Real-Time Hydraulic Modeling

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Next Steps

Obtain approval to move forward

Getting appropriate personnel involved in the design and implementation phases.
This presentation is a Stanford University case study showing the results and value of hydraulic modeling for building the business case, design and real-time hydraulic for the operational phase of a new low temperature hot water system and chilled water system. Stanford University invested USD $500 million in transforming their energy systems to one of world leading low temperature hot systems and chilled water systems.

Hydraulic modeling was a critical component in this process and Termis real-time hydraulic modeling has become a critical component to maintain top efficiency to pay back the investment as a decision support tool. Real-time hydraulic modeling is used for the day-to-day operational management, troubleshooting, engineering, planning for changes and additions of new buildings. The investment of real-time hydraulic modeling solution has paid itself back in less than 24 months.

This presentation is a hands-on experience and includes demo to serve as an inspiration for all utilities interested in transforming their energy systems and to improve the efficiency of their energy systems.
Real-Time Live Modeling versus Static Modeling - 101

Thomas provide content
Stanford Energy System Innovations (SESI)

From 1987-2015
• Stanford relied on a natural gas-fired CHP plant for virtually all its energy demand which produce 90% of Stanford’s GHG emissions.
• Consumed 25% of the campus’ potable water supply.

2015 Central Energy Facility (CEF)
• The new CEF includes three large water tanks for thermal energy storage
• High voltage substation that receives electricity from the grid.
• Heat recovery system that takes advantage of Stanford’s overlap in heating and cooling needs.

SESI project converted the heat supply of all buildings from steam to hot water
Thermal Energy System

Stanford provides heating and cooling to the campus and Medical Center buildings and facilities through extensive hot and chilled water loops that originate at the Central Energy Facility (CEF).

- Underground hot and chilled water supply and return piping that circulate from the CEF for more than 20 miles around campus.
- Underground piping system is ductile iron piping with some small branch lines using PVC. Typical building laterals are 4”-6”
- Peak cooling loads from 50 tons for smaller buildings up to 800 tons for research centers and 2000-4000 tons for main hospitals,
- Peak heating loads that range from small buildings that draw less than 500k BTUs to the campus swimming pools, which can draw up to 10 million BTUs.
Thermal Energy System

• Chilled and hot water enter each building from underground into the basement mechanical room where the flow, as well as supply and return temperatures are measured, resulting in an energy use rate in cooling tons and btus, respectively.

• In the building mechanical rooms, secondary pumps then send the water on to cooling and heating equipment throughout the building.

• Both the hot and chilled water systems are closed loop, with water makeup for leakage and treatment being done centrally at the CEF.
Modeling Background, Status, Overall Plan, Results, Saving and Benefits

Phase 1 – 2011 to 2015:
The Termis offline (static) hydraulic modeling software was used by Stanford for planning and engineering; in particular to verify the work of the external consultant of the steam to hot water conversion program.

Phase 2 – 2016 to OCT 2016:
The Termis real-time solution proof of concept in a trial system environment was successful completed for both the hot water and chilled water system.

Phase 3 – NOV 2016 to JAN 2017:
Business case preparation and deployment plan for the Stanford Termis real-time modeling systems and the use of it.

Phase 4 – JAN 2017 – On-going:
Acquisition of the Termis real-time software licenses and annual technical support & software updates service agreement. Start the use for engineering and planning – Escondido Dormitory Building Complex.

Phase 5 – JAN 2017 – DEC 2017:
Roll the Termis system into an LBRE-IT production environment.

-> Escondido Dormitory Building Complex Challenge and the day-to-day use.
Escondito Dormitory Complex Challenge

Background, challenge, solution + photo. Prepare Termis modeling screenshots as back-up to demo.
Results, benefits and savings

During proof of concept in 2016 and through FEB 2018, real time data has been obtained and analyzed reflecting unknown issues and detailed What-If scenarios of adding new buildings and changes in the distribution system including valve management.

Termis is a valuable tool to lower cost of operations and maintenance for both HW and CW systems as well as for any engineering related to these distribution systems.

Termis is a valuable tool with potential for optional additional efficiency and optimization features enabling the highest possible efficiency and lowest possible cost.
Results, benefits and savings

• Hydraulic Modeling for design new hot water system - Offline data
  • Overview and collection of all relevant data
  • Applying loads from existing Building System
  • Design network, plants and operational parameters

• Improving operational conditions by real-time modeling
  • Real capacity and capability versus design
  • Improving / maintaining dT at a high level
  • Dispatch strategy to ensure low dP to minimize pumping
  • Management of piping losses
  • Identify system bottlenecks
  • Measurements; accuracy watch-dog and location
  • Managing campus building expansions
  • Managing valves and by-passes
  • Visual overview

Estimated cost savings of $300,000

Optional additional efficiency and optimization features enabling the highest possible efficiency and lowest possible cost
Next steps for 2019-2020:

Phase 6:
Enable management, operational, and maintenance staff to use the Termis System Thin Client HMI (View Only) as well as tablet and smartphone devices.

Phase 7:
Follow-up, evaluate and improve phase 6. Study of optimization and efficiency opportunities for such as dynamic supply pressure and supply temperature reset in advisory mode. In addition study the benefits and savings of load forecasting based production scheduling.

Phase 8:
Potential implementation of the recommendations of Phase 7
“Real-time hydraulic modeling - Stanford University Case Study”

- Hot water and chilled water -

Questions?

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