A photograph of a modern building courtyard at dusk. On the left, a wide staircase with metal railings leads up. In the center, a small tree stands in a paved area. On the right, a curved building facade features vertical glass panels with orange-tinted reflections. The sky is a deep blue.

# Stanford University: Economic, Efficient, Green District Low Temperature Hot Water

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# SESI Program Vision

## Support Academic Mission

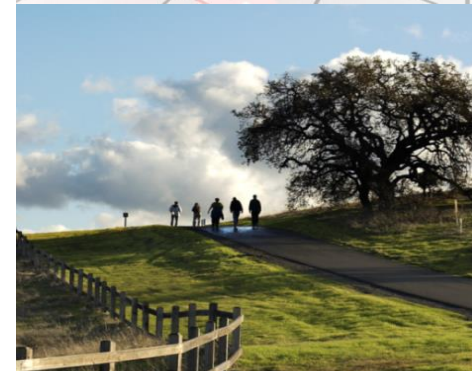
- Successor for cardinal cogeneration
- Expansion for research and academic programs

## Maintain Economic Viability

- Increase efficiency
- Protect against resource cost increase

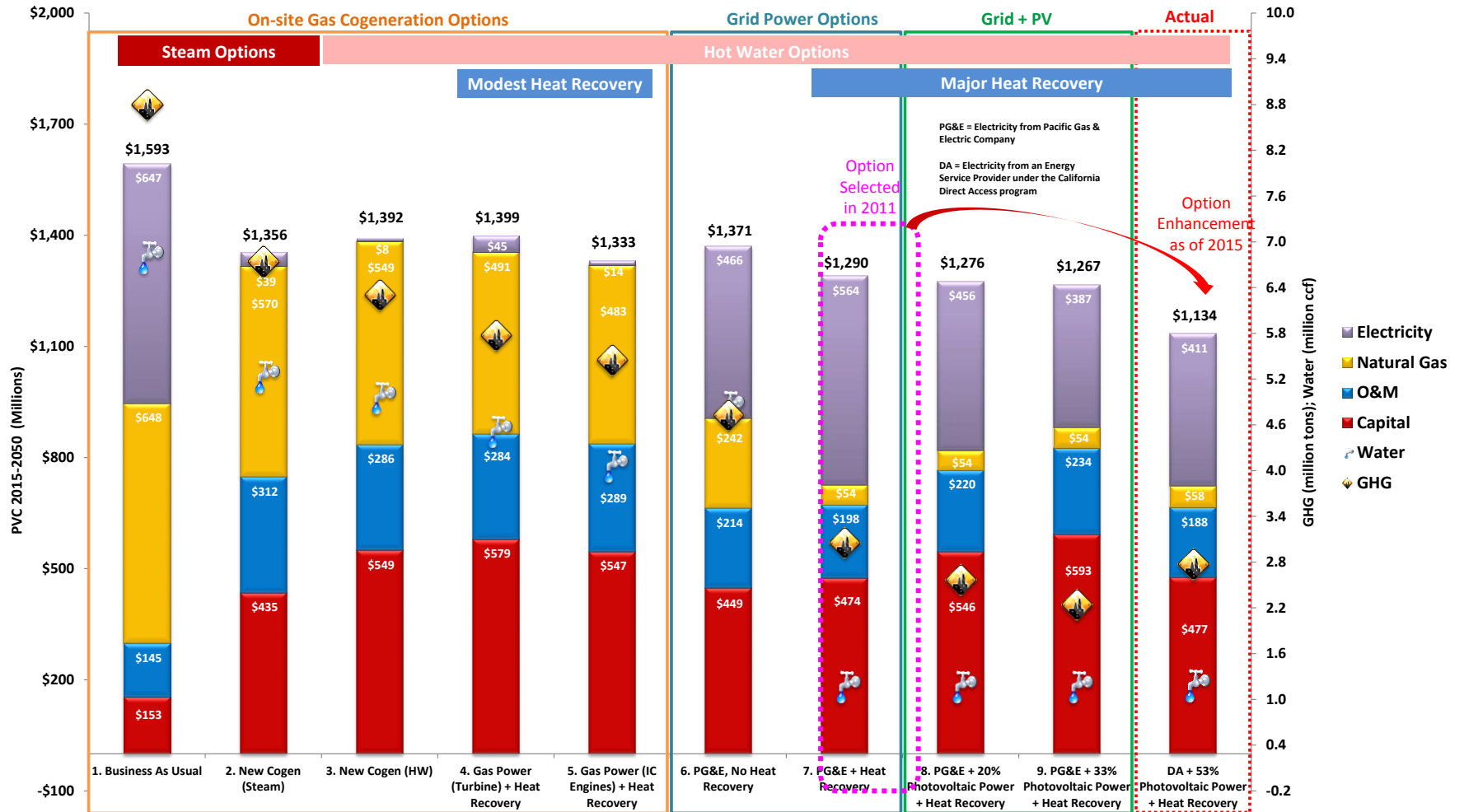
## Lead Sustainability by Example

- Reduce carbon footprint and water use
- Create foundation for green energy portfolio



# Energy Options Considered in 2011 (Present Value Cost)

Stanford University  
Central Energy Facility Replacement Options (August 2015 update)





# Stanford Energy System Innovations (SESI)

Stanford Energy System Innovations (SESI) is a new sustainable energy program designed to meet the energy needs of Stanford campus through at least 2050. After four years of planning and three years of construction and implementation, SESI came online in late March 2015 via a new Central Energy Facility.

## Primary Benefits

- Reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions by **68%** (and growing)
- Reduce campus drinking water use by an additional **15%**
- Save **\$420** million over business as usual case over next 35 years



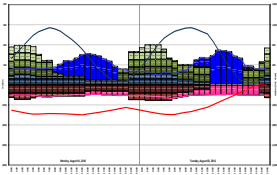
# SESI Program Elements



**Heat Recovery**  
(District level application)



**New Thermal System**  
(Steam to hot water)



**Advanced Energy Management Software**  
(Patented)



**High-voltage Substation**  
(New)



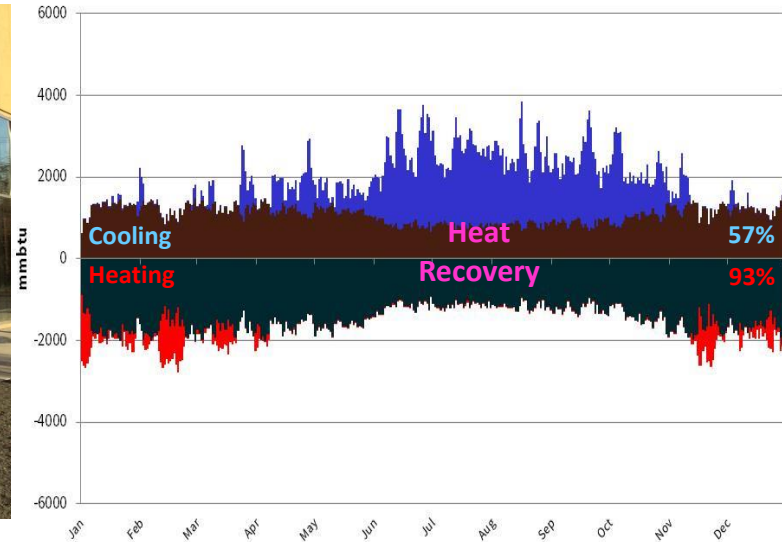
**Renewable Energy Portfolio**  
(Purchased electricity)

**Benefits** - Energy savings, water savings, increased system efficiency, flexibility to adapt to new energy generation technologies, increased safety, reduced operations and maintenance cost, and improved services reliability.

# Innovation: District Level Heat Recovery



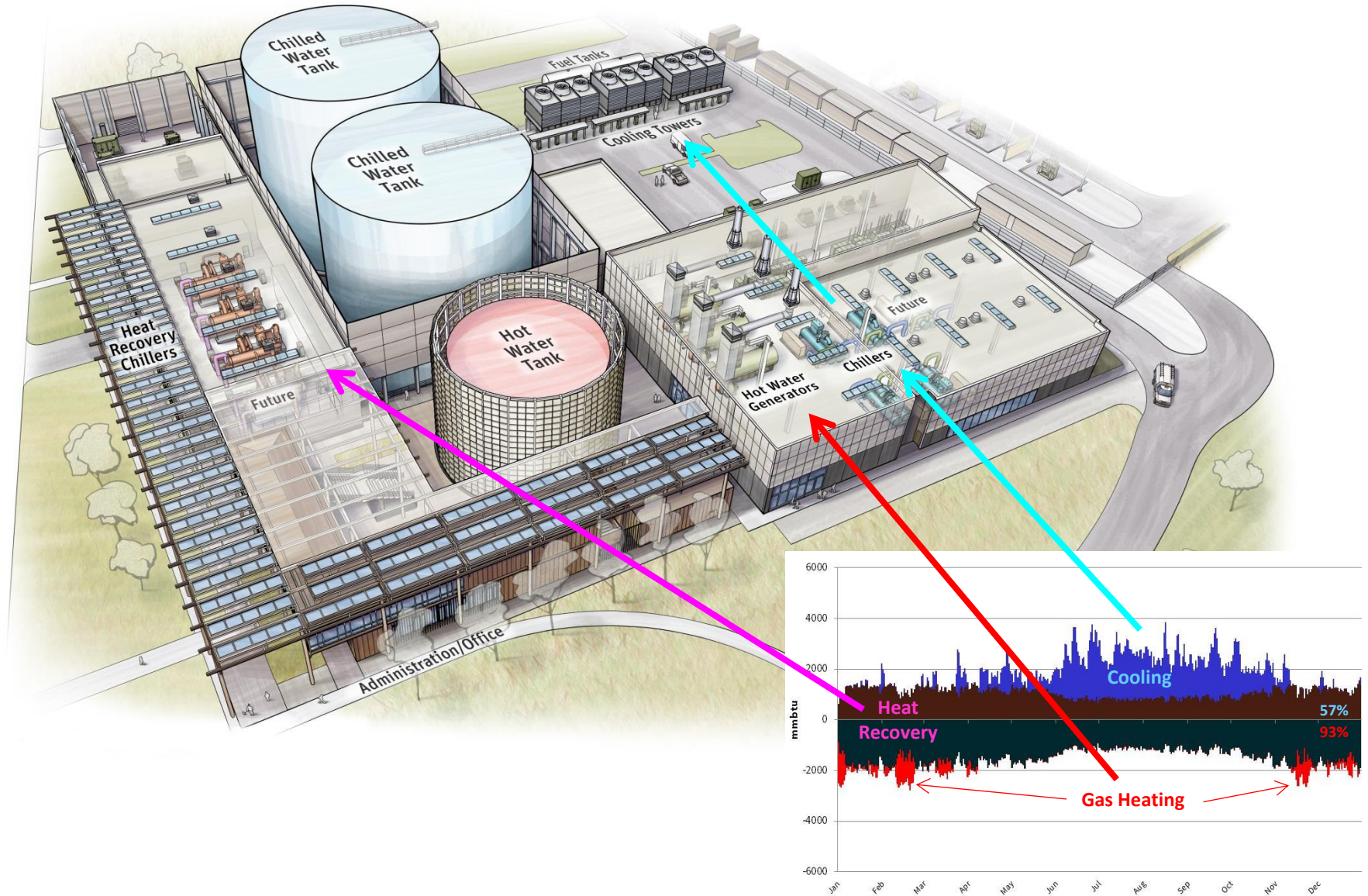
**Stanford University**  
Heat Recovery Plant Conceptual Design  
Hot Water & Chilled Water Production Source (2020)



- Large scale deployment of heat recovery
- Combining best heating and cooling technologies in Europe and North America

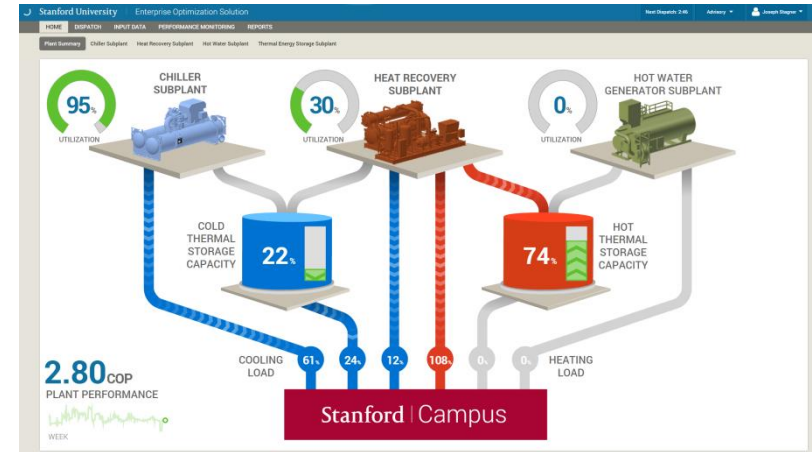
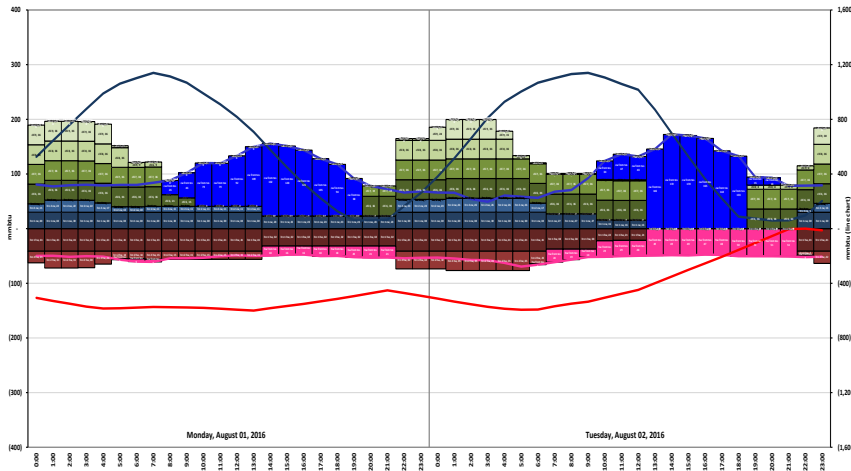


# SESI's New Central Energy Facility



# Innovation: Advanced Planning & System Operation

## Central Energy Plant Optimization Model (CEPOM)/Enterprise Optimization Solution (EOS)



CEPOM/EOS is a patented 'model predictive control' forward looking energy modeling and plant dispatch program using over 1,220 variables including projected energy prices, load forecasts, and energy plant equipment and thermal storage capabilities to develop optimal hourly energy system operating plans.

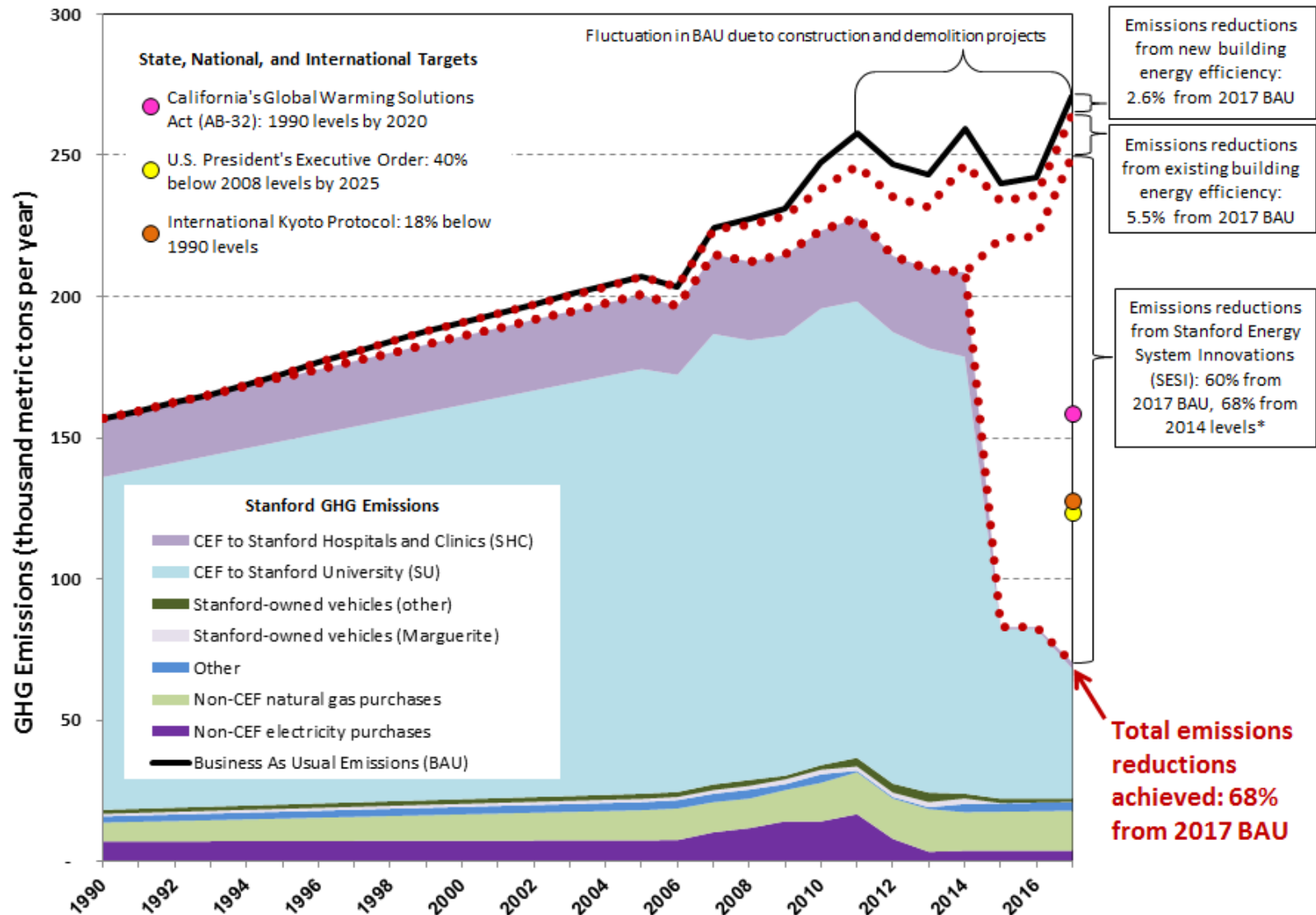
Regularly updated annual (8,760 hours) versions of these plans (Planning Tool) are used for long range system planning, annual budget development and management, long term system efficiency monitoring, and other strategic planning and management processes.

Regularly updated (minimum of every 15 minutes) one week (168 hours) look ahead versions of these plans (Operational Tool) are used to direct actual system operation through either advisory or automatic plant control.



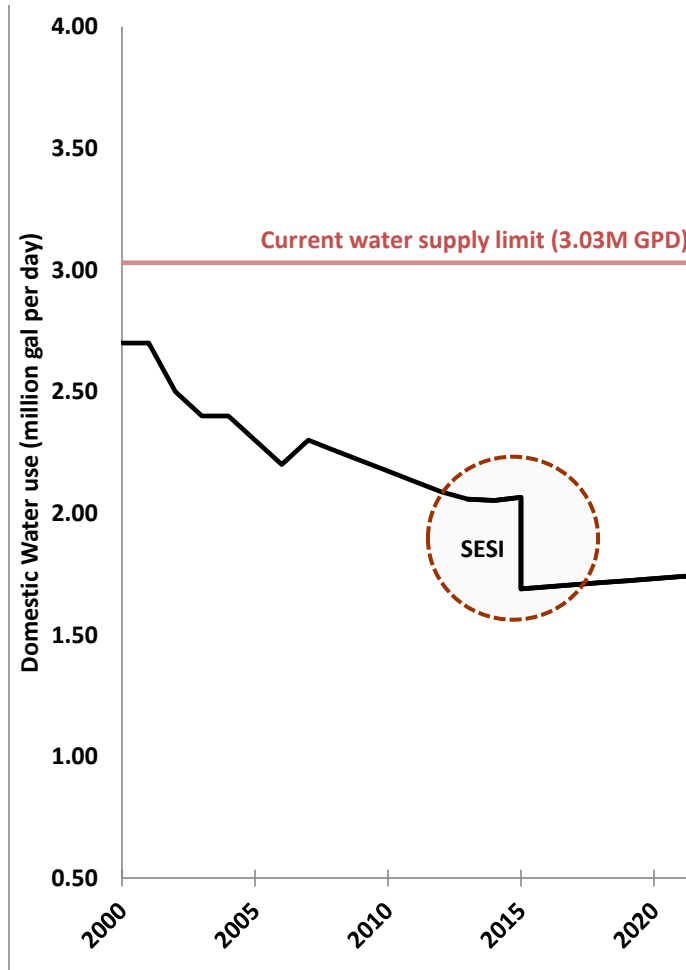


# 68% Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction (and Growing)



\*17,000 metric tons transferred to separate SHC inventory, due to SU no longer supplying that heating load with its CEF. This transfer is not included in percent emission reduction calculations.

# 15% Potable Water Savings



## History of Conservation

Since 2000, Stanford has already reduced its potable water consumption by 21% through building retrofits and conservation efforts.

## With SESI, Stanford will save an additional 15%

Stanford's water savings will increase to 36% in just the past 15 years.

# Global Potential for Heat Recovery

- Heat recovery opportunity exists across all built environment regardless of climate
- Heat pumping from ground, water, or air can augment heat recovery from existing processes

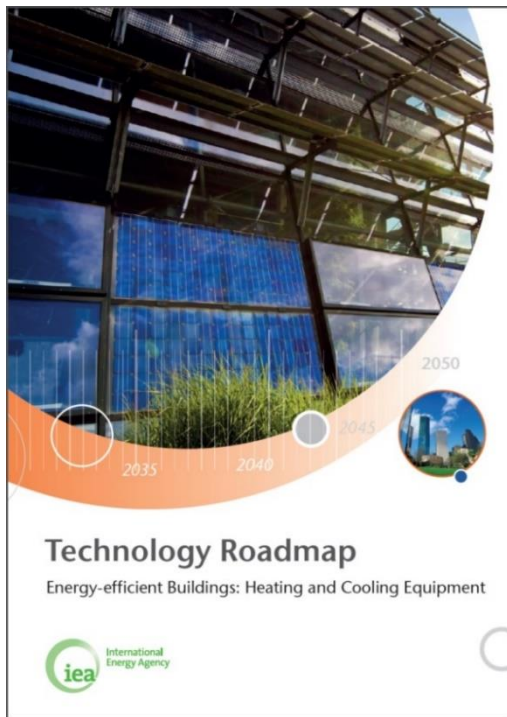
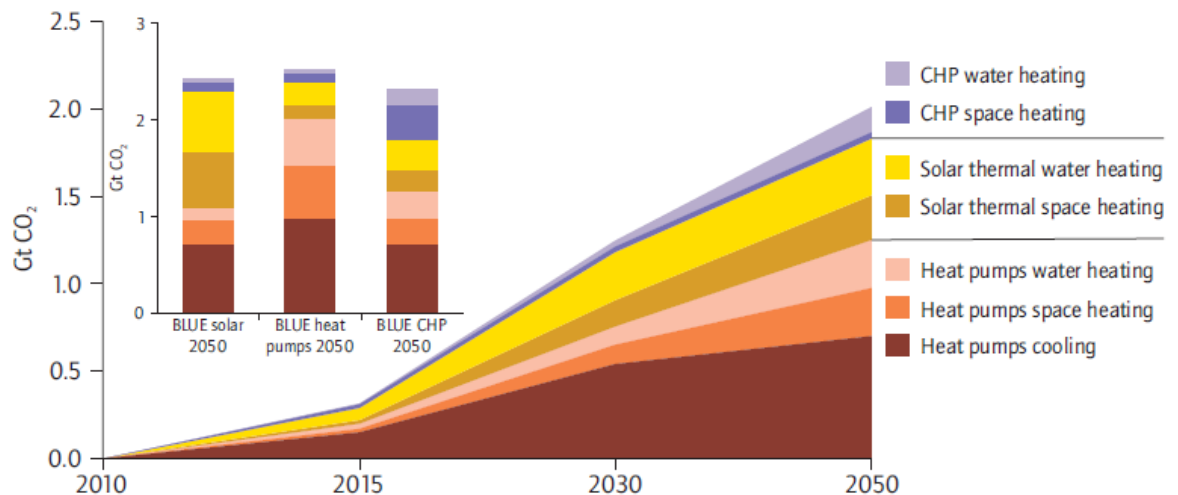


Figure 7: Heating and cooling technologies' contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction (BLUE Map and alternative scenarios)



Note: Excludes the impact of improved building shells on reducing heating and cooling loads.

**KEY POINT:** Energy-efficient and low/zero carbon technologies for heating and cooling save 2 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050.

2011 International Energy Agency Report

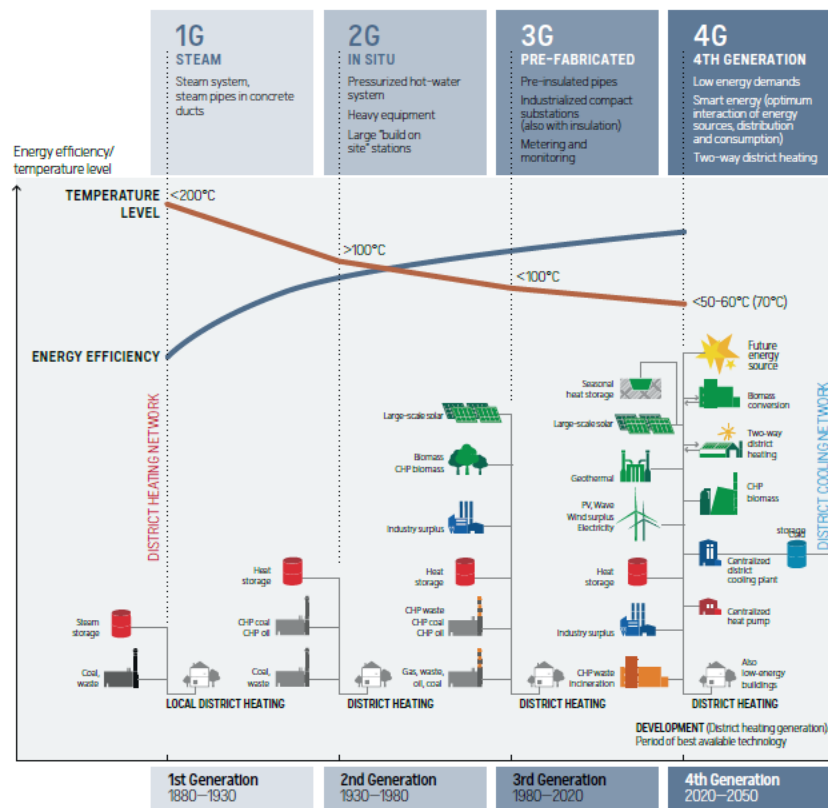


# Technology Roadmap for the Future

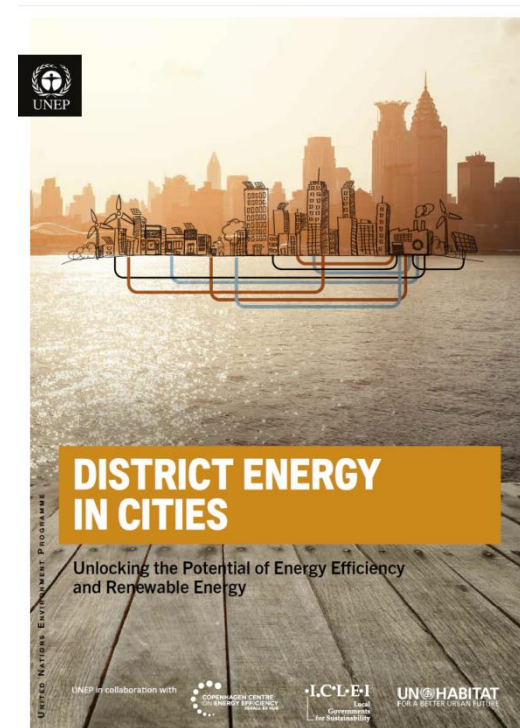
## SESI 4<sup>th</sup> Generation energy system:

- Centralized heat recovery/heat pump
- Hot and cold thermal energy storage
- Low temperature
- Powered by renewable electricity

FIGURE 1.3 Historical development of district energy networks, to the modern day and into the future



Source: Aalborg University and Danfoss District Energy, 2014



2015 United Nations Report

# Waste Heat Discarded from Cardinal Cogeneration Plant

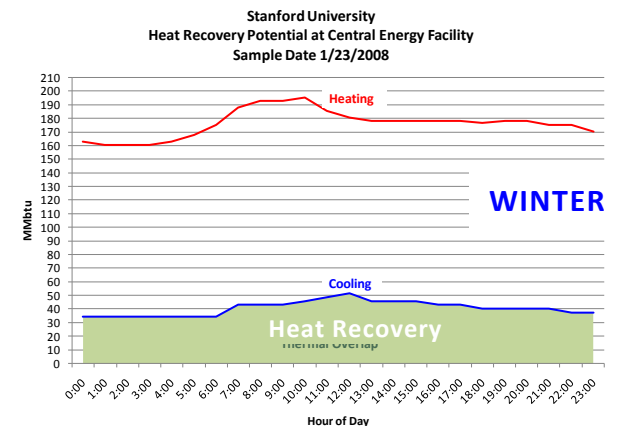
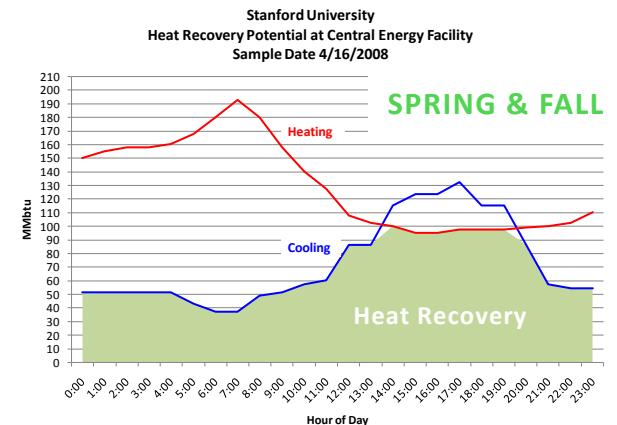
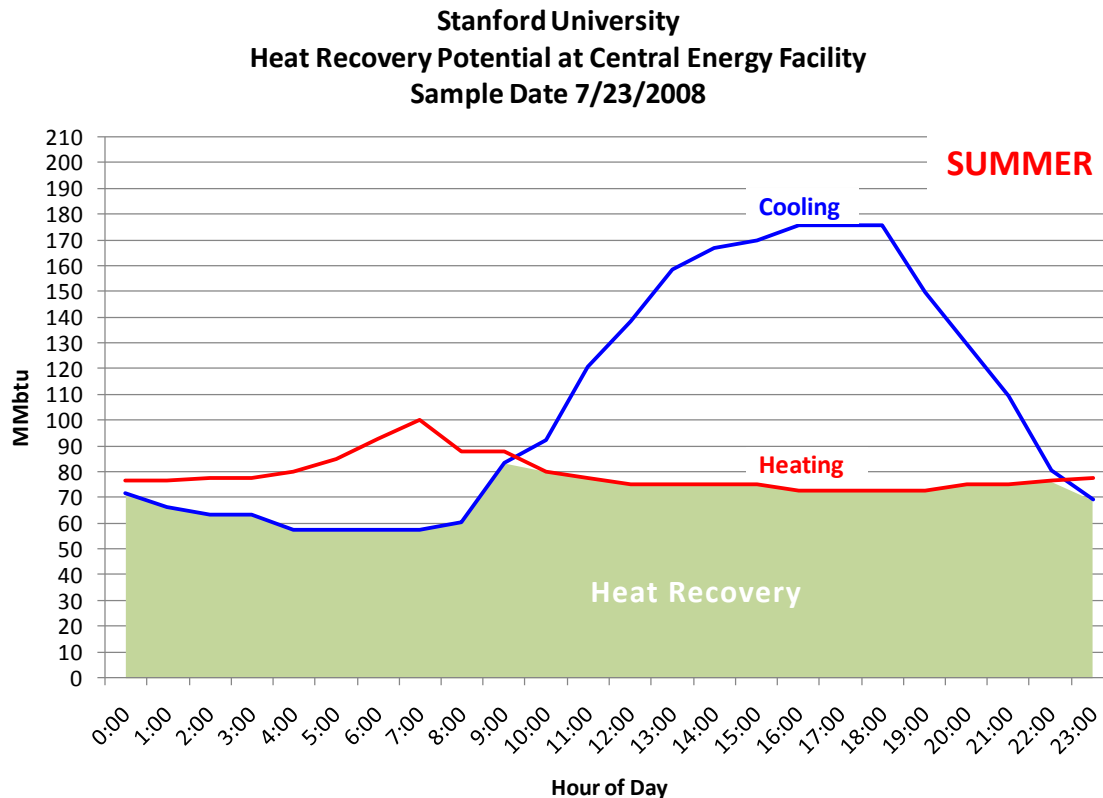


Energy can neither be created nor destroyed,  
but only changed from one form to another.  
- *First Law of Thermodynamics*

# Why Heat Recovery is Possible

- We heat and cool buildings at the same time
- Cooling is just the collection of unwanted heat

Stanford can recover **65%** of the heat now discharged from the cooling system to meet **80%** of campus heating demands.



Source: Stanford University, Draft Energy & Climate Plan (April 2009)



# Planning Aspects of the SESI Project

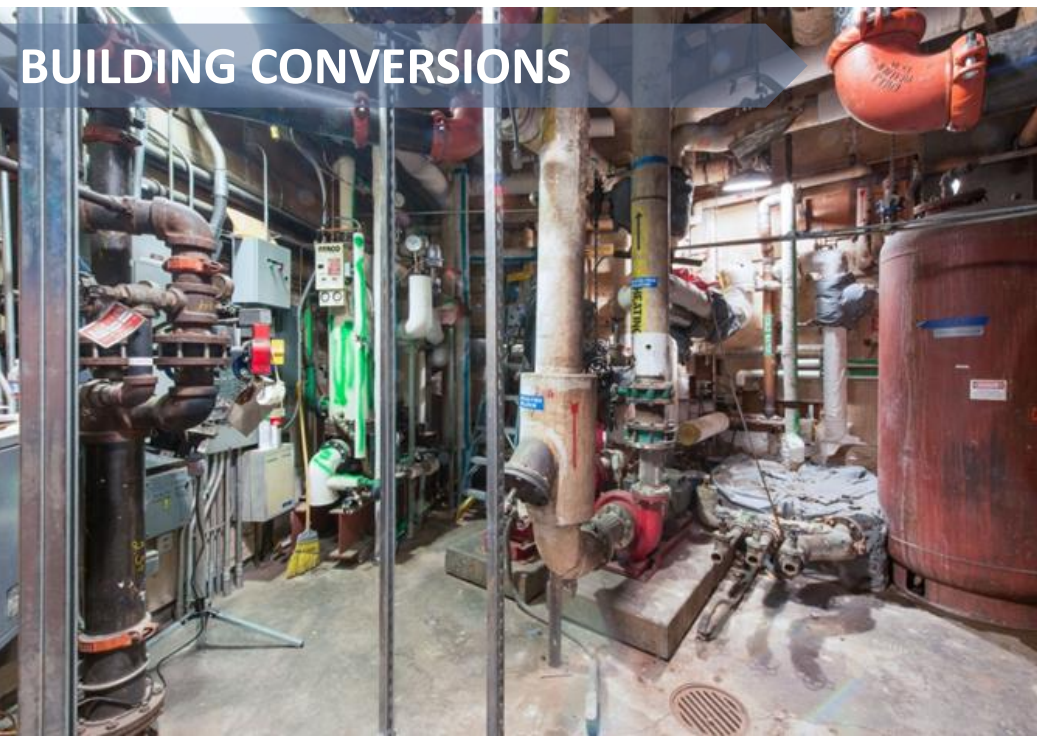
CENTRAL PLANT



PIPING DISTRIBUTION



BUILDING CONVERSIONS



SUBSTATION





# Thermal Energy Storage

- Decoupling generation & load
- Thermal battery system





# Production Equipment

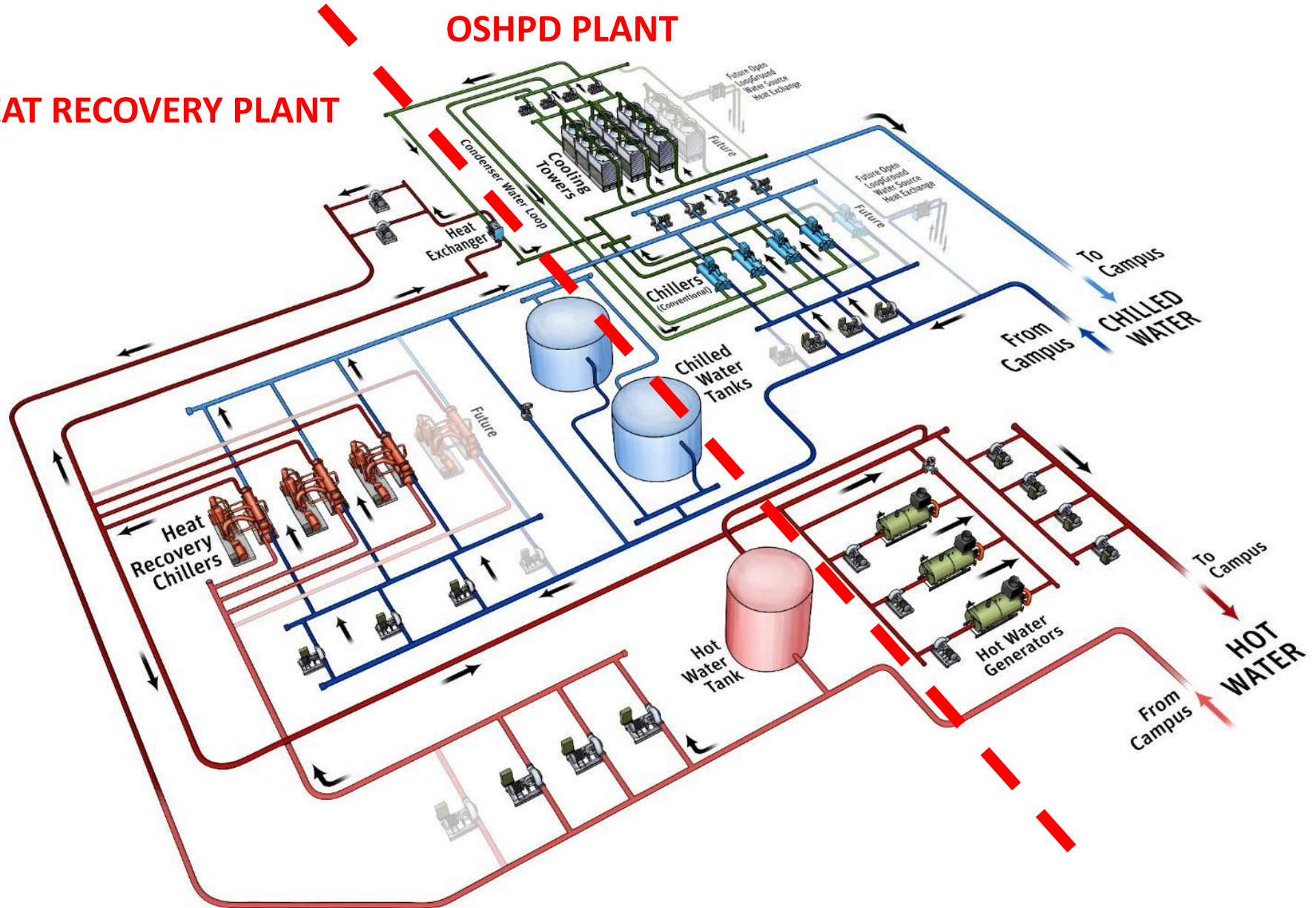




# Final Solution: Schematic

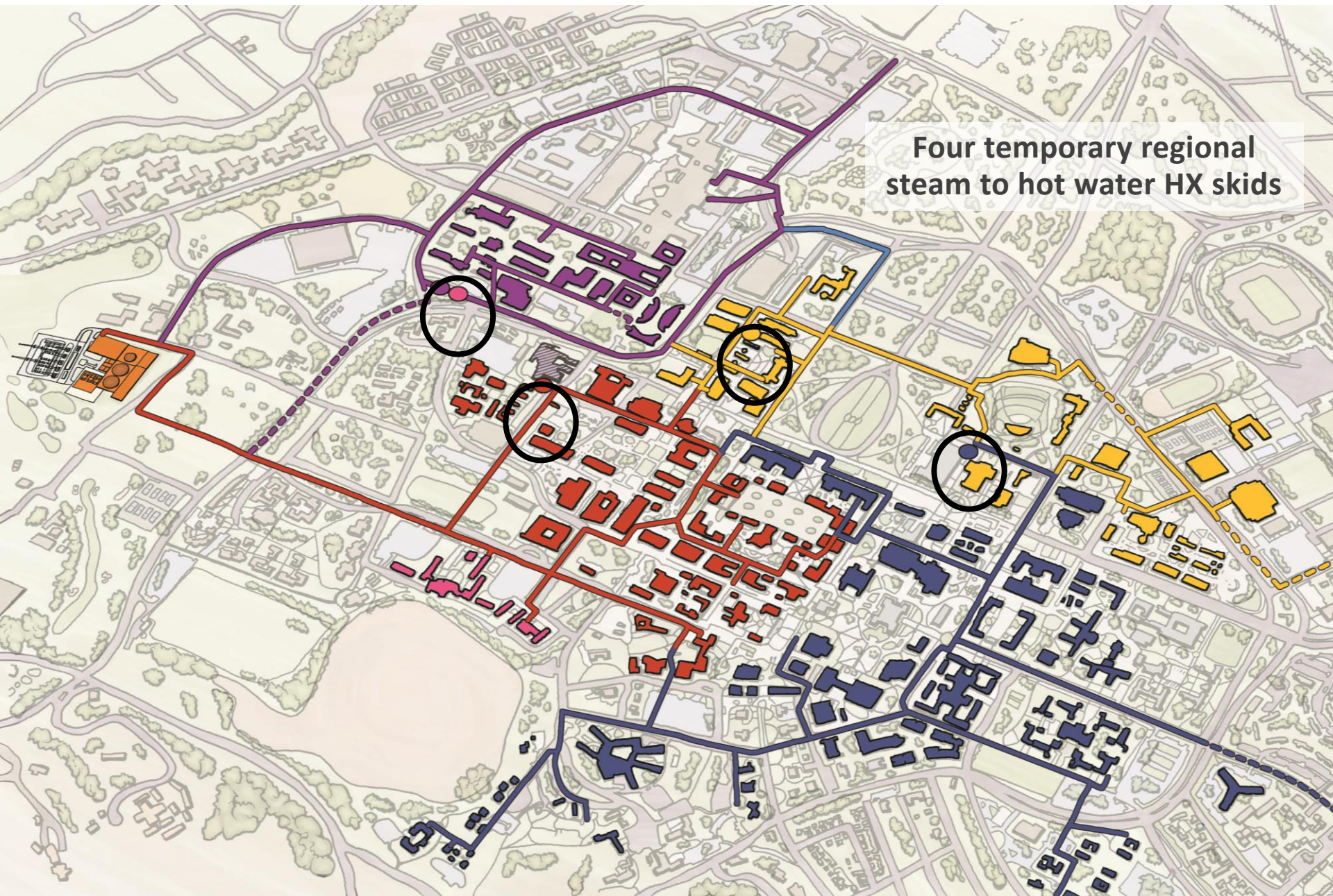
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HEAT RECOVERY PLANT





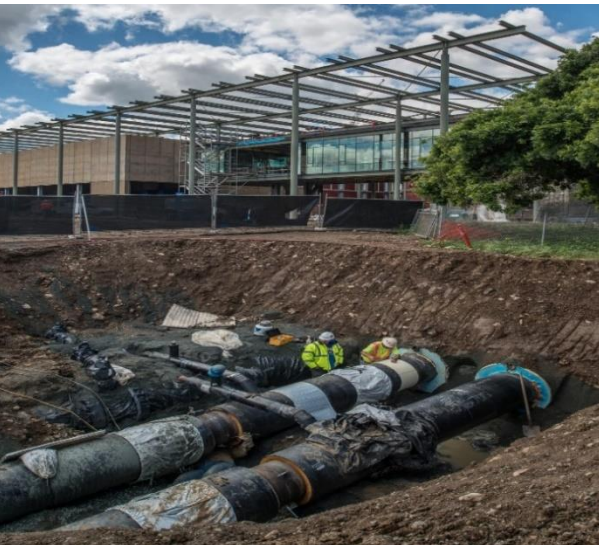
# Building Conversion & Thermal Distribution





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- Shallow Bury
- Self-Restrained
- Direct Bury Valves
- Eliminated Vaults
- Chemical Free WT





# Building Distribution



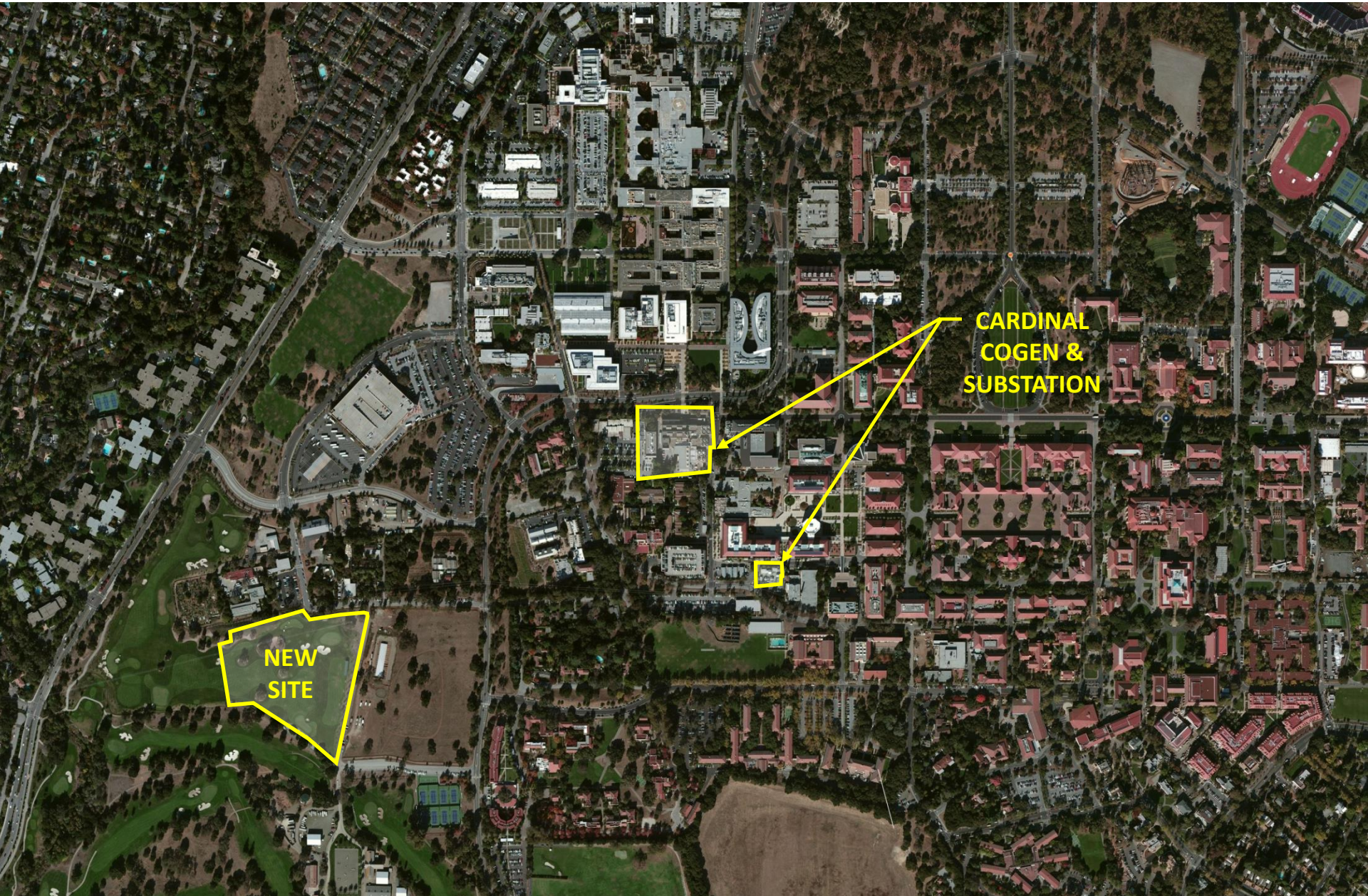


# After Building Conversion



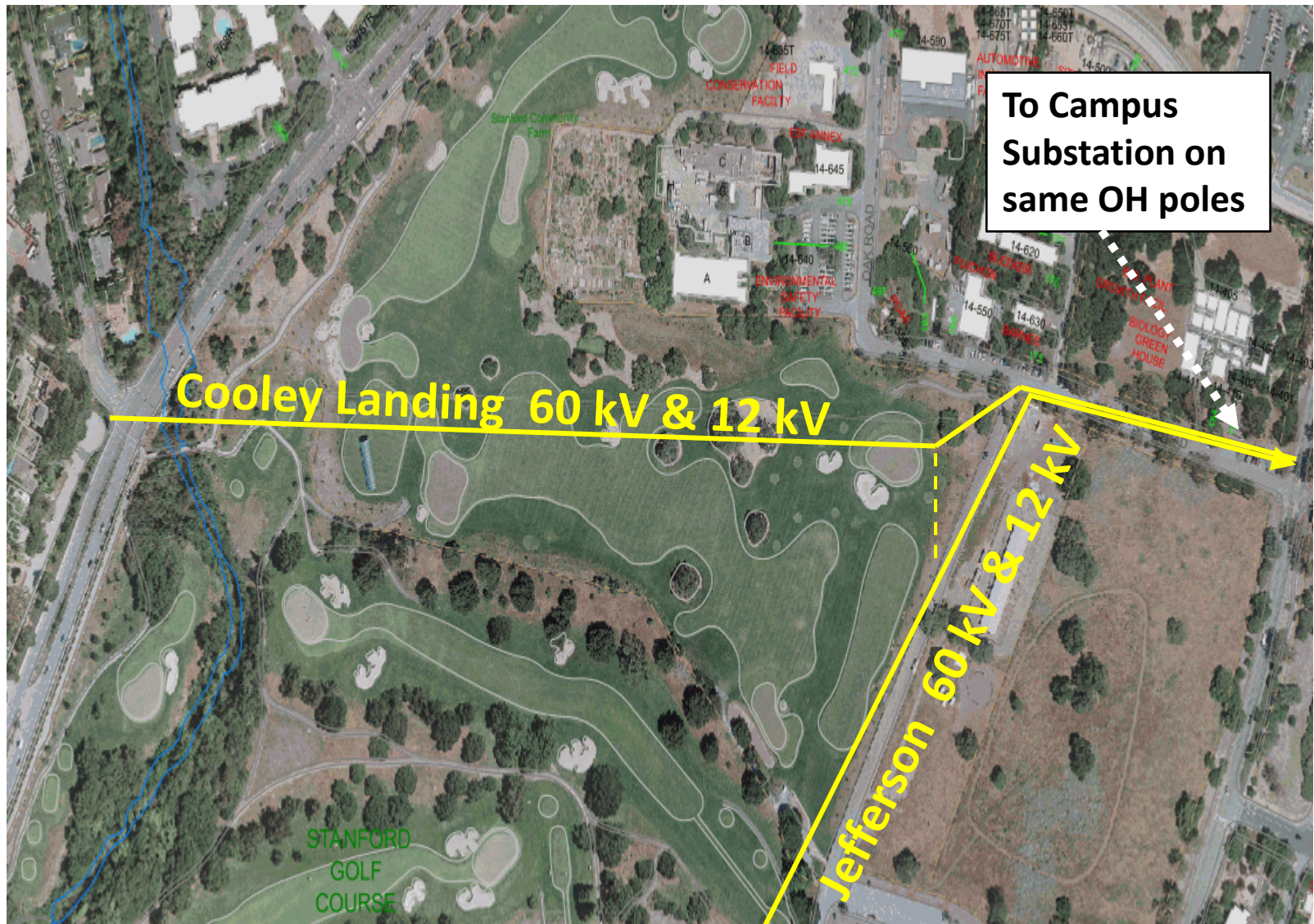


# Substation Planning



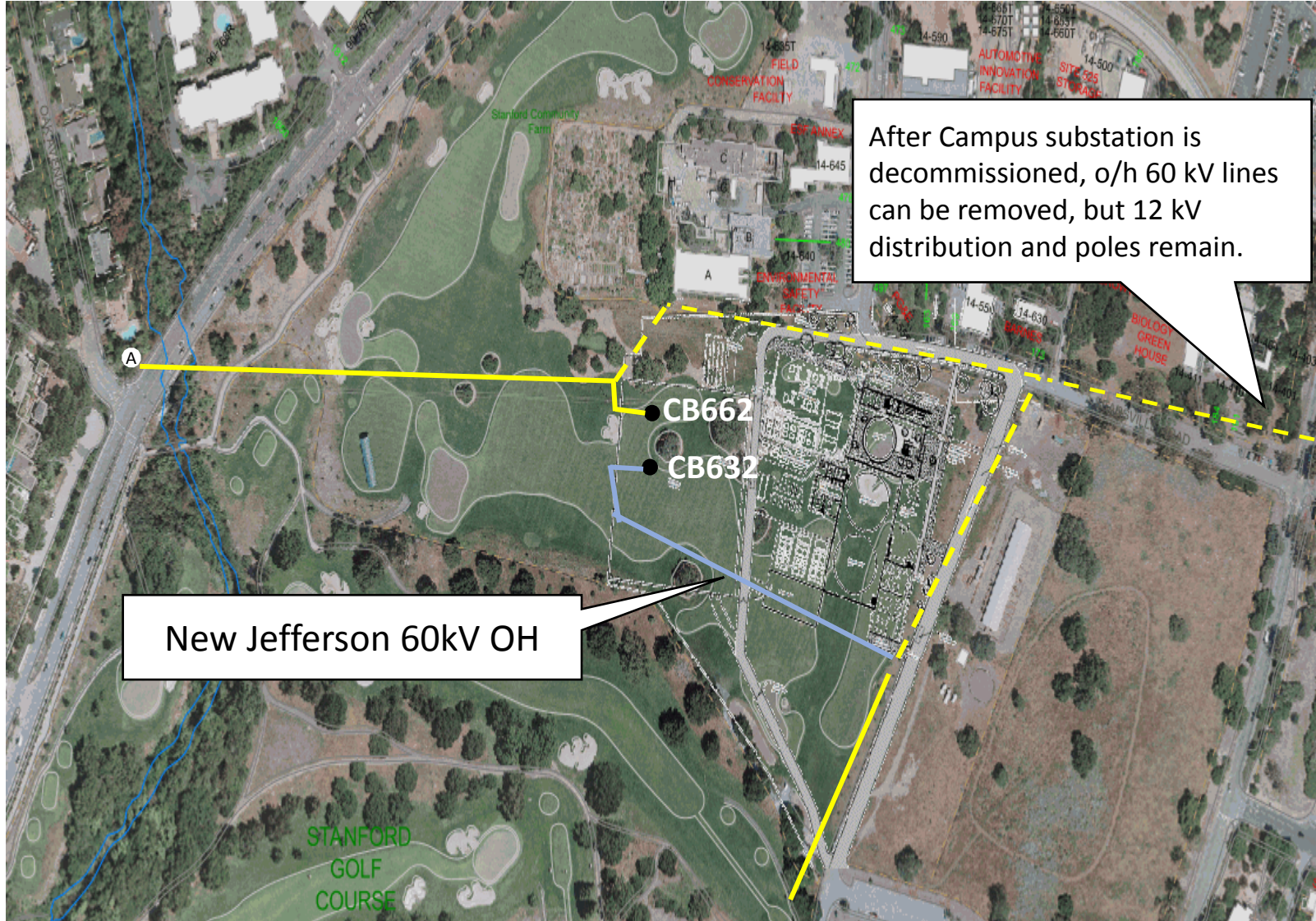


# Substation Planning





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# System Performance

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HRC & Gas – June 2015 thru May 2016

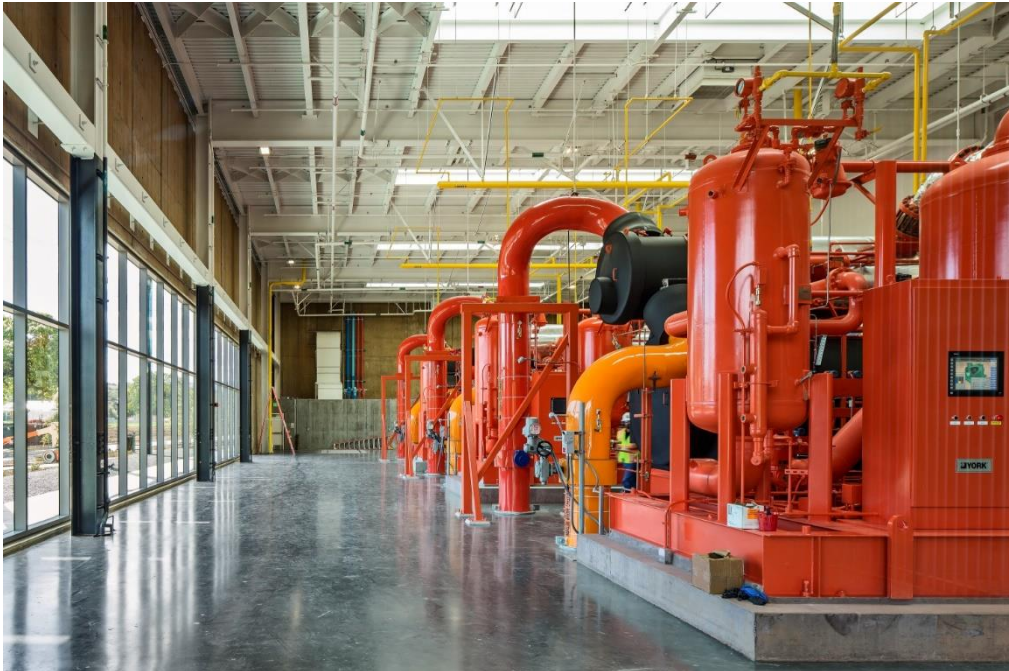
Add note of % by HR, CH & B

Add info on current vs. projected \$/mmbtu of  
heating & cooling

# System Performance

## System Start-Up Challenges

- Hot Water Return Temperature & HRC
- Large Bore Pipe Mixing Issues
- Active Commissioning...
- Operator Training for Heat Recovery System





A photograph of a modern building courtyard. The building features large glass windows and concrete walls. Inside, orange industrial equipment is visible. A small green tree stands in the courtyard. The word "Questions" is overlaid in large white text.

# Questions

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# Major Project Contributors

Stanford recognizes some of the many innovative companies and individuals from around the world that collaborated to help create SESI:

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| <b>Architect</b>                         | ZGF Architects LLP   |
| <b>Structural Engineer</b>               | Rutherford + Chekene   |
| <b>Civil Engineer</b>                    | BKF  |
| <b>General Contractor</b>                | Whiting-Turner   |
| <b>EXCAVATION</b>                        | Top Grade Construction   |
| <b>MECHANICAL</b>                        | ACCO   |
| <b>ELECTRICAL (PLANT)</b>                | Rosendin Electric  |
| <b>ELECTRICAL (SUBSTATION)</b>           | Contra Costa Electric  |
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| <b>Equipment Suppliers</b>               |  |
| <b>HEAT RECOVERY CHILLERS/CHILLERS</b>   | York   |
| <b>HOT WATER GENERATORS</b>              | RF MacDonald/Cleaver Brooks  |
| <b>THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE TANKS</b>      | Pacific Tank   |
| <b>COOLING TOWERS</b>                    | Baltimore Air Coil   |
| <b>HOT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM</b>     | Logstor  |
| <b>BUILDING HEAT EXCHANGERS</b>          | Alfa Laval   |
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| <b>PUMPS</b>                             | Goulds   |