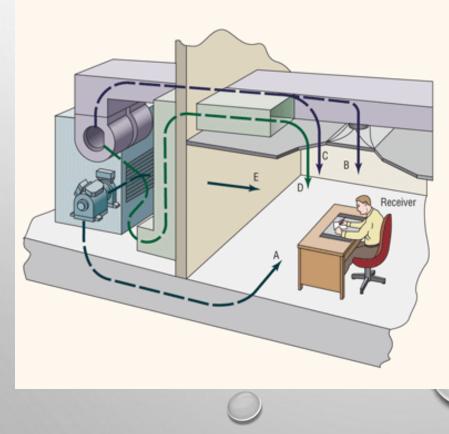
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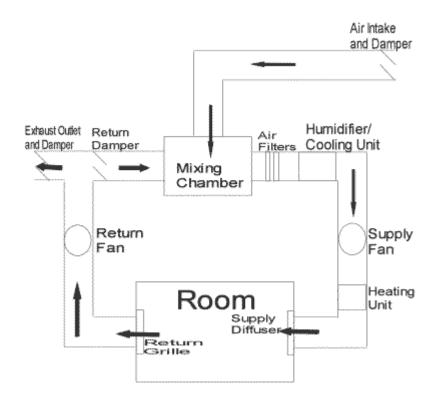
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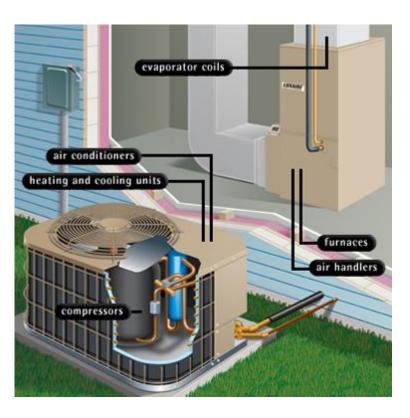
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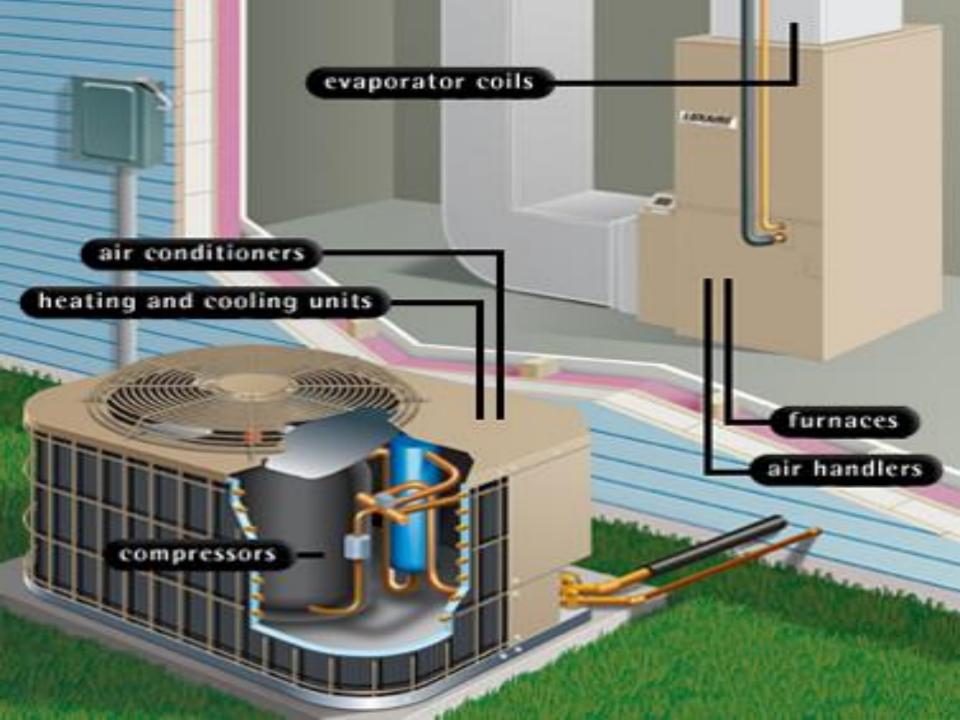
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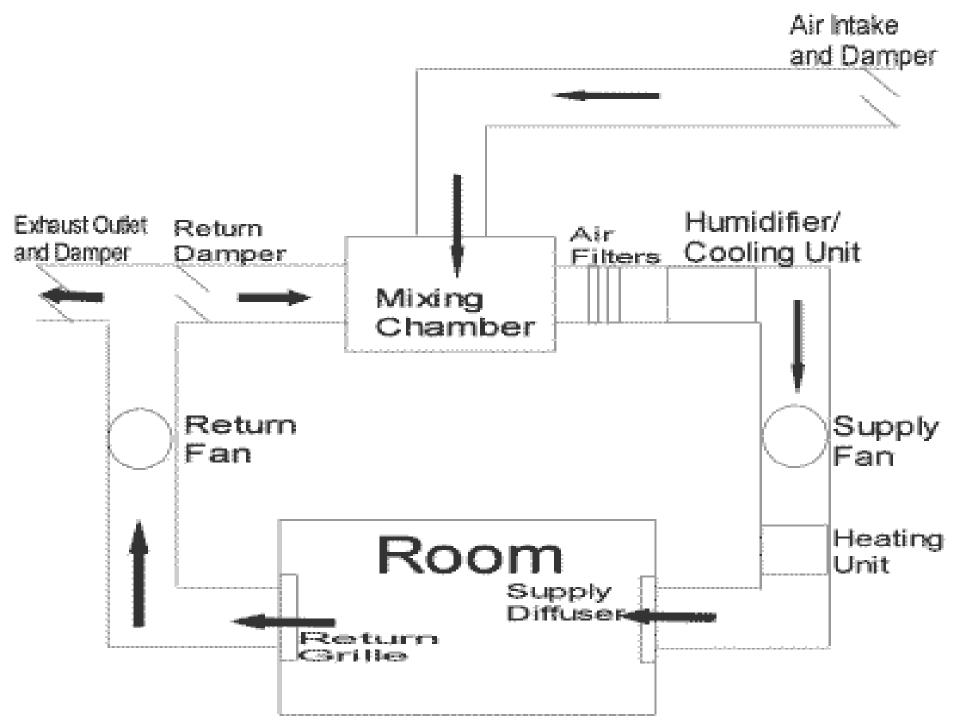


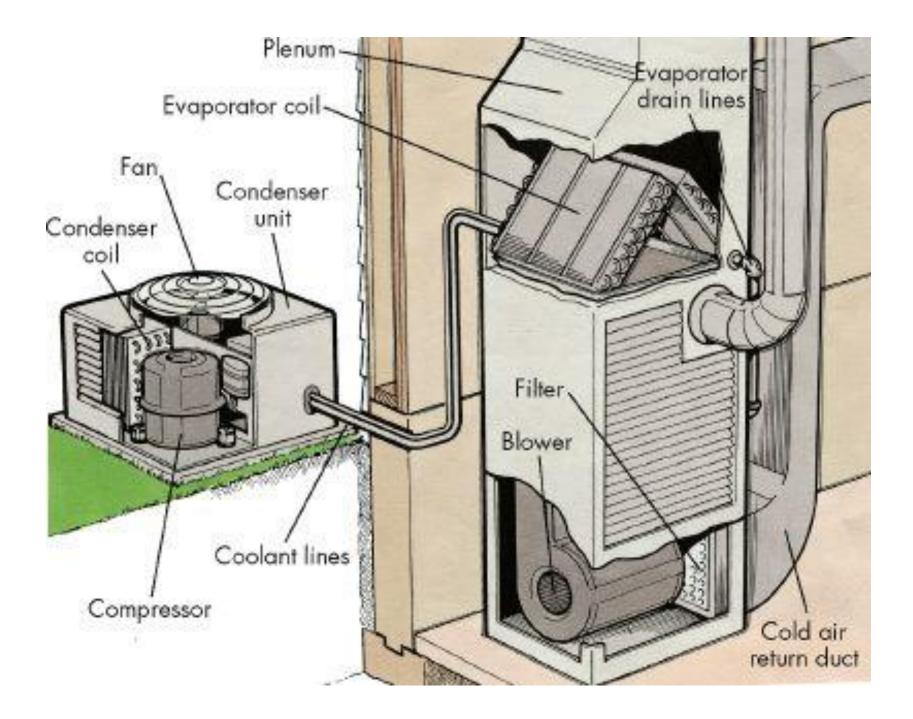
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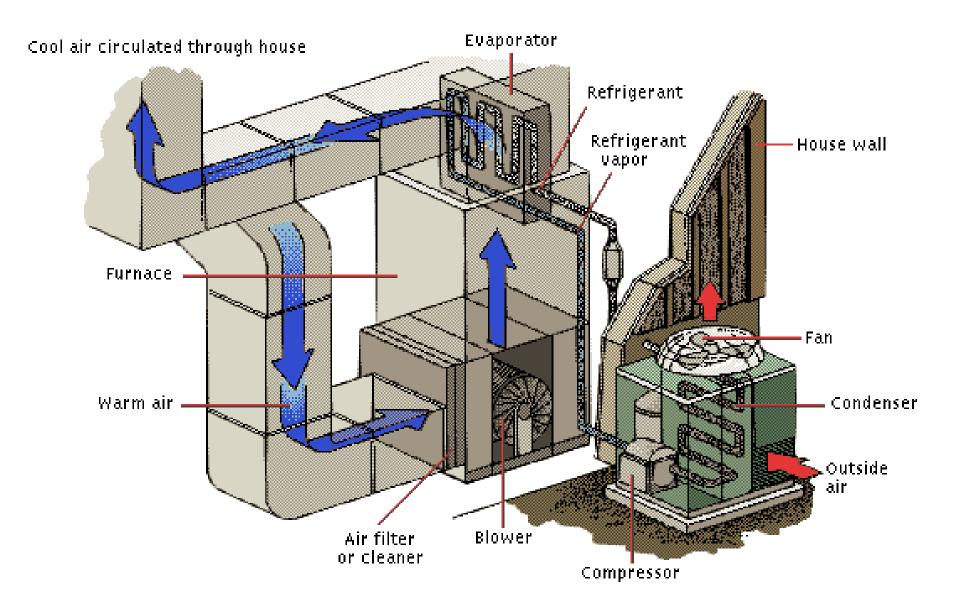




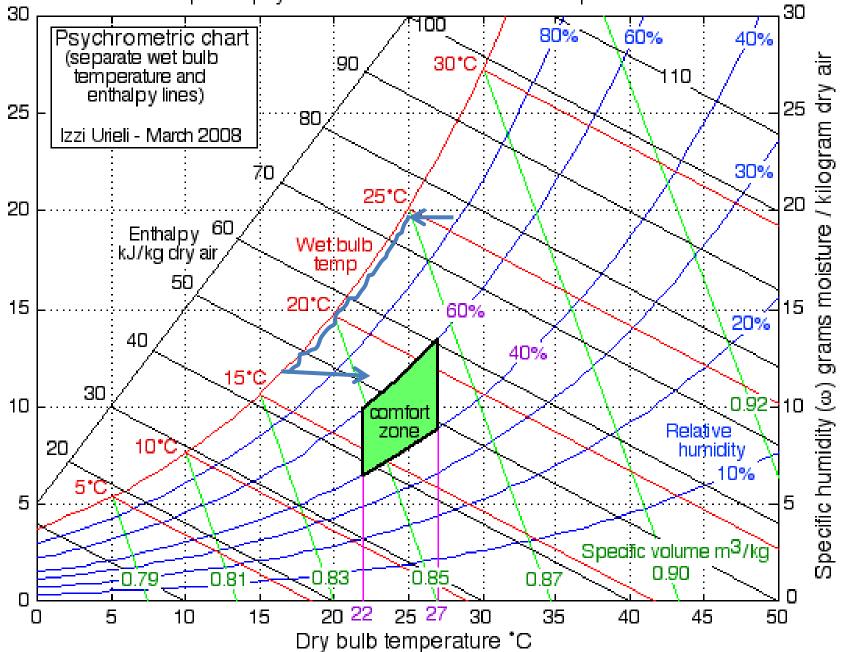




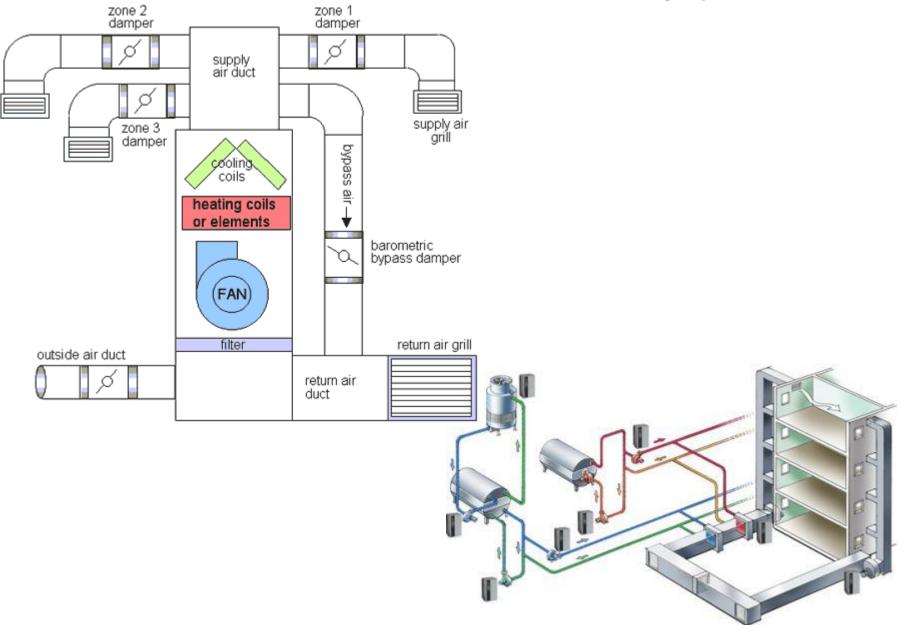


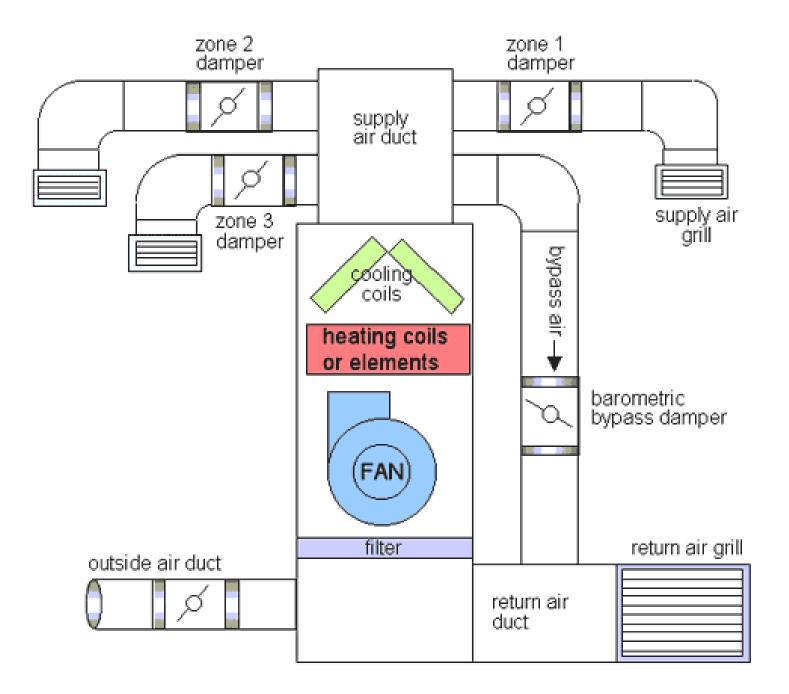


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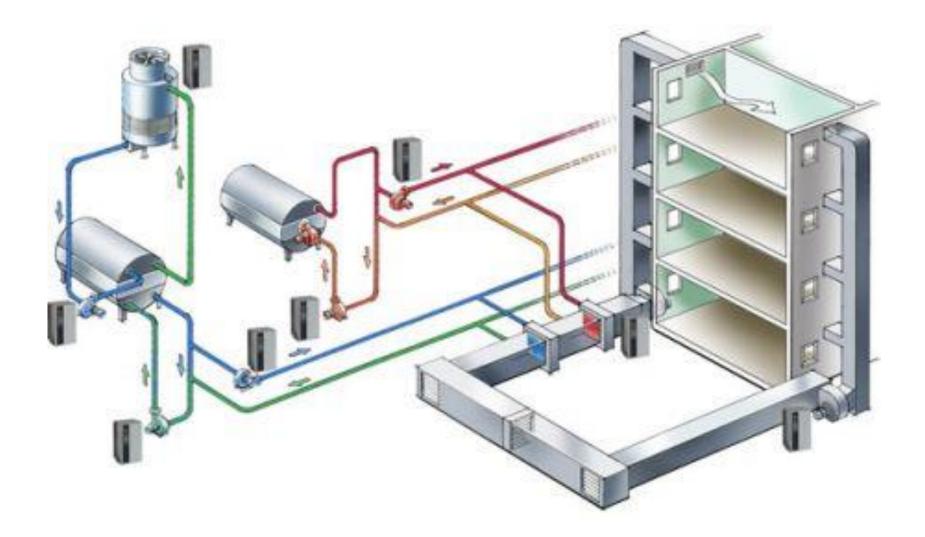


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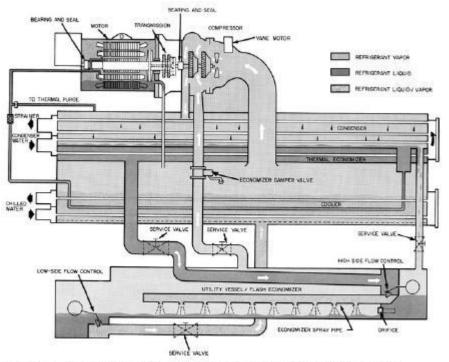
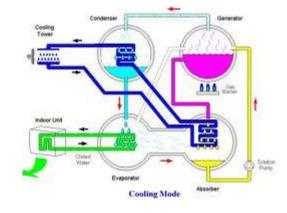
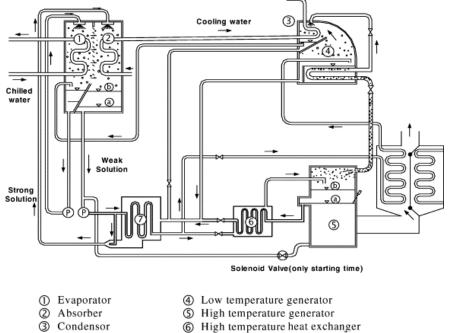


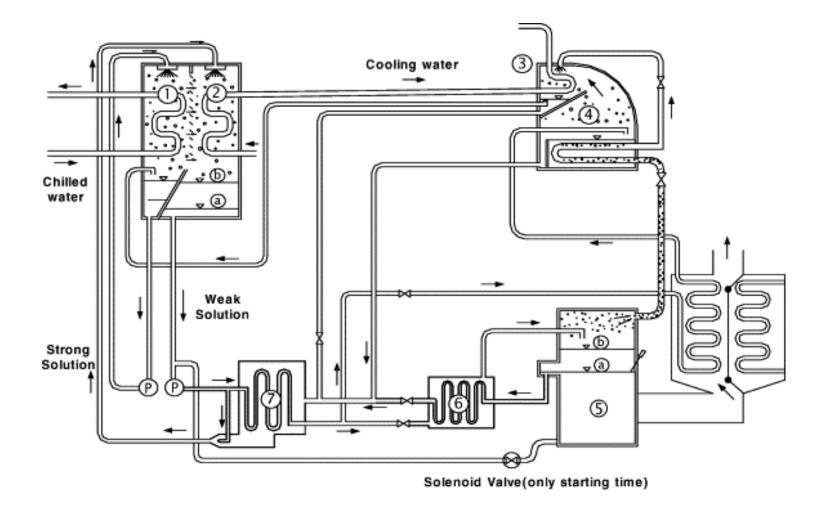
Figure 10-5 Complete operation of a shell-and-tube chiller. (Courtesy of Carrier.)





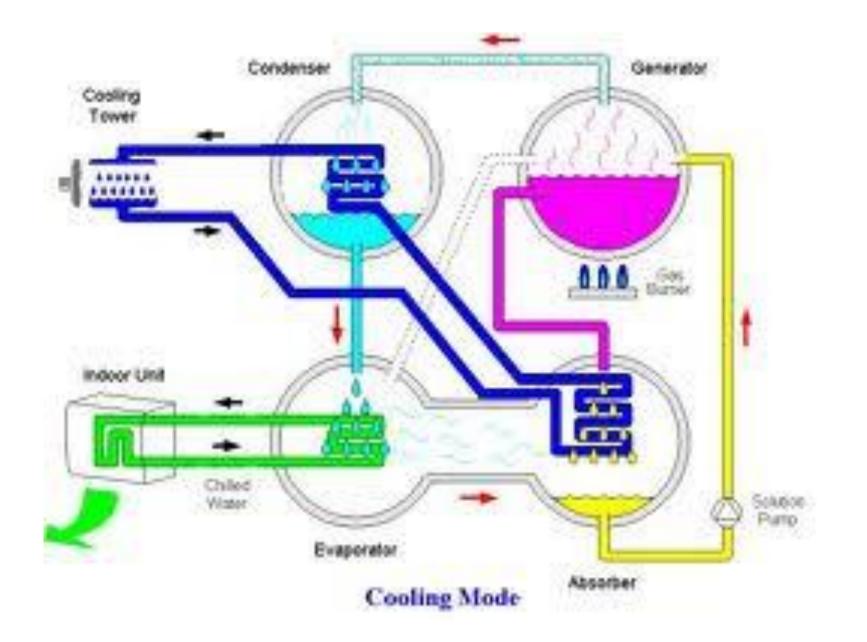
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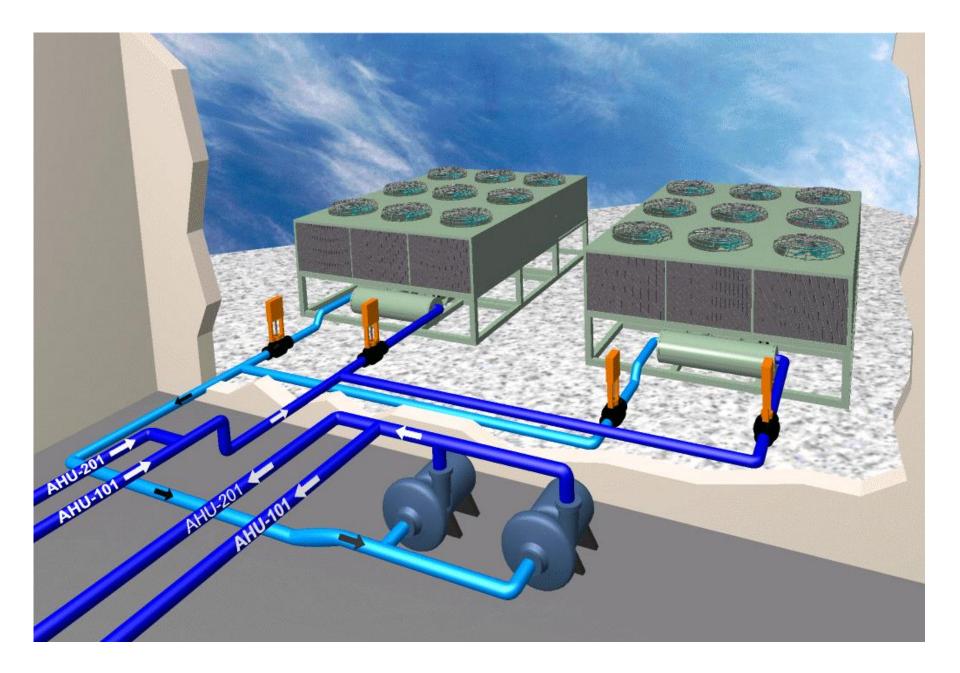
⑦ Low temperature heat exchanger



- Evaporator
- ② Absorber
- ③ Condensor
- Pump

- ④ Low temperature generator
- (5) High temperature generator
- 6 High temperature heat exchanger
- ⑦ Low temperature heat exchanger





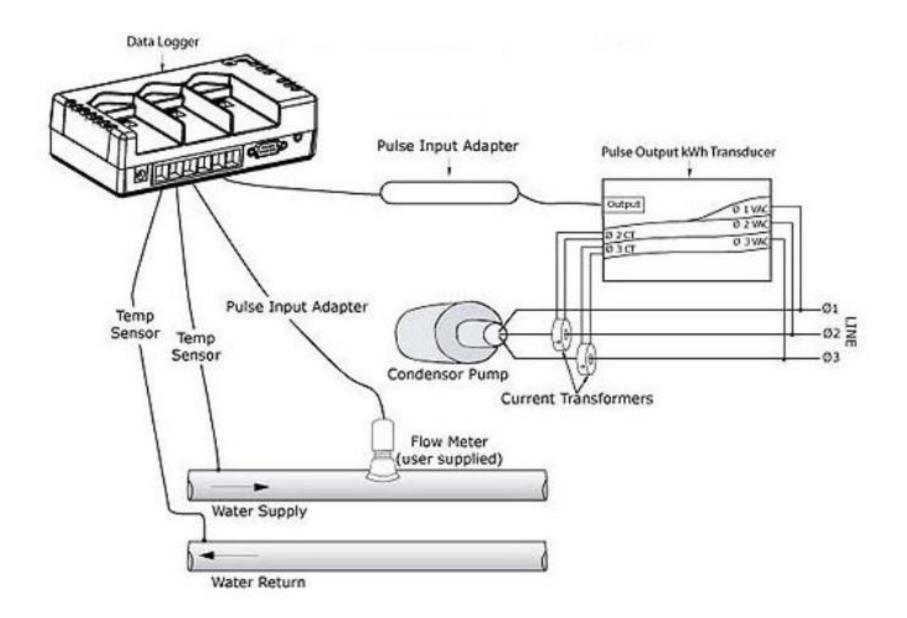
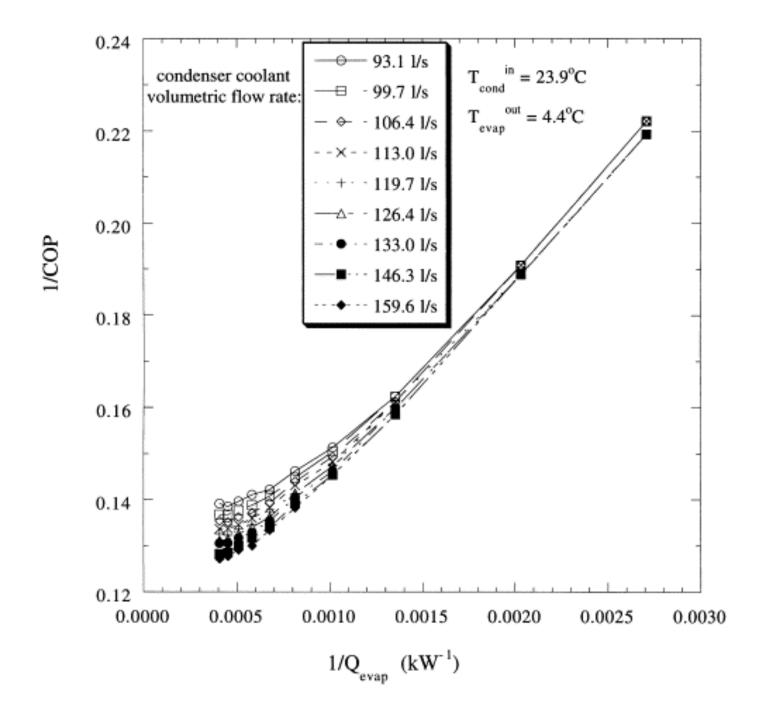
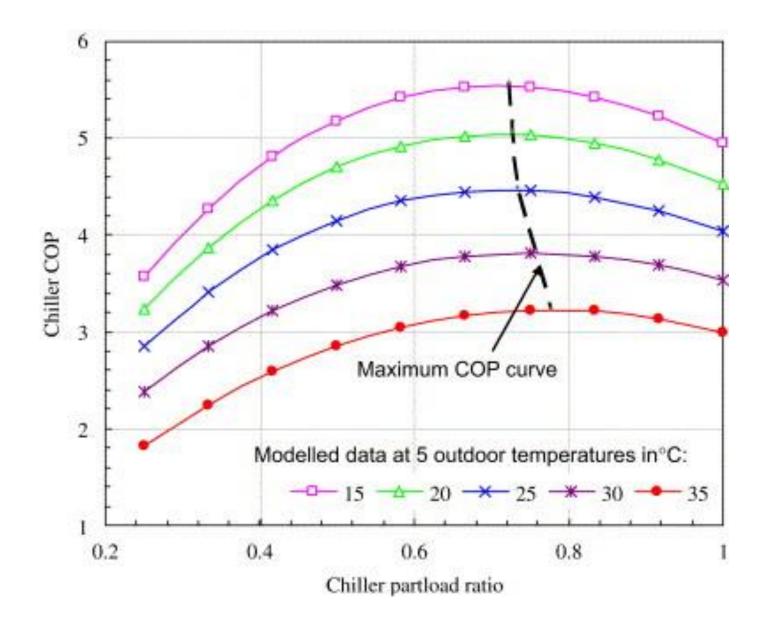


Table Systems and Sensors

System to be Evaluated	Measurement	Accuracy
Whole Building	Power	+/- 1.50%
Chillers	Differential Pressure (water) Water Temperatures Flows (water) Power (to chillers)	+/- 0.25% FS +/- 0.01 ° F +/- 0.50% +/- 0.50 %
Pumps	Differential Pressure (water) Power	+/- 0.25% FS +/- 0.20%
Cooling Tower	Dry Bulb Temperature Wet Bulb Temperature Water Temperatures Power Flow	+/- 0.01 ° F +/- 0.01 ° F +/- 0.01 ° F +/- 0.50% +/- 0.50%

Local Micro-Climate	Dry Bulb Temperature	+/- 0.01 ° F
	Wet Bulb Temperature	+/- 0.01 ° F





Understanding Water-Chiller Efficiency Ratings

A clear understanding of two measures of chiller efficiency—the designefficiency rating and the Non-standard Part Load Value (NPLV) rating—can help organizations obtain the best capital cost and energy efficiency when acquiring new chillers. It also may help facility managers understand why they may not be getting the level of energy efficiency they expect from existing chillers.

Table 1 shows what the ARI found. Specifically, **99% of chiller operating hours are spent at off-design conditions.**

Table 1 — NPLV Operating-Condition Assumptions			
Load Head		ead	Operating Hours
	Air-cooled	Water-cooled	
100%	95°F ECAT	85°F ECWT	1%
75%	80°F ECAT	75°F ECWT	42%
50%	65°F ECAT	65°F ECWT	45%
25%	55°F ECAT	65°F ECWT	12%
0%	55°F ECAT	65°F ECWT	0%

ECAT = entering-condenser-air temperature

ECWT = entering-condenser-water temperature

A second misconception is that a chiller with good efficiency at design conditions will automatically have a good NPLV rating. In fact, chillers can have the same design efficiency but have NPLV ratings that vary widely, depending on capital cost. That's because chillers can have different off-design efficiencies.

Comparing NPLV and Design Efficiency in Two Different Chillers

Consider an example of what happens when both the design-efficiency and NPLV ratings are applied by comparing two 1,000 TR chillers (see Table 2).

	Specified Chiller	Option A Chiller
NPLV Rating	0.466 kW/TR	0.466 kW/TR
Design Efficiency	0.562 kW/TR	0.576 kW/TR
Annual Energy	Base	Base
Capital Cost	\$250,000	\$240,000

Table 2 — 1,000 TR Chiller Comparisons

Option A Chiller, which costs less than the Specified Chiller, has the same NPLV rating, but a higher design efficiency. Because both chillers have equal NPLV ratings, they will have equal annual energy consumption.

If the specification contained only the NPLV rating, Option A Chiller might be an attractive choice. However, if the specification requires that a chiller meet *both* the NPLV rating and the design-efficiency rating, Option A Chiller can't meet both ratings and, therefore, can't be bid. The manufacturer of Option A Chiller will usually need to modify it by adding more heat-exchanger surface to meet the design-efficiency rating. The performance of this new chiller is shown in Table 3 as Option B Chiller.

3 3	Specified Chiller	Option B Chiller
NPLV Rating	0.466 kW/TR	0.448 kW/TR
Design Efficiency	0.562 kW/TR	0.562 kW/TR
Annual Energy	Base	- 4%
Capital Cost	\$250,000	\$271,000

Table 3 - Impact of Specifying Both NPLV and Design Efficiency

The additional heat-exchanger surface improves the NPLV rating of Option B Chiller, resulting in Annual Energy that is four percent better than the Specified Chiller. But, it has also become more expensive, costing \$31,000 more than Option A Chiller. This demonstrates how specifying a chiller's design efficiency in addition to its NPLV may complicate matters. Instead of equalizing energy consumption as a basis for comparing costs, now both annual energy consumption and pricing are unequal.

Does a chiller's design-efficiency rating impact electric-demand charges?

Consider the aforementioned Option A Chiller, which has a design efficiency of 0.576 kW/TR. At first glance, that chiller would appear to cause higher electric-demand charges than the Specified Chiller, which has a design efficiency of 0.562 kW/TR. But is that really the case?

Chiller peak kW usually has little impact on building demand because of heat-load timing. The building's kW and the chiller's kW typically peak at different times of the day. This phenomenon is illustrated in Figure 1.

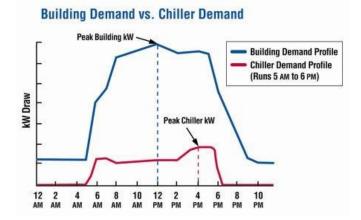
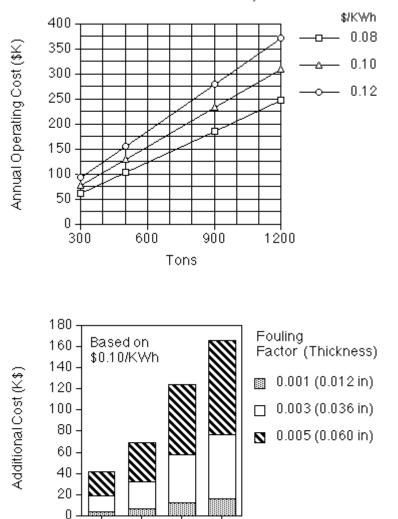


Figure 1: This curve shows building demand vs. chiller demand and the typical time-of-day offset between the two Most air-conditioned buildings reach their peak electric demand between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. when occupancy is usually at its highest. Higher occupancy also translates into more heat generated by lights, elevators, cafeterias, office equipment, etc.

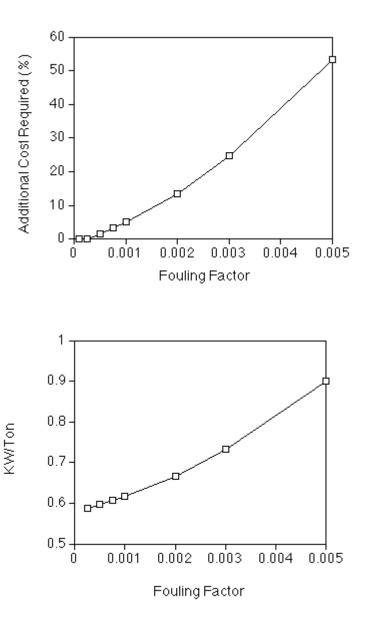
Surprisingly, most chillers reach peak electric demand between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Why so late? At about 12 p.m., the sun's rays strike the ground at the most direct angle. Through convection, the ground then heats the ambient air to its highest dry-bulb temperature at about 2 p.m. Once the air temperature is at its maximum, the heat is slowly conducted through the building skin, a process that peaks building heat load around 4 p.m. In parallel, the wet-bulb temperature of the ambient air also reaches its maximum later in the day.

The higher wet-bulb temperature raises the entering-condenser-water temperature, which raises the head pressure against which chillers must work, hurting energy efficiency. When these factors combine, the chiller sees its peak load, peak head, and, therefore, peak kW in late afternoon.

Based on 4300 hours/year



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Chiller Plant

- Water cooled chiller
- Chilled water pump

- Condenser water pump
- Cooling tower



