

University of Utah Campus Energy Efficiency Project

How the University solved chiller plant capacity needs

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University of Utah by the Numbers

32,760
Total University
Enrollment

>500
Buildings



15MM
Square Feet

3
High-Temperature
Hot Water Plants

1,535
Acres of
University-
Owned Land

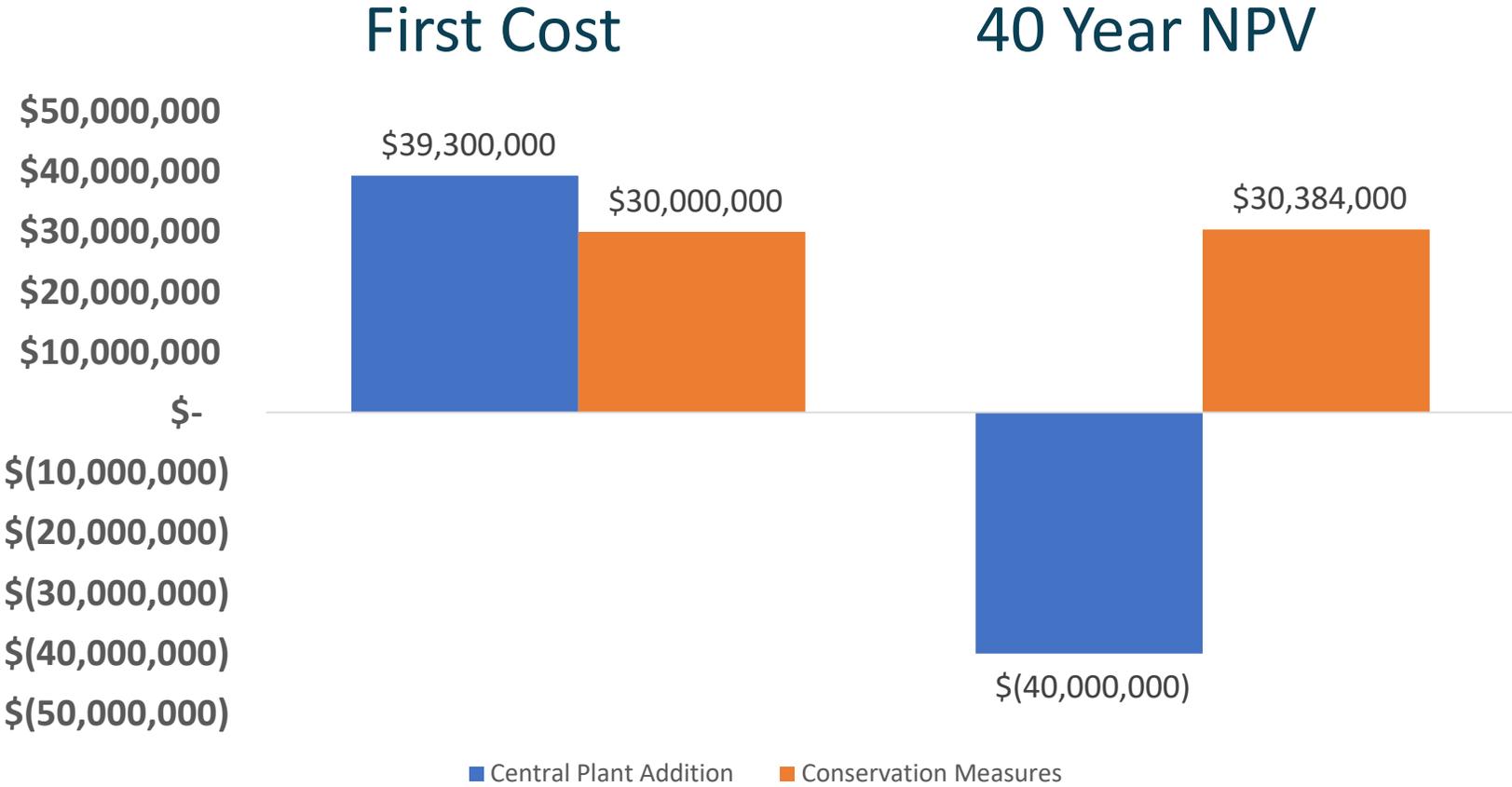
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Chilled Water
Plants

Utah Health Science Campus Transformation Project

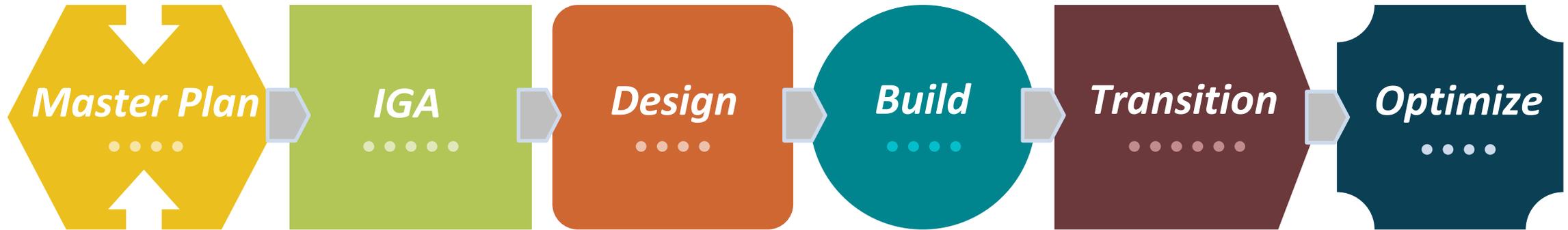


Master Plan

Long-Term Cost Difference

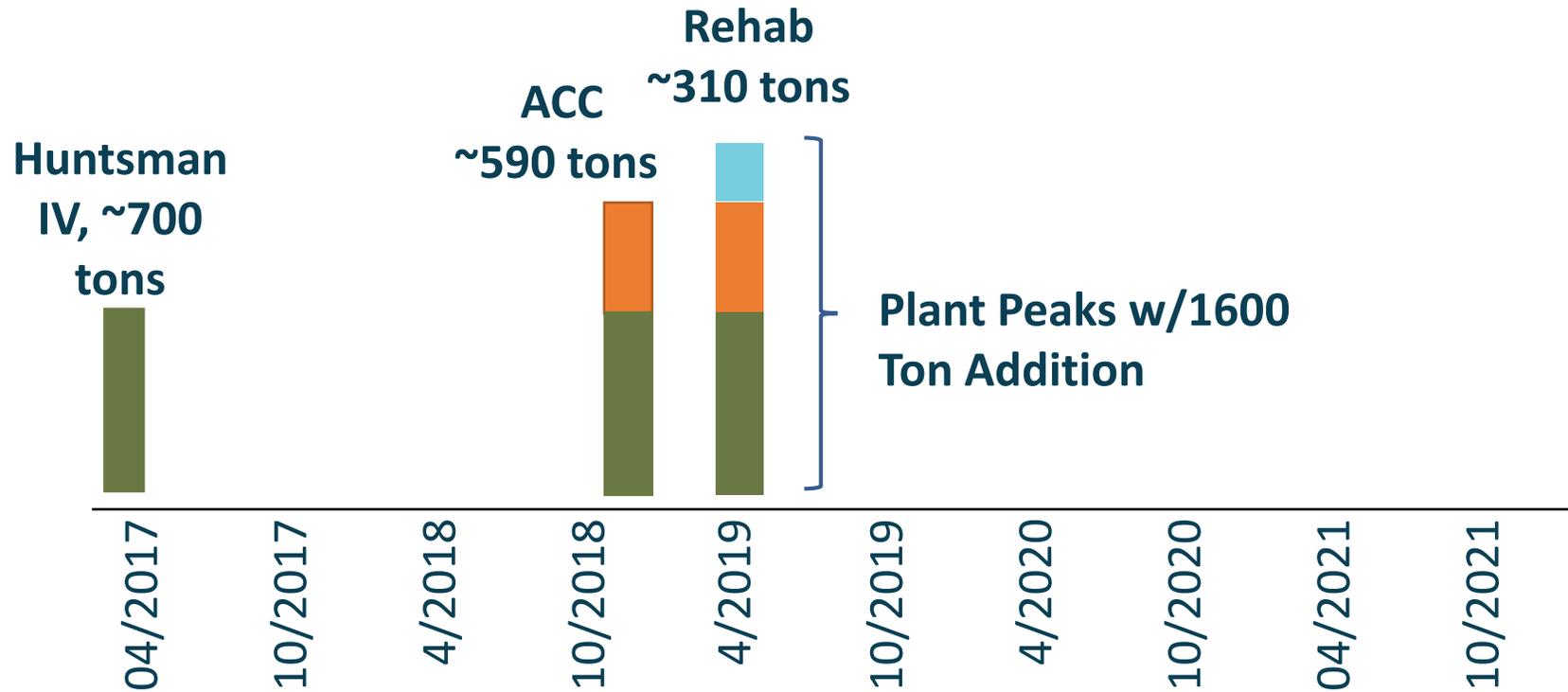


Scope of Work

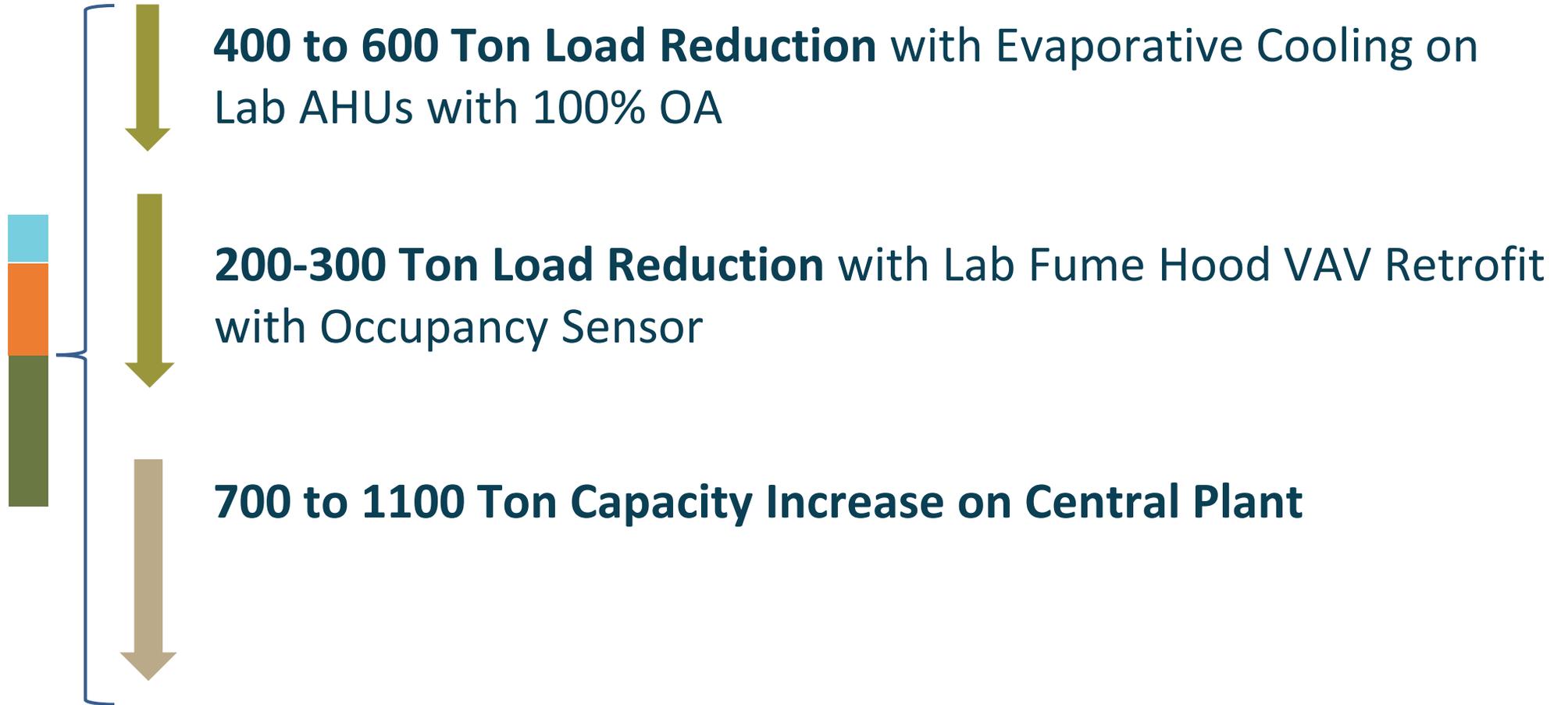


Solutions

Transformation Project Impact Timeline

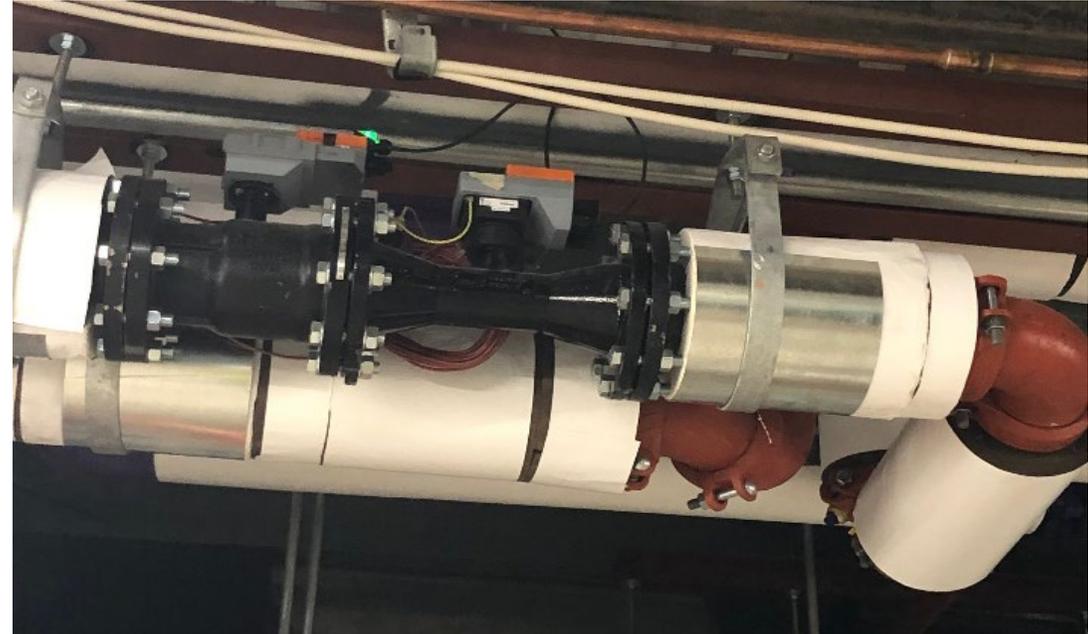


Conservation Strategies



Improving Plant Delta T

Installed 82 HW and CHW precision control valves that account for more than 85% of the design capacity of the East Plant



Valves will measure CHW delta T and flow at each coil providing valuable data for analytics

Direct Evaporative Cooling



12 Fan Arrays



4 Evaporative Cooling Systems

Indirect Evaporative Cooling

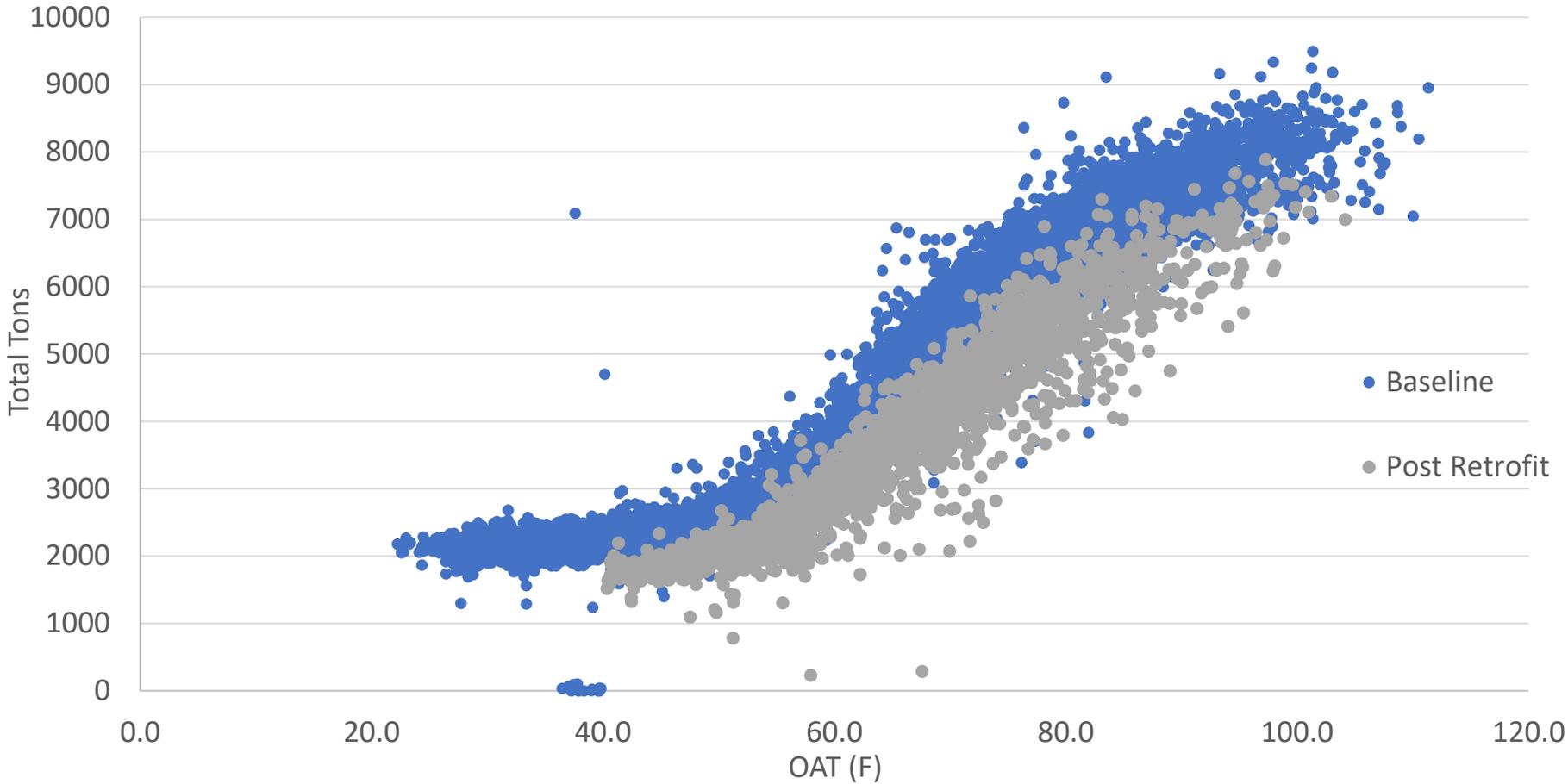


- Installed 1 new cooling tower
- Rebuilt 1 cooling tower
- Installed new indirect cooling coils

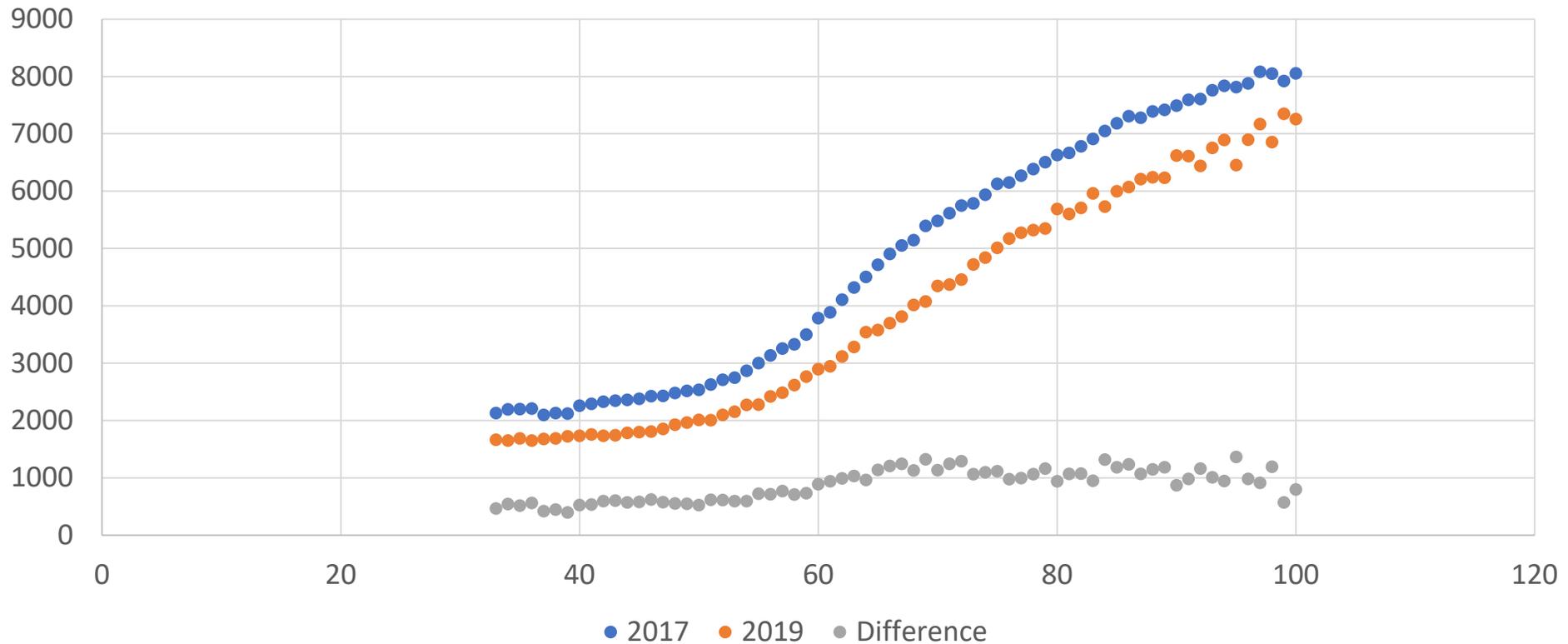


Results

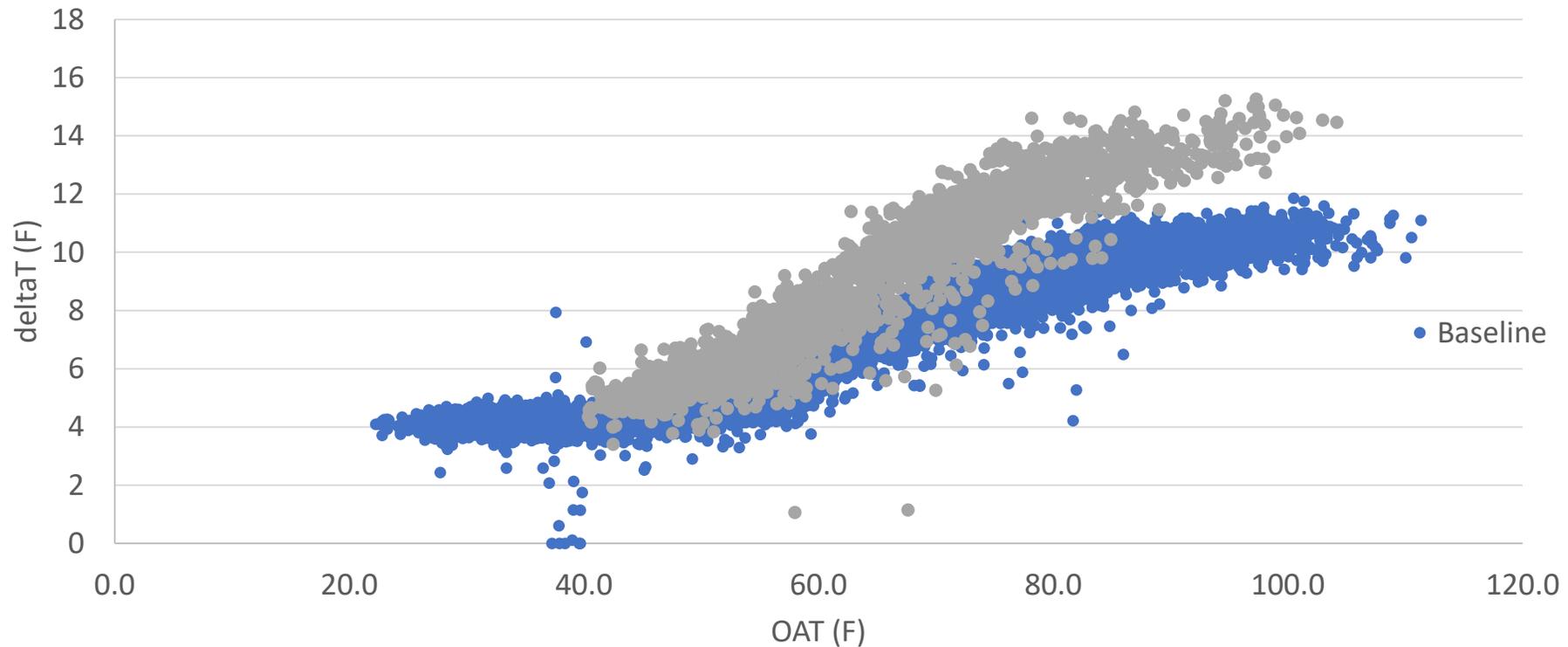
East Plant Load as a Function of OAT



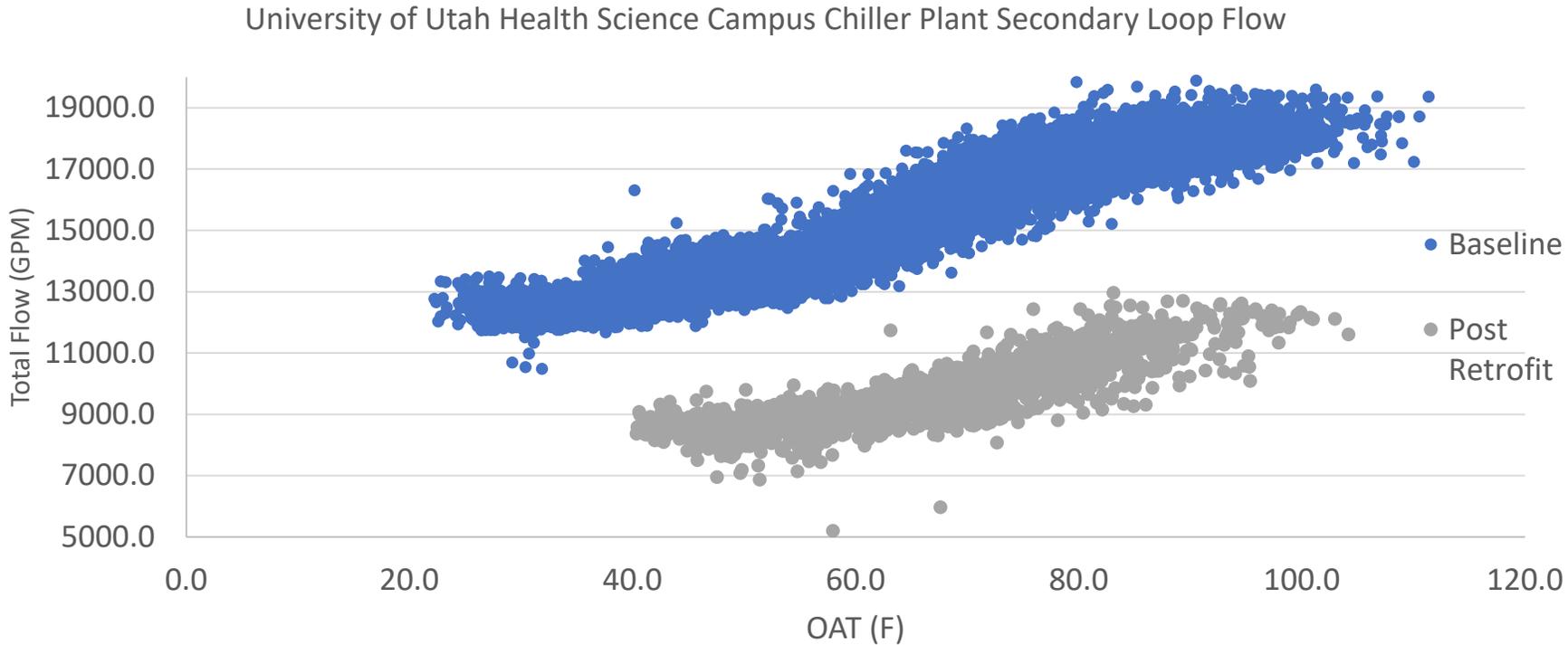
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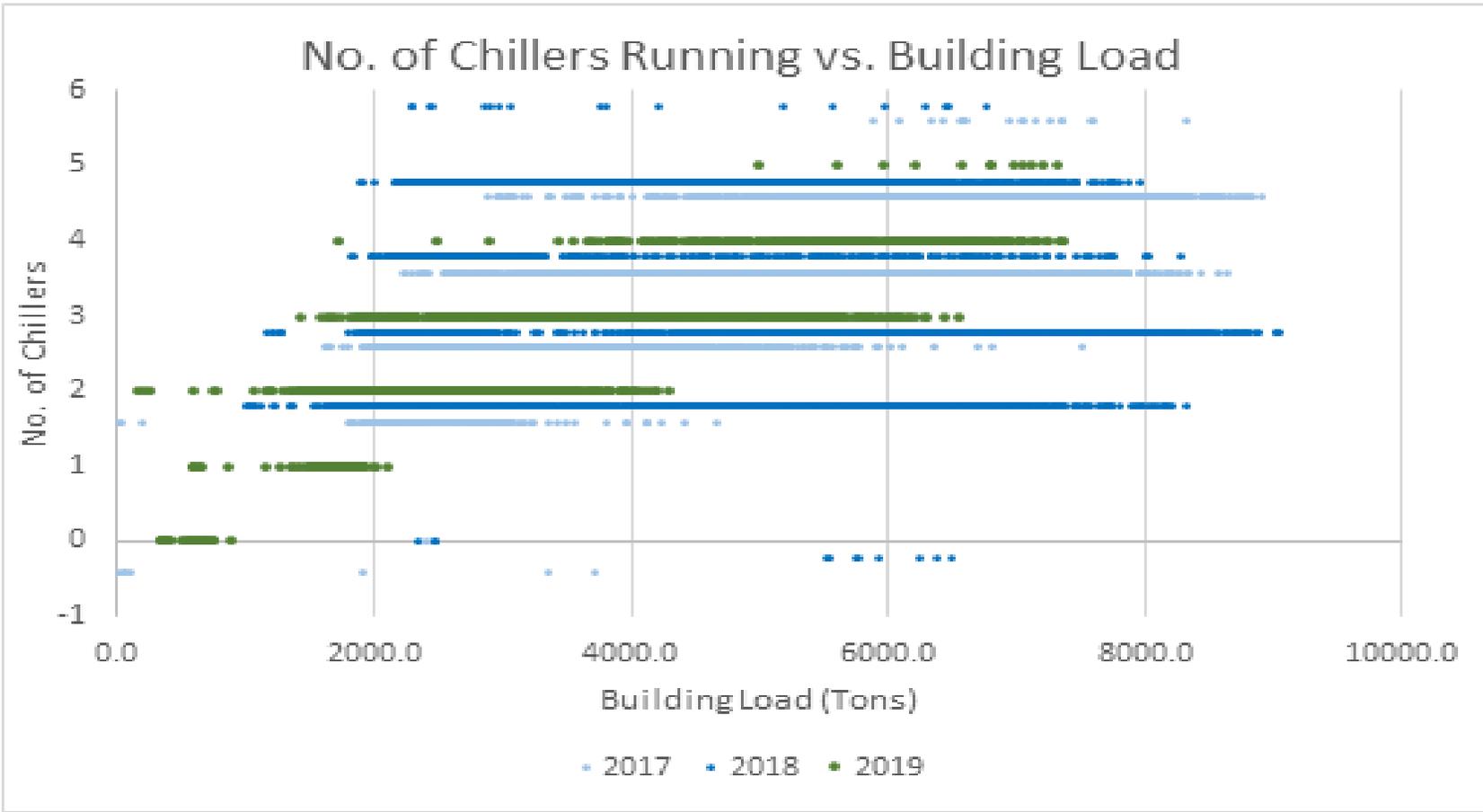
East Plant DeltaT as a Function of OAT



East Plant Flow as a Function of OAT



East Plant Chillers vs. Building Load



University of Utah Healthcare Campus



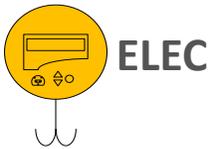
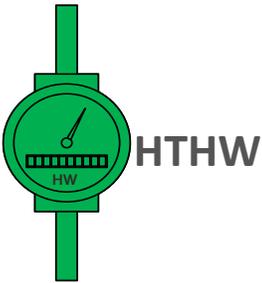
East CHW
Plant

Persistence

Campus Performance



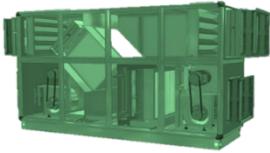
Building Performance



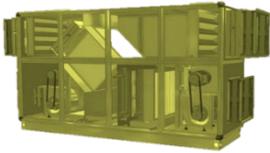
AHU 1



AHU 2



AHU 3

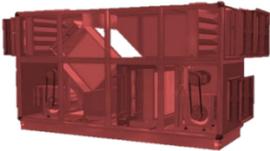


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Equipment Performance

AHU 1



Supply Fan



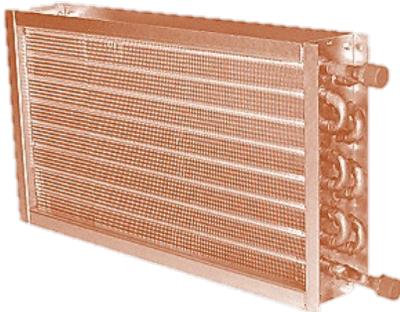
High KW / RPM

Evaporative Cooling



Very High BTUs / OAT
(Evap. Not Working)

Chilled Water Coil



Heating Coil



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Questions

Thank You!

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