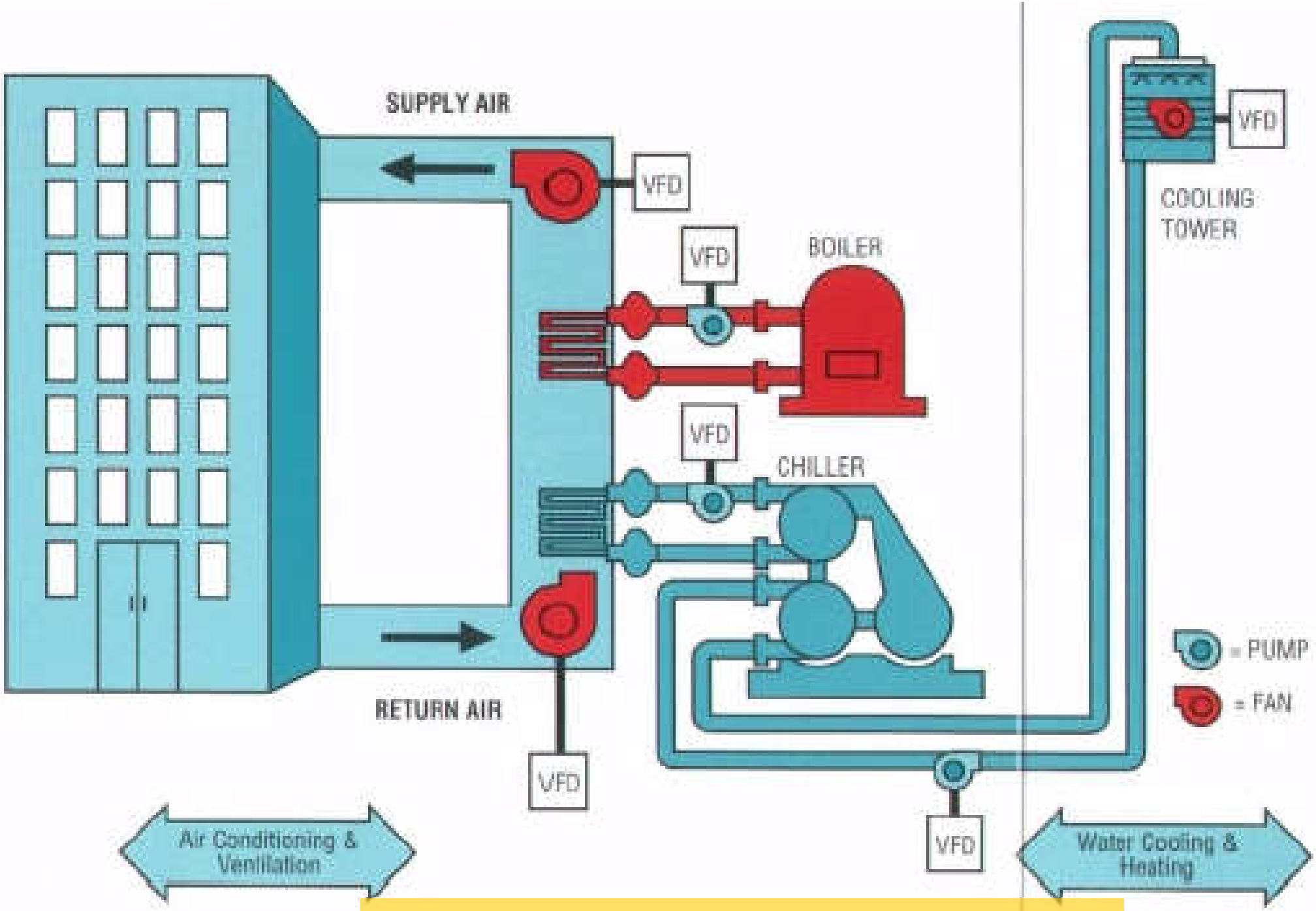
- What is HVAC&R?
  - HVACR is an acronym or abbreviation for the products and services related to the functions of:
  - **H**eating 採暖
  - **V**entilation 通風
  - **A**ir-**C**onditioning 空調
  - **R**efrigeration 製冷

What is HVAC&R?

- They are the engineering systems that help to control and maintain the conditions of indoor built environment
- Also known as:
  - Environmental control systems (ECS)
  - Heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and refrigerating (HVAC&R) systems
  - Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC)
  - Mechanical ventilating and air-conditioning (MVAC)
  - Air conditioning and refrigeration (AC&R)

Example of a centralised HVAC system



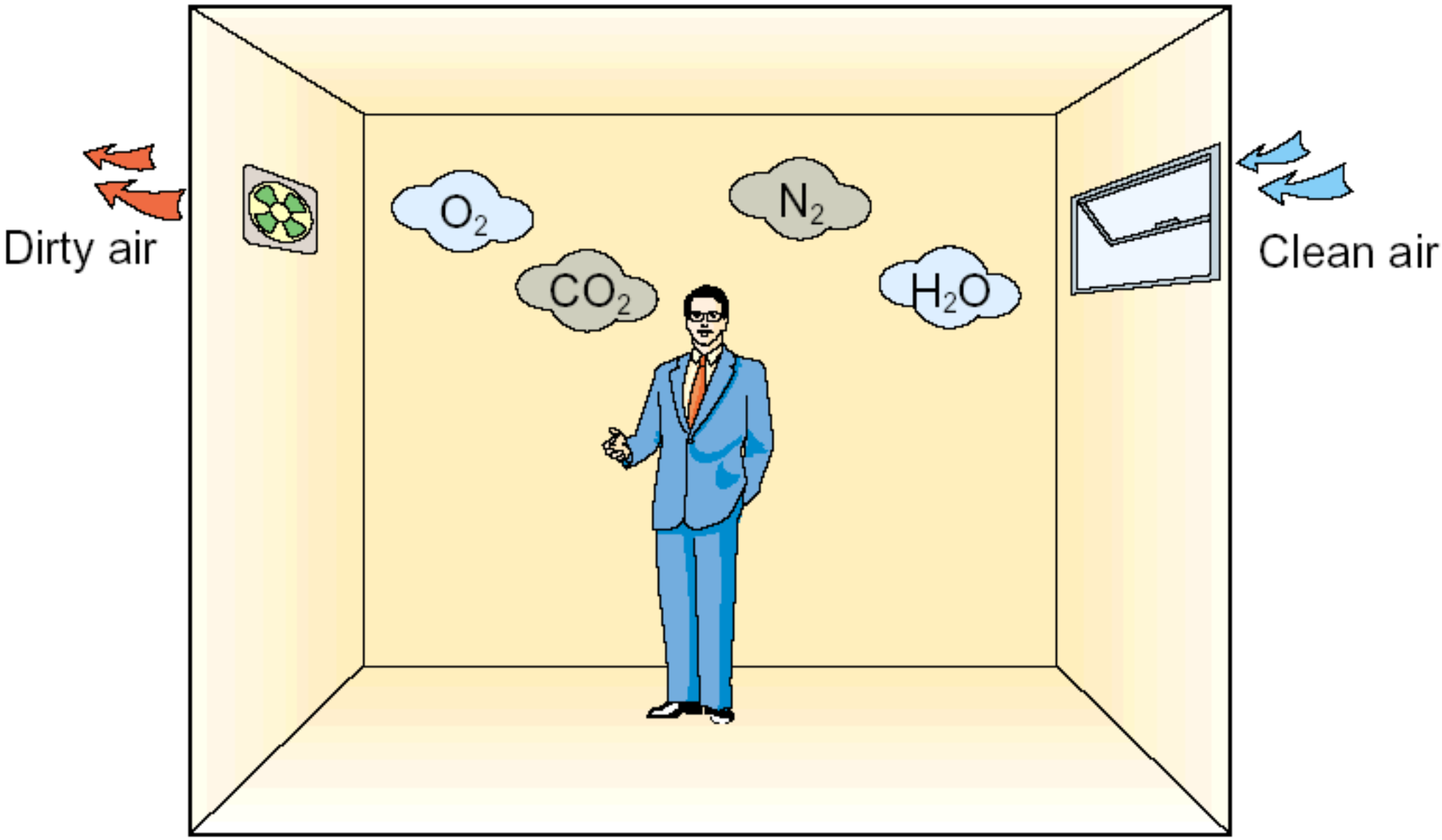
Do you know the HVAC components?

(Source: http://www.allhvacinfo.com/)

What is HVAC&R?

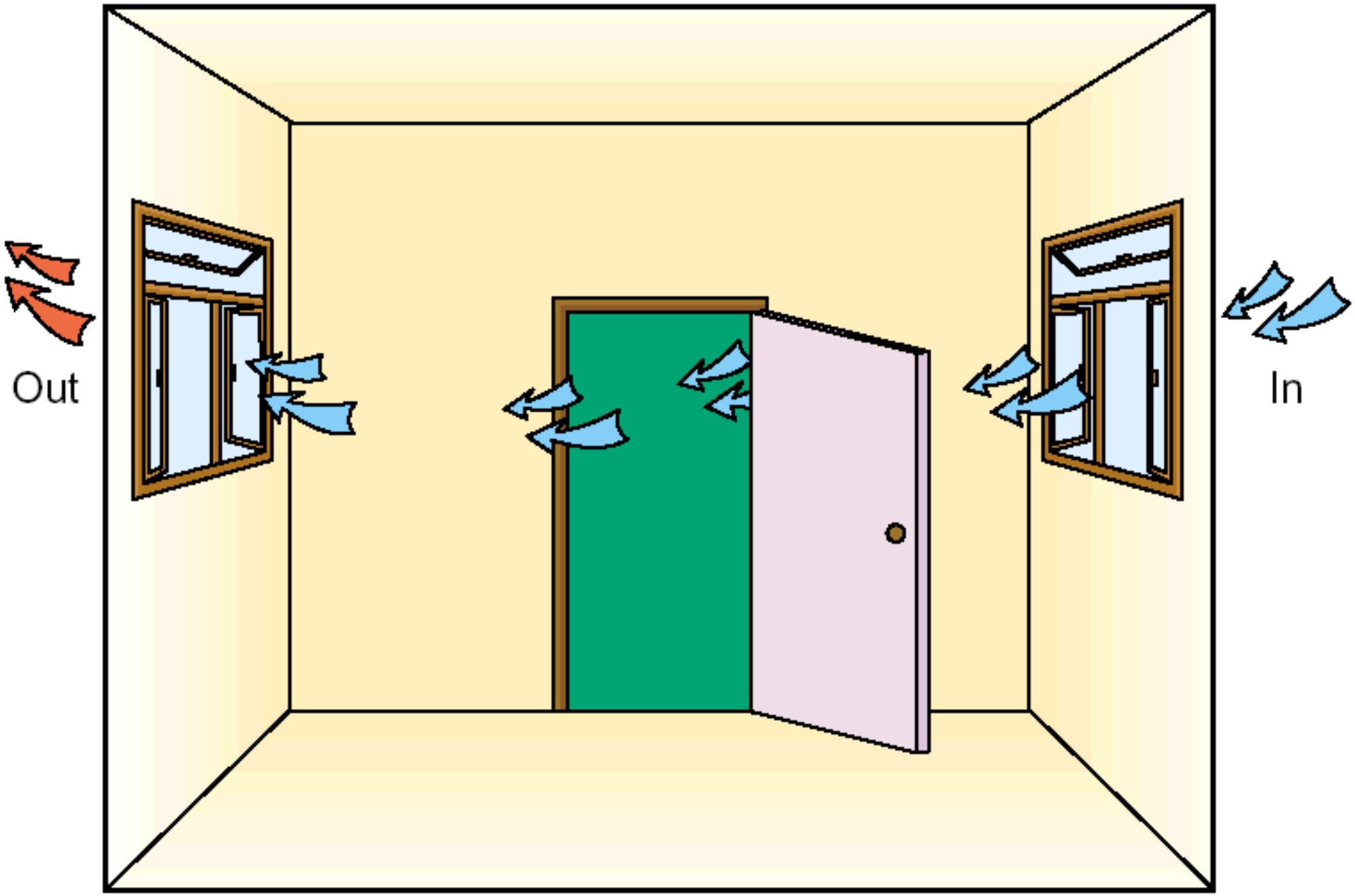
- Understand the purpose of HVAC design
  - To provide adequate indoor air quality by removing and/or diluting indoor pollutants
  - To provide adequate ventilation for processes
  - To remove heat & maintain thermal comfort
  - To control humidity & prevent condensation
- Understand the climate (external conditions)
  - Summer: cooling design & dehumidification
  - Winter: heating design

Simple ventilation design



(Source: www.iaq.hk)

Cross ventilation (natural)



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Cross ventilation (mechanical assisted)

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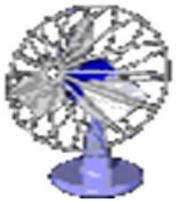


- Common ventilation strategies
  - Natural ventilation
  - Mechanical ventilation
  - Comfort cooling
  - Air conditioning (full control of temp./humidity)
  - Mixed mode or hybrid systems
- If internal heat gains are sufficiently low and the external environment is suitable, natural ventilation can provide a low energy solution

Is it feasible to use
Natural Ventilation?

If situation prevents this,
is it feasible to use
Mechanical Ventilation?

If situation prevents this,
is it feasible to use
Hybrid/Mixed Mode Ventilation?

If situation prevents this,
is it feasible to use
Cooling and Heating
(without humidity control)?

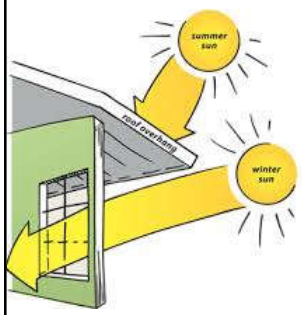
If situation prevents this,
is it feasible to use
Full Air Conditioning
(with humidity control)?

Ventilation design hierarchy

Increasing:
- energy consumption
- capital cost
- running costs
- maintenance
- complexity

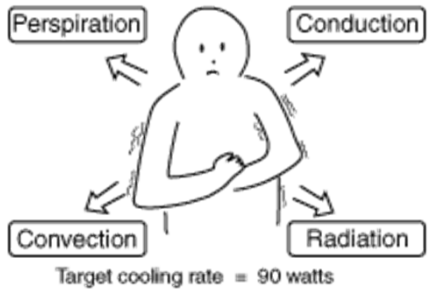
What is HVAC&R?

- Interactions affecting HVAC design
  - Building fabric (architectural design)



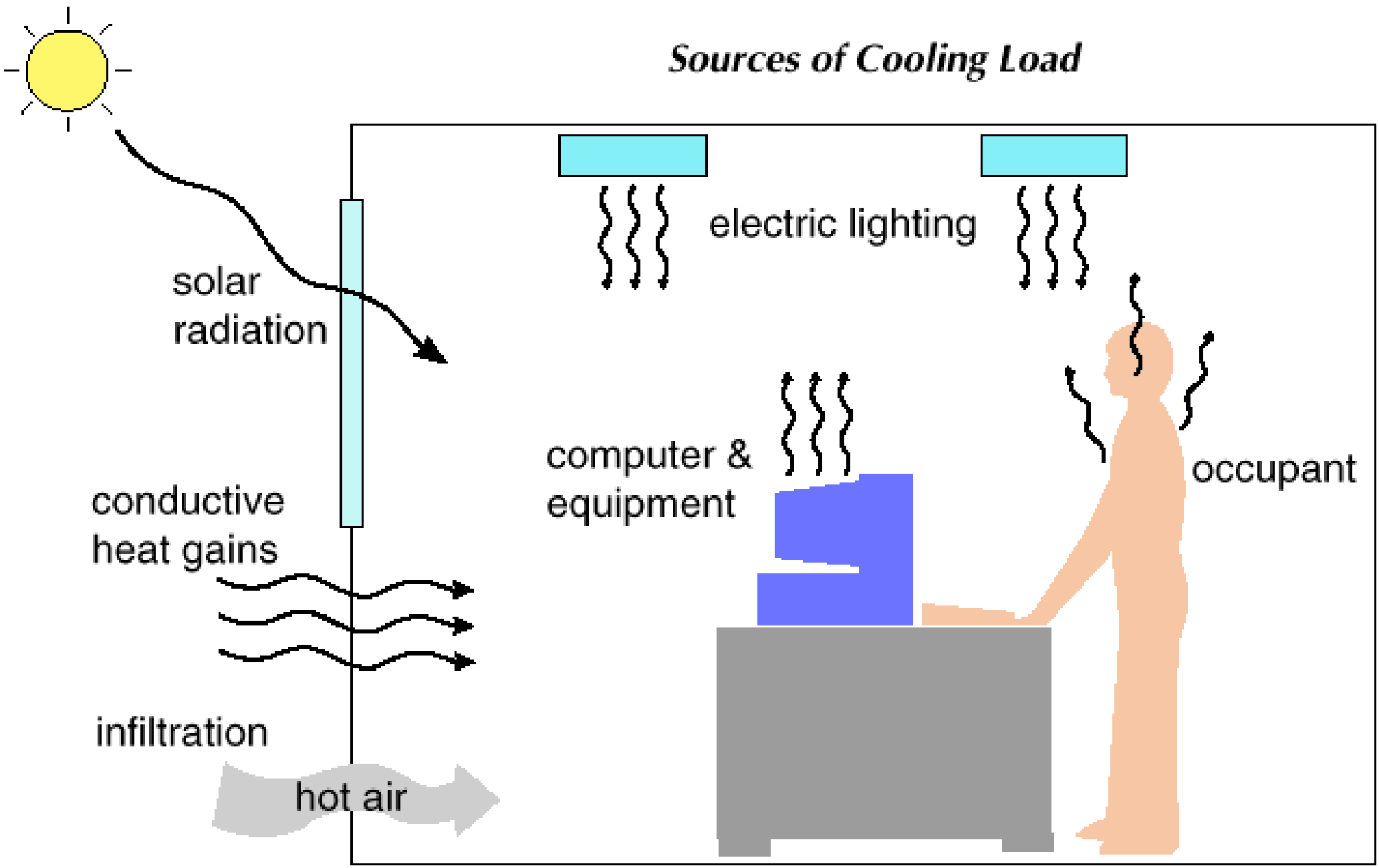
    - Site orientation & conditions
    - Built form, shading, window performance, thermal mass
    - Thermal insulation, reducing infiltration/air leakage
  - Building services elements, e.g.
    - Lighting system & daylighting
    - Small power or equipment loads

  - Occupants' behaviour (human factors)
    - How users behave and react

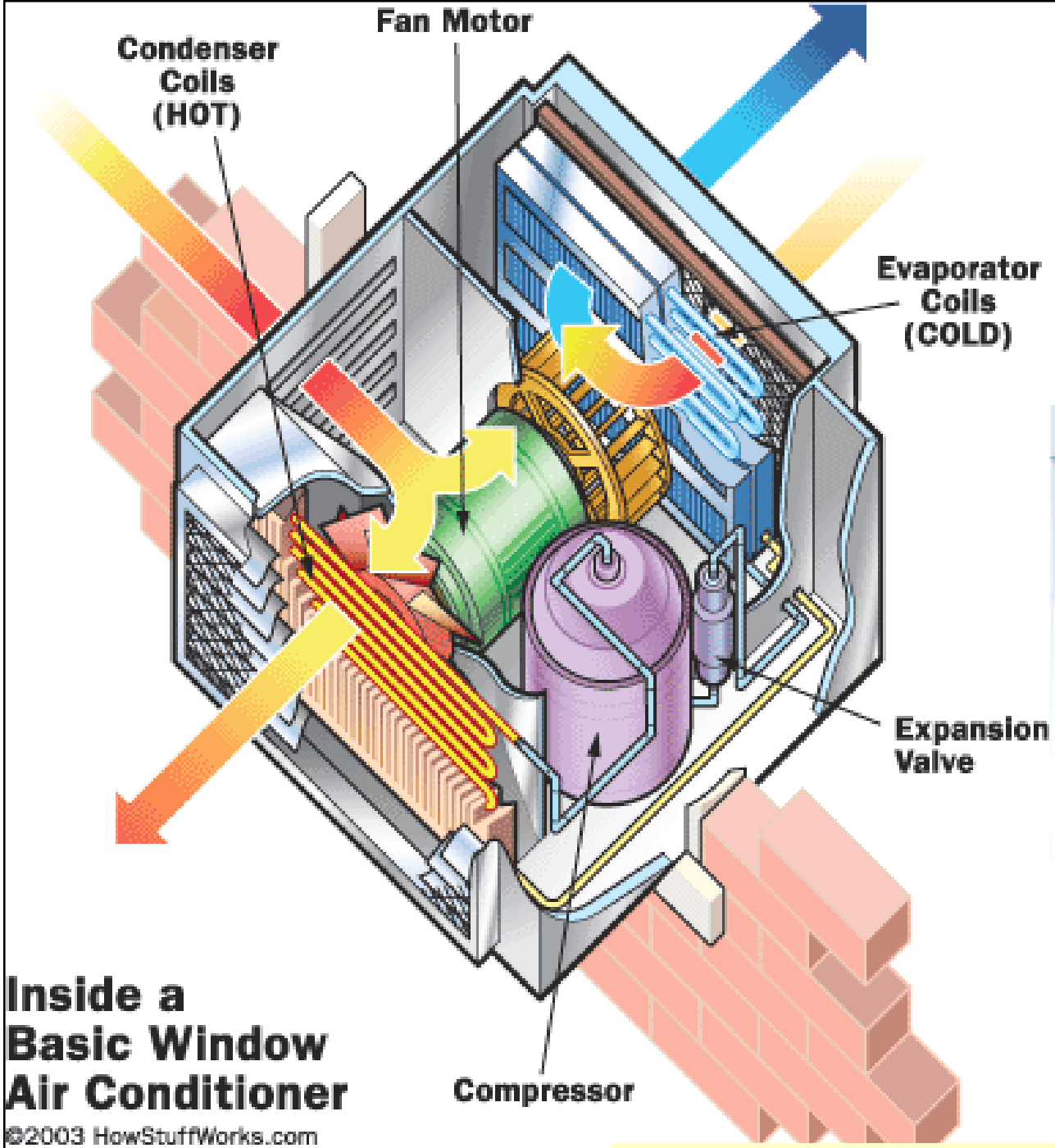


Outdoor weather

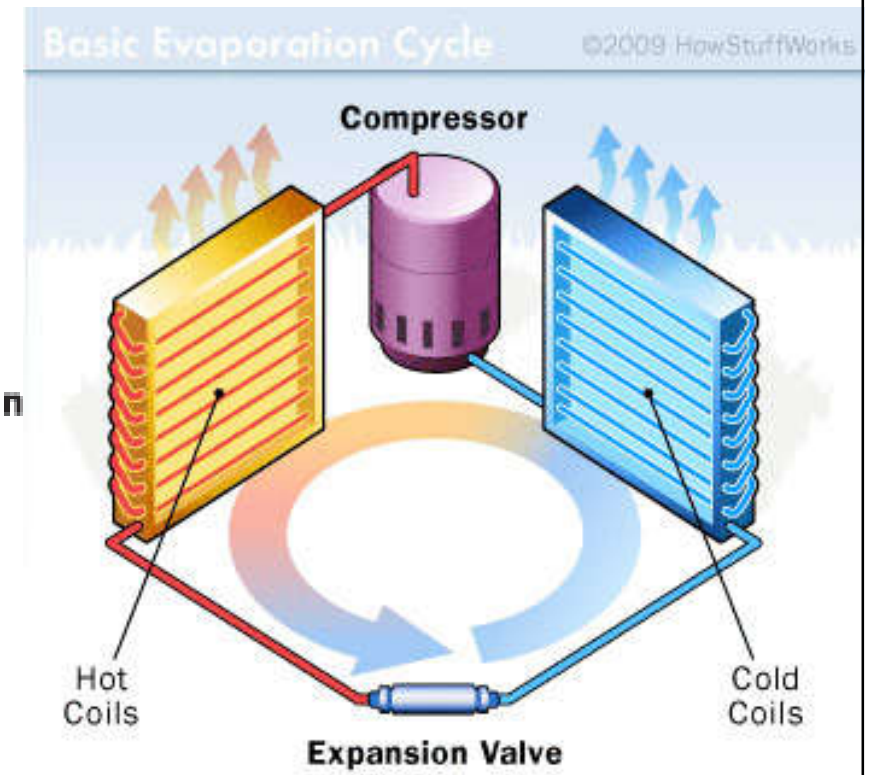
Can you identify all the heat gains?



Indoor conditions and activities



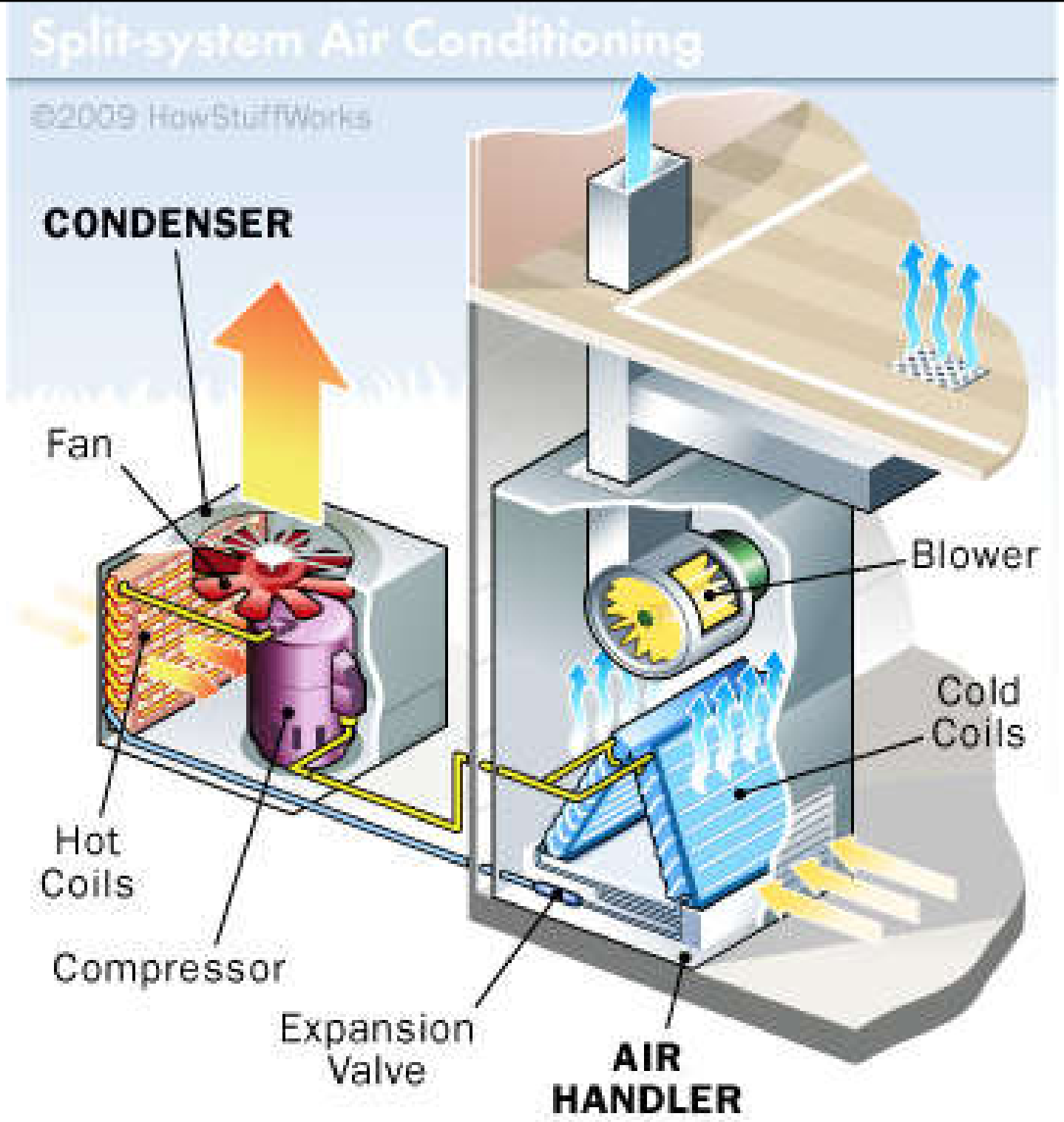
Window-type air conditioner



See also: "How Air Conditioners Work" (1:07)
http://youtu.be/nKZ2DPvvua8

(Source: www.howstuffworks.com/ac.htm)

Split-type air conditioner



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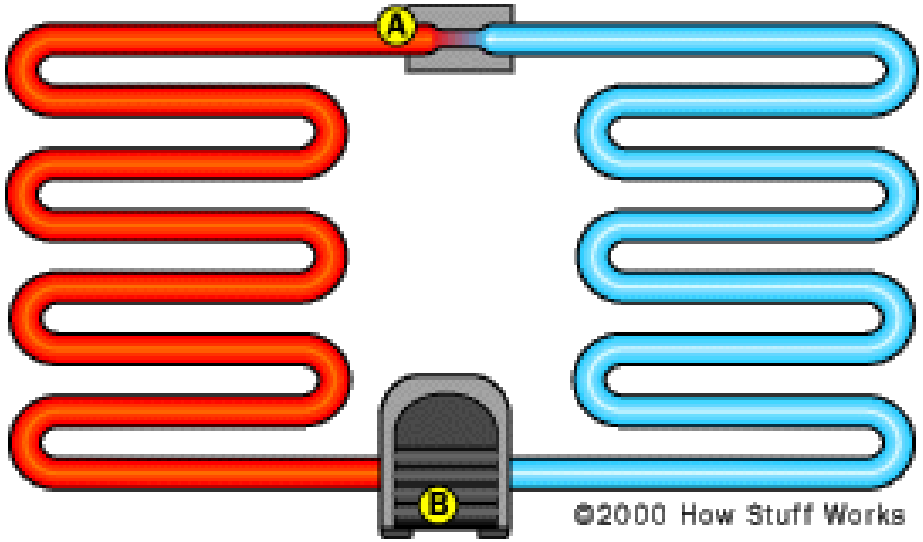
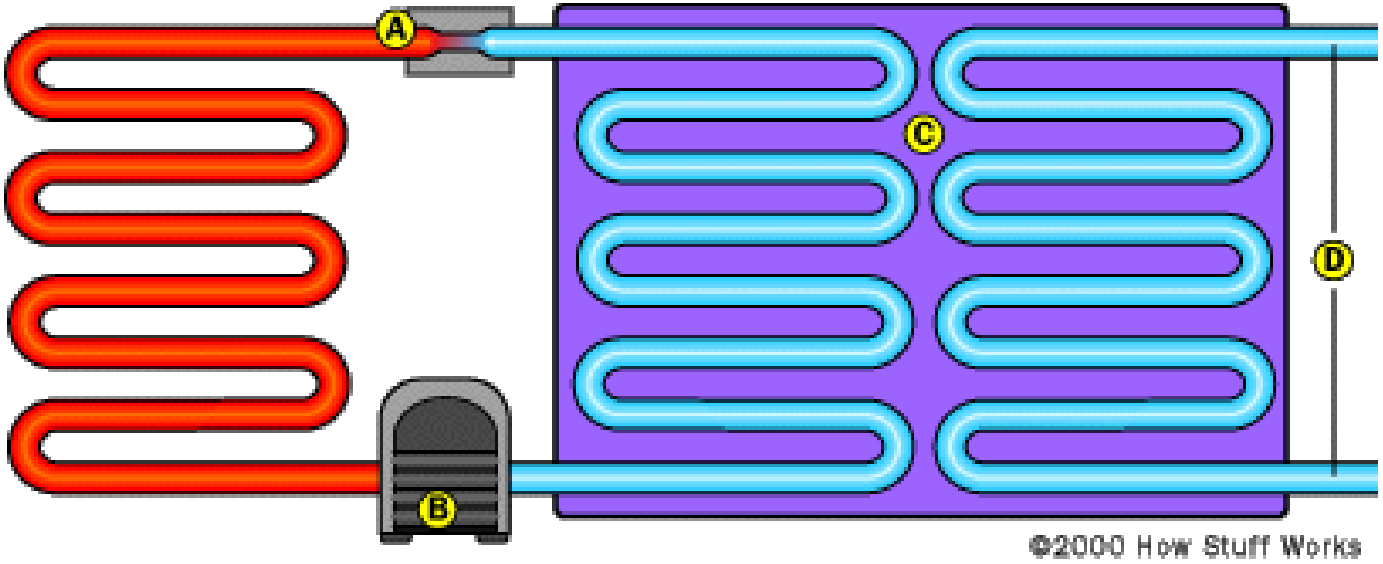
Refrigerant cycle



What are the major components?

A typical air conditioner



Chilled water system

Air conditioning with a chilled water system

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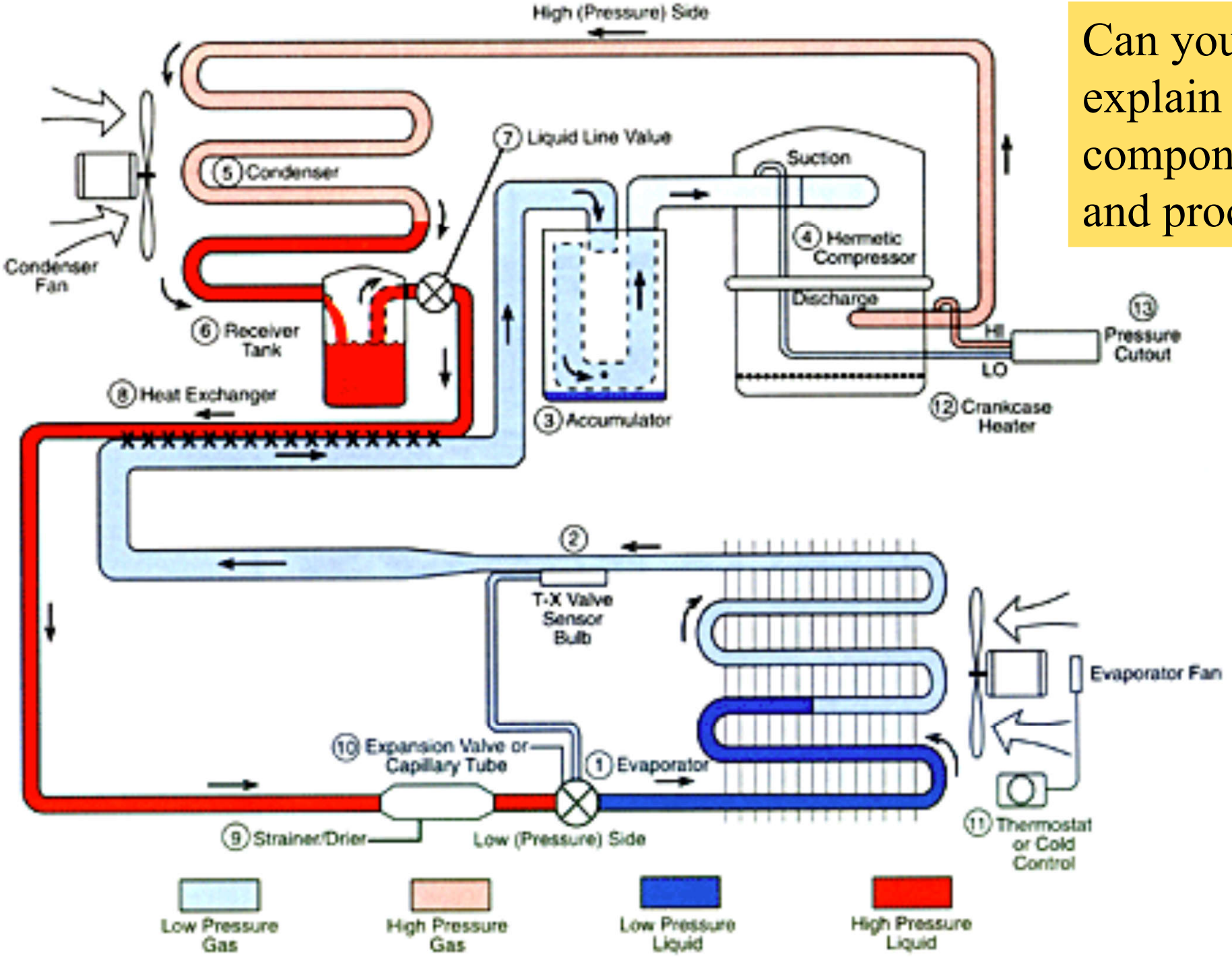
Basic refrigeration cycle

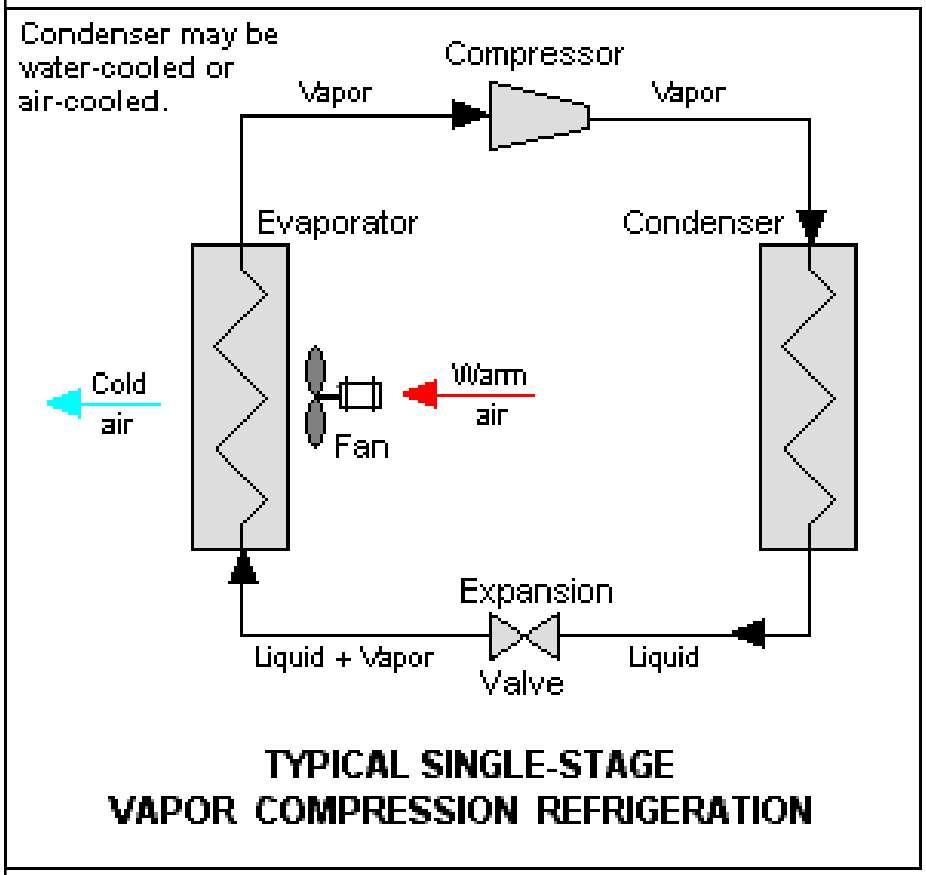


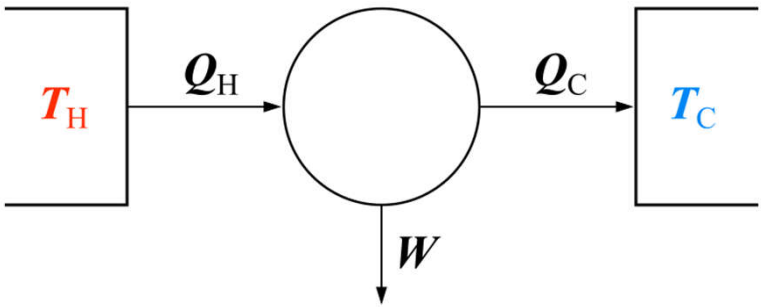
Can you explain the components and process?

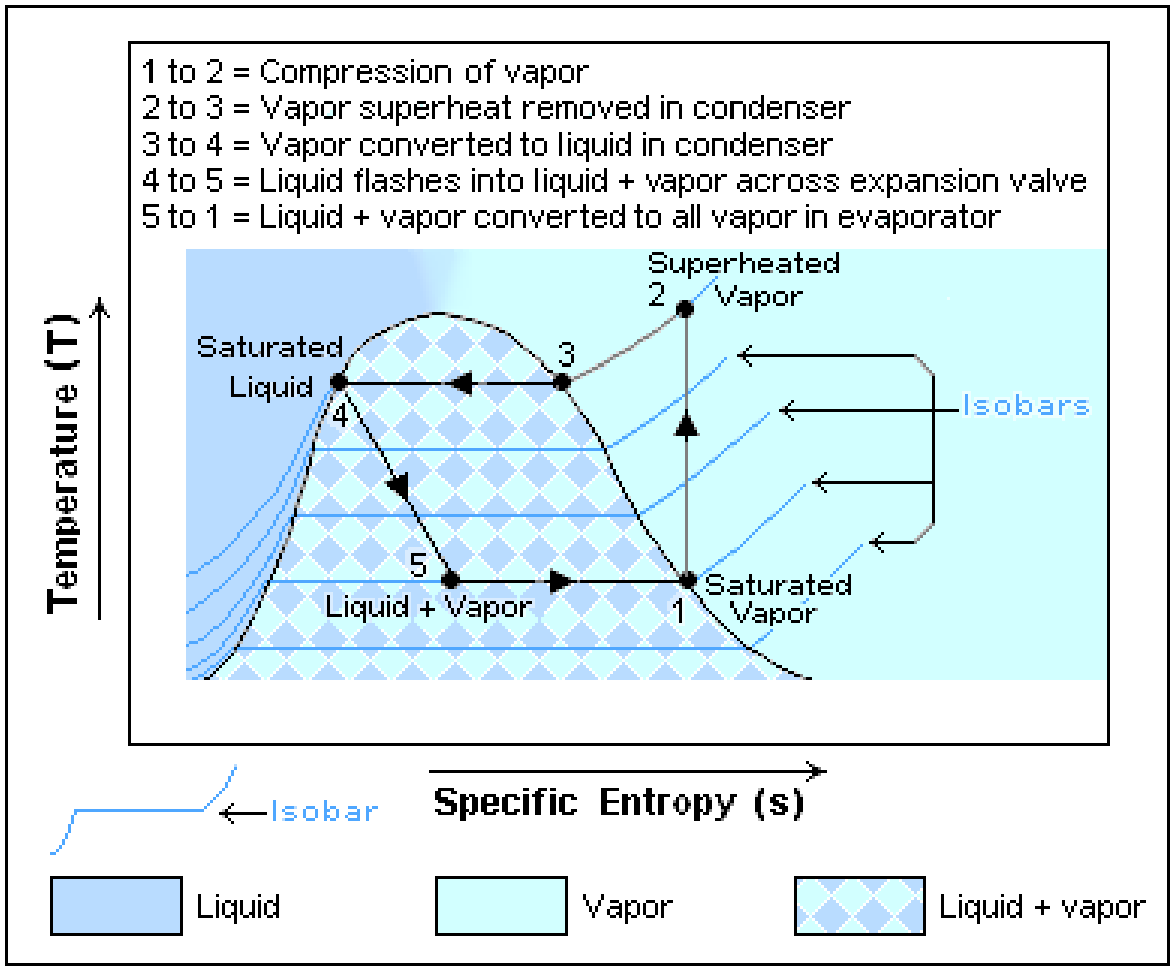
(See also: www.swtc.edu/ag_power/air_conditioning/lecture/basic_cycle.htm)

Vapour compression refrigeration

Can you explain the principles?





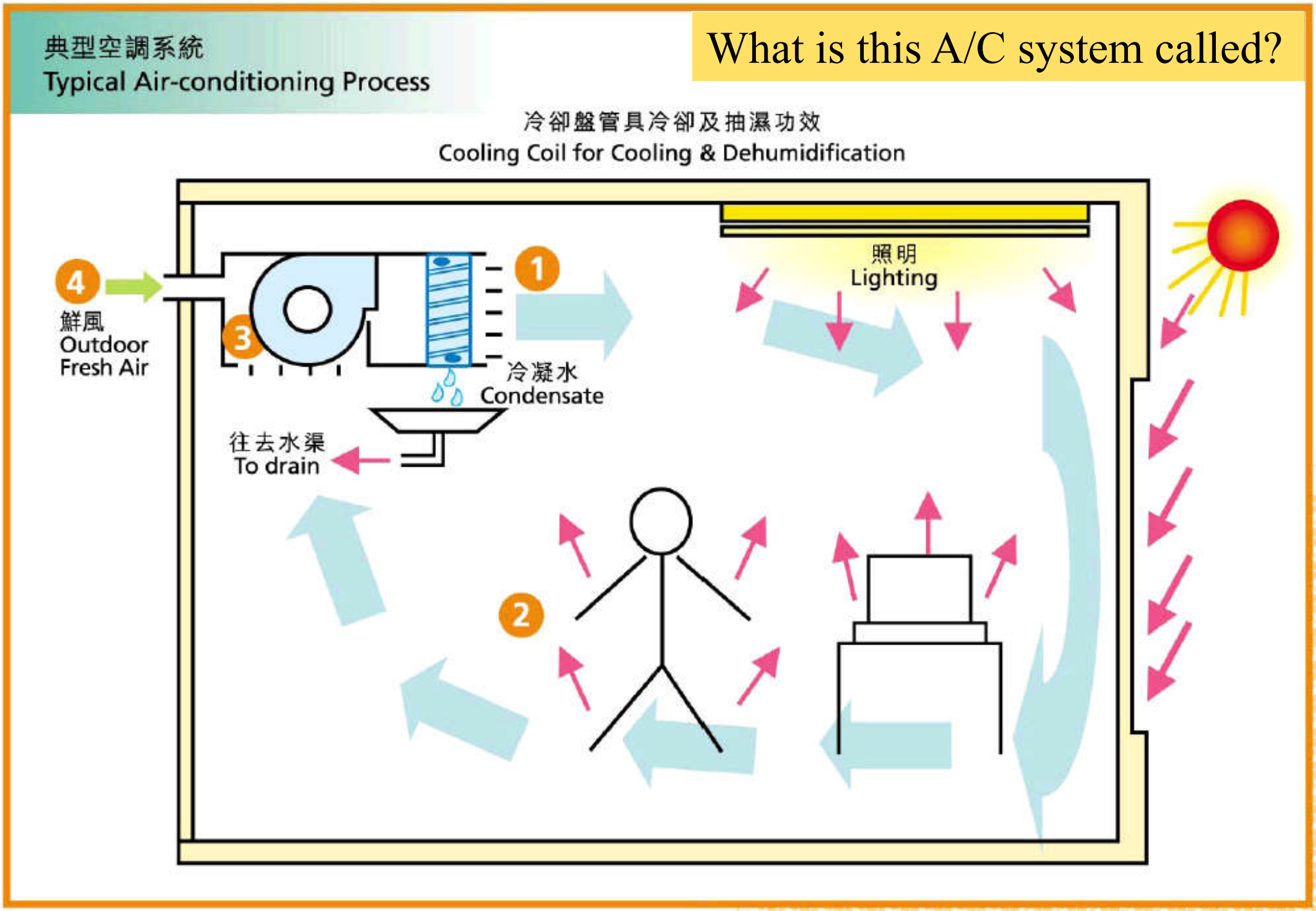


COP of a refrigerator = Cooling Effect/Work Input = $Q_L/W_{net,in}$

COP of a heat pump = Heating Effect/Work Input = $Q_H/W_{net,in}$

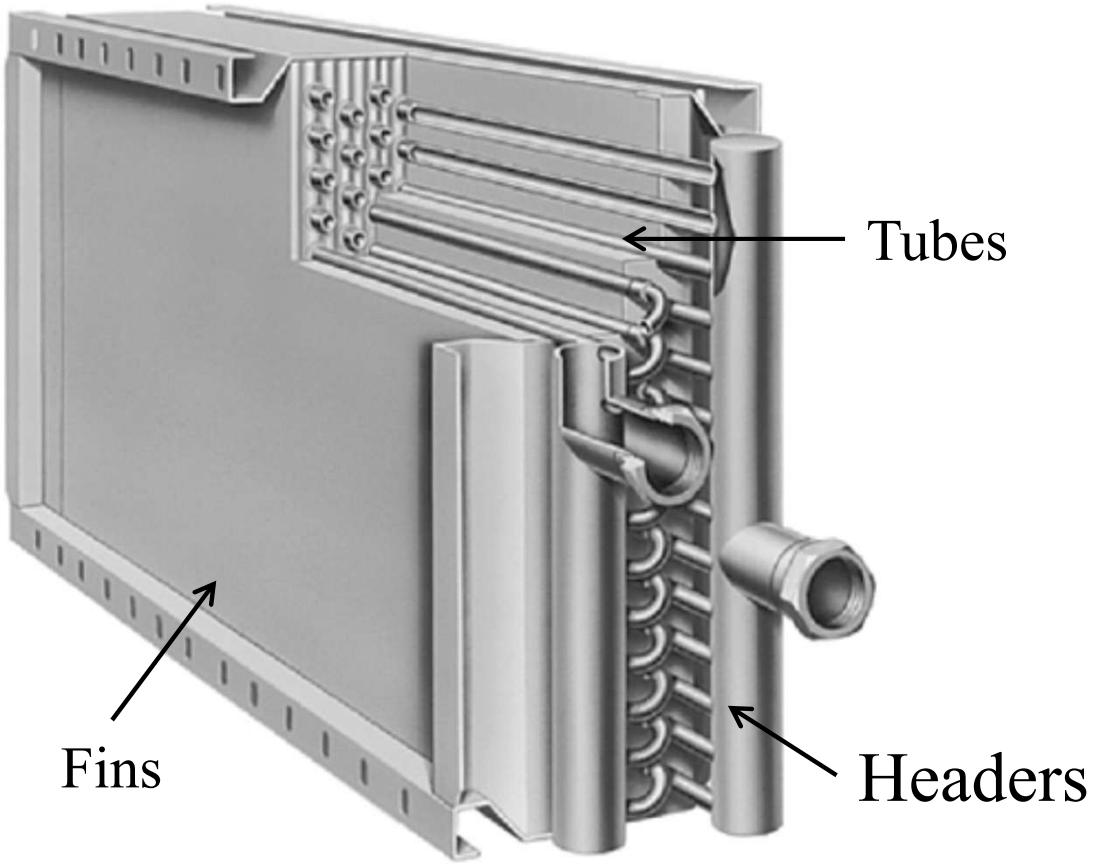
(Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat_pump_and_refrigeration_cycle)

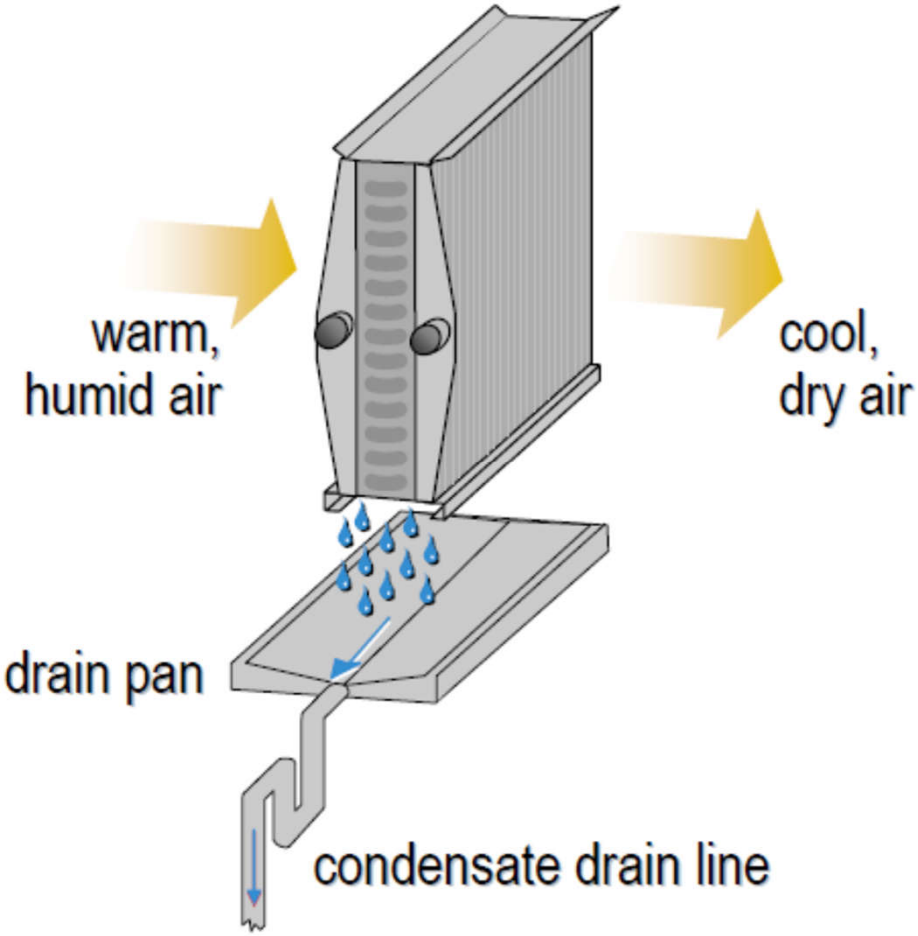
What is this A/C system called?



(Source: EnergyWitts newsletter, EMSD)

Chilled water cooling coil (a heat exchanger)



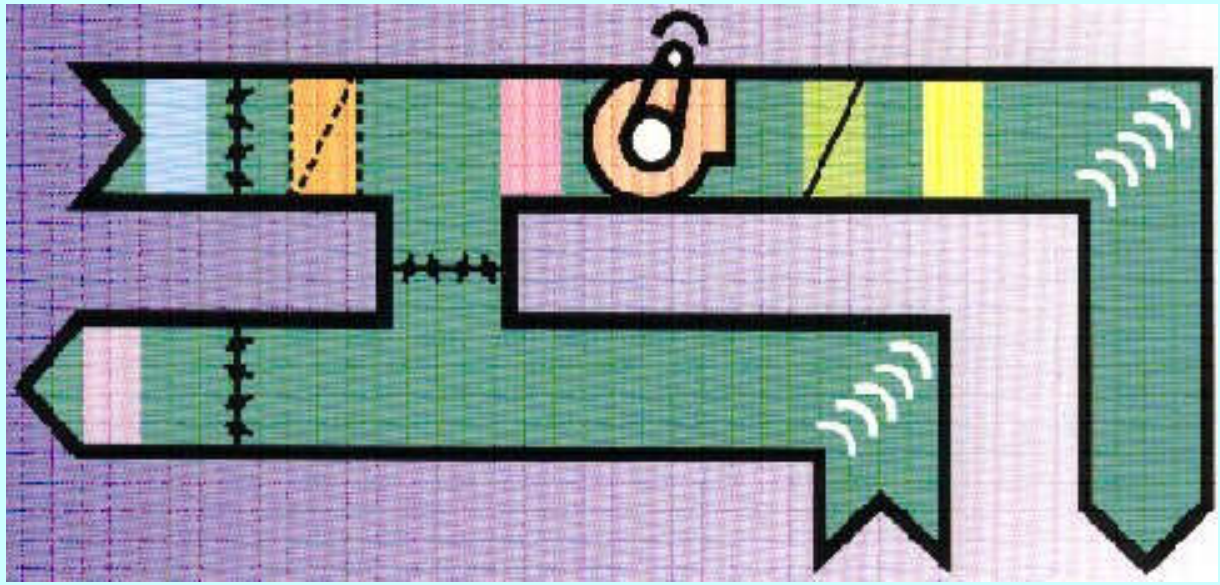


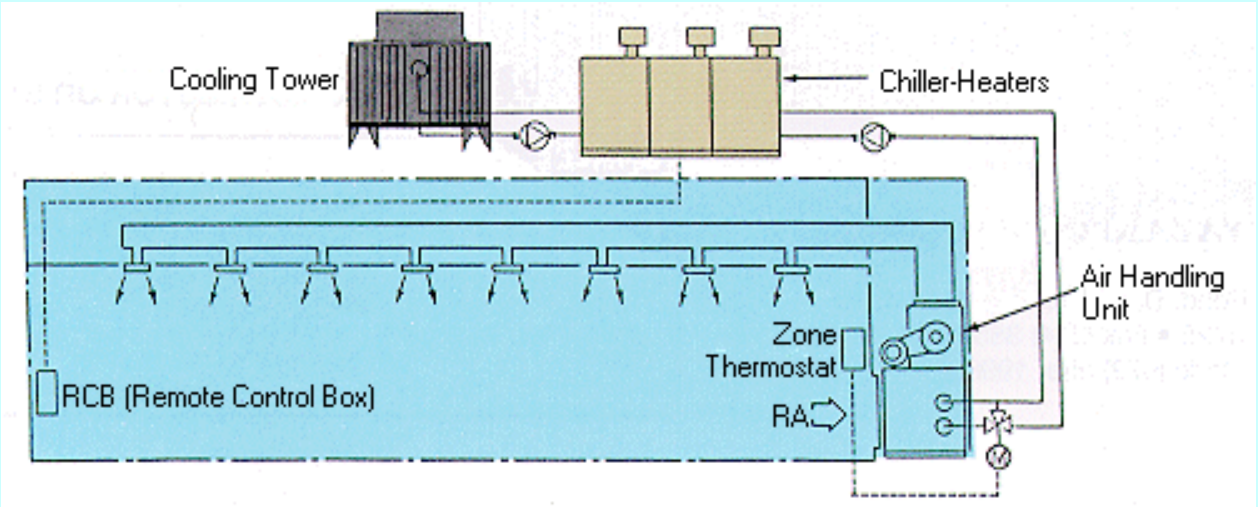
Sensible heat exchange: $q_S = m_a \text{ x } c_p \text{ x } (t_b - t_a)$

Latent heat exchange: $q_L = m_a \text{ x } h_{fg}$

(Source: Trane)

Air Conditioning





Air Conditioning

- The term “air conditioning” has gradually changed, from meaning just cooling to the total control of:
  - Temperature
  - Moisture in the air (humidity)
  - Supply of outside air for ventilation
  - Filtration of airborne particles
  - Air movement in the occupied space

“冷氣”

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“空氣調節”

“空調”

(See also: Air conditioning http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_conditioning)

Air Conditioning

- Definition (from ASHRAE*)
  - Air conditioning is the process of treating air so as to control simultaneously its temperature, humidity, cleanliness, and distribution to meet the requirements of the conditioned space.
    - Basic processes: Cooling and Heating
- Comfort cooling (air conditioning)
  - To meet comfort requirements of occupants

(*ASHRAE = American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-conditioning Engineers, Inc.)

Air Conditioning

- Seven main air-conditioning processes:
  - 1. Heating (adding thermal energy)
  - 2. Cooling (removing thermal energy)
  - 3. Humidifying (adding moisture)
  - 4. Dehumidifying (removing moisture)
  - 5. Cleaning (removing particulates/contaminants)
  - 6. Ventilating (exchanging air between the outdoors and the conditioned space)
  - 7. Air Movement (circulating and mixing air)

History of refrigeration and air conditioning

Seasonal harvesting of snow and ice has begun earlier than 1000 B.C. (Store ice in winter for summer use), e.g. ice cellars of ancient Chinese

(Source: 5 Smart Ways to Keep Cool of Ancient Chinese http://www.chinawhisper.com/5-smart-ways-to-keep-cool-of-ancient-chinese/)

(See also: Ice house (building) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_house_(building))

Do you know ways to keep cool of ancient Chinese?

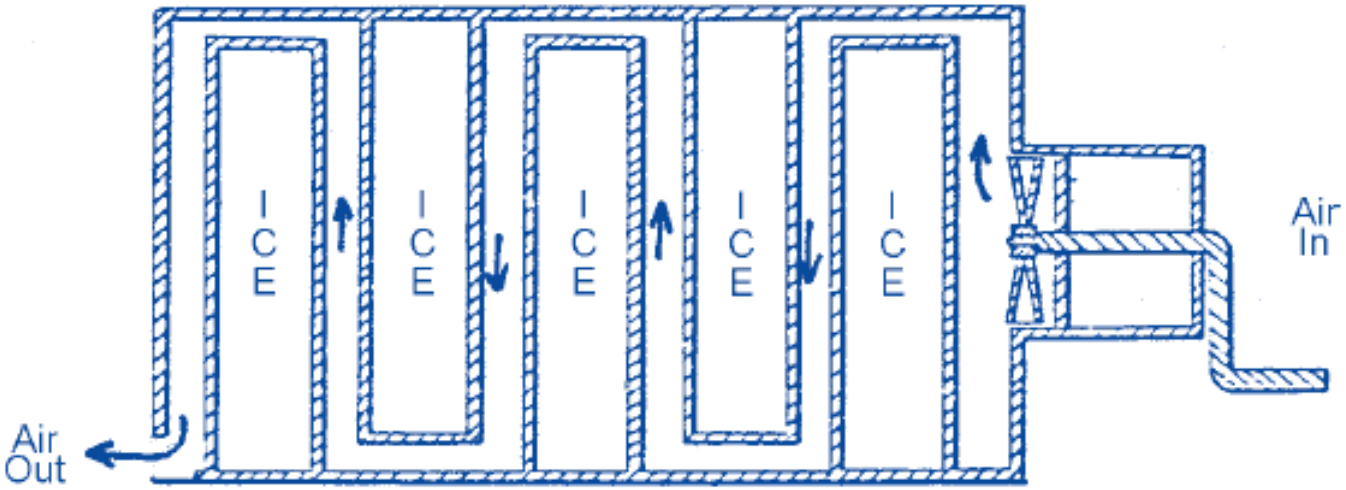


Figure 1: Shaler's patented cooler for ventilating air, 1865.

(Source: ASHRAE Journal, Feb 1999, https://www.ashrae.org/File%20Library/docLib/Public/200362710047_326.pdf)

- Ice cooling
- Evaporative cooling
- Ventilation (air flow)
- Porcelain pillows
- Salt solution cooling

Air Conditioning

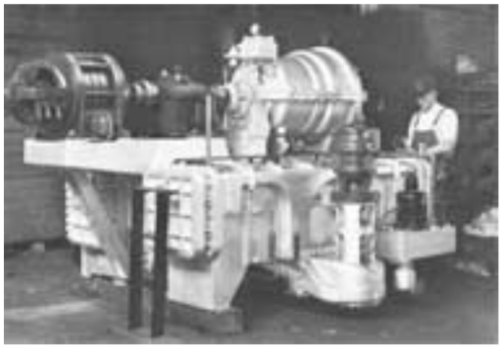
- The History of Air Conditioning
  - http://www.air-conditioners-and-heaters.com/air_conditioning_history.html
    - 1830: Dr. John Gorrie (ice for cooling hospital rooms)
    - 1881: James Garfield (device w/ melted ice water)
    - Late 19th century: "manufactured air" (controlling humidity in textile mills)
    - Early 1900s': Willis Carrier (designed modern A/C systems for offices, apartments, hotels, hospitals)
    - 1917-1930: movie theatres were kept cool by A/C

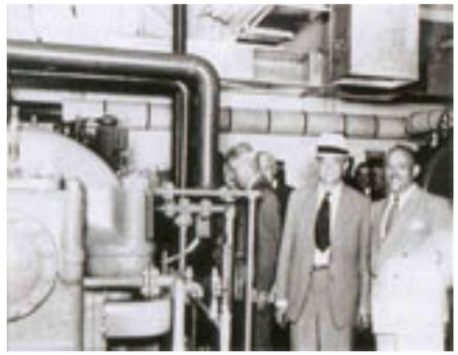
(Video: Air Conditioning History (1:09) https://youtu.be/6NFmsU3Am7c)

Air Conditioning

- The Father of Modern Air Conditioning
  - Dr. Willis Haviland Carrier (1875-1950)

- Formed Carrier Air Conditioning Company (1907)
- Published a paper on rational psychrometric formulae in 1911
- Invented and patented many HVAC equipment
- Wrote a well-known air conditioning textbook





(Video: Air Conditioning History (5:31) https://youtu.be/rf5okqLX-Uo)

Air Conditioning

- Applications of air conditioning:
  - Industrial sector
    - e.g. textile mills, electronics, pharmaceutical
  - Commercial sector
    - e.g. offices, hotels, retails
  - Residential sector
    - e.g. apartments, houses
  - Transport sector
    - e.g. aircrafts, buses, private cars, trains

Air Conditioning

- Significance of air conditioning and refrigeration
  - No. 10 on the list of the [Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century]
  - http://www.greatachievements.org
    - These cooling technologies have altered some of our most fundamental patterns of living
    - Buildings are climate-controlled & comfortable
    - Fresh foods & milk are kept in refrigerators/freezers
    - Building designs are changed completely
    - Environment for industrial processes are controlled

Air Conditioning

- Importance of air conditioning for buildings
  - Change building designs & human adaptation
  - Affect occupant satisfaction, productivity, health and safety
  - Contribute to effective building performance
  - Often form a major part of building construction costs and running costs
  - Affect energy consumption & environmental performance of a building

Air Conditioning

- To understand better, air conditioning system can be divided into five subsystems or loops:
  - 1. Air-side
  - 2. Chilled water
  - 3. Refrigeration equipment
  - 4. Heat rejection
  - 5. Controls

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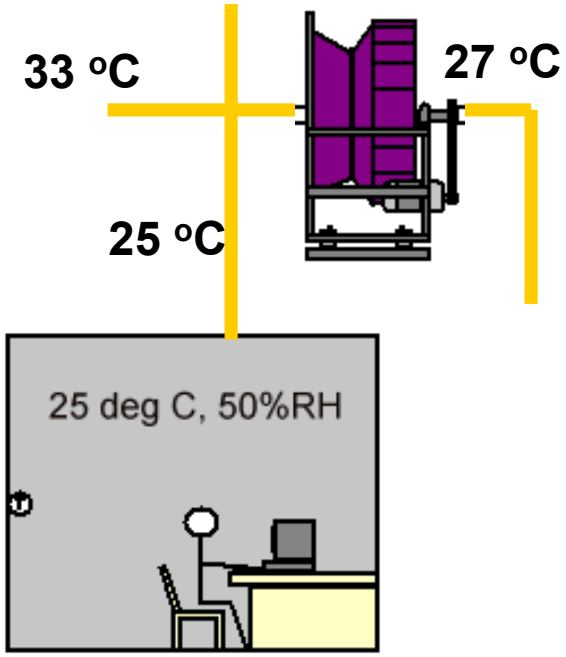

Conditioned space

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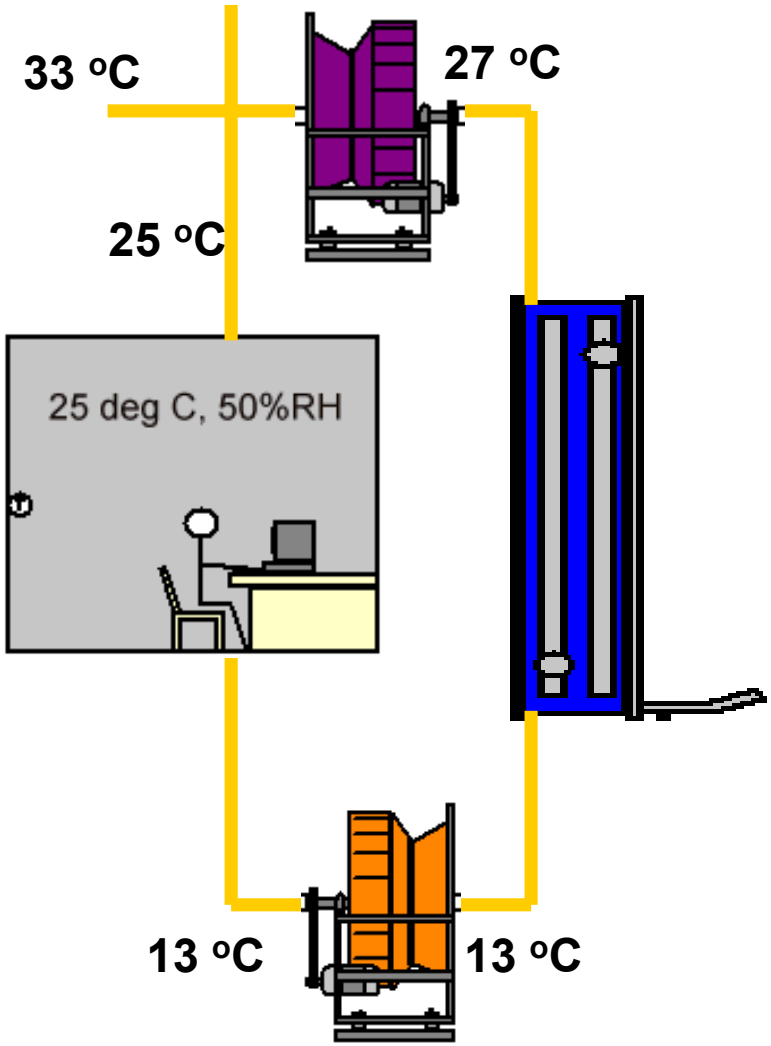

Air side system

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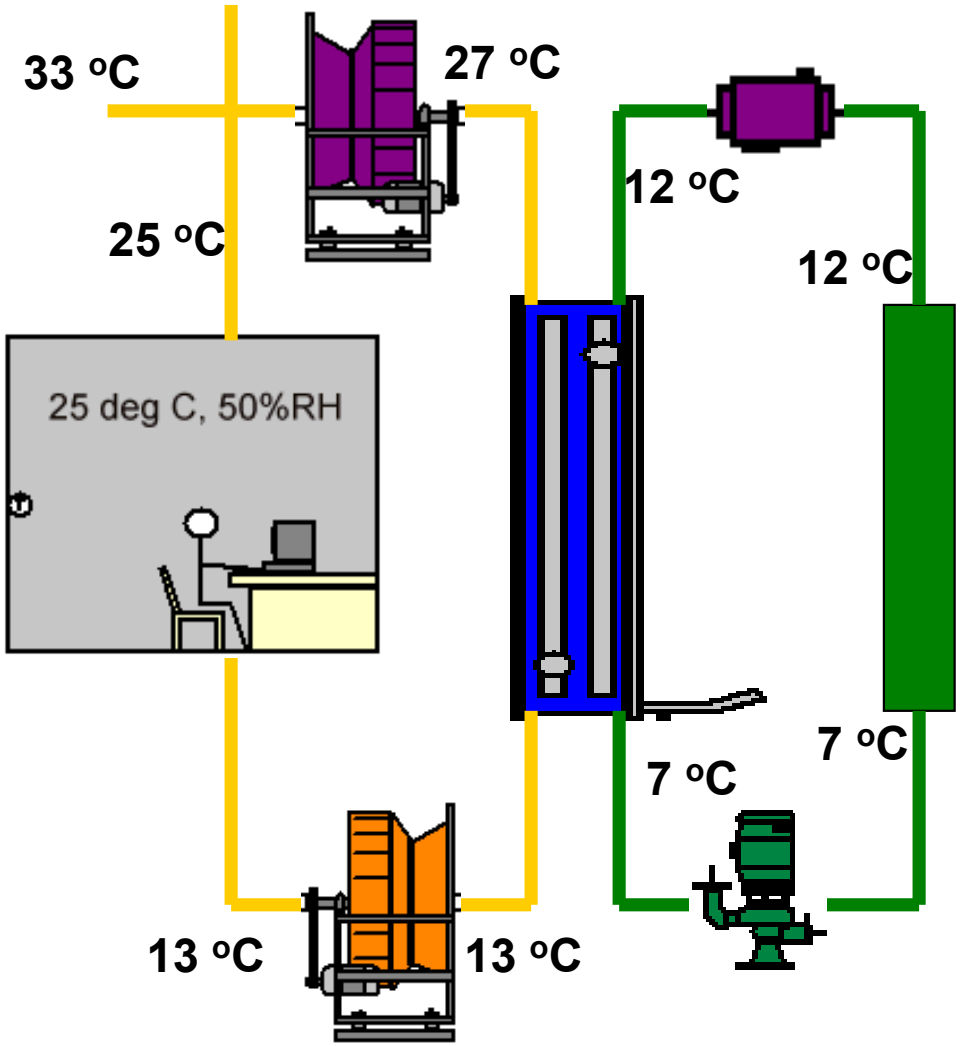
Chilled water system



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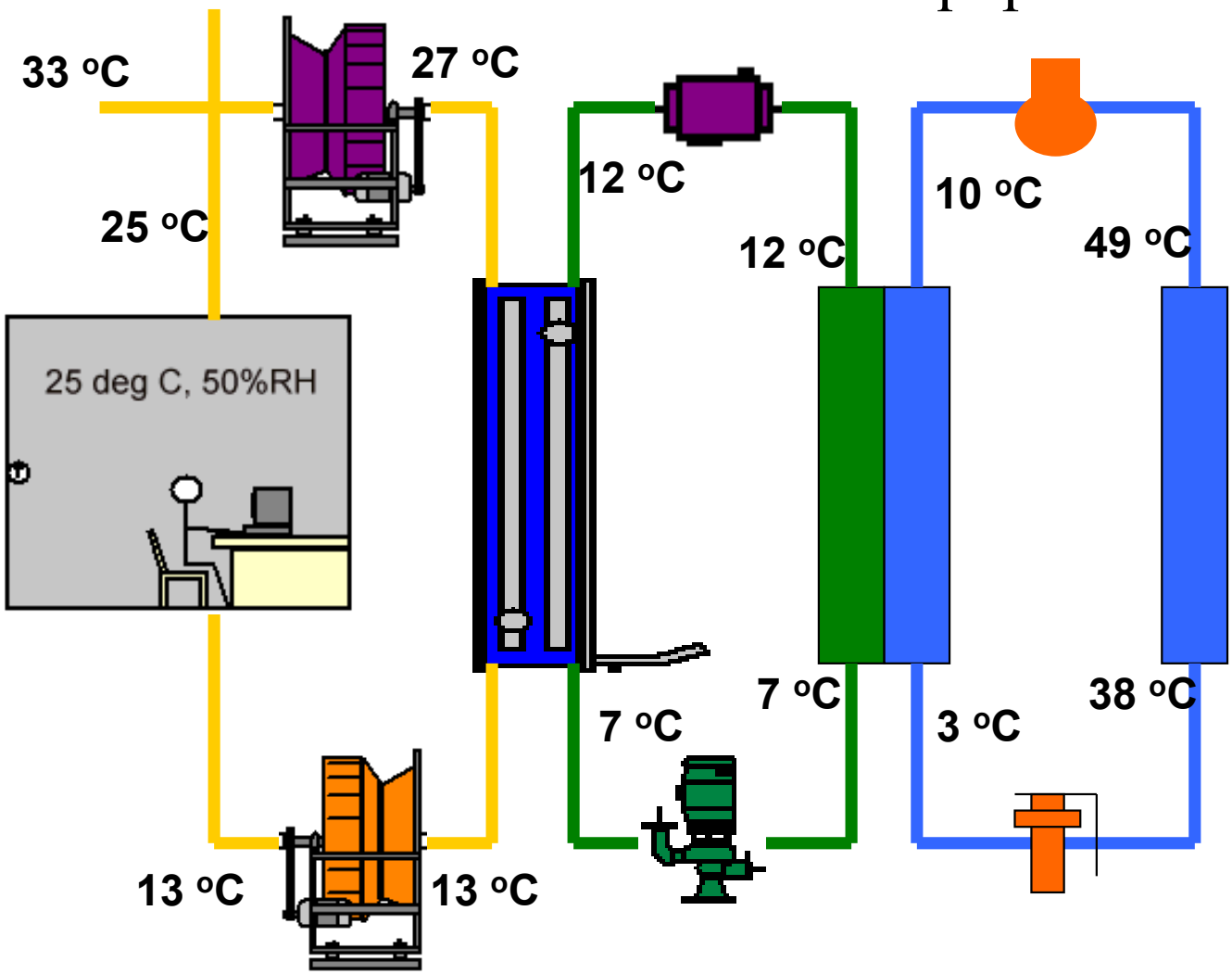
Refrigeration equipment



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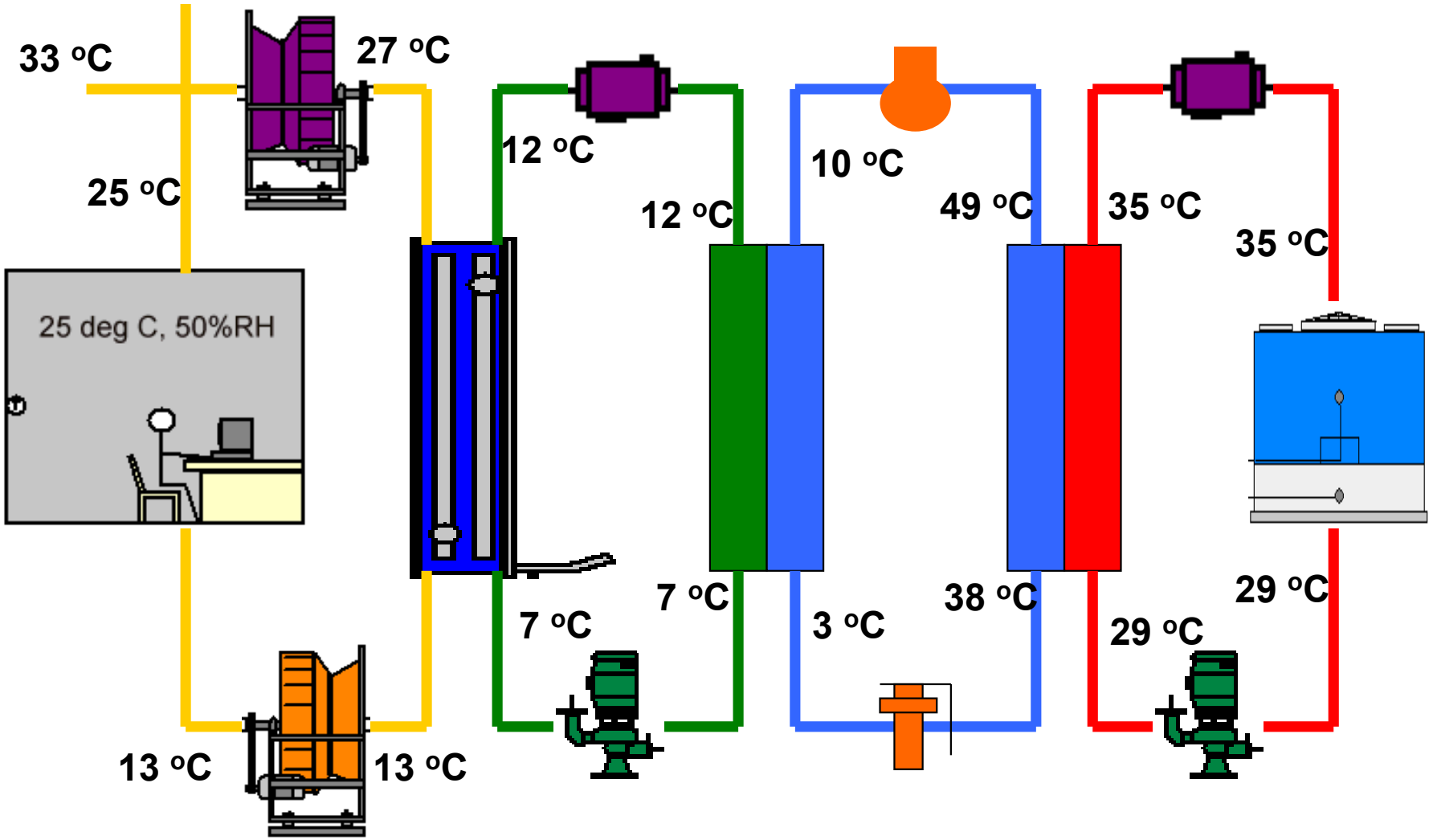

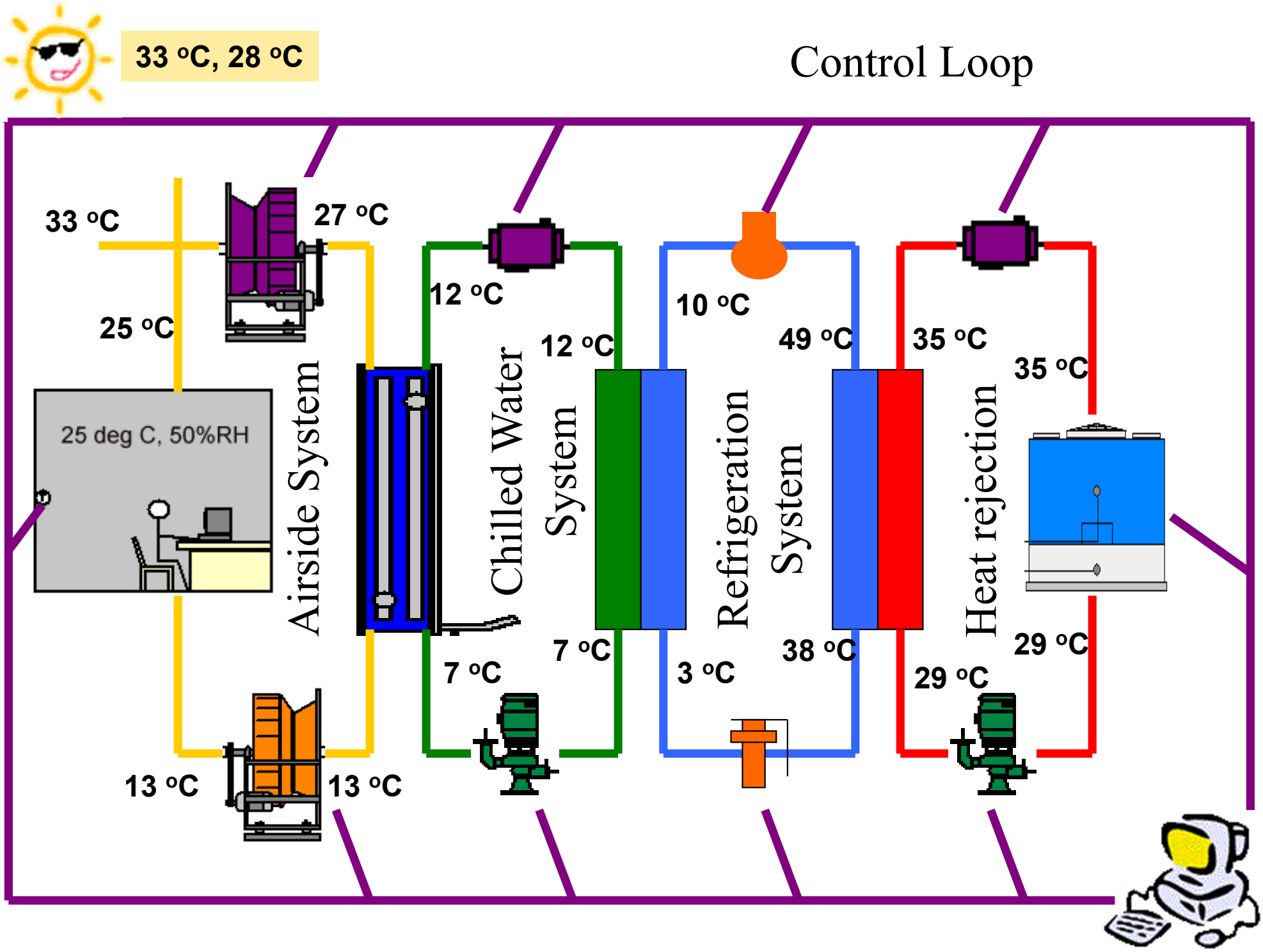
33 °C, 28 °C
Control Loop
33 °C
27 °C
25 °C
25 deg C, 50%RH
Airside System
13 °C
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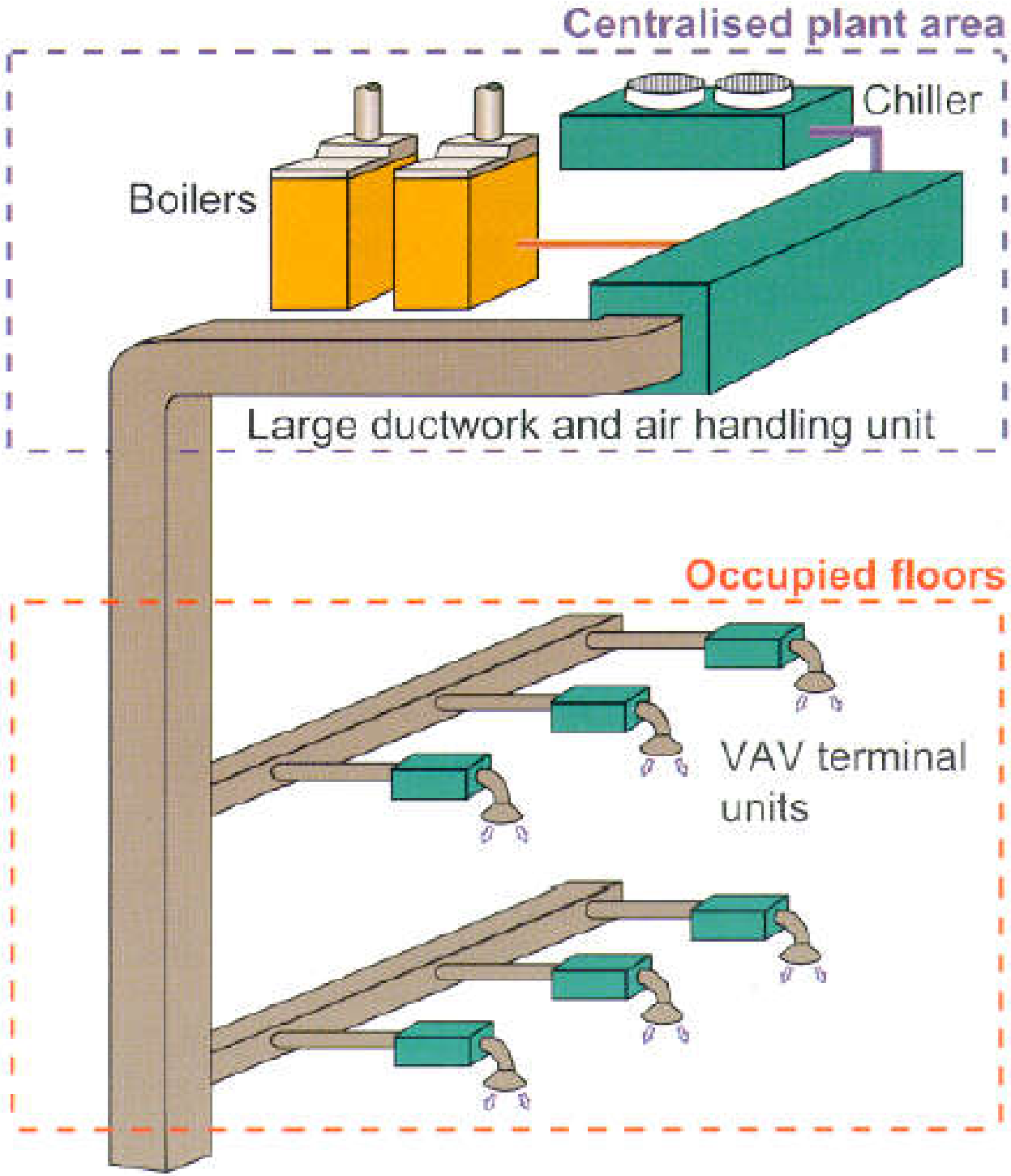
7 °C
Chilled Water System
12 °C
7 °C
10 °C
3 °C
Refrigeration System
49 °C
38 °C
35 °C
29 °C
Heat rejection
35 °C
29 °C

Design of HVAC Systems

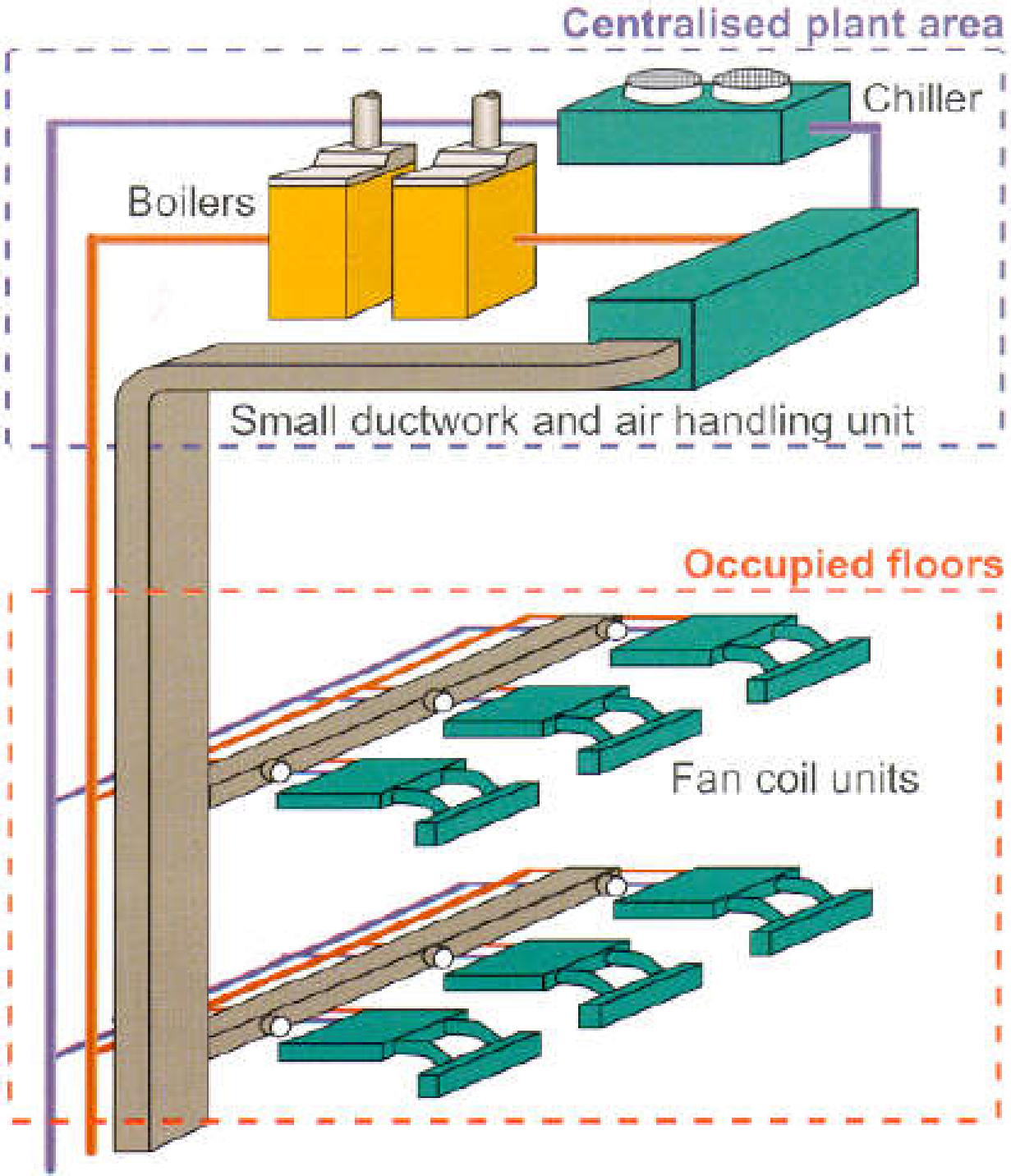
- Classification of HVAC systems -- three generic types of systems:
  - Centralised all air systems
    - Such as CAV (constant air volume), VAV (variable air volume), dual duct, multizone
  - Partially centralised air/water systems
    - Such as FCU (fan coil unit), induction units
  - Local systems (mainly direct expansion systems)
    - Such as window-type units, split-type systems, VRF (variable refrigerant flow)(?)

Centralised air system *(VAV example)*

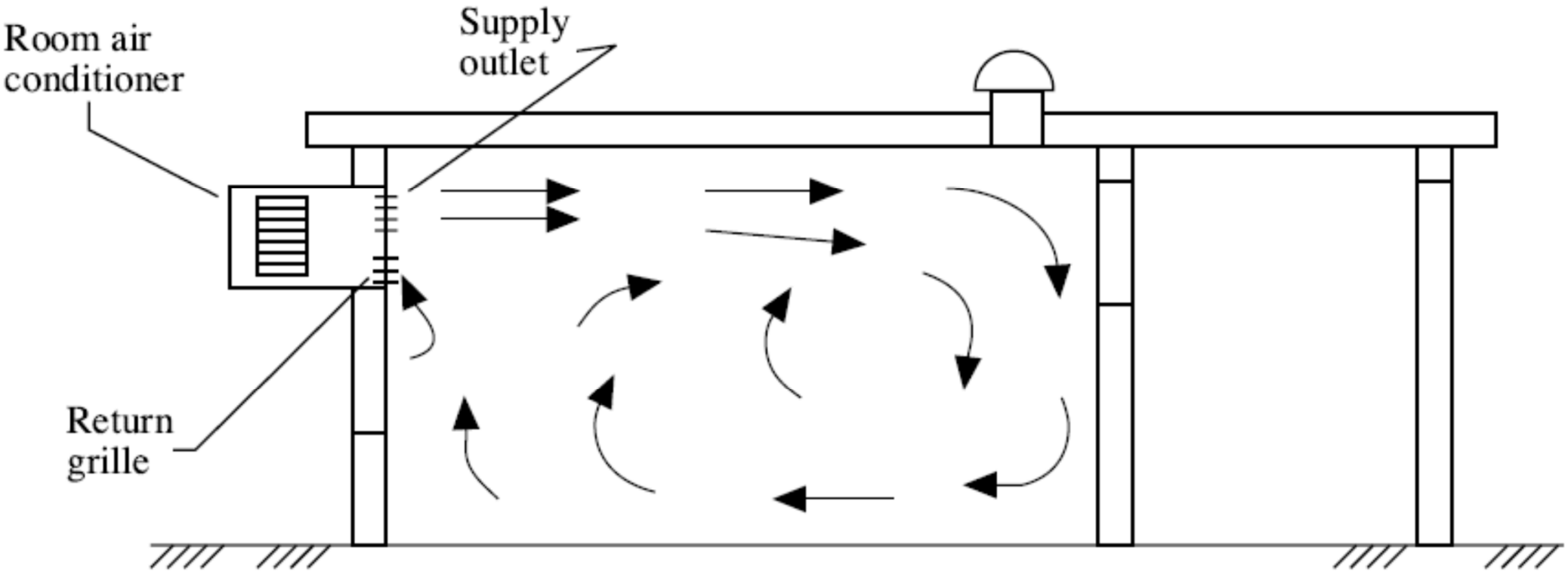


Partially centralised air/water system

(Fan coil example)



An individual room air-conditioning system



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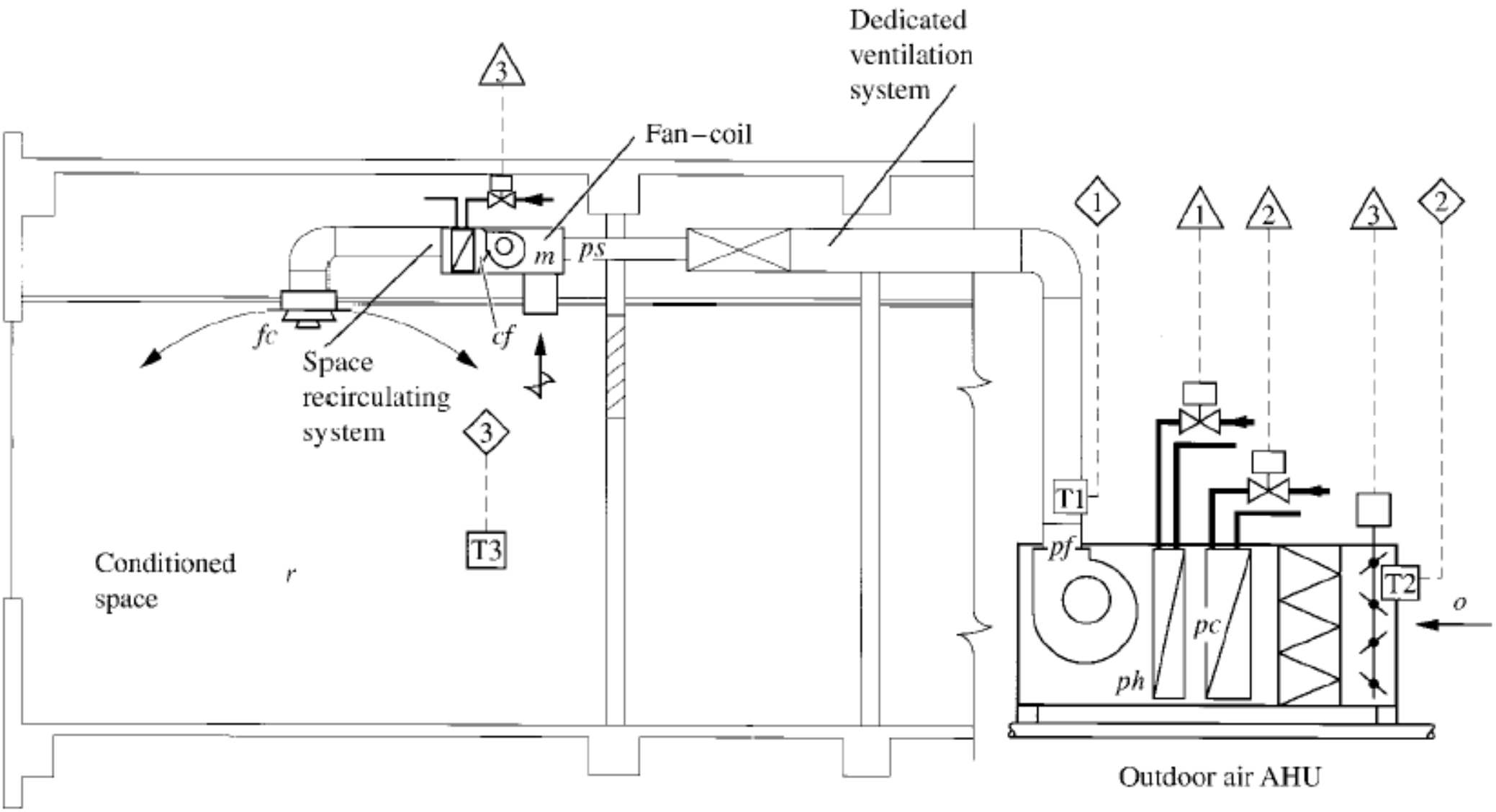
Primary air fan coil unit (PA-FCU) system



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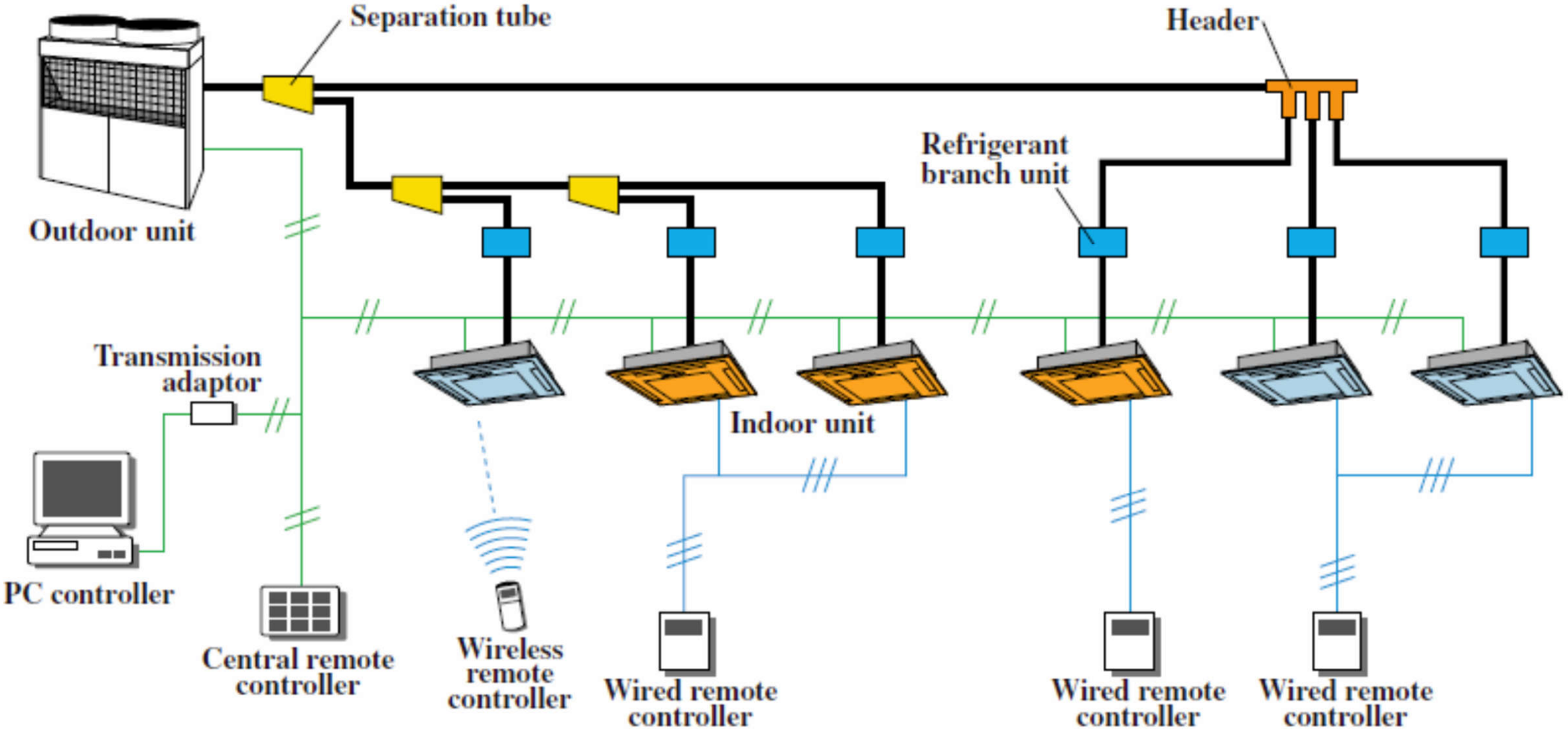
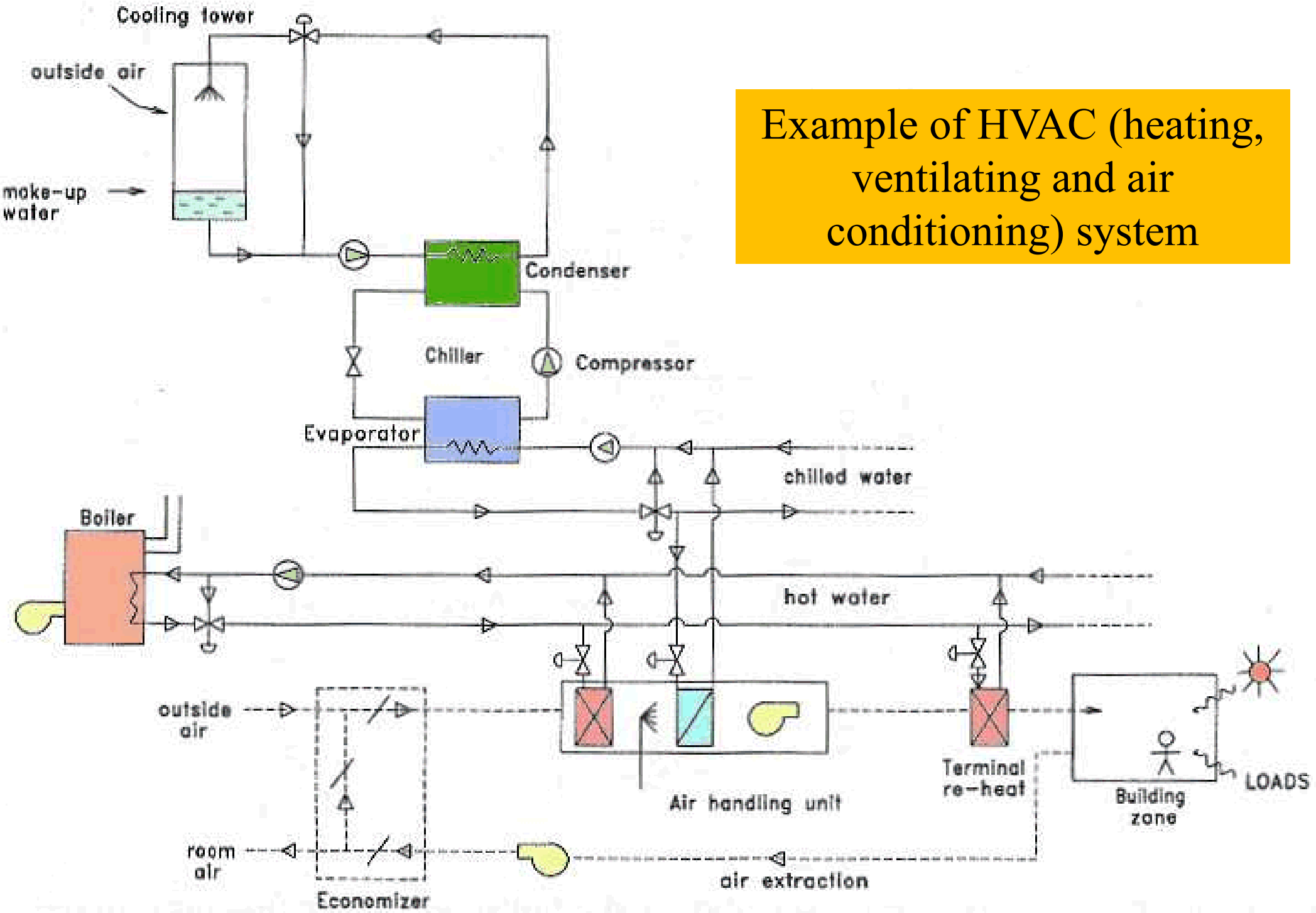
Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) system

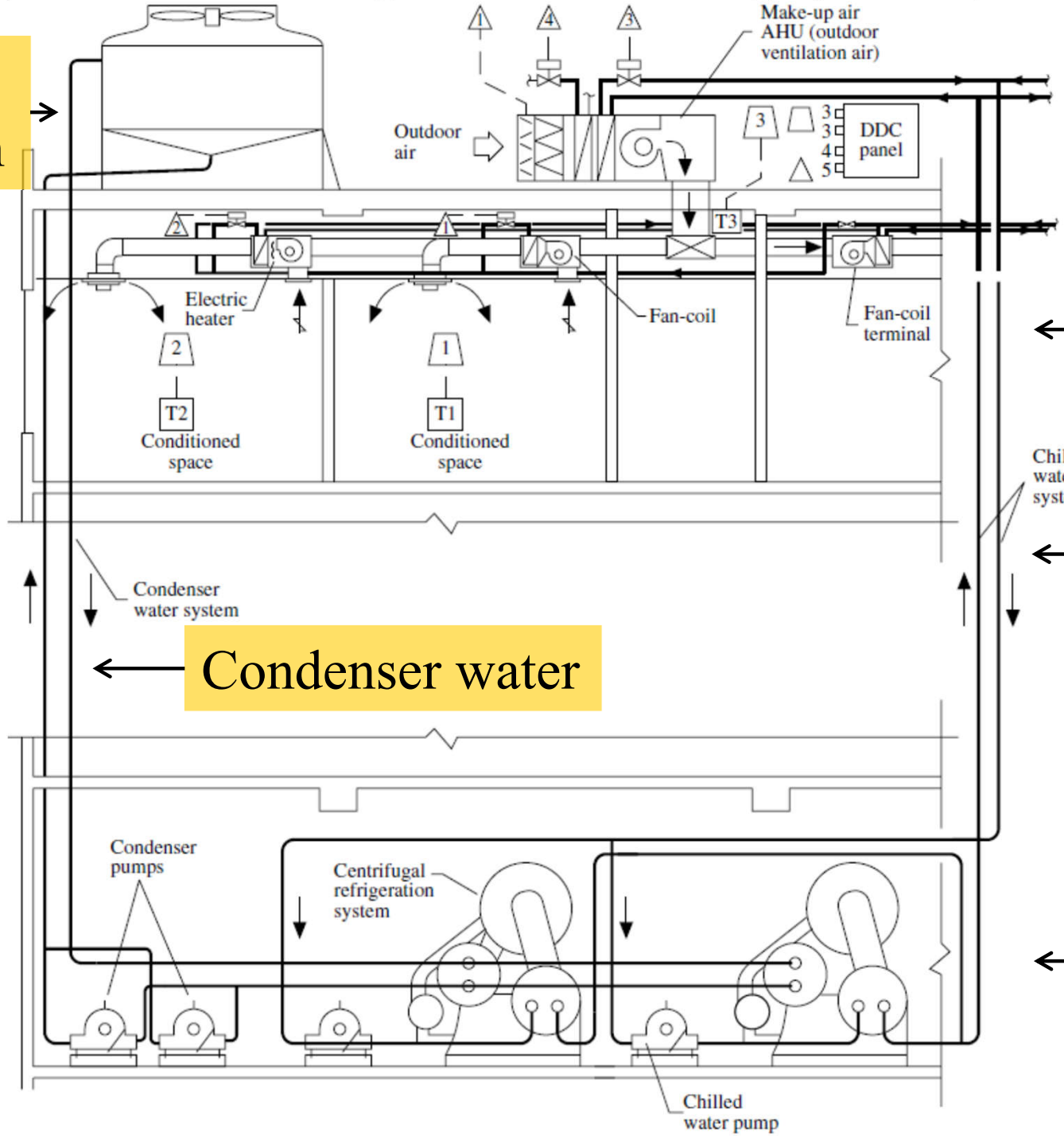


(Source: Fujitsu) (See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variable_refrigerant_flow)

Example of HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) system



A space-conditioning air-conditioning system (fan-coil system)



Heat rejection

Air side

Chilled water

Condenser water

Refrigeration

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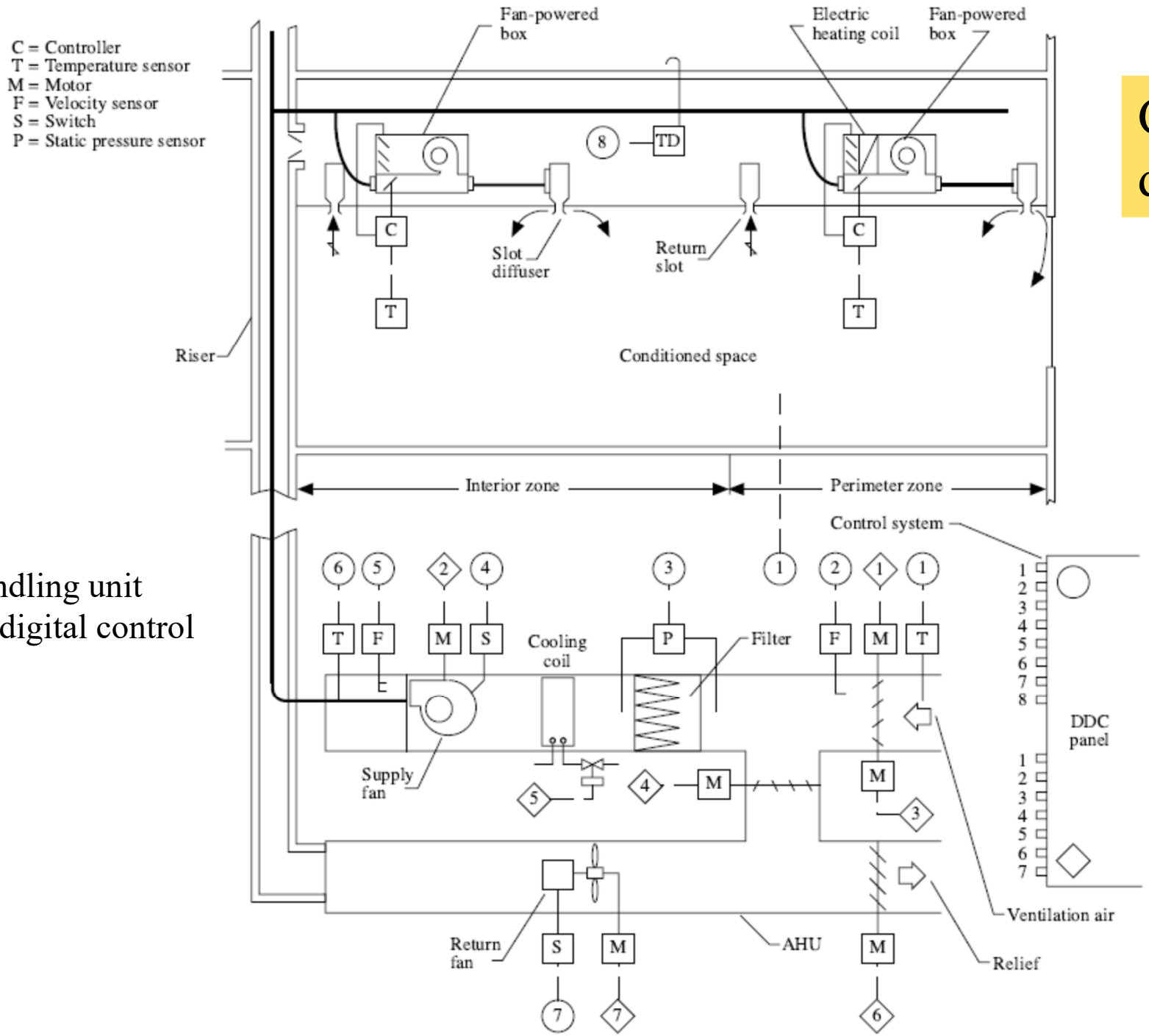
Air-side and control systems for a typical floor of a central system



Control diagram

AHU = air handling unit
DDC = direct digital control

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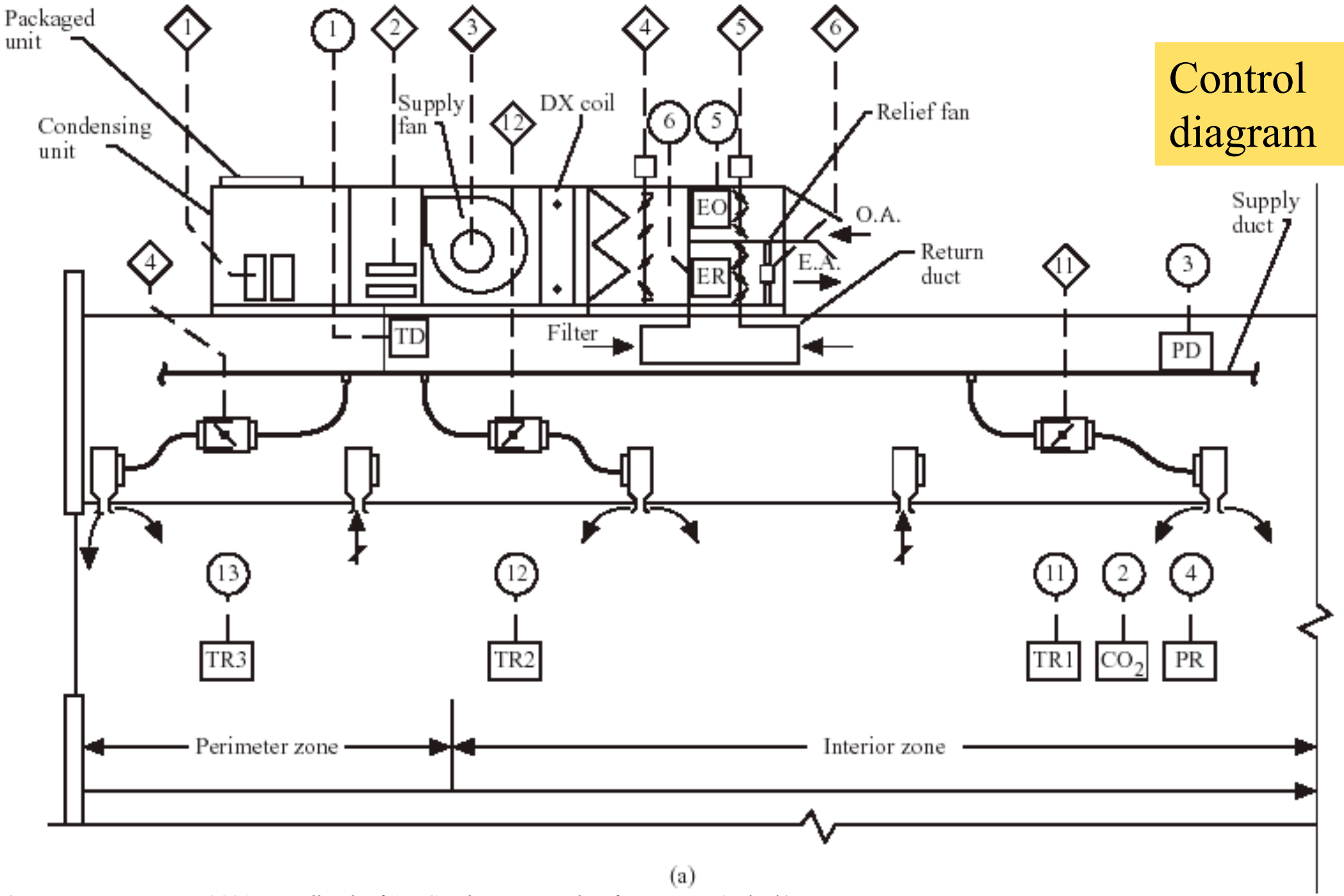
Variable-air volume (VAV) package system (rooftop unit)



Control diagram

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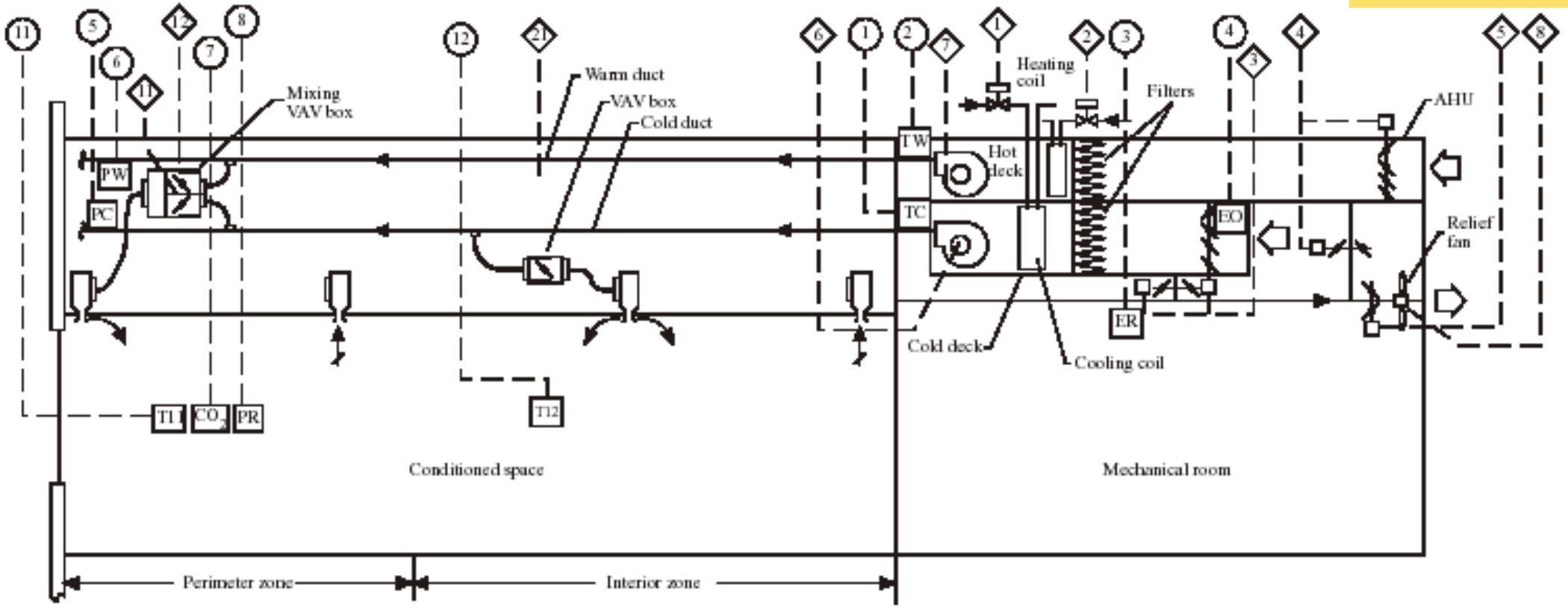
A dual-duct VAV central system

Control diagram



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Design of HVAC Systems

- Key issues of modern HVAC design:
  - Indoor air quality (IAQ)
    - Affect our health, productivity, and even safety
  - Energy conservation
    - Reduce energy consumption in new and existing buildings w/o compromising comfort and IAQ
  - Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
    - Ozone layer destruction
    - Use of low polluting materials, e.g. refrigerants

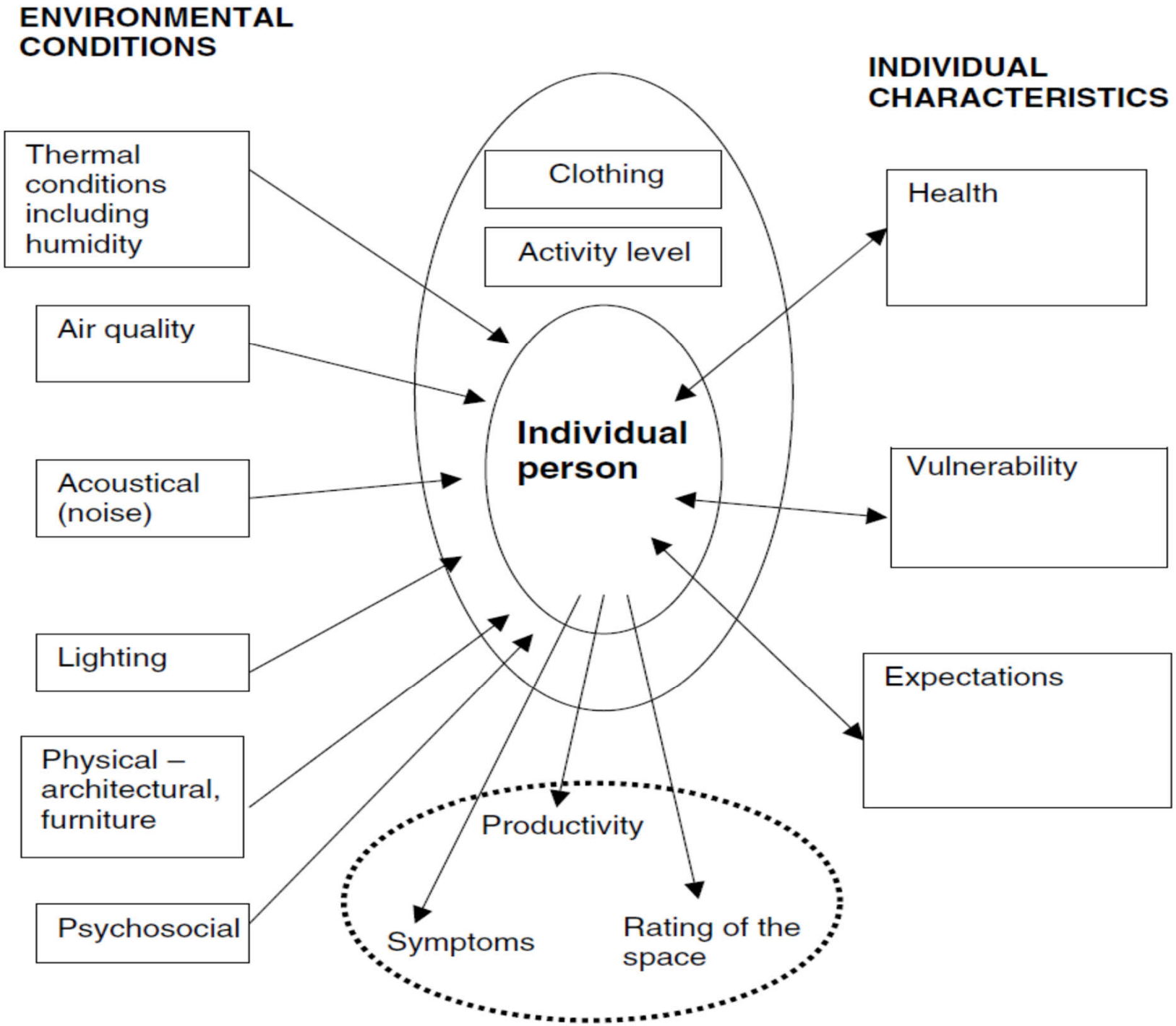
Design of HVAC Systems

- Design of an HVAC system includes:
  - 1. Calculation of the maximum cooling and heating loads for the spaces to be served
  - 2. Selection of the type of system to be used
  - 3. Calculation of piping and/or duct sizes
  - 4. Selection of the type and size of equipment (chillers, boilers, fans, air handling units, heat exchangers, etc.)
  - 5. A layout of the system and schematic diagrams

Design of HVAC Systems

- Establish key performance requirements, e.g.
  - Demands of building occupants & activities
  - Spatial requirements
  - Reliability, adaptability & flexibility
  - Maintenance requirements
  - Control quality & complexity
  - Aesthetics, time constraints & security
  - Investment criteria & whole life cycle costs
  - Energy/environmental targets
  - Indoor environmental standards

Three main groups of factors that affect human comfort



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Design of HVAC Systems

- Practical design strategy: integrated approach
  - AIM to meet the requirements of the people & processes without being excessive & wasteful
    - Energy efficiency, technically & economically sound
  - LINK with the design of building fabric (architecture) to maximise passive design potential
  - BASED on clear understanding of the building, client and end-user needs
  - FOLLOWED by effective commissioning, handover and building management

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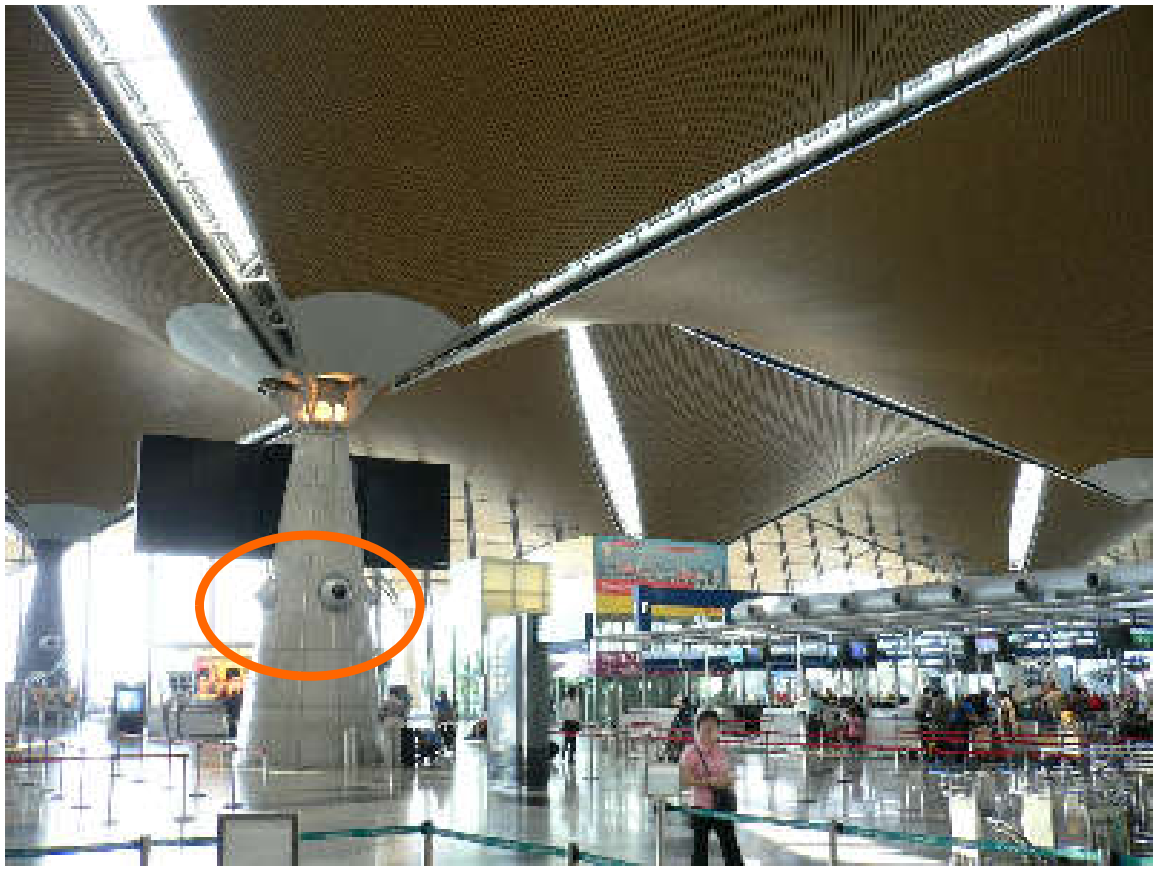
Stansted Airport, UK



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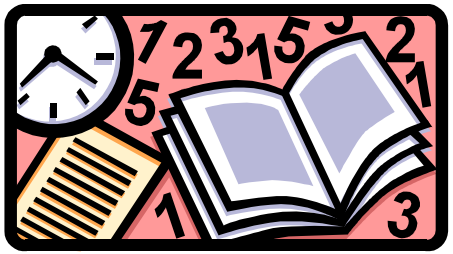
Further Reading



- Videos:
  - HVAC Training - Basics of HVAC (10:20) https://youtu.be/ScVBPAitibQ
  - Home Cooling System Design Issues (5:07) http://youtu.be/3r1bMdFS4NA

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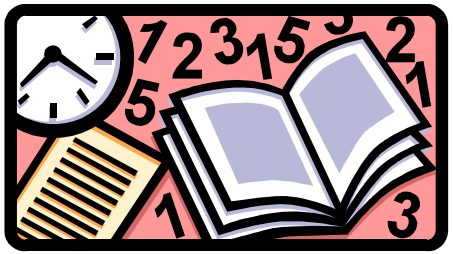

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- Online learning materials:
  - NPTEL E-learning course -- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning http://nptel.ac.in/courses/112105129/