

# ARCE 453 Report

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## Introduction

For the third year in a row, Brocade (a technology company specializing in data and storage networking products) has presented Cal Poly students with a challenging project. This project benefits both the students' knowledge and exposure to industry as well as helping Brocade scout for top talent and receive innovative ideas from college students. The project changes yearly, depending on Brocade's most pressing need. This year, the project presented the opportunity for a bigger structural focus than in years past, and Al Estes volunteered to advise three ARCE seniors on their senior project. As one of those ARCE seniors, this paper reports my experience with the project during Winter Quarter, 2013.

## Problem Statement

Brocade's second largest site is located in Broomfield, CO. The site is rapidly running out of infrastructure as business grows, particularly in the data center type labs where Brocade develops and tests its products. The goal of this project is to help Brocade decide the best way and what technologies to use in the infrastructure for a new building.

The project mission was to plan and design a new building to support Brocade R&D and product testing rack labs. This space should use innovative ideas to lower both initial construction costs and operating costs while being highly efficient and best in class Power Utilization Effectiveness (PUE). The building needs to be designed with scalability and flexibility allowing for racks to be added, growth of density in the racks, as well as designed to allow for redundancy to be incorporated or added through its life. The building must also be financially feasible, taking into consideration all associated costs.

## Division of Responsibilities – Team 6

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## Interdisciplinary Experience

I learned a lot of lessons in professionalism and communication during this project and am a better student because of it. A major factor of our team's success is that we held group meetings early and often. We met three times a week to share ideas with each other and discuss different angles for the solution. One challenge of being in an interdisciplinary team was that we had to work on how we each translate what we know about our field into a language that another team member can understand.

It is important to have open communication with the Brocade representatives, Nathan and Victor. When I needed to know the weights of the racks, Victor was quick to give me a detailed response. Going to office hours was always beneficial and helped steer our group in the right direction after each meeting. One week I went to the office hours and asked a question about the structural design that sparked a 45 minute conversation with Victor about what exactly he does as a civil engineering graduate at Brocade. He went on to explain to me how he is basically a translator between Brocade and the contractor building their new

buildings. I was very interested in what he does and was grateful that I decided to go to the office hours that day. Brocade also made themselves available through conference calls and email correspondence. They would pick a time that anyone could call in and ask questions. The constant communication was important to the progress of our work

An area where our team could have improved was time management. While AI had me list my deliverables and schedule their completion, our team did not have intermediate deadlines throughout the project. This scheduling of activities helped me with time management. It would have been helpful to set deadlines as a team, rather than wait until the last weekend before the project is due. We spent late nights in the library trying to piece everything together. We spent the first six weeks of the project on research. At that point, we had to take what we had and finish the project. It would have been beneficial if we had held each other more accountable for what we were expected to contribute to the team.

I valued the opportunity to work with other disciplines on this project. It was especially interesting to work with a Business major to learn the financial side of the project and how it applies to my field of study. There were many challenging, yet rewarding moments where I had to translate my work in order for someone else on the team to be able to understand it. For example, there was one time I used to whiteboard to illustrate tributary area to another teammate. I also had to ask the other disciplines questions about their design that might pertain to my design. These questions usually pertained to the dimensions of the systems that they were trying to put into a building that had already been given fixed dimensions. Throughout the project, I needed to be very flexible with the input I was receiving from my teammates. Overall, I had a positive experience working with other majors and look forward to applying what I learned to my future career.

## Overview of Design

The building will be a structural steel frame building with space for 152 racks per phase. This 4-phase construction process will occur over a 9 year period and be able to hold 608 racks by completion. Our cooling system consists of three main components: a rear-door heat exchanger, coolant distribution unit (CDU), and an air-cooled chiller. The rear-door heat exchanger attaches to the back of each individual rack and neutralizes the heat directly at the source, maximizing energy efficiency. The second essential component of our design is the CDU unit, which consists of a heat exchanger, pumps, controls, and a piping distribution manifold. The third component of our design is an air-cooled chiller that is located outside and utilizes Broomfield's cold weather to incorporate free-cooling into our system. In our data center design, we decided to use overhead flexible piping rather than the traditional under-floor hard piping. Additionally, we will have two cooling accessories: a negative pressure ventilation fan to remove excess heat from the data center and one AC unit located in the meeting room. The electrical distribution will be accomplished through a 480 to 208 V AC system, versus other AC or DC-DC distributions. The electrical system will mainly be powered by utility, however in the event of a power failure, backup diesel generators will supply the required power. All of our electrical components are running off a dual-branch design, providing N+1, and for our case, also 2N redundancy. Having 2N redundancy means that maintenance can be provided without shutting down any critical loads. In our design we utilize uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), load banks, power distribution units (PDU), and switchgears. These components provided by Schneider Electric are easily scalable which gives this system great flexibility. All these components work in unison to accommodate the needs of powering and monitoring this data center.

## Structural Recommendation

One of the main architectural concerns is to maximize the floor space for rack layout. The chosen structural material is steel because of how long steel can span without needing columns. The chosen joist system of open-web trusses can typically span 60 feet. Concrete and timber buildings require more supports throughout the framing plan and take more construction time. Although steel can be slightly more expensive, it minimizes the area occupied by columns, allows for changes in the building over time and minimizes on-site erection time.

Another important requirement for the mechanical design of this building is to prevent the racks from overheating. From an architectural standpoint, this means choosing an exterior material that minimally absorbs the sun's heat. Dark colored materials absorb 70-90% of the radiant energy from the sun. A solution to this is to use a lighter colored exterior material in addition to radiant barrier insulation. Radiant barriers can reduce heat gains on the roof/walls of the building by 25% and can also double as insulation.

When it comes to foundation design, there are some important soil characteristics about the Broomfield area to take into account. Bentonite, a highly expansive clayey soil is prevalent throughout the Denver area. This soil expands and contracts depending on water levels and can cause unwanted settlement of the foundation, leading to extra cost. The recommended foundation design is to drill caissons or piers down to the bedrock. When the foundation is anchored in the bedrock, the soil above no longer becomes an issue because of how stable the bedrock is. Fortunately for this project, bedrock is typically shallower in mountainous regions like Broomfield, Colorado.

For more information, see the Architectural Engineering Work Package and Appendix.

## Architectural Engineering Work Package

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Project:</b>  | Brocade Data Center               |
| <b>Location:</b> | 4 Brocade Parkway, Broomfield, CO |
| <b>Owner:</b>    | Brocade                           |

**Building Description:** Brocade's second largest site, located in Broomfield, CO, is rapidly running out of infrastructure as the business grows, particularly in the data center labs. This building will primarily provide more room for data racks and secondarily provide space for engineers to work. The space should be designed to initially hold 150 racks and be scalable to house 600 racks total. The layout should maximize usable space and should be designed to have 50 engineers working within the lab. Story height is 15 feet for the one story building. The primary structure of the building is structural steel beams and columns with metal deck and open web trusses. The recommended lateral force resisting system is concrete shear walls and moment frames.

**Site location:** The Broomfield, CO branch of Brocade has plenty of available land, so finding space for this additional server rack lab was no problem. The initial 150 rack space was chosen to be across the street in the north direction from the existing structure so that the parking lot can be shared and the engineers can easily walk over to the rack lab. The expansion of the building will occur along the main road into the property in the west direction so that all points of the rack lab are equally accessible from the existing structure. There is plenty of space for additional parking on either end of the fully scaled rack lab. Several options were considered in the site selection process. Option 3 was eliminated because of its lack of accessibility from the current parking lot and existing structure. The recommended location is a mix of Option 1 and 2 for its ease of accessibility from the parking lot and existing building. The site selection research can be seen in the Appendix.

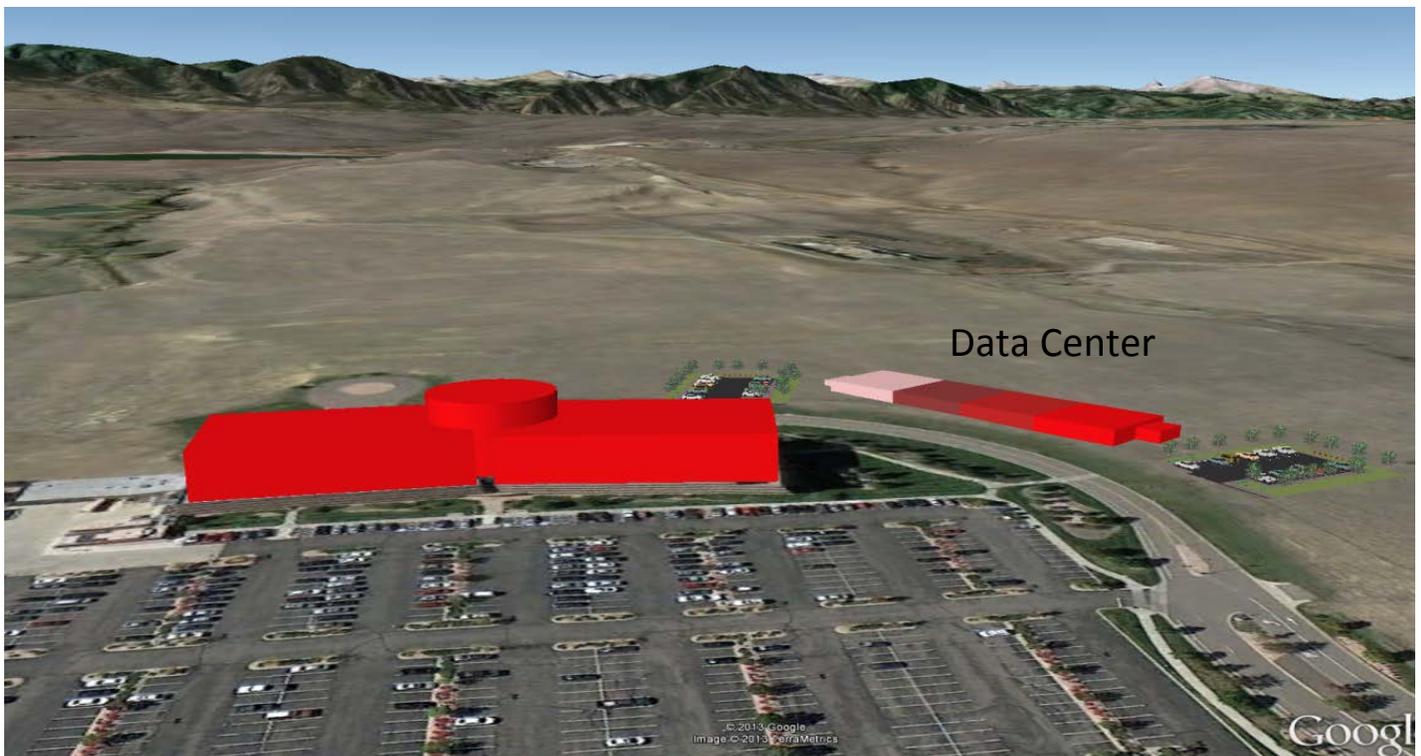


Figure 1: Site location in Broomfield, CO

## Structural Design

**Building Code:** 2012 International Building Code  
**References:** Loads: ASCE 7-10  
Steel: AISC 360-10  
Concrete: ACI 318-05

### Weights:

**Slab on Grade** Live Load = 250 psf (rack weight)  
Dead Load = Slab self-weight

**Roof** Live Load = 20 psf  
Snow Load = 20 psf

**Material Selection:** The recommended material selection is structural steel. The reasons for selection steel as opposed to concrete or timber/masonry are that steel minimizes area occupied by the columns which maximized the floor plan for rack space. Steel is easy to install and uninstall which allows for changes in the building over time. This building will undergo four phases over twelve years (one phase every 3 years). Steel construction also has minimal on-site erection time and construction time. These are important characteristics for a phased construction. By nature, data center floor plans are repetitive and simple. A more complicated framing layout might call for timber or concrete as the structural material.

**Practical Span Ranges:** Steel beams can span anywhere from 10 to 75 feet and are typically spanned 30 feet. Open-Web Joists typically span 60 feet and metal decking can span anywhere from 10 to 20 feet.

## Exterior Architectural Materials

A radiant barrier on the underside of the roof will allow for the exterior materials to use methods of natural cooling (Figure 2). The primary source of heat build-up is sunlight absorbed through the roof, walls and windows. A radiant barrier (Figure 3) can reduce heat gains on the roof by 25% and will also double as insulation for this project. Dark colored exterior materials absorb 70-90% of the radiant energy from the sun while light colored surfaces effectively reflect most of the heat away. The recommended exterior architectural material for the rack lab is a light colored surface with radiant barriers as the primary insulation.

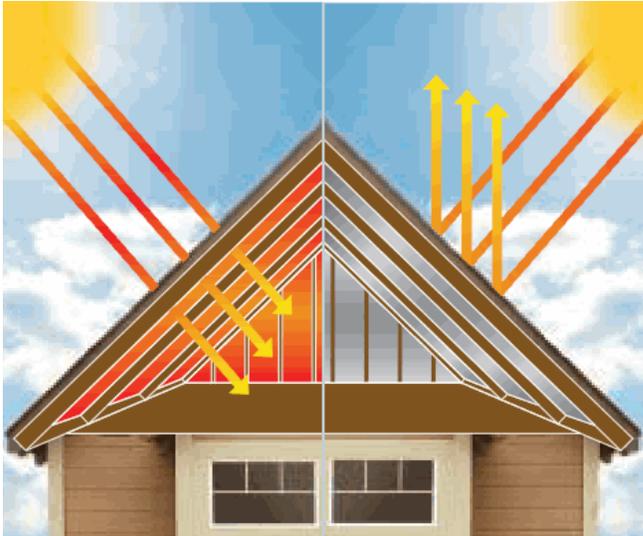


Figure 2: Radiant Barrier demonstration



Figure 3: Radiant Barrier sheet

**Rack Layout:** The rack layout will include 9-10 racks per row. Racks are typically laid out with 8-12 per row. The more racks that are next to each other without interruption, the more efficient the system is. For example, a row length of 1 rack would be the least efficient, while a row length of infinite racks would be the most efficient. Having more than 12 racks per row is not feasible due to means of egress and fire codes. For reference, see the phase 1 rack layout in Figure 4.

**Framing Options:** The chosen framing option was to run the joists in the long direction and the beams in the short direction. This layout was chosen in order to eliminate the need for columns in the server room. The 6-foot on center joist layout was chosen based on optimizing the metal deck span. For more information, see the structural calculations in the Appendix.

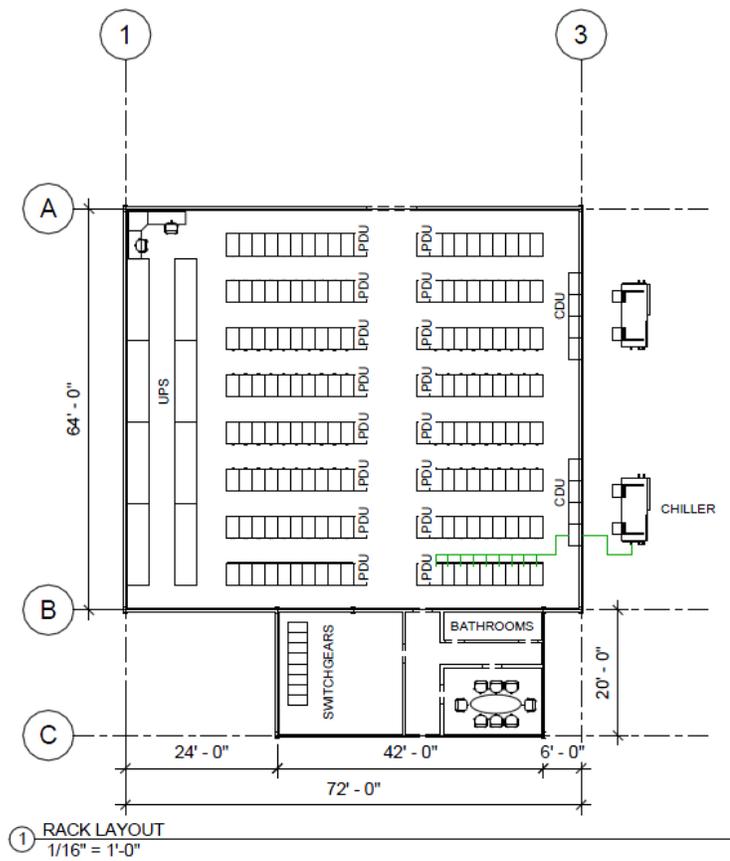
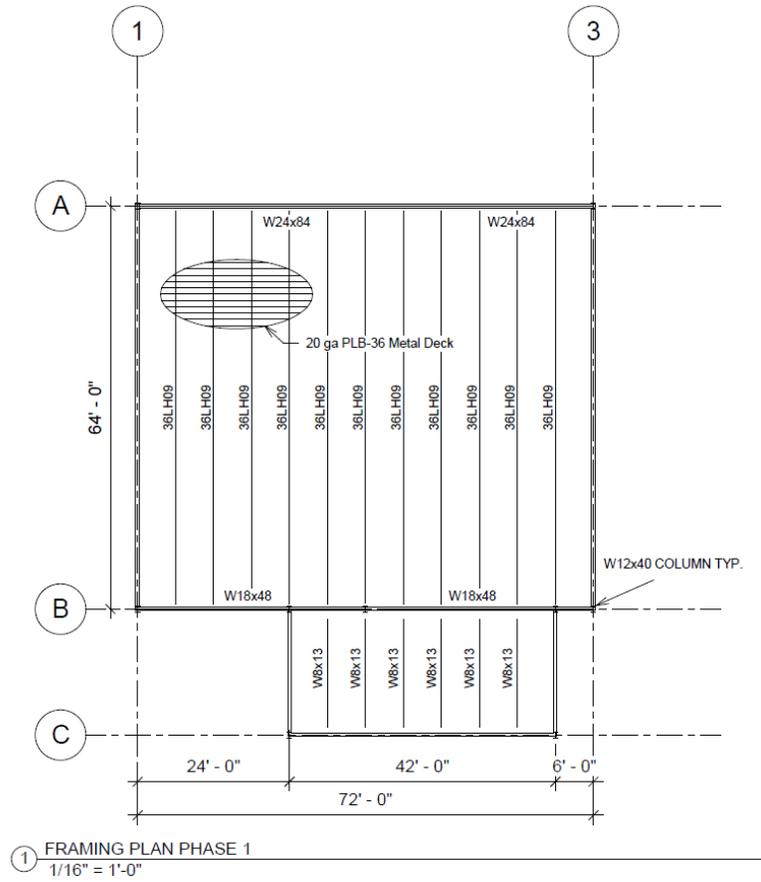


Figure 4: Rack Layout

**Phase Construction:** This building will be built initially to hold 152 server racks and will be scalable to house 608 racks. This growth will be done through a 4-phase process, adding 4600 ft<sup>2</sup> of space (room for 152 racks) every 3 years. This process is recommended to eliminate wasted space. If the entire 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> were built up front and only a portion of that used, there would be an unnecessary cost to maintain the unused portion. The phased construction will minimally interfere with operations in the data center by simply adding on to the building and opening a doorway when the addition is complete.

**Foundations:** The foundation design for this project will need to account for expansive soil. Bentonite, a highly expansive soil, expands when saturated with water and shrinks during drought periods, causing settlement of the foundation. One way to avoid this is to drill caissons (or piers) into the bedrock (Figure 5), which will not settle. Bedrock depths can range from 10 feet to 150 feet below the ground surface but are typically shallower in mountainous or high elevation areas such as Broomfield, CO. The Broomfield Building Department also stated that drilled piers to the bedrock are a common foundation design for the area.

The benefits of drilled piers are that they don't have alignment problems and the larger diameters allow them to support more load. Drilled piers also require lighter construction equipment than other foundation systems and therefore, less vibration during installment. When drilling the hole for the pier, the soil type can be verified to check the accuracy of the soil report. Some problems with drilled piers are that there is the possibility of running into large cobbles or boulders which require much effort to move. If the soil is cohesionless, there is the possibility of caving. Also, inspection of the hole can be dangerous.

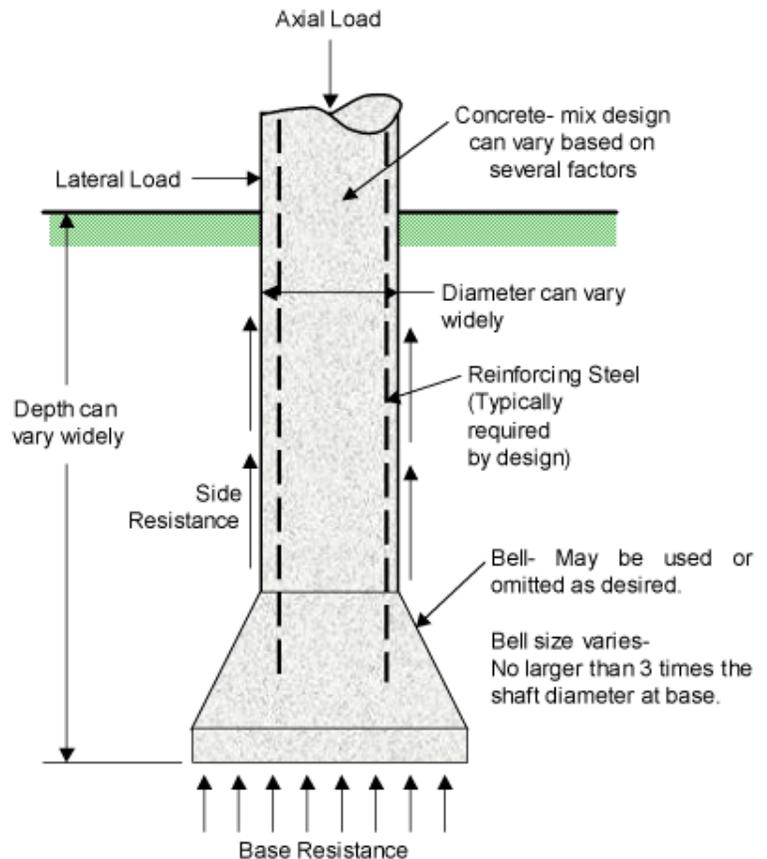


Figure 5: Drilled Pier to Bedrock

## Conclusion

On Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Brocade representatives travelled to Cal Poly for the preliminary presentations. From these presentations, the top teams would be selected to present again at Brocade's headquarters in San Jose, CA on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. My group was asked to present again in San Jose, along with 2 other groups. Only one group was not asked to present again. The day in San Jose was spent presenting in the morning, followed by networking with Brocade employees in the afternoon and a tour of the facilities. Later in April, Brocade came down to San Luis Obispo one final time to host a reception dinner for all teams involved and announce the winning teams. The reception was held at Novo on Higuera Street. The night began with catching up with our teammates and then talking with the Brocade representatives. After a five course meal, the winners were announced. Our team was awarded second place. Initially, there was disappointment among our team, but we were all happy with the experience and grateful to be walking away with our \$400 per person prize money.

I would definitely do this project again and would recommend it for other ARCE's to get involved in. That being said, because the project changes yearly, it is important to make sure there is an opportunity for a structural element of the project before committing to do it. The Brocade Challenge gave me exposure to an experience that I would not have found in any other class at Cal Poly.

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| REF                   | <p><u>Steel Deck Design</u></p> <p>64' X 36' bays , deck parallel to 36' side</p>  |
| Roof<br>Load Take-off | <p>DL = 26.5 psf<br/>                 LL = 20 psf</p> <p>D+L = 46.5 psf ASD</p> <p><u>Deck Span</u></p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2 double spans ( 9' each)</li> <li>2) 1 double, 1 triple (7.2' each)</li> <li>3) 2 triple ( 6' each) ← Optimizes!</li> </ol> |
|                       | <p>options: 20 ga PLB-36 80 psf ← Cheaper<br/>                 20 ga PLN-24 170 psf &gt; ASD</p>   |
| VERIC<br>CATALOG      | <p>Use 20 ga PLB-36 1 1/2" deep roof deck<br/>                 with Primer painted finish to fire-proof<br/>                 the deck.</p>   |

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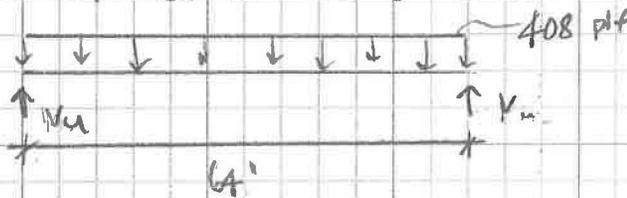
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## Steel open Web Joist Design

$f_u$  = actual/req'd stress  
 $F_n$  = nominal stress  
 $\phi$  = resistance factor  
 $\phi F_n$  = design stress

} LRFD

Trusses span 64' and are 6' o.c.



LC  $1.4D = 1.4(30) = 42 \text{ psf}$   
 $1.2D + 1.6L_r = 1.2(30) + 1.6(20) = 68 \text{ psf} \leftarrow$

Vul Craft  
Catalog

Sand  $L_r = 20 \text{ psf}$

$68 \text{ psf} (6') = 408 \text{ plf}$

use 36LH09

$\phi F_n = 513 \text{ plf} > 408 \text{ plf} \checkmark$

36" depth

# LRFD

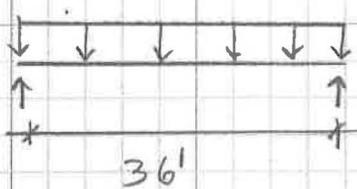
## STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

| Joist Designation | Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists only) | Depth in inches | Max Load (plf) < 29 | SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                   |   |                 |                     | SPAN IN FEET              |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|                   |   |                 |                     | 29-33                     | 34    | 35   | 36   | 37   | 38   | 39   | 40   | 41   | 42   | 43   | 44   | 45   | 46  | 47  | 48  |
| 24LH03            | 11  | 24              | 601                 | 17430                     | 513   | 508  | 504  | 484  | 460  | 439  | 418  | 400  | 382  | 366  | 351  | 336  | 322 | 310 | 298 |
| 24LH04            | 12  | 24              | 737                 | 21360                     | 628   | 597  | 568  | 540  | 514  | 490  | 468  | 447  | 427  | 409  | 393  | 376  | 361 | 346 | 333 |
| 24LH05            | 13  | 24              | 789                 | 22890                     | 673   | 669  | 660  | 628  | 598  | 570  | 544  | 520  | 496  | 475  | 456  | 436  | 420 | 403 | 387 |
| 24LH06            | 16  | 24              | 1061                | 30780                     | 906   | 868  | 832  | 795  | 756  | 720  | 685  | 655  | 625  | 598  | 571  | 546  | 522 | 501 | 480 |
| 24LH07            | 17  | 24              | 1166                | 33810                     | 997   | 957  | 919  | 882  | 847  | 811  | 774  | 736  | 702  | 669  | 639  | 610  | 583 | 559 | 535 |
| 24LH08            | 18  | 24              | 1243                | 36060                     | 1050  | 1015 | 973  | 933  | 895  | 858  | 817  | 780  | 745  | 712  | 682  | 652  | 625 | 600 | 576 |
| 24LH09            | 21  | 24              | 1464                | 42450                     | 1248  | 1212 | 1177 | 1146 | 1096 | 1044 | 994  | 948  | 903  | 861  | 822  | 786  | 751 | 720 | 690 |
| 24LH10            | 23  | 24              | 1547                | 44850                     | 1323  | 1284 | 1248 | 1213 | 1172 | 1152 | 1105 | 1053 | 1002 | 955  | 912  | 873  | 834 | 799 | 766 |
| 24LH11            | 25  | 24              | 1630                | 47280                     | 1390  | 1350 | 1312 | 1276 | 1243 | 1210 | 1180 | 1152 | 1101 | 1051 | 1006 | 963  | 924 | 885 | 850 |
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| 28LH05            | 13  | 28              | 623                 | 21180                     | 505   | 484  | 465  | 445  | 429  | 412  | 397  | 382  | 367  | 355  | 342  | 330  | 319 | 309 | 298 |
| 28LH06            | 16  | 28              | 828                 | 28140                     | 672   | 643  | 618  | 592  | 568  | 546  | 525  | 505  | 486  | 469  | 451  | 436  | 421 | 406 | 393 |
| 28LH07            | 17  | 28              | 934                 | 31770                     | 757   | 726  | 696  | 667  | 640  | 615  | 591  | 568  | 547  | 528  | 508  | 490  | 474 | 457 | 442 |
| 28LH08            | 18  | 28              | 1001                | 34020                     | 810   | 775  | 744  | 712  | 684  | 657  | 630  | 604  | 580  | 556  | 535  | 516  | 496 | 478 | 462 |
| 28LH09            | 21  | 28              | 1232                | 41880                     | 1000  | 958  | 918  | 879  | 844  | 810  | 778  | 748  | 721  | 694  | 669  | 645  | 622 | 601 | 580 |
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| 28LH12            | 27  | 28              | 1587                | 53970                     | 1285  | 1255 | 1227 | 1200 | 1173 | 1149 | 1105 | 1063 | 1023 | 984  | 948  | 913  | 880 | 849 | 819 |
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| 32LH06            | 14  | 32              | 647                 | 25230                     | 507   | 489  | 472  | 456  | 441  | 426  | 412  | 399  | 385  | 373  | 363  | 351  | 340 | 330 | 321 |
| 32LH07            | 16  | 32              | 728                 | 28380                     | 568   | 549  | 529  | 511  | 493  | 477  | 462  | 447  | 432  | 418  | 406  | 393  | 381 | 370 | 360 |
| 32LH08            | 17  | 32              | 790                 | 30810                     | 616   | 595  | 574  | 553  | 535  | 517  | 499  | 483  | 468  | 453  | 439  | 426  | 412 | 400 | 388 |
| 32LH09            | 21  | 32              | 992                 | 38670                     | 774   | 747  | 720  | 694  | 670  | 648  | 627  | 606  | 586  | 568  | 550  | 534  | 517 | 502 | 487 |
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| 36LH08            | 18  | 36              | 649                 | 27900                     | 481   | 466  | 453  | 439  | 426  | 414  | 402  | 390  | 379  | 369  | 358  | 349  | 340 | 331 | 322 |
| 36LH09            | 21  | 36              | 832                 | 35760                     | 616   | 597  | 579  | 561  | 544  | 528  | 513  | 499  | 484  | 471  | 459  | 445  | 433 | 423 | 412 |
| 36LH10            | 21  | 36              | 916                 | 39390                     | 681   | 660  | 639  | 619  | 601  | 583  | 567  | 550  | 535  | 520  | 507  | 492  | 480 | 466 | 454 |
| 36LH11            | 23  | 36              | 1000                | 42990                     | 742   | 720  | 697  | 676  | 657  | 637  | 618  | 601  | 583  | 567  | 552  | 537  | 522 | 508 | 495 |
| 36LH12            | 25  | 36              | 1197                | 51450                     | 889   | 862  | 835  | 810  | 786  | 762  | 739  | 717  | 696  | 675  | 655  | 636  | 618 | 600 | 583 |
| 36LH13            | 30  | 36              | 1407                | 60510                     | 1045  | 1012 | 981  | 951  | 922  | 894  | 868  | 843  | 819  | 796  | 774  | 753  | 732 | 712 | 694 |
| 36LH14            | 36  | 36              | 1551                | 66690                     | 1152  | 1132 | 1093 | 1059 | 1024 | 991  | 961  | 931  | 903  | 876  | 850  | 826  | 802 | 780 | 757 |
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| REF   | STEEL BEAM DESIGN  |   |
|---|--|---|
| W13+<br>case<br>for<br>interior<br>beams<br>at<br>full<br>phase |  <p style="text-align: center;">36'</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lr reduction</u></p>        |   |
| ASCE 7-10   | $R_1 = 0.6$ for $A_E > 600 \text{ ft}^2$   |   |
| 4.8.2   | $0.6(20) = 12$ so, snow load governs = 20 psf  |   |
| LOAD<br>TABLES  | $1.2D + 1.6S = 1.2(34) + 1.6(20) = 72.8 \text{ psf}$<br>$72.8 \times 64' = 4660 \text{ plf}$<br>$V_u = \frac{w_u L}{2} = 84 \text{ K}$<br>$M_u = \frac{w_u L^2}{8} = 755 \text{ K-ft}$ |   |
|   | <u>Check deflection</u>  |   |
| IBC<br>Table<br>1604.3  | $\Delta_{allow} = \frac{l}{240}$<br>$= 1.5''$  | for supporting non-plester ceiling<br>LL only   |
| Table 3-23<br>AISI  | $\Delta_{actual} = \frac{5w_u l^4}{384EI}$   | $I_{req'd} = \frac{5(2050 \frac{lb}{ft} \frac{1ft}{12in}) (36 \times 12)^4}{384(29000000 \text{ psi})(1.5 \text{ in})} = 1780 \text{ in}^4$ |
| Table 3-3   | Options: W24x68<br>W21x83<br>W24x94  |   |

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| check $M_n / \phi V_n$ |       |                |            |          |
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|                        | (int) | (K-F)          | (K)        |          |
|                        | $I_x$ | $\phi M_n$     | $\phi V_n$ | weight   |
| W24x68                 | 1830  | <del>264</del> |            |          |
| W21x83                 | 1830  | <del>175</del> |            |          |
| W24x84                 | 2370  | 840            | 340        | 84 plf ← |

USE W24x84

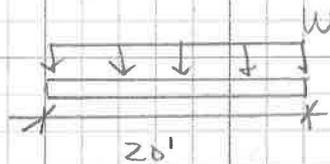
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## Beam 2 Design



6' o.c.

$$A_t = 20 \times 6 = 120 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$1,20 + 1,65 = 1,2(34) + 1,6(20) = 72,8 \text{ psf}$$

$$72,8 \text{ psf} \times 6 = 436,8 \text{ plf} = w$$

$$V_u = \frac{wL}{2} = 4,37 \text{ K}$$

$$M_u = \frac{wL^2}{8} = 21,8 \text{ K-ft}$$

CHECK DEFL

$$\Delta_{\text{allow}} = L/240 = 1''$$

$$E_{\text{req'd}} = \frac{5(192 \text{ plf} \frac{\text{ft}}{12}) (20 \times 12)^4}{384 (29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}) (1'')^4} = 23,8$$

Options:

W8x10  
 W8x13

Satisfies I,  $\phi M_n$ ,  $\phi V_n$



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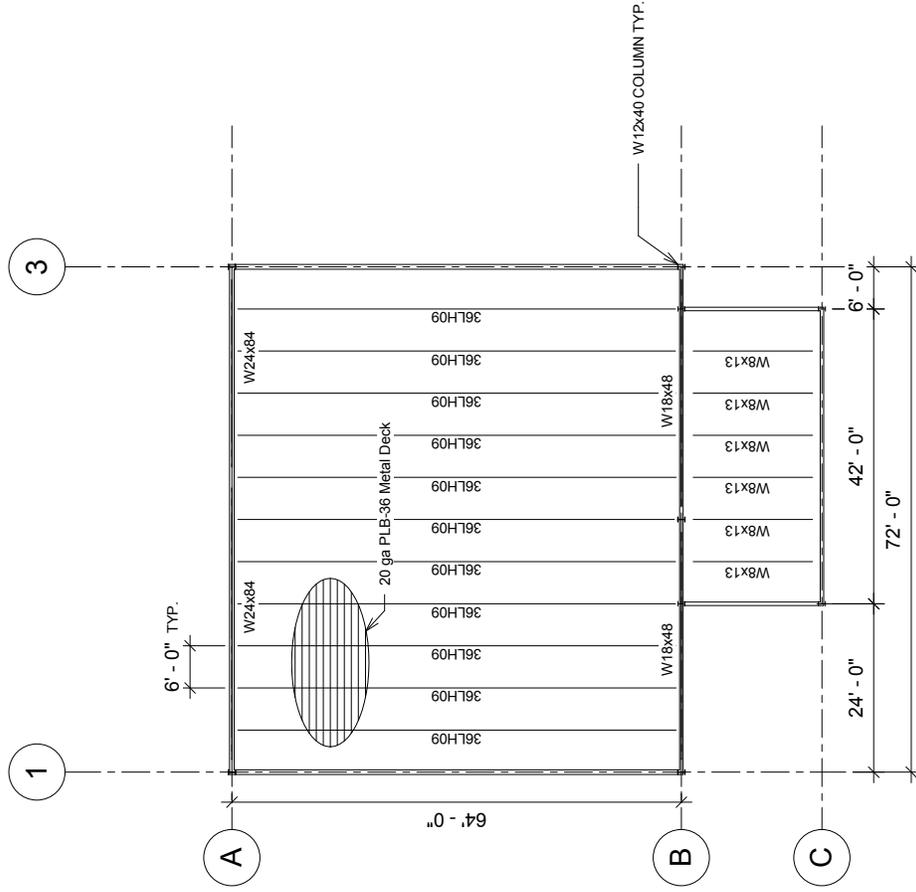
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| H 12 x 40                         | $\phi P_n = 281 \text{ K}$  |          |                            |           |                            |           |                            |

# SITE LOCATION RESEARCH



-  prevailing wind
-  building footprint
-  property line
-  optional new parking areas





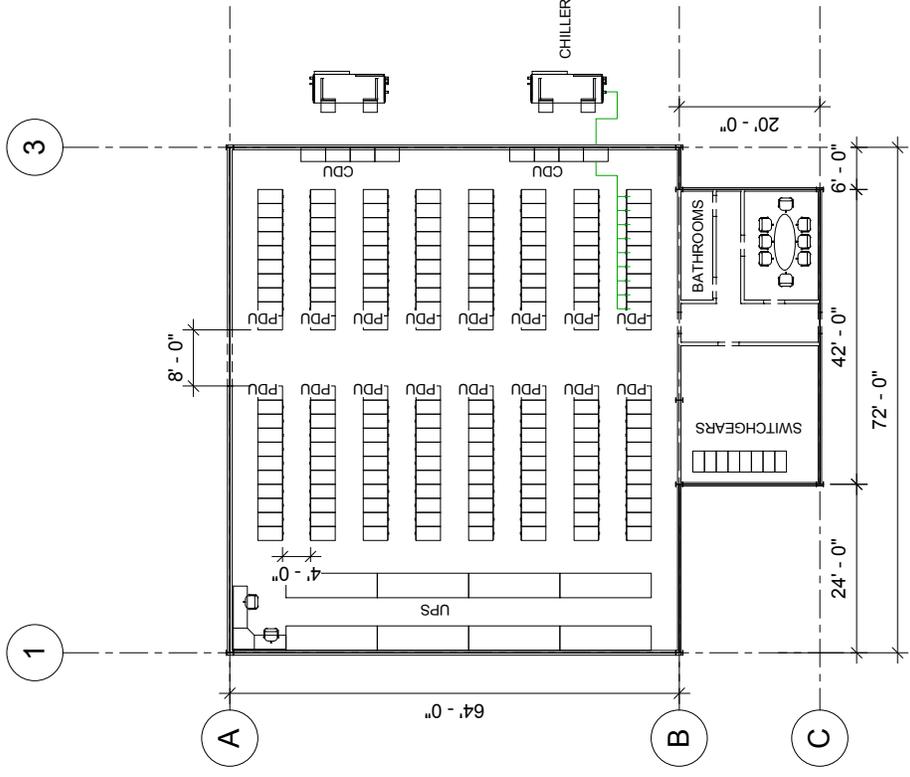
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1/16" = 1'-0"

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| ROOF FRAMING PLAN   |              |
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| Project number      | 031301       |
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| Checked by          | TEAM 6       |
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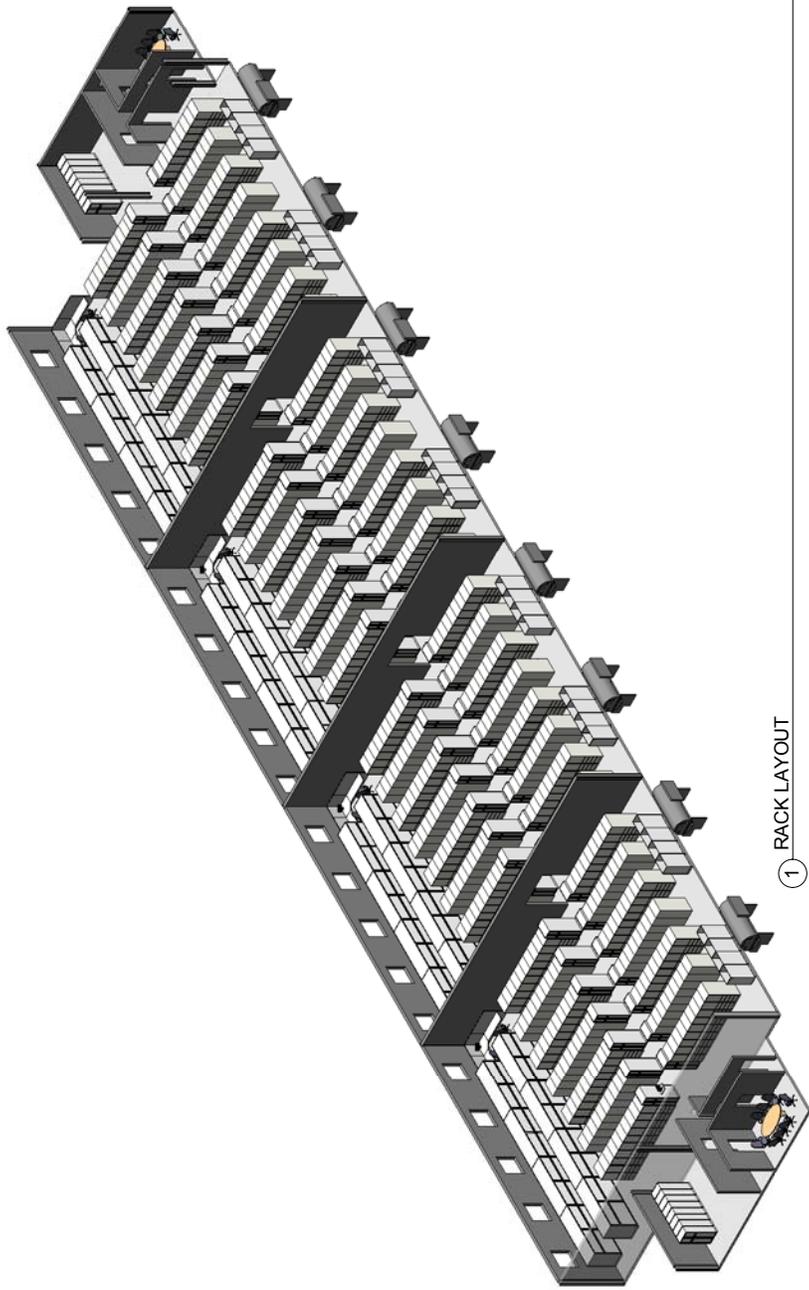
1 RACK LAYOUT  
1/16" = 1'-0"

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| Project number      | 031301       |
| Date                | 03.05.13     |
| Drawn by            | C. Morehardt |
| Checked by          | Team 6       |
| S.2                 |              |
| Scale 1/16" = 1'-0" |              |

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① RACK LAYOUT

|                       |              |
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| <b>RACK LAYOUT 3D</b> |              |
| Project number        | 031301       |
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| Drawn by              | C. Morehardt |
| Checked by            | Team 6       |
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## Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 1/24/13

Participants: Andy / Kevin / Chandler

What was worked on - activities:

Attended Brocade meeting

What was discussed

Reports due 5 March

Senior project will be full package (required / optional)  
for Arch / Civil

What should be completed prior to next meeting

- Milestones ✓
- RFI ✓
- Tues 4:00 pm ??

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Andy: 3 hrs  
Chandler: 5 hrs  
Kevin: 4 hrs

## Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 1/31/13

Participants: Andy/Keren/Chandler

What was worked on - activities:

Attended group meetings

What was discussed

new people added to teams -- made things less  
productive

covered individual milestone documents

discussed REI results

What should be completed prior to next meeting

see milestone feed

next meeting 14 Feb  Valentines Day

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Andy: 9 hrs

Chandler: 6 hrs

Keren: 6 hrs

## Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 2/14/13

Participants: Andy / Kevin / Chandler

What was worked on - activities:

Report due in three weeks.

What was discussed

(Kevin) changed milestones  
+ needs info from others  
working on finishes -- doesn't need others

Chandler: group meetings less productive  
working more on own

Andy: not meeting as group as much - just w/ individuals

What losing sleep over? Biggest worry

- coordination
- computer stuff
- time
- need stuff from group members

What should be completed prior to next meeting

Bring some actual work

- cables
- drawings
- ~~stuff~~

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Kevin 16 hrs  
Chandler 12 hrs  
Andy 15 hrs

## Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 21 Feb 4:00 PM

Participants: Andy / Kevin / Chandler / NI

What was worked on – activities:

Report due in two weeks  
Meeting was after – crunch time

What was discussed

2 weeks remaining what's left

- Modelling } Andy  
- site civil }

3-D model } Kevin  
Calc for bldg }  
Documentation }

Costs - columns / slab } Chandler  
Const cost }  
3-D modeling }  
Annotations }

What should be completed prior to next meeting

Show: cost estimate  
• site civil  
• 3D model

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Andy 12 hrs  
Kevin 10 hrs  
Chandler 15 hrs

## Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 2/29/13

Participants: Chandler / Kevin / Al

What was worked on – activities:

Foundation  
Cost  
Modelling

What was discussed

Chandler - called Bldg dept - asked about Belonite  
3-D model, going well

Presentation Due Tues: Bonderson 104  
3-4 Chandler 20-30 minutes  
2-3 Kevin

Kevin: has to reuse structure  
team changed to 2 story model w/ Mech Equip  
on 2nd floor

What should be completed prior to next meeting

- Presentation + work package
- Slides

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Kevin: 12 hrs  
Chandler: 15 hrs

### Senior Project Record of Meeting

Date/Time/Location: 3/14/13

Participants: Andy (Kevin) Chandler

What was worked on - activities:

Actual competition  
Cal Poly  
San Jose

What was discussed

- Summary of trip
- Organization of Report
  - Overall project result ✓
  - Interdisciplinary interaction ✓
    - what constitutes a good team ✓
    - where did your team fall ✓
    - What did you learn ✓
  - Structural report ✓

What should be completed prior to next meeting

- Before spring break
- turn in draft report
  - Digital common submission
  - Projects day presentation Photos

Time spent on project since last meeting:

Chandler = 40 hrs  
Andy : 37.5 hrs  
Kevin : 35 hrs

| Time Sheet   |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Week         | Hours     |
| 1            | 5         |
| 2            | 6         |
| 3            | 6         |
| 4            | 6         |
| 5            | 15        |
| 6            | 15        |
| 7            | 20        |
| 8            | 20        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>93</b> |

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## Team 6

Chandler Morehardt

Alexa Coburn

Kerry Sun

Juan Silva

Greg Wang

Raul Chagoya

JD Torres

Client: **BROCADE** 

Project Name: Brocade Cal Poly Challenge 2013

03.05.2013

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## Problem Statement

Brocade's second largest site is located in Broomfield, CO. The site is rapidly running out of infrastructure as business grows, particularly in the data center type labs where Brocade develops and tests its products. The goal of this project is to help Brocade decide the best way and what technologies to use in the infrastructure for a new building.

Plan and design a new building to support Brocade R&D and product testing rack labs. This space should use innovative ideas to both lower initial construction costs and operating costs while being highly efficient or best in class Power Utilization Effectiveness (PUE). The building needs to be designed with scalability and flexibility allowing for racks to be added, growth of density in the racks, as well as designed to allow for redundancy to be incorporated or added through its life. The building must also be financially feasible, taking into consideration all associated costs.

## Division of Responsibilities

**Architectural/Structural Engineering Work Package:** Chandler Morehardt

**Mechanical Work Package:** Alexa Coburn, Juan Silva, Kerry Sun

**Electrical Work Package:** Greg Wang, Raul Chagoya

**Financial Package:** JD Torres

## Overview of Design

The building will be a structural steel frame building with space for 152 racks per phase. This 4-phase construction process will occur over a 9 year period and be able to hold 608 racks by completion. Our cooling system consists of three main components: a rear-door heat exchanger, coolant distribution unit (CDU), and an air-cooled chiller. The rear-door heat exchanger attaches to the back of each individual rack and neutralizes the heat directly at the source, maximizing energy efficiency. The second essential component of our design is the CDU unit, which consists of a heat exchanger, pumps, controls, and a piping distribution manifold. The third component of our design is an air-cooled chiller that is located outside and utilizes Broomfield's cold weather to incorporate free-cooling into our system. In our data center design, we decided to use overhead flexible piping rather than the traditional under-floor hard piping. Additionally, we will have two cooling accessories: a negative pressure ventilation fan to remove excess heat from the data center and one AC unit located in the meeting room. The electrical distribution will be accomplished through a 480 to 208 V AC system, versus other AC or DC-DC distributions. The electrical system will mainly be powered by utility, however in the event of a power failure, backup diesel generators will supply the required power. All of our electrical components are running off a dual-branch design, providing N+1, and for our case, also 2N redundancy. Having 2N redundancy means that maintenance can be provided without shutting down any critical loads. In our design we utilize uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), load banks, power distribution units (PDU), and switchgears. These components provided by Schneider Electric are easily scalable which gives this

system great flexibility. All these components work in unison to accommodate the needs of powering and monitoring this data center.

### Financial Analysis

The estimated capital cost of constructing the data center with all of its components is \$4,028,411. Under favorable circumstances, Brocade could build the data center and profit \$500,000 from the sale of the building within the first year of the project. The money earned through this scenario has more value than the money that would be profited from selling the building after a ten year build to own scenario.

When looking at our project versus conventional data center designs, we have found that ours is more efficient and therefore economical. Although the capital cost of our data center is slightly larger per square foot than typical data centers, the savings in operational costs is a benefit that makes the higher capital cost negligible.

|                               | Avg. Enterprise Class Data Center | Team 6 Design  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Annual Power Consumed (kWh)   | 42,905,400 kWh                    | 34,669,200 kWh |
| Cost per Rack at \$.07/kW     | \$5005.63                         | \$4044.74      |
| Cost after 10 years           | \$22,243,052                      | \$17,973,234   |
| <b>Savings after 10 Years</b> | <b>\$4,269,818</b>                |                |

Three scenarios were run (see appendix for Discounted Cash Flow Models): build to suit, build to own and build and lease back. Based on the numbers run through our discounted cash flow model, our recommendation is for Brocade to pursue the Build and Lease Back financial model.

Under a build to own scenario, even if the building's value went up 5% per year, its NPV would be worth less than 4 times the amount it took to construct the building even after taking account the increased value of the building after Phase 4 of construction. Even after escalating the building value 5% per year, the discounted cash flow model shows that the building would be worth \$1,971,000, which is significantly smaller than the \$4,031,000 it will take to initially construct and run the building.

Build and Lease Back shows similar operating cost to Build to Suit. The difference will obviously be the initial capital gains. Project revenue from these two scenarios will come from the sale of the land and/or building. Our finance model shows that it will be much more financially viable to construct and subsequently sell the building under the Build and Lease Back scenario. A Build and Lease Back scenario would be ideal because of the initial revenue in year zero it provides while allowing for an exit strategy that simply involves ending the 10-year lease and selling off assets.

## Recommendation

### Structural:

One of the main structural concerns is to maximize the floor space for rack layout. The chosen structural material is steel because of how long steel can span without needing columns. The chosen joist system of open-web trusses typically span 60 feet. Concrete and timber buildings require more supports throughout the framing plan and take more construction time. Although steel can be slightly more expensive, it minimizes the area occupied by columns, allows for changes in the building over time and minimizes on-site erection time.

Another important requirement for the architectural design of this building is to prevent the racks from overheating. From a structural standpoint, this means choosing an exterior material that minimally absorbs the sun's heat. Dark colored materials absorb 70-90% of the radiant energy from the sun. A solution to this is to use a lighter colored exterior material as well as radiant barrier insulation. Radiant barriers can reduce heat gains on the roof/walls of the building by 25% and can also double as insulation.

When it comes to foundation design, there are some important soil characteristics about the Broomfield area to take into account. Bentonite, a highly expansive clayey soil is prevalent throughout the Denver area. This soil expands and contracts depending on water levels and can cause unwanted settlement of the foundation, leading to extra cost. The recommended foundation design is to drill caissons or piers down to the bedrock. When the foundation is anchored in the bedrock, the soil above no longer becomes an issue because of how stable the bedrock is. Fortunately for this project, bedrock is typically shallower in mountainous regions like Broomfield, Colorado.

For more information, see the Architectural Engineering Work Package and Appendix.

### Mechanical:

Our cooling system consists of three main components: a Rear Door Heat Exchanger (RDHx) that attaches onto the back of each rack, a Coolant Distribution Unit (CDU), and an air-cooled chiller. The RDHx is a passive liquid-cooled heat exchanger that attaches directly to the back of each rack. By close-coupling the heat exchanger to the heat source, a "mini" hot aisle is confined in the space between the servers and the rear door, providing an ultimate containment solution. By using RDHx's, a hot-cold aisle arrangement of racks is no longer necessary; the air entering the front of the rack has the same temperature as the air exiting through the back door. As opposed to typical CRAH cooling systems, which require fans to move the air from the heat source to the cooling unit, RDHx's do not use fans since they neutralize the hot air directly at the heat source.

The CDU unit is composed of a heat exchanger, pumps, controls, and a piping distribution manifold. The CDU distributes cooled water to the RDHx's, creating an isolated secondary loop separate from the primary chilled water system loop, which enables precise control of the water supply and pressure. Heat removed by the RDHx's is then returned to the chilled water supply by means of the heat exchanger in the CDU. Additionally, our system addresses redundancy by incorporating redundant pumps, actuators, and valves in case the initial components fail.

The third component in our design is the air-cooled chiller. We chose to use an air-cooled chiller rather than a water-cooled chiller for several reasons. First, water-cooled chillers require a

mechanical room and a cooling tower (which would raise capital cost) while air-cooled chillers utilize free, open space outside, which we have plenty of. Secondly, since the temperature of Broomfield, CO is generally cold, using an air-cooled chiller is a great way to take advantage of cold air as free cooling resource and implement free-cooling into our design.

The piping we decided to go with is overhead, flexible piping. This flexible piping eliminates the use of intermediate fittings, which reduces the potential for water leakage and raises the reliability of the pipes.

Lastly, we included negative pressure ventilation fans to help extract additional heat in the data center. Although our primary cooling system composed of the RDHx, CDU, and chiller will neutralize the heat produced by the server equipment, we want to include extra fans to extract any extra heat produced. Additionally, we are including an AC wall-mount unit in the meeting room to cool the engineers while they work.

### Electrical:

For our electrical distribution we chose the traditional 480 V to 208 V system. However, our other ideas included DC-DC and running higher AC voltages. The problem with the conceptual idea of running 380 V DC to the racks, which provides the highest efficiency over any system, is the lack of compatibility. In order for server racks to handle 380 V there would need to be a new generation of IT and power equipment. IT vendors would only proceed with this revolutionary change if there's a compelling economic advantage for their customers, which there isn't really at the moment.

The main problem with running higher AC voltages as they do everywhere else in the world besides North America is the higher potential for fault currents. Without a primary transformer in this distribution, the fault current levels are dangerously high around all the electrical components. This creates a major safety hazard for a data center environment such as Brocade's, where there will constantly be engineers working on powered equipment. Higher potential for fault currents also raises the Personal Protection Equipment level, which makes it more difficult to operate and make changes to equipment.

The standard 480 V to 208 V best suits our application. Schneider Electric's new product line of UPSs and PDUs offer efficiencies closely comparable to DC systems, monitoring at all levels, scalability options, and easy installation and maintenance. The actual voltage distribution from the utility to the server racks follows a dual-branch layout, ensuring N+1 redundancy which also turns out to be 2N. Our main power sources are backed up by diesel generators. This design is outlined in our single-line drawing attached in the electrical work package.

## Lessons Learned

We learned a lot of lessons in professionalism and communication during this project and are all better students because of it. A major factor of our teams success is that we held group meetings early and often. We met 3 times a week to share ideas with each other and discuss different angles for the solution. One challenge of being in an interdisciplinary team was that we had to work on how we each translate what we know about our specialty into a language that another team member can understand.

Another key lesson learned was that it is important to have open communication with the Brocade representatives, Nathan and Victor. Going to office hours was always beneficial and helped steer our group in the right direction after each meeting. The fact that Brocade made themselves available through conference calls and email correspondence was largely important to the progress of our groups work.

## Architectural Engineering Work Package

Chandler Morehardt

**Project:** Brocade Data Center  
**Location:** 4 Brocade Parkway, Broomfield, CO  
**Owner:** Brocade

**Building Description:** Brocade's second largest site, located in Broomfield, CO, is rapidly running out of infrastructure as the business grows, particularly in the data center labs. This building will primarily provide more room for data racks and secondarily provide space for engineers to work. The space should be designed to initially hold 150 racks and be scalable to house 600 racks total. The layout should maximize usable space and should be designed to have 50 engineers working within the lab. Story height is 15 feet for the one story building. The primary structure of the building is structural steel with metal deck and open web trusses. The recommended lateral force resisting system is concrete shear walls and moment frames.

**Site location:** The Broomfield, CO branch of Brocade has plenty of land to build on, so finding space for this additional server rack lab was no problem. The initial 150 rack space was chosen to be across the street in the north direction from the existing structure so that the parking lot can be shared and the engineers can easily walk over to the rack lab. The expansion of the building will occur along the main road into the property in the west direction so that all points of the rack lab are equally accessible from the existing structure. There is plenty of space for additional parking on either end of the fully scaled rack lab. Several options were considered in the site selection process. Option 3 was eliminated because of its lack of accessibility from the current parking lot and existing structure. The recommended location is a mix of Option 1 and 2 for its ease of accessibility from the parking lot and existing building. The site selection research can be seen in the Appendix.



Figure 1: Location on site

**Building Code:** 2012 International Building Code

**References:** Loads: ASCE 7-10  
Steel: AISC 360-10  
Concrete: ACI 318-05

### Structural Criteria

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Lateral</b>       | Shear Walls and Moment Frames                                     |
| <b>Slab on Grade</b> | Live Load = 250 psf (rack weight)<br>Dead Load = Slab self weight |
| <b>Roof</b>          | Live Load = 20 psf<br>Snow Load = 20 psf                          |

**Material Selection:** The recommended material selection is structural steel. The reasons for selection steel as opposed to concrete or timber/masonry can be seen below. By nature, data center floor plans are repetitive and simple. A more complicated framing layout might call for timber or concrete as the structural material.

### Reasons for Selecting Structural Steel

- Minimizes area occupied by columns
  - o This maximizes the floor plan for rack space.
- Allows for changes in the building over time
  - o Building will undergo 4 phases over 12 years (1 phase/3 years)
- Minimizes on-site erection time
- Minimizes construction time
  - o Important for phase construction

### Practical Span Ranges

- Steel Beams 10-75' (typically 30')
- Open-Web Joists 10'-150' (typically 60')
- Metal Decking 10'-20' (typically 10')

### Exterior Architectural Materials

A radiant barrier on the underside of the roof will allow for the exterior materials to use methods of natural cooling. The primary source of heat build-up is sunlight absorbed through the roof, walls and windows. A radiant barrier can reduce heat gains on the roof by 25% and will also double as insulation for this project. Dark colored exterior materials absorb 70-90% of the radiant energy from the sun while light colored surfaces effectively reflect most of the heat away. The recommended exterior architectural material for the rack lab is a light colored surface with radiant barriers as the primary insulation.

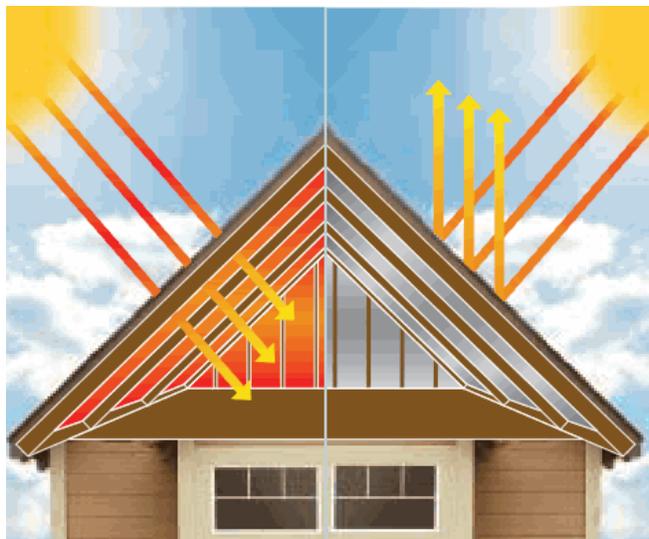


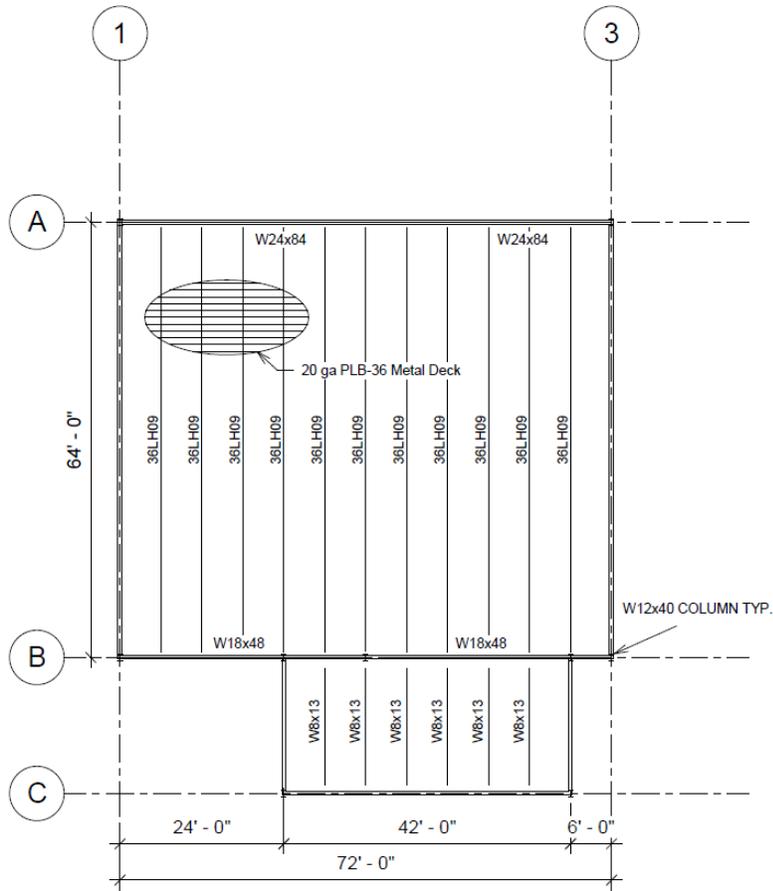
Figure 2: Radiant Barrier demonstration



Figure 3: Radiant Barrier sheet

**Rack Layout:** The rack layout will include 9-10 racks per row. Racks are typically layed out with 8-12 per row. The more racks that are next to each other without interruption, the more efficient the system is. For example, a row length of 1 rack would be the least efficient, while a row length of infinite racks would be the most efficient. Having more than 12 racks per row is not feasible due to means of egress and fire codes. For reference, see the phase 1 rack layout below.

**Framing Options:** The framing option was chosen to run the joists in the long direction and the beams in the short direction. This layout allows for there to be no columns in the server room. The 6-foot on center joist layout was chosen based on optimizing the metal deck span. For more information, see the structural calculations in the Appendix.



**Phase Construction:** This building will be built initially to hold 152 server racks and will be scalable to house 608 racks. This growth will be done through a 4-phase process, adding 4600 ft<sup>2</sup> of space (room for 152 racks) every 3 years. This process is recommended to minimize wasted space, which would occur from building the entire 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> building up front. The phase construction will minimally interfere with operations in the data center by simply adding on to the building and opening a doorway when the addition is complete.

**Underground:** There are many data centers around the world that occupy abandoned bunkers or the side of mountains to form an underground data center. Some benefits to having an underground data center are added security and protection from the sun. Some underground data centers, like the one in Helsinki, uses seawater to cool the racks. However, unless there is already an underground space to occupy or a nearby mountain to dig in to, excavation costs make building underground very costly and not worth the return on investment from energy savings. I believe that there is more to be gained by building above ground in a cool climate such as Colorado because of free cooling.

**Foundations:** The foundation design for this project will need to take into account the hazard of expansive soil. Bentonite, a highly expansive soil, expands when saturated with water and shrinks during drought periods, causing settlement of the foundation. One way to avoid this is to drill caissons (or piers) into the bedrock, which will not settle. Bedrock depths can range from 10 feet to 150 feet below the ground surface but is typically shallower in mountainous or high elevation areas such as Broomfield, CO. The Broomfield Building Department also stated that drilled piers to the bedrock are a common foundation design for the area.

Benefits of drilled piers:

- Lighter construction equipment
- No alignment problems
- Larger diameters
- Less ground vibration
- Verification of soil

Problems with drilled piers:

- Cobbles and boulders
- Caving (if soil is cohesionless)
- Inspection hole is dangerous

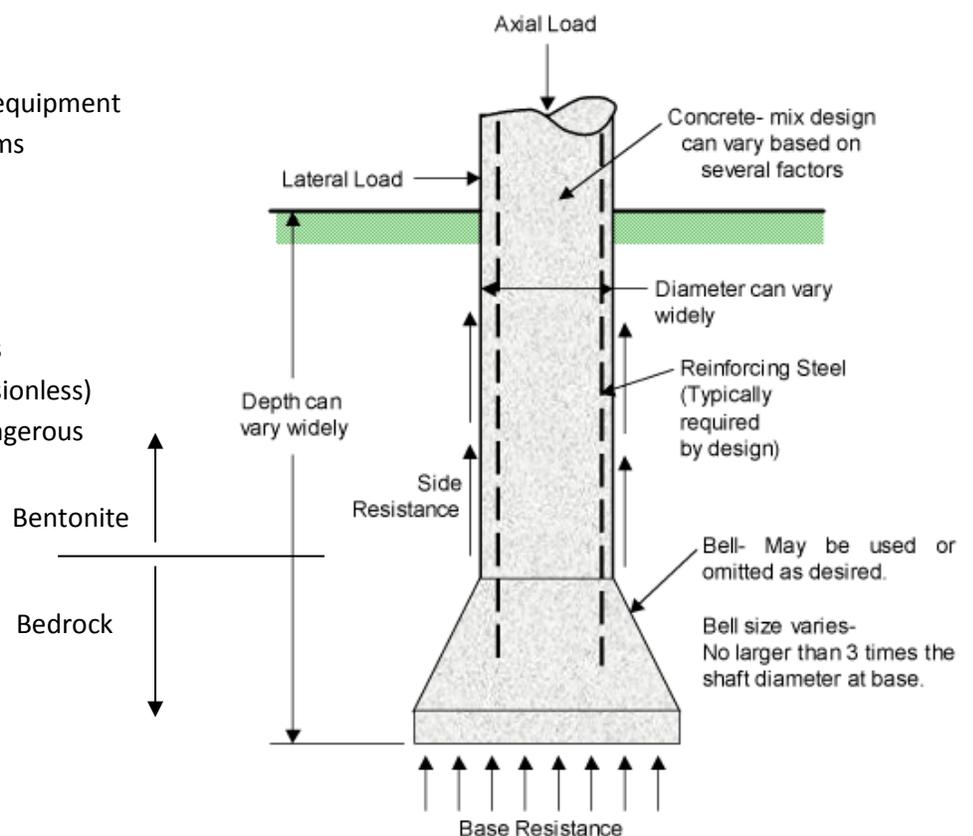


Figure 4: Drilled Pier to Bedrock

## Mechanical Write-up

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### Cooling System Description:

Our cooling system consists of three main components: a Rear Door Heat Exchanger (RDHx), a Coolant Distribution Unit (CDU), and an air-cooled chiller. The Rear Door Heat Exchanger (RDHx) is a passive liquid-cooled heat exchanger that attaches directly to the back of each rack. The RDHx uses a water-filled coil to directly neutralize the exhaust air before its reentry into the data center. The specially designed fin and tube coils in the rear door are protected by two 79% open perforated sheets, which help maintain airflow through the rack. By close-coupling the heat exchanger to the heat source, a “mini” hot aisle is confined in the space between the servers and the rear door, providing an ultimate containment solution. By using RDHx’s, a hot-cold aisle arrangement of racks is no longer necessary; the air entering the front of the rack has the same temperature as the air exiting through the back door. The function of a RDHx is demonstrated in Figure 1.

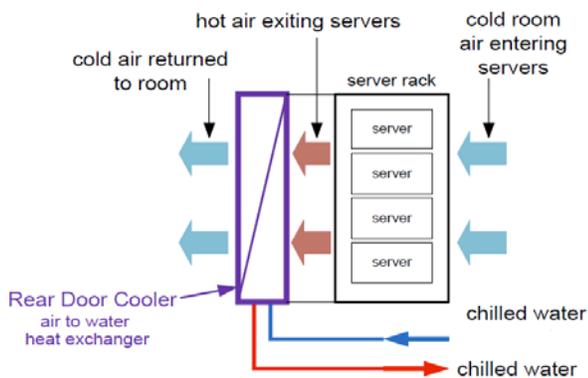


Figure 1. RDHx Function



Figure 2. RDHx-LD

Not only do Rear-Door Heat Exchangers effectively control the ambient air temperature in the data center, they also provide a significant reduction in energy required to cool the building. As opposed to typical CRAH cooling systems, which require fans to move the air from the heat source to the cooling unit, RDHx’s do not use fans since they neutralize the hot air directly at the heat source. In addition, RDHx’s do not require any moving parts or electrical connections, further minimizing energy consumption. The one concern we had about using RDHx’s was that engineers will be opening the rack doors often to work on the servers. In this instance, the heat exchanger will not be able to cool the air directly at the source, allowing heat to escape into the room; however, we came to the conclusion that

all the other racks with closed rear doors (air exiting at approximate 85 F degrees) will compensate for the couple of racks that heat is escaping from. In other words, the effect of opening a few doors at a time is minimal considering the size of the room and amount of RDHx's. As for the specific brand, we suggest "low-density" RDHx's supplied by Coolcentric. This actual device is shown in Figure 2. The RDHx - LD (low density) supports low to medium rack densities of approximately 4-12kW. These heat exchangers come in a top or bottom feed configuration to support underground or overhead piping. Additional information about this specific model is provided in the appendix. Note that we suggest using overhead piping to reduce cost and increase accessibility. This piping system is explained in detail in the description of pumping and piping below.

Another essential component of our cooling system is a floor-mounted Coolant Distribution Unit (CDU), which consists of a heat exchanger, pumps, controls, and a piping distribution manifold. The CDU drawing is shown in Figure 3. The CDU distributes cooled water to the RDHx's, creating an isolated secondary loop separate from the primary chilled water system loop, which enables precise control of the water supply and pressure. Heat removed by the RDHx's is then returned to the chilled water supply by means of the heat exchanger in the CDU. In addition, the CDU maintains the secondary loop water temperature above the dew point, preventing condensation on the RDHx coils and ensuring sensible cooling. Because the CDU is designed to provide constant flow to the RDHx's, changes in heat load require modulating the primary valve and allowing more or less chilled water to flow to the heat exchangers. The CDU model we chose for our system is the CD6A floor-mount model also provided by Coolcentric. It is a versatile unit designed with redundant speed pumps. The CD6A is energy efficient, supporting 260 kW maximum cooling capacity while only consuming a maximum of 3.7kW of power. We will incorporate 8 CDU units in our design, located at side of the wall. Our design is scalable so that additional CDU units can be added as the building expands and more and more racks are included. Additionally, our system addresses redundancy by incorporating redundant pumps, actuators, and valves in case the initial components fail. The redundant pumps are shown in Figure 4.

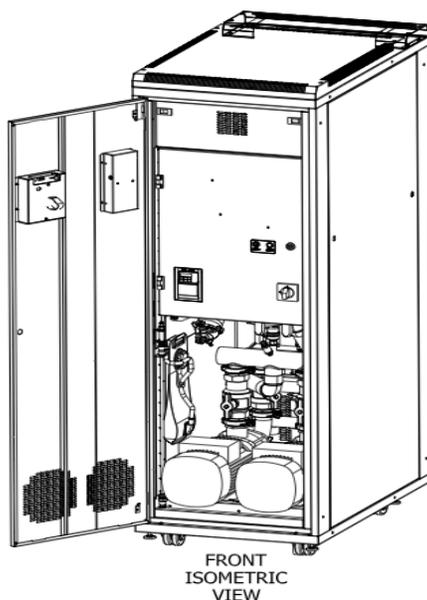


Figure 3. CDU Front View



Figure 4. Redundant Pumps in CDU

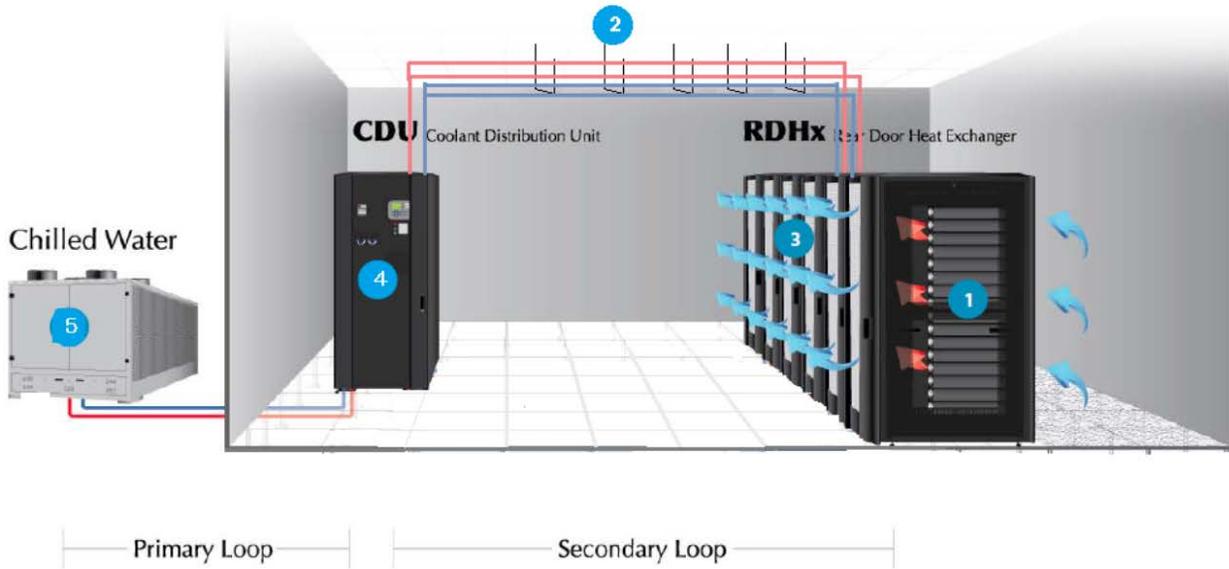


Figure 5. Basic Representation of our Design

The third component in our design is the air-cooled chiller. We chose to use an air-cooled chiller rather than a water-cooled chiller for several reasons. First, water-cooled chillers require a mechanical room and a cooling tower (which would raise capital cost) while air-cooled chillers utilize free, open space outside, which we have plenty of. Secondly, since the temperature of Broomfield, CO is generally cold, using an air-cooled chiller is a great way to take advantage of cold air as free cooling resource and implement free-cooling into our design. In Figure 6, which shows the annual temperature of Broomfield, you can see that there are only two months (July and August) that are relatively hot, allowing the air-cooled chiller to operate efficiently all but two months in the year. Some benefits of using an air-cooled chiller are that it lowers capital cost by eliminating the need for a separate mechanical room and also lowers maintenance cost with fewer components in our system.

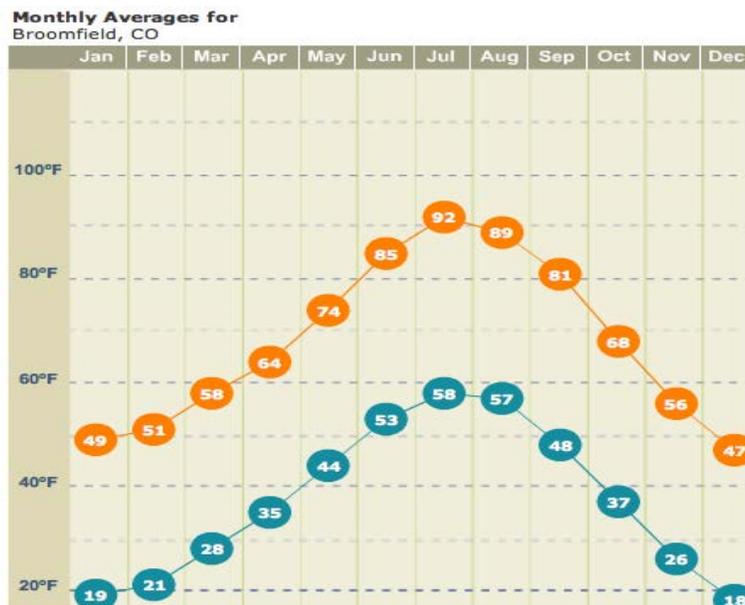


Figure 6. Monthly Average Temperature of Broomfield, CO

We chiller we suggest is the YCIV Air-Cooled Variable Speed Screw Chiller because it uses the best of modern screw compressor design and manufacturing techniques. These also offer quieter, vibration-free operation and are well known for their robustness, simplicity, and reliability. They are designed for long periods of continuous operation, needing very little maintenance. Screw compressors can overcome high lift when speed is reduced, allowing energy savings without the possibility of surge as the compressor unloads.

### Piping Description:

The traditional approach to piping distribution has been to use hard copper or carbon steel piping with welded, brazed or threaded fitting for routing and branching of piping to the racks. Since leakage is always a common concern with traditional piping, the distribution is generally located under a raised floor where channels or trenches are sometimes built under the pipe to capture water in case of any leaks or rupture. For our new industrialized data center, raised flooring is not necessary because we implement flexible piping instead of hard piping. A centralized distribution system allows for multiple connections to a main distribution header above the racks. The flexible piping is routed through the aisles from the distribution header to each rack and a drip pan is placed underneath the pipes. Figure 7 illustrates the use of flexible piping overhead. Seamless flexible piping eliminates the use of intermediate fittings, such as elbows, decreasing the risk of water leaks and increasing the fundamental reliability of the piping itself. This methodology replaces all the intermediate joints in the data center with only two joints per supply and return line; one at the distribution header and one at the rack. A traditional hard piping system would have 10 to 20 joints per supply or return branch. This reduces the leak potential by 80-90% compared to hard piping. Additionally, the potential for condensation is reduced by not having intermediate fittings because it is difficult to provide insulation at the joints of a pipe, so with fewer joints, there is less chance for condensation. The flexible piping material we are using is a multi-layered composite tubing consisting of an aluminum tubing sandwiched between inner and outer layers of cross-linked polyethylene. This gives the piping flexibility to be routed through the data center with the rigidity to stay in place. The cross-linked polyethylene or PEX also offers excellent protection against corrosion and the smooth interior walls and chemical properties make it resistant to mineral buildup with hard or soft water eliminating the risk of pinholes. Table 1 shows the comparison between using hard and flexible piping.

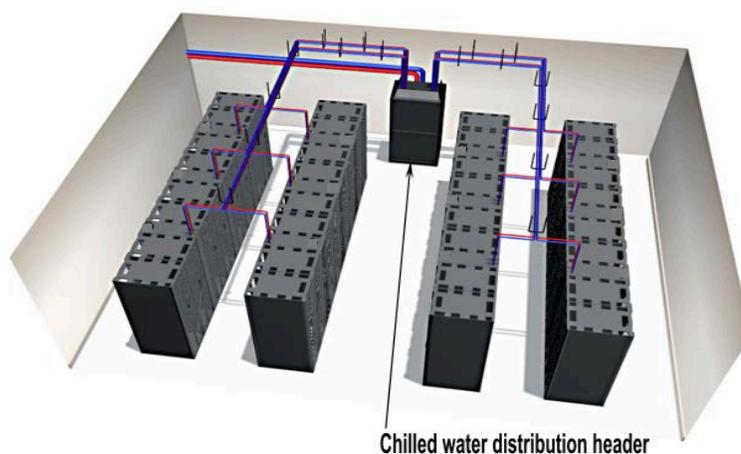


Figure 7. Demonstration of flexible piping overhead.

|                      | Hard Piping  | Flexible Piping   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Reliability          | Leak potential at every joint location   | Eliminating intermediate joints increases reliability   |
| Installation Cost    | Higher installation cost. System balancing requires more time adding cost to start-up  | Lower installation cost. System start-up and balancing is less complex with the centralized distribution system         |
| Amount of Joints     | Typical for 10-20 joints between distribution and each rack  | Only 2 joints per branch  |
| Material Cost        | Hard piping has lower initial cost, but overall installation cost is higher because it takes more labor  | PEX piping has a higher cost, but overall installation is lower   |
| Earthquake/Vibration | Vibrations can cause leakage at the joints   | Less susceptible to break or leak in earthquake conditions  |
| Condensation         | More potential for condensation due to difficulty to insulate multiple fittings. Small cracks or spaces left without insulation may cause condensation | Less potential for condensation due to elimination of intermediate joints between the distribution system and the racks |
| Mineral Buildup      | Susceptible to leakage due to mineral buildup  | Very resistant to mineral buildup due to smooth interior walls and chemical properties                                  |
| Pressure Drop        | The use of elbows for turns and mineral buildup causes additional pressure drop  | Smooth interior and larger radius turns without fittings reduces the pressure drop                                      |

**Table 1. Comparison of Hard Piping and Flexible Piping**

**Extra Fans and AC Units:**

Since the temperature of the facility is designed to stay at 85 degrees Fahrenheit, we decided to use negative pressure ventilation fans to help extract any excess heat produced by from the engineers who work on the equipment. Our primary cooling system including the RDHx’s , CDU’s, and chiller will accomplish the task of neutralizing all the heat produced by the servers, however, we decided to add fans to make sure the data center stays cool enough to support people. We chose to use negative pressure fans over positive pressure fans due to the fact that we want more air exiting the building than entering. Additionally we are including one AC wall mount unit in the meeting room so the engineers can be in a comfortable temperature at all times.

**Redundancy:**

Redundancy is implemented into our cooling system to ensure system availability in the event of component failure. Our Coolant Distribution Unit (CDU) has 2 pumps internally; one of them is a redundant pump, which backs up the CDU if the first pump breaks down. Also we have decided to have N+1 redundancy for our air-cooled chiller to prevent the failure of the chiller due to the hot temperature in July and August in Broomfield, CO.

## Electrical Work Package

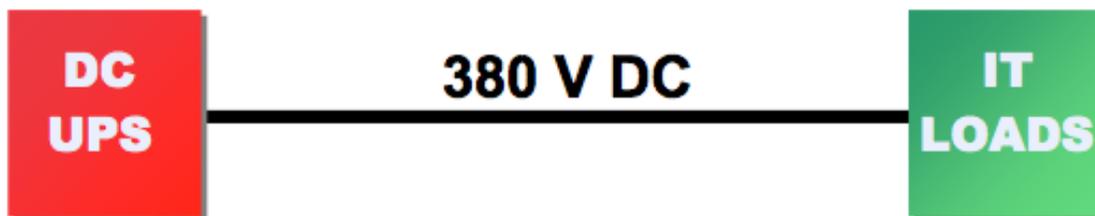
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### Electrical Distribution Description:

Power distribution to data centers can be done using either AC or DC power. AC power is typically distributed at the server rack level at voltages of 120 V, 208 V, or 230 V. DC power is typically distributed at the telecommunications standard voltage of 48 V. Throughout North America a traditional 480/277 V to 208/120 V AC step-down transformation, accomplished at the power distribution unit (PDUs), is most commonly used. Everywhere else in the world uses 400/230 V AC directly to the server racks. Only a few small data centers throughout the world are currently using a DC power distribution. The different data center power distribution methods that will be discussed are shown in **Figure 1, 2, and 3**.

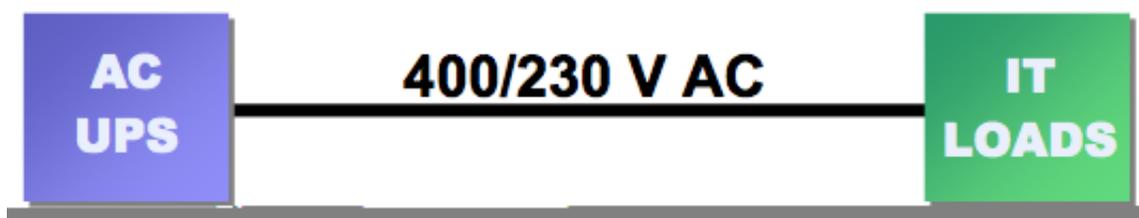
Proposals have been made recently to move towards DC distribution in order to increase overall electrical efficiency by eliminating the unnecessary voltage transformation and AC/DC conversion stage. Additionally, without the bulk of transformers a lot of floor space and floor weight is freed up. However, several studies praising the dramatic efficiency improvement from DC systems utilize historic values for AC devices that are not representative of what is currently available. For example, a recent article assumes an AC UPS efficiency value of 74-96% versus a DC UPS efficiency value of 97%. Schneider Electric's new product line now actually offers efficiencies over 96% for their AC UPS and PDU systems.



**Figure 2: Hypothetical Approach for Distributing 380V DC**

With that being said, the 48 V DC distribution has proven to have worse efficiency than any existing AC system. This has led to the conceptual proposals of higher DC distribution voltages, such as 380 V DC shown above in **Figure 1**, to overcome the earlier problems associated with DC power. A 380 V DC approach may offer approximately a 1% advantage in efficiency over the best AC system, which can be the difference of hundreds of dollars in energy savings a year for larger data centers. However, as mentioned earlier this is a conceptual idea. A 380 V DC distribution system would require a new generation of IT and power equipment that does not yet exist. In order for IT vendors to proceed with

such a revolutionary change there needs to be a compelling economic advantage for their customers, which for most users at the moment is relatively small.



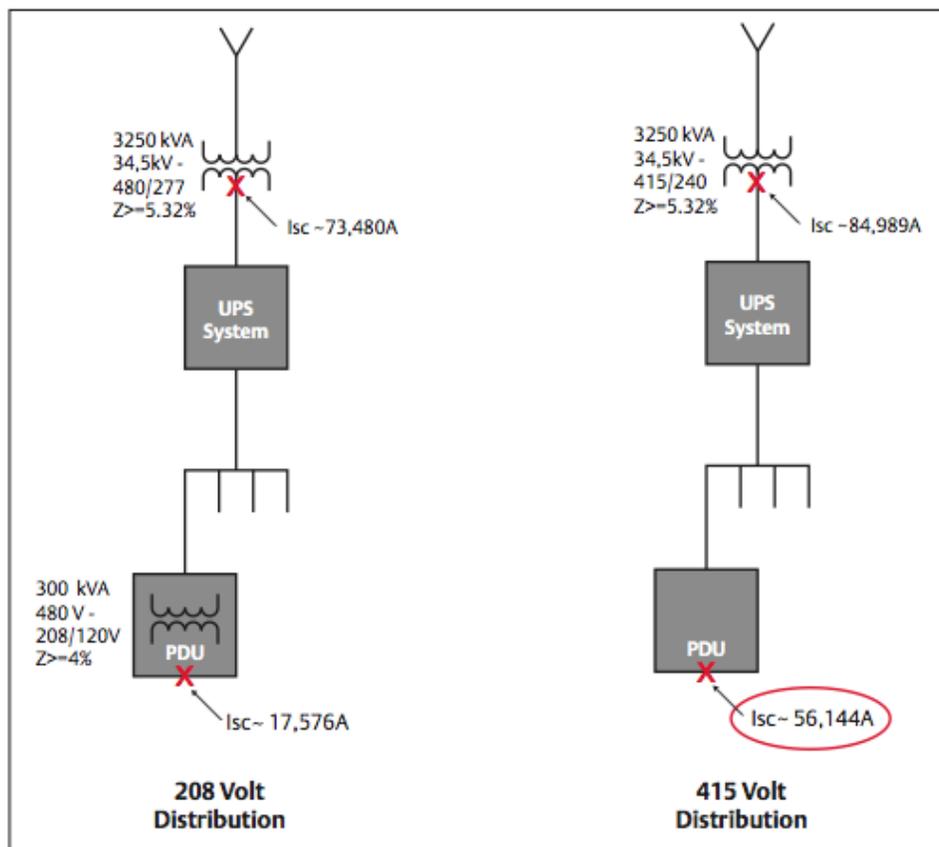
**Figure 3: Common AC Distribution Outside North America**

The AC system with the highest efficiency, but only by less than 1%, is the 400/230 V distribution shown in **Figure 2**. Virtually all IT equipment is designed for worldwide compatibility and can operate on a voltage range of 100 to 240 V. Running the server rack at the highest voltage supported requires less current given the same power capacity, one source of efficiency improvement. So hypothetically a 415/240 V AC distribution system would improve it even more. Eliminating the voltage transformations in the PDUs, originally required for the 480 to 208 V distribution as shown below in **Figure 3**, will remove that source of inefficiency while reducing floor weight and floor space as well. This also ends up making the component cost cheaper compared to the other AC system. However, a 400/230 V AC distribution requires running neutral conductors throughout the whole system since the 230 V output is derived from a line-neutral configuration. The extra costs required for the labor, wire, and protection devices make the overall system cost comparable to other systems.



**Figure 4: Common AC Distribution in North America**

A negative factor of eliminating the PDU transformer is the increased potential for fault currents. A proper application needs to be carefully implemented in order to ensure that it is safe to perform maintenance and install additional IT peripherals without de-energizing the entire system. **Figure 4** on the next page outlines the concept of fault current availability for both AC systems. The arc flash potential is a major safety hazard for Brocade's data center, where there will be several engineers constantly working on the energized server racks and PDUs. Additionally, with the higher potential for arc flash, the higher the PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) level and the more difficult it will be to operate and make changes to equipment in the data center. This is another major downside for the 400/230 V AC distribution method for Brocade's data center, which needs to be easily scalable in the future.



**Figure 5: 208V Distribution vs. 415V Distribution Fault Current Comparison**

This leads us back to the standard 480 to 208 V AC distribution system. For the size of this data center, the minuscule difference in efficiency compared to the 400/230 V AC distribution is insignificant when also taking into consideration the negative aspects of the other systems for our application. Our decision matrix shown in **Table 1** summarizes all these main points. The most attracting category for the 480 to 208 V is its compatibility. First of all, it provides 120 V AC power supply for wall outlets without any other components, unlike the other systems which require a separate transformer. Since this design is so widely used, installation is much simpler and cheaper now, also making maintenance and expansion of the equipment easier. Additionally, with a transformer in the PDU, the fault current at that level is significantly reduced.

| OPTIONS         | COST | RELIABILITY | EFFICIENCY | FLOOR SPACE | COMPATIBILITY | TOTAL |
|-----------------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| DC-DC (48V DC)  | 2    | 4           | 2          | 5           | 2             | 15    |
| DC-DC (380V DC) | 4    | 4           | 5          | 5           | 1             | 19    |
| 415/240V AC     | 4    | 4           | 4          | 3           | 3             | 18    |
| 480 to 208V AC  | 4    | 4           | 4          | 2           | 5             | 19    |

**Table 1: Decision Matrix on Electrical Distribution System**

Our 208 V electrical distribution is based off a two active power source, dual-branch system for each phase of the data center. As described in the architectural work package, each phase contains 150 racks. If you refer to the single-line drawing, which I recommend doing so throughout this entire discussion, you can see that each set of up to 80 racks is powered by two electrical branches (hence the name dual-branch) to ensure redundancy. Our design has N+1 redundancy, which turns to be a 2N redundancy system as well due to the dual-branch setup. Since we are just using one of each component, the N+1/2N redundancy comes from the other leg of the branch. The two main power sources are coming in from the utility company at 13.2 kV, which should be physically isolated in different areas in case of a catastrophe so there's no loss of both at the same time. Each source is fed into its own main service medium voltage switchgears.

The main switchgears will distribute power to individual branches, along with each having a tie with a paralleling switchgear. These paralleling switchgears are responsible for switching the main power source to the backup generators in the case of a power

outage. Two 3 MW diesel generators will be connected to each of the paralleling switchgears, ensuring 2N redundancy. The sizing of the generators is more than enough to support phase 1 (150 racks) at full capacity (12 kW per rack), and the electrical systems for cooling and lighting for several hours. The medium voltage coming out from the main switchgear is stepped-down to 480V through a 2 MVA transformer for each leg of each dual-branch. The transformer is sized appropriately to handle up to 80 racks at their full 12 kW capacity in each branch. This is done so because transformers are not as easily scalable compared to other components, making the total cost and convenience of installing a large transformer initially advantageous. Our single-line drawing only shows one of these dual-branch distributions; however, in the real application there would be two of these dual-branches for each phase of 150 racks. The continuing description will be for one of these branches.

Once the voltage has gone through the transformers it is sent to a low voltage switchgear for each leg of the branch. These low voltage switchgears have connections back to the paralleling switchgears so they can interchange their power source from utility to backup generators in the event of utility failure. This is also where power is distributed to the HVAC and lighting system. They are then connected to the UPS input switchgears. These input switchgears purpose is to supply power to two separate UPSs. Each UPS has a battery that is fully charged at all times, accomplished through double-conversion online technology, so if the main power source were to go out the battery will provide

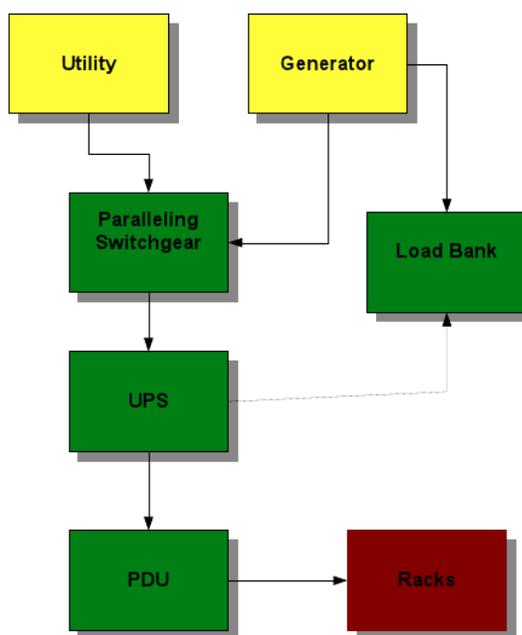


Figure 6: Electrical System Block Diagram

momentary power to critical loads until backup power can be initiated. These UPSs are connected to UPS paralleling switchgears to insure that if one UPS fails the other one can be used, this continues to keep our system at 2N redundancy. The UPS paralleling switchgears are also connected to the loadbank switchgear.

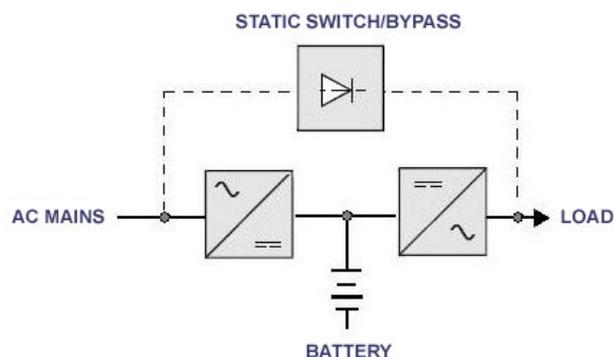


Figure 6: UPS Double-Conversion Online

The loadbank switchgear plays an important role because it allows for the proper loading in order to test equipment like the generators and UPSs. The loadbank can be used to keep the generators running at the highest efficiency possible by preventing wet-stacking. Wet-stacking occurs when unburned fuel accumulates in the exhaust system. This accumulation can foul the fuel injectors, engine valves, the exhaust system; these can all be causes of reducing operating performance. The loadbank can also be used to routinely test the UPSs. This ensures that they are performing as expected when a load is connected to them.

From the UPS paralleling switchgears the power outputs to the UPS distribution switchboards. These switchboards send the voltage to two PDUs for each row of 19 server racks, where the voltage is stepped-down from 480 V to 204 V. This useable voltage is distributed by the Starline Power Bus system down the rows. Each server rack contains two rack PDUs, with each one powered by it's own row PDU for redundancy at this level. Additionally, the row PDUs has the potential to output 120 V to satisfy those loads throughout the data center.

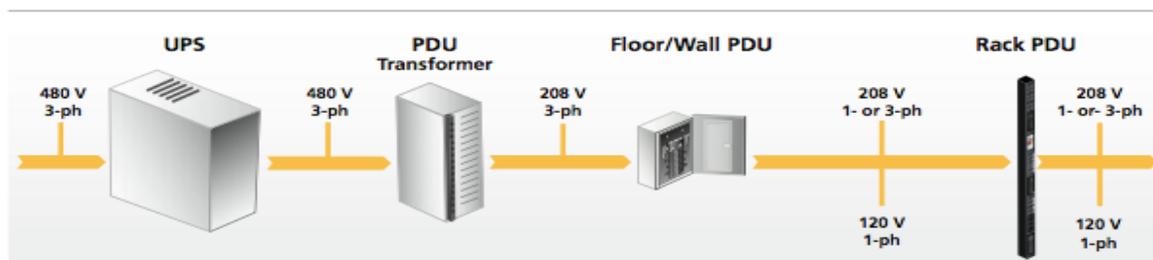


Figure 7: Low Voltage Electrical Block Diagram

The way we setup our electrical system ensures that it can be scaled up rather easily. The main service switchgears have the capacity to expand from the initial 150 racks to up to 600 racks. The future branches will just follow the same layout as the one showed in the single-line diagram. More backup diesel generators can simply be paralleled with each other to supply the desired backup power. At the branch level the UPSs can be scaled from 320kW to 960W and the PDUs from 80kW to 240kW, the range we found for powering 80 racks ranging from 4 kW to 12 kW. Schneider Electric's APC product line offers all these modular systems, completely customized for our application. A benefit from the 2N redundancy also allows for the system to be scaled and maintained without having to cease power to any critical loads.

As mentioned before, this electrical distribution setup is commonly found in data centers throughout North America. So although our design is not extremely unique, it is the best application for this data center. Current models of all the equipment provide great efficiency and reliability, power monitoring at every level, easy scalability, redundancy, and overall simple design.

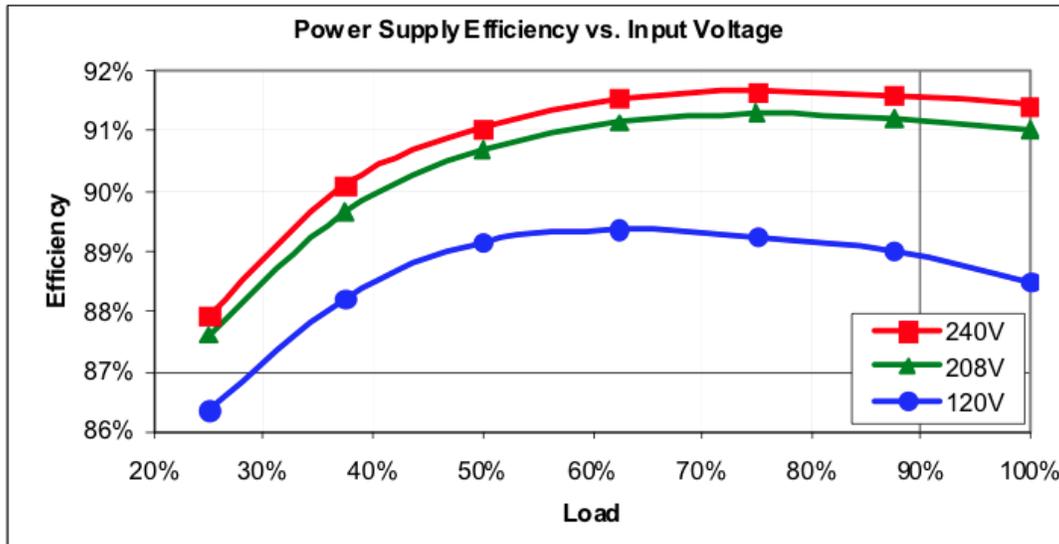


Figure 8: Efficiency Comparison for AC Distribution Options

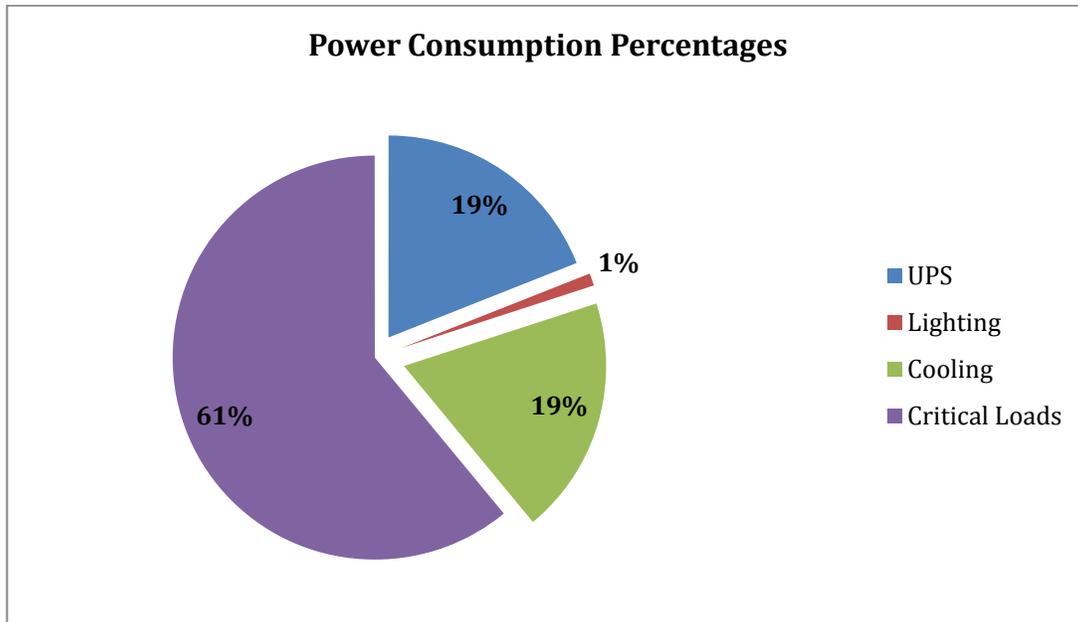
**Power Consumption:**

|                           | UPS Power Consumption<br>(% of total power) | Lighting Power Consumption<br>(% of total power) | Cooling Power Consumption<br>(% of total power) | Critical Loads Power Consumption<br>(% of total power) | Total Power |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------|
| <b>150 Racks<br/>4kW</b>  | 192 kW<br>(19%)                             | 9.36 kW<br>(1%)                                  | 188.68 kW<br>(19%)                              | 600 kW<br>(61%)  | 990.04 kW   |
| <b>150 Racks<br/>12kW</b> | 576 kW<br>(19.3%)                           | 9.36 kW<br>(0.3%)                                | 597.20 kW<br>(20%)                              | 1800 kW<br>(60.4%)                                     | 2982.56 kW  |
| <b>600 Racks<br/>4kW</b>  | 768 kW<br>(19.4%)                           | 40.2 kW<br>(1%)                                  | 749.52 kW<br>(19%)                              | 2400 kW<br>(60.6%)                                     | 3957.72 kW  |
| <b>600 Racks<br/>12kW</b> | 2304 kW<br>(19.3%)                          | 40.2 kW<br>(0.3%)                                | 2383.60 kW<br>(20%)                             | 7200 kW<br>(60.4%)                                     | 11927.8 kW  |

**Table 2: Power Consumption at Different Phases and Capacities**

- It is assumed that all switchgears have negligible inefficiencies.
- Lighting Power Consumption Sample Calculation:  
 $0.002 * \text{floor area in square feet} = 0.002 * 4680 \text{ sq. ft.} = \mathbf{9.36 \text{ kW}}$   
 (0.002 constant comes from APC Whitepaper #3)
- Cooling Power Consumption Calculations can be found in the Mechanical Work Package.
- Critical Load Power Consumption Sample Calculation:  
 $150 \text{ Racks} * 4 \text{ kW per Rack} = \mathbf{600 \text{ kW}}$  consumed
- UPS Power Consumption Sample Calculation:  
 Assuming UPS inefficiency and battery charging value is constant = 0.32  
 (0.32 constant comes from APC whitepaper #3)

UPS Power Consumption for 150 Racks at 4 kW  
 = Power Consumed by Racks \* 0.32 = 600 kW \* 0.32 = **192 kW**



**Figure 9: Power Consumption Percentages of Entire Data Center**

kWh and cost for initial 150 racks at 4kW:

1 year = 365 days = 8760 hours

990.04kW \* 8760hours = **86727504.4 kWh**

\$0.07 per kWh \* 86727504.4 kWh = **\$607092.53**

kWh and cost for 150 racks at 12 kW:

2982.56kW \* 8760hours = **26127225.6 kWh**

\$0.07 per kWh \* 26127225.6 kWh = **\$1828905.88**

kWh and cost for 600 racks at 4 kW:

3957.72kW \* 8760hours = **34669627.2 kWh**

\$0.0826 per kWh \* 34669627.2 kWh = **\$2863711.25**

kWh and cost for 600 racks at 12 kW:

11927.8 \* 8760hours = **104487528 kWh**

\$0.0826 per kWh \* 104487528 kWh = **\$8630670.00**

**APPENDIX: Discounted Cash Flow Model**

**Assumptions**

|                                      |          |                               |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Sq Ft (Phase 1)                      | 5448     | <b>Taxes</b>                  |          |
| Sq Ft added per phase                | 4888     | CO Sales Tax Rate             | 8.15%    |
| Wall Sq ft                           | 3970     | Assessment Rate               | 29%      |
| Value added per phase                | \$60,000 | Tax Area                      | 0070     |
|                                      |          | Mill Levie                    | 86.533   |
| <b>Energy &amp; Cost Assumptions</b> |          | Property Tax Rate             | 0.086533 |
| kWh per rack                         | 4        | Inflation Rate                | 3.00%    |
| \$/kwh                               | 0.07     |                               |          |
| Elec. Px Escalator (%/year)          | 3.00%    | <b>Depreciation</b>           |          |
| Service & Warranty                   | \$ 0.50  | Years Depreciation (Racks)    | 4        |
| Service & Warranty Increase (%/yr)   | \$ 5.00% | Years Depreciation (Building) | 39       |
| Cost of New Racks                    | \$ 1.00  | Salvage Value (Building)      | \$ 1,500 |

**Land Cost Assumptions**

|                                   |          |                       |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| Cost of Land (\$/sq ft)           | \$ 0.15  | <b>WACC</b>           |        |
| Building Value Escalator (%/year) | \$ 5.00% | WACC                  | 10.65% |
| Cost of Rent (\$ / sq ft)         | \$ 15.00 | Cost of Equity        | 12.25% |
| Rent Value Escalator (%/yr)       | 5.00%    | Assumed Tax Rate      | 30.00% |
| Building Sale Discount            | 10.00%   | Estimated Growth Rate | 4.00%  |
| Reed Location Factor (Denver)     | 95.80%   |                       |        |

## Estimate of Initial Data Center Costs

### Raw Building Materials

| Description                                  | Quantity | Unit | Unit Price | Total               | Cost/sf         | RS Ref #     |
|--|----------|------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Steel Roof Decking                           | 5448     | SF   | \$ 2.59    | \$ 14,110.32        | \$ 2.59         | 0531-2600    |
| Steel Joists (36LH09)                        | 704      | LF   | \$ 21.00   | \$ 14,784.00        | \$ 2.71         | 05210-2400   |
| Radiant Barrier Insulation(Walls)            | 3970     | SF   | \$ 0.30    | \$ 1,191.00         | \$ 0.22         |              |
| Radiant Barrier Insulation (Roofing)         | 4440     | SF   | \$ 0.30    | \$ 1,332.00         | \$ 0.24         |              |
| Steel Beam W14x48                            | 240      | LF   | \$ 73.25   | \$ 17,580.00        | \$ 3.23         | 0512-23(30)  |
| Steel Column W12x40                          | 140      | LF   | \$ 74.00   | \$ 10,360.00        | \$ 1.90         | 0512-7150    |
| Concrete Slab                                | 82       | CY   | \$ 113.00  | \$ 9,266.00         | \$ 1.70         | 0331-0300    |
| <b>Total Cost of Raw Building Materials</b>  |          |      |            | <b>\$ 68,623.32</b> | <b>\$ 12.60</b> |              |
| <b>%Total Cost of Raw Building Materials</b> |          |      |            |                     |                 | <b>1.46%</b> |

### Mechanical

| Description                               | Quantity | Unit | Unit Price    | Total                  | Cost/sf          |               |
|---|----------|------|---------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Coolant Distribution Units: CD6A (70 ton) | 8        | Ea.  | \$ 6,000.00   | \$ 48,000.00           | \$ 8.81          |               |
| Coolcentric Rear Door Heat Exchanger      | 150      | Ea.  | \$ 3,500.00   | \$ 525,000.00          | \$ 96.37         |               |
| A/C Unit, Wall Mount                      | 2        | Ea.  | \$ 2,592.00   | \$ 5,184.00            | \$ 0.95          |               |
| Negative Pressure Fans                    | 10       | Ea.  | \$ 5,641.00   | \$ 56,410.00           | \$ 10.35         |               |
| Chiller, centrifugal, air-cool, 400 TON   | 4        | Ea.  | \$ 225,508.00 | \$ 902,032.00          | \$ 165.57        |               |
| <b>Total Cost of Mechanical</b>           |          |      |               | <b>\$ 1,536,626.00</b> | <b>\$ 282.05</b> |               |
| <b>%Total Cost of Mechanical</b>          |          |      |               |                        |                  | <b>32.65%</b> |

### Electrical

| Description                       | Quantity | Unit | Unit Price    | Total                  | Cost/sf          | RS Ref #      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------|---------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Diesel Engine Generators 3MW      | 4        | Ea.  | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ 2,000,000.00        | \$ 367.11        |               |
| Incoming Switchboard              | 12       | Ea.  | \$ 24,900.00  | \$ 298,800.00          | \$ 54.85         |               |
| Distribution Switchboard 2500 amp | 8        | Ea.  | \$ 8,250.00   | \$ 66,000.00           | \$ 12.11         | 2624-0800     |
| Power Distribution Unit 240kVa    | 16       | Ea.  | \$ 25,000.00  | \$ 400,000.00          | \$ 73.42         |               |
| Medium Voltage Transformer 2MVA   | 8        | Ea.  | \$ 9,575.00   | \$ 76,600.00           | \$ 14.06         | 2622-4100     |
| Low Voltage Circuit Breakers      | 100      | Ea.  | \$ 2,000.00   | \$ 200,000.00          | \$ 36.71         |               |
| Medium Voltage Circuit Breakers   | 30       | Ea.  | \$ 2,000.00   | \$ 60,000.00           | \$ 11.01         |               |
| <b>Total Cost of Electrical</b>   |          |      |               | <b>\$ 3,101,400.00</b> | <b>\$ 569.27</b> |               |
| <b>% Total Cost of Electrical</b> |          |      |               |                        |                  | <b>65.89%</b> |

**Total Valuation of Work (National Avg.)**

\$ 4,706,649.32

**Total Valuation of Work (Denver Avg.)**

\$ 4,508,970.05

### Building Permits & Fees

|  |    |                   |
|--|----|-------------------|
| Building Permit Fee                              | \$ | 22,276.36         |
| Plan Review Fee                                  | \$ | 14,479.63         |
| Building Permit Use Tax                          | \$ | 93,561.13         |
| <b>Total Cost of Building Permits &amp; Fees</b> | \$ | <b>130,317.12</b> |







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|-----------------------|--|
| REF                   | <p><u>Steel Deck Design</u></p> <p>64' X 36' bays , deck parallel to 36' side</p>  |
| Roof<br>Load Take-off | <p>DL = 26.5 psf<br/>                 LL = 20 psf</p> <p>D+L = 46.5 psf ASD</p> <p><u>Deck Span</u></p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 2 double spans ( 9' each)</li> <li>2) 1 double, 1 triple (7.2' each)</li> <li>3) 2 triple ( 6' each) ← Optimizes!</li> </ol> |
|                       | <p>options: 20 ga PLB-36 80 psf ← Cheaper<br/>                 20 ga PLN-24 170 psf &gt; ASD</p>   |
| VERIC<br>CATALOG      | <p>Use 20 ga PLB-36 1 1/2" deep roof deck<br/>                 with Primer painted finish to fire-proof<br/>                 the deck.</p>   |

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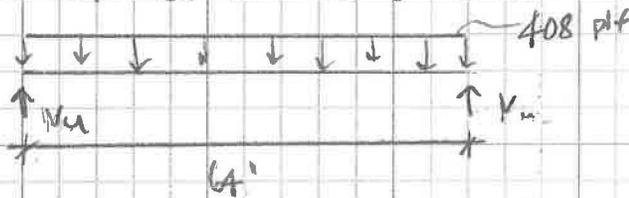
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## Steel open Web Joist Design

$f_u$  = actual/req'd stress  
 $F_n$  = nominal stress  
 $\phi$  = resistance factor  
 $\phi F_n$  = design stress

} LRFD

Trusses span 64' and are 6' o.c.



LC  $1.4D = 1.4(30) = 42 \text{ psf}$   
 $1.2D + 1.6L_r = 1.2(30) + 1.6(20) = 68 \text{ psf} \leftarrow$   
 Sand  $L_r = 20 \text{ psf}$

Vul Craft  
Catalog

$68 \text{ psf} (6') = 408 \text{ plf}$

use 36LH09  $\phi F_n = 513 \text{ plf} > 408 \text{ plf} \checkmark$   
 36" depth

# LRFD

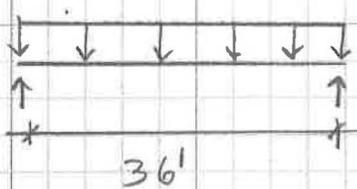
## STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

| Joist Designation | Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists only) | Depth in inches | Max Load (plf) < 29 | SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                   |   |                 |                     | SPAN IN FEET              |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|                   |   |                 |                     | 29-33                     | 34    | 35   | 36   | 37   | 38   | 39   | 40   | 41   | 42   | 43   | 44   | 45   | 46  | 47  | 48  |
| 24LH03            | 11  | 24              | 601                 | 17430                     | 513   | 508  | 504  | 484  | 460  | 439  | 418  | 400  | 382  | 366  | 351  | 336  | 322 | 310 | 298 |
| 24LH04            | 12  | 24              | 737                 | 21360                     | 628   | 597  | 568  | 540  | 514  | 490  | 468  | 447  | 427  | 409  | 393  | 376  | 361 | 346 | 333 |
| 24LH05            | 13  | 24              | 789                 | 22890                     | 673   | 669  | 660  | 628  | 598  | 570  | 544  | 520  | 496  | 475  | 456  | 436  | 420 | 403 | 387 |
| 24LH06            | 16  | 24              | 1061                | 30780                     | 906   | 868  | 832  | 795  | 756  | 720  | 685  | 655  | 625  | 598  | 571  | 546  | 522 | 501 | 480 |
| 24LH07            | 17  | 24              | 1166                | 33810                     | 997   | 957  | 919  | 882  | 847  | 811  | 774  | 736  | 702  | 669  | 639  | 610  | 583 | 559 | 535 |
| 24LH08            | 18  | 24              | 1243                | 36060                     | 1060  | 1015 | 973  | 933  | 893  | 858  | 817  | 780  | 745  | 712  | 682  | 652  | 625 | 600 | 576 |
| 24LH09            | 21  | 24              | 1464                | 42450                     | 1248  | 1212 | 1177 | 1146 | 1096 | 1044 | 994  | 948  | 903  | 861  | 822  | 786  | 751 | 720 | 690 |
| 24LH10            | 23  | 24              | 1547                | 44850                     | 1323  | 1284 | 1248 | 1213 | 1172 | 1152 | 1105 | 1053 | 1002 | 955  | 912  | 873  | 834 | 799 | 766 |
| 24LH11            | 25  | 24              | 1630                | 47280                     | 1390  | 1350 | 1312 | 1276 | 1243 | 1210 | 1180 | 1152 | 1101 | 1051 | 1006 | 963  | 924 | 885 | 850 |
|                   |   |                 | < 34                | 34-41                     | 42    | 43   | 44   | 45   | 46   | 47   | 48   | 49   | 50   | 51   | 52   | 53   | 54  | 55  | 56  |
| 28LH05            | 13  | 28              | 623                 | 21180                     | 505   | 484  | 465  | 445  | 429  | 412  | 397  | 382  | 367  | 355  | 342  | 330  | 319 | 309 | 298 |
| 28LH06            | 16  | 28              | 828                 | 28140                     | 672   | 643  | 618  | 592  | 568  | 546  | 525  | 505  | 486  | 469  | 451  | 436  | 421 | 406 | 393 |
| 28LH07            | 17  | 28              | 934                 | 31770                     | 757   | 726  | 696  | 667  | 640  | 615  | 591  | 568  | 547  | 528  | 508  | 490  | 474 | 457 | 442 |
| 28LH08            | 18  | 28              | 1001                | 34020                     | 810   | 775  | 744  | 712  | 684  | 657  | 630  | 604  | 580  | 556  | 535  | 516  | 496 | 478 | 462 |
| 28LH09            | 21  | 28              | 1232                | 41880                     | 1000  | 958  | 918  | 879  | 844  | 810  | 778  | 748  | 721  | 694  | 669  | 645  | 622 | 601 | 580 |
| 28LH10            | 23  | 28              | 1347                | 45810                     | 1093  | 1056 | 1018 | 976  | 937  | 900  | 864  | 831  | 799  | 769  | 742  | 715  | 690 | 666 | 643 |
| 28LH11            | 25  | 28              | 1445                | 48140                     | 1170  | 1143 | 1104 | 1065 | 1023 | 982  | 943  | 907  | 873  | 841  | 810  | 781  | 753 | 727 | 702 |
| 28LH12            | 27  | 28              | 1587                | 53970                     | 1285  | 1255 | 1227 | 1200 | 1173 | 1149 | 1105 | 1063 | 1023 | 984  | 948  | 913  | 880 | 849 | 819 |
| 28LH13            | 30  | 28              | 1654                | 56250                     | 1342  | 1311 | 1281 | 1252 | 1224 | 1198 | 1173 | 1149 | 1126 | 1083 | 1041 | 1002 | 964 | 930 | 897 |
|                   |   |                 | < 39                | 39-46                     | 47-49 | 50   | 51   | 52   | 53   | 54   | 55   | 56   | 57   | 58   | 59   | 60   | 61  | 62  | 63  |
| 32LH06            | 14  | 32              | 647                 | 25230                     | 507   | 489  | 472  | 456  | 441  | 426  | 412  | 399  | 385  | 373  | 363  | 351  | 340 | 330 | 321 |
| 32LH07            | 16  | 32              | 728                 | 28380                     | 568   | 549  | 529  | 511  | 493  | 477  | 462  | 447  | 432  | 418  | 406  | 393  | 381 | 370 | 360 |
| 32LH08            | 17  | 32              | 790                 | 30810                     | 616   | 595  | 574  | 553  | 535  | 517  | 499  | 483  | 468  | 453  | 439  | 426  | 412 | 400 | 388 |
| 32LH09            | 21  | 32              | 992                 | 38670                     | 774   | 747  | 720  | 694  | 670  | 648  | 627  | 606  | 586  | 568  | 550  | 534  | 517 | 502 | 487 |
| 32LH10            | 21  | 32              | 1096                | 42750                     | 856   | 825  | 798  | 768  | 742  | 717  | 693  | 667  | 645  | 624  | 603  | 583  | 564 | 546 | 529 |
| 32LH11            | 24  | 32              | 1201                | 46830                     | 937   | 903  | 870  | 840  | 811  | 783  | 757  | 732  | 709  | 687  | 664  | 643  | 624 | 604 | 585 |
| 32LH12            | 27  | 32              | 1409                | 54960                     | 1101  | 1069 | 1032 | 996  | 961  | 928  | 897  | 867  | 838  | 811  | 786  | 762  | 738 | 715 | 694 |
| 32LH13            | 30  | 32              | 1572                | 61320                     | 1225  | 1201 | 1177 | 1156 | 1113 | 1072 | 1035 | 999  | 964  | 931  | 900  | 871  | 843 | 816 | 790 |
| 32LH14            | 33  | 32              | 1618                | 63120                     | 1264  | 1239 | 1215 | 1192 | 1170 | 1149 | 1107 | 1069 | 1032 | 997  | 964  | 933  | 903 | 874 | 846 |
| 32LH15            | 35  | 32              | 1673                | 65250                     | 1305  | 1279 | 1255 | 1231 | 1207 | 1186 | 1164 | 1144 | 1125 | 1087 | 1051 | 1017 | 984 | 952 | 924 |
|                   |   |                 | < 43                | 43-46                     | 47-56 | 57   | 58   | 59   | 60   | 61   | 62   | 63   | 64   | 65   | 66   | 67   | 68  | 69  | 70  |
| 36LH07            | 16  | 36              | 590                 | 25350                     | 438   | 424  | 411  | 399  | 387  | 376  | 366  | 355  | 345  | 336  | 327  | 318  | 310 | 301 | 294 |
| 36LH08            | 18  | 36              | 649                 | 27900                     | 481   | 466  | 453  | 439  | 426  | 414  | 402  | 390  | 379  | 369  | 358  | 349  | 340 | 331 | 322 |
| 36LH09            | 21  | 36              | 832                 | 35760                     | 616   | 597  | 579  | 561  | 544  | 528  | 513  | 499  | 484  | 471  | 459  | 445  | 433 | 423 | 412 |
| 36LH10            | 21  | 36              | 916                 | 39390                     | 681   | 660  | 639  | 619  | 601  | 583  | 567  | 550  | 535  | 520  | 507  | 492  | 480 | 466 | 454 |
| 36LH11            | 23  | 36              | 1000                | 42990                     | 742   | 720  | 697  | 676  | 657  | 637  | 618  | 601  | 583  | 567  | 552  | 537  | 522 | 508 | 495 |
| 36LH12            | 25  | 36              | 1197                | 51450                     | 889   | 862  | 835  | 810  | 786  | 762  | 739  | 717  | 696  | 675  | 655  | 636  | 618 | 600 | 583 |
| 36LH13            | 30  | 36              | 1407                | 60510                     | 1045  | 1012 | 981  | 951  | 922  | 894  | 868  | 843  | 819  | 796  | 774  | 753  | 732 | 712 | 694 |
| 36LH14            | 36  | 36              | 1551                | 66690                     | 1152  | 1132 | 1093 | 1059 | 1024 | 991  | 961  | 931  | 903  | 876  | 850  | 826  | 802 | 780 | 757 |
| 36LH15            | 36  | 36              | 1635                | 70320                     | 1213  | 1192 | 1171 | 1153 | 1116 | 1081 | 1047 | 1015 | 984  | 955  | 927  | 900  | 874 | 850 | 826 |



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| REF   | STEEL BEAM DESIGN   |  |
|---|---|--|
| W13+<br>case<br>for<br>interior<br>beams<br>at<br>full<br>phase |  <p style="text-align: center;">36'</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lr reduction</u></p>                                       |  |
| ASCE 7-10   | $R_1 = 0.6$ for $A_L > 600 \text{ ft}^2$  |  |
| 4.8.2   | $0.6(20) = 12$ so, snow load governs = 20 psf   |  |
| LOAD<br>TABLES  | $1.2D + 1.6S = 1.2(34) + 1.6(20) = 72.8 \text{ psf}$<br>$72.8 \times 64' = 4660 \text{ plf}$<br>$V_u = \frac{w_u L}{2} = 84 \text{ K}$<br>$M_u = \frac{w_u L^2}{8} = 755 \text{ K-ft}$                                |  |
|   | <u>Check deflection</u>   |  |
| IBC<br>Table<br>1604.3  | $\Delta_{allow} = \frac{l}{240}$<br>$= 1.5''$ <p style="text-align: right;">for supporting non-plester ceiling<br/>                     LL only</p>   |  |
| Table 3-23<br>AISI  | $\Delta_{actual} = \frac{5w_u L^4}{384EI}$ $I_{req'd} = \frac{5(2050 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}} \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}})(36 \times 12)^4}{384(29000000 \text{ psi})(1.5 \text{ in})} = 1780 \text{ in}^4$ |  |
| Table 3-3   | Options: W24x68<br>W21x83<br>W24x94   |  |

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| check $M_n / \phi V_n$ |       |                |            |          |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|------------|----------|
|                        | (int) | (K-F)          | (K)        |          |
|                        | $I_x$ | $\phi M_n$     | $\phi V_n$ | weight   |
| W24x68                 | 1830  | <del>264</del> |            |          |
| W21x83                 | 1830  | <del>175</del> |            |          |
| W24x84                 | 2370  | 840            | 340        | 84 plf ← |

USE W24x84

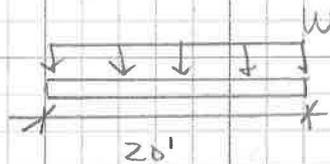
for exterior beam W18x48 satisfies req'm

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## Beam 2 Design



6' o.c.

$$A_t = 20 \times 6 = 120 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$1,20 + 1,65 = 1,2(34) + 1,6(20) = 72,8 \text{ psf}$$

$$72,8 \text{ psf} \times 6 = 436,8 \text{ plf} = w$$

$$V_u = \frac{wL}{2} = 4,37 \text{ K}$$

$$M_u = \frac{wL^2}{8} = 21,8 \text{ K-ft}$$

CHECK DEFL

$$\Delta_{\text{allow}} = L/240 = 1''$$

$$E_{\text{req'd}} = \frac{5(192 \text{ plf} \frac{\text{ft}}{12}) (20 \times 12)^4}{384 (29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}) (1'')^3} = 23,8$$

Options:

W8x10  
 W8x13

Satisfies I,  $\phi M_n$ ,  $\phi V_n$



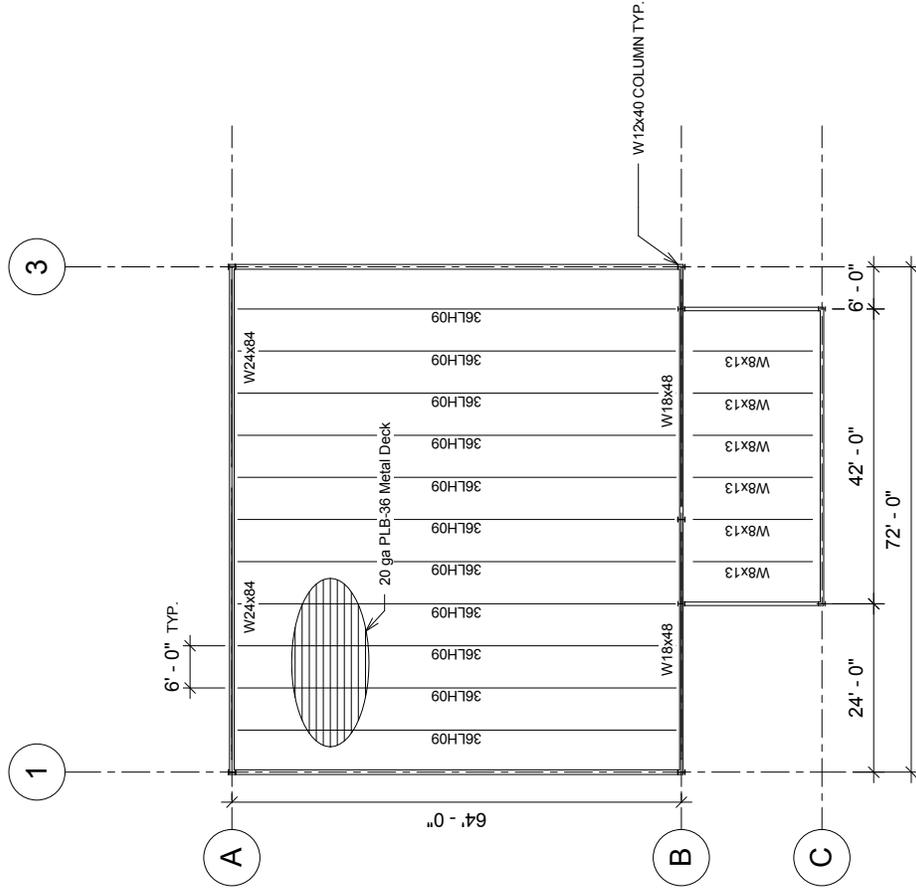


# SITE LOCATION RESEARCH



-  prevailing wind
-  building footprint
-  property line
-  optional new parking areas





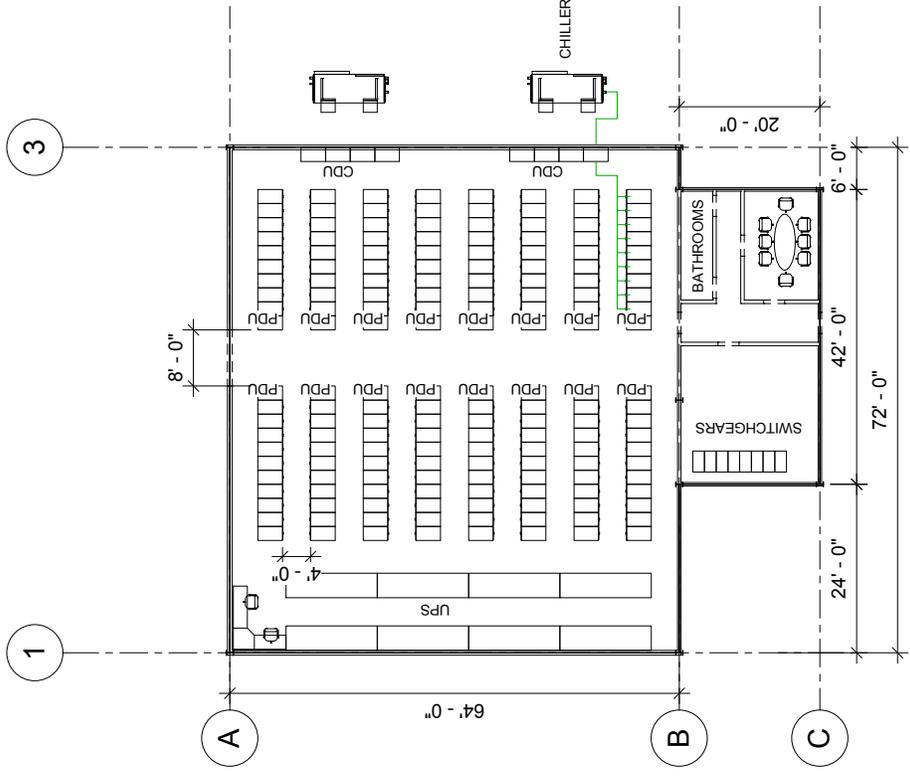
① FRAMING PLAN PHASE 1  
1/16" = 1'-0"

| ROOF FRAMING PLAN   |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Project number      | 031301       |
| Date                | 03.05.13     |
| Drawn by            | C. MOREHARDT |
| Checked by          | TEAM 6       |
| S.1                 |              |
| Scale 1/16" = 1'-0" |              |

| No. | Description | Date |
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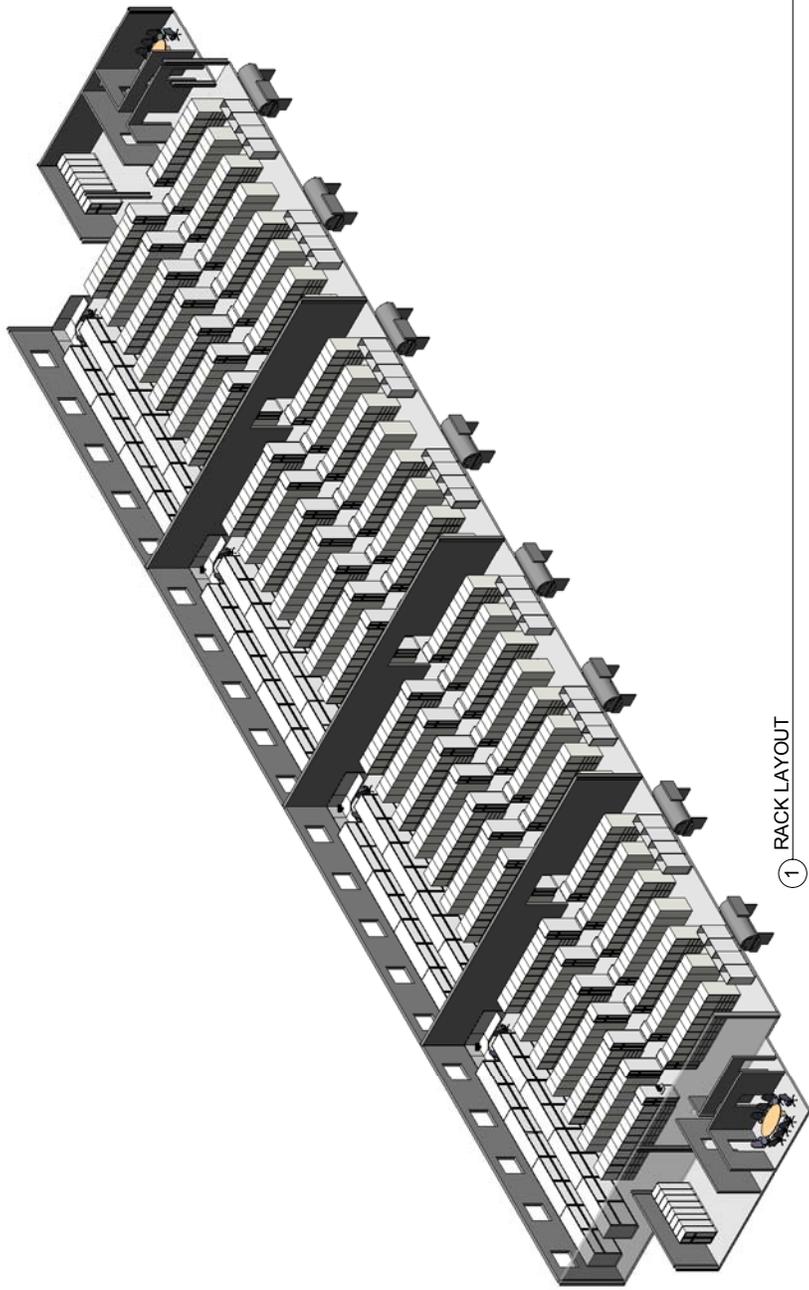
1 RACK LAYOUT  
1/16" = 1'-0"

| RACK LAYOUT         |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Project number      | 031301       |
| Date                | 03.05.13     |
| Drawn by            | C. Morehardt |
| Checked by          | Team 6       |
| S.2                 |              |
| Scale 1/16" = 1'-0" |              |

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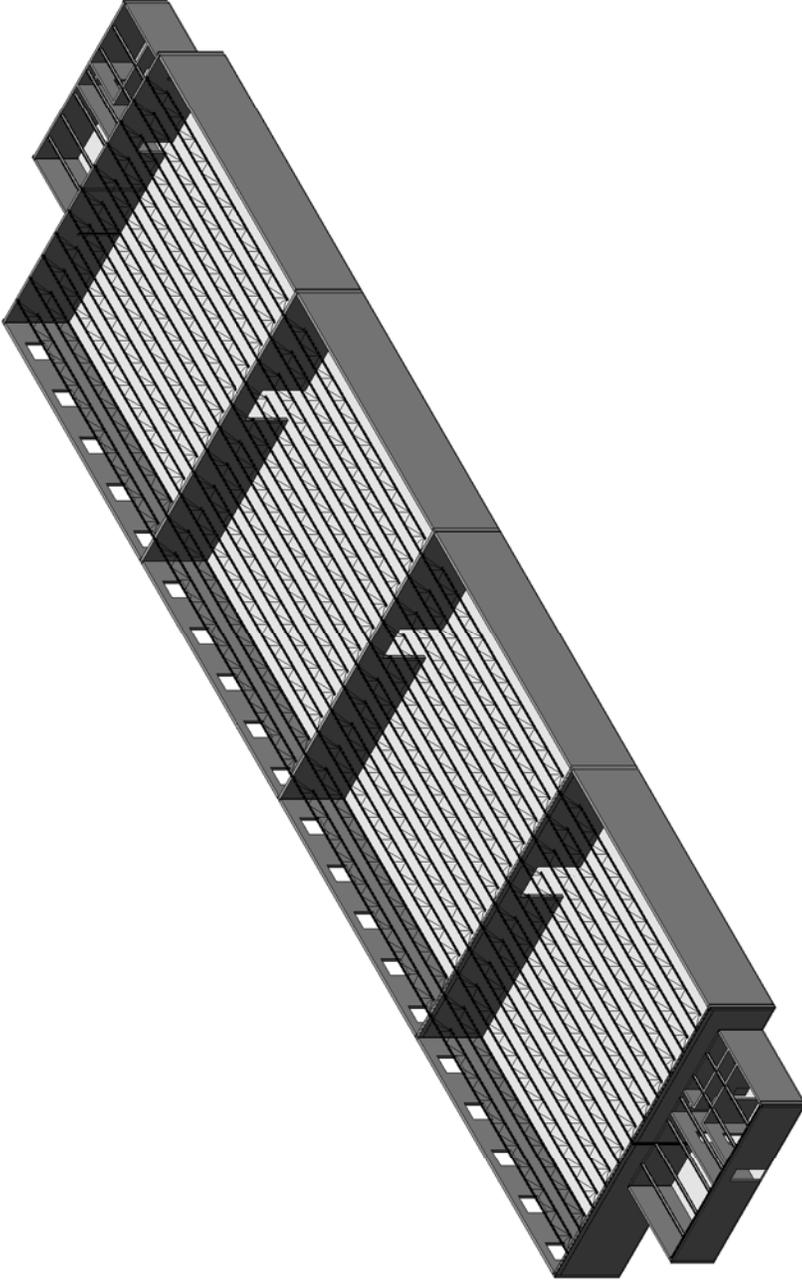
### RACK LAYOUT 3D

|                |              |              |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Project number | 031301       | S.3<br>Scale |
| Date           | 03.05.13     |              |
| Drawn by       | C. Morehardt |              |
| Checked by     | Team 6       |              |

| No. | Description | Date |
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① STRUCTURAL 3D VIEW

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**APPENDIX: Mechanical**

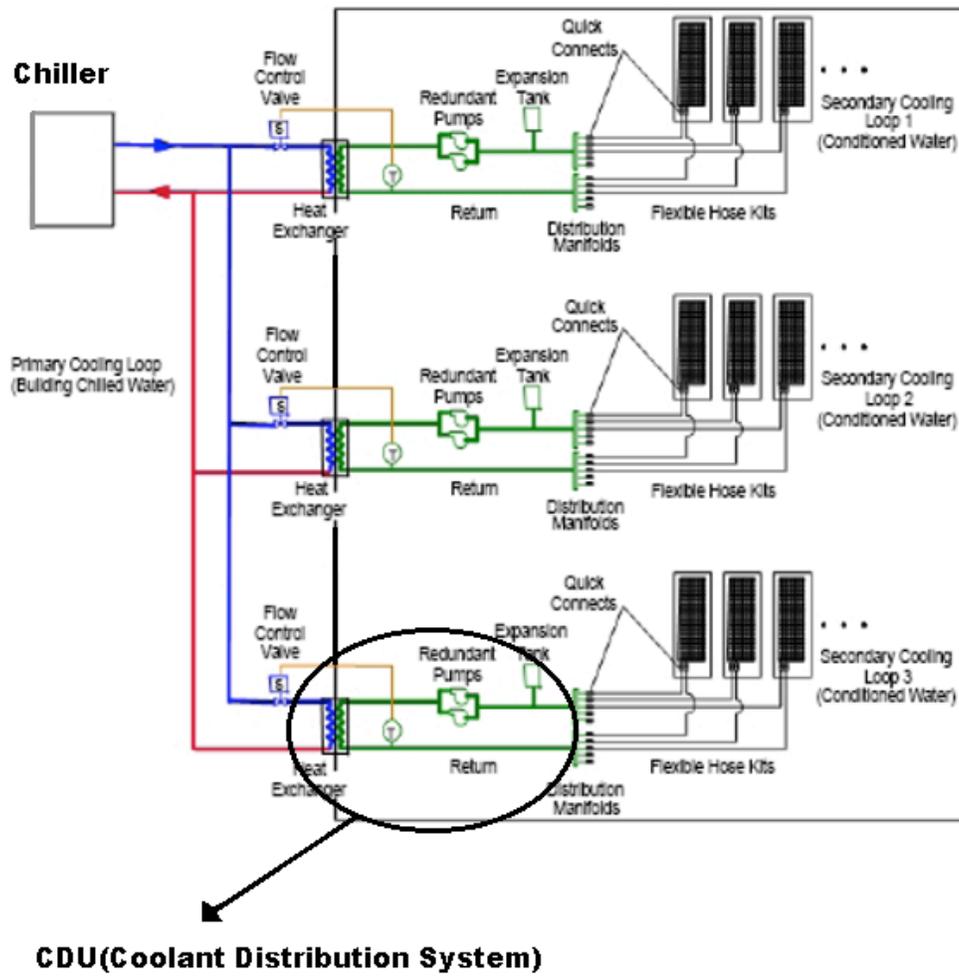


Figure 1. Single Line of Mechanical System

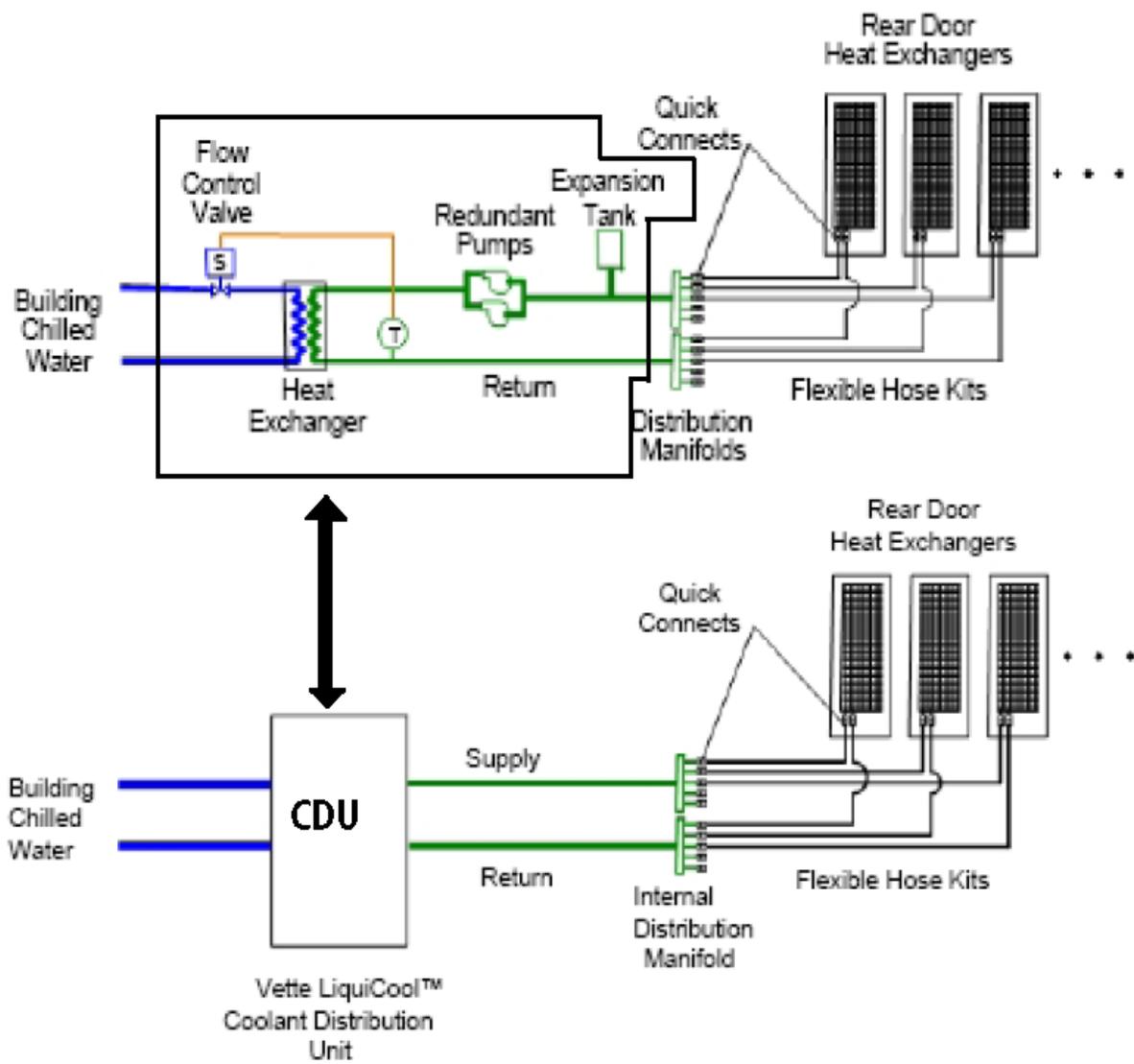


Figure 2. CDU Schematic

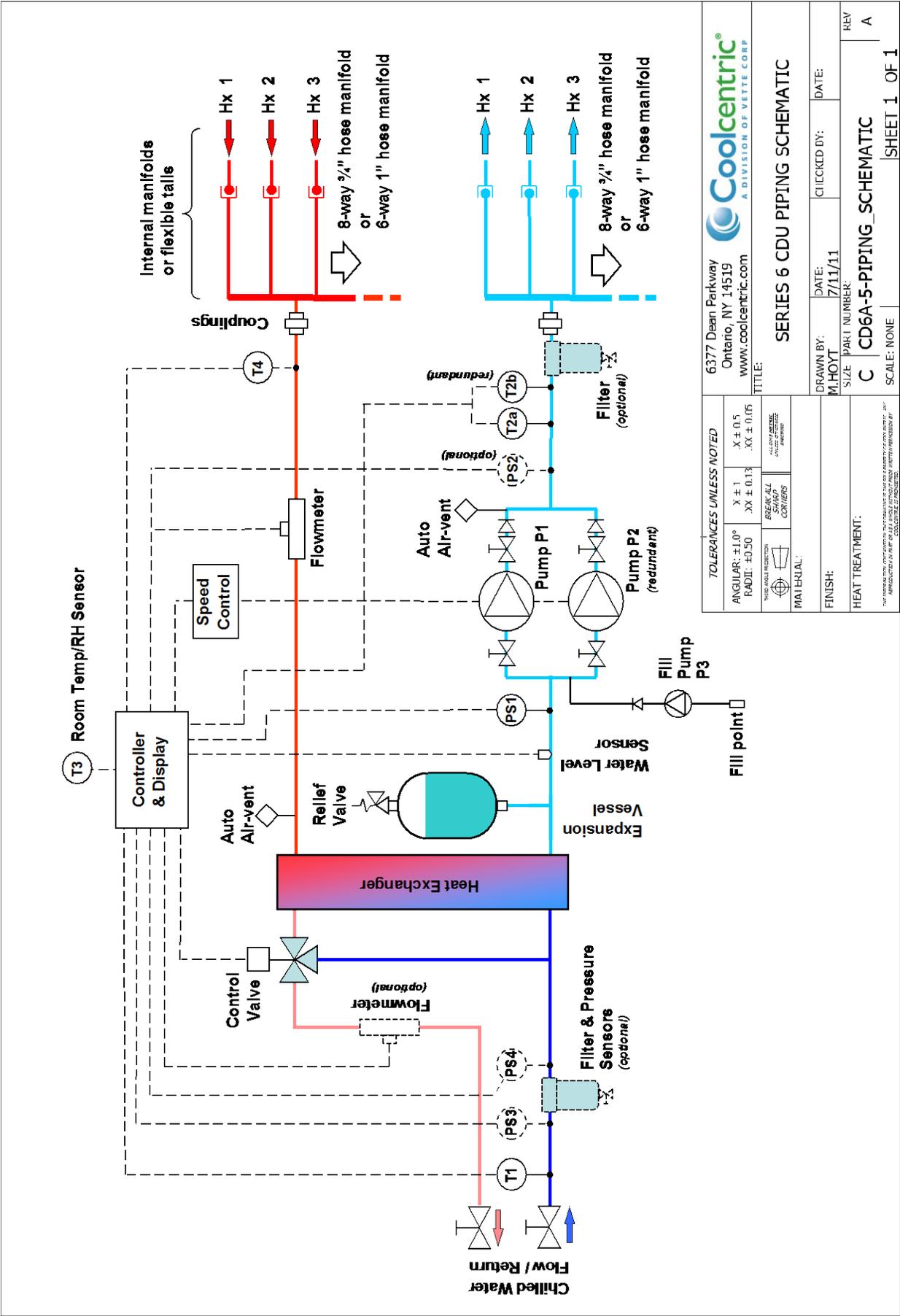


Figure 3. CDU Single Line

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| TOLERANCES UNLESS NOTED<br>ANGULAR: ±1.0°<br>RADIUS: ±0.50<br>X ± 1<br>XX ± 0.13<br>XXX ± 0.13  |  | DATE: 7/11/11<br>DRAWN BY: M.HOYT |
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| <b>SERIES 6 CDU PIPING SCHEMATIC</b>  |  |                                   |
| TITLE:  |  | REV: A                            |
| FINISH:   |  | SHEET 1 OF 1                      |
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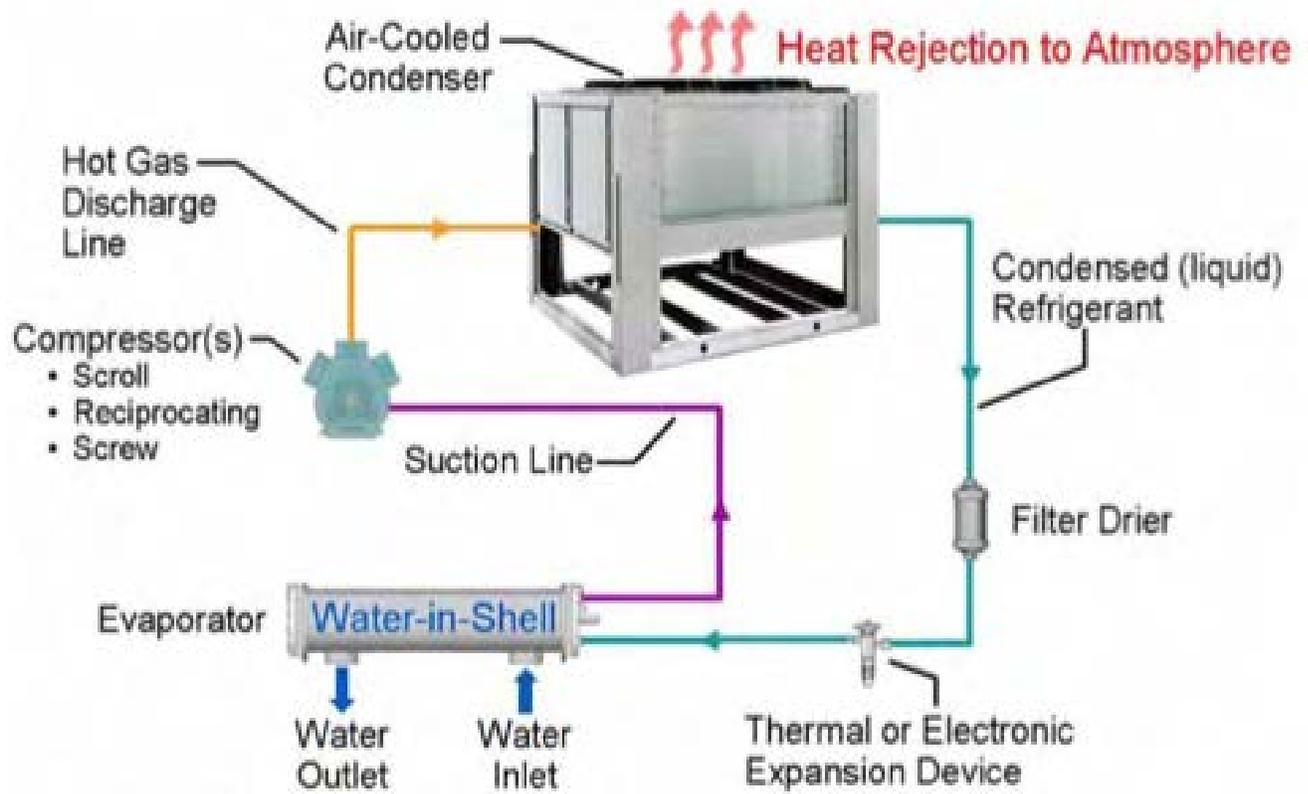


Figure 4. Air-cooled Chiller Single Line

### Cooling Load and Power Consumption Calculations:

\*Accounts for Initial Size of 150 racks and also scalable to 600 racks

$$W_{min} = 4kw/rack$$

$$W_{max} = 12kw/rack$$

$$W_{max\ cooling} = 260kW/CDU \text{ (max cooling capacity per CDU)}$$

$$W_{max\ power} = 3.7kW/CDU \text{ (max power capacity per CDU)}$$

For our CDU, the maximum cooling capacity is 260kW. Each CDU is design to cover about 19 racks at maximum capacity. Assuming each rack initially performs at 4kW, so the maximum and minimum-cooling power of each row is calculated as following:

#### RDHx's:

$$W_{min,row} = \frac{4kw}{rack} \times 19 = 76kW/row$$

$$W_{max,row} = \frac{12kw}{rack} \times 19 = 228kW/row$$

#### CDU's:

The range of percentage of the CDU usage calculated as following:

$$\% \text{ min cooling power of CDU} = \frac{76}{260} \times 100\% = 30\%$$

$$\% \text{ max cooling power of CDU} = \frac{228}{260} \times 100\% = 88\%$$

# CDU Cooling Power Consumption Range

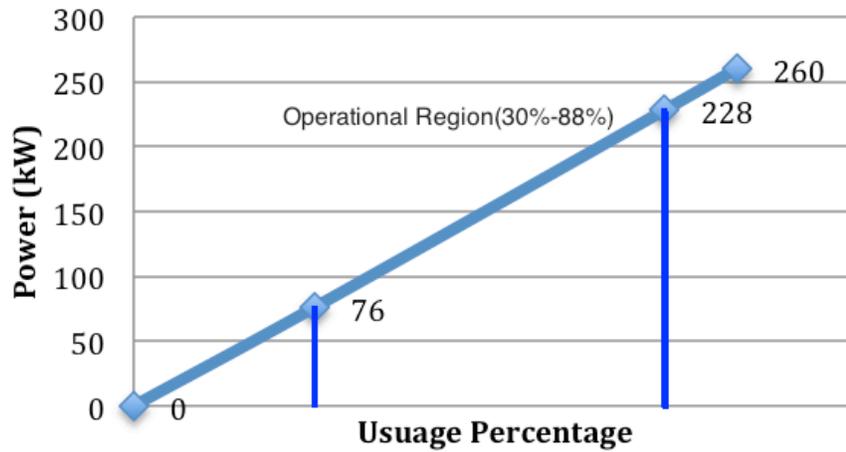


Figure 5. Power Consumption Range

For each CDU itself, it runs at 3.7 kW. Using the same percentage calculated above, the maximum and minimum of electrical power of each CDU is:

$$\% \text{ min electrical power of CDU} = 3.7 \times 30\% = 1.11 \text{ kW}$$

$$\% \text{ max electrical power of CDU} = 3.7 \times 88\% = 3.26 \text{ kW}$$

For 8 CDU's:

$$W_{8 \text{ CDUs max}} = 3.7 \text{ kW} \times 8 = 29.6 \text{ kW}$$

$$W_{8 \text{ CDUs,30\%}} = 29.6 \text{ kW} \times 30\% = 8.88 \text{ kW}$$

$$W_{8 \text{ CDUs 88\%}} = 29.6 \text{ kW} \times 88\% = 26.05 \text{ kW}$$

We have 8 rows of racks, each row has 19 racks, so total is 152 racks. Therefore, 8 CDU is needed for the 152 racks. So for maximum, minimum cooling power of 152 racks is calculated as following:

$$W_{min,150} \approx W_{min,152} = \frac{76kw}{row} \times 8 = 608kW$$

$$W_{max,150} \approx W_{max,152} = \frac{228kw}{row} \times 8 = 1824 kW$$

The max CDU cooling power is calculated:

$$W_{max,8\ CDU} = 260kW \times 8 = 2080 kW = 592\ tons(refrigeration)$$

### **CHILLER:**

Using the number 592 tons, we decided to pick our chiller from Johnson Control. The maximum cooling power of the chiller (Model: YCIV0307P75) is 307 tons (1080 kW). We need 2 chillers to cover all the CDUs. So, total Maximum cooling power of 2 chillers is 614tons (2160 kW). Again, our operation range is from 30% to 88%. Therefore,

Cooling Capacity of the Chiller:

$$W_{max,2\ chillers} = 2362kW$$

$$W_{30\%,2\ chillers} = 2362kW \times 30\% = 708.6kW$$

$$W_{88\%,2\ chillers} = 2362kW \times 88\% = 2079kW$$

| MODEL: YCIV0307S/P                  |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |     |       | S_IPLV = 12.6 |     |       | P_IPLV = 14.6 |     |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|---------------|-----|-------|---------------|-----|--|
| AIR TEMPERATURE ON - CONDENSER (°F) |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |     |       |               |     |       |               |     |  |
| LCWT<br>(°F)                        | 75    |       |      | 80    |       |      | 85    |       |      | 90    |       |      | 95    |       |      | 100   |       |      | 105   |       |     | 110   |               |     | 115   |               |     |  |
|                                     | TONS  | KW    | EER  | TONS  | KW    | EER | TONS  | KW            | EER | TONS  | KW            | EER |  |
| 40.0                                | 298.0 | 251.5 | 13.0 | 295.2 | 272.2 | 12.0 | 292.2 | 294.8 | 11.0 | 289.0 | 318.9 | 10.1 | 285.6 | 344.0 | 9.3  | 279.8 | 366.7 | 8.6  | 271.4 | 384.3 | 8.0 | 260.3 | 394.8         | 7.5 | 229.5 | 358.3         | 7.2 |  |
| 42.0                                | 307.4 | 253.3 | 13.3 | 304.5 | 273.7 | 12.3 | 301.3 | 296.0 | 11.3 | 297.9 | 320.0 | 10.4 | 294.3 | 345.1 | 9.6  | 287.9 | 367.5 | 8.8  | 278.6 | 384.1 | 8.2 | 267.2 | 395.1         | 7.7 | 232.1 | 349.9         | 7.5 |  |
| 44.0                                | 317.0 | 255.6 | 13.6 | 314.0 | 275.5 | 12.6 | 310.6 | 297.5 | 11.6 | 307.1 | 321.3 | 10.7 | 302.9 | 345.6 | 9.8  | 296.2 | 368.1 | 9.1  | 286.0 | 383.8 | 8.4 | 274.2 | 395.1         | 7.9 | 235.1 | 342.1         | 7.7 |  |
| 45.0                                | 321.9 | 256.9 | 13.8 | 318.8 | 276.5 | 12.8 | 315.4 | 298.3 | 11.8 | 311.7 | 322.0 | 10.8 | 307.3 | 345.8 | 10.0 | 300.4 | 368.5 | 9.2  | 289.7 | 383.6 | 8.5 | 277.7 | 395.0         | 8.0 | 236.5 | 338.1         | 7.8 |  |
| 46.0                                | 326.9 | 258.2 | 13.9 | 323.7 | 277.6 | 12.9 | 320.2 | 299.2 | 11.9 | 316.4 | 322.7 | 11.0 | 311.7 | 346.1 | 10.1 | 304.7 | 368.8 | 9.3  | 293.5 | 383.3 | 8.7 | 280.1 | 392.1         | 8.1 | 237.9 | 334.0         | 8.0 |  |
| 48.0                                | 336.9 | 261.3 | 14.2 | 333.6 | 280.0 | 13.2 | 329.9 | 301.2 | 12.2 | 326.0 | 324.5 | 11.2 | 320.6 | 346.9 | 10.4 | 313.4 | 369.4 | 9.6  | 301.2 | 382.7 | 8.9 | 283.2 | 382.4         | 8.4 | 240.7 | 326.4         | 8.3 |  |
| 50.0                                | 347.2 | 264.7 | 14.5 | 343.7 | 282.9 | 13.5 | 339.9 | 303.5 | 12.5 | 335.8 | 326.6 | 11.5 | 329.8 | 347.7 | 10.7 | 322.0 | 369.6 | 9.8  | 309.0 | 382.1 | 9.1 | 286.4 | 372.5         | 8.7 | 243.0 | 318.5         | 8.5 |  |
| 52.0                                | 357.7 | 268.6 | 14.7 | 354.1 | 286.1 | 13.7 | 350.1 | 306.2 | 12.7 | 345.8 | 328.8 | 11.8 | 339.1 | 348.7 | 10.9 | 330.3 | 369.0 | 10.1 | 317.0 | 381.4 | 9.4 | 289.6 | 362.8         | 9.0 | 245.3 | 311.0         | 8.8 |  |
| 55.0                                | 373.9 | 275.3 | 15.0 | 370.0 | 291.6 | 14.1 | 365.8 | 310.9 | 13.1 | 360.8 | 332.0 | 12.2 | 353.5 | 350.8 | 11.3 | 343.0 | 368.4 | 10.5 | 329.2 | 380.5 | 9.8 | 294.2 | 349.6         | 9.5 | 248.8 | 300.0         | 9.2 |  |

Figure 6. Johnson Controls Chiller Data

Operational power load needed for the chiller:

Efficiency rating, e

$$e = (\text{power load}) / (\text{cooling load})$$

$$= W_p / W_c$$

$$e = 13.3 \text{ EER}$$

$$\approx 0.90226 \text{ kW/ton}$$

$$W_p = 0.90226 \text{ kW/ton} \times 307 \text{ ton}$$

$$= 277 \text{ kW (total electrical power consumption for one chiller)}$$

$$W_{\text{power,2 chillers,max}} = 554 \text{ kW}$$

$$W_{\text{power,2 chillers,30\%}} = 554 \text{ kW} \times 30\% = 166.2 \text{ kW}$$

$$W_{\text{power,2 chillers,88\%}} = 554 \text{ kW} \times 88\% = 487.5 \text{ kW}$$

### **NEGATIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION FANS**

Negative pressure fans will help get rid of building heat and each fan runs at 1.1 kW and we are using 10 fans. The negative pressure fans are from Hangzhou Xin Beili Environmental Science&Technology Co. and model: XBL-138-PD

$$W_{NPFans} = 1.1 \text{ kW}$$

$$W_{Total fans} = 1.1 \text{ kW} \times 10 = 11 \text{ kW}$$

We will have a total of 44 negative pressure fans for the expanded data center.

### **WALL MOUNT AC UNIT**

We will be using a SAMSUNG AQ24VBAN wall mount ac unit for the office room.

With the expanded data center we will have only 2 of these ac units.

$$W_{coolingAC} = 6.8 \text{ kW (cooling load)}$$

$$W_{power} = 2.6 \text{ kW (Power consumption)}$$

### **YEARLY CONSUMPTION**

We calculate a total power usage then multiply by it the number of days of operation, which in our case will be 365 days and 24 hours a day (8760 hours). Cost is \$0.07/ kWh.

$$\text{Energy} = 188.68 \text{ kW} \times 8760 \text{ h}$$

$$= 1652836.8 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost} = (\$0.07/\text{kWh}) \times 1652836.8 \text{ kWh}$$

$$= \$115,698.58$$

## **POWER LOAD RESULTS**

|                   | CDUs (8) | Chillers (2) | AC units | N.P. Fans | Total      | Yearly Consumption (\$) |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|
| 150 racks<br>30%  | 8.88 kW  | 166.2 kW     | 2.6 kW   | 11 kW     | 188.68 kW  | 115,698.58              |
| 150 racks<br>88%  | 26.05 kW | 487.5 kW     | 2.6 kW   | 11 kW     | 527.15 kW  | 323,248.38              |
| 150 racks,<br>Max | 29.6 kW  | 554 kW       | 2.6 kW   | 11 kW     | 597.20 kW  | 366,203.04              |
| 600 racks<br>30%  | 35.52 kW | 664.8 kW     | 5.2 kW   | 44 kW     | 749.52 kW  | 459,605.66              |
| 600 racks<br>88%  | 104.2 kW | 1950 kW      | 5.2 kW   | 44 kW     | 2103.40 kW | 1,289,804.88            |
| 600 racks<br>Max  | 118.4 kW | 2216 kW      | 5.2 kW   | 44 kW     | 2383.60 kW | 1,461,623.52            |

**Table 1. Power Load Results**

## COOLING LOAD RESULTS

|                  | CDUs (8)  | Chillers (2) | AC units | Total                 |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 150 racks 30%    | 624 kW    | 708.6 kW     | 6.8 kW   | 1339.4 kW (381 ton)   |
| 150 racks 88%    | 1830.4 kW | 2079 kW      | 6.8 kW   | 3916.2 kW (1114 ton)  |
| 150 racks, Max   | 2080 kW   | 2362 kW      | 6.8 kW   | 4448.8 kW (1265 ton)  |
| 600 racks<br>30% | 2496 kW   | 2834.4 kW    | 13.6 kW  | 5344.0 kW (1519 ton)  |
| 600 racks<br>88% | 7321.6 kW | 8316 kW      | 13.6 kW  | 15651.0 kW (4450 ton) |
| 600 racks<br>Max | 8320 kW   | 9448 kW      | 13.6 kW  | 17782.0 kW (5056 ton) |

**Table 2. Cooling Load Results**

**COMPARISON**

We will be comparing 3 cooling methods that were mentioned in *Rittal White Paper 507: Understanding Data Center Cooling Energy Usage & Reduction Method* by Daniel Kennedy. The 3 methods (not including ours): Passive liquid cooled doors, CRAC cooled system with containment, and pumped refrigerant system.

| <b>Annual Cooling Energy cost Per Year Calculation</b>  |                |
|---|----------------|
| Energy Cost kW/Hr   | <b>\$0.10</b>  |
| kW of IT Load   | <b>2000</b>    |
| <b>Tons of Cooling Required</b>   | <b>569</b>     |
| <b>Annual Energy Cost</b>   |                |
| CRAC Cooled System  | \$1,434,101.64 |
| CRAH Cooled System  | \$1,350,885.88 |
| CRAC Cooled System<br>W/Containment   | \$1,331,452.26 |
| CRAH Cooled System<br>W/Containment   | \$1,262,413.07 |
| Liquid Cooled Racks Unoptimized   | \$1,179,695.60 |
| Liquid Cooled Racks Chilled<br>Water Temperature Optimized  | \$857,072.56   |
| Liquid Cooled Racks Chilled<br>Water Temperature Optimized and<br>Free Cooling Systems                        | \$694,428.09   |
| Liquid Cooled Racks Chilled<br>Water Temperature Optimized and<br>Evaporative Free Cooling Systems            | \$600,548.75   |
| Active Liquid Cooled Doors,<br>Chilled Water Temperature<br>Optimized and Evaporative Free<br>Cooling Systems | \$583,008.66   |
| Passive Liquid Cooled Doors<br>Chilled Water Temperature<br>Optimized and Evaporative Free<br>Cooling Systems | \$463,417.14   |
| Pumped Refrigerant Systems  | \$865,543.63   |
| Air Side Economizing  | \$705,988.61   |
| Liquid Cooled Servers   | \$259,114.96   |

Figure 7. Annual Cooling Energy Comparison

The results from table use an energy cost of \$0.10 kW/h and use a total cooling load of 569 tons. We doubled the results from both power and cooling charts for 150 racks at 30% utilizing a cooling load of 381 tons. Doubling the results will get us rather close to comparing our energy cost to other methods. Our scenario will be for 300 racks at 30 % using 762 tons of cooling, and for this we also doubled the annual energy cost. Since they used a \$0.10 kW/h and we used \$0.07 kW/h, it will be a simple calculation to get the energy cost on the same charge factor.

Sample calculation for cost conversion of passive liquid cooled doors:

$$Cost = \$463,417.14 \times \frac{0.07}{0.1}$$

$$=\$324,392$$

| SYSTEMS                             | Annual energy cost |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                     | \$0.10             | \$0.07       |
| RDHx                                |                    | \$231,397.16 |
| Passive Liquid Cooled Doors         | \$463,417.14       | \$324,392    |
| CRAC Cooled System with Containment | \$1,331,452.26     | \$932,016.58 |
| Pumped Refrigerant System           | \$865,543.63       | \$605,880.54 |

**Table 3. Annual Energy Cost**

Even though we are utilizing a much higher cooling load, our system still functions with a much cheaper operating cost compared to the rest.

**Escalating Electric Cost**

Electricity cost will escalate 3% every year and the bottom table shows the results for the different Load percentages for a span of 10 years.

| Annual Energy Escalating cost (\$) |            |            |            |            |              |              |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 150 racks                          |            |            |            | 600 racks  |              |              |
| years                              | 30%        | 88%        | 100%       | 30%        | 88%          | 100%         |
| 1                                  | 115,698.58 | 323,248.38 | 366,203.04 | 459,605.66 | 1,289,804.88 | 1,461,623.52 |
| 2                                  | 119,169.54 | 332,945.83 | 377,189.13 | 473,393.83 | 1,328,499.03 | 1,505,472.23 |
| 3                                  | 122,640.49 | 342,643.28 | 388,175.22 | 487,182.00 | 1,367,193.17 | 1,549,320.93 |
| 4                                  | 126,111.45 | 352,340.73 | 399,161.31 | 500,970.17 | 1,405,887.32 | 1,593,169.64 |
| 5                                  | 129,582.41 | 362,038.19 | 410,147.40 | 514,758.34 | 1,444,581.47 | 1,637,018.34 |
| 6                                  | 133,053.37 | 371,735.64 | 421,133.50 | 528,546.51 | 1,483,275.61 | 1,680,867.05 |
| 7                                  | 136,524.32 | 381,433.09 | 432,119.59 | 542,334.68 | 1,521,969.76 | 1,724,715.75 |
| 8                                  | 139,995.28 | 391,130.54 | 443,105.68 | 556,122.85 | 1,560,663.90 | 1,768,564.46 |
| 9                                  | 143,466.24 | 400,827.99 | 454,091.77 | 569,911.02 | 1,599,358.05 | 1,812,413.16 |
| 10                                 | 146,937.20 | 410,525.44 | 465,077.86 | 583,699.19 | 1,638,052.20 | 1,856,261.87 |

**Table 4. Annual Escalating Cost**

# Appendix: Electrical Single Line Drawing

