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# CO2 Network

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### **Abstract**

District energy systems present a high potential to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by cities, thanks to the implementation of large polygeneration energy conversion technologies connected to buildings over a network. A specific technology, developed by EPFL, using a CO<sub>2</sub> network... A comparative analysis shows that...

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# Glossary

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comp ex evap cond MILP PtG DSM HFC HCFC CFC HFO IC OC TC CAPEX OPEX

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Context

Throughout the last decades, human society has developed thanks to energy, most of which has come from fossil fuels. This has led to an unprecedented rise in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which have proved to be at the source of climate change. In order to secure a livable planet for the years to come, it is necessary, among others, to drastically reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions[?]. Since the adoption of the Kyoto protocol, the first international treaty about the fight against climate change in 1992, many countries have agreed to drastically reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the coming decades.

One crucial sector is the production of heat, which represents a large share of the total greenhouse emissions. This is especially true for countries at higher latitudes, i.e. with cold climates. For example in Switzerland the energy demand for space heating and hot water demand of buildings, accounts for around 41% (96.5 TWh) of the total energy demand of the country, and is still strongly dependent from fossil fuels. If we also include process heat, this figure rises to 54% (123.9 TWh)[?].

Also the energy demand related to cooling is experiencing an exponential growth. This is, on the one hand, because it is becoming affordable for more people, as income levels rise. On the other hand, this increase is due to global warming. There are today 1.6 billion air conditioners (AC) in use, and about 50% of them are distributed in only two countries: China and USA. In some countries, especially in the Middle East, as well as in parts of the USA, during extremely hot days cooling can represent more than 70% of peak residential electricity demand. A huge problem with respect to this, is the quality of ACs. The majority of ACs that are sold in large markets, have an efficiency, which is only 50% or lower than the one of the best products available. This engenders, obviously, an important augmentation of the energy demand. Figure 1 shows how the energy demand has tripled since 1990, while the share of cooling energy in total energy use in buildings has risen from 2% to more almost 7% [?].

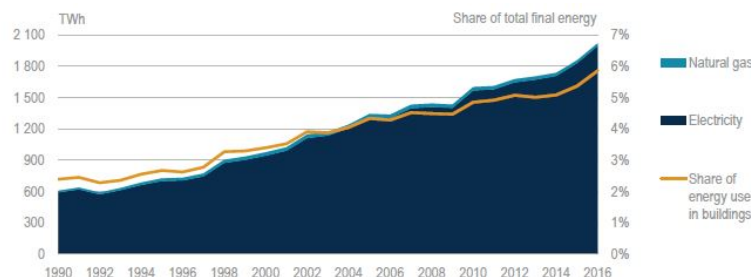


Figure 1: World energy consumption for space cooling in buildings. Source:[?]

A study shows that also in Switzerland cooling demand will strongly increase in the next decades, due to climate change. Figure 2 shows how this is particularly true for modern houses, which are very well isolated and efficient for the winter use. In this case the cooling demand will represent more or less a third of the heating demand[?].

According to the Population Division of the United Nations, the share of the world population living in cities has steadily increased from 34% in 1960 to 55% in 2017. Moreover, they prospect that, by 2050, this number will rise to 66%. In Switzerland, as well as in its neighbouring countries, the percentage of urban population is considerably higher, with 74% (2017) [?]. The fact that people live more and more in concentrated areas, also mean that the density of energy consumption

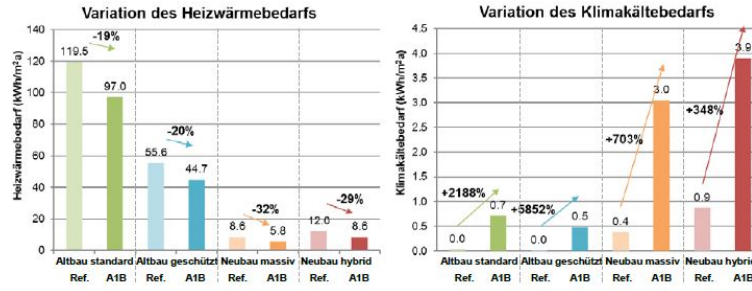


Figure 2: The evolution of median values of heating (left) and cooling (right) demand of the four case studies ("Old building", "Old building protected", "Solid construction", "Hybrid construction") between the reference period "1995" (1980-2009) and the period "2060" (2045-2074) in Basel. The percentage variations can be attributed to climate change. A1B corresponds to a median scenario developed by the IPCC. Source: [?]

is rising. This becomes particularly interesting for urban heating and cooling demand, since the high density of heat consumers sets the conditions for efficient systems, based on district energy networks.

The UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) has identified a big potential in modern district energy systems, as the most effective approach to improve energy efficiency for heating and cooling, and enable the integration of renewable energies. However, these technologies require a high level of technology coordination and planning, since they create more efficient systems that are also more complex to deploy and operate. This is why, further research and technology development are needed in order to foster the spreading of these technologies.

## 1.2 Scope

The scope of this project is to pursue the study of the application of the CO<sub>2</sub> based district energy network technology, proposed by Weber and Favrat[?]. In collaboration with Romande Energie, the utility company of canton Vaud, a feasibility study has to be performed on a specific case study: the residential district Eglantine in Morges. The work will try to answer the main research questions:

*How does the CO<sub>2</sub> district energy network perform - ecologically as well as financially - in the Eglantine district, and under which conditions does it perform better than concurrent solutions?*

*What are the characteristics of a typical district that favour the choice of the CO<sub>2</sub> district energy network technology?*

## 2 State of the art

### 2.1 District heating

The evolution of the technology of district heating (DH) is shown in Figure 3. The first District Heatings (DH) have been installed in the 1880s in the USA, using concrete ducts to distribute steam at high temperature, which was then condensated by the consumers. This system was obviously not very efficient, due to the elevated heat losses during transportation, as well as the exergy losses due to the high temperature level. In the early 1930 a second generation was developed, which based on the use of pressurized water, distributed above 100°C. These networks were installed with the purpose of reducing fuel consumption, as well as to integrate the energy generation through CHPs (Combined Heat and Power). The third generation was introduced in the 1980s and it's main difference was the use of a lower distribution temperature (below 100 °C). In those years the main reasons for the installation of DH was security of supply, since they allowed to replace



oil with more local and cheaper fuels such as coal, biomass and waste. Moreover, it allowed to use industrial waste heat, as an energy source.

Nevertheless, a distribution temperature between 70-100 °C still origins very high heat losses, and it does not allow to integrate a larger number of heat sources. Moreover, also in space heating systems in buildings, there has been an evolution towards lower operating temperatures, reducing the average demand temperature. These were the drivers for the development of the 4th generation, for which networks operate at a temperature between 30-70 °C. This enables a much better integration of the heating system into the global energy system, as it makes it possible to include low temperature sources (geothermal, solar thermal, refrigeration systems or waste heat from data centers).

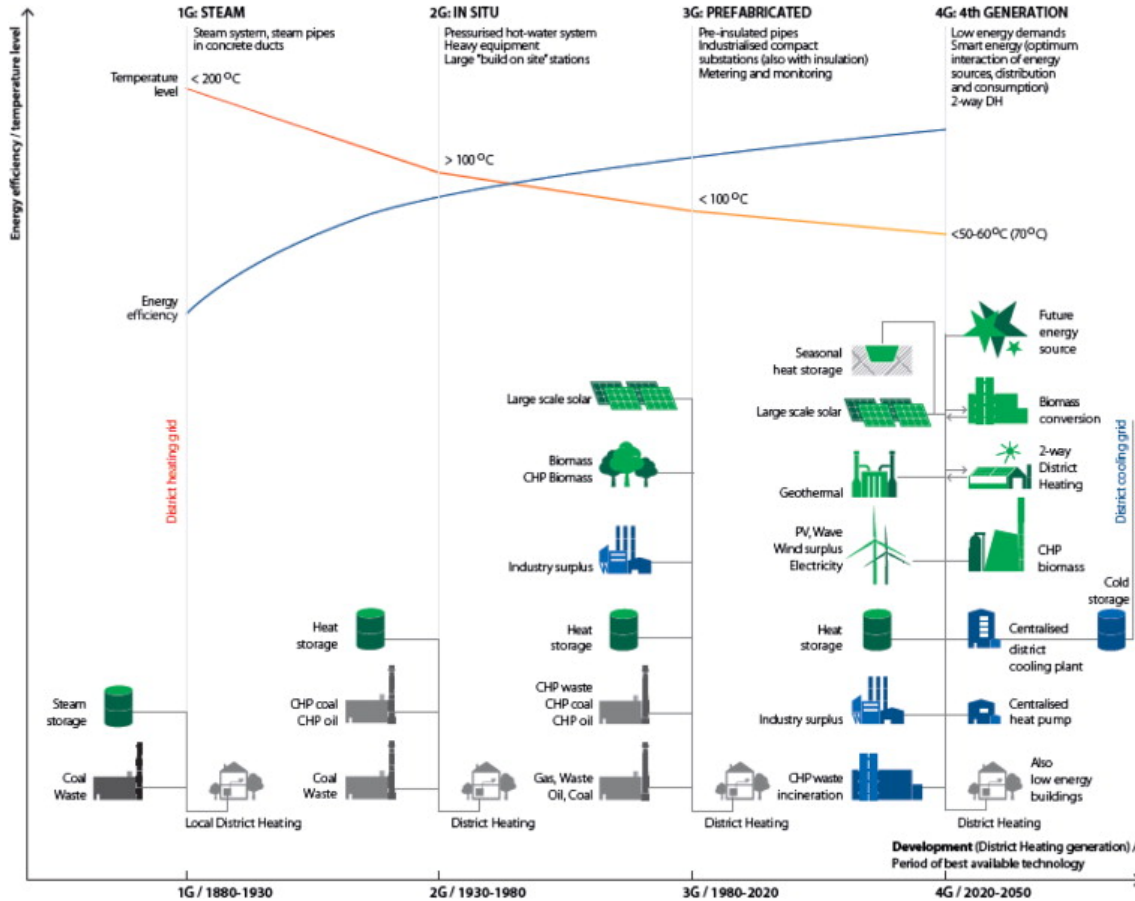


Figure 3: The evolution of the district heating technology, from the 1st to the 4th generation. Source: [?]

District cooling (DC) networks had a similar development as DH networks, although to a smaller extent.

## 2.2 Fifth generation district energy networks

The 4th generation of DH technology, has already achieved remarkable success and has been widely applied, especially in Europe. However, the exergy losses of the system are still very high, due to the diversity of heat levels present in the system, limiting its efficiency. Moreover, the integration of DC, which, as it was mentioned beforehand is already important in cities and will become more and more important throughout the next years, needs the installation of a second and separate networks, which leads to high upfront costs.

This has lead to the birth of a new technology that uses an even lower distribution temperature (10-25 °C) to provide heating and cooling. In fact, the transfer fluid acts as cold network for

cooling purposes and supplies, at the same time, evaporator heat to decentralized heat pumps. This is what is known as the 5th generation DH networks, also known as District Energy Networks (DEN) or District Heating and Cooling (DHC). Besides the higher energy and exergy efficiency, which reduce the operating costs, this technology also reduces the upfront costs. Given the lower distribution temperature, in fact, the pipes require less insulation, as well as they can be placed in shallower depth in the ground.

This technology has appeared in Switzerland in 2007, and it's mostly known as *anergy network*, or in german *Anergienetz*. To the authors knowledge, there are seven such systems operating by the end of the year 2018[?]. A summary of a selection of four of them is shown in Table 1, while more detailed information can be found in the Appendix 9.

Table 1: District energy systems in Switzerland

	<b>Anergienetz ETH Hönggerberg</b>	<b>Suurstoffi- Areal</b>	<b>Anergienetz Friesenberg (FGZ)</b>	<b>Genève-Lac- Nations (GLN)</b>
<b>Location</b>	Zürich	Rotkreuz	Zürich	Genève
<b>Year of construction</b>	2012 - 2026	2010 - 2020	2011-2050	2008 - 2016
<b>ERA [m2]</b>	475'000	172'421	185'000	840'000
<b>Inst. Heating capacity [kW]</b>	8'000	6'732	3'930	4'300
<b>Heating demand '[MWh/a]'</b>	28'450	10'619	35'000	5'000
<b>Inst. Cooling capacity [kW]</b>	6'000	2'327	3'500	16'200
<b>Cooling demand '[MWh/a]'</b>	26'200	2'364	80'000	20'000
<b>Distribution fluid</b>	water	water	water	water
<b>Heat source</b>	Laboratories waste heat +HP	Waste heat buildings + PVT (solar th.) +HP	Waste heat data center+HP	Lake water +HP
<b>Heat storage</b>	Geothermal well field (431 at 200m)	Geothermal well field (215 at 150 m, 180 at 280m)	Geothermal well field (332 at 250m)	None
<b>T of heating pipe</b>	24 °C - 8 °C	25 °C - 8 °C	28 °C - 8 °C	17 °C - 5 °C
<b>T of cooling pipe</b>	4 °C - 20 °C	4 °C - 17 °C	4 °C -24 °C	5 °C - 12 °C
<b>Tot. investments '[Mio.CHF]'</b>	37	n/a	42.5	33
<b>Tot. COP of heating (incl. Pumps...)</b>	5.8	2.7	4.1	6.5

All the anergy networks presented in Table 1 still base on water as a working fluid. Therefore, they work on sensible heat, which means that a heat exchange is bound to a variation in the fluids temperature. The challenge of these systems is given by the flow rate that is necessary to limit the temperature difference between the inlet and the return temperature of the network. Thus, it could be very interesting to use refrigerants, instead of water, that enable to work with latent heat instead, which means collecting and distributing heat through the condensation, or the evaporation, of the refrigerant. This poses some additional technological challenges, but has also very clear advantages, as it will be shown in the next chapters.

The choice of the refrigerant strongly depends on the application. In function of the operating

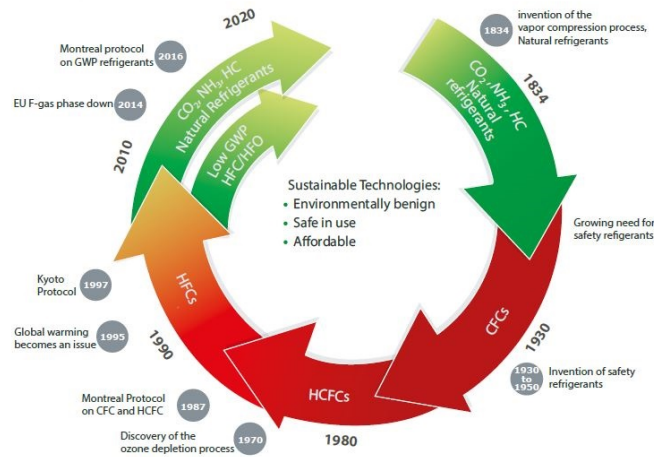


Figure 4: The historical cycle of refrigerants Source: [?]

conditions, three main criteria are evaluated: affordability, safety and environmental impact. A summary of the history of refrigerants is shown in Figure 4. The Montreal protocol, signed in 1987, designed the phase out of HCFC and CFCs, in order to prevent ozone layer depletion. This boosted the use of HFCs, as a replacement. However, not far later, people realized that despite being less damaging to the ozone layer, they were powerful greenhouse gases. Since 2013, a federal ordinance also strongly restricts the use of these last ones in Switzerland[?]. Also Europe has planned the phase-out of HFC in 2014[?]. This means that today the choice of refrigerants is essentially limited to natural refrigerants - as for example CO<sub>2</sub> (R744), ammonia (R717) or propane (R290) - and the new environmentally friendly HFOs - as for example the fluorinated propane isomer R1234yf. According to Danfoss[?], CO<sub>2</sub> will dominate industrial refrigeration, together with ammonia. Already today, this technology is widely used. For instance Migros, Switzerland's largest retail company, opened its first supermarket to use CO<sub>2</sub>, in a low-temperature subcritical system, in 2002. By today, 411 of the 700 supermarkets in Migros's portfolio are equipped with transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> systems[?]. The choice of CO<sub>2</sub> as a refrigerant relies, besides its thermodynamic properties, on the following arguments[?]:

- it is very abundant in the environment and is also waste of a multitude of industrial processes, resulting in very low cost
- it is harmless to the biosphere
- it is non-flammable and non-toxic
- it is an inert gas

## 2.3 CO<sub>2</sub> DEN

### 2.3.1 The technology

Weber and Favrat [?] compared the performance of a DEN using subcritical CO<sub>2</sub>, the HFO R1234yf and water. They were able to show that the CO<sub>2</sub> network performs best, and has the biggest potential for DEN systems[?]. As explained above, a refrigerant based DEN technology allows to store and transfer heat through the latent heat of vaporization of the refrigerant. The operating pressure is chosen in order to obtain the desired temperature in the system. That temperature is selected to be as high as possible to represent a good heat source for the decentralized heating heat pumps - resulting in good COP values -, while still allowing free cooling - avoiding the installation of compression chillers, and thus drastically reduce electricity consumption for space cooling.

The network consists of one saturated liquid pipe and of one saturated vapor pipe, both in a saturated temperature range from 12 to 18 °C[?]. The working principle is shown in Figure 5.

Heating users can extract heat from the network through condensation of the refrigerant, taken from the vapour pipe. Respectively, cooling users take refrigerant from the liquid pipe and evacuate heat by evaporating it. The heat exchanges between the network and the users occur through condenser-evaporators heat exchangers, which keep the different refrigerant loops isolated[?]. The synergy between simultaneous heating and cooling users allows the recovery of waste heat. Most of the time, the required heating and cooling capacity will not be equal, which means that there is the need for a centralized balancing power. Indeed, a central plant is responsible to balance the overall network, by exchanging heat with the environment. For instance, a sole/water or a water/water heat pump can be used for this purpose.

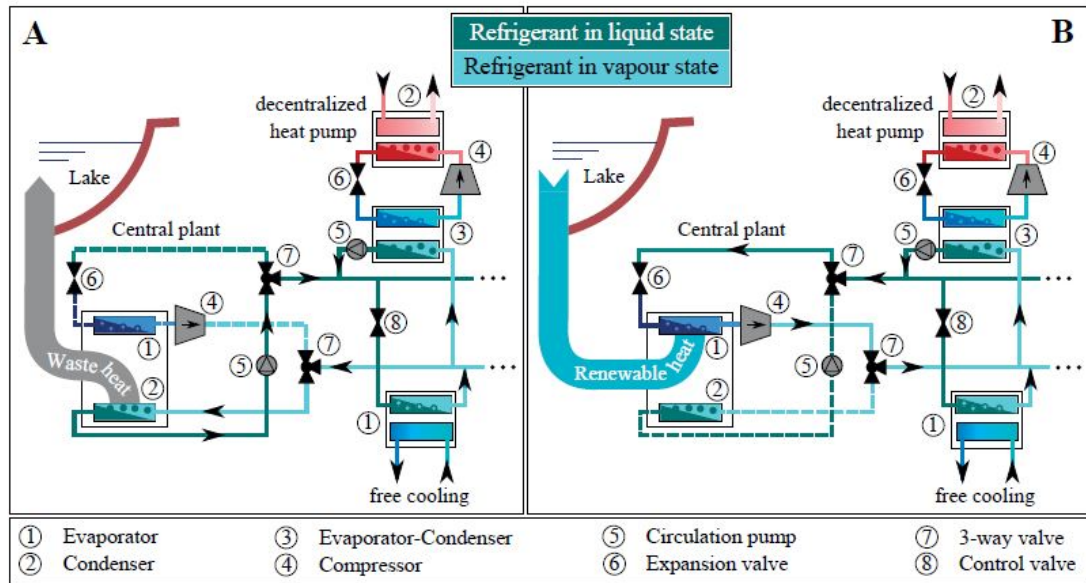


Figure 5: Schematics of a refrigerant based district energy network. Part A represents its net cooling operation, and part B its net heating operation. Source: [?]

One of the big advantages of this technology, with respect to water based DEN, is the pipes sizing. In fact, given the fact that it works on pressure maintenance instead of a fluid flow, no return pipe is necessary, which results in a slightly shorter total length of installed pipes. Moreover, due to the higher energy density of latent heat, the pipes diameter is drastically reduced. Henchoz et al. compared three different working fluid on the same study case, showing that, while CO<sub>2</sub> needs pipes of only 280/330mm (liquid/vapor), R123yf would need 270/700mm and water 625/625mm. Given the low operating temperatures, there are much lower requirements for pipes insulation. While water pipes need to be buried deep enough to prevent damage due to water freezing, in case part of the network had to be stopped during winter, CO<sub>2</sub> does not freeze and thus does not require a minimum freeze-safe depth. Henchoz et al. have even imagined installing the pipes inside a sidewalk module, which would drastically simplify maintenance and inspection [?]. Given the smaller diameter, it would also be possible to retrofit an old, high temperature district heating network, by placing the CO<sub>2</sub> pipes inside the old water pipes. All the above mentioned advantages of using CO<sub>2</sub>, result in lower upfront costs.

The main drawback of this technology is the high operating pressure, which situates at about 50 bars, and the safety concerns that could derive from the large amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that could escape in case of a major leakage. Nevertheless, as described in 2.2, CO<sub>2</sub> refrigeration networks are already widely used in supermarkets, and the technology is considered as safe.

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### 2.3.2 Performance

Henchoz et al.[?] performed an analysis of the potential application of a CO<sub>2</sub> based DEN in a district in the city of Geneva. A map of the district, called "Rues basses", is shown in Figure 6.

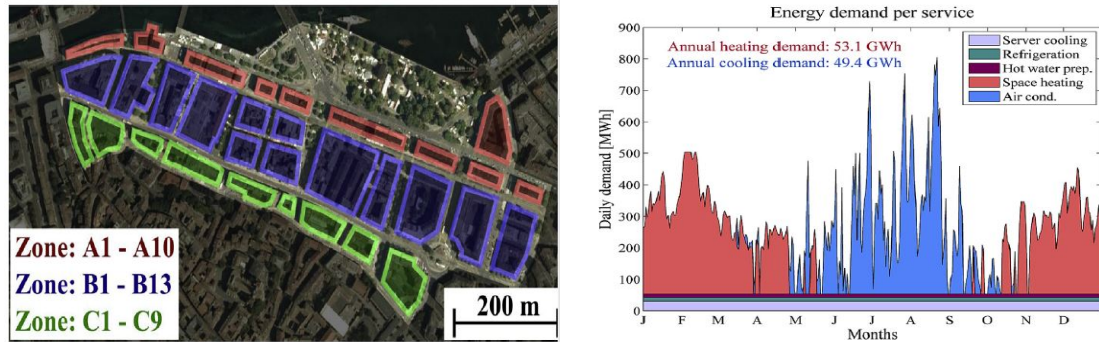


Figure 6: Representation of the the studied areaFigure 7: Energy demand for the area studied and of its subdivision into 32 zones. Source: [?] over the year 2012. Source: [?]

Table 2 shows the distribution of building affectations - which is important to determine the energy consumption - in the studied area. The total ERA is 687'800m<sup>2</sup>.

Table 2: Distribution of the energy reference area for the different zones and building affectations

Zones	Commercial [m <sup>2</sup> ERA]	Offices [m <sup>2</sup> ERA]	Residential [m <sup>2</sup> ERA]
A1 - A10	20'700	89'200	17'700
B1 - B13	97'000	260'700	61'600
C1 - C9	40'400	62'600	48'100
Relative share	23%	60%	17%

The energy demand of heating (53.1GWh/yr) and cooling (49.4GWh/yr) in the studied area is shown in Figure 7. Throughout the year, the district presents nearly the same heating demand as for cooling, but they happen in different seasons.

The proposed CO<sub>2</sub> based DEN is balanced by a central plant - a heat pump - that exchanges heat with the nearby lake. In order to benchmark the results, this technology has been compared to a traditional heating and cooling system, based on oil boilers and cooled compression chillers.

The results are remarkable. In fact, the CO<sub>2</sub> based DEN shows a final energy consumption of 10,968 MWh of electricity, which corresponds to a reduction of 84.4 %, with respect to the reference scenario. Its exergy efficiency situates between 40-45%.

### 2.3.3 Integration in smart energy system

The integration of high shares of renewable energies represents an important challenge. In fact, it requires a lot of slack to handle the volatile nature of renewable energy sources like wind or sun. On one side, this slack will be mainly given through a smart control of the electricity grid on multiple levels. It starts from the demand side management (DSM) inside households, through optimization at district level, up to a national and international control. These decentralized grids, or grid controls, are called *smart grids*.

With the vast success of heat pumps throughout the last decade, the control of electricity grids is more and more interconnected with the production of heat. This further complexifies the system by adding a level of constraints, but it also opens new levels of control. Indeed, if well designed, a

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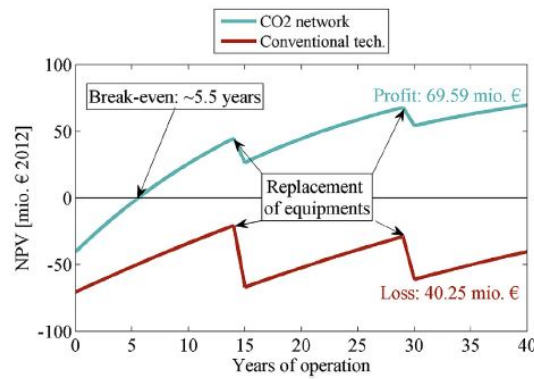


Figure 8: Evolution of the net present value over the lifetime of the two energy conversion technologies. Source: [?]

DEN offers an additional level of slack that can be used in combination with the smart grid, multiplying control power. The CO2 DEN offers several possibilities to shift the loads, relieving the grid.

On one hand, it simplifies the deployment of a smart control of the heat pumps, which can strongly contribute in the DSM. The decentralized heat pumps can make use of a buildings thermal inertia to adapt electricity use to energy availability. CO2 vapor and liquid storage can act as a buffer, enabling load-shifting also for the central plant of the DEN. Sizing of these storage capacities will determine the possible time-span that the shift can achieve. Given the low distribution temperature, this approach also facilitates the storing of heat, as for example in a geothermal field.

On the other hand, the use of CO2 as a refrigerant for the network could improve the integration of a power to gas (PtG) system. Indeed, one big challenge in the future, especially in higher latitudes, where seasonal variation are consistent, is to ensure energy supply during winter season, when, due to shorter and weaker solar irradiation, PV panels produce less. It is thus important to find a way to store energy the excess renewable energy during the summer, to the winter. One solution to do that is PtG, which defines the process of transforming electrical power to a gas, like methane, which is easy to store. To do so, electricity is used to produce hydrogen, which can be combined with CO2 to form Methane, in a process called methanization. Methane can be used during the winter to produce electricity and heat, in a combined heat and power plant (CHP), as for example a SOFC, a gas turbine, or a combination of them. For this reason, PtG is widely studied across Europe and many such plants have already been built.

Suciu et al. [?] studied the synergy between a CO2 based DEN, decentralized PV and such a PtG system. The CO2 network could be used to store the carbon dioxide, which is captured from CHPs or industrial processes during winter, needed for methanization. At the same time, the DEN can directly use and dispatch the heat produced from the CHPs. In their work, they analyzed the PV area, and thus the investment, required to achieve a completely autonomous energy system, for different European climatic zones. The results showed that decarbonized autonomous energy systems based on DENs and PtG technologies are possible, along with a very broad deployment of solar energy.

## 2.4 Direct-expansion ground source heat pump

For heat pumps based systems, sourcing heat from the sole, instead of from the ambient air, is a very interesting solution at our latitudes, especially, as it has been seen, for integration of a 5th generation DEN, since it improves heating and cooling COPs, and, to a certain extent, it allows heat storage. In traditional Ground-Source Heat Pumps (GSHP), the heat pump and the ground are connected by means of a closed loop, using water, or a water solution. This system, called the secondary loop GSHP (SL-GSHP), is shown on the right side of Figure 9. However, it has been proved [?, ?] that the system efficiency can be improved, by allowing to directly expand the refrigerant into the ground and thus let the ground act as a condenser/evaporator. Shown on the

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left side of Figure 9, this system is called Direct Expansion GSHP (DX-GSHP).

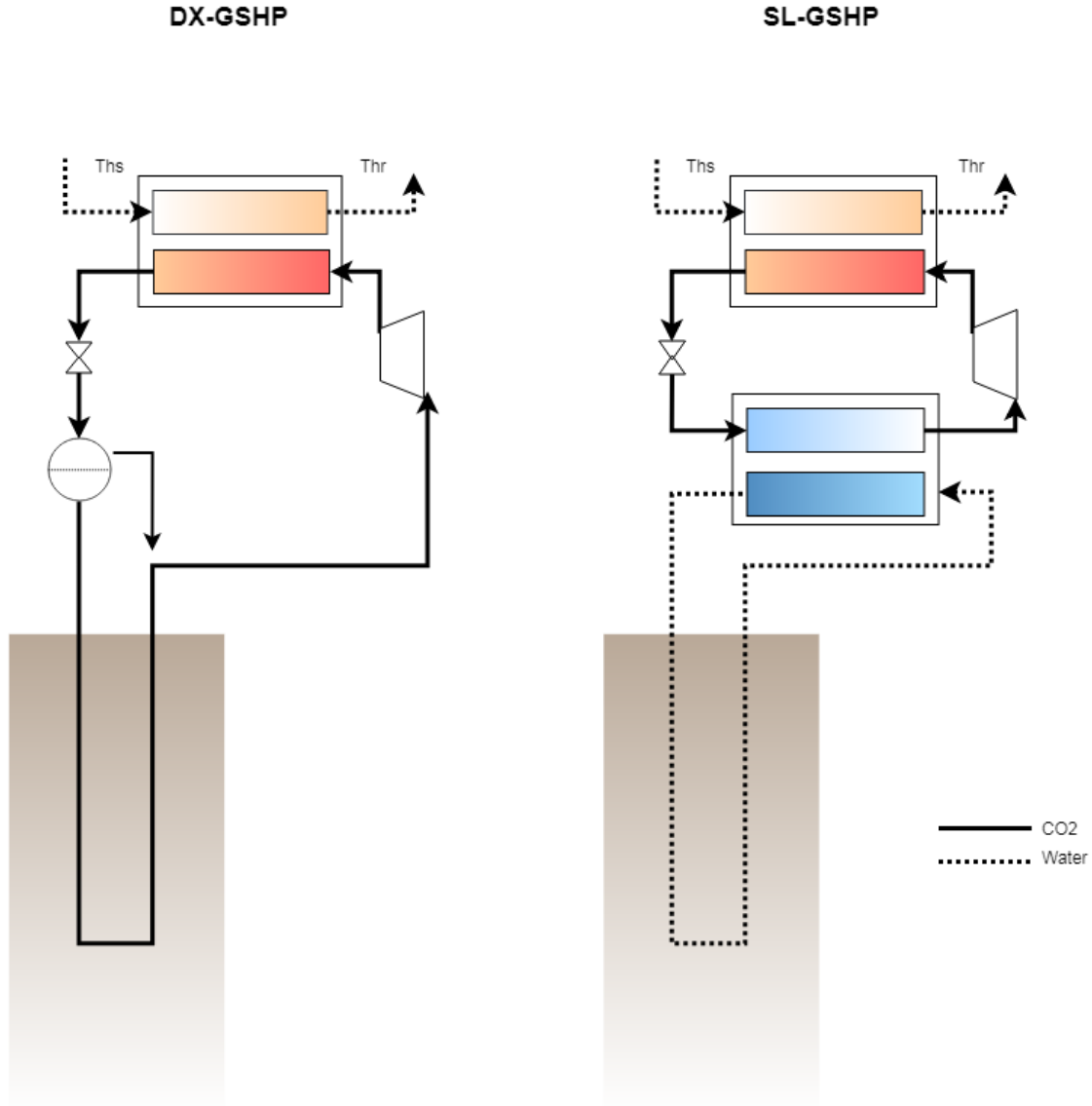
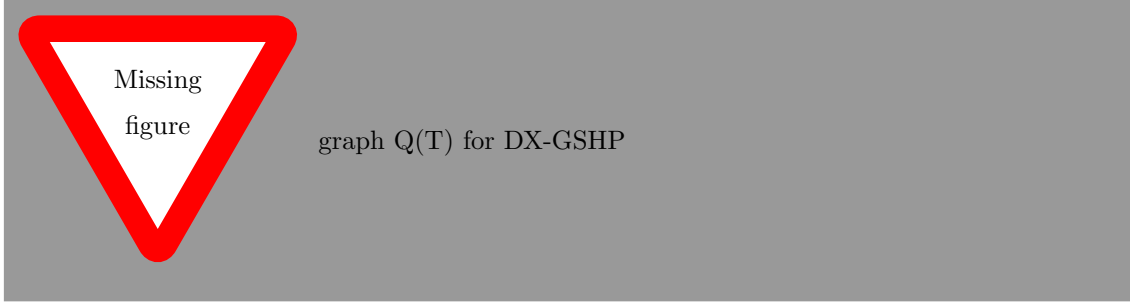


Figure 9: A simplified schematics of the two GSHP technologies

So far, this technology is not so widely spread, mostly because of a more demanding system design and, because of the risk of environmental pollution, when non-natural refrigerants are used. Indeed, literature about DX-GSHP is still scarce, especially for CO<sub>2</sub> as a refrigerant. There are only a few numerical CO<sub>2</sub>-DX-GSHP studies [?, ?, ?, ?], which are not yet sufficient to obtain a scientific appreciation of the technology. Nevertheless, several prototypes and experimental set-ups have been built and analyzed [?, ?, ?], proving a higher efficiency of the DX, with respect to a SL.

One of the main reasons for this efficiency gain is the elimination of the temperature lift of the water loop, which is replaced by a constant temperature phase-change, as well as the elimination of the minimum approach temperature necessary to exchange heat between the SL and the heat pump. This results in a higher COP for the heat pumps. Moreover, CO<sub>2</sub> presents a higher heat transfer coefficient, which again allows to either reduce the minimum approach temperature, or extract a higher power with respect to an equal exchange surface. The minimum approach temperature has to be determined in function of the thermal permeability of soil and is correlated to the length and total surface of the geothermal probes, as well as the refrigerant flow rate.



## 2.5 optimization

### 2.5.1 MILP

Mixed integer linear programming (MILP) is...

AMPL a programm, solver using Gurobi, GLPK...

Black box??.....

State variables  $X_{state}$

Model  $F_{X_{state}}$

Context specification  $S_{X_{state}}$

Inequality constraints  $G_{X_{state}}$

find cheat-sheet of exam MOES to do that

### 2.6 Osmose

IPESE developed in-house software for this Lua language Layers, ETs... Equations (mass balances, resource balances, heat cascade...) Creates mod files for ampl optimization Postcompute to export Energy conversion technology sizing.

$$f_{u,t} \leq f_u \forall u \in U, \forall t \in T \quad (1)$$

$$f_u^{min} \cdot y_u \leq f_u \leq f_u^{max} \cdot y_u \quad \forall u \in U \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

For *process units*, only the houses,  $y_u = f_u^{min} = f_u^{max} = 1$

Heat cascade A set of equations, called heat cascade, makes sure that heat is always transferred from a higher temperature to a lower one, also considering the respective minimum approach temperature for each stream.

$$\sum_u^U f_{u,t} \cdot \dot{Q}_{u,t,k} + \dot{R}_{t,k+1} - \dot{R}_{t,k} = 0 \quad \forall k \in K, \forall t \in T \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{R}_{t,k} \geq 0 \quad \forall k \in K, \forall t \in T \quad (5)$$

$$\dot{R}_{t,1} = \dot{R}_{t,k+1} = 0 \quad \forall t \in T \quad (6)$$

$$(7)$$

Mass balances The demand  $\dot{m}_{r,u,t}^+$  and the supply  $\dot{m}_{r,u,t}^-$  of resource  $r \in R$  of each unit  $u \in U$  is computed.

is third eq rtk+1 = 0 correct???

$$\dot{M}_{r,u,t}^- = \dot{m}_{r,u,t}^- \cdot f_{u,t} \quad \forall r \in R, \forall u \in U, \forall t \in T \quad (8)$$

$$\dot{M}_{r,u,t}^+ = \dot{m}_{r,u,t}^+ \cdot f_{u,t} \quad \forall r \in R, \forall u \in U, \forall t \in T \quad (9)$$

$$(10)$$



The balance of each resource has to be respected.

$$\sum_u^U \dot{M}_{r,u,t}^- = \dot{M}_{r,u,t}^+ \quad \forall r \in R, \forall t \in T \quad (11)$$

Electricity is also balanced

$$\dot{El}_{houses}^+ + \dot{El}_{heating}^+ + \dot{El}_{cooling}^+ + \dot{El}_{grid}^+ = \dot{El}_{PV}^- + \dot{El}_{grid}^- \quad (12)$$

Optimization function

$$\min(TotalCost) = \min(CAPEX + OPEX) \quad (13)$$

$$\min \sum_u^U \dots \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

$$\min(Operatingcost) \quad (16)$$

$$\min \sum_u^U \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \left( c_u^{op1} \cdot y_{u,t} + c_u^{op2} \cdot f_{u,t} + C_{el}^- \cdot \dot{El}_{grid,t}^- - C_{el}^+ \cdot \dot{El}_{grid,t}^+ \right) \cdot t_t^{op} \right] \quad (17)$$

$$(18)$$

where  $c_u^{op1}$  and  $c_u^{op2}$  are the respectively the fixed and the variable operating cost, and  $C_{el}^-$  and  $C_{el}^+$  are the buying and selling price of electricity.

ET energy technologies:

The needed parameters are:

- cinv1: fixed part of the IC, given in  $[CHF/year]$ . This can be found in figure 10;
- cinv2: variable part of the IC, given in  $[CHF/year]$ . This can be found in figure 10;
- cop1: fixed part of the OC, which corresponds to maintenance and service costs.
- cop2: variable part of the OC. This is calculated by the solver, also in  $[CHF/h]$ .

## 3 Methodology

### 3.1 Investment cost function

To calculate the investment cost for a given technology, it is possible to interpolate data from available products on the market. However, it is also possible to evaluate a cost function, according to a procedure described by Marechal[?].

First, it is necessary to calculate the cost of purchase of the unit, in function of its size, given by the sizing power, which can be the electrical power  $E$ , the delivered heat  $Q$  or the area of a heat exchanger  $A$ .

$$C_{pex} = \frac{I_t}{I_{t,ref}} \cdot 10^{(k_{1,ex} + k_{2,ex} \cdot \log(E/Q/A))} \quad (19)$$

Through a factor called *Bare Module Factor*, the accessory costs of transport, installation, connection are included in the calculation, obtaining the total investment costs

$$CBM_{ex} = C_{pex} \cdot FBM_{ex} \cdot e \quad (20)$$

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Marechal

where  $e$  is the currency ration from USD to CHF. The annuities are calculated with the annu-  
alization factor ( $af$ ) by the following formula, where  $n$  is the assumed lifetime of the equipment in  
years, and  $i$  the interest rate.

$$IC_{yearly,ex} = CBM_{ex} \cdot af \quad af = \frac{i \cdot (1+i)^n}{(1+i)^n - 1} \quad (21)$$

This investment cost function is not a linear function. However, as described in Section 2.6, to  
solve the MILP it is necessary to provide a set of linear parameters that approximate the function.  
These are found by linearizing the investment cost function around the reference value, defined  
in the range of application. This was done with help of a matlab code, using *polyfit* and *polyval*  
functions. Figure 10 shows the linearized function with the according cost parameters.

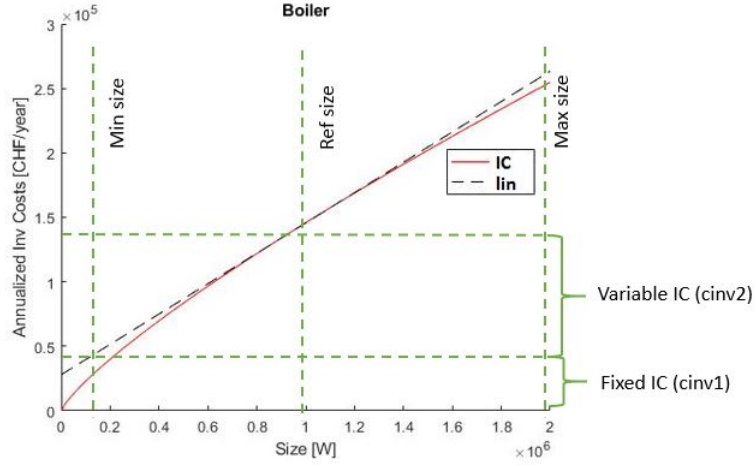


Figure 10: Linearization of investment cost function

### 3.2 Minimum approach temperature

The critical sizing parameter for a heat exchange is the minimum approach temperature  $\Delta T_{min}$ ,  
which corresponds to the smallest temperature difference in the heat exchanger between the hot  
and the cold stream, as shown in Figure 11. This value is strongly dependent from the heat  
exchanger area  $A_{ex}$  and the heat transfer coefficients of the exchanging fluids.

$$A_{ex} = \frac{Q_{ex}}{U \cdot LMTD} \quad (22)$$

$$LMTD = \frac{(T_{Hot,in} - T_{Cold,out}) - (T_{Hot,out} - T_{Cold,in})}{\log \left( \frac{T_{Hot,in} - T_{Cold,out}}{T_{Hot,out} - T_{Cold,in}} \right)} \quad (23)$$

where  $T$  are the temperatures of the hot and cold streams, as shown in Figure 11. The overall  
heat transfer coefficient is given by [?]:

$$U = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_{(hot)}} + \frac{\Delta x_{wall}}{k_{wall}} + \frac{1}{h_{(cold)}}} \quad (24)$$

where  $h_{(hot)}$  and  $h_{(cold)}$  are the heat transfer coefficient of the hot and cold fluid, while  $\Delta x_{wall}$  and  
 $k_{wall}$  are respectively the thickness and the thermal conductivity of the heat exchanger plates.

A bigger  $A_{ex}$  allows a smaller  $\Delta T_{min}$ , which increases the investment costs but lowers the  
operating costs, and the other way around. Therefore, an optimum can be found for each specific

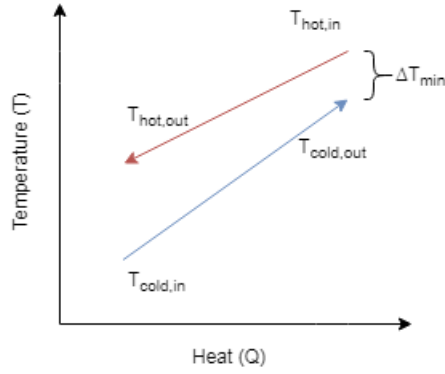


Figure 11: Minimum approach temperature in a counter-flow heat exchanger.

application. The optimization is done by minimizing the total cost, which include the operating costs of a heat pump whose COP depends on the  $\Delta T_{min}$ , and the investment costs of the heat exchanger and of the HP.

The optimization is done on water refrigerant hp, with values (ic, Q, COP) from space heating. CO2  $\Delta T_{min}$  is calculated maintaining same Area as for ref hp.

for CO2 from this paper[?]. Validated also by This paper shows R134a and R134yf have same heat transfer coefficient[?], comparison with CO2 done in [?]. Values are for a diameter and heat flux that could correspond ( $d = 4.5\text{mm}$  and  $20\text{kW/m}^2$ ) Also a list of previous studies

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Table 3: Heat transfer coefficients found in literature

Fluid	Water	R134yf	R744
$\alpha[W/(mK)]$	600	7000	3000

### 3.3 Exergy

The exergy of a heat transfer is defined as the maximum amount of work that can be extracted from it, through reversible transformations that exchange with the environment. Thus the calculation of exergy losses is a very interesting indicator to analyze a given process or system, since it expresses the quality and the efficiency with which the system operates, with respect to the maximum possible. Therefore, these values are always lower than 100 %.

Exergy: chapter not finished

The maximum work that can be extracted is derived from the first two thermodynamic principles, and is given by the following formula:

$$\dot{E}_{max}^- = \sum_i \dot{Q}_i^+ \left(1 - \frac{T_a}{T_i}\right) + \sum_r \dot{M}_r^+ (h_r - T_a s_r) \quad (25)$$

In order to compute the exergy losses the general approach that can be used is the following:

$$\dot{L} = \dot{E}_{max}^- - \sum_j \dot{E}_j^- \geq 0 \quad (26)$$

In our case

$$\eta_{exergy} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{cold,a} + \dot{Q}_{hot,r} + \dot{E}_{grid}^-}{\dot{Q}_{cold,r} + \dot{Q}_{hot,a} + \dot{E}_{grid}^+} \quad (27)$$

$$\dot{L} = (1 - \eta_{exergy})(\dot{Q}_{cold,r} + \dot{Q}_{hot,a} + \dot{E}_{grid}^+) \quad (28)$$

where  $\dot{Q}_{hot,a}$  and  $\dot{Q}_{hot,r}$ ...

### 3.4 Typical days

The optimization of an energy system is commonly performed over the time span of one year, in order to account for the different seasons. However, this requires a very long computing time, given the high number of timesteps. Thus, it is used to group similar days, according to a set of parameters as for example temperature or irradiation, into so called typical days. The days can be clustered in different ways. It can be chosen to compute an average day for each month or some machine learning clustering algorithm can be used to group the days into the desired number of clusters. The resulting typical days correspond to a period  $p$ , with a number of times  $t$ , as explained in section 2.6. In order to account for the data compression, a value called *occurrence* indicates how many times a given typical day occurs, i.e. how many times a given period occurs.

Two additional days with the two opposite extreme temperature conditions are added to the typical days, in order for the model to account for them in the equipment sizing. To avoid a bias of the operation results, those days are set with an occurrence of zero.

### 3.5 Energy technology models

The models for the energy technologies are adapted from the source code written by Suci Raluca.

#### 3.5.1 Heat pumps - basic (Carnot)

Heat pumps can be modeled in a simple way, using the principle of the Carnot cycle, with help of the following equations:

$$\dot{E}_{compressor} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}}{COP_{real}} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{evap}}{\eta_{COP} \cdot COP_{theoretical}} \quad (29)$$

$$COP_{theoretical,heating} = \frac{T_h}{T_h - T_c} \quad COP_{theoretical,cooling} = \frac{T_c}{T_h - T_c} \quad (30)$$

where  $\dot{Q}_{cond}$  is the heat delivered and  $\dot{Q}_{evap}$  the heat sourced by the heat pump.  $\eta_{COP}$  is an experimentally defined efficiency to account for irreversibility of the cycle, i.e. to give the ratio between the theoretical and the real COP. The values used in this work are shown in Table 4, calculated by Girardin et al.[?], based on values obtained from a heat pump certification center[?].

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Table 4: Theoretical efficiency factor for COP

Type	Size	$\eta_{COP}$
Air/Water	Decentralized	0.34
CO2/Water	Decentralized	0.43
Ground/Water	Decentralized	0.43
Ground/Water	Centralized	0.55
Water/Water	Centralized	0.55

#### 3.5.2 Heat pumps - detailed (Thermodyn.)

Given the comparison between new and efficient technologies, the differences of performance are relatively small and it might be necessary to provide a more accurate model of the heat pumps, that are able to correctly represent and calculate the operating cycles and conditions. This can be done by modeling the thermodynamic cycle, represented in Figure 12:

- 1 - 2 : Expansion to low pressure level
- 2 - 3 : Evaporation by cooling down the heat source
- 3 - 3sh : Superheating in evaporator

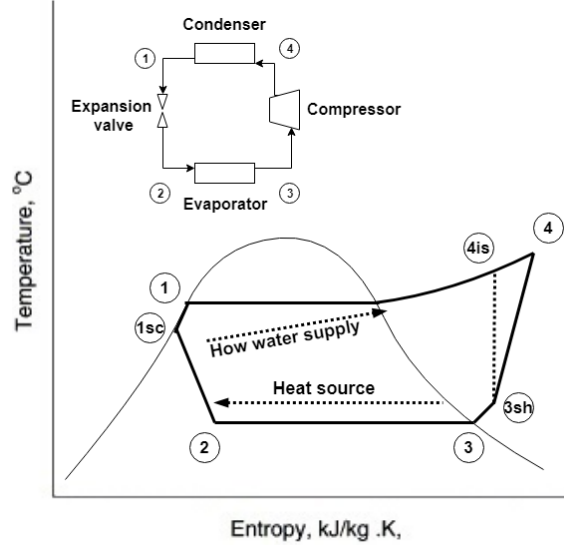


Figure 12: Temperature-entropy diagram of a R134yf based heat pump system.

**3sh - 4** : Compression to high pressure level

**4 - 1** : Condensation of refrigerant, delivering heat

The compressor is a crucial component for the design of a heat pump, since it has the largest share of impact on the energy efficiency. To calculate its efficiency, the model of Hu et al.[?] has been used. The shaft power can be computed in function of the isentropic efficiency ( $\eta_{is}$ ) by:

$$W_{shaft} = \frac{\dot{m}(h_{d,is} - h_s)}{\eta_{is}} \quad (31)$$

where  $h_{d,is}$  is the isentropic discharge enthalpy and  $h_d$  is the suction enthalpy. The compressors input power is expressed in function of its mechanical efficiency ( $\eta_{is}$ ) by:

$$E_{comp} = \frac{W_{shaft}}{\eta_{mech}} \quad (32)$$

The efficiency of the compressor is thus calculated as:

$$\eta_{comp} = \frac{\text{isentropic work of compression}}{\text{actual work of compression}} = \frac{\dot{m}(h_{d,is} - h_s)}{E_{comp}} = \eta_{is}\eta_{mech} \quad (33)$$

The numerical values of those efficiencies are strongly dependent from the ratio between the pressure of discharge  $P_d$  and the pressure of suction  $P_s$  of the compressor. They can be computed with help of the relations obtained by Li et al.[?]:

$$\eta_{mech} = 0.85 \quad (34)$$

$$\eta_{is} = 0.874 - 0.0134 \cdot \left(\frac{P_d}{P_s}\right) \quad (35)$$

$$(36)$$

The expansion of the refrigerant in the expansion valve is assumed to be isenthalpic.

Thus, the procedure to evaluate the operating conditions of the heat pump is the following:

1. calculate thermodynamic state in point (1) knowing the evaporation temperature  $T_{evap}$  and assuming saturated liquid

2. calculate thermodynamic state in (1sc) using same pressure as in (1), with  $T = T_{evap} - \Delta T_{subcool}$
3. calculate thermodynamic state in point (3) knowing the evaporation temperature  $T_{cond}$  and assuming saturated vapor
4. calculate thermodynamic state in (3sh) using same pressure as in (3), with  $T = T_{cond} + \Delta T_{superheat}$
5. calculate thermodynamic state in (2), assuming isenthalpic expansion of the valve, with  $H_2 = H_{1sc}$  and  $P_3$
6. calculate thermodynamic state in (4is), assuming an isentropic compression with  $S_{3sh}$  and  $P_1$
7. calculate thermodynamic state in (4), accounting for the isentropic efficiency of the compressor  $\eta_{c,is}$ , using  $H_4 = H_{3sh} + \frac{H_{4is} - H_{3sh}}{\eta_{c,is}}$ , and  $P_{1sc}$ .

In Osmose, these values are calculated with help of *Coolprop*, which is an open-source database of fluid and humid air properties that allows to calculate operating conditions for a large number of fluids and refrigerants. Thanks to a *lua wrapper*, which is a *lua* module that provides an API to the external software, *Coolprop* is called inside Osmose.

The electrical power of the heat pump and its COP, are then calculated by:

$$E_{el} = \frac{m_{ref} \cdot (H_4 - H_{3sh})}{\eta_{mech}} \quad (37)$$

$$Q_{cond} = m_{ref} \cdot (H_4 - H_{1sc}) \quad (38)$$

$$COP = \frac{Q_{cond}}{E_{el}} \quad (39)$$

where  $m_{ref}$  is the massflow of refrigerant in the heat pump.

### 3.5.3 Heat pump - supercritical CO2

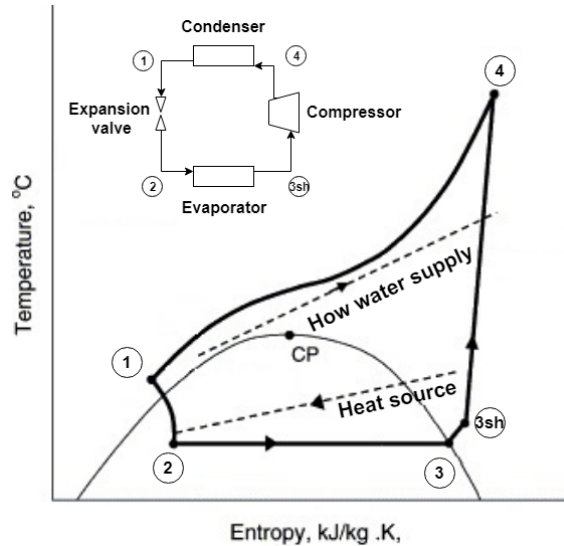


Figure 13: Temperature–entropy diagram of a trans-critical CO2 heat pump system for a domestic hot water production. Source: [?]

In traditional heat pumps, the heat delivery occurs through condensation of the refrigerant, which happens at a fixed temperature. This originates high exergy losses, especially in processes

were a high temperature lift is needed in the gas cooler. Some refrigerants have the particular property of having a very low critical point. Among others, a very interesting one is CO<sub>2</sub> - technically know as R744 -, which has a critical point at 74 bars and 31 °C[?]. As explained in Section 2.2, CO<sub>2</sub> is also a very interesting choice for environmental and financial reasons.

The supercritical cycle is shown in Figure 13, represented on the temperature-entropy diagram. The different steps of the process are explained hereafter:

- 1 - 2** : Expansion to low pressure level
- 2 - 3** : Evaporation by cooling down the heat source
- 3 - 3sh** : Superheating in evaporator
- 3sh - 4** : Compression to transcritical pressure
- 4 - 1** : Gas cooling in transcritical area, to heat water

Note that, as there is no phase change, the heat exchanger is called gas cooler, instead of condenser.

Even though the technological development is slowly closing the gap, CO<sub>2</sub> compressors have lower isentropic efficiency and lower volumetric efficiency than subcritical ones[?]. This comes from the high irreversibility caused by the superheated vapor horn and the high throttling losses[?]. However, transcritical operation also allows heat to be exchanged on a varying temperature, and the heat pump can be designed to fit the heat demand stream, optimizing exergy efficiency. This is particularly interesting in exchanges that require high temperature lifts, as in the case of domestic hot water heaters. In fact, this can be seen in Figure 13, between point 2 and 3. For instance, Stene et al. show that COP for a CO<sub>2</sub> HP is lower if it is used in subcritical range - for Space Heating (SH) (35/30 °C) - than in supercritical range - Domestic Hot Water (DHW) (10/60 °C) -, despite the much higher temperature difference. They also show that the resulting COP for DHW application outperforms conventional HPs[?].

For the transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> heat pump, the numerical values of the compressor efficiencies computed with help of the relations obtained by Wang et al [?]:

$$\eta_{mech} = 0.64107 + 0.07487 \cdot \left(\frac{P_d}{P_s}\right) \quad (40)$$

$$\eta_{is} = 0.8014 - 0.04842 \cdot \left(\frac{P_d}{P_s}\right) \quad (41)$$

$$(42)$$

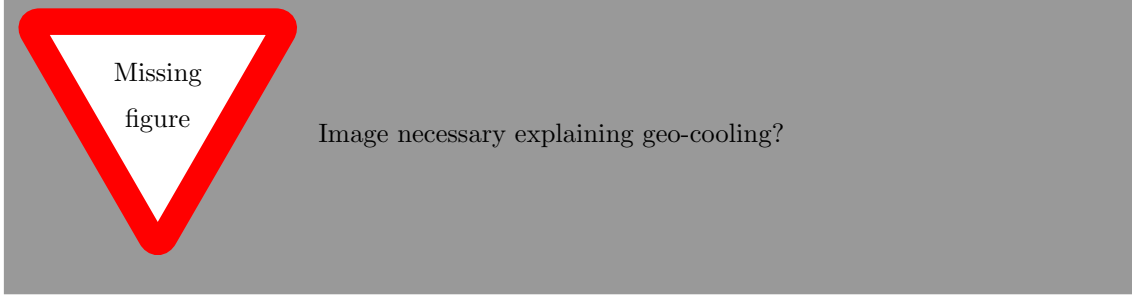
The procedure to evaluate the operating conditions of the heat pump is the following:

1. calculate thermodynamic state in (1) with help of the temperature at the outlet of the condenser  $T = T_{cond,out} = 15.5^\circ\text{C}$ , optimized for this specific cycle by Henchoz et al.[?], and the pressure  $P_{cond,out} = 84.9\text{bar}$ , optimized to satisfy the required inlet temperature of the condenser
2. calculate thermodynamic state in point (3) knowing the evaporation temperature  $T_{evap}$  and assuming saturated liquid
3. calculate thermodynamic state in (4is), assuming an isentropic compression with  $S_{3sh}$  and  $P_1$
4. calculate thermodynamic state in (4), accounting for the isentropic efficiency of the compressor  $\eta_{c,is}$ , using  $H_4 = H_{3sh} + \frac{H_{4is} - H_{3sh}}{\eta_{c,is}}$ , and  $P_{cond,out}$ .
5. calculate thermodynamic state in (2), assuming isenthalpic expansion of the valve, with  $H_2 = H_1$  and  $P_3$

The equations to calculate electrical power of the heat pump and its COP, are the same as in Section 3.5.2.

### 3.5.4 Geo-cooling

Geo-cooling is the use of fresh temperatures of the ground for space cooling. This happens by simply circulating a fluid between the buildings, where the heat is extracted, and the geothermal wells, where heat is released into the ground. In practice, this happens by bypassing the heat pumps and making the water of the secondary loop (geothermal loop) directly exchange with the heating water loop. Investment costs are, thus, limited to an additional heat exchanger. As for the other units, the energy needed for circulation pumps is assumed to be negligible.



### 3.5.5 Geothermal wells

Energy for circulating pumps assumed to be negligible.

### 3.5.6 PV

The efficiency of the PV panels  $\eta_{PV}$  is given by the following equation:

$$\eta_{PV} = \eta_{ref} - \eta_{var}(T_{panel} - T_{ref}) \quad (43)$$

where  $\eta_{ref}$  and  $\eta_{var}$  are respectively the fixed efficiency and the temperature dependent efficiency. The temperature of the panel  $T_{panel}$  is calculated by means of:

$$T_{panel} = \frac{U_{glass} \cdot T_{amb} + GI \cdot f_{glass} - \eta_{ref} - \eta_{var} \cdot T_{ref}}{U_{glass} - \eta_{var} \cdot GI} \quad (44)$$

where  $U_{glass}$  is the thermal transmittance of the front glass,  $f_{glass}$  is the light transmittance of the front glass and  $GI$  is the global irradiation. Thus, the produced energy is given by:

$$E = GI \cdot A_{PV} \cdot \eta_{PV} \quad (45)$$

The area of installed PV  $A_{PV}$  is limited by the maximum available roof area multiplied by the area factor  $f_{area}$ , which for flat roofs is assumed to be  $\frac{1}{4}$ :

$$A_{PV} = A_{roof} \cdot f_{area} \quad (46)$$

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## 4 Eglantine

In the framework of the collaboration between Romande Energie and IPESE, a case study shall bring a concrete numerical case study into the discussion. For this, Romande Energie has chosen a real life example of a district in the city of Morges. This district is in the planning phase, and Romande Energie had worked on it, in order to participate in the call for tender. This case study shall be fertile ground to discuss the CO2 DEN technology and it's role in the future energy systems in Switzerland and, more particularly, in the future plans of Romande Energie.

### 4.1 Case-study

#### 4.1.1 Context

The "Eglantine" is a terrain in the western part of the city of Morges, as shown in Figure 14. It is located in proximity of the key urban facilities, as well as it is close to the countryside. This





Figure 14: Localization of the terrain, at the town scale. Source: [www.geo.vd.ch](http://www.geo.vd.ch)

terrain, which was partly used for agriculture, and partly covered by rich vegetation, belongs to the municipality, who is planning to use it for the urban expansion. At the municipality, they had the vision of building a new district, which would be planned to be exemplary in the sustainable development. After many years of revising and fine-tuning the land-use plan and its vision for the future, in the beginning of 2016, the commune launched a call for tender for the planning of the different aspects of the district. The call for tender regarding the energy system was opened by Losinger Marazzi the 1st December 2017, with a due date the 31 January 2018. The contract with the winner, unknown to the author, has been signed in the end of March 2018.

The call for tender requires the development of a complete energy system, including thermal and electrical energy. Estimated data about the buildings is provided, as seen in Table 5. Those are based on the following assumptions:

- All buildings are certificated Minergie 2017
- Space heating and hot water energy demand follow the SIA 380/1 and SIA 2031 norms
- Air ventilation is defined according to Minergie 2017 principles.
- Installed power values are calculated according to SIA 2024 norm

#### 4.1.2 Buildings

The district, which will host around 1'500 people, is composed of thirteen buildings, as shown in Figure 15, which account for a total energy reference area (ERA) of around  $47'000m^2$ . The details are shown in Table 5. According to the Minergie standard, the district will require about  $1.40MWh/yr$  for SH and  $0.95MWh/yr$  for DHW.

Table 5: Estimated energy demand in call for tender

Building	Energy Ref. Area (ERA)	Inhabitants	Space Heating (SH) MIINERGIE simple flux	Hot Water (DHW) SIA 380/1	TOTAL
	[m2]		[kWh/yr]	[kWh/yr]	[kWh/yr]
1	8'200	273	245'180	170'833	416'013
2	2'615	76	82'308	50'104	132'412
3	2'415	70	76'328	45'938	122'266
4	2'780	92	83'122	57'917	141'039
5	3'700	116	113'246	74'306	187'552
6	1'500	50	44'850	31'250	76'100
7	2'870	83	90'652	54'653	145'305
8	2'500	83	74'750	52'083	126'833
9	4'225	140	126'328	88'021	214'349
10	4'455	148	133'205	92'813	226'018
11	4'190	139	125'281	87'292	212'573
12	2'300	76	68'770	47'917	116'687
13	2'300	76	68'770	47'917	116'687
14	2'300	76	68'770	47'917	116'687
<b>TOT</b>	<b>46'350</b>	<b>1'498</b>	<b>1'401'559</b>	<b>948'958</b>	<b>2'350'521</b>

The call for tender includes also information about the end use of the buildings, which is shown in Table 6. It can be seen that the buildings include, beside the residential use, also a small share of commercial and catering use, which are associated with different energy needs. Moreover, there is even a small swimming pool, located in building one.

Table 6: Estimated use of buildings in call for tender

Building	Habitat collectif [%]	Commerce [%]	Restauration [%]	Piscine couverte [%]
1	89.58%	3.10%	4.42%	2.89%
2	97.54%	2.46%	0.00%	0.00%
3	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5	93.19%	6.81%	0.00%	0.00%
6	95.79%	4.21%	0.00%	0.00%
7	95.79%	4.21%	0.00%	0.00%
8	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
9	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
11	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
12	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
13	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
14	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

The energy profile of the buildings is calculated according to Minergie standard, as well as the SIA norms. Given the annual energy demand for space heating and hot water, as shown in Table 5, the monthly profile is shown in Figure 16.

#### 4.1.3 Pre-studies

Some pre-studies have been commissioned by the land-owner, in order to give, on an indicative basis, the sizing of the energy system. These studies have been realized by external engineering firms and the results are contained in the call for tender. The studied parameters include the sizing for heat pumps, geothermal wells, as well as PV, and are shown in Table 7. They estimate a PV potential on the building roofs of  $570kWp$ , and the need for an installed heating power of  $1'258kW$ , using 77 geothermal wells of an average length of  $271m$

cooling demand?

typical days graph and results, done as explained in methodology

Table 7: Estimated sizing of energy system in call for tender

Building	PV [kWp]	HP [kW]	Geothermal Nb. wells	Depth [m]
1	46	223	13	284
2	45	70	4	291
3	35	64	4	269
4	33	76	5	250
5	49	100	6	276
6	55	41	3	225
7	55	77	5	256
8	37	68	4	281
9	66	115	7	271
10	0	121	7	286
11	59	114	7	269
12	33	63	4	259
13	32	63	4	259
14	27	63	4	267
<b>TOT</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>1'258</b>	<b>77</b>	



Figure 15: Map of the planned Eglantine district

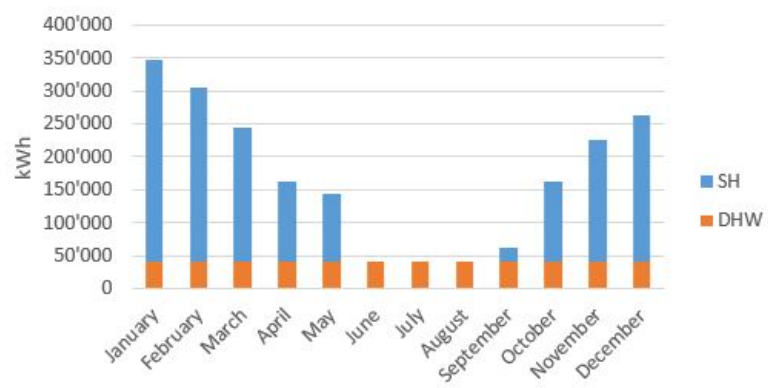


Figure 16: Annual energy distribution for space heating and hot water

## 4.2 Reference scenario

In order to evaluate the potential of alternative energy systems, a reference scenario is defined. Data about the energy system that will be built in the Eglantine district is not available to the author, and therefore a standard state of the art system is used. It is assumed that the heat demand for space heating and domestic hot water is provided by decentralized geothermal sourced heat pumps. The cooling demand is provided by air cooled vapor compression chillers, also commonly known as air conditioners. The scenario foresees the installation of PV panels on the roof of the buildings.

### 4.2.1 Decentralized heat pumps

The heating demand is supplied by a set of decentralized geothermal heat pumps, one for domestic hot water and one for space heating in every building. These heat pumps source the ambient heat from a secondary loop, that exchanges heat with the ground through a system of geothermal wells, the SL-GSHP, which is described in Section 2.4.

Given the relevance of the heat pumps in the studied energy system, it has been chosen to use its thermodynamic model, which achieves more reliable and precise results.

The temperatures at the evaporator and condenser are given by the following equations:

$$T_{evap} = T_{ground} - \Delta T_{min}^{ref/ground} - \Delta T_{water} - \Delta T_{min}^{ref/water} \quad (47)$$

$$T_{cond} = T_{demand} + \Delta T_{min}^{ref/water} \quad (48)$$

For the space heating heat pump, the refrigerant used is R123yf, as described in Section 3.5.2.

For the domestic hot water, it is chosen to use transcritical CO2 heat pumps. As described in Section 3.5.3, this technology can achieve very good performances supplying heat that requires a high lift. This is the case in domestic hot water, where the water has to be heated from a temperature of 10 °C to a temperature of 55 °C.

Efficiencies: Equations in Section 3.5.3 and 3.5.2 could be directly implemented in model. For simplicity, those values have been pre-calculated in function of the operating conditions and are shown in Table 8.

Table 8: Calculated efficiencies for heat pump compressors

Unit Refrigerant	CO2 DEN				Reference scenario		
	CP R123yf	SH R123yf	DHW R744	REF R123yf	SH R123yf	DHW R744	REF R123yf
$P_d$	5.0	9.4	75.0	5.0	9.4	75.0	11
$P_s$	2.9	4.6	48.4	2.80	2.4	30.4	2.4
$\eta_{mech}$	0.85	0.85	0.76	0.85	0.85	0.83	0.85
$\eta_{is}$	0.85	0.85	0.73	0.85	0.82	0.68	0.81
$\eta_{comp}$	0.72	0.72	0.55	0.72	0.70	0.56	0.69

### 4.2.2 Compression chillers

Air cooled, vapor compression chillers. Not as relevant in case study, thus basic Carnot cycle model with efficiency, as explained in Section ??.

The operating temperatures are defined in the following way:

$$T_{cond} = T_{ext} + \Delta T_{air} + \Delta T_{min}^{ref/air} \quad (49)$$

Where  $\Delta T_{air}$  is the temperature difference of the cooling air between the input and the output of the condenser, while  $\Delta T_{min}^{ref/air}$  is the minimum approach temperature difference needed for heat transfer between a refrigerant and air.

$\eta_{COP}$  is assumed at 0.35, from experimental data[?]. The fans, needed for the cooling of the condenser, originate parasitic power consumption. This is calculated with help of the following equation[?]:

$$\dot{E}_{fans} = \frac{0.605 \cdot \dot{Q}_{cond}}{(\Delta T_{air} + \Delta T_{min}^{ref/air})^{0.9937}} \quad (50)$$

Where  $\dot{Q}_{cond}$  is the heat to be dissipated in the environment by the condenser. Thus, the total energy consumption is a sum of the energy demand of the compressor and the cooling fans.

$$\dot{E} = \dot{E}_{ref} + \dot{E}_{fans} \quad (51)$$

#### 4.2.3 Geo-cooling

Given the availability of geothermal wells, it has been chosen to implement geo-cooling for space cooling. The system is providing cooling at the ground temperature, corrected with the minimum approach temperature  $\Delta T_{min,ground/water}$  and the temperature rise in the water loop  $\Delta T_{water}$ .

$$T_{geo-cooling} = T_{ground} + \Delta T_{min,ground/water} + \Delta T_{water} \quad (52)$$

### 4.3 CO2 DEN

#### 4.3.1 Distributed heat pumps

For space heating and domestic hot water. Same model as for heat pumps in reference scenario. Difference is evaporation temperature, since exchange with CO2 network, and thus:

$$T_{evap} = T_{CO2,g} - \Delta T_{min}^{ref/ref} \quad (53)$$

#### 4.3.2 Refrigeration

Cooling heat pump, same as in ref scenario. Difference is at the condenser, which is not cooled by air flow and fans, but by direct exchange with the CO2 network:

$$T_{cond} = T_{CO2,l} + \Delta T_{min}^{ref/ref} \quad (54)$$

#### 4.3.3 Free cooling

Free cooling has been modeled by a simple heat exchanger that evaporates saturated liquid CO2, which is injected back into the network in a superheated vapor state with  $\Delta T_{superheating} = 1K$ . The mass flow of the CO2 is adapted to satisfy the cooling demand. It is assumed that pressure and temperature losses are negligible.

#### 4.3.4 Central plant

As mentioned before, for obvious reasons, heating and cooling loads in the system are not always balanced. Thus, there is the need for a central plant to balance out the system, able to heat and cool. A centralized heat pump is very suitable for this purpose.

Equations and modeling are the same as for the above described heat pumps. Difference consists in heat source, and thus evaporation temperature. Different options have been studied:

- Lake: sourced from a certain depth, lake water shows an almost constant temperature of around 7.5 °C throughout the year. This solution can be very interesting alternative to geothermal wells, since, if close enough, it might reduce the upfront costs, despite probably slightly increasing the operating costs. In this particular case, the distance to the lake is of 1500 m.
- River: as for the lake, river water can be an interesting source of heat, with the difference of seasonal fluctuations. During the winter, river water can have a temperature close to 0, while in the summer it can rise to more than 20 °C. In the case of the Eglantine district, there is a small stream, called Morges, that passes at the eastern border of the land.

- Geothermal wells: after a certain depth, the ground presents a constant and very interesting temperature throughout the year. This heat can be exchanged with help of a secondary loop or through direct expansion of the refrigerant into the ground coils.

Direct expansion system is assumed (see Section 2.4). So the CO2 DEN with DX-GSHP technology is shown in Figure 17

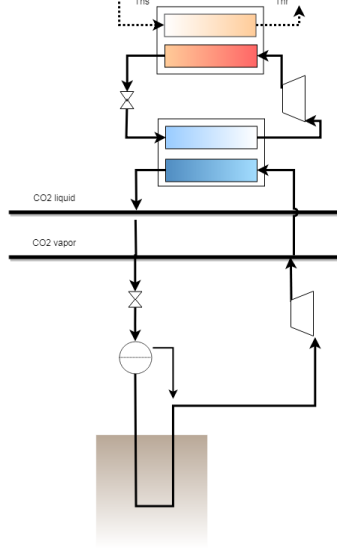


Figure 17: A simplified schematics of the CO2 DEN with DX-GSHP technology

The operating temperatures are calculating the following way.

$$T_{evap} = T_{source} - \Delta T_{min}^{ref/source} \quad (55)$$

The operating pressure is calculated with help of *Coolprop*. The results are shown in Table 9.

Table 9: Operating conditions for direct expansion of CO2 in heat source

Source	$\Delta T_{min}^{ref/source}$ [°C]	$T_{source}$ [°C]	$T_{evap}$ [°C]	$P_{CO2}$ [bar]
<b>Lake</b>	4	7.5	3.5	38.2
<b>Geothermal</b>	10	11	1	35.8

#### 4.3.5 Network

The length is calculated, according to a simplified method[?], with the following equations:

$$L = 2(n_b - 1)K\sqrt{\frac{S}{n_b}} \quad (56)$$

with  $S$  being the land area,  $n_b$  the number of buildings. The constant  $K$  is chosen at 0.5. And diameter of the pipes:

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot \dot{m}}{\pi v_s \rho}} \quad (57)$$

assuming a sizing velocity  $v_s$  of 3 m/s. The investment costs are calculated accordingly:

$$C = \sum_{k=1}^{n_b} \frac{L}{n_b} (c_1 d \sqrt{n_b + 1 - k} + c_2) \quad (58)$$

Operating temperature is assumed to be 13/15 °C. Henchoz[?] has 10-12.5 for summer and 22.5 for winter!!!

The pressure losses, and thus the energy needed for the maintaining of the pressure, are assumed to be negligible.

how has this temperature been chosen? is there a paper? see henchoz Table with values

#### 4.4 Values/typical days/...

- cinv
- cel-/+
- cop: In this project, cop1 (fixed) value is assumed to be negligible.
- dtmin
- with respectively 1 and 2 °C of superheating and subcooling at the outlet of the heat exchanger [].
- ...

Thus following  $\Delta T_{min}$  are have been calculated and used for heat exchanges in the model.

missing reference for superheat and subcool temp

Table 10: Minimum approach temperatures used for heat exchanges in the model

Fluids	Ground-Water	Ground-R744	Water-Water	R134yf-Water	R744-Water	R744-R134yf
$\Delta T_{min}$ [K]	14?	11	?	3.3	2.7	?

fill in table with correct values

#### 4.5 Heat sources

The heat pumps in a system can source heat from various sources. Depending on the case, it is more convenient to use one or the other, given the varying temperatures and investment costs.

##### 4.5.1 Stream

A small stream flows along the eastern boundary of the area, on which the Eglantine district is being built. The official numbers of the canton Vaud [?] are shown in Figure 18, in which the Temperature and the water flow are plotted. These values represent the average over a period of several years (7 for the temperature, and 12 for the flow rates).

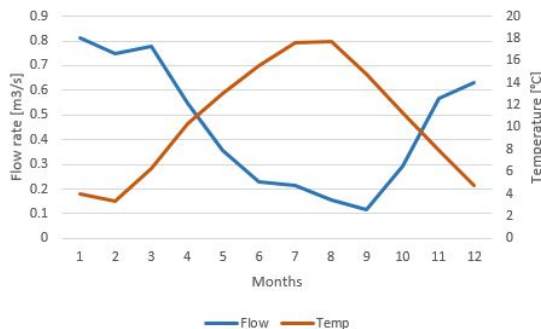


Figure 18: Temperature and flow of the Morges river

According to this graph, it could be thought of using this river as a heat source for the heat pumps. However, what is not displayed is the minimum values. In fact, during droughts, the flow rate would not be sufficient to cover the heating/cooling demand. In fact, the lowest value has been reached in August 2004 with  $0.017m^3/s$ , and even in December 2005 the lowest daily flow



was of  $0.057m^3/s$ .

For this reason, the stream has been excluded from further analysis and has not been considered as a viable solution.

#### 4.5.2 Lake

#### 4.5.3 Geothermal wells

Geothermal Ground temperature shown in Figure 19. Extracting power

100 CHF/m <http://bawos.ch/erdsondenbohrungen-kosten-und-planung-zur-gewinnung-von-umgebungswaerme/>  
<https://www.energieheld.ch/heizung/waermepumpe/sole-wasser-erdwaerme> Average 30 W/m Heating  
 $100/30 = 3600$  CHF/kW Th conductivity = 2.5 W/mk (between 2-5 [?]) papers

$$dT_{min}^{ref/ground} = 11^{\circ}\text{C}$$

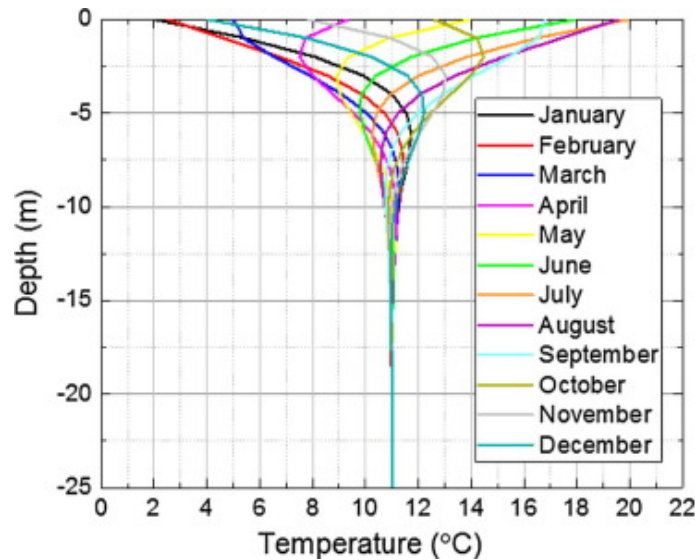


Figure 19: Graphical representation of ground temperature, for different months of the year.  
Source: [?]

$dT_{water}$  drop in ground loop is 3-5 °C for heating and 5-8 rise for cooling [?] SIA makes an example with 3 [?]  $dT_{min}$  [?] with 15-16deg  $dT_{min}$  [?] with 10deg (very complete review of equations for borehole resistance)

(9) 4/7 for 13 groundT in <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S019689041630975X>  
14°C[?] and [?]

DX: choose  
dTmin for  
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#### 4.6 External heat sources

The main advantage of a 5th generation district heating network is the ability to recover heat, and exchange it among the diversity of user. In the case of the Eglantine project, inside the district there are only very small heat sources and it is thus necessary to identify potential heat sources, located in the surroundings. Two potential heat sources have been identified:

- The ice rink
- The shopping mall

##### 4.6.1 Ice rink

An ice rink is a place where people can ice skate and play winter sports. The ice surface is normally inside an arena, which ensures comfortable temperatures for the people on the ice, as well as for the public, throughout the season. This also allows to extend the season, avoiding ice melt, when temperatures are warmer outside. A refrigeration system is responsible for the cooling of the ice

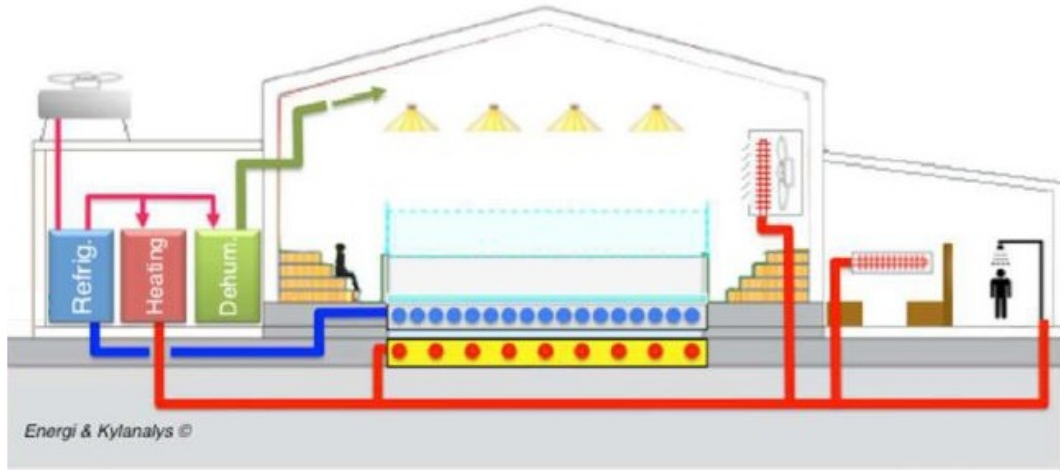


Figure 20: Energy system of a typical ice rink [?]

surface. However, the ice rink often also includes changing rooms with showers, and a cafeteria or a restaurant. Thus, there is also need for heating. Furthermore, the ice surface has to be constantly illuminated, which requires a powerful lightning system. The global system is shown in Figure 20.

The refrigeration of the ice surface leads to a high amount of waste heat, which is normally, or at least in older systems, exchanged with the environment. Connecting it to a 5th generation district heating network, would enable to recover this heat and use it to cover heat demand of other users.

The energy consumption of the ice rink has been estimated through a comparison of existing ice rinks in Sweden, which seems to be the only country for which the data is available and has been studied thoroughly.

Ice rinks normally cooled with indirect system, which is shown in the right part of Figure 21 this allows to use any refrigerant, since it won't come close to human activity. The most common refrigerant, at least in installed systems, is NH<sub>3</sub>, ammonia. Natural refrigerants, as for example CO<sub>2</sub>, are also becoming more common in new installations. The connection to the CO<sub>2</sub> network is shown in the left part of Figure 21.

A study, conducted on more than one hundred ice rinks in Sweden, shows that the refrigeration system has the largest share in total energy consumption, 43% (in average) as indicated in Figure 8. (Rogstam (a), 2010) Heating with 26% share is the second biggest energy consumer. [?]

The energy demand depends on the temperature of the ice. A typical temperature profile is shown in Table 4.6.1 [?].

Table 11: Ice rink refrigeration profile

Period	Rink function	$T_{ice}$ [°C]
0.00-6:00	Night setback	-1
6:00-8:00	Ice maintenance	-1
8:00-16:00	Low load	-3
16:00-18:00	Figure skating	-4
18:00-24:00	Hockey	-6

From sources we have estimated a refrigeration profile shown in Figure ... With the following

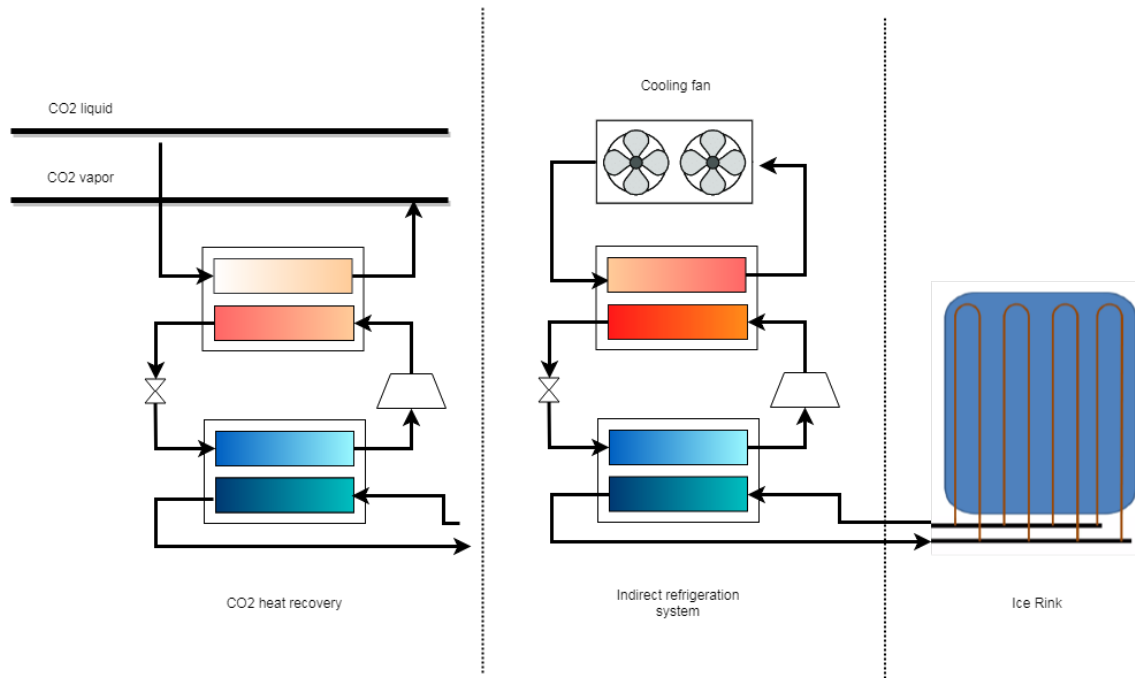


Figure 21: Refrigeration systems for ice rinks

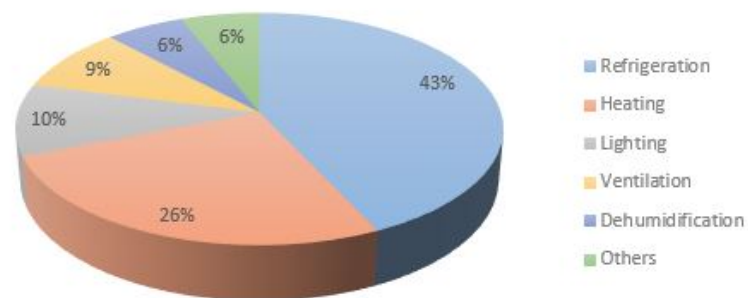
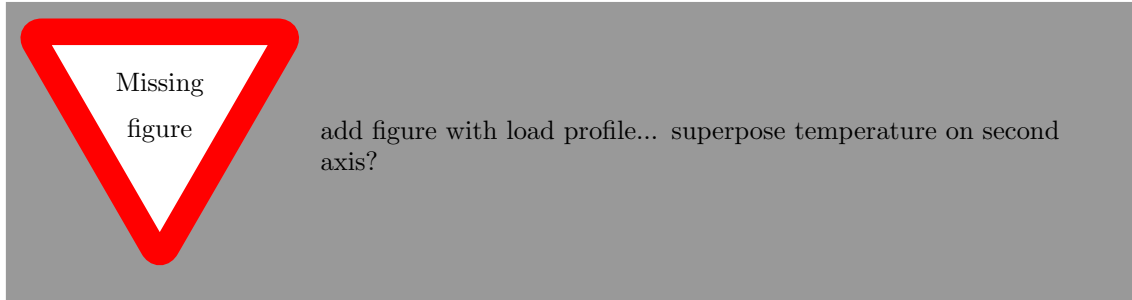


Figure 22: Energy demand of a typical ice rink [?]

assumptions:

- Constant load profile throughout the ice season
- Ice season: 1st of August - 1st of April
- $COP_{ref} = 4$  [?]
- Total waste heat =  $1000 MWh/year$  [?]
- $dT_{min}(refrigerant - ice) = 1^{\circ}C$
- $dT_{min}(refrigerant - refrigerant) = 3^{\circ}C$



An new and efficient cooling system, together with an intelligent (weather, use, conditions...) management system, can drastically reduce energy consumption. This should be considered in the inclusion of the ice rink as heat source, since the renovation of the existing ice rink, or the construction of a new ice rink, would considerably reduce the amount of available waste heat.

#### 4.6.2 Shopping mall

#### 4.7 Analysis/Extrapolation scenario

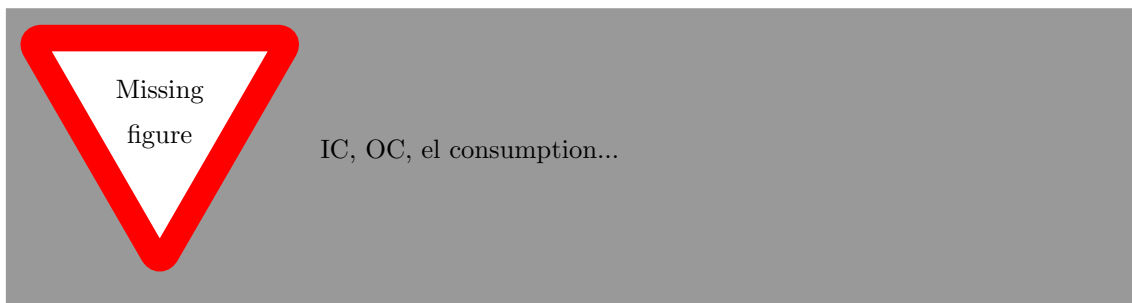
A scenario to study parameters independently from Eglantine. Parameters to study/extrapolate for quick application on other districts:

- influence on IC,OC,TC
- influence on network temperature  $T_{net}$

Varying % of cooling load, wrt heating load, using varying composition of cities, with categories (commercial/residential/...)

## 5 Results

### 5.1 Scenario comparison



Comparison with existing anergy networks, shown in Table 12.

do i maintain results with simple cycles somewhere in the results to show how much better it is with cycle?

Table 12: Investment cost comparison for different anergy systems

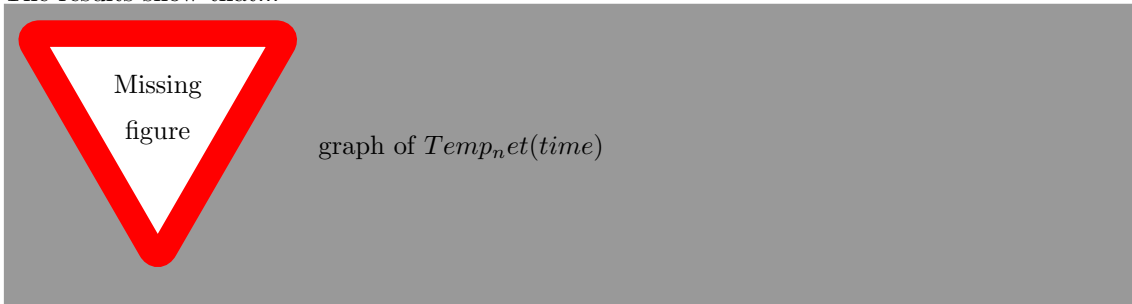
	Network / pipes		Geothermal		Heating/Cooling		Tot
	[mio CHF]	[%]	[mio CHF]	[%]	[mio CHF]	[%]	[mio CHF]
<b>Anergienetz ETH H�nggerberg</b>	5.8	0.16	12.1	0.33	18.2	0.49	37
<b>Anergienetz Friesenberg</b>	11	0.26	10.0	0.24	21.5	0.51	42.5

## 5.2 CO2 network temperature control

An optimum for the temperature of the CO2 network has been defined . The question arises if this temperature might vary in function of the operating condition of the network, i.e. the balance of heating and cooling load, the heat source temperature...

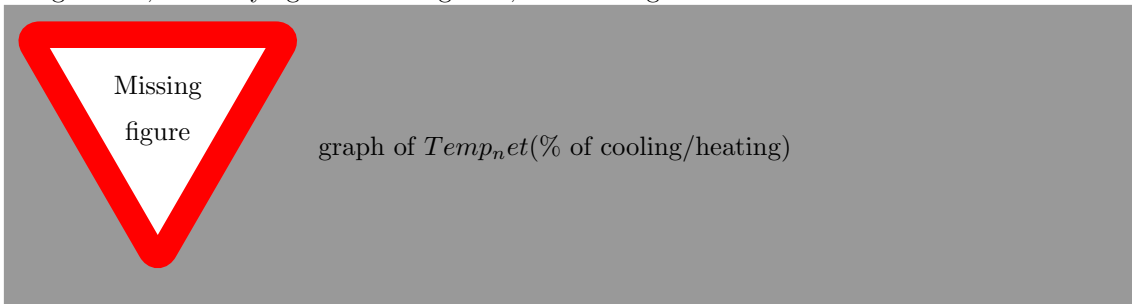
A model has been implemented to study this, by leaving the optimizer choose the optimal operating temperature of the network for every given timestep.

The results show that...



missing ref

Then a simple representative scenario has been modeled, with a typical building, and a typical refrigeration, and varying % of cooling load, wrt heating load.



## 5.3 Sensitivity analysis

Perform sensitivity analysis on:

- PV area
- distance of lake
- size of Heat source (IceRink)
- distance of IceRink
- other ideas?

## **6 Discussion**

## **7 Outlook**

This and this has been analyzed and results have shown.

However, it would be very interesting to make detailed analysis of...

This model should be improved...

This new thing could be integrated...

## **8 Conclusion**

## References

## 9 Anergy nets Switzerland



Table 13: District energy systems in Switzerland

	<b>Anergienetz ETH Hönggerberg</b>	<b>Jardins de la Pâla</b>	<b>Suurstoffi- Areal</b>	<b>Anergienetz Friesenberg (FGZ)</b>	<b>CAD La- Tour-De-Peilz</b>	<b>Anergienetz- Visp</b>	<b>Genève-Lac- Nations (GLN)</b>
<b>Location</b>	Zürich	Bulle	Rotkreuz	Zürich	La-Tour-de-Peilz	Visp	Genève
<b>Year of construction</b>	2012 - 2026	2012 - 2020	2010 - 2020	2011-2050	2013 - 2015	2007 - heute	2008 - 2016
<b>Type</b>	↓ 20 °C	↓ 20 °C	↓ 20 °C	↓ 20 °C	↓ 20°C	↓ 20 °C	↓ 20 °C
<b>ERA [m2]</b>	475'000	65'000	172'421	185'000	24 Buildings	160'000	840'000
<b>Use</b>	School Residential	Residential Commercial Industry	Residential Administration Commercial Catering School	Residential Computation	Residential Administration	Residential Industry	Residential Administration School
<b>Status</b>	Partly built	Partly built	Partly built	Partly built	Built	Built	Built
Data Energy Consumption							
<b>Inst. Heating capacity [kW]</b>	8'000	2'000	6'732	3'930	10'000	3'467	4'300
<b>Heating demand '[MWh/a]'</b>	28'450	3'100	10'619	35'000	812	8'737	5'000
<b>Inst. Cooling capacity [kW]</b>	6'000	1'000	2'327	3'500	None	2'600	16'200
<b>Cooling demand '[MWh/a]'</b>	26'200	650	2'364	80'000	None	3'380	20'000
<b>Heat source</b>	Laboratories waste heat +HP	Groundwater+HP	Waste heat buildings + PVT (solar th.) +HP	Waste heat data center+HP	Lake water +HP	Industrial waste heat + HP	Lake water +HP
<b>Heat storage</b>	Geothermal well field (431 at 200m)	Groundwater 12°C	Geothermal well field (215 at 150 m, 180 at 280m)	Geothermal well field (332 at 250m)	None	None	None
Network data							
<b>Network length [km]</b>	1.5	0.85	2.5	1.5	4.1	4.2	6
<b>Heating pipeT</b>	24 °C - 8 °C	12 °C - 9 °C	25 °C - 8 °C	28 °C - 8 °C	20 °C - 6 °C	18 °C - 8 °C	17 °C - 5 °C
<b>Cooling pipeT</b>	4 °C - 20 °C	4 °C - 17 °C	4 °C - 17 °C	4 °C -24 °C	2 °C - 16 °C	4 °C - 16 °C	5 °C - 12 °C
<b>Pipe diameter [mm]</b>	DN 560	75 - 250	60 - 400	400 - 500	400 -700	DN 400	100 -700
<b>Number of pipes</b>	3	2	2	2	2	2	2

Table 14: District energy systems in Switzerland

	<b>Anergienetz ETH Hönggerberg</b>	<b>Jardins de la Pâla</b>	<b>Suurstoffi- Areal</b>	<b>Anergienetz Friesenberg (FGZ)</b>	<b>CAD La- Tour-De-Peilz</b>	<b>Anergienetz- Visp</b>	<b>Genève-Lac- Nations (GLN)</b>
Financial data							
<b>Tot. investments '[Mio.CHF]'</b>	37	6	n/a	42.5	32	1.26	33
<b>Interest rate[%]</b>	3.9 - 6.7		n/a	n/a	6.4	5.8 - 8	n/a
<b>Lifespan [a]</b>							
<b>Pipes</b>	50	30	40	50	50	40	n/a
<b>Storage</b>	50	None	80	50	None	None	n/a
<b>Heating unit</b>	20	15	20	20	25	20	n/a
<b>Cooling unit</b>	20	15	20	20	25	20	n/a
<b>Cost of energy '[Rp./kWh]'</b>	7.7 (Heating +cooling)	5.85 – 8 (at the moment only heating)	n/a	18 (Heating)	19.8 (at the moment only heating)	22.9 (Heating + cooling)	n/a
<b>Tot. COP of heating</b>	7.2	4.4	n/a	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Tot. COP of heating (incl. Pumps...)</b>	5.8	2.7	2.7	4.1	3.5-4	4	6.5
<b>Tot. EER of cooling</b>	30.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Tot. EER of cooling (incl. Pumps...)</b>	6.9	12.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a