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# **Thermal Energy As a Service**

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# ***BRIGHTCORE ENERGY***

The Next Generation of Geothermal  
Heating and Cooling

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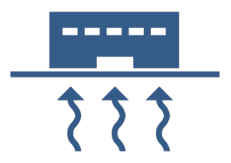
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# BRIGHTCORE ENERGY DEPLOYS A RANGE OF ELECTRIFICATION SOLUTIONS FOR C&I CUSTOMERS

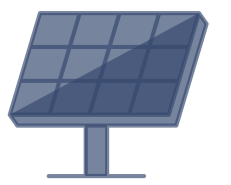
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PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY

Our building electrification solutions capitalize on market forces and address regulatory requirements.



# ENERGY-AS-A-SERVICE

What are we trying to accomplish?



*Broadly, the goal of **Energy-as-a-Service** is to reduce the capital costs of geothermal projects such that counterparties without access to capital can access geothermal technologies.*

# ENERGY-AS-A-SERVICE

How effective is EaaS at accomplishing this goal?

- EaaS has had limited success at accomplishing this goal
  - Investment Tax Credits – single entity must be the legal tax owner of the system
  - Counterparty credit risk – those who cannot borrow funds may pose credit risk
  - Non-removable asset – on vs. off balance sheet treatment
  - Bonding covenants – public bonds come with covenants that restrict debt capacity
- Until some of the structural challenges, largely driven by IRS rules change, EaaS will be constrained

# IRA HAS CREATED A NEW PARDIGM BRIDGE FINANCING

- Inflation Reduction Act is driving very attractive paybacks
- Most clients approach their replacement projects with some budget
- GSHP is most often cost neutral when compared to electrified alternatives (ASHP, electric boilers, etc.)
- Under the new paradigm, the new challenge is bridging the gap between commissioning and ITC receipt

**270,000 SF Multifamily Building (Year 1 Payback)**

|                                  | Geothermal         | ASHP               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| HVAC                             | \$6,840,000        | \$6,840,000        |
| Ground Loop                      | \$3,760,000        | \$ -               |
| Investment Tax Credit            | - \$4,250,000      | \$ -               |
| Con Edison                       | - \$ 705,000       | \$ -               |
| <b>Project Net of Incentives</b> | <b>\$5,645,000</b> | <b>\$6,840,000</b> |

**145,000 SF Three Building Campus Retrofit (Year 1.3 Payback)**

|                                  | Geothermal         | ASHP               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| HVAC                             | \$4,240,000        | \$4,240,000        |
| Ground Loop                      | \$4,260,000        | \$ -               |
| Investment Tax Credit            | - \$3,146,000      | \$ -               |
| Con Edison                       | - \$1,622,000      | - \$715,000        |
| <b>Project Net of Incentives</b> | <b>\$3,731,000</b> | <b>\$3,525,000</b> |

# CONCLUSION

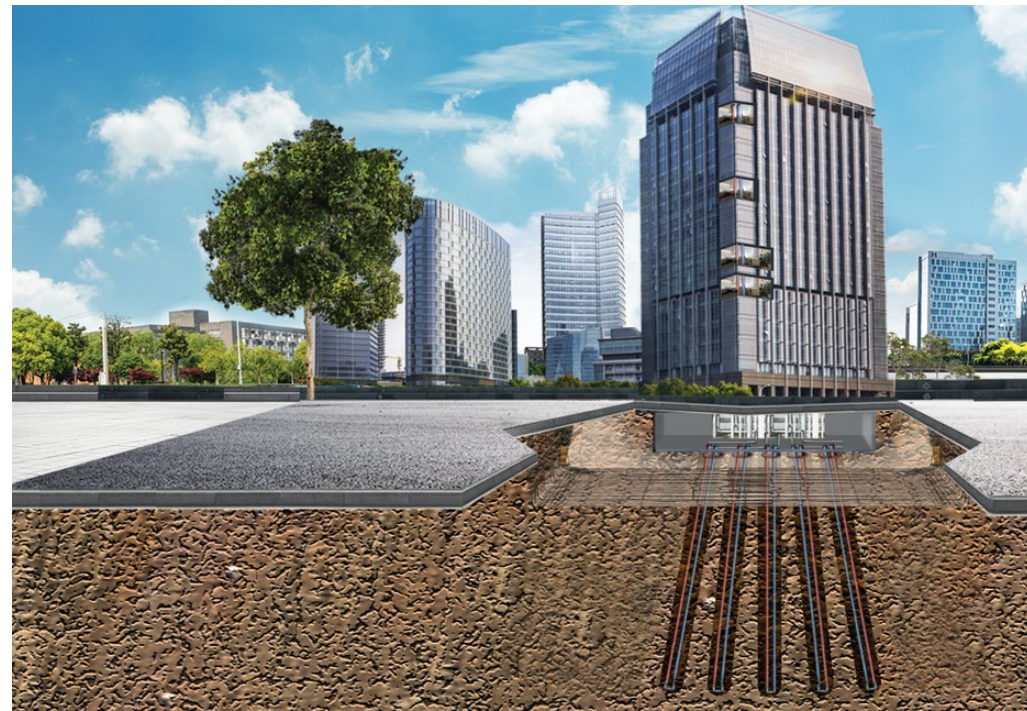
EAAS can work, but it is constrained



- The financial mechanics of EaaS work, but the regulatory constraints challenge its utility
- As an industry the more salient financial challenge is bridge financing
  - Low interest loans from green banks or other incentive programs can help
  - Bridge financing will enable more project completion than EaaS as a financial tool
- Caveat: If the regulatory barriers are reduced or eliminated there the market would be ripe for EaaS

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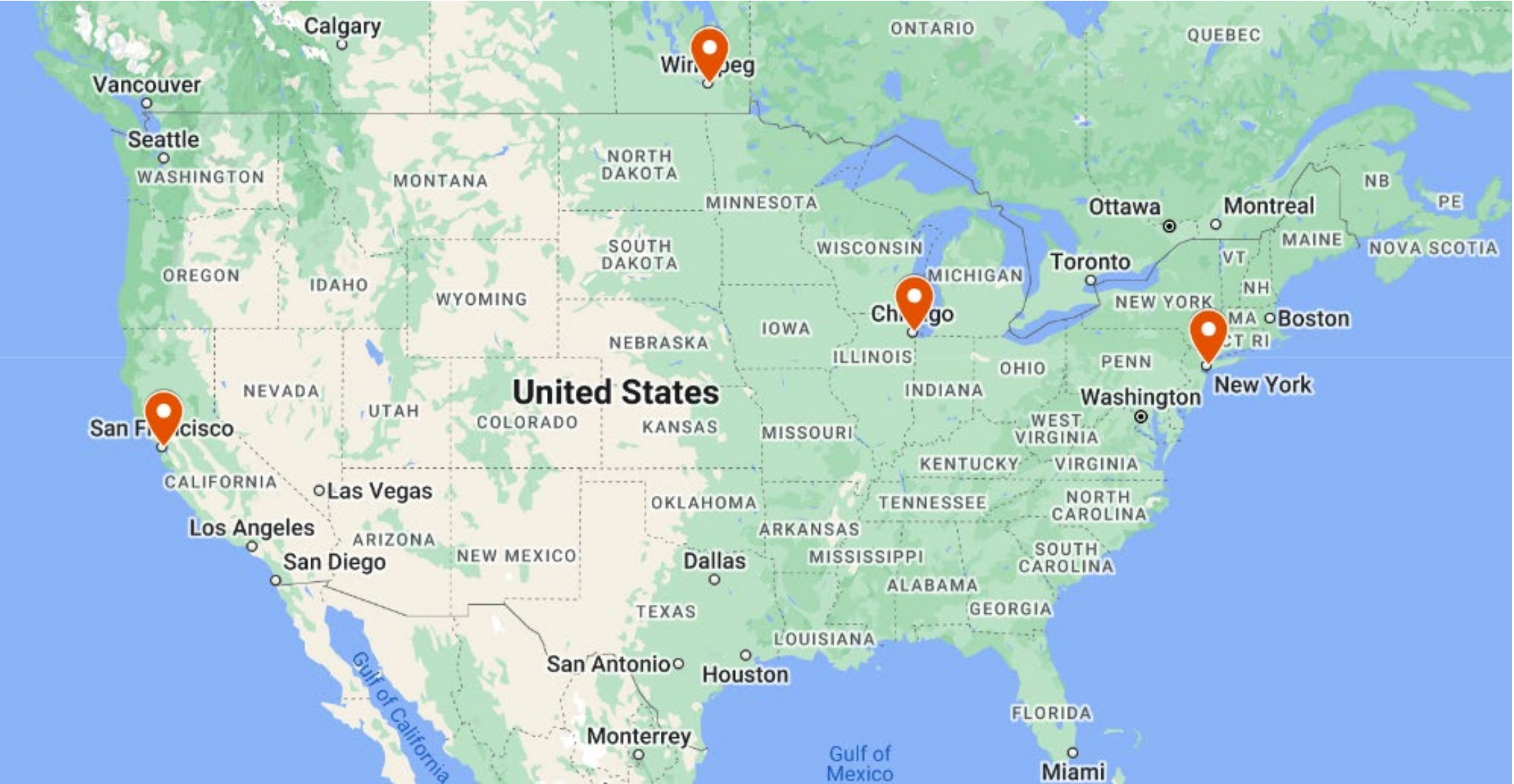
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# Geothermal EaaS Opportunities



## District Thermal Energy Networks

- Multiple buildings, thermally connected
- Diversity of building use
- Ambient Temp Loops and Central Plants
- Hybrid systems
- New construction and retrofits





# Geothermal EaaS

## Value Proposition & Challenges

### Value Proposition

- Greater efficiency
- Platform for building electrification
- Flexible design and ability to harness thermal resources from ground, sewers, buildings, water bodies, etc.
- Eliminates noisy condensers
- Conserves water

### Challenges

- Long-term EaaS commitment
- Occupancy risk / revenue certainty



# Geothermal EaaS

## Ingredients for Success

Keep it simple...

- Large anchor tenant
- Single contractual counterparty
- Incentives to connect and remain a customer for the long term





**Turn Your Wastewater Into Opportunity**



# WHAT IS THE **VALUE** OF WASTEWATER?



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

ESTIMATES OVER

**350,000,000 MW**

ARE DISCARDED DOWN THE DRAIN IN  
THE U.S. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

**NYC DEP:**

**Processes 1.3B/gal/sewage/day**

**1M/gallons = 1MW Thermal Energy**

**1,300 MW/day – Wasted Thermal Energy**

# Wastewater Energy Transfer (WET) Market Applications

## PIRANHA SERIES



## SHARC SERIES



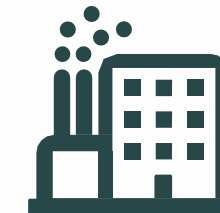
### Residential

- Multi-Family Housing
- PIRANHA (35–350 Units)
- SHARC (350+ Units)
- Student Housing
- Senior Living
- Community Housing
- Corrections



### Commercial

- Hospitals
- Micro-Breweries
- Hospitality
- Commercial Laundry & Car Wash



### Industrial

- Commercial Food Production
- Pulp and Paper
- Textiles
- **District Energy**

- Wastewater-source heat pump
- Active energy recovery
- No filtering needed
- **Small footprint**
- **No odor**

- High capacity
- High volume filtration
- Uses custom heat exchanger
- **Small footprint**
- **No odor**

# The PIRANHA Series

The PIRANHA is a self-contained heat pump that uses a specifically designed direct expansion heat exchanger to recover thermal energy from a building's wastewater for domestic hot water heating

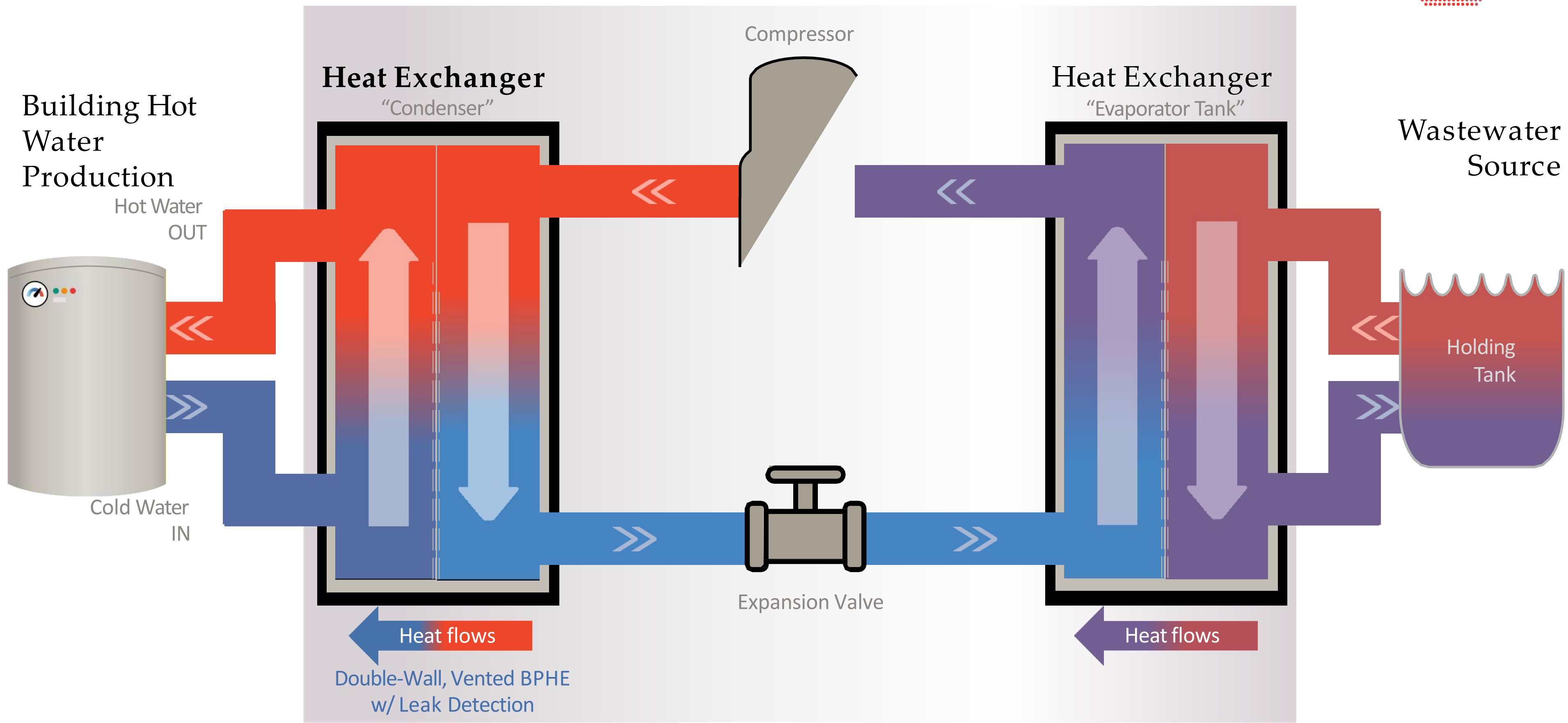


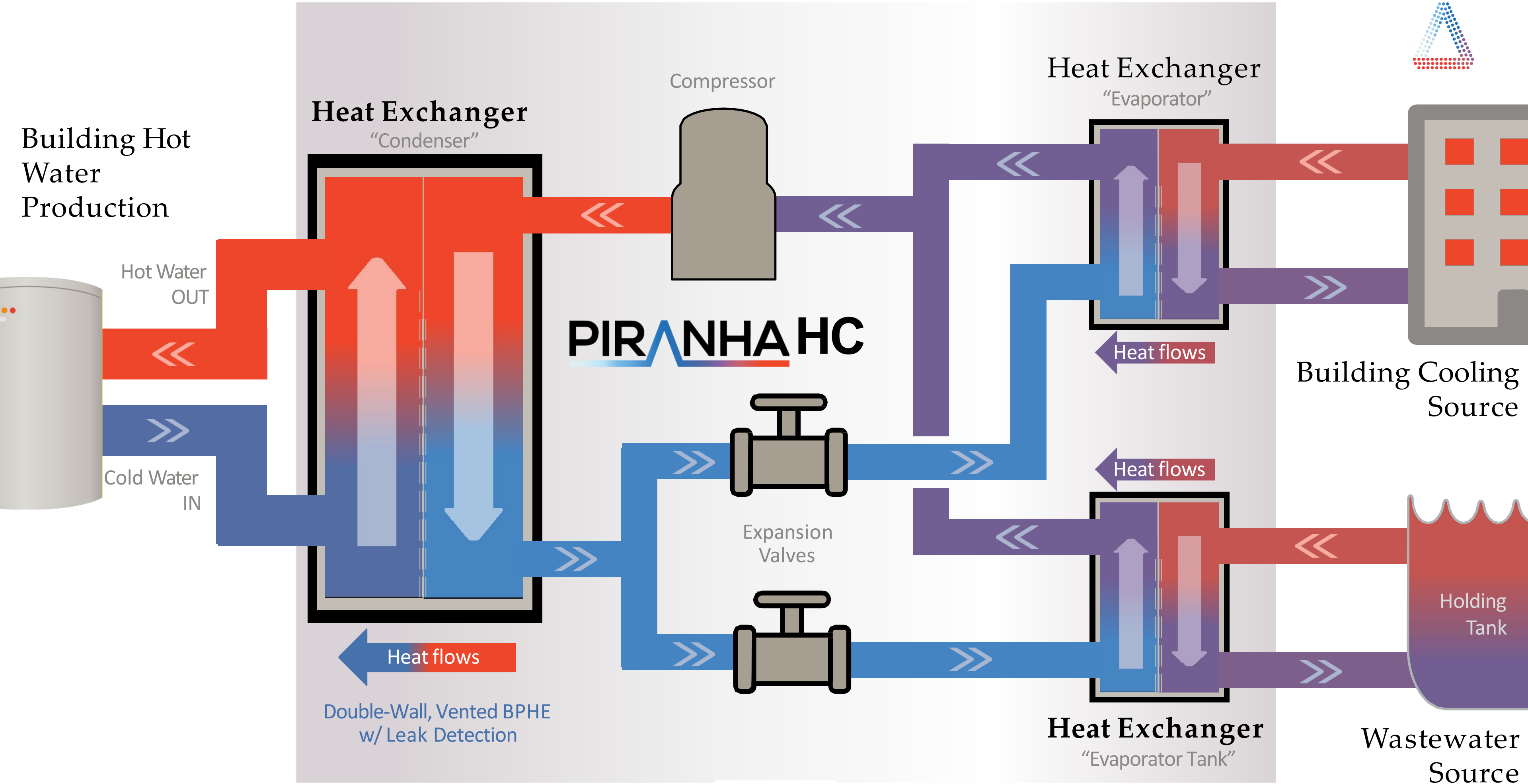
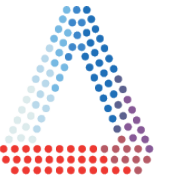
## Models: T5 / T10 / T15

- Design heat output
  - **60 / 120 / 180 MBH**
  - Increase output scalable with multiple units
- Designed to fit through standard double door
- Average COP of 3.5\*
- **NSF-372 rated BPHE**
  - Double-wall, leak detection
- R-513a
  - 56% Lower GWP than R-134a (573 vs 1,430)
  - Same performance

\*Average COP across a range of source temperatures, output temperatures and application types.

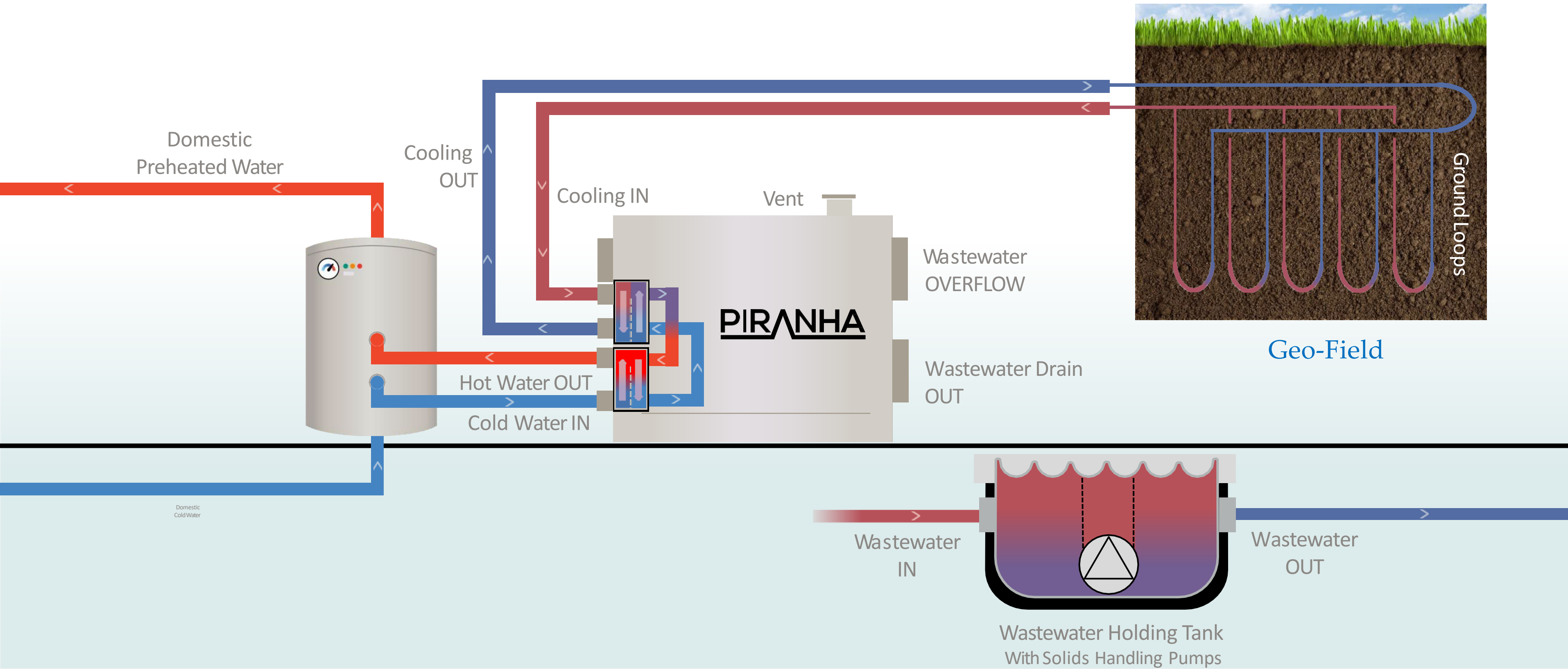






# PIRANHA paired with Geothermal

## Simultaneous Heating + Cooling



# SHARC

## Series



The SHARC is a wastewater separator/filter that allows access to thermal energy by temporarily removing solids from wastewater.

The filtered wastewater is then passed through a Heat Exchanger where the thermal energy is transferred to/from the building.

| SHARC Model | Max Flow            | Typical Energy Transfer |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 660         | 550 GPM / 34 L/s    | 2,474 MBH / 0.725 MW    |
| 880         | 1,200 GPM / 75 L/s  | 5,399 MBH / 1.6 MW      |
| 1212 †      | 2,500 GPM / 157 L/s | 11,248 MBH / 3.3 MW     |

**Higher flow rates achieved with parallel modules**

† Upcoming Product

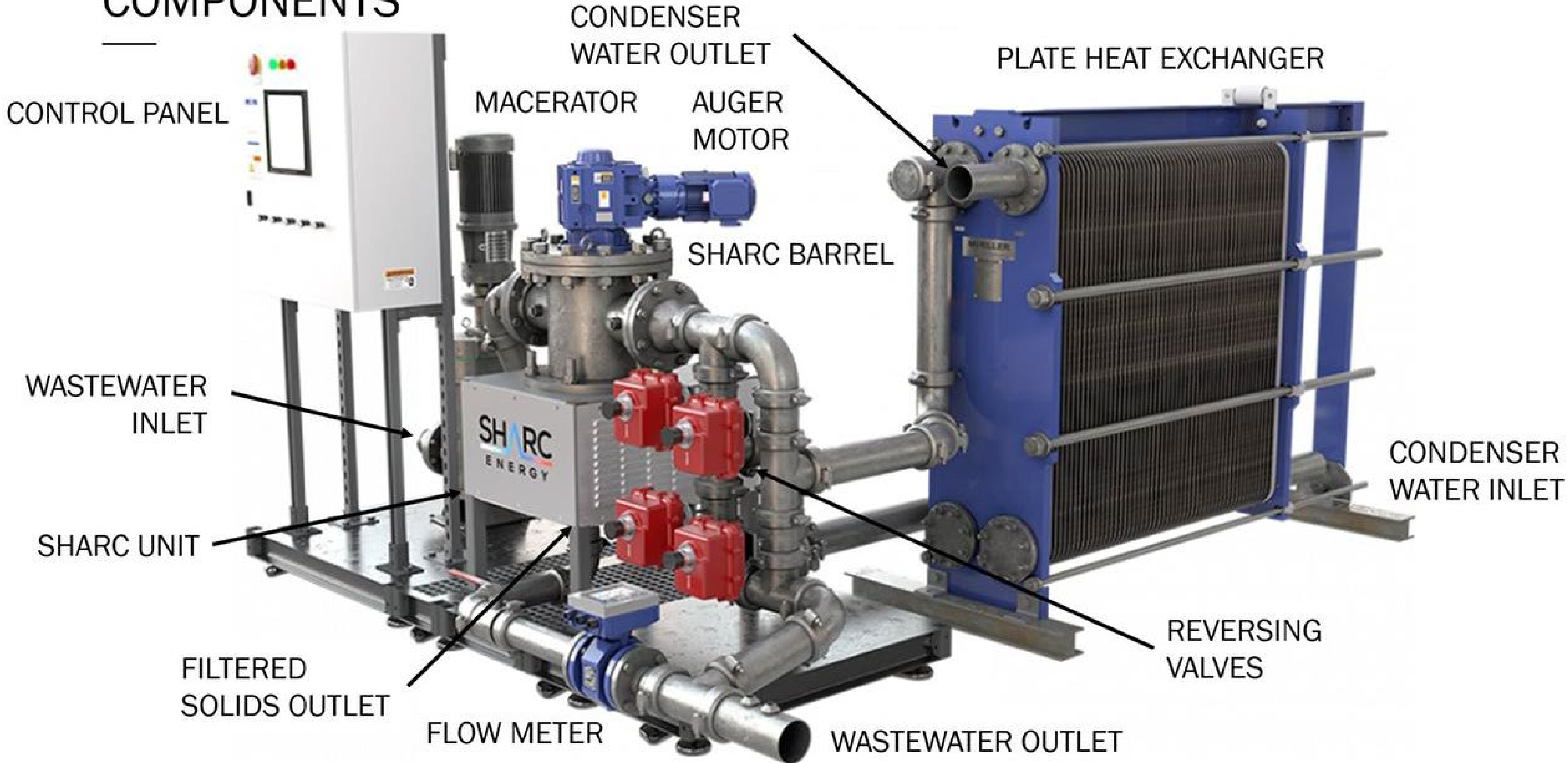
# SHARC

Series



- Designed to allow for high flow rates and ease of service.
  - Variable Use
    - **DHW (Domestic Hot Water)**
    - **Space Conditioning**
      - Heating (Energy Recovery) or Cooling (Energy Rejection)
    - **Wastewater Cooling**
    - **Geo-Loop conditioning and/or Geo-field offset**
- Exponential efficiency for low-temp loops
  - Up to MW of energy transferred for low kW energy input
- Completely Sealed at Installation Site – **Odor Free**

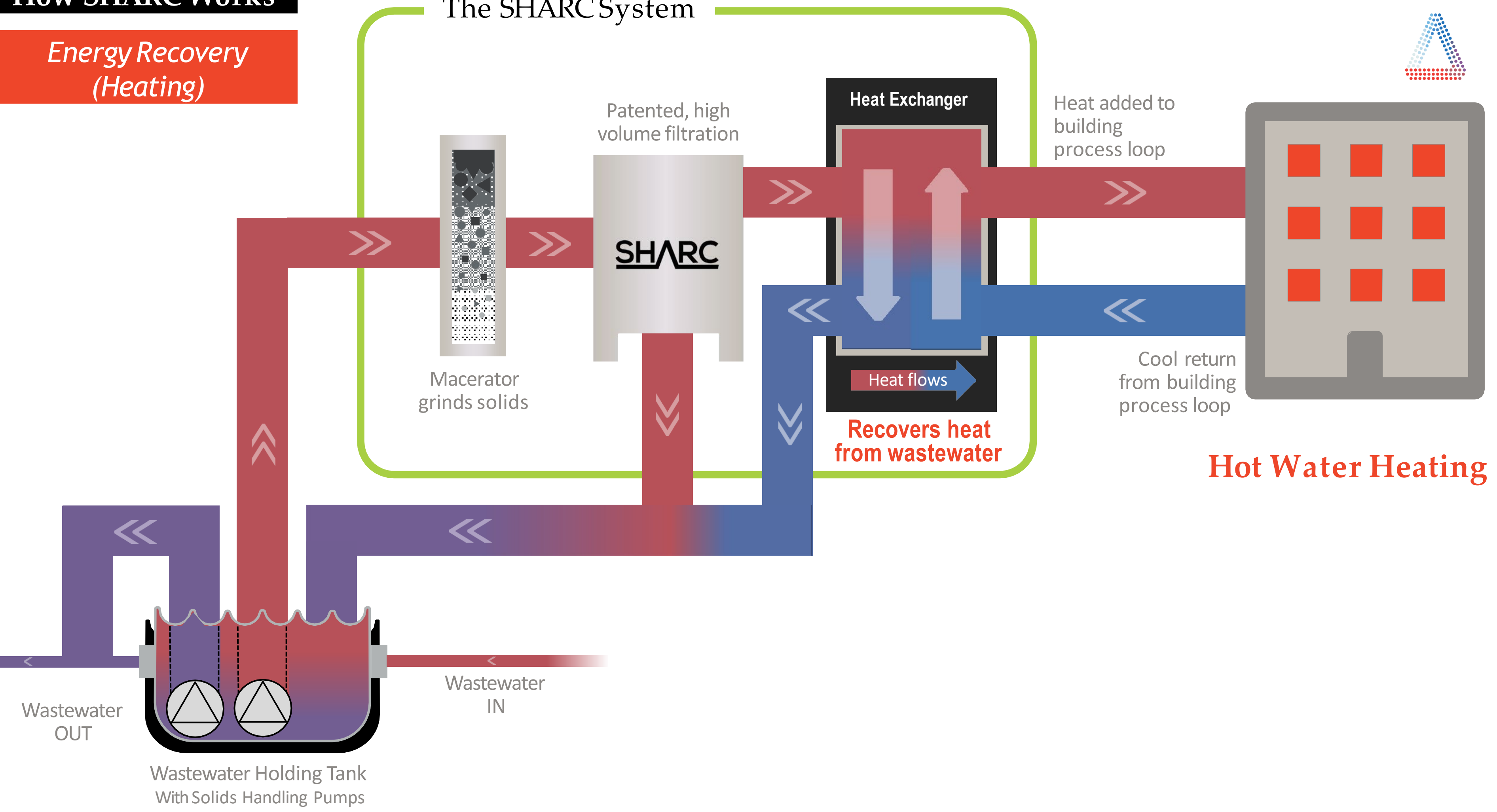
# SHARC WASTEWATER HEAT EXCHANGER COMPONENTS



# How SHARC Works

*Energy Recovery  
(Heating)*

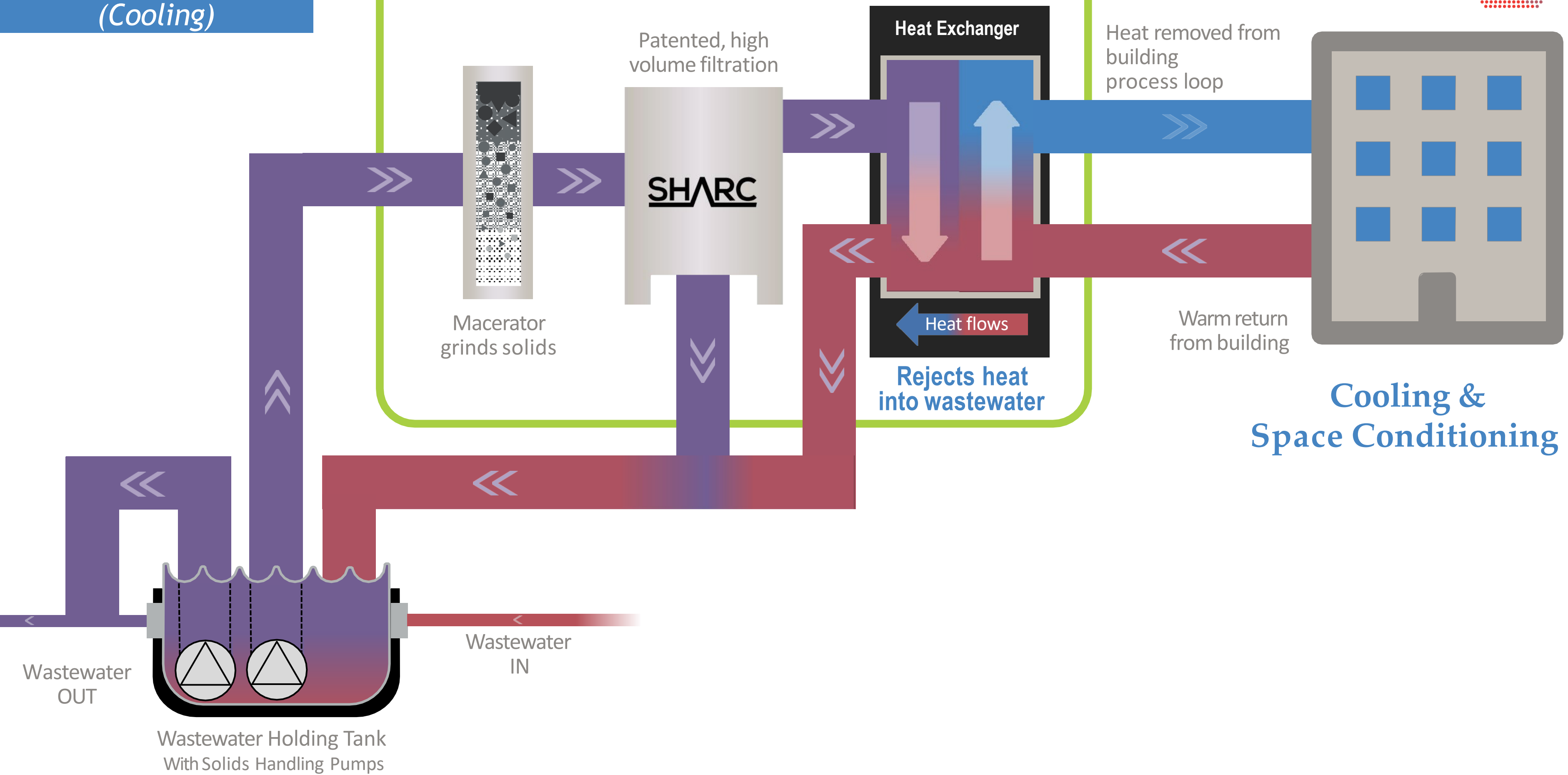
## The SHARC System



# How SHARC Works

Energy Rejection  
(Cooling)

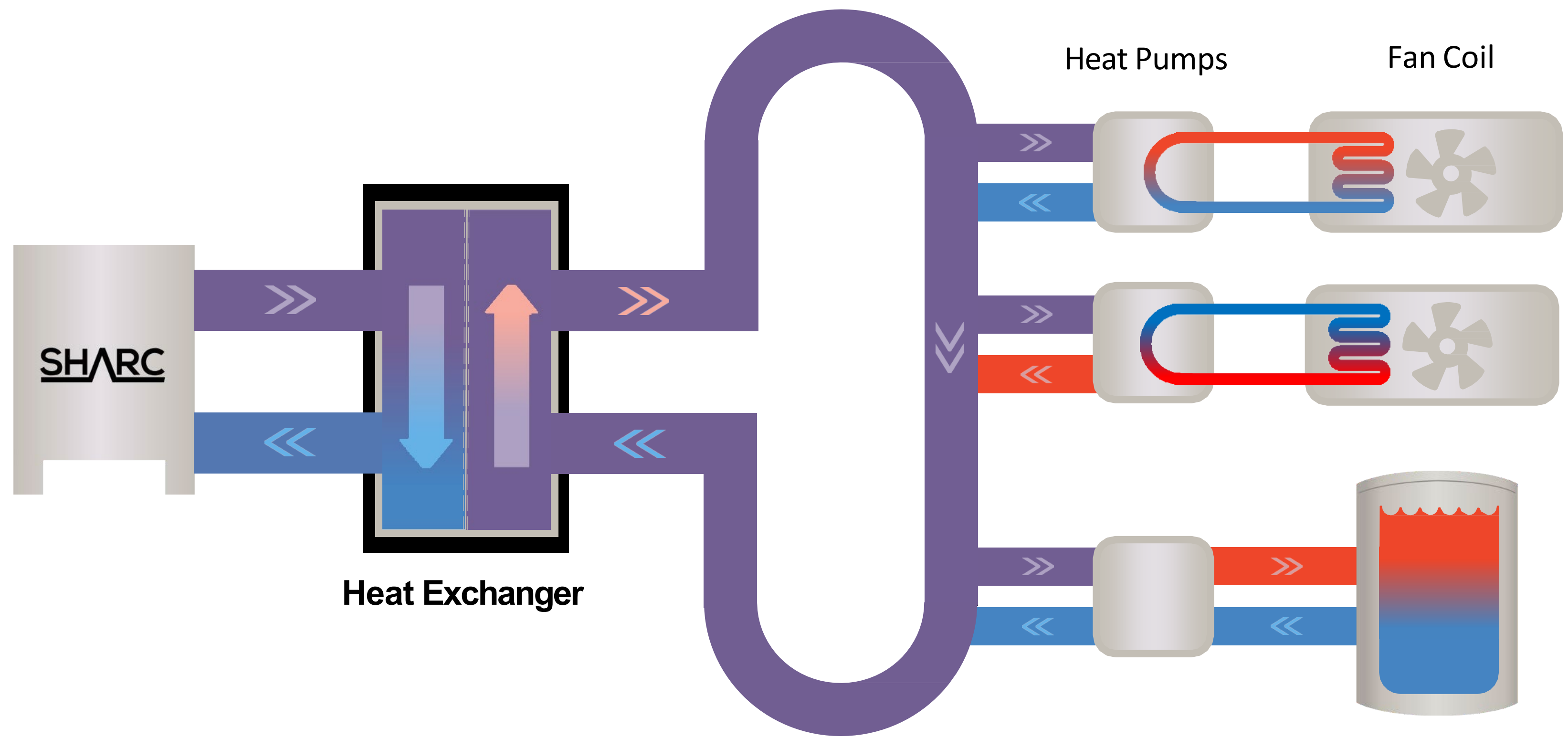
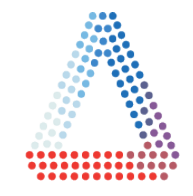
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# How SHARC Works

Multi-Use  
(Heating / Cooling)



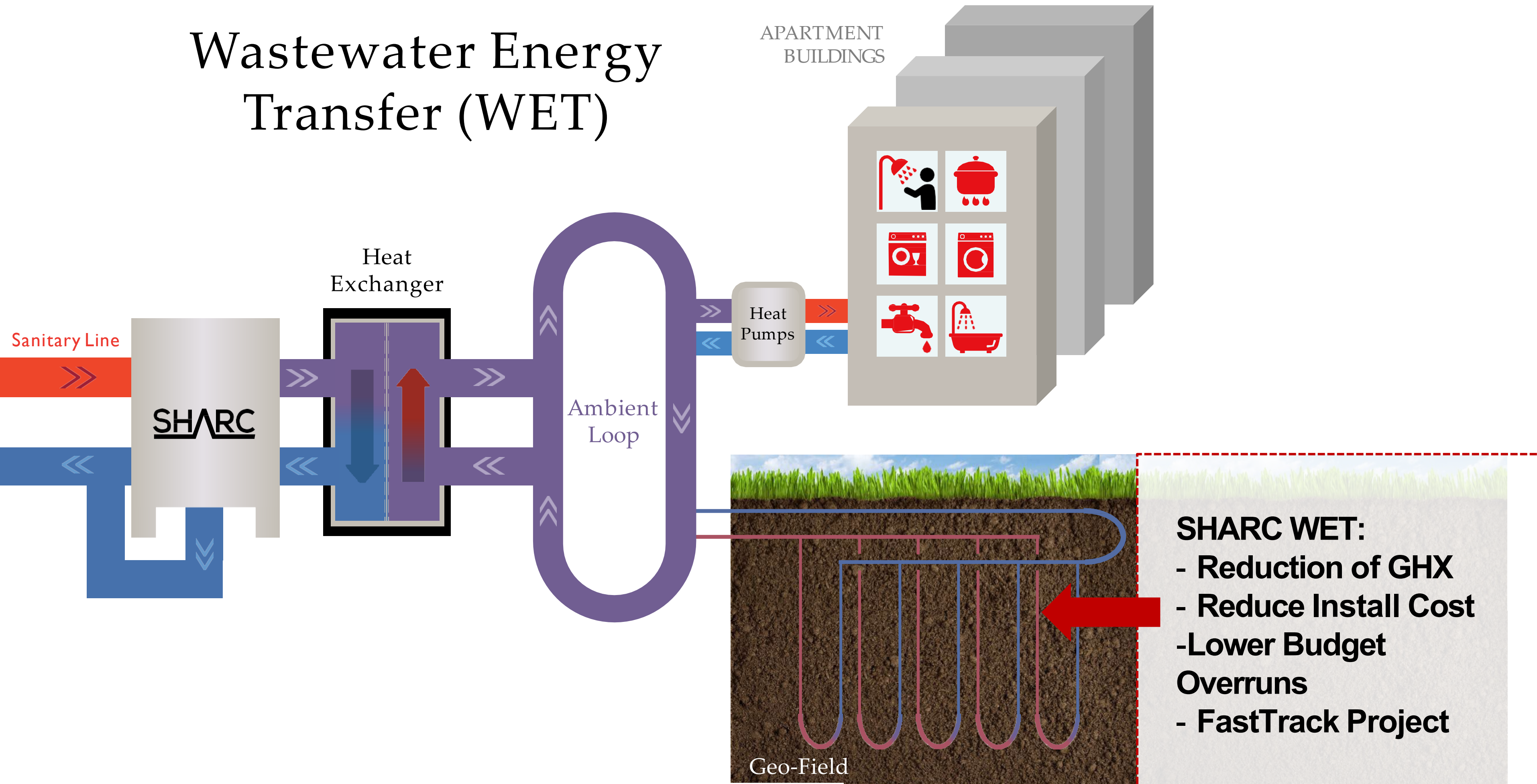
SHARC

Heat Exchanger

Heat Pumps

Fan Coil

# Wastewater Energy Transfer (WET)



# Alexandria Center for Life Sciences

Seattle, WA



- Alexandria Real Estates 1.6M sq ft science campus in Seattle's South Lake Union
- SHARC 660, commissioned 2024
- Leverages King County's groundbreaking legislation that enables **public-private** partnerships to access city sewer lines
- 99% carbon emissions reduction (compared to standard lab) while producing 70% of the heat for campus buildings



# District Energy – SHARC



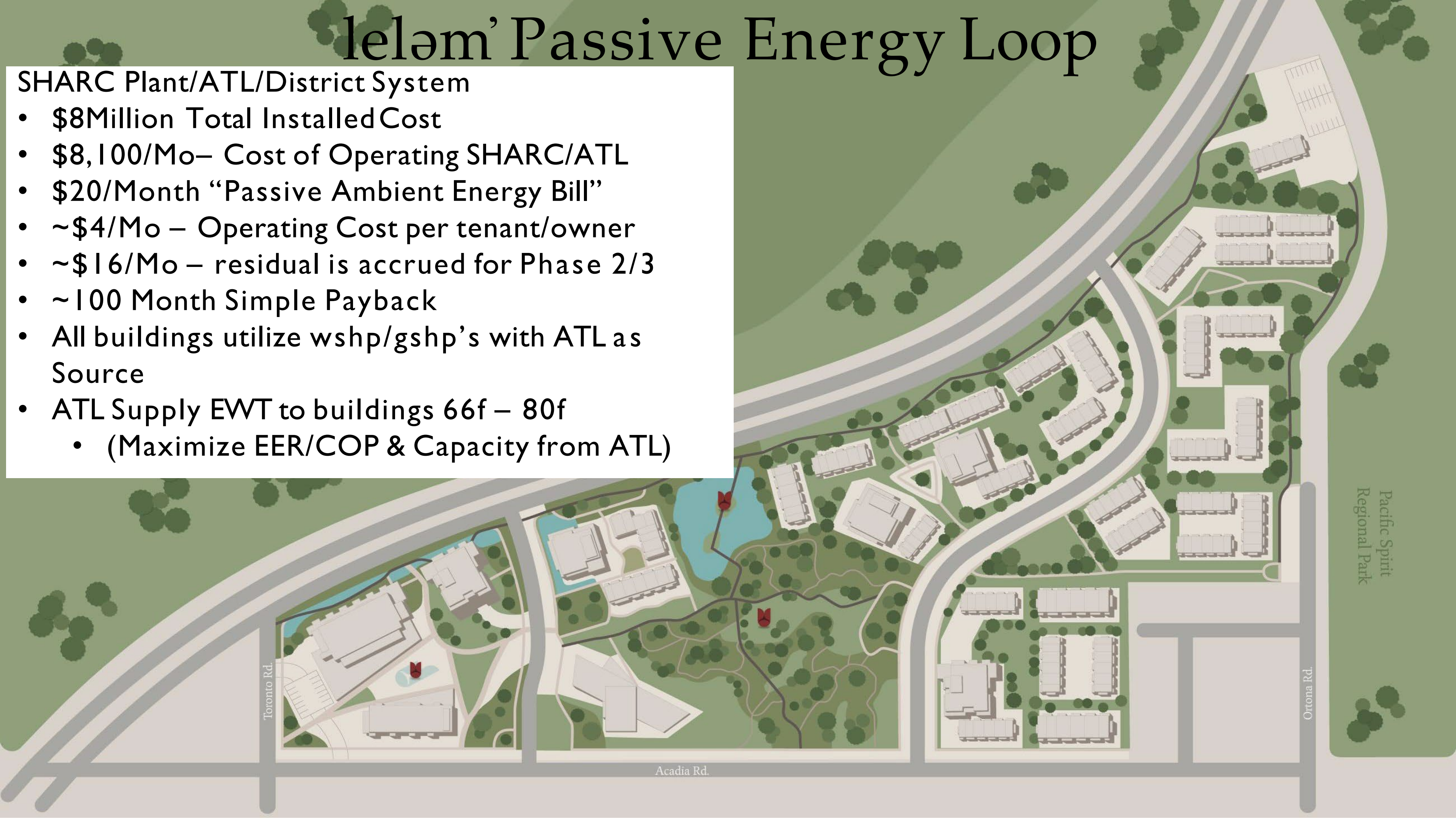
## Ieləm' living

- 22-acre mixed-use
- 1.3M sq ft indoor space
- 30,000 sq ft retail, including grocery
- 1,850 residences
- 15,000 sq ft community center

# Ieləm' Passive Energy Loop

## SHARC Plant/ATL/District System

- \$8Million Total Installed Cost
- \$8,100/Mo– Cost of Operating SHARC/ATL
- \$20/Month “Passive Ambient Energy Bill”
- ~\$4/Mo – Operating Cost per tenant/owner
- ~\$16/Mo – residual is accrued for Phase 2/3
- ~100 Month Simple Payback
- All buildings utilize wshp/gshp's with ATL as Source
- ATL Supply EWT to buildings 66f – 80f
  - (Maximize EER/COP & Capacity from ATL)

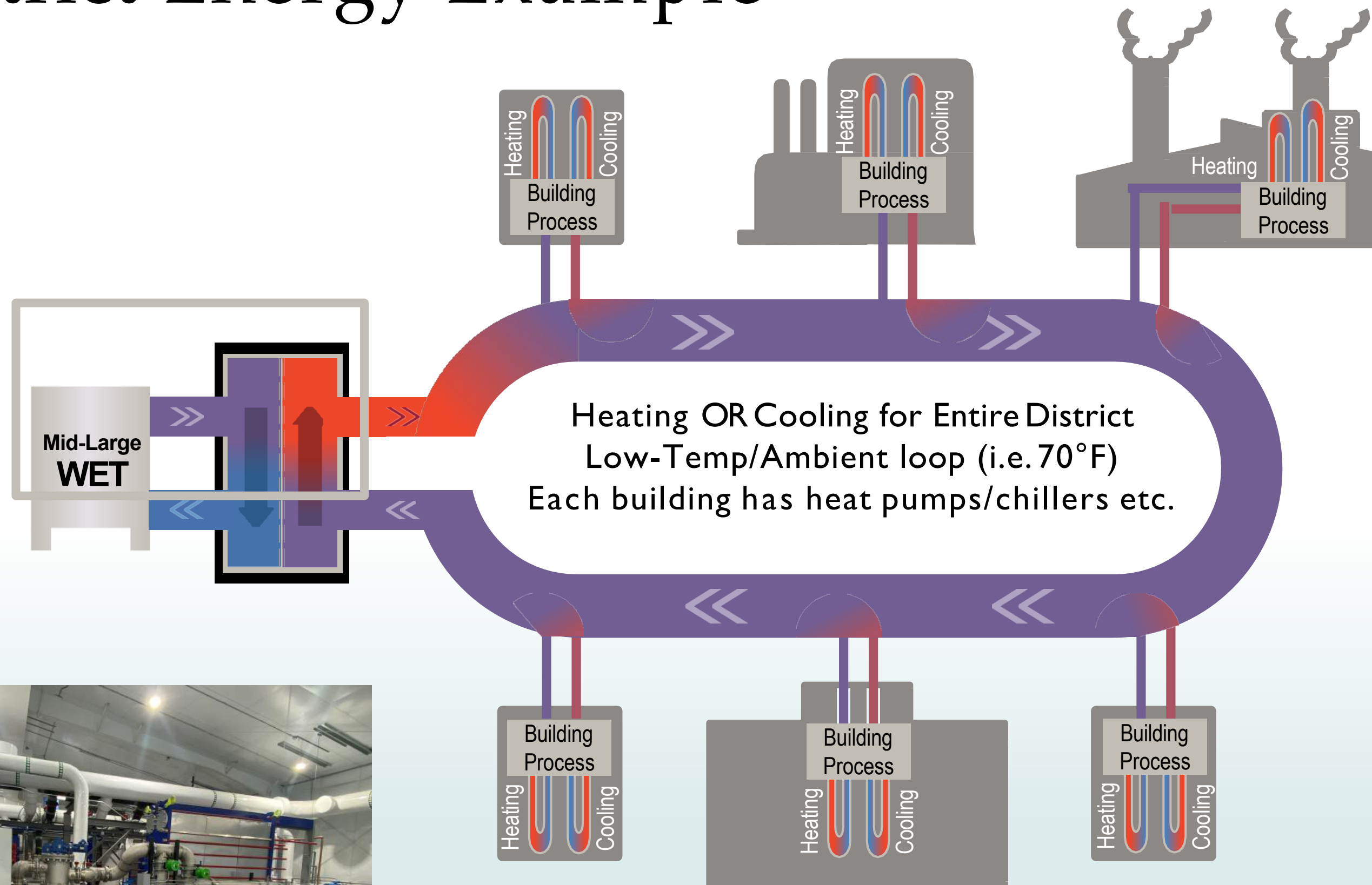


# District Energy Example

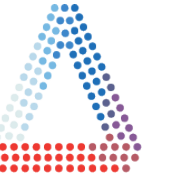


## National Western Center

- North America's largest District Energy wastewater recovery system, commissioned Jan 2022
- 3.8 MW district energy system - Two Med-Large WET units, designed for up to 4.6MW
- Averages 3,000 GPM filtration of raw, untreated wastewater, used as source for onsite heat pump
- WET System provides 90% of total heating & cooling load for 1M +sq ft of indoor space
- Reduction of 2,600 mt CO<sub>2</sub>e/year by avoiding fossil fuels



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**Thank you!**

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