

# W.A.I.V.

## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

An Alternate Approach for the On-Site  
Management of Leachate



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## Today's Presentation

### Topics

- “Natural Systems”
- W.A.I.V – Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation
  - Technology Background
  - Worldwide Project Examples
  - FAQs
  - Costs



# “Natural Systems” = ???

A new breed of technologies

## Definition

“A ***Natural System*** is one that strategically takes advantage of and **leverages the ability of natural processes...**

- Evapotranspiration
- Wind movement
- Solar radiation
- Evaporation
- Plant and biological processes



...to solve practical problems.”

# Natural Systems

- Phyto-Utilization<sup>TM</sup> Systems
- Engineered Wetlands
- W.A.I.V.<sup>TM</sup>





# Natural Systems

- Trade space for “energy”
  - Energy = \$\$\$ Money \$\$\$
    - Electricity
    - Chemicals
    - Man power
    - Transport trucks
    - Mechanical complexity
    - O&M



# Natural Systems

## “Phyto-Utilization”<sup>TM</sup> Definition

The use of fast-growing (non-invasive), highly-tolerant plants to **CONSUME industrial wastewater** (leachate) to greatly reduce or eliminate the need for other disposal methods in a GREEN and sustainable way.



# Landfill Leachate as a Resource!



Main Components are Water and Contaminants  
(providing moisture and nutrients)



# Natural Systems

## Phyto-Utilization<sup>TM</sup> Systems



**Tree-Based Phyto System**

**Vetiver-Based Phyto System**



# Natural Systems

## Engineered Wetlands



**Free-Water Surface (FWS)  
Wetland**

**Horizontal Subsurface  
Flow (HSSF) Wetland**





# Natural Systems

## Wind Aided Intensified Evaporation

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WAIV at a Landfill In Australia

# Benefits of Natural Systems

- **GREEN, Sustainable Technology**
  - Reduced carbon footprint
  - Corporate sustainability reports / PR opportunities
- **Significant Cost Reduction (25-50%)**
- **Zero Discharge Potential**
  - Not dependent on POTW
    - Changing discharge limits
    - Blamed for their problems
    - Price increases
    - Can be cut off (more and more w/ UV disinfection)
- **Year-Round Leachate Management**



# Benefits of Natural Systems

- Thousands of Fewer Miles Driven by Tanker Trucks
- **Less Truck Traffic through communities**
- **Reduced Liability**
- Less Wear on Local Roads
- Habitat for Wildlife
- Aesthetic Improvement for Area
- **National Award Winning Technology**
- Reduce Financial Assurance Premiums
- **New Alternative to Consider**



# Environmental Benefits Example

## Phyto-Utilization System

- 3 MGY System, over first 5 years
  - 15 million gallons total
  - Avoids 3,000 tanker trips
  - If 35 mi one-way, then **210,000 miles not driven**
  - 35,000 gal diesel not burned

2010 Republic Services corporate sustainability report... *“We factor in that every trip we make and every mile of road we cover has an environmental impact of it’s own.”*

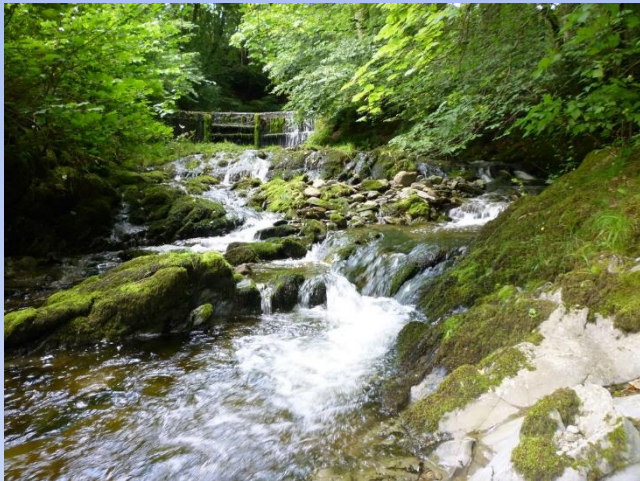




# Benefits of Natural Systems

**WIN x 3**

**Environment**



**Community**



**Industry**



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## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

A completely new evaporative technology

### What it is NOT

- No Spray
- No Mists
- No Aerosols
- No Blowers or Fans
- No Drift
- **No Fuel**

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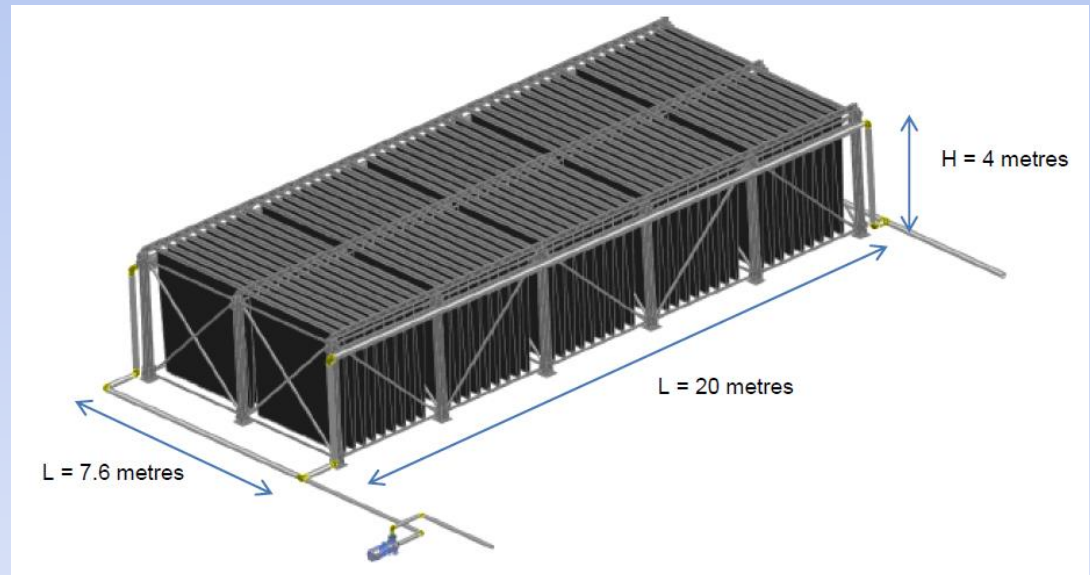
### What it IS

- The Newest Evaporative Technology
- Fundamentally Basic, Simple System
- Wind Driven
- Low O&M requirements

# WAIV<sup>TM</sup>

## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

- Developed for the Desalination Industry
- Adapted for Other Industries
  - Solid Waste
  - Mining
  - Oil and Gas
  - Manufacturing
  - Food and Beverage
  - **In lieu of Injection Well**
  - Metals Finishing
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Others

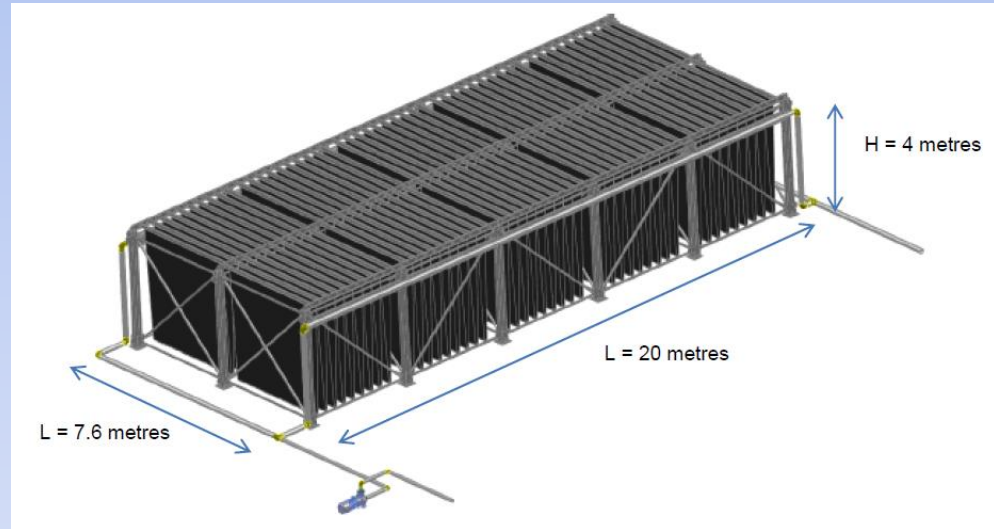


# WAIV<sup>TM</sup>

## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

### Explanation

- High density of wetted surface area within a very small footprint
- Wind causes enhanced, intensified evaporation





# WAIV<sup>TM</sup> – Intellectual Property

## What it is

- Fully patented
  - Numerous US and international patents
- Intellectual Property Rights are solid
- **LMS has exclusive agreement with patent holders**



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# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation



# WAIV<sup>TM</sup> – Main System Components

## System Schematic

1. Controls (PLC)
2. Tank
3. Pump (circulation and sump)
4. Containment
5. WAIV Unit

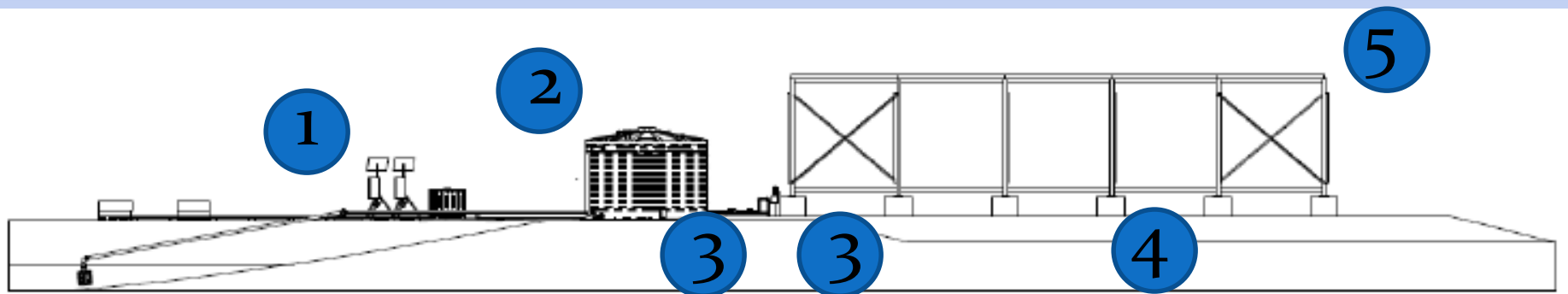
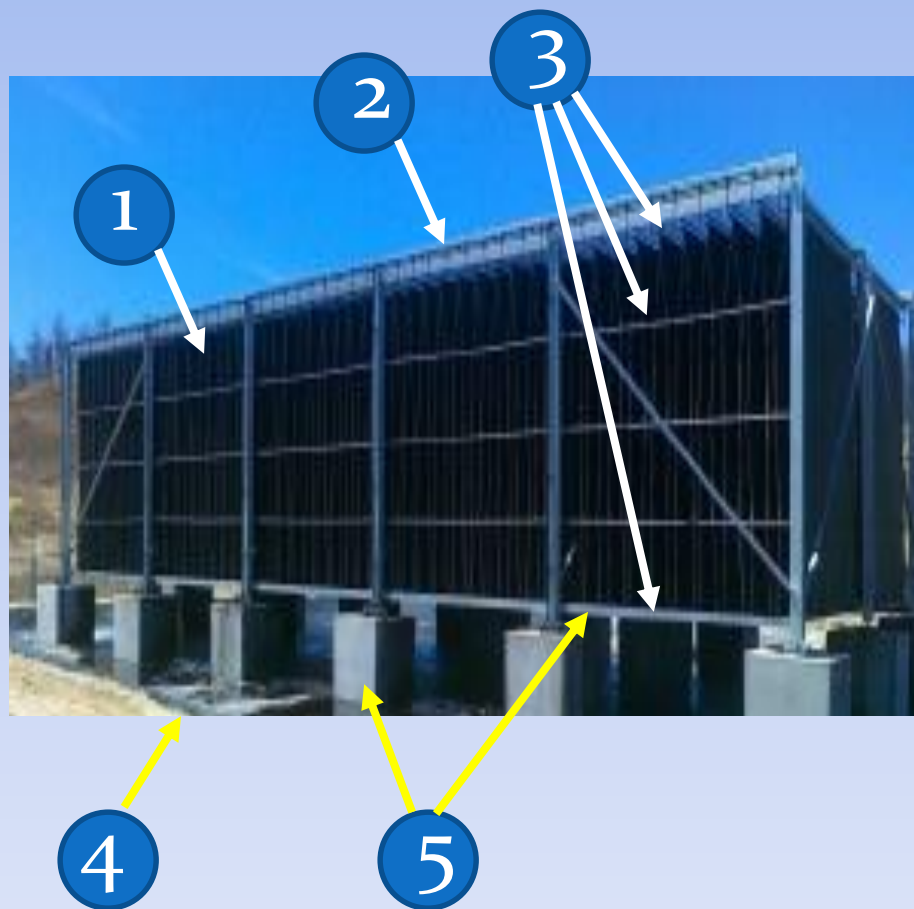


Figure 3-2 WAIV<sup>TM</sup> Unit

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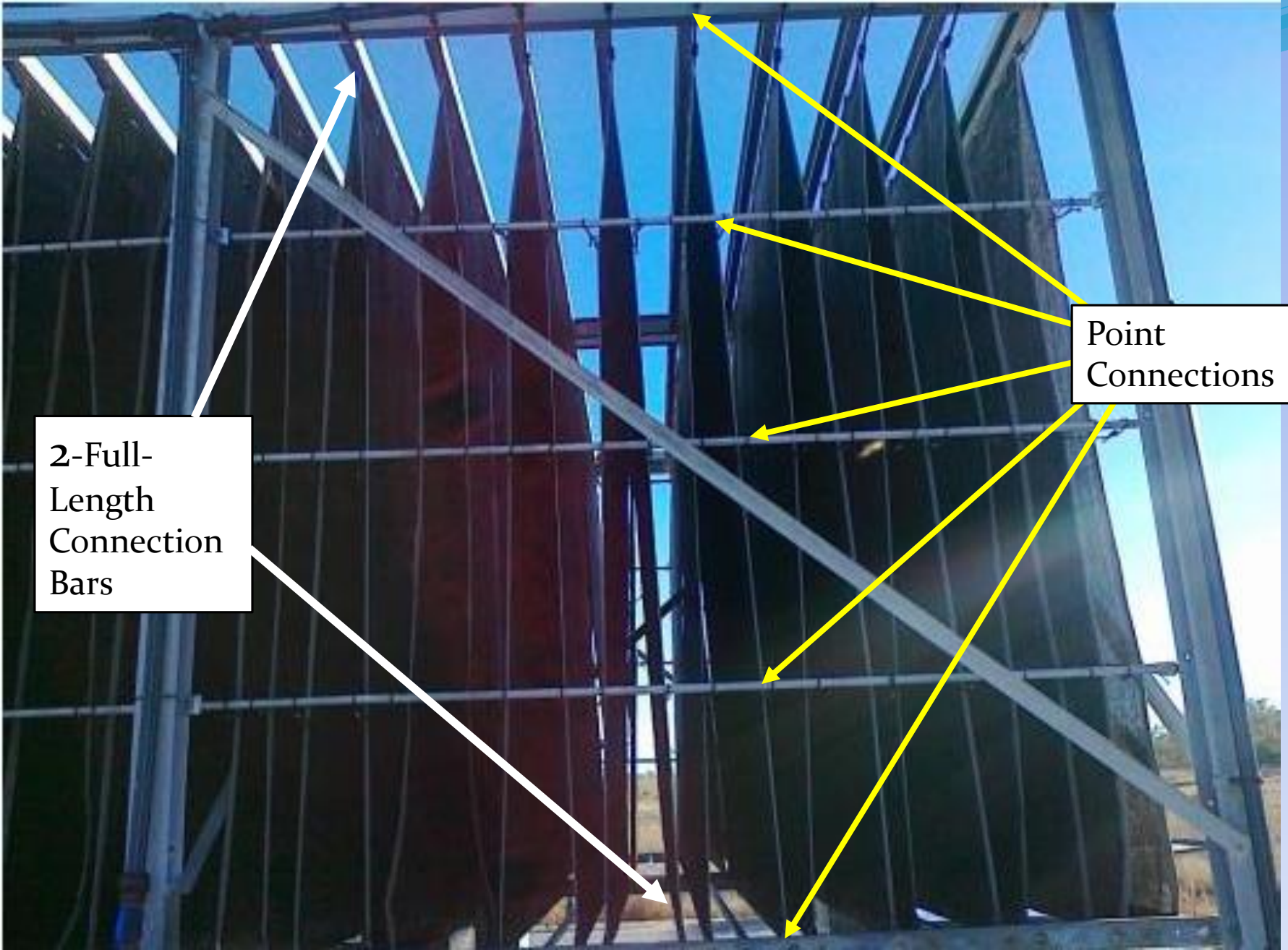
## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation



### Unit Components

1. Specialized Wetted Surfaces (“Sails”)
2. Liquid Distribution
3. Tensioning System
4. Containment
5. Support Blocks and Framing





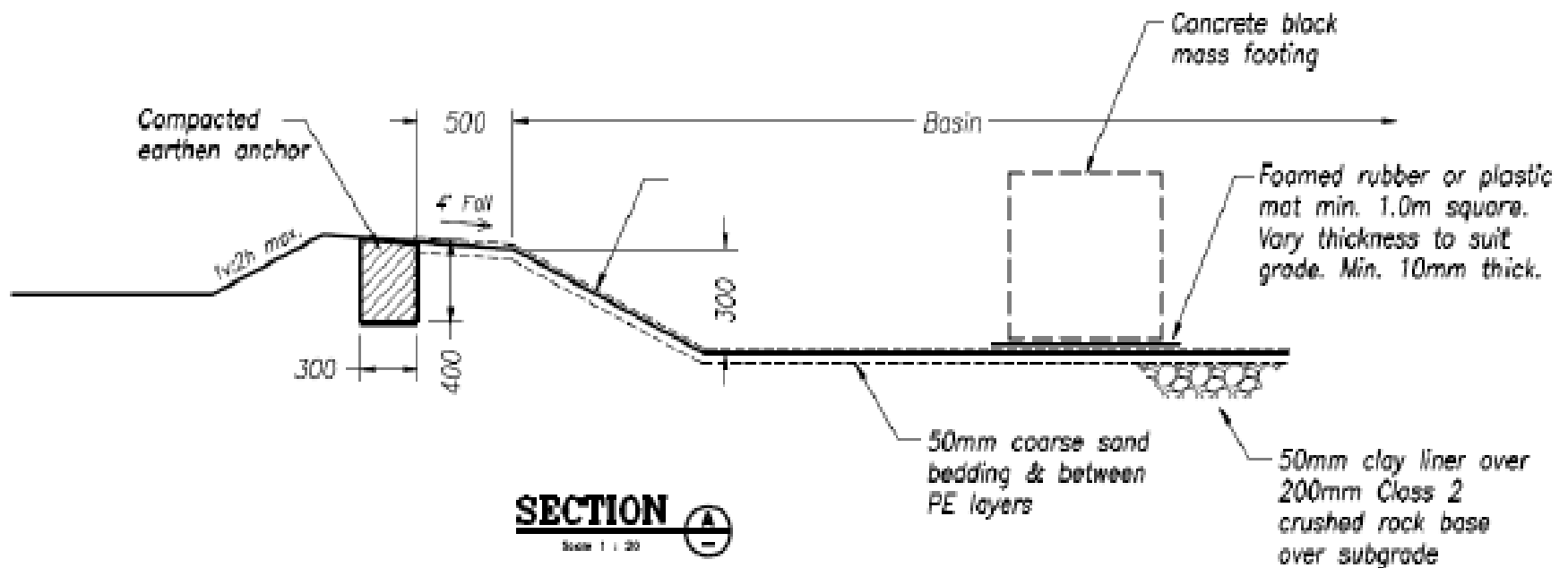
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Connection  
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**New Tensioning System**

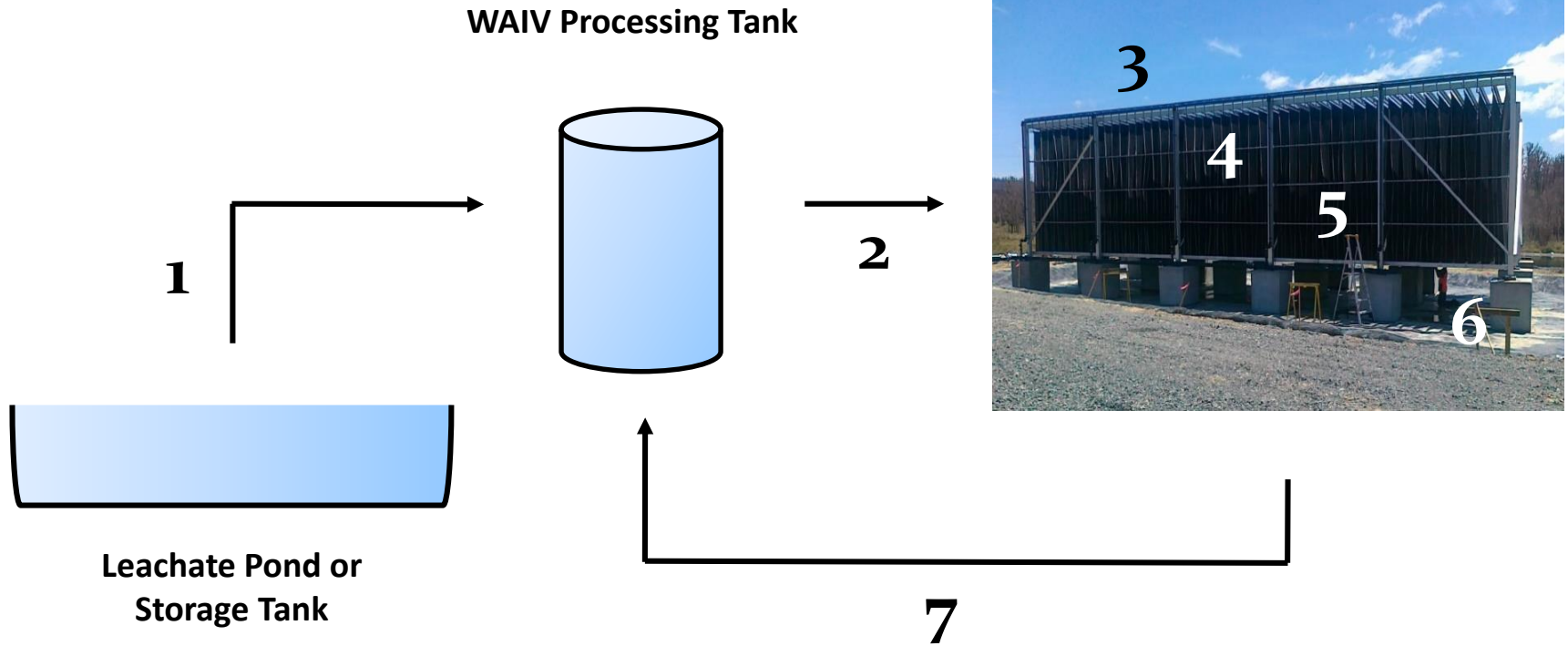


# Containment Cross Section



Designed to meet requirements of facility type and State requirements

# Simplified Process Flow



- 1** = Supply
  - 2, 3, 4** = Distribution
  - 5** = Wind / Evaporation
  - 6, 7** = Circulate
- Repeat**

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## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation



### “Unit” Information:

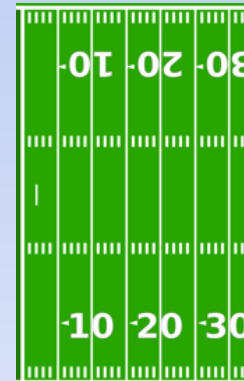
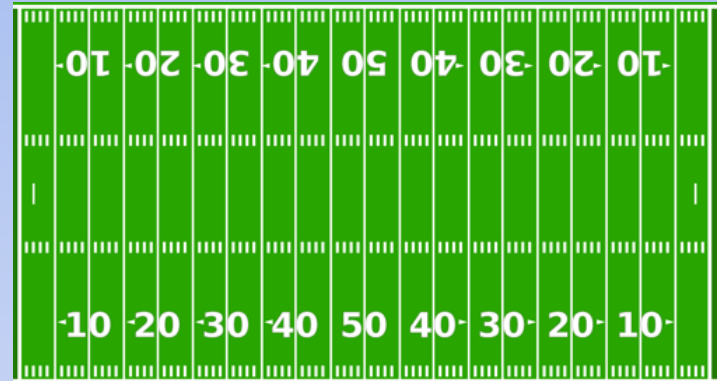
- Modular, scalable
- ~25' x 65' footprint/unit
- >62,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of surface area
- 1.4 acres of surface area

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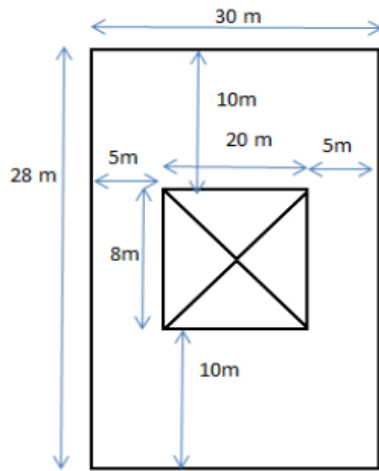
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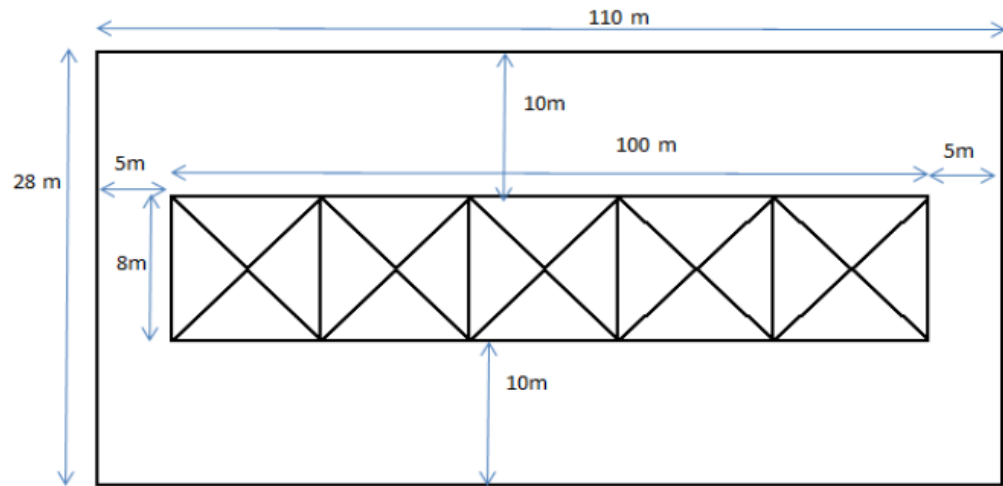
~62,000 sf (1.4 acres) of surface area  
in ~62 x 25' footprint



~1.3 football fields of surface area

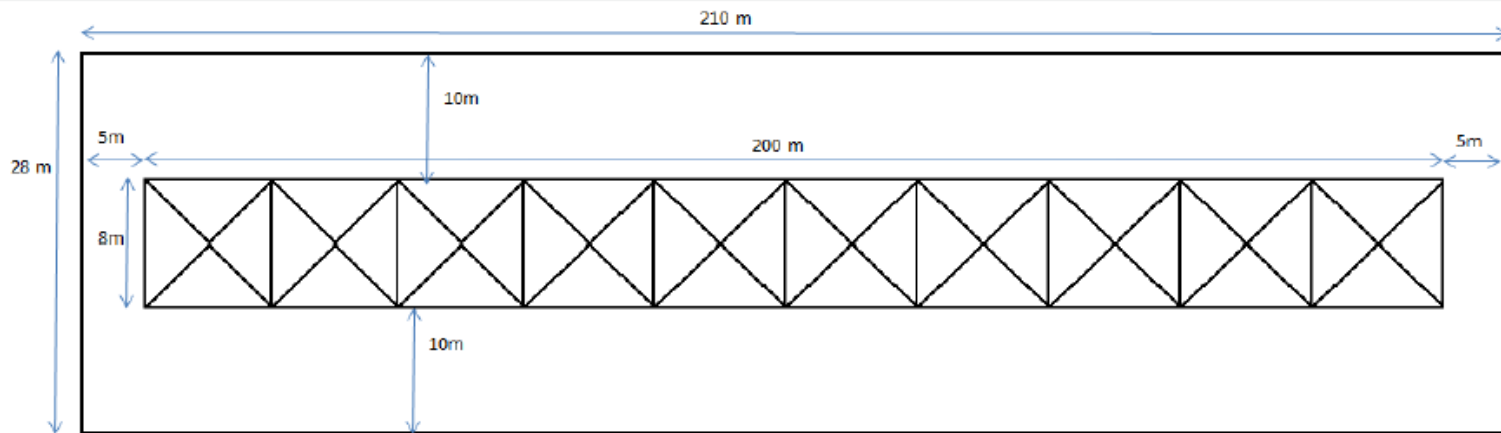


1 x WAIV Unit



5 x WAIV Unit

# Modular, Scalable



10 x WAIV Unit

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## Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation



### “Unit” or “Pod” Info:

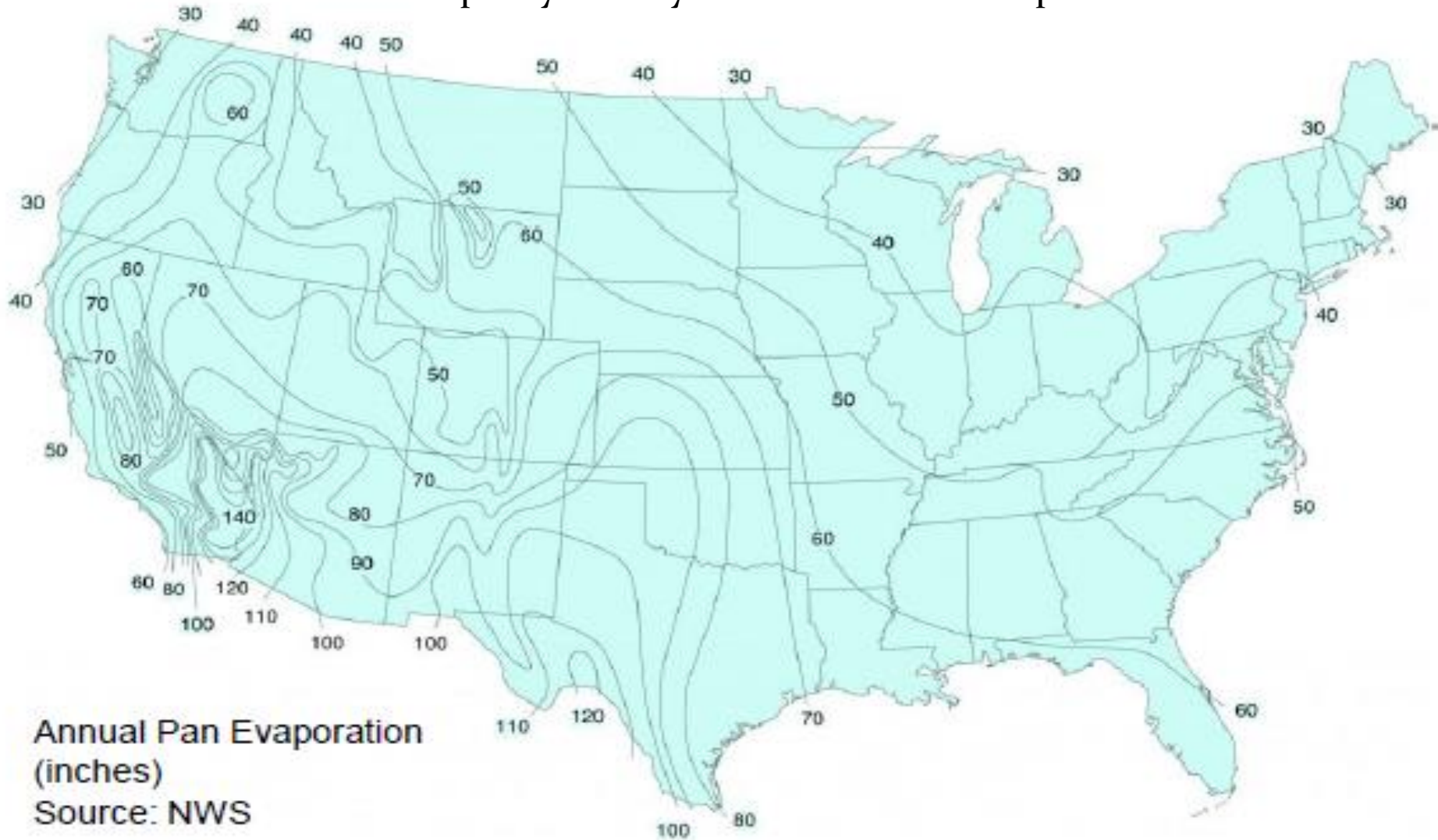
- Modular, scalable
- ~50 x 50' footprint/unit
- 62,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of surface area
- 1.4 acres of surface area
- 0.8 to 1.8 MGY/unit
- ~2,500 to 5,000 gpd/unit

Note: over 5,000 gpd observed on other sites, but do not want to overestimate



# Annual U.S. Pan Evaporation

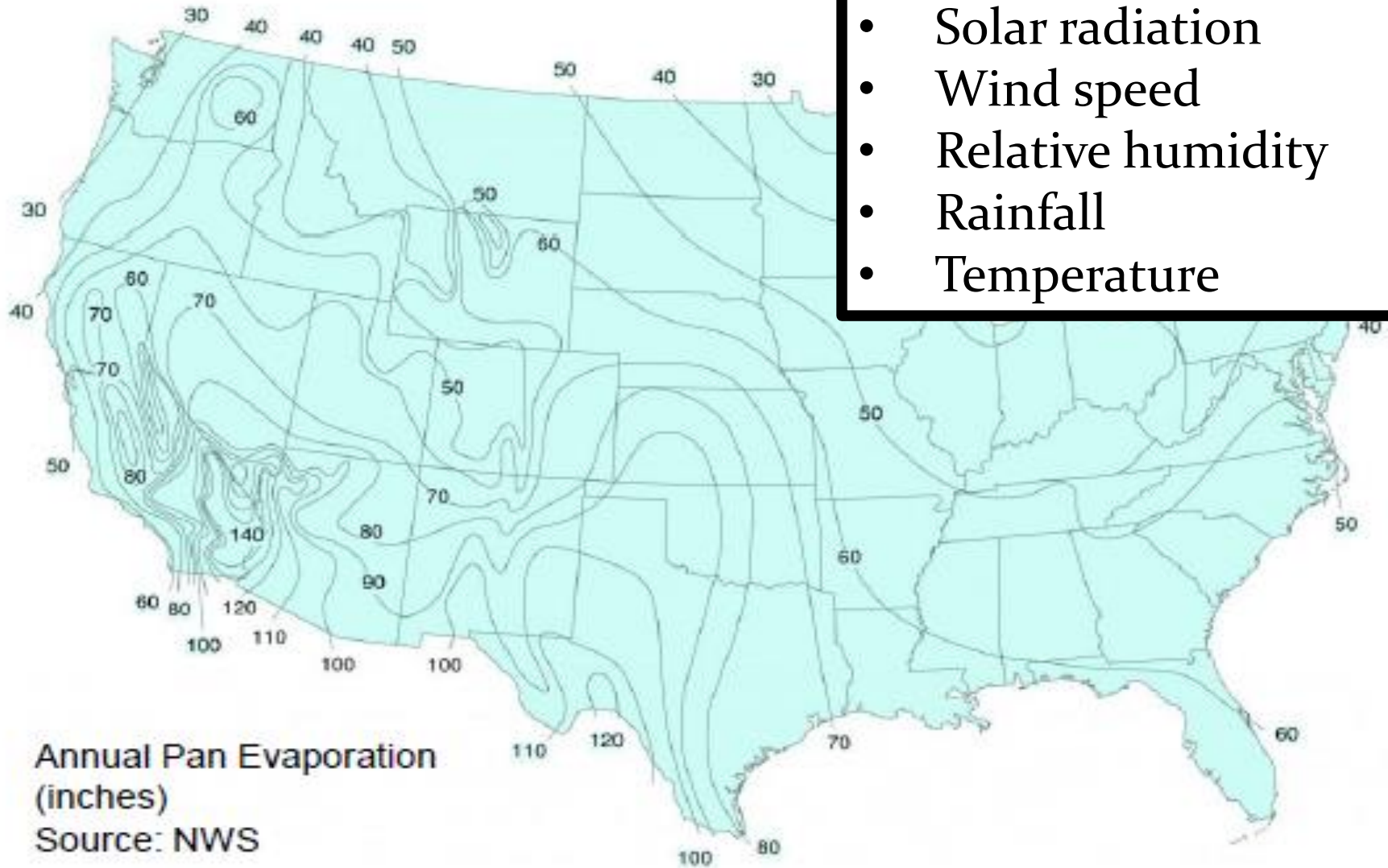
WAIV capacity directly correlated to Pan Evaporation Rates



Annual Pan Evaporation  
(inches)  
Source: NWS



# Annual U.S. Pan Evaporation



- Solar radiation
- Wind speed
- Relative humidity
- Rainfall
- Temperature

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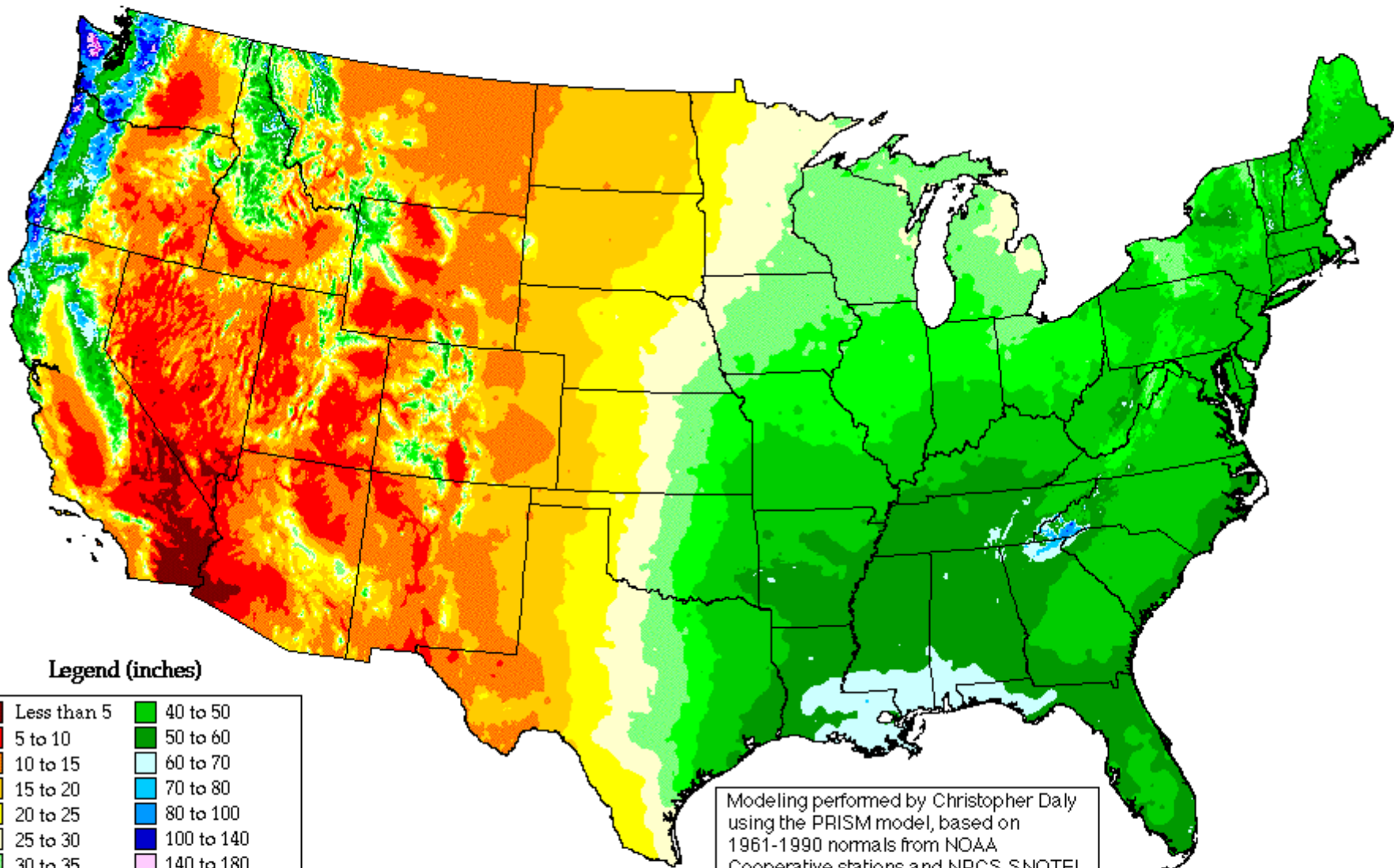


**Pan evaporation** is a measurement that combines or integrates the effects of several climate elements: temperature, humidity, rainfall, drought dispersion, solar radiation, and wind.



# Annual Average Precipitation

United States of America



## Legend (inches)

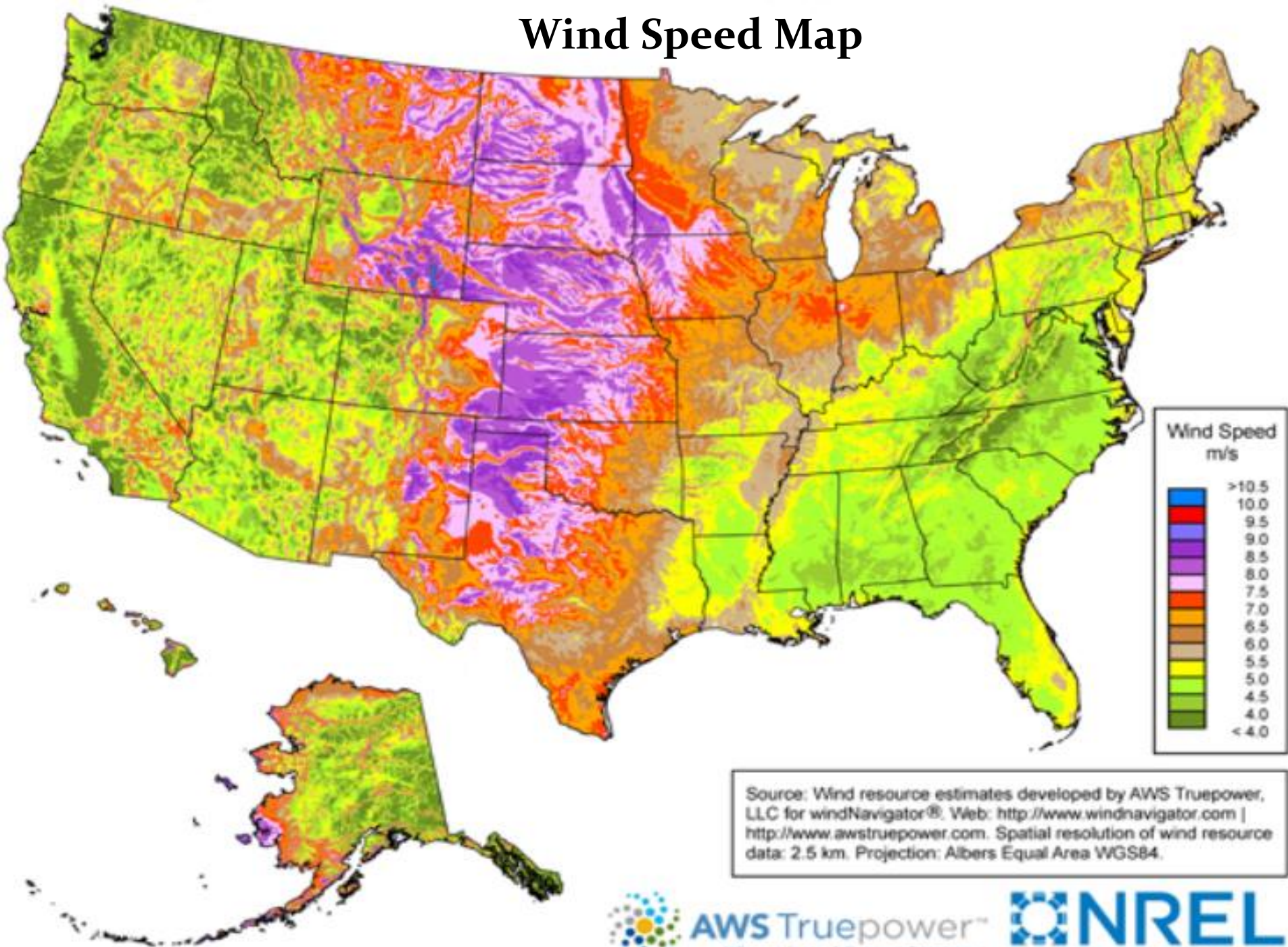
Less than 5	40 to 50
5 to 10	50 to 60
10 to 15	60 to 70
15 to 20	70 to 80
20 to 25	80 to 100
25 to 30	100 to 140
30 to 35	140 to 180
35 to 40	More than 180

Period: 1961-1990

Modeling performed by Christopher Daly using the PRISM model, based on 1961-1990 normals from NOAA Cooperative stations and NRCS SNOTEL sites. Sponsored by USDA-NRCS Water and Climate Center, Portland, Oregon.

Oregon Climate Service  
George Taylor, State Climatologist  
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# Wind Speed Map



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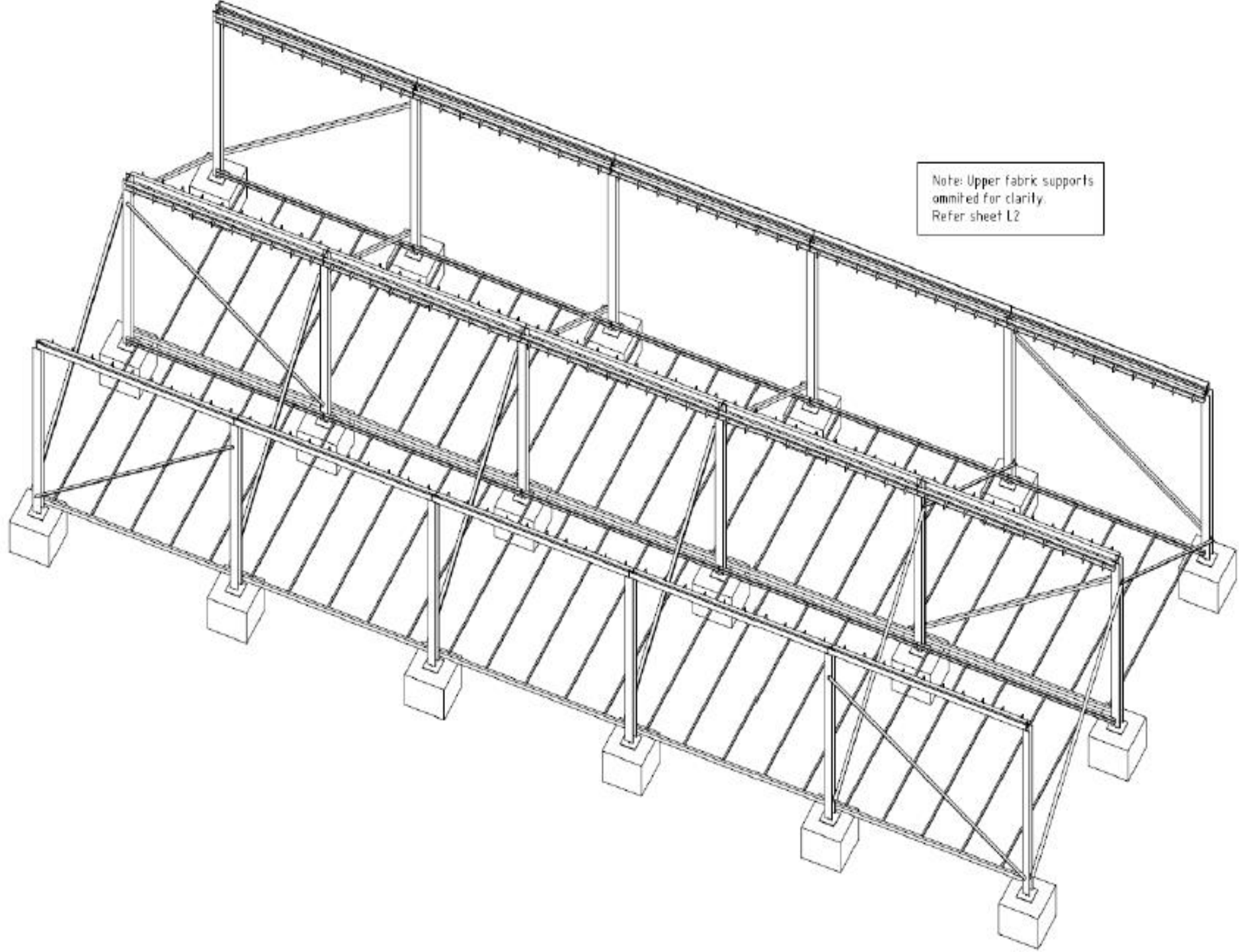


# WAIV Construction

Copping Landfill -  
Australia







Note: Upper fabric supports omitted for clarity.  
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# WAIV Construction



**Berm, Liner and Concrete Blocks**

# WAIV Construction



**Galvanized Steel Frame**







**Distribution Piping**



**WAIV Surfaces and Distribution Piping Installed**



# WAIV Construction





**Supporting equipment (tank, pumps, filter, PLC, etc.)**



# Extensive Research and Validation

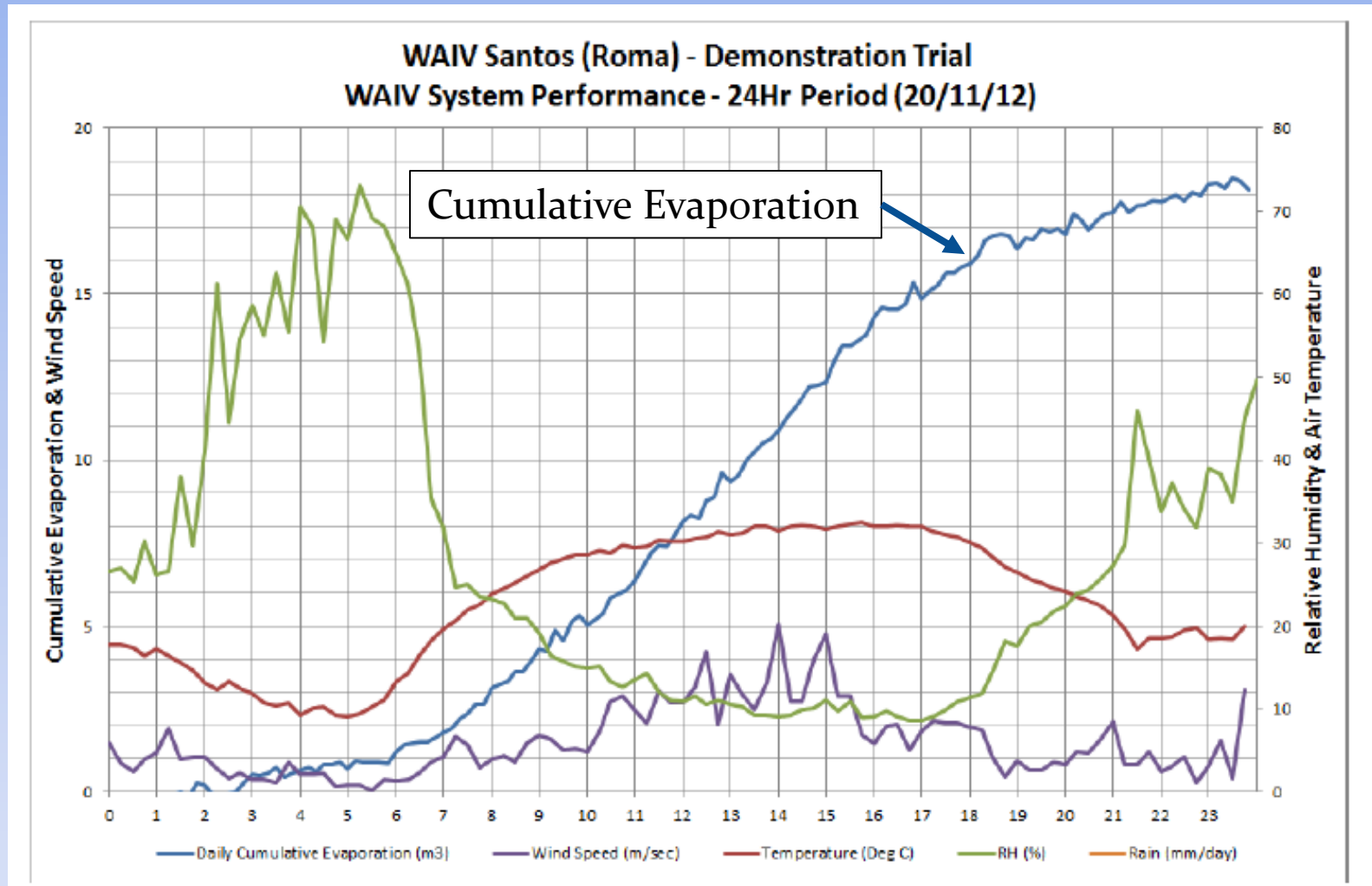


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Backed by Science

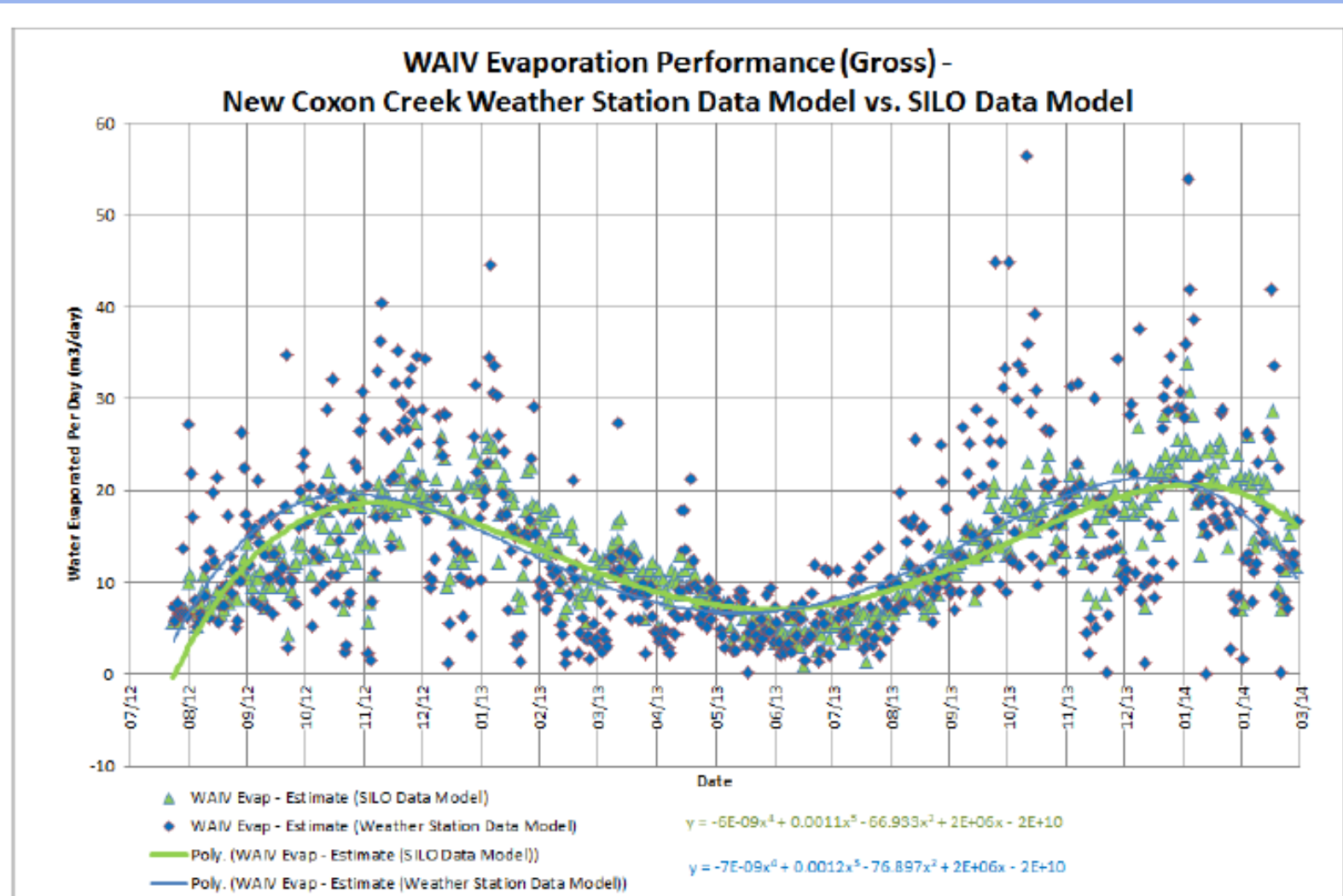
# Extensive Research and Validation



Daily data logging of: Cumulative Evaporated, Wind Speed, RH, Temp., Rainfall



# Extensive Research and Validation



Validation of Evaporation Modeling with Actual Evaporation Data

# Examples of WAIV<sup>TM</sup> Systems Around the World

1. **Leachate: Copping Landfill - Tasmania, Australia**
2. **Produced Water - Coal: Santos - Queensland, Australia**
3. **Concentrated Brine: GM- Ramos Arizpe, Mexico**
4. **Desalination: Pettavel Winery - Victoria, Australia**
5. **Desalination: Mekorot - Ketziot, Israel**



# 1 – Copping Landfill in Australia for Leachate Evaporation



# Copping Landfill in Australia

Site: Southern Waste Solutions (SWS) Copping Landfill

Location: Tasmania, Australia (latitude ~42 deg S)

Purpose: Leachate Evaporation

Operation: 2013 - Present

Key Results:

- Initial problems (i.e. strong winds, component strengths, scaling of calcium carbonate on the surfaces, etc.)
- Lessons learned and improvements made
- In the winter months, the system evaporated 5,500 gpd



# Copping Landfill in Australia



- April 2016 – working reliably
- Adding WAIV capacity for their secured (hazardous) waste cell



# **2 – Santos Coxon Creek Facility in Australia**



**for produced water from coal seam gas operations**

# Santos Coxon Creek Facility in Australia

Site: Santos Coxon Creek – Coal Seam Gas Facility

Location: Queensland, Australia

Purpose: Mining RO Concentrated Brine Reduction  
from Produced Water

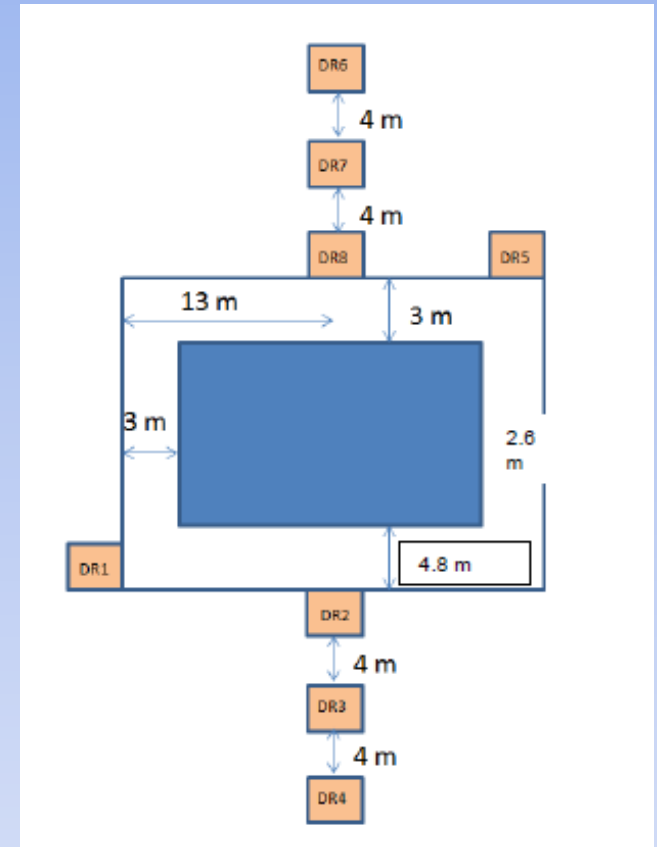
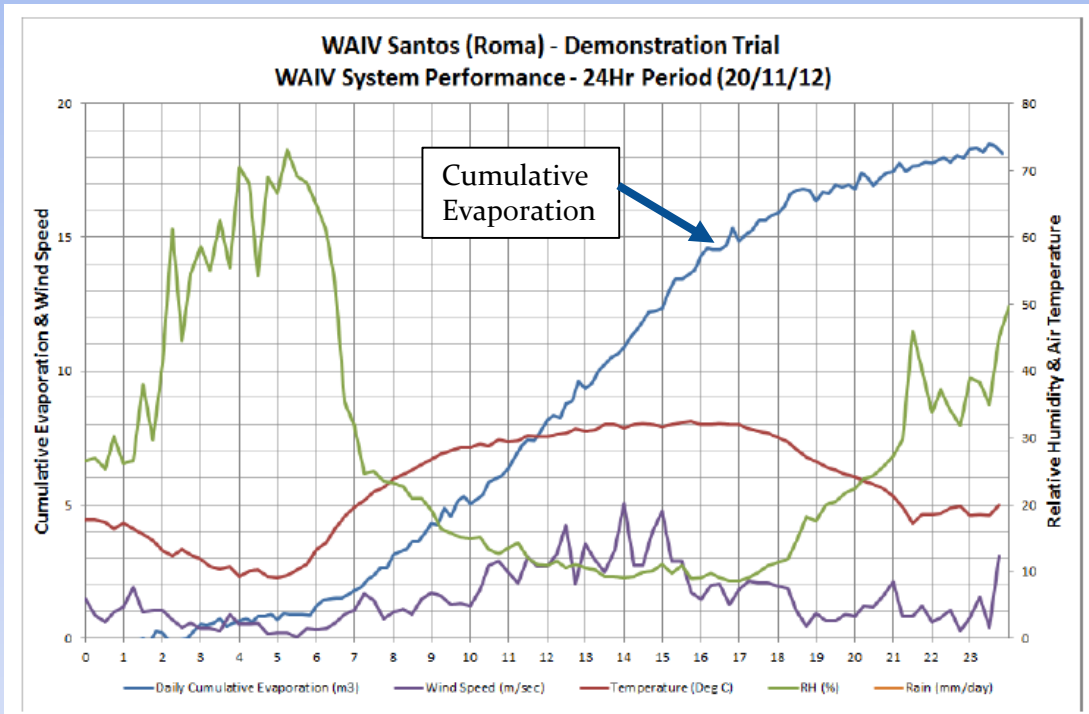
Operation: August 2012 –

Key Results:

- 3,100 gpd average initially
- 5,200 gpd after improvements
- The system consistently evaporated more than 10X the volume of an evaporation pond.

# Santos Coxon Creek Facility in Australia

The project included extensive research and validation of WAIV's effectiveness.



Extensive research to prove no drift

**An 89 page technical document was produced from the extensive research conducted at this site.**



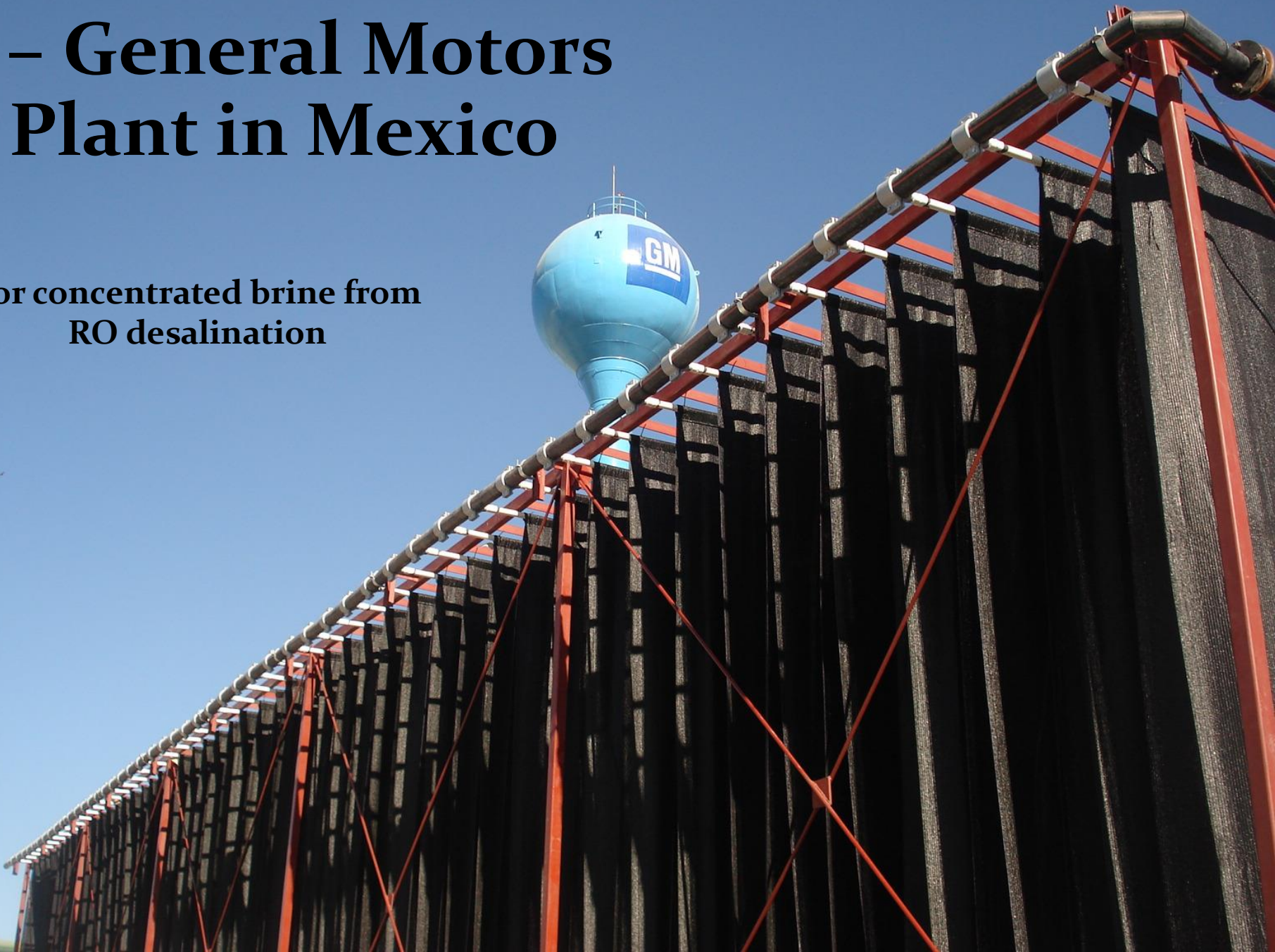
# Santos Coxon Creek Facility in Australia



The system was deemed a success and a good demonstration of WAIV's effectiveness to enhance evaporation.

# 3 – General Motors Plant in Mexico

For concentrated brine from  
RO desalination





# General Motors Plant in Mexico

Site: General Motors Automobile Plant

Location: Ramos Arizpe, Mexico

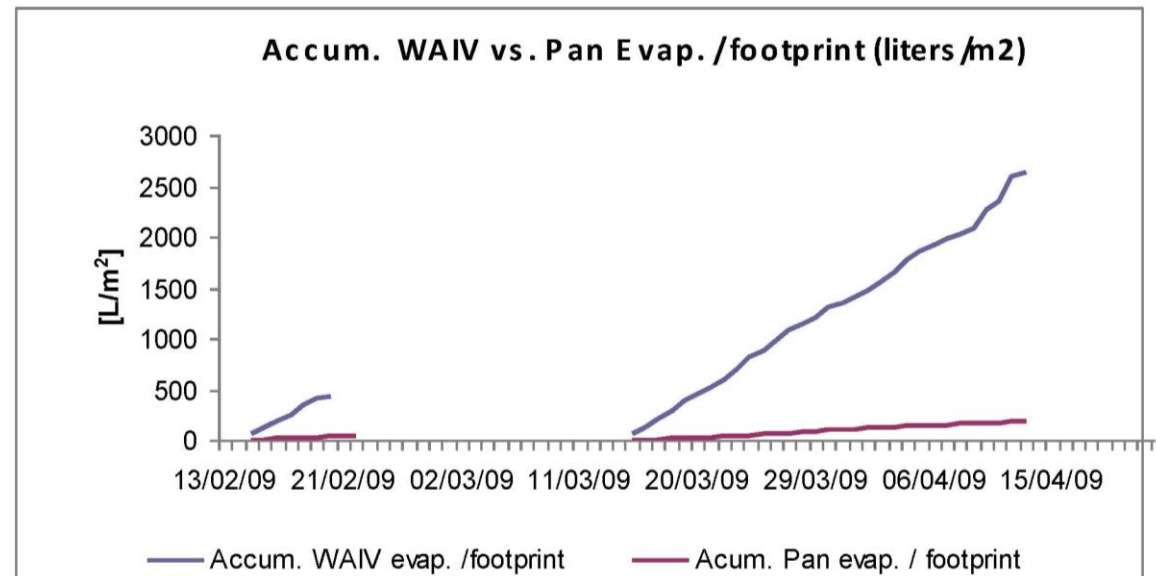
Purpose: RO Concentrated Brine Reduction

Operation: 2009 – shut-down of entire facility by GM

Key Result:

Additional process water required and GM was looking for alternate to evap ponds for RO brine disposal.

The system evaporated more than 10X the volume of an evaporation pond.







**Initial Installation of the WAIV System**

# WAIV – Lessons Learned

## WAIV

- Tested in the field for over a decade
- Numerous improvements have been made to the system as a result of **practical field operational experience**

## Lessons learned regarding:

- Fabric selection
- Mineralogical and biological fouling
- Frame construction
- Dealing with high winds
- Preventing drift
- Diff pumps used to find most effective
- Desired flow rate (circulation rate) tested for optimization

# WAIV – Lessons Learned

(continued)

Lessons learned regarding:

- Algae growth blocking pump intake screen
- Access to equipment and WAIV surfaces for maintenance
- Water distribution improvements
- WAIV sail tensioning
- Control panel high temperatures
- Fabric dimensions
- Sail spacing (not too close or too far apart)
- Size of concrete support blocks
- Weather station installation to monitor performance vs conditions
- Other...



# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation FAQ's

- Landfill Types - Applicability
- Fouling – Mineralogical
- Climate –
  - Humid Environments
  - High Rainfall
- Processing capacity of a WAIV system

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### **What types of landfills can use WAIV for leachate evaporation?**

- Open landfills
- Closed landfills
- MSW
- C&D
- Industrial or other mono-fill landfills
- Even hazardous waste landfills
- Ash Ponds

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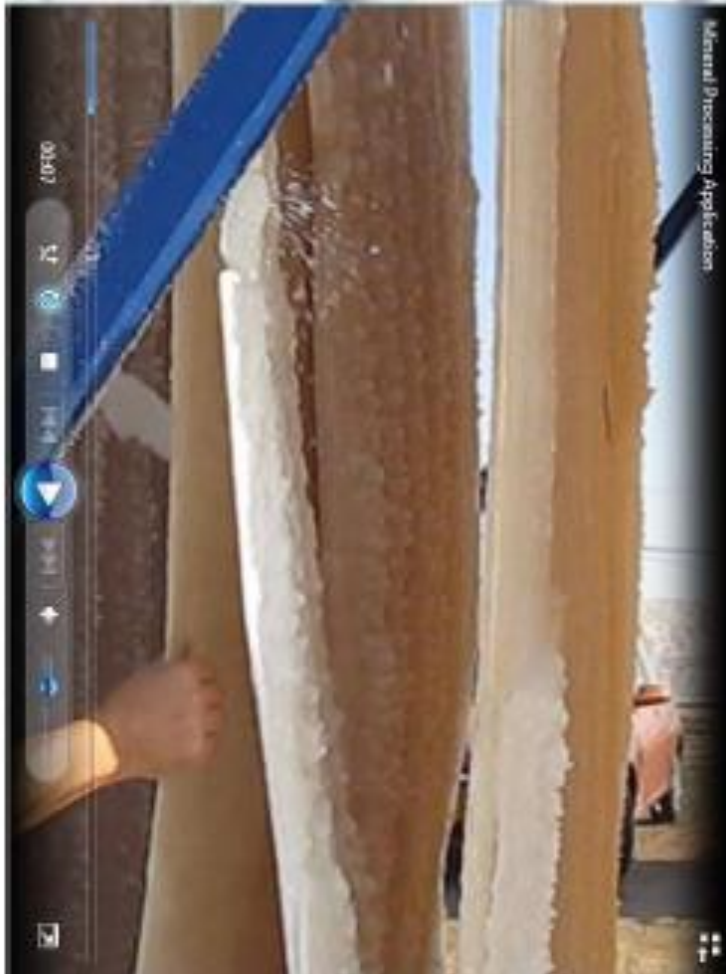
## FAQ's

### What about mineralogical fouling of the WAIV surfaces?

- Developed for desalination industry (which has high TDS in RO reject)
- Leachate TDS typical concentrations
  - Closed = low 1,000's mg/L
  - Open = 7-18,000 mg/L
  - Open extremely high = 30,000+ mg/L
- Maintenance = periodic acid flush



# Brine Crystallization



**Harvesting Desirable Minerals with WAIV**  
**Operates Under Supersaturated Conditions**  
**30% (300,000 mg/L) Dissolved Solids**

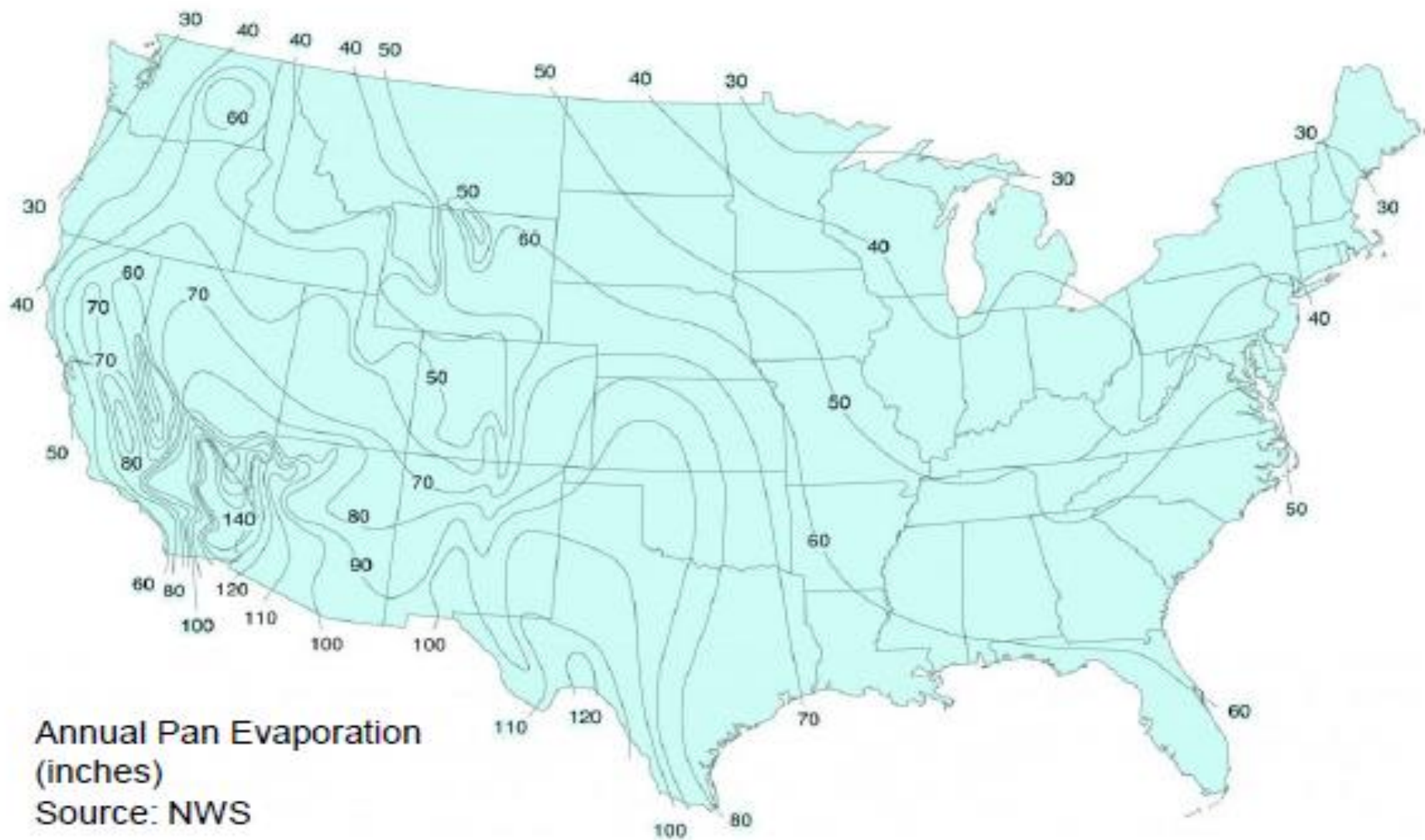
# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

**What about operating in very humid environments like those in Florida and all along the Gulf Coast?**

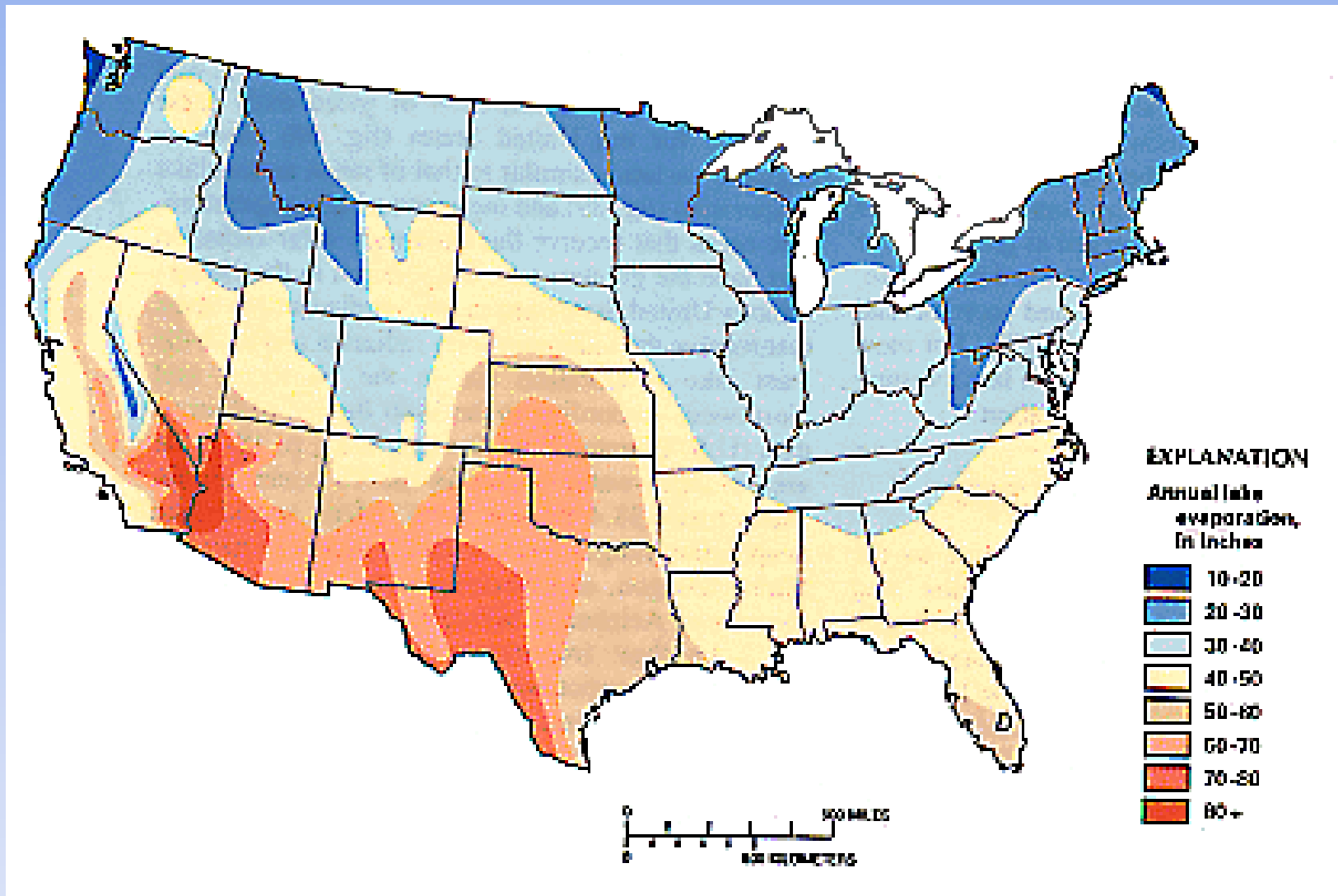
- Direct correlation with Pan Evaporation
  - High solar component
  - Sufficient winds
- Results are predictive (evaporation modeling)
- Operates 24/7 so take full advantage of 'available' evaporation capacity

# Annual U.S. Pan Evaporation





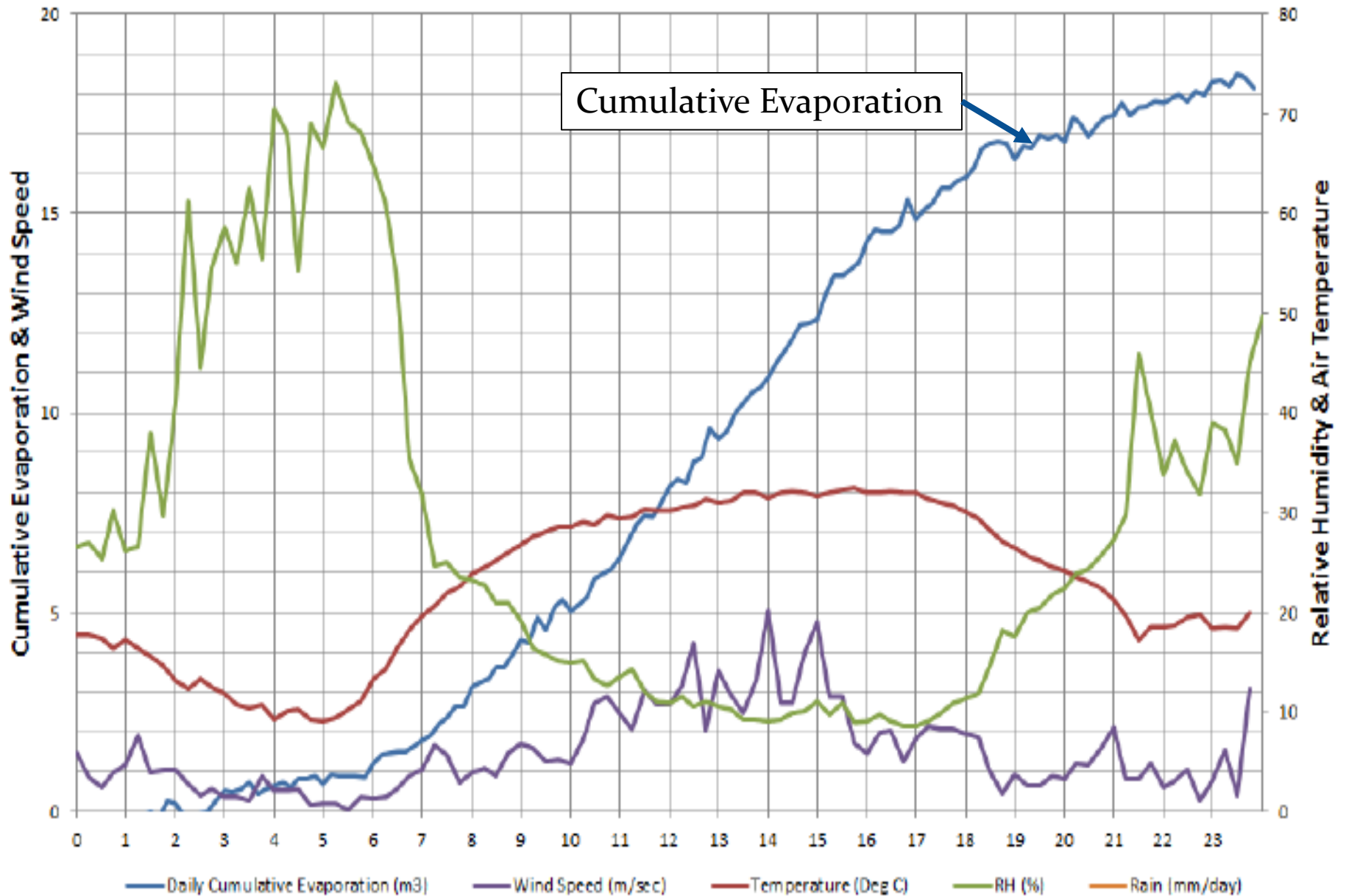
# Lake Evaporation



(Source: Data from U.S. Department of Commerce via USGS website)

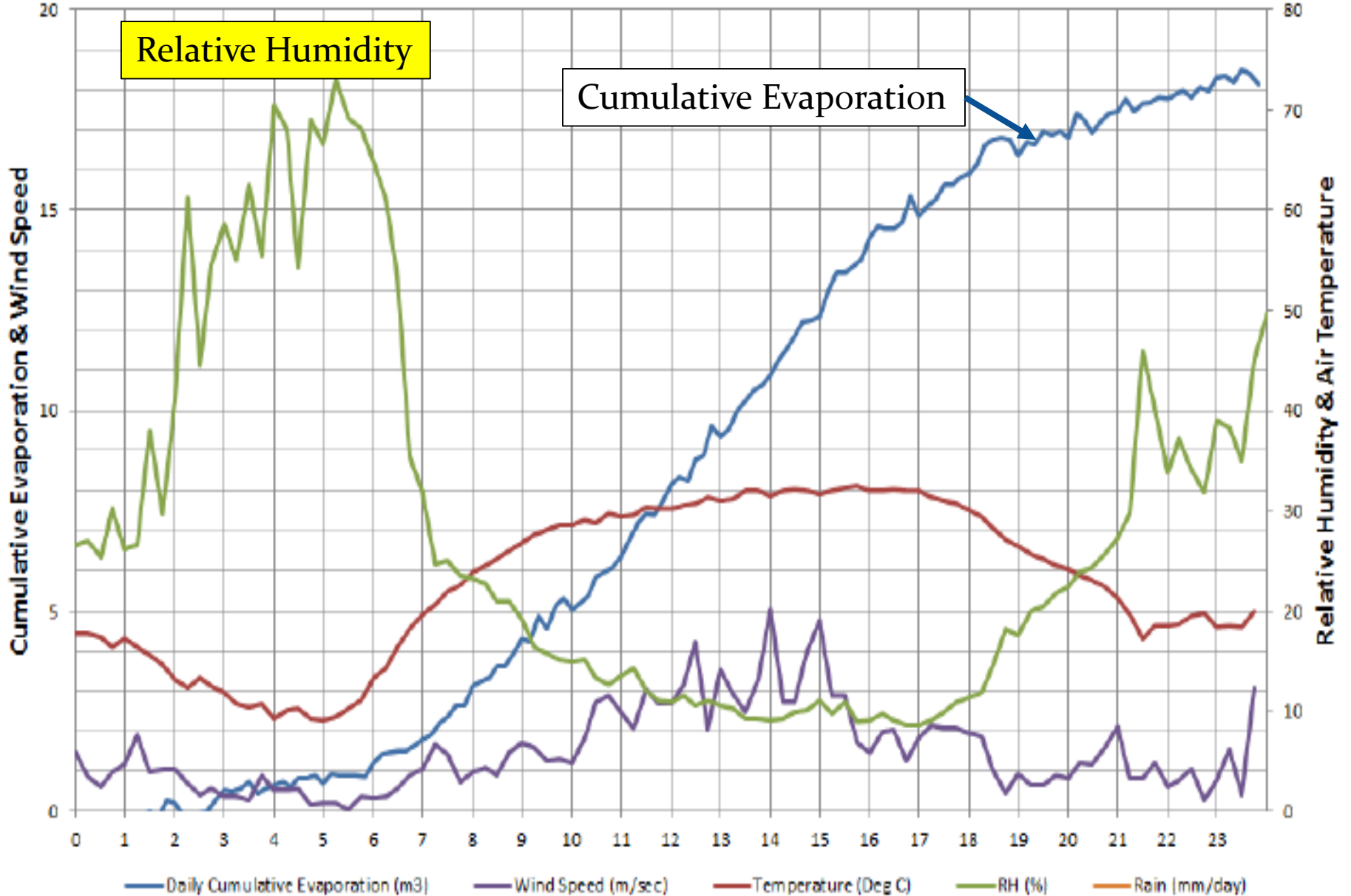
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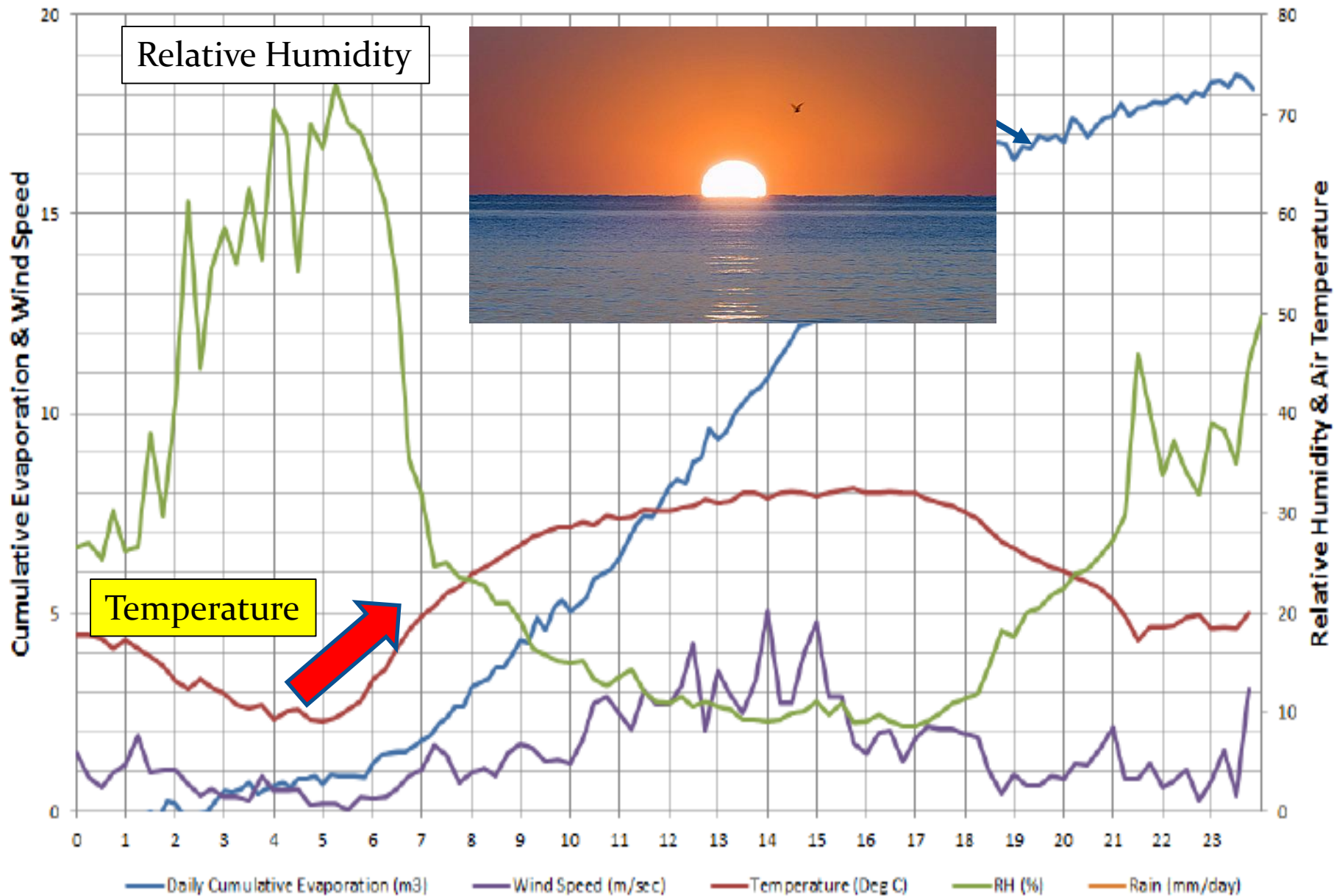
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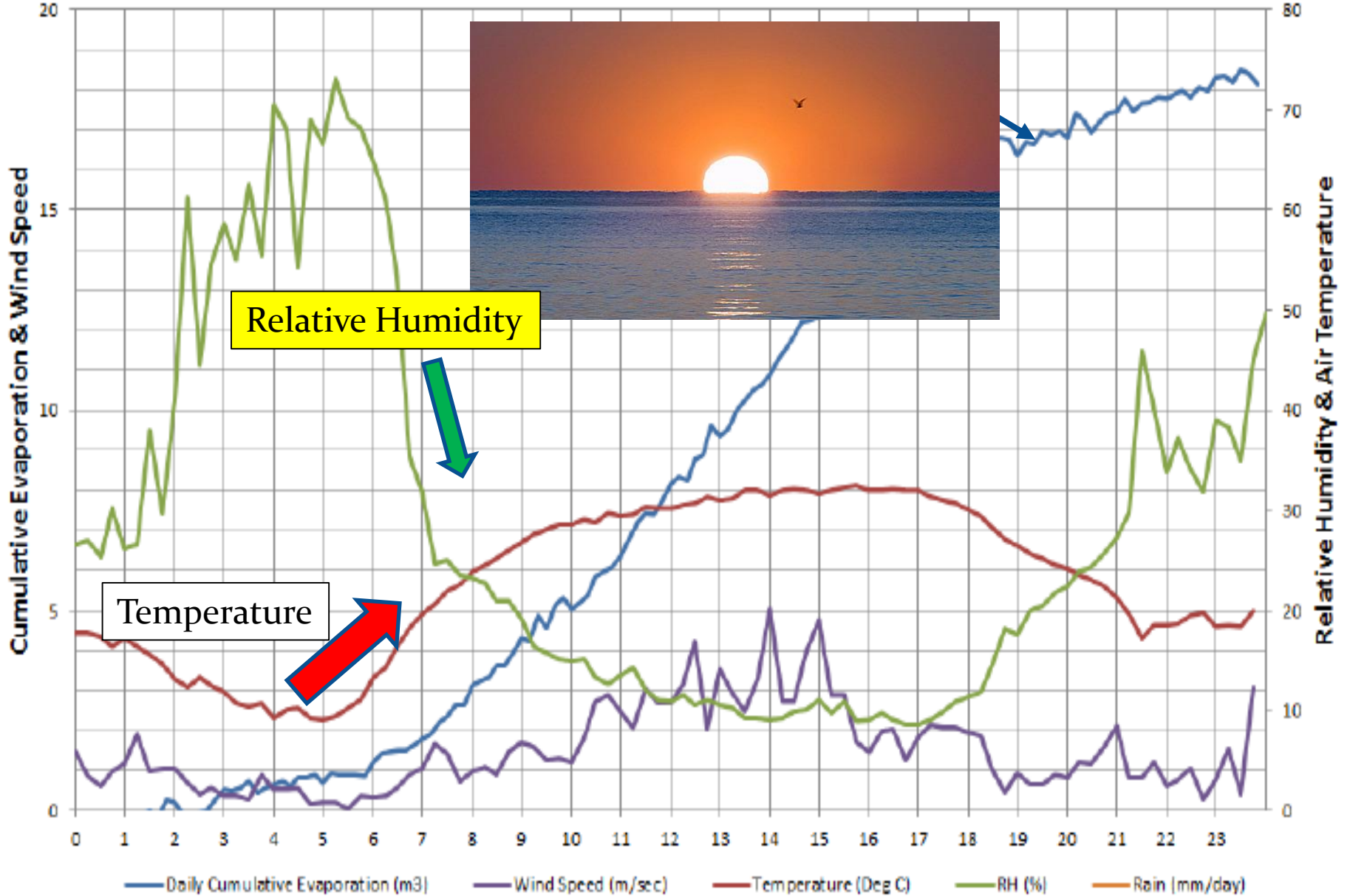
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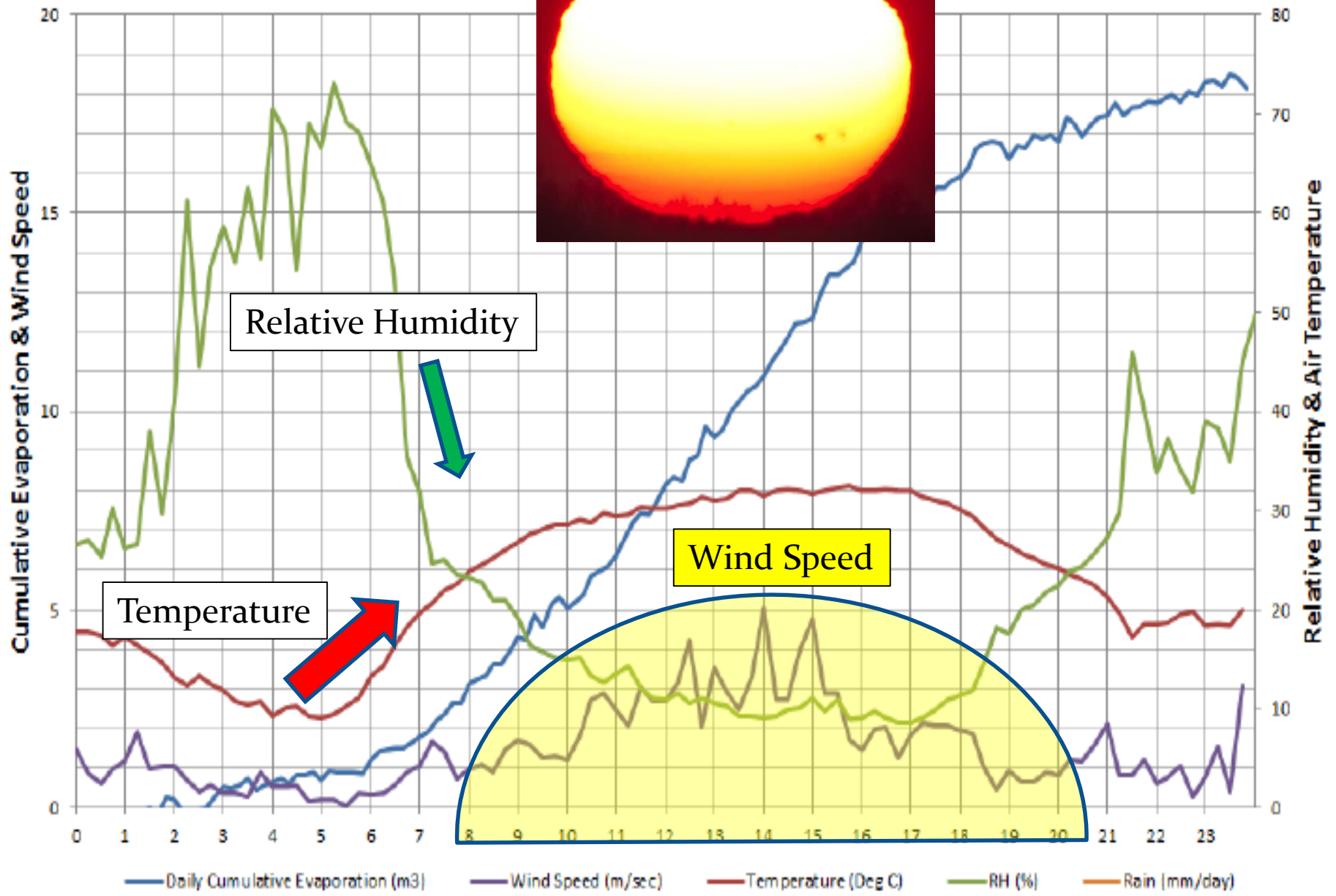
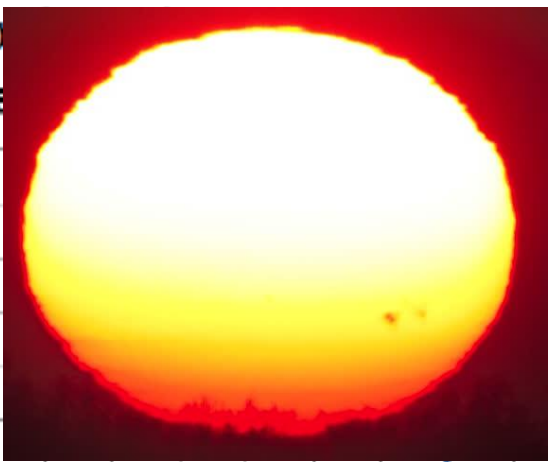
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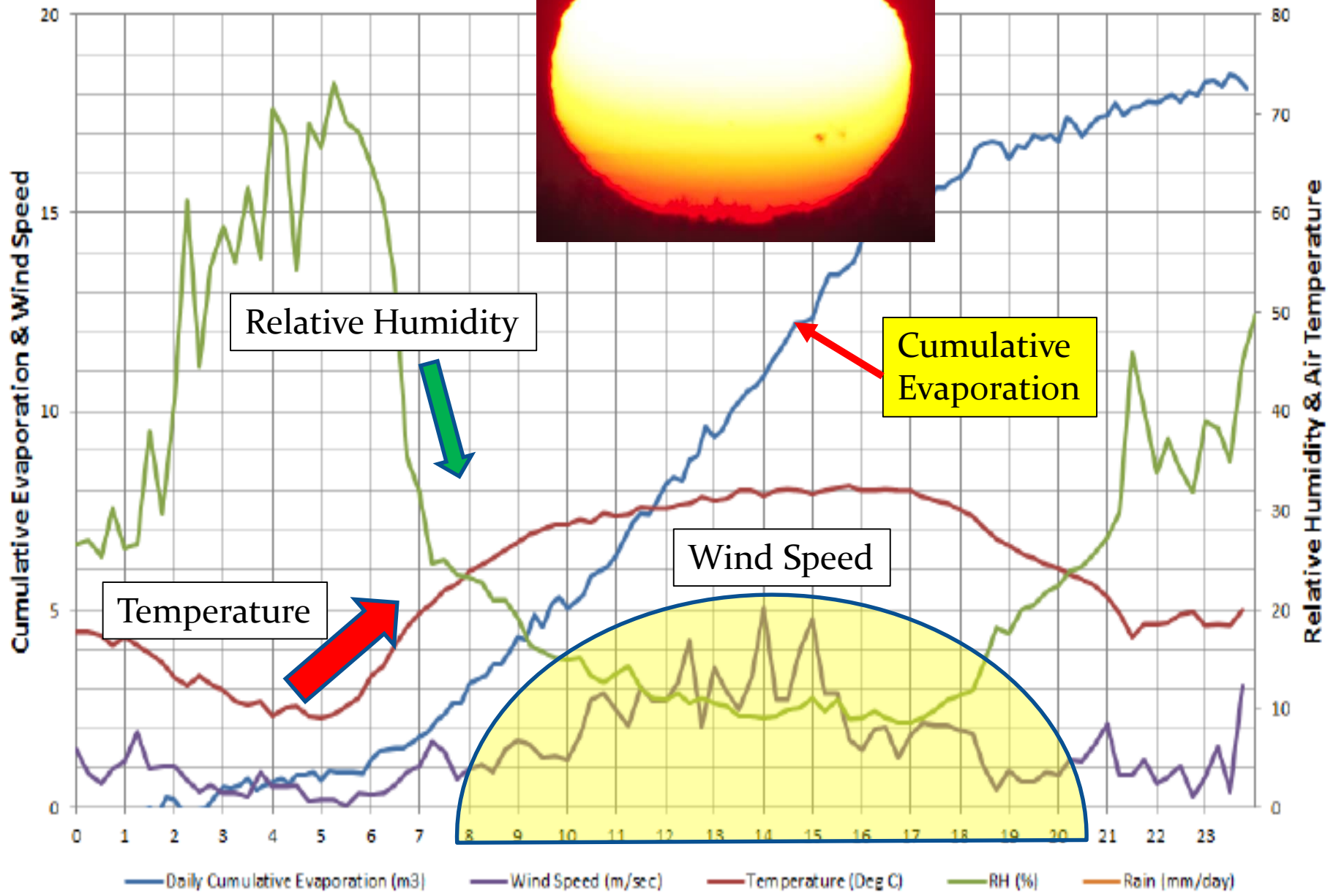
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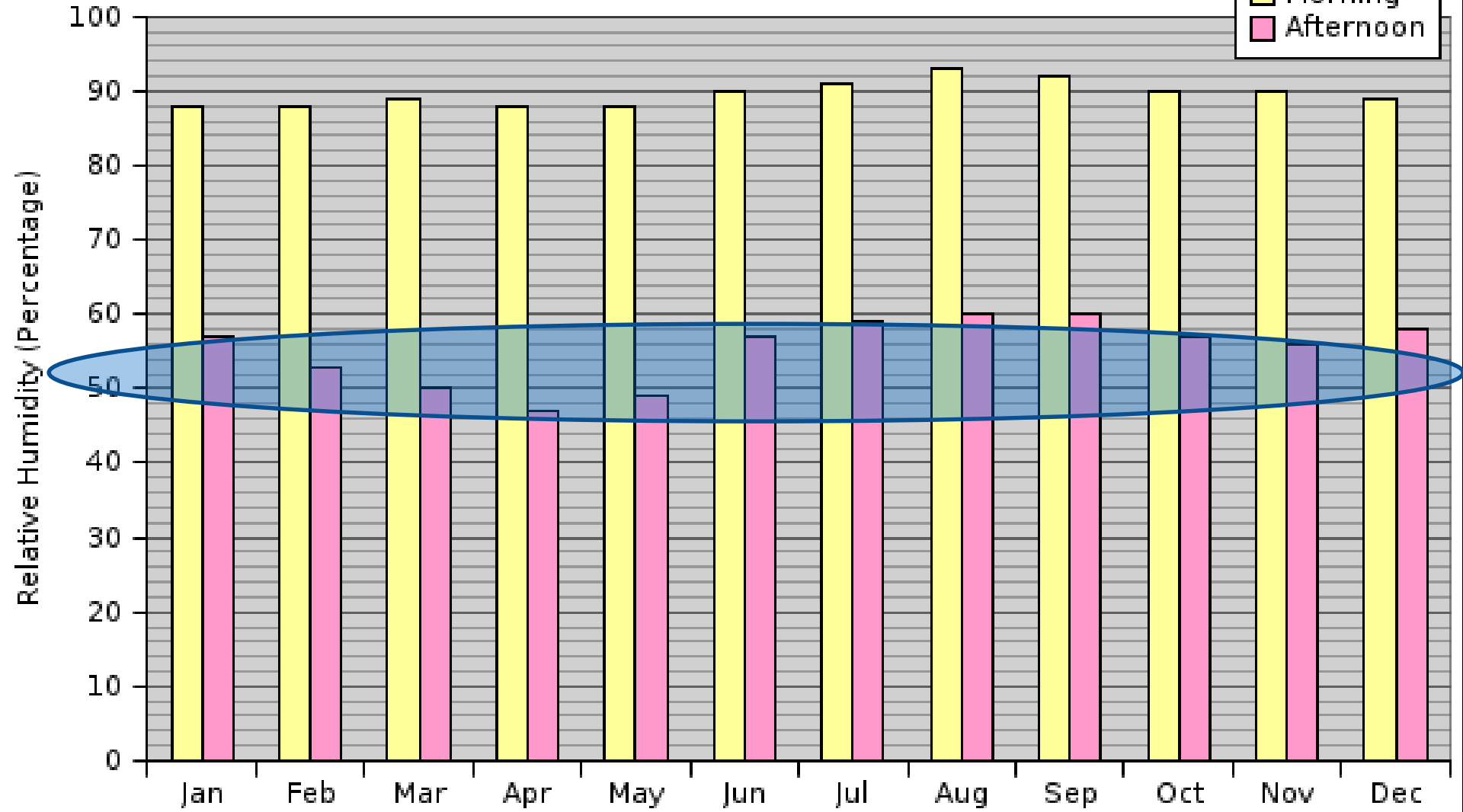




# WAIV Santo Domingo WAIV System Performance Report (11/12)



# Average Relative Humidity by Month



Orlando, FL

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### What about areas of high rainfall?

- Similar to 'Humid' FAQ
- Rainfall volume included in analysis



**Leachate Storage Ponds**  
**1" rain / acre = 27,100 gallons**  
**55" / year / ac = 1.5 Million Gallons**



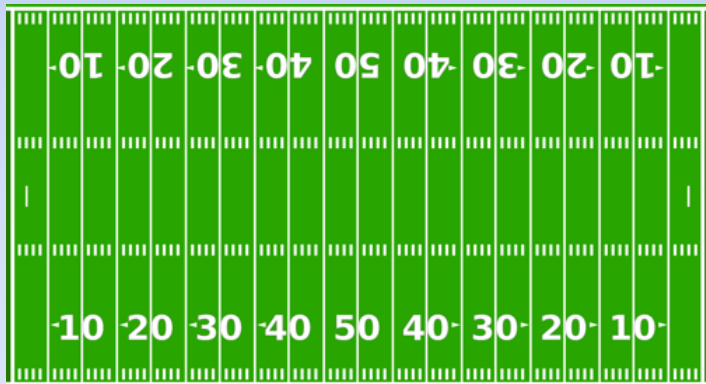


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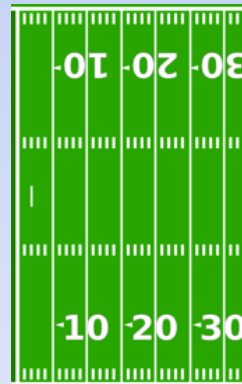
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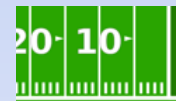
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- Rainfall volume included in analysis
- Ratio of surface area to footprint = very favorable



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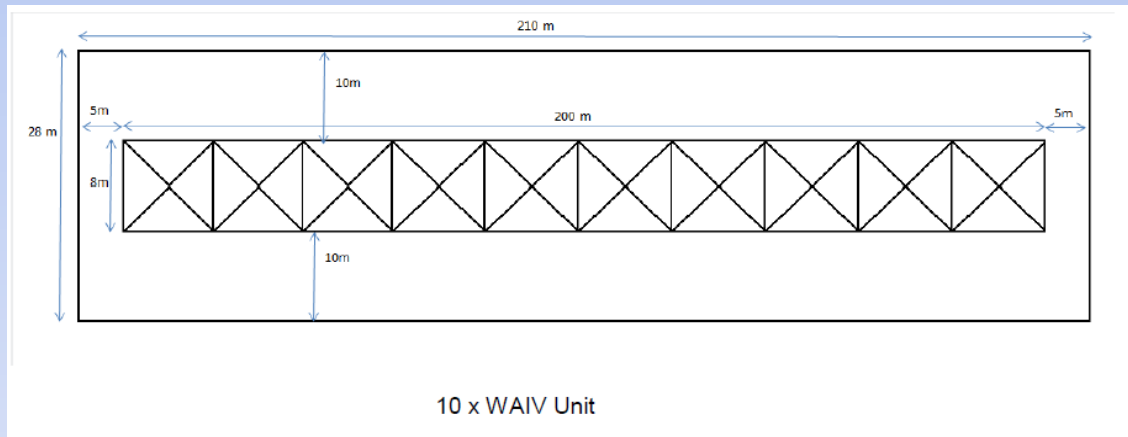


# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### How much liquid can a WAIV system process?

- 0.8 – 1.8 MGY/unit
- 2,500 – 5,000 gpd/unit
- Modular - Scale up to desired gpd



Rule of Thumb =  $\sim 1$  MGY/unit

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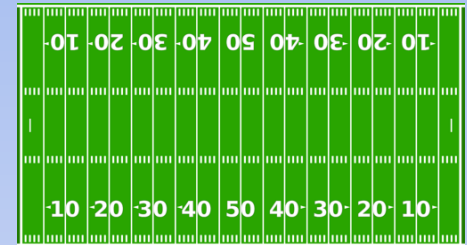
- Space Requirements
- Costs
  - O&M
  - Capital
- Permitting
- Matching technology to a site
- Performance enhancement

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### What are the space requirements?

- 1 WAIV Unit ~0.15 acres
- 2 WAIV Units ~0.25 acres
- 3 WAIV Units ~0.35 acres
  
- Additional WAIV Units each add ~0.1 acres



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### Location

- Near leachate source
- On TOP of landfill (↑ wind speeds)



# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### O&M?

- Facility staff very busy with other site responsibilities
  - Owner can focus on revenue-producing activities
- Primarily **hands-off system for Owners**
- Provide turn-key installation and **all the operational support included**
- Goal to **make your problems** with leachate go away

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## O&M Costs

## FAQ's

- **O&M is included in a per gallon cost**
  - Expect per/gal costs cut by 30-50% or more
  - Pay for performance
- Full service O&M included
  - Local approved technician to respond
- Owner expected to help with minor tasks, e.g.:
  - Restart system after power interruption
  - Visual inspections
  - Notify LMS if any concerns
  - Minor troubleshooting with LMS staff

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### Capital Costs

- Affected by climate and processing capacity / unit
  - 5 MGY in different climates
- Affected by how much an owner wants to invest

# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### Capital Costs

#### 3 Primary Capital Options

1. Most costs by owner (TBD per site specifics)
2. Shared costs (~\$XY,000 / unit)
3. **No Cost to owner ( \$0 to LMS )**
  - Pay for performance (reduce risk to Owner)
  - Payback on capital investment **(ROI): ~1.5 – 2.5 years** typ
  - Typical Owner investment ~\$200-400k



# Wind Aided Intensified eVaporation

## FAQ's

### **What about gaining regulatory approval for a new technology?**

- Fundamental technology
- Easy to understand and explain
- Fewer risks than other technologies
- Protective of soil and groundwater
- Anticipate acceptance with thorough explanation

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### **How do I know if this is a match for my site?**

- A No-Cost “Initial Site Data Assessment”
  - Look at key site parameters
  - Looking for fatal flaws
- Completed free of charge
  - We're picky!!
  - Too much invested for anything less

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### Can we enhance performance?

- Install in areas of higher wind
  - e.g. top of closed cells
- High flow industrial fans
  - e.g. Install 3 industrial fans with 20,000 cfm each
    - Total flow = **31.5 billion cubic feet in a year**
    - Bound to enhance efficiency (straight physics)
    - Blowers are low hp, so ~\$5-6k/yr electric total



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### Final Comments

- High degree of applicability
- Developed with science
- Proven in field w/ many improvements
- Low to no cost options, O&M included
- Beneficial for the environment
- No risk to owner to take a look

**'Natural Systems' are a new option for landfill owners to consider**



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New Way

