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# The Evolution of District Energy

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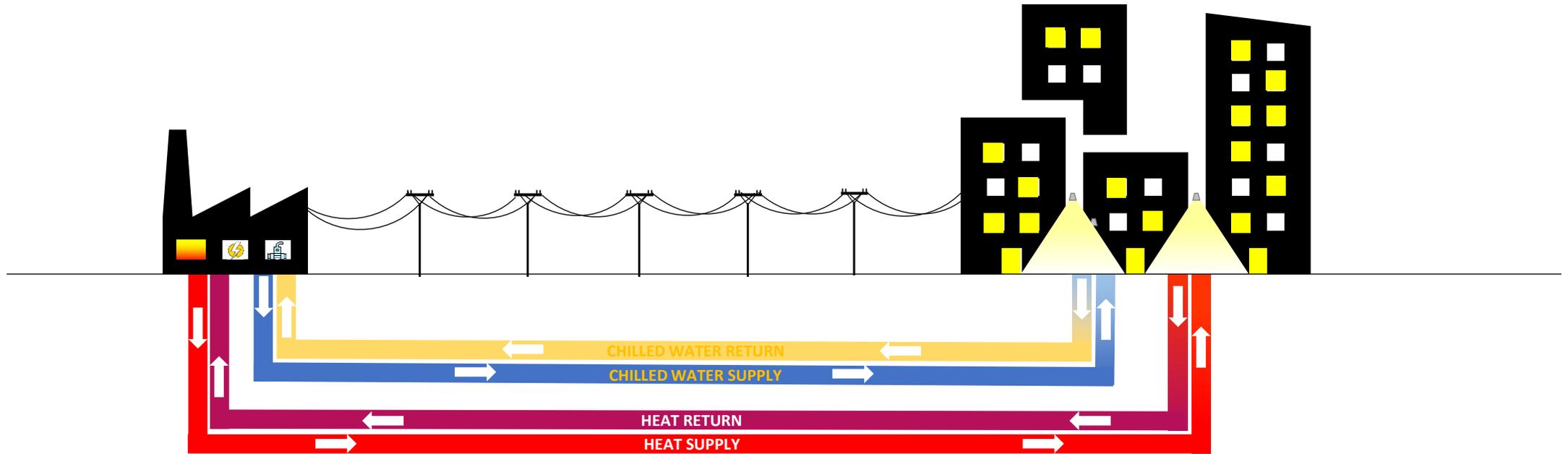


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# Evolution of District Energy Systems



1st Generation 1880 – 1930 Steam Boilers fueled by Coal

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation 1930 – 1970 CHP Hot Water <100°C fueled by Coal and Oil

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation 1970 – 2000 Boiler Hot Water <70°C fueled by Coal, Oil, natural gas and biomass

4<sup>th</sup> Generation 2000 – Now Boiler, CHP Hot Water <70°C fueled by natural gas, biomass, and waste



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*5<sup>th</sup> Generation heating and cooling supplied by 100% renewables*



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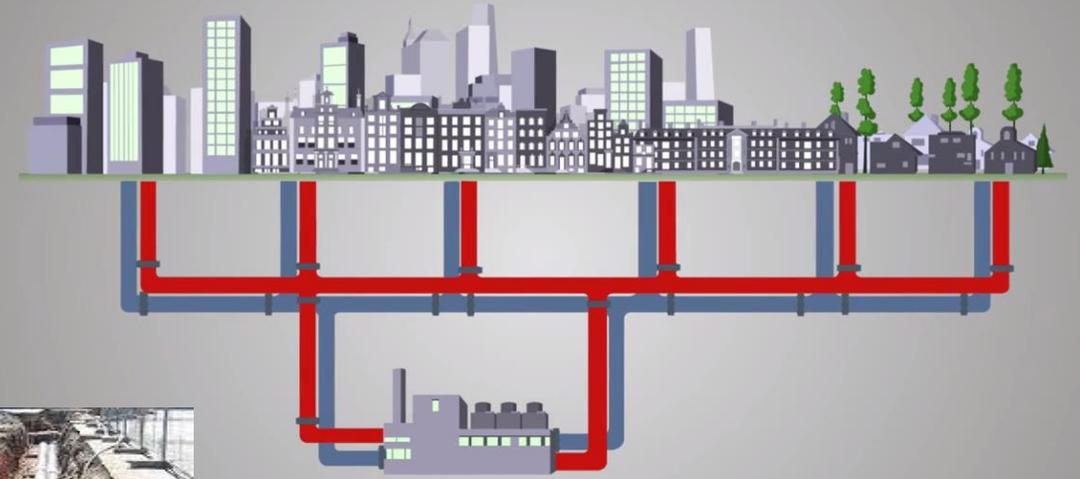
# Benefits of District Energy Systems

## Environmental Benefits

- Cleaner combustion
- Higher efficiencies
- Ability to utilize renewable energy
- Reduced risk of fuel spills
- Reduced pollution from trucking fuel.
- Improved health and safety

## Economic Benefits

- Lower first cost to building owner
- Lower maintenance costs
- Lower cost of heat to the building owner
- Value of space used by equipment in buildings
- Increased reliability



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# The Challenges of Integrating Technologies



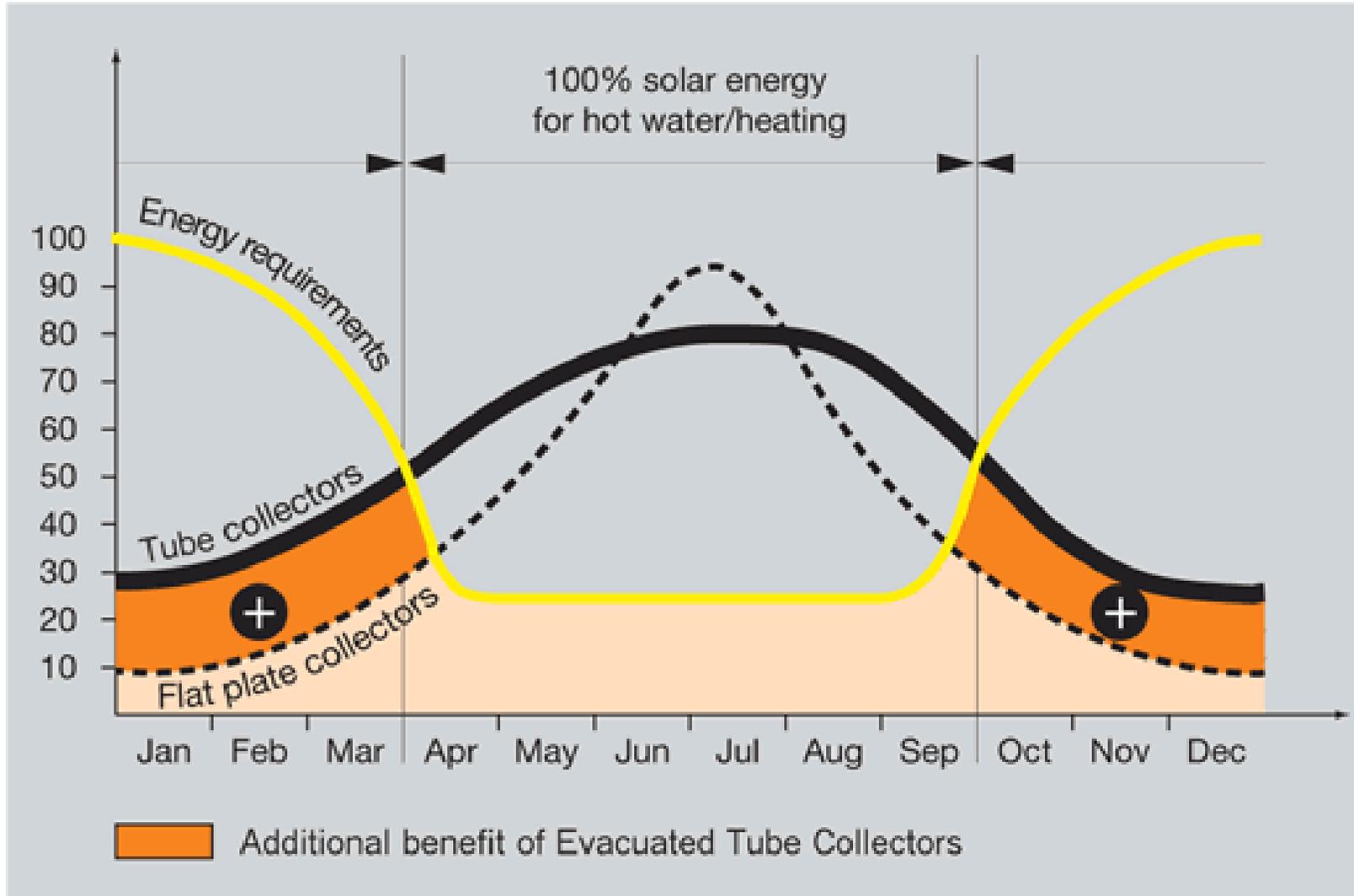
**Finding a Balance**



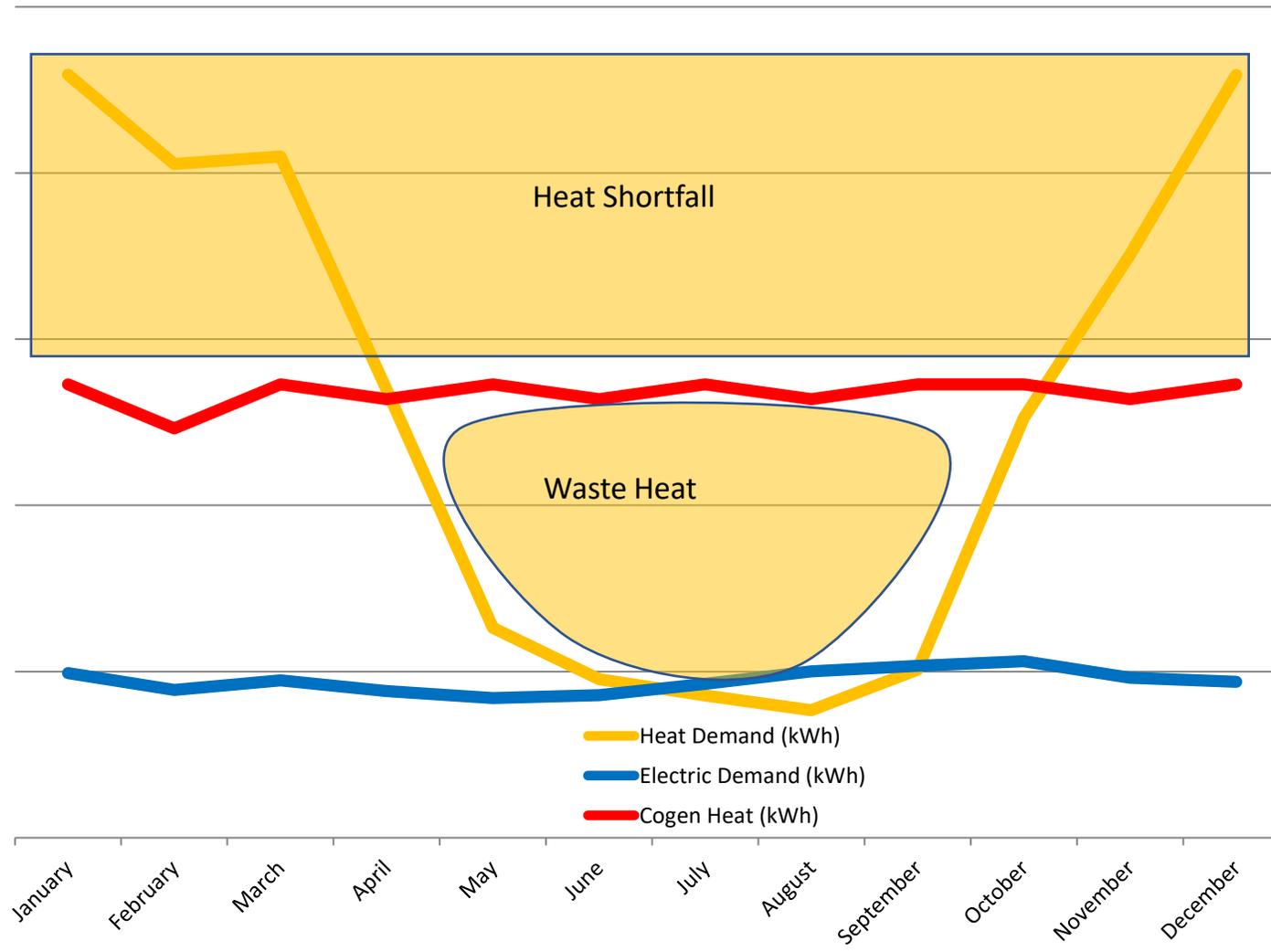
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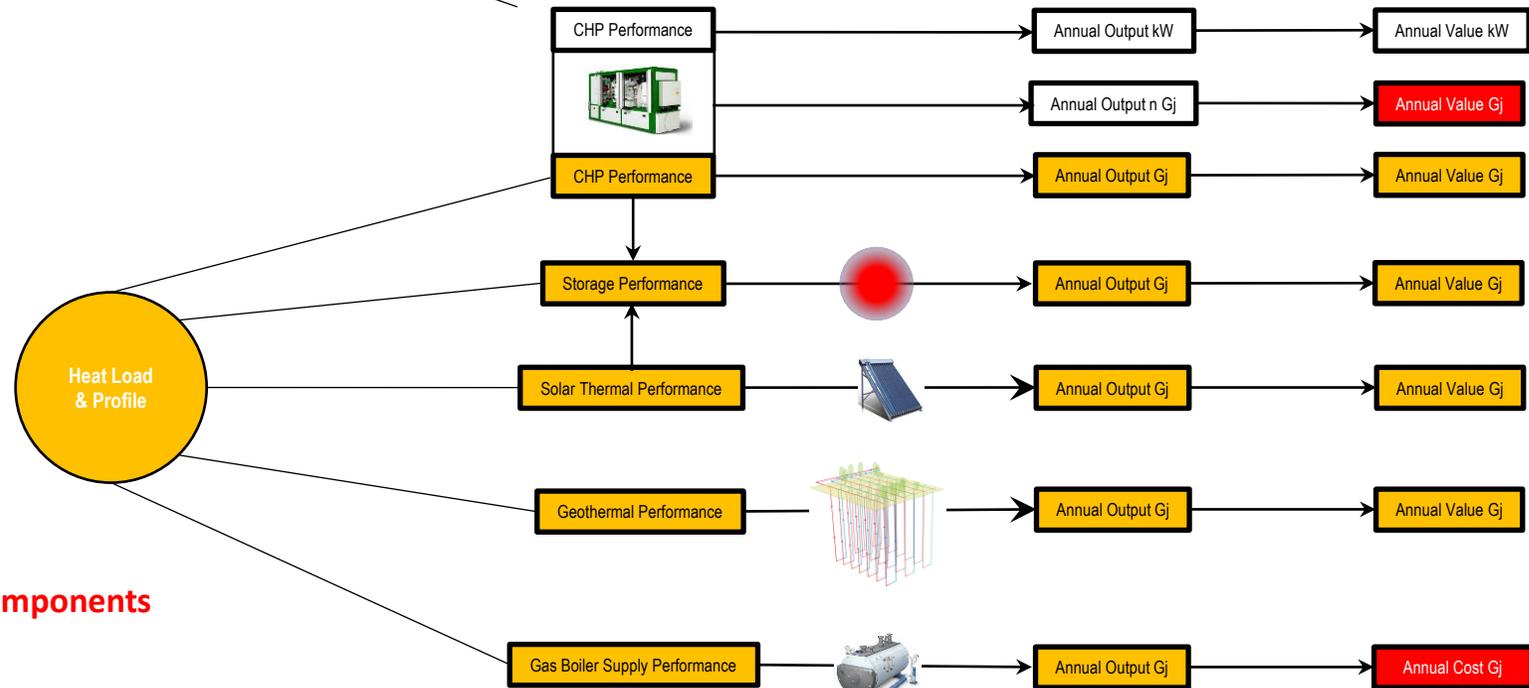
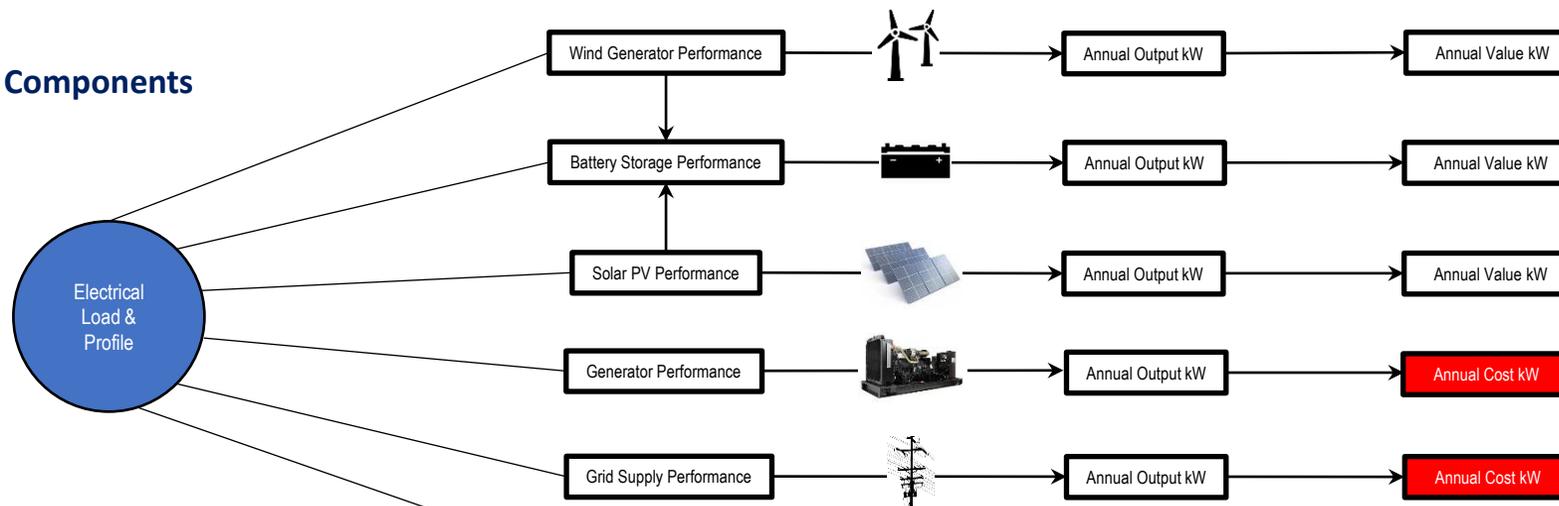
# Renewable Solar thermal – Generation vs Demand



# Low Carbon CHP Cogeneration – Demand vs Generation



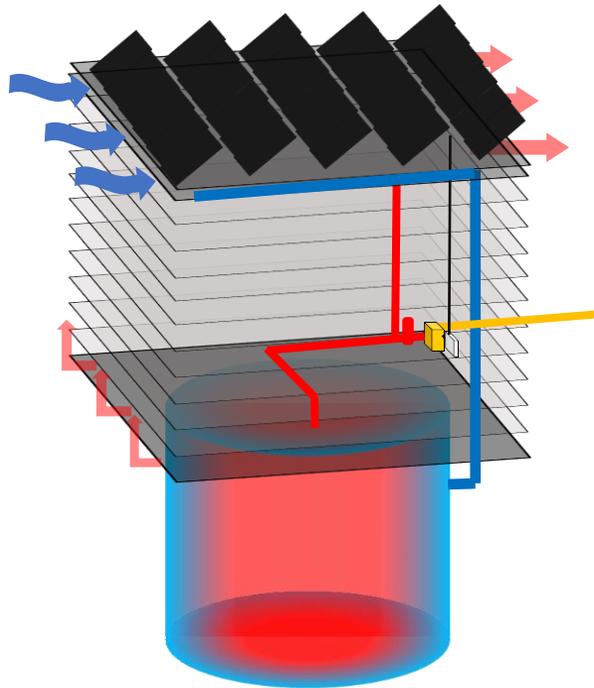
## Electrical Source Components



## Thermal Source Components



# Design, Modelling and Simulation



Development Size  
Development Loads  
Development Mix  
Location  
Site Size

Building Size  
Building Loads  
Building Purpose  
Location  
Site Size



CHP Cogeneration Size?



Solar Thermal Size?



Solar PV Size?



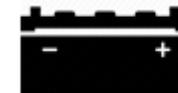
Grid Supply Size?



Thermal Storage Size?



Electrical Storage Size?



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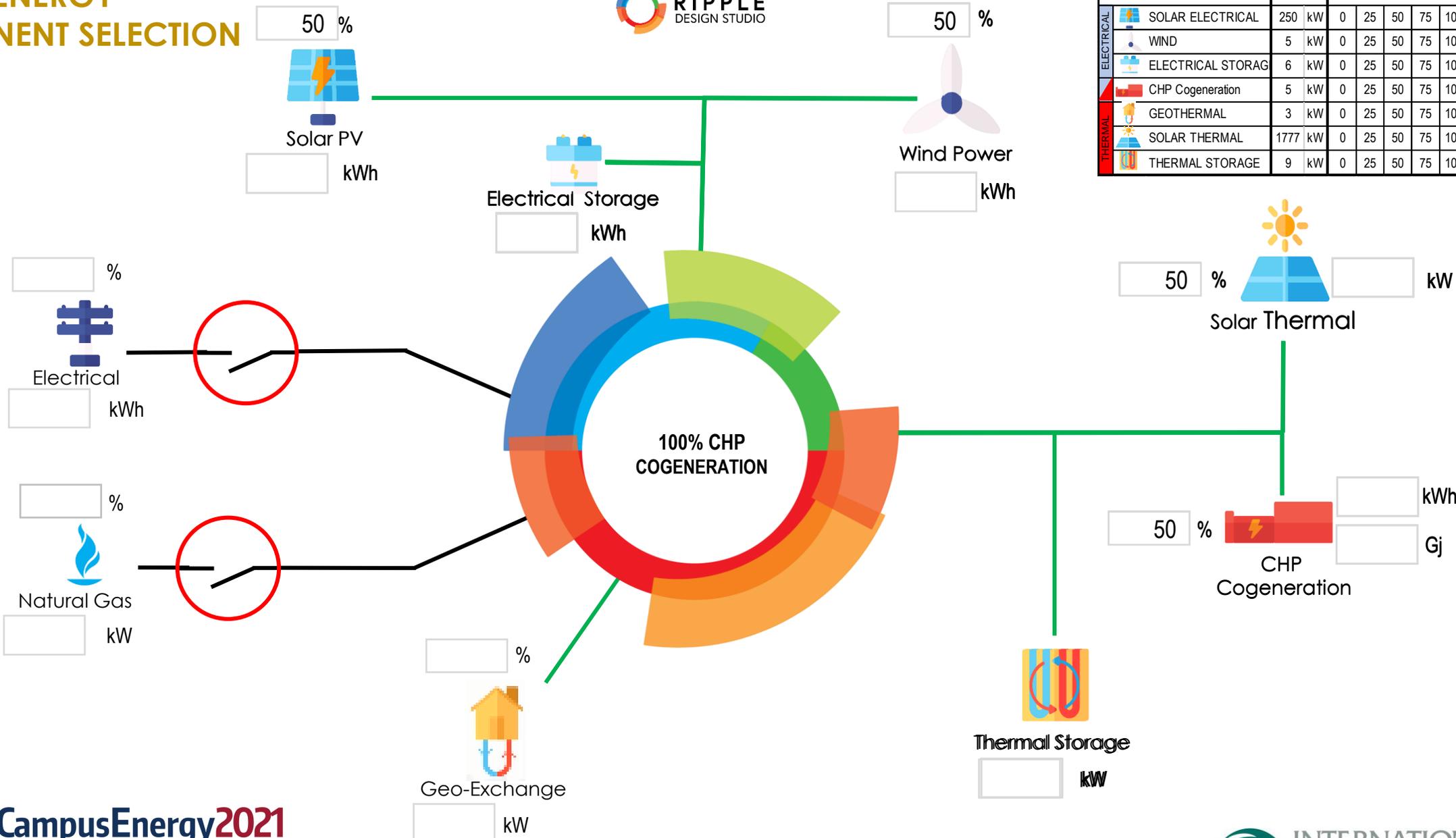
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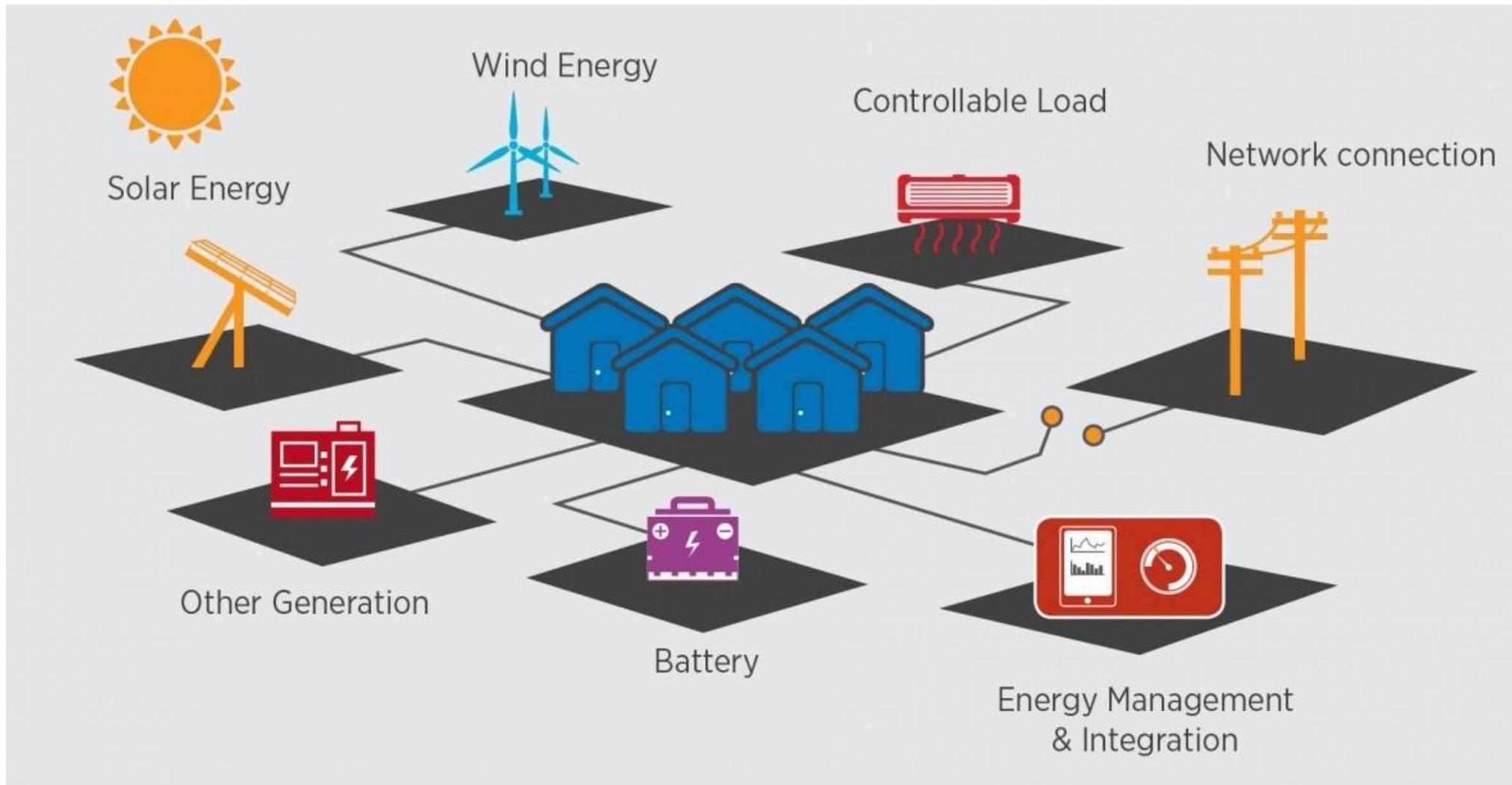
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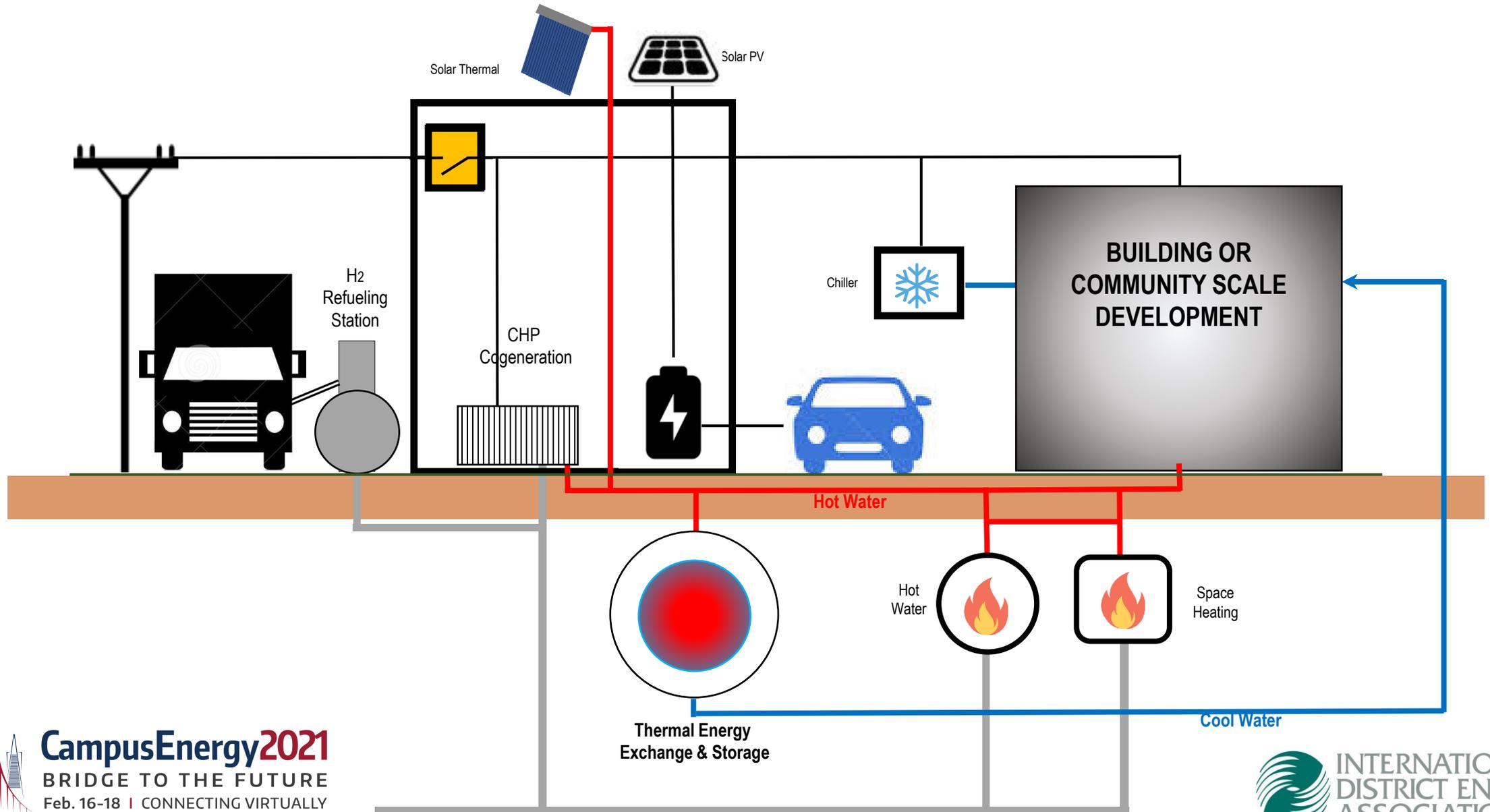
# ENERGY COMPONENT SELECTION



# The Shift to Microgrids



# MOVING TO MICROGRIDS



# Thermal Microgrid District Energy



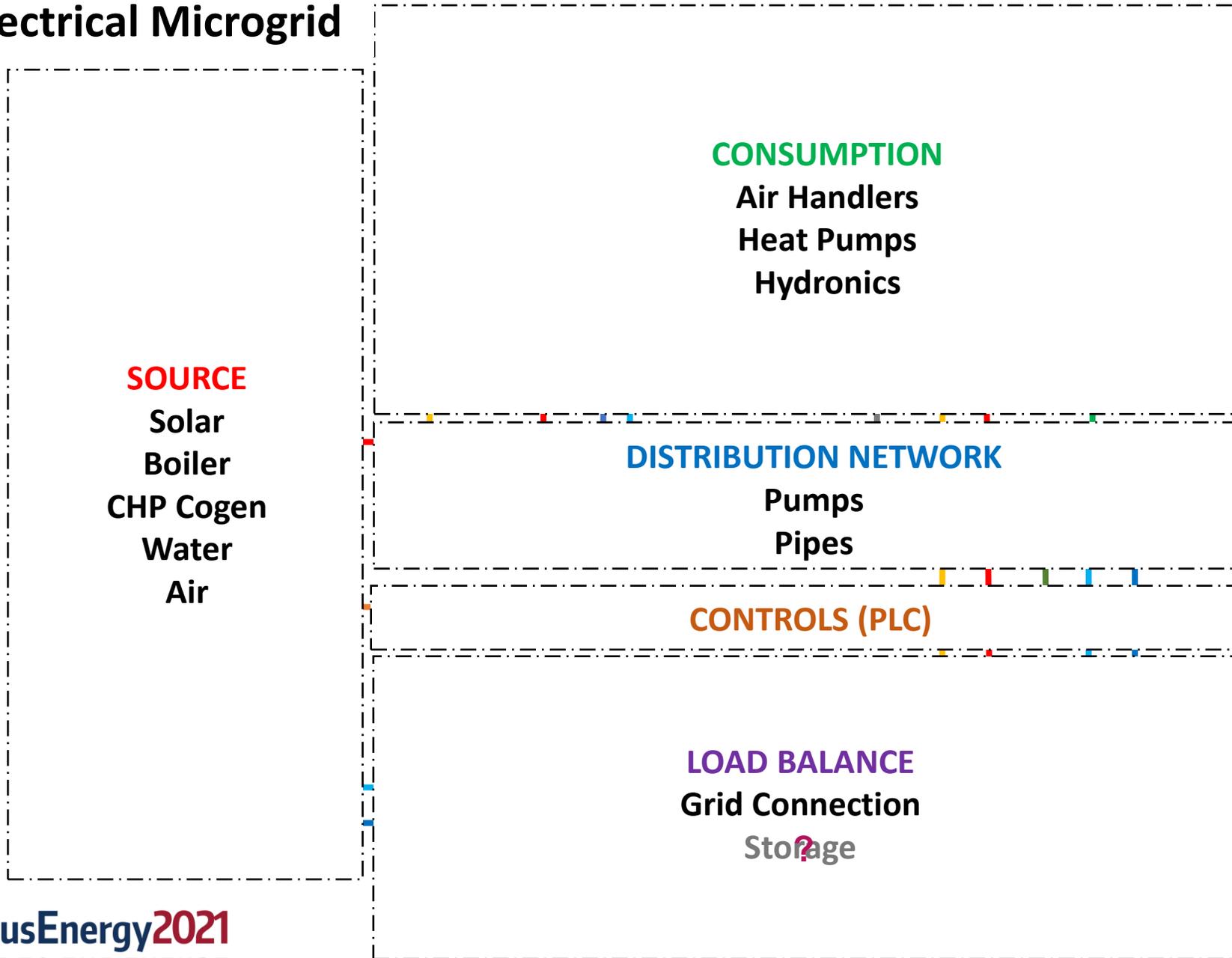
**Moving Energy  
not  
Wasting Energy**



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# Electrical Microgrid



# CONVENTIONAL GEOTHERMAL

# Geothermal Energy



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# BOREHOLE THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE



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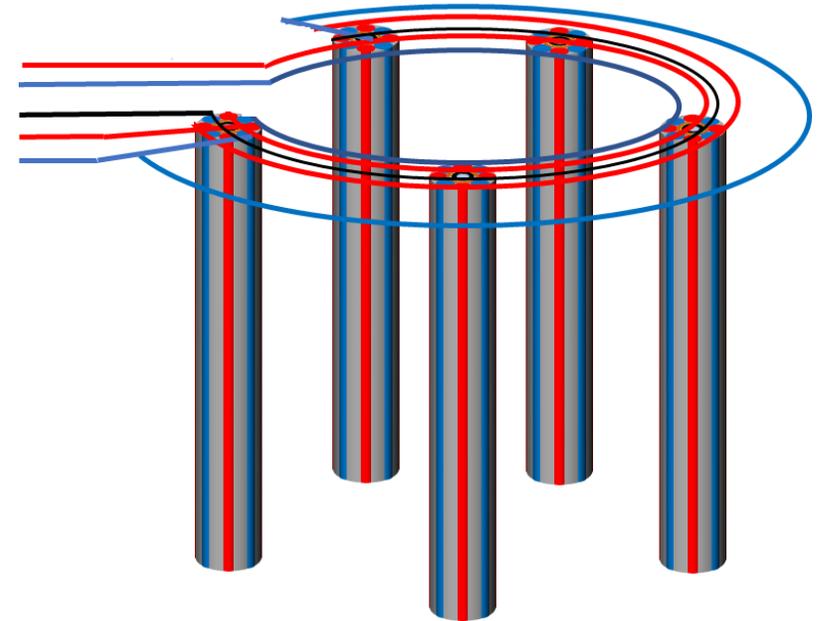
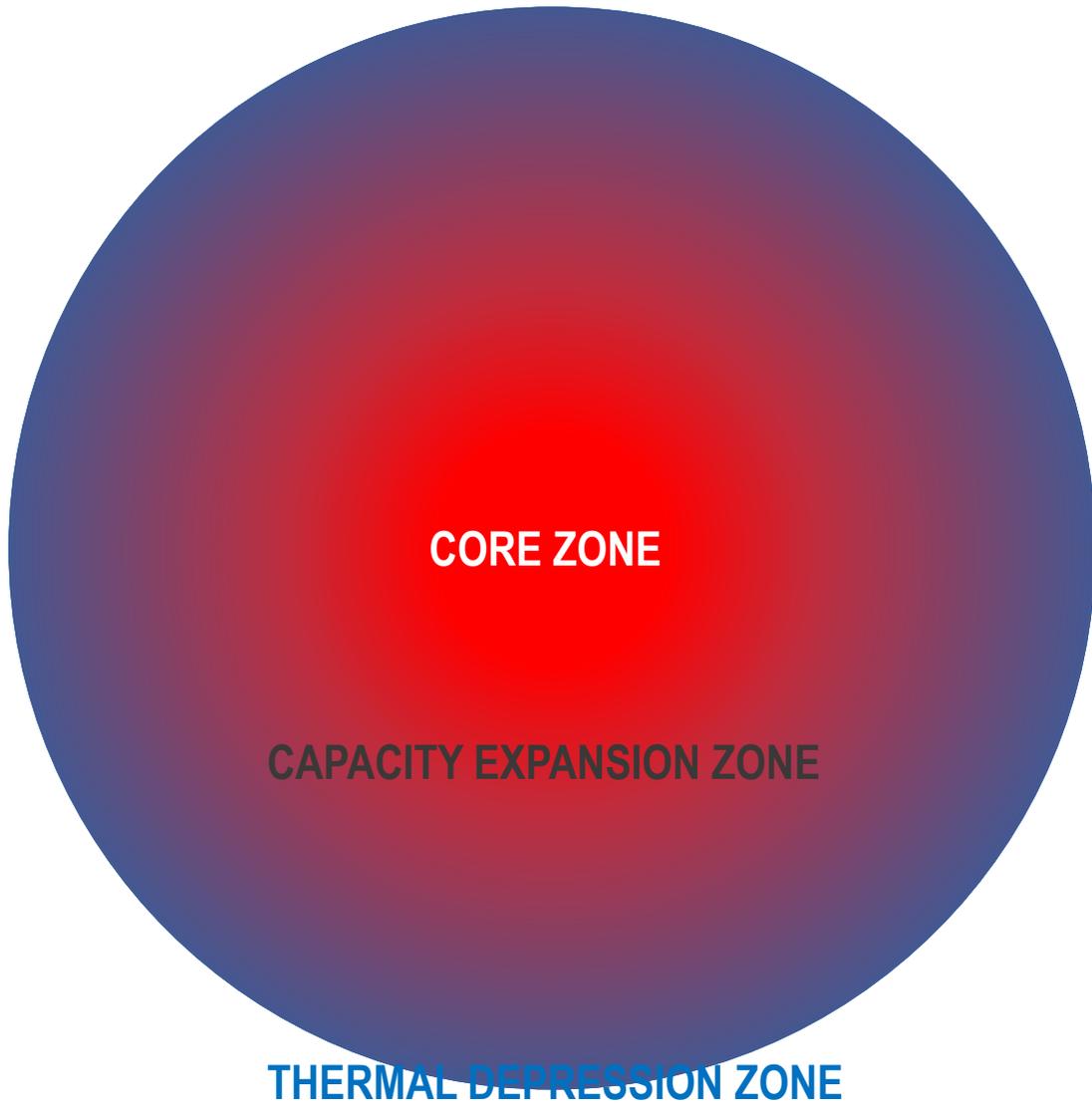
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# THERMAL ENERGY EXCHANGE AND STORAGE systems



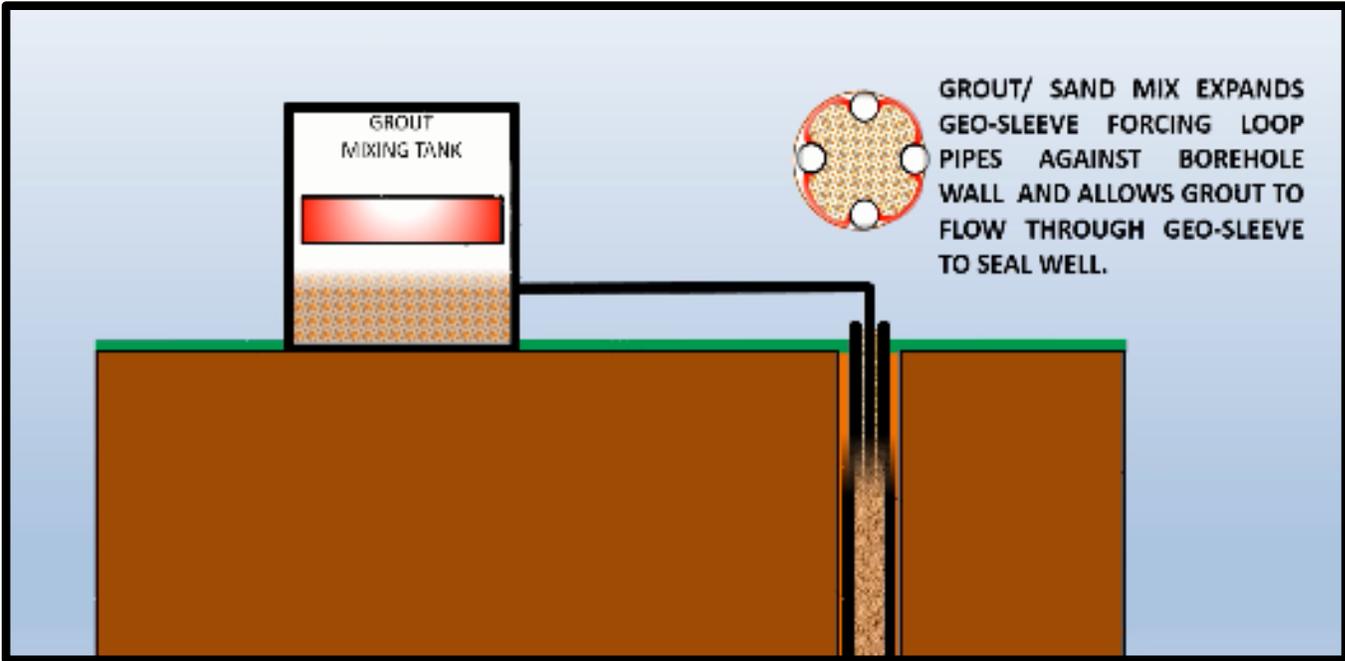


# Active Zone Geothermal

## PE-RT & Geo-Sleeve



AMBIENT							GROUND TEMPERATURE					AMBIENT					PROCESS									
-40	-30	-25	-20	-15	-10	-5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80			
-40	-22	-13	-4	5	14	23	32	41	50	59	68	77	86	95	104	113	122	131	140	149	158	167	180			
AIR HANDLER							HEAT PUMP OPERATING RANGE										AIR HANDLER									
PEX Pipe - Connections: Mechanical																										
PE-RT Pipe - Connections: Fusion																										
HDPE - Connections: Fusion																										



# Redevelopment Project



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# Sustainable Community Microgrid Utility



City water treatment & water reuse



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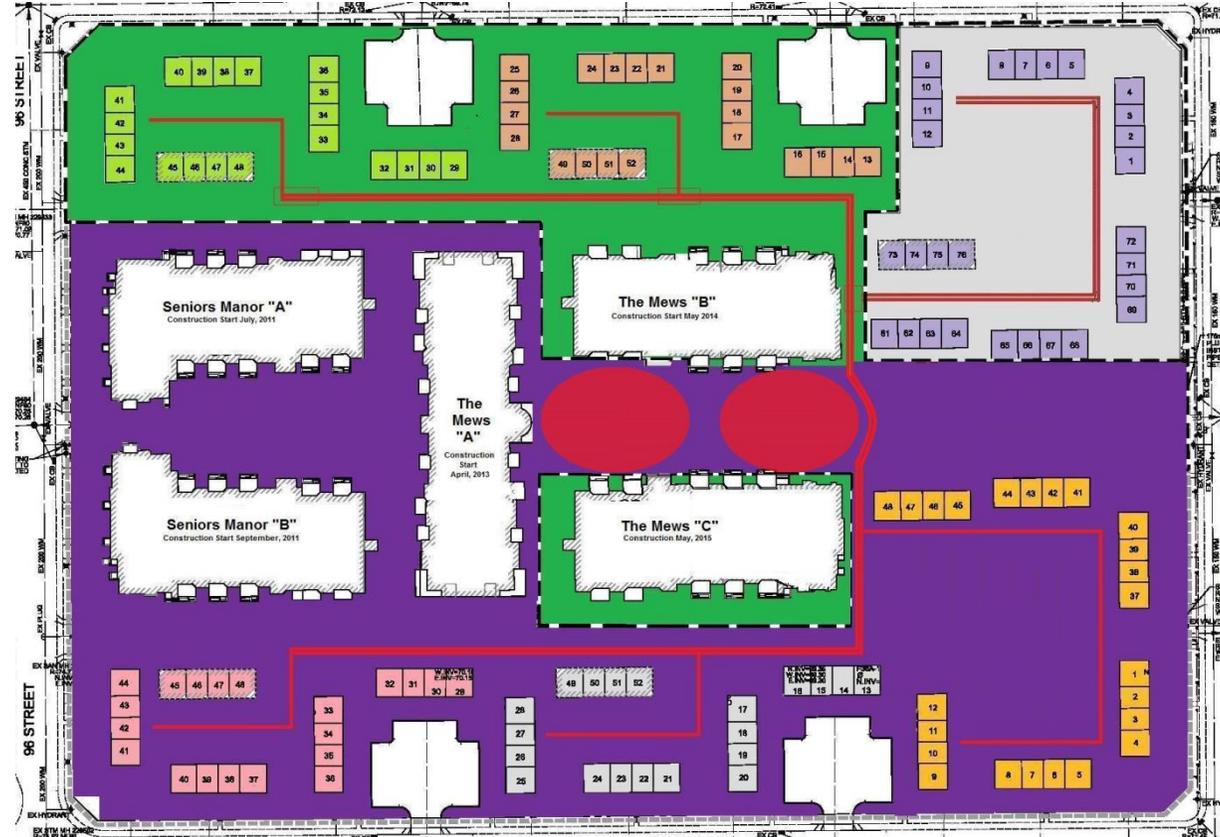
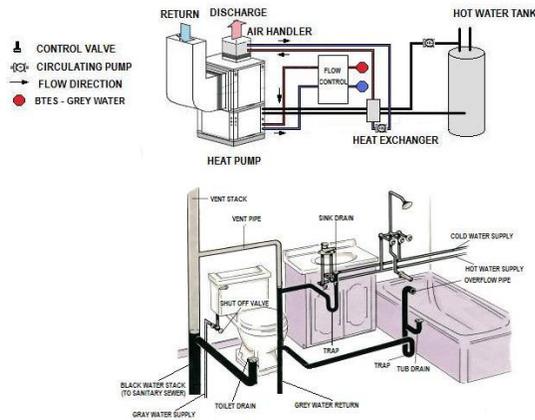




# Storm and Rain Water Treatment Site Reuse



## TOWN HOUSE





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# Southwoods GHG Credit Energy Assessment



## Greening Energy Production



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# Real Time Monitoring Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)

DTS equipment offer unparalleled level of flexibility and accuracy of the temperature measurements.

The DTS performs measurements down to 1-meter spatial resolution with less than 0.1 °C temperature resolution providing hundreds of measurement points in a single trace capture up to 2 km.

Advanced data processing and visualization offer great tools for analysis of thermal processes and/or hazarded situations alerts.



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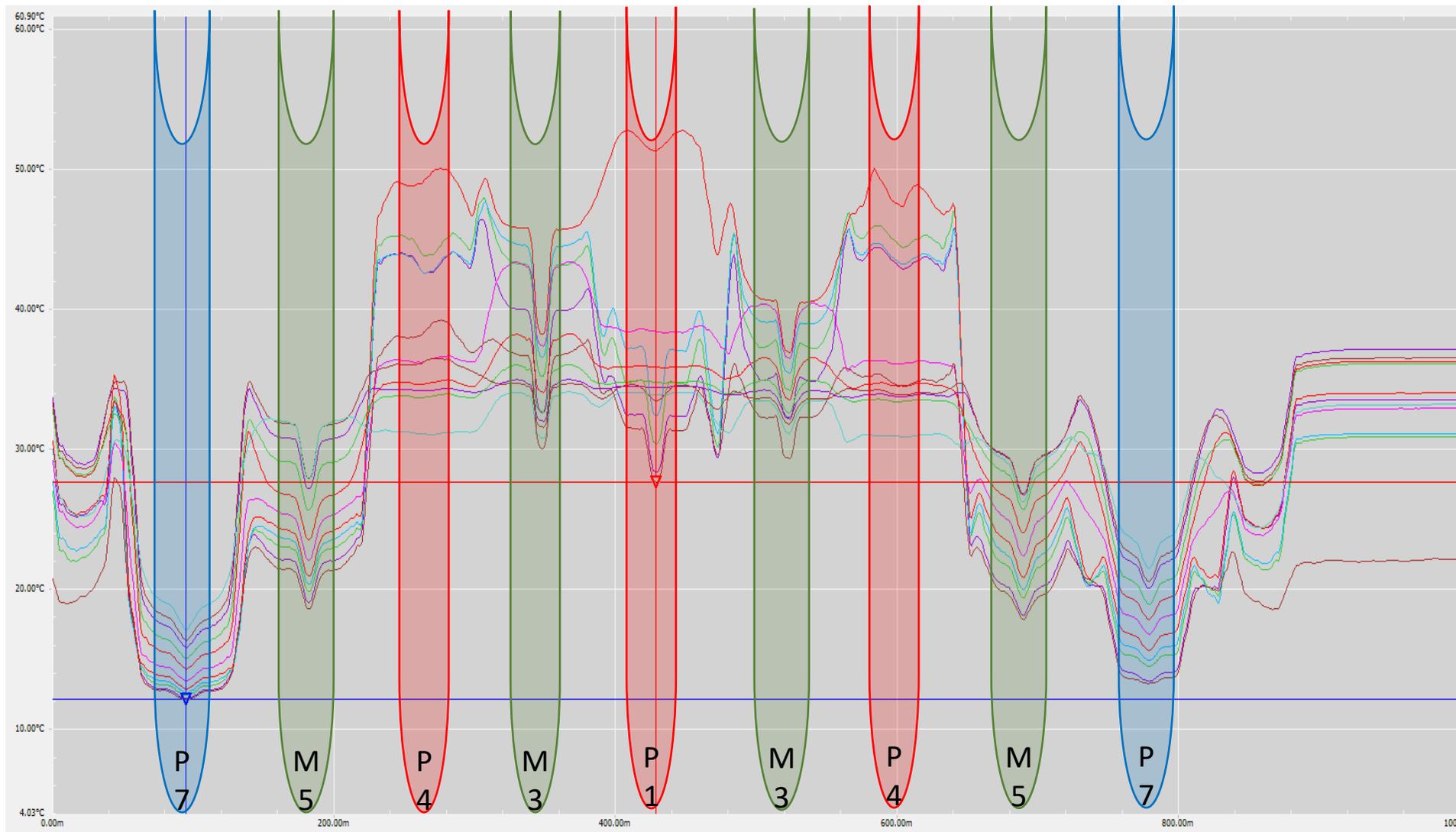
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# Active Zone Geothermal Temperature Monitoring



139 kW CHP Microgrid Active Zone Geothermal borefield from December 2018 – March 2019

P = Production Wells M = Monitoring Wells Total Data Collection Length = 1000 m (3280 ft.)



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140,000 sq. ft. residential townhomes (144 Units)  
250,000 sq. ft. seniors' apartments (264 Units)  
750 kW Natural gas CHP cogeneration  
Consumes 67,500 GJ gas (\$300,000.) gas annually  
produce and uses 6.5Mw/ yr., (\$900,000.) electricity.  
produces 33,750 GJ heat (\$150,000.)/ yr.  
Net Positive Value: approx. \$750,000/ year  
and provides :

Domestic hot water, (Apartments)  
TEES District Energy - ambient temperature distribution w/  
grey water pipes for toilet flushing.  
Low temperature tempered heat pump water circuits  
48,000 total drilled feet Active Zone Geothermal borefields.  
**Energy System Cost \$5,200,000 will produce gross positive  
value of \$750,000./ yr.**

Normal geothermal would require this development to have  
146000 drilled feet.  
**Estimated cost: \$5M + consume \$900,000./ year in grid  
electricity.**





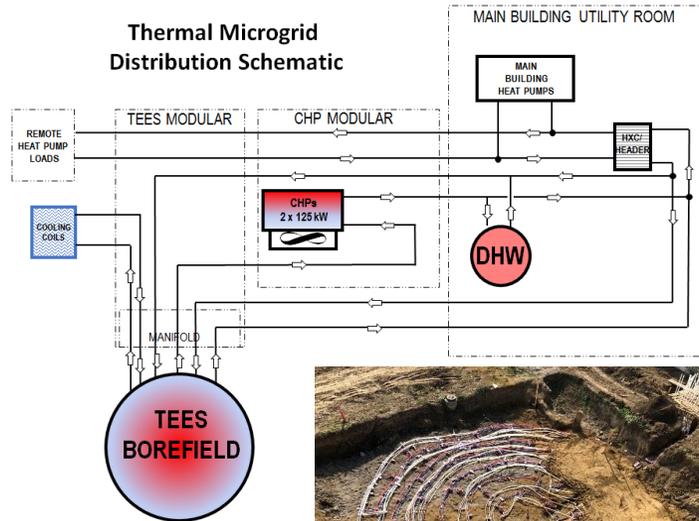
Maple Ridge Self Storage  
 (currently under construction)  
 150,000 sq. ft. commercial development.  
 Natural gas CHP cogeneration  
 Consumes 8800 GJ gas (\$40,000) gas annually  
 produces 875,000 kW/ yr., electricity.  
 uses 650,000 kW/ yr. (\$97,500.) electricity.  
 exports 225,000 kW (\$33,750) to grid/ yr.  
 produces 4400 GJ heat (\$20,000.)/ yr.  
 Net Positive Value: approx. \$111,250/ yr.  
 and provides :

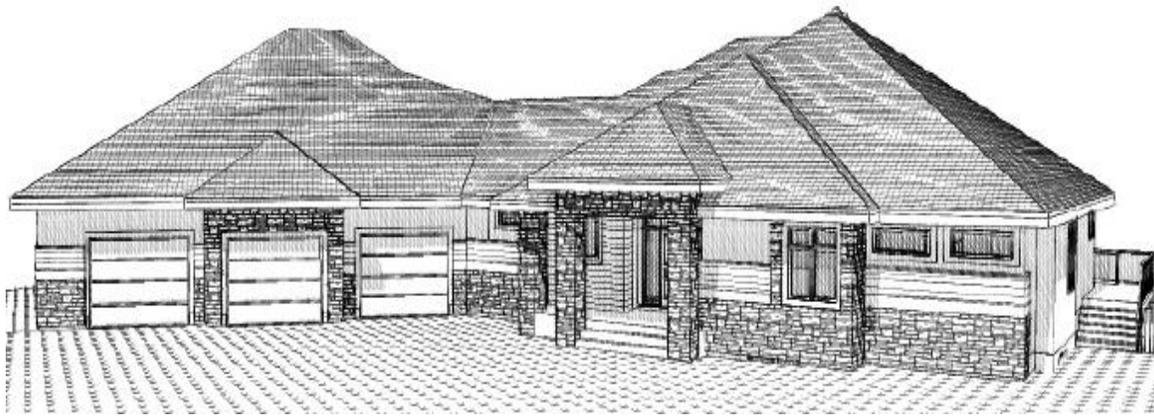
Domestic hot water, (Main building, car wash) -  
 TEES District Energy - ambient temperature distribution  
 Low temperature tempered heat pump water circuit  
 6500 total drilled feet Active Zone Geothermal borefield.

**System Cost \$1,200,000 will produce gross positive value of \$95,500/ yr.**

Normal geothermal would require this development to have 30000 drilled feet.

**Estimated cost: \$950,000 + consume \$97,500, year in grid electricity.**





4.4 kW Axiom Eco-power natural gas CHP cogeneration that:  
Consumes 360 Gj gas (\$1,550) gas annually  
produces 38,500 kw/ yr.,  
uses 23,000 (\$3,450.) electricity/ yr.,  
exports 17,500 kW (\$1400) to grid/ yr.  
produces 180 Gj heat (\$775.)/ yr.

Positive: approx. \$4,000/ year  
and provides :

Domestic hot water,  
Hydronic heating of basement and garage using waste heat  
Single 6 Ton water to air Waterfurnace heat pump.

1200 total drilled feet Active Zone Geothermal borefield.

**System Cost \$85,000 and produces net positive value of \$4100/ yr.**

Normal geothermal would require this home to have  
Qty. 2 – 6-ton heat pumps and 3000 drilled feet for pipe.

**Estimated cost: \$75,000 + consume \$3,450/ year in grid electricity.**



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