

# Why and how ? – on the way towards 4<sup>th</sup> Generation district heating

## Lessons Learned from LowTEMP and LowTEMP 2.0 Projects

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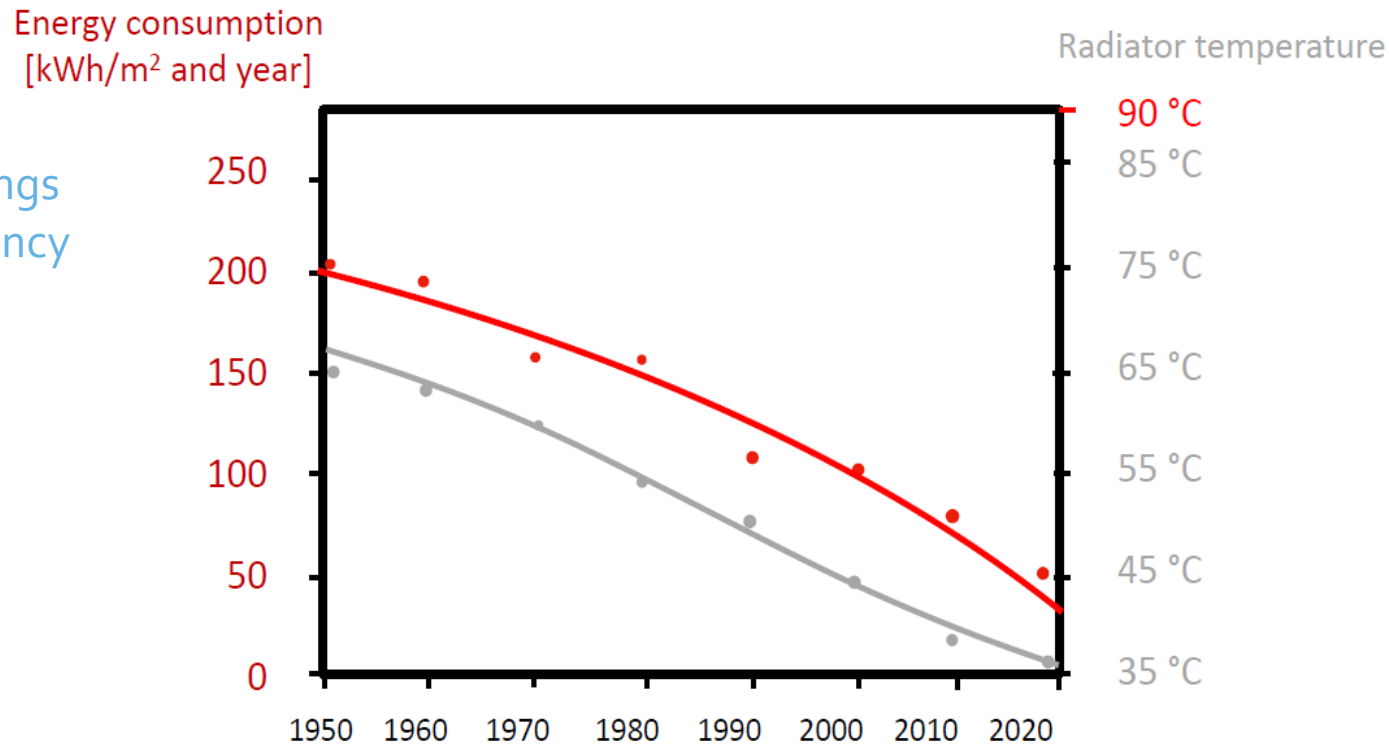
# Why 4Gen district heating ?



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## Energy consumption and forward temperatures in buildings in Sweden

Role of buildings  
energy efficiency

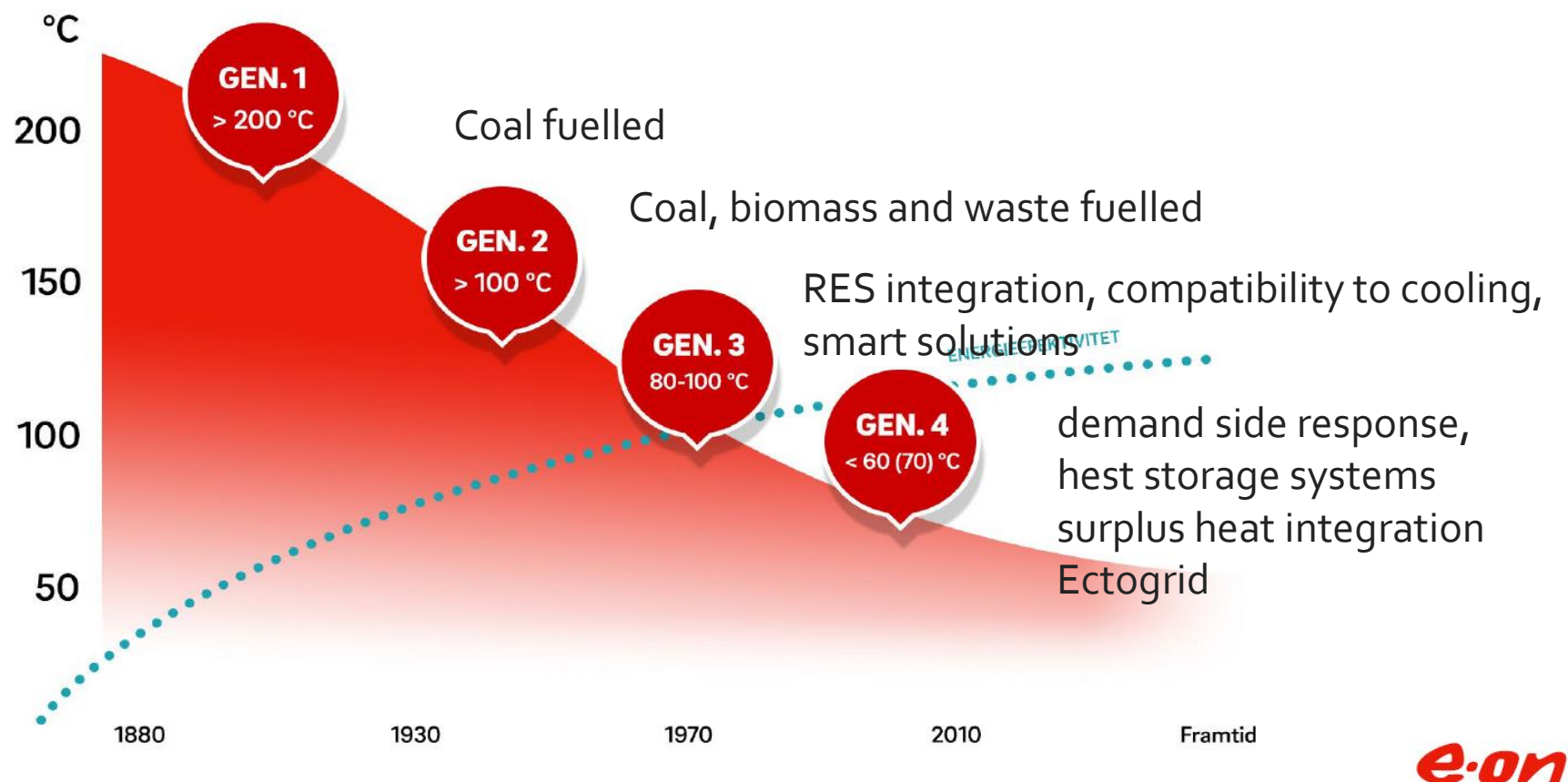


Source: e-on

# District heating generations



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- low temperatures reduce heat losses in DH pipes
- LTDH enables inclusion of RES e.g. thermal collectors, geothermal sources, ...
- enables use of low temperature waste (surplus heat)
- low temperatures reduce the thermal stress in pipes and prolong DH life
- low temperature of return flow heat enables its application for flue gas condensation

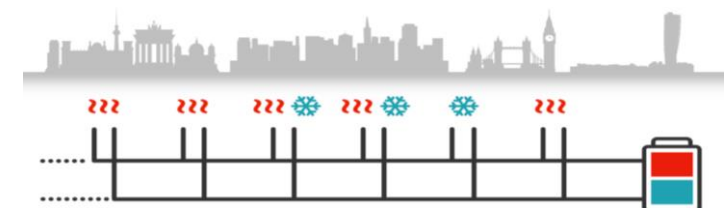
# How ? - roadmap to LTDH

- New city districts with LTDH – Berlin Adlershof

Ectogrid – Lund



Source: BSM – Beratungsgesellschaft für Stadterneuerung und Modernisierung mbH



Source: e-on, <http://ectogrid.com/>

- District with renovated houses - Albertslund

- District with nonrenovated houses

Source: Albertslund Kommune, Housing department, Denmark



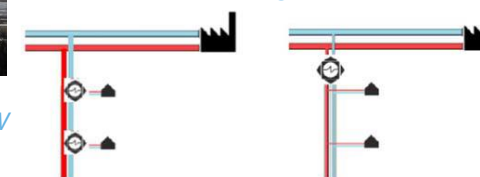
Source: Høje-Taastrup Fjernvarme a.m.b.a., Denmark

- Lowering temperature in whole DH grid – Łomża



Source: M. Dzierzgowski, IMP PAN PW

Source: Kalundborg Symbiosis



Source: D. Formela, IMP PAN

- Surplus heat utilization – Kalundborg, Gdansk  
<http://ectogrid.com/>

- New districts

# New city district with LTDH – Berlin Adlershof (BTB Berlin)

## Project background

- 62 energy efficient buildings (15 W/m<sup>2</sup>), including 5 low energy and 3 plus energy buildings
- Implementation of a LTDH with bidirectional connection, allowing the owners to feed-in self-produced energy from thermal solar panels
- surplus thermal energy produced by the solar thermal system fed into the district heating network can be used later (2 year period of clearing)
- LTDH grid (60/40 °C) linked to the district **return flow**
- LTDH can save 65% in primary energy compared to decentral (individual) building heating systems



Source: BSM – Beratungsgesellschaft für Stadterneuerung und Modernisierung mbH



Source: Jan Gerbitz, ZEBAU, Germany



# New city districts with LTDH – Ectogrid Lund



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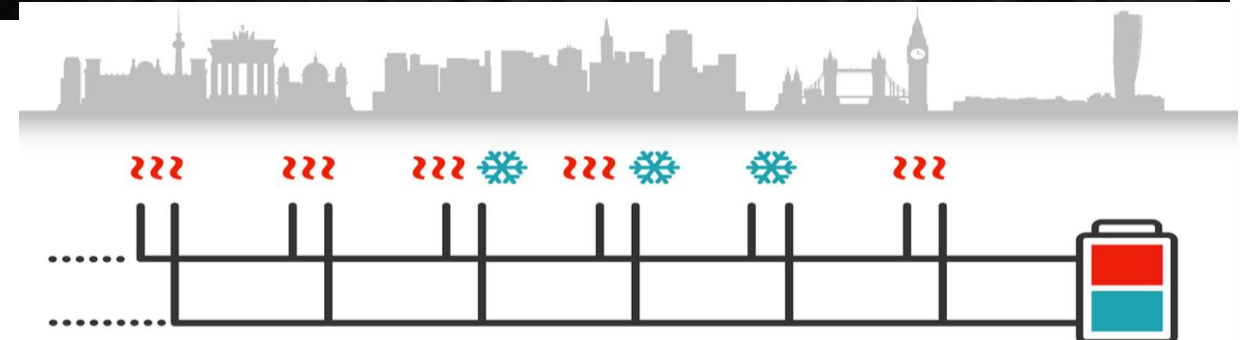


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The first ectogrid™ at Medicon Village, Lund will connect 15 commercial and residential buildings with different heating and cooling demands of 1600 persons in more than 120 organizations working in life science; Medicon Village with yearly supply 3 GWh<sub>th</sub> has the potential to balance as much as 11 GWh<sub>th</sub>



<http://ectogrid.com/>



Source: e-on, Sweden



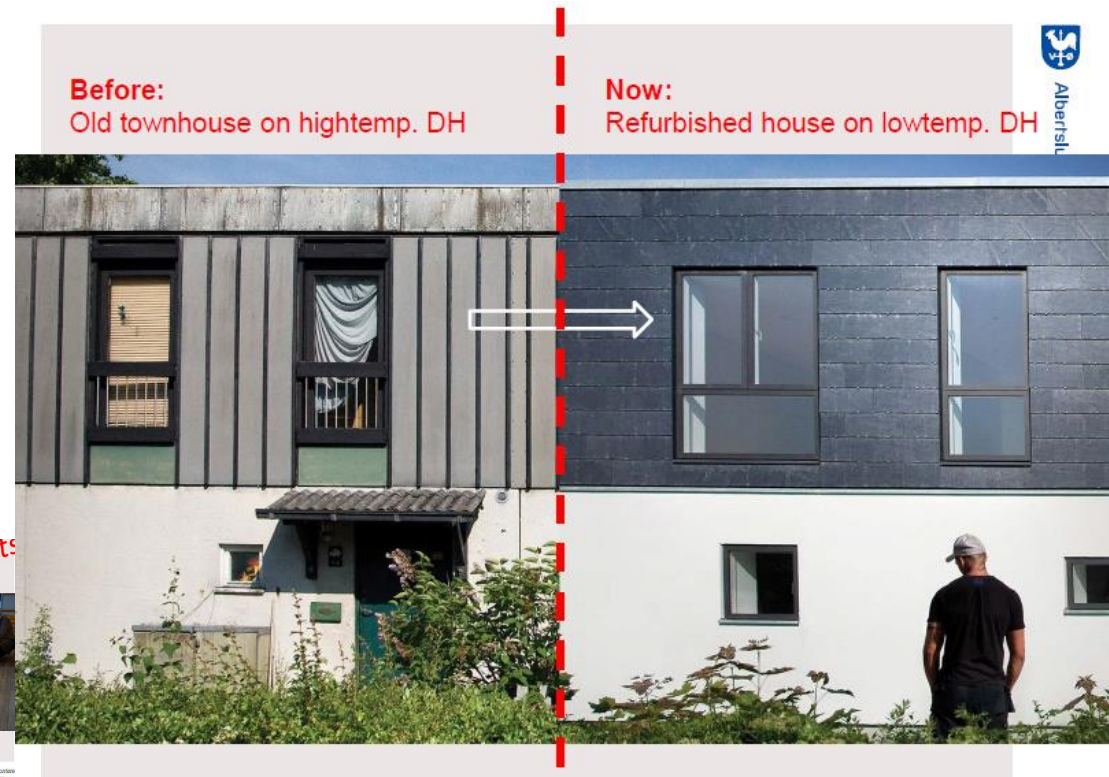
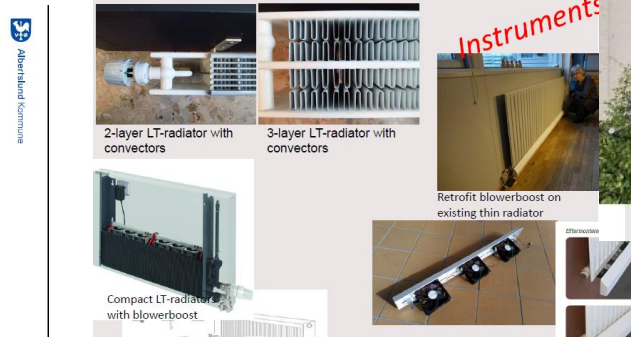
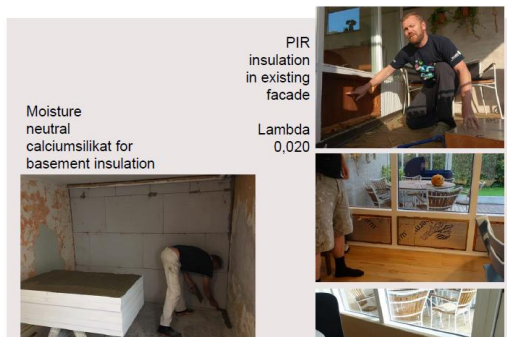
- Old renovated districts

# Low temperature grid in renovated houses Albertslund

## New measures: isolation of roof and walls

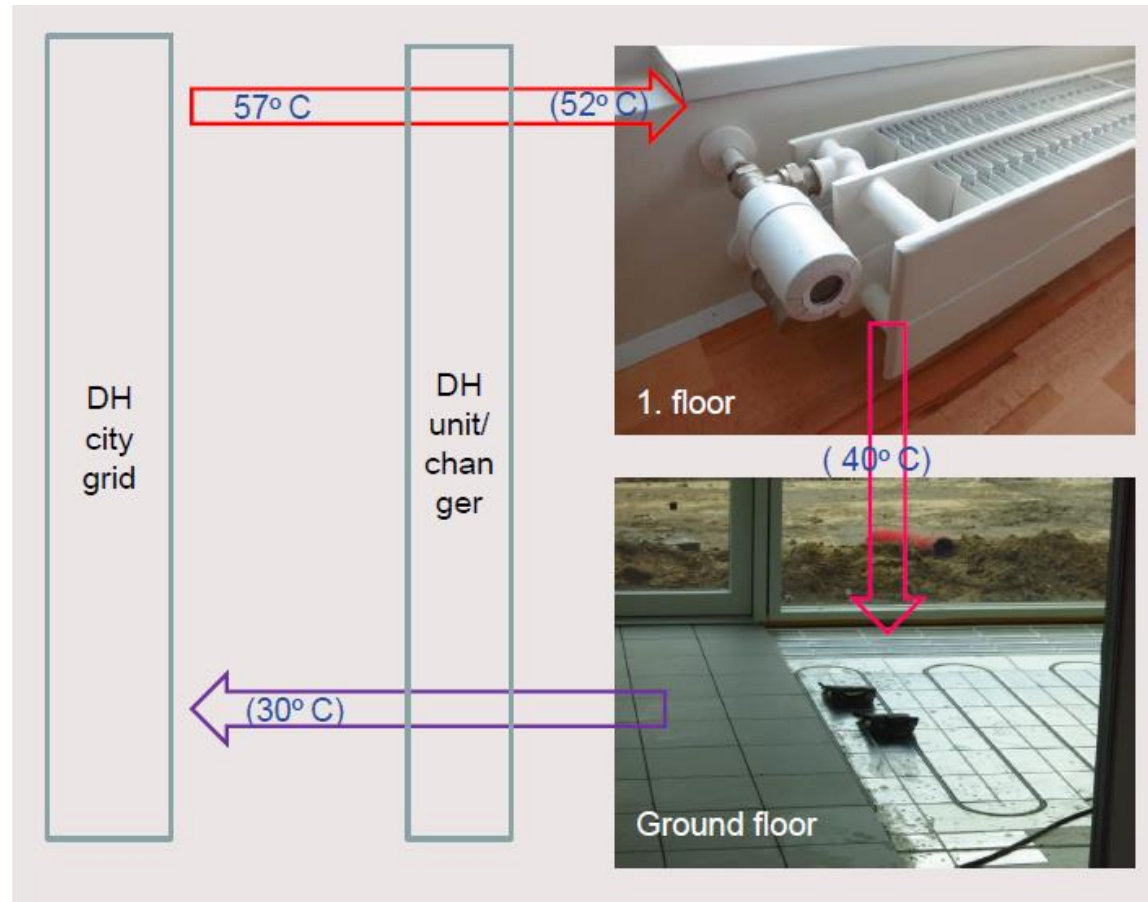


## Isolation of windows, toilets and new radiators



Source: Albertslund Kommune, Housing department, Denmark

# Low temperature grid in renovated houses Albertslund



More than 50% reduction of heat bills enable to pay debts

Source: Albertslund Kommune, Housing department, Denmark

- Old non-renovated districts



# Low temperature grid in non-renovated houses in Sønderby

## Before LTDH implementation

75 houses built in 1999 connected as one consumer through one district heating station with a heat exchanger

- all fitted with underfloor heating and a hot-water tank (boiler)
- heat losses in damaged pipelines were 41 - 48%

## After LTDH implementation

- TwinPipe system, series 2, size 76 and smaller with Logstors alarm-system X4, provides a precise identification of error location
- supply temperature of 55 degrees is sent from the mixing arrangement
- Consumer supply temperature 45 - 50 degrees
- return temperature is lowered to 30 to 20 degrees
- Legionella problems decreased by low volume tanks
- LTDH lower heat loss (still 13 %)
- LTDH is sensitive to consumer habits (the bad ones)

LTDH is sustainable solution even for non-renovated houses with floor heating



Source: Høje-Taastrup Fjernvarme a.m.b.a., Denmark





- Modernized DH grid

# Lowering temperature in whole DH grid – Łomża/Poland

- Verified heat demand: **73,71 MWt**; **860** substations, length **160 km**
- **heat losses** of DH grid: - **12,5 %**

**Goal 2022** : to convert the whole existing DH into LTDH

Supply T: from **121 / 65°C** in 2017 to **89 / 48 °C** in 2022

Decreased heat production from coal from **100** to **11,6 %** in 2022

**Step 1:** regulation of existing substations to comply with requirements of energy efficient LTDH

**Results:** decreased mass flow **55%** ; increased temperature drop - **43,2%**  
decrease of heat consumption in the buildings **~30%**.

**Step 2.** Decrease Nominal Supply Temperature from **121,5** to **109,8 °C**

**Result:** decrease of seasonal DH heat losses from **12,6** to **10,6 %**

Average seasonal DH return temperature: **Tr = 45,1 °C**

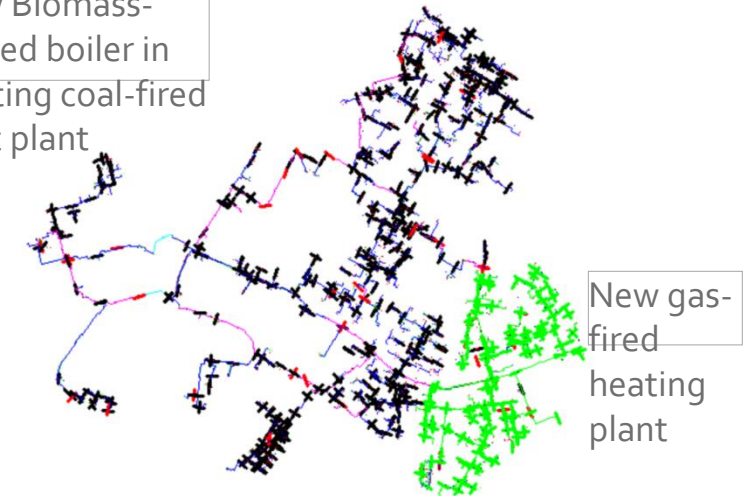
**Step 3.** 2019/2020, implementation of new biomass-fueled boiler and new gas-fired heat plant

Fuel: **52,0% Biomass**, **36,4% Gas**, **11,6 % Coal**



Łomża City. Source: M. Dzierzgowski, IMP PAN, PW

New Biomass-fuelled boiler in existing coal-fired heat plant



- Surplus/waste heat

# Brunnshög in Lund

## Project background

- Lund is a fast-growing city with close to 120 000 inhabitants, Lund University, research facilities MAX IV and the European Spallation Source (ESS) resulting in huge amount of surplus heat
- Science Village Scandinavia will cover 100 ha and in 2050 up to 40 000 people will live and work in Brunnshög
- 65 °C supply line, 35 °C return line
- construction commenced autumn 2017, first delivery planned on 2019
- Details in following lecture



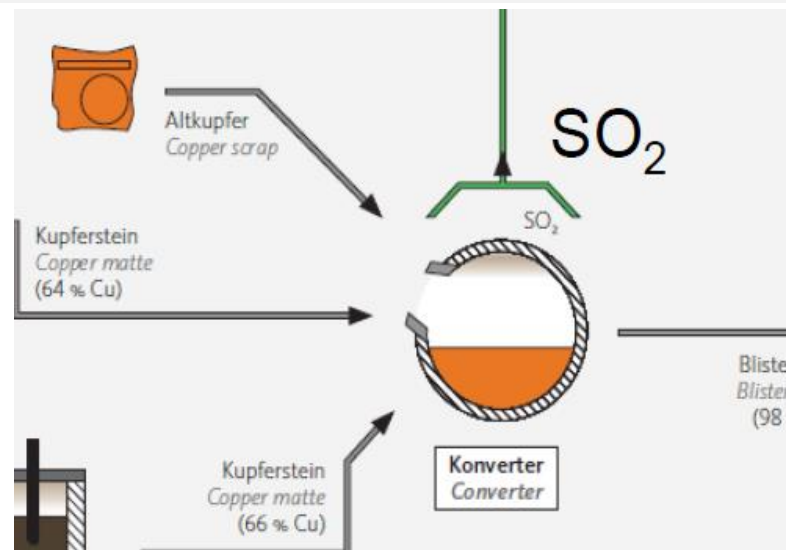
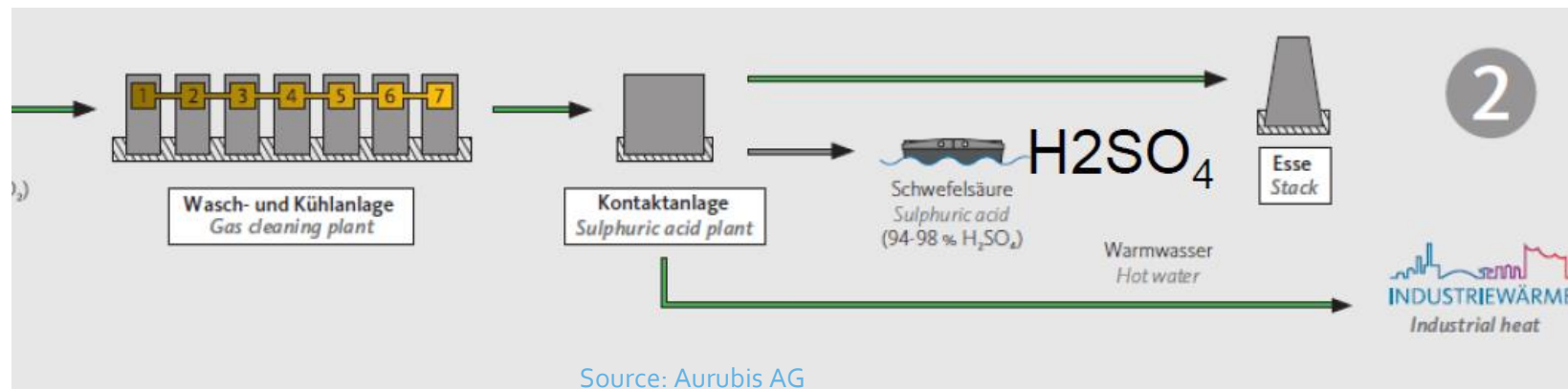
Vision image of Brunnshög I. Source: Krafringen Energi AB

# Surplus heat from Aurubis cooper factory in Hamburg

**Aurubis AG**, headquartered in Hamburg is the world's leading provider of non-ferrous metals, especially the largest copper producer in Europe

SO<sub>2</sub> released during melting copper matte is cleaned and turned to sulfuric acid in exothermic process – realising heat

- **three** production lines
- each provides **18 MW<sub>th</sub>** - sufficient to supply HafenCity East;
- 2 other lines will also be implemented in the future
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission in HafenCity East will limited every year by **4,500 t**



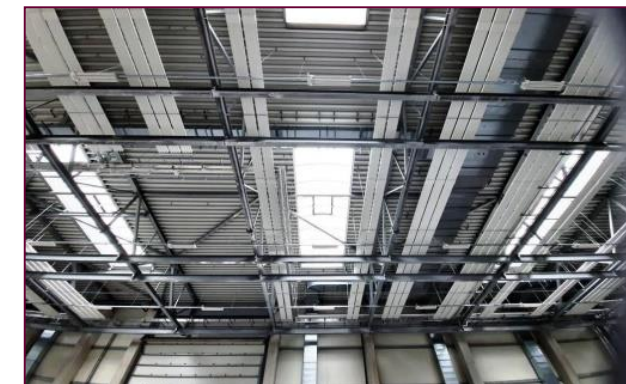


# Surplus heat utilization in onside LTDH grid

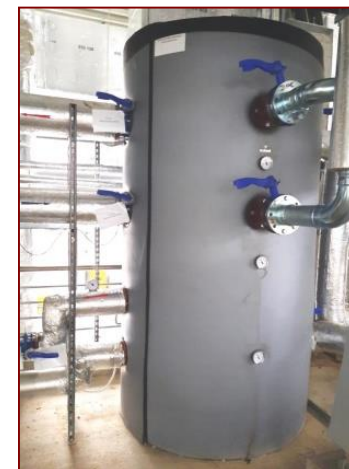
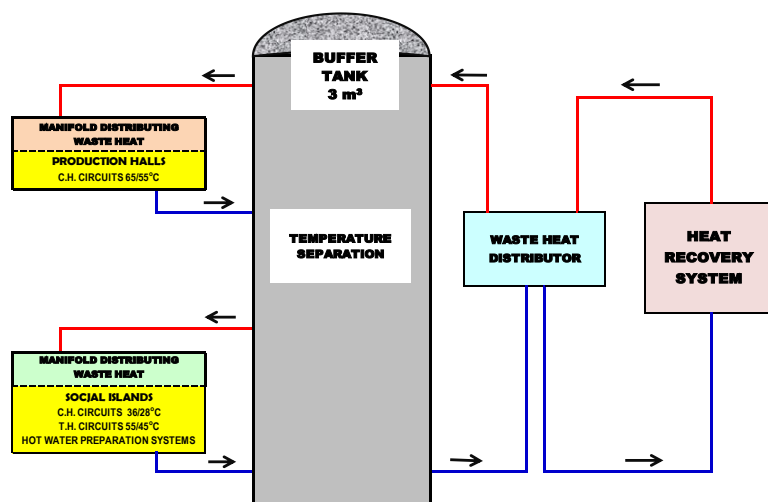
**Surplus heat** from products cooled after soldering in furnace ( $630 \text{ kW}_{\text{th}}$  at  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) used for

- space heating (radiant heaters at  $65/55^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and floor heating -  $36/28^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),
- ventilation with recuperation ( $55/45^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- domestic hot water preparation. ( $45 \div 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Up to 40 % of the surplus heat is used for heating purposes; the rest is dissipated by fan air cooler placed at the roof.



Radiant heaters



Floor heating

Sources: Foto: Zehnder, H. Raab

Source: D. Formela, T. Zurek – IMP PAN Gdansk

# Surplus heat utilization in onside LTDH grid

## Use of waste heat potential

The amount of waste heat generated in soldering furnaces (on average - with furnaces operating at the level of 70% of nominal power)	<b>7 076 MWh/year</b>
<b>The level of waste heat utilization</b>	<b>39 %</b>



Source: D. Formela, T. Żurek – IMP PAN Gdansk

## Energy and economic efficiency of the project and ecological effects

The analysis carried out in relation to the alternative variant including the supply of heat for the production halls and office and social facilities based on a gas boiler room

No	Name	Value	Units
1	Avoided amount of additional energy consumption as a result of the project	2 362	MWh/year
2	Avoided amount of additional purchase of an energy carrier (natural gas)	246 982	m <sup>3</sup> /year
3	Avoided additional purchase costs of an energy carrier (natural gas)	388,12	thousand PLN
		88,13	thousand €
4	Ecological effects Avoided CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	tons of CO <sub>2</sub> /year	471
5	Project cost	2 000,00	thousand PLN
		454,13	thousand €
6	Simple period back time (SPBT)	5,15	years

- Surplus/waste heat at low temperature



# Long distance ultralow temperature heat transfer



**Kalundborg City:**  
Densely populated industrial sites;  
thus, a substantial amount of  
surplus (waste) heat

Heat transfer – long distance

Is it economically feasible to  
transfer heat (~ 20 C) 20 km away ?

**Solution:**  
Uninsulated pipes with central  
heat pump at final destination

Estimated payback time around  
12 years

Source: Kalundborg Symbiosis

- Surplus/waste heat at high temperature



# 10 kWe ORC system utilizing surplus heat from drying



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- Localized: Skawina k/Krakowa
- Cooperation: IMP PAN and ENKI Ltd in frame of Biostrateg Project
- Start: July 2021
- Heat source: drying process



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# Polygeneration ORC system – medium power 100 kWe



## Technical data:

Supplied heat power : ~500 kW

Electric power: ~100 kWe

Fuel: gas/biomass



## STRATEGIC PROGRAMME OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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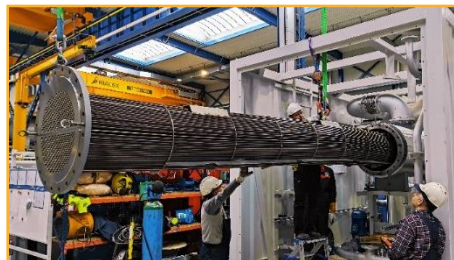
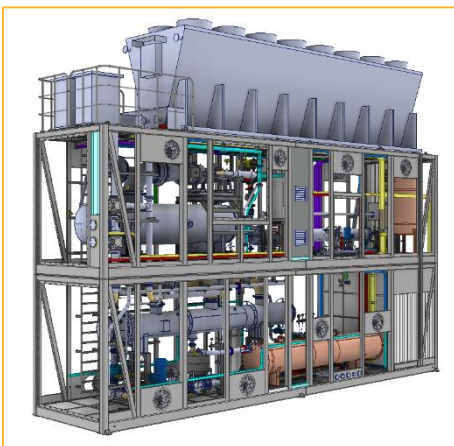


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# Dotychczasowe realizacje układów ORC projekty B+R

Prototypowa instalacja ORC – 300 kWe



# Microturbines and compressors up to 300 kW



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Turbina ORC o mocy 300kW



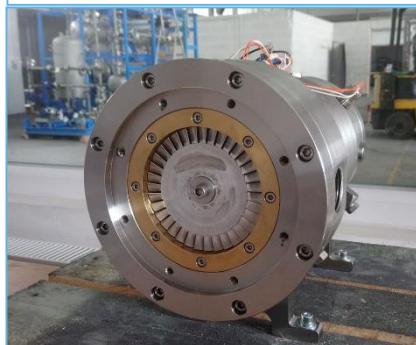
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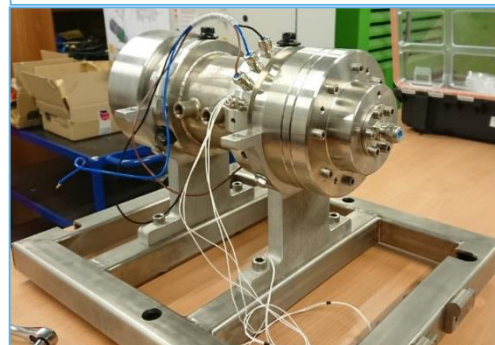
Turbina ORC o mocy 15kW



Turbina ORC o mocy 10kW



Sprężarka o mocy 10kW



Turbina gazowa o mocy 30kW



Microturbines and compressors up to 300 kW

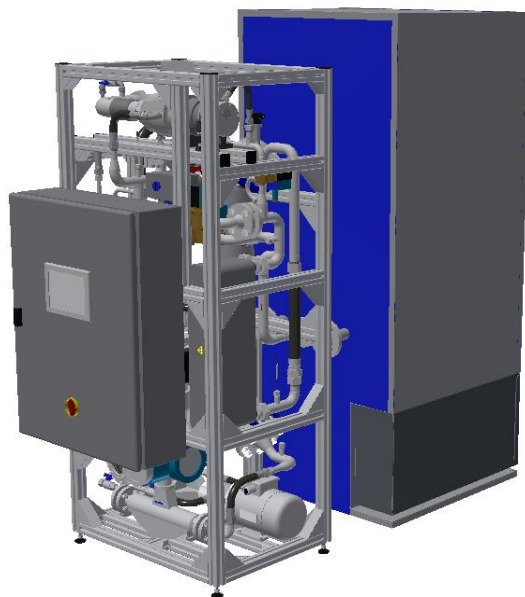


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# ORC CHP system (2,5 kWe/25 kWt for single family house

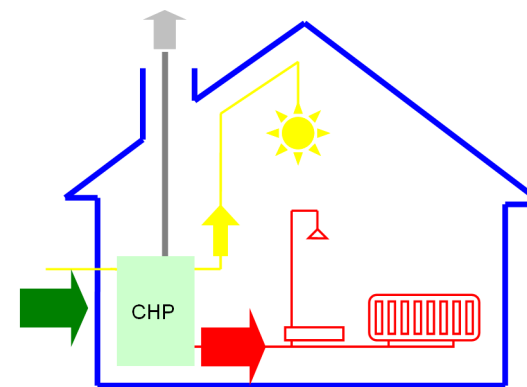
Project



Prototype



Patented solution



## Technical data:

Dimensions: 160x74x74(175) cm

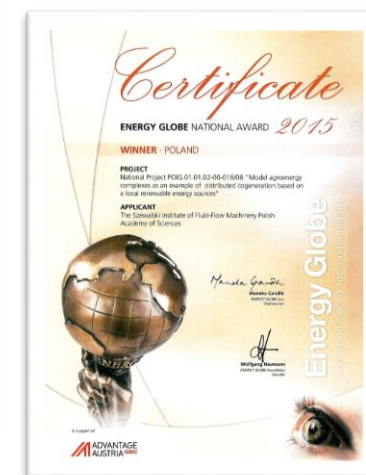
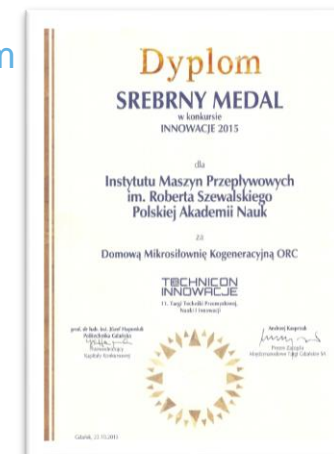
Thermal power: 25 kWt

Electrical power: 2,5 kWe

Fuel: biomass (pellet)



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