

SWEET DeCarbCH – Some insights on Decarbonisation of Cooling and Heating in Switzerland

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Contribution to IEA Experts' Group on R&D Priority-setting and Evaluation (EGRD) on Climate Neutral Heating and Cooling: R&D needs & perspectives for international collaboration

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Energy context Switzerland

Policy objectives

- Halve GHG emissions by 2030 relative to 1990
- Net zero GHG emissions by 2050

Energy system

- Electricity
 - close to zero carbon
 - Phase out of nuclear
- Space heating
 - Older buildings: mostly **oil & gas**
 - Newer buildings: mostly heat pumps
 - District heating
- Industry
 - Hardly any heavy industry

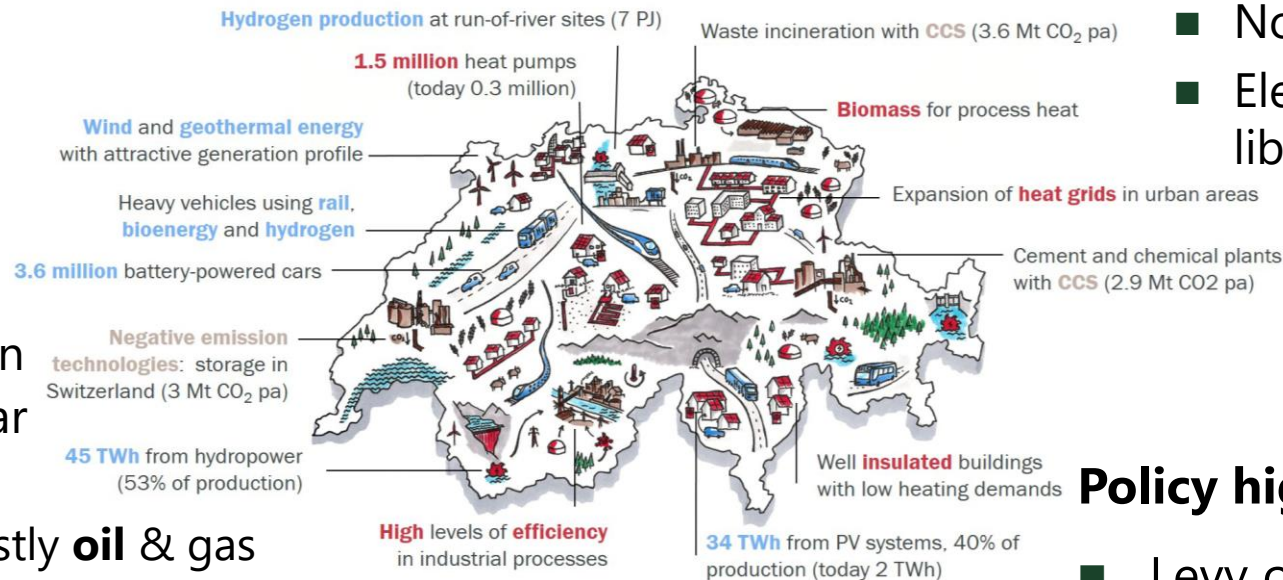


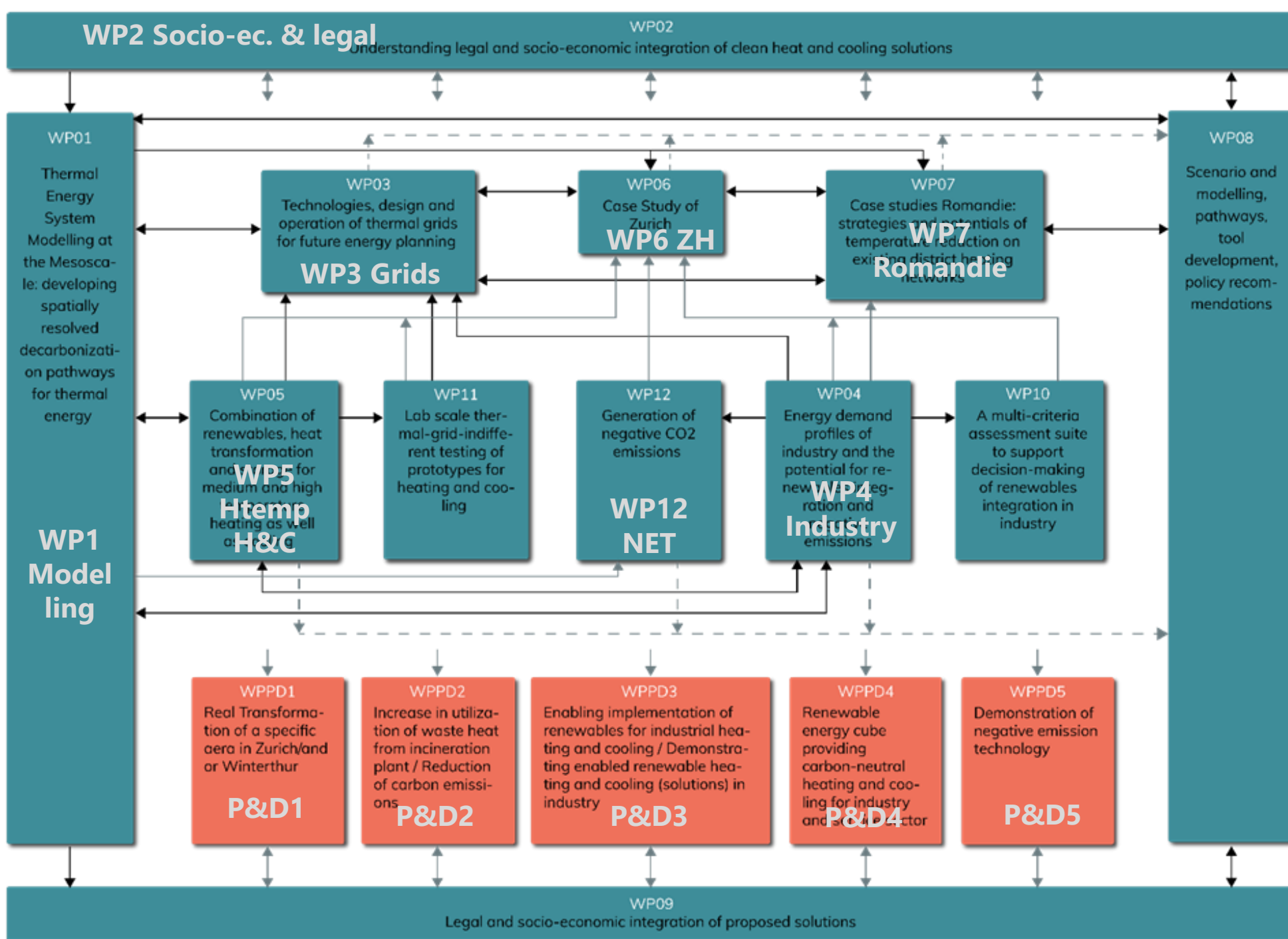
Figure: SFOE and Prognos, Energy perspectives 2050+

International context

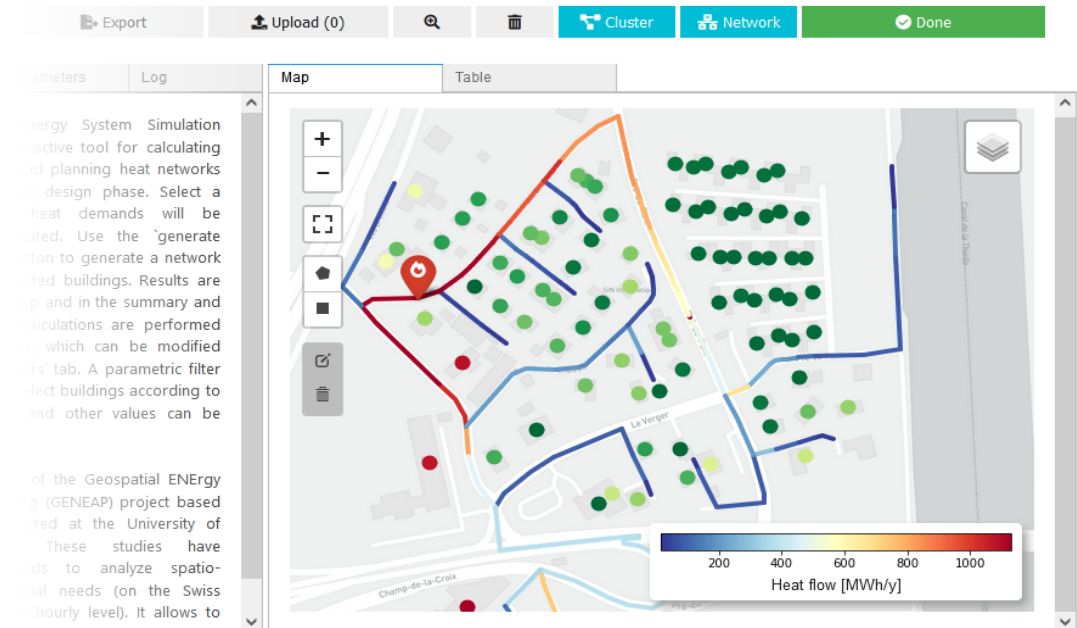
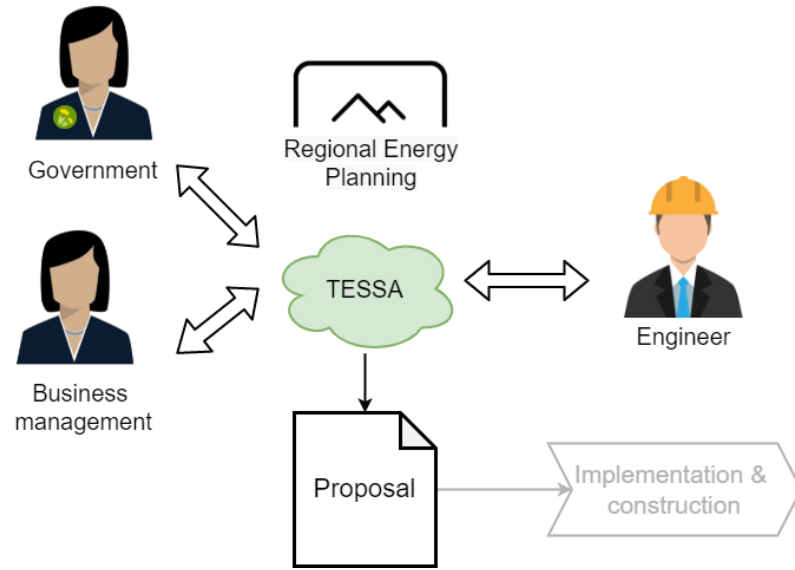
- Fragile security of supply
- No framework agreement with EU
 - No electricity agreement
 - Electricity sector only partly liberalized

Policy highlights

- Levy of 120 CHF/tonne CO₂
- Tender-based EEPs
- Buildings: subject to cantonal law



Thermal Energy System Simulation Assistant (UNIGE)

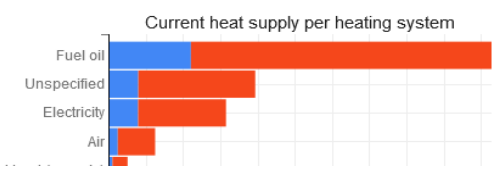


- Interactive network modelling and exploration
- Study alternatives and stakeholder feedback

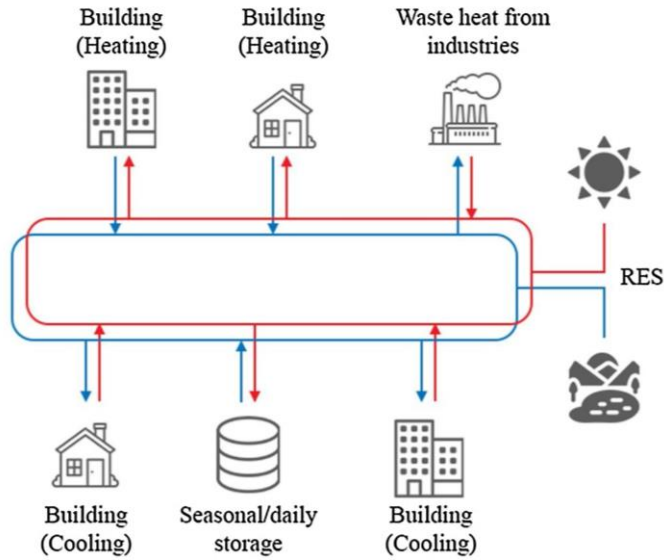


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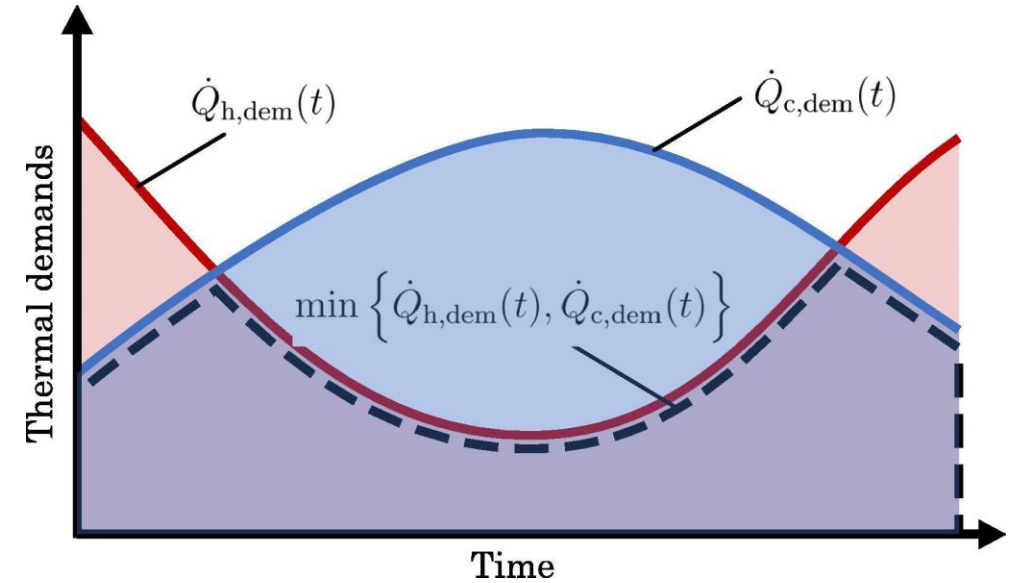
Value	Unit
89	-
2.49	GWh
1.95	GWh
539.59	MWh



5GDHC - 5th generation district heating & cooling (UNIGE)



Feasibility of 5GDHC is related to simultaneous demands, Seasonal TES



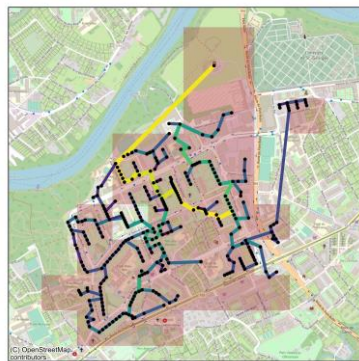
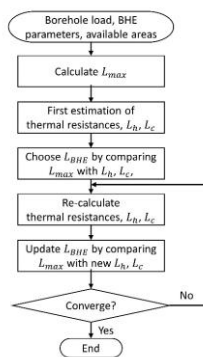
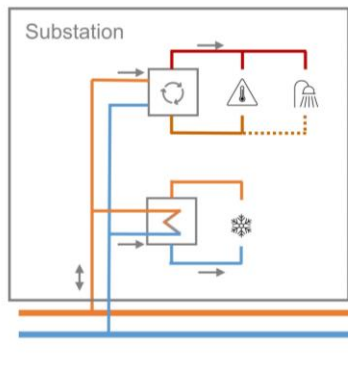
Source: Wirtz, 2020; Millar, 2021; Caputo, 2021

	4G district heating	5GDHC
Flow temperature	~ 50 °C	< 30 °C
User side	Direct heating	Adjustment by HP
Flow direction	Unidirectional	Bidirectional
Heating and cooling	Separate	Combined

Li X, Yilmaz S, Patel M, Chambers J. "Techno-economic analysis of fifth-generation district heating and cooling combined with seasonal borehole thermal energy storage." *Under review, Applied Energy* 2023.

5GDHC - Case Study Performance evaluation (UNIGE)

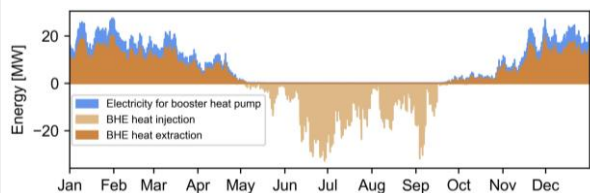
5GDHC design and simulation



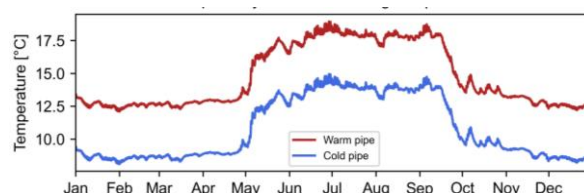
Building substation

Borehole fields

Thermal network

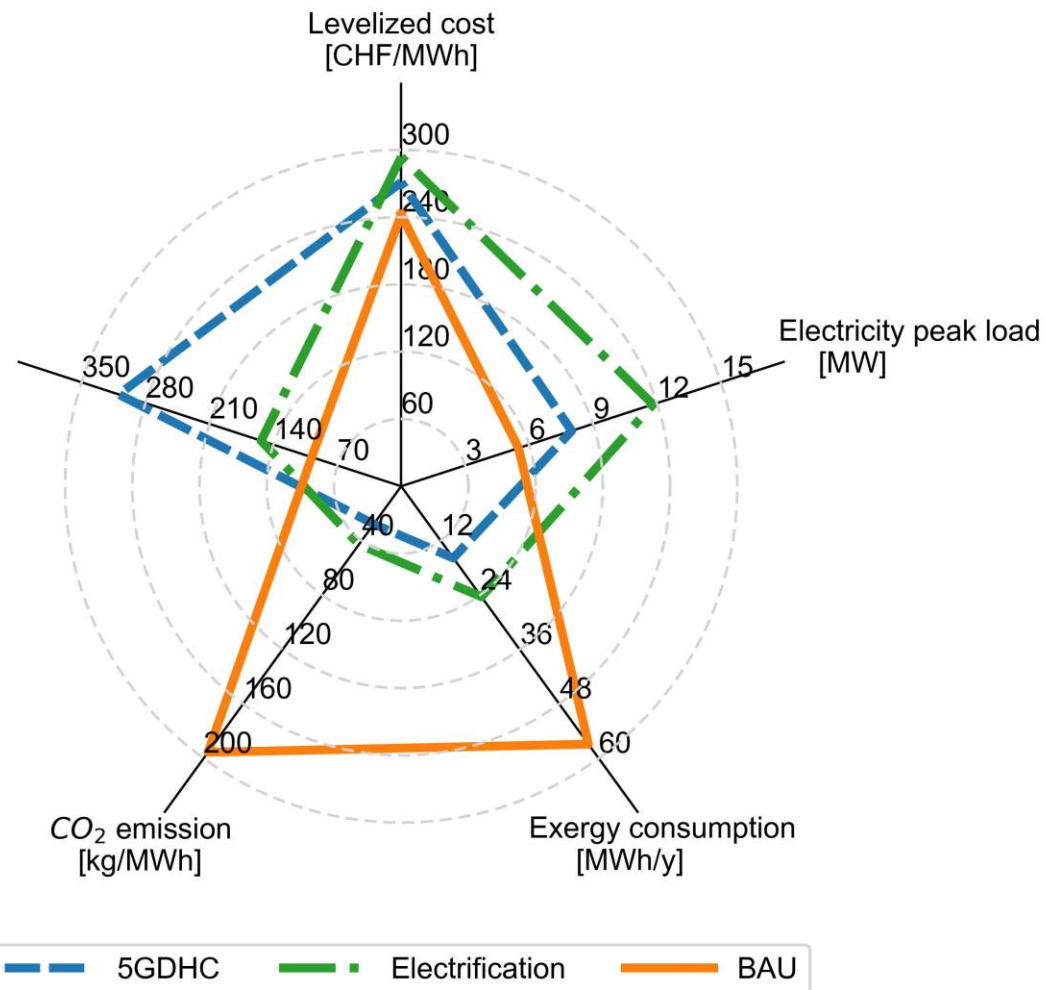


Energy consumption



Temperature profile

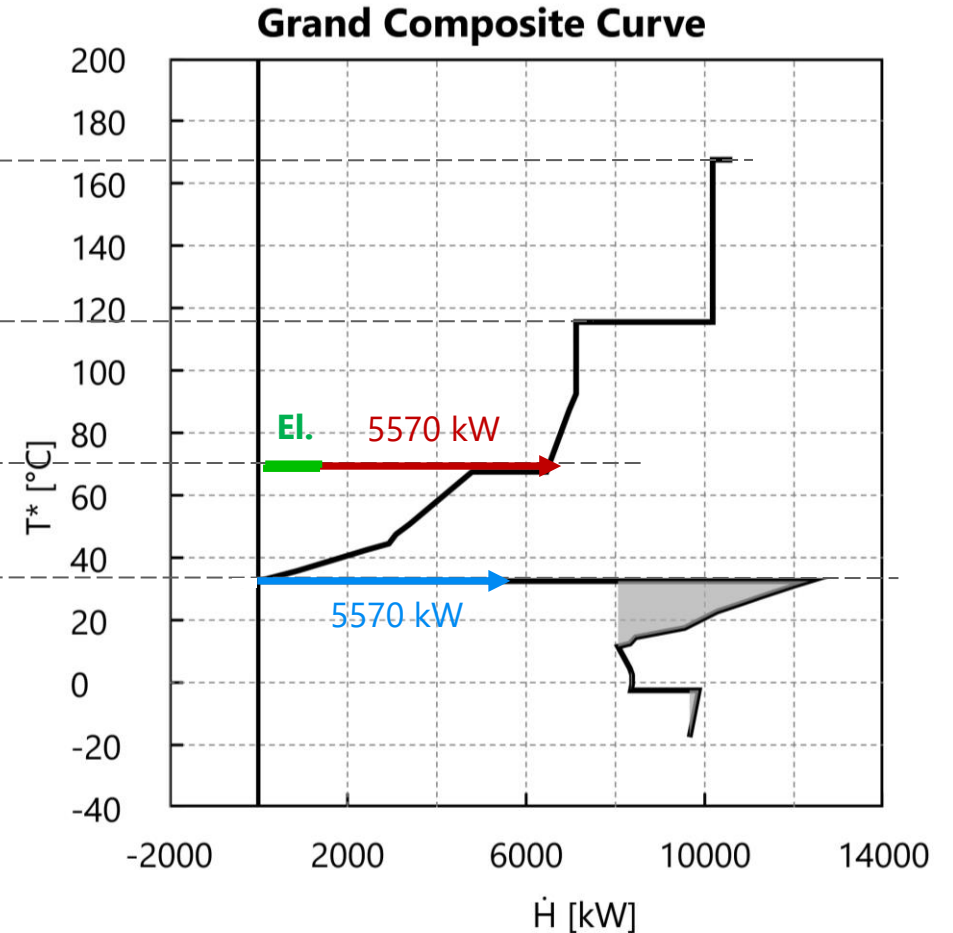
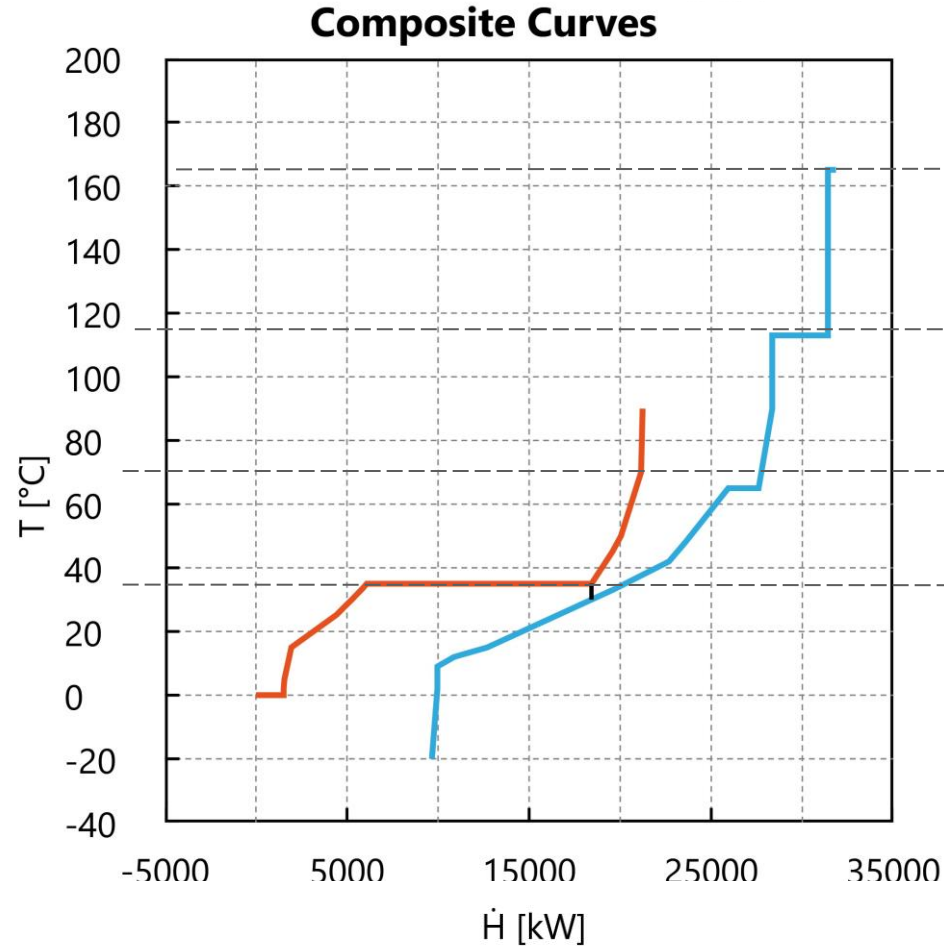
Upfront cost [million CHF]



KPIs of 5GDHC and reference systems

Energy demand profiles for industry (HSLU/UNIGE)

Example: Meat processing (company Bell)



- Most (>90%) of the HP potential had already been implemented.
- HP from 30 °C to 115 °C not considered
- Geothermal energy would be of interest.

CCS (ETHZ)

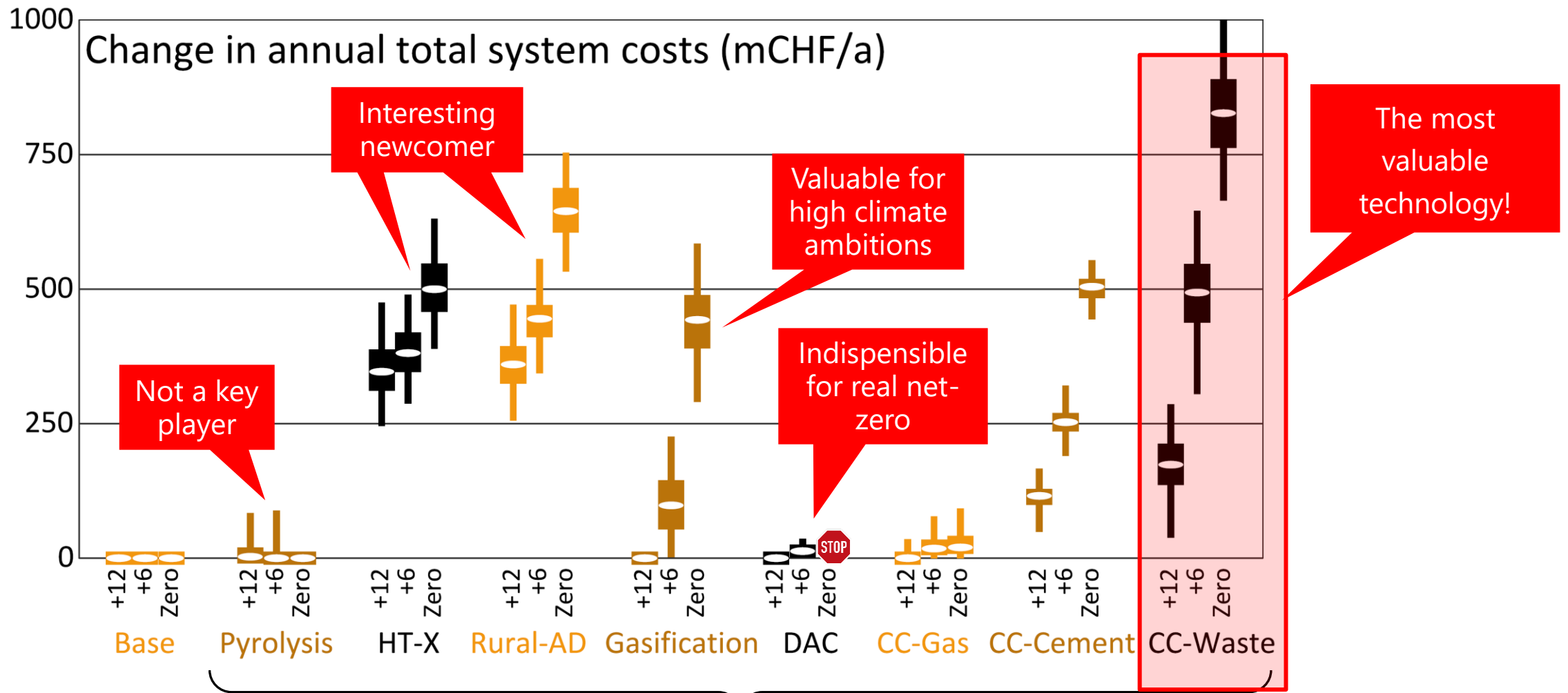
Technology options

- CC-Waste: CO₂ separation on waste, wood and sludge CHP plants
- CC-CEM: CO₂ separation on cement plants
- CC-Gas: CO₂ separation on gas CHP plants
- Gasification: Wood gasification to produce hydrogen, SNG, kerosene
- HT-X: Hydrothermal gasification / liquefaction / carbonization
- Pyrolysis: Wood pyrolysis to produce charcoal
- Rural-AD: Anaerobic manure digestion connected to gas/CO₂ network
- DAC: Direct air capture

Scenarios

- Zero (with agriculture and air travel)
- +6 Mt/a: Domestic without air travel
- +12 Mt/a = +6Mt/a plus 6 Mt/a compensation abroad

CCS Technologies compared



How much more does it cost if this technology is not available

Key messages

- Explorative analyses of thermal grids should become more easily accessible for planners and decision makers.
- Seasonal thermal storage in combination with 5GDHC is promising and should be further studied.
- There is urgent need for CCs/GCCs for industrial processes (let's collaborate on a database!)
- More work needed on CCS (which process combinations, heat integration etc.)

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Steam generating
heat pumps
webinar

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