

# EXAM DAY CHECKLIST

Are you ready? ...almost there

**1. Check out the location beforehand. Where to park, what room?**

**2. Arrive early!**

**3. Things to bring (Computer Based Test):**

- Identification
- Exam Authorization Form (NCEES)
- (2) calculators
- Jacket without Hood
- Glasses (without case) – if needed
- Pack a lunch – store in locker
- Comfort Items (visually inspected): Cough Drops, Eye Drops, headache medicine (no container)

**4. Test Center Provided Items:**

- Test Center provided Tissue & Earplugs (confirm)
- Test Center Locker Key
- Test Center Booklet/Marker

**5. Not allowed in exam room:** *most test centers will have lockers to store your personal items.*

- X Cell phones
- X Wallets/Purses
- X Bags
- X Food/Drinks
- X Tobacco
- X Pens/Pencils/Paper/Erasers
- X Hats/Hooded Jackets
- X Pencils/Erasers
- X Slide charts/wheels (i.e. ductulator, pipe wheel, motor chart)
- X Straight edges
- X Watches

# COMMON MISTAKES

*Double check before you submit your exam!*

- Answer all questions before submitting
- Check your units!
  - Inches vs Feet
  - Minutes vs Hour: *GPM, CFM, ACH, lb/min, lb/hr, Btu/h*
  - Month vs Year: *Economics questions*
  - lbm vs lbf vs slugs
- Correct decimal place?
- Diameter vs Radius
  - Insulation Thickness + Radius - OR - 2x Insulation Thickness + Diameter
  - Calculating Area/Flow rate/Velocity
- Absolute vs Relative
  - PSIA vs PSIG – *NPSH in PSIA*
  - Fahrenheit vs Rankine – *Reynolds # in Rankine*
- Refrigeration Charts
  - Did you use the correct refrigerant?
  - Lookup with Temperature or Pressure column
  - hf vs hfg
- Psychrometric Chart
  - Correct Density (*other than STP, 60F & 14.7 psia*)
  - Correct Elevation
- Heat Transfer
  - K value (conductivity, use thickness) vs R value (thickness included)
  - K value per inch or per ft
  - Windows – Conductive + Radiative Heat
- Does your answer make logical sense?

# Review the Basics!

## I. Principles (28-43)

### A. Basic Engineering Practice (4-6)

#### 1. Units and conversions

- Gravitational Constant:  $g_c = 32.2 \frac{ft \cdot lbm}{lb_f \cdot s^2}$ 
  - Convert between *lbm* and *lb<sub>f</sub>*
- Common conversions
  - 12,000 Btuh = 1 cooling ton
  - 15,000 Btuh = 1 nominal cooling tower ton
  - 3.412 Btuh = 1 Watt
  - 1 gallon = 8.34 pound water
  - 1 HP = 0.7457 kW
  - 1 psi = 2.31 ft head
- Common Constants
  - Air density @STP = 0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>
  - STP of Air: 60F, 14.7 psia
  - Specific Heat Capacity
    - $c_{p,water} = 1.0 \frac{Btu}{lbm \cdot R}$
    - $c_{p,air} = 0.240 \frac{Btu}{lbm \cdot R}$  @constant pressure
    - $c_{v,air} = 0.171 \frac{Btu}{lbm \cdot R}$  @constant volume (less used)

#### 2. Economic analysis

- Interest Rate Table
- Simple Payback
- Straight Line Depreciation
- MACRS

#### 3. Electrical concepts (e.g., power consumption, motor ratings, heat output, amperage)

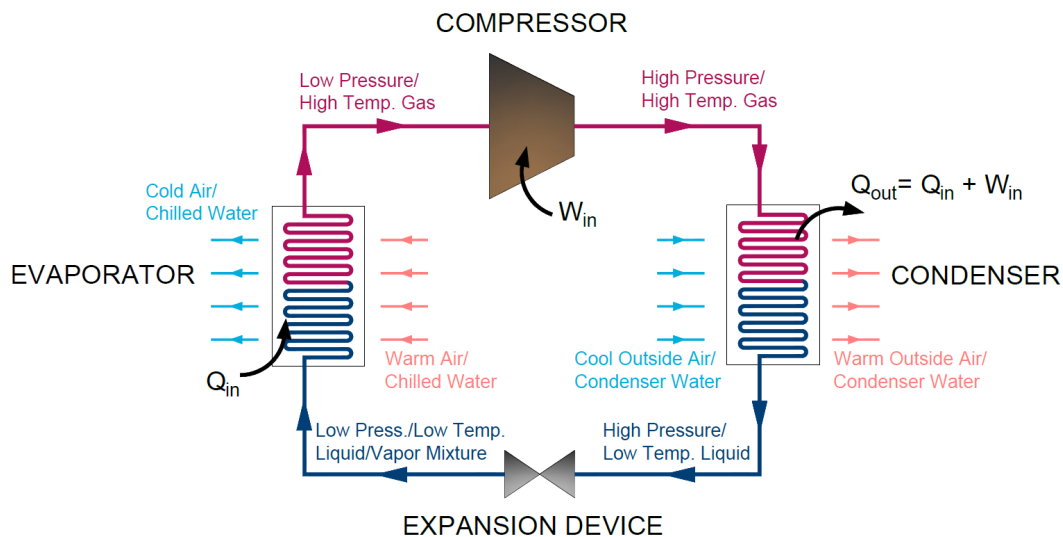
- Power Consumption:
  - Demand (kW) \* hours = Energy (kWh)
- Building Energy Indices:
  - Energy Utilization Index (EUI) = Total Yearly Energy/Building Area
  - Cost Utilization Index (CUI) = Total Yearly Energy Cost/Building Area
- Motor Ratings
  - **Power** (comes in set increments): 0.5 HP, 0.75 HP, 1 HP, 2 HP, 3 HP, 5 HP, 7.5 HP, 10 HP, 15, HP 20 HP, 25 HP, 30 HP, 40 HP, 50 HP, 60 HP, 75 HP, 100 HP
  - **Amperage**
    - FLA = Full Load Current (Operating Amps, use in apparent power calc)
    - RLA = Running Load Amps (Similar to FLA)
    - LRA = Locked Rotor Amps (startup current, disconnect sizing)

- **Phases:** 1 phase or 3 phase
- **Frequency:** 60 Hz (USA), frequency of AC power
- **RPM:** How fast the motor spins
- **Service Factor:** How much more the motor can temporarily operate beyond its rating. Example, service factor of 1.15 can operate 15% beyond its rated HP for a short period of time.
- **Power Factor:** to Find Real Power or to find Current
  - Apparent Power, 1 phase (S) = Current (I)\*Voltage (V)
  - Apparent Power, 3 phase (S) =  $\sqrt{3}$ \*Current (I)\*Voltage (V)
  - Real Power (P, KW) = Power Factor (PF) \* Apparent Power (S)
- **NEMA:** efficiency rating and enclosure rating
- Efficiencies
  - $Electrical\ HP = \frac{Brake\ HP}{\eta_{motor}\%} = \frac{Mechanical\ HP}{\eta_{motor}\% * \eta_{mech}\%}$ 
    - $Mechanical\ HP\ (Fan) = \frac{CFM * TP\ (in\ wg)}{6356}$
    - $Mechanical\ HP\ (Pump) = \frac{GPM * TDH\ (ft)}{3956}$
  - $\eta\%$  releases heat. Determine heat to airstream or to space

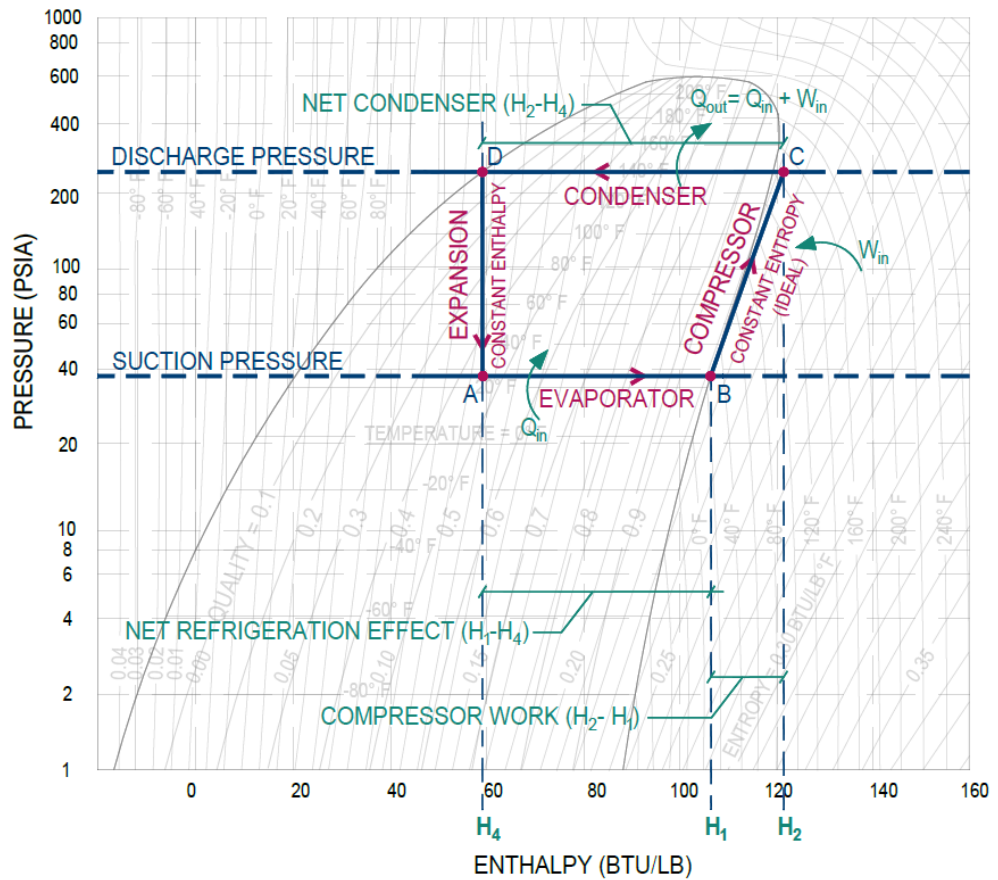
## B. Thermodynamics (4-6)

### 1. Cycles

- **Vapor Compression Cycle (Refrigeration)**
  - Terms: Net Refrigeration Effect, Superheat, Subcool
  - Vapor Compression Cycle



- Pressure-Enthalpy Diagram



- Overall Efficiency

- $COP = \frac{\text{Evaporator Energy (Btuh)}}{\text{Compressor Work (Btuh)}}$ , typically  $COP > 2.5$
  - $EER = 3.412 * COP$
  - $kW/ton = 12/EER$

- Part Load Chiller Efficiency

- IPLV, efficiency given at various % load at standard AHRI conditions
  - NPLV, efficiency given at various % load at non-standard

- Compressor Efficiency

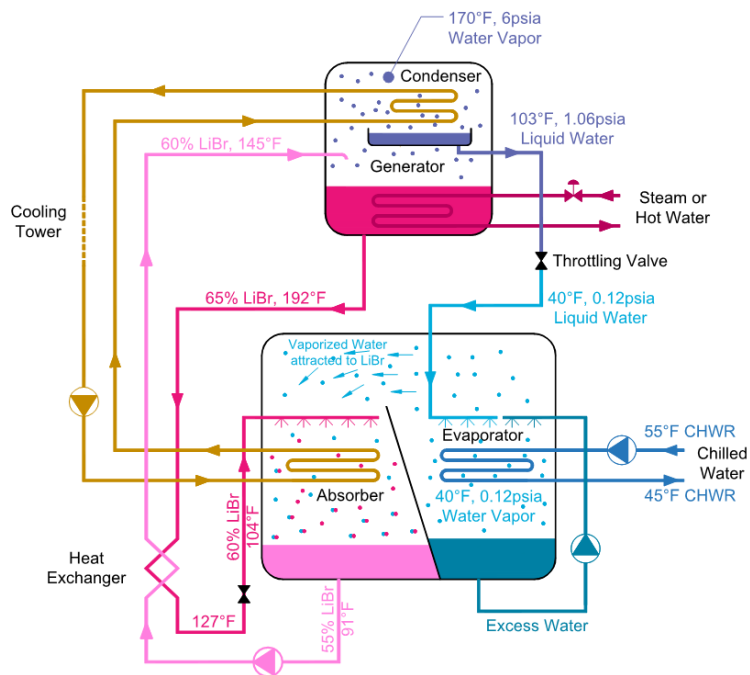
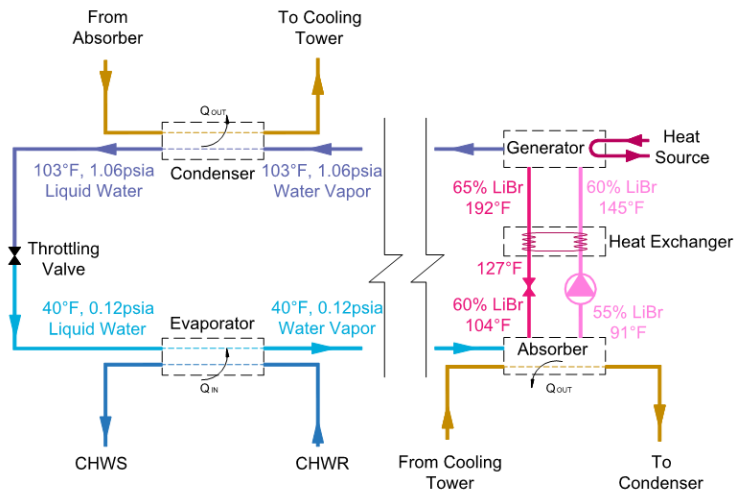
- $\eta_{comp} \% = \frac{h_{ideal,lv} - h_{ent}}{h_{actual} - h_{ent}}$ , where  $h_{ideal}$  is enthalpy at leaving compressor pressure after following constant entropy from entering compressor pressure.

- Absorption Cycle (Refrigeration)**

- Two Shells, Refrigerant + Absorber, Heat Source
    - Refrigerant: *Water*
    - Absorber: *Lithium-Bromide or Ammonia*
    - Heat Source: *Hot Water/Steam, typically used with waste heat*

- $COP = \frac{\text{Evaporator Energy (Btuh)}}{\text{Heat In (Btuh)}}$ , typically 1.5

## Absorption Cycle



## 2. Properties

- Terms
  - Isentropic – *Constant Entropy*
    - e.g. *Ideal Compressor*
  - Adiabatic – *heat does not enter/leave the system*
    - *In psych chart* → *Constant Enthalpy*
    - e.g. *Dehumidifiers, Evaporative coolers (mostly), Expansion Valve, Throttling Valve*
  - Isothermal – *Constant Temperature*
  - Isobaric – *Constant Pressure*
- Energy
  - $Q = \dot{m}\Delta h$ , use for steam, refrigerant, and total heat equation

- **Steam/Refrigerant:**  $q \left( \frac{Btu}{hr} \right) = \dot{m} \left( \frac{lb}{hr} \right) * \Delta h \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right)$
  - **Total Heat (air):**  $q = 4.5 * CFM * \Delta h \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right)$
  - $q = \dot{m}c_p\Delta T$ , no pressure change, use for sensible heat and water
    - **Water:**  $q = 500 * GPM * \Delta T$  [uses  $c_{p,water} = 1.0 \frac{Btu}{lbm*R}$ ]
      - If water temp starts to rise above 100F, use water property tables in NCEES Mech PE Reference Handbook, Ch. 1 to find new density.
      - $q_{generic} = c_p \left( 1.0 \frac{Btu}{lbm} \right) * \rho \left( \frac{lbm}{ft^3} \right) * \frac{1ft^3}{7.48gal} * \frac{60min}{hr} * GPM * \Delta T$
      - Example: at 200F,  $\rho = 60.12 \frac{lbm}{ft^3} \Rightarrow q_{200F} = 482 * GPM * \Delta T$
    - **Sensible Heat (air):**  $q = 1.1 * CFM * \Delta T$  [uses  $c_{p,air} = 0.24 \frac{Btu}{lbm*R}$ ]
  - $q = \dot{m}h_{fg}$ , phase change, use for latent heat
    - **Latent Heat:**  $q = 4,840 * CFM * \Delta W \left( \frac{lb_{wet}}{lb_{dry}} \right)$  [uses  $h@75F - 50F$ ]
- Partial Pressure
    - Total Pressure =  $\sum$ Pressure of each gas
    - Total Pressure Air = Water Vapor Pressure + Dry Air Pressure
    - Vapor Pressure = Relative Humidity % \* Saturated Vapor Pressure
  - Energy:
    - Convert between lbm and lbf

### 3. Compression processes

- Air/Gas
  - Ideal Gas Law,  $PV=nRT$
  - Actual CFM to Standard CFM

### C. Psychrometrics (e.g., sea level, 5,000-ft elevation) (7-11)

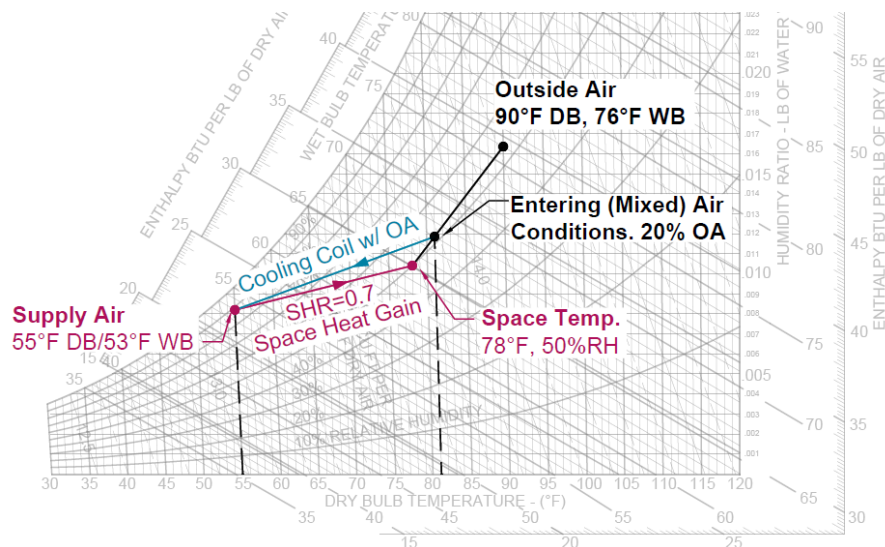
- Wet Bulb, Dry Bulb, Density, Relative Humidity, Humidity Ratio, Enthalpy, Dew Point, Altitude/Pressure

#### 1. Heating/cooling processes

- Total Heat = Sensible Heat + Latent Heat
- At standard temperature/pressure, 0.075 lb/cuft
  - **Total Heat:**  $q = 4.5 * CFM * \Delta h \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right)$
  - **Sensible Heat:**  $q = 1.1 * CFM * \Delta T (F)$
  - **Latent Heat:**  $q = 4,840 * CFM * \Delta W \left( \frac{lb_{wet}}{lb_{dry}} \right)$
- At 5,000 ft elevation
  - **Total Heat @ 5000 ft:**  $q = 3.74 * CFM * \Delta h \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right)$
  - **Sensible Heat @ 5000 ft:**  $q = 0.92 * CFM * \Delta T (F)$
  - **Latent Heat @ 5000 ft:**  $q = 4027 * CFM * \Delta W \left( \frac{lb_{wet}}{lb_{dry}} \right)$

- Non-standard conditions (low or high temp, altitude change)
  - “Temperature and Altitude Corrections” table in NCEES Handbook Ch. 7
  - If air density changes drastically away from standard 0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> due to temp/altitude use correction table to find density factor.
    - $q_{total,non-standard} = DF * 4.5 * CFM * \Delta h$
    - $q_{sensible,non-standard} = DF * 1.1 * CFM * \Delta T$
    - $q_{latent,non-standard} = DF * 4840 * CFM * \Delta T *$ 
      - \*In latent eqn, use DF for altitude changes only. Use long latent equation for air temp change, since  $h_{fg}$  might also change.
    - Example: at 200F,  $\rho = 0.0602 \frac{lbm}{ft^3}$ ,  $DF = 0.803 \Rightarrow$ 

$$q_{total,200F} = 0.803 * 4.5 * CFM * \Delta h = 3.6 * CFM * \Delta h$$
- **Sensible Heat Ratio (SHR) = Sensible Heat/Total Heat**
  - If given as room load SHR, based on load in space
  - Figure below SHR in red, Cooling coil load in blue



- Heat of Vaporization =  $h_g - h_f$ , energy to vaporize liquid to gas
- Lever Rule:  $X_{mix} = X_1 * \%_{CFM,1} + X_2 * \%_{CFM,2}$ 
  - $X$  can be DB temp, Humidity Ratio, or Enthalpy, NOT WB Temp

### 2. Humidification/dehumidification processes

- Chemical Dehumidification, adiabatic
- Evaporative Cooling, essentially adiabatic
- Steam humidification, follow enthalpy/humidity ratio angle or add lb/hr.
- Cooling Dehumidification, below dew point
- Airflow to moisture flow,  $\dot{m} \left( \frac{lb}{hr} \right) = \dot{V} \left( \frac{ft^3}{min} \right) * \left( \frac{60min}{1 hr} \right) \rho \left( \frac{lb_{dry}}{ft^3} \right) * \Delta W \left( \frac{lb_{wet}}{lb_{dry}} \right)$

### 3. Altitude Correction

- $P = 14.7 * (1 - 6.8754 * 10^{-6} * Z)^{5.2559}$
- $T = 59 - 0.003566 * Z$ 
  - Where  $Z$  is altitude in ft



## D. Heat Transfer (6-9)

### 1. Terms/Basics

- k, Conductive heat transfer coefficient, per thickness
  - Be aware of whether units are in per inch  $\left[\frac{\text{Btu}\cdot\text{in}}{\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot\text{F}}\right]$  or per ft  $\left[\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot\text{F}}\right]$
- R, resistance, includes thickness  $\left[\frac{\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot\text{F}}{\text{Btu}\cdot\text{in}}\right]$
- U, overall heat transfer coefficient =  $1/R \left[\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot\text{F}}\right]$
- Conduction
  - $q = UA\Delta T$ 
    - $U = \frac{1}{R_{total}}$
    - $R_{series} = R_1 + R_2 \dots + R_n$
    - $\frac{1}{R_{parallel}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n}$
  - U, k, or R values in NCEES Handbook
  - R value for air space also in NCEES Handbook
- Convection
  - $q = h_{conv} * A * \Delta T$
  - h, convection heat transfer coefficient based on flow over surface
  - NCEES Handbook for h value of vertical, horizontal surfaces with/without wind.
- Radiation
  - To surroundings:  $q = \varepsilon\sigma A(T_{object}^4 - T_{surrounding}^4)$
  - Black body, most efficient at emitting radiation and absorbing incident energy.
    - $\varepsilon = \alpha = 1$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is emissivity and  $\alpha$  is absorptivity
  - For any type of body,  $\alpha + \rho + \tau = 1$ , energy is either absorbed ( $\alpha$ ), reflected ( $\rho$ ), or transmitted ( $\tau$ ).

### 2. Building Envelope Loads

- R values of various materials in NCEES Mechanical PE Reference Handbook
- Walls/Roof:
  - U values
    - Include surface film coefficient, h: See "Surface Film Coefficient/Resistances for Air" table in NCEES Handbook, Ch. 9.
    - Example:  $U = 1/\left(\frac{1}{h_{inner}} + R_{gyp} + R_{conc} + \frac{1}{h_{outer}}\right)$
  - Space heat gain: thermal mass
    - Use CLTD instead of  $\Delta T$  [ $Q = U * \Sigma(A * CLTD)_{direction}$ ]
- Windows (Fenestration): Radiative + Conductive Heat Gain
  - Radiative Heat  $\Sigma[A * SHGC * E_t * IAC]_{direction}$
  - Radiative Heat, older version [ $SC * \Sigma(A * SCL)_{direction}$ ]
  - Conductive Heat [ $UA\Delta T$ ]

### 3. Configurations

- Flat vs Cylinder Equations



- Round Pipe Equation

$$Q_{cond+conv} = \frac{2\pi L * (T_{fluid} - T_{ambient})}{\frac{\ln(\frac{r_2}{r_{inner}})}{k_i} + \frac{\ln(\frac{r_3}{r_2})}{k_{ii}} + \dots + \frac{\ln(\frac{r_{outer}}{r_n})}{k_m} + \frac{1}{r_{inner} * h_{inner}} + \frac{1}{r_{outer} * h_{outer}}}$$

- Solve for Surface Temperature

- Convection ( $T_{surf} - T_{in}$ ) = Conduction ( $T_{amb} - T_{surf}$ )

### E. Fluid Mechanics (3-5)

- Find pressure drop  $\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + h_f + h_{f,fitting}$

- Size pump pressure

- Closed system, all is equal except hf,
    - Open system, hf + change in elevation, z.

- $h_f = \text{major head loss}$

- Darcy Weisbach  $h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{v^2}{2g}$

- Find  $f$  on Moody diagram with Reynolds Number,  $Re = \frac{vD}{\nu}$  and  $\frac{\epsilon}{D}$

- Either include equivalent length for fittings and other losses or find fitting losses from the equation below

- Equivalent lengths from tables.

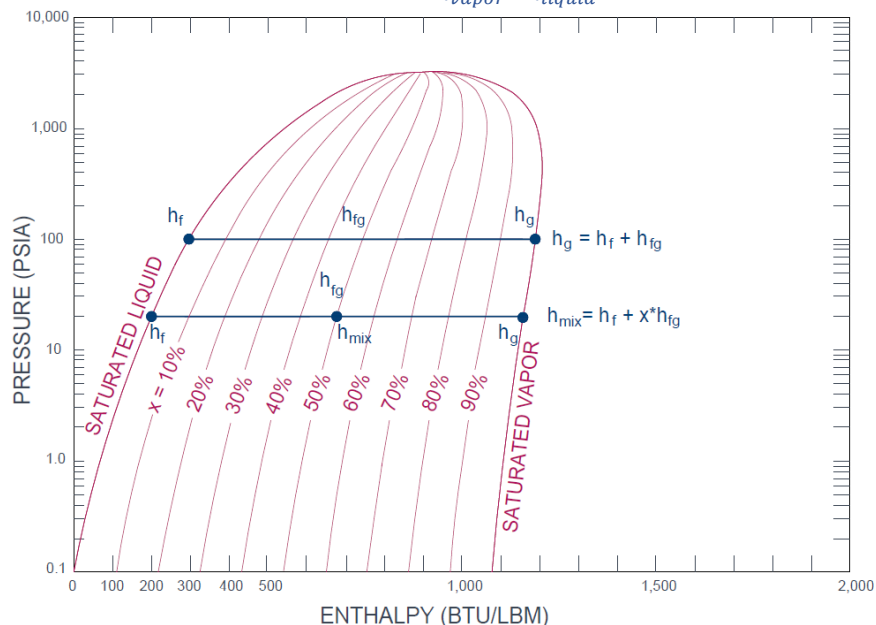
- $h_{f,fitting} = k \frac{v^2}{2g}$ , where k is a loss factor

- Simplified GPM/Diameter  $\rightarrow$  velocity conversion:  $v_{water} \left(\frac{ft}{s}\right) = \frac{0.409 * GPM}{[D(in)]^2}$

### F. Energy/Mass Balance (4-6)

- Steam quality  $x = \frac{h - h_f}{h_g - h_f}$

- Steam quality by mass  $x = \frac{m_{vapor}}{m_{vapor} + m_{liquid}}$



## II. Applications (42-64)

### A. Heating/Cooling Loads (7-11)

- *Contact Factor* =  $\frac{T_{entering} - T_{leaving}}{T_{entering} - T_{apparatus\ dew\ point}}$ , how much of the air hits and is cooled by the coil.
- *Bypass Factor* = 1 – *Contact Factor*, how much air goes around the coil.
- Apparatus Dew Point = Coil Temperature
- **Cooling load:**
  - Lights, people, miscellaneous equipment; (adjust with usage factors)
  - Envelope
    - Walls/Roof use CLTD
    - Windows use conductive + solar
- **Heating loads** do not take credit from the heat gain in the space or solar loads.  
$$Q_{heating\ load, total} = Q_{wall, conduction} + Q_{roof, conduction} + Q_{window, conduction} + Q_{skylight, conduction} + Q_{infiltration} + Q_{ventilation}$$
  - Wall/Roof: No time lag-CLTD;  $Q_{heating} = UA\Delta T$
  - Window: Conduction only;  $Q_{heating} = UA\Delta T$
  - Ventilation/Infiltration
  - No miscellaneous, people, lights

### B. Equipment and Components (16-24)

#### 1. Cooling towers and fluid coolers

- Approach = CDW Out – Air in Wet bulb
- Range
  - Cooling Tower: Range = CDW in Temp – CDW Out Temp
  - Fluid Cooler
    - Dry type: air flows over coil to cool the fluid
    - Evaporative type: Cooling tower with heat exchanger to separate the fluid that is cooled from the evaporated fluid
  - Evaporative Cooler: Range = Return Air Temp – Supply Air Temp
- Types: Counterflow, Crossflow, Induced Draft, Forced Draft
- Makeup Water: make up loss from Drift, Evaporation, Blow Down
- Components: Fill, Louvers, Drift Eliminators, Nozzles
- Effectiveness =  $100\% * \text{Range} / (\text{Range} + \text{Approach})$
- $q_{CDW} = q_{AIR}$ 
  - $500 * GPM * \Delta T_{CDW} = CFM * \rho \left( \frac{lb_{dry}}{ft^3} \right) * \frac{60min}{hr} * \Delta T_{air}$

#### 2. Boilers and furnaces (e.g., efficiencies, fuel types, combustion)

- Higher Heating Value, *gross heat in the fuel*, (Btu/lb or Btu/ft<sup>3</sup>)
- Lower Heating Value, *heat in fuel without latent heat*.
- $Energy\ Out \left( \frac{Btu}{hr} \right) = Energy\ In * \eta\% = \left[ HHV \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right) * Fuel\ Flow \left( \frac{lb}{hr} \right) \right] * \eta\%$

- Combustion stoichiometric equations to find excess air.

### 3. Heat exchangers (e.g., shell and tube, plate and frame)

- LMTD, parallel vs counterflow
- Effectiveness: Actual Heat Transfer/Maximum Heat Transfer
- Fouling factor
- Approach
- Heat transfer rate:  $q = UAF\Delta T_{lmtd}$ 
  - F = correction factor, for counter flow F=1.

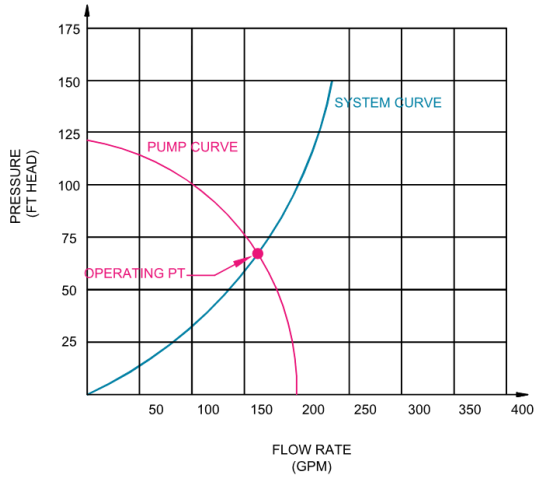
### 4. Condensers/evaporators (e.g., chillers, variable refrigerant flow, heat pumps)

- Chiller Type: *Scroll, Screw, Centrifugal, Reciprocal, Rotary*
- Air cooled vs Water cooled Chiller
- Variable Refrigerant Flow: *Inverter*
- Heat Pump: *Reversing Valve*
- Fouling factor

### 5. Pumps/compressors/fans (e.g., laws, efficiency, selection)

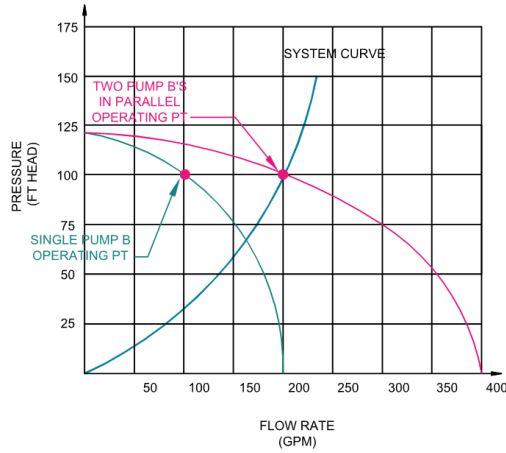
- Types
  - Pump: *End Suction, Split Case, Inline*
  - Fan: *Centrifugal (Forward Inclined, Backward Inclined, Backward Inclined Airfoil), Propeller, Axial*
    - Total Pressure = Static Pressure + Velocity Pressure
    - Velocity Pressure [in wg] = (FPM/4005)<sup>2</sup>
  - Different Types and Curves in ASHRAE
- Pump/Fan Laws
  - Speed = Flow (impeller/wheel diameter constant)
    - $\frac{RPM_1}{RPM_2} = \frac{GPM_1}{GPM_2}$  or  $\frac{RPM_1}{RPM_2} = \frac{CFM_1}{CFM_2}$
  - Pressure = (Flow)<sup>2</sup> (speed constant)
    - $\frac{psi_1}{psi_2} = \frac{GPM_1^2}{GPM_2^2}$  or  $\frac{in\ wg_1}{in\ wg_2} = \frac{CFM_1^2}{CFM_2^2}$
  - Power = (Speed)<sup>3</sup> = (Flow)<sup>3</sup> (impeller/wheel diameter constant)
    - $\frac{HP_1}{HP_2} = \frac{RPM_1^3}{RPM_2^3} = \frac{GPM_1^3}{GPM_2^3}$
- Pump/System Curve
  - **System:** Need one operation point (Pressure & Flow), then plot the parabolic curve with the relationship,  $\frac{Pressure_1}{Pressure_2} = \frac{Flow_1^2}{Flow_2^2}$
  - **Pump Curve:** Based on pump type, given by manufacturer
  - **Operation Point:** Intersection of System & Pump Curve



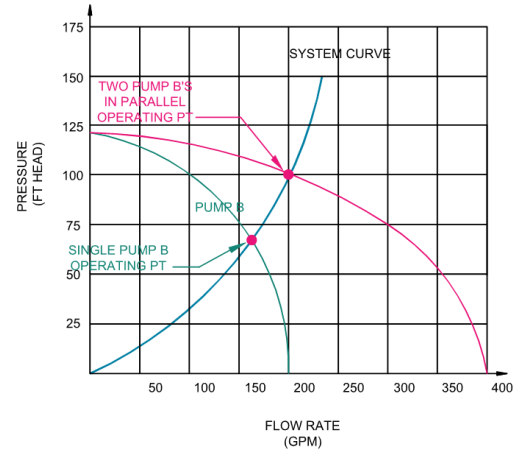


### • Pumps in Parallel: Add Flow

SAME OPERATION POINT, TWO PUMPS TO DO HALF THE WORK

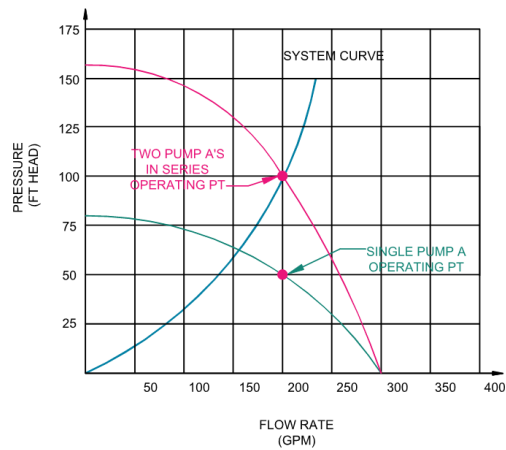


ADD A PUMP TO A SYSTEM, OPERATION POINT CHANGES

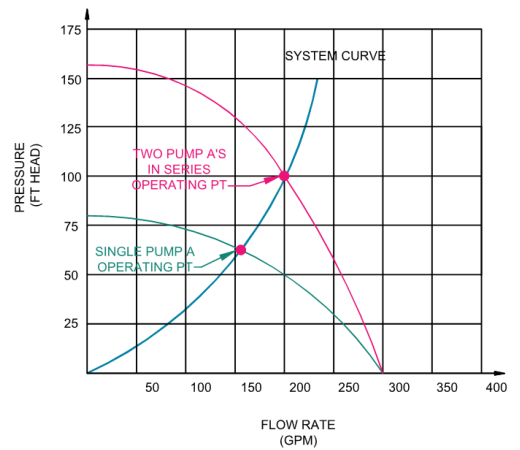


### • Pumps in Series: Add Pressure

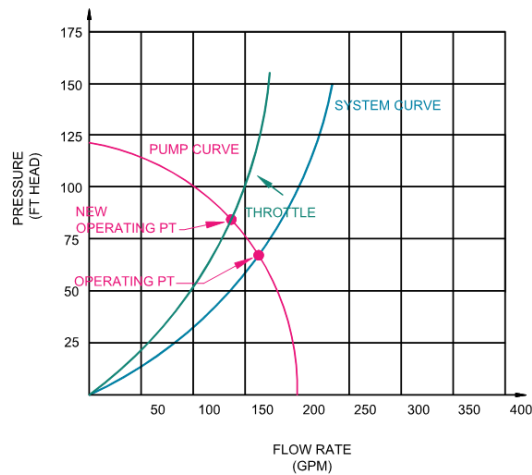
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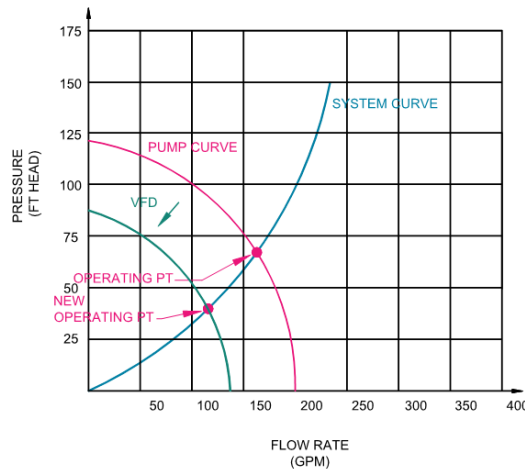
ADD A PUMP TO A SYSTEM, OPERATION POINT CHANGES



- Lower (Pump/Fan) Flow Rate
  - Throttle: reduce flow by closing valve/damper, same power. Adding pressure to the system, so system curve changes.



- VFD: reduce flow by reducing frequency, which reduces RPM and the power of the motor. RPM changes so pump curve changes, parallel to the old curve.



- Power
  - Mechanical HP (Fan) =  $\frac{CFM * TP(in\ wg)}{6356}$
  - Mechanical HP (Pump) =  $\frac{GPM * TDH(ft)}{3956}$
- Pressure
  - Total Pressure = Static Pressure + Velocity Pressure
  - Velocity Pressure Fan (in wg) =  $(FPM/4005)^2$
  - Velocity Pressure Pump (ft hd) =  $V^2/(2g)$
- Efficiencies
  - Brake HP =  $\frac{Mechanical\ HP}{\eta_{mech}\%}$
  - Electrical HP =  $\frac{Brake\ HP}{\eta_{motor}\%} = \frac{Mechanical\ HP}{\eta_{motor}\% * \eta_{mech}\%}$
- Net Positive Suction Head

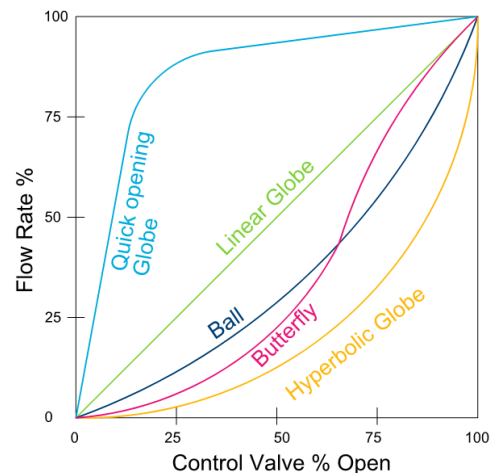
- NPSHA (available): *Calculated from System*
  - Open System:  $NPSHA = P_{abs} \pm P_{elev} - P_{fric} - P_{vapor}$
  - Closed System:  $NPSHA = P_{gauge} + P_{velocity} - P_{vapor}$
- NPSHR (required): *From Pump Manufacturer*
- Compressor: *Hermetic – Fully Sealed, Semi Hermitic*

## 6. Cooling/heating coils

- *Contact Factor* =  $\frac{T_{entering} - T_{leaving}}{T_{entering} - T_{apparatus\ dew\ point}}$ , *how much of the air hits and is cooled by the coil.*
- *Bypass Factor* =  $1 - \text{Contact Factor}$ , *how much air goes around the coil.*
- Apparatus Dew Point = Coil Temperature

## 7. Control systems components (e.g., valves, dampers)

- Actuators to control opening/closing
- Valves
  - 2-way/3-way valves
  - Cv, valve coefficient
    - $GPM = C_v \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{SG}}$
  - Quick closing valve vs Multi turn
  - Valve authority



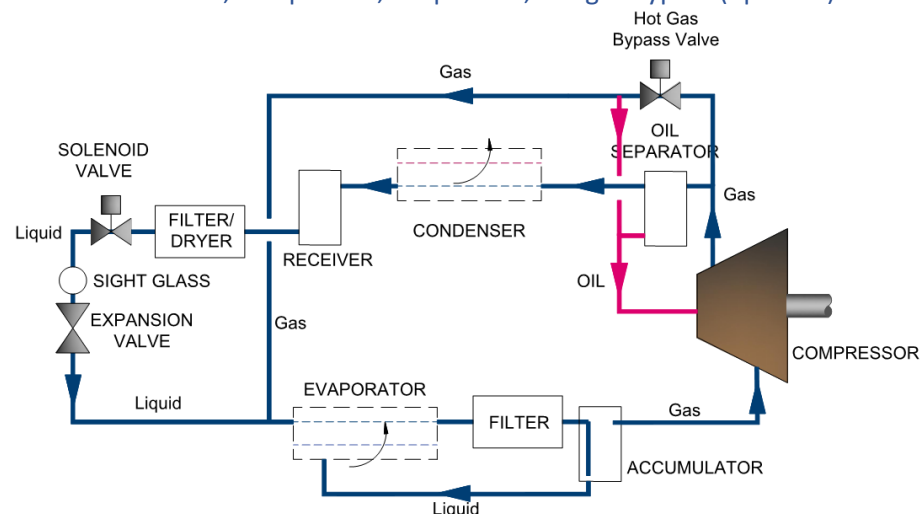
- Damper
  - Damper: *Parallel/Opposed Blade, pressure drop calculations, Fire Damper, Fire-Smoke Damper*
  - VAV box type: *Single Intake, Dual Intake, Parallel Fan Powered, Series Fan Powered*
  - Damper authority
- Normally Open vs Normally Closed
- Sensors: *Sensitivity, Repeatability*
- Transmitters: *transmits signal from sensor to the control panel*

## 8. Refrigerants (e.g., properties, types)

- Global Warming Potential (GWP)
- Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)
- Flammability/Safety Properties – see table in NCEES handbook, Ch. 8
- Pressure-Enthalpy Diagrams: for refig. cycles/calculations
- Performance: COP, pressures, compression ratios. See comparison table in NCEES handbook, Ch. 8
- Common types:
  - R-22: old type, no longer used for poor GWP and ODP
  - R-410A/R-134A: low ODP, high GWP, A1 safety, will eventually be phased out due to GWP.
  - R-32/R-1234yf/R-1234ze: low GWP and ODP, A2L safety, being phased in.

## 9. Refrigeration components (e.g., expansion valves, accumulators)

- Components of refrigerant cycle
- Accumulator, Filter/Dryer, Receiver, Sight glass, oil separator, expansion valve, condenser, compressor, evaporator, hot gas bypass (optional)



## C. Systems and Components (16-24)

### 1. Air distribution (e.g., air handlers, duct design, system type, terminal devices)

- Duct friction loss: equivalent length
- Equivalent Diameter
- Equal friction vs Static Regain
- Air Devices
  - select based on noise, throw, velocity
  - Air Diffusion Performance Index (ADPI): relates temperature, speed, and thermal comfort. Higher ADPI is better
  - Air Diffusion Performance Index Table (T50/L)
- System: Variable, Constant, Zoning



2. Fluid distribution/piping (e.g., hydronic, oil, fuel gas, compressed air, steam, system type)
  - Friction loss: factors, equivalent length
  - Fuel gas piping by pressure drop: *use HHV to find distance to maintain maximum pressure drops. Include entire length of piping from start to each branch for sizing.*
  - Compressed air piping by pressure drop: *Ensure the last outlet has sufficient pressure.*
  - Steam and Compressed Air produce Condensation.
  - Expansion loops: elbow, Z, U loop. Calculate using thermal expansion coefficient.
  - Expansion Tank Calculation: *Open, Diaphragm, Bladder*
  
3. Refrigeration (e.g., food storage, cooling and freezing)
  - Food Storage
    - Specific Heat above/below freezing
      - $Q(Btu) = m(lb) * c_p \left( \frac{Btu}{lb * F} \right) * \Delta T$
    - Latent Heat of Fusion
      - $Q(Btu) = m(lb) * \Delta h \left( \frac{Btu}{lb} \right)$
    - Locate different food properties in your reference.
  
4. Energy recovery (e.g., enthalpy wheels, heat pipes, run-around systems, condenser heat recovery)
  - Effectiveness = Actual Energy Transfer/Max Possible Energy Transfer
    - *Actual Energy Transfer* = Flow Rate<sub>1</sub>\*Δ Conditions<sub>1</sub> = Flow Rate<sub>2</sub>\*Δ Conditions<sub>2</sub>
    - *Max Possible Energy Transfer* = Smallest Flow Rate between stream 1&2 \* Difference between incoming conditions of stream 1&2
    - *Where "conditions" are temperature-sensible energy recovery, humidity ratio-latent recovery, enthalpy-total energy recovery type)*
  
5. Basic control concepts (e.g., economizer, temperature reset)
  - Direct Digital Control
    - Input/Output.
      - Inputs and outputs are relative to the control panel. i.e. sensor is an input, adjusting valve position is an output
    - Digital/Analog
      - Digital means a binary input or output. Like, open/close or off/on
      - Analog means an input or output that is variable, like position.
    - Energy Management System (EMS)
    - Protocol: BACnet, Lonworks – *the controller software language*
    - Gain: % change in control signal/% change in control variable (ratio of change in output signal to change in input signal)
  - Chilled Water Reset

- *Slowly increase chilled water temperature as load conditions fall (based on return air or outside air).*
- Supply Air Reset
  - *Slowly increase supply air temperature if return air conditions or outside air conditions are met.*
- Variable Airflow
  - *Pressure sensor in duct to vary fan speed as VAV boxes close*
  - *VAV Box types: single, dual, parallel fan powered, series fan powered*
- Variable Chilled Water Flow
  - *Variable Primary – two way valve control, pressure sensor at the farthest coil to vary the pump flow.*
  - *Primary-Secondary – Primary flow circulates to chillers at a constant rate, secondary flow circulates to air handlers at variable rate.*
- Economizer – *Use outside air instead of conditioning. Exhaust fan required.*
- Energy Recovery – *various control schemes*
- Valves: Authority, Cv Rating, Cavitation
- Damper: Parallel vs Opposed, Authority

#### D. Supportive Knowledge (3-5)

##### 1. Codes and standards

- Know generally what is in these standards
  - **ASHRAE 15: Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems**
    - *Lists allowable refrigerant quantities per room volume and other safety considerations.*
    - *Know the Safety Groups for each ref. (also listed in ASHRAE)*

Higher Flammability	A3	B3
Lower Flammability	A2	B2
No Flame Propagation	A1	B1
	Less Toxic	More Toxic

- **ASHRAE 34: Safety Class of Refrigerants**
  - *Lists refrigerant safety groups, concentration limits, other refrigerant info*
- **ASHRAE 55: Thermal Environment for Human Occupancy**
  - *Human comfort limits: draft, temperature, clothing*
- **ASHRAE 62.1: Ventilation for Indoor Air Quality**
  - *Ventilation/exhaust rates*
- **ASHRAE 62.2: Ventilation for Indoor Air Quality in Low Rise Residential**
- **ASHRAE 90.1: Energy Standard for Building, except Low Rise Residential**
  - *Zoning based on weather data, building envelope requirement, HVAC equipment efficiency, HVAC system requirements, lighting efficiency, duct/pipe insulation, energy saving controls (e.g. economizer, temperature reset, variable volume), energy calculation requirements, and other energy requirements.*

- **ASHRAE 90.2: Energy Standard for Low Rise Residential**
  - **ASHRAE 189.1: Standard for High-Performance Green Building, except Low Rise Residential**
    - *More stringent requirements than ASHRAE 90.1*
  - **NFPA 90A: Standard for Air Conditioning and Ventilation**
  - **NFPA 90B: Standard for Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning**
2. Air quality and ventilation (e.g., filtration, dilution)
- Filter - MERV Rating
  - Adding fresh air for Dilution
  - Velocity of exhaust for Dilution
  - ASHRAE 62.1 ventilation rate
3. Vibration control (e.g., transmission effect, isolation)
- Isolate Vibration from Equipment
    - Spring Isolation
    - Flexible Pipe
  - Base/Isolator Types, see *“Selection Guide for Vibration Isolation” table in NCEES Handbook, Ch. 9*
4. Acoustics (e.g., sound control, absorption, attenuators, noise-level criteria)
- Noise Level at distance or for multiple sound sources
  - Sound attenuation by decibel
  - Different Sound Rating Methods: NC, dBA, RC
  - Noise Ratings by room type

