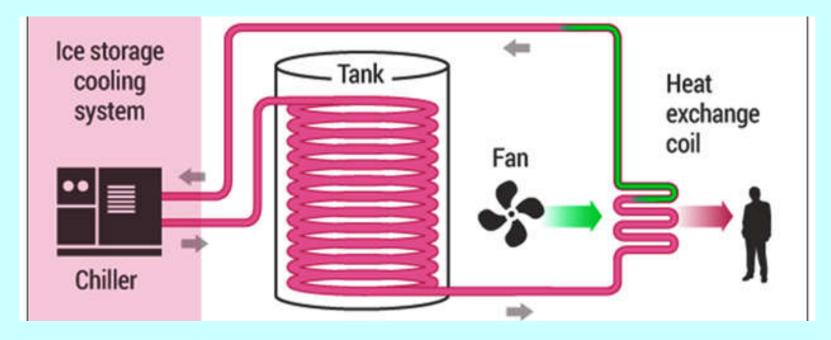
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Thermal Storage Systems II



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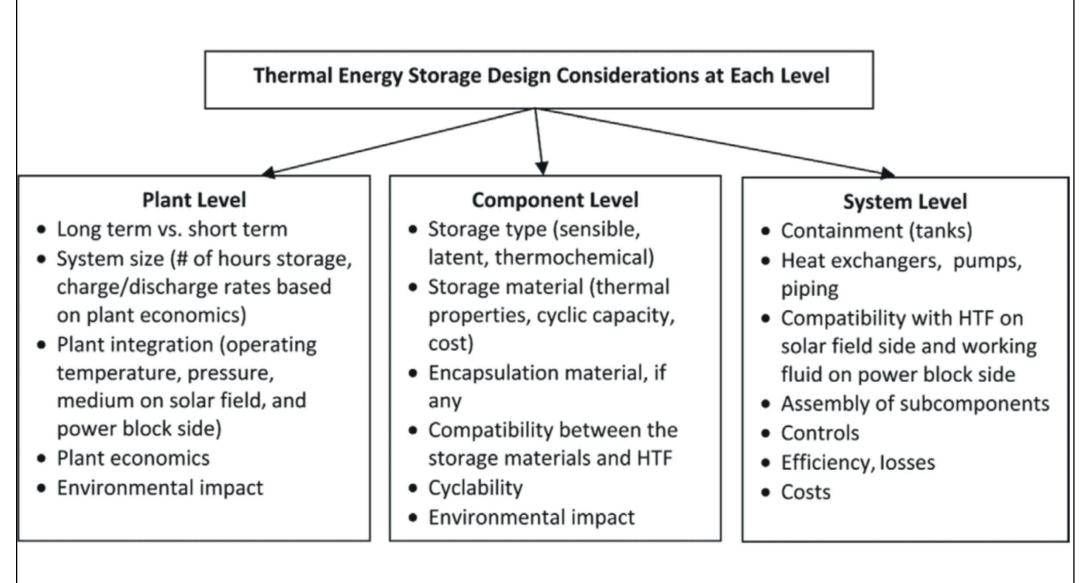
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System design & planning

- Design thermal energy storage (TES) systems
 - 1. Characterization of the thermal application
 - 2. Specification for the TES system
 - 3. Characterization of the TES technology
 - 4. Determination of the TES design
- Three levels of design considerations:
 - (a) Plant
 - (b) Component
 - (c) System

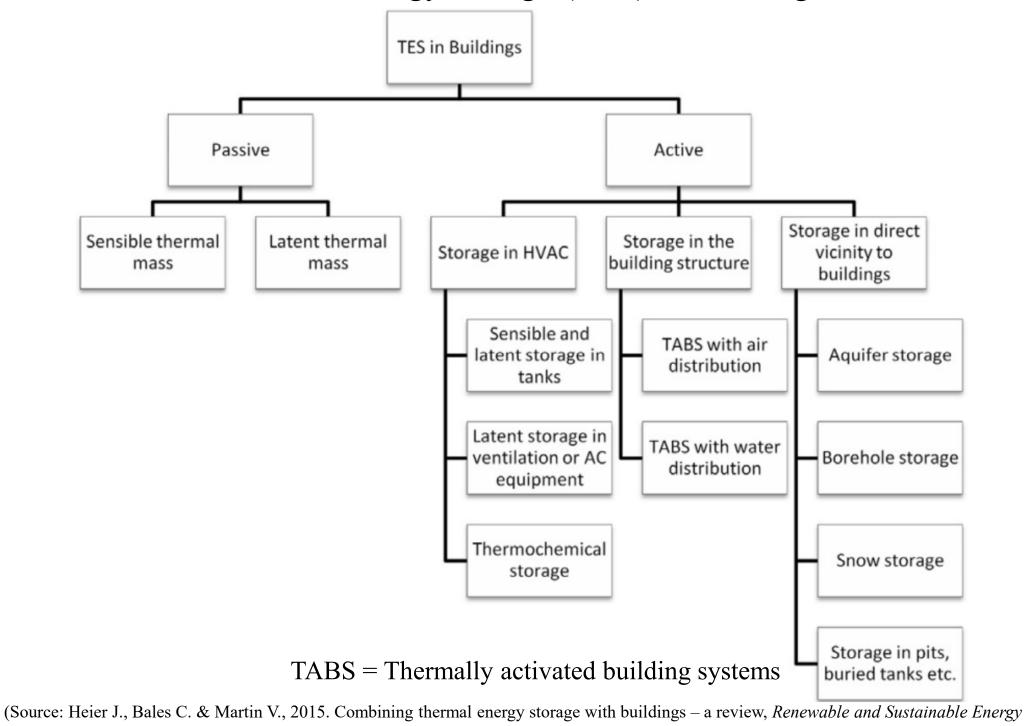
Thermal energy storage design considerations at each level



HTF = Heat transfer fluid

(Source: Kalaiselvam S. & Parameshwaran R., 2014. *Thermal Energy Storage Technologies for Sustainability: Systems Design, Assessment and Applications*, Academic Press. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/C2013-0-09744-7</u>)

Thermal energy storage (TES) in buildings



Reviews, 42: 1305-1325. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2014.11.031</u>)

Technical comparison of sensible heat storage technologies

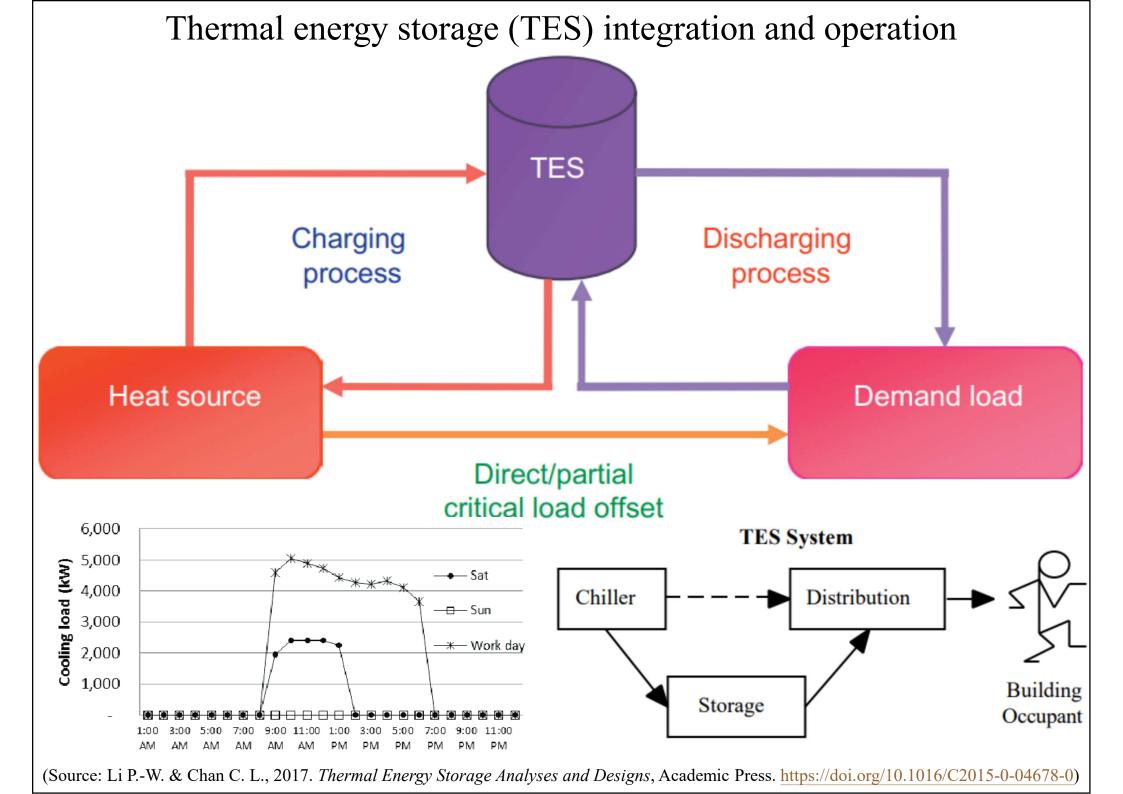
Tank	Pit	Borehole	Aquifier
Advantages: • No particular geological condition is required • Most mature technology • High stratification and heat capacity • Simple installation	Advantages: • No particular geological condition is required • Leaving natural aquifer untouched	Advantages: • Applied for both heating and cooling • Less sensitive to outdoor climate • Used for very large and very small applications • Requires less area for vertical borehole	Advantages: • Applied for both heating and cooling • Capability of generating direct cooling standalone • More effective heat transfer than borehole
Limitations: • High heat loss • Possible corrosion • Possible leakage	Limitations: • Lower stratification than tank • Possible leakage	Limitations: • Particular geological condition required • High heat loss and low energy density • Start-up process is needed	Limitations: • Particular geological condition required • High heat loss and low energy density • Long initial process for geological investigation

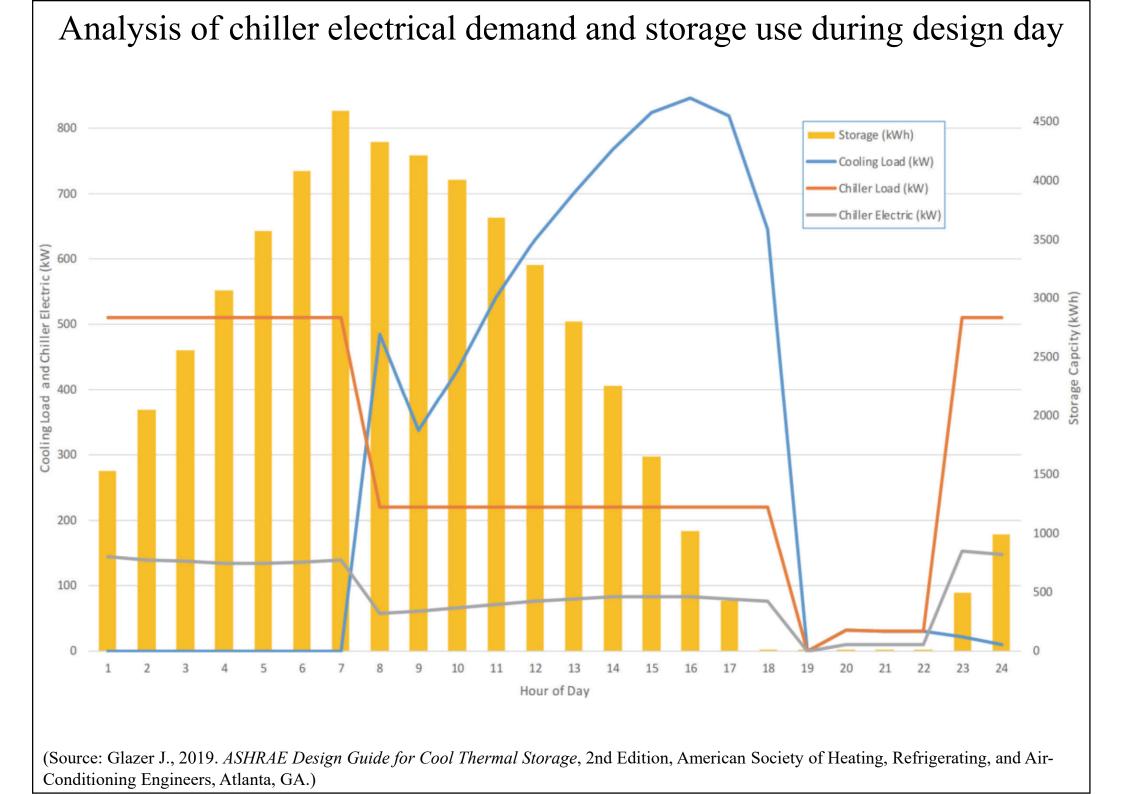
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System design & planning

- Major design factors:
 - Building usage and future plans
 - Cooling load profiles (e.g. for design day)
 - Thermal storage system types
 - Equipment (chillers, storage tanks, controls)
 - Operating & control strategies
 - Interface with building systems
 - Sizing of cooling plants & storage
 - Redundancy & emergency cooling
 - Economic evaluation (including utility rates)

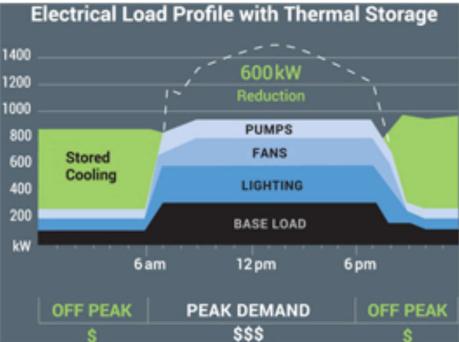






System design & planning

- Cooling load profiles
 - Design day hourly profile
 - Tall peak?
 - Low and flat?
 - Off peak usage?
 - Acquire from...
 - Cooling load calculation program
 - Chiller or building management system (BMS) logs
 - Night loads
 - If > 20% consider night chiller



Comparison of cool storage systems

	Chilled Water	Ice Harvester	External Melt Ice	Internal Melt Ice	Encapsulated/Ice	Low-Temperature Fluid
Chiller type	Standard water	Prepackaged of built-up ice making equipment	Low-temperature refrigeration plant	Low-temperature	Low-temperature	Standard (slightly cooler refrigeration plant)
Tank volume	82 to 157 gal/ton-h (0.09 to 0.17 m ³ /kWh _t)	22 to 25 gal/ton-h (0.02 to 0.03 m ³ /kWh _t)	21 gal/ton-h (0.023 m ³ /kWh _t)	12 to 21 gal/ton-h (0.013 to 0.023 m ³ /kWh _t)	18 to 21 gal/ton-h (0.019 to 0.023 m ³ /kWh _t)	
Charging temperature	39°F to 44°F (4°Cto 7°C)	15°F to 24°F (–90°C to –4°C)	15°F to 25°F (–9°C to –4°C)	22°F to 26°F (–6°C to –3°C)	22°F to 26°F (–6°C to –3°C)	28°F to 36°F (–2°C to 2°C)
Discharge temperature	0°F to 2°F (0°C to 1°C) above charging temperature	34°F to 36°F (1°C to 2°C)	34°F to 36°F (1°C to 2°C)	34°F to 38°F (1°C to 3°C)	34°F to 38°F (1°C to 3°C)	0°F to 2°F (0°C to 1°C) above charging temperature
Discharge fluid	Water	Water	Water	Secondary coolant	Secondary coolant	LTF
Tank interface	Open tank (closed for data centers)	Open tank	Open tank	Closed system	Open or closed system	Open tank
Strengths	Use existing chillers; fire protection duty	High instantaneous discharge rates	High instantaneous discharge rates	Modular tanks good for small or large installations	Tank shape flexible	Benefits of chilled water with larger ΔT
Comments	Storage capacity increases with temperature difference	Requires clearance above the tank for the ice maker	Separate charge and discharge circuits. Charge with coolant or liquid refrigerant			Investment in LTF is outweighed by increased capacity or decreased tank size due to larger ΔT than chilled water

a. Note: Typical minimum temperatures with appropriate sizing of storage capacity are shown. Higher temperatures can be obtained from each medium. See text for discussion of the dependence of discharge temperature on discharge rate.

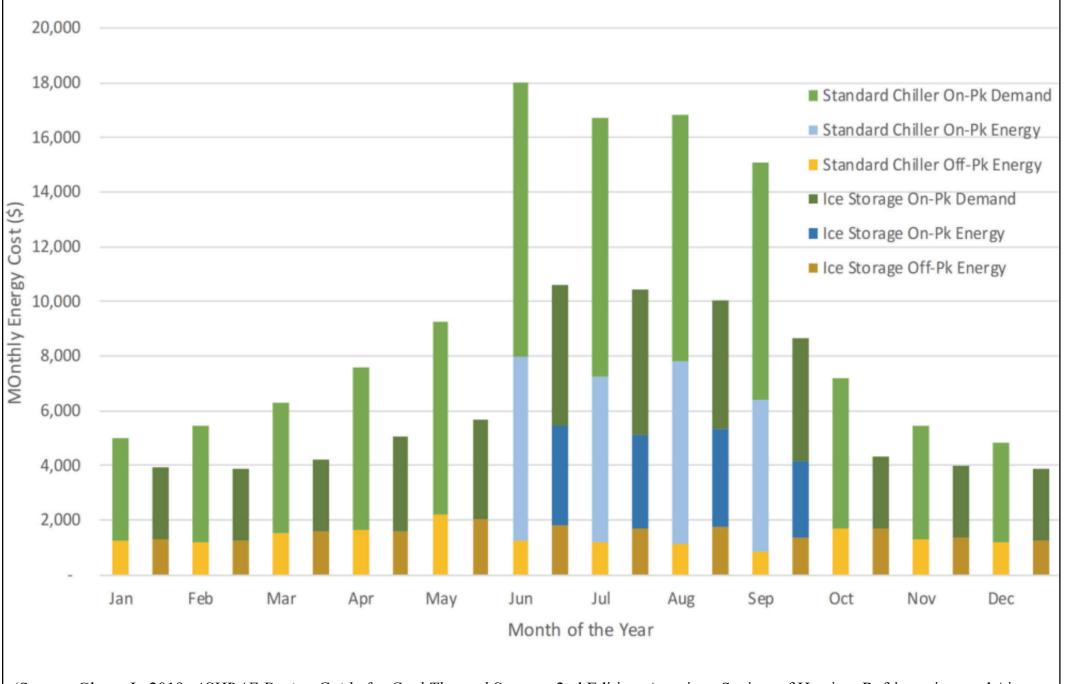


System design & planning

- Utility rates:
 - kW charge
 - Ratcheted? Time of day (TOD)? Stepped rate?
 - On-peak/Off-peak -- kW and/or kWh
 - Real time pricing
 - Up front or on-going incentives
- Utility rate coordination:
 - Direct measurement of building demand
 - Demand response signal from utility
 - Monitoring of real-time pricing

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Estimated monthly electric bills



CLP electricity tariff for 2023: Bulk tariff

(a) Demand Charge

Based on the monthly maximum demand in kilovoltamperes (kVA):

On-Peak Period

Each of the first 650 kVA	\$ 68.4
Each kVA above 650	\$ 65.4

(Minimum on-peak billing demand: 100 kVA)

Off-Peak Period

Each off-peak kVA up to the on-peak billing demand	\$ 0.0
Each off-peak kVA in excess of the on-peak billing demand	\$ 26.8

(b) Energy Charge

Total Monthly Consumption Block	Rate (Cents/Unit)
On-Peak Period	
Each of the first 200,000 units	75.3
Each unit over 200,000	73.7
Off-Peak Period	
Each unit	67.6

"Off-peak Period" is the daily period between 2100 hours and 0900 hours and all day Sundays and Public Holidays (Source: CLP https://www.clp.com.hk/)

CLP electricity tariff for 2023: Large power tariff

(a) Demand Charge

Based on the monthly maximum demand in kilovoltamperes (kVA):

On-Peak Period

Each of the first 5,000 kVA	\$ 120.3
Each kVA above 5,000	\$ 115.3

(Minimum on-peak billing demand: 50% of the highest on-peak billing demand under Large Power Tariff during the "Summer Months" of the immediately preceding 12 months.)

Off-Peak Period

Each off-peak kVA up to the on-peak billing demand	\$ 0.0
Each off-peak kVA in excess of the on-peak billing demand	\$ 33.9

Billing Demand Shortfall

There is no charge if on-peak billing demand or off-peak billing demand is not less than 3,000 kVA. The Shortfall will be based on the difference between 3,000 kVA and the higher of on-peak billing demand and off-peak billing demand.

Each kVA short of 3,000 kVA	\$ 120.3
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(b) Energy Charge

Total Monthly Consumption Block	Rate
	(Cents/Unit)
On-Peak Period	
Each of the first 200 units per kVA of on-peak billing demand	58.2
Each unit in excess of above	56.2
Off-Peak Period	-
Each unit	48.4
rs://www.cln.com.hk/)	40.4

(Source: CLP <u>https://www.clp.com.hk/</u>)

CLP electricity tariff for 2023: Ice-storage air-conditoning tariff

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System design & planning

- Making the economics work
 - Use actual utility rate for life cycle costs if possible
 - Use storage for the safety factor
 - Use actual load profile for equipment selection
 - Take credit for smaller electrical and mechanical ancillary equipment (e.g. downsizing chillers)
 - Take advantage of any utility rebates
 - Use low flow high ΔT energy distribution
 - Use low temperature air distribution





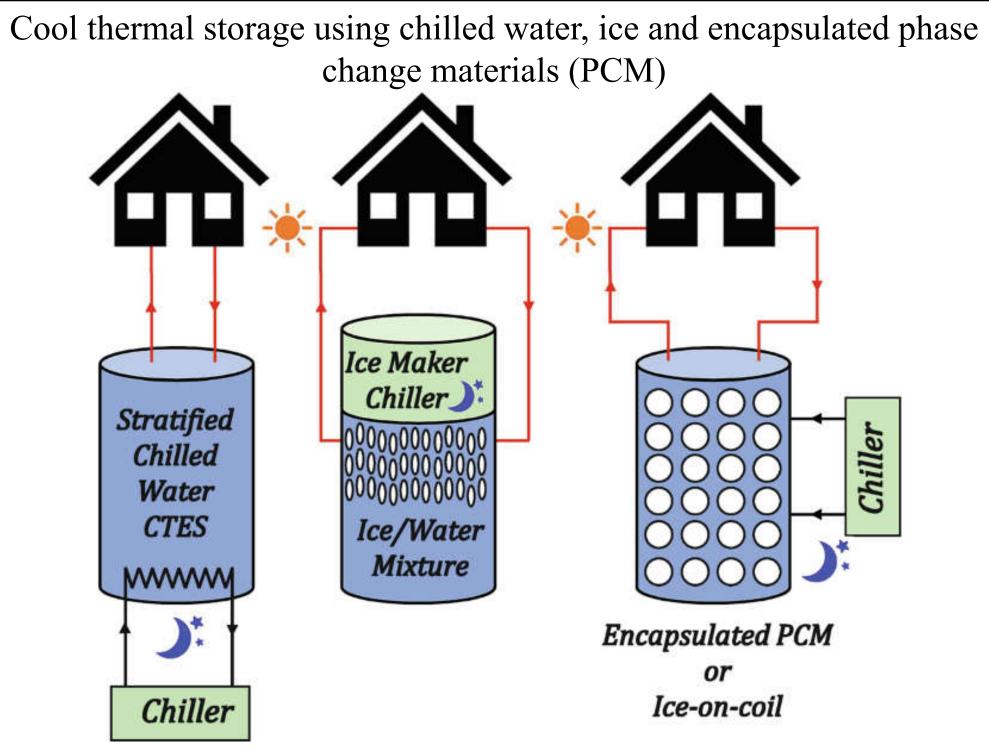
System design & planning

- Special applications:
 - Mission critical and emergency cooling (e.g. data centres)
 - Demand response (for electric utility)
 - Fire protection (for chilled water storage)
 - Underground thermal energy storage
 - District cooling & heating
- Other related issues:
 - Cold-air distribution, pumping, water treatment, retrofit projects, redundancy, codes & standards

Cool thermal storage



- Cool thermal energy storage systems remove heat from a thermal energy storage medium during periods of low cooling demand or when surplus renewable energy is available
 - The stored cooling capacity is later used to meet an air-conditioning or process cooling load
- For many utilities, the peak system demand is driven by the air-conditioning load on the hottest days of the year
 - Encourage customers to shift their loads



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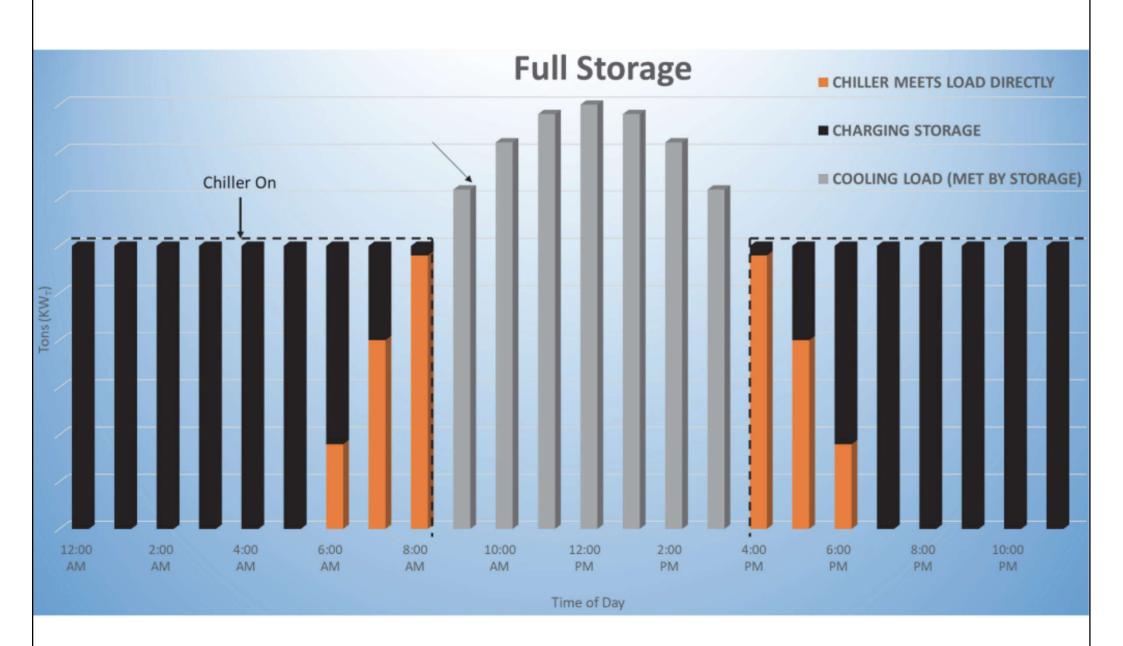
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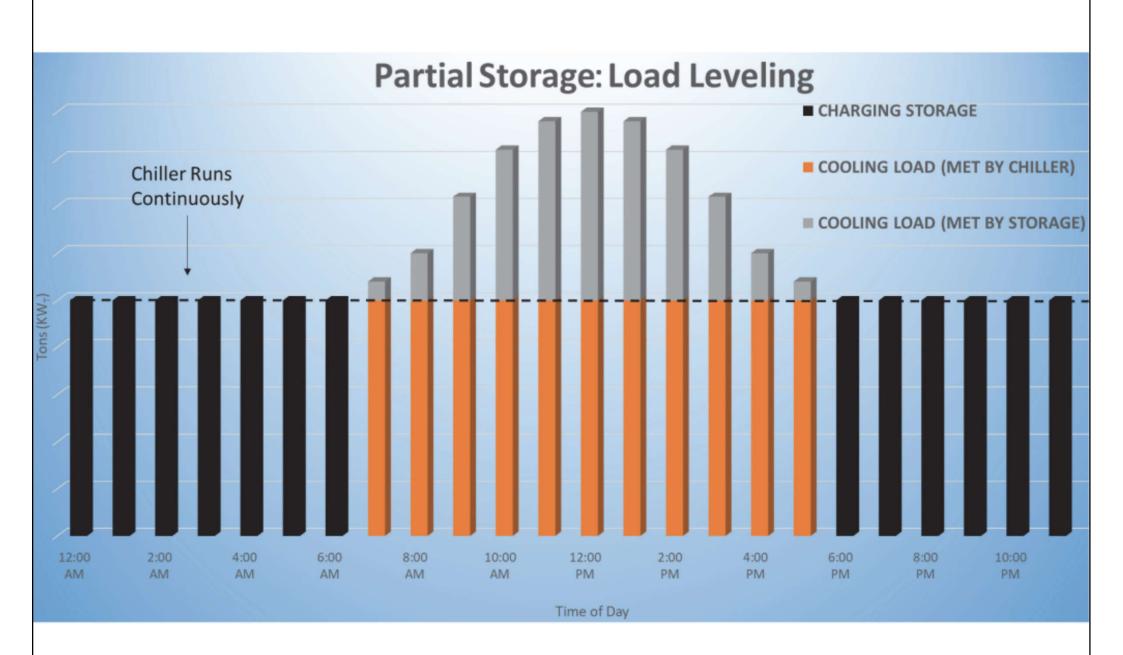
- Typical operating & control strategies for cool thermal storage:
- Full storage
- Partial storage, load levelling
- Partial storage, demand limiting
- Baseloading of chillers
- Sequencing of chillers
- Daily charging cycles
- Weekly or other charging cycles

- Identifying demand-shift period
- Chiller priority
- Storage priority
- Charging rate control
- Load prediction
- Renewable energy source priority

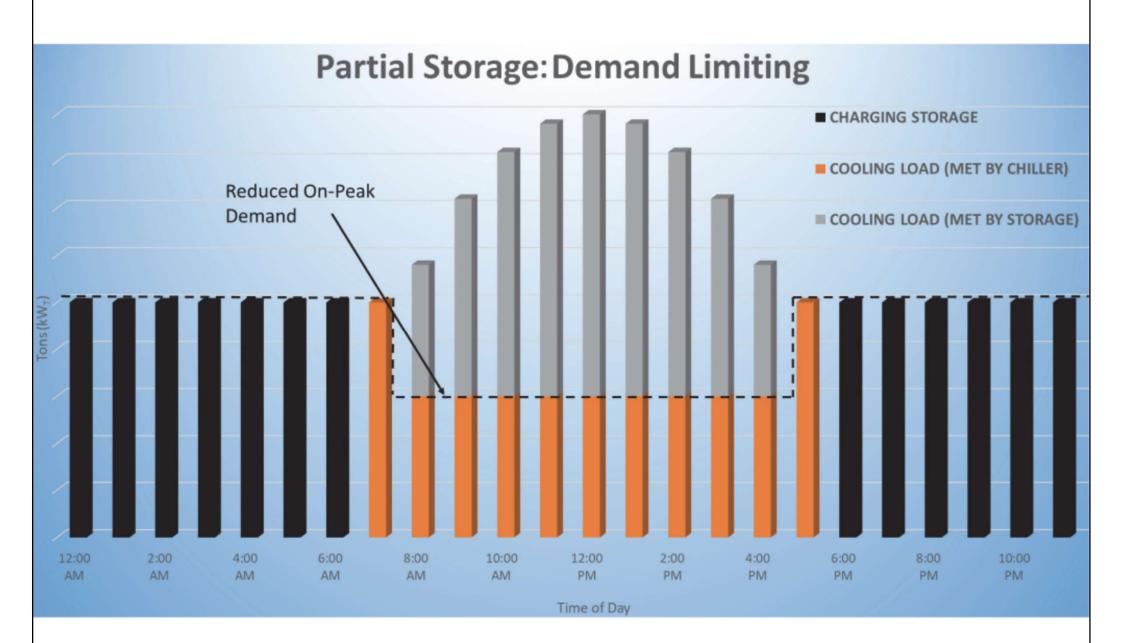




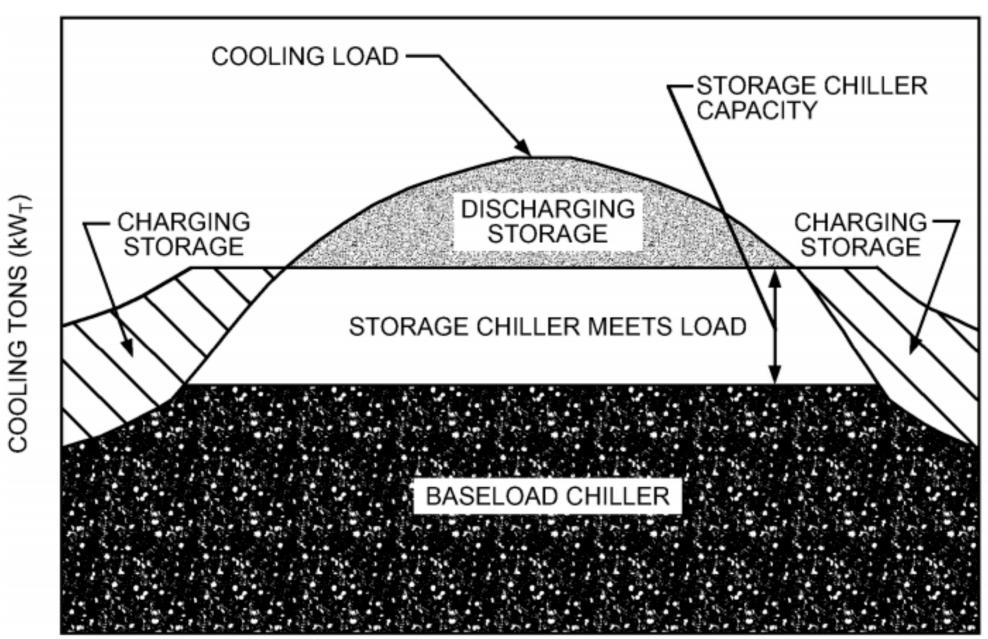
Partial-storage load leveling operating strategy



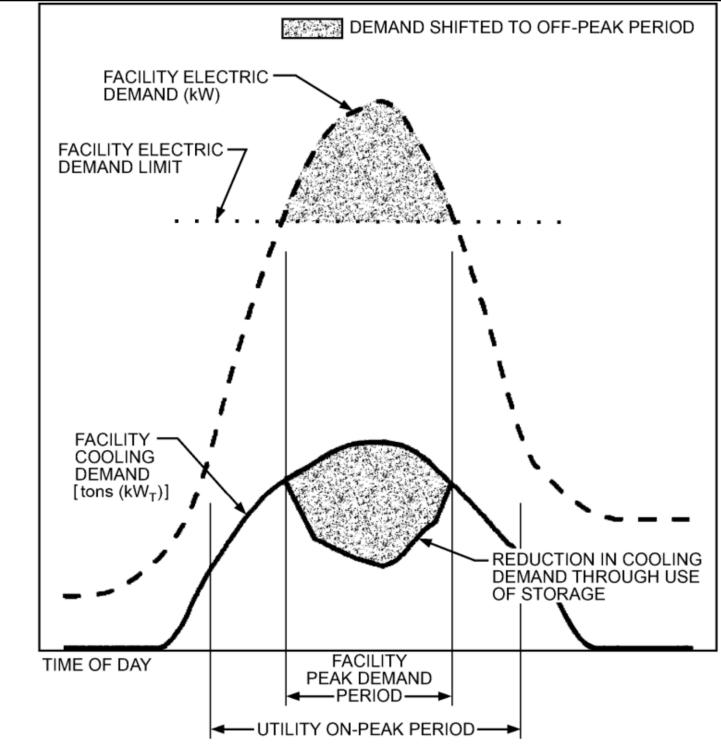
Partial-storage demand limiting operating strategy



Baseloading operation with partial cool storage

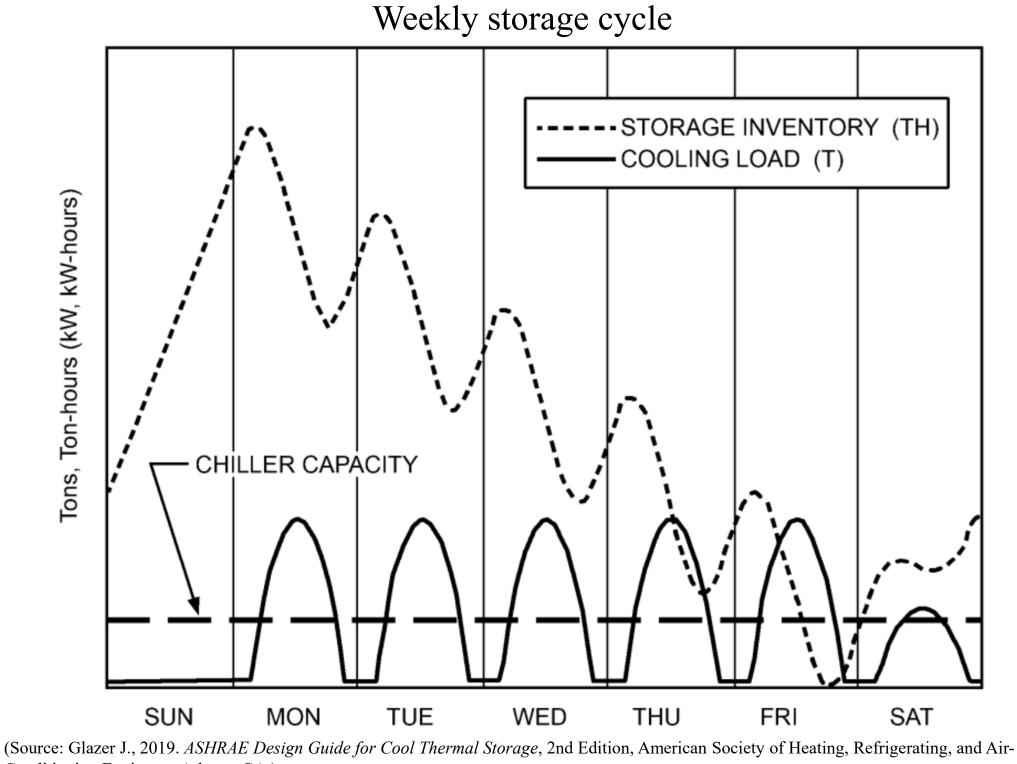


PARTIAL STORAGE



Demand limiting operational strategy for electric and cooling demand

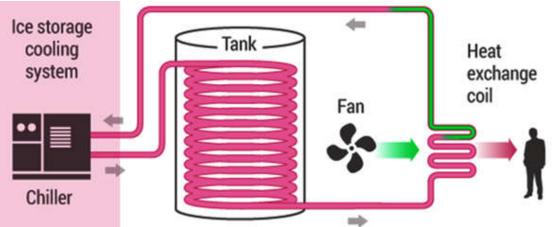
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Common thermal energy storage operating modes

Operating Mode	Cool Thermal Energy Storage
Charging storage	Operating cooling equipment to remove heat from storage
Charging storage while meeting loads	Operating cooling equipment to remove heat from storage and meet loads
Meeting loads from storage only	Discharging (adding heat to) storage to meet loads without operating cooling equipment
Meeting loads from storage and direct equipment operation	Discharging (adding heat to) storage and operating cooling equipment to meet loads
Meeting loads from direct equipment operation only	Operating cooling equipment to meet loads (no fluid flow to or from storage)



Cool thermal storage

- Sizing of cooling plants & storage:
 - Determine the building or system load profile
 - Select the design day system operating strategy
 - Select the appropriate storage technology
 - Calculate the initial chiller size and initial storage capacity
 - Refine and finalize the chiller and storage equipment selection

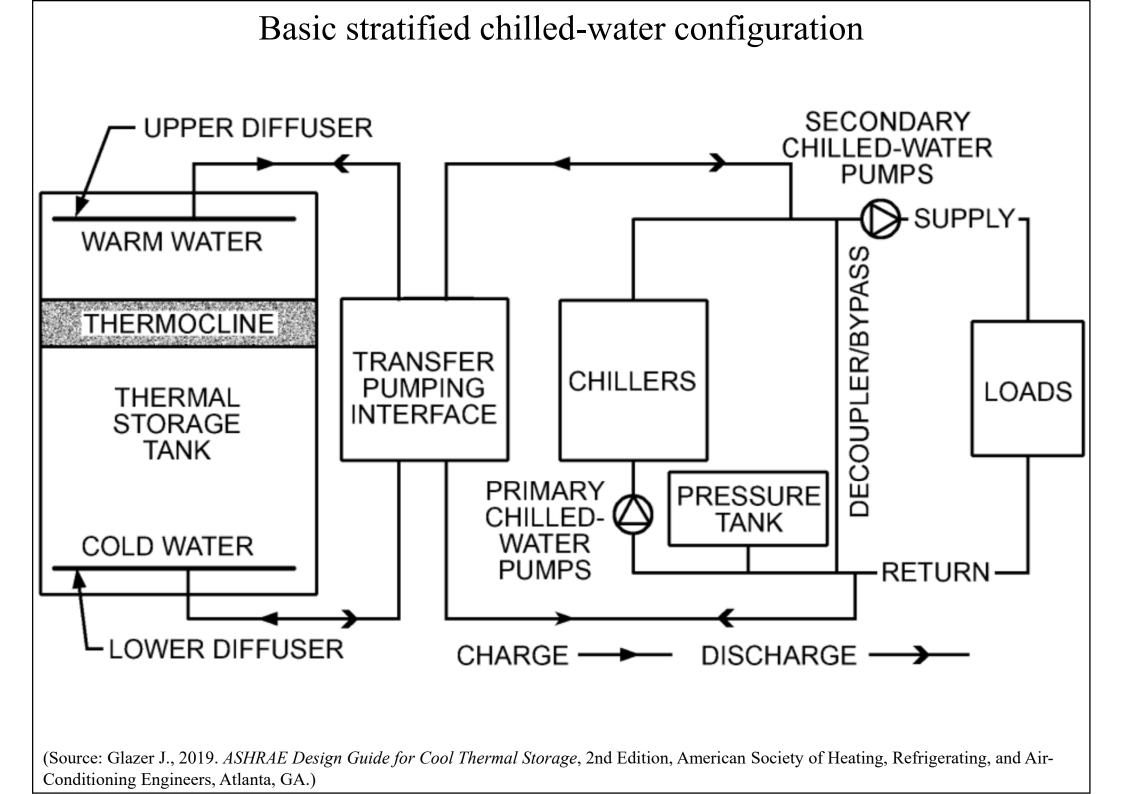
Capacity Range

Туре	Models Available, tons (kW _t)	Typical Selection Range, tons (kW _t)
Reciprocating	<25-450 (<90-1600)	<25–150 (<90–530)
Screw	25–1250 (90–4400)	50-500 (180-1800)
Centrifugal	80–10,000 (280–35,000)	200–2000 (700–7000)
Scroll	<20-60 (<70-210)	20-60 (70-210)
Absorption	40–1600 (140–5600)	200–1600 (7000–5600)



Chilled-water storage

- Major characteristics:
 - Uses standard chillers operating at high rates of efficiency with no need for special equipment
 - Is ideal for increasing capacity of existing conventional systems
 - Becomes increasingly economical with larger tank sizes
 - Competitive first cost at approximately 2000 ton-h
 - Can serve double duty by providing a water reservoir for fire protection
 - Is proven, reliable and has a long history of successful installations
 - Can be configured to store both warm and chilled water

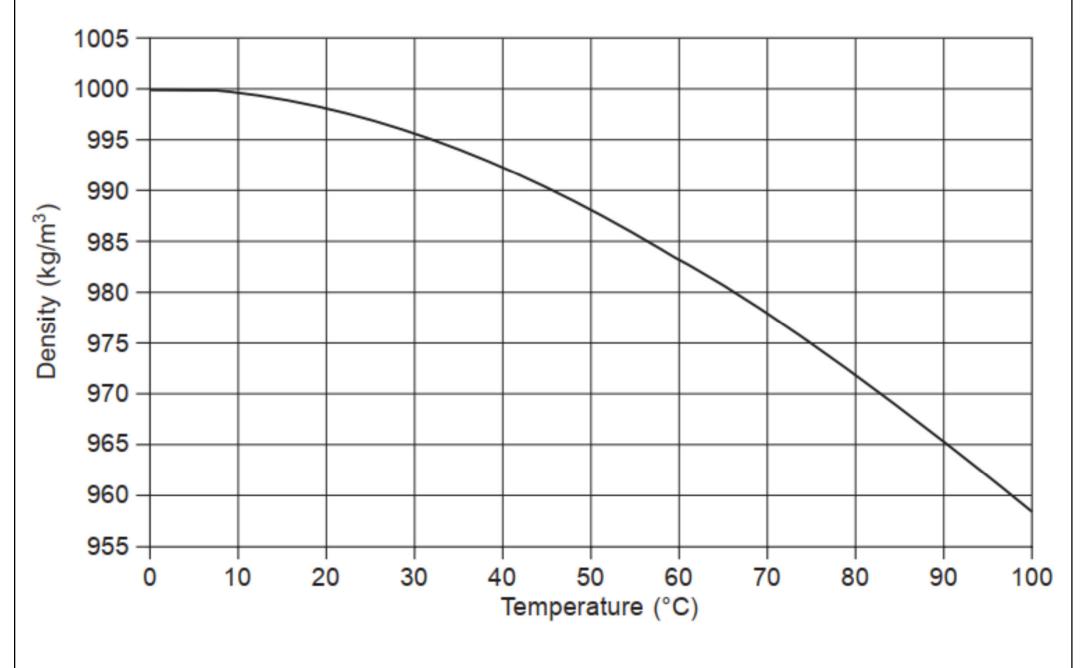


Chilled-water storage

• Stratification:

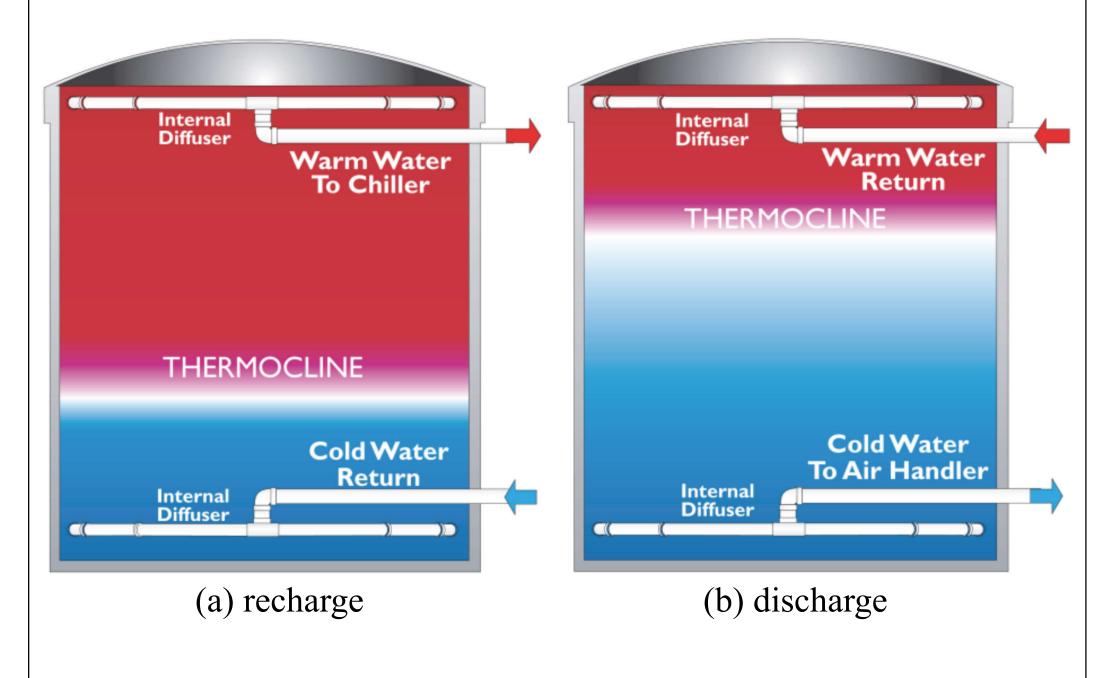
- Separation between warmer and cooler water
 - Tendency of water to form horizontal layers of uniform temperature due to its temperature dependent density
 - Warmer, less dense water lies above cooler, denser chilled water due to buoyancy forces
- Well-designed stratified chilled water storage tanks can deliver 90% to 95% of the stored energy as useful cooling
- A <u>thermocline</u> or transition layer between the warm upper zone and the cool lower zone

Water density as a function of temperature

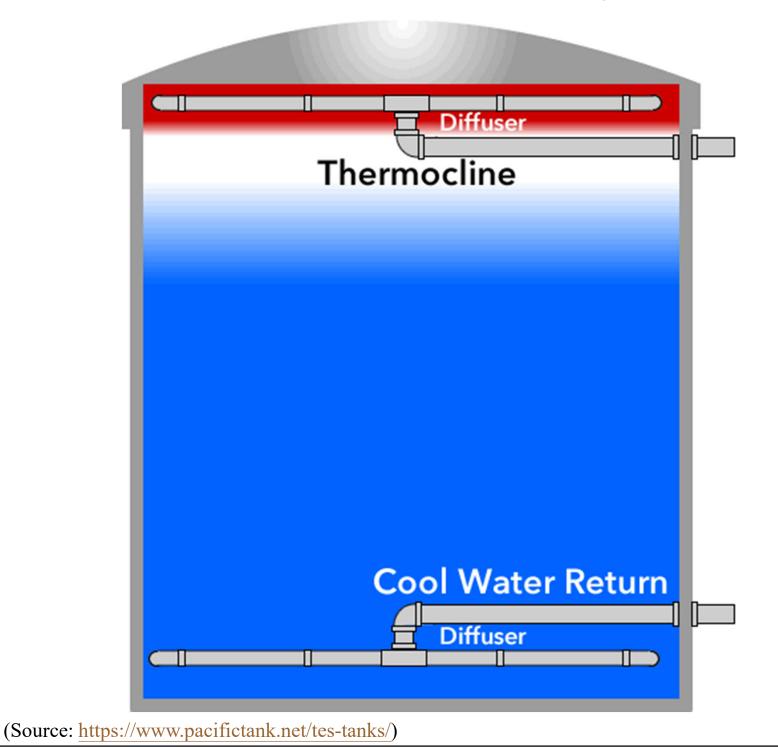


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Stratified chilled-water tank during (a) recharge and (b) discharge



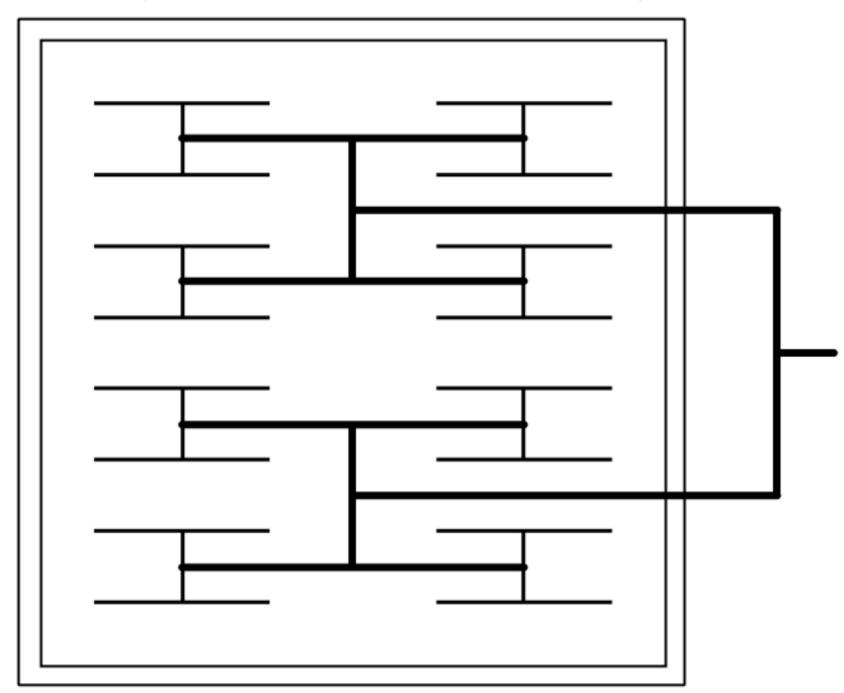
Chilled water thermal storage stratified tank



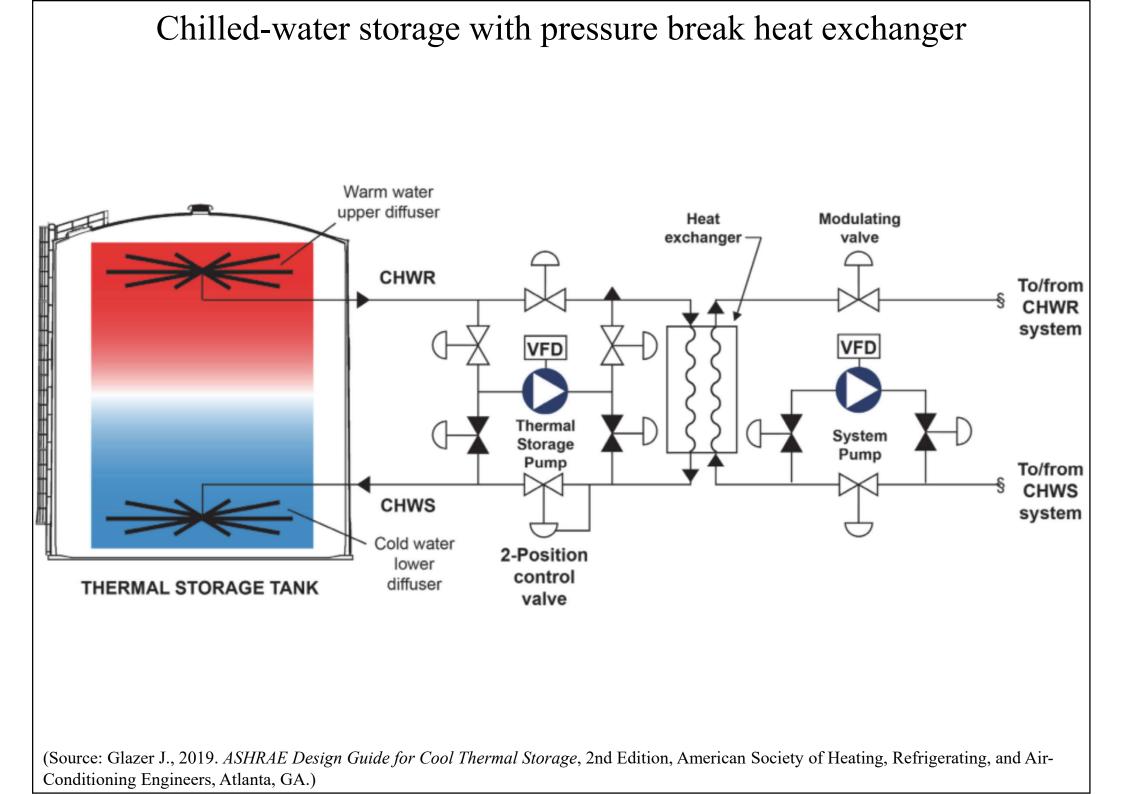
Chilled-water storage

- Design of chilled-water storage tanks:
 - Shape, location, construction factors, material of construction, insulation and diffuser design
- Controls and instrumentation:
 - Temperature sensors, pressure sensors, flow meters and water level sensors
 - Monitor the levels of warm and cold water
 - Multiple tanks require extra valving and controls
- Interface with building systems
 - Temperature differential & distribution pressure

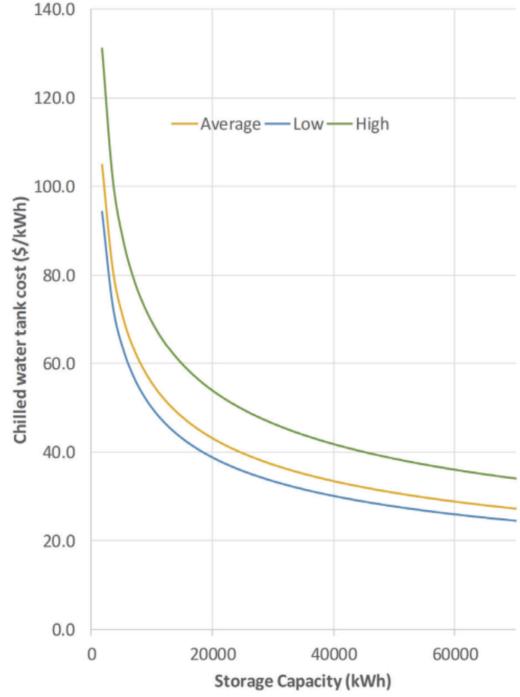
H-style diffuser in a chilled water storage tank



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Costs for chilled-water storage tanks



Factors affecting the costs:

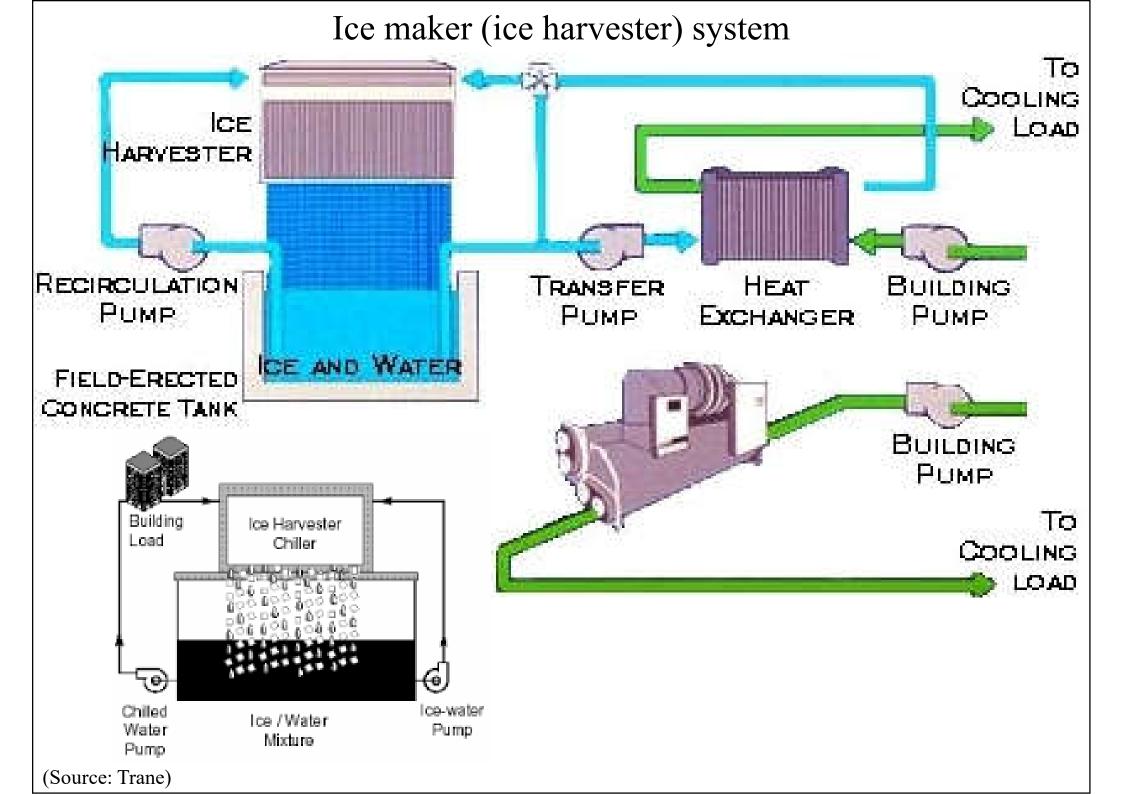
- Chilled-water ΔT (between supply and return)
- Material
- Shape
- Size
- Existing soil type and capacity
- Local conditions affecting ease of construction
- Local labour requirements
- Coatings
- Insulation
- Foundation

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Ice thermal storage



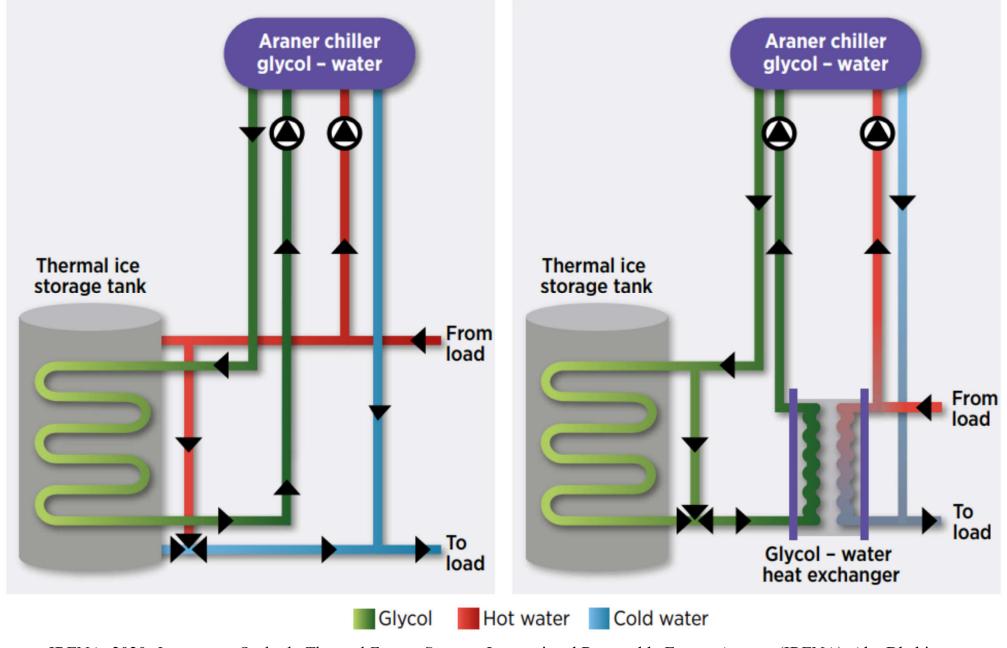
- The most prevalent ice storage technologies:
 - 1. <u>Ice maker systems</u> (ice harvester including spray-slush ice)
 - 2. <u>Ice-on-coil in an open water side system</u> (requires some periodic water treatment)
 - 3. Ice-on-coil using brine in a closed (pressurized) water side system
 - 4. <u>Ice slurry systems</u> (pump the ice slurry)
 - 5. Other system types (such as encapsulated ice, ice balls, eutectic salt storage) are variations being developed and commercialized



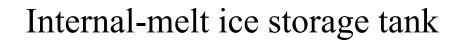
Ice-on-coil system

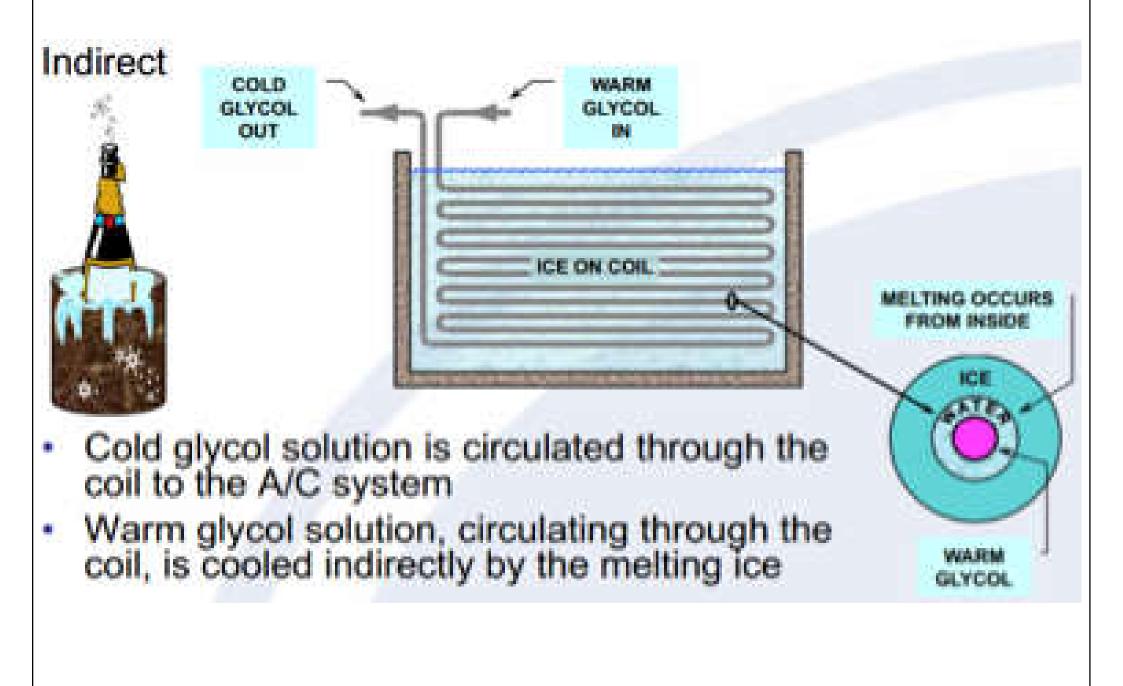
External melt-on coil

Internal melt-on coil

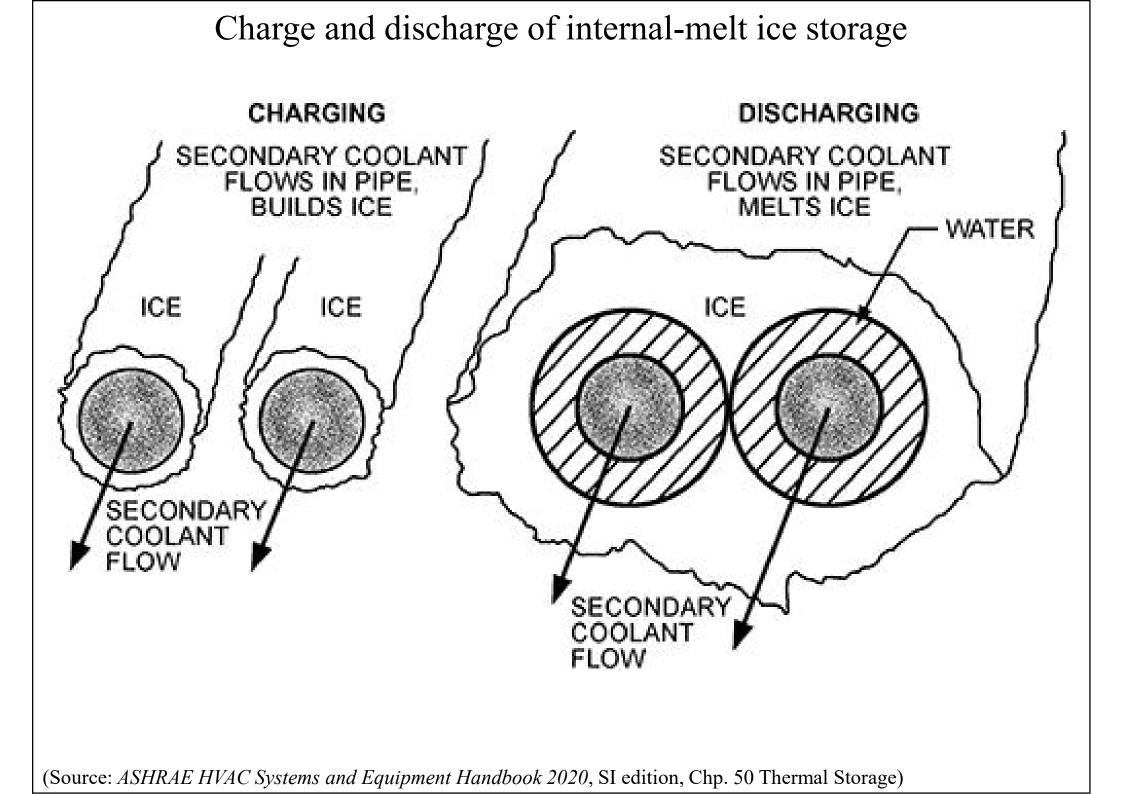


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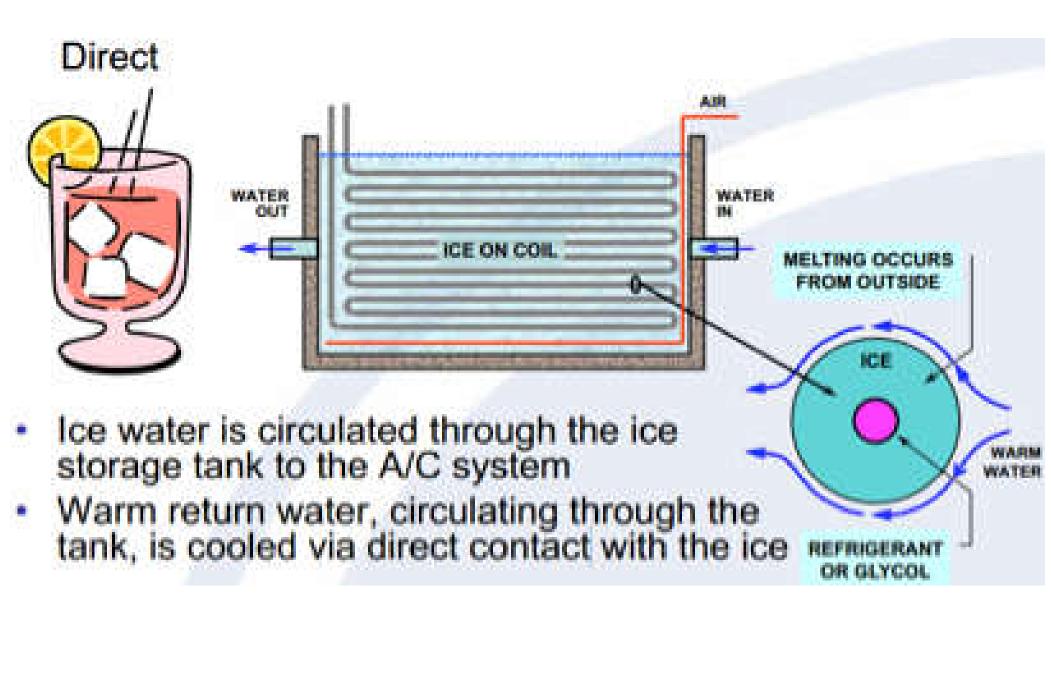




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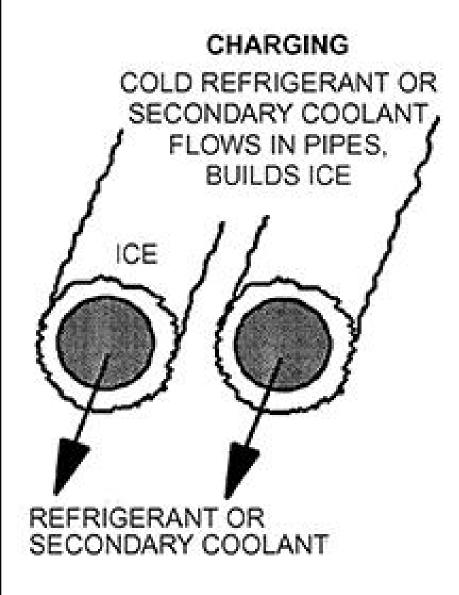


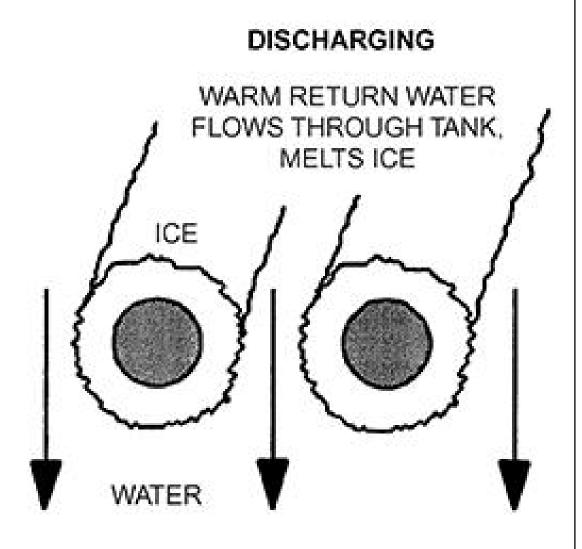
External-melt ice storage tank



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Charge and discharge of external-melt ice storage





(Source: ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook 2020, SI edition, Chp. 50 Thermal Storage)

Comparison of external-melt and internal-melt ice storage system

External-melt	Internal-melt
 Project requires constant, cold supply water temperature of about 1 °C or quick discharge periods Trained operating staff Savings in distribution piping system Highest energy efficiency 	 Projects does not require coldest possible supply temperature Simpler design and operation Individual buildings Energy efficiency is less critical (extra heat transfer required)
Direct	Indirect

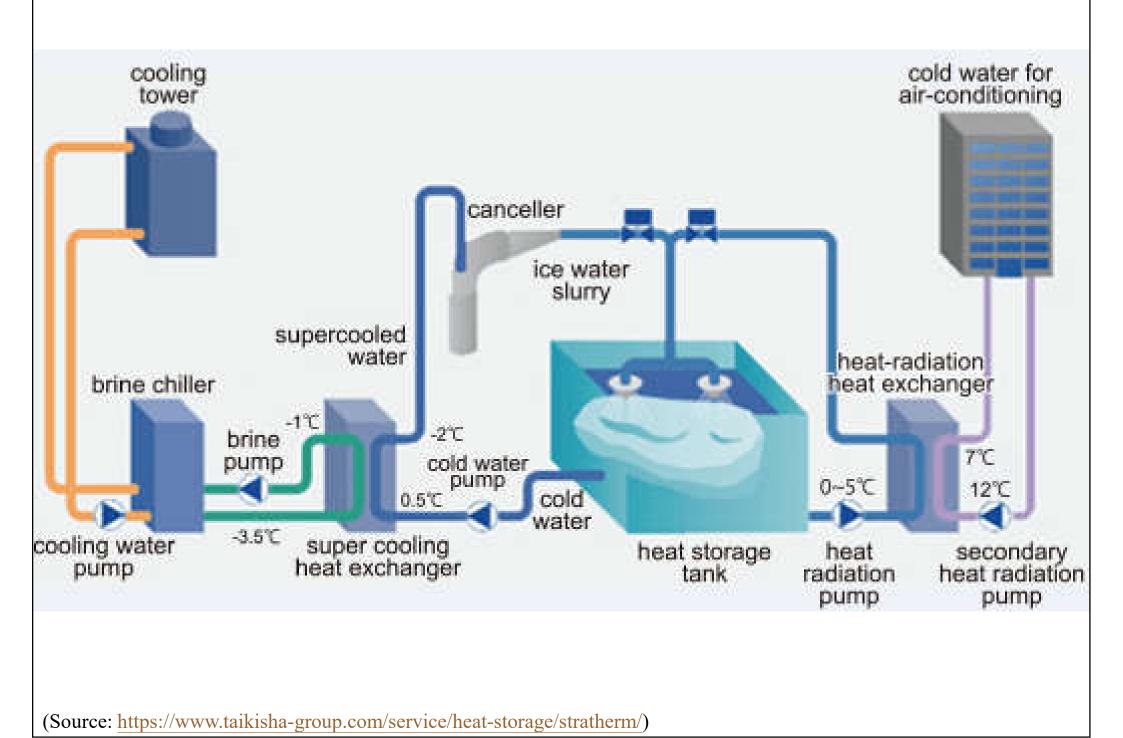
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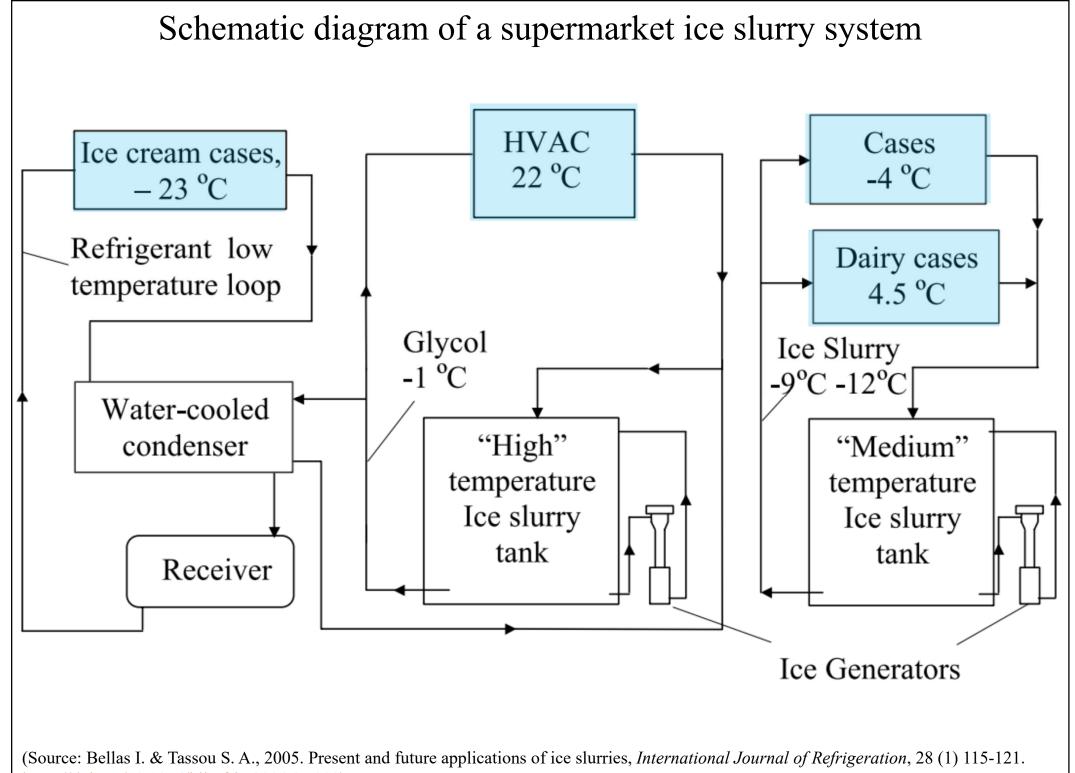
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Schematic of a thermal storage system using ice water slurry





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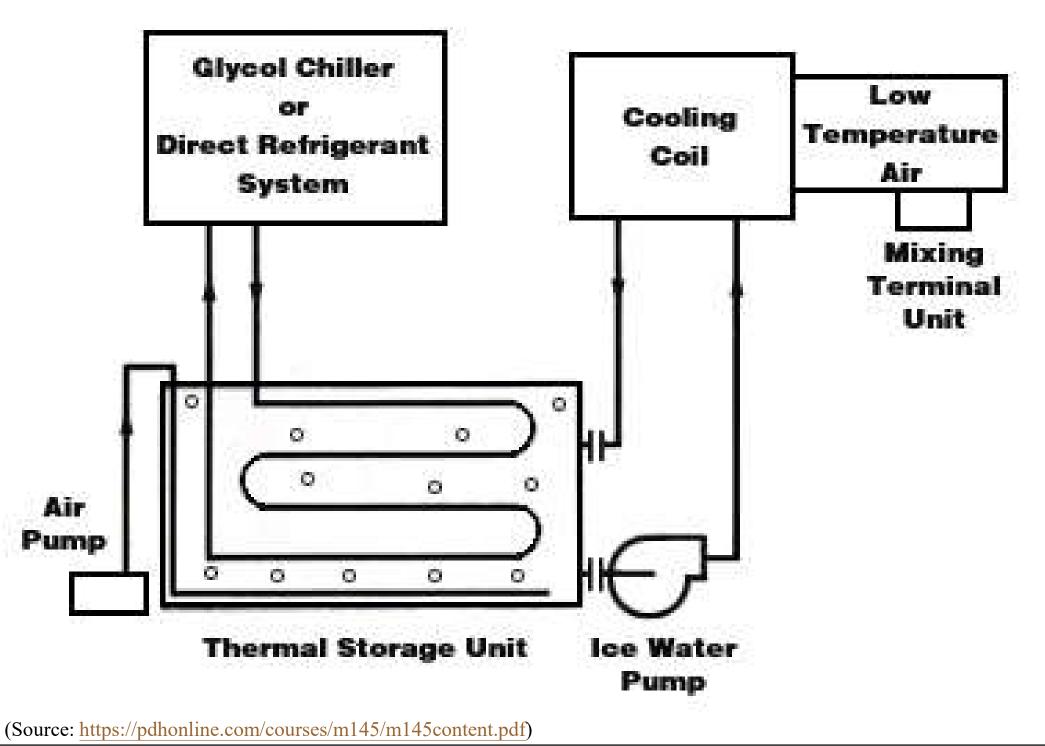
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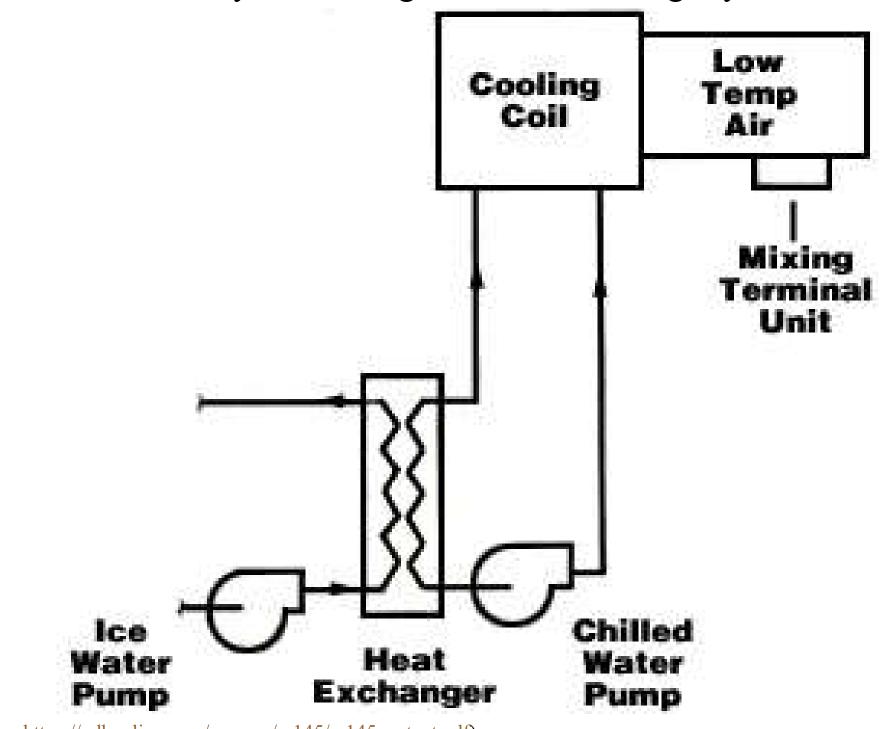


- System arrangements of ice storage systems:
 - 1. <u>Open system</u> (cold refrigerant or a brine solution is circulated through pipe coils submerged in an open water tank)
 - 2. <u>Closed system</u> (a heat exchanger is used between the circulating ice water and building chilled water)
 - 3. <u>Modular ice storage systems using glycol brine</u> (Chilled brine is circulated through a series of heat exchange tubes to freeze most of the liquid in the tank to ice)

Open system arrangement of ice storage systems

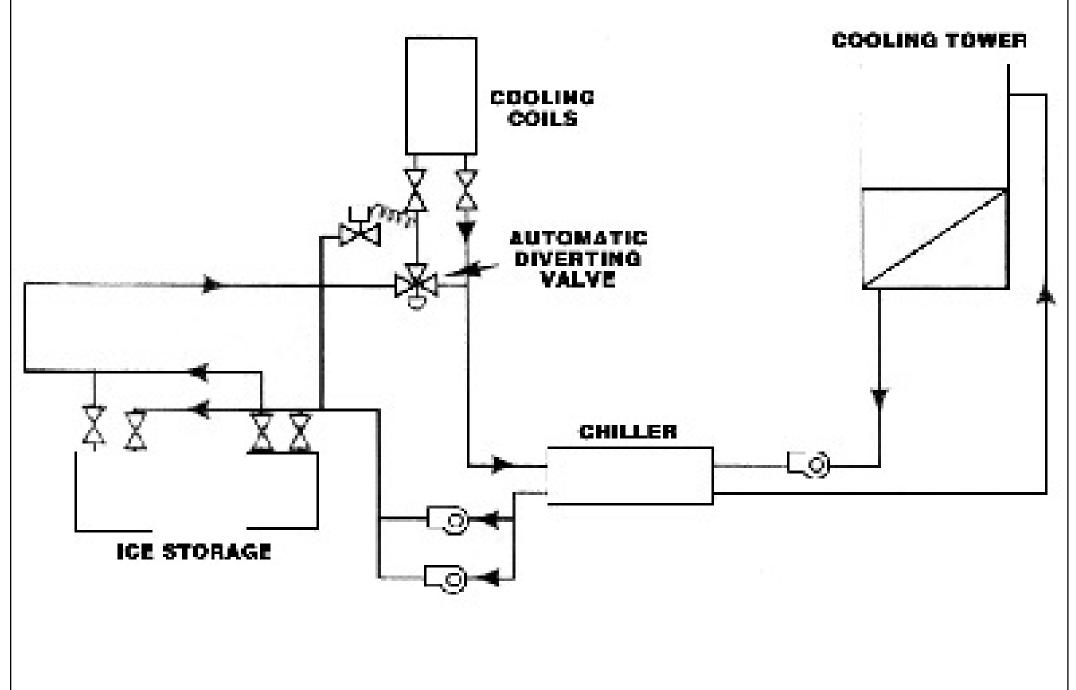


Closed system arrangement of ice storage systems

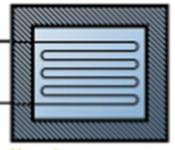


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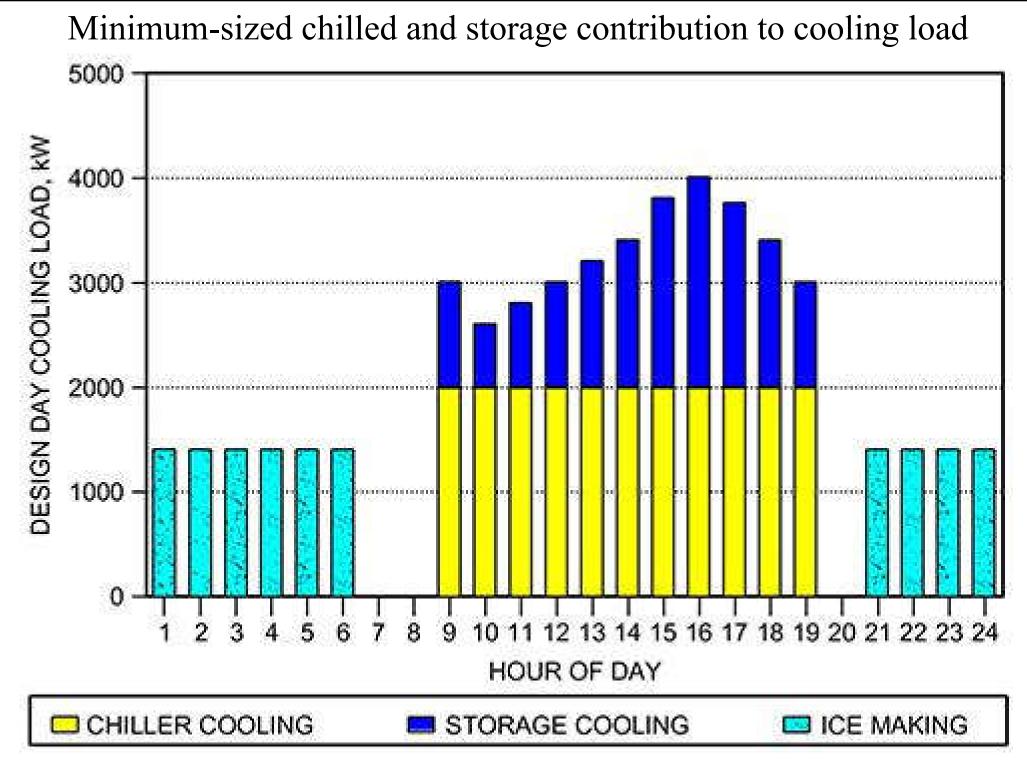
Modular ice storage system using brine



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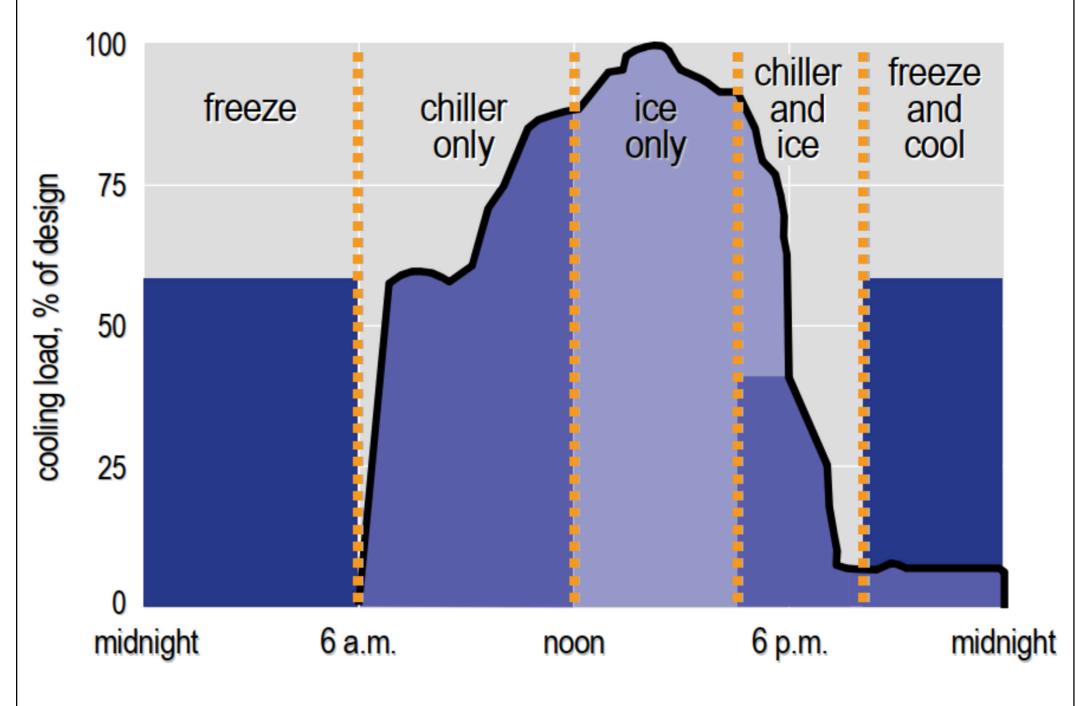


- Typical design process of ice storage systems:
 - 1. Define the mission
 - Which of the potential benefits of ice storage are more important for the project?
 - Priority of these benefits will dictate how the system is designed and controlled
 - 2. Determine ice storage capacity
 - Available space
 - Economics (installed cost & life-cycle cost)
 - Hourly cooling load & energy analysis
 - 3. Select the storage tanks and chillers



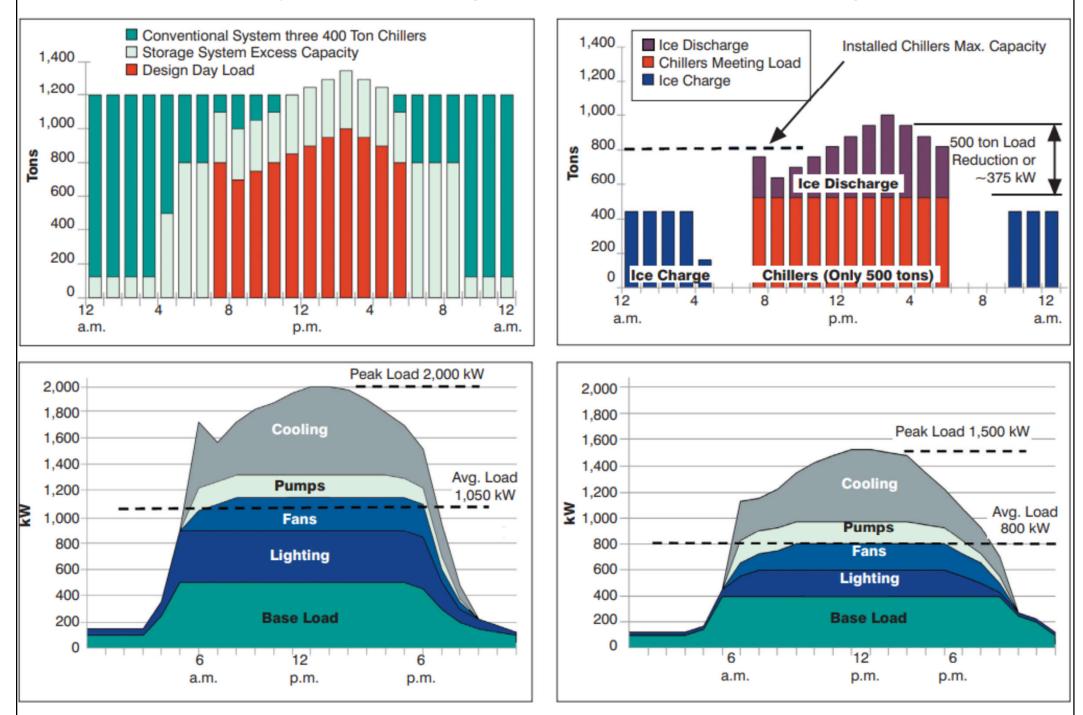
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Tactical and strategic control of ice thermal storage system

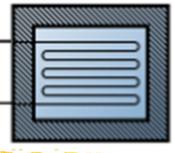


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Analysis of cooling load for ice thermal storage

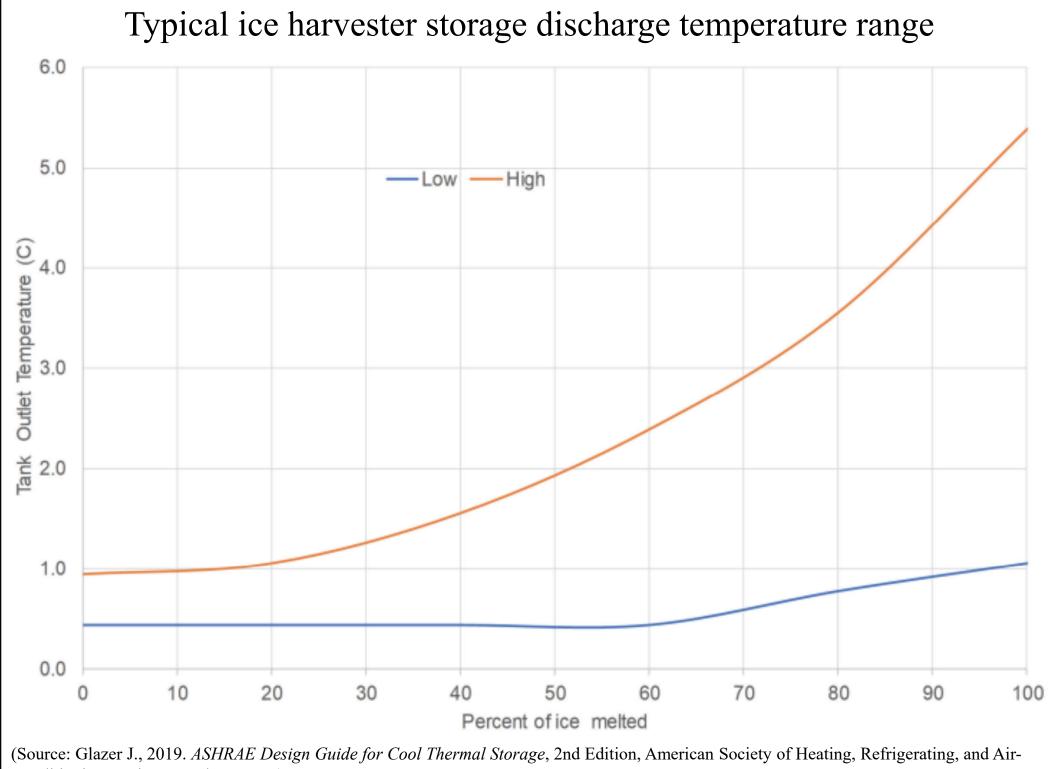


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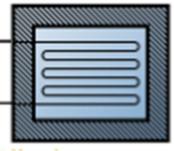


• Design considerations:

- Sizing basis (full/partial storage, demand limiting)
- Chiller capacity and storage capacity, and required supply temperature
- Design operating profile (load, chiller output, and amount added to or taken from storage)
- Chiller operating conditions while charging storage when meeting the load directly
- Chiller efficiency under each operating condition
- System control strategy (design-day and part-load)

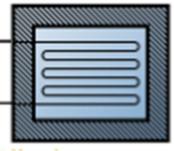


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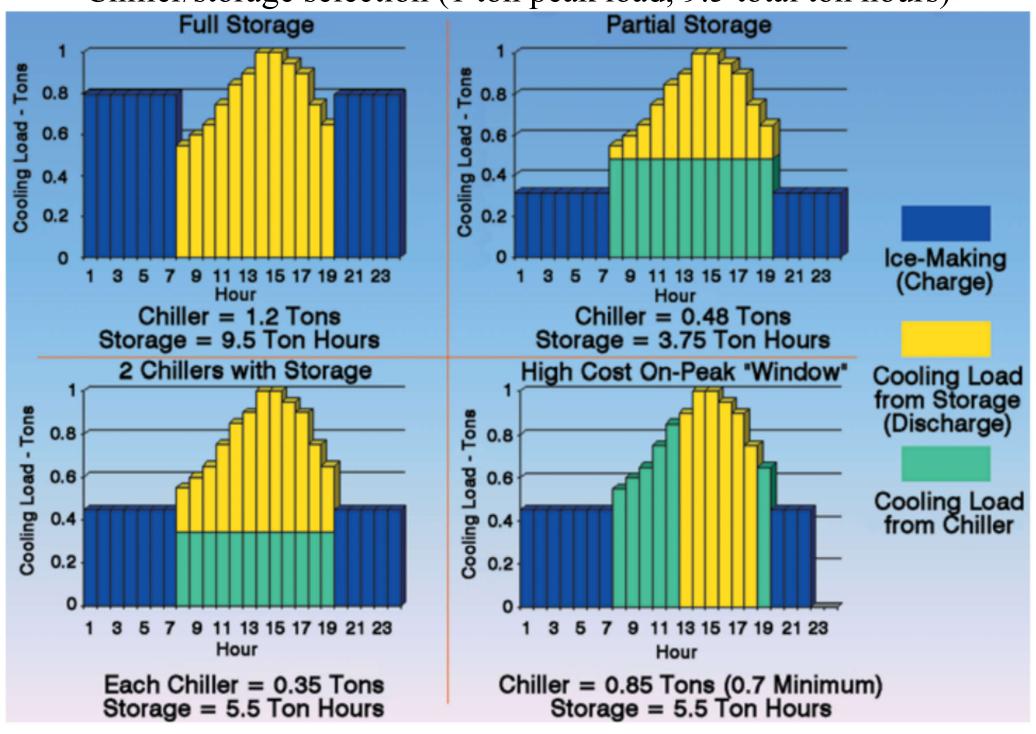
• Component sizing

- Total ton hours = chiller [day + night] capacity
- Chiller day capacity = chiller tons x day hours
- Chiller night capacity = chiller tons x derating x night hours
- Total ton hours = chiller tons (day hours + derating x night hours)
- Chiller tons = (total ton hours) / (days hours + derating x night hours)
- Storage ton hours = total ton hours chiller tons x day hours



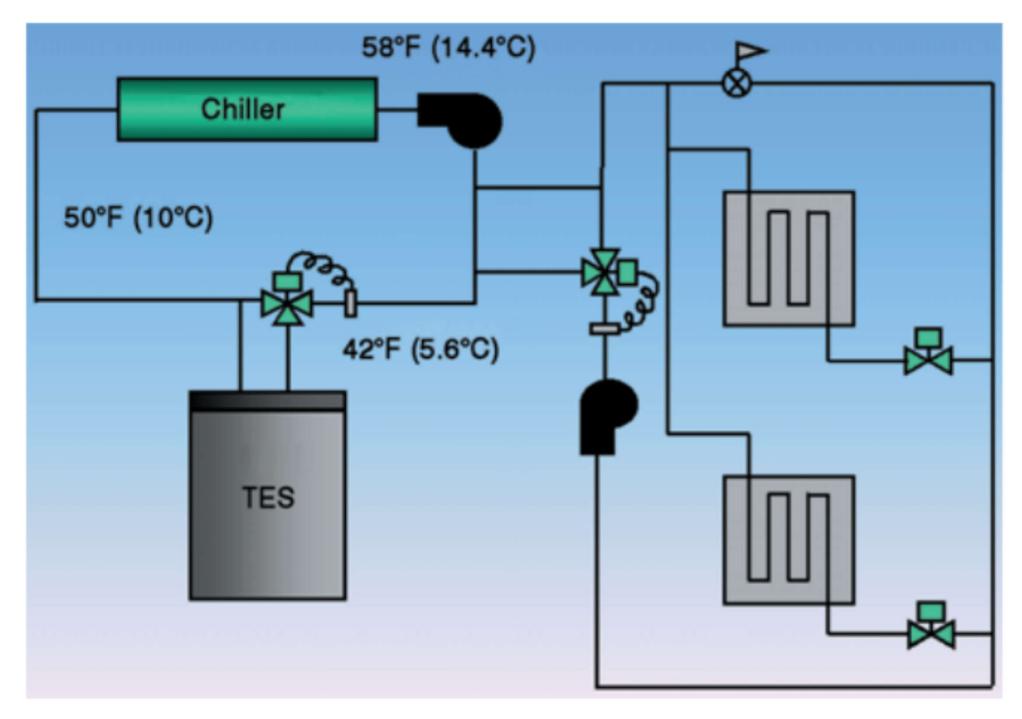
- Equipment selection criteria
 - Heat transfer fluid type & concentration
 - Ice tank model
 - Chiller daytime contribution as a % of nominal
 - Chiller charging capacity as a % of nominal
 - Supply and return delta T
 - 24 hour load profile
 - Full or partial storage

Chiller/storage selection (1 ton peak load, 9.5 total ton hours)



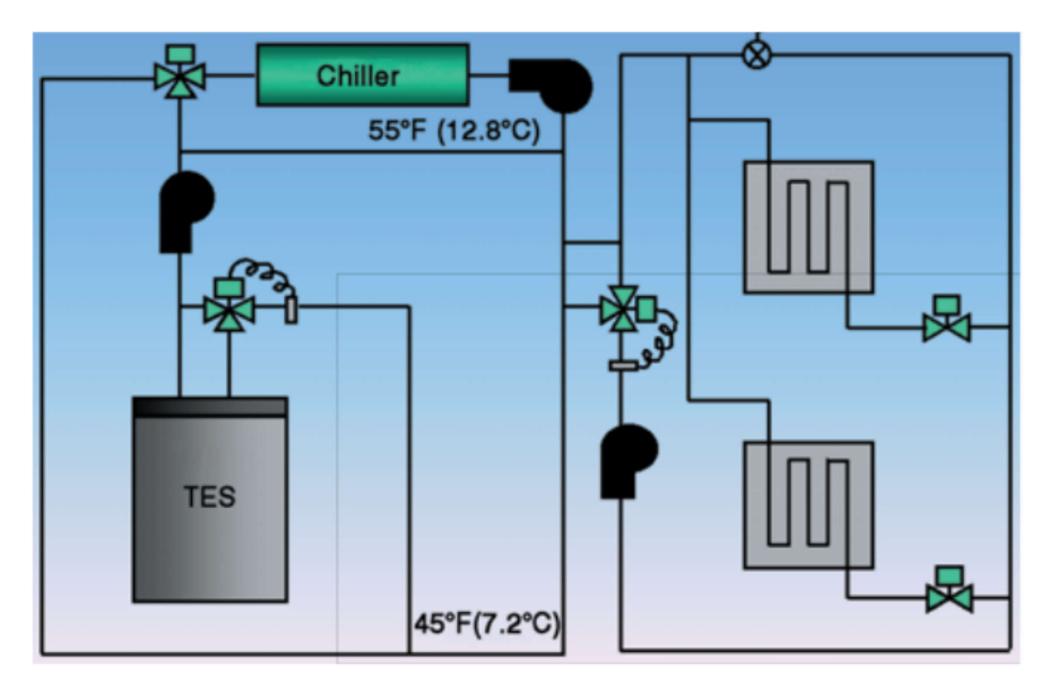
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Ice thermal storage system in series flow with chiller upstream



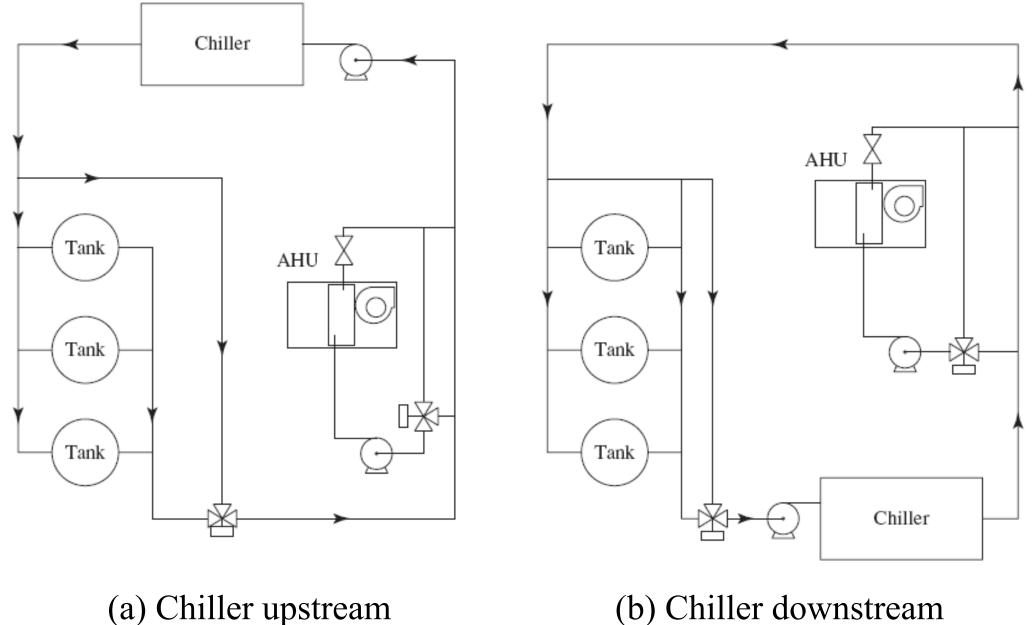
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Ice thermal storage system in parallel flow



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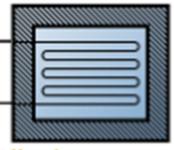
Ice thermal storage systems with chiller upstream and downstream



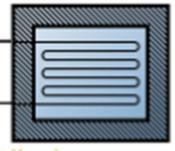
(a) Chiller upstream

Arrangement of ice and chillers in series

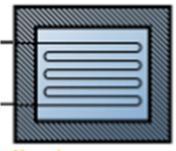
Chiller in upstream position	Chiller in downstream position
Increases chiller efficiency	Decreases chiller efficiency
Increases chiller capacity	Decreases chiller capacity
Decreases ice capacity	Increases ice capacity
Simplifies system layout	(reduced number of tanks?)
• Tank capacity loss doesn't	• Tank capacity benefit is
exceed chiller efficiency and	substantial
capacity benefits	• Larger system, centrifugals
• Smaller system, screw or	tanks upstream
scroll tanks downstream	



- Air-cooled or water-cooled chillers?
 - Not that much design difference
 - <u>Air-cooled</u>:
 - Reduces initial investment for efficient system
 - Fewer components to select
 - <u>Water-cooled</u>:
 - Large chiller capacities (>500 tons)
 - May require multiple stages of compression
 - Expanded economizer cycle
 - Ice extends the hours for water economizer free cooling cycle
 - Reduces cooling tower energy by charging tanks at night with fans unloaded



- Chilled water piping arrangement
 - Constant volume (3-way valves on AHU coils)
 - Wider ΔTs reduce pumping horsepower
 - Larger system justified
 - Better for small systems
 - Constant primary/variable secondary
 - Variable primary flow
 - Can save more energy than primary/secondary
 - Controls more complicated
- Direction of flow during charge & discharge
 - Same direction for best operation



• System operating modes

- 1. Cool building with chiller only
- 2. Cool building with ice only
- 3. Cool building with chiller & ice
- 4. Make ice
- 5. Make ice & cool building
- 6. Off
- Energy saving goals
 - Peak shaving (kW reduction), load shifting (kWh deferral), real-time pricing response

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