

# The Risk of Decoupling Efficiency and Decarbonization

Market trends, challenges & opportunities

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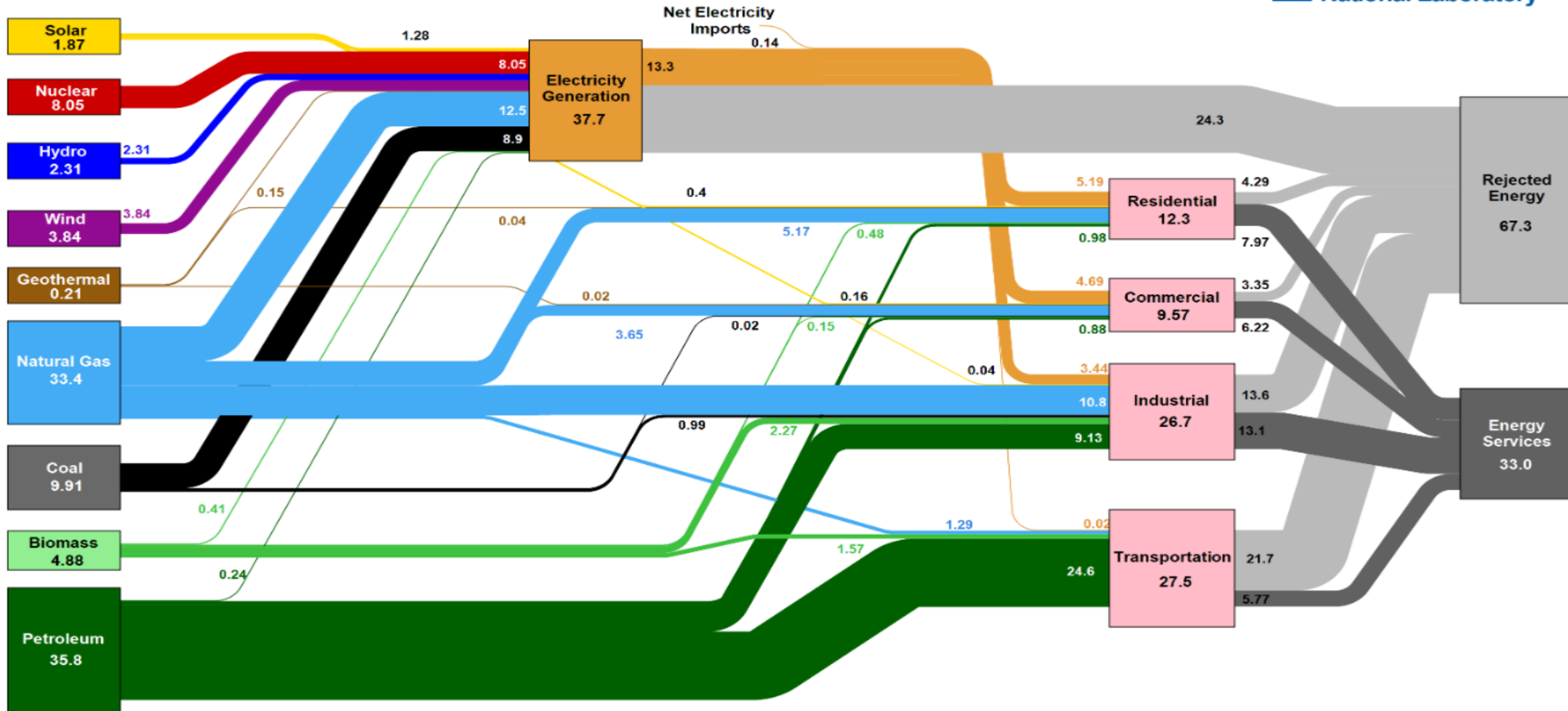
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# The Waste Heat Opportunity

Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2022: 100.3 Quads

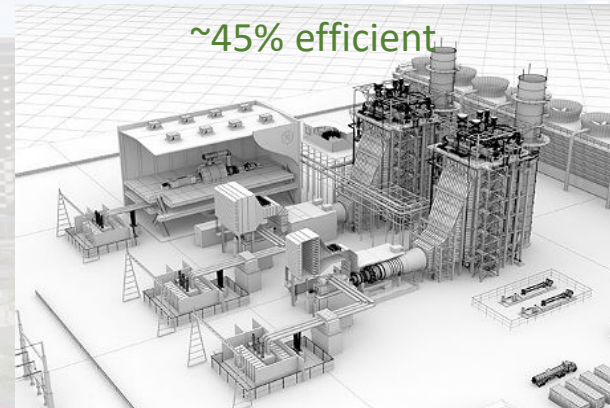
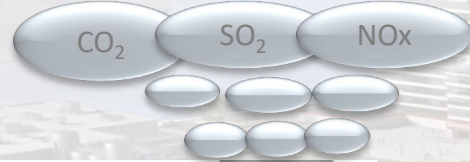


# Why is the market focused on Heating Electrification Efficiency & Decarbonization

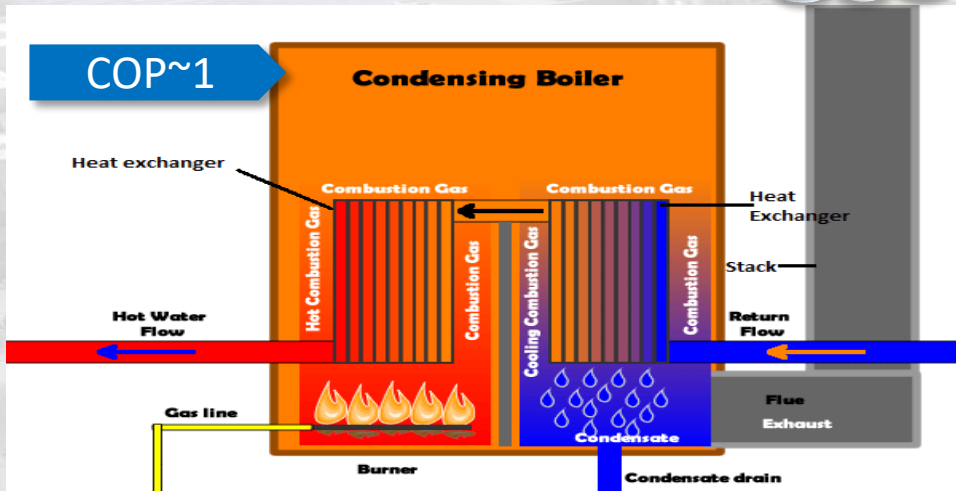
Fossil fuels

Heat pumps

- Inefficient
- Drive CO<sub>2</sub> & other gas emissions impacting environment



Transmission & Distribution



~35% operating cost reduction  
~60% emissions reduction

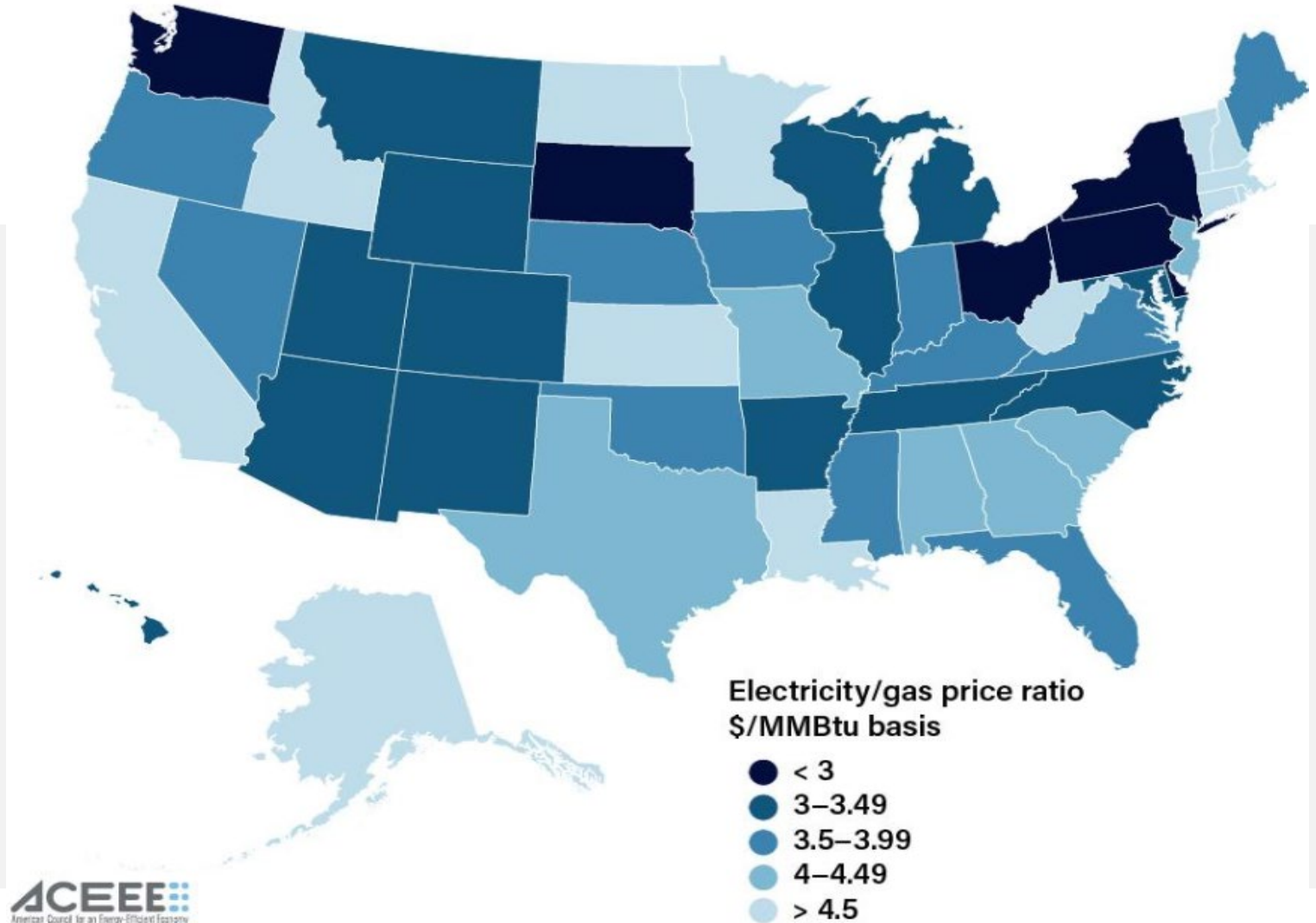
- More efficient
- Efficiency increases at part-load/lift
- Goal is to exceed "spark spread"

Heat Pump  
Part Load  
Efficiency

# Spark Spread –

2022

Electricity to gas price ratio

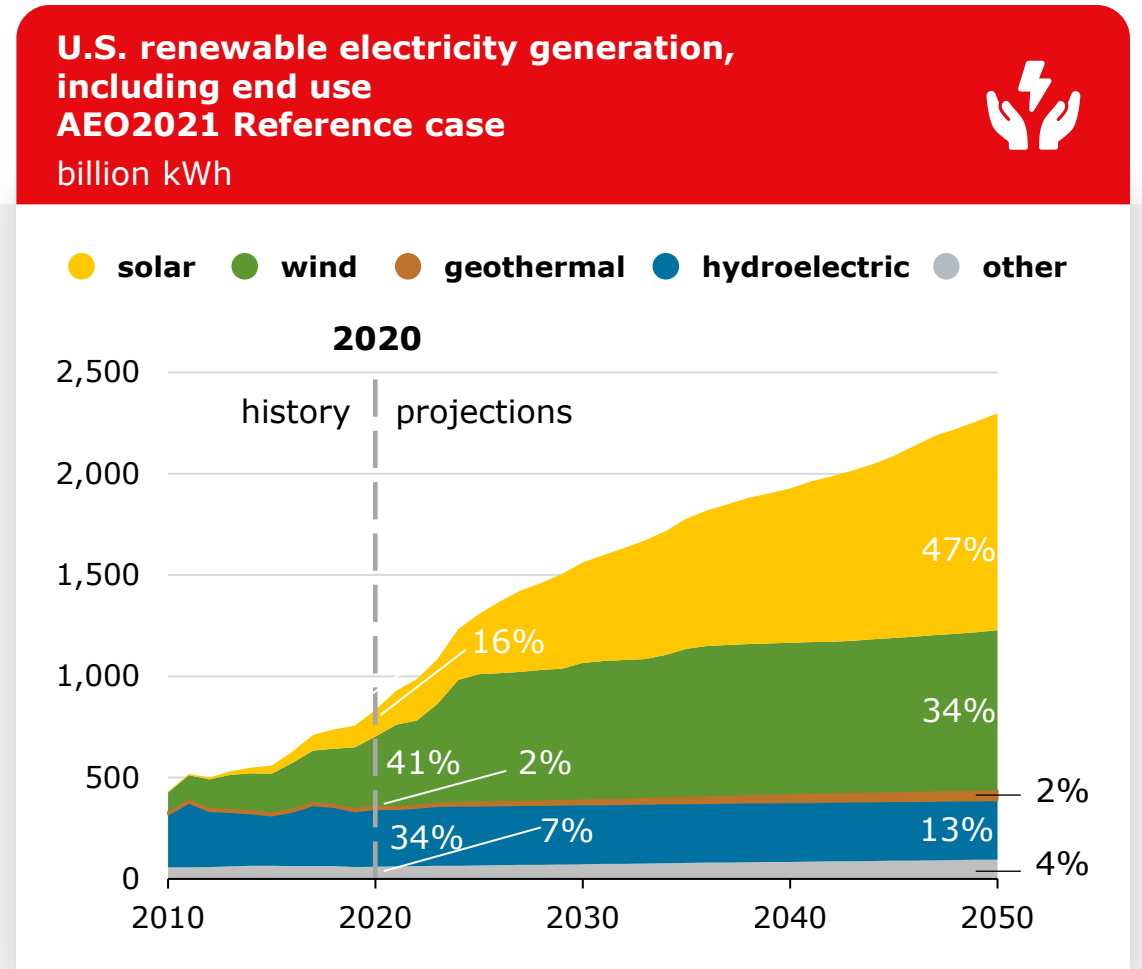
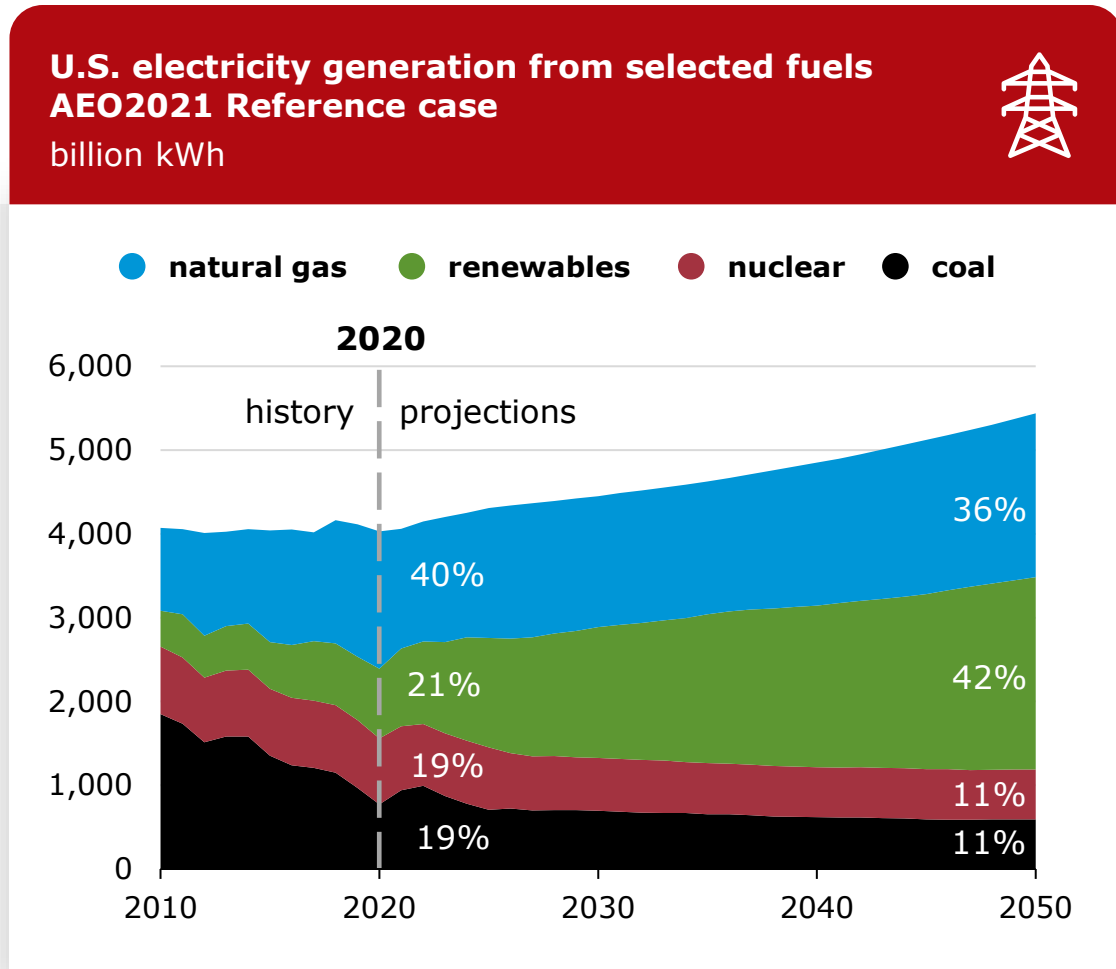


- Electrification COP > spark spread = payback
- Ratio driven by both electricity and gas cost
- Wide variation by state and region
- Variation also in real-time vs average

<https://www.greenbiz.com/article/its-time-electrify-industrys-process-heat-heat-pumps>

# Emissions Reduction –

U.S. electricity generation and share from selected fuels and renewable sources



Source: EIA

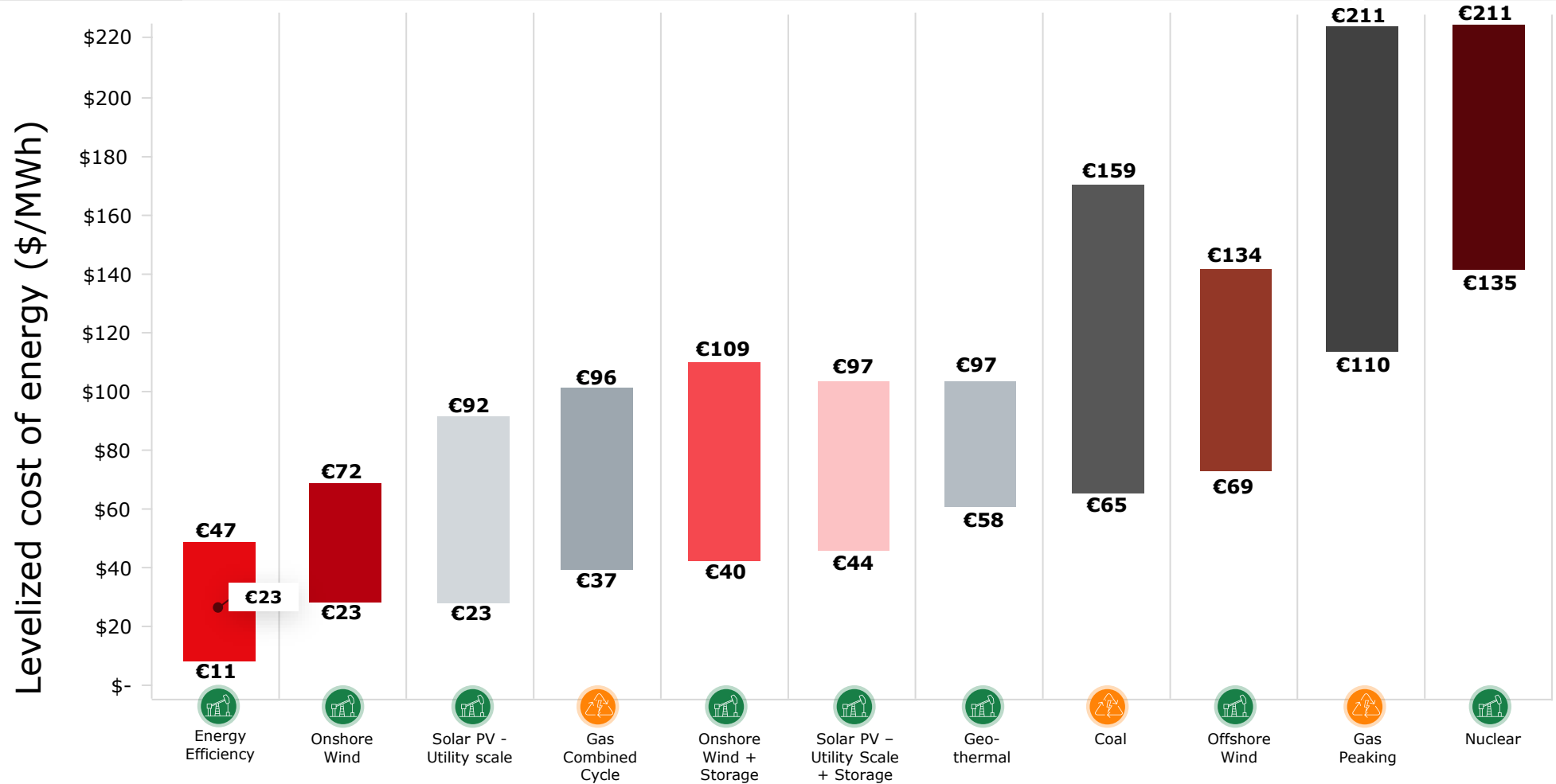
# Energy costs and utility sources



Efficiency still the lowest cost energy source



As renewable volumes go up, cost comes down – **Lowest cost, next to efficiency**

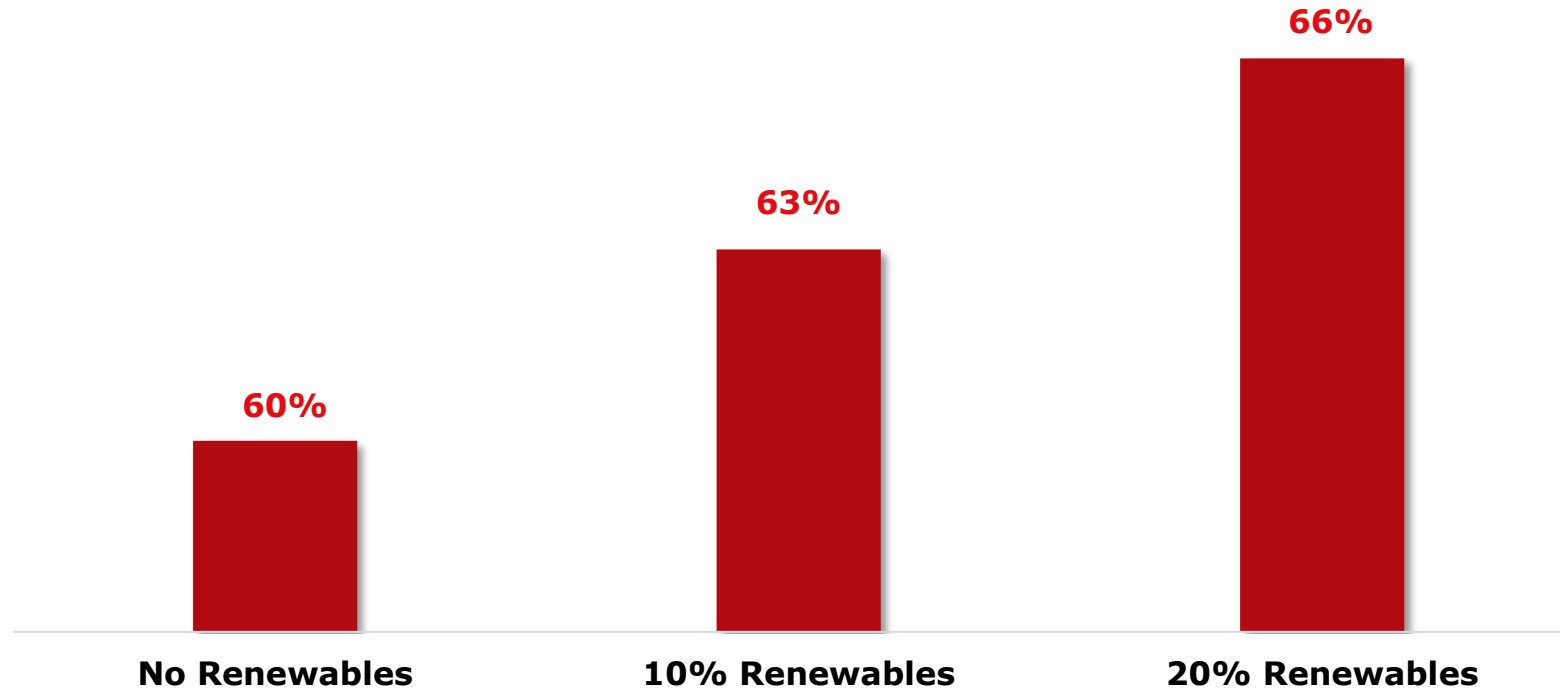


Source: ACEEE & NPUC

- Emission-Free Electricity
- Fossil Fuels

# Emissions reduction

**CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reduction:** Renewables integration impact



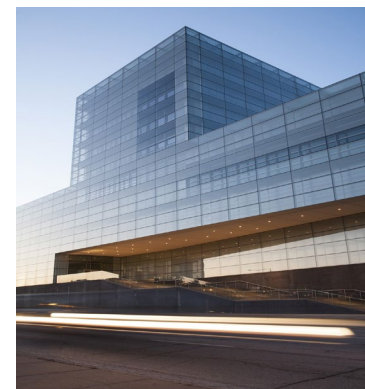
Based on AHP applied in 'warm' climate

As grid integration of renewable energy grows, so does heat pump resulting  
**greenhouse gas emissions reductions**

# Supply



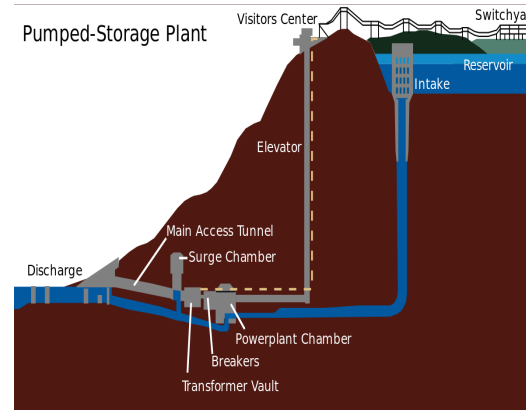
# Demand





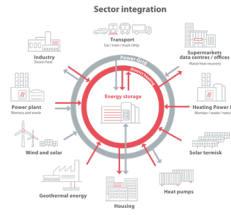
# Re-Connecting Supply and Demand

## Energy storage / Thermal storage



# Heat Pump System Modeling Summary

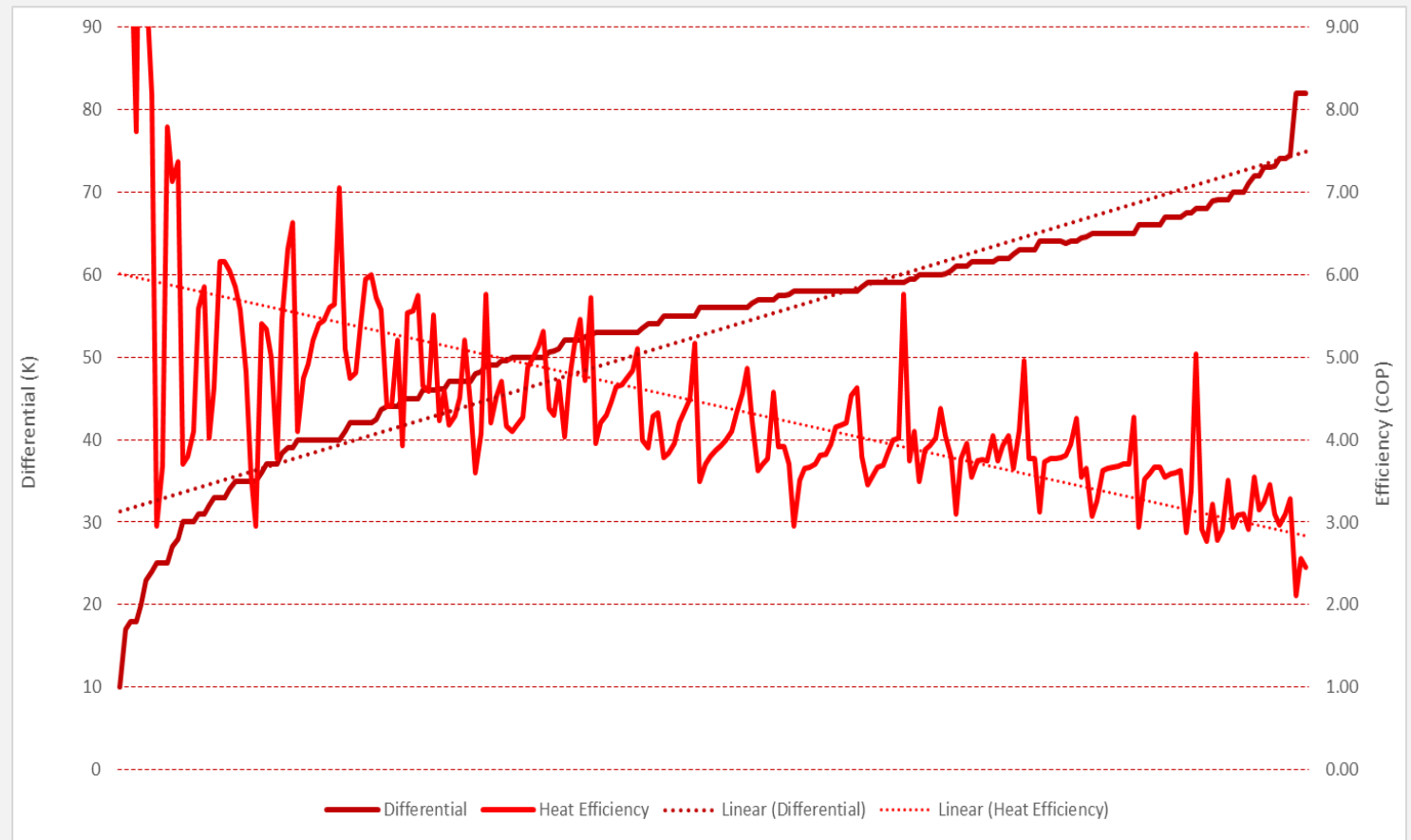
## Efficiency & Differential



- > Range of heat source to heat supply differential (K)
- > Corresponding heat pump system efficiency (COP)
- > Large (0.3-50MW+) systems

	Differential (K)	Efficiency (COP)
Minimum	10	2.5
Maximum	82	12.7
Range	72	10.2
Average	53	4.4
<b>Average % efficiency drop per K differential increase</b>		<b>1.7%</b>

### Heat Pump – System Differential and Associated Efficiency



# Sector Integration System Design Summary

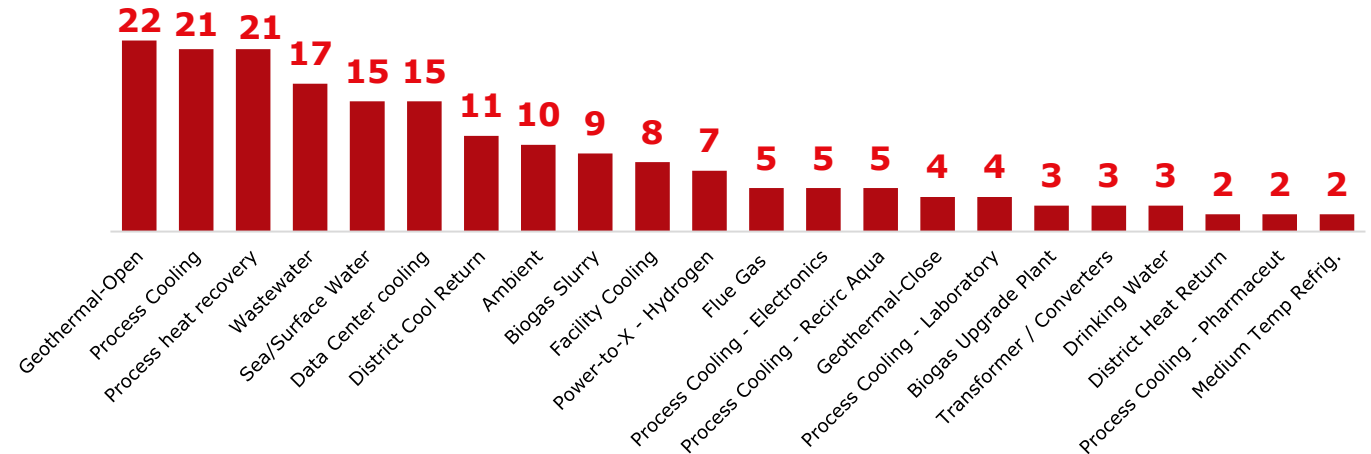
## Heat Sources



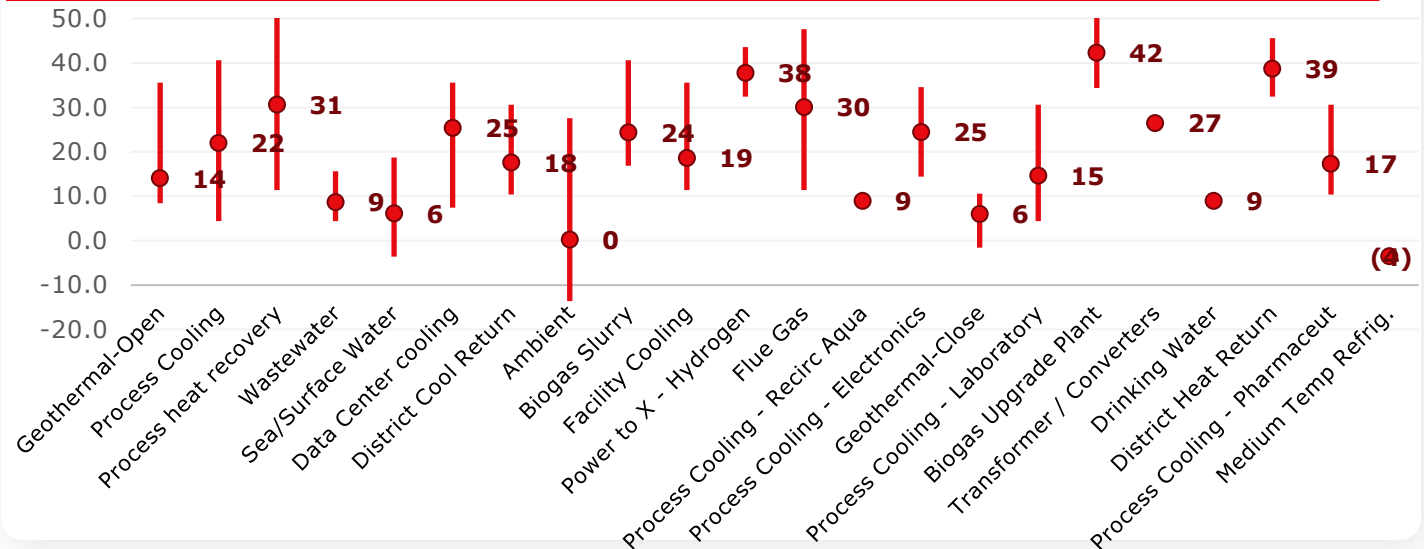
### The most prevalent heat recovery heat sources

- Process, Wastewater, district and data center cooling / heat recovery = 52%
- Geothermal total = 13%
- Biogas total = 7%
- Target the most consistent availability and highest temperature heat sources
- To drive...
  - highest operating hours
  - best efficiency
  - lowest resulting heat price

### Opportunities by Heat Source (# of projects)



### Source Temperature Average/Range

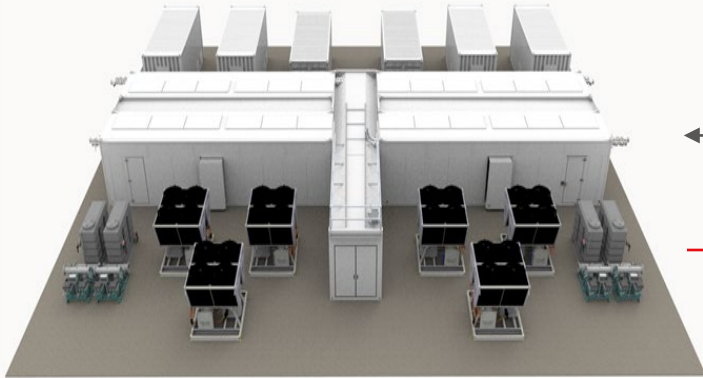


# Sector Integration Retrofit Options

## Baseline - Data Center Cooling / Heat Recovery

Data Center

**Chilled Water / Air Cooling**



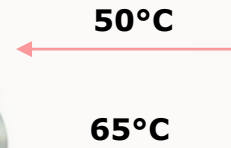
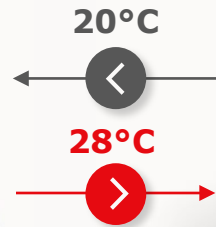
Heat Pump

**Oil-Free Water-Water**



District Energy

**4<sup>th</sup> Generation Heating**



**4.0 COP**  
Cooling

250k€/MW  
Heat

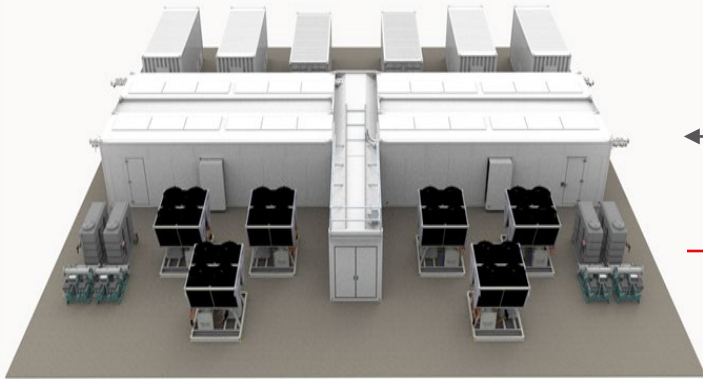
**5.0 COP**  
Heating

# Sector Integration Retrofit Options

## Lower Temps Enable Higher Heat Pump Efficiency

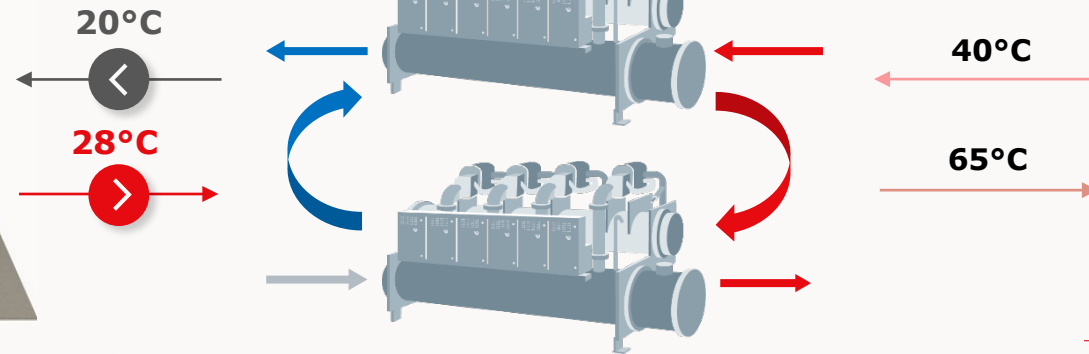
Data Center

**Chilled Water / Air Cooling**



Heat Pump

**Series-Series Counterflow**



District Energy  
**4<sup>th</sup> Generation Heating**  
**Lower Return Temp**



**4.8 COP**  
Cooling

- > Lower return temp from variable flow, 2-way PICV and Leanheat optimization
- > In-turn allows series-series counterflow heat pump - 20% efficiency increase

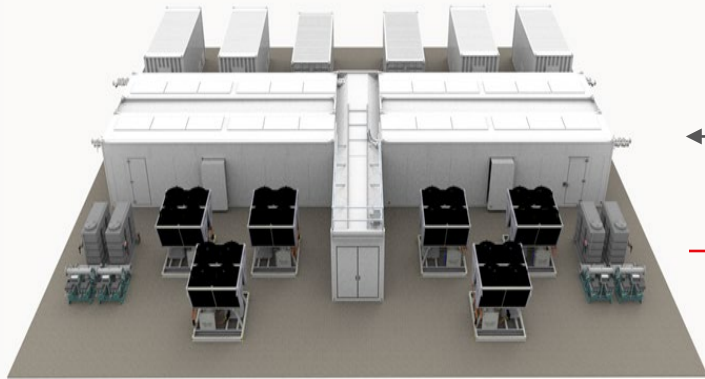
**5.8 COP**  
Heating

# Sector Integration Retrofit Options

## Liquid Cooling / Higher Temps Allows Max Efficiency

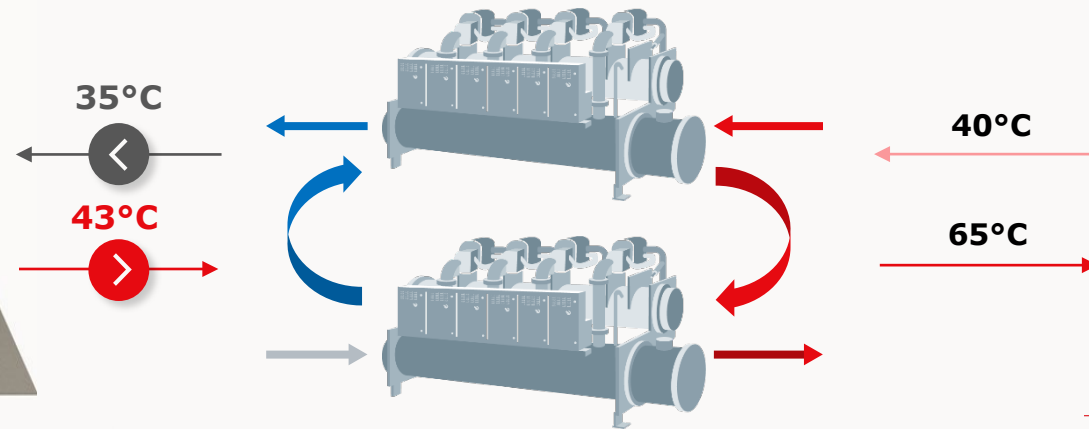
Data Center

**Liquid / On-Chip Cooling**



Heat Pump

**Oil-Free Water-Water**



District Energy

**4<sup>th</sup> Generation Heating**



**6.2 COP**  
Cooling

**15K**  
differential  
decrease

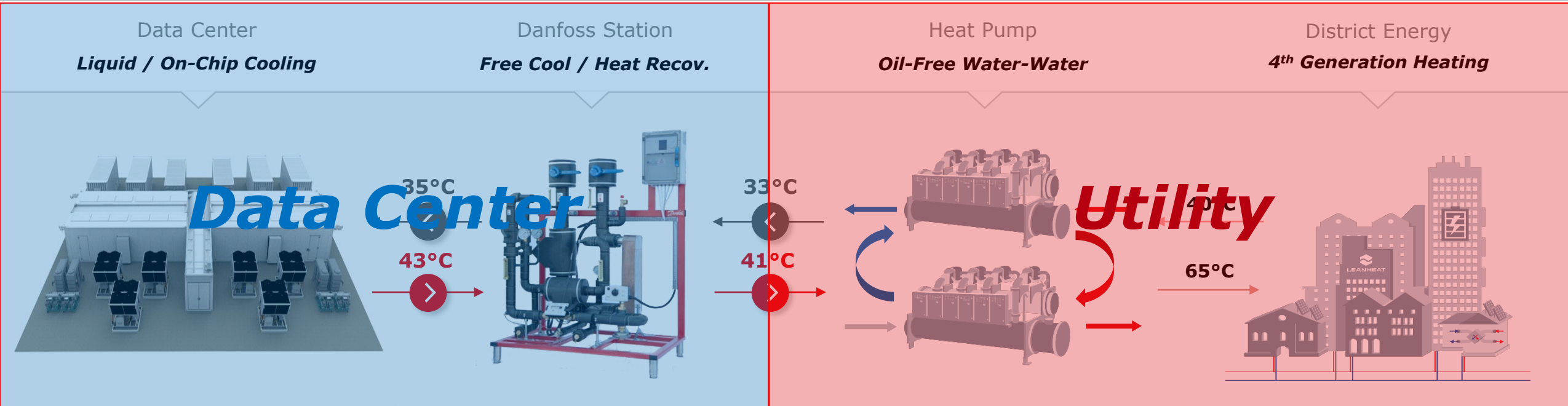
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**30%**  
efficiency  
increase

**7.2 COP**  
Heating

# Sector Integration Retrofit Options

## Data Center Free Cooling / Heat Reuse



**Free Cooling**

**~20 COP**

- > Data center heat station enables free cooling / heat recovery at 25% heat pump applied cost with minor heat efficiency impact
- > Cooling power limited to supply pumps, driven by recovered heat
- > Scenario suited for different data center cooling and heating ownership model

**7.0 COP Heating**

# Sector Integration Retrofit Options

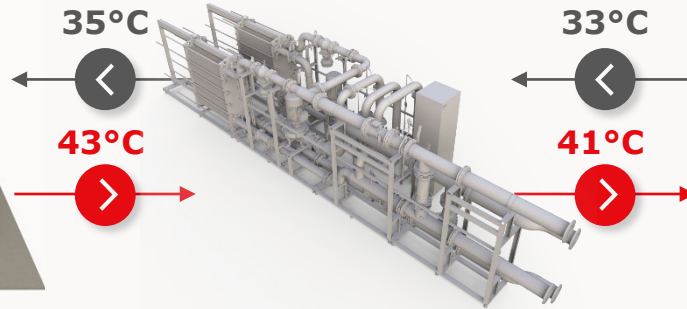
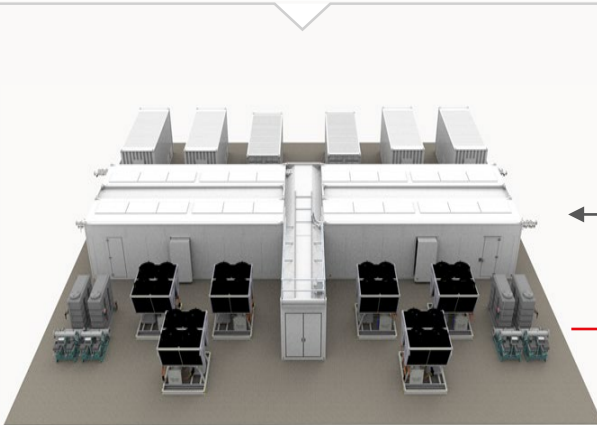
## Data Center Free Cooling / Food Production Heat Reuse

Data Center  
*Liquid / On-Chip Cooling*

Danfoss Station  
*Free Cool / Heat Recov.*

Greenhouse Farming  
*Supply Air Heat*

Indoor Fish Farms  
*Supply Water Heat*



**Free Cooling**

**~20 COP**

- > Vertical farms and indoor horticulture as potential heat recovery customers, collocated with data center
- > Symbiotic efficiency relationship with data center - Directly use available heat without heat pump boost

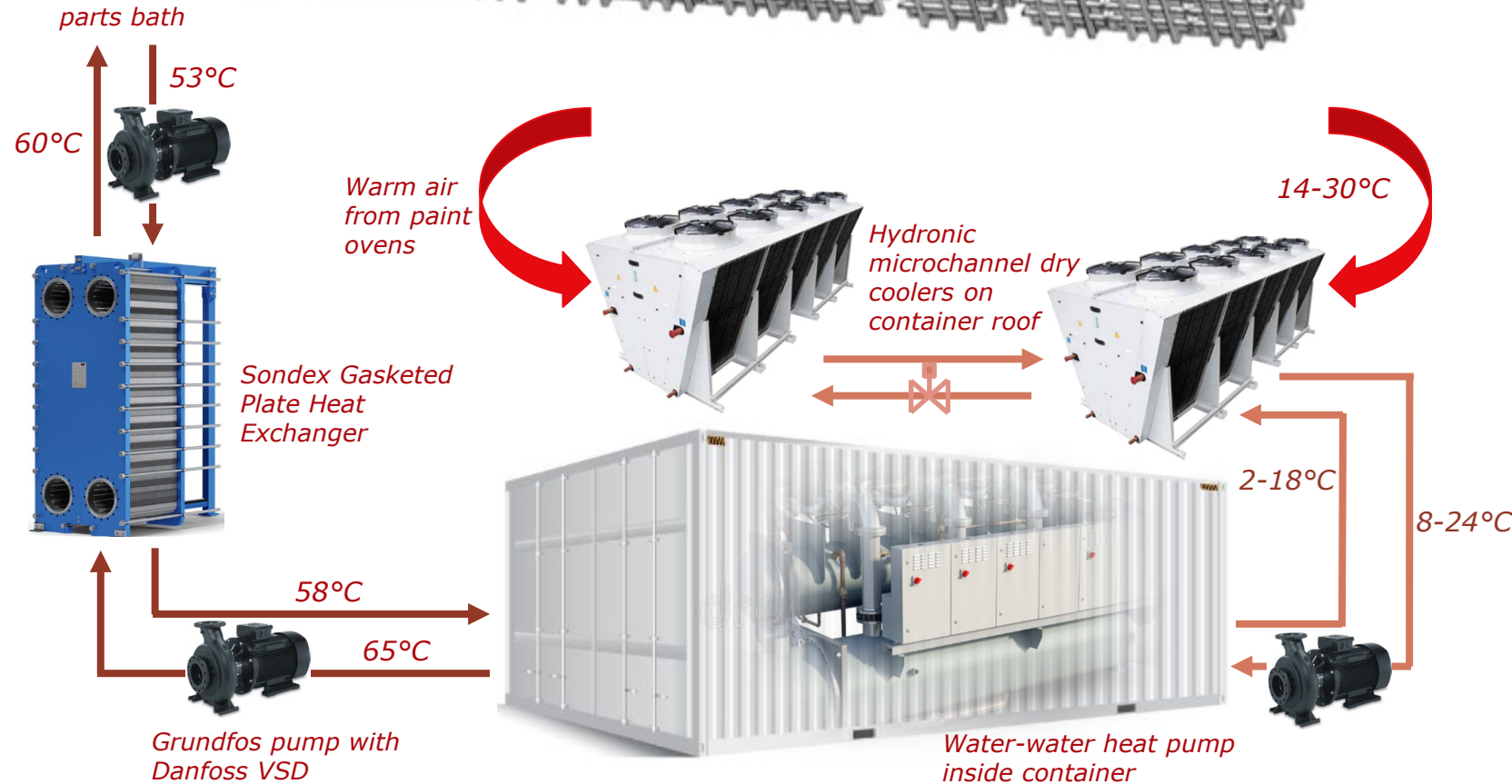
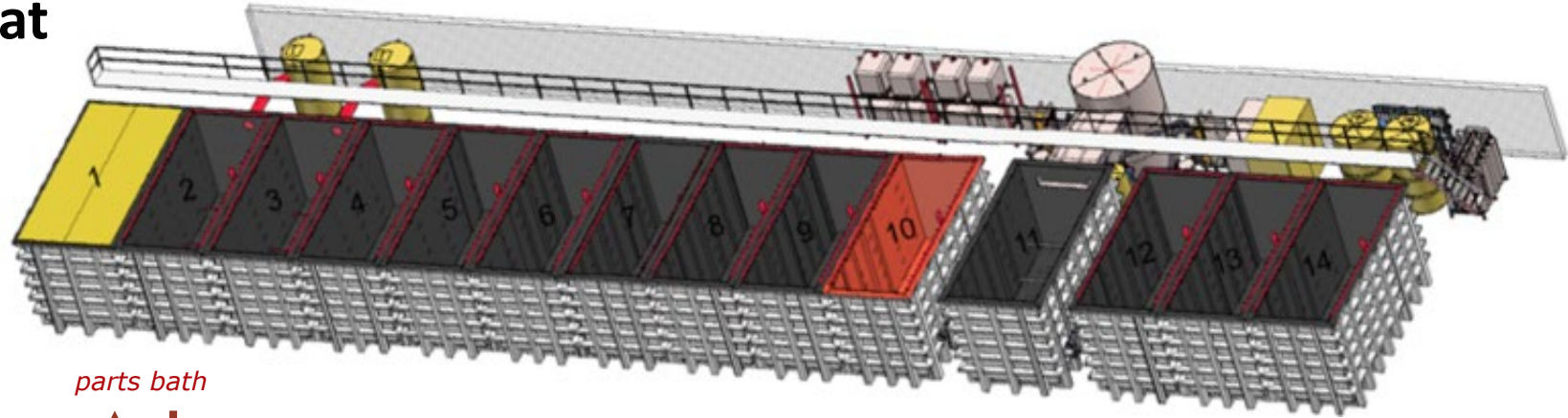
**Free Heating**

**~20 COP**



# Electrification of Parts Bath Heat

- Paint ovens generate significant heat radiated to parts manufacturing room
- Utilize excess heat to replace gas boiler heat for parts bath
- Dry coolers installed on top of container to absorb ambient heat
- Recovered to evaporator loop of oil-free turbo compressor water-water heat pump installed in container
- Boosts heat to required temperature to supply to parts bath via Sondex gasketed plate heat exchanger



Equipment	Ambient	Heat Efficiency COP
Boiler	All	~0.87
Heat Pump	14	3.5
Heat Pump	27	4.6

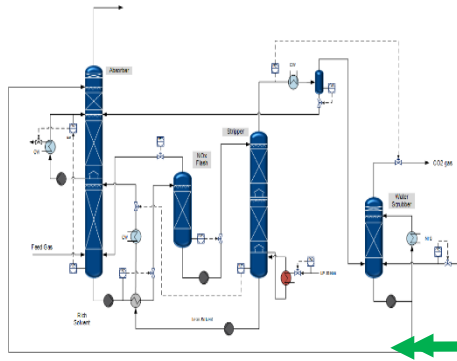
# Cement Plant Kiln Recovery Feeding CCUS Offset Process



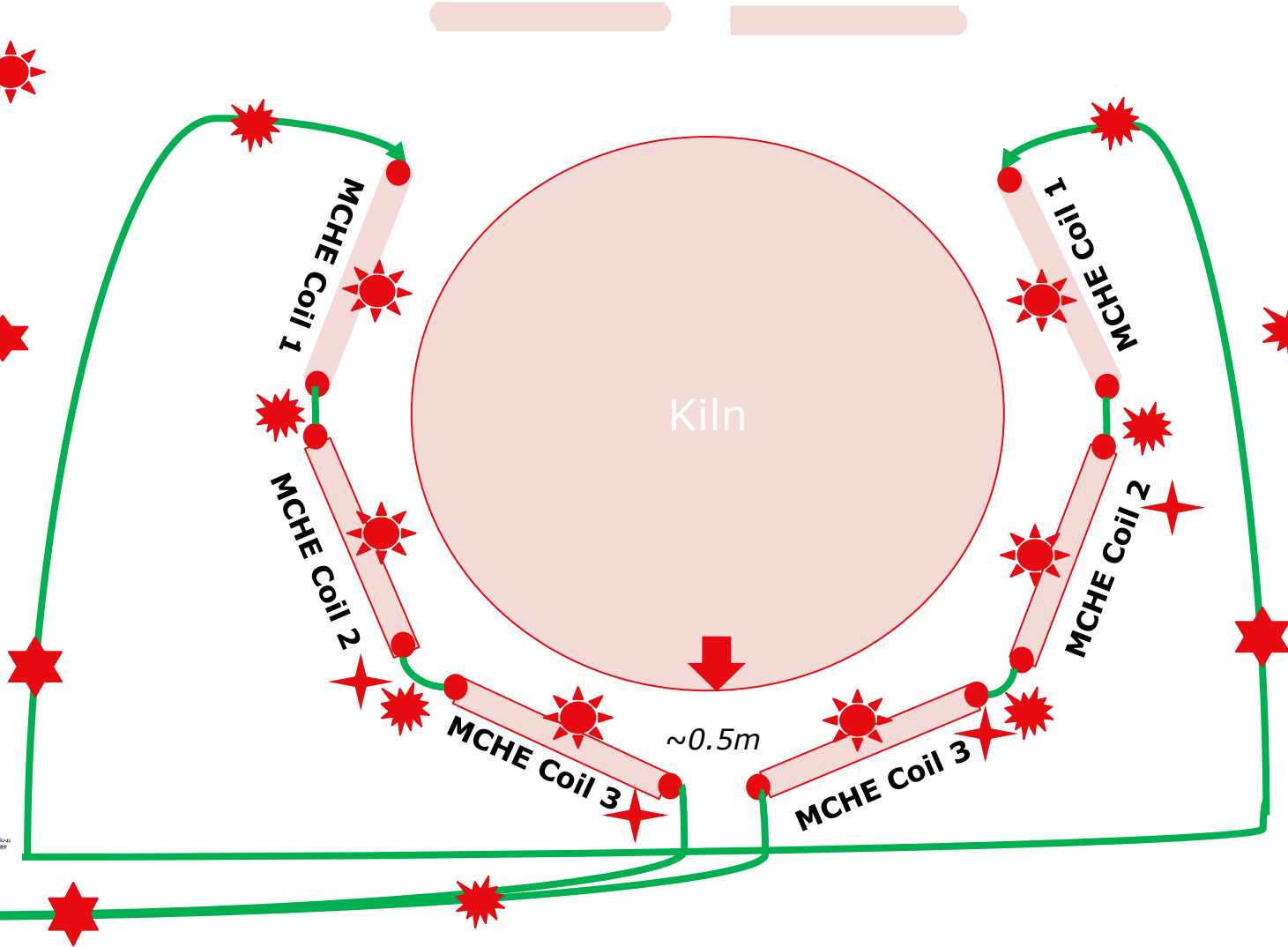
PT Temperature Sensors



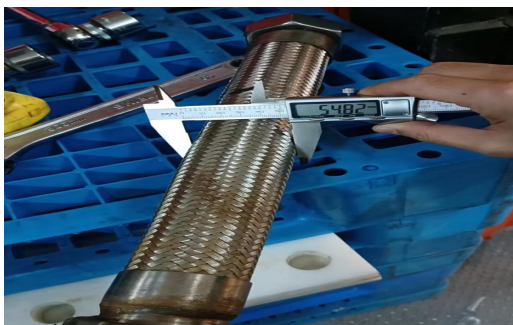
SonoSelect Energy Meters



CCUS



Hydronic Microchannel



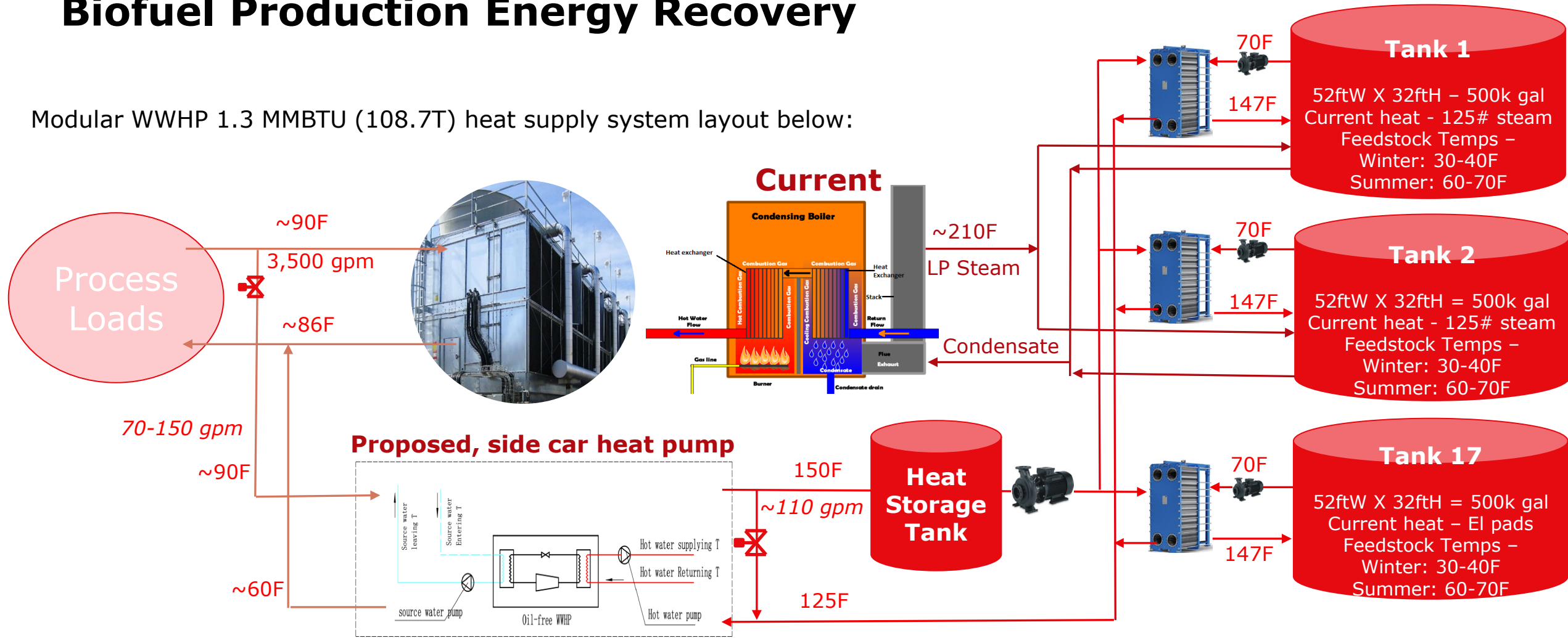
Hoses &



Couplings

# Biofuel Production Energy Recovery

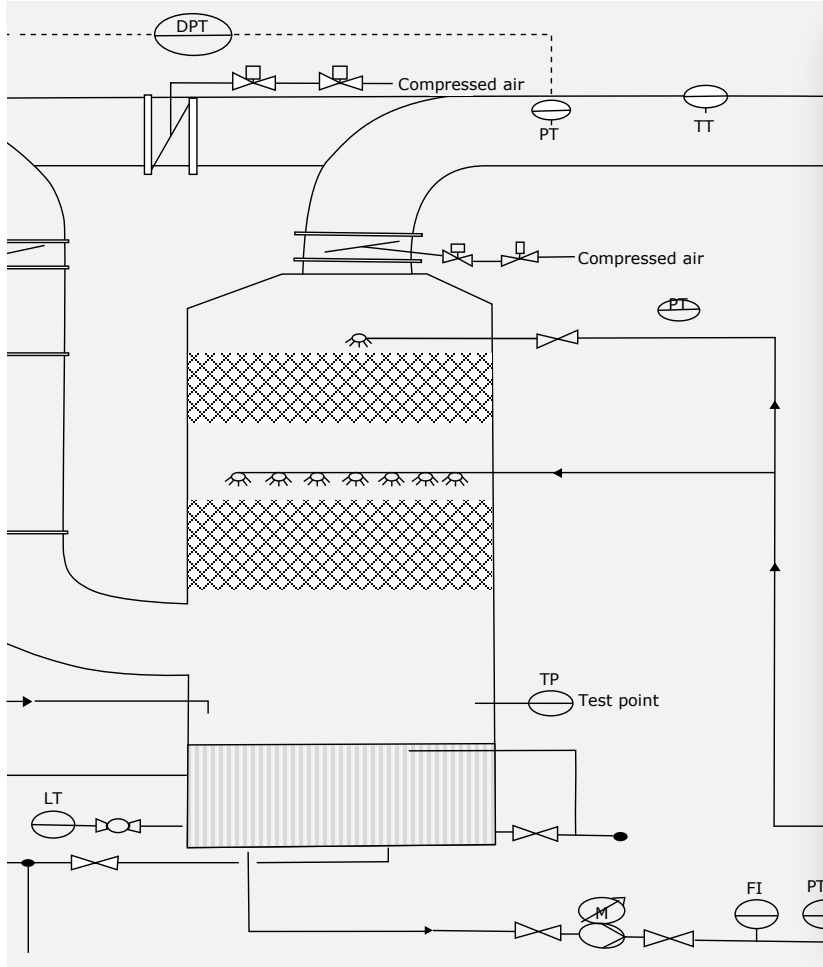
Modular WWHP 1.3 MMBTU (108.7T) heat supply system layout below:



- Control on leaving condenser water temperature
- VSD condenser pump running – Load when supply temperature drops below 150F from flowing feedstock
- Open evaporator valve to start heat pump

# Hybrid Opportunities –

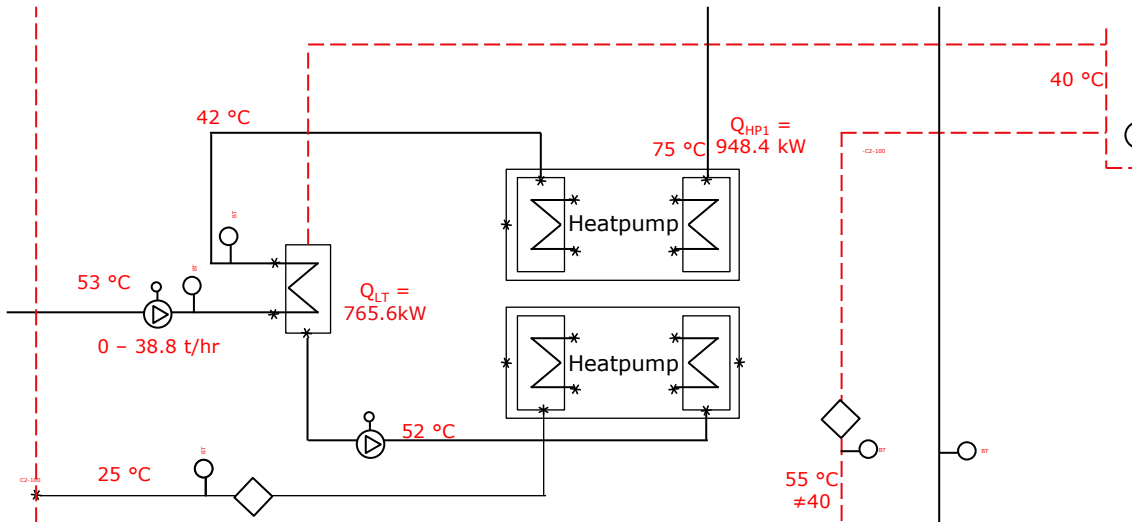
## Boiler Flue Gas Scrubber



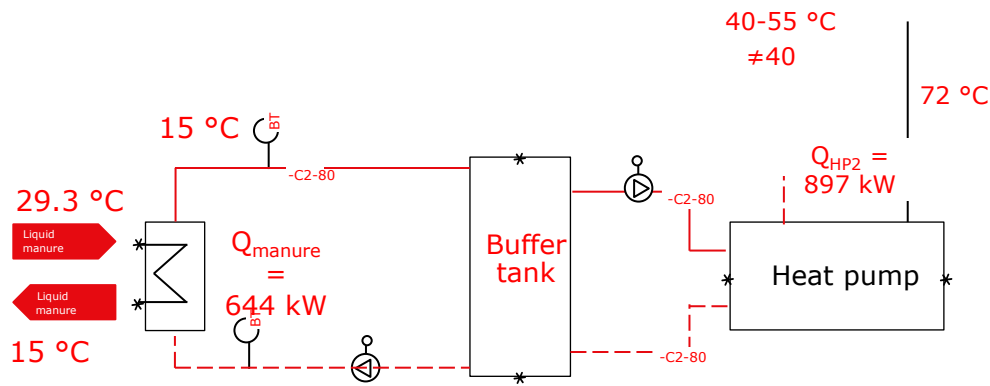
- Heat Capacity: 962kW
- Added boiler condensing capacity: 850kW
- Efficiency: 6.2 COP
  
- Total System Applied Cost: 1.72m€
- Annual savings – operating cost: 0.5m€
- Simple payback: 3.4 years



## Biogas Upgrade Plant



## Slurry Cooling



Slurry Cooling / Heat Recovery COP 3.5

Upgrade Plant Heat Recovery HP COP 5.2 System COP 7.9

# Related Opportunities – Biogas Plant



## Heat recovery from Biogas Upgrade Plant

- DH return water through PHE to preheat up to 49.5 °C, then WWHP to 75 °C
- Solution: 1 WWHP with 2 refrigerant circuits, each circuit with single compressor



## Cooling and Heat Recovery from Biogas Slurry

- Source water temperature from Slurry HEX 15/10 °C, targeting hot water temperature @72 °C
- Slurry cooling enables more biogas participation and eliminates neighbor complaints

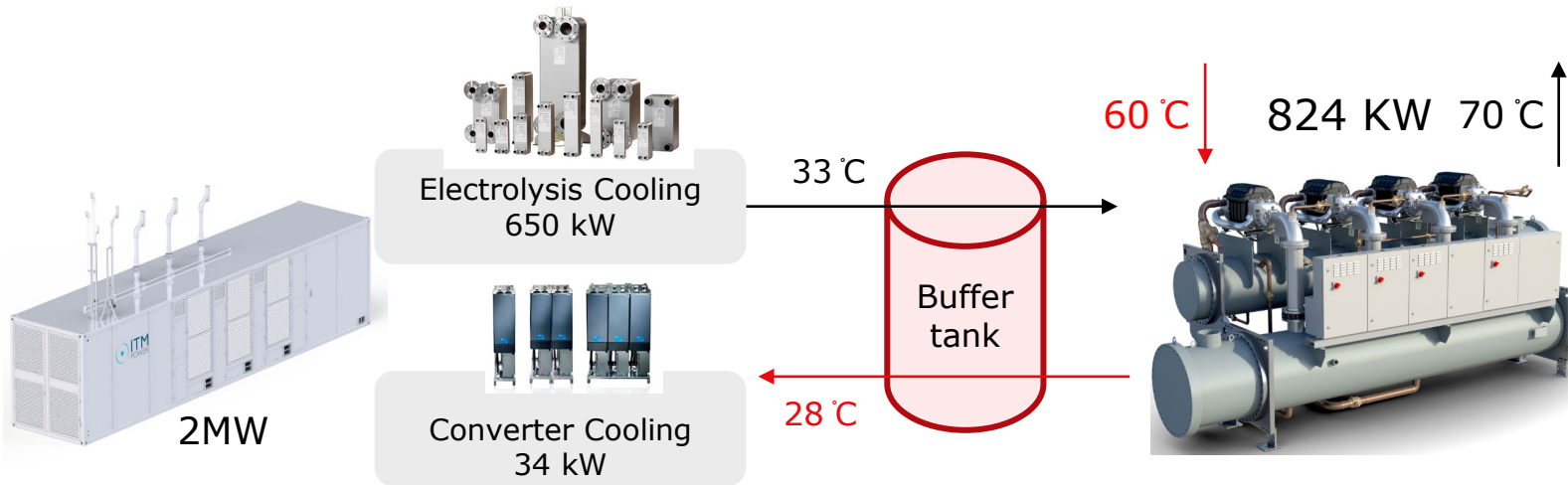
### System Performance

	Heat Pump / Compressor					Source Water			Supply Water		
	Compr. Quantity	Power kW	Cool kW	Heat kW	Heat COP W/W	Inlet °C	Outlet °C	Flow m <sup>3</sup> /h	Inlet °C	Outlet °C	Flow m <sup>3</sup> /h
<b>Biogas Upgrade Plant</b>											
WWHP	2	183	766	948	5.2	42	25	39	52	75	36
HEX	1		493	493		53	42	39	40	52	36
Total system		183	1,259	1,441	7.9	53	25	39	40	75	36
<b>Slurry Cooling/Recovery</b>											
WWHP	3	253	644	897	3.5	15	10	111	52	72	39

# Energy Transition

## Hydrogen Production

Water-Water Heat Pump	Cooling capacity	Heating capacity	Power input	COP Cooling	COP Heating	Chilled water leaving Temp	Chilled water enteri Temp	Hot water return Temp	Hot water supply Temp	Minimum load
	kW	kW	kW	W/W	W/W	°C	°C	°C	°C	
Full load, 33-28C	650	824	174	3.74	4.74	33	28	60	70	18.8%



2MW PEM electrolyzer

70% electrolysis efficiency /  
30% waste heat recovered

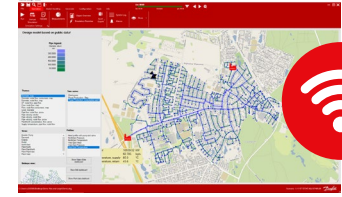
Electrolysis degrades / recovered  
waste heat increases over time

Recovered waste heat increases  
further when paired with hydrogen  
fuel cell for onsite power

# Hydronic System Solutions

**Optimization tools for DC networks**  
 Supply temperature optimization in DHC networks  
 DP optimization in networks / lower pumping costs and dT improvement

**Leanheat Production**  
**Leanheat Monitor/ Network + Virtus iNET**  
**Leanheat Building**



## Precise control of cooling network

Precise control of chilled water with PICV enabling perfect control and efficient operation

AFQM, AFQMP



## Hydronic Heat Exchangers

Heavy duty, efficient heat transfer for energy reuse



GPHE



Spiral HE



## Hydronic Microchannel Heat Exchangers

For airside energy recovery and free cooling applications

## Water flow control Motorised valves or PICV with electrical actuators

For precise flow control of water flows

AMV/E 65x, 55, 855, 20/23  
 AB-QM DN 40-100



## Cooling tower control

Precise control of cooling water from cooling towers

VF3/ VFY



## Hydronic Stations

Building, radiator, fan coil and domestic water substations



EvoFlat MSS



Building Substation

## Rotary mixing valves and actuators

Maintaining a chosen minimum temperature through a mixing loop



## SonoSelect Energy Meters

Hydronic heat meters to ensure measuring heat transfer and equipment performance



## Active pressure optimization of cooling network

Precise control of water from cooling towers

iNet, iSet



## Safety temperature monitor

Controller closes on rising temperature with spring to ensure valve closes if sensor malfunctions

STM



## ECL comfort temperature control

Weather compensation & heat/cold transfer control on a heating/cooling substation.

ECL 210/310/296

## Accessories

- Temp. sensors (PT1000)
- Room units



## Δp relief control

Placed in a bypass of pumps to achieve protection through limiting of max differential pressure  
 AVPA/AFPA



## Strainers

(cast iron & brass)  
 DN15-300; t: -10°C +300°C  
 FV & FVR



## Ball valves

(Brass)  
 DN15-300; t: -20°C +120°C  
 BRV



## Butterfly valves

(with Manual gearbox and Electric actuator)  
 DN25-600; t: -10°C +120°C  
 VFY



## Non-return valves

(brass, cast iron or SS)  
 DN15-600; t: -10°C +100°C  
 NVD



## Air-vents

(Brass)  
 DN10-15; t: 0°C +110°C



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