

# Heat pumps and Chillers with Natural Refrigerants



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## Technologies for Biofuel Hybrid Micro Gas Turbines



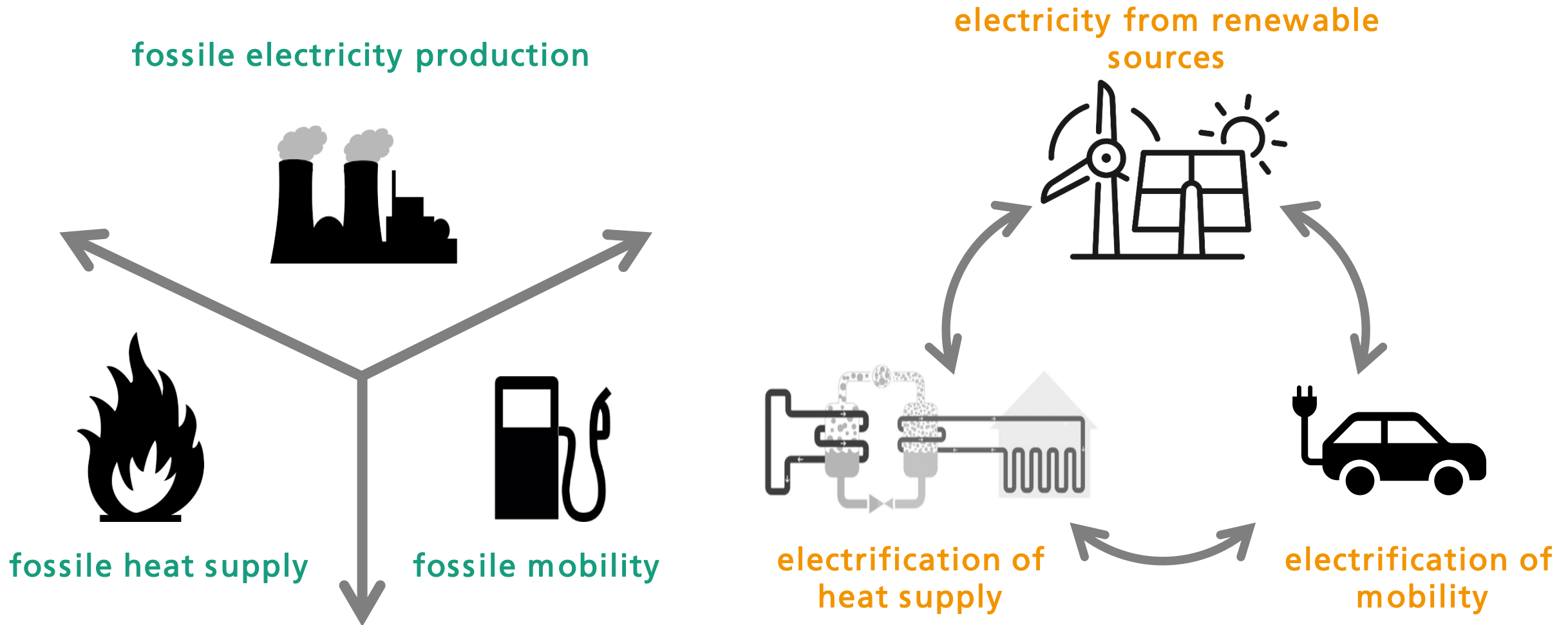
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# Transformation of Heating Sector

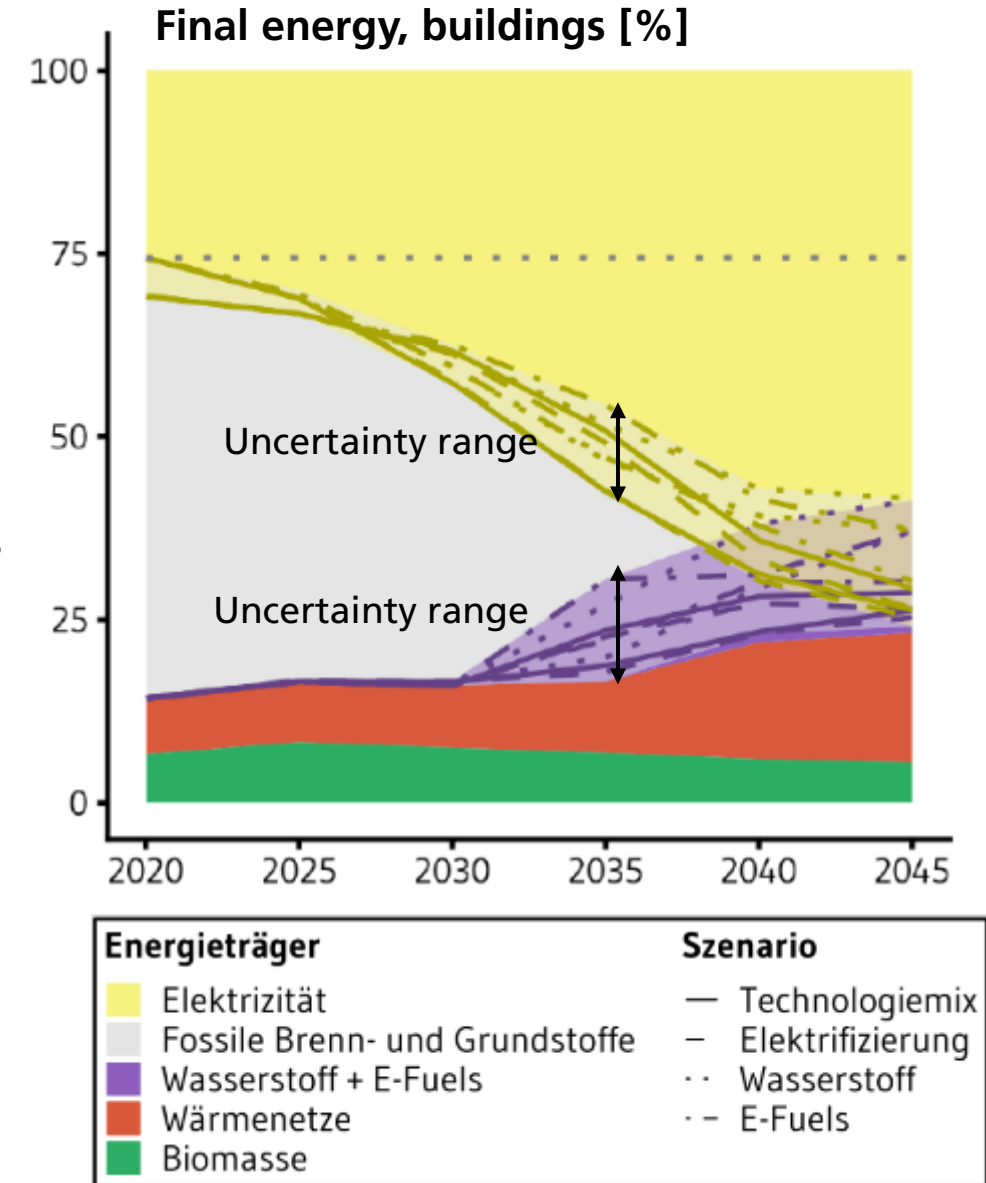
Centralized to decentralized, stand-alone to interactive?



# Energy carrier building sector

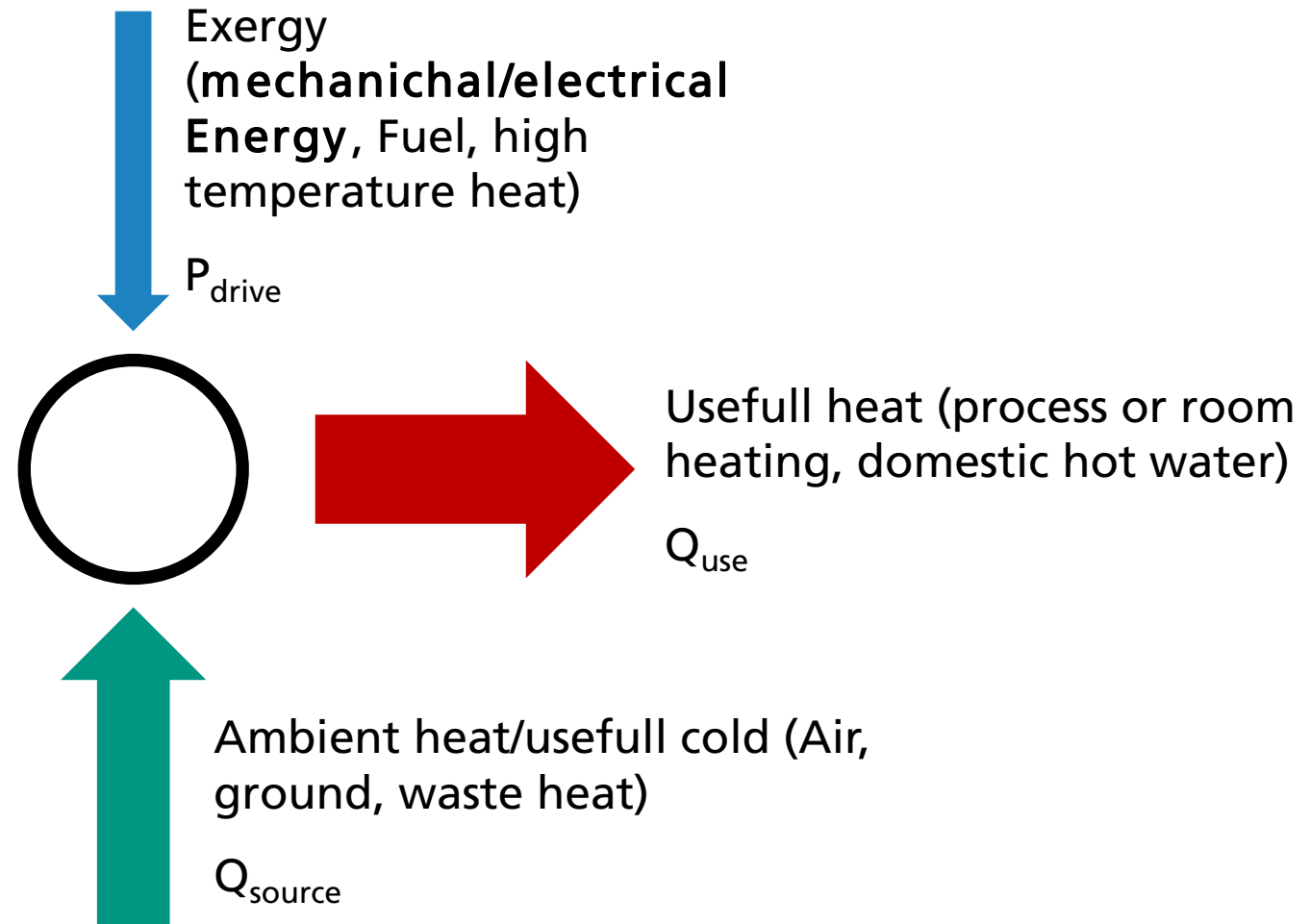
## Results of energy system analysis – top-down approach

- Direct electrification vs. H2 and E-Fuels
  - Comparison of recent studies (Ariadne, BDI, DENA, Agora, long time scenarios) shows, that indirect electrification will not play a role in building sector until 2030
  - Direct electrification (heat pumps) and heating networks will be central components of heating transformation
  - From 2030 larger uncertainty:
    - Some scenarios: H2 and E-Fuels negligible for building sector
    - Other scenarios show relevant shares in 2045
  - Impact on (necessary) infrastructures only in combination with local bottom-up considerations possible

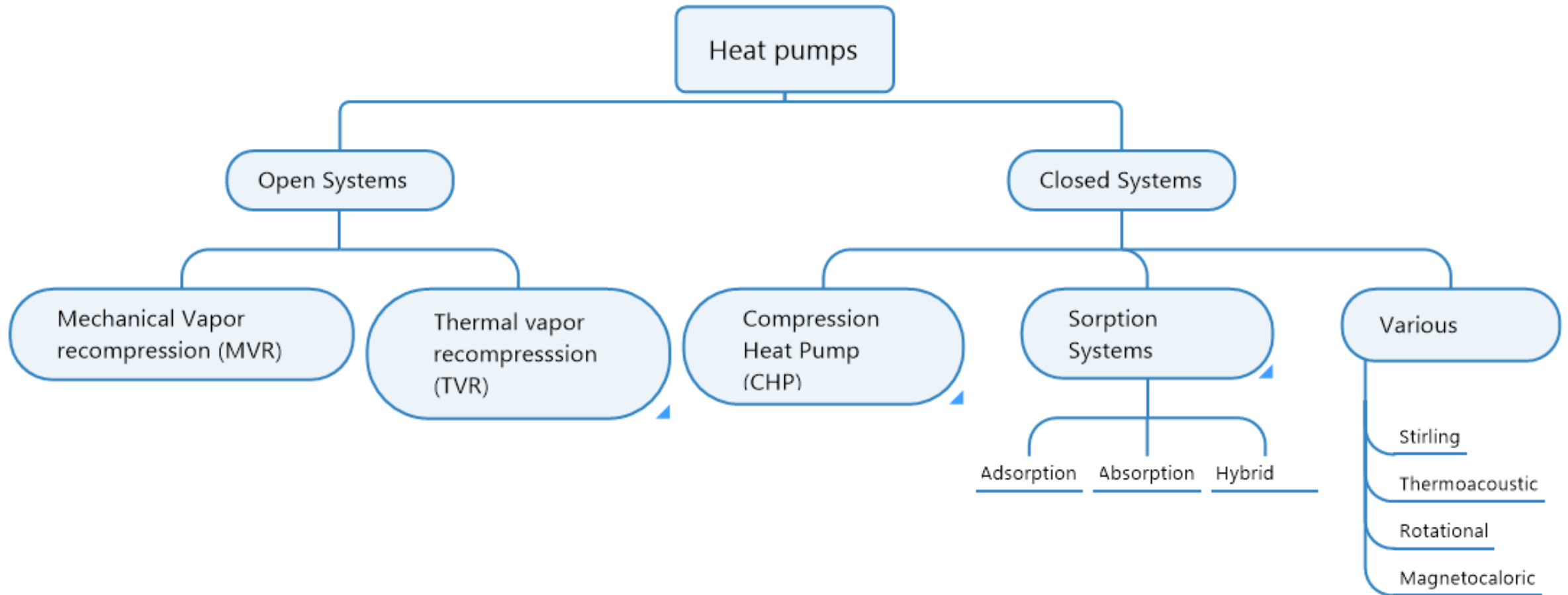


# What is a heat pump?

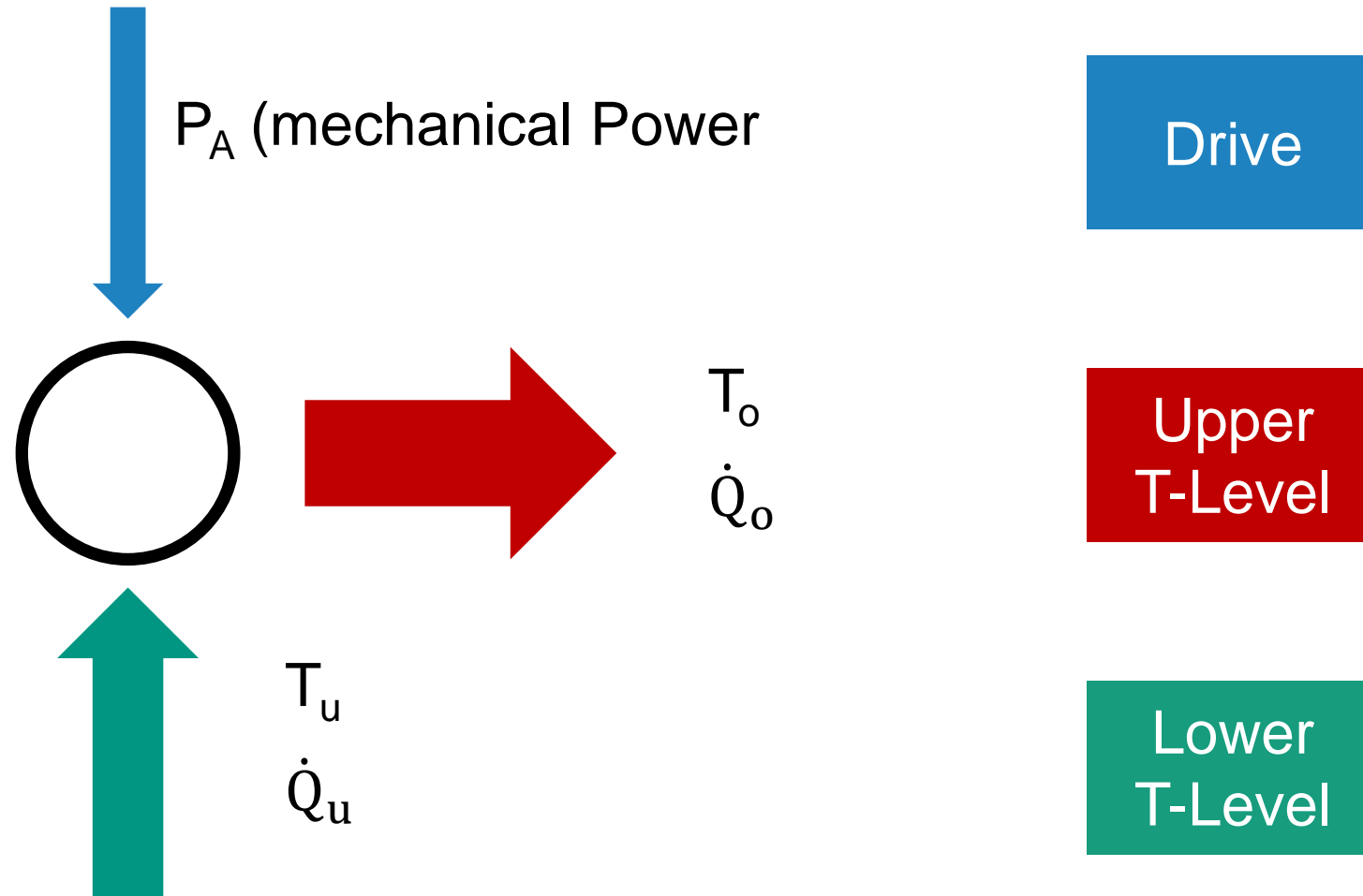
- Heat flows from higher to lower temperature level (2. law of thermodynamics)
- To lift a heat flux from lower to higher temperature, a thermodynamic process is necessary which uses external driving energy/exergy
- Driving energy: pure exergy (mechanical or electrical energy) or heat at higher temperature (energy with share of exergy)
- Processes that lift heat from a lower to a higher temperature level are called »**heat pumps**«



# Classification



# Mechanical/Electrical HP (Compression HP)



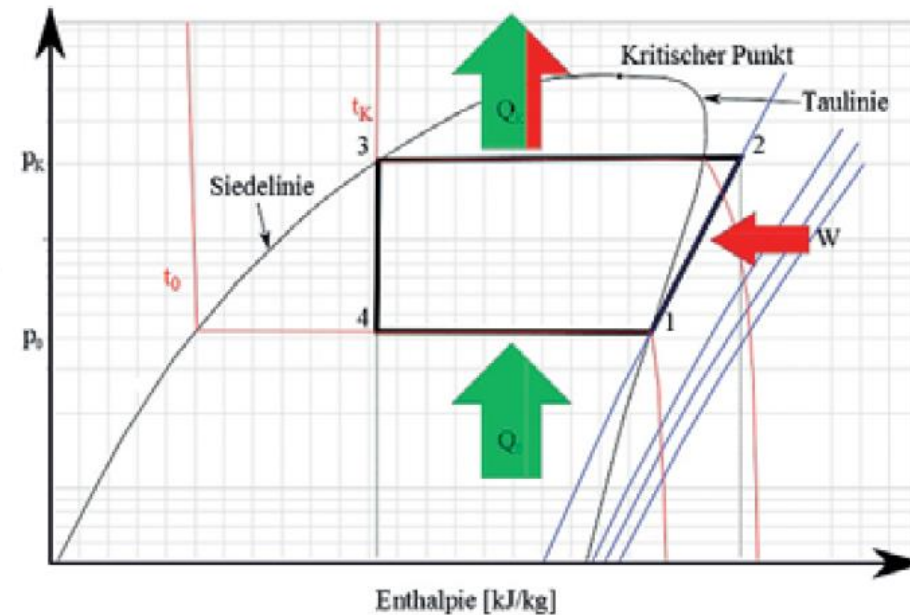
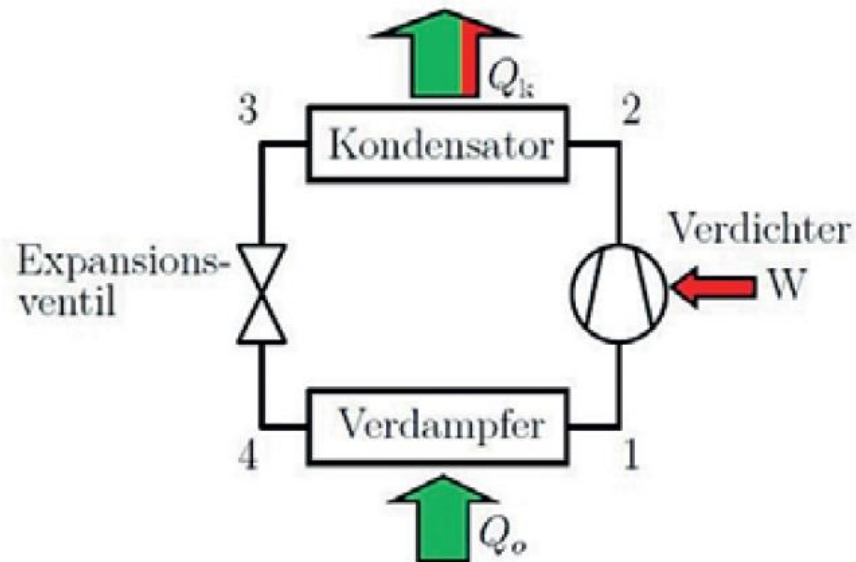
# Ideal Process in log(p)–h Diagram

4→1 isothermal Evaporation

1→2 isentropic Compression (in gas phase)

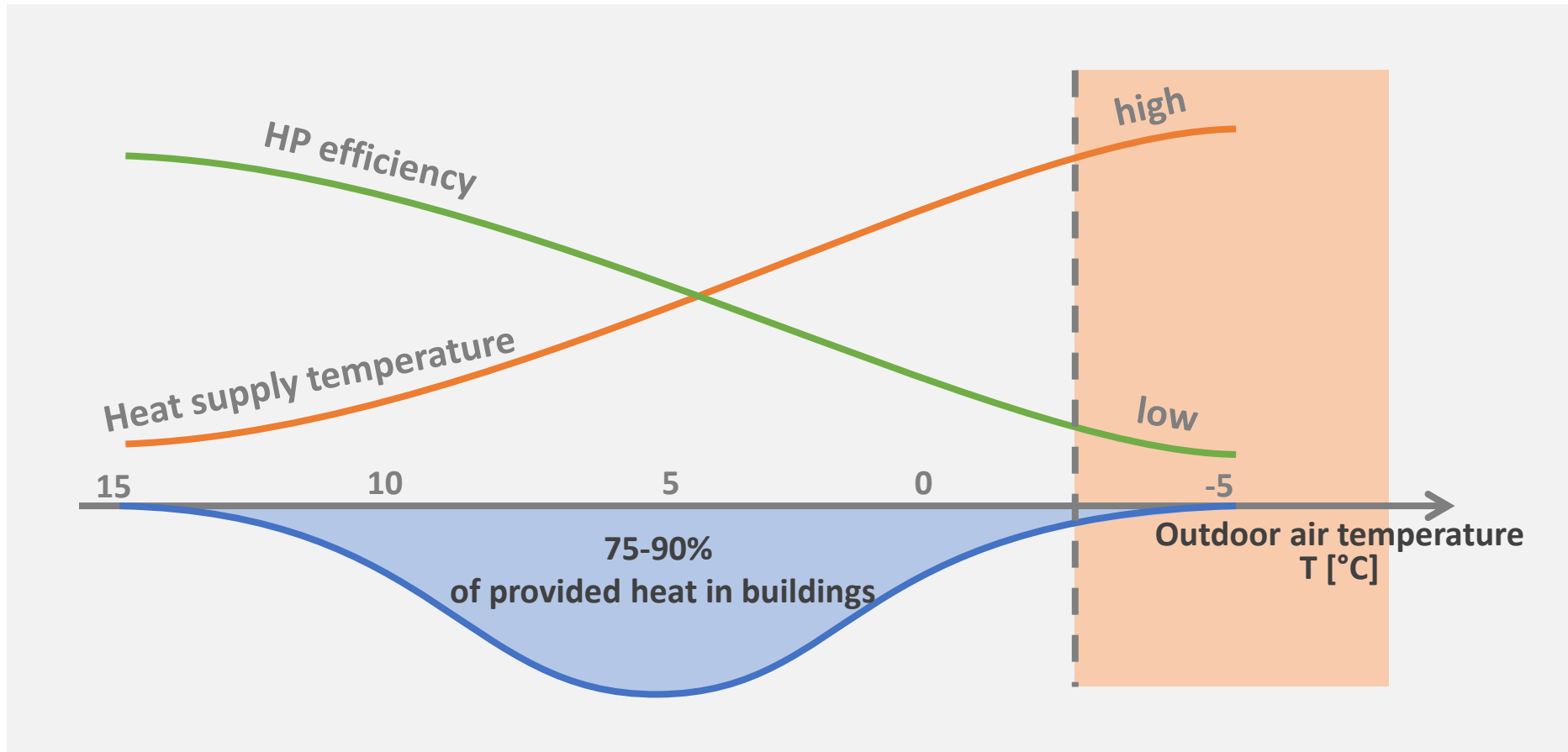
2→3 isobarical Condensation

3→4 isenthalpic Expansion (of Condensate)



# Efficiency of Heat Pumps

## When is heat provided?



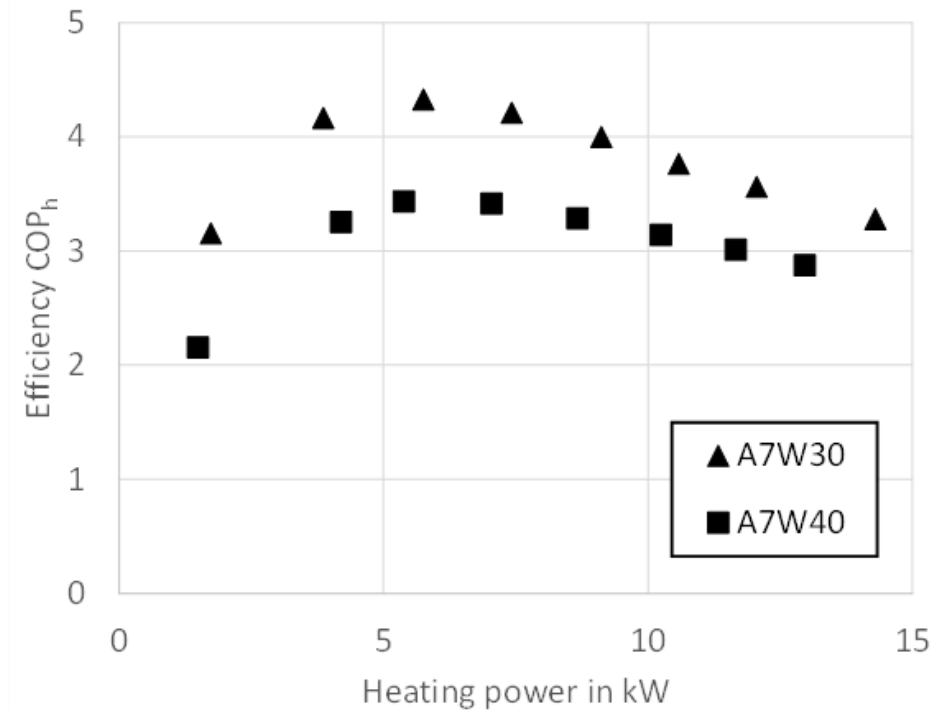


# Fit4Micro: Propane Heat Pump (R290)

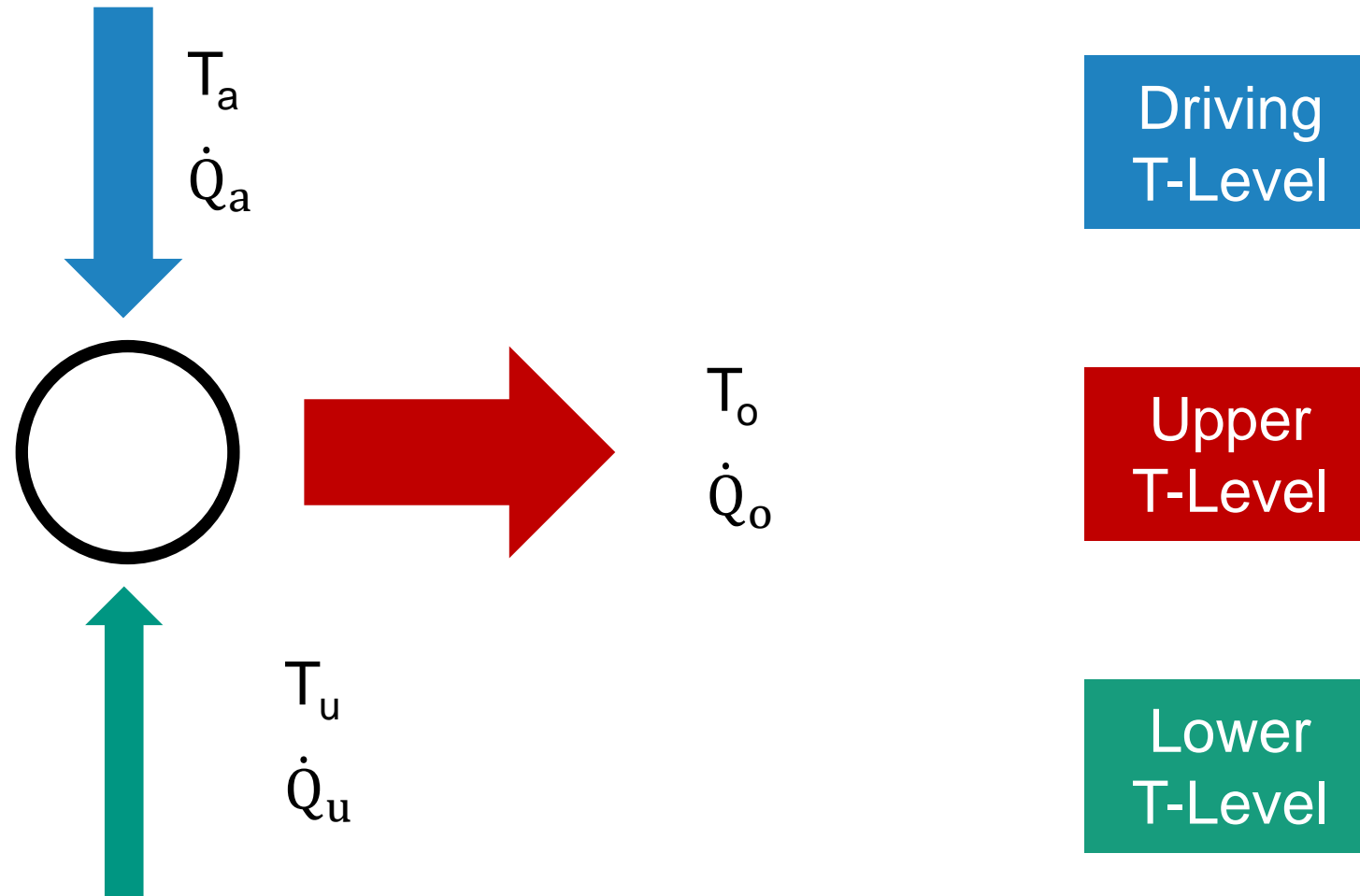
- MITIS R290 heat pump in climate chamber at Fraunhofer ISE



- Measured under different temperature boundary conditions at various compressor (and ventilator) speeds

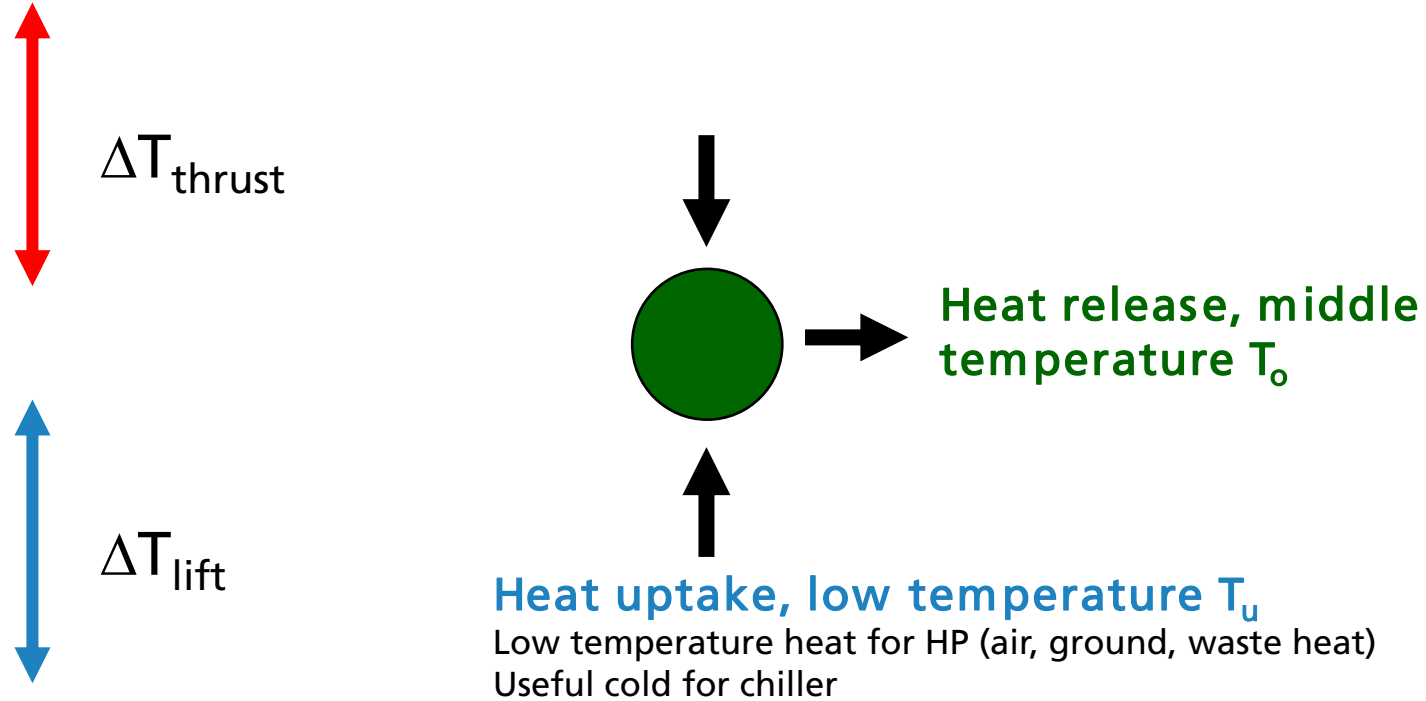


# Thermally Driven Heat Pump/Chiller



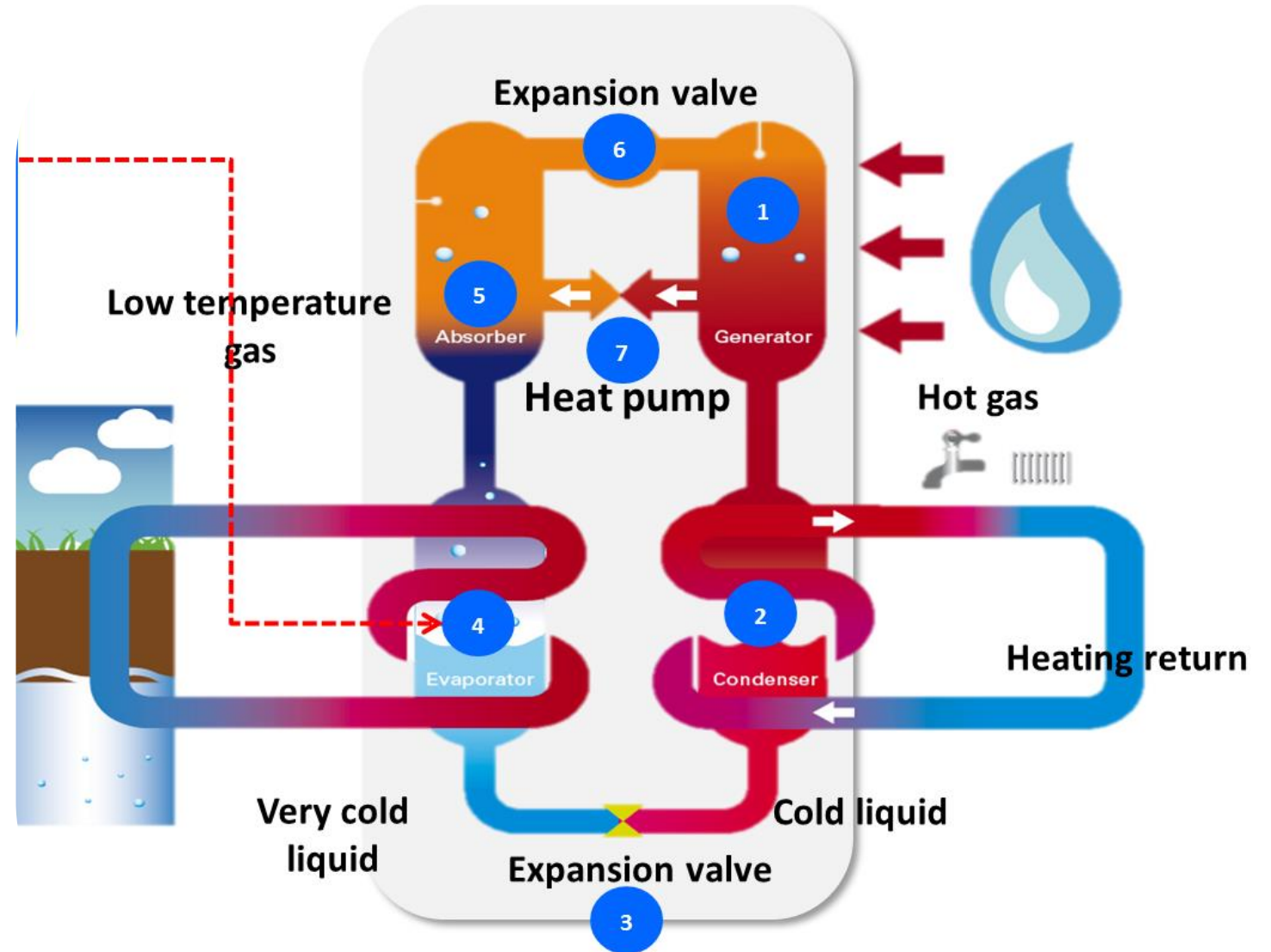
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**Driving heat, high temperature  $T_a$**   
e.g. combustion process, flue gas, waste heat

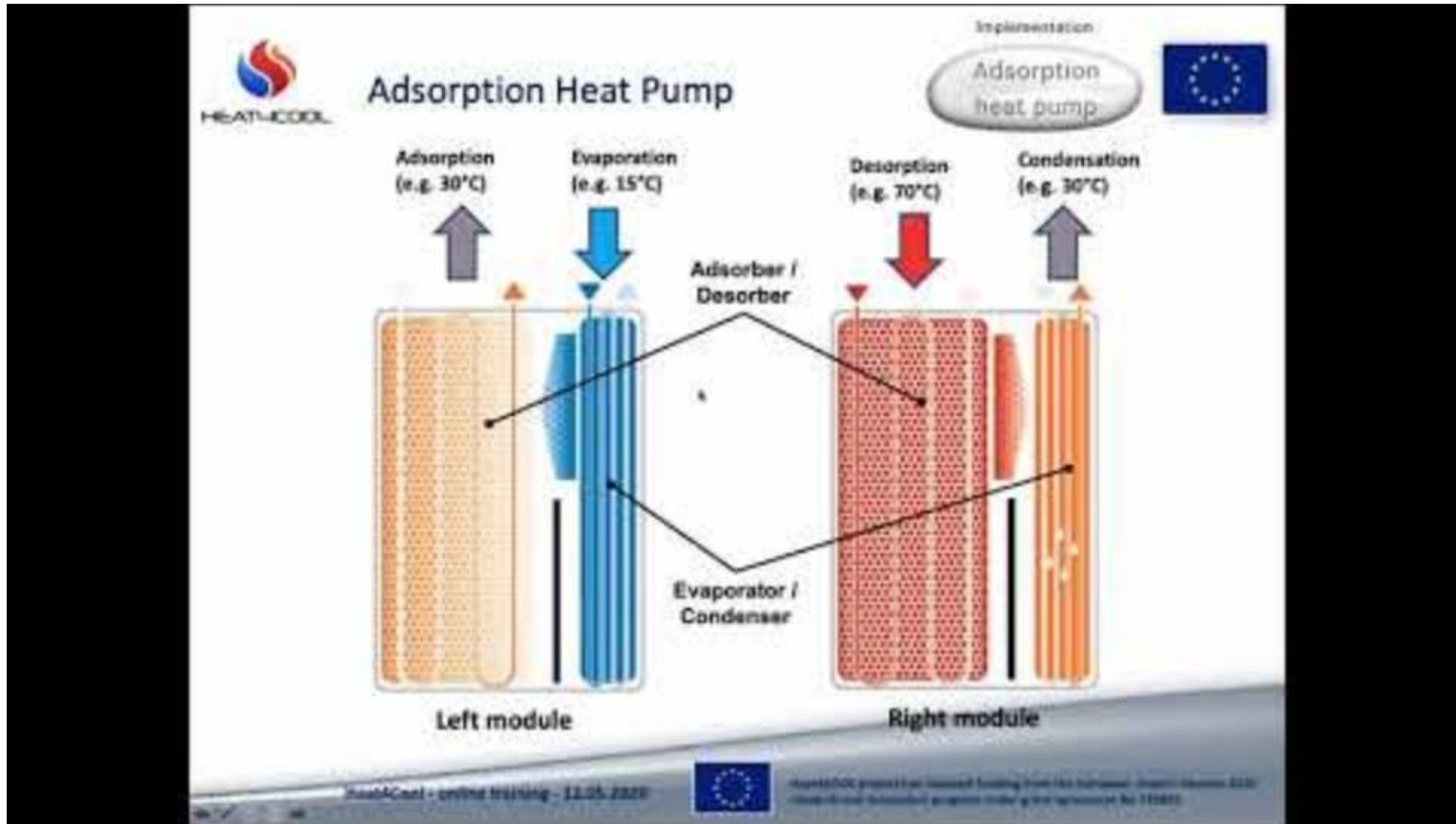


# Functional Principle Absorption Heat Pump

- For Heating with air as ambient source: Water-Ammonia
- Source/cooling temperatures  $>5^{\circ}\text{C}$ : Lithiumbromide-Water
- Market available products
- Thermal efficiency/Fuel Utilisation Efficiency 1,3 – 1,7 at high heating temperatures  $>50^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Could also be run with renewable fuels -> where and when?

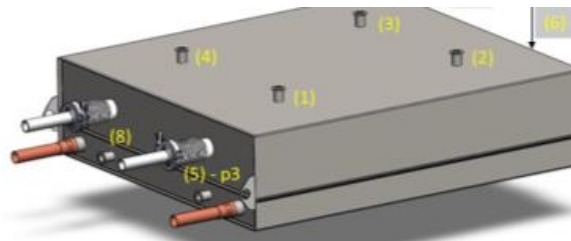


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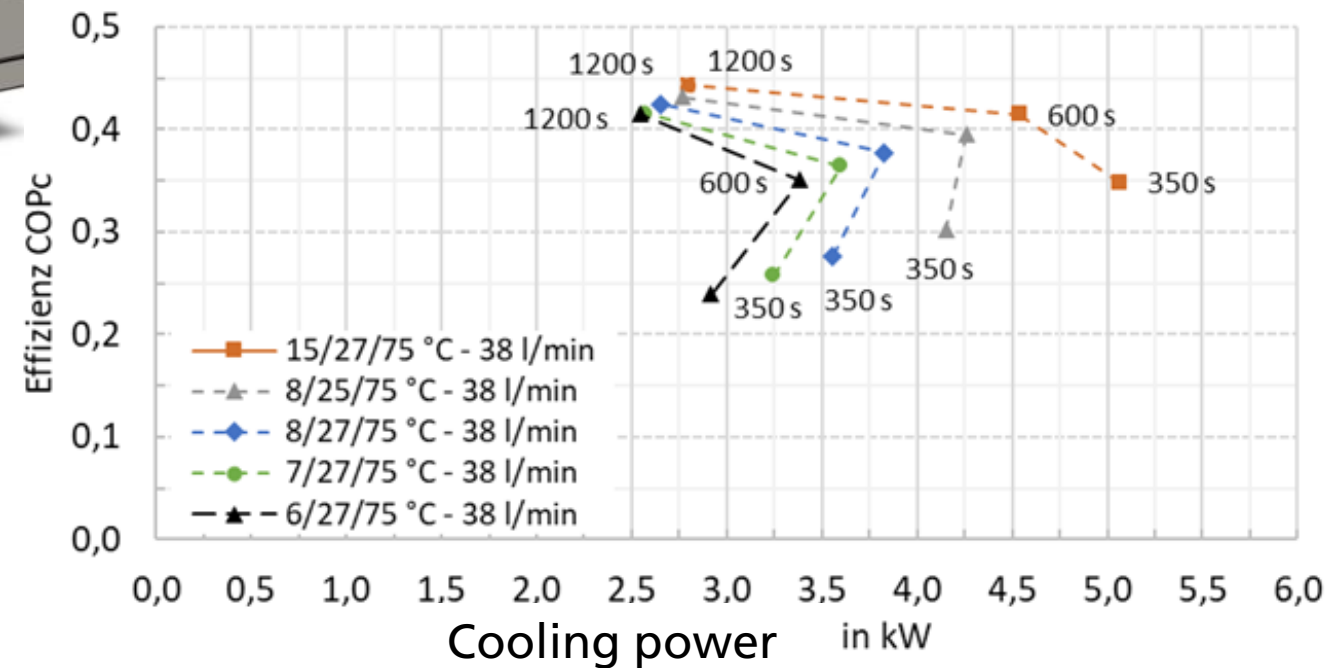


# Fit4Micro: Silicagel and zeolite adsorption modules with refrigerant water

- Fahrenheit adsorption module on test bench at Fraunhofer ISE



- Measured under different temperature boundary conditions at various cycle times

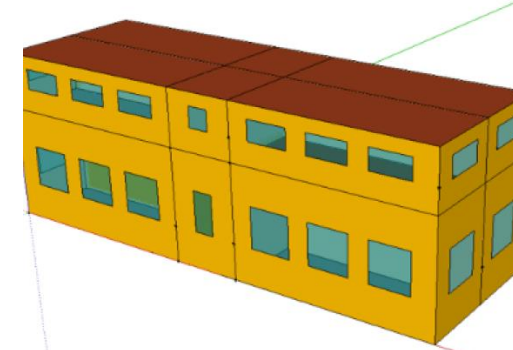


# Impact on Fit4Micro

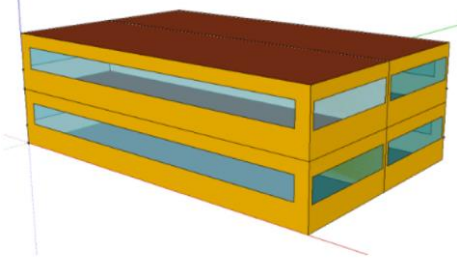
## System design and use cases

- Consideration of
  - Infrastructure (quality gas/electricity grid, district heating available?) -> What is the reference/competition?
  - Fuel costs
  - Demand profiles (heat, electricity, cooling), full load hours
- Preliminary use case evaluation based on Excel tool

Multi-family home (MFH)



Office Building

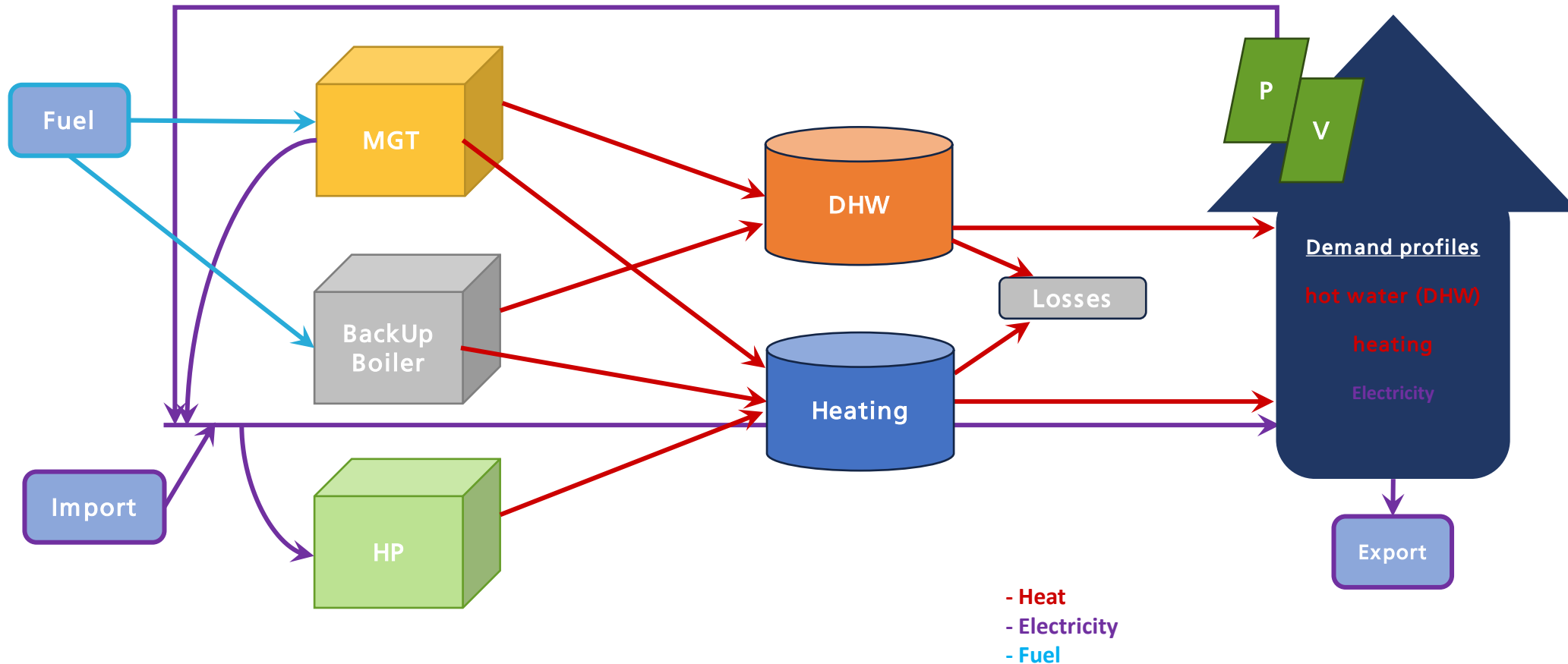


Machine cooling



# Fit4Micro – Heating Use Cases

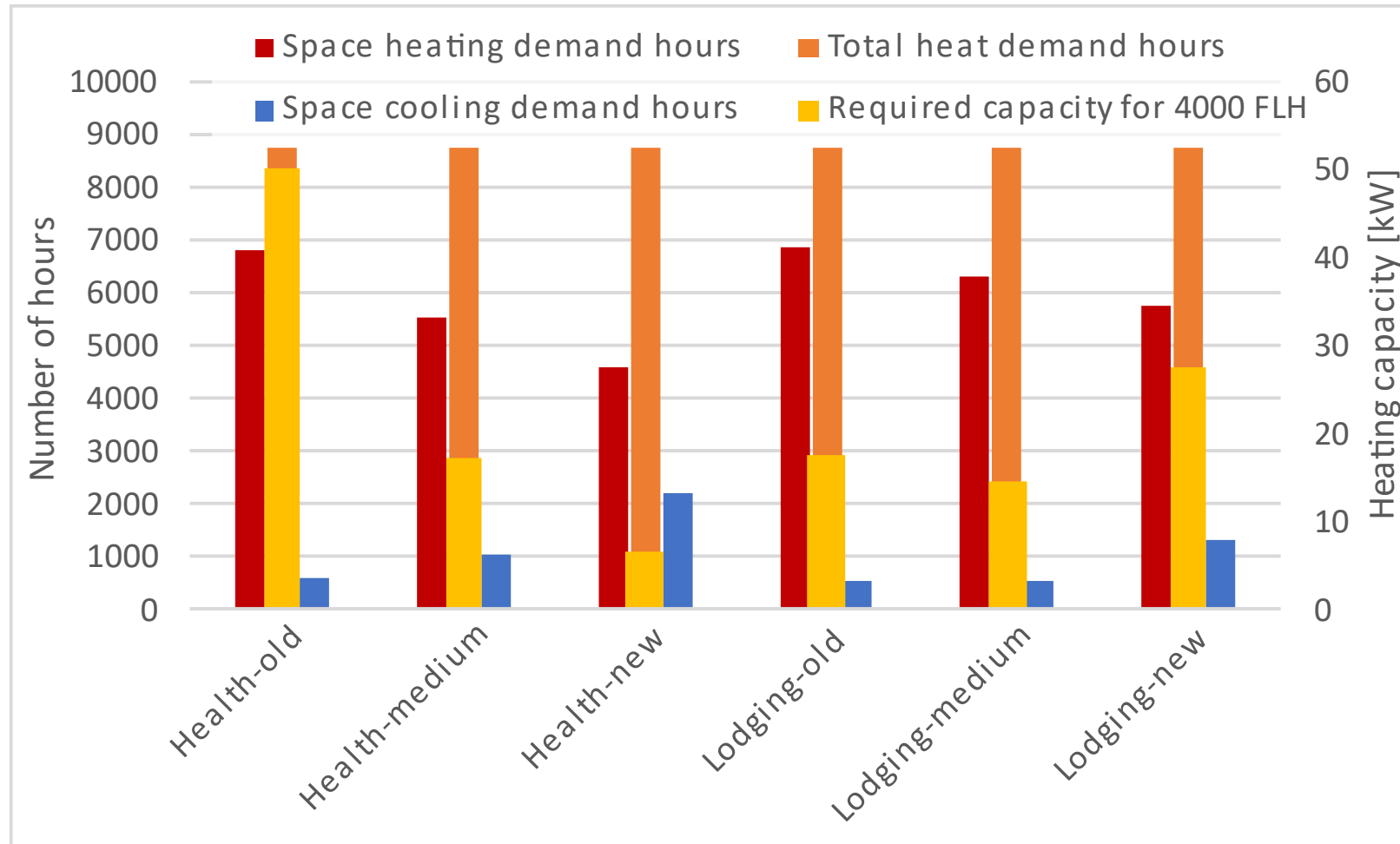
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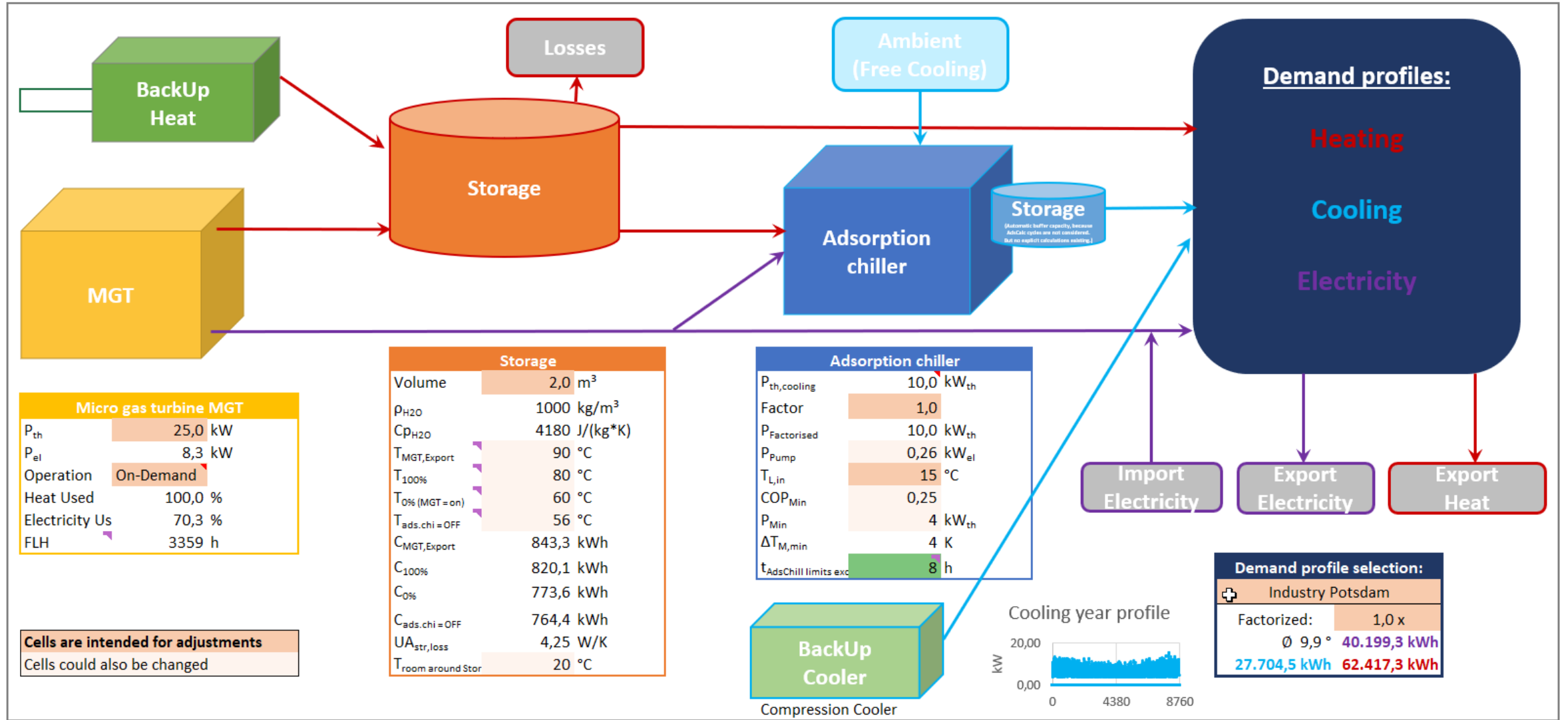


# Impact on Fit4Micro - Heating

## Example health and lodging – rough system sizing



# Fit4Micro – Heating and Cooling Use Cases



# Summary

- Heat pumps make use of exergy to upgrade low temperature heat
- Heat pump (and system) efficiency is sensitive to temperature levels (source and sink)
- Heating systems that integrate heat pumps need to be well designed to fit respective needs (load, ambient conditions, heat distribution system)
- Potential use cases for combination of MGT, HP, PV and/or adsorption chillers will be evaluated more in detail within the Fit4Micro project



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