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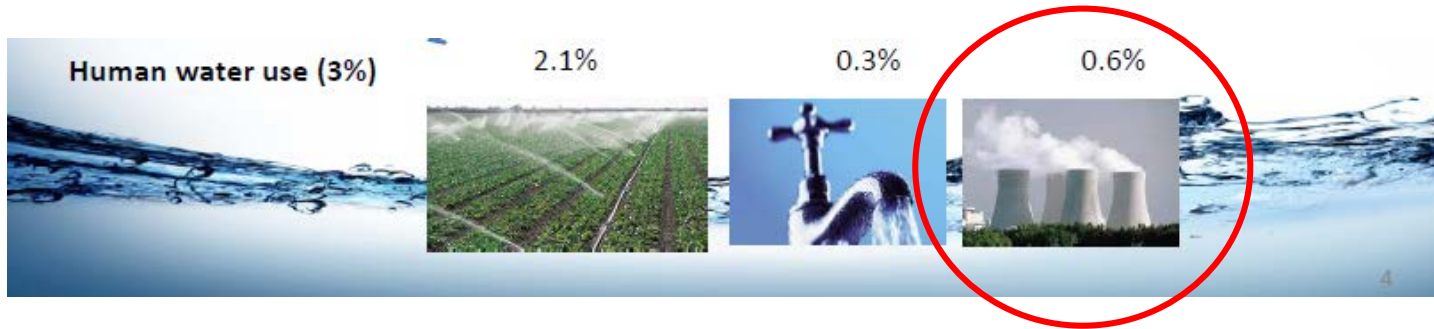
Bruxelles, June 19th, 2018

H2020 – Lessons learnt and projects results : Overview of geothermal projects

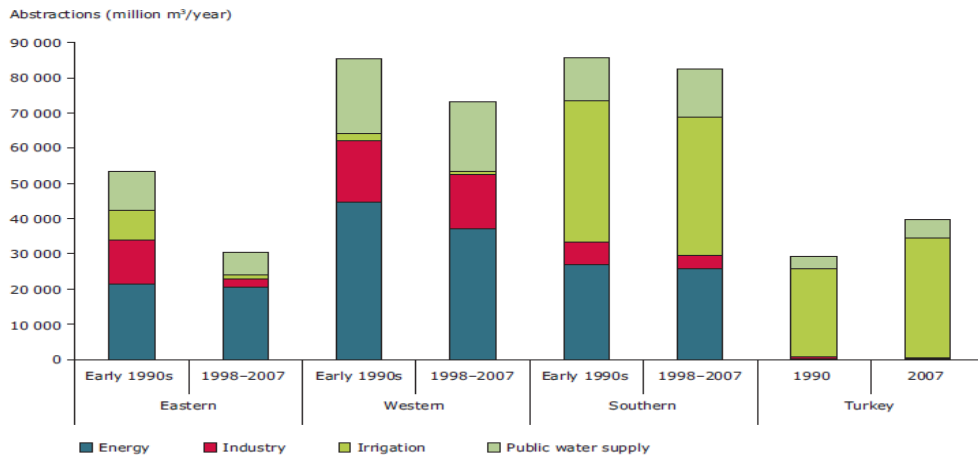
Sandra Scalari, Enel Green Power Innovation & Sustainability



Background and Rationale



EU Water abstraction per sector – EEA 90's vs 2007

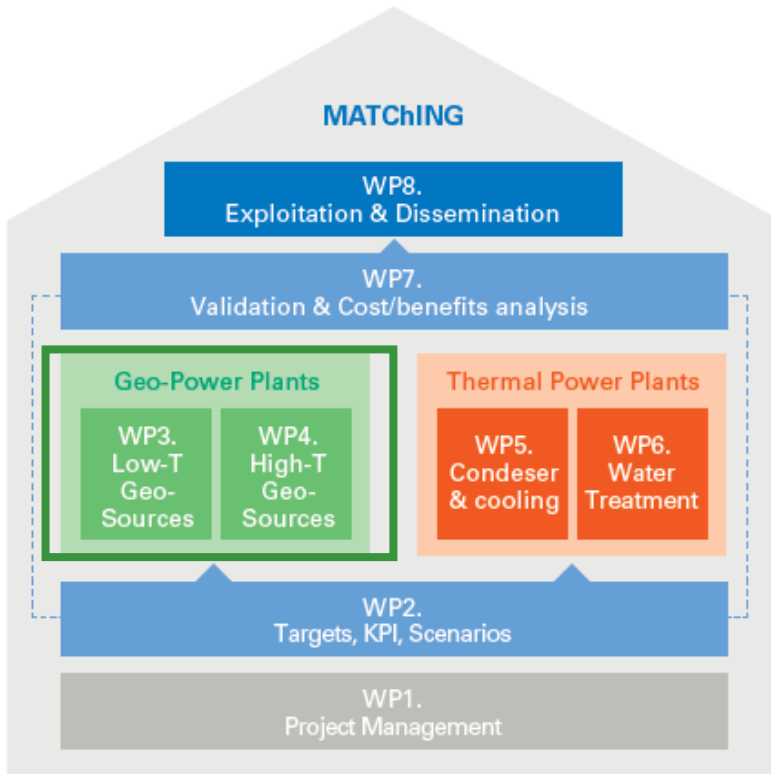


Power generation is a sector requiring great amounts of water: Cooling water for energy production accounts in fact, for 43-45% of total water abstraction in European Union

MATCHING is a collaborative project, funded by EU H2020 program. The project aims, to reduce the water demand and to improve the energy efficiency of cooling systems in the power generation sector

(1) Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, EC COM (2011) 571 Final (2) The European Environment State and outlook (2010) EEA (3) Charting Out Water Future, 2030 Water Resource Group (2009); (4) Rübhelke and Vögele, 2011

Consortium, quick facts and main outcomes



Expected Outcomes



Overall reduction of geothermal steam emitted into the atmosphere up to 15% and extension of production wells life up to 10% using hybrid solutions for cooling towers and advanced materials and coatings for dry modules



Overall plant efficiency increase up to 0.4-0.5%, enhancing the heat transfer efficiency in the condenser both on the steam side and water side via the use of advanced nano-engineered coatings and surfaces..



Overall reduction of fresh water abstraction in fossil fuelled power plants of about 30% validating a set of solutions (6) for the recovery and treatment of cooling water in CT equipped plants.

Starting Date	First of March 2016
Duration:	42 months
Partners:	15
Overall Budget	€ 11.847.291,75
Grant Amount	€ 9.706.413,77

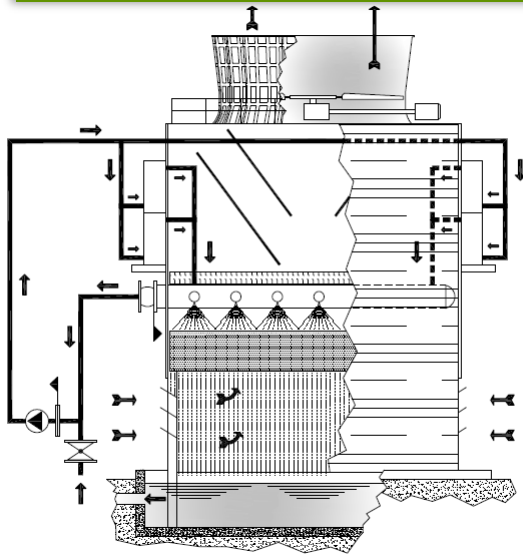


Technologies

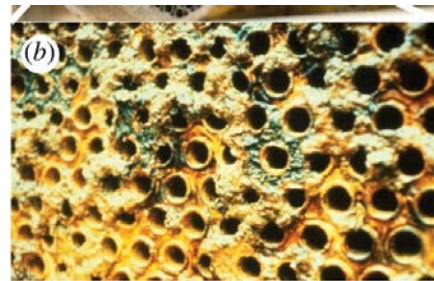
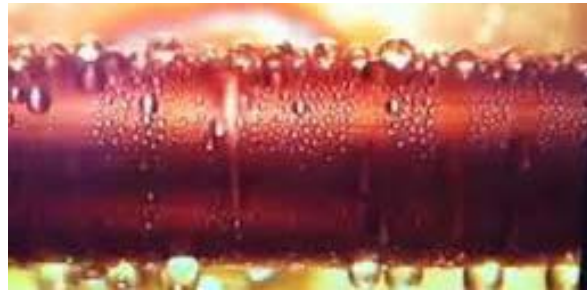


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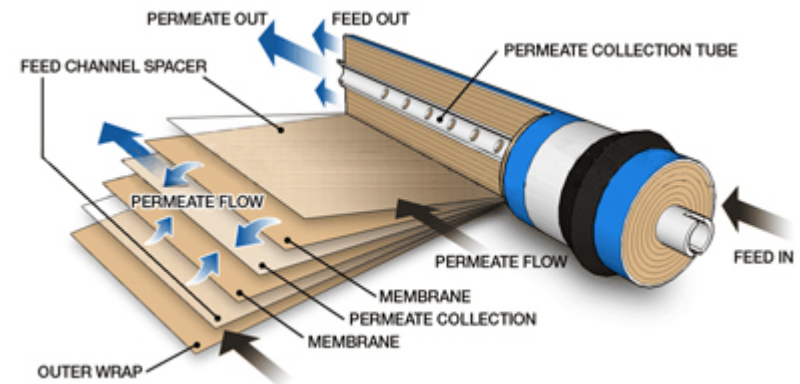
Hybrid CT for Geothermal application



Materials for steam condenser & heat exchangers



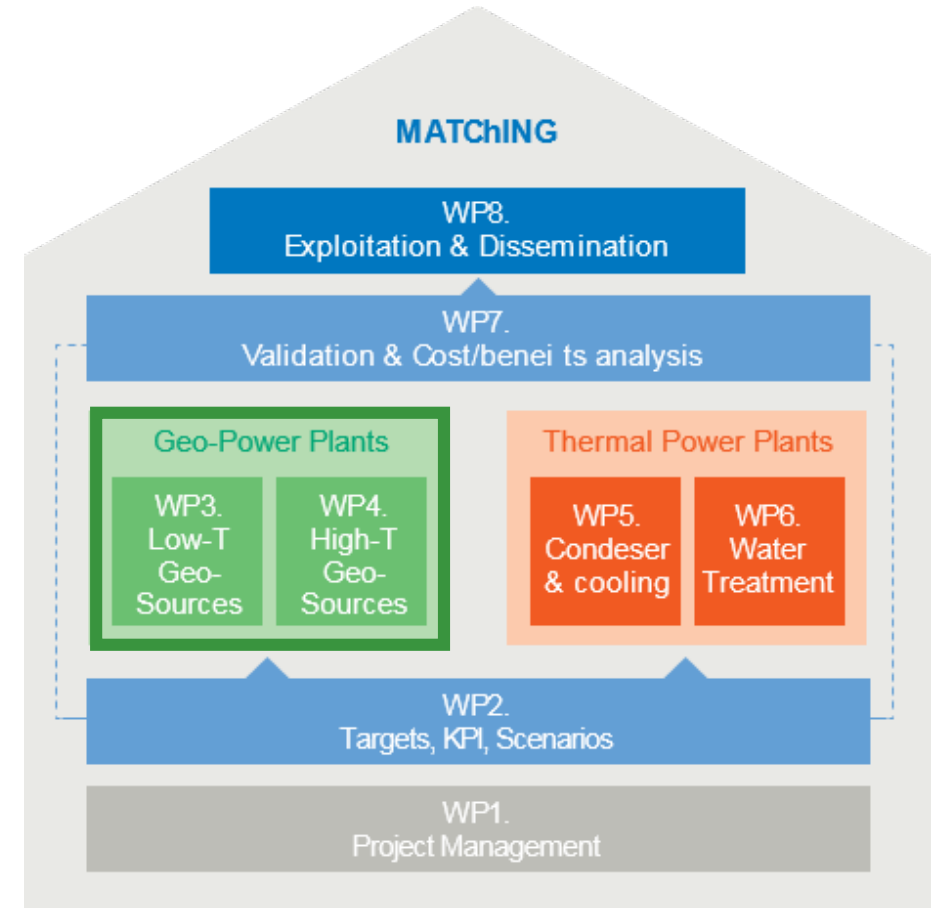
Water treatment systems



Geothermal Focused Activities

WP3, Hybrid Cooling Systems for Low-T Geothermal Sources, led by VITO: To improve electricity production processes from Low-T geothermal sources (100–175°C) considering both the geothermal fluid and the cooling water, maximizing the exergetic efficiency of the geothermal plant and support their exploitation in DG application.

WP4, Cooling Towers for High-T Geothermal Sources, led by EGP : To demonstrate the use of advanced/innovative materials solutions to increase the robustness of hybrid CTs in High T geothermal power plants, in order to make them a competitive alternative of currently used wet CTs. The hybrid CTs are expected to allow the reduction of about 15-20% of evaporative losses.

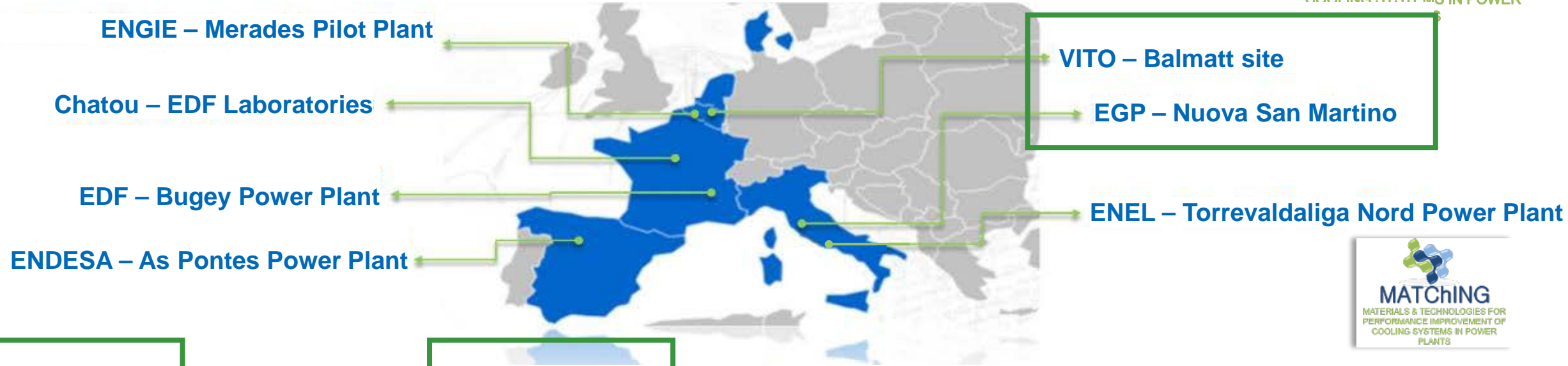


The MATCHING project demonstration program



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Coatings for geothermal heat exchangers	Membranes for water recovery from FGD	Hybrid CT for geothermal application	Coatings/materials for steam condenser and membranes for cooling water treatment	Coatings/materials for steam condenser	Membrane condensor	Membranes and technologies for cooling water treatment
						
Balmatt in Mol, Belgium	Torrealvaldliga Nord Italy	Nuova San Martino, Italy	As Pontes, Spain	Chatou, France	Bugey, France	Bruxelles, Belgium

Lesson Learned from the first 2 years of the project

Matching has a very important and extensive demonstration scope, 7 pilots/ demonstrators across Europe, taking advantage of existing facilities and building new ones.

It is important in the first phase of the project to focus on a thorough assessment of the sites where the tests are carried out: despite an accurate planning at proposal level, we needed to move some pilots in different locations, since the boundary conditions were not satisfactory(eg: composition of adequate water, interest in the plant, etc.).

Pilot management has to be taken into account, considering risks connected to complex installations, in terms of time and budget (eg, subcontractors for the management of pilots).

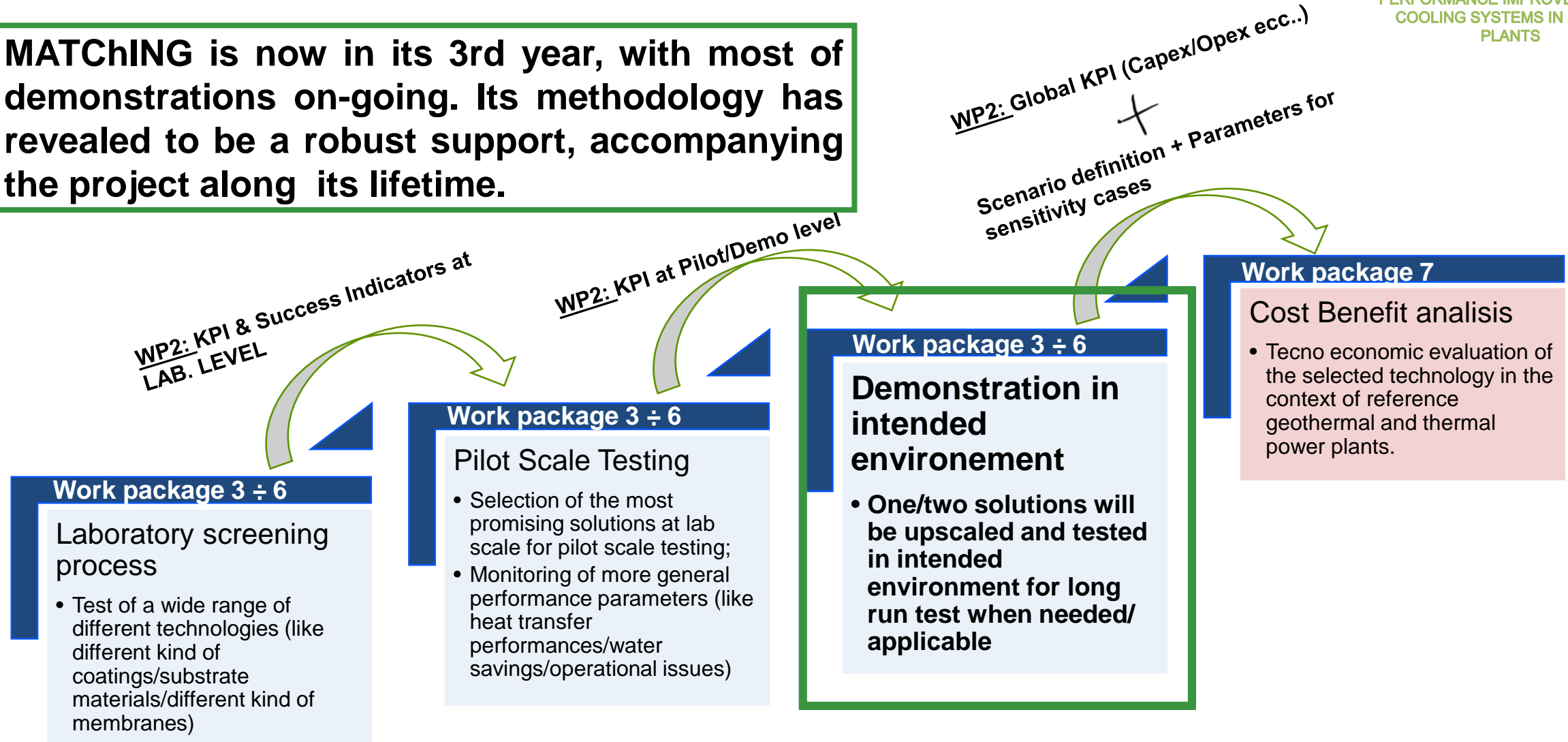


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A step by step process – Where we are now

MATCHING is now in its 3rd year, with most of demonstrations on-going. Its methodology has revealed to be a robust support, accompanying the project along its lifetime.



Communcation, Dissemination, and Exploitation

Matching has a strong Communication and Dissemination Plan, to which all the partners contributed.

Besides a special focus has been given to the Stakeholders' Community activities. This group include important stakeholders from Europe and beyond Europe.

Putting together the outcomes of experimental WPs and of Cost Benefit analysis, the project will provide a final guidebook including Best practise emerged from the overall Project results.



Communication Activities

A. Website creation and updating

Possibly 3 separate areas: private, public and for USERS GROUP.

Aim is to target at least 25.000 individual site visits during the duration of the project.

B. Scientific & technical publications

Aside from the public deliverables, a total of at least 30 publications are aimed for. Publications include those in peer reviewed magazines as well as oral presentations in international conferences

C. WORKSHOP AND FINAL CONFERENCE

Four workshops will be organized all along the project duration. A final international conference will be organised in Brussels **The conference aims to attract more than 50 key organizations / parties.**

D. PRESS MEDIA

Press media will include general presentation of the project and more technical press releases in occasion of important event. **At least two press releases on the EU continental scale are envisaged, target size >250.000.**

E. SIX MONTHLY

Newsletter

Every six months a newsletter will be released illustrating the main achievements and will be primarily distributed to the group of stakeholders. The newsletter will be also available on the website

F. SOCIALS

A LinkedIn page will be set up and continuously updated

G. VIDEO

A Technical video and a video of project presentation will be produced and put on the website

H. BROCHURE/

POSTER

Brochure presenting the project overview will be ideated, printed (around 1000 copies) and distributed during conference/workshops/events. Every year a poster with the main project outcomes will be made available on the website.

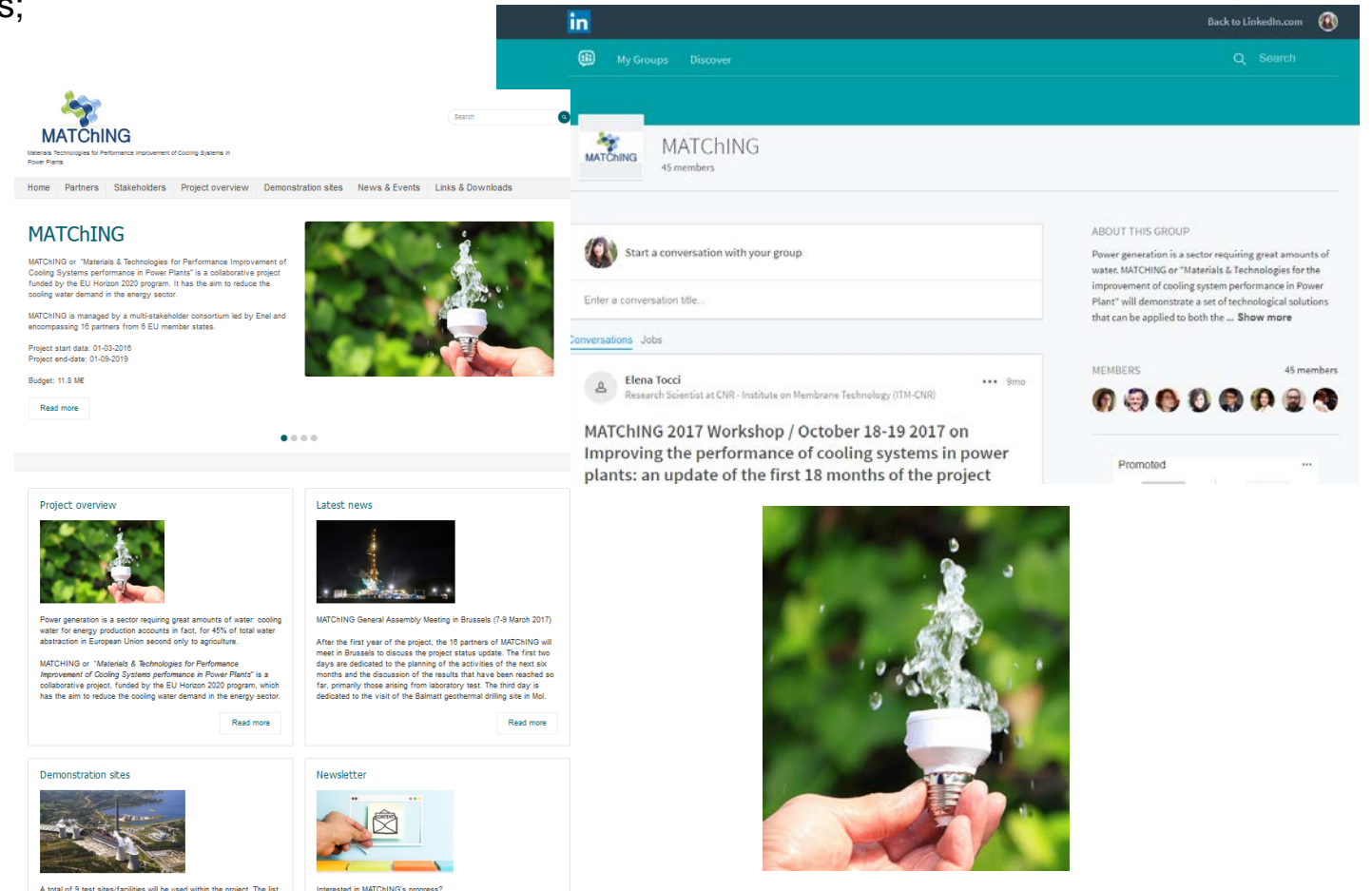
Communication and dissemination, in summary

2016-now

- ✓ 14 Oral Presentations to workshops and Conferences;
- ✓ 4 Public deliverables
- ✓ 3 Poster presentations;
- ✓ 3 Articles in technical magazine;
- ✓ 2 press release;
- ✓ 1000 brochure printed, 2 general posters
- ✓ 3 newsletters;
- ✓ 3 MATCHING workshops;
- ✓ 2 General Assembly (including As Pontes 2018)
- ✓ LinkedIn Account

2018

- ✓ 9 Foreseen conference participations;
- ✓ 2 Publications in ISI journals;
- ✓ Contribution in EMIRI “success story” booklet
- ✓ 2 Publication in Technical magazines;
- ✓ 1 press release/publication?
- ✓ 1 *General video*
- ✓ 1 *Technical video*
- ✓ 1 Newsletter
- ✓ 1 MATCHING Workshop
- ...and what about a twitter account?



The image shows a composite of two screenshots. On the left is the MATCHING project website, featuring a navigation menu (Home, Partners, Stakeholders, Project overview, Demonstration sites, News & Events, Links & Downloads), a main header with the MATCHING logo and tagline, and several content blocks: 'Project overview' with a lightbulb image, 'Latest news' with a photo of a meeting, 'Demonstration sites' with an aerial view of a power plant, and a 'Newsletter' sign-up form. On the right is a screenshot of the MATCHING LinkedIn group page, showing the group name, 45 members, a description of the project's goal, and a recent post titled 'MATCHING 2017 Workshop / October 18-19 2017 on Improving the performance of cooling systems in power plants: an update of the first 18 months of the project'. A large image of a hand holding a lightbulb with water spraying from it is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshots.

<http://matching-project.eu>

Users' Group, in summary

MATCHING has a stakeholder community which has been established with the aim to have an audience constantly informed on the project outcomes providing important feedback on policies, regulations, and business cases.

MATCHING's stakeholder community is composed of 14 relevant power industry representatives, European bodies and platforms on environment, water and materials as well as market players in the water treatment field.

Their role is to bring their own expertise, to share their point of view and to disseminate project relevant outcomes to other potential end-users, policy makers and public bodies.

MATCHING's stakeholders are regularly invited to dedicated workshops and meetings where the projects results are presented and discussed.



Thank you

WP4 - Cooling Towers for High-T Geothermal Sources



An overall change from TRL 4 to 6 is expected for the specific technologies.

Specific objectives:

- Demonstrate advanced filling packs for wet modules with higher robustness and thermal efficiency, making then possible longer filling operation life and reduction of operation costs.
- Demonstrate advanced materials/coatings (nano-coating applied to dry modules) to increase the robustness and efficiency of Hybrid CTs.

Task n°	Content	Task Leader	Partners Involved
Task 4.1	Developing of hybrid (wet/dry) module	SPIG	EGP
Task 4.2	Demo facility realization	EGP	SPIG
Task 4.3	Hybrid CT demonstration	EGP	SPIG, AIMEN
Task 4.4	Final assessment of coatings and materials	EGP	SPIG, AIMEN, EIR

Completed

Completed

On-going

WP4 - Cooling Towers for High-T Geothermal Sources



The hybrid CTs are expected to allow a reduction of about 15-20% of evaporative losses, increasing the reinjection capability and extending well life.

- Increased reinjection into the reservoir will slow the pressure drawdown, with **immediate effect in reducing the production decline, the gas/steam ratio, and keeping more stable the well production.**
- In case of complete refurbishment of a standard 40-MW plant cooling tower (six modules), **30 t/h** of reinjection increase are expected, corresponding to about **10 GWh/y of extra production.**
- **First known attempt to implement a hybrid cooling tower technology in a geothermal plant.**

WP4 - Cooling Towers for High-T Geothermal Sources

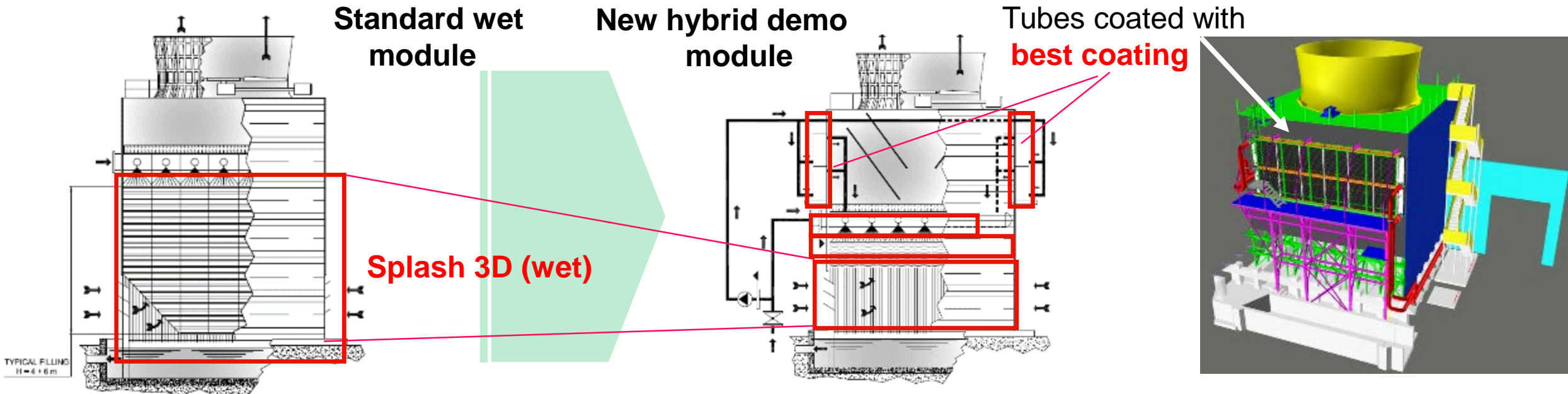
- Nuova San Martino, built in 2005 in Lago Geothermal Area (Grosseto).
- Installed capacity: 40 MWe, 1 generation unit.
- Six forced CTs (Mechanical Induced draft counterflow): One has been modified in MATCHING, based on an innovative hybrid technology and is being operated in parallel with the five conventional ones.
- **Instead of sequential phase 1 (wet assessment) and phase 2 (hybrid assessment) a unique demonstration phase will be carried on with a weekly switch from wet to hybrid (M24→M36).**



DEMO Facility realization

The features design of process equipment are:

- (wet) Reduction of the wet filling height down to 1.8 m: **SPLASH 3D STAR X20**
- (dry) 2 heat exchangers equipped with tested coating materials: 1 Carbon steel tubes coated with **best coated** and 1 equipped with aluminium tubes coated by the same;



Hybrid CT demonstration

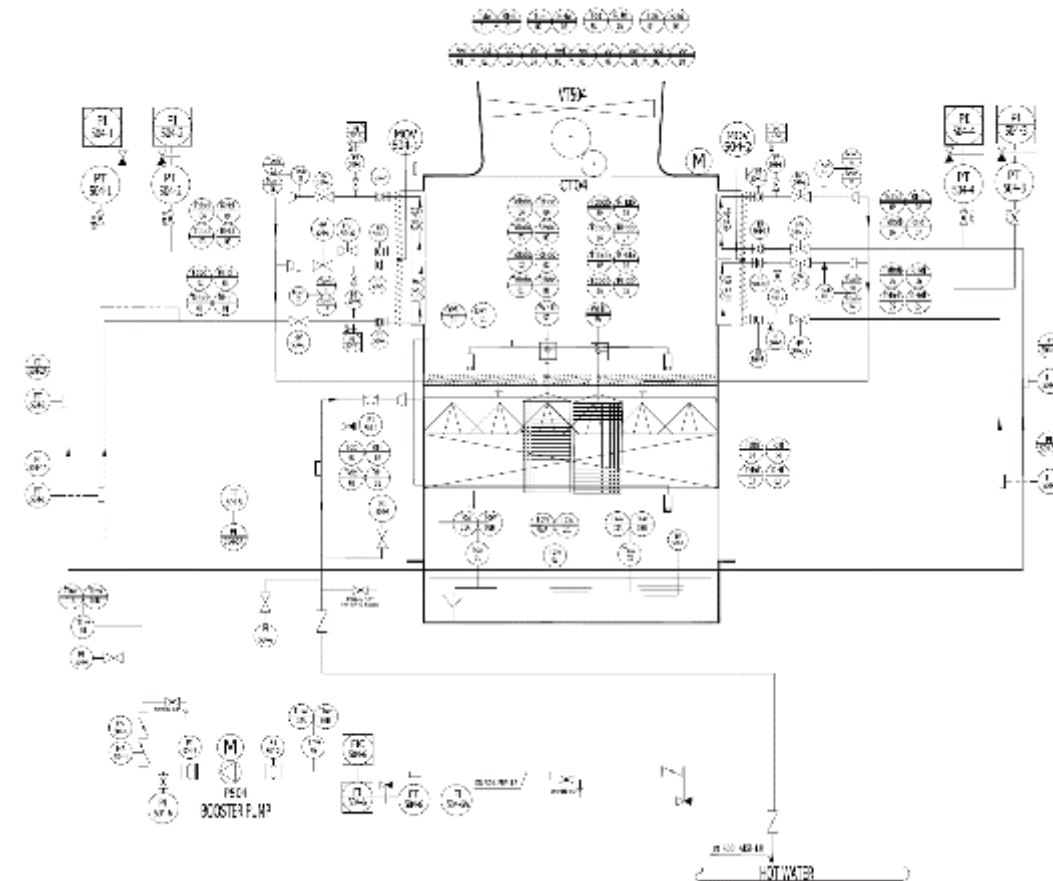


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Subtask 4.3 –KPI evaluation → Dedicated Automation & Control

Wet section KPIs	Scale	Variable measured
4.1.1 Filling cooling capability for filling height of 1 meter [-]	Lab/DEMO	Inlet/out air DBT, RH, inlet/outlet water temp. , water flow rate
4.1.2 Filling cooling capability per fan power consumption [kW ⁻¹]	Lab/DEMO	See 4.1.1 + Fan Power,
4.1.3 Material costs of innovative fillings per MW [€/MW]	Lab/DEMO	CAPEX
4.1.4 Reduction of filling cooling capability over the time [month ⁻¹]	DEMO	See 4.1.1
4.1.5 Increase of pack weight due to clogging [kg/month]	DEMO	filling weight
4.1.6 Increase of air pressure drop through filling due to clogging (Pa/month)	DEMO	water pressure
Dry section KPIs		
4.2.1 Reduction of dry module heat transfer coefficient due to fouling [W/(m ² *K*month)]	DEMO	Inlet/outlet air temp., water flow rate, inlet/outlet water temp.
4.2.2 Increase of dry module water pressure drop due to fouling [Pa/month]	DEMO	water pressure
4.2.3 Coating corrosion resistance [Ωcm ²]	DEMO	Electric current
4.2.5 Cost increase compared to standard dry module sections [%]	DEMO	CAPEX



DEMO Facility realization: instrumentation



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Hygrometer

Accuracy = 0,2% RH

Range = 5 ÷ 95%



Termometer

Accuracy = 0,2% K

Range = -20 ÷ 50 °C



Anemometer

Accuracy = 0,2% K

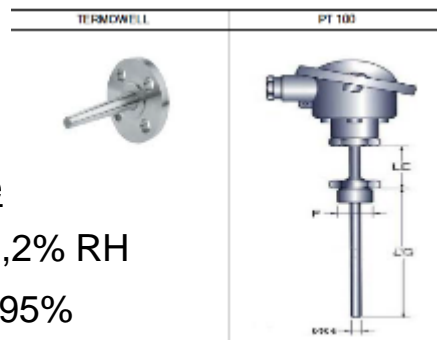
Range = -20 ÷ 50 °C



Velocimeter

Accuracy = 0,3 m/s

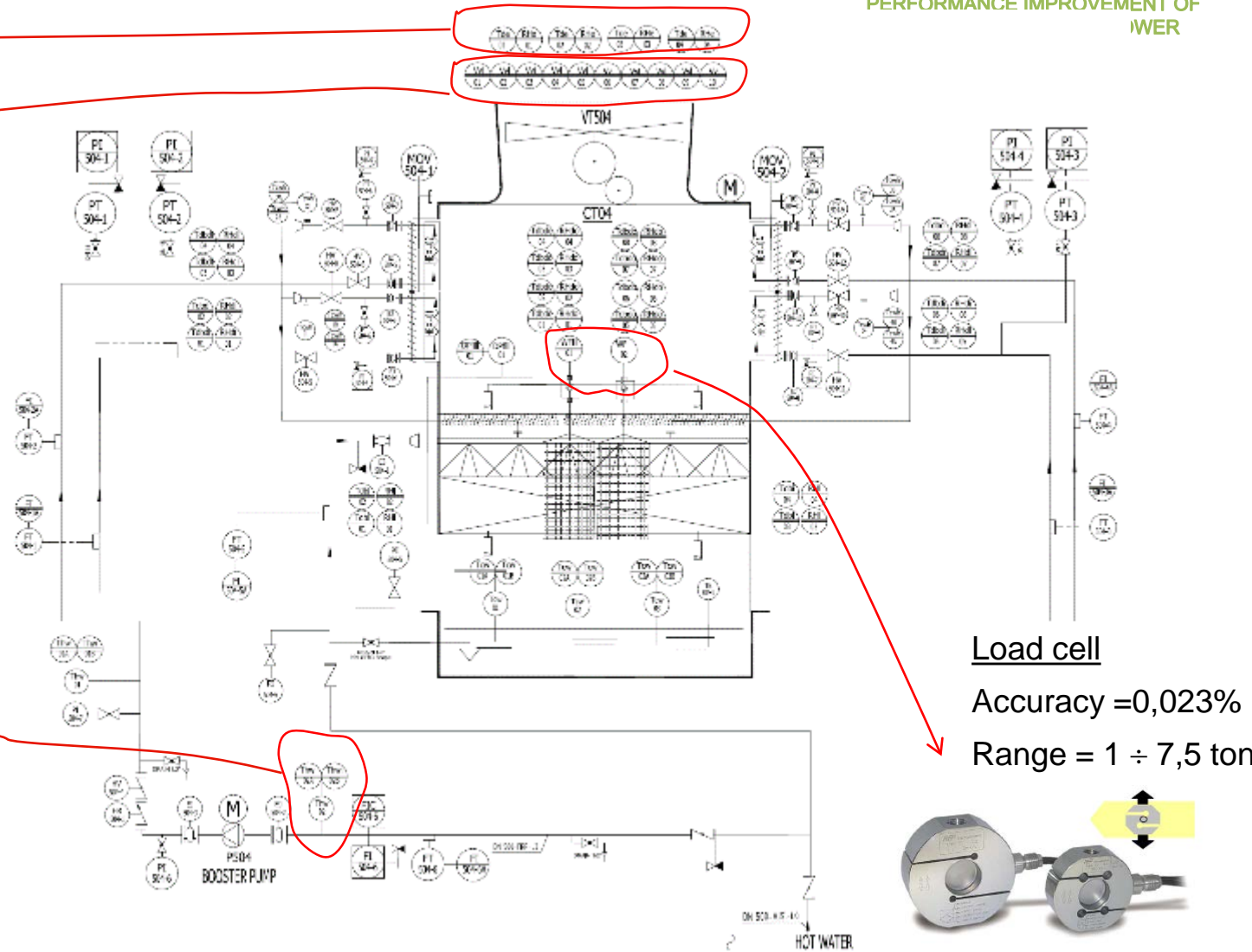
Range = 0-30 m/s



Termocouple

Accuracy = 0,2% RH

Range = 5 ÷ 95%

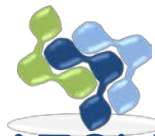


Load cell

Accuracy = 0,023%

Range = 1 ÷ 7,5 ton





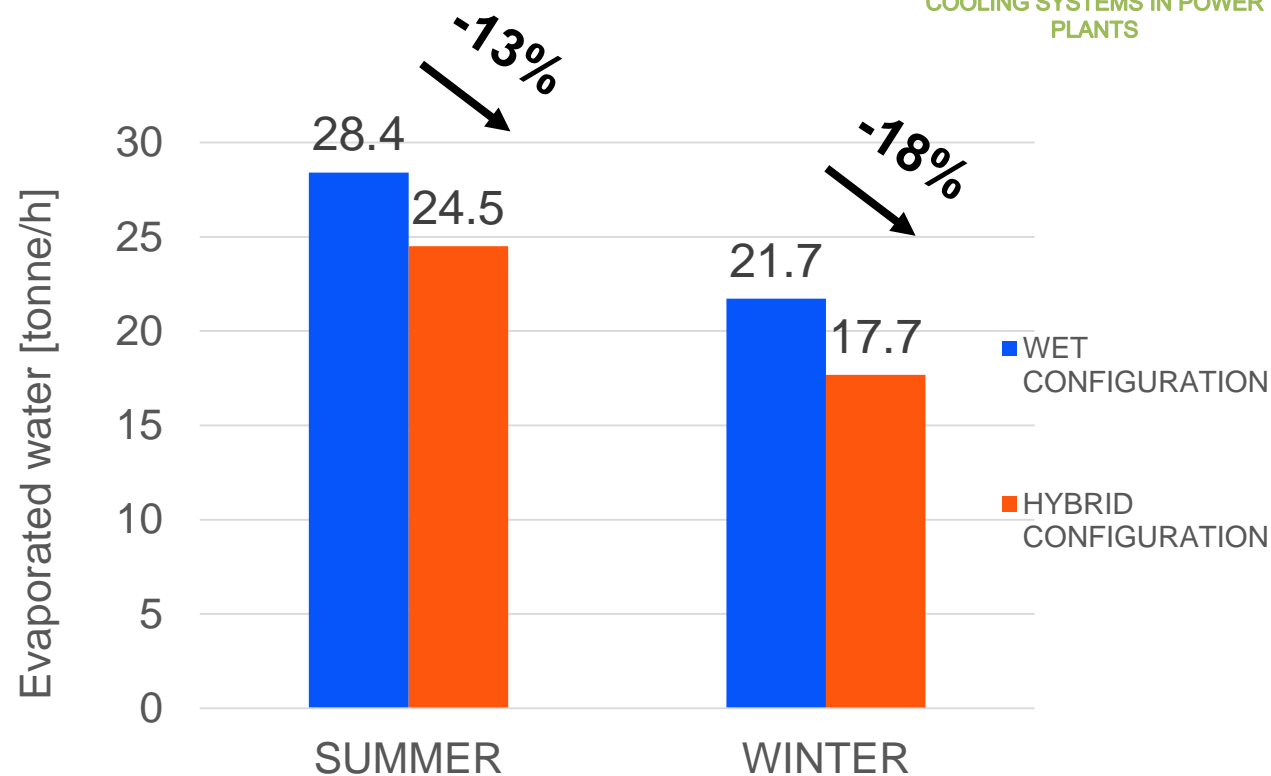
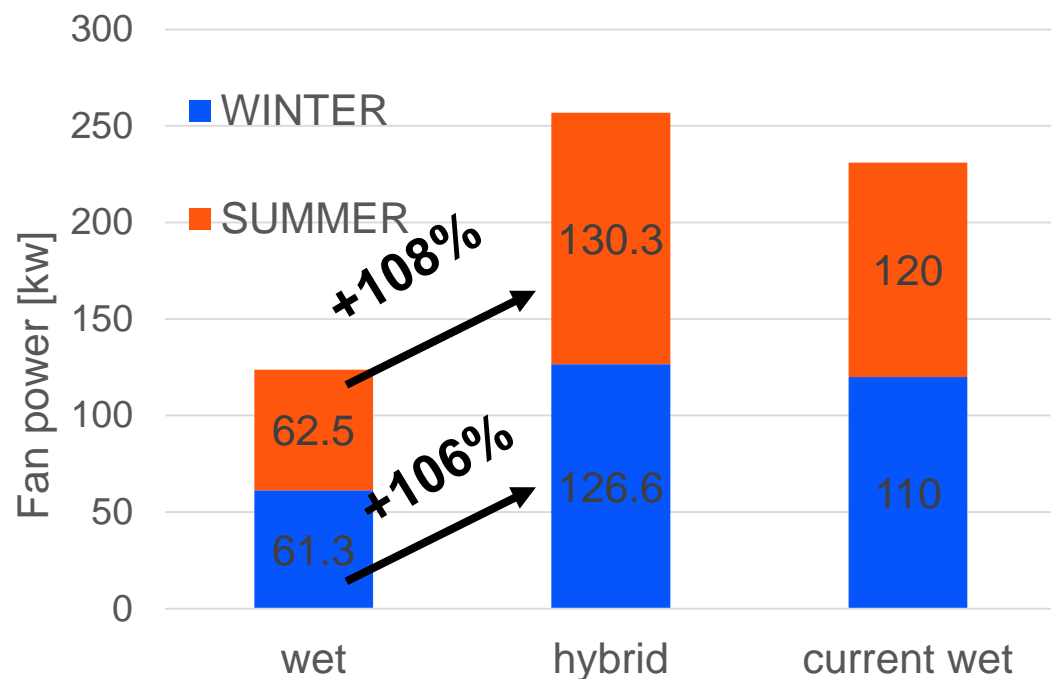
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Hybrid CT demonstration: global KPI

Expected performances

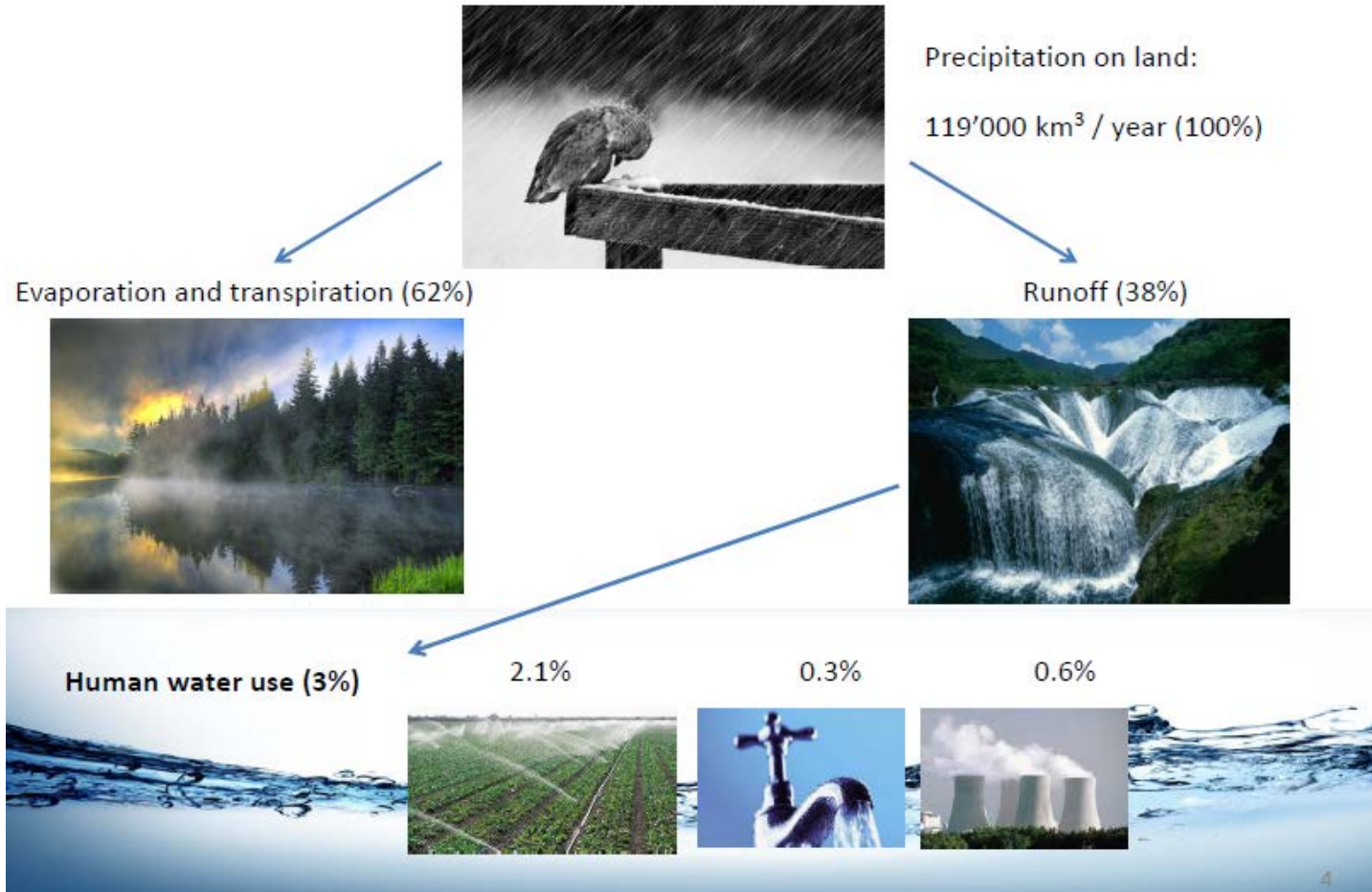
On the basis of simulations with ambient data the expected evaporation rate was calculated for summer and winter season.



A yearly estimation of evaporated water is going to be calculated by-means of historical data.

Background and Rationale

Water: How much is there?*



Human water use is a so small percentage of the total amount of water precipitated on the land...

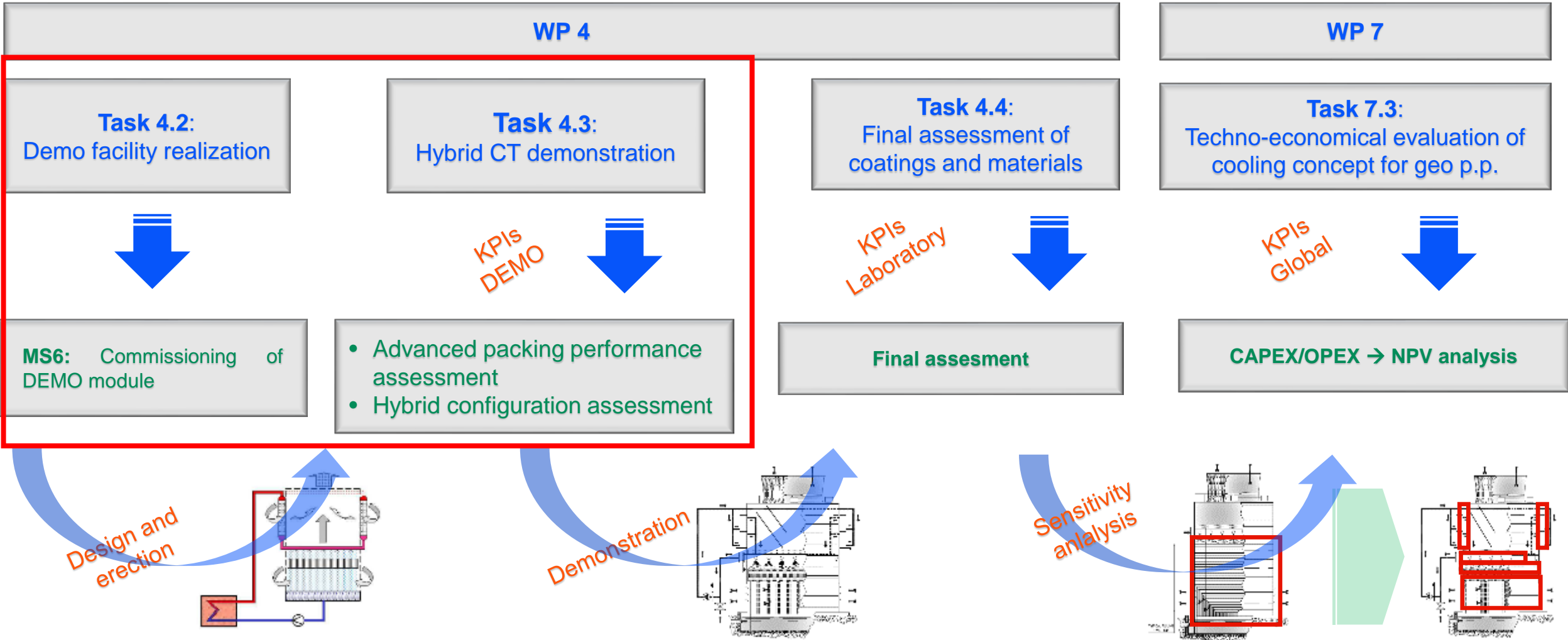
Then what is the problem ?

First: *Water is not well distributed in time and space and its quality is deteriorating around the globe: **quality issues***

Second: *The quantity represented as accessible, reliable, environmentally sustainable supply is a much smaller quantity than the absolute raw water available in nature and that is the amount that truly matters: **quantity issues***

* **Source:**
Anne-Marie Boulay, Ph.D. WULCA,
Water footprint training, San Francisco, October 8th, 2014

WP4 status update: demonstration started on April 2018



DEMO Facility realization: CT data sheet



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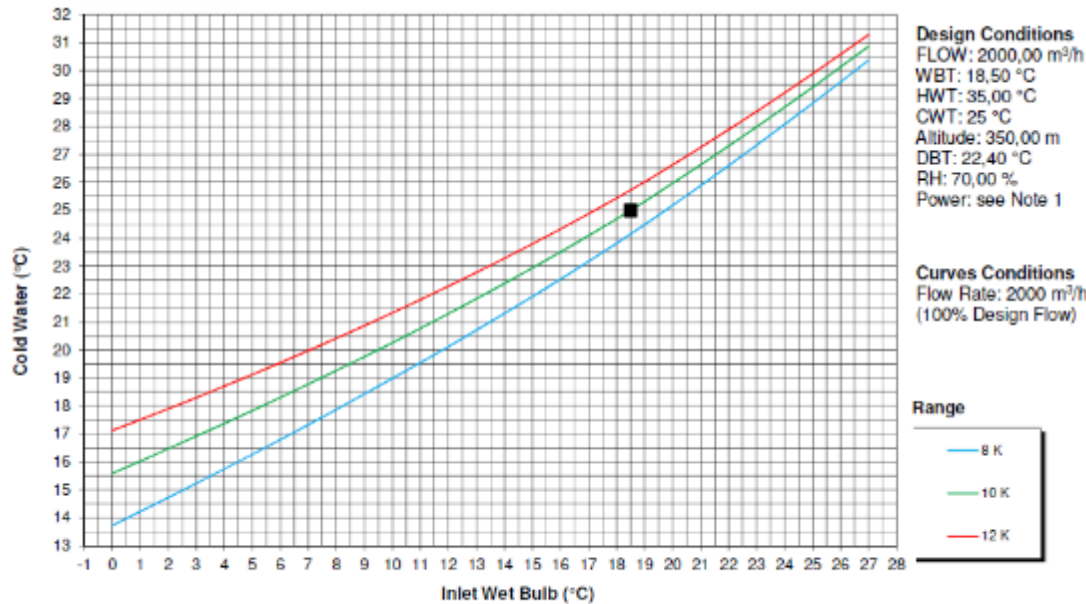
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PROCESS DATA - DESIGN CONDITION

Cell Waterflow WF (m ³ /h)	2000
Hot water temperature HWT (°C)	35.0 (wet mode)
Cold water temperature CWT (°C)	25.0 (wet mode)
Range HWT-CWT (°C)	10.0 (wet mode)
Entering Wet bulb temperature WBT (°C)	18.5
Approach (°C)	6.5
No plume condition	5°C / 90%
Drift loss (%)	≤ 0.0005
Evaporation loss (%)	1.40% wet mode / 1.25% hybrid mode
Water specific load (m ³ /h*m ²)	11.02

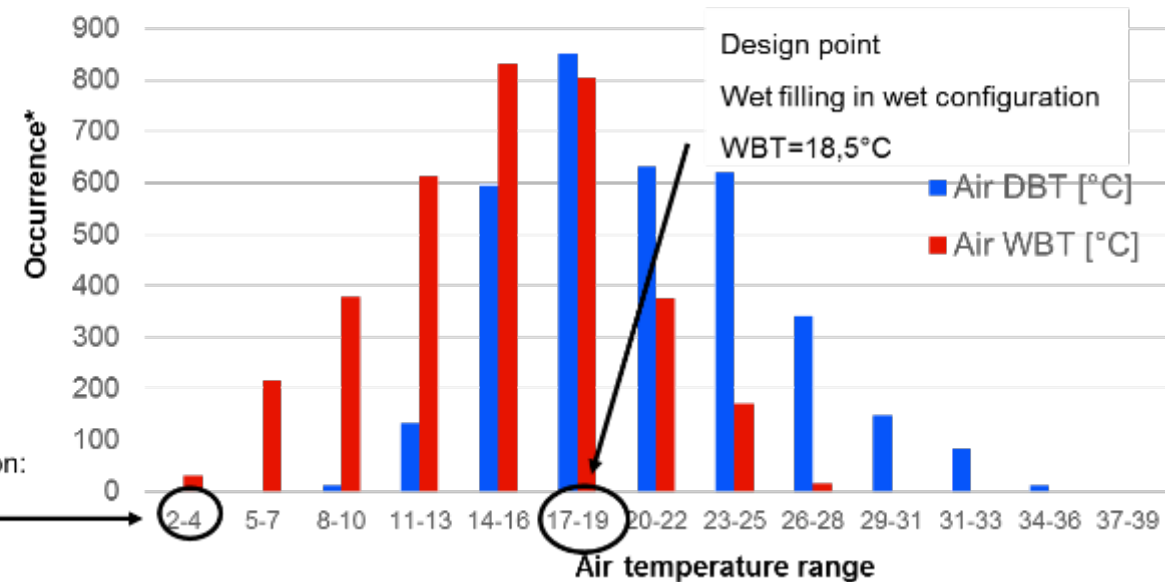
The design of new hybrid unit was based on heat load demand and main approach temperature difference → (most likely seasonal ambient WBT)

The NO PLUME condition had to be respected for the most likely lowest WBT



Note 1: For fan speed and power consumption in wet and hybrid mode see data sheet S-HORA16-IT-D-004

Design point
 Dry section in
 Hybrid configuration:
 DBT=5°C;
 RH=90%;



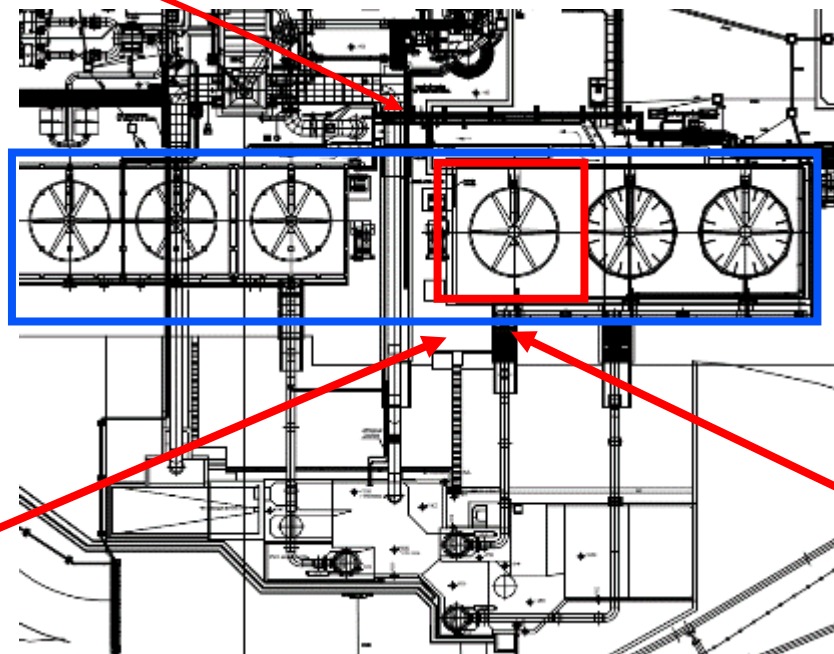
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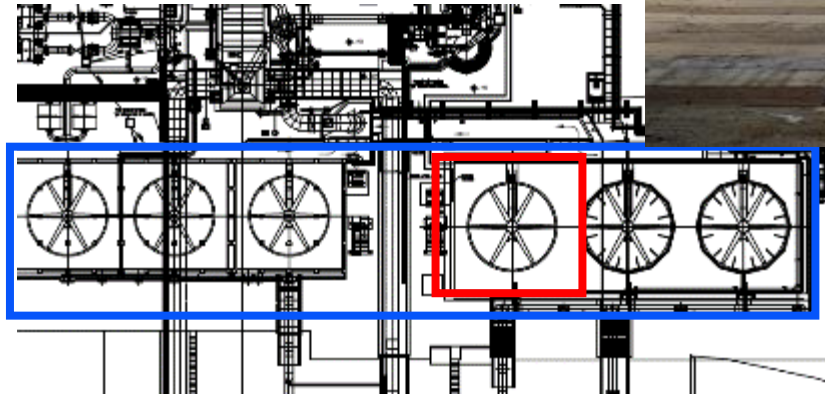
Civil works



DEMO Facility realization: existing CT dismantle



Dismantle of chimney and fan



Dismantle of existing filling

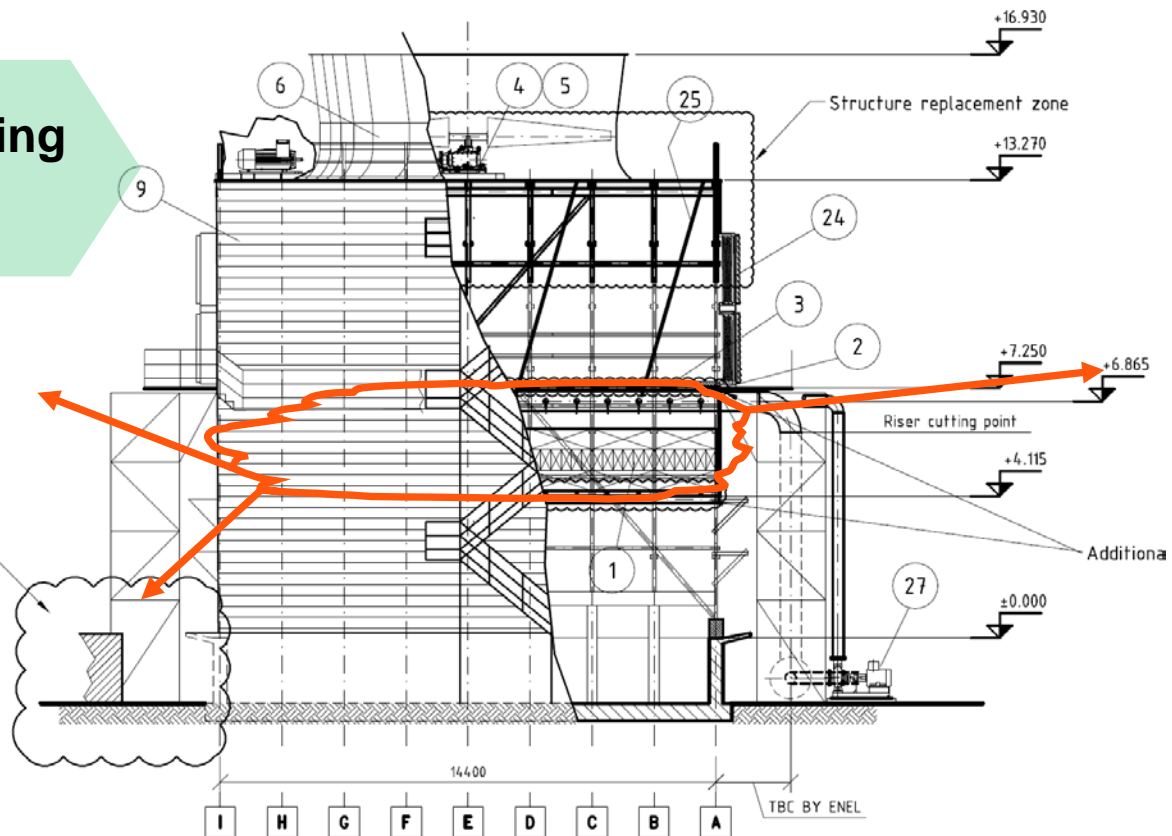


DEMO Facility realization: process & mech works



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Installation of new existing
filling media



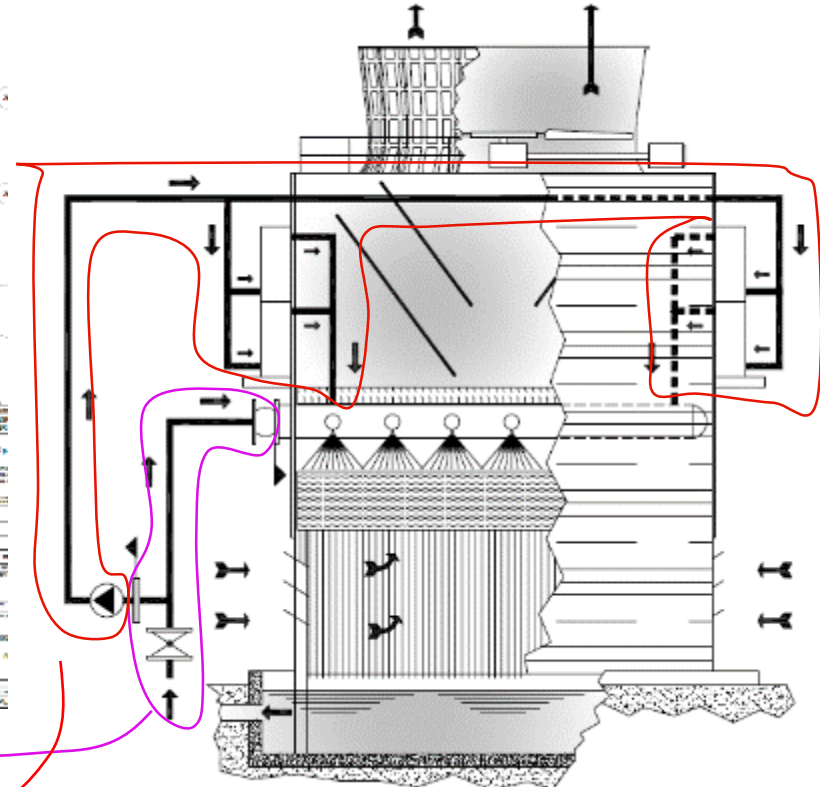
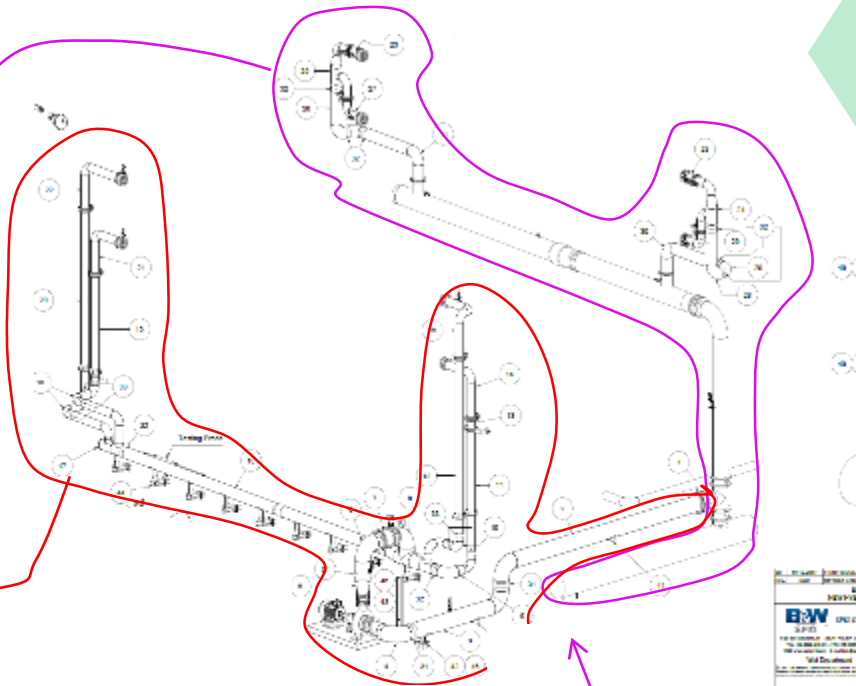
DEMO Facility realization: piping modification



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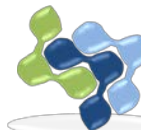
Piping modification



Piping modification of feeding hot water:

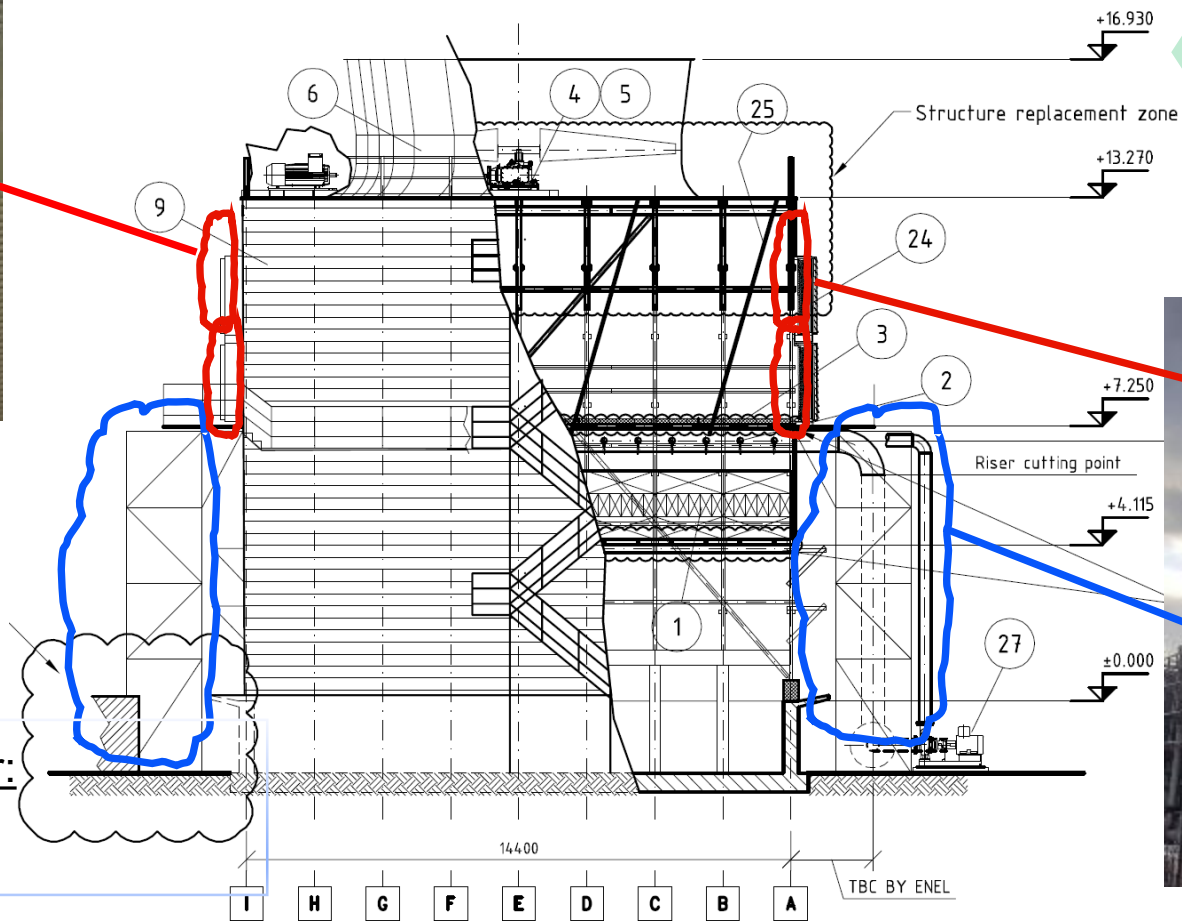
- Hybrid configuration → 35% to wet section, 65% to dry section;
- Wet configuration → 100% to wet section;

DEMCO 2nd DEMO realization: dry section & carpentry



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Dry section & carpentry



Piping modification of feeding hot water:

- 2 HX, 7 tonnes each side