

THE PATH TO ZERO

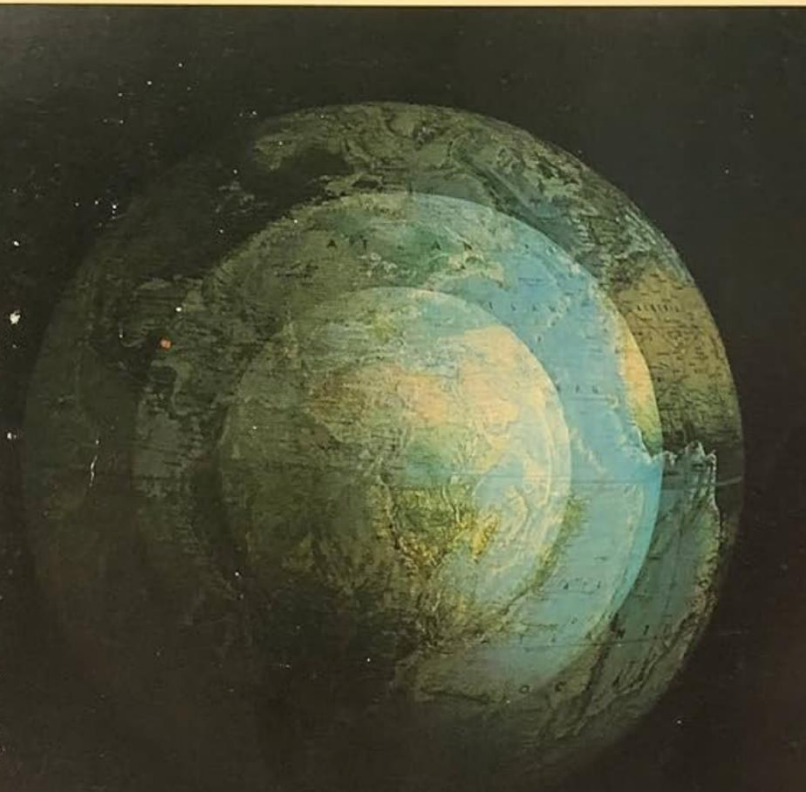
Industrial output
per capita




Passive to **POSITIVE**
PASSIVE HOUSE AND LOW IMPACT DESIGN

THE LIMITS TO GROWTH

The headline-making report on the imminent global disaster facing humanity—and what we can do about it before time runs out. "One of the most important documents of our age!" —Anthony Lewis, *The New York Times*



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 A POTOMAC ASSOCIATES BOOK

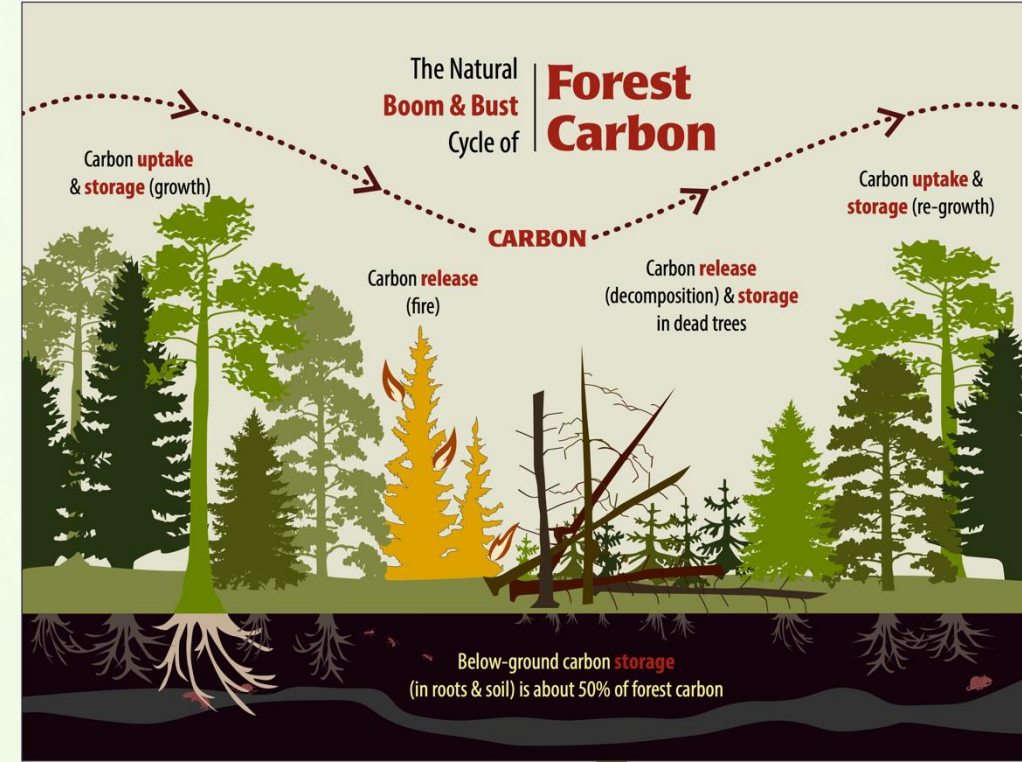
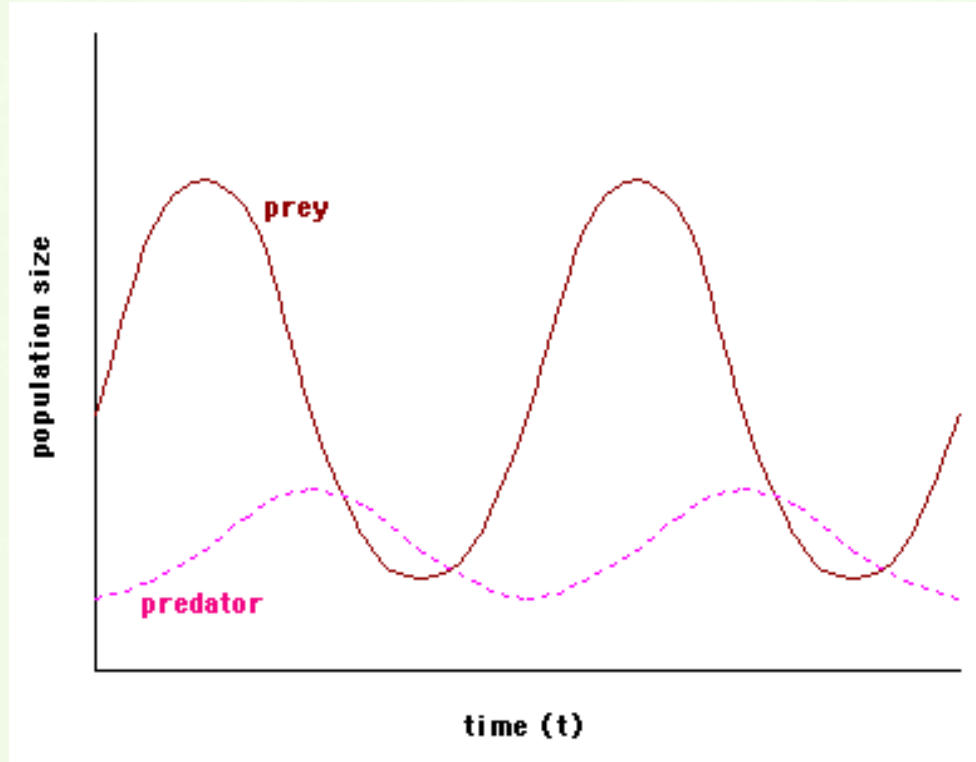
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WHAT DOES **ZERO** EVEN MEAN ANYMORE ?

NATURAL SYSTEMS

FUNCTION WITHIN RESOURCE LIMITS – NO WASTE



THE CAPACITY FOR REGENERATION

Recent Past, 1961 - 1979

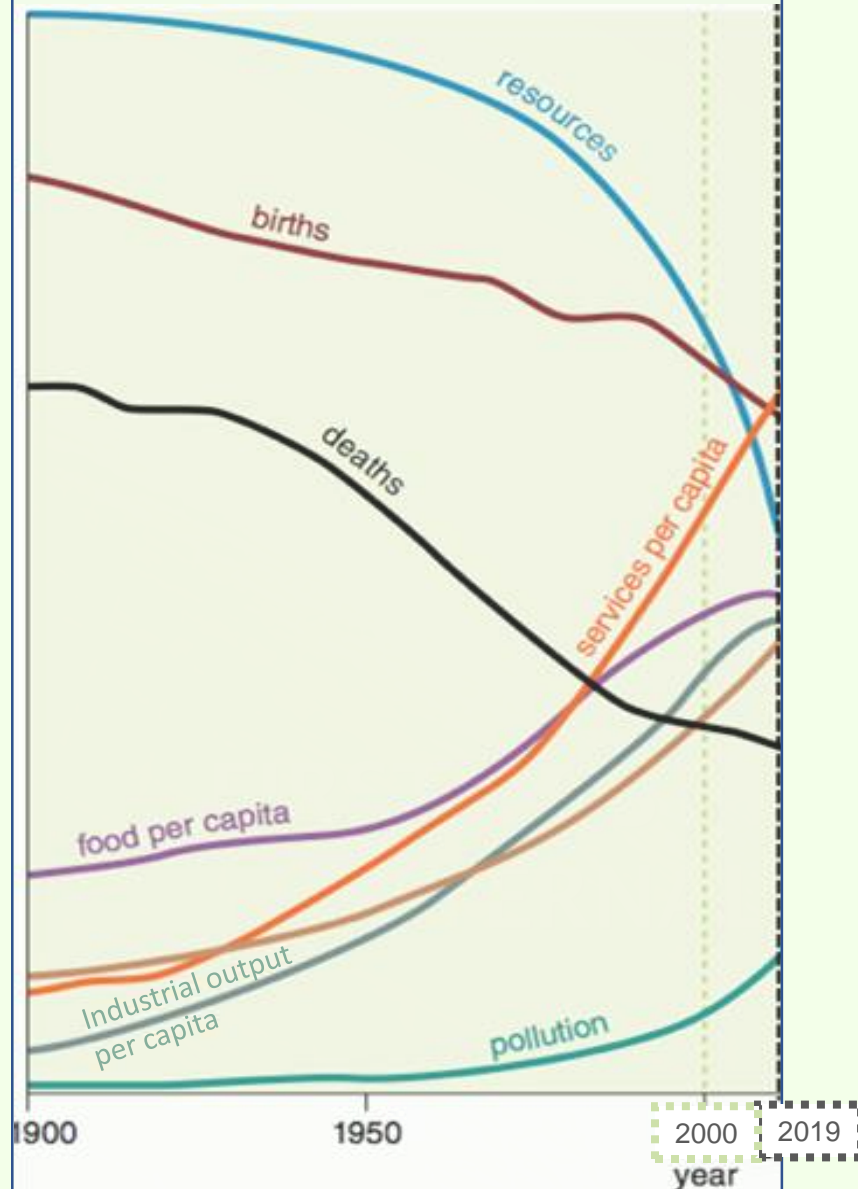
CLASSIC OSCILLATION - DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM



HUMAN SYSTEMS

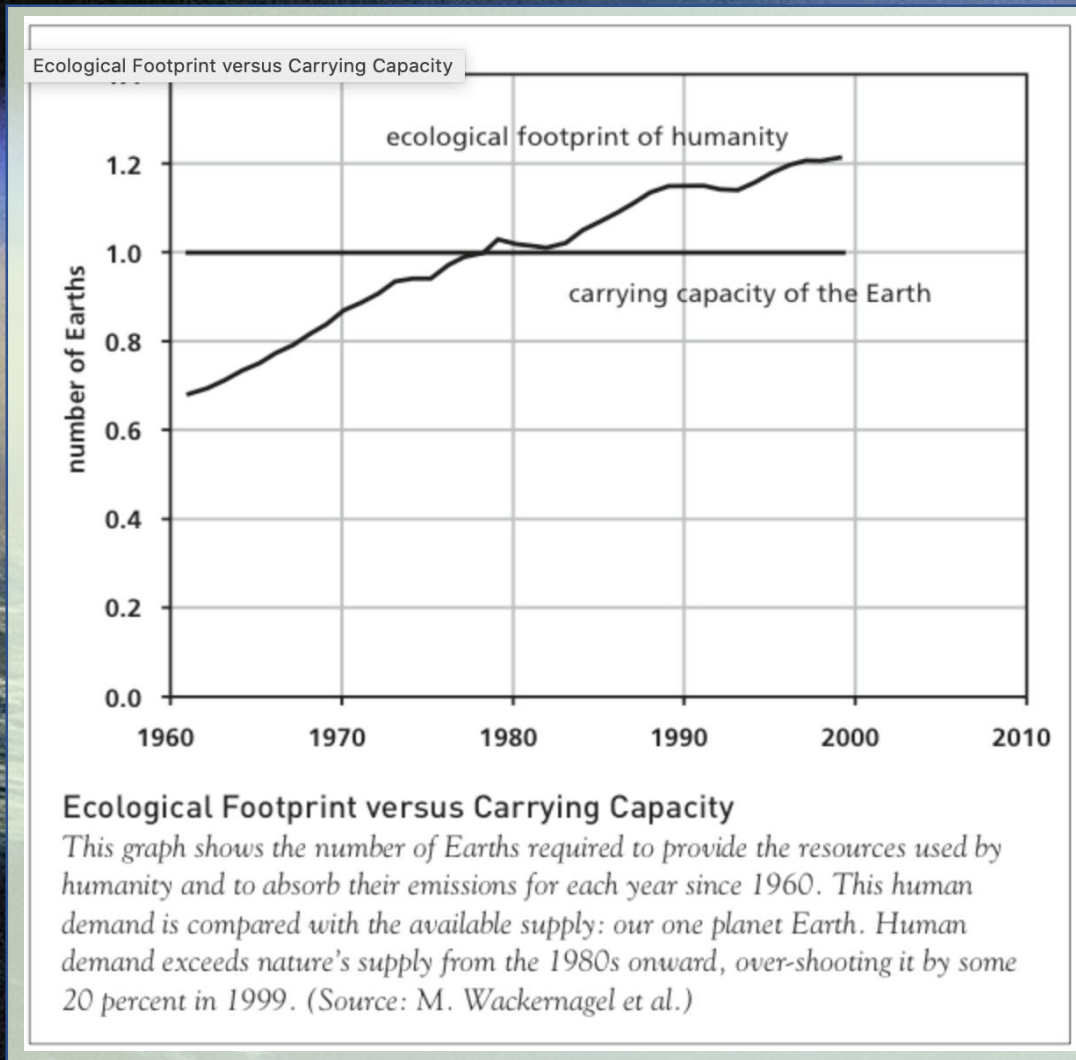
THE PREVAILING PARADIGM OF GROWTH

THE VIEW
FROM MY
LIFETIME



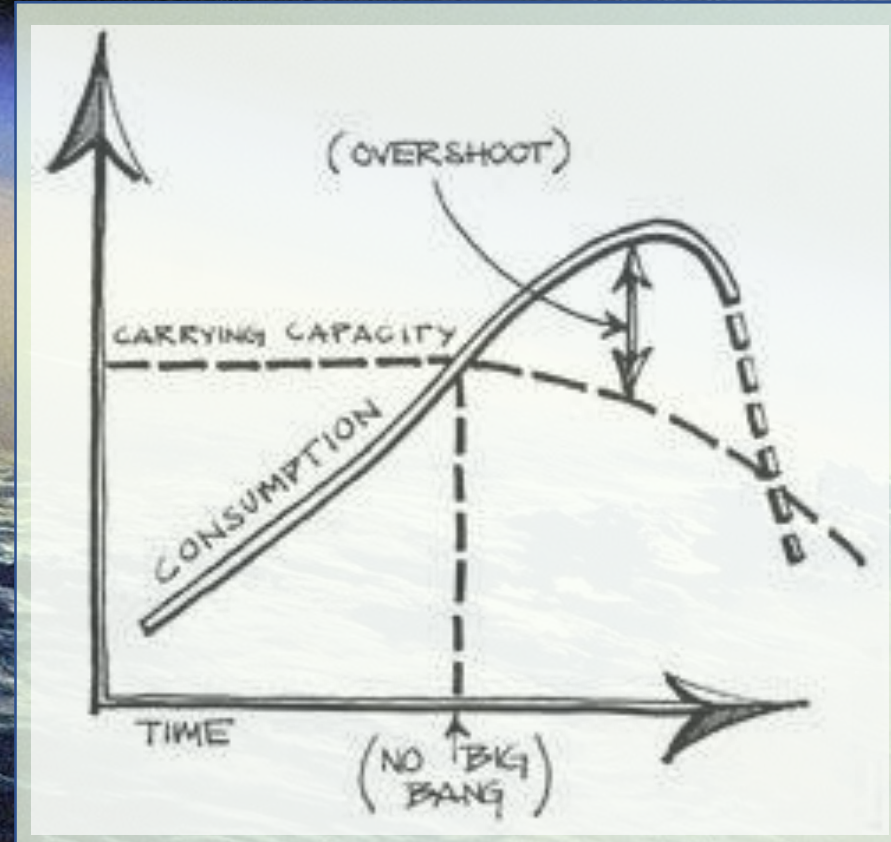
PERPETUAL **GROWTH**
WHAT'S NOT TO **LOVE?**

WE NEED THREE PLANETS



Limits to Growth; the 30 Year Update

WE NEED THREE PLANETS



1980

2023

OVERSHOOT IS REALITY : WHAT IS OUR FUTURE?

FOUR CONCEIVABLE OUTCOMES

138 World3: The Dynamics of Growth in a Finite World

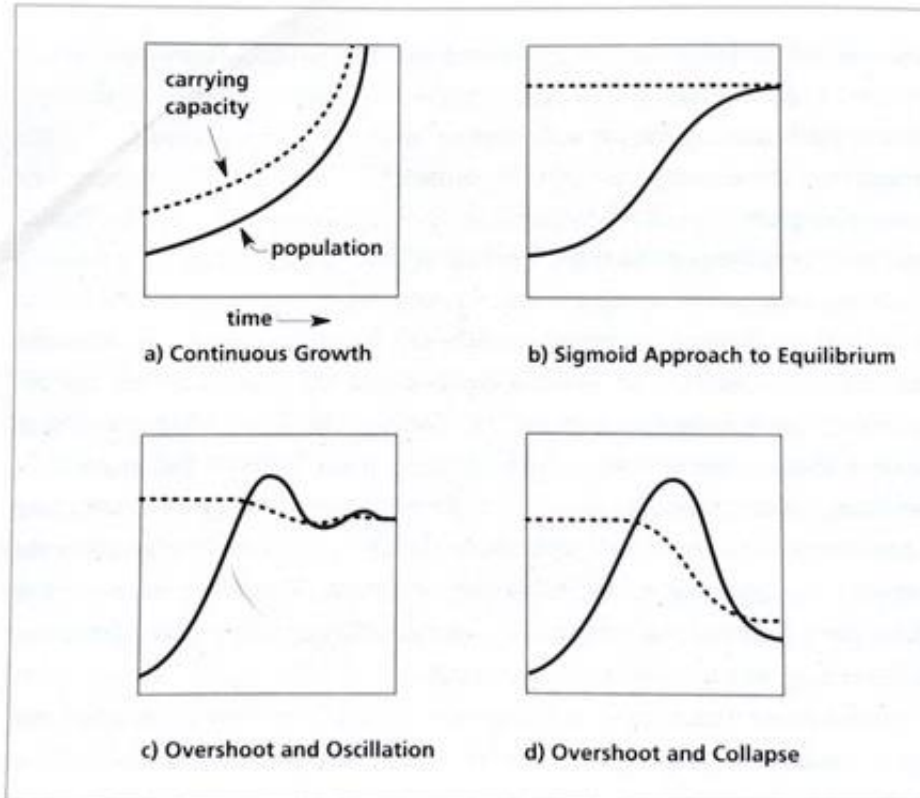


FIGURE 4-3 Possible Modes of Approach of a Population to Its Carrying Capacity
The central question addressed by the World3 model is: Which of these behavior modes is likely to be the result as the human population and economy approach the global carrying capacity?

a) Pure fantasy

b) Too late

c) The *ONLY* available path

d) Our current trajectory

Recent Past: 1961-1979

NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES

A wide-angle photograph of an open-pit mine. The mine is characterized by steep, layered rock walls that show distinct geological strata. A central dirt road winds through the mine, leading towards a large body of water or a processing area in the distance. Several large cranes are visible on the upper levels of the mine. In the far background, a small town or village is visible on a hillside. The overall scene depicts the massive scale of non-renewable resource extraction.

OVERSHOOT + COLLAPSE

GONE FOREVER

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

ALL HAVE REGENERATION RATES

WATER – ATMOSPHERE – SOLAR – WIND – THE BIOSPHERE

We have surpassed renewable capacity but could come back down under sustainable limits

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

ALL HAVE REGENERATION RATES - SOME ARE ERODABLE

EROSION OF REGENERATIVE CAPACITY

Fossil Fuels

Pennsylvania's Gas Industry Used 160 Million Pounds of Secret Chemicals From 2012 to 2022, a New Report Says

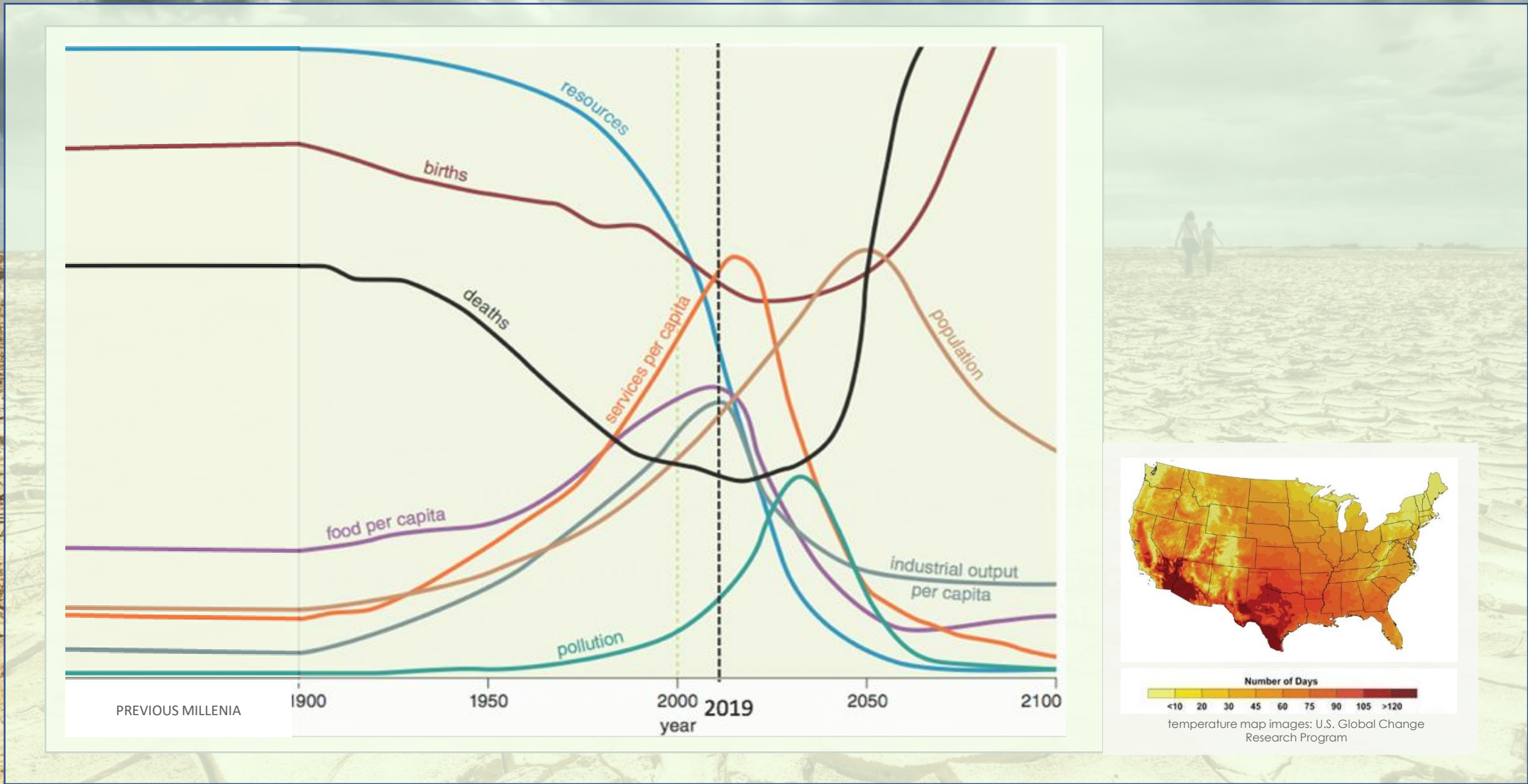


Researchers say unidentified additives may have included "forever chemicals" linked to serious health problems.

By Jon Hurdle
October 24, 2023



THE CURRENT TRAJECTORY



WILL TECHNOLOGY AND EFFICIENCY **SAVE US?**

MORE RESOURCES AND GREATER EFFICIENCY

FANTASY – NO LIMITS

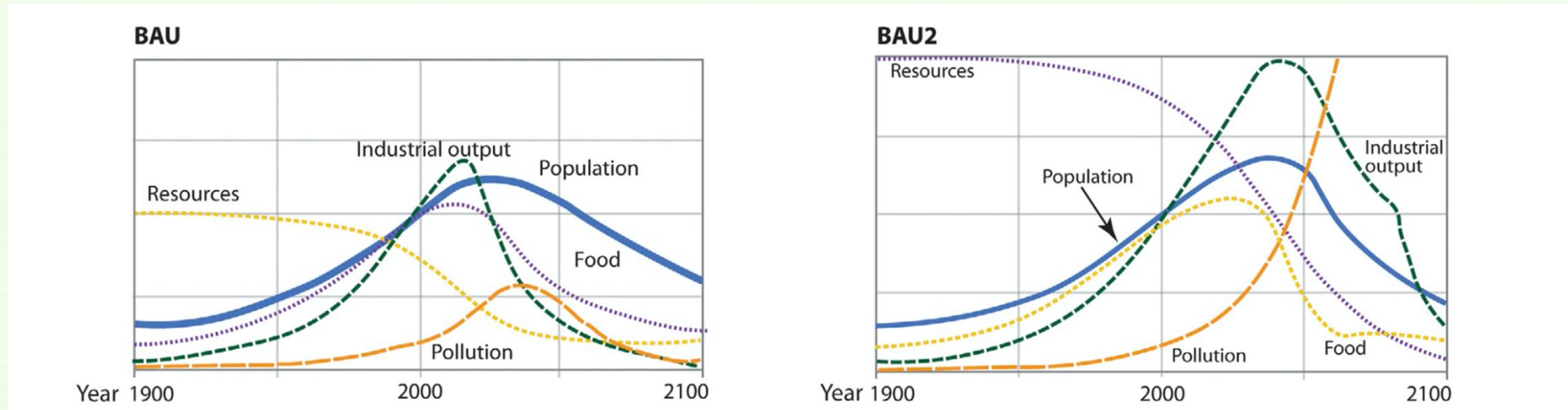
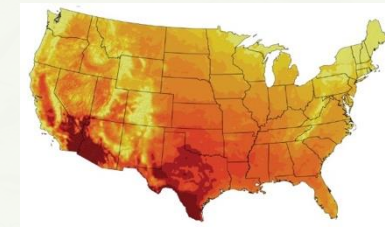


FIGURE 1 The BAU, BAU2, CT, and SW scenarios. Adapted from *Limits to Growth: The 30-Year Update* (p. 169, 173, 219, 245), by Meadows, D. H., Meadows, D. L., and Randers, J. 2004. Chelsea Green Publishing Co. Copyright 2004 by Dennis Meadows. Adapted with permission

EVEN WITH:

- 200% LAND YIELD INCREASE
- NO LAND ENCROACHMENT DESPITE HUGE POPULATION
- PERPETUAL 4% REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS
- TOTAL RECYCLING
- ACCELERATED TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS



Number of Days
<10 20 30 45 60 75 90 105 >120
temperature map images: U.S. Global Change Research Program



The Path to Zero Carbon?: CASE STUDY
CLT, Passive House and Low Refrigerant

MASS TIMBER STRUCTURE (BY NORDIC)

- GLULAM MASS TIMBER POSTS AND BEAMS
- CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER SLABS



Volume of wood products used:
950 cubic meters (33,549 cubic feet)



U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in:
3 minutes



Carbon stored in the wood:
844 metric tons of carbon dioxide



Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:
327 metric tons of carbon dioxide



Total potential carbon benefit:
1171 metric tons of carbon dioxide

PREFABRICATED MODULAR STEEL VERTICAL CORES WITH CIP

7 STEEL TRANSFER MEMBERS AT GRADE

SHALLOW FOUNDATION SYSTEM WITH RAMMED AGGREGATE PIERS



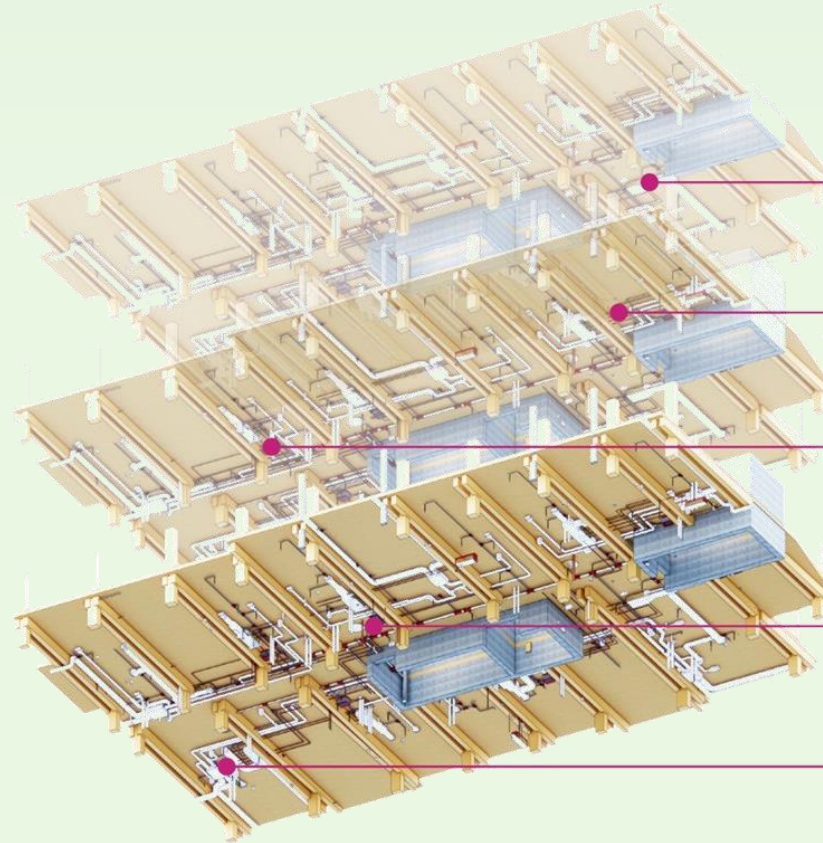
FRESH AIR: PER UNIT
DECENTRALIZED
PANASONIC ERVS

HEATING / COOLING:
CENTRALIZED DAIKIN VRF
SYSTEM WITH WALL
MOUNT DUCTLESS AND
CEILING MOUNT DUCTED
UNITS

HOT WATER:
SANCO2 HEAT PUMP

PV GENERATION:
40,000 KWH/YR

efficient stacked design



balanced building
pressure

sensored short run
hot water supply

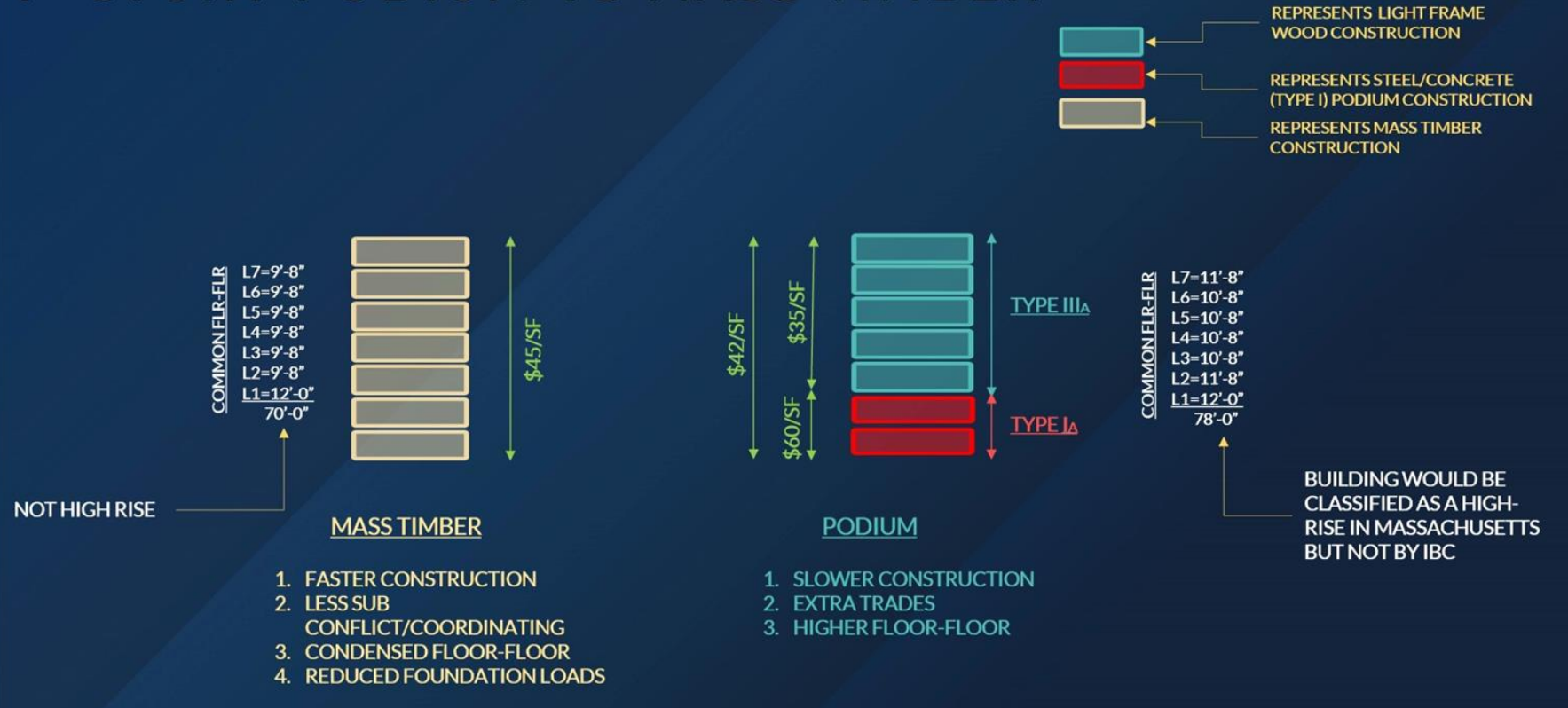
sanden heat pump
hot water generation
(COP 5.96)

vrf fan coil conditioning

per unit enthalpy
recovery ventilation

MASS TIMBER AND PASSIVE HOUSE SYNERGISTIC BENEFITS

7- STORY PODIUM VS MASS TIMBER

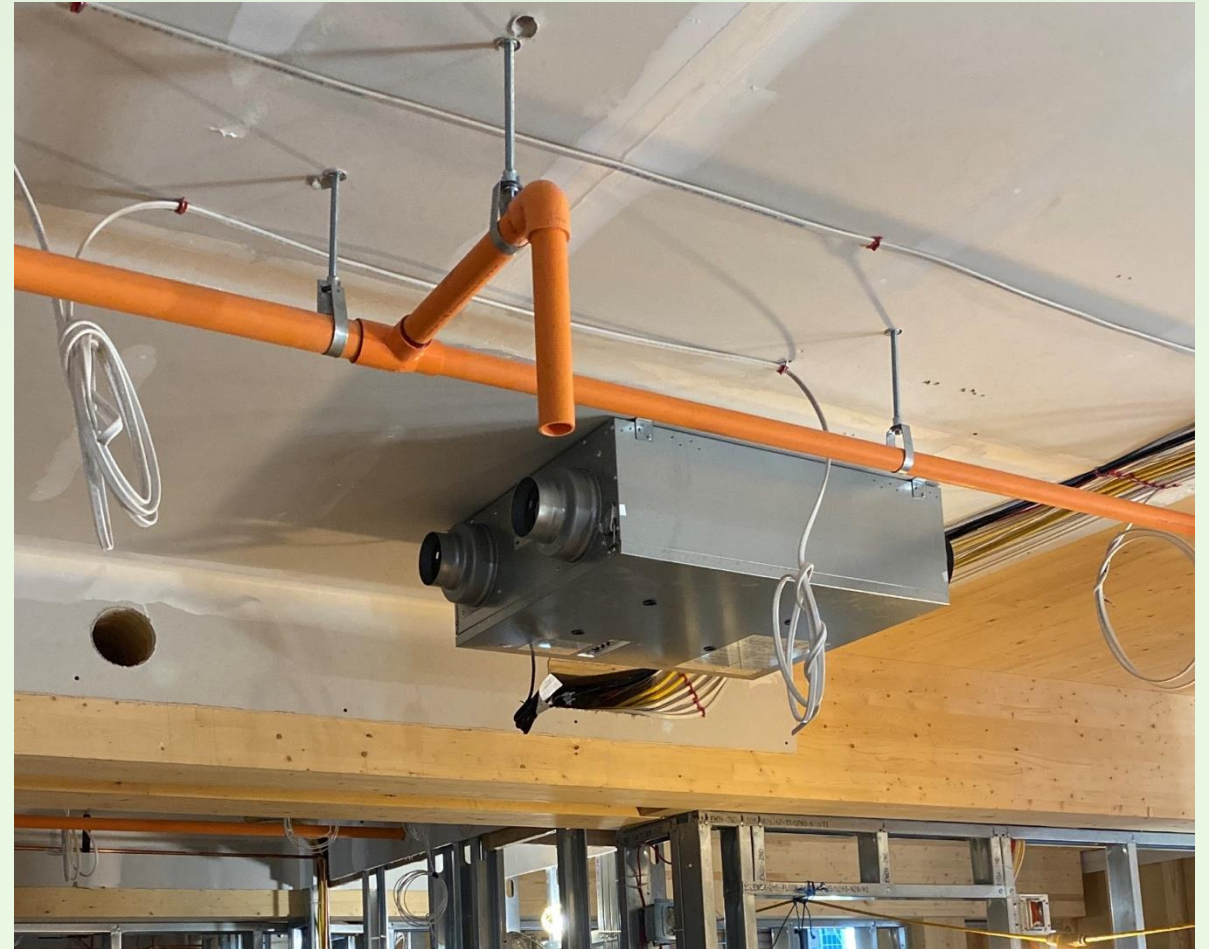
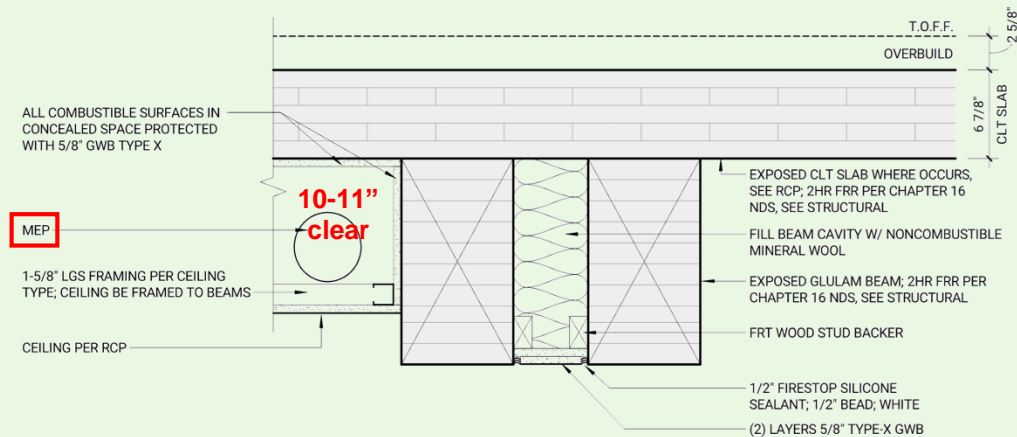


- SPACE IS A BIGGER COST PREMIUM THAN TIMBER STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS
- SPACE IS A BIGGER COST PREMIUM THAN MEP SYSTEMS
- MINIMAL RIGHT SIZE SYSTEM
- MINIMAL PLENUMS AND CHASES
- MINIMIZED STRUCTURAL PENETRATIONS

MASS TIMBER AND PASSIVE HOUSE SYNERGISTIC BENEFITS

MINIMAL PLENUMS

- 11 E LENOX < 70FT TALL
- 9'-8" FLOOR-TO-FLOOR
- MASS TIMBER STRUCTURALLY ALLOWS FOR 7 UNDER 70
- PHIUS DESIGN MINIMIZED PLENUM DEPTHS TO 10" - 11" CLEAR

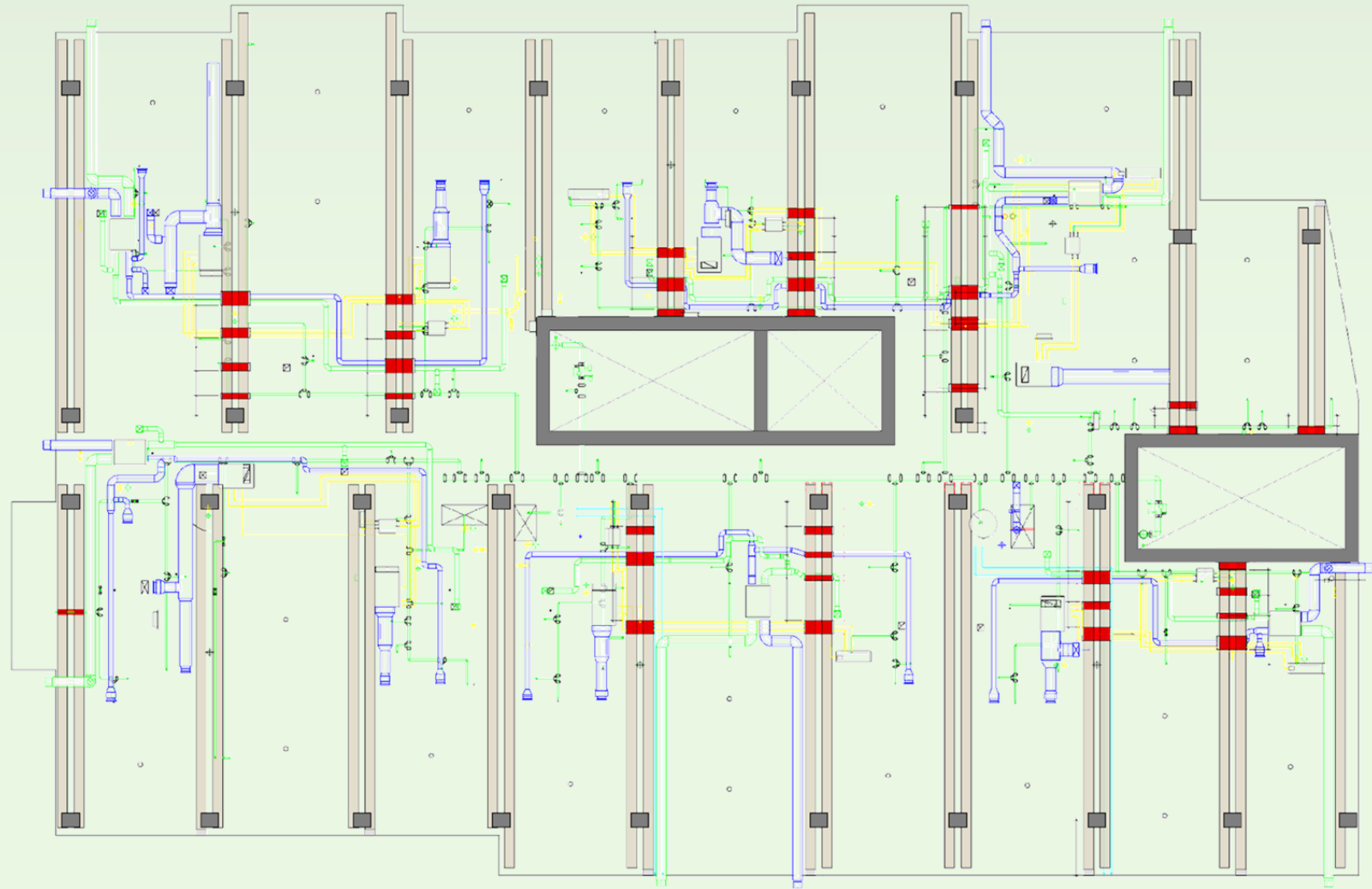
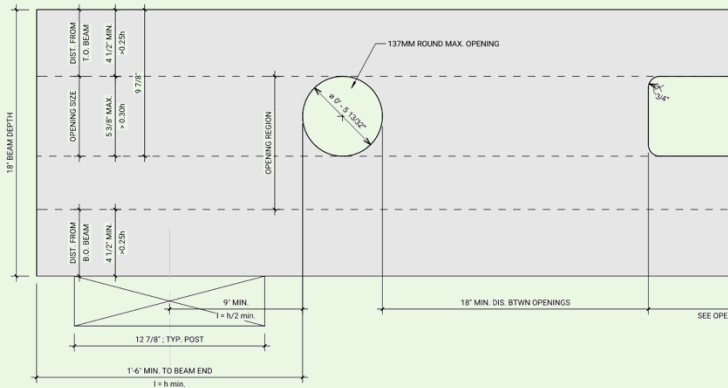


PH ENVELOPE ALLOWED FOR SMALLER SYSTEMS
HIGHER DENSITY FEASIBLE WITH REDUCED FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHT

MASS TIMBER AND PASSIVE HOUSE SYNERGISTIC BENEFITS

MINIMIZED STRUCTURAL PENETRATIONS

- BEAM PENETRATIONS REQUIRED
- LARGEST PENETRATION $H = 5 \frac{3}{8}''$
- LARGEST DUCT $\varnothing = 4''$

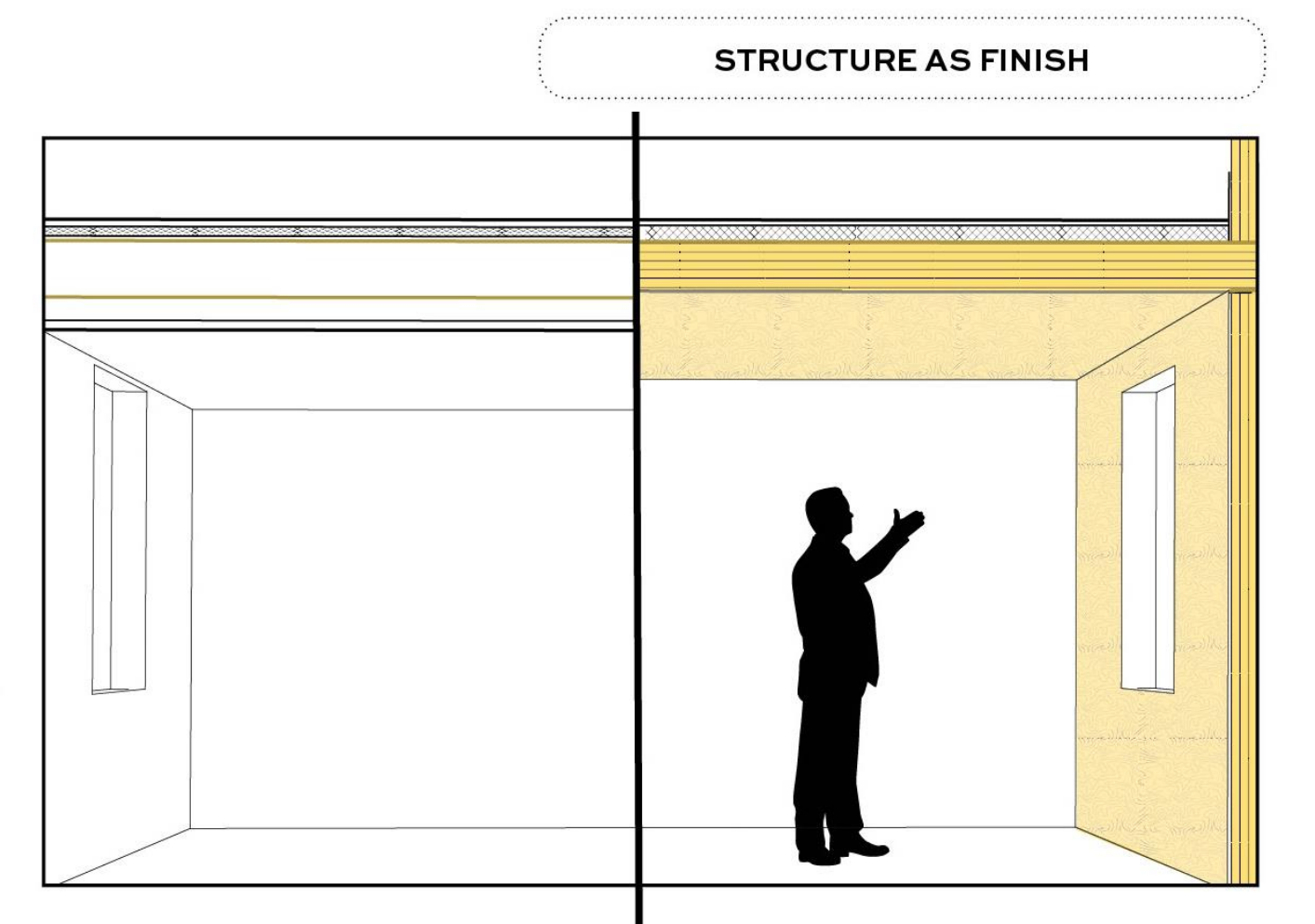


BETTER ENVELOPE, SMALLER SYSTEMS – FIT WITHIN REDUCED FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHT

MASS TIMBER EMBODIED CARBON BENEFITS



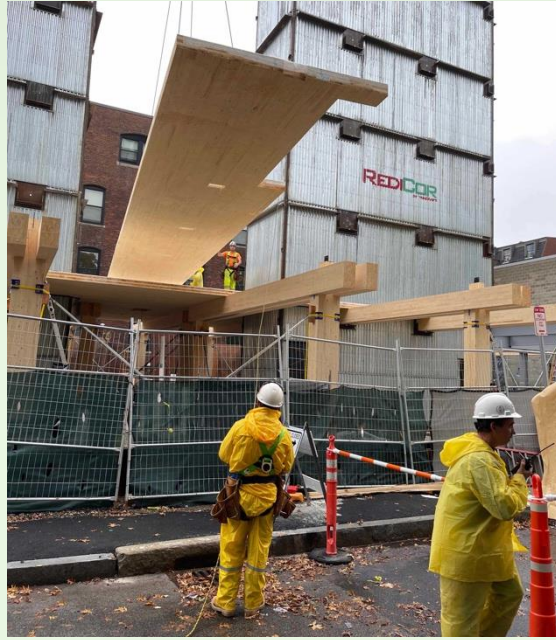
REDUCED USE OF FINISHES



11 E LENOX MORE THAN HALF OF CEILINGS ARE EXPOSED CLT

34 UNIT MULTI-FAMILY
SAVED 37,215 SF OF WALL BOARD (1163 sheets) – 10,309 kgO₂e
SAVED 1247 LBS OF PAINT

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM AND CORES



11 E LENOX – CLT PODIUM

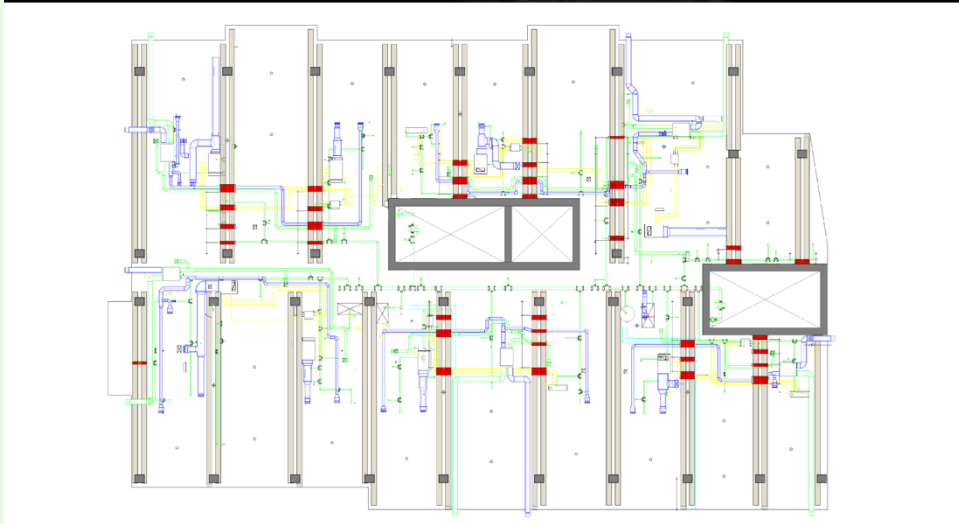
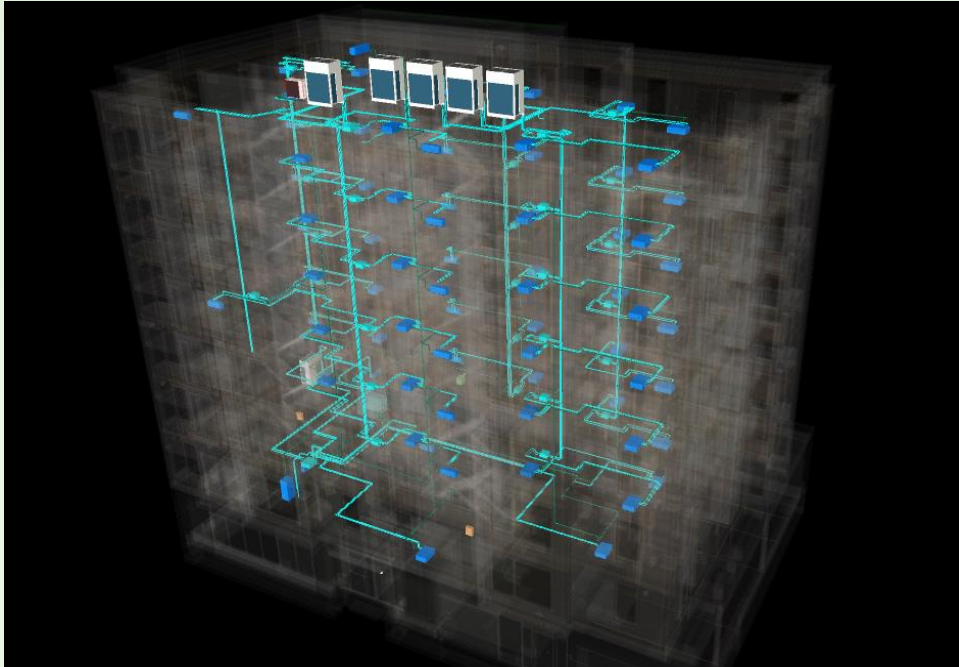


CLT CORE INSTEAD OF REDICOR:
SAVES 276 cu yd CONCRETE
SAVES 8,154 sf STEEL FORMS
ADDS 106,931 kgCO₂e CARBON STORAGE

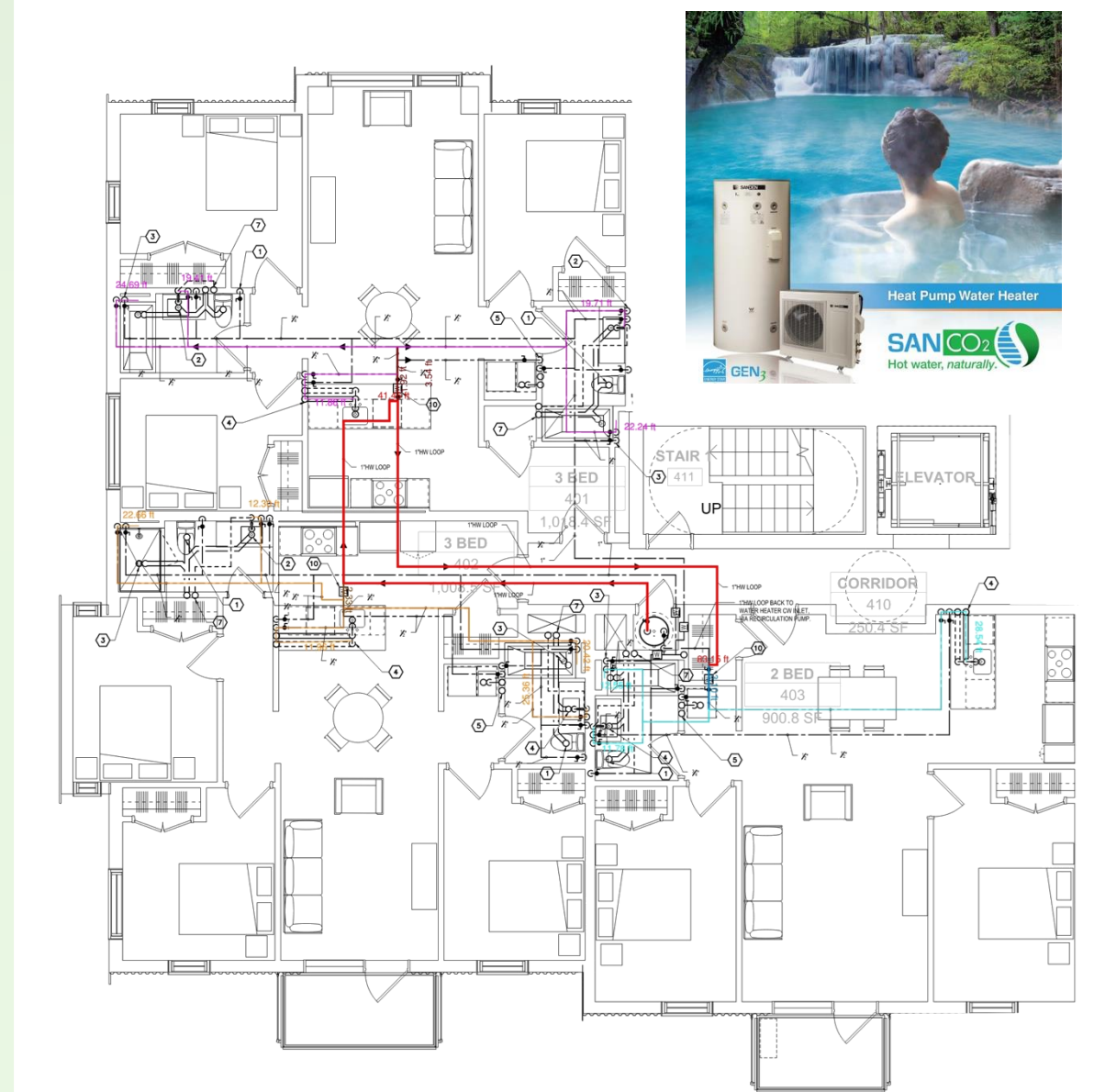


COMPOSIT PREFAB MODULES FOR VERTICAL CORES

HVAC AND HOT WATER SYSTEMS AND LAYOUTS



HVAC SYSTEMS – VRF w/r-410 REFRIGERANT



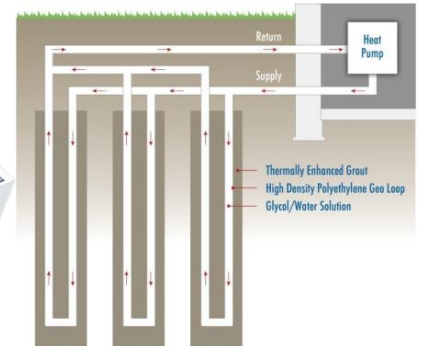
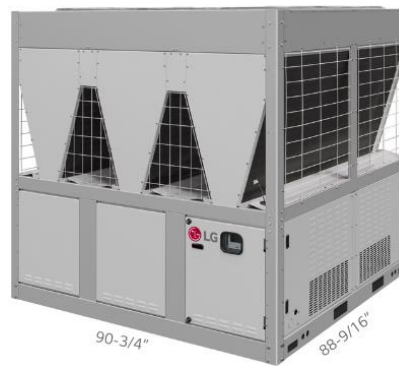
DOMESTIC HOT WATER – SANDEN CO2 PLUMBING LAYOUT

COMPARISON OF THE CARBON IMPACTS of mainstream HVAC and Hot Water System Choices at 11 E Lenox, Boston

- Passive House Multifamily Building in Boston, MA
- WUFI used to energy model HVAC cases against each other.
 - All systems use a 20 year analysis time period for energy and refrigerant
 - The building has 34 apartments, 106 people, and 36,394 sq ft
 - R32 has been used instead of R410A due to phase out.
- Hot water modeled with spreadsheets & WUFI
 - 6.6 gallons per person per day
- Equipment, piping, ductwork and accessories accounted for in the weight of each system and a simplified 1 to 9 lbs CO₂e / lb of equipment* depending on complexity used to arrive at the embodied carbon of the systems. * This is a very difficult number to attain and verify
- Refrigerants impacts are quantified using a leakage model and GWP20

HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

VRF.....Mini Split.....Hybrid VRF...Heat Pump Hydronic...All-in-one.....Geothermal



HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) * *Final System*

Pieces of Equipment

- Daikin VRV (VRF)
- 81x ducted indoor units
- 5x six-ton VRF outdoor units
- 1x twelve-ton VRF outdoor units
- 37x branch controllers
- 36x Small ERVs (Panasonic FV-10VEC2)
- Refrigerant Piping
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 12,100 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 1129 lbs of refrigerant piping
- ▶ 20,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories
- ▶ 214 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant
- ▶ **Annual Leak Rate: 6%**
- ▶ **EUI: 3.54 kBTU/sqft/yr**



HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: Mini Splits

Pieces of Equipment

- Daikin Aurora Mini-Splits
- 81x horizontal ducted indoor units
- 81x mini-split outdoor units
- 81x Small ERVs (Panasonic FV-10VEC2)
- Refrigerant Piping
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 11,200 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 791 lbs of refrigerant piping
- ▶ 20,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories
- ▶ 128 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 5.3%**
- ▶ **EUI: 3.81 kBTU/sqft/yr**



HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: Hybrid VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow + Hydronics)

Pieces of Equipment

- Mitsubishi Hybrid VRF
- 81x ducted indoor units
- 3x ten-ton VRF outdoor units
- 1x twelve-ton VRF outdoor units
- 7x branch controllers
- 36x Small ERVs (Panasonic FV-10VEC2)
- Refrigerant Piping
- Hydronic Piping / Accessories
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



Critical Statistics (Preliminary)

- ▶ *Unknown weight of equipment, refrigerant piping, hydronic piping and accessories, assuming 30% more than Standard VRF for now*
- ▶ *20,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories*
- ▶ *116 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant*
- ▶ **Annual Leak Rate: 5.3%**
- ▶ **EUI: 3.64 kBTU/sqft/yr**

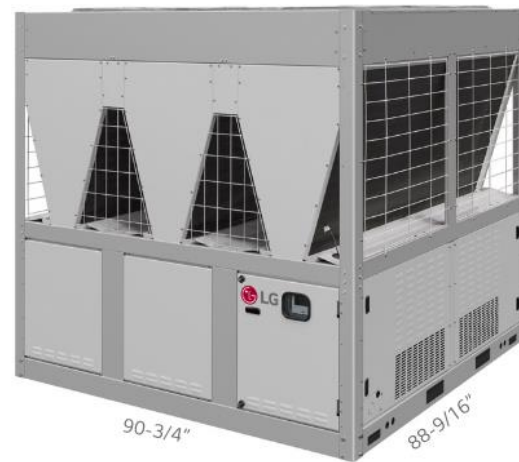


HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: Heat Pump Hydronic

Pieces of Equipment

- 1x 48 ton LG Air cooled inverter heat pump chiller
- 85x ducted fan-coil units
- 81x Small ERVs (Panasonic FV-10VEC2)
- 4-pipe Hydronic Piping
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 16,000 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 17,500 lbs of water piping
- ▶ 20,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories
- ▶ 93 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 3%**
- ▶ **EUI: 3.8 kBTU/sqft/yr**

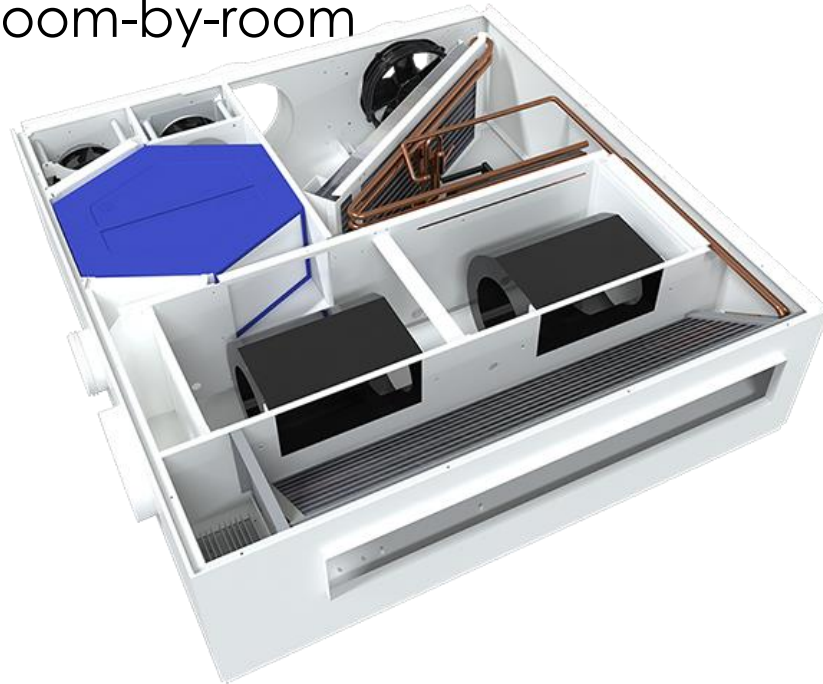


HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: All-in-One (Ephoca, Minotair)

Pieces of Equipment

- 85x horizontal Ephoca heat pump/ERVs
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



Critical Statistics

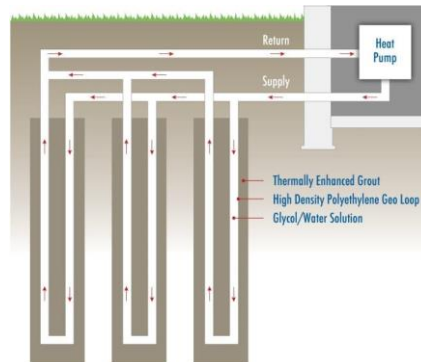
- ▶ 16,200 lbs of equipment
- ▶ **0 lbs of refrigerant piping**
- ▶ 12,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories
- ▶ 116 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 2%**
- ▶ **EUI: 4.00 kBTU/sqft/yr**

HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Heating and Cooling: Geothermal

Pieces of Equipment

- 85x water-to-air heat pumps (waterfurnace)
- 81x Small ERVs (Panasonic FV-10VEC2)
- 2-pipe Geothermal Piping
- Conditioning and Ventilation Ductwork Room-by-room



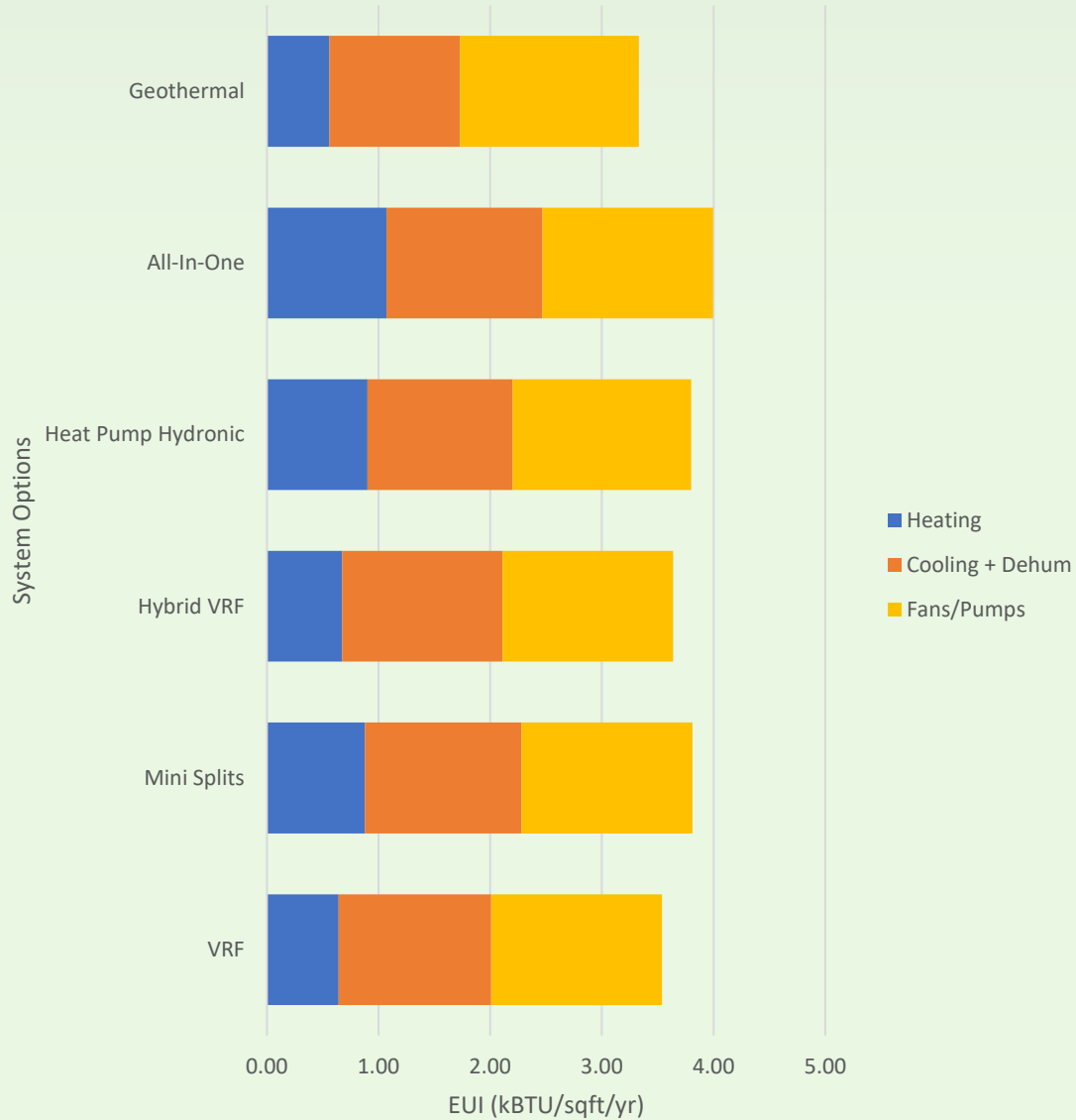
Critical Statistics

- ▶ 10,200 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 22,600 lbs of water piping
- ▶ 20,000 lbs of ductwork and accessories
- ▶ 127 lbs of R-32 Refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 2%**
- ▶ **EUI: 3.3 kBTU/sqft/yr**

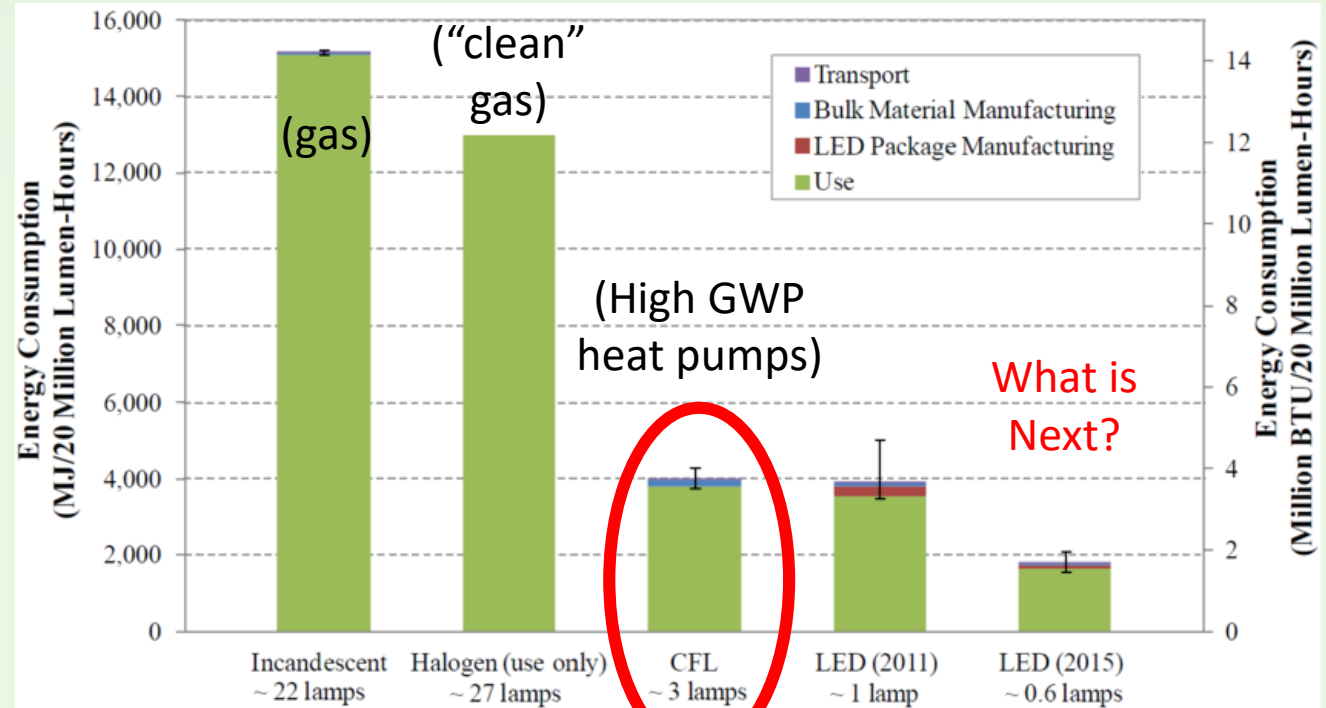


HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION RESULTS - ENERGY

EUI of Heating, Cooling & Ventilation
(One Year)



The Incandescent-CFL-LED Analogy:

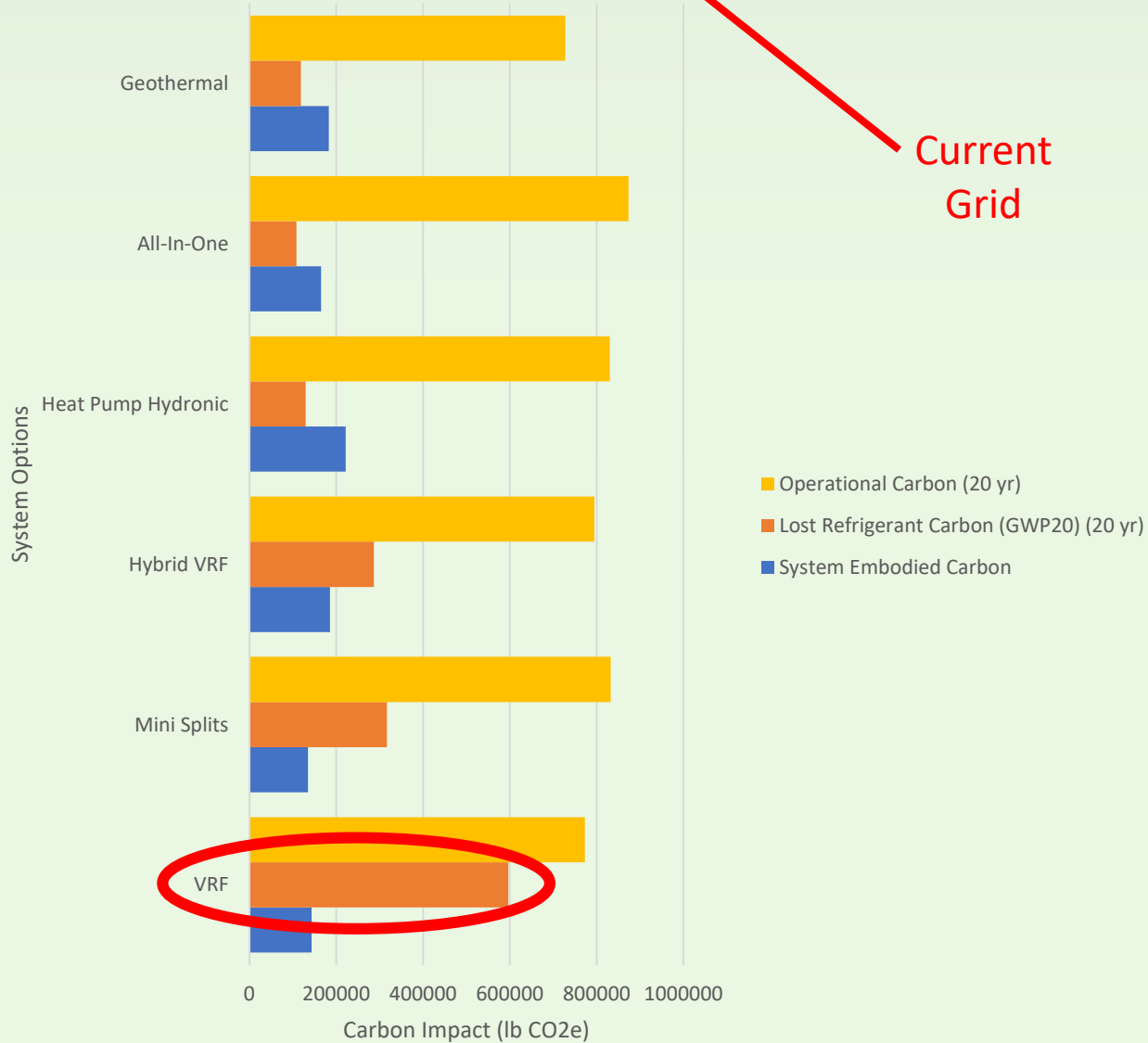


(High GWP
heat pumps)

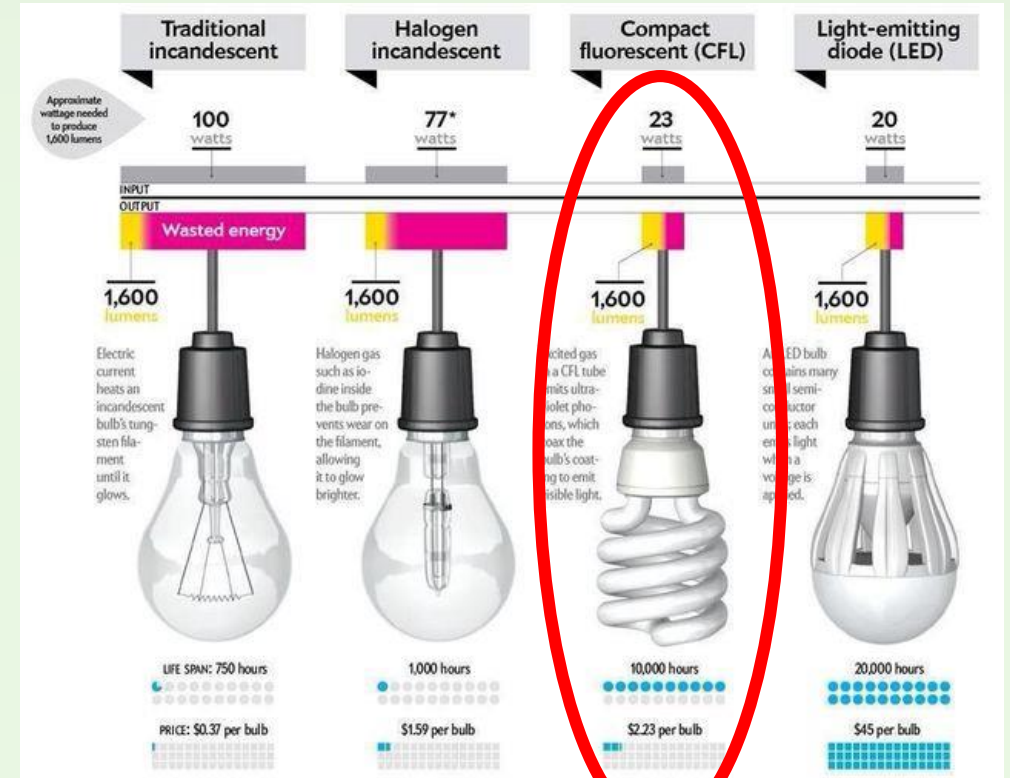
What is
Next?

HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION RESULTS - GWP

20 Year Carbon Impact of Heating and Cooling Options (New England Grid) 1024 lb CO2e/MWh

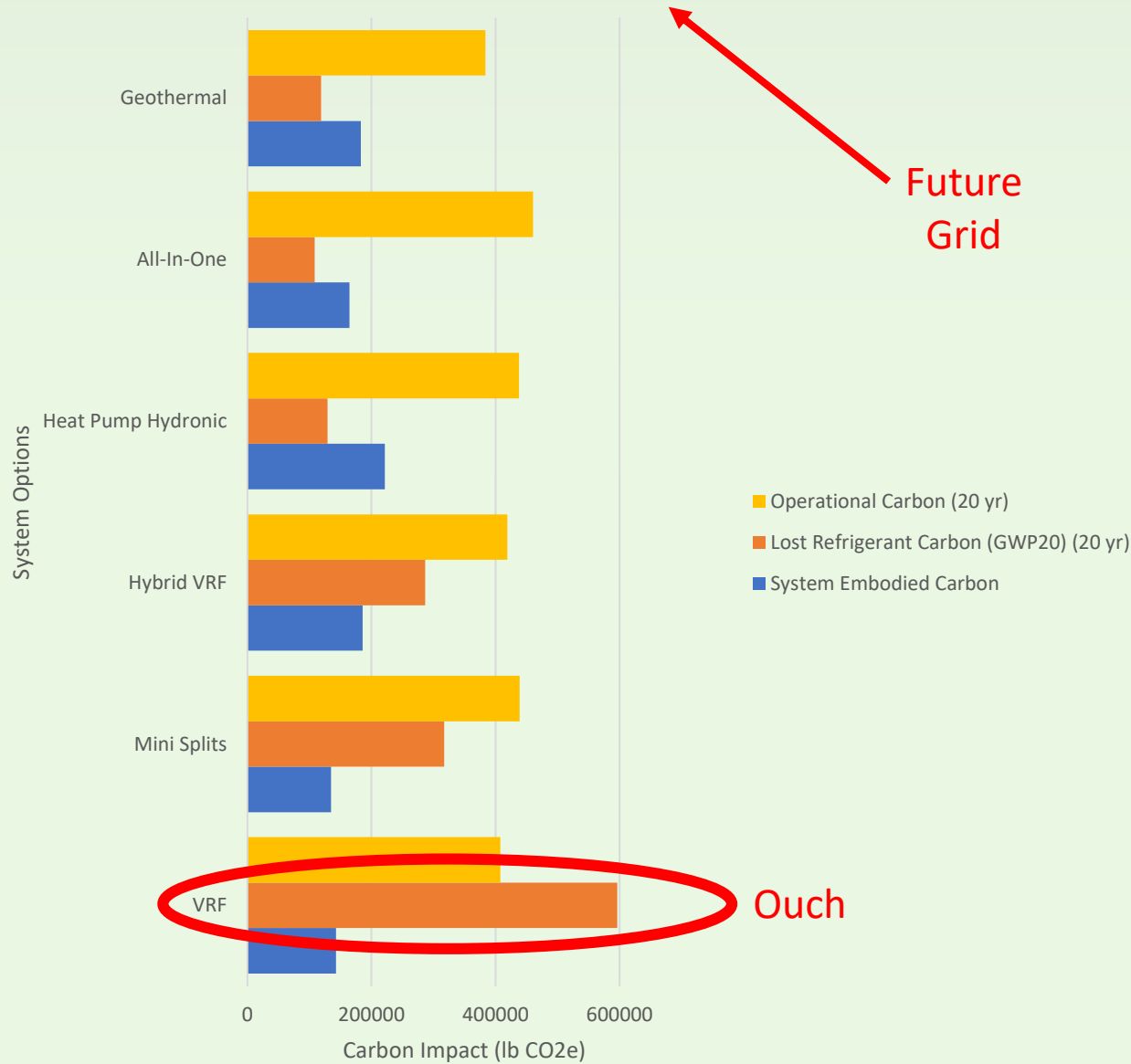


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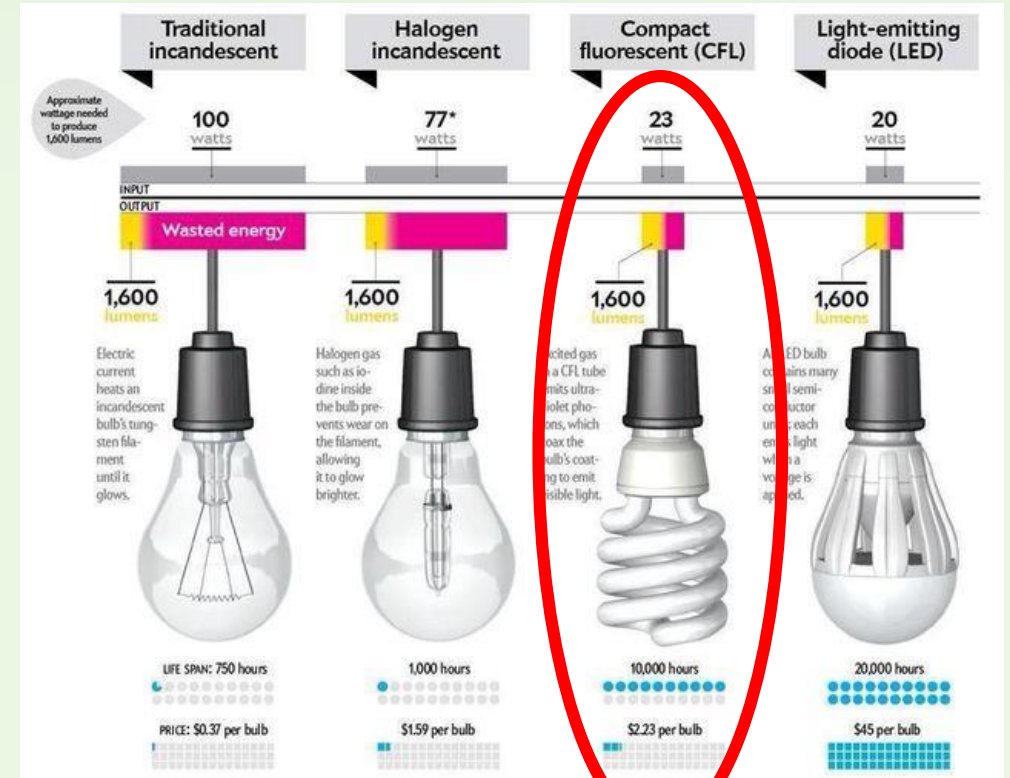


HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION RESULTS - GWP

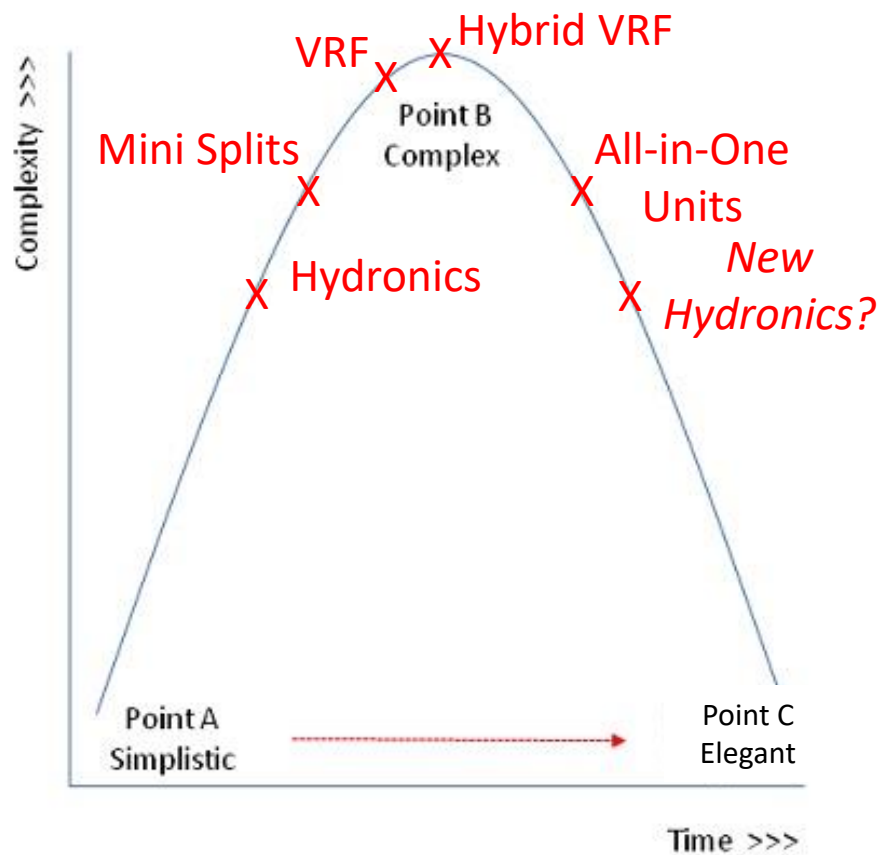
20 Year Carbon Impact of Heating and Cooling Options (Upstate NY Grid) 540 lb CO₂e/MWh



The Incandescent-CFL-LED Analogy:



HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION RESULTS - THOUGHTS



The Product Complexity Curve

The VRF Conundrum:

- + VRF is a well designed product family
- VRF has too much refrigerant and is leaky

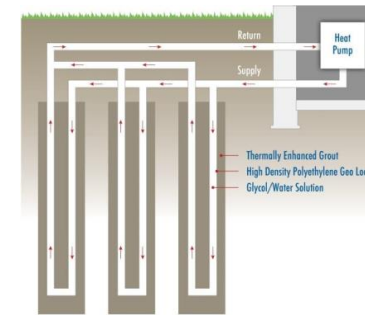
What is Next?

- ▶ **Easy:** More all-in-one units that drastically reduce the amount of field installed piping and ductwork.
- ▶ **Hard:**

Carbon impacts of heat pump technology appear to be approaching a low limit, but we are not at ZERO, and nowhere near net POSITIVE.

HEAT PUMP DOMESTIC HOT WATER INVESTIGATION

2 Apartments per R134A Tank HP...3 Apartments per CO2 HP...Central CO2 HP Systems... Geothermal...VRF Hydro



HEAT PUMP DOMESTIC HOT WATER INVESTIGATION

Hot Water: 3 Apartment per Distributed CO2 Split Heat Pumps * *Final System*

Pieces of Equipment

- 12x CO2 heat pump hot water heaters
- 12x 83-gallon hot water storage tanks
- 12x expansion tanks
- 12x recirculation pumps



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 4476 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 1200 lbs of hot water piping
- ▶ 36 lbs of CO2 refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 1%**
- ▶ **EUI: 4.54 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 19.5 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 1.58 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 6.6 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 0.07 kBTU/sqft/yr (Recirc)**

HEATING AND COOLING INVESTIGATION

Hot Water: 2 Apartment per Distributed R-134A Tank Heat Pumps

Pieces of Equipment

- 17x 80 gallon tank type heat pump hot water heaters
- 17x expansion tanks



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 4300 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 1000 lbs of condensate piping and ductwork
- ▶ 15.3 lbs of R-134A Refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 1%**
- ▶ **EUI: 4.94 kBTU/sqft/yr (@ 19.5 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 1.72 kBTU/sqft/yr (@ 6.6 gpd)**

HEAT PUMP DOMESTIC HOT WATER INVESTIGATION

Hot Water: Central CO2 with HP Recirc (CO2 + R-134A)

Pieces of Equipment

- 6x CO2 heat pump hot water heaters
- 6x 120-gallon hot water storage tanks
- 1x expansion tank
- 1x heat pumps to handle recirculation losses
- 4x recirculation pump



Critical Statistics

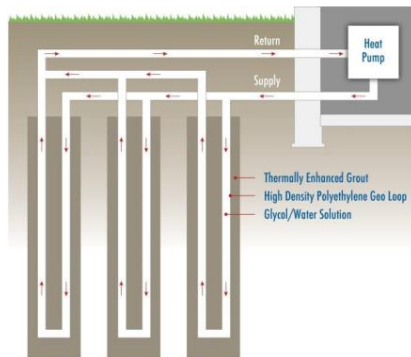
- ▶ 3680 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 1414 lbs of hot water piping
- ▶ 1 lbs of R-134A Refrigerant
- ▶ 18 lbs of CO2 refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 1%**
- ▶ **EUI: 4.54 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 19.5 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 1.58 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 6.6 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 0.07 kBTU/sqft/yr (Recirc)**

HEAT PUMP DOMESTIC HOT WATER INVESTIGATION

Hot Water: Central Geothermal

Pieces of Equipment

- 1x nine-ton Water-to-water heat pump (Waterfurnace NEW)
- 8x 120-gallon hot water storage tanks
- 1x expansion tank
- 1x recirculation pump
- 2x equipment pumps



Critical Statistics

- ▶ 2800 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 7200 lbs of hot water piping
- ▶ 4 lbs of R134-A refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 1%**
- ▶ **EUI: 4.68 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 19.5 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 1.63 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 6.6 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 0.07 kBTU/sqft/yr (Recirc)**

Hot Water: Central VRF

Pieces of Equipment

- 1x ten-ton VRF outdoor Unit (LG)
- 2x hydro-kit refrigerant-to-water heat pump (LG)
- 8x 120-gallon hot water storage tanks
- 1x expansion tank
- 1x recirculation pump
- 2x equipment pumps



Critical Statistics

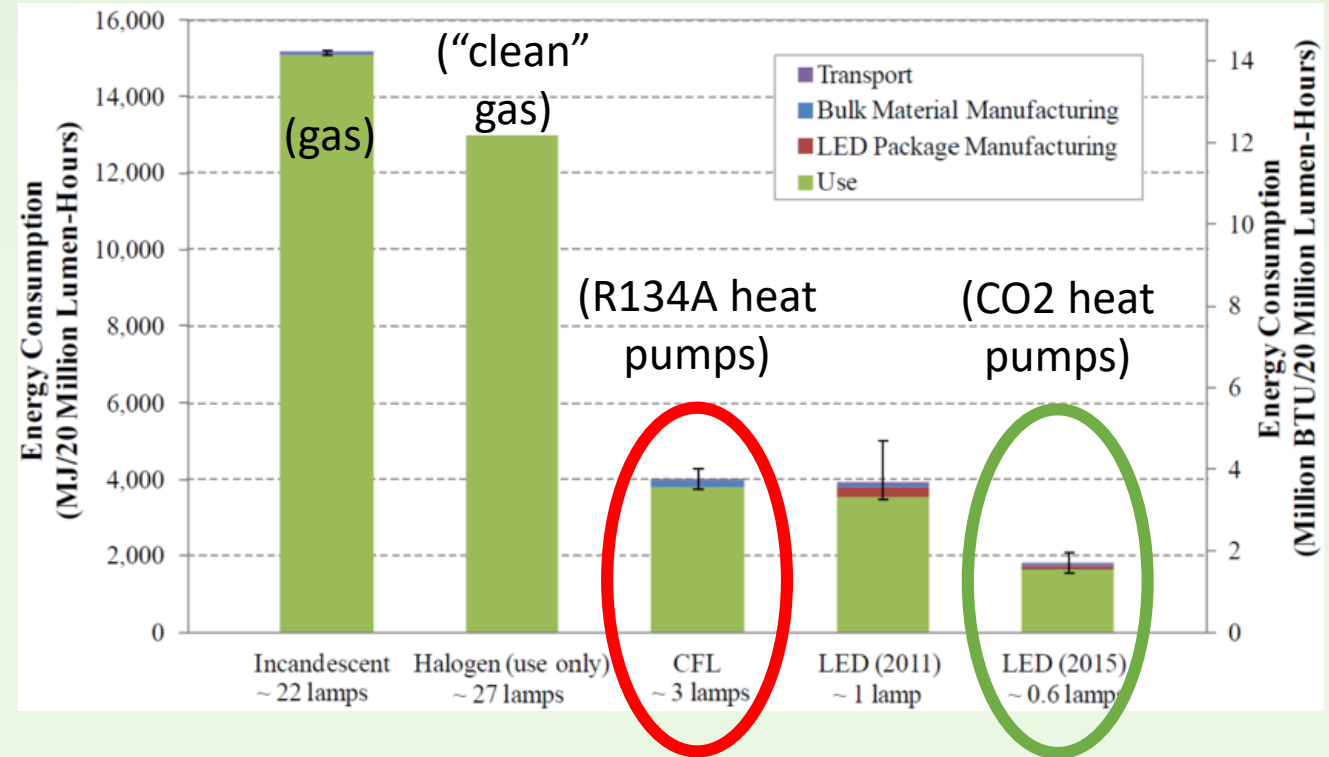
- ▶ 3917 lbs of equipment
- ▶ 4523 lbs of hot water piping
- ▶ 19.8 lbs of R-32 refrigerant
- ▶ 9.9 lbs of R-134A refrigerant
- ▶ **Leak Rate: 5.3% VRF / 1% Hydro Kit**
- ▶ **EUI: 5.75 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 19.5 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 1.99 kBTU/sqft/yr (Primary @ 6.6 gpd)**
- ▶ **EUI: 0.09 kBTU/sqft/yr (Recirc)**

HEAT PUMP DOMESTIC HOT WATER RESULTS - Energy

EUI of Water Heating (One Year)

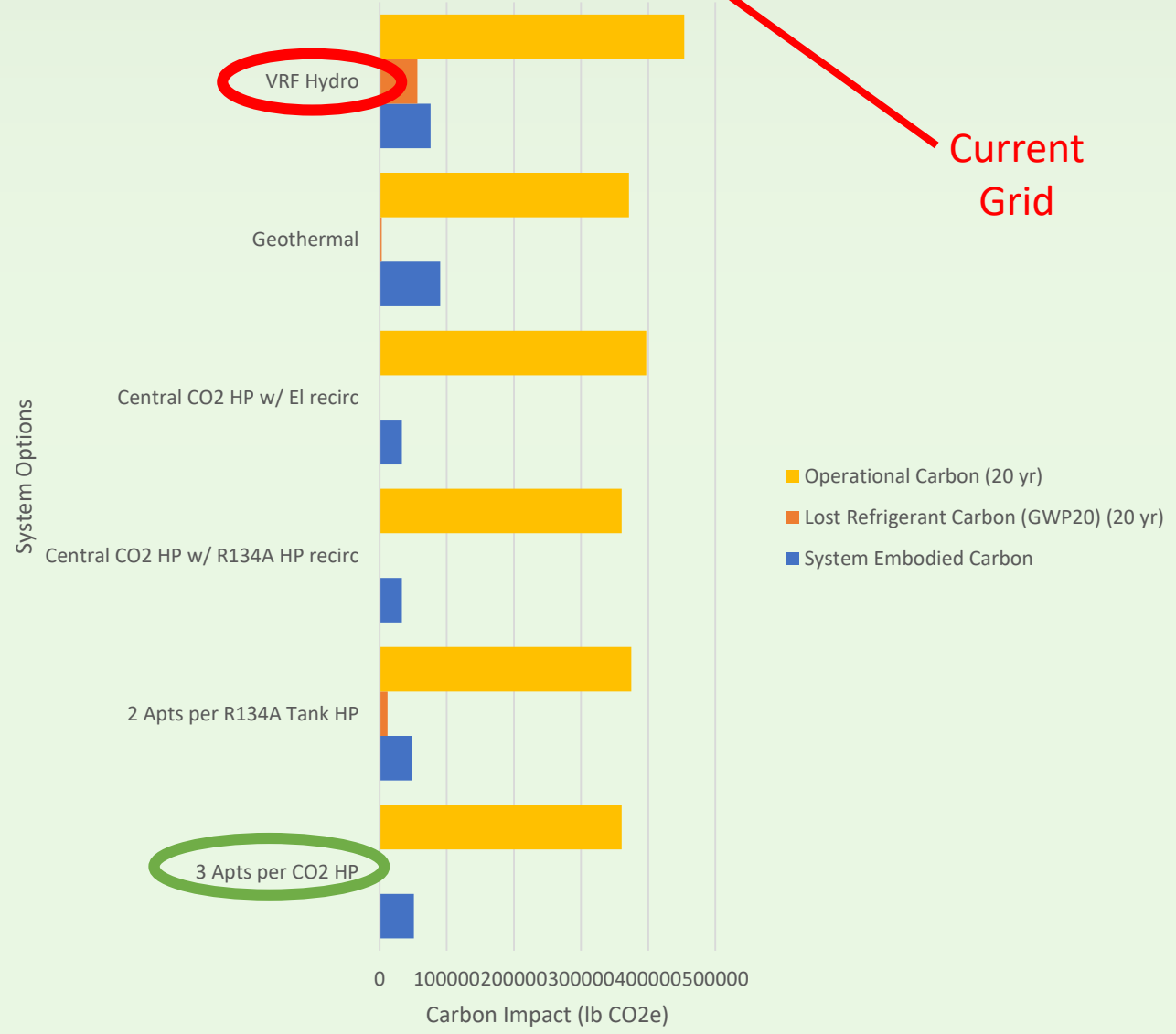


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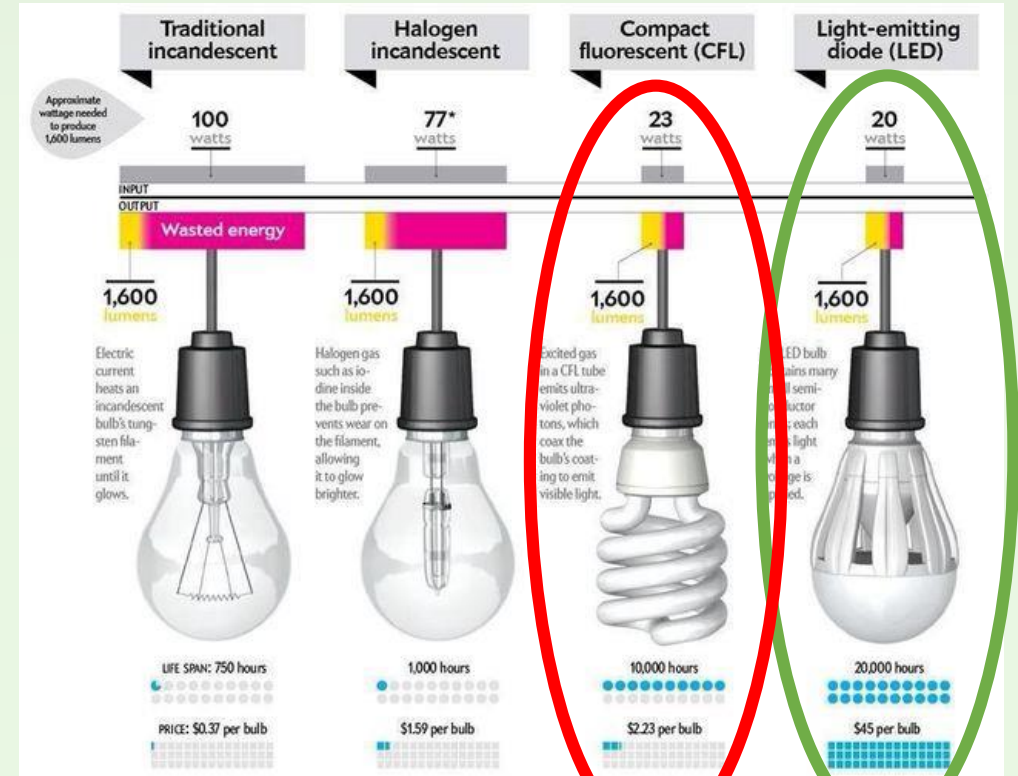


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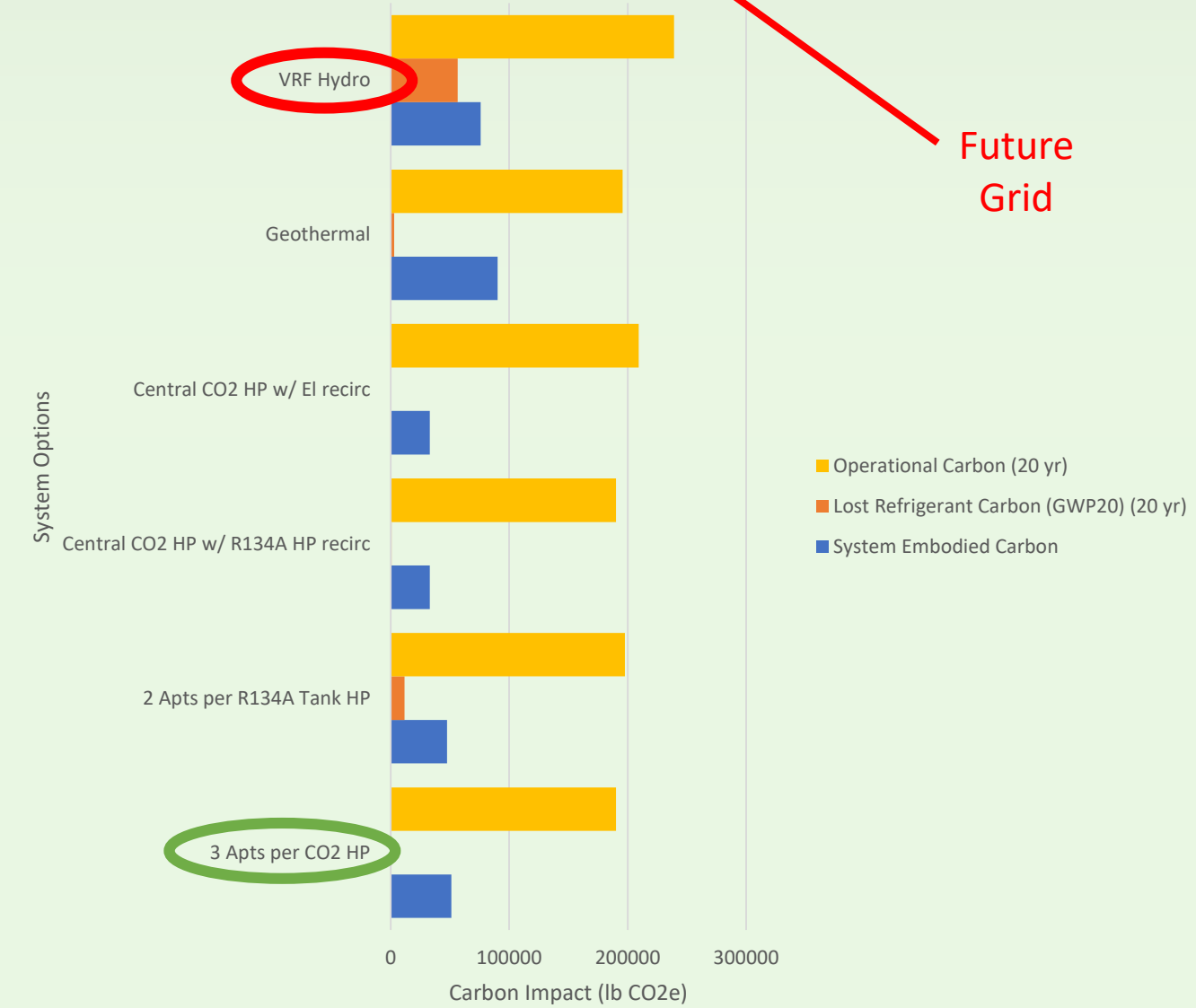


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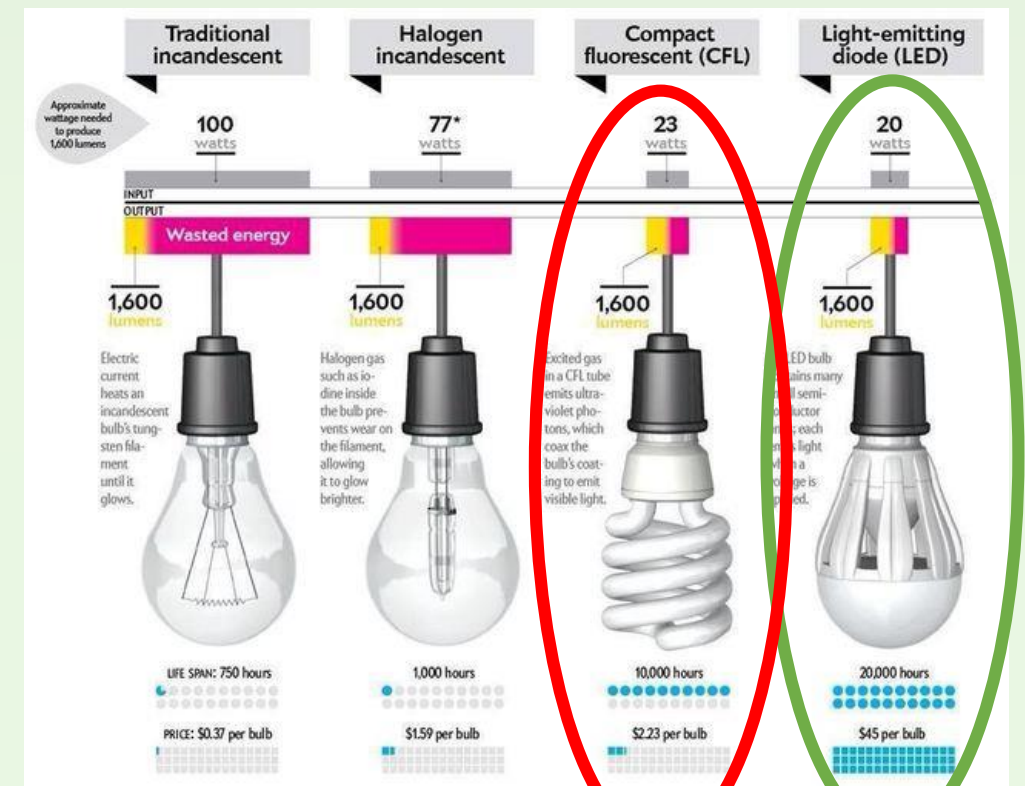


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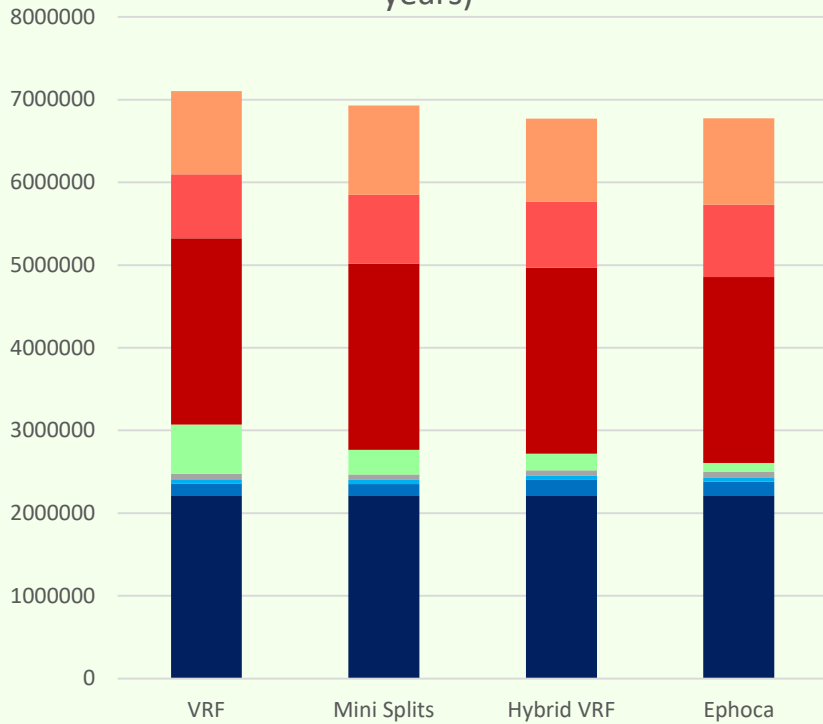
APPROACHING MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY

Envelope is optimized.

Systems are almost as efficient they can be.

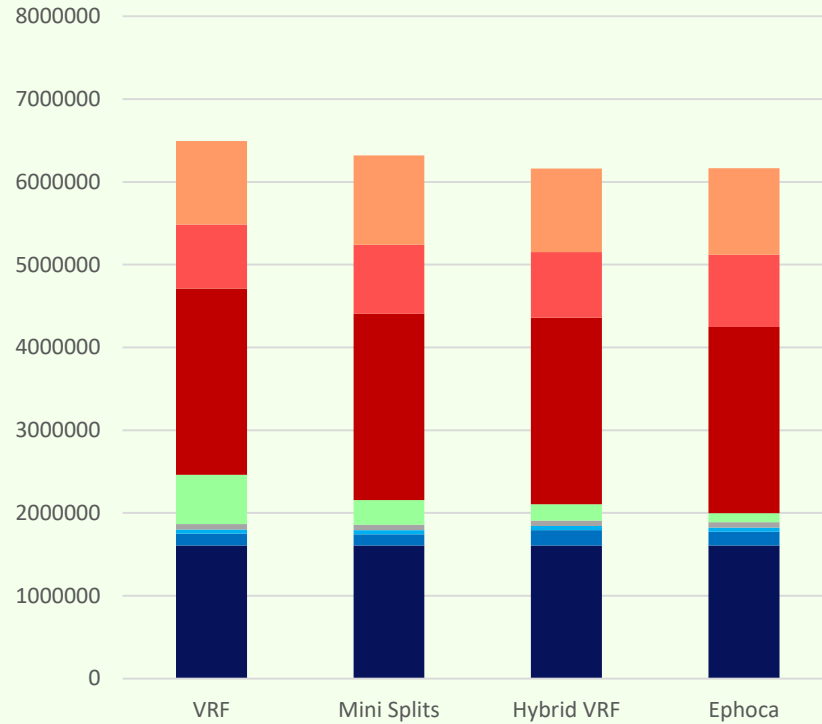
How close to zero are we?

Embodied CO₂e Steel Structure + Systems + Refrigerant Loss vs. Operational CO₂e (20 years)



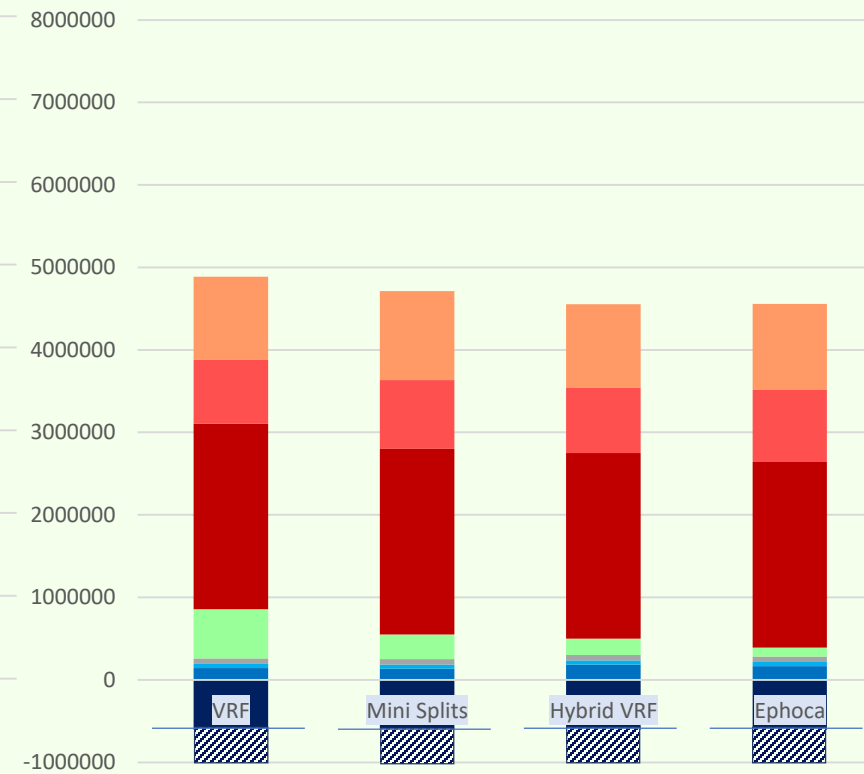
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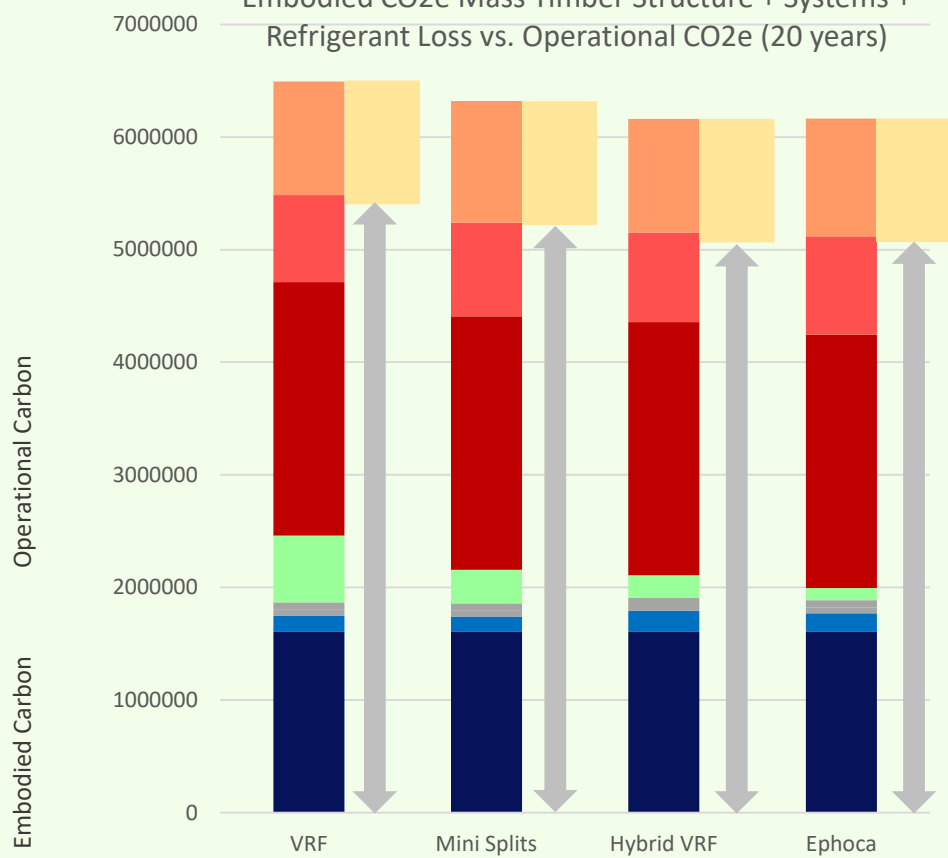
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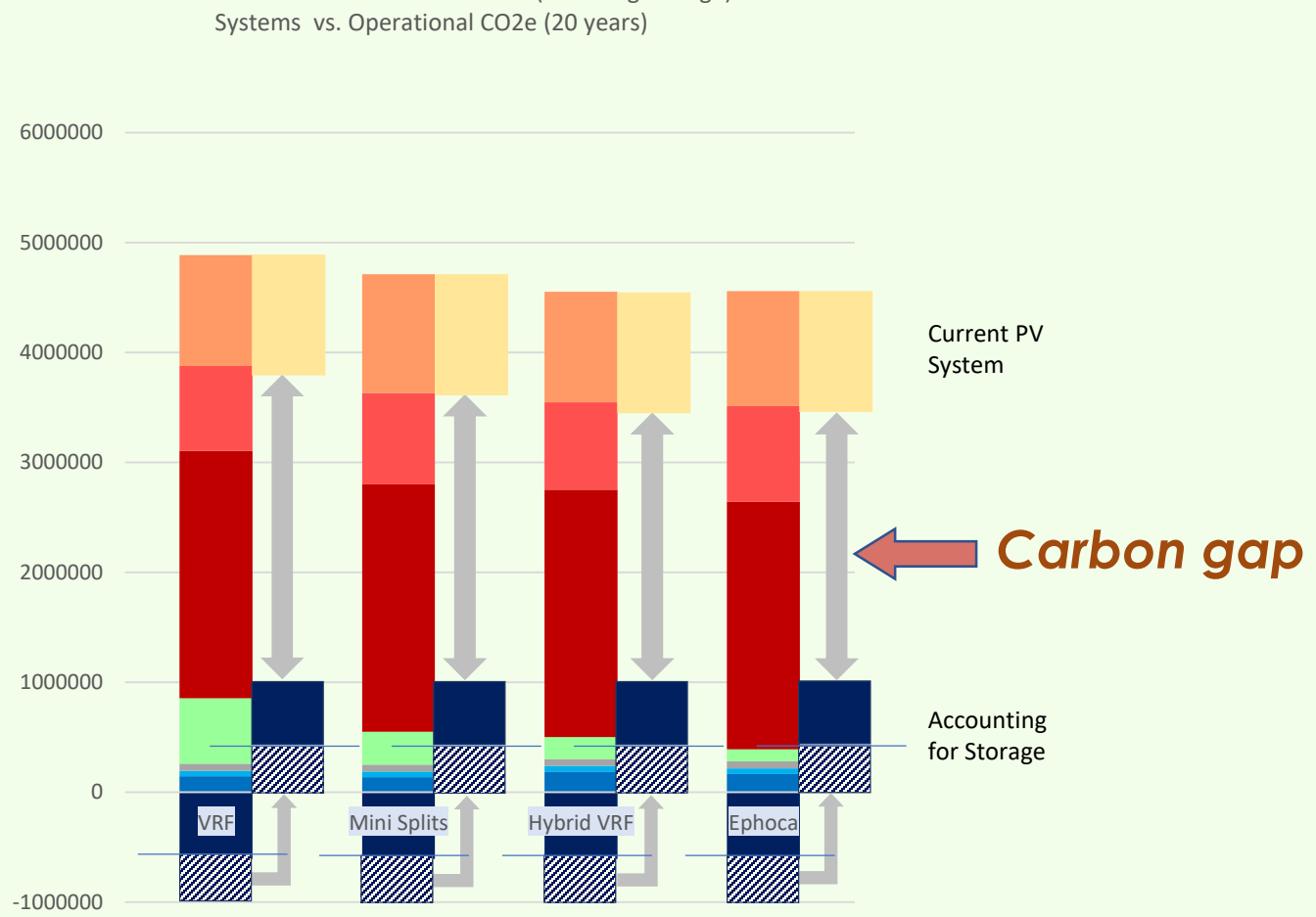
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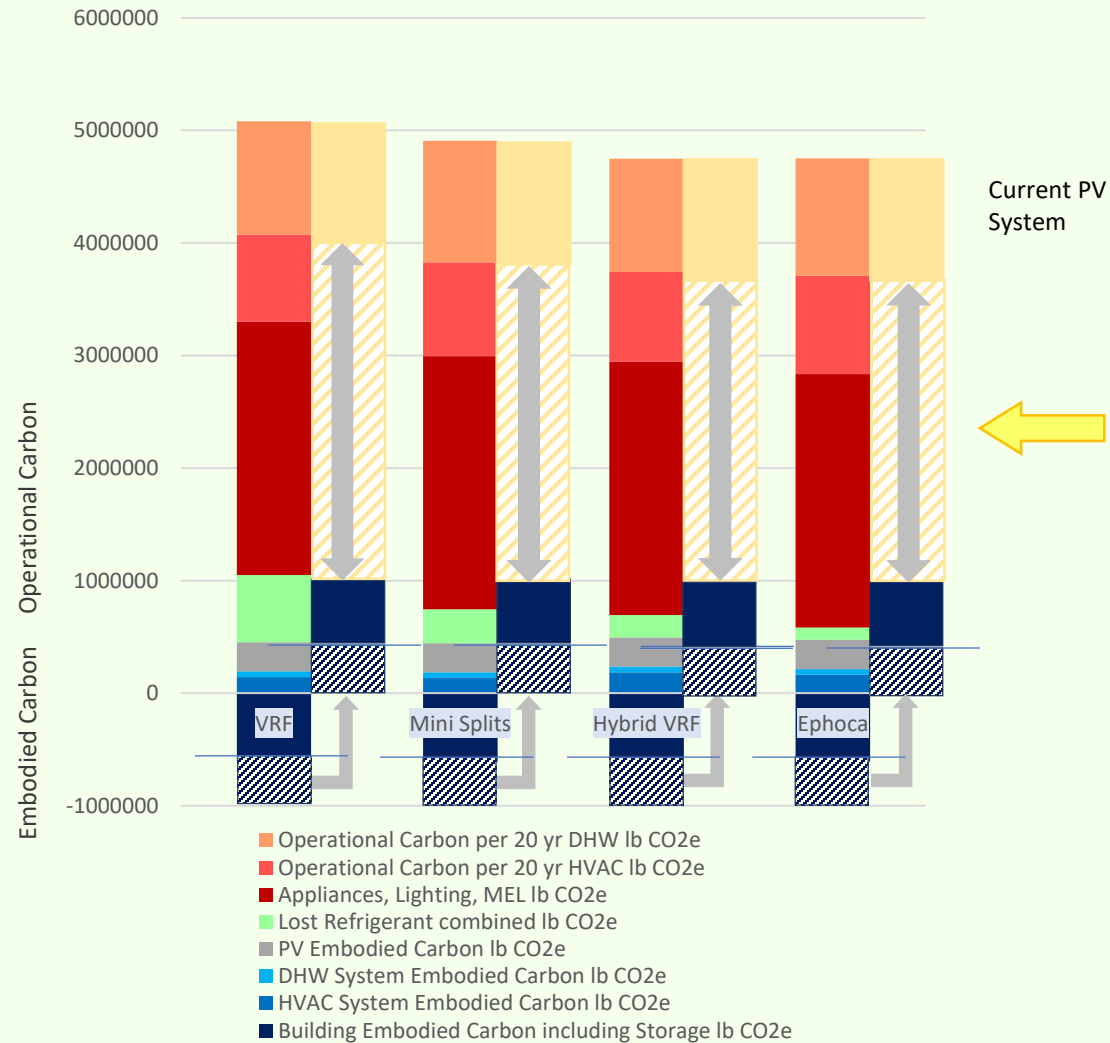
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**REDUCTION, CAPTURE, STORAGE OF CARBON CAN HELP
CLOSE THE CARBON GAP**

IS MASS TIMBER A PATH TO **DECARBONIZATION?**



Carbon 12 Condominium Building, Portland Oregon, Kaiser Path



The Bullitt Center, The Miller Hull Partnership, DCI Engineers, (Photo: John Stamets)

Sure, its pretty – but will it save us?

NOT ALL FORESTS ARE EQUAL



UNMANAGED



PLANTATIONS



SELECTIVE CUTTING



OLD GROWTH

FOREST "TYPES"

NOT ALL MANAGEMENT IS EQUAL - PLANTATIONS – SELECTIVE CUTTING



LOW BIODIVERSITY– LOW CARBON ON LAND- HIGH CARBON IN WOOD
– LOW ECOSYSTEM SERVICES – HIGH FORESTRY PRODUCTS



MODERATE – GOOD BIODIVERSITY– MODERATE CARBON ON LAND-
HIGHEST CARBON IN WOOD – MODERATE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES –
MODERATE BUT CONSISTENT FORESTRY PRODUCTS

RANGE OF BENEFITS - BIODIVERSITY– CARBON ON LAND- CARBON IN WOOD – ECOSYSTEM SERVICES – FORESTRY PRODUCTS

CERTIFICATIONS WHAT ARE THEY, WHAT DO THEY ACCOMPLISH ?



THIS IS A CERTIFIED FOREST – CLEAR-CUTTING OF OLD GROWTH IN BC CANADA

NOT ALL FORESTS ARE EQUAL

OLD GROWTH FORESTS MUST BE PRESERVED
COMPLEX SYSTEMS SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED TO
SIMPLE SYSTEMS OR MONOCULTURE

HIGHEST BIO-DIVERSITY,
FULL RANGE OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES, LOWER RATES
OF CARBON DRAWDOWN, BUT HIGHEST LEVEL OF
TOTAL CARBON SEQUESTRATION IN ECOSYSTEM
POOL, MINIMAL FORESTRY PRODUCTS
LAUREN COOPER, DIRECTOR, MSU FOREST CARBON
AND CLIMATE PROGRAM

"It makes no ecological, social or economic sense to be logging old growth forests as we grapple with the existential threats of climate change and mass extinctions." Dr. Suzanne Simard

OPTIMAL GOAL – CLIMATE SMART

= OPTIMIZED CARBON SEQUESTRATION - ADAPT MANAGEMENT FOR RESILIENT FOREST ECOSYSTEMS -
MANAGEMENT FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY - INCLUDING ALL ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES,
(PRESUMABLY)



APPROACHES FOR CARBON ACCOUNTING



GROWTH

HARVEST

PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURE

USE

END OF LIFE

APPROACHES FOR CARBON ACCOUNTING

APPROACH 1: CO₂ is removed from atmosphere by tree before harvest



Tree grows

Harvest

Product Manufacture

Product Use

End of Life

TIME

Start accounting when tree starts growing

- + Aligned with Cradle to Gate LCA.
- Clear cut forest wood can be called carbon neutral.

APPROACHES FOR CARBON ACCOUNTING

APPROACH 2: CO₂ is removed from atmosphere by tree replacing the harvested tree



Start accounting
at harvest

- ? Depends on time horizon + growth rate of new tree.
- New tree is not connected in product material or energy flows
- Does account for deforestation

APPROACHES FOR CARBON ACCOUNTING

APPROACH 4: Compares net Carbon removals from “supply area” over “period of interest” .



One years harvest

Modeling of alternate scenario to evaluate carbon cost of removal.

APPROACHES FOR CARBON ACCOUNTING

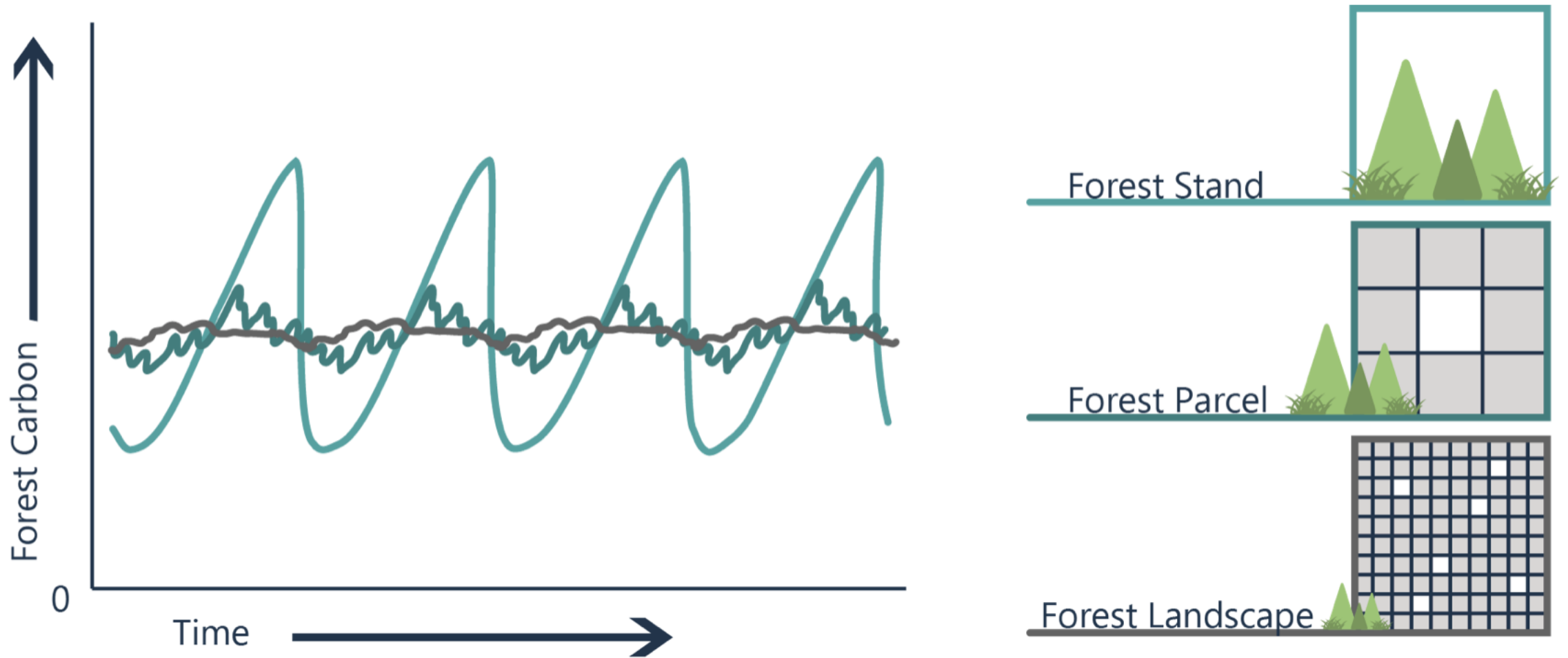


Figure: The influence of spatial and temporal scales on forest carbon storage. Modified from Bowyer et al. (7) and McKinley et al. (5).

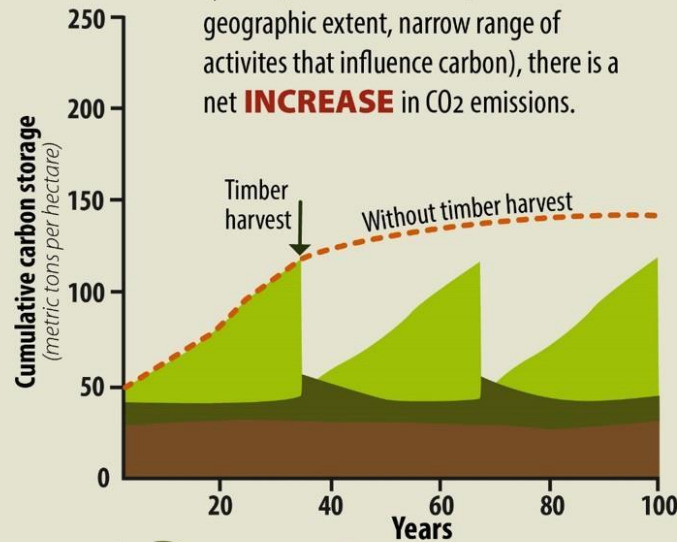
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United States Department of Agriculture

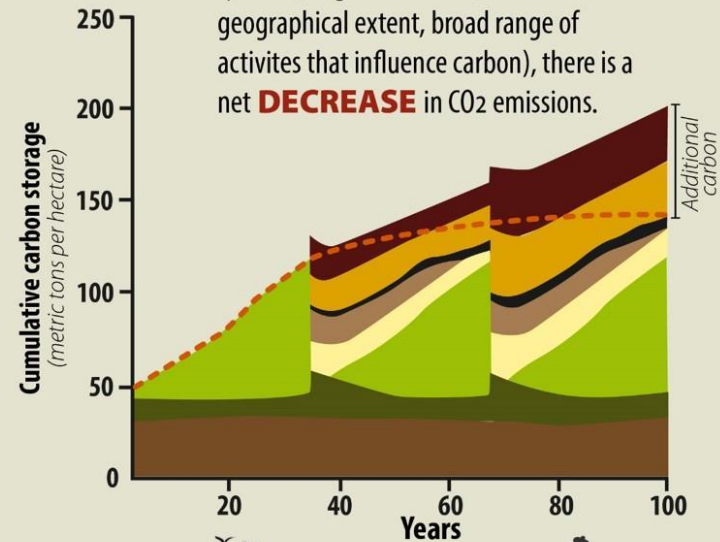
Carbon
BENEFITS
in the Broad View

How Carbon Stacks Up

In the **NARROW VIEW** of the forest system (shorter time scale, smaller geographic extent, narrow range of activities that influence carbon), there is a net **INCREASE** in CO₂ emissions.



In the **BROAD VIEW** of the forest system (longer time scale, broader geographical extent, broad range of activities that influence carbon), there is a net **DECREASE** in CO₂ emissions.



Soil



Litter



Trees



Long-lived
forest products



Short-lived
forest products



Landfill



Product
substitution
(building materials)



Energy
substitution
(bioenergy)

US Forest Service

Office of Sustainability and Climate

February 2019

FOREST STOCKS ARE CYCLABLE BUT STORED CARBON CAN MAKE THE CYCLE ADDITIVE

APPROACHES FOR **CARBON ACCOUNTING**

CONFUSED? DO WE HAVE TIME TO FIGURE THIS OUT?

THE BENEFIT OF RAPID GROWTH CYCLE MATERIALS

STORES CARBON THIS YEAR (!!)

AND BUILDS SOIL



ENOUGH HAS TO BE ENOUGH !!

THE PATH TO ZERO:

- Stabilize population at 7.5 Billion
 - 2 children per couple with perfect birth control
- Reduce industrial output
 - “enough” material wealth at 10% higher than 2000 levels “for all”
 - reduction for the rich
 - increase for the poor
- Technological increase
 - Abate pollution
 - Increase land yields
 - Protect renewable resources from erosion

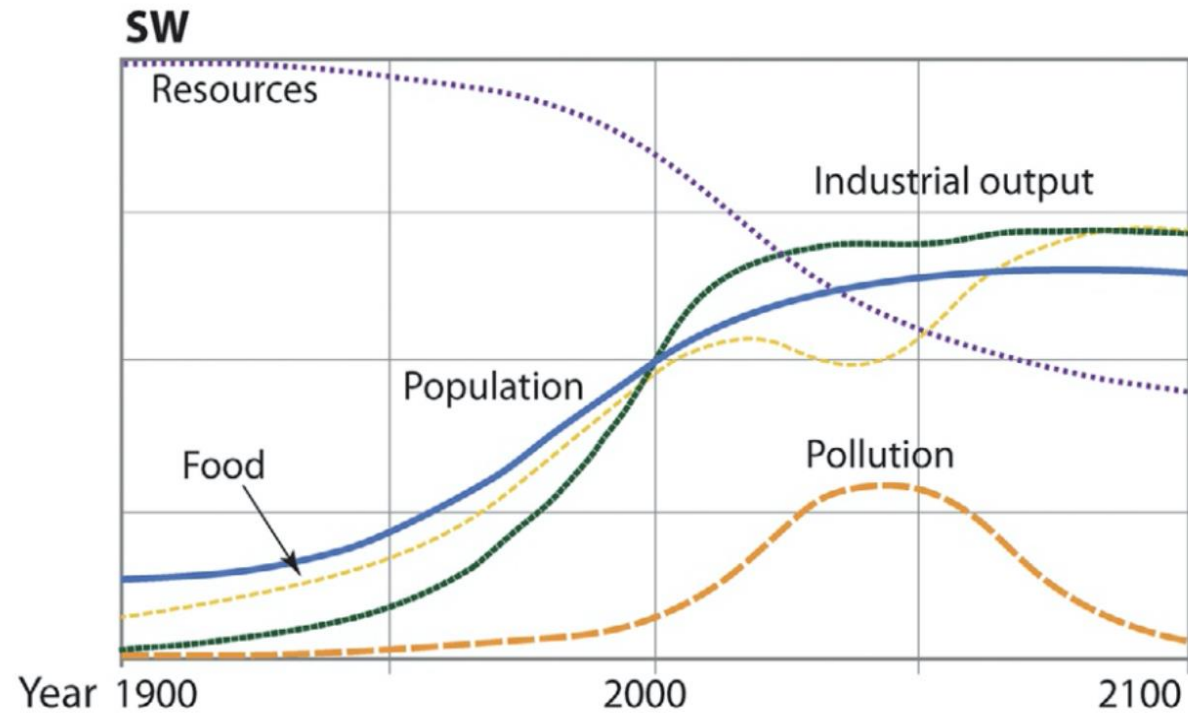


FIGURE 1 The BAU, BAU2, CT, and SW scenarios. Adapted from *Limits to Growth: The 30-Year Update* (p. 169, 173, 219, 245), by Meadows, D. H., Meadows, D. L., and Randers, J. 2004. Chelsea Green Publishing Co. Copyright 2004 by Dennis Meadows. Adapted with permission

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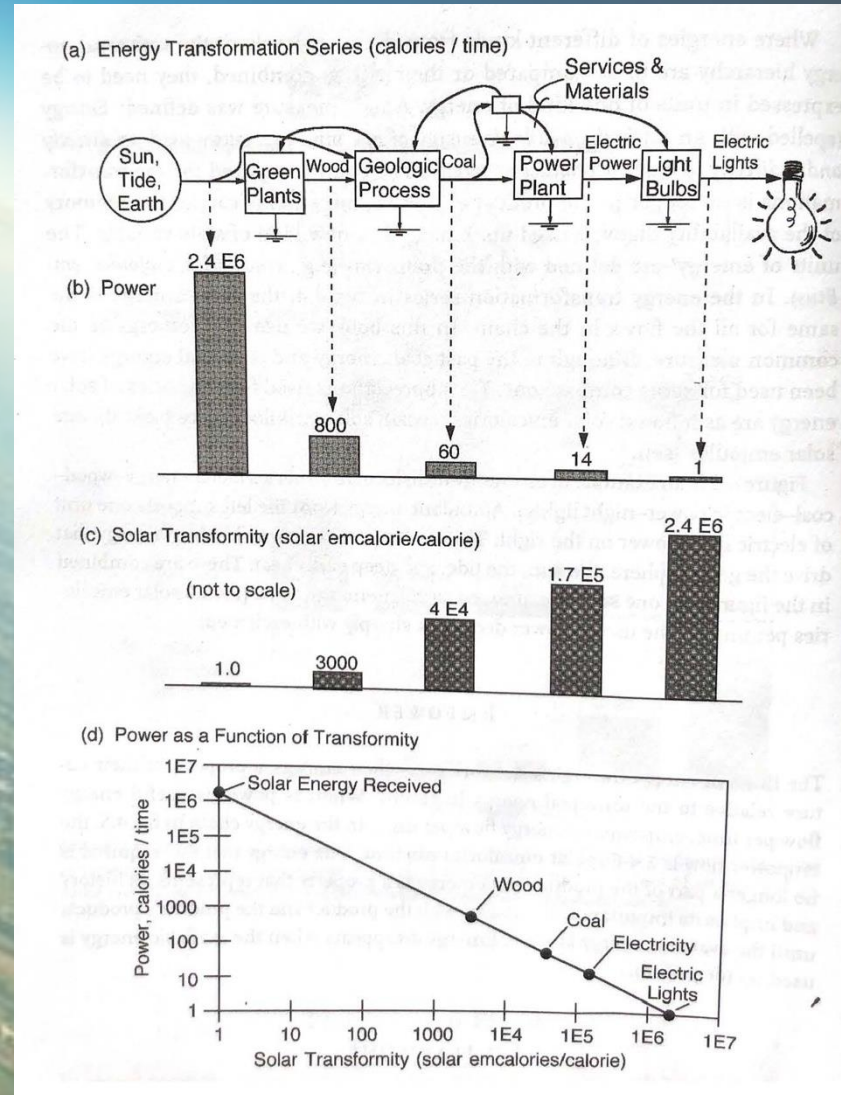


STACKING FUNCTIONS
COMPLEMENTARITY
TRANSFORMABILITY

MULTIFUNCTIONAL SOLUTIONS

- ▶ Reduce loads:
 - ▶ Passive house, ultra low flow fixtures, DWHR, etc.
- ▶ *Solving a single problem with technology will never be net positive.*
- ▶ *Natures' Multifunctional Systems are net positive*
 - ▶ *look to them for inspiration.*
- ▶ Use “waste” outputs as inputs
- ▶ Systems that use water like hydronics or geothermal can have functions added to them much easier.
- ▶ Make the next generation of systems plug-and-play like VRF but add new stacked functions

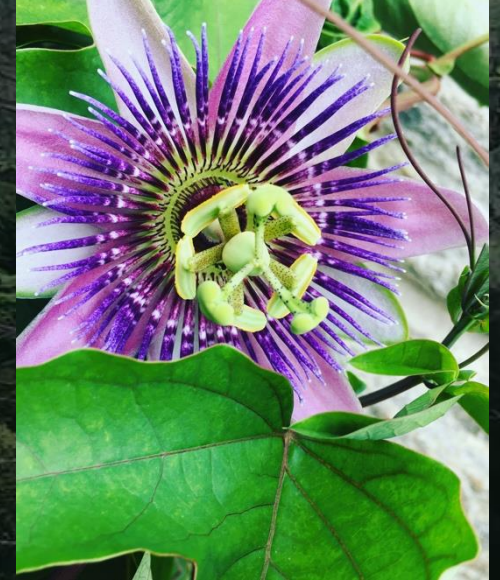
THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS AND THE PATH TO ZERO



LOW TECH IS THE TRUE HIGH TECH – **PRIORITIZE PASSIVE + NATURAL SYSTEMS**

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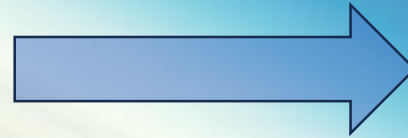
+ REDUCE, CAPTURE, STORE,
ENERGY IN ALL FORMS



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WASTE AS NUTRIENT

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ENERGY TRANSFORMABILITY



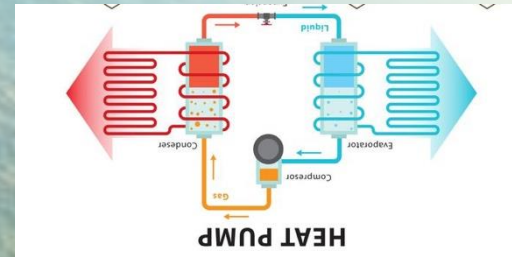
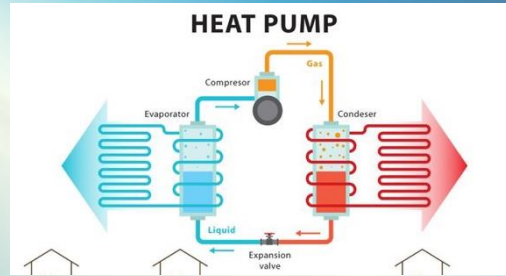
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ENERGY TRANSFORMABILITY



THINK LIKE NATURE + A DOSE OF TECHNOLOGY

ENERGY TRANSFORMABILITY



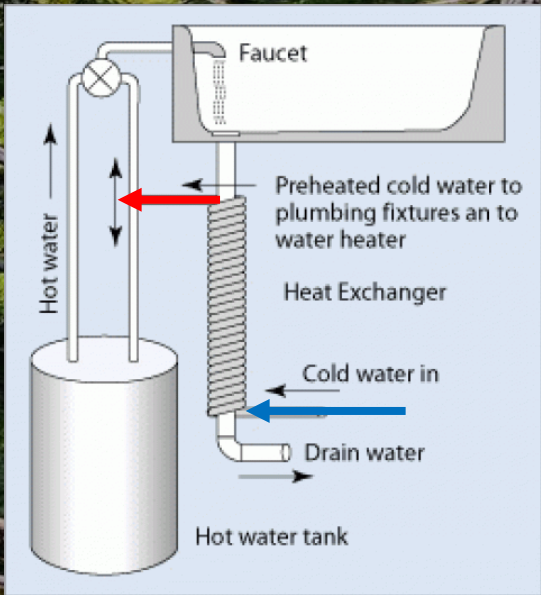
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COMPLEMENTARY LOADS
...PRETTY CRUDE EXAMPLE



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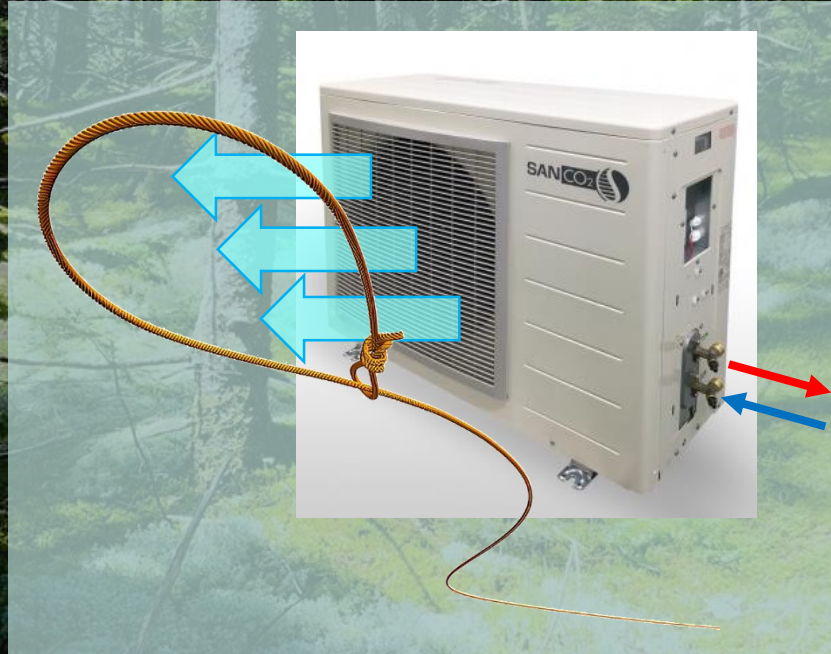
Drain Water Heat Recovery



* Why have we forgotten about these? they are so simple!

Desiccant
Dehumidification?
Adsorption Chillers?

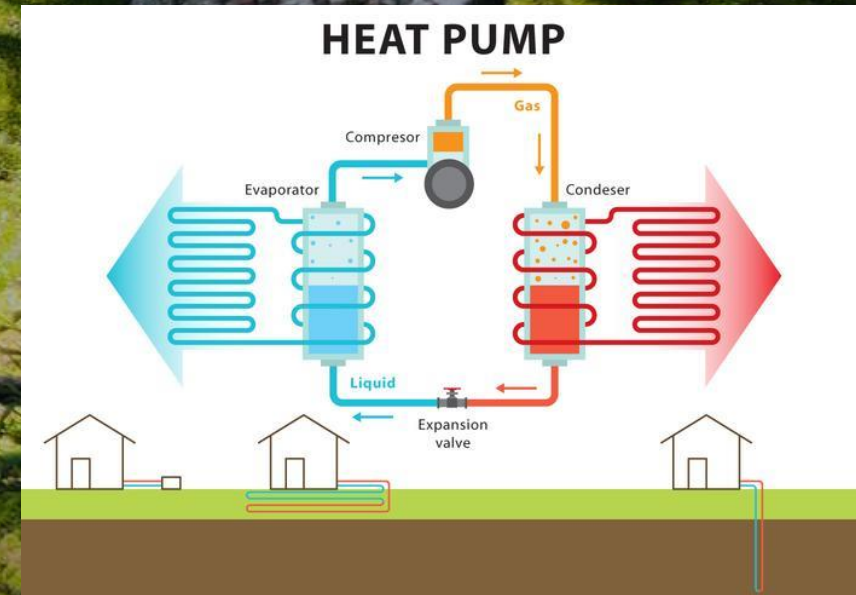
DIVERSE ABUNDANCE, WITHIN AVAILABLE ENERGY LIMITS, NO WASTE



Use the wasted cooling from
CO2 Hot Water Heat Pumps

* Use all that cooling energy that is thrown away by heat pump hot water heaters

Water-to-water heat pumps used to change "waste" energy into useable energy by "lifting" to useable temperatures

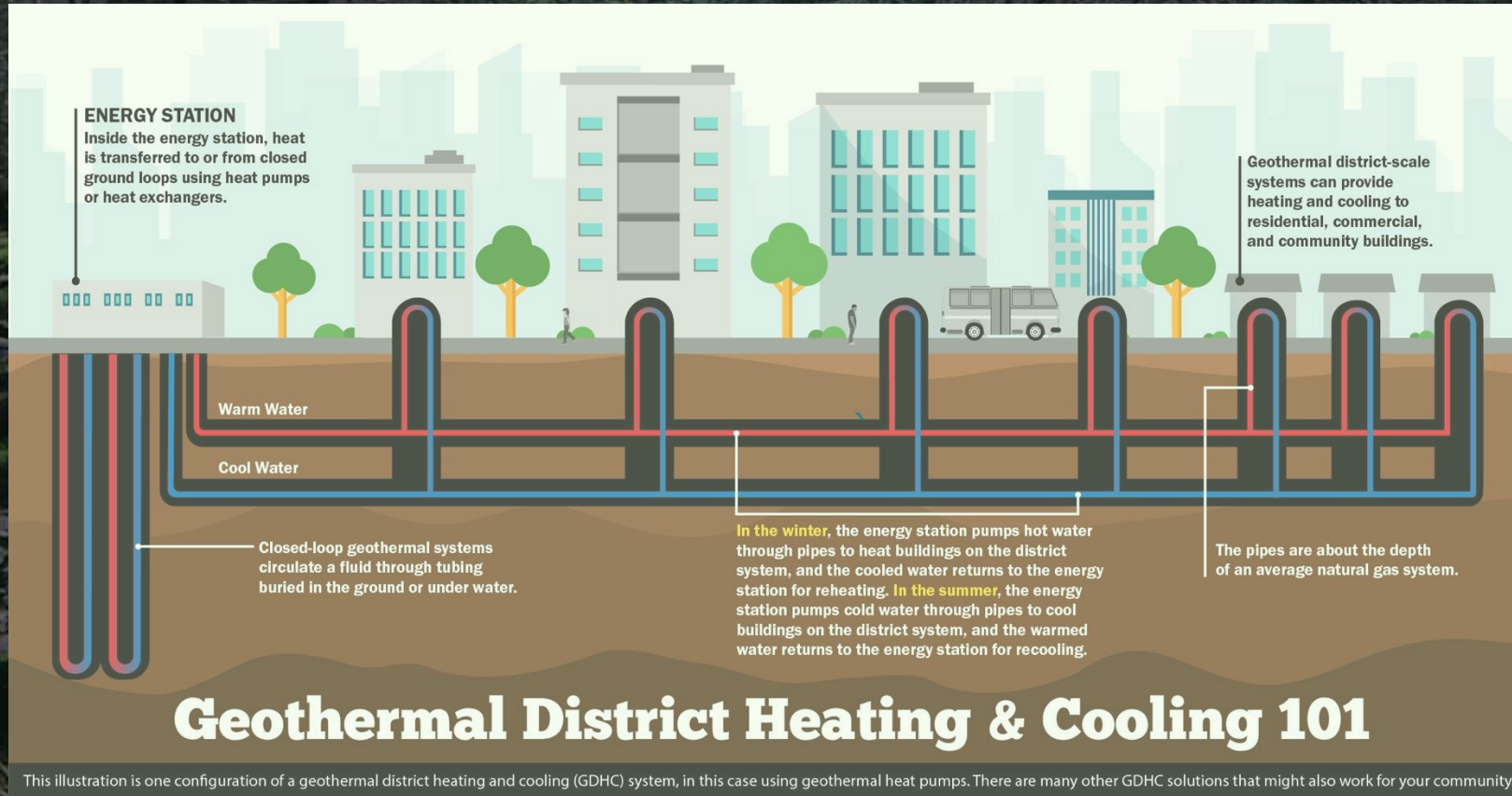


* Similar in concept to geothermal, but a ground loop isn't necessarily required.

EXISTING COMPLIMENTARY SOLUTIONS THAT NEED MORE ATTENTION

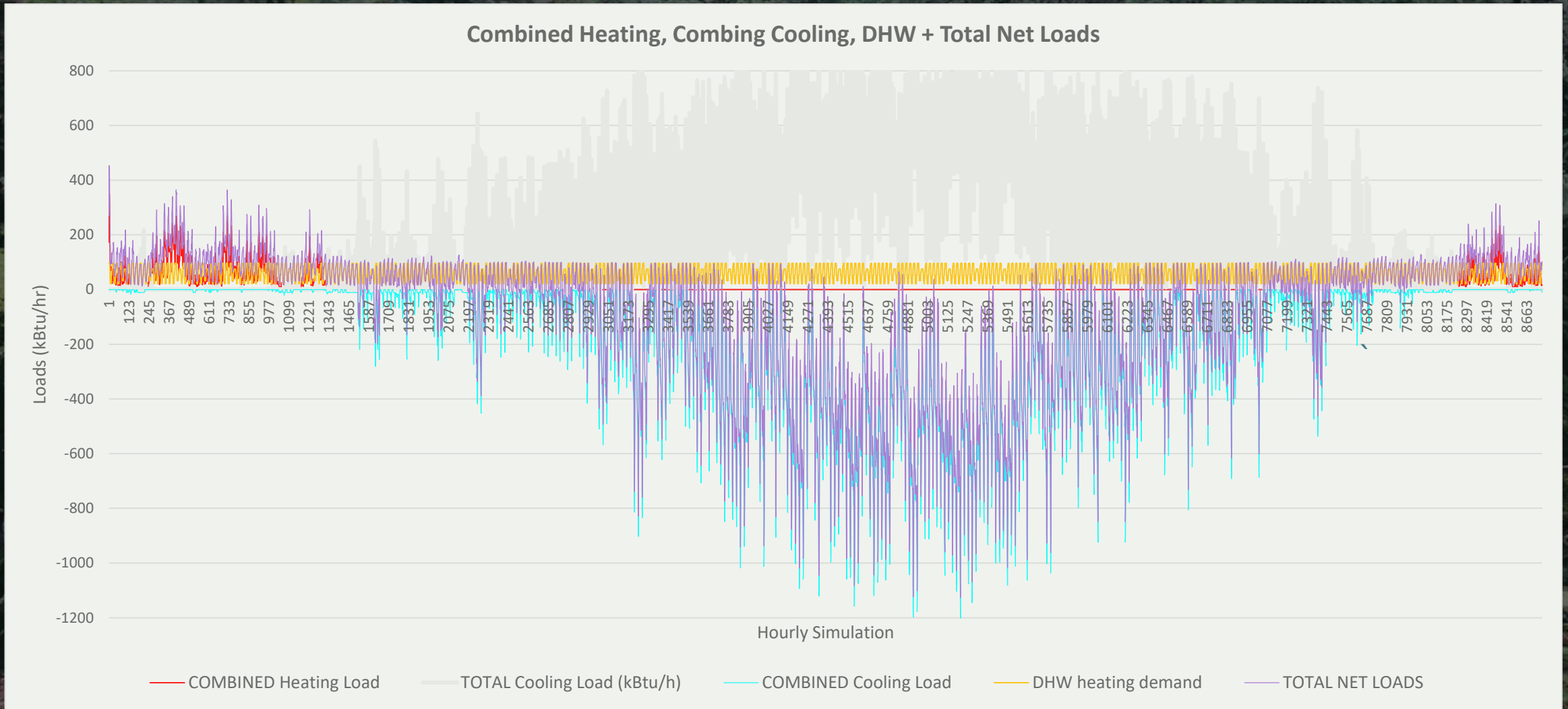
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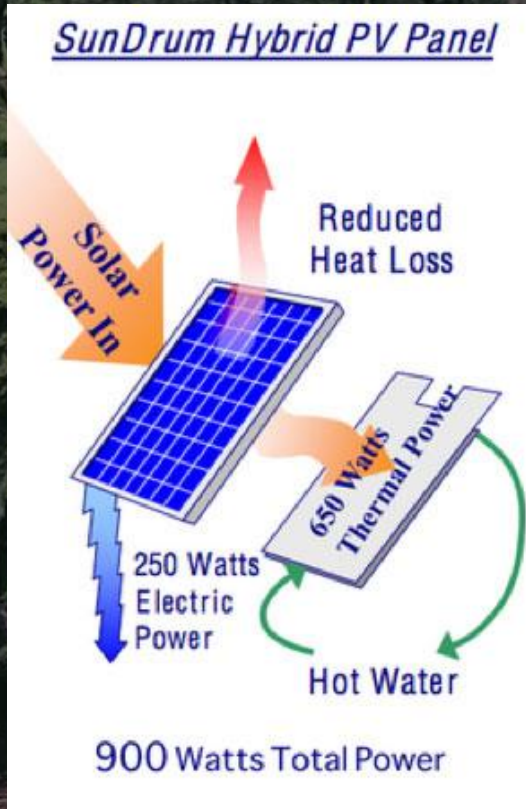
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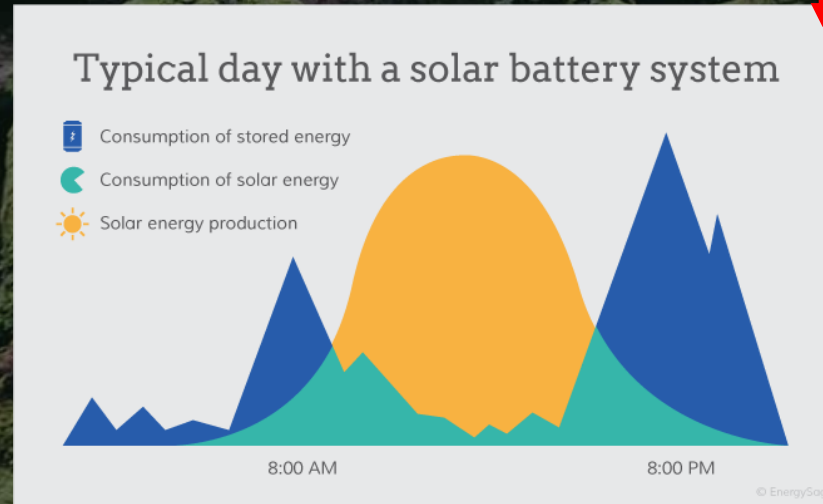
Stacked Photovoltaic & Solar Hot Water Systems



* This type of low temperature collector opens all kinds of hydronic possibilities without flash and freeze issues

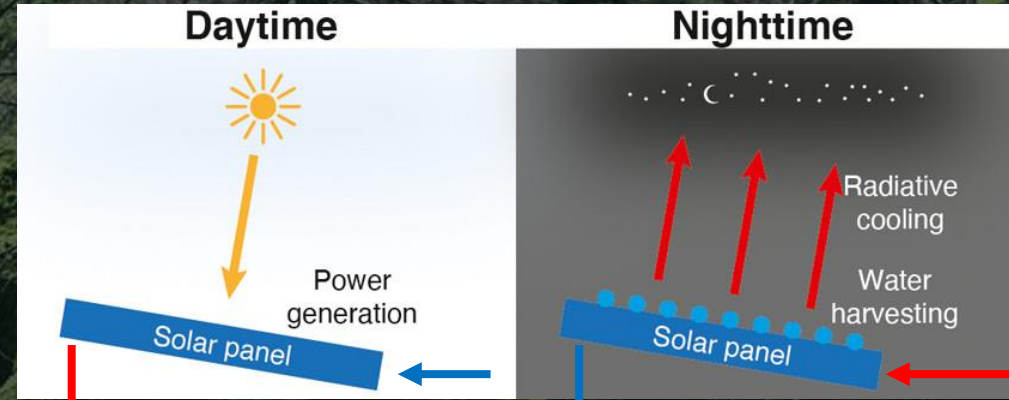
Thermal Storage

- ▶ **Grid Storage (Solar time-shift)**
- ▶ **Heat Recovery time-shift**
- ▶ **Equipment Size reduction**



* Storage isn't just about renewable grid integration, but can enable other time-delay heat recovery options, such as...

Night Sky Radiant Cooling



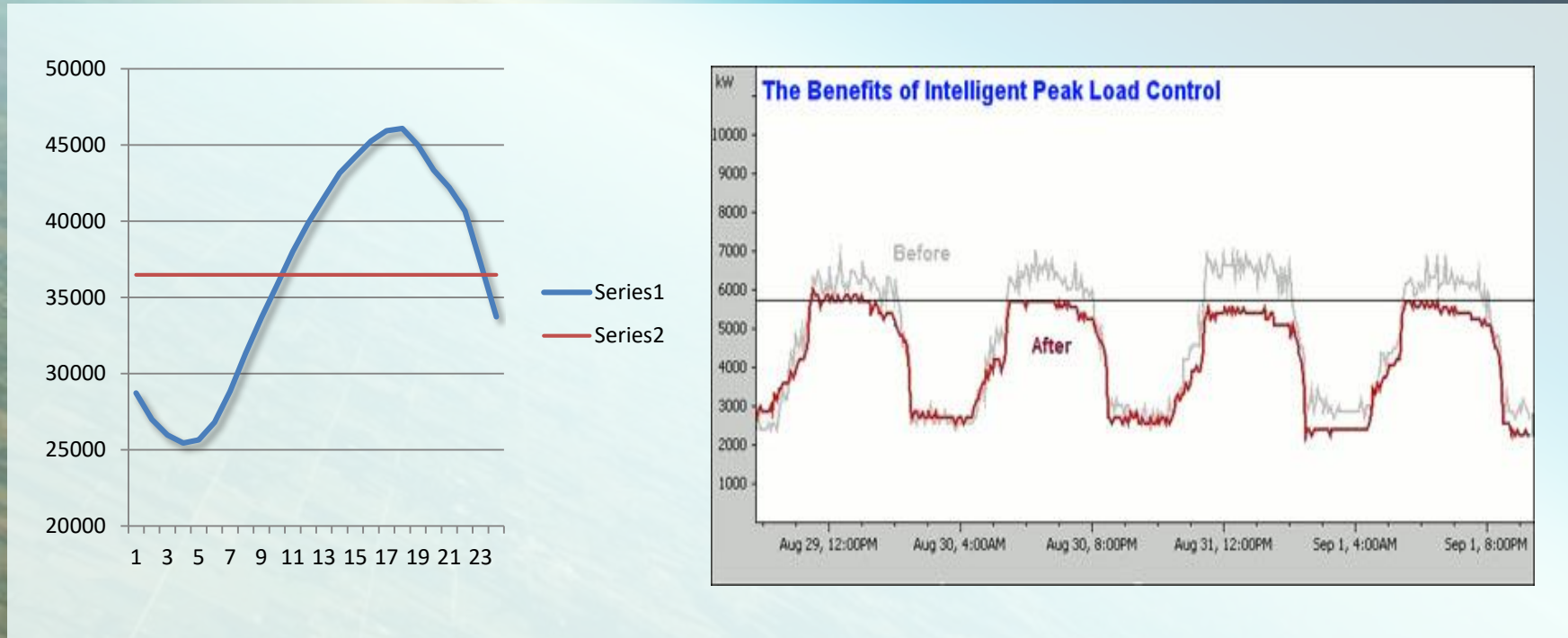
* Cool the planet with solar thermal panels by launching heat into space ?!

Phase Change Materials?

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STORAGE TIME SHIFTING



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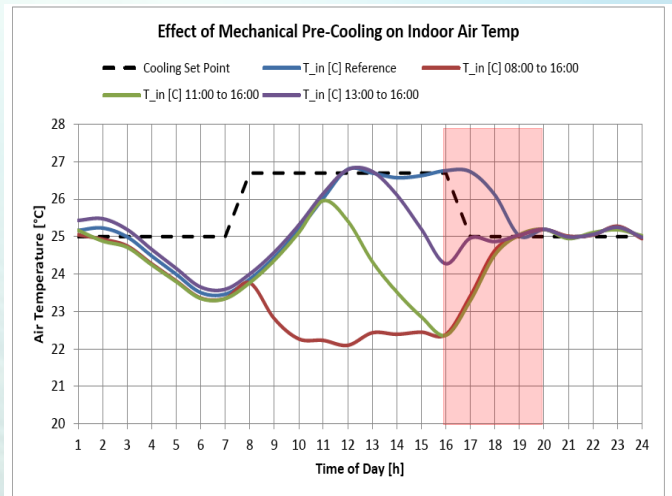
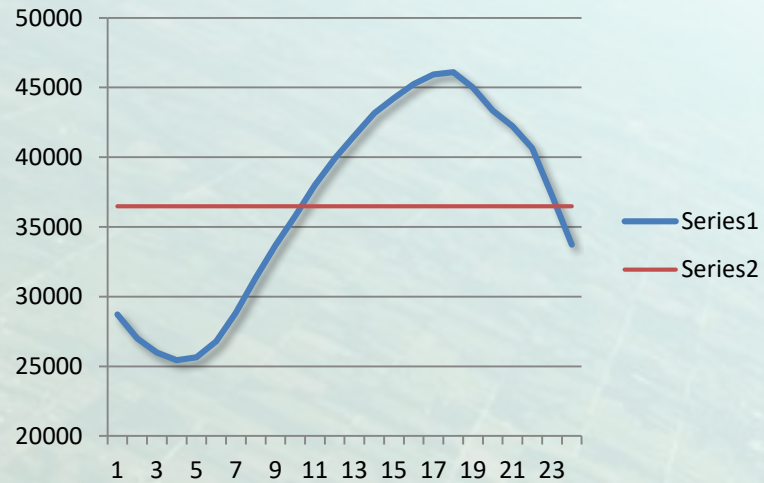
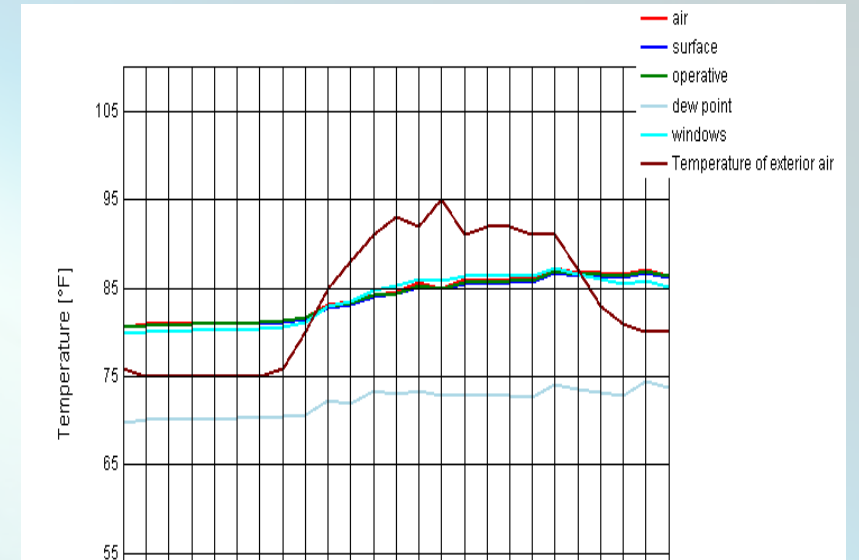


Figure 3: Effect on indoor air temperature of changing the cooling set points at different times to produce pre-cooling. 22.2°C or 72°F set point used, climate zone 3B – El Paso, TX. The dashed line shows the standard (no pre-cooling) cooling set point temperatures throughout the day. The red box indicates the peak period.



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