



Technology for next generation district heating networks

H-DisNet Webinar
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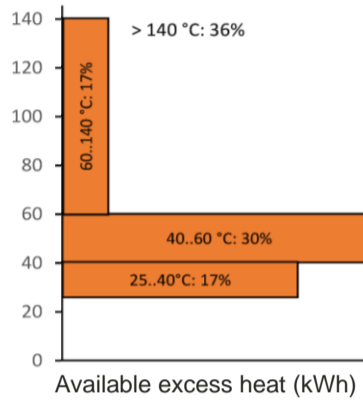
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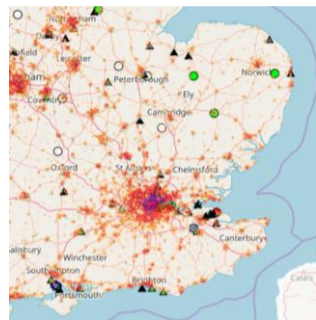
Very low-temperature excess heat (25 to 60 °C)



Available excess heat (kWh)

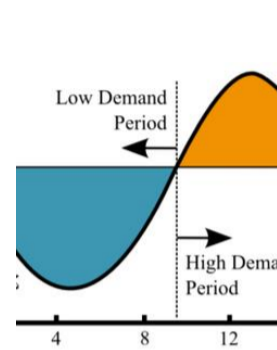
Data source: Enova 2009.

Long-distance transport (50 km and more)



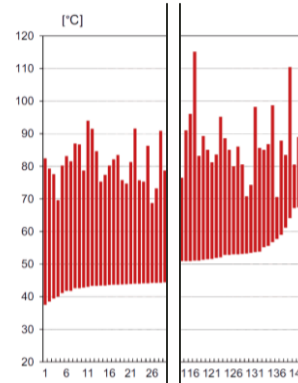
Heat Roadmap Europe, Peta 4.2

Mid-term time shift (storage)



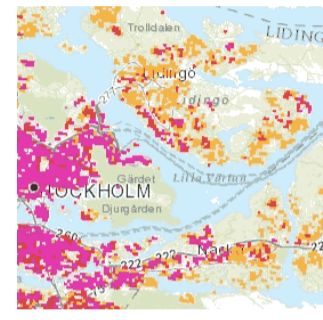
Sabihuddin et al. 2015

Low return flow temperatures



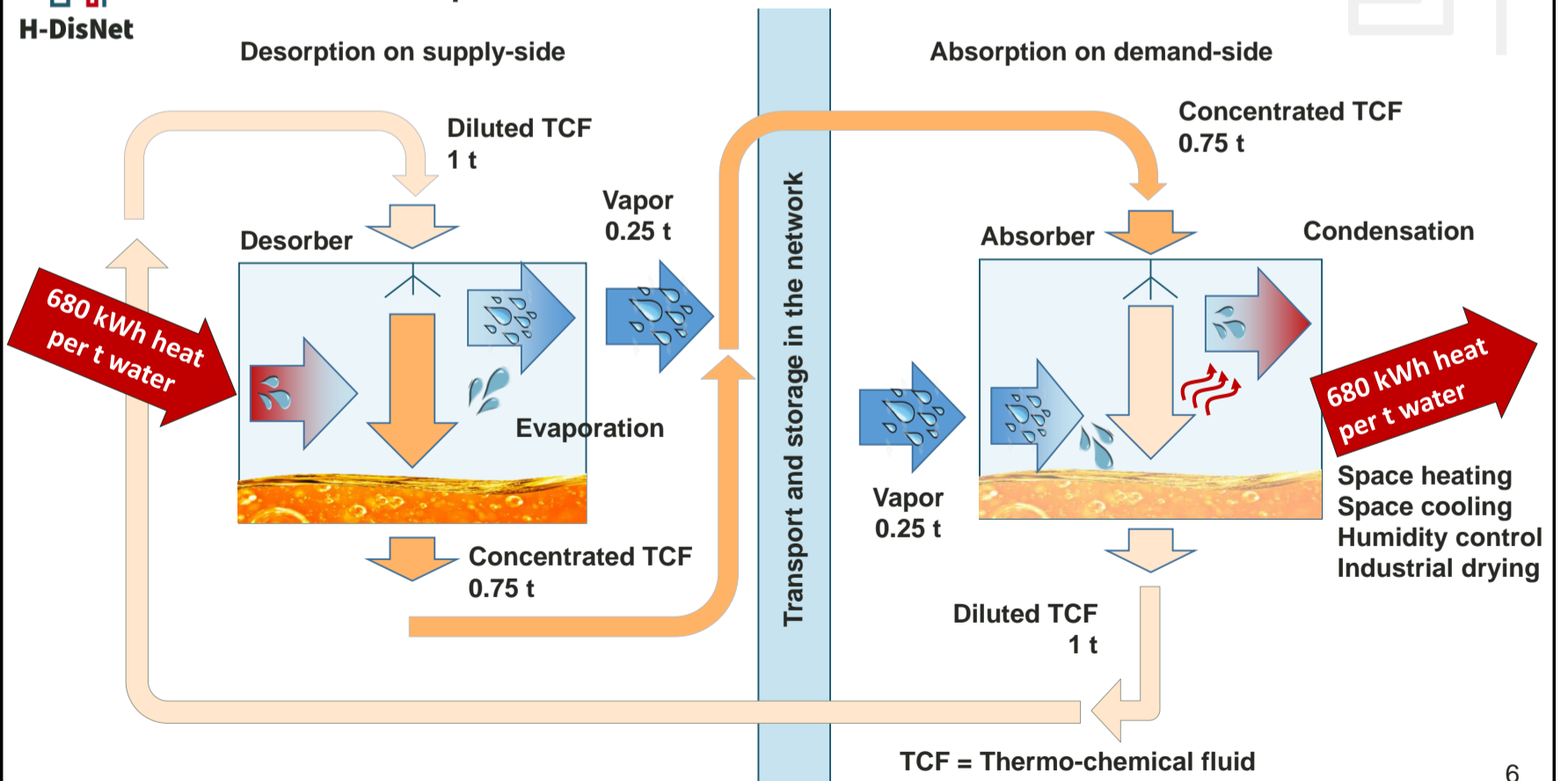
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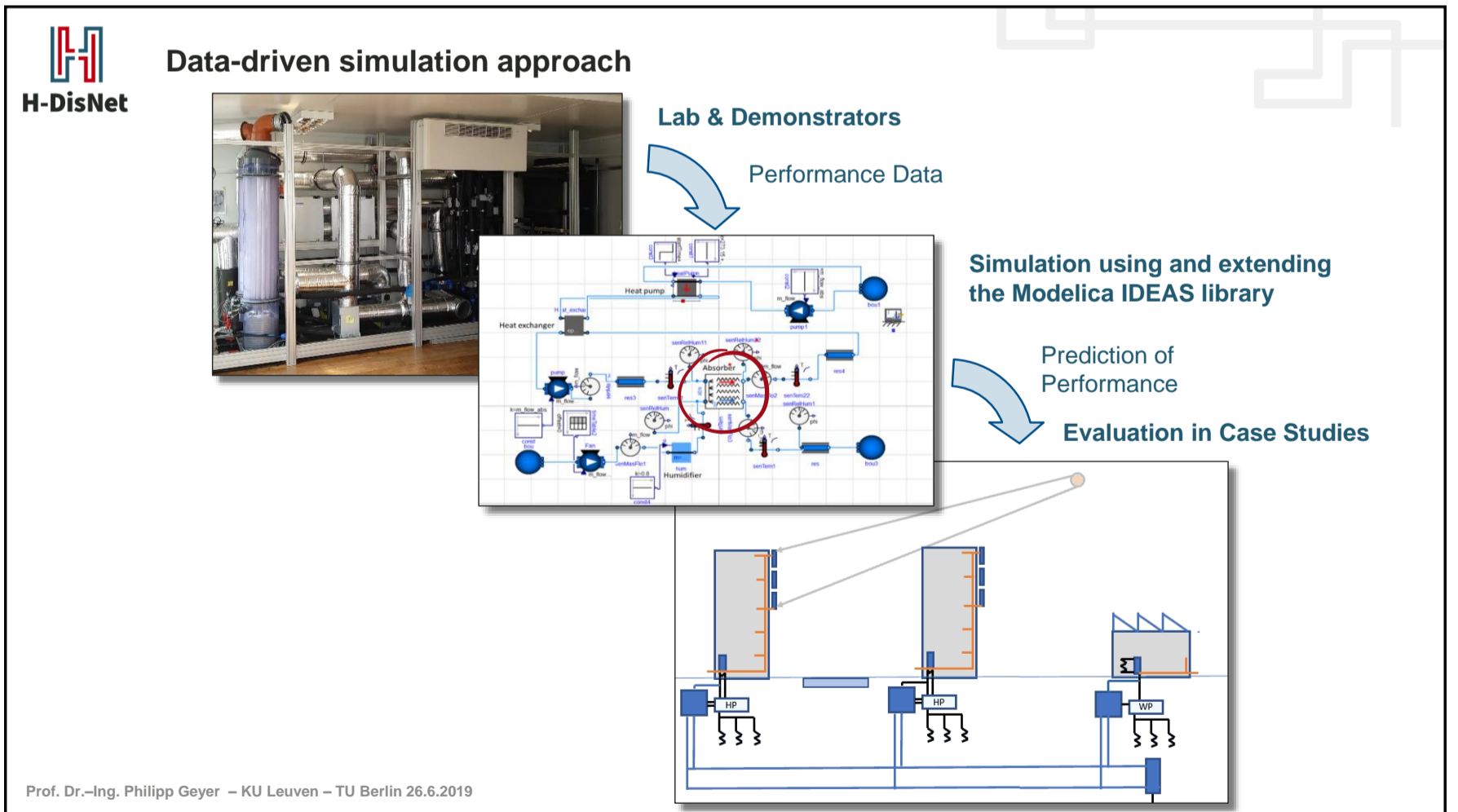
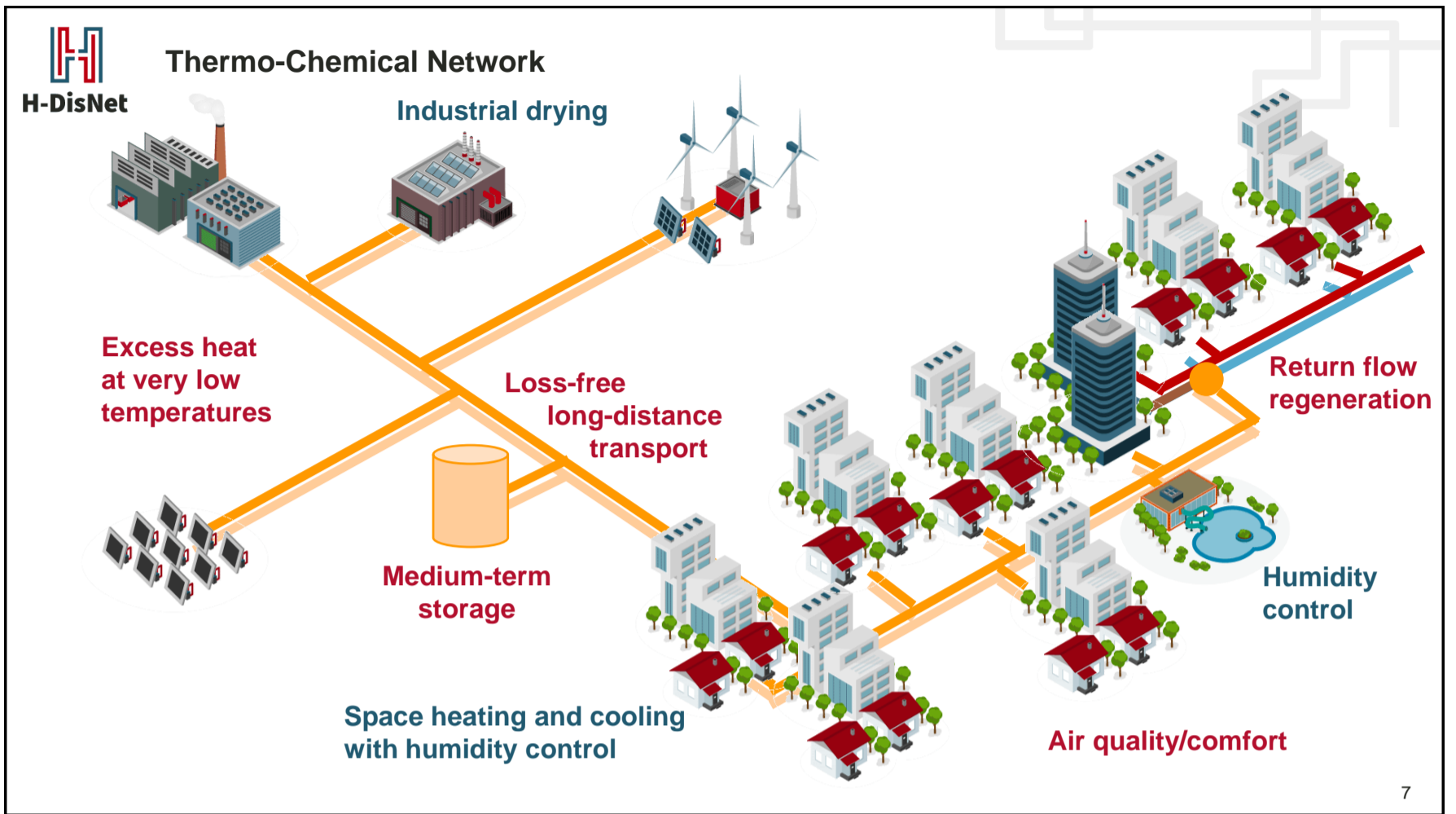
Low demand density



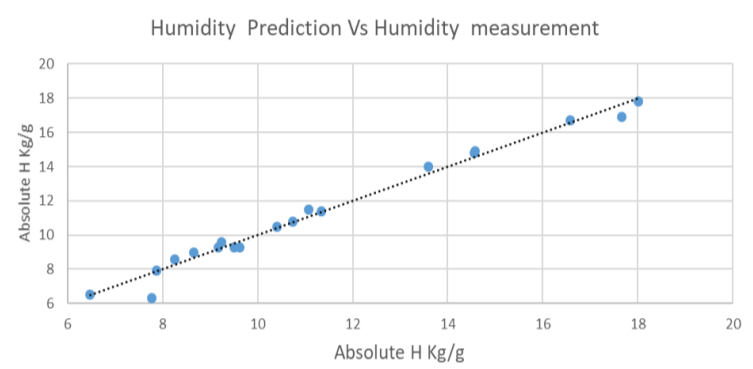
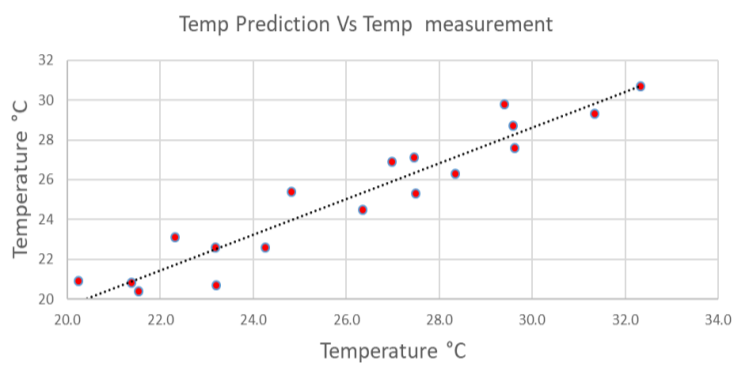
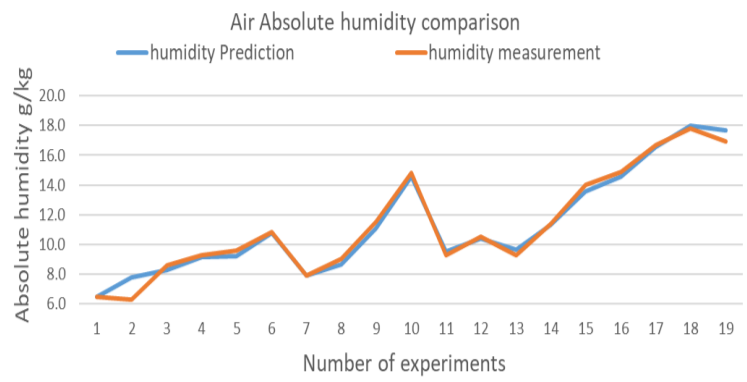
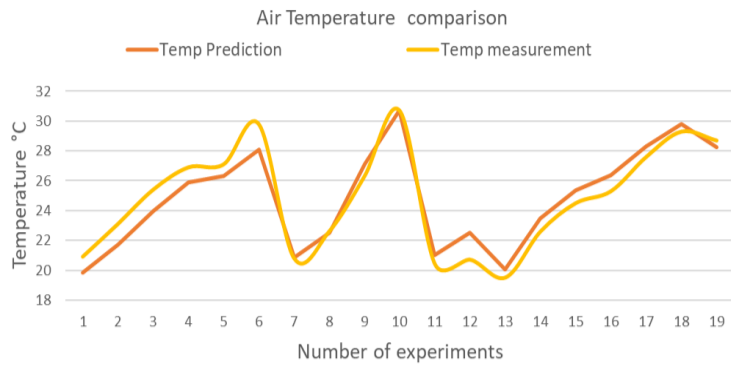
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Thermo-chemical processes in a network

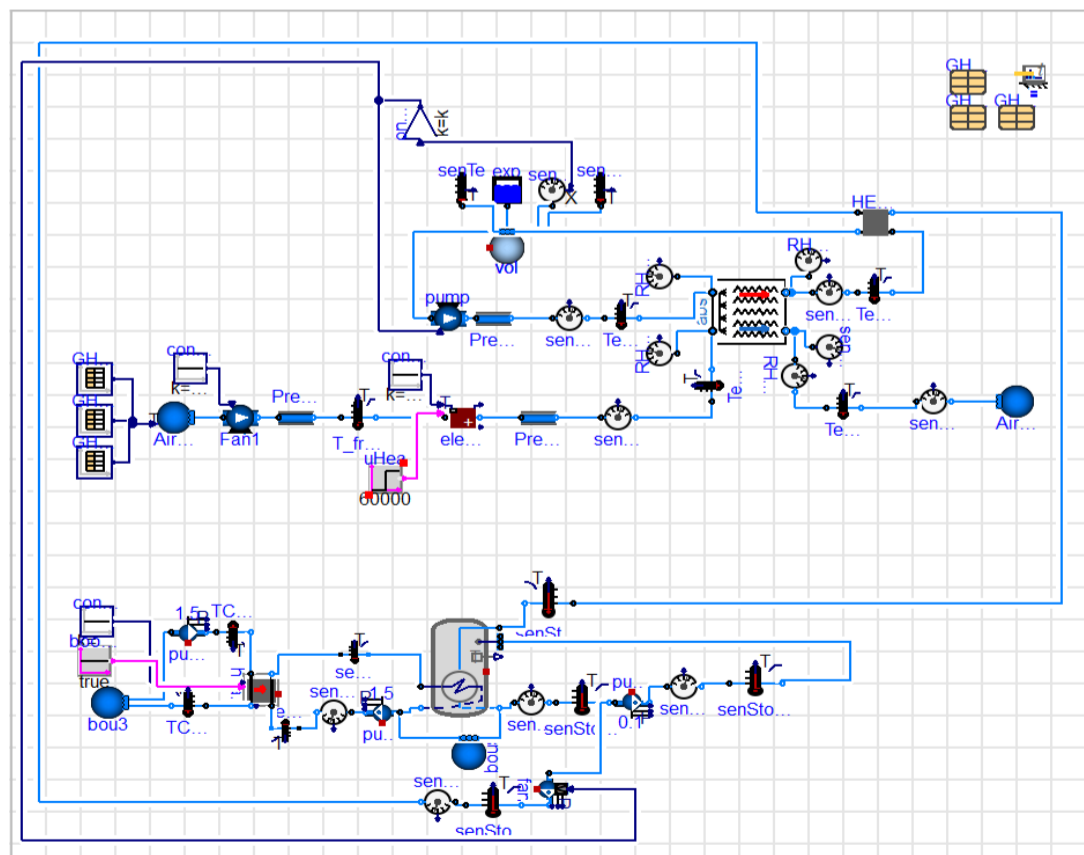




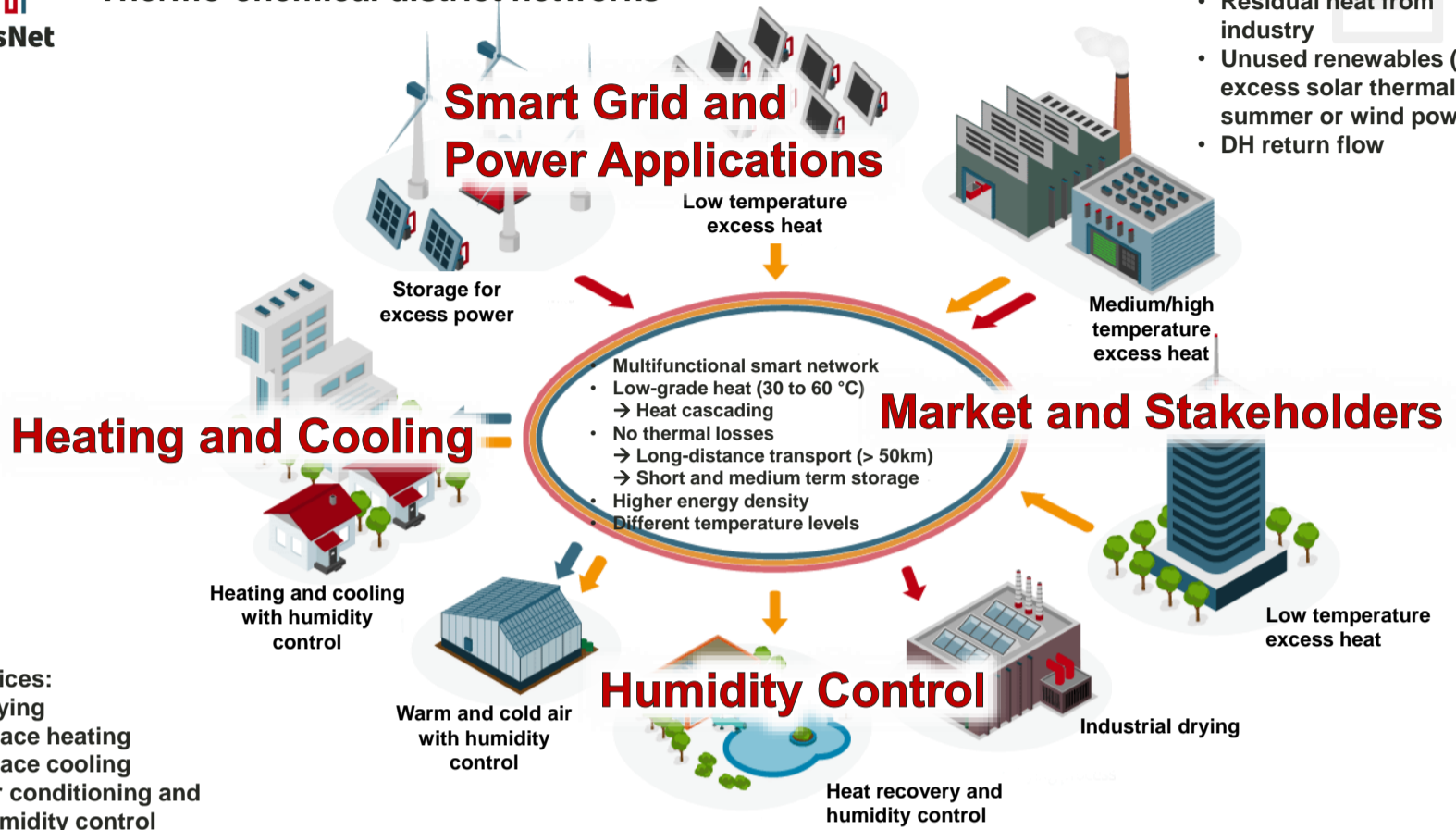
ZHAW demonstrator calibration and validation results



Modelica model based on Adlershof demonstrator



- Heat sources:**
- Residual heat from industry
 - Unused renewables (e.g. excess solar thermal in summer or wind power)
 - DH return flow



Humidity Control

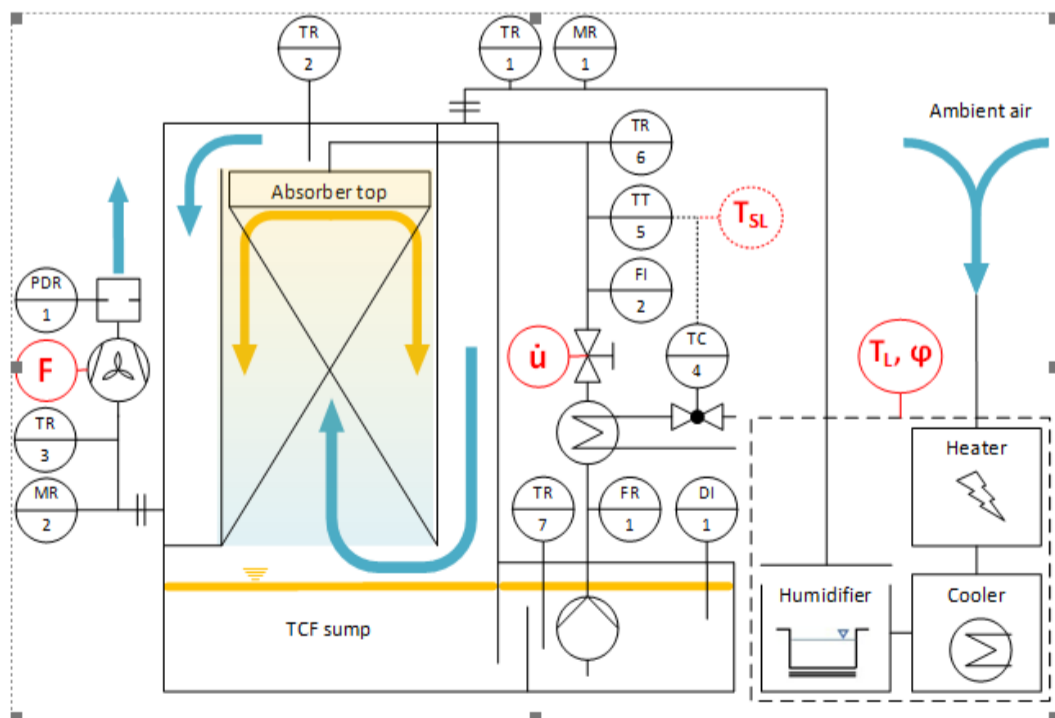
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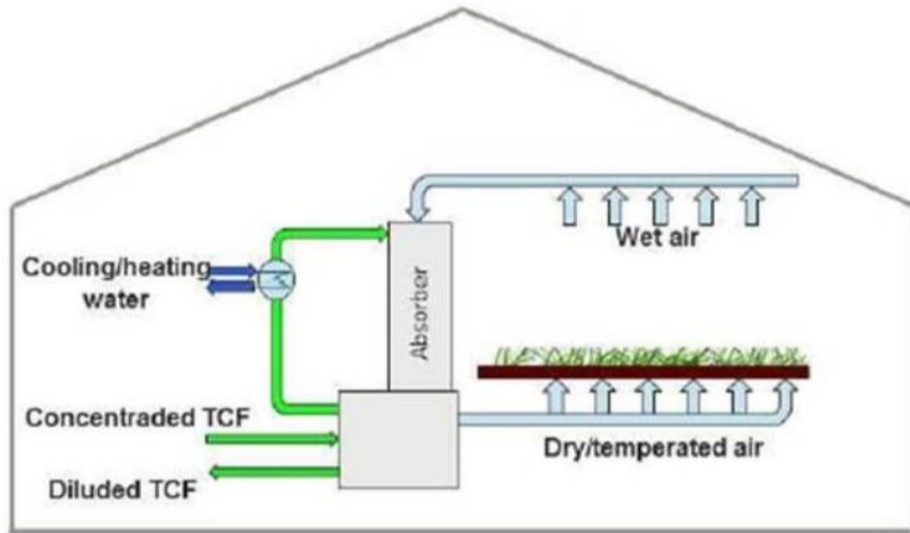


Swiss Demonstrator

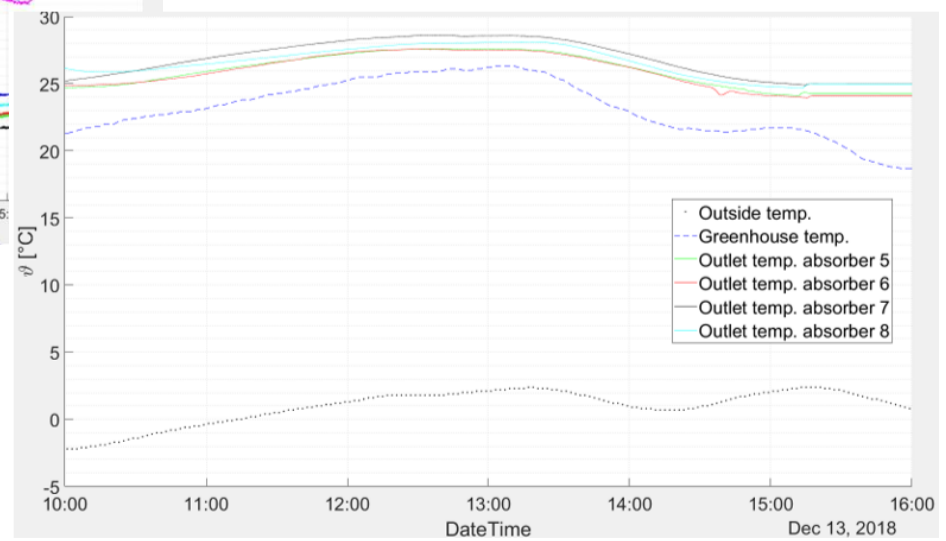
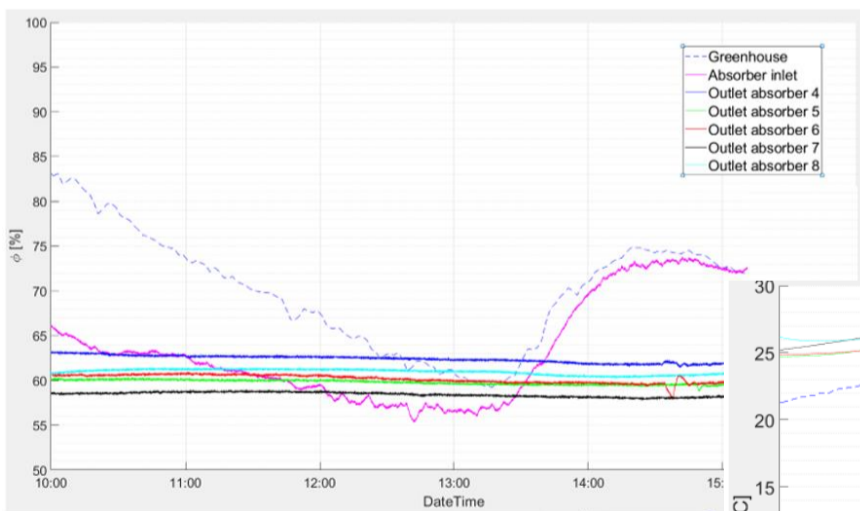
- 600m² commercial greenhouse closed to Zurich
- Heating, cooling and humidity control
- 9 absorbers (incl. 1 absorber with special design of Watergy)
- Conditioned air injected directly to the crop
- Test run in winter 2018/2019 and in summer 2019



Humidity and Temperature Control: air injection system



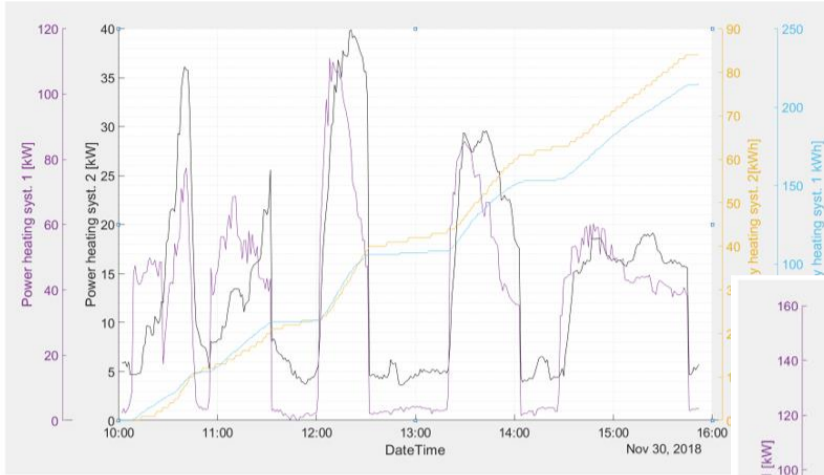
Humidity and Temperature Control : winter operation





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Humidity and Temperature Control : winter operation



Energy consumption of average winter day (outside temperature 0°C-5°C)

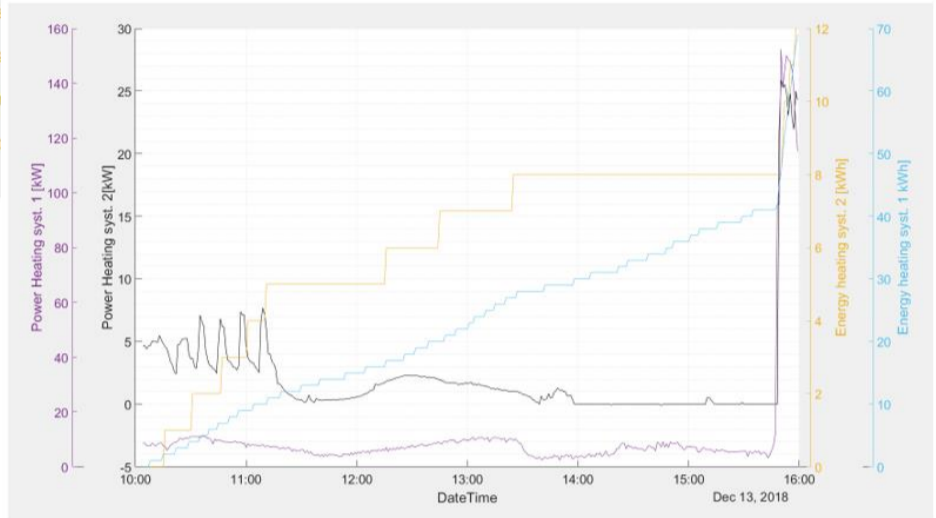
On the left: absorbers not in operation

On the right: absorbers in operation between 10:00 and 15:30

Energy consumption:

W/o absorbers: appr. 300 kWh

With absorbers: appr. 50 kWh



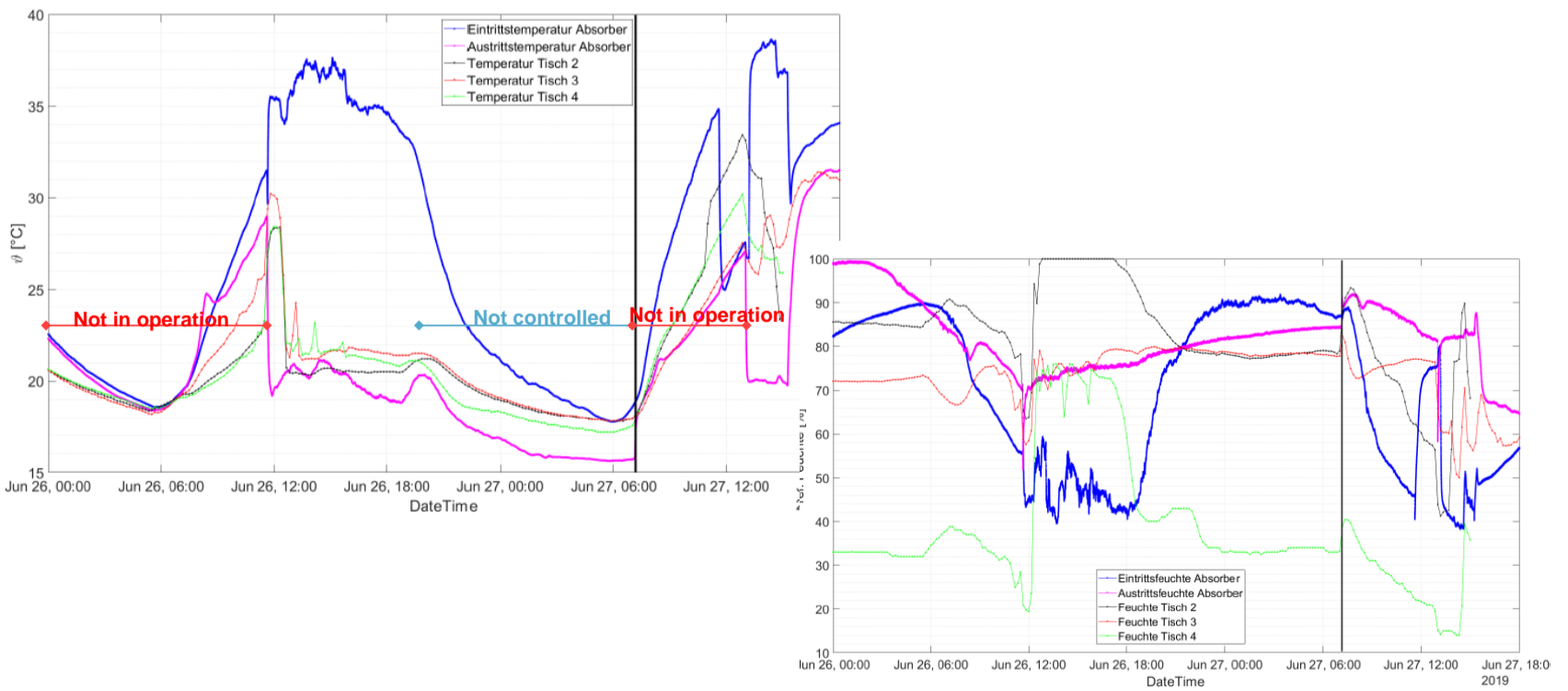
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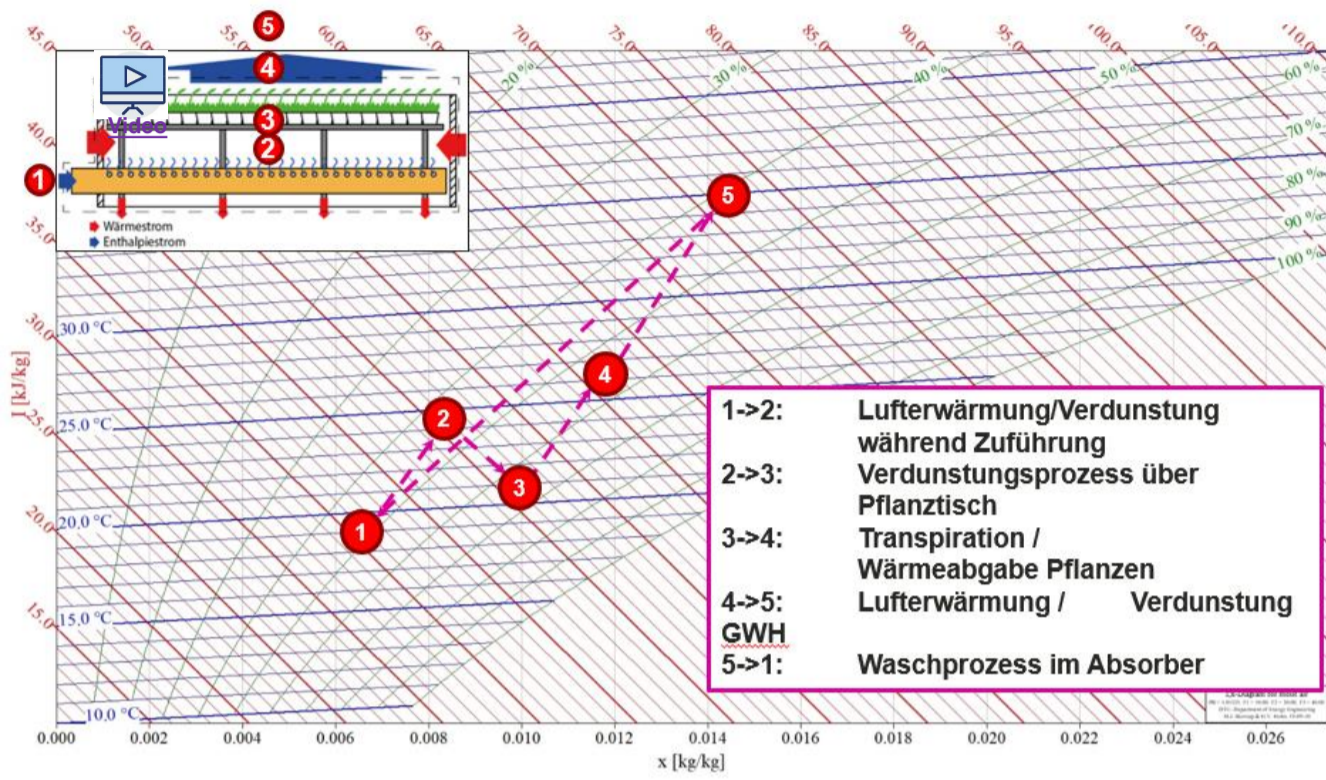
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Humidity and Temperature Control : summer operation



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Humidity and Temperature Control: Video



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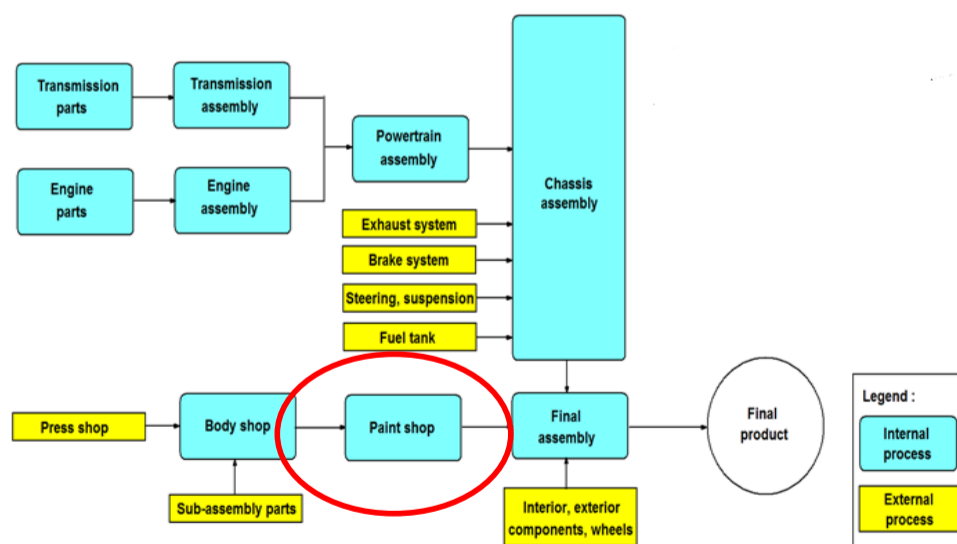
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Automotive manufacturing: Opportunity



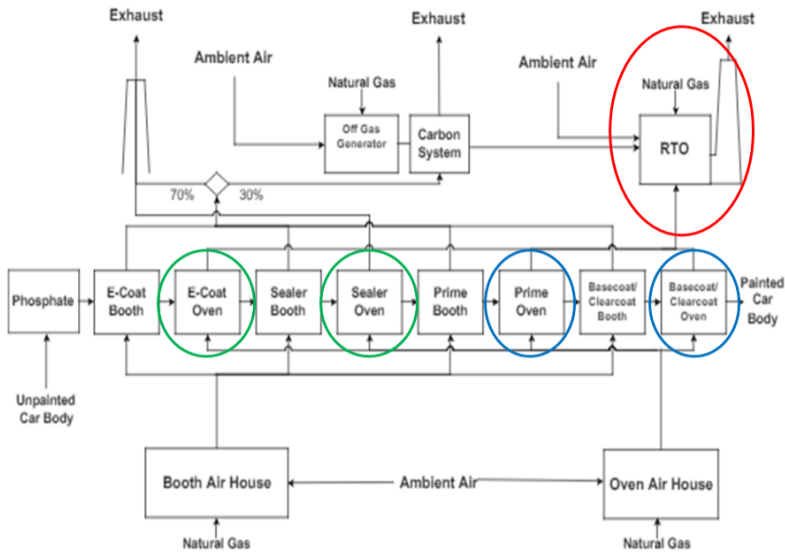
Sector	Energy consumption
Paint system	27-50 %
Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning	11-20 %
Lighting	14-15 %
Compressed air	9-14 %
Welding	9-11 %
Materials handling/tools	7-8 %

Hildreth AJ, Oh SC. Analytics for Smart Energy Management: Tools and Applications for Smart Energy Management, 2016.

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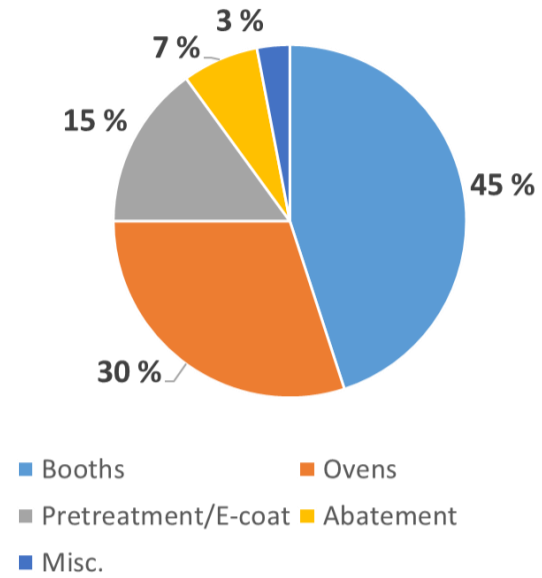
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The conditioning of the air for paint booth and ovens are highly energy consuming.



Automotive manufacturing: Challenge – get the humidity right!



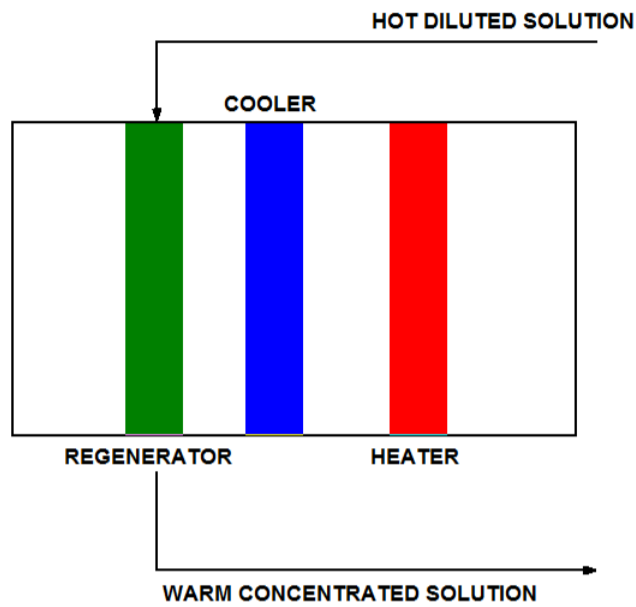
Too low relative humidity of the air supplied to paint booth: it involves a series of cracks and lesions on the painted surface, with a loss of gloss on the substrate. Consequences are a reduction in product viscosity and low hiding power of the coating.



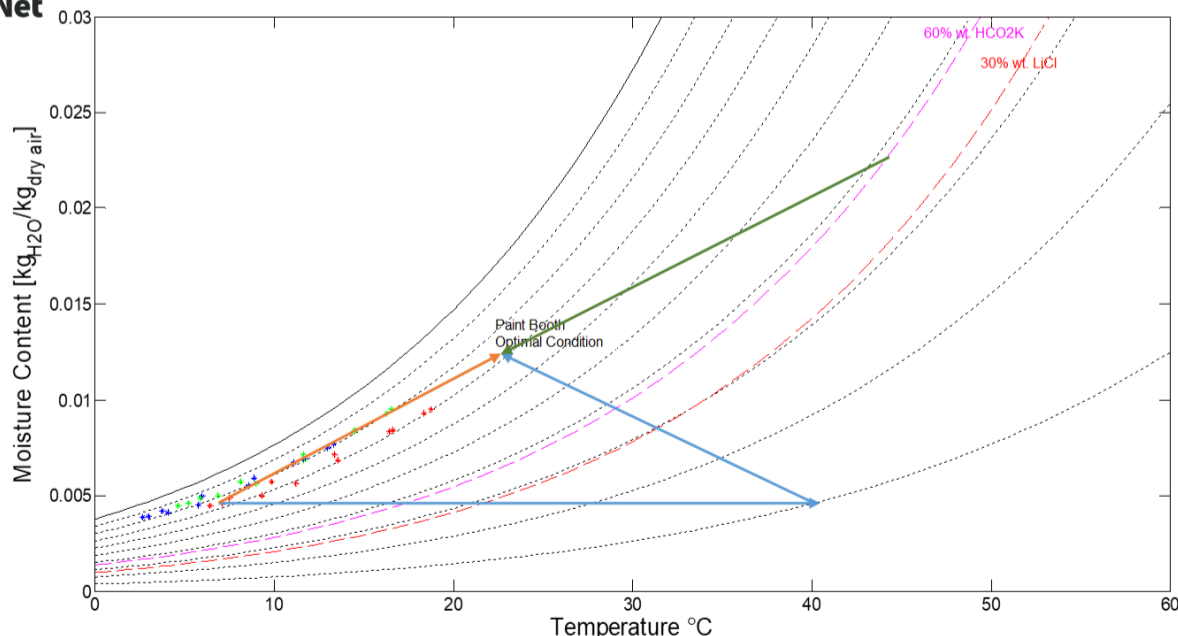
Too high relative humidity of the air supplied to paint booth: the droplets of water trapped inside the coating explode during drying, creating bulges on the surface of the paint film of varying size and frequency.



Too high relative humidity of the air supplied to paint booth: the water never completely evaporates, meaning the paint remains highly viscous even after the application of subsequent coats. This defect appears in the form of irregular localised and well-defined accumulation of paint, with rounded edges.



- Conventional AHU systems are unable to deliver a narrow window of temperature and humidity for the supply air. In addition, they are unable to promptly respond to variations in outdoor air conditions.
- The temperature and humidity of the supply air required in the paint booth with water-based paint is usually $T=23 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{RH}=70 \pm 1 \text{ } \%$.
- For climates where the outdoor temperature is lower than $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ most of the time, the main problem handling the outdoor air is the heating and humidification process.
- Moreover, the plant operates 22.5/24 h, working during most time of the night (lower temperature).



Weather conditions
Washington NZ3157
manufacturing
Period: 01/2009 – 07/2017

- * Minimum Temperature
- * Average Temperature
- * Maximum Temperature

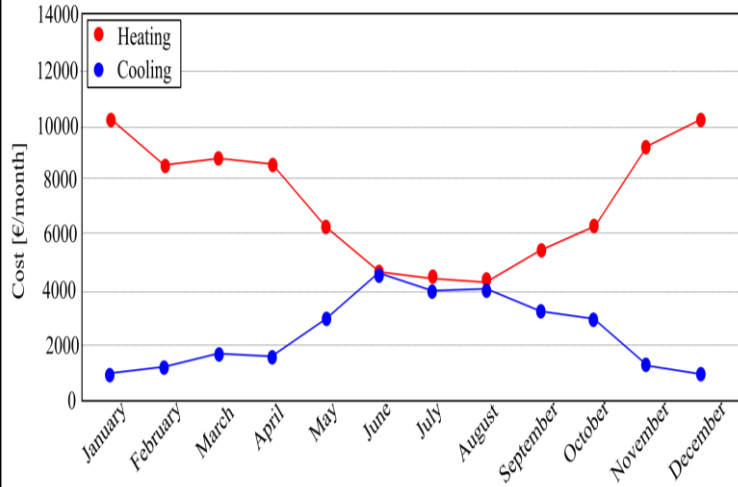
Paint booth optimal:
 $T_{\text{air}} = 23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{RH} = 70\%$

- The liquid desiccant ASU could supply warmer and more humid air.
- This process could be highly efficient from an energetic point of view, exploiting the chemical ability of desiccant solutions and the paint shop waste heat.
- The air compressor heat recovery (45-50 °C) seems particularly feasible.



Automotive manufacturing: Result

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Parameter	Value
Volume flow rate of an ASU/ARU	100,000 m ³ /h
Paint booth temperature	23 C
Paint booth RH	70 %
Working hours	5962.5 h/y
Savings in heating for ASU	€ 87,113.6 y ⁻¹
Savings in humidification for ASU	€ 21,778.4 y ⁻¹
Savings in cooling for	€ 29,133.6 y ⁻¹
Capital cost of the H-DisNet technology system	€ 283,580
O&M cost of the H-DisNet technology system	€ 19,850 y ⁻¹
Payback period for the H-DisNet technology	Lower than 3 years

- Techno-viability of the system was evaluated and costed
- System had a return on investment slightly under 3 years. Much of it realised through lower gas and electricity utilisation

Heating and Cooling

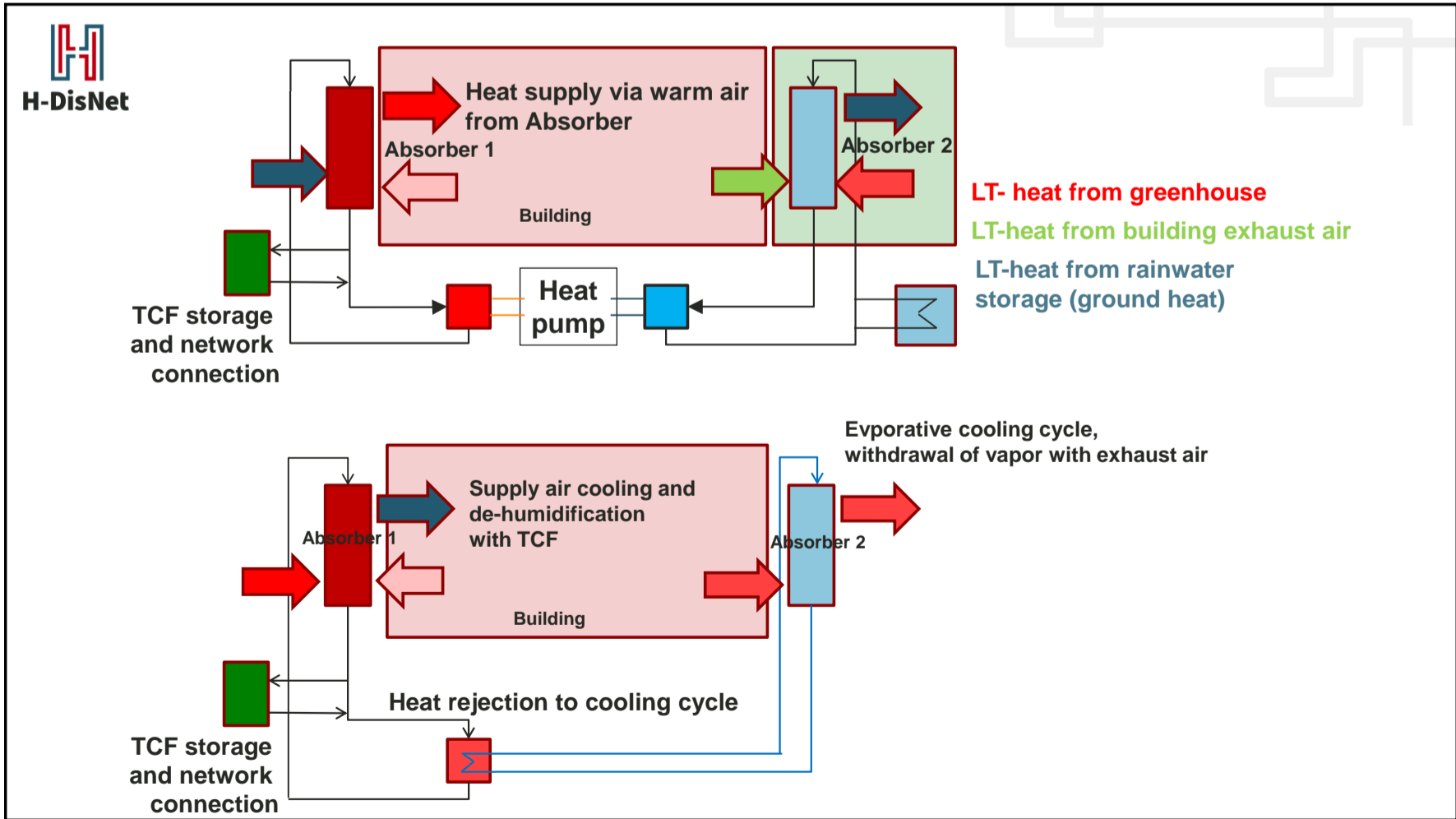
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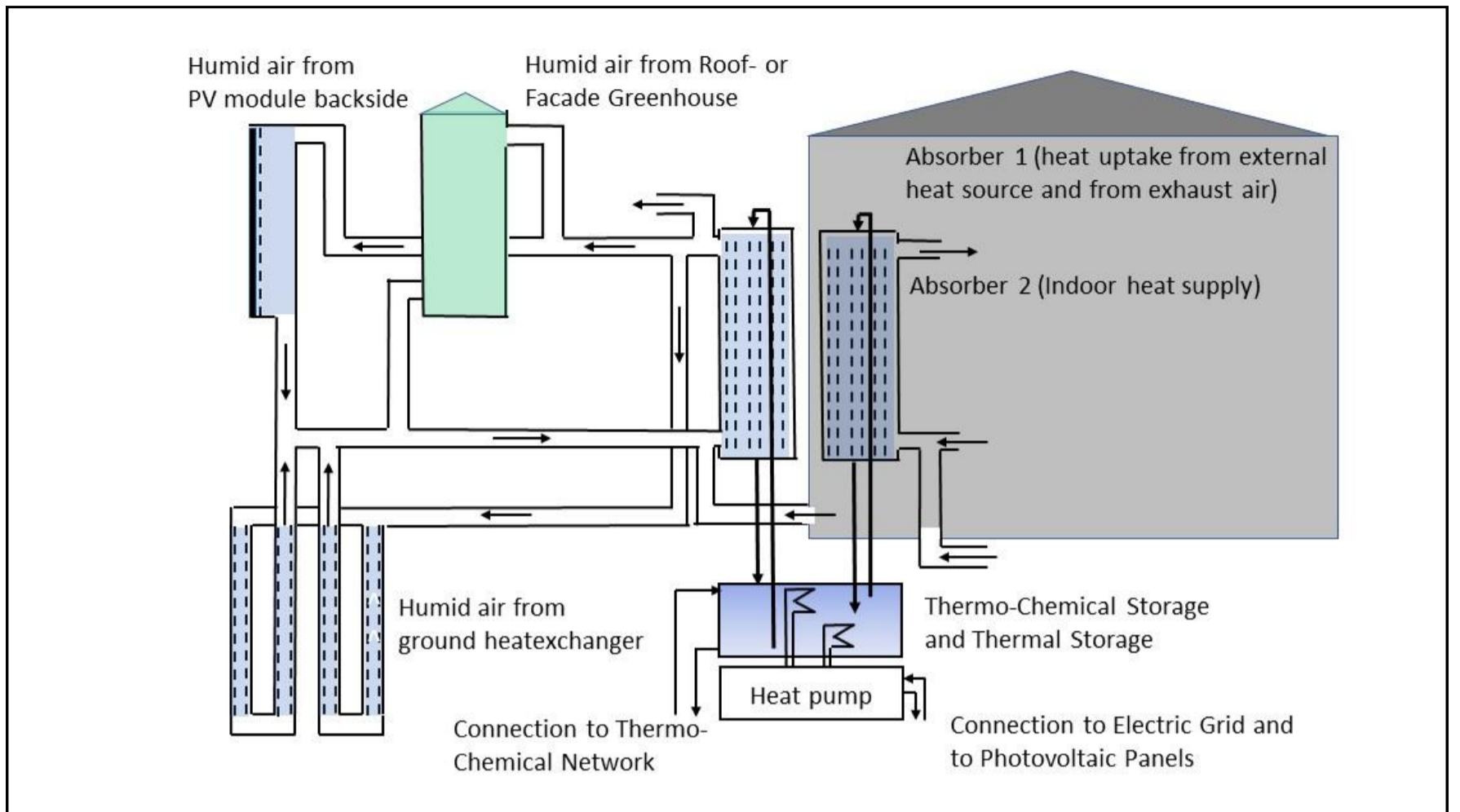
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H-DisNet Building Demonstrator in Berlin-Adlershof

- Heat supply and humidity control
- Space cooling and humidity control
- Water recovery from greenhouse air

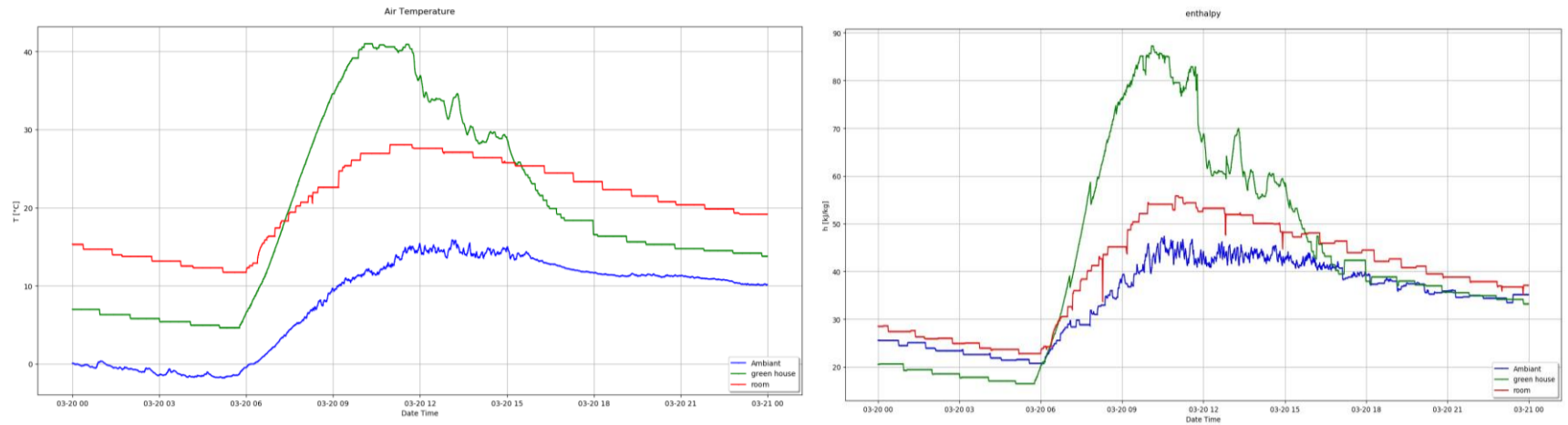




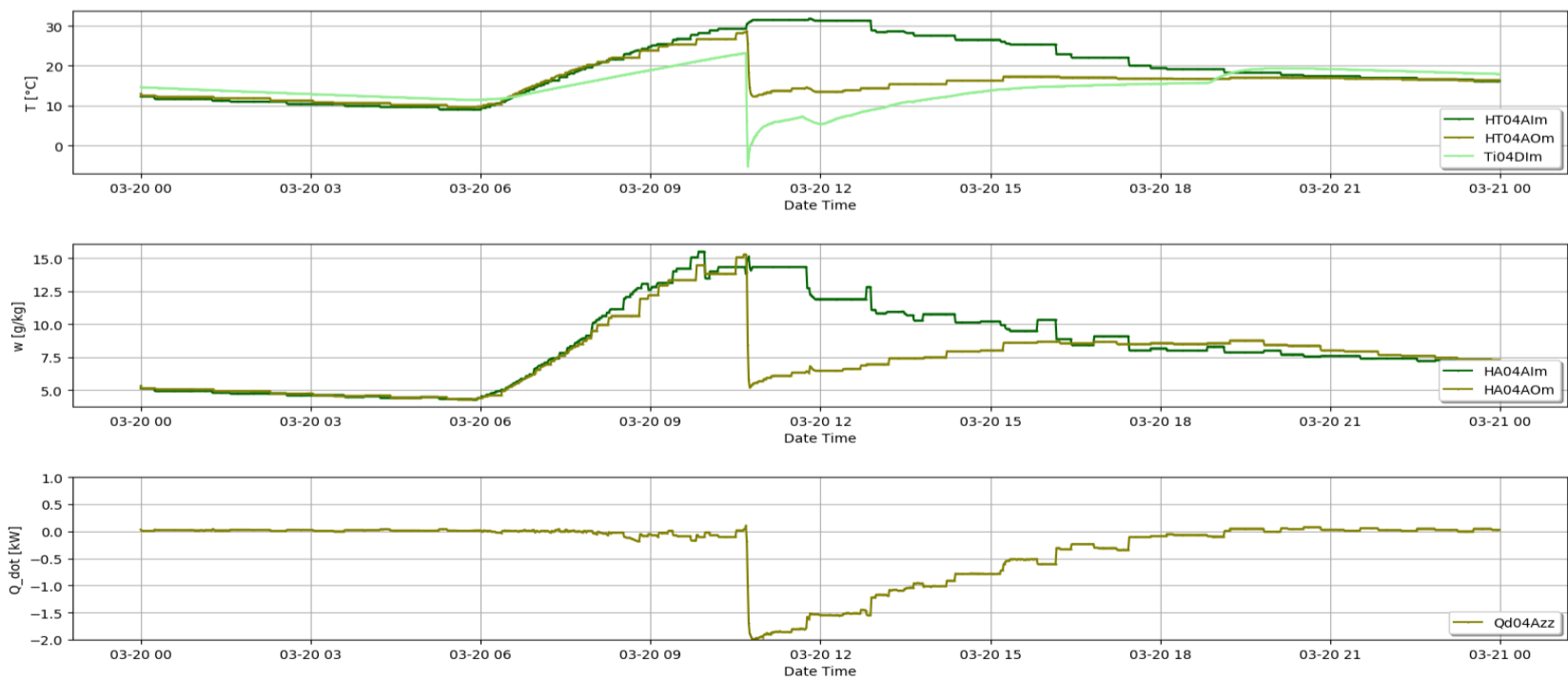
Humidity and Temperature Control: Video

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Greenhouse temperature (°C) and air enthalpy (kJ/kg)



Input and Output values of Absorber (temperature and water content, Energy uptake (kW))



Case Study Hasselt, Belgium

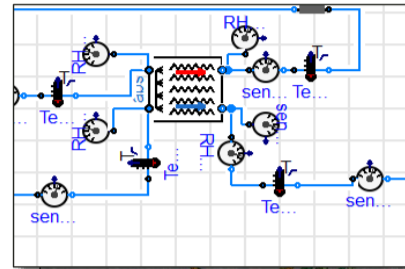
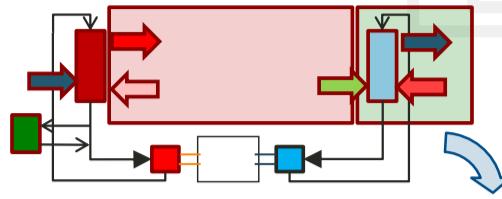
Case study: What if the technology is applied to selected areas of city?

- TC Systems
- Gas Boilers
- Standalone Heat Pumps
- Conv. DH

Network serving 155 GWh/a of Heat Demand
(42% City Coverage)

3 Building Clusters acc. to Specific Heat Demand

a. Low	< 110	kWh/m ² a
b. Medium	110 : 235	kWh/m ² a
c. High	> 235	kWh/m ² a



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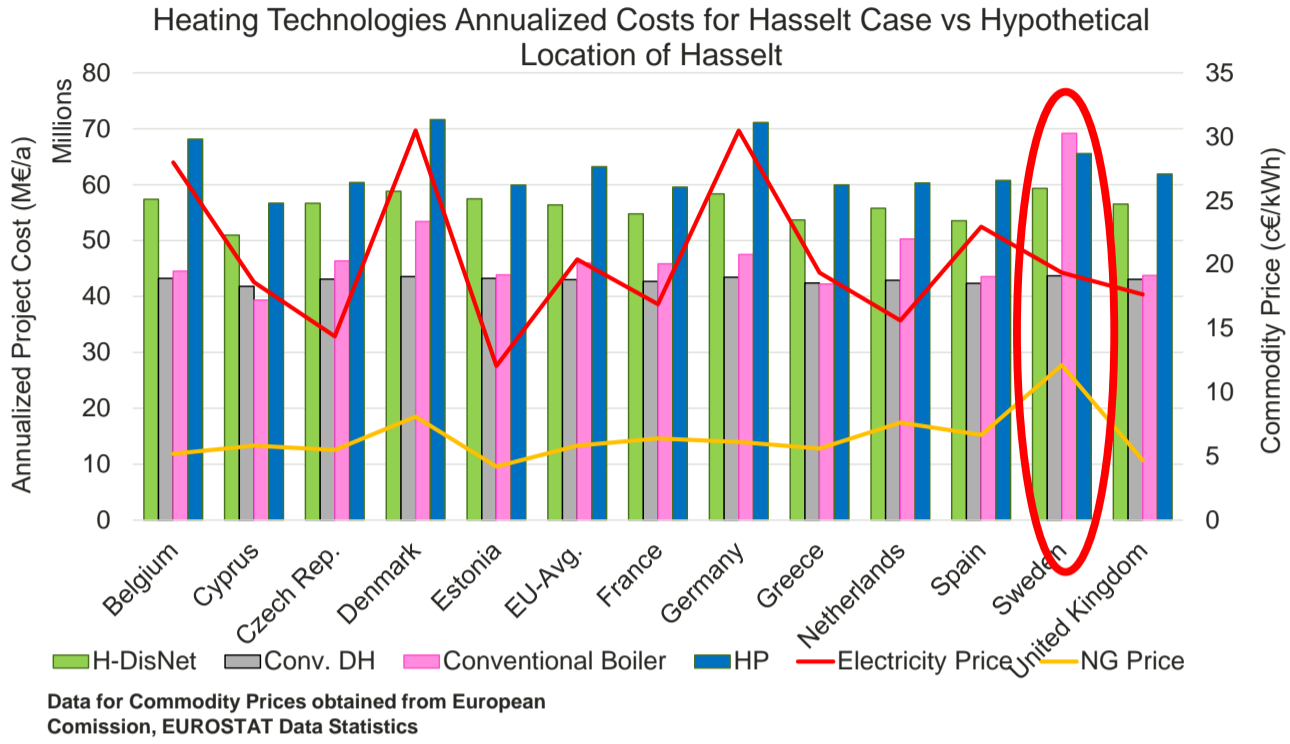
Hasselt Case Study: Results

	CO ₂ Emissions (tCO ₂ /a)	Primary Energy Use (GWh/a)	Annualized Project Costs (M€/a)
Gas Boilers	48,366	242	45
Standalone Heat Pumps	11,406	156	68
TC Systems	2,332	32	57
Conv. DH	581	6.3	43.7

Conv. DH: Water-based conventional District Heating
Lifetime of the project: 25 years. Several components have lower lifetime. Exchange considered.

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- High Natural Gas Price
- Low CO₂ emissions in Power Mix



Smart Grid and Power Applications

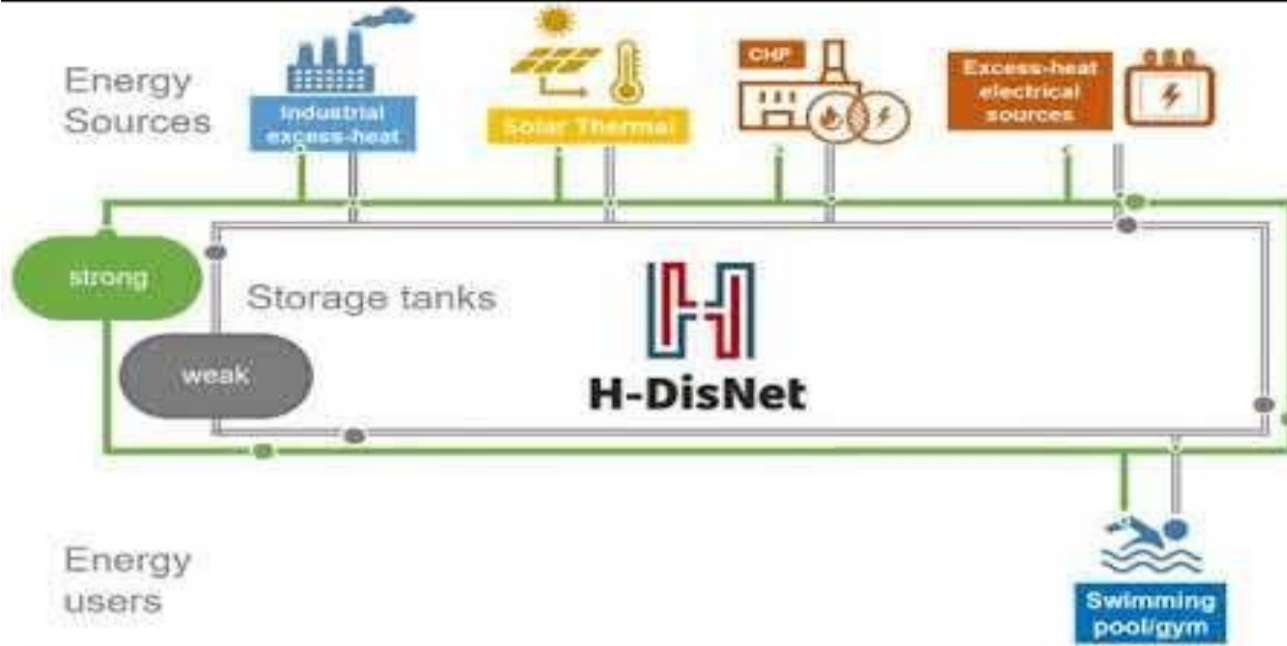
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Smart Grid Demonstrator – Network Integration



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Smart Grid Demonstrator – Network Integration

Challenge

H-DisNet has lots of potential applications

- different energy sources
- different energy demands
- what size does the storage need to be?
- how might they couple together as a network?
- how would this system be controlled?

These need to be tested, characterised and explored.

What we did

We designed, built and developed a flexible test platform to:

- Emulate multiple thermal sources (up to 90°C)
- Emulate multiple thermal demands
- Store heat and TCF
- Control these systems and measure performance
- Try out alternatives

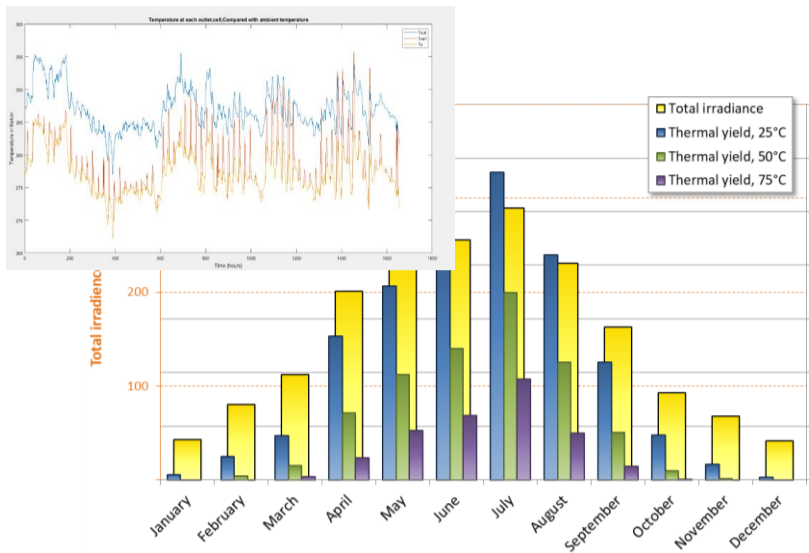


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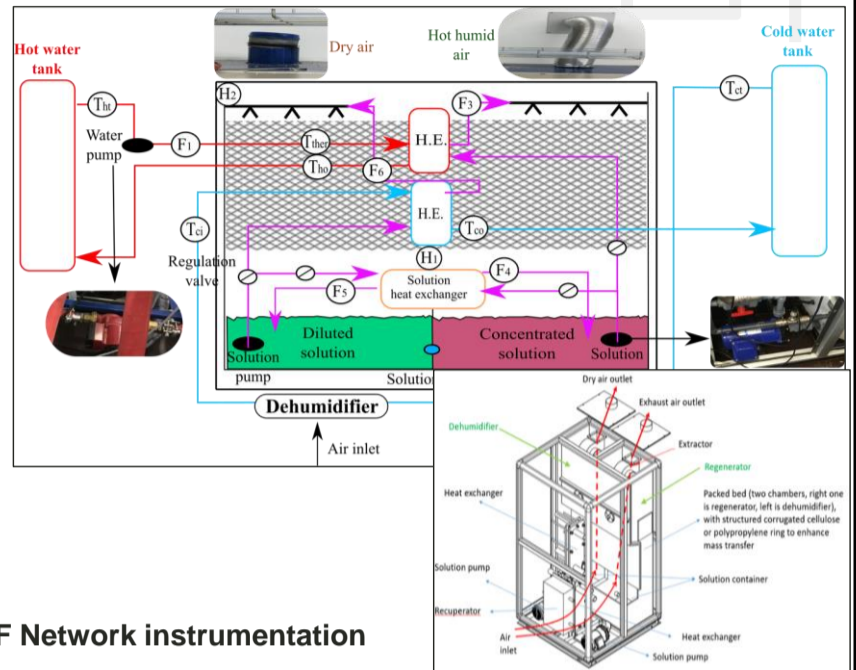
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Component level characterisation

PV-T system
 Thermal collectors
 Electrical heaters
 Efficiency, inputs, outputs *etc.*



TCF Network instrumentation

All gas and TCF flows instrumented
 All temperatures and concentrations measured
 Humidity and energy all measured

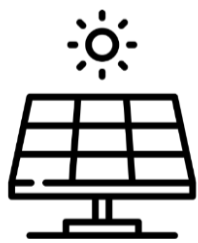


Smart Grid Demonstrator – Network Integration

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Two-node network testing

Renewable energy to air-conditioning demonstration



PVT

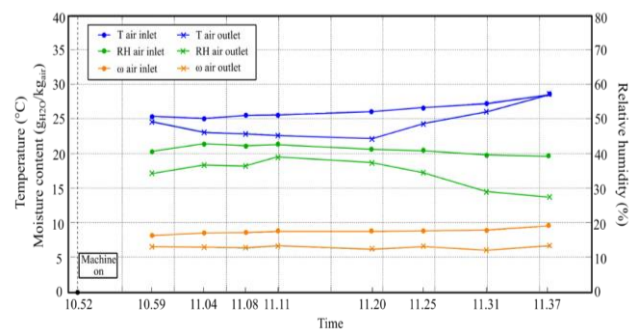
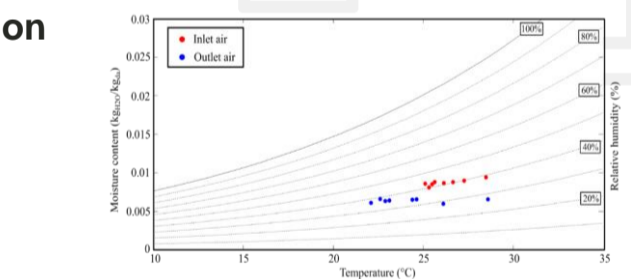
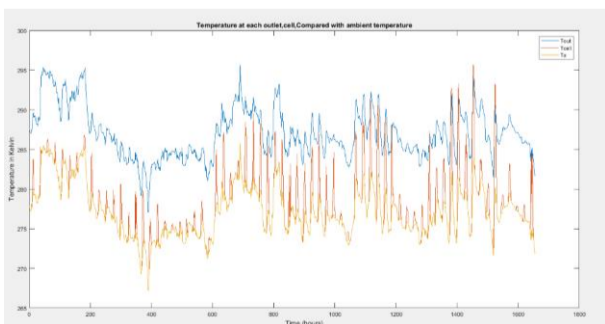
Fluctuating solar energy
 Up to 50°C of heat was provided by the PVT system

H-DisNet technology

4°C cooling and 10%RH reduction



Air-conditioning

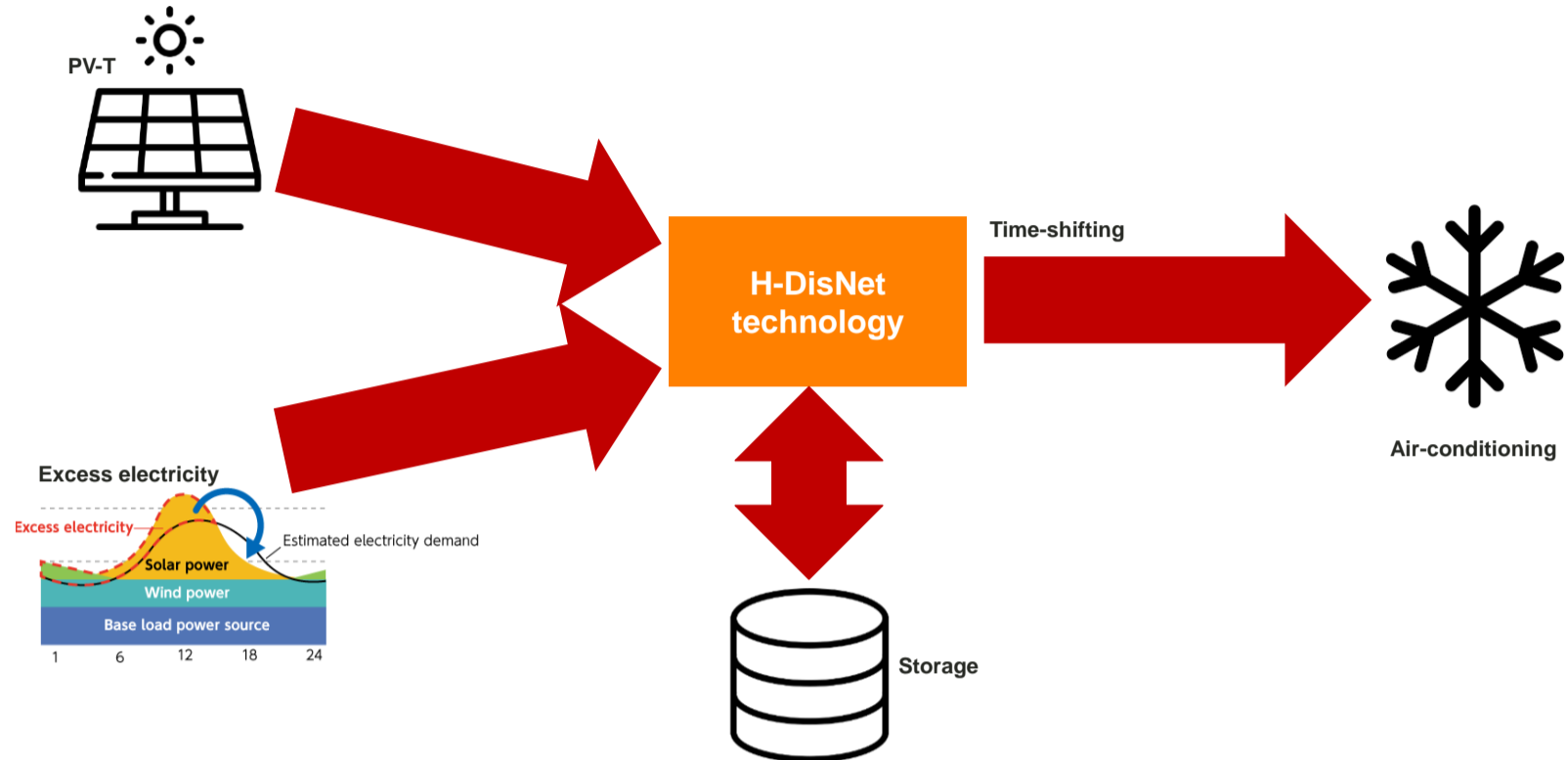




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Other scenarios: Renewable energy sources to air-conditioning demonstration



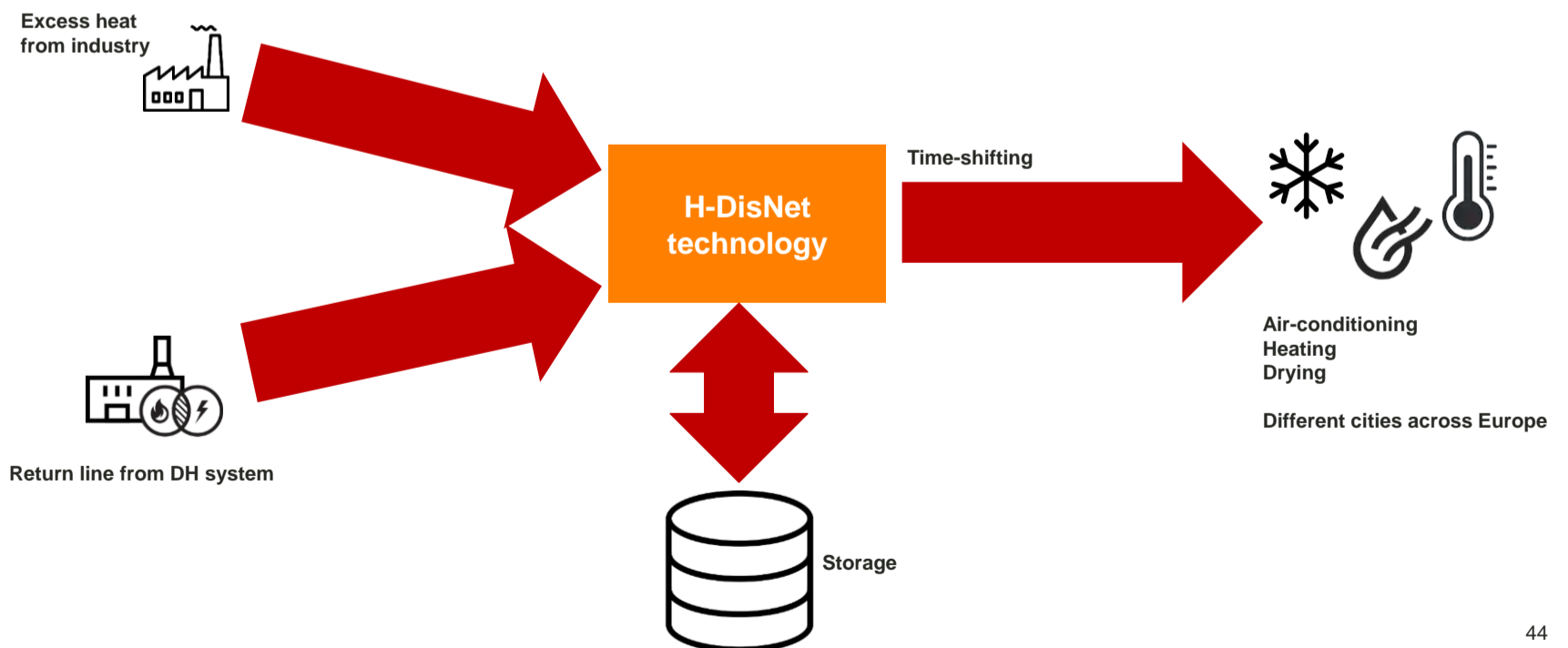
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Other scenarios: Multiple energy sources to air-conditioning demonstration



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Summary

Flexible H-DisNet test platform has been developed at Newcastle University

Different configurations of networks can be tested

Alternative energy sources and demands can be emulated and control strategies determined

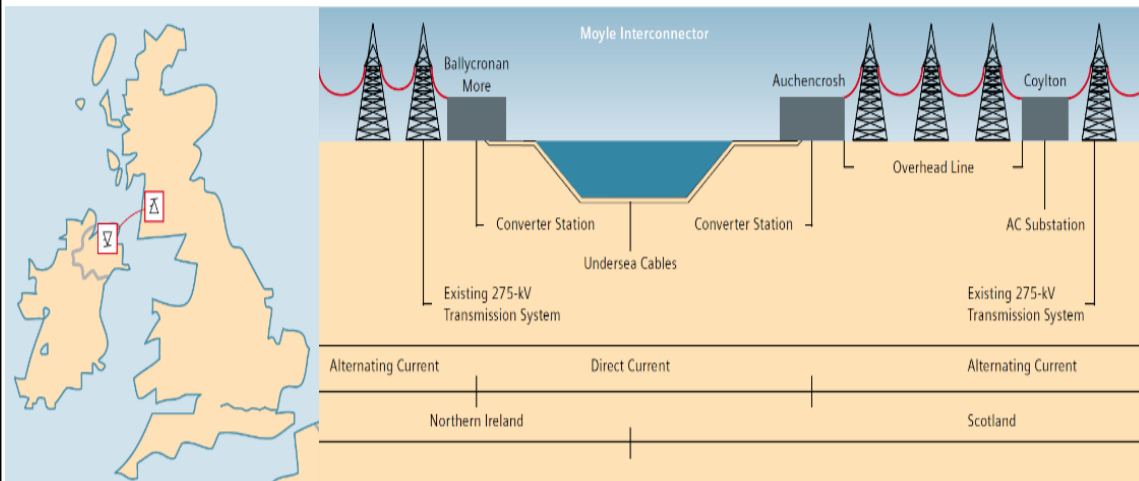


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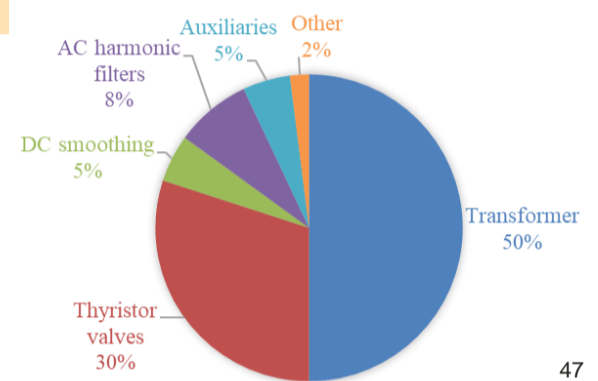
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High-voltage interconnector - opportunity

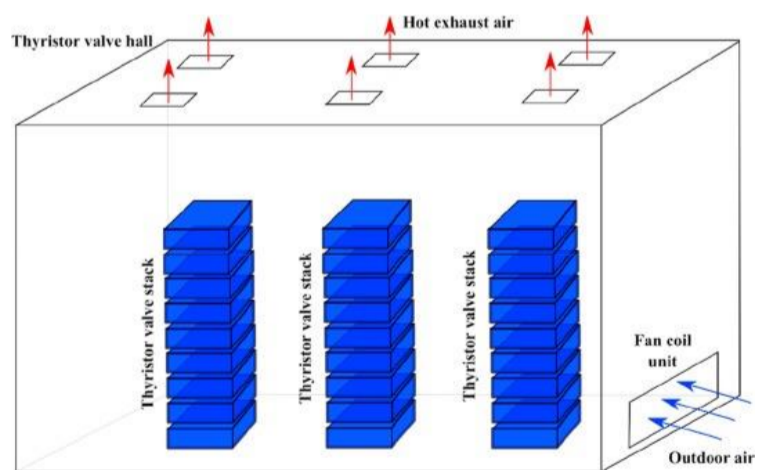


Characteristic	Quantity
Transmission capacity (MW)	250 x 2
System voltages (kV)	Direct current: 250
	Alternate current: 275
Rated current (A)	1000
Transmission distance (km)	63.5

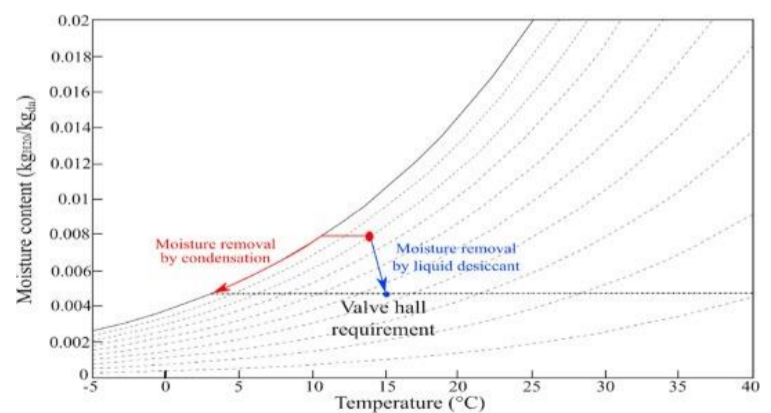
Around 1% of total transmission power is lost to low grade heat
However this is 5MW – vented to atmosphere!



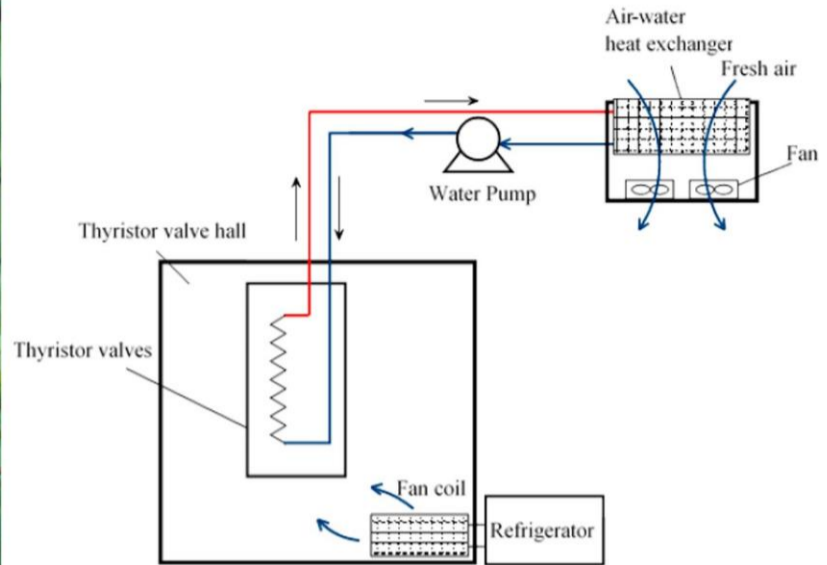
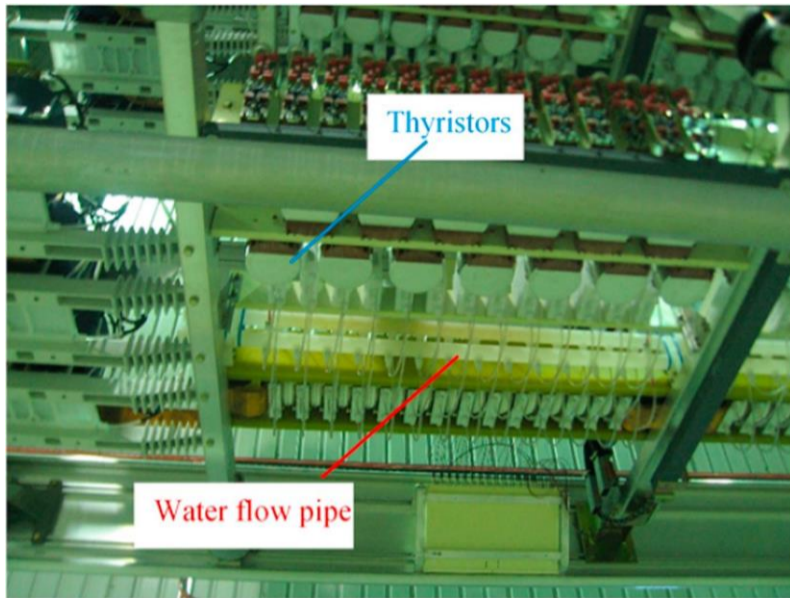
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The thyristor valves hall uses a significant amount of air-conditioning
The room is maintained at 15°C and low humidity
Avoid corona discharges

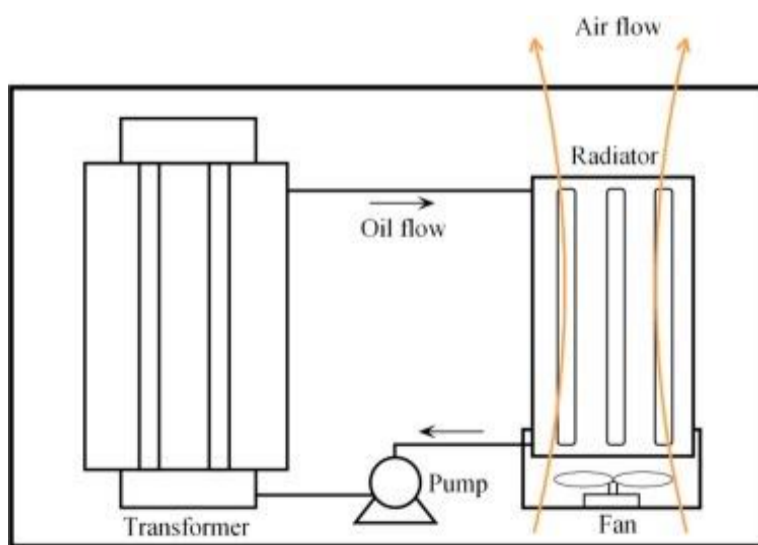


High-voltage interconnector – excess heat sources



- Cooling water within the thyristor valves system
- 385-443kW per pole
- 39-43°C

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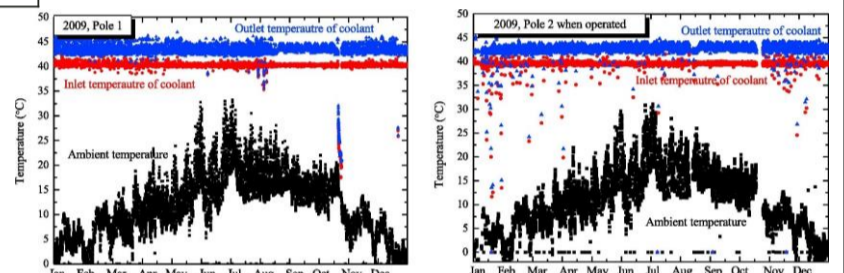


- OFAF transformer
- 99+% efficiency but losses are heat
- 300-378kW heat per pole
- 55 - 85°C

	2009 Pole 1	2009 Pole 2		2014 Pole 1	
	Whole year	Whole year	When operated	Whole year	When operated
Cooling based on thyristor waste heat (kW)	77	53.6	77	– ^a	88.6
Cooling based on transformer waste heat (kW)	120	108	151.2	– ^a	146
Total cooling (kW)	197	163.6	228.2	–^a	234.6

a. Temperature sensors failed in October.

- Cooling offset the air-conditioning costs for the Thyristor Hall
- Calculation made more complex by weather and HVDC use



	Retro fit	New project 1	New project 1
Flow rate (m ³ /h)	12,610	12,610	12,610
LD capital cost (€)	81,350	81,350	81,350
DEC capital cost (€)	/	/	2470
VC capital cost savings (€)	/	29,400	44,400
Maintenance cost LD (€/year)	1627	1627	1676.4
Maintenance cost VC (€/year)	1332	432	/
Operation cost (€/year)	4067.45	4067.45	4191
Savings (€/year)	13,725.93	13,725.93	13,725.93
Payback period (years)	8.7	6.1	5
LCOSE (€/kWh)	0.305	0.2	0.155

All results are presented in detailed in

Alessandro Giampieri, Zhiwei Ma, Janie Ling Chin, Andrew Smallbone, Pdraig Lyons, Imad Khan, Stephen Hemphill, Anthony Paul Roskilly, Techno-economic analysis of the thermal energy saving options for high-voltage direct current interconnectors, Applied Energy, Volume 247, 2019, Pages 60-77, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2019.04.003>.

Market and Stakeholders

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H-DisNet

Germany's largest industrial heat project

- Hamburg wants to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 80% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels. For the first time, an entire district of Hamburg is almost completely supplied with CO₂ free industrial heat.





What's behind it?

H-DisNet

- Project scope and complexity are unique and show the potential for the heat change.

1. Large



- The hamburger **Kühlbrandbrücke** extends almost the same length.

2. Heat giving



- The total available potential is sufficient for **25,000 households**.

3. Climate protect



- If the full potential were exploited, CO2 emissions could even be reduced by about **140,000 t CO2**.

4. Water saving



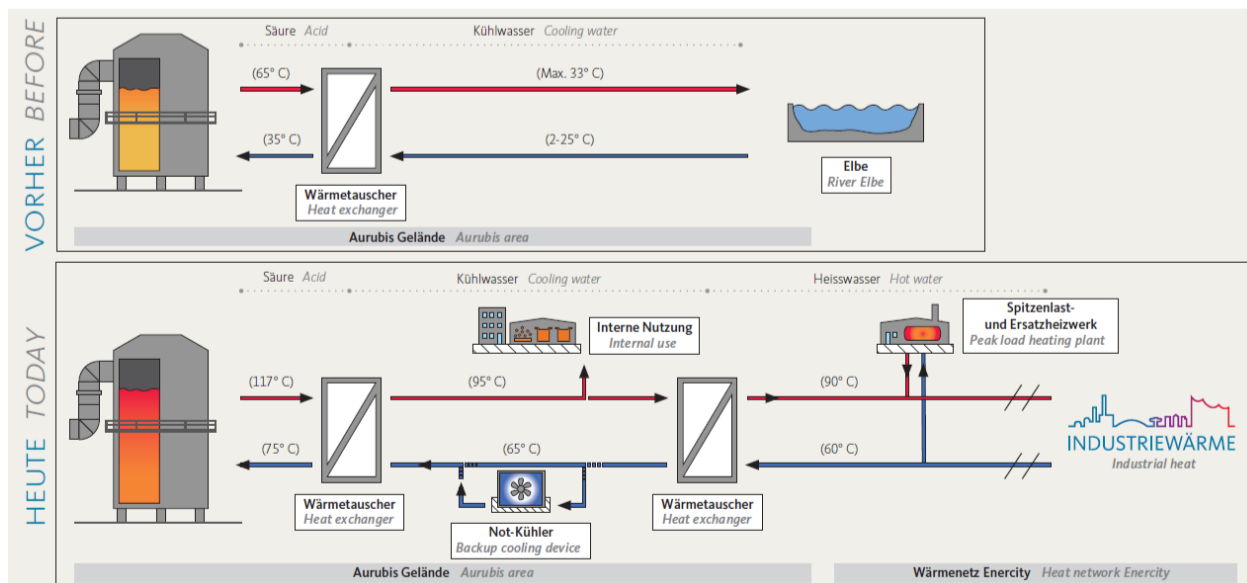
- 12 million m³ of cooling and Elbe water** per year saves the conversion of acid cooling



How does it work?

H-DisNet

- Already today the Hamburg plant covers 87 % of its heat needs from its own production processes. It is possible to extract more heat that forms in a sub-process of copper production.



The heat forms in an exothermal process when gaseous sulphur dioxide transforms into sulphuric acid. This process is free of CO₂ and does not require any fossil fuels. Aurubis extracts this heat for district heating.

Enablers and supporters

Excellence

... awarded and certified by:



Forward-looking

The pipeline capacity is already designed to carry the full industrial heat potential that Aurubis could provide.

Supported

... in all project phases by:



Committed

Both partners – Aurubis and energcity – each invested more than 40 Mio. € during the planning and implementation phase.

*) Thorsten Herdan, head of section II „Energy Policy – Heat and Efficiency“ (Federal Ministry for Energy and Economy) when awarding the Energy Efficiency Award: **“The external use of the industrial heat makes a significant contribution to the city of Hamburg’s climate protection goals [...] With the help of industrial heat, the emission level in HafenCity East even falls below the demanding emission threshold stipulated for the heat supply of this new development area.”**

However: the EU-ETS recognizes only to a very limited extent the efforts of Aurubis to enable CO₂-savings through heat-delivery to third parties

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THERMAL ENERGY Distribution

Local / district heating and cooling



Energy saving
Condensation prevention

WATER Distribution

Hot and cold drinking and potable water



Energy saving
Frost protection

Development of District Heating

	1G	2G	3G	4G
	STEAM	IN-SITU	PREFABRICATED	4th GENERATION
Period of best available technology	1880-1930	1930-1980	1980-2020	2020-2050
Heat source	Coal waste	- CHP coal & oil - Coal waste	- Solar - Biomass & CHP Biomass - Industry surplus - CHP waste (oil, Coal) - Waste (Gas, Waste, Oil, Coal)	- Solar - Geothermal - PV, Wave Wind surplus Electricity - Industry surplus - CHP waste incineration - CHP biomass - Centralized Heat pump - Centralized District cooling plant - 2-way District Heating - Biomass conversion --- future energy sources?
Storage	Steam Storage	Heat storage	Heat storage	Seasonal heat storage Heat storage
Heat carrier	Steam <200°C	Pressurized hot water >100°C	Pressurized hot water <100°C	Pressurized hot water <50-60°C (70°C)
Labels	STEAM	A. Soviet DH Technology B. Market-Based DH Systems	Scandinavian DH Technology	----
Typical Components	- Steam pipes in concrete ducts - Often no condensate return - Steam traps - Compensators	- Pipes in concrete ducts - Large shell- and tube heat exchangers - Extensive substations - Heavy, material intensive components	- Prefabricated, pre-insulated pipes directly buried into the ground. - Compact substations using brazed plate heat exchangers (also with insulation) - Material lean components - Metering and monitoring	- Highly pre-insulated pipes - Low energy demands - Smart Energy (optimum interaction of energy source, distribution and consumption) - 2-way DH
Quality	Outdated technology	Low quality for the Soviet DH technology and high to medium quality for other systems	High quality	High quality & Smart
Current use	New York and Paris. Replacement in Hamburg and Munich.	Older parts of all early district heating systems	All replacements in CEE and former USSR countries and all extensions and new systems in China, Korea, Europe, USA and Canada	Benelux, Nordic countries,

Next Generation: Utilization of even lower temperature sources

Low Temperature DH networks <30-40°C (DH 5G?)

- Low temperature energy sources like geothermal water or waste heat
 - Low temperature for underfloor heating 30°C
 - Local booster heat pumps for hotwater 55°C

“neutral” temperature levels

- Geothermal energy at a level 15-20°C or even lower
- Local Heat pump solutions and local storage

H-DisNet Thermal Chemical Networks – Future technology

Thermal chemical network vs. traditional thermal network

Benefits:

- No thermal losses during transport
- No thermal insulation required = cheaper network
- Material lean components
- Storage possible, simpler network management
- Humidity control inclusive

Barriers:

- Corrosion-resistant components required
- Exchange of technology required (new technology for network, demand and supply side)
- Technology readiness

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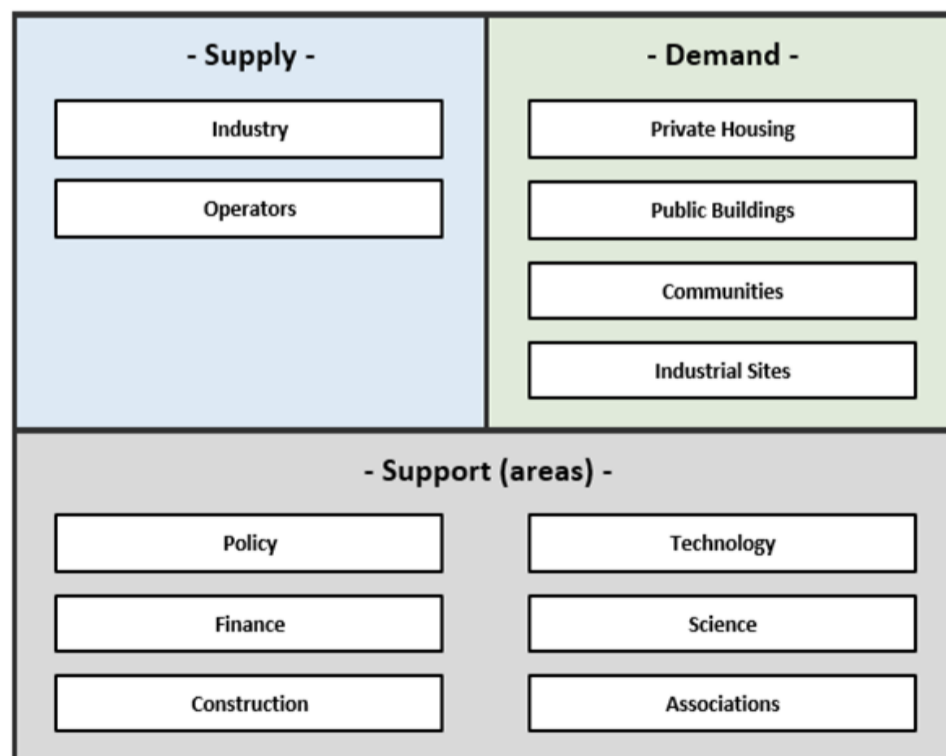
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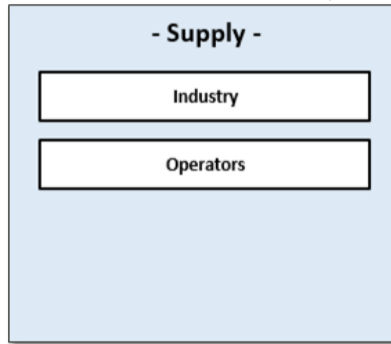


Stakeholder Mapping



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Supply- and demand-side perspectives



District heating networks

- Traditional, slow adaption of new technologies
- Focus on small-scale networks

Industry

- Interest exists, however low Technology Readiness Level is a key barrier
- Focus on collection of data and improvement of technology

Private Housing and Public Buildings

- Rising importance of climate control in buildings with no satisfying current solutions
- Main application should focus on humidity control
- Approach niche markets first. Think about smaller, cheaper solutions for mass market
- Development should be aligned with manufacturers of ventilation systems and heat pumps

Wrap up

Thank you for your attention! <http://www.h-disnet.eu/>



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