



IEA-Cross-TCP-Workshop: Towards a flexible, cross-sectoral energy supply

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Introduction

- **Future sustainable energy and resource supply** can only be achieved by
 - a flexible, cross-sectoral energy and resource system
 - utilizing the specific advantages of various technologies and resources

- **Workshop**
 - discussion of possible roles of different technologies
 - based on users' needs among the different sectors
 - special focus on flexibility provision via the heating sector
 - holistic view by bringing together users and technological experts

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Wien Energie's vision of a sustainable energy and resource supply of Vienna

Wer, wenn nicht wir.



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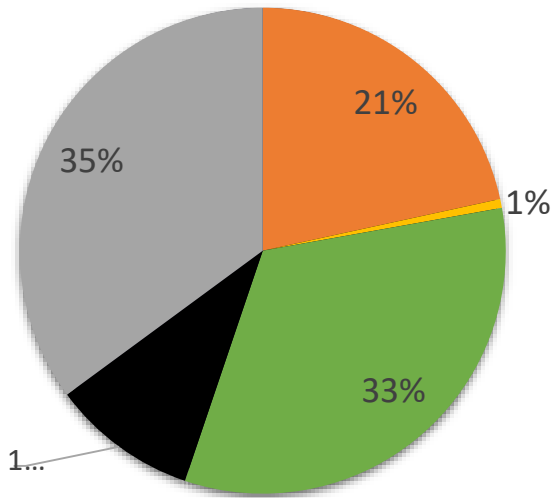
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- Wien Energie
- Decarb 2040
- Gasification – Waste2Value

Gross inland energy consumption 2020

Austria and Vienna

Austria

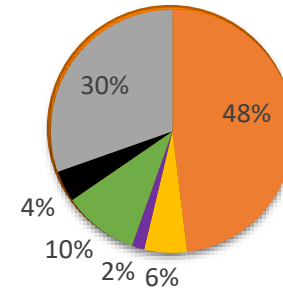
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- Natural Gas
- Electric Energy
- District Heating
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Solid Energy Sources

Vienna

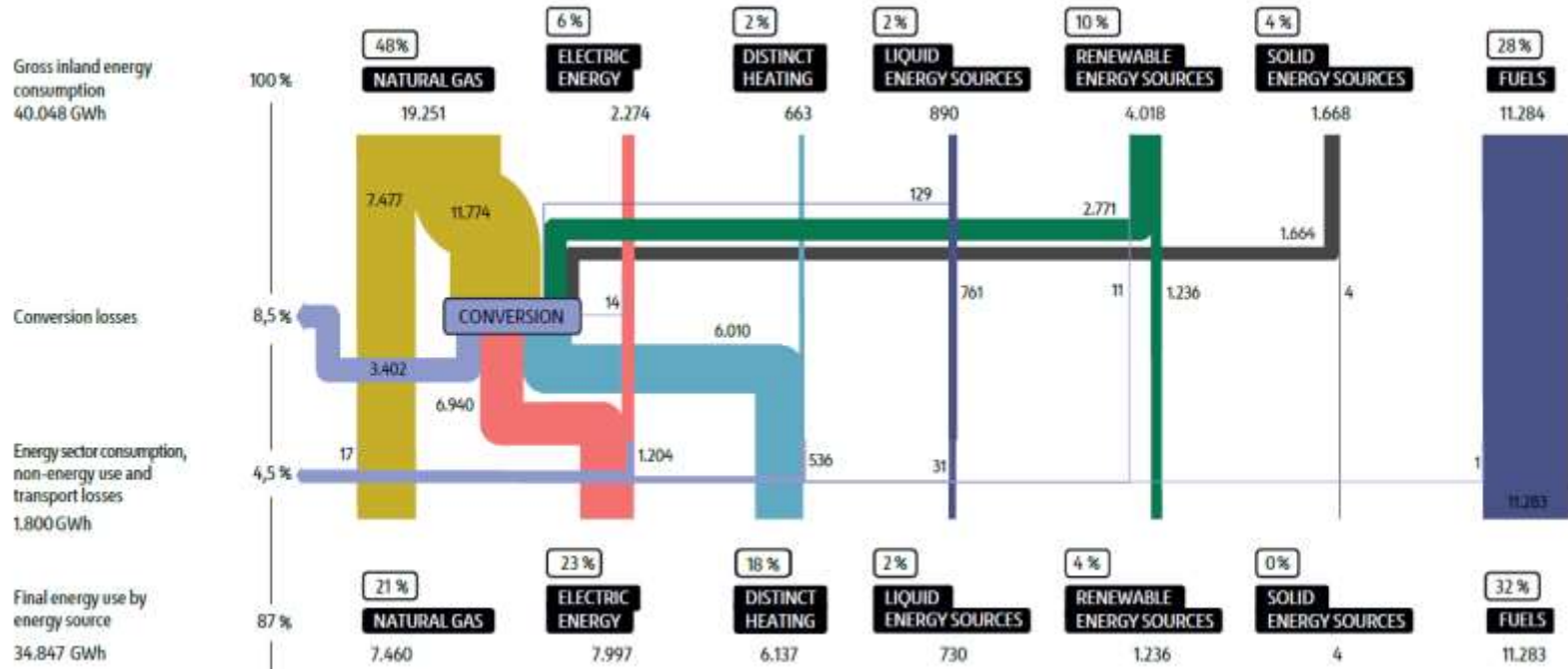
~ 21 MWh/a p. p. (74 GJ)



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Energy demand and supply today

Vienna 2020



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Wien Energie

Austria's largest energy supplier

climate neutral by 2040

We provide 2 million people with power, gas, heating and cooling

€1.29bn investments in the period to 2027

Our power stations stabilise the grid

Energy from 1 million tonnes of waste

Austria's leading
energy provider

2,179 employees
49 apprentices

Austria's largest producer of solar power

District heating for 440,000 households

A new photovoltaic system the size of a football field goes online every week

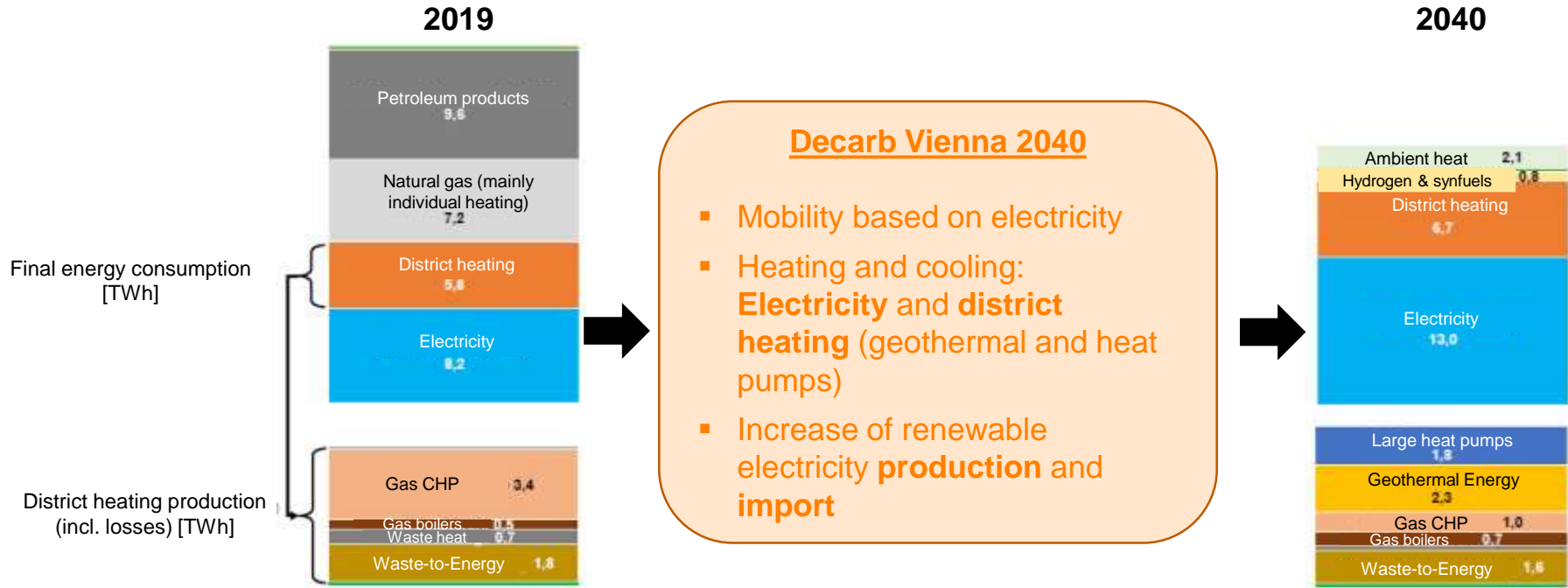
Wien Energie

Operational KPIs 2021

	2021	+/- % change to prior year	
Power production in GWh Total 6,3 TWh	Thermal generation	5,020.4	-10.7
	Biomass	80.1	-5.2
	Hydro power	776.3	-4.9
	Wind power	326.5	+10.6
	Photovoltaic power	77.5	+149.1
Heat production in GWh Total 7,0 TWh	Cogeneration (CHP)	3,626.8	+4.4
	Waste incineration	1,388.5	+1.0
	Biomass	105.1	+6.8
	Geothermal and ambient energy	191.9	+73.0
	Waste heat sourced	1,150.4	0.0
	Peak load boiler	275.5	+159.4
	Heating plant	248.2	+8.2

Energy demand and supply 2040

How to decarbonize?



Sources: Compass Lexecon (2021) *Wärme & Kälte, Mobilität, Strom: Szenarien für die Dekarbonisierung des Wiener Energiesystems bis 2040*

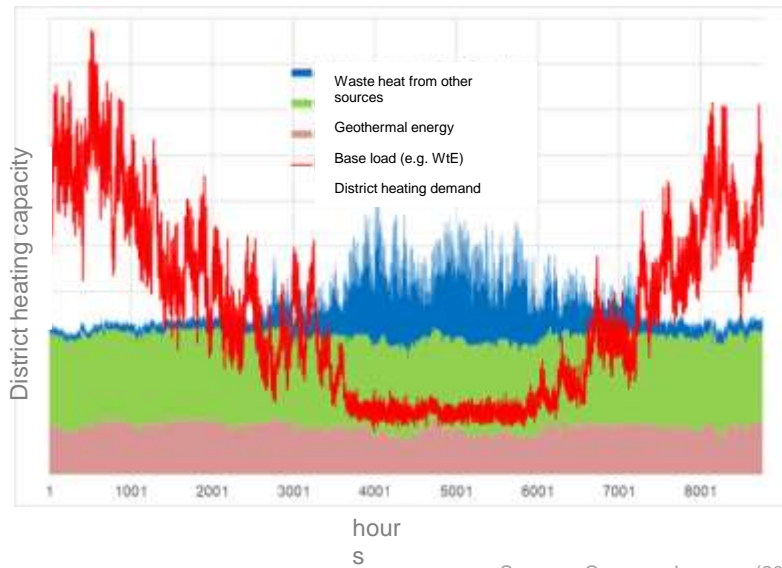
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Several technologies needed

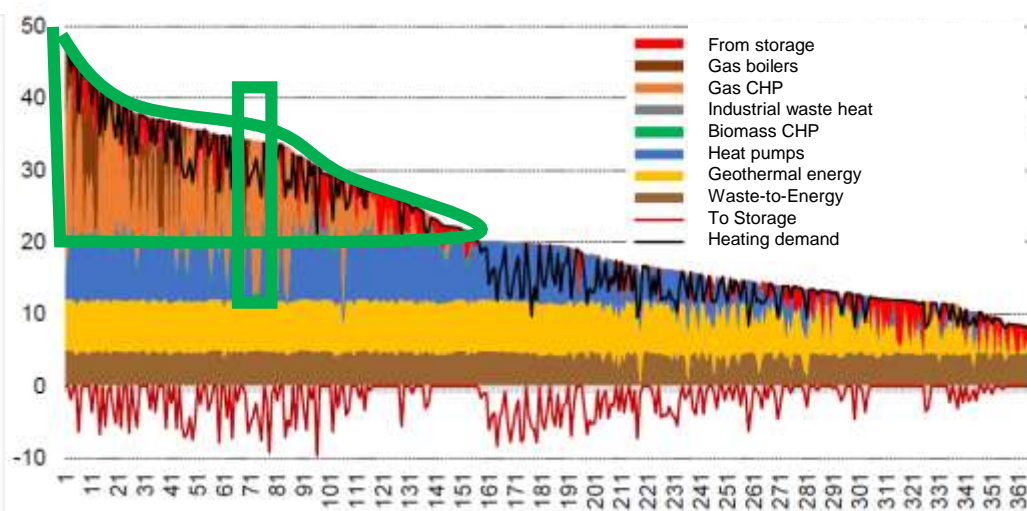
Peak load coverage in winter times

Renewable district heating mainly via geothermal energy and heat pumps BUT...

District heating annual distribution of demand and supply



District heating load duration curve [GWh/d]

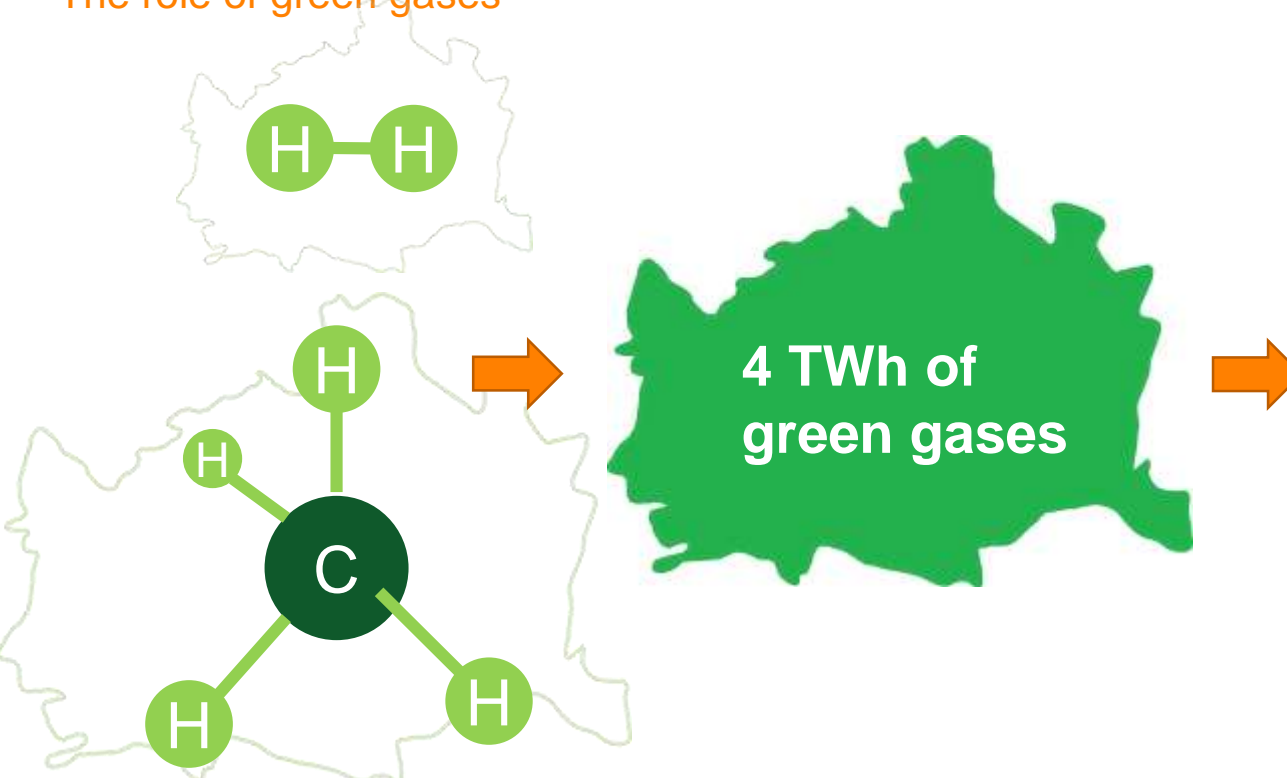


Economic optimization potential

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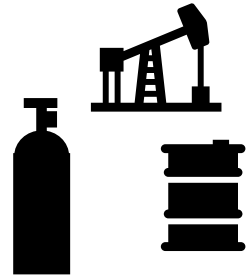
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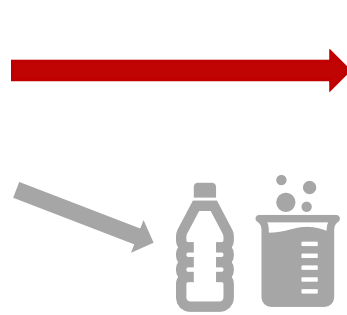
Gasification

Storability and flexibility

From base load to peak load coverage



- energy density
- storable
- homogeneous
- flexible application

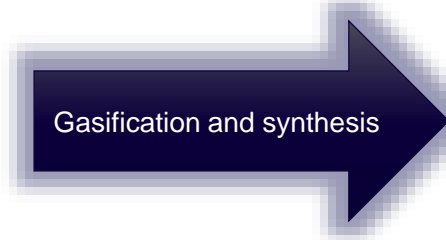



- storable
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*Circularity
High-value products
Reduction of CO₂ emissions*




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Gasification

Waste2Value – research to answer these questions

Technical data of the demo plant

Fuel input gasification	1000 kW
Syngas input Fischer-Tropsch synthesis	300 kW
Overall efficiency	~ 55%
Input materials	Woody biomass and residues, rejects, sewage sludge and other urban waste fractions





Unsere
Forschungsenergie
dekarbonisiert.
Für Wien.

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Maria Lechner

Graz, 18th Jan 23

- Intro
- General Approach for Energy Management Systems
- Overview of Energy Supply
- Platform Concept
- Q&A

INNIO Jenbach

Company presentation



INNIO* is...

- A leading provider of renewable gas and hydrogen-rich solutions and services for power generation
- With our Jenbacher* products, INNIO* helps to provide communities, industry and the public access to sustainable, reliable and economical power ranging from 250 kW to 10.4 MW.
- Headquartered in Jenbach, Austria



Ing. Maria Lechner MSc Ba

Education

- HTL Industrial Engineering
- Study Energy Engineering
- Study Management and Law
- Continuing Education (Leadership, Hydrogen, Auditor,..)

Job

- Project Lead Energy > 2016
- Projects (CHP Plants, Smart Meter, Battery storage, Microgrid, H2,..)
- Global Supply Chain Management 2012- 2016



On-site energy landscape

- Local electricity and heat supply
- Site-specific energy supply
- Volatile electrical output from local testbenches
- Energy cost optimization with our digital platform

Goal: “Analyze and optimize in-house energy balance”

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Energy Management Systems

Energy Management System

Challenges of today

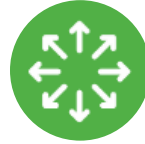


Operational Optimization

- ✓ Energy costs
- ✓ Increasing volatility of renewable systems (e.g., solar)
- ✓ Efficient use of recovered heat
- ✓ Flexibility in power generation with optimal dimensions for energy storage and heat grids

Solution:

Optimize internal energy use with digital platform



Connectivity

- ✓ Visualization and diagnostic
- ✓ Forecast and operational timetable
- ✓ Analysis of continually updated information (e.g., machine data, process data, electricity prices, weather data and calculated prognoses)
- ✓ Precise electricity supply when the grid demands

Solution:

CHP technology - combined heat and power generation



Customer Perspective

- ✓ Showcase Jenbacher product portfolio
- ✓ Machine connectivity
- ✓ Amount and complexity of data requires to use of artificial intelligence (AI) and self-teaching algorithms
- ✓ Microgrid CHP+

Solution:

Scalable digital platform

Energy Management System

Adding value through digitalization

Traditional solution

- ✓ Historical information/ afterwards
- ✓ Focus on electricity grid
- ✓ Unused potential for optimizing energy storage and heating demands
- ✓ Manual adjustment of operating schedules and limited overall efficiency

Digitalization of EMS

Holistic approach:
Optimization of plant, energy storage, heat and electricity trading

Creating opportunities for additional revenue through flexible profiles and forecasts

myPlant* Optimization
all-in-one solution:

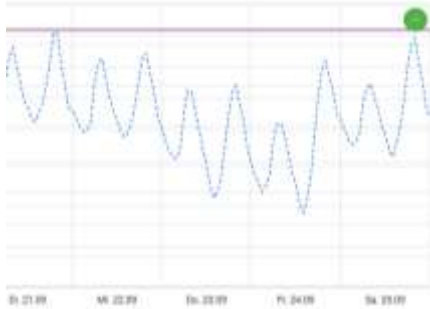


myPlant
OPTIMIZATION

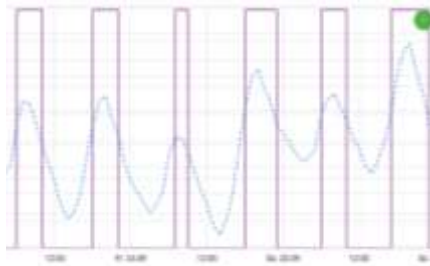


Energy Management System Optimization

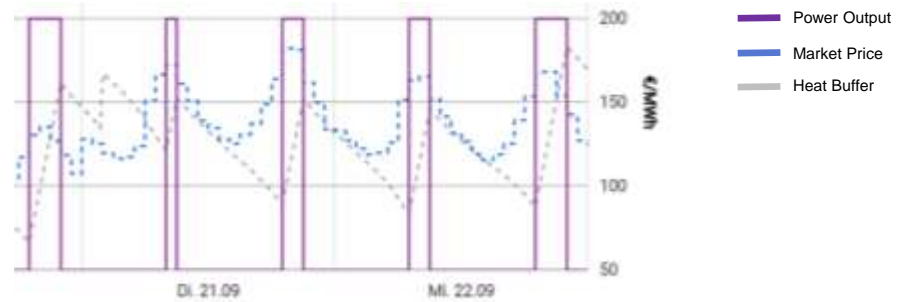
Base Load Operation



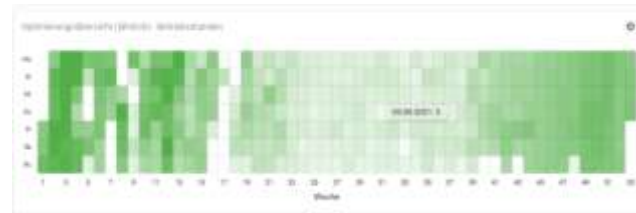
Electricity Optimization



myPlant* Optimization Operation



Daily Optimization



Yearly Optimization

Energy Management System

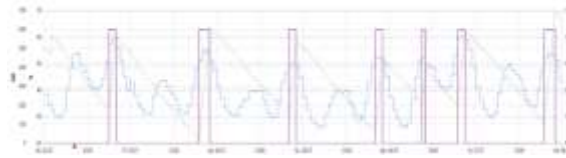
Optimizing on multiple time horizons



Annual optimization

Annual operation profile for optimized operation of the entire plant to **achieve annual targets**.

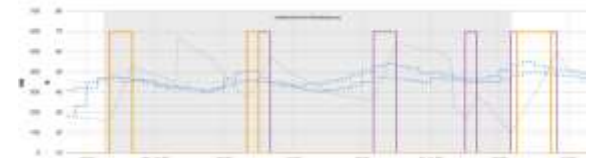
Prognosis: once a week



Day-ahead optimization

Based on **short-term weather forecasts** and other **plant-related data**, our solution optimizes operation for the day-ahead market.

Prognosis: twice a day



Intraday optimization

On **short-term variations** such as unscheduled maintenance, manual operations or extreme **unforeseeable** weather **changes**, operation is adjusted to the 15min based intraday market.

Prognosis: every 5 minutes

Energy Supply

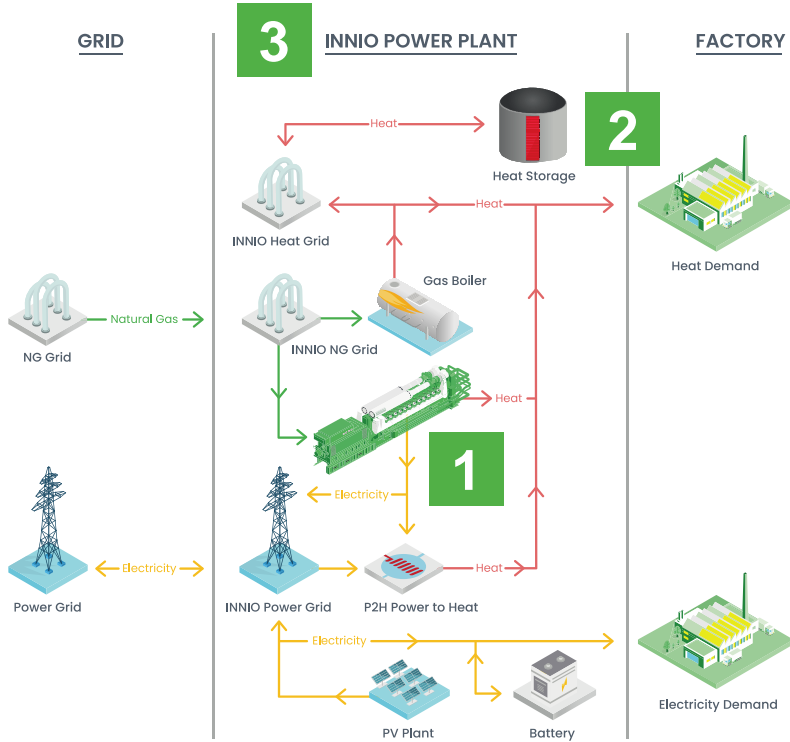
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Energy Supply Infrastructure

	Electrical Output	Thermal Output
1 x CHP J420	156 MW	162 MW
1 x CHP J612	201 MW	194 MW
2 x Heat Storage		2 x 10 MWh
2 x Thermal Boiler		2 x 8 MW
1 x Power to Heat		4.8 MW
1 x Battery	12 MW	
PV	350 kWp	
Water Turbine	60 kW	



Energy Supply System Overview

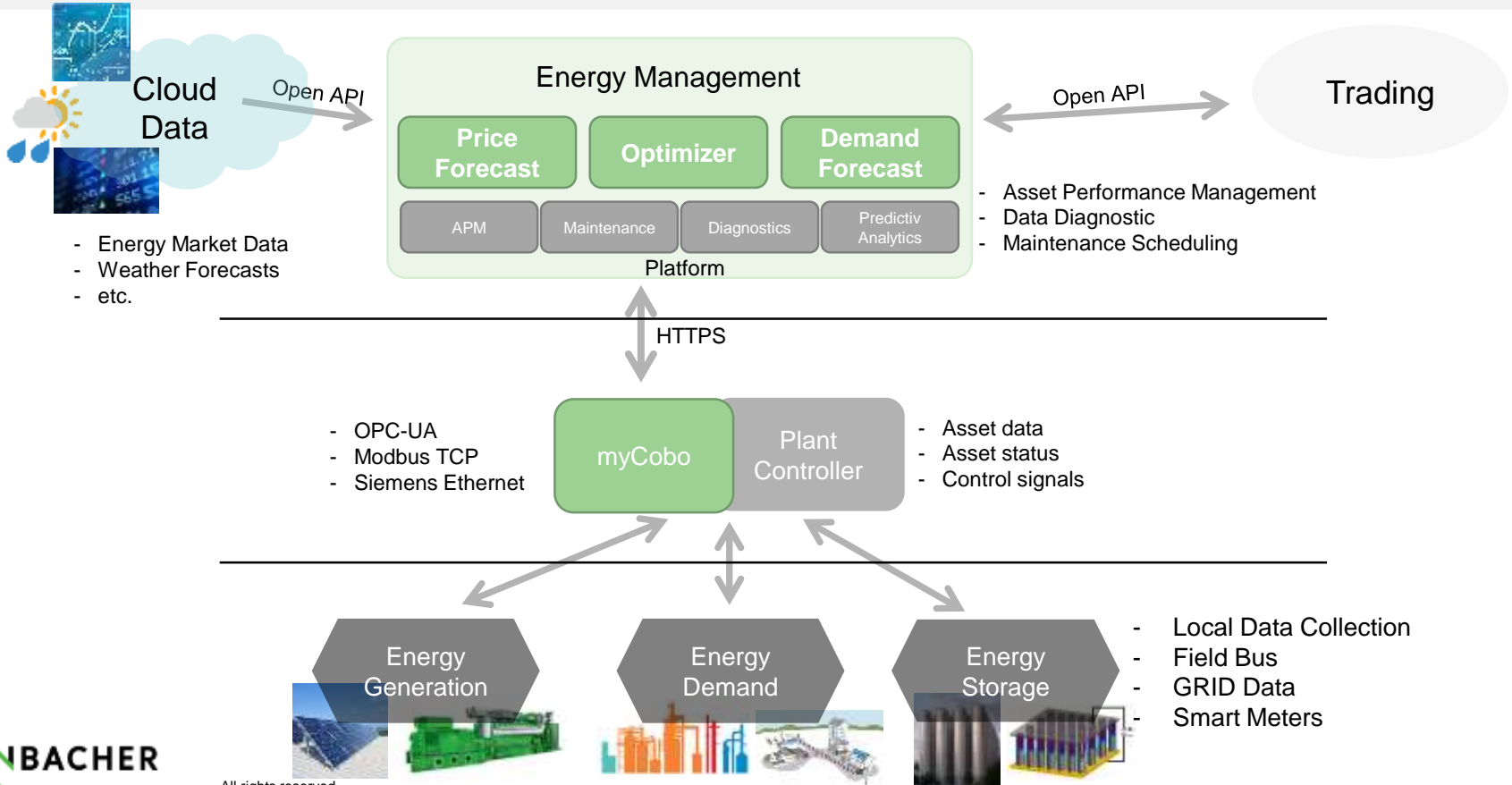


- 1 Fast and flexible CHP plant**
 - ✓ Technology, production and training center
 - ✓ Wide load range
- 2 Flexible power for heating and heat storage**
 - ✓ Use excess electricity
 - ✓ Store heat for use when needed
- 3 Energy Management with myPlant* Optimizer**
 - ✓ Fully integrated solution
 - ✓ Operation optimization
 - ✓ System forecasting

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Platform Concept

Energy Management Platform Concept



Conclusion

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Conclusion

Digitalization of EMS

BENEFITS

- Higher Potential for optimization
- Utilization of **existing myPlant infrastructure**
- **Digital platform** with wide range of possibilities
- High **flexibility and reaction speed**
- Self-hold **IT Security**



ECONOMICS

- **10% energy cost saving**
 - ✓ energy flow optimization
- **myPlant infrastructure**
 - ✓ cost saving
- **Revenue generation**
 - ✓ Forecast
 - ✓ Intraday spot market
 - ✓ balance energy





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Flexible Bioenergy and System Integration

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- with contribution from Task 44 members

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IEA Bioenergy Task 44 - Flexible Bioenergy and System Integration

The objective is to improve understanding on flexible bioenergy and its future role, and identification of barriers and future development needs in the context of the entire energy system.

Our key topics (2022-2024)

- Flexible bioenergy **concepts** for supporting low-carbon energy systems
- Flexible bioenergy **integration in energy systems**
- Acceleration of **implementation**
- **Synergies** with green hydrogen and BECCUS value chains

Members

- Austria, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, USA

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Development and analysis of bioenergy solutions that can provide flexible resources for a low-carbon energy system

WORK PROGRAMME

The ongoing energy transition is mainly driven by reductions in the cost of wind and solar energy, and political efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Although substantial deployment of variable renewable energy (VRE) is an important part of the overall transformation, rapid changes in the energy mix may pose challenges to the resilience of the electricity grid, particularly in times of weather-related stress. As fossil generation capacity is being retired and replaced by VRE generation, it takes the important question of how to maintain the stability and reliability of future energy supply.

Although climate and energy policies are still largely focused on electricity, most of the energy is used for heating, cooling, and transport. These sectors have remained deeply reliant on fossil fuels and significant decarbonisation efforts are needed to ensure that the overall emission pledges of the Paris Accord can be met. In addition to sector-specific measures, it is essential to recognise the links between electricity, heat and transport and exploit synergies so that these sectors will support each other in the effort to decarbonise.

MORE INFORMATION ON TASK 44

Find more information: <https://task44.ieabioenergy.com/>



Discuss about flexible bioenergy:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13682476/>

What is flexible bioenergy?

Task 44 definition

“Flexible bioenergy is defined as a bioenergy system than can provide multiple services and benefits to the energy system under varying operating conditions and/or loads.”

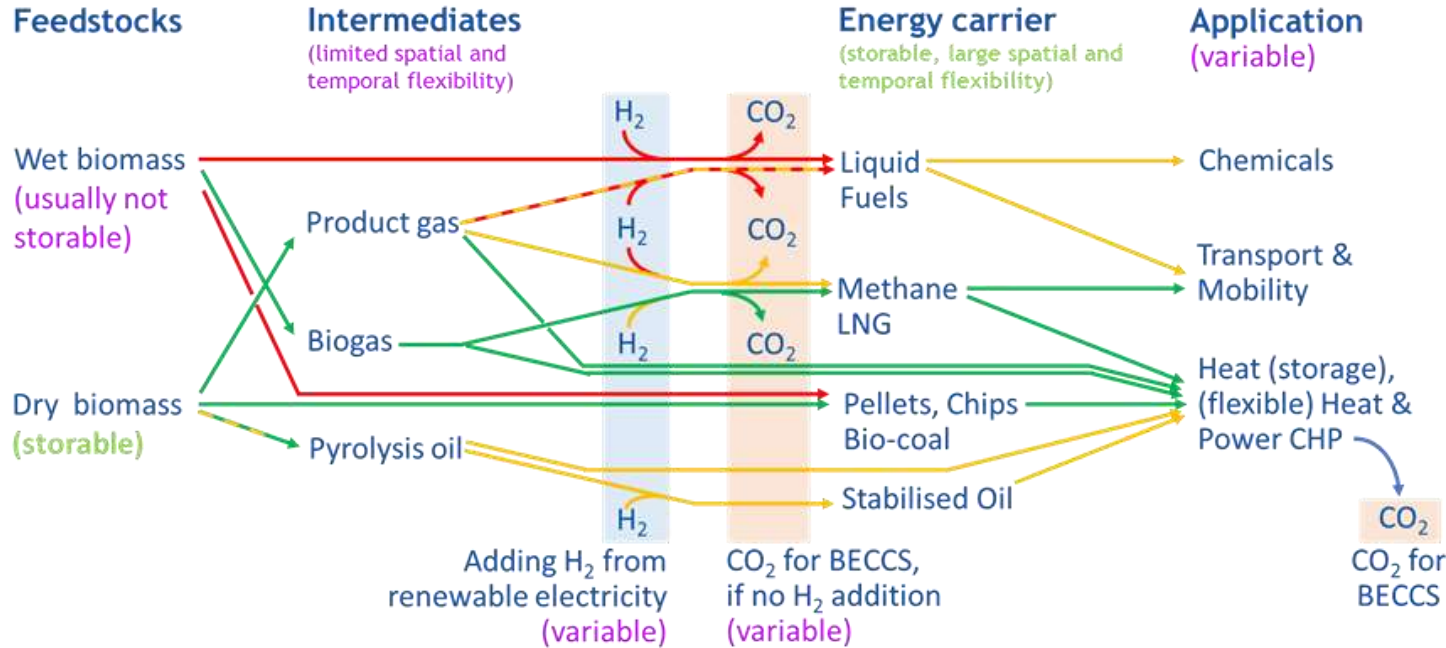
“Examples of flexible bioenergy include:

- technologies and concepts providing grid stability for a power system with large amounts of variable wind and solar energy;
- dispatchable production of energy and other products according to market demand;
- integrated polygeneration systems combining the production of heat, power, fuels and/or chemicals;
- long-term storage options such as biofuels and biochemicals; or
- ancillary services to support system reliability.”

Source: IEA Bioenergy Task 44 - Flexible Bioenergy and System Integration

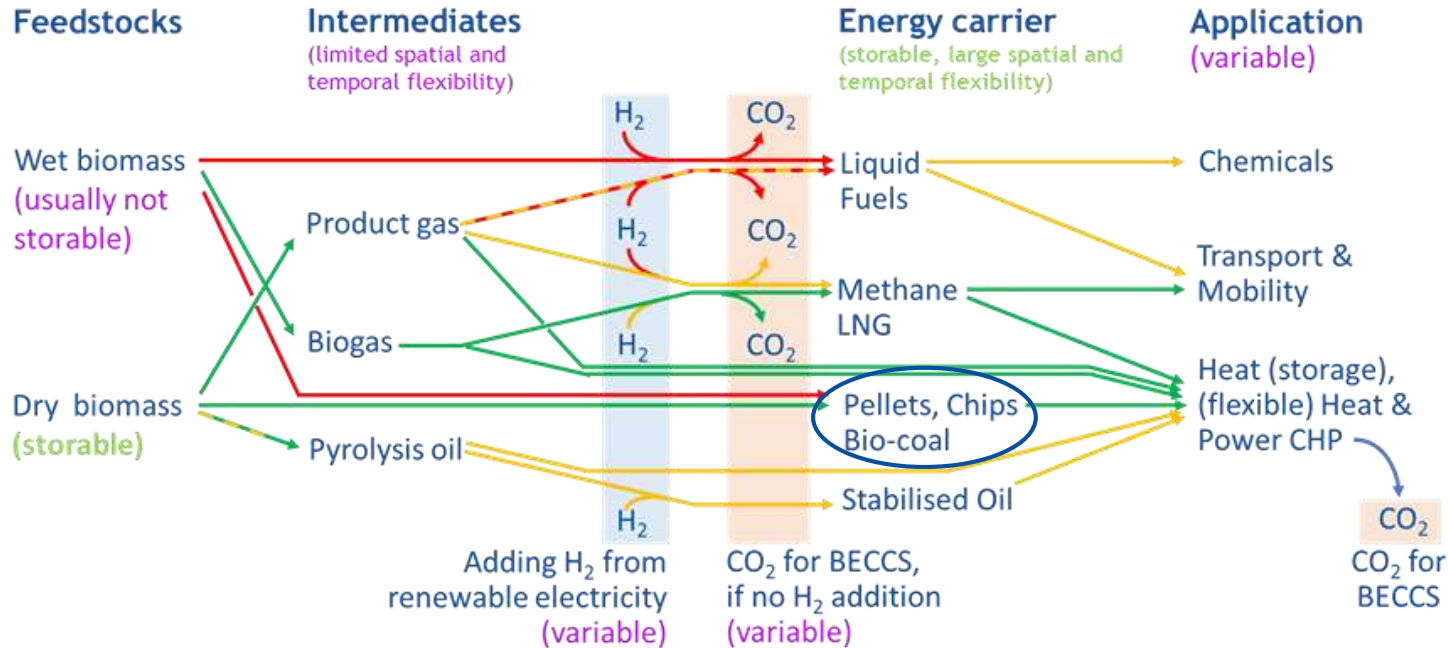


The network of flexible technologies in biomass related energy conversions



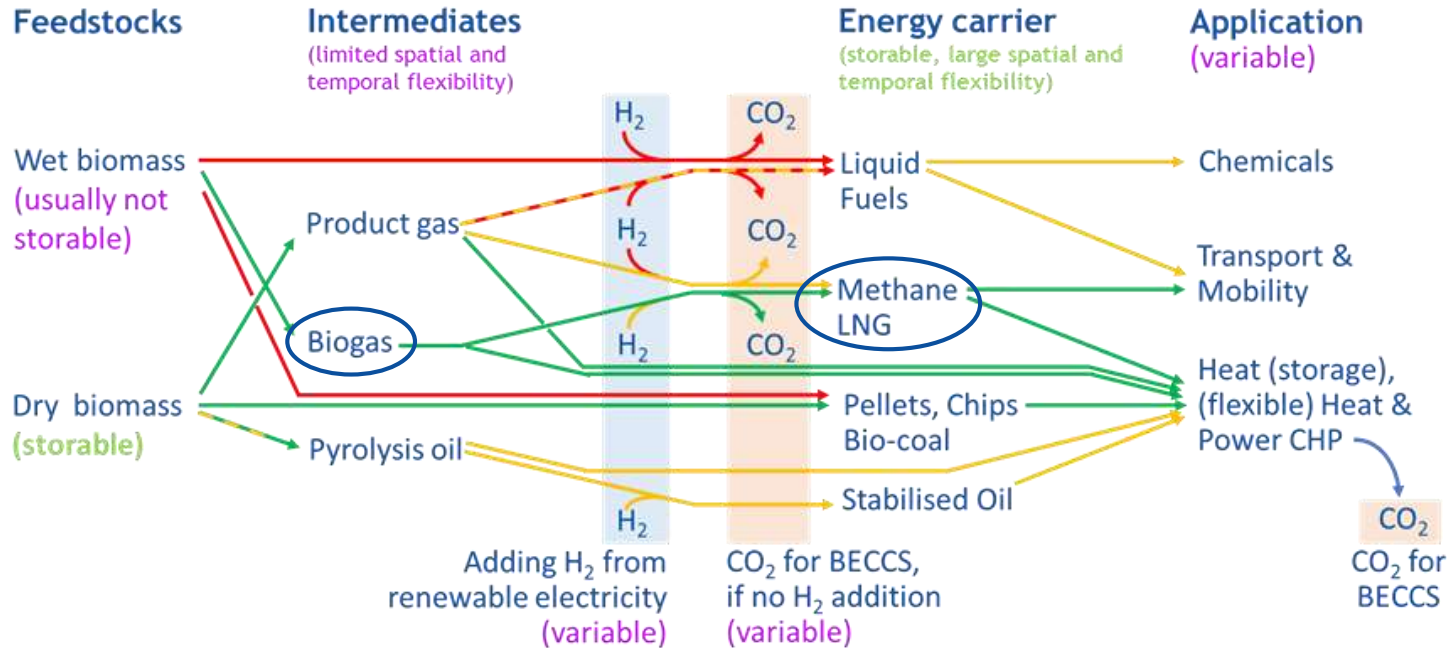
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Specific possibilities for flexible bioenergy

- Long and complex supply chains, with multiple options for flexibility, not only for energy but for the broader bioeconomy.
- Many high TRL options already implemented, but are not making use of the flexibility.
- The broad use of bioenergy flexibility will depend on a suitable market design and for some period also support schemes.
- Multiple options to include renewable hydrogen in bio-based value chains.
- In an energy mix dominated by wind and solar, sustainable bioenergy plays an important role in flexible energy generation, industry and transport, and is increasingly used in connection with CCUS.

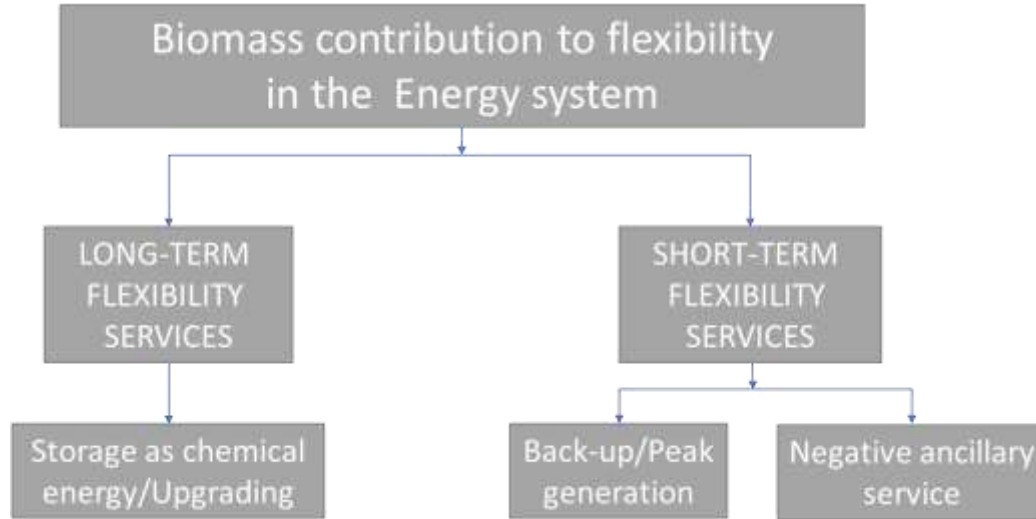
Extensive technical and cost data for flexible bioenergy technologies included



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Expectations on the role of flexible bioenergy

Categories for flexible bioenergy



Flexible bioenergy options go beyond short- and mid-term flexibility provision and services for the power grid.

→ Shifting resources in place and time even seasonally

→ Supporting integration of variable renewables

Synergies with other renewables

Best Practice examples show the variety of options

Best Practice collection: <https://task44.ieabioenergy.com/best-practices/>



[E-gas plant](#) in Werlte, Germany
(Source: e-gas GmbH)



[Liquid Wind's production facility](#), Sweden
(Source: Övik Energi)



[Vantaa Energy's Power-to-Gas integrated with Waste-to-Energy](#),
Finland
(Source: Vantaa Energy)



[The Ethtec Lignocellulosic Bioethanol Pilot Plant](#), Australia
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[Siemens Energy's Zero Emission Hydrogen Turbine Center](#)
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Expectations on the role of bioenergy in the energy system

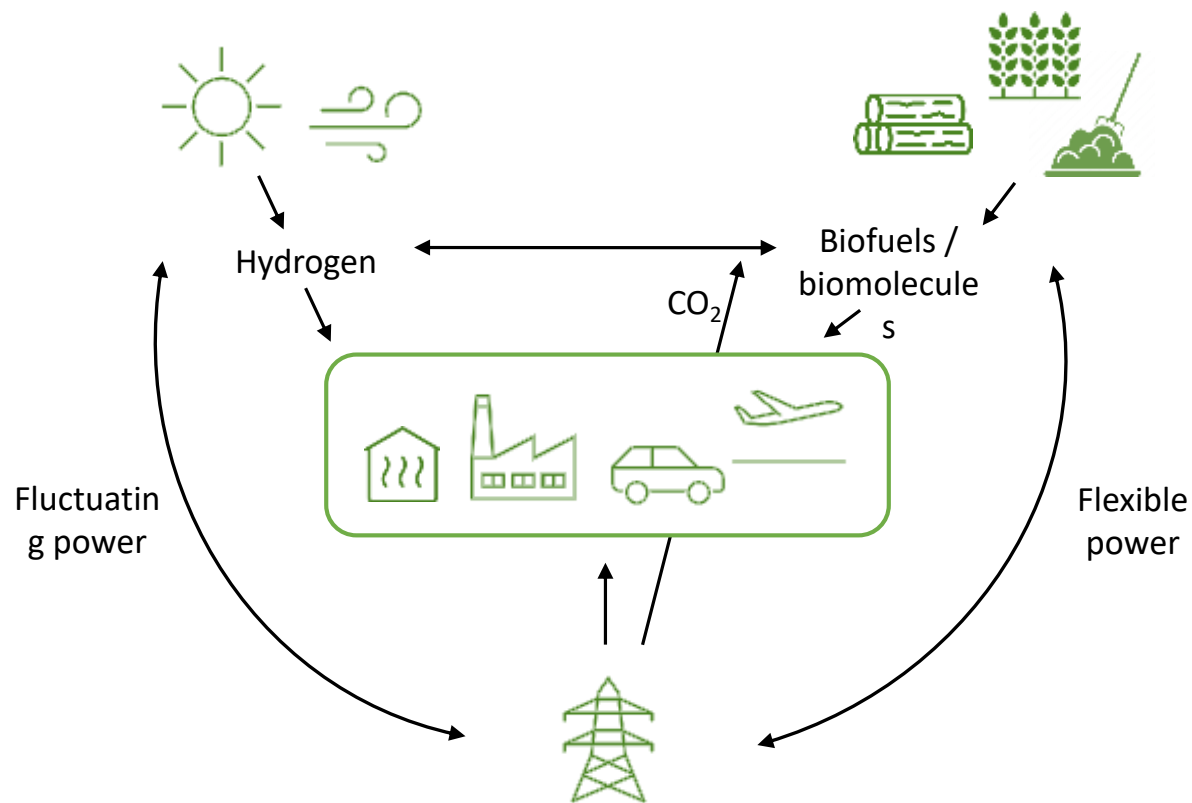
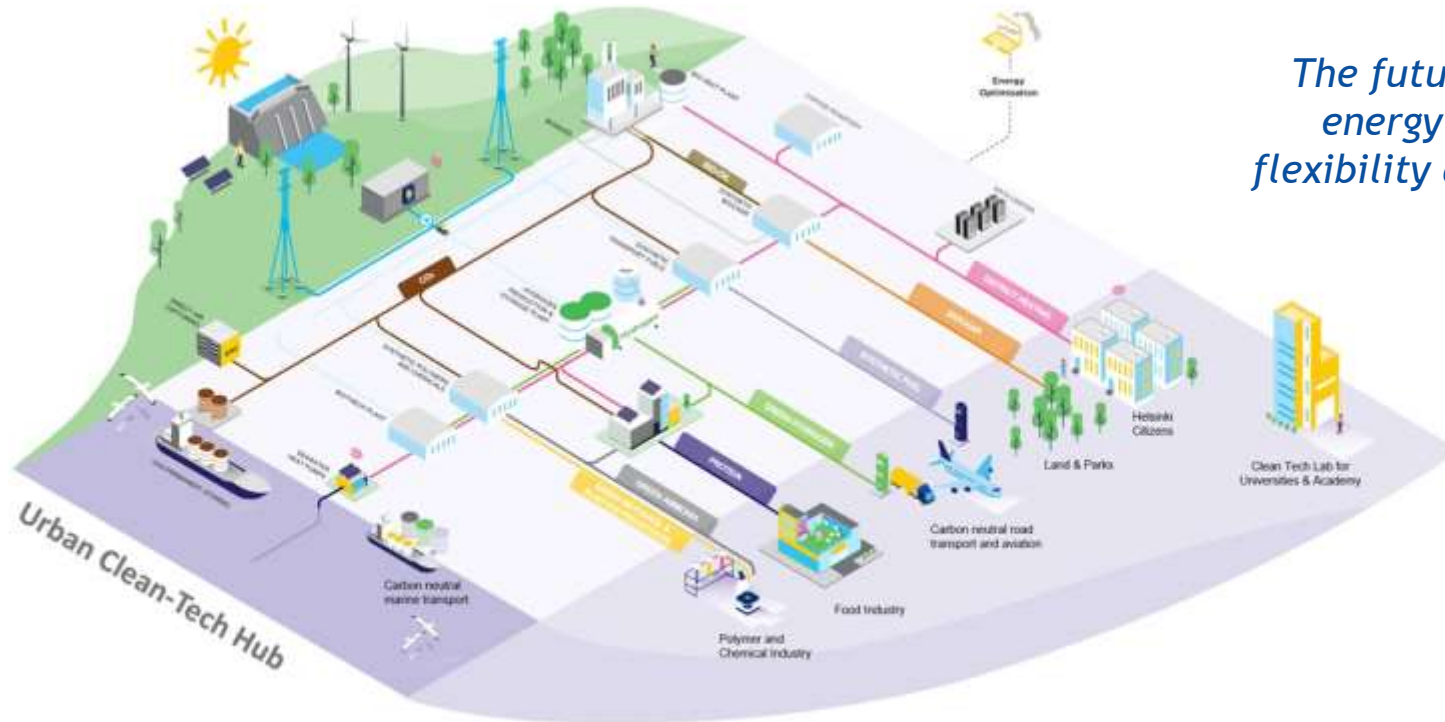


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Expectations on the role of flexible bioenergy

Toward carbon-neutral Helsinki

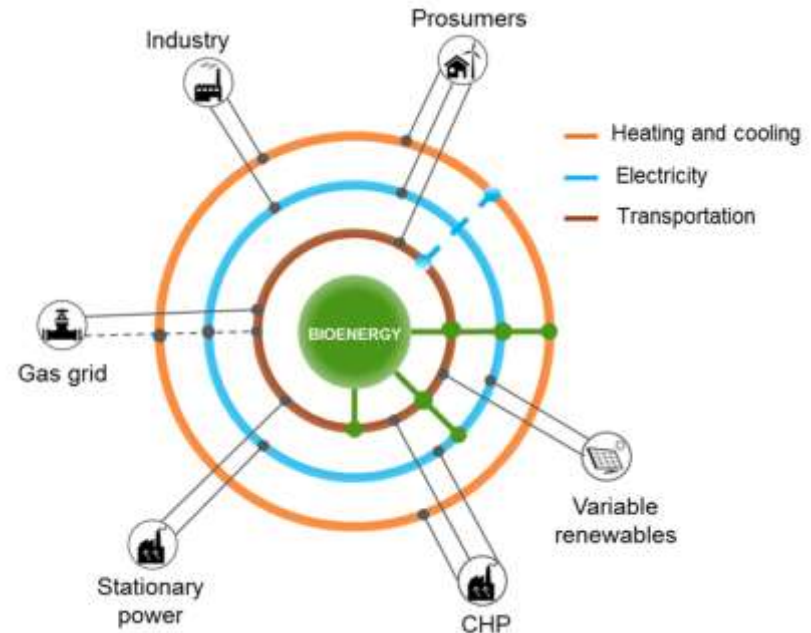


The future interconnected energy system requires flexibility and sector coupling.

Expectations on the role of flexible bioenergy

Bioenergy can play a central role in balancing

- The applied flexibility options depend on local conditions
- Gas and heat networks are expected to play a bigger role in balancing the electrical grid
- Bioenergy can play a central role across the different sectors



Arasto, a. et al. (2017.) *Bioenergy's role in balancing the electricity grid and providing storage options – an EU perspective.*

Available at: https://www.ieabioenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/IEA-Bioenergy-Bioenergy-in-balancing-the-grid_master_FINAL-Revised-16.02.17.pdf

The way forward to realize the flexibility potential

Five cornerstones are necessary

1. Clear definition
2. Multiplication of Best Practices
3. Technology development, incl.:
 - Automation and control
 - Integration of green hydrogen and CO₂ value chains
 - Fuel flexibility, low-quality feedstocks
4. Policy and market conditions
5. Appropriate consideration in long-term energy system planning



Thrän, D. et al. (2021.) *Five cornerstones to unlock the potential of flexible bioenergy*. Available at: <https://task44.ieabioenergy.com/publications/five-cornerstones-to-unlock-the-potential-of-flexible-bioenergy-2021/>

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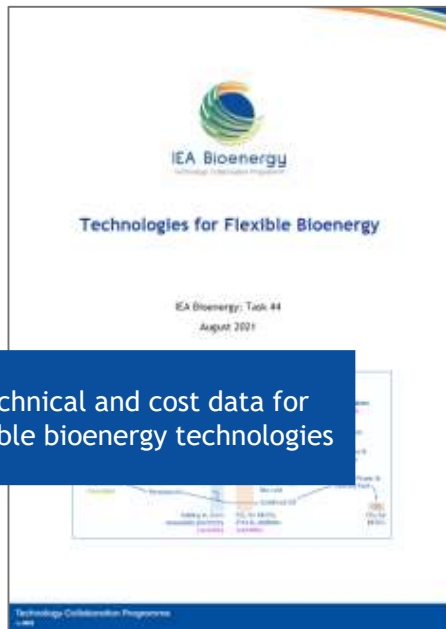
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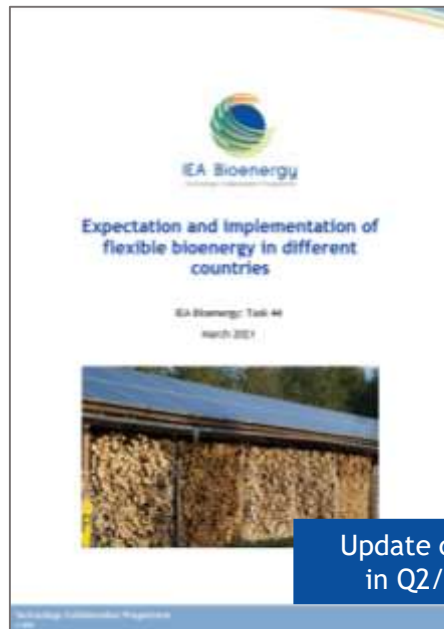


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Technologies for Flexible Bioenergy, 2021



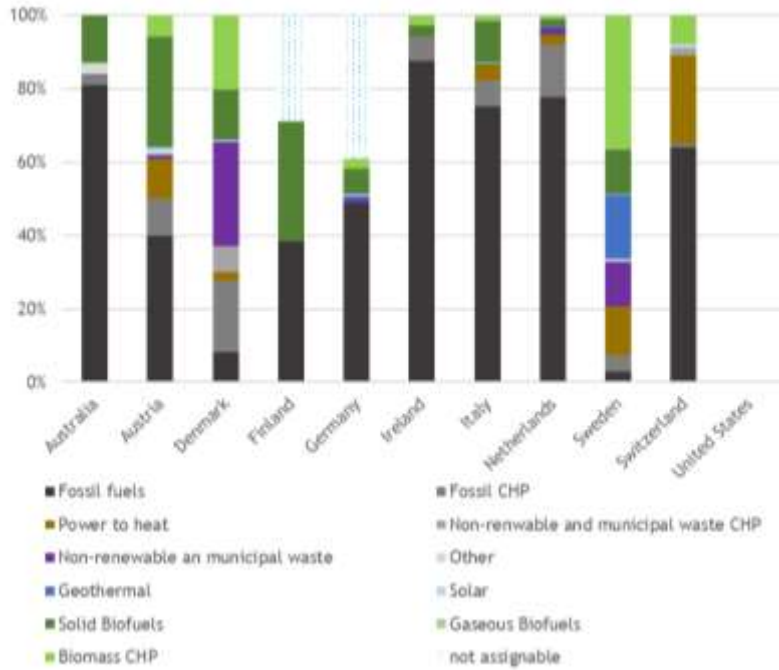
Expectation and implementation of flexible bioenergy in different countries, 2021



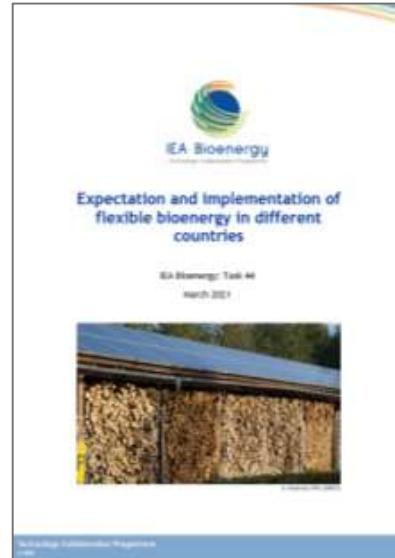
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Heating and cooling provision by source in selected countries

The role of bioenergy is system dependent

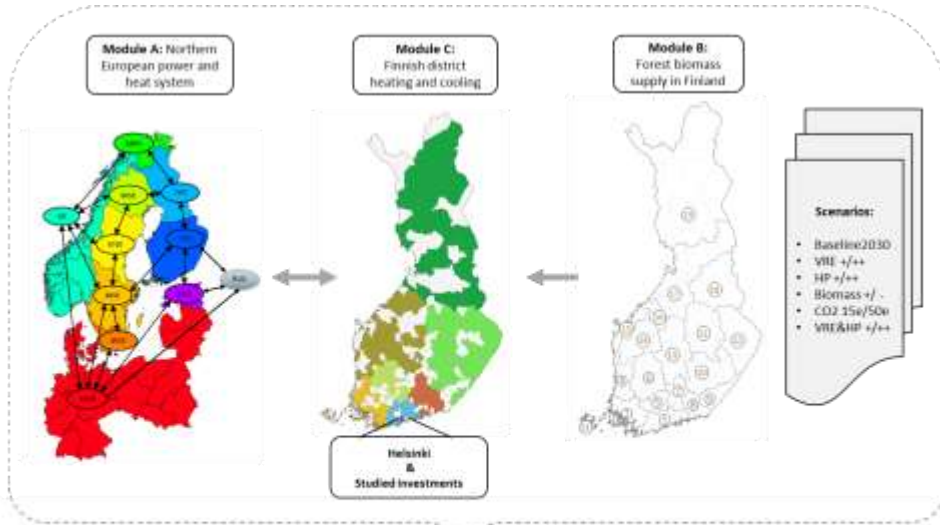


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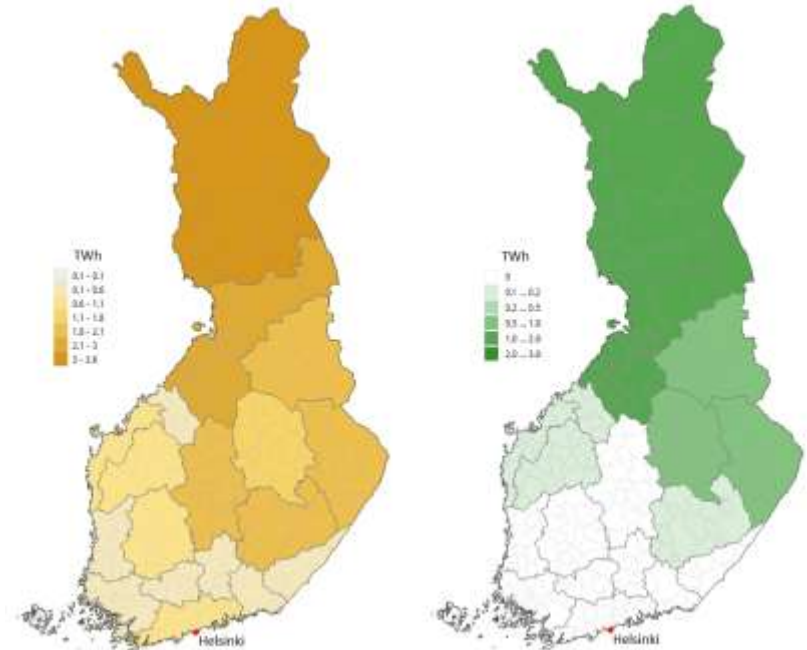
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Decarbonization of district heating in Finnish capital area



Backbone model framework to study local and system level impacts of bioenergy technologies

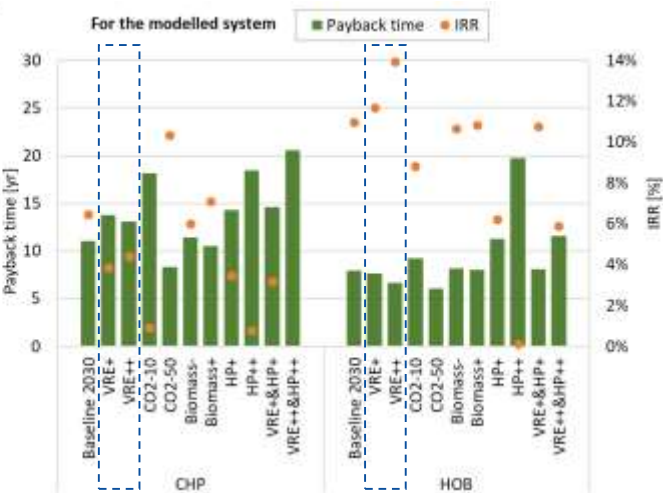
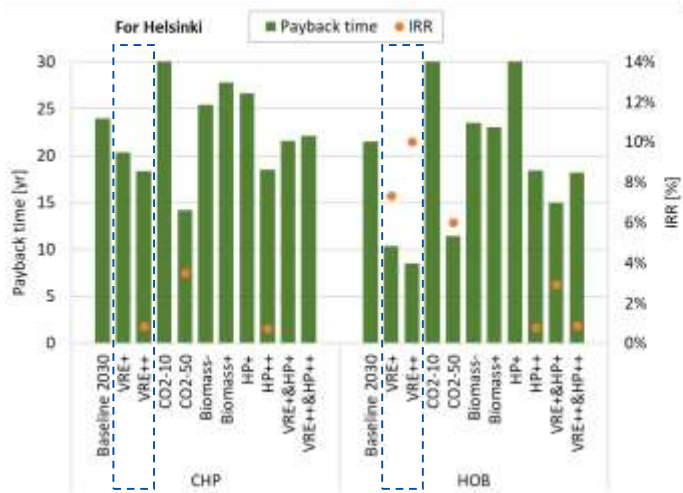
Available (left) and unused (right) forest energy wood in the baseline 2030 scenario



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Local and systemic impacts of bioenergy investments

- **Technology options:** heat-only boiler (HOB), CHP, biorefinery, biorefinery with hydrogen enhancement
- Investment decisions are done based on local interests, which might lead to outcomes that are less optimal from the whole system perspective and lock-in effects >> **Systemic view and consideration on required system services are needed**
- Availability of domestic biomass in Southern Finland is a limiting factor >> **The value of biomass in different uses!**





Block A Future needs of users and the specific role of biomass

- 09:10 **Wien Energie's vision of a sustainable energy and resource supply of Vienna**
Teresa Schubert, Wien Energie, Austria
- 09:30 **Digitalization of energy management systems – optimization of internal energy use as an industrial company**
Maria Lechner, INNIO Jenbacher, Austria
- 09:50 **Flexible Bioenergy and System Integration**
Elina Mäki, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland
Task Leader – IEA Bioenergy Task 44 Flexible Bioenergy and System Integration
- 10:10 **Use Case: Syngas platform Vienna for utilization of biogenic residues**
Matthias Kuba, BEST – Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies, Austria

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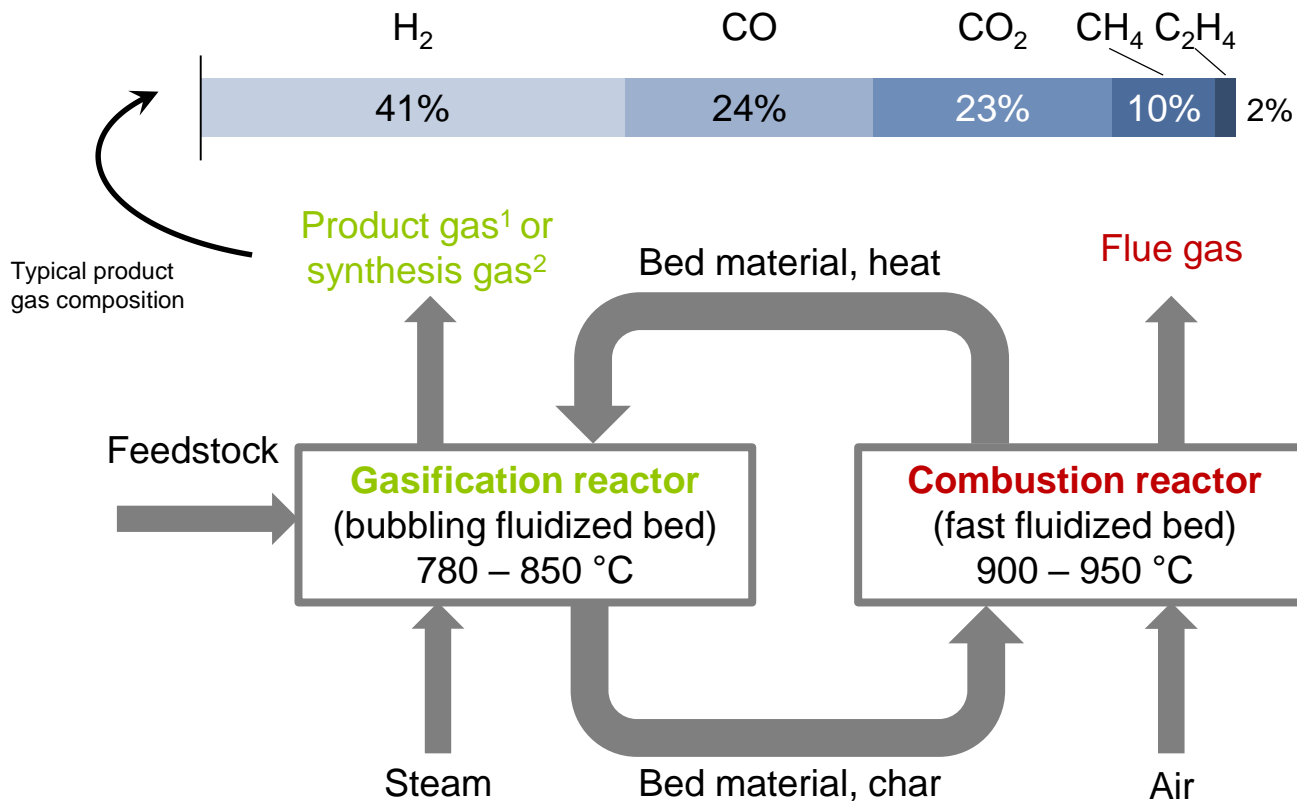




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Syngas from DFB gasification

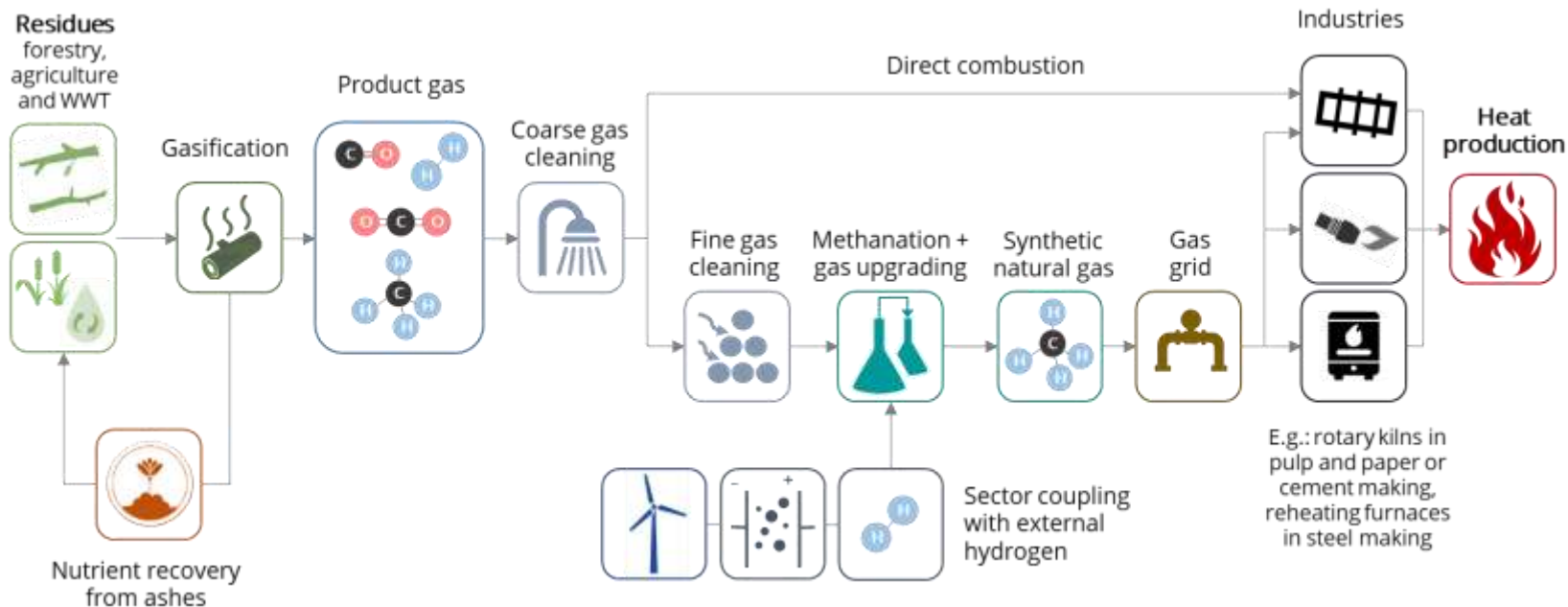


¹ e.g. tar (incl. BTEX): 20-30g/m³, H₂S ~100 ppm for biomass fuel before any gas cleaning for downstream processing

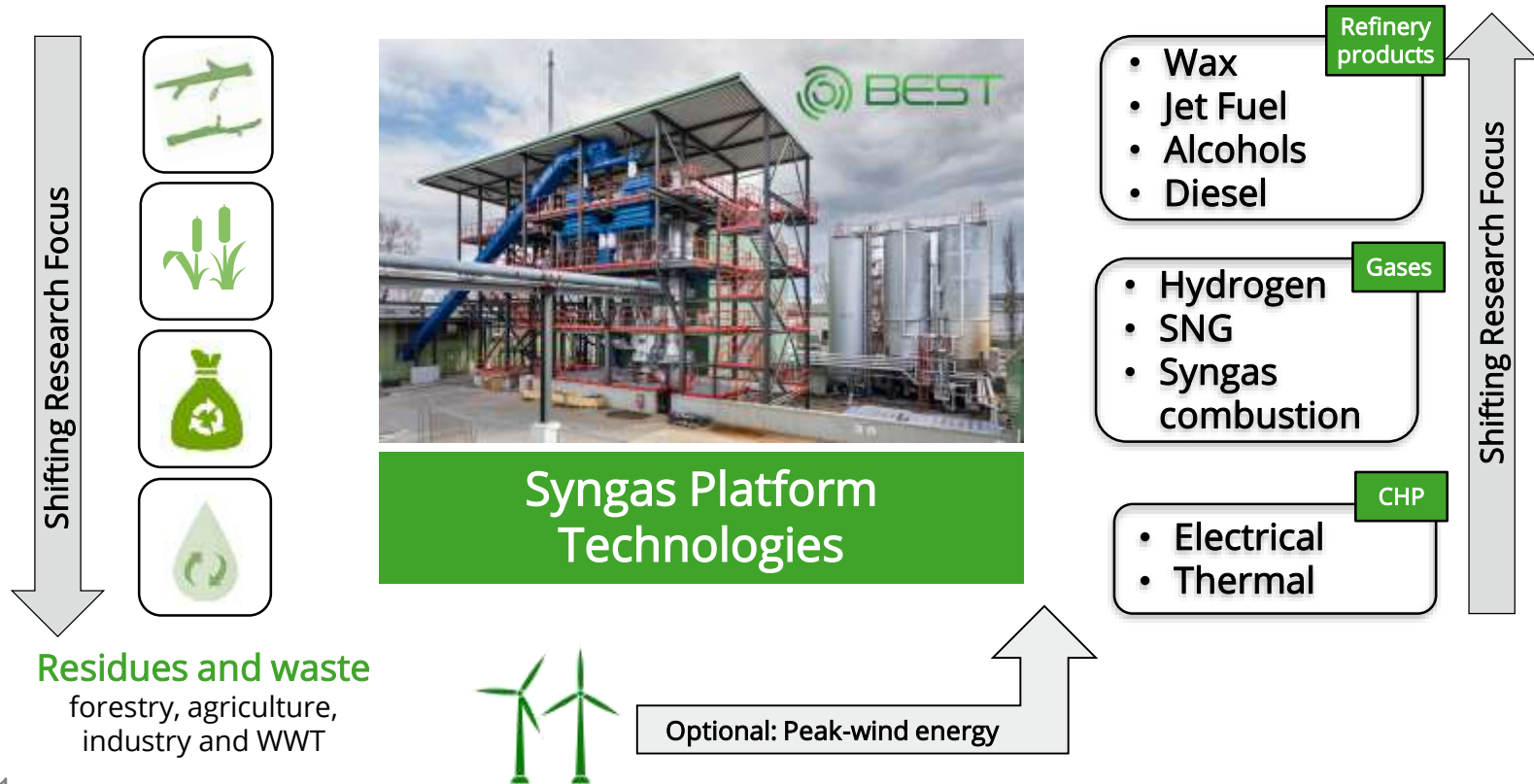
² Synthesis gas = cleaned from impurities



Gasification for heat production – heat as main product



Syngas Platform Vienna: Different end products – heat as a side product

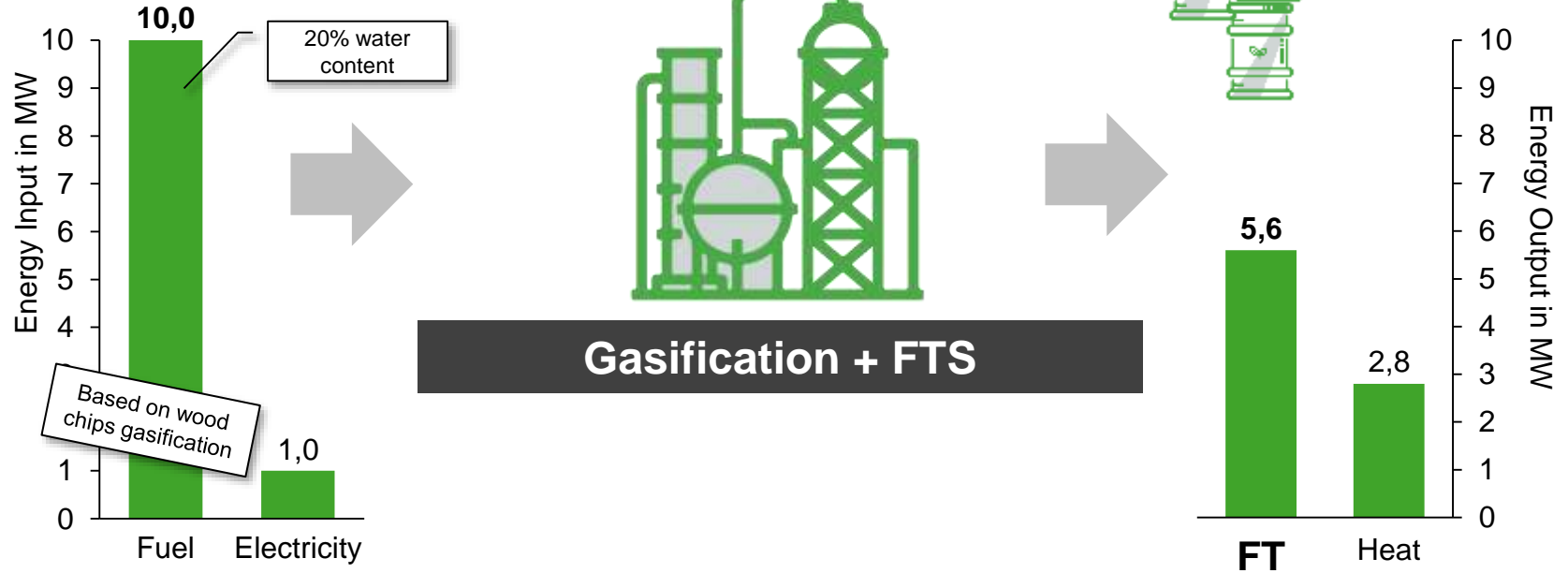




CHP: Efficiency (of electricity orientated process)



BtL: Efficiency (of fuel orientated process)

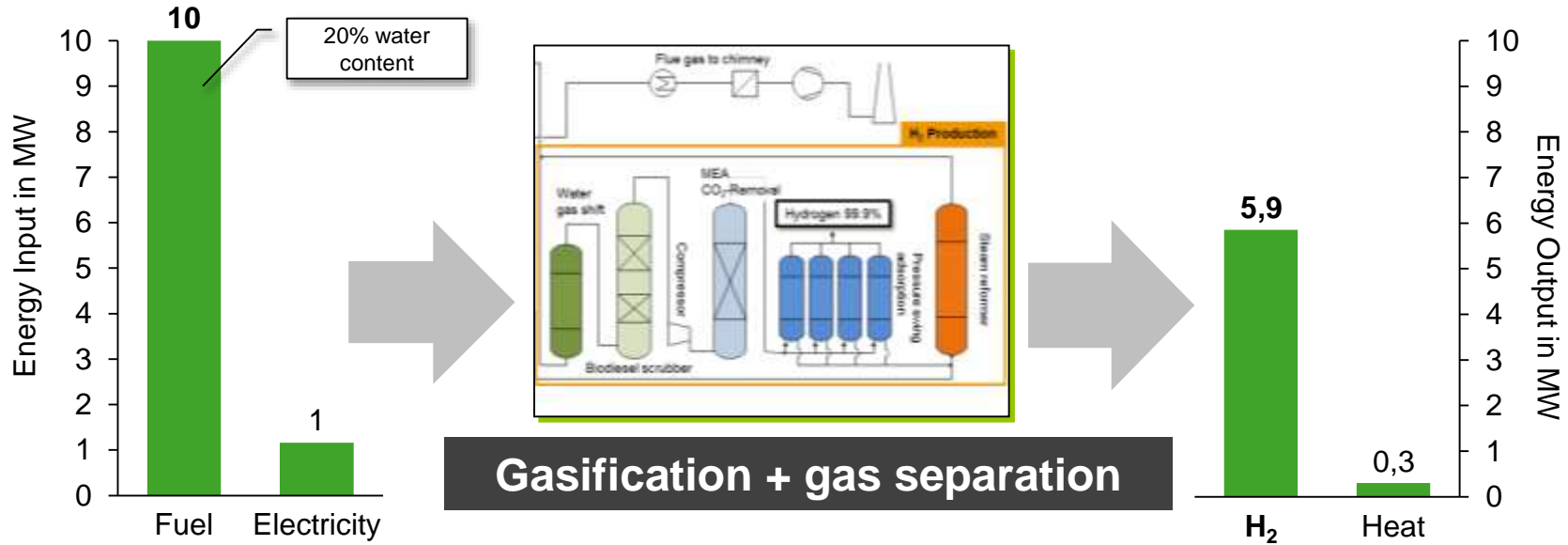


Production cost estimates

75-144 EUR/MWh (based on results of IEA study)



Bio-H₂: Efficiency (of H₂ orientated process)





Concluding thoughts

- Gasification can be a key technology in different process chains
- Gasification can be used for heat production, e.g. in industrial applications (pulp and paper, cement making, etc.)
- The main end product determines how much heat is available as side product
- Even if heat is not the main product, it is often not negligible!



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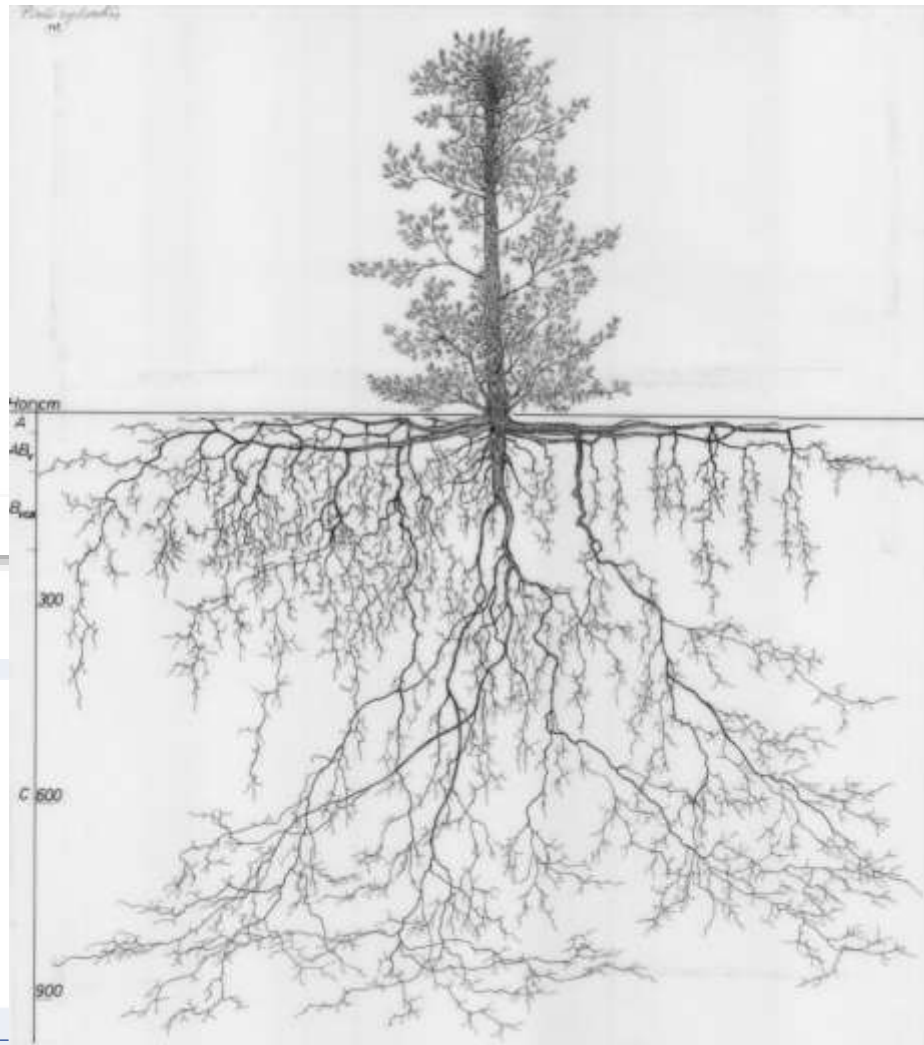
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District heating as energy hub

Renewable heat sources



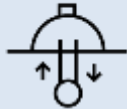
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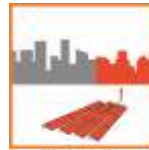
(Biomass) CHP Plant



Biomass CHP
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Deep Geothermal
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District heating as energy hub as part of a larger and integrated energy system

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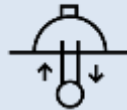
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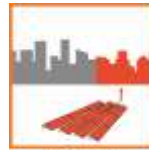
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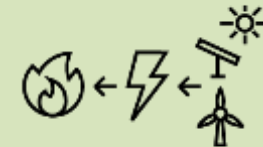
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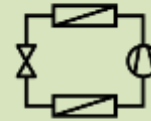
Sector coupling



Industrial Waste Heat

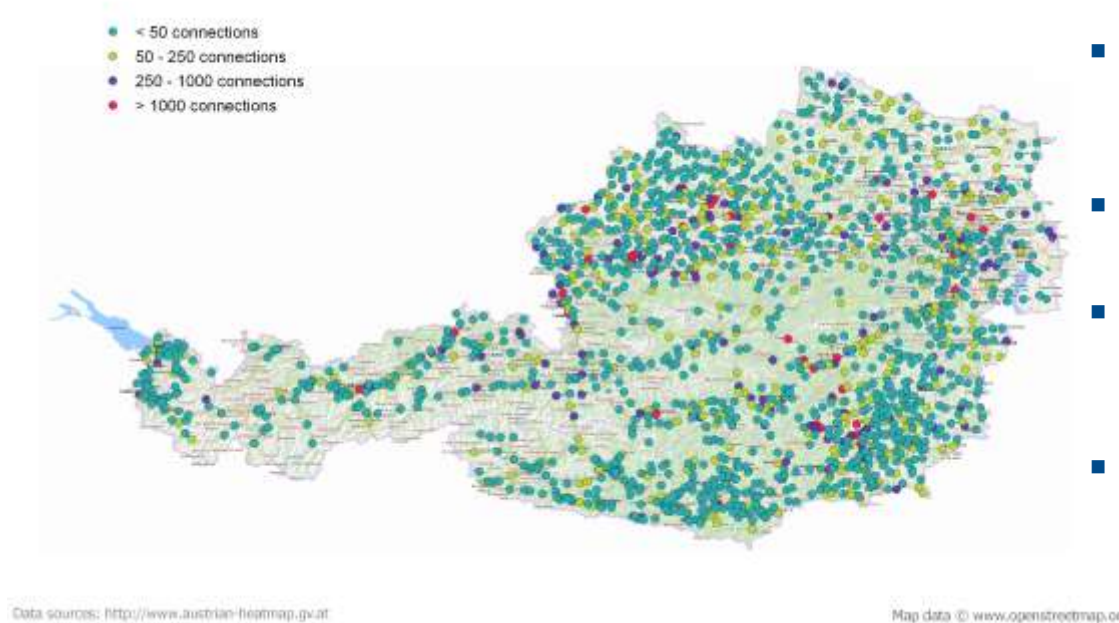


Power2Heat



Large Heat Pumps

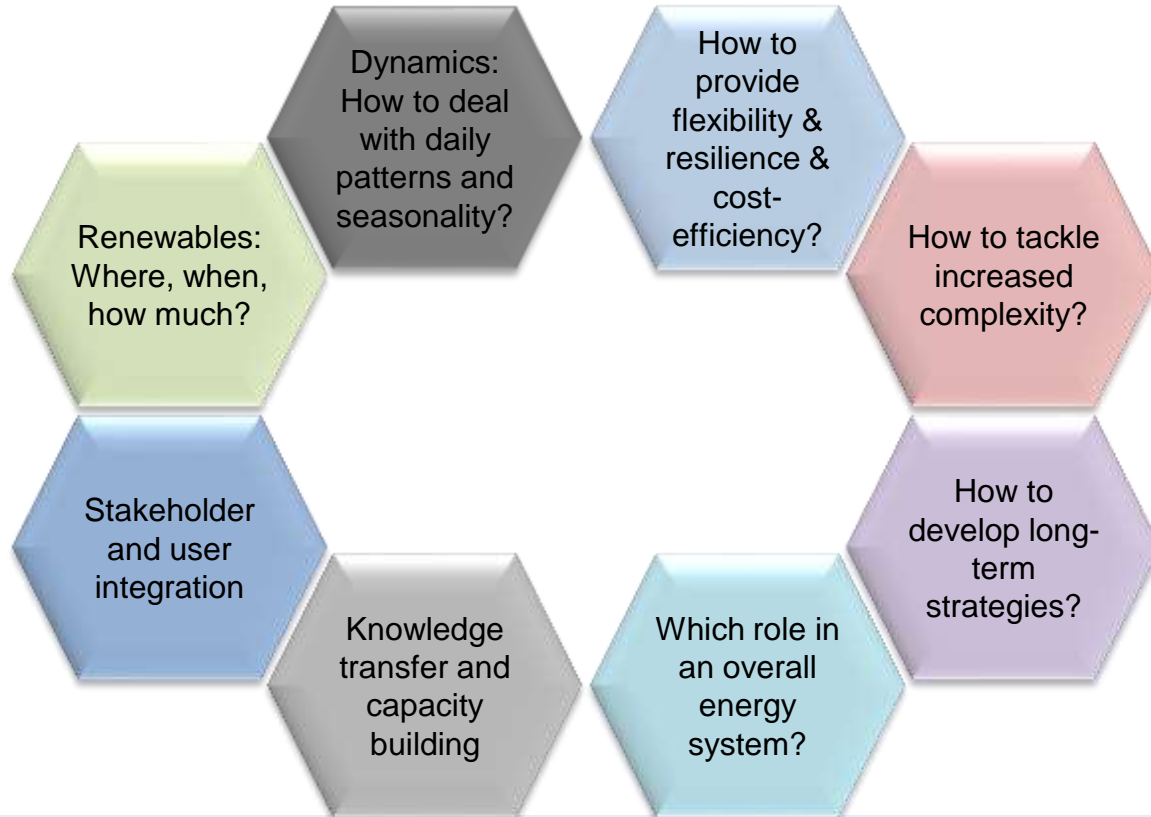
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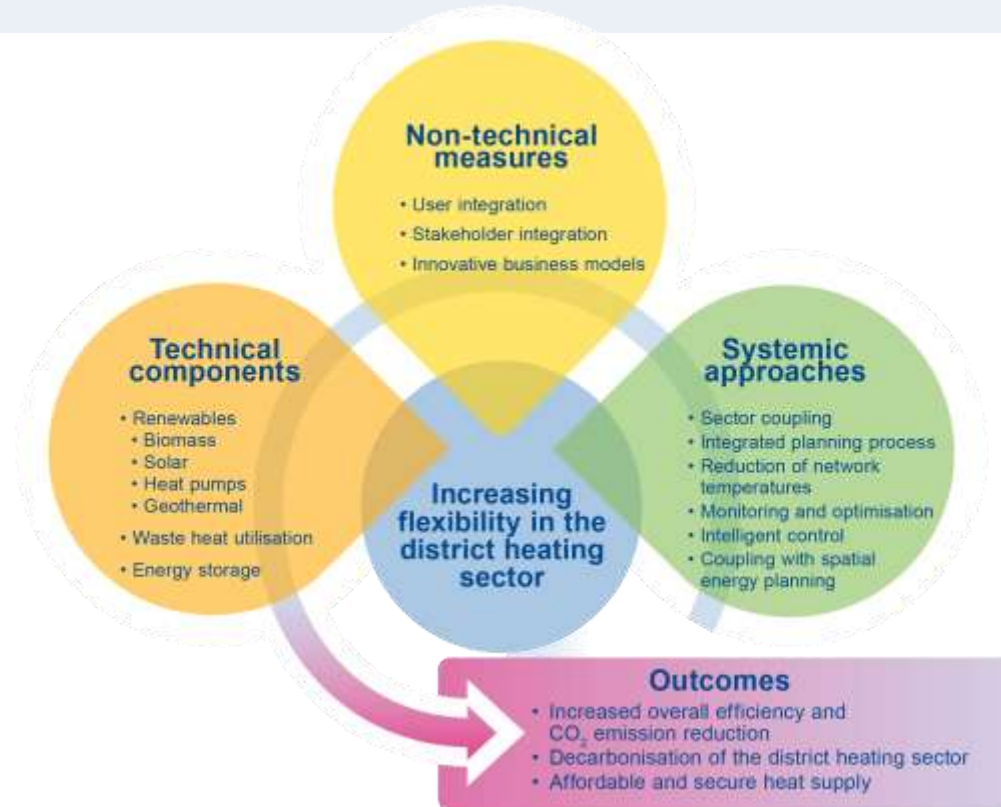
- 20% of total heating demand covered by DH
- ~50% share of renewables in DH
- Many smaller district heating systems → largely biomass-based
- Larger systems mainly fossil → gas CHP

Vision >2030: Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger

Challenges for sustainable district heating as part of a larger energy system?



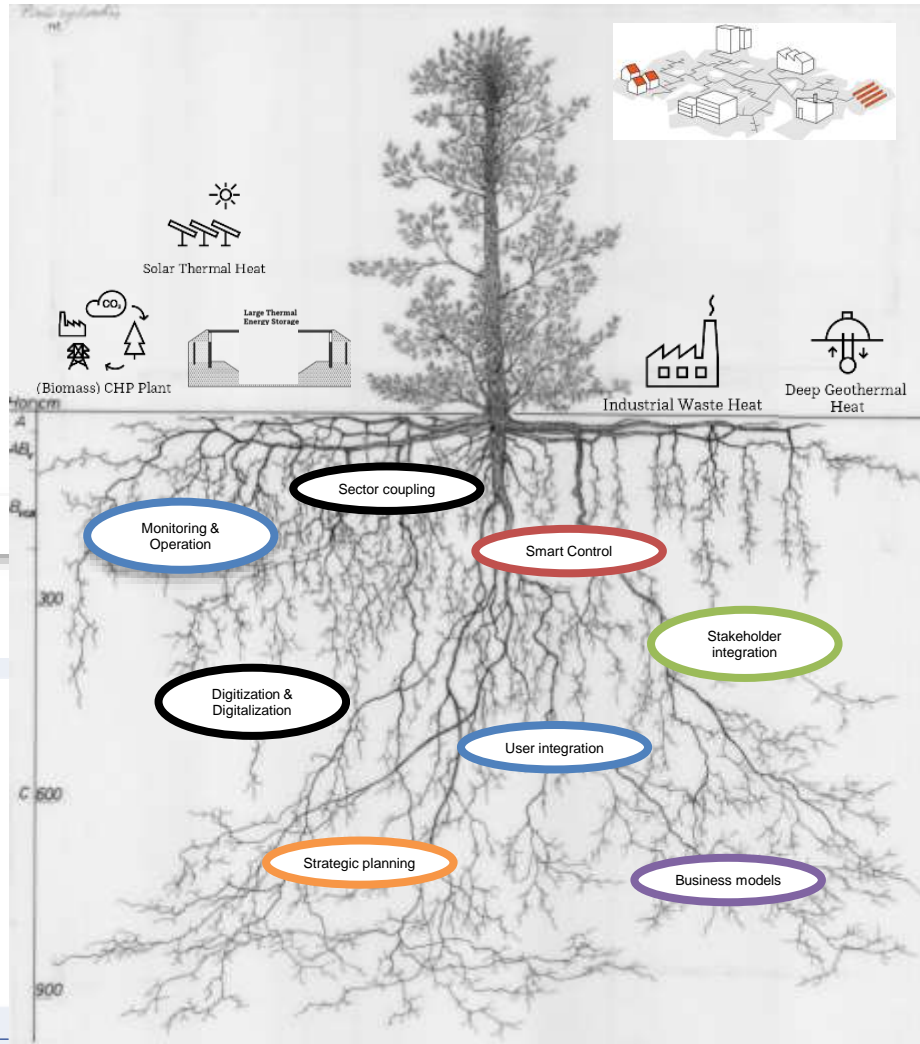
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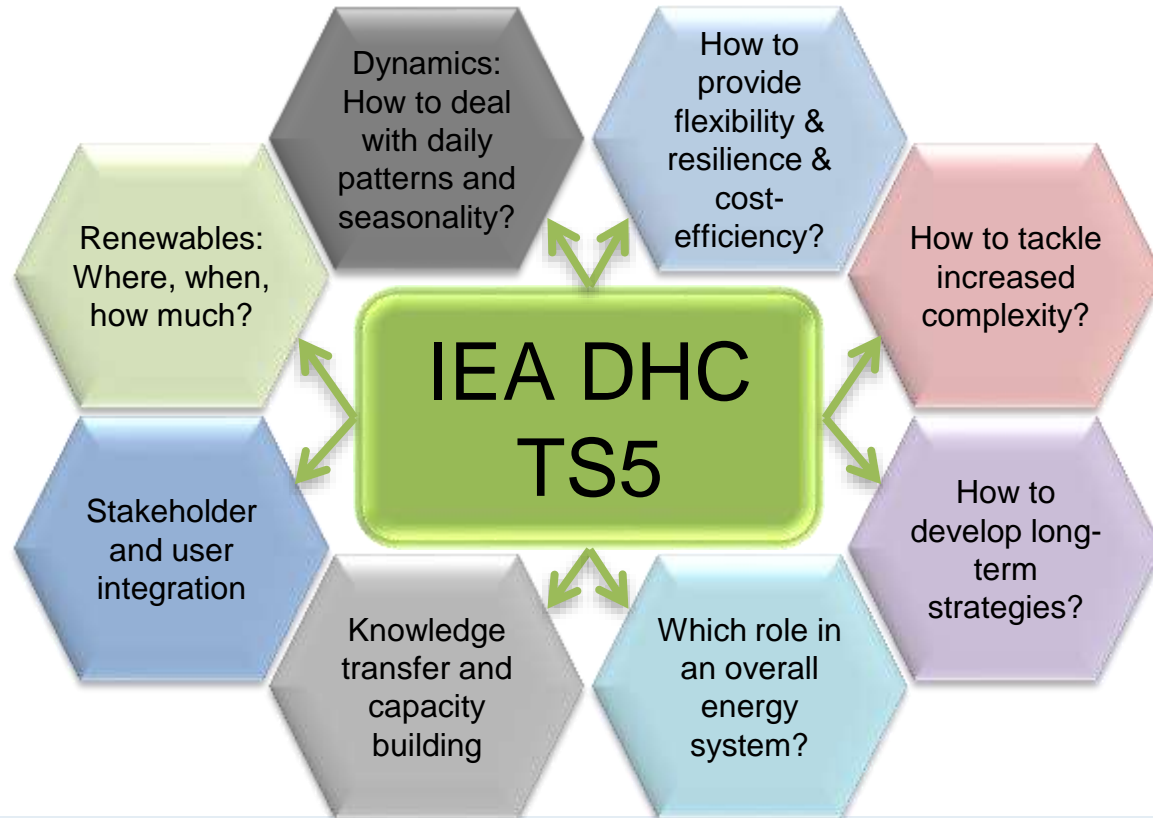
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Long-term
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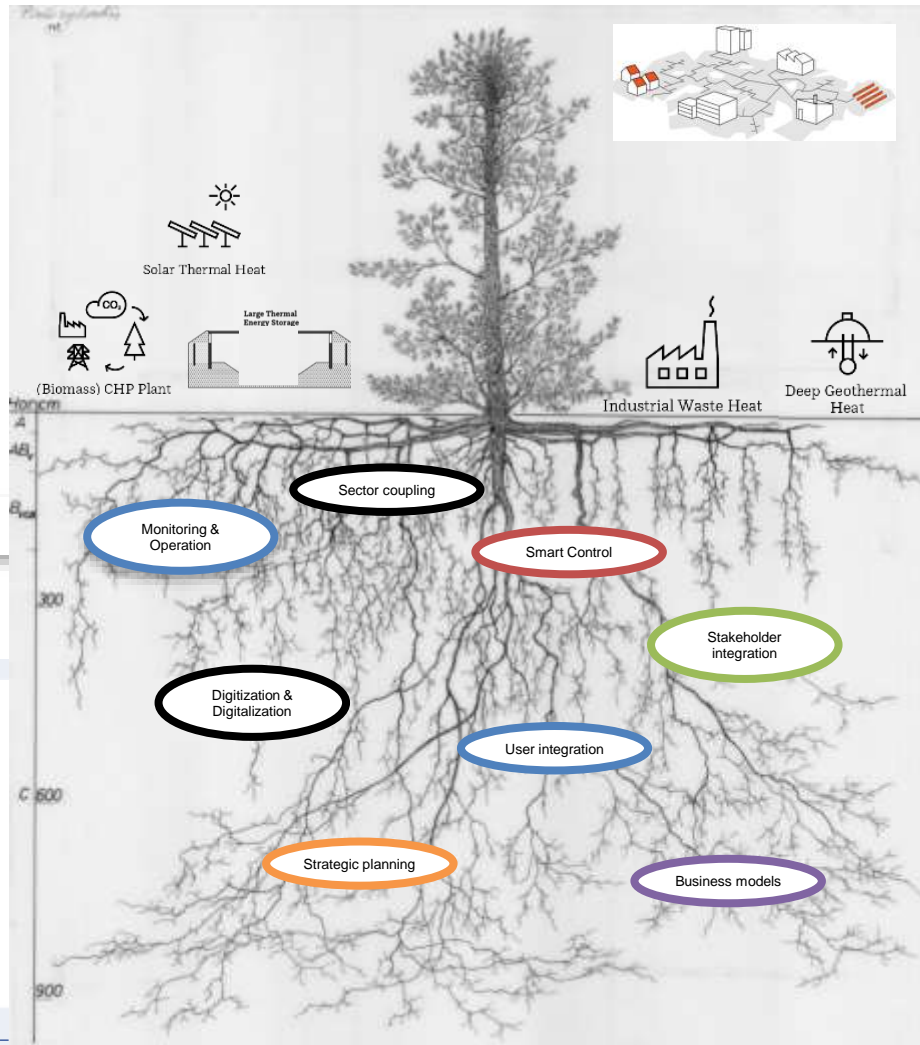
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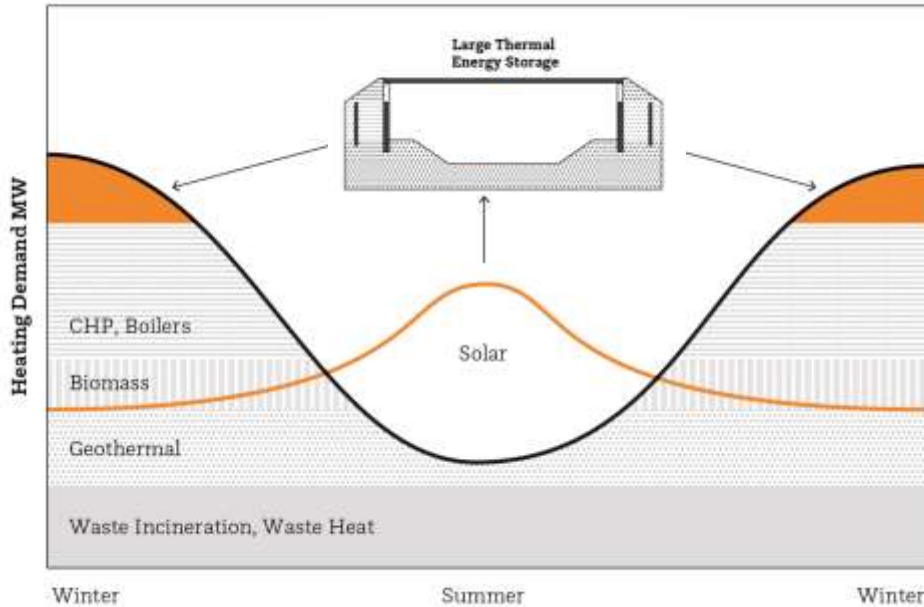
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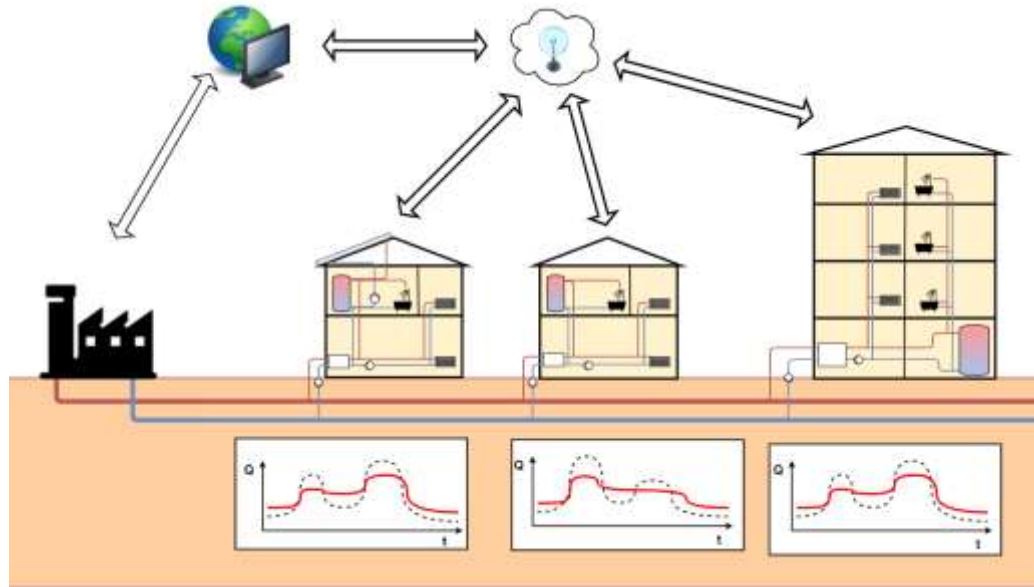
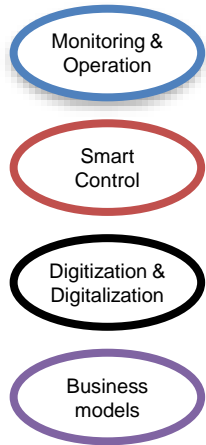
Large-scale Storage



- DK storage as frontrunners for Pit Thermal Energy Storage
- First follow – ups in Germany
- Demonstrator to be built in Vienna, AUT

- More R&D and demonstration necessary, also for
 - Cavern storage
 - Aquifer thermal energy storage
 - ...

Flexibility by Demand Side Management



- Requirements
 - „Smart thermal grid ready“ buildings
 - Digitized + digitalized DH system + buildings
 - Sophisticated monitoring & control scheme
 - Suitable business models

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Strategic planning of heat and cold supply

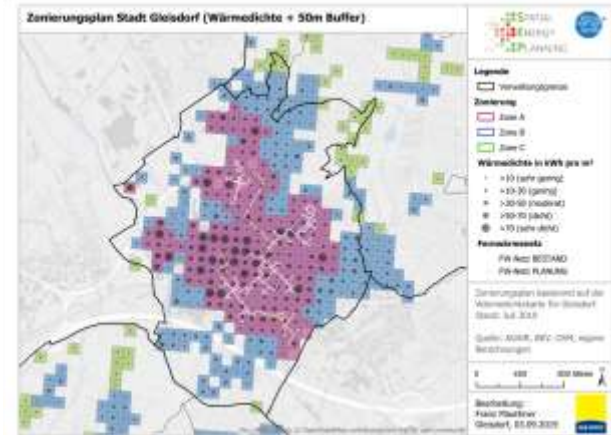
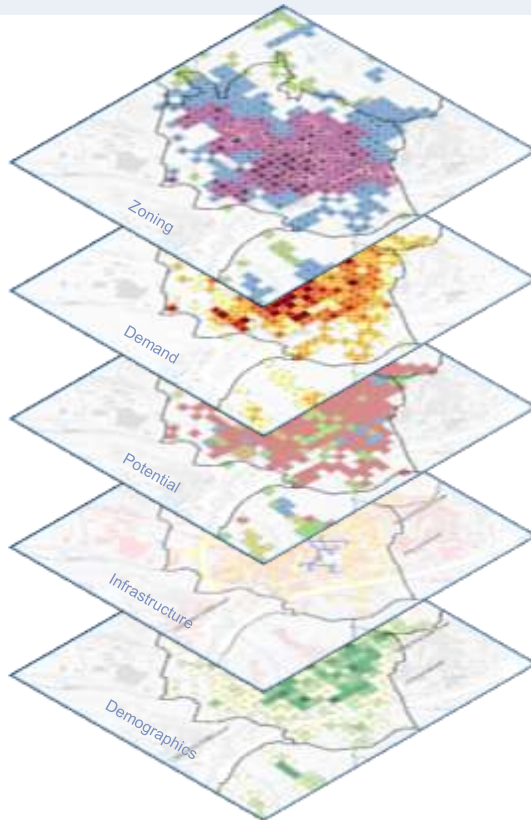
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Strategic planning



Integration of WWTPs: Potential & opportunities



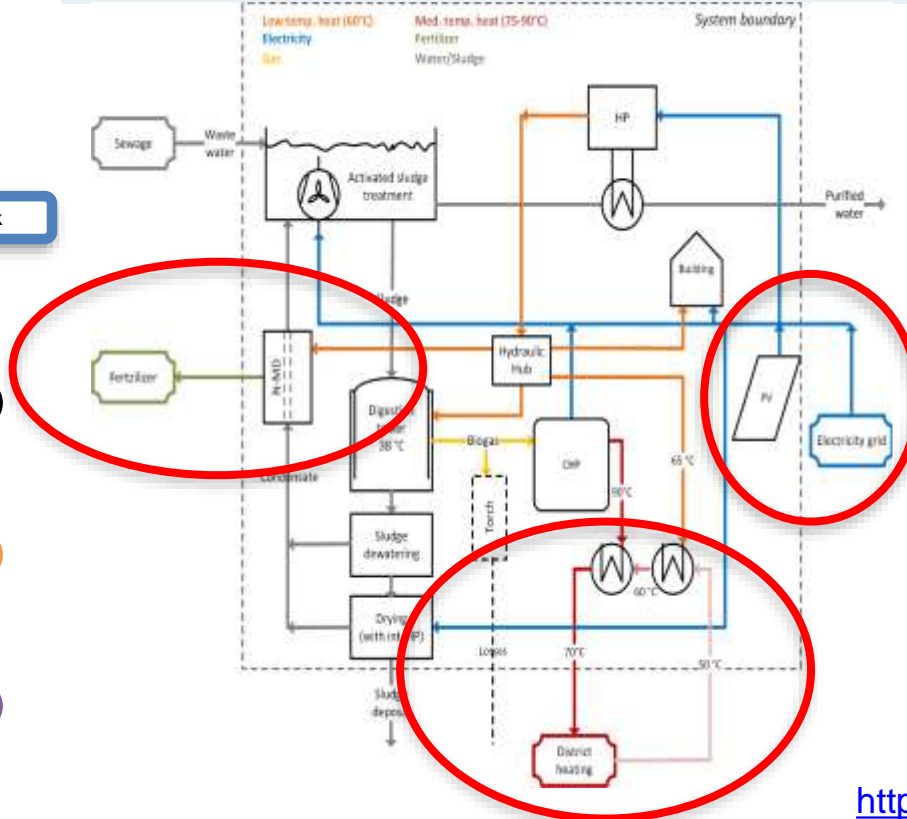
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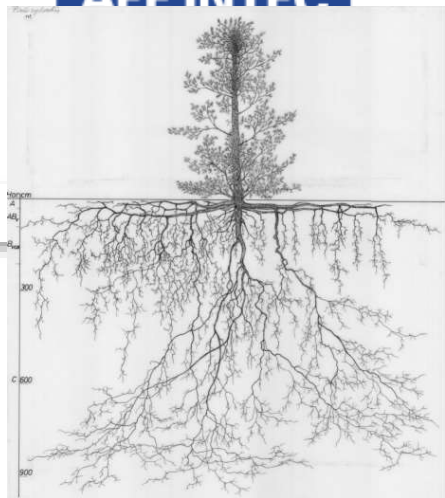
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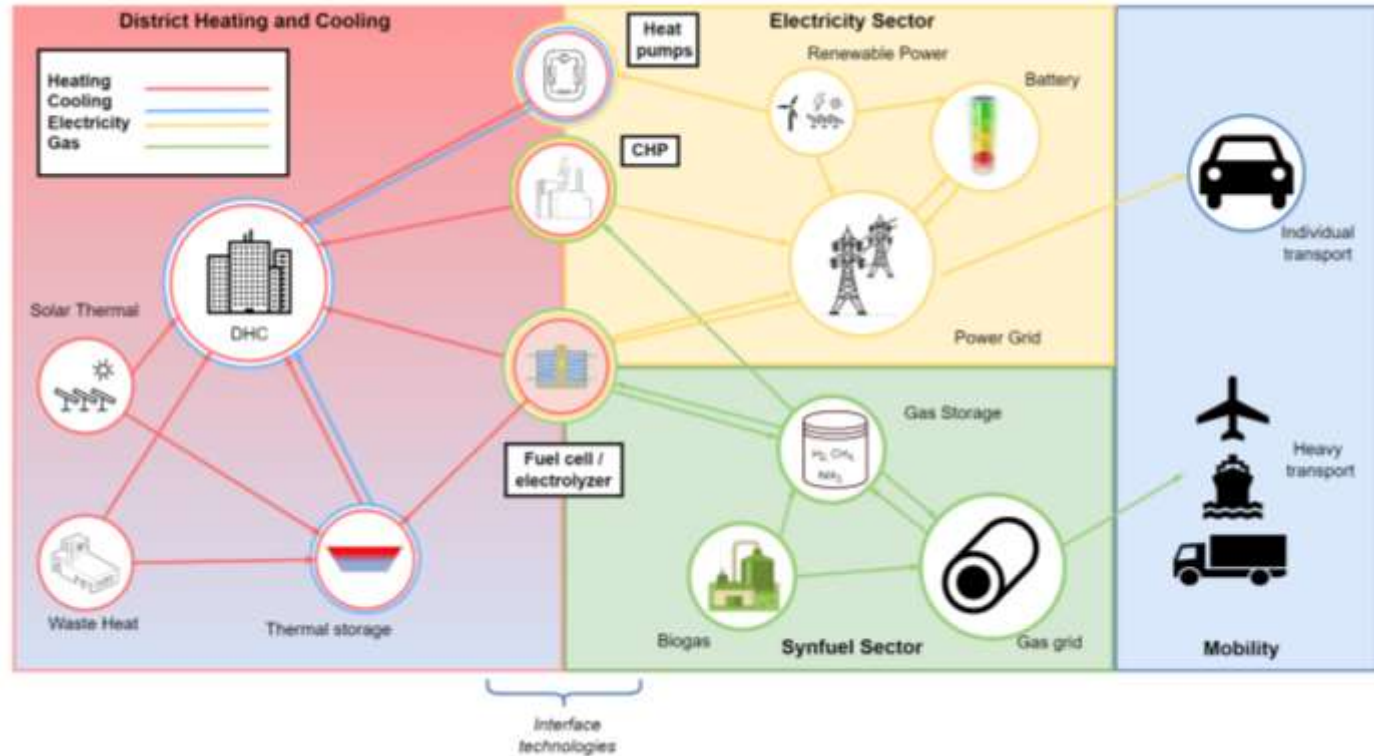
- Connection to district heating
- Connection to electricity grid
- Nutrient recovery via Membrane Distillation

<https://thermafex.greenenergylab.at/>



Sector coupling: towards an integrated energy system

- Sector coupling
- Strategic planning
- Business models



Stakeholder integration

Utilities

City



Some R&D guys....

- Talk early
- Talk with all stakeholders
- Talk often
- Be proactive
- Engage and involve

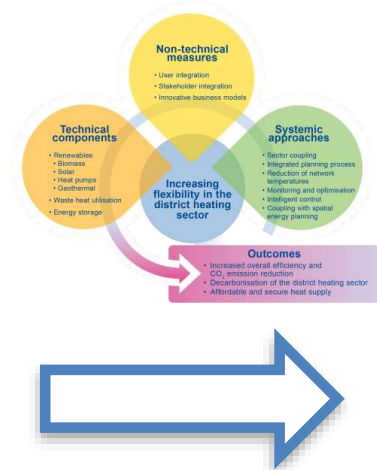
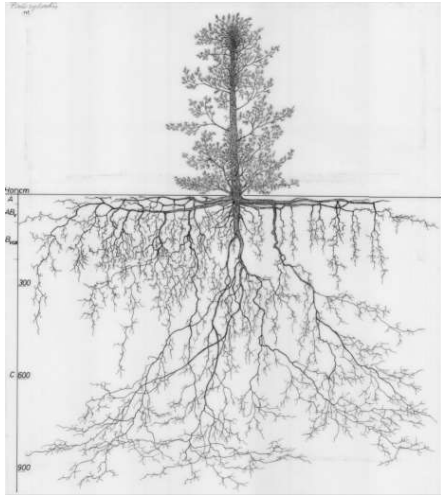
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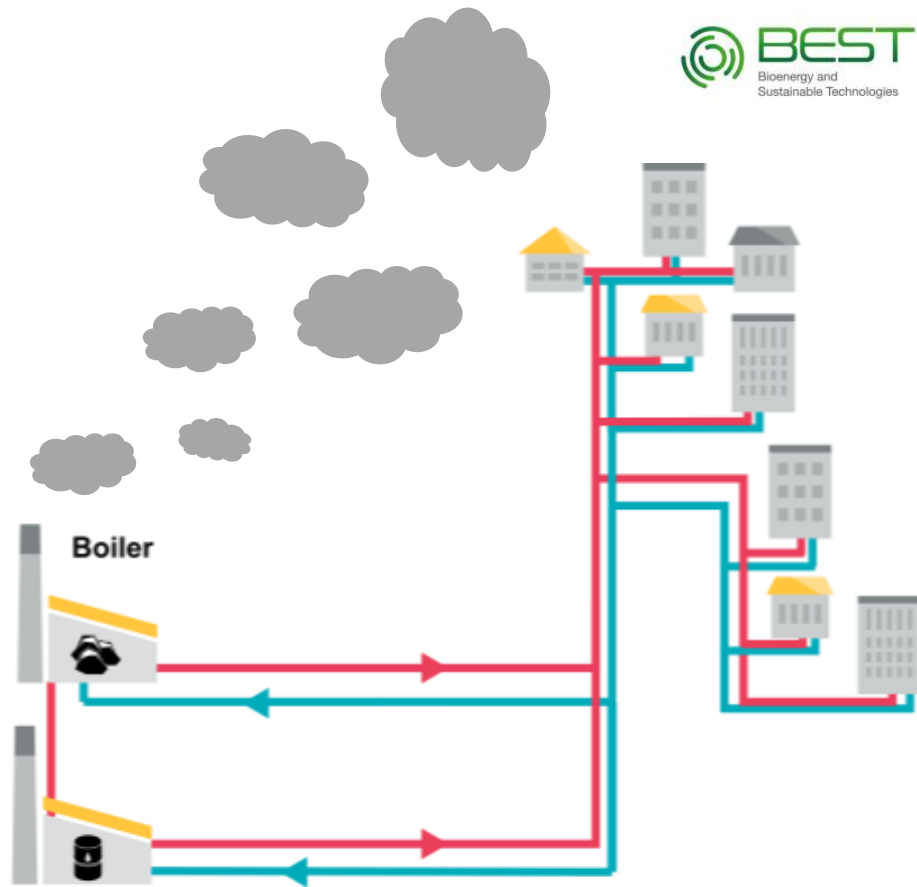
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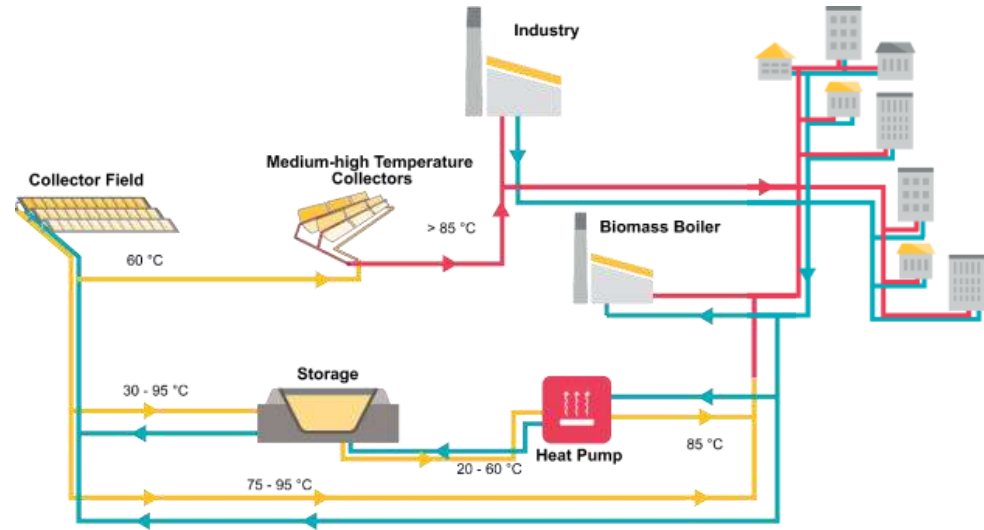
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50%



< 10% Renewables

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Solar District Heating Systems

Goals of the IEA SHC Task 68 – Efficient Solar District Heating Systems



Provide the heat most **efficiently** at the desired temperature level



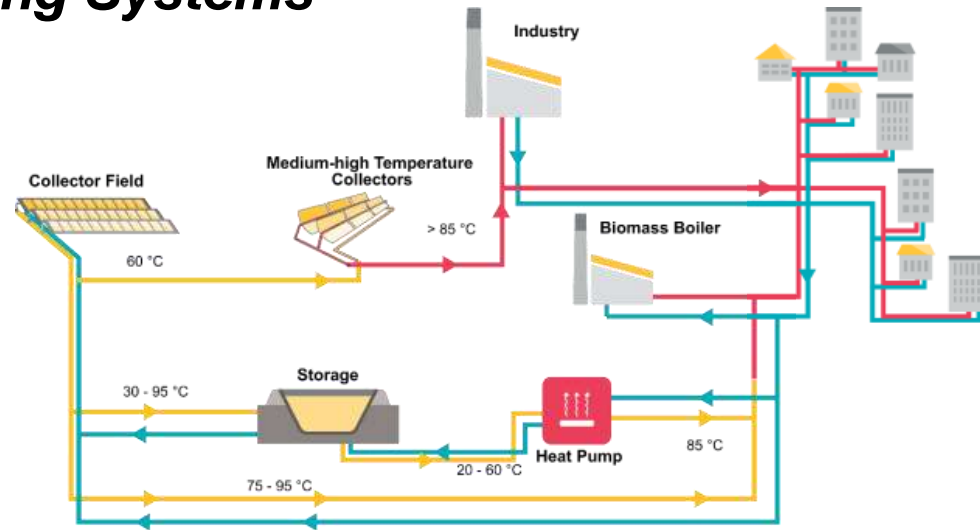
Increase digitalization level for a more **efficient** data preparation and utilization



Make SDH systems more **cost-efficient** and explore new business models



Raise awareness for solar technologies and **efficiently** disseminate the results



Participating Countries:

Austria / Germany / UK / Spain / Sweden / Denmark / Finland / Swiss / Italy / China / Netherlands.

Solar thermal large-scale systems

530 large-scale
systems worldwide in
operation with 1920 MW_{th}

2021: 44 new systems
built, 3 largest ones:
(1) Denmark (5.6 MW_{th})
(2) Austria (4 MW_{th}) and
(3) Germany (4 MW_{th})

“Large-scale”
> 350 KW_{th} / 500 m²

Solar thermal large-scale systems – technologies

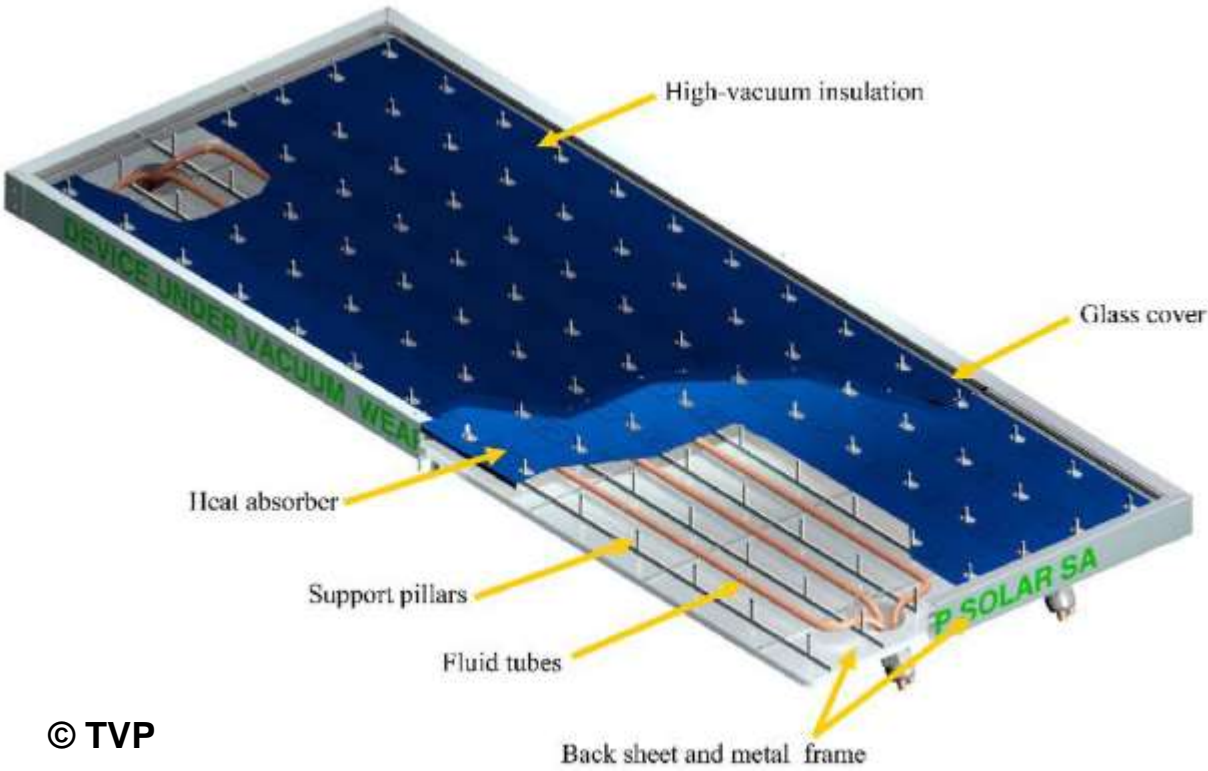
„Classical“ technologies

- **Flat plate collectors**
(~30% worldwide)
→ mostly Europe
- **Evacuated tube collectors**
(~70% worldwide)
→ mostly Asia/China

Concentrating and modern technologies

- **PVT**
- **Vacuum flat plate collector**
- **Parabolic trough**
- **Heliac solution**
- and others ...

Vacuum flat plate collector by TVP



- High-Vacuum / High Performance
- Little cleaning efforts
- Works also with diffuse radiation not only direct one
- Temperatures of **> 80°C all year around**
- Exemplarily plant, e.g. in the Netherlands, 37 MW, 48.000 m²

Parabolic trough



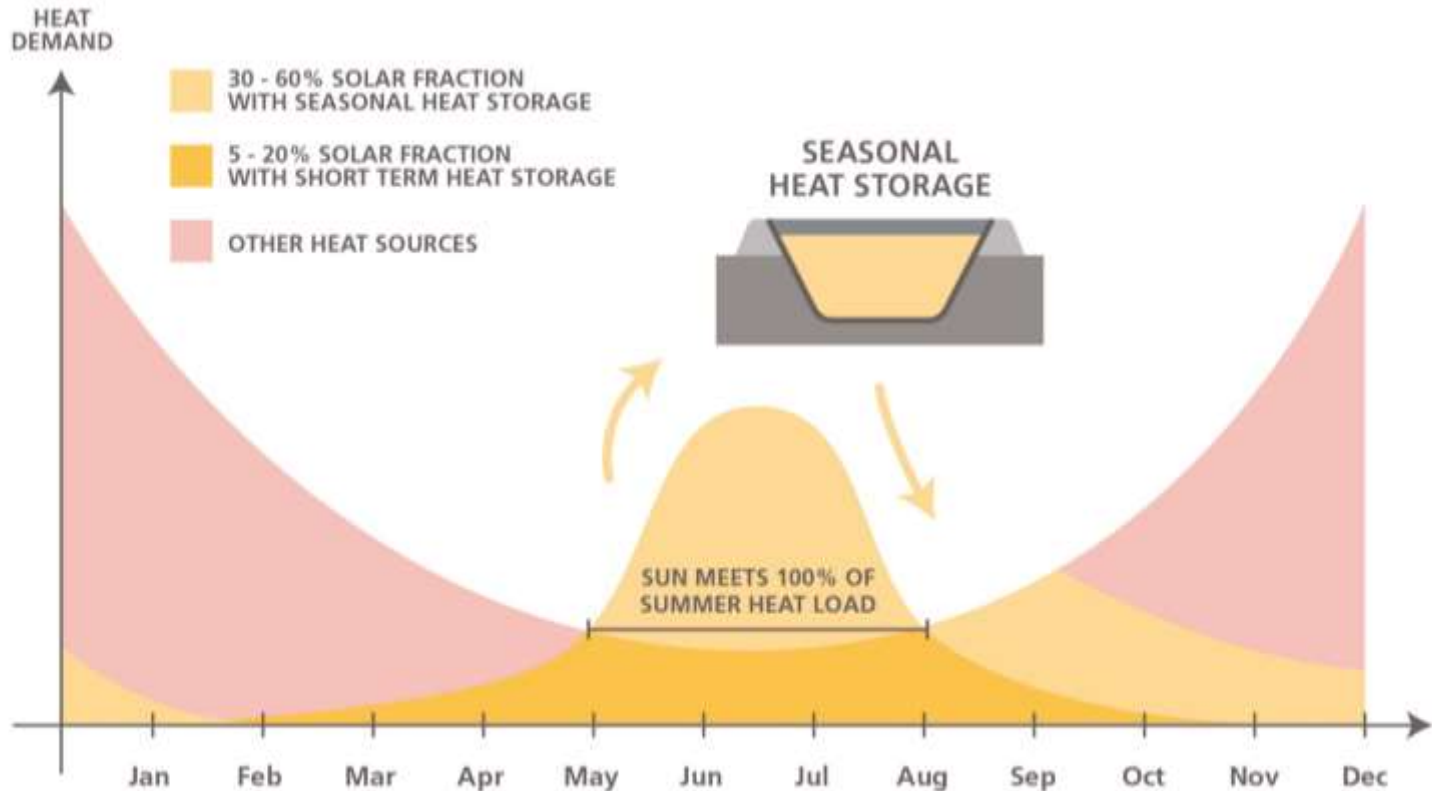
- Concentrating solar technology
- Small scale little weight
- Combinable with flat-plate collectors to reach higher temperatures by increased efficiency.
- **Temperatures up to 160°C**
- Exemplarily plant e.g. in Graz Austria.

HELIAC solution

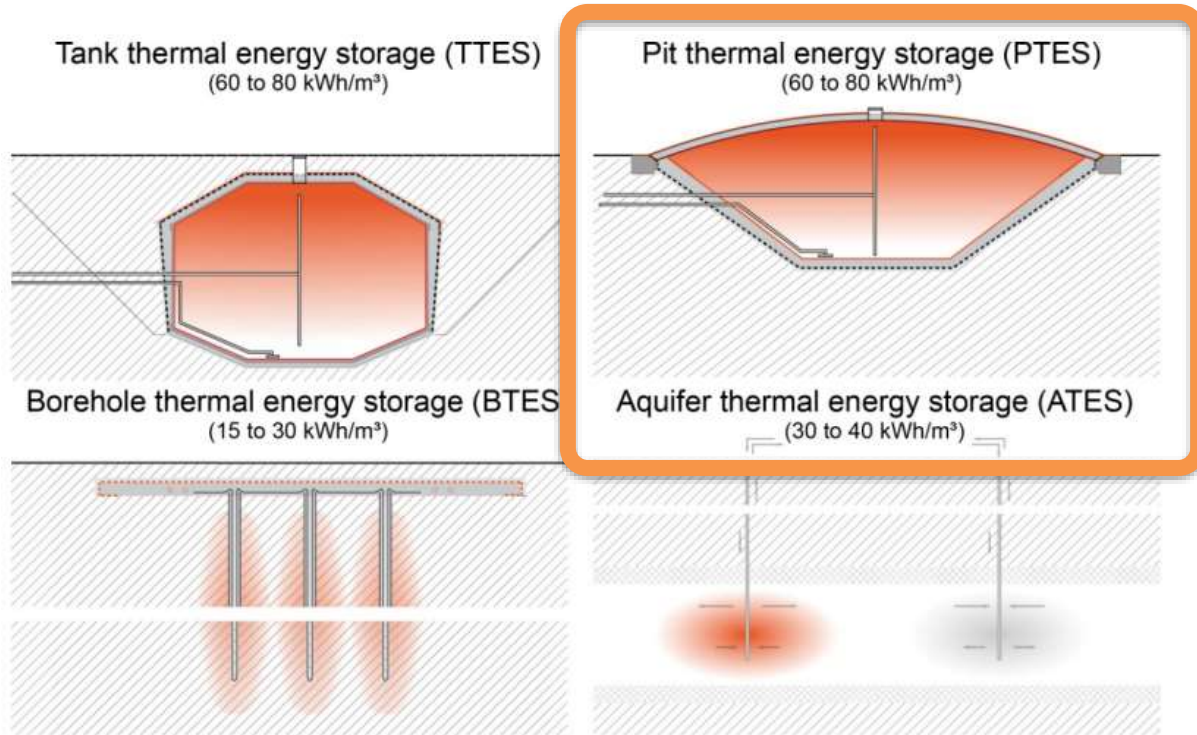


- Concentrating solar technology
- Cheap, high-efficiency lenses
- Higher wind load
- **High temperature solar heat possible up to 350°C**
- Example Plant, e.g. in Denmark.

Storing solar energy in summer for heating in winter → long-term storage



Long-term storage technologies

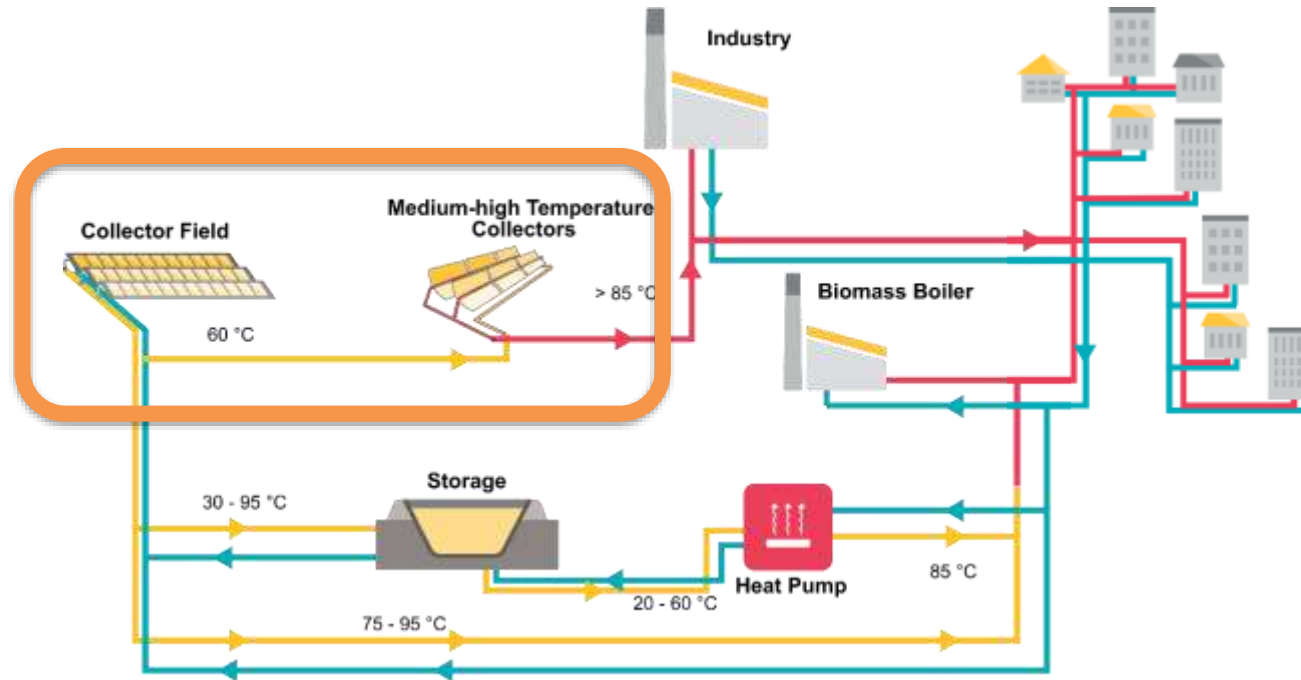


Use Case – large-scale solar thermal and long-term storage (Vojens, Denmark 2016)



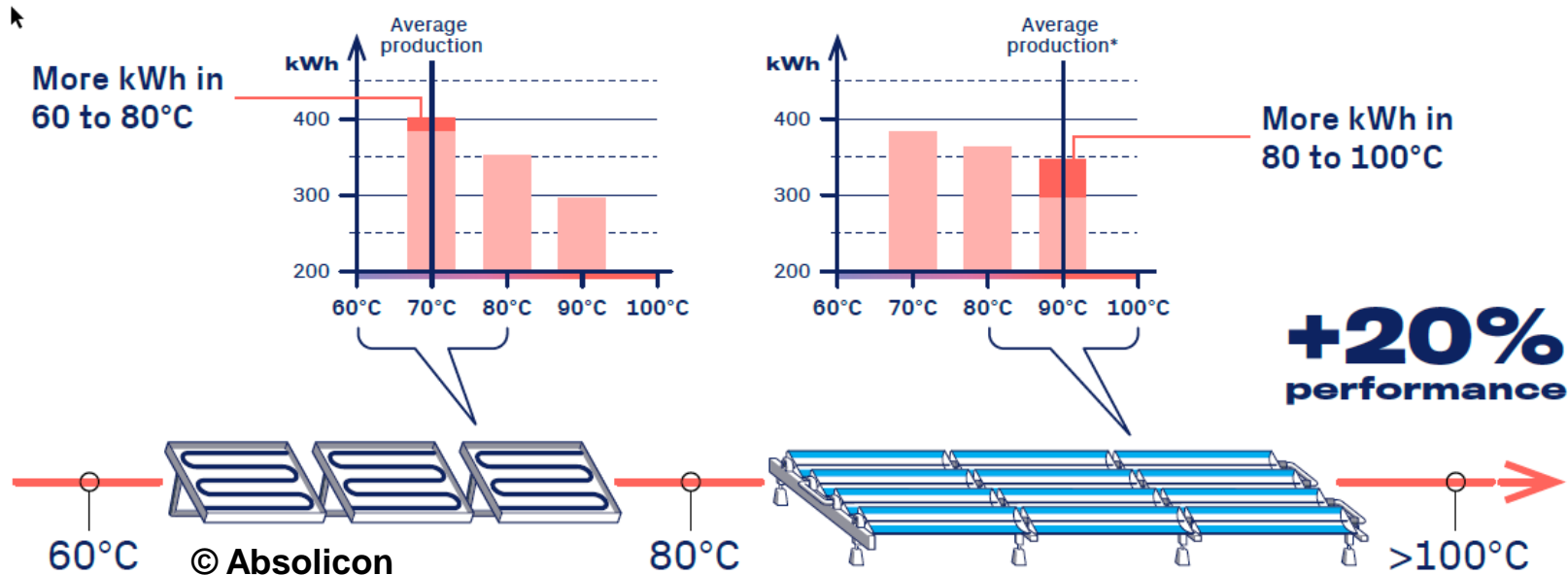
- Collector area: 70.000 m²
- Storage: 200.000 m³
- Depth: 13 m
- Solar share 45%
- 7500 Inhabitants
- District Heating demand 7 GWh → Vienna ~6500 GWh

Opportunities regarding interaction of solar thermal with other technologies

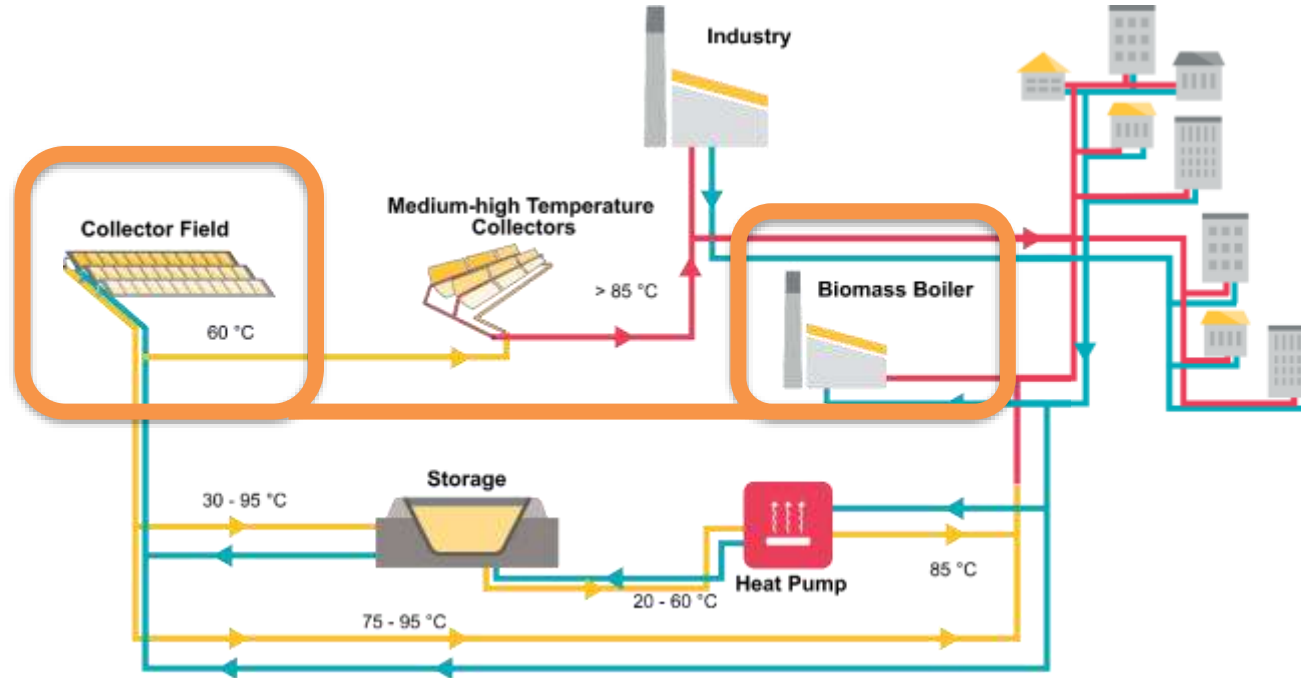


Opportunities regarding interaction of solar thermal with other technologies

Solarthermal + solarthermal: more performance at higher temperatures

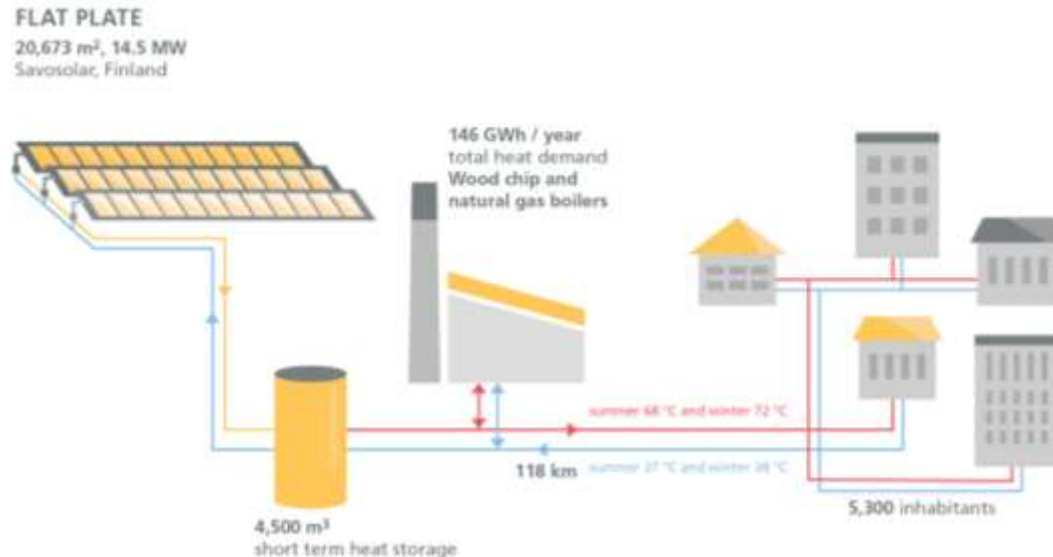


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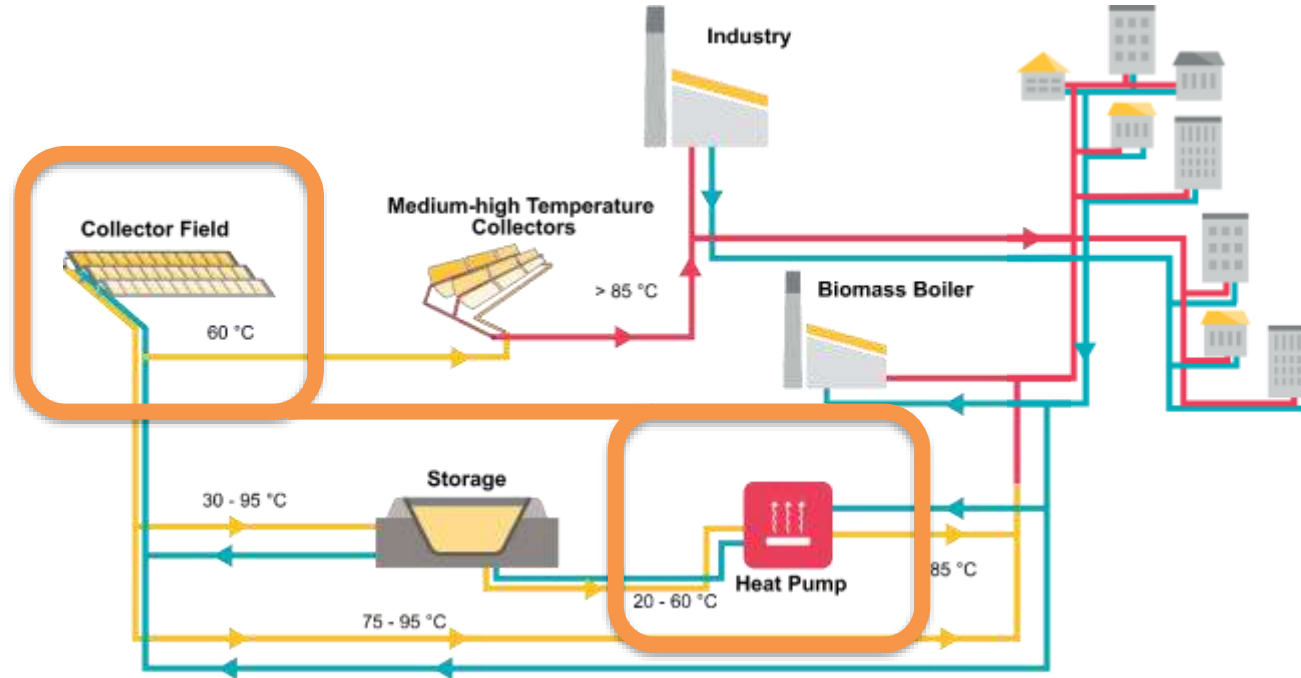


Opportunities regarding interaction of solar thermal with other technologies

Solarthermal + biomass: solar system takes over summer operation. Boiler is less stressed → service life is extended



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Solar thermal + heat pump: depending on grid needs different operating modes possible (parallel, preheat/boost, re-heats storage)



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New TTES

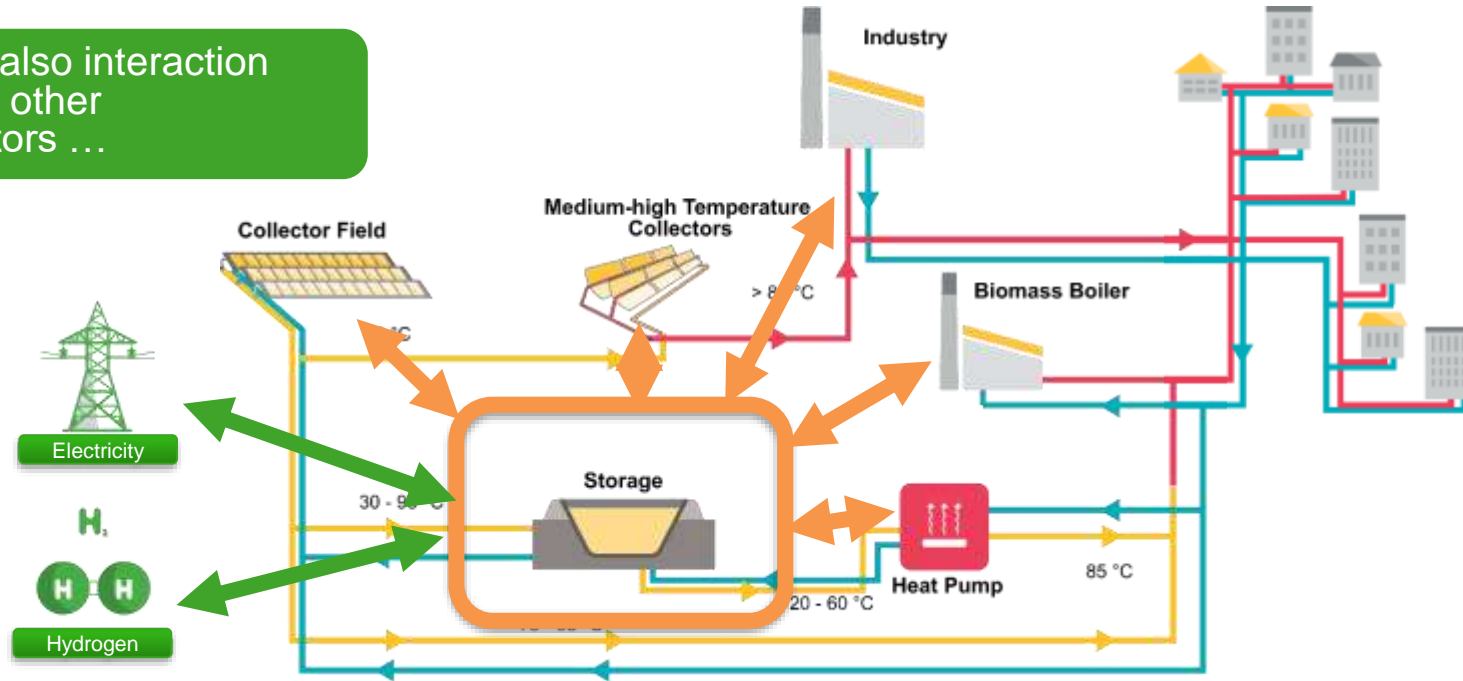
New building with HP

Evaporators (air cooling)

Solar collectors

Opportunities regarding interaction of long-term storage with other technologies

But also interaction with other sectors ...



Challenges and Barriers

- **Never had been so many single technologies and combinations available**
- **Low level of digitalization**
- **Technological barriers**
- **Access to land for rolling out renewables**
- **Long permission procedures**
- **No one fits all solution**

Conclusion

- **Many large-scale systems world-wide installed** even in countries with medium solar radiation (e.g. Denmark)
- Many **mature solar technologies available** which are proven to work and capable of efficiently providing heat at the desired temperatures
- **Combination of technologies** has to put in the focus and instead of playing them off against each other.
- **Research have to be done** to solve open issues for the sustainable energy system of the future
- **International exchange and dissemination** is important to learn from successful transformations (e.g. Denmark) and to find optimal strategies on national level
- **Heat (also often as a by-product) must always be used** in future sustainable energy systems

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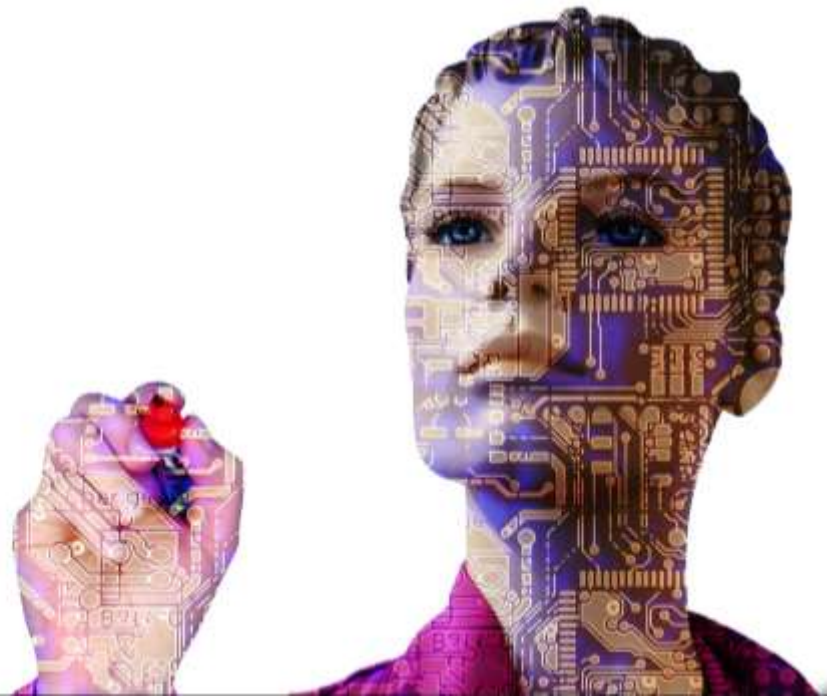
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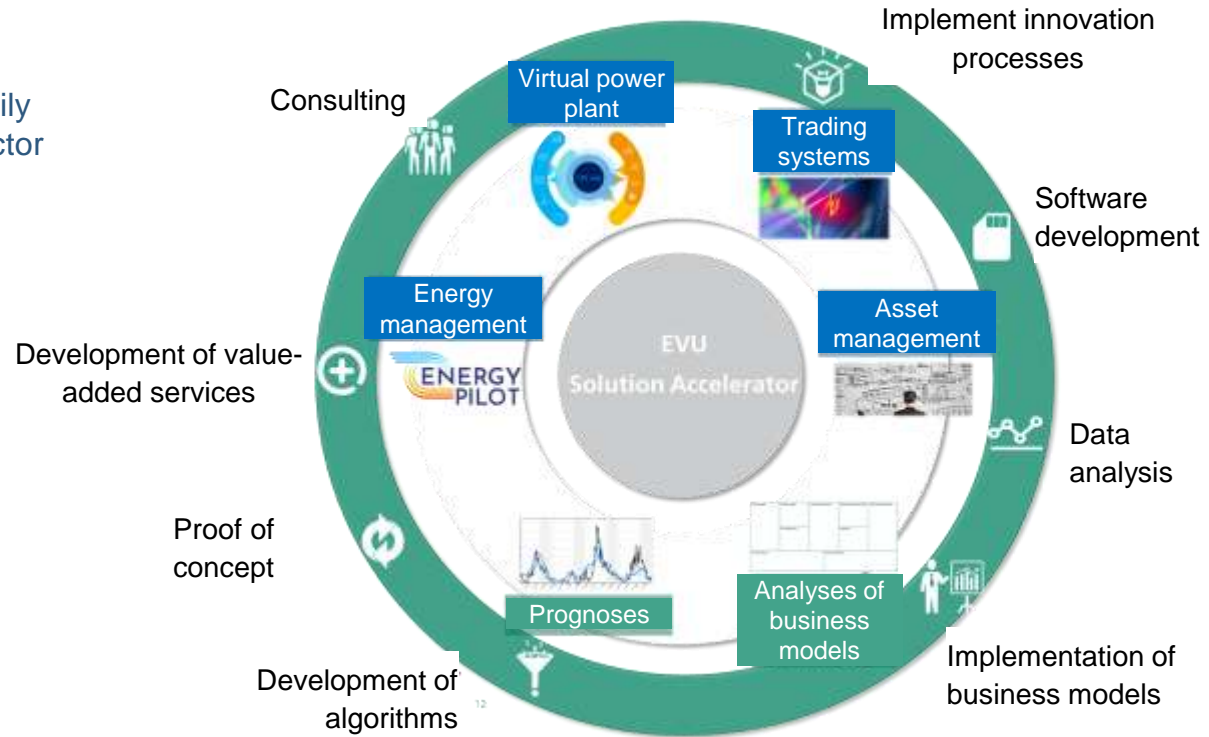


Our future Energy system will be digital!



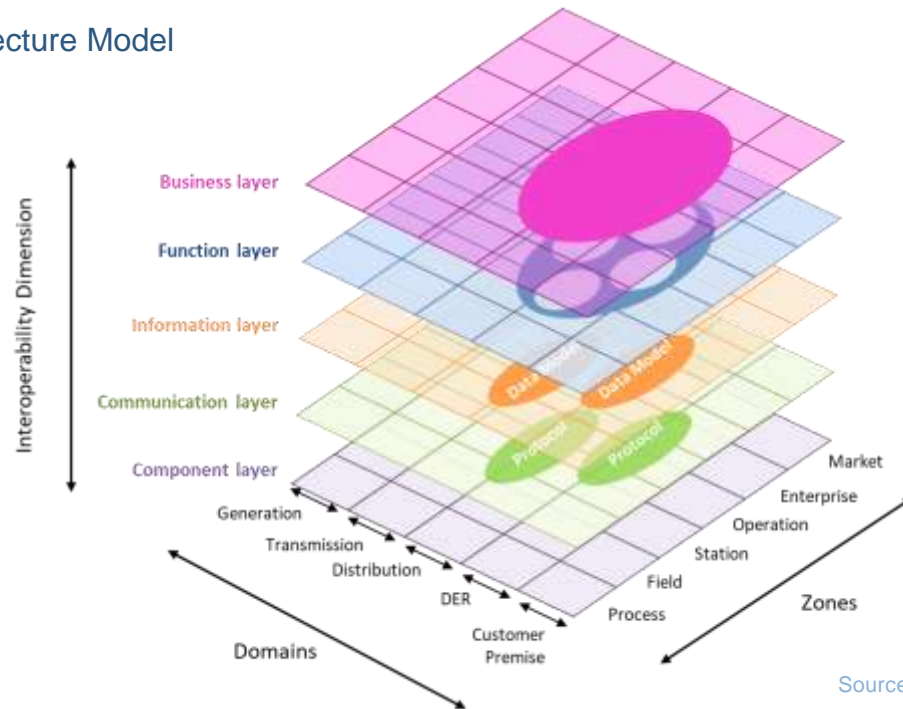
Digital Transformation towards Energy Supplier 4.0

Digitization has so far primarily focused on the electricity sector



The perspective of research - digitization concepts

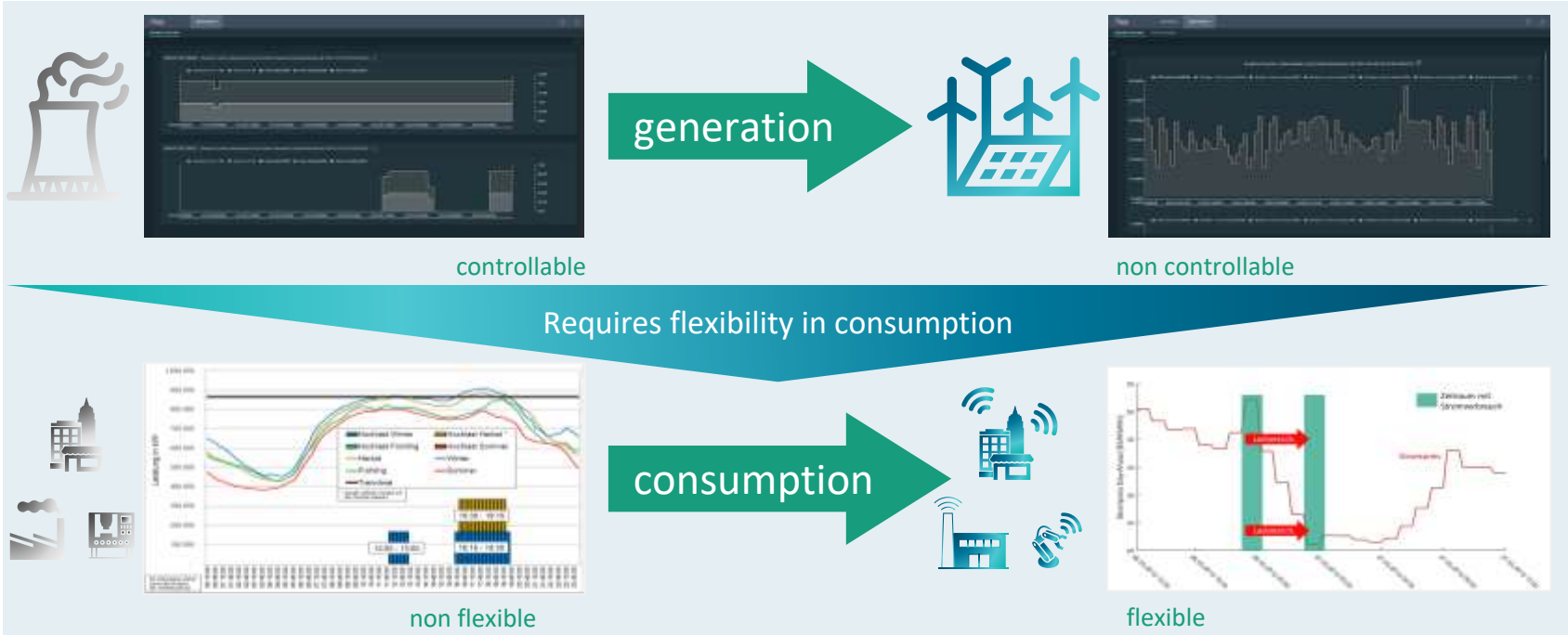
SGAM: Smart Grid Architecture Model



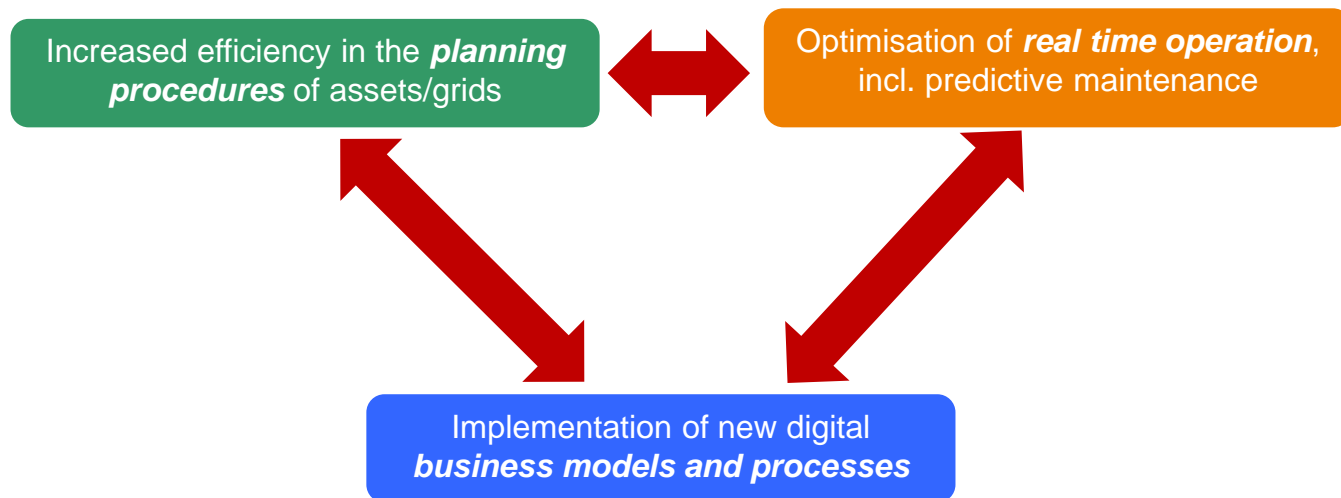
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Necessary for the next phase of the energy transition: flexibility

From controllable producers to controllable consumers



Focus on the digitization of district heating





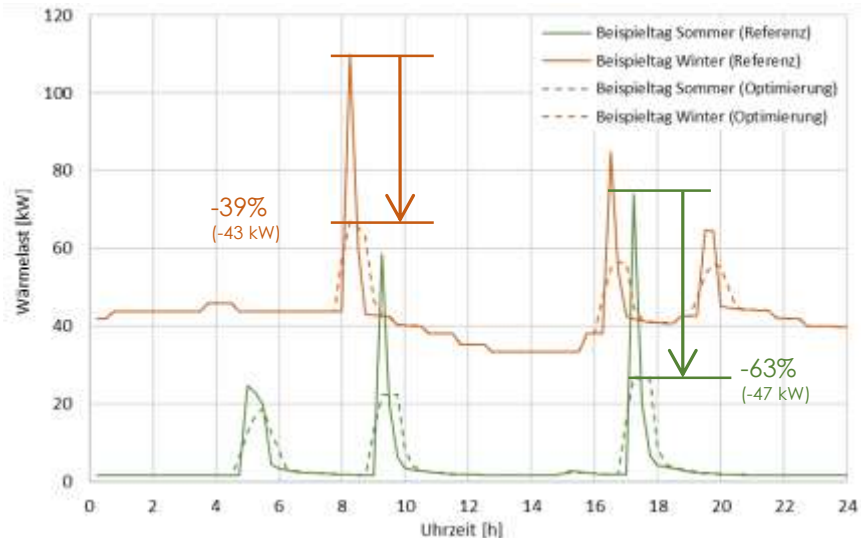
- Digitization so far primarily focused on power grids etc
- The integration of high proportions of renewable energies into district heating networks requires further digitization
- Optimized operational management through digital processes

Digitization of energy use

Flexibility potential of DHW storage in the district heating supply

Loading the DHW storage tank:

- Reference / initial situation: High, short-term heat input (peak load)
 - Optimization: Memory loading stretched over a longer period (here: 30 minutes)
- ➔ High flexibility potential through DHW storage!



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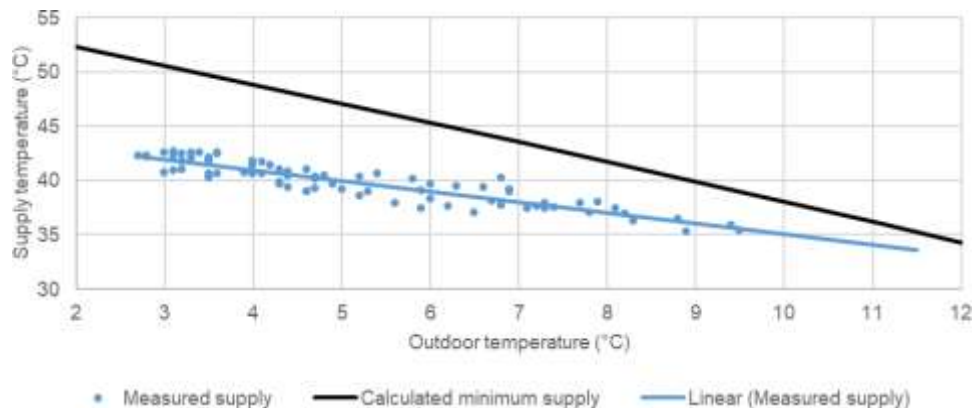
Potential for reducing system temperatures

Improved control of heating systems with a focus on reducing:

- flow temperature
- return temperature
- peak load

→ Greater potential identified as the actual heating loads are lower than the calculated ones.

→ Data acquisition / system monitoring necessary

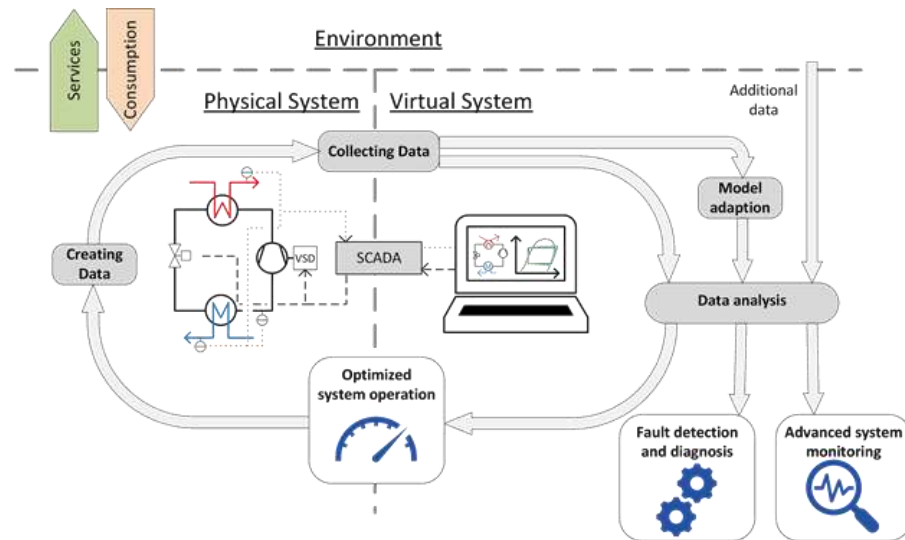


Digitization of the heating network infrastructure

Use of digital twins

areas of application

- Optimization of operation and control
- Error identification and diagnosis
- Scenario evaluation / if-then analysis
- Predictive Maintenance / Asset Management
- Visualization / Virtualization



„Digital twins for large-scale heat pump and refrigeration systems” <http://digitaltwins4hprs.dk/>

Example of innovative heating networks

initial conditions

- Heterogeneous development: 70% new construction, 30% existing buildings, some listed buildings
- Heterogeneous use: 59% residential, 34% commercial office, 4% retail, 3% culture
- Various construction standards (KfW40 – EnEV16)
- Heat requirement 10 GWh
- -> 3.5 GWh in the current supply area "Lagarde-West"
- Partly high-temperature supply necessary
- LT supply alone using geothermal energy is not sufficient

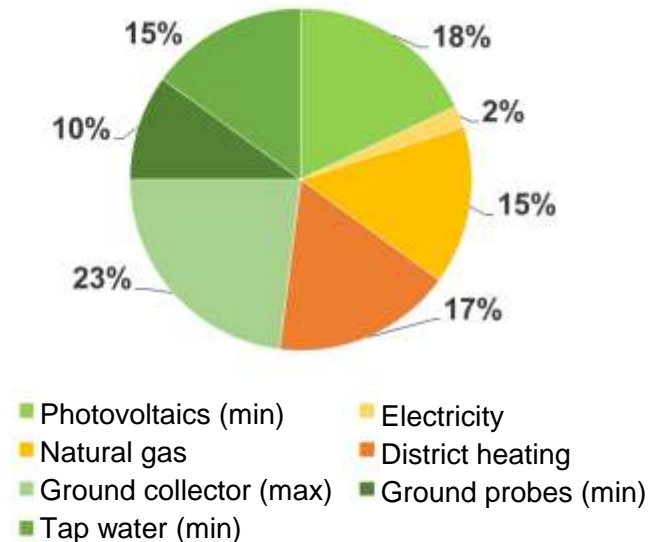
Conversion of the Lagarde Campus Bamberg



Example of innovative heating networks

Resulting network infrastructure for Lagarde Campus Bamberg

- Cold local heating (10°C) for new buildings and existing buildings (>90°C)
 - Geothermal collectors, heat mains and cold water
 - Dec. Heat pumps and PV for space heating and domestic hot water
 - Electrical operating network couples heat generation systems
- ➔ Digitization measures necessary for optimized operational management!



<https://s.fhg.de/lagarde>

Conclusions

Digital technologies are **believed to make** the whole energy system:

- smarter,
- more efficient, and
- reliable and
- to boost the efficiency and
- the integration of more renewables into the system.

Conclusions

- Future district energy systems might be able to **fully optimize their plant and network functioning while empowering the end user** thanks to digital applications..
- The difficulties of **data security and privacy**, as well as concerns about **data ownership**, must be addressed, and solutions must be developed, in order for digital processes to be more widely integrated.
- Where to go from the trendy term "digitalization" **to actual business models, products, and services** that are ready for the market is a crucial question.
- The strong **communication between the scientific community and system makers, utilities, and service providers** is the project's main strength..



Digitization is an essential key technology for the transformation and decarbonization of district heating

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Join us on Friday:
Annex TS4 special session at
CEBC 2023: 13:30 – 15:00

Agenda



09:00 **Opening**

09:10 **Block A – Future needs of users and the specific role of biomass**

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Block B – Flexibility provision via the heating sector**

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Questions / comments from the audience?

Flexibility



- **Where will we need short- / long-term flexibility and how will it be provided?**
 - Which technologies will be modulated and according to which demand?
 - Which storages will thus be needed?

- **A lot of theoretical potential for flexibility lies in the producing industry**
 - What will they actively do on their own and what will need to be provided as service?
 - What will be the main barriers?

- **So many economic feasibility studies are based on full-load operation – is this possible?**
 - Where will this be really necessary?
 - Who will then do the flexibility?



Role of different technologies

- **What will be the role of biomass (biogenic residues)?**
 - Which biomass (biogenic residues) will be used for which applications?
 - What will happen to the many biomass-based DH systems?

- **Where will all the electricity come from?**
 - in particular for all the base-load technologies?

- **What will be the role of solar thermal systems?**
 - Which technological combinations will be beneficial?



Specific role of heating sector

- **How much heat will be produced by sector-coupling technologies?**
 - CHP / electrolysis / gasification + synthesis / ...
 - How much of the (indirectly) produced heat will be used?
- **What is necessary to support the provision of flexibility to other sectors via the heating sector?**



How important will digitalization really be?



**What are the main aspects requiring new
legal regulations / funding schemes / business models / ...?**



Final statement of the presenters



**Which innovations / technologies / solutions / ...
are most important to achieve a
sustainable energy and resource system?**

Please vote!



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BEST-Day: Sustainable biorefineries and digitalization, Room 6, 13:30 – 17:00

Language English 

Wednesday
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„BEST has continuously developed from mostly technology related research towards a strong focus on full process chains and system integration. Today, digital methods and tools are our valuable companions for supporting industrial implementation of sustainable biorefineries and renewable energy technologies.“

Chair: Walter Haslinger, BEST, AUT

The BEST day provides highlights of industry relevant research activities of BEST and focusses on sustainable biorefineries and digitalization as enabler for successful technology development and technology implementation.

13:30 Session 1: Biorefineries

Learnings from biomass combustion towards future bioenergy applications

Manuel Schwabl, *Fixed Bed Conversion Systems*

Green Carbon perspectives for regional sourcing and decarbonization

Elisabeth Wopienka, *Fixed Bed Conversion Systems*

Bioconversion processes for renewable energy and/or biological carbon capture and utilisation

Bernhard Drosig, *Bioconversion Systems*

Second generation biomass gasification: The Syngas Platform Vienna – current status and outlook

Matthias Kuba, *Fluidized Bed Conversion Systems*

Utilization of syngas for the production of fuel and chemicals – recent developments and outlook
Gerald Weber, *Fluidized Bed Conversion Systems*

15:00 Coffee break

11:00 Session 2: Digital methods, tools and sustainability

Evaluation of different numerical models for the prediction of NO_x emissions of small-scale biomass boilers

Michael Essl, *Modelling & Simulation*

Digitalization as the basis for the efficient and flexible operation of renewable energy technologies

Markus Gölles, *Automation & Control*

Smart Control for Coupled District Heating Networks

Valentin Kaisermayer, *Automation & Control*

Integrated energy solutions for a decentral energy future – challenges and solutions

Michael Zellinger, *Smart- & Microgrids*

Wood-Value-Tool: Techno-economic assessment of the forest-based sector in Austria

Marilene Fuhrmann, *Sustainable Supply & Value Chains*

17:00 End



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