



Belgium: country report

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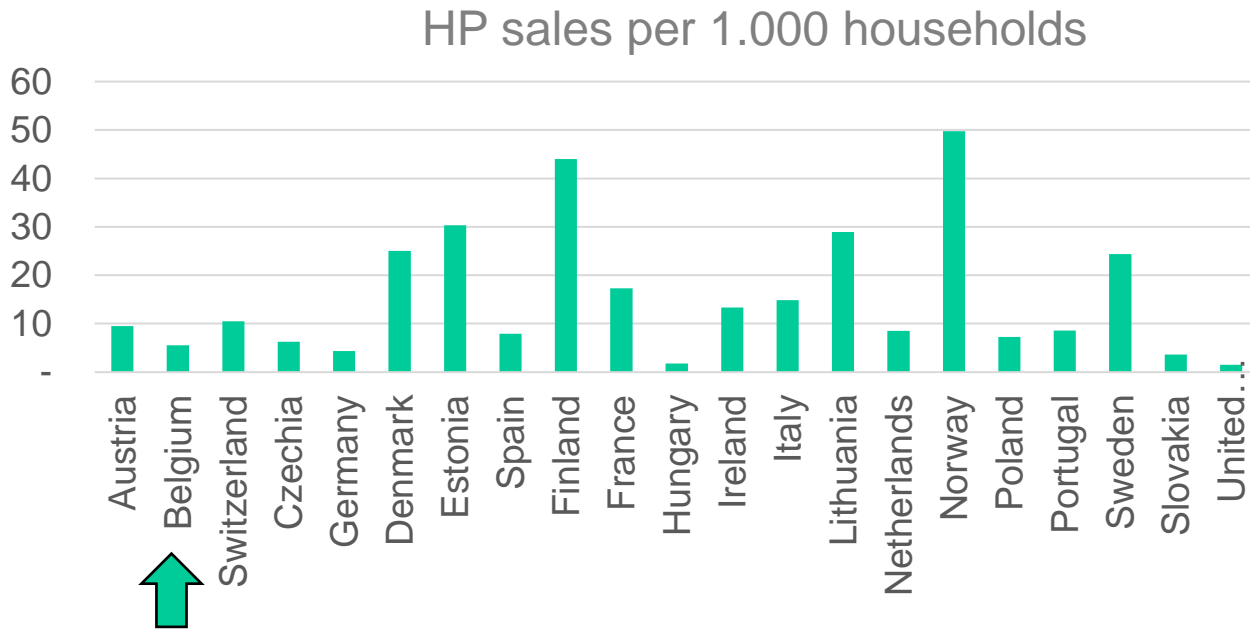
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● **How we heat buildings:**

- Majority of families heat via fossil fuels (upto 87%)
- Last year more then 200.000 new fossil fuel boilers (6% oil based)

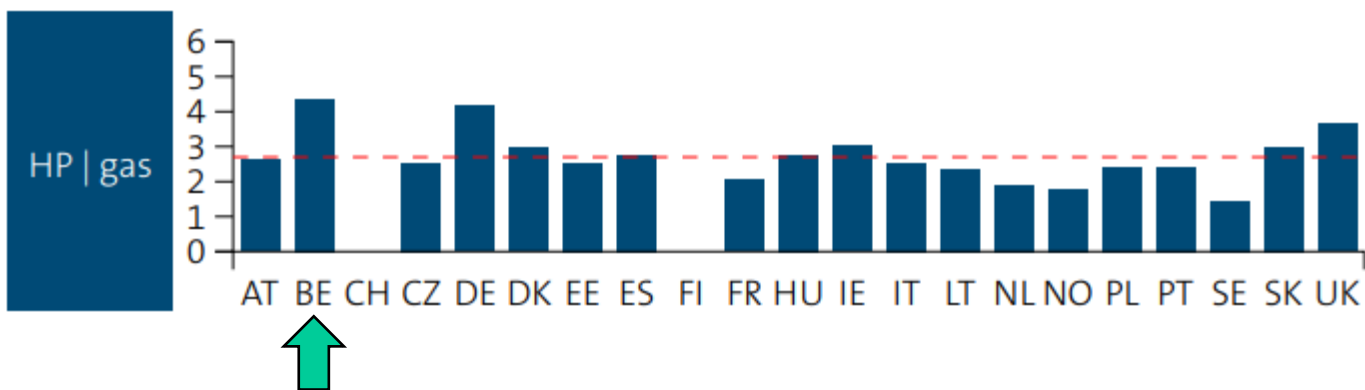
● **Role of heat pumps:**



Source: EHPA

● Reasons for slow role out:

- High density gas grid
- Higher tax and tariffs on electricity
- Old building stock

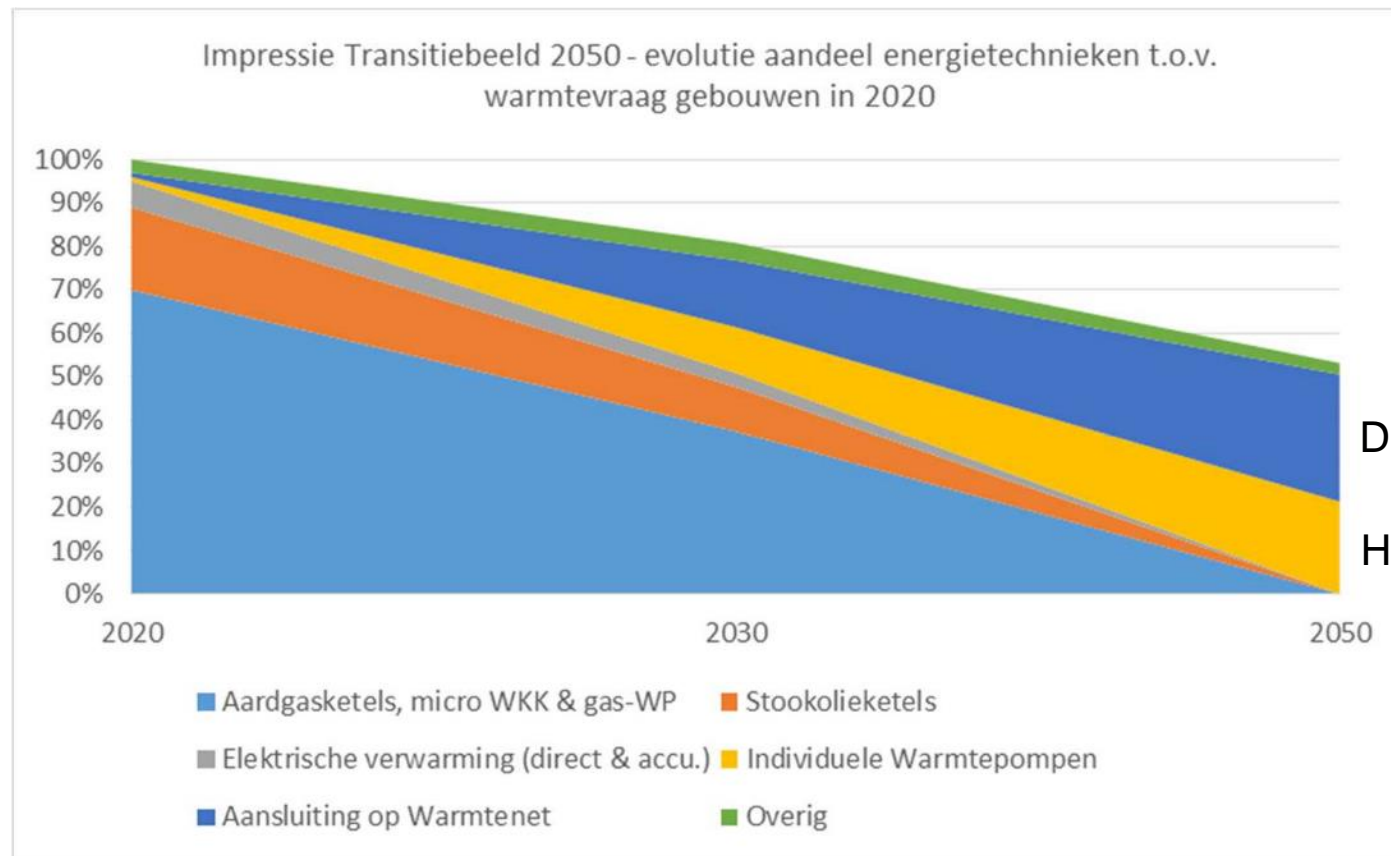


Source: EHPA

- General Belgian Goal 2030 : Reduction of 44% of greenhouse gas emissions
- Renovation goal: renovate all buildings to average lower than 100 kWh/m²/year by 2050
- Potential of HP by region:
 - Brussels: 43 GWh (now 13 GWh)
 - Flanders: 1455 GWh (now 600 GWh)
 - Wallonia: 1875 GWh HP (now 360 GWh)

Potential of heat pumps Flanders?

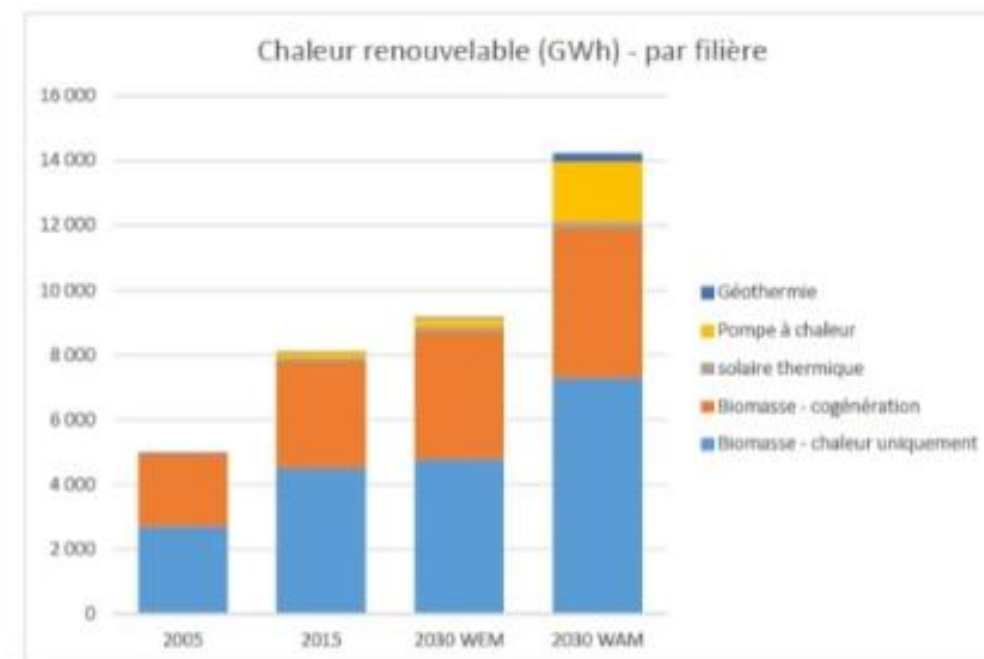
BBL (2017): Study by Kelvin Solutions



Potential of renewable heat Wallonia:

Chaleur renouvelable - WAM	2030
Biomasse - chaleur uniquement	7 281
Biomasse - cogénération	4 645
solaire thermique	181
Pompe à chaleur	1 875
Géothermie	251
TOTAL - WAM	14 233

Source: PACE 2030, SPW



Decisions residential buildings:

=> Flanders: first bans on fossil fuel

- 2021: ban on connection to gas grid for new apartment buildings (15 units) and new allotment or new collective housing projects
- 2022: ban on new oil boiler (in new and existing buildings)
- 2025: ban on connection to the gaz grid for new residential buildings

=> Brussels: High subsidies

- Subsidies upto 4750 euro

=> Wallonia:

- Subsidies from 1000 to 6000 euro

Belgian participation in recent annexes of IEA HPT:

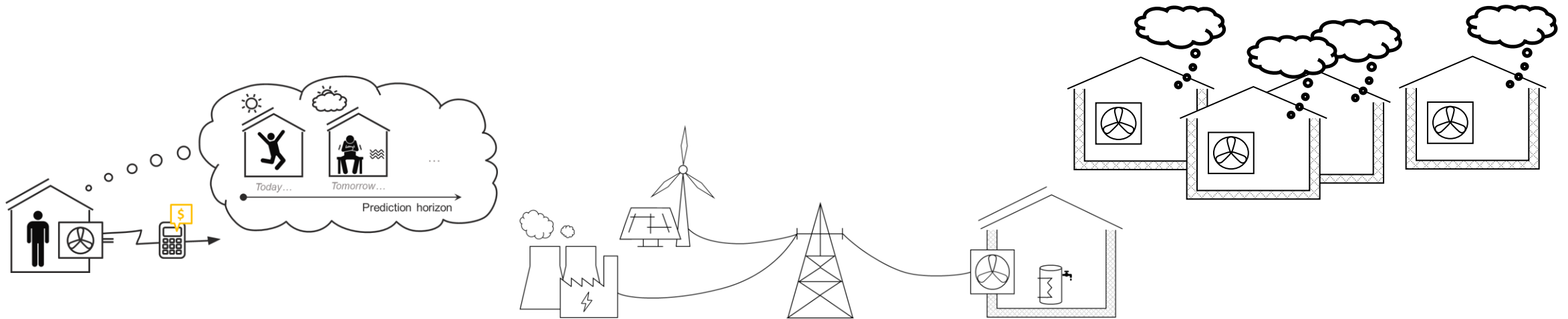
- Annex 49: Design and integration of heat pumps for nZEB:
<https://heatpumpingtechnologies.org/annex49/>
- Annex 58: High Temperature heat pumps
=> partner: UGent
<https://heatpumpingtechnologies.org/annex58/>
- Annex 61: Heat pumps in Positive Energy Districts *Participation procedure ongoing*
=> partners: KU Leuven (prof. Helsen), Boydens Engineering part of Sweco (prof. Boydens), VITO, ULB (prof Hendrick)
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List of projects (running and finalized)

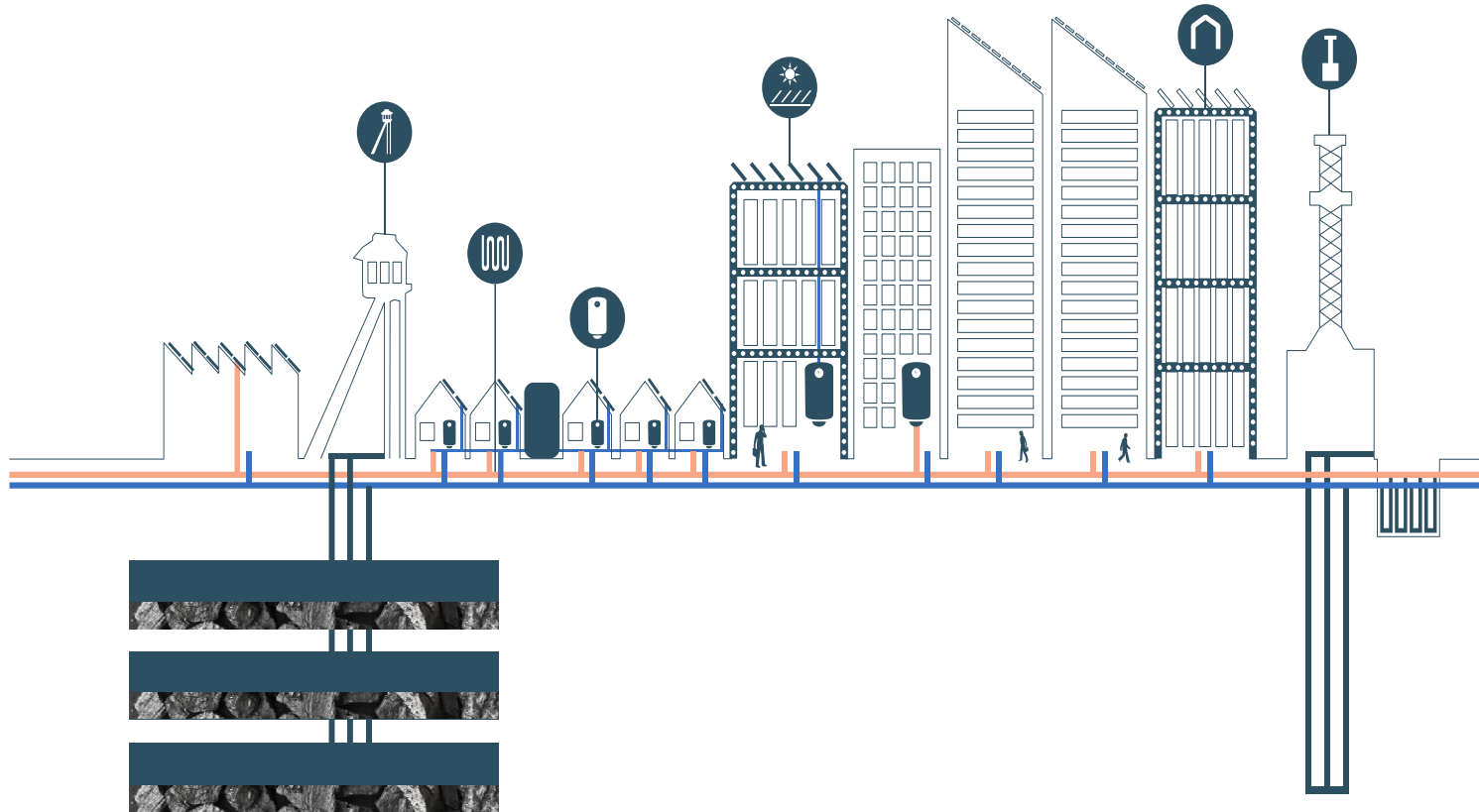
[Projects - Thermal Systems Simulation \(The SySi's\) \(kuleuven.be\)](#)

List of PhD's (running and finalized)

[PhDs & Awards - Thermal Systems Simulation \(The SySi's\) \(kuleuven.be\)](#)

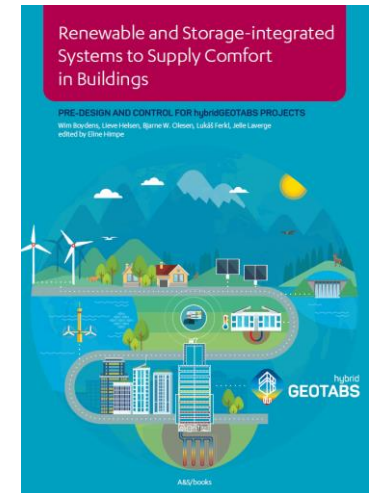


Towards low-carbon energy services in a multi-vector and multi-sectorial system



Renewable and storage integrated systems for optimal comfort supply

- 2016-2021 EU-H2020 hybridGEOTABS (www.hybridgeotabs.eu)
Model Predictive Control and Innovative System Integration of GEOTABS in Hybrid Low Grade Thermal Energy Systems
- 2017-2022 IBPSA Project 1 (ibpsa.github.io/project1)
BIM/GIS and Modelica Framework for building and community energy system design and operation
- 2019-2022 VLAIO Spin-off Fellowship & KU Leuven C3 project
Energy efficient optimal control of buildings and their energy systems
- 2020-2022 VLAIO O&O iCOSY2
Intelligent Connected Comfort System
- 2022 start up of Spin-off Builtwins
Sustainable Buildings Control



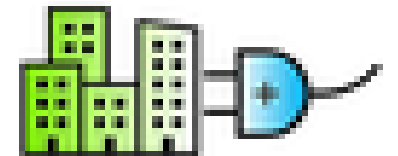
The Heat Pump as a crucial component in thermal networks

- 2014-2021 IWT/VLAIO Proeftuin De Schipjes (Living Lab ‘De Schipjes’)
Woningrenovatie: innovatie bij energiezuinig verbouwen’ De Schipjes - Samengaan van gebouwzorg en energieoptimalisatie in historische woonerven
- 2015-2019 VITO PhD Fellowship Bram van der Heijde
Optimized integration of thermal energy storage and conversion in fourth generation thermal networks
- 2017-2020 VITO PhD Fellowship Annelies Vandermeulen
Control of thermal networks to unlock flexibility
- 2020-2024 FWO PhD Fellowship Jelger Jansen
Model Predictive Control of Fourth Generation District Heating Networks



Low-carbon energy services in a multi-vector and multi-sectorial system

- 2021-2025 VLAIO Baekeland PhD Fellowship Wouter Peere
@ boydens engineering – part of Sweco
The development of future-oriented fossil-free energy concepts for clusters in various (Flemish) settings and environments
- 2021-2025 KU Leuven C2 project PED (PhD Fellowship Lucas Verleyen)
Positive Energy Districts - Identifying technically-feasible and effective solutions towards decarbonization under existing boundary conditions
- 2022-2026 FWO (to be approved) PhD Fellowship Louis Hermans
Integrated optimal control and design of low-carbon multi-energy vector districts, including difficult-to-decarbonize buildings
- Starting in 2022 KU Leuven IOF Program REINFORCE
Energy System Integration for Low-carbon Energy Services



Heat Pumps in a demand response context

- **2016-2019 EU-H2020 FHP**
Flexible Heat and Power, Connecting heat and power networks by harnessing the complexity in distributed thermal flexibility
- **2016-2021 KU Leuven C2 Project**
Energy Storage as a Disruptive Technology in the Energy System of the Future
- **2018-2021 VITO PhD Fellowship Javier Arroyo**
Synergy of mathematical and AI techniques for novel methods of building energy management
- **2020-2025 VLAIO Moonshot**
InduFlexControl I & InduFlexControl II
Control algorithms for flexibility in power-to-X and industrial processes.



- Prof Depaepe, Prof Lecompte: focus on component performance
 - participation in annex 61 high temperature heat pumps
 - Contact: Steven.Lecompte@UGent.be
- Prof Laverge, focus on building interaction
 - Coordinator of hybridGEOTABS horizon 2020 project (cfr projects slide prof Helsen)

➤ **Buildings**

- ✓ Exhaust air heat pumps (ventilation) for residential buildings: E/N
- ✓ Heat pumps for both heating/cooling coupled to passive cooling techniques: N
- ✓ Innovative vapor compression cycles with 2-phase compression/expansion for heating, cooling and power production: E/N
- ✓ Reversible heat pump/ORC systems for Carnot batteries: E/N

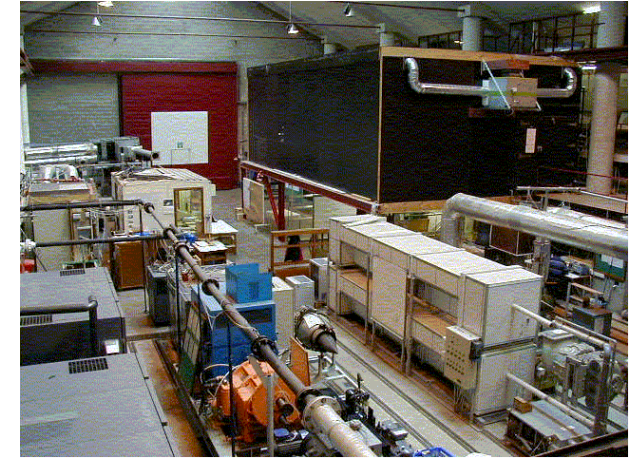
➤ **Vehicles**

- ✓ R1234yf heat pumps for passenger cars: E

➤ **Industry**

- ✓ Very high temperature heat pumps (>180°C) for industrial processes: N
- ✓ CO₂ commercial refrigeration with waste heat recovery: E/N

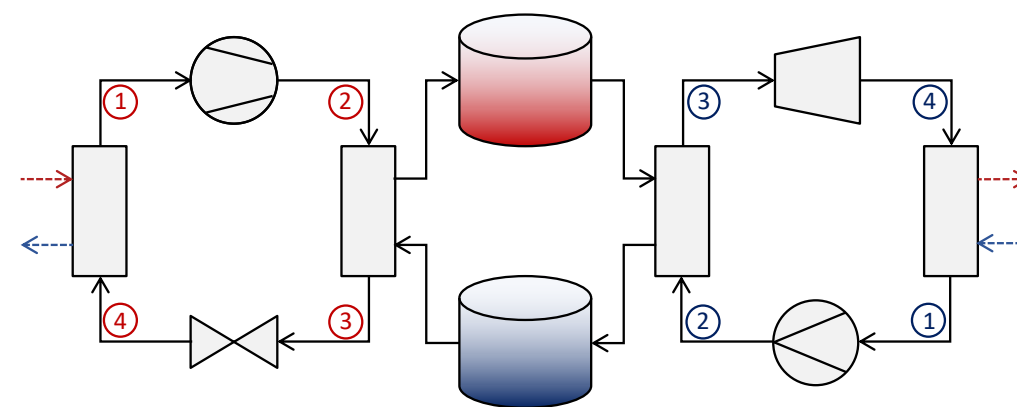
E: experimental; N: numerical



Test bench for testing two-phase scroll compressors (H2020 Regen-by-2 project)

Currently one project using heat pumps for energy storage:
“Carnot batteries as effective sector-coupling systems for heat and power: techno-economic analysis and robust optimisation”

- Use of heat pump to charge a sensible heat thermal storage (water tanks).
- The storage can be discharged either directly to deliver heat, either through an organic Rankine cycle to produce electricity.
- The heat pump can recover waste heat and boost the Carnot battery efficiency.
- Goals of the projet: optimisation of the design of different Carnot battery concepts under techno-economic uncertainties and identification of attractive integration scenarios for each concept.
- Joint thesis with ULiège (already one prototype and one demonstrator under development for coupling with DHN).
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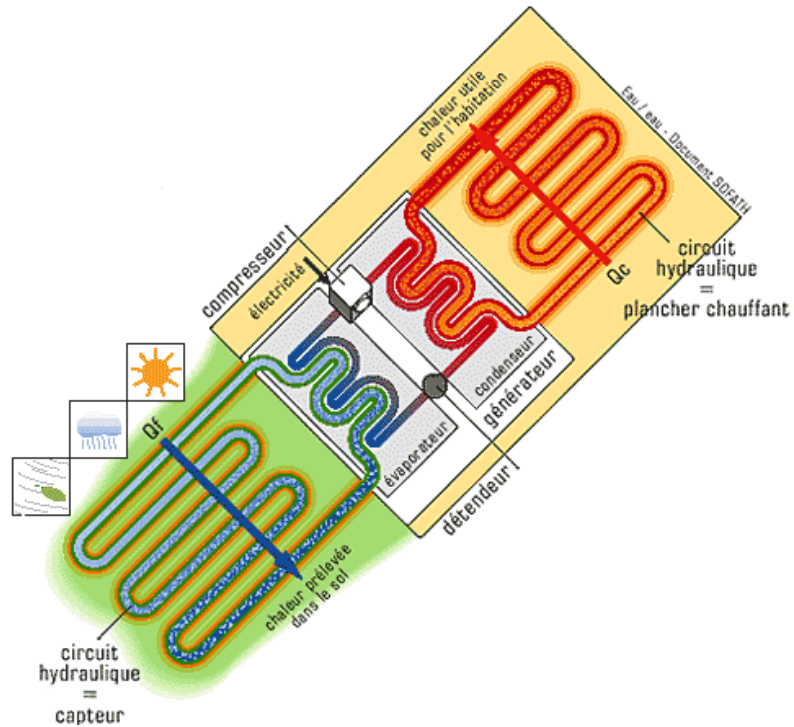
heat pump

thermal storage

heat engine

Energy recuperation from the sewer (sewage water) for NZEB (Riothermy)

An example in Brussels (with water DSO)



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