Bang for Buck

Achieving a 35% reduction in energy use through low to no cost ECM's Jeff Giffin Energy Conservation Manager University of British Columbia Energy and Water Services



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• Day time pop. ~ 65,000, with 30% growth expected over the next 20 years

Energy and Water Services



Saving Energy, Water and Greenhouse gases

Seamless delivery of utility services (electricity, water, gas, sewer) Mandated energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions Manage ~\$36M/year commodities budget

Presentation overview (Add dates)

Energy Savings chart with events,

- 1) 2012 Coil cleaning
- 2) F2012 ilter changing
- 3) 2013 COP
- 4) 2013 Chiller recommissioning
- 5) 2015 Cascaded District Energy
- 6) Heat Recovery chiller
- 7) Variable air volume exhaust
- 8) Laboratory air change rates

Background: Life Sciences Centre

- 1st LEED Gold Building on campus completed in 2004
- Largest teaching/research building on campus 560,000 sq/ft
- Medical research and education with animal care and level 3 biohazard lab
- 3% of space yet 12% of campus energy (~22 GWh/yr electrical and ~70,000 GJ/yr thermal)
- 2.5X more energy then modeled



HVAC Summary

- 34 AHU's
- 10 exhaust systems (28 roof top Strobic fans)
- ~780,000 CFM Makeup air
- 12 14 ACH (labs)

Mechanical Summary

Chilled water

- 3 X 380 ton screw chillers
- Glycol heat recovery
 - Exhaust air heat recovery and pre-heat coils in larger AHU's
- High temperature heating
 - 2 X 20,000 LBS/hr steam heat exchangers
- Low temperature reheat
 - 2 x 6000 LBS/hr steam heat exchanger
 - 1000 KW plate and frame HEX for condenser water heat recovery

Post-Traumatic Commissioning Disorder (PTCD)

- Major commissioning issues such as air pressurization
- Building users strongly resistance to any changes

Scratching the surface



Cleaning Coils

Molds and bacteria

Dirt and leaves

Decomposed filter media



- Improves air quality (bacteria/molds)
- Saves energy (reduced pressure drop)
- Better heat transfer (heating and cooling)
- <1 year payback with utility incentives
- Recommend every 5 years



High Performance Air Filters

Lower pressure drop, longer life, better filtration, lower life cycle cost

2 filters (before)

MERV 8 Pre-filter MERV 13 Box filter

1 filter (after)

MERV 14 Mini-pleat filter with gaskets

- Reduced labour (Less filter changes)
- Reduced waste / inventory
- Reduced energy (Less resistance)
- Better air quality (MERV w/ 14 Gaskets)
- < 1 year payback</p>
- Change on Dp (every 2-3 years)





1 Year Later



Measured demand savings from 12 AHU's ≈ 50 KW's

Continuous optimization

Talk to what Cop is

- OAT Lockout / Weather Predictor
- Lecture Hall Motion and Scheduling Upgrade
- Classroom Motion and Scheduling Upgrades
- Office Schedule Reduction
- DHW Optimization
- Café Schedule Reduction

Energy Savings 300 MWh/yr Electrical 3600 GJ/yr Gas < 1 year payback

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Digging In

Optimizing waste heat recovery

3.4 MMBTU of waste heat from Life Sciences cooling tower on a typical winter day.

Simplified Chilled Water Schematic As-built



Heat recovery as found



- Hot water return greater then Condenser water supply.
- Heat exchanger is piped backwards (parallel flow)

Recommissioned and Optimized



- Increased condenser water temp by adjusting cooling towers discharge
- Decreased heating water supply 10° F
- Manuel Valve adjusted to provide 50% flow to HEX.
- Three Way valve programed to modulate

Results Average of ~1800 LBS/hr steam savings and 16,000 GJ/yr

Life Sciences (1) - Steam Demand 4,500 4,000 3,500 3,000 2,500 Mass Flow (lb/h) 5000 1,500 1,000 500 0 -500 Aug 5 12:00pm Aug 6 12:00pm Aug 7 12:00pm Aug 8 12:00pm Aug 9 12:00pm Aug 10 12:00pm Aug 11 12:00pm Aug 12

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Optimizing the chilled water system

CHILED WATER SIPP

Chilled water system as found (winter)



2 chillers in operation 24/7 Average cooling ~300 tons Average COP 3.8

Chilled water system Optimized (winter)



1 chillers in operation 24/7 Average cooling ~200 tons Average COP 5

Results Average of 150 KW's Electrical Savings and 1.3GWh/yr



Life Sciences (1) - Elect Demand

Digging Deep

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4000 3000 2000 1000 KW's 0 -1000 -2000 -3000 -4000

Despite improvements significant opportunity remains to recover waste heat from cooling system

Life Science Centre Chiller Heat Recovery Potential Feb 1st - Dec 2nd 2013

Dedicated heat recovery chiller

Provides simultaneous heating and cooling sized for winter cooling loads.

- 10,000 GJ/yr Natural Gas savings
- Negligible electrical effects
- 100% funding through utility incentives and government grants







Steam to Hot Water Conversion



Life Sciences Centre

Digging Deeper Future projects

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Exhaust Fan Optimization



Laboratory Airflow Optimization

- UBC standard is 8 ACH during occupied hours and 4 ACH during unoccupied hours.
- LSC currently supplying 12 ACH (occupied) and 6 ACH (unoccupied)
- Will reduce energy consumption at LSC by 10,000 GJ and 27 MWh (\$100,000)



Life Sciences Centre Actual and forecast



ANNUAL ENERGY UTILIZATION INTENSITY (EUI) (kWh/m2/yr)

Steam EUI

Electricity EUI

Cost/Savings Summary

		Utility			Verified Cost	
Life Sciences Centre projects	СарЕх	Incentives	Grants/other	UBC Cost	Savings	Payback yrs
Coil Cleaning	\$16,500	\$12,750		\$3 <i>,</i> 750	\$21,410.34	0.2
Filter Changing	\$29,519		\$16,497	\$13,022	\$20,160.00	0.6
Continious Optmizaiton	\$14,077			\$14,077	\$48,342.00	0.3
Heat Recovery Optimization	\$0			\$0	\$128,000.00	0.0
Chiller Water Optmization	\$0			\$0	\$78,000.00	0.0
Dedidicated Heat Recovery Chiller	\$425,000	\$260,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$80,000.00	0.0
	Part of DES					
Cascaded Hot Water Conversion	project					
Strobic VSD Optimization	\$800,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$120,000.00	0.8
Laboratory Air Change Rates	\$80,000			\$80,000		

TOTAL	\$1 <mark>,365,096</mark>	\$472,750	\$681,497	\$210,849	\$495,912	0.4

Energy Savings

	Verified Electrical	Verified Gas	% Energy	
Life Sciences Centre projects	Savings KWh/yr	Savings GJ/yr	Reduction	
Coil Cleaning	356,839		1%	
Filter Changing	336,000		1%	
Continious Optmizaiton	313,700	3690	3%	
Heat Recovery Optimization		16000	10%	
Chiller Water Optmization	1,300,000		3%	
Dedidicated Heat Recovery Chiller		10000	7%	
Cascaded Hot Water Conversion		?		
Strobic VSD Optimization	2,000,000		5%	
Laboratory Air Change Rates	?	?		
TOTAL	4,306,539	29,690	30%	

Thank you



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2 chillers running (316 tons cooling) OAT 40F Overall cooling COP 3.8





1 chiller running (192 tons cooling) OAT 43F Overall cooling COP 5