TC/TG/MTG/TRG No. 6.1  DATE August 8, 2016

TC/TG/MTG/TRG TITLE  Hydronic and Steam Equipment and Systems
DATE OF MEETING  June 28, 2016  LOCATION  St. Louis, MO

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1. **Call to Order:**
   Chair Scare called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Chair Scare welcomed all in attendance and self-introductions were made. An attendance sheet was passed and signed by those in attendance. A roll call of voting members was conducted and a quorum was present with 9 of 10 voting members. One additional voting member arrived at 1:08pm. One voting member left the meeting at 1:19pm.

Technical Committee 6.1 is concerned with all aspects of hydronic and steam systems. This includes the application of boilers, chillers, terminal units, and all accessories and controls making up the total system as well as the design of the integrated system. In addition to comfort applications of both heating and cooling, snow melting systems are included. Cooperation with other TCs is recognized in areas such as control, noise and vibration, refrigeration, pumps and hydronic and service water piping.

2. **Setting of the Agenda:**
   The Chair passed out an updated Agenda. Motion by Don Prather, second by Niels Bidstrup. Approved 8-0-1-1 CNV.

3. **Approval of Orlando Meeting Minutes:**
   Motion by Donald Prather, second by Niels Bidstrup to approve the past meeting minutes. Motion passed 8-0-1-1 CNV.

4. **Recognition of Liaisons:**
   Aykut Yilmaz (AHRI) present, no report.

   Harvey Sachs (Section 6 Research Liaison) was present. He thanked all for their participation. He stated RAC is interested in RTARs with multiple TC sponsorship.

   No other liaisons were present.

5. **Chair’s Report**
   Vice Chair Scare summarized the key items from the Section 6 Breakfast.

   (a) Any TGs, TRGs and MTGs need confirmation if they are continuing into 16-17 Society Year. We only have MTG-O&MEE which hasn’t started yet.

   (b) New position e-mail alias addresses are created for each of the mandatory positions of the TC.

   (c) TAC Manual of Procedure has been reorganized and is posted on www.ashrae.org/TCs.

   (d) A new TAC Presentation template is available on the Technical Committee page of the ASHRAE website for TC members to use in presentations to their local chapters.

   (e) Basecamp is an online collaborative tool available to the TC for online meetings.

   (f) Starting in Las Vegas presenters with presentations not uploaded by the deadline will incur a ‘strike’ in a 3-strike policy. Once three strikes have accrued, the speaker will not be allowed to speak for up to one year.
Committee members will be receiving an email offering a ‘thank you’ letter for their service to be sent to their employer.

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The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is seeking ideas for new ASHRAE Learning Institute (ALI) courses.

2016-17 Hightower Award & Service nominations are due by September 1.

CEC announcing a call for reviewers for the 2017 Winter Conference and beyond. Contact Tiffany Cox tcx@ashrae.org if you are interested.

ASHRAE Journal is looking for strong technical articles for the practicing engineer. Abstracts should go to jscott@ashrae.org.

ASHRAE Insights is looking for articles on examples of chapter programs to give other chapters ideas on how to engage their members. Send to jscott@ashrae.org.

A new web application from ASHRAE automates the calculations to show a building project’s compliance with ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2010 using the Energy Cost Budget Method. Learn more at 901ECB.ashrae.org.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Programs: David Lee (Chair). Subcommittee meeting minutes of June 27, 2016, are attached.

No seminars at this conference, but TC 6.1 is co-sponsoring Seminar 53 Smart Equipment: the Intelligent Buildings Revolution Is Happening in the Edge with TC 1.4.

Three seminars are being proposed for Las Vegas (the deadline is August 8).

B. Research: Tom Cappellin (Chair). Subcommittee meeting minutes of June 27, 2016, are attached.

C. Handbook: Bob Walker (Chair). Subcommittee meeting minutes of January 26, 2016, are attached.

New collaborative tool for Handbook Chapter review will be available at authoring.ashrae.org. If you are a member of the TC, you will have access to the Handbook for editing.

Motion by Bob Walker, second by Don Prather to accept Chapter 22 – Pipe Design. Motion passed 7-0-2-1 CNV.

The Handbook is going to a new collaborative tool (authoring.ashrae.org) for online editing of the chapters on line in a Word format.

D. Chilled Water Sub Committee: Steve Tredinnick (Chair). The Sub-committee met on Sunday January 26, 2016.
Chair Tredinnick reported very little progress on the new chapter since the Orlando meeting. He is still looking for co-authors for the chapter. The Committee is awaiting confirmation from Handbook Liaison Forest Yount has set up the new folders in the new Online Tool for Collaborative Content Development.

E. Membership: Larry Konopacz (Chair). Chair Konopacz reminded all to update their member profiles, especially their e-mail addresses.

F. Standards: Mike O’Rourke (Chair). Chair O’Rourke was not in attendance.

Aaron Stotko (aaron.stotko@uponor.com) discussed talks of resurrecting ASHRAE Standard 152 with TC 6.1 working with TC 6.5. Contact Aaron if interested on working on this.

Frank Myers reported 90.1-2016 version is complete and expected to be available in Las Vegas with a single column format.

Frank Myers also reported SPC 155 has been voted out of committee and is going ro advisory public review.

G. Professional Development (ALI).
Don Prather states there is no ALI, thus this position should be deleted.

H. Web: Jessica Mangeler (Webmaster). Webmaster Mangler stated she is looking at using Google Analytics to track visits to our website.

7. Liaison Reports from other TC’s and Organizations.
   Don Prather (donald.prather@acca.org) (ACCA) reports the ACCA Radiant and Hydronics Council has a member on the west coast who prepares questions for the California Contractor Boiler Exam. If any member has a suggestion for a question, pass it along to Don for consideration.

Aaron Stotko (aaron.stotko@uponor.com) (TC 6.5) suggested possible co-sponsorship or programs between TC 6.5 and TC 6.1.

Scott Fisher (Handbook) encourages all members participate with the revisions to the Handbook Chapters. One does not need to be a member for this. The Chair stated more examples are needing in all the Handbook Chapters for participating with the Handbook. One does not have to be a voting member. $5 M to spend on refrigerant research. The Chair more examples are needed in all the Handbook chapters.

Jason Atkissson reminded all that many new MTGs are being formed. A member can sign up for a MTG through the ASHRAE website.
8. Old Business:
   (a) MTG-O&MEE – Operations and Maintenance Activities. Jason Atkisson was told from the Chair of this MTG nothing has been done, no meetings have been scheduled, and no meeting was held in St. Louis. Says there will be a meeting in Las Vegas.
   (b) SPC 208 – Method of Test for Determining Hydronic System Balance Valve Capacity. Mark Hegberg was not present. Viral Dharaiya stated there is a meeting scheduled for July 15 to review the SPC.

9. New Business:
   (a) ASHRAE Residential Building Committee (RBC). Robert Bean (warmfloors@shaw.ca) discussed new committee and its function. Asked for new members to participate. 56 Seminars on Residential at this conference. Meets on Sundays and Mondays at future meetings. If you are interested in joining this committee e-mail Robert k9cave@gmail.com.
   (b) TC Survey for ASHRAE Standards. Chair Scare reported on the survey results. 17 survey respondents feel ASHRAE should pursue new standards, 11 were uncertain, 1 said no. Chair Scare reviewed many of the suggestions. Majority of the respondents were uncertain if any standards, guidelines or MOTs should be withdrawn. All respondents gave ASHRAE products at least a good rating (4); very good (15) and excellent (9). 13 respondents report they use ASHRAE Standards, 6 use Guidelines, 4 use MOTs, 3 use ISO and 1 uses ICC codes.
   (c) Minutes for this meeting are available on the ASHRAE website. A link will be sent to the membership when they are posted.

10. Meeting Adjournment:
    Motion by Frank Myer, second by Thomas Neill to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 8-0-1-1 CNV. Meeting adjourned at 2:09pm.

Submitted by,
Bob Walker.
TC 6.1 Secretary
## TC Sign-in Sheet

**Meeting Info:** TC 6.1 Committee Meeting  
**Date:** 6/28/16

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**TC 6.1 Program Subcommittee Meeting - Minutes:**
June 27, 2016

**Attendees:**
David Lee, Armstrong Fluid Technology – Program Subcommittee Chair
Larry Konopacz – Xylem
Stan Kutin – Xylem
Jason Atkisson – AEI
Bob Walker, Belimo
Rex Scare, Armstrong International
Ryan Mallory, Uponor
Gang Wang, University of Miami
Hooman Daneshmand, PRO Hydronic
Jennifer Leach, Patterson Kelley
Mark Hegberg
Albert Black, McClure Engineering

**Minutes:**
- No seminars submitted by TC 6.1 for St. Louis conference
- 1 Seminar to be co-sponsored for St. Louis conference:
  - Seminar 53 - Smart Equipment: The Intelligent Buildings Revolution is Happening in the Edge! (TC 1.4)
    - Chair: Marcelo Acosta
- 3 Seminars to be submitted for Las Vegas conference (Aug 8 deadline)
  - Hydronic Commissioning - Chair: Tom Capellin, (co sponsor TC7.9) Speakers: David Cohen, Stephen Wiggins
  - Valve Sizing and Selection - Robert Walker with TC-1.4 Jim DelMonaco, Tricia Bruenn
  - ASHRAE Code Update For Hydronic System Design - 90.1- 2016 and DOE regulation on pumps, compared to EU- Chair: David, Niels, Larry Konopacz
- Conference Paper Abstracts for Las Vegas (TBA)
  - Comparison of Pumping Systems – Variable Primary Flow vs Constant Primary-Variable Secondary vs others - Evans J Lizardos
- Proposed papers for Long Beach conference:
  - Sequencing Control of Parallel pumps in Variable Flow Systems – Gang Wang (technical paper)
  - Impact of Multiple Parallel Pumping Arrangements for Large Chilled Water Systems - Jason Atkisson (conference paper)
  - Hydronic system control valves - Mark Hegberg (conference paper)
  - Underground jacketing of single vs multiple pipes - Aaron Stotko conference paper
- Proposed seminar for Long Beach conference:
  - PEX piping for chilled water and hot water instead of copper/steel, types of pipe fittings - Ryan Mallory
  - Geothermal sizing and selection for residential - Larry Konopacz
Pipe Thermal Expansion Design - Bryson Borzini co-sponsor TC6.2, TBA combine with underground piping jacketing of single vs multiple (Aaron Stotko has research paper)

Key Dates for Las Vegas conference:
- Technical Papers for Las Vegas due April 18, 2016
- March 14, 2016 - Conference Paper abstracts due
- April 18, 2016 - Technical Papers Due
- April 4, 2016 - Conference Paper abstract accept/reject notifications
- June 6, 2016 - Website opens for Seminar, Forum and Workshop proposals
- July 6, 2016 - Final Conference Papers submitted for review (includes bio, learning objectives and methods of assessment)
- August 8, 2016 - Seminar, Forum and Workshop proposals due
- September 7, 2016 – Seminar, Forum Workshop accept/reject notifications

Other:
- Best approaches to getting programs approved. Technical papers are given 1st priority followed by Conference papers. Technical papers do not go through CEC. Seminars are the most competitive due to high number of submissions. If proposed program falls into one of the conference tracks (other than Fundamentals/Applications or Systems/Equipment), likelihood of acceptance is higher.
ASHRAE TC 6.1 Technical Committee
Hydronic and Steam Heating Equipment and Systems
Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel
3:15pm to 4:15pm - Monday, June 27, 2016

Discussion and Activity Notes:

1. Notes from the Research Subcommittee Chair’s Breakfast are attached to these minutes.

2. This subcommittee meeting was attended by guest Steve Taylor, representing TC 1.4 Control Theory and Application. Steve asked for TC 6.1 to consider co-sponsoring TC 1.4’s Work Statement 1454-WS titled Control Valve Selection for Improved Controllability. A copy of this work statement is attached to these minutes. The pros and cons of this work statement’s viability were debated by Steve Taylor (pro) and TC 6.1’s Mark Hegberg (con) who provided the subcommittee with a detailed narrative and slide presentation. The debate ended with a vote by the subcommittee to work with TC 1.4’s endeavors to advance the work statement to RAC for approval.

3. Steve Taylor provided a copy (via previous E-mail) of TC 1.4’s approved RP-1587 Control Loop Performance Assessment for TC 6.1 members to review. This is a lengthy report (over 150 pages) so this chair has attached a copy of the report’s executive report and conclusions to these minutes.

4. TC 6.1 has agreed (during the Orlando conference) to participate in in bid evaluation of TC 1.4’s 1711-RTAR which has been approved by RAC to move into RFP status. This project is titled Advanced Sequences of Operation for HVAC Systems, Phase II Central Plants and Hydronic Systems. TC 6.1 members who have volunteered to participate, on TC 6.1’s behalf, are Jason Atkisson, Hooman Daneshmand, and Mark Hegberg. This RTAR is presently on hold and awaiting further contact from TC 14 when it is ready to proceed towards publish for bid.

5. Unfortunately, discussion on the above items consumed the time period allotted to this subcommittee, so there was not sufficient time to discuss additional agenda business.

End of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by Thomas E. Cappellin, Chair of TC 6.1 Research Subcommittee

Attachments:  RAC Saint Louis Update Notes
1454-WS Control Valve Selection for Improved Controllability
RP-1587 Control Loop Performance Assessment
ASHRAE RP-1587 Control Loop Performance Assessment

Final Report

Prepared for
Project Monitoring Subcommittee
ASHRAE Technical Committee TC 1.4
Control Theory and Application

Principal Investigator: Zheng O’Neill, PhD, PE
Co-Principal Investigator: Keith Williams, PhD
Research Assistant: Yanfei Li, Aaron Henry
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Field Testing: Ran Liu, PhD, Xiaohui Zhou, PhD, PE
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June 2016
Executive Summary

This is the final report for the control loop performance assessment project sponsored by ASHRAE. In this project, two single control quality factors (CQFs) in the context of building heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) controls were developed and tested. These CQFs need to be objective, quantitative metric with simple-to-interpret criteria; additionally, they need to use only typically available data from HVAC control systems, such as the control loop output.

An extensive review of control loop performance assessment in various industries reveals that few studies are available to assess HVAC control loop performance. We systematically reviewed 35 indices and their associated methods of evaluating control loop performance, including their drawbacks and merits. Fourteen of these indices were selected to assess their performance on an air handler unit (AHU) heating coil outlet air temperature control loop using simulated data from a dynamic Modelica model. Based on the review and preliminary simulation results, two CQFs — the normalized Harris Index and Exponential Weighted Moving Averages (EWMA) — were recommended for further investigation. The first CQF (i.e., CQF-Harris) is based on the normalized Harris Index, together with a reversal index that detects control response trend reversal behaviors. The second CQF (i.e., CQF-EWMA) is the EWMA-based index along with the reversal index.

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APPLICATION OF RESULTS:
Results of the project will be incorporated into the Fundamentals Handbook: Chapter 15 - Fundamentals of Control; HVAC Applications Handbook: Chapter 45 Design and Applications of Controls; and a Special Publication on Control Valve Selection. Control valve manufacturers will also likely include the valve selection techniques determined from this project into their valve selection literature.

STATE OF THE ART (BACKGROUND):
Current practice calls for valves to have a relatively high pressure drop to improve control. However, there is no single accepted procedure for valve selection. Various procedures and rules-of-thumb have been proposed by ASHRAE and valve manufacturers, most based on experienced or time-honored practices. Examples include selecting valves for pressure drops of:
- 5 psi
- equal to the drop in the coil or other load being controlled
- branch authority of 50%
- 25% of pump head

Other than “authority” curves in the ASHRAE Handbook and theoretical discussions, there is little scientific evidence and research to support these selection practices.

Similar time-honored selection practices have also been applied to the selection of valve flow characteristic. Most controls designers and vendors recommend “equal percentage” characteristics to compensate for the non-linear performance of typical coils and for two-way valve systems to absorb the increased differential pressure that valves generally must absorb at part load.

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- The use of pressure-independent (P/I) control valves. P/I valves have internal controllers that maintain a constant differential pressure across the control valve despite higher available system differential pressure, potentially improving stability and obviating the need for high valve pressure drop and authority.

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To update techniques for selecting valve size (Cv) and flow characteristic for two-way pressure dependent valves as a function of HVAC application, controller capability, and temperature and pressure control strategies, and to investigate the potential benefits of pressure independent valves.

SCOPE:

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The contractor shall conduct a literature search of current techniques for selecting valve size and characteristics. The contractor shall also determine commercial quality valve types available in the market place, including modern P/I valves. Finally the contractor shall investigate past research projects that compared the control system performance to see how different systems were objectively compared. This background information shall be summarized in a Task 1 report.

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The contractor shall develop a way to compare control system performance based on the literature survey of past experiments and/or developed from control theory fundamentals with a single “control quality factor,” (CQF). The CQF shall be determined from the statistical ability of a control system to maintain its control point at setpoint (such as root mean square error) without excessive movement of the controlled device. The tighter the control (the closer the control point is maintained at setpoint over time), the higher the CQF. The CQF shall be defined to be 1.0 for a perfect control system, one able to maintain the control point exactly at setpoint over time.

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2. Filter. MERV 15 or better to protect coils from particles.
3. Conditioning coil. This coil shall be capable of heating or cooling the air that will then challenge the test coil.
4. Test coil. The test coil duct section shall allow for the insertion and removal of various test coils as defined in the next section. Coil size shall have smooth entering and leaving airflow conditions.
5. Test valve. The test valve piping section shall allow the insertion and removal of various test valves and reducers as defined in the next section. Installation shall follow manufacturer’s recommendations.
6. Industrial process controllers. Industrial quality controllers shall have self-tuning PID capability. The intent of using this type of controller to control the test valve is to minimize the impact of the controller itself on the CQF. The controller shall include anti-dithering logic to prevent continuous valve adjustments. The controller shall be automatically tuned for each valve under identical conditions, such as 50% of design coil load using adjustment of coil supply air temperature to simulate coil load.
7. Industrial control valve. This valve controls the conditioning coil and must perform precisely to maintain near-constant air temperature off the conditioning coil. The CQF of this valve and controller shall be tested and be near 1.0.
8. Supply fan. The design supply fan design airflow rate shall be 3,000 cfm or larger and shall have a variable speed drive or other means to vary airflow.
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10. Flow meter. A full bore magnetic flow meter shall be used to measure flow through the test coil.
11. Temperature sensors. Temperature sensors shall be accurate to ±0.1°F, NIST traceable. The temperature sensors in the test coil loop shall be a matched pair capable of measure differential temperature to ±0.15°F.
12. Chiller/boiler. The laboratory shall have a source of hot and chilled water that can be used to supply hot or chilled water to both the conditioning coil and test coil. Heat exchangers are recommended to ensure that coils are not fouled by the primary system and to allow easy changeover from heating to cooling.

Figure 1: Test Rig Schematic

The design of the test rig shall be submitted to the Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) for approval prior to Task 4.

Task 4. Experimental Plan Development
The test plan shall be developed to test the CQF of various cooling and heating systems and control valves based on the criteria below as informed by the literature search.
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a. Ball valve, uncharacterized
b. Ball valve characterized for equal percentage characteristic
c. Globe valve with equal percentage plug
d. Globe valve with linear plug
e. Butterfly valve, uncharacterized
f. Industrial rotary-segmented ball valve
g. Pressure independent valve

2. Test coils. Coils shall be standard commercial products with ARI rated performance. Include the following four coils:
   a. Cooling coil sized for 500 fpm, 78°F entering drybulb, 68°F entering wetbulb, 53°F leaving drybulb, 45°F entering water temperature, 57°F leaving water temperature.
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3. Test variables. Test valves under the following conditions:
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   c. Varying valve differential pressure. The pressure drop across the test valve shall be varied from design DP up to 40 psi.
   d. Varying coil supply water temperature. The coil supply water temperature to the coil shall be varied linearly with load from the design SWT at 100% load to the design SWT plus 50% of the design ΔT (design LWT – SWT) at zero load.

4. Permutations. Contractor shall test all realistic combinations and simultaneity of varying test variables for each coil and for each control valve. Proposal shall include a description of the permutations the Contractor intends to test and limitations on the number of tests that will be performed. Rates of change of test variables shall be based on realistic conditions expected to be experienced in actual HVAC applications.

5. Test report. Each test shall be nearly steady-state. For each test, measure, calculate and report at least the following:
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   b. Valve CQF
   c. Total coil energy transfer. (The intent is to see if CQF affects energy usage of a coil.)
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   c. A presentation will be posted on Handbook Central providing an introduction to the ASHRAE Authoring Portal.
   d. The ASHRAE Handbook Online is a free member benefit option.
   e. Reminder that out-of-cycle revisions can be submitted, and are encouraged, at any time.
   f. Question concern the ‘lead author’ approval of on-line chapter with the portal. That is, could a person make changes in the chapter and accept the revisions for their own changes.
3. A reminder all diagrams, pictures, etc., used in a chapter must receive permission of the source for use (other than government agencies, ASHRAE, or those with a continuing permission agreement).
4. Chapter 22 Pipe Design. Final review has been completed. Voting for sending to the full TC is required. Motion by Rex, second by Niels. Vote 8-0-1.
5. A sign up sheet for Lead Authors and Reviewers for the 2020 Systems and Equipment Handbook was passed around for volunteers. Attached to the meeting notes.
6. TC 6.1 has 8 chapters for review for 2020.
   a. Chapter 15 – Medium and High Temperature Water Heating Systems is now TC 6.2 responsibility. Discussed with Forrest Yount (Handbook Liaison) as it has not been assigned to TC 6.2 yet. He is following up.
   b. ‘new’ Chilled Water Plant Design chapter has yet to appear on TC 6.1. Forrest Yount is following up on this item as well.

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## TC Sign-in Sheet

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