

Underground Thermal Energy Storage for Carbon Neutral Communities



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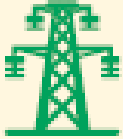

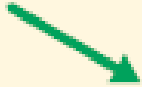


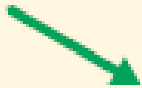

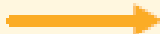
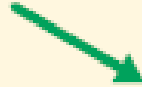






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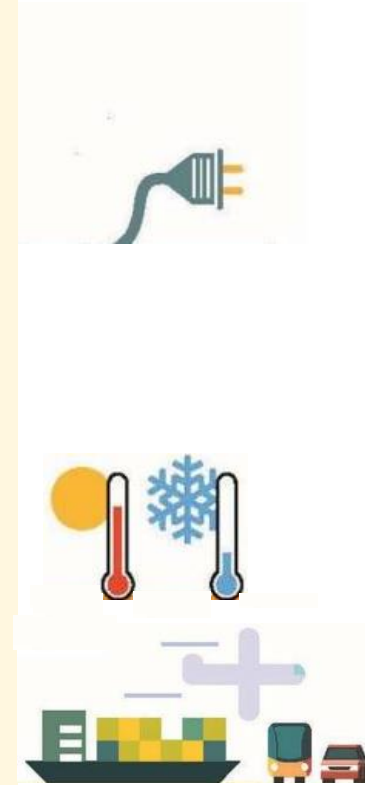


Carbon Neutral Communities



Global GHG emissions by sector

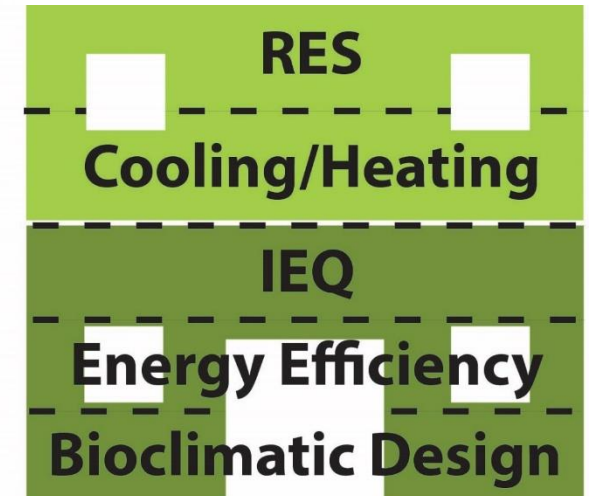
	Globe 2021 vs 1990 (fossil CO ₂)	EU27 2021 vs 1990 (fossil CO ₂)
 Power industry	 + 87 %	 - 39 %
 Other industrial combustion	 + 65 %	 - 41 %
 Buildings	 + 2 %	 - 32 %
 Transport	 + 65 %	 + 16 %
 Other sectors	 + 101 %	 - 23 %



Net Zero Energy Buildings

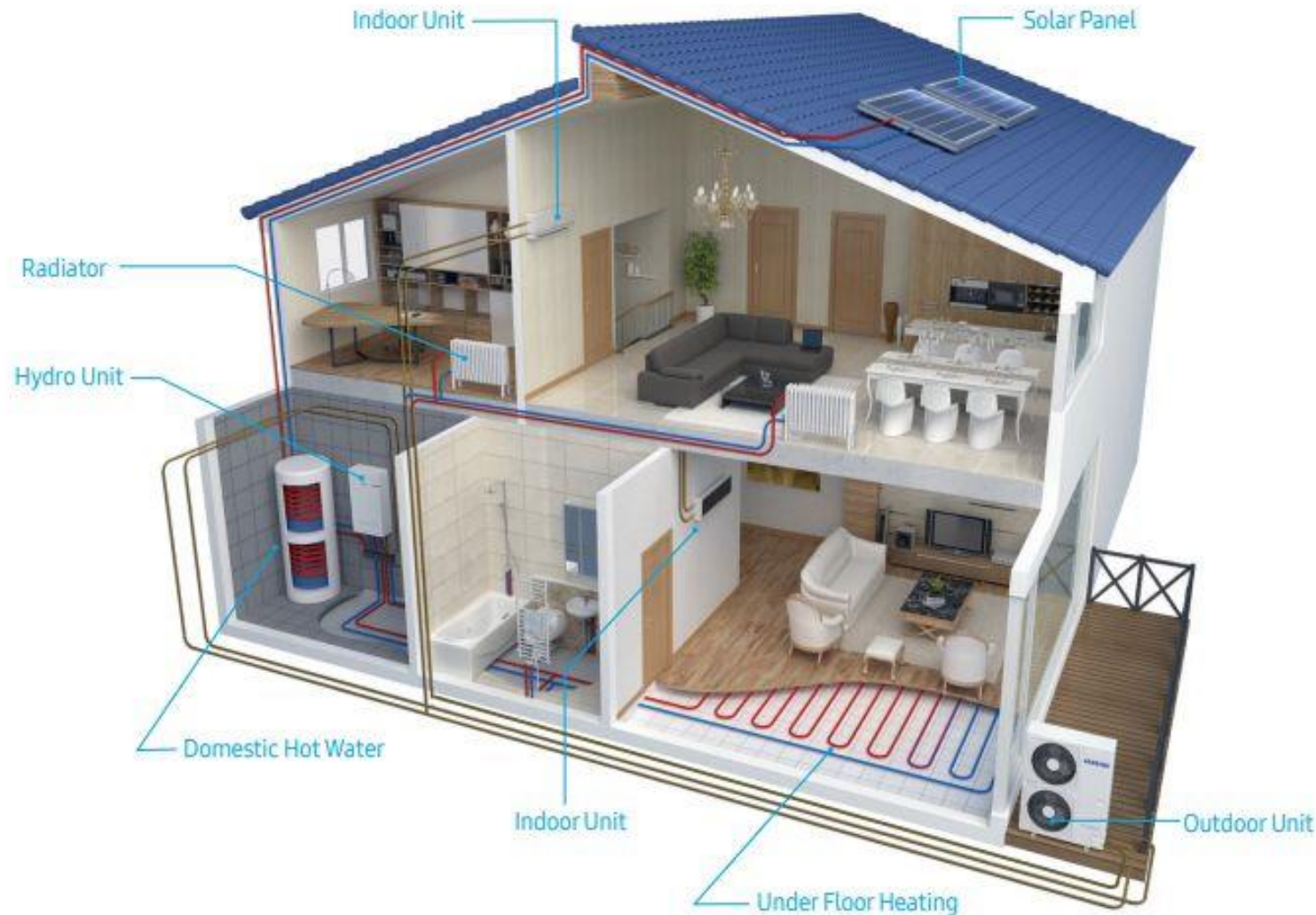
nearly Zero Energy (nZEB) and Net Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB)

A NZEB is a grid connected, energy efficient building that **balances its total annual energy needs by on-site generation**



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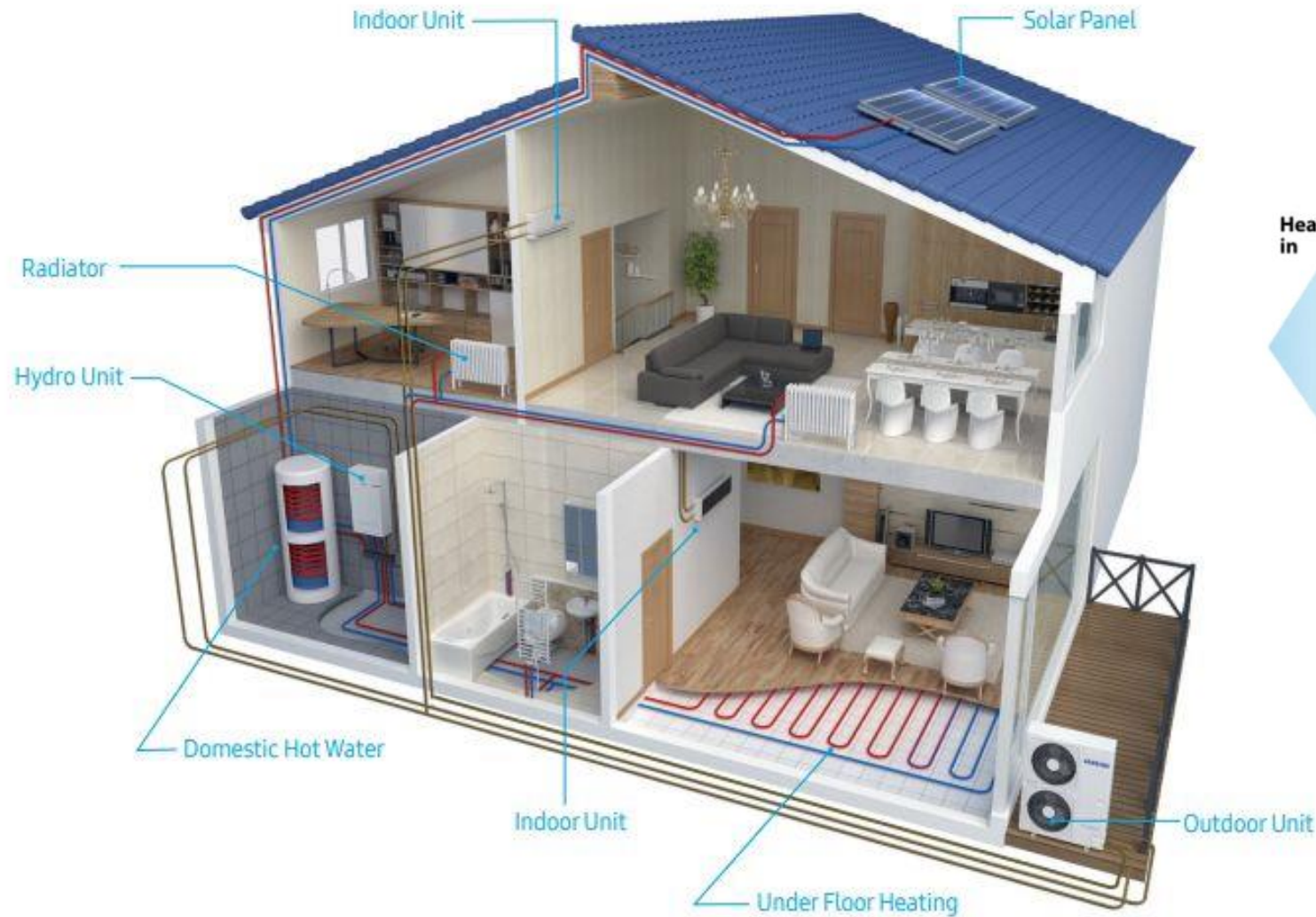
REGIMES DE TEMPERATURE

	T aller
Haute température	90°C
Moyen température	70°C
Basse température	55°C
Très basse température	30°C

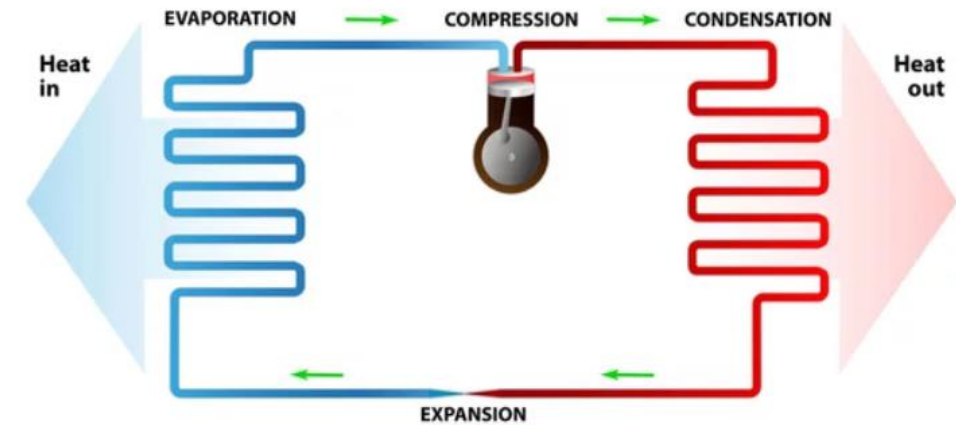
	Refrigerant Pipe
	Water Pipe (Supply)
	Water Pipe (Return)

Net Zero Energy Buildings

All Electric with Heat Pumps



How does a heat pump work?

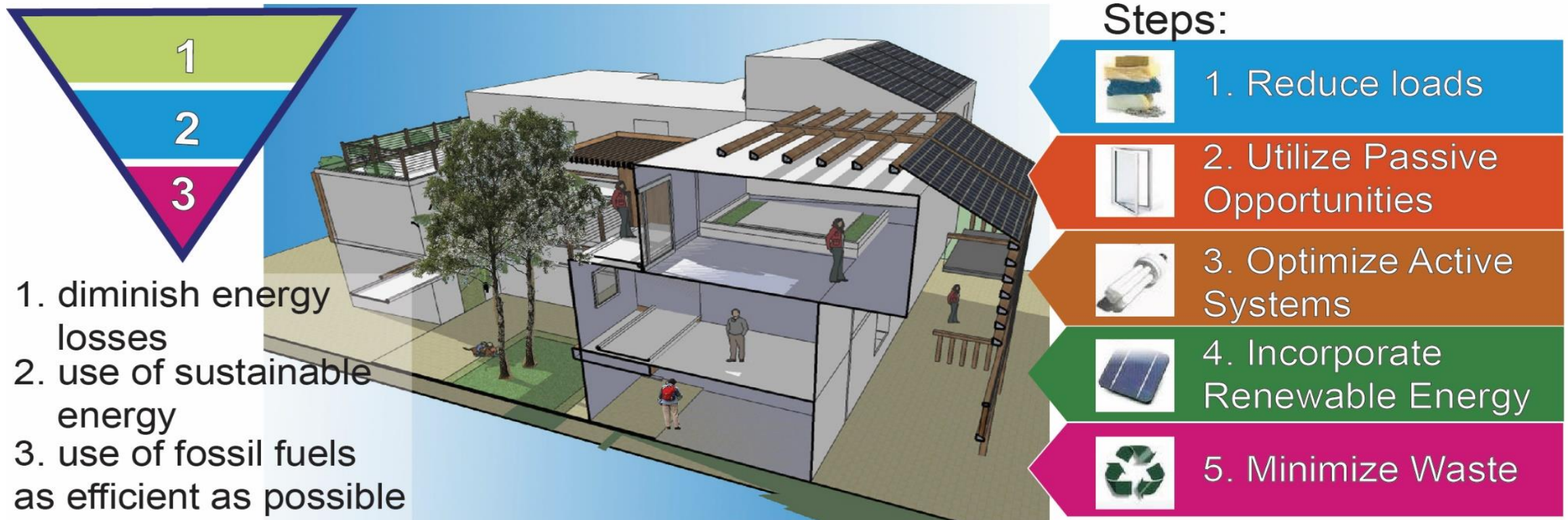


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Net Zero Energy Buildings

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High Performance Design Process

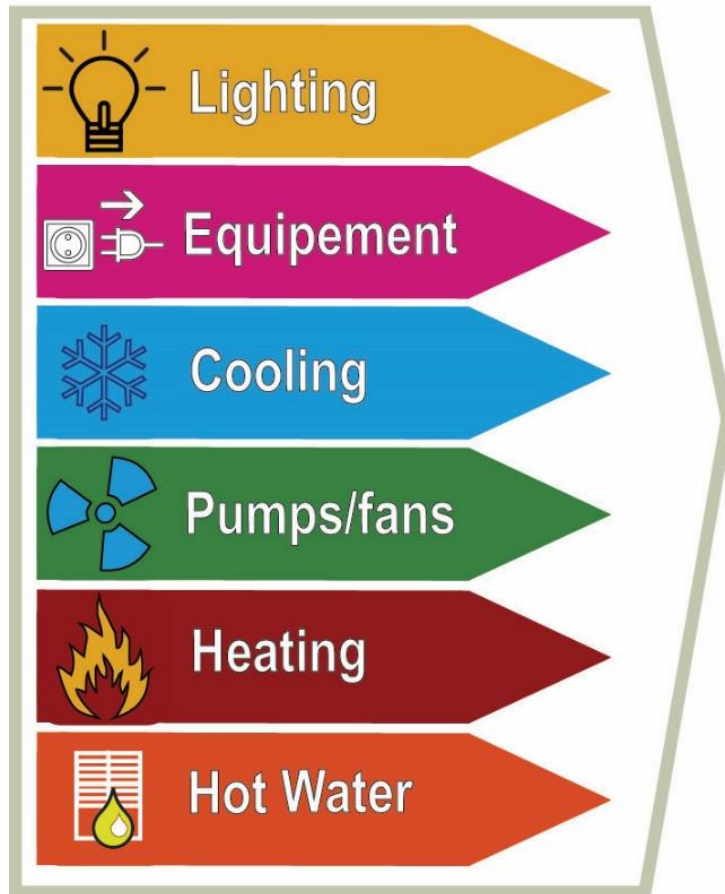


Trias Energetica

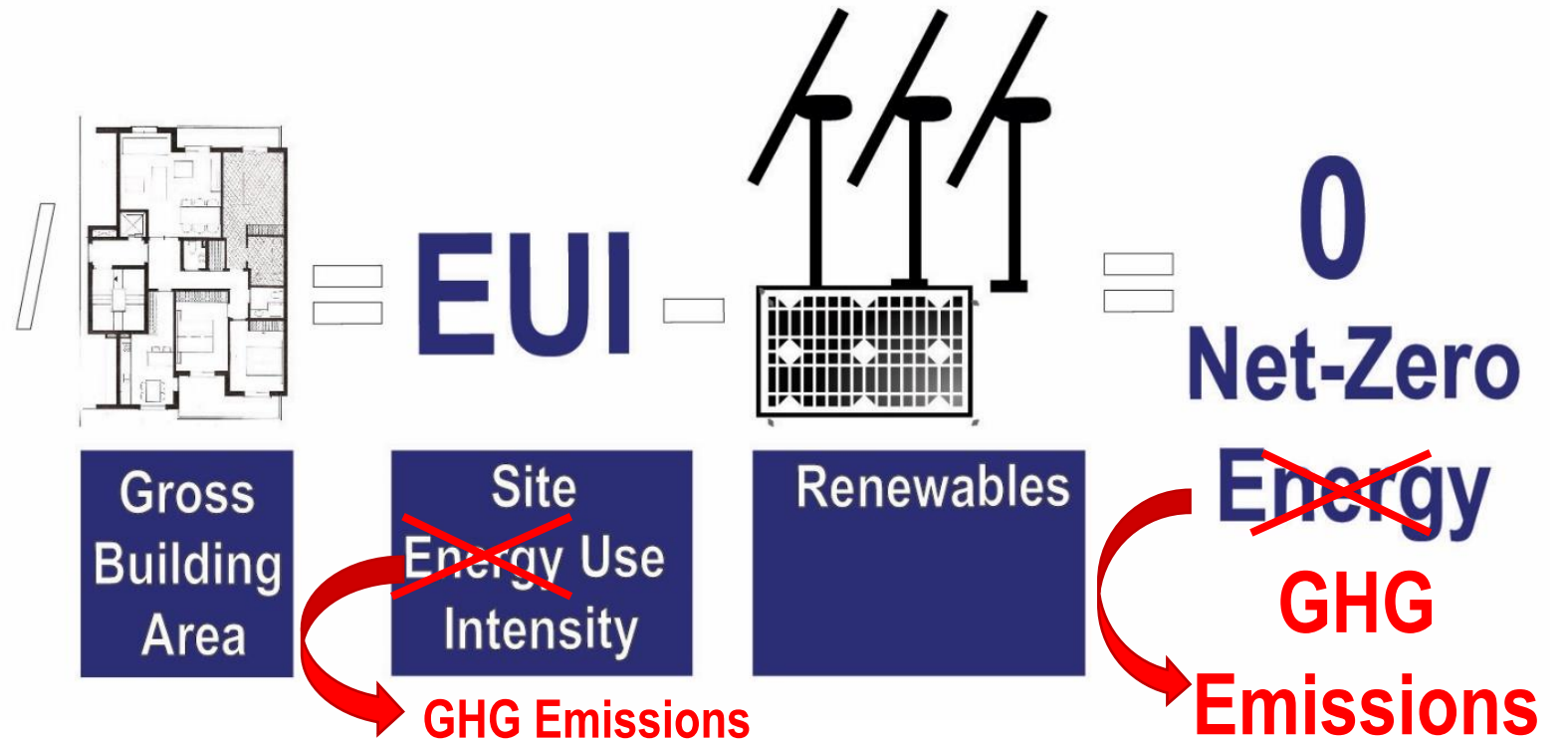
Net Zero Carbon Buildings

From Energy Use Intensity to GHG Emissions Intensity

Measuring ~~Energy~~ Emissions



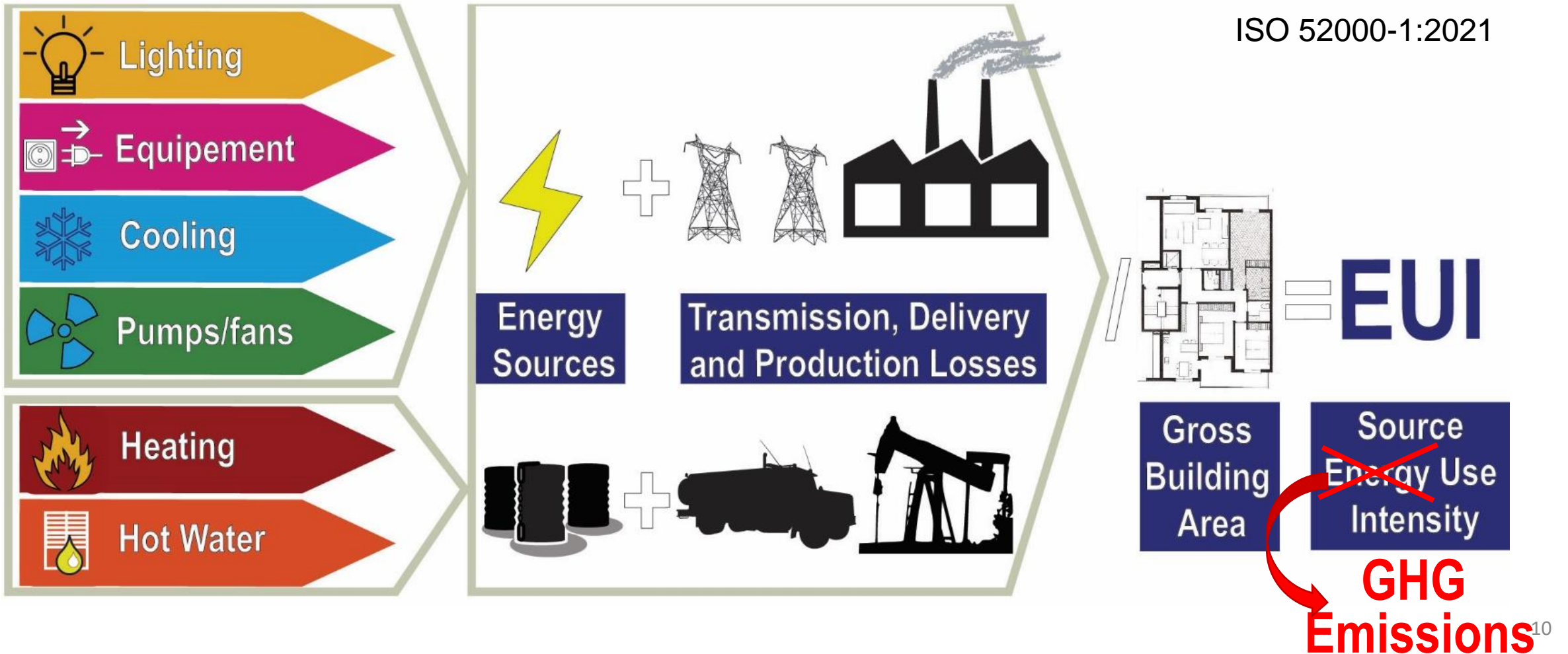
ISO 52000-1:2021



Net Zero Carbon Buildings

Converting the primary energy use intensity to GHG emissions

Measuring ~~Energy~~ Emissions



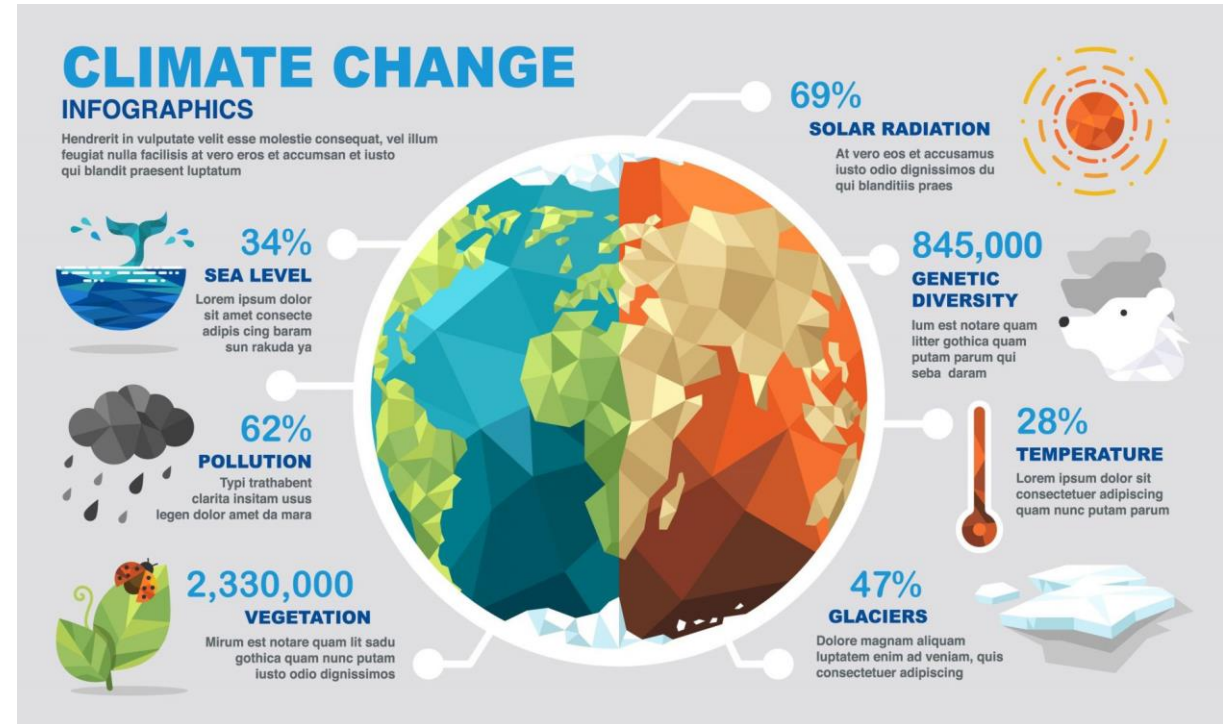
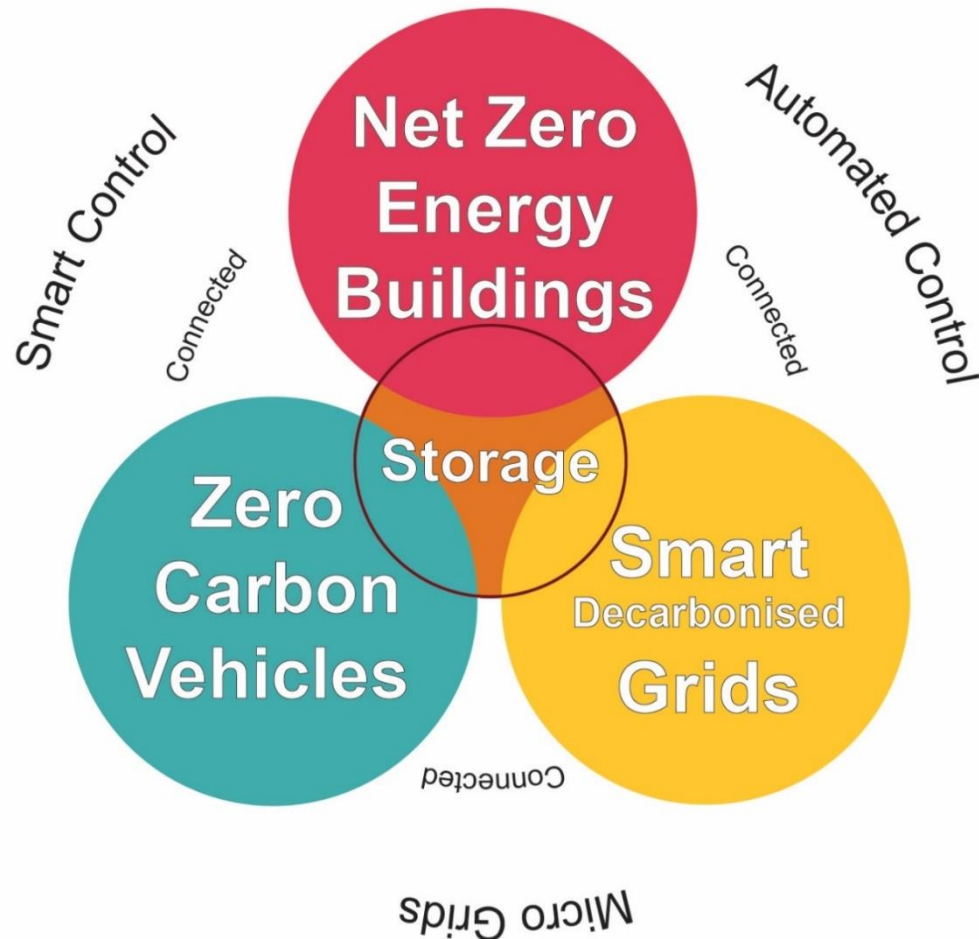
Carbon Neutral Communities

From Single Building to Community



Carbon Neutral Communities

Storage & Scale the Core of Carbon Neutrality



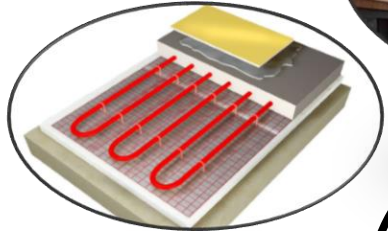
Resilience

Thermal Storage

The Core of Carbon Neutrality

Buildings Storage Systems

Floor Heating Systems



Thermal Mass



Fuel Cells



Buildings Storage Systems



Buffer Tanks



Batteries

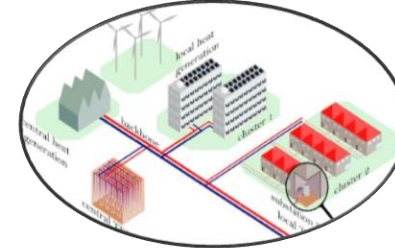


PCM



TABs Thermally Activated Beams

Mixed Use Districts

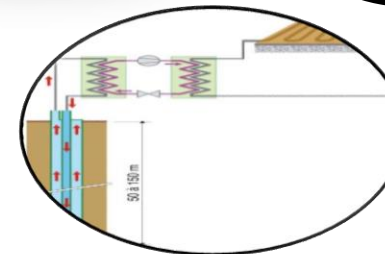


Neutral Networks

District Storage Systems



Energy Storage Systems



Geothermal Energy Storage



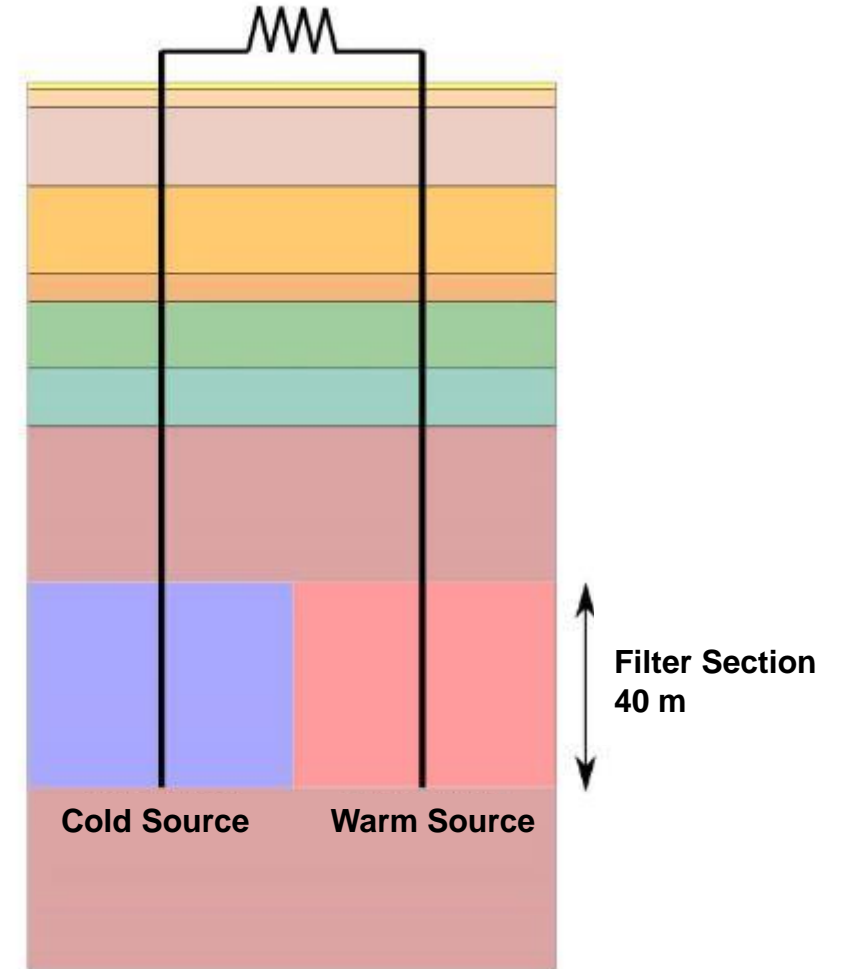
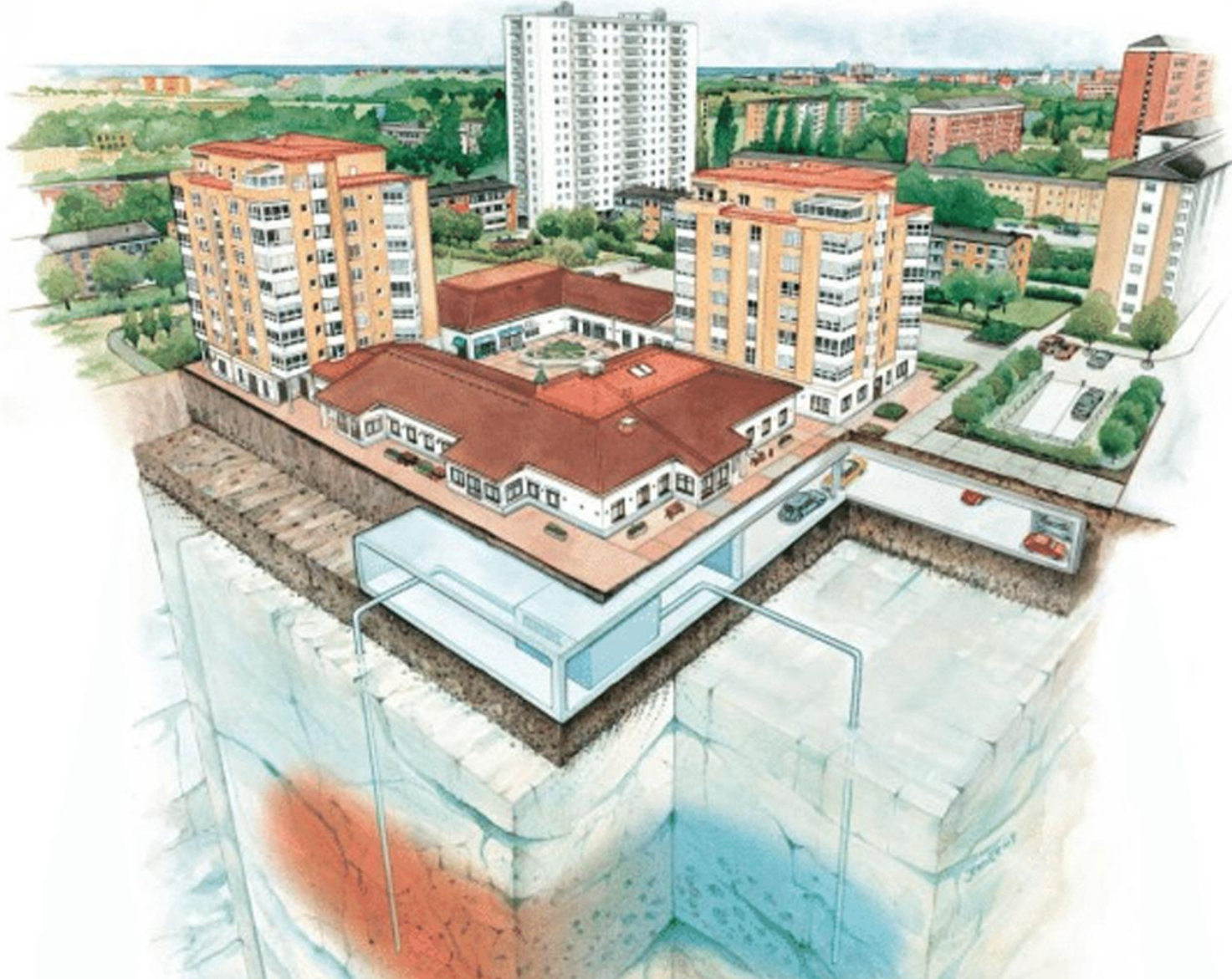
Micro Hydro Power for Storage

Shallow Geothermal Energy



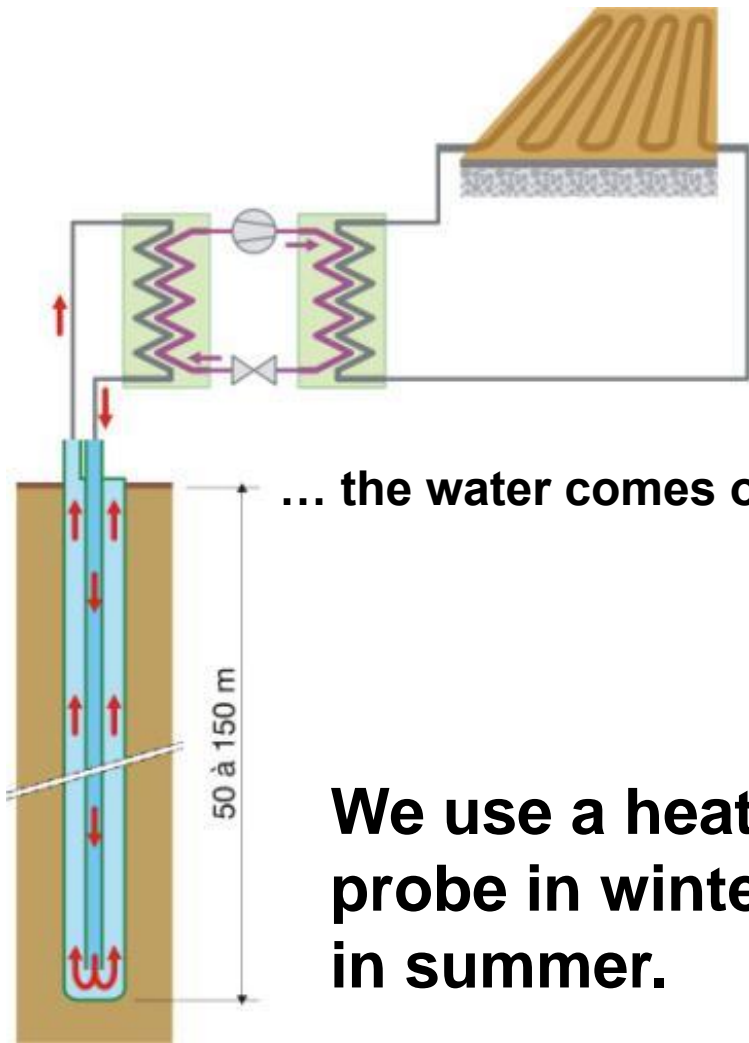
Shallow Geothermal Energy

Aquifer Thermal Storage (ATES)



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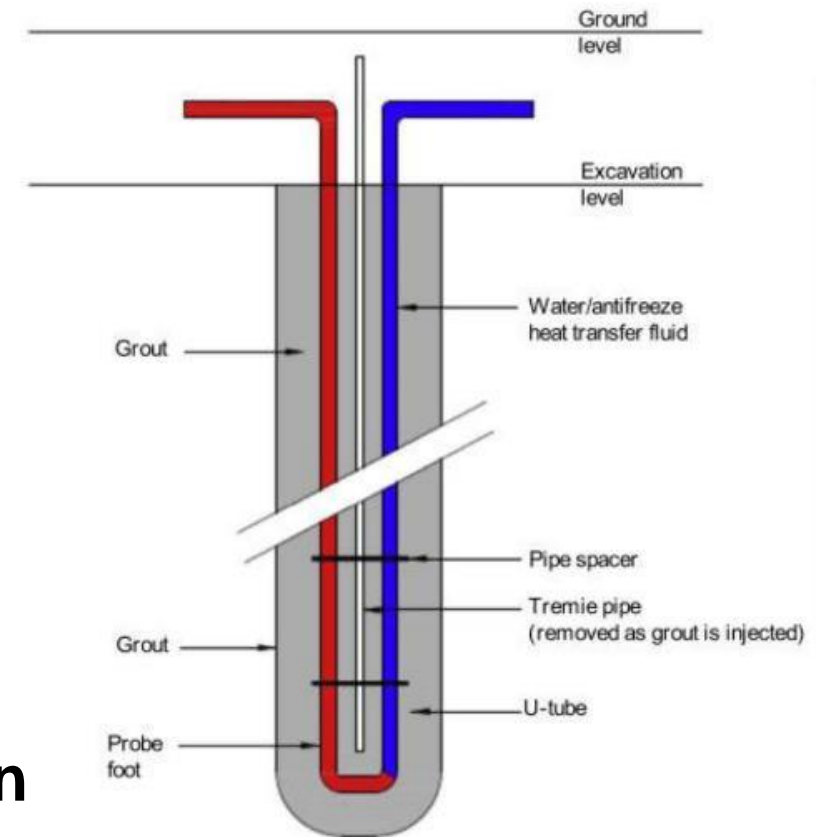
Borehole Thermal Energy Storage (BTES)



... the water comes out of the borehole at 10°C

We use a heat pump on a geothermal probe in winter and cold water circulation in summer.

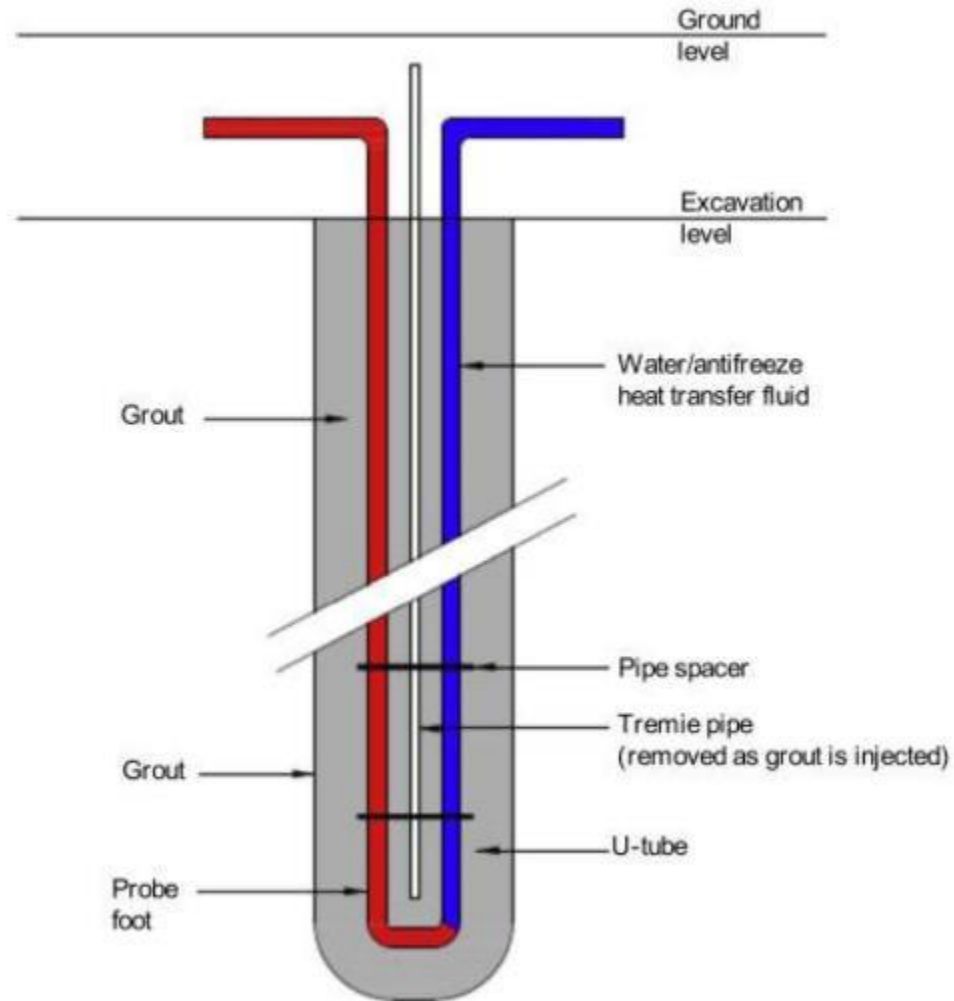
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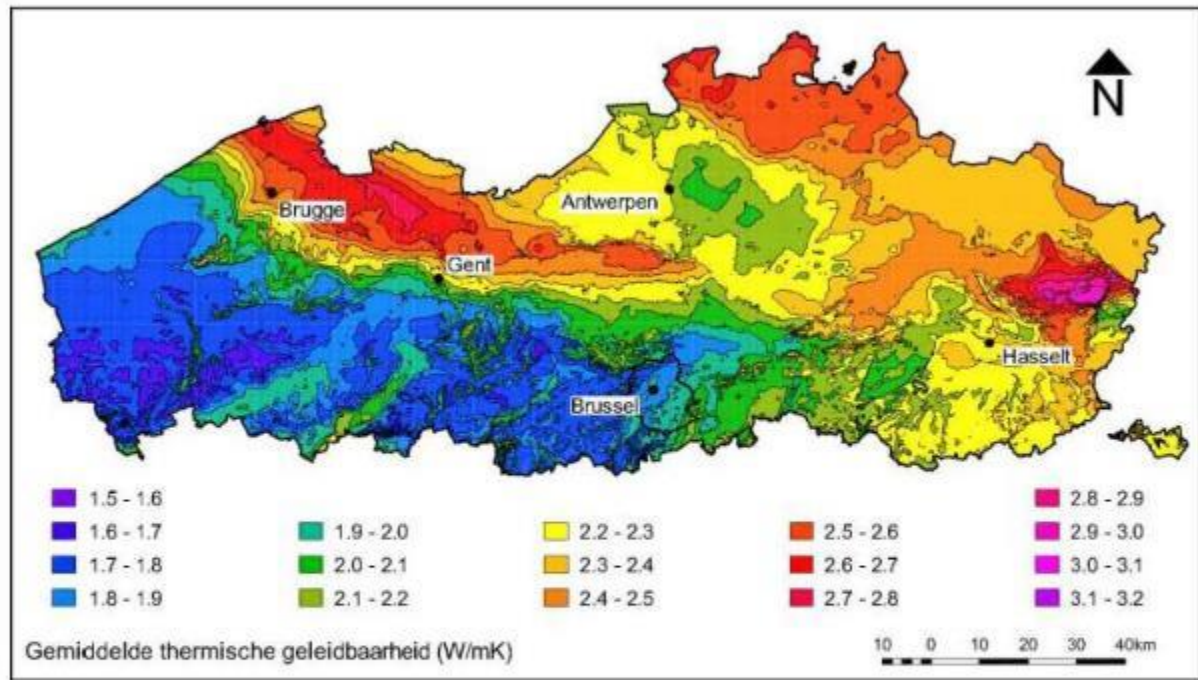
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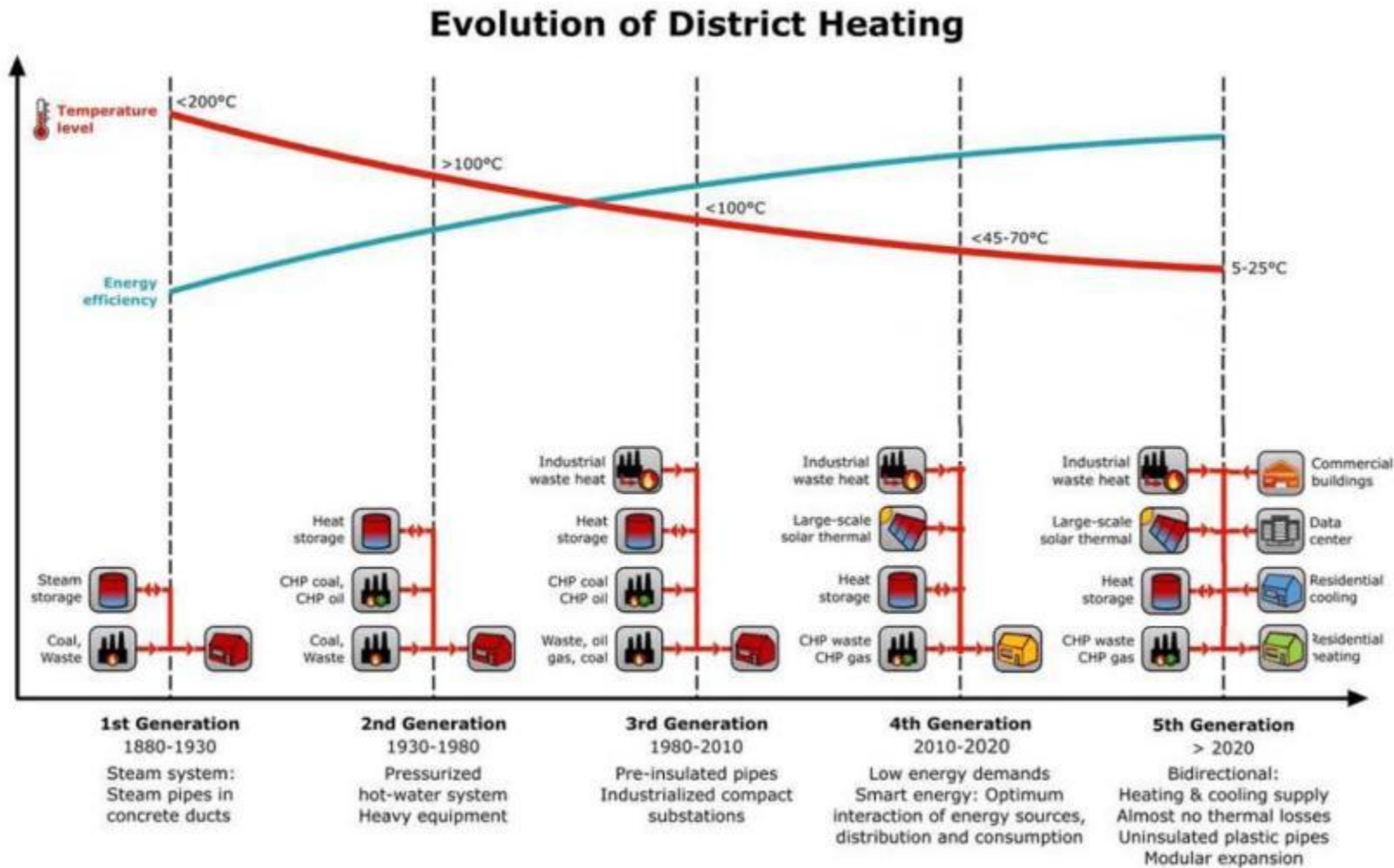
FEASIBLE "EVERYWHERE"



Heating Grids



District Heating



4th Generation:
District heating grid with a collective source

5th Generation:
Thermal energy directly from the subsurface
($T 5 - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Case Studies



Conclusion



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Neutral Grid with collective ATEs-boreholes



NEUTRAL GRID

- Allows to connect different buildings from different owners under a public infrastructure.
- Can be managed and operated by a private/public third party.

COLLECTIVE ATEs WELLS

- ATEs wells and boreholes are part of the public domain
- Need to make sure they don't get connected
- Require continuous monitoring from the environmental authorities
- Need to make sure that their efficiency will not decrease with time.

Thank you for your attention



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