

# The University of Texas Roadmap for Cooling System Improvements

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# Agenda

- **Background of Chilled Water System**
- **Review of Early Optimization Efforts**
- **Current Status of System**
- **Targeted Approaches Used**

# UT's Chilled Water System

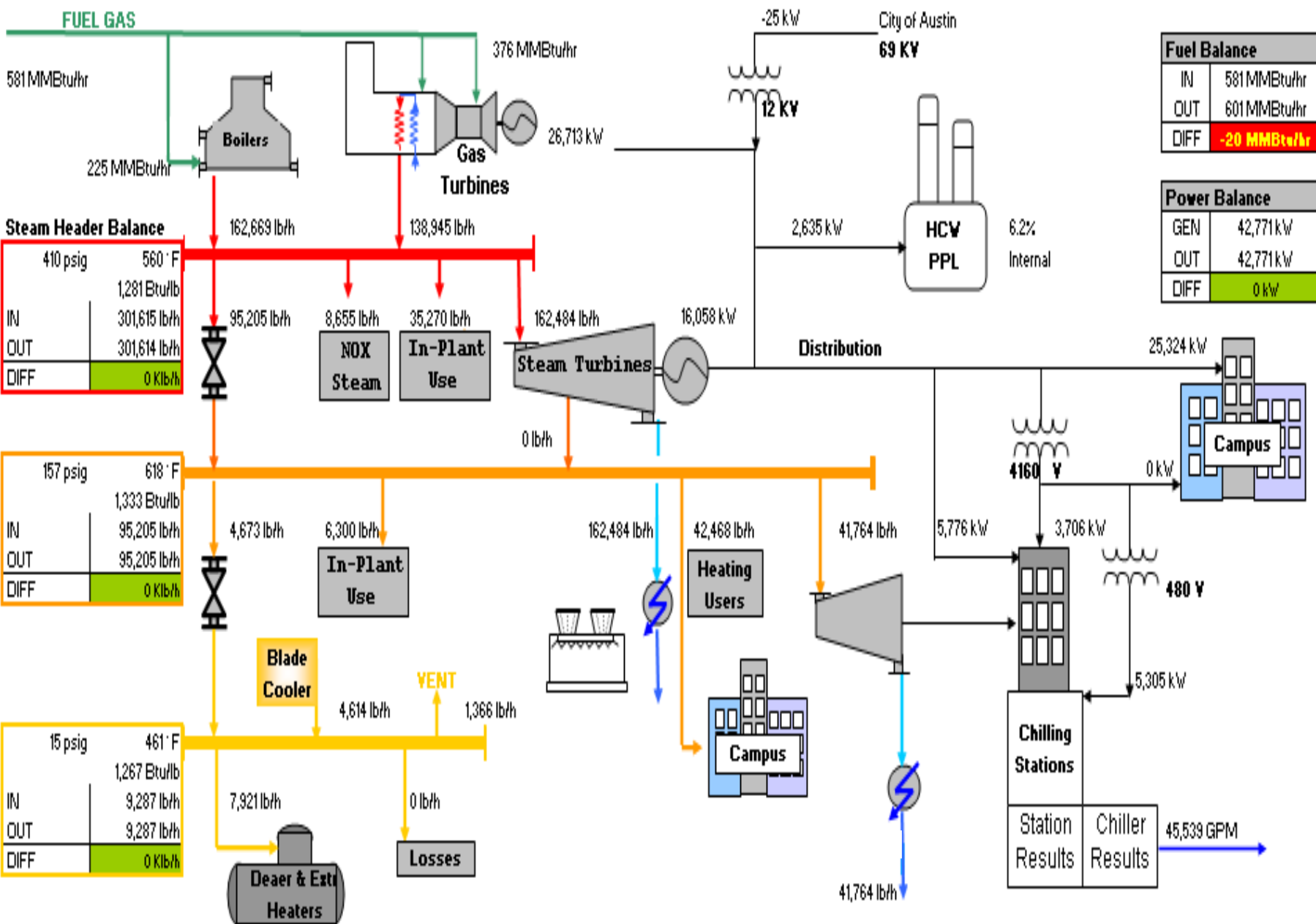
- 60,000 tons of capacity
- 5 chilled water plants
- 18 electrical centrifugal chillers (2,500 to 5,000 tons)
- 18 miles of loop piping
- 3.6 MG, 36,000 ton hour & 5.5 MG, 55,000 ton hour thermal storage tanks
- Nearly 200 connected loads
- Over 200 loop valves
- 35 primary chilled water pumps
- Variable primary pumps in plants
- Variable secondary pumps in buildings

# Operations at a Glance

- Peak Cooling Load – 36,000 Tons
- Peak Chilled Water Flow – 45,000 gpm
- Average Supply Temperature - 39°F
- Average Return Temperature - 49°F
- Average Supply Pressure at Plants – 100 psig
- Peak Supply Pressure at Plants – 125 psig
- Total Annual Production 137,000,000 Ton-Hours
- Total Annual Power to Plants – 80,000,000 kWh

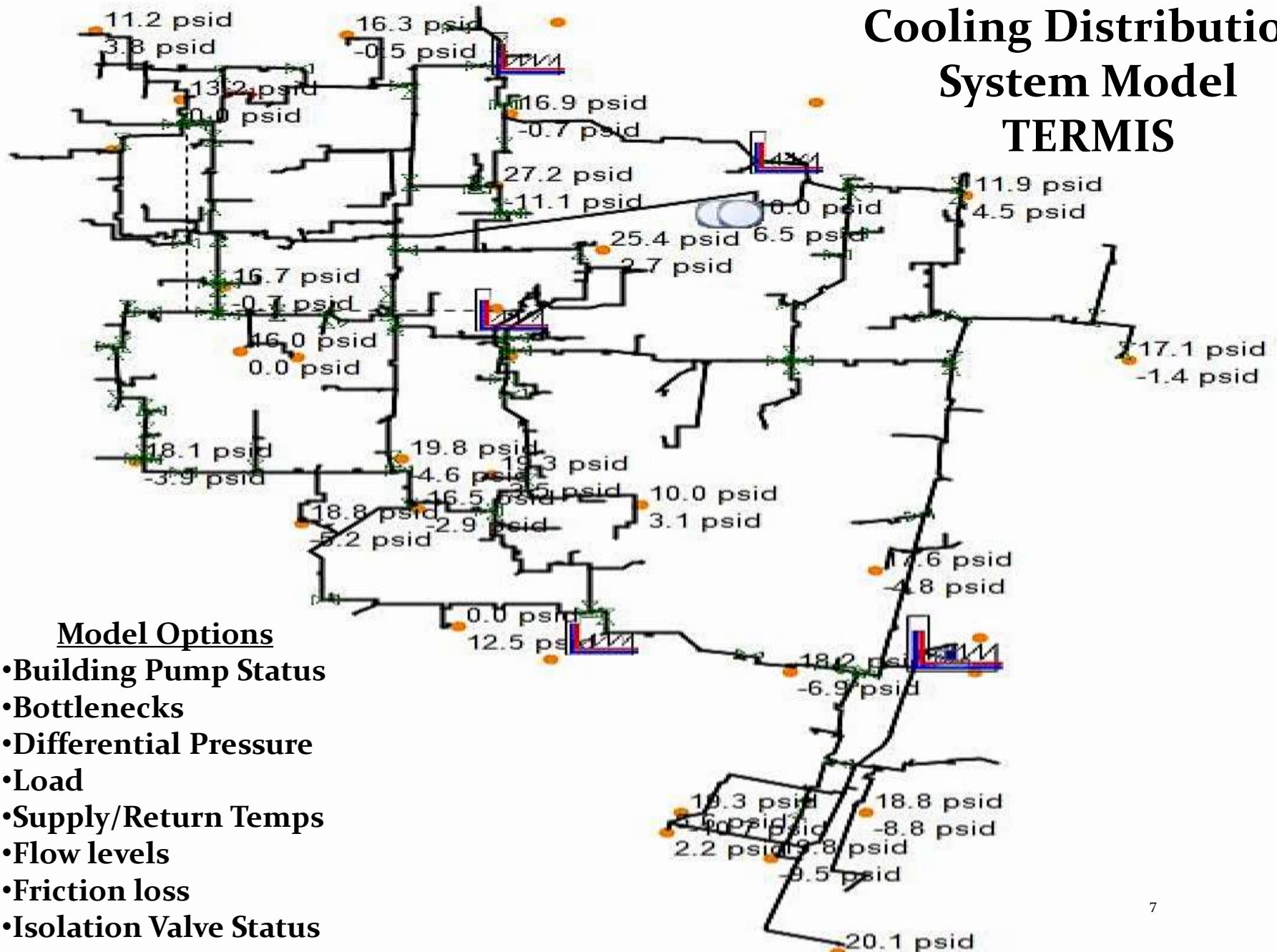
# Chilled Water System Roadmap

- Started with Power Plant Optimization
- Linked Chilled Water System to Optimization
- First all VFD cooling plant in 2007
- Learned the value of primary pumps in 2009
  - Used Termis (real time model) to investigate DP reduction
- Used OE to link plants to loop optimization





# Cooling Distribution System Model TERMIS



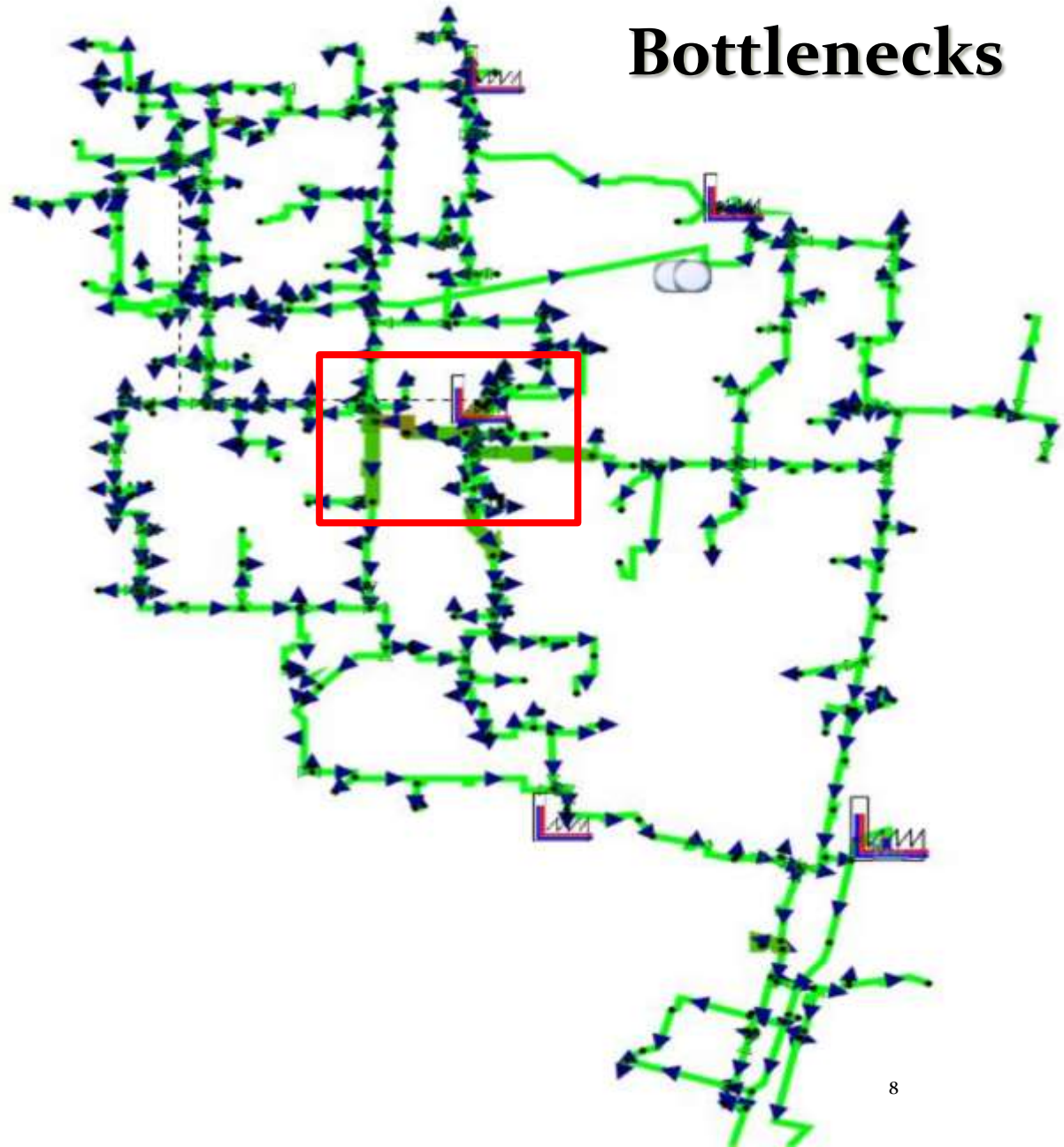
## Model Options

- Building Pump Status
- Bottlenecks
- Differential Pressure
- Load
- Supply/Return Temps
- Flow levels
- Friction loss
- Isolation Valve Status

Pressure Gradients [TONS]

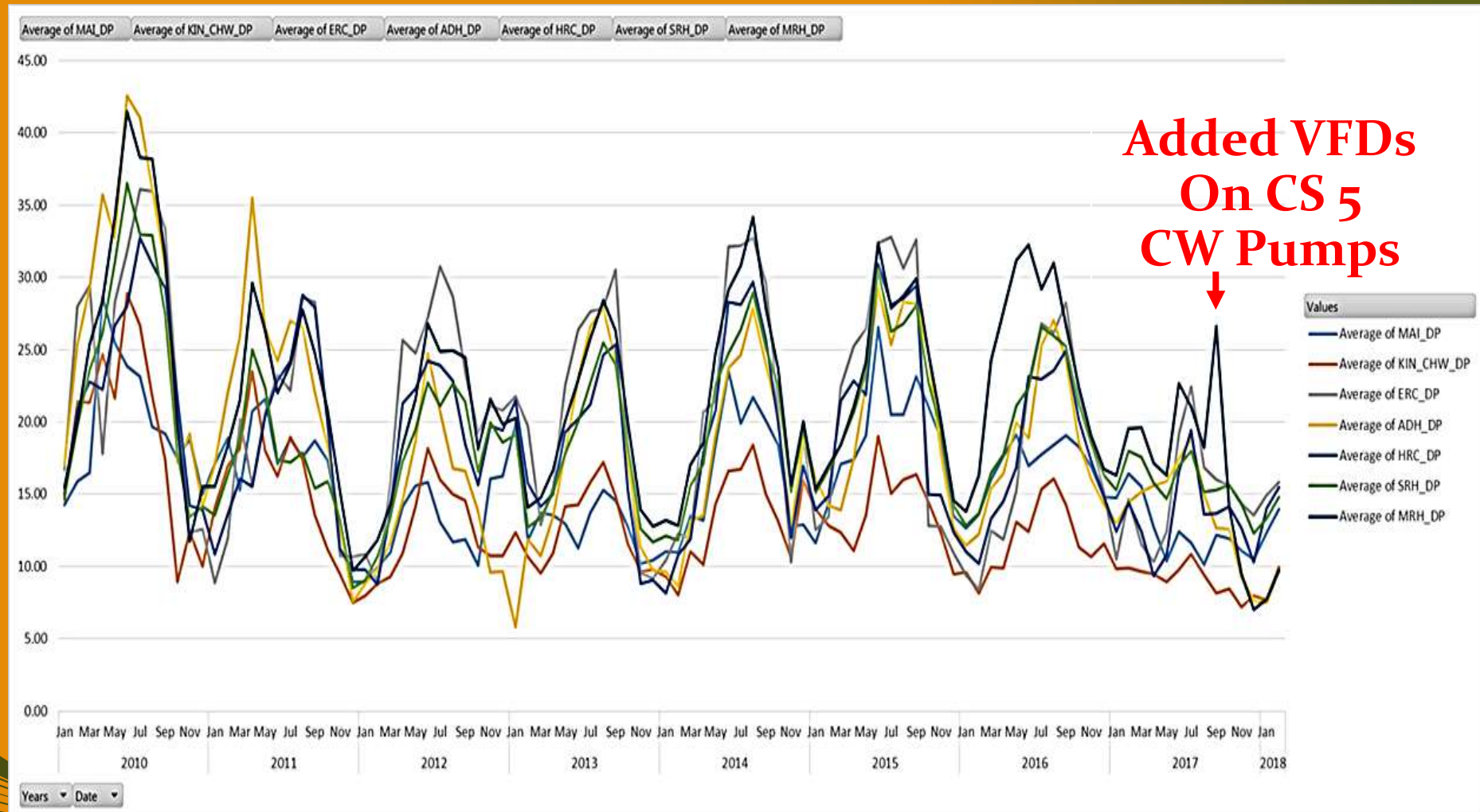
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7.0	10.0		2
3.0	7.0		2
1.0	3.0		2
-	1.0		1

# Bottlenecks





# DP Reduction History

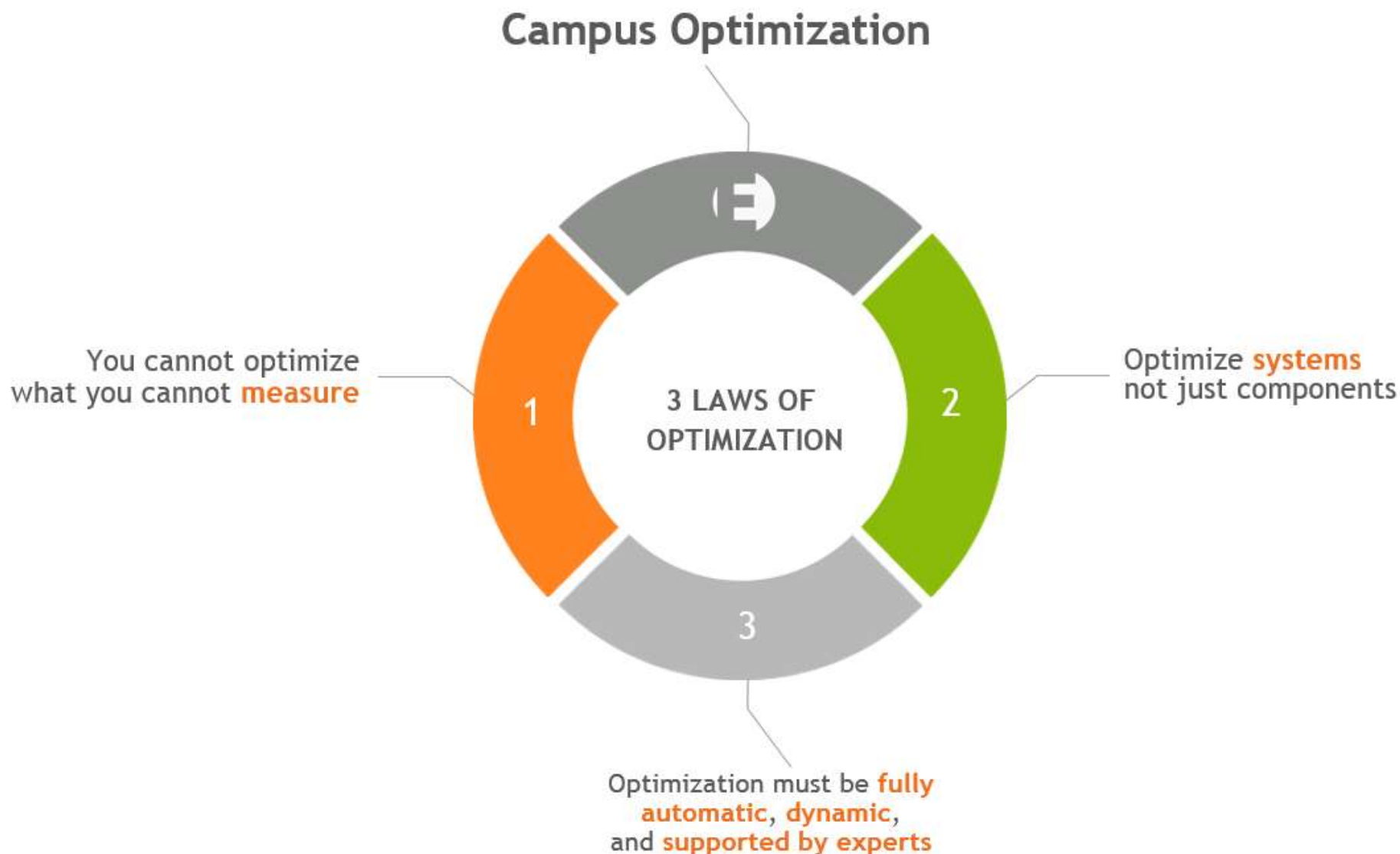




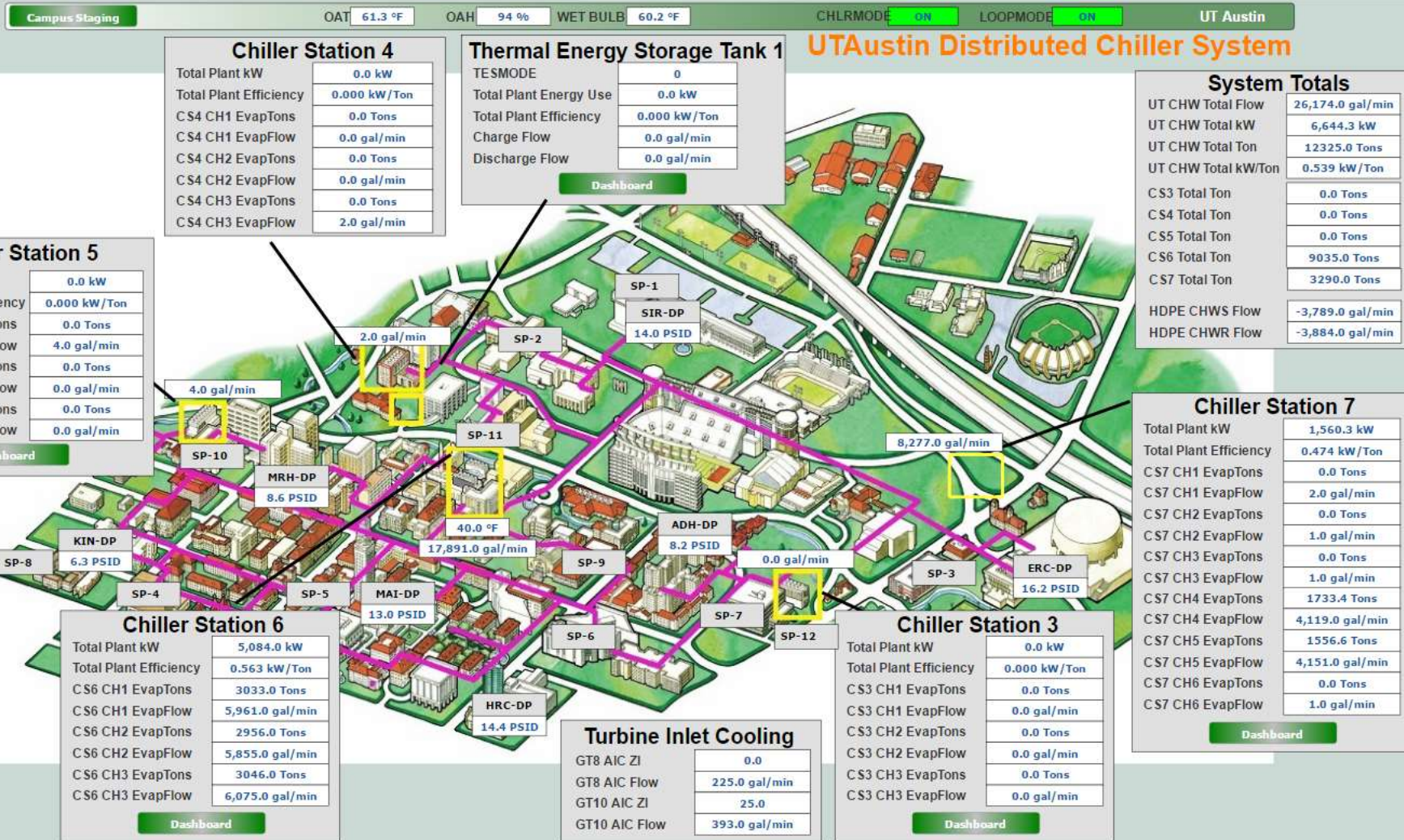
## Cooling Plant Performance



# The Foundation of UT's Optimization



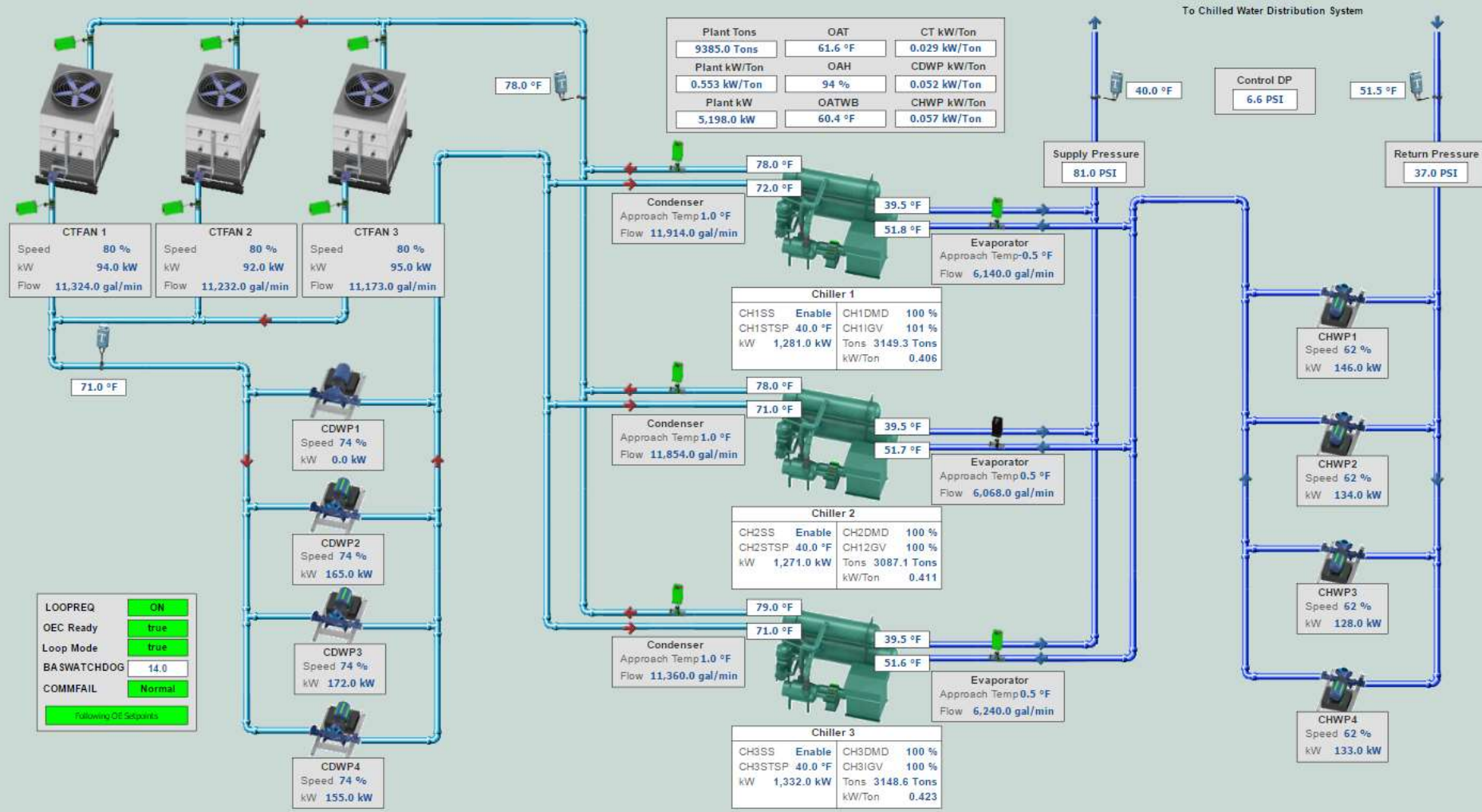




# Step 1: CS6 – Master DP Control

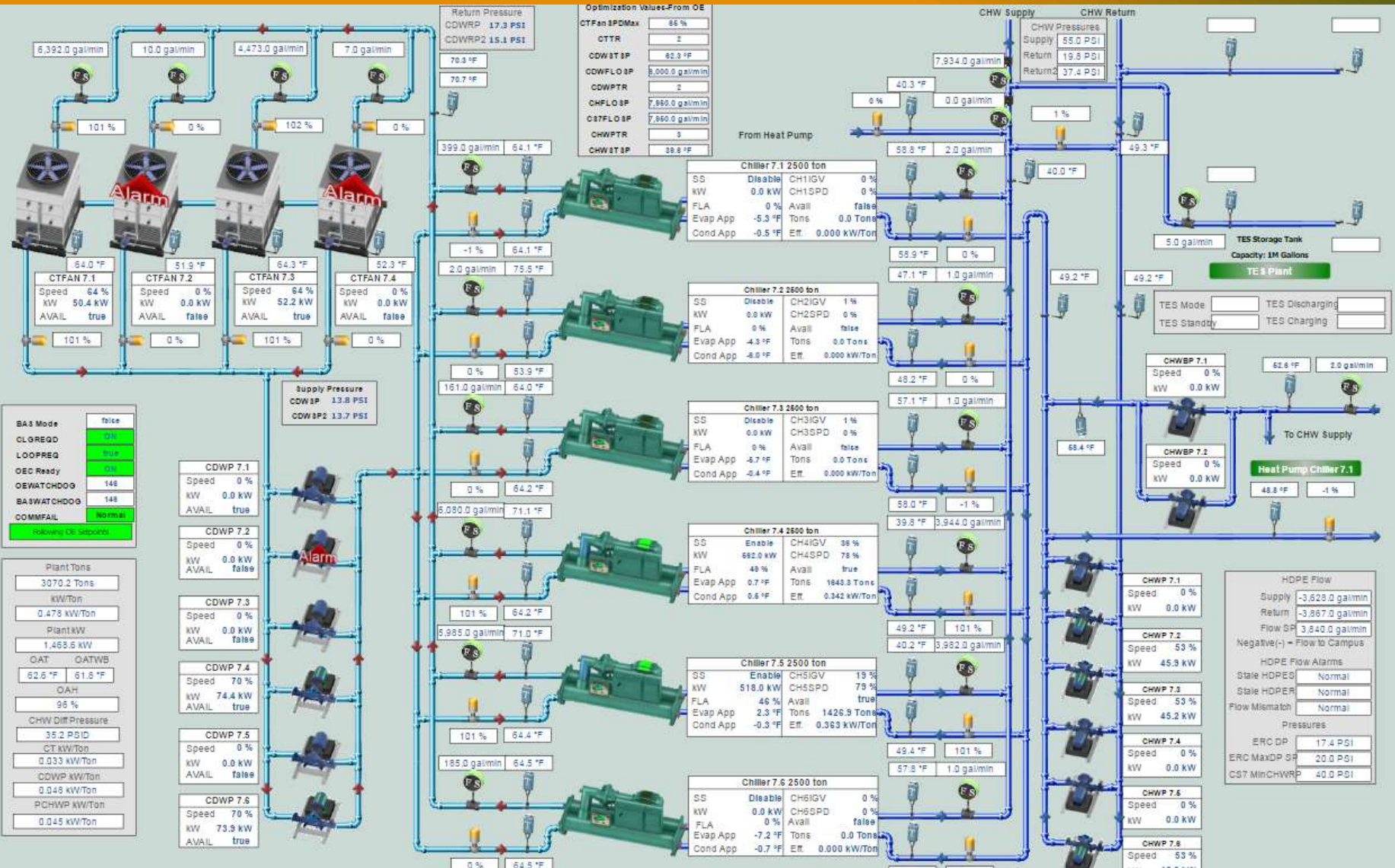
## Campus CHWDP Control at CS6

1	KIN	6.5 PSID	OE DP Setpoint	6.2 PSID
2	MAI	13.3 PSID		
3	HRC	15.1 PSID		
4	ERC	17.4 PSID	Control DP	6.5 PSI
5	MRH	9.1 PSID		
6	SIR	14.5 PSID	Pump Speed	62 %
7	ADH	8.2 PSID		

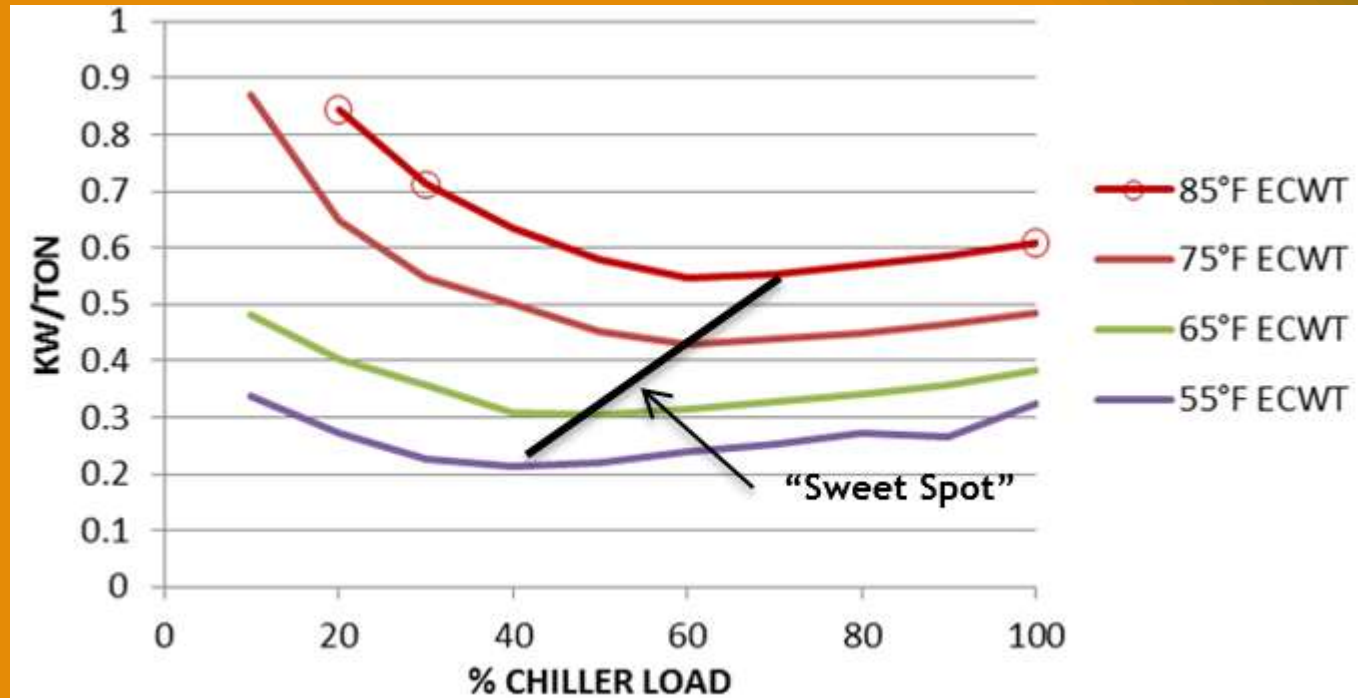




# Step 2: CS7 – Sweet Spot Optimization

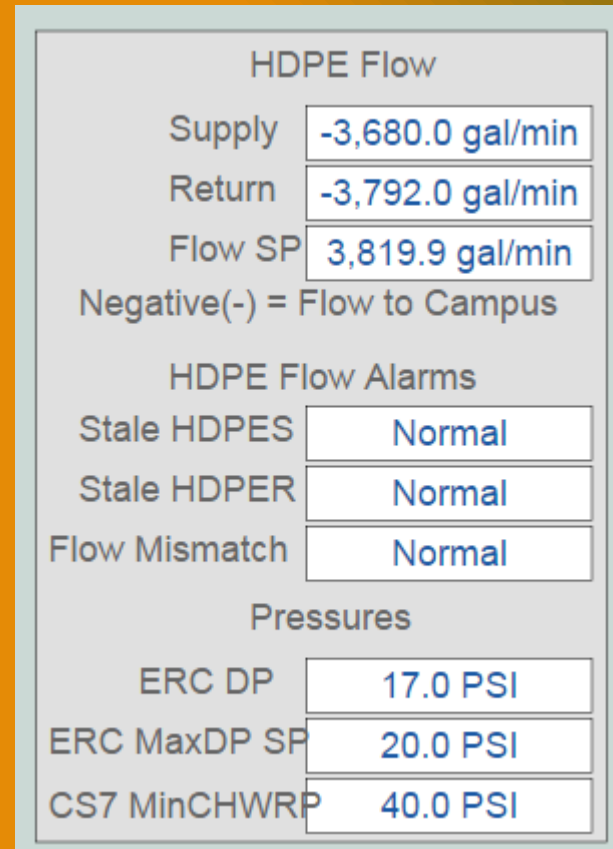
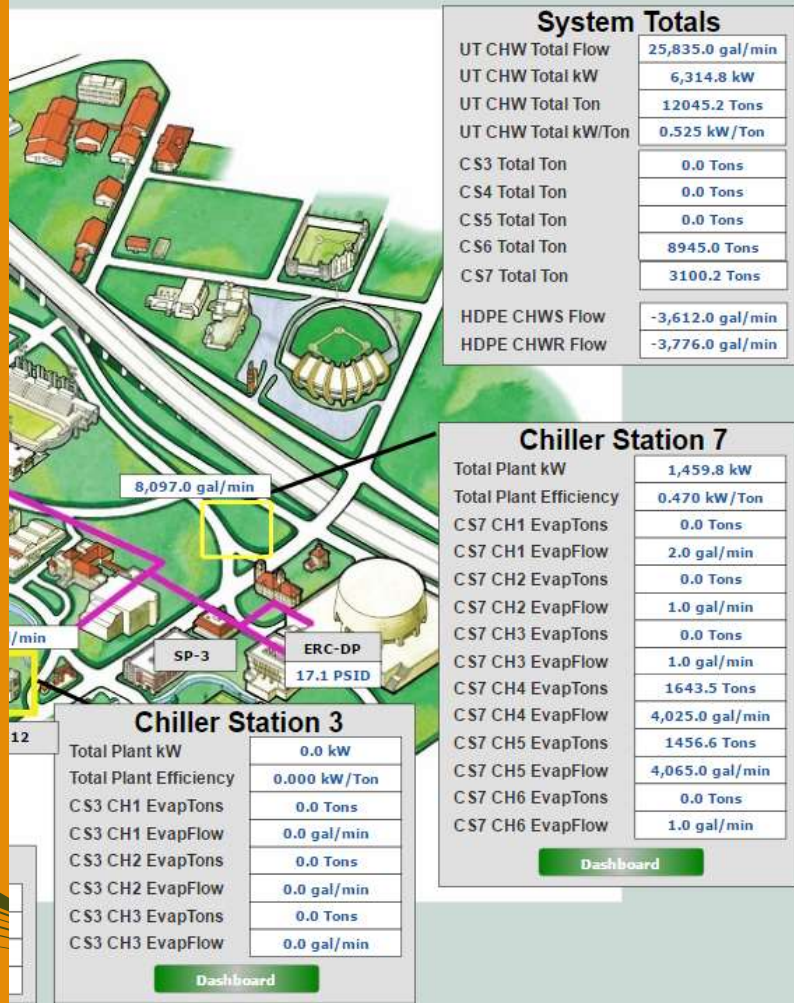


# Step 2: CS7 – Sweet Spot Optimization



# Step 3: CS7 – Maximize Output

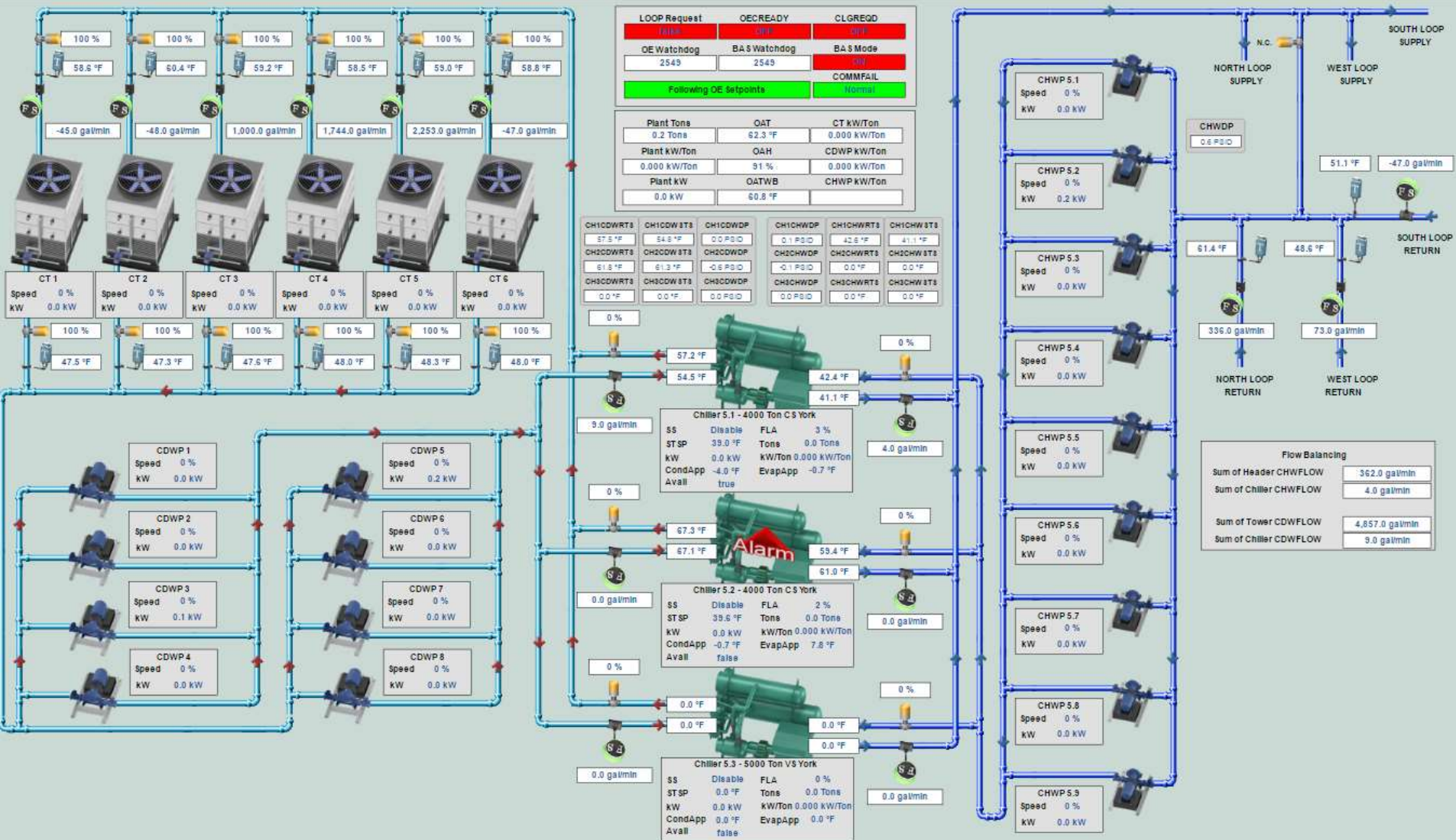
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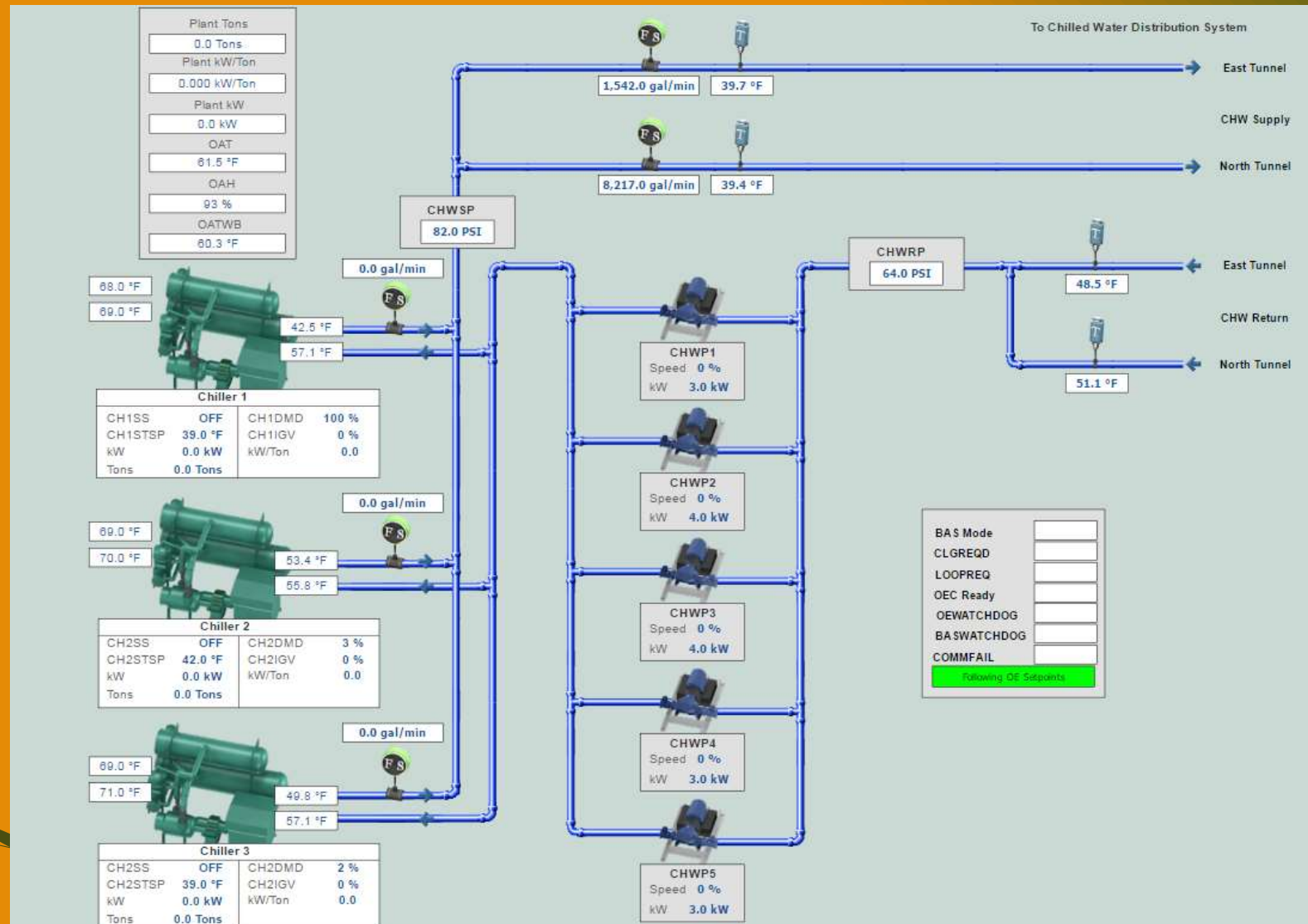


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# Step 5: CS5 – Flow Control (imitate CS6)



# Step 6: CS<sub>3</sub> – Flow Control (maximize CS Chiller output while keeping CS<sub>6</sub> at 12,500 tons)



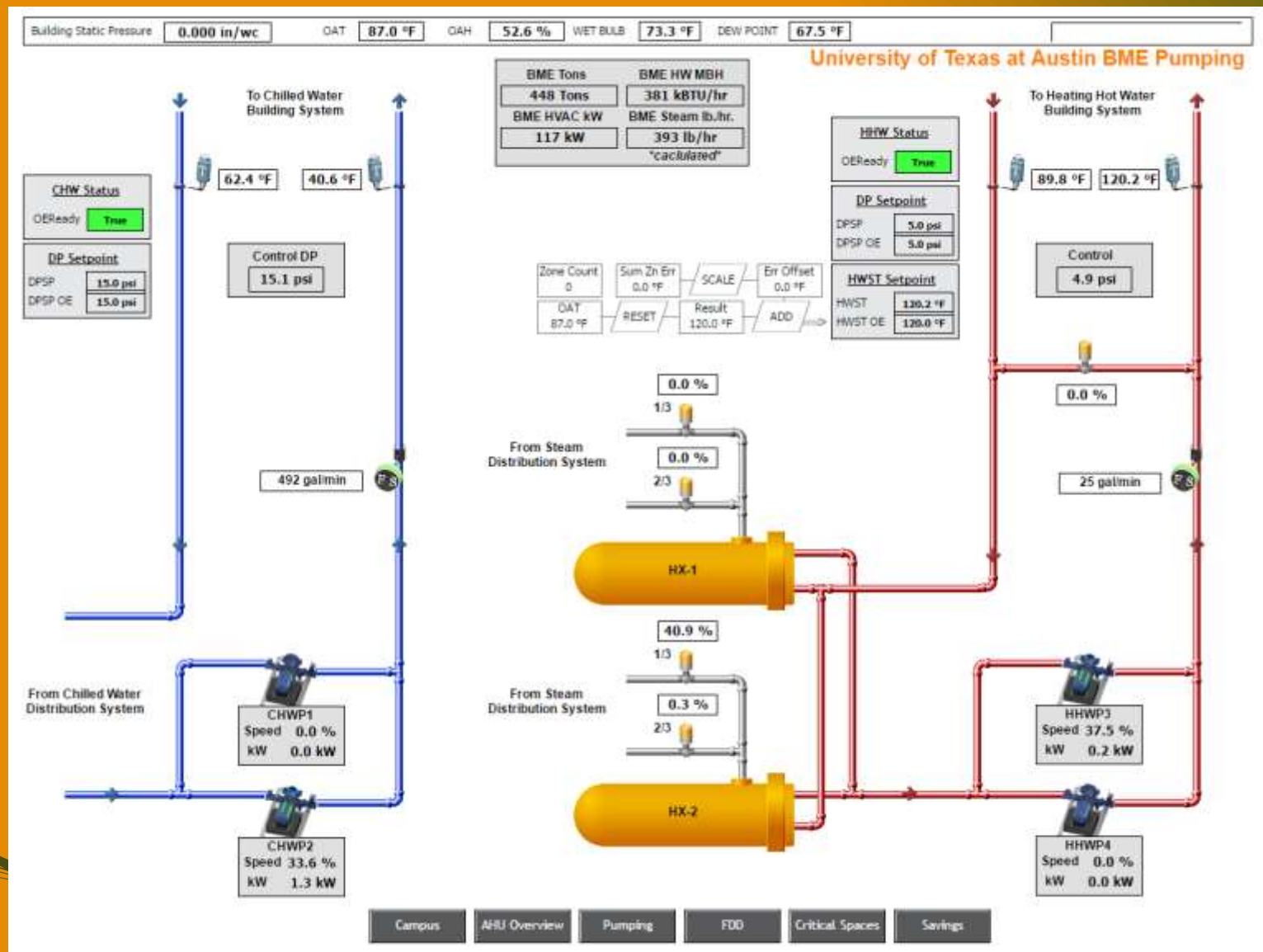


# Step 7: Campus Chiller Shed (excess tons)

UT Austin Campus Chillers						
	Tons	Desired Max Tons	Excess Tons	CHW Flow	Availability	CHWST
CS6			4266.0 Tons			
CH6.1	2935.2 Tons	4333.0 Tons	1390.0 Tons	5,817.0 gal/min	true	39.5 °F
CH6.2	2840.7 Tons	4333.0 Tons	1484.0 Tons	5,710.0 gal/min	true	39.6 °F
CH6.3	2954.2 Tons	4333.0 Tons	1392.0 Tons	5,953.0 gal/min	true	39.5 °F
CS3			0.0 Tons			
CH3.1	0.0 Tons	5500.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	true	42.5 °F
CH3.2	0.0 Tons	3500.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	true	53.3 °F
CH3.3	0.0 Tons	3500.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	true	49.8 °F
CS5			0.0 Tons			
CH5.1	0.0 Tons	4000.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	4.0 gal/min	true	41.1 °F
CH5.2	0.0 Tons	4000.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	false	0.0 °F
CH5.3	0.0 Tons	5000.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	false	0.0 °F
CS4			0.0 Tons			
CH4.1	0.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	BOP Only	0.0 °F
CH4.2	0.0 Tons	3000.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	BOP Only	0.0 °F
CH4.3	0.0 Tons	3000.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	2.0 gal/min	BOP Only	0.0 °F
TES						
TES1	0.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 Tons	0.0 gal/min	true	0.0 °F

4549.0 Tons	-	0.0 Tons	-	0.0 Tons	=	0.0 Tons	> 500
Sum Excess Tons		- Max Tons (Non CS6)		- Max Excess Tons (Non CS6)		= Shed Event Tons	

# Buildings – reducing DP and temperatures



# High delta T Syndrome?

- Prior to 2010 – Campus delta T used to average between 7.5 and 11.5 deg F with maximum flow requirement of 70,000 gpm (12 deg F delta T)
- CS5 and CS6 were installed with no low flow chilled water bypass
- 2017 maximum flow requirement is 45,000 gpm (19.2 deg F delta T)
- Chillers are going into minimum flow control (campus pressures increase)
- Possible Solutions we are debating
  - Increase chilled water set point from 39 deg F to 42 deg F
  - Decrease minimum flow to 2 ft/sec in evaporators

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