

A wide-angle photograph of the Rice University Main Building, a grand neoclassical structure with multiple stories, arched windows, and a central entrance. The building is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a green lawn and a low hedge. A dark, semi-transparent diagonal shape is overlaid on the bottom right corner of the image.

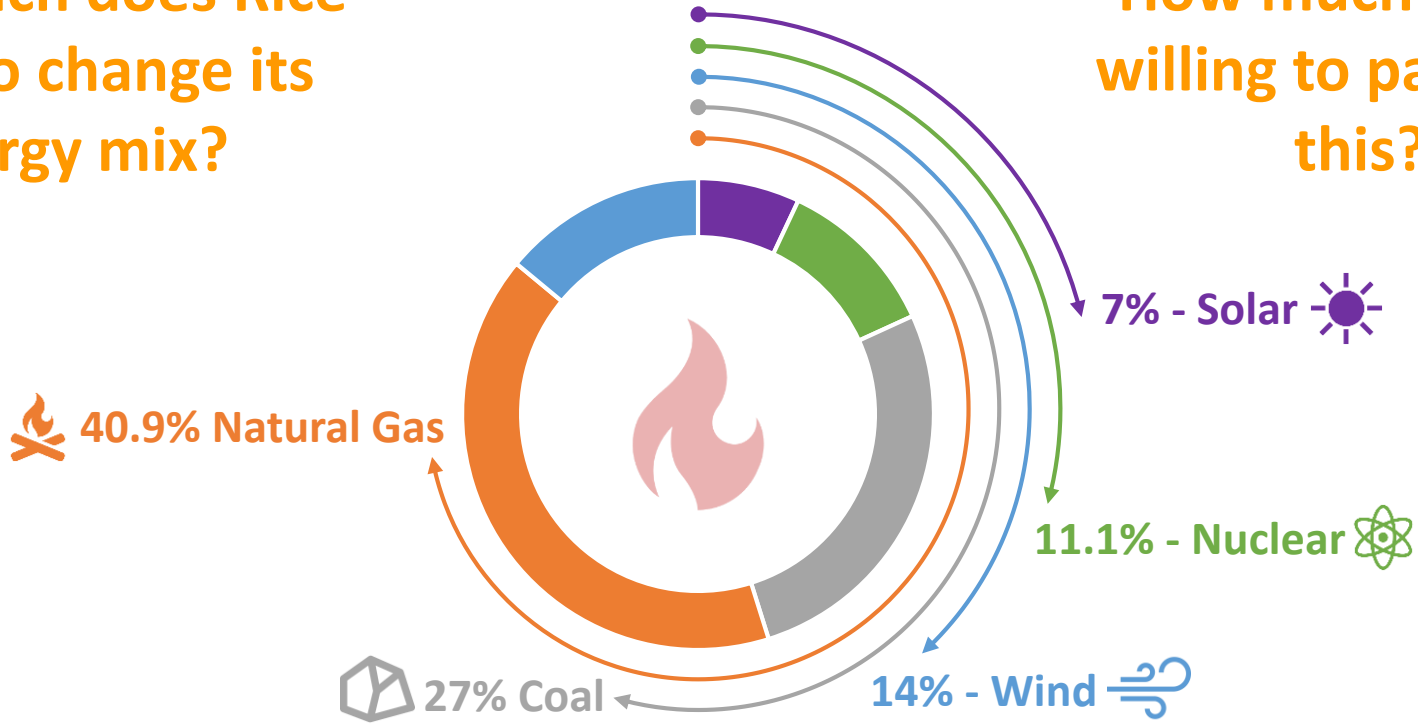
# Energy Storage and Rice University

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# Rice's Current Electricity Portfolio

How much does Rice want to change its energy mix?

How much is Rice willing to pay to do this?



# Rice's Past Energy Decisions



Market Interaction  
Consumer and Pro



Variable Pricing - N



**Takeaway: Rice is willing to spend on sustainability, but the price must match the benefits**

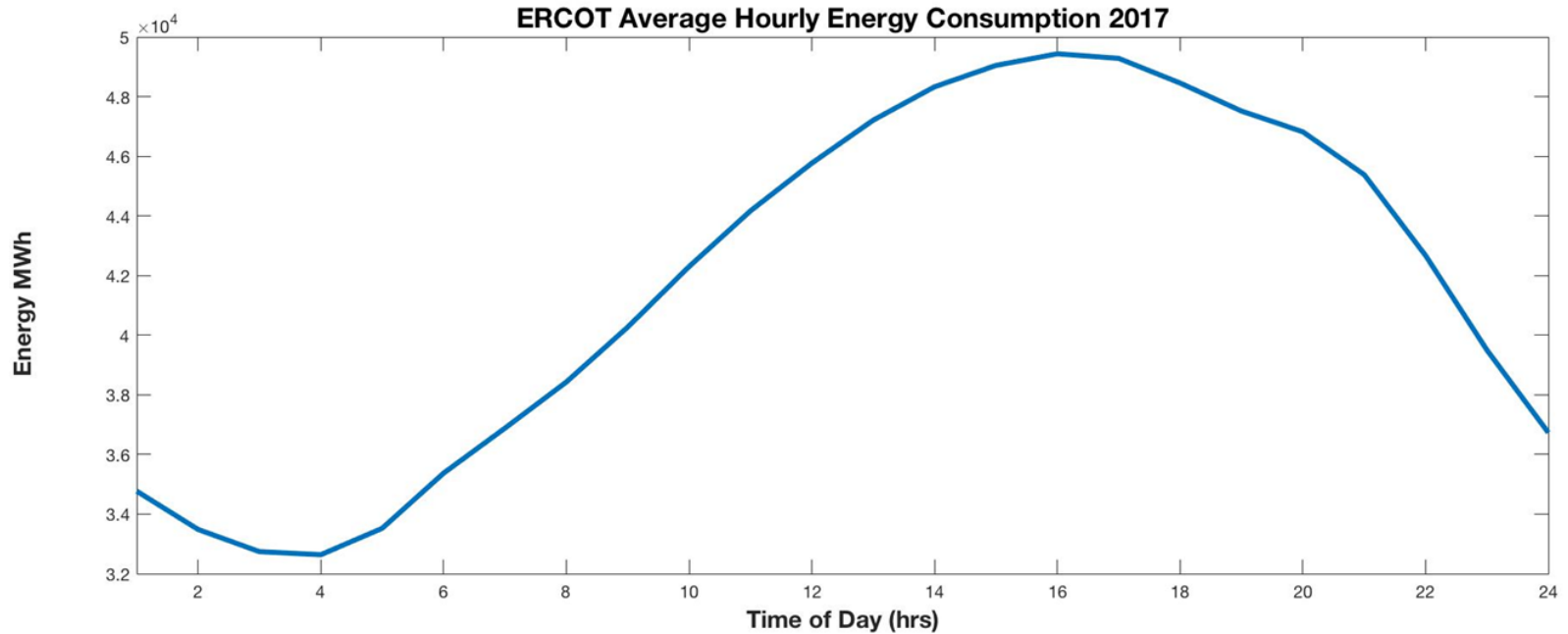


On/Off Campus Solar  
Arrays



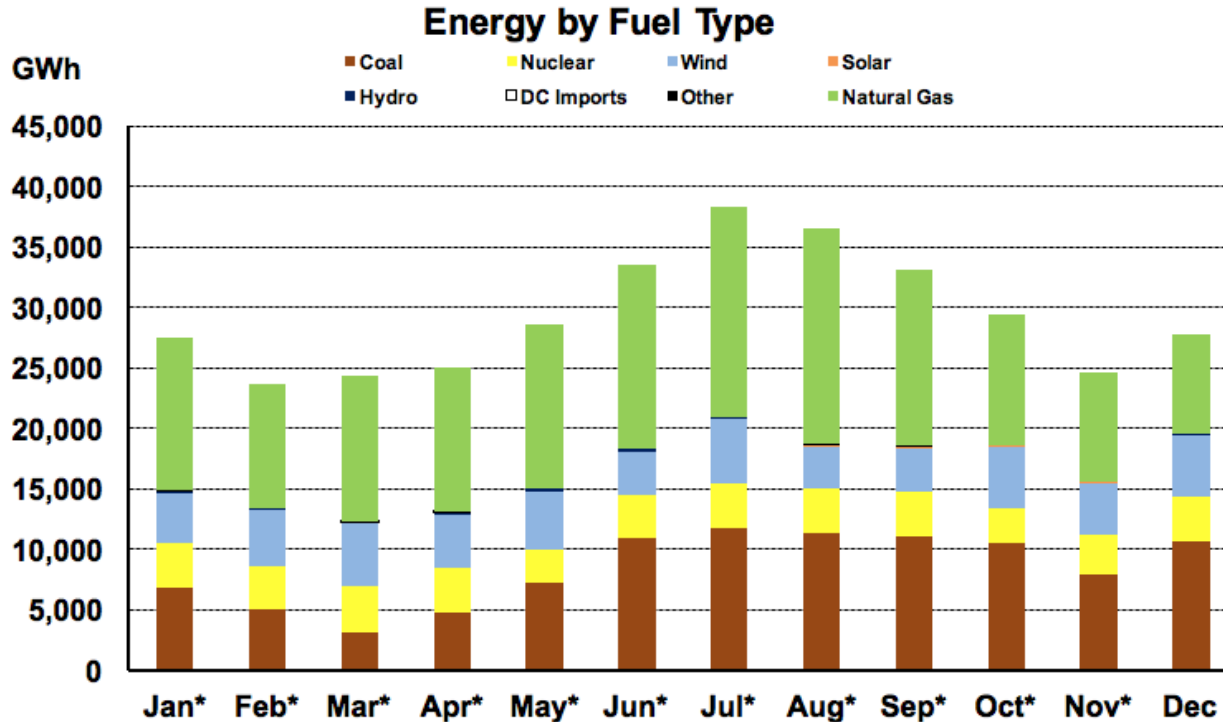
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# The Texas Power Story: Demand



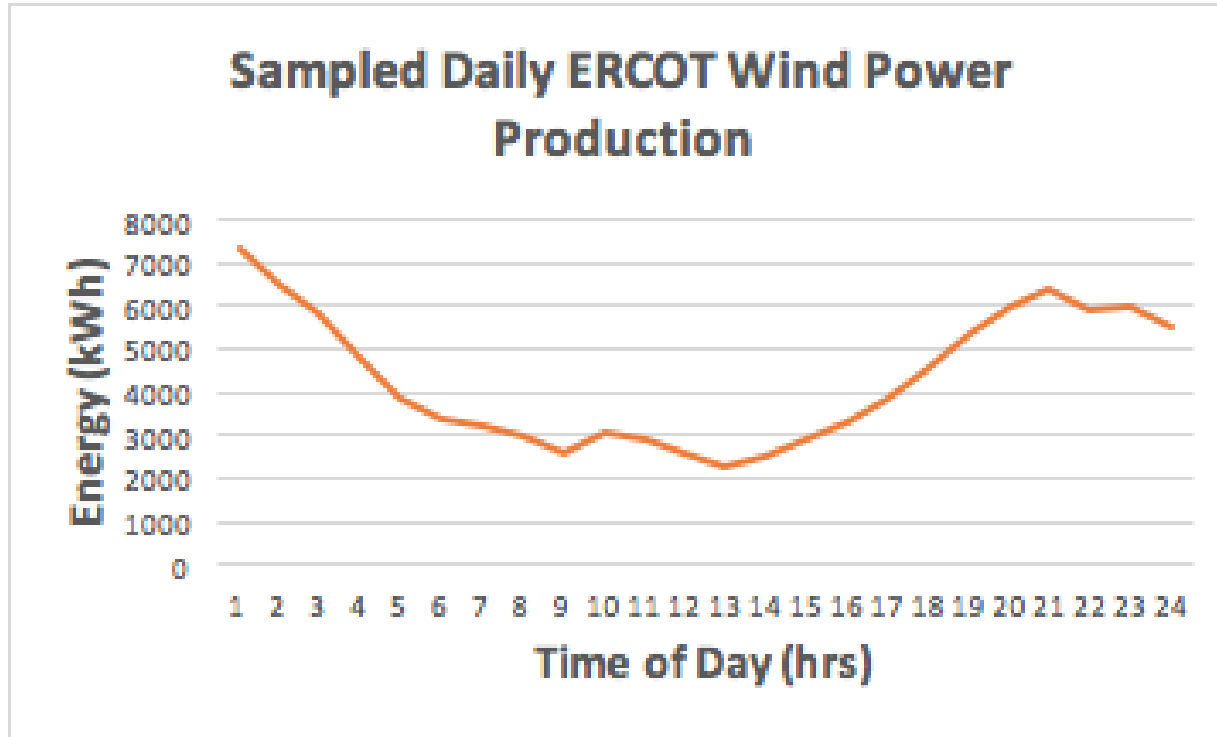
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# The Texas Power Story: Supply



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# The Texas Power Story: Wind



# The Missing Link: Energy Storage

## 5 Improved Selling Power

Improve selling power position due to enhanced flexibility with excess power

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## 4 Increased Responsiveness

Increase responsiveness to power outages and power blips including third party disruptions

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## 3 Operational Cost Savings

Reduce and lower operational costs

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## 2 Peak Demand Shifting

Alleviate peak demand by shifting demand to off-peak times

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## 1 Price Capitalization

Capitalize on variable energy prices i.e. cheap wind power at night to lower costs



# Energy Storage Options for Rice





# Battery Storage: Lithium-Ion



- Vary in size to fit residential and commercial needs
- Flexible, can quickly react to changes in the grid
- Average total project cost: \$2,338/kW
  - Average Power Rating: 30 kW
  - Average Energy Rating: 37 kWh
  - Average Duration: 1.9 hours
- Cost of commercial size 500 kW/1000 kWh: \$883,427

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/74284/world-power-storage-capacity-to-rise-threefold-by-2030>

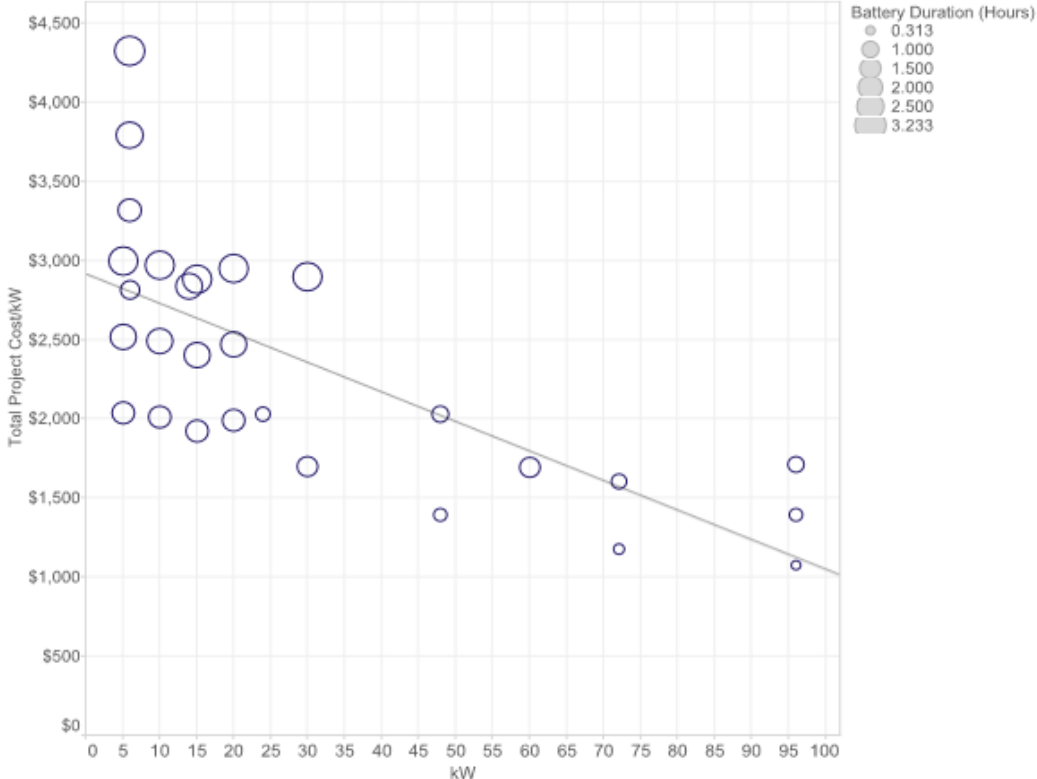
# Energy Storage (Battery) Comparables

Demo Case	Cost (Upfront)	Capacity (kw)	kWh	Cost per KW	Cost per kWh	Notes
UCSD		2500	5000			
UBC		1000	1000			
SUNY	\$3,000,000.00	500	2000	\$6,000	\$1,500	
Cal State		1000	6000			Tesla Powerpacks
Carnegie Mellon	\$1,040,000.00					
Clemson		50	160			
NREL Benchmark	\$883,427.00	500	1000	\$1,767	\$883	
NREL Average	\$55,282.00	30.7	37.1	\$1,800.72	\$1,490.08	
NREL Minimum	\$10,200.00	0.3	8			
NREL Maximum	\$164,131.00	96	90	\$1,709.70	\$1,823.68	
Tesla Megafarm	\$100,000,000.00		80000		\$1,250.00	
<b>Mean</b>	\$858,840.00	630.7777778	9529.51	<b>\$2,819.32</b>	<b>\$1,424.30</b>	
<b>Median</b>	\$523,779.00	500	1000	<b>\$1,783.79</b>	<b>\$1,495.04</b>	

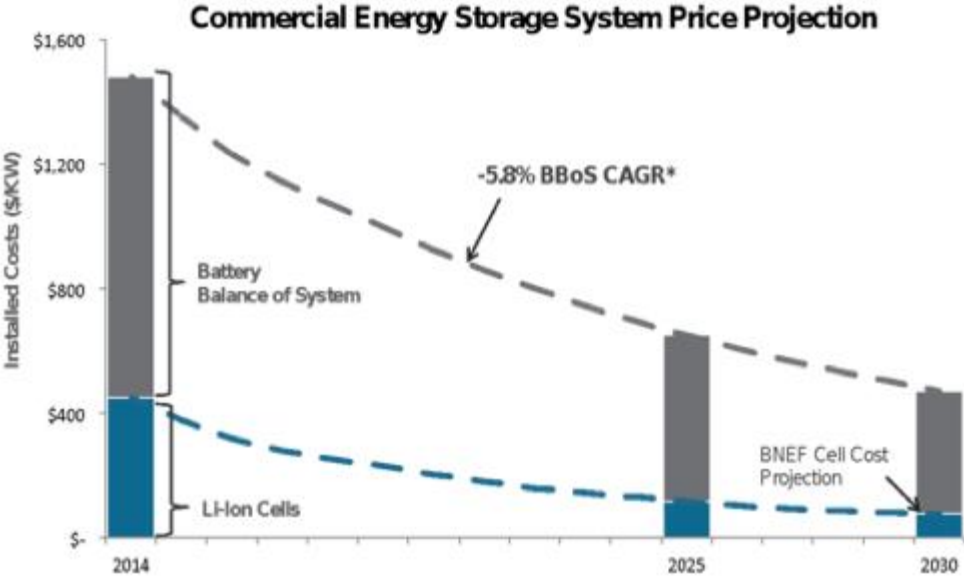
**Median \$1783.79 cost per kW and Median \$1495.04 cost per kWh**

# Lithium-Ion Battery Cost

Project Cost per kW  
NREL data collection



# Lithium-Ion Future Cost Projections



Based on: 200 kW system with 1 hour discharge capacity; Sandia, BNEF, RMI  
\* Based on CAGR of Solar BOS from 2008-2014

Source: Energy Storage Association (2015)

# Lithium-Ion Battery Storage on Campuses



- UC San Diego:
  - 2.5 MW, 5 MWh
  - Incorporated into their microgrid
  - Uses no heavy metals or toxic electrolytes
- Randolph-Macon College
  - Integrated solar and battery system
  - Installing 265 solar panels for 50 kW of electricity
  - Currently testing two options for battery storage
- Clemson University
  - 50 kW, 160 kWh

# Battery Storage in Texas



- No tariffs or retail charges on power used to charge battery
- Eligible for Texas Emission Reduction Plan Grants
- Treated as generator when selling back into grid

# Thermal Energy Storage



- **Sensible Heat Storage:** heat is stored in a liquid or solid medium
- **Latent Heat Storage:** where the storage medium changes phase
- **Thermo-Chemical Storage:** pairs chemical reactions with heat storage

<https://cleantechnica.com/files/2016/02/Crescent-Dunes-1.1-GW-hour-storage-capability-is-almost-40-times-the-size-of-the-largest-battery-storage-project-in-construction-or-built-to-date..jpg>

# Sensible Heat Storage: Chilled Water



- Chilled water during the daytime is used for air conditioning
- Water chilled at night stored in a TES tank when electricity prices are lowest
- Shift in demand time allows the grid to use more renewables
- Optimizes Combined Heating and Power Turbines, such as Rice's Cogeneration Turbines

<http://www.tmc.edu/news/2017/06/powering-the-tmc/>



# Chilled Water Storage On-Campus



## UCF (2010)

- Shifts 2MW of peak cooling to non-peak times
- \$320k/yr savings



## USC (2013)

- 400MWh energy savings from increased system flexibility
- \$400k/yr savings

# Combined Chilled Water & Seasonal Cold Storage

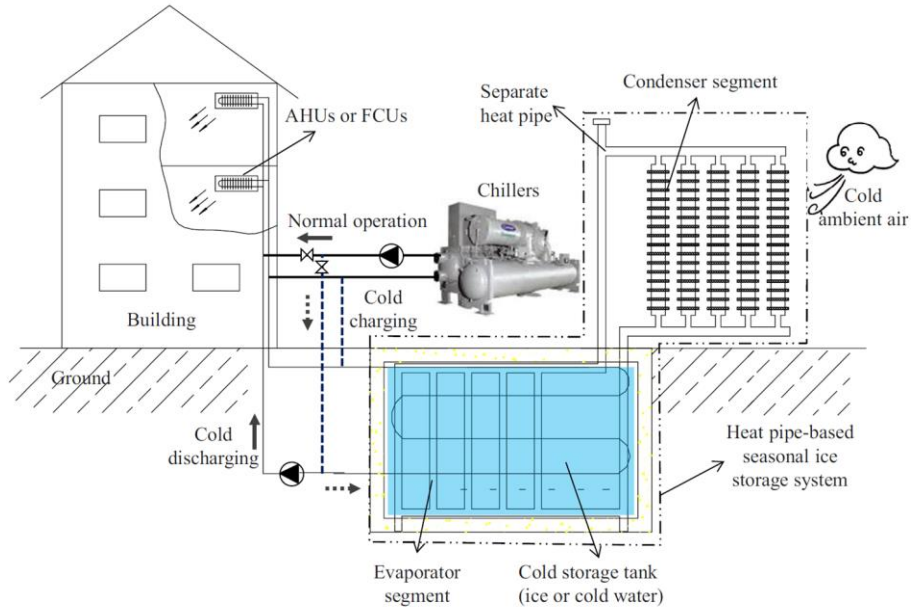


Fig. 1. Schematic of the compound cold storage system.

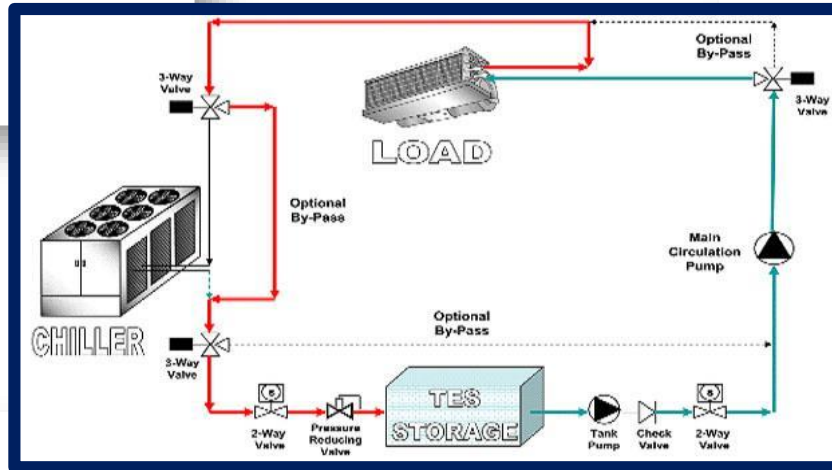
*Yang et al (2015)*

- Natural cold energy is extracted from the air in the winter, condensing into water and then ice
- Melting, collected ice is then used as chilled water for air conditioning
- Water is then re-used as medium for chilled water storage
- Bypasses portion of cost of electricity to chill water, reducing long-term costs
- Reduces storage capacity needed for utilization in small-scale buildings

# Chilled Water Cost Considerations: Components

Water Tank  
Construction

Pumps



Centrifugal Chillers  
(Compressors)

Piping

# Storage at Rice: Benefits

## Both Battery and Thermal

- Optimizes electricity market interaction
- Takes advantage of cheap Texas wind prices
- Operational flexibility with cogeneration facility

## Battery

- Pairs nicely with on-campus solar generation
- Incentives from ERCOT/GOV



## Thermal

- Low maintenance costs
- Option to transition from cogeneration

# Future Trends

Energy storage market expected to grow to \$2.5bn

\$2.5bn

Average installation size of 40 gigawatts by 2020

40gW

Component cost reduction to \$120 per kW

\$120/kW

Energy storage market is predicted to 47% for 2017

284%

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