

Solar thermal Energy storage system:-

The availability of solar radiation at any particular location is intermittant, variable, and unpredictable

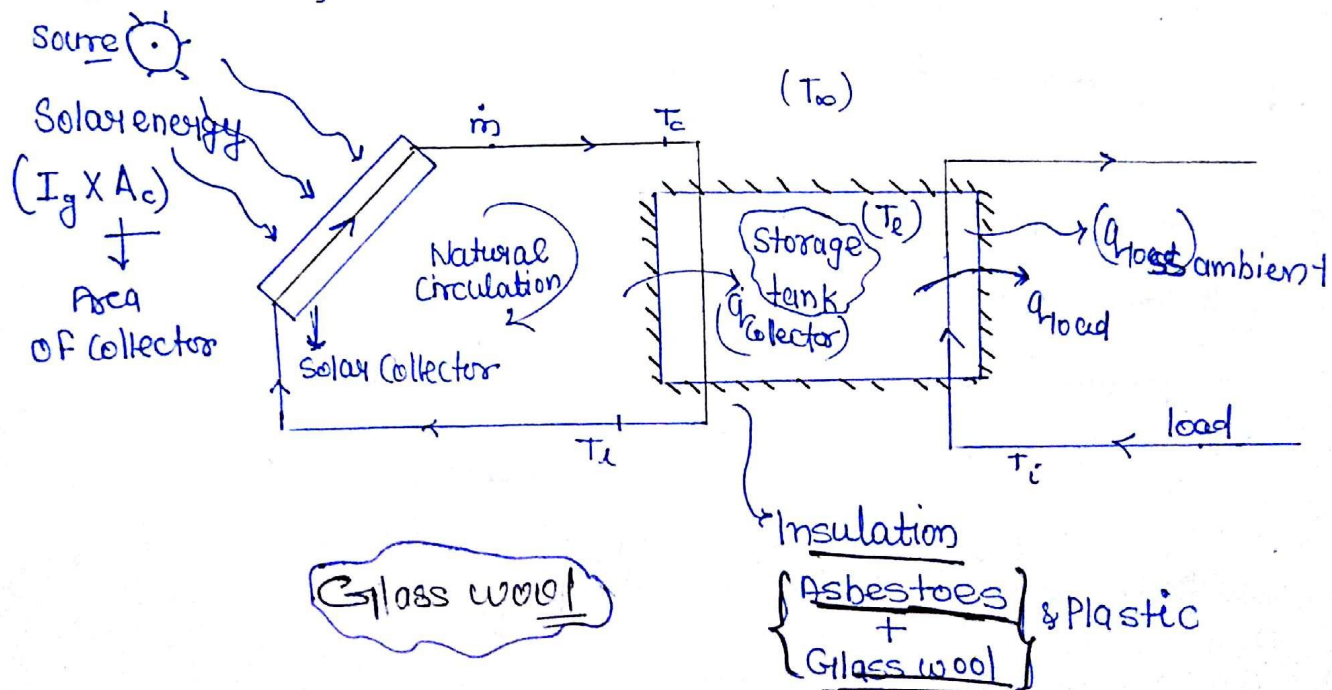
$$GMT - \frac{90}{15} = VST \quad \xleftarrow{90^\circ W} \quad (GMT) \quad \xrightarrow{82\frac{1}{2}^\circ E} \quad IST = GMT + \frac{82\frac{1}{2}}{15}$$

western eastern

Venezuela

In order to overcome this disadvantage solar energy storage system require to ensure the smooth supply of power over a desired period of time.

Basic Configuration of thermal storage system:-



In solar thermal energy storage system energy in the form of heat is added to the collector system to the storage system

Type-1 (sensible storage device)

→ Heating a liquid or solid without phase change.

$$E_{\text{storage}} = m \int c_p \cdot dT$$

These are sensible storage device and the amount of store (E) is a function of temp change

$$E = m \int c_p dT$$

Ques A Thermal heat storage device contains a organic liquid R-11a which is having variable specific heat c_p Given by $c_p = (0.05T + 0.2) \text{ kJ/kg-K}$. The rise in temperature in the liquid from 20°C to 50°C . Then determine the amount thermal energy stored for the unit mass system.

Solⁿ

$$E_{\text{(storage)}} = m \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p \cdot dT$$

$T_1 = 20^\circ\text{C} = 293 \text{ K}$
 $T_2 = 50^\circ\text{C} = 323 \text{ K}$

$$E = 1 \int_{T_1}^{T_2} (0.05T + 0.2) \cdot dT$$

$$E = \left[0.05 \frac{T^2}{2} + 0.2T \right] \Big|_{293}^{323}$$

$$E = 0.05 \frac{(323-293)^2}{2} + 0.2 (323-293)$$

$$E = 468 \text{ kJ}$$

Type-2 (Latent heat storage)

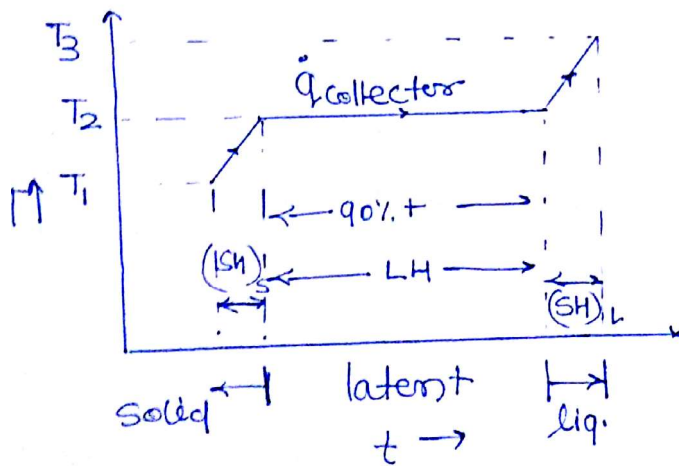
→ Heating a material which undergone change of phase
 → These devices are called as latent heat storage devices and these devices energy stored in the form of latent heat.

P.C.M. → Solid $\xrightleftharpoons[\dot{Q}_{\text{load}}]{\dot{Q}_{\text{collector}}}$ liquid
 (Phase change material)

$$E_{\text{stored}} = m \times (LH)$$

LH - latent heat

In case of practical application there is a chances that some heat may be stored as sensible heat



Practically

$$E_{\text{stored}} = m \int_{T_1}^{T_2} C_p \cdot dT + m(LH) + m \int_{T_2}^{T_3} C_p \cdot dT$$

Solid
~~Liquid~~ latent
Liquid

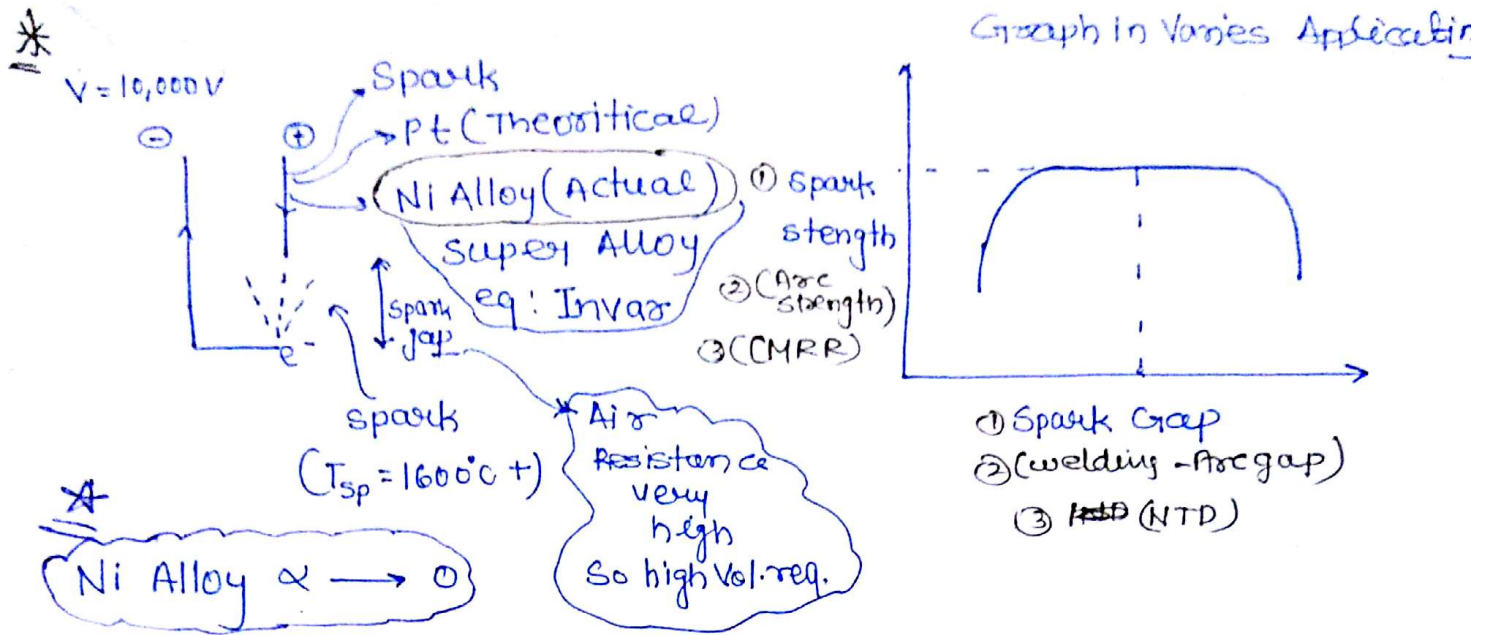
Note! - It is best suited for Constant temp. Load application.

P.C.M. :- The material use for heat storage at Constant temp. when a material undergoes the phase change.

Imp Properties: (i) Melting point should be in the temp. range of application.

(ii) High Value of latent heat of fusion

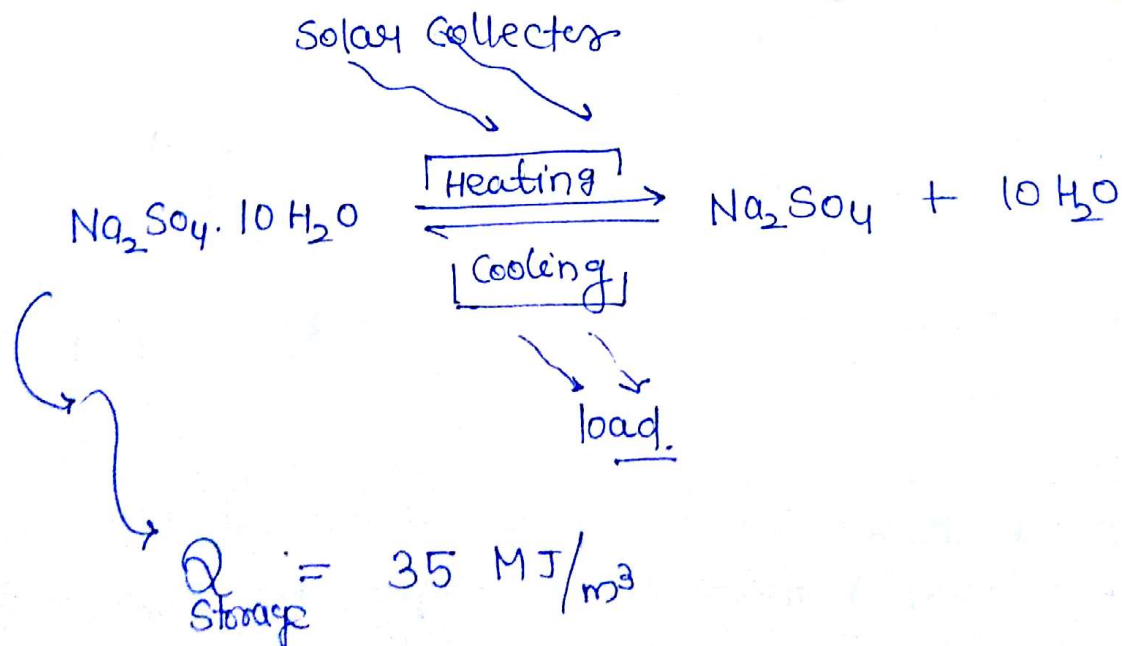
(iii) $\alpha \rightarrow$ low



(iii) Very low value of coefficient of thermal expansion

Example's of PCM:-

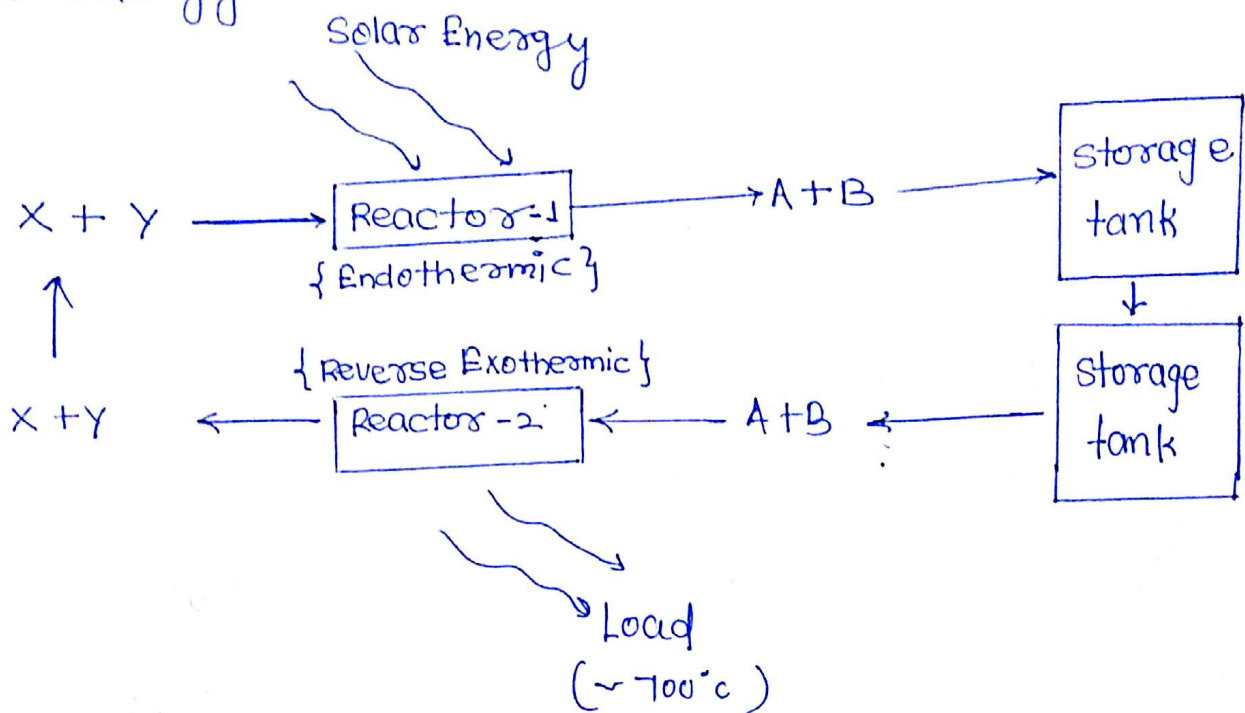
Hydrated salt like Sodium Sulphate has very Volumetric storage capacity which overcome the problem of unpredictable nature of solar energy availability.



Type-3 (Thermochemical storage)

→ In thermo chemical storage system, solar energy which is to be ~~use~~ stored in induced Endothermic chemical reaction and the product stored in storage tank.

→ Whenever energy is required (Load), reverse Exothermic reaction is made and it release huge amount of energy.



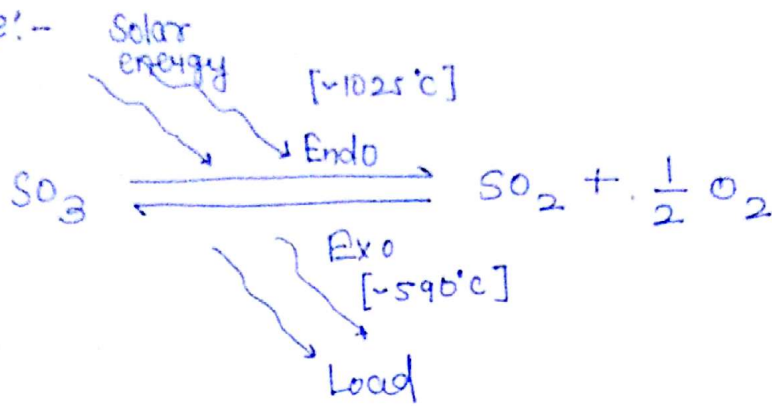
Fig! - Basic thermo chemical storage System

Note! (i) It is applicable for high temp. applications

(ii) The Forward endothermic reaction (solar collector) and the reverse exothermic reaction (Load) is always occurs at different temp.

$$T_{\text{ENDO}} > T_{\text{EXO}} \quad \text{Always}$$

Example:-

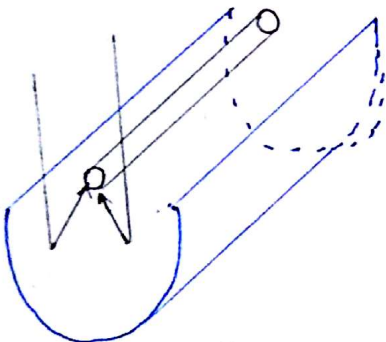


The max. storage capacity is

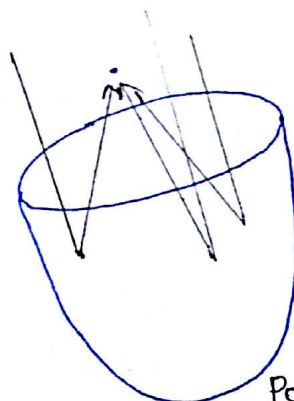
$$\left(Q_{\text{max}} \right)_{\text{Storage}} \approx 2.5 \text{ GJ/m}^3$$

* High storage capacity

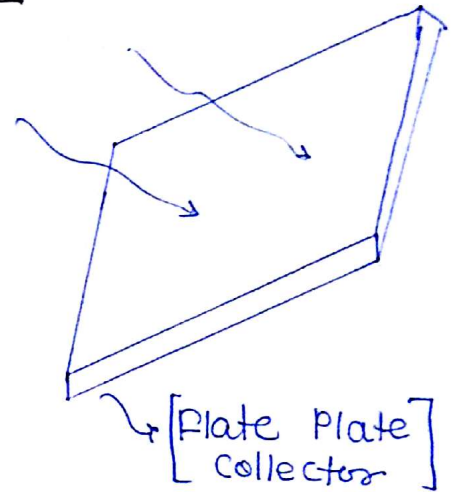
* Types of Collectors



[Parabolic collector] line-focusing (Medium temp.)



[Paraboloid collector] Point-focusing (High temp.)



[Plate collector] Non-focusing Collect (Low temp.)

Note:- For the high temp. application solar collector is should be focusing or concentrating type

Declination Angle! - (δ)

It is the angle made by the line joining the centre of sun and earth with the projection on equatorial plane and its relation given by Cooper's Relation

Cooper's Relation :-

$$\delta = 23.45^\circ \sin \left\{ \frac{360}{365} (284 + n) \right\}$$

$$\delta \approx +23.45^\circ \rightarrow \text{Jun '21} \Rightarrow n = 172 \text{ (longest day)}$$

$$\delta \approx -23.45^\circ \rightarrow \text{Dec '21} \Rightarrow n = 355 \text{ (shortest day)}$$

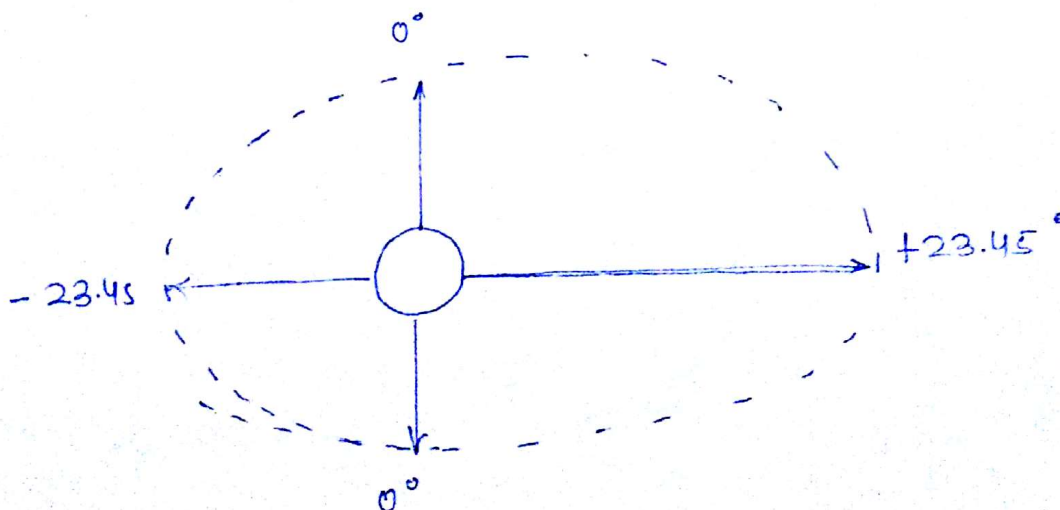
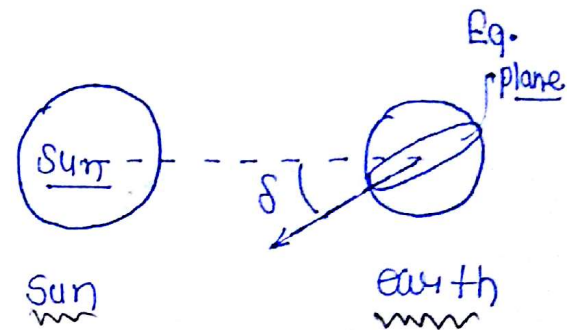
$$\delta \approx 0^\circ \rightarrow \text{Sept '21} \Rightarrow n = 265 \left. \vphantom{\delta \approx 0^\circ} \right\} \text{equinox}$$

$$\delta \approx 0^\circ \rightarrow \text{Mar '21} \Rightarrow n = 80$$

$$\delta \in [+23.45^\circ, -23.45^\circ]$$

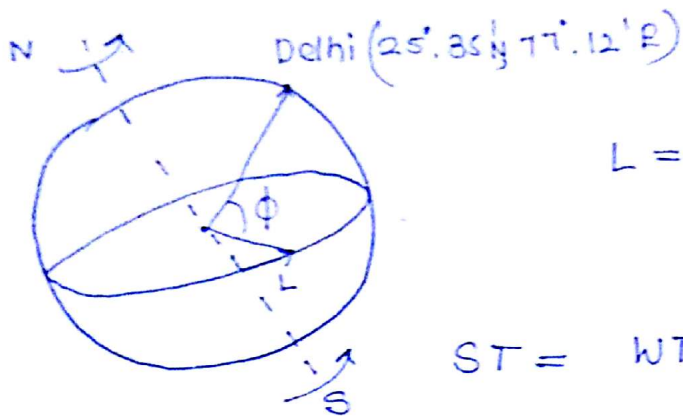
↑
Northern
hemisphere

↑
Southern
hemisphere



Hour Angle (H): -

Question:- On 21st Aug for the flat plate collector lying in Delhi (25°35' North, 77°22' East) what is the solar time if watch time 12:30



$$L = 77 + \frac{12}{60} = 77.2^\circ$$

$$ST = WT - 4(T_{So} - T_{Lo})$$

$$ST = 1230 - 4(82.5 - 77.2)$$

$$= 1230 - \underline{21.2} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Min}}$$

$$= 12:08:48$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \div 30 \\ -22 \\ \hline 08 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (1-0.2) \times 60 \\ \div 0.8 \times 60 \\ \div 48 \end{array}$$

$$21^{\text{st}} \text{ Aug } n = 233$$

$$\delta = 23.45 \sin \left\{ \frac{360^\circ}{365} (284 + 233) \right\}$$

$$\delta = 11.75^\circ$$

Hour Angle (ω)

The earth revolves about its axis and complete revolution in 24 hrs it means

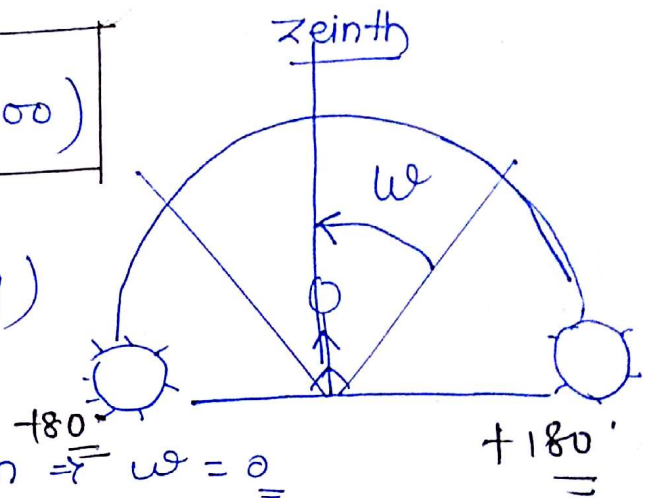
$$\frac{360}{24} = 15^\circ/\text{hr}$$

Hence hour angle (ω) for any location is the angle through which earth is rotated since solar noon.

$$\omega = \frac{360}{24} (ST - 1200)$$

$\Rightarrow \omega$ $\begin{cases} \text{---ve (Morning)} \\ \text{+ve (Evening)} \end{cases}$

* Hour angle at solar time = solar noon $\Rightarrow \omega = 0$



Question:- In order to design a sun tracking system an engineer wants to calculate hour angle from 08:30 to 15:30 local apparent time (LAT) or solar time. Find out the range of hour angle to help the engineer.

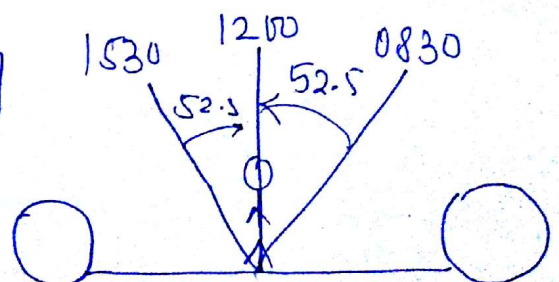
$$3 \text{ hr } 30 \text{ min} = 3.5 \text{ hr}$$

Solⁿ $ST_1 = 0830 \quad \omega_1 = 15(0830 - 1200) = -52.5^\circ$

$$ST_2 = 1530 \quad \omega_2 = 15(1530 - 1200) = +52.5^\circ$$

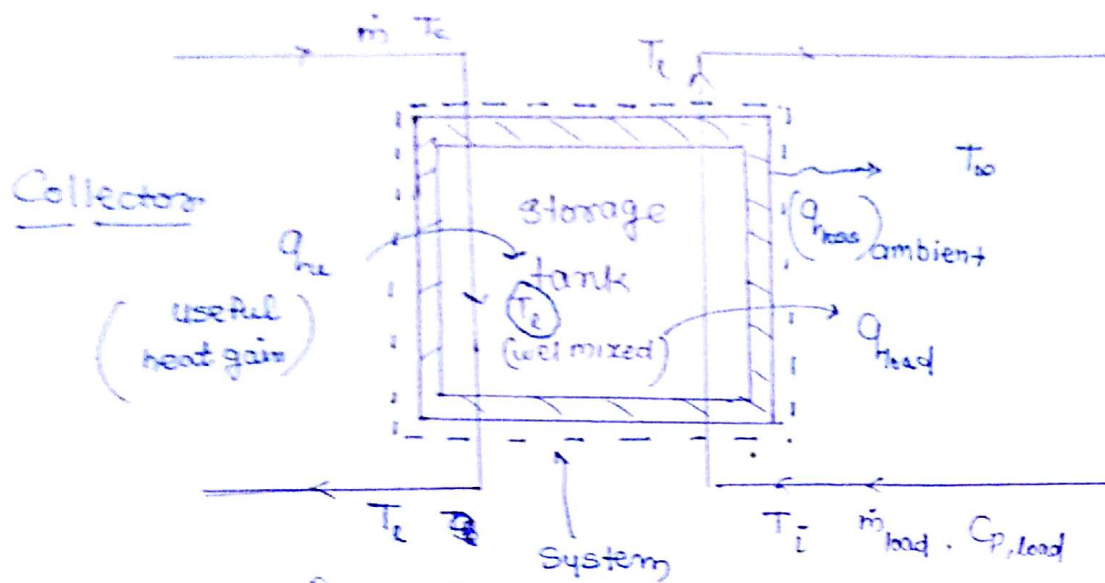
$$\omega \in [-52.5^\circ, 52.5^\circ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \text{ hr } 30 \text{ min} &= 210 \text{ min} \\ &= \frac{210}{60} = 3.5 \text{ hr} \end{aligned}$$



Analysis of liquid storage tank: -

Assumption: - well mixed condition



For whole tank

$$\dot{m}_s \cdot c_{p,s} = \dot{m}_c \cdot C_{p,c} + \dot{m}_t \cdot C_{p,t}$$

$$\dot{m}_s c_{p,s} \frac{dT}{dt} = \dot{q}_u - \dot{q}_{load} - \dot{q}_{loss} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\dot{q}_u = \dot{m} c_p (T_c - T_s)$$

$$\dot{q}_{load} = \dot{m}_{load} \cdot C_{p,load} (T_s - T_i)$$

$$\dot{q}_{loss} = (UA)_s (T_s - T_{\infty})$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{L}{k\pi} = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{U\pi r_1 r_2} = \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{2\pi k L}$$

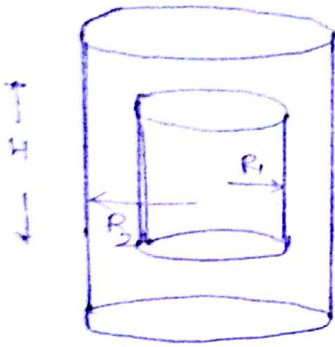
m_t - mass of liquid tank

$C_{p,t}$ - Sp. heat of liquid

m_s - mass of the storage tank

$C_{p,t}$ - Sp. heat of the storage tank

Top & bottom



Top & bottom

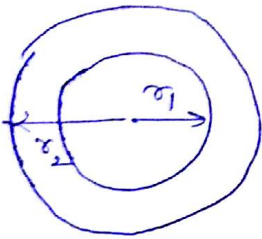
$$A = \pi R_i^2$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{t}{k \cdot A}$$

$$(UA)_{top} = \frac{k \cdot A}{t}$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{R_{th}} = (UA) \Delta T$$

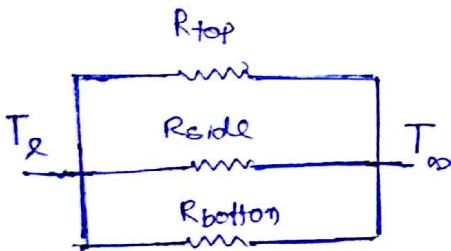
Side surface



$$R_{th} = \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{2\pi k L}$$

$$(UA)_{side} = \frac{2\pi k L}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{th}} = (UA)$$



$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

From eqn ①

$$\int_{T_l}^{T_2^+} dT = \frac{\dot{q}_u - \dot{q}_{load} - \dot{q}_{loss}}{\dot{m}_s C_{p,s}} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} dT$$

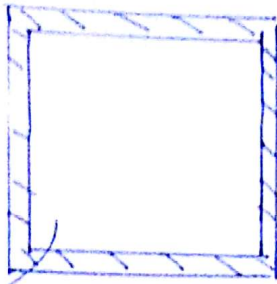
$$T_2^+ = T_1 + \frac{\left[\dot{m} C_p (T_c - T_l) - \dot{m}_{load} C_{p,load} (T_2 - T_i) - (UA)_i (T_2 - T_{\infty}) \right]}{\dot{m}_s C_{p,s}} \Delta t$$

Problem:- A cylindrical hot water liquid storage tank, 1.7 m in diameter and 2.1 m high is made from steel plate of density $\rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and the specific heat of 0.46 kJ/kg-K plate thickness is 6 mm. A part from the mass of the steel required for making the surface an additional 2000 kg of steel is required for the strengthening of tank. The initial temp. of water in the tank is (T_e) is 50°C (water density 1000 kg/m^3 and specific heat of water 4.18 kJ/kg-K).

For a particular day the variation in useful heat transfer is upto 0900 hrs is given below

Time	7-8	8-9
$\dot{q} \text{ (kJ/h)}$	18660	37496
T_∞	17.8	21.9

The load requirement for the agriculture purpose is at the constant rate of $\dot{q}_{\text{Load}} = 27,000 \text{ kJ/h}$. Assuming the water in tank is well mixed and the overall heat transfer coefficient ~~or~~ for loss of heat from tank to ambient $(UA)_e = 3.407 \text{ W/K}$



$$(T_e) = 50^\circ\text{C}$$

at 0.7000 hrs

$$H = 2.1 \text{ m}$$

$$D = 1.7 \text{ m}$$

$$t = \frac{6}{1000} \text{ m}$$

$$\rho_t = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\text{mass of tank} = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Volume}} = (\pi D H) \times t + \frac{\pi}{4} \times D^2 \times t \times 2$$

$$V = \left(\pi \times 1.7 \times 2.1 \right) \times \frac{6}{1000} + \frac{\pi}{4} (1.7)^2 \times \frac{6}{1000} \times 2$$

$$V = 0.0945 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{mass of tank} = (\rho V) + m_{\text{additional}}$$

$$m_t = (7800) (0.0945) + 200$$

$$m_t = 937.33 \text{ kg}$$

$$C_{p,t} = 0.46 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$m_t C_{p,t} = 431.1718 \text{ kJ/k}$$

for
liquid

$$m_e = \rho_e \times \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 H = 4766.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$C_{p,e} = 4.187 \text{ kJ/kg-k}$$

$$m_e C_{p,e} = 19957.33 \text{ kg/k}$$

$$m_s C_{p,s} = m_t C_{p,t} + m_e C_{p,e}$$

$$= 431.1718 + 19957.33$$

$$m_s C_{p,s} = 20388.50 \text{ kg/k.}$$

$$(UA)_e = 3.407 \text{ W/K} = 3.407 \times \frac{3600}{1000}$$

$$(UA)_e = 12.272 \text{ kJ/h-}^\circ\text{C}$$

$$Q_{\text{load}} = 27,000 \text{ kJ/h}$$

$$\int_{T_e}^{T_e^+} dT = \frac{\dot{Q}_e - \dot{Q}_{\text{load}} - \dot{Q}_{\text{loss}}}{m_s C_{ps}} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt$$

$$T_e^+ - T_e = \frac{\dot{Q}_e - \dot{Q}_{\text{load}} - (UA)_e (T_e - T_\infty)}{m_s C_{ps}} \times \Delta T$$

$$T_e^+ = 50 + \frac{(18660 - 27,000 - 12.272(50 - 17.8))}{20388.84}$$

$$\text{1st iteration } T_e^+ = 49.54^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{2nd iteration } T_e = 49.54^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_e^+ = 49.54 + \frac{(37496 - 27000 - 12.272(49.54 - 21.9))}{20388.84}$$

$$T_e^+ = 50.068^\circ\text{C}$$