

Beyond the Flanges, A Look at Chilled Water System Design

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First Cost Energy Consumption













Typical Water Cooled Chilled Water System

How??? Chiller technology improvements!



Annual Energy Cost Conventional Chilled Water System





a comparative "energy sensitivity" analysis ... Ancillary Equipment Impact



Cooling Tower Performance



"!Tower water should be hot!" 1st

Towers fans should use VFDs! 2nd





Cooling Tower Selection





Mass (capacity) varies directly with flow Pressure Drop varies with ~square of the flow Energy Consumption varies with ~cube of the flow

Based on $Q = m \Delta T$





Low Flow Chilled Water Plant Design ... A Paradigm Shift - New "Rules of Thumb"

- New "rules of thumb"
 - (44) ⇒ Lower chilled water supply (such as 41° F)
 - Or colder, down to 34 degree water for large plants
 - Larger
 \Tacross evaporator (such as 16° F)
 - that's at 1.5 gpm/ton
 - Lower flows through condenser (such as 15°F or 2 GPM/ton)
 - that's something less than 3.0 gpm/ton
 - Resize the cooling tower accordingly



Low Flow Chilled Water Plant Design ... What are other's saying???

Kelly and Chan (Vanderweil Engineering)

- HPAC January 1999: Optimizing Chilled Water Plants"
- ◆ Chilled water ∆T: 18° & Condenser water ∆T: 14.2°F
- "With the same cost chillers, at worst, the annual operating cost with lower flows be about equal to "standard" flows but still at a lower first cost"

• PG&E: CoolTools™

♦ Chilled water △T: 12°F to 20 °F







Non-Standard Part Load Value (NPLV)

The NPLV Averages the kW/ton at different loads

 $NPLV = \underbrace{.01 + .42 + .45 + .12}_{A B C D}$ Entering Tower $\longrightarrow 85^{\circ} 75^{\circ} 65^{\circ} 65^{\circ}$ Water -Expected A = kW/Ton @ 100% Load B = kW/Ton @ 75% Load C = kW/Ton @ 50% Load D = kW/Ton @ 25% Load

Weighting based on a Single Chiller Plant !!

Appendix D - Derivation of IPLV ARI STD 550/590-1998

D2.1 Scope. This appendix is for equipment covered by this standard. The IPLV equations and procedure are intended to provide a consistent method for calculating a single number part load performance number for water chilling products. The equation was derived to provide a representation of the average part load efficiency for a <u>single chiller only</u>. However, it is <u>best to use a comprehensive analysis that reflects</u> the actual weather data, building load characteristics, operational hours, economizer capabilities and energy drawn by auxiliaries such as pumps and cooling towers, when calculating the chiller and system efficiency. This becomes increasingly important with multiple chiller systems because <u>individual chillers operating within multiple chiller</u> systems.

Multiple Chiller Plants



ICS Factory Engineered and Commissioned unit level controllers

- Incredibly accurate control
- Highly reliable control
- Adaptive control
- Multiple diagnostics
- Data rich user interface
- Variable primary flow optimizing options



The Next Step...

Decoupled System



Enabled Chillers Respond...



"Feed Forward" Controllers

- Most Reliable
- Most Versatile





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- Allow for multiple rapid restarts eliminates "guessing" at restart delay requirements
- Optional Separate 460/480 Control Power Xformer (CPTR)
 - For connection to uninterruptible power
 - ♦ Allows faster recovery after power loss

Tracer AdaptiView Control System Restart Inhibit

Free Starts

Allows multiple restarts without fixed time delay

- 1-5 (default 3)
- Post Free Start Restart Inhibit Start to Start Time Delay
 - Prevents unintended harmful cycling
 - 10-30 min (default 20 min)
- Stop to Start Time
 - Allows for motor demagnetization
 - 5-30 seconds (default 30 sec)

AdaptiView™ Virtual Graphics on the Equipment





Data Points from Chiller Hardware

- 2 Chilled and 2 Condenser Water temps
- Refrigerant temps in evaporator & condenser
- Field provided flow meter
- Start and Run time counters
- **kW power meter** (not current amps)

-> Capacity, delta T's, %Loaded, HX approach

Data Points from the System

- Ambient db and wb
- kW Power from pumps, towers, chiller
- System Supply and Condenser Wtr Temps
- Total Capacity, kw/Ton



Validating for Sustainability

- System kW /Ton Vs.....
 - Key ambient temp (wb-wc / db-ac)
 - Total capacity
 - Unit aver run time and hours per start.
 - Sample of 1 per hour
 - Compare to the typical value range at various amb. conditions
 - Note: System = compressor + transport + heat-of-rejection power



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Opportunities Summary

- Optimize on the "selection parameters"
- New Performance Rating method suited for multiple chiller plants to replace NPLV
- Document the system performance
- Consider a more rigorous analysis of the benefits of TES with assets.
- Ask for chiller options with adaptive controls

