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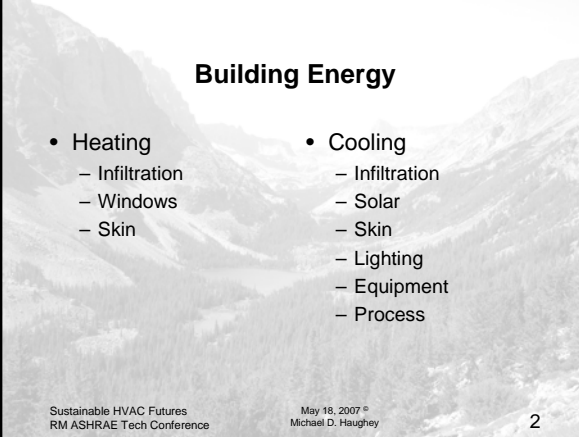
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Low Energy Mechanical Systems
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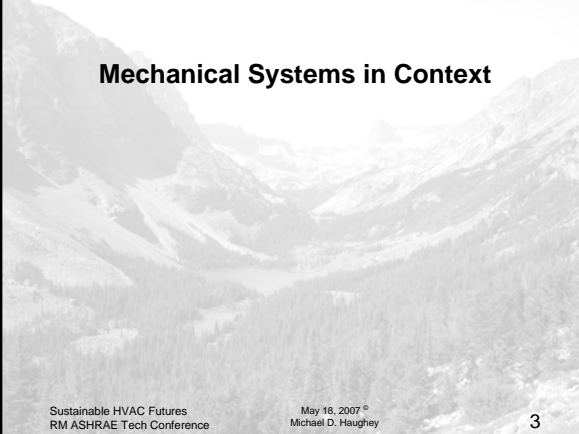
Building Energy

- Heating
 - Infiltration
 - Windows
 - Skin
- Cooling
 - Infiltration
 - Solar
 - Skin
 - Lighting
 - Equipment
 - Process

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Mechanical Systems in Context

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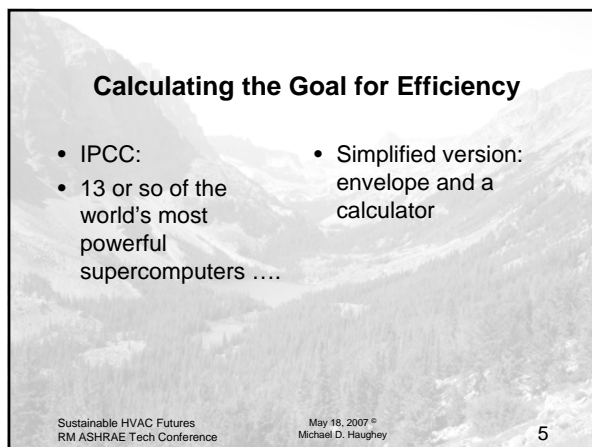
The Future of HVAC

- Conservation
- Efficiency
- Integration
- Living Buildings

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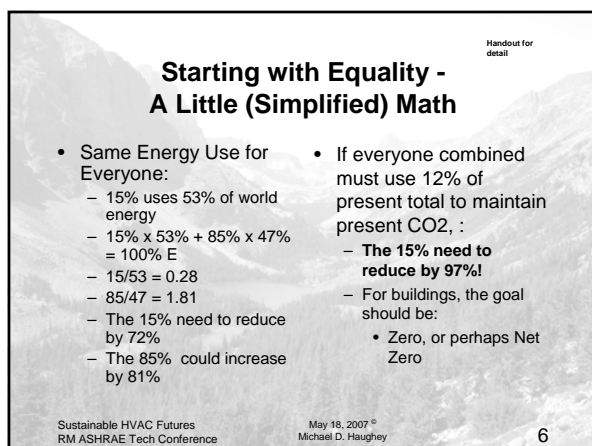
Calculating the Goal for Efficiency

- IPCC:
- 13 or so of the world's most powerful supercomputers
- Simplified version: envelope and a calculator

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Starting with Equality - A Little (Simplified) Math

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- Same Energy Use for Everyone:
 - 15% uses 53% of world energy
 - $15\% \times 53\% + 85\% \times 47\% = 100\% E$
 - $15/53 = 0.28$
 - $85/47 = 1.81$
 - The 15% need to reduce by 72%
 - The 85% could increase by 81%
- If everyone combined must use 12% of present total to maintain present CO₂, :
 - **The 15% need to reduce by 97%!**
 - For buildings, the goal should be:
 - Zero, or perhaps Net Zero

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What Do We Need to Save?

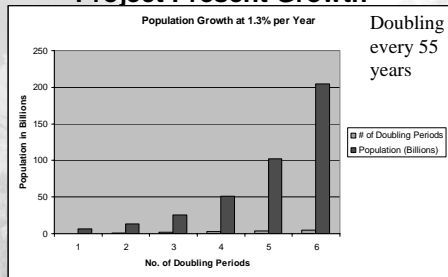
- To maintain, but for all peoples, 90% to 100%
- Even LEED Platinum doesn't promise 90% savings
- Assumes world population stabilizes at present level!
- LEED projects average 30% energy savings above ASHRAE standards

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Validating the Stabilized Population Assumption – Project Present Growth

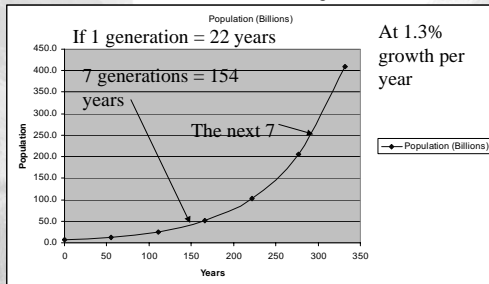


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Stabilized Population Assumption – Present Growth Projection



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Stabilized Population Assumption – Ponder the Implications

- 1.3% Growth can't continue
- SOMETHING will stop Population Growth!

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Population Growth vs. Energy Goals

- If No population growth = 90% Energy reduction
- Any population growth must mean net zero, net producers
- All buildings must on average be self-sufficient

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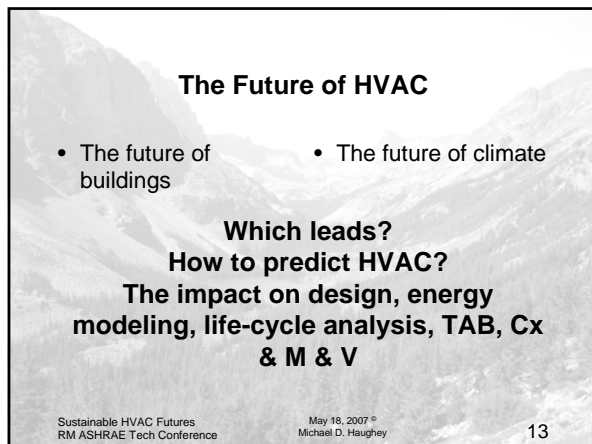
Back to Buildings & the Crystal Ball (Basic Engineering “Logic”)

- One way or another
 - WILL use less energy
 - Building efficiency
 - Systems efficiency
- Building Uses
 - Industry, processes, data centers, etc –
 - WILL ALSO use less energy
- It is inevitable

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The Future of HVAC

- The future of buildings
- The future of climate

Which leads?
How to predict HVAC?
The impact on design, energy modeling, life-cycle analysis, TAB, Cx & M & V

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Emerging Opportunities

What Can't Happen?

- Water Use
 - Water Table Drop:
 - Beijing, China: 1 meter/yr
 - Tianjin, China: 4.4 m/yr
 - U.S.: 25% > replacement
 - Standard U.S. diet: 4,200 gallons per day
 - Vegan diet: 300 gallons per day
 - ¼ lb hamburger: 600 gallons
 - Large cheeseburger: 1,000 gal
- Short-term Business Strategy: conservation
- Long-term: dietary changes

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Emerging Opportunities

What Can't Happen?

- Exponential Population Growth
 - Now: 6.6 Billion
 - 2050 (UN): 9 Billion
 - 2050 (World Watch): 12 Billion (1.3% growth, 2 child/couple)
 - China 1-Child Policy since 1970's
 - Still growing 0.6% net per year
 - 15 to 40 Yr Olds – max fertility
 - Time Lag: 70 years

- Agriculture Capacity: <4 Billion ?
- Short-term: Instability & conflict
- Long-Term: Stable Population

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Key Strategies

Emerging Opportunities

What Can't Happen?

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- Agriculture Yield Growth (per acre)
 - 1950 to 1980: 3% growth
 - Now: 1% Growth
- Nutritional Value of Fruits & Veg :
 - From 1940 to 1991 Veg lost 76% of copper, 46% of calcium, 27% of iron, 24% of magnesium, 16% of potassium
 - From 1978 to 1991 Veg lost 57% of zinc
 - Direct result of overuse of fertilizers
- Future: organic farming practices

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Emerging Opportunities

What Can't Happen?

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- Diet & Land Use
 - 1960 - world population 3 Billion, cropland: 0.5 hectare per person
 - 2004 - world population 6.5 Billion, cropland: 0.23 hectare per person
 - US (2004): 0.23 hectare per person; 1,481 kg/person/year
 - China (1979): 0.11 hectare per person
 - China (2004): 0.08 hectare per person – primarily vegetarian; 785 kg/person/year
 - *1 hectare = 2.47 acres
- Future: organic farming practices

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Sustainable Materials & Practices

- Many not here yet, but ARE in Future – Emerging Opportunities
- Research & Education
 - De-mountable
 - Recyclable
- Sustainably produced materials
- Gray water systems
- Bio-water treatment systems
 - “Living Machines”

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Design Process

- Defined Owner Goals – sustainability expectations
- Life-Cycle Mechanical (& other) Systems Analysis
- Integrated Design
- Commissioning

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Integrated Design

- Building heating, cooling needs minimized, then efficient systems
- Systems integrated during design
 - Lighting - photocells, motion det
 - Lighting - HVAC coordination
 - Natural ventilation - window bugs
- Occupant feedback
 - Mode lights, message boards
 - Open/close window recommendations
- Weather information
- Predictive information

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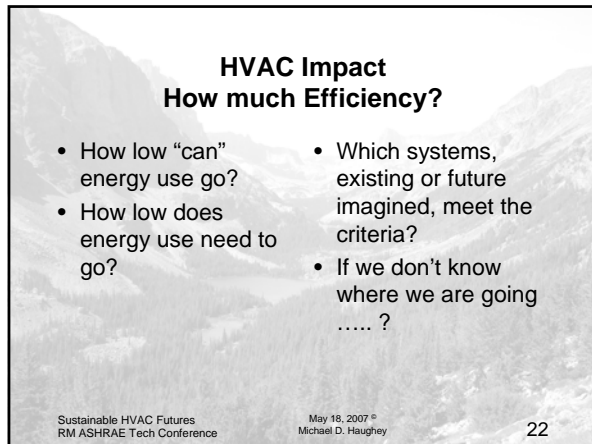
Buildings Impact

- Sustainable materials & processes
- Perhaps healthier building expectations
- Dual purpose materials – building becomes part of mechanical system

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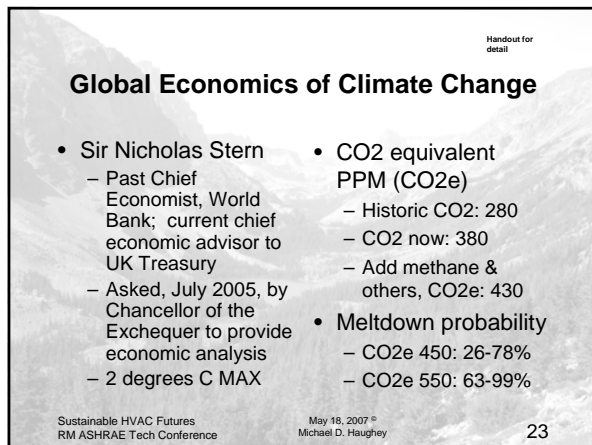
HVAC Impact How much Efficiency?

- How low “can” energy use go?
- How low does energy use need to go?
- Which systems, existing or future imagined, meet the criteria?
- If we don’t know where we are going ?

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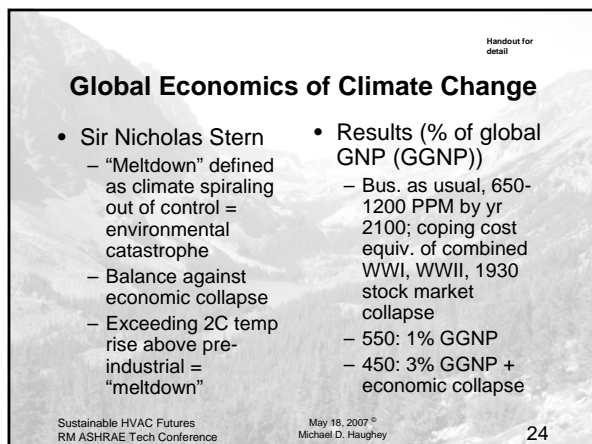
Global Economics of Climate Change

- Sir Nicholas Stern
 - Past Chief Economist, World Bank; current chief economic advisor to UK Treasury
 - Asked, July 2005, by Chancellor of the Exchequer to provide economic analysis
 - 2 degrees C MAX
- CO2 equivalent PPM (CO2e)
 - Historic CO2: 280
 - CO2 now: 380
 - Add methane & others, CO2e: 430
- Meltdown probability
 - CO2e 450: 26-78%
 - CO2e 550: 63-99%

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Global Economics of Climate Change

- Sir Nicholas Stern
 - “Meltdown” defined as climate spiraling out of control = environmental catastrophe
 - Balance against economic collapse
 - Exceeding 2C temp rise above pre-industrial = “meltdown”
- Results (% of global GNP (GGNP))
 - Bus. as usual, 650-1200 PPM by yr 2100; coping cost equiv. of combined WWI, WWII, 1930 stock market collapse
 - 550: 1% GGNP
 - 450: 3% GGNP + economic collapse

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HVAC System Options

- Commercial - Industrial
 - Transitional systems
 - The best efficiency will keep getting better
 - Buildings as net producers
- Residential
 - Some examples exist & more emerging
 - Net Zero
 - Net Producers

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Current Sustainable Mechanical System Strategies for Colorado

- Displacement ventilation
- Natural ventilation
- Variable flow – air & water
- Heat recovery
- Ice storage
- Ground source heat pumps
- Thermal building mass
- Active & passive solar energy
- Indirect/direct evaporative cooling
- High efficiency boilers, motors, chillers, etc.
- Be proficient in these!

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Current Sustainable Mechanical System Strategies for Colorado

- Separate outside air systems
- Individual comfort control – integrated
- Desiccant cooling – solar thermal regeneration

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What's Next?

- Lower energy use systems
- Integration of systems & buildings
- New, as yet imagined, mechanical/building systems
- New methods of control, TAB – Cx – M & V
- New analysis tools

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Resistance to Integrated Design

- The LAST Time.....
 - Scope and Budget developed independently – non-integrated
 - Tight budget, fixed TEAM fee
 - Low-e windows, low energy lighting, reduced mechanical system
 - Over budget – delete sustainable and energy features
 - Re-design larger system into smaller space
 - Result
 - **Poor access, difficult maintenance**
 - **Architectural compromises**
 - **Lost client - Never again!**




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Integrated Design Load Reduction

- Integration – window shading, reduced loads & mechanical cost, view
- Optimize use of natural light
- Daylighting
- Lighting minimizes contrast



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Load Reduction - Daylighting

- Healthy, Comfortable Lighting
 - Diffuse, even, low glare
- Reduced Mechanical Loads
 - Occupancy sensors: open offices
 - Daylight control system - photocells

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– Low energy:
Reduced Mechanical & Electrical Costs

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Load Reduction Daylighting Success

- Fully Commit to the Goal
 - Sufficient Controls
 - **Integrate with Mechanical**
- Lighting Control - Tools for Success!
 - Occupancy Sensors
 - Photocell Control (Exterior, non-tamperable)
 - Multiple Lighting Zones per room
 - Independent Zone Dimming
- Commissioning
 - Assure cooling loads reduced - **Integrated Performance Test** - team commitment, not one fall guy (person)


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Systems & Equipment Daylighting Success

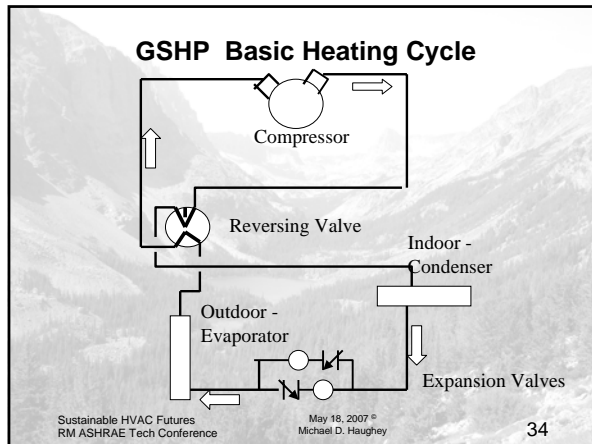


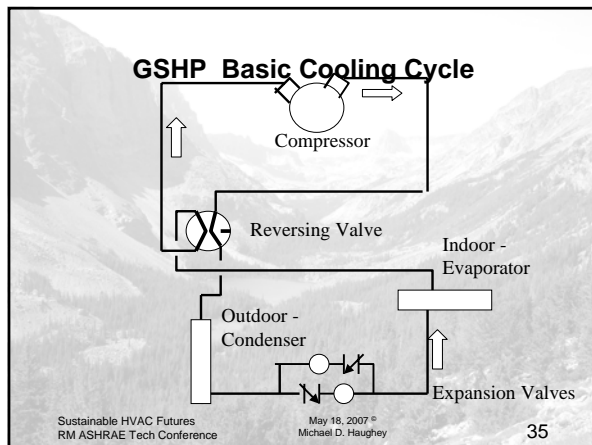
- Upper vs. Lower windows

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Ground Source Heat Pumps

- Heat rejection/absorption from earth
- Design, heating 30F EGT; cooling 80F EGT

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Ground Loops

- Geothermal Heat Exchanger
 - 1" HDPE, High conductivity grout

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Ground Loop Sizing

- Heat Exchange
- Temperatures
- Conductivity
- Factors (soil, water, ...)
- Criteria
 - Heating: 30F EWT to 22F LWT, ideally stable down to 15F EWT
 - Cooling: 80F EWT to 88F LWT, sized for 70F


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GSHP Conductivity Test



- Conservative design for bidding
- Unit price bid alternates per test

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Energy Recovery Ventilator



- Min OSA only for HPs?
- No Air-side Economizer

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Variable Speed Pumps



- Variable Speed Drives
 - Controlled from supply to return DP
 - HP varies about $(S1/S2)^{2.3}$
 - Reduce parasitic energy use

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Systems & Equipment Natural Ventilation Integration with Mechanical



- Manual window operation vs. mechanical energy consumption
- Window sensors ("bugs")
- Feedback to Occupants
- Mechanical lock-outs
- Commissioning
- Automatic or Manual?

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Educational Tool - Mechanical Room



- Mode Lights
- Visual Flow Meters

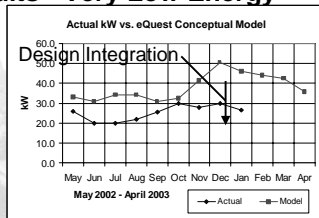
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Results - Very Low Energy

kW



- Demand (kW) is 68.2% of model for 1st 9 months
- Original: 0.8 + 0.31 W/SF lighting
- Final: 0.25 perim, 0.5 interior

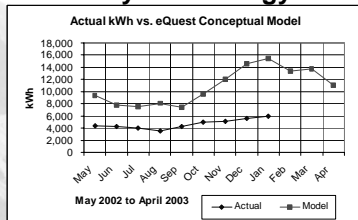
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kWh

Results - Very Low Energy



- Energy (kWh) is 45.8% of model for 1st 9 months
- Lighting reduction plus aggressive natural ventilation

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Basic Concepts & Systems

- Air - side economizers
 - Outside air (OSA) for cooling
 - OSA cooler than return air
 - Building pressurization
 - Adequate return / exhaust air path
 - Coil freezing potential
 - Air stratification potential

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Basic Concepts & Systems

- Hydronic (water - side) economizers
 - Evaporative cooling (cooling tower, ...) source
 - OSA wet bulb low enough to provide chilled water or chilled water pre-cooling
 - Tower freeze-up precautions
 - Bypass control - two position
 - Valve icing / drainage
 - Chiller condenser water limits
 - Low limit
 - Change-over warm-up

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Control & Operation - Air Economizers

- Outside air temperature (OSA) limit (vs. return air temp.)
- OSA Temperature switch - over control (e.g.: DX system)
- Pre-cool control (more energy savings)
- Modulate return, exhaust, & OSA dampers together
- Close OSA damper when off (coil freezing)
- Heater in OSA plenum (coil freezing when off)

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Control & Operation - Hydronic Economizers

- OSA wet bulb / equipment performance limit
- Temperature or wet bulb switch - over control
- Calculation / prediction switch - over control
- Performance / results control
- Tower bypass
- Variable chiller condenser flow

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When to Use Which

- Rule #1: If air side economizer is available, it is generally more cost effective.
- Rule #2: Rule #1 does not always apply.
- Look at the situation, for example:
 - Existing system, 100% OSA available
 - Air economizer: add dampers & controls, check return air path
 - Hydronic economizer: add controls, cooling tower (or revise piping & valving), heat exchanger, pumps, possibly coils
 - Computer room, humidification requirements
 - Colorado OSA dry - add humidification load

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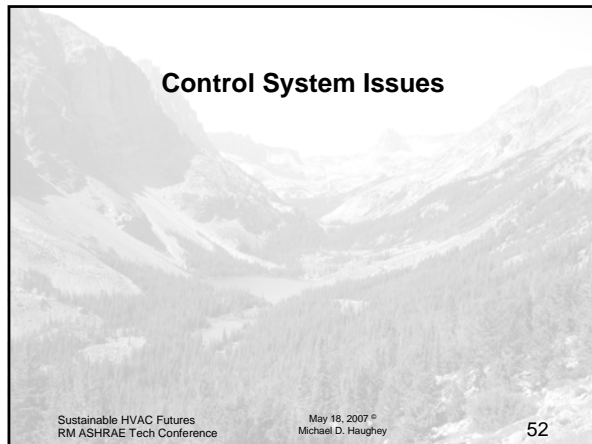
(When to Use Which) - Pg. 2

- Existing system - 100% OSA NOT available
 - Air economizer: add controls, OSA ductwork & louvers, relief ductwork & louvers, variable volume relief or exhaust fan system, check return air path
 - Hydronic economizer: add controls, cooling tower (or revise piping & valving), heat exchanger, pumps

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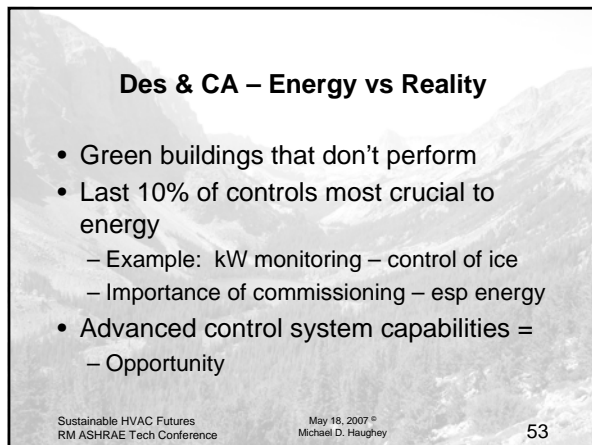


Control System Issues

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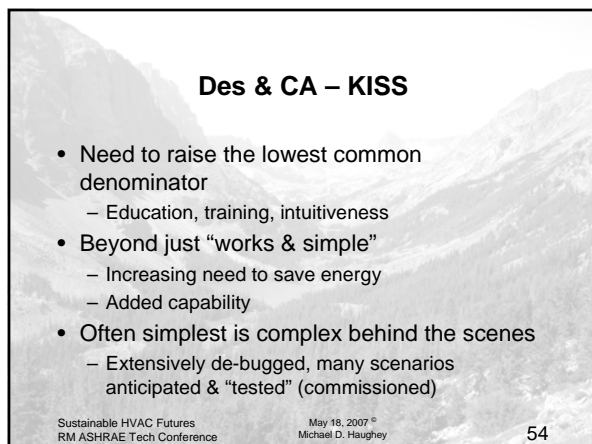
Des & CA – Energy vs Reality

- Green buildings that don't perform
- Last 10% of controls most crucial to energy
 - Example: kW monitoring – control of ice
 - Importance of commissioning – esp energy
- Advanced control system capabilities =
 - Opportunity

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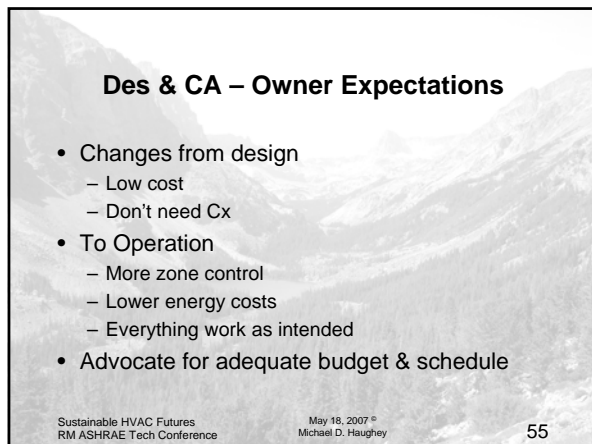
Des & CA – KISS

- Need to raise the lowest common denominator
 - Education, training, intuitiveness
- Beyond just “works & simple”
 - Increasing need to save energy
 - Added capability
- Often simplest is complex behind the scenes
 - Extensively de-bugged, many scenarios anticipated & “tested” (commissioned)

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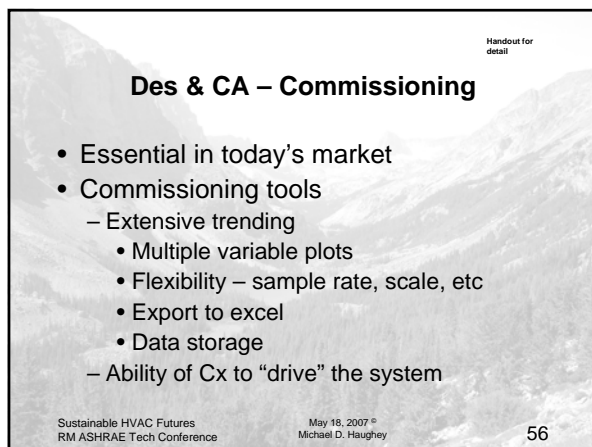
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Des & CA – Owner Expectations

- Changes from design
 - Low cost
 - Don't need Cx
- To Operation
 - More zone control
 - Lower energy costs
 - Everything work as intended
- Advocate for adequate budget & schedule

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Des & CA – Commissioning

- Essential in today's market
- Commissioning tools
 - Extensive trending
 - Multiple variable plots
 - Flexibility – sample rate, scale, etc
 - Export to excel
 - Data storage
 - Ability of Cx to “drive” the system

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Operations/Service

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Ops/Service – Intuitive O & M's

- If not clear – won't operate as intended
- O & M Manual, User interface screens
 - Screen shots – all functions
 - Clearly marked explanations
 - Clear master screens – "contents"
 - Individual screens – clear navigation
- More emphasis on design intent explanation
 - Contract documents
 - Owner training

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Ops/Service – Back-ups
(controls programming)

- Reliable & simple to implement back-ups
- Truly latest version
- Clear procedure for re-install
- Clear process for updating changes
 - And updating back-up

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Ops/Service – Close the Loop

- Operations feedback to Design
 - Data
 - What works, doesn't work
- Systems reports to engineer
 - Data on system performance
 - Energy, maintenance
 - Simple, concise, automatic

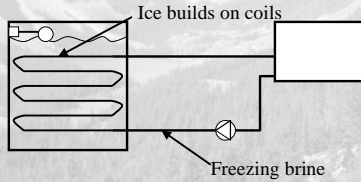
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Ice Storage Basics Freeze Cycle

- Cooling source - chiller, DX, ...
- Brine, refrigerant, ...
 - Storage: Many types - today: Ice on coil popular



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Basics – Storage Calculation

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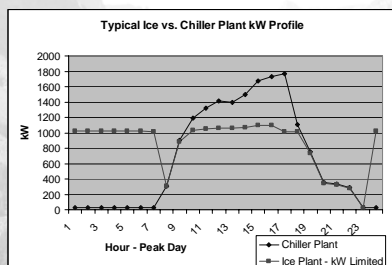
- 1 ton for 1 hour = 1 ton-hour (T-H)
- 100 tons for 8 hours = 800 ton-hours
- Avail. Freeze Time, full capacity (Mode 1): M - F, 9:30 PM to 6:30 AM = 9 hours
- Avail. Freeze Time with simultaneous cooling (Mode 3): 6:30 PM to 6:30 AM = 12 hours
- Faster freeze (shorter time) requires higher freeze rate, both chiller & storage

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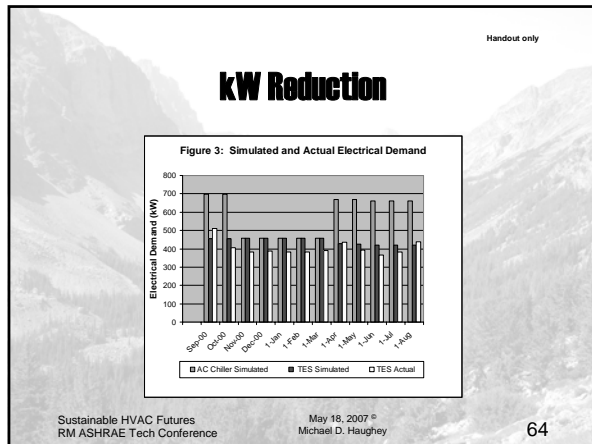
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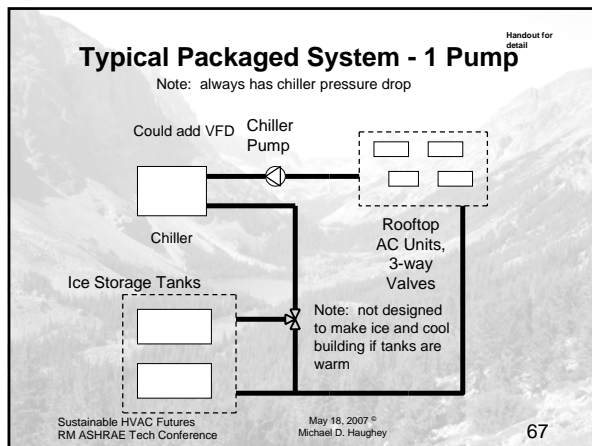
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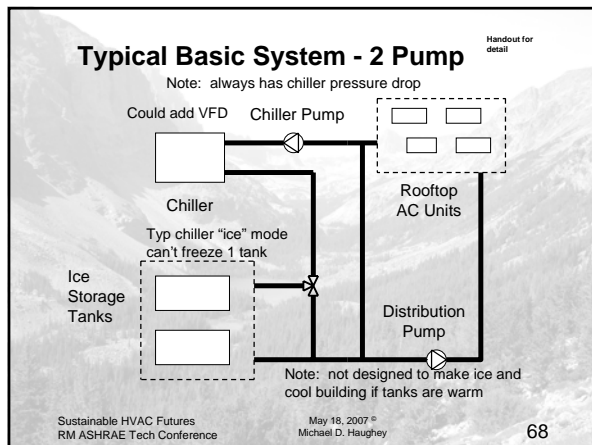
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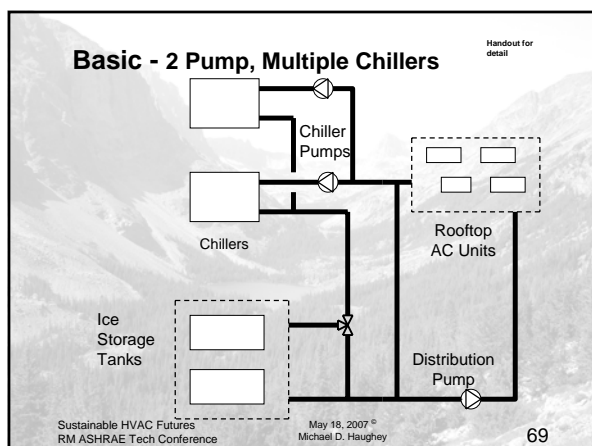


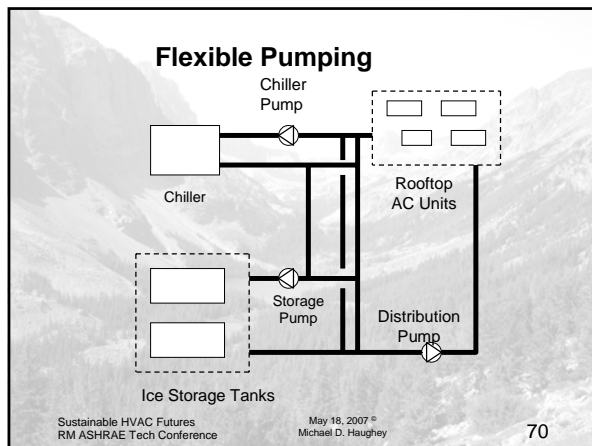
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- ## Maintenance - Issues
- Number of compressors
 - RTU / DX: 11 refrigeration systems
 - Chilled water: three-compressor chiller, possibly two chillers
 - Ice storage: two-compressor unit
 - Efficiency/environmental impact
 - Chillers mostly at night
 - < period of low utility line losses
 - < more efficient base-load power plants
 - Equipment life
 - Central chiller more robust than RTU / DX:
 - 20 - 25 years+ vs. 12 - 15 years typical amortization life
 - Complaint calls
 - Chilled water more flexible = higher comfort
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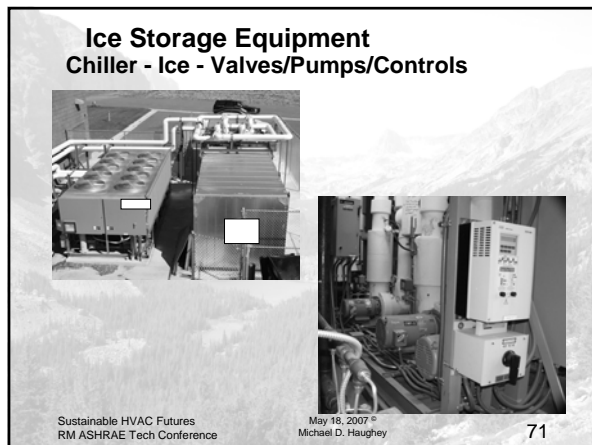
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- ## Saving Energy Cost Typical Utility Rates
- Utility company requirements
 - Utility plant size, peak capacity, distribution costs
 - Fuel and operating costs
 - High customer demand, infrequent use – utility company still needs to provide equipment capacity
 - Typical rate structures
 - Demand charge pays for peak capacity (\$ / kW)
 - "Ratchet" clause: pay 75% of peak next 11 months
 - Energy charge for fuel and operating costs (\$ / kWh)
 - Time-of-day rates/real-time pricing coming?
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Ice Storage - Benefits

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- Utility company goals
 - Minimize utility system demand
 - Level the utility demand profile
 - Maximize utilization of generation capacity investment
 - Avoid new plant construction costs
 - Technology demonstration
- Savings
 - Reduce on-peak demand
 - Reduce cooling energy (at power plant)
 - Greater chiller efficiency at night
 - Lower utility line losses at night
 - Higher-efficiency utility generators at night
 - Reduce size of cooling equipment

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Ice Storage System Goals/Operation

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- Avoid / reduce building electrical demand peak
 - Monitor building kW to control chiller
 - Modulate and start-stop chiller
 - Automatic ice use for continuous cooling
 - Ice storage sized for one peak load day
 - Adjust kW limit seasonally or monthly

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- Shift electrical chiller loads to off-peak
- Minimize pumping energy via dedicated pumps
- Demand-limit day and night (HVAC and ice modes)
- Ready for real-time pricing / time-of-day rates
- Chiller LWT control in HVAC and ice modes
- RTU load shedding

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Design Intent & System Operation

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- Chiller Priority:
 - Chiller runs as much as possible to satisfy load
 - Storage is used when chiller cannot handle load
 - Chiller is limited by controls in response to building kW limit
 - The lower the building kW limit, the less the chiller can do, the more storage is used
 - Ideally, run out of storage just at the end of a peak load day - Practically, save just a little extra (10 - 20%)
 - Also can adjust the kW limit manually either seasonally or monthly to obtain more savings
 - Future - add programming to track real time pricing

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Design Features

- Factory-packaged valves, pumps, and controls
 - Factory commissioned: intent vs. reality
 - Single-source control responsibility (except chiller - interface required)
 - User-friendly touch-screen interface for monitoring and control
 - Remote interface via modem – commissioning
- Five modes of operation
 1. Just make ice
 2. Cool with ice
 3. Make ice while cooling building
 4. Cool with ice and chiller
 5. Cool with chiller

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Mode 1: Freeze Cycle

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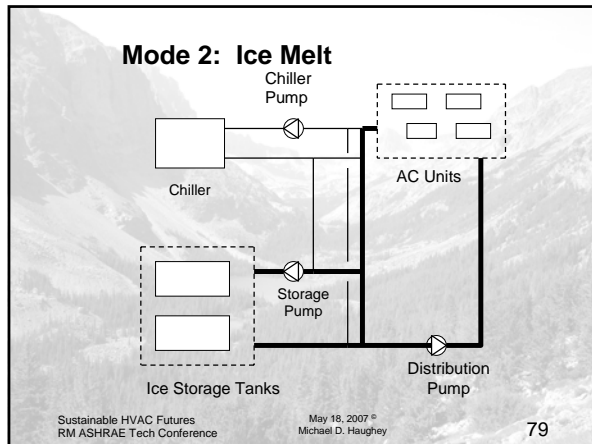
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- Freeze Cycle (Mode 1)
 - Most systems: modulate storage pump VFD to match chiller GPM (or be slightly less). This system: pumps in series, increase to 250 GPM to lower DT
 - Chiller LWT is set at 24F
 - Stop cycle at full charge:
 - < Tank LWT drops to about 31F
 - < Calculation indicates full charge
 - < Check with tank ice sensor
 - System Balance
 - < Temperature Setpoints Design vs. Actual

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Modes of Operation

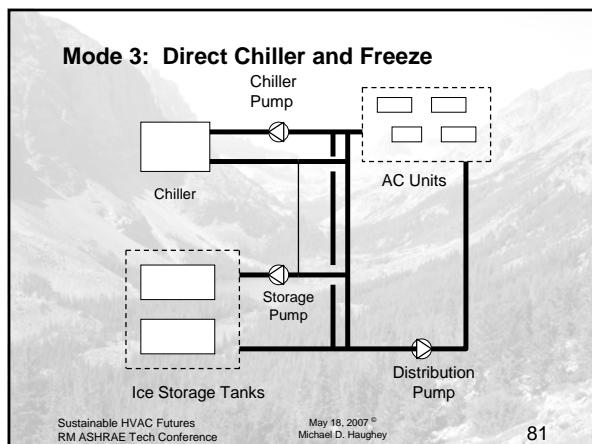
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- Ice Melt Cycle (Mode 2)
 - Modulate storage pump VFD to maintain 45F supply temp (approx 31F ice glycol mixed with approx. 57F system return)
 - Distribution pumps modulate to follow system GPM requirement
 - Actual Operation Temperatures
 <Ice Storage LWT: _____

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Modes of Operation

- Simultaneous Direct Chiller Cooling and Freeze Cycle (Mode 3)
 - Chiller LWT is set at 24F (for freezing ice)
 - Modulate chiller diverting valves to maintain 45 supply to system (mixing 24F from chiller and approx 57F return)
 - Excess chiller GPM is used to freeze ice
 - < Modulate storage pump to flow slightly less than chiller GPM minus distribution GPM

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Mode 4: Direct Chiller and Ice Melt

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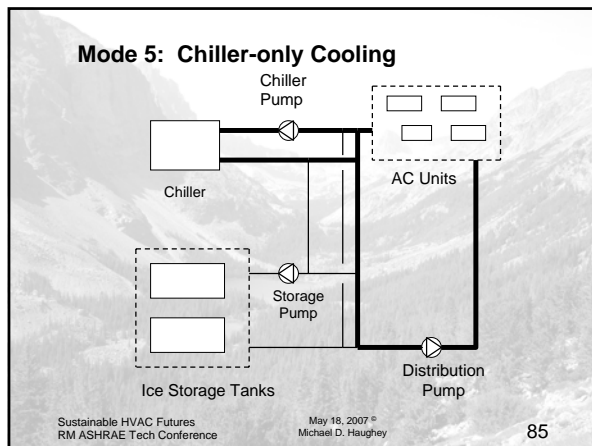
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- Simultaneous Direct Chiller Cooling and Melt Cycle (Mode 4)
 - Chiller LWT is set at 45F
 - Chiller kW is limited to keep building kW below preset value (adjustable, as is everything)
 - Modulate storage pump to maintain 45F system supply
 - < Approx 57F system return and 45F+ chiller LWT (kW limited) are mixed
 - < Above mixed supply mixed with approx 31F ice LWT to make 45F system supply

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- ### Modes of Operation
- Chiller Only Cooling Cycle (Mode 5)
 - Chiller GPM constant
 - Chiller modulated to maintain 45F LWT
 - Distribution pumps modulate
 - Excess chiller GPM flows in the bridge piping
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- ### Ice Storage/Control Status
- How “full” are the ice tanks
 - M1: Ice Tank LWT (Freeze/Melt end points only)
 - M2: Btu calculation
 - M3: Tank “Inventory” meters
 - <Float type - in tank
 - <“Radar”
 - <Float - external in heated housing (this project)
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Ice Storage Control/Status

Actual

- M1: Tank LWT
 - Use for end-point determination: Freeze complete; Melt complete
 - Some use chiller LWT (indirect, a little less accurate)
- “Knee” of freeze curve

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Ice Storage Control/Status

Actual

- M2: BTU calculation
 - Most vulnerable to flow meter accuracy, secondarily to temperature sensor accuracy
- Tank EWT, LWT, Flow
- Cumulative – compounding errors
- Daily reset (on full freeze or melt)

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Ice Storage Control/Status

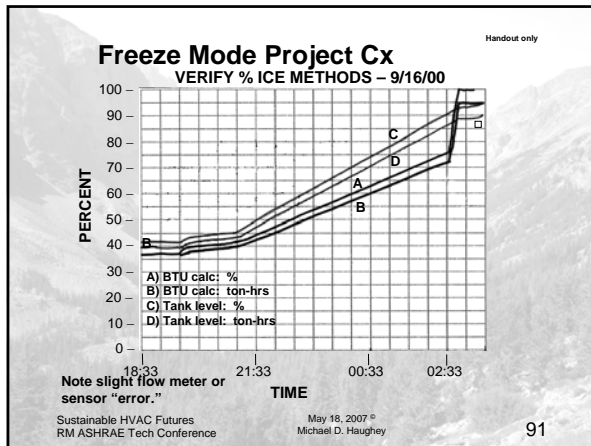
Actual

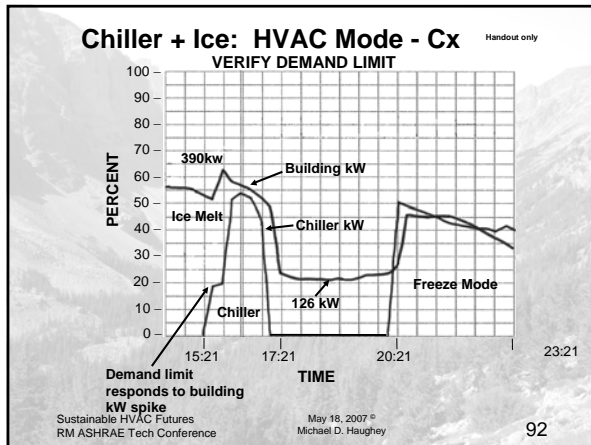
- M3: Tank inventory meters
 - In-tank floats and sensors prone to mechanical difficulties: hang up, get caught in ice, etc.
 - External pressure sensor in heated enclosure works reasonably well
 - All susceptible to proper water level
- Heat trace

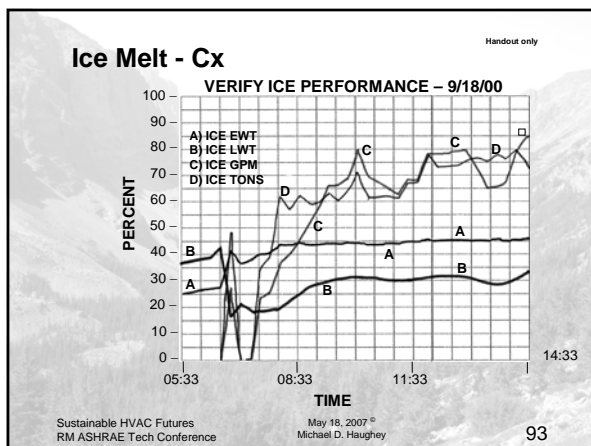
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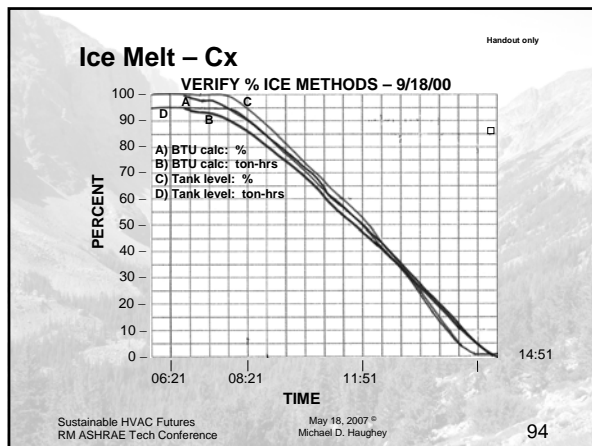
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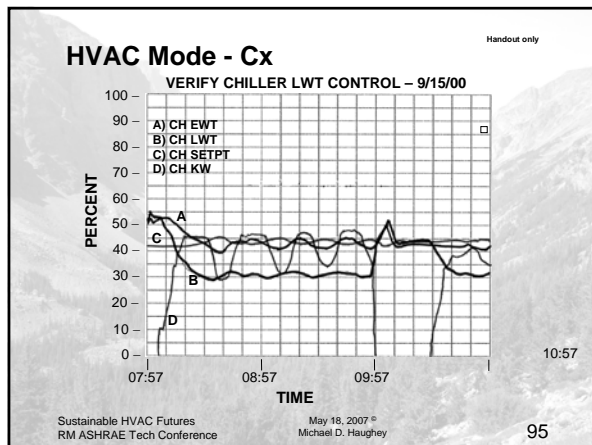
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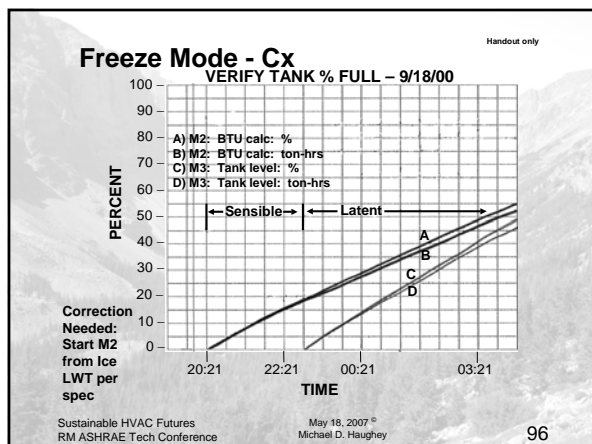




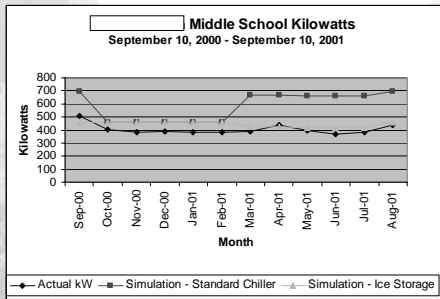








Actual kW Energy Bills – 1st Year

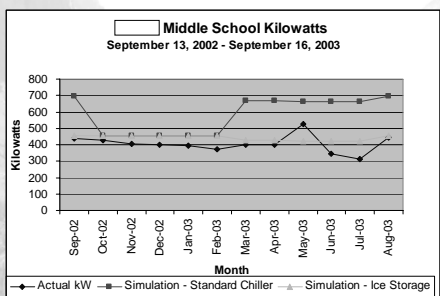


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Actual kW Energy Bills - 2003



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Outside Air System Examples

- Outside air, heat recovery
- Accurate OSA measurement & control
 - Truth? – needed now, but not done
 - OSA Measurement
 - RTU's
 - Louvers
 - Delivery

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Outside Air System Examples

- OSA distribution
- OSA tempering
- TAB – Cx - M & V Challenges
- Separate OSA systems
 - CO2 control
 - TAB – Cx - M & V
- Building-integrated OSA
 - “Cool tubes”
 - Hollow-core floor slabs

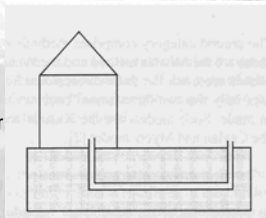
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Ground Tempered OSA “Cool tubes” similar

- OSA ducts or “pipes”
- Issues
 - Control
 - Moisture, mold, other growths
 - Filtration
 - Optimization



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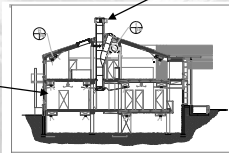
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Building Mass & Natural Ventilation Wind Tower

Windows let air in

Wind tower draws air out

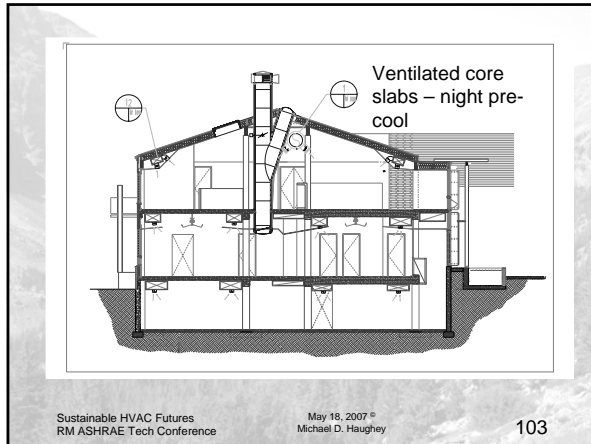


Building & Mechanical System
Integrated & Inseparable

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Ventilated Core Slabs TAB – Cx - M & V Challenges

- Predicting need for cooling
- Estimating how much
- Controlling rate of “release” (or no control?)
- Setting & adjusting response rates
- Verifying prediction algorithms
- What needs to be controllable or adjustable?

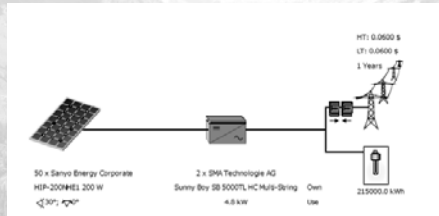
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Zero or Net Zero What, Why, How?

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Zero What?

- Energy from THE GRID

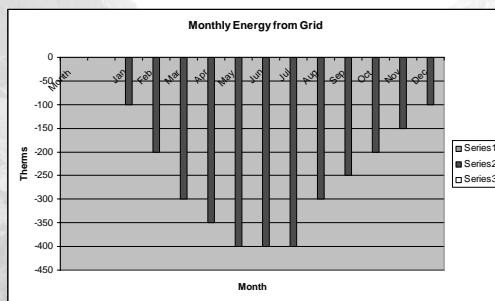


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Zero



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Net Zero

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- Annualized: produce more than use
- Winter – might use more gas for heat, put PV into Grid
- Summer – might use more electricity for cooling, put solar thermal into Grid
- Daytime – put PV into Grid
- Nighttime – take electricity from Grid

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Which is Which?

- Zero
 - Needs NO energy from THE GRID
 - NO utility infrastructure for heating, cooling, electricity to these buildings
- Net Zero
 - Grid-connected
 - A natural form of carbon trading
 - More economical in terms of first cost
 - Utility infrastructure exists
 - Does use fuel input to utility grid

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How

- Super insulation – cost effective
- Energy Conservation – can be very low cost
- Wind energy – competitive (high ROI)
- PV – relatively expensive first cost
- Solar Thermal - relatively expensive first cost

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Priorities

- Reduce building demands first
 - Heating, cooling, lighting, appliance, process, etc. loads
- Use efficient systems
 - Daylighting, Compact fluorescents
 - Efficient heating & cooling, energy recovery
- Last – use renewable sources to make up difference: wind, PV, solar thermal, biomass, etc.

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Is 90% Savings In Commercial – Industrial Possible?

- Remember where we started – it has to happen!
- Buildings and systems
 - Lighting
 - Heating
 - Cooling
- Building uses (Processes)
 - Example – data center
 - Servers vs.
 - Multiple “blades”

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Net Zero Energy Homes - Local

- Local Project #2
 - Since Oct 2005:
 - Produced 600 kWh more than used
 - 35% more than used on energy source basis
 - 30 Therms of gas
- Local Project #1
 - Operational last Fall
 - Produced 200 kwh more than used
 - No backup heat system

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Local Project #2 – Daily net Elec

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Toward Living Buildings – What is it?

- Fully integrated mechanical, electrical, architectural, functional building components
- Building parts serve multiple functions, as the organs of a human
- Shared materials, interactive functions
- The building comes alive and responds to the needs of the occupants

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The Living Building As A Mechanical System

- Traditional mechanical system does less heating, cooling, ventilating
- The building itself becomes the mechanical system – engineers assist with “engineering” the building as an active, “living” system



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Ken Yeang Editt Tower - Singapore

- Bioclimatic skyscraper
- Vertical landscape
- Ground ecosystem integration & continuity
- Plant transpiration cooling



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Living Buildings

- Flexible = meets changing needs = durable
- Anticipates occupant / zone comfort needs
- Responds to weather / sunlight changes
- Store solar heat per anticipations
- Night cooling & storage per anticipations
- Integrated into the architecture
- Many (or all) system components are building parts

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The Building as Mechanical System

- Natural Ventilation - Cross Ventilation
 - Stack Effect
- Cool Towers
- Ground fresh air heat exchangers
- Built-in photovoltaics
- Active Walls
- Wind turbines built into natural ventilation systems
- Creativity = new technologies


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Natural Ventilation

- Operable Clerestory windows
 - Induce natural stack effect



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Systems & Equipment

Natural Ventilation

Integration with Mechanical

- Goals - low energy, occupant outside connection
- Manual window operation vs. mechanical energy consumption
- Window bugs (“mag contacts”)
- Feedback to Occupants
- Mechanical lock-outs
- Commissioning

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Building Mass “Timing”

- Mass “Timing” for sizing - Thermal lag timed with load
- TAB – Cx – M & V Challenges?
- If Cooling Peak is 2 PM
 - Enough mass to time “coolness” to reach inside at 2 PM
 - If arrives too early, spent by 2 PM - no peak cooling reduction - no mechanical downsizing


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Double Skin Wall Systems (High Performance Facades)

- Externally Shaded Wall
- Plant shade Summer
- Defoliate in Winter
- Operable windows



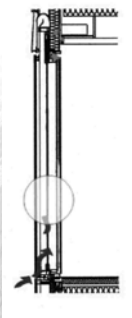
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Interactive Wall


- Vent with OSA
- Microfans, variable speed
- Operable windows



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Vegetation Conditioning

- From filters – to Spec plants
- Transpiration cooling
- Air filtration
- Pollution absorption



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Living Buildings

- The human analogy
 - To stay warm, blood vessels constrict
 - To cool down, blood flows to the extremities, evaporation
- The living building
 - Sense and respond to your needs
 - Automatically adjust shading
 - Store heat or cool in its mass
 - Anticipate future needs
 - Clean your air, provide natural lighting
 - Needs a brain, nervous system, sensors, strong muscles, lungs, heart, ...

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Living Buildings - Human Analogy

- Body sweats - building evaporative cooling, roof sprays
- Body constricts blood vessels - building needs variable insulation
- Body pumps blood - building pumps hot/cold water
- Lungs filter air
- Eyes dilate - building adjusts windows, glazing shading
- Body stores fat - building mass stores heat/cool (thermal mass)

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Cool Towers & Solar Chimneys

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- Cool air falls
- Operable Windows
- Warm air induces draft

The sun heats the chimney causing the hot air to rise, thus creating a vacuum.

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Green Roofs

- Passive mechanical component
- R-Value calc?
- Cost – benefit: mech alternate
- Chicago City Hall – can be 60F cooler than adjacent roofs

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Adaptive Windows

- Human eye adjusts to light
- Future Adaptive Windows:
 - Adjust to light - transmittance
 - R-Value
 - SC

- Controllable surface coatings
- TAB – Cx – M & V Challenges?
 - Adjust adaptations to sunlight to proper light and heat transmission levels
 - This won't be easy!

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Continuous Education & Research Needs

- New design challenges
 - Transpiration cooling – ivy vs. cedar?
 - Mass timing – 2 PM vs 10 AM peak?
 - Radiant floor cooling
 - Simulation tools and data?

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Future

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- Goal
 - Adapt as society adapts
 - Population increase, then stabilization
 - Incredible energy efficiency needed
- Method
 - Buildings will become net energy producers
 - Design & energy modeling of new innovations
 - TAB – Cx – M & V to optimize energy use

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