



Converting UC Davis District Steam to a Carbon-Neutral Hot Water System

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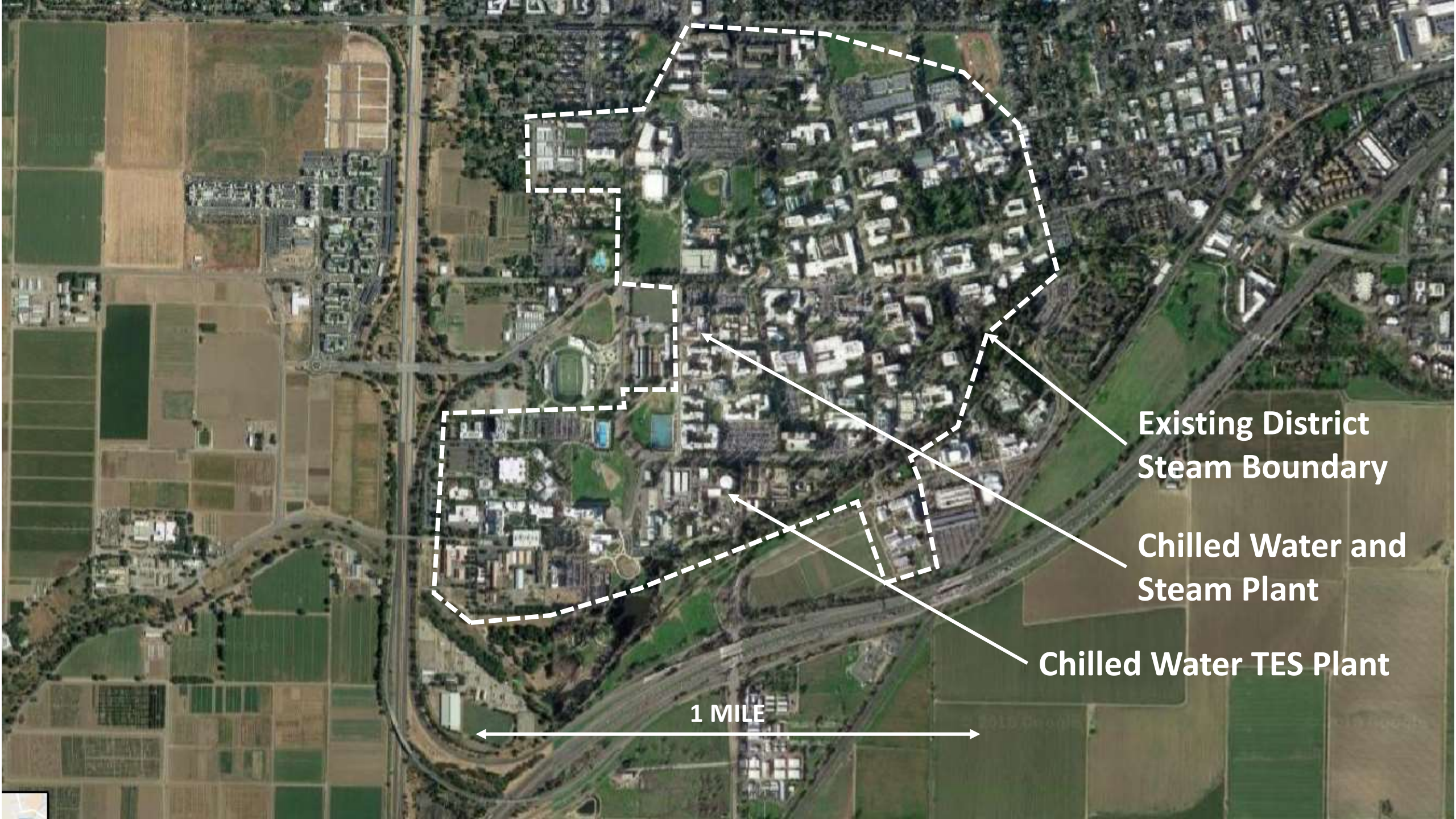


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Agenda

- Existing system description
- Options considered
- Qualitative analysis
- Quantitative analysis
- Results
- Recommendation

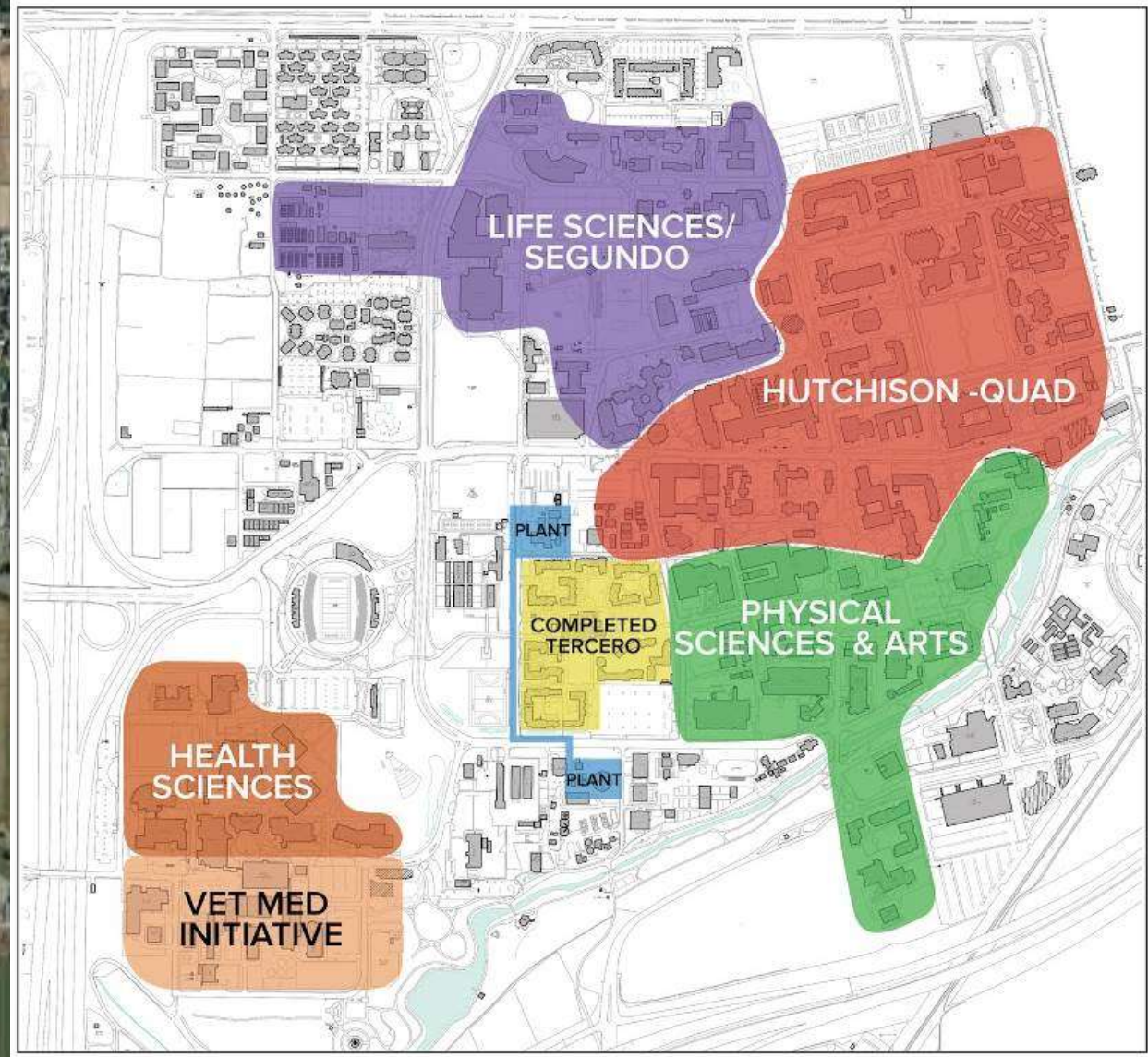


**Existing District
Steam Boundary**

**Chilled Water and
Steam Plant**

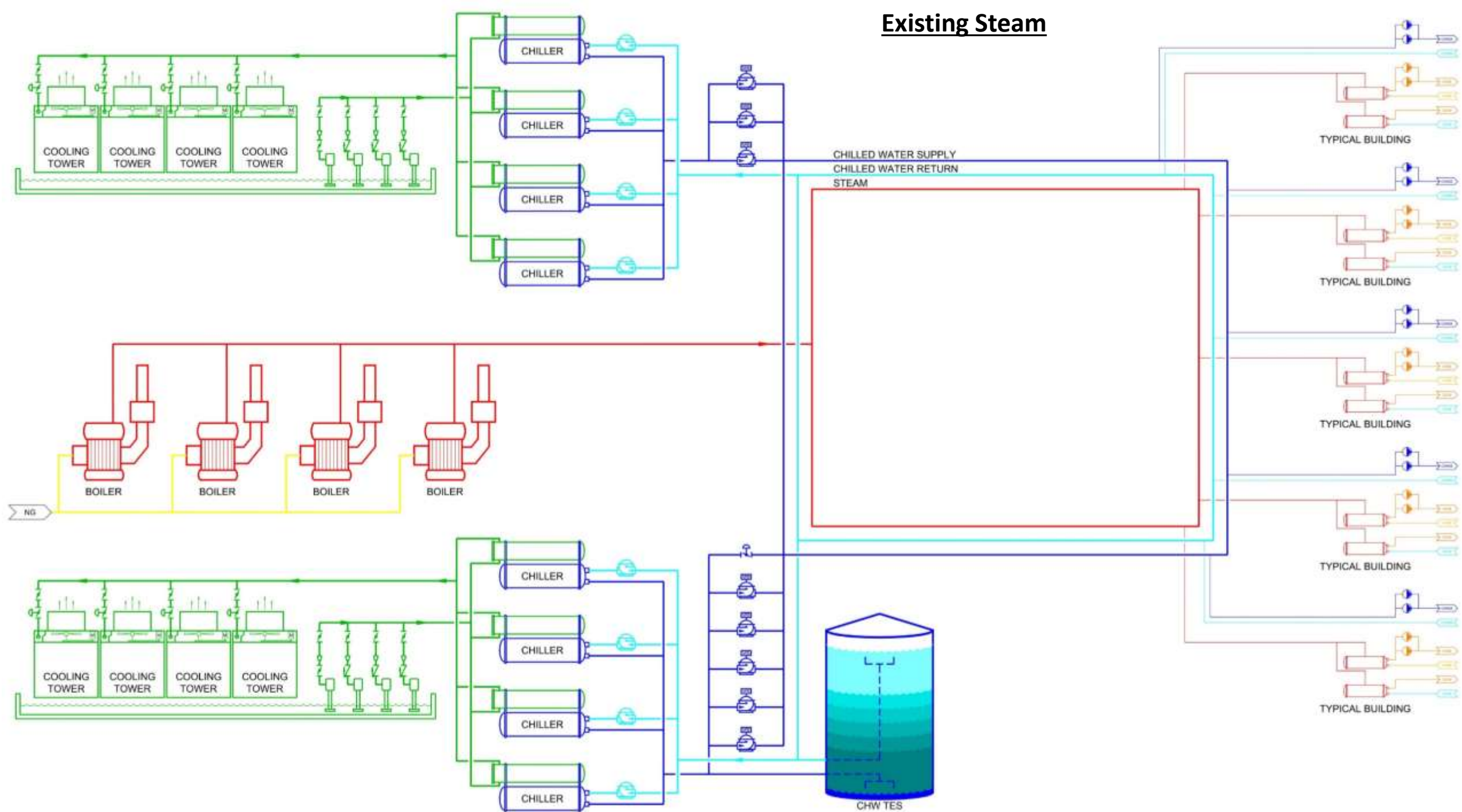
Chilled Water TES Plant

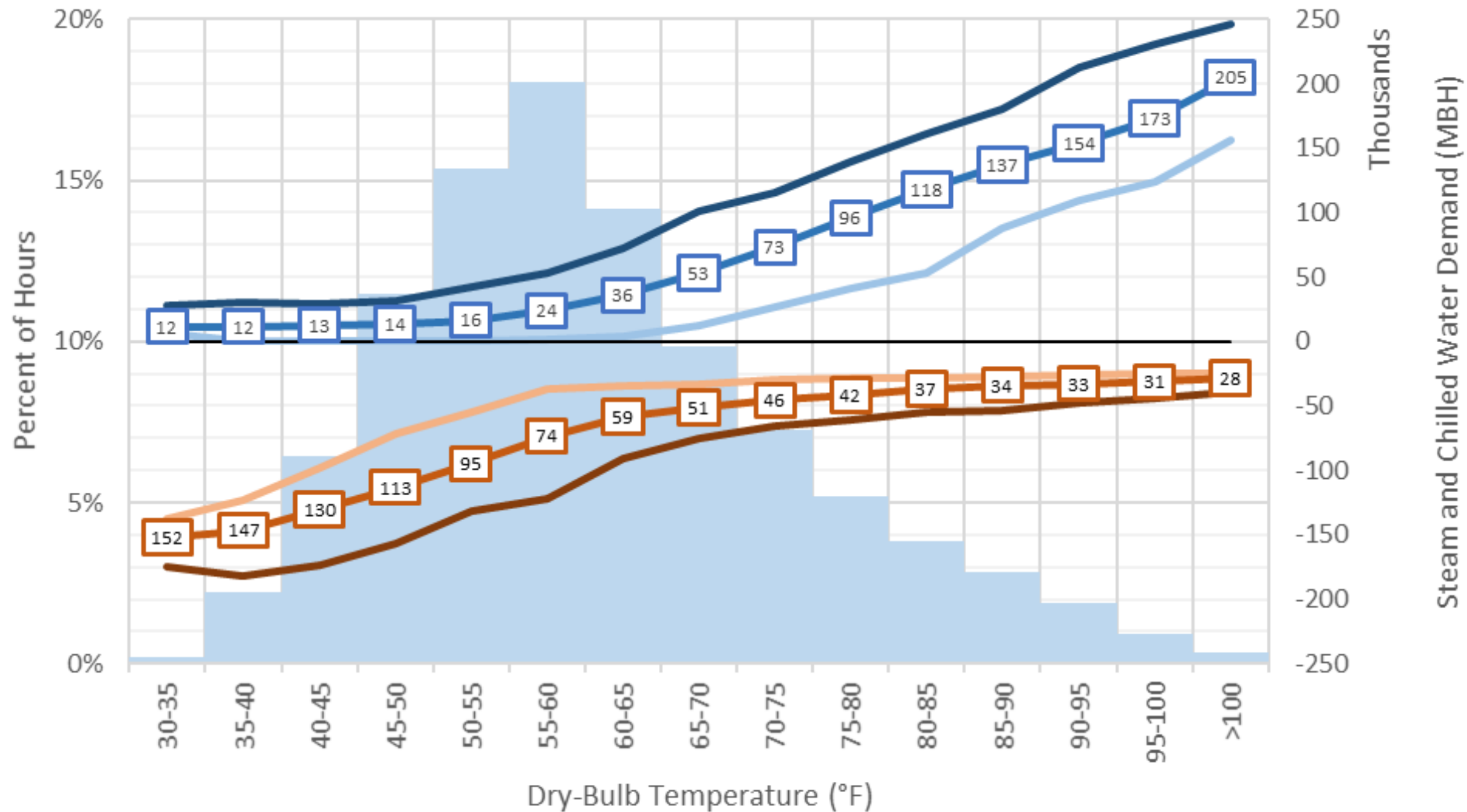
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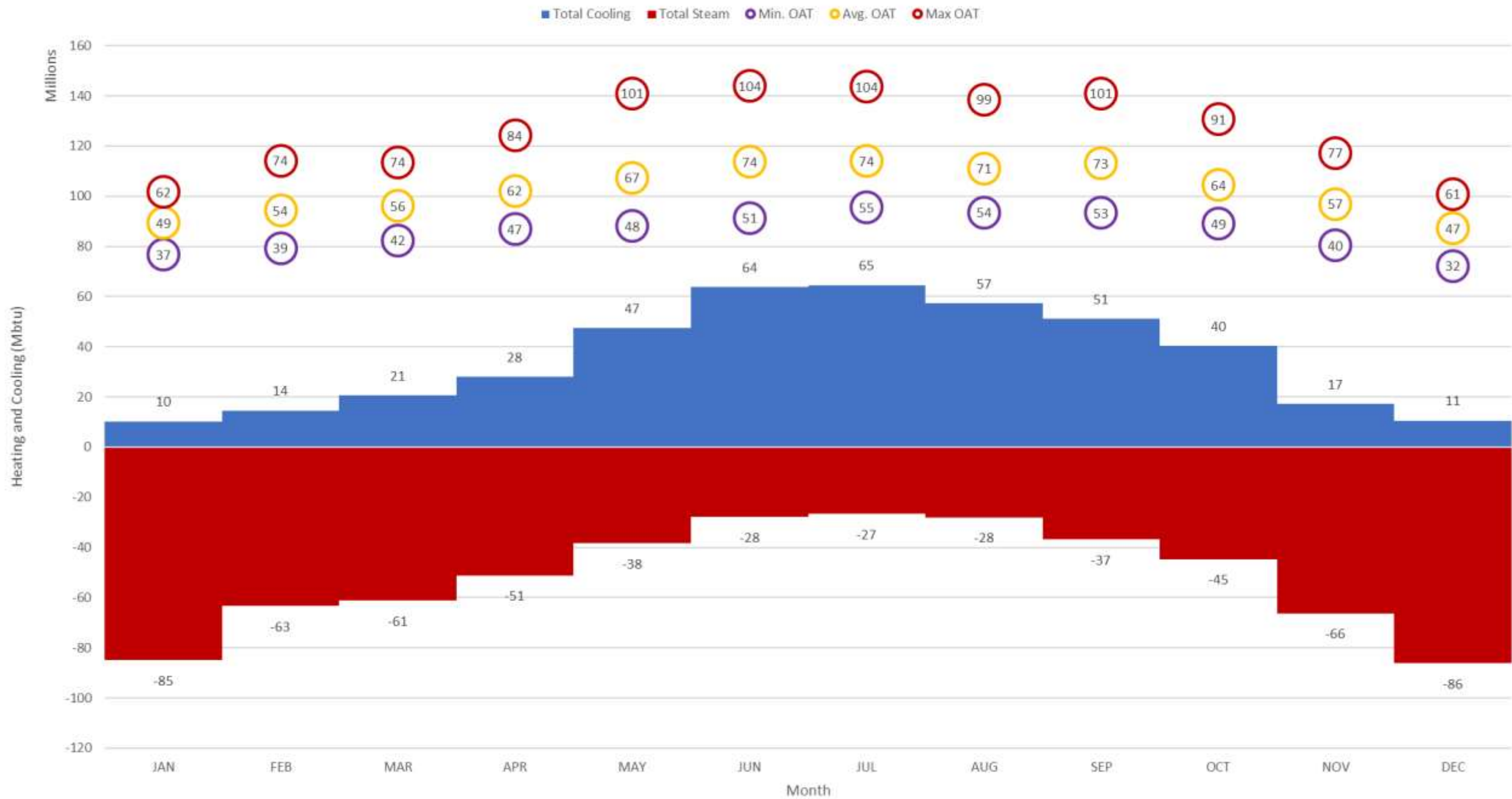
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Existing Steam

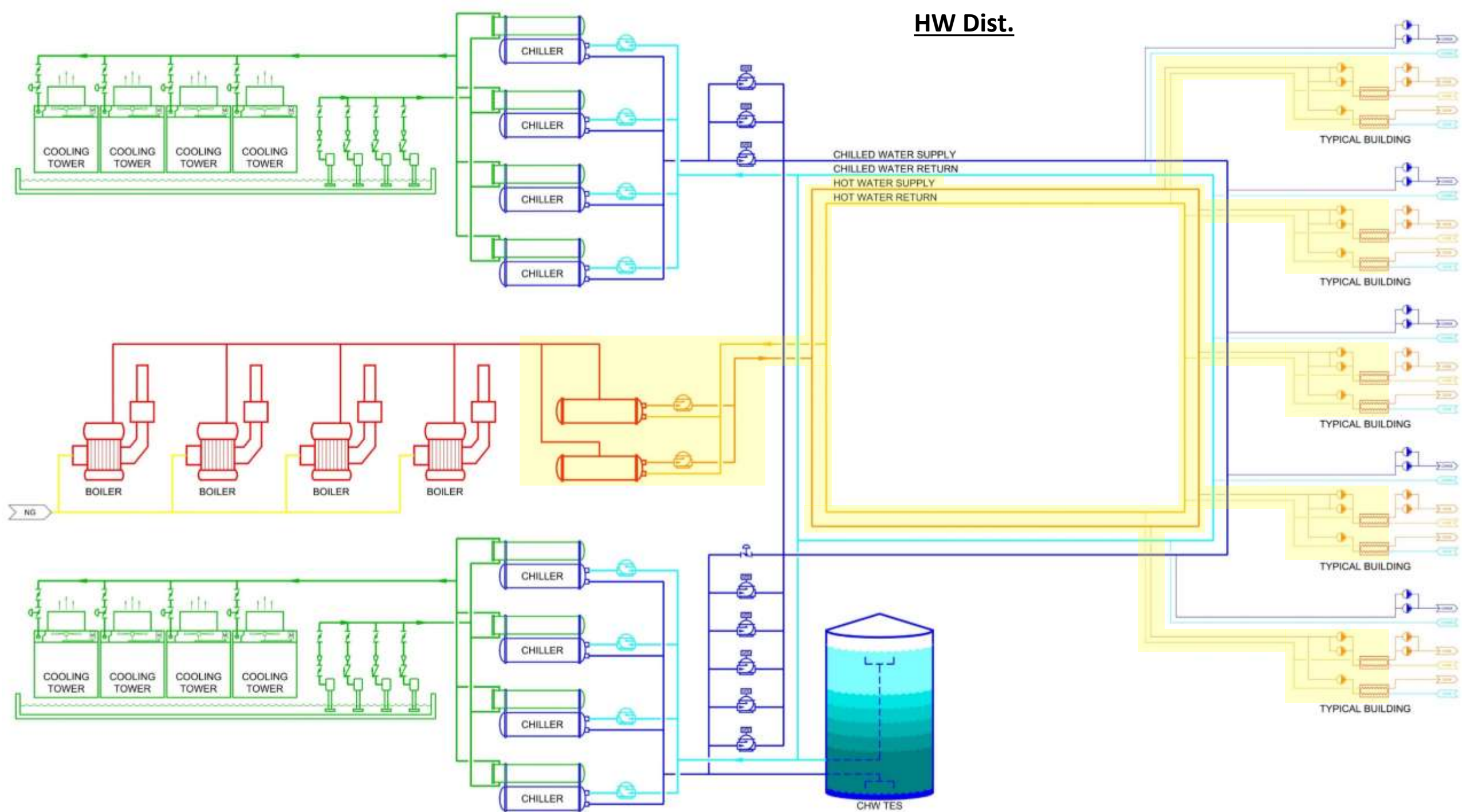




UC Davis Annual Heating and Cooling Totals by Month (2016)

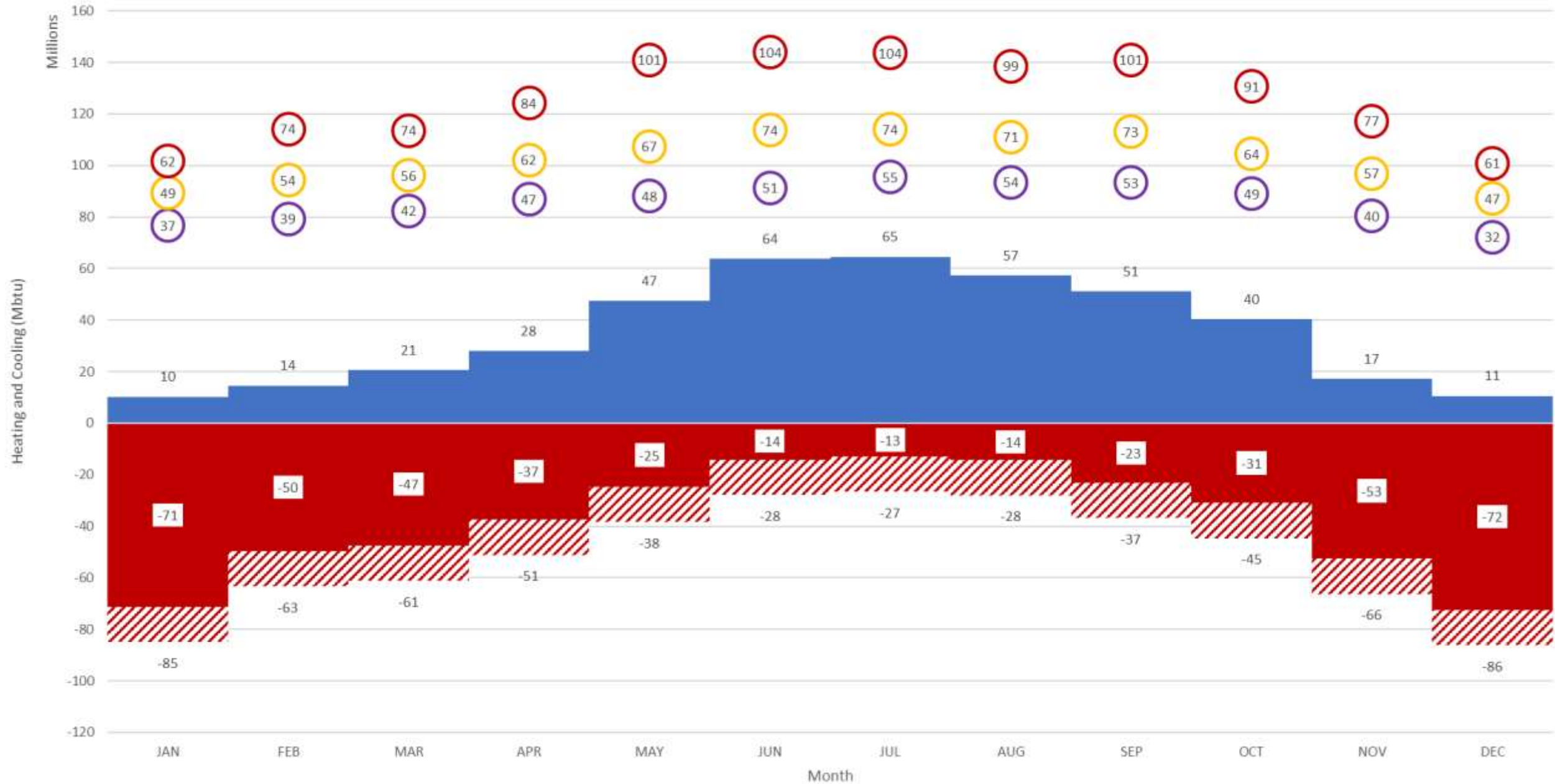


HW Dist.



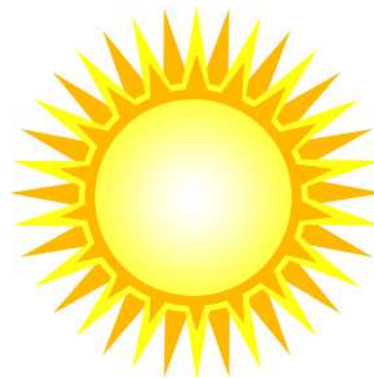
UC Davis Annual Heating and Cooling Totals by Month (2016)

■ Total Cooling
 ■ Total Heating
 ▨ Steam Heat Loss
 ● Min. OAT
 ● Avg. OAT
 ● Max OAT



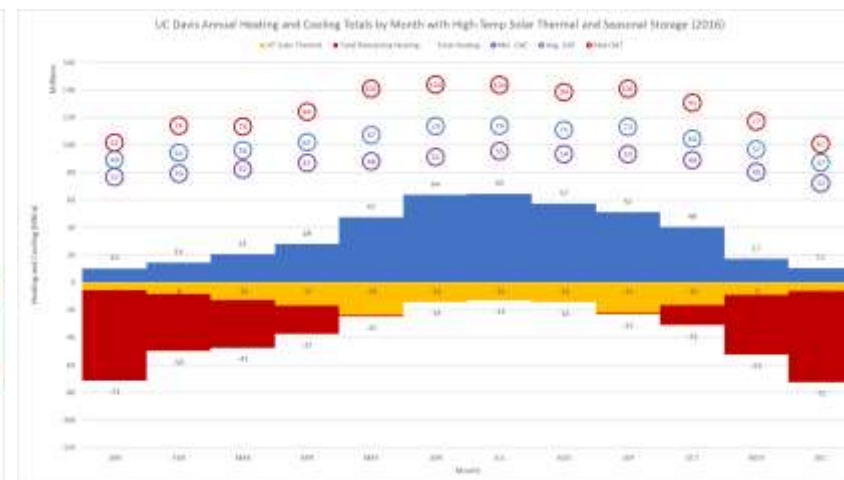
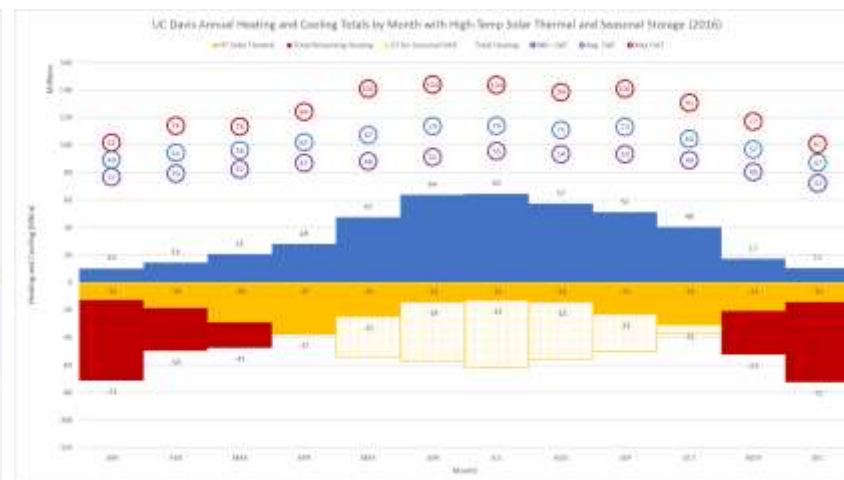
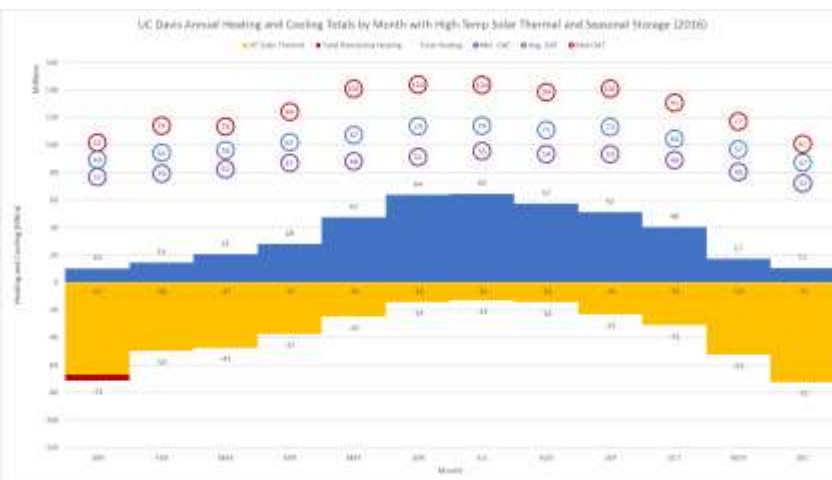
Hot Water Heat Sources

- These sources can be used directly for heating demand with hot water distribution
 - Natural gas combustion and carbon credits or biofuel
 - Boilers
 - Combined heat and power (30+ year payback)
 - Electric or electrode hot water generators
 - Solar thermal (evacuated tube collectors)



Hot Water Solar Summary

- 100% HW Solar is cost and size prohibitive
 - 180 acres
- 100% HW Solar via seasonal shifting is cost and size prohibitive
 - 34 acres and 1 billion gallon storage pit
- HW Solar sized for summer heating can only provide 40% of heat
 - 15 acres



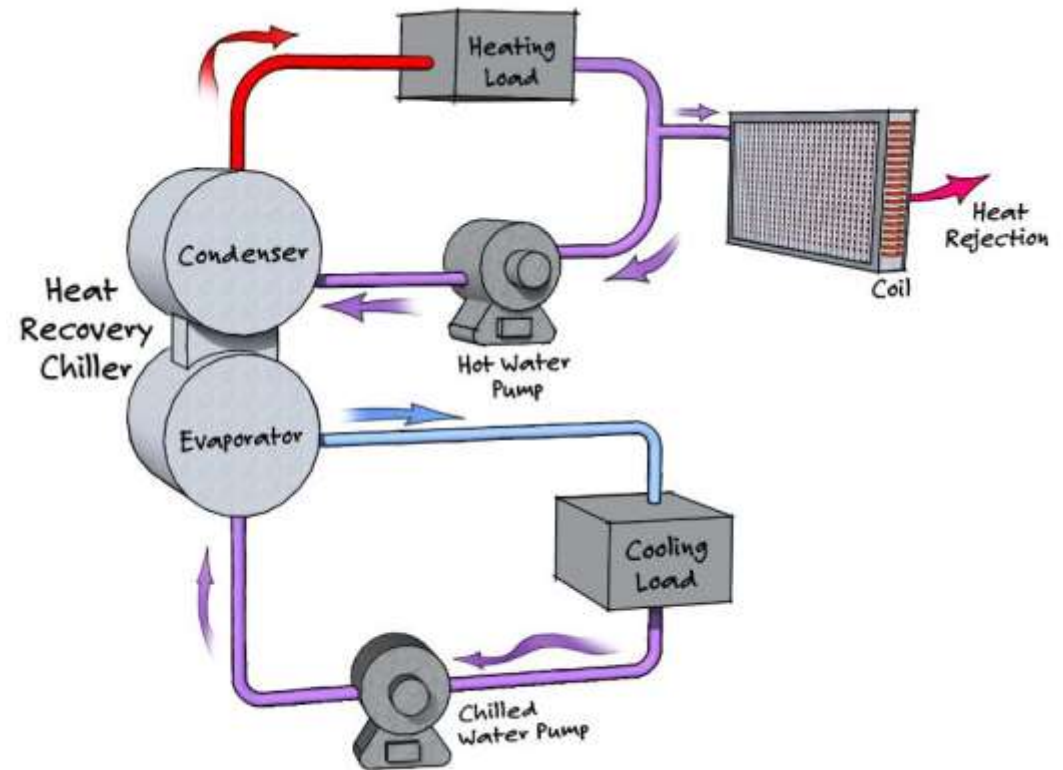
Combined Heating and Cooling (CHC)

- Simultaneous beneficial heating and cooling can deliver $COP > 10$
- 45% of Waste Cooling Heat can Provide 60% of Heating Capacity

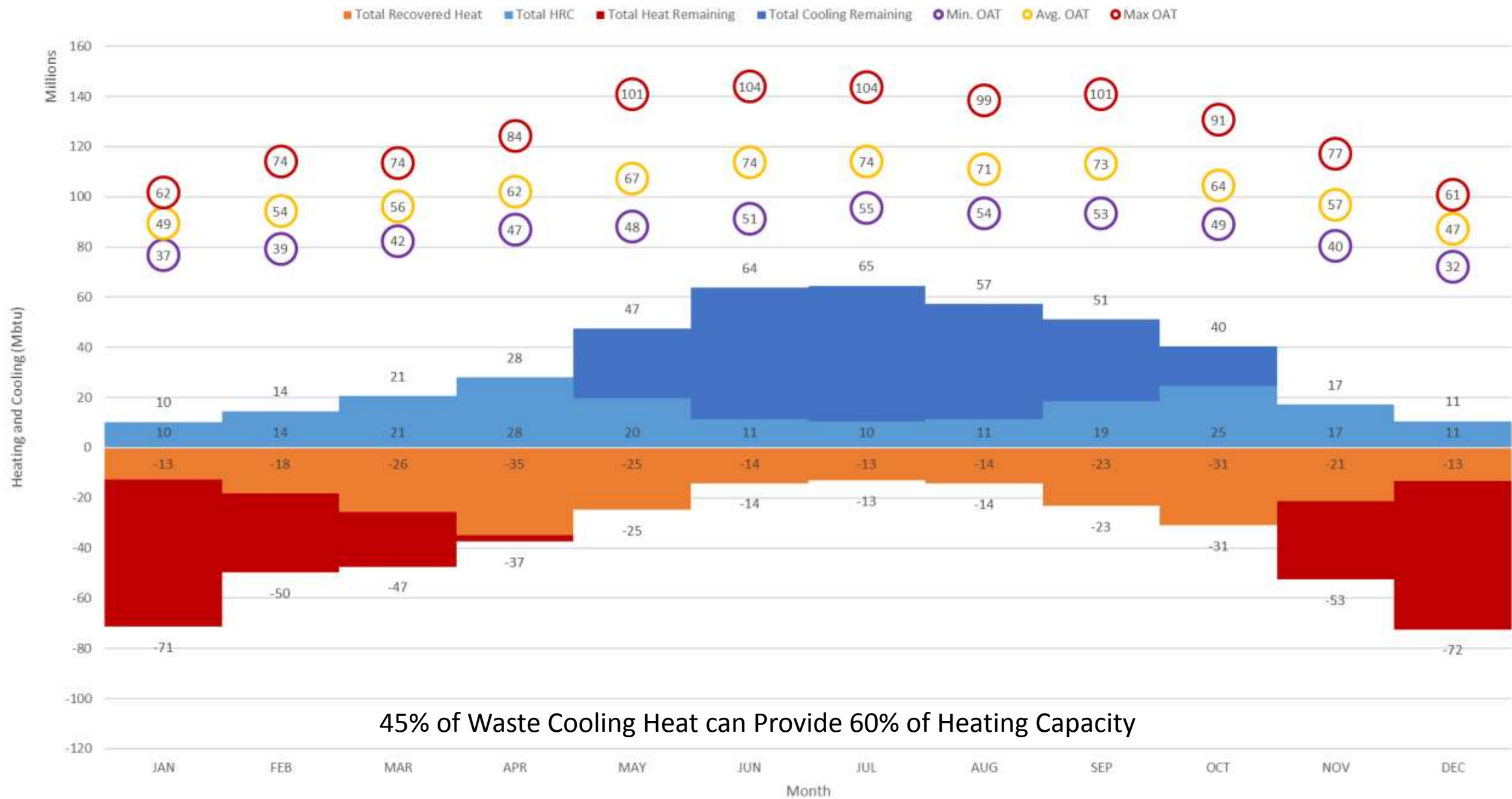
Centralized with hot water distribution

OR

Distributed with no hot water distribution

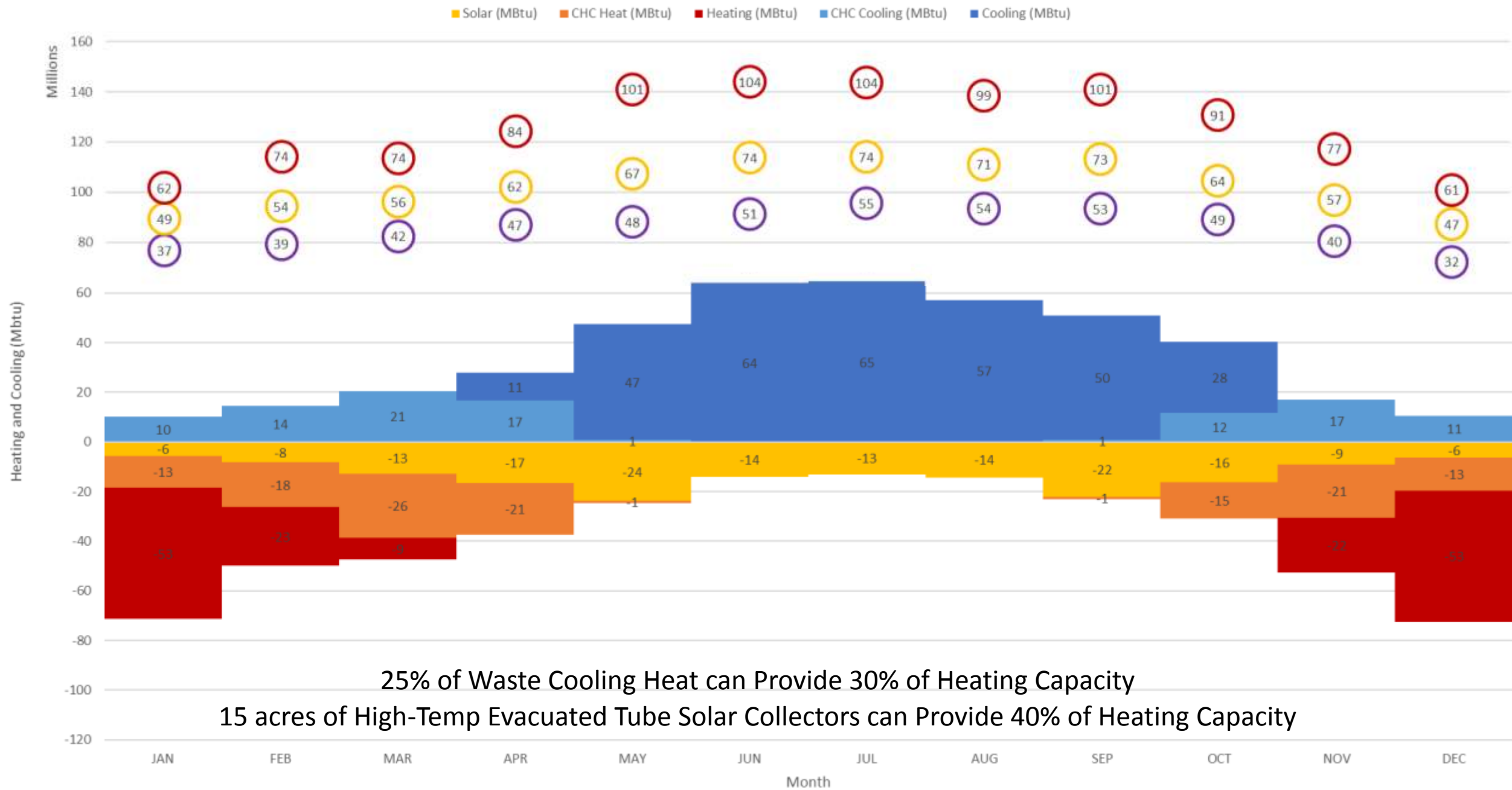


UC Davis Annual Combined Heating and Cooling Total Potential by Month (2016)



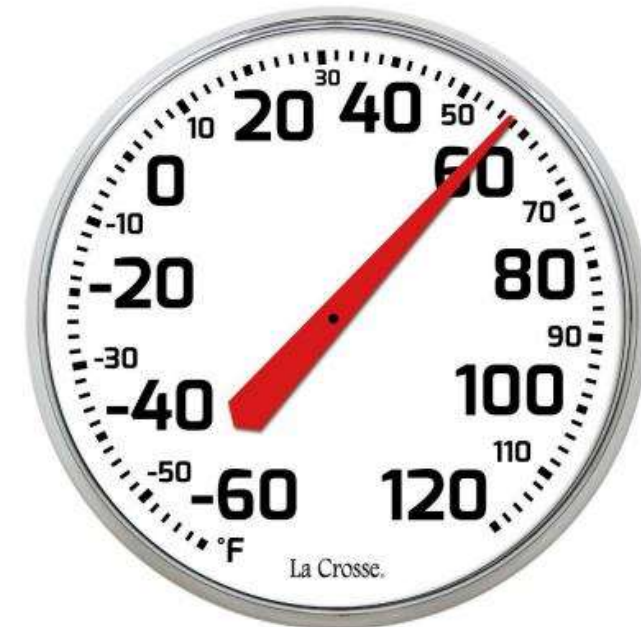
45% of Waste Cooling Heat can Provide 60% of Heating Capacity

UC Davis Annual Combined Heating and Cooling Total Potential by Month with High-Temp Solar Thermal (2016)



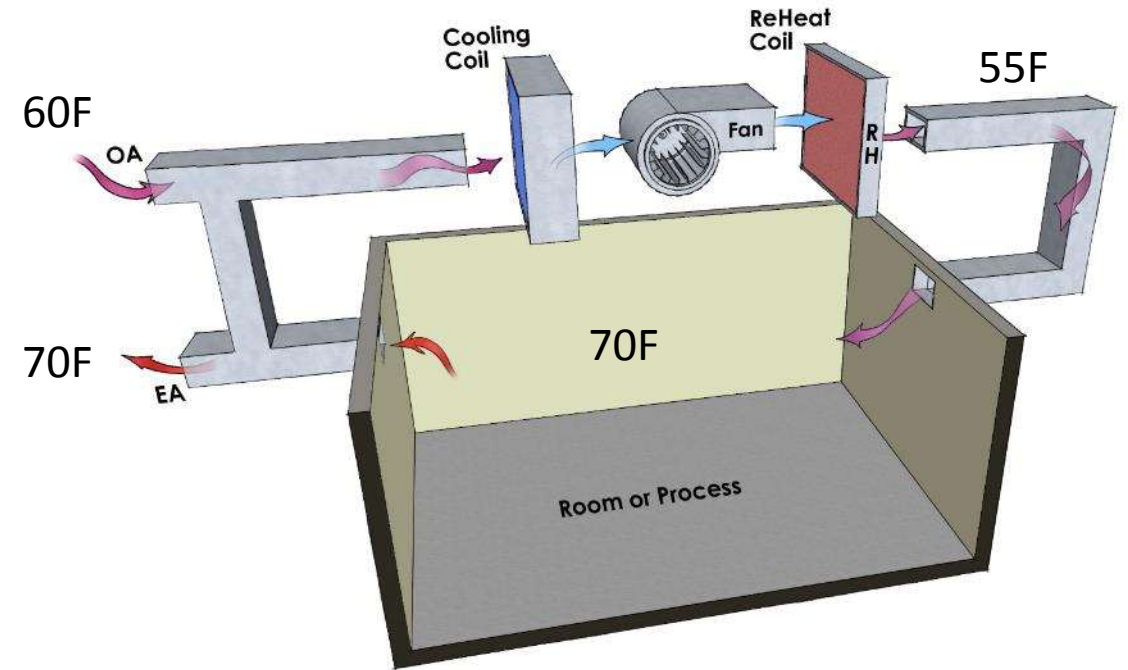
Chilled Water Heat Sources

- These sources require conversion to higher grade via heat pump
 - Building heat recovery: eliminate airside economizing to capture more heat
 - Geo-exchange
 - Solar thermal (fixed flat panel)
 - Irrigation flow
 - Domestic water flow
 - Wastewater influent
 - Wastewater effluent
 - Air-source heat pump
 - Any adjacent industry
 - Surface water



Building Heat Recovery

- Unlocks more hours per year of heat recovery potential
- Instead of exhausting warm air from buildings and using outdoor air for cooling, return the warm air to the cooling coil and extract heat, then store in campus chilled water tank
- 100% OA buildings can be fitted with CC on EA for more heat



Normally at this conditions cooling is active but OA is used instead of RA (airside economizer). Disable this the triple the cooling load and enable more heat recovery.

Combined Heating and Cooling with Building Airside Heat Recovery - Annual Profile

CHC Heating (Mbtu) HR Heating (Mbtu) Boiler Heating (Mbtu) CHC Cooling (Mbtu) False Cooling (Mbtu) Conventional Cooling (Mbtu)

Cooling Demand:

45% CHC

55% Conventional

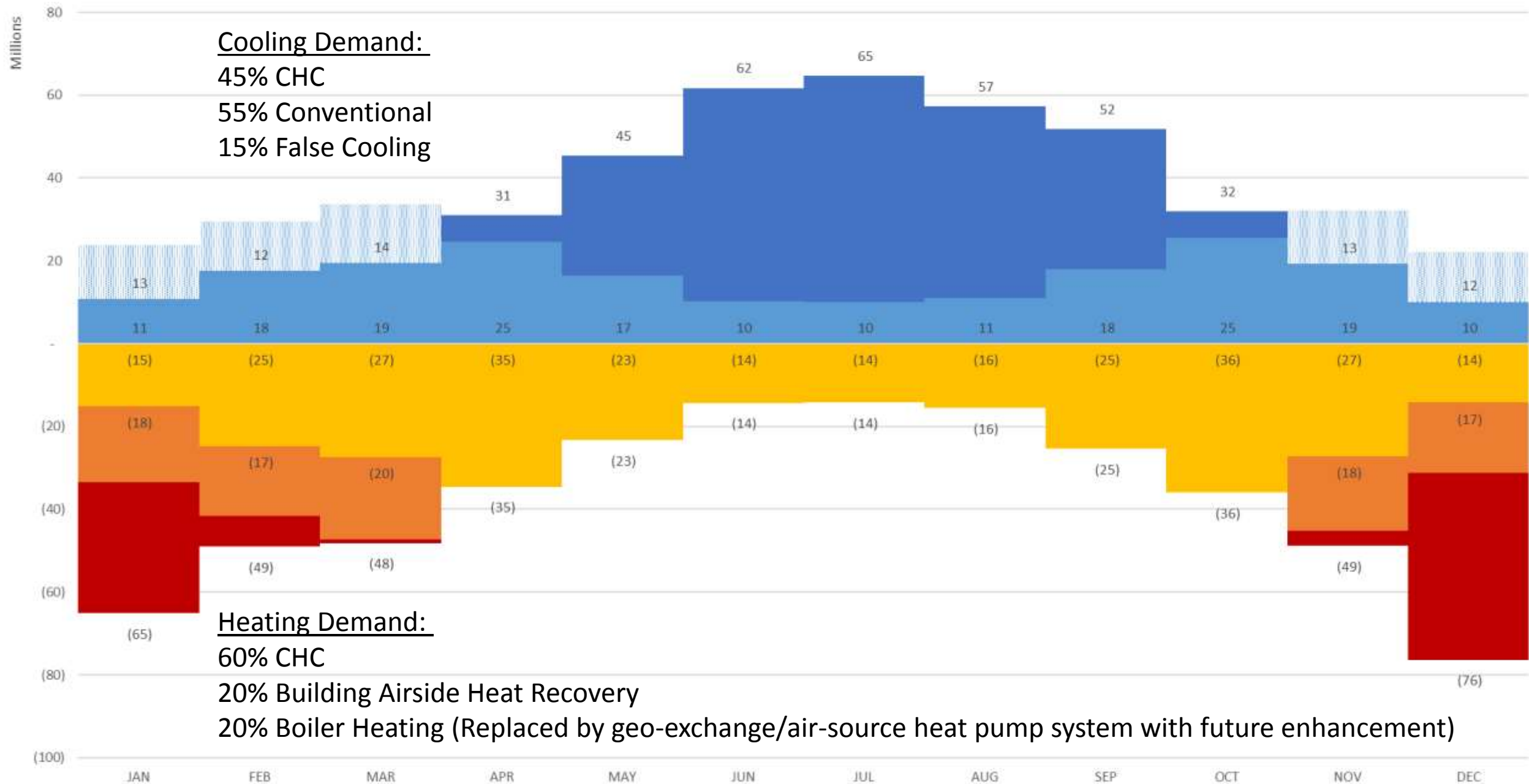
15% False Cooling

Heating Demand:

60% CHC

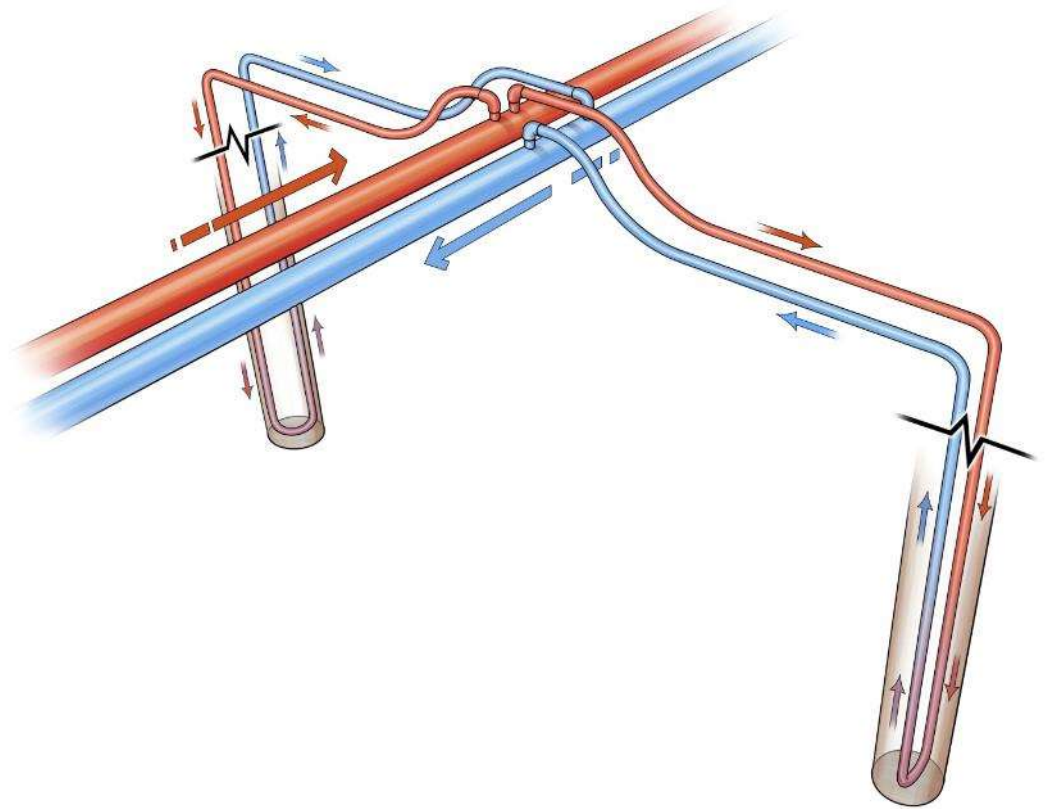
20% Building Airside Heat Recovery

20% Boiler Heating (Replaced by geo-exchange/air-source heat pump system with future enhancement)



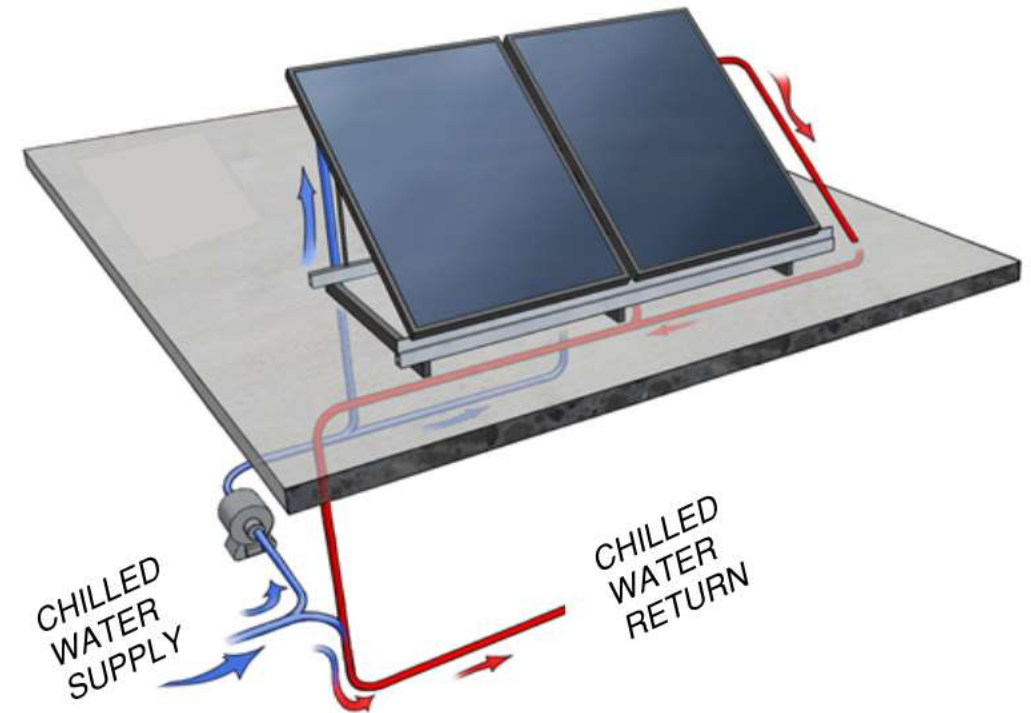
Geo-exchange

- Land area: 60-250 square foot land area per ton for vertical bores (need test boring)
 - 300-500 ft depth closed loop vertical 1-2 U-bend bores
- 53e6 MBtu per month would require up to 35 acre bore field
- Challenge – annual heat balance required to avoid saturation



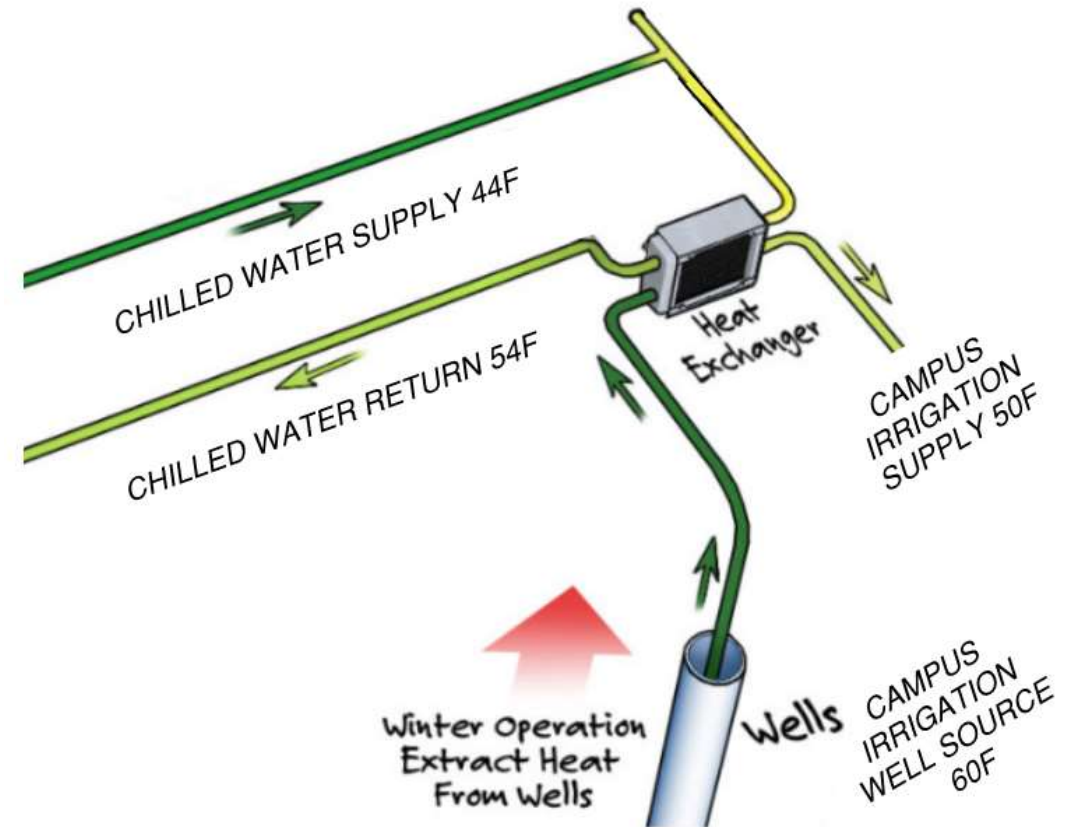
Chilled Water Solar

- Flat, fixed solar panels
- Provide 60F heating supply to chilled water system as false load
- 53e6 MBtu per month would require 120 acres
- 16e6 Mbtu per month would require 35 acres



Heat from Irrigation Water Flow

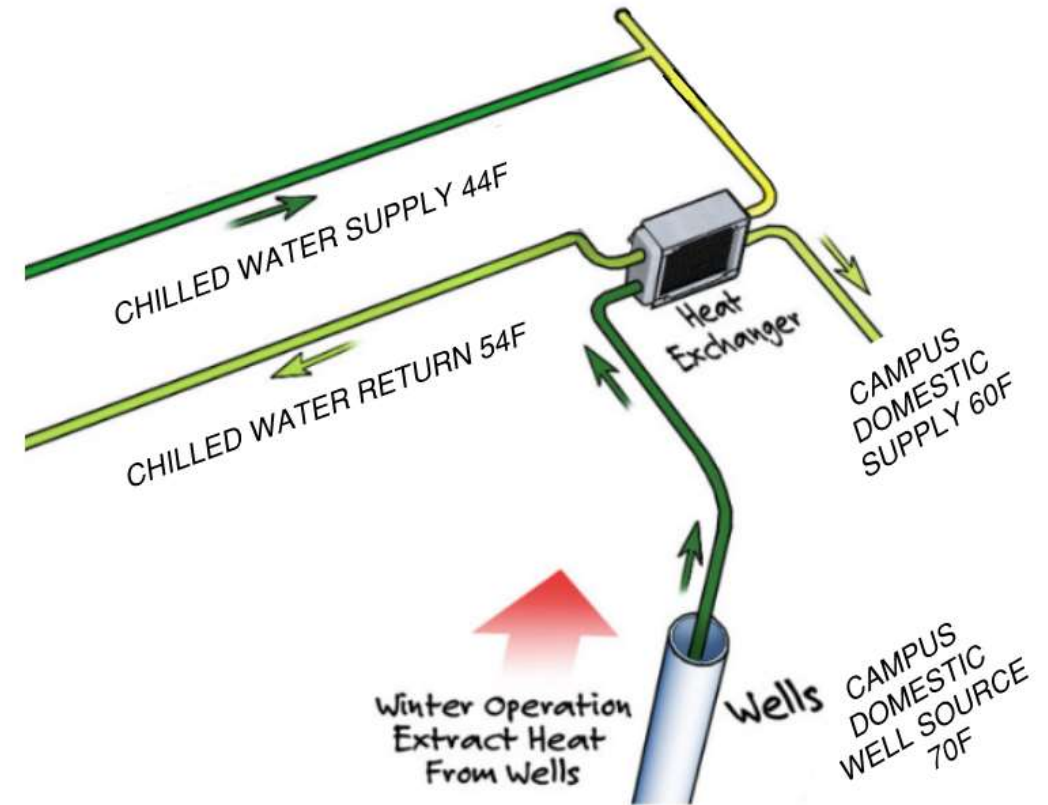
- Six wells draw water from shallow aquifer (300'-400' in depth)¹
- 247Mgal in 2003¹
 - 58% from UW6A (144Mgal)¹
 - 13% from UW5 (32Mgal)¹
- Cooling the UW6A flow by 14F can remove 1.4e6 MBtu per month
- **Problem: Most of irrigation flow is in summer months when low grade heat sources are not needed.**



¹Source: Chiller System Alternative Cooling Options Evaluation, Stantec, March 2, 2011

Heat From Domestic Water Flow

- Six wells draw 5,300 gpm¹
- Cooling the domestic flow by 10F can remove 19e6 MBtu per month
- Problem – this will increase DHW load (inefficient)



¹Source: Chiller System Alternative Cooling Options Evaluation, Stantec, March 2, 2011

Heat from Wastewater Flow

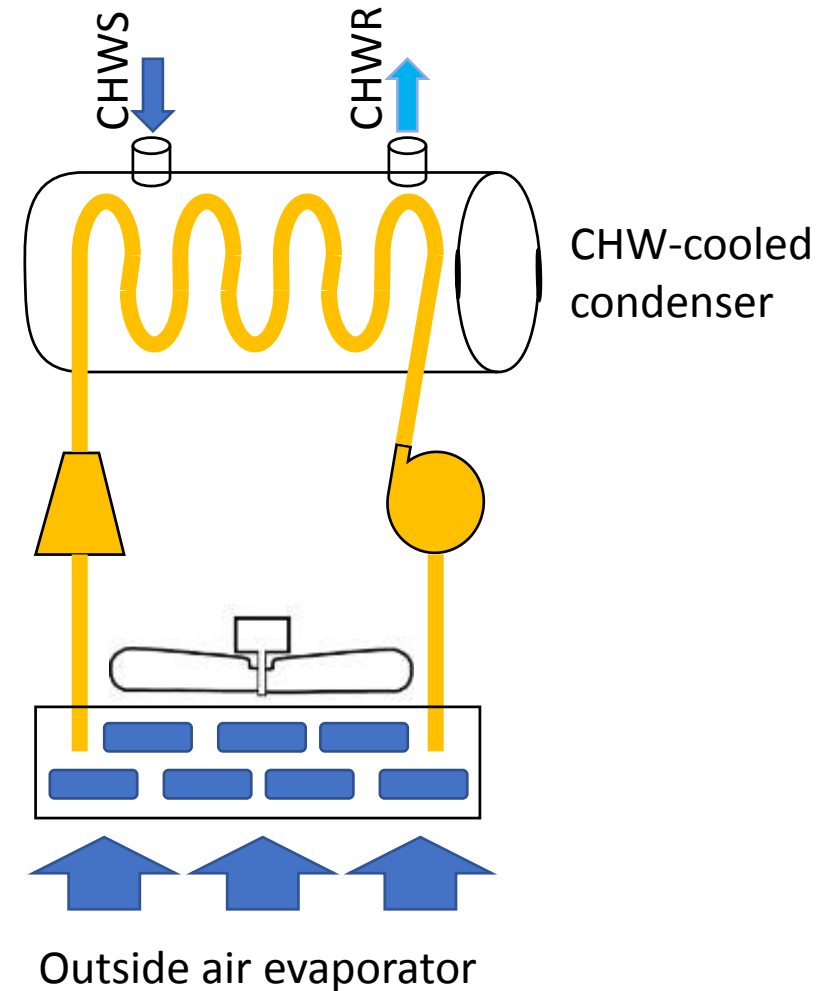
- 2MGD flow
- Cooling flow by 10F can extract 5e6 Mbtu per month
- Influent to treatment plant
 - Lift station adjacent to TES plant
 - Problem – this could negatively impact the treatment plant
- Effluent from treatment plant
 - Requires further investigation



HUBER Wastewater Heat Exchanger RoWin as tank version, installed in a wastewater treatment plant effluent channel

Air-Source Heat Pump (ASHP)

- Extracts heat from outdoor air into chilled water system
- An alternate to gas combustion
- 170T module: 27ft x 18ft with clearances



Chilled Water Heat Sources Summary

- Building heat recovery is viable at low cost – analysis required to determine heat potential
- Geo-exchange is viable and scalable for majority of heat need
- CHW Solar is cost and size prohibitive
- Wastewater effluent heat is viable but scale limited
- ASHP is viable as Steam to CHW HX replacement

Independent System Components

- Boilers with credits or biogas
- CHP with credits or biogas
- Electric or Electrode boilers
- HW Solar Thermal
- Central CHC
- Distributed CHC
- Building Heat Recovery
- Geo-exchange
- CHW Solar Thermal
- Irrigation Water Heat Extraction
- Domestic Water Heat Extraction
- Waste Influent Heat Extraction
- Waste Effluent Heat Extraction
- Air-source Heat Pump

Constraints

- A. Environmental Restrictions
- B. Capability to Maintain Critical Loads
- C. Refrigerant Restrictions (no CFC, no HCFC, no GWP>750)
 - A. R-134a and R-410a cannot be installed after 2021
- D. Phase-ability of concept
- E. Can be complete by 2025
- F. Requires Minimal System Shutdown

Criteria

	Criteria	Weighting Percent
1	Scope 1 Carbon Reduction	14
2	Site Water Consumption Reduction	1
3	Maintenance Intensity	12
4	Resiliency	3
5	Availability of Technology	2
6	Construction Cost	12
7	Campus Impact	2
8	Construction Challenges	2
9	Flexibility to Campus Growth	4
10	Phase-ability of Concept	16
11	Timely Reduction of Steam Loads	8
12	System Efficiency	15
13	Operational Complexity	9

Qualitative Analysis

Evaluation Criteria		Constraint A													Constraint B													Constraint C													Constraint D													Constraint E													Constraint F													PASS?													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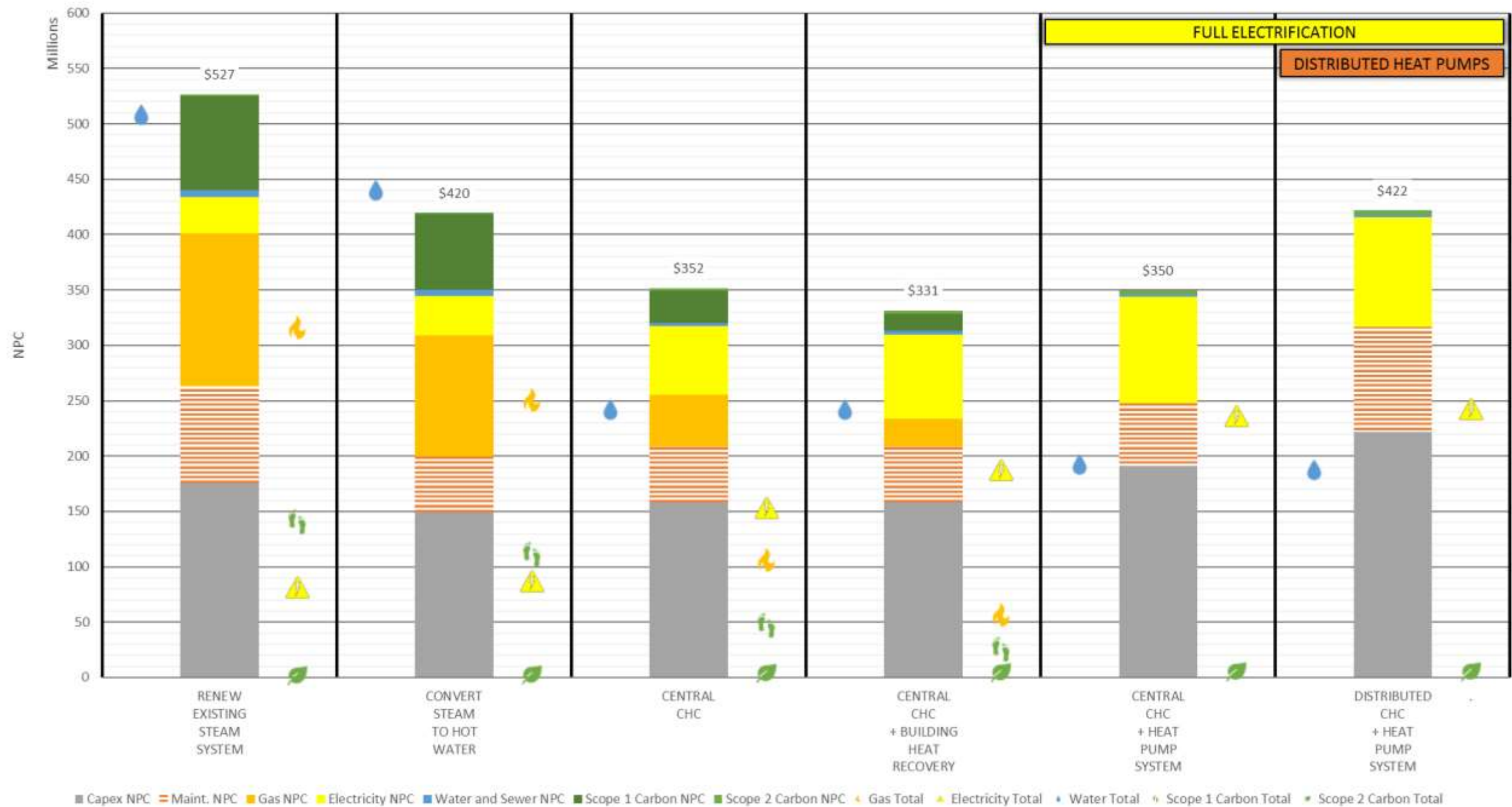


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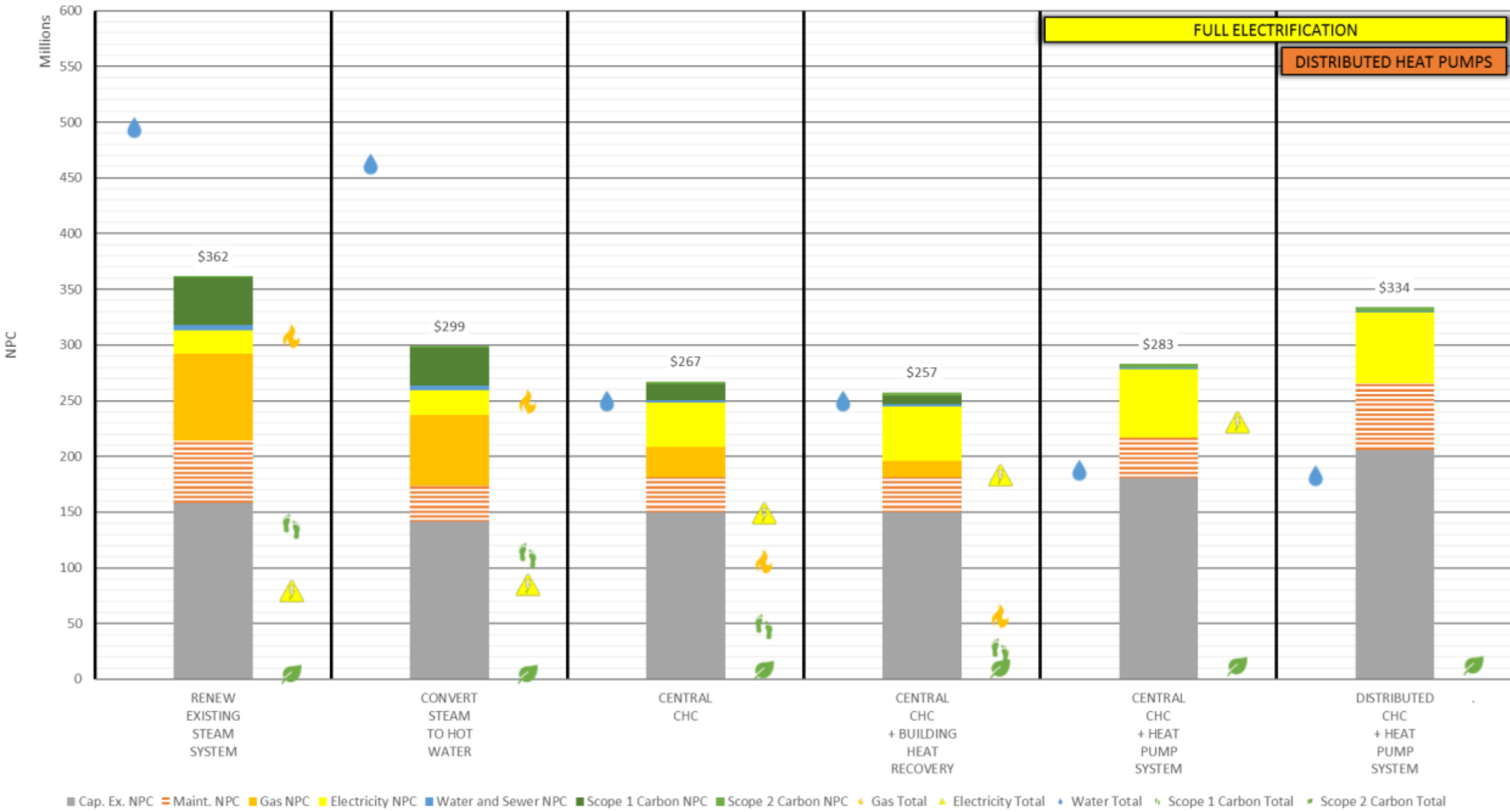
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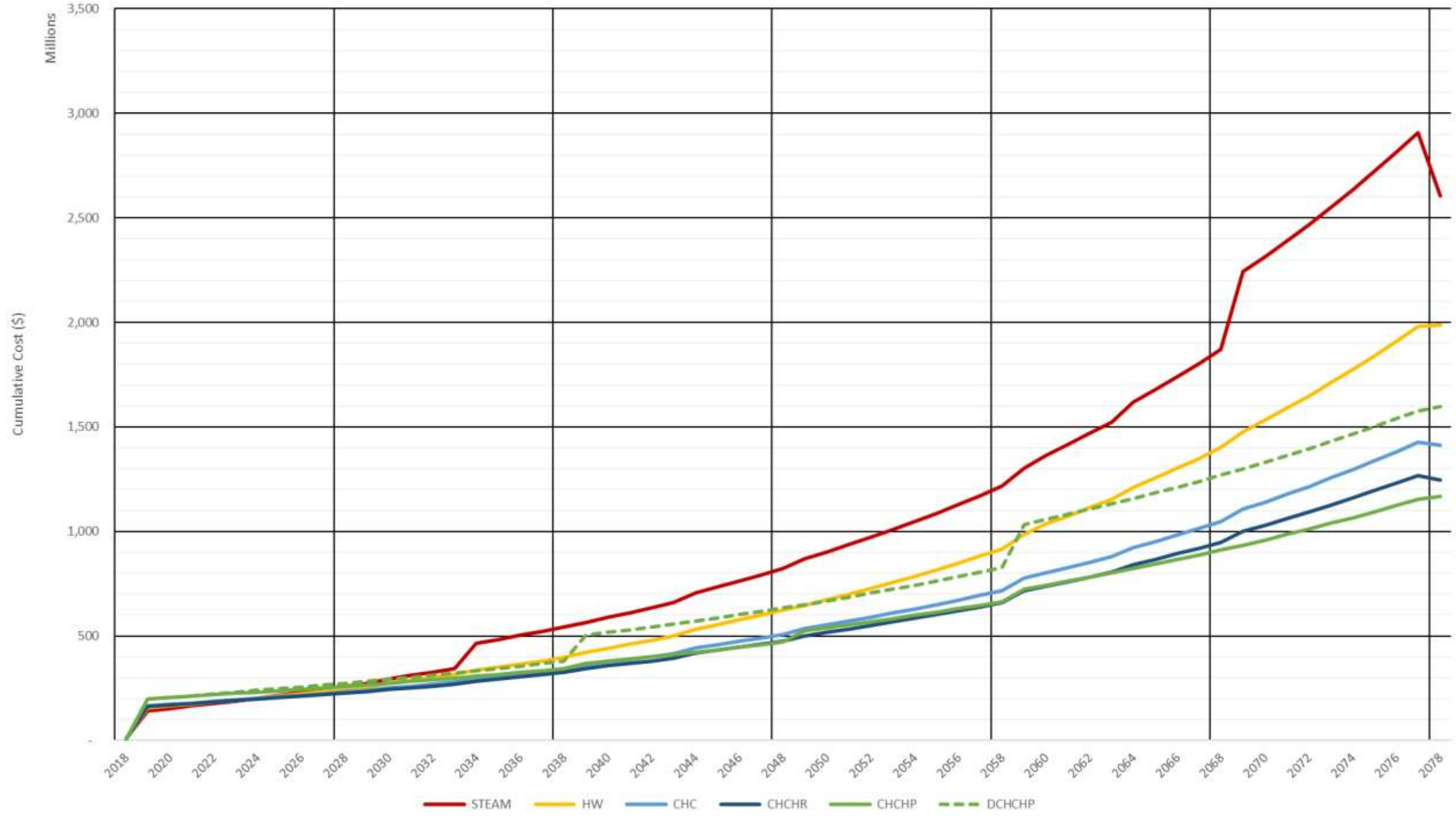
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STEAM	Boilers and Steam Distribution (Baseline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas Combustion
HW	Boilers and HW Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas Combustion
CHC	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas Combustion• Chilled Water
CHCHR	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC + Building Heat Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas Combustion• Chilled Water• Building Return Air
CHCHP	HW Distribution + Central CHC + Building Heat Recovery + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chilled Water• Building Return Air• Geo-exchange• Ambient Air
DCHCHP	Distributed CHC (no HW Distribution) + Building Heat Recovery + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chilled Water• Building Return Air• Geo-exchange• Ambient Air

UCD Campus Heating Options - 60 Year Net Present Cost



UCD Campus Heating Options - 25 Year Net Present Cost





Sensitivity Analysis - Lowest NPC Option																						
				Electricity Cost Inflation	Natural Gas Cost Inflation	Cost of Carbon - Scope 1 (\$/MTCDE)	Cost of Carbon - Scope 2 (\$/MTCDE)	Carbon Cost Inflation	Number of Years	Discount rate		O&M Cost Inflation Rate	Material Cost Inflation Rate	Steam Heat Loss	Ratio of boiler replaced by HP	Process Steam Boiler EFLH	Direct Buried HW Cost (\$/in-ft)	Central HRC Cost (\$/ton)	Distributed HRC Cost (\$/ton)			
				High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
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BASELINE																						
	Electricity Cost Inflation	High	4.0%																			
	Natural Gas Cost Inflation	High	5.0%																			
	Cost of Carbon - Scope 1 (\$/MTCDE)	High	174																			
	Cost of Carbon - Scope 2 (\$/MTCDE)	High	174																			
	Carbon Cost Inflation	High	8.5%																			
	Number of Years	Low	30																			
	Discount rate	Low	4.5%																			
		High	7.5%																			
	O&M Cost Inflation rate	High	4.0%																			
	Material Cost Inflation rate	High	3.0%																			
	Steam Heat Loss	High	40%																			
	Ratio of boiler replaced by HP	Low	50%																			
	Process Steam Boiler EFLH	High	1000																			
	Direct Buried HW Cost (\$/in-ft)	Low	35																			
		High	65																			
	Central HRC Cost (\$/ton)	Low	1000																			
		High	1700																			
	Distributed HRC Cost (\$/ton)	Low	2500																			
		High	5000																			

1	RENEW EXISTING STEAM SYSTEM	0%
2	CONVERT STEAM TO HOT WATER	0%
3	CENTRAL CHC	0%
4	CENTRAL CHC + BUILDING HEAT RECOVERY	82%
5	CENTRAL CHC + HEAT PUMP SYSTEM	18%
6	DISTRIBUTED CHC + HEAT PUMP SYSTEM	0%

Central Combined Heating and Cooling (CHC) with Building Heat Recovery (HR) is the lowest NPC option for 82% of the sensitivity testing.

Quantitative Summary

Acronym	Description	NPC	Best NPC % (Sensitivity)	Discounted Payback (years)	Total 60 Year Cost Avoided	Carbon Saved (MTCDE)	Water Saved (gallons)
STEAM	Boilers and Steam Distribution (Baseline)	\$527M	0%	-	0	0	0
HW	Boilers and HW Distribution	\$420M	0%	6.9	\$0.62B	0.39M	0.7B
CHC	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC	\$352M	0%	6.6	\$1.19B	1.22M	2.7B
CHCHR	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC + Building Heat Recovery	\$331M	82%	6.2	\$1.36B	1.51M	2.7B
CHCHP	HW Distribution + Central CHC + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	\$350M	18%	13.0	\$1.44B	1.83M	3.2B
DCHCHP	Distributed CHC (no HW Distribution) + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	\$422M	0%	15.2	\$1.01B	1.83M	3.2B

Qualitative Summary

Acronym	Description	Campus Disruption	Building Disruption	Maintenance Intensity	High HW Boost Avail.?	Large Land Area Required?	Capital Cost Risk
STEAM	Boilers and Steam Distribution (Baseline)	High	Low	Mid	Yes	No	Mid
HW	Boilers and HW Distribution	High	Mid	Low	Yes	No	Low
CHC	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC	High	Mid	Low	Yes	No	Low
CHCHR	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC + Building Heat Recovery	High	Mid	Low	Yes	No	Low
CHCHP	HW Distribution + Central CHC + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	High	Mid	Mid	Yes	Yes	Mid
DCHCHP	Distributed CHC (no HW Distribution) + Heat Pump System (no boilers)	High	High	High	No	Yes	High

Recommendation

- Central Combined Heating and Cooling system with Hot Water distribution and Building Airside Heat Recovery
 - Lowest total net present cost
 - Most efficient
 - Most flexibility of heating sources
 - Option to add geo-exchange or air-source heat pumps later for full electrification
 - Less cost risk than distributed system
 - Less maintenance intensive than distributed system
 - Less impact to the existing electrical infrastructure
 - More robust equipment than distributed system

Combined Heating and Cooling with Building Airside Heat Recovery - Annual Profile

CHC Heating (Mbtu) HR Heating (Mbtu) Boiler Heating (Mbtu) CHC Cooling (Mbtu) False Cooling (Mbtu) Conventional Cooling (Mbtu)

Cooling Demand:

45% CHC

55% Conventional

15% False Cooling

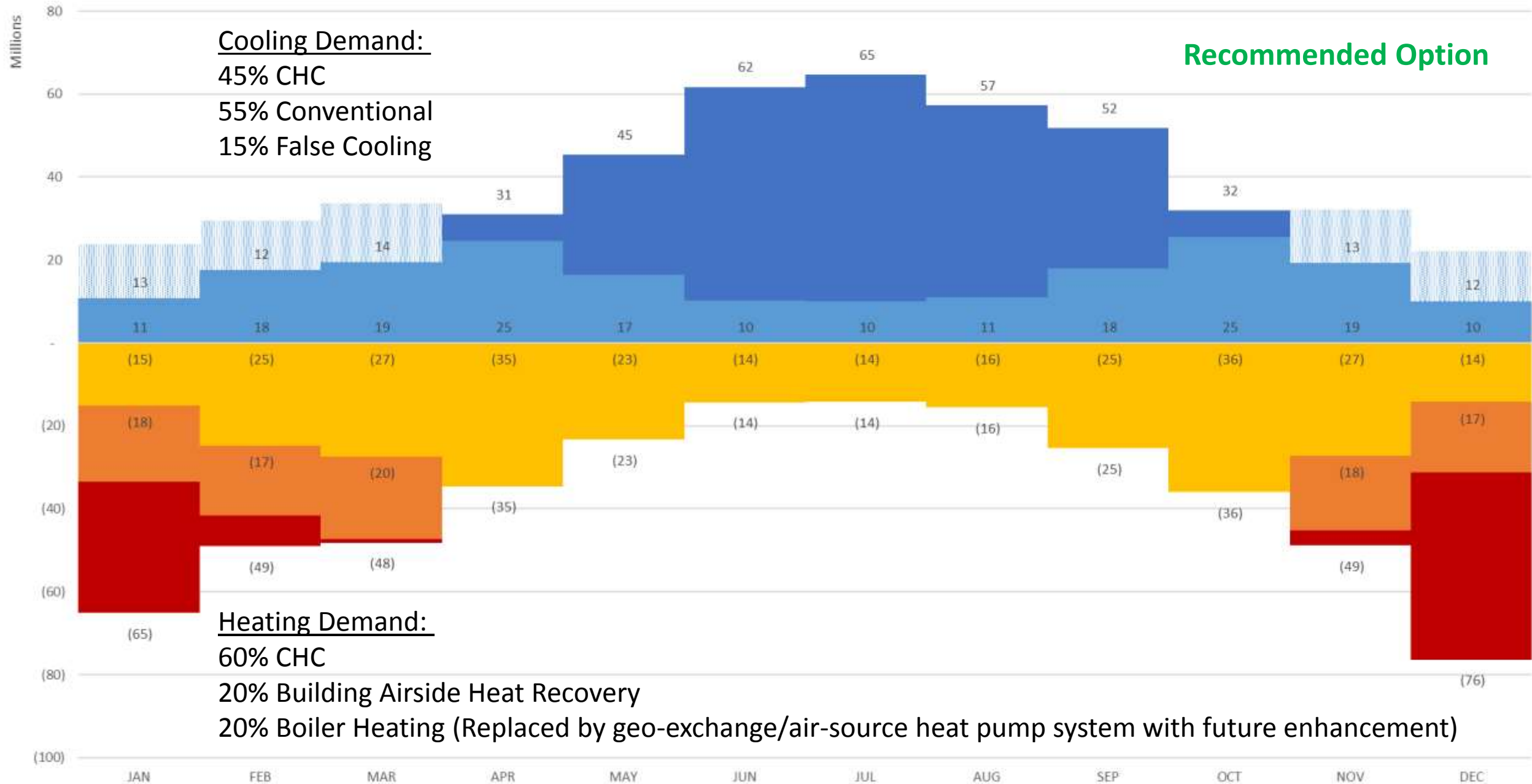
Recommended Option

Heating Demand:

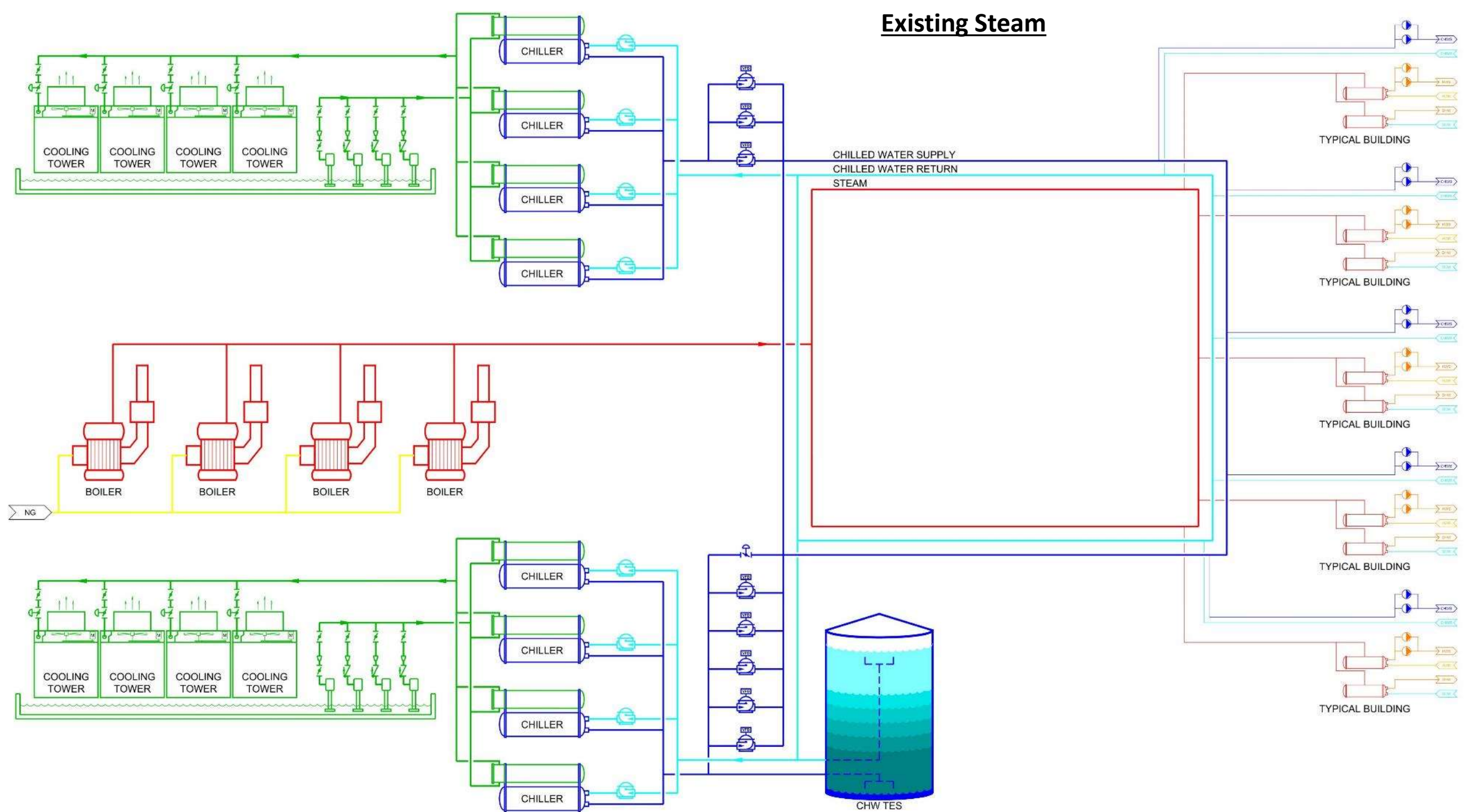
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20% Building Airside Heat Recovery

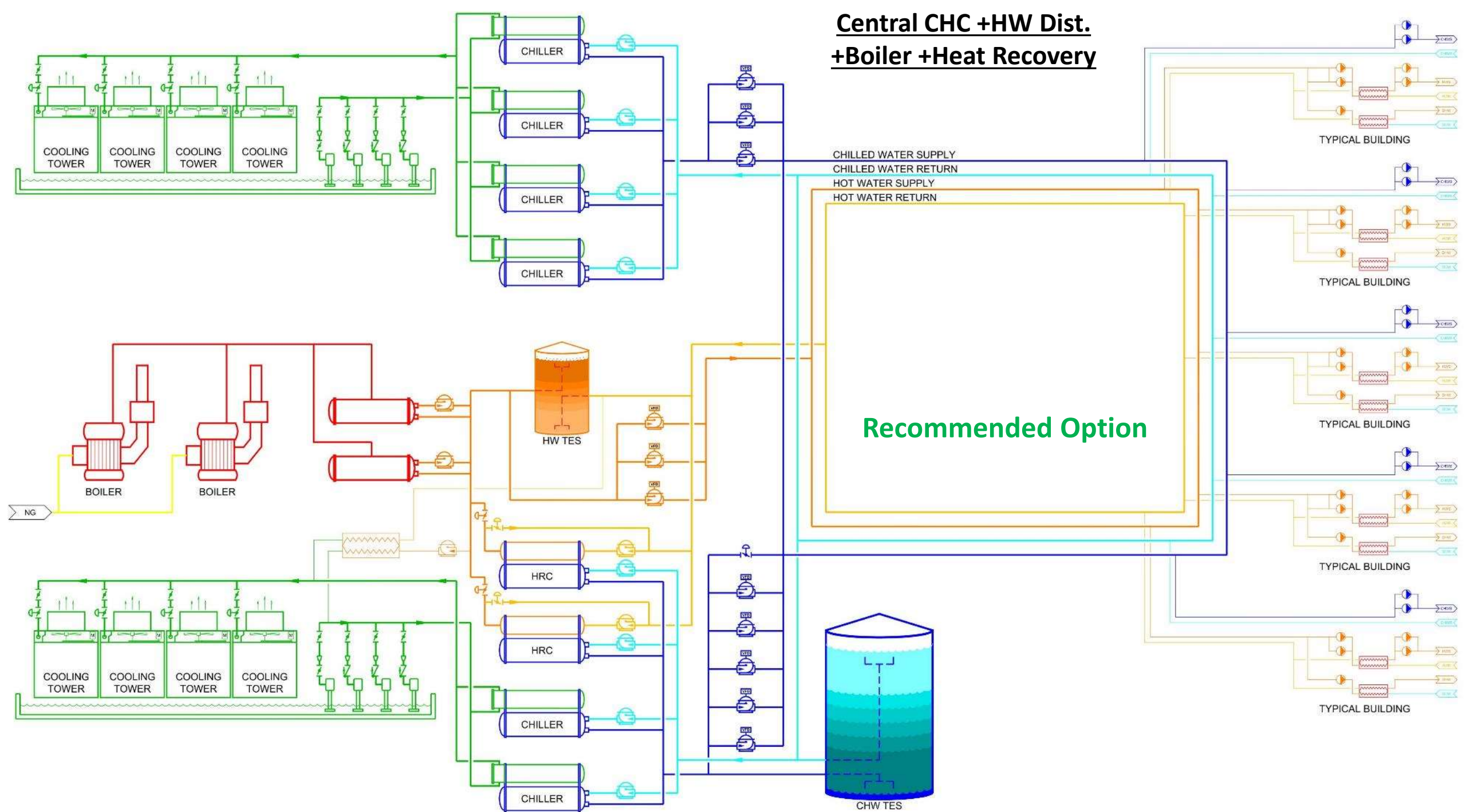
20% Boiler Heating (Replaced by geo-exchange/air-source heat pump system with future enhancement)



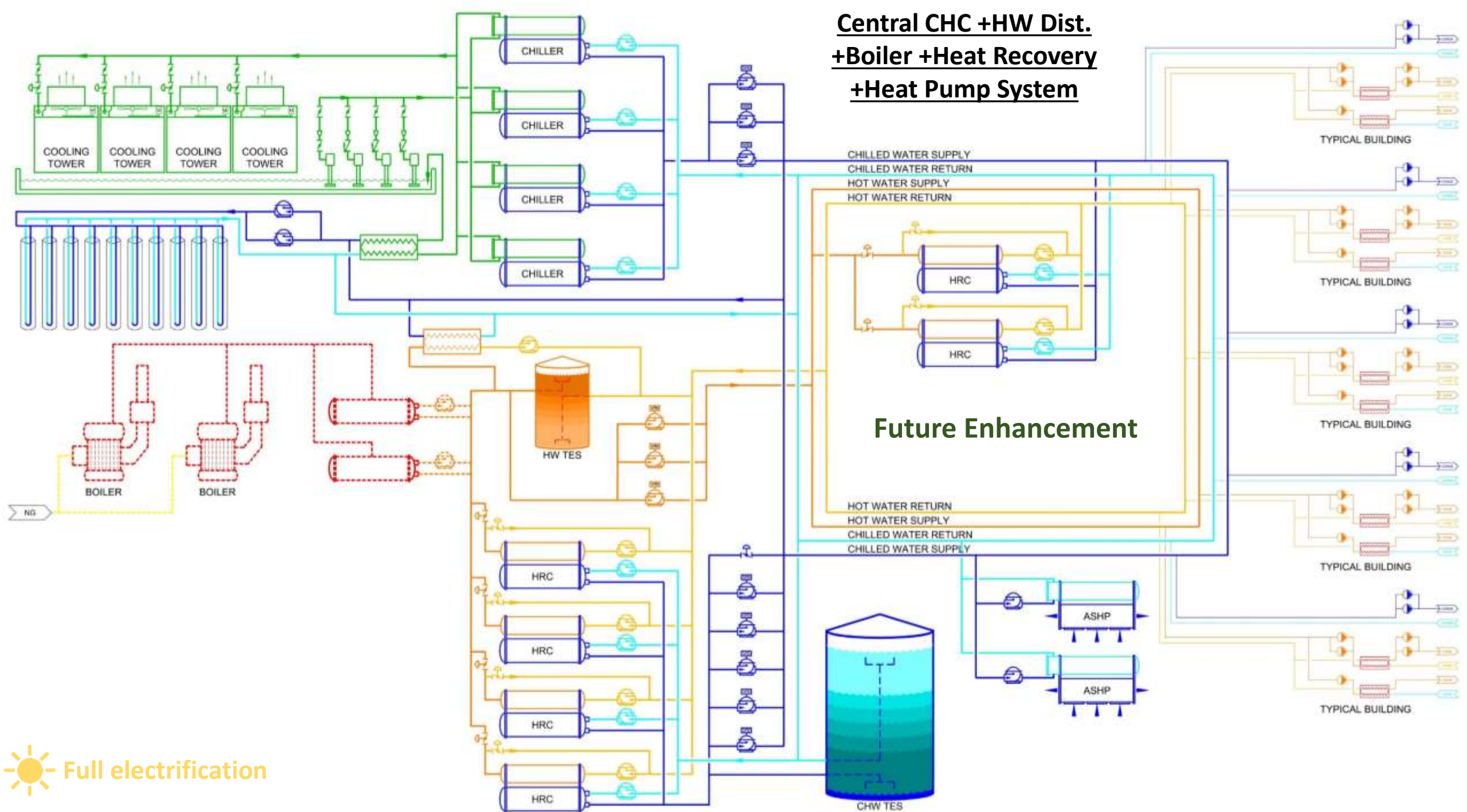
Existing Steam

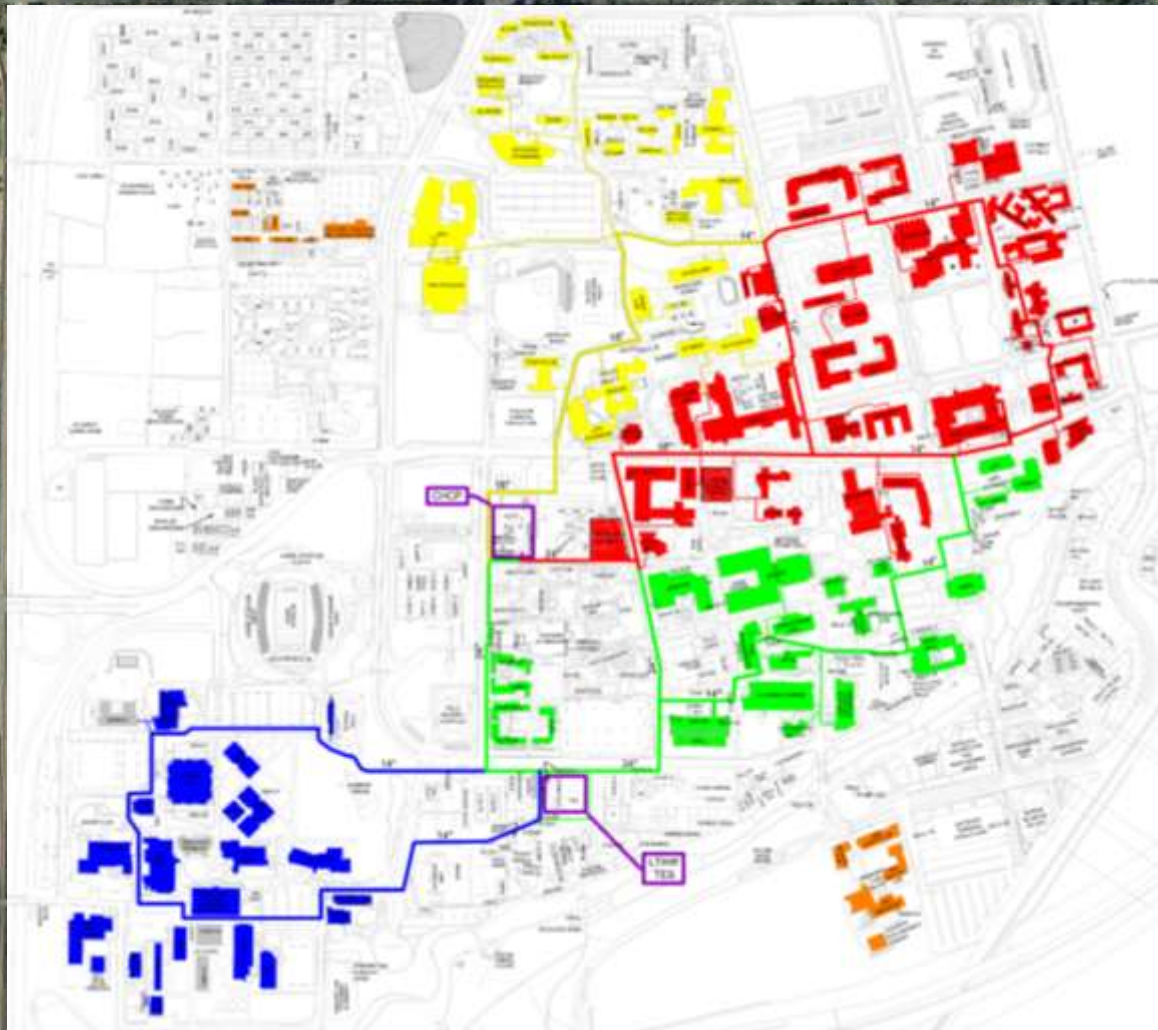
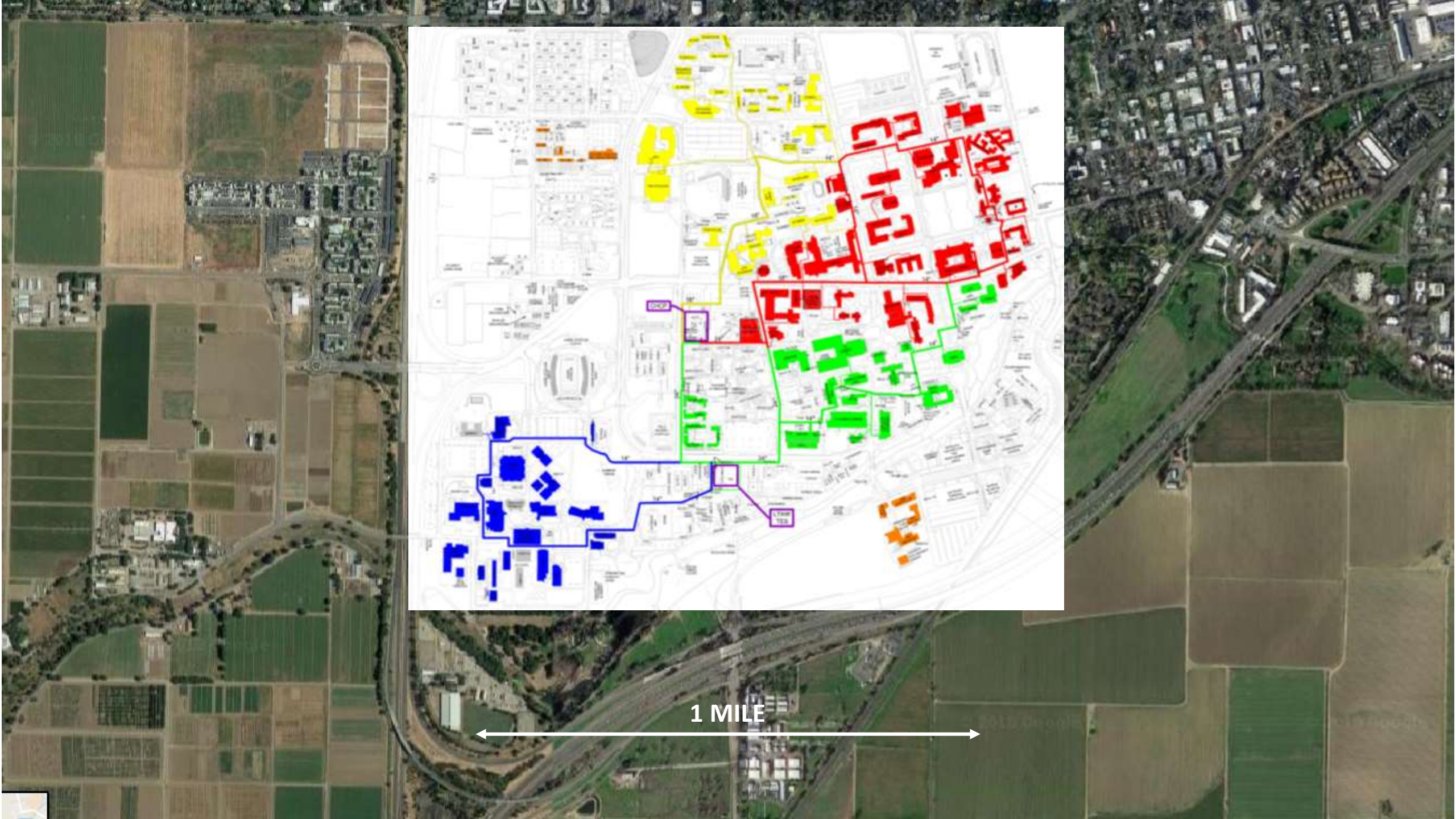


Central CHC +HW Dist.
+Boiler +Heat Recovery



Central CHC +HW Dist.
+Boiler +Heat Recovery
+Heat Pump System





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