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VARIABLE-SPEED MAGNETIC BEARING CHILLER

OPPORTUNITY

How much energy is used for space cooling in U.S. office buildings?

10%
OF ENERGY
goes to space
cooling¹



32%
OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

rely on chillers to provide this cooling²

TECHNOLOGY

How do maglev chillers save energy?

ELIMINATE FRICTION

with magnetic bearings

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AT PARTIAL LOADS

with variable speed drive

35% MORE EFFICIENT

than FEMP-designated high-efficiency rotary screw chillers

M&V

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LABORATORY assessed the performance of a variable-speed oil-free centrifugal chiller with magnetic bearings manufactured by Danfoss at the George Howard, Jr. Federal Building in Pine Bluff, Arkansas

RESULTS

How did maglev chillers perform in M&V?

42% ENERGY SAVINGS

as cooling loads decrease, efficiency increases³

QUIETPERFORMANCE

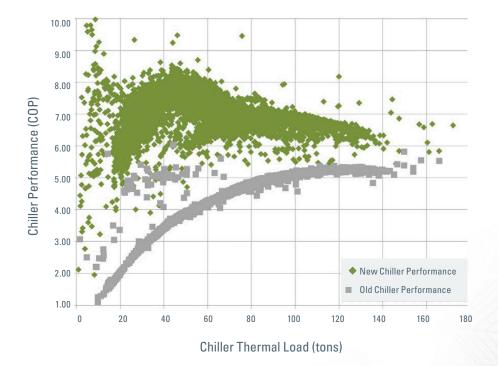
allows chillers to be placed closer to occupant spaces⁴

<5 YEAR PAYBACK

after normalizing for payment structure & utility costs⁵

Efficiency of Maglev Chiller Increases as Load Is Reduced

Maglev chiller efficiency is highest between 40 to 50 tons (27 to 33% of nominal full load) Incumbant chiller efficiency continuously decreases as chiller load is reduced



DEPLOYMENT

Where does M&V recommend deploying maglev chillers?

END-OF-LIFE REPLACEMENT

of positive displacement chillers with maglev chillers

¹Variable-speed Oil-free Centrifugal Chiller with Magnetic Bearings Assessment; George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and U.S.Courthouse, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. S.A.Parker, J.Blanchard (PNNL), December 2013, p.1 ²lbid, p.1 ³lbid, p.3 ⁴lbid, p.34 ⁵lbid, p.26

