

# Eficiencia Energetica en la Republica Dominicana- Tecnologias Potenciales

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# Promoviendo la inversión en eficiencia energética

- Objetivo general: movilizar la inversión del sector privado en energía limpia en la RD, centrándose en EE con grandes sectores comerciales e industriales (sector no hotelero), que se logrará mediante:
- Asociarse con grupos industriales públicos y privados para promover conjuntamente iniciativas compartidas para promover el despliegue de EE.
- Mejorar la comprensión entre las instituciones financieras de las oportunidades para invertir en eficiencia energética. Desarrollo de capacidades en el país entre empresas para comprender el caso comercial de las inversiones en eficiencia energética.
- Proyecto de unión de proyectos con instituciones financieras.



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# Modelaje de Energia en Edificios

## **Visión general:**

Modelización detallada de la energía del edificio para cualquier tipo de edificio.

Técnicas avanzadas de modelado energético:

Ventilación natural: Sistemas avanzados de climatización

Luz del día

## **Las herramientas de modelado de NREL:**

OpenStudio

eQUEST

Beopt

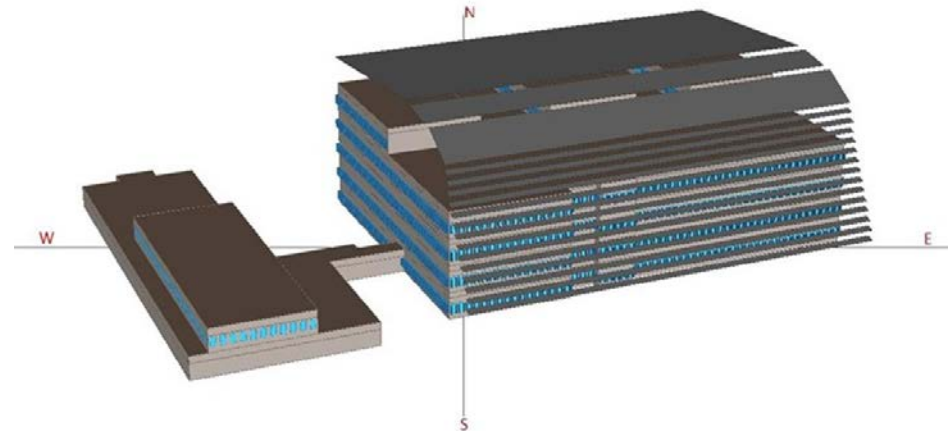


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# Torres de radar con generación distribuida

## Visión general:

**Demostración de campo de tecnologías emergentes de EE / RE para evaluar el despliegue a gran escala.**



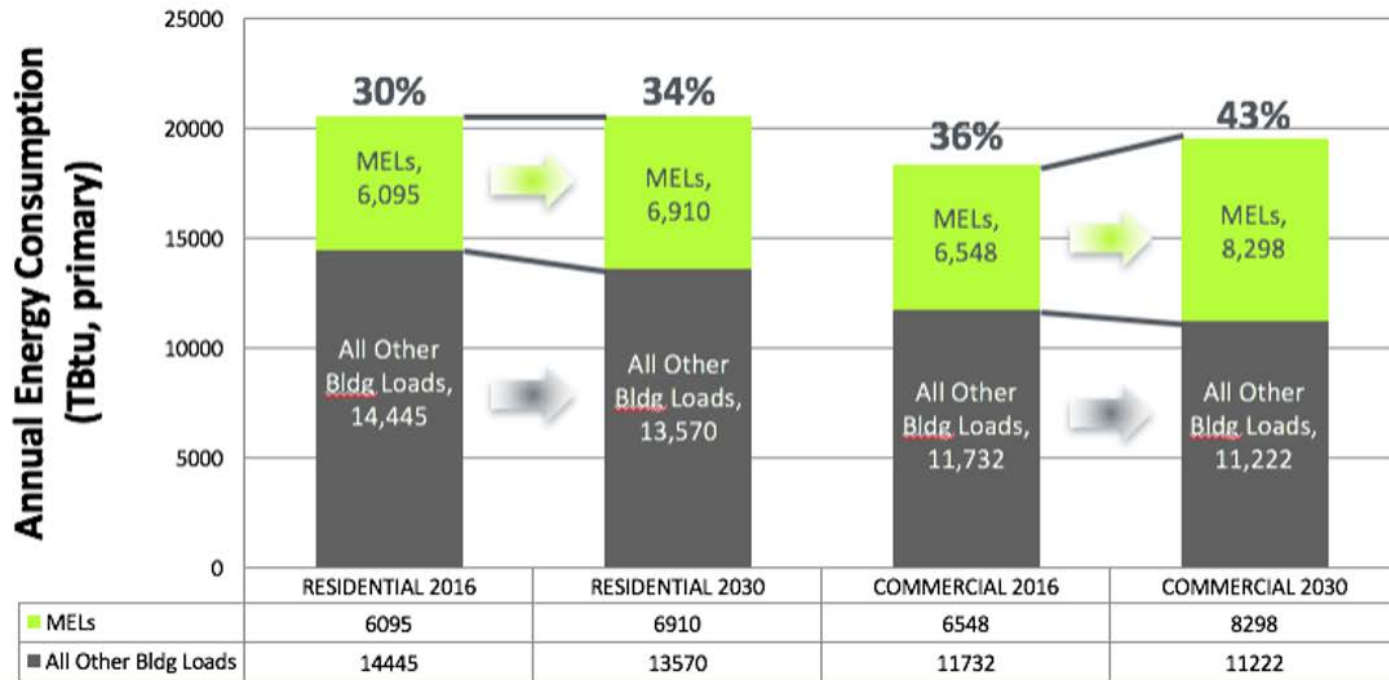
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# TIRAS AVANZADAS PARA CONTROL DE CARGA DEL ENCHUFE



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**Miscellaneous Electric Loads in Buildings (2016 - 2030)**

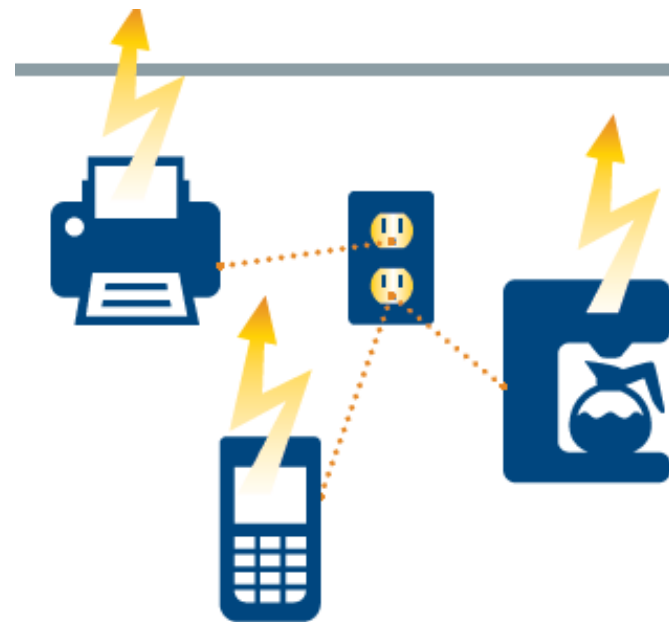


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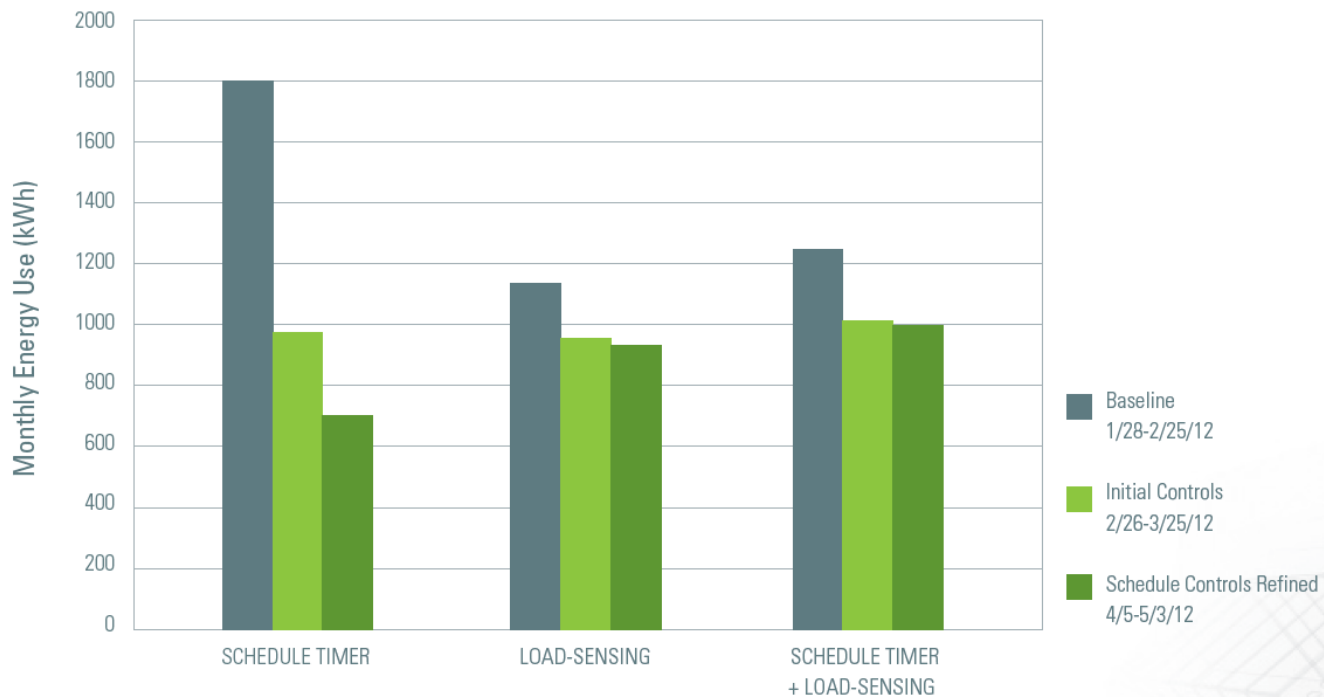
# TIRAS AVANZADAS PARA CONTROL DE CARGA DEL ENCHUFE

- 25% de la electricidad se pierde por demanda fantasma.
- Desconecta circuitos basado en un temporizador, sensación de carga, o ambos
- 26% ahorros de energía en estaciones de trabajo con gestión avanzada de computadora
- 48% en cocinas y sala de impresora



# TIRAS AVANZADAS PARA CONTROL DE CARGA DEL ENCHUFE

Schedule timer controls resulted in average-energy reduction of 48%



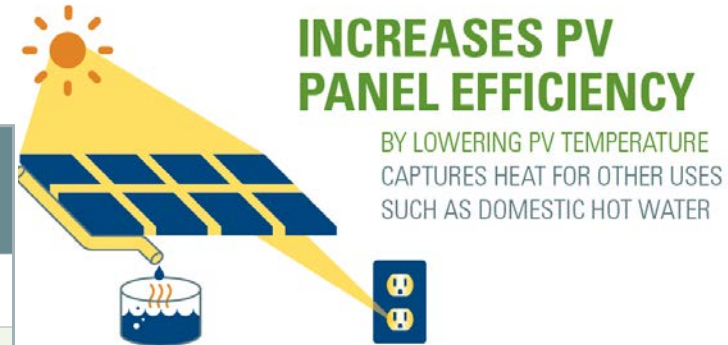


# TIRAS HÍBRIDO FOTOVOLTAICO-TERMICO SISTEMA SOLAR

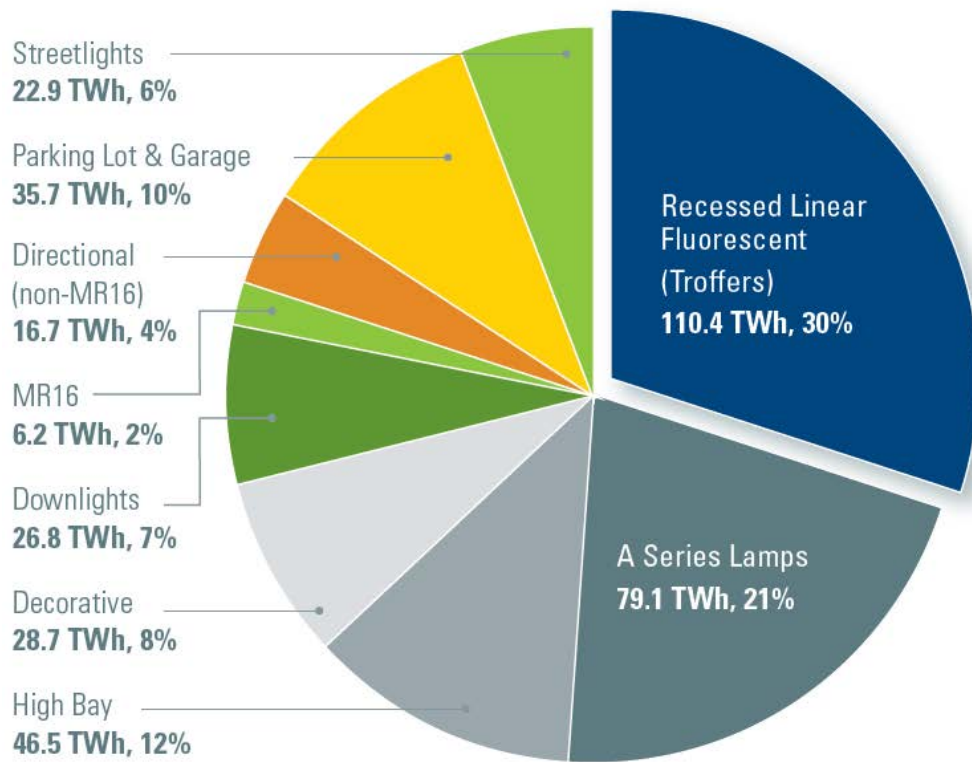
## Energy Savings and Economics for PV-T

Cost-effective when electricity rates are high

City	Electricity Rate (\$/kWh)	City Cost Adjustment Multiplier	Solar Energy Production (kWh/yr)	Annual Cost Savings (\$)	Installed Cost (\$)	Simple Payback (yrs)	Payback with 30% Tax Credit (yrs)
Portland, OR	0.09	0.992	6,698	\$581	\$56,765	98	68
Boston, MA	0.15	1.172	6,331	\$934	\$67,065	72	50
Denver, CO	0.11	0.943	11,063	\$1,198	\$53,961	45	32
<b>Honolulu, HI</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>1.173</b>	<b>10,097</b>	<b>\$3,488</b>	<b>\$67,123</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>
Daggett, CA	0.18	0.996	11,824	\$2,144	\$56,994	27	19
Phoenix, AZ	0.10	0.887	11,783	\$1,237	\$50,757	41	29



# ILUMINACIÓN LED CON CONTROLES INTEGRADO DE AVANZADOS



**110.4  
TWh SAVED<sup>1</sup>**

EQUIVALENT TO 10  
MILLION HOMES

1 TWh = average  
annual energy use of  
approximately 92,000  
U.S. households

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*How did LED  
Fixtures with  
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**ENERGY  
SAVINGS**

OVER GSA AVERAGE

41% from LED  
28% from ALC<sup>2</sup>

**40%**

**RETURN ON  
INVESTMENT**

FOR GSA RETROFITS

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estimated cost and  
utility rate of \$.10 kWh<sup>3</sup>

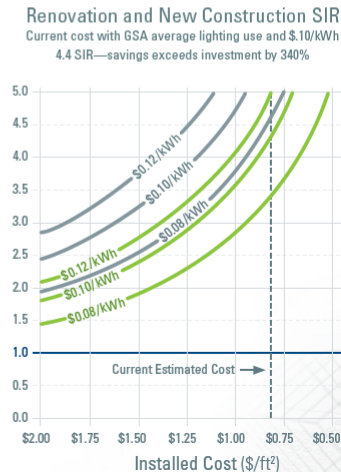
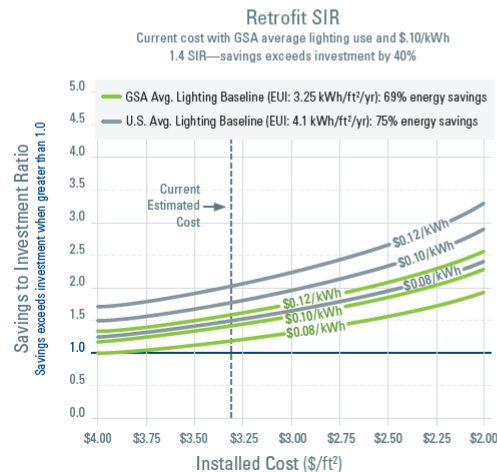
**25%**

**OF COST SAVINGS**

DUE TO REDUCED  
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LEDs last twice as long as  
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## Positive Return on Investment for Both Retrofits and Renovations



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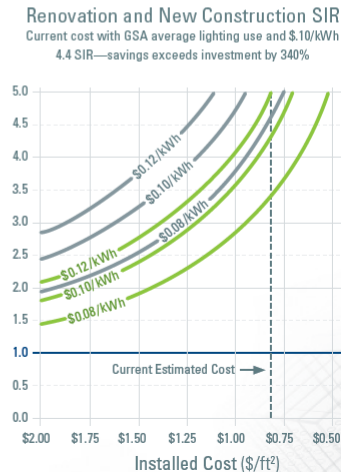
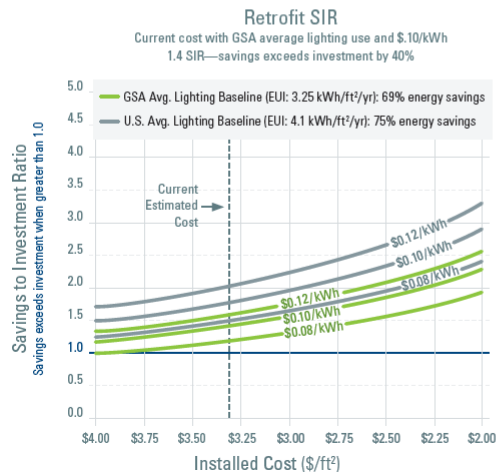
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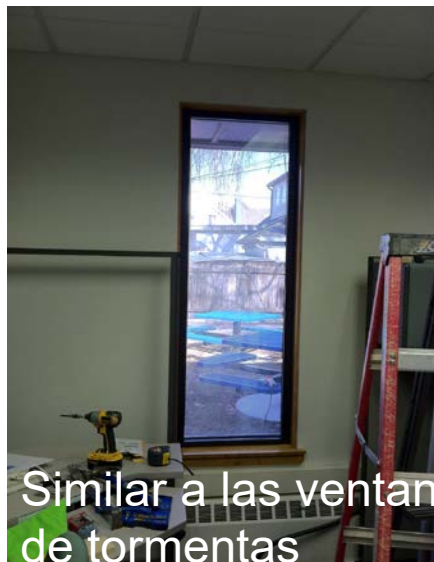
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# REMODELACIONES DE VENTANAS DE BAJO COSTO MEJORA EL RENDIMIENTO TÉRMICO

## Oportunidad:

34% Energía HVAC en edificios comerciales se pierde a las ventanas  
1.5% del total de EE.UU. consumo de energía



# REMODELACIONES DE VENTANAS DE BAJO COSTO MEJORA EL RENDIMIENTO TÉRMICO

## Ahorro de energía:

41% HVAC ahorro de energía

11% de ahorro en edificios completos estimado

## Satisfacción de los ocupantes:

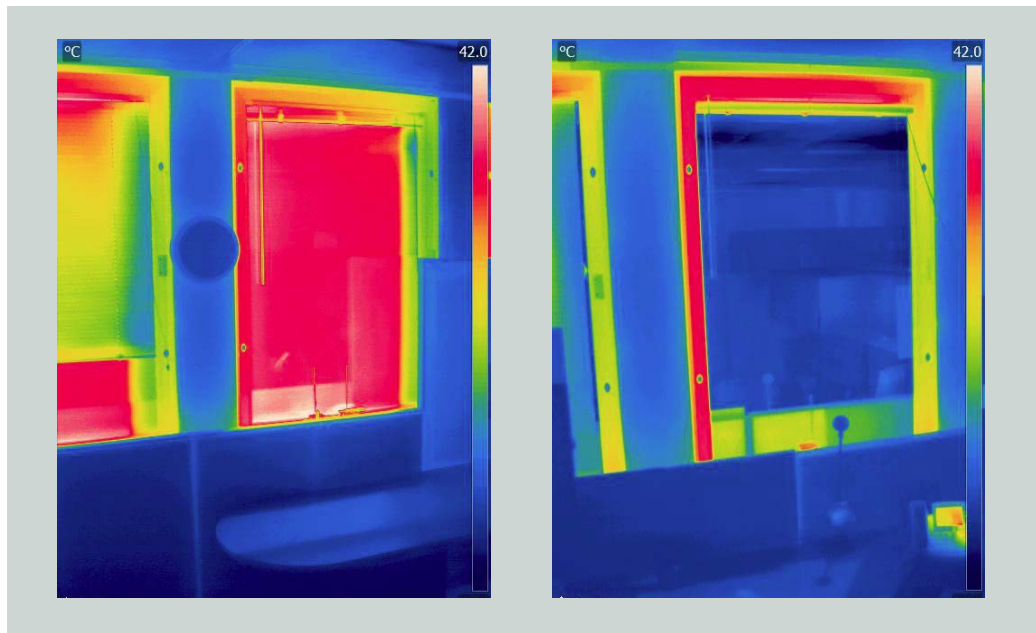
Instalación rápida y mejora del confort visual y térmico

## Efectividad de costo:

<9 años de amortización para el triple panel, el doble panel será más corto

# REMODELACIONES DE VENTANAS DE BAJO COSTO MEJORA EL RENDIMIENTO TÉRMICO

Imágenes infrarrojas que comparan la energía radiante de la ventana durante condiciones



Película absorbente.

Ventana de baja emisividad

El confort térmico mejorado.

Los ocupantes no están expuestos a la radiación térmica del vidrio caliente (o frío).



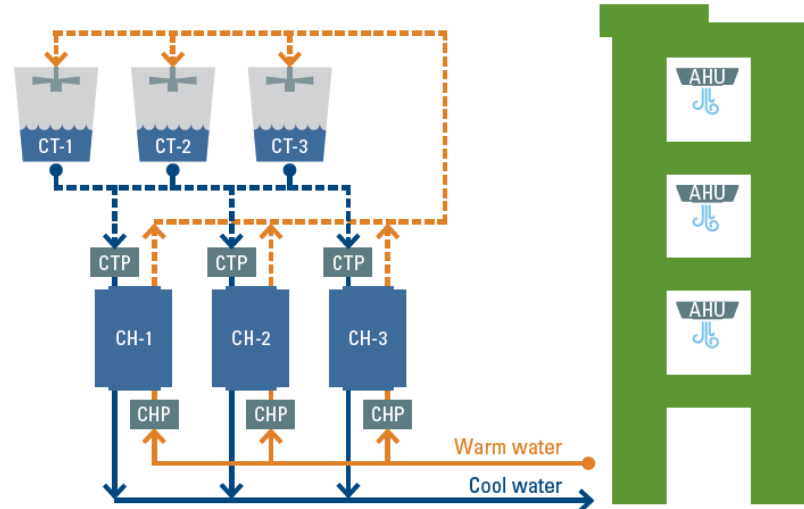
# SITEMA DE CONTROL PARA LA OPTIMIZACIÓN DE PLANTA

*How does the  
Control Optimization  
System for Chiller  
Plants work?*

## OPTIMIZES SYSTEM PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE (DELTA T)

MANAGES CHILLER LIFT AND FLOW BY MONITORING AND  
CONTROLLING FIVE INTERDEPENDENT SYSTEMS

Cooling Towers (CT), Chillers (CH), Condenser Pumps (CTP), Chilled Water Pumps (CHP), and Air Handler Units (AHU)



# SITEMA DE CONTROL PARA LA OPTIMIZACIÓN DE PLANTA

*How did the Control Optimization System perform in M&V?*

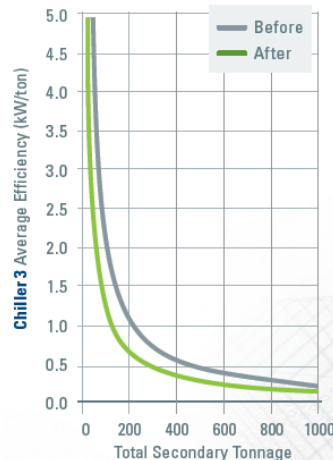
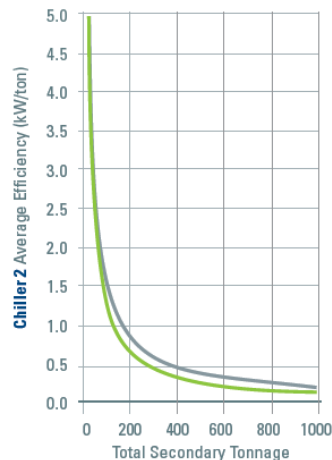
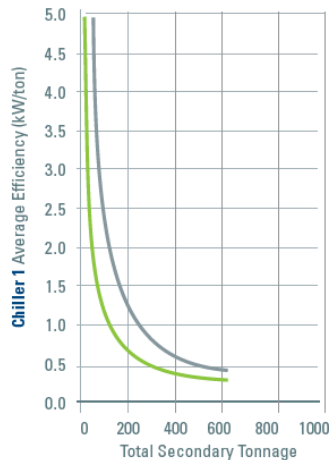
**35%**  
**COOLING SAVINGS**  
+/- 10% uncertainty  
due to estimated baseline<sup>1</sup>

**5 YR**  
**PAYBACK**  
At avg. cost of  
\$0.11/kWh<sup>3</sup>

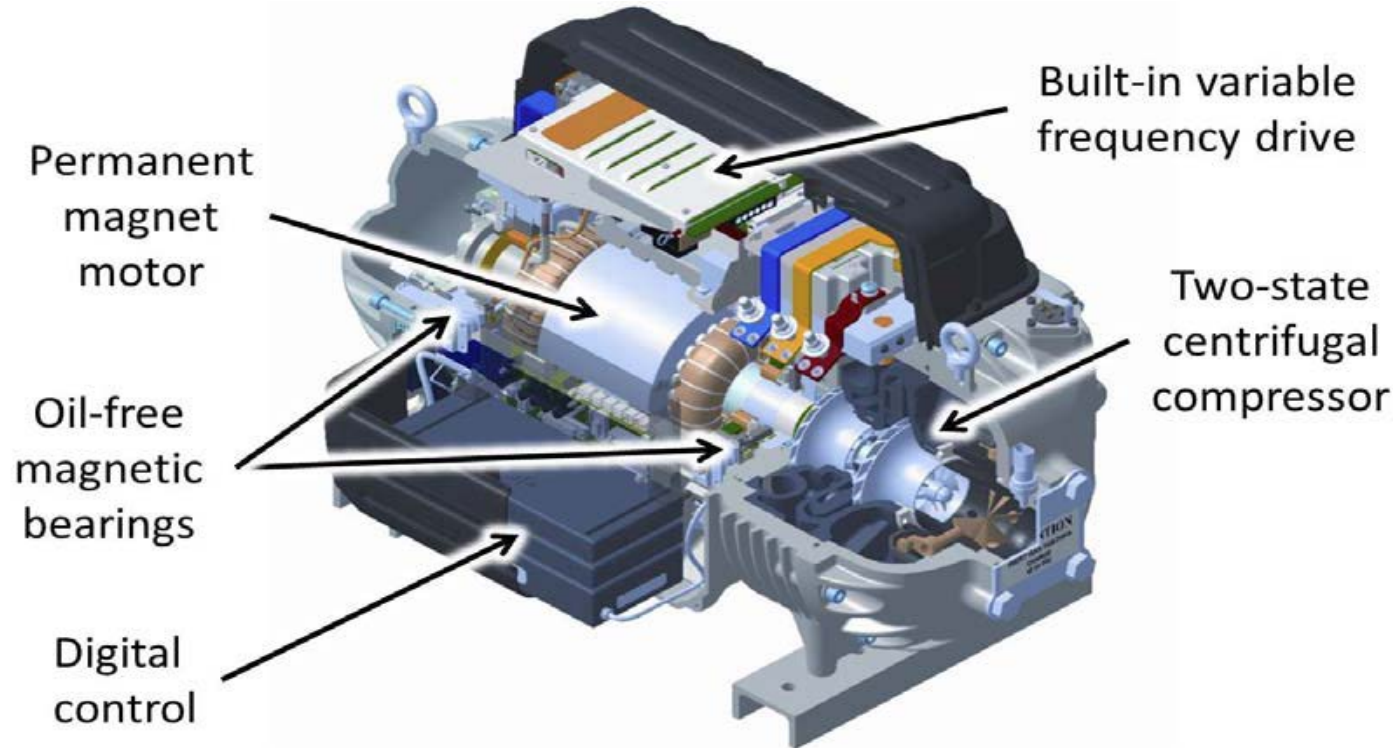
**BETTER**  
**VISIBILITY & CONTROL**  
FOR PLANT OPERATIONS<sup>2</sup>

## Increased Efficiency, Especially at Part Loads

Performance averaged 0.64 kW/ton after control optimization



# COJINETE MAGNÉTICO DE VELOCIDAD VARIABLE DE ENFRIADORA



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## OPPORTUNITY

*How much energy is used for space cooling in U.S. office buildings?*

**10%**  
**OF ENERGY**  
GOES TO SPACE  
COOLING<sup>1</sup>



**32%**  
**OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**  
RELY ON CHILLERS  
TO PROVIDE THIS  
COOLING<sup>2</sup>

## TECHNOLOGY

*How do maglev chillers save energy?*

**ELIMINATE FRICTION**  
WITH MAGNETIC BEARINGS  
**IMPROVE EFFICIENCY  
AT PARTIAL LOADS**  
WITH VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE

**35%**  
**MORE EFFICIENT**  
THAN FEMP-DESIGNATED  
HIGH-EFFICIENCY ROTARY  
SCREW CHILLERS

# COJINETE MAGNÉTICO DE VELOCIDAD VARIABLE DE ENFRIADORA



**\$9,097 Reduccion annual del costo energetico**

En el edificio federal George Howard Jr. Federal @ \$0.073/kWh



**Menos de 5 años de recuperación  
incremental**

al final de la vida útil después de la normalización de la estructura de pago y los costos de servicios públicos y en comparación con el nuevo enfriador de tornillo rotativo designado por FEMP

# COJINETE MAGNÉTICO DE VELOCIDAD VARIABLE DE ENFRIADORA

## RESULTS

*How did maglev chillers perform in M&V?*

**42%**

### ENERGY SAVINGS

AS COOLING LOADS DECREASE, EFFICIENCY INCREASES<sup>3</sup>

### QUIET PERFORMANCE

ALLOWS CHILLERS TO BE PLACED CLOSER TO OCCUPANT SPACES<sup>4</sup>

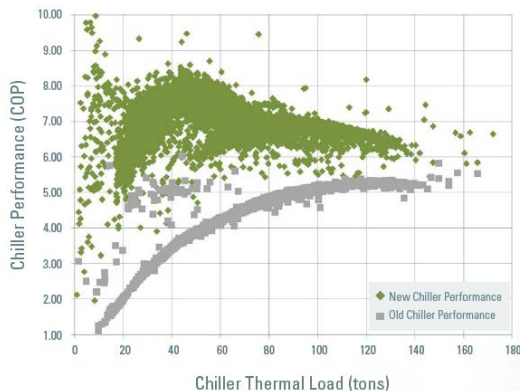
**<5 YEARS**

PAYBACK  
after normalizing  
for payment  
structure &  
utility costs<sup>5</sup>

## Efficiency of Maglev Chiller Increases as Load Is Reduced

Maglev chiller efficiency is highest between 40 to 50 tons (27 to 33% of nominal full load)

Incumbant chiller efficiency continuously decreases as chiller load is reduced



# COJINETE MAGNÉTICO DE VELOCIDAD VARIABLE DE ENFRIADORA

## Beneficios del compresor con cojinete magnetico:

- Compresores más pequeños y más ligeros que la capacidad similar.
- Enfriadores silenciosos, sin fricción, colocados más cerca de los espacios ocupantes.
- Refrigeración más eficiente a cargas parciales más bajas.



# OTRAS AREAS POTENCIALES

- Incentivos fiscales a la importación de equipo eficiente, auditorías energéticas y monitoreo del consumo de energía, programa de EE en el sector público y privado.
- Auditorías energéticas Código de construcción que incluya: envolvente de edificio, uso de sensores de ocupación, uso de iluminación natural, uso de iluminación eficiente, cool roof, uso de refrigerantes naturales y calentamiento solar de agua.
- Sistemas de iluminación eficiente.
- Reemplazo de vehículos de combustión interna poco eficientes por vehículos eléctricos, o tecnologías más eficientes.
- Electrodomésticos eficientes.

# OTRAS AREAS POTENCIALES

- Configuración de acondicionadores de aire.
- Alumbrado público.
- Motores eficientes y variadores de velocidad de motores.
- Sistemas de gestión de la energía.
- Diagnósticos energéticos.
- Cogeneración.
- Bombas de calor. - Calefones y termo tanques.
- Calderos.
- Medidas de eficiencia energética en el transporte carretero.

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# Reports Online

- ❑ Infographic
- ❑ 4-page Findings
- ❑ Full Report
- ❑ Additional Resources

The screenshot displays the General Services Administration (GSA) website, specifically the 'Published Findings' section under the 'GPG Program' and 'HVAC' categories. The page is divided into two main sections, each featuring a report card.

**Top Report: Variable Speed Maglev Chiller**


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  - What is GPG?
  - Published Findings
  - Building Envelope
  - Energy Management
  - HVAC
    - 029. Smart Ceiling Fans
    - 020. Wireless Pneumatic Thermostats
    - 013. Indirect Evaporative Cooler
    - 012. Fan Belts
- Main Content:**
  - Variable Speed Maglev Chiller**
  - GPG-009, December 2013**
  - Summary:** Magnetic levitation chiller compressors improve the energy efficiency of air conditioning systems while minimizing the negative impacts of excess heat, noise and vibration. A recent GSA evaluation of this technology resulted in an overall energy savings of 42.3% and a simple payback period of less than five years compared to installation of a comparable rotary-screw chiller. *Click on the infographic below to enlarge.*
  - Infographic:** 009 DECEMBER 2013 VARIABLE-SPEED MAGNETIC LEVITATION CHILLER COMPRESSOR
  - Right Sidebar:**
    - READ 4-PAGE FINDINGS**  
Findings: Mag-Lev Chiller >
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    - ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
      - Tech Review: Magnetic Bearing Chiller Compressors (DOE/EERE)
      - Case Study: Magnetic

**Bottom Report: Variable-Speed Screw Chiller**

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    - 009. Magnetic Bearing Chiller
    - 006. Variable Refrigerant Flow
    - 004. Condensing Boilers
    - Lighting
- Main Content:**
  - Variable-Speed Screw Chiller**
  - GPG-031, Updated November 2017**
  - Summary:** GPG, in collaboration with Oak Ridge National Laboratory researchers, evaluated a recent development in chiller technology, the variable-speed direct-drive screw (VSS) chiller, against a baseline state-of-the-art chiller technology, the variable-speed magnetic bearing chiller (MBC). Results from measurement and verification at the Yates Building in Washington, D.C. showed similar performance for both chillers, supporting the conclusion that both VSS and MBC should be considered for new or end-of-life chiller replacements. Individual site characteristics will determine the most cost-effective chiller technology for a particular application. *Click on the infographic below to enlarge.*
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**Bottom Section:**

- OPPORTUNITY**
- What is the impact of improved chiller technology?**
- MOST LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (> 100,000 FT<sup>2</sup>) USE WATER-COOLED CHILLERS**

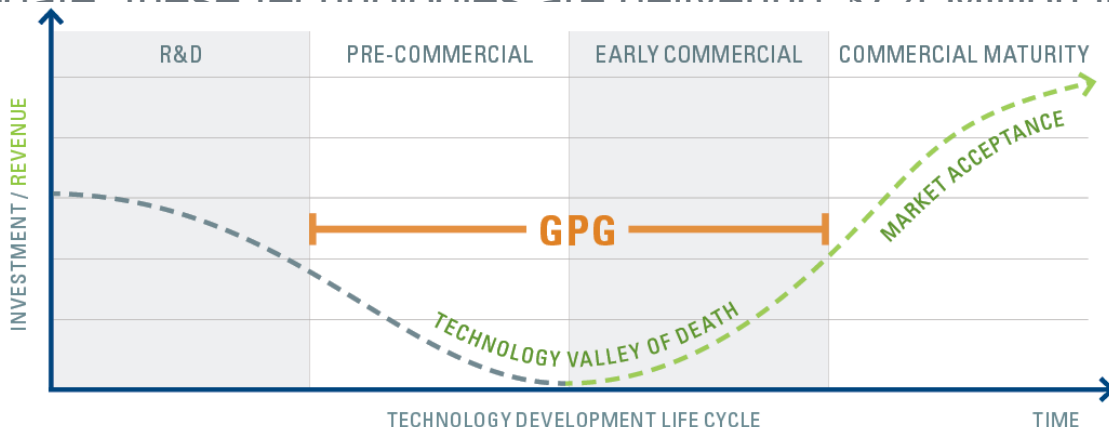


Emerging Technologies' two programs — GSA Proving Ground (GPG) and Pilot to Portfolio (P2P) — enable GSA to make sound investment decisions in next generation building technologies based on their real world performance

# Leading by Example

GSA's Proving Ground accelerates market acceptance by objectively assessing innovative building technologies in real-world environments, and deploying those that deliver. To date, GSA has installed 9 technologies across more than 200 buildings.

In aggregate, these technologies are delivering \$7.1 Million in annual O&M savings



# GPG Process

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Identify promising technologies at the edge of commercialization



Pilot technology installations within GSA's real estate portfolio



Partner with Department of Energy national laboratories to objectively evaluate real-world performance



Identify technologies with broad deployment potential for GSA, coordinate results with broader federal and CRE community.



# Introduction to Plug Load Control

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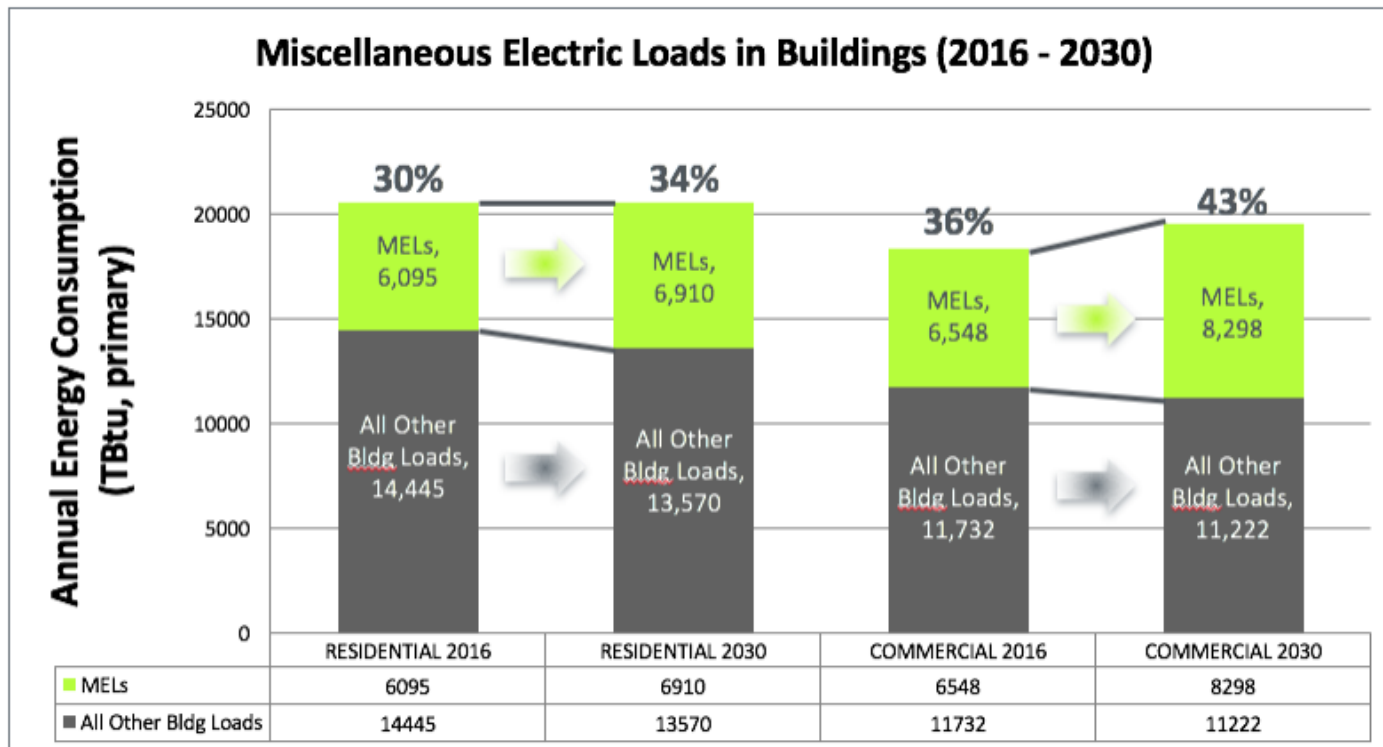
- Region 3 for conceptualizing the study and bringing it to GPG
- NREL for designing a study that tested all the strategies and allowed us to use a technology that had 80% of the value at 20% of the cost
- OFM team for leading a deployment campaign throughout 200 facilities
- FAS for leveraging Federal procurement buying power

# What Are Plug Loads?

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# Plug Load Energy



Data from: EIA  
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## Typical Energy Savings

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Translates to  
approximately  
**10%**  
of whole building  
energy  
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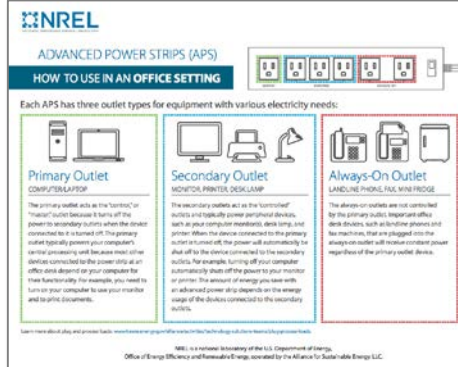
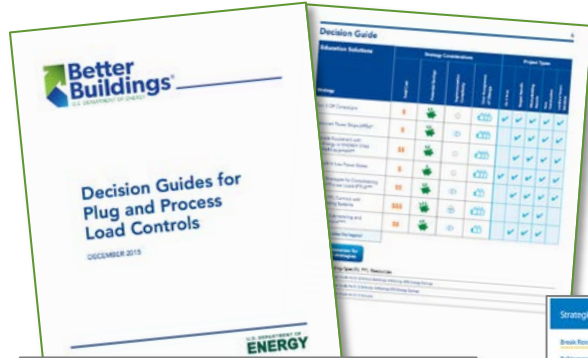


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# Plug Load Resources



# Established PPL Energy Management Solutions



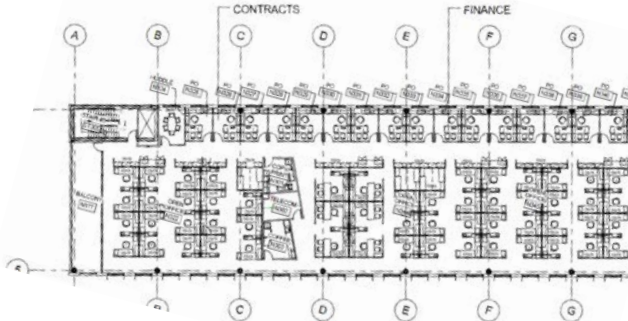
“Turn It Off!” Campaigns

Upgrade Equipment, ENERGY STAR

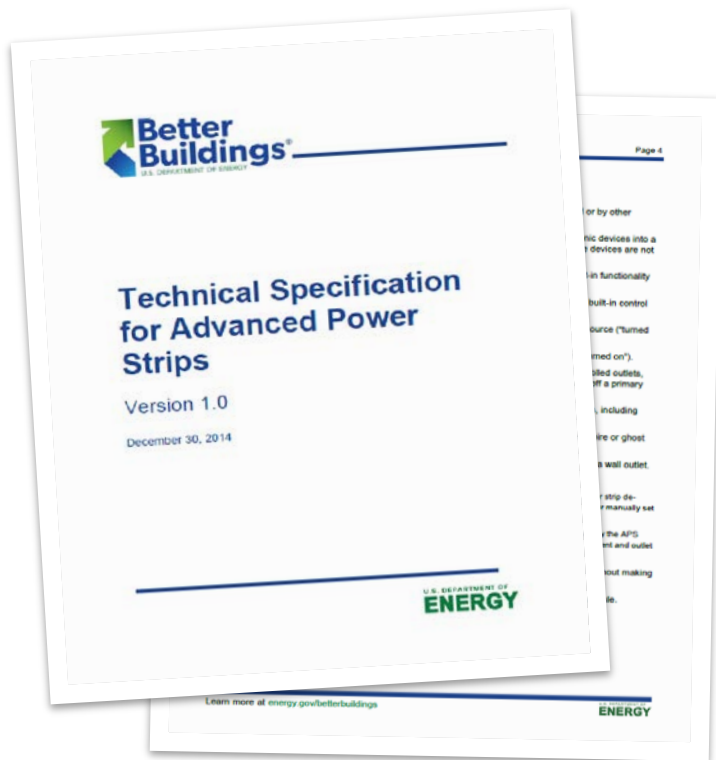
Built-In Low Power States

Advanced Power Strips

Design Strategies for Consolidating PPLs



# Plug Load Resources



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## ADVANCED POWER STRIPS (APS)

### HOW TO USE IN AN OFFICE SETTING

Each APS has three outlet types for equipment with various electricity needs:

Primary Outlet	Secondary Outlet	Always-On Outlet
COMPUTER/LAPTOP	MONITOR, PRINTER, DESK LAMP	LANDLINE PHONE, FAX, MINI FRIDGE
The primary outlet acts as the "control," or "master," outlet because it turns off the power to secondary outlets when the device connected to it is turned off. The primary outlet typically powers your computer's central processing unit because most other devices connected to the power strip at an office desk depend on your computer for their functionality. For example, you need to turn on your computer to use your monitor and to print documents.	The secondary outlets act as the "controlled" outlets and typically power peripheral devices, such as your computer monitor(s), desk lamp, and printer. When the device connected to the primary outlet is turned off, the power will automatically be shut off to the device connected to the secondary outlets. For example, turning off your computer automatically shuts off the power to your monitor or printer. The amount of energy you save with an advanced power strip depends on the energy usage of the devices connected to the secondary outlets.	The always-on outlets are not controlled by the primary outlet. Important office desk devices, such as landline phones and fax machines, that are plugged into the always-on outlet will receive constant power regardless of the primary outlet device.

Learn more about plug and process loads: [www4.eere.energy.gov/alliance/activities/technology/solutions/teams/plug-process-loads](http://www4.eere.energy.gov/alliance/activities/technology/solutions/teams/plug-process-loads).

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# Advanced Power Strips

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## ADVANCED POWER STRIPS Which one is right for me?



Timer  
Power Strip



Master-Controlled  
Power Strip



Masterless  
Power Strip



Remote Switch  
Power Strip



Activity Monitor  
Power Strip

# Advanced Power Strips

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Timer  
Power Strip



Master-Controlled  
Power Strip



Masterless  
Power Strip



Remote Switch  
Power Strip



Activity Monitor  
Power Strip

- Power strip automatically turns off outlets based on a pre-set schedule



# Advanced Power Strips



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Master-Controlled  
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Masterless  
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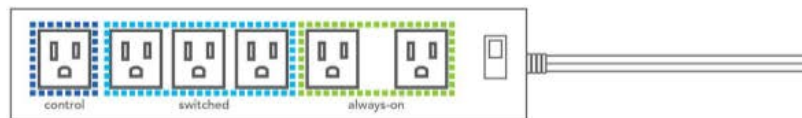


Remote Switch  
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## Advanced Power Strips (APS)



Primary Outlet  
COMPUTER/LAPTOP



Secondary Outlet  
MONITOR, PRINTER, DESK LAMP



Always-On Outlet  
LANDLINE TELEPHONE, FAX, MINI FRIDGE



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Timer  
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Master-Controlled  
Power Strip



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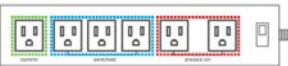
Remote Switch  
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Activity Monitor  
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ADVANCED POWER STRIPS (APS)  
HOW TO USE IN AN OFFICE SETTING




Each APS has three outlet types for equipment with various electricity needs:




**Primary Outlet**  
COMPUTER, LAPTOP

The primary outlet acts as the "control" or "master" outlet because it turns off the power to secondary outlets when the device connected to it is turned off. The primary outlet typically powers your computer's central processing unit because most other devices connected to the power strip at an office desk depend on your computer for their functionality. For example, you need to turn on your computer to use your monitor and to print documents.



**Secondary Outlet**  
MONITOR, PRINTER, DESK LAMP

The secondary outlets act as the "controlled" outlets and typically power peripheral devices, such as your computer monitor(s), desk lamp, and printer. When the device connected to the primary outlet is turned off, the power will automatically be shut off to the device connected to the secondary outlets. For example, turning off your computer automatically shuts off the power to your monitor or printer. The amount of energy you save with an advanced power strip depends on the energy usage of the devices connected to the secondary outlets.



**Always-On Outlet**  
LANDLINE PHONE, FAX, MINI FRIDGE

The always-on outlets are not controlled by the primary outlet. Important office desk devices, such as landline phones and fax machines, that are plugged into the always-on outlet will receive constant power regardless of the primary outlet device.

Learn more about plug and process loads: [www4.eere.energy.gov/alliances/activities/technology-solutions/teams/plug-process-loads](http://www4.eere.energy.gov/alliances/activities/technology-solutions/teams/plug-process-loads).

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# Advanced Power Strips

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Timer  
Power Strip



Master-Controlled  
Power Strip



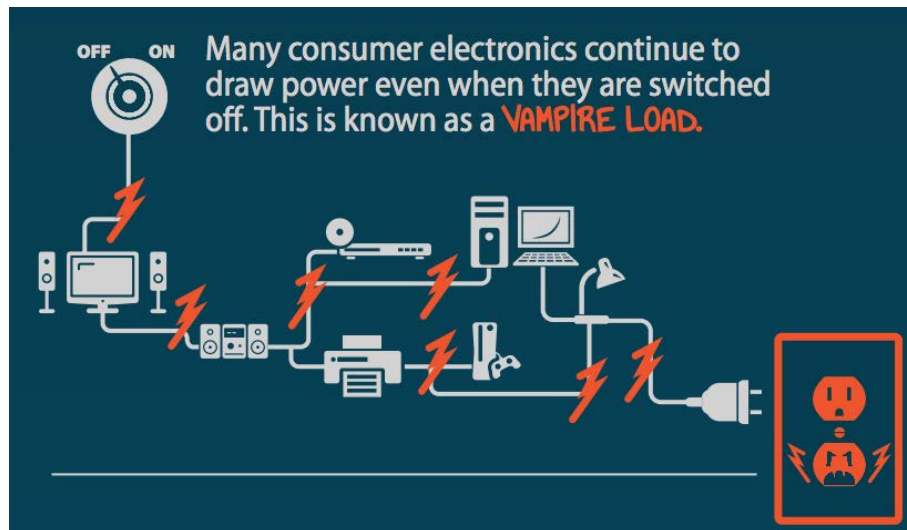
Masterless  
Power Strip



Remote Switch  
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Activity Monitor  
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# Advanced Power Strips

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# Advanced Power Strips

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# A Tale of Two Tiers

## Tier 1 = Typical APS



Timer  
Power Strip



Master-Controlled  
Power Strip



Masterless  
Power Strip



Remote Switch  
Power Strip



Activity Monitor  
Power Strip



## Tier 2 = APS with Occupant Sensing



# Connected APSs



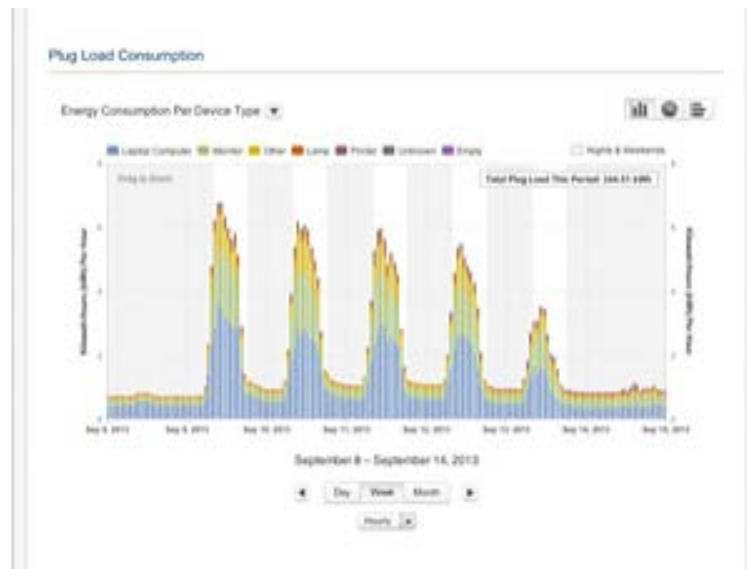
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Software



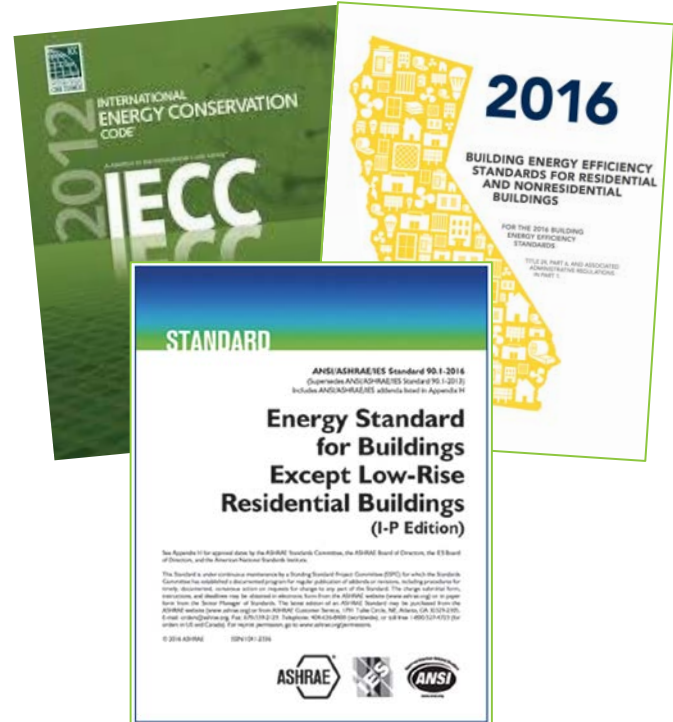
Services



# Building Standards & Codes

## Standards Require Plug Load Controls (...since 2010!)

- ASHRAE 90.1
- California Title 24
- 50% of outlets in specified spaces must have automatic shut-off control
  - Workstations
  - Private offices
  - Conference rooms
  - Print/copy rooms
  - Break rooms
  - Classrooms
- Plug-in control devices are not allowed



# Wireless Meter & Controls — “Smart Outlets”

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# Better Buildings Initiative

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Data analytics = informed decisions

- Set schedules
- Monitor device health for efficiency and failure
- Inform policies
- Control equipment and manage data remotely
- Engage occupants



GPG-003

# Advanced Power Strips for Plug Load Control

General Services Administration  
Public Buildings Service



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## ADVANCED POWER STRIPS



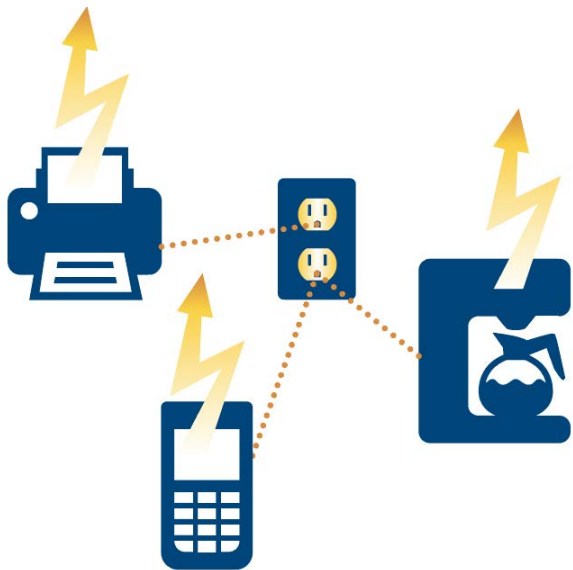
### Advanced Power Strips Decrease Energy Consumption

Desk-based technologies and other electronics that plug into office building receptacles draw a considerable amount of power, some of it 24/7. In fact, "plug loads" account for roughly 25% of total electricity consumed within office buildings. GSA currently owns and leases more than 370 million square feet of building space in some 9,600 buildings nationwide. The size of this real estate portfolio alone suggests the possibility of enormous energy savings, if plug loads can be reduced. With this in mind, GSA's GPG program recently assessed the effectiveness of advanced power strips (APS) in managing plug-load energy consumption in eight of its buildings. Three types of plug-load reduction strategies were evaluated: schedule timer control, which allows the user to set the day and time when a circuit will be energized and de-energized; load sensing control, which monitors a specific device's



## Opportunity

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**25%** of electricity end use in office buildings goes towards plug loads (in 2012) and this has continued to increase

# Advanced Power Strips

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## De-energize circuits

Based on a timer, load-sensing or both



# Measurement & Verification, GSA's Mid-Atlantic Region

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Veterans Administration Center Building – Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

William J. Green, Jr. Federal Building – Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

Cohen Complex – Camden, New Jersey

Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse –  
Trenton, New Jersey

Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., U.S.  
Courthouse – Richmond, Virginia Edward A. Garmatz U.S.

Courthouse – Baltimore, Maryland

William S. Moorhead Federal Building – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Robert C. Byrd Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse –

Technology for testing and measurement solutions often provided by Metric.

# Test Plan

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- 3 control strategies: load-sensing, schedule-timer, both
- Different space types: workstations, printer rooms, kitchens



# Monitored for 12 weeks

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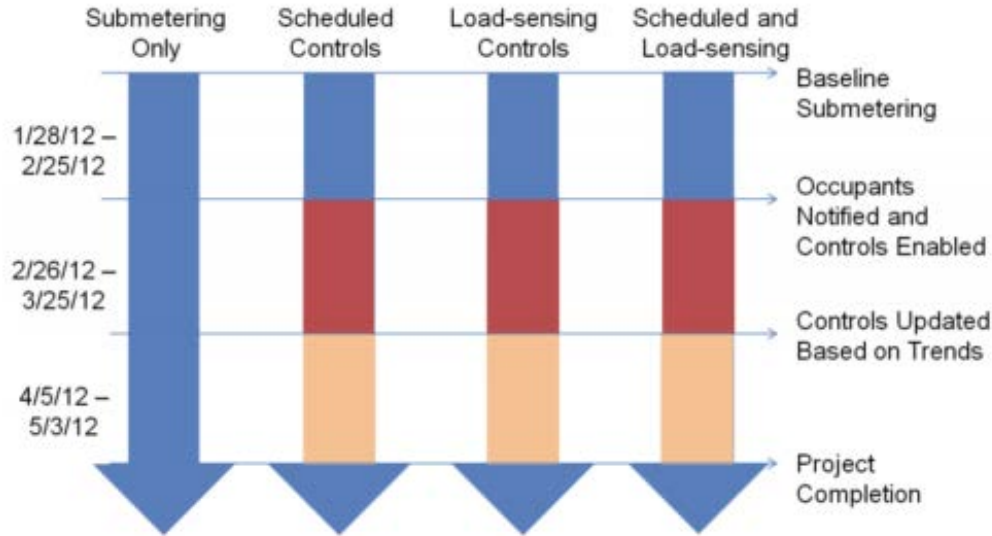
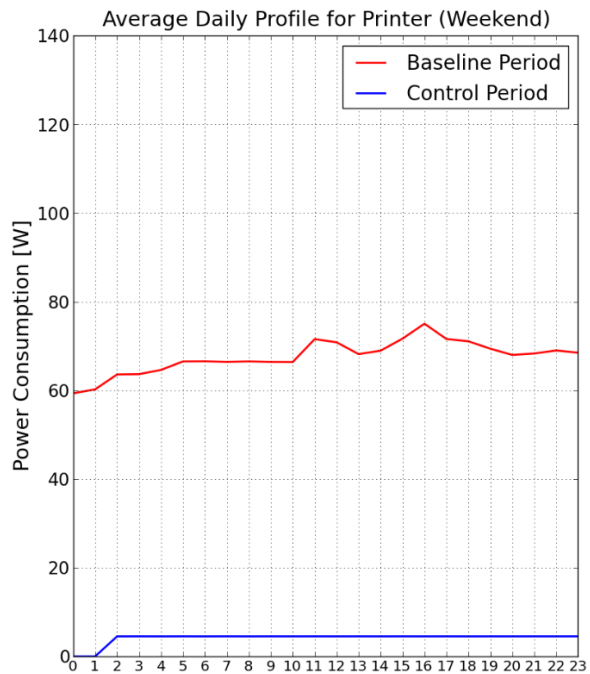
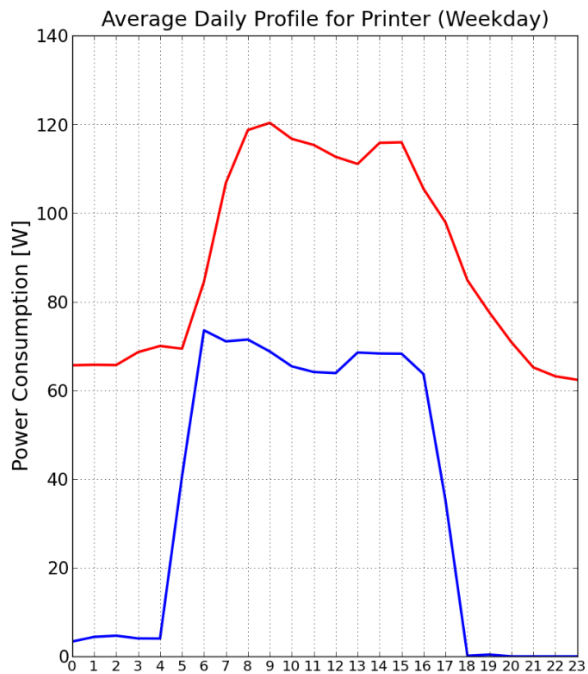
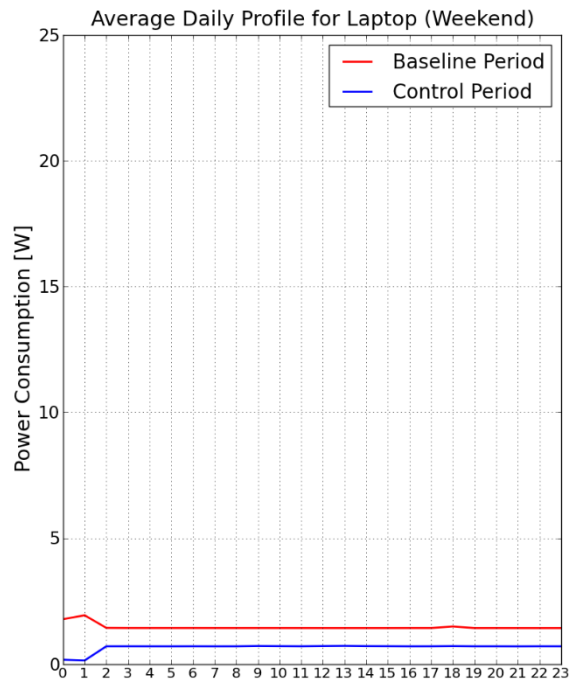
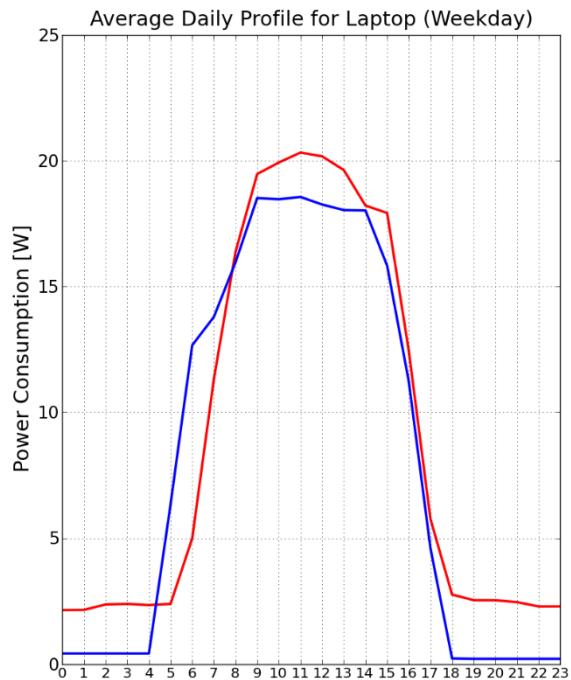


Figure IV-4: Diagram of project timeline

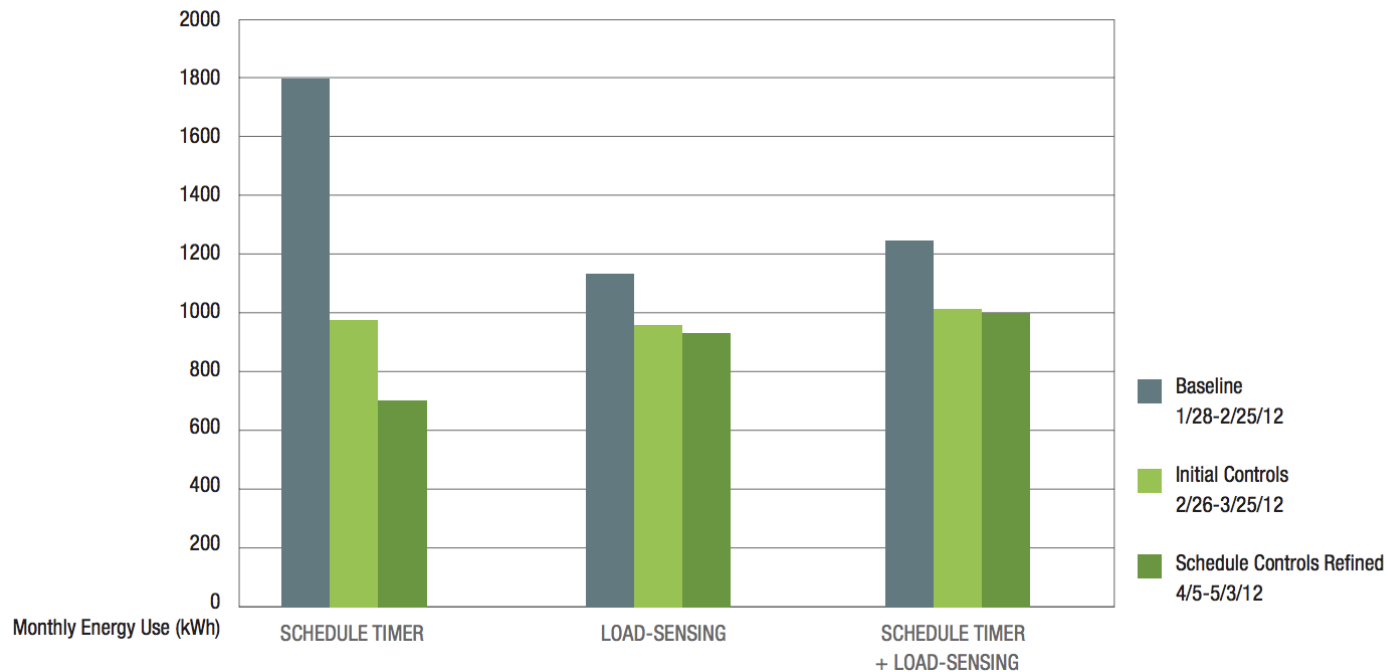
# Printers



# Laptops



# Energy Savings



**26%**  
**ENERGY SAVINGS**  
AT WORKSTATIONS  
with advanced computer  
management in place  
**48% IN KITCHENS &  
PRINTER ROOMS**



# Simpler and Lower-Cost Schedule Timer Most Effective

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- Largest savings with devices powered 24/7 such as printers, copiers and kitchen appliances
- Majority of users did not wish to have more control over their individual APSs
- Load-sensing might be worth pursuing for individual workstations when occupants have a variety of desktop appliances and unpredictable schedules

# Payback

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## GSA Estimated Energy Savings

77.23 kWh/yr for Workstations

Annual savings of \$8.50

466.2 kWh/yr for Common Areas

Annual savings of \$51.29

**3**  
**YEARS**

PAYBACK

for workstations

@\$22 per device

.5 years for

common areas

# Recommended Broad Deployment

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## Best suited for all locations

- Energy savings and low payback support deployment throughout GSA's portfolio



# Test-Bed Experience

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## Timer tested was powerful

- Each plug programmed separately, wifi accessible, logged plug electricity use
- IT security issues prevented connecting to GSA's network
- Savings weren't as high as initially expected because most offices had already gone from desktop to laptop computers

# Test-Bed Experience

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## User experience

- Users didn't like big brother aspect of logging when electricity was being used
- Users had issues with printers being turned off when they needed them
- Override switch wasn't easy to use, users had to get on hands and knees to access

# Current APS

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Decided on a much dumber timer-controlled APS

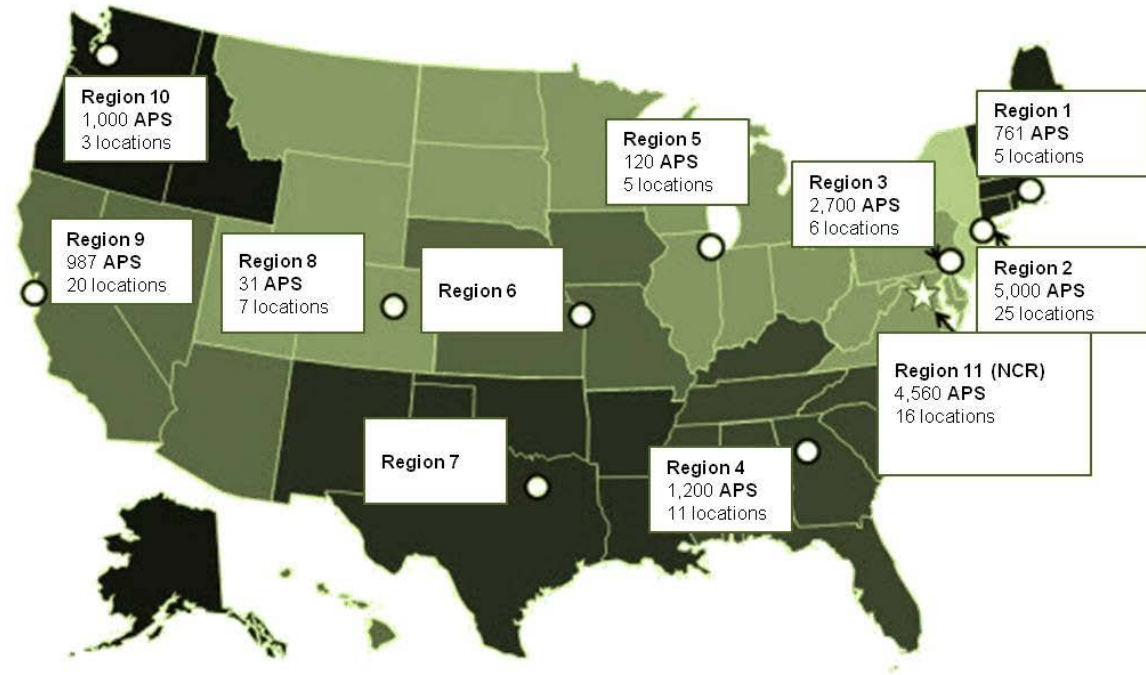
- Most of these are still being used
- At first, the thought was that it would be hard to give these away but then everyone wanted one



# APS National Deployment

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16,000 timer-controlled devices in over 80 facilities across GSA



# Deployment Details

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## Bulk Purchase of APS

- Off the shelf, no customization, Belkin, Conserve Surge with Timer
- On GSA Schedule & TAA compliant
- 35% discount from GSA Schedule

## Deployment

- 90% workstation  
10% kitchen/print room

## Cost Effective

- Over \$200,000 savings annually
- 1.7 year overall payback
  - Workstations  
2.6 years
  - Common Areas  
0.4 years



# Timer-Controlled APS Functionality

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## One-Touch Desktop Button

Use the Desktop Button to turn your Timed Outlets on and off. These outlets automatically turn off after 11 hours to save power. The blinking LED status indicator notifies you when your outlets are about to be turned off. Press the button to keep outlets on for another 11 hours.




## 6 Auto-Off Timed Outlets

Timed outlets automatically turn off after 11 hours. Use these outlets for devices that don't require constant power (24/7), such as laptop computers\*, monitors, phone chargers, printers, and desk lights.

## 2 Always-On Outlets

Use these outlets for devices that require power at all times, such as desktop computers, phones and clocks.





Emerging Technologies' two programs — GSA Proving Ground (GPG) and Pilot to Portfolio (P2P) — enable GSA to make sound investment decisions in next generation building technologies based on their real world performance

# GPG-027 Honeycomb Solar Thermal Collector

General Services Administration  
Public Buildings Service



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## HONEYCOMB SOLAR THERMAL COLLECTOR



### Cost-Effective for Facilities with Electric Water Heaters and Large Consistent Loads

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) requires new federal buildings and major renovations to meet 30% of their hot water demand with solar energy, provided it is cost-effective over the life of the system. In response to this mandate, GSA's GPG program commissioned the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to assess a unique solar hot water (SHW) collector technology, the Honeycomb Solar Thermal Collector (HSTC). The HSTC uses a honeycomb insulating layer to minimize heat loss, making it particularly effective, manufacturers say, in cold climates, where many GSA facilities are located. The technology was installed at two test-bed locations, the Major General Emmett J. Bean Federal Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the GSA Regional Headquarters Building in Auburn, Washington. Researchers found that, for most domestic hot water applications in which mains water is heated by an array of solar collectors and stored in a tank, the HSTC technology was up to 8% more efficient

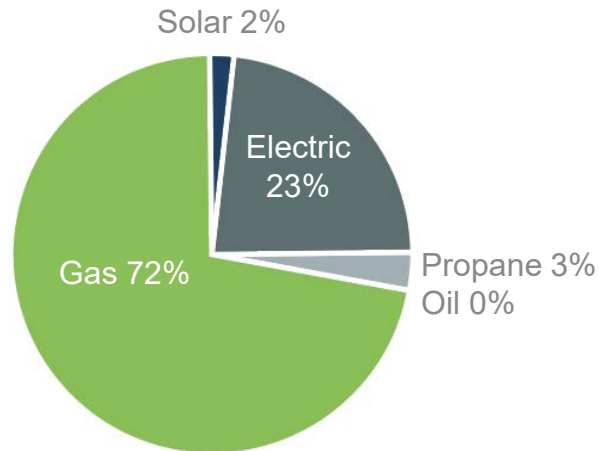
# Requirement for Solar Hot Water

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## 30% of Solar Hot Water Required—EISA 2007

- For new construction and major renovation. Provided it is cost-effective over the lifetime of the equipment. Technology life for SHW systems is typically 25 years.
- When the law was written, SHW was more cost effective than PV. Since then PV has dropped 80% in price and natural gas prices are 48% lower.<sup>1</sup>

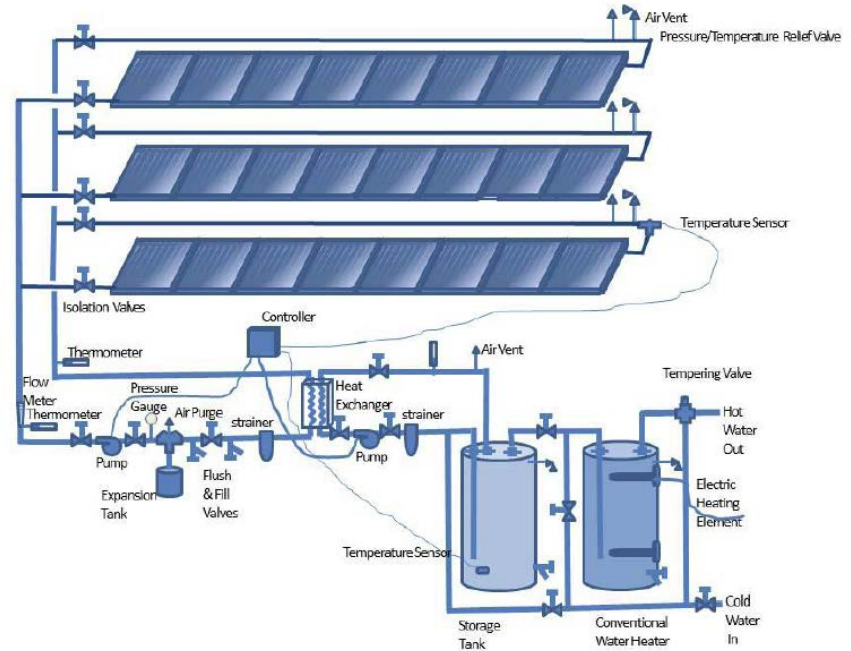
Domestic Hot Water Energy Sources



<sup>1</sup> Natural Gas per 1,000 cubic/ft 2007=\$7.31; 2017 \$3.52, <https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n3045us3a.htm>

# How It Works

- The collector captures sunlight energy with solar panels and heats a fluid (sometimes but not always water).
- Heated fluid flows from the collector to a storage tank for use in service applications, space heating and cooling, and process heat.



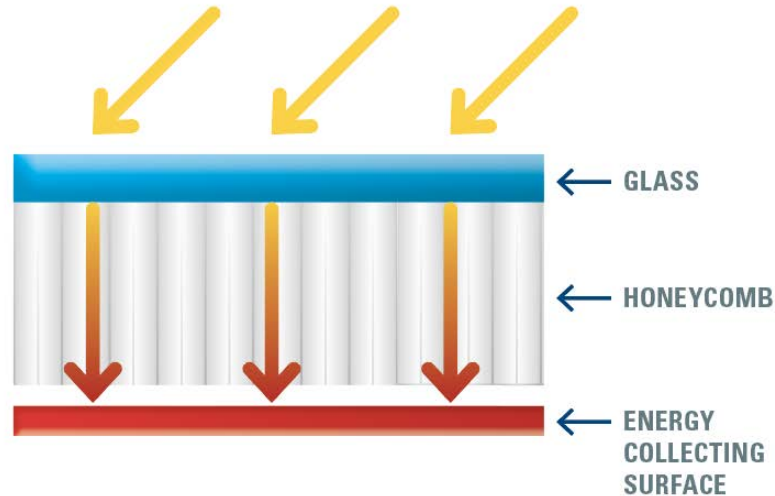
# How HSTC Differs from Typical Flat-Plate Collectors

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## Claim of Higher Operating Efficiency in Cold Climates

### MINIMIZES HEAT LOSS

Honeycomb insulating layer allows solar energy to enter the collector while reducing heat loss from the energy collecting surface





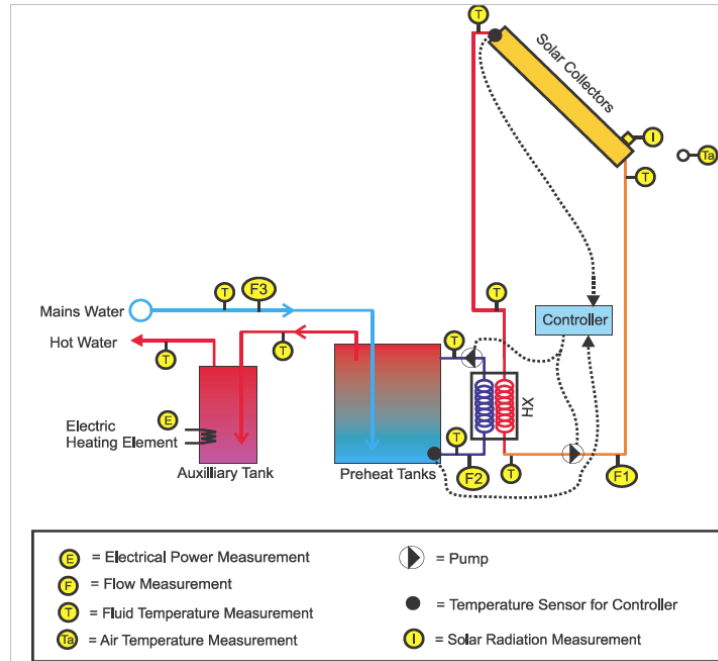
# Measurement & Verification

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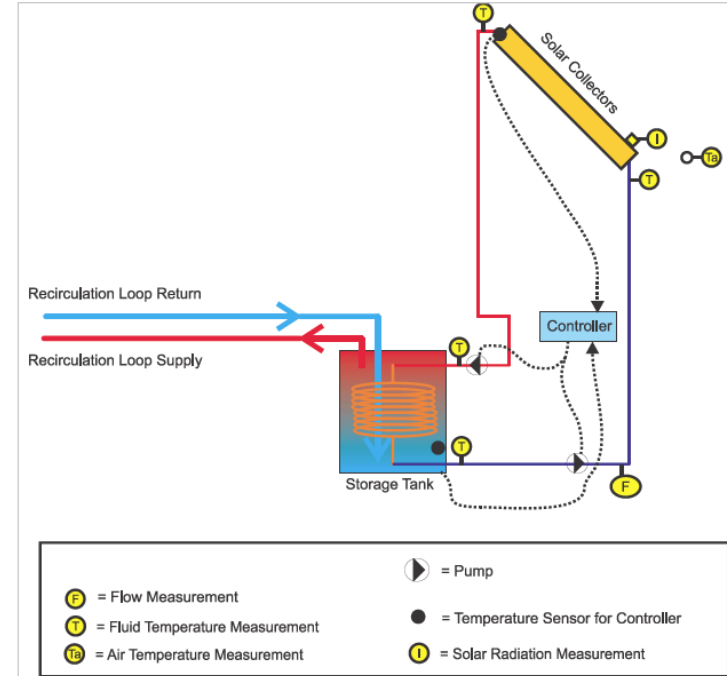
## Researchers Monitored Performance at Two Demonstration Sites in Cold Climates



# System Design



Bean Federal Center

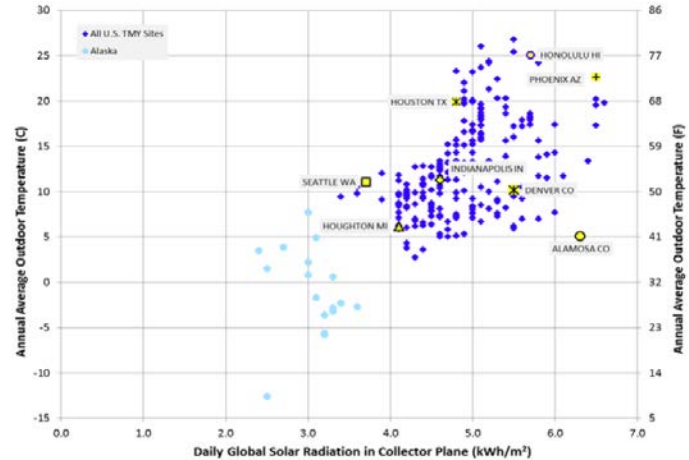


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# Performance Objectives

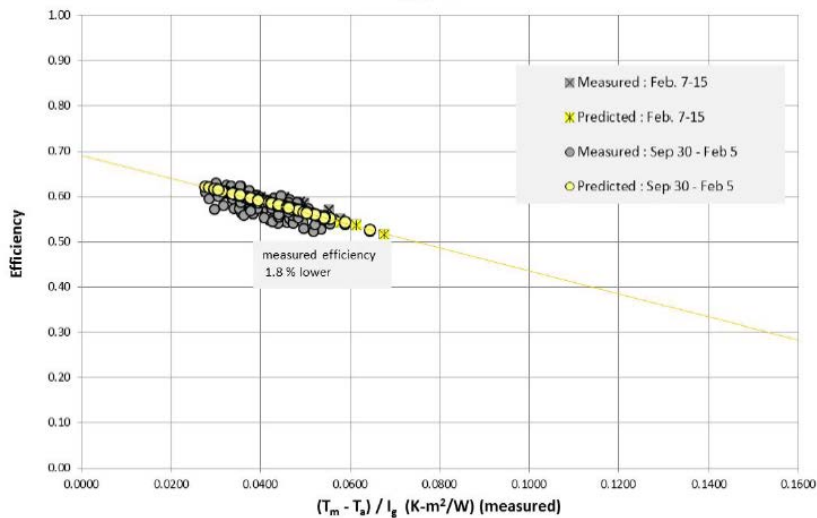
- Was collector performance within  $\pm 10\%$  of manufacturer's claims?
- What was efficiency compared to incumbent technologies?
- Did the overheat protection work as expected?



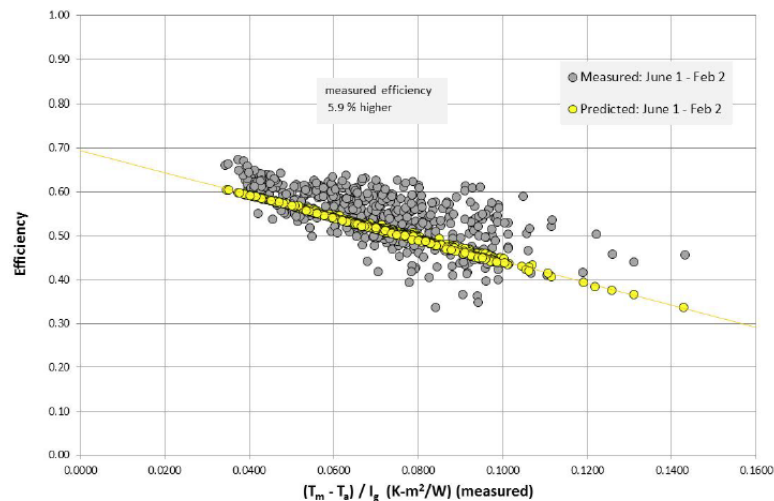
U.S. Locations Used in the Simulation Study

What is the expected

# Measured Efficiencies Within 2% of Manufacturer's Estimate



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Comparison of Measured to Predicted Collector Array  
Efficiency

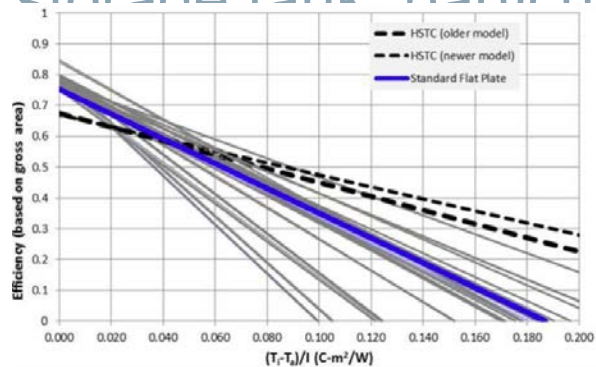


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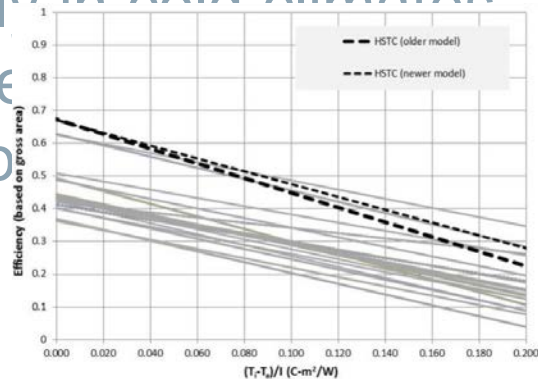
# Comparable to Flat-Plate Collectors—Up to 8% Greater Efficiency

Little difference between hot & cold climates when using a temporary storage tank.

Should outperform flat-plate in systems without a storage tank, particularly in cold climates. SHW



Flat-Plate Collectors



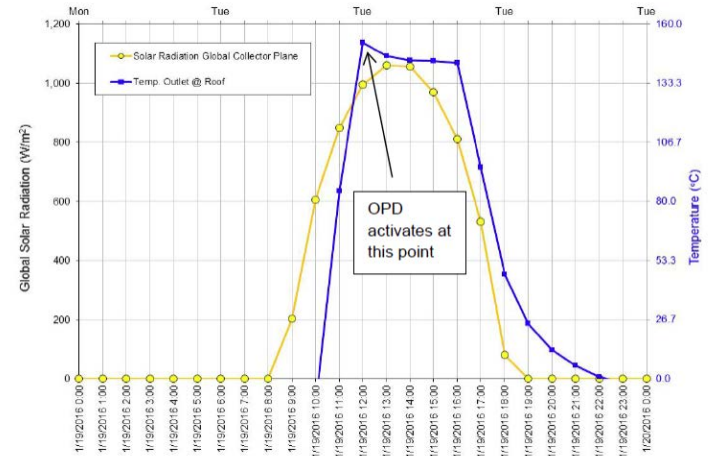
Evacuated Tube Collectors

Sample of Efficiency Curves from the SRCC Database

# Overheating Protection Worked

Maximum Stagnation Temperature of 152°C  
(306°F)

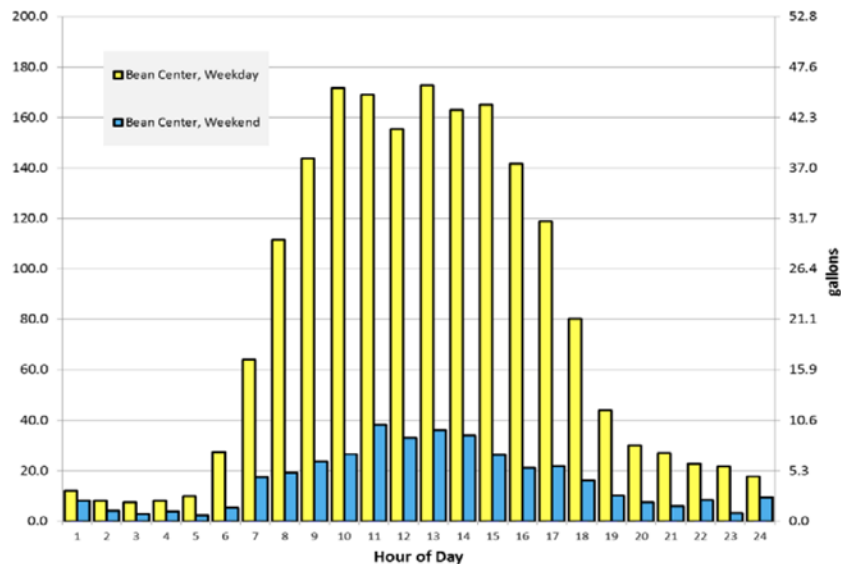
HSTC OPD might decrease SHW maintenance costs over its lifetime.



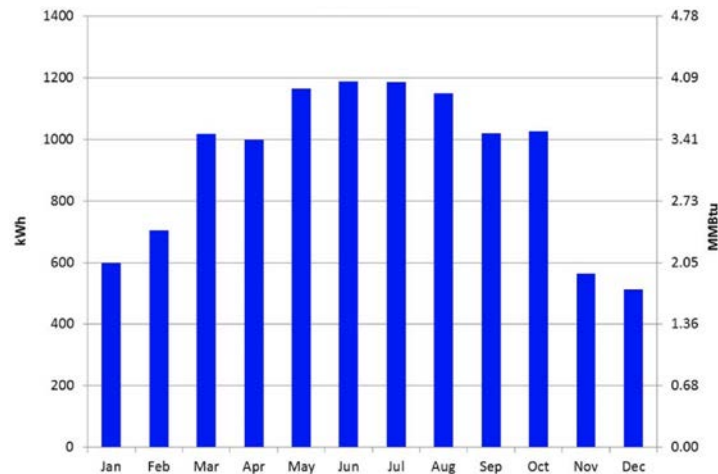
Measured Stagnation Temperature During a Clear Day in January. Outdoor Temperature Was About -9°C (16°F).

# Energy Savings—Bean Federal Center

11,100 kWh/year



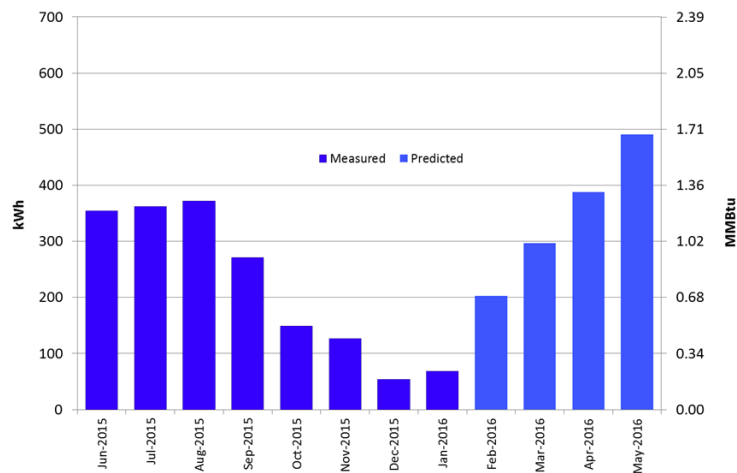
Weekday and Weekend Hot Water Usage



Monthly Electrical Energy Savings

# Energy Savings—Auburn Regional Headquarters

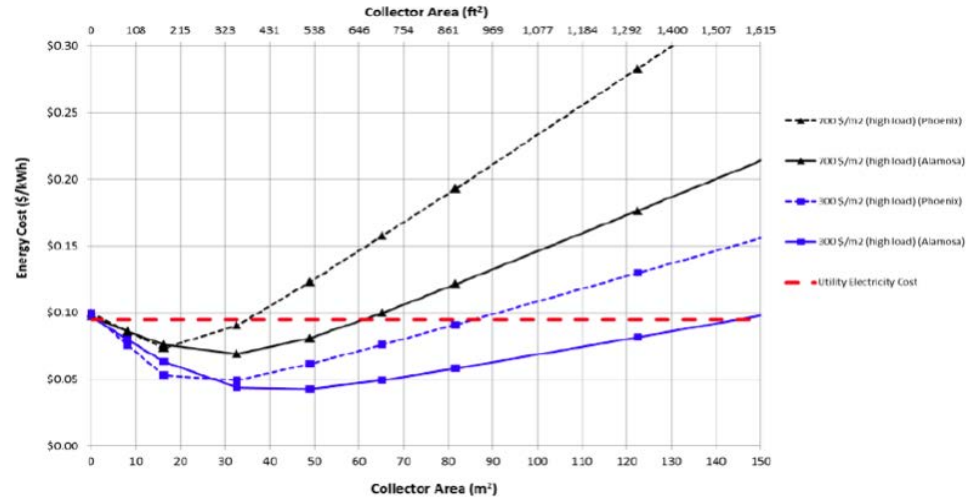
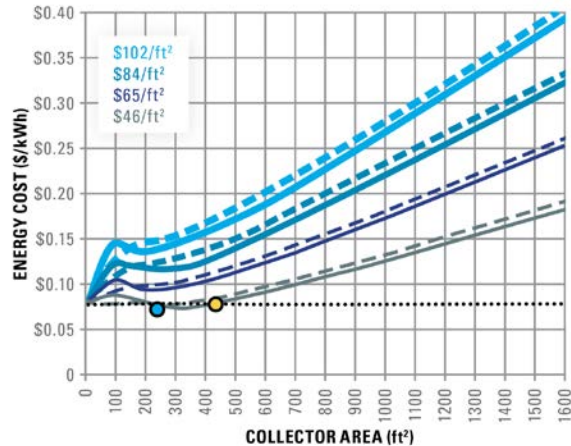
3,155 kWh/year



Monthly Electrical Energy Savings

# Climate Important to Cost Savings and System Sizing

Optimal System Size for 500-Gallon Load  
Seattle, WA (cold/cloudy)



Delivered Energy Cost for Two Very Sunny Climates, One Very Hot (Phoenix, AZ) and One Very Cold (Alamosa, CO), With Similar Unit Energy Costs

# Large Loads are Critical for Positive ROI

## Positive ROI With Electric Reheat, 500-Gallon Weekday Load and 46/ft<sup>2</sup> Installed Cost

City	Hot Water Load (gal/day)	System Unit Cost (\$/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Collector Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Solar Fraction*	Annual Energy Savings (kWh/yr)	Payback (years)	SIR
<b>Seattle, WA</b> <b>cold/cloudy</b> annual solar radiation 5.0 gigajoule/m <sup>2</sup> /yr	125	\$102	88	0.44	3,154	40.0	0.26
	500	\$102	175	0.32	8,937	26.8	0.56
	500	\$46	175	0.32	8,937	13.0	1.15
<b>Indianapolis, IN</b> <b>cold/partly cloudy</b> annual solar radiation 5.9 gigajoule/m <sup>2</sup> /yr	125	\$102	88	0.51	3,638	29.0	0.42
	500	\$102	175	0.38	10,448	19.2	0.81
	500	\$46	175	0.38	10,448	9.3	1.68
<b>Denver, CO</b> <b>cold/sunny</b> annual solar radiation 6.8 gigajoule/m <sup>2</sup> /yr	125	\$102	88	0.60	4,291	24.5	0.54
	500	\$102	175	0.44	12,343	16.2	0.98
	500	\$46	175	0.44	12,343	7.8	2.03
<b>Phoenix, AZ</b> <b>warm/sunny</b> annual solar radiation 8.5 gigajoule/m <sup>2</sup> /yr	125	\$102	88	0.54	2,757	21.4	0.50
	500	\$102	175	0.71	13,556	15.0	1.06
	500	\$46	175	0.71	13,556	7.3	2.20

Collector cost is only 20% of installed system cost, a more expensive collector has a relatively small impact on overall costs.



# Guidelines for Deployment

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- **Implement Efficiency First** Applicable water conservation and energy efficiency opportunities should be implemented before sizing a solar thermal system.
- **Use Accurate System Design Tools to Optimize Cost Effectiveness** Using the approach outlined in NREL's report to determine system design, a detailed sub-hourly simulation program should be used and the system should be modeled accurately with SRCC-rated solar thermal panel performance data. Life-cycle cost, rather than efficiency, should drive system selection.
- **Use a Trained Solar Hot Water Installer** There are several unique features of SHW systems with which experienced plumbers may not be familiar, such as calculating the required pressure of collector fluid to avoid boiling under stagnation conditions.

# Target Locations

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- **Large, Consistent Weekday Hot Water Loads** The larger the load being offset, the more cost-effective the system (facilities with workout facilities, kitchens, laundry).
- **Central Hot Water Systems** Facilities with centralized domestic hot water systems should be targeted for SHW. Facilities with small decentralized point-of use domestic hot water systems are not suitable for solar thermal installations.
- **Roof Availability** Facilities with roofs that won't need to be replaced for 20 to 25 years, have sufficient space available to accommodate an SHW system, and won't need expensive structural modifications to carry the increased load.
- **High Solar Resource** Sunny locations are more cost-effective.
- **High Energy Costs** The unit cost of electricity (\$/kWh) is seven times

# Deployment

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Consider for Facilities with Electric Water Heaters and Large, Consistent Loads

- Natural gas prices in the U.S. are generally too low to make SHW cost-effective.
- Life-cycle cost, rather than efficiency, should drive system selection.



# GSA Regional Headquarters, Auburn

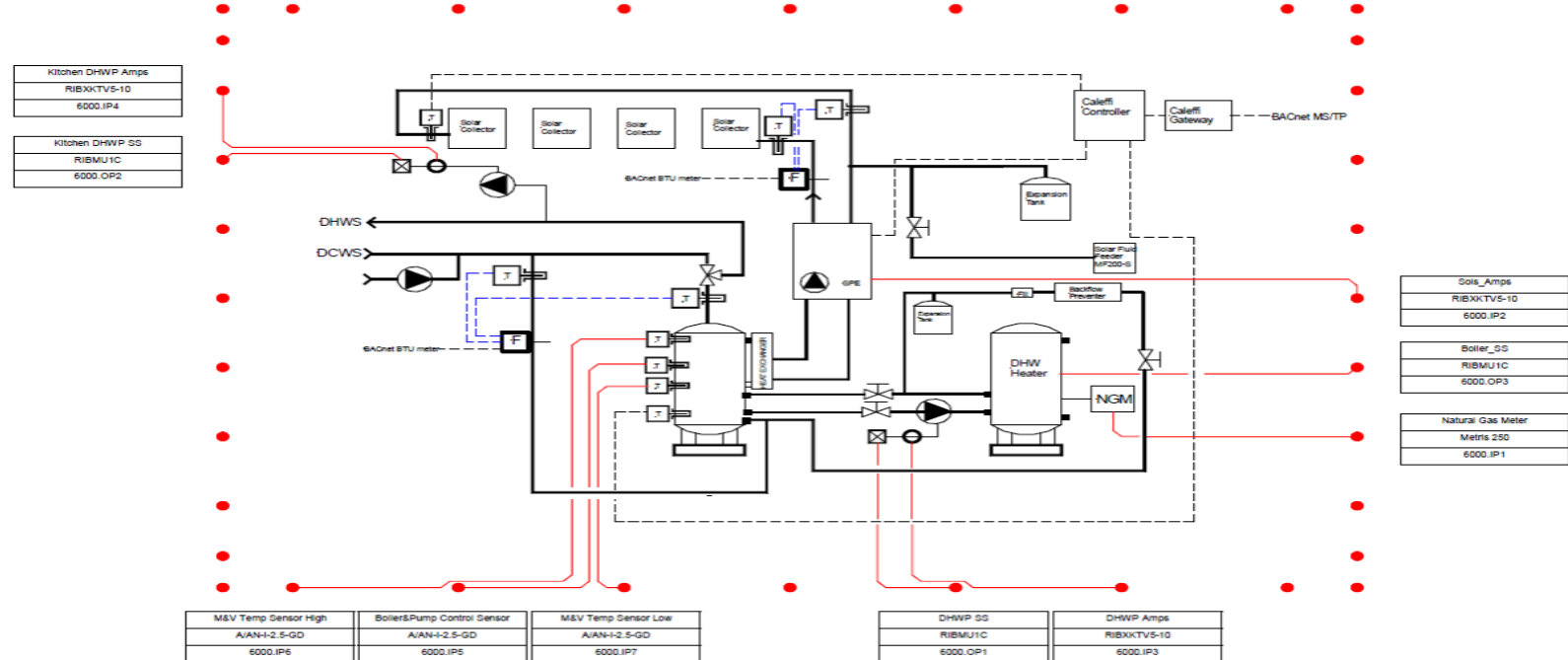
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- Installed as design build
- The mechanical system installer engaged a solar expert for this installation
- A year after the installation was completed, our cafe was closed, which impacted the payback
- Works well in summer, but has limited application in winter



# Process and Instrumentation Drawing

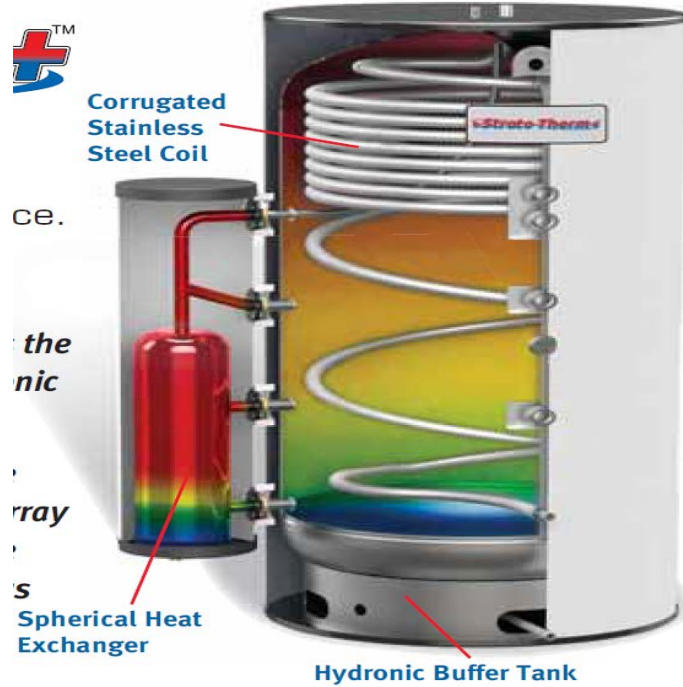
## System Drawings Report



# Solar Controller



# Thermal Storage Tank





# Bean Federal Center

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Not currently operating, need to consult with a local solar thermal system installer and re-examine:

1. Concentration of glycol (antifreeze)
2. Set point of pressure relief valve
3. Pressure of fluid in system





# Bean Federal Center—Preliminary Recommendations

- Change from 30% to 50% antifreeze
- Increase system pressure from 15 psi to 78 psi in the mechanical room (70 psi at the roof)  
Note: Measured pressure estimated on the roof (but pressure being measured in the mechanical room, 2 floors down, pressure change is 0.4 psi per foot.

## Assigning Pressure

Concentration on Propylene Glycol (%)	Gauge Pressure (psi)	Boiling Temperature (deg F)	Freezing Temperature (deg F)
50%	34.8	292.0°	-23.2°
50%	39.2	297.3°	-23.2°
50%	43.5	302.2°	-23.2° min. pressure = 47.9 psi
50%	47.9	306.7°	-23.2°
50%	52.2	311.0°	-23.2°
50%	56.6	315.0°	-23.2°
50%	60.9	318.8°	-23.2° recommended = 69.6 psi
50%	65.3	322.4°	-23.2°
50%	69.6	325.8°	-23.2°
50%	74.0	329.0°	-23.2°
50%	78.3	332.1°	-23.2°
50%	82.7	335.0°	-23.2°
50%	87.0	337.8°	

# Going Forward

- AE firm to talk with report authors.
- Emerging Technologies to provide support for operations.

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HONEYCOMB SOLAR THERMAL COLLECTOR

**OPPORTUNITY**

Why is GSA interested in the Honeycomb Solar Thermal Collector (HSTC)?

**30% SOLAR HOT WATER (SHW) REQUIRED**  
TO COMPLY WITH EISA<sup>1</sup>

**TECHNOLOGY**

How does HSTC differ from typical flat-plate collectors?

**MINIMIZES HEAT LOSS**

Honeycomb insulating layer allows solar energy to enter the collector while reducing heat loss from the energy collecting surface.

**M&V**

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

**NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY** measured performance of an HSTC system provided by Tegi Solar at two demonstration sites: the Major General Emmett J. Bean Federal Center in Indianapolis; and the GSA Regional Headquarters Building in Auburn, Washington.

**RESULTS**

How did HSTC perform in M&V?

**COMPARABLE**  
TO OTHER FLAT PLATES FOR STANDARD DHW

In SHW systems without a storage tank, HSTC should outperform other flat plates, particularly in cold climates!

**TRAINED SHW INSTALLER IS CRITICAL**

To address unique features of SHW systems!

**OVERHEATING PROTECTION WORKED**

May decrease maintenance costs over time!

**Modeled Energy Savings for HSTC in Locations with Different Solar Resources**

Larger loads are critical for positive ROI.

City	Hot Water Load (gal/day)	Collector Area (sq-ft)	System Unit Cost (\$/ft²)	Collector Price (\$/ft²)	Solar Fraction (%)	Annual Energy Savings (kWh/yr)	Payback (years)	ROI
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<sup>1</sup> The solar fraction represents the fraction of the total hot water energy load that is displaced by the solar hot water system.


**DEPLOYMENT**

Where does M&V recommend deploying SHW?

**ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS LARGE CONSISTENT LOADS**

Natural gas prices in the U.S. are generally too low to make DHW cost-effective. Life-cycle cost, rather than efficiency, should drive system selection.

<sup>1</sup>High-Performance Flat Plate Solar Thermal Collector Evaluation. Caleb Rockenbaugh, Jesse Olson, David Lowmiller, Gary Linde, Greg Barber, Ed Henshaw, Paul Norton (NREL), July 2016 p.8 <sup>2</sup>Id., p.7 <sup>3</sup>Id., p.7 <sup>4</sup>Id., p.8

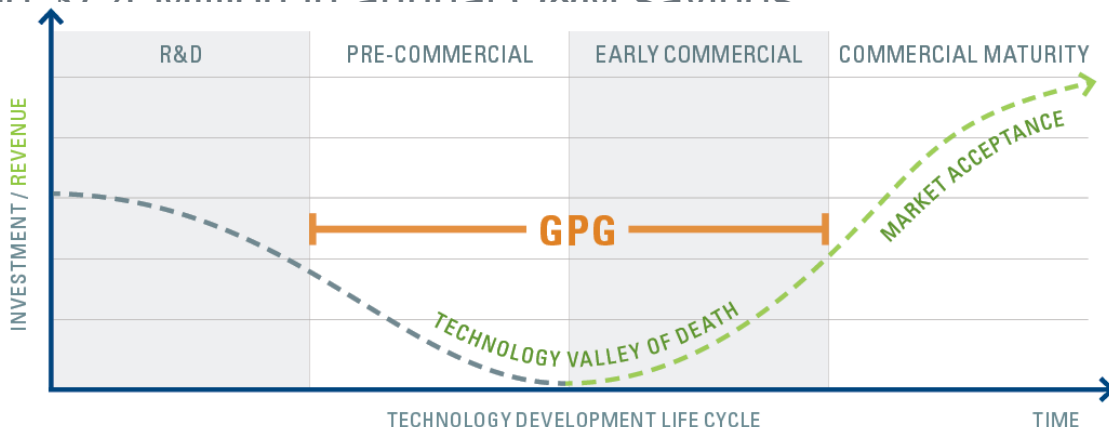


Emerging Technologies' two programs — GSA Proving Ground (GPG) and Pilot to Portfolio (P2P) — enable GSA to make sound investment decisions in next generation building technologies based on their real world performance

# Leading by Example

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GSA's Proving Ground accelerates market acceptance by objectively assessing innovative building technologies in real-world environments, and deploying those that deliver. To date, GSA has installed 9 technologies across more than 200 buildings. In aggregate, these technologies are delivering \$7.4 Million in annual O&M savings.



# GPG Process

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Identify promising technologies at the edge of commercialization



Pilot technology installations within GSA's real estate portfolio



Partner with Department of Energy national laboratories to objectively evaluate real-world performance



Recommend technologies with broad deployment potential for GSA

# GPG-009 Variable Speed Magnetic Bearing Chiller

GSA Public Buildings Service



GPG-009 | OCTOBER 2013

## MAGNETIC LEVITATION CHILLER COMPRESSOR



### Magnetic Levitation Chiller Compressor Reduces Space Cooling Energy Consumption

In the U.S., space cooling accounts for 9.6% of energy consumption in office buildings. Because space cooling is primarily driven by electricity—a higher cost energy source—it can account for an even greater percentage of a facility's annual energy bill.<sup>1</sup> Chillers, used frequently in larger facilities, provide cooling in 31% of office building floor space within U.S. commercial buildings.<sup>2</sup>

GSA's Green Proving Ground (GPG) recently evaluated the effect of new, more efficient chiller compressor technology on energy cost and consumption by assessing a magnetic levitation ("maglev") chiller compressor at the George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. This new chiller compressor technology offers quieter, more efficient cooling at lower partial loads than positive displacement chillers, due to its ability to reduce friction, operate at variable speeds, and integrate with diagnostics and monitoring systems. GPG's

# Opportunity

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**10%**

**OF ENERGY**

GOES TO SPACE  
COOLING



**32%**

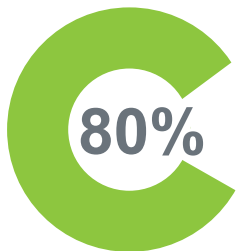
**OF COMMERCIAL  
BUILDINGS**

RELY ON CHILLERS  
TO PROVIDE THIS  
COOLING

# GSA Opportunity

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GSA FLOOR SPACE



Large Buildings

BUILDINGS >100,000 SF

Most Use Water-Cooled Chillers

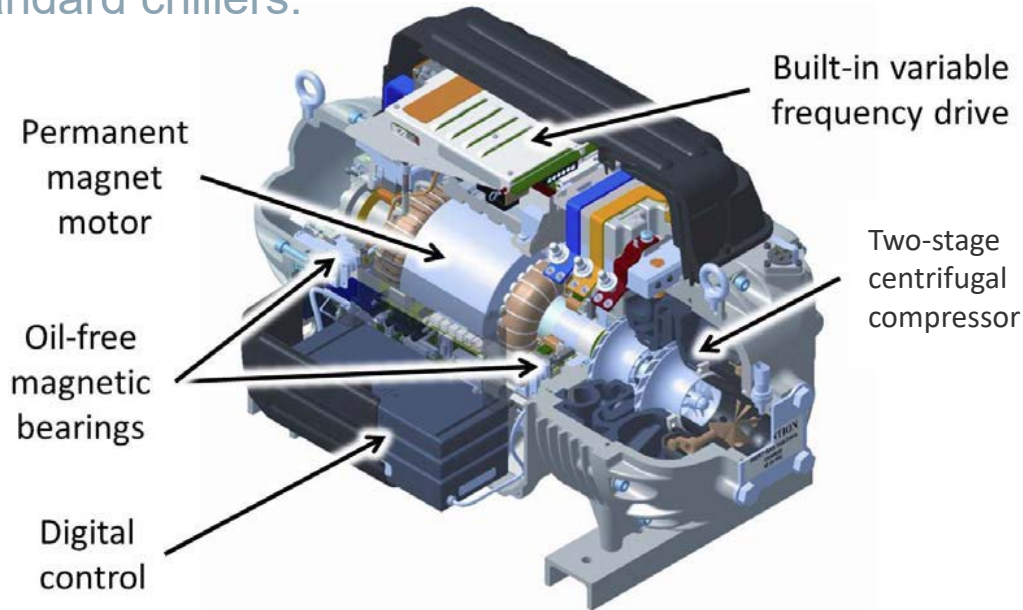


## GPG-009. Variable Speed Magnetic Bearing Chiller

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**Improves Efficiency when Operating Under Small and Partial Loads**

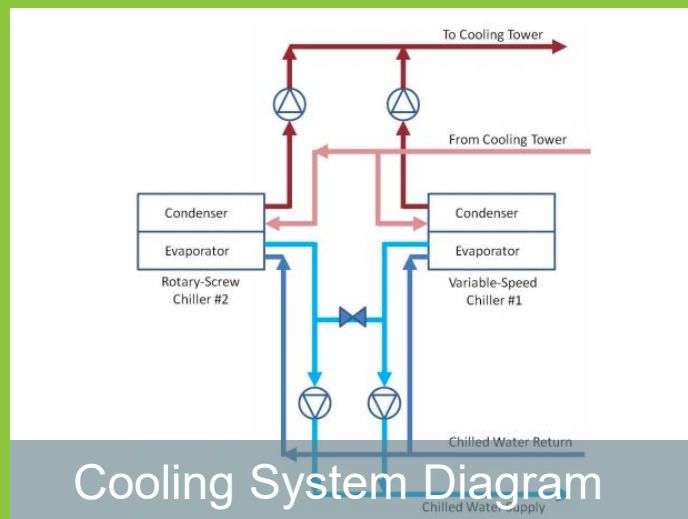
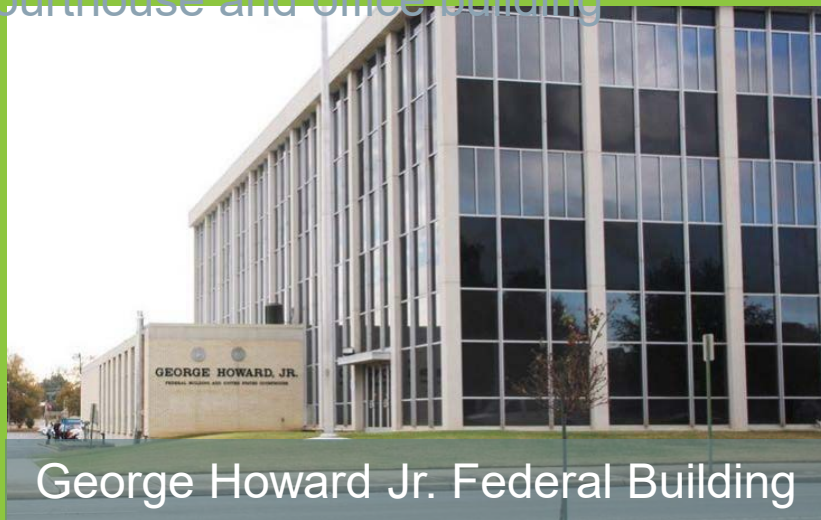
Uses magnetic levitation to eliminate heat, noise and vibration associated with standard chillers.



# Measurement & Verification

Experts monitored performance of old and new chillers over a six-month period

George Howard, Jr. Federal Building—a four-story, 108,000 square foot courthouse and office building



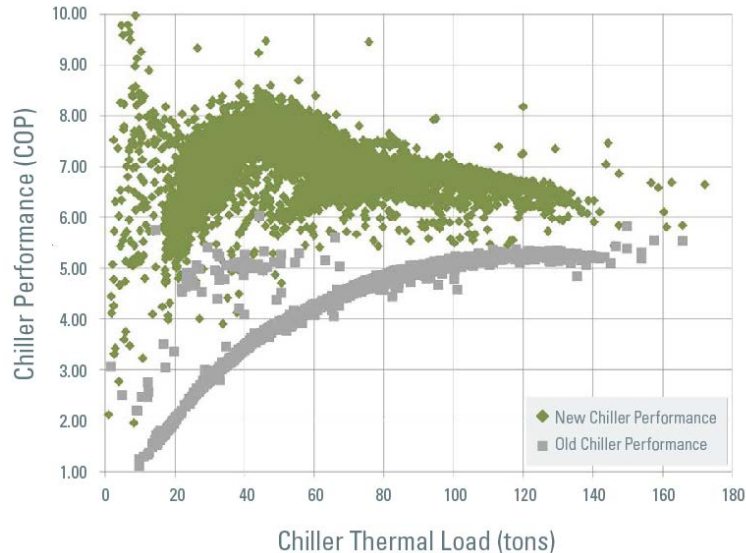
# Basecase at the George Howard Federal Building, Pine Bluff AR

- 150-ton rotary-screw chiller installed in 1993  
(Before variable-speed chillers, smaller chillers needed to be rotary screw)
- Rotary-screw compressor used R-22 refrigerant; MBC used R-134A.

Description	Original Chiller	New Chiller
Nominal Capacity	150-tons cooling	150-tons cooling
Minimum Circuit Rating	460-volt, 185-amp, 3-phase	460-volt, 166-amp, 3-phase
Maximum Circuit Rating	480-volt, 300-amp, 3-phase	480-volt, 225-amp, 3-phase
Compressor Rating	1 unit 460 volt 148 run-load amps (RLA)	2 units 460 volt 72 RLA (each)
Oil Tank Heater	2 units 115 volts 2 RLA	Not applicable
Refrigerant	R-22 330 pounds	R-134A 531 pounds
Oil	35 pints	Not applicable

# Efficiency of Magnetic Bearing Chiller (MBC) Increases at Low

MBC chiller efficiency is highest at low loads (27 to 33% of nominal full load)  
Incumbent chiller efficiency continuously decreases as



**42%**  
**ENERGY SAVINGS**  
AS COOLING LOADS  
DECREASE, EFFICIENCY  
INCREASES

## Cost-Effectiveness

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**\$9,097 energy cost reduction per year**

at the George Howard Jr. Federal Building @ \$0.073/kWh



**Less than 5 year incremental payback**

at end-of-life replacement after normalizing for payment structure & utility costs

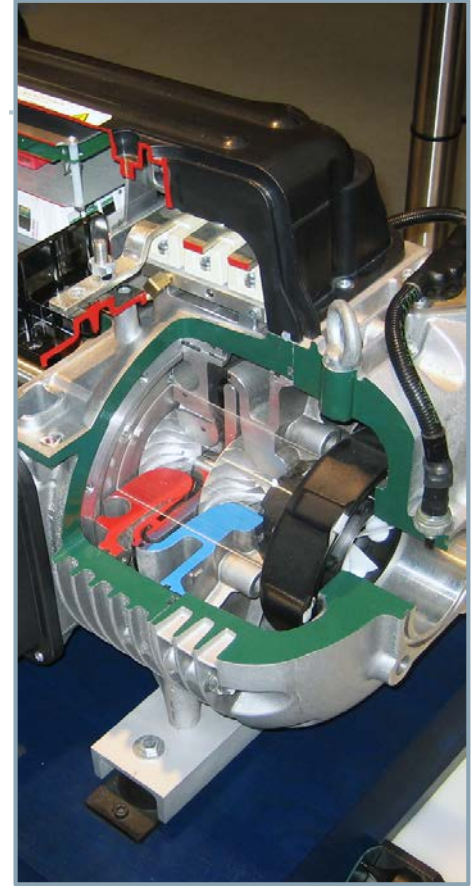
and as compared to new FEMP-designated rotary screw chiller

# Operations & Maintenance

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## Magnetic bearing compressor benefits:

- Smaller and lighter than similar capacity compressors.
- Quiet, frictionless chillers placed closer to occupant spaces.
- More efficient cooling at lower partial loads.



## Additional GSA Deployments MBC Chiller

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R1: 4 deployed

R2: 6 deployed

R4: 46 deployed

R5: 50 deployed

R6: 20 deployed

R7: 68 deployed, 4 pending

R8: 1 deployed, 3 pending

R9: 5 deployed

R10: 6 deployed

NCR: 4 deployed

**210 total**

# GSA Region 7 Experience

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## 1/3 of R7 Chiller Inventory is MBC

- Range of tonnage
  - From 60-ton with 1 compressor to 750-ton with 4 compressors
  - Majority water-cooled, a few air-cooled
- IPLV values (in kW/tons) for water-cooled MBC typically range from 0.3 to 0.35
- Recommended IPLV values of various water-cooled chillers
  - Rotary screw (greater than 150 tons) - 0.49 or less
  - Centrifugal (150-299 tons) - 0.52 or less
  - Centrifugal (300-2000 tons) - 0.45 or less

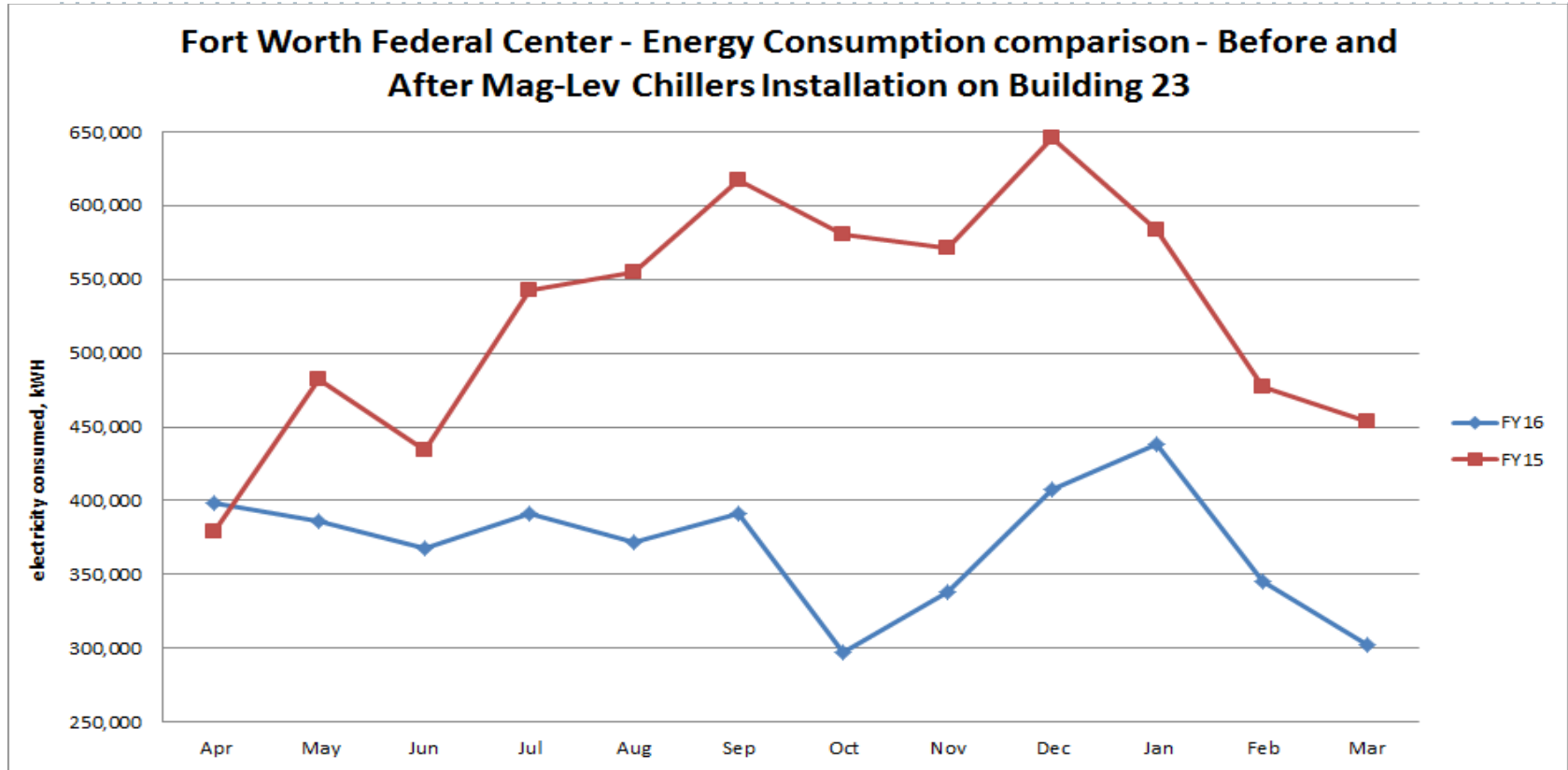


## Lessons Learned

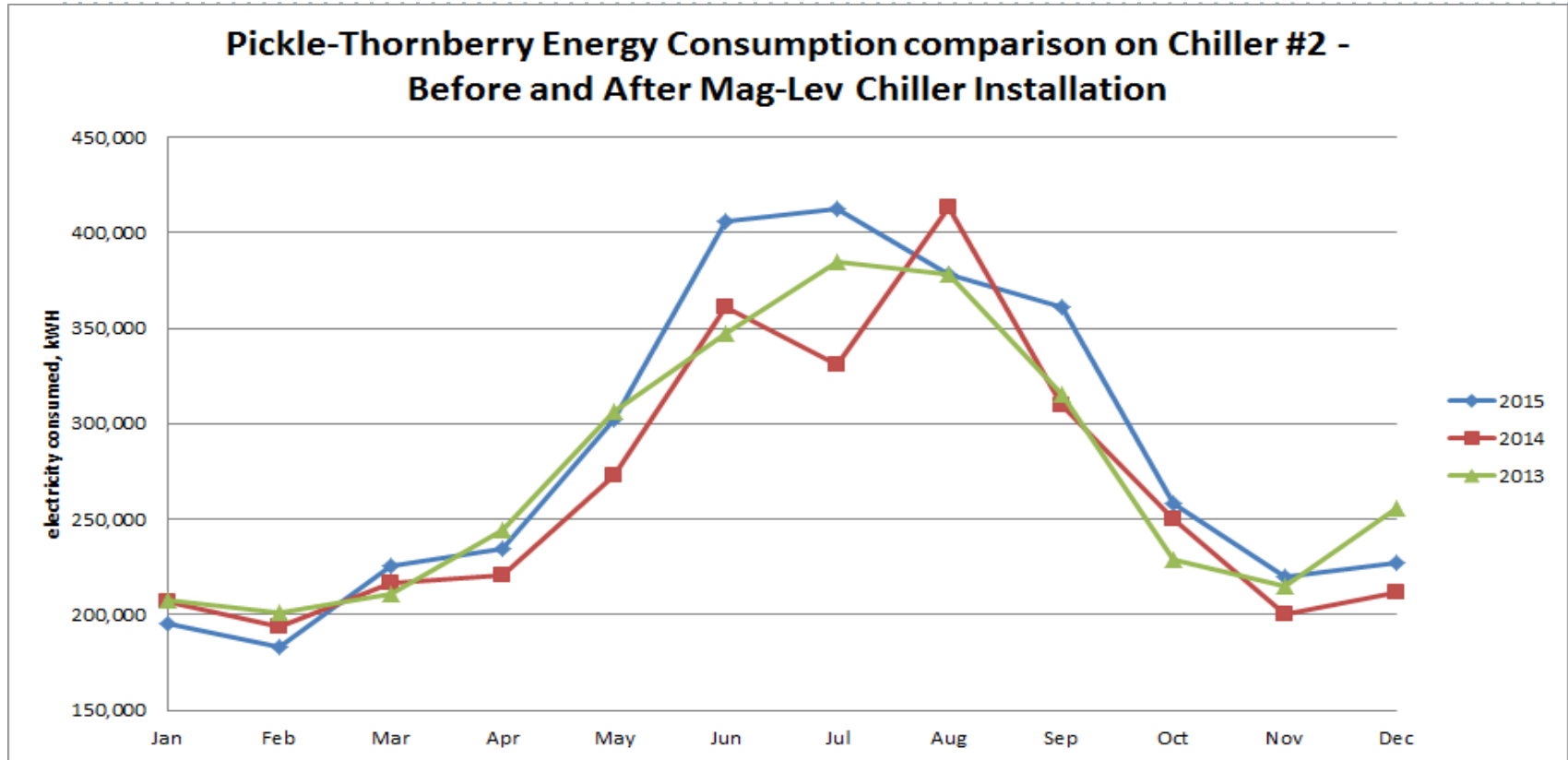
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- MBC chiller needs to be operated differently, most efficient at lower partial loads, stage chillers to get maximum efficiency.
- Essential that O&M contractor is trained.
- In most cases, chiller-replacement projects are incentive-eligible

# Examples from the Field — Whole Building Energy Use



## Examples from the Field : Whole Building Energy Use



GPG-031

# Variable-Speed Direct-Drive Screw Chiller

General Services Administration  
Public Buildings Service



GPG-031 | JANUARY 2017

## VARIABLE-SPEED DIRECT-DRIVE SCREW CHILLER

### Variable-Speed Screw Chiller Delivers Energy Savings Across a Wide Range of Operating Conditions



Over the past 15 years, chillers have become more efficient, more flexible and easier to operate. Most contemporary chillers will outperform the late 20th century models they are replacing, but there are significant differences to consider among chillers now on the market. The Green Proving Ground program, in collaboration with researchers from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, evaluated the most recent development in chiller technology, the variable-speed direct-drive screw (VSS) chiller, alongside the current state-of-the-art chiller technology, the variable-speed magnetic levitation (maglev) chiller.<sup>1</sup> The test bed design at the Sidney R. Yates Building in Washington, D.C. connected both chillers to the same chilled water and condenser water loops, creating operating conditions as close to identical as possible within a real-world environment. Measurement and verification from the Yates Building showed that the VSS further raised the bar on chiller performance, consuming 11% less

## Report Reissued after Third-Party Review

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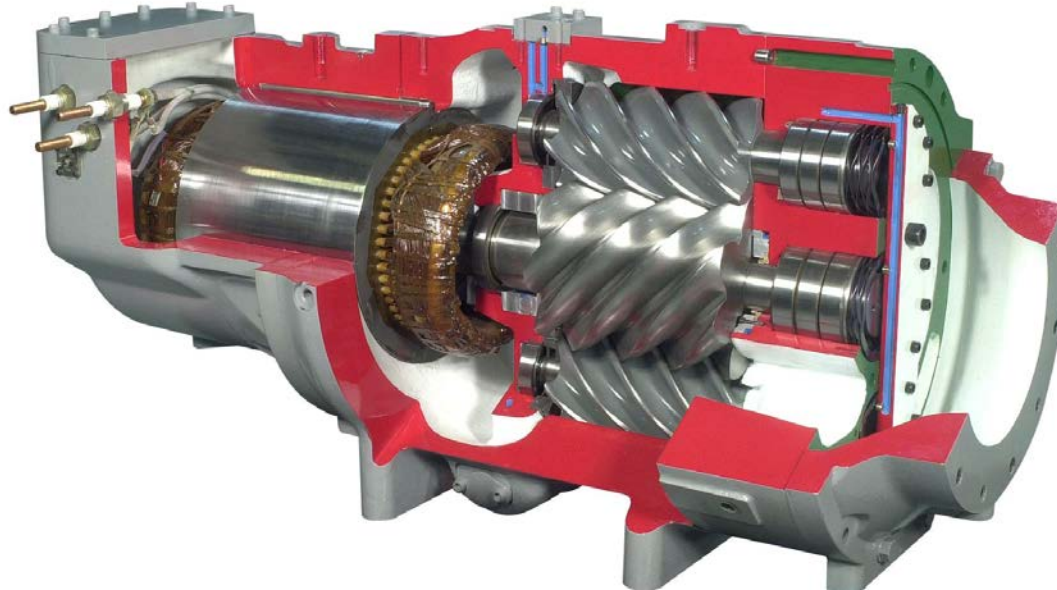
- Report originally released in December 2016. In February 2017 Daikin (MBC Vendor) and Danfoss (OEM of MBC compressor) submitted letters raising concern about the accuracy of the published findings.
- GPG commissioned both internal and third-party review to validate the substance of these concerns. As an outcome of this review, language in the report has been clarified to better characterize test bed design, chiller selection, and measurement uncertainty. The report's substance and overall

## GPG-031. Variable-Speed Direct-Drive Chiller

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### Capacity Controlled by Motor Speed Alone

Three screw rotors and a variable-speed motor are the only major moving parts.



# Measurement & Verification

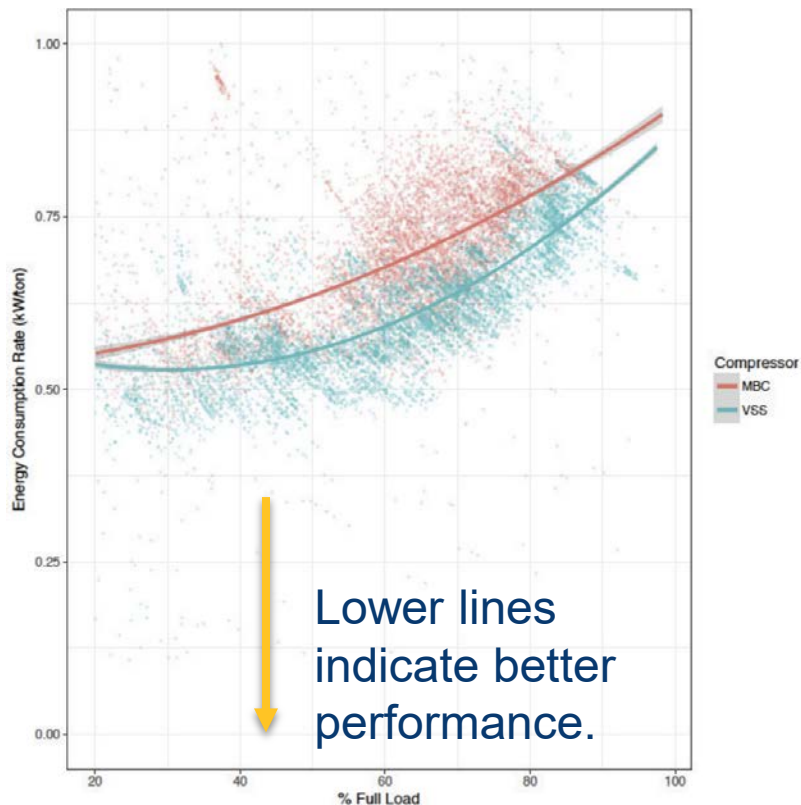
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Both Connected to the Same Chilled and Condenser Water Loops

Real-world operating conditions as identical as possible in the Sidney R. Yates Building, Washington, D.C.



# Chiller Energy Use



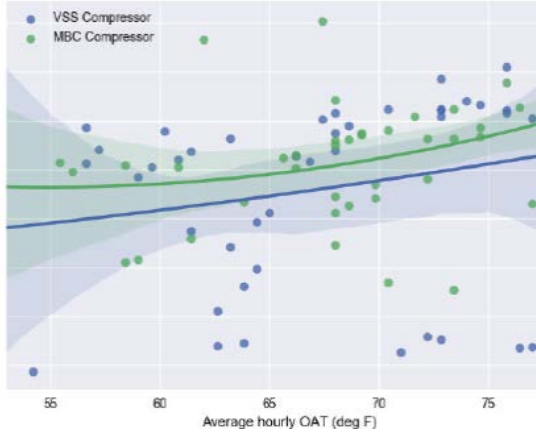
Chillers Have  
Comparable Energy  
Use

VSS 11% Lower Energy  
Consumption Rate at Test  
Bed

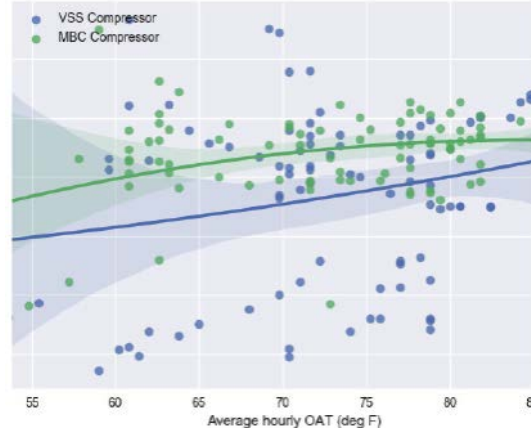
Savings could range from  
+24% to -4% due to  
measurement uncertainty



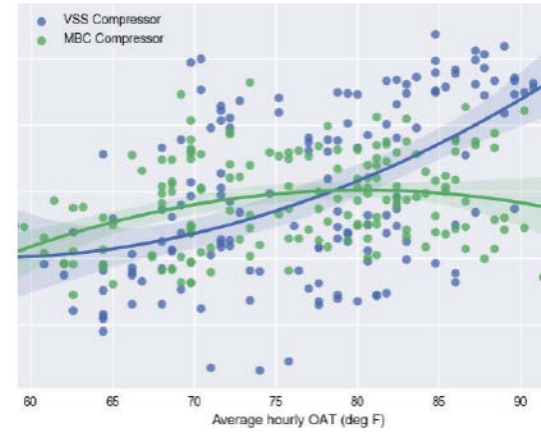
# Average hourly —energy consumption vs outside air temperature



Energy consumed (in kilowatt-hours) per hour when condenser EWT is between **67.5°F** and **72.5°F**



Energy consumed (in kilowatt-hours) per hour when condenser EWT is between **72.5°F** and **77.5°F**



Energy consumed (in kilowatt-hours) per hour when condenser EWT is between **77.5°F** and **82.5°F**

# Operating Conditions

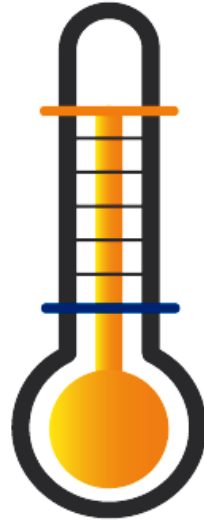
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VSS able to handle swings in condenser water temperature outside the design parameters

Vendor states that MBC can be built to accept wider range of temperatures

VSS Entering Condenser Water  
Temperatures  
July 2016, 95°

March 2016,  
55°



# Noise Ratings

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## 78–83 Decibels for Both VSS and MBC

Sound level comparable to a vacuum cleaner, conversation is possible in the mechanical room.

VSS Load	DBA
100	83
75	83
50	77
25	77

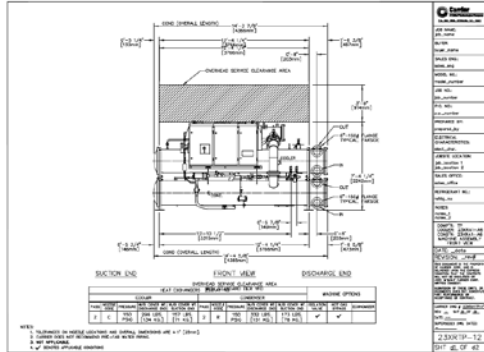
MBC	DBA
100	83.5
75	82.5
50	81
25	77

# Yates Test Bed – 275 Ton Load Specified

VSS  
275 ton chiller

14.4 ft length  
18,857 lbs.

Budget Price: \$119,000<sup>1</sup>

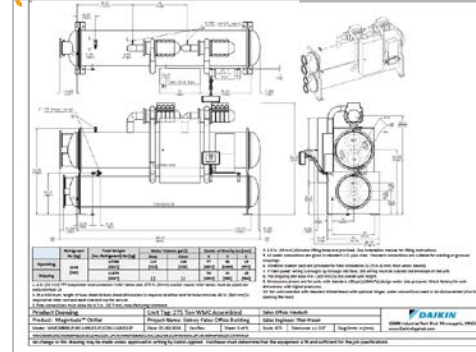


<sup>1</sup>Budget price was verified by using a third-party to "ghost shop" the vendor.

MBC  
400 ton shell/2-200 ton compressors<sup>2</sup>

14.1 ft length  
13,800 lbs.

Purchase Price: \$185,000



<sup>2</sup>During design phase, vendor confirmed that this configuration was "selected for the most efficient" at a 275-ton capacity.

# Deployment Opportunity

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## Consider VSS and MBC for End-of-Life Replacement for Water-Cooled Chillers

While VSS and MBC both provide improved operating performance compared to chillers meeting minimum FEMP performance criteria, the VSS chiller's ability to tolerate swings in condenser water temperature make it more robust and especially attractive for mission critical applications like data centers.



# Facility Manager Feedback - Yates Test Bed

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## Thumbs Up to Both Chillers

- VSS runs more in shoulder season accepts lower condenser water temperatures — 55°F for VSS, 65°F for MBC.
- You can shut down one of the compressors on the MBC.
- VSS chiller is a little noisier at low loads.



# Facility Manager Feedback - Yates Test Bed

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## VSS Best for Our Unique Set-Up

- Cooling tower sump is 25-feet in the ground with no heater.



# BEST PRACTICES



# Best Practices for Chillers

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## Chiller Plant Design and Commissioning

Employ a mechanical engineer to do a thorough economic and technical analysis for all facets of the chiller plant design. Consider the control optimization system for chiller plants that GPG evaluated in September 2016 (GPG #028) in the chiller plant analysis.



## Peak Cooling Load

When replacing an old chiller, perform a new heat gain/loss calculation to size the new chiller correctly.

# Best Practices for Chillers

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## Cooling Load Profile

If the building spends most of the time at partial loads, prioritize the energy consumption rate (kW/ton) at part load. If a facility operates 24/7/365 with a fairly high and constant internal load focus on a chiller's efficiency at maximum

Load	VSS Rated kW/ton	MBC Rated kW/ton
100	0.615	0.543
75	0.414	0.412
50	0.278	0.295
25	0.303	0.265

# Best Practices for Chillers

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## Condenser Water Supply Temperature

Centrifugal compressors are custom designed to meet site-specific condenser water temperatures. For effective performance of MBC centrifugal chillers, water temperature must be considered during design.

The variable-speed screw compressor is a universal design; the same compressor can be used in Phoenix, AZ or Fargo, ND.

# Best Practices for Chillers

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## Local Electricity Rate Structure

Look at both consumption and demand charges. If demand charges are high, thermal storage or some other method of load shifting might be a cost-effective part of a new chiller plant design.



## Chiller Manufacturer Presence

When choosing a chiller, consider whether or not the manufacturer operates in your locale. Some manufacturers might be able to provide better service because of having a stronger local presence.