

ASME PTC 13 Wire-to-Air Performance Test Code for Blower Systems Part 3

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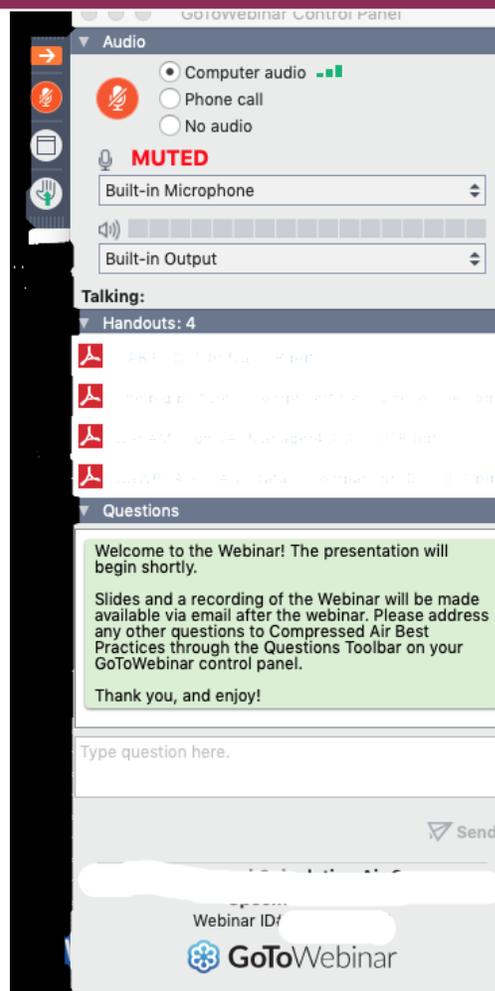
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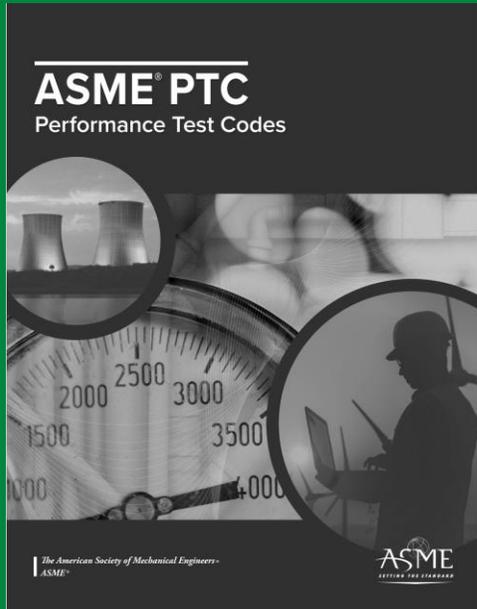
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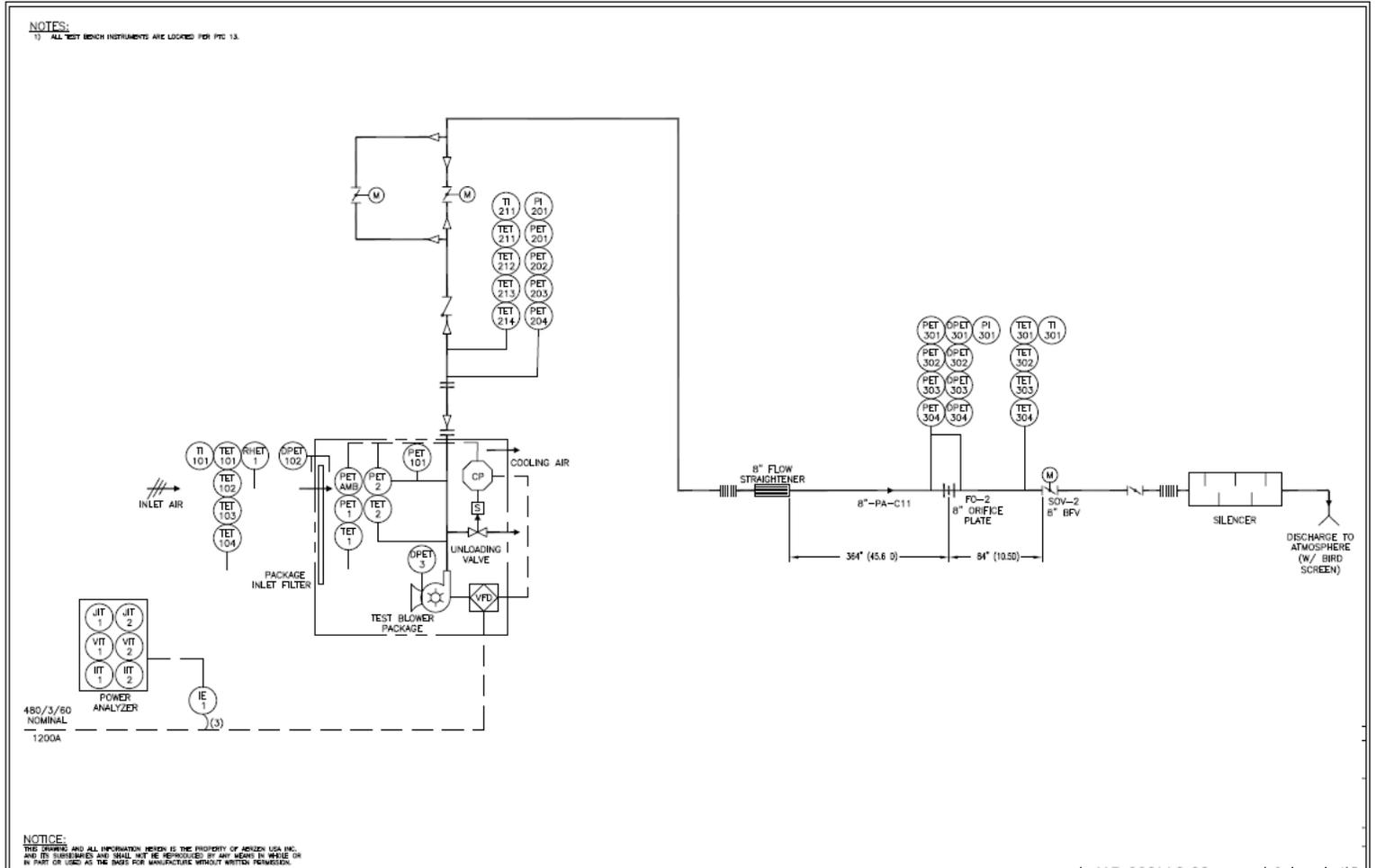


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Measuring Stations

- Inlet Temperature
- Barometric Pressure
- Relative Humidity
- Filter Delta P
- Discharge Temperature
- Discharge Pressure
- Pressure upstream of Orifice Plate
- Pressure downstream of Orifice Plate
- Temperature downstream of Orifice Plate
- Real Power (kW)
- Voltage
- Amperage

Ref Section 4 in PTC 13 for instrumentation details



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Measuring Stations



(Ref Sections 4-3 & 4-4
in PTC 13)

Typical Discharge Piping Arrangement

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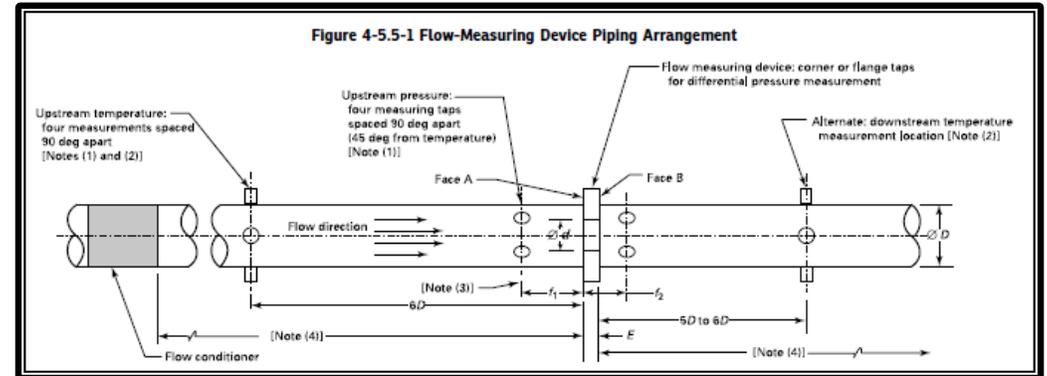
Discharge Temperature
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Measuring Stations



Orifice Plate



(Ref Section 4-5 in PTC 13)

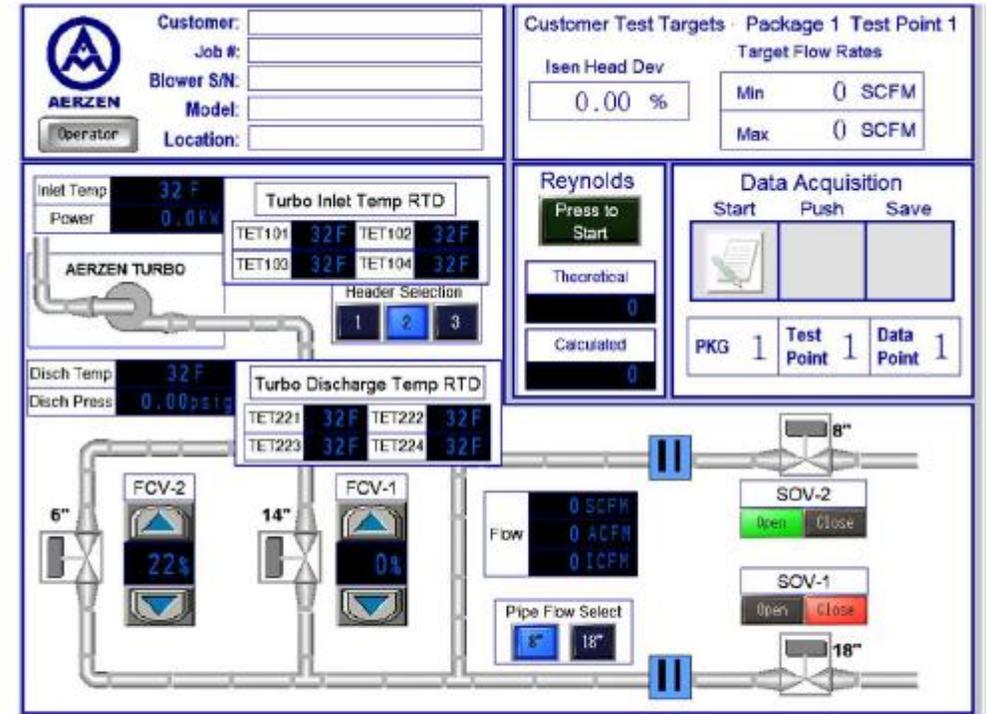
Discharge Flow Measuring Station

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Observation



Test Bench Control Room



Typical Test Station HMI Screen

Non-Mandatory Test Bench Features

Manufacturer's test benches may include some of the following features:

- A separate control room
- A data acquisition system
- An enclosed test bench
- Modularized test stations



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Planning the Test

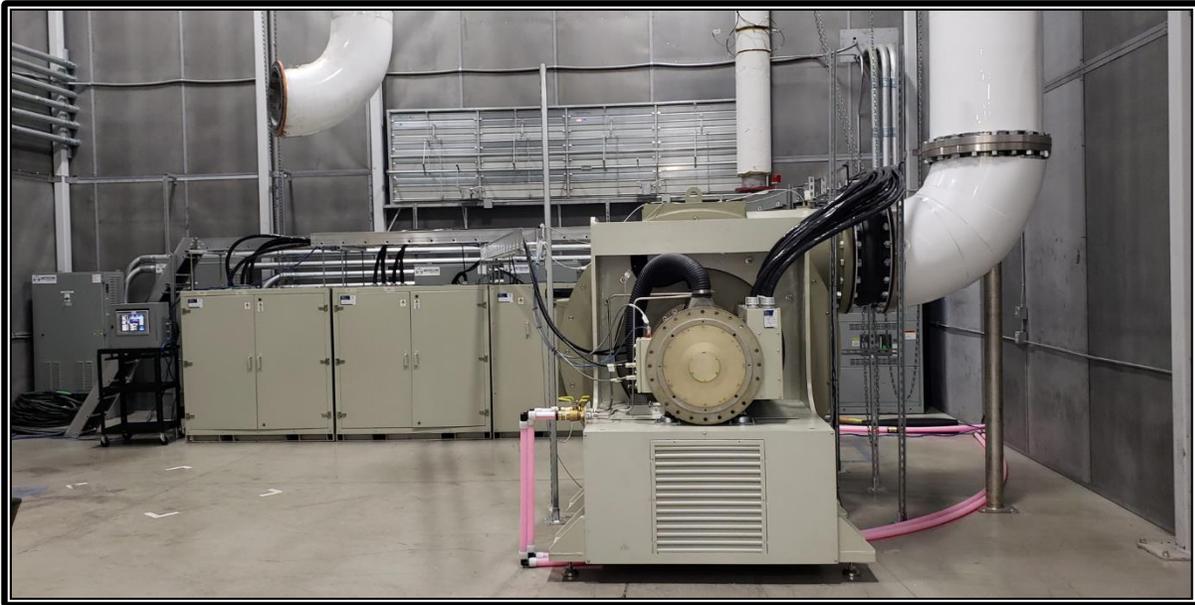


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- Machine Type: Dynamic or positive displacement
 - (Ref Section 5 & Appendices B & C in PTC 13)
- Project Specification Requirements
 - No. of machines to be tested
 - No. of performance points to be tested
 - Functional Testing
 - Witnessed (in-person or virtual) and non-witnessed testing.
 - Requirements for witnessed calibration of instruments, inspection of measuring stations, etc.
- Manufacturer's Test Plan

Expectations during Testing

- Safety Briefing: Awareness, PPE, “Don’t touch that button!, etc.
- Functional Testing may include
 - Alarm Functions
 - Sound Measurements
 - Vibration Measurements
 - Rise to Surge
- Performance Testing
 - Ref Section 3 of PTC 13 for guiding principles
 - Idle time
 - Waiting for conditions to stabilize
 - Ref Table 3-5.5-1 of PTC 13
 - Time to reach stable readings, Time to test a machine
 - Performing calculations & analyzing data
 - Swapping out machines



Table 3-5.5-1 Permissible Fluctuations of Test Readings

Measurement, Symbol, Units	Fluctuation (%) [Note (1)]
Inlet pressure, p_i , psia	2
Inlet temperature, T_i , °R	0.5
Discharge pressure, p_d , psia	2
Differential pressure of flow-measuring device, Δp , psi	1
Flow device temperature, T , °R	0.5
Relative humidity, RH, %	2
Wire power, P , kW	1
Line voltage, V , volts	2
Speed, N , rpm	1

GENERAL NOTE: The fluctuations follow [Tables 3-5.4-1](#) and [3-5.4-2](#).

NOTE: (1) A fluctuation is the percent difference between the minimum and maximum test reading divided by the average of all sets readings for one test point.

What to expect?

Package 1		Inlet: Type CR												Blower S/N:											
Description		TEST POINT 1				TEST POINT 2				TEST POINT 3				TEST POINT 4				MINIMUM FLOW TEST POINT							
Test Date:		12/15/2020				12/15/2020				12/15/2020				12/15/2020				12/15/2020							
Time:		15 15 15				15 15 15				14 14 14				13 13 13				16 16 16							
Data Points		1 2 3 Average				0 5 10 Average				1 2 3 Average				1 2 3 Average				1 2 3 Average							
TEST DAY CONDITIONS		TEST DAY CONDITIONS				TEST DAY CONDITIONS				TEST DAY CONDITIONS				TEST DAY CONDITIONS				TEST DAY CONDITIONS							
Total Input Power (kW)		169.75	169.38	169.69	169.62	150.42	150.74	150.63	150.60	119.34	119.44	119.34	119.38	115.77	115.88	115.95	115.84	74.08	73.98	73.99	74.01				
Pressure (ambient, psia)		14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51				
Relative Humidity (%)		8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.87	7.87	7.83	7.89	9.25	9.25	9.18	9.23	10.93	11.00	10.93	10.95	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68				
Filter Pressure Loss (measured, psig)		0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.051	0.051	0.050	0.051	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012				
Discharge Pressure (measured, psig)		PET 201	11.55	11.55	11.53	11.52	11.51	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.64	11.62	11.62	11.70	11.69	11.71	11.71	12.00	11.95	12.01	12.01				
Pressure upstream of Orifice (psia)		PET 301	15.51	15.61	15.61	15.43	15.45	15.43	15.44	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.05	15.05	15.05	15.05	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96				
ΔP across Orifice (psig)		DREY 301	1.78	1.78	1.79	1.55	1.54	1.55	1.58	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.06	0.94	0.96	0.97	0.99	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.32				
Discharge Flow, SCFM (measured at orifice)		3426	3423	3422	3424	3186	3186	3193	3188	2636	2636	2637	2637	2560	2559	2564	2561	1454	1455	1453	1454				
Inlet Temperature (measured @ filter plane, °F)		TET 101	95	95	96	101	101	101	99	97	97	96	96	94	93	93	93	84	84	84	84				
Discharge Temperature (measured, °F)		TET 201	239	239	239	237	237	237	237	228	228	228	228	224	224	224	224	223	224	224	224				
Temp. Downstream of Orifice (°F)		YET 301	232	232	232	230	230	230	230	220	220	220	220	213	213	213	213	208	208	208	208				

Data, and lots of it

Pie	Sat. Vapor Pressure (specified)	1.08905	psia	1.08905	psia
	Sat. Vapor Pressure (@ Inlet Temp measured)	0.78885	psia	0.59786	psia
CALCULATIONS:					
R	Specific Gas Constant (specified)	54.573		54.573	
	Specific Gas Constant (test)	53.468		53.471	
	Specific Gas Constant (std conditions)	53.511		53.511	
MW	Mole Fraction of water vapor (specified)	0.0598		0.0598	
	Mole Fraction of water vapor (test)	0.0082		0.0084	
	Molecular Weight of air mixture (specified)	28.317	lb/lbmole	28.317	lb/lbmole
	Molecular Weight of air mixture (test)	28.902	lb/lbmole	28.900	lb/lbmole
ρ	Density (specified @ inlet conditions)	0.0672	lb/ft ³	0.0672	lb/ft ³
	Density (specified @ discharge conditions)	0.0671		0.0699	
	Density (test @ inlet conditions)	0.0705	lb/ft ³	0.0714	lb/ft ³
	Density (test @ discharge conditions)	0.1031	lb/ft ³	0.1050	lb/ft ³
	Density (std conditions)	0.0749	lb/ft ³	0.0749	lb/ft ³
cp	Specific Heat Capacity, dry air (@ specified inlet conditions)	0.2400	BTU/lb-R	0.2400	BTU/lb-R
	Specific Heat Capacity, water vapor (@ specified inlet conditions)	0.4461	BTU/lb-R	0.4461	BTU/lb-R
	Specific Heat Capacity, dry air (@ test inlet conditions)	0.2478	BTU/lb-R	0.2478	BTU/lb-R
	Specific Heat Capacity, water vapor (@ test inlet conditions)	0.2399	BTU/lb-R	0.2399	BTU/lb-R
	Heat Capacity of air mixture (@ test inlet conditions)	0.4456	BTU/lb-R	0.4453	BTU/lb-R
	Heat Capacity of air mixture (@ test inlet conditions)	0.2407	BTU/lb-R	0.2407	BTU/lb-R
k _{mix}	ratio of specific heats (specified)	1.3947		1.3947	
	ratio of specific heats (test)	1.3994		1.3995	
Q	Volume Flow (specified)(test_target)	2800.29	CFM	1.079227	2710.37
	Target Flow in SCFM	2637.85	SCFM		2587.45
	Volume Flow (actual test inlet)	2769.78	CFM	1.014209	2699.75
SPECIFIED DATA:	Pressure Ratio r _p (specified)	1.77		1.77	
	Isentropic Head W _i (specified)	18981	ft-lb/lb	18981	ft-lb/lb
	Specific Volume Ratio (specified)	1.44		1.44	
TEST DATA:	Pressure Ratio r _p (test)	1.81	filter loss included	1.83	filter loss included
	Isentropic Head W _i (test)	19028	ft-lb/lb	19134	ft-lb/lb
	Specific Volume Ratio (test)	1.46		1.47	
TARGET DATA:	Pressure Ratio r _p (test_target-isentropic)	1.80	1.183514	1.82	1.186197
	Discharge Pressure (test_target-isentropic)	11.58	psig	11.78	psig
	Discharge Pressure (test_target-specific volume)	11.10	psig	11.09	psig
TEST POWER	Mass Flow (test)	197.28	lb/min	192.81	lb/min
	Isentropic Power (test)	113.75	HP	111.79	HP
	Total Input Power (measured_test)		84.82	83.36	83.36
	Wire To Air Efficiency (calculated_test)		118.46	117.10	117.10
			71.60%	71.19%	71.19%
SPECIFIED POWER	Mass Flow (specified)	188.24	lb/min	182.20	lb/min
	Isentropic Power (specified)	80.74	KW	78.15	KW
	Total Input Power (calculated_specified)		112.77	109.78	109.78
	Power Deviation		-5.65%	-4.98%	-4.98%
	Total Input Power Guaranteed		119.90	115.50	115.50
TEST DATA CONVERTED TO SPECIFIED CONDITIONS	Discharge Pressure (calculated_specified)	11.03	psig	11.11	psig
	Test Inlet Volume Flow (converted to specified conditions)	2800	CFM	2700	CFM
	Test Inlet Volume Flow in SCFM delivered at specified conditions	2509	SCFM	2420	SCFM

Calculations, and lots of it

Typical Report Contents

(Ref Section 6 in PTC 13)

- Executive Summary
 - Brief Description of the test and machines, including dates, attendees, etc.
 - Typically includes tables of results, ie. Flow, Power, Pass/Fail for multiple machines and test points
- Detailed Report
 - Typically includes tables showing all data collected and results of all calculations for all machines and all test points.
- Appendices and Illustrations
 - Typically includes a schematic of the test bench, showing instrumentation and piping including straight runs upstream and downstream of flow measurement
 - Instrumentation Lists, Calibration Certificates, etc.



Management of Expectations



- “Unspoken expectations are premeditated resentments” -Neil Strauss
- Communication is important, before during and after the test.
 - Scheduling & timing
 - Final assembly
 - Logistics-Setting up and testing multiple machines
 - Unexpected Events-failure to meet test requirements, equipment failure, test bench issues, etc.

Relationship Transition

- Witness Testing is an opportunity to:
 - Expand understanding of the machines you have purchased
 - Training on the machines (operation, service, etc.)
 - Build Relationships
 - Learn more about the manufacturer
 - Other technologies and products
 - Start the after sale relationship
 - Facility tour
 - Meet Senior Management, Project Management, Engineering and Service Personnel



Uncertainty Analysis: What is it and why do I care?

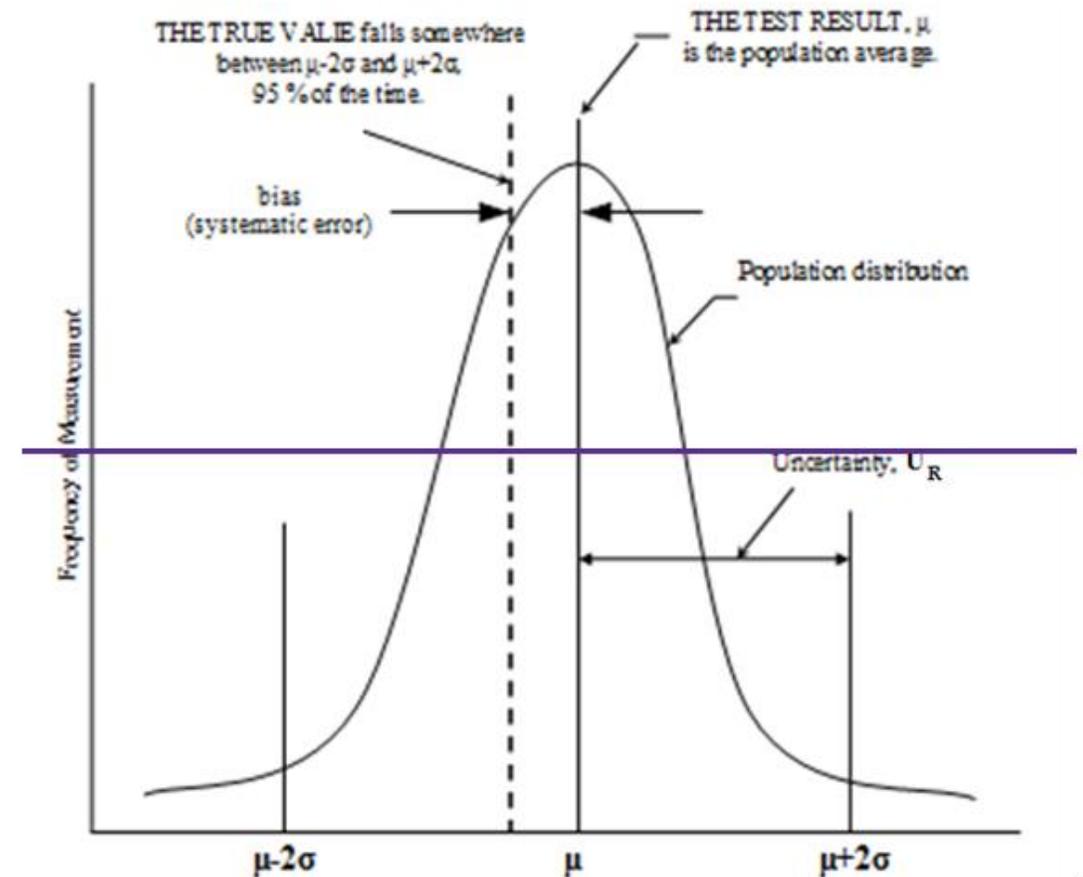


- Uncertainty Analysis: A procedure for quantifying the quality of the test.
 - Assurance of accuracy
 - Identify areas for improvement
 - Can be an exhaustive, time-consuming process
- This code references existing code
 - “Test Uncertainty PTC 19.1 – 2018”
- Types of Uncertainty
 - Elemental Error Sources
 - Systematic Uncertainty
 - Random Uncertainty
 - Combined Uncertainty

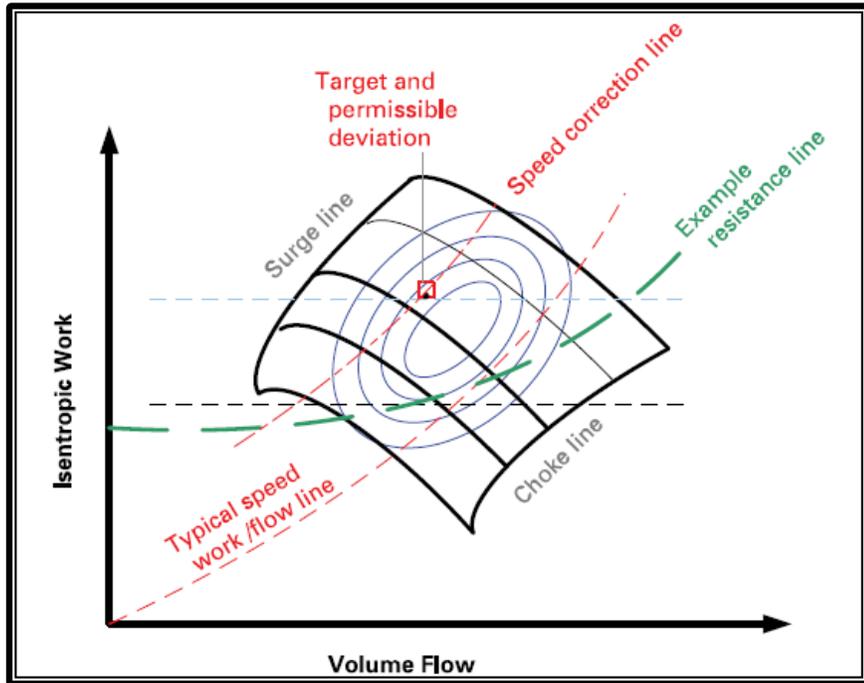
Uncertainty Analysis: What is it and why do I care?

- Uncertainty Basics:

- Random Error
 - Same measurements are taken repeatedly, but numbers don't exactly match from each reading.
- Systematic Error
 - A calibrated instrument may drift during a test.
 - A instrument may have a fixed offset



Uncertainty Analysis: How the code applies



- How the code deals with Uncertainty
 - Steady State
 - Very accurate instruments in redundancy
 - Multiple measurements
 - At least 30 measurements for each sample.
 - Readings before and after test are confirmed in agreement.

Uncertainty Analysis: Summary

- Code Requirements for Uncertainty Analysis
 - ASME PTC 19.1 is the primary reference for calculation methods of uncertainty.
 - Within PTC-13, allowable uncertainty is not defined.
 - Rigorous recommendations are provided.
 - Uncertainty is a non-mandatory requirement
 - Based upon agreement between parties
 - Scope of Analysis, parameters to analyze
 - Define Objectives and expected outcomes

Uncertainty Analysis: Takeaways

- Key Takeaways:
 - Vendors include uncertainty in their guarantees
 - Measurement uncertainty is never used to add tolerances or adjust power numbers after the fact.
 - If the test stand complies with the code requirements regarding instrument selection, design of measuring stations & recording practices, an unreasonable level of uncertainty will not arise.

PTC 13 Summary

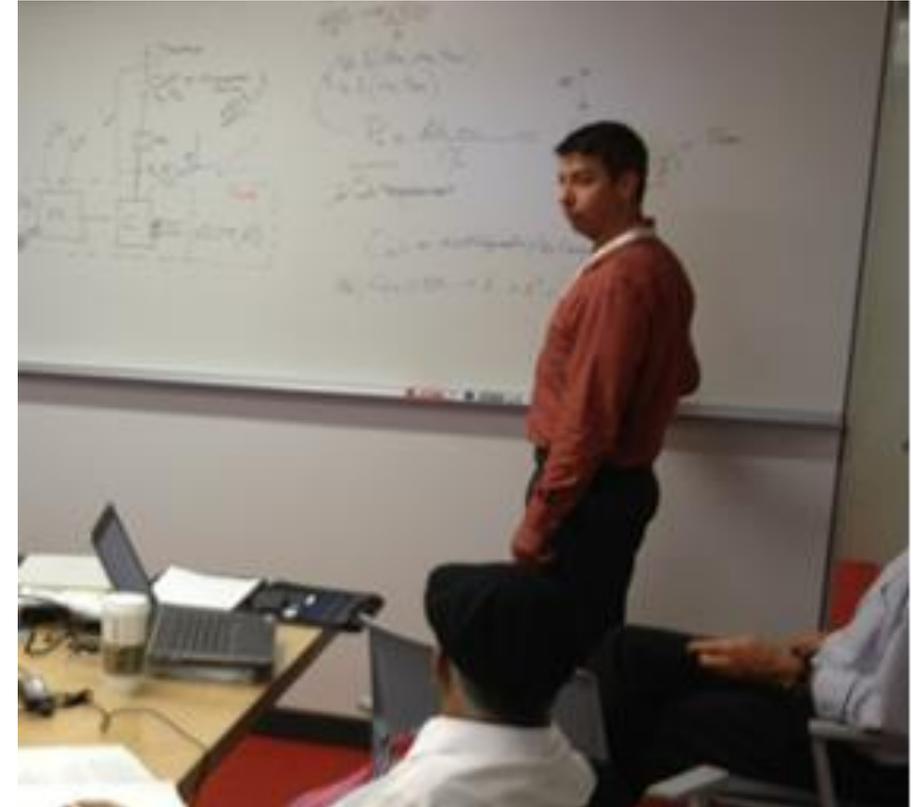
- PTC13 Key Takeaways:
- It isn't a compromise solution.
- It is a thoughtful approach to providing a uniform way of testing different types of compression in a fair and balanced way.
- Co-developed by Engineering community and manufacturers
- It can be trusted with confidence.
- Use it with confidence.

BENEFITS of PTC 13

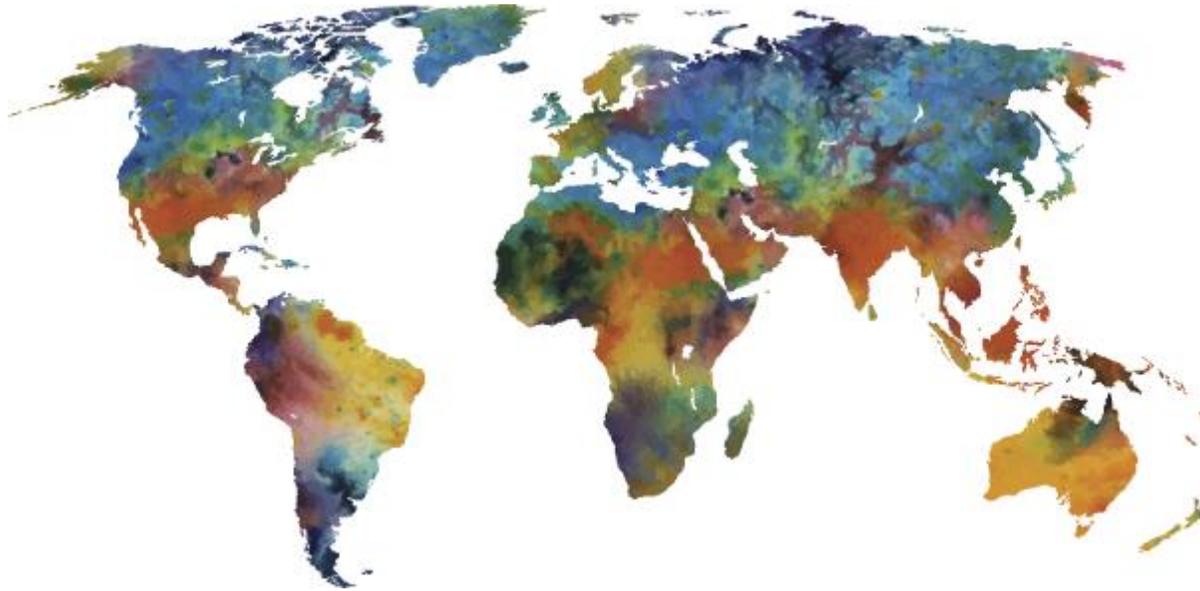
- Provides tools for accurate prediction of the overall electric (wire-to-air) power required by a blower at specified airflow rate, discharge pressure, and inlet conditions.
- Describes procedures for measurements of blower package air capacity (as defined in terms of inlet volumetric flow rate), isentropic work with speed matching or blower pressure (PD blowers), and electric input active power (input wire).
- Ensures the blower test results in accurate prediction of power at specified site conditions.
- Determination of total power required for all energy consuming devices in both integrated blower packages or simple blower/motor systems.
- The first code that is applicable to both dynamic and displacement blower packages without knowledge of internal construction details.
- Testing and reporting procedures that are easily applied by specifiers and purchasers of blowers with simplified thermodynamic calculation methods.

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- Jacque Schultz – July 3, 1974 - March 21, 2022
- Jacque was the PTC 13 chair for many years and a key person in the development of the performance test code.
- He provided many of the technical calculations for centrifugal blowers and in testing procedures.
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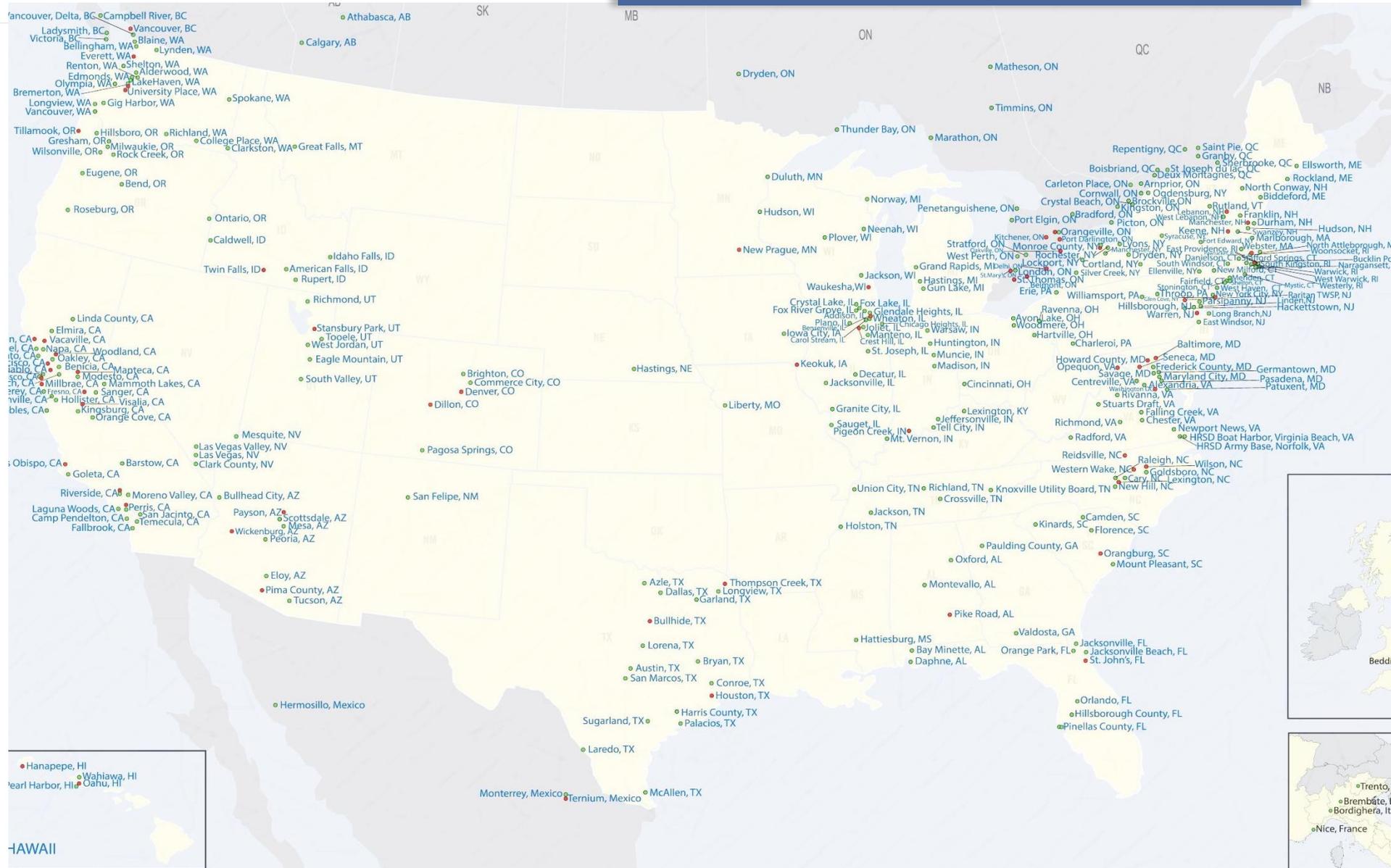


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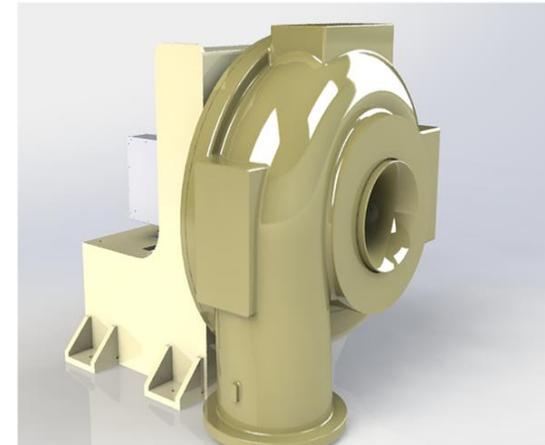
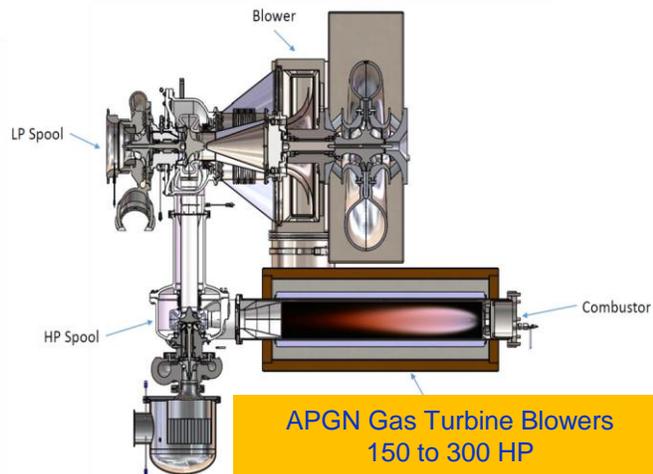
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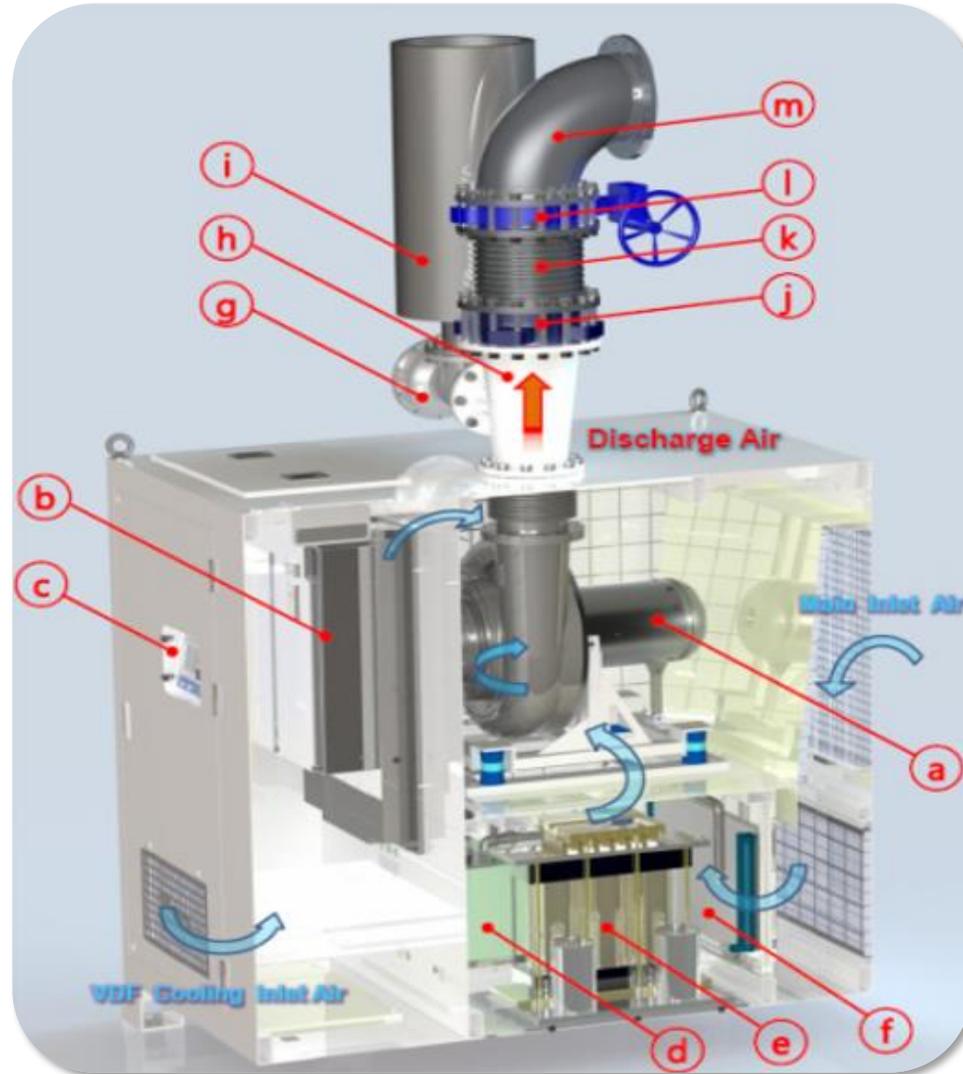
- 32,000 square feet
- Corporate headquarters
- Executive, finance & administration
- Engineering and support
- R & D
- Automation Department



- 60,000 square feet in Plattsburgh, NY
- 30 Production and Support employees
- 15 Factory based service test technicians
- Production- Assembly & Test
- Customer Support Staff
- Over \$10.4 million in parts inventory



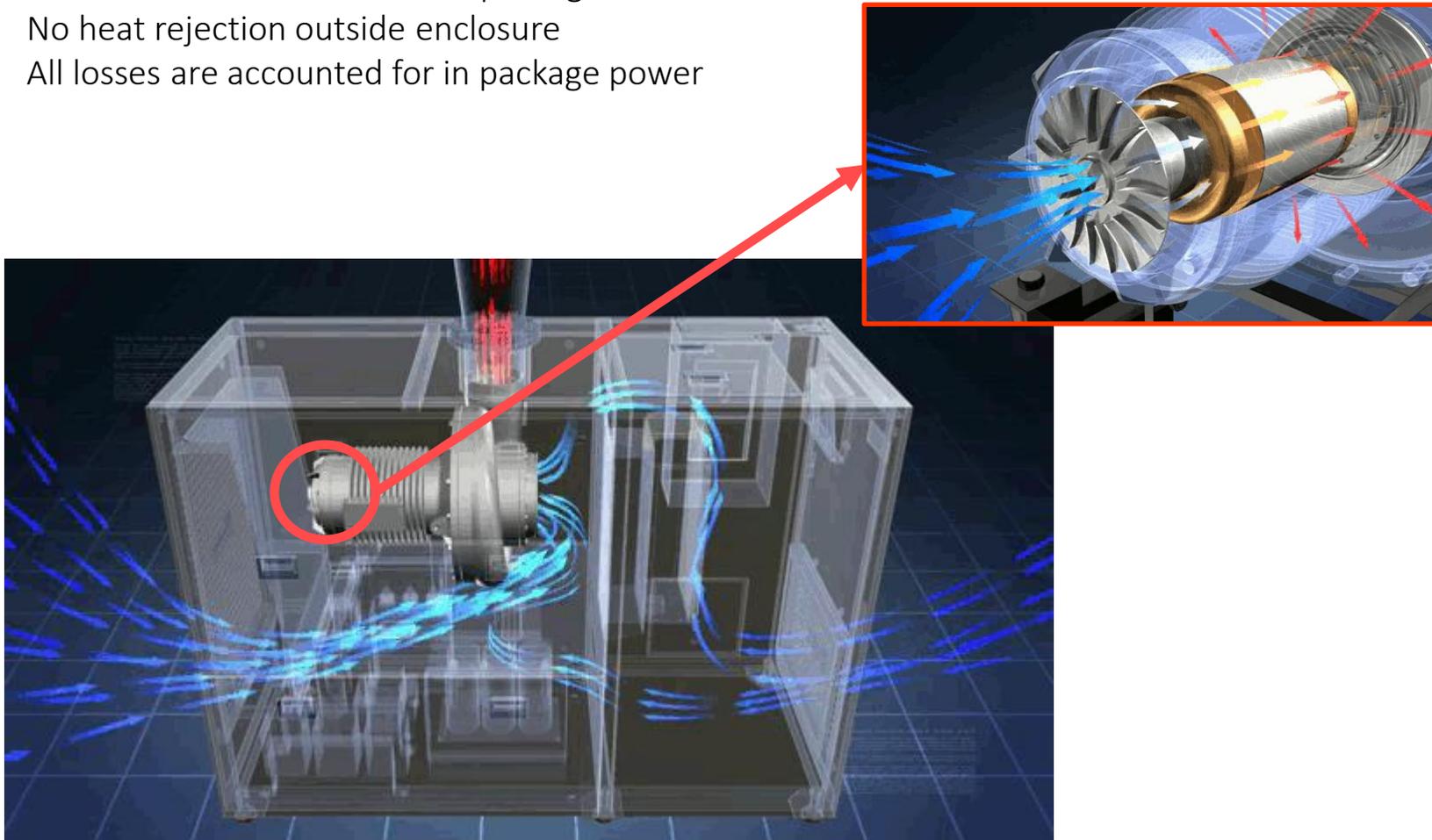
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- A. Blower Core
- B. Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
- C. Control Panel
- D. Coolant System (200HP and up)
- E. Sine Wave Filter
- F. Radiator (200HP and up)
- G. Blow-off Valve (BOV)
- H. Discharge Cone
- I. Blow-off Silencer
- J. Check Valve
- K. Flexible Joint
- L. Isolation Valve
- M. Elbow (Process Air Discharge)

Packaged Turbo Blower – PTC13

- Air Flow measured on discharge from Blower Package
- Power is measured on inlet to package
- No heat rejection outside enclosure
- All losses are accounted for in package power



Advance Preparations of PTC13 Testing

- ◆ Review Specification and agree on & Test Requirements
- ◆ Review agreement on Test Procedure and Test Apparatus
- ◆ Establish written agreement on any deviations
- ◆ Carryout preliminary testing in advance of witnessing
- ◆ Share preliminary test results with customer (optional)

Preparations & Conduct during actual PTC13 Testing

- ◆ Welcome and greet witnessing team
- ◆ Walk through test facilities, test procedure and test equipment
- ◆ Agree on plan of testing; time schedule, no of units to be tested
- ◆ Review calibrations of instruments and answer questions
- ◆ Review the list of components to be included
- ◆ Agree on deviations to be accepted
- ◆ Start testing and record raw data in presence of witnesses
- ◆ Wrap up testing with discussions and observations
- ◆ Follow up by sending Factory Acceptance Test Report
- ◆ Review FAT with customer, answer open questions
- ◆ Reach approval on FAT report

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