

Commissioning Heat Pump Systems: The Already All Electric Building

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Learning Objectives – Class Series

1. Attendees will be able to discuss some of the issues and opportunities associated with applying heat pumps as a source of heat for buildings as we move towards electrification

Learning Objectives – Class Series

2. Attendees will be able to name the common heat pump types and describe their general characteristics (ground source, air source, water source, variable flow refrigeration, etc.)

Learning Objectives – Class Series

3. Attendees will be able to discuss ventilation strategies that can be applied in conjunction with heat pump systems and how they can be integrated with the heat pumps and the zones they serve

Learning Objectives – Class Series

4. Attendees will be able to discuss the design and commissioning issues associated with applying heat pumps to new construction and retrofit projects

Learning Objectives – Class Series

5. Attendees will be able to identify existing building commissioning issues and opportunities associated with heat pumps and heat pump systems

Learning Objectives – Today's Session

1. Discuss some of the issues that can exist with all electric HVAC solutions and how to address them

Learning Objectives – Today's Session

2. Describe how a master-planning approach to operations (a type of ongoing commissioning) can be used to drive improvements for a facility as "all electric" becomes business as usual

Learning Objectives – Today's Session

3. Recognize that economizer processes can be used as an energy recovery strategy to meet a facility's heating needs when combined with heat pumps

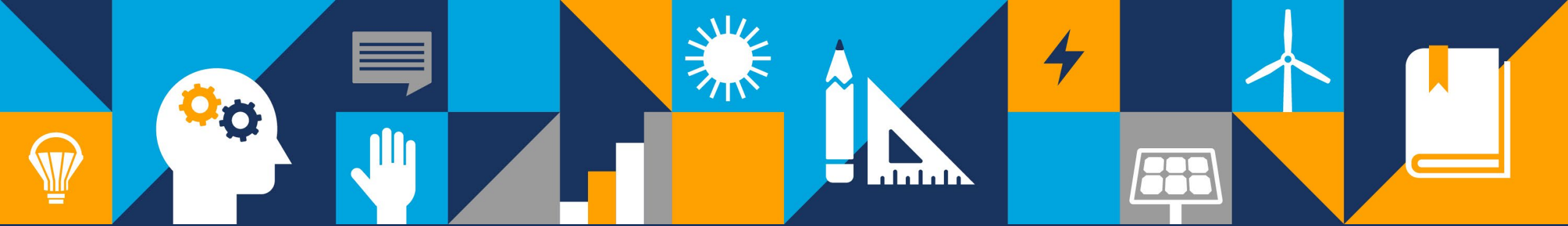
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4. List the different grades of recovered heat that may be available at a given facility

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5. Explain how the different grades of heat can be used to meet the heating needs for a modern building and the role heat pumps play in delivering the recovered energy at a usable grade

Today's Agenda



Introduction

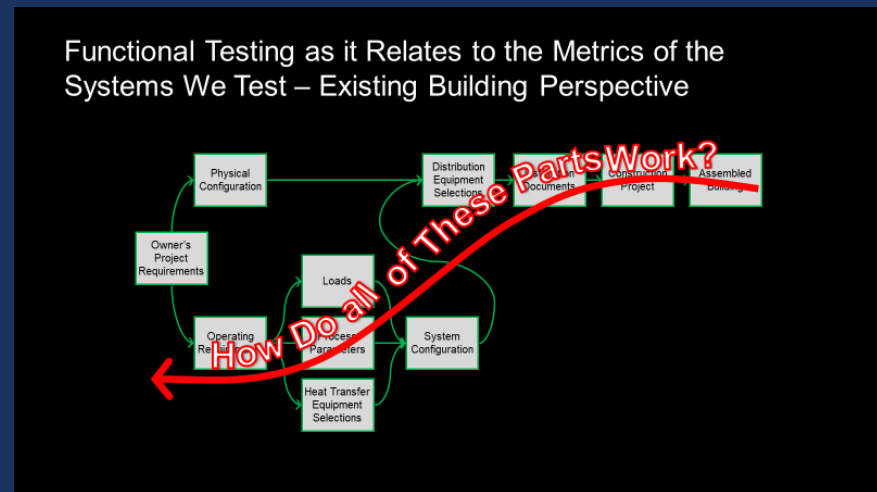
A Bit About Me

My Bio and Resume are With the Class Materials (or you can see what I said the first day when the recording is available)



Commissioning Processes, Skills, Resources, etc.

Review the slide sets posted on the website for previous days and/or the recordings of the previous sessions (available about 1-2 weeks from now)





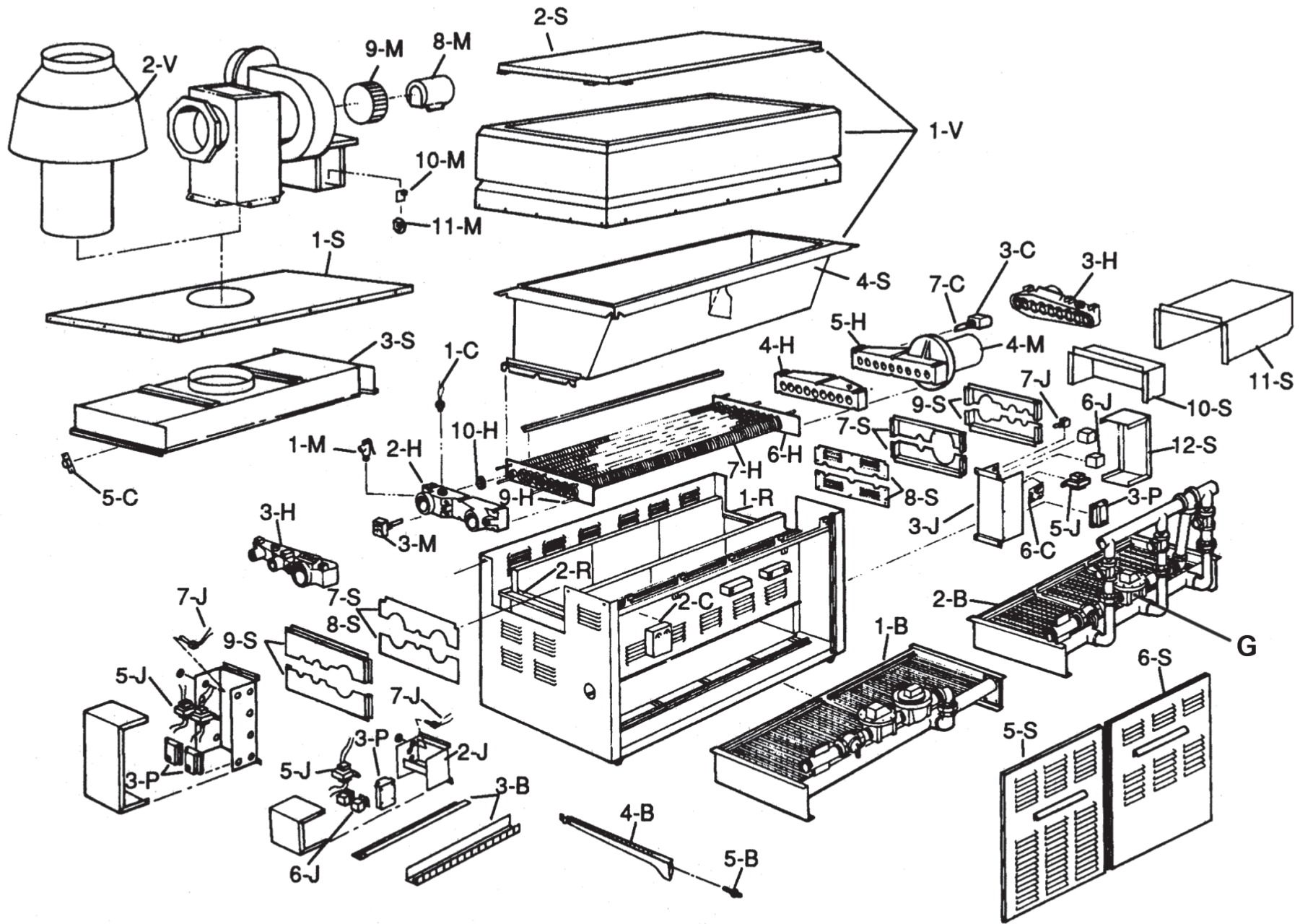
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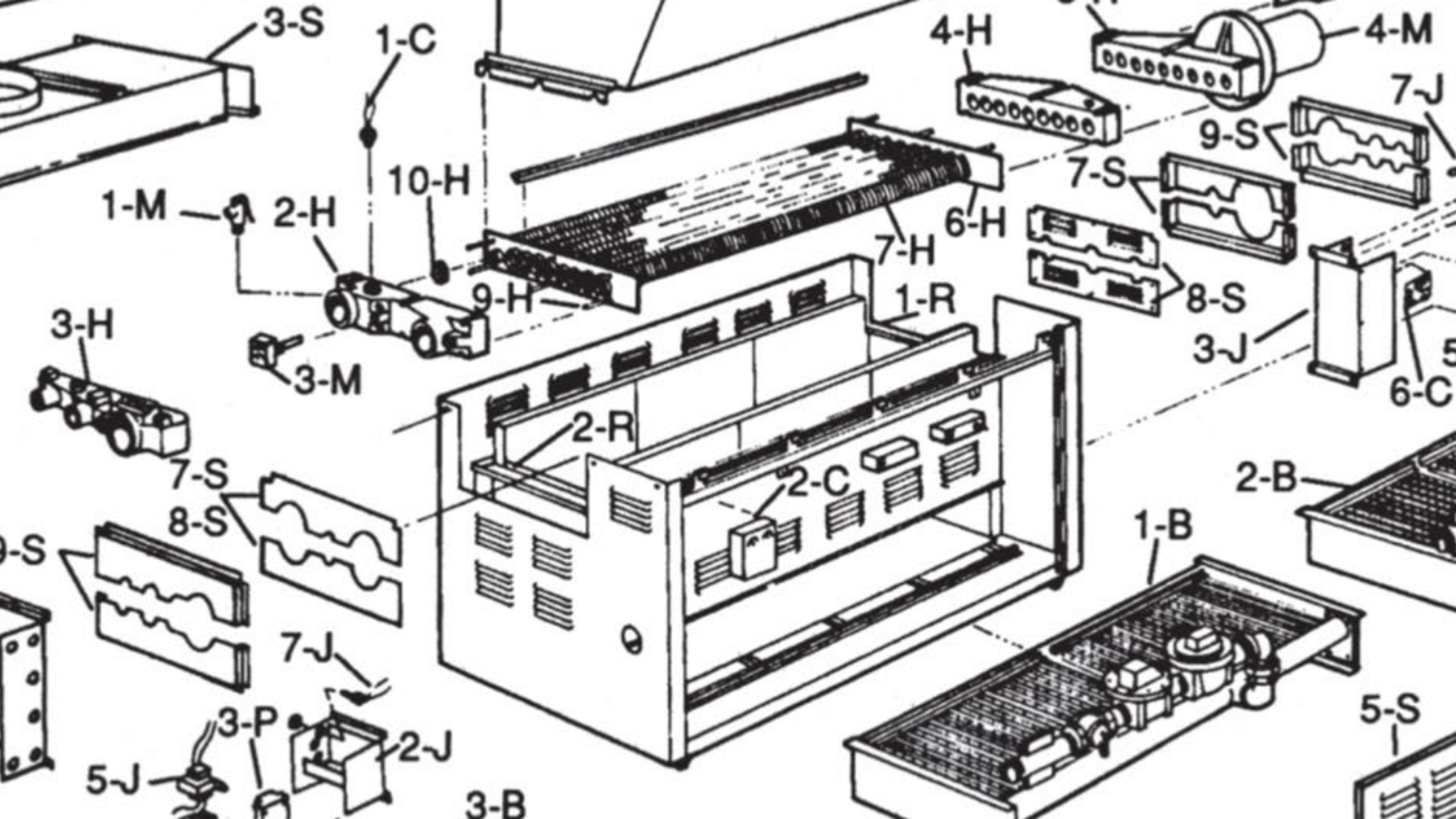
Regarding the Boiler

Its not a cast iron boiler, but it is tolerant of lower entering water temperatures

- Less than 105° will void the warranty
- Compare to less than 134°F on similar boilers









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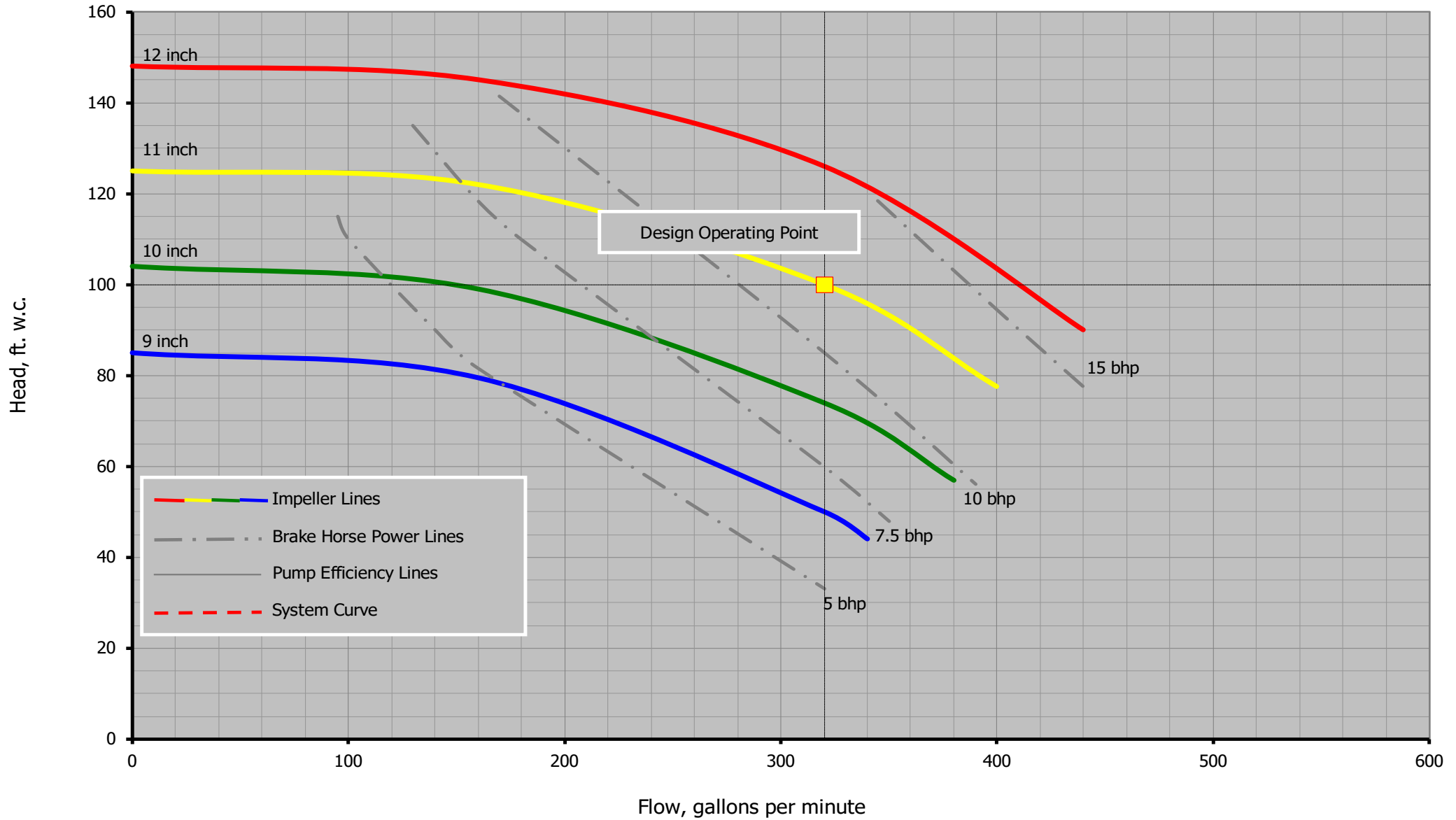


So Far, We've Heard About the Heat
Pump Loop Controls

*Let's see if the pump has anything to tell
us*

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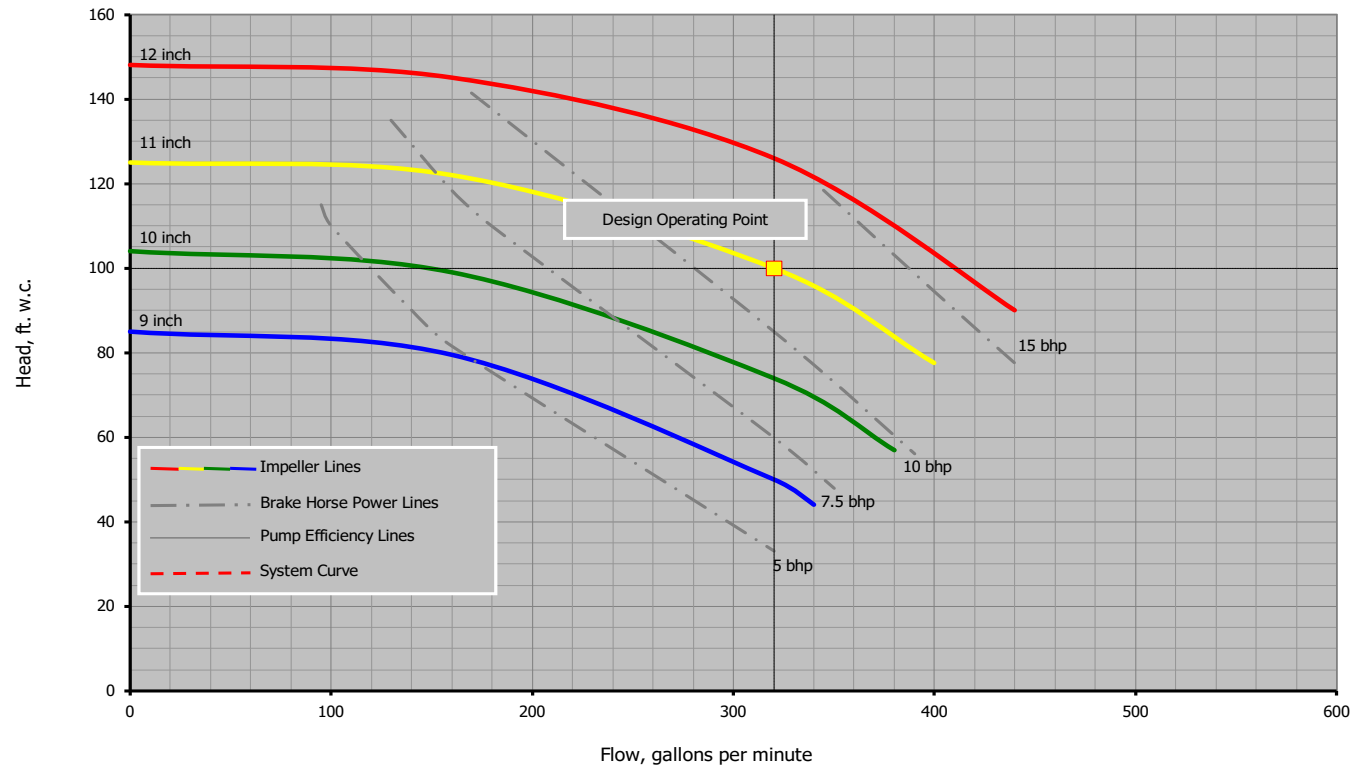
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Does the Pump Head Seem Reasonable?

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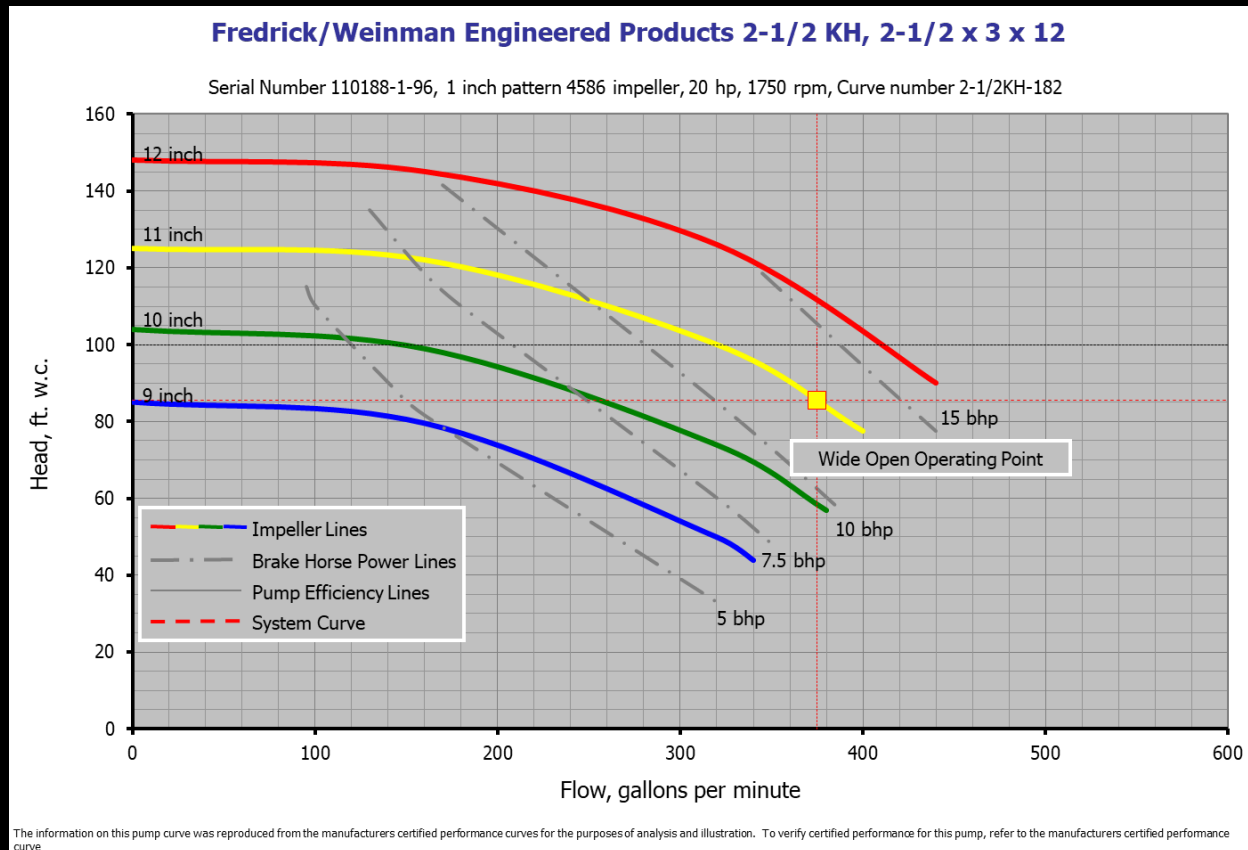
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What You Might Learn From the Pump

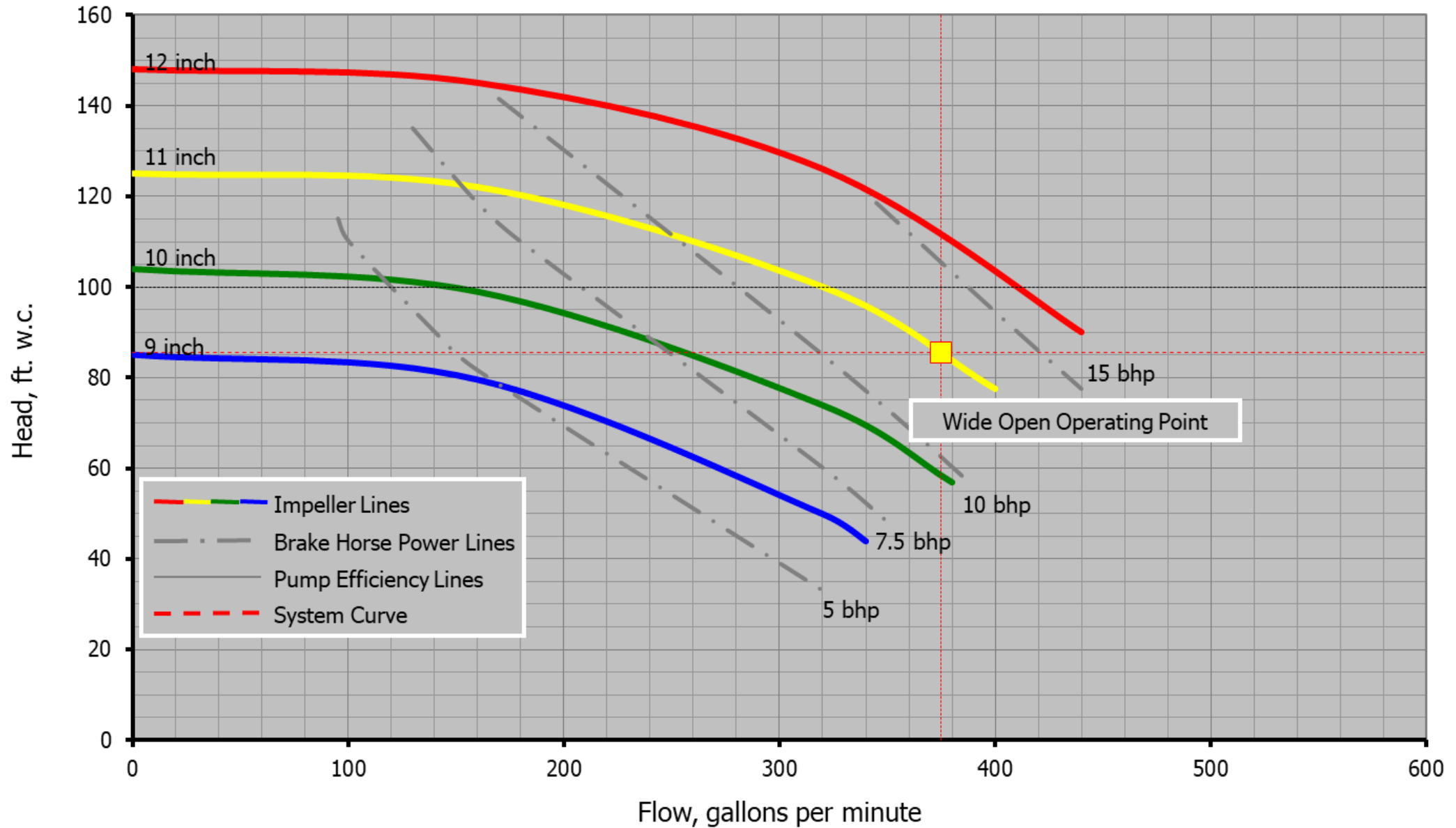


Pump Test Results

- 11 inch impeller
- Wide open head – 84 – 86 ft.w.c.
- Flow (from pump curve) – 375 - 380 gpm
- Design Flow – 320 gpm

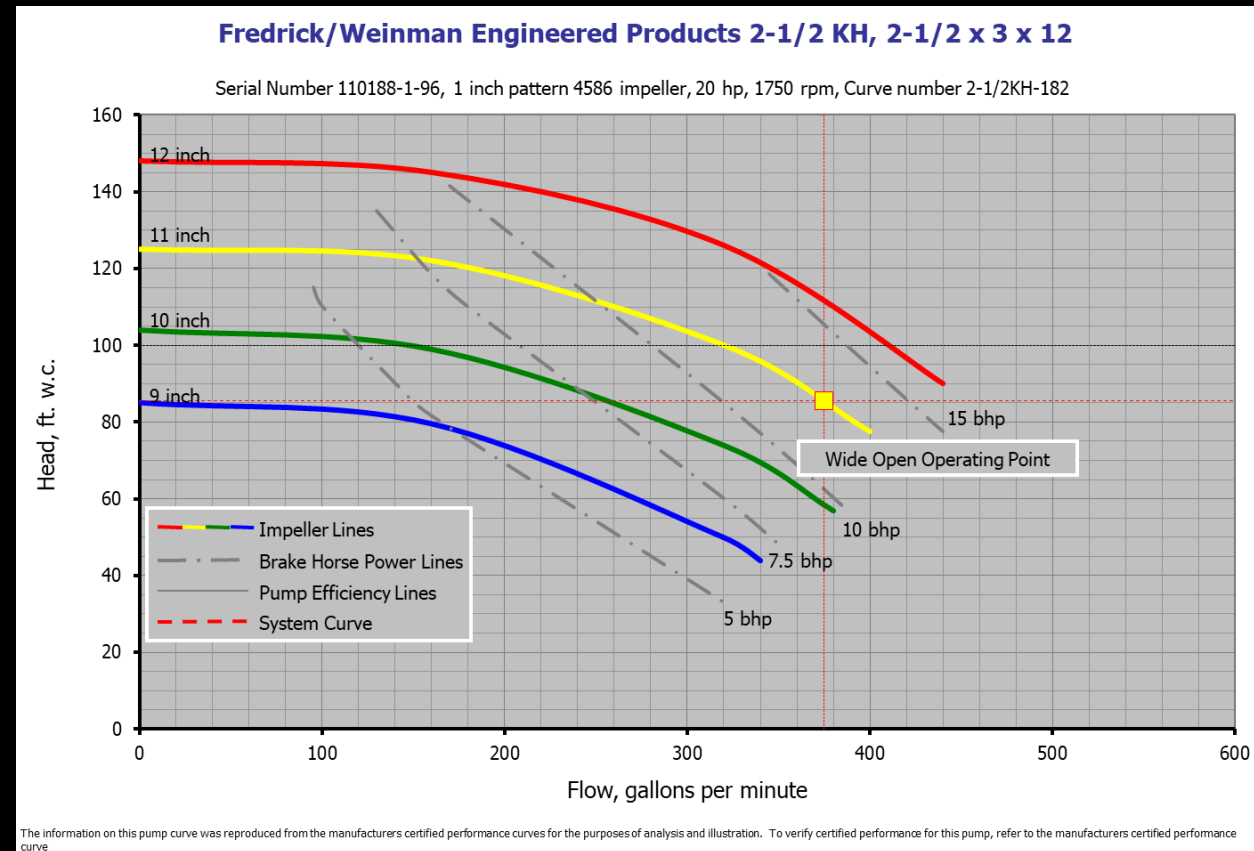
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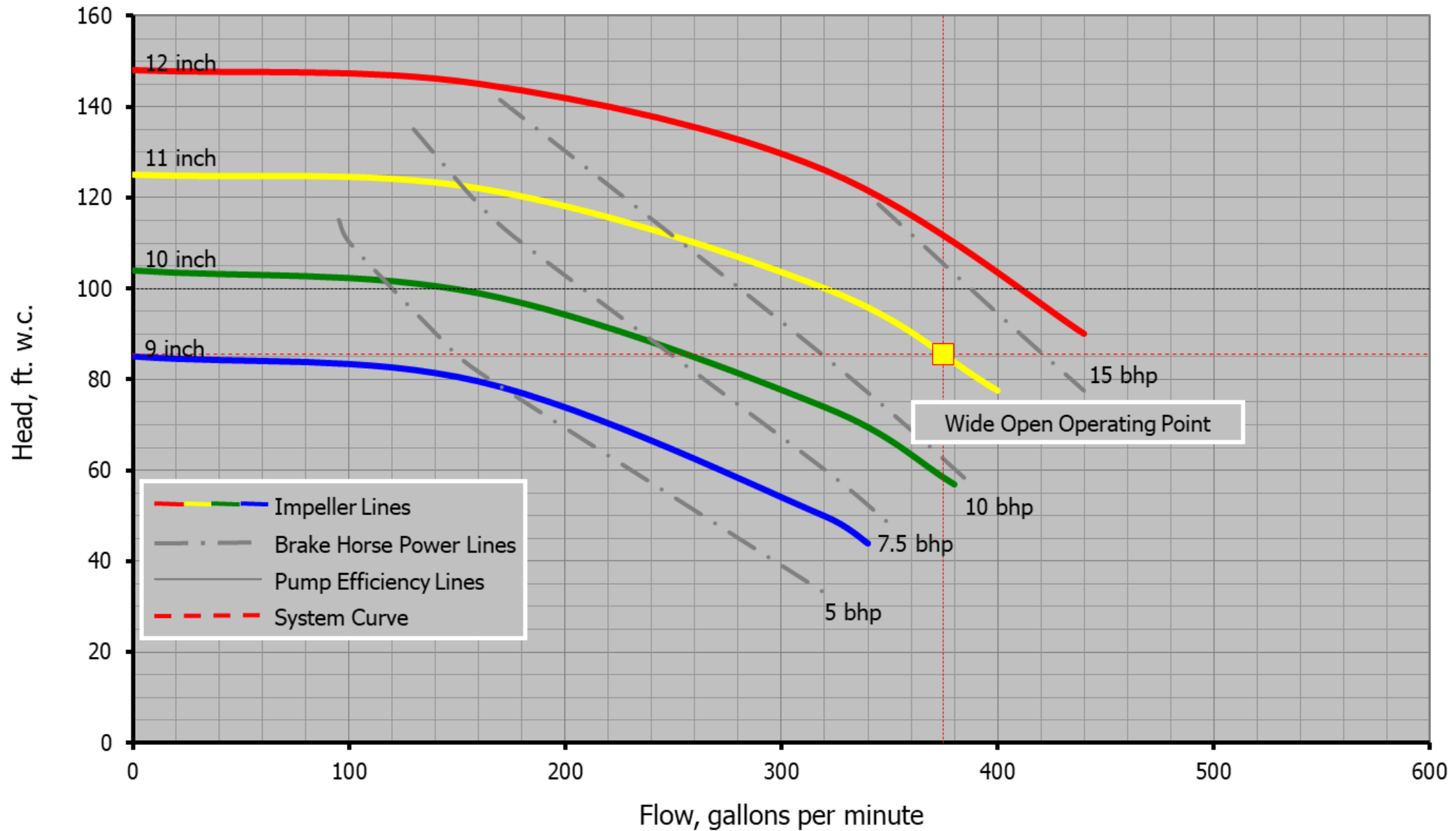
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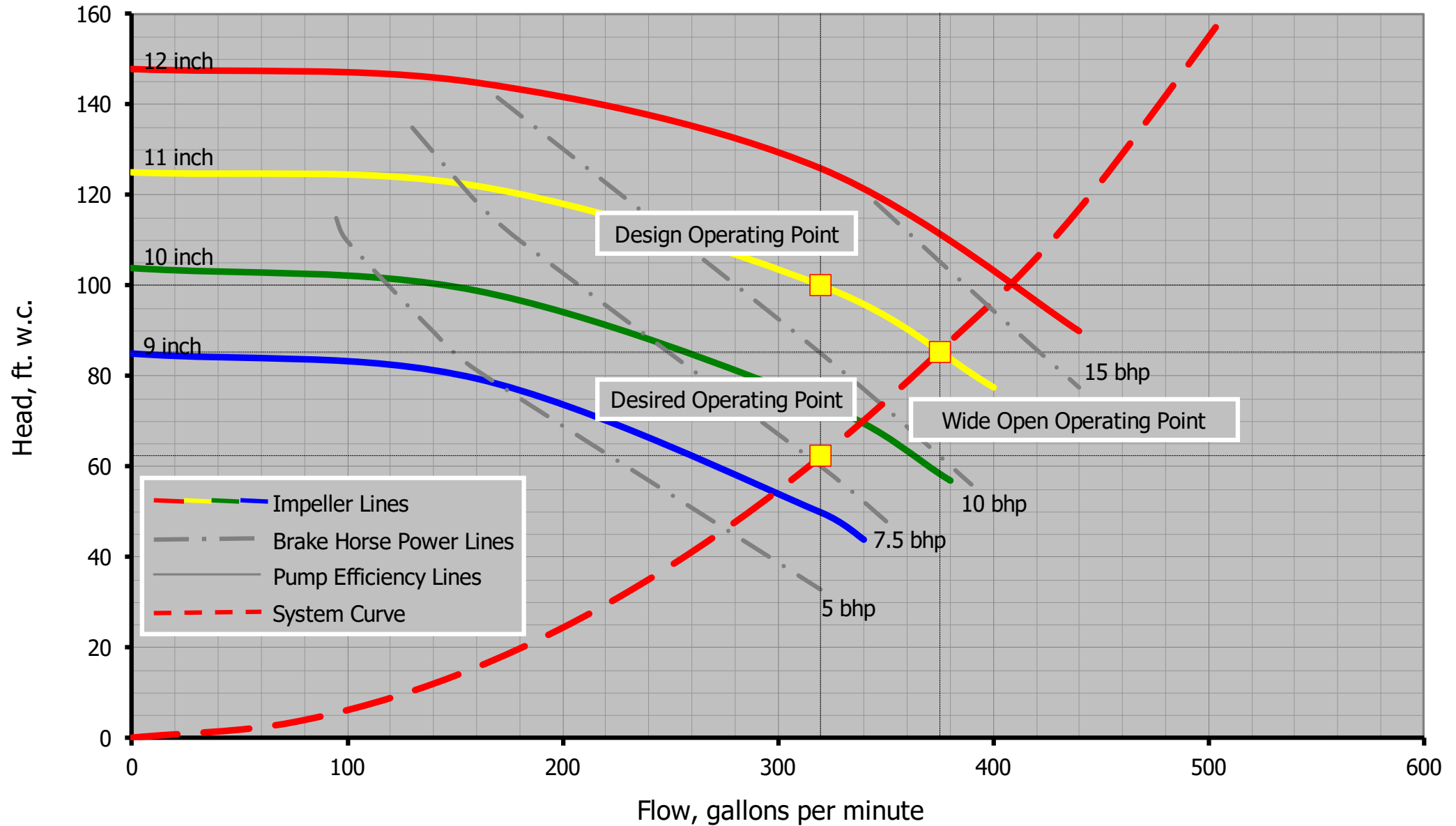
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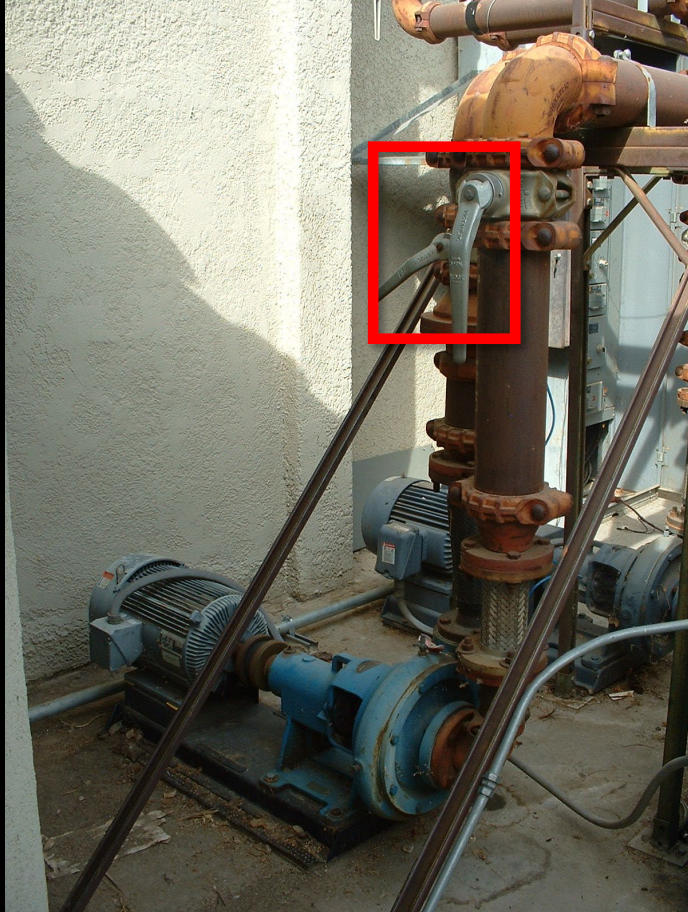
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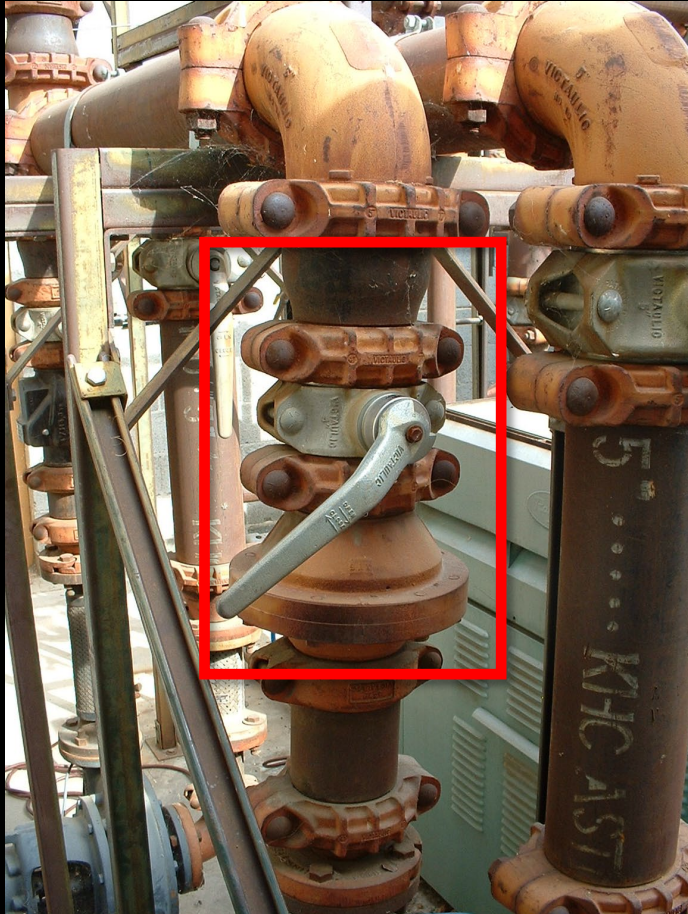
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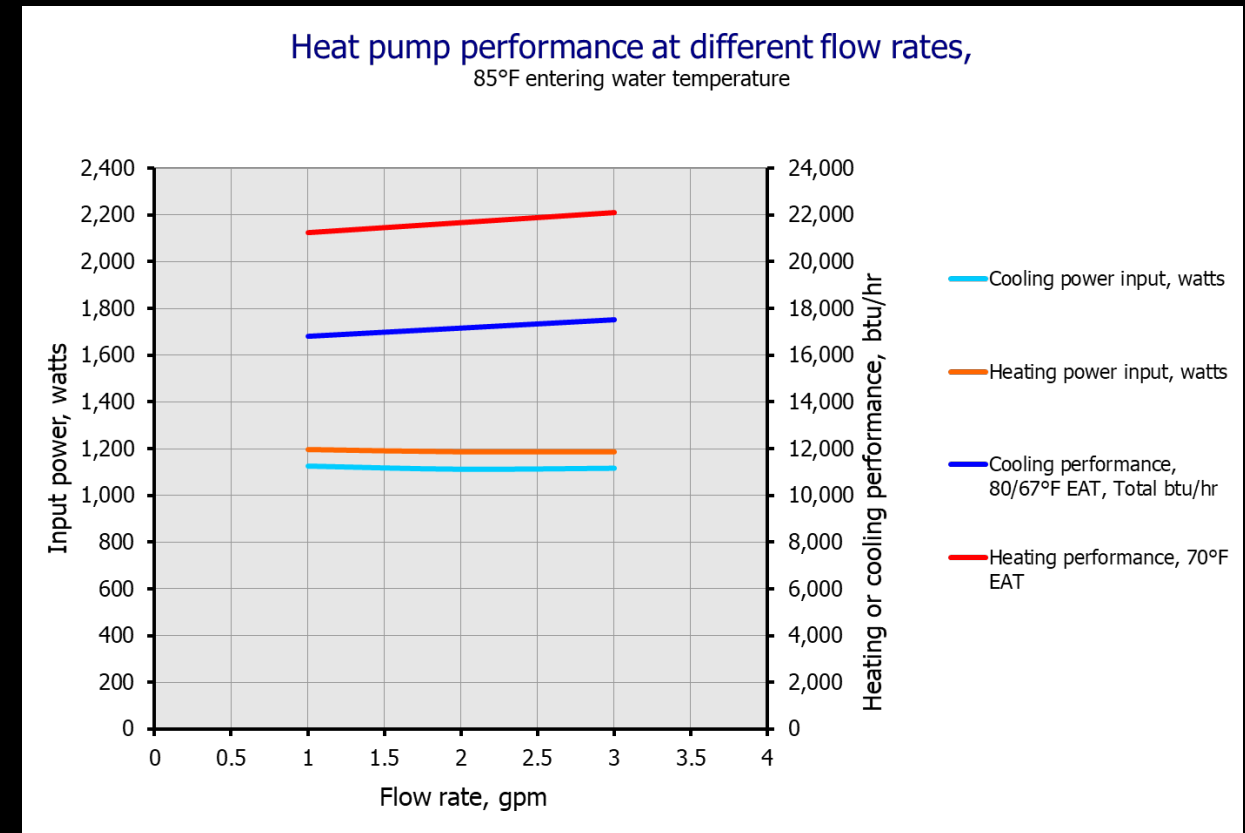
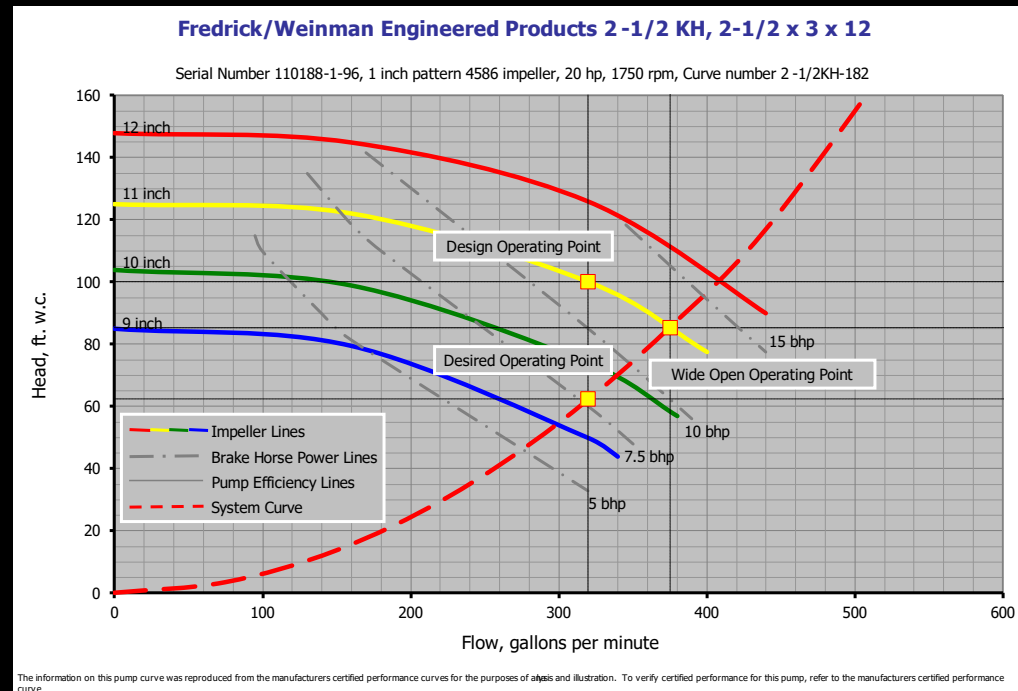
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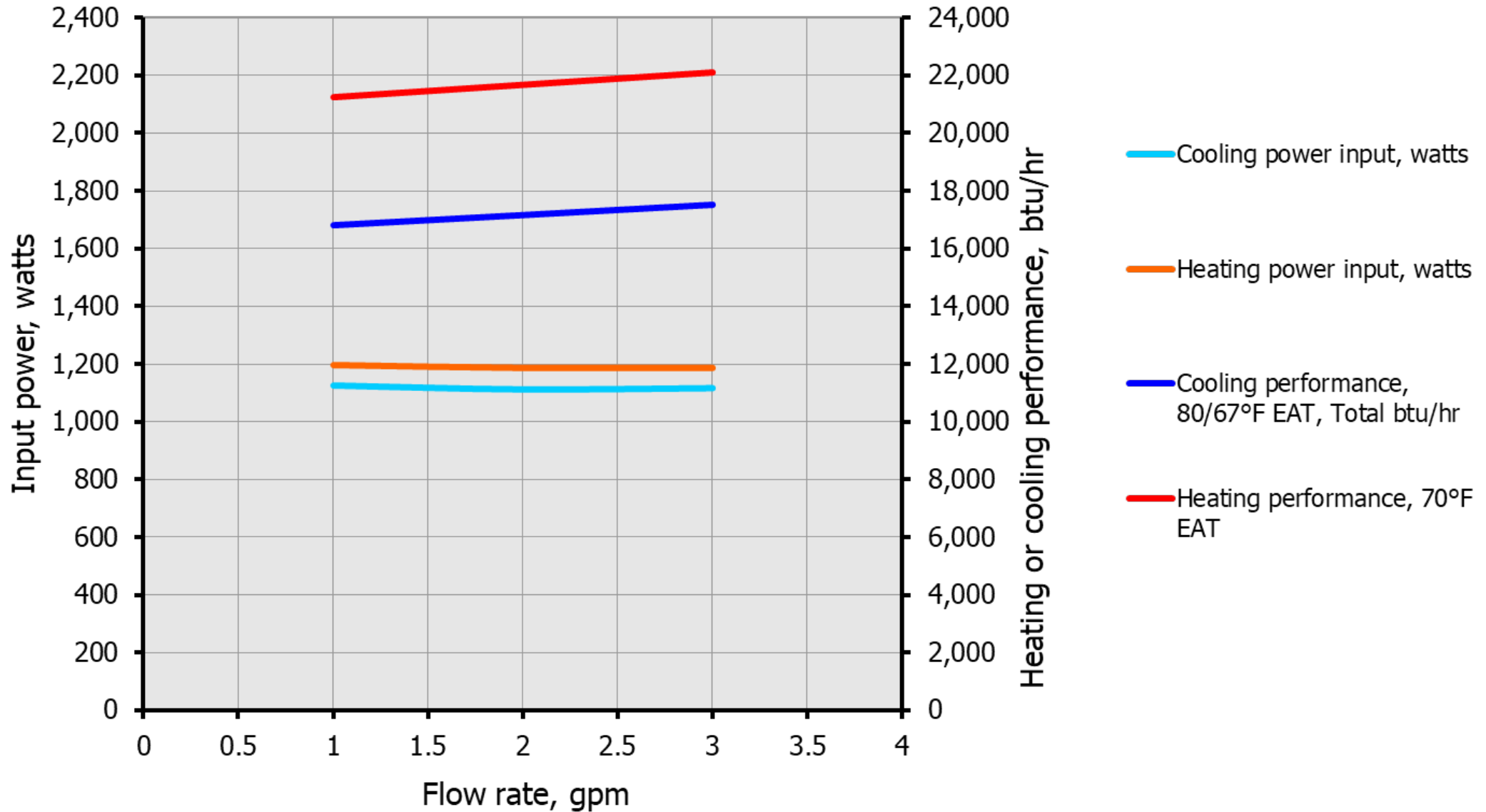
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Considering Heat Pump Interactions

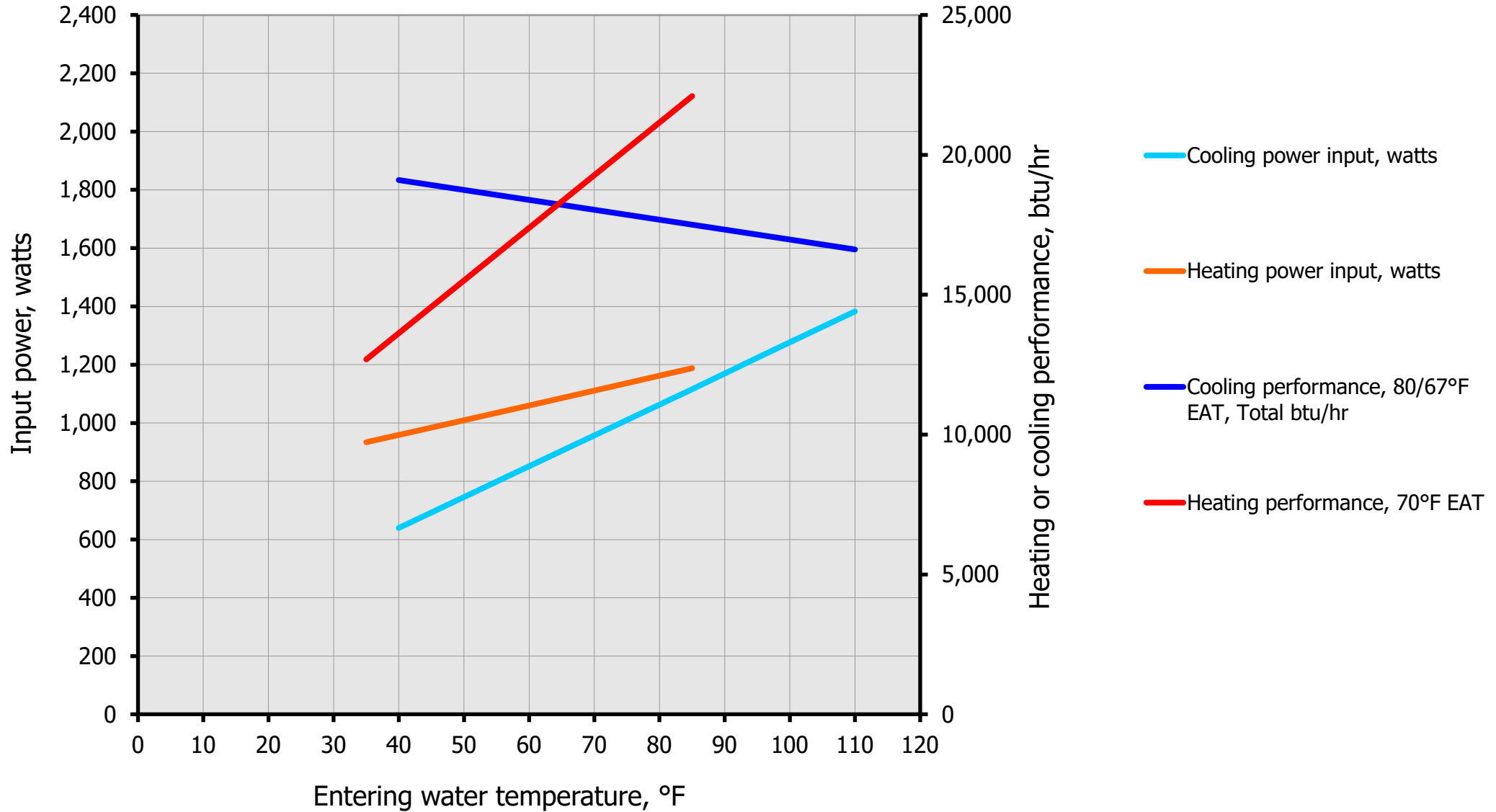
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Heat pump performance at different flow rates, 85°F entering water temperature

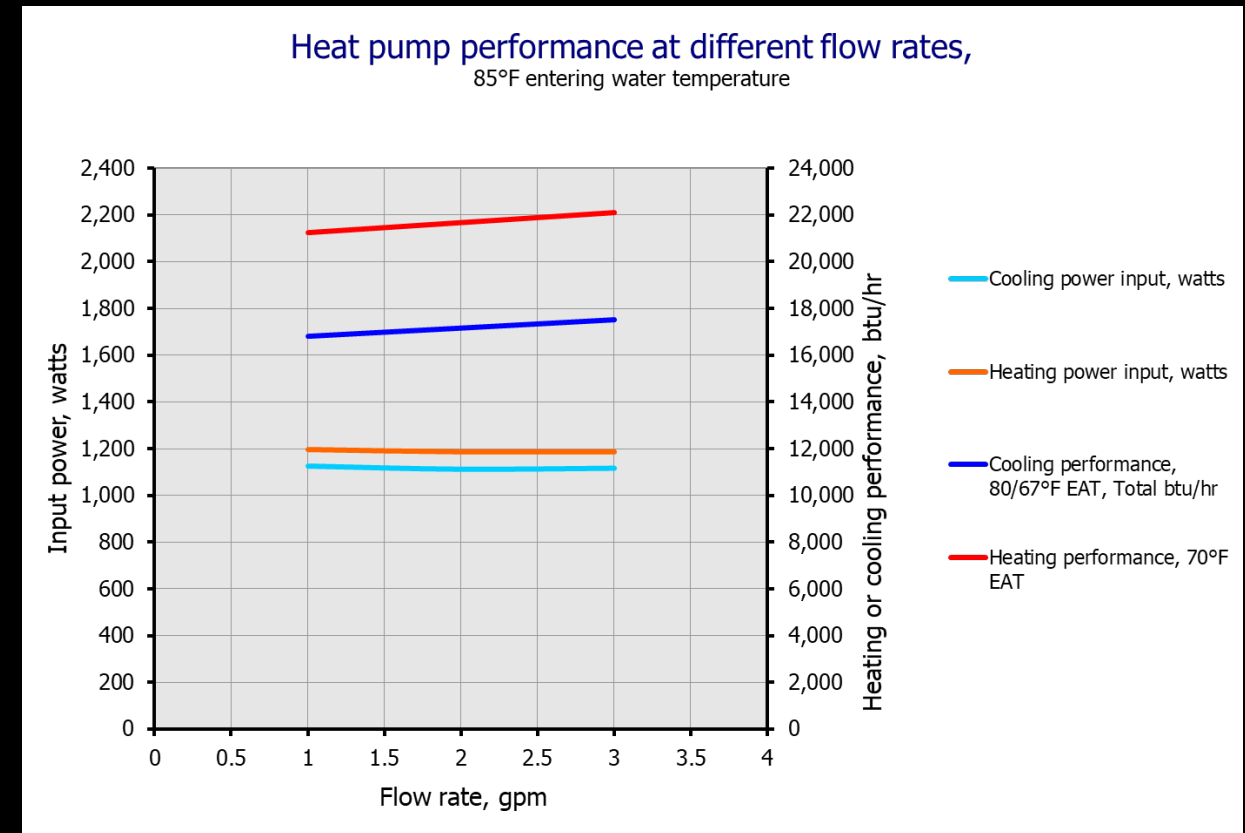
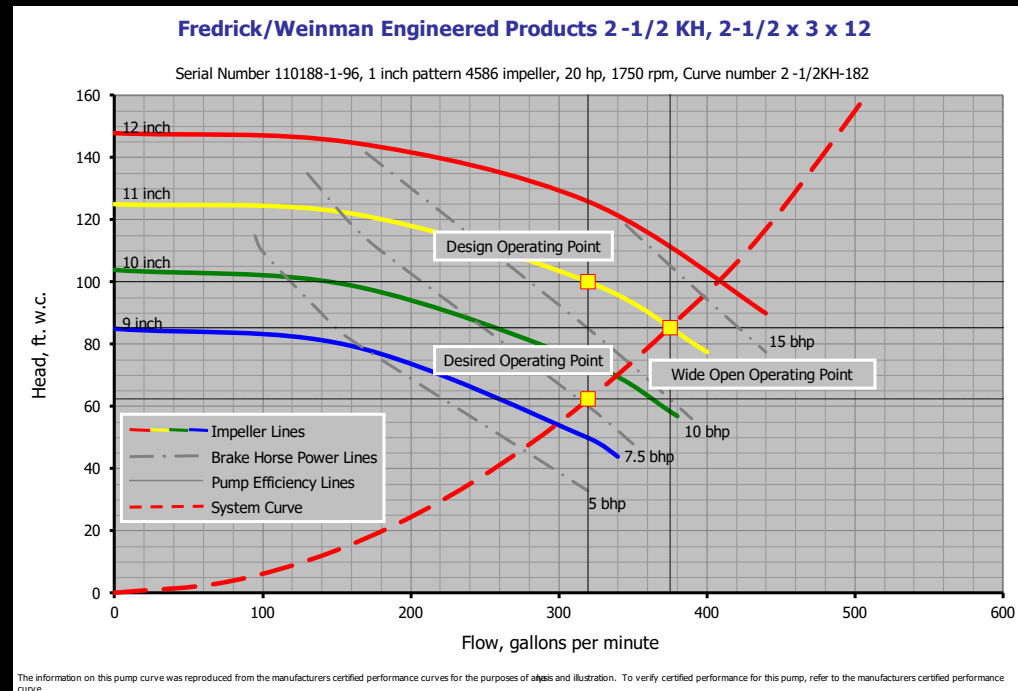


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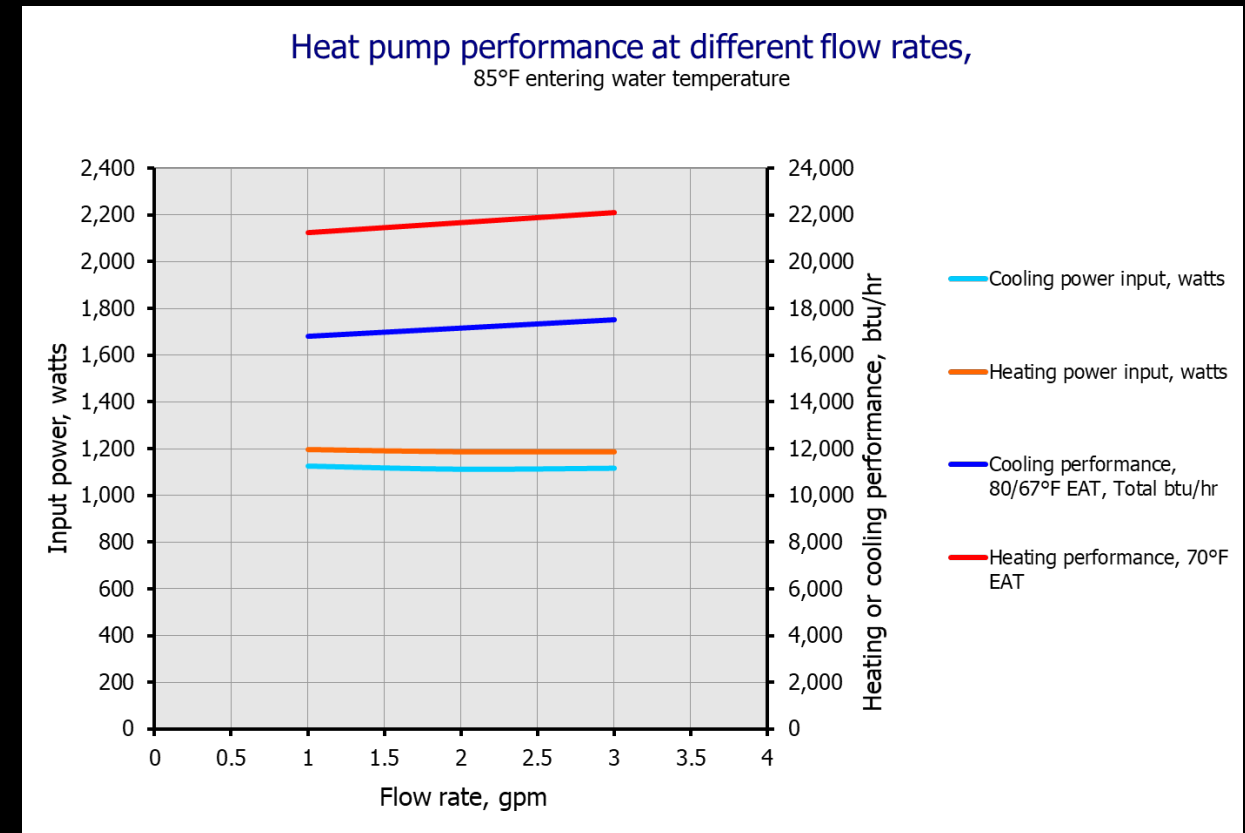
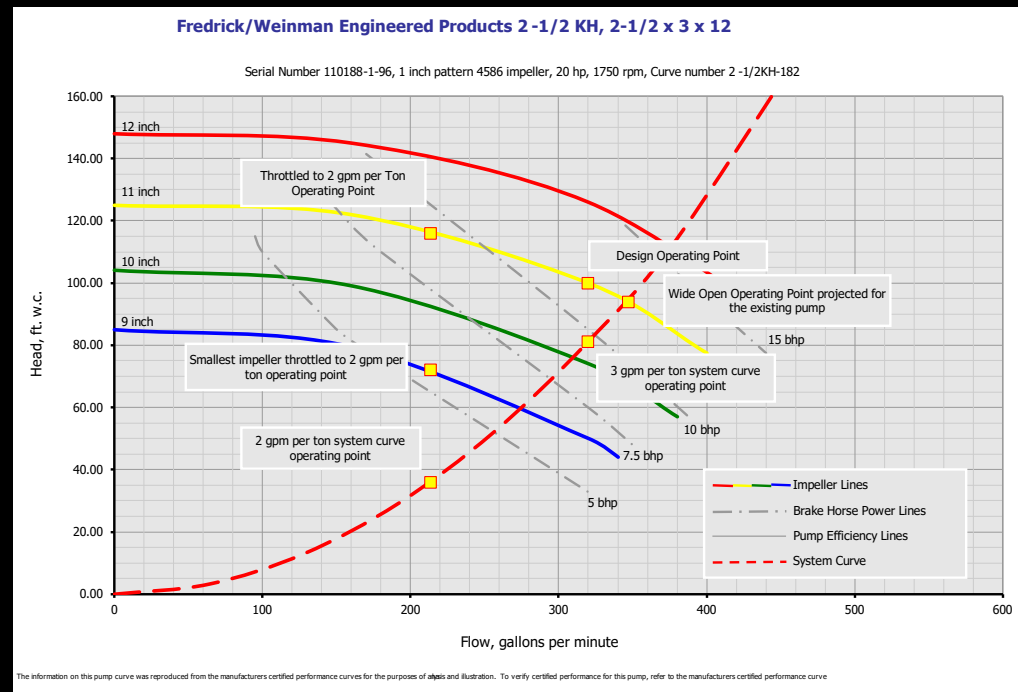
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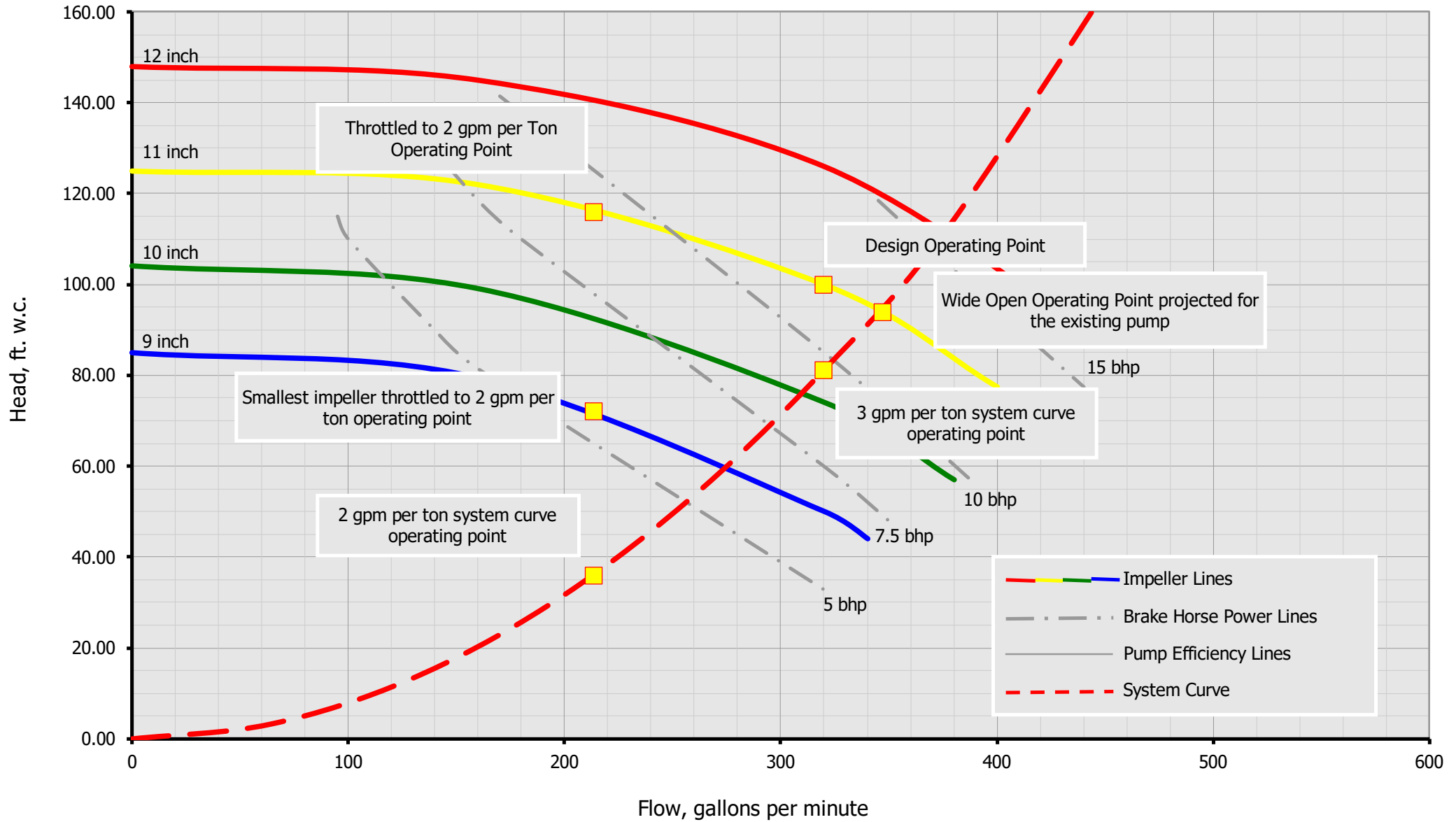
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2	GHL2 - Cycle cooling tower pump as 1st stage	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0	N/A	Note 1
3	GHL8 - Bypassing Flow around Heat Exchang	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0	No	
4	GHL5 - Trim Cooling Tower Pump	40,396	\$4,040	0	\$0	\$4,040	\$9,000	2.2	Yes	
5	GHL1, GHL3 - Optimize closed loop	277,192	\$27,719	48,094	\$37,513	\$65,232	\$140,199	2.1	Yes	
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Note that none of the savings opportunities are directly related to the heat pumps!

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VRF Systems (Again)

Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

- Key components
 - Indoor unit
 - Outdoor unit
 - Branch Controller
 - Control System
 - Proprietary
 - Limited BACnet integration options
 - Maintenance tool is highly desirable option



VRF Systems

Taking a closer look at the details

Variable Flow Refrigeration (VRF) Systems Sequence of Operation

Overview

The VRF systems associated with this project operate using a proprietary digital control system that manages the interactions of the indoor units serving the occupied zones with the branch controllers and outdoor units serving the system.

The system is served by:

- Two Outdoor Units (ODU) that can serve as conventional condensers to reject heat to the ambient environment or near-conventional heat pumps to extract heat from the ambient environment, and
- Three Branch Controllers (BC) to manage and direct the flow of refrigerant between
- Twenty-five Indoor Units (IDUs) with contain coils that function as evaporators for a cooling cycle and condensers for a heating cycle.

Note that the ODUs are two different sizes and that each ODU contains two compressors. The ODUs are "twinned" which generally means they are piped in parallel and will operate as a unit with the Mitsubishi controllers using one as the master unit and the other as the slave unit, staging the compressors based on the operating mode and requirements of the system to optimize performance and efficiency.

This system configuration will allow:

1. Refrigerant to be sent to the outdoor units operating as conventional condensing units to reject heat if there is a net cooling requirement on the system, or
2. Refrigerant to be sent to the outdoor units operating as heat pumps to capture heat from the outdoors if there is a net heating requirement on the system, or
3. Refrigerant to be redirected from zone to zone for the purposes of heat recovery.

The system diagrams/operating diagrams used in the following section can be viewed as a narrated animation by downloading the Mitsubishi City Multi Refrigerant Flow Animation Application at www.mylinkdrive.com.

Full Cooling

This operating mode is virtually identical to a conventional direct expansion/vapor compression refrigeration process and is illustrated in Figure 1.

In this mode, refrigerant is evaporated in the coils in all zones to



Figure 1 - A VRF System Operating in the Full Cooling Mode

cool them. The heat is then rejected in the coils at the ODU which causes the refrigerant to condense.

In this operating mode the air leaving the ODU fan will be warmer than the ambient temperature. This condition is used by the control system as an indication that the ODU is in the cooling mode.

Full Heating

This operating mode is virtually identical to a conventional direct expansion/vapor compression process applied in a heat pump and is illustrated in Figure 2, although the coils in the condenser can use a liquid vapor mix entering them whereas heat pumps often receive only liquid refrigerant and the outdoor coil.

In this mode, refrigerant is condensed in the coils in all zones to heat them. Then, the refrigerant is evaporated in the coils at the ODU, which causes it to pick up heat from the ambient environment for use in heating the indoor zones.

In this operating mode the air leaving the ODU fan will be cooler than the ambient temperature. This condition is used by the control system as an indication that the ODU is in the heating mode.

Heat Recovery

There are three general operating states associated with the VRF system performing heat recovery.

Balanced System

This operating mode is illustrated in Figure 3.

In this operating mode, energy is transferred from the zones that require cooling to the zones that require heating with no heat being rejected or picked up at the coils in the ODU. This is the lowest energy state for the system because no ODU fan operation is required and because the refrigerant moving through the system does double duty by first passing through the coils where cooling is required and picking up energy and then moving to the coils where heating is required and giving that energy back up.

In this operating mode, the compressor operates but the ODU fan does not operate. The control system uses this as an indication that the system is in a balanced state.

More Zones in Heating than Cooling

This operating mode is illustrated in Figure 4.

This operating mode allows the VRF system to concurrently provide heating and cooling with the energy extracted from the zones needing cooling providing energy to the zones that need heat. But because more heat is required than is being recovered from the



Figure 2 - A VRF System Operating in Full Heating Mode

zones with a cooling load, the ODU coils are configured to recover heat from the ambient environment and the ODU operates as a heat pump.

As was the case for the full heating mode, the ODU coil receives a mix of liquid and gaseous refrigerant, and the air leaving the ODU fan is cooler than the ambient air. The control system uses the cooler air leaving the ODU fan in combination with a mixed operating state of the VRF Indoor Unit (IDU) zones (some in heating and some in cooling) as an indication that the system is in this operating state.

More Zones in Cooling than Heating

This operating mode is illustrated in Figure 5.

This operating mode is similar to the operating mode discussed in the preceding paragraph in that it allows the VRF system to concurrently provide heating and cooling with the energy extracted from the zones needing cooling providing energy to the zones that need heat. But because the heat that needs to be rejected by the zones in cooling exceeds the amount of heat required by the zones in heating, the ODU coils receive hot gas and the ODU fan operates to .

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Proprietary Digital Control System

The various elements in the VRF system are managed by a stand-alone proprietary digital control system that is capable of providing all of the functionality necessary to operate the system, perform diagnostics, schedule equipment, and track energy consumption including providing web-based access to these features from a central location. However, since the City of Seattle is a sole source Siemens site, the Mitsubishi control system will be integrated with the Siemens control system using BACnet as well as dedicated physical points that are hardwired into the Siemens control system.

The two primary control elements of the Mitsubishi Control network are the Network Manager and the IDU Remote Controllers.

The Mitsubishi AE-200 controller functions as the network manager for the Mitsubishi control system. It shall be furnished



Figure 3 - A VRF System Operating in a Balanced State

and programmed by the Mitsubishi installing contractor and will be mounted by the Mitsubishi Instrumentation contractor in an enclosure furnished by the Mechanical Instrumentation contractor.

The Mechanical Instrumentation contractor shall also furnish and install all wiring, raceways and accessories required for a complete wiring system and shall make final terminations to the Mitsubishi equipment in coordination with the Mitsubishi Installing Contractor.

Commissioning shall be performed in conjunction with the Commissioning Provider, the Mitsubishi installing contractor and the Mechanical Instrumentation contractor with support from the design and construction team as required by the contract documents.

The AE-200 provides the following functions for this project.

- Master control functions for the network
- Operation and monitoring of the VRF equipment in the facility
- BACnet functions as required to integrate with the Siemens system
- Web browser access to allow a user with proper credentials to access the system via a web browser for monitoring, operation, energy management, and maintenance functions.

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Figure 4 - A VRF System with a Net Heating Requirement on the System



Figure 5 - A VRF System with a Net Cooling Requirement on the System



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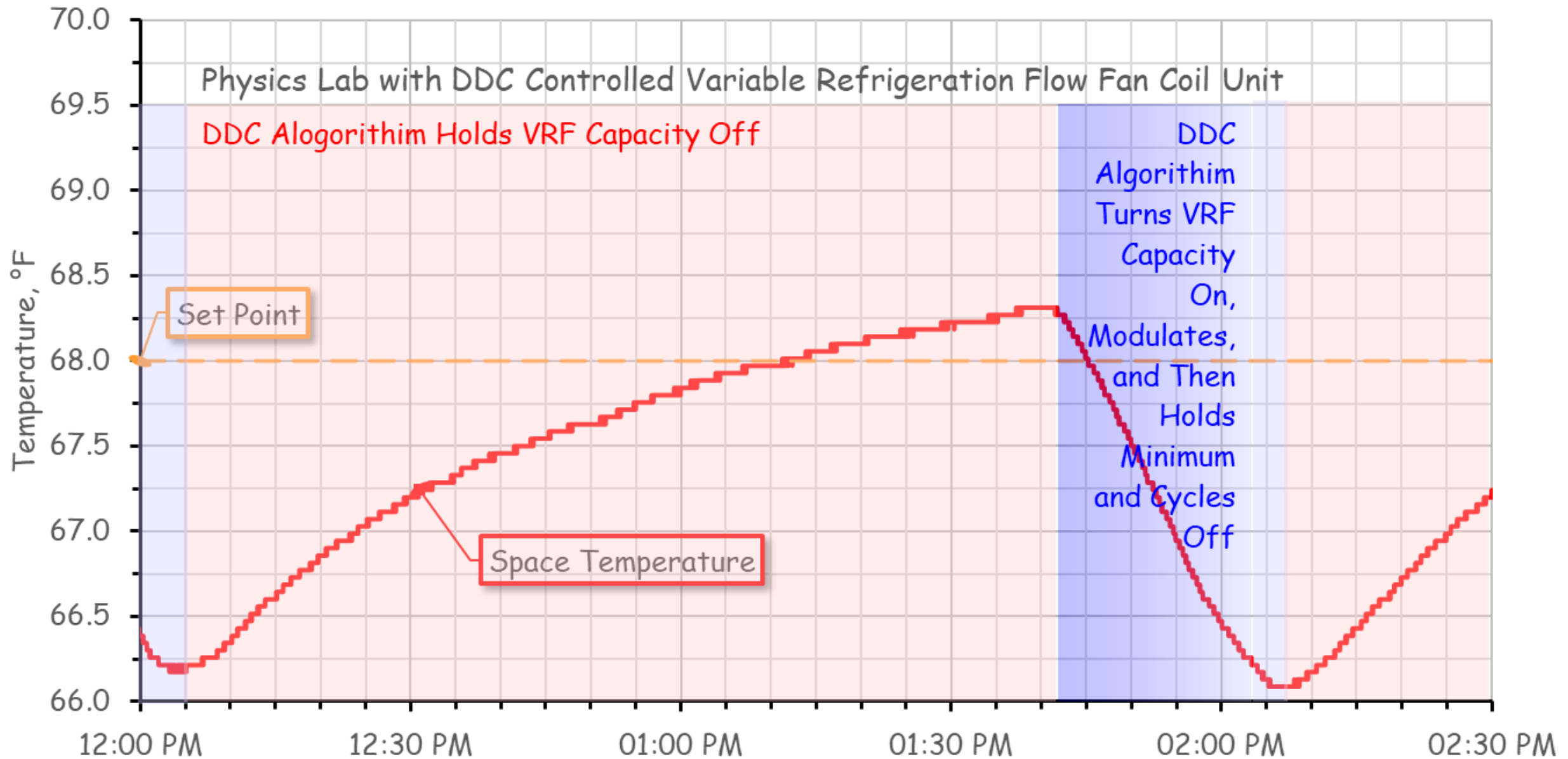
- What we take that to mean (would like it to mean)

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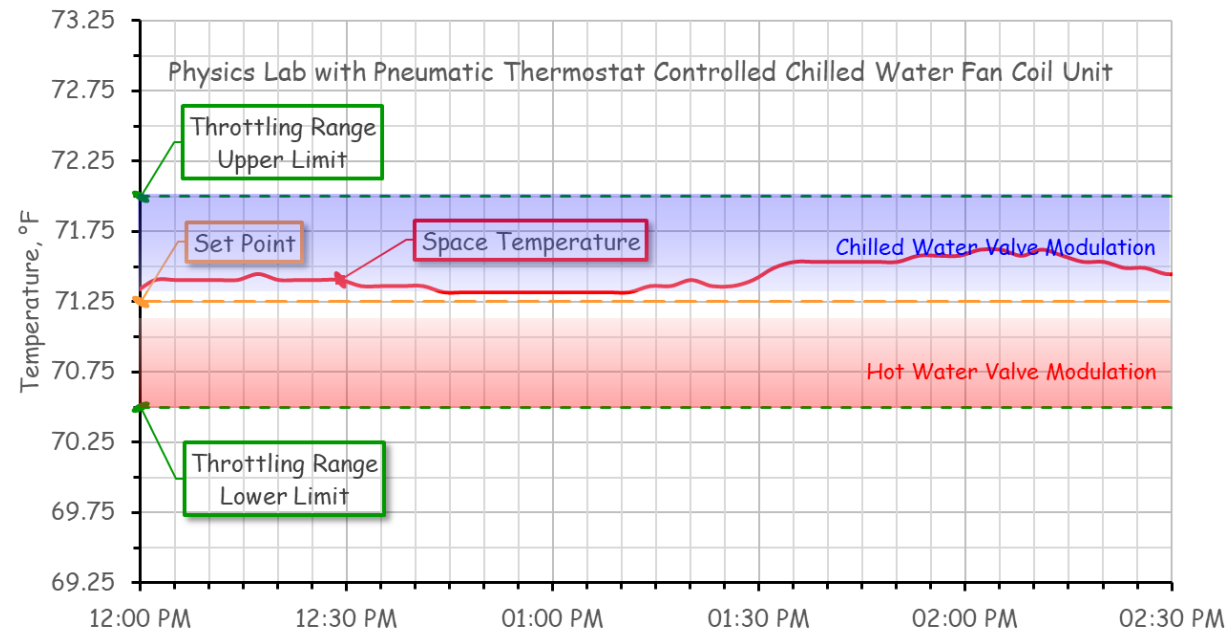
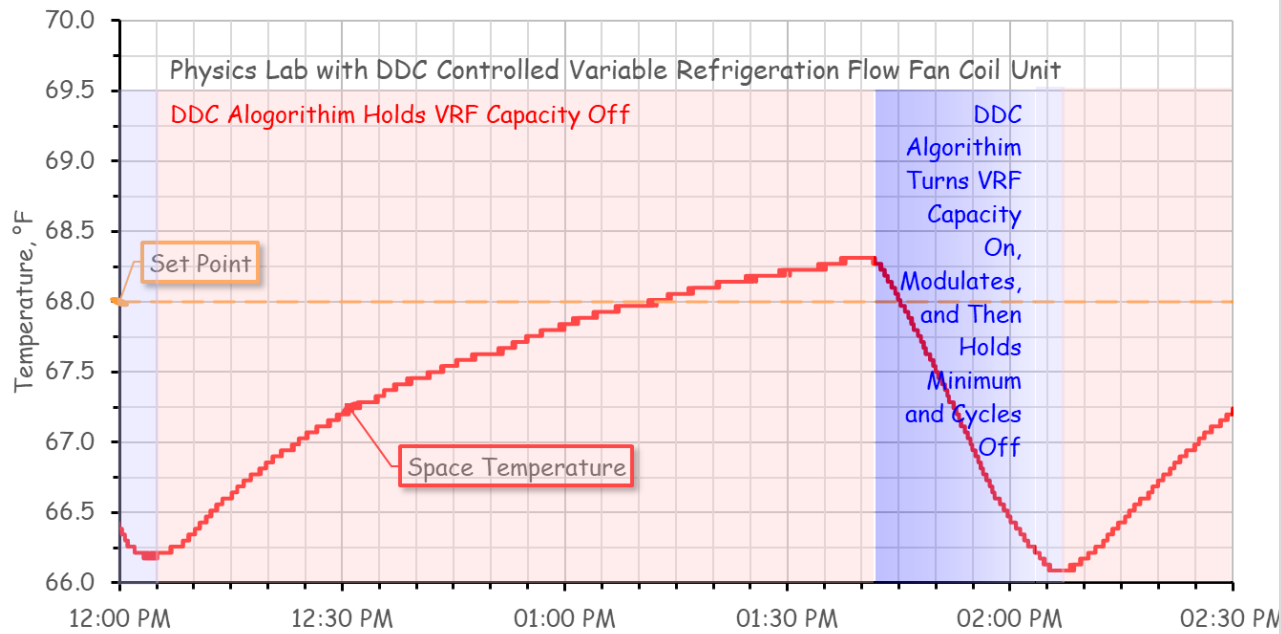
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- Based on vendor discussions “infinite” means
 - 15-20% of rated capacity for the indoor units
 - 19-25% of rated capacity for the outdoor units

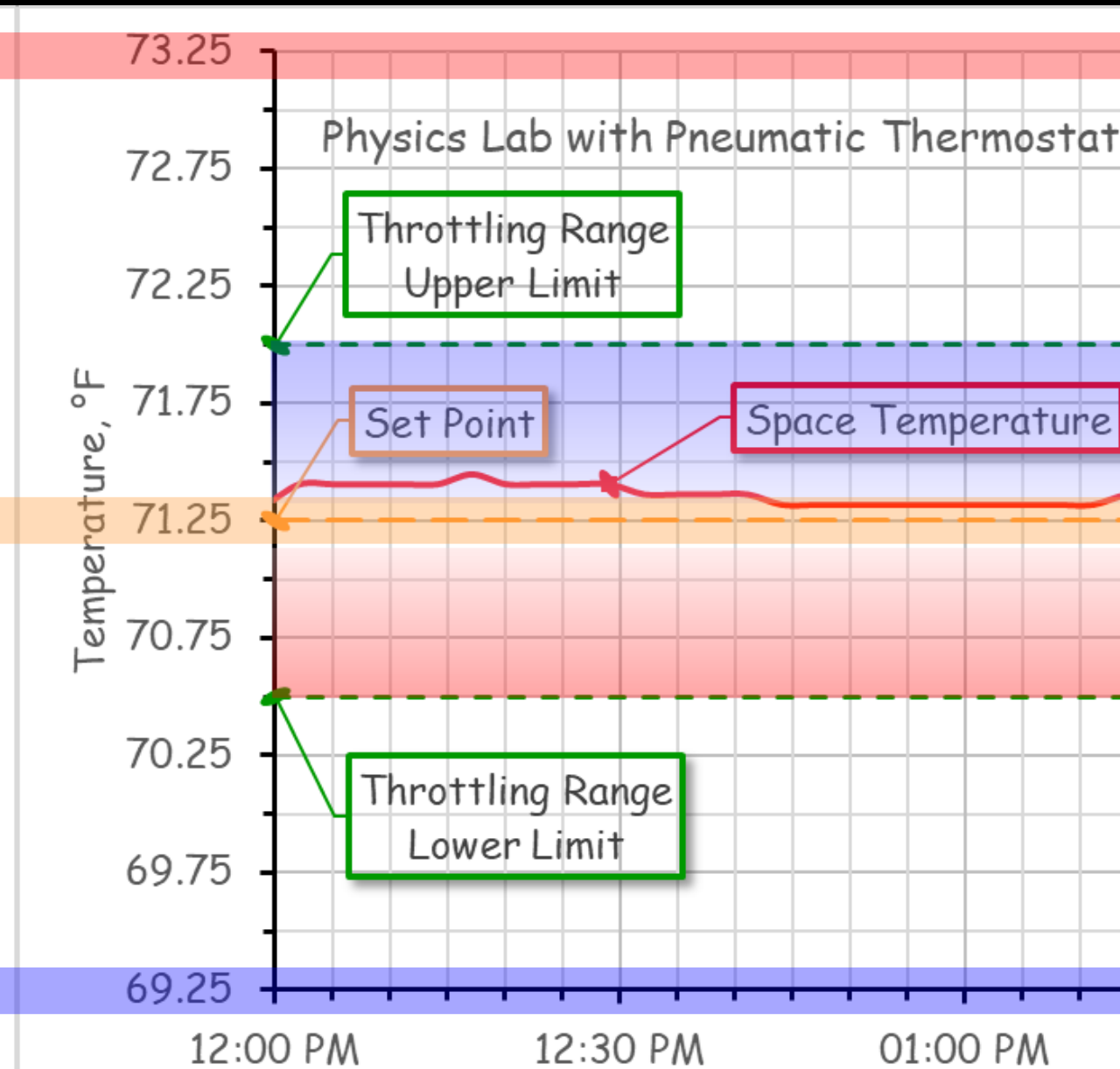
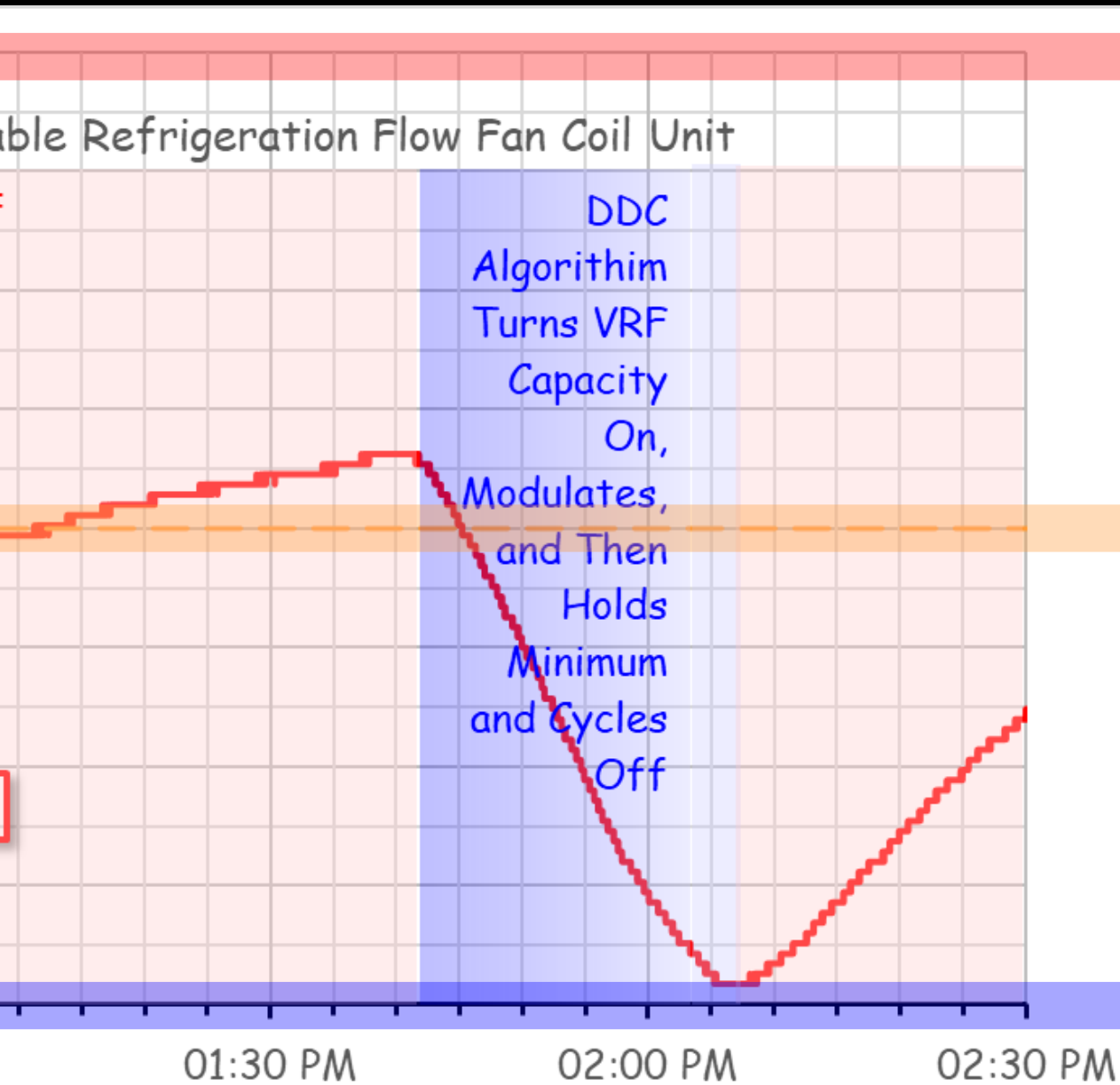
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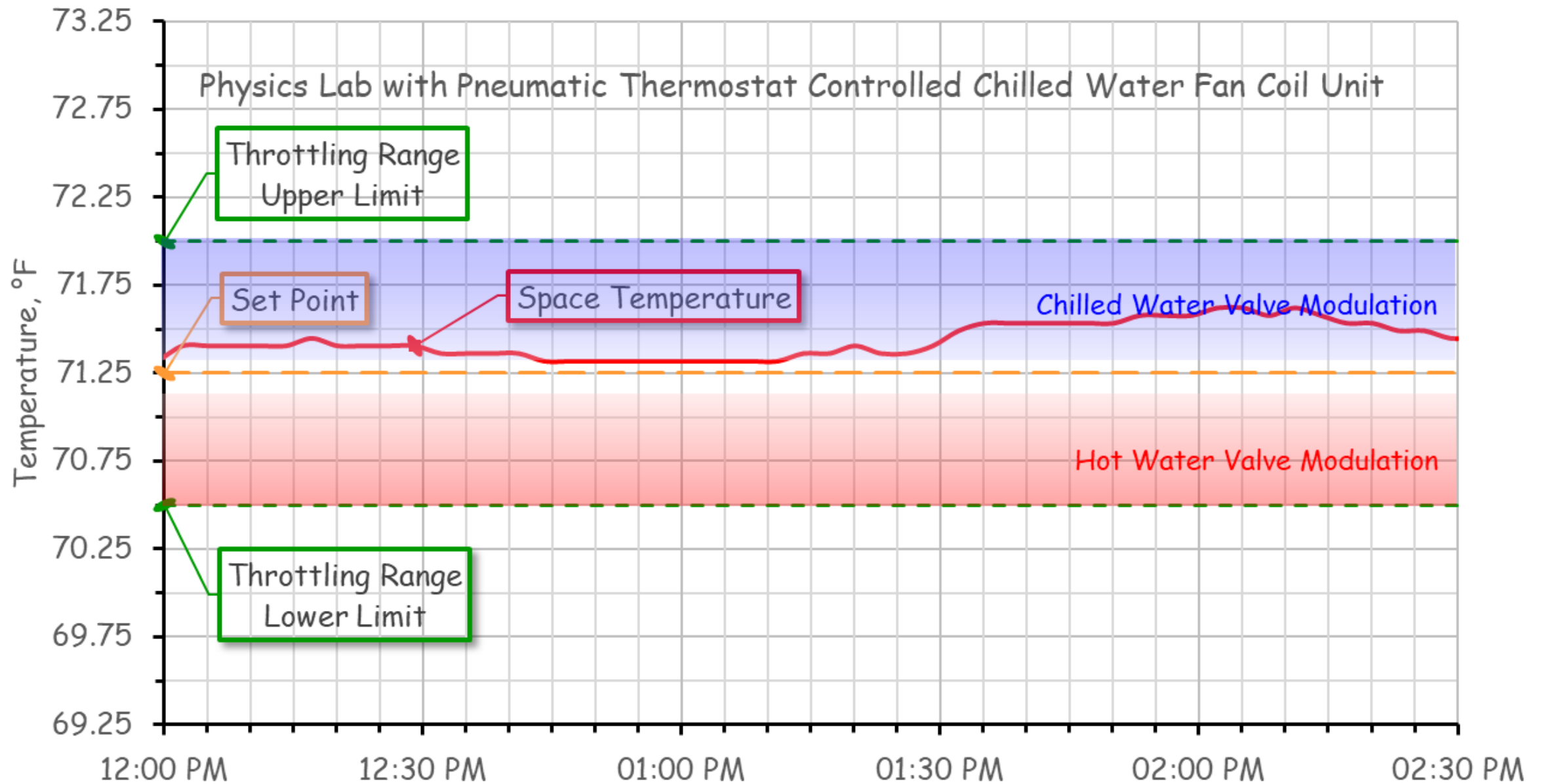
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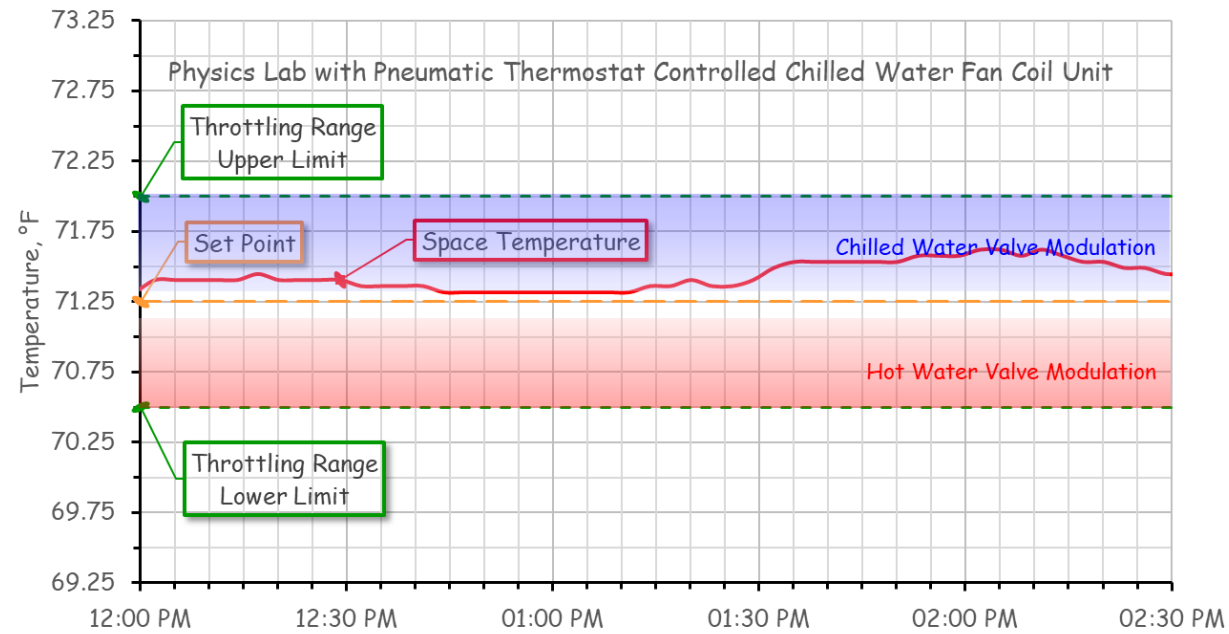
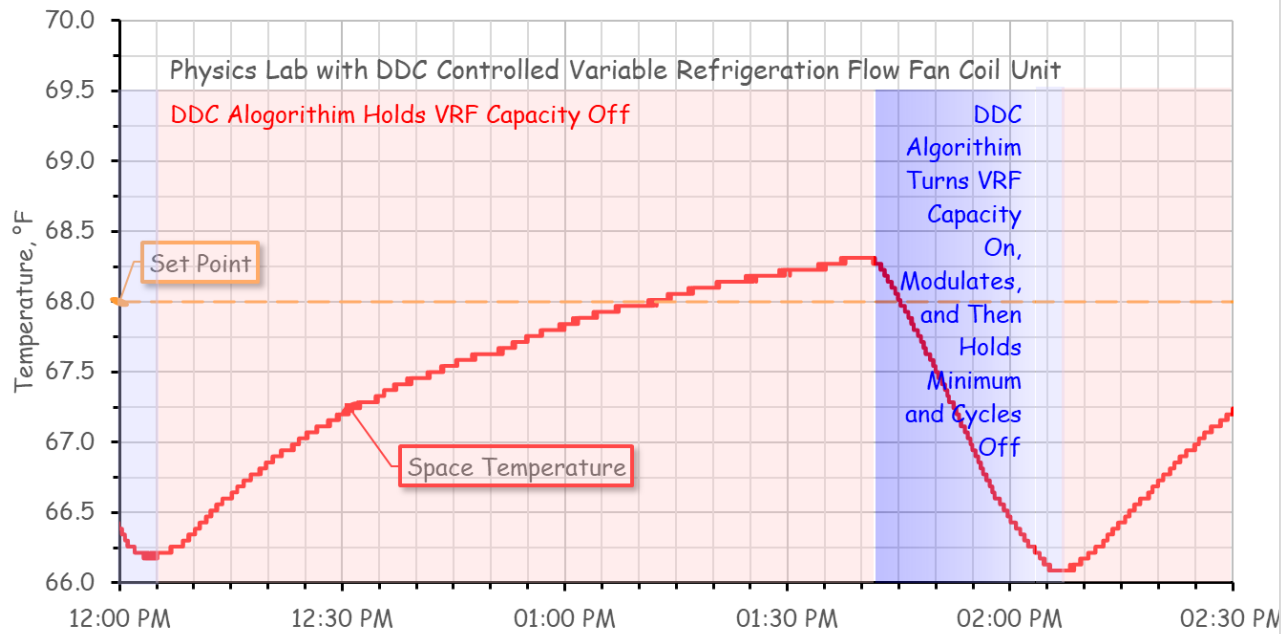
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VRF Systems

VRF Systems: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

The Commissioning Perspective

David Sellers, PE, Senior Engineer
Facility Dynamics Engineering
NW Satellite Office

www.FacilityDynamics.com

<https://tinyurl.com/VRFMemo>





Electrification and the Already All- Electric Building



Electrification and the Already All-Electric Building

560 Mission Street

- 2002
- 31 Floors
- 665,000 sq.ft.
- LEED Platinum
- All Electric

*in anticipation
of being net-
zero and
carbon free*



Electrification and the Already All-Electric Building

I have 300 kW of electric resistance heat, and the energy it uses is a major portion of our utility bills. And yet the building is cold!

Gary Walters, Chief Engineer



Carbon vs. Time vs. Efficiency

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We expect our energy mix to be 70% carbon free by 2040 based on current commitments and mandates, and we're working to deliver the right resources and technologies to make that happen

Energy Strategy; www.portlandgeneral.com

Integrated Resource Planning

Preparing for Oregon's energy future



Carbon vs. Time vs. Efficiency

The Current Carbon Impact of Burning Fuel to Make Heat

CO₂ Emissions for Different Fuels

Fuel	lb CO ₂ per million Btu Burned	lb CO ₂ per million Btu Delivered by Boilers						
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Emissions Factor Source - https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/co2_vol_mass.php

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The Goal

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State	% of Total Electric Power Generation											Combustion Process Generated Percent of Total	Non-combustion Process Generated Percent of Total
	Non-Renewable						Renewable				Nuclear		
	Combustion Processes					Biomass	Non-Combustion Processes						
	Coal	Oil	Gas	Other Fossil Fuel	Purchased, Fuel Generated		Hydro	Wind	Solar	Geothermal			
US	19.3%	0.7%	40.5%	0.3%	0.1%	1.5%	7.0%	8.4%	2.2%	0.4%	19.6%	62.4%	37.6%

Source - eGRID 2020, Table 4

Carbon vs. Time vs. Efficiency

The Current Reality

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Heat Rates for Different Types of Power Plants

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	Btu/kWh	Efficiency	Btu/kWh	Efficiency
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Natural Gas Combined Cycle	6,200	55%	8,000	43%
Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine	7,500	46%	8,500	40%
Natural Gas Combustion Turbine	8,000	43%	10,000	34%
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In the transition, burning fossil fuel efficiently to make heat may be better than burning it to make power to make heat

Don't lose sight of energy efficiency

- Just because it's free doesn't mean we can be careless with it

Don't lose sight of the power of commissioning

- Deliver better new buildings and improve existing buildings

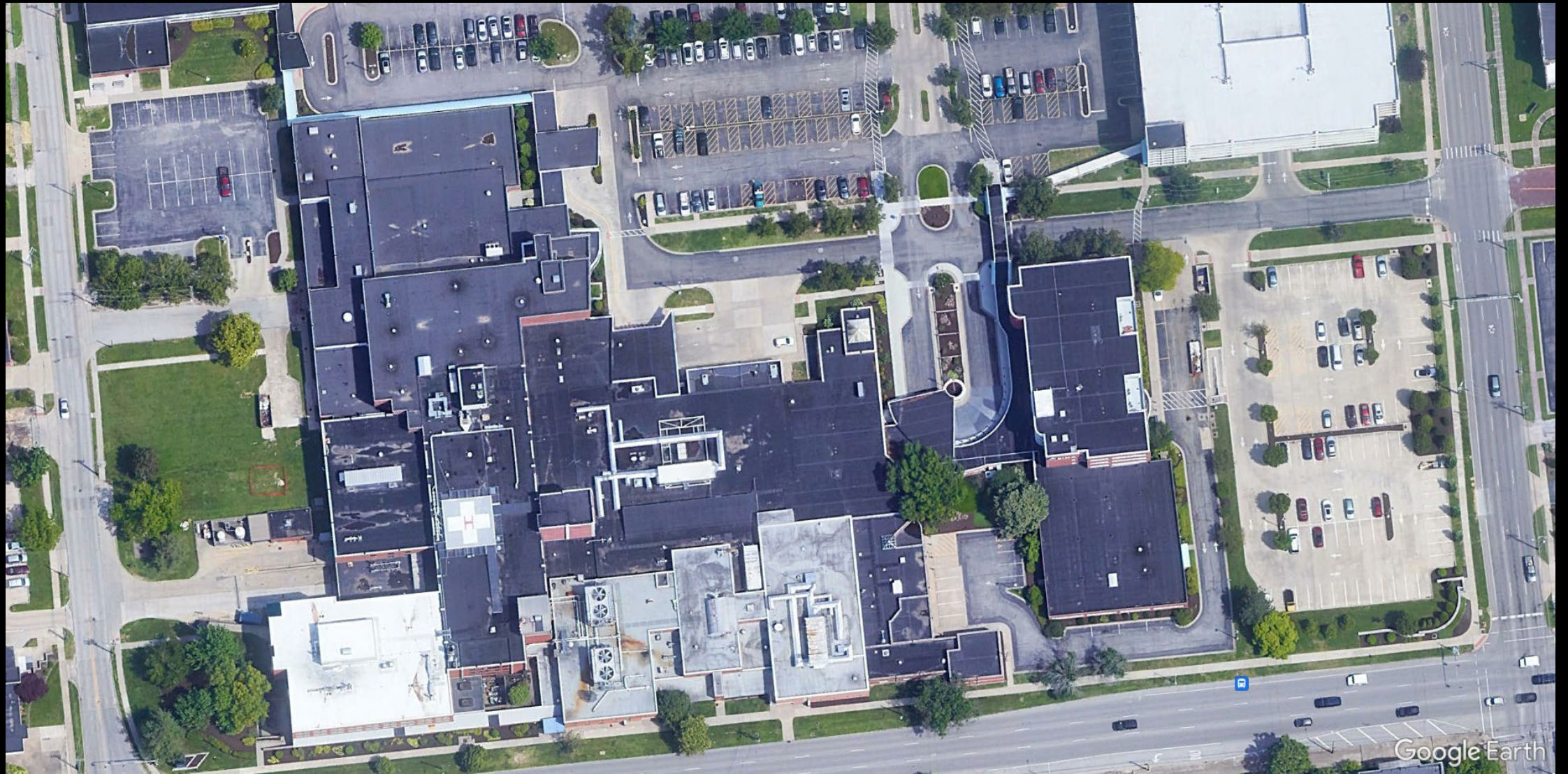
Encourage creative thinking



Revisiting How Buildings Use Heat

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How Buildings Use Heat

- Preheat Ventilation Air
- Reheat
- Space Heat
 - Radiant slabs
 - Air
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 - Humidification
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 - Sterilization
- Power Generation



How Buildings Use Heat

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How Buildings Use Heat

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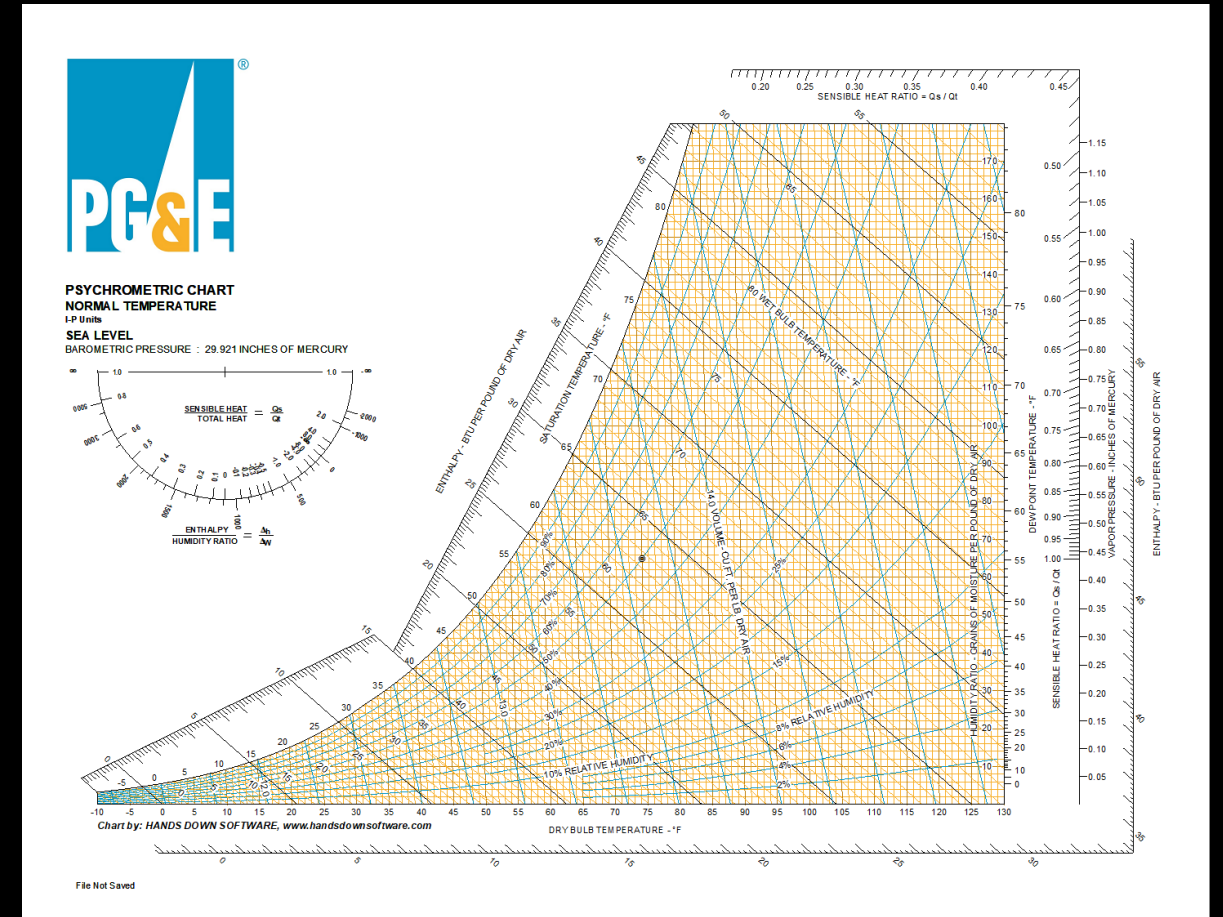


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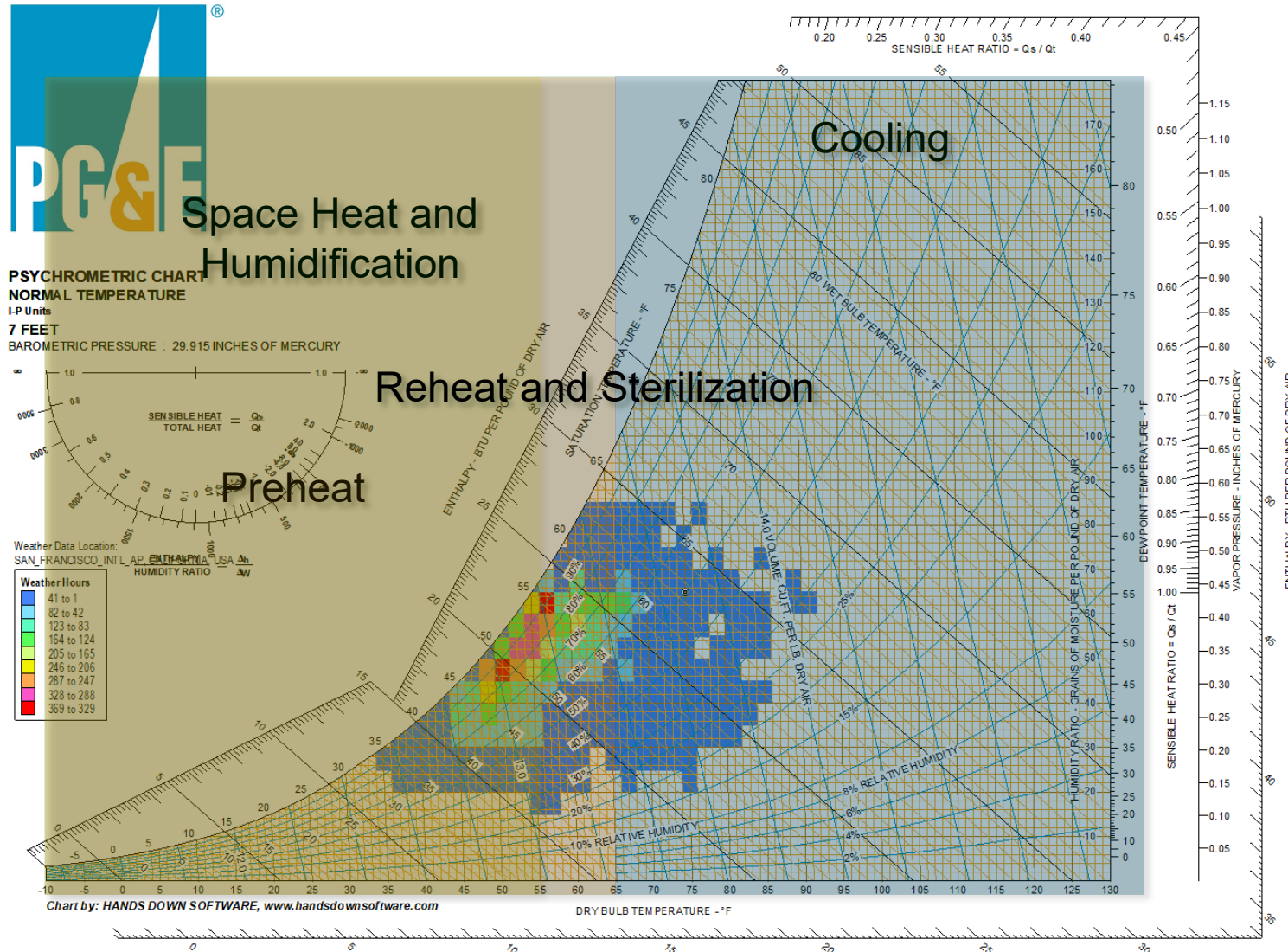
How Buildings Use Heat in the Context of Climate

A Free Electronic Psych Chart

<https://tinyurl.com/FreePsychChart>



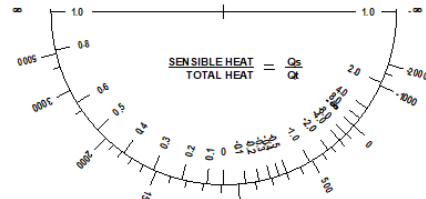
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How Buildings Use Heat in the Context of Climate



PSYCHROMETRIC CHART
NORMAL TEMPERATURE
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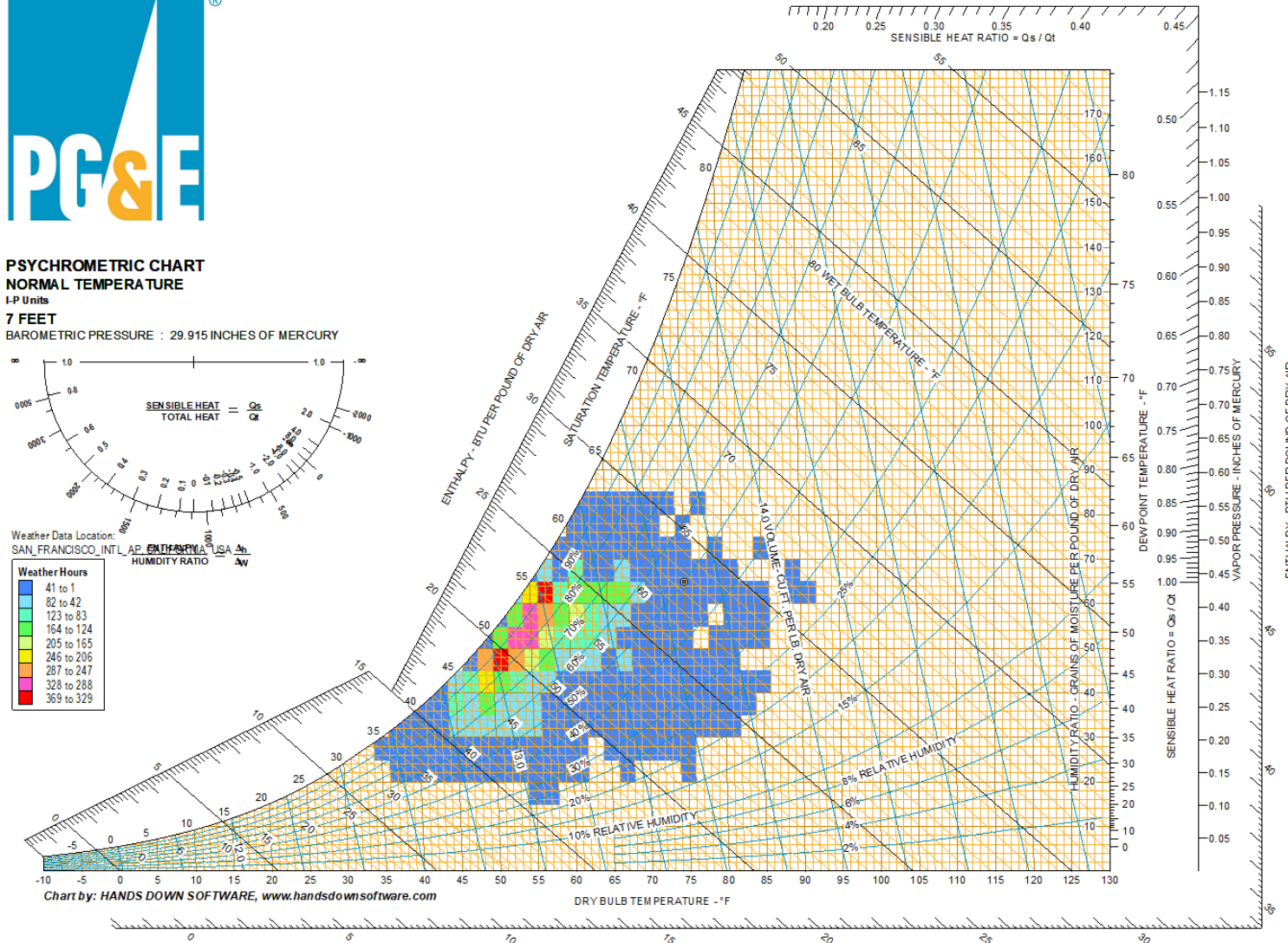
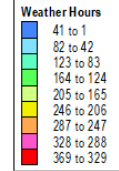
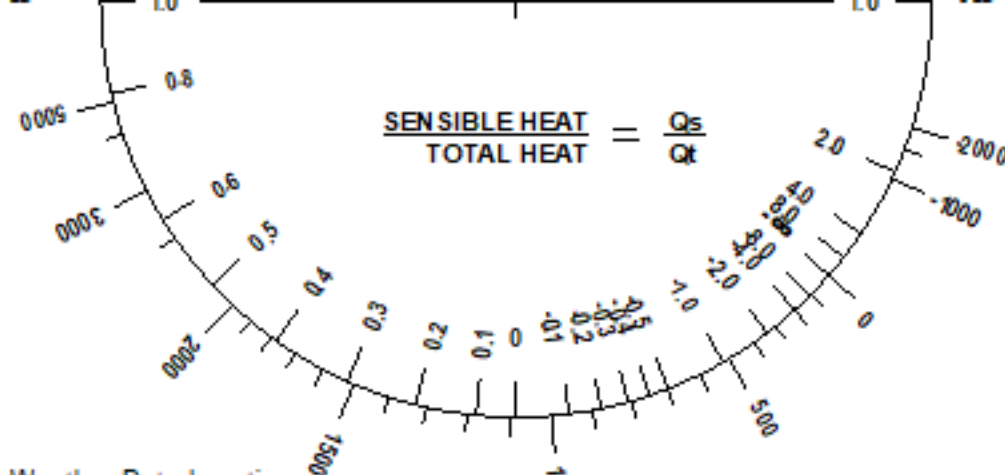


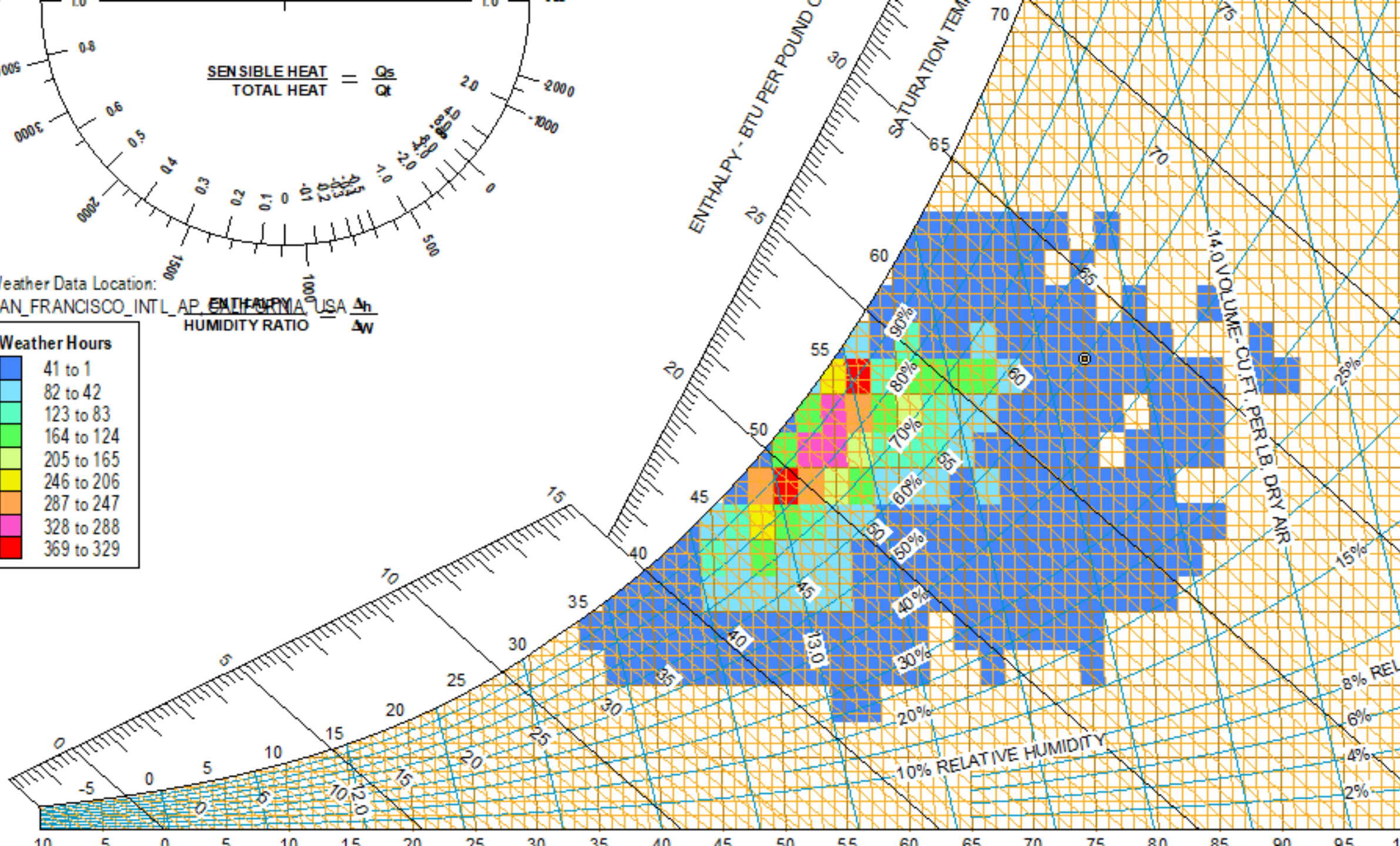
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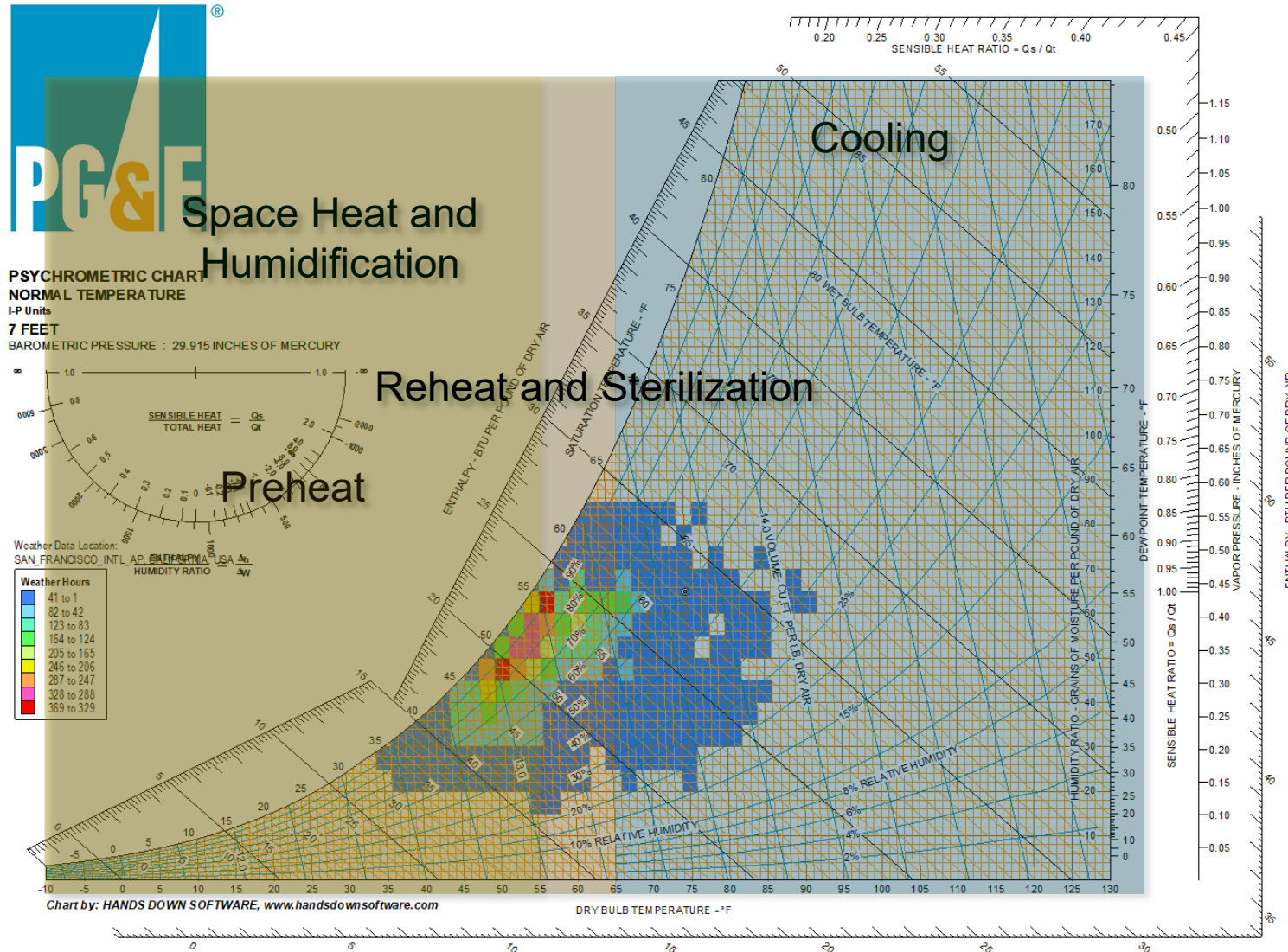
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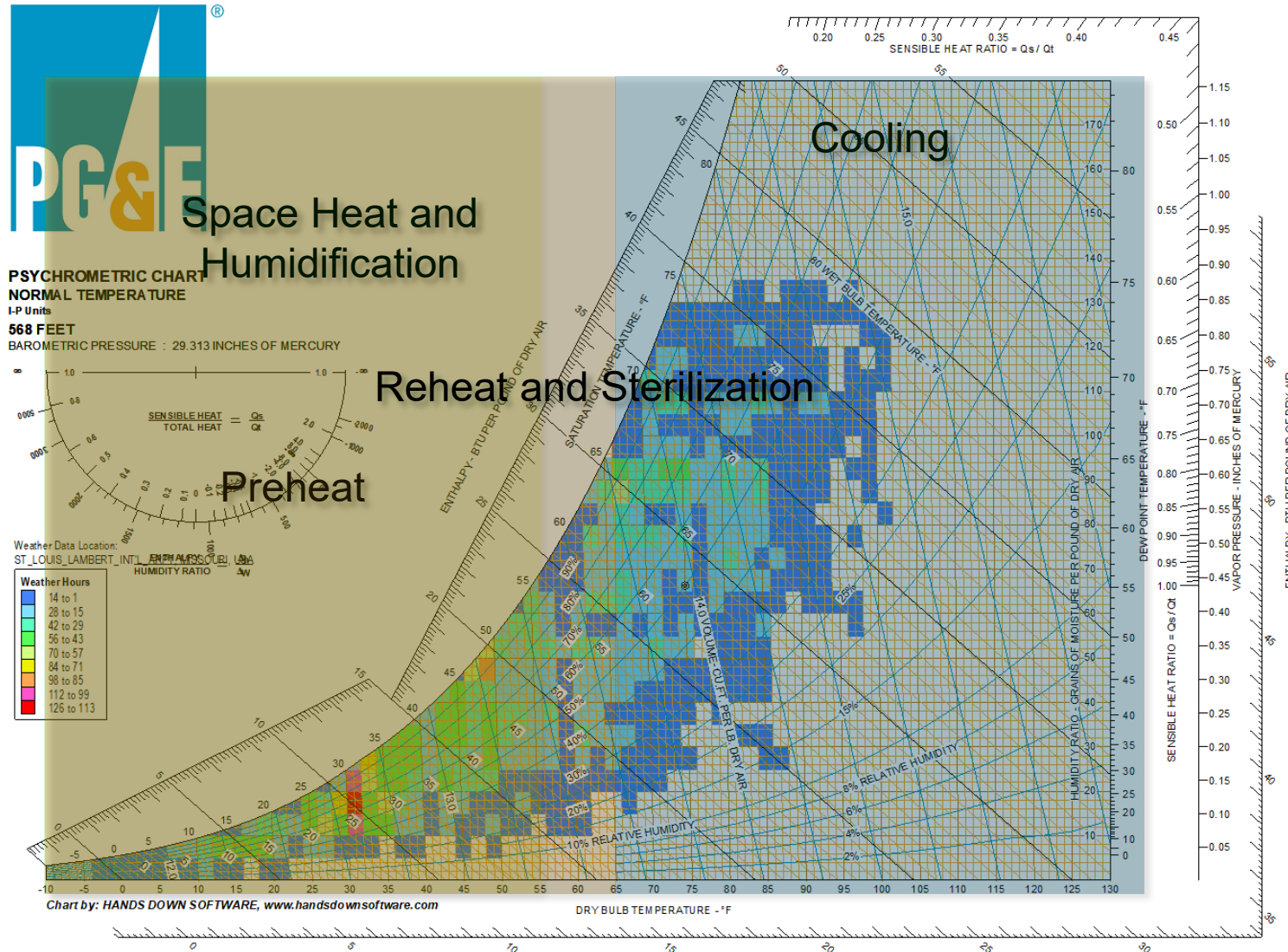
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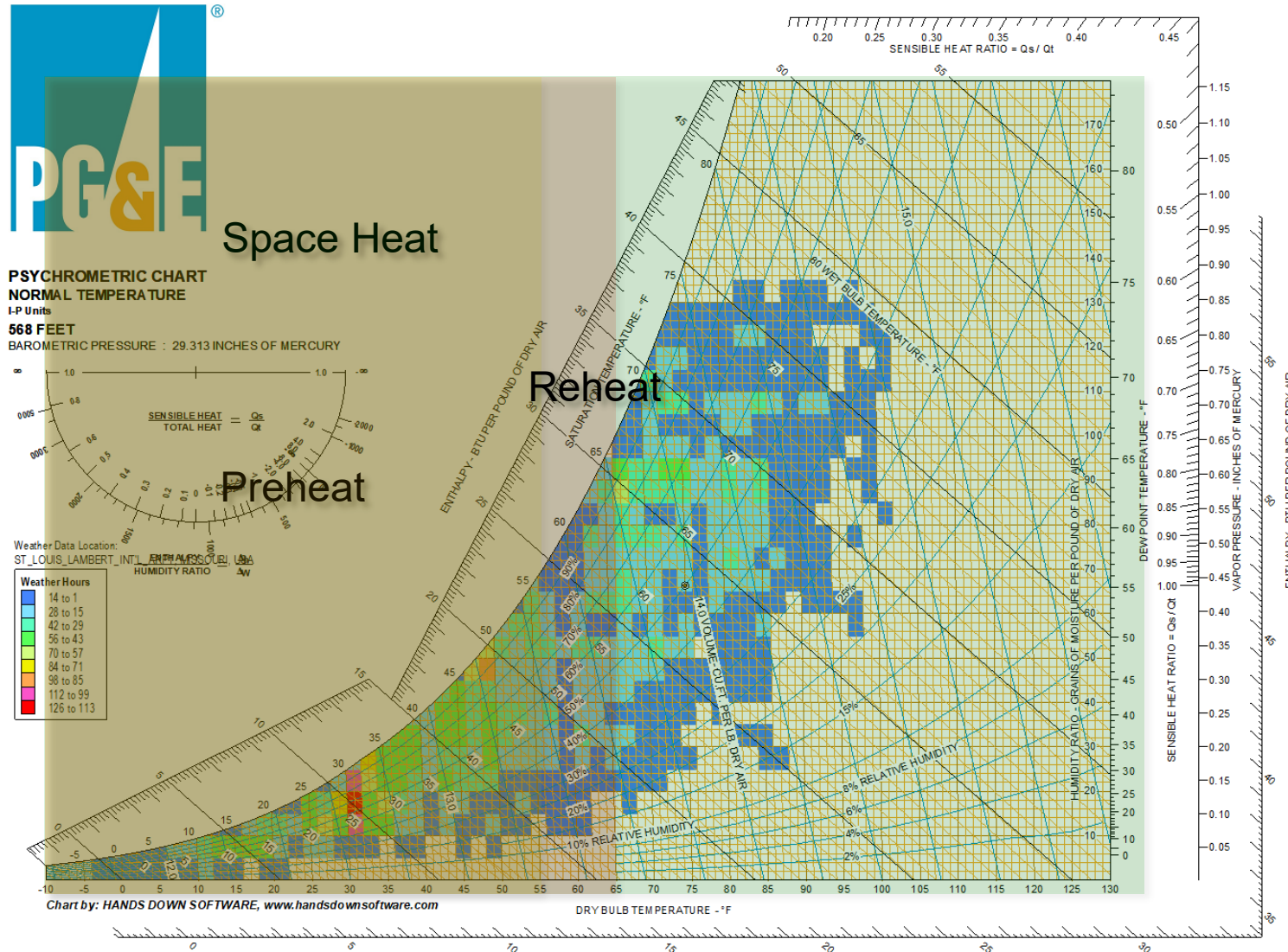
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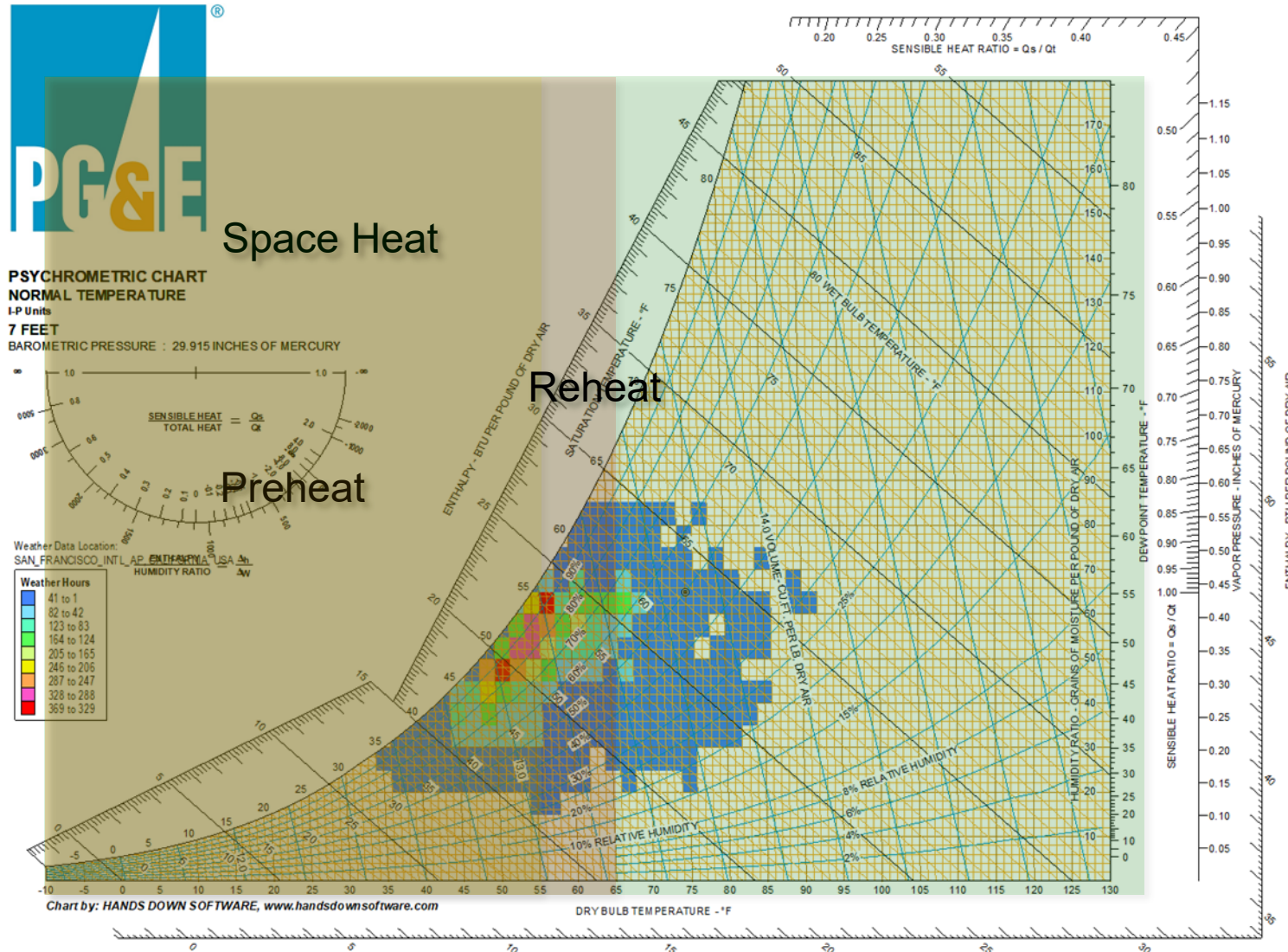
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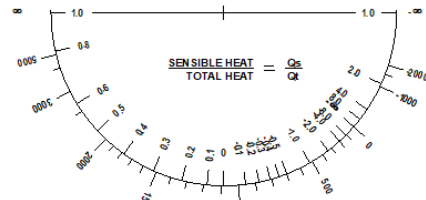


Quantifying the Hours with Different Requirements

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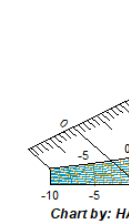
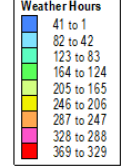


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Exploring Coil Performance

Recall That a Reheat Coil Selected for Space Heating Can Do Reheat With Much Cooler Water (i.e. Lower Grade Heat)

<https://tinyurl.com/GreenheckCoilSelection>



Coil Selection - C-3

Review Selection

Review the details of this selection. If everything is in order, press "Finish" to complete. Otherwise, press "Back" to revise your selection.

Performance	Construction	Notes	Comment	Pricing	
Application	Hot water			Fluid	100% Water
Model	HW58S01B09-18x38-RH			Entering fluid temp. (*F)	180.0
Air flow (SCFM)	1185			Leaving fluid temp. (*F)	160.0
Altitude (ft)	0			Fluid delta temp. (*F)	20.0
Capacity (MBH)	53.4			Fluid flow rate (GPM)	5.5
Entering air temp. (*F)	53.0			Fluid velocity (ft/s)	2.98
Leaving air temp. (*F)	94.6			Fluid pressure drop (ft of water)	3.1
Face velocity (ft/min)	249			Fluid fouling factor (h-ft ² -*F/Btu)	0.00000
Air pressure drop (in of water)	0.03			Fluid freezing temp. (*F)	32.0
Air fouling factor (h-ft ² -*F/Btu)	0.00000				

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The Power of Ongoing Cx

(With Heat Pumps)

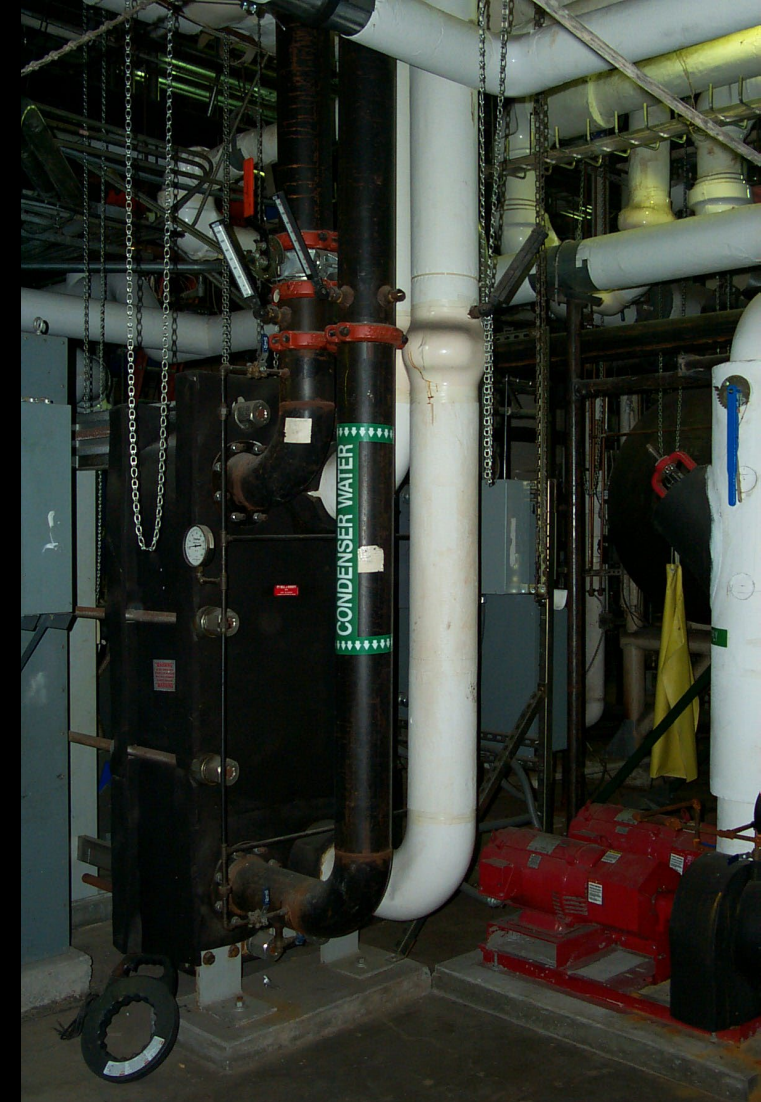
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Another Question



<https://tinyurl.com/HeatPumpD4CentralPlant>



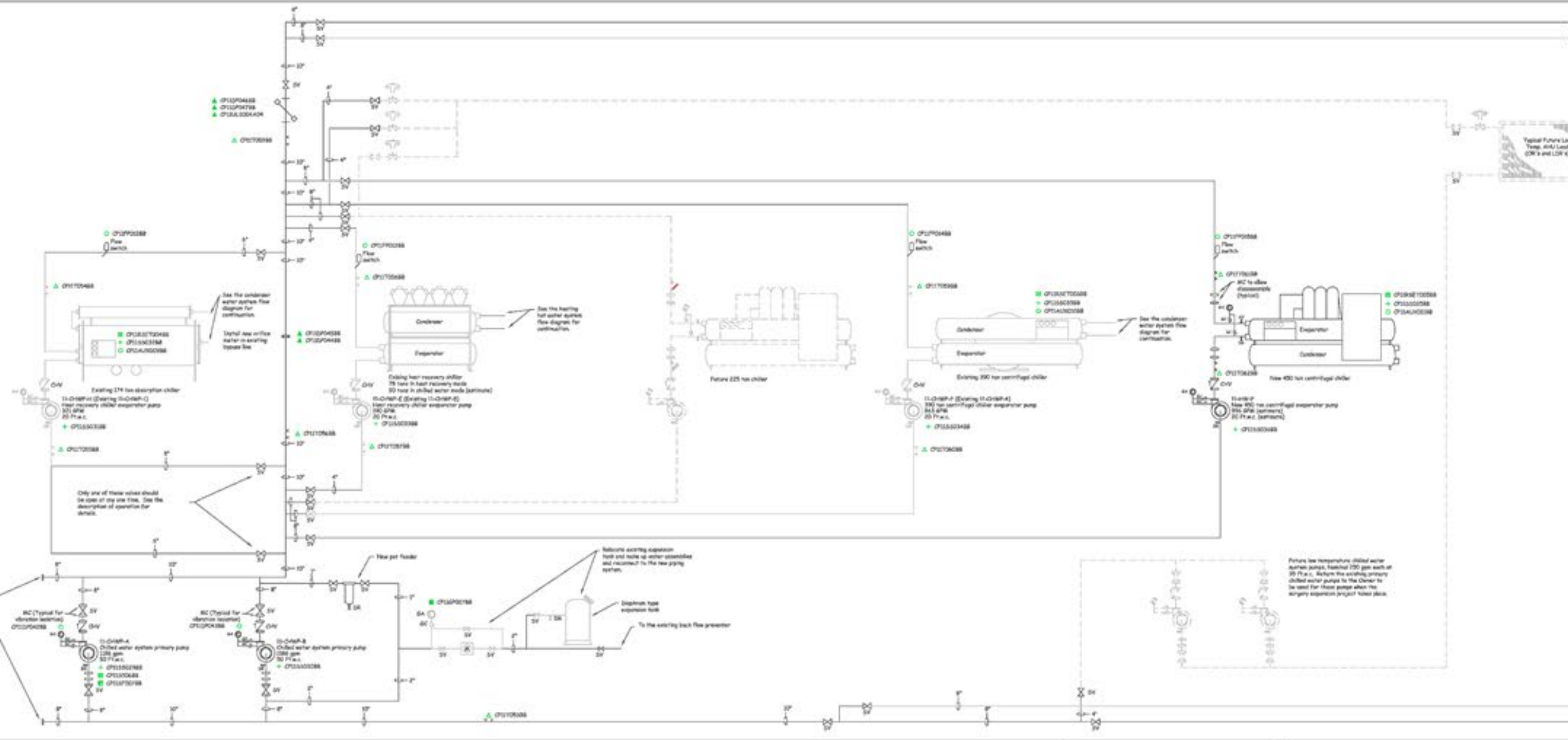
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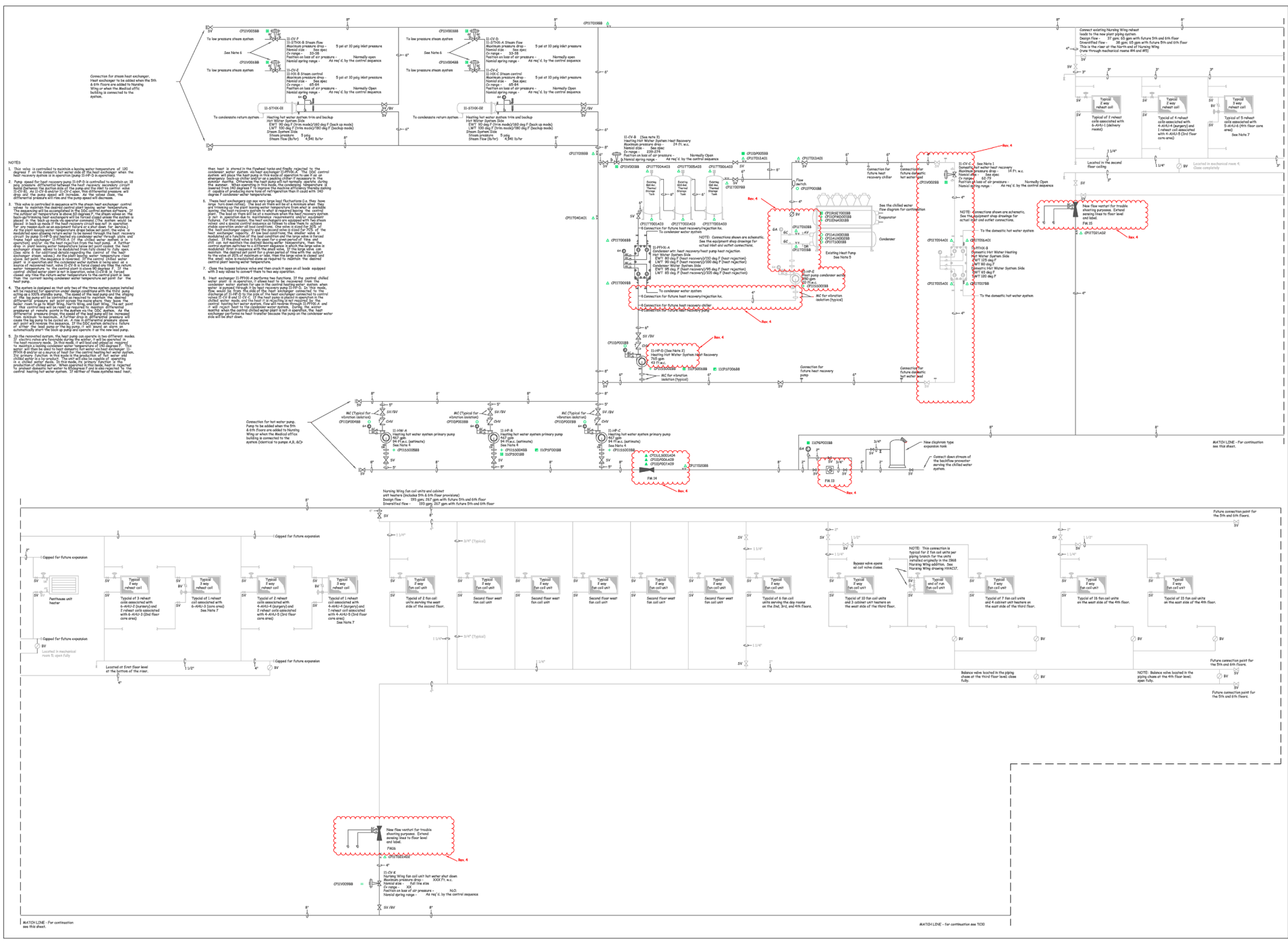
*Opening the door to recovering energy we have been
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Trying Your Hand at Tracing Energy Through a Facility





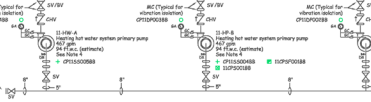




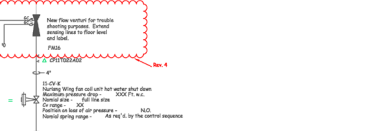
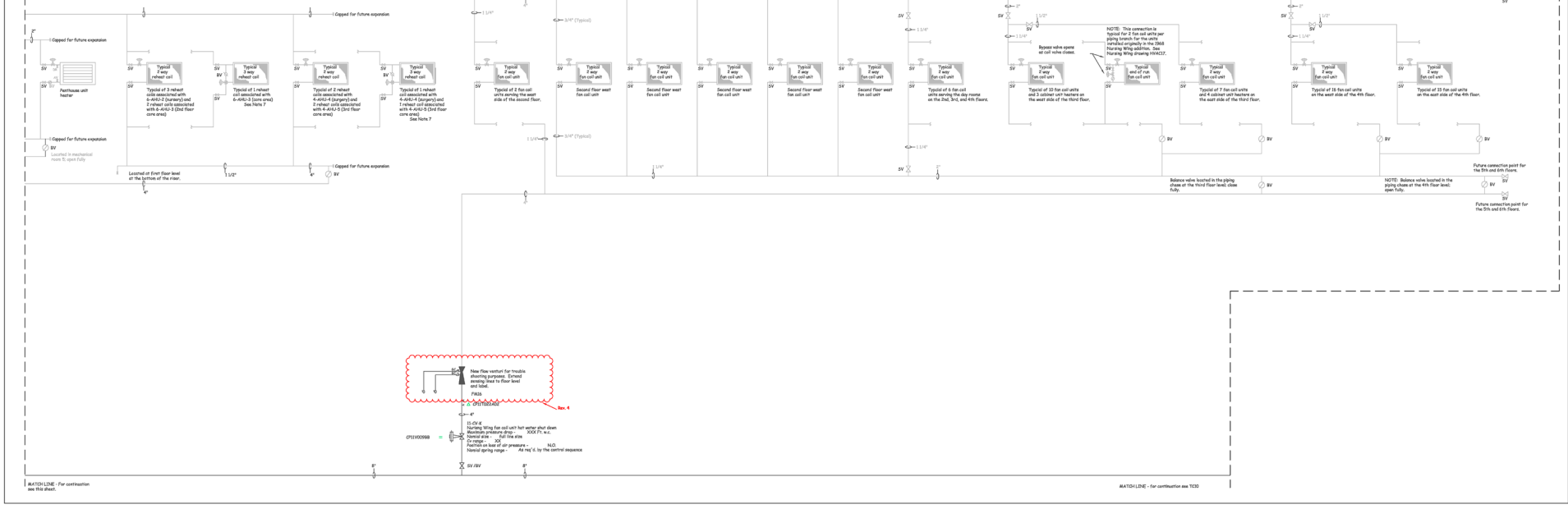
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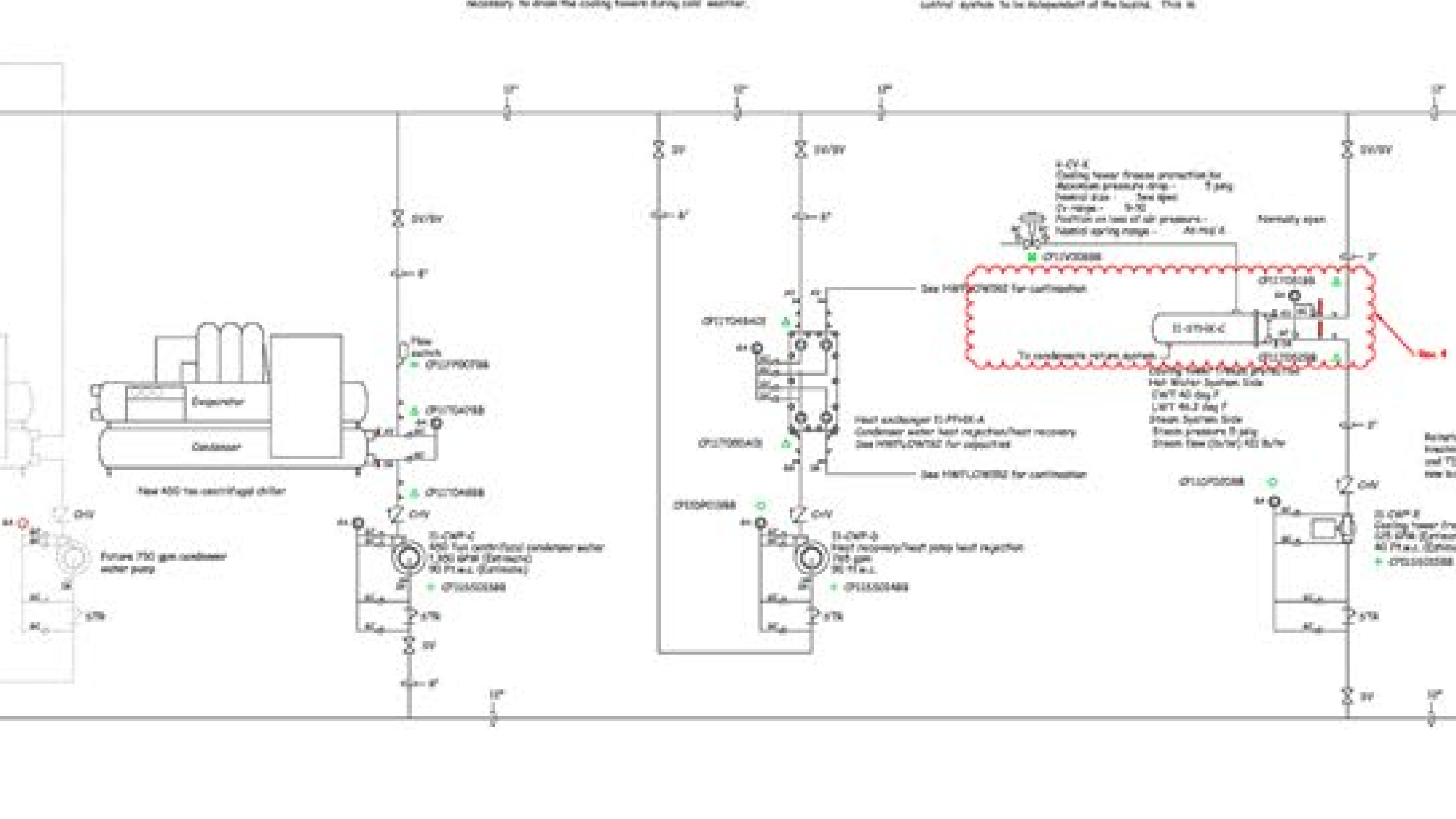
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A Few Central Plant Bottom Lines

Chilled water is required for surgery when the outdoor temperature reaches 45 - 50°F

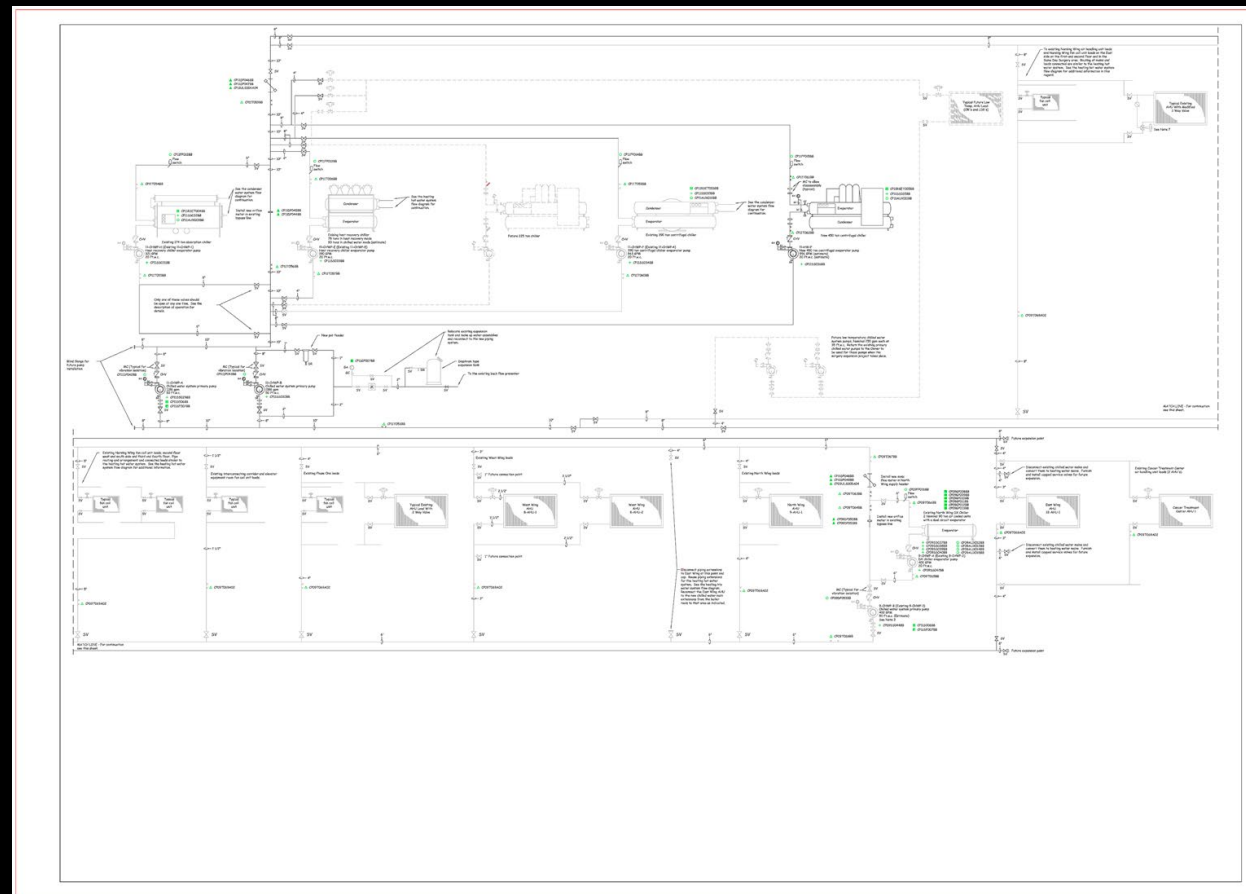
- Served by the North Wing Air Cooled Chiller

Chilled water is required by the remainder of the facility when outdoor temperatures exceed 52 – 58°F

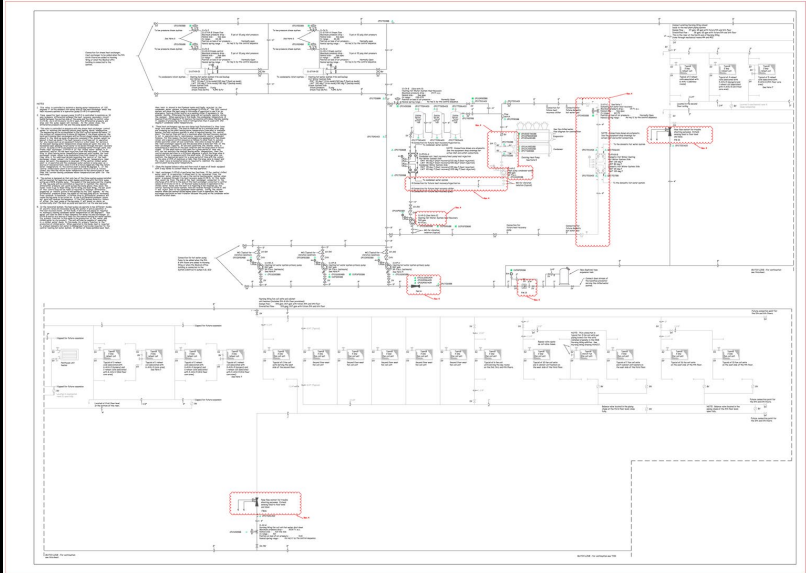
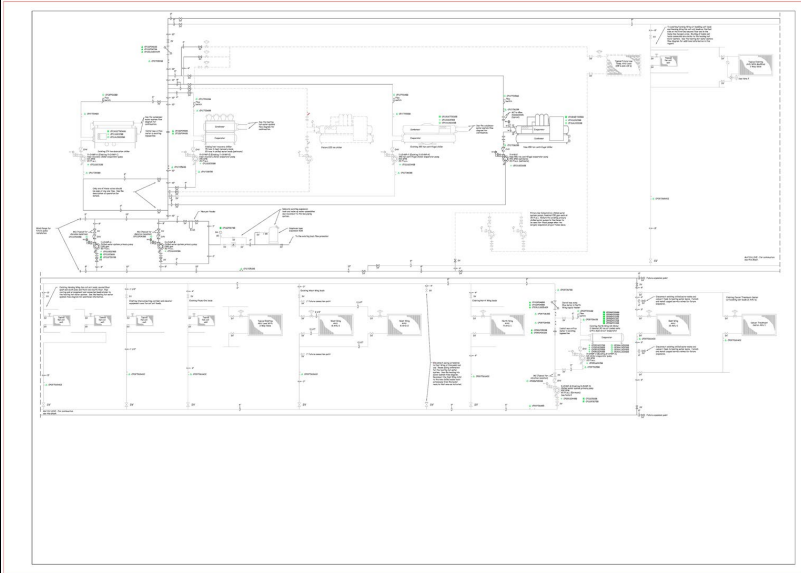
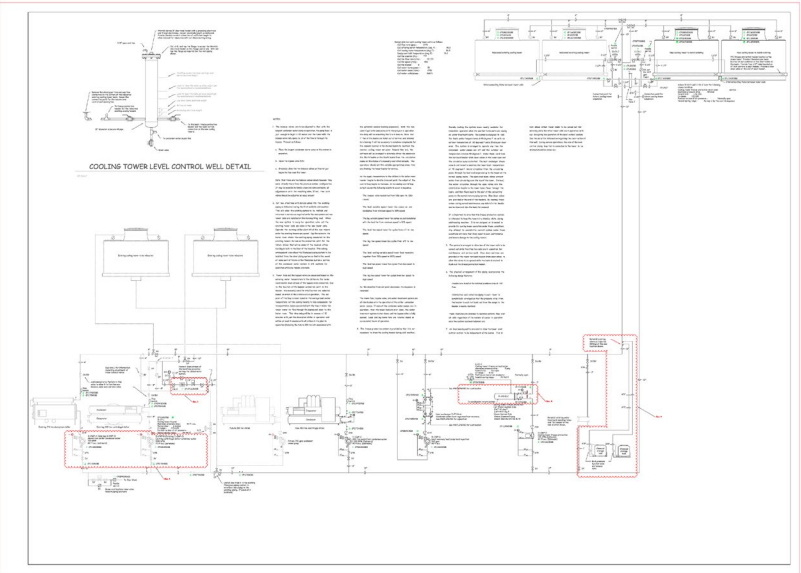
- Humidity dependent
- Transition to the Nursing Wing Central Plant

Heat is required year round

- 80 - 90°F works above 65-70°F
- 160 – 180°F required during extreme weather
- 120 – 140°F works during mild weather

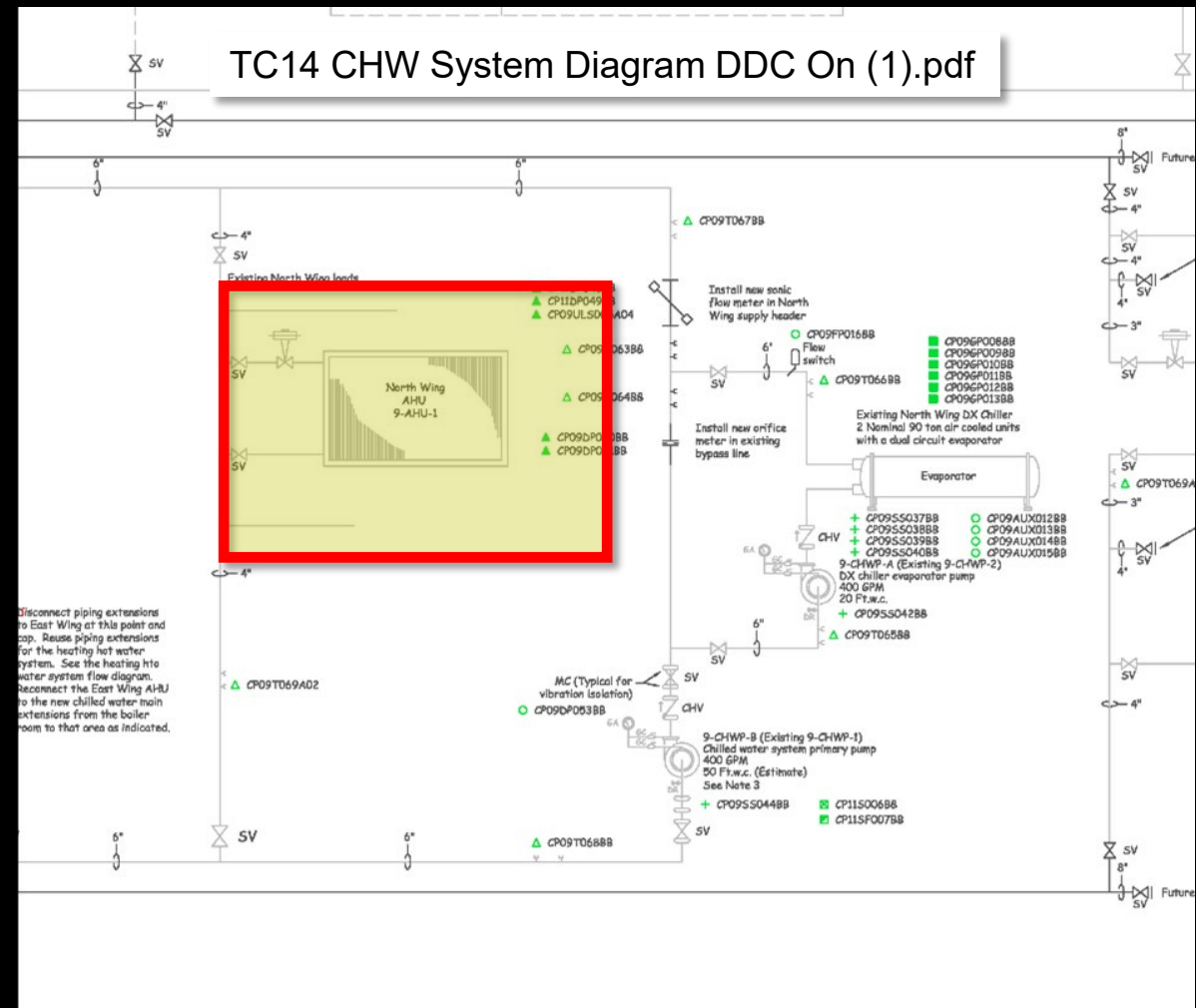


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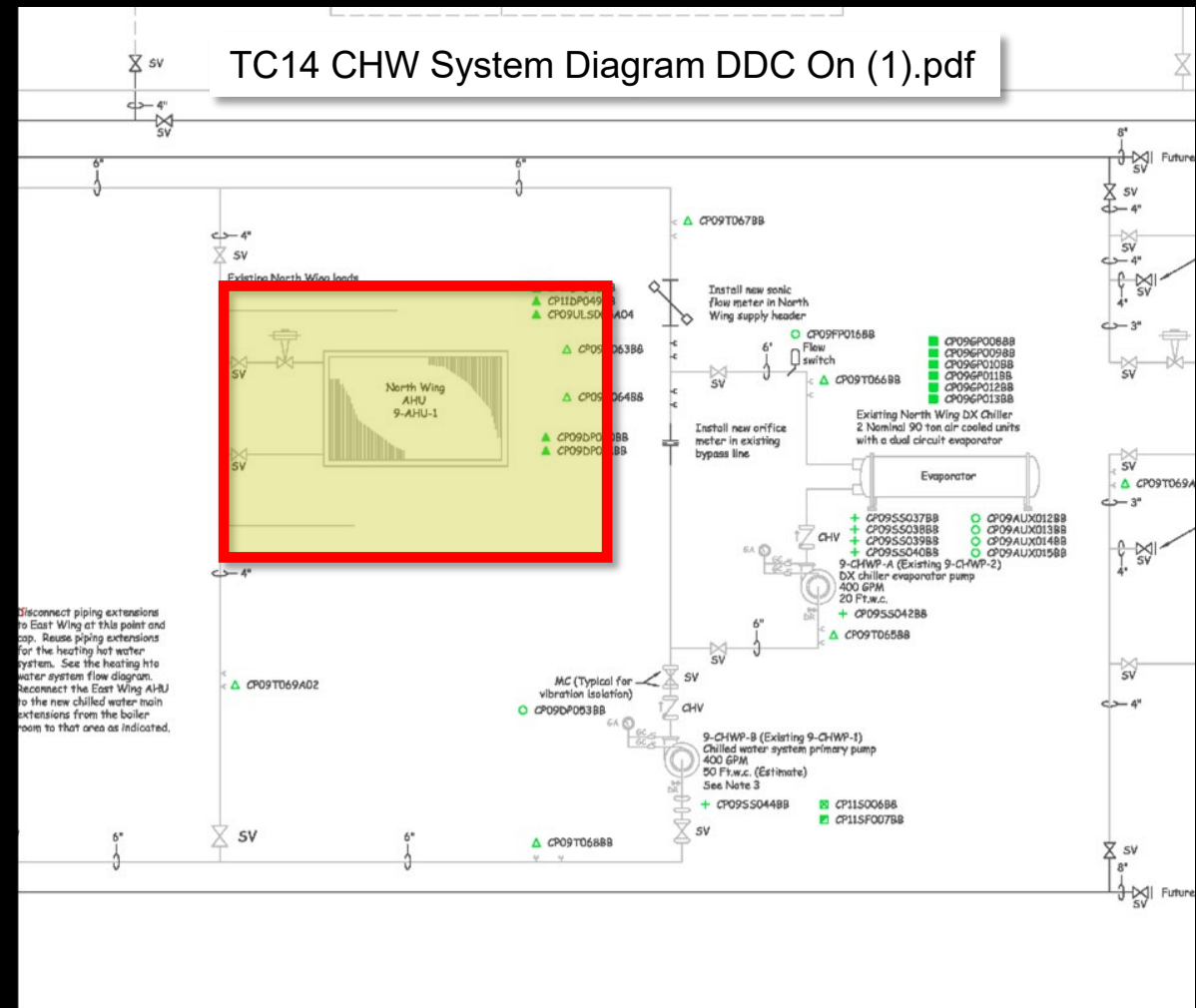
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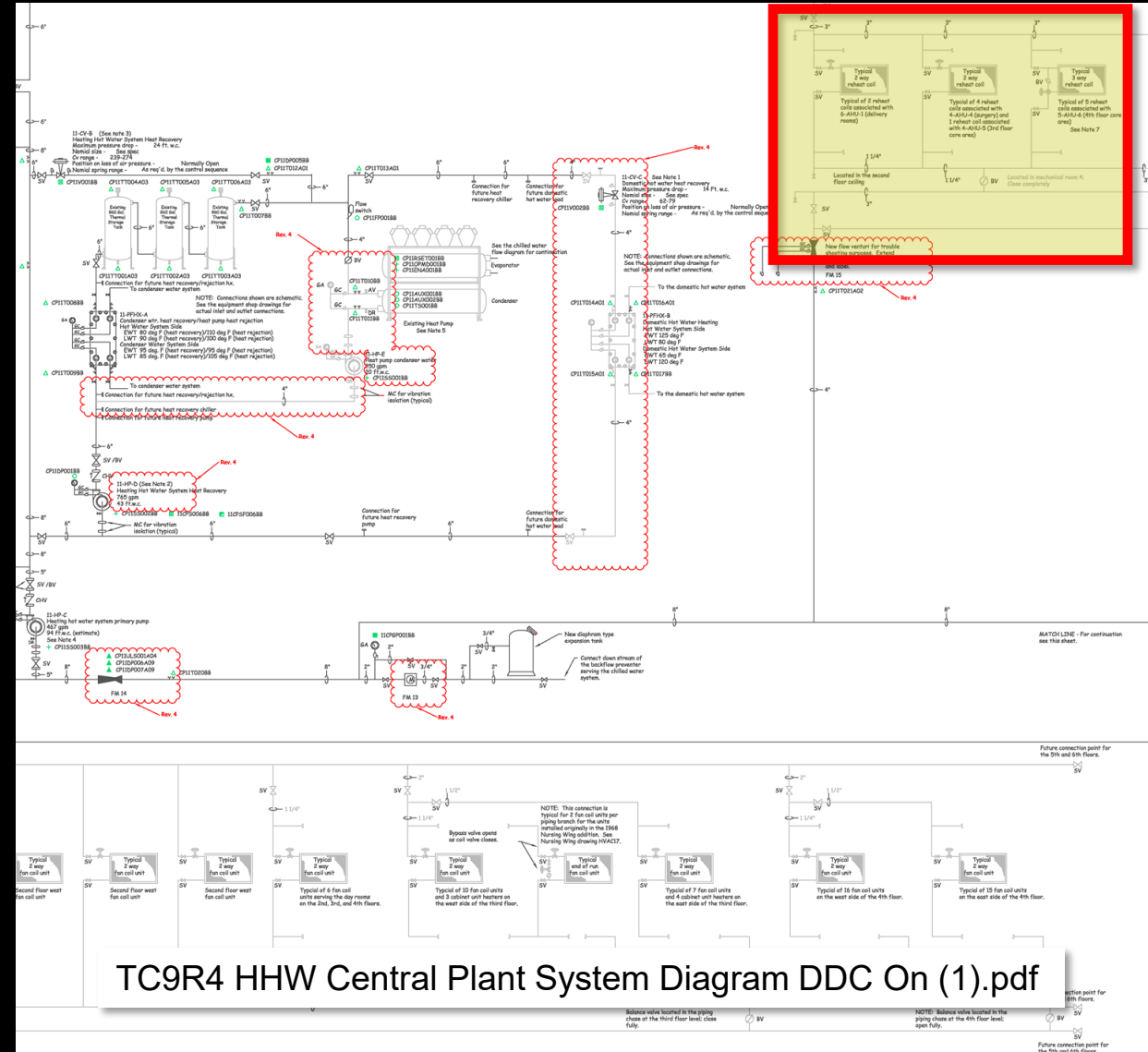
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3. See if you can get yourself into the heating water system and on your way to a reheat coil



TC9R4 HHW Central Plant System Diagram DDC On (1).pdf

Another Question

<https://tinyurl.com/HeatPUmpD4Recovery>



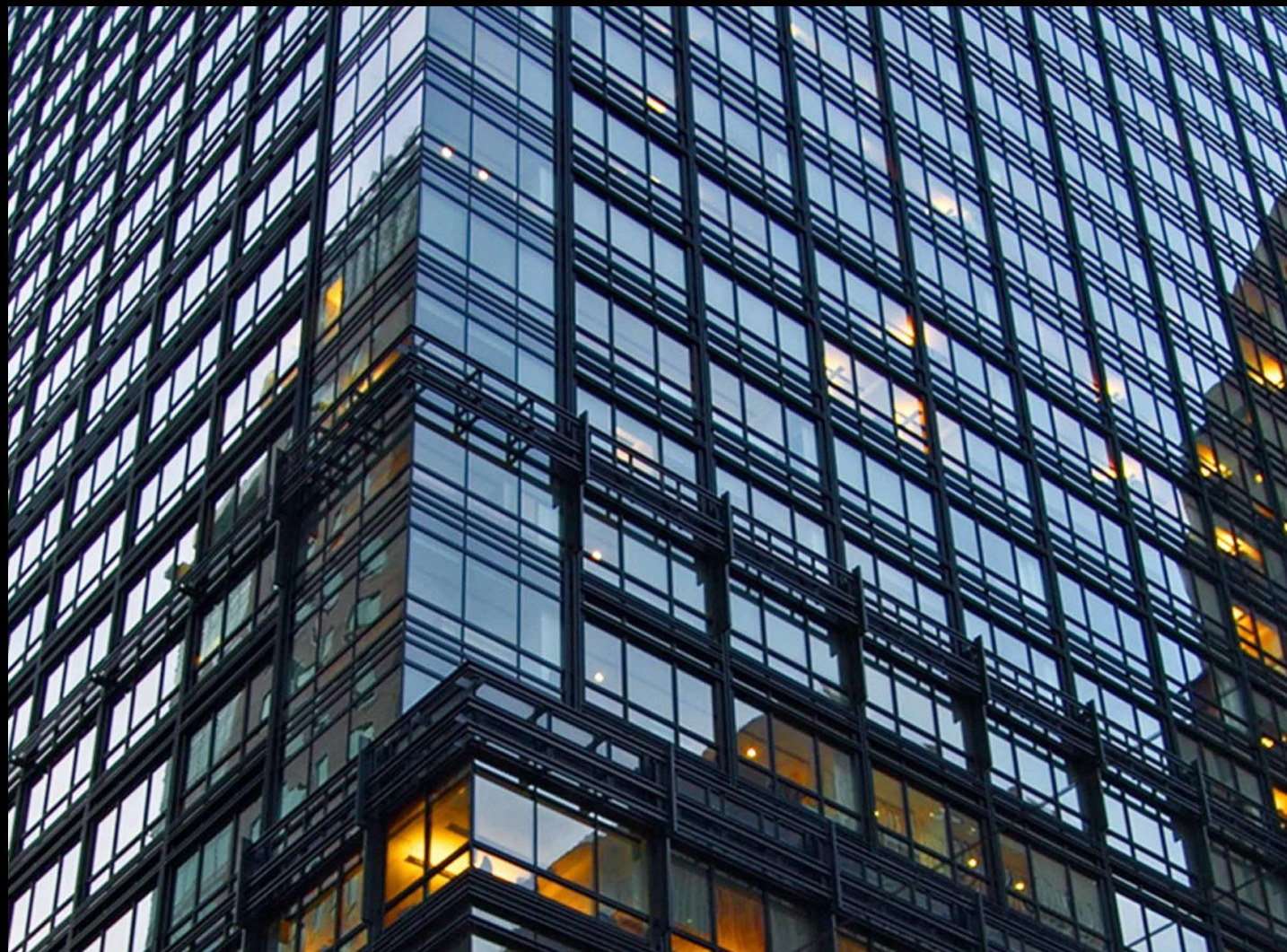


Getting Back to 560 Mission Street

Why Is This?

I have 300 kW of electric resistance heat, and the energy it uses is a major portion of our utility bills. And yet the building is cold!

Gary Walters, Chief Engineer



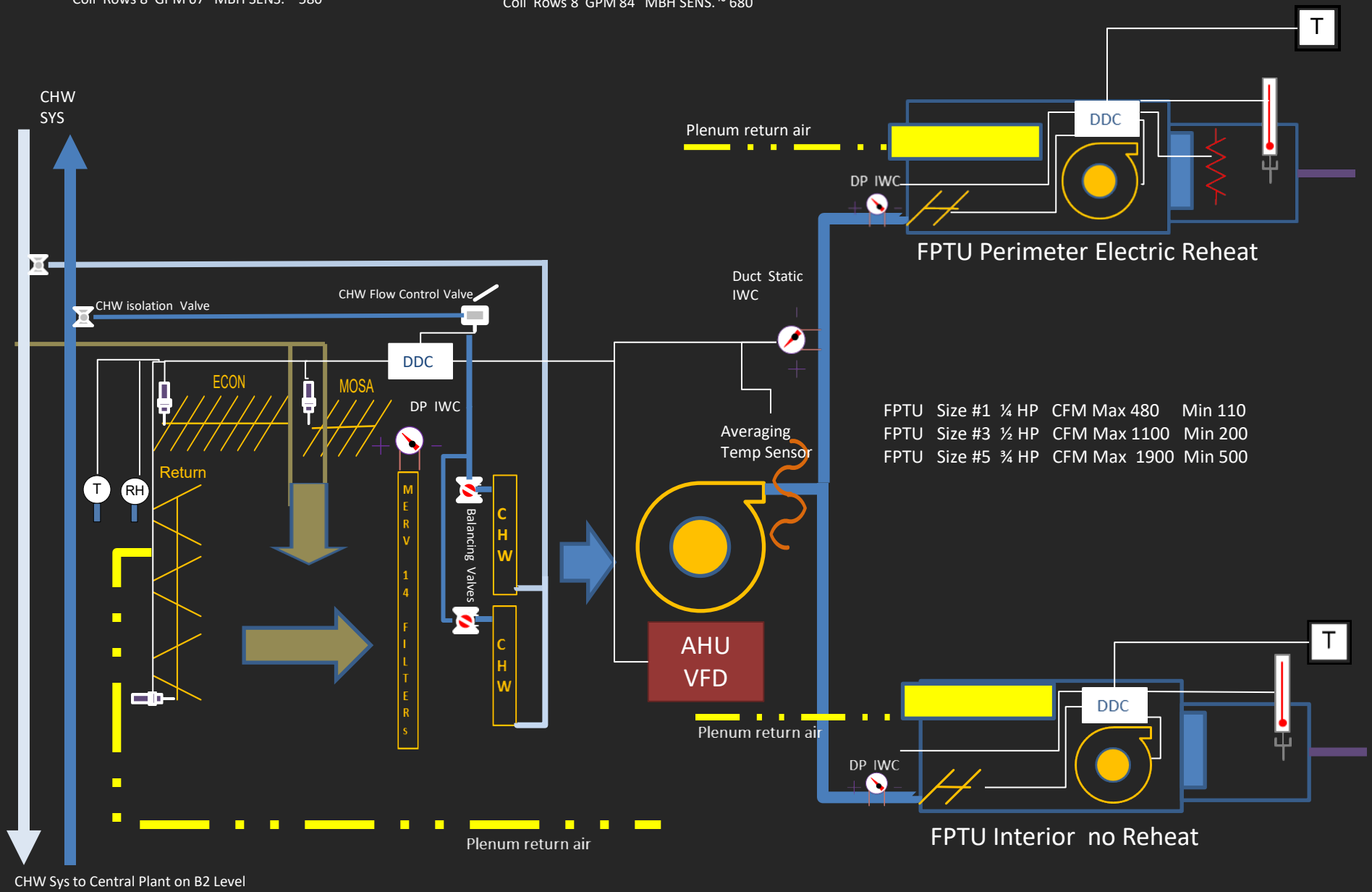


Fan Powered Terminal Units

Gary's AHU System Diagram

AHU-2-1 / AHU-8-1 through AHU-31-1
 Motor 20 HP NOM EFF 93 RPM at 60 HZ 1760
 Fan CFM ~ 18,000
 Coil Rows 8 GPM 67 MBH SENS. ~ 580

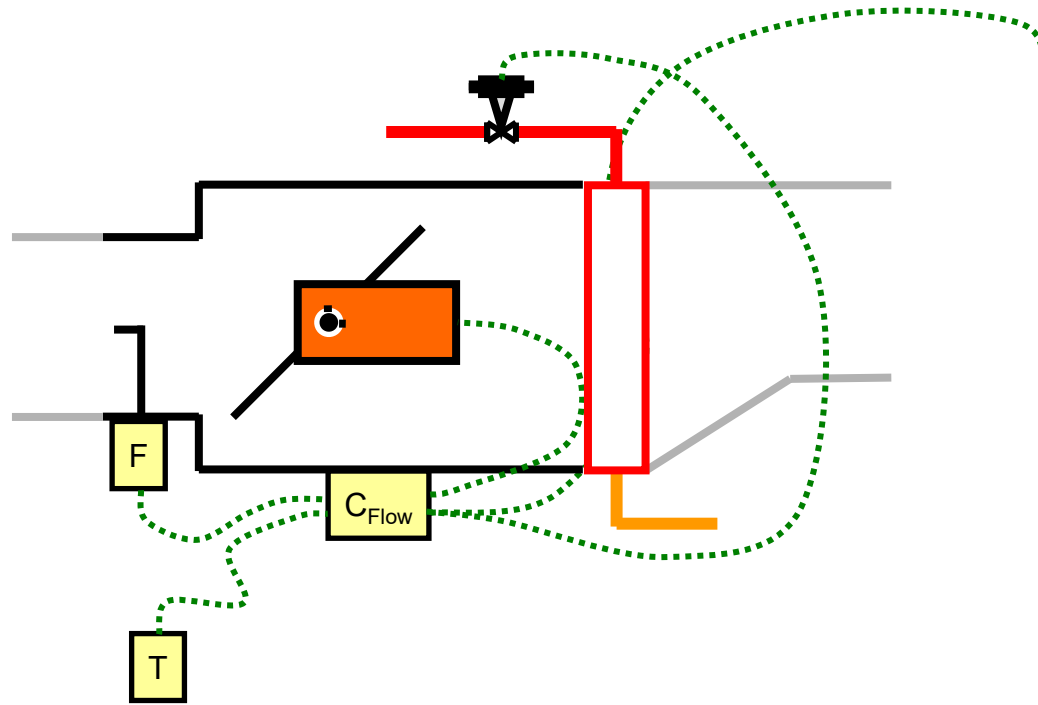
AHU 3-1 through AHU-7-1
 Motor 25 HP NOM EFF 92.4 RPM at 60 HZ 1760
 Fan CFM ~ 21,600
 Coil Rows 8 GPM 84 MBH SENS. ~ 680



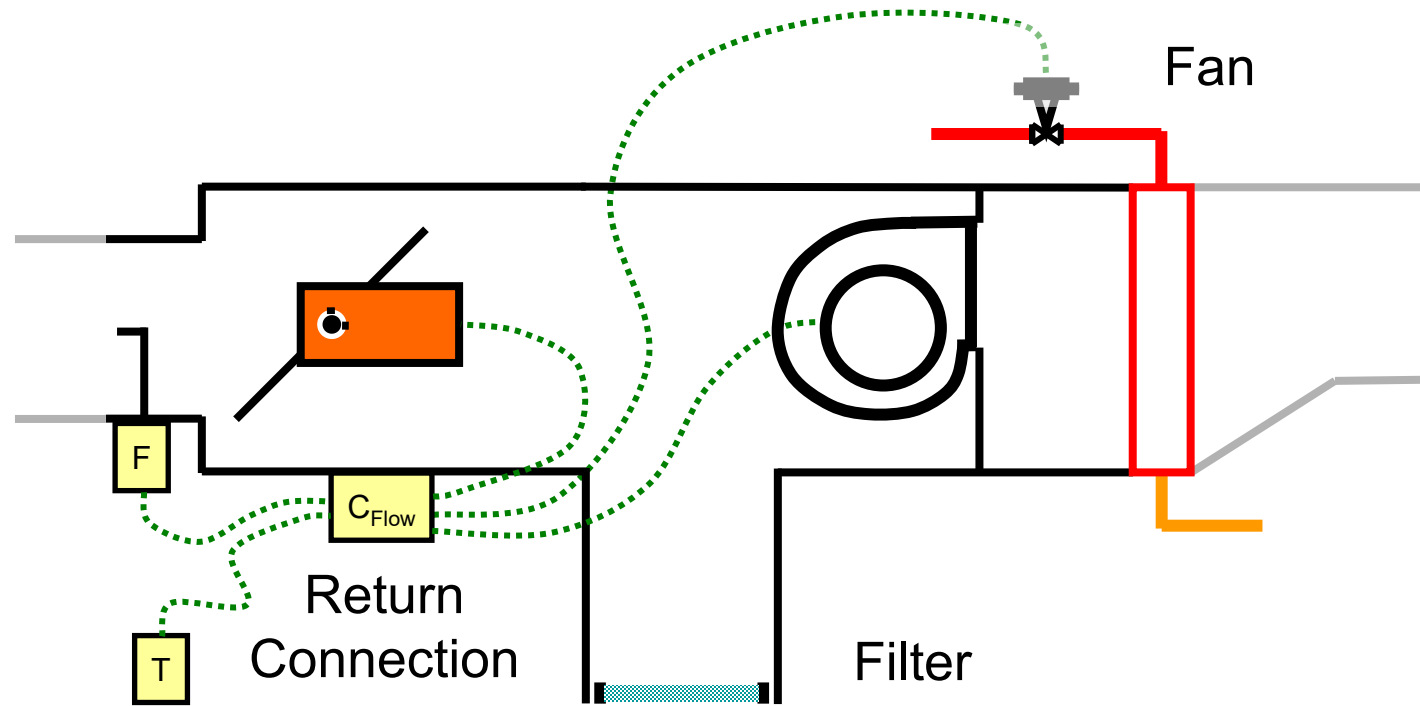
FPTU Size #1	¼ HP	CFM Max 480	Min 110
FPTU Size #3	½ HP	CFM Max 1100	Min 200
FPTU Size #5	¾ HP	CFM Max 1900	Min 500

CHW Sys to Central Plant on B2 Level

Recovering Heat to Reheat Series Fan Powered Box



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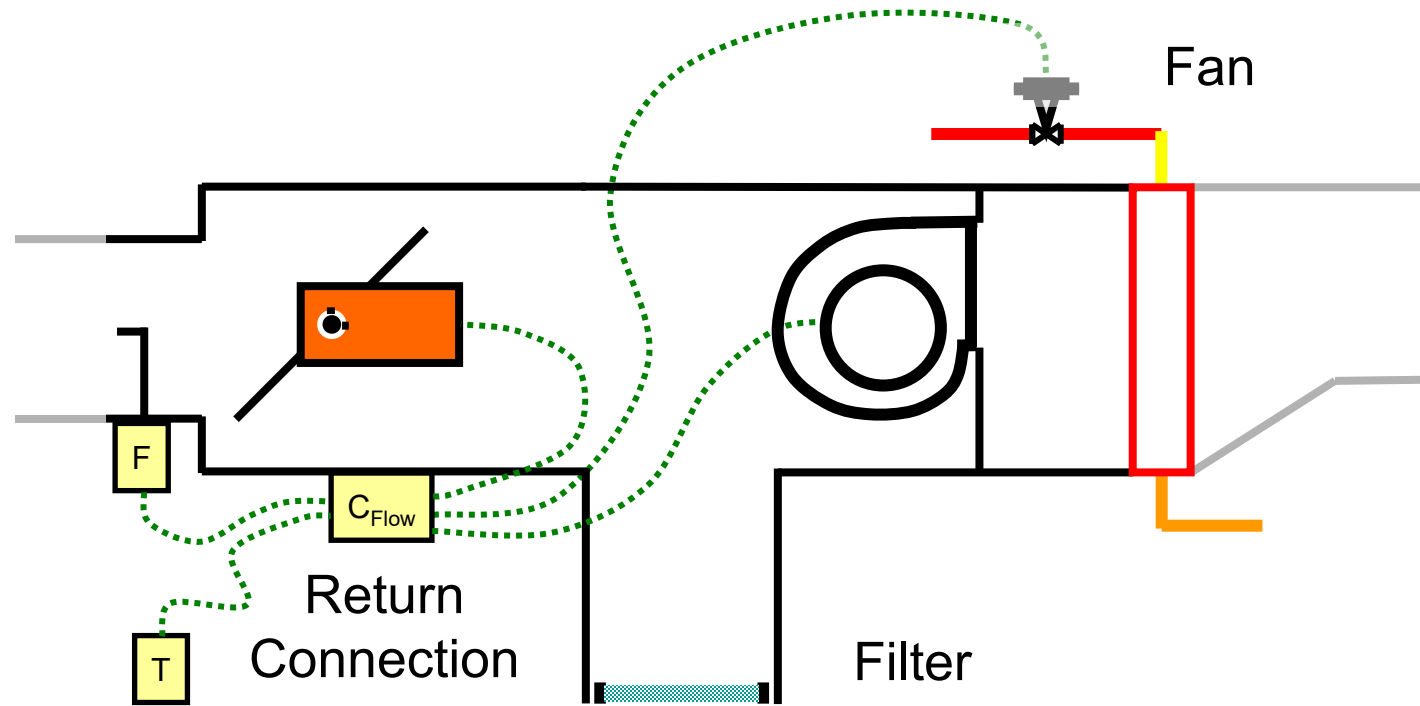
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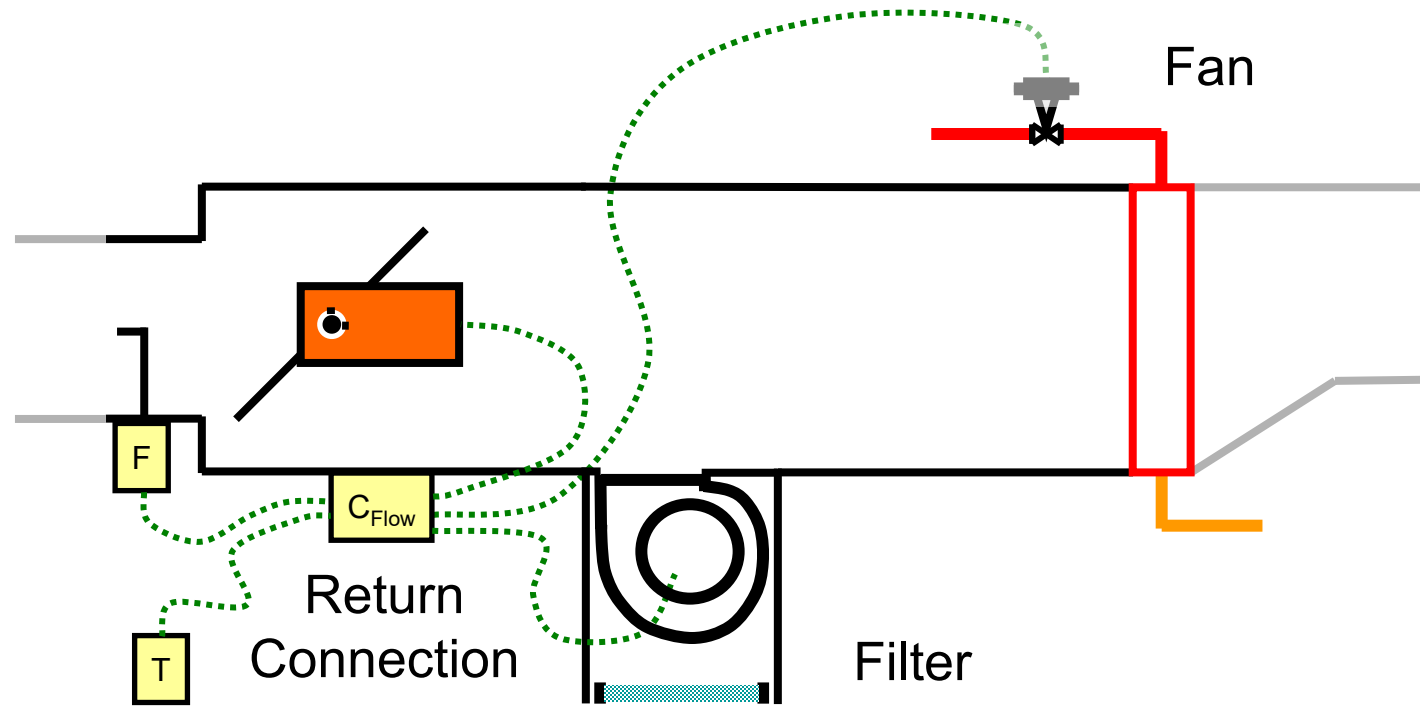
Reduction in primary flow (cooling air) is compensated for by increased return flow

- First stage of reheat
- Coil provides second stage

Recovering Heat to Reheat Series Fan Powered Box



Recovering Heat to Reheat Parallel Fan Powered Box



Fan runs intermittently when the zone is occupied

- Tends to be constant volume when the fan runs

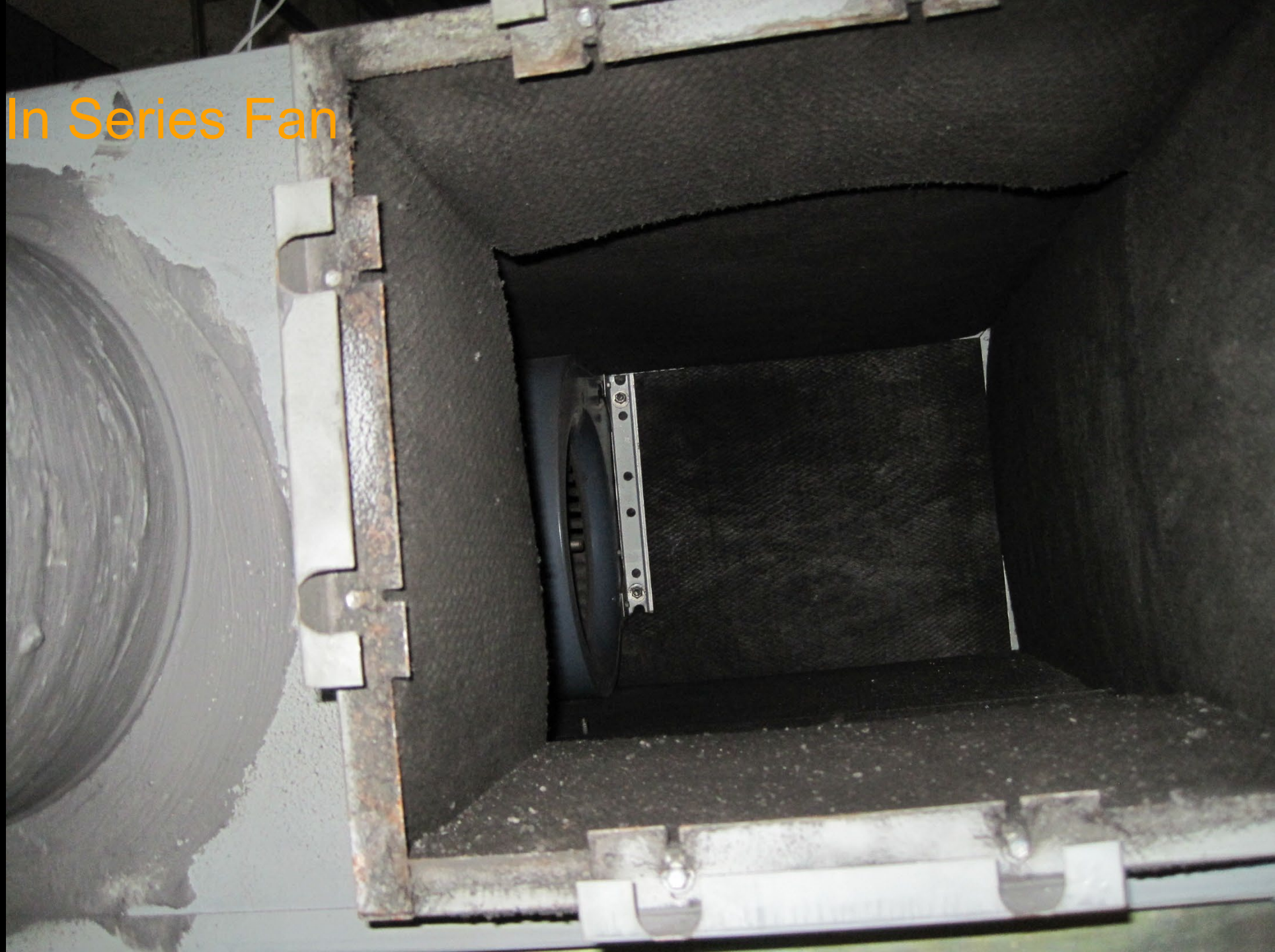
Zone sees some reduction in flow until the fan starts

- First stage of reheat
- Coil provides second stage



A Typical Fan Powered Box

The In Series Fan



The In Series Fan





Electric Reheat Coils

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- Staged control can cause comfort issues
- Silicon Controlled Rectifiers (SCRs) allow modulation



Electric Reheat Coils

Interaction with other system components needs to be considered

- Fire dampers in line of sight can be a problem
- Temperature sensors in line of sight can be a problem



Electric Reheat Coils

Safeties can Cause Issues

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- Residual heat can trip high limit safeties after shut down



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- 30-40% efficient from a source energy standpoint with a fossil fuel fired power plant
- Even with a renewable grid, there will be distribution system losses

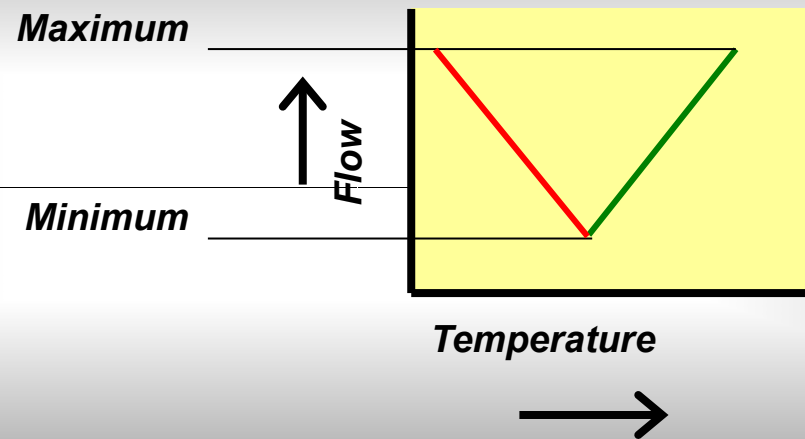




A Paradox

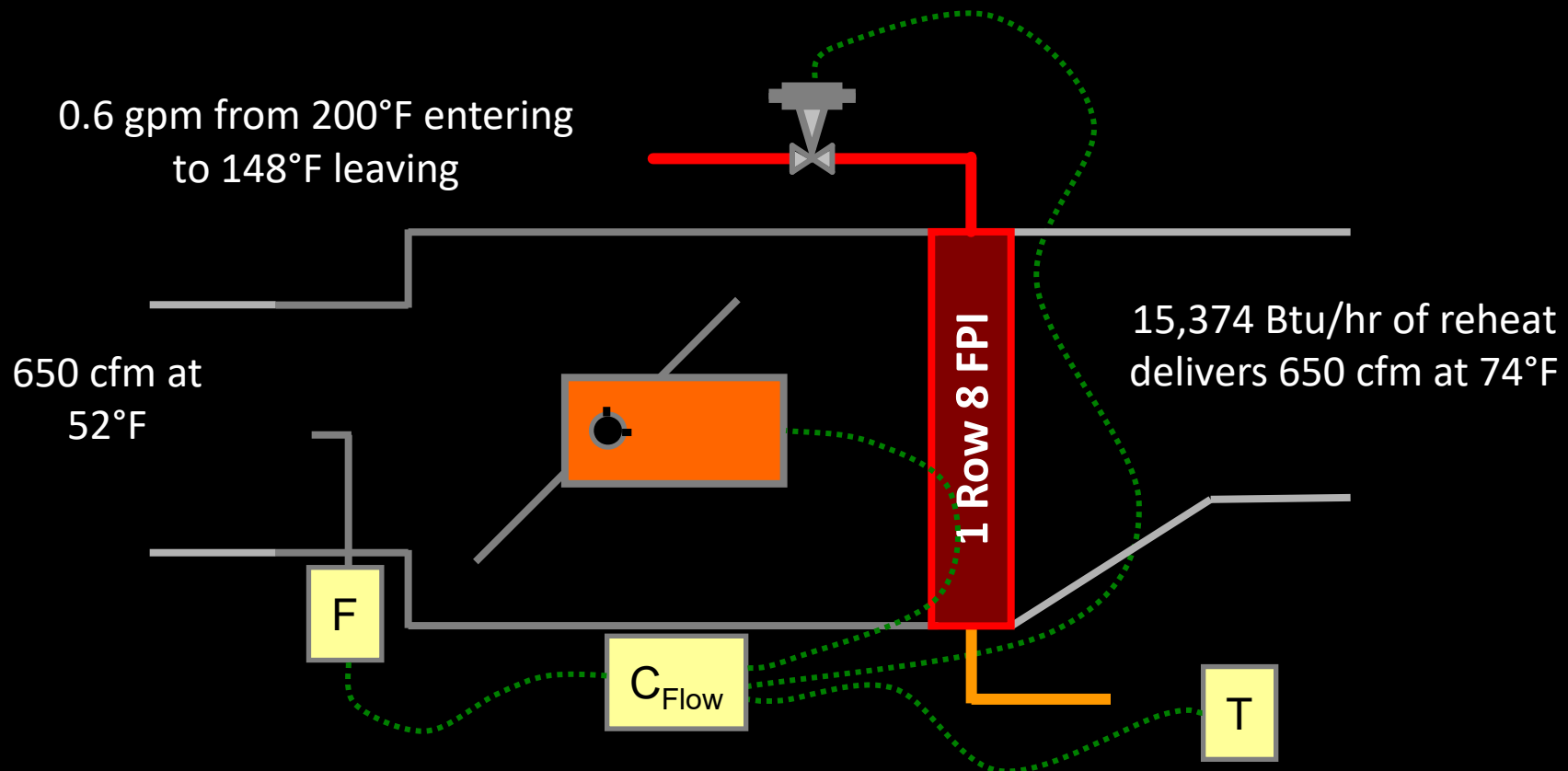
More Flow \neq More Heating

What happens with this terminal unit control strategy if the minimum flow rate delivers more cooling than the space requires under most of the load conditions it might see?



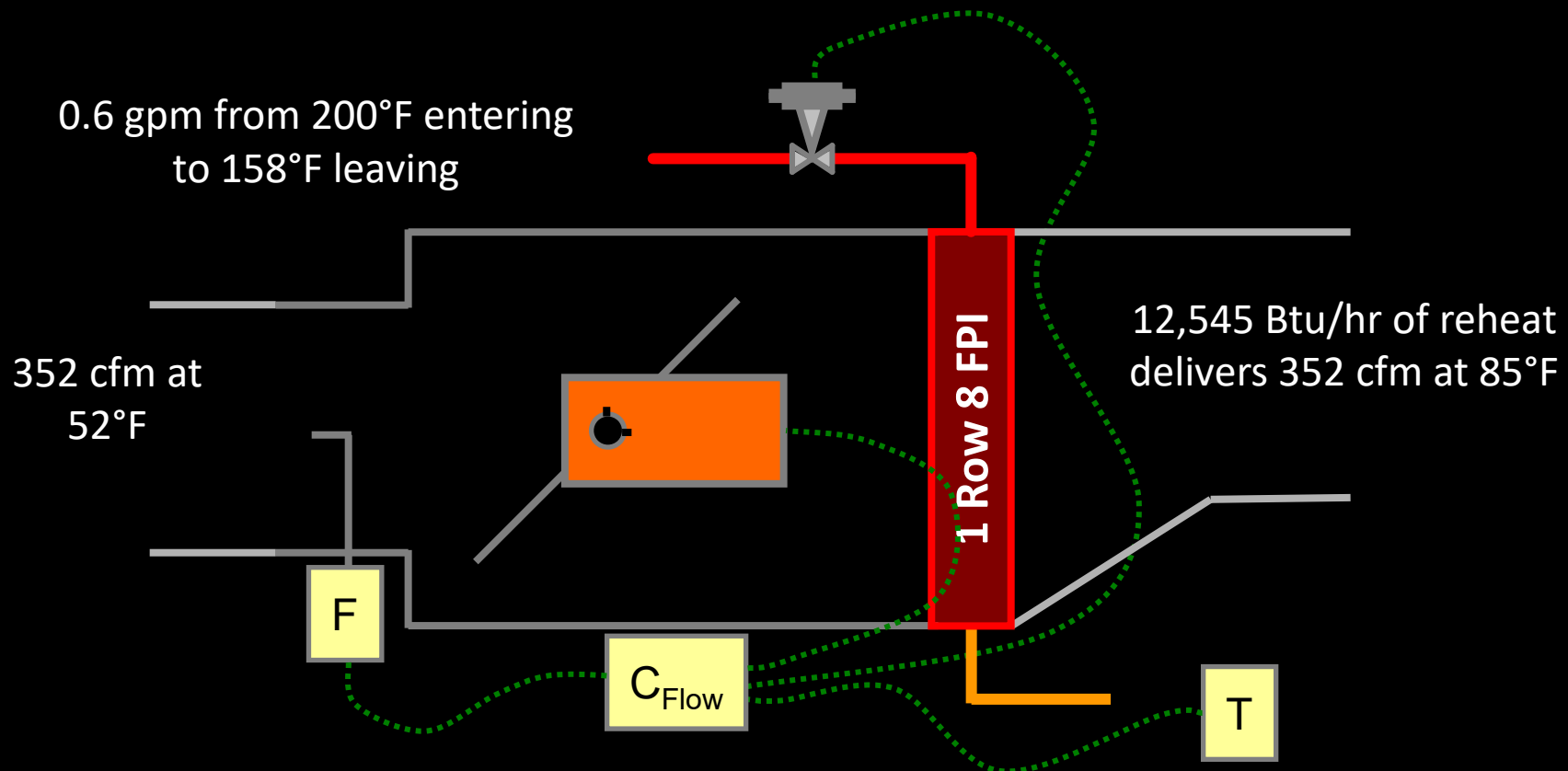
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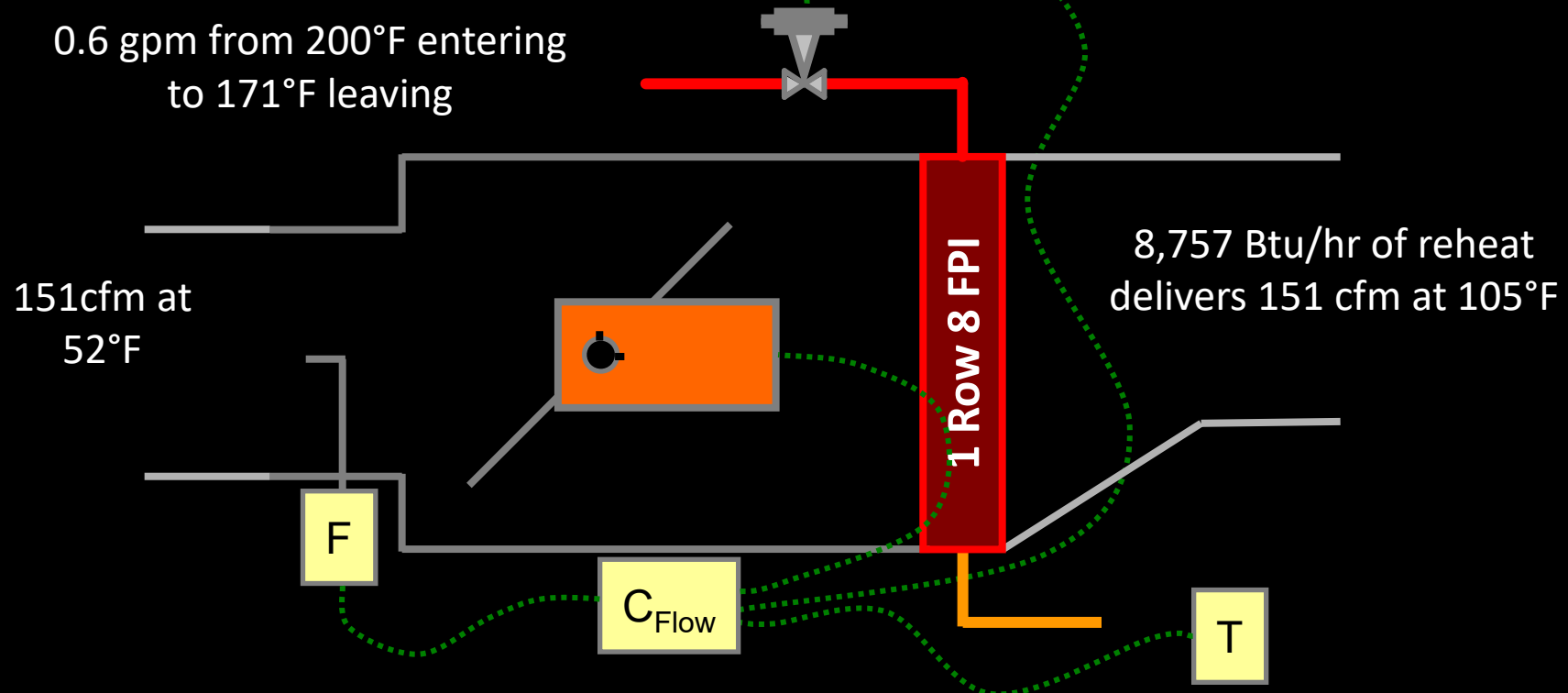
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Air Distribution Considerations

Diffusers and Flow Variation

- Need to be designed for the full range of supply flow
- Performance with hot air different from performance with cold air
- Lower average velocity at lower flow rates
 - Less throw
 - Less mixing
 - “Dumping”





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All Electric does not mean **All Done** in terms of opportunities to improve efficiency and performance and reduce atmospheric impact



What Does All of This Mean?

With a “clean sheet of paper” there may have been some better options

- Electrically fired hot water heat
 - Direct heat recovery from condenser water
 - Heat recovery chillers if higher grade heat is needed
 - Condensing boiler initially for peaking
 - Upgrade to electric boiler in the future



What Does All of This Mean?

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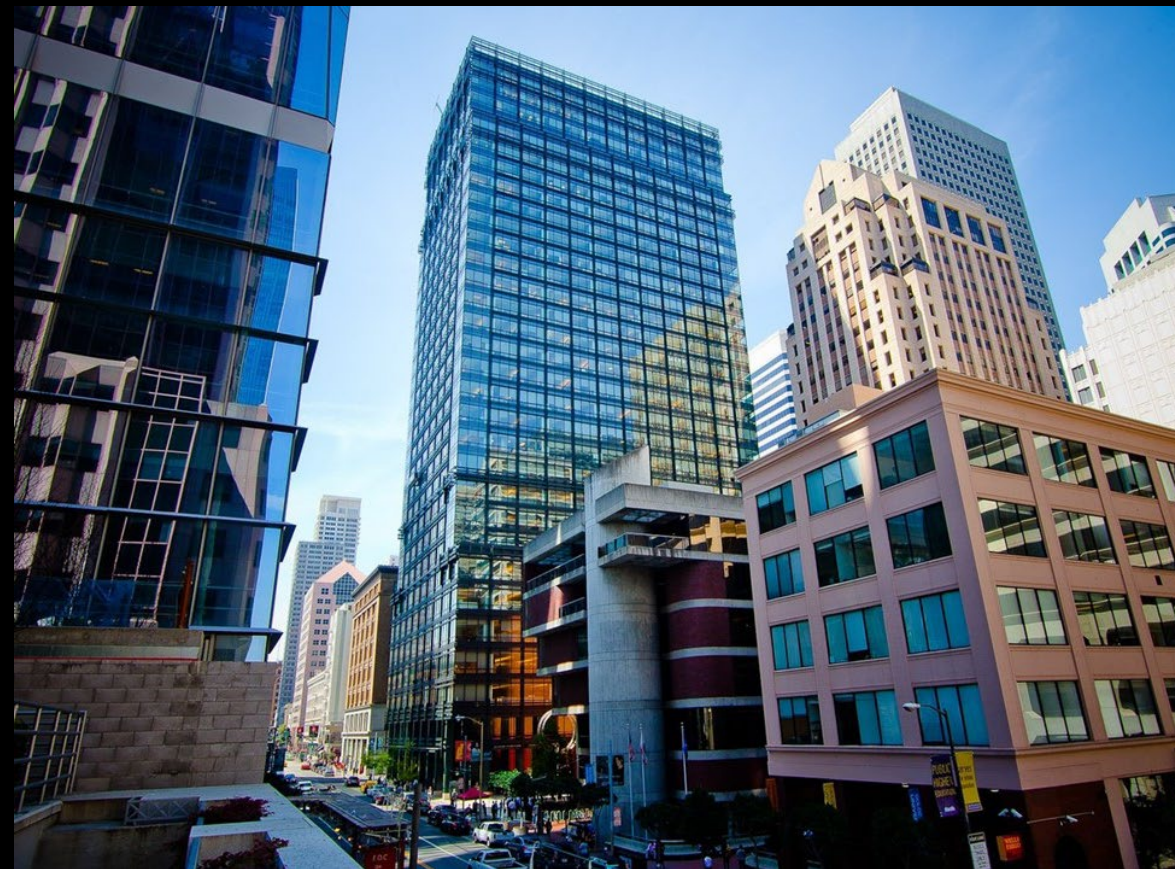
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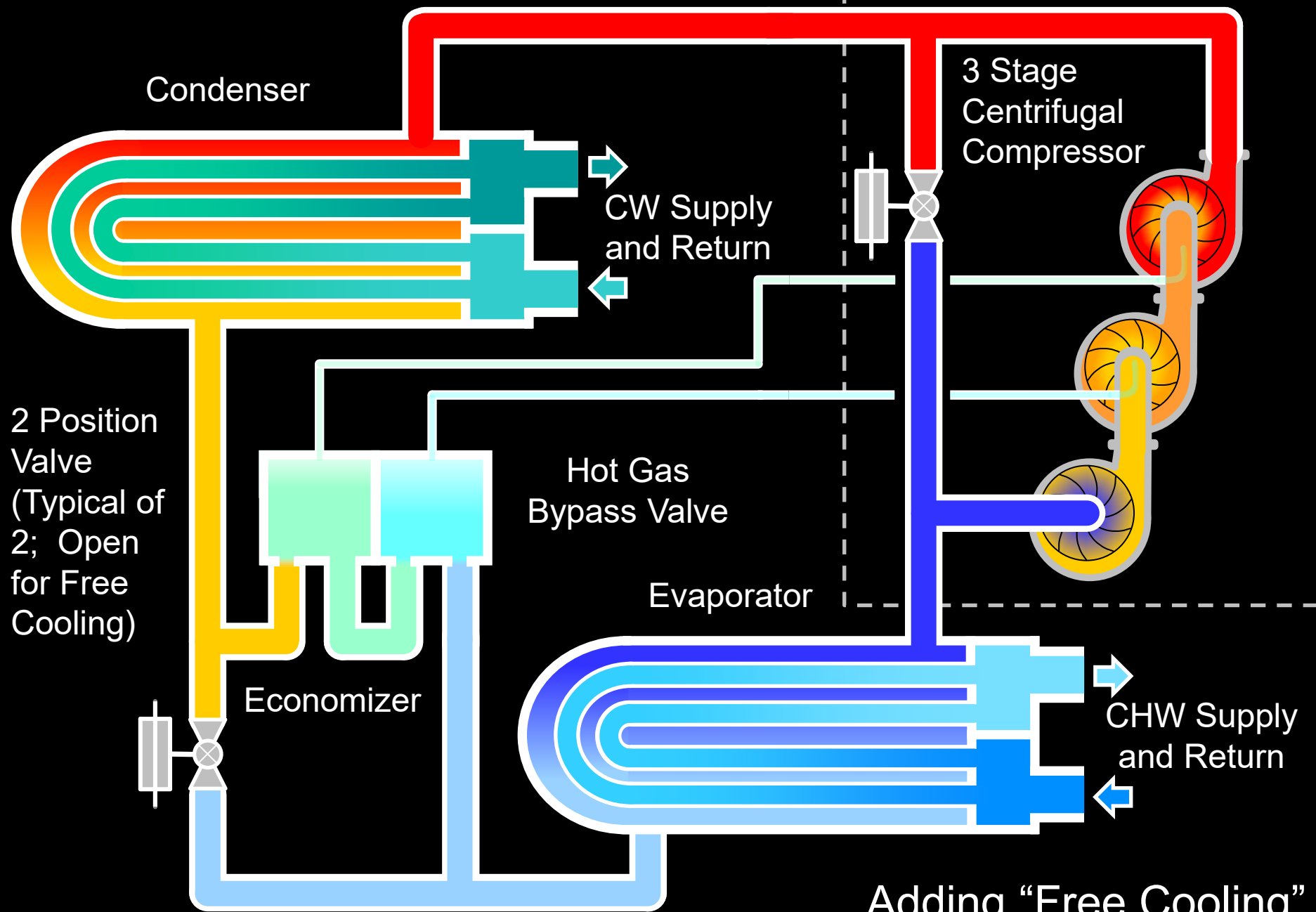
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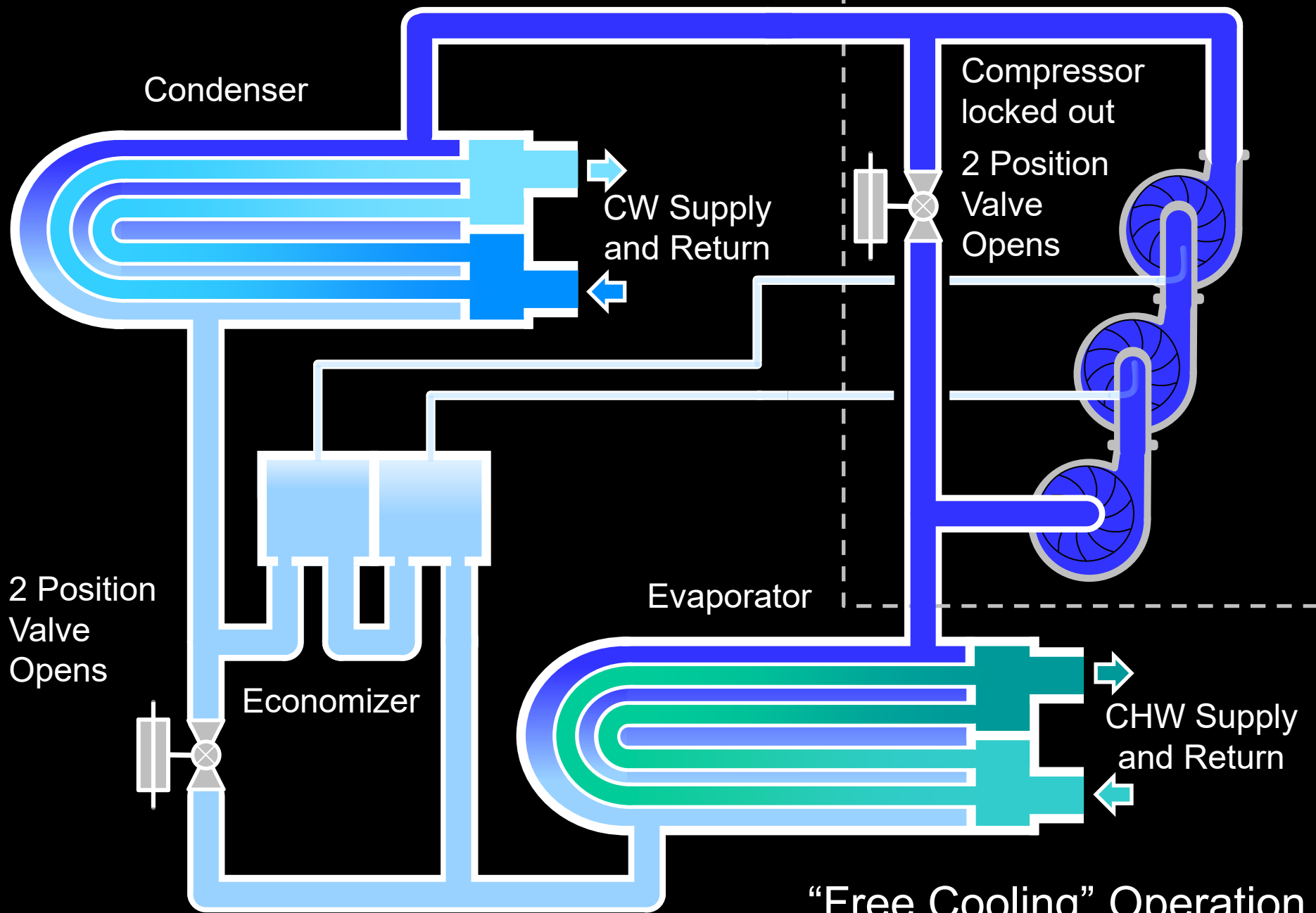




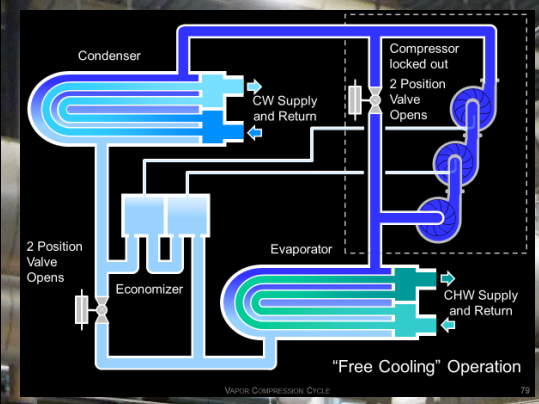
A Chiller Based Free Cooling Cycle

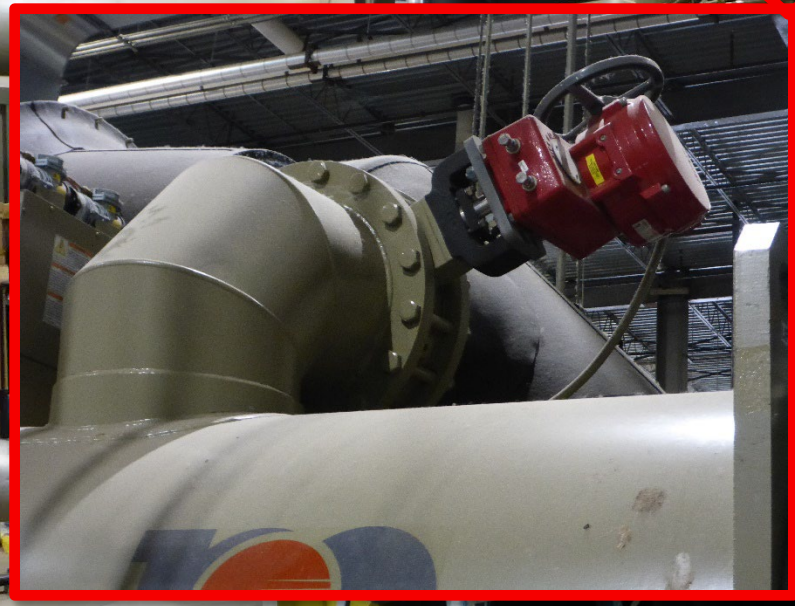
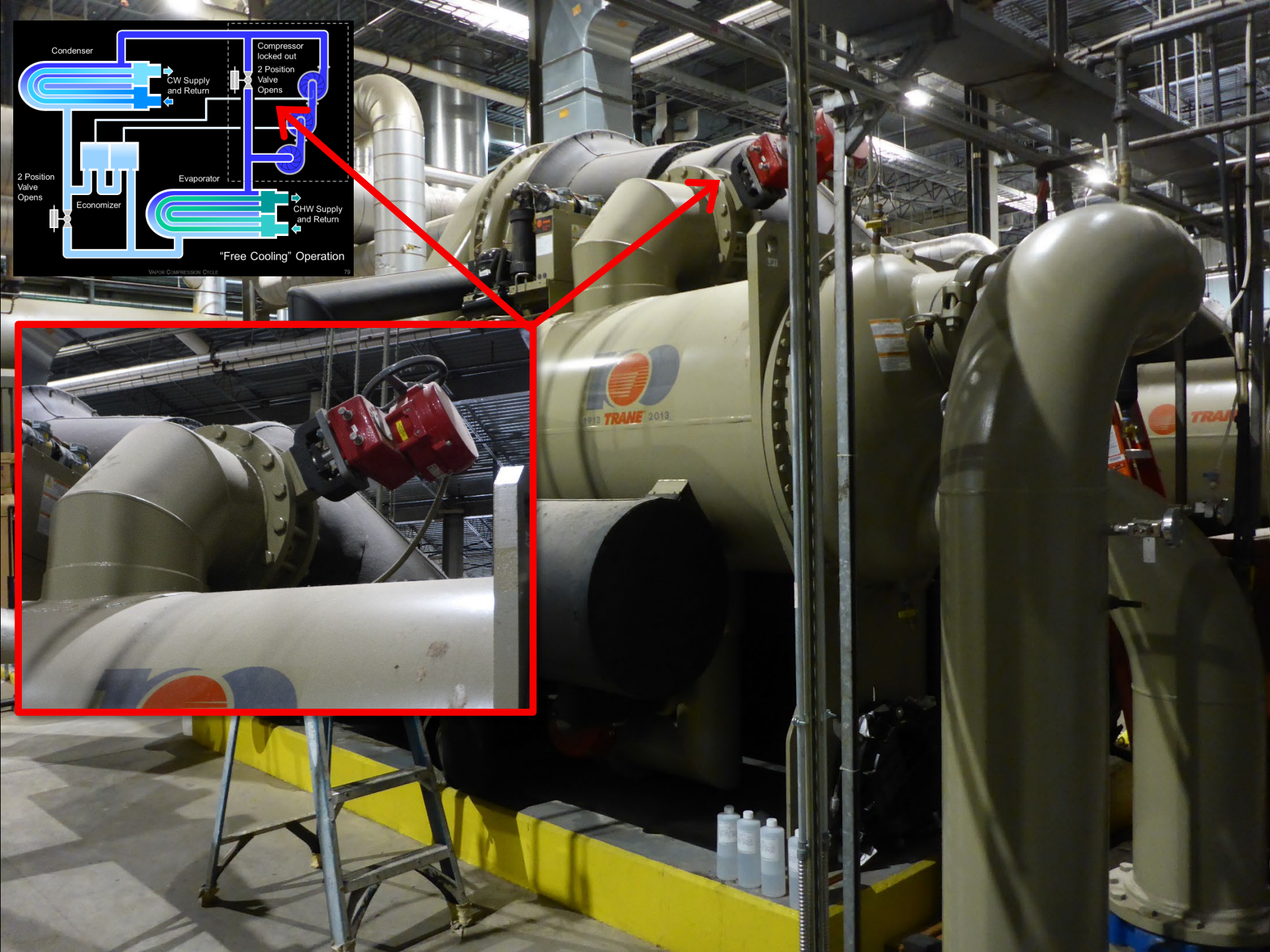
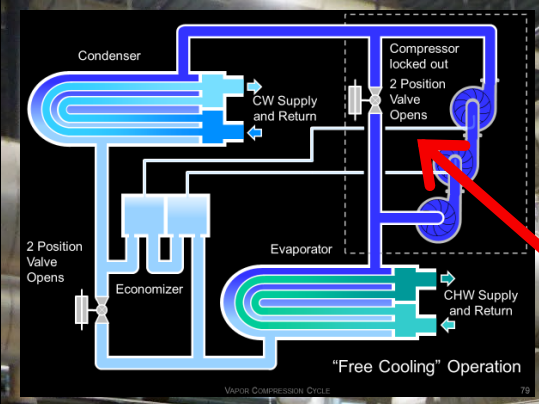


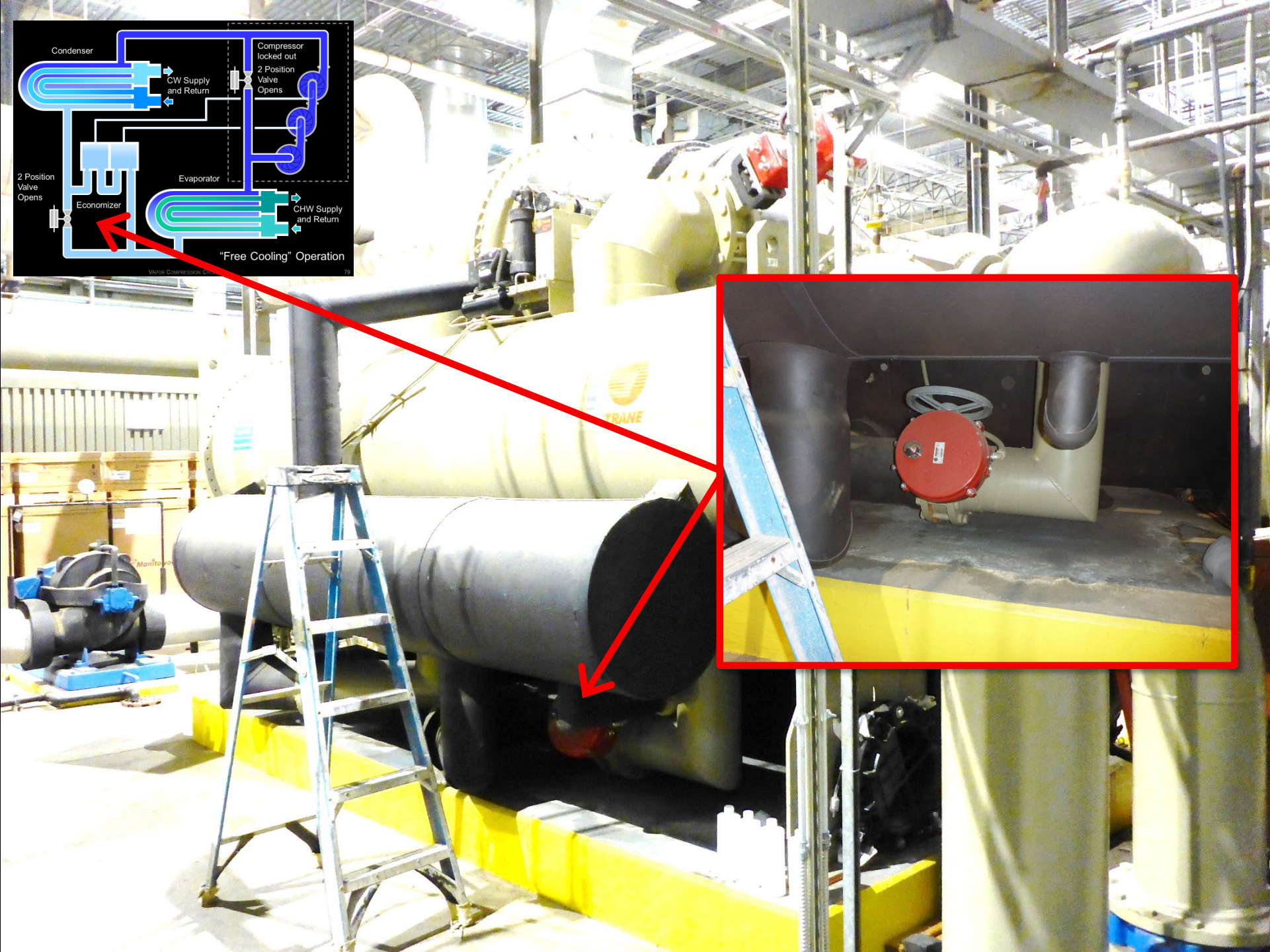
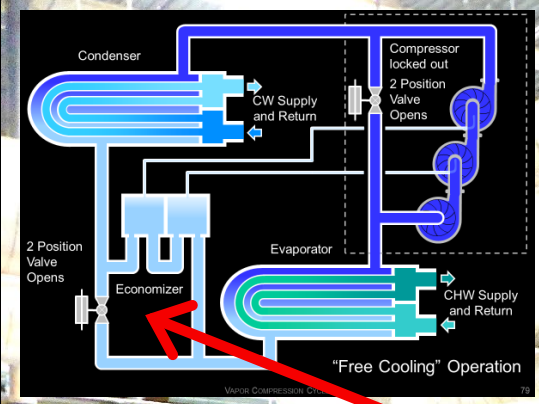
Adding "Free Cooling"



"Free Cooling" Operation







Gary's Chillers can Do This

... and he is using that feature to help solve his heating problem



The “Trick”

Understanding what “Cooling” and “Heating” Mean in the context of the loads in the facility

Data Center

“Cooling” means keeping the data center at 80°F

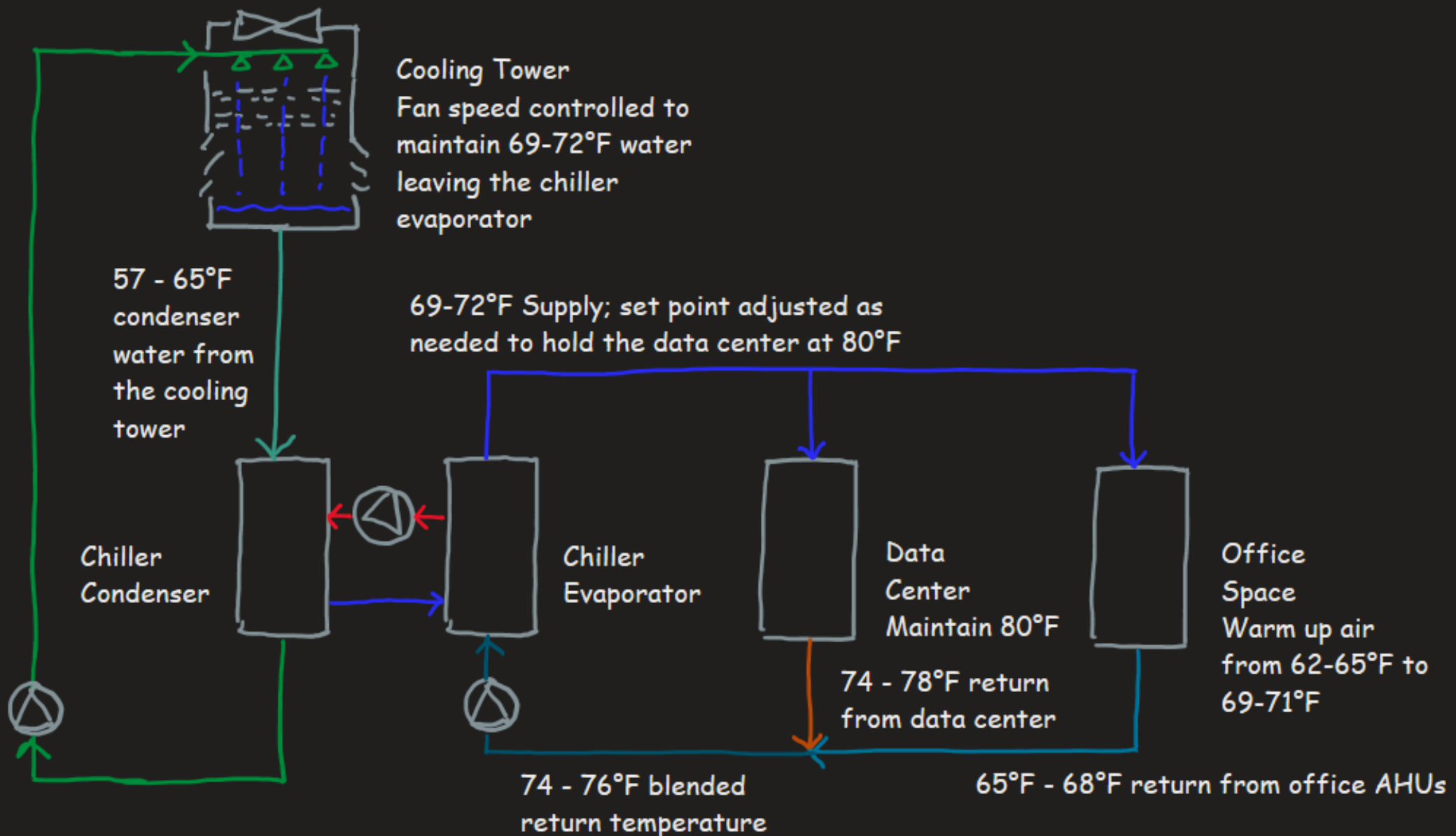
- Can be achieved using 69°F - 72°F “chilled” water
- Resulting return temperatures are in the 74°F – 78°F range

Office Spaces

“Heating” means warming up spaces that are around 62-65°F

- Can be achieved using 69°F – 72°F “hot water”
- Resulting leaving air temperatures are in the 69°F – 71°F range

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Break Time

We will be back at ??:?? ?m Pacific Time



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