

# From Data to Action: Optimizing Cooling with Seeq

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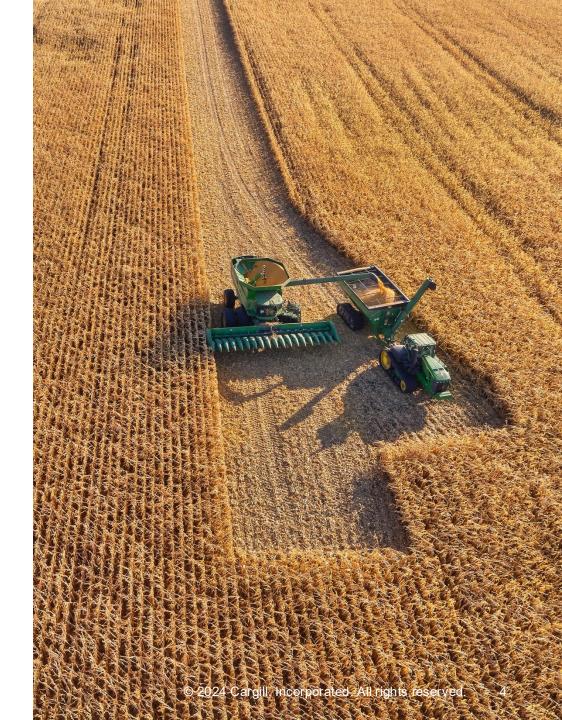
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# **Speaker Background**

#### Engineering and Data Sciences Team

- Senior Manufacturing Analytics Engineer
- Seeq Mentor and Super User
- Lean / Six Sigma Black Belt

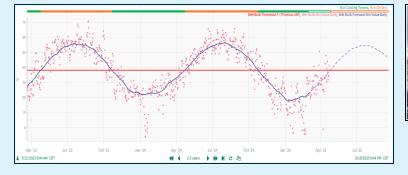
#### 35 Years of Experience

- Food & Beverage
- Bio-Pharma Equipment Manufacturing
- High Purity Chemical Packaging and Dispense Systems
- Integrated Circuit Manufacturing Equipment
- Flex Circuit Design & Manufacturing



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# **Outline**





CHALLENGE

How to predict a semi-annual transition between Cooling Towers and Electric Chillers?

SOLUTION

Utilize Seeq to calculate metrics, build predictive model, conditions and notifications to alert Engineers

RESULTS

Maintain process performance while minimizing operational cost.

### **Cooling Tower, Performance Factors**

#### Wet Bulb Temperature

 Wet Bulb Temperature is the lowest temperature to which water can be cooled by evaporation

#### Heat Load

- The amount of heat to be removed from the system
- Proportional to the difference in water temperature as well as the flow

#### Water & Air Flow Rates

Higher flow rates increase operation costs



Source - Microsoft Copilot

# **Comparison of Cooling Technologies**



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Aspect	Cooling Towers	Electric Chillers
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Lower electrical consumption	Higher electrical consumption
Cost Effectivity	Lower operating costs	Higher operating costs

## Challenges

#### High Product Mix

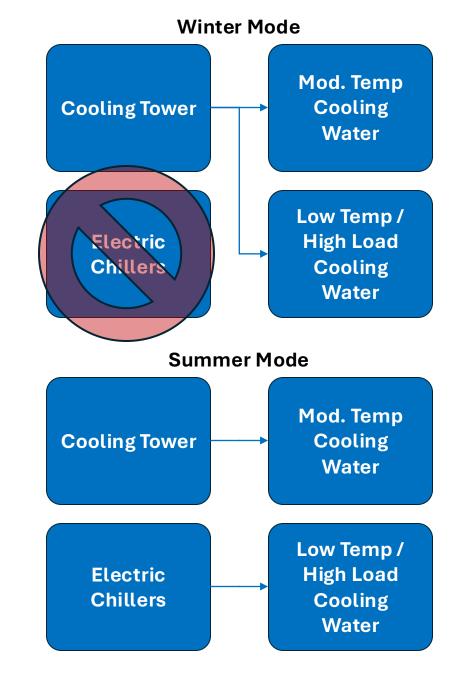
 Starches, Sweeteners, Fuel Additives and Animal Feed

#### Plant design

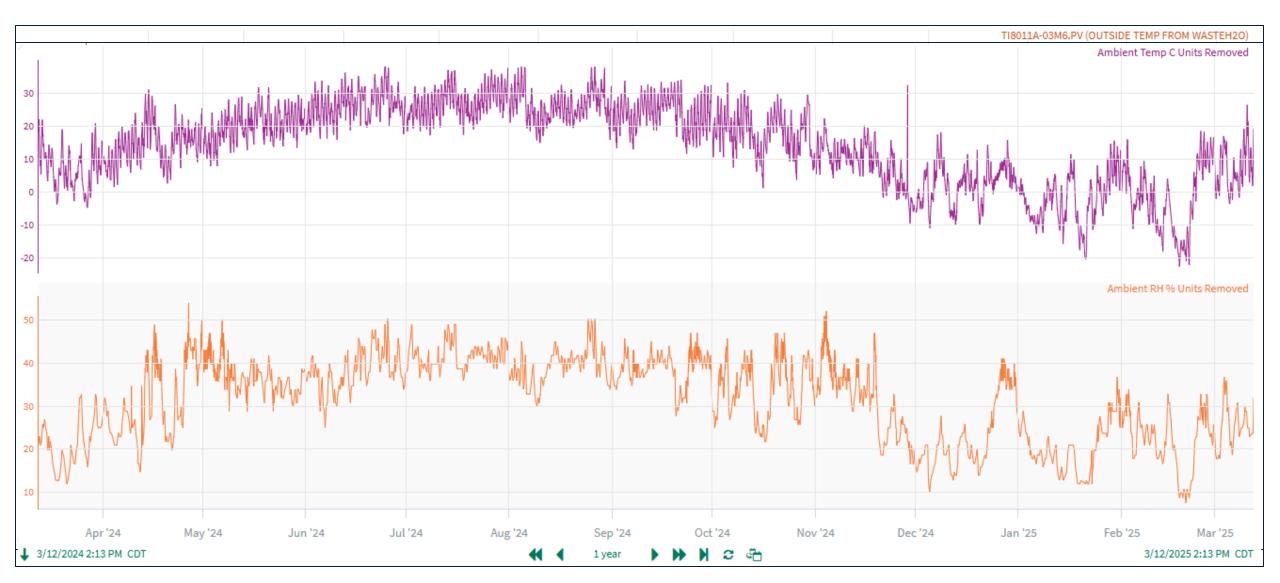
- Both Cooling Towers and Electric Chillers are available
- Site requires manual transition between Modes

#### Impacts

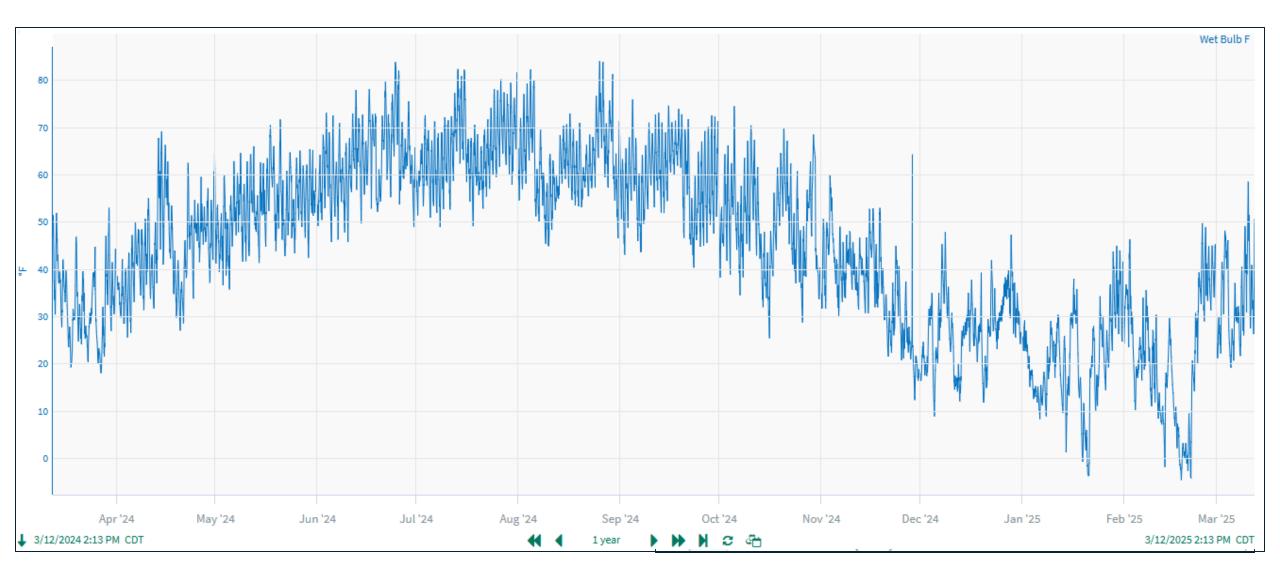
 Maximizing time in Winter Mode minimizes electrical usage (cost) and improves sustainability



# Step 1 - Find raw signals and prepare for calculation



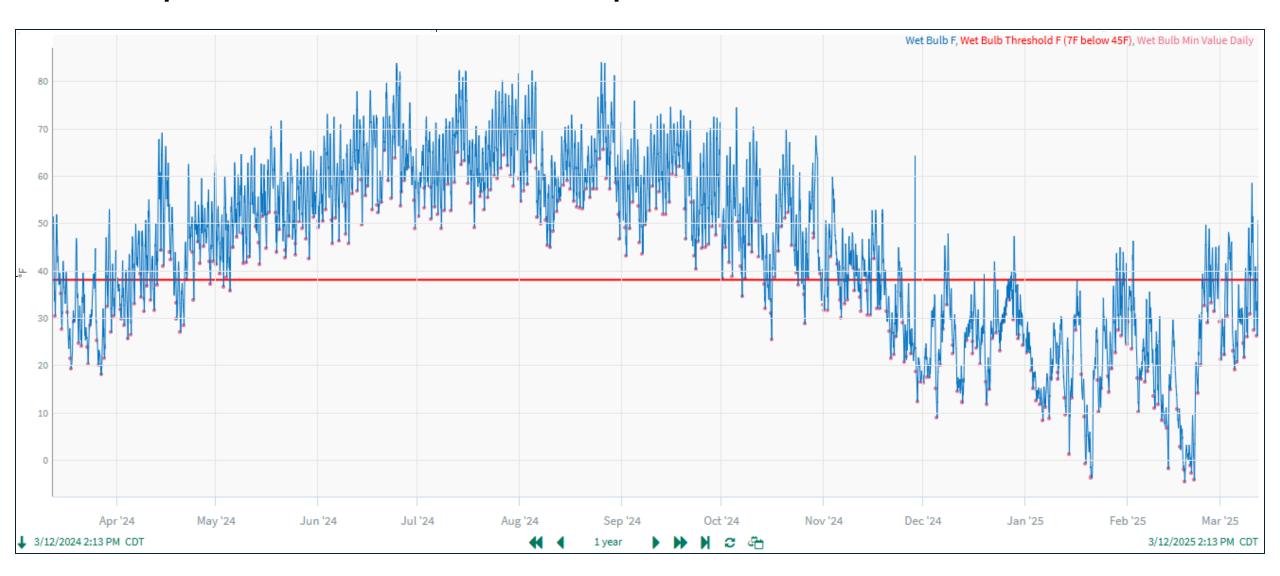
# Step 2 - Calculate Wet Bulb Temperature



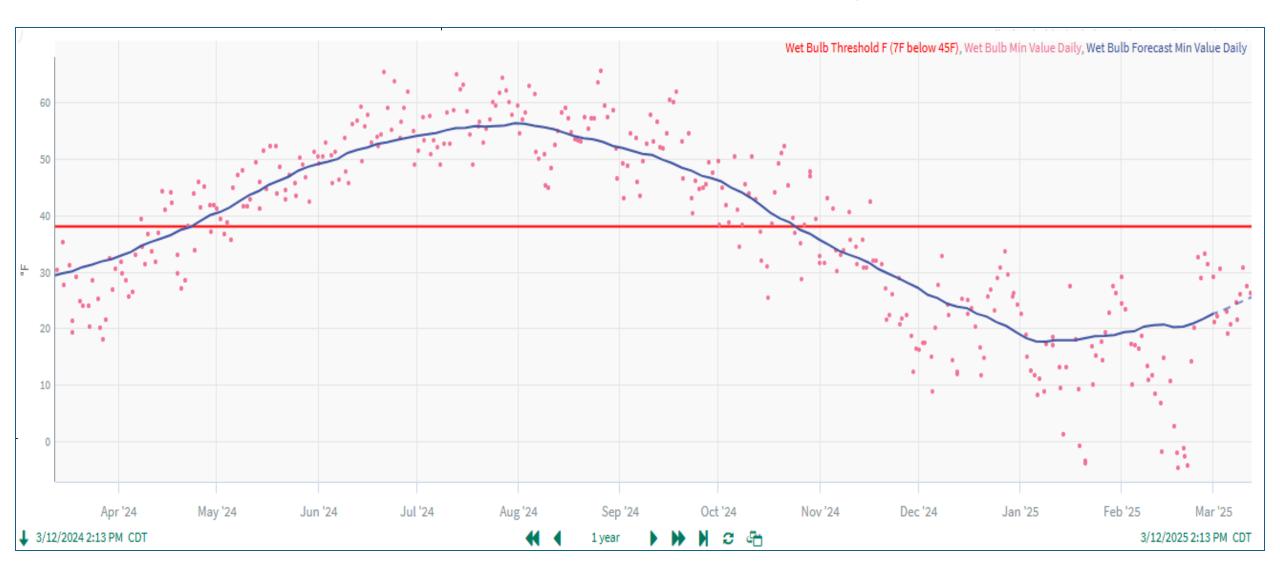
# Step 3 - Calculate Min. Daily Wet Bulb Temperature



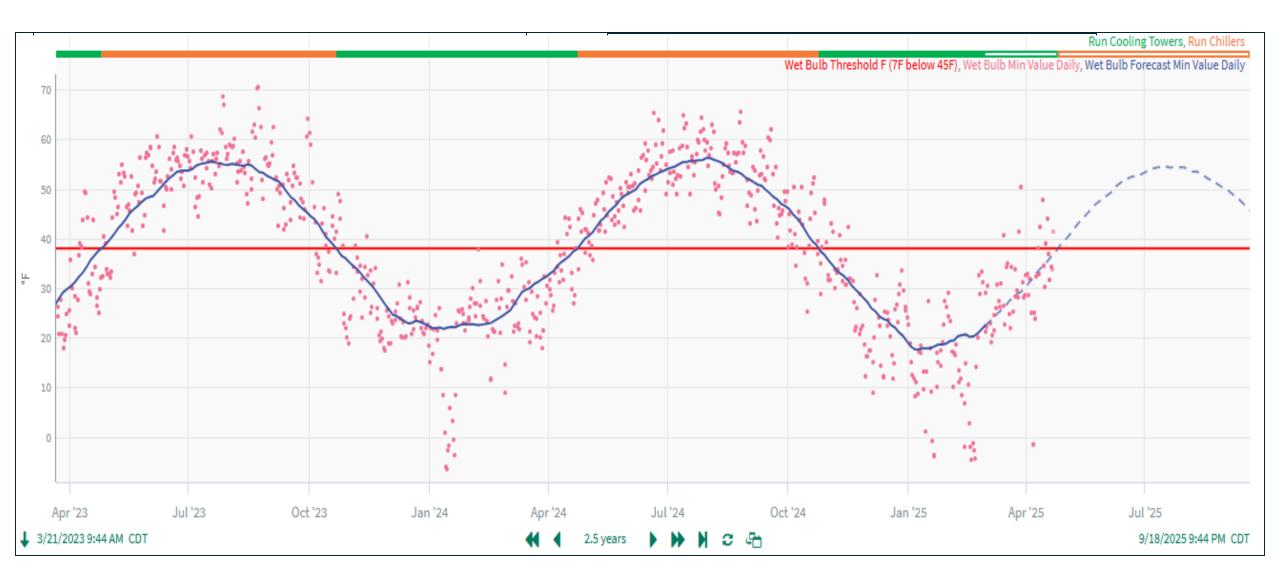
# Step 4 - Add Wet Bulb Temperature Threshold



# Step 5 - Create Forecasted Wet Bulb Signal



# Step 6 - Create Conditions and Notifications



# Results / Impact

#### Results

- Engineers are notified before forecasted transition
- Review weather forecast and production schedule
- Plan transition work

#### Impacts

- Reduced operating cost
- Reduced Scope 2
   Emissions

