

# Case Studies in West Coast Community Energy:

Stanford University, UCDSC and the University of Washington

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# Agenda

- Drivers for Community Energy Review
- Case Studies
- Conclusions





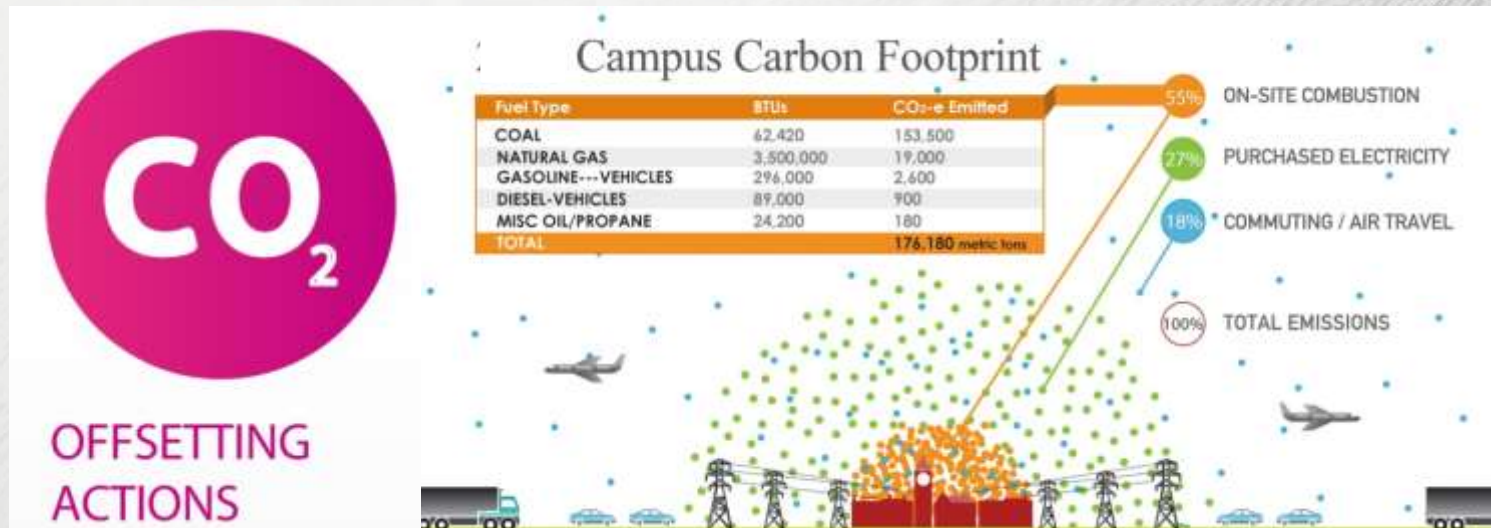
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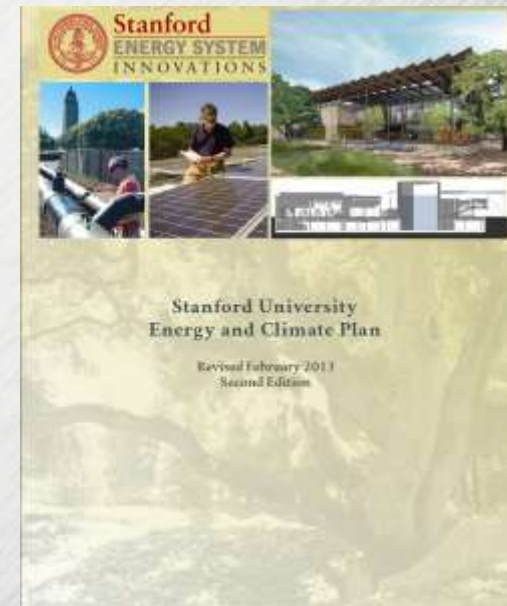
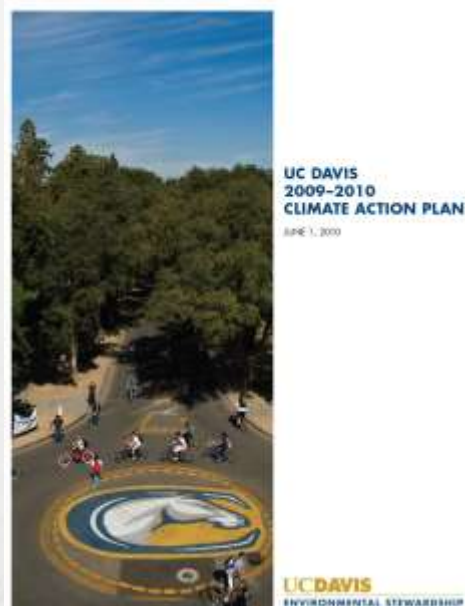
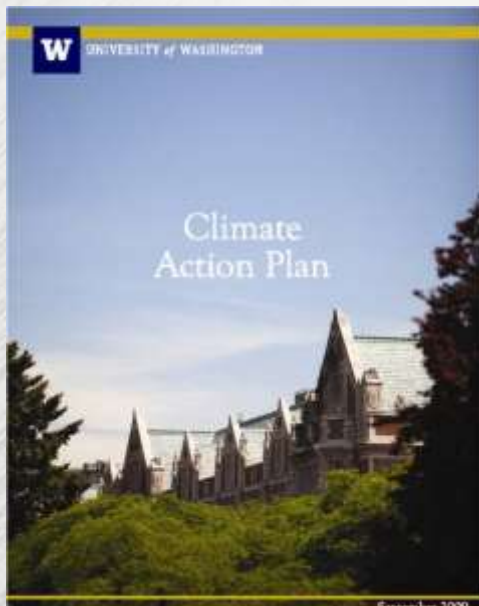
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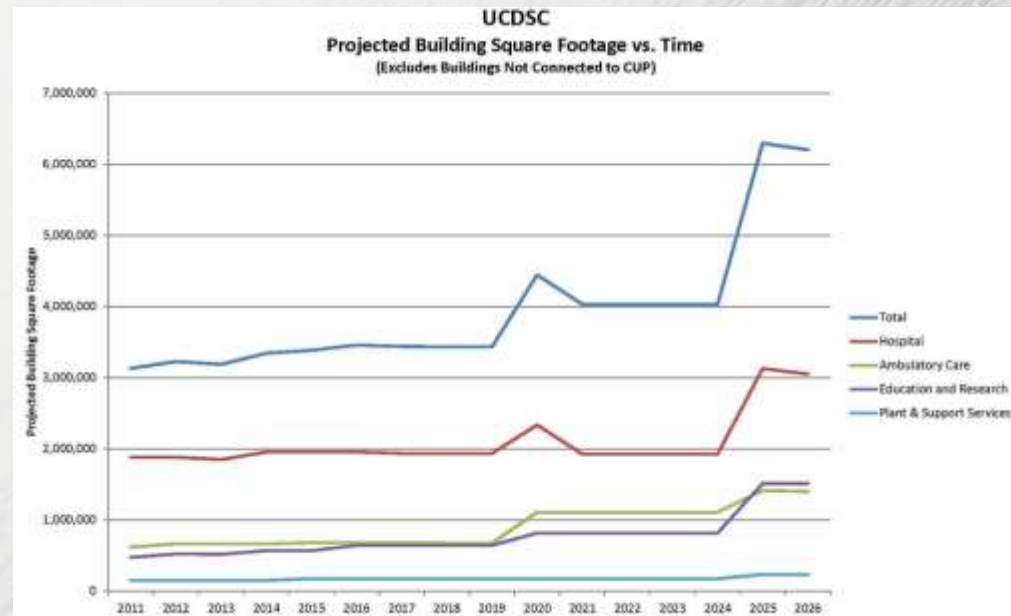
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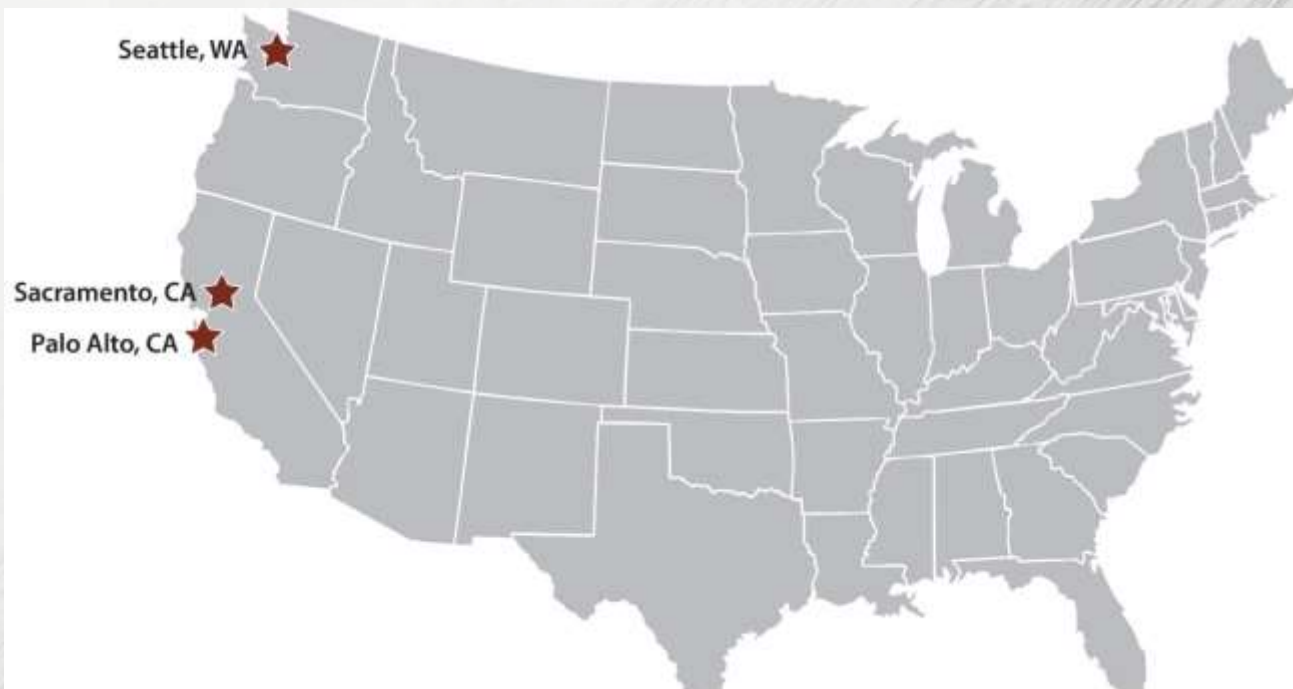
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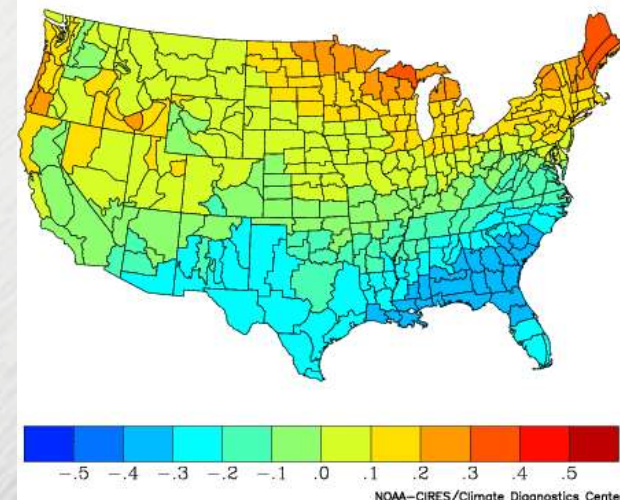
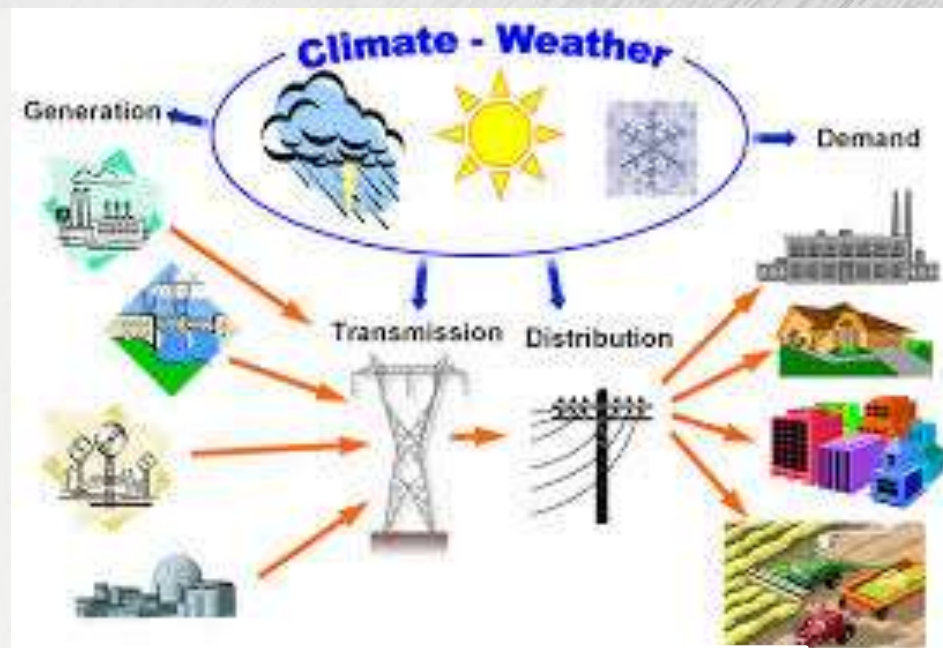
- University of Washington, Seattle, WA
  - South of Pacific Master Infrastructure Review
- UC Davis Sacramento Campus, Sacramento, CA
  - Utilities Master Plan
- Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
  - Stanford Energy Systems Innovations (SESI)





# Climate

- Seattle
  - 85/65 F Cooling
  - 24 F Heating
- Sacramento, CA
  - 100/70 F Cooling
  - 31 F Heating
- Palo Alto, CA
  - 93/67 F Cooling
  - 36 F Heating



# U of Washington South Campus

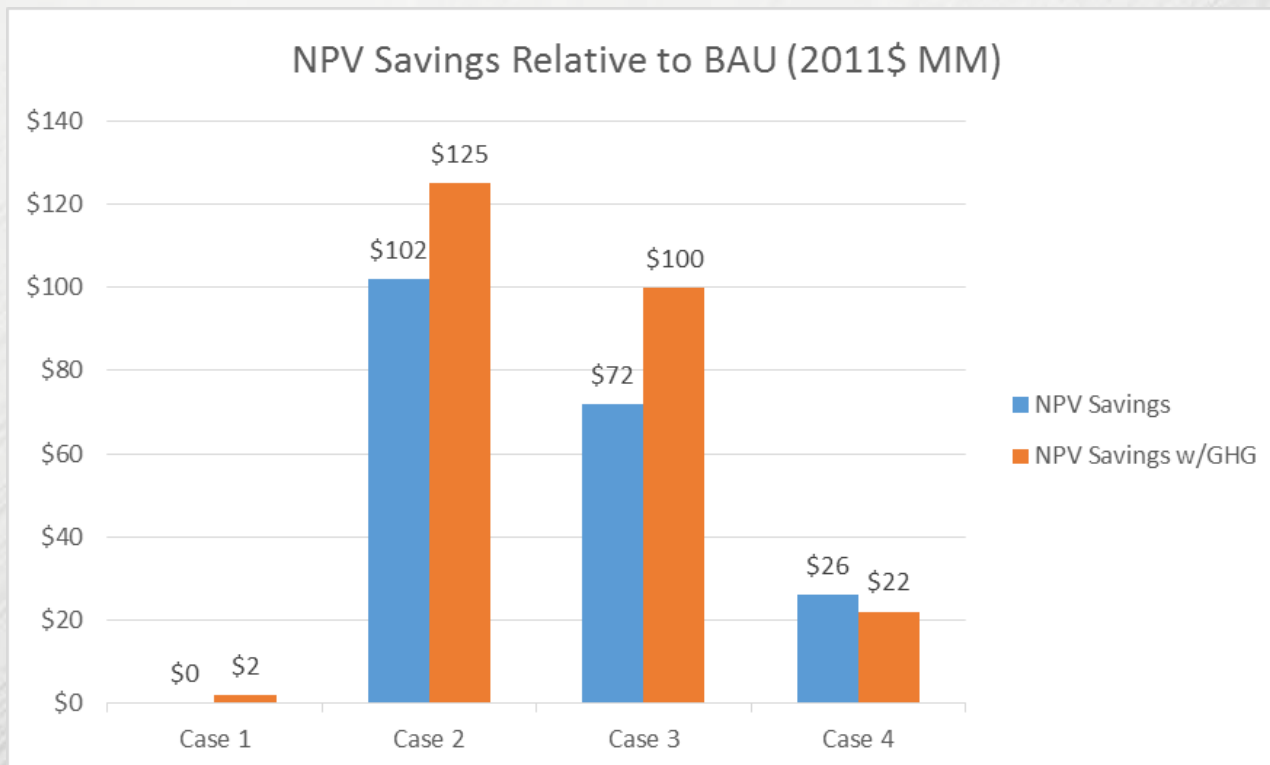
- Options Studied
  - Business as Usual
    - Distributed Chilled Water Generation
    - Campus Steam Heating
  - Case 1
    - Conventional Central Chiller Plant
    - Maintain Campus Steam Use
  - Case 2
    - Heat Recovery Chiller for Base Heating and Cooling Loads
    - Conventional Chiller Plant for Chilled Water Peaks
    - Maintain Campus Steam for Heating peaks
  - Case 3
    - High-pressure steam biomass boilers backpressure steam turbine cogeneration
  - Case 4
    - Same as Case 3 with NG boilers





# U of Washington South Campus

- Case 2 – Heat Recovery Chiller Option yields greatest savings relative to BAU
- Case 3 – Cogeneration with biomass also yields high savings



# UCDSC - Utility Master Plan

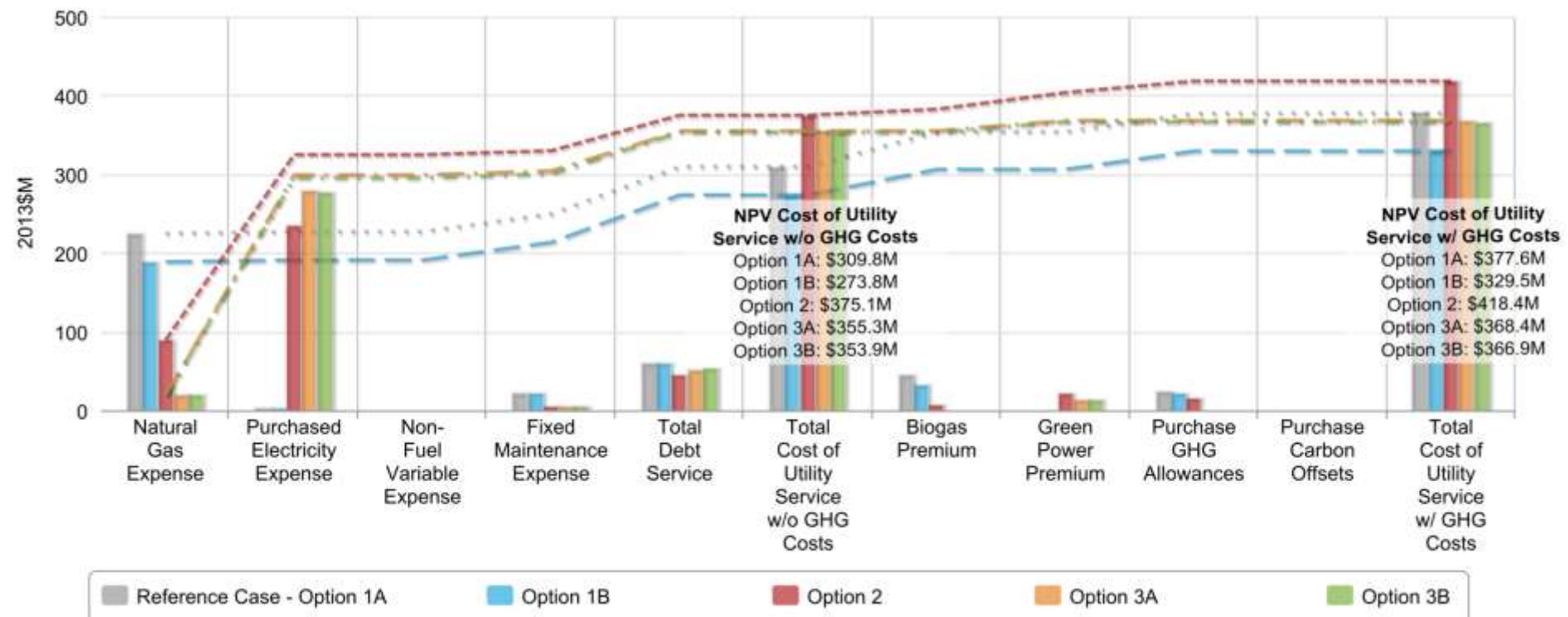
- Options
  - Business as Usual
    - NG Turbine Cogeneration (25 MW)
    - Absorption chillers use excess steam, electric chiller topping
    - All campus power generation by turbine
  - Option 1A
    - Optimize Existing Cogen System
  - Option 2
    - Decommission NG turbine
    - Conventional boiler chiller plant w/ utility power
  - Option 3A
    - Decommission turbine
    - Heat recovery chiller system for base heating and cooling
    - Conventional boilers and chillers for peak loads
    - Utility power
  - Option 3B





# UCDSC -Utility Master Plan

- Option 1B (Optimize existing cogeneration) has lowest NPV cost
- Heat recovery chiller options better than existing cogen operating scenario (w/GHG cost included)

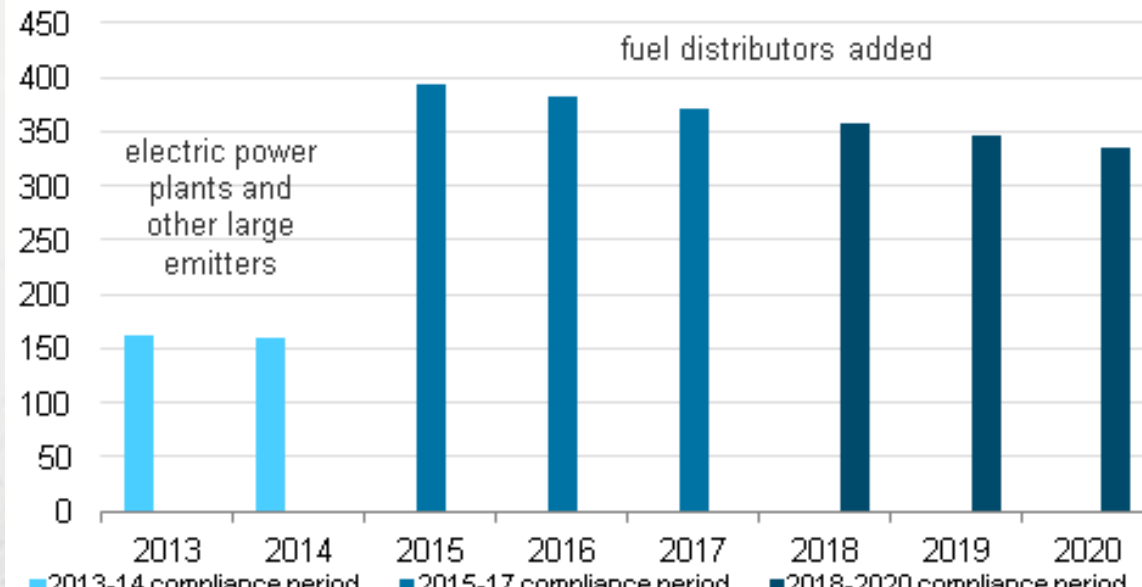


## Cal EPA ARB Cap & Trade

- Applies to users over 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr
- Allowances are made available at auction
- Allowance quantity is slowly reduced over time (3% per year)

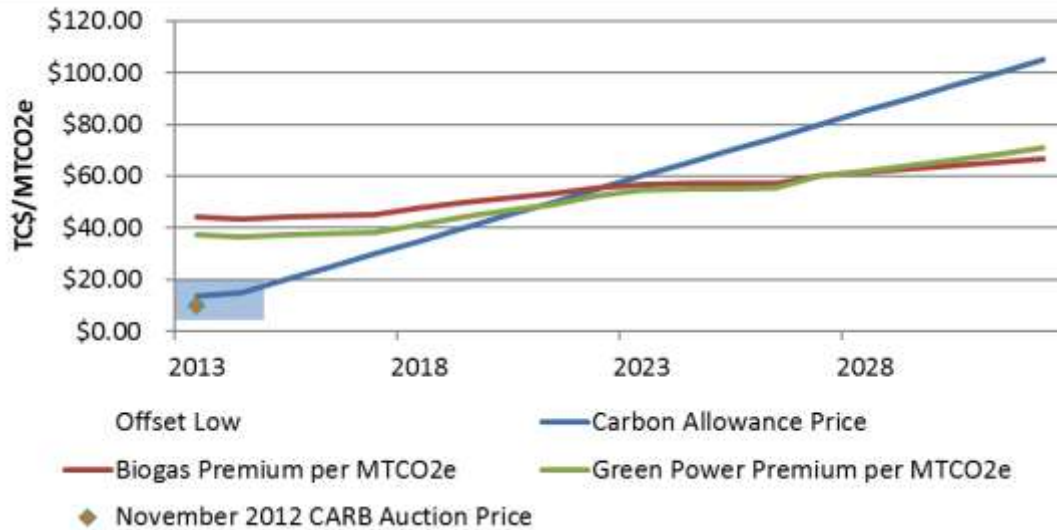
**California emissions caps by year**

million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent



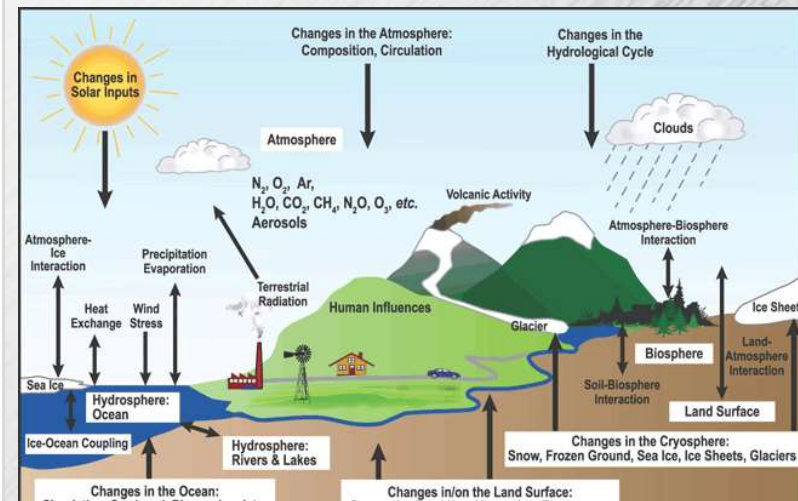
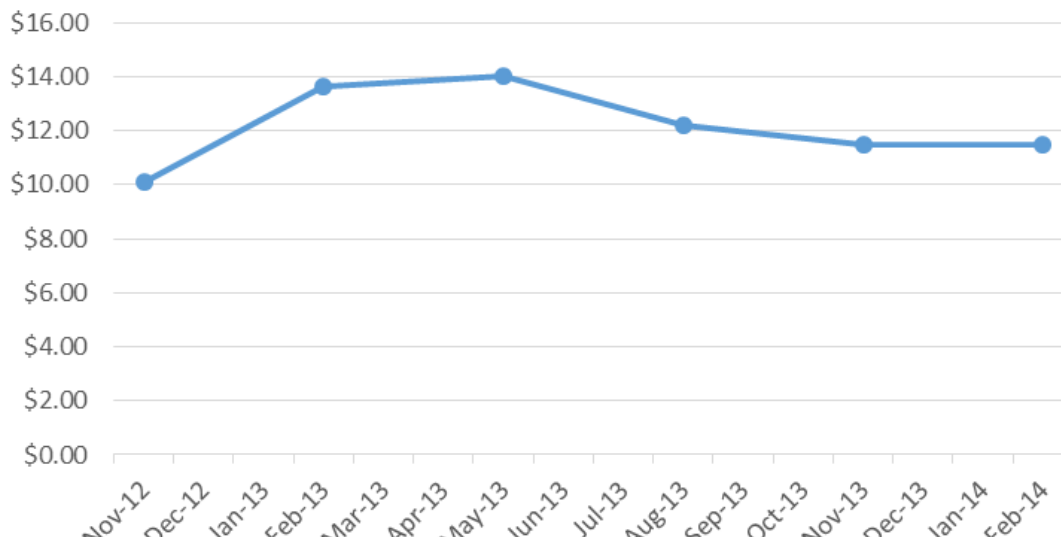


# CARB Cap & Trade



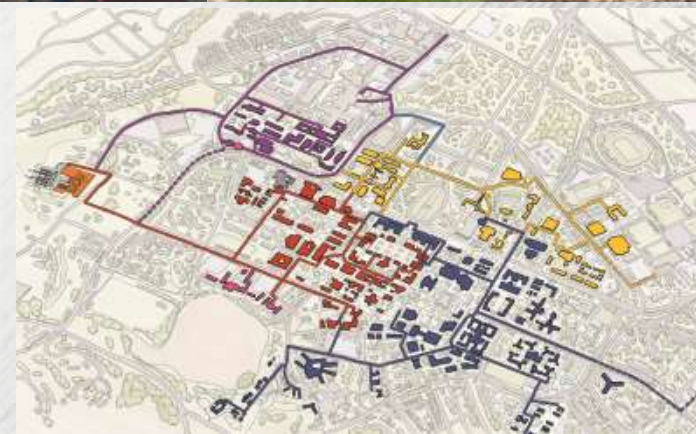
- UCDSC analysis assumed a steep upward trend after the initial startup period
- Initial trend in GHG allowance costs is relatively flat – no obvious trend

CARB Auction Price History



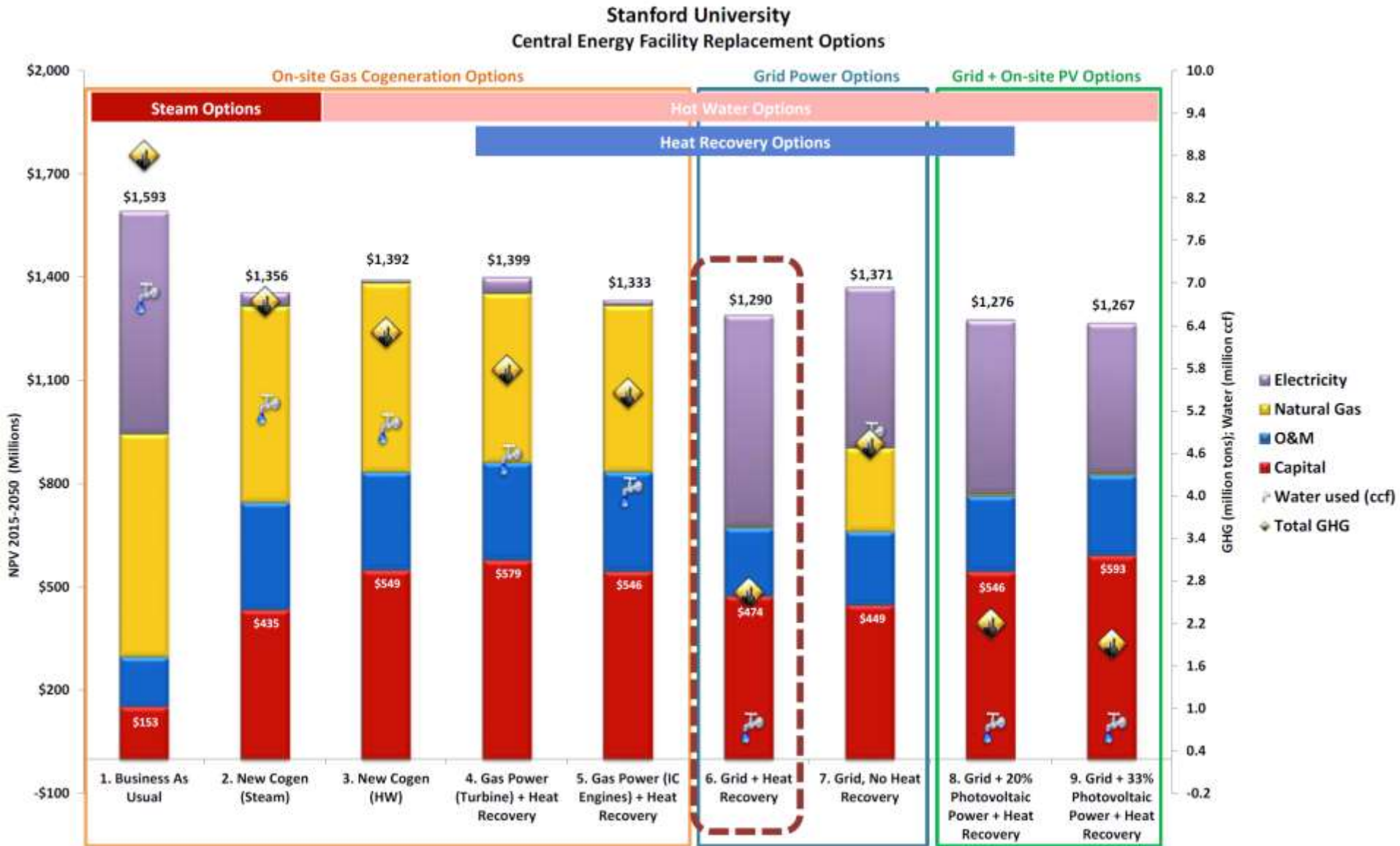
# Stanford: Options Evaluated

- ❑ Cogen Options w/ Steam
  - Business as Usual
  - New CT
- ❑ Cogen Options w/ Hot Water
  - New CT
  - New CT + Heat Recovery
  - New IC Engine + Heat Recovery
- ❑ Grid Power Options w/ Hot Water
  - Grid + Heat Recovery
  - Grid + No Heat Recovery
- ❑ Grid Power + On-Site Solar w/ Hot Water
  - 20% Solar
  - 33% Solar

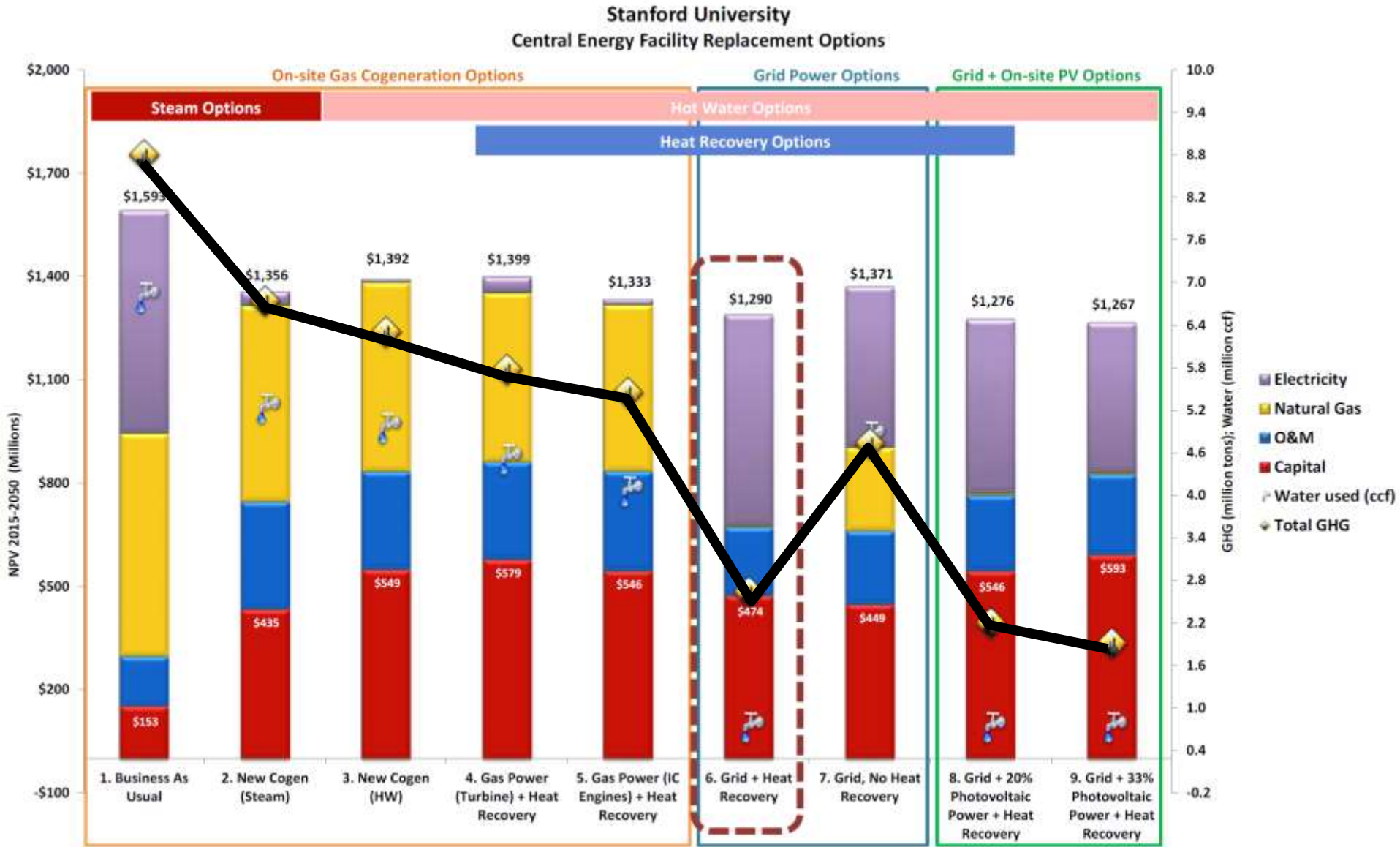




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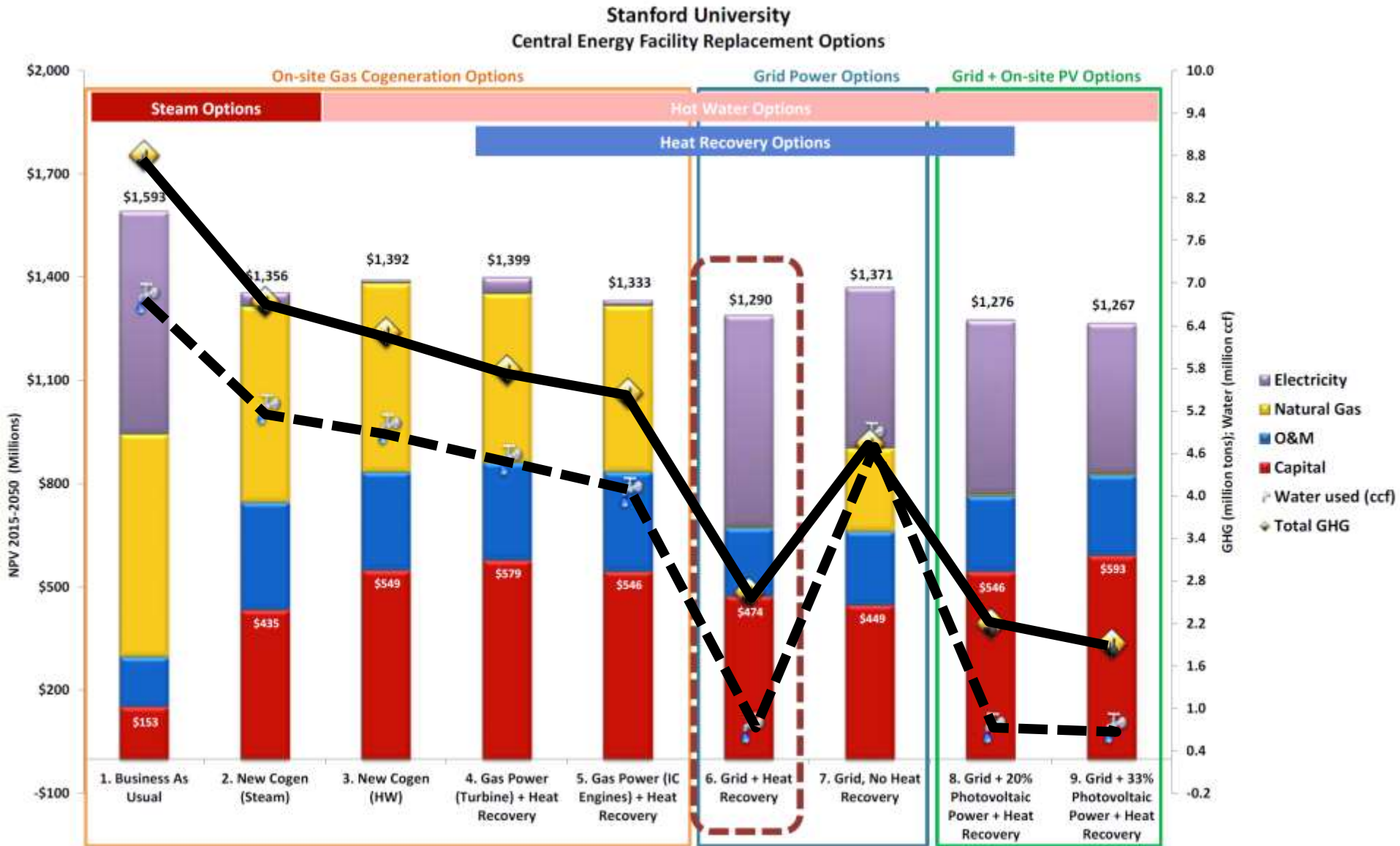


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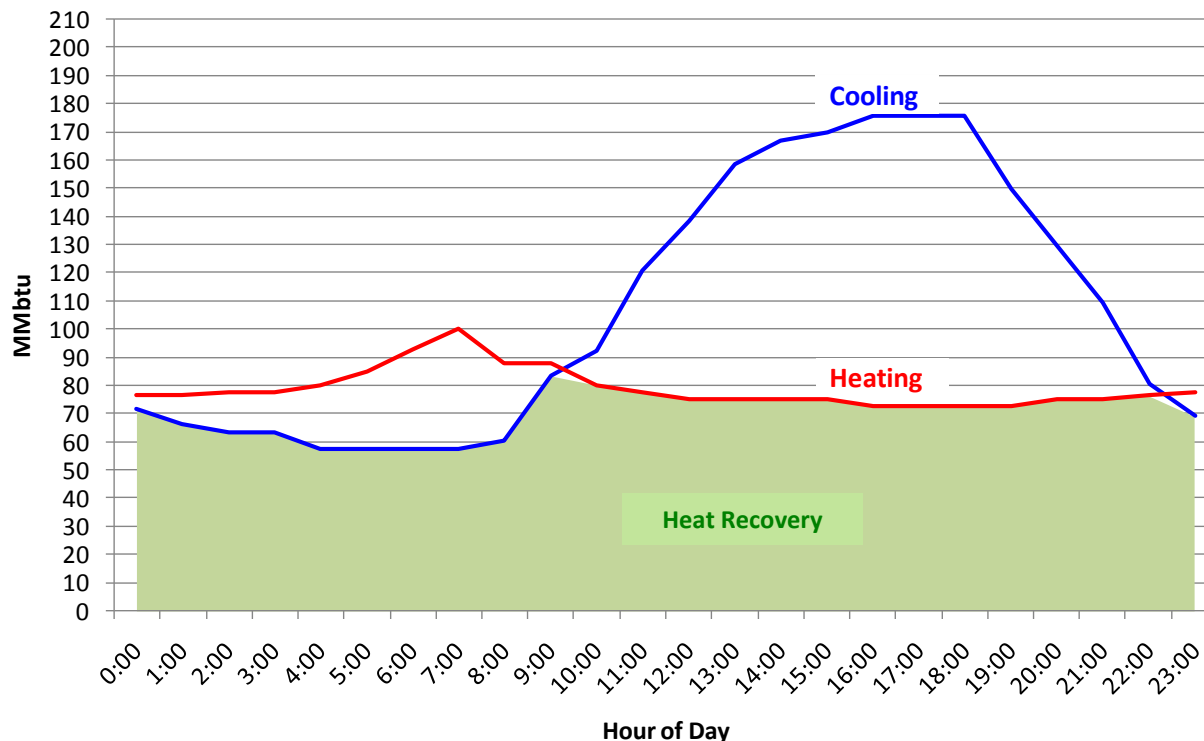
- We heat & cool buildings at the same time
- Cooling is just the collection of unwanted heat

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

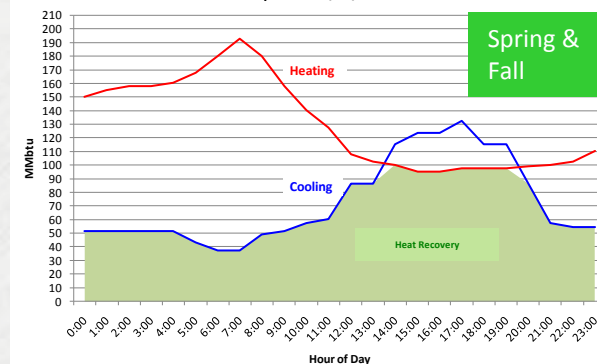
Source: Stanford University  
Draft Energy & Climate Plan (April 2009)

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**Heat Recovery Potential at Central Energy Facility**  
Sample Date 7/23/2008

Summer

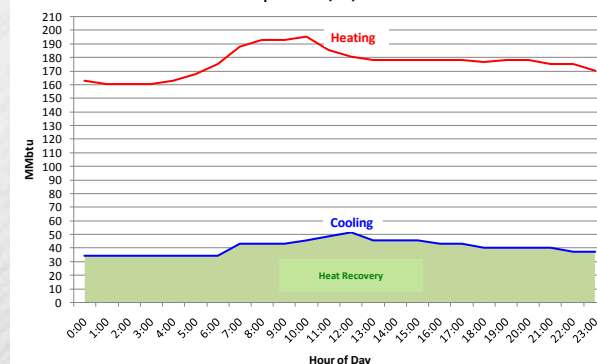


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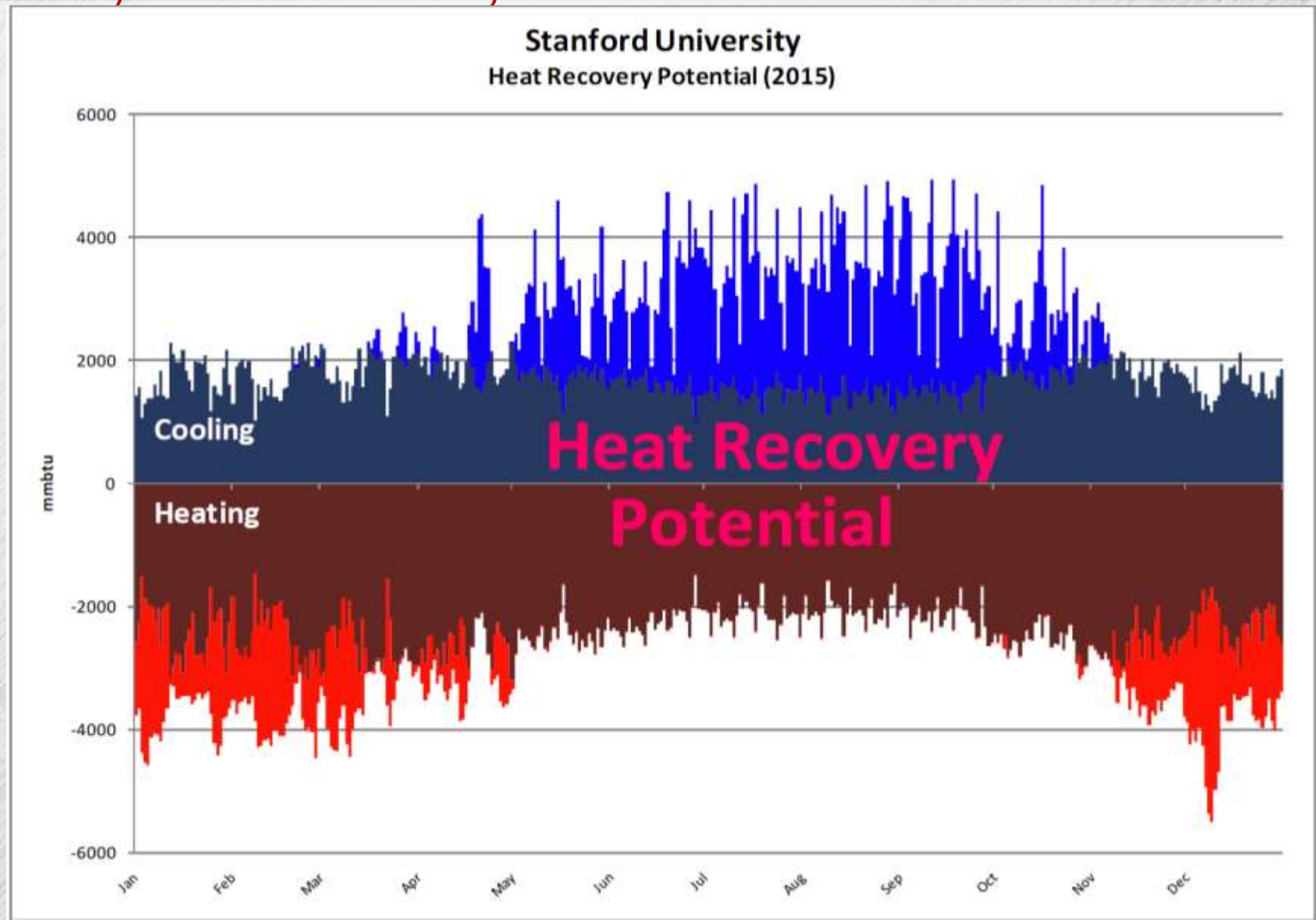
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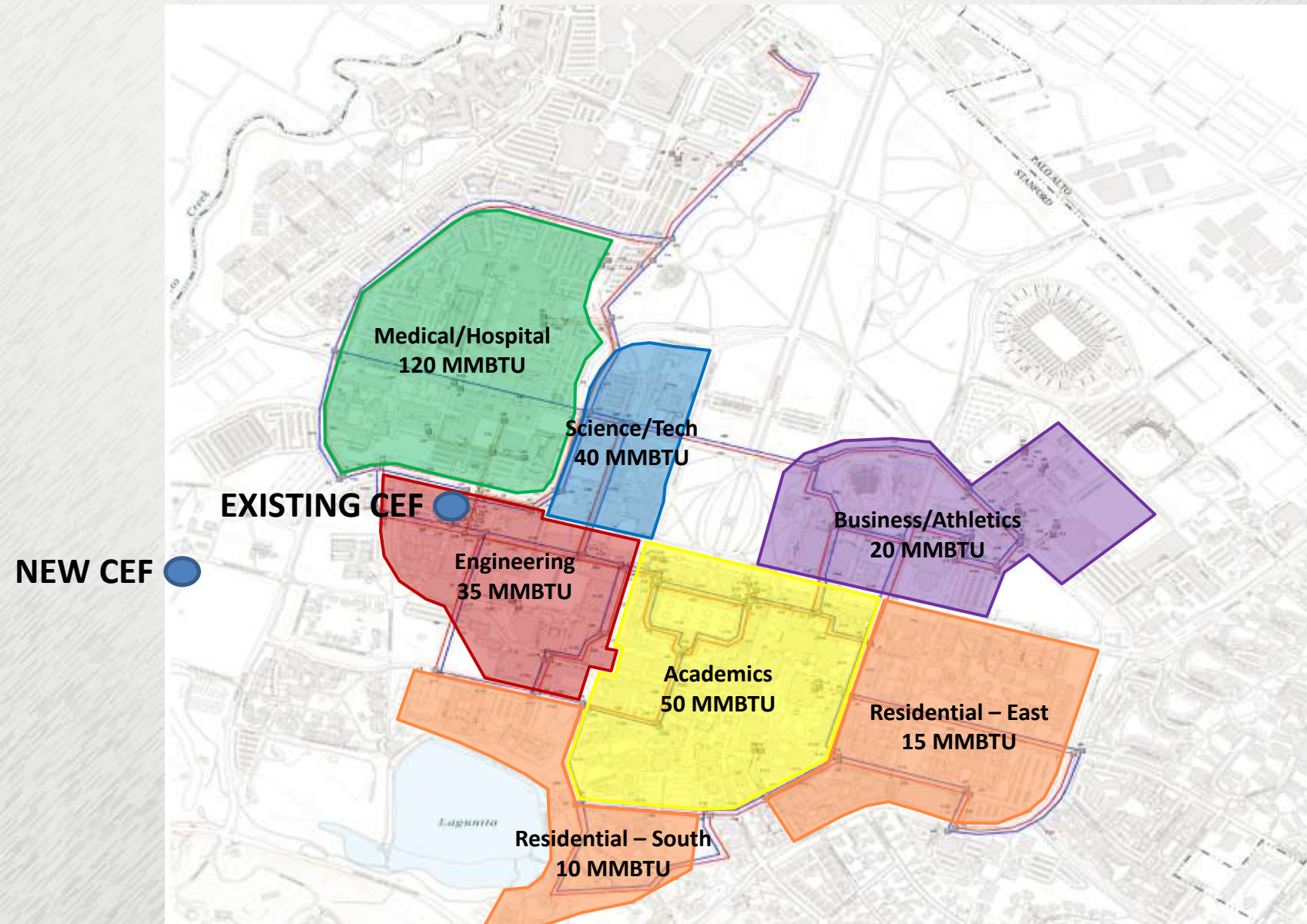




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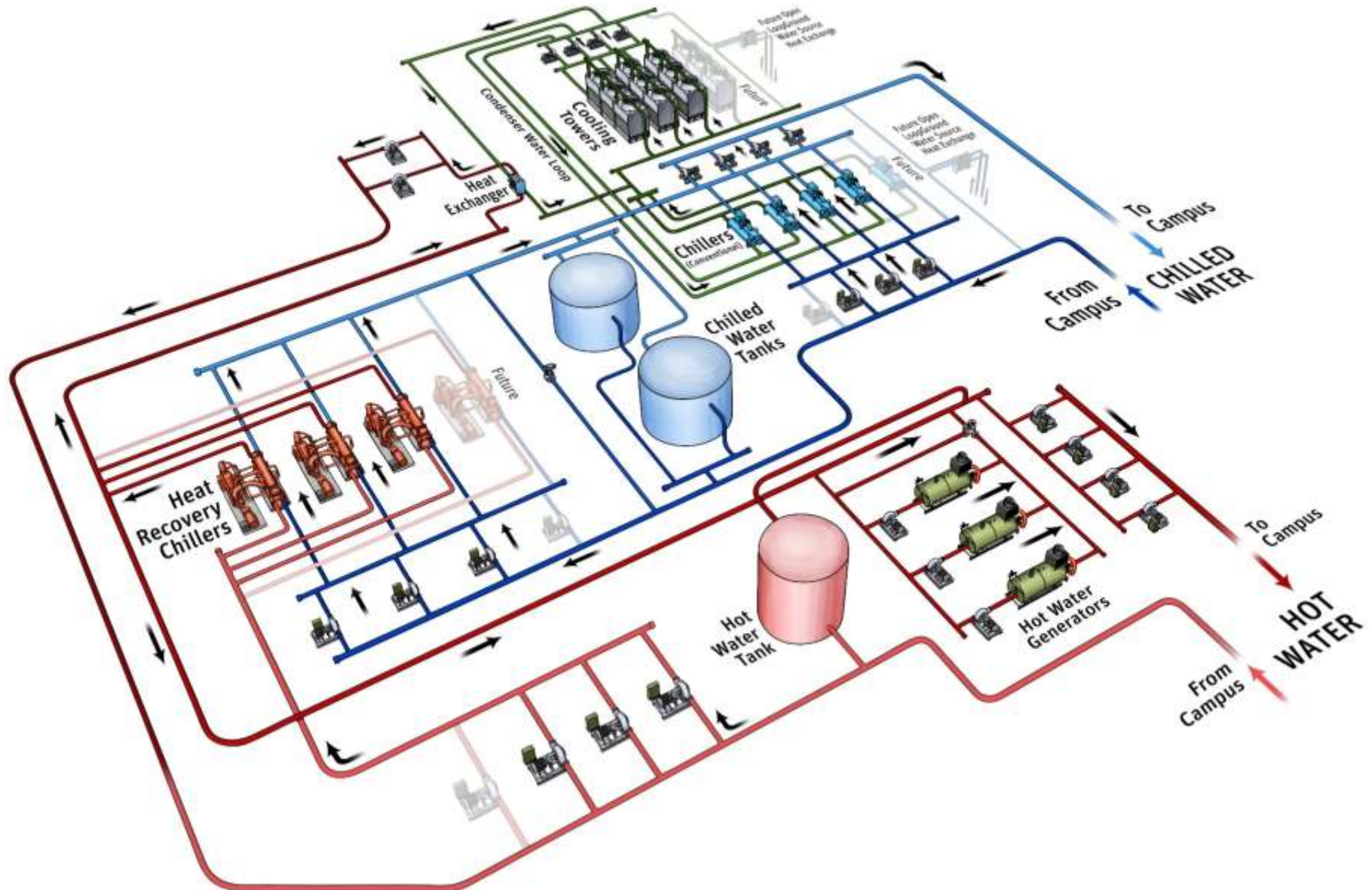


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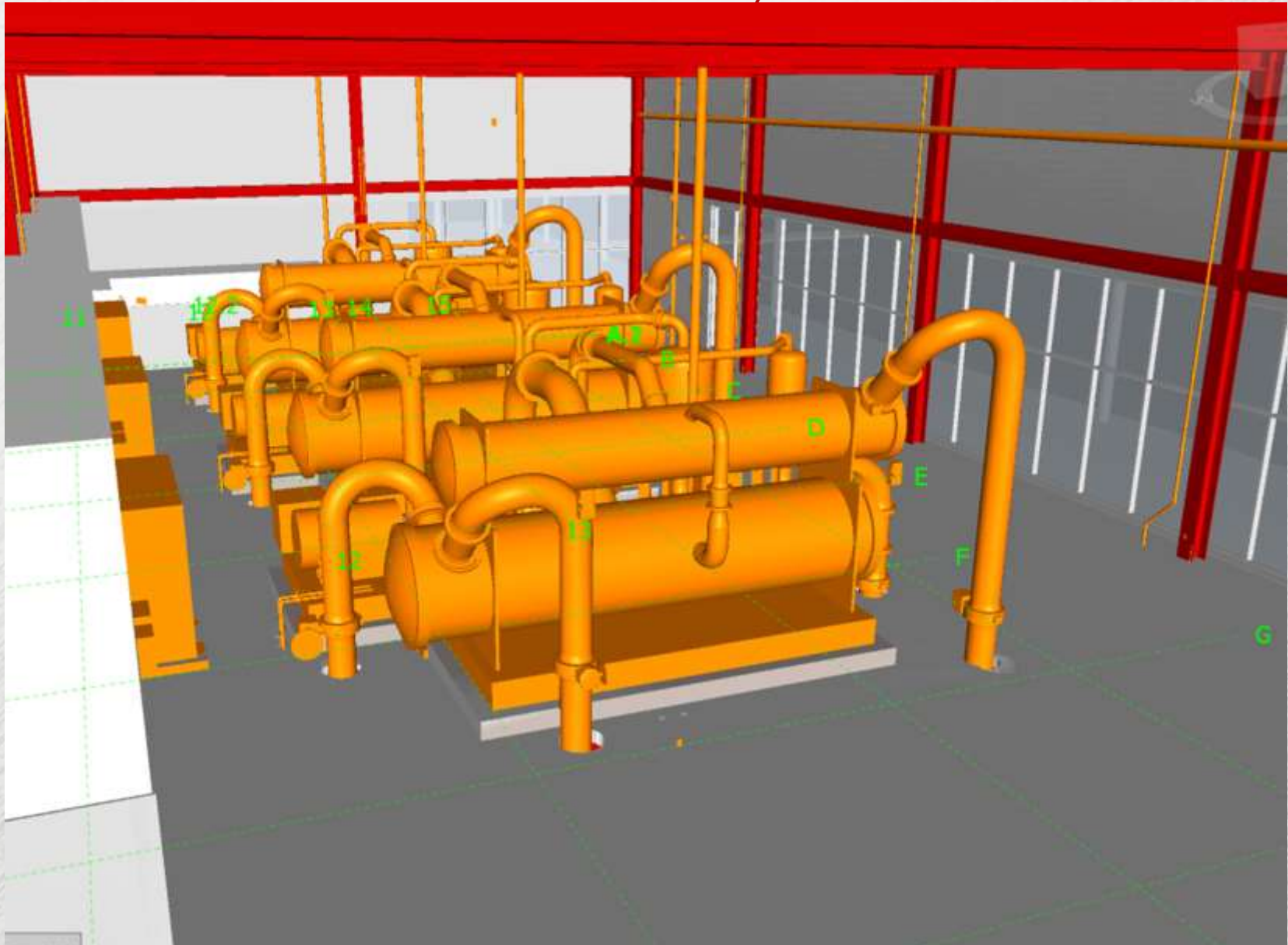
- ☐ Distribution – 80%
- ☐ Building Conversions – 70%
- ☐ CEF
  - Heat Recovery – 80%
  - OSHPD – 50%
- ☐ Substation – 100%

Project Completion  
Spring 2015

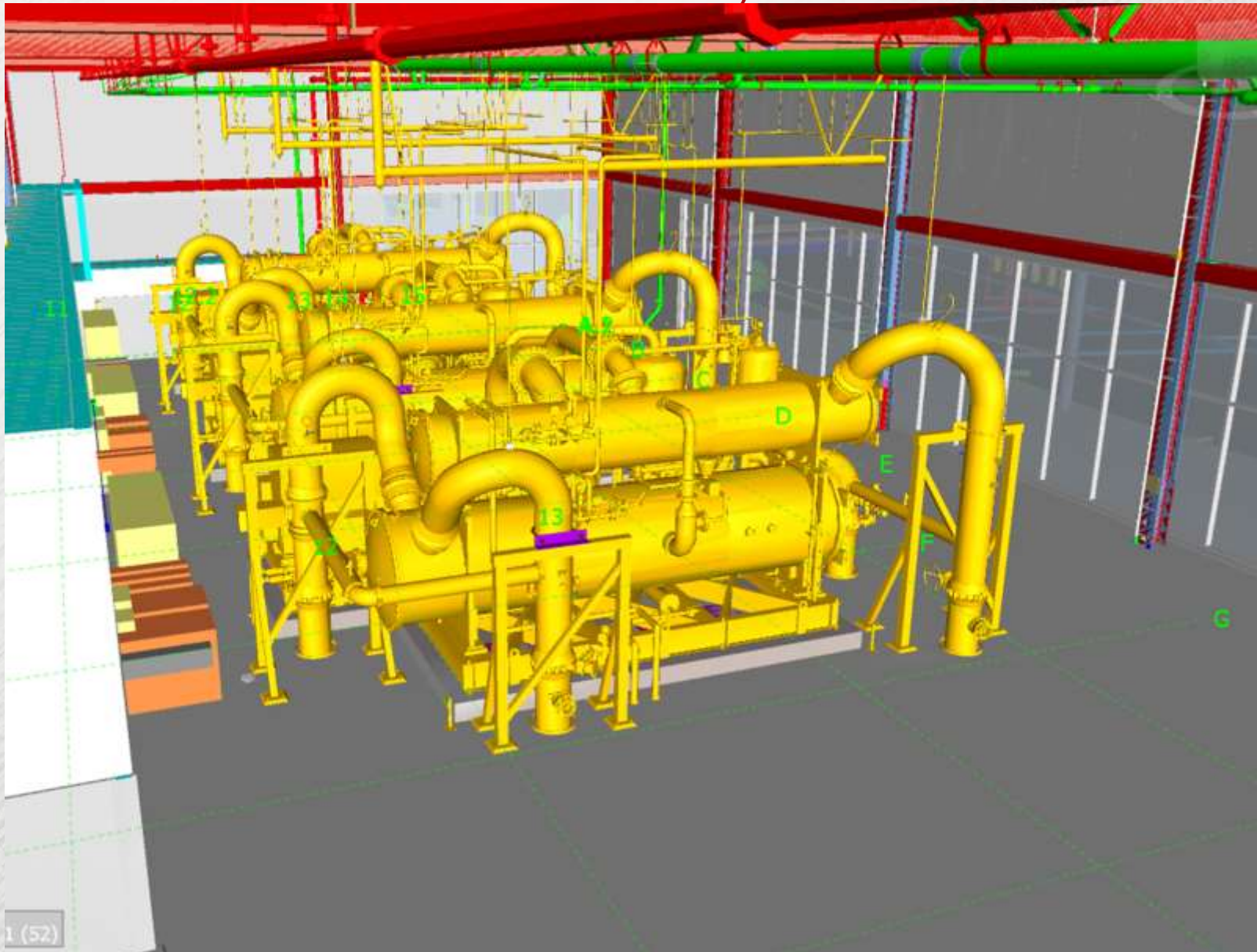




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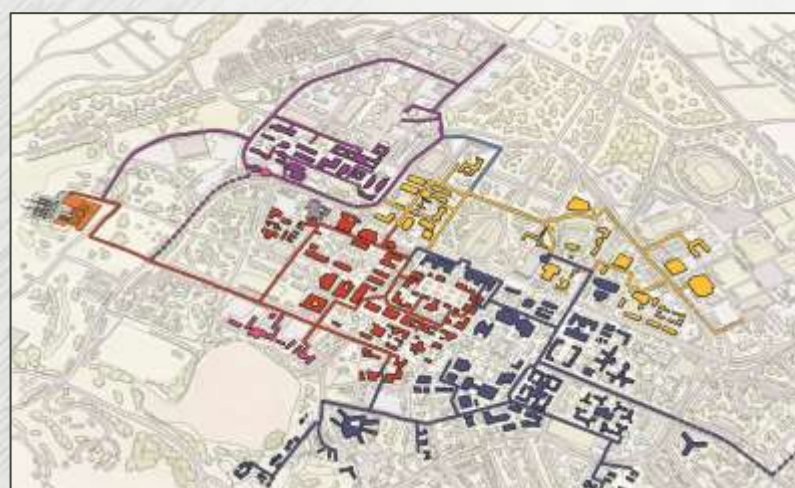
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# Conclusions

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  - State of existing infrastructure can affect outcome
  - GHG costs shift balances between options but not yet to an extreme extent
  - Climate and energy costs are significant drivers in system selection, but are overshadowed by overall system efficiency





Questions?