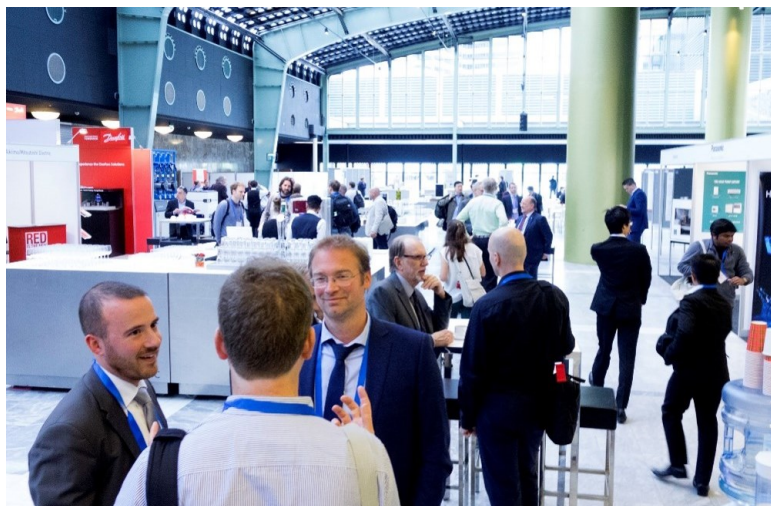


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# Best practice examples of flexibility created with heat pumps

(Task 2),

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# Best practice examples

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### Hallein, Austria

"Investigate and demonstrate the integration of an absorption heat in a biomass cogeneration plant for waste heat utilization"

#### KEY FACTS

##### RD&D Status:

Large-scale demonstration

##### Type of heat pump:

Centralized HP with district heating-system for heating

##### Building description:

mixed of residential and non-residential.

Mix of new and existing buildings

##### Energy distribution System:

District heating

##### Energy Storage:

Centralized Thermal (in heat distribution network)

##### Control for the flexible heat pump operation:

Rule based control.

##### General description:

Number of heat pumps:

Absorption HP: 8 MW

Sink temperature: 90/63°C.

##### Heat Source:

Flue gas condensation

Source temperature: 60/30 °C



#### Summary of the project:

Salzburg AG operates district heating networks (DHNs) in Hallein and Salzburg. The city centres of Hallein and Salzburg are ≈20km away from each other. Since the capacity of the heat generation plants and the waste heat potential in Hallein is higher, than the demand, the two DHNs were connected in Elsbethen (between Hallein and Salzburg). Therefore, it is possible to transfer heat from Hallein to Salzburg to reduce the load on the plants supplying Salzburg and to increase the flexibility of the heat supply.

One of the flexibility measures in the district heating network in Hallein covers the implementation of an absorption heat pump (AHP) to increase the waste heat utilisation of unusable waste heat of a largescale waste heat source at the cellulose manufacturer AustroCel. As the low-temperature heat source for the AHP the flue gas of a biomass cogeneration plant is used.

#### Result of the project:

Reductions: For an annually delivered heat of ≈51.5 GWh (2021) to the heat distribution network the emission would have been ≈10300 tCO<sub>2</sub> due to a standard CO<sub>2</sub>-emission of the average Austria district heating networks. It's reduced to ≈200 tCO<sub>2</sub>,äq, by integrating the AHP.

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### Energy supply scheme:

The heat supply in the district heating network in Salzburg is supplied by 9 cogeneration plants which are powered by natural gas, oil and biomass. In the last years the amount of natural gas and oil was reduced and of biomass increased. Furthermore, waste heat potentials are located and if possible integrated into the district heating network. Therefore, the share of renewable sources should be significantly increased in the coming years.

### Flexibility – scheme and control strategy of the system:

Various heat generation plants, which are partially cogeneration plants, supply the DHNs of Hallein and Salzburg. Biomass, waste heat, natural gas and fuel oil are used as energy sources. Due to optimisations in the last years, the use of fuel oil has been reduced to a minimum. The plants are selected for operation are chosen based on a superordinate operation strategy. This strategy includes, among others, the operating costs of the plant and the fuel, the current load and the expected load profile as well as the CO<sub>2</sub>emissions related to the operation of the plant.

#### Published articles:

Absorptionswärmepumpe zur Abwärmenutzung - Modellierung einer Anlage zur Rauchgaskondensation in einem Biomasseheizkraftwerk / Philipp Wagner, Christoph Astl, René Rieberer / Deutsche Kälte- und Klimatechnik 2022 / 2022 / Maaßburg / Deutsch / 14 Seiten

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### FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

**Place:** Austria / Hallein (Salzburg)

**Time Frame:** Start 2020

**Project organisation:**

**Owner/leader:**

Salzburg AG

**Project partners:**

Salzburg AG, Graz University of Technology.

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Case study documentation with 2-pagers

Most also additionally with extended reports (19)

# Best practice examples

- 28 cases are documented

from:

➤ 5 Austria



➤ 5 Denmark



➤ 7 Germany



➤ 5 The Netherlands



➤ 6 Sweden



Size:

➤ 16 Large Scale Central Heat Pump Systems

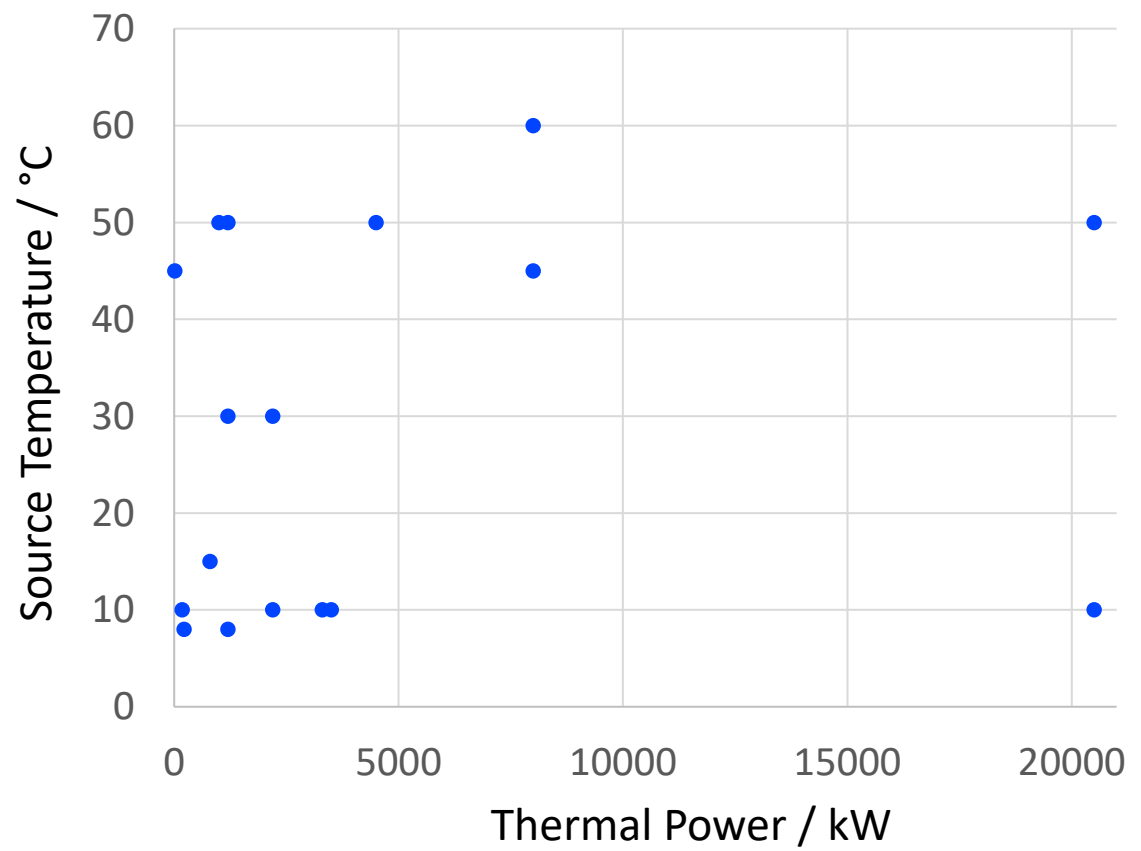
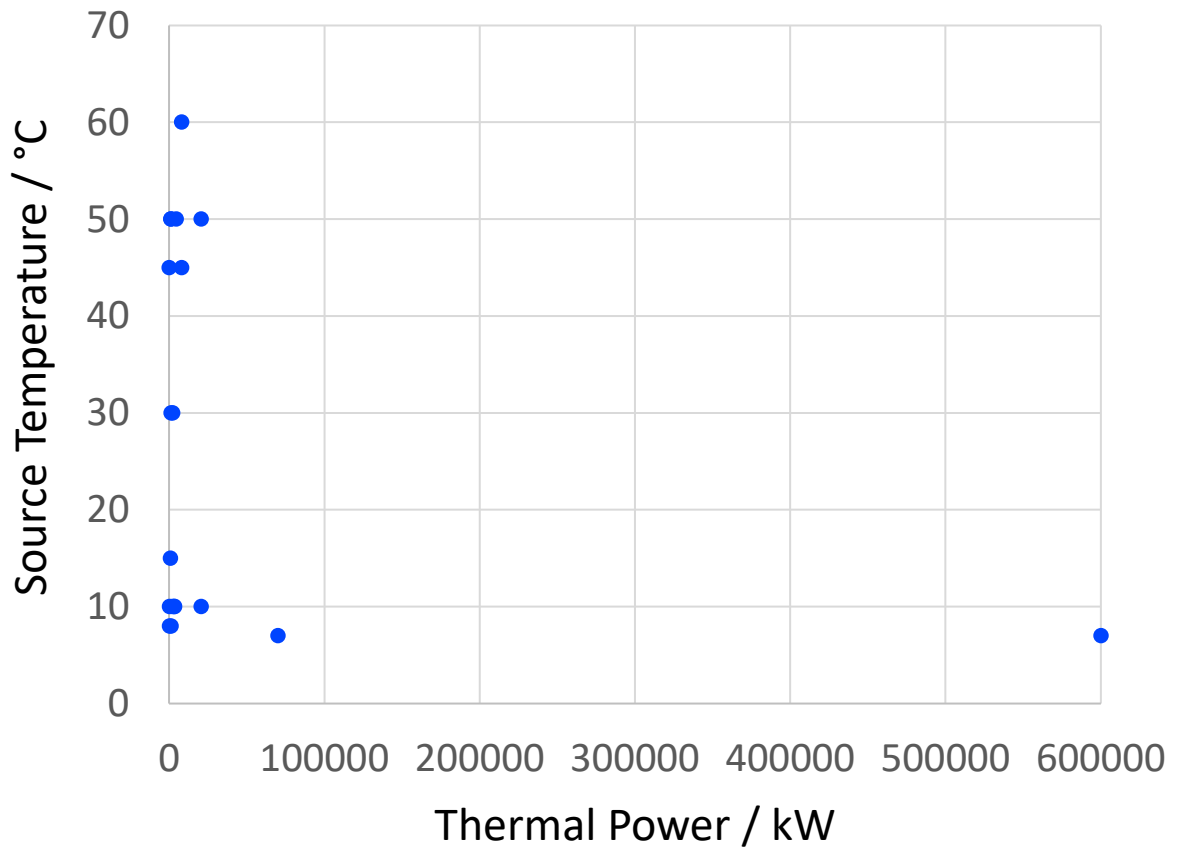
➤ 12 Small Scale Decentral Heat Pumps

Kind of System:

➤ 5 Design Studies

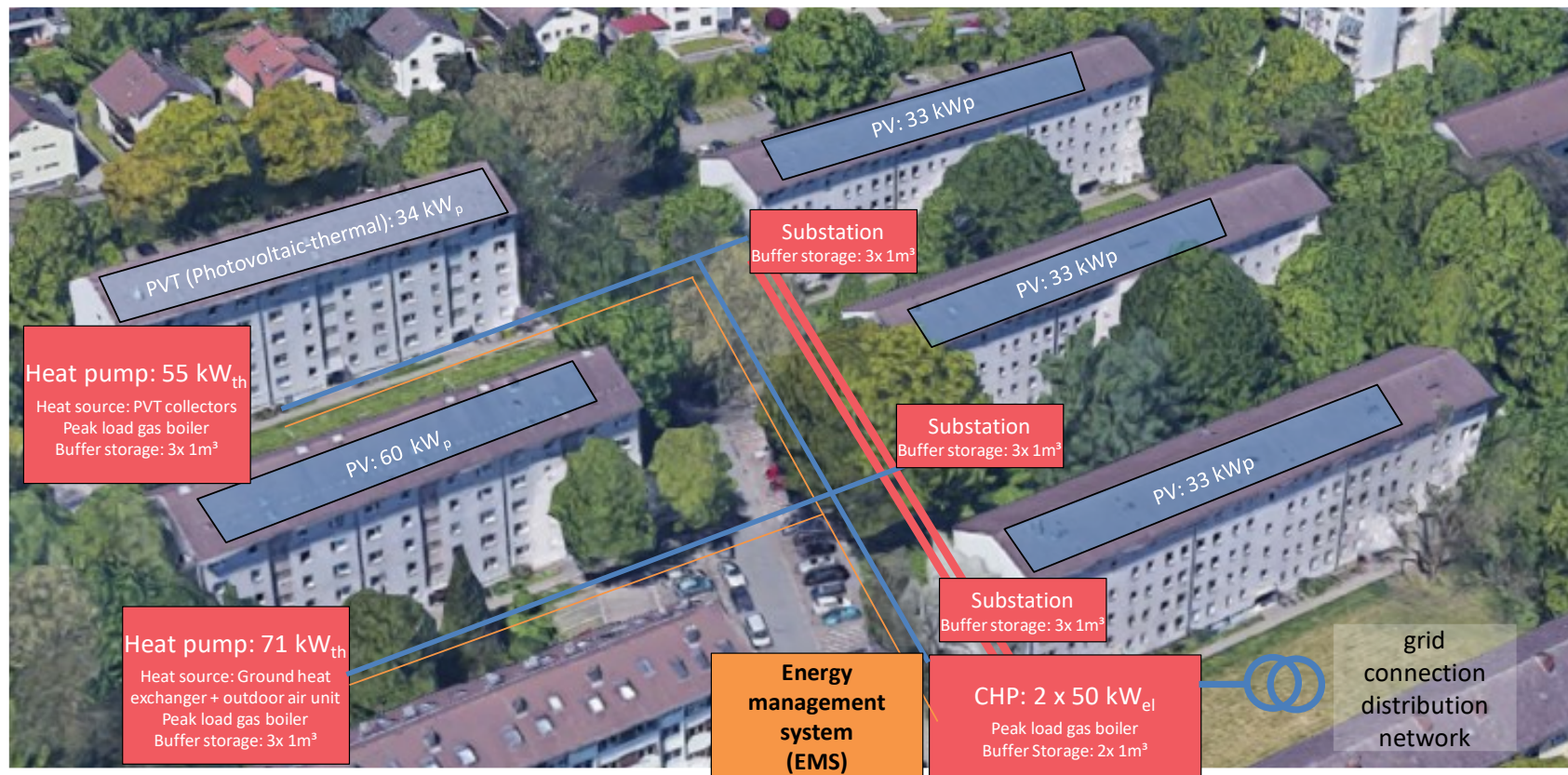
➤ 1 Lab Scale System

# Best practice examples



# Project overview „Smart District Karlsruhe-Durlach“

- Photovoltaics (PV)
- 2 decentralized heat pumps
- CHP with district heating for 3 buildings
- Local electricity grid with energy management system EMS



— District heating network — Local 400 V electricity grid — Fibre-optic cables

Project Network “LowEx-Bestand”:  
<https://lowex-bestand.de/?lang=en>  
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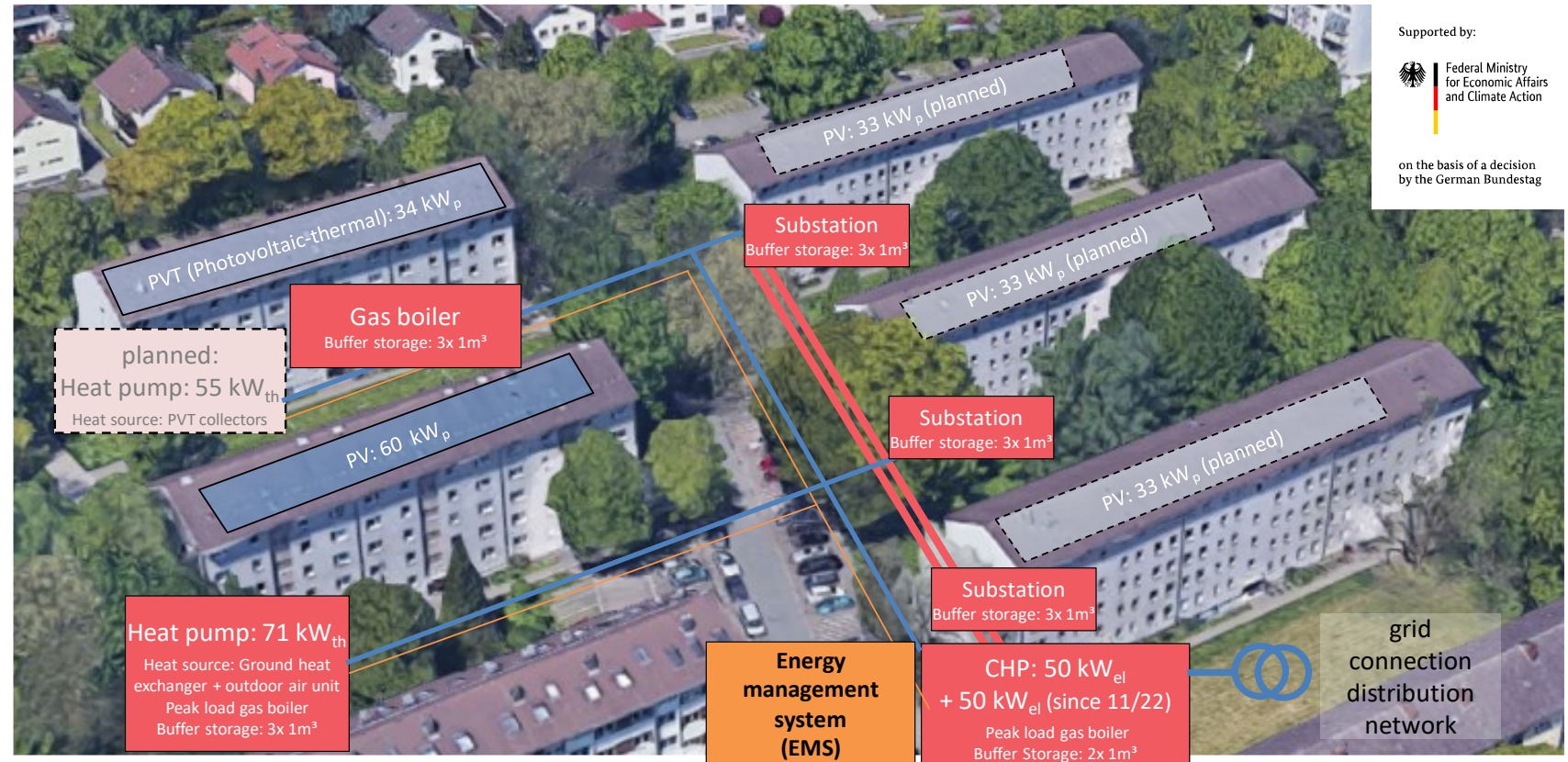
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# Project overview „Smart District Karlsruhe-Durlach“

- Half of PV capacity installed
- 1 decentralized heat pump in operation
- Since 11/22 both CHP modules in operation
- Energy management system EMS not yet in operation



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— District heating network — Local 400 V electricity grid — Fibre-optic cables

# Implementation of energy concept



*District Heating*



*CHP*



*PV*

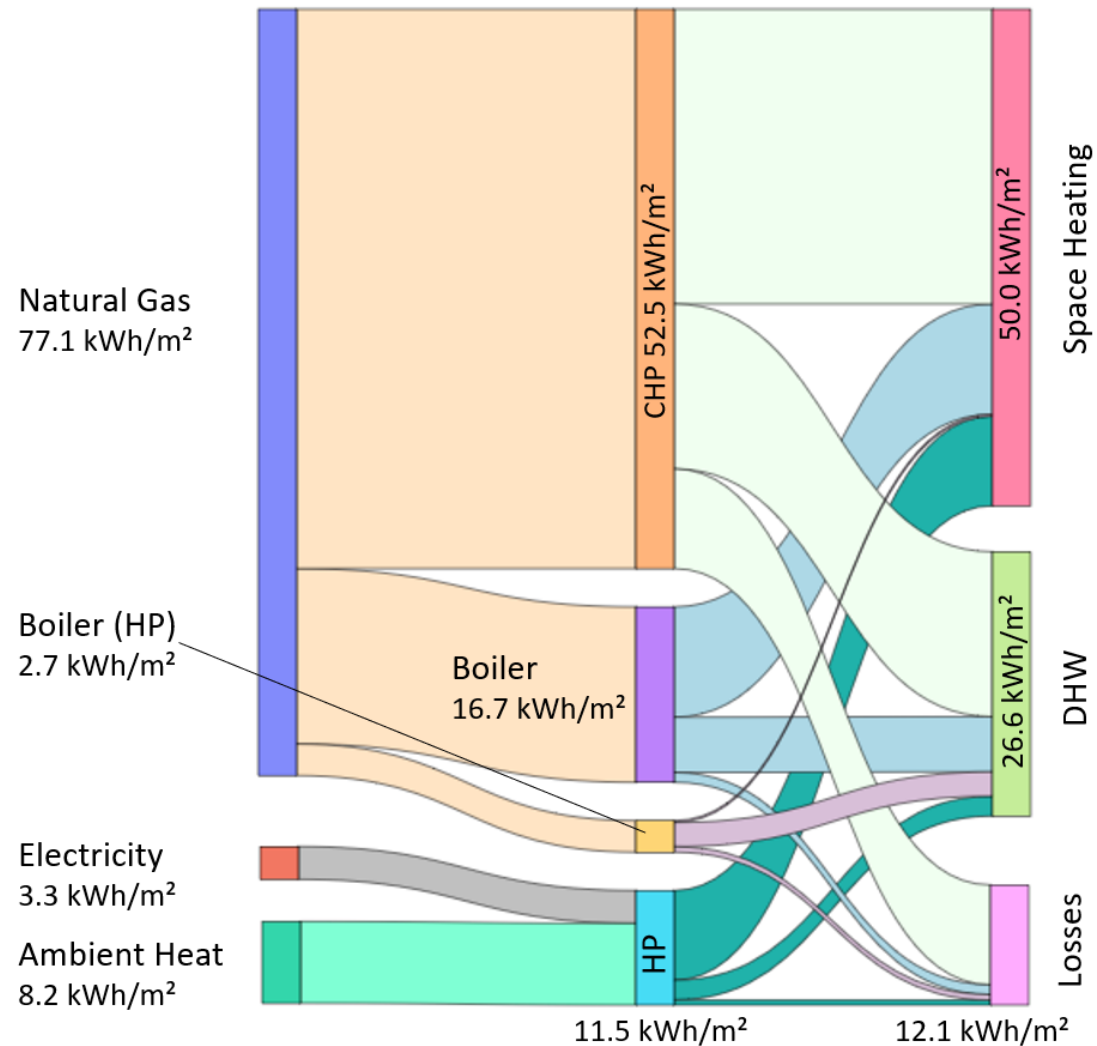


*Heat pumps*

+ Monitoring concept with heat meters, electricity meters, gas meters and temperature sensors (> 700 datapoints)

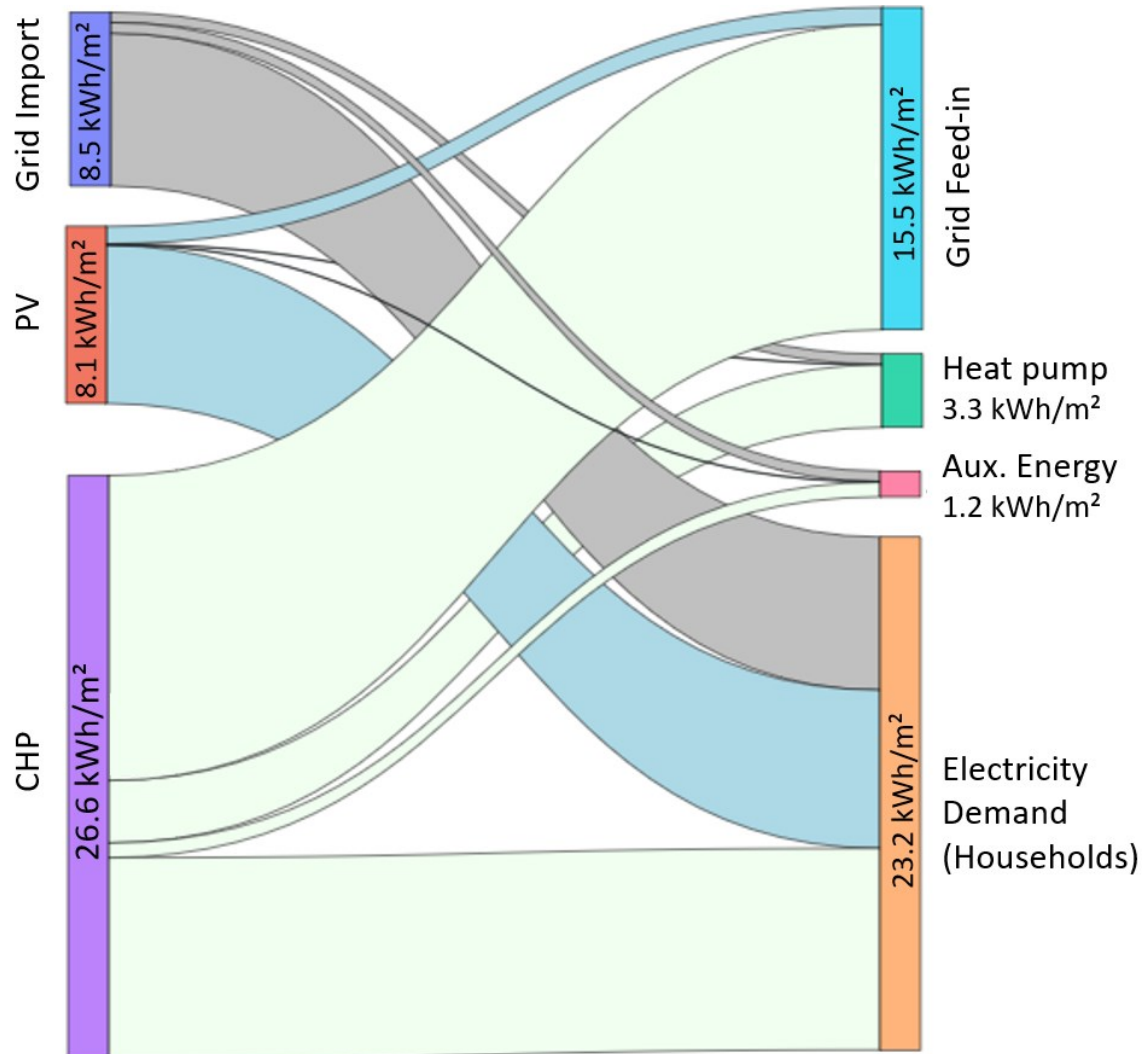
➔ Evaluation of first year of operation (05/2022 – 04/2023)

# Energy flow of the neighborhood



- Consumption:
  - 2/3 Space Heating
  - 1/3 Domestic hot water preparation (DHW)
- High losses:
  - Efficiency of the heat generation
  - Thermal losses (Storage losses, losses in district heating network)
- High proportion of fossil fuels:
  - only one of two heat pump systems in operation
  - large share of gas boiler for DHW in heat pump system
- Adjustments of control and hydraulic systems are planned

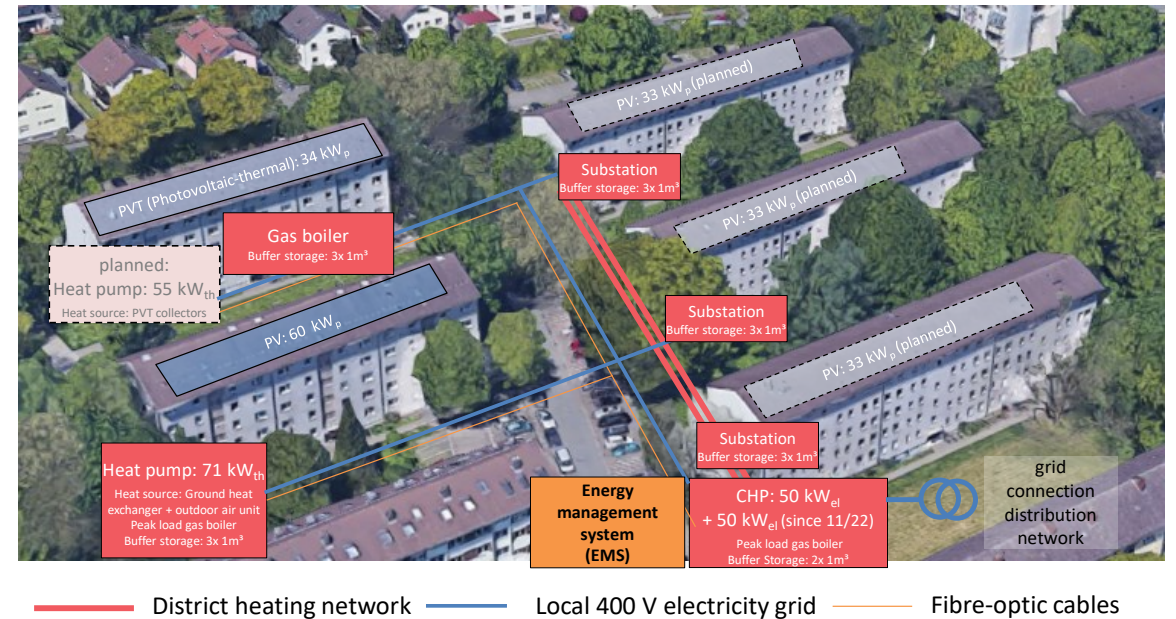
# Energy flow of the neighborhood



- Electricity generation (34.7 kWh/m²a) exceeds consumption (27.7 kWh/m²a)
- Considering temporal aspects: self-sufficiency of 69 %
- 86 % of electricity consumption for heat generation was generated locally
- Seasonal differences:
  - high self-sufficiency of 91 % in winter
  - EMS is needed to increase self-consumption in summer
- Reduce dependency on grid
  - Reduction of electricity import
  - Reduction of maximum power from the grid by 5 %

# Smart district energy concept

- Successful demonstration of the energy concept
  - Although only part of the system was in operation
  - 86 % of electricity consumption for heat generation was generated locally
  - Self-sufficiency of 69 %
  - Reduces dependency on grid
  - 37 % reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission
- Further improvements necessary to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> goals of - 50 %
  - Increase the share of renewable energy sources
  - Synchronizing electricity demand and generation (EMS)
  - Optimizing thermal efficiency of heating systems
- Outlook
  - Commission of final energy concept planned for end of 2023
  - Rollout of advanced energy management strategies



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# Reallaboratory „GWP“

- 2 x large-scale systems  
HFO: R1234ze(E)
- 3 x premounted hydraulic solutions  
Ammonia R-717

EnBW / Stuttgart



20 MW<sub>th</sub> | 90 °C | Turbo

MVV / Mannheim



20 MW<sub>th</sub> | 99 °C | Turbo

Fernheizwerk Neuköln / Berlin



1,3 MW<sub>th</sub> | 80 °C | Kolben

Stadtwerke Rosenheim



1,5 MW<sub>th</sub> | 88 °C | Schraube/Kolben

Vattenfall / Berlin



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# EnBW AG

- Currently: 3 waste-fired boilers, 3 coal-fired boilers
  - $P_{el} = 184 \text{ MW}_{el}$  |  $P_{th} = 447 \text{ MW}_{th}$
- Power of large-scale heat pump  $P_{th} = 22 \text{ MW}_{th}$ 
  - GC: Mitsubishi / producer: Johnson Controls, Nantes (F), Turbo
  - Refrigerant: R-1234ze (20 t, incl. collection system)
  - Source: stilling basin, cooling water ducts (7,5 °C to 28 °C)
  - Sink: return flow of district heating (66 °C on average)
  - Supply flow HP: 90°C
- Location with very tight space conditions while maintaining the supply capacity



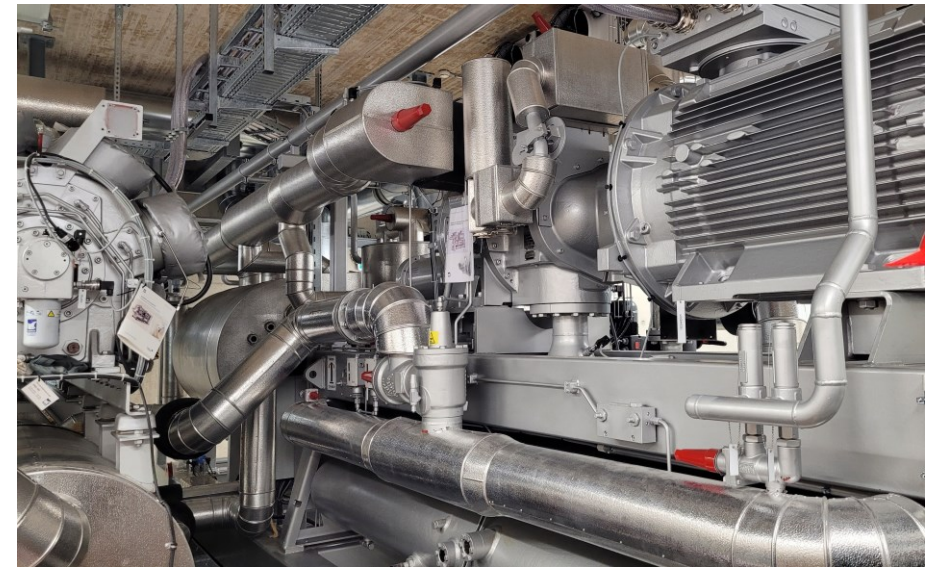
# MVV RHE GmbH

- Currently: 4 heating power plant blocks with hard coal
  - $P_{el}$  = 1.958 MWe<sub>el</sub> |  $P_{th}$  = 1.500 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Power of large-scale heat pump  $P_{th}$  = 20 MW<sub>th</sub>
  - Producer: Siemens Energy, Turbo
  - Refrigerant: R-1234ze (12 t, incl. collection system)
  - Source: Rhein-water / cooling water (3 °C bis 25 °C)
  - Sink: Return flow of district heating (60 °C bis 65 °C)
  - Supply flow HP: 83 °C bis 99 °C
- Short pipe routes, very good infrastructure available on site, 43.000 m<sup>3</sup> district heating storage



# Stadtwerke Rosenheim

- Currently: Waste-fired boiler, steam turbine, heating plants, CHP units
  - $P_{el} = 33 \text{ MW}_{el}$  |  $P_{th} = 115 \text{ MW}_{th}$
  - Waste, natural gas, biomethane, wood gas
- (3 x) Large-scale heat pump  $P_{th} = 1,5 \text{ MW}_{th}$ 
  - Producer: Johnson Controls, double-screw + piston
  - Refrigerant: R-717 ammonia (260 kg)
  - Source: Creek water (3 °C to 21 °C), Sink: Return flow of district heating (65 °C), Supply flow HP: 88°C
- Innovative integration of river water with plate-HX



# resumé

Where is the potential of improvement?

- Approval procedures take a very long time, environmental impact and safety engineering of refrigerants (and operating materials) not known, no standard procedures
- Few standardized technical systems (e.g.: Rosenheim: 2-stage direct combination screw-piston)
- Lots of peripherals (source exploitation, high pipe radius due to small dT, electrical switch gear, safety engineering,...)

What's next?

- Analyze measurement data
- Develop approaches for **optimizing dispatch strategies**, swift operation and performance

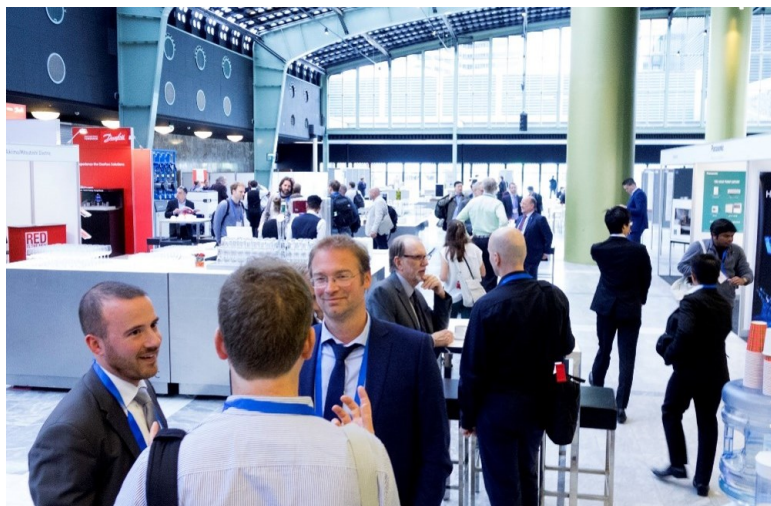
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