

A Better Brew

Benefits of Applying Systems Engineering in the Beer Industry

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Key Talking Points



- Brewing equipment design concepts
- Applying SE to HW-centric platforms
- Applying SE in a non-traditional domain where most aren't familiar with it



Speaker Bio



- Education/Certifications:

- BS Mechanical Engineering Technology
 - Southern Polytechnic State University – 2005
- MS Systems Engineering
 - Johns Hopkins University – 2013
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- Work Experience

- Northrop Grumman – Mechanical/Systems Engineer – 2005 to 2014
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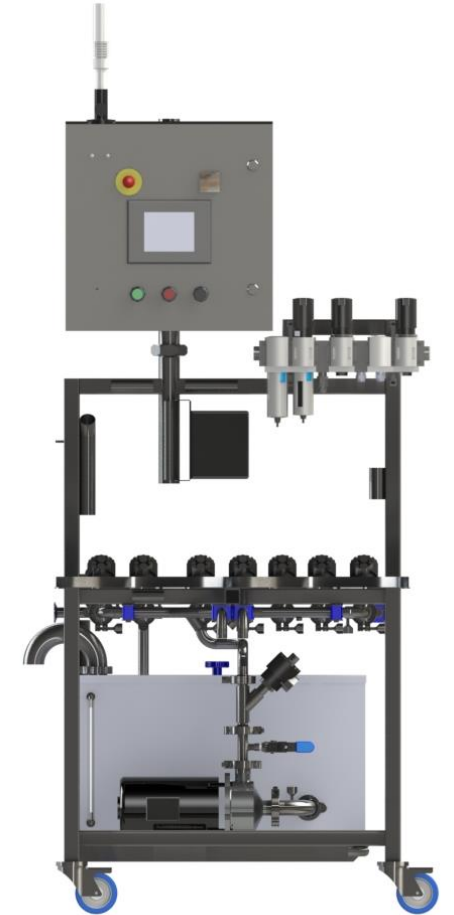
About Premier Stainless



- Founded in 2000
- Core product lines:
 - Brewhouses
 - Tanks
 - Keg washers
 - Brewery support equipment
- International customer base



Core Products: Tanks & Support Equipment



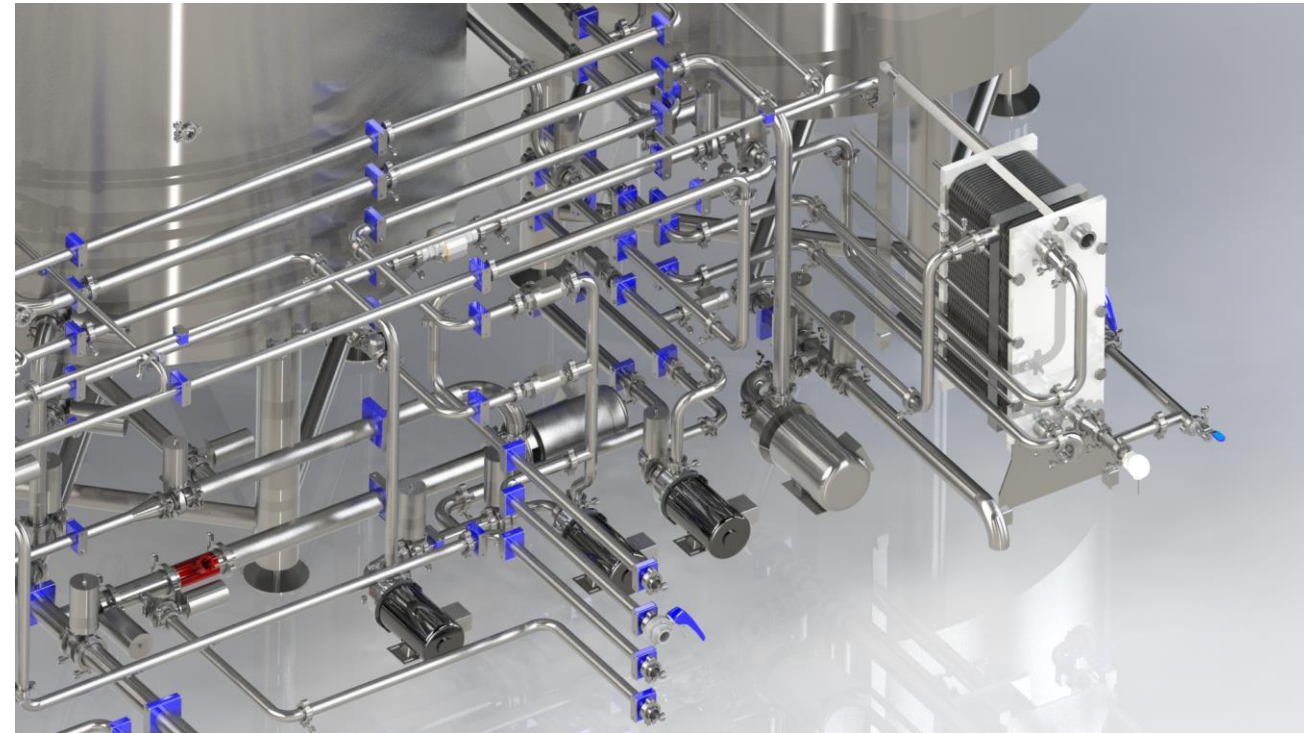
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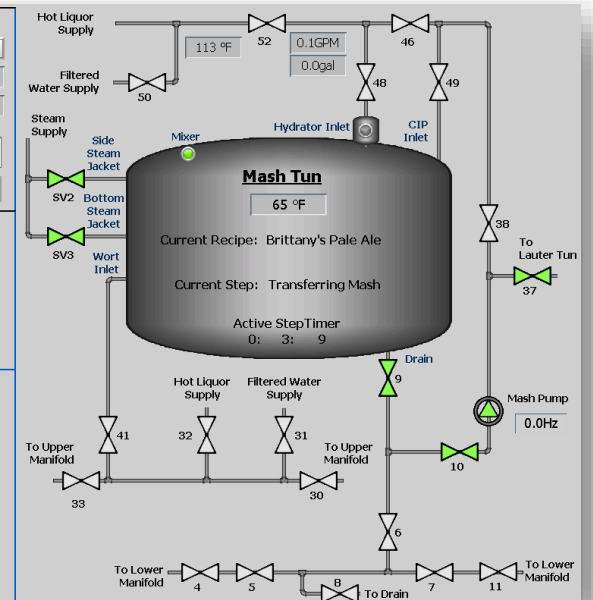
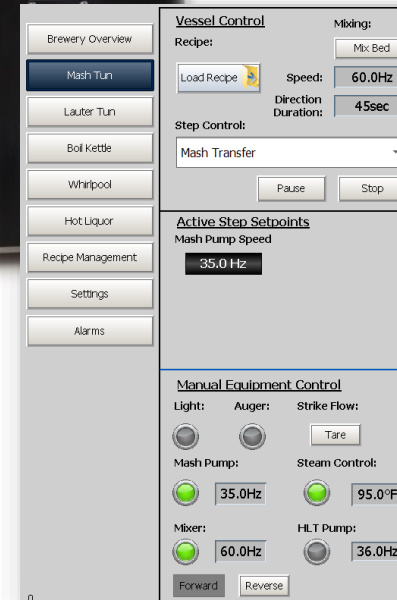
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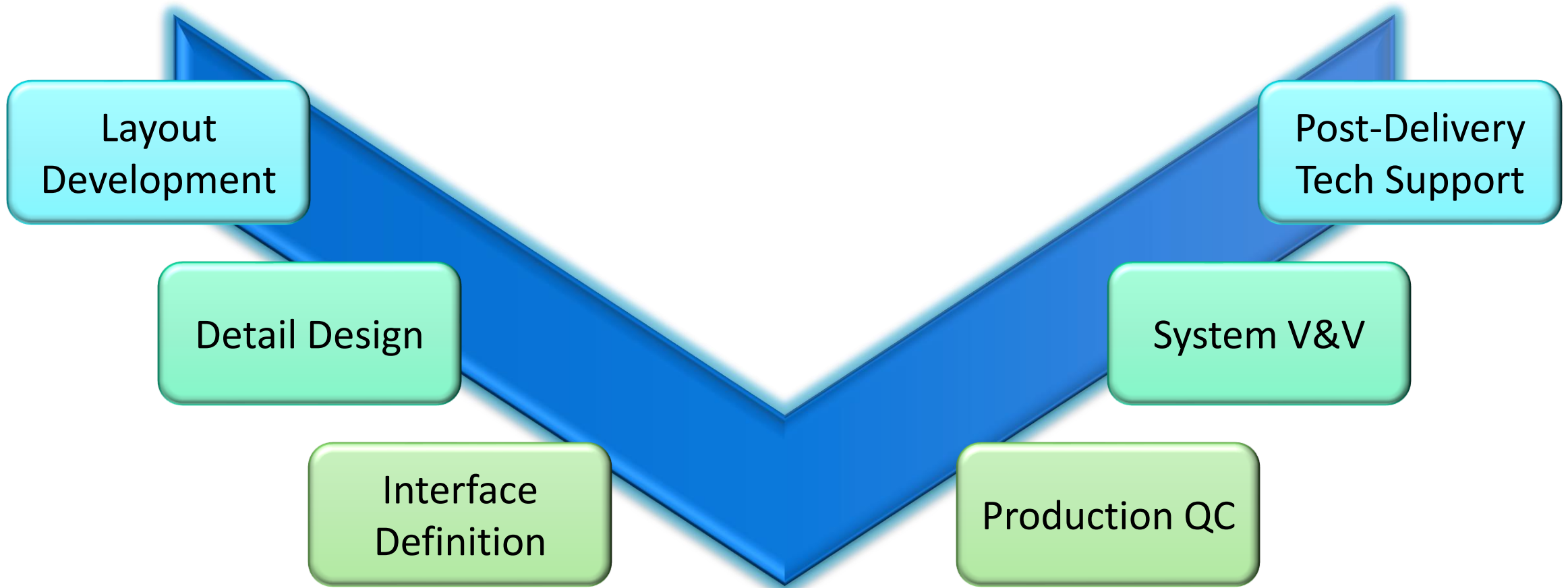
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Engineering Process Overview



Overarching Design Parameters



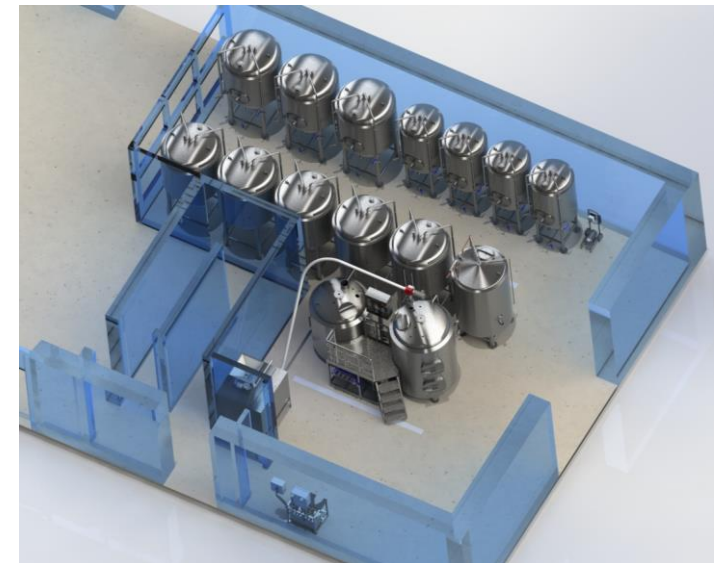
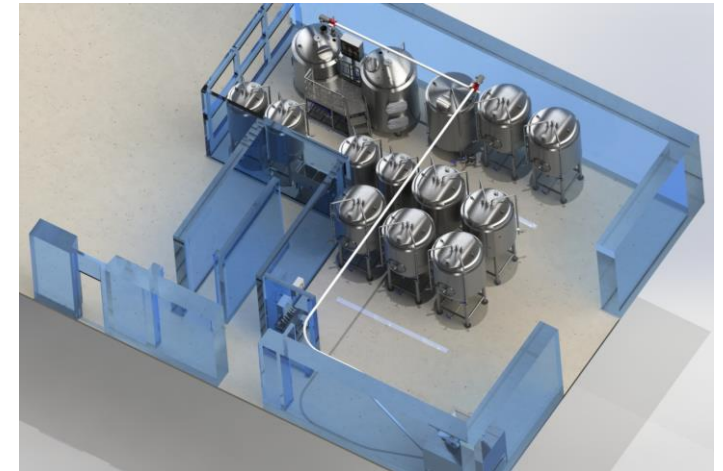
- System must efficiently produce wort via the standard brewing process
 - BH efficiency – reducing waste and reducing ingredients
 - Times required to complete each brewing step
 - Repeatability
 - Ease of use
- Tanks – capacities, jacket pressures, insulation, ventilation
- In this context customers somewhat view our brewhouse design as a black box
- Difficult to quantify as the customer's expectation because these parameters are driven by their experience level and preferred brewing process



Layout Development

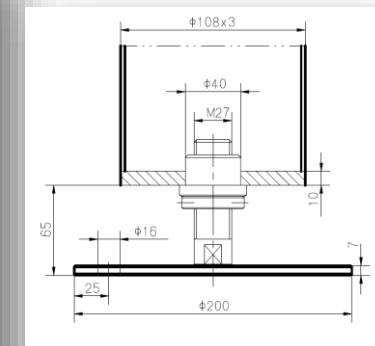
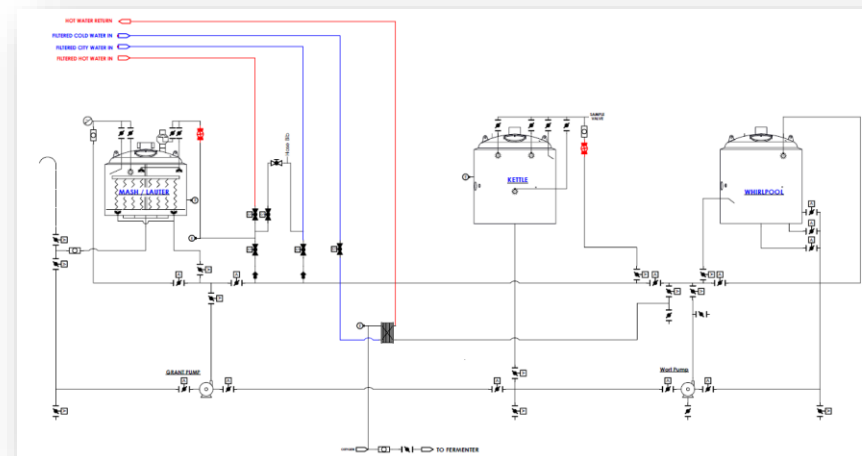


- Begin with equipment set defined by final quote
 - V&V paradigm – are we building the right thing
- Receive building details from customer
- Create 3D models to ensure all equipment will fit
- Organize equipment layout
 - Plan for process flow and look at future expansion
 - Account for infrastructure
 - Account for aesthetics



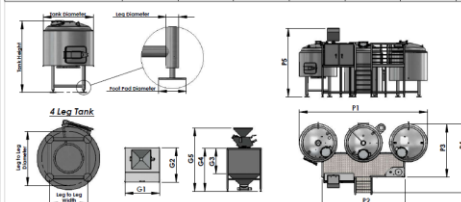
Detail Design

- Start with base design from legacy system
- Customize port layouts to match physical equipment layout
- Add any customer-requested upgrades or customizations
- Create manufacturing drawings and process piping diagrams



Equipment Description	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
10881 Brewhouse - 3 Vessel	2254	2400	2177	2812	3096
	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
10881 Draft Case with Grain Chucker	1282	977	1009	1574	2211

Tank Description	Tank Diameter	Tank Height	Leg to Leg Diameter	Leg to Leg Width	Leg Diameter	Foot Pad Diameter	Gross Volume (mL)	Empty Weight (kg)	Full Weight (kg)
10881 Mash/Lauter Tun	1554	2281	1347	912	108	150	14.06	317	1718
10881 Kettle	1554	2278	1330	912	108	150	17.72	372	2045
10881 Whirlpool	1554	2127	1220	870	108	150	14.90	272	1857
20881 Hot Liquor Tank	1424	2973	1176	847	108	200	27.50	637	3404
20881 Cold Liquor Tank	1424	2973	1176	847	108	200	27.50	637	3404
10881 Fermenter	1534	2570	1140	820	108	150	15.30	407	1990
20881 Fermenter	1524	3204	1340	912	108	200	28.43	637	3524
10881 Brite Tank	1134	2553	917	640	87	150	13.40	417	1781
20881 Brite Tank	1424	2993	1176	847	108	200	27.23	610	3387



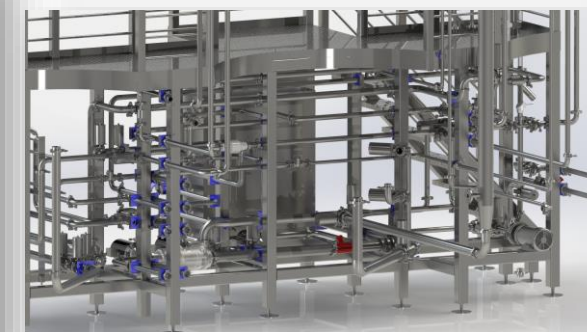
Notes:

- All length measurements in millimeters.
- Tank not shown with optional high level to gross volume with 10% (10% 2 kg).
- Tank height is not shown for standard tanks. Tank height is shown for optional piping.
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Tank Details

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Interface Definition



- Equipment utility requirements
 - Power
 - Plumbing
 - Steam
 - Gas
- Equipment physical specs
- Applicable cut sheets
- For overall brewery construction effort we're just one equipment provider
 - 3rd party is responsible for official set of MEP drawings
 - We're just a part of a SoS

Natacus

Natacus	A.1	A.2	A.3	A.4	B.1	C.1	D.1	D.2	E.1	E.2	F.1	G.1
Brewhouse Platform & Control Panel												
Quantity	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	4	2	1	2
1 - Power Requirements												
Power (volts, phase, hertz, amps)	480V, 3PH, 50Hz, 40-55A (Full Load)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	240V, 3PH, 50Hz, 1.5A	see Chromoxy Auger Manual for using 240V motor for Grain Crusher Auger to Brew House will be provided by Brew House. Power to be run to auger motor.
Connection Type	Power to be labeled at terminal block or within brew house junction box	n/a	n/a	n/a	see 18.7 cut sheet for field wiring connections	see CLT cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	Power to be labeled inside panel. Viewright panel feedthrough required.	Auger to Brew House will have power cord provided with Brew House.
Electrical disconnect	Electrician to provide 60A emergency disconnect	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	see Fermenter Control Wiring cut sheet for field wiring connections	n/a	n/a
Notes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Fermenters typically have multiple RTD points. PSS recommends using post just above cone.	Fermenters typically have multiple RTD points. PSS recommends using post just above cone.	Brite Tanks typically have multiple RTD points. PSS recommends using lowest port.	Brite Tanks typically have multiple RTD points. PSS recommends using lowest port.	Location of Cellar Control Panel to be determined by customer.	n/a
2 - Filtered Water Requirements												
Filtered water demand	15-30 GPM	n/a	n/a	n/a	15-30 GPM	15-30 GPM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Filtered water connection quantity and size	1/1" FNPT	n/a	n/a	n/a	1/1" FNPT	1/1" FNPT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Required water pressure	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Notes	All water connections to be provided by customer. Allowing to equipment to be provided by customer.	n/a	n/a	n/a	see 18.7 cut sheet for additional field plumbing connections	see CLT cut sheet for additional field plumbing connections	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3 - Glycol Requirements												
Glycol demand	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15-30 L/min	15-30 L/min	15-30 L/min	15-30 L/min	15-30 L/min	n/a	n/a
Glycol jacket volume per tank	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32.5L	18.2L	28.6L	17.6L	26.0L	n/a	n/a

System V&V



- Production QC
 - BOM validation
 - QC as-built equipment
 - Automated BH system-level control testing
- Deployment & On-site testing/training
 - Reassembly and integration with building infrastructure
 - Full system testing – verification
 - Training & first brews – validation



Takeaways

- Interface definition and control are critical
- With hardware design – changes become exponentially more expensive the later in the process they occur
- SE in this type of environment requires additional effort and diligence as the engineer has to perform the role of the customer as well
- Process tailoring and agility is key to maintaining short development cycles
 - Re-use and standardized designs ease schedule pressures



Q&A

