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Improving Chiller Efficiency & Sustainability Via Tube Fouling Prevention

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Defining the Problem

- Chillers represent >15% of building's energy use during warm months
- Studies show >95% of shell & tube heat exchangers suffer tube fouling
(Muller-Steinhagen, 2011; Steinhagen et al., 1992; Garrett-Price et al., 1985)

Scale



Particulate



Biofilm



- >\$1.5 Billion wasted every year in USA due to chiller inefficiency

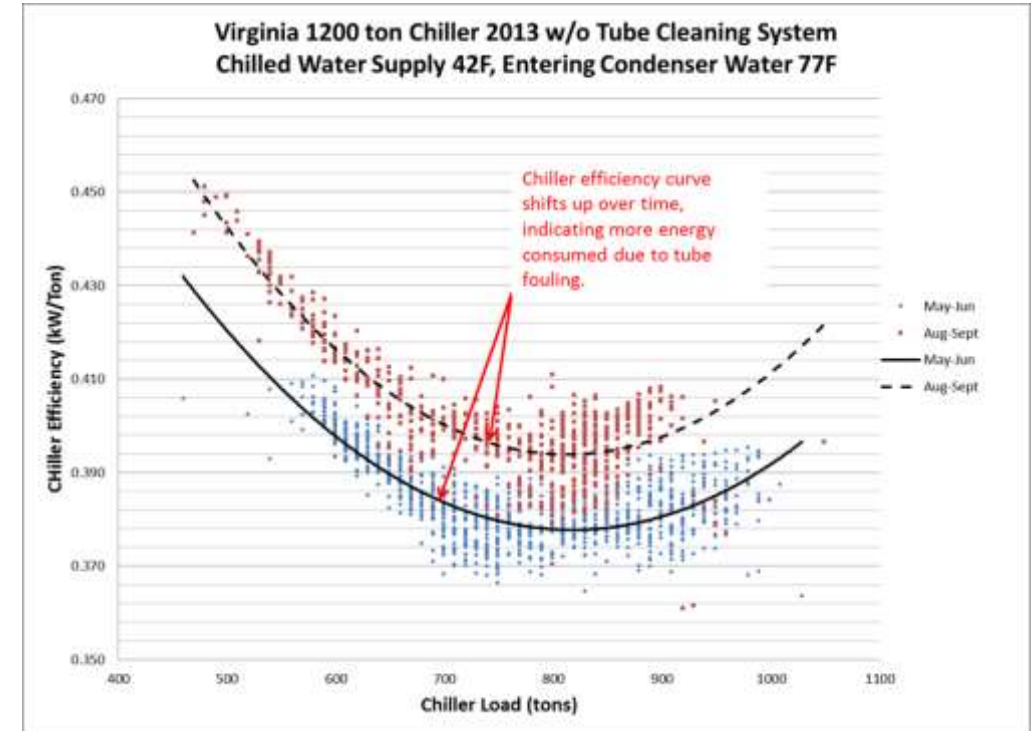
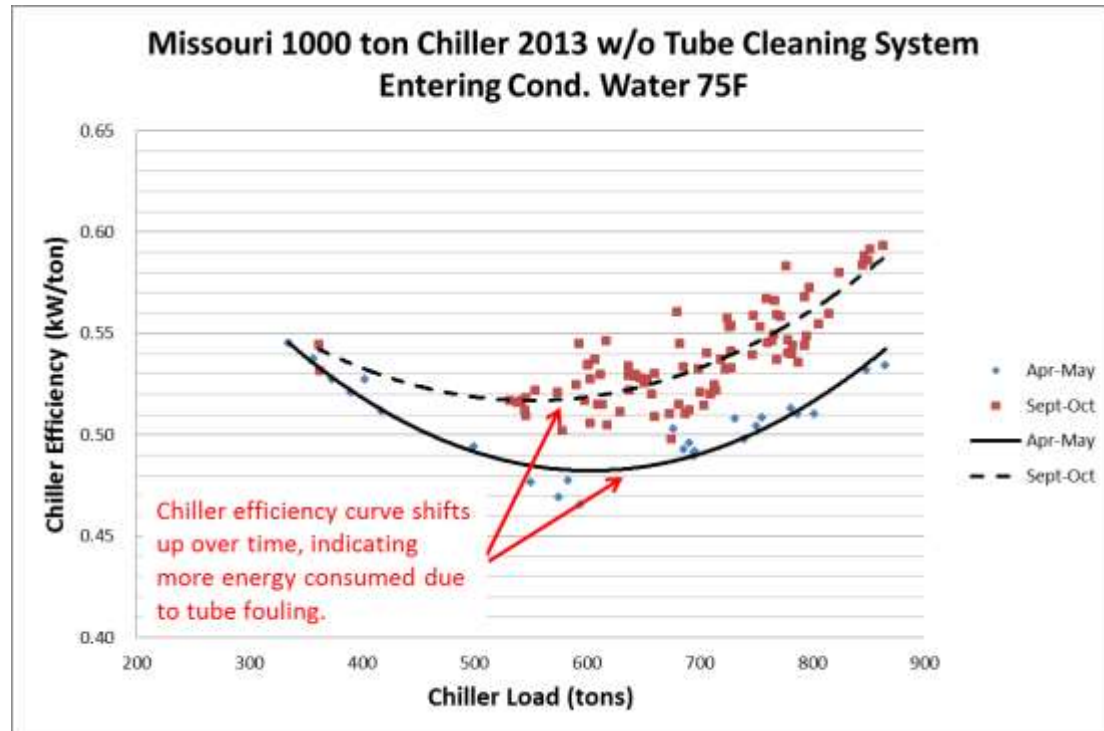


If Our True Goal is to Optimize Chiller Efficiency...

Chemical Treatment Alone

Is NOT

“Best In Class” Efficiency



Water Treatment +
Continuous Tube Cleaning =
True Optimized Efficiency

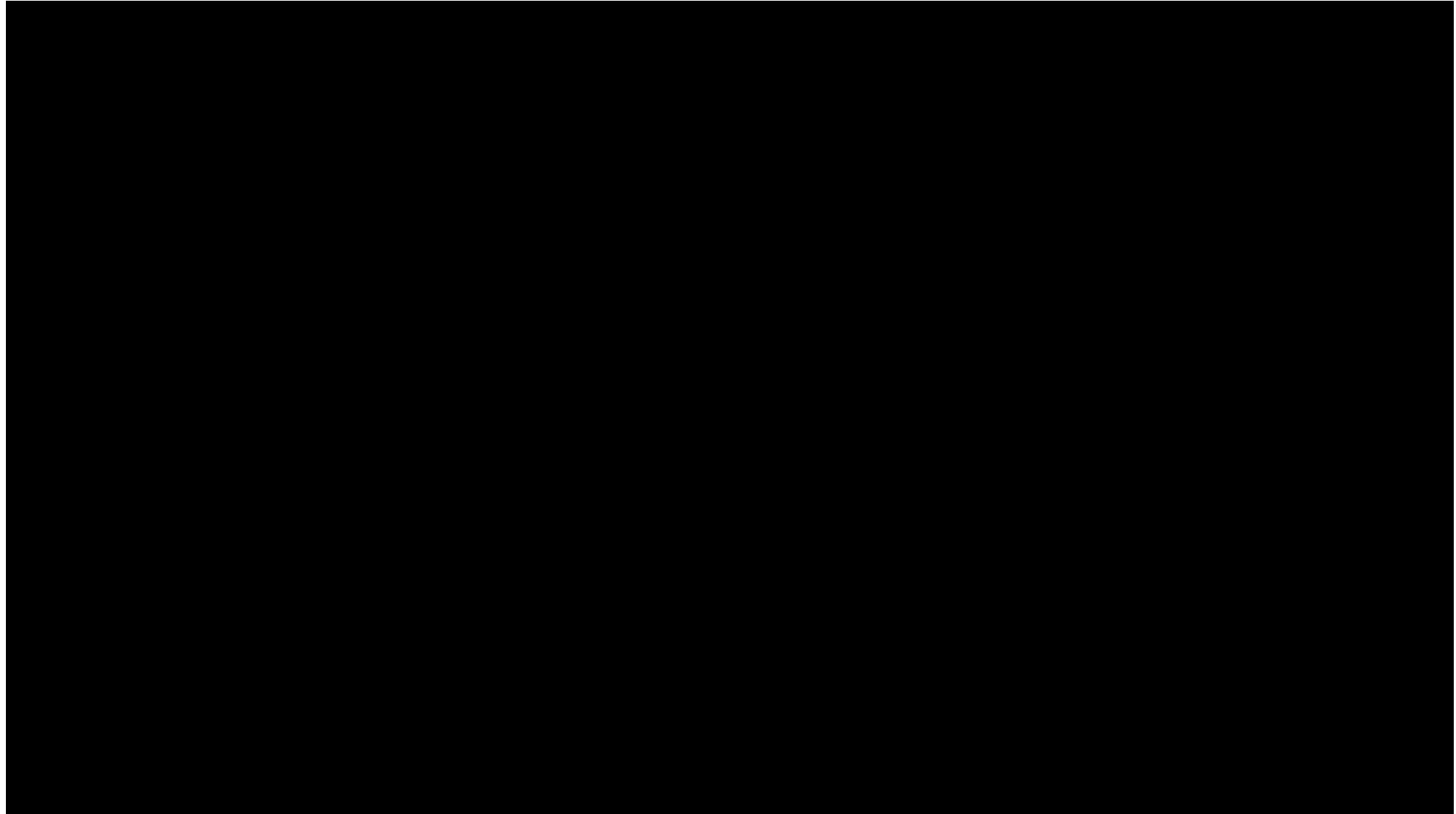
Automatic Tube Cleaning Systems (ATCS): Multiple Value Dimensions



- Avg. chiller efficiency improves 5-15%
- Increase chiller cooling output up to 10%
- Reduce or eliminate manual tube brushing & chemical cleaning
- Improves chiller plant availability
- Reduce GHG emissions and environmental impact



How Auto Tube Cleaning Systems (ATCS) Work



University of Virginia Path to ATCS



February 2012

- Approached with an innovative solution we didn't quite believe

May 2012

- Entered in to a test run with single unit and creative procurement strategy
- 6000 ton plant with initial test run on a 2000 ton machine

November 2012

- Completed trial
- Quantitative and qualitative analyses were compelling

December 2013

- Operational as standard equipment at new 6000 ton East chiller plant



February 2015

- Expanded original system to include all three chillers for a total of 6000 tons at the South plant

May 2016

- Operational as standard equipment at new 2400 ton Newcomb chiller plant

January 2017

- Installed in existing 6900 ton Aquatics and Fitness chiller plant

December 2018

- Installed at 2800 ton Massie Rd chiller plant & all plants with appropriate justification



Since 2012, ATCS Installed on 18 Chillers (26,000 Tons) & Counting!



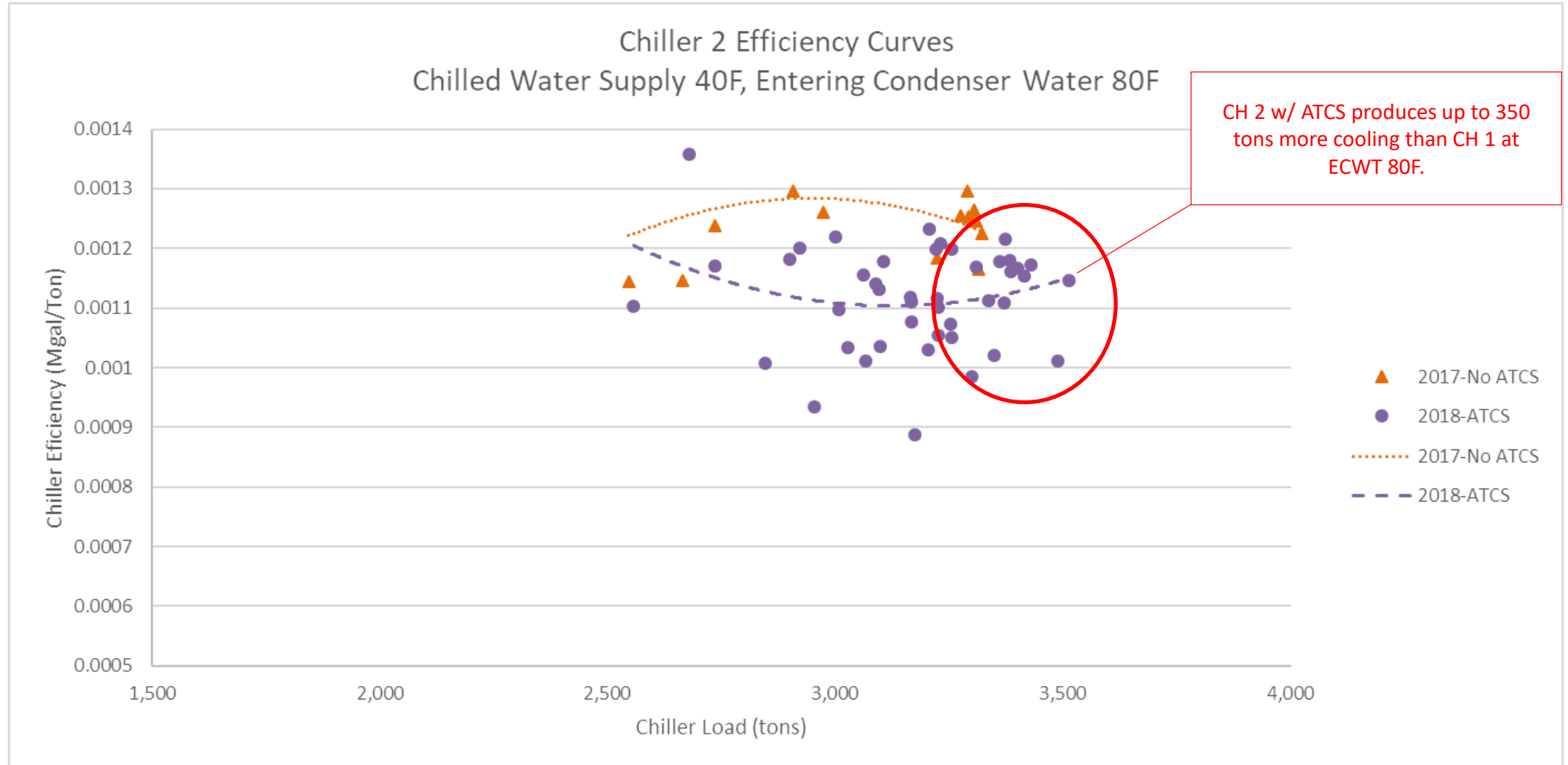
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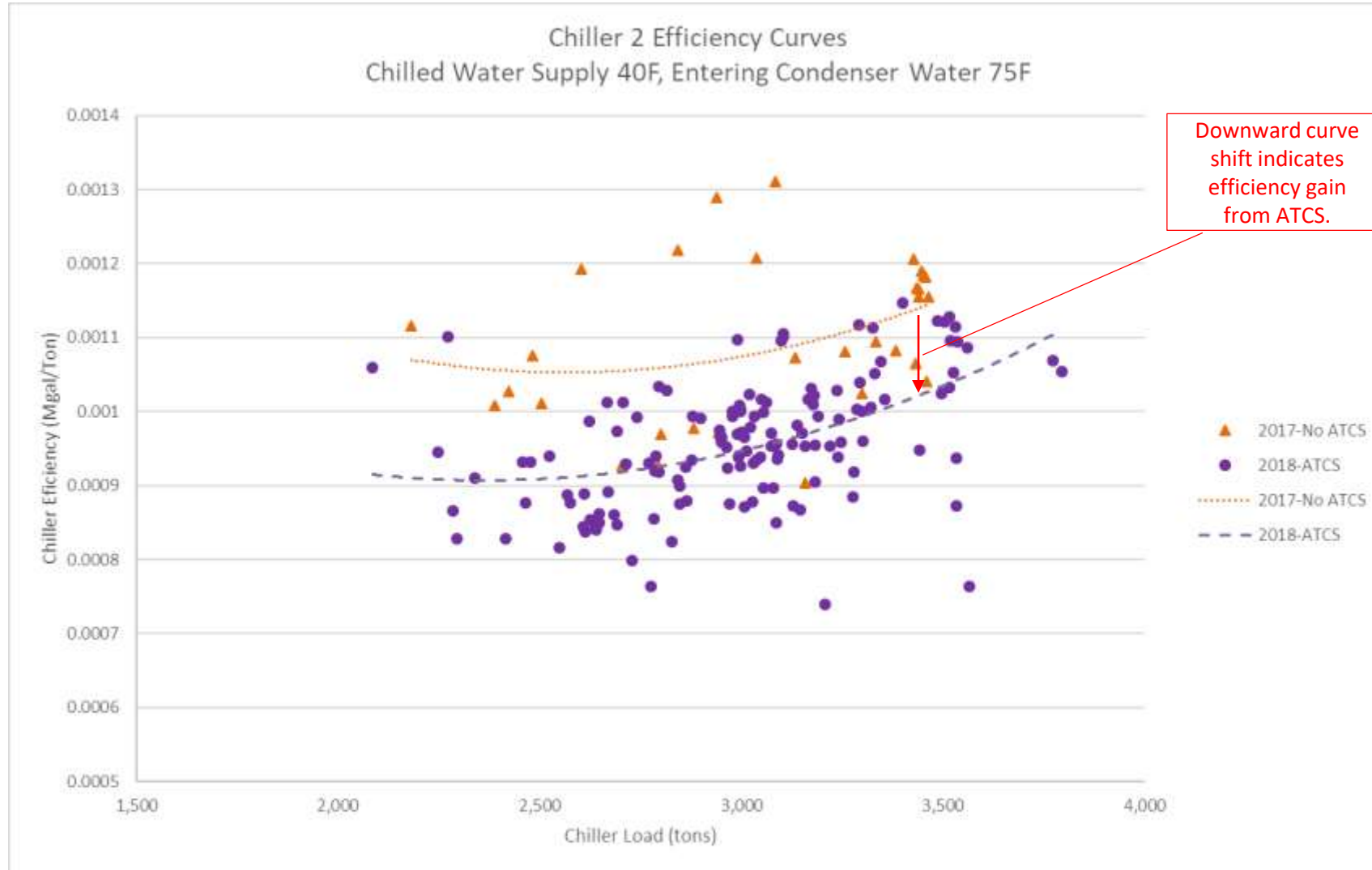
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- CENTRAL PLANT - CHILLERS 1 & 2
- TWIN 4,000 TON STEAM CHILLERS
- SHARED CHILLED & CONDENSER H₂O HEADERS
- ATCS INSTALLED ON CHILLER 2 CONDENSER & EVAPORATOR

ATCS Increased Chiller Cooling Capacity!

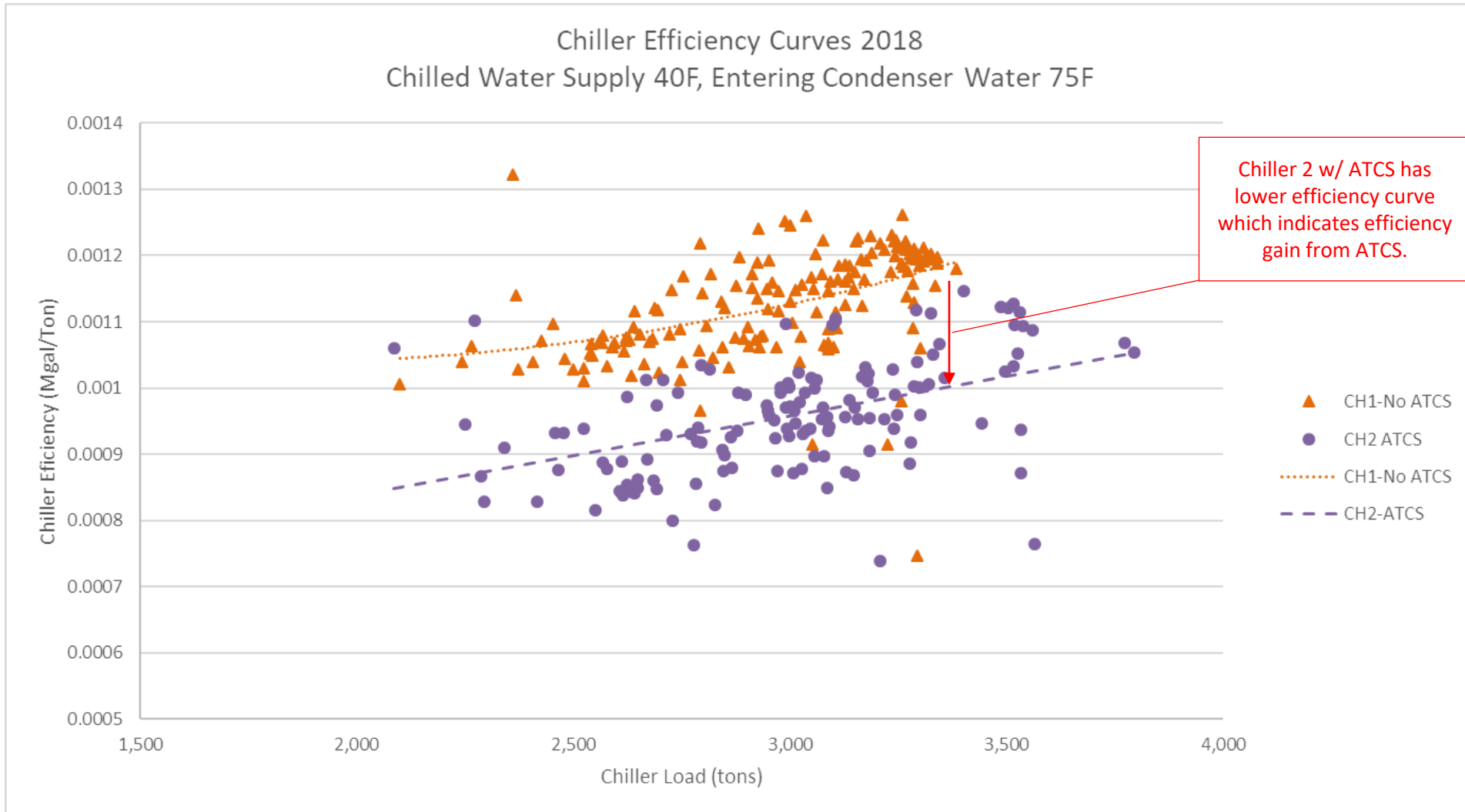


Chiller 2 Efficiency Curve Before & After ATCS



Average Efficiency Gain After Helios: 11%

Chiller Efficiency Curves Side by Side Comparison



Average Efficiency Advantage With Helios: 15%

University of Wisconsin Case Study Results

University of Wisconsin Case Study Summary Results

Average Chiller Efficiency Gain:

12%

Chiller Capacity Increase:

Up to 400 tons

Annual Energy Savings:

10,370 MMBtu

Annual Energy Cost Savings:

\$40,000

Project Lifetime CO2 Emission Reductions:

9,200 tons

Project Lifetime Savings (15 Yrs):

\$850,000

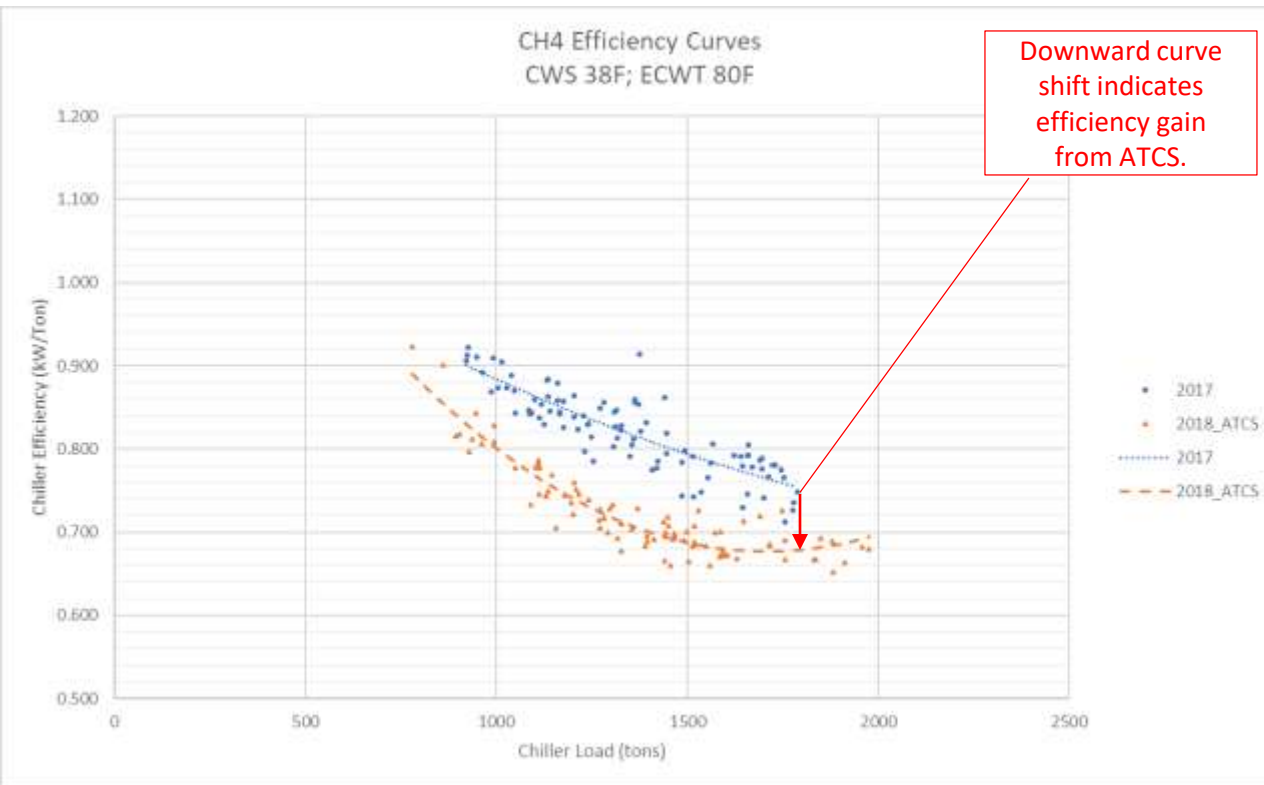
Xcel Energy Case Study



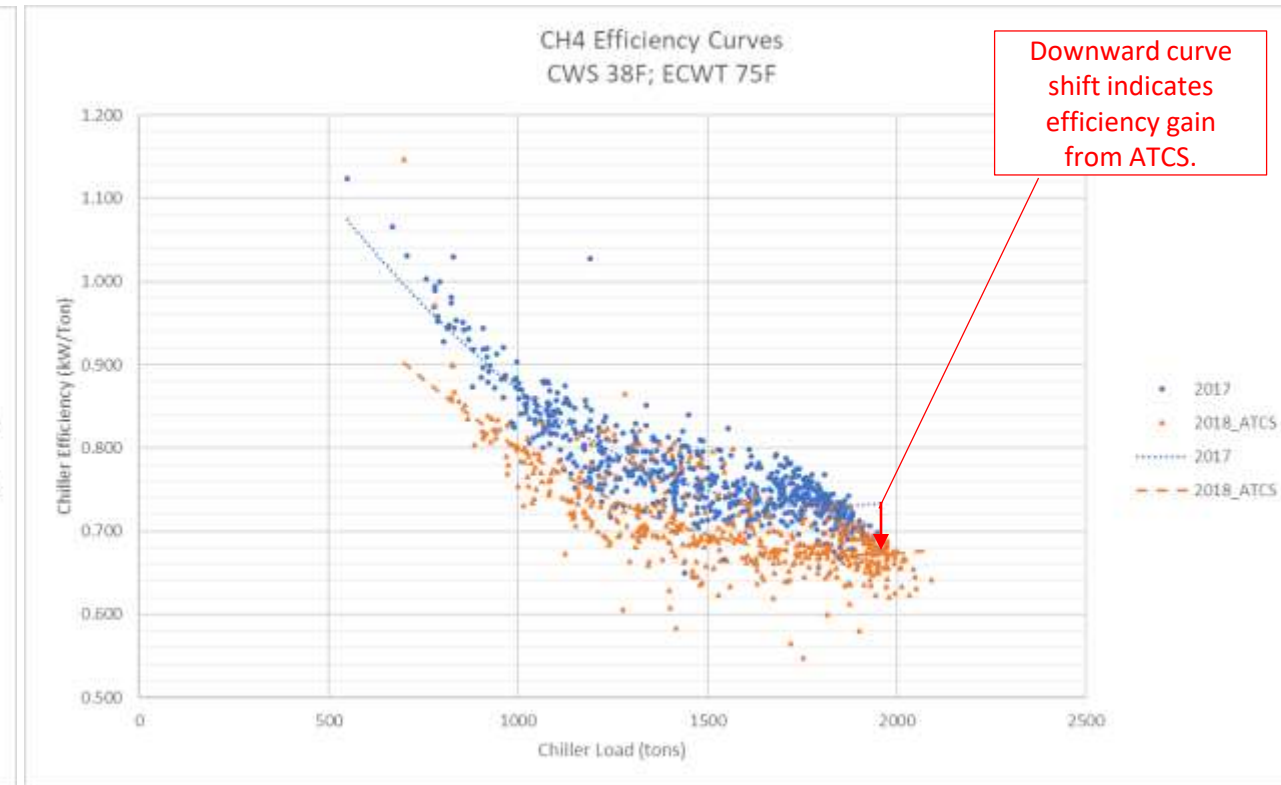
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- XCEL ENERGY DISTRICT COOLING PLANT – CHILLER 4
- 2,500 NOMINAL TONS
- DENVER DOWNTOWN DISTRICT COOLING

Chiller 4 Efficiency Curves Before & After ATCS



Average Efficiency Gain After ATCS: 12%



Average Efficiency Gain After ATCS: 9%

Xcel Energy Case Study Results



Xcel Energy Case Study Summary Results

Average Chiller Efficiency Gain:	4%
Chiller Capacity Increase:	Up to 200 tons
Annual Energy Savings:	180,000 kW-hrs
Annual Cost Savings:	\$20,000
Project Lifetime CO2 Emission Reductions:	2,200 Tons
Project Lifetime Savings (15 Yrs):	\$410,000



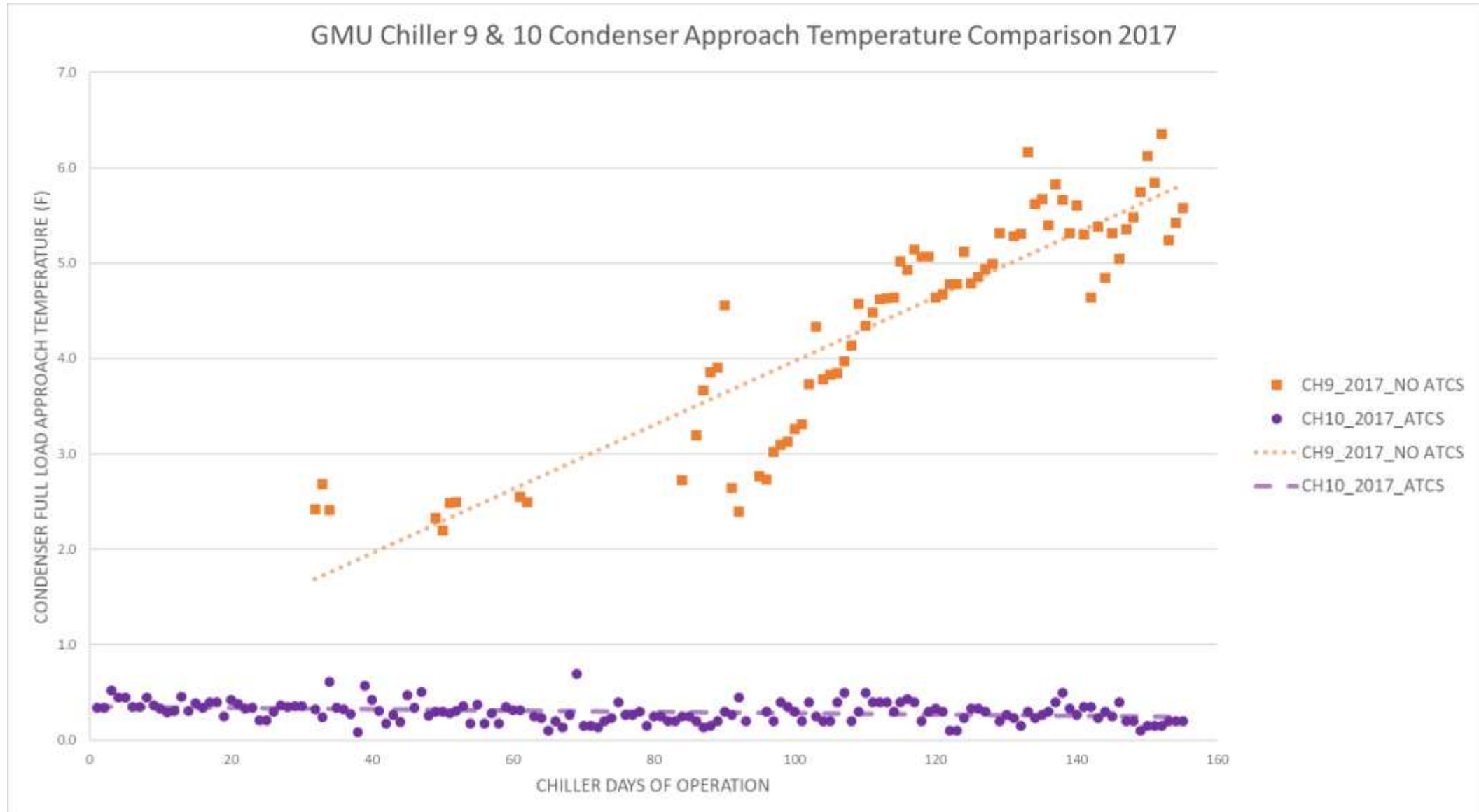
George Mason University Case Study



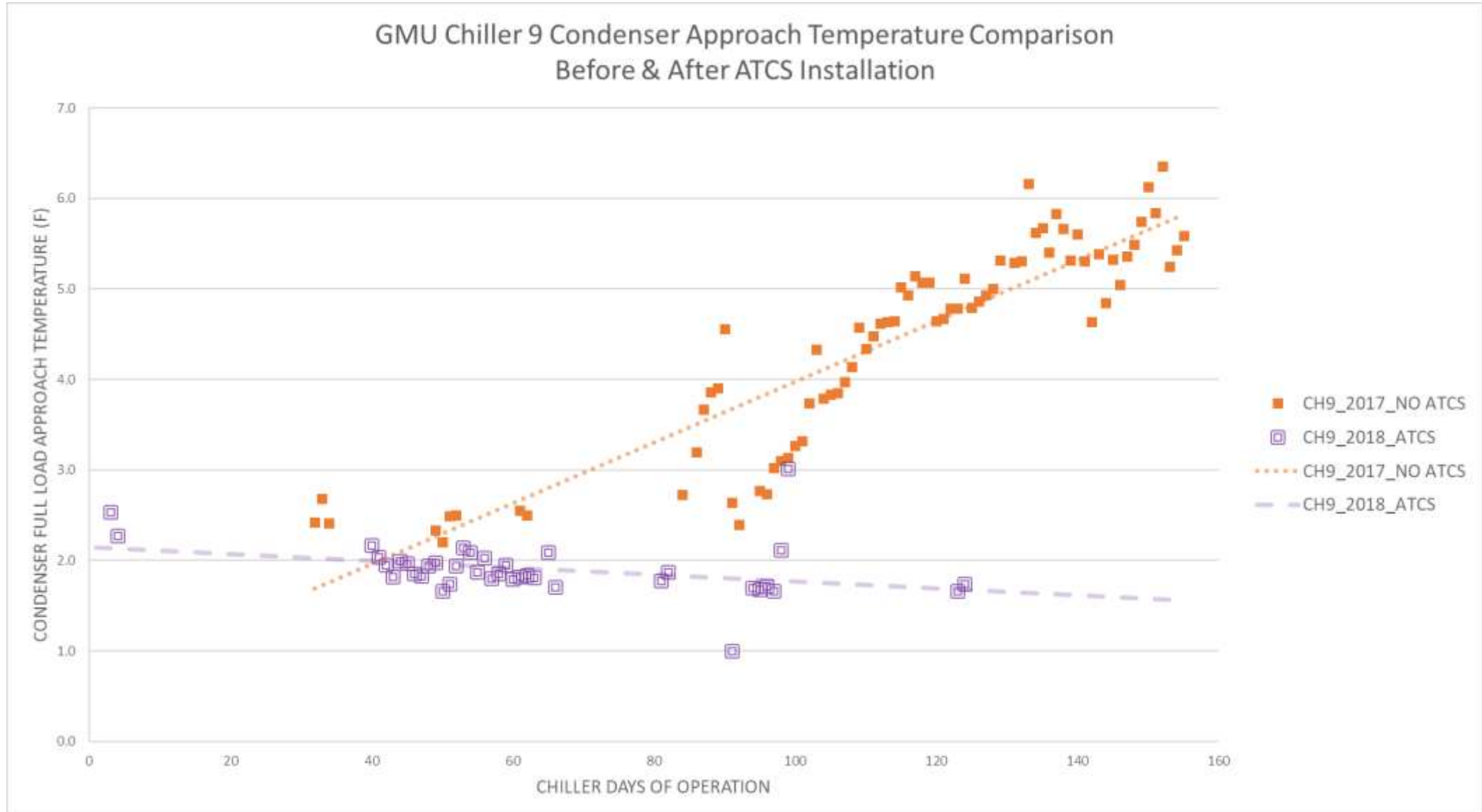
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- CENTRAL COOLING PLANT CHILLERS 9 & 10
- 1,470 NOMINAL TONS EACH
- SHARED CHILLED & CONDENSER H₂O HEADERS

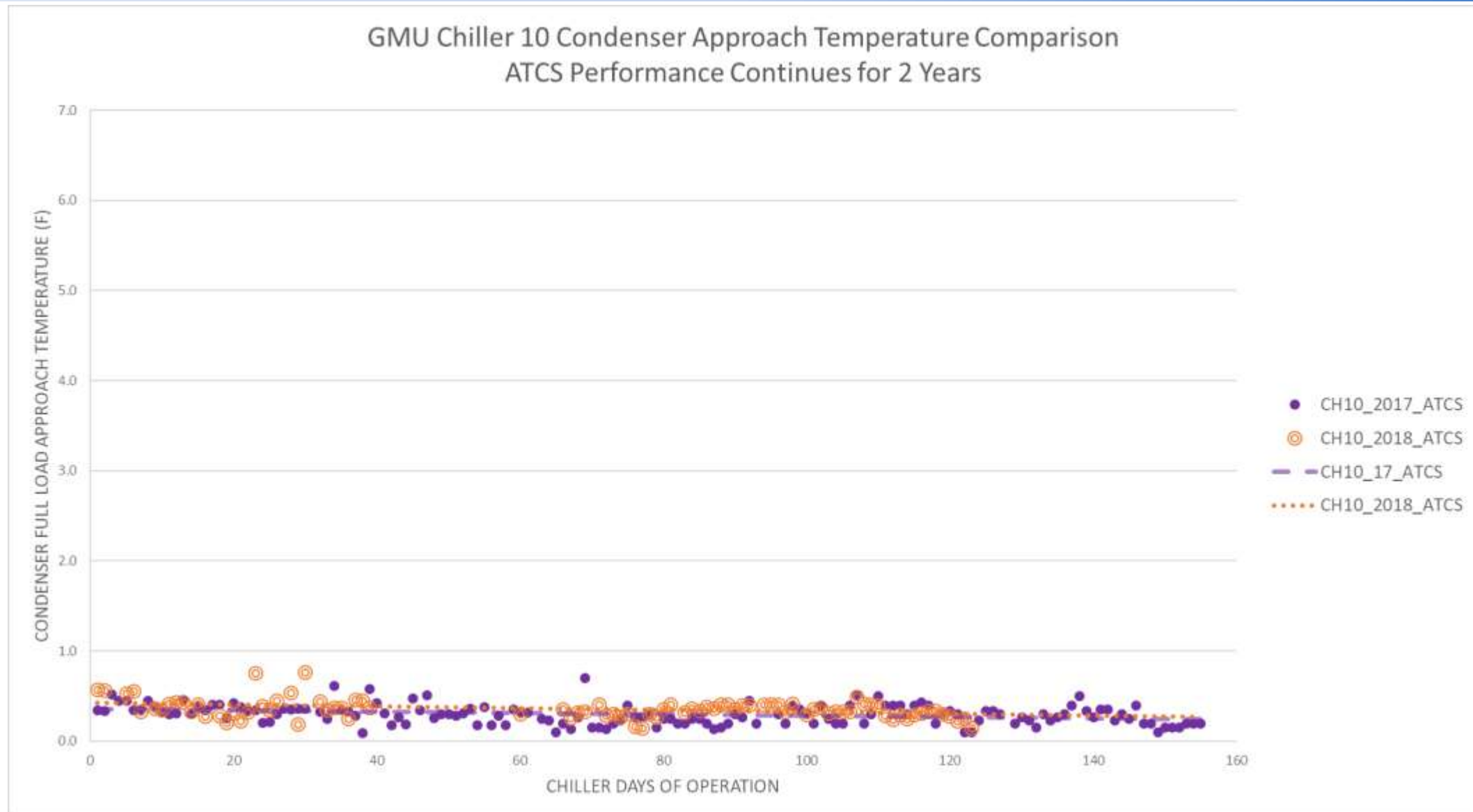
2017: ATCS Maintains Chiller 10 Constant Approach Temp



2017-18: Chiller 9 Approach Temp Flatlines After ATCS



2017-18: Chiller 10 w/ ATCS Continues Flatline Approach



George Mason University Case Study



George Mason University Case Study Summary Results

Average Chiller Efficiency Gain:

10%

Chiller Capacity Increase:

Up to 200 tons

Annual Energy Savings:

550,000 kW-hrs

Annual Cost Savings:

\$45,000

Project Lifetime CO2 Emission Reductions:

6,500 Tons

Project Lifetime Savings (15 Yrs):

\$900,000

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Key ATCS Technology Application Concepts

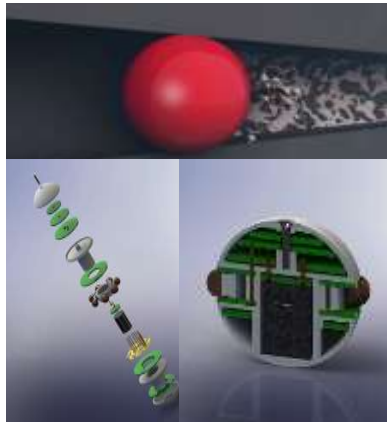


- Supplements water treatment
- Applies to chiller condenser or evaporator
- Upper temperature limit of 280 F
- Effective coarse straining of inlet cooling water is critical
- For optimum benefit, all tubes in tube bundle need to be the same size



ATCS & Emerging Technologies

Introducing Mobile Micro-sensor Technology to Operating Chillers



- Low Cost
- Condenser flow & temperature measurement
- Predictive failure prevention via vibration analysis
- Future to provide real-time tube NDE.
- Allows optimized condenser operation.
- Industrial IOT: automate a slow manual process

Today:
Offline, Manual, Reactive

Tomorrow:
Real Time, Automated, Predictive

Questions?

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How Auto Tube Cleaning Systems (ATCS) Work

