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# Decarbonized Large Scale and District Heating with Heat Pumps

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# Expressing the Art of Heat Pump



Introduction



University Campus Simultaneous Cooling and Heating



Sewage Waste Heat Recovery



District Heating



Zero GWP



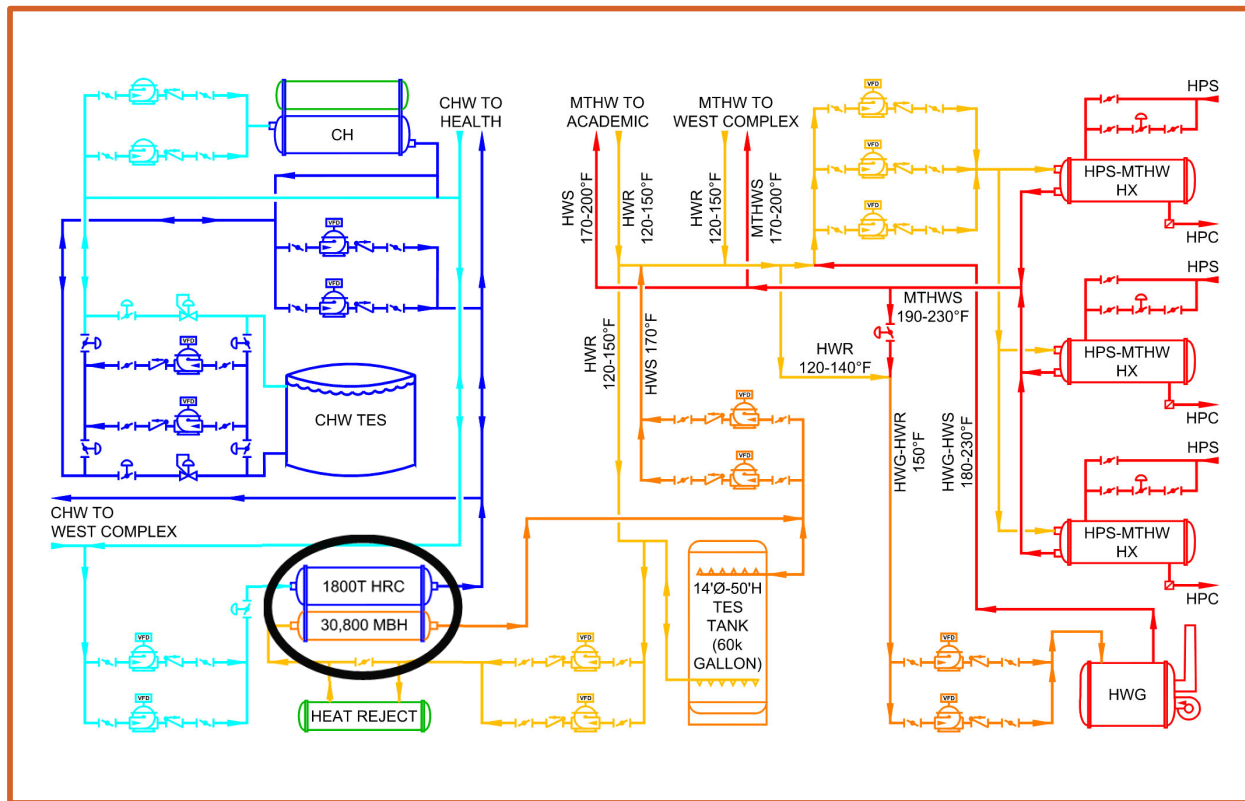
Recap – Moving Toward a Sustainable Future



# University of Virginia



Simultaneous Cooling (42°F/5.5°C) and Heating Water  
(as High as 170°F/77°C)



Conversion from medium pressure steam and high temperature hot water to low temperature hot water

Retrofit existing buildings,  
170°F (77°C) heating water critical

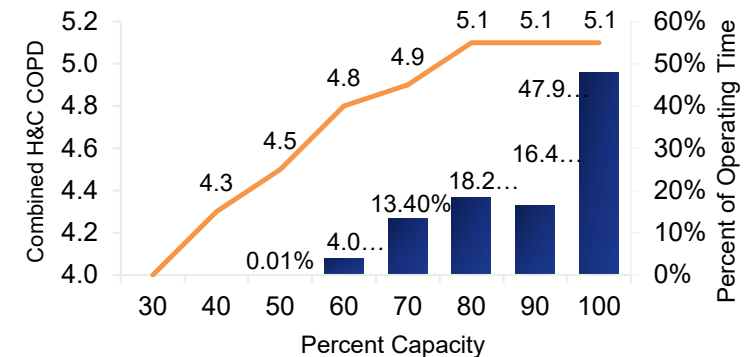
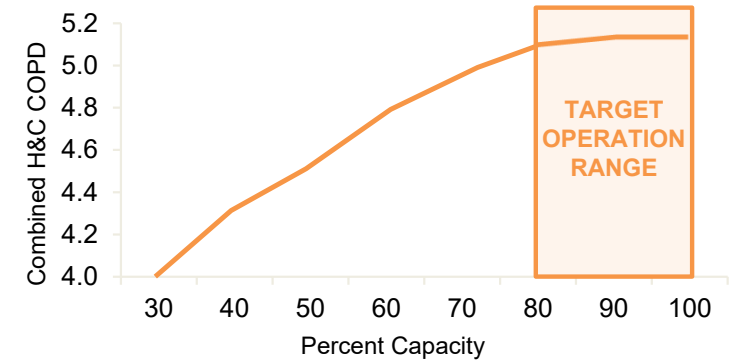
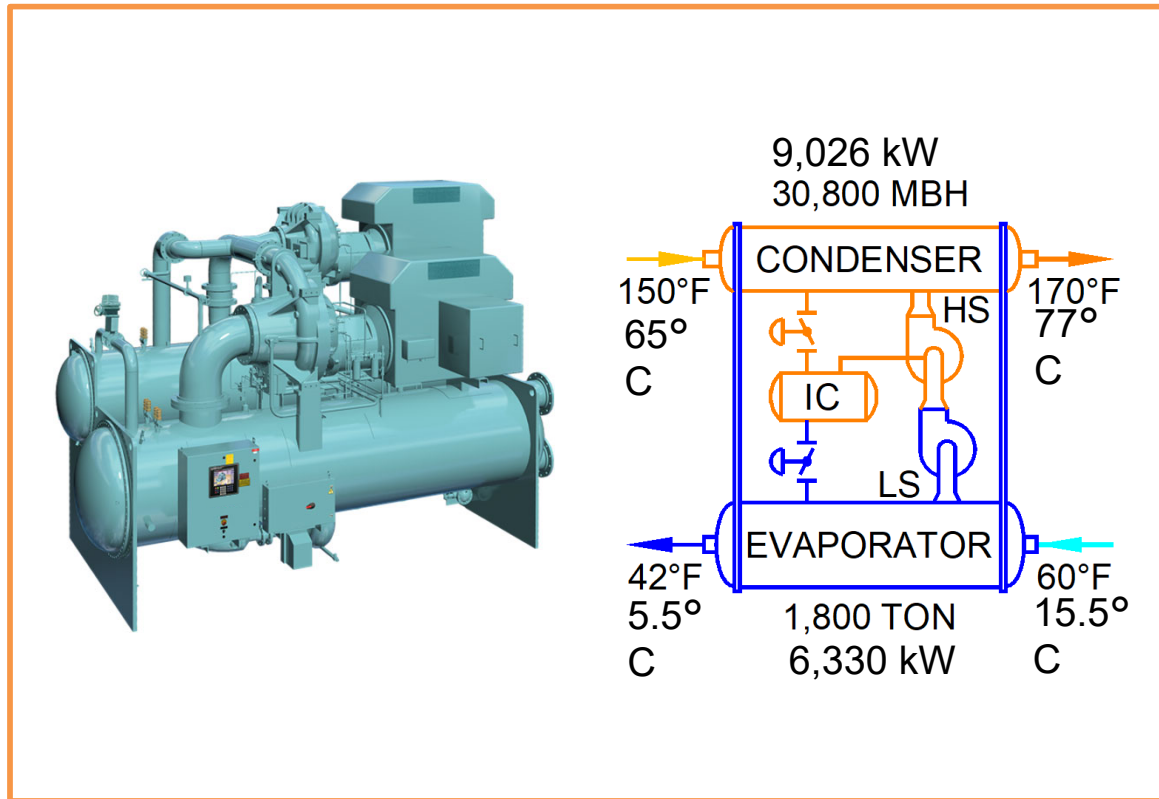
## Simultaneous cooling and heating

Heat recovery chiller (HRC)  
Base loaded

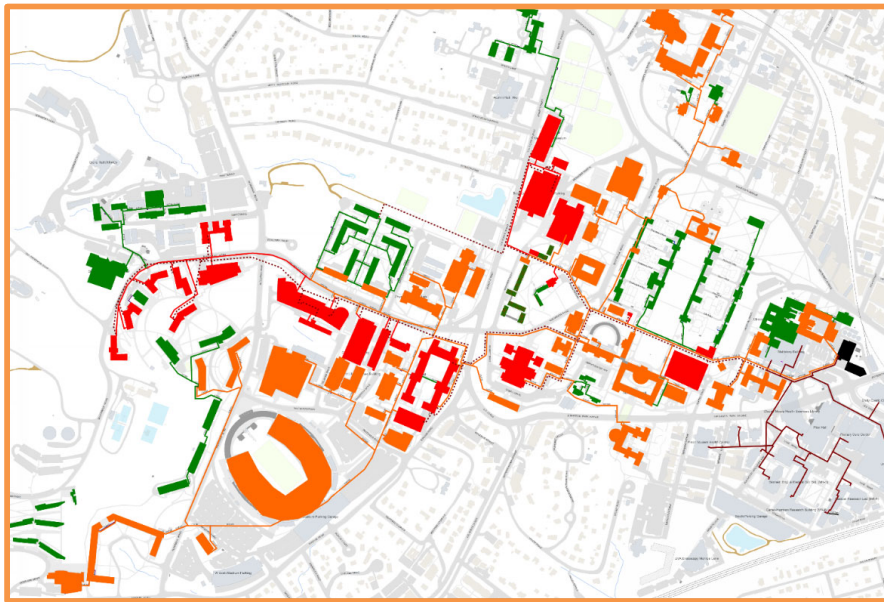
Boilers and other chillers supplement the HRC, as needed

Hot water storage tank  
(for turndown) and dump radiator

# Heat Recovery Chiller COP 5.12 (7x More Efficient than Steam Plant) High Capacity High Temperature High Lift



# Design Optimization by Manufacturer Enables Huge Flow Fluctuation – Summer and Winter

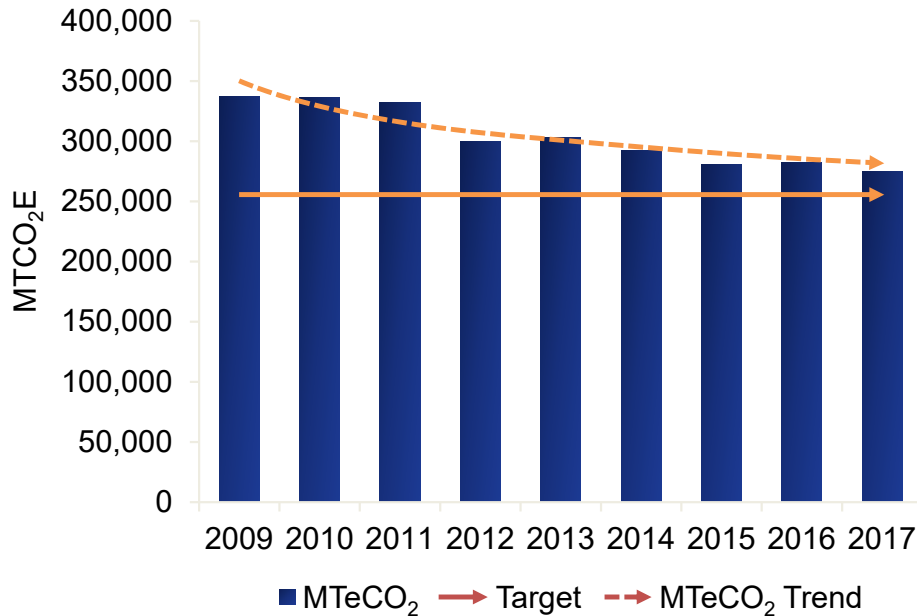


Legend	MPS Building Conversion	New LTHW
	MTHW Building Conversion	Convert MTHW to LTHW
	LTHW Building Conversion	Existing LTHW
	De-activated MPS	New MTHW
	Existing MPS	Existing MTHW

Parameter	Summer	Winter
Efficiency (kW/ton)	1.764	1.786
Capacity	1500 Tons (5,275 kW)	1800 Tons (6,330 kW)
Evaporator	1,562 gpm (359 m <sup>3</sup> /h) (65/42°F) (18/5.5°C)	<b>6,617 gpm</b> <b>(1,522 m<sup>3</sup>/h)</b> (48.5/42°F) (9.1/5.5°C)
Condenser	1,753 gpm (403 m <sup>3</sup> /h) (140/170°F) (60/76.6°C)	<b>4,030 gpm</b> <b>(927 m<sup>3</sup>/h)</b> (154/170°F) (67.7/76.6°C)

# Heat Recovery Chiller Supports UVA's Climate Action Goal Carbon Neutrality by 2030, Fossil Fuel Free by 2050

UVA's goal is to reduce GHG emissions 25% below 2009 levels by 2025



12,000 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to be avoided annually due to the heat recovery chiller



# City of Vancouver False Creek Neighborhood Energy Utility



# False Creek Energy Center Innovative Neighborhood Energy Utility



1<sup>st</sup>

Renewable district heating system in Vancouver Canada



Started in 2010; currently serving **6 million ft<sup>2</sup>** (0.5 million m<sup>2</sup>); expanding to **23 million ft<sup>2</sup>** (2 million m<sup>2</sup>)

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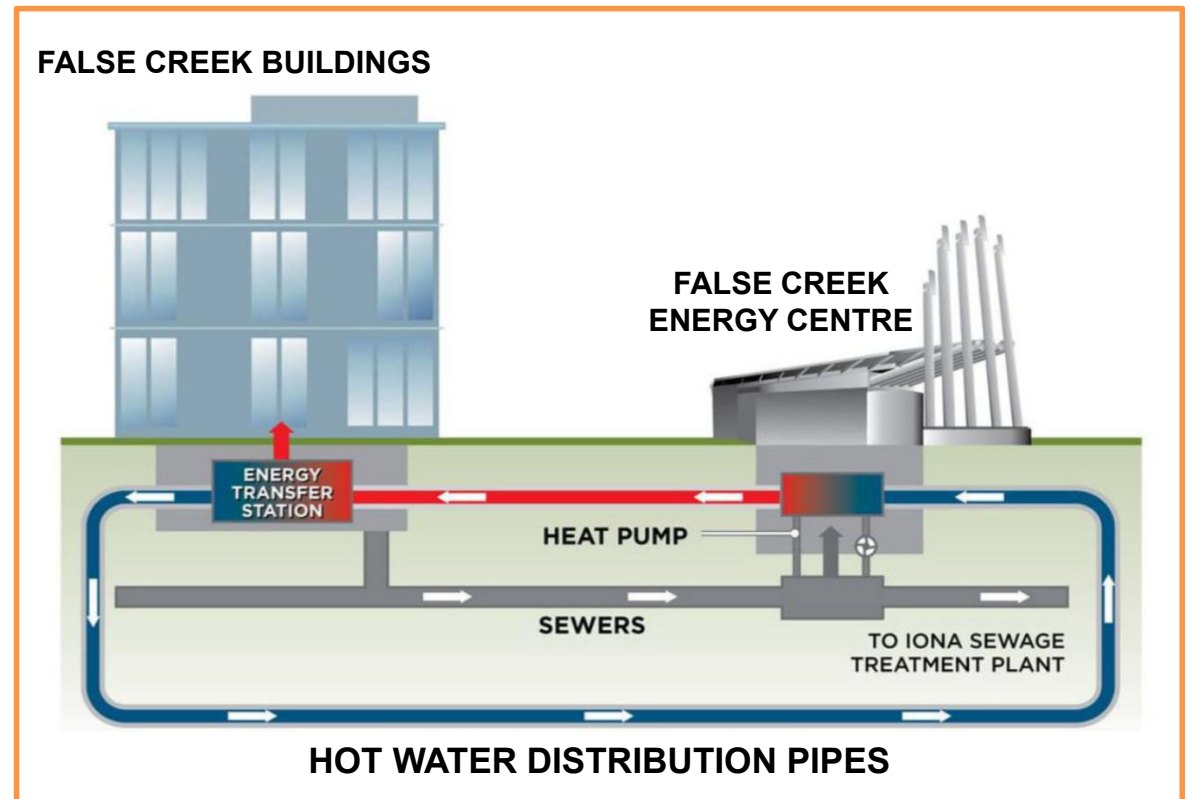
Large scale waste-water heat pump system in North America



of heat generated using renewable energy; 100% by 2030

# Sewage Heat Recovery Heat Pump – Low Carbon Technology

- ✓ Recovered waste heat from screened municipal sewage
- ✓ Heat water from heat pumps and boilers to service buildings in the neighborhood
- ✓ Distribution pipes buried under the streets
- ✓ Each building with its own energy transfer station



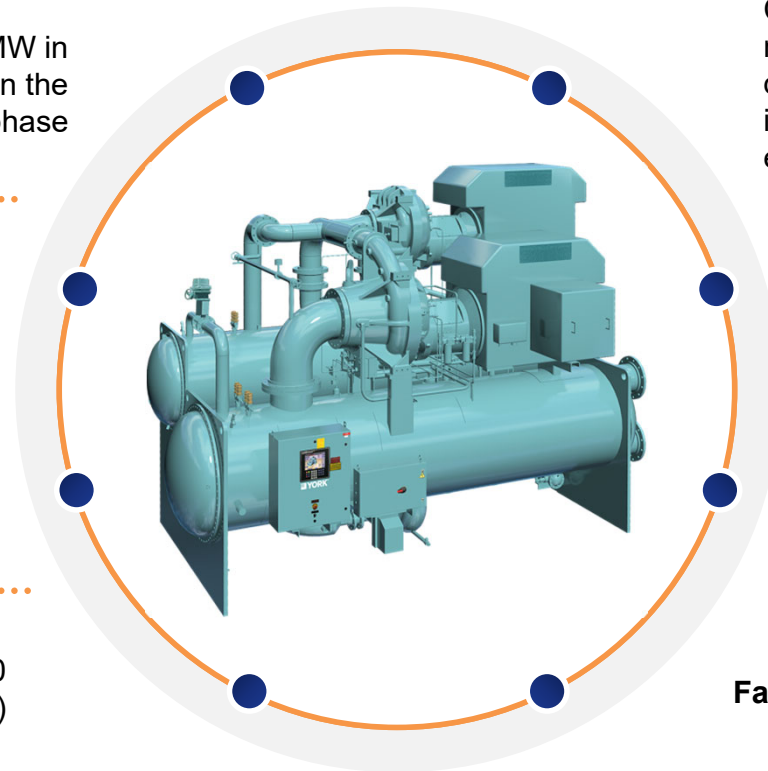
# Important Considerations

Original (2008) design considered 3.0 MW in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase and an additional 3.0 MW in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

Maximizing performance with space constraints

Limit motor size to 1000 KW (avoiding 24x7 operator)

Evaporator tube material CuNi 90:10 (sewage water)



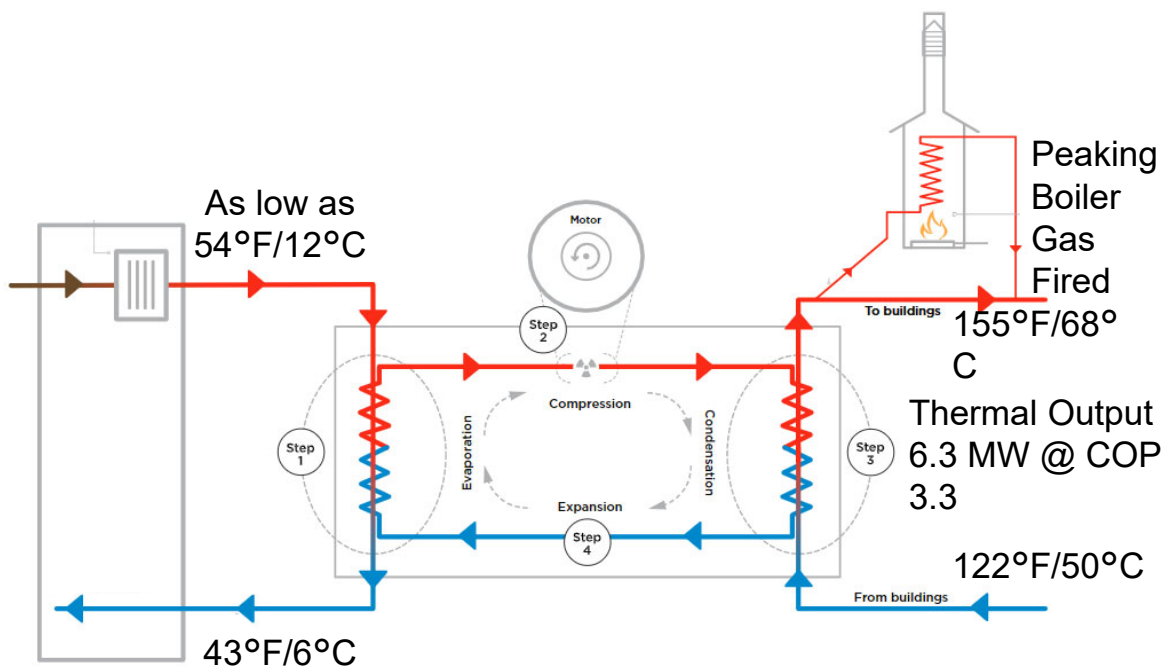
Close collaboration with the heat pump manufacturer resulted in optimizing the design to get up to 6.3 MW (21,500 MBH) instead of the 3.0 MW (10,236 MBH) expansion originally intended

Variable sewage conditions

Low GWP refrigerant (R-513A) required by the city

**Factory Test** – For performance validation

# New 6.3 MW Centrifugal Heat Pumps to Supplement Existing 3.0 MW Screw Heat Pumps



Fully packaged high temperature high lift centrifugal heat pumps will provide **155°F/68°C heating water** (21,500 MBH/6.3 MW) for connected buildings

**Gas boilers** (82,000 MBH/24 MW)  
are for supplemental heating during  
coldest days of the year

## System commissioning in 2022

# Helen Helsinki Finland



# Renewable Urban Energy by Helen in Helsinki Keskuskatu District Energy Station



Helen's investment in two massive centrifugal heat pumps in 2018, resulting in less usage of fossil fuel (coal) and cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20,000 tons per year

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Underground cooling center (excavated cave) at a depth of 164 ft (50 m)

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Extending the district cooling capacity in Keskuskatu from 9,971 (35 MW) Tons to 14,245 Tons (50 MW)

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Delivering district heating capacity 75,067 MBH (22 MW), equivalent to 10,000 apartment buildings

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Combined COP 5.63, Chilled Water 37.4°F (3°C), Heating Water 176°F (80°C)

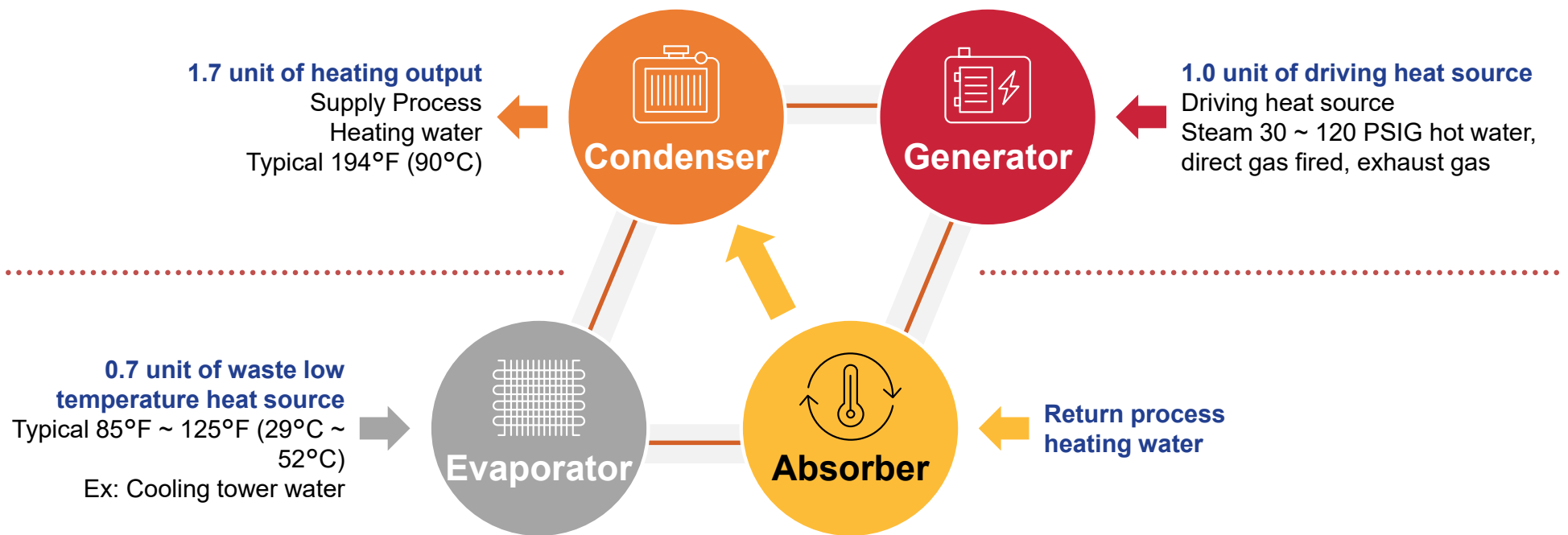
# Zero GWP Heat Pump



# Waste Heat Driven Absorption Heat Pump, 0 GWP

## A Truly Sustainable Technology

### Waste Heat Driven, 0 GWP Refrigerant (Water)

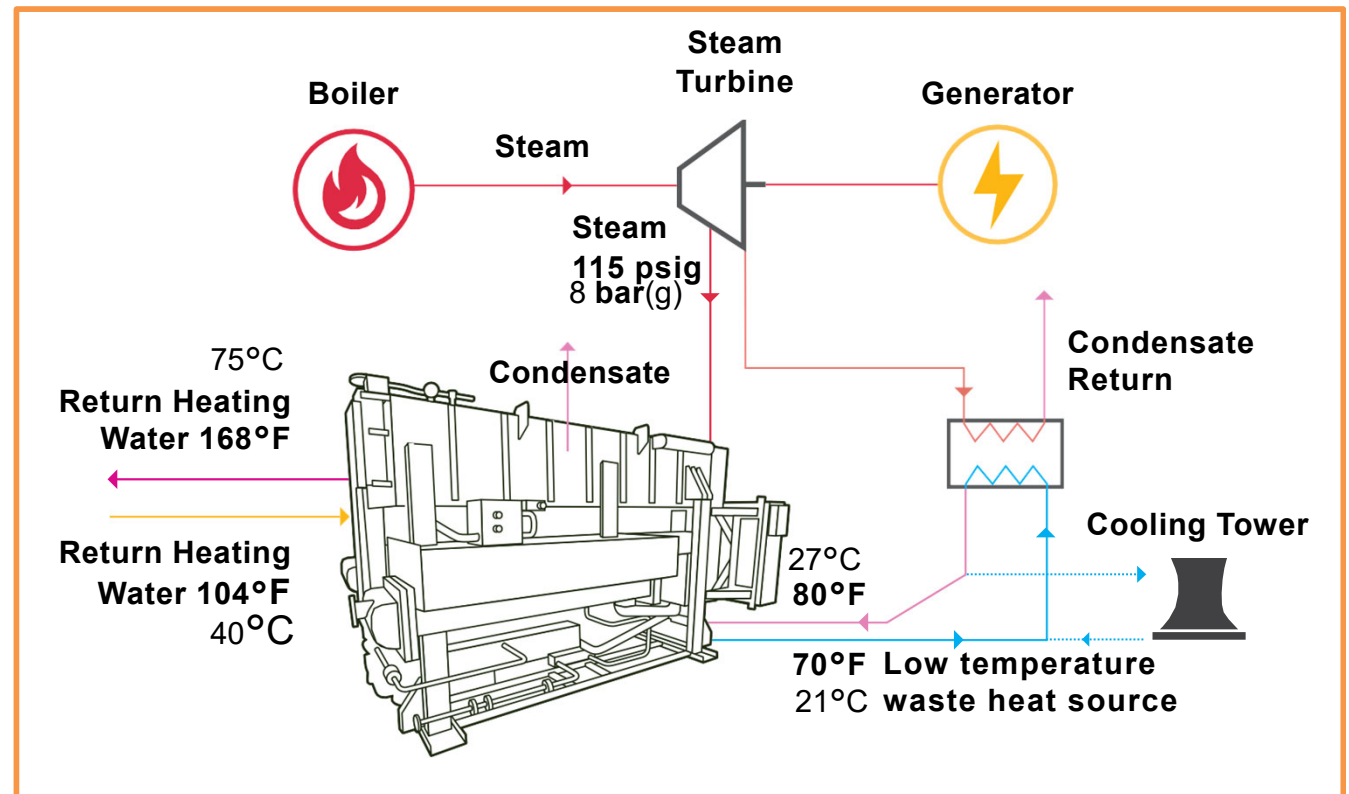


# Steam Driven, Zero GWP, Absorption Heat Pump Application

## Extracted Steam Driving Heat Source

## Evaporator Waste Heat Cooling Tower Water

## Heating Water 168°F for Boiler Feed Water Heating



# Towards A Sustainable Future Every Chiller is a Heat Pump



**Moving the BTUs  
efficiently**



**Proven renewable  
technology**



**Tailor-made for  
your application**



**A key technology  
to achieve your  
sustainability goals**

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## **Diversity of Usage**

Industrial Waste Heat Recovery,  
University Campus Cooling and  
Heating, District Heating

## **Diversity of Refrigerants**

Low GWP to Ultra-low  
GWP to Zero GWP

## **Diversity of Technology**

Electric and Thermal

# Q&A



# Thank You!

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