

HVAC Distributed Pumping

## **Distributed pumping - Agenda**

1	Today's HVAC systems
2	Distributed pumping concept
3	Controls
4	Reference case

### Intelligent Pump Systems & Distributed Pumping



## HVAC Packaged Pumping Systems









# Highly Efficient IE5 Motors: Reduced Energy Consumption

Meets IE5

Super Premium Efficiency / IE4 UP TO **10%** Additional ENERGY SAVINGS

Industry Standard IE3 / NEMA Premium

# Efficiency Comparison: Motor at Part Load Conditions



## Where do our systems operate? AHRI Integrated Part Load Values (IPLV)



### **Blue Angel – Heating Load profile**



Chiller IPLV		
Flow in %	Hours in %	
100	1	
75	42	
50	45	
25	12	

Blue Angel		
Flow in %	Hours in %	
100	6	
75	15	
50	35	
25	44	

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### **Pump System Control**



## Efficiency-Based Pump Sequencing



"Chop" off these areas of low pump efficiency

## **Efficiency-Based Pump Sequencing**

#### **Energy Savings**

#### **Optimized Pump Operation**

- · Reduces energy consumption
- · Significant energy savings

#### **Lower Operational Costs**

· Reduced energy cost

#### Improved System Reliability

- . Minimize Wear and Tear
- · Pumps operate within optimal ranges
- · Extends the lifespan

## **Efficiency-Based Pump Sequencing**

#### **Efficiency-Based Sequencing**

- · Prioritizes pump operation based on efficiency rather than speed
- · Uses system demand data to determine the most efficient pump combination
- · Selects the most efficient pump or combination of pumps

#### How

- Use PLC with preloaded pump curves and monitor sensors for real time data
- · Use ASHRAE Wire to Water Efficiency Based Sequencing Guide

#### **Comparison with Speed-Based Sequencing**

- Speed-Based Sequencing
- · Adjusts pump speed to meet demand
- · Can lead to suboptimal energy use

#### Sequencing Control of Parallel Pumps in Variable-Flow Systems Using Wire-to-Water Efficiency



Figure 11 Optimal parallel pump sequencing.

### **Efficiency Based – Cascade Control**





With variable speed motor control, high efficiency is maintained with BOTH speed control AND pump starting based on efficiency

#### **Smart Pumps replace PICV**









### **Induction vs Permanent Magnet Motor**





#### **Traditional hydronic system**



#### **Proportional pressure control**



#### **Maintain Constant Temperature in flow pipe**



## **Proportional pressure control - quadratic**



#### Energy Savings - FLOWLIMIT



 FLOWLIMIT control function makes it possible to set a maximum flow limit for the pump



Distributed Pumping Reducing pressure and improving performance in chilled water systems

## Variable Primary Flow (VPF) System



## Variable Primary / Variable Secondary System





## **Comparing Variable Primary to Distributed Pumping**

Distributed Pumping systems for commercial buildings is a paradigm shift towards decentralised pumping.



## **Pressure Independent Control Devices (PIC-D)**

A pressure independent control valve (PIC-V) combines three functions in a hydronic system



### **Terminal Unit Pressure Profile**



### The cost of control



#### **DISTRIBUTED PUMPING SYSTEM**



#### SAVES UPTO 54% ENERGY

Valves waste the energy your primary pumps have put into the water. Its like driving your car with your breaks always on.

#### FREEDOM FROM LOAD ADJUSTMENT

Balancing your system according to load is no more a requirement. With intelligent pumps your load side will always be in tune.

#### PERFECT TEMPERATURE - ALWAYS

Pumps react much faster compared to valves ensuring desired temperatures - perfect indoor climate.

## Temperature reference for pump near the air handling units

#### **Automatic balancing**

During operation, the distributed pump serving each circuit, continuously measure the air duct temperature and automatically adjust the pump speed to achieve the desired temperature. Each circuit is always being supplied to demand.



# FLOWLIMIT

Example Flow*LIMIT* is set at 100 gpm



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## Balancing of Primary/Secondary Side

**Balanced Primary Secondary Side** Temperature across by-pass is equal

**Decrease Primary Pump Speed** Supply- is mixed with Return water

**Increase Primary Pump Speed** Return- is mixed with Supply water



## Deep dive into the two systems

Simulation of 25 floor riser at 50% max flow

The valve-based Variable Primary chilled water system

#### Pressure: Air Handling Units Total Pumping Power = 54.6 kW Control & Balancing Valve 25 24 23 Supply 22 21 . 20 19 18 17 16 15 Head [m] 14 13 12 11 2 3 Return 2 **Big primary** High sytem Huge pressure loss pressure by valves and pumps timeconsuming balancing process

#### **Distributed Pumping system**



#### Variable primary/Variable distributed secondary



#### **Design Example: Central Utility Plant**



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# After distributed pump change over

- Medium size building 200,000 sq ft
- Water cooled chiller 400 tons
- 11 AHUs
- 12 Distributed Pumps
- 2 Packaged Systems





#### **Case Study – Museum of Flight**



Schematic of chilled water system (CWS) piping layout



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# What questions do you have?

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