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# Building Simulation Users' Group

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# Building Simulation Users' Group

## Fourth Year

- **35 sessions – one weather cancellation**
- **April 2006: 38 members**
- **April 2009: 343 members**
- **April 2006: 32 Attendees**
- **April 2009: 114 attendees up as of Monday**
- **April 2009: 153 organizations**

# Building Simulation Users' Group

<b>BSUG MEMBERSHIP</b>		
130	38%	Engineer
70	20%	Analyst
37	11%	Conservation Administrator
32	9%	Architect
29	8%	Unknown
6	2%	Contractor
9	3%	Designer
6	2%	N/A
9	3%	Student
5	1%	Management
3	1%	Programmer
3	1%	Recruiter
2	1%	Facilities Operation
2	1%	Marketing
<b>343</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Active Only</b>

# Building Simulation Users' Group

## Volunteers

**Growth in membership has not been paralleled by number of volunteers**



# Building Simulation Users' Group

## Today's Discussion

### Variable-Refrigerant Volume/Flow (VRV/VRF) Systems

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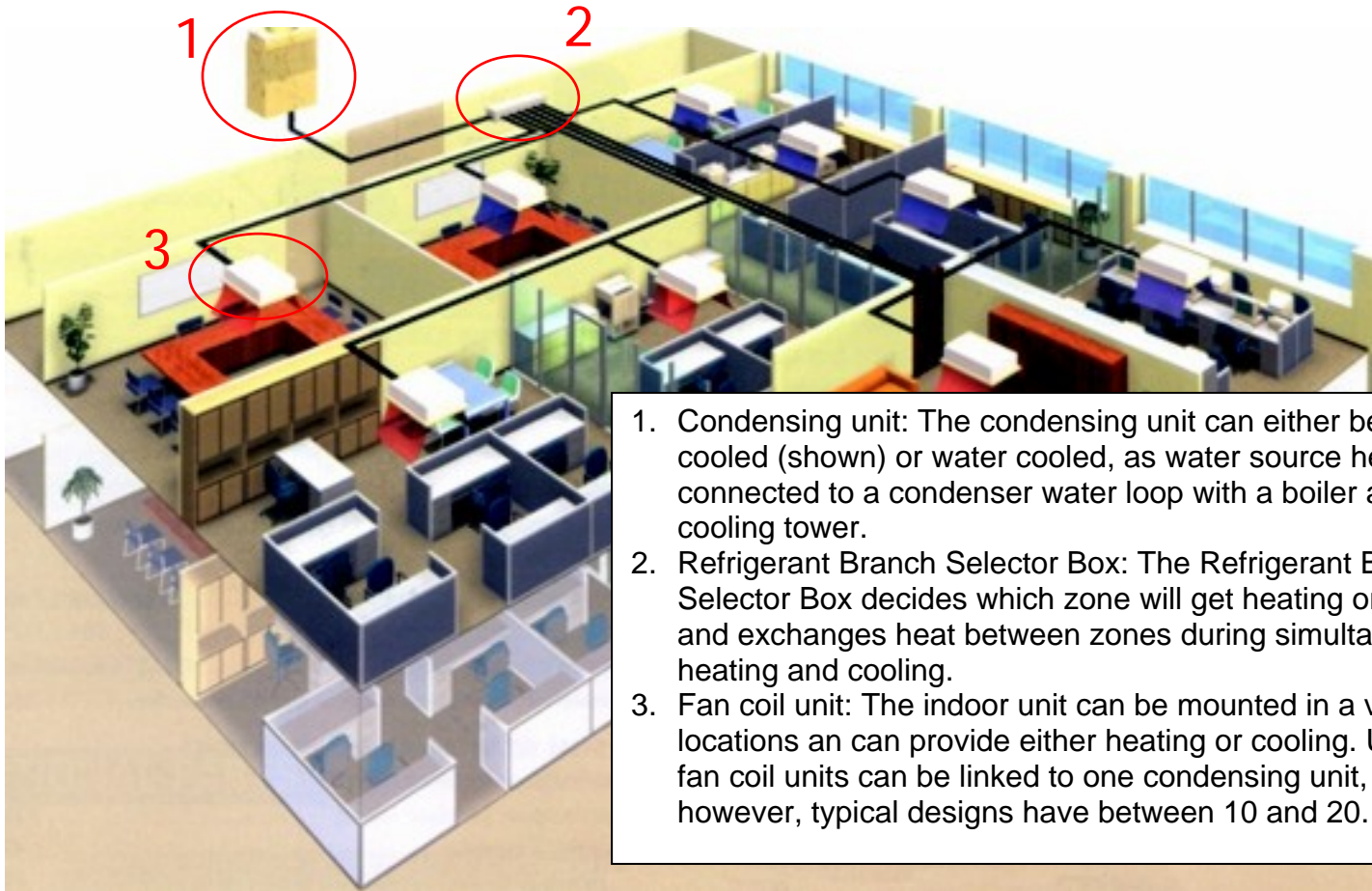
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## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### **What is VRF/VRV and how does it work?**

- Variable refrigerant flow/volume.
- Works as a split system heat pump with local air movement.
- Multiple indoor units linked to one condenser, either air cooled or water cooled.
- The system controls the amount of refrigerant flowing to each of the indoor units.
- The Refrigerant Branch Selector Box connects all of the indoor units and allows each unit to "exchange" heat with one another. Any heat that needs to be added or rejected is then provided by the condensing unit.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems



1. Condensing unit: The condensing unit can either be air-cooled (shown) or water cooled, as water source heat pump connected to a condenser water loop with a boiler and cooling tower.
2. Refrigerant Branch Selector Box: The Refrigerant Branch Selector Box decides which zone will get heating or cooling and exchanges heat between zones during simultaneous heating and cooling.
3. Fan coil unit: The indoor unit can be mounted in a variety of locations and can provide either heating or cooling. Up to 50 fan coil units can be linked to one condensing unit, however, typical designs have between 10 and 20.

Picture courtesy of Mitsubishi



# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

## Effective Building Types for VRV

1. Existing Buildings
  - a. Buildings with not enough room for cooling ductwork
  - b. Option for adding cooling to a hydronic heat replacement project
2. Core and Shell Projects
  - a. Very easy system to expand or modify
  - b. Cost effective option to water source heat pumps or HW/CW Fan Coils
3. Energy Efficiency Projects
  - a. Energy efficient option to standard VAV with reheat type projects
    - No energy penalty for reheat
    - Significant reduction of fan energy
    - Better zoning options than CV systems for buildings under 75,000 sq ft

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Effective Building Types for VRV (Cont)

#### 3. Energy Efficiency Projects (Cont)

##### b. Energy efficient option to standard DX split systems

- Significantly higher part load performance than typical split system condensing units and heat pumps
- Higher SEER/EER ratings due to digital DC compressors and condensing fans
- Allows for smaller condensing units due to load sharing with multiple indoor units.

#### 4. Buildings with a high level of diversity

- Mixed-use projects where certain zones require cooling year round while other zones require heating.
- Restaurants - -dining areas vs. cooking areas

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### **System capacities and efficiencies**

- Each condenser can support up to 50 indoor units; however, in common design there is typically no more than 10 to 20 indoor units connected to one condensing unit.
- Each condensing unit has a maximum capacity of approximately 20 tons.
- ILPV values have been verified as high as 16.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### How does ventilation work with VRF systems

- Very similar to two and four pipe fan coils, water source heat pumps, and other zonal systems.
- 100% OA make-up air unit can provide outside air either in series or parallel.
  - Series: The outside air is ducted directly to the fan coil. The fan is always on during scheduled hours in order to keep the ventilation air moving.
  - Parallel: The outside air is ducted directly into the room, apart from the fan coil. The fan coil can then be cycled on and off when the space temperatures can be maintained with the ventilation alone.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Oregon Installations

- Esquire Apartments/Restaurant (7 story historic building)  
35,000 sf mixed use (restaurant and apartments) historic building
- NuMiss office Building (3 story C&S office – under construction)  
18,250 square foot 3 story core and shell office
- Oregon Air Reps Office (Daikin demonstration project)  
~5,000 sf general office
- Redmond High School (Under Preliminary Design)  
260,000 sq ft of all inclusive high school
- Mercy Corps (Under construction)  
80,000 sf office spaces, 4 stories, half existing, half addition
- The Allison Inn (Under construction)  
140,000 sf hotel, 4 stories, new construction
- UW Tacoma Joy Building (DD phase)  
50,000 sf college building, 3 stories, 100% remodel
- UW Tacoma Jefferson Avenue Building (DD phase)  
40,000 sf college offices and library stacks, 4 stories, new construction

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### **Oregon VRV System Distributors**

- Daikin - Oregon Air Reps 503-620-4300
- LG - Johnson Air Products 503-234-5071
- Sanyo - Airefco 503-691-4320
- Mitsubishi - FE Company - Applied Equipment Sales 503-351-1379

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Comparative Costs

- VRV = \$17.75/ sq ft
- VAV w/central chiller = \$22.50/ sq ft
- VAV packaged DX units = \$18.70/sq ft
- The above values were a cost estimate for preliminary design options for a New 260,000 square foot High School in Central Oregon.

### Energy Savings – Modeled Results (Using Trace 700)

- Modeled results for a well designed building with a heat recovery ventilation unit show about a 33% savings when compared to a ASHRAE baseline building (CV DX systems) These results were based on the final LEED EA-1 model for the NuMiss Office building – a 18,250 square foot 3 story core and shell office.
- Modeled results show about a 12.5% savings when comparing a VRV to Packaged DX CV systems. These results were simulated by taking the above office energy model of the proposed building and running the simulation with packaged DX in place of the VRV system that was designed.
- Modeled results have shown up to 40% to 45% savings when using a VRV with ventilation heat recovery for a remodeled mixed-use type building. These results were based on the final LEED EA-1 model for the Esquire Apartments - - a 35,000 square foot mixed use (restaurant and apartments) historic building.



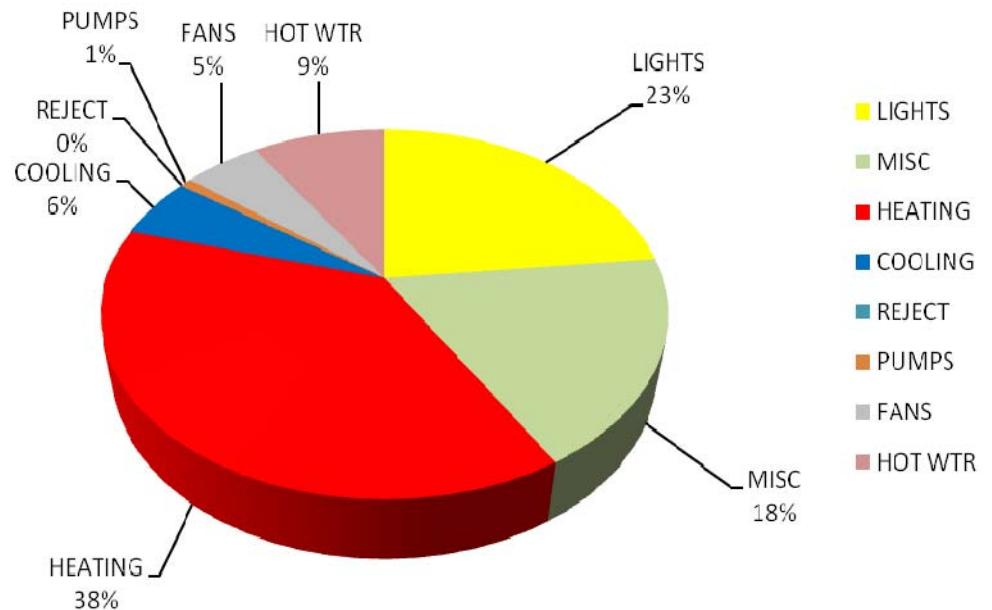
## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Energy Savings – Modeled Results (Using eQUEST)

Modeled results for a well designed building with a heat recovery ventilation unit show about a 10-20% total building energy savings when compared to a ASHRAE baseline HVAC system.

The total HVAC energy costs are about 50% of the total building energy use (fans, pumps, cooling, and heating). Therefore, if the *HVAC* savings is 100%, the total building energy savings is only 50%.

A 10-20% total building energy savings is actually a 20-40% savings in HVAC energy use.



## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Modeling VRV with TRACE

- Baseline Algorithms
  - TRACE can explicitly model VRV, both heat recovery and non-heat recovery options.
  - Algorithms based on Daikin empirical model
  - Baseline equipment based on first generation Daikin VRV
  - Equipment easily modified to match current generation equipment or any other manufacturer.
  - The following slide provides a description of the program's and modeler's approach to the system (from TRACE programmers).
- Modeling Inputs
  - Enter Heating and Cooling compressor COP or KW/ton
  - Enter Condensing Fan power consumption KW/ton
  - Select unloading curve, compressor power consumption curve, condensing fan curve and cycling point as appropriate.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### TRACE programming information

**Basis of the TRACE model:** Daikin empirical model

#### **Airside simulation:**

Similar to a water source heat pump, when the room drift temperature rises above the cooling thermostat, the cooling coil is engaged at a constant cooling supply air temperature for the a percentage of the hour that it takes to bring the room temperature down to the cooling thermostat temperature. This heat is rejected to the refrigerant condenser loop. For the portion of the hour that the cooling coil is de-energized, the supply air will remain at the return/outside air dry bulb temperature (plus fan heat).

When the room drift temperature drops below the heating thermostat, the heating coil is engaged at a constant heating supply air temperature for the a percentage of the hour that it takes to bring the room temperature up to the heating thermostat temperature. The indoor unit will remove heat from the refrigerant condenser loop. For the portion of the hour that the cooling coil is de-energized, the supply air will remain at the return/outside air dry bulb temperature (plus fan heat).

Although the system default reheat minimum will be set to 10%, the user can change it on a room by room basis if they want. This minimum airflow is only used during the part of the hour in which neither heating nor cooling coils are active.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

Library / Template Editors -

File View Options Window Help

TRANE®

Cooling Equipment -- Main

Cooling category: Air-cooled unitary  
 Equipment type: VRV III 20 ton (MFIA)  
 Cooling type: Air to air heat pump

Comments: Based on 20 ton Daikin-MFIA - 10% cycling

Save  
 Close  
 New

Operating Mode	Capacity	Energy Rate
Cooling	tons	4.396 COP
Heat Recovery	13.5 Mbh/ton	4.946 COP
Tank Charging		
Tank Charging & heat recovery		

Pumps	Type
Primary chilled water	None
Condenser water	None
Heat recovery or aux condenser	None

Unloading Curves

Curve type...  
☒ Standard  
☐ DOE

Power consumed  
 Ambient modification  
 Capacity

Primary  
 CVHE FREQ DRIVE  
 VRV Cooling Amb Relief

Secondary  
 CVHE FREQ DRIVE  
 VRV Heating Amb Relief

Curves...

Main Options Graph

For Help, press F1

NUM

Trace Equipment Library definitions  
 Note: the defined COPs, Heating Capacities and associated equipment power curves.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

Library / Template Editors -

File View Options Window Help

TRANE®

Cooling Equipment -- Options

Max chilled water reset  °F

Load shedding economizer

Fuel source

Fuel type

Evaporative precooling

Evap precool effectiveness  %

Thermal storage type

Heat rejection type

Chilled water temp. Design leaving  °F

Difference  °F

Condenser temp. Design entering  °F

Minimum operating  °F

Reject condenser heat To reference type

At hot water temp.  °F

Free Cooling

Type

Fluid cooler type

Free cooling pump

Pump head  kW

Plate and frame heat exchanger approach  °F

Miscellaneous accessories

1	Cntl panel & interlocks - 0.1 KW
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Power consuming accessories

Main Options Graph

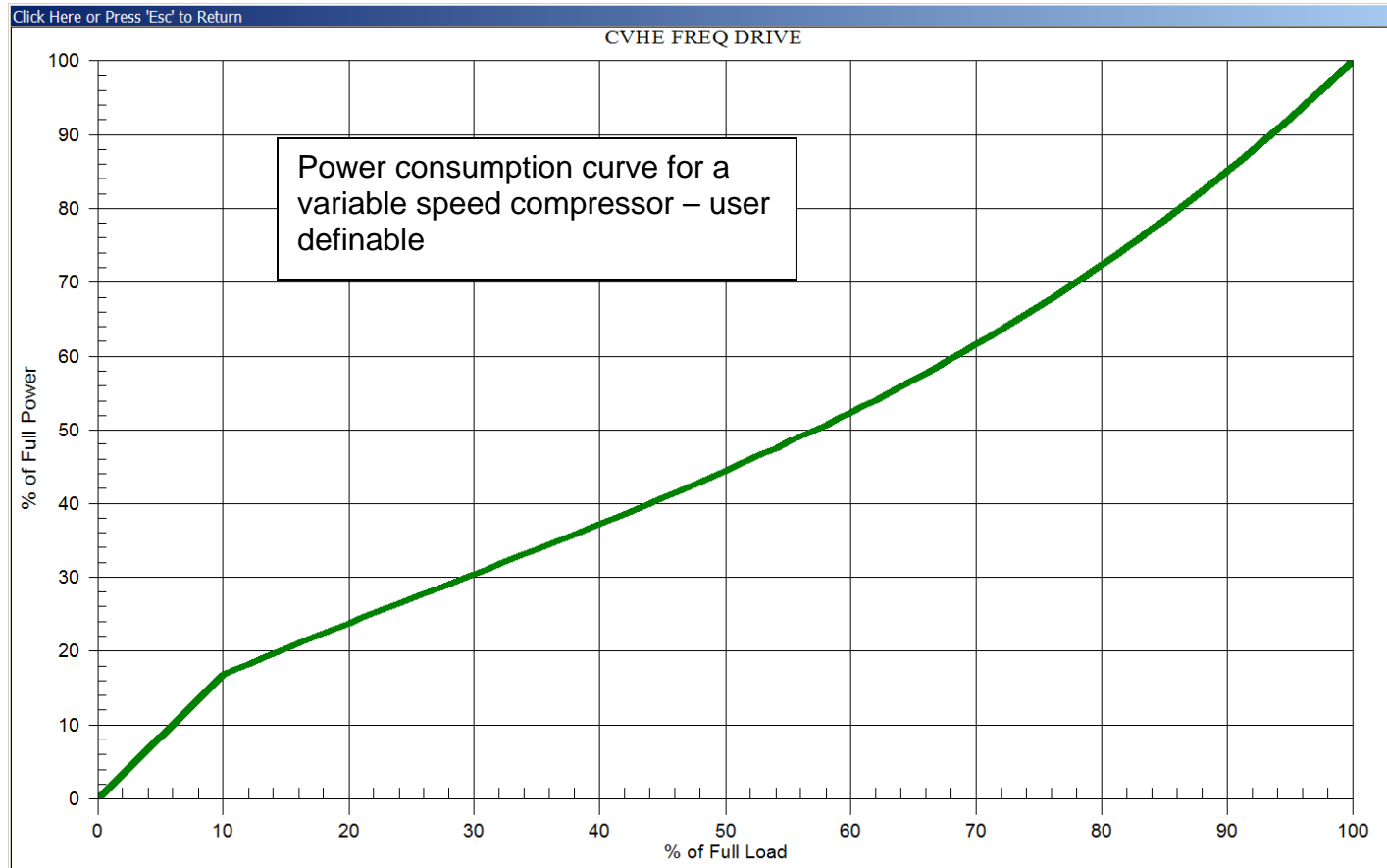
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Heat pump operating temperatures

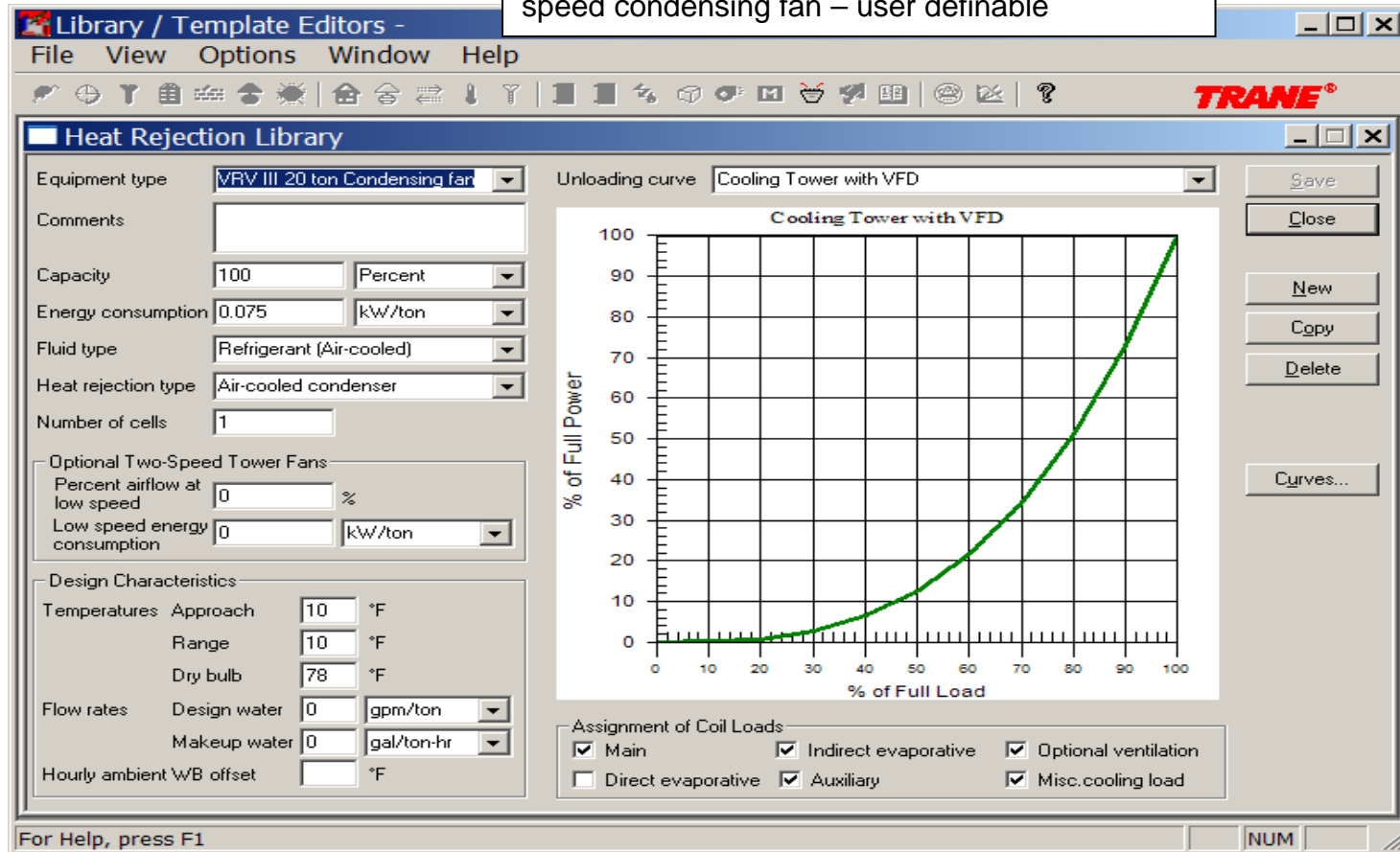
Trace definition of a heat pump

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems



## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

Power consumption rate and curve for a variable speed condensing fan – user definable



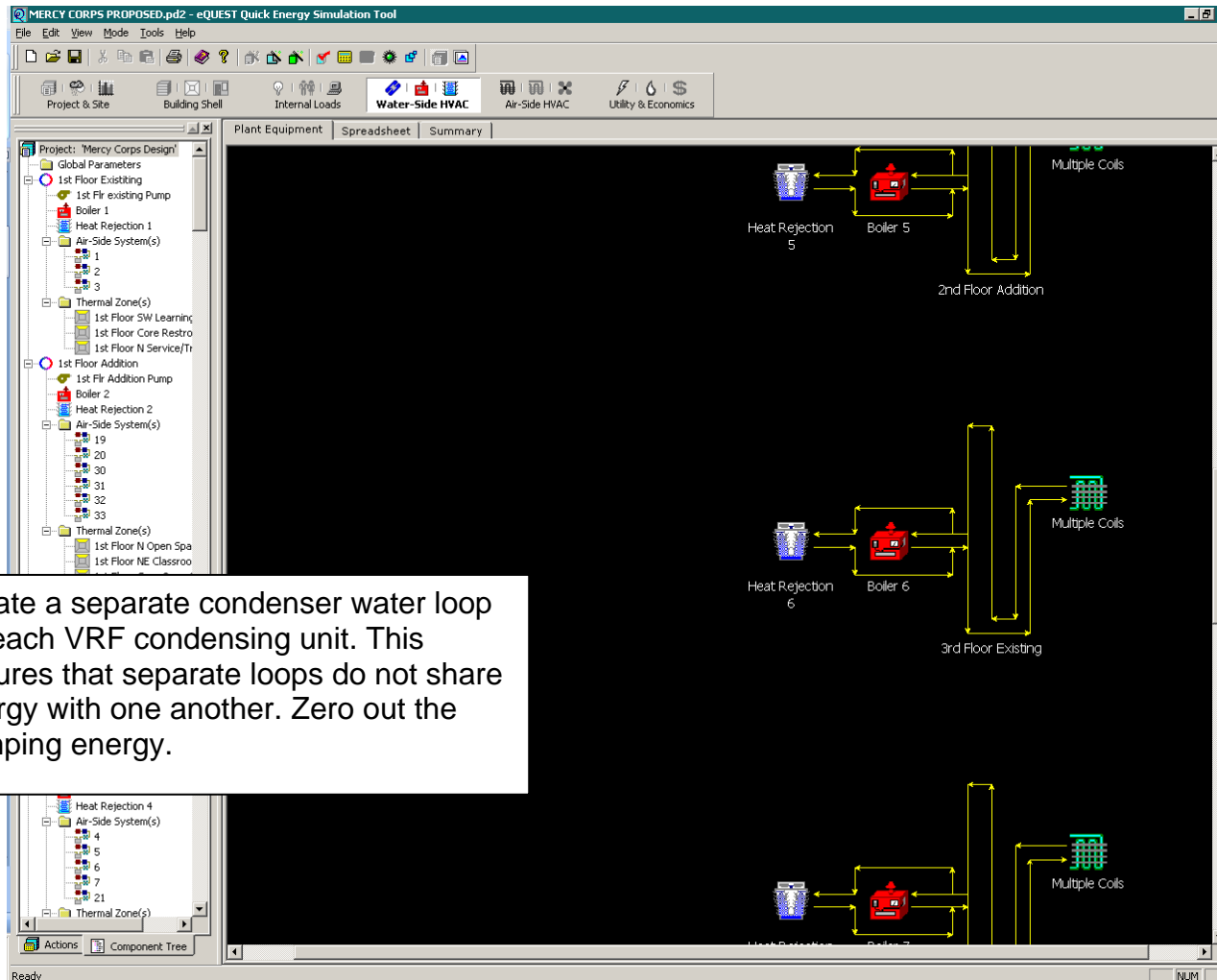
## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### Modeling the VRF in eQUEST: PVVT Water Source Heat Pumps

- Zone the building in the same manner as the design. This is very important for the energy sharing capabilities of the VRF system.
- We do not use this method for our energy models, but it is one way of approaching the system.
- eQUEST system: PVVT, with the condenser set to water cooled to activate a condenser water loop. Create one system per zone.
- Create separate condenser water loops for each VRF condenser and zero out the pump energy.
- Manipulate the fan efficiency ratio and the electric boiler EIR to reflect the efficiencies of the VRF units.

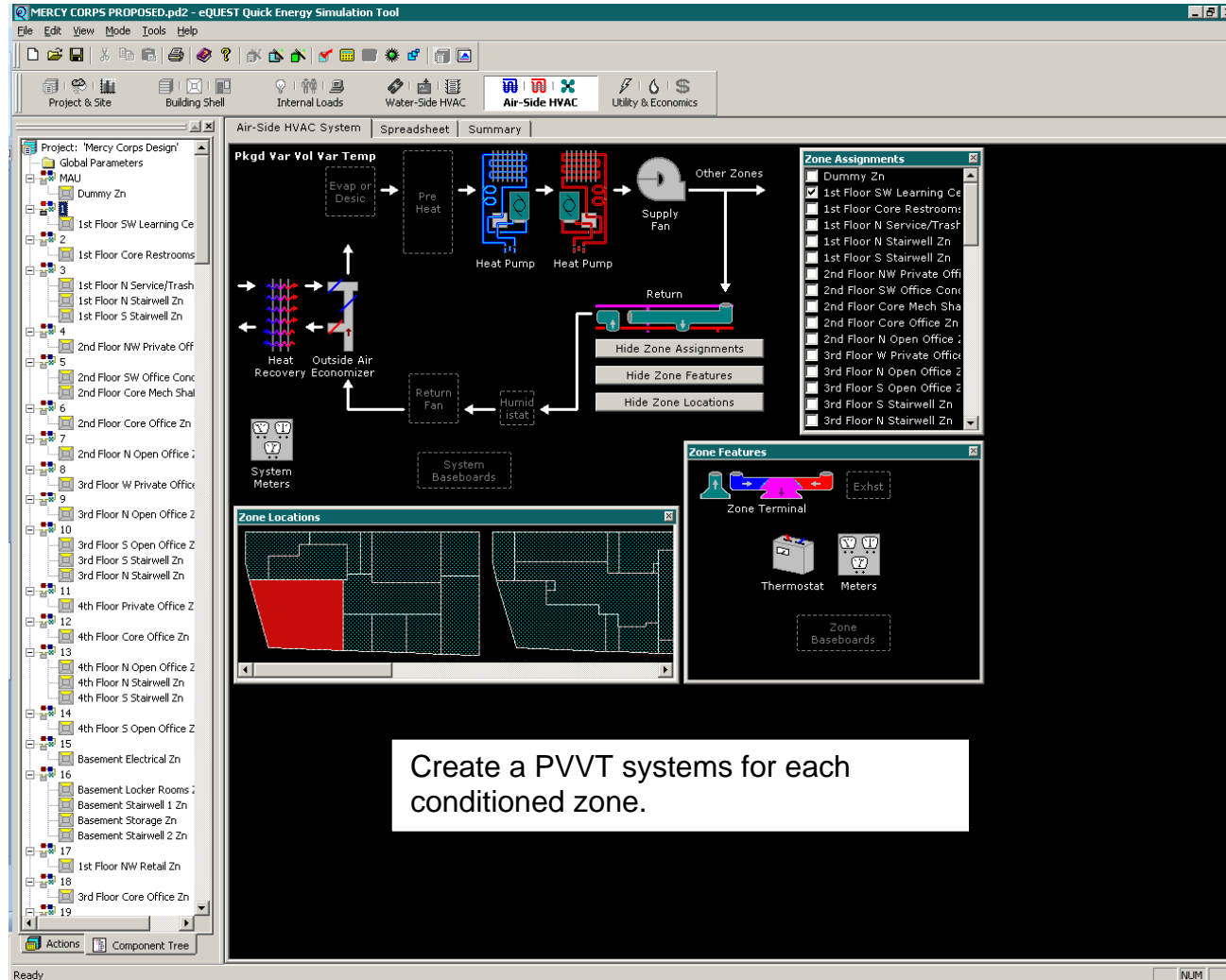


# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems



Create a separate condenser water loop for each VRF condensing unit. This ensures that separate loops do not share energy with one another. Zero out the pumping energy.

# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems



Create a PVVT systems for each conditioned zone.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters**

Currently Active System: **1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Coil Cap / Control | Unitary Power | Preht / Basebrd | Supp Heat/Defrost | Cap Curves/Waste Ht | Stages

Heating Capacity Heating Control and Reset

Heat Source: **Heat Pump** **Change the heat source to heat pump, and...**

Zone Heat Source: **Not Installed**

Heating Capacity:  Btu/h

Heat Sizing Ratio: **1.00** ratio

Min Cycling Part Load Ratio: **0.80** ratio

Hot Water Coil Head:  ft

Hot Water Coil Delta T:  °F

HW Valve Type:

HW Loop:

DHW Loop:

Zone HW Loop:

Hot Deck Max Leaving Temp:  °F

Reheat Delta T:  °F

RPM Limits: Maximum:  rpm Minimum:  rpm

Hot Deck Sched:

Availability Sch:

Heat Control:

Heat Reset Sch:

Minimum Heating Reset Temp:  °F

Heating Coil Wipe = f(cooling flow):

Done

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters**

Currently Active System: **1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Coil Cap / Control | Unitary Power | Condenser | Cap Curves | Evap Cooling | Economizer | Stages

Air-Cooled Condenser & Outdoor Fan

Condenser Type: **Water Cooled**

Outside Fan Mode: **Intermittent**

Outside Fan Temperature: **45.0** °F

Evaporative Precooler

Evap Condenser Effectiveness: **n/a** Btu/Btu

Evap Cond Sched: **n/a**

Evap Condenser Electric: **n/a** W/Btu

Water-Cooled Condenser

Condenser Water Coil Head: **20.0** ft

Condenser Water Coil Delta T: **10.0** °F

Isolation Valve? **No**

CW Loop: **1st Floor Existing**

Done

...change the condenser type to Water Cooled and assign the CW loop the zones corresponding condenser loop. This will turn the PVVT system into a WSHP system. Be sure to label your zones in a way that identifies them with their condenser or Refrigerant Branch Selector Box. For example, on the drawings, the equipment will have names such as BC-1, BC-2, or CU-1, CU-2, etc. Give you systems a prefix that matches the CU. For example, if you have north office zone served by CU-1, call it 1 North Office, and give all other zones under that CU the same "1-" prefix. This will save you a lot of time later on for the hourly calculations.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters** [?] [X]

Currently Active System:  System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Coil Cap / Control | Unitary Power | Condenser | Cap Curves | Evap Cooling | Economizer | Stages

Cooling Power \_\_\_\_\_

Cooling Electric Input Ratio:  Btu/Btu

Cooling Compressor \_\_\_\_\_

Compressor Type:  [v]

Minimum Unload Ratio:  ratio

Min Hot Gas Bypass Ratio:  ratio

Cooling Electric Input Ratio Curves \_\_\_\_\_

f(t entering wetbulb, \_\_\_\_\_

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f(RPM) \_\_\_\_\_

Low Speed \_\_\_\_\_

f(t ente \_\_\_\_\_

t out \_\_\_\_\_

Crankcase Power \_\_\_\_\_

Crankcase Heat:  kW

Crankcase Max Temperature:  °F

Gas Heat Pump Auxiliary Electric \_\_\_\_\_

Gas HP Pump kW:  W/Btu

Gas HP Aux kW:  kW

Done

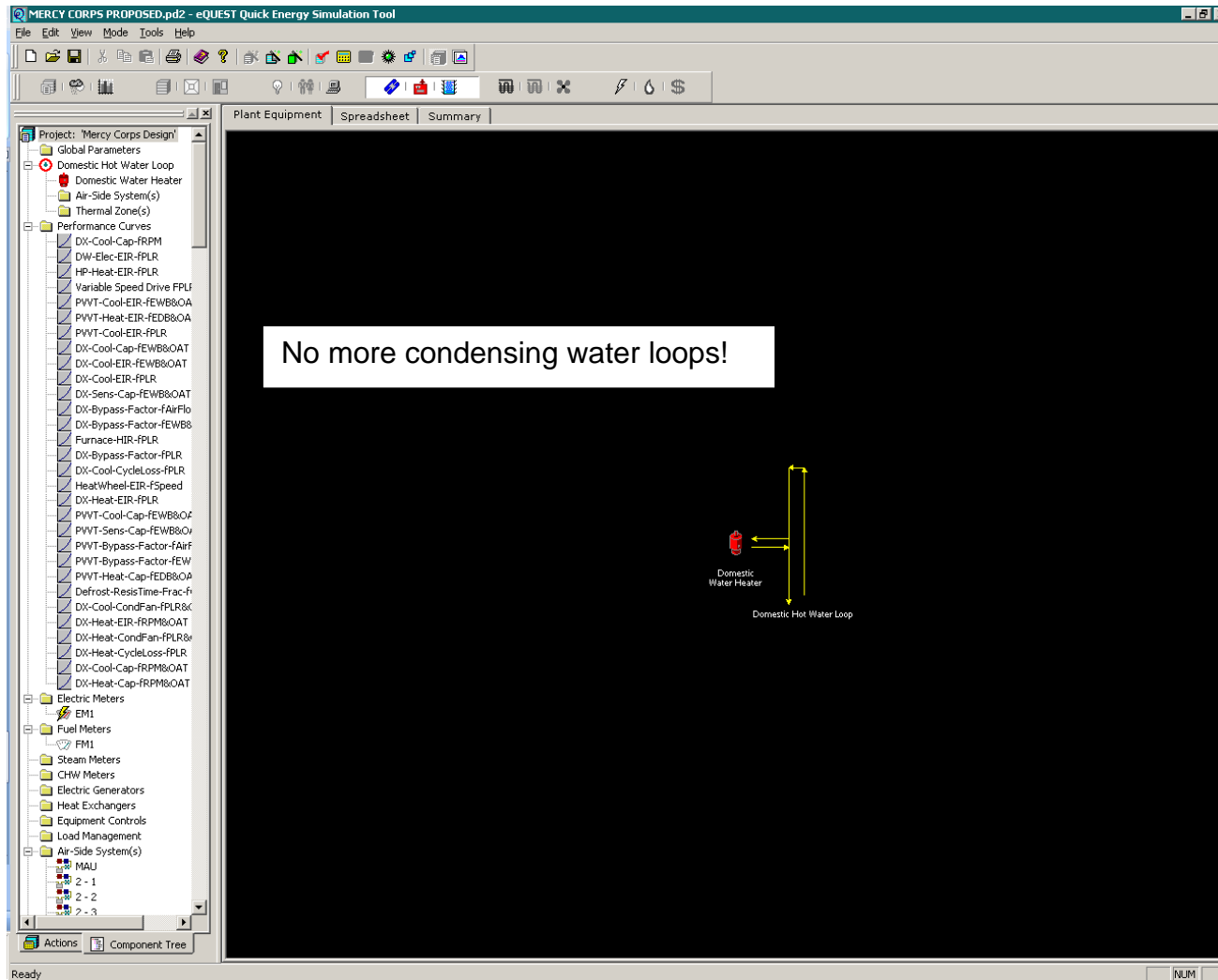
One of the benefits of the PVVT system is that you can set it to a variable speed compressor. Unfortunately, you cannot set it to variable speed if you have the system running as a WSHP.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

### **Modeling the VRF in eQUEST: PVVT air cooled heat pumps**

- eQUEST system: PVVT, modeled as air cooled heat pumps. Create one system per zone.
- Change the compressor speed to variable.
- Be sure to label each system and zone so you can identify which condenser each zone is connected to.
- Create hourly reports for the total energy uses for heating and cooling for each system. Use the spreadsheet to find the simultaneous heating and cooling performed for each system and sum the savings.

# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems



## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters**

Currently Active System: **2 - 1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

System Name: **2 - 1**

System Type: **Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp**

General Parameters

Return Air Path: **Direct**

Control Zone: **1st Floor SW Learning C**

System Reports: **Yes**

Dual Duct Type: **n/a**

WL/GS Ht Pump: **No**

System Sizing

Sizing Ratio: **1.00** ratio

Sizing Option: **Non Coincident**

Duct Losses

Duct Air Loss:  ratio

Duct Air Loss OA: **n/a** ratio

Duct Zone: **n/a**

Hot Duct UA: **n/a** Btu/h-°F

Hot Duct DT: **n/a** °F

Humidity Control

Maximum Humidity: **100.0** %

Minimum Humidity: **0.0** %

Humidifier Type: **n/a**

Humidifier Location: **n/a**

Done

Again, use the PVVT system and create one system per conditioned zone.



## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters** [?] [X]

Currently Active System: **2 - 1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | **Cooling** | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Coil Cap / Control | Unitary Power | **Condenser** | Cap Curves | Evap Cooling | Economizer | Stages

Cooling Power \_\_\_\_\_

Cooling Electric Input Ratio: **0.3150** Btu/Btu

Cooling Compressor \_\_\_\_\_

Compressor Type: **Variable Speed**

Minimum Unload Ratio: **0.15** ratio

Min Hot Gas Bypass Ratio: **0.15** ratio

Crankcase Power \_\_\_\_\_

Crankcase Heat: **0.050** kW

Crankcase Max Temperature: **50.0** °F

Gas Heat Pump Auxiliary Electric \_\_\_\_\_

Gas HP Pump kW: **n/a** W/Btu

Gas HP Aux kW: **n/a** kW

Coil (t entering wetbulb, t outdoor drybulb): **PVVT-Cool-EIR-fEWB&t**

Done

You can now change the compressor type to Variable Speed since it is an air cooled condenser. Essentially, we are modeling each zone as having its own split system air cooled heat pump. The main difference between the VRF is that 10 to 20 zones are served one condenser instead of just one.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters**

Currently Active System: **2 - 1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Coil Cap / Control | Unitary Power | Condenser | Cap Curves | Evap Cooling | Economizer | Stages

**Air-Cooled Condenser & Outdoor Fan**

Condenser Type: **Air Cooled**

Outside Fan Mode: **Intermittent**

Outside Fan Temperature: **45.0** °F

Outside Fan Electric:  W/Btu

Outdoor Fan Pwr = f(cool PLR, osa db): **DX-Cool-CondFan-fPl**

Outdoor Fan Pwr = f(heat PLR, osa db): **DX-Heat-CondFan-fPl**

**Evaporative Precooler**

Evap Cond Sched: **n/a**

Evap Condenser Electric: **n/a** W/Btu

**Water-Cooled Condenser**

Condenser Water Coil Head: **n/a** ft

Condenser Water Coil Delta T: **n/a** °F

Isolation Valve? **Yes**

CW Loop: **n/a**

Done

The condenser type is set at Air Cooled.

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters** [?] [X]

Currently Active System: **2 - 1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Outside Air and Economizer | Heat Recovery 1 | Heat Recovery 2 | Natural Ventilation

Outdoor Ventilation Air

Minimum Outside Air:  ratio

Minimum OA Control Method: **Fraction of Design Flow**

Minimum OA Sizing Method: **Sum of Zone OA**

Minimum Air Schedule: **- undefined -**

Outside Air from System: **MAU**

Air-Side Economizer Cycle

Outside Air Control: **OA Temperature**

Drybulb High Limit: **65.0** °F

Enthalpy High Limit:  Btu

Lockout Compressor: **No**

Economizer Low Limit:  °F

Maximum OA Fraction: **1.00** ratio

Done

Depending on the design, you can set the OA supply to "Outside Air from System". If untempered air is ducted directly to the fan coils, you can just assign the OA the standard way.

# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

**Schedule Properties**

Annual Schedules | Week Schedules | Day Schedules

Currently Active Day Schedule: **Office Fan Day** Type: On/Off Flag

Day Schedule Name: **Office Fan Day**  
Type: **On/Off Flag**

Hourly Values

Mdnt - 1:	<b>0</b>	8-9 am:	<b>0</b>	4-5
1-2 am:	<b>0</b>	9-10 am:	<b>0</b>	5-6
2-3 am:	<b>0</b>	10-11 am:	<b>0</b>	6-7
3-4 am:	<b>0</b>	11-noon:	<b>0</b>	7-8
4-5 am:	<b>0</b>	noon-1:	<b>0</b>	8-9
5-6 am:	<b>0</b>	1-2 pm:	<b>0</b>	9-10
6-7 am:	<b>0</b>	2-3 pm:	<b>0</b>	10-11
7-8 am:	<b>0</b>	3-4 pm:	<b>0</b>	11-M

This model has OA running in Parallel, so we set the fan control to be "off" for all hours of the day, but changed the Night Cycle Control to "Cycle On Any", which turns the fans on and off to meet set points. The design must include these controls to incorporate these changes in the model.

**Air-Side HVAC System Parameters**

Currently Active System: **2 - 1** System Type: Pkgd Var Vol Var Temp

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Fan Power and Control | Flow Parameters | Night Cycle Control

Night Venting

Night Vent Control: **Not Available**  
Night Vent Schedule: **n/a**  
Vent Temperature Sch: **n/a**  
Night Vent Delta T: **n/a** °F

Night Vent Ratios

Supply CFM:	<b>n/a</b>	Return CFM:	<b>n/a</b>
Supply kW:	<b>n/a</b>	Return kW:	<b>n/a</b>
Supply dT:	<b>n/a</b>	Return dT:	<b>n/a</b>

Night Cycle Fan Control

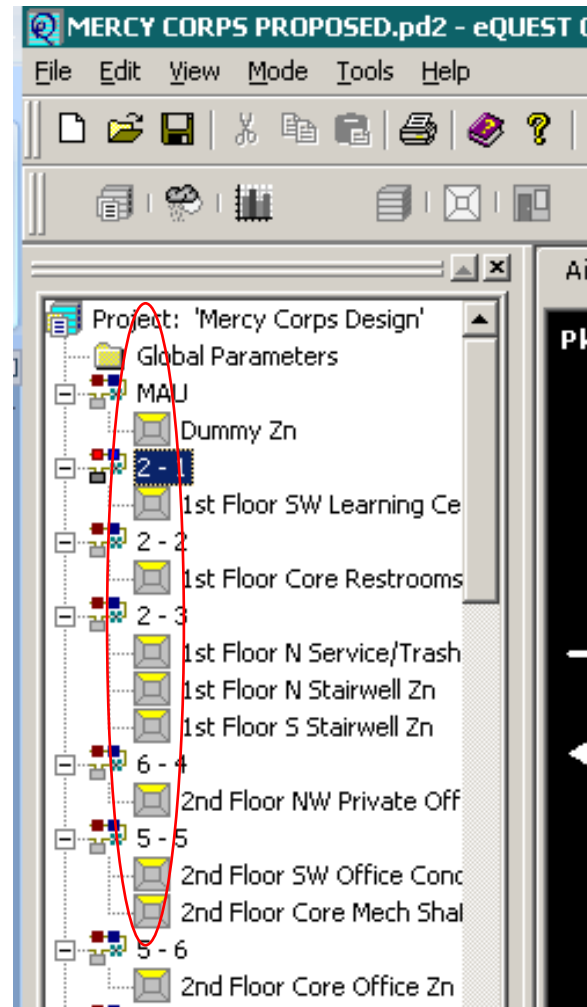
Night Cycle Control: **Cycle On Any**  
Night Cycle Fans: **n/a**

Done

## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

Here is a closer look at the naming of the systems. We named each system 1, 2, 3, etc and put the CU prefix before it. Most of these systems are linked to one another, so we created each system in the INP file, saving a couple of hours.

Note that the MAU has to be before any of the systems that reference it. DOE-2 is a top-down type code.



## Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

Create an hourly report. Note that each hourly report can only hold a finite amount of hourly outputs. We had to create two hourly reports to get all of the data we needed.

Create a separate block for each of the VRF (PVVT) systems you have defined in eQUEST and give them the same name, but slightly difference in the naming.

Each block should have two series, Elec input to heat (kW) and Elec input to cool (kW). Each data output cell will be in kWh.

Hourly Results Selection

Select Report or Block to View/Edit:

- HR1
  - 2-1 (selected)
  - 2-2
  - 2-3
  - 8-18
  - 3-17
  - 11-16
  - 11-15
  - 10-14
  - 10-13
  - 10-12
  - 10-11
  - 8-10
  - 8-9
  - 8-8
  - 5-7
  - 5-6
  - 5-5
  - 6-4
  - 1-20
- HR2
  - 9-28
  - 9-29

Report Block Name: 2-1

Variable Type: HVAC System

Building Component: 2 - 1

Selected Hourly Results Series:

- ☒ Elec input to heat (kW)
- ☒ Elec input to cool (kW)
- ☐ -----
- ☐ Temp of air leaving heat coil - hot deck temp (deg
- ☐ Temp of air leaving cool coil - cold deck temp (deg
- ☐ Temp of air entering coil (deg F)
- ☐ Return air temp on downstream side of ret fan and
- ☐ Total central heat coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total central cool coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total zone heat coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total zone cool coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total baseboard heat coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total preheat coil output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Humidification heat output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Dehumidification reheat heat output (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Minimum temp air handler could supply (deg F)
- ☐ Maximum temp air handler could supply (deg F)
- ☐ Total SPACE latent heat load from LOADS (Btu/hr)
- ☐ Total SPACE light heat to return (Btu/hr)

New Report New Block Del Block Done

# Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems

The screenshot displays a Microsoft Excel window titled "MERCY CORPS PROPOSED - Baseline Design - Hourly Results.csv - Microsoft Excel". The ribbon shows the "Home" tab with various formatting options. The formula bar indicates the active cell is A1, and the address bar shows the file path: "C:\Documents and Settings\dxt\Desktop\PVVT PROPOSED DESIGN\MERCY CORPS PROPOSED - Baseline Design". The spreadsheet itself is a dense grid of data, with columns labeled with various parameters and rows containing numerical values. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Ready" and "25%" zoom.

A lot of data comes out of the hourly report file. This particular project 750,000 individual cell outputs.



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Group the datasets by condenser number. Create a formula that takes the difference between the amount of energy used for heating and cooling for each hour for each condenser. When there is both heating and cooling for a particular hour, the smaller value of the two is the energy recovered by the Refrigerant Branch Selector Box.

The amount of energy saved will be implemented as an Exceptional Calculation for EAc1.



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## DOE-2 Accuracy

- The eQUEST methodology is not perfect, but it is felt to be a conservative approach to modeling the system.
- The methodology has been accepted by the USGBC (to date).
- DOE-2 VRF system curves: any volunteers to create these?

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## Questions