

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

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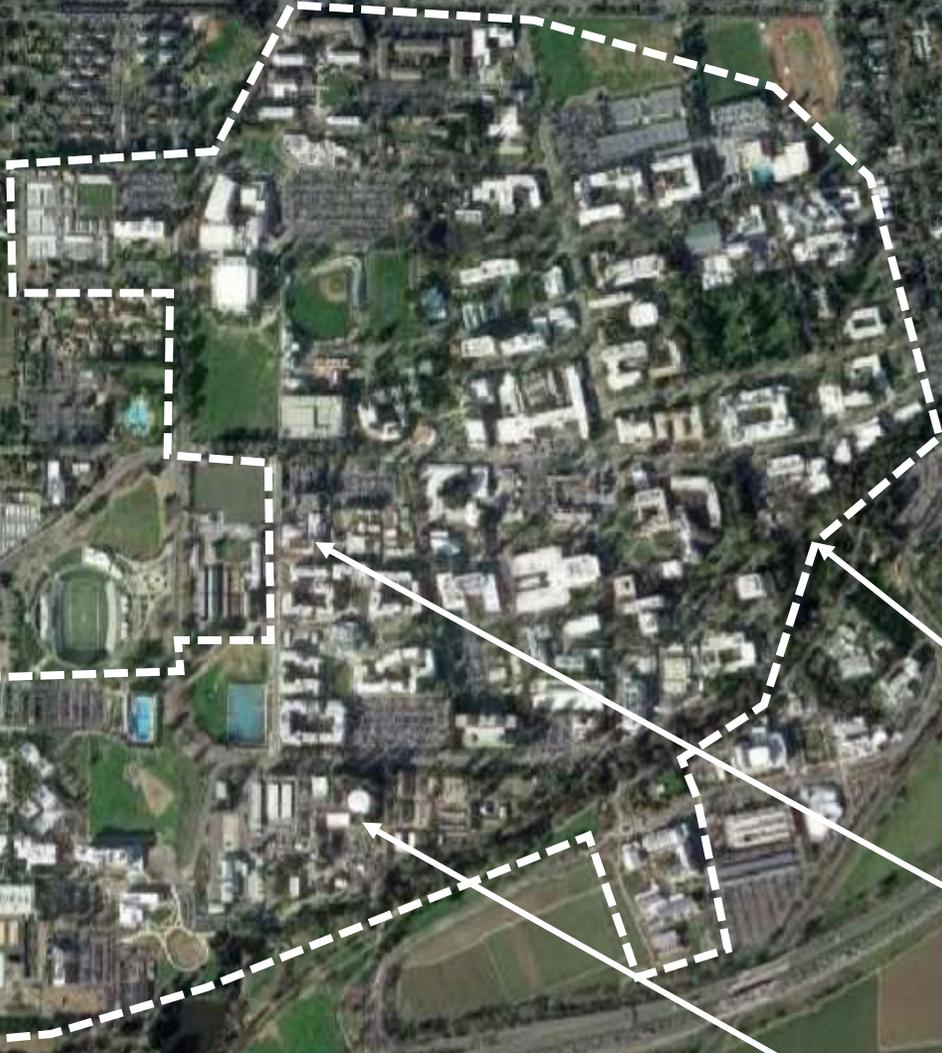
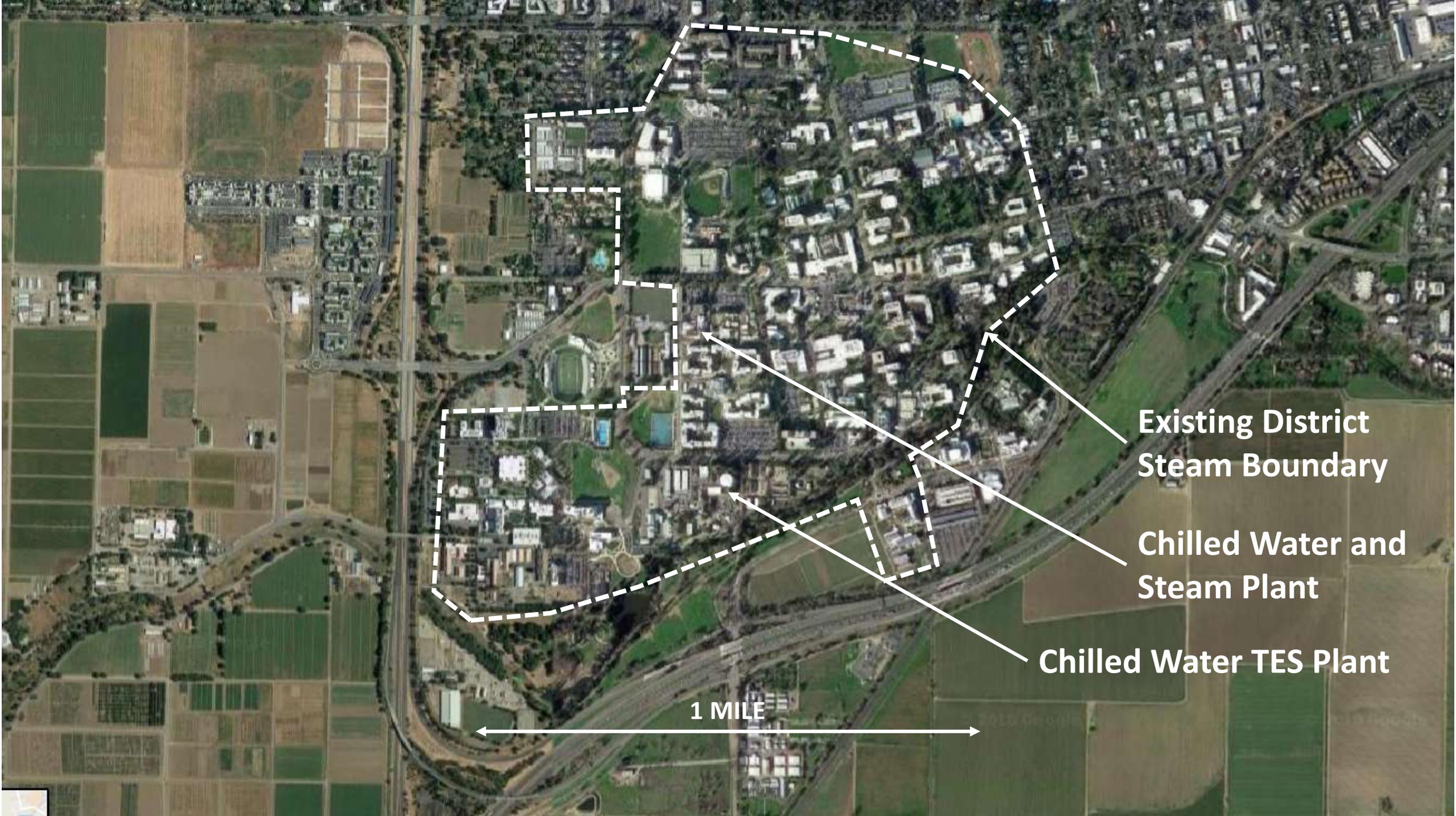


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Agenda

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

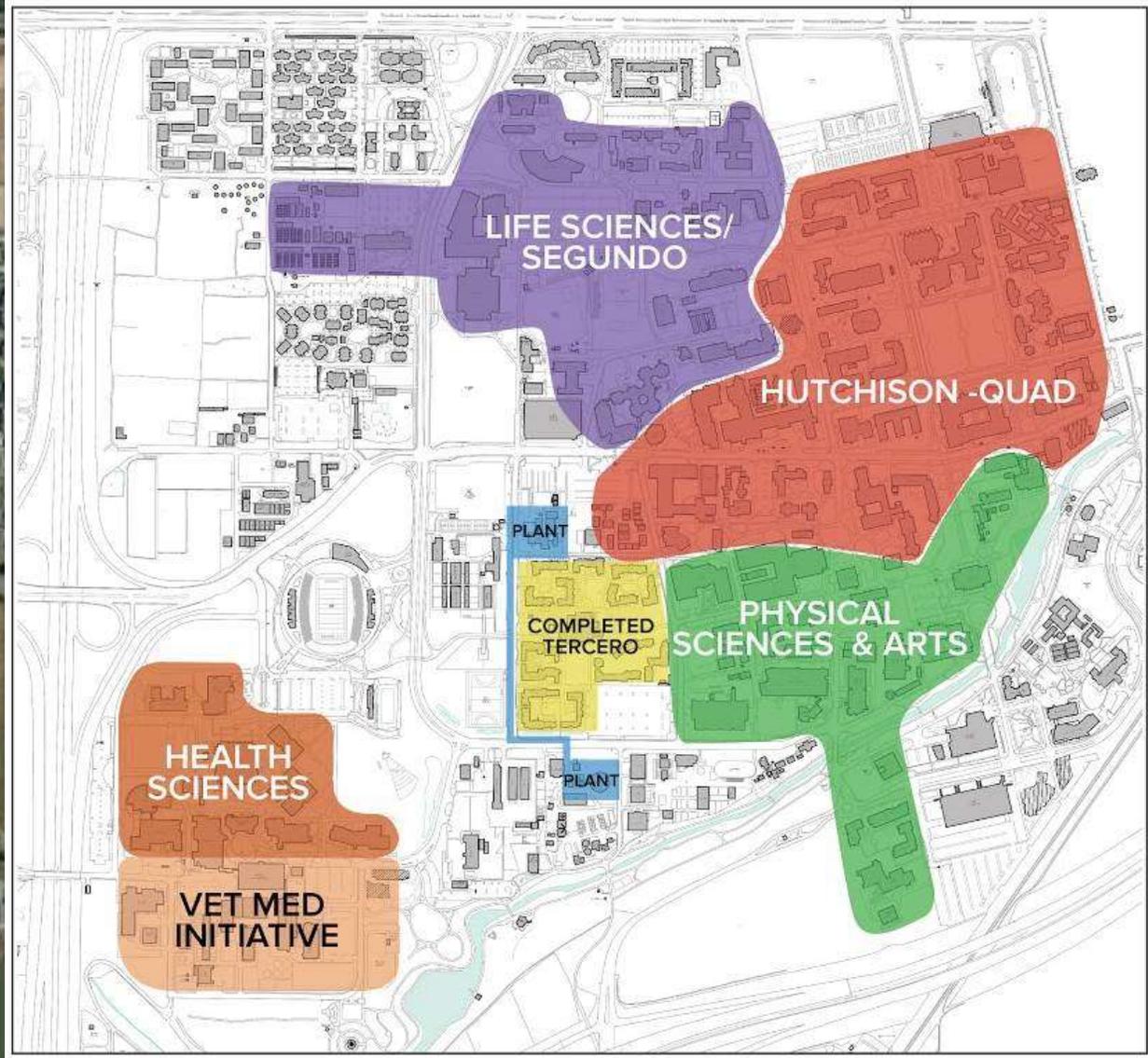


**Existing District
Steam Boundary**

**Chilled Water and
Steam Plant**

Chilled Water TES Plant

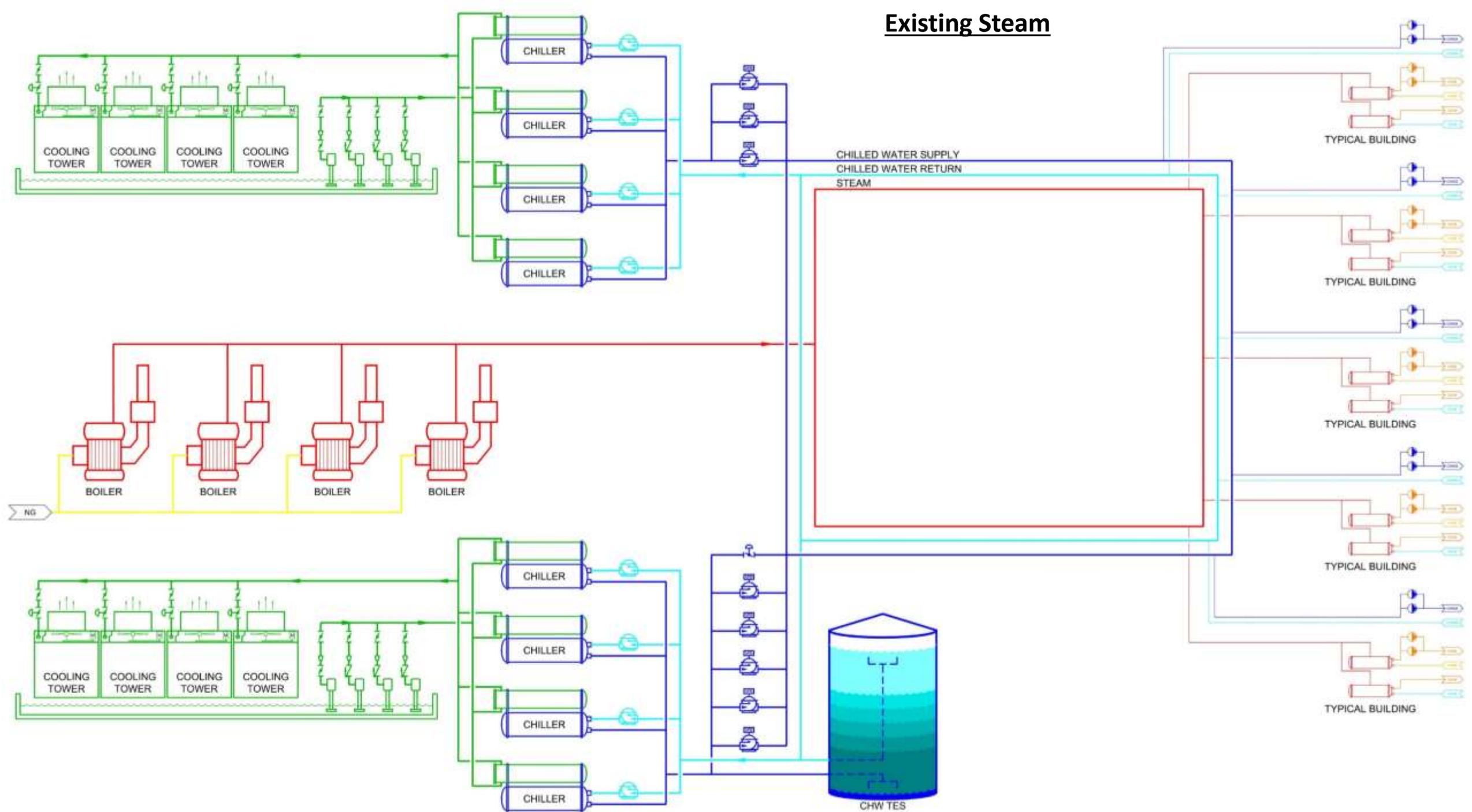
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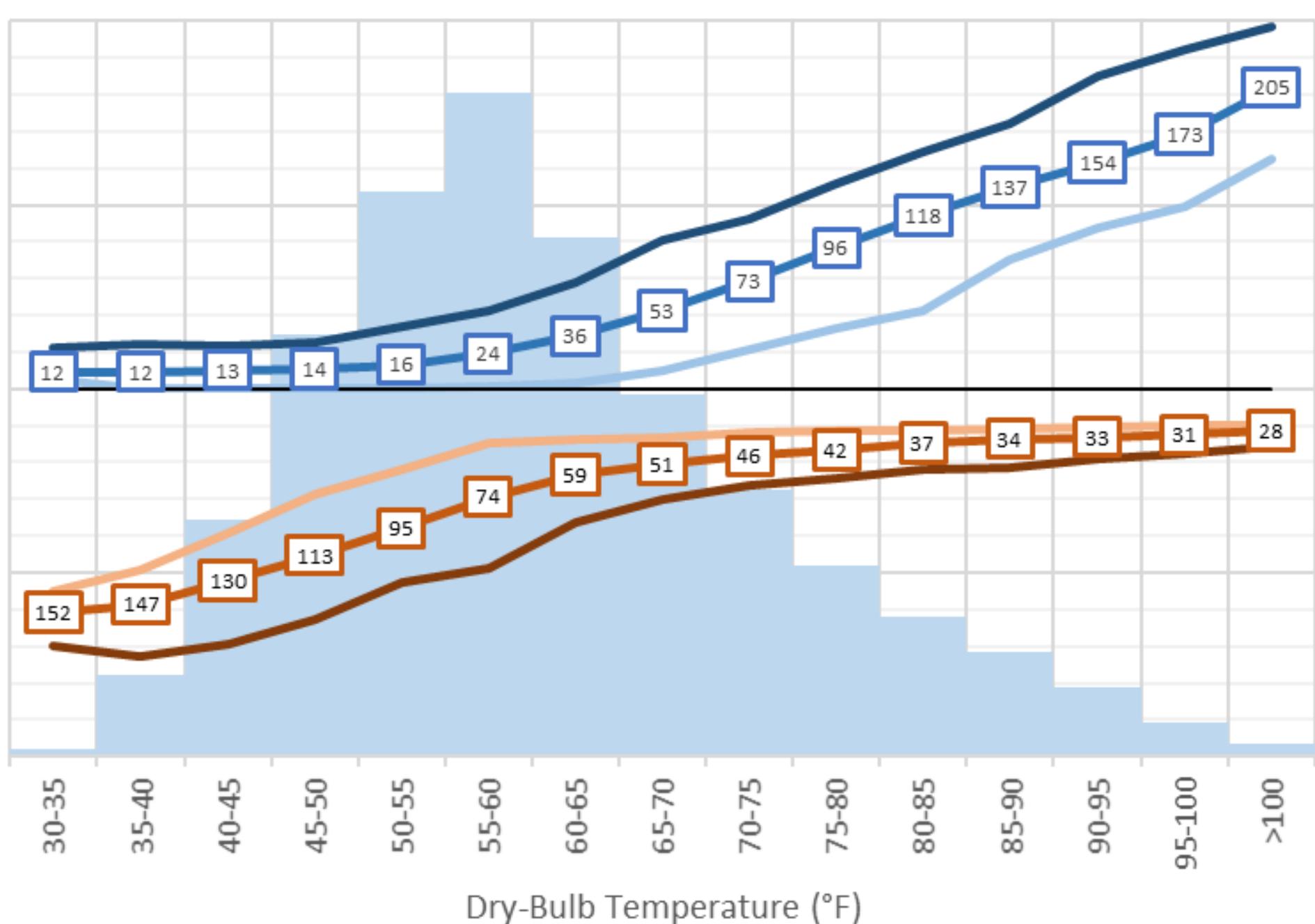


Existing Steam



Percent of Hours

20%
15%
10%
5%
0%

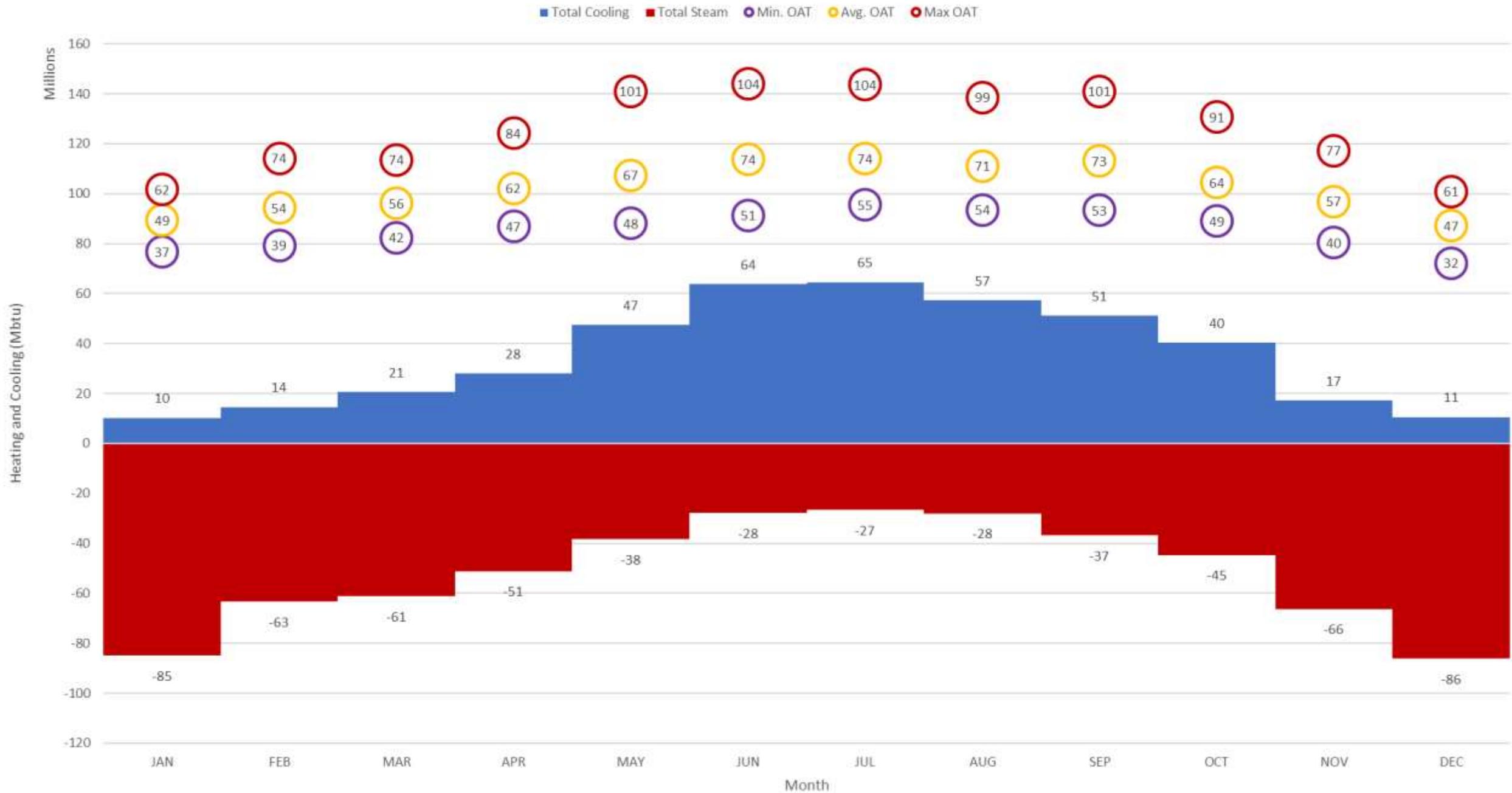


Dry-Bulb Temperature (°F)

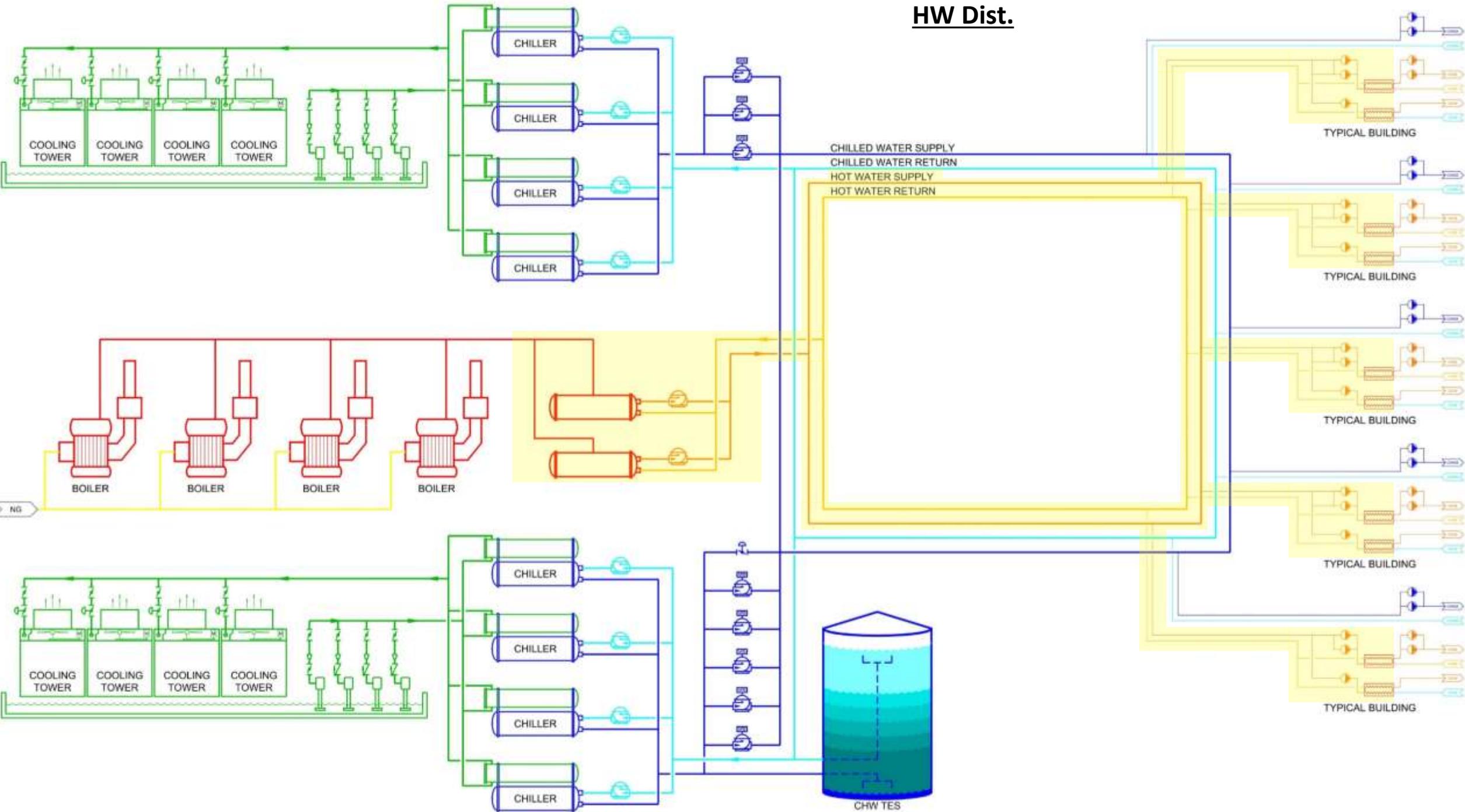
Thousands

Steam and Chilled Water Demand (MBH)

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

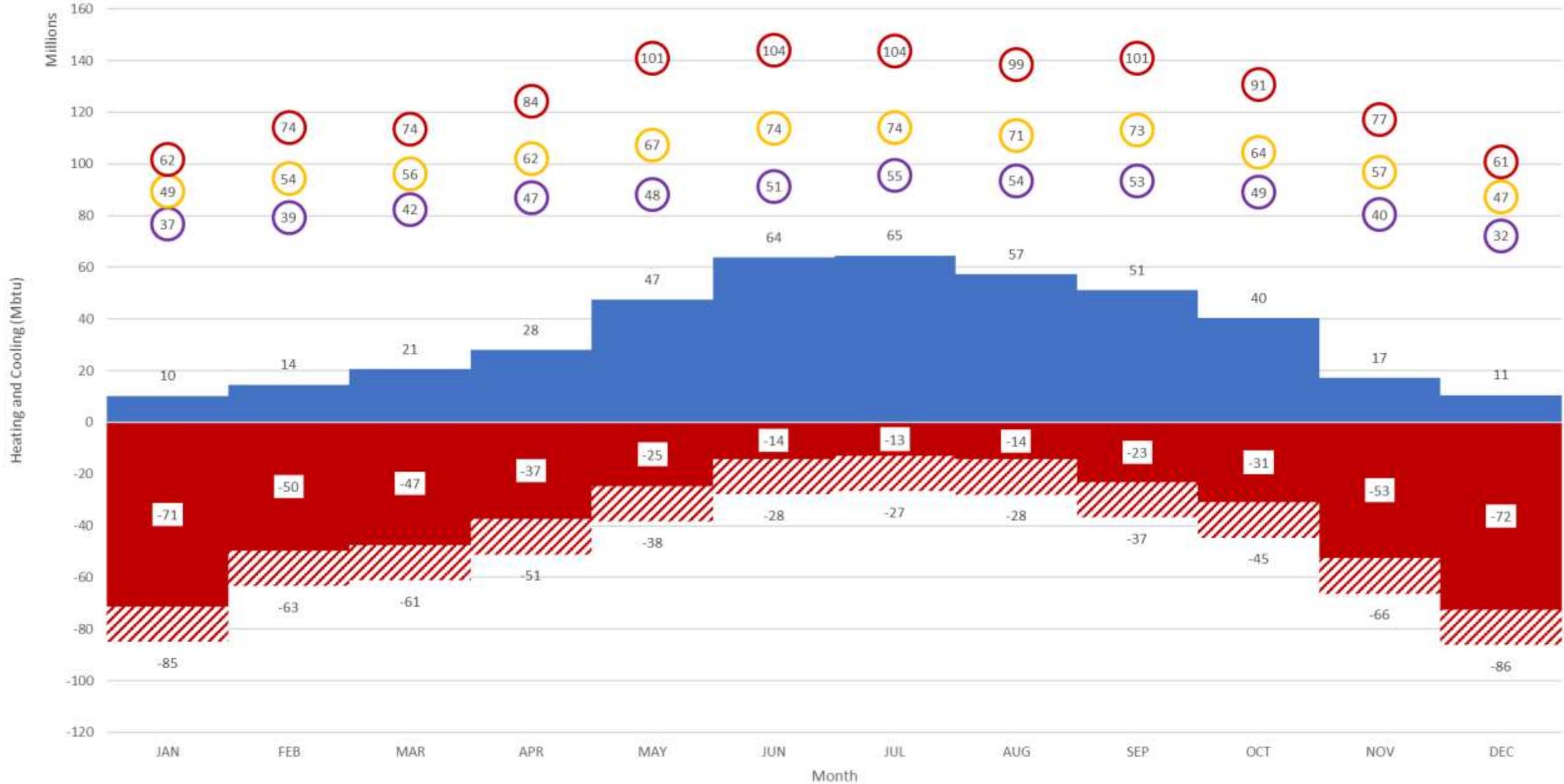


HW Dist.



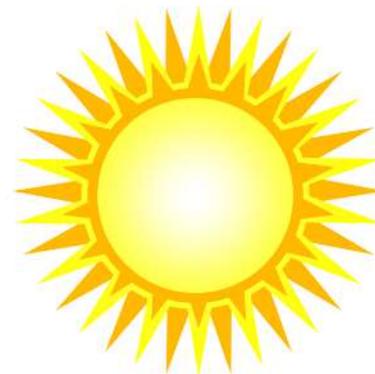
UC Davis Annual Heating and Cooling Totals by Month (2016)

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



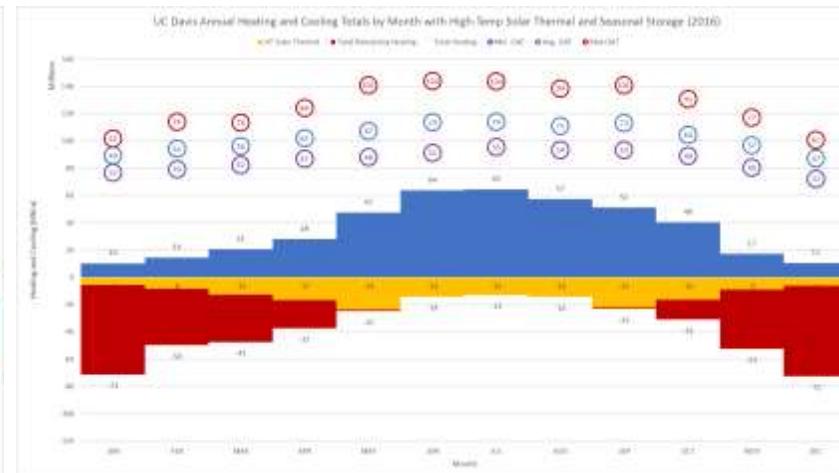
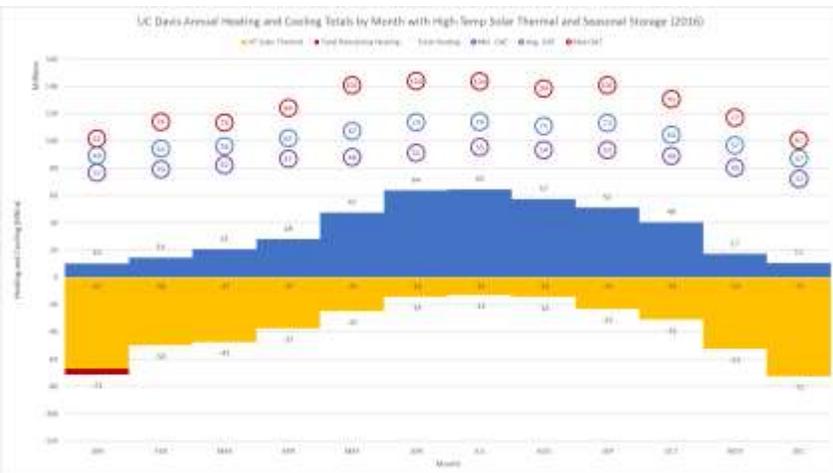
Hot Water Heat Sources

- 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



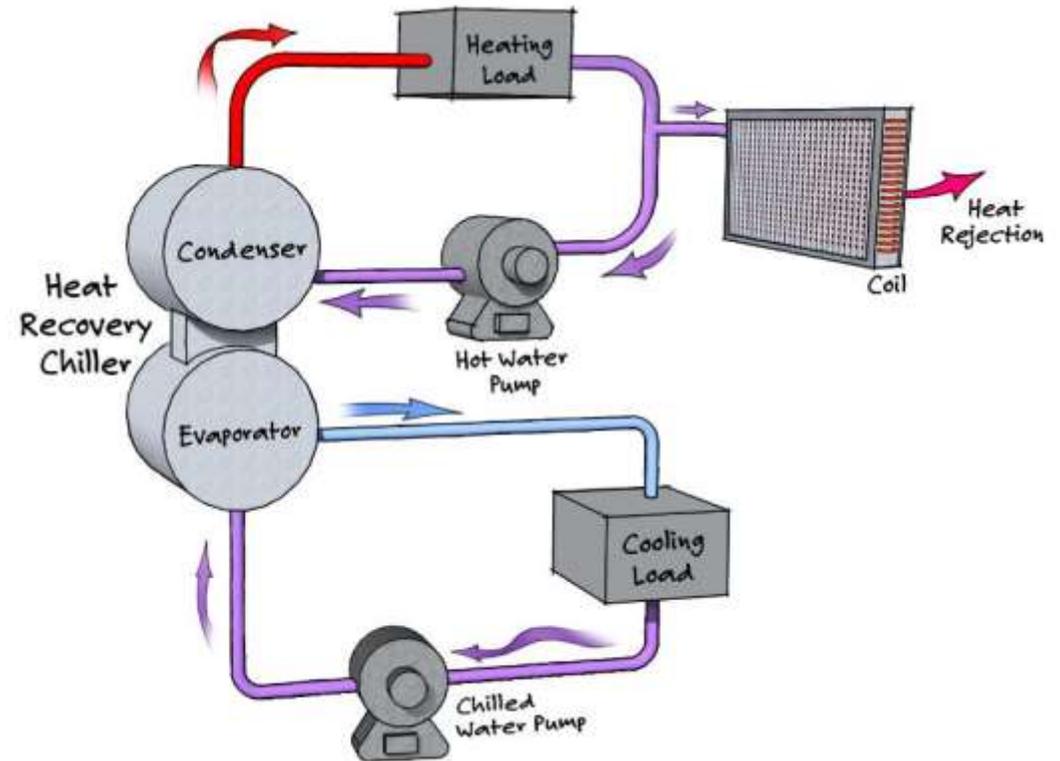
Combined Heating and Cooling (CHC)

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

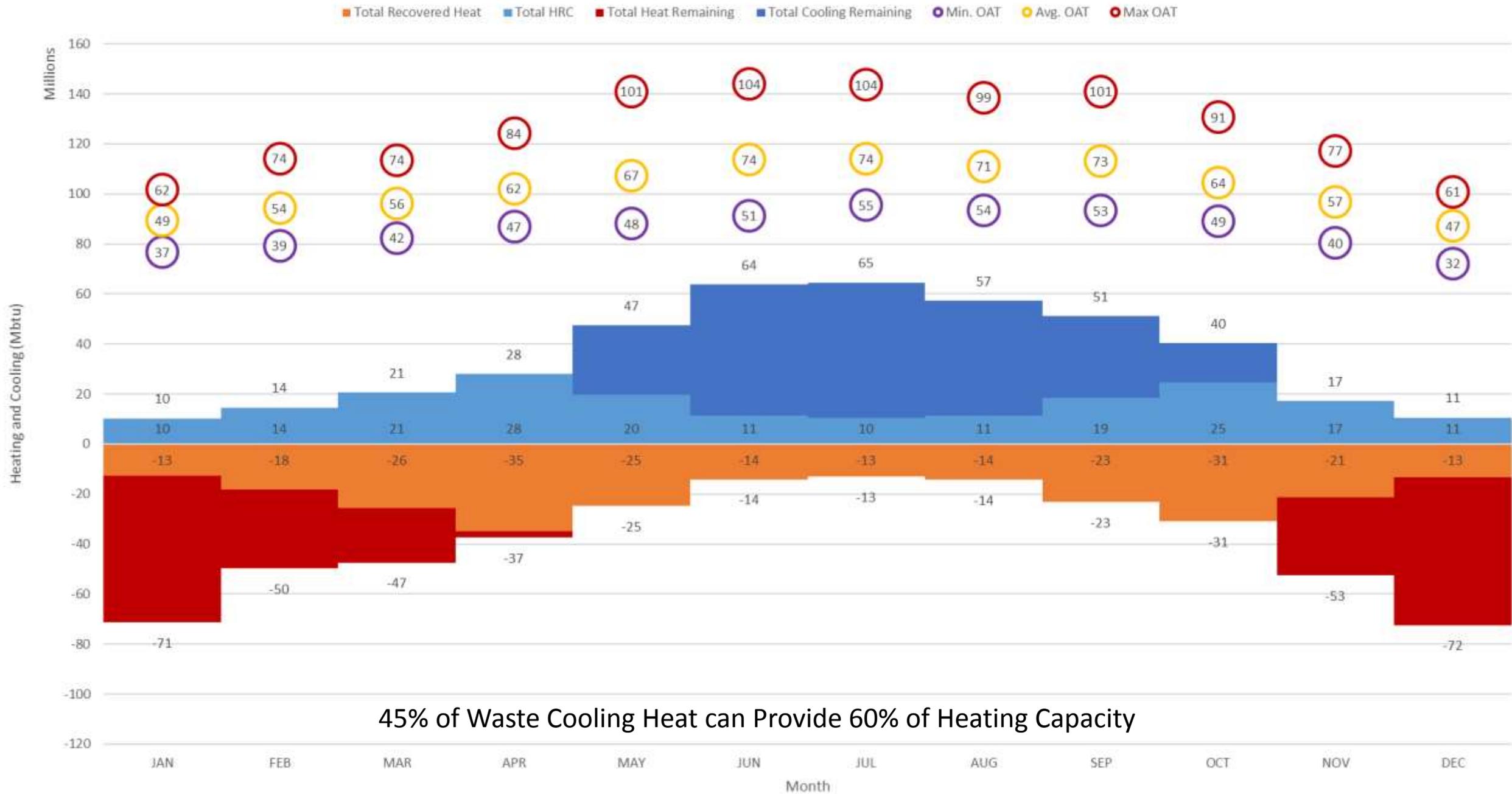
Centralized with hot water distribution

OR

Distributed with no hot water distribution

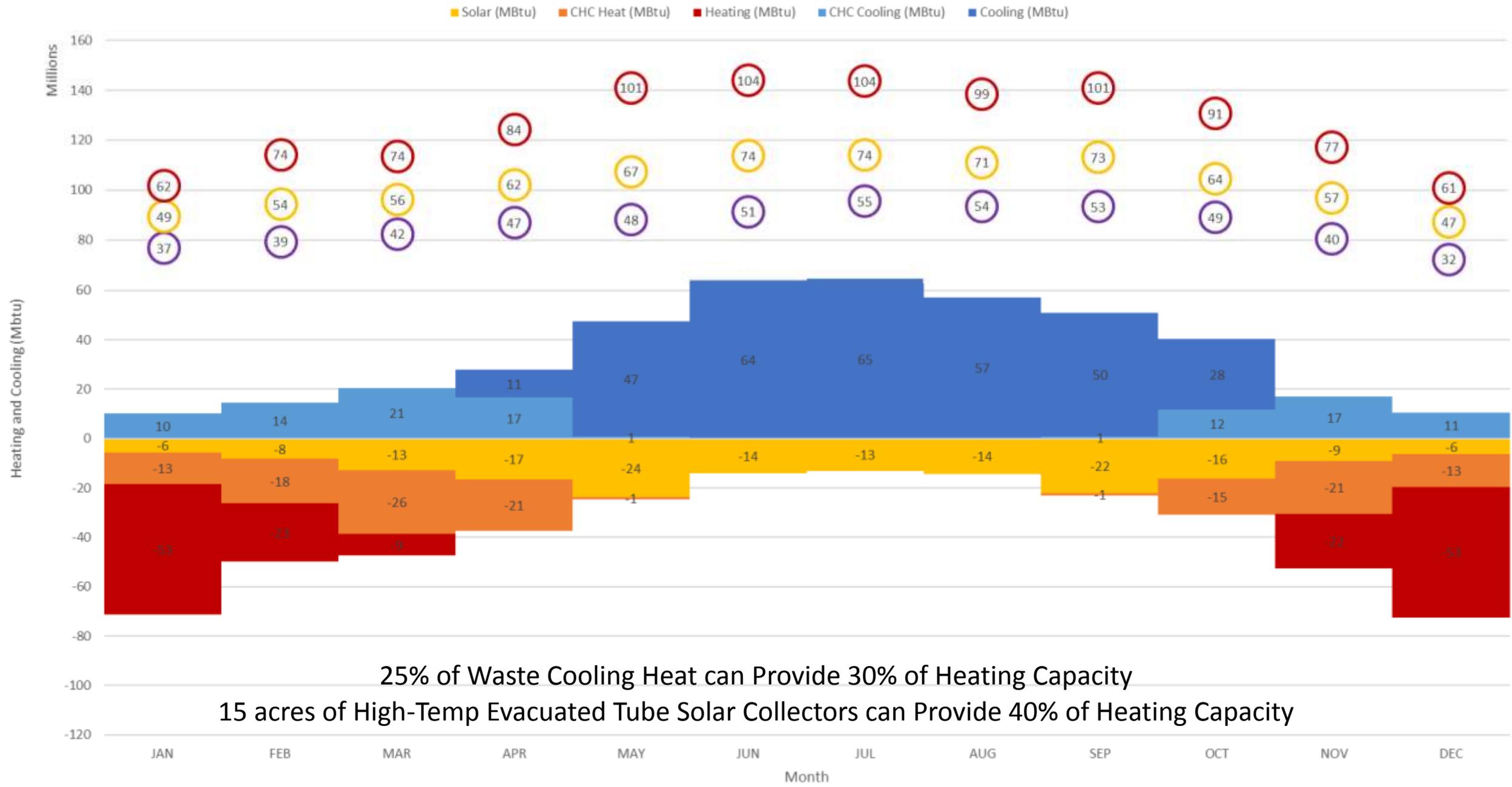


UC Davis Annual Combined Heating and Cooling Total Potential by Month (2016)



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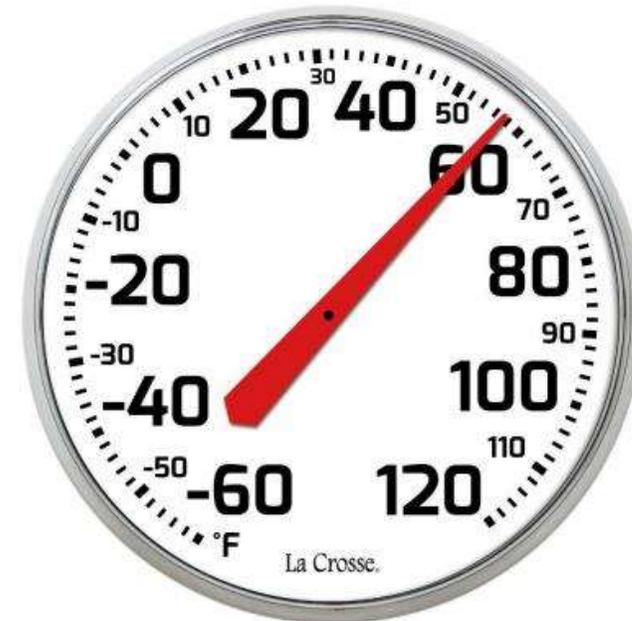
UC Davis Annual Combined Heating and Cooling Total Potential by Month with High-Temp Solar Thermal (2016)



25% of Waste Cooling Heat can Provide 30% of Heating Capacity
 15 acres of High-Temp Evacuated Tube Solar Collectors can Provide 40% of Heating Capacity

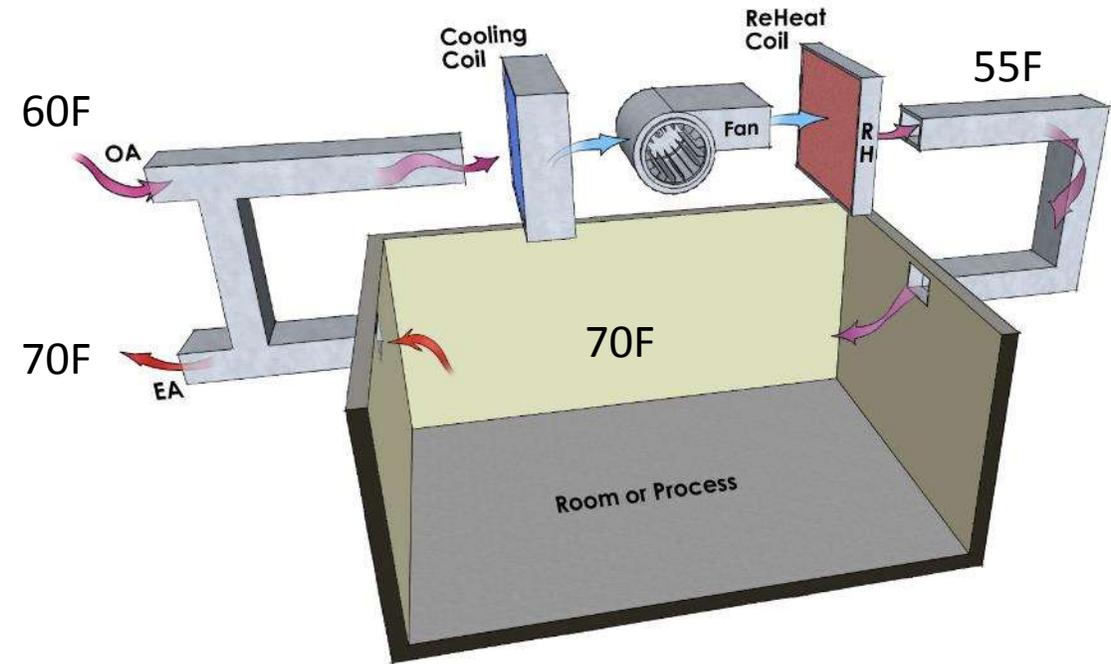
Chilled Water Heat Sources

- 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



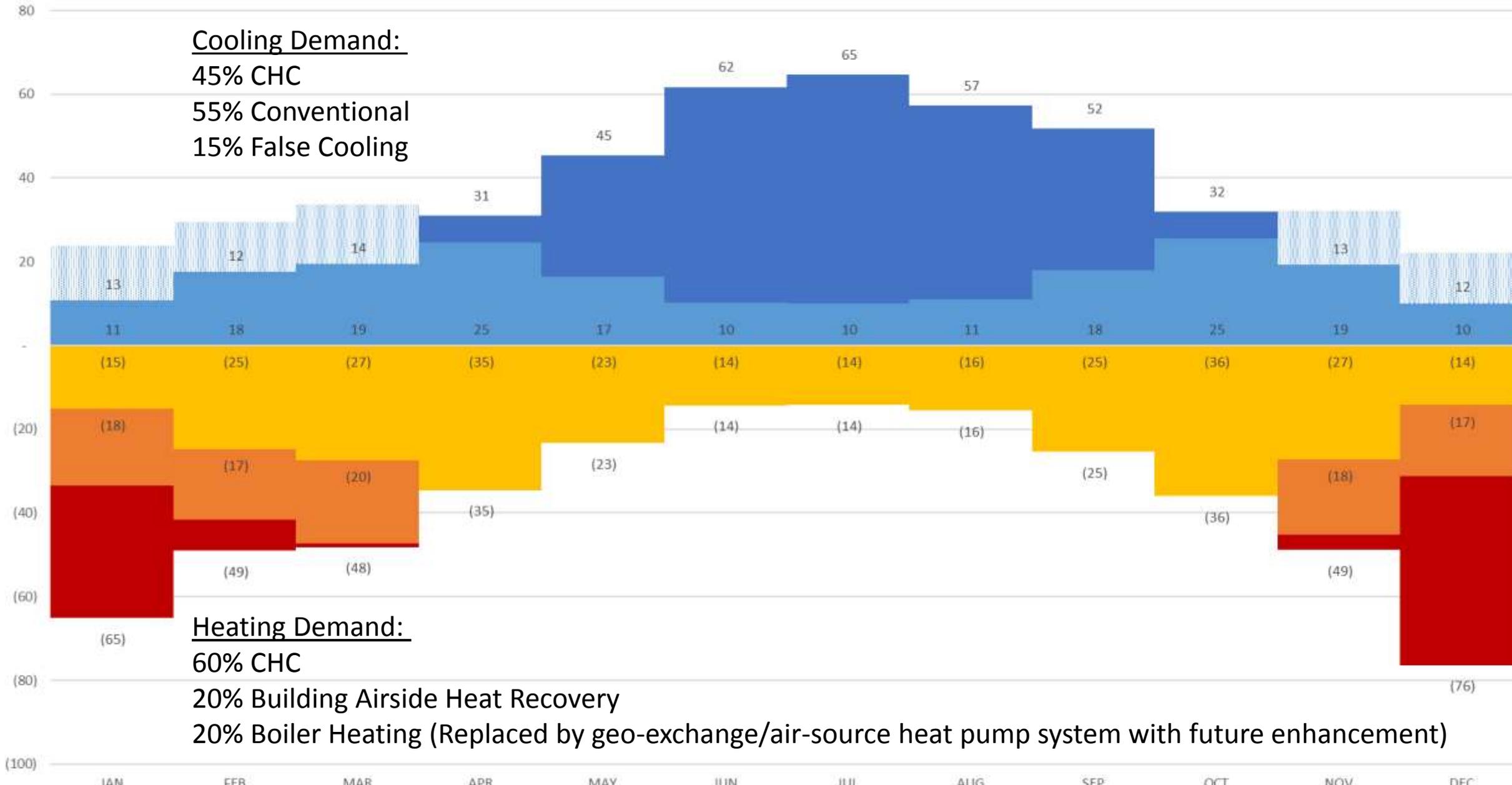
Normally at this conditions cooling is active but OA is used instead of RA (airside economizer). Disable this the triple the cooling load and enable more heat recovery.

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

■ CHC Heating (Mbtu)
 ■ HR Heating (Mbtu)
 ■ Boiler Heating (Mbtu)
 ■ CHC Cooling (Mbtu)
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Millions

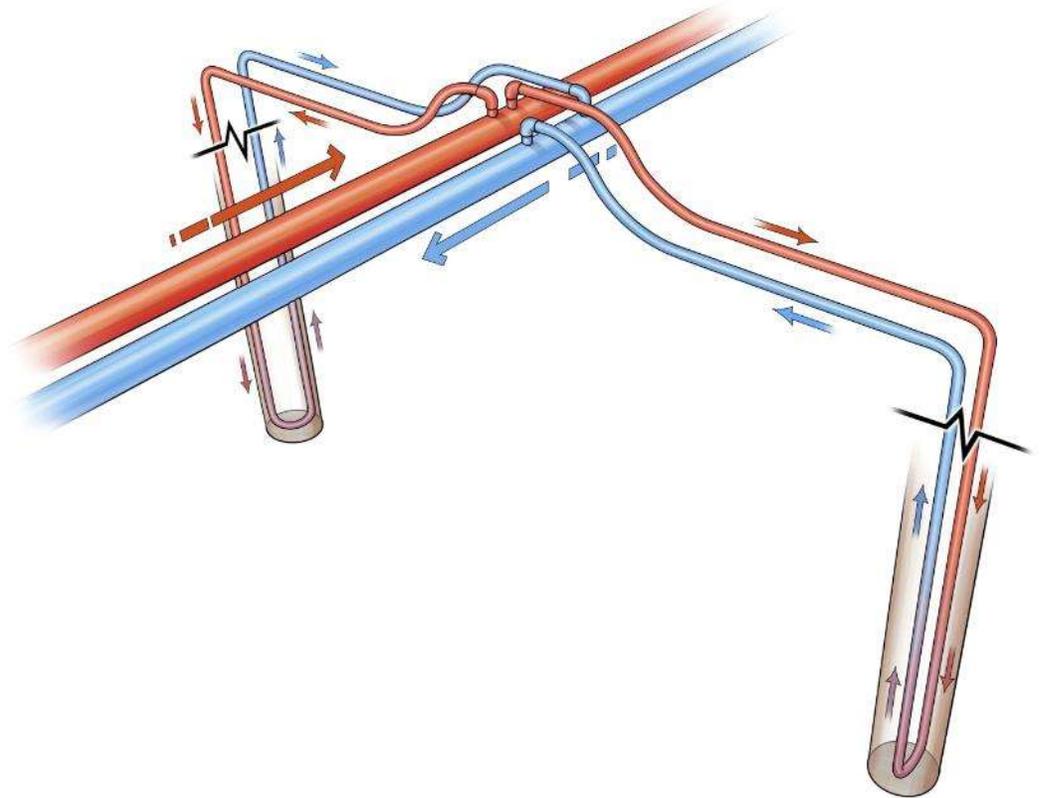
Cooling Demand:
 45% CHC
 55% Conventional
 15% False Cooling



Heating Demand:
 60% CHC
 20% Building Airside Heat Recovery
 20% Boiler Heating (Replaced by geo-exchange/air-source heat pump system with future enhancement)

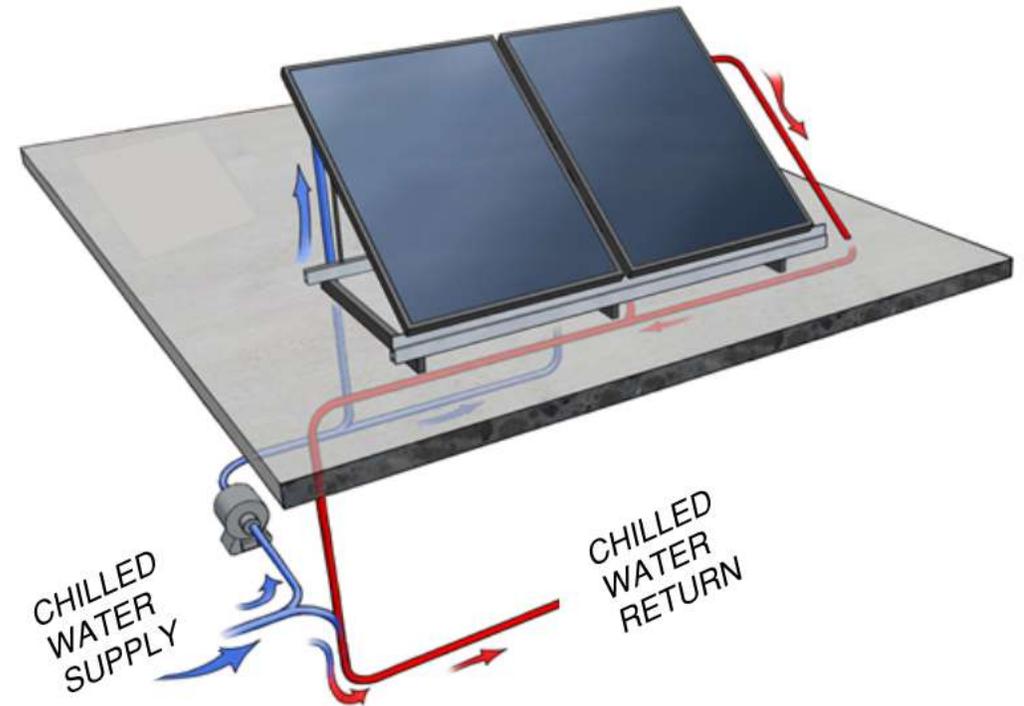
Geo-exchange

- 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



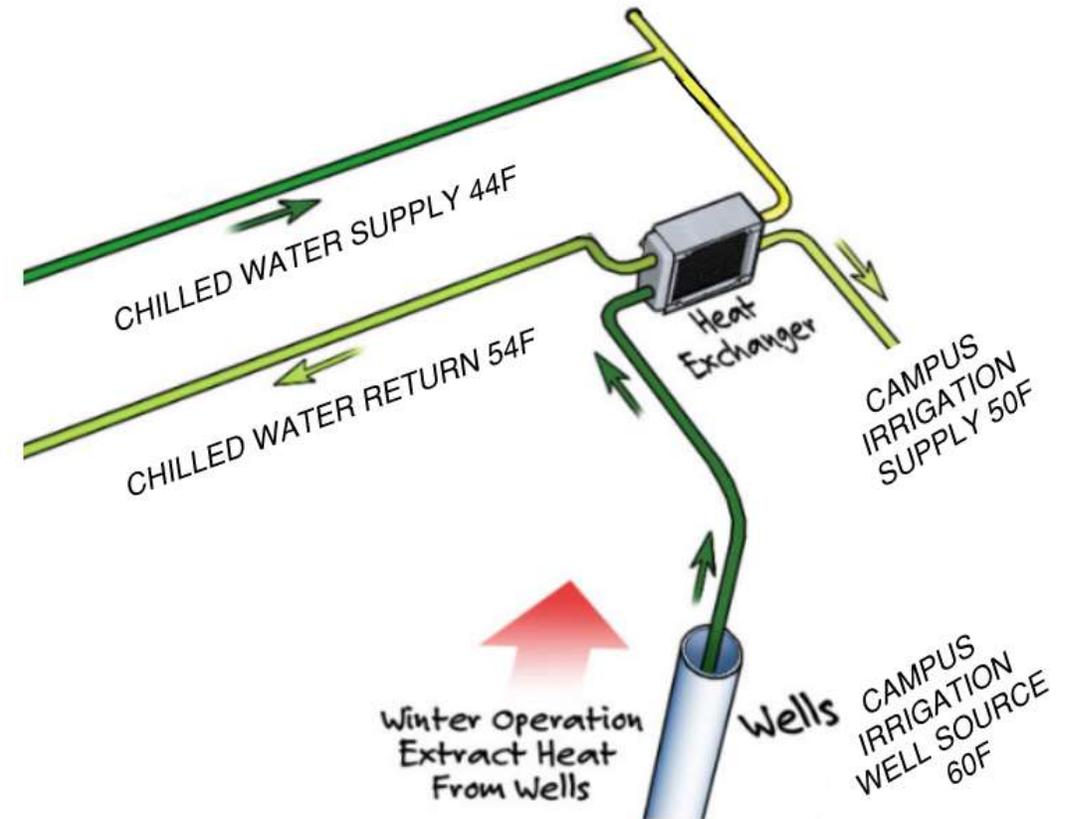
Chilled Water Solar

- 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

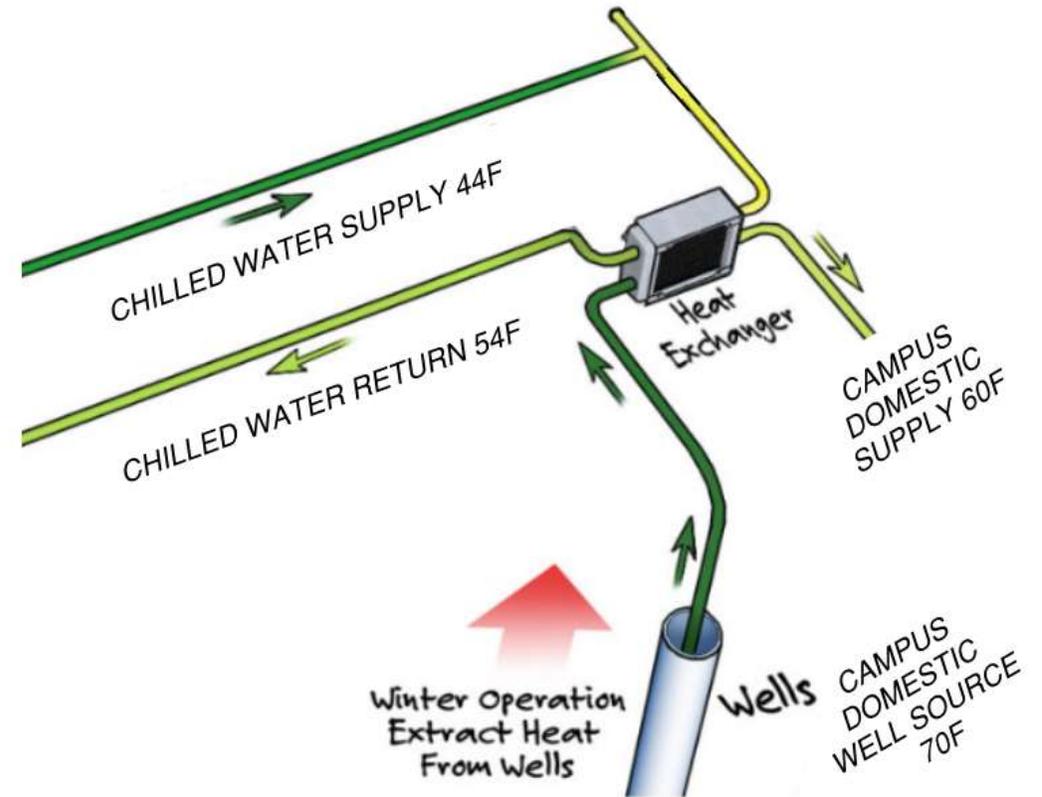
- Six wells draw water from shallow aquifer (300'-400' in depth)¹
- 247Mgal in 2003¹
 - 58% from UW6A (144Mgal)¹
 - 13% from UW5 (32Mgal)¹
- Cooling the UW6A flow by 14F can remove 1.4e6 MBtu per month
- **Problem: Most of irrigation flow is in summer months when low grade heat sources are not needed.**



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)**



Heat from Wastewater Flow

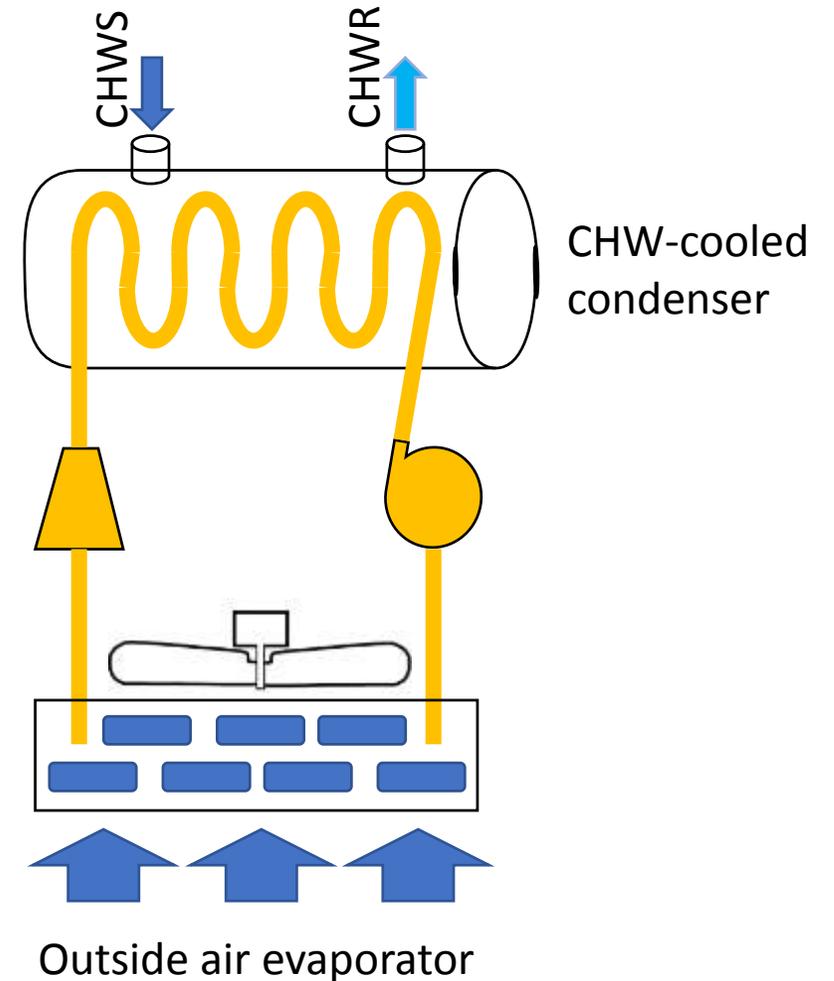
- 2MGD flow
- Cooling flow by 10F can extract 5e6 Mbtu per month
- Influent to treatment plant
 - Lift station adjacent to TES plant
 - Problem – this could negatively impact the treatment plant
- Effluent from treatment plant
 - Requires further investigation



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?	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 4	Criteria 5	Criteria 6	Criteria 7	Criteria 8	Criteria 9	Criteria 10	Criteria 11	Criteria 12	Criteria 13	TOTAL
Weighting								14%	1%	12%	3%	2%	12%	2%	2%	4%	16%	8%	15%	9%	100%

Rank	Option Description	Constraint A	Constraint B	Constraint C	Constraint D	Constraint E	Constraint F	PASS?
3	Boilers with credits or biogas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	CHP with credits or biogas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Electric or Electrode boilers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	HW Solar Thermal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Central CHC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Distributed CHC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Building Heat Recovery	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Geo-exchange	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	CHW Solar Thermal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Irrigation Water Heat Extraction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Domestic Water Heat Extraction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	Waste Influent Heat Extraction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Waste Effluent Heat Extraction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Air-source Heat Pump	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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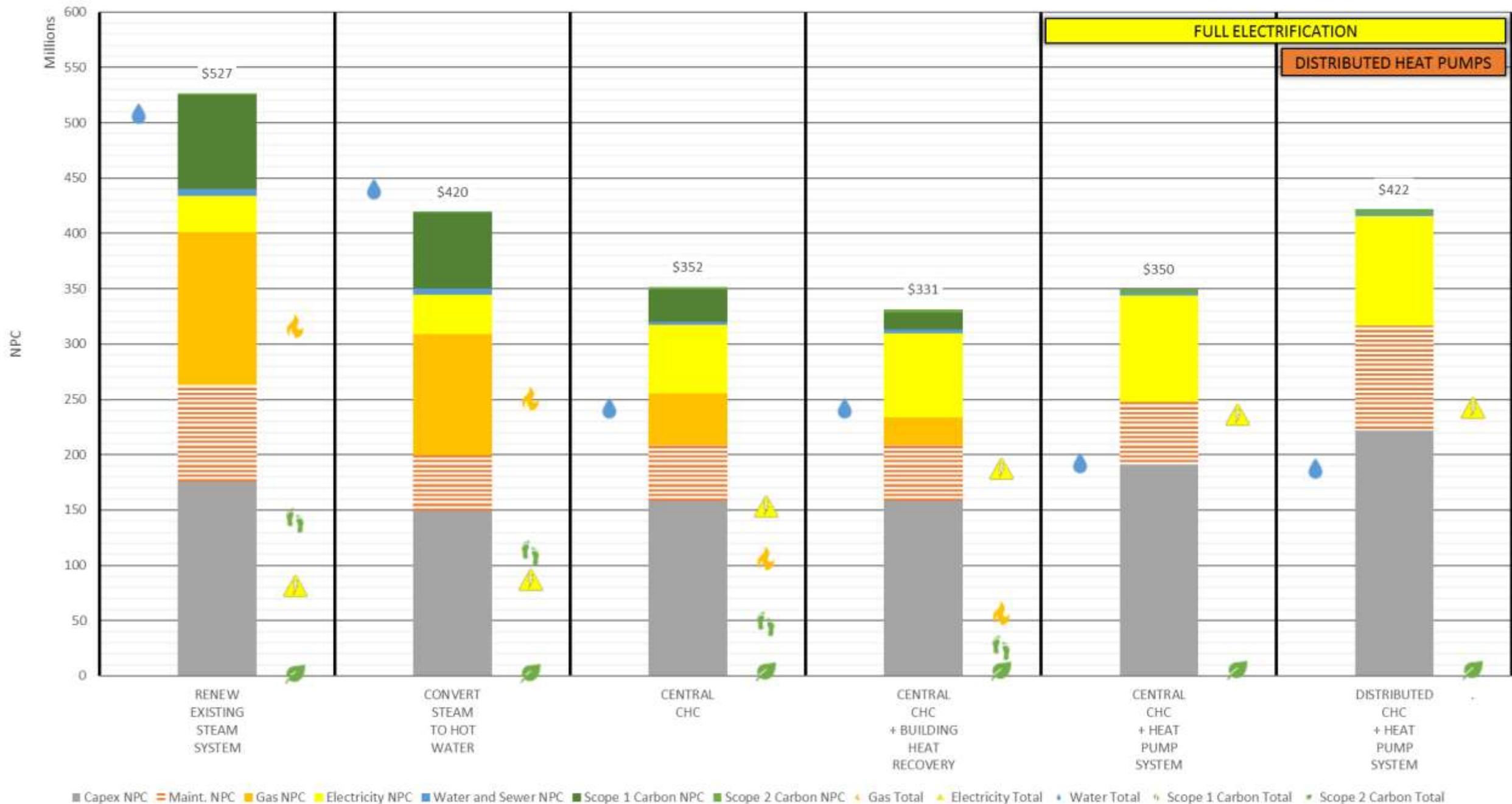


Microsoft Excel
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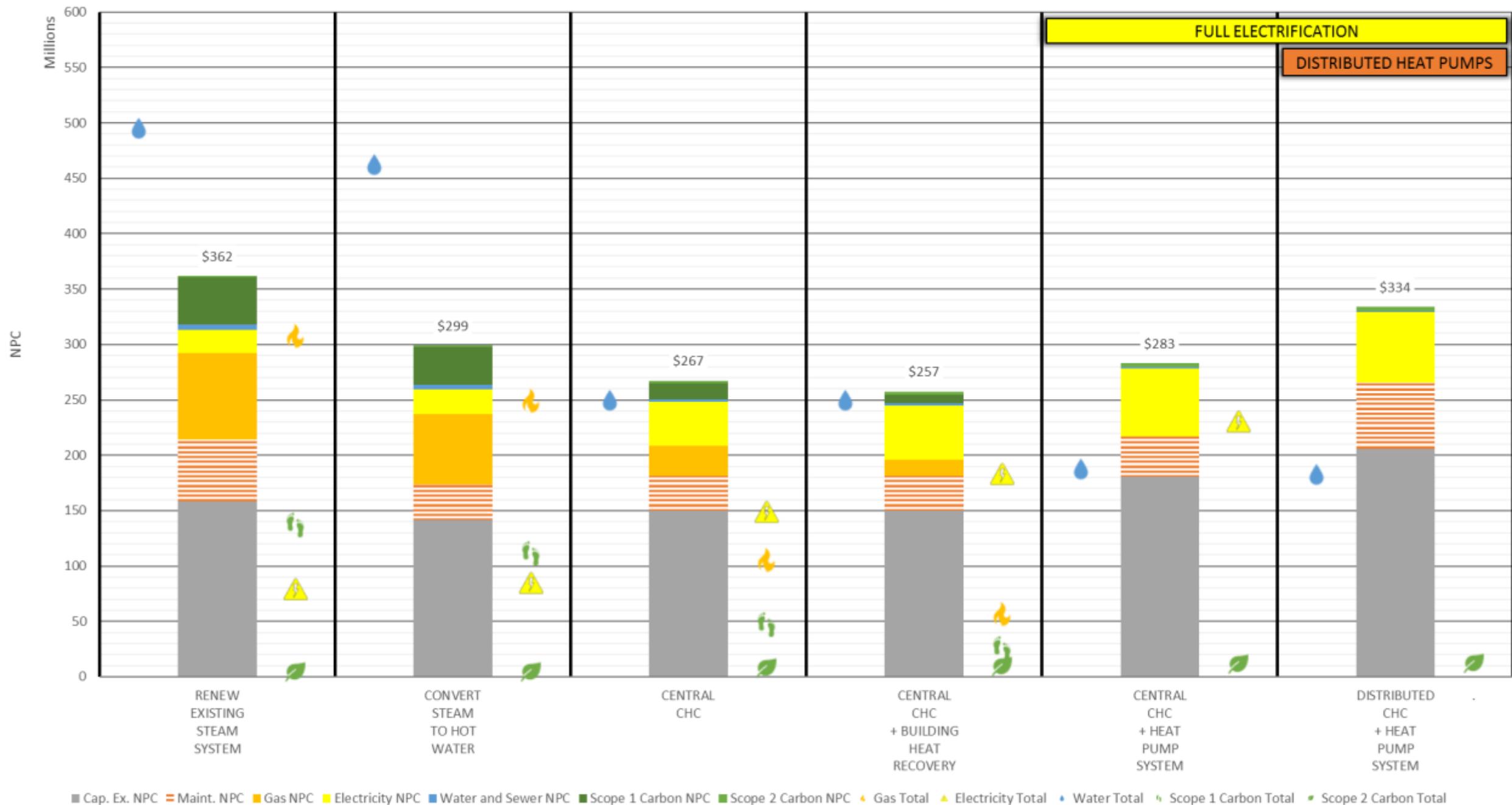
Options for Quantitative Analysis

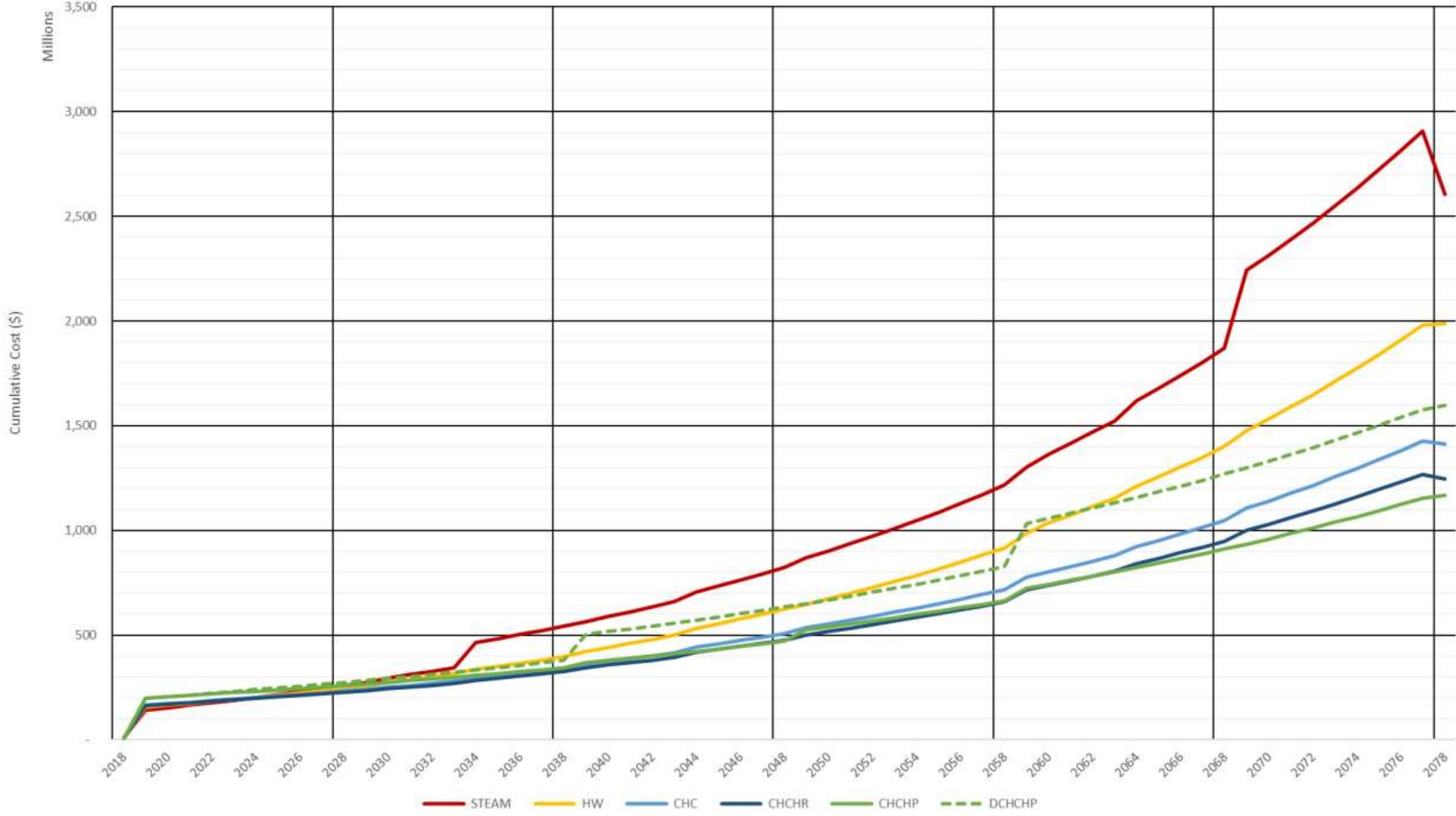
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STEAM	Boilers and Steam Distribution (Baseline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas Combustion
HW	Boilers and HW Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas Combustion
CHC	Boilers and HW Distribution + Central CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: 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





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

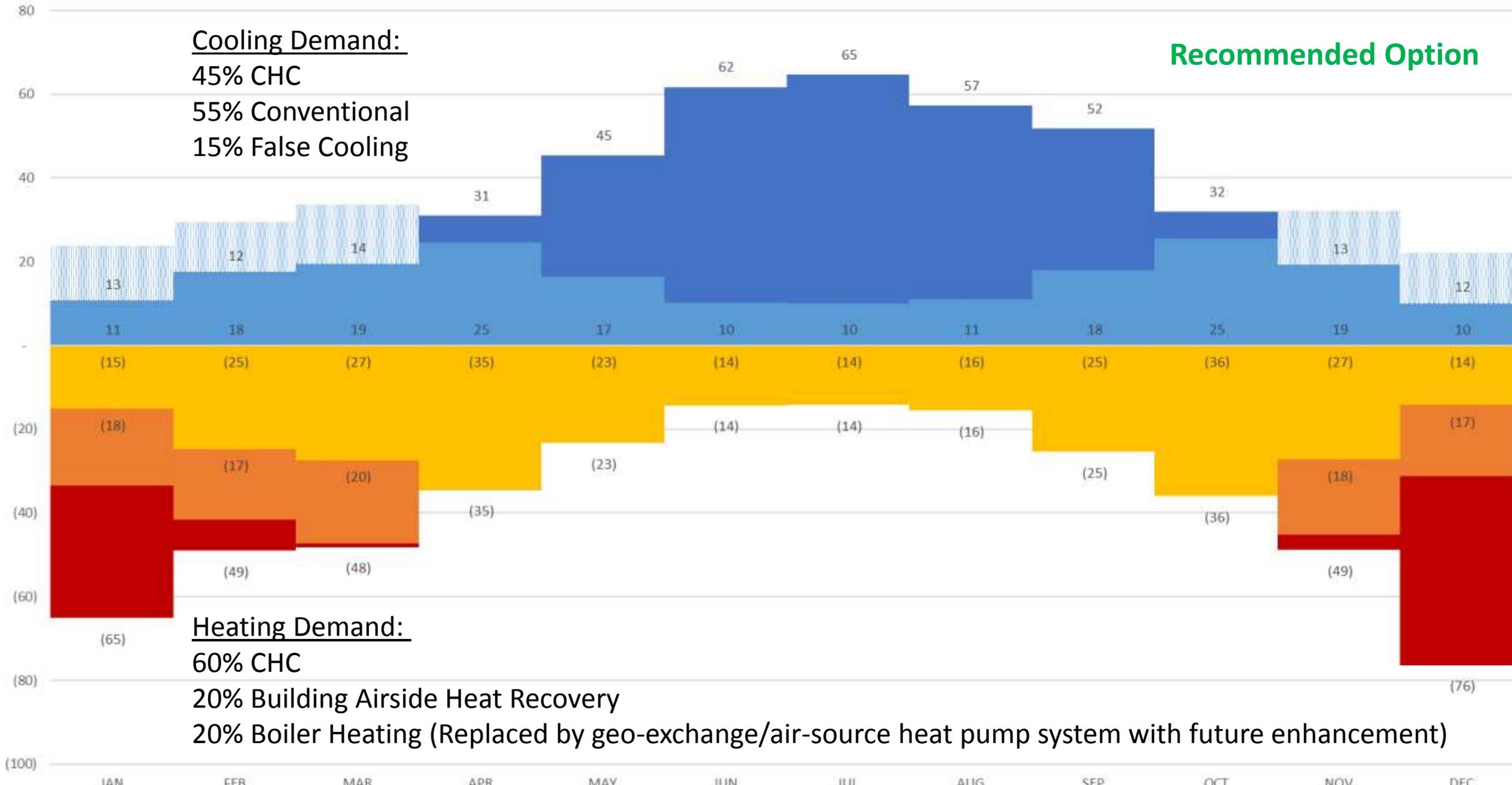
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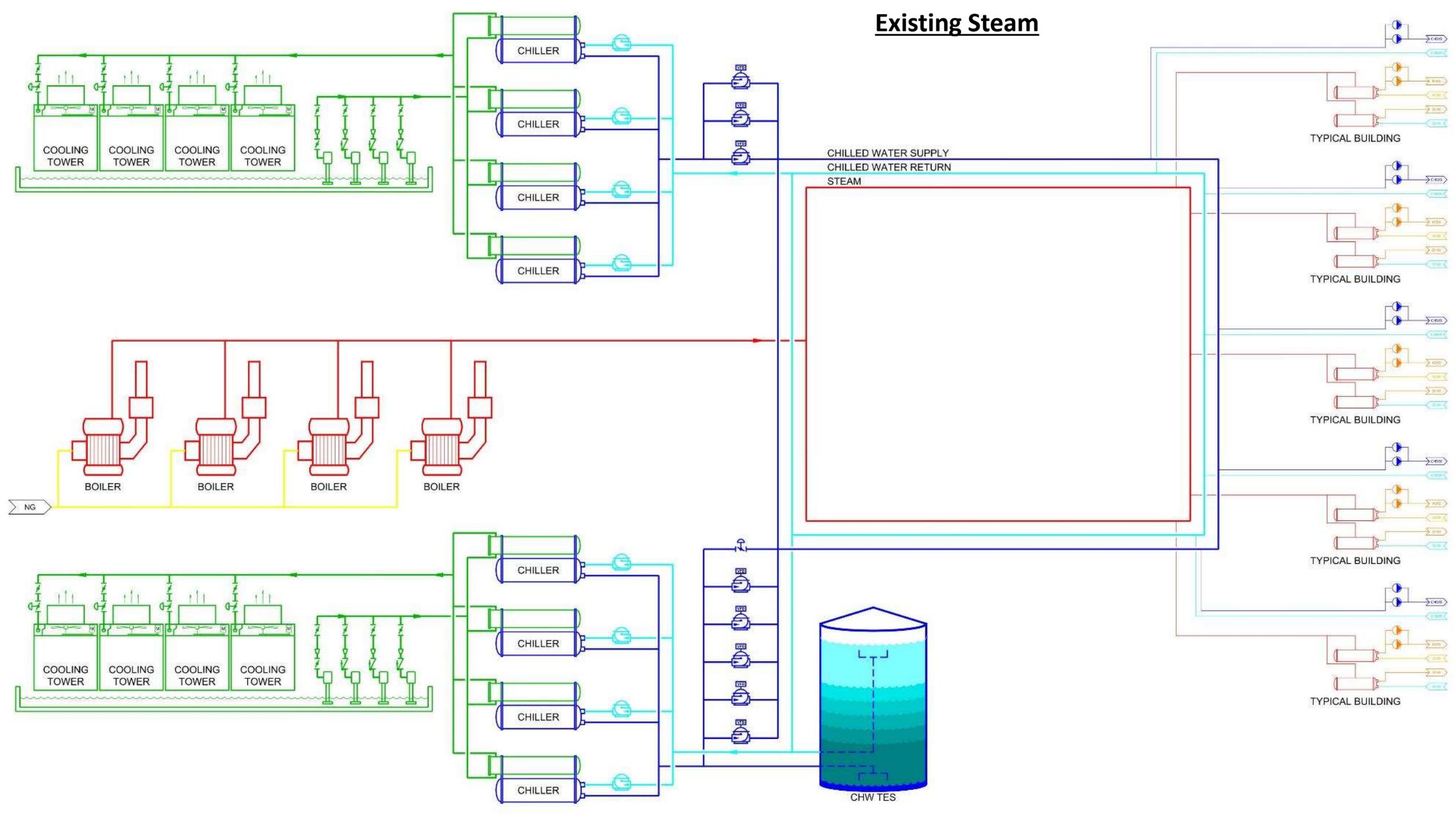
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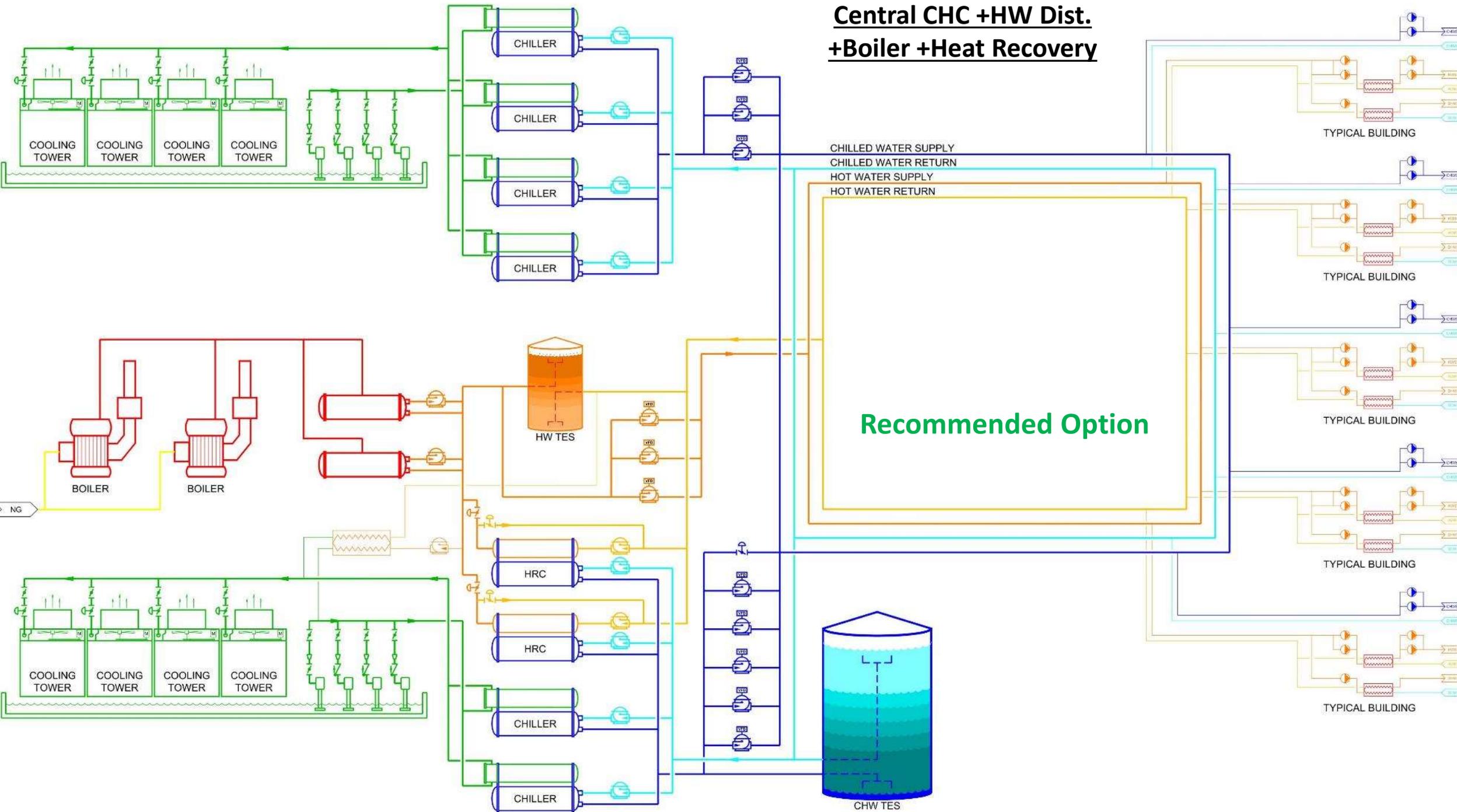


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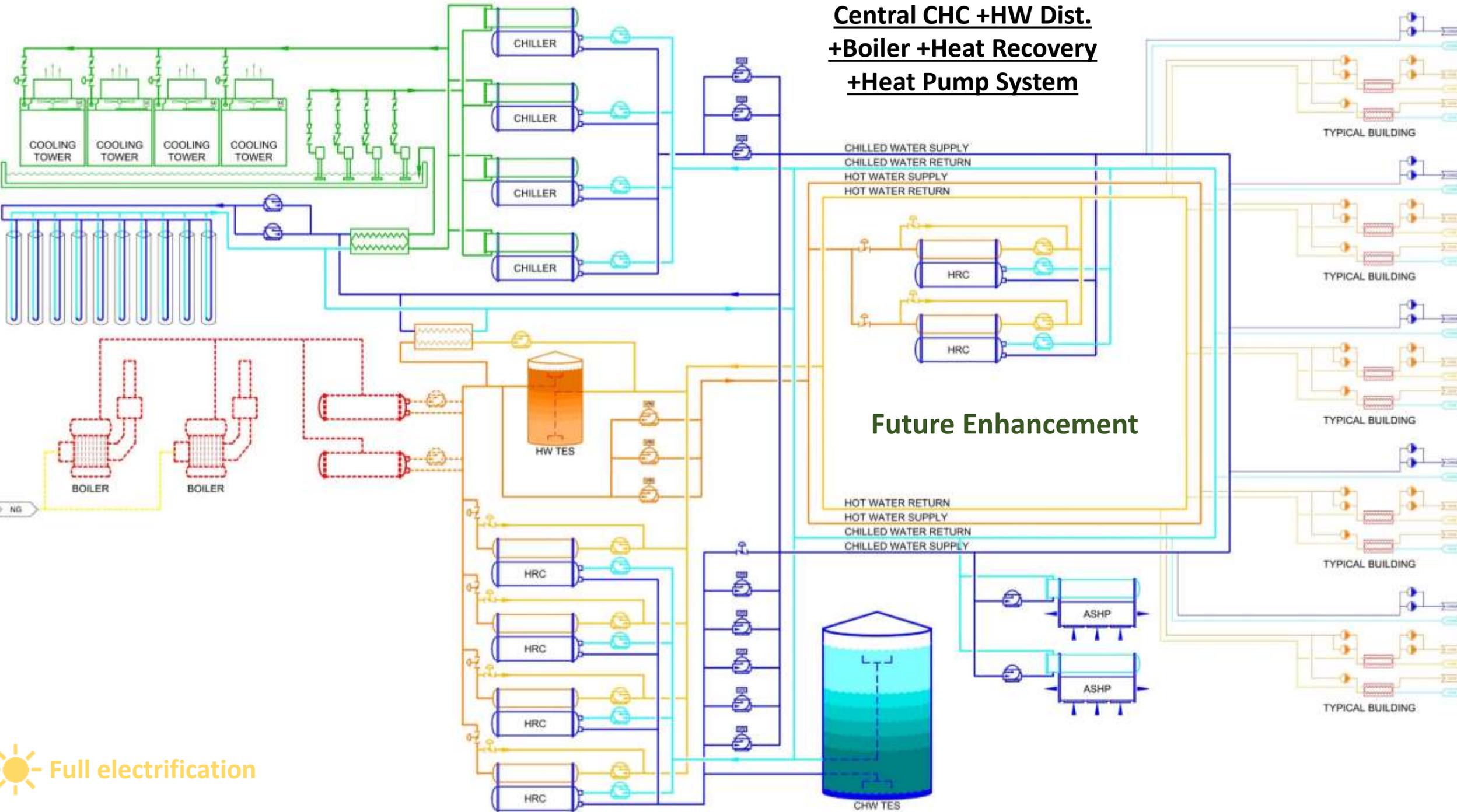
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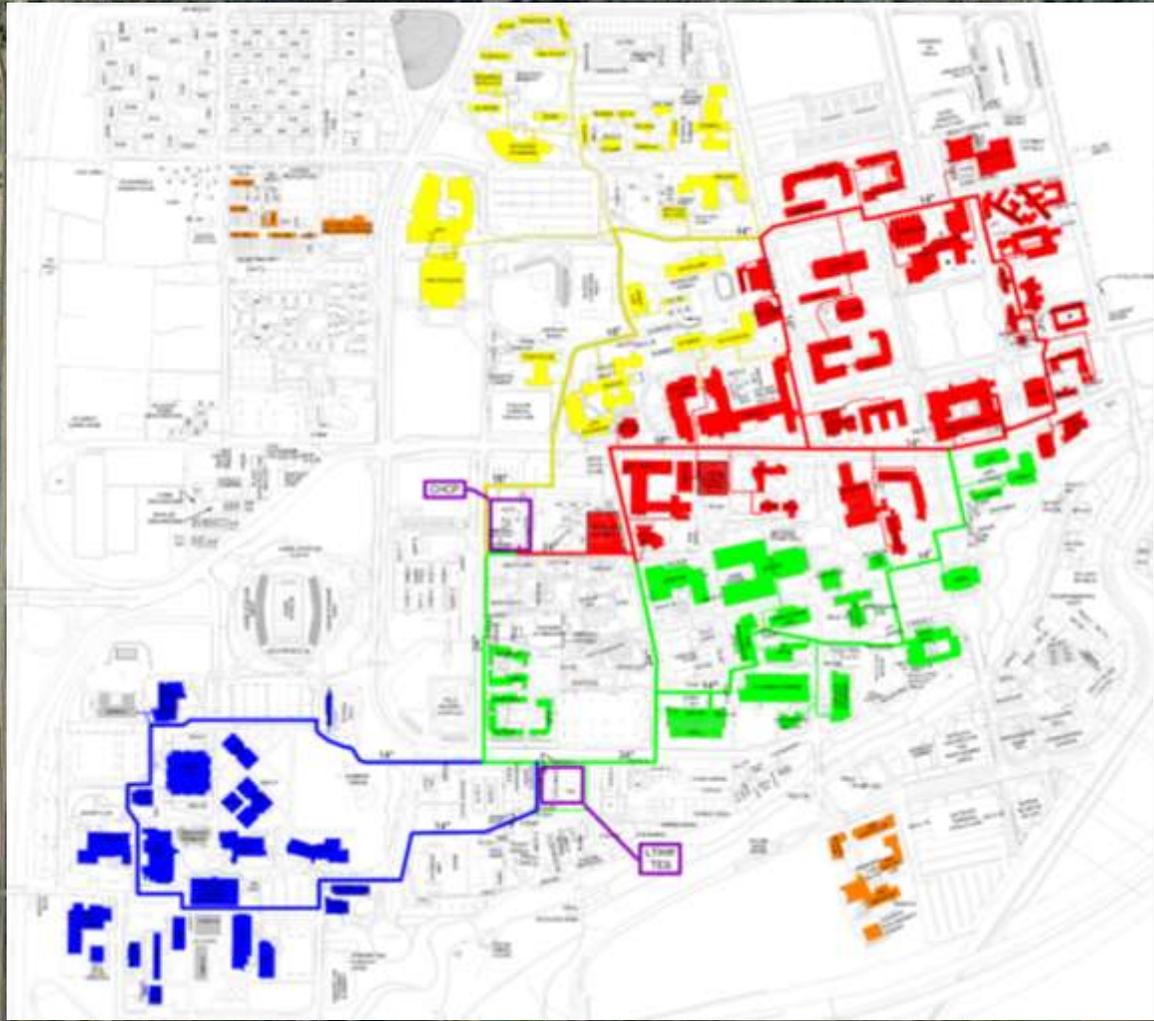
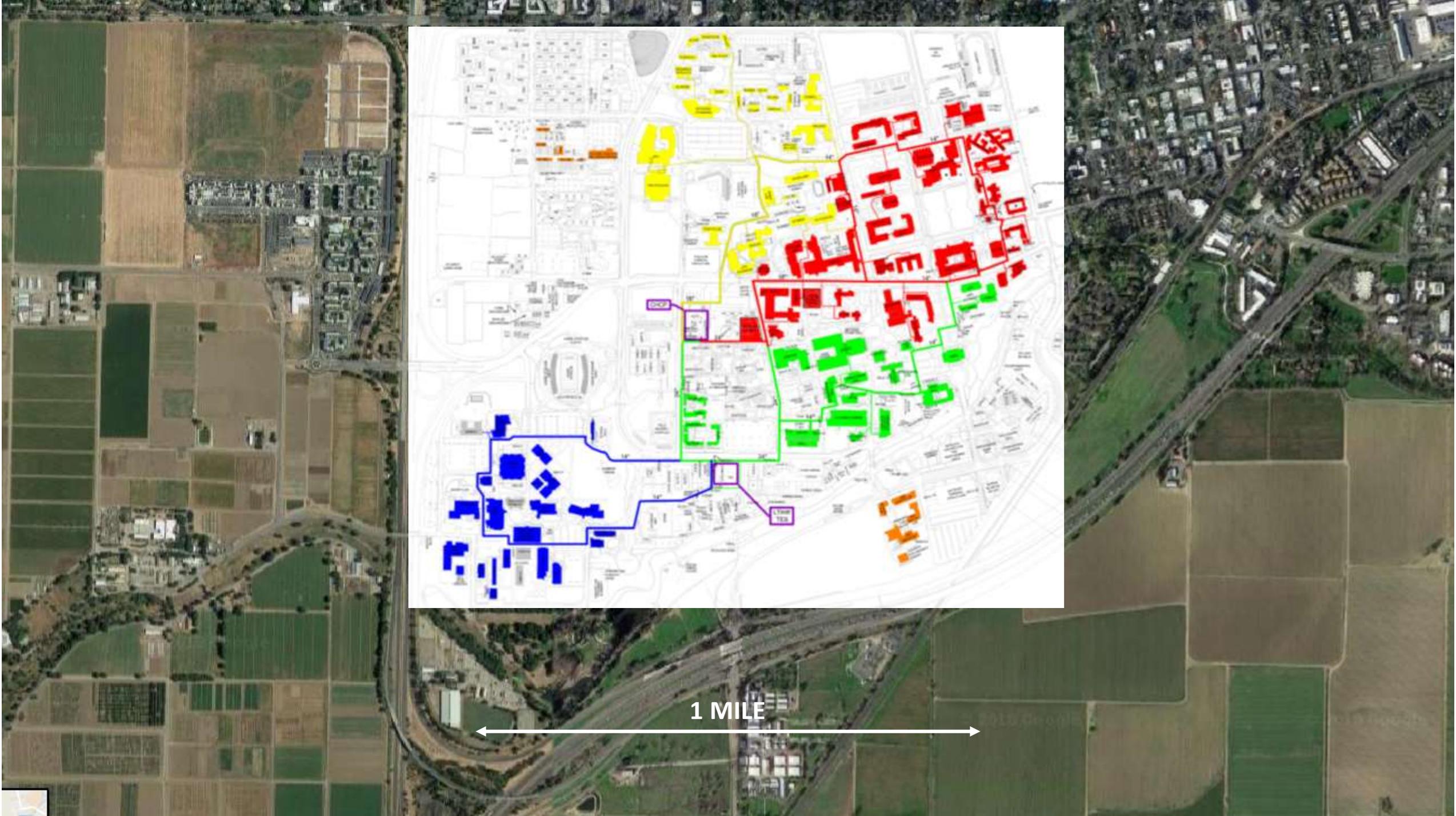


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