



# **HEAT RECOVERY CHILLERS:**

*Opportunities, De-Carbonization, and Other Considerations*

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# HEAT RECOVERY CHILLERS

## **Opportunities**

- Why Heat Recovery on Condenser Water Systems
- Code Compliance Requirements for Heat Recovery Chillers
- Minimum Expense/Maximum Recovery

## **De-Carbonization**

- Economical Path towards 100% Fossil-Free Heat
  - Water Cooled Chillers with Simultaneous Hot Water
  - Air Cooled Chiller with Simultaneous Hot Water

## **Other Considerations**

- Non-HVAC “free” heat recovery sources often overlooked

# Why Heat Recovery on Condenser Water Systems

## **Heat Recovery Source: AIR to AIR**

1. Requires a large amount of conditioned space to run ductwork
2. Fan Power excessive as duct system increases
3. No on-site storage for off-peak use

# Why Heat Recovery on Condenser Water Systems

## **Heat Recovery Source: Refrigerant**

1. Can only share energy within a single circuit
2. Compressor losses limits scalability  
(440 equivalent feet line set = 20% reduction in compressor efficiency)
3. No on-site storage for off-peak use

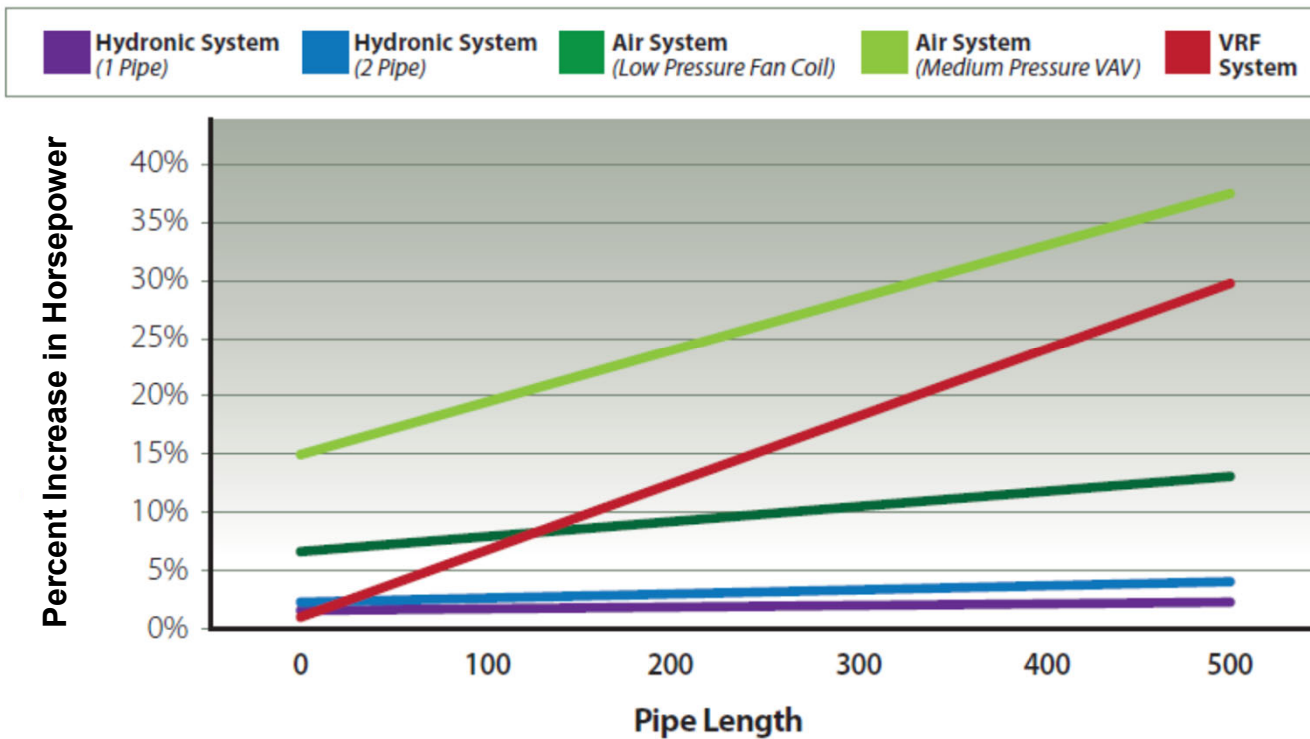
# Why Heat Recovery on Condenser Water Systems

## Heat Recovery Source: Water

1. Moves energy **10 times more efficiently** than air
2. Small diameter piping moves large amounts of energy
3. Scalable and easy to shut off flow to zones that are satisfied for minimizing operating costs of the transportation system
4. Offers on-site storage opportunities for off-Peak loads
5. Easy to connect to onsite renewables like solar, ground loop, and bio-mass co-generation heat

# Why Heat Recovery on Condenser Water Systems

## Distribution / Pumping Energy



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# CODES: HEAT RECOVERY CHILLERS:

**ASHRAE 90.1-2019, section 6.5.6.2.1; IECC 2018, section C403.9.5**

## **Heat Recovery for Service Water Heating**

Condenser heat recovery systems are mandated on systems of 6,000,000 BTUH (500 tons) of heat of rejection or greater (400 ton CHW), and with service hot water loads exceeding 1,000,000 BTUH (84 tons), and the building operates 24 hours per day.

The required heat recovery system shall have the capacity to provide (*as a minimum*) the smaller of:

- a. 60% of the peak heat rejection load at design conditions, or
- b. preheat of the peak service hot water draw to 85° F.

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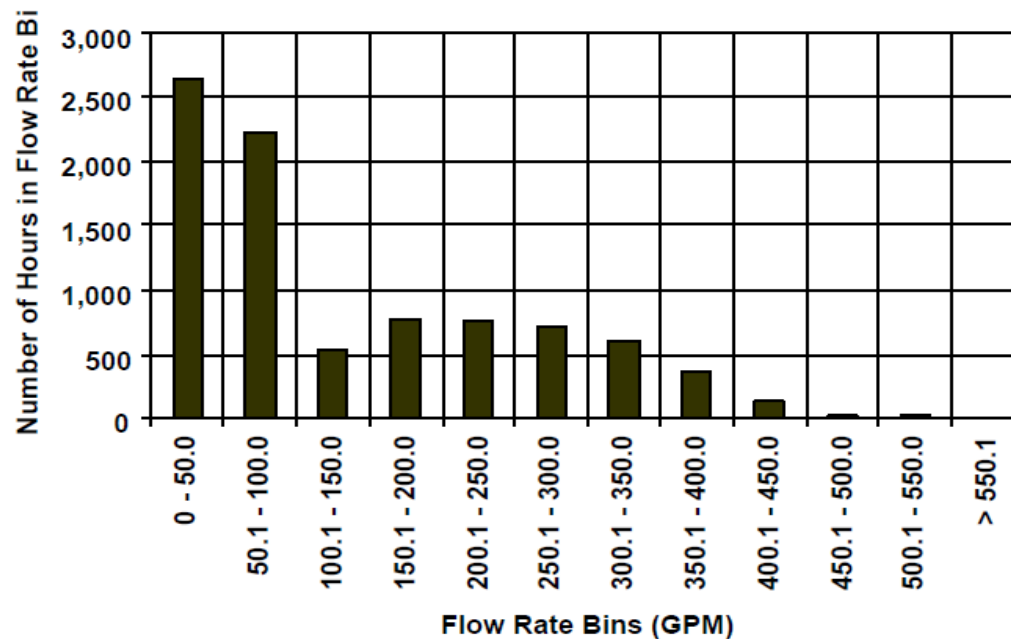
If the condenser heat recovery system is used to provide space heating and space re-heat exceeding 30% of the designed peak water cooled condenser load



Let's consider why 30%

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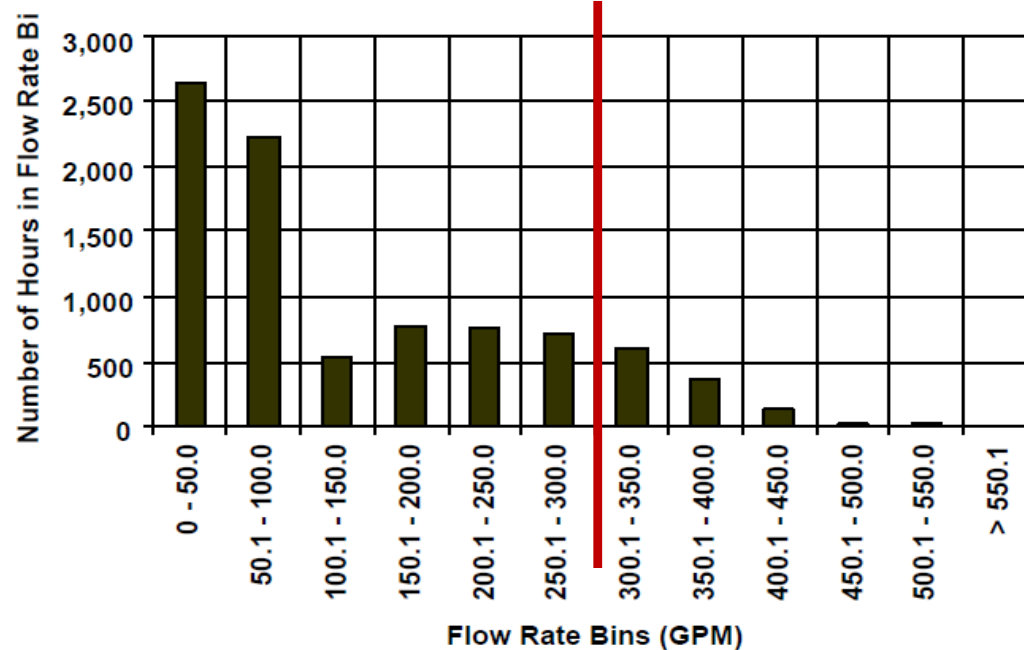
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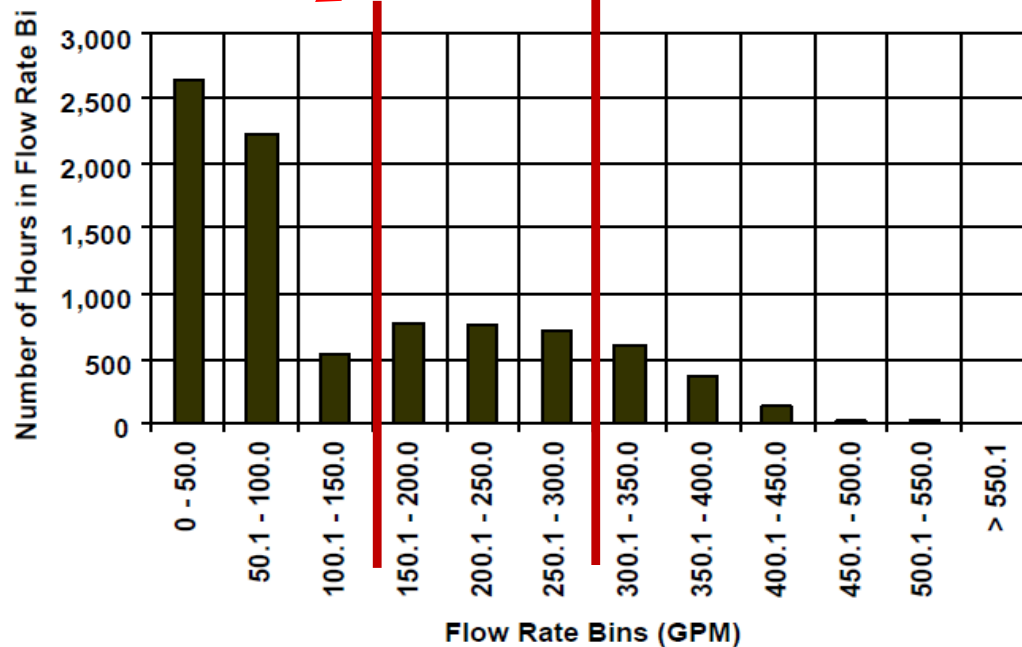


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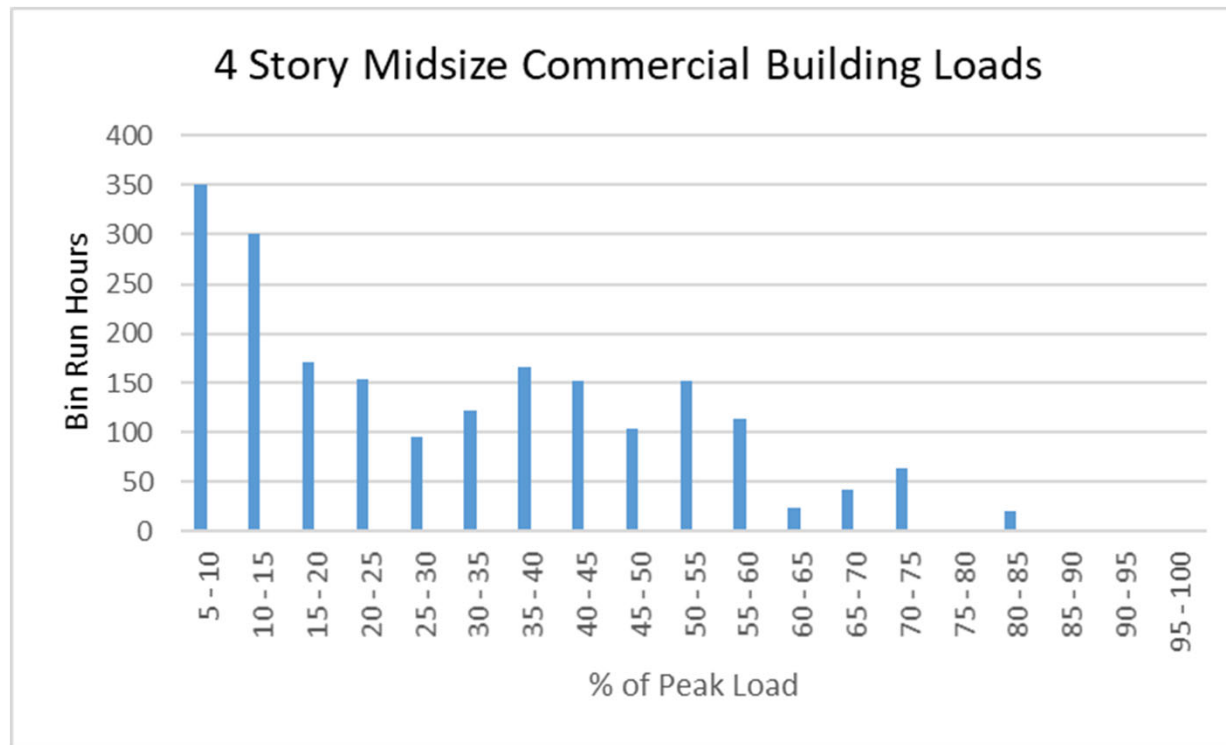
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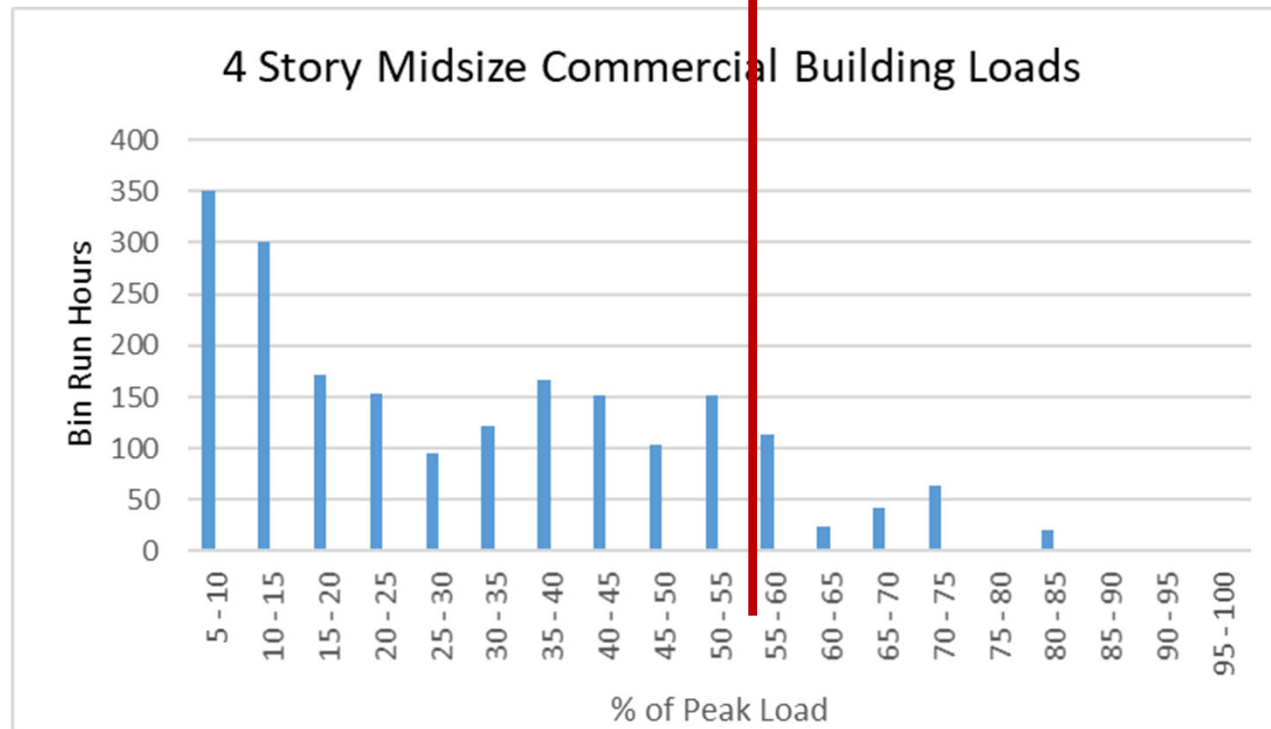
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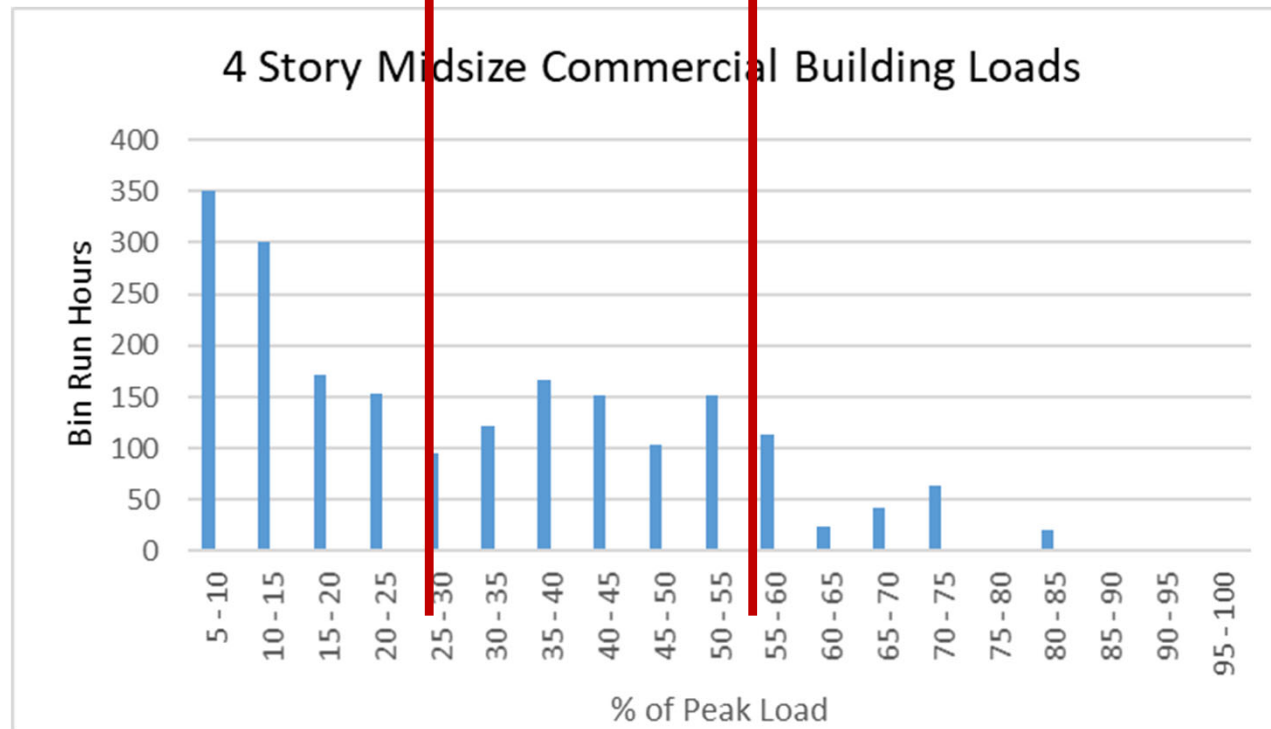
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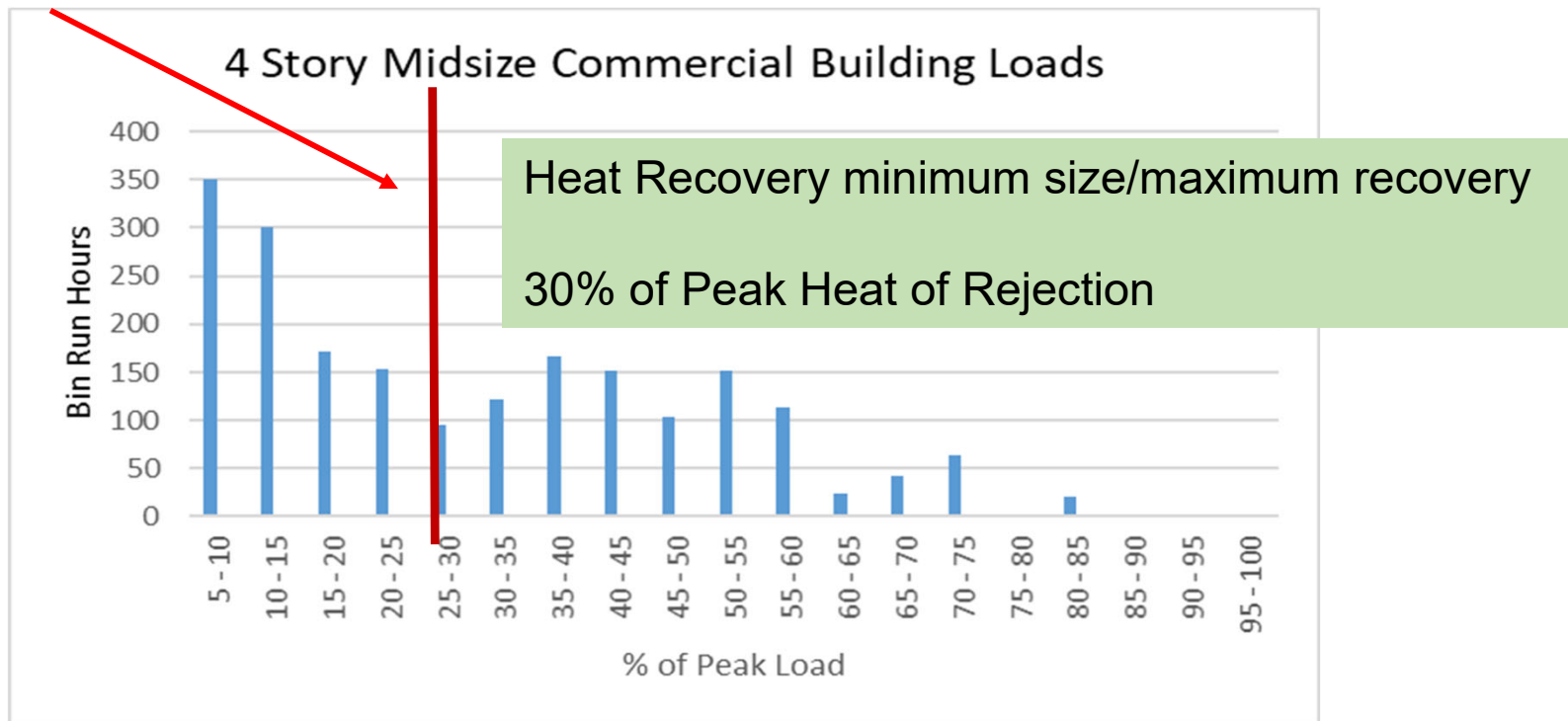
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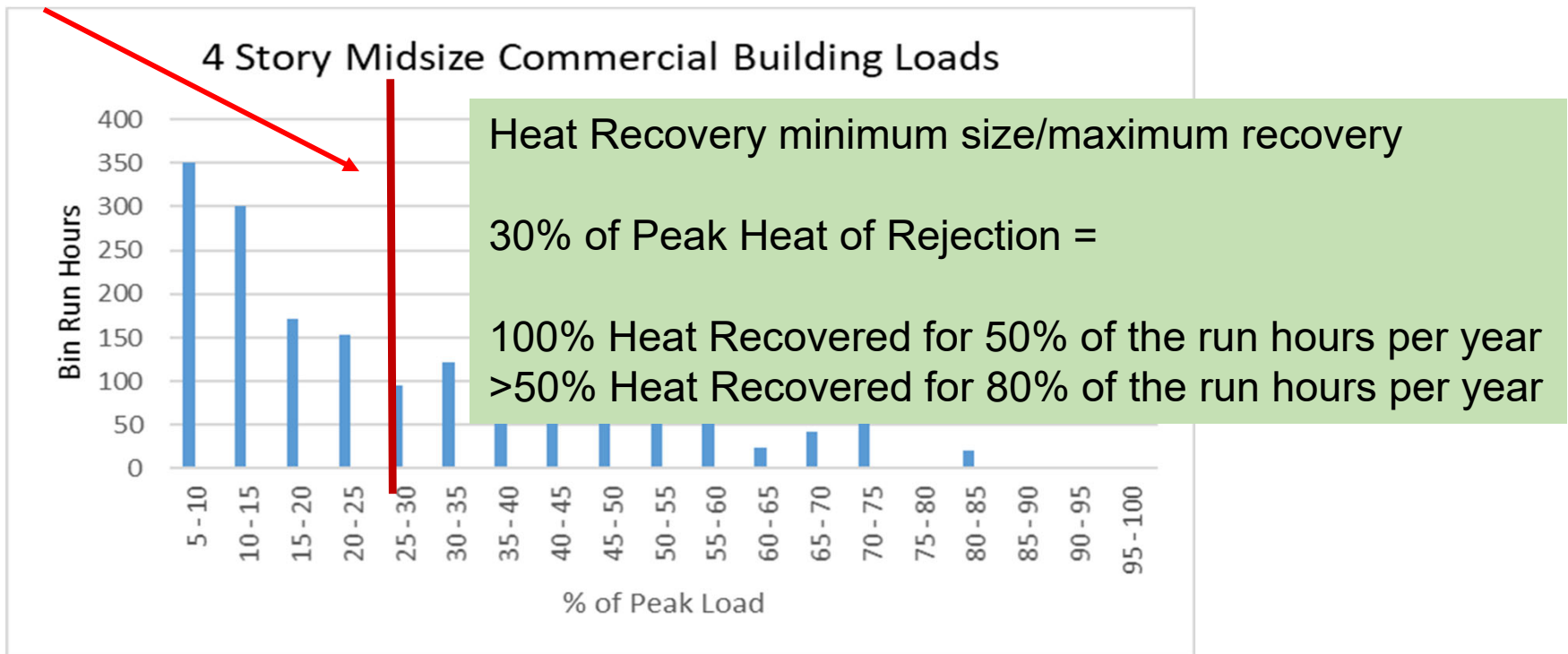
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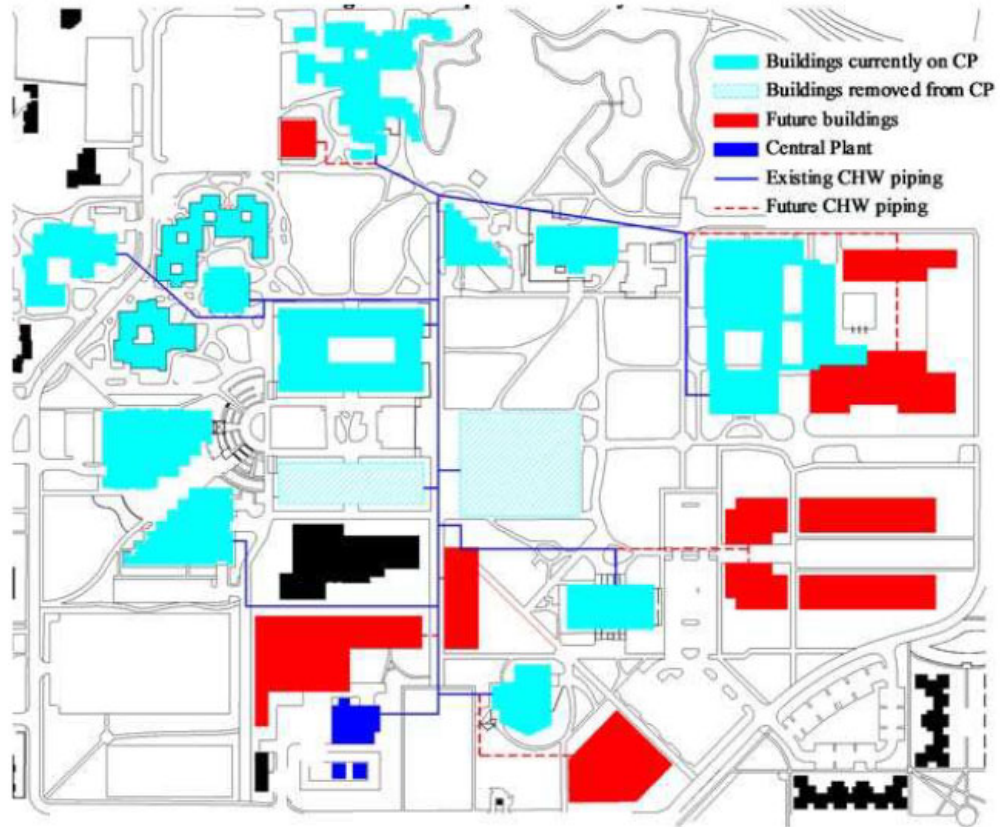
- Dedicated Heat Recovery Chiller
- Primary Chiller with Double Bundle Condenser for Simultaneous CHW & HW
- Primary Air Cooled Chiller with Heat Recovery for Simultaneous CHW & HW

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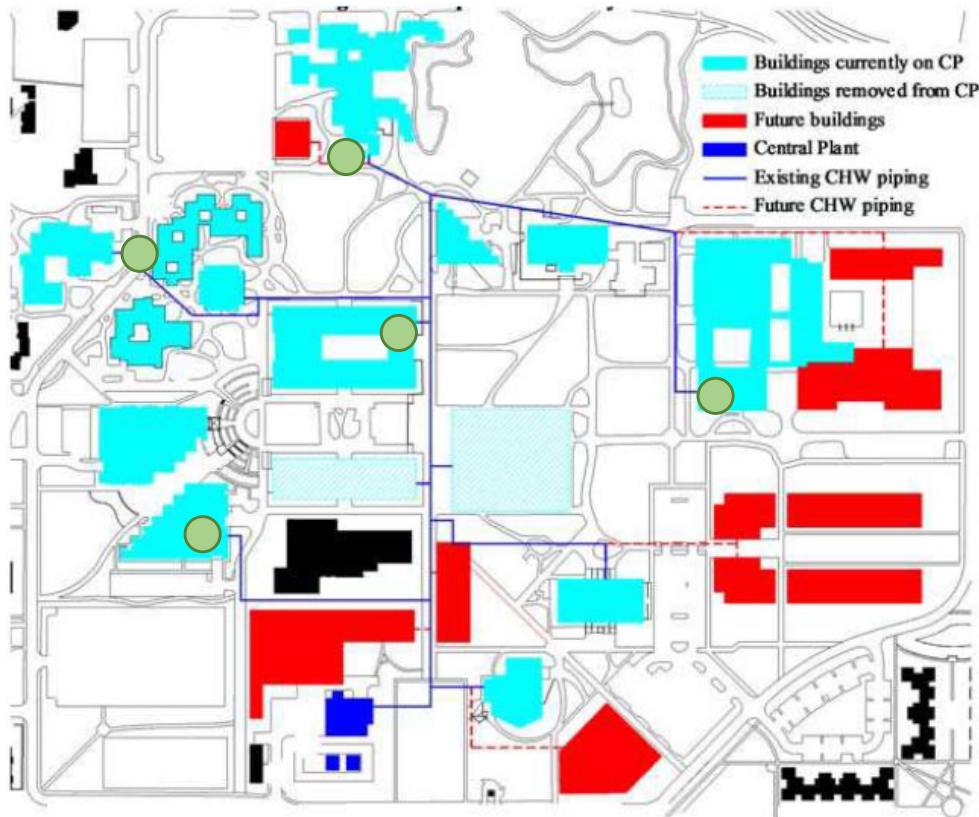
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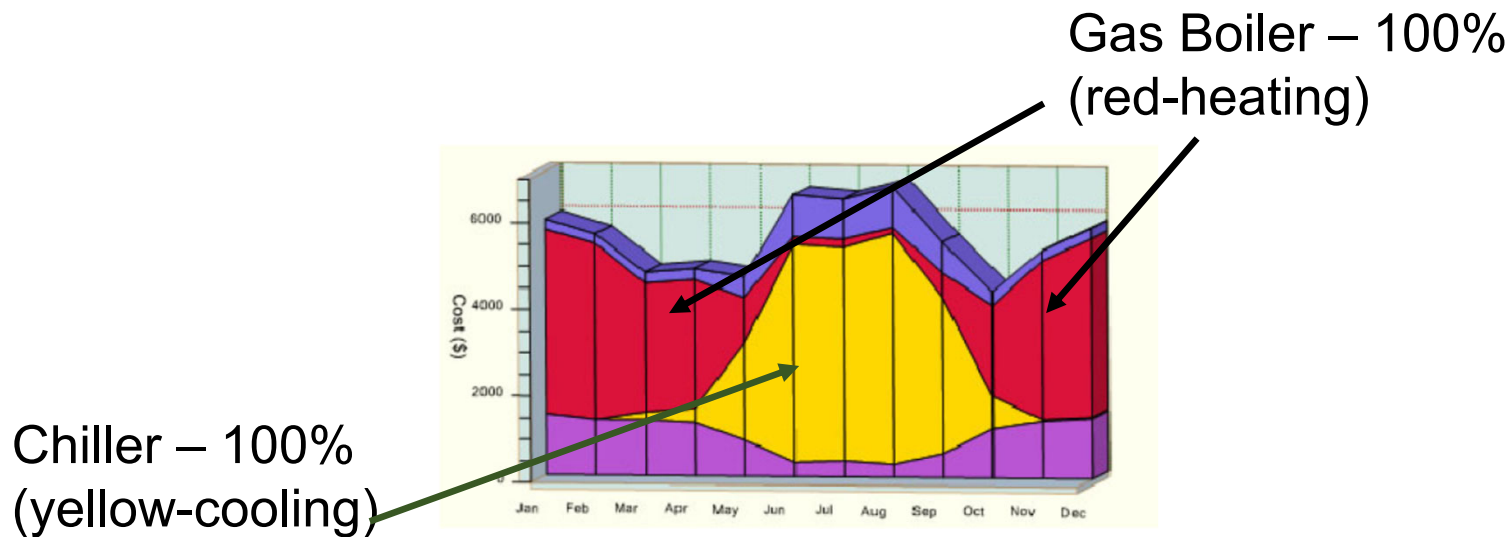
## Hot Water Capacity

	<b>10S</b>	<b>12S</b>	<b>15S</b>	<b>19S</b>	<b>20S</b>	<b>20T</b>	<b>22T</b>	<b>23S</b>
<b>Heating Capacity (TR)</b>	81.6	100.2	121.3	141.4	177.0	167.0	182.3	213.6
<b>Model</b>	<b>24T</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>27T</b>	<b>30S</b>	<b>30T</b>	<b>36S</b>	<b>38T</b>	<b>40T</b>
<b>Heating Capacity (TR)</b>	201.8	251.2	222.9	290.0	250.2	323.3	282.1	349.8
<b>Model</b>	<b>41S</b>	<b>46S</b>	<b>46T</b>	<b>50T</b>	<b>54T</b>	<b>57T</b>	<b>60T</b>	<b>73T</b>
<b>Heating Capacity (TR)</b>	372.2	430.6	437.4	470.2	509.9	541.4	578.1	651.8
<b>Model</b>	<b>75T</b>	<b>81T</b>	<b>87T</b>	<b>90T</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Heating Capacity (TR)</b>	695.0	741.4	799.9	856.7	917.6	956.9	996.1	1037.0

Hot Water: 120/140 F @ CHW: 54/44 F @ as high as 3.75 COP

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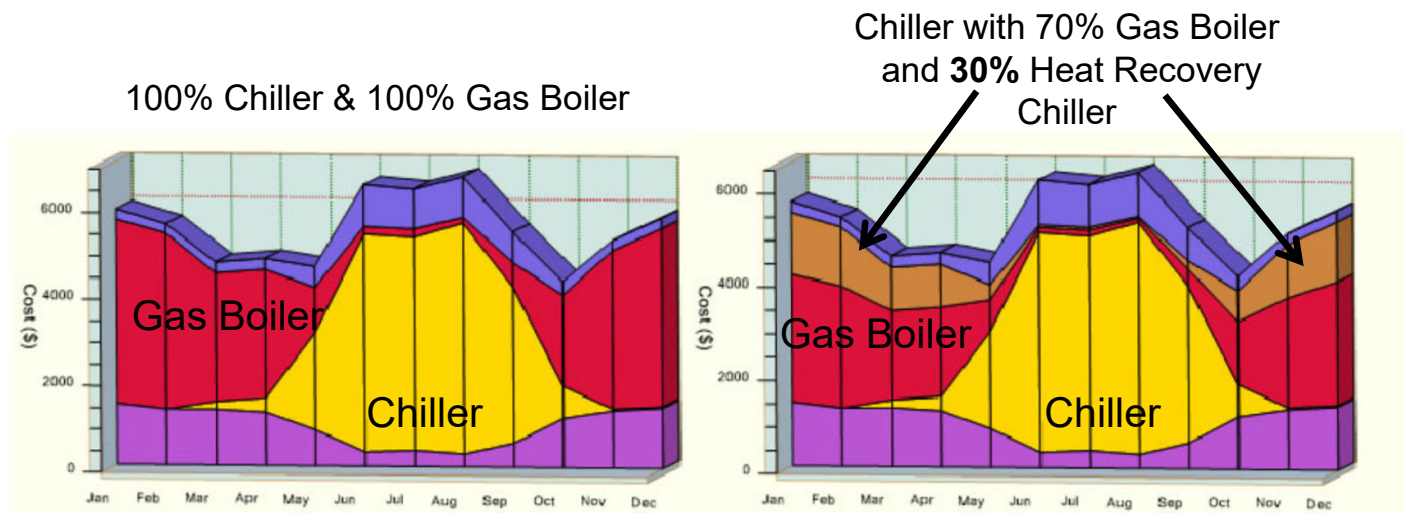
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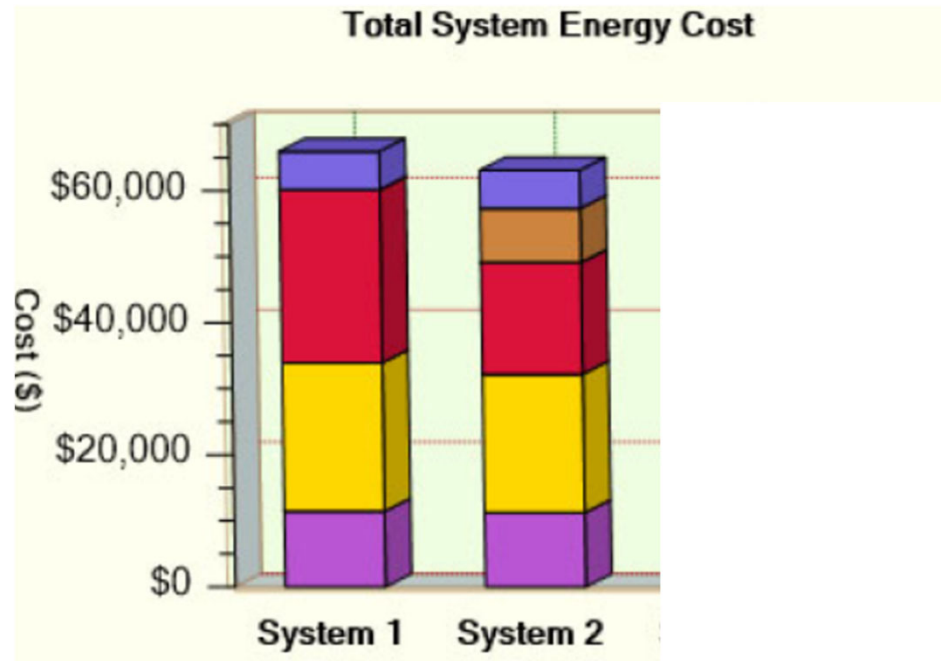


**4 Story Building, 60,000 Sq. Ft, Denver, CO**

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**System 1**  
100% Chiller & 100% Gas Boiler

**System 2**  
100% Chiller  
70% Gas Boiler  
30% Heat Recovery Chiller



Brown - Heat Recovery  
Red - Gas Heat  
Yellow - Chiller

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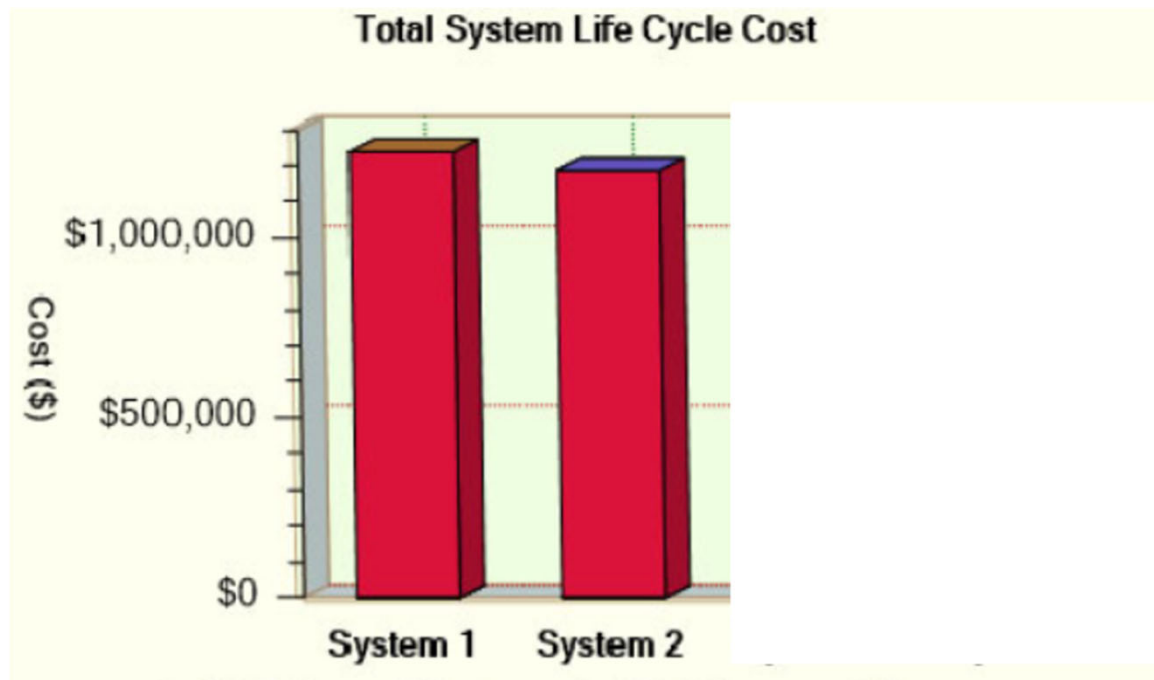
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## **De-Carbonization:**

Economical Path towards 100% Fossil-Free Heat

Lower First Cost than adding a 30% Heat Recovery Chiller

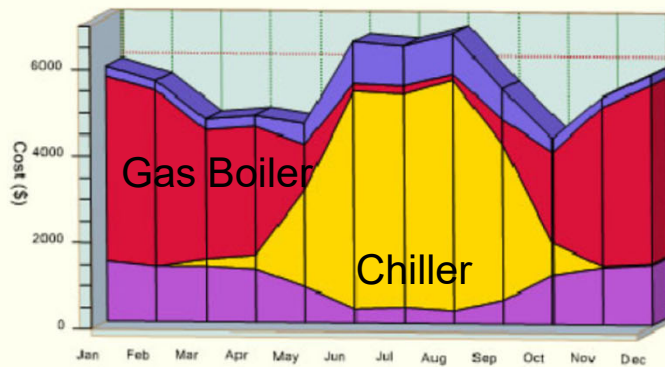
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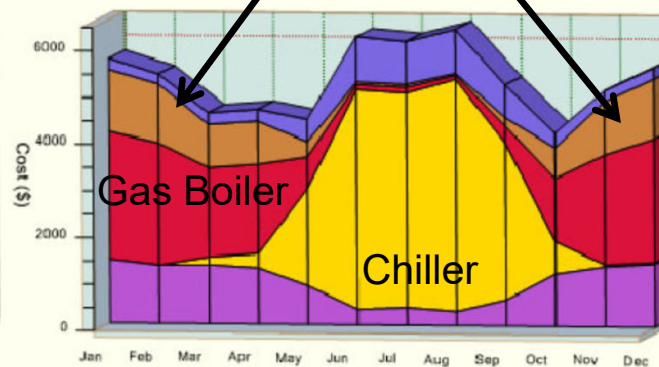
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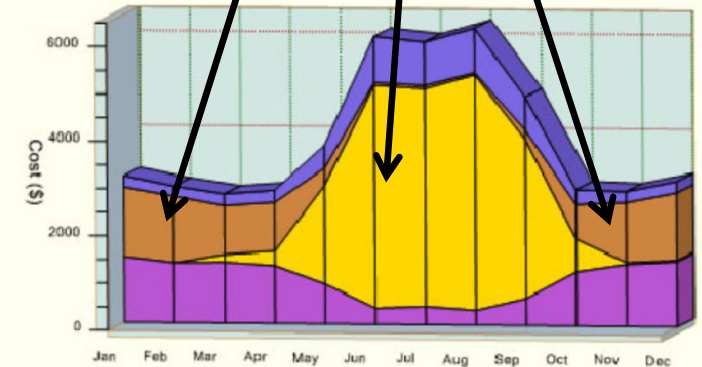
100% Chiller & 100% Gas Boiler



Chiller with 70% Gas Boiler and 30% Heat Recovery Chiller



100% Heat Recovery with Double Bundle Chiller



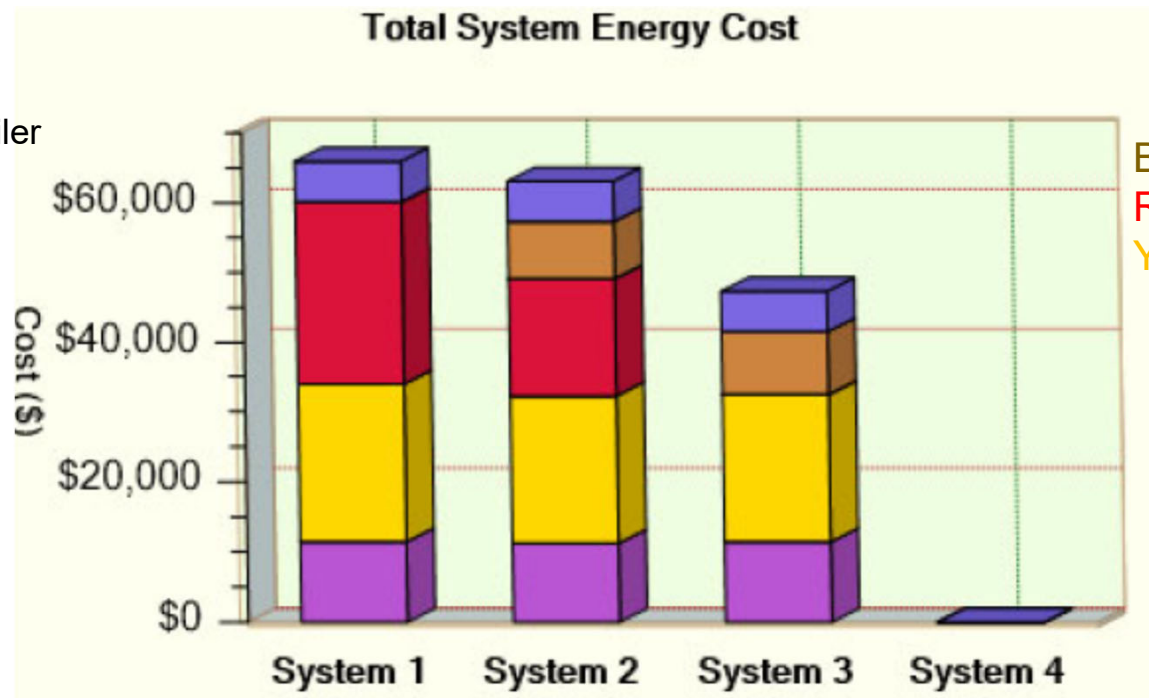
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**System 3**  
100% Recovery Double  
Bundel Chiller



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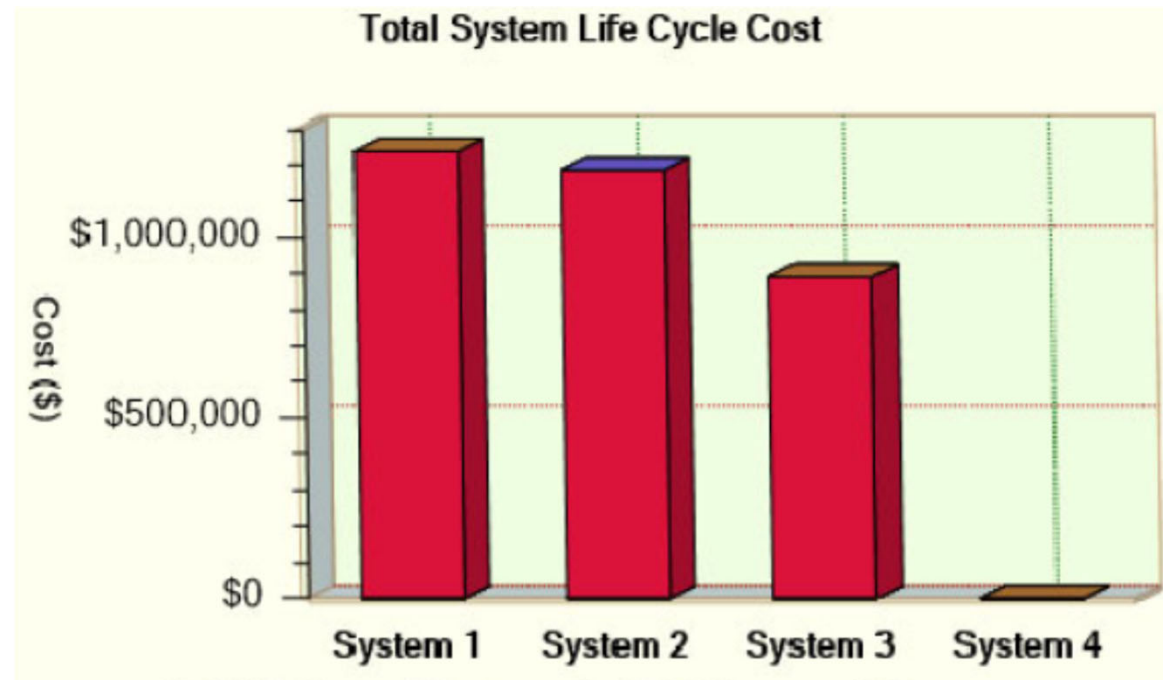
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100% Recovery Double  
Bundle Chiller



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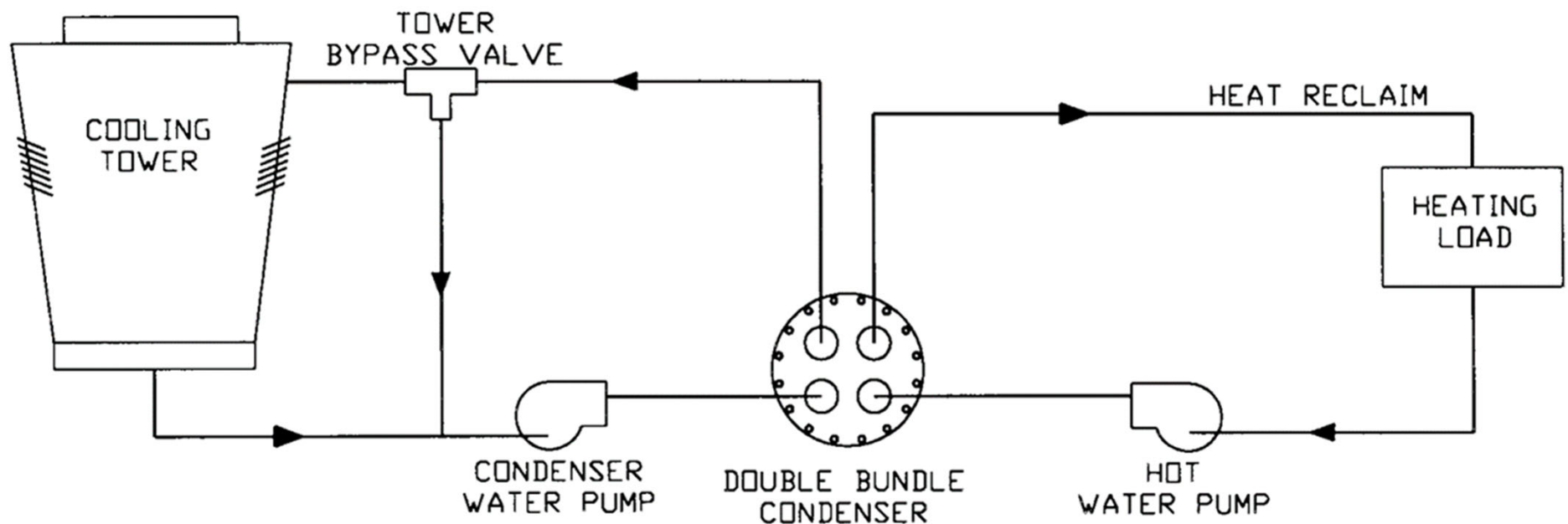
Water Cooled Screw Liquid Chillers

Cooling Capacity: 60 to 1000 TR (211 to 3517 kW)



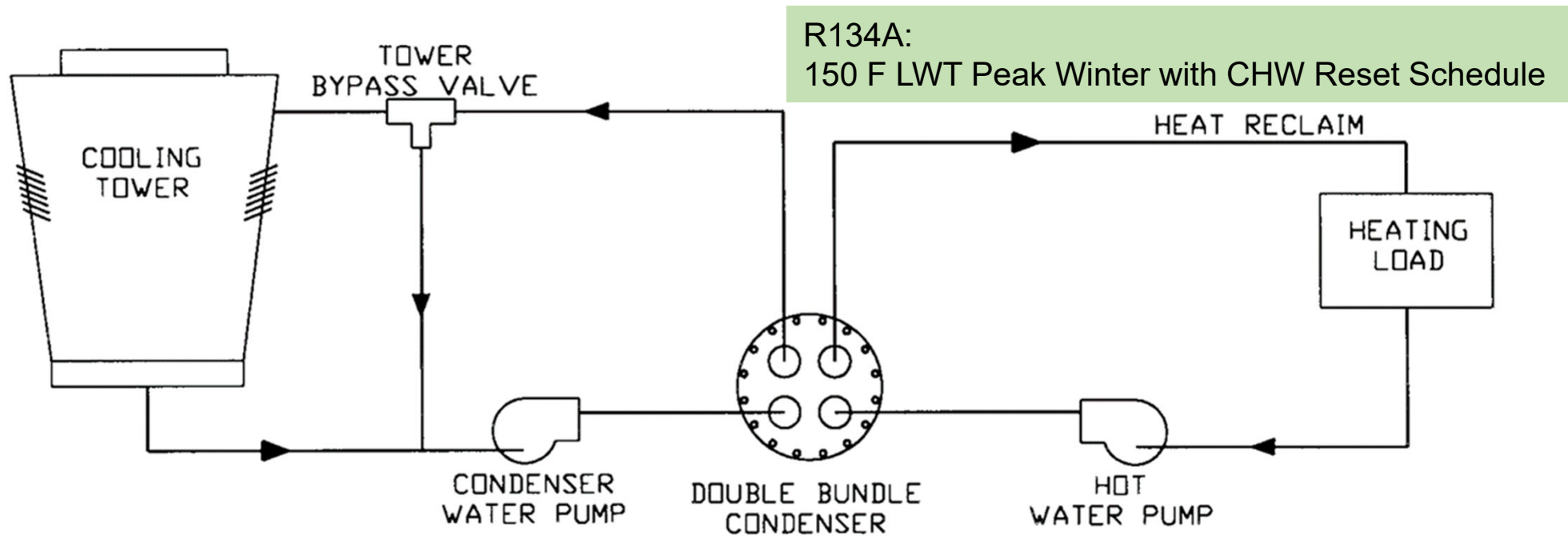
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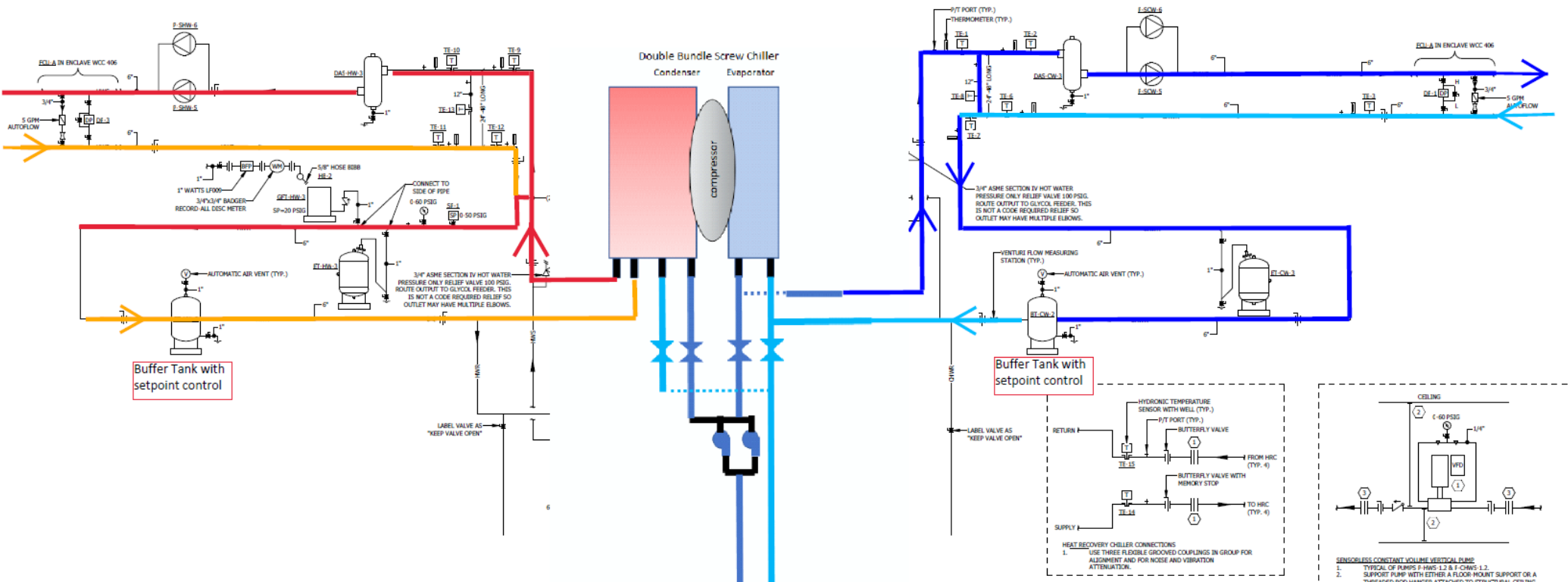
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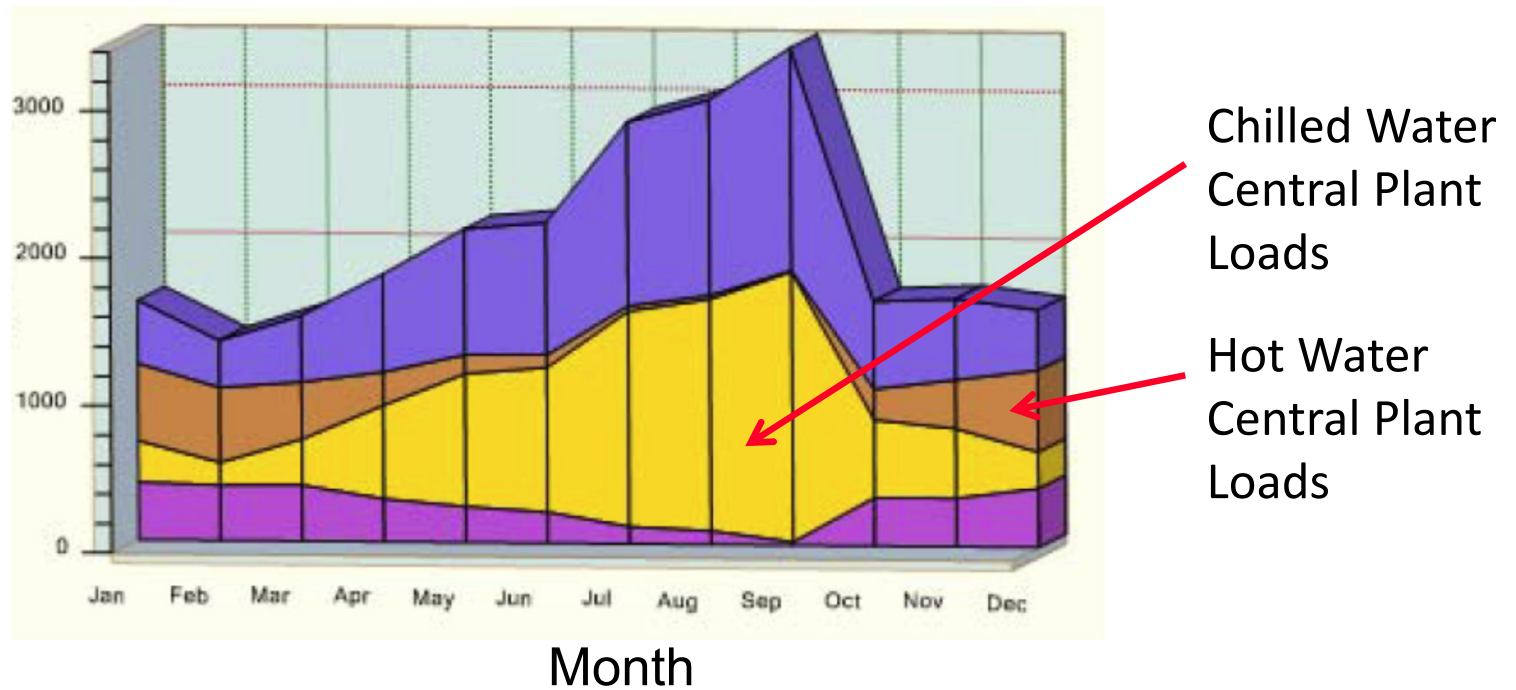
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## Simultaneous Cooling and Heating



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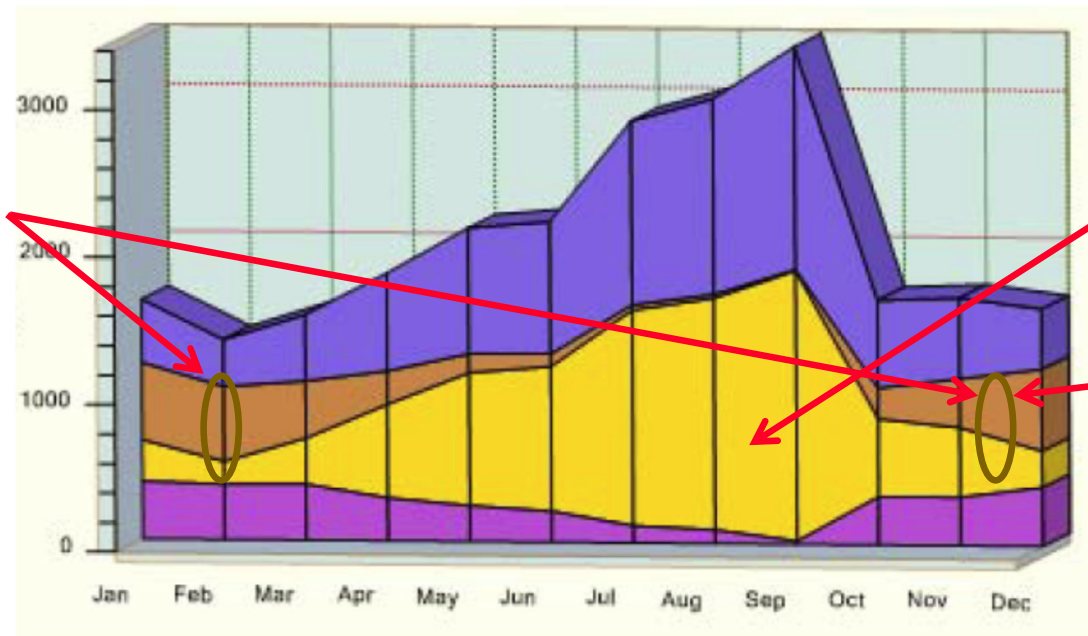
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Peak  
Simultaneous  
Loads



Chilled Water  
Central Plant  
Loads

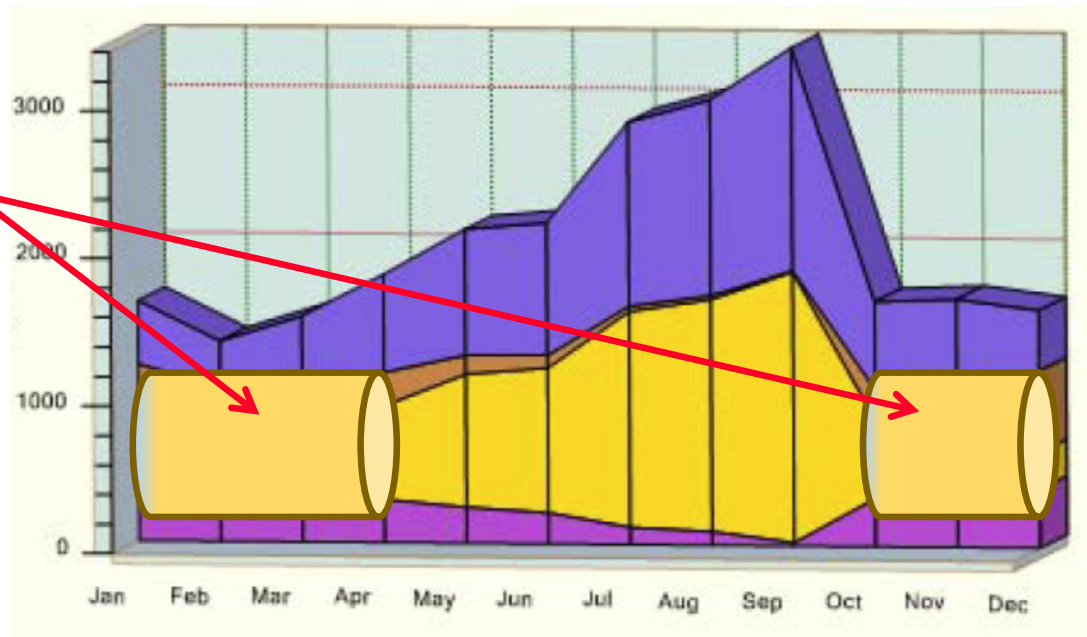
Hot Water  
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Simultaneous Loads  
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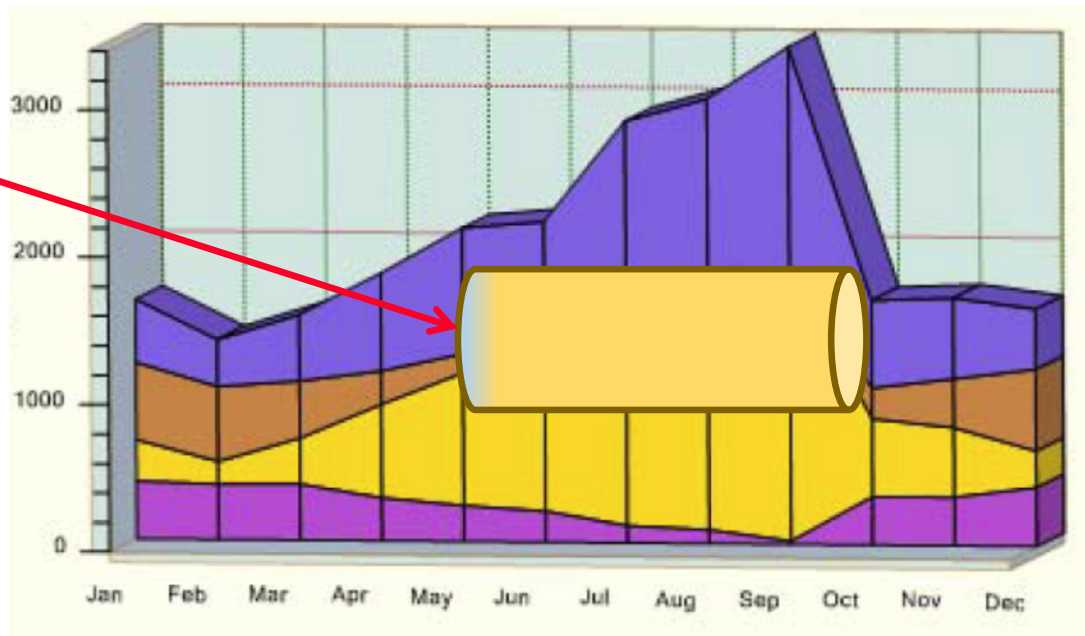


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Storage Tank Sizing  
for minimum  
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requirements



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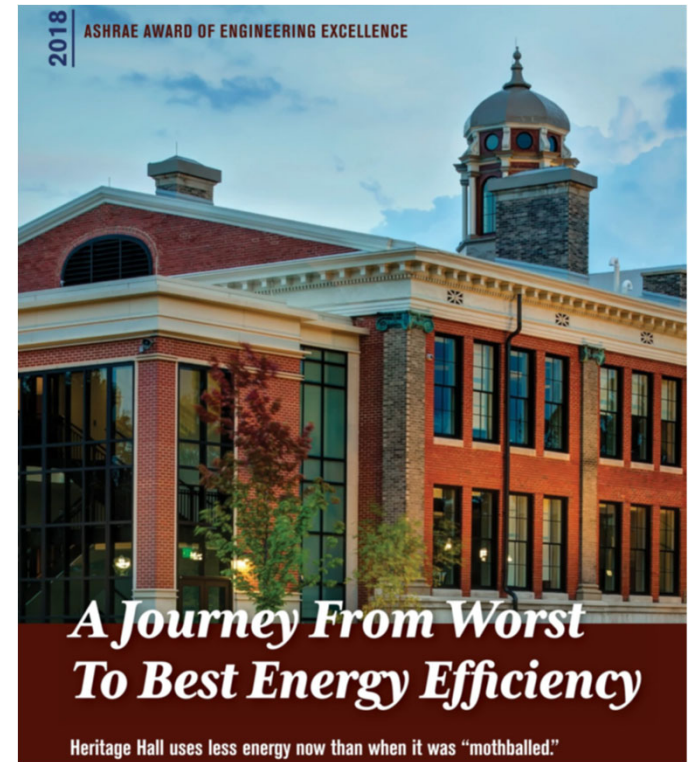
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## Case Study

- Whole Building Variable Capacity System replaces
- Chilled Water and Steam Heat from Campus Central Plant



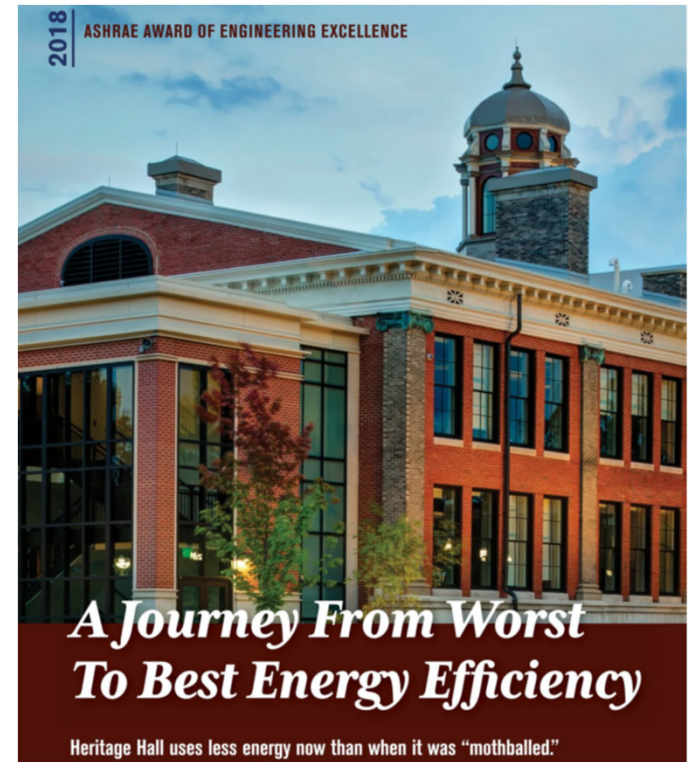
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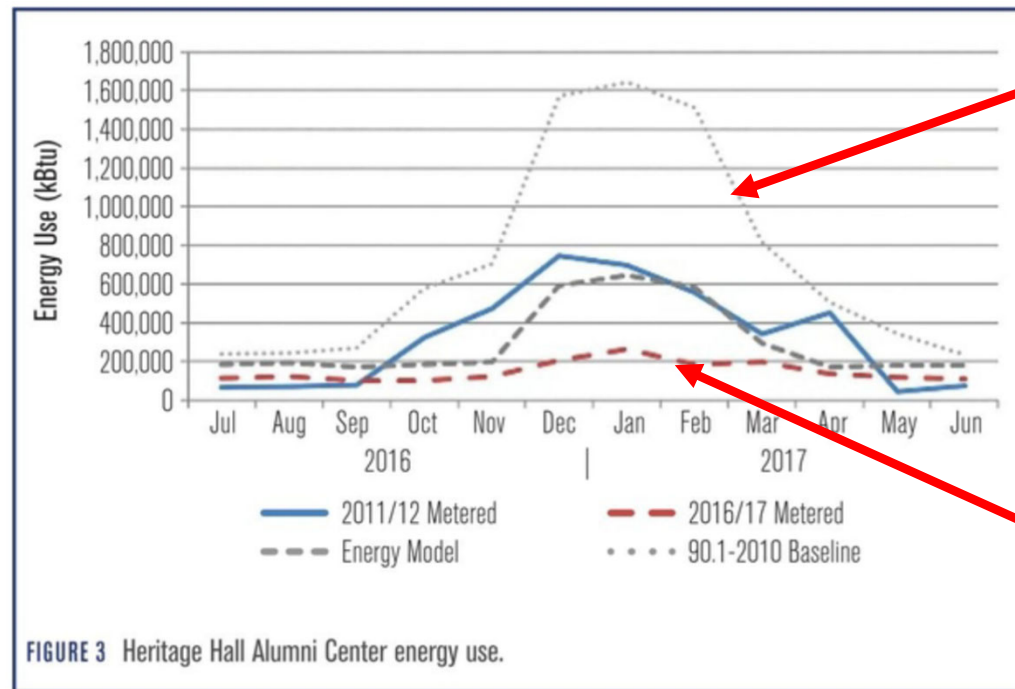
- Simultaneous Chilled Water/Hot Water Piping
- Heat Source: Ground-Coupled Condenser Loop
- Variable/Primary Pumping
  
- 130 F Hot Water/44 F Chilled Water Setpoints
  
- 2 F increment OAT Reset Schedule:
  - Chilled Water 44 F – 60 F
  - Hot Water 130 F – 90 F



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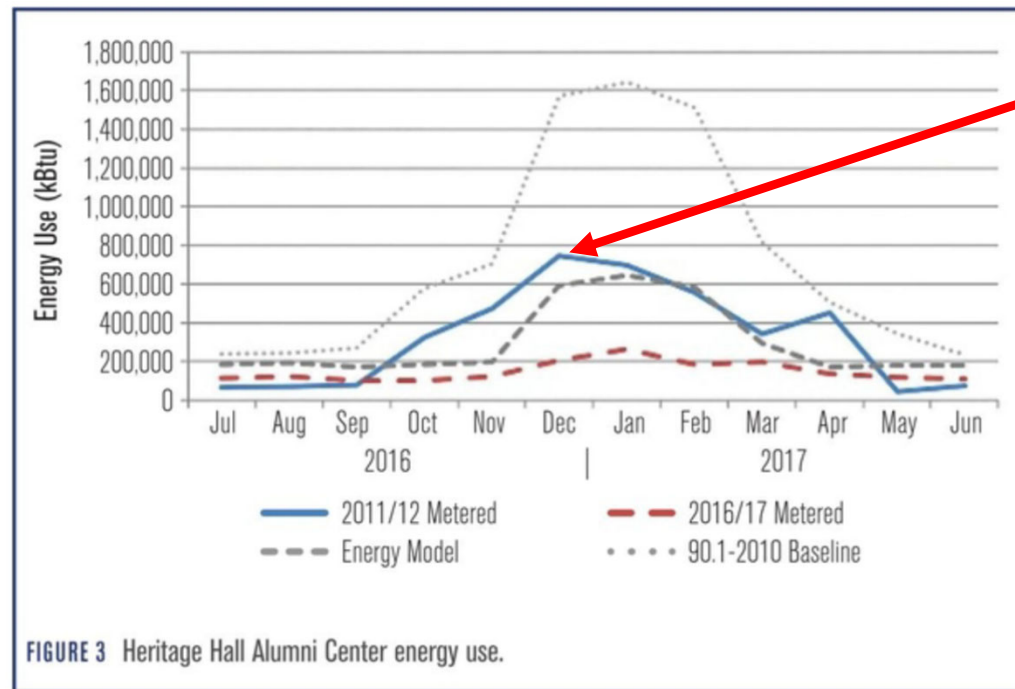
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2016/17 Academic Year

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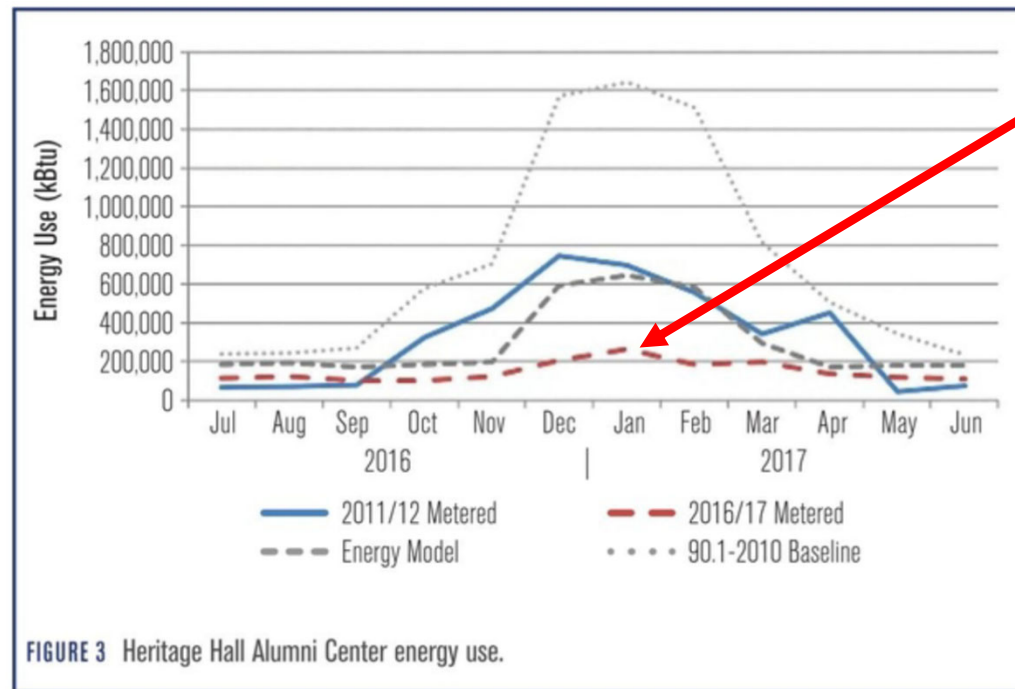


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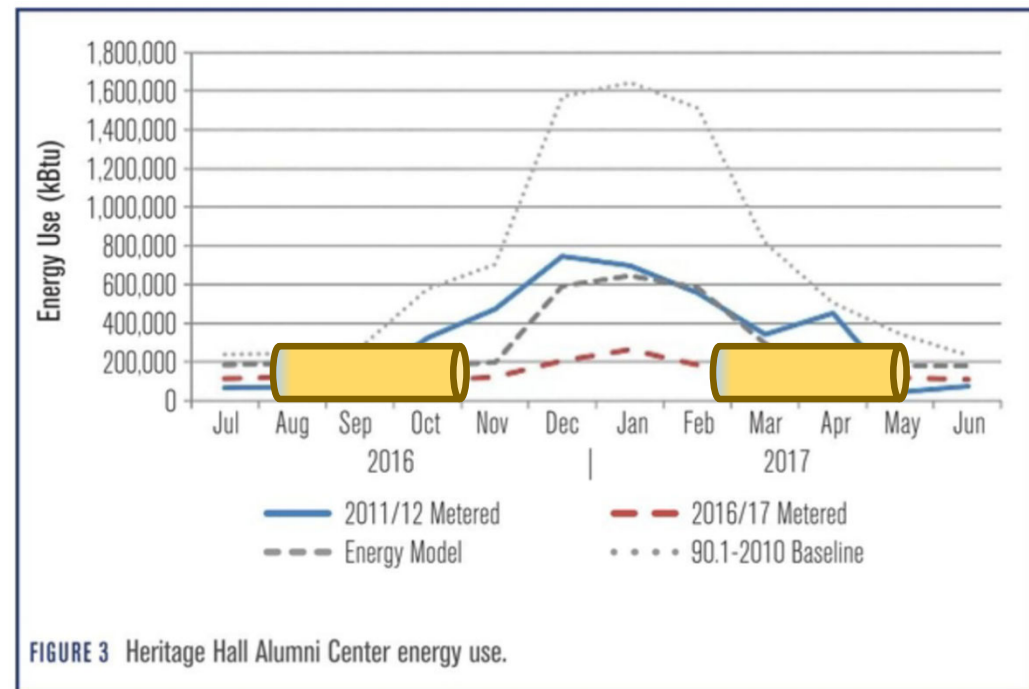
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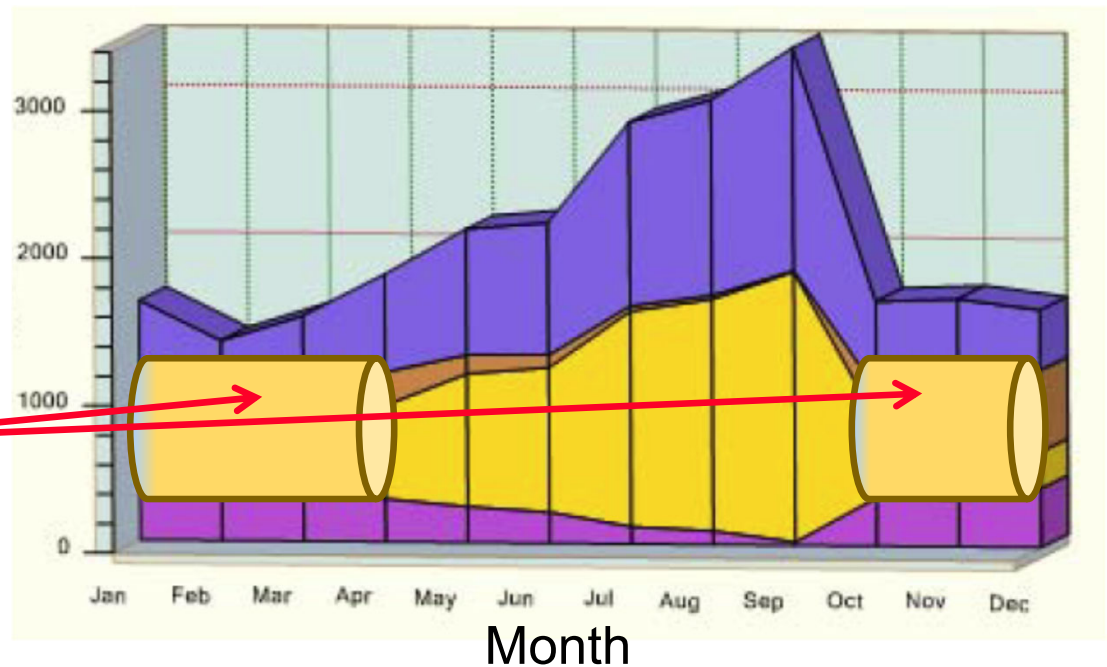
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## Air Cooled Chiller Heat Recovery

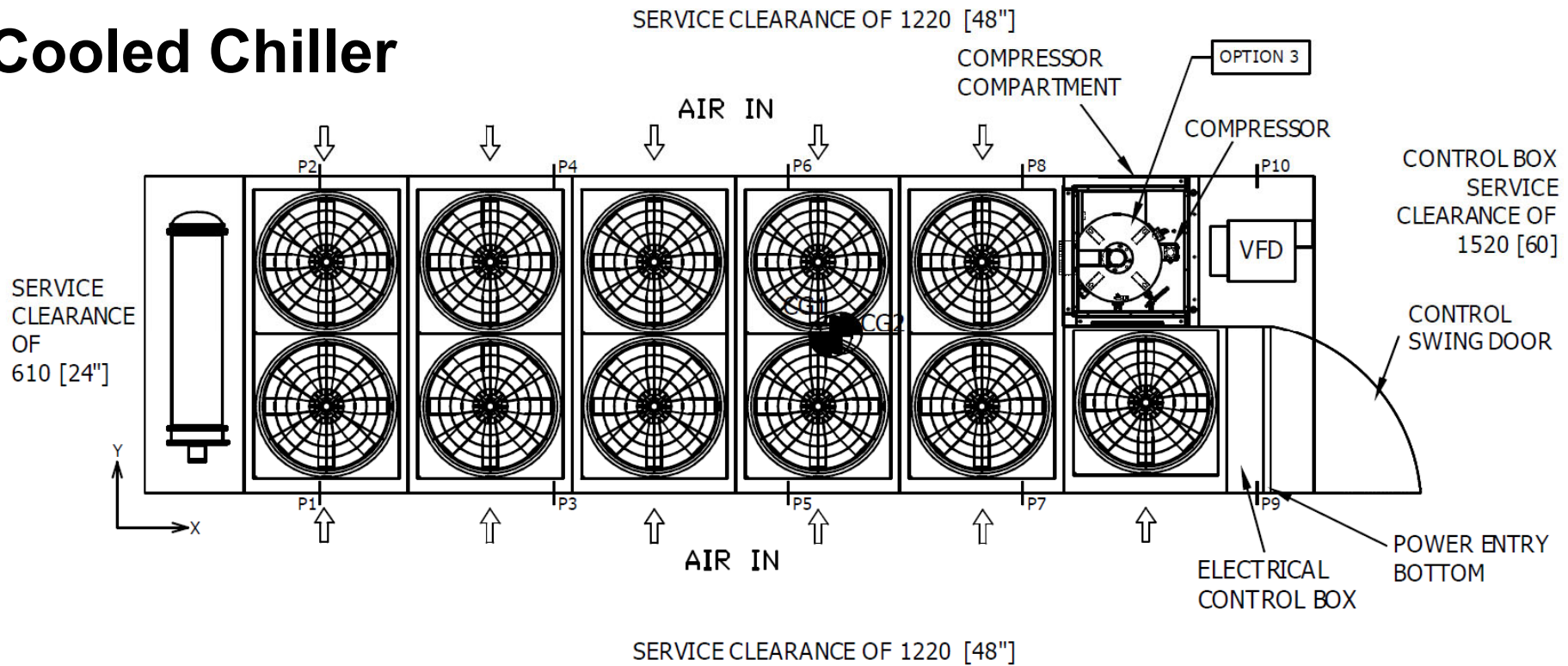
Variable Speed Air Cooled Screw Chillers

Cooling Capacity: 115 to 470 TR (406 to 1656 kW)



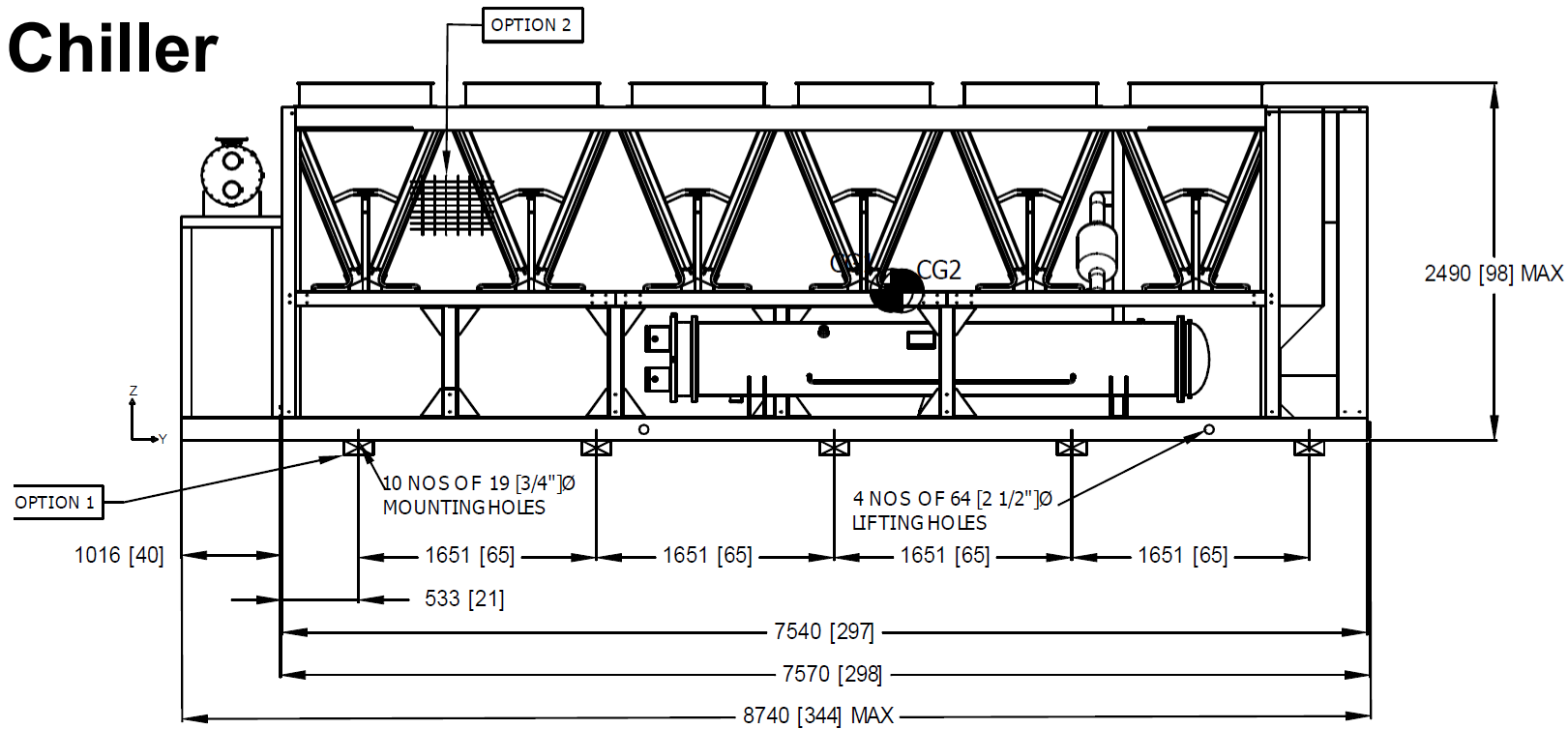
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Conditions of service (Heat Recovery Condenser Mode)			
Percent of full load	100%	Compressor power (kW)	212.28
Capacity (Tons)	161.81	Total Fan Power (kW)	4.07
Unit power (kW)	216.35	Unit Efficiency (COP, kW/TR)	1.337
Evaporator			
Model (Qty)	SHELL AND TUBE (1)	Entering fluid temp. (°F)	45.00
Number of passes	2	Leaving fluid temp. (°F)	35.00
Fluid	25% PG	Fouling factor (hr.ft.°F/Btu)	0.0001
Fluid flow rate (USgpm)	405.76	Pressure drop (psi)	9.36
Condensing coil			
Design Ambient (°F)	95.00	Altitude (ft)	0.00
		Fan Motor Power (kW) (Qty)	0.37 Kwi (11)
Additional accessories			
Heat Recovery Condenser			
Model #	Shell & Tube (1)	Fouling factor (hr.ft.°F/Btu)	0.00025
Heating capacity (TR)	128.00	Flow rate (usgpm)	323.20
Hot water in/out (°F)	115 / 125	Pressure drop (psi)	1.70

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## Other Considerations:

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**IECC 2018, section C403.9.5 Heat Recovery for Service Water Heating**

Exception 2:

- Facilities that provide 60 percent of their service water heating from site solar or site recovered energy or from other sources.

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Integrate non-HVAC systems and equipment:

Cafeteria Equipment/Mini-Marts/Coffee Concessions

- Walk-in Refrigeration Rooms

- Walk-in Freezer Rooms

- Ice making machines

- Freezer cases

- Refrigeration cases

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Walk-in Freezer Rooms	AHRI 1251
Ice making machines	AHRI 810
Freezer cases	AHRI 820/821
Refrigeration cases	AHRI 1200

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## **Energy Reduction of Water Cooled vs Air Cooled**

Walk-in Refrigeration Rooms	18%
Walk-in Freezer Rooms	24%
Ice making machines	22%
Freezer cases	24%
Refrigeration cases	18%

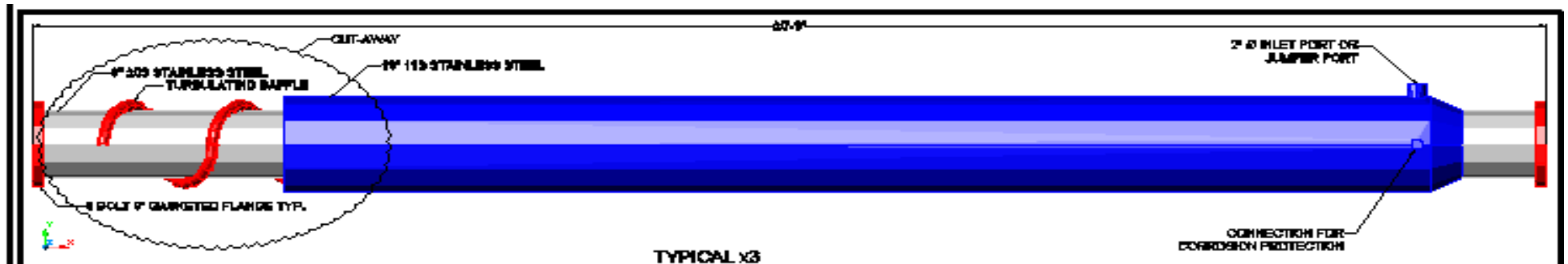
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- Black Water/Grey Water Heat Exchanger



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## Black Water/Grey Water Heat Exchanger

a)



b)

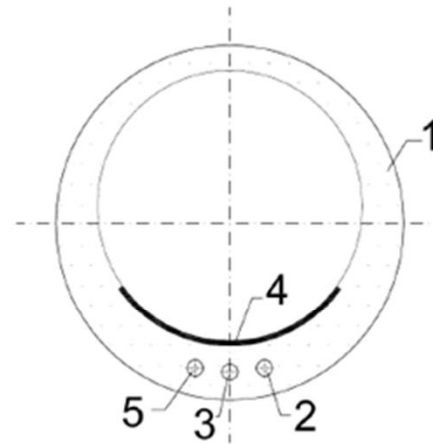


Fig. 3. Heat exchanger integrated in concrete sewage pipe: a) heat exchanger before installation, b) cross-section of heat exchanger; 1 - concrete pipe, 2 - cold water supply to the heat exchanger, 3 - bypass, 4 - heat exchanger, 5 - output of the heated water from the heat exchanger [5]

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**Integrate as much system efficiency as your budget allows**

## **Add Renewable Energy:**

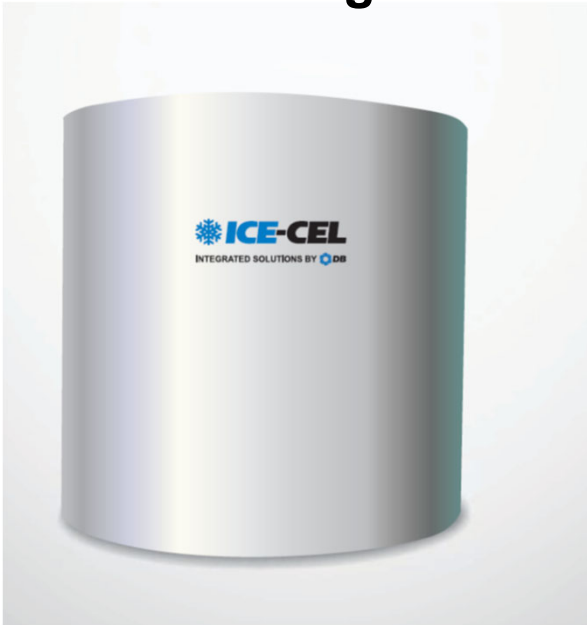
- Solar Hot Water Panels
- Solar PV Panels
- Co-Generation Bio-Mass
- Hybrid Ground Loop System

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## Add On-Site Storage of Energy

### Ice Storage



### Hot Water Storage



### Hybrid & Ground Loop System

- Vertical Closed Loop
- Horizontal Closed Loop
- Hybrid (Geo and Tower/Boiler)
- Lake Closed Loop
- Closed to the Aquifer (Open Loop)

# Questions?

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