

Energy Production and Distribution At Princeton University

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The Problem

Reduce CO₂ footprint & other negative environmental impact with:

- Good financial stewardship
- Existing buildings & campus aesthetics
- Space limitations
- Existing technologies
- Existing codes, tariffs
- No interruption of education and research
- Additionality
- Replicability
- No discomfort
- Reliability

Energy Demands at Princeton



- > 180 Buildings
 - Academic
 - Research
 - Administrative
 - Residential
 - Athletic



Energy Equipment & Peak Demands

- **Electricity**

- (1) Gas Turbine Generator
- Solar Photovoltaic System

Rating

15.0 MW
4.5 MW

Peak Demand

27 MW

- **Steam Generation**

- (1) Heat Recovery Boiler
- (2) Auxiliary Boilers @ 150 ea.

180,000 #/hr
300,000 #/hr

240,000 #/hr

- **Chilled Water Production**

- (3) Steam-Driven Chillers
- (5) Electric Chillers

- (1) Thermal Storage Tank
 - *peak discharge

10,100 Tons
10,700 Tons

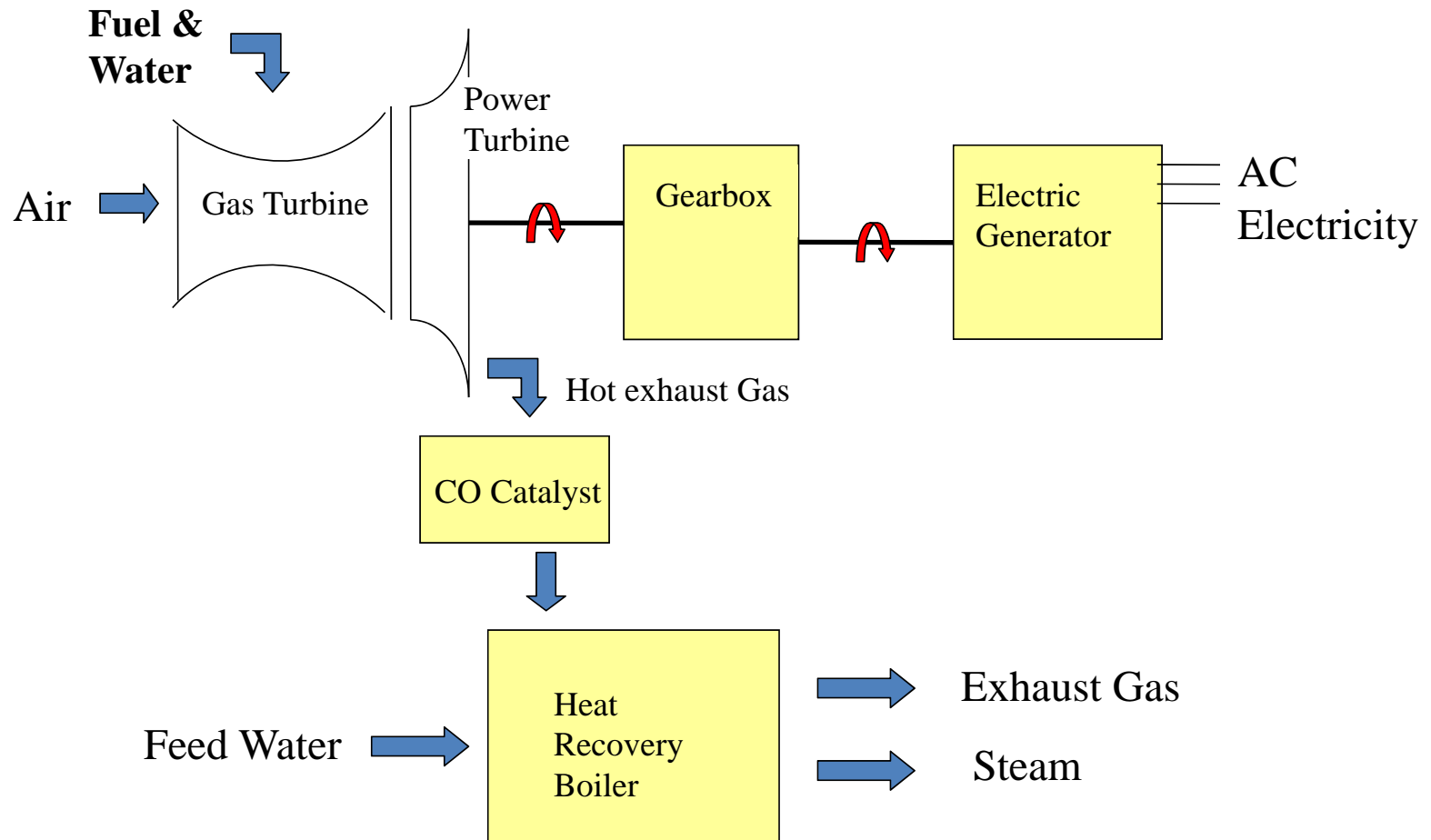
15,000 Tons

40,000 Ton-hours
10,000 tons (peak)

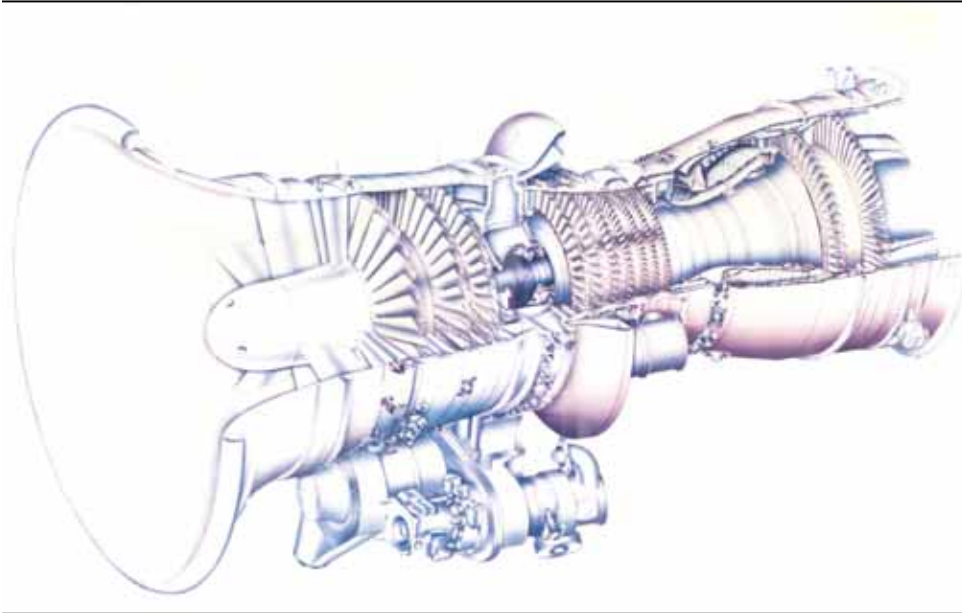
Campus District Energy Systems



Combined Heat & Power, “Cogeneration”



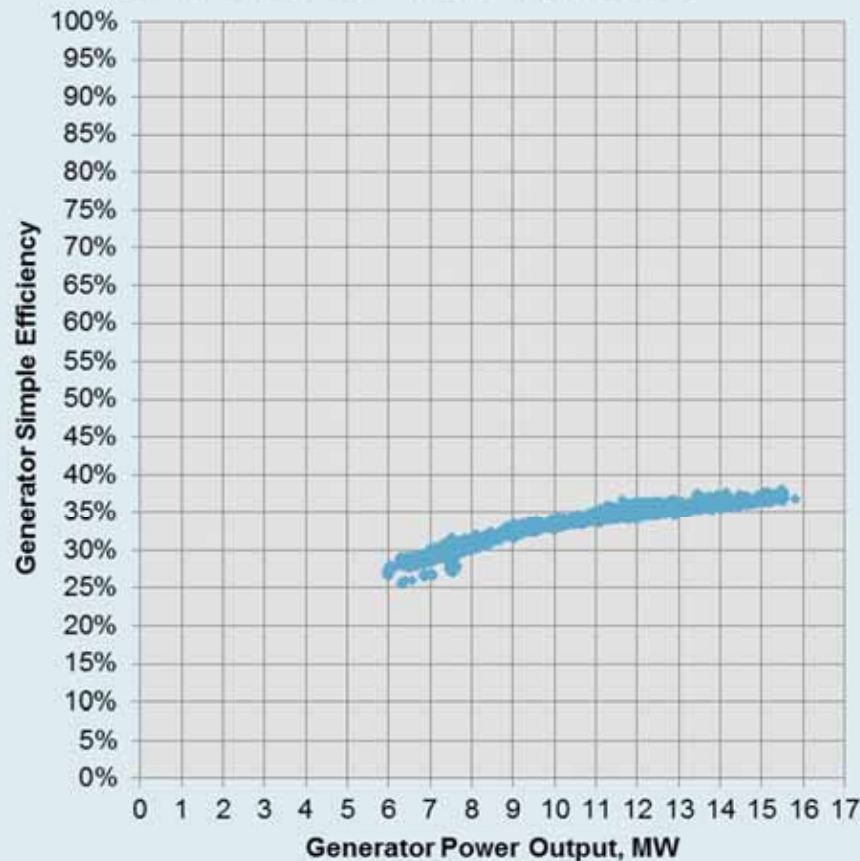
The GE LM-1600 Gas Turbine



How Much More Efficient is Combined Heat & Power?

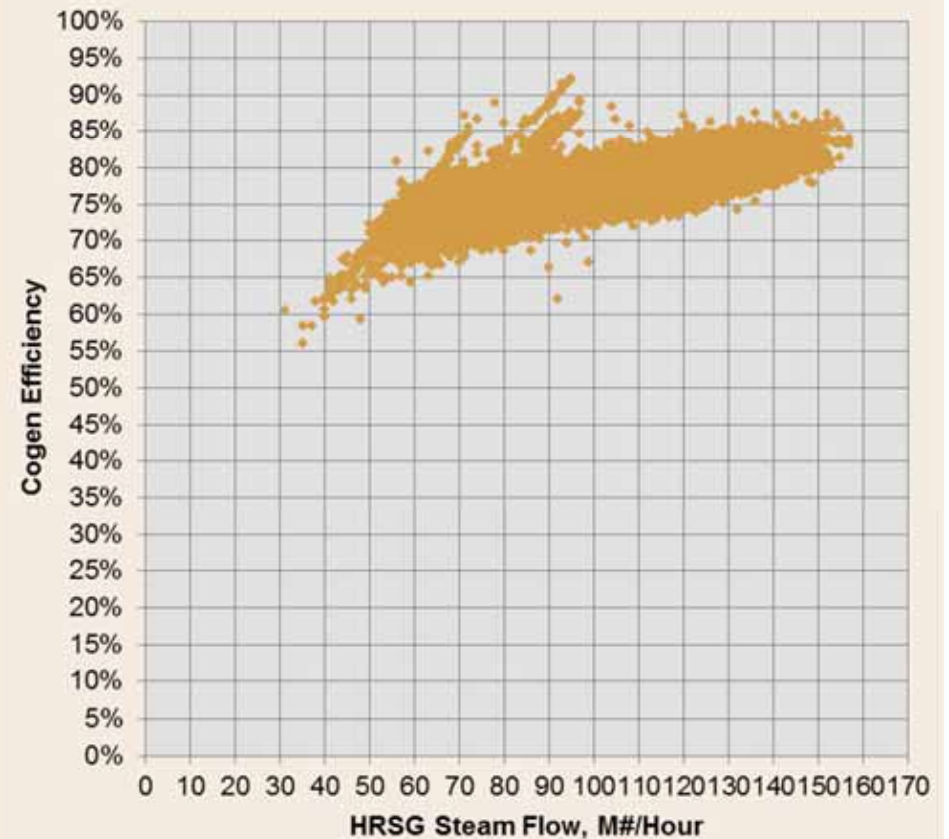
Gas Turbine Simple-Cycle Efficiency

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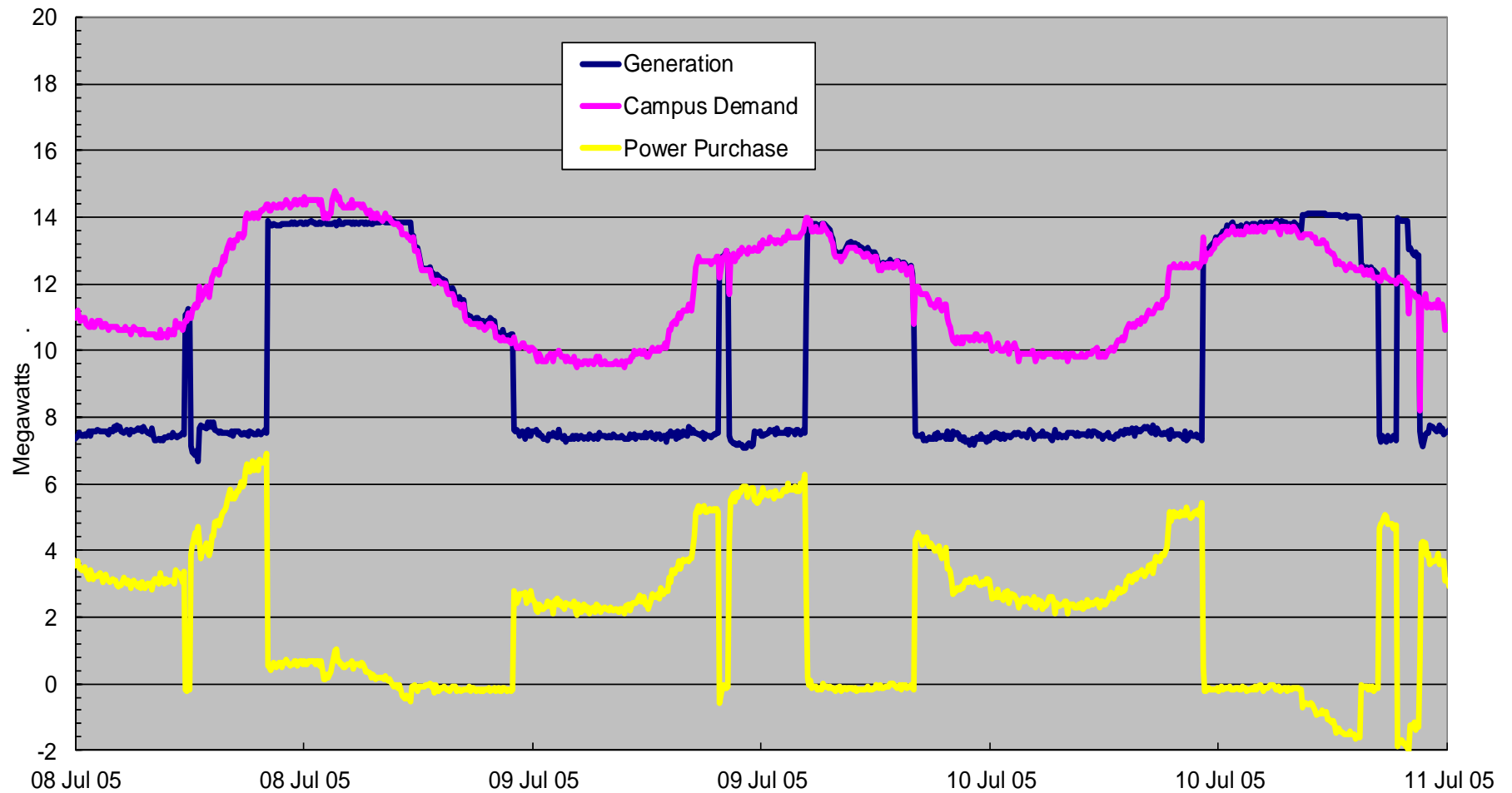


Cogeneration System Total Efficiency

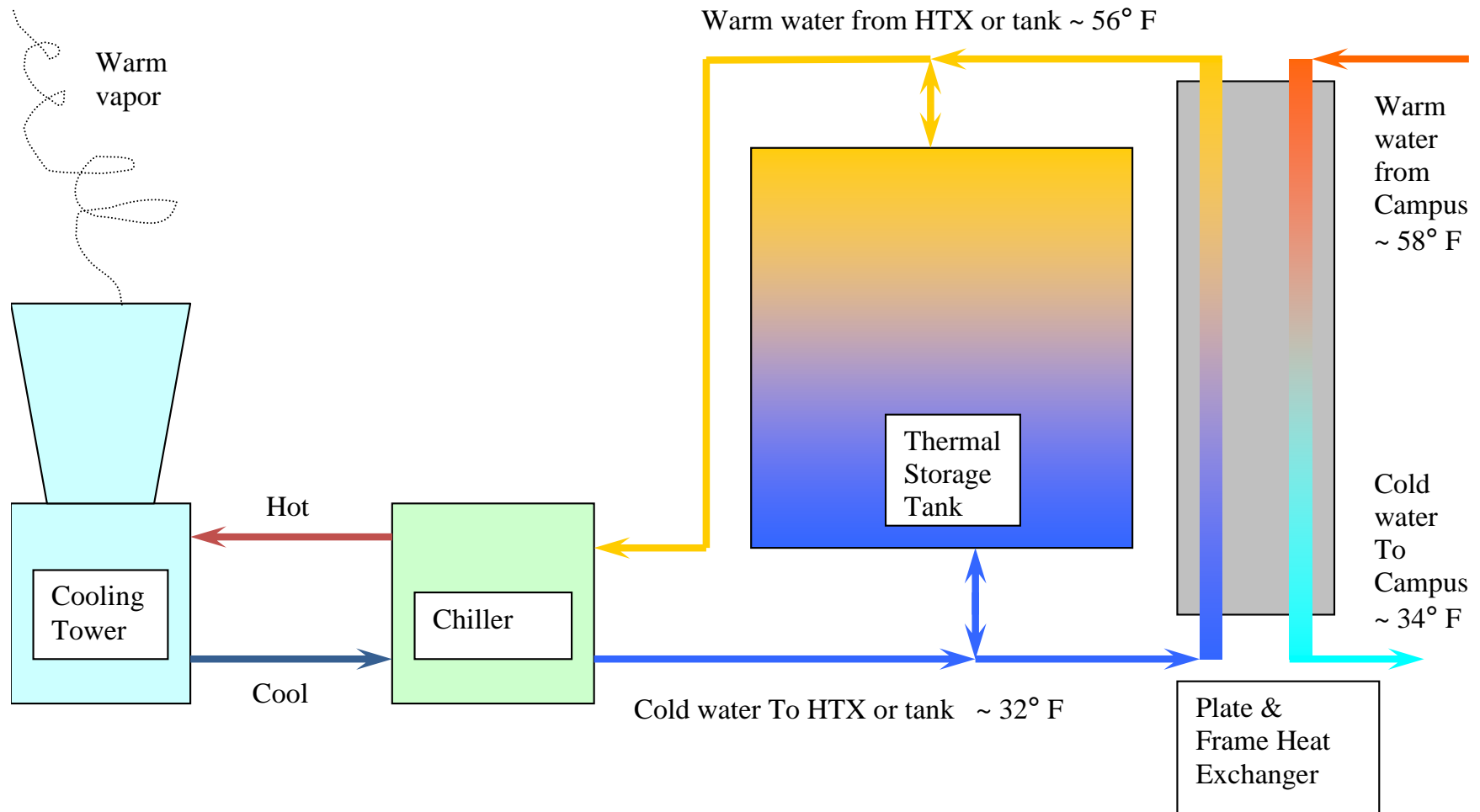
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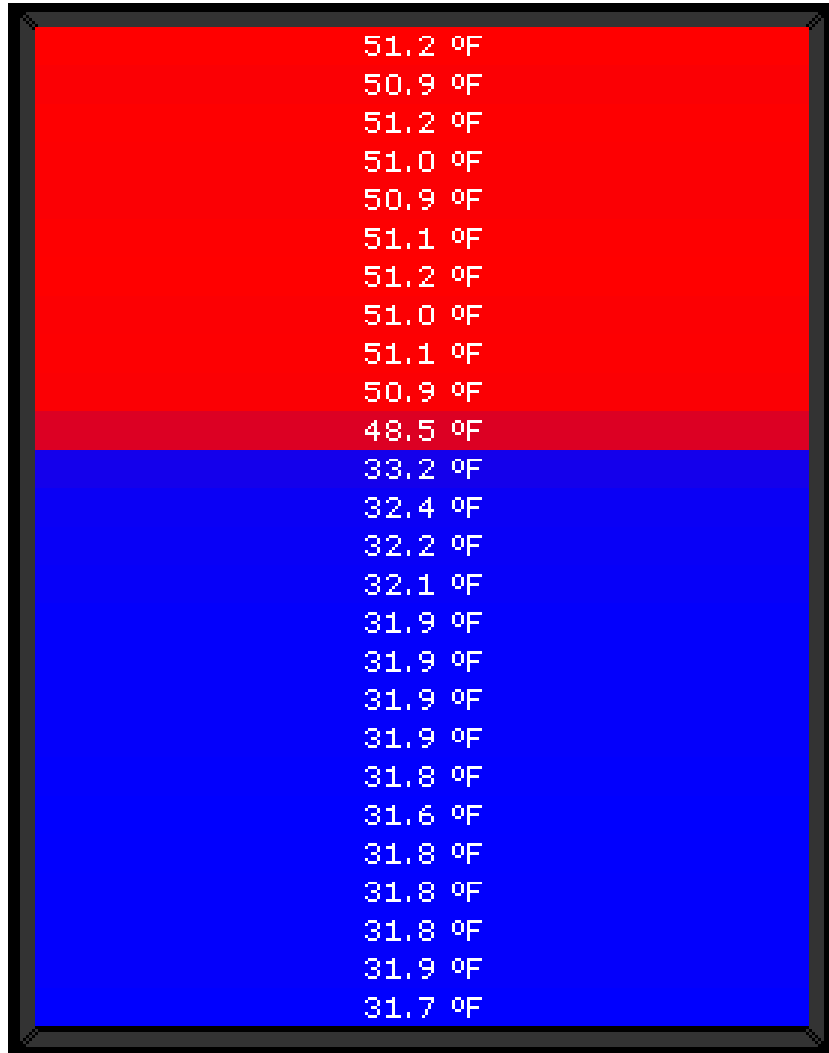
Princeton Power Demand With Cogen Dispatch To Minimize Cost



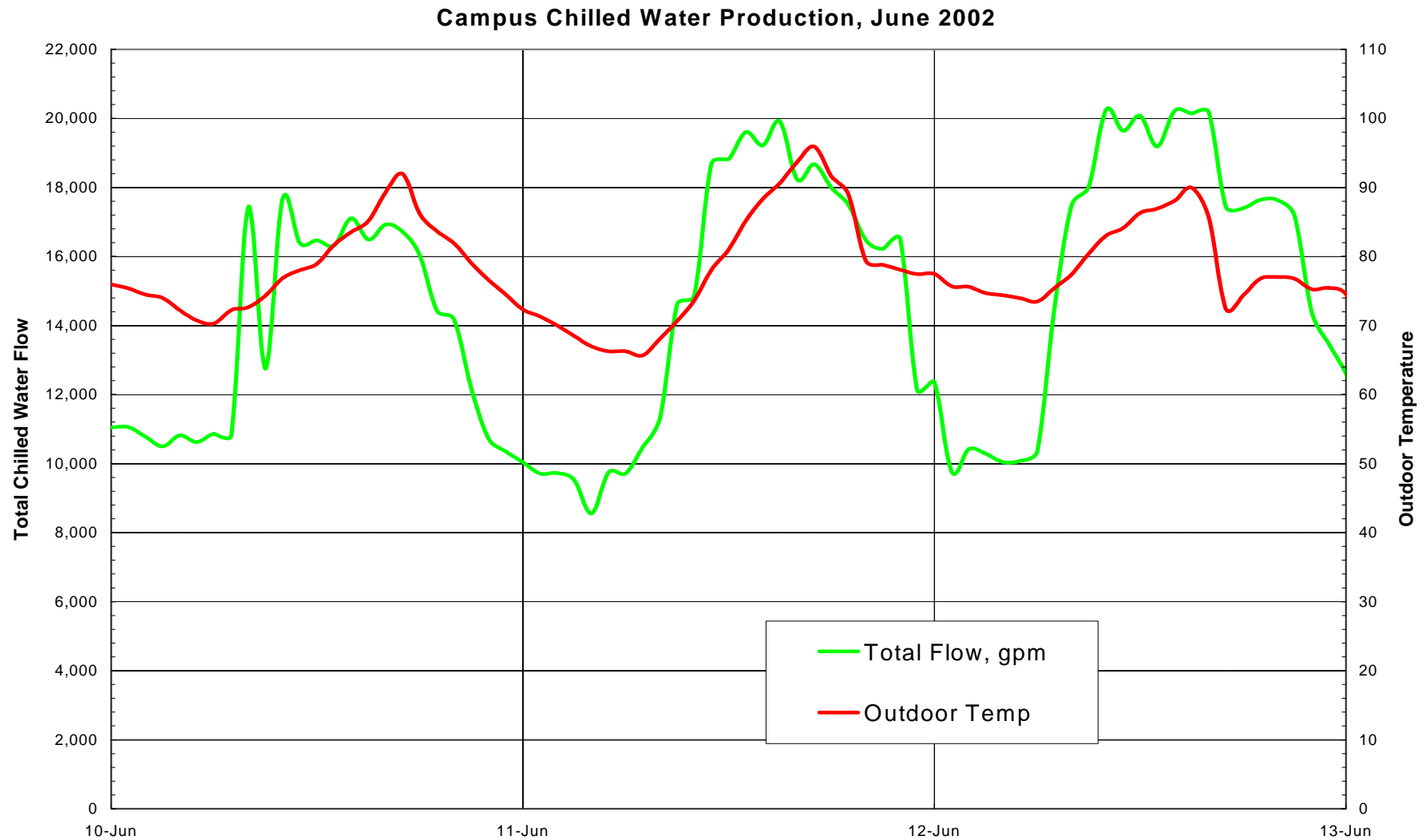
Chilled Water Thermal Storage



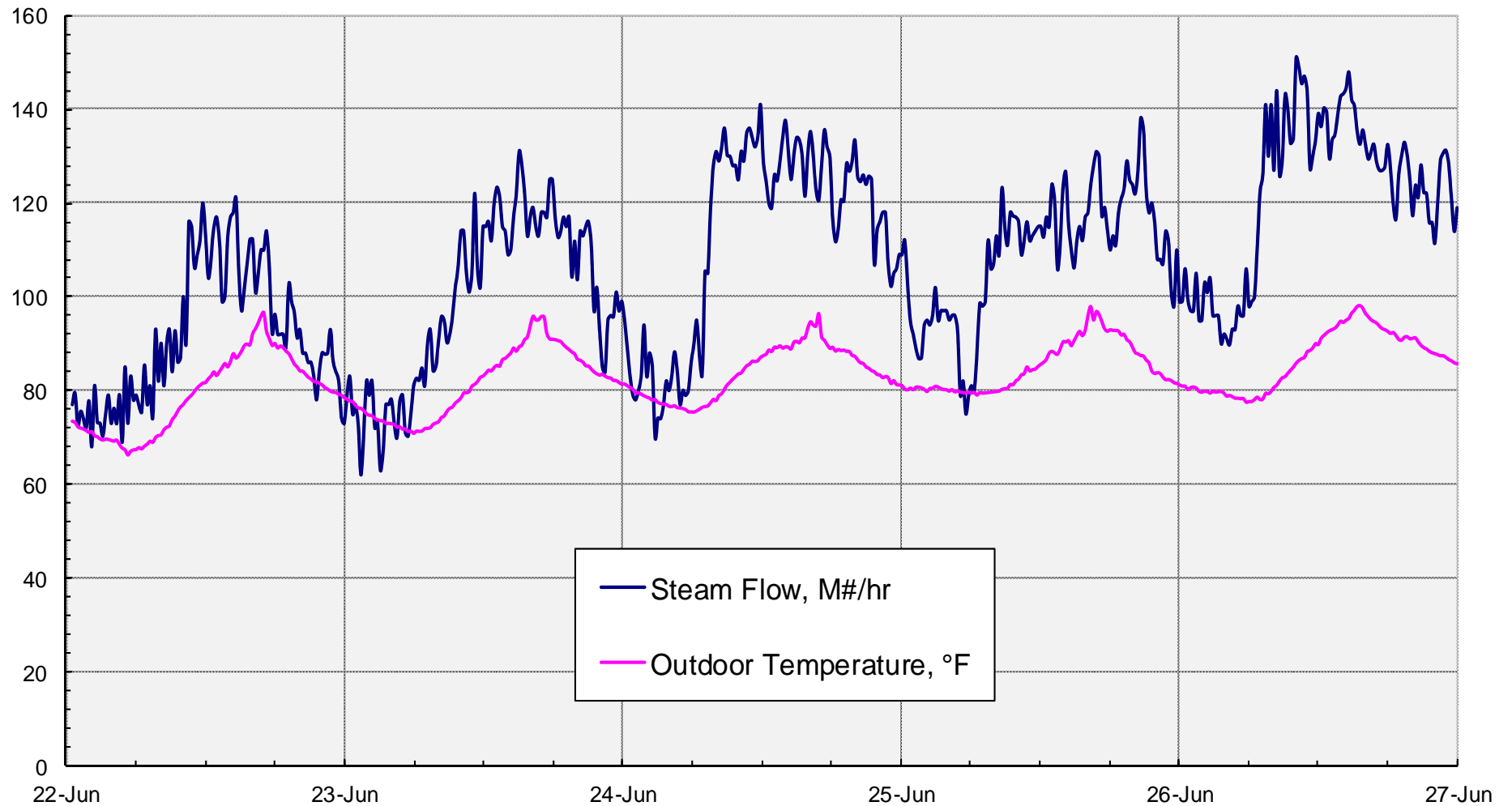
TES Tank Stratification



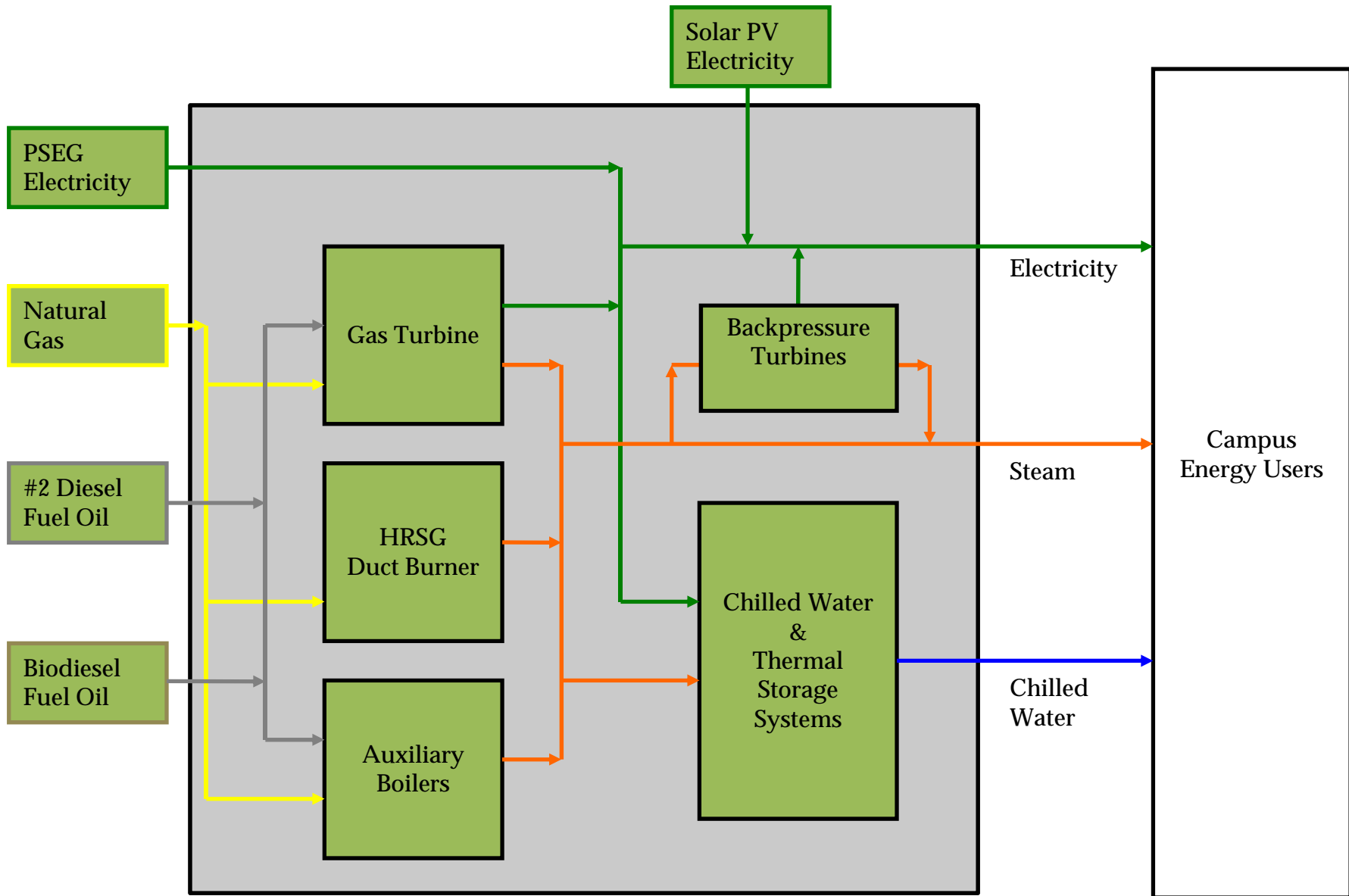
Princeton Chilled Water Use



Princeton Summer Steam Use



Plant Energy Balance



Princeton Solar PV -- Today

- 5.3 MW DC
- 27 Acres
- Lease equipment
- Own all power and Solar Renewable Energy Credits from day one
- Sell SRECs until system is paid for
- Eventually stop selling SRECs and claim all avoided CO₂

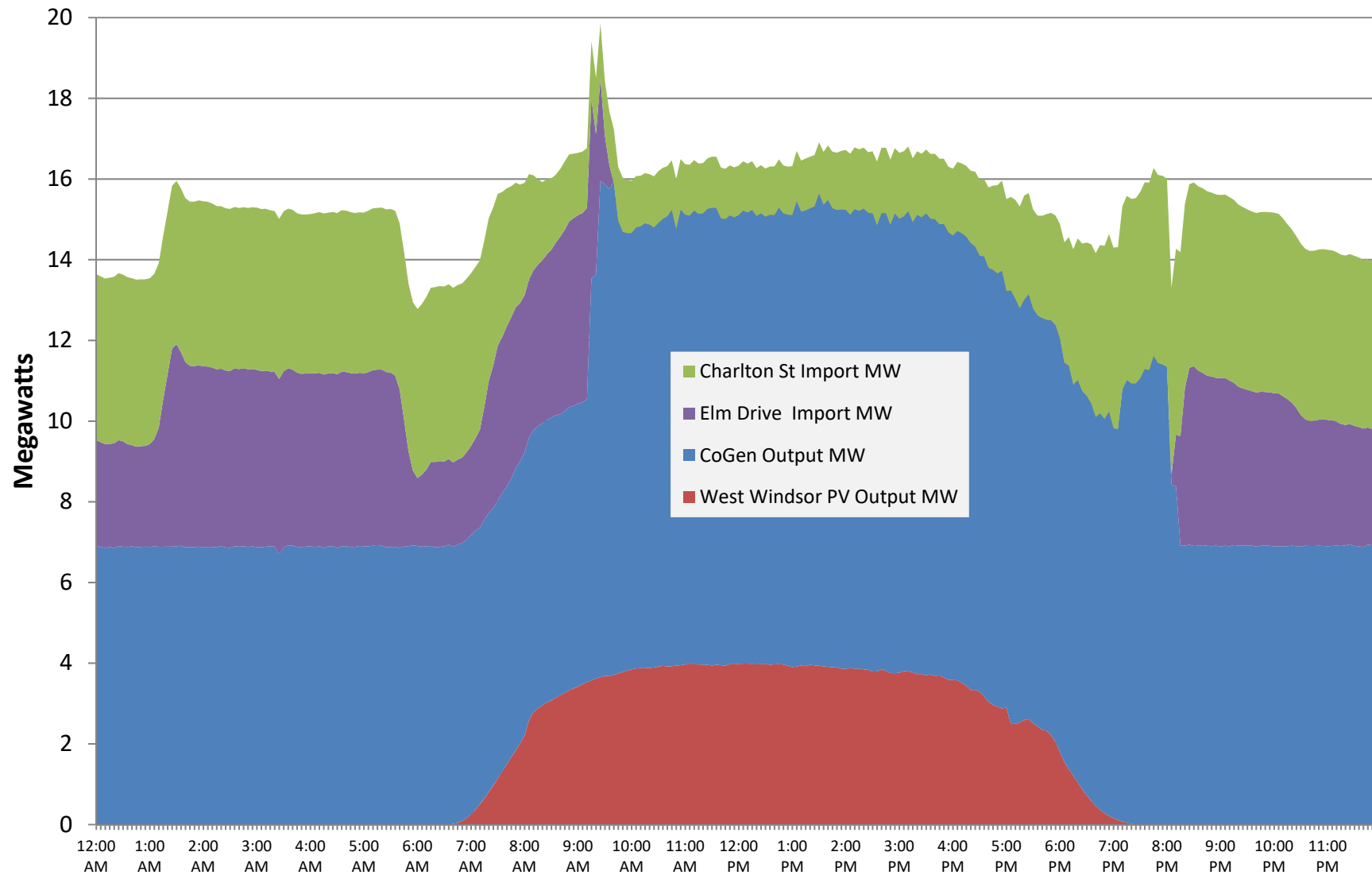




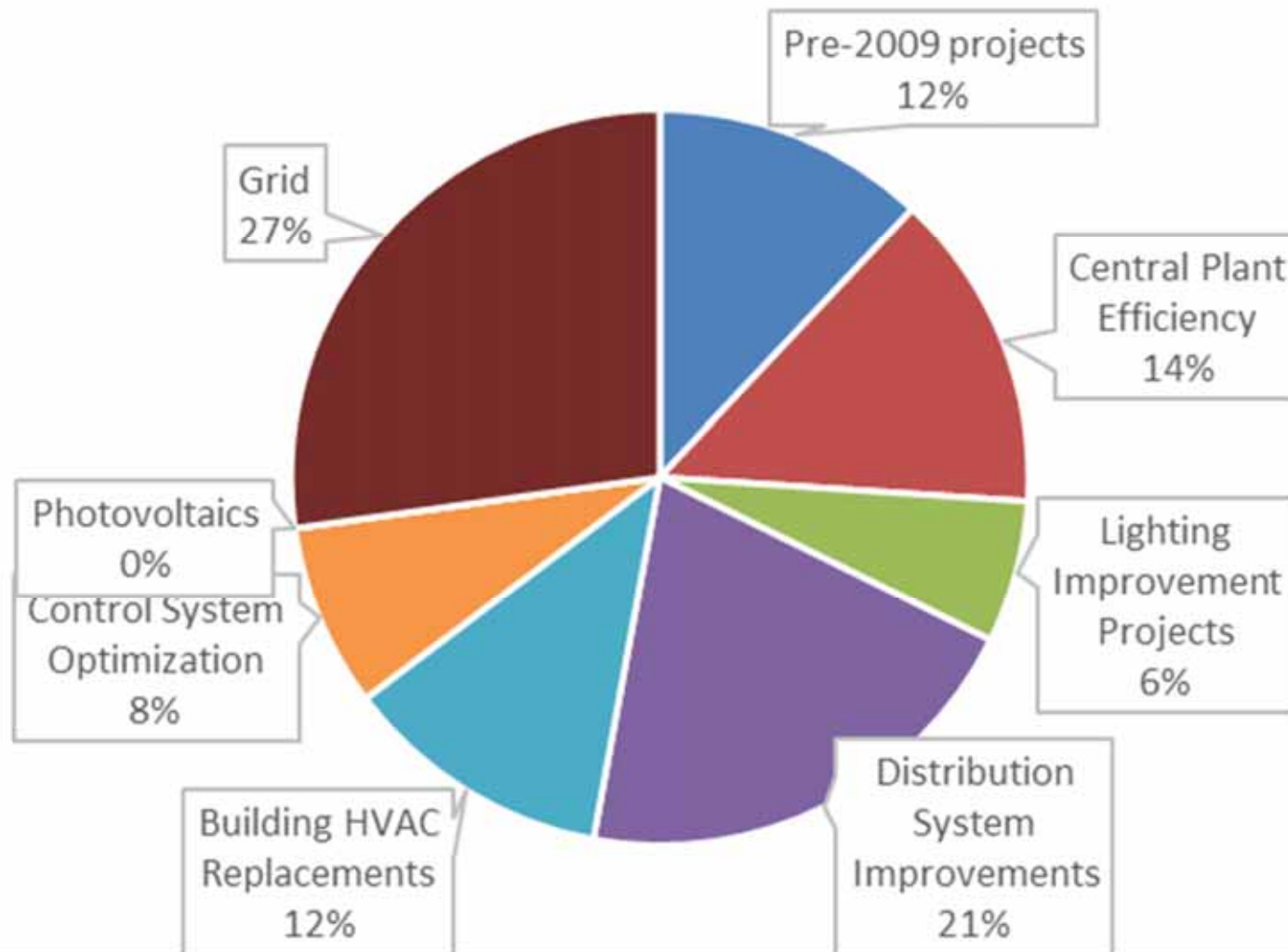
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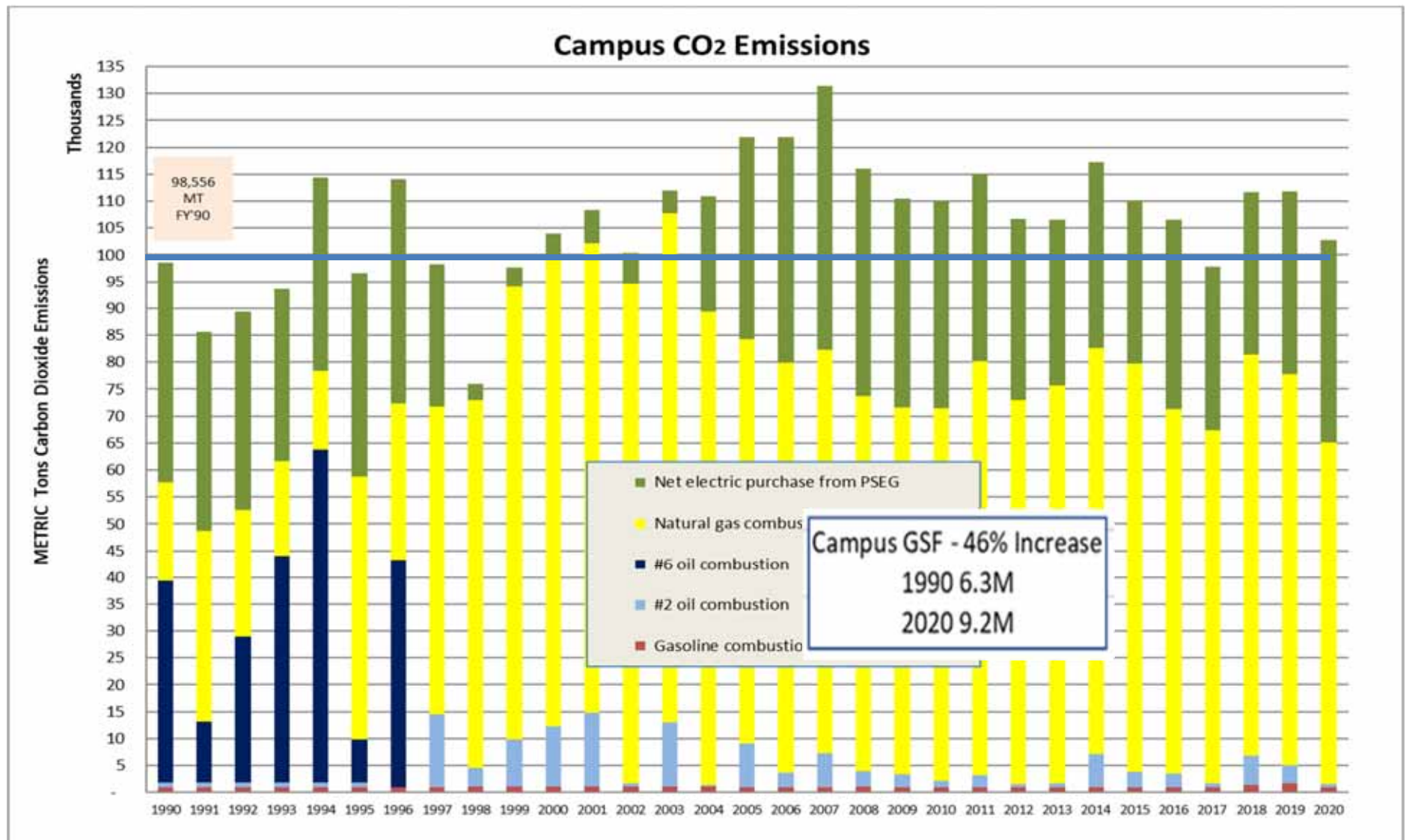
Main Campus Power, Generated & Purchased During PV System Testing August 30, 2012



Campus CO2 potential of Emissions reduction



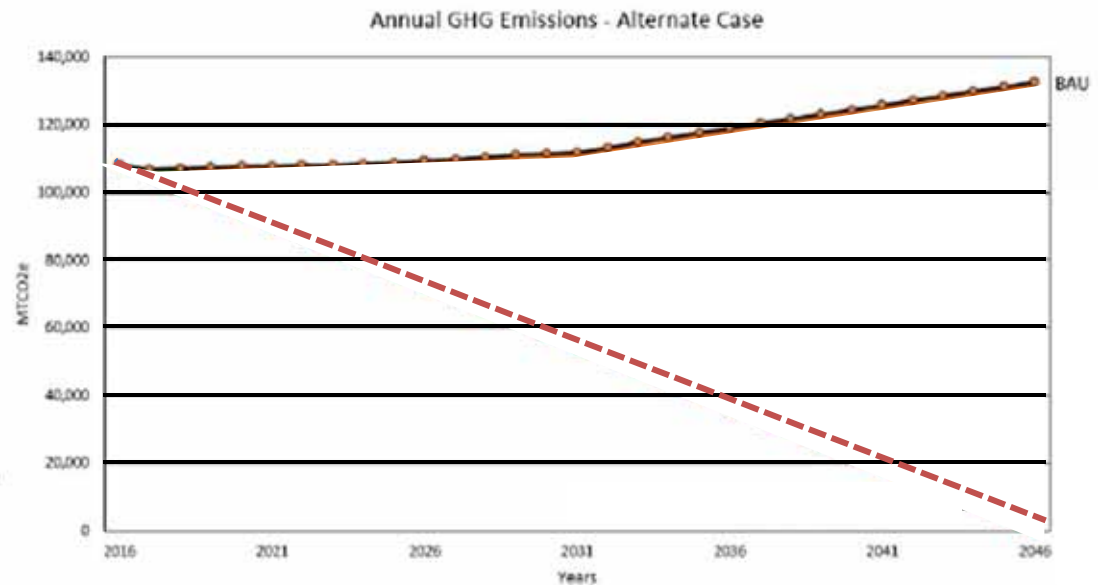
Campus 2020 Carbon Emissions Goal



What's Next?

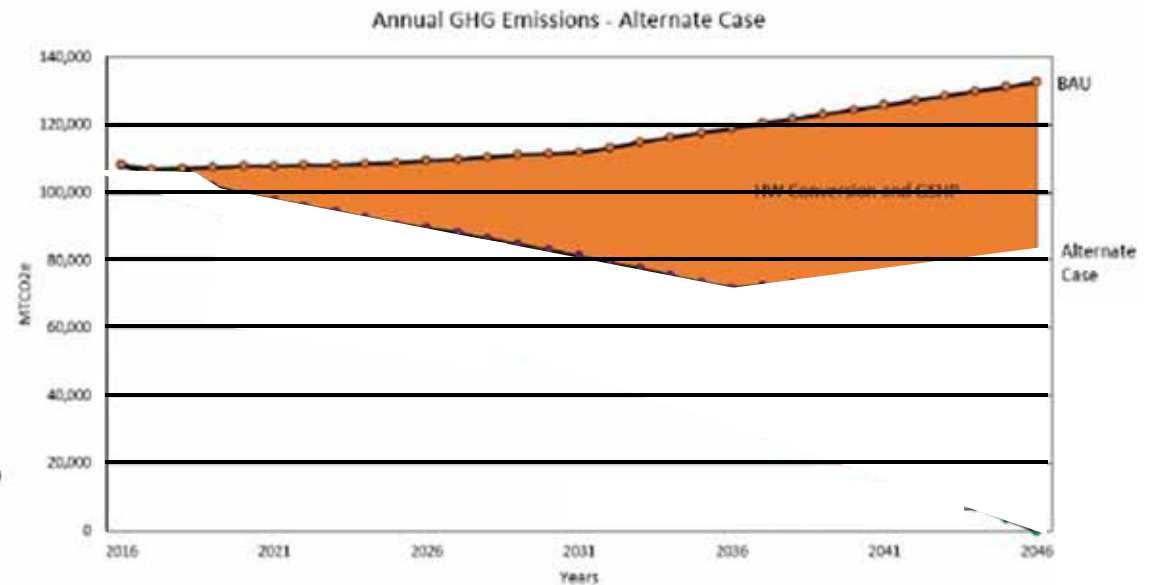
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- Continuous downward slope from present



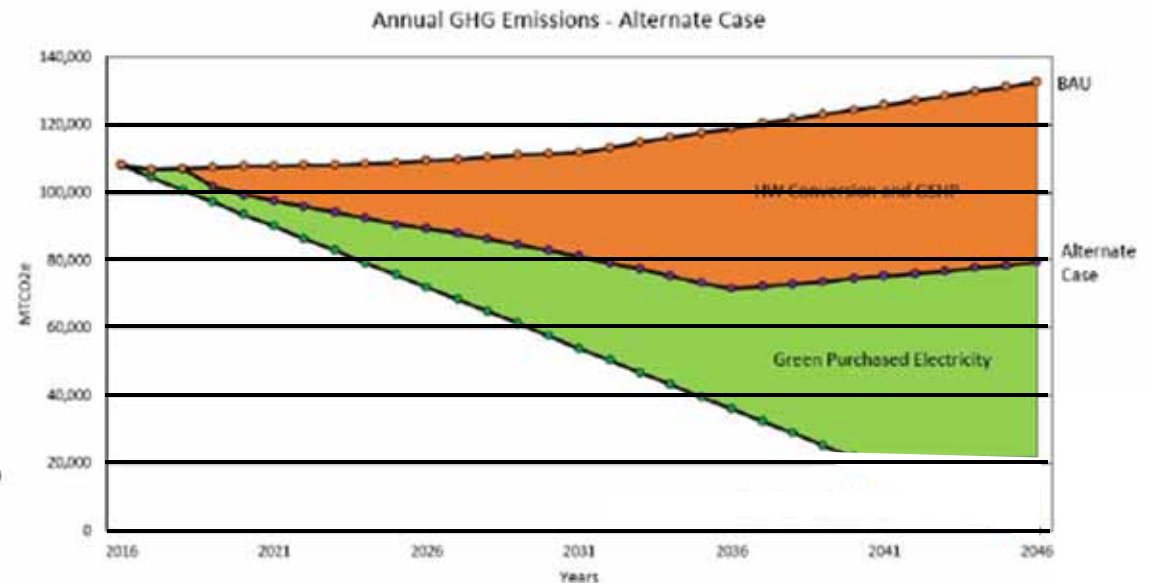
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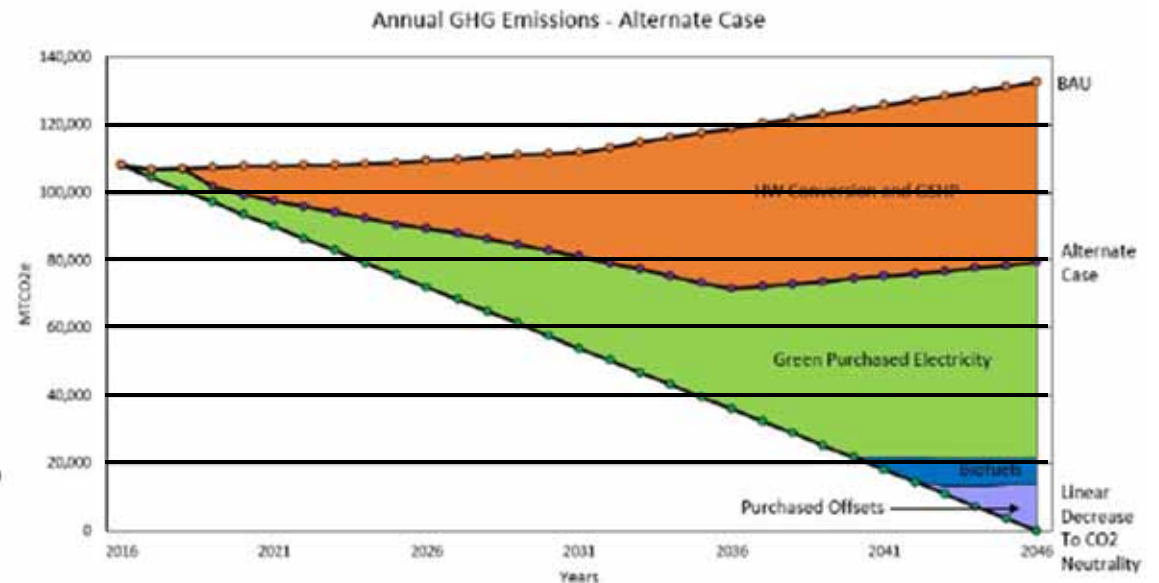
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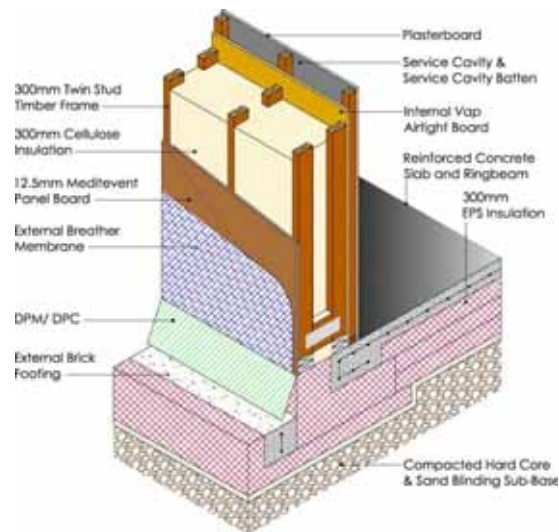
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Major Areas of Work to Minimize Carbon Footprint:

- High performance envelope, passive design, use of hot water for heating
- Replace district steam system with district hot water system
- Create electric-powered Heat Pump facility
- Create daily thermal storage – tanks
- Create seasonal thermal storage – geoexchange
- Install on-site renewable energy production – solar PV
- Supplement with off-site renewable energy

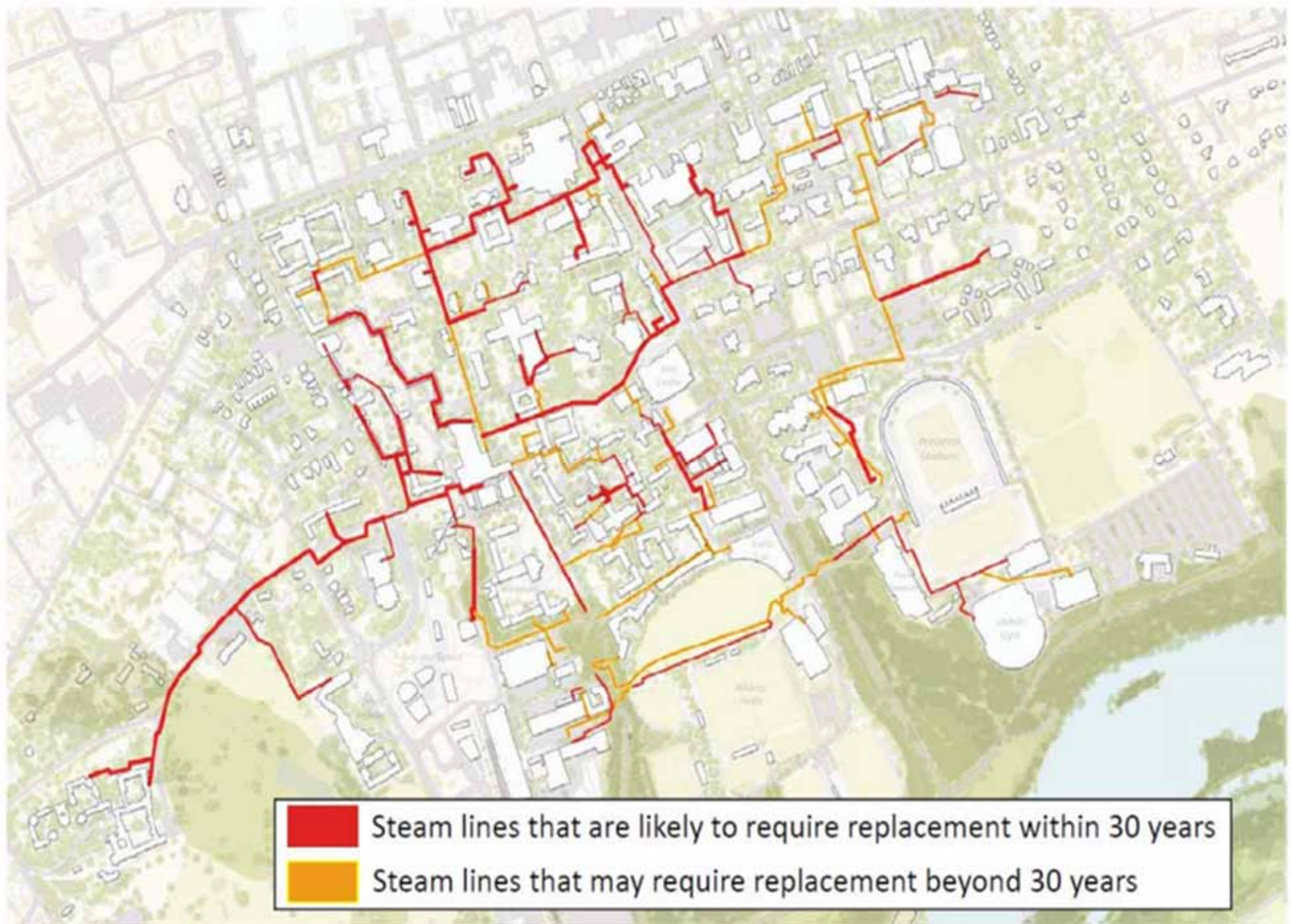
High performance envelope, Passive design, Hot water for heating



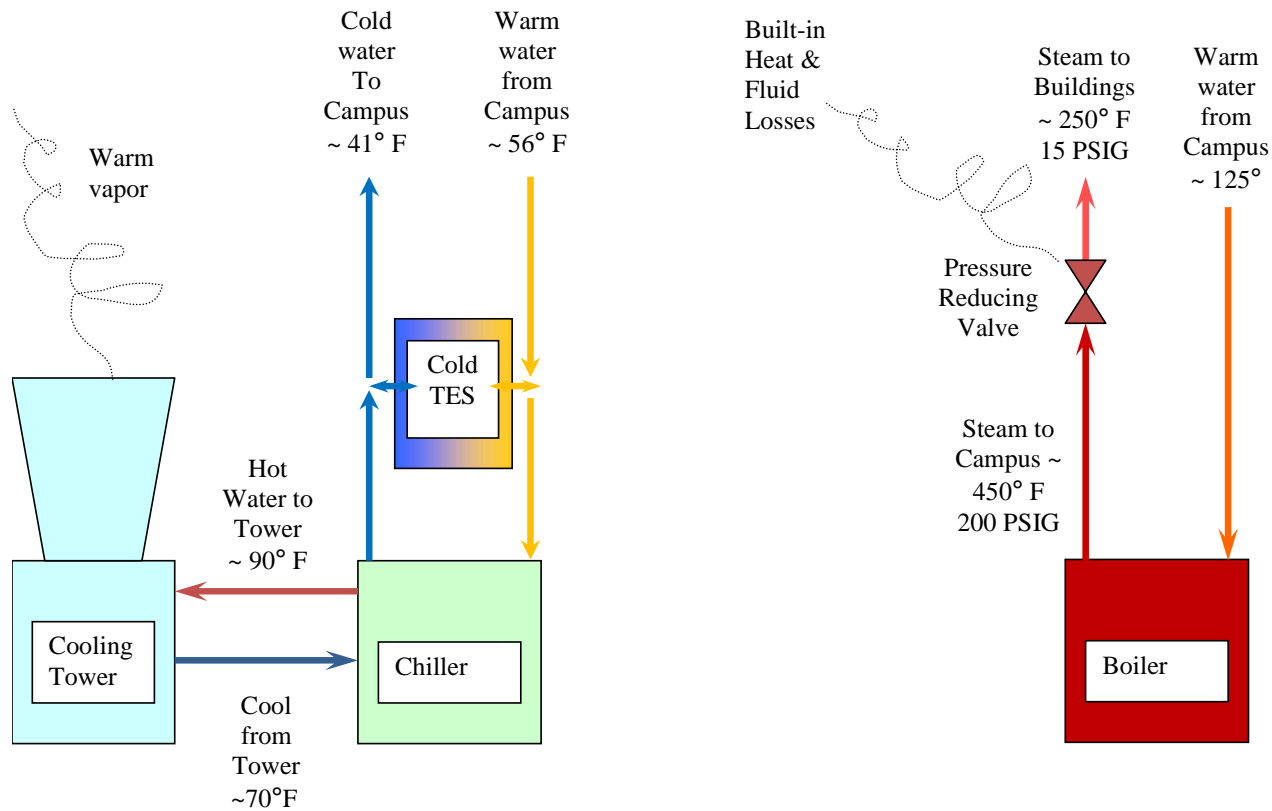
Passive Wall & Foundation Junction



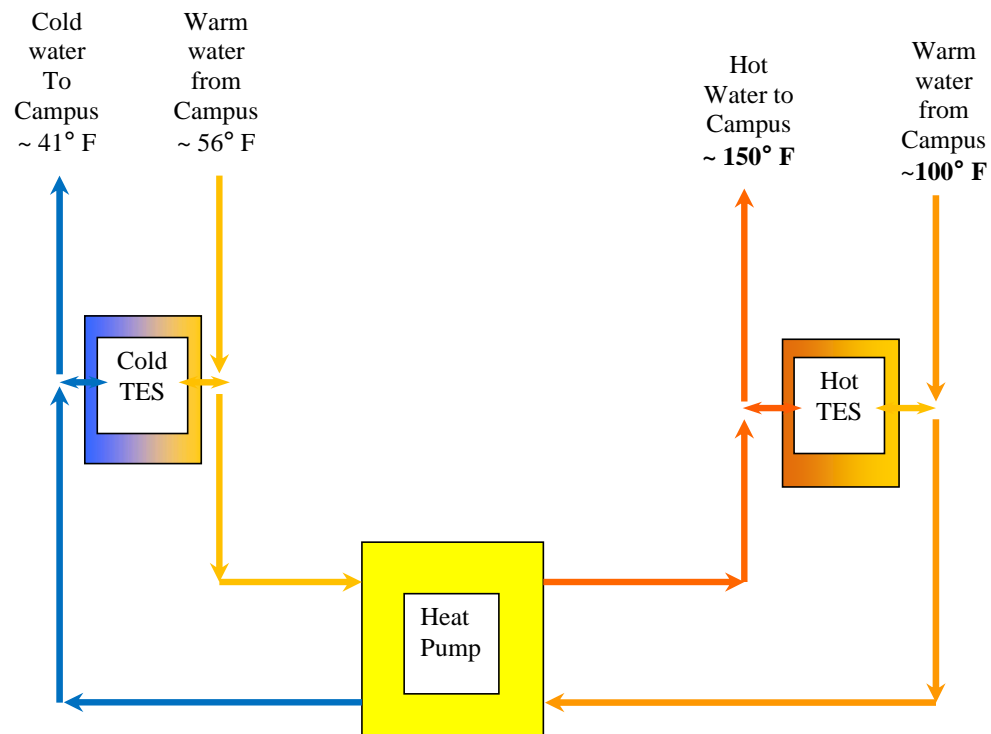
Plate and Frame Heat Exchanger System



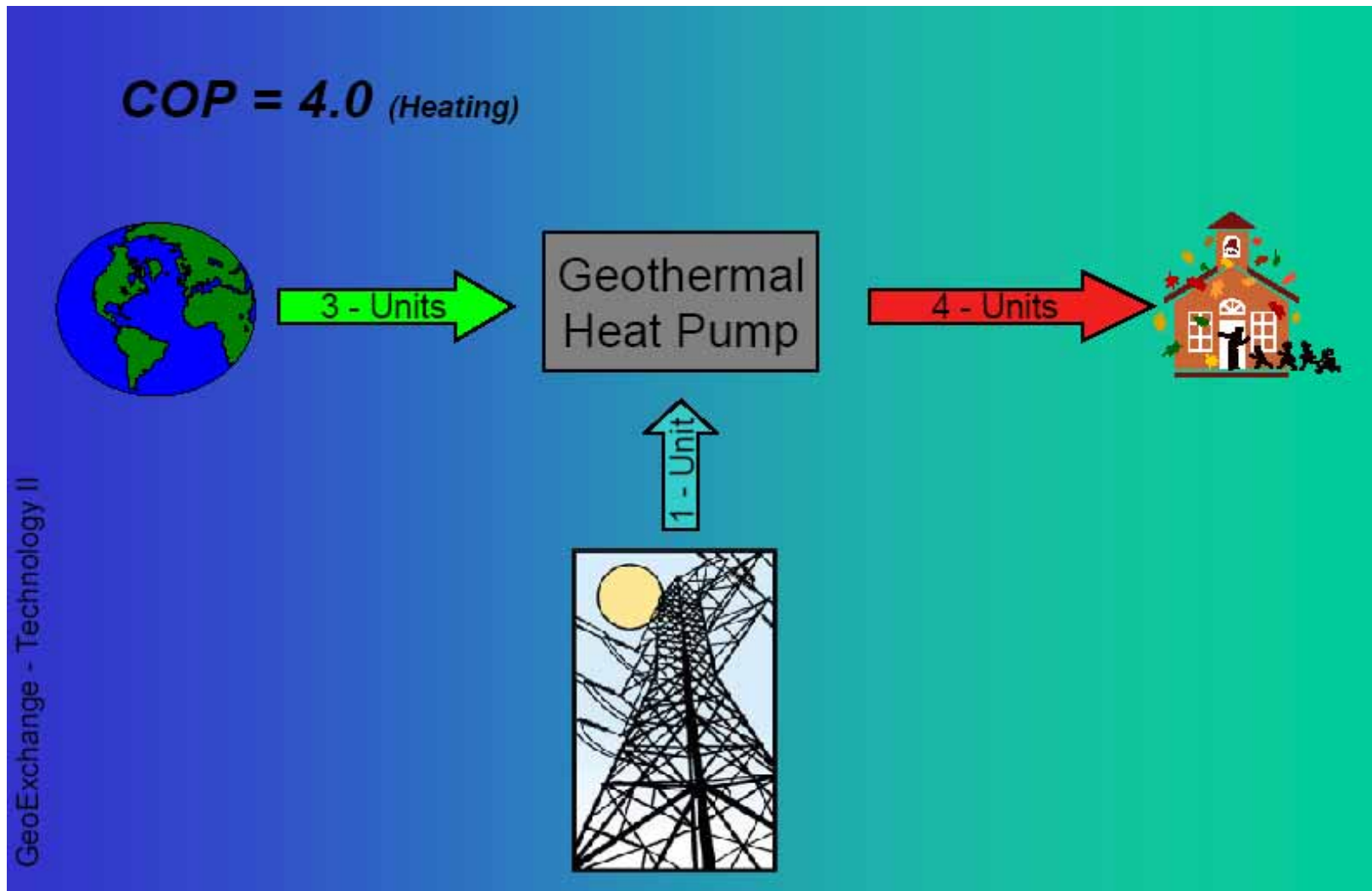
Separate Heat Removal (CHW) & Addition (Steam)



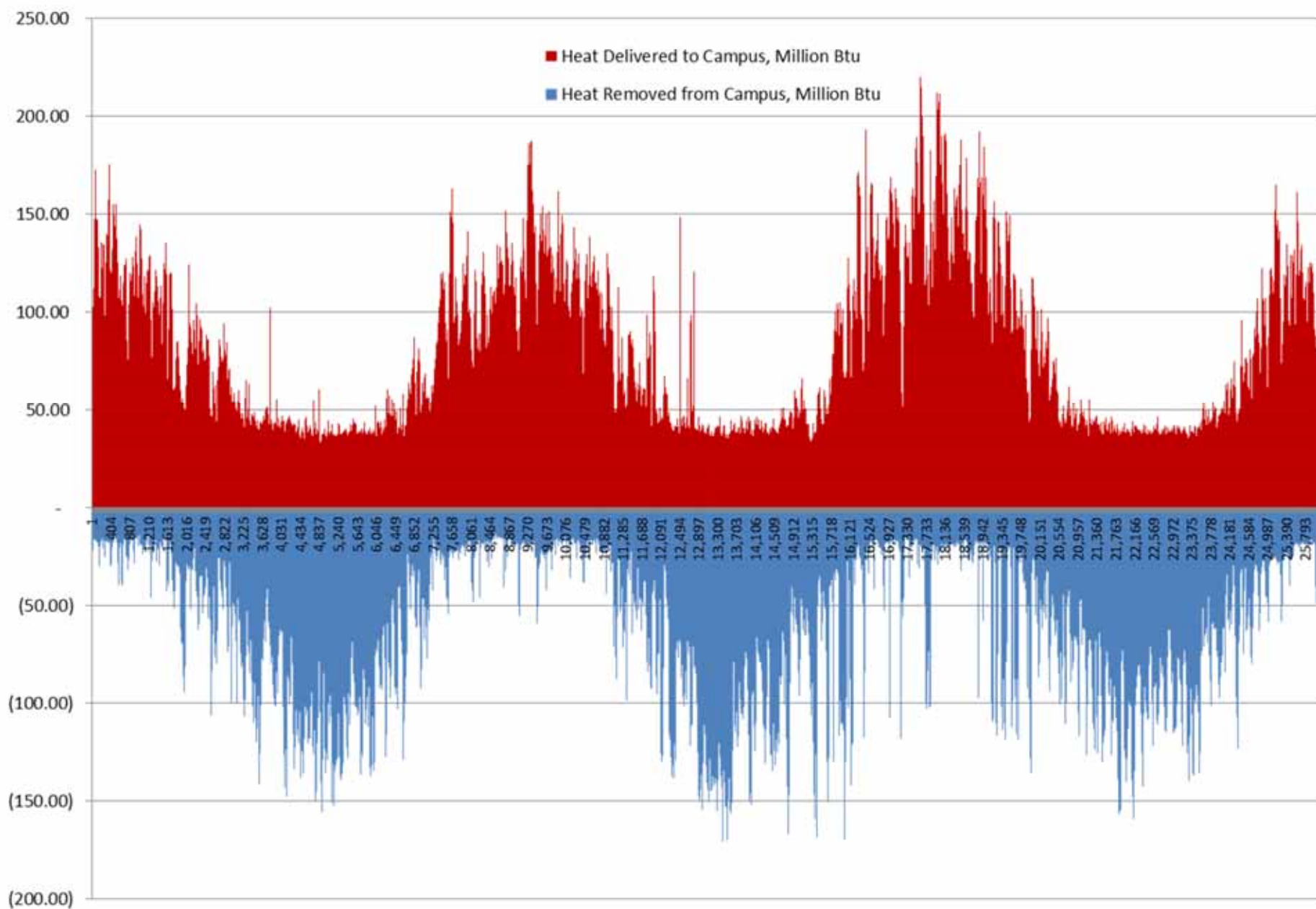
Combined Heat Removal (CHW) & Addition (HTW)



Ground Source Heat Pump Heating Mode



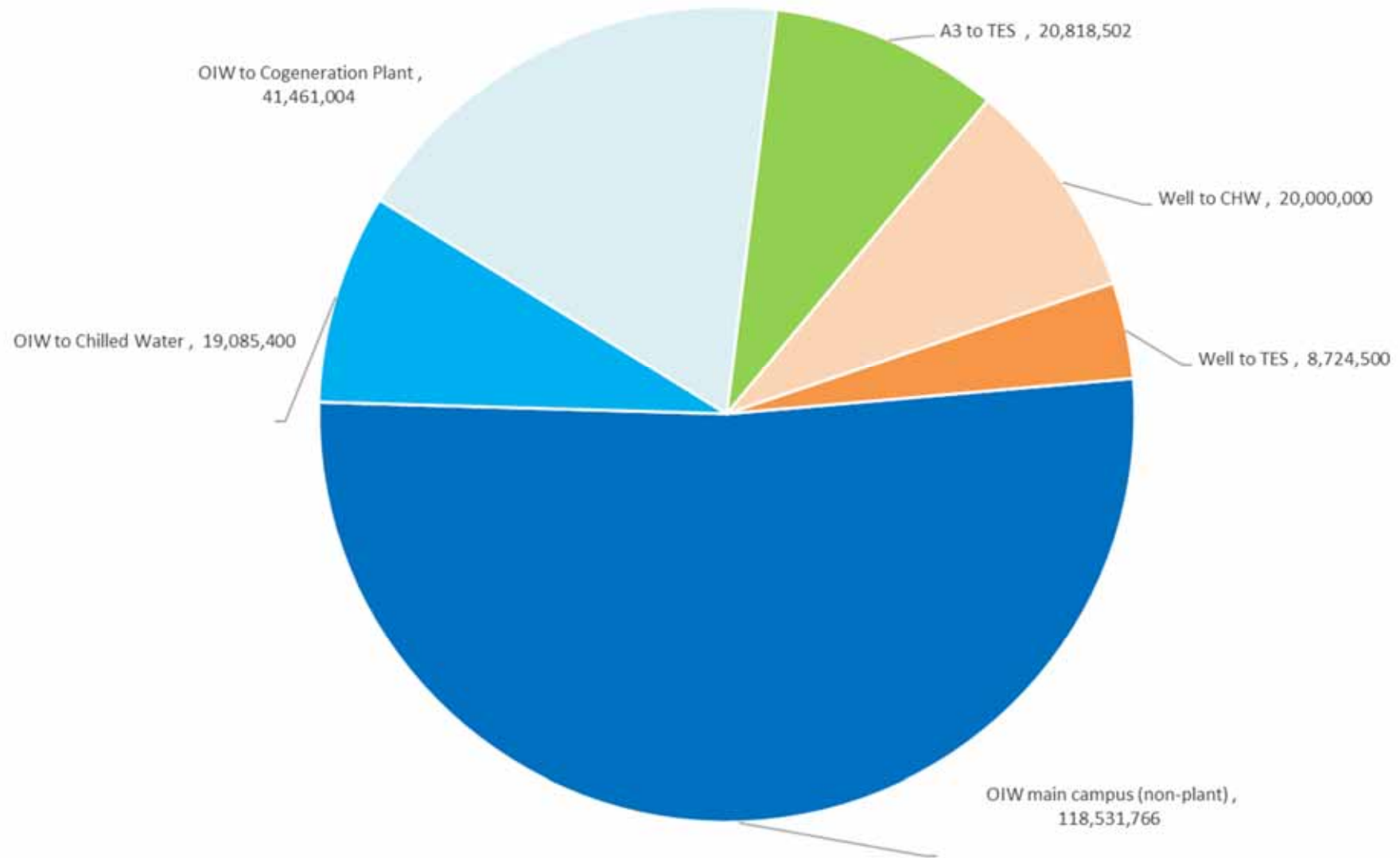
Hourly Heat Addition to campus and heat removal from campus 3-year period, Jan 2012 - Dec 2014



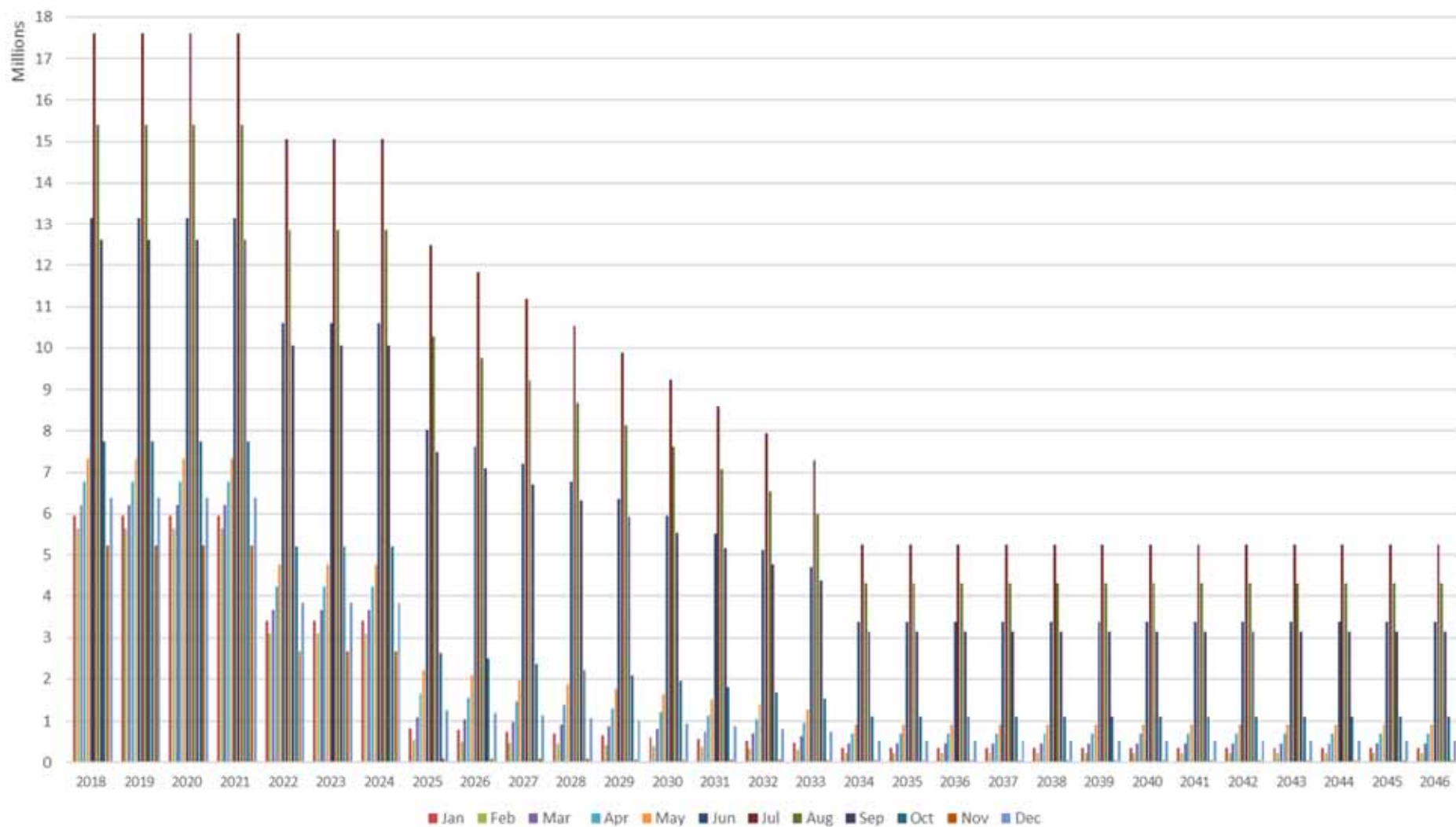
TIGER Plant Rendering



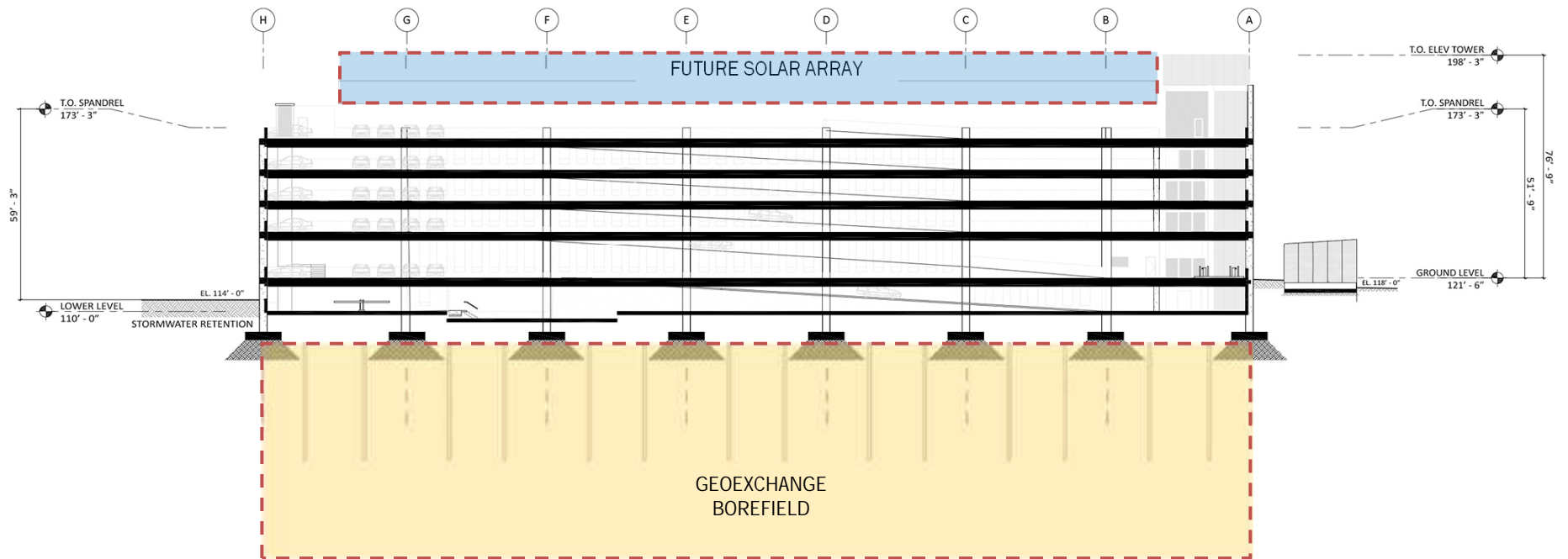
Typical Year of Campus Water Flow, 229 MGY
If we used Well Water for Main Tower



Projected Central Energy Plant Water Use,
Gallons Per Month



Multiple Concurrent Uses For Land



Campus-Scale Solar Energy – Via PPA

- **Phase 1:** Existing: 4.5 Megawatts
Delivers 5 ½% of current campus electric demands
- **Phase 2:** Active Construction: 12 Megawatts
Will reach ~ 19% of current campus electric demands
Output from 16.5 MW of solar arrays could power 3600 average US homes.
- **Phase 3:** Parking deck, TIGER, others...
- **“Solar Ready”**
 - Structural design for loads
 - Conduit to electrical room
 - Space for inverter & transformer
 - Campus power distribution network
 - Campus Data Network
- **What is a PPA?**

Campus PV Locations

