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ABSTRACT

Ice rinks are among the biggest energy consuming buildings, which also mean that there is a big potential to save energy in ice rinks. So far several energy saving measurements have been applied. According to the heat load share in ice rinks, radiation heat accounts for a major part. One of most practical way to reduced radiation heat on ice surface is to install a low emissivity factor ceiling to stop the radiation. Many references (W.Blades, 1992; Laurier Nichols, 2009; Ontario Hydro Technologies, 1999; Jack Vivian, 2008; Energie Innovation INC, 1992; Manitoba Hydro, 1999; ORFA, 2008) indicated that this kind of ceiling could reduce the radiation load by 80 to 90%, lights level could be improved by 20% to 50%. But few of the references have indicated how much energy can be saved in reality usage of low-e ceiling. In this thesis, low-e ceiling which has been installed in Älta ice rink has been studied and evaluated from two aspects: how much radiation has been reduced and how much light level has been improved under both cold and warm periods.

The installation of low-e ceiling has also been analyzed by applying different scenarios according to different ways to install it and the material has been used as low-e ceiling. In order to analyze the energy consumption and energy saving measures in Älta ice rink, temperatures has been measured in different locations by thermal couples and IR sensors. The result calculated from the measurements shows the radiation to the ice surface calculated in cold and warm periods is reduced by no more than 32% which is not as much as the reference (Laurier Nichols, 2009)has stated. 10% reduction of total heat load on ice surface is estimated. The light level is improved by 24% in average. It also shows that it is better to install low e-ceiling directly attached to the original inner ceiling to avoid increasing ceiling temperature in the cold period.

The two types of dehumidifiers are studied in this thesis, too. The energy consumption of sorption type dehumidifier in Älta ice rink and refrigerant type dehumidifier in Norrtälje are calculated and compared. The energy consumption of Älta ice rink in 2011 is about 150 MWh. The result shows that sorption type dehumidifier has higher average daily energy consumption in two ice rinks in the studied period. But it depends on how much air has been treated and other factors; therefore, this thesis gives a general idea about the energy consumption of dehumidifiers. Controlling of dehumidifier and relationship between the outdoor air water content and energy consumption in Älta ice rink are discussed. And as a result it is better to control dehumidifier by water content or dew point of air.

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1 Introduction

Throughout the history, the use of energy has been central to the development of human society. And from very old times, people start to harness the concentrated energy contained in fossil fuel which brought people into an industrial world. However, there is growing realization that the world energy system needs to be changed based on a long-term development. So people started to find access to sustainable energy. There are mainly two aspects of the access: have sustainable energy sources and improve the energy efficiency in current situation.

Ice rinks are highly energy-intensive systems which could greatly benefit from the energy saving measures. It was predicted that the annual energy requirement of an ice rink with the size of 64.2m*41.5m*9.2m could be from 2000MWh to 4000MWh (Lotfi Seghouani, 2009) each year. And in Sweden, the average annual energy consumption of ice rinks is 1185 MWh/year and the total energy consumption of ice rinks in Sweden exceeds 300GWh/year (Rogstam, 2010). The heat loads share in the total heat load is showed below.

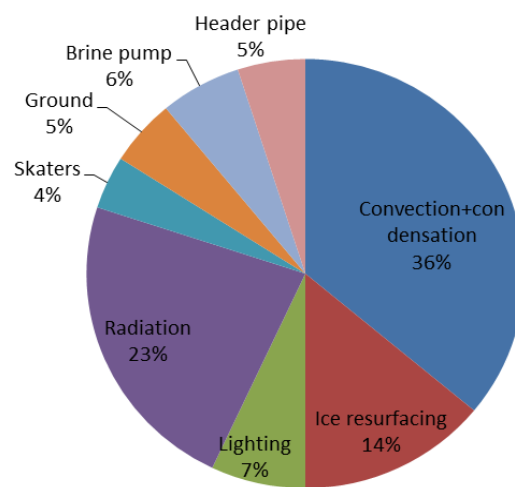


Figure 1 Heat loads shares in the total heat load in ice rink (Karampour, 2011)

There are many existing energy saving technologies for ice rinks according to different kind of heat loads. For example, heat recovery on exhaust to recover the energy in the exhaust air which could have a significant improvement of the whole energy balance of building, efficient lighting system which is estimated to have a potential of 50000 kWh per year, low e-ceiling which reduce the radiation by 15% on the refrigeration equipment (Laurier Nichols, 2009).

1.1 Objective

The objective of this paper is to evaluate the energy saving measures in ice rinks. To reach this aim, several sub-objectives should be obtained.

- 1) Study literature on the specific methods and ideas behind the saving measures in ice rinks or similar applications.
- 2) Evaluation of at least two ice rinks with ClimaCheck instrumentation enabling monitoring the cooling capacity/ice rink heat load.
- 3) Evaluate the installation of a low-e ceiling in Älta ice rink with respects to:
 - Energy saving by reduced heat radiation
 - Potential energy saving by improved light

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- 4) Experimentally evaluate dehumidification methods in ice rinks: Sorption type & Refrigeration type, and develop a quick method to do an onsite status check of a dehumidifier

1.2 Methodology

The methodology has been divided into several steps according to the objectives. The thesis work will start with the literature review of ice rink design technologies and existing saving technologies used in this area. The obtained theoretical information will be complemented with the Swedish ice rinks' inventory results, obtained during the realization of "StoppSladd" project.

All the acquired information will be analyzed using qualitative methods. The analysis results will be supplemented with the experimental studies in order to define most promising energy saving methods. Finally both the experimental data and analysis results will be used to identify the energy saving actions and potential.

1.3 Scope and limitations

In this paper, the ice rink is studied from the energy aspect and the main interest lies in the refrigeration system. Two main parts are discussed: low emissivity ceiling (low-e ceiling) installed in Älta ice rink and dehumidification in both Älta and Norrtälje ice rink. Because the measurement before installation of low-e ceiling is only available in June 2011 so there is no exactly parallel data to compare. So the data is compared with the later month August 2011. For the dehumidification part the measurement of air goes in and out of the dehumidifier is lack. So the technical parameters are used for calculation. The measurements for the condensed water flow are not reliable because of certain technical problem related to piping, so only the daily energy consumption is used to compare the two different types of dehumidifier.

2 Background

2.1 Energy system in ice rinks

An ice rink can be considered as a big fridge which contains certain temperature level ice inside. As in this thesis, the energy system boundary is set as ice rink includes the whole ice rink envelope and the outdoor cooling coil and fans, which is comprised of ventilation system, heating system, refrigeration system, lighting system etc. And the main part of the energy system for a conventional ice rink is the refrigeration system which is showed in **Figure 2**. The ice layer is maintained by the secondary refrigerant from the refrigeration unit and the heat rejected by the refrigeration system is recovered by the heat recovery units.

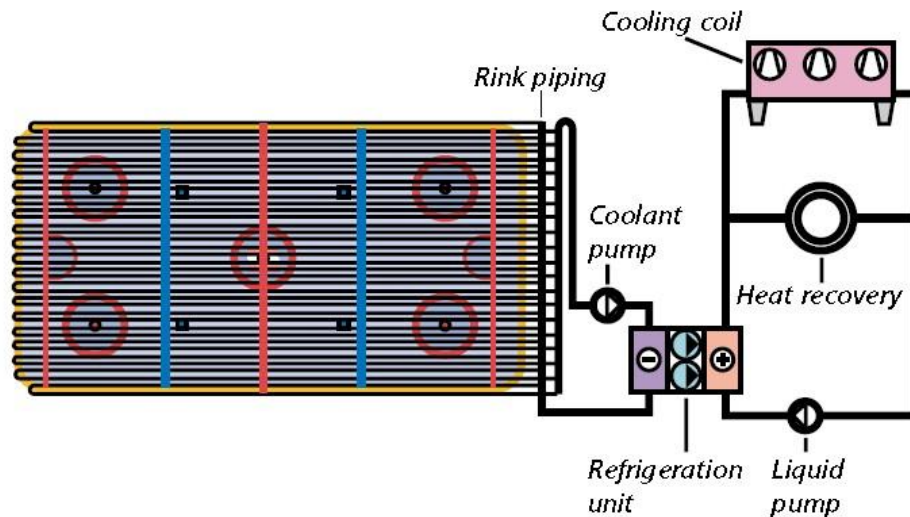


Figure 2 Refrigeration plant in ice rink, indirect cooling system (IIHF, 2011)

There are basically two types of refrigeration system solutions in the ice rinks: direct and indirect. In direct refrigeration systems the rink pipe is working as the evaporator while a heat exchange is used between the evaporator in refrigeration unit and rink pipe in indirect refrigeration system. The ice layer is maintained by the secondary coolant in the rink's piping network. **Figure 3** shows the sketches of direct and indirect systems.

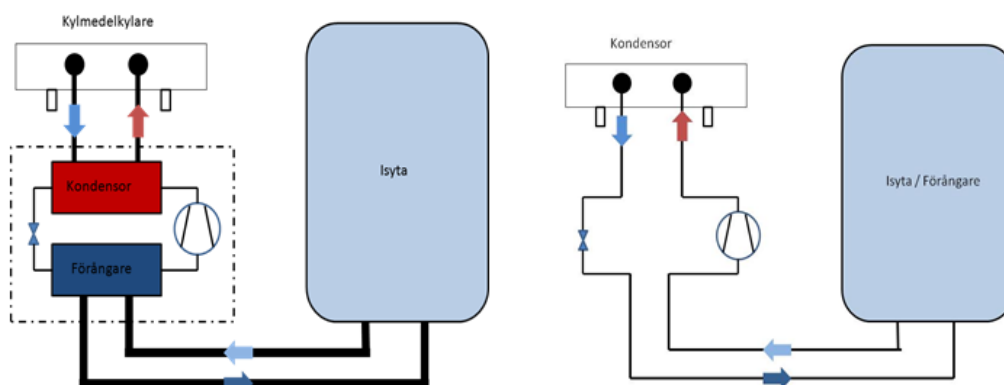


Figure 3 Indirect (left) and direct (right) refrigeration system

Although a direct system is simpler with higher efficiency, its application is limited by the health and safety regulations due to risk of refrigerant leakage, for example ammonia in several countries. Furthermore, a standard industrial refrigeration unit can be used in the indirect system which gives more flexibility to the

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choice of refrigerants (IIHF, 2011). Ice rinks nowadays are built with an indirect refrigeration system mostly.

2.2 Energy saving measures in ice rinks

Considering that ice rinks are usually intensive energy consumers, the potential for energy saving might be considerable. According to (Laurier Nichols, 2009) in ASHRAE, a general survey showed that the standard energy consumption in Quebec, Canada is 1500000 kWh/year. And the most efficient arenas are consuming 800000 kWh/year while the less efficient ones consuming 2 times energy as the efficient ones. Different kinds of energy saving measures can be carried out according to different sections of the break down energy consumption. A breakdown of the end-use energy consumption is showed in the **Figure 4** (Laurier Nichols, 2009).

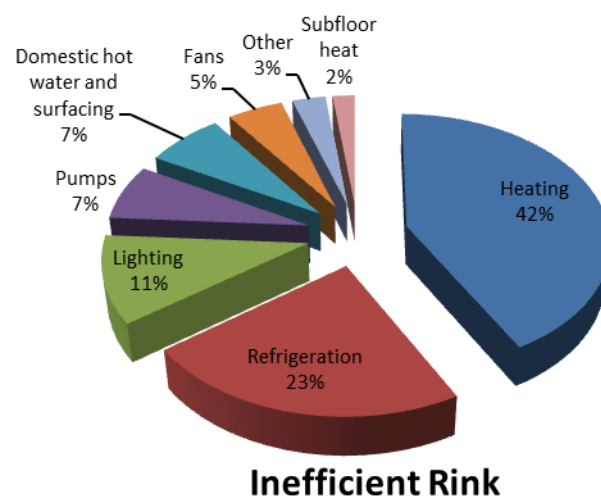


Figure 4 Breakdown of end-use energy consumption in ice rink (Laurier Nichols, 2009)

a) Heating

Heating which represents one of the biggest single energy consumption is also the biggest potential of energy saving.

Adjusting air temperature

The air temperature inside ice rink varies a lot from areas to areas. In the auditorium area, the air should be warm for people watching games there, but in the ice arena the air temperature should not be so high which will add heat load for refrigeration system. So it is very important to have a suitable air temperature to avoid having high load both in heating and refrigeration systems.

Heat recovery

As an average, more than 2000 kWh of heat is generated by the ice plant each day. This amount of energy is more than enough for the daily heating requirements (E Source, 2010). If all this exhaust heat is gathered and re-used, there will be a significant reduction of energy consumption in heating. In addition of space heating, the recovered heat can also be used for the subfloor heating, hot water for re-surfacing and dehumidification.

b) Refrigeration system

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Ice plant, which comprise of refrigeration system and piping system, is the second largest energy consumption. And it is the main consumption for electricity in ice rinks.

Ice thickness

The ice should be thick enough to support the skaters. But if it is too thick, the refrigeration system will be working more than necessary and energy will be wasted. So it is necessary to optimize the thickness of ice.

Add variable-frequency drives (VFDs)

The motor output will be matched to the real time load, which could reduce the energy consumption of brine pump and condenser by reducing the pump speed when possible.

Improving the water quality

Less pure of water used for making ice, lower temperature is required to freeze. Salts in water will lower the natural freezing temperature of water, which requires lower brine temperature, using more energy. The purity of water is critical to the ice quality, too. The ice made of impure water breaks up more easily.

Low emissivity ceilings

Radiation from ceiling to ice rink is a major heat load on refrigeration system (nearly 30%), which give a large potential for reducing heat load. By installing ceiling with low emissivity factor, the load from ceiling can be reduced significantly as well as the improvement of lighting inside ice rink.

c) Lighting system

Improving lighting system is an easy and inexpensive way to reduce the energy consumption.

Change light intensive

Change the light intensive with the activities taking place. Some professional hockey games may require high intensive of light but not for the normal ice skating. So adopting the lights to the activities could reduce the energy consumption of lighting system as well as reducing the load on ice pad.

Upgrade lamps

Use better fluorescent lamps such as high-performance T8 lamp system which can improve the lighting by 70-80% compared to T12 system.

3 Evaluation of low-e ceiling

3.1 Introduction

Radiant energy is the energy of electromagnetic waves according to Federal Standard 1037C (Administration General Services, 1996). It always flows from high temperature object to low temperature object (McBride, 2005). In the ice rinks, the radiant heat is transferred from the ceiling to the low temperature ice board. The radiant heat on ice surface accounts for around 30% of the total heat load, which shows a large potential of energy saving (Natural Resources Canada, 2003; ASHREA, 1994).

When the radiation reached the surface of a black body, it will be absorbed completely by the black body. For a grey body, the radiation reaches its surface and then part of the radiation will be reflected and leave the surface. Emissivity factor is the parameter which shows the relative ability of emitting the energy by radiation (Wikipedia, 2012).

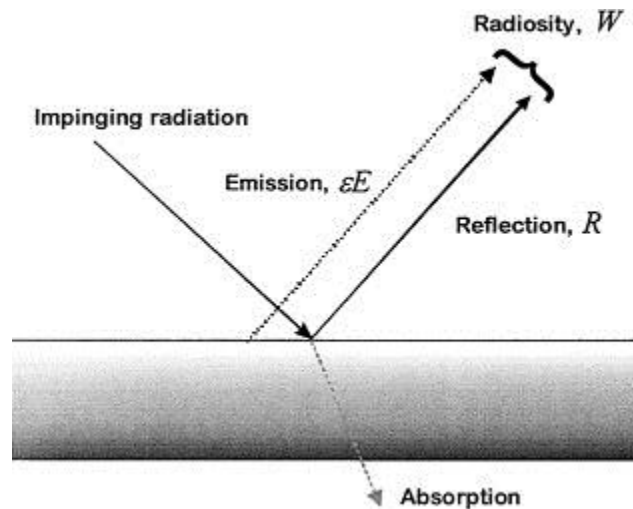


Figure 5 Radiation on a grey body surface (D.Manca & M.Rovaglio, 2002)

Also there is radiation exchange between each surface when referring to an enclosure with more than two surfaces of grey bodies.

Radiant energy can be estimated by the equation contains of emissivity factor and temperature difference of two objectives. The most practical way to reduce radiant energy could be to install a shield between the ceiling and ice surface to stop the radiant. This kind of shields is commonly referred to as of low emissivity factor. One of these applications is low emissivity ceiling.

Low emissivity ceiling is a ceiling with low emissivity material which has a very low potential to transfer radiant heat. Usually the normal material could have an emissivity factor of 0.9 which means they are 90% efficient of transferring their heat to other objects. And a good low-e ceiling is made of materials with emissivity factor of 0.03, which means 3% efficient of transferring heat to other objects.

It is constructed of aluminum foil, fiberglass and fire-resistant material. It can be installed close to the ceiling or suspended from wires as a horizontal sheet. **Figure 6** is the low-e ceiling installed in Älta ice rink.



Figure 6 Älta ice rink with low e-ceiling

Several related references have announced that low emissivity ceiling has significant effect on reducing radiant heat load on ice surface. It shows 15% to 30% of energy saving on refrigerant equipment and 80% to 90% of the original radiant heat load (W.Blades, 1992; Laurier Nichols, 2009; Ontario Hydro Technologies, 1999; Jack Vivian, 2008; Energie Innovation INC, 1992; Manitoba Hydro, 1999; ORFA, 2008). It is also said that the light levels in the ice rink could be improved by 20% to 50% after the installation of low-e ceiling (ICECO, 2009; W.Blades, 1992).

But few of the references have referred to the details of how much energy could be saved by the low-e ceiling in practical use. In this report, the practical energy saved by low-e ceiling will be evaluated in two aspects: reduction in radiation and improvement of illumination. This could illustrate the practical effects of low-e ceiling in ice rinks and give a more specific understanding of low-e ceiling.

3.2 Radiation

The main contribution of low e-ceiling is to reduce the thermal radiation from ceiling to ice surface. In order to calculate the radiation from ceiling, a calculation model is built. Ice rink is considered as an enclosure with three surfaces (**Figure 7**).

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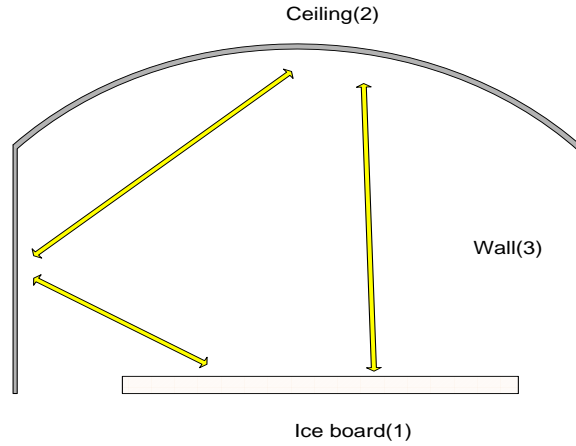


Figure 7 Sketch of ice rink

As a multiple surfaces case, there are radiation exchanges between each surface. The radiation heat transferred to the ice board is from both ceiling and walls.

3.2.1 Assumptions

In order to simplify the problem, the walls are considered as one piece black body (surface 3), and the curved ceiling (surface 2) is hanging above the ice board (surface 1).

3.2.2 Calculation model

For a three surfaces enclosure, the radiation exchange between surfaces is complicated. The net radiation exchange at a surface is the rate at which the energy is transferred to the surface to maintain it at a constant temperature. The net radiation can be expressed by the following equation:

Net radiation on a grey body surface

$$Q_i = \frac{E_{bi} - J_i}{R_i} \quad (W) \quad (EQ 13.19) \quad (P.Incropera \& Witt, 1990)$$

Radiation resistance: $R_i = (1 - \epsilon_i) / \epsilon_i A_i$

Where, E_{bi} is the emissive power, J_i is the radiosity over the surface which is the term accounts all the energy leave the surface, ϵ_i is the emissivity factor, A_i is the area of the surface.

This could be represented by the network element of **Figure 8**.

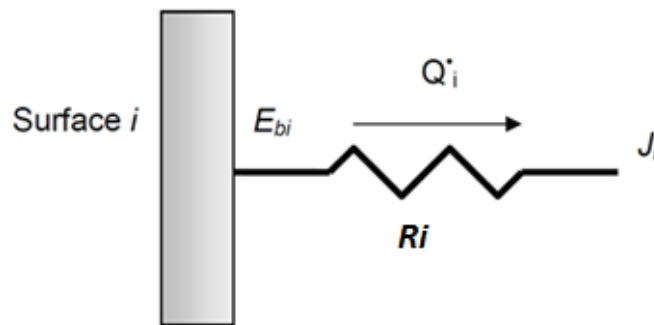


Figure 8 Surface resistance to radiation

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Considering two surfaces in an enclosure the exchange radiation between them can be expressed by the following equation and can be represented by the net elements also.

$$Q_i = \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{ij}}$$

$$R_{ij} = \frac{1}{A_i F_{ij}}$$

Where, A_i is the area of surface, F_{ij} is the view factor between two surfaces.

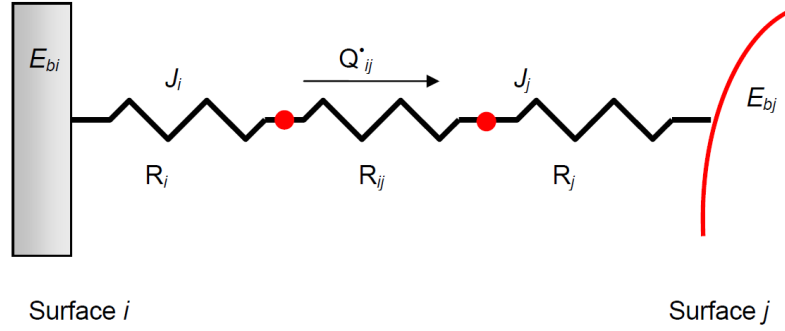


Figure 9 Exchange radiation in a two surfaces enclosure

And the exchange radiation of the surface should be equal to the net radiation which gives following expression.

$$Q_i = \frac{E_{bi} - J_i}{R_i} = \sum \frac{J_i - J_j}{R_{ij}}$$

As in the ice rink case, there are three surfaces which could be represented by the network below.

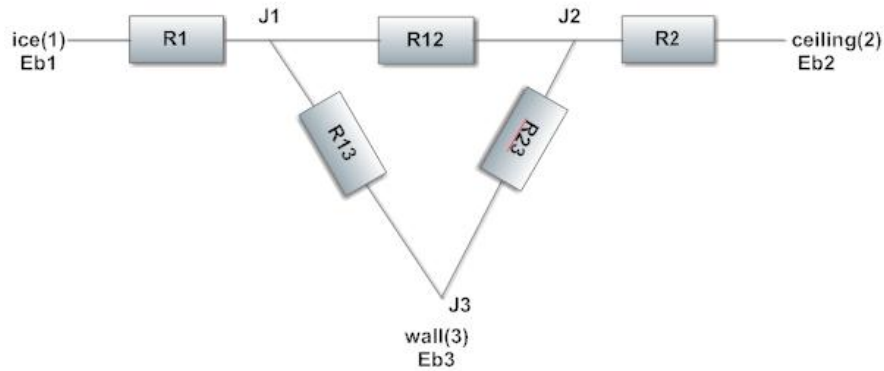


Figure 10 Represented network of radiation between three surfaces

And referring to the rule of radiation exchange between surfaces, for surface 1

$$Q_1 = \frac{E_{b1} - J_1}{R_1} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{E_{b1} - J_1}{R_1} = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{R_{12}} + \frac{J_1 - J_3}{R_{13}} \quad (2)$$

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Where, $E_{b1} = \sigma T_1^4$

$$R_1 = (1 - \varepsilon_1)/\varepsilon_1 A_1$$

$$R_{12} = (A_1 F_{12})^{-1}$$

$$R_{13} = (A_1 F_{13})^{-1}$$

$$J_3 = E_{b3} = \sigma T_3^4$$

A_1 is the area of ice rink

$$F_{12} = 1 - F_{13}$$

F_{13} is the view factor between walls and ice board which could be calculated by the internal function in EES.

Radiation exchange between surfaces, for surface 2

$$\frac{E_{b2} - J_2}{(1 - \varepsilon_2)/\varepsilon_2 A_2} = \frac{J_2 - J_1}{(A_2 F_{21})^{-1}} + \frac{J_2 - J_3}{(A_2 F_{23})^{-1}} \dots (3)$$

Where $E_{b2} = \sigma T_2^4$

$$F_{21} A_2 = F_{12} A_1 \rightarrow F_{21} = \frac{A_1}{A_2} F_{12}$$

$$F_{23} = 1 - F_{21}$$

And by using equation (2) and (3), J_2 and J_1 can be solved. Put J_1 into equation (1), the radiation transferred from the other surfaces Q_1 can be calculated.

The exchange radiation between ceiling and ice surface can be calculated by the following equation

$$Q_{12} = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{(R_{12})}$$

The radiation from ceiling is

$$Q_2 = \frac{E_{b2} - J_2}{(1 - \varepsilon_2)/\varepsilon_2 A_2}$$

And the radiation from walls is

$$Q_3 = Q_1 - Q_2$$

3.3 Measurements

In order to evaluate the whole energy system in ice rink, extensive measurements have been carried out.

First emissivity factor of low-e-material is measured. It was laboratory tested (Svedung, 2011) and the results showed the low-e-material has an emissivity factor of 0.26.

Referring to the temperature measurements, the temperature of ice surface and ceiling are measured by two IR sensors bonded together located on the bar 7.5 m above the ice surface. There is also a temperature sensor underneath the ice. The data of the rest parameters needed are read from ClimaCheck which is based on an information system integrated with different measurements in ice rink.. It is used to inspect the performance of refrigeration system. For a simple refrigeration system (**Figure 11**), the performance of system is determined by the data from seven temperature sensors, two pressure sensors and one electrical meter.

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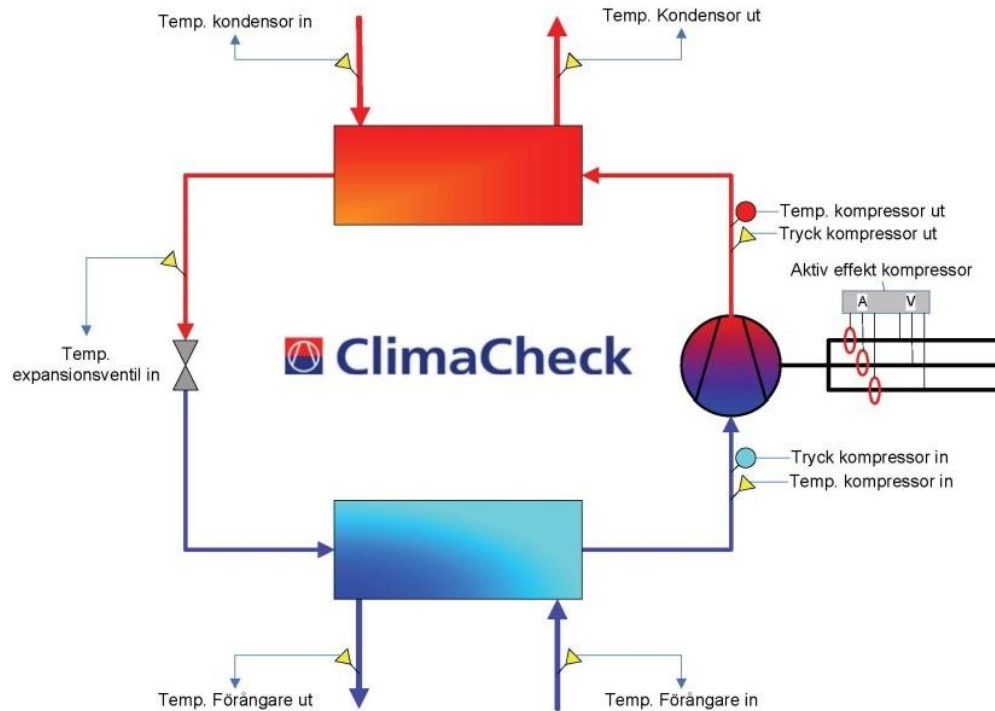


Figure 11 Climacheck Basic Instrumentation Configuration

The section view of the ice rink is showed below. The location of temperature measurements are marked with red boxes in **Figure 12**.

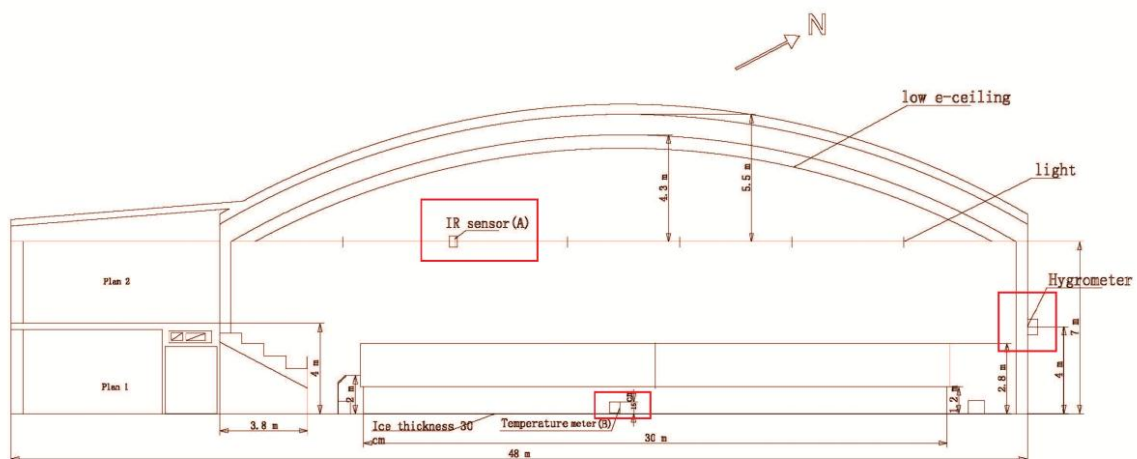


Figure 12 Location of temperature measurement equipment

The IR sensor used is Exergen IRT/C.01-K-80F/27C which is a pre-calibrated sensor normally used for the temperature range of 0-30°C with a field of view of 1:1. The measured ceiling temperature is between 2 to 20°C and that of ice surface is roughly between -3 to -1°C which means it is not in the usual temperature range of sensor. So correction of temperature is required. And the emissivity factor of the IR sensor used are pre-set as 0.9.

3.4 Scenarios

In order to study the effect of low e-ceiling for the whole year, both warm and cold periods in Stockholm are studied. The data from August is used to represent the warm period and December for cold period. The data from June is the only data available before the installation of low e-ceiling so it is also analyzed as a reference.

Even if you have a very good product, you will not get any benefits from it unless you use it properly. It is the same with low-e ceiling, how it is going to be installed is very important.

Where to install the low-e material after buying will make some differences when it comes to the energy aspect. Usually there are two situations: install the low-e ceiling with gap between the ice rink original ceiling and the low-e ceiling or installed it directly attached to original ceiling. Also there are differences among ice rinks, some are with good insulation and others are not. In order to find out the best way to install the low-e ceiling in ice rinks, several scenarios are discussed in the following figure (see the scenario tree below). All of scenarios will be discussed in the report.

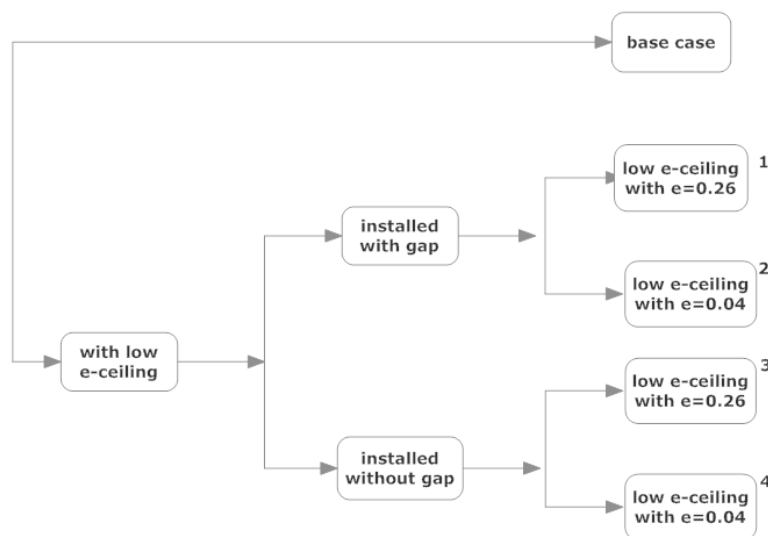


Figure 13 Scenarios under different situations

In base case, the ice rink is the one before installation of low-e ceiling. Base case is used as a reference. The original inner ceiling has an emissivity of 0.9. According to calculation model, the ceiling temperature is required but the data of directly measured ceiling temperature in this case is only available in June. The period chosen is August and December. So the ceiling temperatures in base case are calculated by the heat balance over ceiling (**Figure 14**) in both warm period (August) and cold period (December). The heat balance includes radiation between ceiling and ice, transmission between ceiling and outdoor air and convection between ceiling and indoor air.

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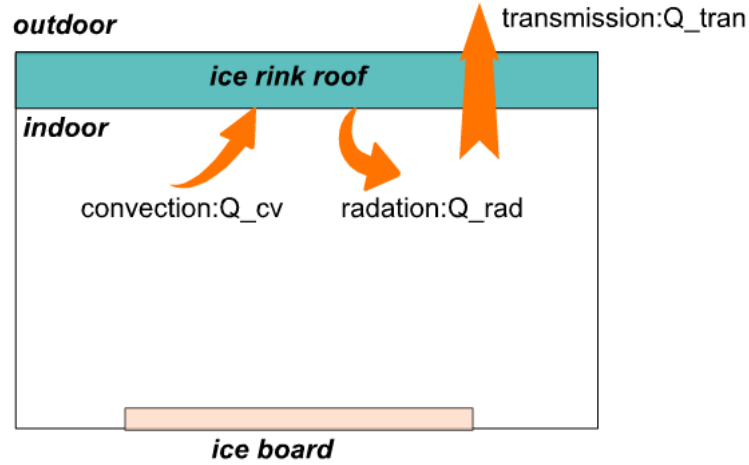


Figure 14 Heat balance over roof

It is worth mentioning that transmission in **Figure 14** could be in the opposite direction depends on the temperature of outdoor air. It is showed by the sign of its value in calculation equation.

Most used roofing structures consist of the following layers (IIHF, 2011):

- Profiled, load bearing steels sheets
- Vapor barrier
- Thermal insulation (10 cm to 15 cm rock wool)
- Water insulation

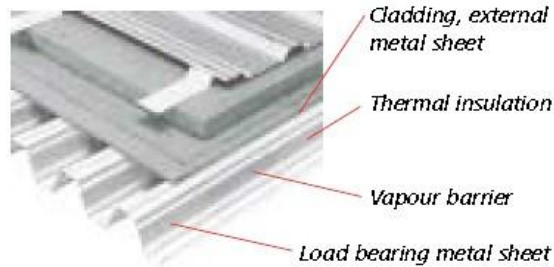


Figure 15 Mostly used roofing structure in ice rink

The elements of heat balance across the roof are calculated in the following text:

Radiation

$$Q_{rad} = A_{ice} * C' * \left[\left(\frac{T_{ceiling}}{100} \right)^4 - \left(\frac{T_{ice}}{100} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$C' = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_{ceiling}} + \frac{1}{C_{ice}} - \frac{1}{C_s}}$$

C_s is the black body radiation factor, $5.67 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\text{K}}{100} \right)^4)$

$C_{ceiling}$ is the ceiling radiation factor, $C_{ceiling} = \epsilon_{ceiling} * C_s$

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$$\varepsilon_{ceiling} = 0.9 \text{ (Base case)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{ceiling} = 0.26 \text{ (Case 3)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{ceiling} = 0.04 \text{ (Case 4)}$$

C_{ice} is the ceiling radiation factor, $C_{ice} = \varepsilon_{ice} * C_s$, $\varepsilon_{ice} = 0.95$

Transmission

$$Q_{tran} = \frac{t_{ceiling} - t_{outdoor}}{\sum_j \frac{s_j}{\lambda_j} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{out}}}$$

Where, s_j is thickness of the insulation of roof: estimated as 0.18 m

λ_j , thermal conductivity (rock wool): 0.045 W/m.K (The Engineering Toolbox, 2012).

α_{out} , Outside Heat transfer coefficient of roof with unit of $W/(m^2/K)$, this value is the heat transfer coefficient between outside surface of ceiling and air velocity according to (ASHRA, 2010) $\alpha_{out} \approx 25 W/(m^2/K)$

The outdoor temperature t_{out} is read from ClimaCheck.

Convection

$$Q_{cv} = \alpha_{inner} * (t_{inner} - t_{ceiling})$$

The indoor temperature t_{inner} is the air temperature in IR position, which is closest measurement of air temperature to inner ceiling, $\alpha_{inner} = 4 W/(m^2/K)$

Inner ceiling temperature calculation:

As combining all the above equations together, the inner ceiling temperature can be obtained.

$$Q_{cv} = Q_{rad} + Q_{tran}$$

$$t_{ceiling} = \frac{\alpha_{inner} * t_{inner} + \frac{t_{out}}{\sum \frac{s_j}{\lambda_j} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{out}}} - C' * \left[\left(\frac{T_{ceiling}}{100} \right)^4 - \left(\frac{T_{ice}}{100} \right)^4 \right]}{\alpha_{inner} + \sum \frac{s_j}{\lambda_j} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{out}}}$$

(Wilhelm Wienrich, 2012)

In order to verify the model, the ceiling temperature calculated by this equation is compared to the data in June, which is measured directly. The results are showed in **Figure 16**. From the results, one can say the model fits well with measurements. So this will be used to calculate the temperature of low e-ceiling in case 3 and 4 in Figure 13.

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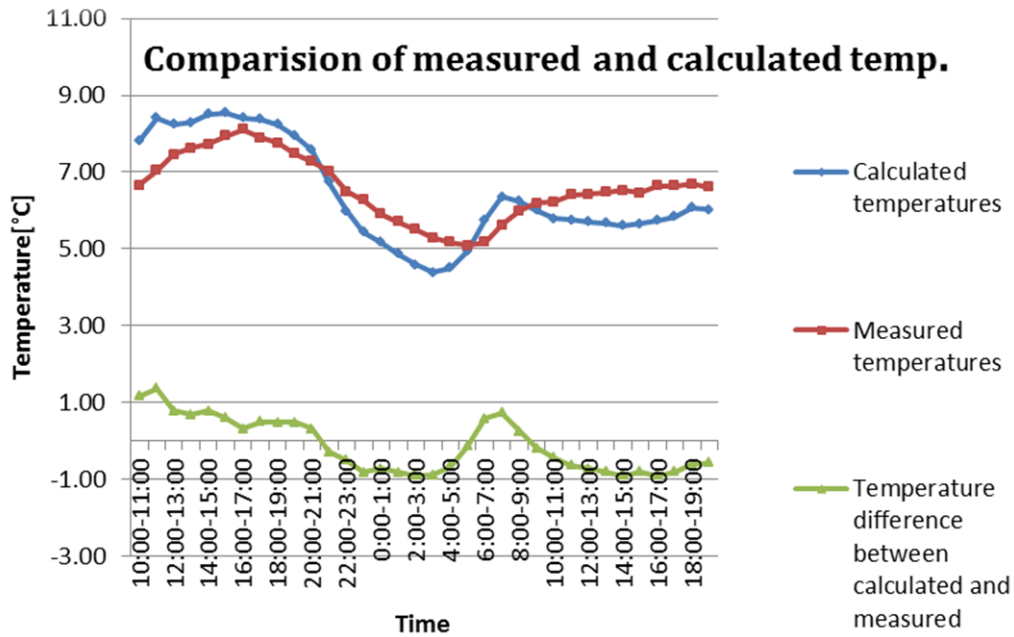


Figure 16 Calculated (heat balance over roof) and measured ceiling temperatures for a period between 16th and 17th June

In case 1 and 2, low e-ceiling is installed with gap between the original inner ceiling of ice rink and low e-ceiling (Figure 17), which is the really situation in Ålta now. The material of low-e ceiling in use now has an emissivity factor of 0.26 in case 1 and an alternative material available with emissivity factor of 0.04 is also studied here in case 2. The ceiling temperature is measured by the IR sensor which needs to be corrected because of the mismatch of emissivity factor between IR sensor and low e-ceiling.

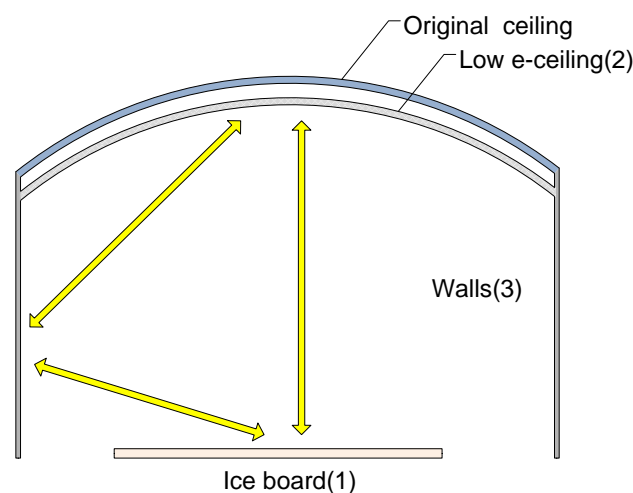


Figure 17 Ice rink stretch with low e-ceiling installed with gap (Scenario 1 & 2)

In order to correct the temperature from the data read from the IR sensor, a model named IR model is built.

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There are two ways to calculate radiation: by use the physical temperature or readings from IR sensor. But the radiation calculated by both ways should be the same, so the following equations are obtained.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{\text{radiation}}(IR) &= A_{\text{ceiling}} f_{ci}(IR) \sigma (T_{\text{ceiling}}^4(IR) - T_{\text{ice}}^4(IR)) \\ \dot{Q}_{\text{radiation}} &= A_{\text{ceiling}} f_{ci} \sigma (T_{\text{ceiling}}^4 - T_{\text{ice}}^4) \\ \dot{Q}_{\text{radiation}}(IR) &= \dot{Q}_{\text{radiation}}\end{aligned}$$

Where $T_{\text{ceiling}}(IR)$ is the radiant temperature measured by IR sensor

T_{ceiling} is the physical temperature of ceiling

T_{ice} is estimated 1 degree higher than the ice temperature measured by ClimaCheck. Several pots on the ice surface were measured and the result shows that the average ice surface temperature is 1°C higher than that measured by ClimaCheck.

$f_{ci}(IR)$ is the gray body configuration factor obtained when the emissivity factor of ceiling and ice are both set as 1

f_{ci} is the gray body configuration factor obtained when use the real emissivity factor of ceiling and ice surface(0.95)

In order to make sure that these theoretical estimations is all working in reality, the air temperature in the gap between the low-e ceiling and really ceiling was measured by inserting a logger into the gap for a period. And position of the logger was very close to the ceiling, so the air temperature measured there could be considered as the same as that of the low-e ceiling in a stable situation. **Figure 18** shows some equipment to get access to the gap.



Figure 18 (Left) connected pipe to support the logger and (right) logger used to measure the air temperature in gap between original inner ceiling and low e-ceiling

The calculated low-e ceiling surface temperature was compared with the measured temperature and the result is showed in **Figure 19**. The result comes out that the calculated ceiling temperature is almost the same as the air gap temperature, which means that assumptions are correct in this situation.

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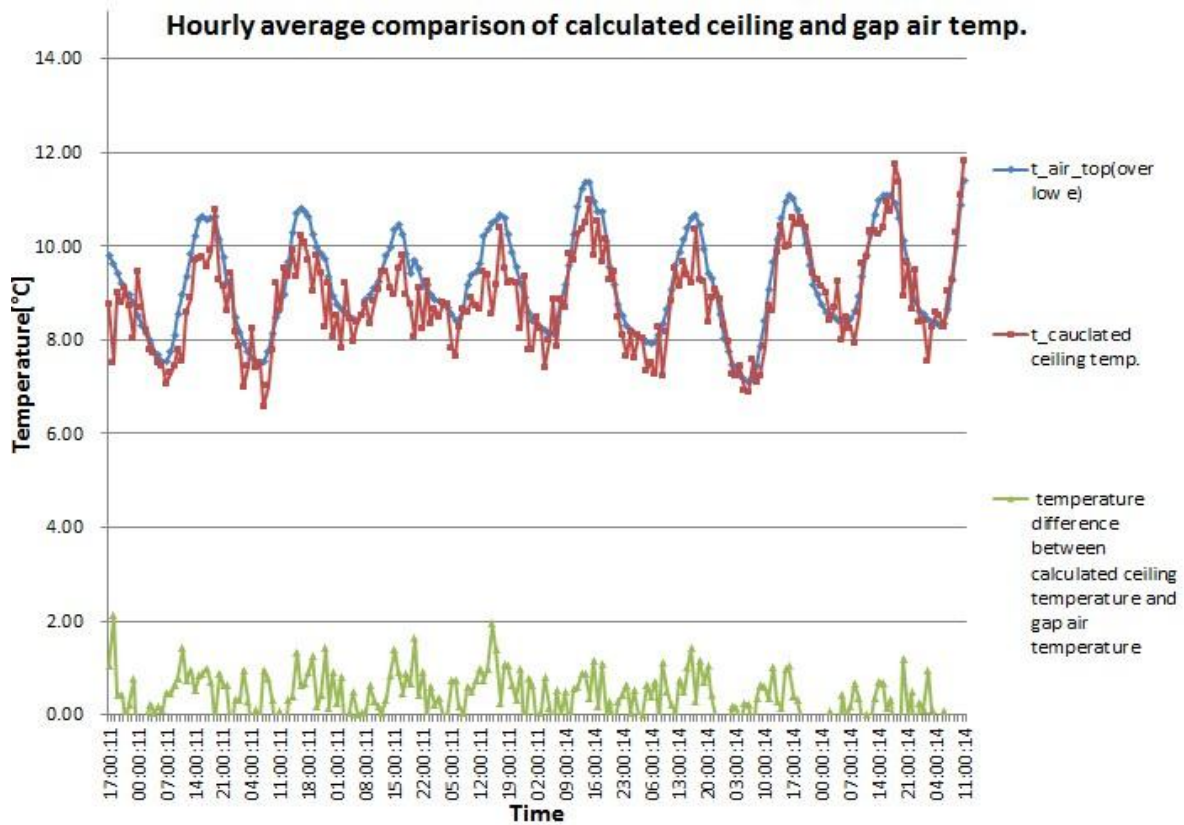


Figure 19 Calculated (from IR model) and measured ceiling temperature for the period between 24th April and 1st May

In case 3 and 4, low e-ceiling is directly attached to the inner ceiling of ice rink (**Figure 20**). There two cases are studied to know what the effect of the gap between original ceiling and low-e ceiling is. In these two cases, the ceiling temperature is calculated from the heat balance over ice rink roof.

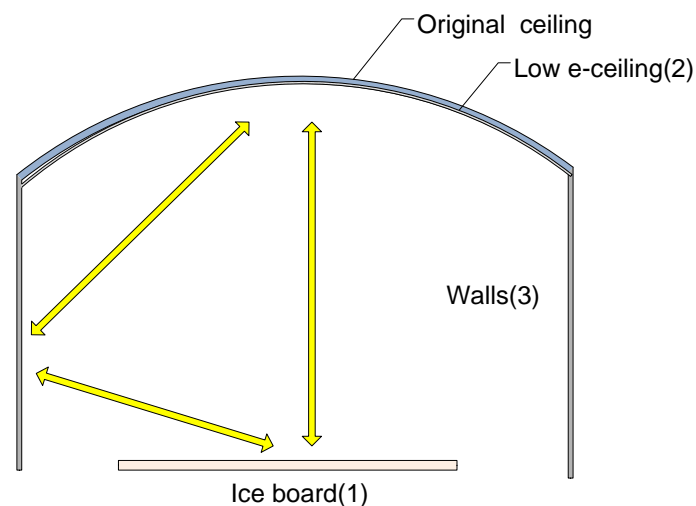


Figure 20 Ice rink stretch with low e-ceiling installed without gap (Scenario 3 & 4)

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The table below shows the summary list of sources for the input parameters. The ice surface temperatures are all the same in all cases which is 1°C plus the ice temperature reading from ClimaCheck. The air temperature measured by the logger sitting 7.5m above ice surface is applied as the wall temperature in all cases. The emissivity factor of ice surface is 0.95.

Table 1 Emissivity factor of ceiling surface in different cases

SCENARIOS	Ceiling surface temperature	Emissivity factor of ceiling surface
Base case	Calculated from heat balance over ceiling	0.9
1	Calculated from IR model	0.26
2	Calculated from IR model	0.04
3	Calculated from heat balance over ceiling	0.26
4	Calculated from heat balance over ceiling	0.04

All these scenarios will be applied by using data in June (before installation of low e-ceiling), August (warm outdoor condition), December (cold outdoor condition) to find the effects under different conditions.

3.5 Results and discussion

By using the calculation model, the radiation load on ice surface was obtained in different scenarios under different period. The radiation reached the ice surface comes from ceiling and walls, so the radiation from ceiling and walls was also calculated.

A. Warm period (August)

In this period, the measured data from 10th August to 19th August 2011 were used. The temperature data from different sensors are with different intervals. In order to unify that, an hourly average data is used to calculate the results. **Figure 21 Radiation load on ice surface in warm period (August)**

The input data are listed in the table below:

Table 2 input data of calculation model in warm period

Input data	
Outdoor temperature	Wall temperature
Ice surface temperature	Temperature reading from IR sensors
Ice rink indoor temperature	Ice surface, low e-ceiling emissivity factors

Figure 21 shows the results of the average radiation load on ice surface of each hour in that period.

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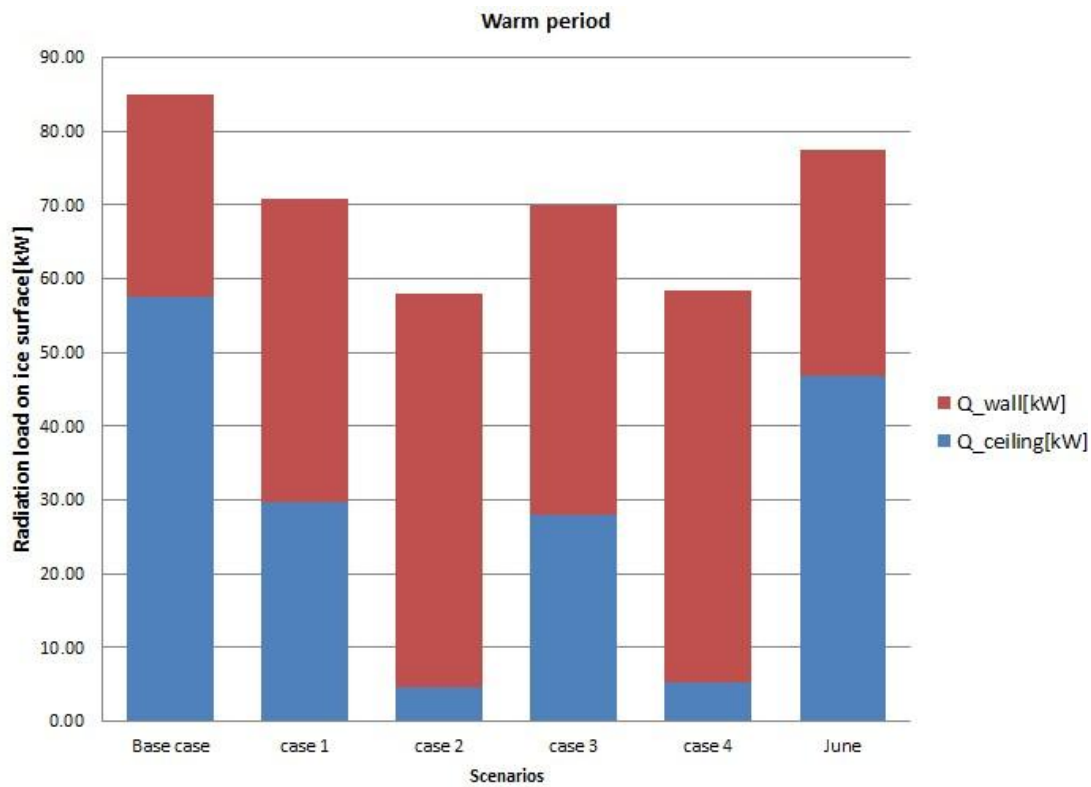


Figure 21 Radiation load on ice surface in warm period (August) for different scenarios

The result shows that the total radiation load on ice surface was reduced in all the cases referring base case as a reference. In August (base case) the radiation load is slightly higher than in June which is due to the higher outdoor temperature in August.

According to the results of case 1 and 2, when the emissivity factor is reduced from 0.9 to 0.26, the total radiation load is reduced by 17% and by 32% with 0.04, which is not as significant as expected. And the results of case 3 and case 4 are more or less the same as that of case 1 and case 2, which means that the gap between the low-e ceiling and original inner ceiling is not that effective to the whole situation when it is warm outside.

As it can be observed from **Figure 21**, it is reduced significantly. In case 1 and 2, when the emissivity factor is reduced from 0.9 to 0.26, the radiation of ceiling is reduced by 48%. And if emissivity factor is reduced further to 0.04 in case 4, the radiation of ceiling is reduced by 92% which means there is almost no net radiation of ceiling. But the total radiation load is not reduced that much. So it is worth mentioning that the radiation of walls is playing a very important role here.

When to look at the radiation of walls in base case, case 1 and case 2 in **Figure 21**, the portion of radiation of walls are increased drastically while the emissivity factor of ceiling is reducing. And it shows the same pattern when comparing the base case and case 3, 4. More than 90% of the radiation load comes from walls when the emissivity factor of ceiling is 0.04.

B. Cold period(December)

The cold period results are calculated from the data from 1st to 31st of December. The input data is processed in the same way as in the warm period. The input parameters are also the same as warm period. **Figure 22** shows the radiation load on ice surface in cold period (December).

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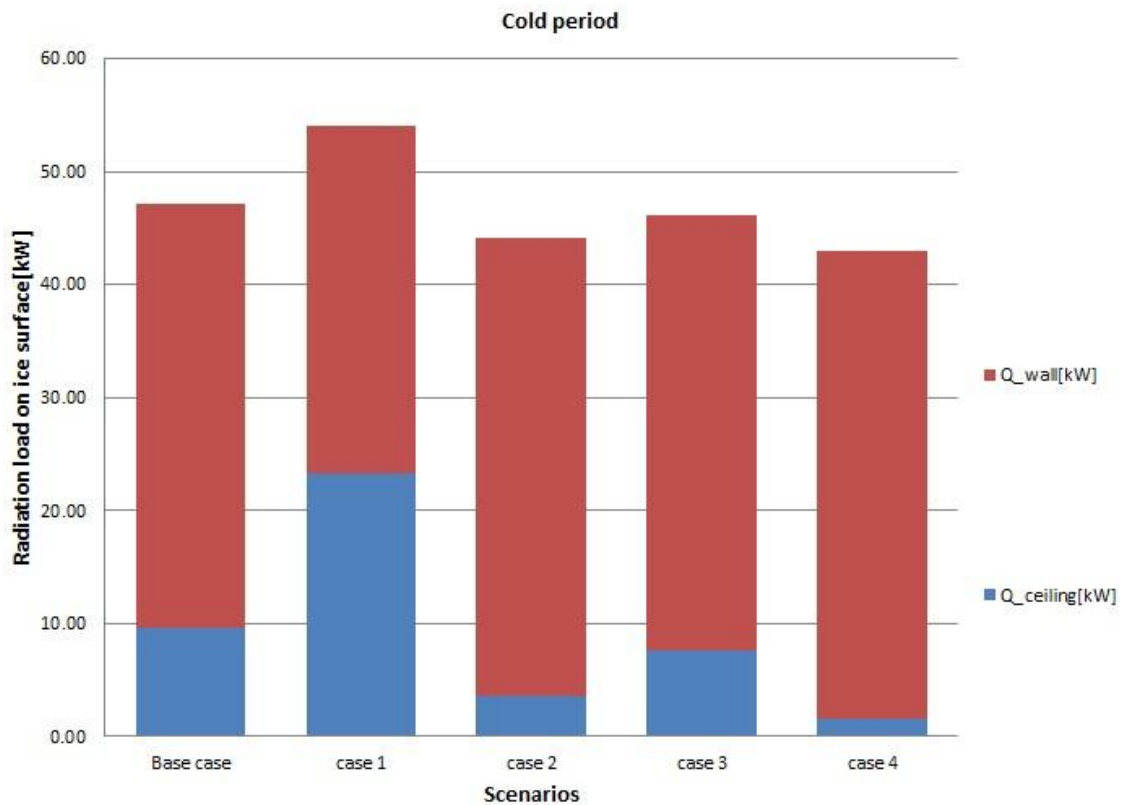


Figure 22 Radiation load on ice surface in cold period (December) for different scenarios

The result in cold period in **Figure 22** shows that there is not much reduction while the emissivity factor reduces. When the low-e ceiling is installed with a gap between it and original inner ceiling, the radiation load on ice surface is actually increased as well as the net radiation of ceiling surface in case 1. Even in case 2 that the emissivity factor of ceiling is reduced to 0.04, the total radiation load is only reduced by 11%. The result is probably due to very low outdoor temperature.

The total radiation load is reduced slightly by installing low-e ceiling attached directly to the original inner ceiling but the reduction is only 4% with ceiling emissivity factor of 0.26 in case 3 and 14% with 0.04 in case 4.

All these can be explained by the calculation model has been used. There are two main factors affecting the radiation: the temperature difference between two surfaces which can be considered as the driving force for transferring the radiation heat and the emissivity factor of surfaces which could be considered as the ability of radiation heat transferring.

In the base case, the ceiling surface temperature is calculated according to the heat balance over roof, so when the outdoor temperature is very low, the inner ceiling surface temperature is very low too. But in case 1, there is an air gap between original inner ceiling and low-e ceiling; this could form a layer of insulation for low-e ceiling which makes the surface temperature of low-e ceiling not affected much by the outdoor climate, so it is higher in case 1 than in base case. On other side, the radiation transferring capacity of ceiling surface (the emissivity factor) is reduced. But the reduction of radiation transferring capacity cannot cover the increase of drive force (temperature difference between two surfaces), so the total radiation load is increased (**Figure 23**).

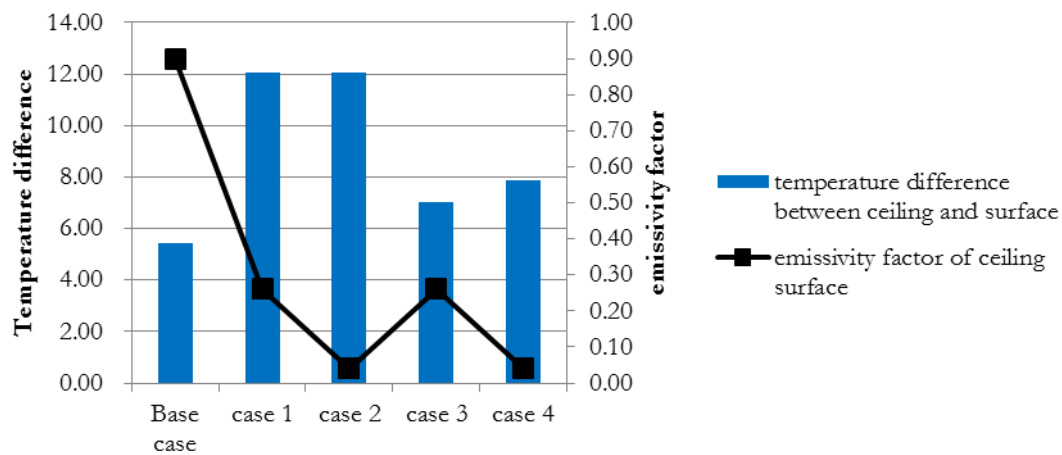


Figure 23 Temperature and emissivity factor in different cases

Referring to the net radiation of ceiling surface in **Figure 22**, it is reduced in all the cases beside case 1. In case 2, the net radiation of ceiling is reduced by 63%, 21% and 84% in case 3 and 4.

As from both periods, the total radiation load is not reduced significantly especially in cold period. But from the aspect of ceiling surface net radiation, the effect of low-e ceiling is very impressive. And the radiation from walls is not ignorable. When the emissivity factor of ceiling is reduced to very low level, it is acting as a mirror and reflecting radiation from other surfaces to ice board. That is why the part of walls radiation is increasing.

The radiation from walls increase is caused also by the calculation model. All the cases are calculated by using the same wall temperature and maybe in reality when the emissivity factor is reduced the indoor temperature and wall temperature could be in a different situation, perhaps lower.

So it is also very important to reduce the radiation from walls when in case that it becomes the main source of radiation.

3.6 Light effect

Good quality and effective lighting system are necessary for an ice rink indoor environment. according to (Karampour, 2011), the measurements of lighting in Norrtälje ice rink showed that the energy consumption of lighting system accounts for 7% of the total energy consumption based on the calculation from 2010 to 2011. and another reference indicated one third of the total electricity consumption (SaskPower, 2007). The normal lamps used in the ice rinks are incandescent lamps.

3.6.1 Light levels

A light level (illuminance level) is usually measured by a light meter in either foot-candles or lux. Foot-candle is defined as the amount of illumination received on the inside surface of 1-foot radius sphere if there is a uniform point source of one candela in the exact center of the sphere (Wikipedia, 2008). And the SI unit lux is defined as luminous flux per unit area (Wikipedia, 2012). 1 foot-candle equals to 10.67 lux, but usually it is converted as 1 foot-candle equals to 10 lux. The following table shows the typical lighting levels in an ice rink.

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Table 3-Typical lighting levels in ice rinks (SaskPower, 2007).

Location	Foot-candles	Lux
Auditorium, public space	10-20	100-200
Curling-bonspiel		
Tees	50	500
Rinks	30	300
Curling-recreation		
Tees	20	300
Rinks	10	100
Hockey(professional, television)	150	1500
Hockey(pros,university,competitive)	100	1000
Hockey(amateur)	50	500
Hockey(recreational)	25-30	250-300
Stairs	10	100
Main entry	5	50

3.6.2 Lighting improvement by low e-ceiling

Table 3 shows the distribution of a typical 100 watt incandescent lamp. From the table one can say most of the energy input is converted into radiated heat which increases the load of cooling system which could be a good chance to reduce the heat load.

The lights is first reflected off the ice surface and then reflected by the ceiling. It continues to bounce around until it is eventually absorbed. Low e-ceiling is a piece of aluminum foil which is shining silver. It will improve the reflection of light from ceiling. This re-use of light could reduce the number of lamps while improving the light level, and then reduce the load for cooling system.

Table 4 Energy distribution of a 100 watt incandescent lamp (SaskPower, 2007)

light	10%
Radiated heat	72%
Conducted heat	6.5%
Convected heat	11.5%

There are a lot of references have indicated that there is improvement of light level after the installation of low e-ceiling (McBride, 2005; E Source, 2010). Some of them has announced their low e-ceiling product can improve the lighting level by 20% to 30% (ICECO, 2009; Energie Innovation INC, 1992). Several measurements are carried out to compare the light level before and after the installation of low-e ceiling.

The light level was measured in some points in Älta ice rink. The picture shows the location of the points.

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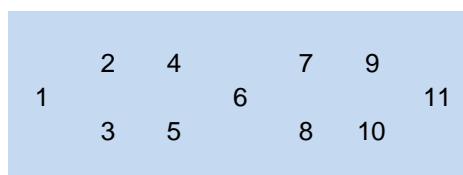


Figure 24 Location of measured points in Älta ice rink

The light level was measured on 16th June, 2011 before the installation of low-e ceiling and 11th October, 2011 after installation of low-e ceiling. All the results are showed with the unit Lux.

Results on 16th June before the installation of low-e ceiling are showed in **Figure 25**

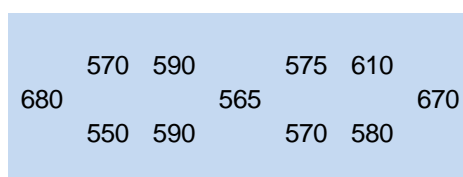


Figure 25 Light level before installation of low-e ceiling in Älta ice rink

And the result on 11th October after the installation of low-e ceiling is showed in **Figure 26**.

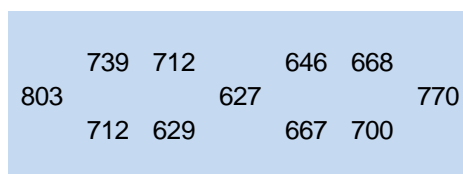


Figure 26 Light level after installation of low-e ceiling in Älta ice rink

Fel! Hittar inte referenskölla. shows that the average light level has been improved by 17%.

Table 5 Results summary of light level measurements

date	points	average	absolte increse	percentage
16-Jun	11	599	-	-
11-Oct	11	701	102	17%

As the capacity of light system is 20.9 kW, how much light level can we have per kW (lux/kW) can be obtained (Table 6).

Table 6 Light improvement per kW

Installed capacity of lighting system	20.9	kW
Lux/kW (without low-e ceiling)	28.7	Lux/kW
Lux/kW (with low-ceiling)	33.5	Lux/kW
Improved light level	4.9	Lux/kW

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Percentage improved	17%
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Conversely, the energy consumption of lighting system can be reduced if the light level maintains the same with a low-e ceiling. The table shows the potential of energy saving for lighting system (Table 7).

Table 7 Energy saving potential

Average light level without low-e	599	Lux
Average light level with low-e	701	Lux
Improved in light level	102	Lux
Lux/kW(with low-e)	34	Lux/kW
Power saving potential	3	kW

And if the lighting is turned on 6 months a year, 8 hours a day, that means the energy saving potential can be

$$8 \text{ months} \times 30 \text{ days} \times 8 \text{ hours} \times 3 \text{ kW} = 5760 \text{ kWh/year}$$

Which is not a high number compare to the total energy use of ice rink, but for longer time the lighting system is on the more energy can be saved.

4 Dehumidification

4.1 Introduction

In the ice rink, humidity is not tolerated. The moisture in the air follows the physical law of nature that migrating through the air from a higher concentration to lower concentration due to a different vapor pressure. When the moisture air is cooled, it is unable to hold as much moisture as before, so the moisture will be condensed on the colder surfaces which have lower temperature than the dew point temperature. The moisture will be condensed in the form of water drops, resulting in dripping and fogging above the ice surface which could bring annoying effect to the users, for example it is very dangerous in the hockey game if the players do not have a clear vision while they are skating at a very high speed.

Therefore; it is important to have the dried air in the ice rinks to avoid dripping or fogging. Normally the energy consumption of dehumidification of an ice rink could account for 6% of the total energy consumption of cooling system (Rogstam, 2010). And mainly there are two types of dehumidification technologies commonly used in ice rinks: sorption type and refrigeration type. Considering the high energy consumption of refrigeration system, there is potential for energy saving if the right technology is chosen. So the energy consumption of two types of dehumidification are analyzed and compared.

As a study case, two ice rinks with different type of the dehumidification technologies are studied: Älta ice rink with sorption type dehumidification and Norrtälje ice rink with refrigeration type dehumidification.

4.2 Technologies

A. Sorption type:

A sorption type dehumidifier is mainly based on the chemical sorbent. The principle of sorption type dehumidifier is that desiccant in the wheel is exposed to the moisture air, from where the moisture is absorbed and held. The saturated desiccant is then heated up to drive the collected moisture off to the exhaust air to be regenerated (NACE, 2011) , which are showed in the figure below.

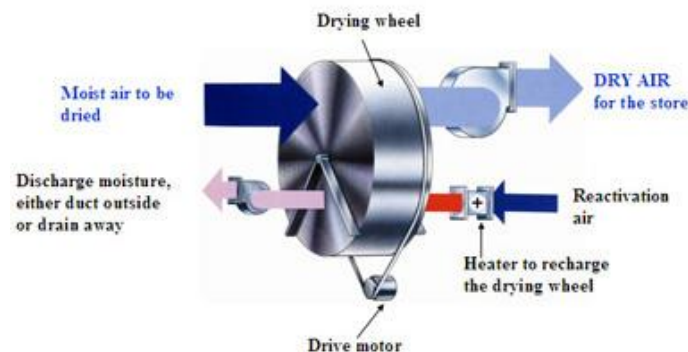


Figure 27 Principle of desiccant dehumidifier (AXIOM Solution, 2008)

B. Refrigeration type:

Another type commonly employed is to condense the moisture in air by reducing the temperature to be lower than the dew point. From saturation curve on the psychrometric chart, the moisture contained in the air is reduced significantly when the temperature of the air is lowered. The principle of operation of refrigeration type dehumidifier is showed in the figure below.

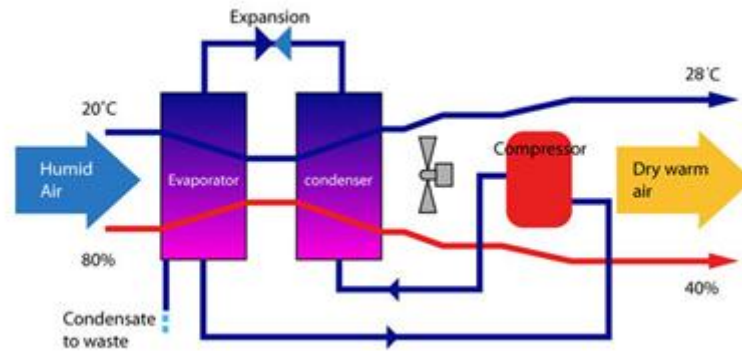


Figure 28 Principle of refrigeration type dehumidifier (Hire All Seasons, 2006)

Humid air first goes through an evaporator, where the moisture is cooled down as water and then the cooled air is heated up slightly by passing condenser and compressor after which the dry warm air is discharged to the rooms.

4.3 Study cases

4.3.1 Älta ice rink-sorption type dehumidification

In Älta, the sorption type dehumidification is used.

The model of the dehumidifier used in Älta is DA 6000, installed by Fuktkontroll AB. According to the technical parameters, the dehumidifier is with a rated power of 54.4 kW which include a power of 48 kW and 6, 2 kW for fan. The maximum ability of condensing water is 18 kg/h (4°C/50% of relative humidity) (Fuktkontroll AB, 2011).

In order to evaluate the dehumidifier, the dehumidifier is simplified by the flow chart below.

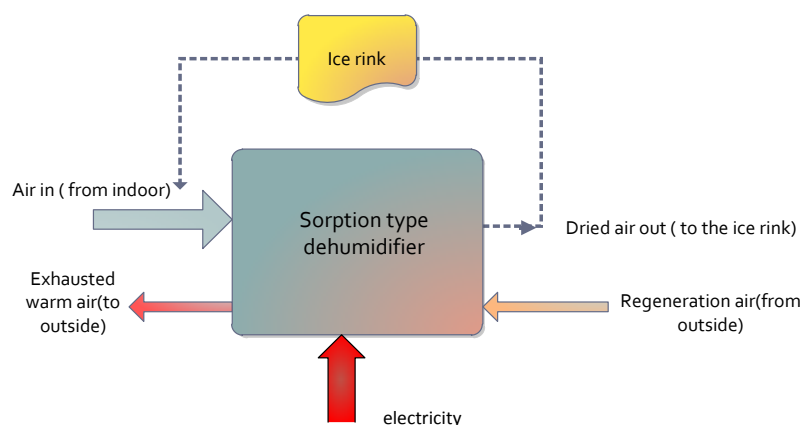


Figure 29 Sorption type dehumidifier

There should be some kind of way to give people an idea if a dehumidifier is good or bad in energy prospect.

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The energy consumption of each month from 2011-07 to 2012-06 is showed in the figure below.

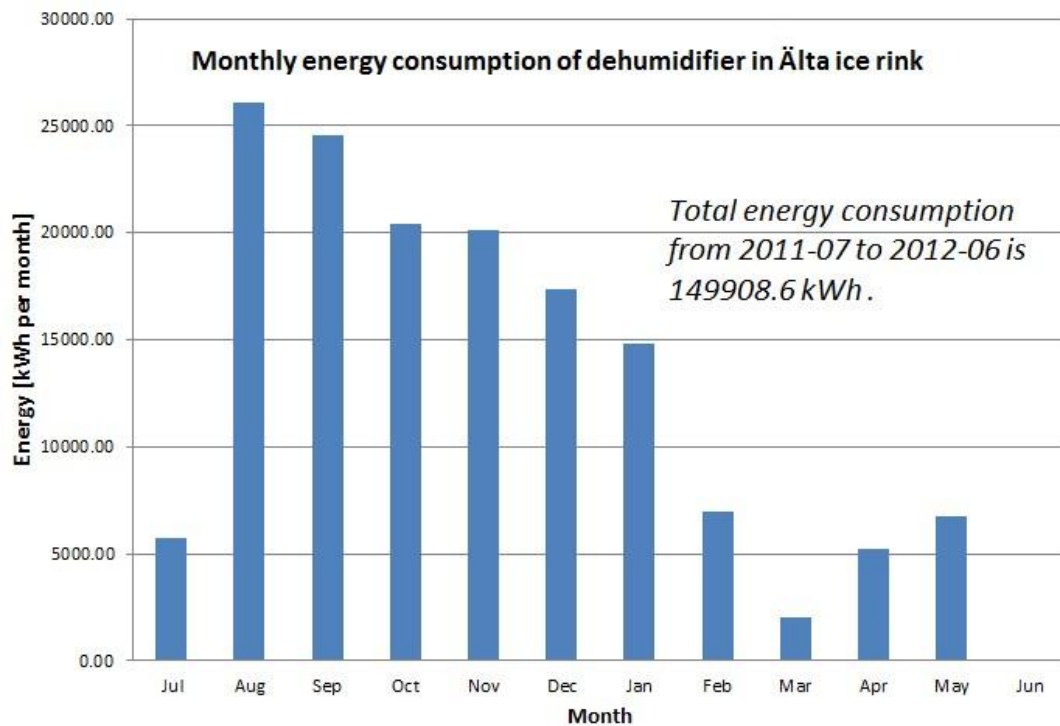


Figure 30 Monthly energy consumption of dehumidifier in Älta ice rink

The ice rink started to run in the middle of July 2011, so the energy consumption in July is low. There is also some electricity failure happened from the end of February to the end of March when the dehumidifier was shut down. Further the Älta ice rink has been shut down since May 2012.

The total energy consumption for entire year is 149909 kWh which is quite high number. It could be a big potential for energy saving.

First of all, the main function of a dehumidifier is to reduce the moisture in the air. So it is essential to know where does the moisture come from.

There are two sources of moisture: external and internal. The external moisture source is from the leakage of outdoor air to the ice rink (there is no code ventilation in Älta ice rink; code ventilation is the ventilation due to introduction of a standard volume of outdoor air to ice rink according to ASHRAE 62 (Desert Aire, 2012)) and the internal moisture source is from the resurfacing and people who have activities inside the ice rink (figure below).

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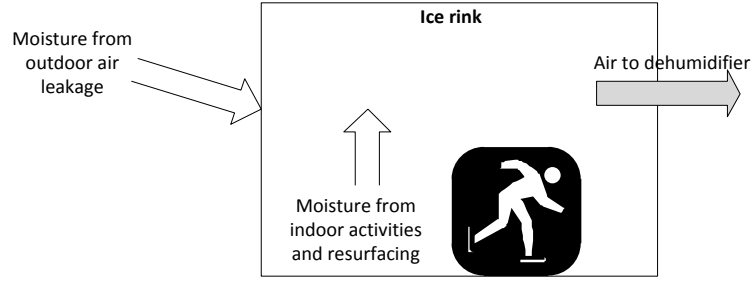


Figure 31 Moisture load from indoor and outdoor in ice rink

Compared to the internal moisture source, the outdoor leakage air is easier to measure. Internal moisture source can be simplified as a constant source. So the moisture load is change with the outdoor condition or the water content of outdoor air.

August is the month with highest energy consumption and the machine was running fully all the time so it cannot be used to extract the relationship between energy consumption and outdoor water content. So the month with dehumidifier part-load running is chosen: October and January.

The indoor climate data is read from ClimaCheck. There is a hygrometer , thermocouples and energy meters integrated in ClimaCheck installed in Älta ice rink to measure indoor and outdoor humidity, temperature and energy consumption of dehumidifier.

Water content can be obtained by the relative humidity and temperature using the following equations:

$$p_v'' = e^{\left(12.03 - \frac{4025}{t+235}\right)} \quad (\text{for } 0 < t < 100^\circ\text{C})$$

$$p_v'' = e^{\left(17.391 - \frac{6142.83}{t+273.15}\right)} \quad (\text{for } -40 < t \leq 0^\circ\text{C})$$

$$p_v = \varphi * p_v''$$

$$X_w \approx 0.622 * \frac{p_v}{p_{tot} - p_v}$$

p_v'' , the saturation pressure of water [bar]

t, air temperature[°C]

φ , relative humidity

p_v , partial pressure of water vapor in air[bar]

X_w , water content[kg water per kg air]

p_{tot} , total pressure of humid air which is set as 1 bar in this case

The figure below shows the energy consumption of different water content of outdoor air in October and January.

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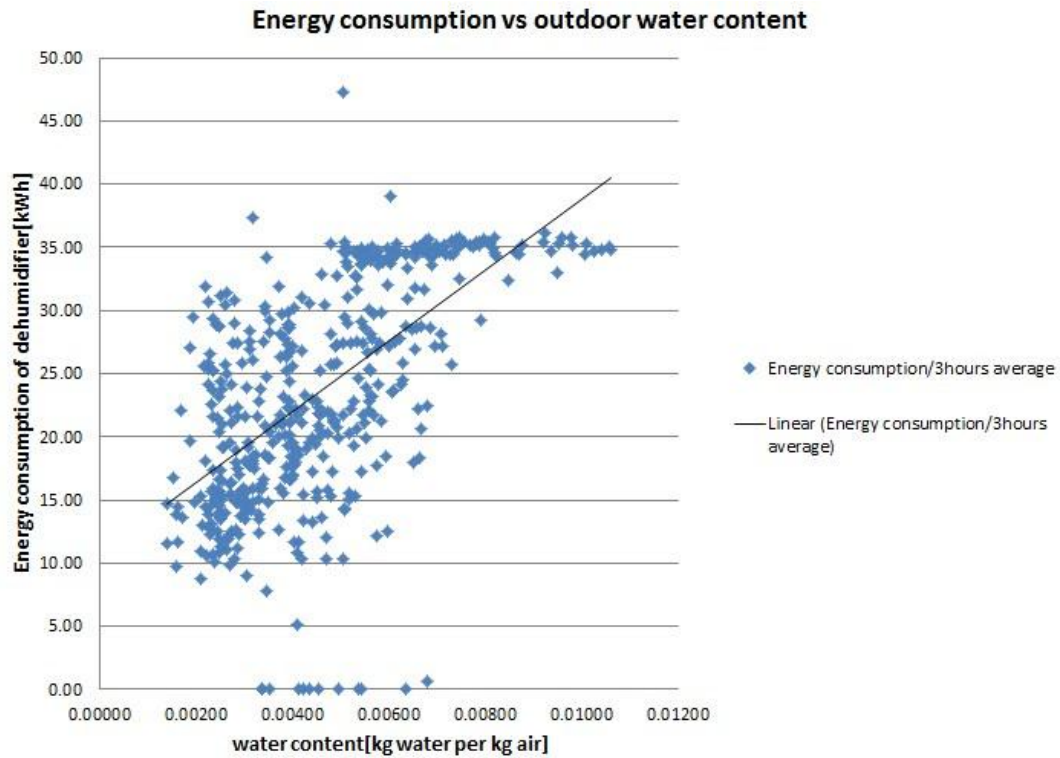


Figure 32 Energy consumption of dehumidifier for different outdoor water content in the period from 1st October to 31st January

And the water content of indoor air in October and January is showed in the picture below.

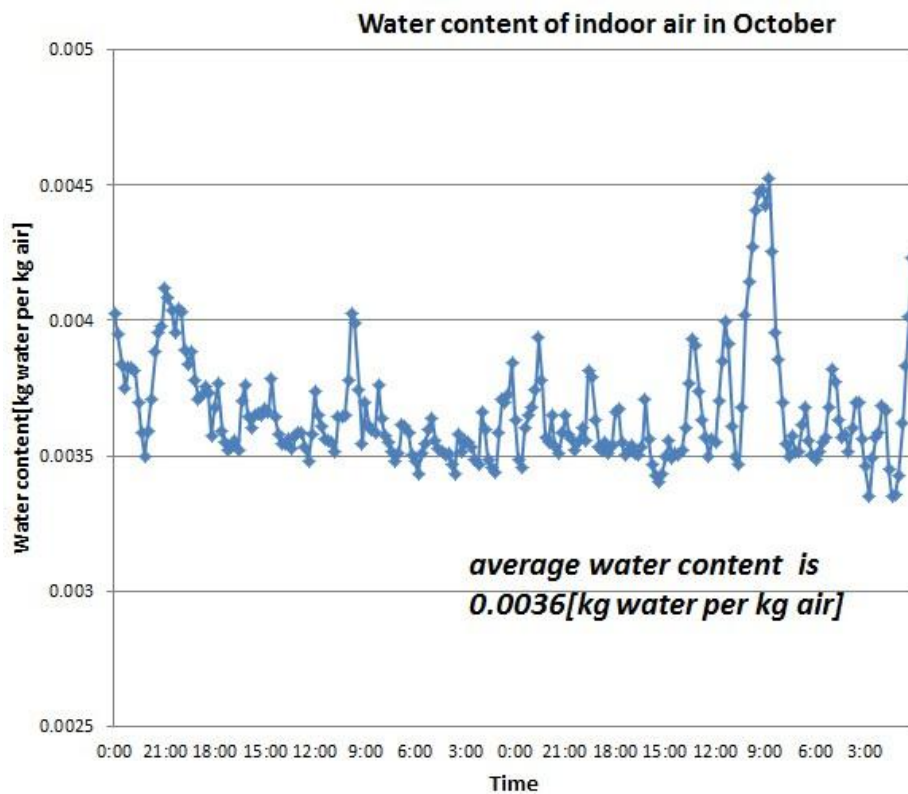


Figure 33 Water content of indoor air in Älta ice rink for the period from 1st to 31st October

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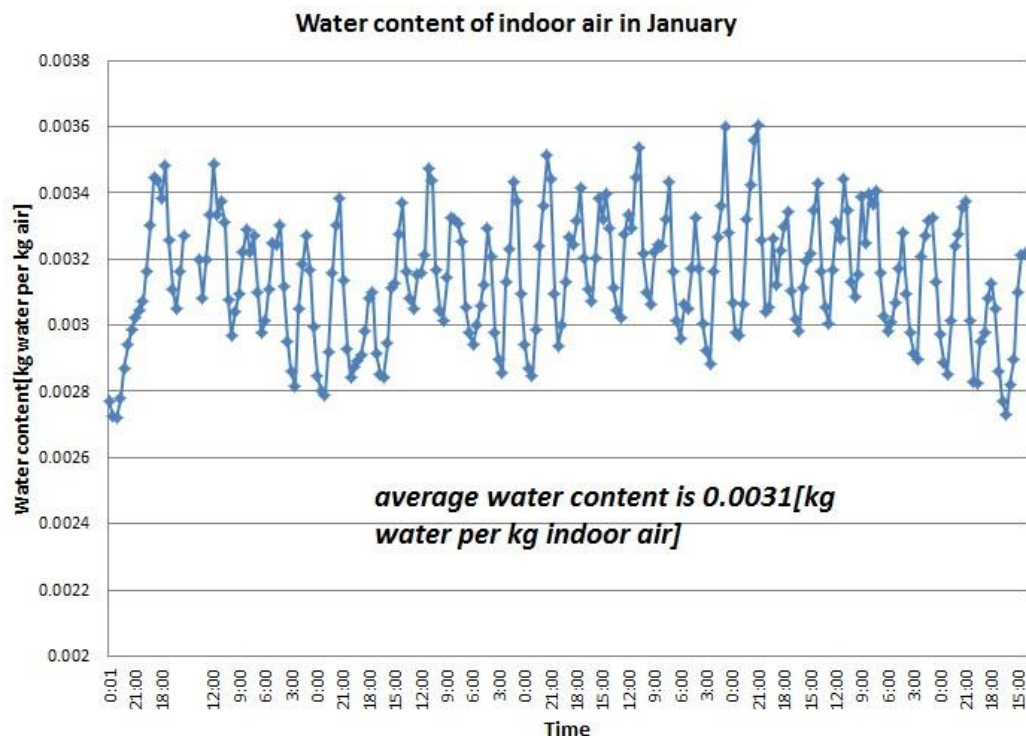


Figure 34 Water content of indoor air in Älta ice rink for the period from 1st to 31st January

So the average of these two months is used as the internal moisture level: 0.0033 kg water per kg air.

If the internal air water content is the same as the external, it could be the situation that leakage from outside has no or even positive influence to the indoor air, which means the energy consumption is totally consumed by internal moisture source.

According to trend line in **Figure 35** , the energy consumption due to the internal moisture source is around 18 kWh which is half of the peak energy consumption.

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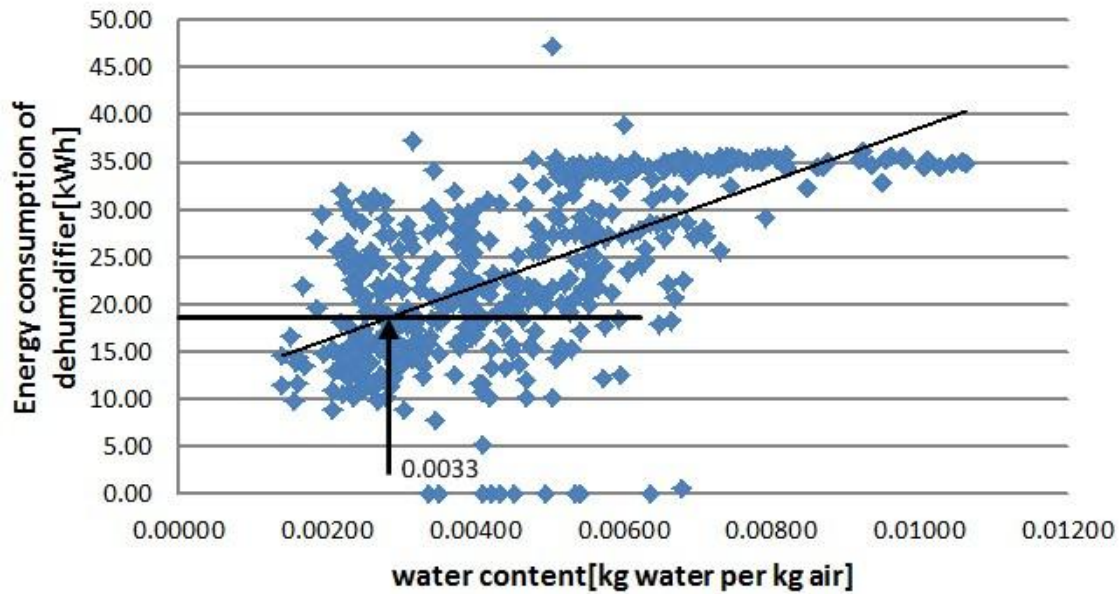


Figure 35 Energy consumption of dehumidifier when indoor air has the same water content as outdoor air

This result could be used to evaluate the insulation of the ice rink by checking the ratio between internal and external moisture source. For instance in Älta ice rink, the energy used to dry internal moisture source is 18 kWh. If the total energy consumption of dehumidifier is 50 kWh which means that 32 kWh energy is used to dry outdoor air moisture, it indicates that much more energy consumption is due to external moisture source and bad sealing up of ice rink could be the main problem.

However, now the dehumidifier in Älta is controlled by the relative humidity. But the water content of air changes with its temperature while they have the same relative humidity. If two air flows are measured and they have the same relative humidity, then the higher temperature the higher water content of air. The dehumidifier in Älta is controlled that when the relative humid of incoming air exceeds 50% the machine will be shut down. For instance, if the air (total pressure 1 bar) is 5°C with 50% relative humid, the dew point is -4 °C and if the air is 10°C, then the dew point is 4.7°C. That means when the air is very humid actually at 10°C, but the dehumidifier stop working which will lead to condensation and fogging. So it is better to control the dehumidifier according the air water content or dew point (can be easily obtained from water content).

And we are lack of data of air going in and out from dehumidifier, so it is not a good idea to build a heat balance over dehumidifier to calculate the energy consumption per kg condensed water. The daily energy consumption is used to compare the two different type dehumidifiers.

As for both ice rinks, the data is available in September, so the average of common period in September is used, which is from 4th Sep to 11th Sep, 2011.

There is an energy meter integrated in ClimaCheck system which could measure the energy consumption of dehumidifier every minute in Älta ice rink. The reading from ClimaCheck shows the total energy consumption during the period from 4th to 11th September is 5823.7 kWh. Therefore, the average daily energy usage of sorption type dehumidifier in Älta ice rink is

$$\frac{5824kWh}{8\ days} = 728\ [kWh\ per\ day]$$

4.3.2 Norrtälje ice rink-refrigeration type dehumidification

Refrigeration type dehumidification is used in Norrtälje ice rink. There are difference ways to integrate the dehumidification into refrigeration system. The one used in Norrtälje is introduce a pipe for brine from the main brine piping system to dehumidify the air (showed in the figure below).

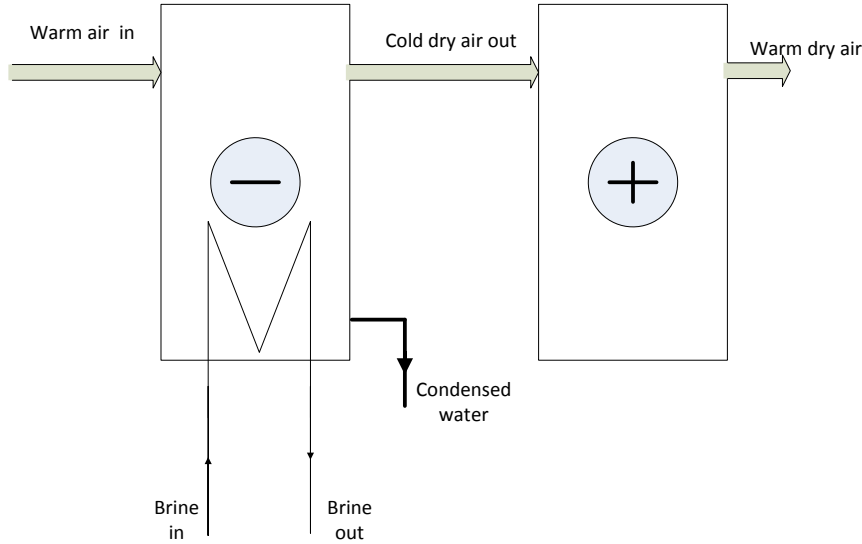


Figure 36 Refrigeration type dehumidifier in Norrtälje

The temperatures of both incoming brine and output brine, mass flow of brine are measured.

In order to calculate the cooling capacity of each measured period, the following equation is used.

$$\dot{Q}[W] = \text{Mass flow} \left[\frac{m^3}{s} \right] \times \text{density}(\rho) \left[\frac{kg}{m^3} \right] \times \text{specific heat capacity}(c_p) \left[\frac{kJ}{kg \cdot K} \right]$$

$$\text{So, } \dot{Q}[W] = \dot{m} \times \rho \times c_p$$

From cooling capacity of brine to the energy consumption, the following equation can be applied.

$$\dot{E}[kWh] = 3600 \times \dot{Q}[W] \times \text{time}[h]/1000$$

Calcium chloride ($CaCl_2$) is used as refrigerant in Norrtälje ice rink.

As temperatures of brine in and out is all around 0°C so the specific heat capacity of Calcium chloride times density can be considered as a the fix number $3609 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ (Melinder, 2010).

The mass flow of brine is constant during the measuring time, $6.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$.

And the daily energy consumption in the period of 4th Sep to 11th Sep, 2011 is 460 kWh.

4.4 Discussion

Daily energy consumption in the period from 4th to 11th September in Älta ice rink (sorption type) and Norrtälje ice rink (refrigeration type) are showed below.

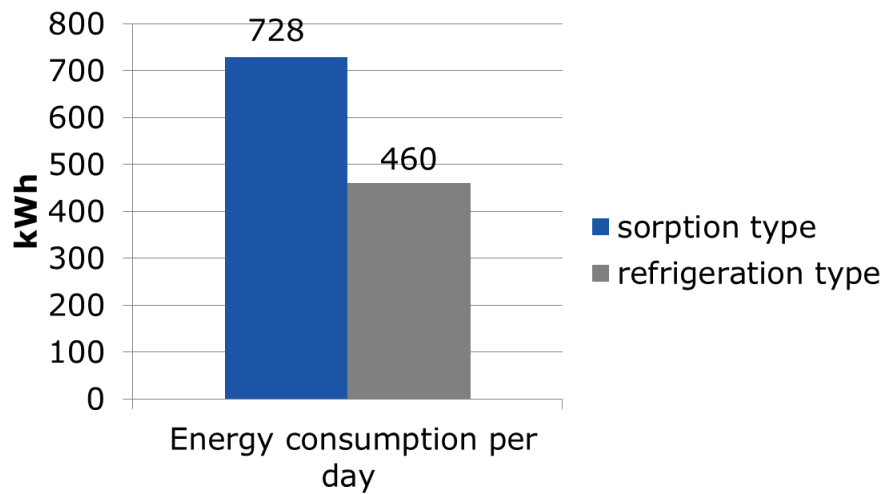


Figure 37 Daily energy consumption of sorption type and refrigeration type dehumidifiers

As can be seen in the figure, the energy consumption of sorption type is higher than refrigeration type. But it is hard to say which one is better than the other since the situations in the two ice rinks are different and the analysis did not include all the influencing parameters; such as the air amount they have treated, the condition of air.

But no more data is available now, so just the general idea about how are the energy situations of dehumidifiers in these two ice rinks is obtained in this thesis.

5 Conclusion

The total radiation can be reduced by 31% maximum when it is in warm period with emissivity factor of 0.04 and 17% in the situation in Älta ice rink, which is much less compared to reference (80%-90%). As radiation generally accounts for 1/3 of the total heat load to refrigeration system, so 10% of energy is saved from refrigeration in reality. The lower emissivity factor of the material will have less emissivity of radiation from ceiling. It suggests using lower emissivity factor material to manufacture low-e ceiling

But the reduction of radiation from ceiling is significant with maximum 92%. The radiation from walls is increasing while reducing the emissivity factor of ceiling. When the emissivity factor of low-e ceiling is reduced to 0.04, the radiation from walls becomes the main source of radiation load on ice surface. According to the results, the low-e material should be applied for walls too. But there is also a possibility that these could be caused by applying same wall temperature to all cases in the calculations, the temperature of walls should be measured to get radiation effect of walls in reality.

There is not much difference if low-e ceiling is installed with or without gap in warm period. But in the cold period, installation with gap may increase the radiation. So it is recommended that the low-e ceiling should be installed directly attached to the inner original ceiling to have the best performance.

The lighting is improved by low-e ceiling by 24% and has 7680 kWh potential of saving energy each year. And the longer the lights are needed to be on, the more energy can be saved.

The total energy consumption of dehumidifier in Älta ice rink during the running period in 2011 is 149909 kWh and August is the peak and the energy consumption can be reduced. This can be done by better control of dehumidifier. There is a potential of condensation or fogging if the dehumidifier is controlled by relative humid and it is better to control it by water content or dew point of air.

Also the relationship between the water content of outdoor air and the energy consumption has been studied in Älta ice rink. By comparing the water content of indoor air and outdoor air, the internal source of moisture would consume 18 kWh which is half of peak energy consumption.

The daily average energy consumption of two different types dehumidifiers is calculated, dehumidifier in Älta ice rink consume 728 kWh daily while 460 kWh for Norrtälje. But they are not comparable as the data is obtained by measuring two types of dehumidifiers running in different environmental. The energy consumption of dehumidifier depends on the air amount and air condition which has been treated.

6 Future work

Consider the low-e material should be applied to the walls too. Since the effect of walls in radiation aspect is not ignorable, more work should be carried out to measure the temperatures of walls to check the reality.

Generally it is better to install low-e ceiling without air gap.

The results of dehumidifier shows the energy consumption per day, but more work can be done to see how much energy per kg condensed water to compare these two types.

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8 Appendix

Table 8 Comparison of calculated ceiling temperature (heat balance over roof) and measured ceiling temperature

date	time	t_ceiling(IR)	t_tink(IR)	s_j=0.18 r_j=0.045 alpha_out=25 alpha_i=4
16 june	10:00-11:00	6.66	8.21	7.81
	11:00-12:00	7.04	8.38	8.41
	12:00-13:00	7.45	8.78	8.24
	13:00-14:00	7.63	8.99	8.30
	14:00-15:00	7.73	9.12	8.51
	15:00-16:00	7.95	9.41	8.54
	16:00-17:00	8.11	9.65	8.42
	17:00-18:00	7.88	9.59	8.38
	18:00-19:00	7.75	9.43	8.24
	19:00-20:00	7.47	9.13	7.95
	20:00-21:00	7.27	9.00	7.57
	21:00-22:00	7.02	8.82	6.74
	22:00-23:00	6.49	8.25	5.99
	23:00-24:00	6.27	8.00	5.44
17 june	0:00-1:00	5.90	7.57	5.18
	1:00-2:00	5.70	7.35	4.88
	2:00-3:00	5.50	7.17	4.59
	3:00-4:00	5.29	6.99	4.39
	4:00-5:00	5.17	6.84	4.50
	5:00-6:00	5.08	6.74	4.94
	6:00-7:00	5.17	6.73	5.75
	7:00-8:00	5.62	7.37	6.36
	8:00-9:00	5.99	7.87	6.24
	9:00-10:00	6.18	7.83	6.00
	10:00-11:00	6.22	7.99	5.78
	11:00-12:00	6.41	8.00	5.76
	12:00-13:00	6.43	8.02	5.70
	13:00-14:00	6.47	8.06	5.66
	14:00-15:00	6.53	8.09	5.61
	15:00-16:00	6.46	8.19	5.65
	16:00-17:00	6.64	8.35	5.73
	17:00-18:00	6.64	8.42	5.83
	18:00-19:00	6.68	8.32	6.06
	19:00-20:00	6.60	8.41	6.02
average		6.57	6.41	6.45

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Table 9 Radiations in different scenarios during warm period

Column1	Base case	case 1	case 2	case 3	case 4	June
<i>Q_ ceiling(a)/kW</i>	61.58	47.24	34.32	46.33	34.67	54.92
<i>Q_ wall(a)/kW</i>	23.36	23.55	23.73	23.57	23.72	22.60
<i>Q_ total/kW</i>	84.94	70.79	58.05	69.90	58.40	77.52
<i>wall share</i>	28%	33%	41%	34%	41%	29%
<i>total reduction</i>		17%	32%	18%	31%	
<i>reduction from ceiling</i>		23%	44%	25%	44%	
<i>temperature difference</i>	11.37	15.38	15.38	14.82	16.69	10.13
<i>Q_ ceiling(b)/kW-total</i>	57.63	29.73	4.59	27.96	5.28	46.85
<i>Q_ wall(b)/Kw</i>	27.31	41.07	53.46	41.94	53.12	30.67
<i>reduction from ceiling_total</i>		48%	92%	51%	91%	
<i>wall share(b)</i>	32%	58%	92%	60%	91%	40%

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Table 10 Radiations in different scenarios during cold period

Column1	Base case	case 1	case 2	case 3	case 4
Q_{total}/W	47.13	54.03	44.05	46.12	43.03
Q_{ceiling(a)}/kW	29.19	36.18	26.07	28.16	25.04
Q_{wall(a)}/W	17.94	17.85	17.98	17.95	18.00
wall share	38%	33%	41%	39%	42%
total reduction		-15%	7%	2%	9%
reduction from ceiling		-24%	11%	4%	14%
temperature difference between ceiling and surface	5.41	12.06	12.06	7.03	7.88
Q_{ceiling(b)}/kW	9.67	23.27	3.59	7.66	1.58
Q_{wall(b)}/KW	37.46	30.76	40.46	38.46	41.45
reduction of ceiling		-141%	63%	21%	84%
wall share(b)		56.93%	91.84%	83.39%	96.32%
emissivity factor of ceiling surface	0.90	0.26	0.04	0.26	0.04