# **Energy Utilization in Buildings and its Approach on Energy Savings**

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## Agenda

- Concept of sustainability
- Buildings in Hong Kong
- Energy consumption and its characteristics
- Energy and carbon audits
- Energy Efficient Technologies & Applications
- Use of natural energy in building
- Concept of life cycle assessment
- Technologies advancement



"one that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

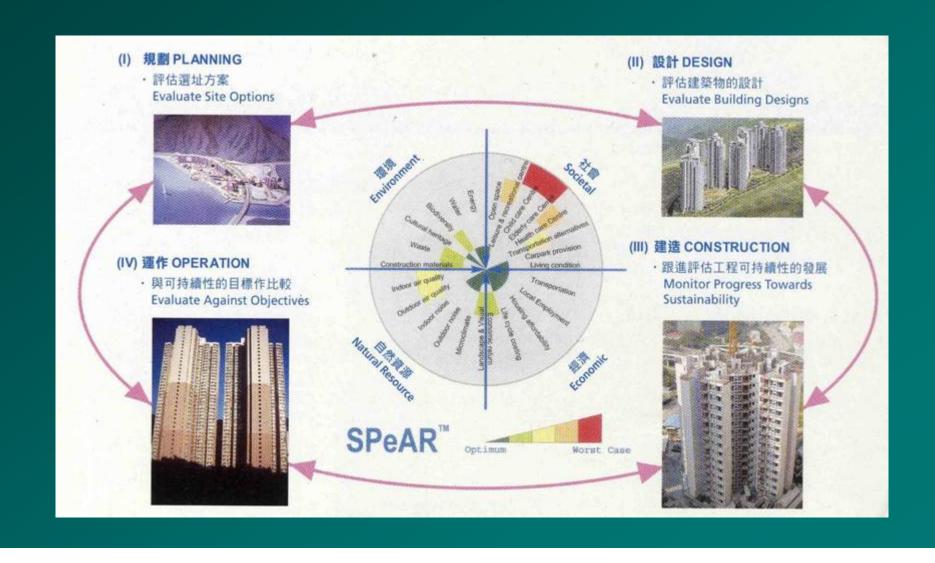


(World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987)

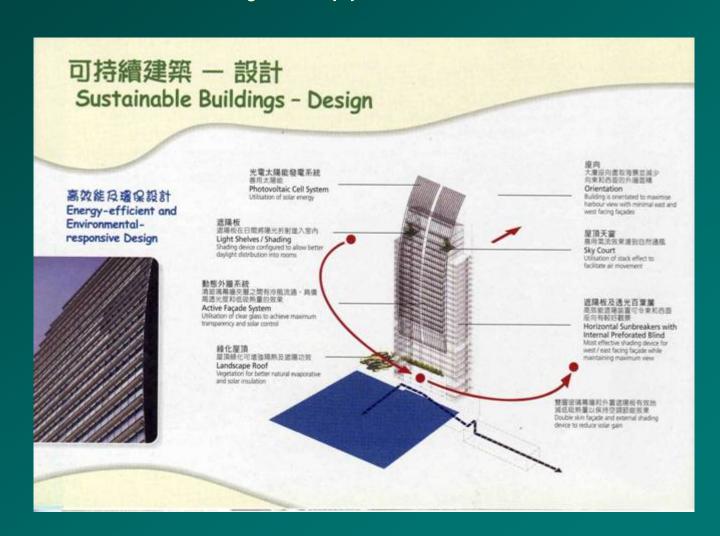


Balance in this generation & future generations !!!!!

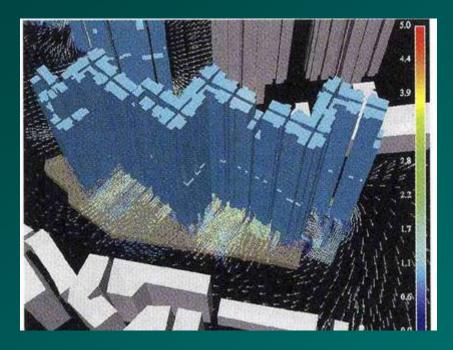
### Sustainability Assessment



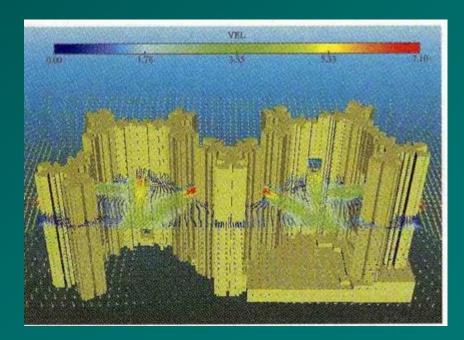
SPeAR (Sustainable Project Appraisal Routine)



### **Outdoor Environment**

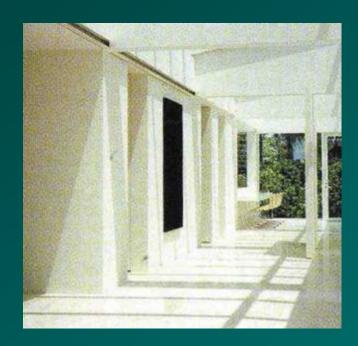


Low level opening enhance pedestrian wind comfort



Massing Opening to enhance wind penetration

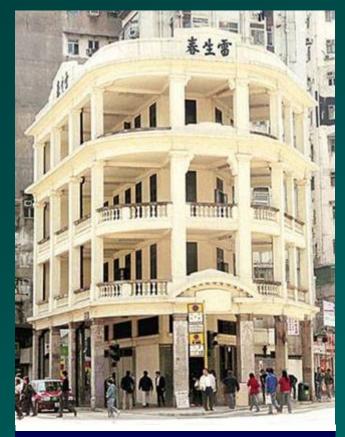
### **Indoor Environment**



Cross ventilation design enhances air circulation



Natural daylight enhances visual comfort



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From oldest to most modern buildings in Hong Kong. Are they all sustainable?

### **Construction Stage**

Pre-fabrication of Building Module

New Construction Technology minimizes in-site temporary works and timber use and eliminate scaffolding

Off-site construction reduces environmental impact











### **Energy Efficient**

- Apply energy efficient technologies that can be applied in various kinds of building services installations
- Execute Building Management System to optimize energy uses



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### Renewable Energy

- Most efficient solar energy application Solar Thermal
- Architectural Design
- Semi-transparent







### Green Roof, Green Wall

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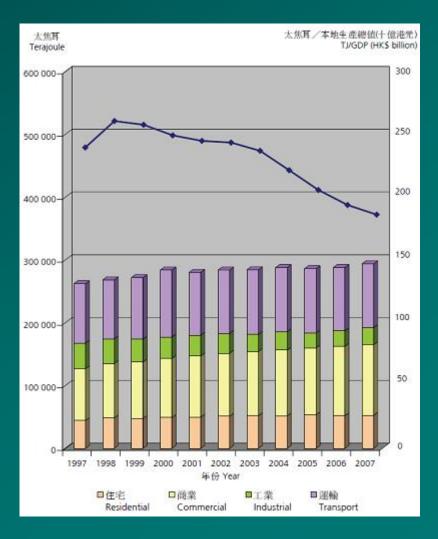


# Energy consumption and its Characteristics

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### Energy end-use Per GDP in Hong Kong

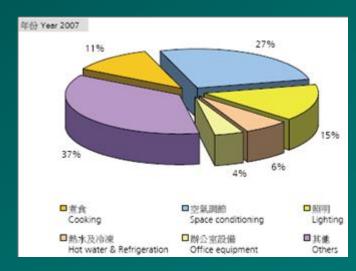
- Energy end-use per GDP for last ten years was decreasing
- Energy use for Commercial Buildings were increasing
- Energy use for Industrial Buildings were decreasing due to the reform of Hong Kong economic structure

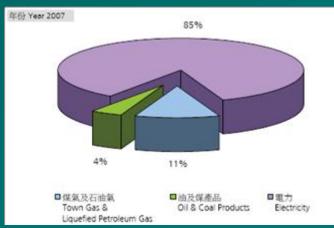


### Energy consumption and its characteristics

### Commercial Buildings Energy end-use

- Air-conditioning & Lighting consume around 50% of energy for entire building
- Electricity account for 85% of energy use while oil, coal, LPG and towngas record 15%.
- Electricity consumption increase steadily for last ten years. Energy efficient in this section is key focus

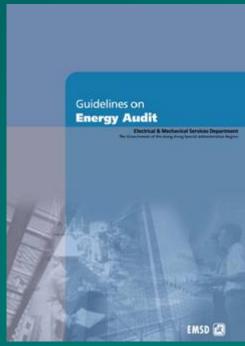




### What is Energy Audits?

Energy Audit is an examination of an energy consuming equipment / system to ensure that energy is being used efficiently. It looks for Energy Management Opportunities (EMO) for improvements

- Walk through energy audit
- Detailed energy audit
- Energy Efficiency Assessment
- Mandatory Building Energy Code Compliance Check

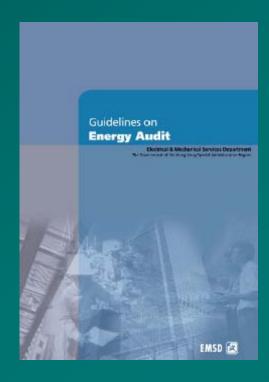


### What is Energy Audits?

### **Steps for Energy Efficiency Assessment**

- Gathering Information and Data
- Review the Operating Performance of the Equipment
- Energy Management Opportunities
- Report Preparation

'don't waste when not in use' 'do more with less'



### What is Carbon Audits?

Carbon Audit refers to the quantification of the GHG directly and indirectly emitted by a corporation

Companies will need to be able to measure their GHG footprint if

they are to manage GHG emissions

Carbon Audit provides an indicator for a company to derive a pragmatic approach to reduce GHG emissions and allows evaluation of the effectiveness of measures and policies introduced



### Guidelines and Protocol for Carbon Audits

- Although measurement of GHG emissions is becoming an accepted part of business accounting practice, and environmental reporting is increasing generally, there is no accepted standard measurement protocol for GHG emissions
- Reference can be made to some commonly used protocol:
  - The Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol) jointly convened in 1998 by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the World Resources Institute (WRI)
  - General Reporting Protocol of the Climate Registry The Registry is the premier voluntary GHG registry in North America.
  - IPCC Guidelines published by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

### Guidelines and Protocol for Carbon Audits (Cont'd)

- Guidelines are also developed by governments according to their own country-specific methodologies, substituting national data for the generic international data provided
- Guidelines to Account for and Report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Removals for Building (Commercial, Residential or Institutional Purposes) in Hong Kong – published by the Environmental Protection Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

### Reporting a Company's Carbon Footprint

- The carbon footprint will comprise those emissions that the company is directly responsible for from fuel generation usage to fuel usage from transport and emissions from other process.
- The wider footprint of the group will be related to its waste and recycling policy, which has a direct link to emissions, but not included in the core footprint. Most companies will also be able to create carbon emissions or savings from its interaction with its supply chain.

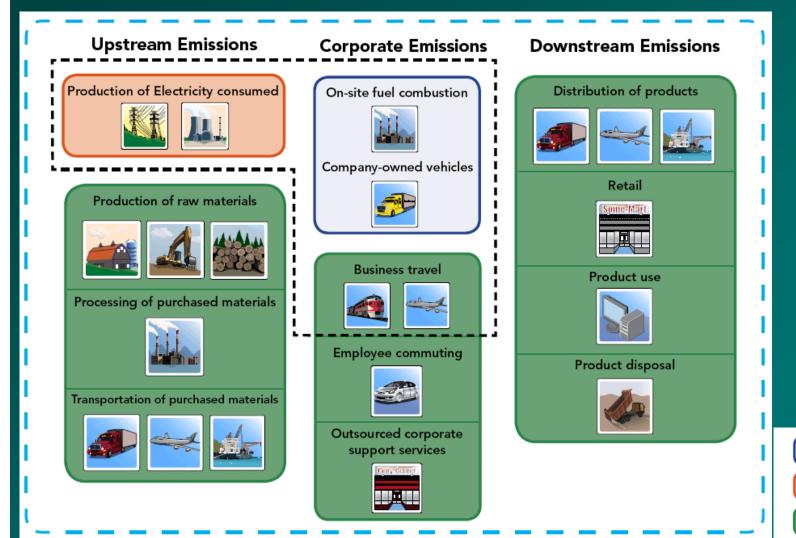
### Carbon Audit Procedure

- Set the Boundaries
- Scope of Emissions/Removals
- Collect Data and Information
- Apply Emission Conversion Factors
- Calculate Carbon Footprint
- Prepare Report
- Post Audit

### Scope of Emissions (direct and indirect) and removals

- Scope 1 covers direct emissions from sources and removals from sinks within the boundary of an organization such as fuel combustion and manufacturing processes.
- Scope 2 covers indirect emissions from the consumption of purchased electricity, steam or heat produced by another organization. Scope 2 emissions result from the combustion of fuel to generate the electricity, steam or heat and do not include emissions associated with the production of fuel.
- Scope 3 (Optional for reporting purposes) includes all other indirect emissions that are a consequence of an organization's activities but are not from sources owned or controlled by the organization. Whilst being optional Scope 3 offers the greatest transparency in its inventory and creates a larger scope of potential influence.

### Carbon Audit Protocol



Scope 1 emissions

Scope 2 emissions

Scope 3 emissions

### Scope 1 Direct Emissions and removals

- Stationary sources
  - Combustion of fuel in boilers or furnaces that are owned by the reporting organization
  - Generation of electricity, steam, or heat in equipment that is owned by the reporting organization
- 🥏 Mobile sources
  - Business travel in vehicles that are owned by the reporting company, such as company cars or corporate jets.
  - Employee commuting in company-owned vehicles, such as a van pool or company car
- Process-related emissions industrial production processes that transform materials chemically or physically
- Fugitive emission GHG released from equipment and systems e.g. HFCs and PFCs emission during the use of refrigeration equipment
- Removals Assimilation of CO2 into biomass e.g. planting of tree

### Scope 2 Indirect Emissions

- Generation of purchased electricity, steam, or heat
- Generation of purchased gas

### Scope 3 Indirect Emissions

- Business travel in non-company-owned vehicles such as rental cars, employee cars, trains, and commercial planes
- Combustion of fuel in boilers or furnaces not owned by the reporting organization
- Employee commuting in vehicles not owned by the reporting organization, such as light rail, train, buses, and employee cars
- Production or manufacture of materials and resources used by an office organization, such as furniture, paper, equipment, toner cartridges, etc.
- Electricity used for fresh water processing and sewage processing by the public services entities
- Incineration of office waste or decomposition in a landfill when the facilities are not owned by the reporting organization
- Any outsourced activities such as shipping, courier services, cleaning and printing services

### **Currently Available New Technologies**

- Energy Label
- Lighting
- MVAC
- Lifts and escalators
- Water Heating & Waste Heat Recovery



### Technologies Advancement

### **Energy Label**

### Recognition Type

- CFL
- Photocopiers
- Multifunction device
- Electric rice cooker
- Dehumidifier
- Laser printer
- TV set
- LCD Domestic gas instantaneous
- Electronic ballast
- Computer
- Fax

### Grading Τyρε

- Room cooler
- Refrigerator
- Washing Machine
- Electric storage water heater
- Electric clothe dryer



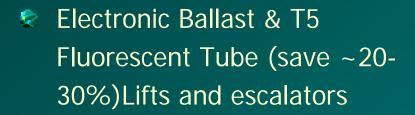
Recognition Type



**Grading Type** 

### Lighting

CFL (save 80%)



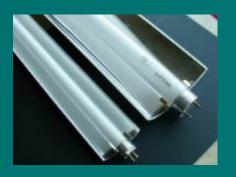
High reflectance nano reflector to increase light output from fluorescent lamp











### Lighting

### Points to Note

- Origin of chips
- Use proper drivers
- Heat rejection required
- Use reflector / diffuser
- Light intensity decline
- Use of Day Light (Passive Design)
- Light Quality vs Energy Efficiency
- Lighting Design



### Mechanical Ventilation & Air Conditioning





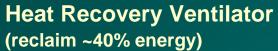
Automatic tube cleaning (save 10-15%)

Water cooled chiller (save ~30%)

#### Mechanical Ventilation & Air Conditioning



VSD for Fan & Pump (save ~30%)







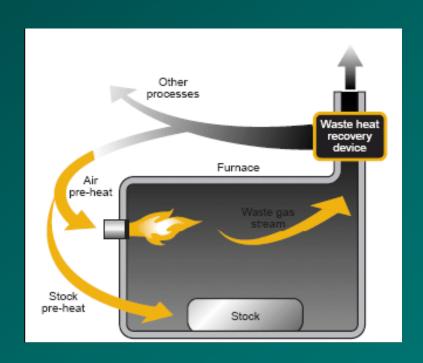
#### Lift

- Safety First
- Choice of lift
  - Material
  - Motor
  - BS inside
- Lift management system run on demand
- Double deck lift point to point travel
- Maintenance Strategy



#### Water Heating & Waste Heat Recovery

- Boiler Economizer
- Waste Heat Recovery Device
- Flue heat recovery gain ~5% efficiency







# Use of Natural Energy in Building

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#### Building Energy Management – Green Roof, Green Wall











# Use of natural energy in building

#### Renewable Energy System - Solar

- Most efficient solar energy application Solar Thermal
- Architectural Design
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# Use of natural energy in building

#### Renewable Energy System - Wind

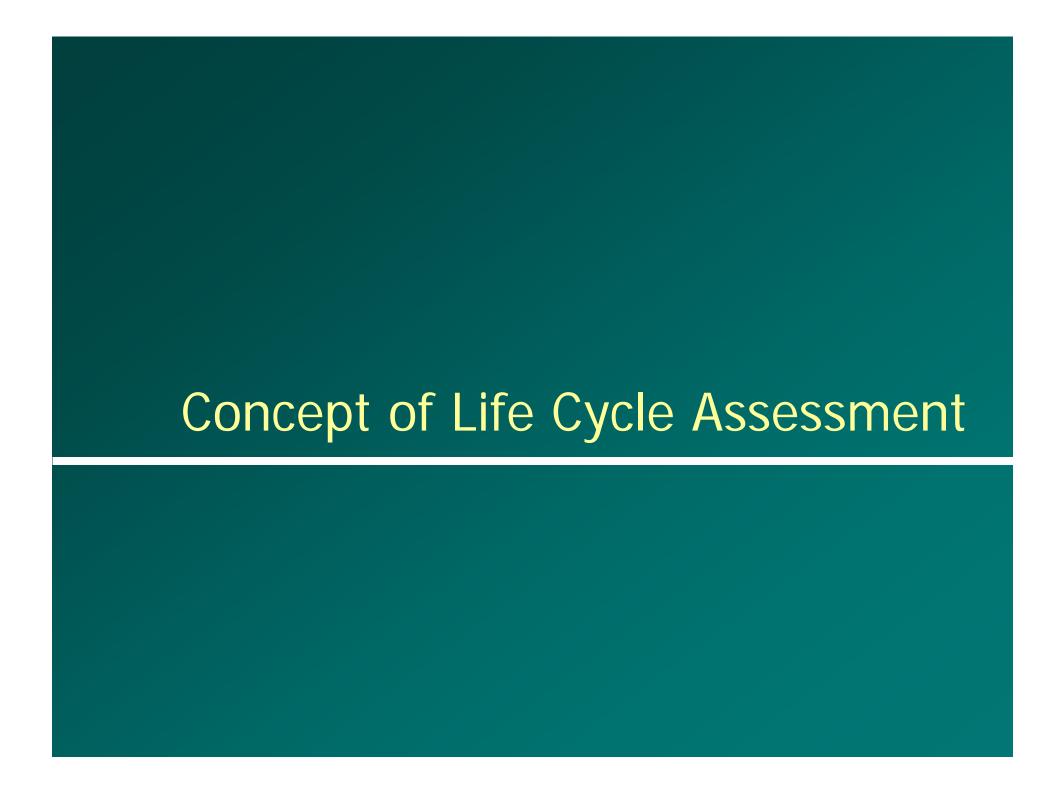
- Wind Turbine convert the wind's kinetic energy into mechanical or electrical energy
- Visual & ecological impact



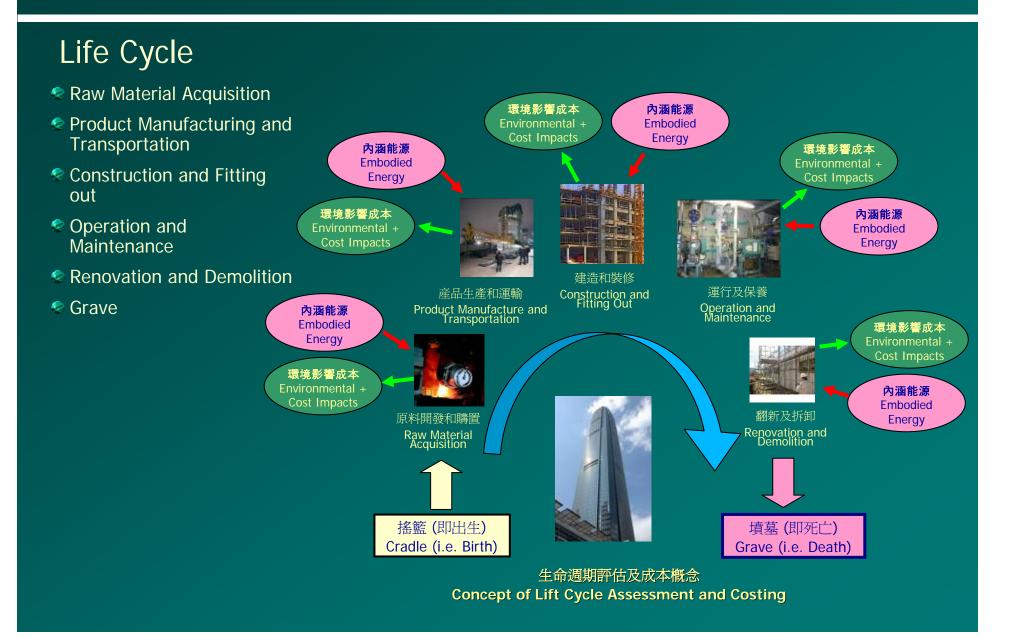








# Concept of Life Cycle Assessment



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#### Life Cycle

#### **Embodied Energy**

- Measures the amount of energy needed to produce building materials
- Reduce recurrent energy use





- High Efficiency Motors
- Oil Free Magnetic Bearing Compressor
- Heat Pumps
- LED
- Induction Cooking

#### High Efficiency Motors

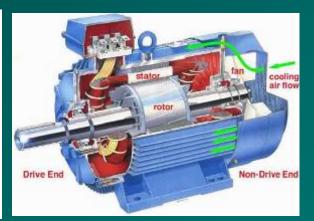
- Efficiency Class Designations
- Higher the nos mean better efficiency

(i.e.  $\overline{EFF}$  3 >  $\overline{EFF}$  2 >  $\overline{EFF}$  1 )









#### Points to note

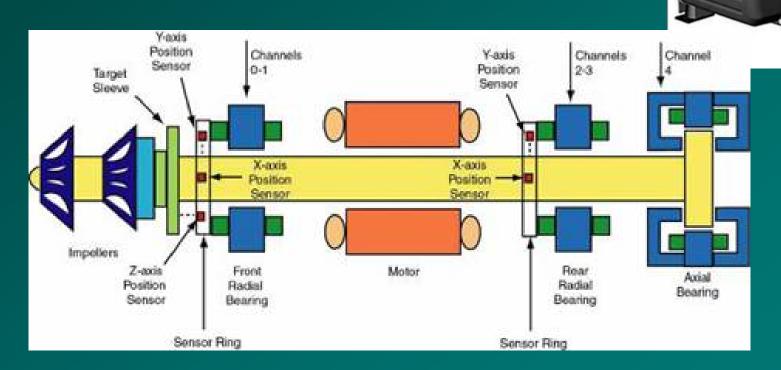
- Increase use of Copper
- Improve stator design
- Reduce air gap between stator& rotor
- Improve overall design to reduce windage loss



#### MVAC – Oil Free Magnetic Bearing Compressor

#### Points to Note

- VSD Harmonics
- Parts availability



#### MVAC – Oil Free Magnetic Bearing Compressor

- First case in HK
- EMSD
- Government House
- High energy efficiency
- High COP
- Expensive
- Bulky

Energy Saving Technology

**Oil-free Centrifugal Compressor Chillers** 

EMSD has installed two oil-free centrifugal compressor chillers, the first introduced into Hong Kong, at the Government House and EMSD Headquarters, to enhance energy efficiency of central air-conditioning systems and reduce associated environmental pollution. These chillers use the latest magnetic bearing technology which reduces energy loss and damage to the bearing and also increases the speed and efficiency of the compressor, achieving a higher energy efficiency but lower noise level during operation than conventional chillers.

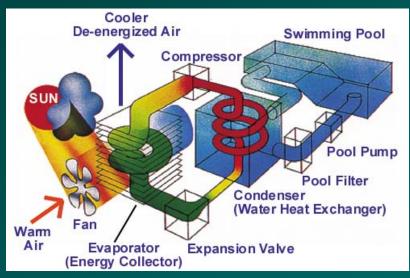




Hong Kong's first Oil-free Centrifugal Compressor Chiller installed at Government House. Eliminate oil contamination and minimize friction

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#### Heat Pump – Swimming Pool







Heat Pump Water Heater (COP ~3, save >60%)

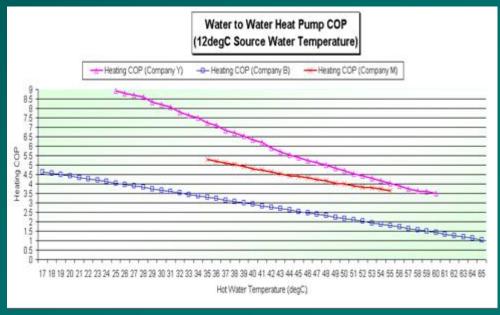
#### Heat Pump – Water Source

- Mixed refrigerant (HTR01)
  - Non-toxic, non-ozone depleting
- Water Source
- High COP > 5
- High temperature 85°C

#### Point to Note

- Available heat sink source
- Waste heat source condition





#### Heat Pump – CO2 Heat Pump (Air Source)

- CO<sub>2</sub> refrigerant (R744)
  - Global Warming Potential (CWP) =1.0 [GWP of HFC-134a = 1300]
  - Non-toxic, non-ozone depleting & natural material
- High COP
- High output temperature

#### Point to Note

- Water pressure problem
- Expensive
- Low Water Flow





LED

LED lamp to replace incandescent light



LED Lamp & Exit Sign (save 80%)





Interior decorative lighting





#### LED

Direct replacement fluorescent tubes by LED lamp fluorescent tube

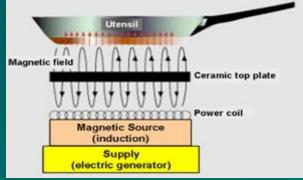




#### **Induction Cooking**







Induction Cooking (save ~60-80%)