

Decarbonization of large-scale district heating / cooling networks with a focus on sector coupling

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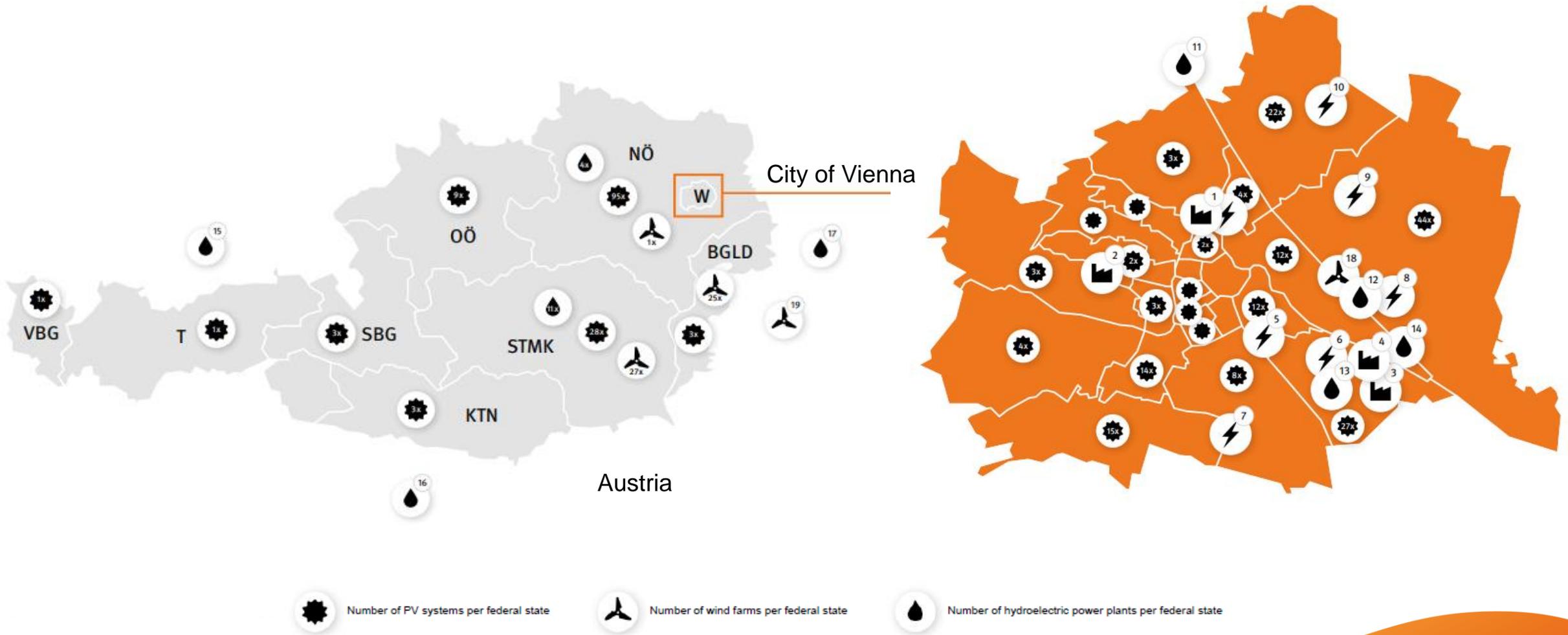
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Product Portfolio Wien Energie

 Electricity	 Natural gas	 Heat	 Cooling Energy	 Photovoltaic	 Hydropower	 Windpower
	 Energy Services	 Energy Efficiency	 E-Mobility	 Energy Communities	 Citizen Power Plants	
 Smart Services	 Security Solutions	 Research and Innovation	 Tele-communication			

Wien Energie Assets



Wien Energie in Numbers

2 mio.

We provide 2 million people with power, gas, heating and cooling

2040

We will achieve net zero emissions in 2040

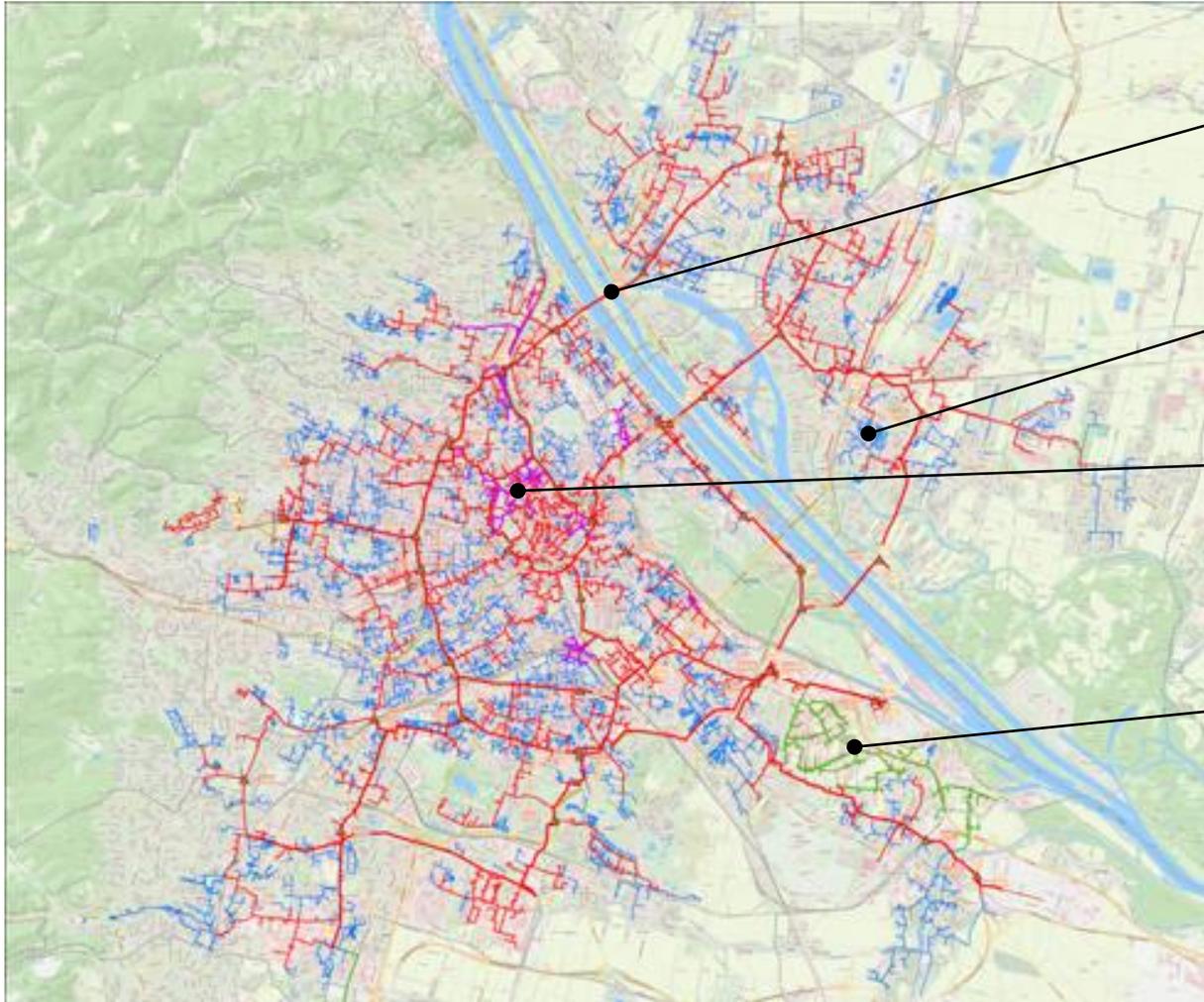
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We turn 1 million tones of waste into green heating & electricity

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We are Austria's largest producer of solar power

District heating and cooling in Vienna | Overview



Primary district heating grid
Forward temperature: 95-145°C
Network length: 561 km
Purpose: Transportation and distribution

Secondary district heating grids
Forward temperature: 63-90°C
Network length: 700 km
Number of networks: >600
Purpose: Distribution

District cooling grids
Forward temperature: 4-6°C
Network length: 25 km
Number of networks: 15
Purpose: Distribution

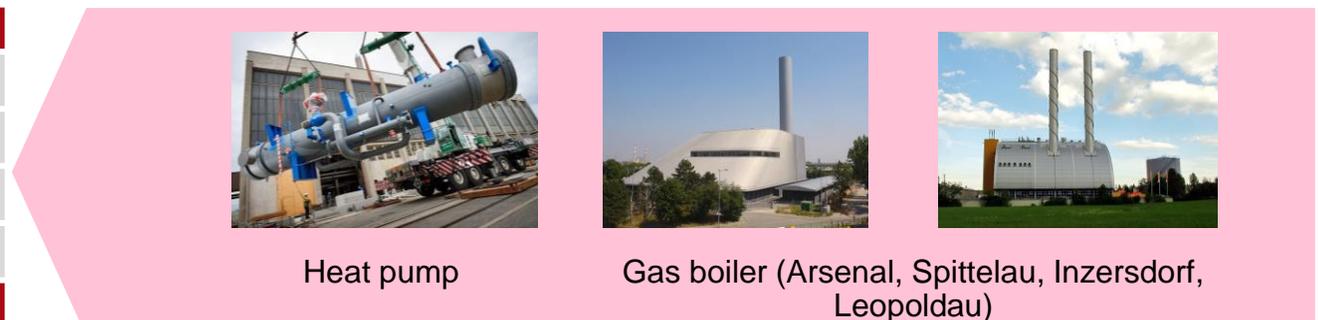
Lower temperature primary district heating grids
Forward temperature: 80-110°C
Network length: 20 km
Number of networks: 2
Purpose: Distribution

Generation Assets – Installed Capacity in MW

Combined Heat and Power 	Plant	Power	Heat
	Donaustadt	395	350
	Simmering 1	710	520
	Simmering 2	60	150
	Simmering 3	350	450
	Biomasse KWK	24	35
	Sum	1 539	1 505



Heat Generation 	Plant	Heat
	Heat pump (Simmering, EBS, UNO, Theme Wien)	92
	Gas boiler (Spittelau, Arsenal, Leopoldau, Inzersdorf)	1.250
	Power-to-Heat (Spittelau, Leopoldau)	30
	Heat storage (Simmering)	140
	Sum	1227

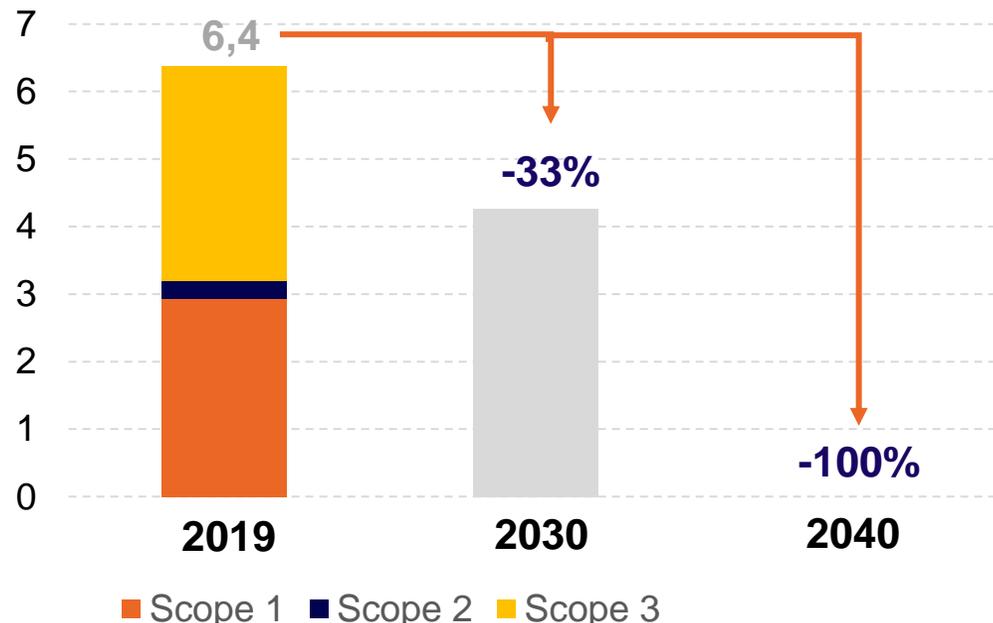


Waste Incineration 	Plant	Power	Heat
	Simmeringer Haide	14	55
	Spittelau	13	75
	Flötzersteig		54
	Pfaffenua	12	67
Sum	29	251	



With our sustainability strategy, we set ambitious climate targets

Greenhouse gas emissions per scope (million tonnes CO₂)

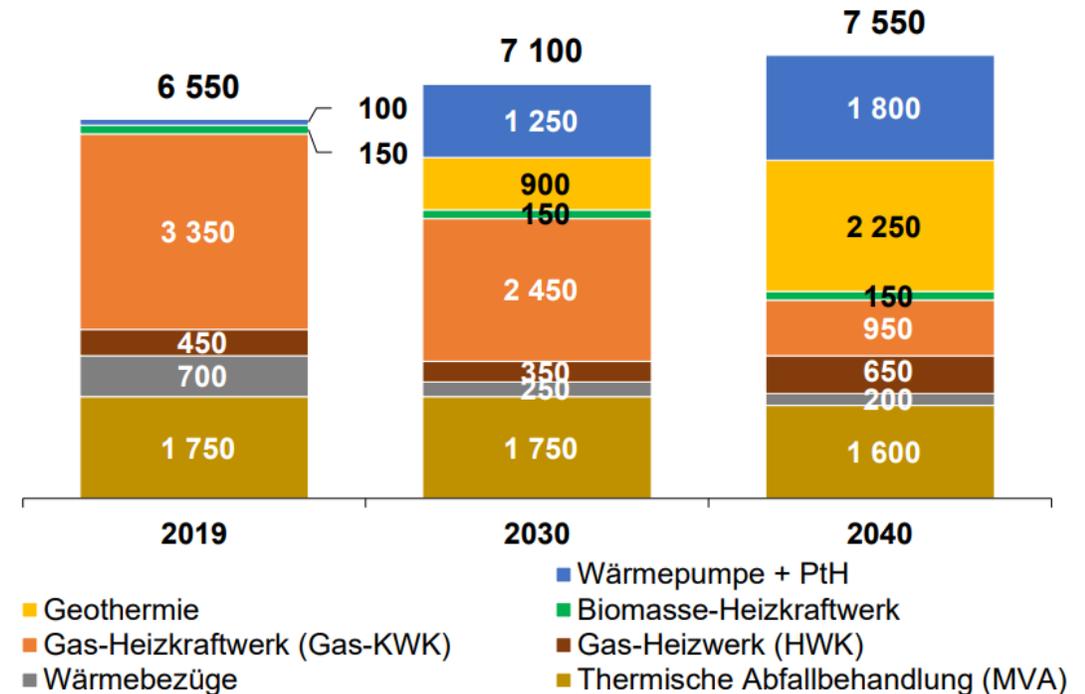


Key objectives of the sustainability strategy

- › The greenhouse gas balances for 2019 and 2020 provide a comprehensive picture of Wien Energie's emissions along the entire value chain (Scope 1-3).
- › Reduction paths were drawn up and targets defined based on the greenhouse gas balance.
- › Wien Energie will achieve net zero emissions in 2040 and defines an ambitious interim target in 2030 of -33% compared to 2019.

District heating production share

- Increasingly high share of heat pumps and geothermal heat
- Reduction of CHP heat
- Increasing demand (decarbonization of the City of Vienna)
- Waste incineration remains as base load (CCU, CCS)



Anmerkungen: Zahlenwerte sind auf ganze 50 GWh gerundet; Summenproduktion über den Säulen Summen gerundeter Werte entsprechen nicht immer den gerundeten Summenwerten.

Quelle: Compass Lexecon-Analyse auf Basis Statistik Austria, 2020a (für 2019) und auf Basis der Studienannahmen (2030 und 2040)

Total cost energy system optimization

Total cost optimization model

Motivation



Overall overview and forecast of the profitability of the products district heating and electricity, taking into account **expansion and decarbonisation**



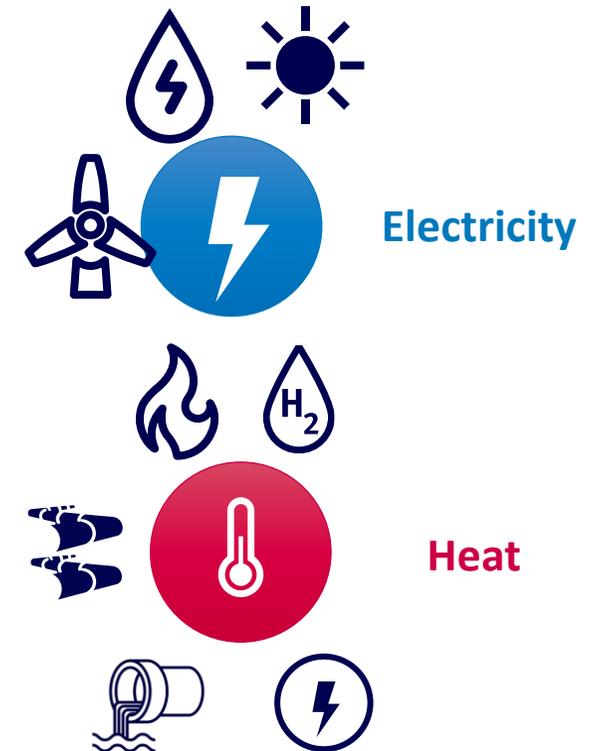
Examination of the **competitiveness** of products in the energy markets



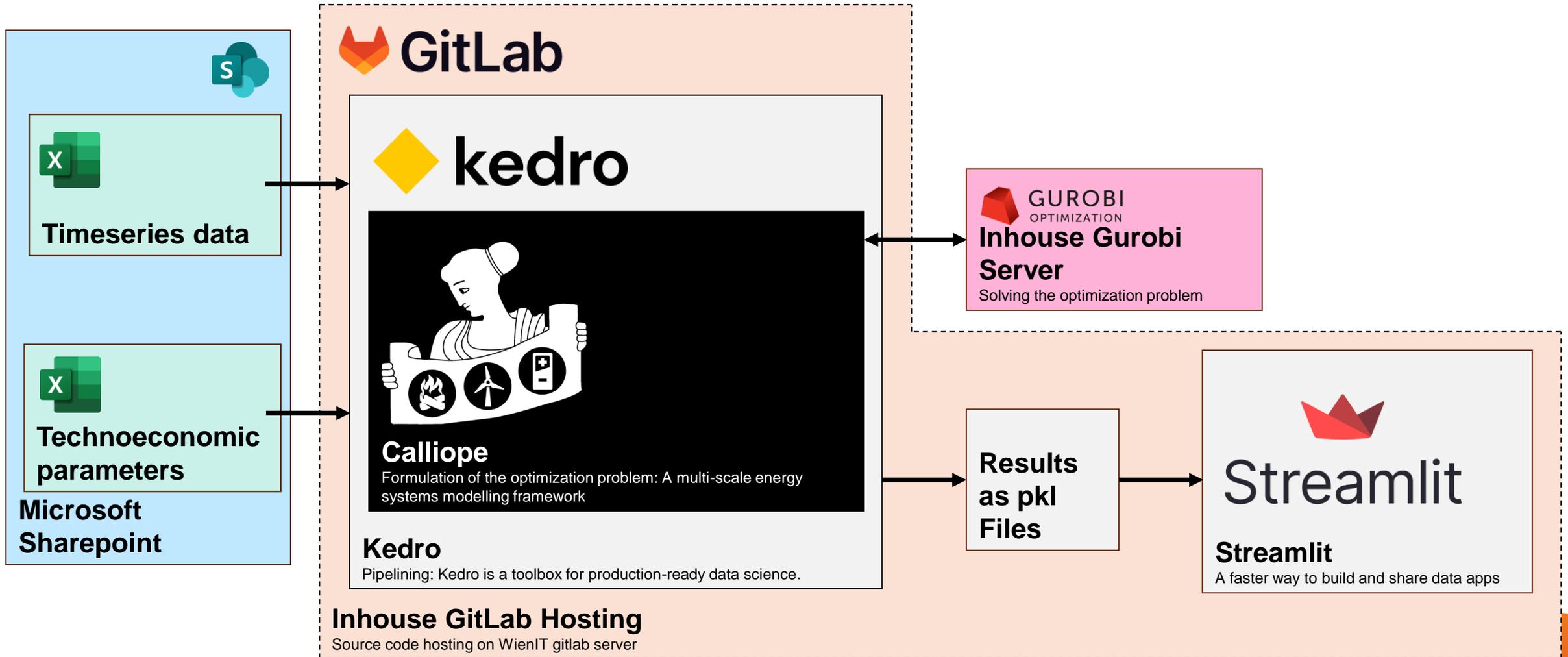
Long-term outlook on investment needs, energy volumes, costs and emissions until 2055



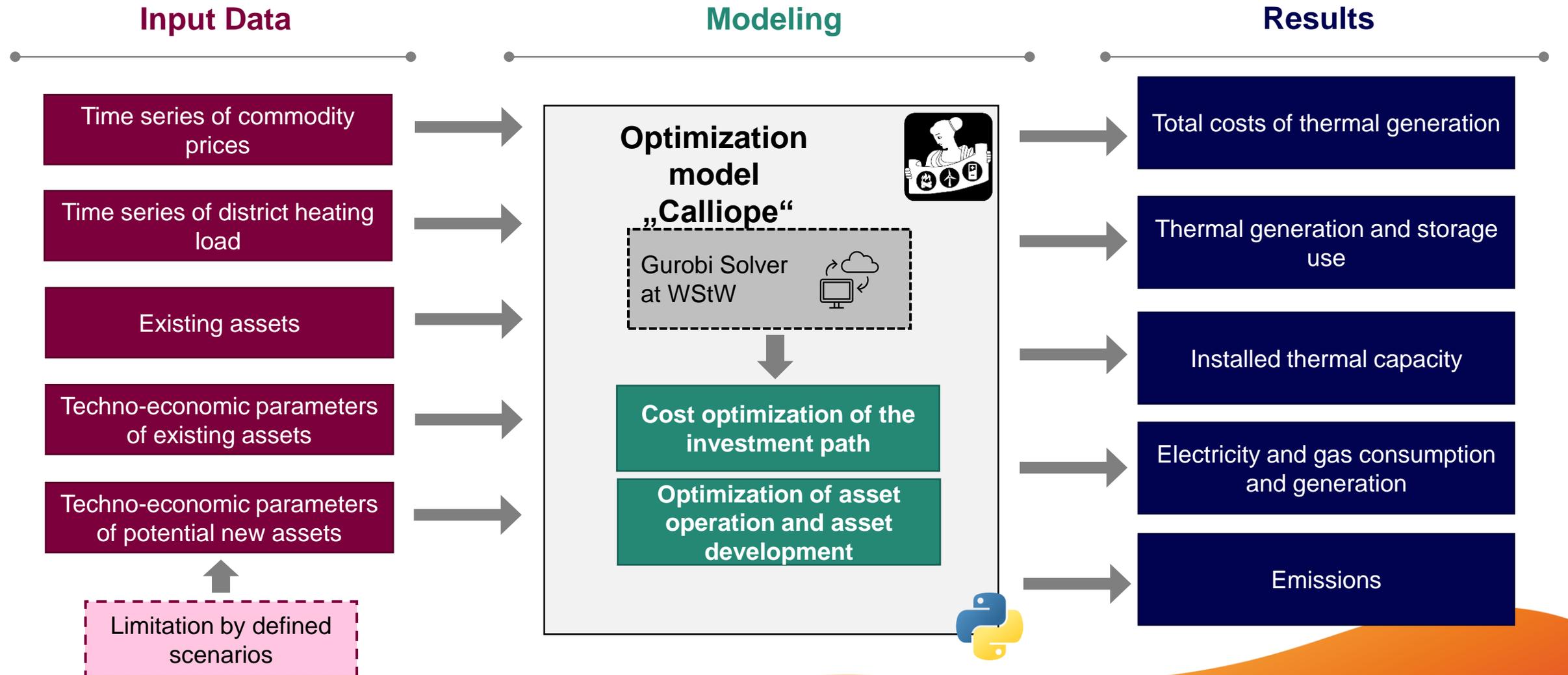
Create a **uniform basis** for profitability assessments of district heating assets and distribution



Calliope at Wien Energie | Open-Source based modeling framework

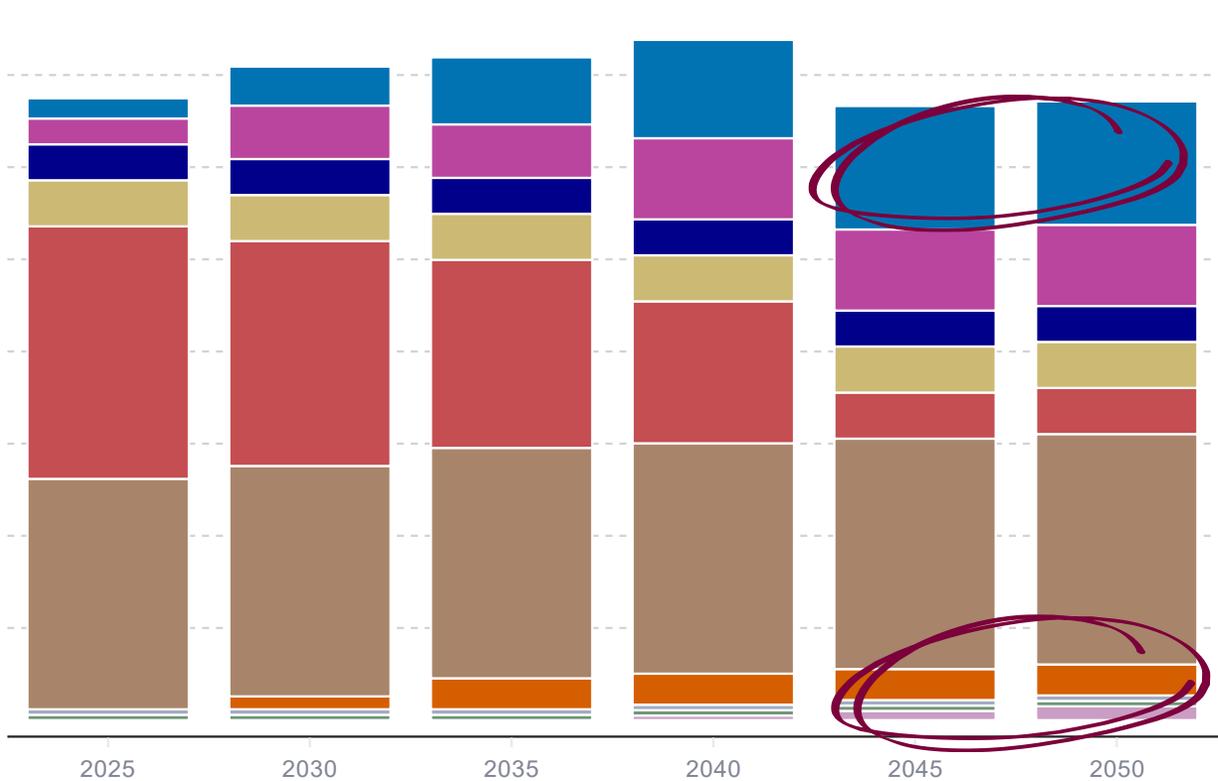


Method of total cost optimization with Calliope



Total cost optimized scenario 2023 | Asset development

Installed thermal capacity



Heat Pumps

- Significant grow in heat pump capacity
- High temperature waste heat sources preferred
- Limitation through high forward temperature – reheating necessary
- Replacing existing CHP capacities

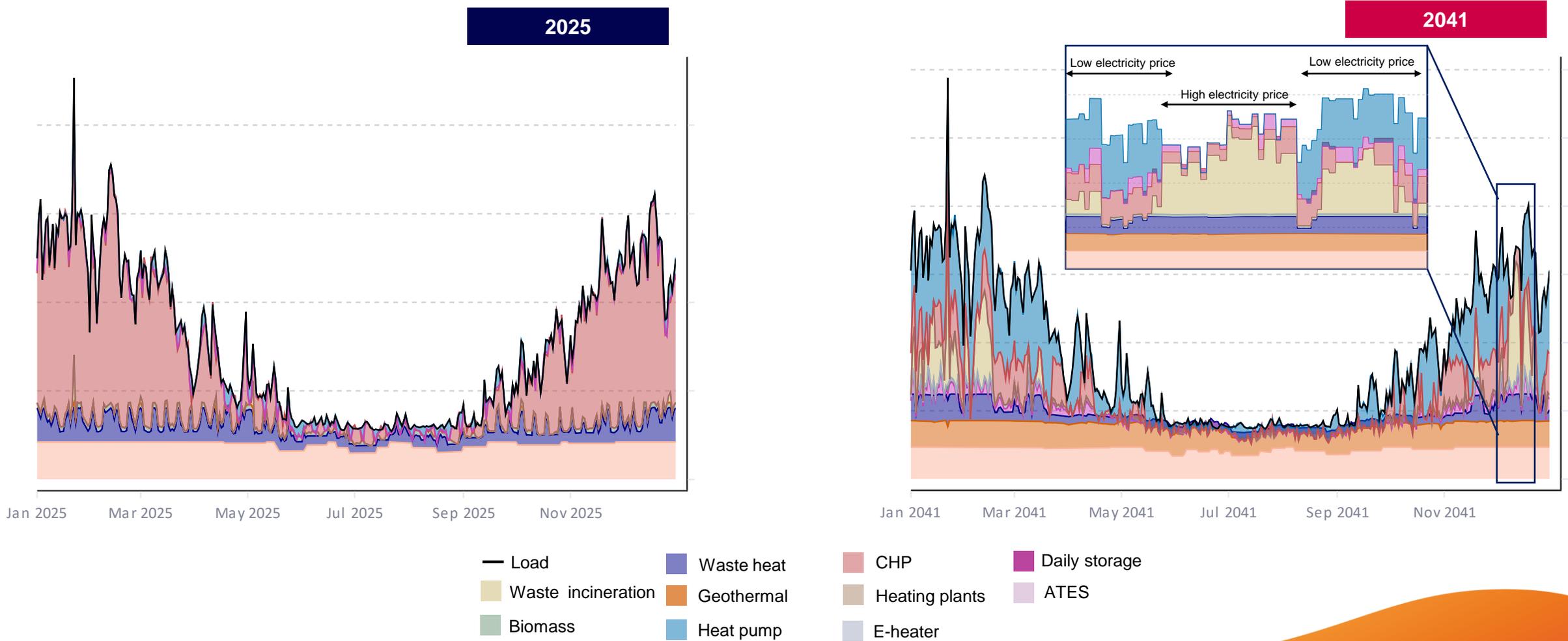
Geothermal Energy

- Development in a JV with OMV
- High number of full load hours necessary
- High fix costs – low variable costs
- Drilling success risk



Deep Dive | Comparison of 2025 and 2041

Thermal generation | daily resolution | 2025 | 2041



Deep dives – sector coupling examples

Deep Dive | Heat Pumps



- Installed capacity: 90 MW (2027: 144 MW)
- Heat source: CHP cooling water and sewage waste water
- The sewage waste water plant will double the capacity from 2027 ongoing
- Forward temperature: 95°C

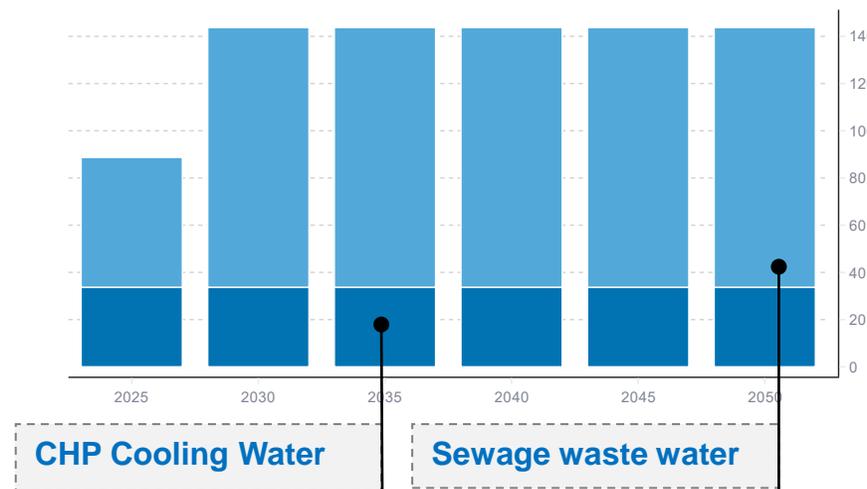


Sewage waste water heat pump (55-110 MW)



CHP cooling water heat pump (32 MW)

Installed Capacity in MW



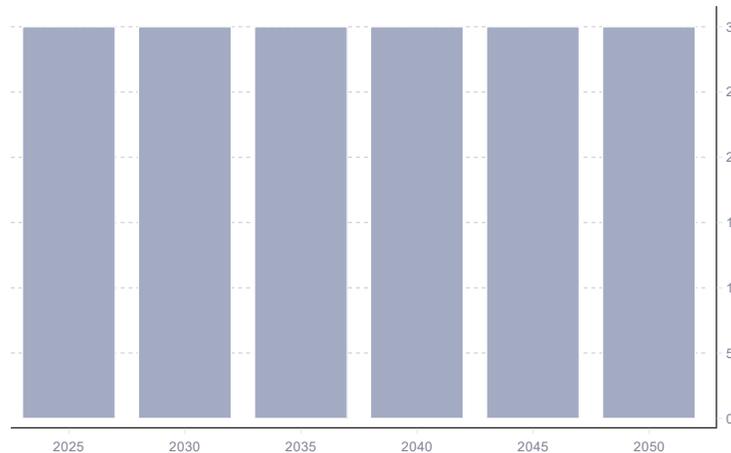
Deep Dive | Power to Heat



Power to Heat

- Installed capacity: 30 MW
- Forward temperature: 150°C
- **Operation type: Secondary Control Market (aFRR)**
- **Capacity factor 0.03-0.05**

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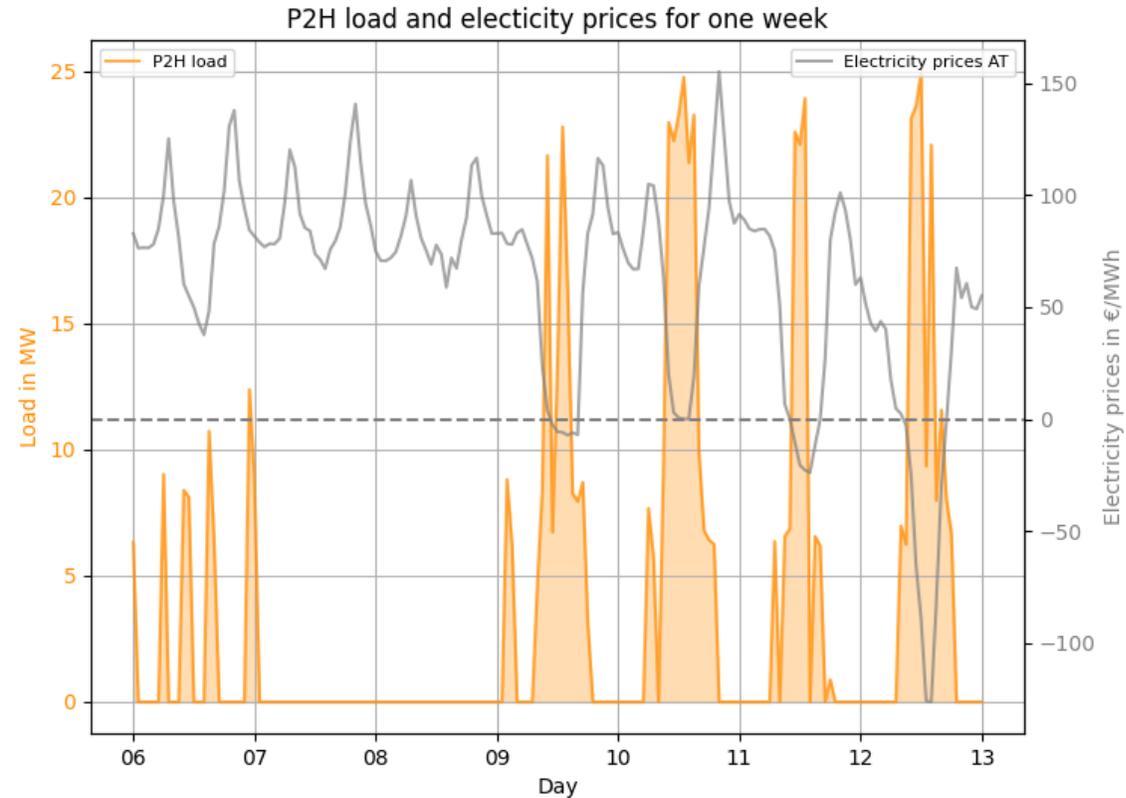
Power to heat plant Spittelau (10 MW)

Deep Dive | Power to Heat



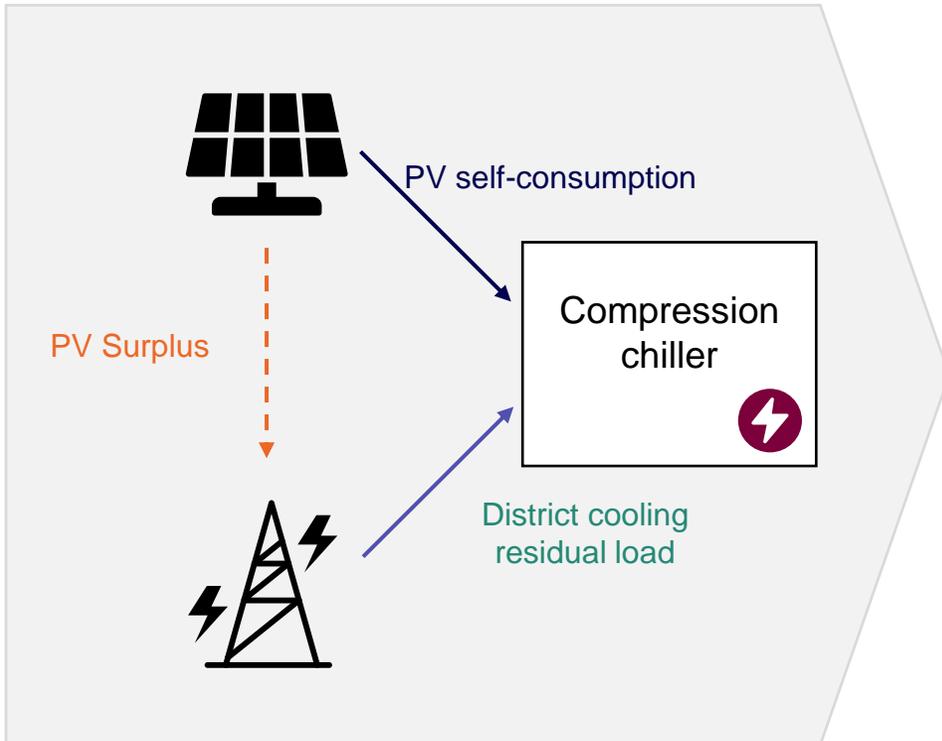
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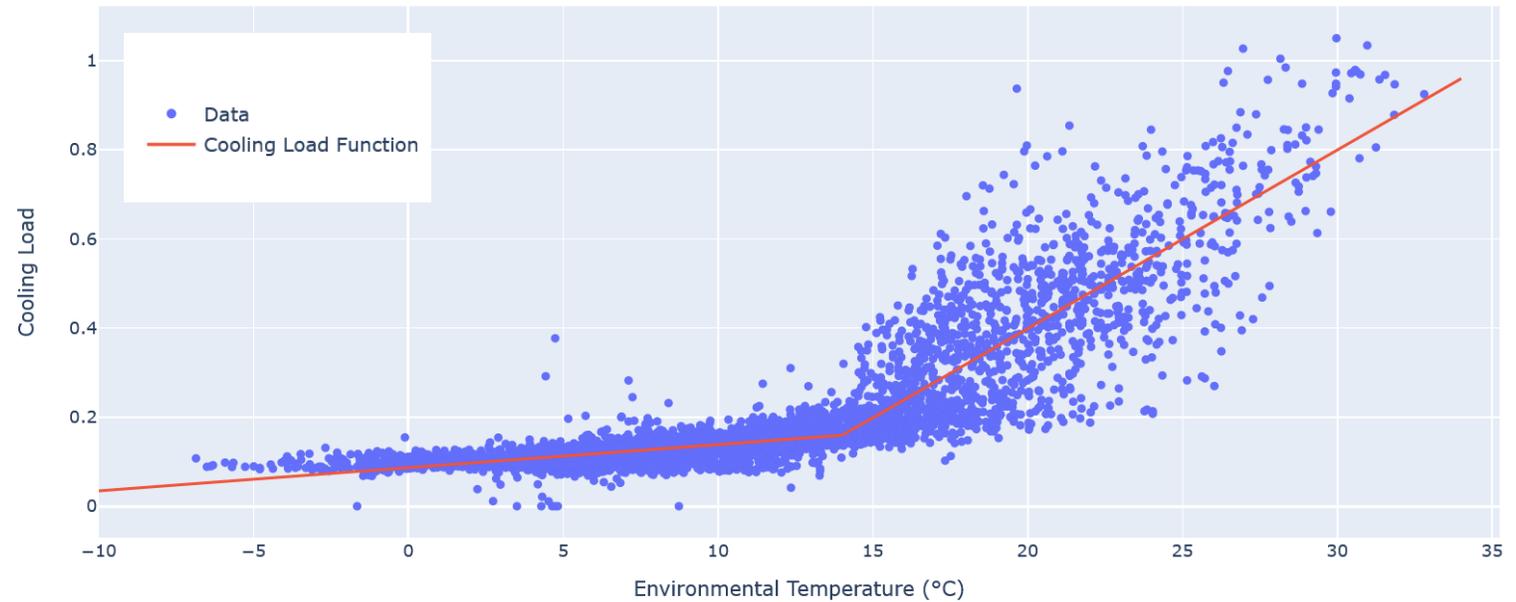


Analysis of the P2H operation for an average spring week

PV-PPA for district cooling



Cooling Load vs Environmental Temperature



- **Electricity prices** for district cooling with compression chillers **can be reduced with an PV-PPA**
- **PV market value can be increased** with the sector coupling with district cooling
- Even with low heat prices in summer absorption chiller are hardly competitive

Conclusion

- The phase-out of fossil gas and the development of efficient renewable heat sources will **reduce the the primary energy demand** of district heating and cooling grids
- The **electricity demand for heating and cooling will increase significantly** but will still be a magnitude lower than the actual gas consumption
- Smart sector coupling solutions together with green gas peak load plants can **reduce price risk for district heating/cooling consumers**



Thanks for your attention!