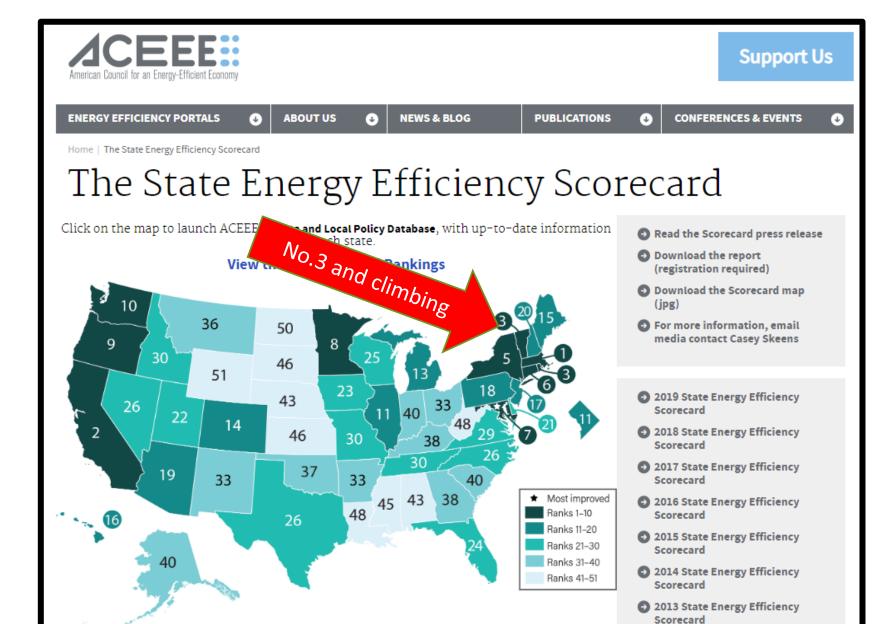


# Deep and Holistic Energy Applications

**Energy Conservation AND Energy Efficiency** 

Mechanical System

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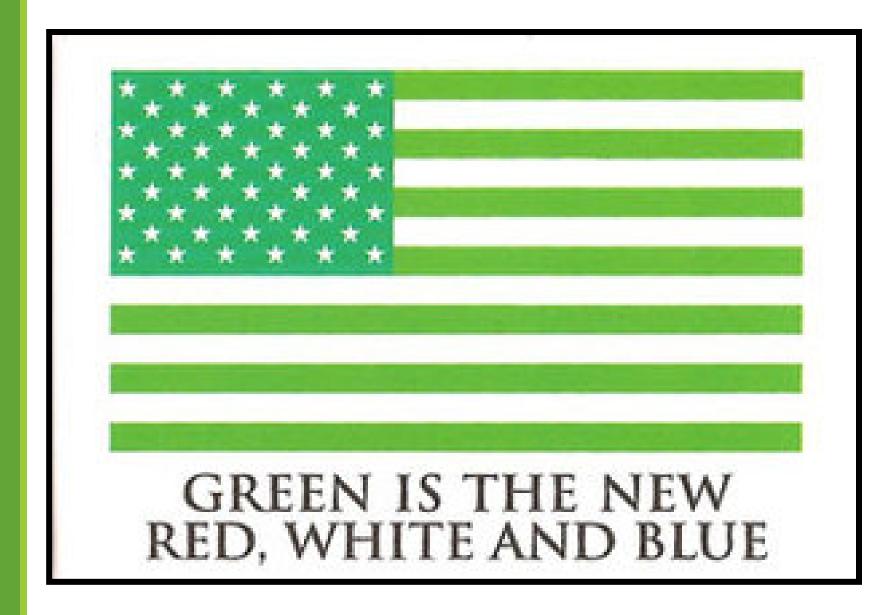
# Congrats!

Energy
Efficiency
Efforts are
Effective.



#### **Tom Friedman**

3-time Pulitzer Prize Winner, talking about politicians who refuse to accept climate science.



From her speech at the U.N. Climate Action Summit, September 2019

"For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight..."



# My background...

Registered Professional Engineer

18 years as a facilities/maintenance engineer and plant operator

35 years as a design engineer

**LEED Accredited Professional** 

Licensed Boiler Inspector

**Certified Energy Auditor** 

**ASHRAE** Fellow

# **Awards**

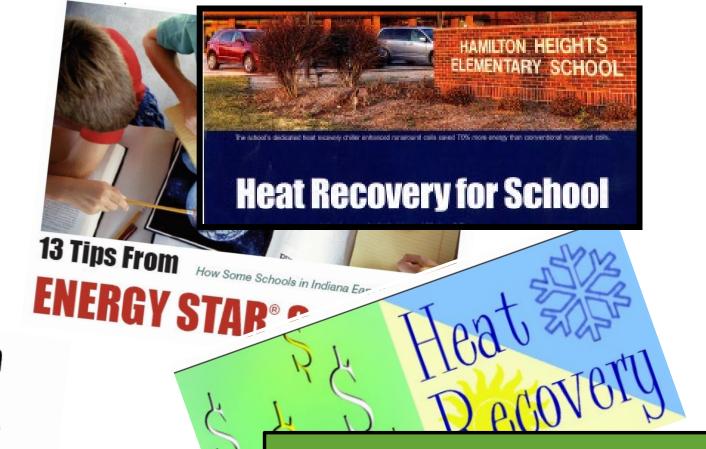
1997, 98	Consulting Engineers of Indiana Grand Project Award
1998, 99	American Consulting Engineers Council Honor Award
1999, 2010	Governor's Pollution Prevention Award - Indiana
2002	Governor's Energy Efficiency Award - Ohio
2007	PM Magazine Design Excellence Award
2009, 2013	ASHRAE Technology Award
2012	<b>Election to ASHRAE College of Fellows</b>
2016	<b>Association of Energy Engineers 2016 Achievement Award</b>

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# **Evolving Design** Of Chiller Plants

uring the last 15 years, mecl changes. The rooms have be and valves, the equipment has be attention is paid to intricacies of cor tions that are less expensive to build



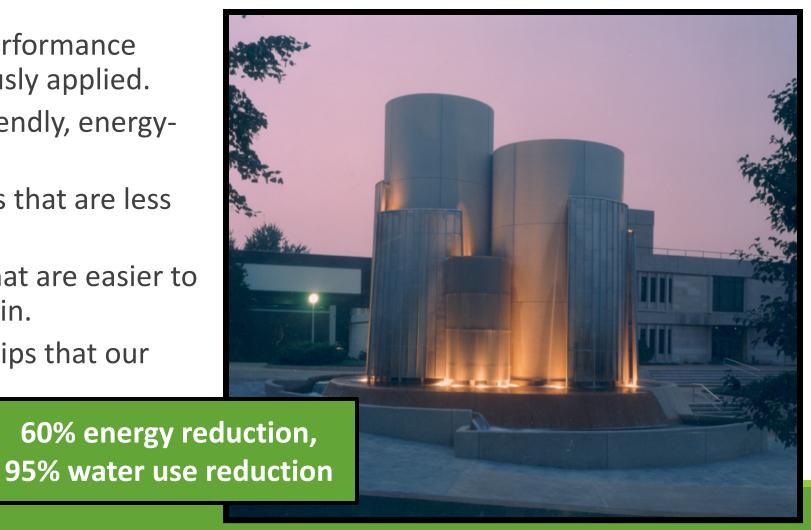
17 articles about HVAC innovations

Co-author of HVAC Pump Handbook, Rev. 2

# My Engineering philosophy

Our clients are our partners, and we are stewards of their resources.

- Up-to-date, high-performance technology, judiciously applied.
- Environmentally-friendly, energyefficient design.
- Affordable solutions that are less expensive to build.
- Simpler solutions that are easier to operate and maintain.
- On-going relationships that our clients can trust.



## A Healthy and Effective Indoor Environment

## **Never Compromise**

- Indoor air quality
- Occupant comfort
- Humidity control

## The Quest...

Systems that do all the above and are

Less expensive to build

Less expensive to operate, and

Easier to maintain

**Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency** 

## Gas and Electric Rates

#### **Burlington Electric Co**

#### LARGE GENERAL SERVICE (LG)

Energy usage over 3,000 kWh per month for three consecutive months in the last 12 mon

**Customer Charge** <= **25 KW** \$13.68 **Customer Charge** > **25 KW** \$41.04

**Energy (kWh)** \$0.083003 per kWh

Demand (kW) \$20.03

EEC (LG) \$0.00512/kWh + \$1.3115/kW EEC (L2, >=1000 kW Demand) \$0.00361/kWh + \$1.4185/kW

Vermont Sales Tax 6.0%

City Franchise Fee 3.5% (exclusive of Vermont Sales Tax)

Local Option Sales Tax 1.0%

#### Vermont Gas Co.

Туре	Current Rates
Daily Access Charge (per day)	\$3.8388
Natural Gas Charge (per CCF)	\$0.3891
Distribution Charge (per CCF)	\$0.3697
Energy Efficiency (per CCF)	\$0.0354
Assistance Program Fee *	\$1.05

## **Definitions**

(not found in the Fundamentals Handbook)

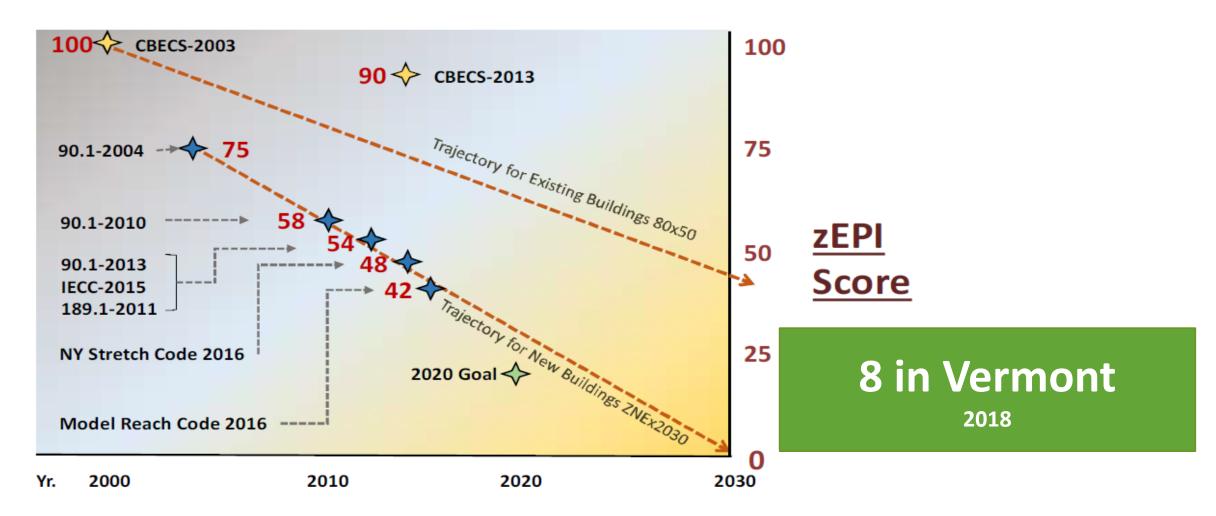
### **Holistic Energy Efficiency**

 Identifying and addressing all the factors that impact the mechanical design. Not just the obvious, but all the potential impacts.

### **Deep Energy Efficiency**

 Going beyond the usual or traditional...striving for and achieving exceptional results. And sometimes, inventing a new/better solution.

### **Zero Energy Performance Index (zEPI)**

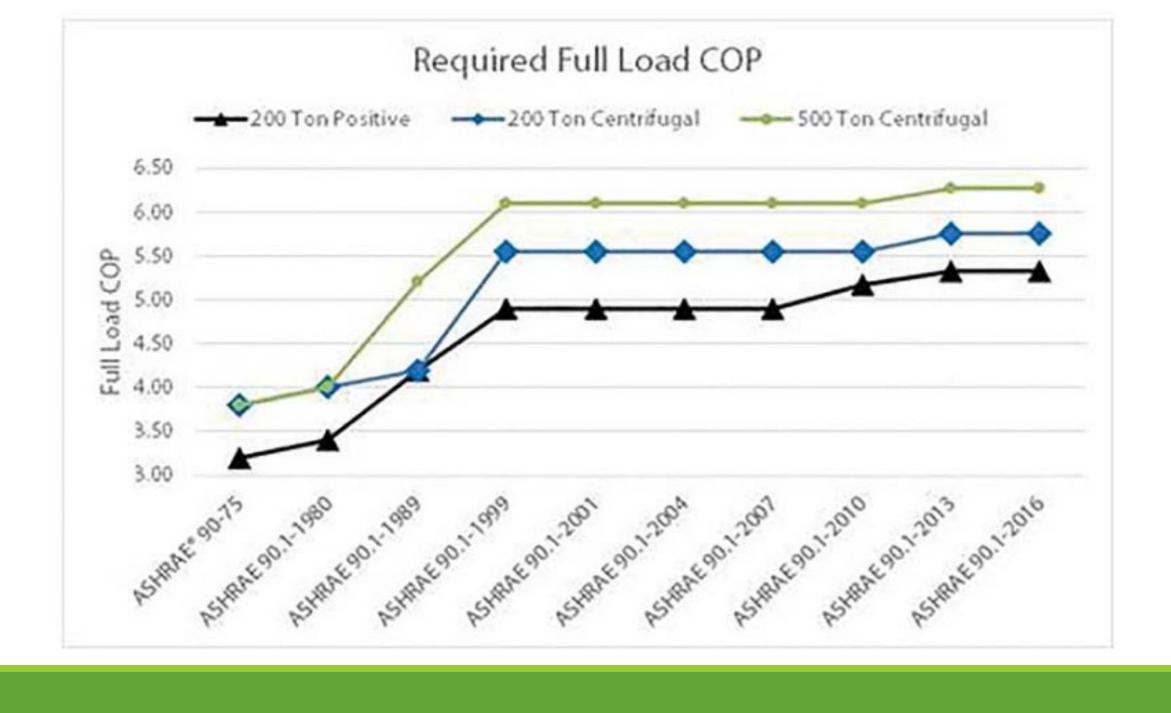




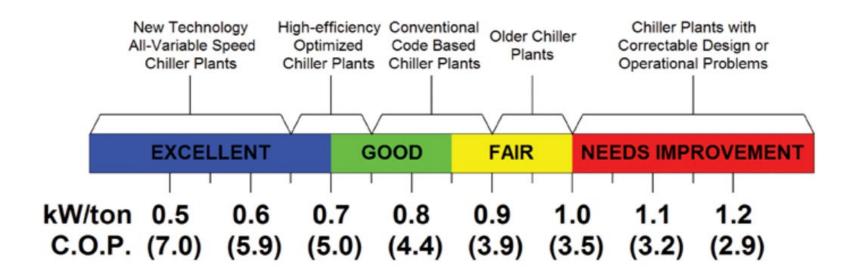
# Is your roof big enough?



This one isn't!



# Chiller Plant Energy Use Spectrum



AVERAGE ANNUAL CHILLER PLANT EFFICIENCY IN KW/TON (C.O.P.) (Input energy includes chillers, condenser pumps and tower fans)

Based on electrically driven centrifugal chiller plants in comfort conditioning applications with 42F (5.6C) nominal chilled water supply temperature and open cooling towers sized for 85F (29.4C) maximum entering condenser water temperature. Local Climate adjustment for North American climates is +/- 0.05 kW/ton

# If I wrote the energy codes...

- Engineers would have more control over budget
- Envelope testing at substantial completion
- 2-year testing of performance
- Low temperature (130F max) heating
- Energy Recovery and/or Heat Recovery Chillers
- Evaluate geothermal and solar

Integrating all of this into a coherent package

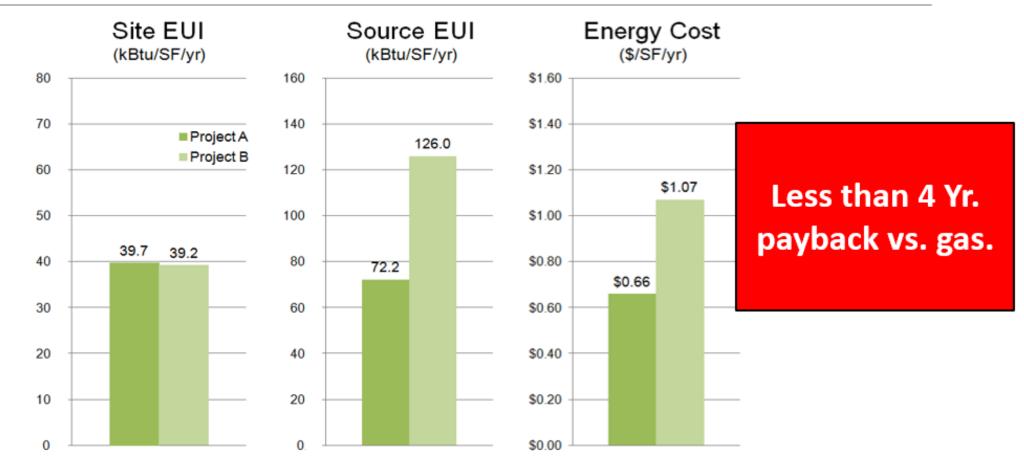
# Engineers control the budget ???

Am I in Fantasy Land?



## Site vs. Source vs. Cost

Courtesy of Mosley Architects



# Thermoscans & Air Door Testing

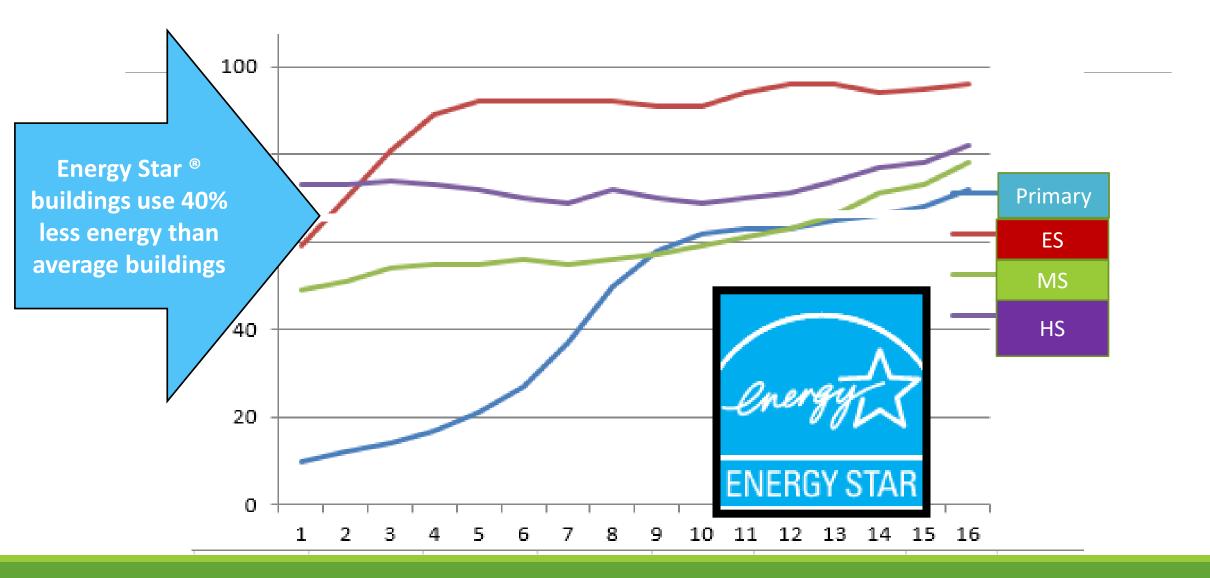


# Why is my office always cold?

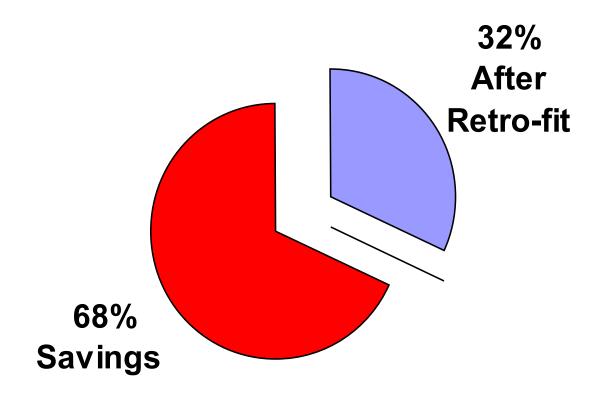
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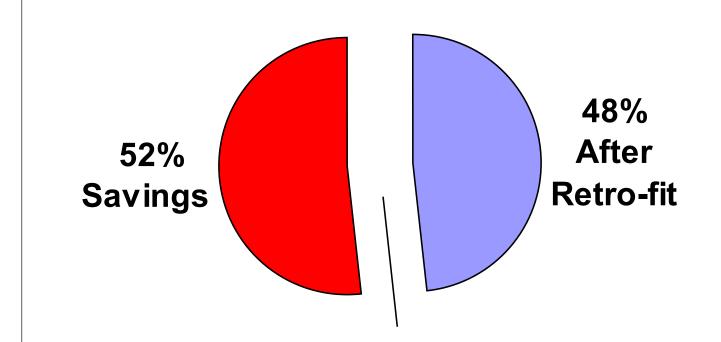
## Let's fix this!



## **Steam to Low Temp HW**



# 180F to Low Temp HW



# My (your?) new favorite number

130

**Max HW Supply Temp** 

Reset vs. outside air temp down to 90F

# Reasons to Recover Energy

#### Model Energy Code

"...do not reheat with new energy..."

#### ASHRAE Std. 90.1

- 6.5.2.1 "...controls shall prevent reheating or recooling..."
- 6.5.6.1 "...exhaust air energy recovery..."

Conditioning outside air is expensive and energy intensive

The exhaust stream that accompanies the make-up air contains energy that we need to recover.

At least 25% of your total HVAC cost

# Tom's Rules of Energy Recovery

- 1. Never compromise IAQ, occupant comfort or humidity control.
- 2. Don't spend more to save energy than energy is worth.
- 3. Try to engineer the need for heat recovery out of a project.
- 4. Anything goes...BTUs = BTUs.

## BTUs = BTUs

One shower = 4.4 Tons of Cooling

## BTUs = BTUs

## Turn Gray BTUs into Green BTUs

by

Heating your buildings with BTUs from the people and the lights, BTUs that were being rejected at the condensing units or relief vents.

They're your BTUs, you bought them...don't just throw them away.

# Reasons to Recover Energy

### Cost of Energy

- Electric = \$2.49/Therm
- Conventional Boiler = \$1.17/Therm
- Condensing Boiler = \$0.82/Therm
- District steam = \$0.86/Therm
- Recovered heat < \$0.60/Therm>
- Reduced CHW & HW demand = <\$1.03/Therm>

**Green house gas reductions** 

# Ways to Recover Energy

On the air side...

2016 ASHRAE Systems Handbook Chapter 26, nine options

- Process to Process
- Process to comfort
- Comfort to comfort (lower the enthalpy, if possible)

On the water side...

2016 ASHRAE Systems Handbook Chapter 9 and 43, several options

## Systems Handbook Chapter 26

Comparison of 8

Air-to-air Energy **Recovery Devices** 

Table 3 Comparison of Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Devices

	Fixed Plate	Membrane Plate	Energy Wheel	Heat Wheel	Heat Pipe	Runaround Coil Loop	Thermosiphon	Liquid Desiccant
Airflow arrangements	Counterflow Cross flow <sup>2</sup>	Counterflow Cross flow <sup>a</sup>	Counterflow Parallel flow	Counterflow	Counterflow Parallel flow	200	Counterflow Parallel flow	2006
Equipment size range, cfm	50 and up	50 and up	50 to 74,000 and up	50 to 74,000 and up	100 and up	100 and up	100 and up	1000
Typical sensible effectiveness $(m_g - m_e)$ , %°	50 to 75	55 to 75	65 to 80	65 to 80	40 to 60 <sup>b</sup>	45 to 65 <sup>b</sup>	40 to 60	40 to 60 <sup>b</sup>
Typical latent ef- fectiveness,* % <sup>c</sup>	0	25 to 60	50 to 80	0	0	0	0	50 to 75b,d
Total effective- ness,* % <sup>c</sup>	20 to 50	35 to 70	55 to 80	25 to 60	15 to 35	-	-	40 to 75 <sup>4</sup>
Face velocity, fpm	200 to 1000	200 to 600	500 to 1000	400 to 1000	400 to 800	300 to 600	400 to 800	300 to 450
Pressure drop, in. of water	0.4 to 4	0.4 to 2	0.4 to 1.2	0.4 to 1.2	0.6 to 2	0.6 to 2	0.6 to 2	0.7 to 1.2
EATR,%	0 to 2	0 to 5	0.5 to 10	0.5 to 10	0 to 1	0	0	0
OACF	0.97 to 1.06	0.97 to 1.06	0.99 to 1.1	1 to 1.2	0.99 to 1.01	1.0	1.0	1.0
Temperature range, °F	-75 to 1470	-40 to 140	-65 to 1470	-65 to 1470	-40 to 200	-50 to 930	-40 to 104	-40 to 115
Typical mode of purchase	Exchanger only Exchanger in case Exchanger and blowers Complete system	Exchanger only Exchanger in case Exchanger and blowers Complete system	Exchanger only Exchanger in case Exchanger and blowers Complete system	Exchanger only Exchanger in case Exchanger and blowers Complete system	Exchanger only Exchanger in case Exchanger and blowers Complete system	Coil only Complete system	Exchanger only Exchanger in case	Complete system
Advantages	No moving parts Low pressure drop Easily cleaned	No moving parts Low pressure drop Low air leakage Moisture/mass transfer	Moisture/mass transfer Compact large sizes Low pressure drop Available on all ventilation system plat- forms	Compact large sizes Low pressure drop Easily cleaned	No moving parts except tilt Fan location not critical Allowable pres- sure differen- tial up to 2 psi	Exhaust air- stream can be separated from supply air Fan location not critical		Latent transfer from remote airstreams Efficient micro- biological cleaning of both supply and exhaust airstreams
Limitations	Large size at higher flow rates	Few suppliers Long-term maintenance and perfor- mance unknown	Supply air may require some further cool- ing or heating Some EATR without purge	Some EATR with purge	Effectiveness limited by pressure drop and cost Few suppliers	Predicting performance requires accu- rate simula- tion model	Effectiveness may be limited by pressure drop and cost Few suppliers	Few suppliers Maintenance and perfor- mance unknown
Heat rate control (HRC) methods	Bypass damp- ers and ducting	Bypass damp- ers and ducting	Bypass damp- ers and wheel speed control	Bypass damp- ers and wheel speed control	Tilt angle down to 10% of maximum heat rate	Bypass valve or pump speed control	Control valve over full range	Control valve or pump speed control over full range

<sup>\*</sup>Rated effectiveness values are for balanced flow conditions for cross flow. \*Data not based on third-party certified data. Effectiveness values increase slightly if flow rates of either or both airstreams Data based on typical range of third-party certified data. OACF = outdoor air correction factor are higher than flow rates at which testing is done.

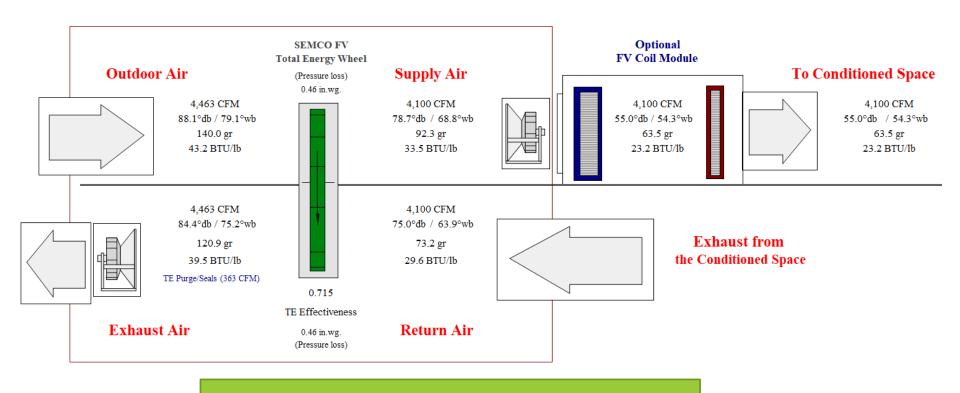
EATR - exhaust air transfer ratio

dFace velocity of 250 to 500 fpm.

# Highlights of the Chart

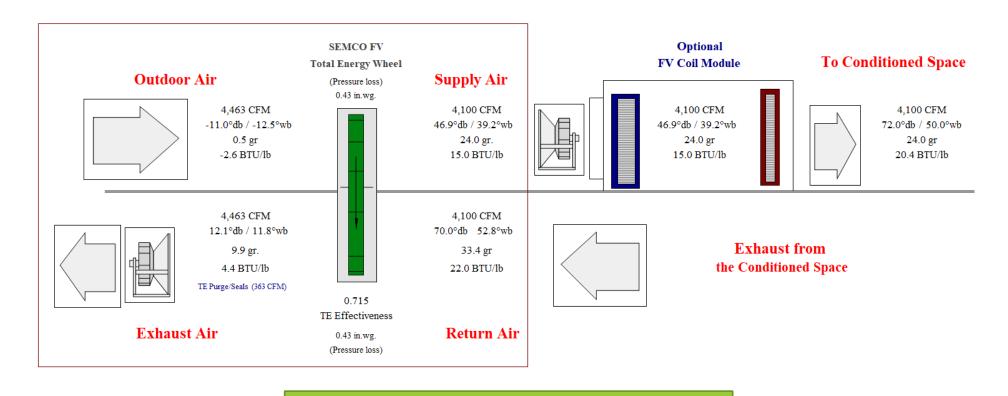
- Most efficient...Energy Wheels and membrane plate
- Least efficient...heat pipes and runaround coils
- Membrane plate and energy wheel only ones with "latent effectiveness"
- Air pressure drops included for fan Hp
- Size and cost not listed
- Most require air streams to be side-by-side

# **Energy Wheel in Cooling**



Cooling reduced by half

# **Energy Wheel in Heating**



Heating reduced by 75%

## Not in Chapter 26...

Better options when the air streams aren't together

Heat recovery chillers

Potential mis-applications

#### Mis-applications

Even the best ideas can be poorly applied...

Energy wheels on a VAV system...
can only contribute when OAT is above 75 or below 25F

#### Chesterton MS - 2000

(Deep Energy Example)

Large internal area, below grade, two stories above

Heat positive 12 months/Yr

#### Typical solutions

- Economizers
  - Low head room, limited access for ductwork,
- Low ambient chiller

Alternative Solution...resurrect the old "heat recovery chiller" concept...**HRC** 

### **Heat Recovery Chiller?**

An old concept, at least 1971

Water cooled chiller

Condenser connection to building heating system

Applicable any time there are concurrent heating and cooling loads

Cost effective in any utility rate structure

**Key Element** - Elevated condensing temperatures ~ 130F

#### Coefficient of Performance

Approximate seasonal averages, equipment only, not system COP

Central Steam COP = 0.86 at building

Site generated LP steam COP = 0.5

Conventional 180F boiler COP = 0.66

Condensing boiler COP = 0.9

Geothermal COP = 4.2

HRC COP = 7.7 (Htg and Clg)

At average Indiana rates, per therm, electricity is 3.5 times more expensive than gas.

#### Great idea and Compelling Economics, but...

You have to have a place to put the heat in summer

- Reheat for humidity control
- Domestic water heating

You have to have a place to put the chilled water in the winter

- Heat positive rooms
- Computer centers

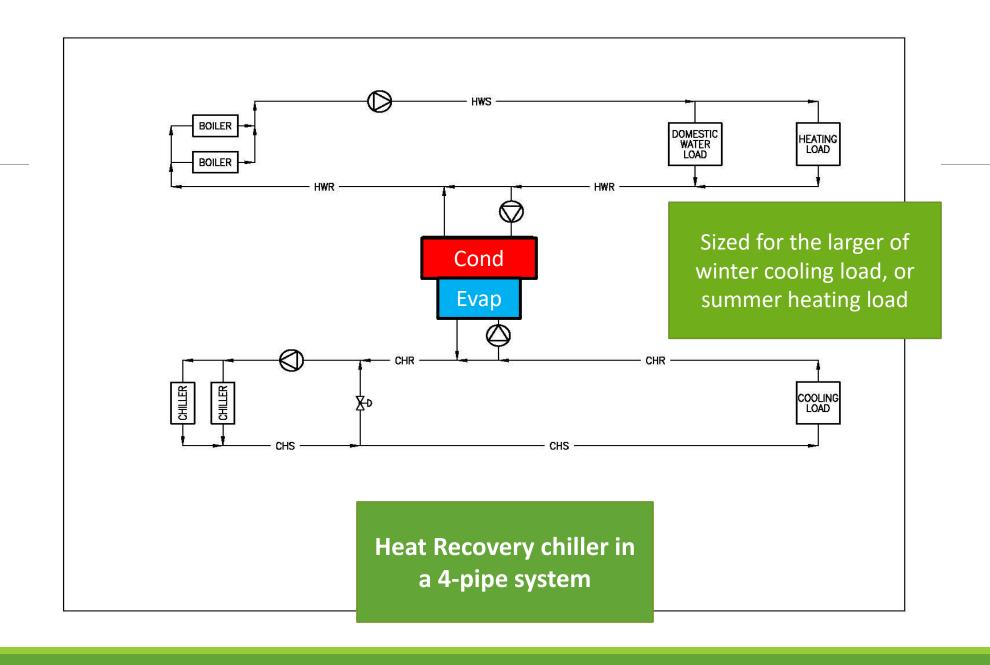
#### Few successful Applications, Why now?

No place to put low grade heat... 130F max HWST stands on its own

Cost of gas... 100% increase since 1998

Tough enough machine to handle duty... scroll compressors, HP refrigerants, small size

Smart enough controls to stay on-line... **fourth or fifth generation** 



## **Cooling & Heating Cost**

OAT	Economizer Cooling and Heating Per Hr	Low Ambient Chiller and Heating Per Hr	Heat Recovery Chiller Per Hr	Savings/Yr HRC vs. Econ	Savings/yr HRC vs. Low Amb Chl
50	\$6.80	\$10.46	\$4.42	\$803.42	\$2,035.36
40	\$6.60	\$9.64	\$4.86	\$667.58	\$1,834.07
30	\$6.39	\$8.87	\$5.40	\$459.46	\$1,610.98
20	\$6.20	\$8.22	\$6.00	\$75.48	\$859.45
10	\$6.00	\$7.70	\$6.70	(\$140.04)	\$202.49
				\$1,865.90	\$6,542.34

## Deep Energy Example





## Dedicated Heat Recovery

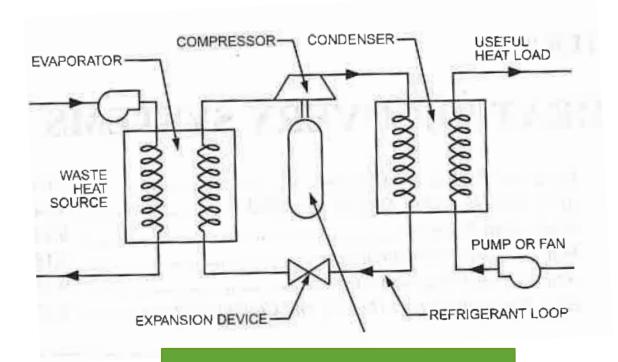
By Thomas H. Durkin, RE., Member ASHRAE, and James B. (Burt) Rishel, RE., Fellow/Life Member ASHRAE

he advent of the small scroll or screw chiller, capable of producing condenser water as high as 140°F (60°C), created an opportunity for recovering heat from a dedicated heat recovery chiller's condenser water circuit for heating or domestic water systems while providing beneficial cooling for the chilled water system. These systems are called "dedicated" heat recovery because 100% of the heat generated by the dedicated heat recovery chiller (DHRC) can be used for hot water heating applications. Also, the DHRC can be piped and controlled to produce the desired evaporator or condenser temperature. Transfer of the recovered heat in this article is limited to clean water appli-

cations, such as preheating, heating, reheating, domestic, pool water heating, or snow melting.

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## In-Patient Psychiatric Hospital

BTU Meter calculates recovered heat

April to August 2006 = 1,386.4 MMBTU recovered

Value of recovered heat = \$18,500 plus \$585 chiller efficiency differential

Payback when planned......6 yrs

As operated (Katrina Effect) ..... 1.9 years

#### Tri-North Middle School

**Utility Costs** 

Electric was \$0.55/kWh, up to \$0.63/kWh

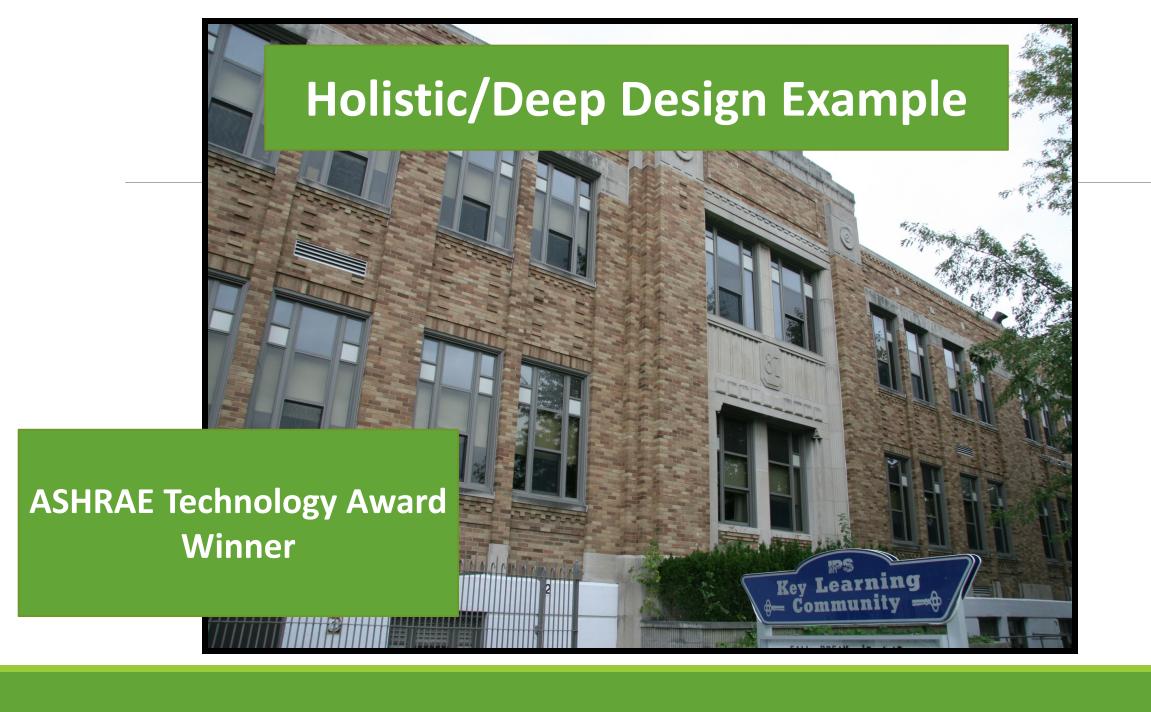
Gas was \$0.54/Therm, up to \$1.09/Therm

Normalized for Utility Cost and HDD

2005.....\$94,700

2002 usage at 2005 rates..... ....\$143,907

Payback...... 2.0 years



#### George Washington Carver Elementary

Adding air conditioning as part of system wide upgrade

Built in 1935, traditional 3 story school with the boiler room below lower level (16 Ft below street level)

Underground stream, 150 GPM into boiler room

- Several floods
- Sump pumps on emergency generator
- Raised switchgear out of danger

### IPS #87 (2005)

If we can use the ground water, we'll get Geothermal efficiency without the investment in bore field.

Synthesis of four technologies that, independently, were proven to be cost effective and very efficient.

- Low Temperature Heating
- 2-pipe HVAC
- Heat recovery chillers
- Geothermal central systems

## Turning a Liability into an A\$\$et

#### An earth coupled heat recovery chiller

Evaporator connected to building cooling system

Condenser connected to building heating system

Earth coupled for heat rejection (summer)

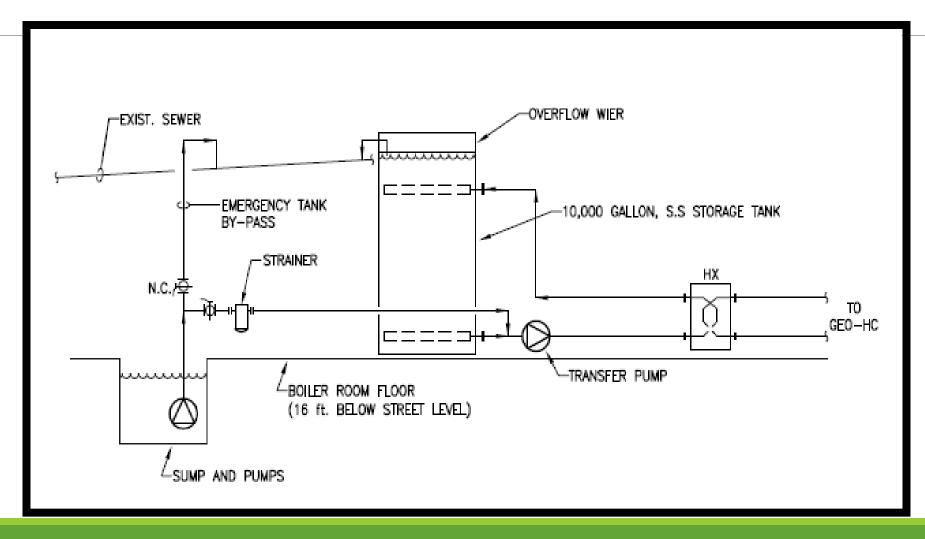
Earth coupled for heat absorption (winter)

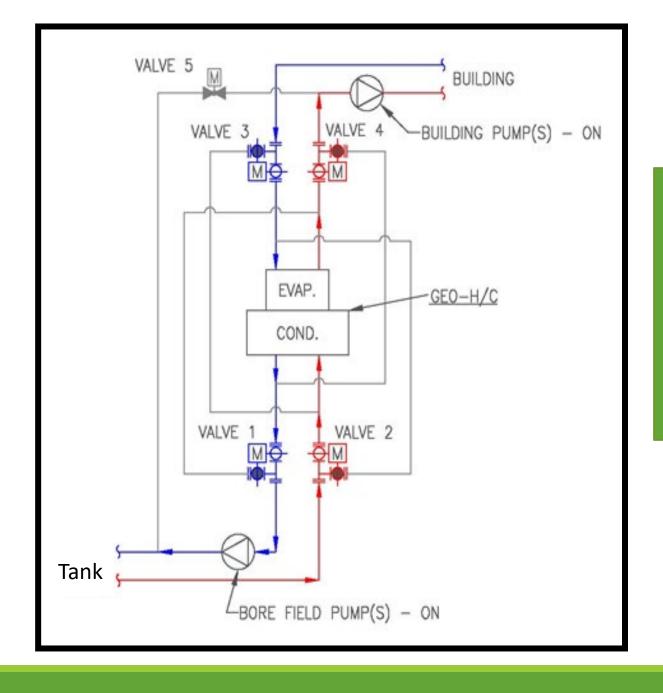
One compressor provides both heat and cool

**Conventional air side equipment** (AHUs, UVs, FCUs, VAVs) with air side economizers, DOAS not required.

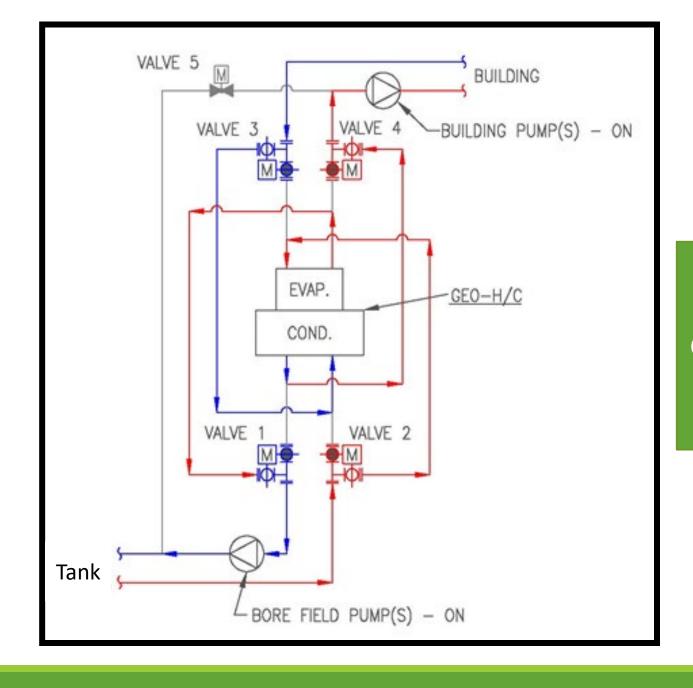
Can be an easy alternate for tight budgets

#### **IPS #87 Ground Water**

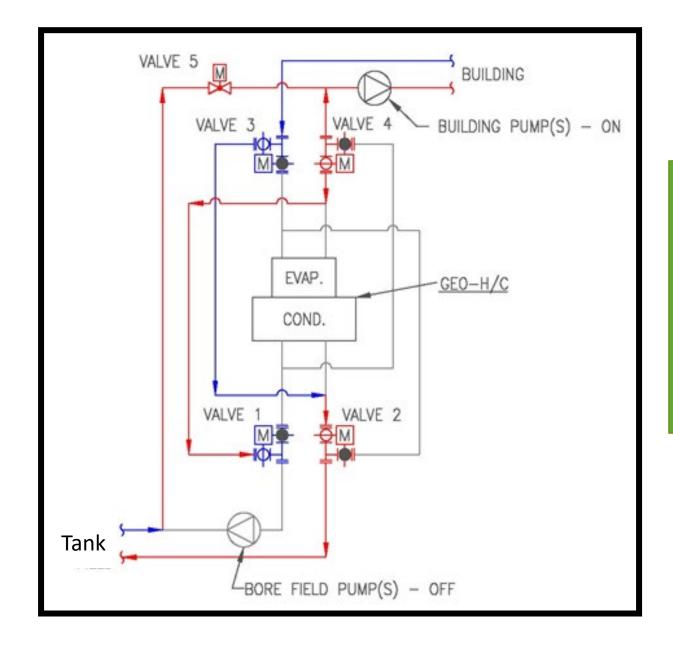




2-Pipe Geo Central System Cooling Mode



2-Pipe Geo Central System Heating Mode



2-Pipe
Geo Central System
Sensible Cooling
Mode

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## Geothermal Central System

By Thomas H. Durkin, P.E., Member ASHRAE; and Keith E. Cecil, P.E., Member ASHRAE

The next generation of geothermal systems for school buildings is a recent synthesis of three technologies that separately have proven to be effective: geothermal (earth-coupled) heating and cooling; dedicated heat recovery chillers; and the modern two-pipe HVAC system.

From two-pipe HVAC, comes economy and simplicity for school designs, and the proven ability to heat large buildings with low-temperature water (see sidebar on *Modern Two-Pipe System*). From dedicated heat recovery chillers comes a proven machine that can be programmed to simultaneously produce 44°F (7°C) cooling water and 130°F (54°C) heating water. And, from geothermal, comes an efficient heating and cooling source. The geothermal systems discussed in this article are closed systems, circulating an engineered heat transfer solution.

#### Another Heat Pump Article?

Rather than multiple distributed compressorized units throughout a building (conventional geothermal heat pumps), this concept has a single unit located in a central mechanical room. The heart of the system is a heat recovery chiller/heater, or Geo-H/C. It is a single unit (multiple refrigeration circuits provide redundancy) that will heat the building in the winter, cool it in the summer, do both in the spring and fall, and preheat the domestic hot water if demand is high enough.<sup>1</sup>

Geo-H/C can be connected to either a

two-pipe or a four-pipe building system. All of the air-side equipment would be standard air handlers, unit ventilators or fan coils. This configuration can operate air-side economizers, and it can use the well water to cool the building directly when the ground temperature and indoor humidity allow, thus giving two sources of free cooling. When outside temperatures are cool, air-side economizers on AHUs and unit ventilators provide cooling without any compressors running; and when the well return temperature is cool enough, the sensible cooling mode provides air conditioning, again without compressors operating. Economizer availability in this scheme is seen as a significant efficiency benefit (see sidebar on Economizers in Schools).

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#### Criteria for a Technology Award

- Energy Efficiency
- Indoor air quality and thermal comfort
- Innovation
- Operations and Maintenance
- Cost Effectiveness
- Environmental Impact
- Value added

## **Operating Cost**

	Before Renovation	After Renovation	
	2005-06	2007-08	
Electric	\$22,770	\$42,499	
Gas	\$28,500	\$662	
Total	\$51,270	\$43,111	

**33% savings**, corrected for cost of energy IPS most efficient building (\$0.86/SF/Yr)

Added cooling and switched to 12-month school calendar Energy Star® eligible

#### IEQ and Thermal Comfort

- > Std 62.1 compliance
- Continuous monitoring of CO2, temperature and humidity
- Location right on an Interstate, now able to keep windows closed

#### IPS #87 vs. other IPS projects

- Comparable construction cost to 4-pipe fan coil system
- Fewer hot/cold calls
- Fewer maintenance calls
- Only outage GEO-H/C due to clogged strainer
- Most efficient building (30+ without A/C)
- Boilers run only for testing

#### Operations and Maintenance

"Saving money is important, but we like **Durkin's 2-Pipe** systems because they're so **trouble free**. We get **fewer temperature complaints and fewer maintenance calls** from his buildings than the others. We would gladly pay more for improved reliability, the **cost savings is a bonus**."

Steve Young

Facilities Management Division Chief Indianapolis Public Schools

## **Environmental Impact**

(Pounds per year, source)

	Before		After			
Pollutant	Gas	Electric	Total	Electric	Change	
CO2	302,823	676,800	979,623	1,113,000	+133,377	
Sox	0	1,178	1,178	1,937	+759	
NOx	238	1,963	2,201	3,229	+1,028	
Particulate	18	68	86	111	+25	
Total			983,088	1,118,277	+135,189	

Added air conditioning
12 month school calendar

#### Value Added

- Window into mech room
- Color coding all piping
- Lots of visible gages
- TCC donated 30 read-only copies of control software
- > Earth science curriculum





Category II - Institutional Buildings - Existing

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Durkin & Villalta Partners Engineering

HVAC Renovations at George Washington Carver Elementary School Indianapolis, Indiana

#### 2009 ASHRAE Technology Award

#### **First Place**

In recognition of outstanding achievement in the design and operation of energy-efficient buildings



#### PME Magazine

2007

Excellence in Design Award



## **Engineered Systems Magazine**



#### THE PROCESS

The system uses the groundwater's constant temperature — 55 to 58 degrees — to heat and cool the building. Here are the key phases of the system:

#### THE CENTERPIECE

A 10,000-gallon stainless steel storage tank collects the groundwater and maintains efficient temperatures for heating or cooling. Any overflow goes to the building sewer.

Fell Cri

Groundyrater

Strainers

Sump pumps channel roughly 150 gallons of water per minute through a strainer along a network of insulated steel pipes (not shown).

Transfer pumps

When temperatures grow too frigid for the groundwater system to heat the building, backup boilers turn on.

Hallway

#### **EASY VIEWING**

A large window turns the heating and couling system into a working science exhibit for students passing in the hallway.

Sump pumps

Transfer pumps either divert water to the storage tank or send groundwater to heat exchangers. Heat exchangers

Heat exchangers separate the building's water from the groundwater.



## The "Mini-Campus"

(Holistic Energy Efficiency example)

Can a heat recovery project help another building?

Are there concurrent heating and cooling opportunities?

Is it cost effective?

Does it save energy?

#### CTD and TNMC

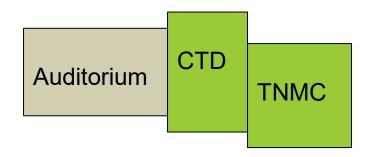
2/3 of the Fine Arts Plaza at Indiana University

CTD (1930s) renovations were planned in 1998 when TNMC was built

HW and CHW connections in TNMC

#### The issues...

- Both require summer reheat for humidity control
- TNMC requires 12 month cooling



## CTD and TNMC

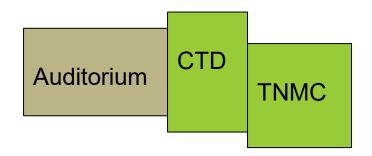
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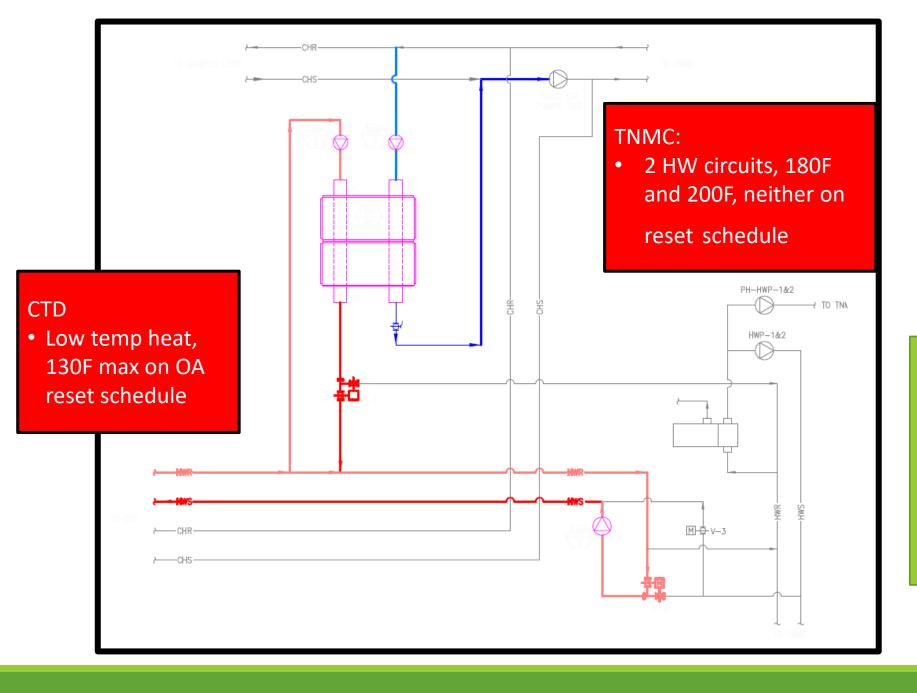
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#### Our design proposal

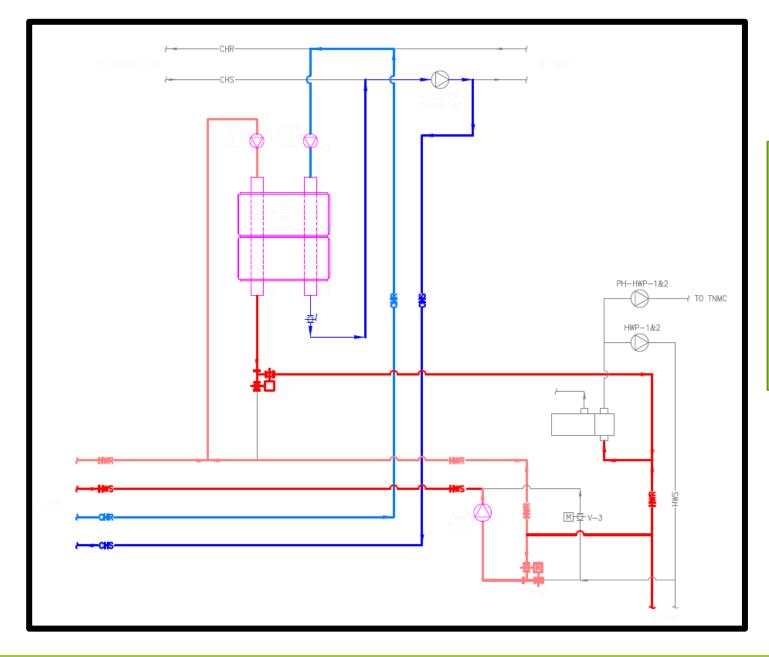
- Design CTD for low temp heating
- HRC as heat source
- Backfeed TNMC when appropriate

IU said okay, but only as an alternate.



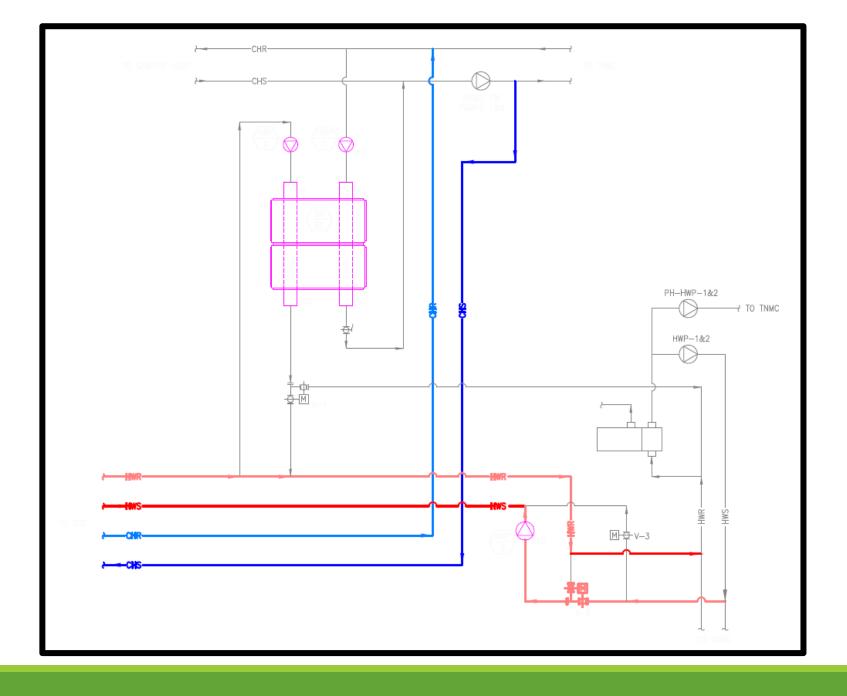
#### At OAT below 40F,

- HRC provides all the heat for CTD
- Condenser outlet on HW reset schedule vs. OA
- TNMC heating on old schedule from steam HX



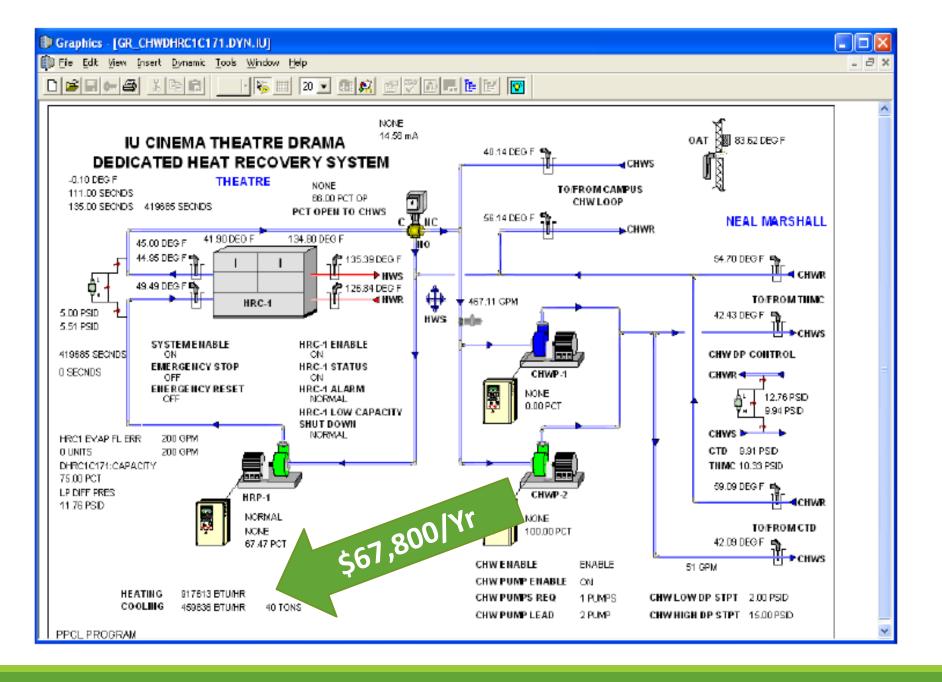
#### At OAT above 40F,

- HRC provides all the heat for CTD and TNMC
- 120F condenser outlet set point
- Steam HX is off



#### HRC off

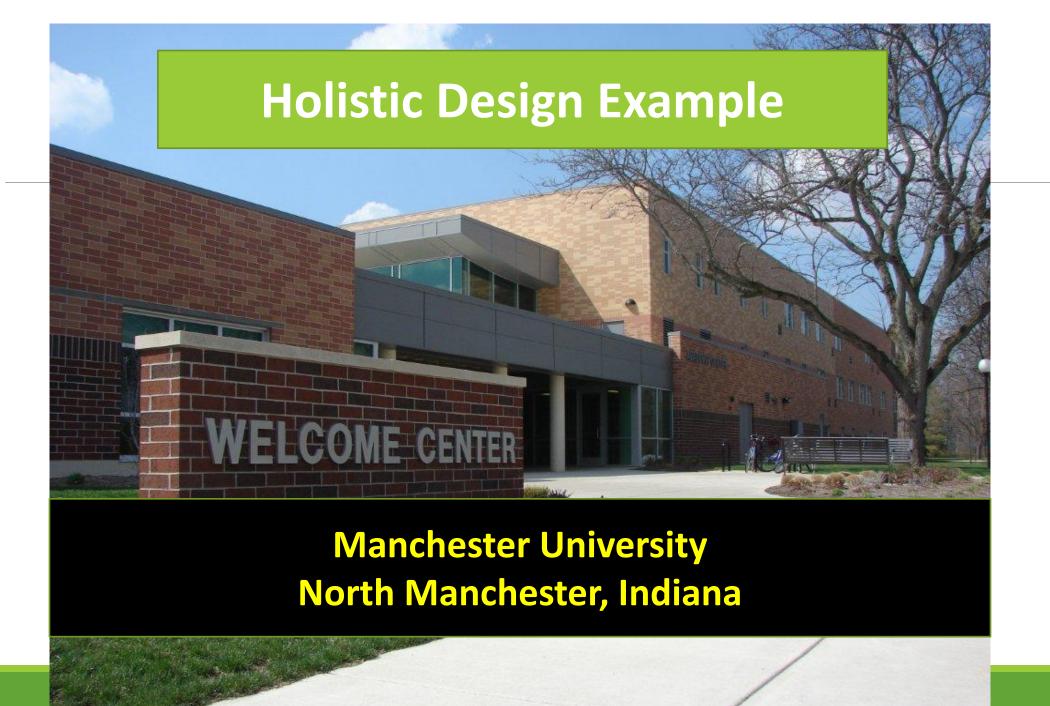
 CTD and TNMC heating on old schedule from steam HX, per original plan

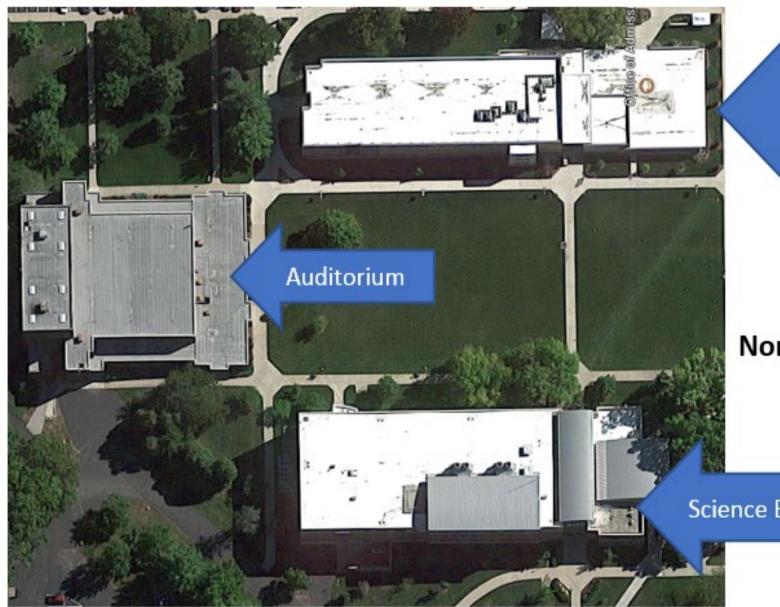


Bid as an alternate: \$159,000; payback = 2.3 Yrs (1/2 of projected)









Holl-Kitner, to become new Academic Center

**Manchester University** North Manchester, Indiana

Science Building

## **Existing Conditions**

- Renovation and expansion of H-K into The Academic Center
- Utility tunnels (CHW) connect all three; steam to H-K and Auditorium
- H-K and Auditorium need reheat for summer humidity control, but not available because steam off from April to October
- Science has its own boilers, phase 1 of steam system phase out.
- Campus loop short of CHW capacity.

## Two Approaches

 Stand alone - boilers and chiller at Academic Center

- 2. Energy recovery (Holistic) approach that would
  - Provide heating and cooling for Academic Center
  - Connect Academic Center with its two neighbors
  - Address summer reheat requirements at Academic Center, Science and Auditorium

## What changes?

Stand Alone Approach, all at Academic Center

- Air cooled chiller
- Two low temperature boilers

## What changes?

#### Energy recovery (Holistic) Approach

- Heat recovery chiller at Science
  - Air cooled condenser for both chilled water and heat recovery
  - Geo alternate was designed but not built
- Low temp boiler serving all three buildings
  - Utilize spare capacity for redundancy
- New HW lines connecting all three
  - 1,000 Ft of steam mains repurposed as HW return
- Academic Center required mechanical space reduced

## **Cost Implications**

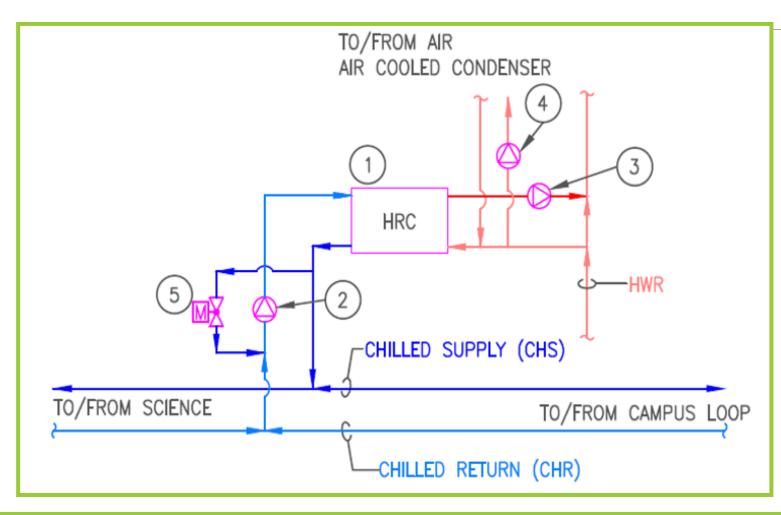
Net cost **increase 1%** of total Academic Center construction budget

But

If we include campus master plan \$ for boilers at Auditorium, Net Budget decrease of \$83,000.

Additional **300 S.F.** at Academic Center now available for academic uses at average cost of \$150 per S.F.

### Chilled Water Schematic at Science



- 1. 100T heat recovery chiller
- Variable speed primary pump
- 3. Constant speed condenser pump
- 4. Constant speed heat rejection pump
- 5. Minimum flow/HRC discharge temperature control valve

## An Efficient Heating System

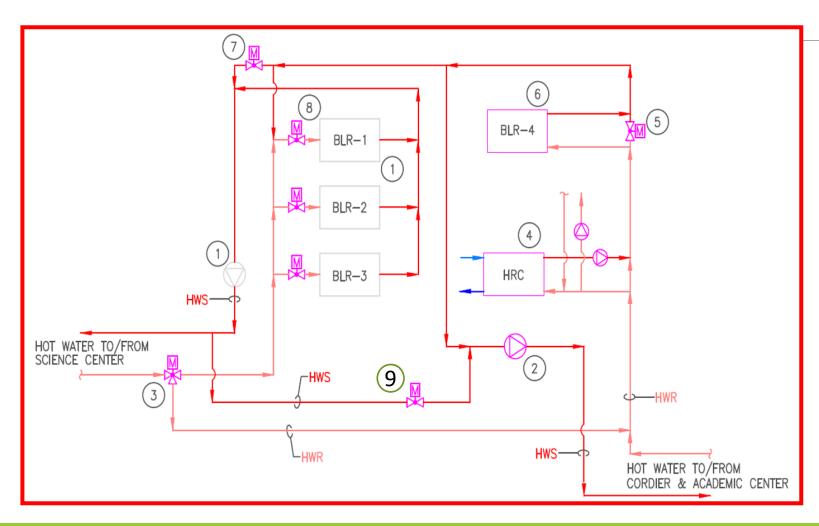
Tying two designs together

Academic Center and Auditorium heating designed for 130F

Science Building heating designed for 180F

- Revise Science HW supply schedule based on control valve position, not outside air
- If Science HW return is cool enough, < 130F, divert to HRC inlet

## Hot Water Schematic at Science



- 1. Exist HW boilers (3) and pumps for Science (2)
- 2. New HW pumps for Academic Center and Auditorium (2)
- 3. New HW diverting valve
- 4. Heat Recovery Chiller (HRC)
- 5. BLR-4 by-pass valve
- New low temp boiler for Academic Center and Auditorium
- 7. Exist Boiler by-pass
- 8. Boiler isolation valves
- 9. Supplemental heat for Academic Center and Auditorium

## Sequences

#### **Hot Water**

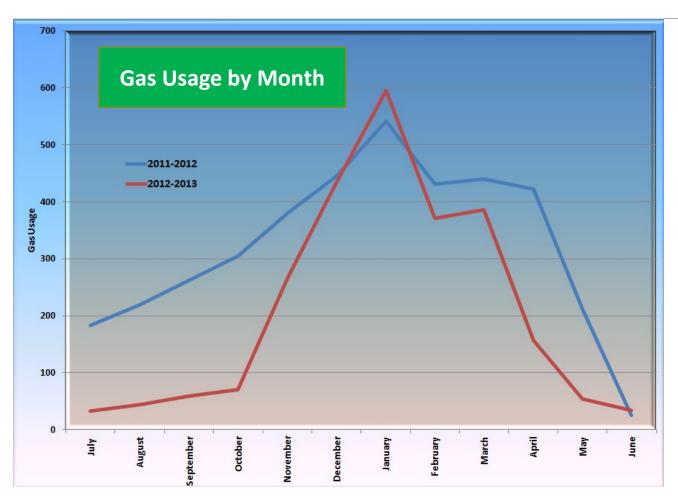
- HRC runs to meet low temp reset schedule
   Stage 1 heating, \$0.19/Therm.
- BLR-4 runs if HRC cannot meet HW load
   Stage 2 heating, \$1.25/Therm.
- Existing boilers run to meet Science HW load if HRC and BLR-4 cannot

Stage 3 heating, \$1.88/Therm.

## Results

	Before Project 2011-2012	After Project 2012-2013	% Change	
Gas Used at Science Center, Decatherms	2,803	2,182	Down 22%	
Gas used at University, Decatherms	37,376	36,641	Down 2%	
Steam Used at Cordier, Lbs./Yr	433,696	-0-		
Steam Used at H-K, Lbs./Yr	883,935	-0-		
Steam Main Line Loss, Lbs./Yr	474,100	-0-		
Area Heated from Science Center, Sq. Ft.	85,000	164,316	Up 93%	
Heating Degree Days/Yr	4,546	4,689	Up 3%	

## Conclusions



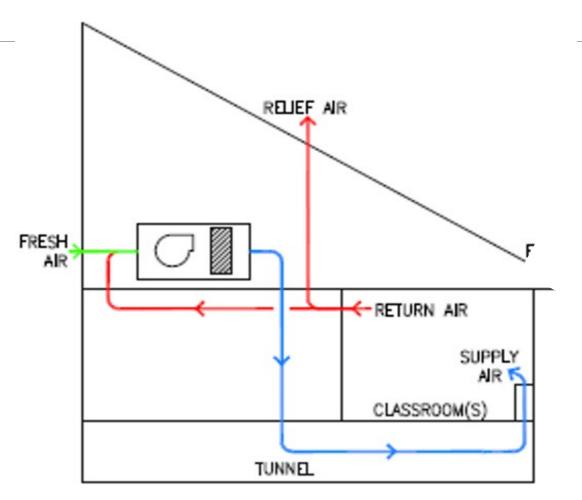
Less gas to heat three buildings than to heat one

Including the steam no longer used, **41% decrease** in gas usage

Similar approaches will have tremendous energy efficiency potential!



## Update the HVAC



#### The issues...

- Old tunnel induction system
- DX cooling added to MUA
- Poor temp control
- Temp degradation of primary air
- IAQ concerns about using tunnels for fresh air
- Don't just abandon the tunnels
- Code requires energy recovery

## **Design Concerns**

#### What to do with the tunnels?

- High humidity from water below floor?
- Possible radon accumulation?
- Costly to fill?

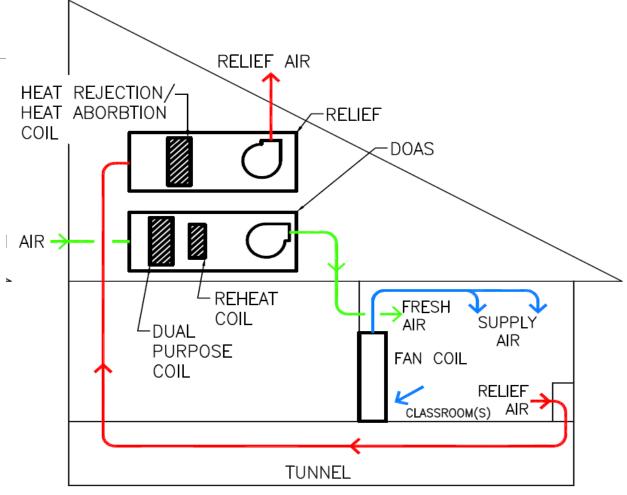
How can we recovery energy?

Limited space for new equipment

Existing mezzanines



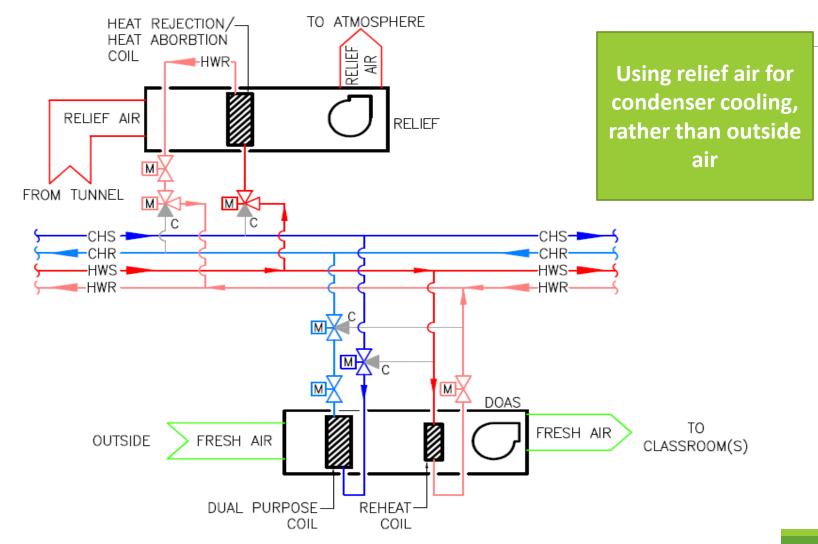
## When Nothing Else Fits



**AIR FLOW SCHEMATIC - NEW** 

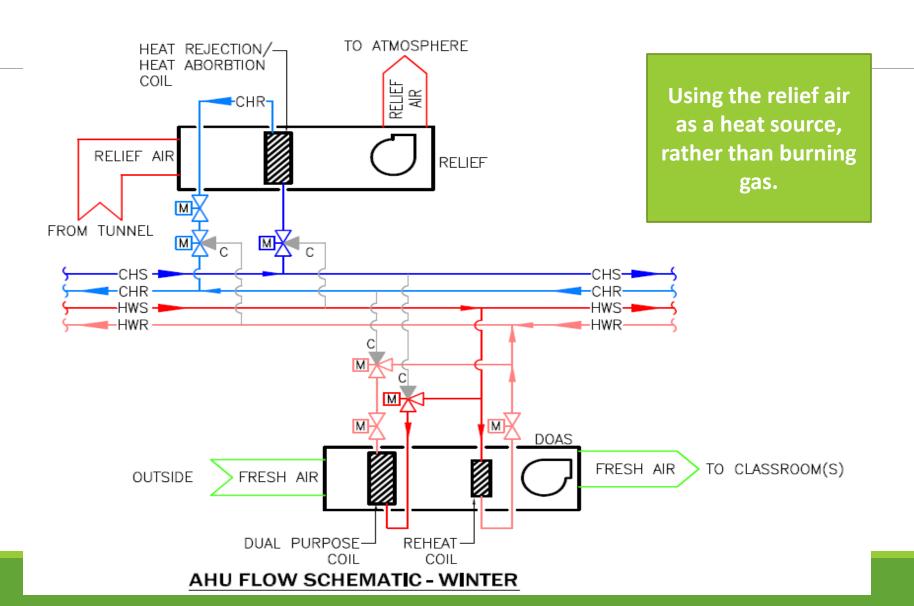
## **DERAC**

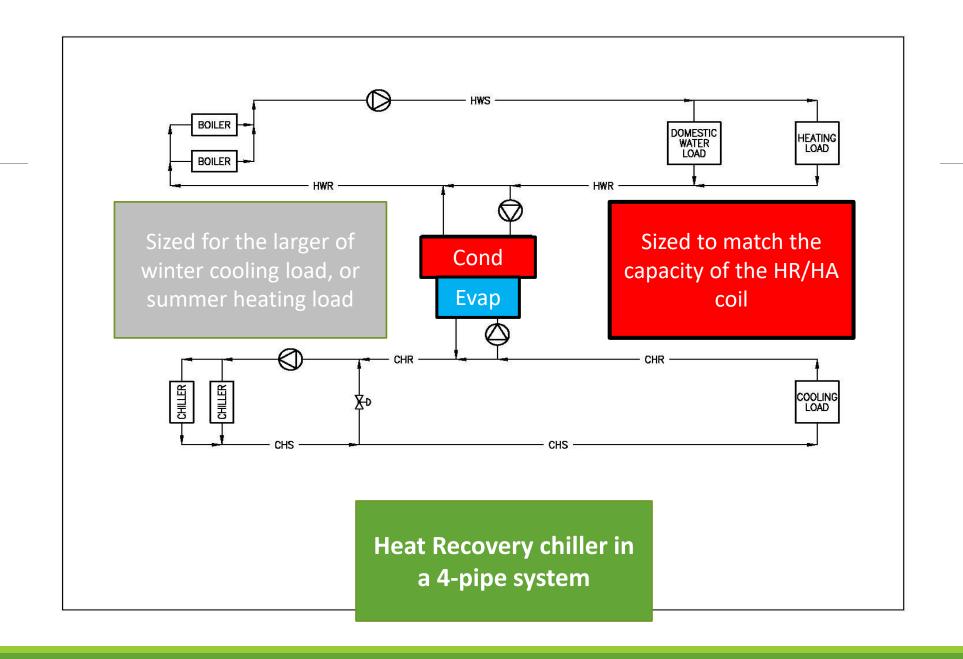
#### (DHRC Enhanced Runaround Coils)



AHU FLOW SCHEMATIC - SUMMER

## **DERAC**





## Why do we do this?

A HR chiller operates to address con-current heating and cooling loads

Naturally occurring con-current loads

Combined C.O.P. ~ 7.7

**Artificially occurring con-current loads** 

- Heating C.O.P ~ 5.0
- Cooling C.O.P. ~ 3.6, or +/- 0.88 kW/T

Potential savings at HHES ~ \$4.98/Hr in summer

Potential savings at HHES ~ \$0.53/Hr in winter

## At Various O/A Conditions

Energy and Cost to Precondition 10,000 CFM to Room Neutral Conditions
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	No Ener	gy Reco	very	Run-Around Coil (RAC)		DHRC Enhanced (DERAC)					
OAT, F	HTG <sub>1</sub>	CLG <sub>1</sub>	\$/Hr	HTG <sub>1</sub>	CLG <sub>1</sub>	kWh	\$/Hr	HTG <sub>1</sub>	CLG <sub>1</sub>	kWh	\$/Hr
5	727	0	\$8.08	483	0	1.5	\$5.49	413	0 з	22.8	\$6.53
20	564	0	\$6.27	329	0	1.5	\$3.79	251	0 з	22.8	\$4.72
35	401	0	\$4.46	234	0	1.5	\$2.73	88	0 з	22.8	\$2.91
50	239	0	\$2.65	139	0	1.5	\$1.68	0 2	0 з	17.4	\$1.48
55	184	0	\$2.05	108	0	1.5	\$1.32	0 2	0 з	13.4	\$1.14
65/57	71	0	\$0.79	71	0	0	\$0.79	0 2	0 з	5.2	\$0.44
75/63	208	289	\$4.38	208	289	0	\$4.38	0 2	32	23.9	\$2.26
85/69	208	515	\$6.43	208	515	0	\$6.43	0 2	150	23.9	\$3.11
95/76	208	789	\$9.58	208	789	0	\$9.58	0 2	424	23.9	\$5.07

## Highlights of The Chart

#### **DERAC** contributes at all OAT

Only energy recovery option that does

Free heating available at temps above 35F

Free cooling available at temps below 75F

Capacity limited by size of HR/HA coil

Can be connected to any exhaust/relief location

Not as efficient at very cold temps as a RAC

## **Turbocharged Runaround Coils**

			DOAS and
	DOAS Net		RAH \$/Yr
DOAS Energy Requirement	Energy Intensity	DOAS \$/Yr	Incl Fan
	kBTU/SF/Yr (site)	Htg/Clg	Hp.
No Energy Recovery	16.545	\$18,018	\$22,601
Conventional Runaround coil	12.653	\$13,853	\$20,023
(RAC)	24% Energy		
	Saving		
DHRC Enhanced Runaround Coil	6.109	\$10,999	\$15,169
(DERAC)	63% Energy		
	Saving		



## Results vs. Original

Hamilton Heights Elementary School	Energy Intensity (source) kBTU/SF/Yr	\$/SF/Yr	Energy Star® Rating
2008-09	175.2	\$0.99	40
2011-12	91.2	\$0.64	96

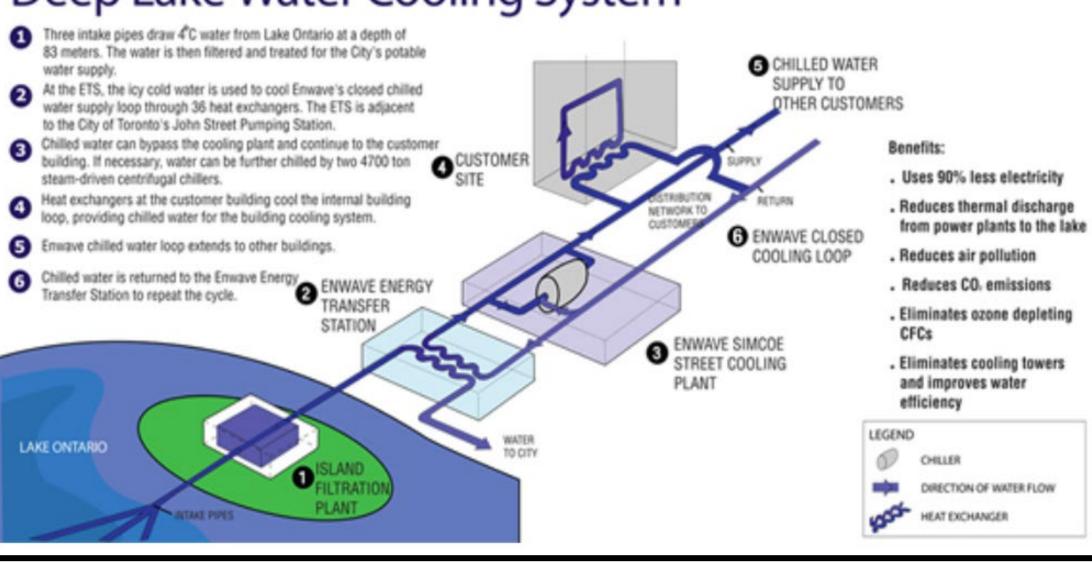
Saved \$37,450/Yr.





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