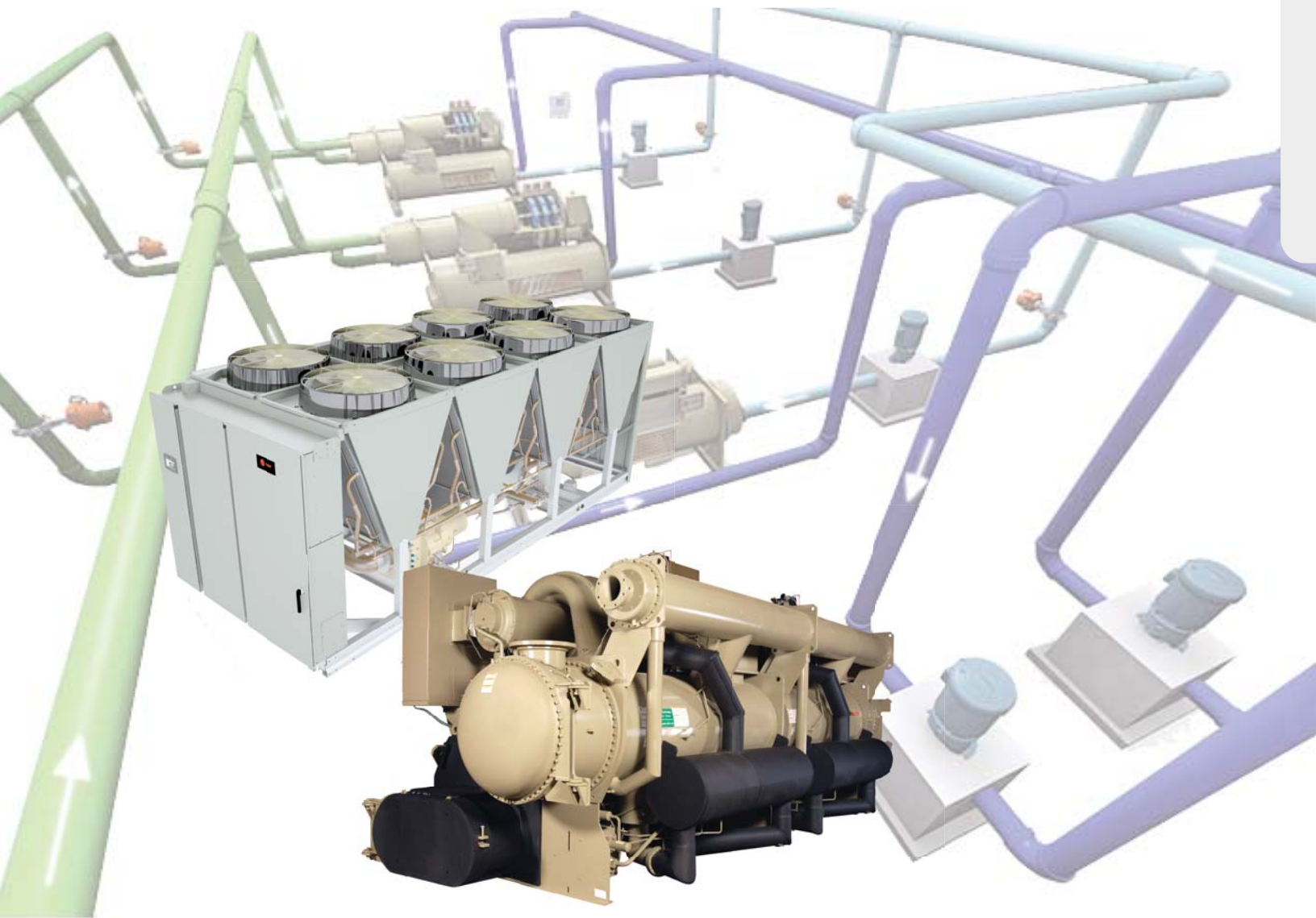




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DIY Chiller Plant Performance Modeling: Easy and Easier

Presenters: Chris Hsieh, Mick Schwedler, Charlie Jelen and Jeanne Harshaw (host)





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Abstract

Analyzing chilled-water plants and optimizing their performance with building loads is desirable to minimize energy use. However, chiller plant design often is set during the schematic design phase, when there are many unknowns. This ENL examines a number of quick analysis tools available that help system designers determine which chilled-water plant design options benefit the building owner and result in efficient system operation.

Presenters: Trane engineers Chris Hsieh, Mick Schwedler and Charlie Jelen

After viewing attendees will be able to:

1. Identify key criteria needed for an accurate chiller plant model
2. Summarize various tools available today and the benefits as well as drawbacks of each
3. Compare results of various tools
4. Explain the methodology used in the latest tool from Trane (myPLV™)

Agenda

- What makes an accurate analysis?
- What makes a simple analysis?
- Analysis tools available today - benefits and drawbacks
- myPLV overview and demo
- Chiller Plant Analyzer overview
- Analysis comparison of results



Presenter biographies

DIY Chiller Plant Performance Modeling: Easy and Easier

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Learning Objectives

1. Identify criteria that is needed for an accurate analysis tool
2. Summarize the various types of analysis tools available today and the pros and cons of each
3. Explain the methodology used in myPLV
4. Identify key data in myPLV reports

Today's Presenters



Mick Schwedler
Manager, Applications
Engineer



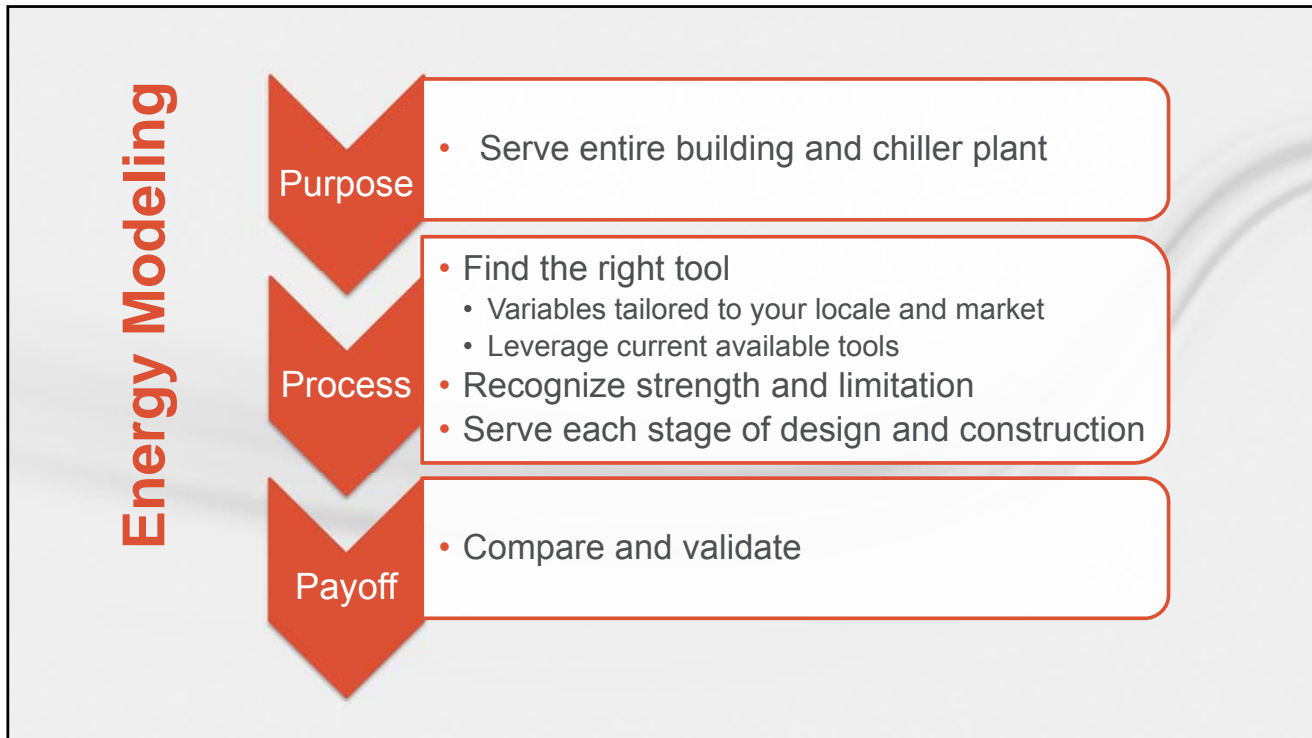
Chris Hsieh
Systems Engineer



Charlie Jelen
Chiller Marketing
Engineer

Agenda

- What makes an accurate model
- Various analysis tools available
 - Pros and cons
- Chiller performance analysis example



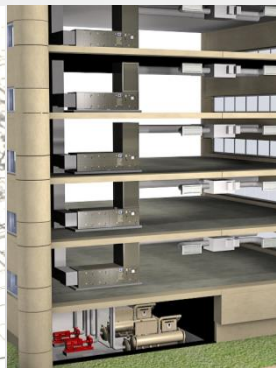
Stages of an Energy Model



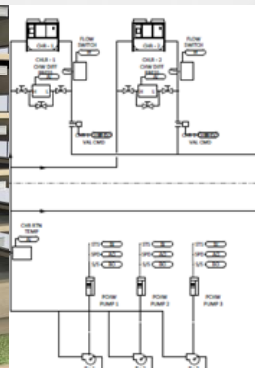
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design



Schematic
design

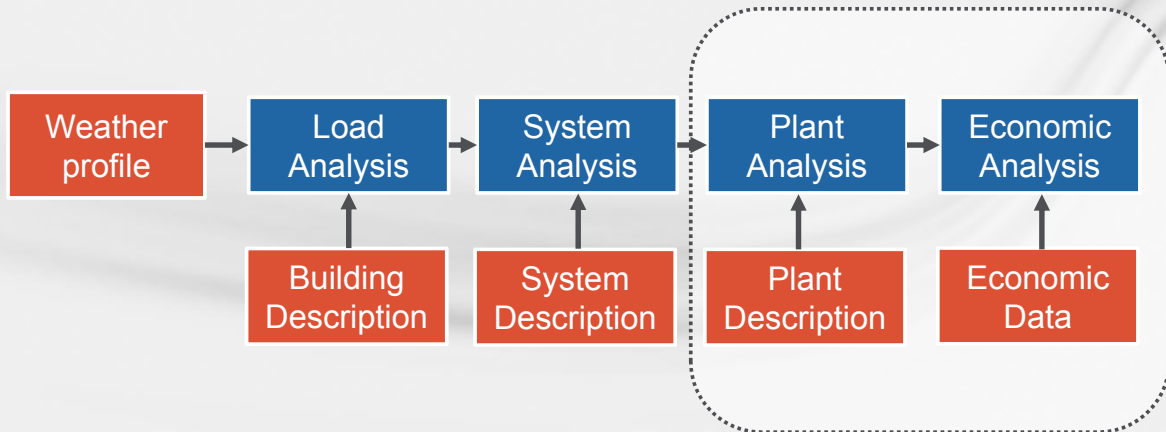


Design
development



Construction
documentation

Building Energy Simulation



Source: Chapter 19 of ASHRAE handbook 2013 – fundamentals

Chiller Specific Tool

Integrated Part Load Value (IPLV)

In summary, **it is best to use a comprehensive analysis** that reflects the **actual weather data, building load characteristics, operational hours, economizer capabilities** and energy drawn by auxiliaries such as **pumps and cooling towers**, when calculating the chiller and system efficiency. The intended use of the IPLV (NPLV) rating is to compare the performance of similar technologies, enabling a side-by-side relative comparison, and to provide a second certifiable rating point that can be referenced by energy codes. **A single metric, such as design efficiency or IPLV shall not be used to quantify energy savings.**

Source: ANSI/AHRI 550/590 Appendix D

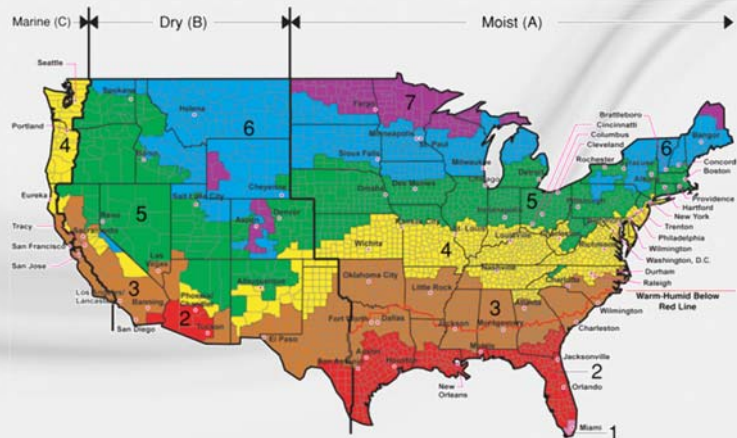
Key Parameters for an Energy Model

1. **Weather**
2. **Building type/load**
3. **Utilization schedule**
4. **Utility rate (actual)**
5. Economizers
6. Optimization controls
7. Chiller performance
8. Chiller pump/tower energy use
9. Calculation engine

Key parameter for an energy model

Weather Library

- Dry-bulb temperature
- Wet-bulb temperature
- Cloud factor
- Wind speed
- Pressure

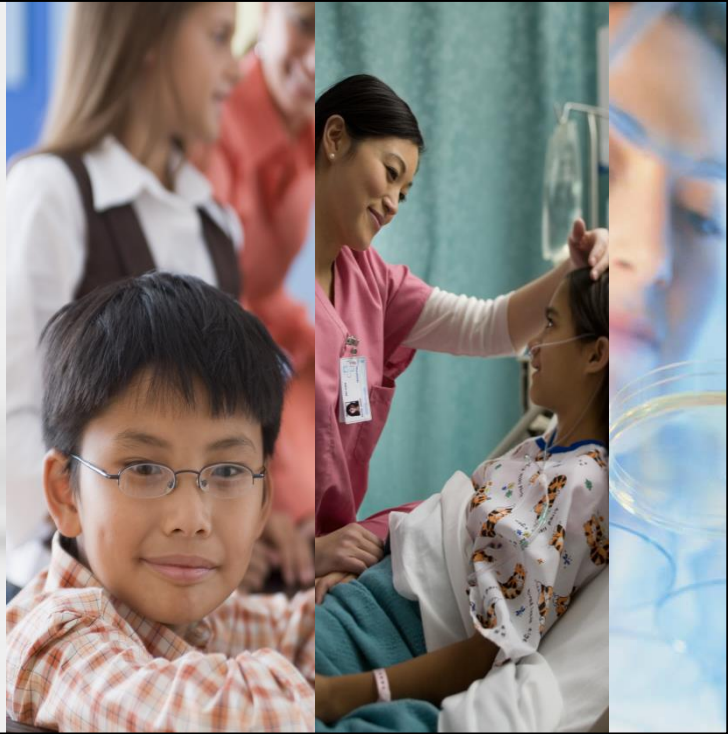


Source: ASHRAE

Key parameter for an energy model

Building Type

- Office
- Government
- School
- Healthcare
- Retail
- Multi-family



Key parameter for an energy model

Utilization

- Occupancy schedule
- Heating schedule and setpoints
- Cooling schedule and setpoints



Key parameter for an energy model

Utility Rates

- Energy types
- Demand and consumption rate
- Renewable energy



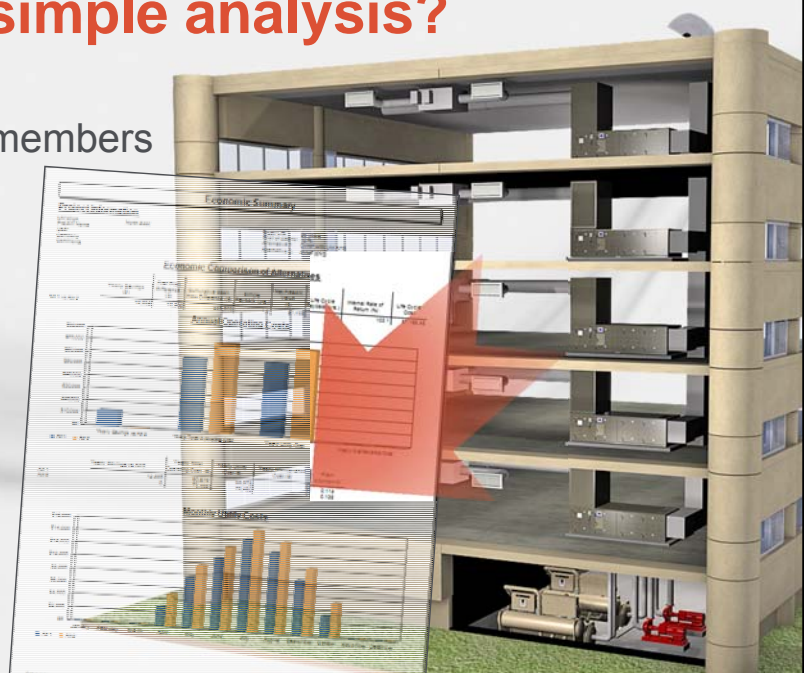
What makes a simple analysis?

Modeling Program

- Pre-packaged library members
 - Weather files
 - Utilization schedules
 - Equipment library
 - Templates
 - Airside systems
 - Materials
- Wizards

Rapid Analysis

- Spreadsheets
- Dedicated software



Transparent

\tran(t)s-'per-ənt\
n

2a: “free from pretense or deceit

2b: “easily detected or seen through”

2c: “readily understood”



Source: Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary

Agenda

- What makes an accurate model
- Various analysis tools available
 - Pros and cons
- Chiller performance analysis example



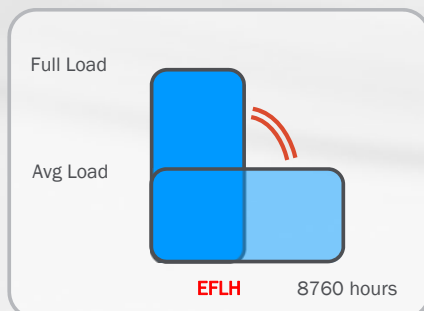
Available Tools

- Equivalent Full Load Hours (EFLH)
- Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV)
- Spreadsheets
- Energy analysis programs

Definition

Annual Equivalent Full Load Hours

Number of hours that an air-conditioner would run at full load to consume the same amount of electric energy it consumes on average over the course of an entire year.



- ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals 1985
- ENERGY STAR Center Air Conditioner – savings calculator
- Local experience (California, Minnesota, Massachusetts)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Estimate Annual Energy Consumption

$$\text{Annual \$} = \text{EFLH} \times \text{Peak Tons} \times \text{Full Load kW/ton} \times \text{\$/kWh}$$



Where do you find EFLH?

- Google? **No**
- Wiki? **No**
- App? **No**
- Trane Air Conditional Manual?
Not really...
- 1985 ASHRAE Handbook?
Not by building type...



Integrated Part Load Value (IPLV)

AHRI Conditions:
Chilled Water: 44°F
 2.4 GPM/Ton

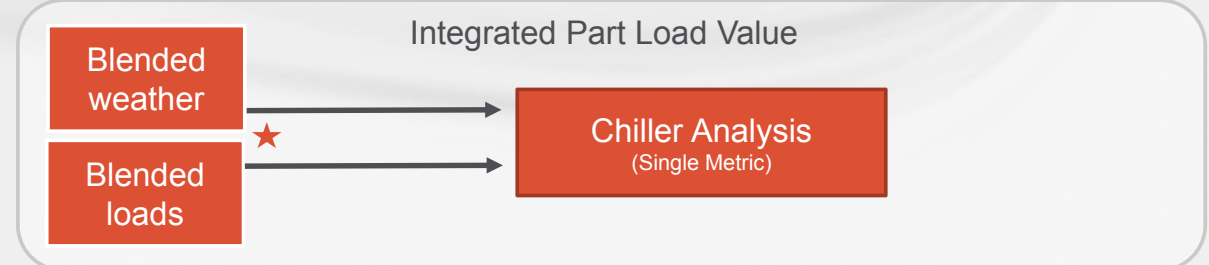
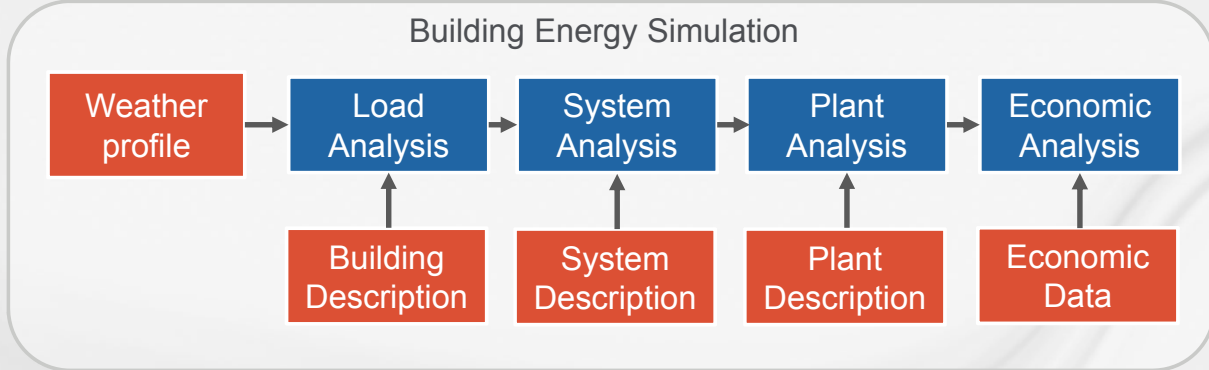
Condenser Water:
 3 GPM/Ton

Temperatures:
 Expected Entering
 Tower Water

$$\frac{1\% + 42\% + 45\% + 12\%}{1} = 0.42$$

.58 +
 .50 +
 .40 +
 .30

- A** = kW/Ton @ 85°F @ 100% Load
- B** = kW/Ton @ 75°F @ 75% Load
- C** = kW/Ton @ 65°F @ 50% Load
- D** = kW/Ton @ 65°F @ 25% Load



IPLV

$$\frac{1\%}{.58} + \frac{42\%}{.50} + \frac{45\%}{.40} + \frac{12\%}{.30} = 0.42$$

Energy Analysis

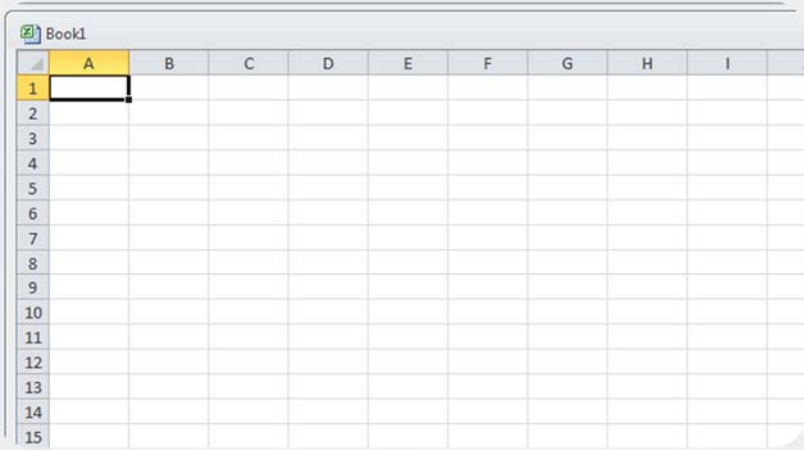
$$\text{Annual \$} = \text{IPLV} \times \text{Peak Load} \times \text{E.F.L.H} \times \frac{\text{\$}}{\text{kwh}}$$

Issues IPLV

- Weighted, but...
- Uses combined utility rates
- What do we multiply by?



Spreadsheet



Spreadsheets



Dry Bulb	Load	Wet Bulb	# Hours	Tower Approach
90-95	100			Hard to get right
85-90	90			
80-85	80			
75-80	70			
70-75	60			
65-70	50			
60-65	40			

Accurate

Three essential components for forward modeling

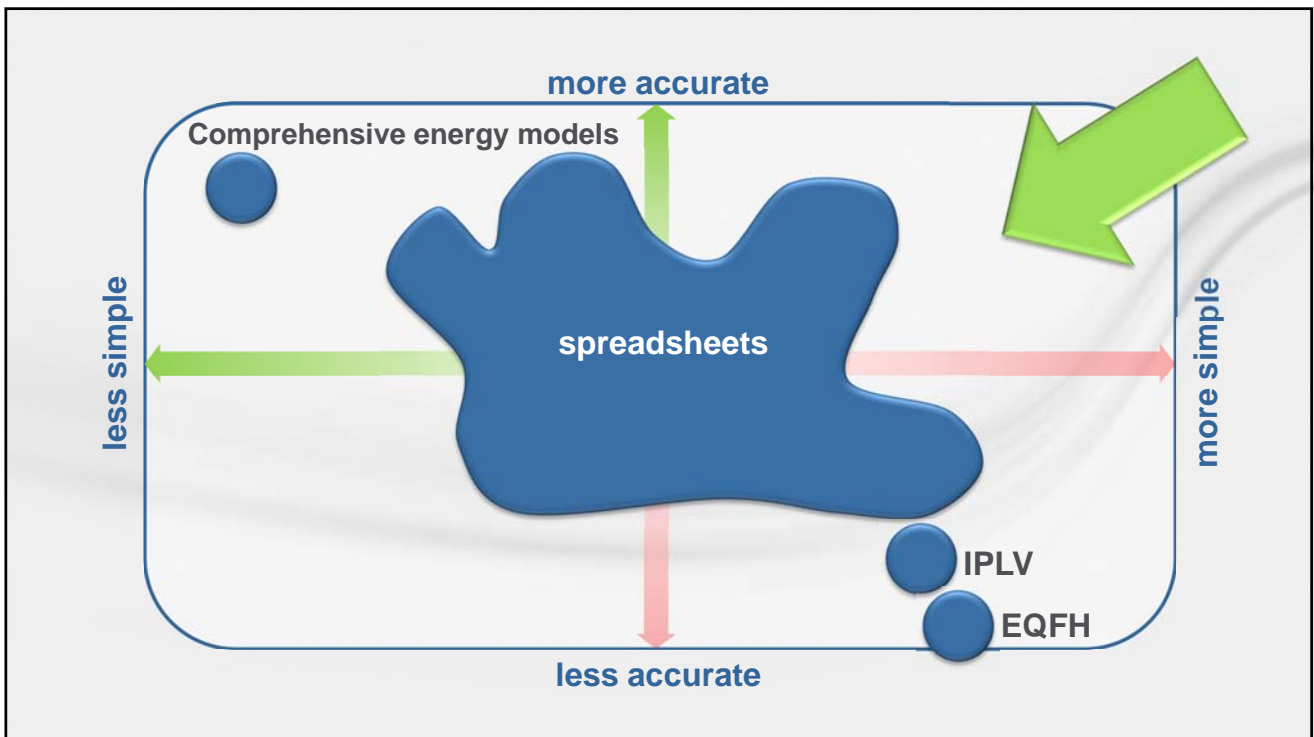
- **Input variables**
 - Weather
 - Building type/load
 - Utilization schedule
 - Economizers
 - Optimization controls
 - Utility rate (actual)
 - Chiller performance
 - Chiller pump/tower energy use
- **System structure and parameters**
- **Output**

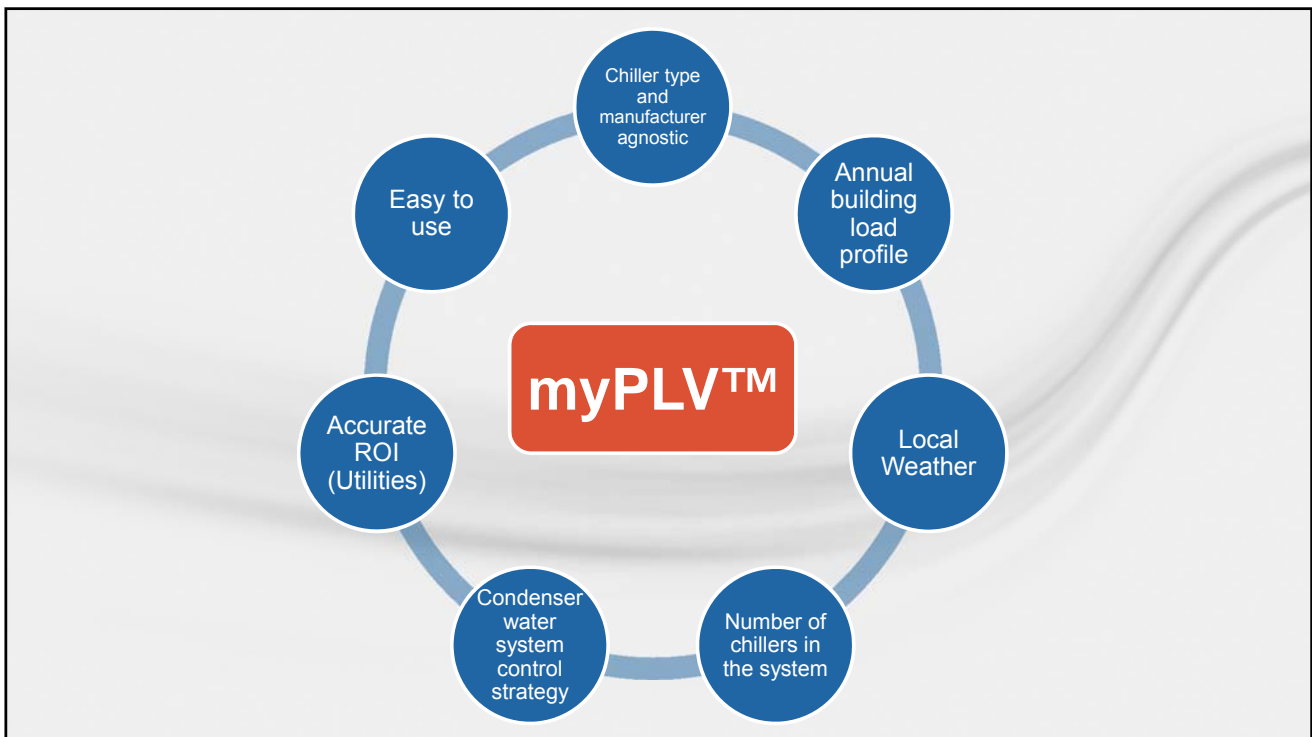
Calculation engine

- **ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140: Standard method of test for the evaluation of building energy analysis computer programs**

Source: ASHRAE Handbook 2013 – Fundamentals
ASHRAE Standard 140
Building Energy Software Tools at IBPSA-USA

TRACE™ 700





myPLV

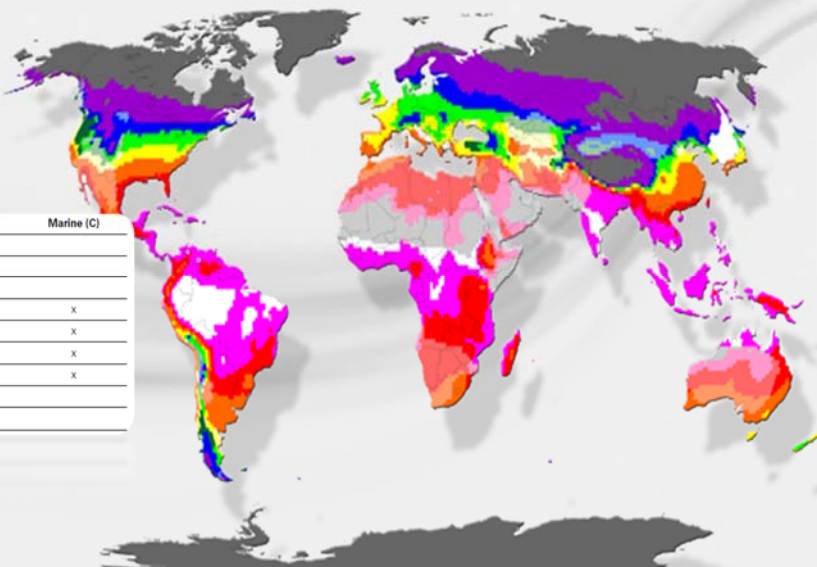
- Measure
- Region/country/state/city
- Custom load profile



Location

- Global Locations
- 8760 TMY Weather
- Condenser Control

Zone	Cold	Humid (A)	Dry (B)	Marine (C)
0		x	x	
1		x	x	
2		x	x	
3		x	x	x
4		x	x	x
5		x	x	x
6		x		x
7	x			
8	x			



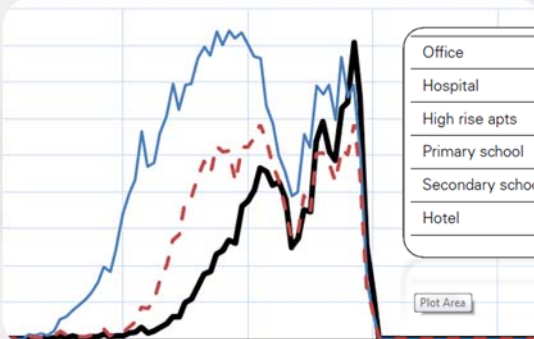
myPLV

- Load profiles
- Chiller type
- Peak load
- Number of chillers
- Size of each chiller



Load Profiles

Office with economizer



Office	(with, without econ)	12 hour operation; 5 days a week
Hospital	(with, without econ)	24 hour operation; 7 days a week; heavier day occupancy
High rise apts	(without econ)	24 hour operation; 7 days a week; lighter day occupancy
Primary school	(with, without econ)	12 hour operation; 5 days a week; seasonal
Secondary school	(with, without econ)	12 hour operation; 5 days a week; seasonal
Hotel	(without econ)	24 hour operation; 7 days a week

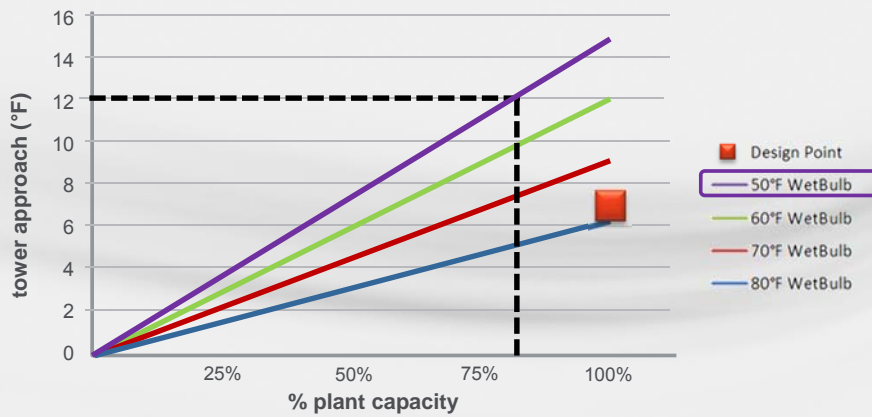
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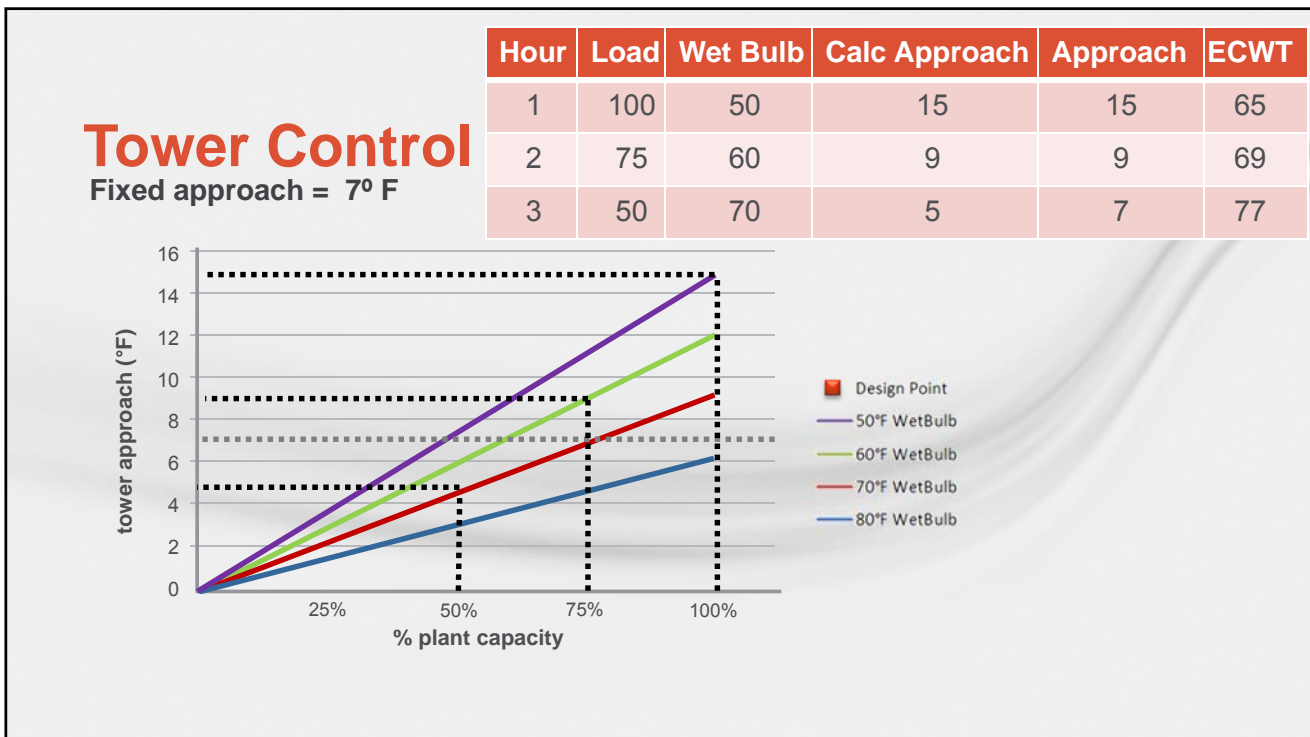
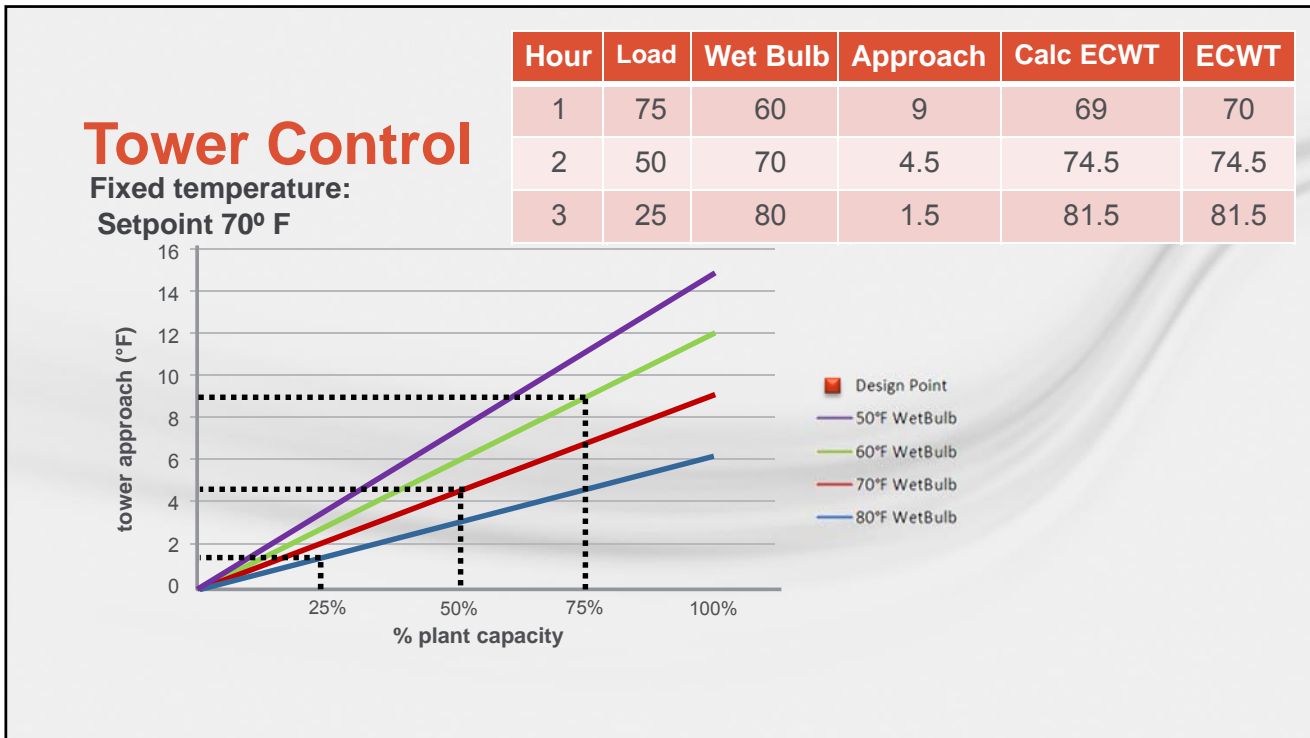
- Tower control



Tower Control

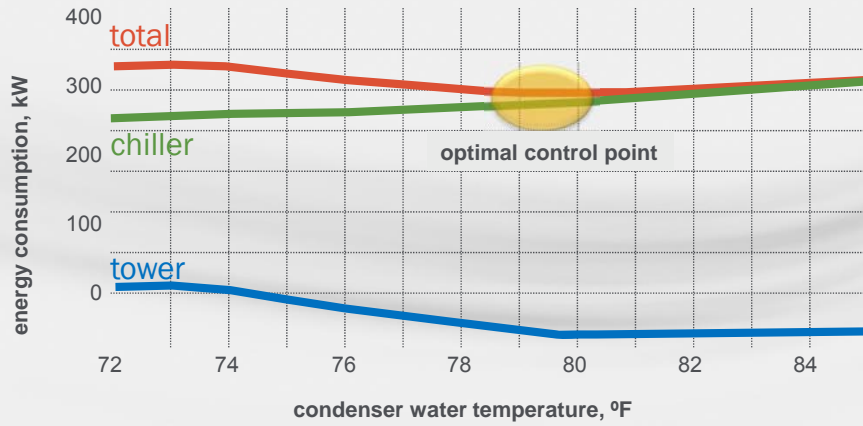
Full Tower Fan Flow





Tower Control

Chiller tower optimization



myPLV

- myPLV inputs
- Weightings
- ECWT
- Ton-hrs



myPLV

- Bid Form



myPLV

- Charts

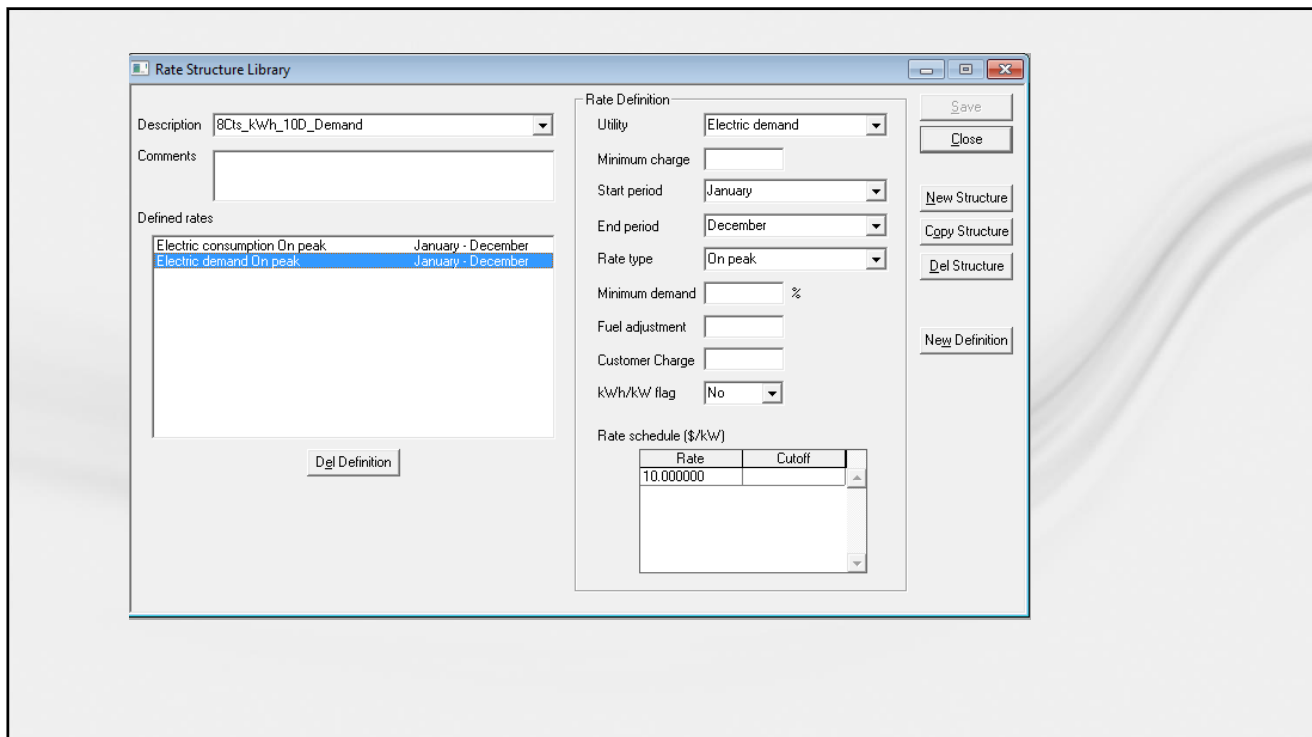
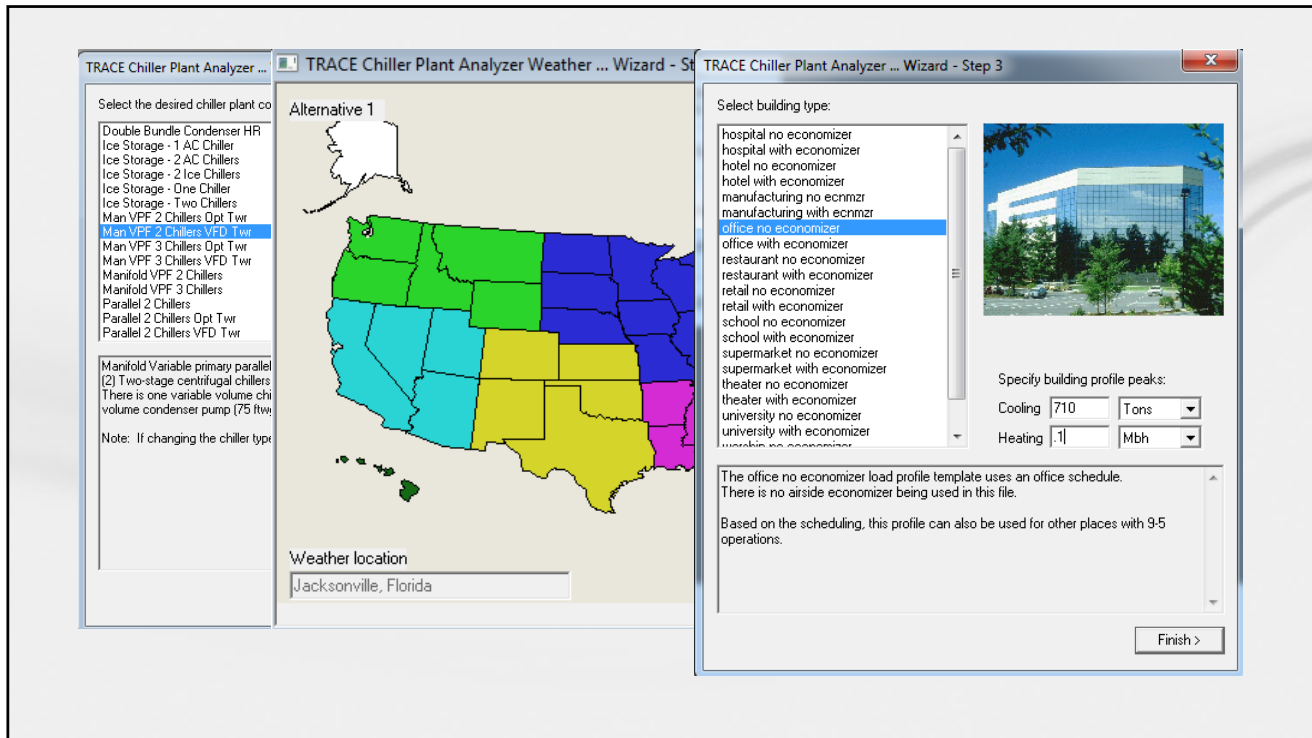


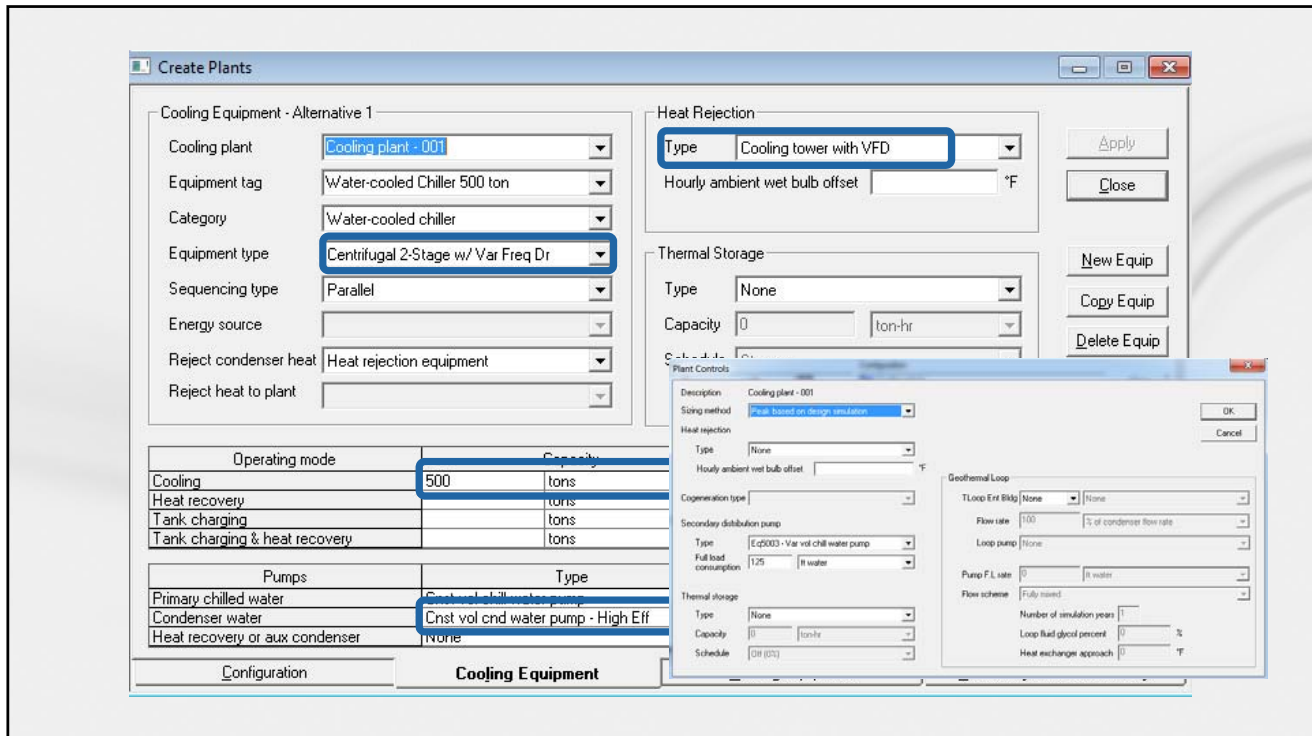
myPLV Benefits

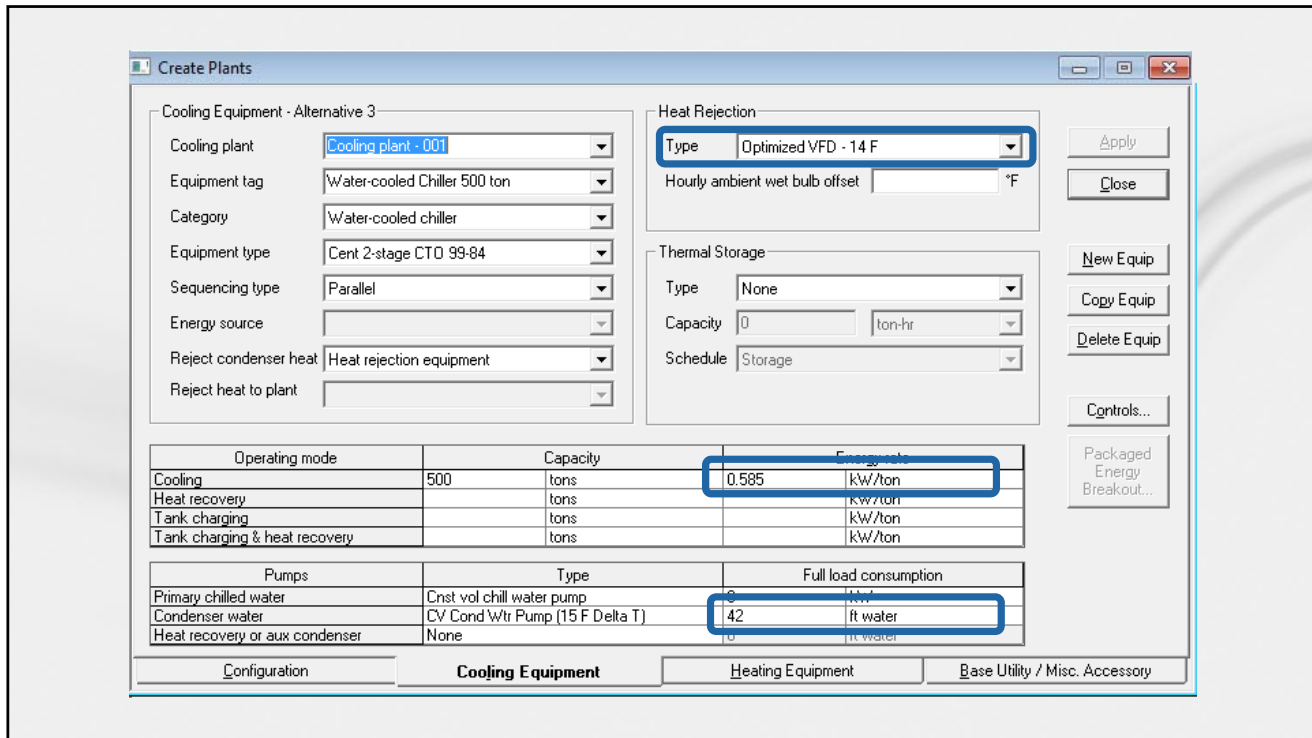
- Third-party load profiles
 - Building type
 - Location
 - Economizer use
- Demand and consumption charges
- Number of chillers
- **Calculates the ton-hours**
- Tower control
- Manufacturer agnostic

myPLV Drawbacks

- Not for system comparison







myPLV vs NPLV

710 ton Office with two 500-ton WC chillers with AFDs
Tower control = Fixed temp 55°F

Load	Jacksonville		Wash DC		Grand Rapids		Calgary	
	Weight	ECWT	Weight	ECWT	Weight	ECWT	Weight	ECWT
125	11.3	64.2	25.6	62.8	22.9	64.7	30.0	61.3
250	42.8	76.9	35.8	75.1	38.3	73.1	34.0	68.8
375	33.6	79.4	28.2	78.2	29.8	75.9	27.0	73.0
470	12.3	82.3	10.4	80.1	9.0	79.5	9.0	76.1
Ton-hrs	1,434,230		797,333		582,672		372,684	

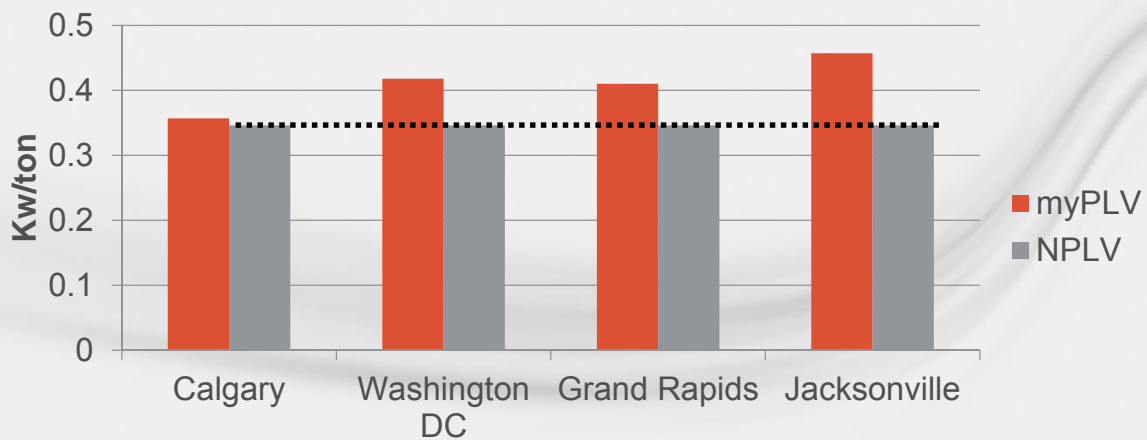
myPLV vs NPLV

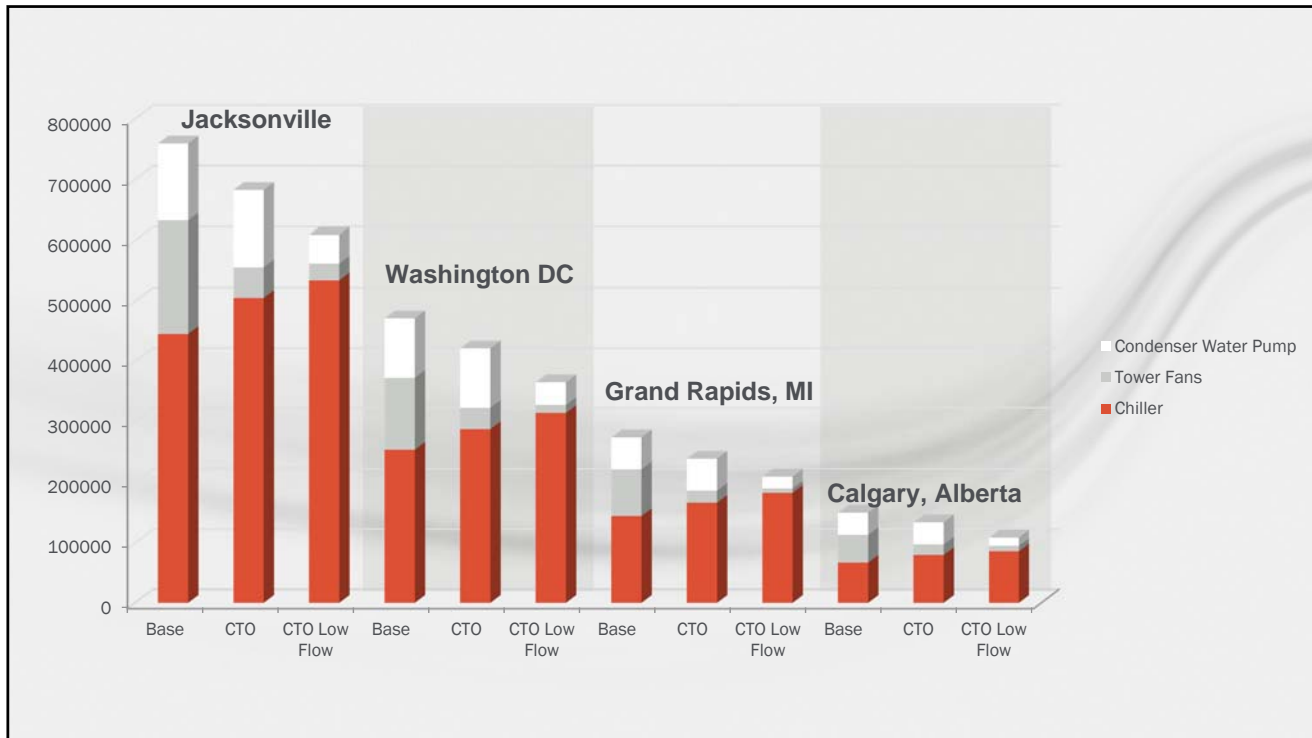
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myPLV	0.457		0.418		0.410		0.357	
NPLV	0.346							

myPLV vs NPLV

710 ton office with 2 x 500 ton chillers





Coefficient of Performance

COP = Useful work out/power in

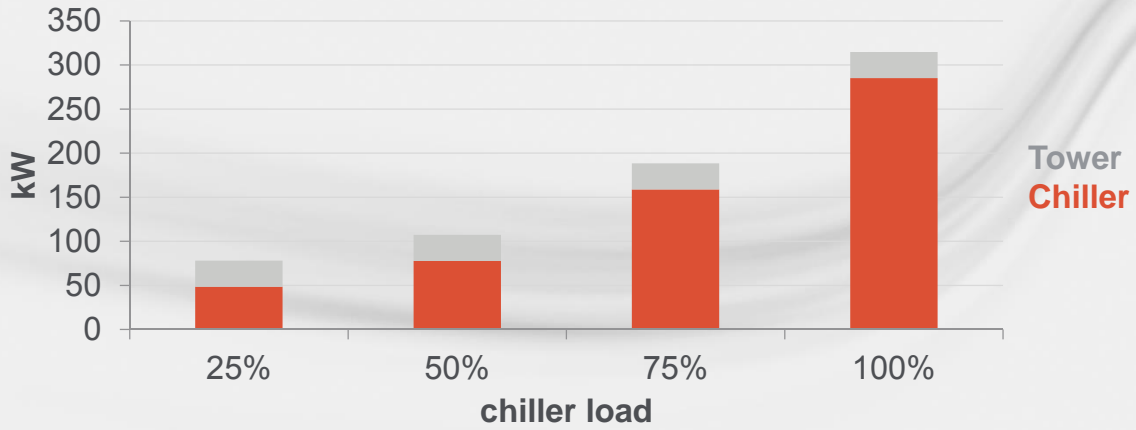
Chiller

- COP = 3.516 / (kW/ton)
- kW/ton = 0.580
 - COP = 3.516 / 0.580
 - COP = 6.06

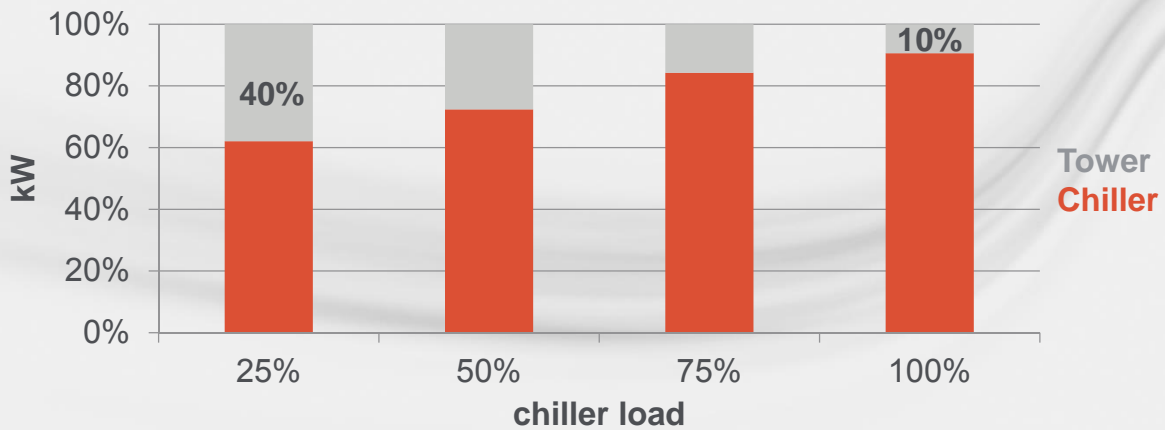
Pump

- COP = Efficiency
- Efficiency = 70%
 - COP = 0.70

Cooling Tower and Chiller kW

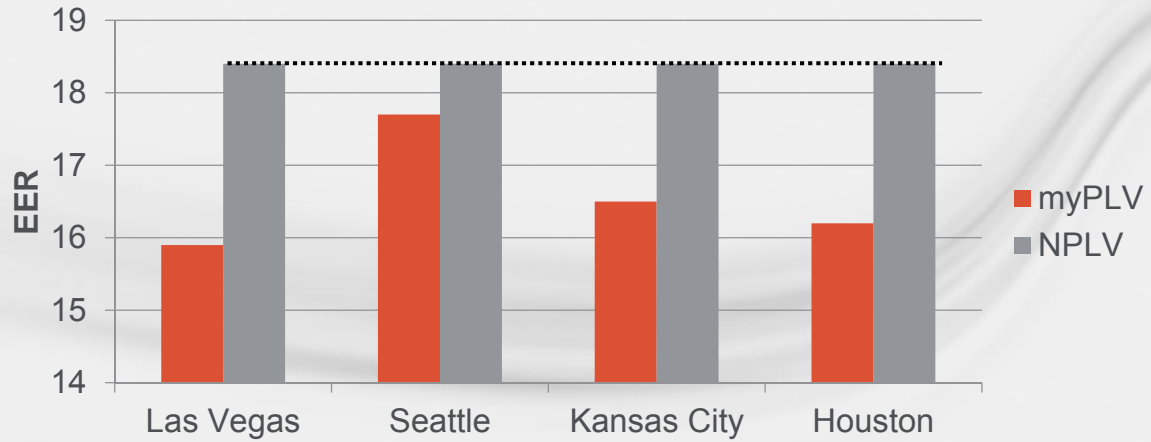


Cooling Tower and Chiller kW



myPLV vs NPLV

400-ton School with two 200-ton AC chillers



High School

VPF Series

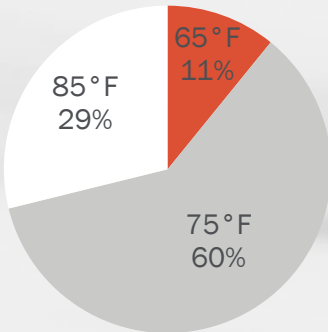
- Lower installed cost
- Lower operating cost
- Simpler control



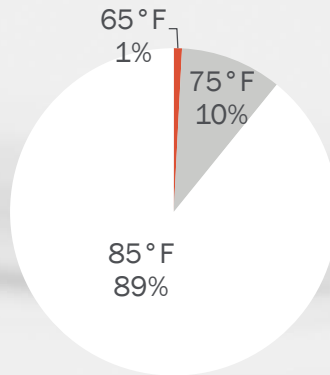
Tower Control

2000-ton Hospital with three 700-ton WC chillers

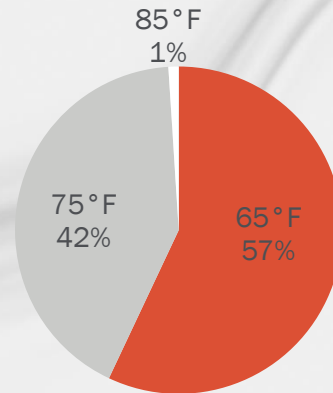
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Chiller Tower Optimization



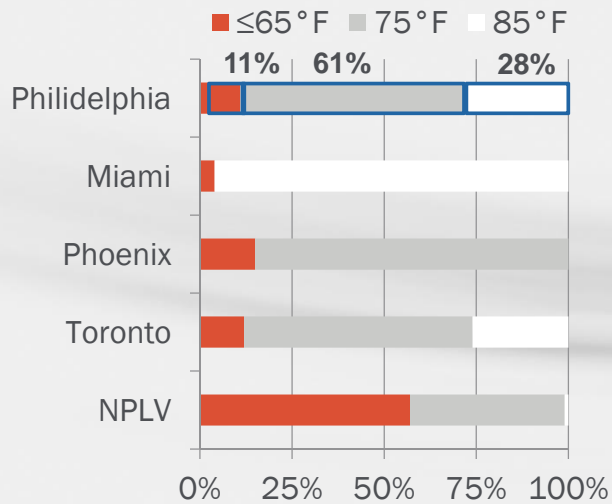
NPLV



Entering Condenser Water Assumptions

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Tower control: Fixed temp 55°F

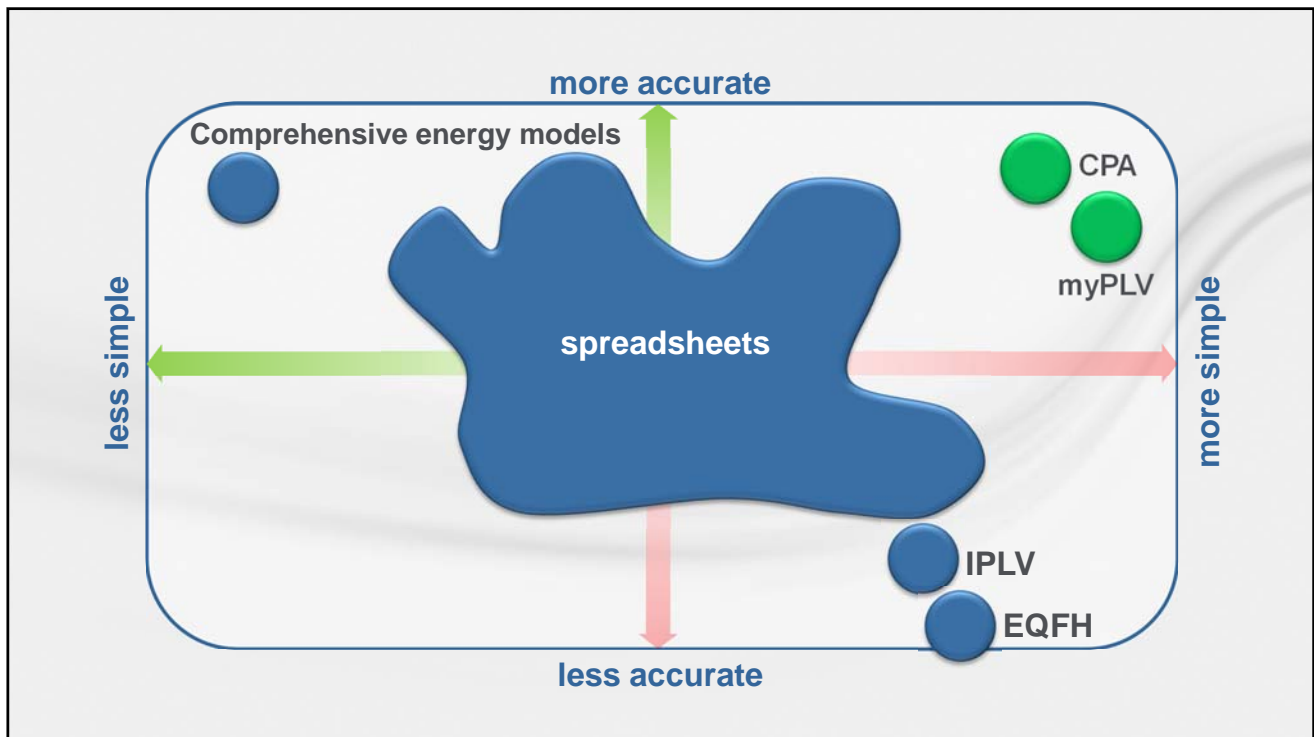
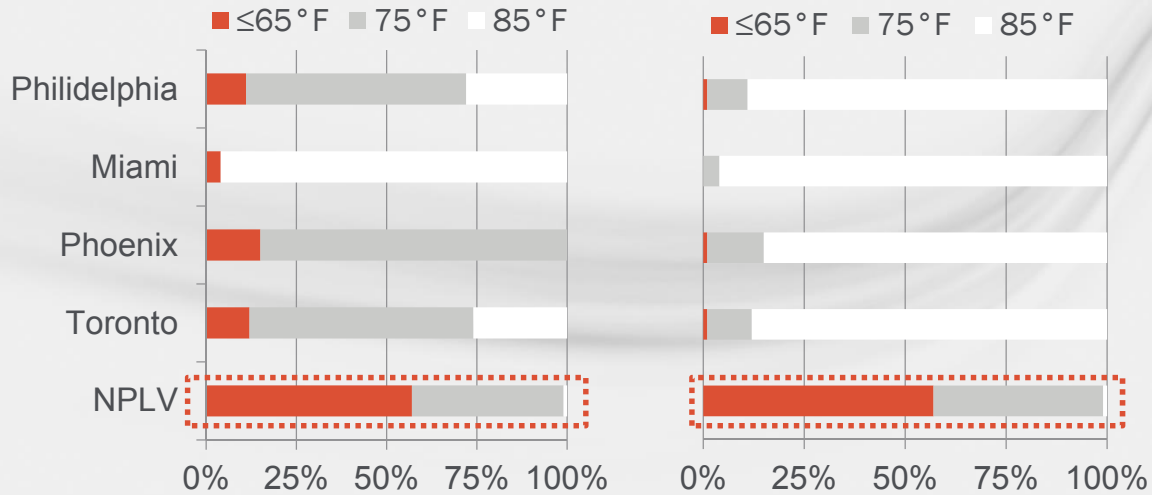


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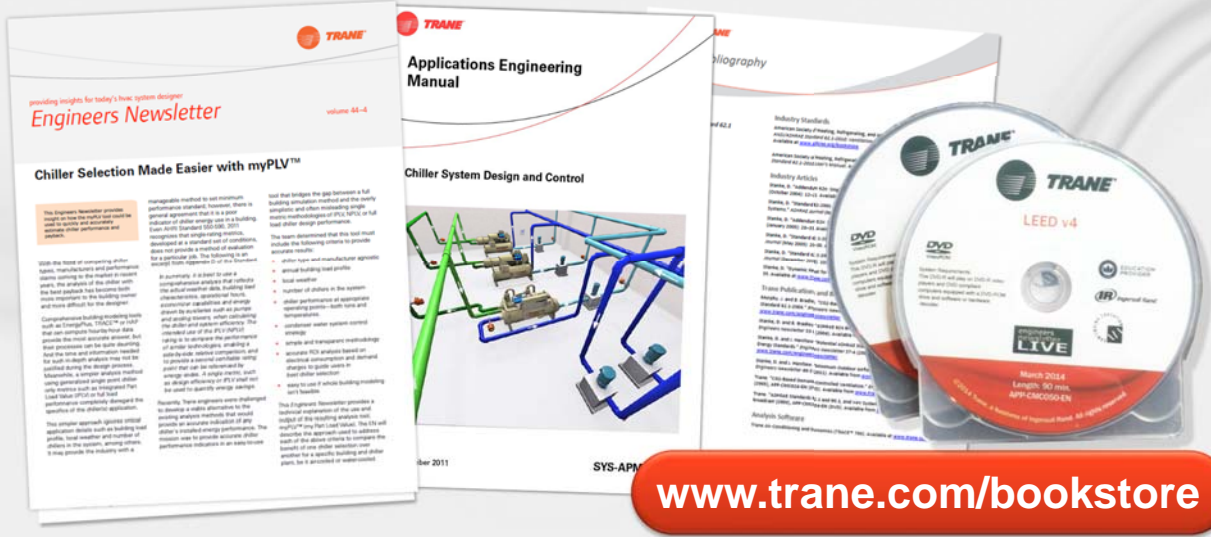
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Tower control: Chiller tower optimization



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APP-CMC057-EN QUIZ

- 1) Should weather data and building type load be considered as part of the energy analysis?
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 2) According to IPLV Appendix D, which of the following factors had not been considered?
 - a. a. actual weather data
 - b. b. building load characteristics
 - c. c. operational hours
 - d. d. economizer capabilities
 - e. e. pumps and cooling towers
 - f. f. all of the above

- 3) Why choose Energy modeling software over IPLV or Equivalent Full Load Hours?
 - a. a. LEED compliance
 - b. b. Energy Policy Act
 - c. c. Owner's requirement
 - d. d. Local code requirement
 - e. e. all of the above

- 4) IPLV Stands for Isometric Part Load Value.
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 5) What weighting does IPLV give to the 100% Load and 85 Entering Condenser Water bucket?
 - a. 1%
 - b. 10%
 - c. 55%
 - d. 99%

- 6) How many cooling tower control strategies are included in myPLV for water-cooled chillers?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4



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