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District Power to Heat/Cool complemented by sewage heat recovery

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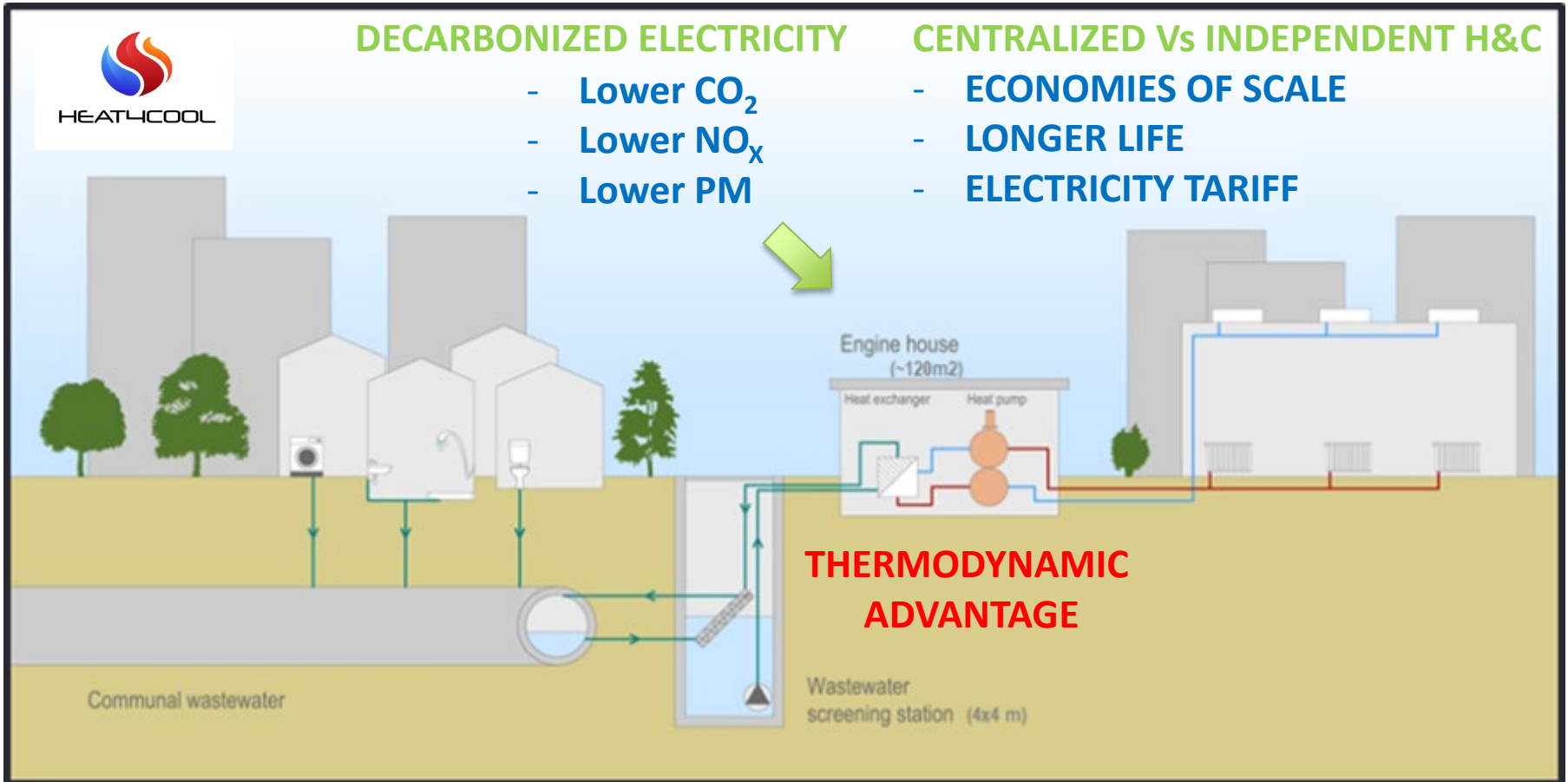
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POWER TO HEAT/COOL COMPLEMENTED BY SEWAGE HEAT RECOVERY



OBJECTIVE

REPLICATION & OPTIMIZATION IN SOUTH EUROPE (COOLING, PV)

LOCATION: ITALY, MILANO (45 °N, SEWAGE T=13÷23°C, Q=110 MW_t)

END-USER: SHOPPING CENTER (10,000 ÷ 15,000 m²)

Heating: 100 kWh/m²,y

Cooling: 75 kWh/m²,y

QUESTIONS:

COMPONENT SIZING AND CONTROL?

OVERALL PLANT EFFICIENCY IN THE MW SCALE?

COST COMPETITIVE Vs INDEPENDENT AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS?

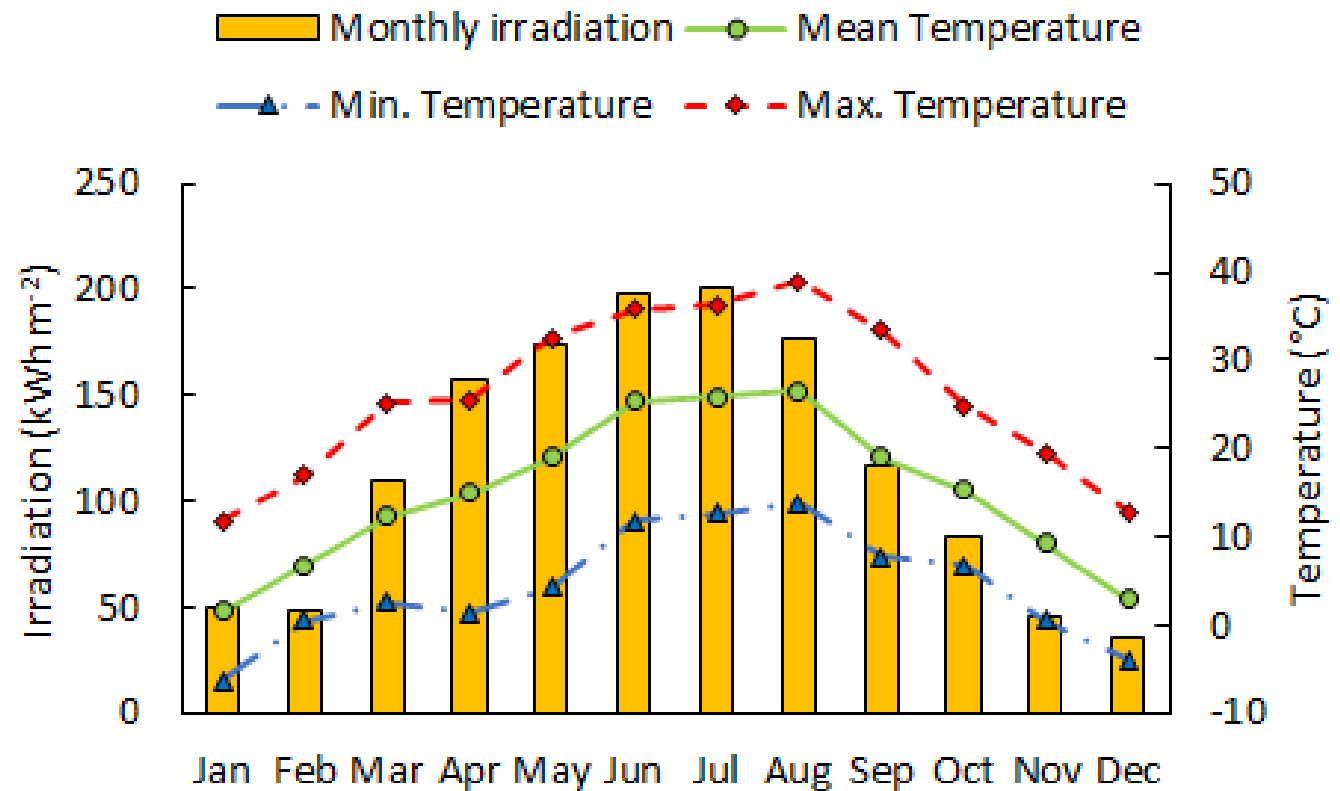
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WEATHER (2017, MILANO)

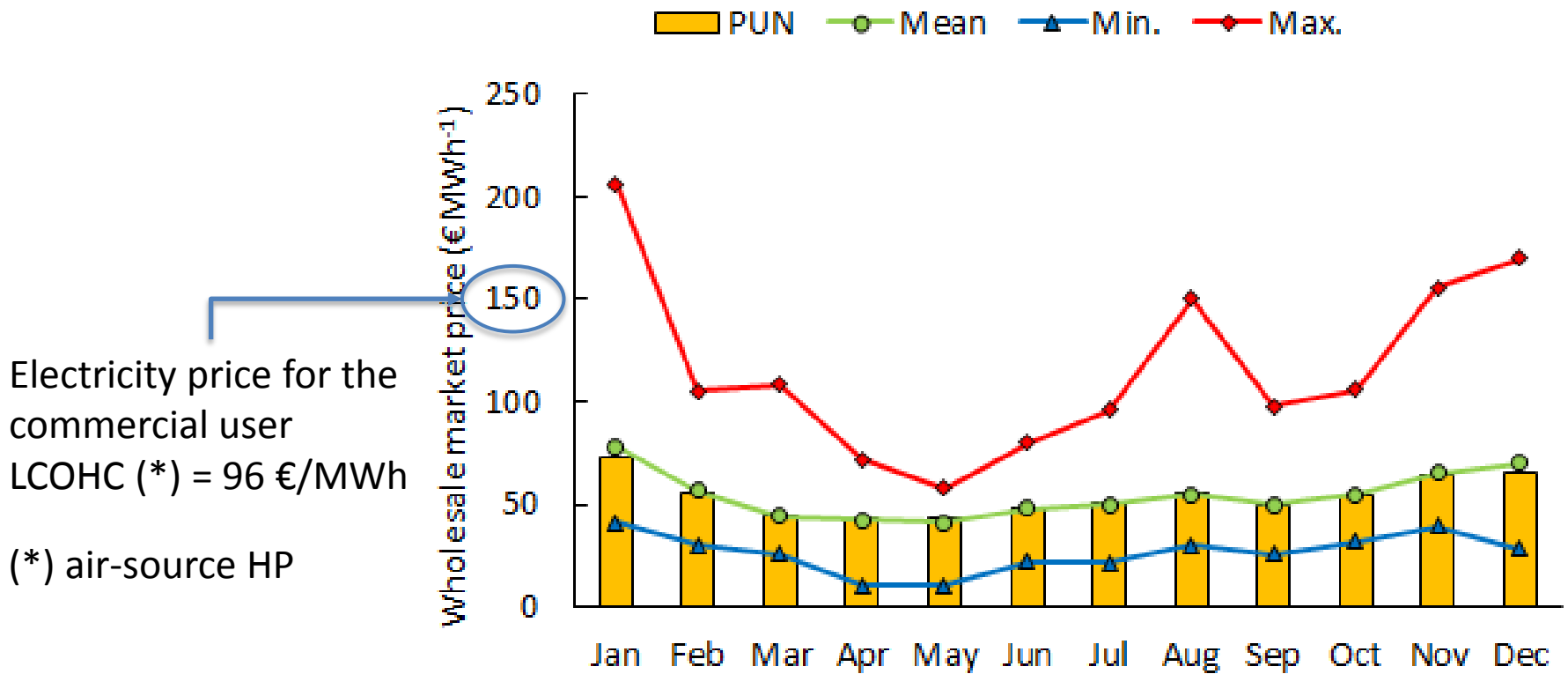
Air-source HP
Seasonal
Performances

SCOP = 2.41 (*)
SEER = 3.27

(*) including frosting



ELECTRICITY MARKET (2017, NORTHERN ITALY)



METHOD

- ENERGY MODELLING AND SIMULATION (1 YEAR, HOURLY TIME STEP)

- LEVELIZED COST OF HEATING AND COOLING (€/MWh)

SEWAGE HEAT
RECOVERY
SYSTEM

- DEGRADATION
(decay of mass flow rate)
- CLEANING
(maintenance costs)

ELECTRICAL
HEAT PUMP

- TEMPERATURE
(not constant, impact on COP, EER)
- LOAD
(not constant, impact on COP, EER)

HEATING &
COOLING
NETWORK
WITH STORAGE

- THERMAL LOSSES
(sizing, insulation)
- PARASITIC ENERGY
(control of distribution pumps)

HEATING AND
COOLING LOADS

- TIME VARYING
(from yearly demand to hourly profile:
 - gain and losses,
 - thermal capacity)

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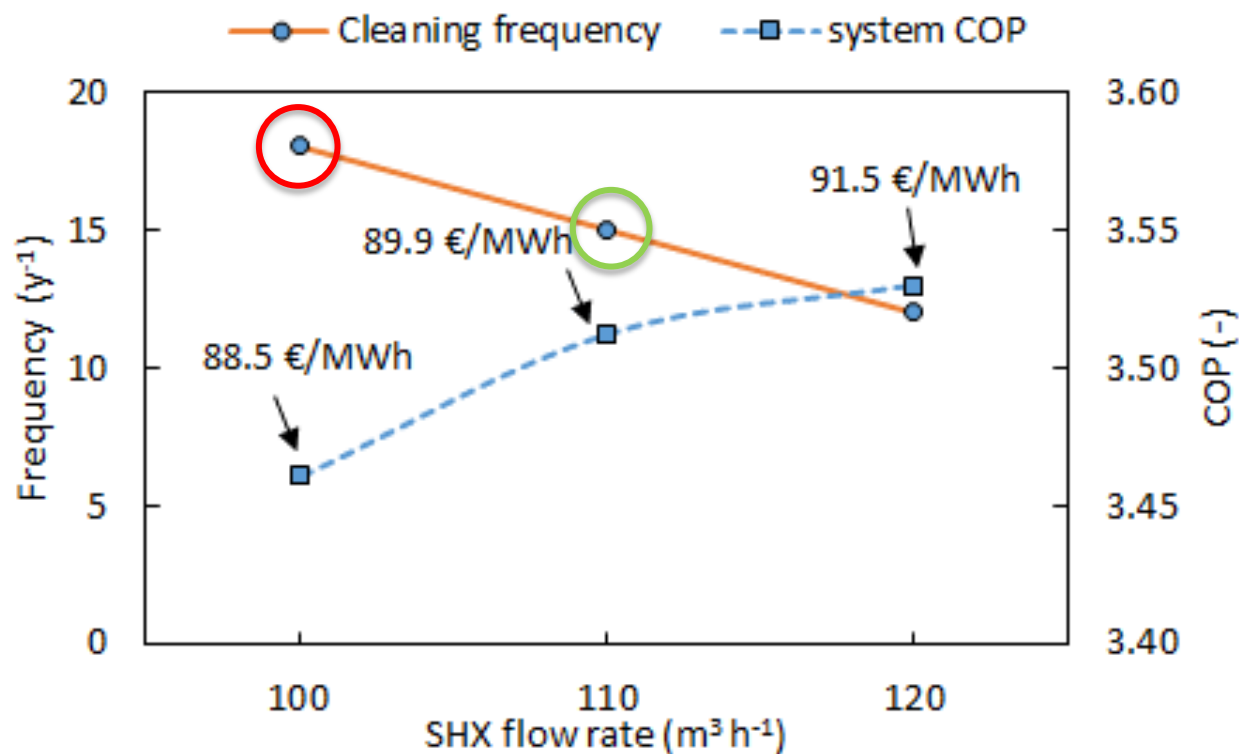
SIZING: SEWAGE HEAT EXCHANGER FLOW RATE

Preliminary sizing:

1100 kWt heat pump
150 m³ storage
100 m³/h sewage

Final sizing:

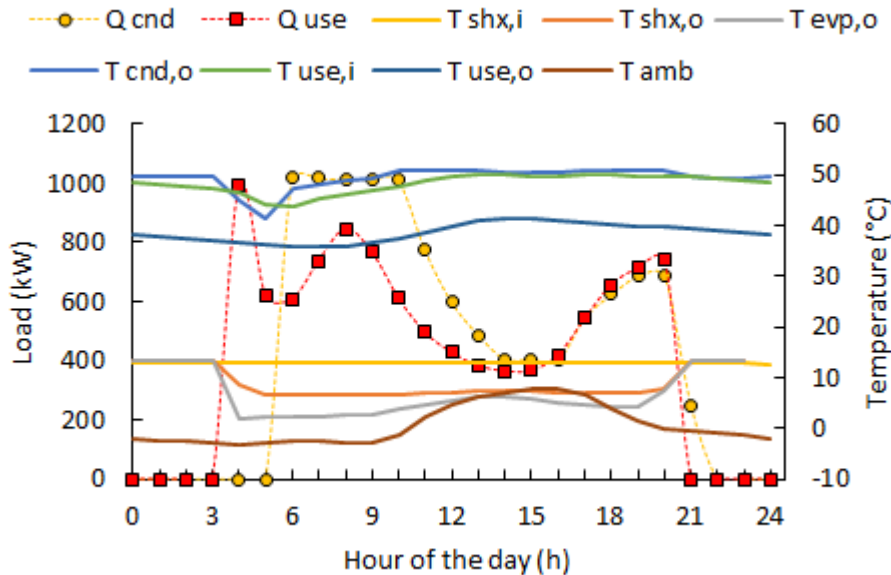
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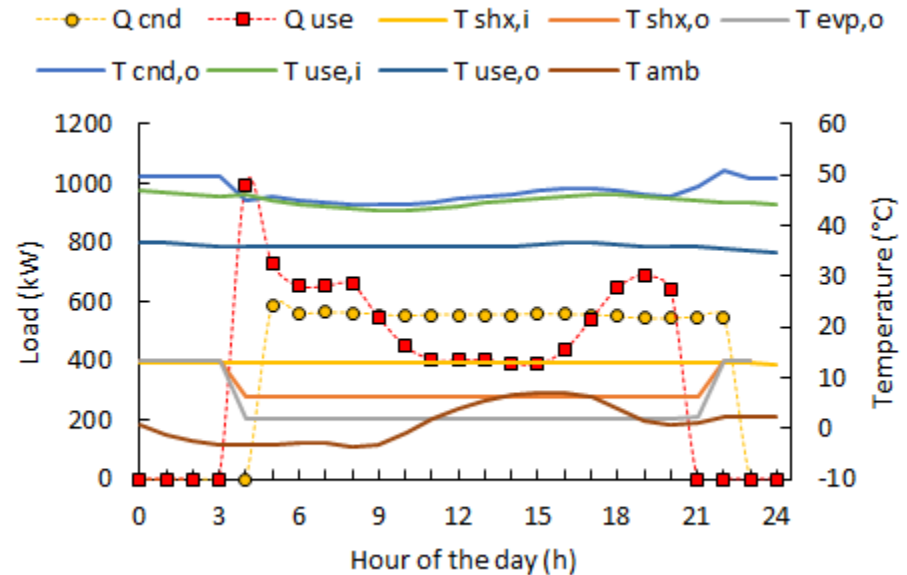
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CLEAN Vs FOULED SEWAGE HEAT EXCHANGER

CLEAN



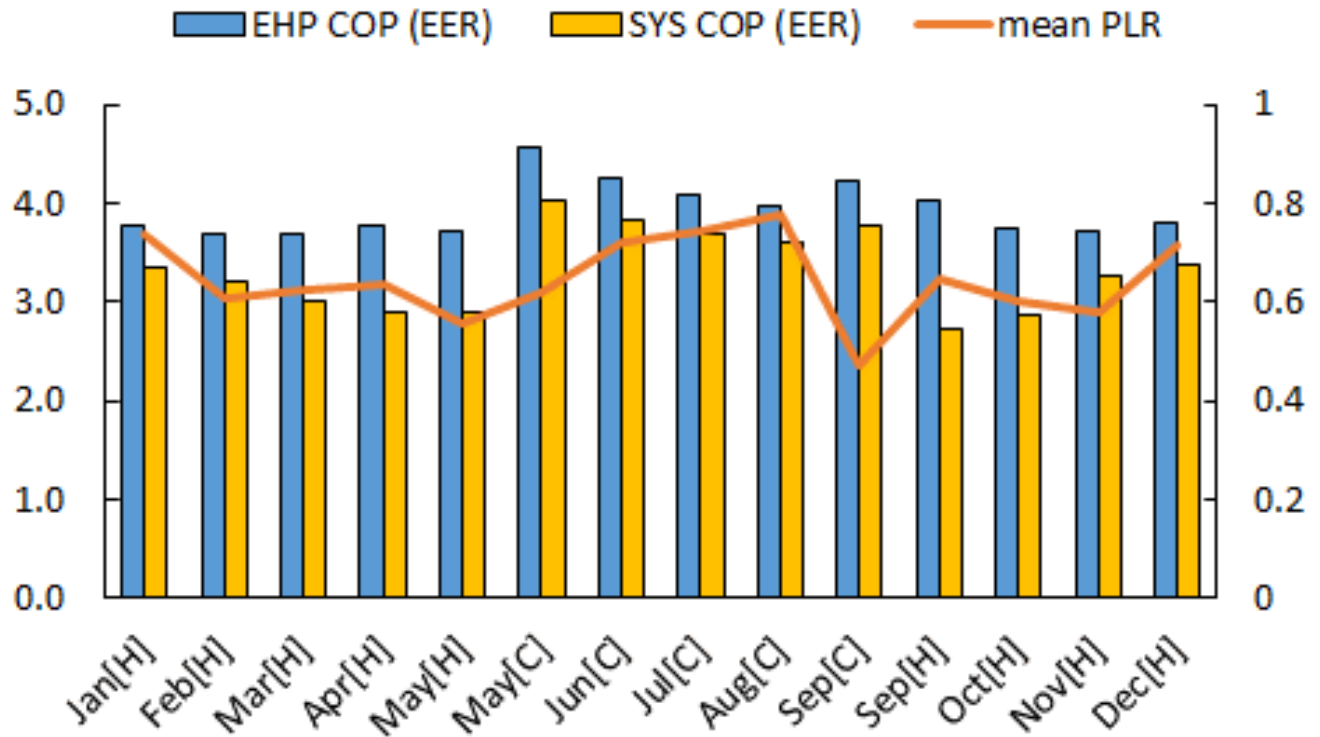
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RESULTS

HEAT PUMP AND OVERALL PLANT EFFICIENCY

[H] $SCOP_{sys} = 3.16$
[C] $SEER_{sys} = 3.51$



RESULTS

PV GENERATED ON-SITE (480 kWp)

LCOHC	Base case (€/MWh)	+ PV (€/MWh)	
CAPEX contribution	45.2	61.2	↑ Investment in PV
OPEX contribution	44.7	34.6	↓ Self-consumption
Annual benefit		-16.8	! Sales to grid
Total	89.9	79.0	

CONCLUSION

- ❑ **Centralized Power to Heat/Cool cost competitive with respect to independent air-source heat pumps: LCOHC 90 (96) €/MWh**
 - ❑ **Superior performance: SCOP 3.16 (2.41), SEER 3.51 (3.27)**
 - ❑ **Economies of scale**

- ❑ **PV electricity generated on-site is an additional opportunity**
 - ❑ **LCOHC decreases from 90 to 79 €/MWh**

- ❑ **However, CAPEX contribution to LCOHC is high: correct sizing, specific to local boundary conditions**

- ❑ **Sewage Heat Exchanger degradation limits generation capacity and performance: good design of SHX, good cleaning method**



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