An aerial sketch of a university campus. The drawing shows several large, multi-story buildings with flat roofs, interspersed with numerous green trees and a winding path or road. The style is a light, sketchy illustration with soft colors.

An Analysis of Calvin's Heating System in the Pursuit of Carbon Neutrality

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Carbon Neutrality



In 2017 President Michael K. Leroy signed sustainability commitment act...

Carbon Neutrality



President Leroy to President Boer
-Talk about sun funded/other steps

Who We Are

Section A



Section B



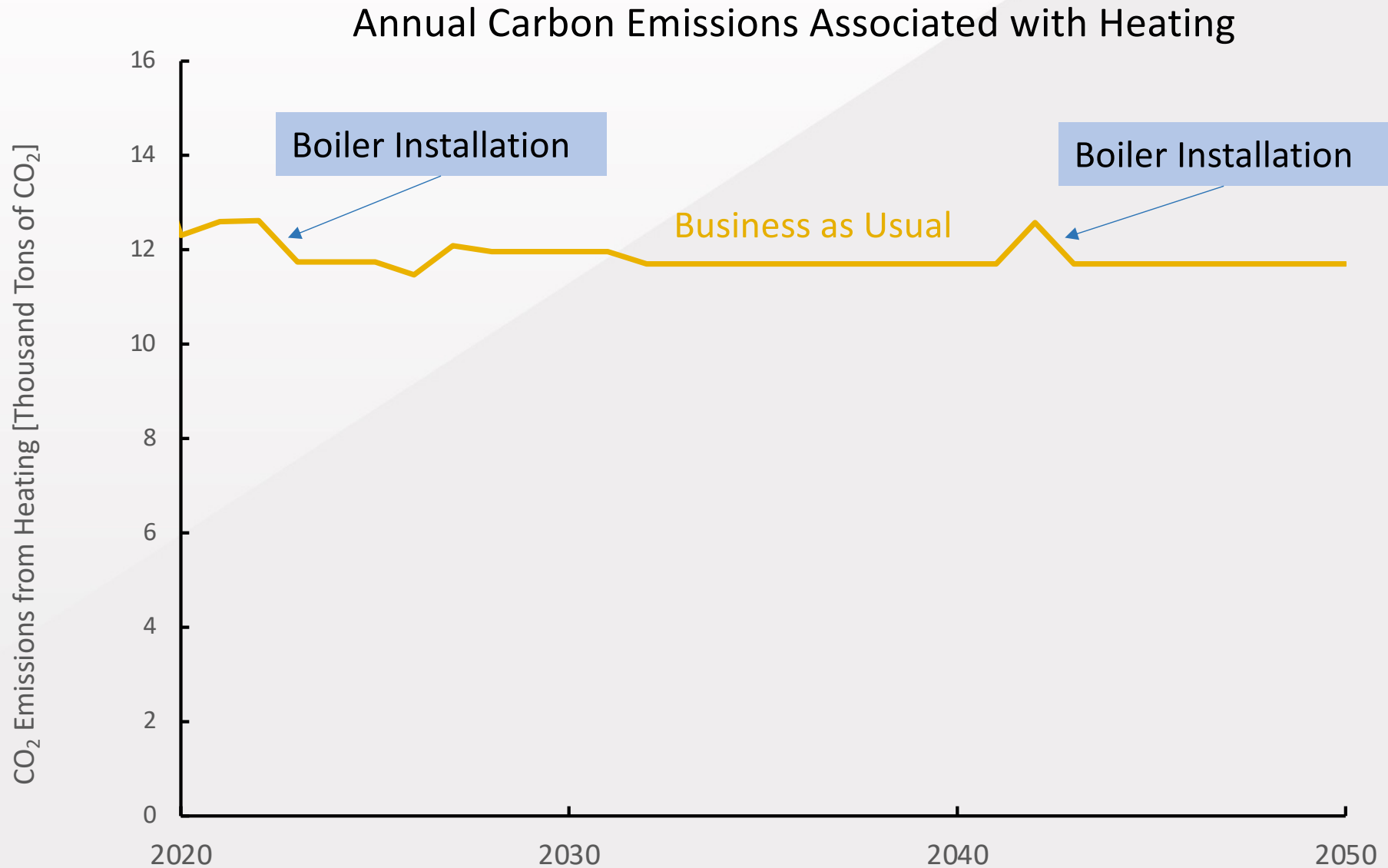
- Jess Camp & Sam Hoover: Section A
- Jordan Tuter & Aidan Bakker: Section B

Our Research Question:

What would it take to eliminate Calvin's natural gas-related net CO₂ emissions from Heating?

Key Concept: Hero Graphs

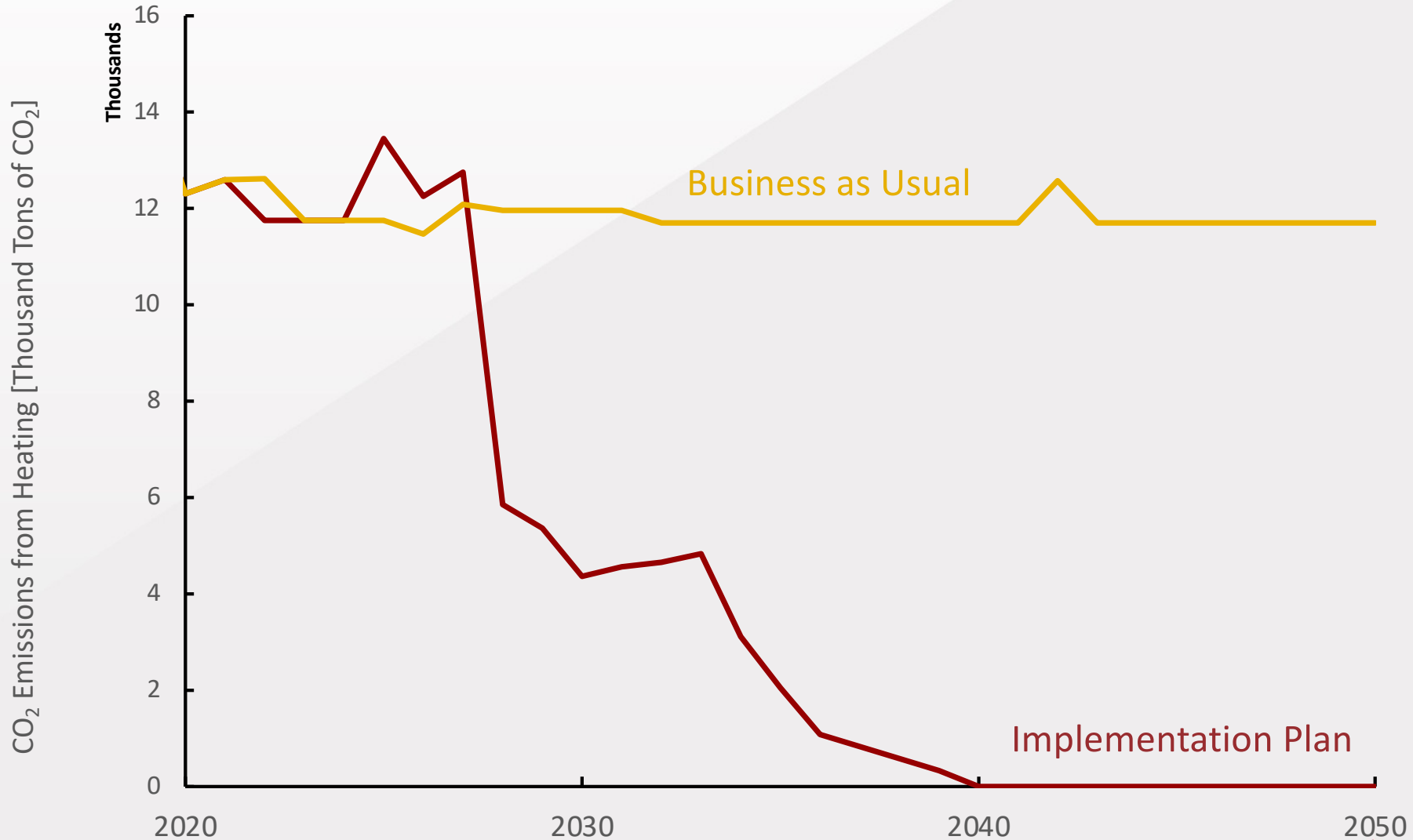
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Hero Graph

Annual Carbon Emissions Associated with Heating



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Existing Systems



Key

RED – Main Heating Loop

BLUE – Upper Heating Loop

Existing Systems

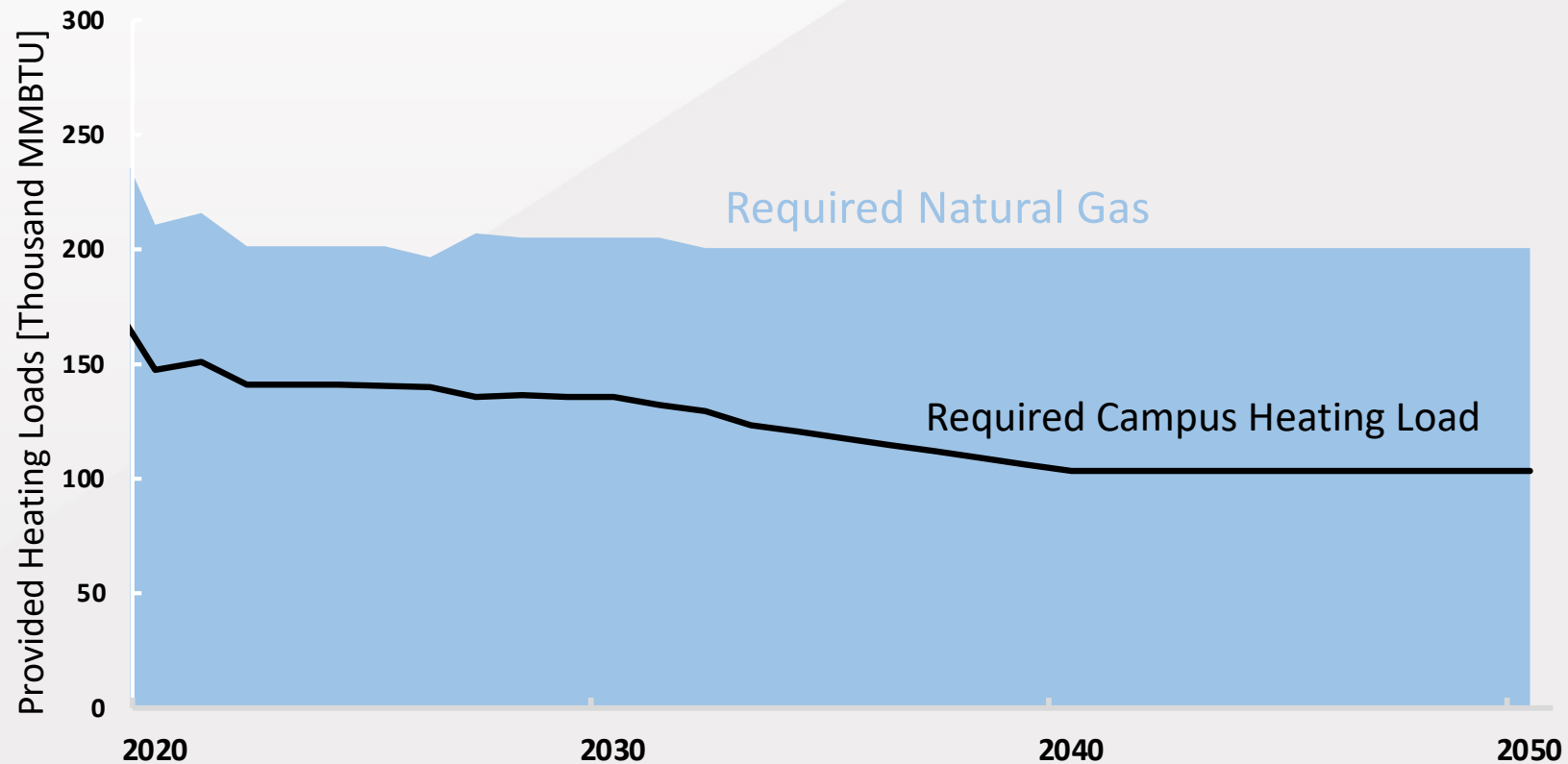
- Who has their windows open during the day because the dorm is too hot?
- YOU ARE THE PROBLEM
- Not really, but this is a problem

Boiler Efficiency Timeline

Age (years)	Energy Efficiency %
25+	60-70
20	75
15	80-85
<10	80-85



Existing Systems



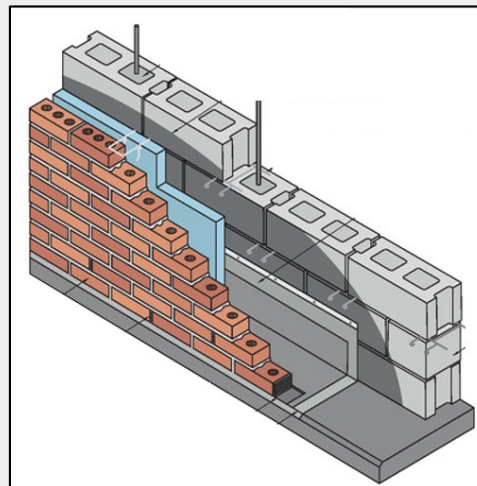
Strategy

- Reduce heating load with efficiency improvements
- Shift heating systems from natural gas to electricity
 - Reduces CO₂ emissions drastically by itself
- Implementing Carbon Free Electricity

Heating Loads - Overview

Material	R/ Inch	R/ Thick- ness
Insulation Materials		
Fiberglass Batt	3.14	
Fiberglass Blown (attic)	2.20	
Fiberglass Blown (wall)	3.20	
Rock Wool Batt	3.14	
Rock Wool Blown (attic)	3.10	
Rock Wool Blown (wall)	3.03	
Cellulose Blown (attic)	3.13	
Cellulose Blown (wall)	3.70	
Vermiculite	2.13	
Airentrained Concrete	3.90	
Urea terpolymer foam	4.48	
Rigid fiberglass (> 4 lb/ft ³)	4.00	
Expanded Polystyrene (bead-board)	4.00	
Extruded Polystyrene	5.00	
Polyurethane (foamed-in-place)	6.25	
Polyisocyanurate (foil-faced)	7.20	
Construction Materials		
Concrete Block 4 inch		0.80
Concrete Block 8 inch		1.11
Concrete Block 12 inch		1.28
Brick 4 inch common		0.80
Brick 4 inch face		0.44

- Thermal Resistance Networks
 - Main Loop
 - Upper Loop
 - Residence Areas
 - Miscellaneous Buildings
- Assumptions and Data Collection



New Building Heating Loads

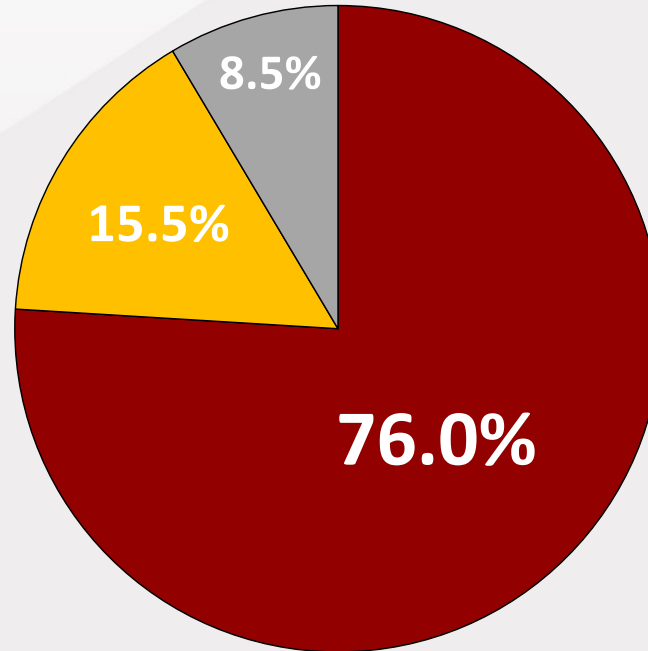
Stadiums (2025): 6000 [MMBtu]

Commons Union (2027): 0 [MMBtu]

New Apartment Building (2031): 1000 [MMBtu]

Heating Loads - Application

Total Heating Allocation Breakdown



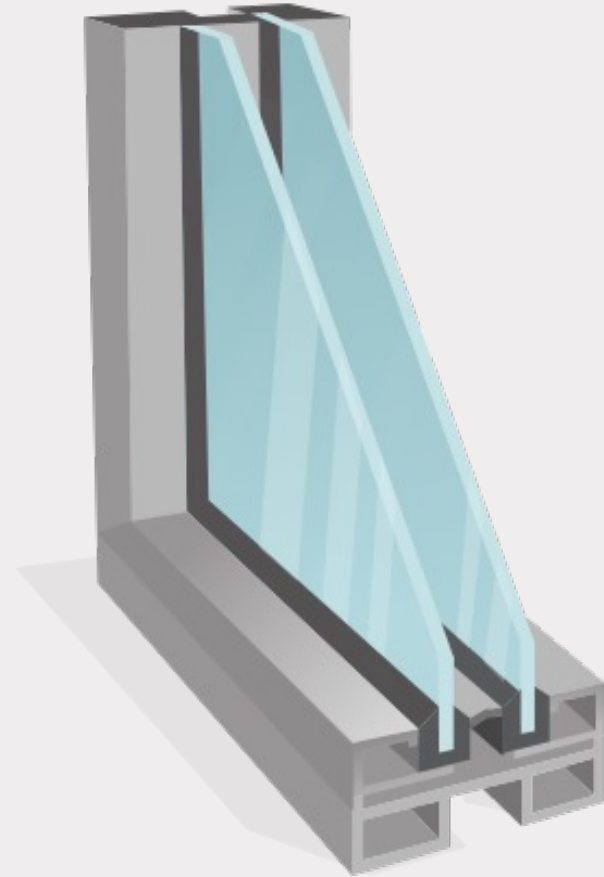
■ Main Loop

■ Upper Loop

■ Other

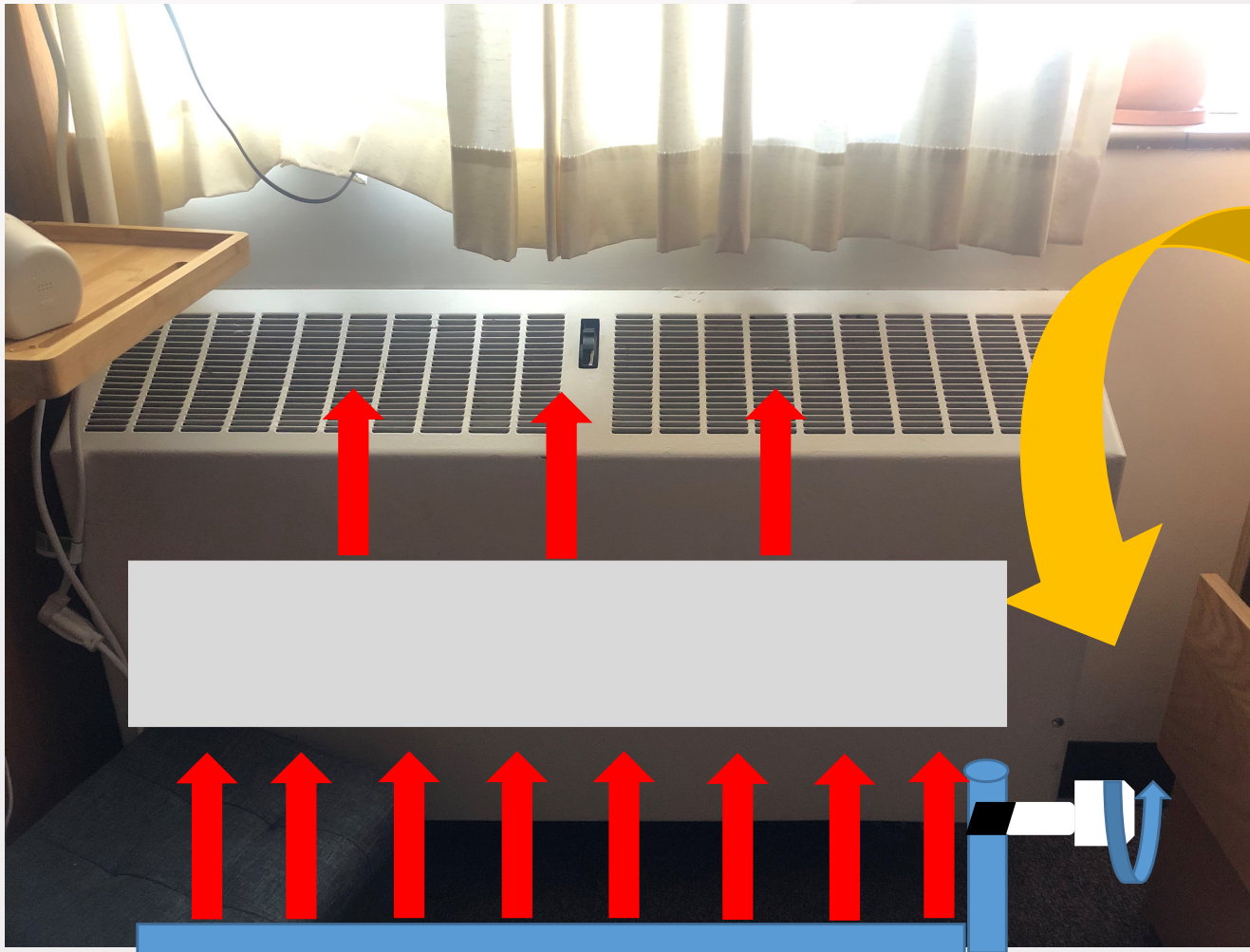
Efficiencies – Dorm Windows

- Double Pane Windows
- 2.7% Heating Load Reduction



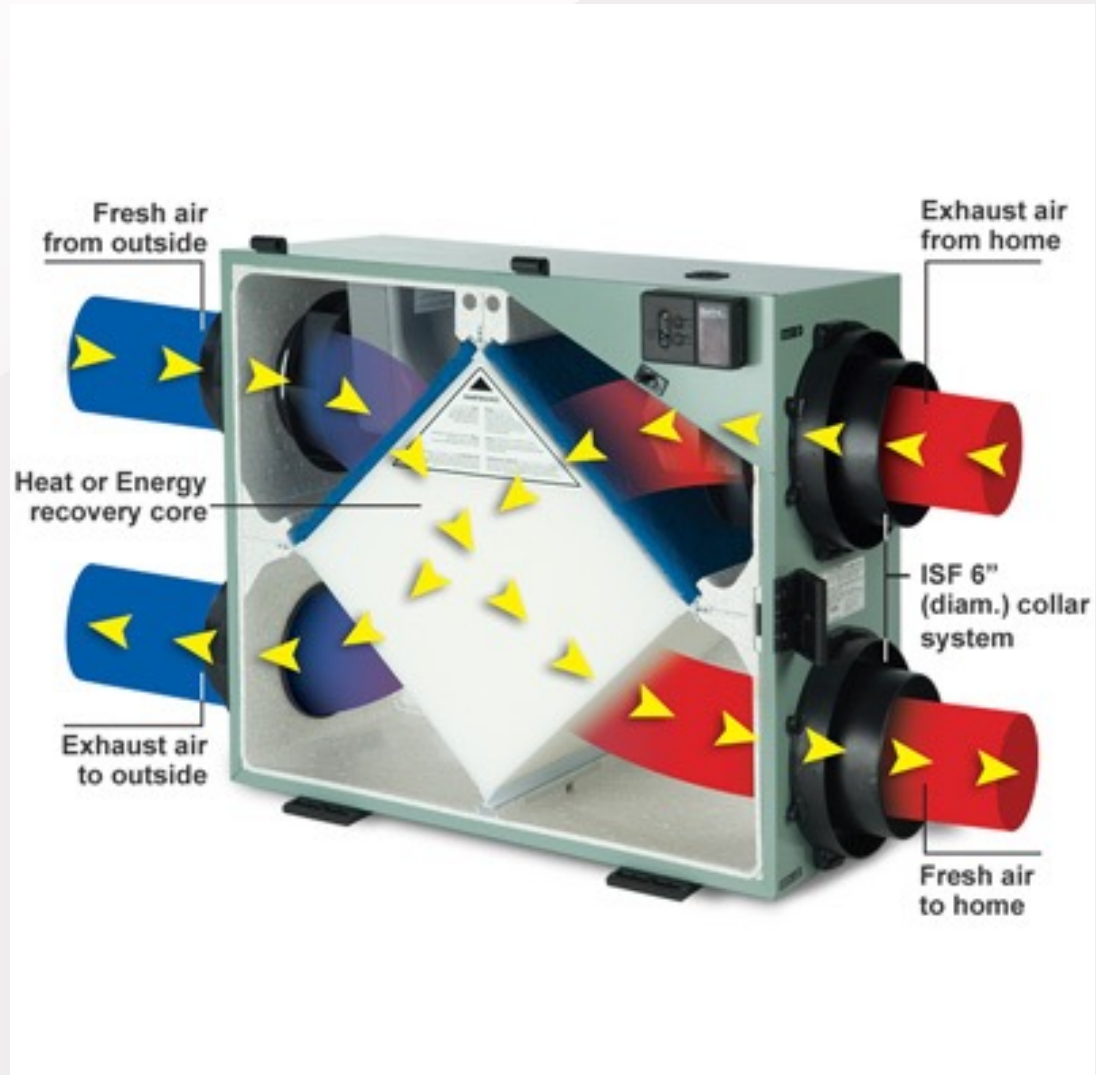
Thermostatic Valves

- 1% Heating Load Reduction

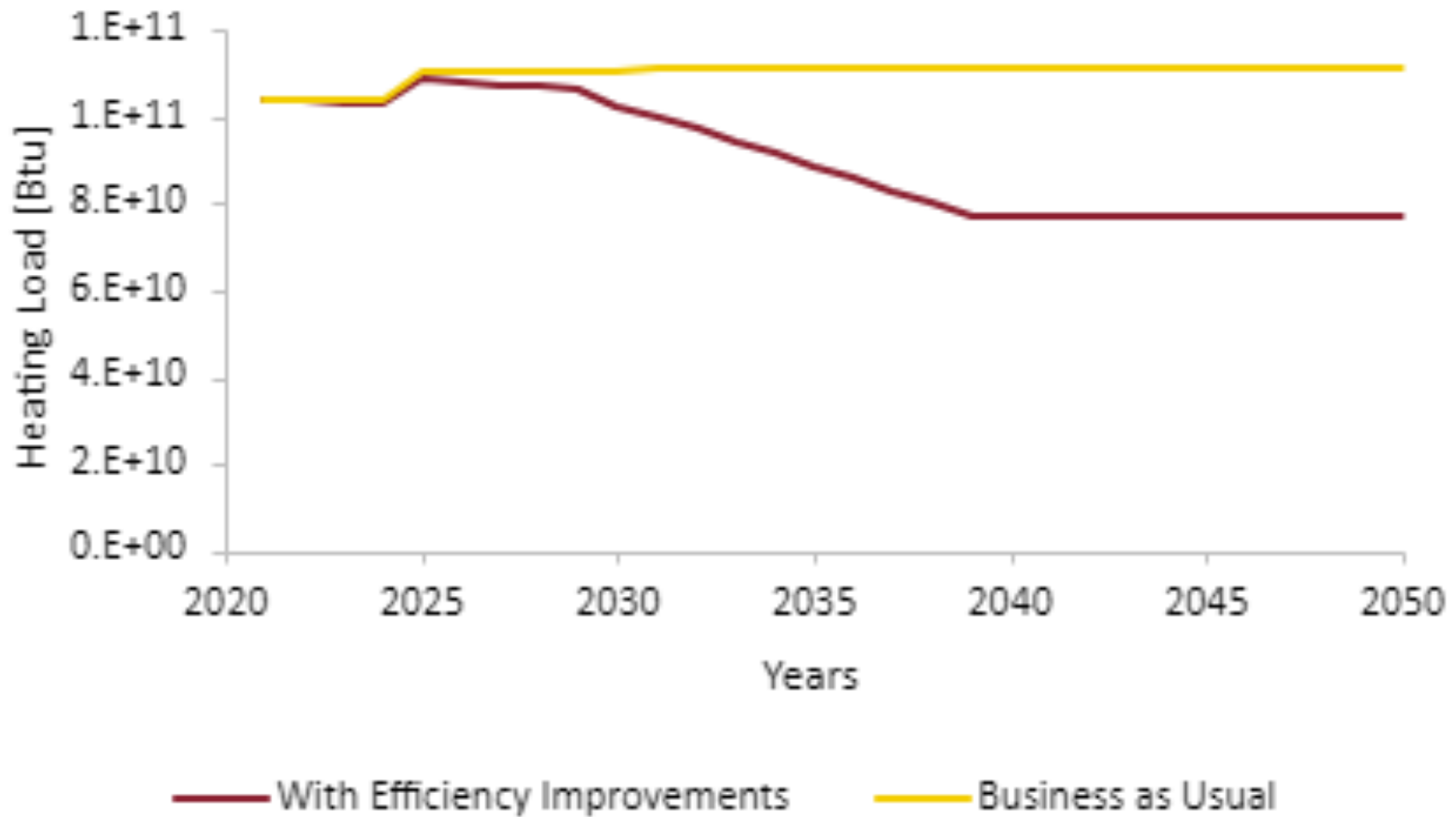


Energy Recovery Systems

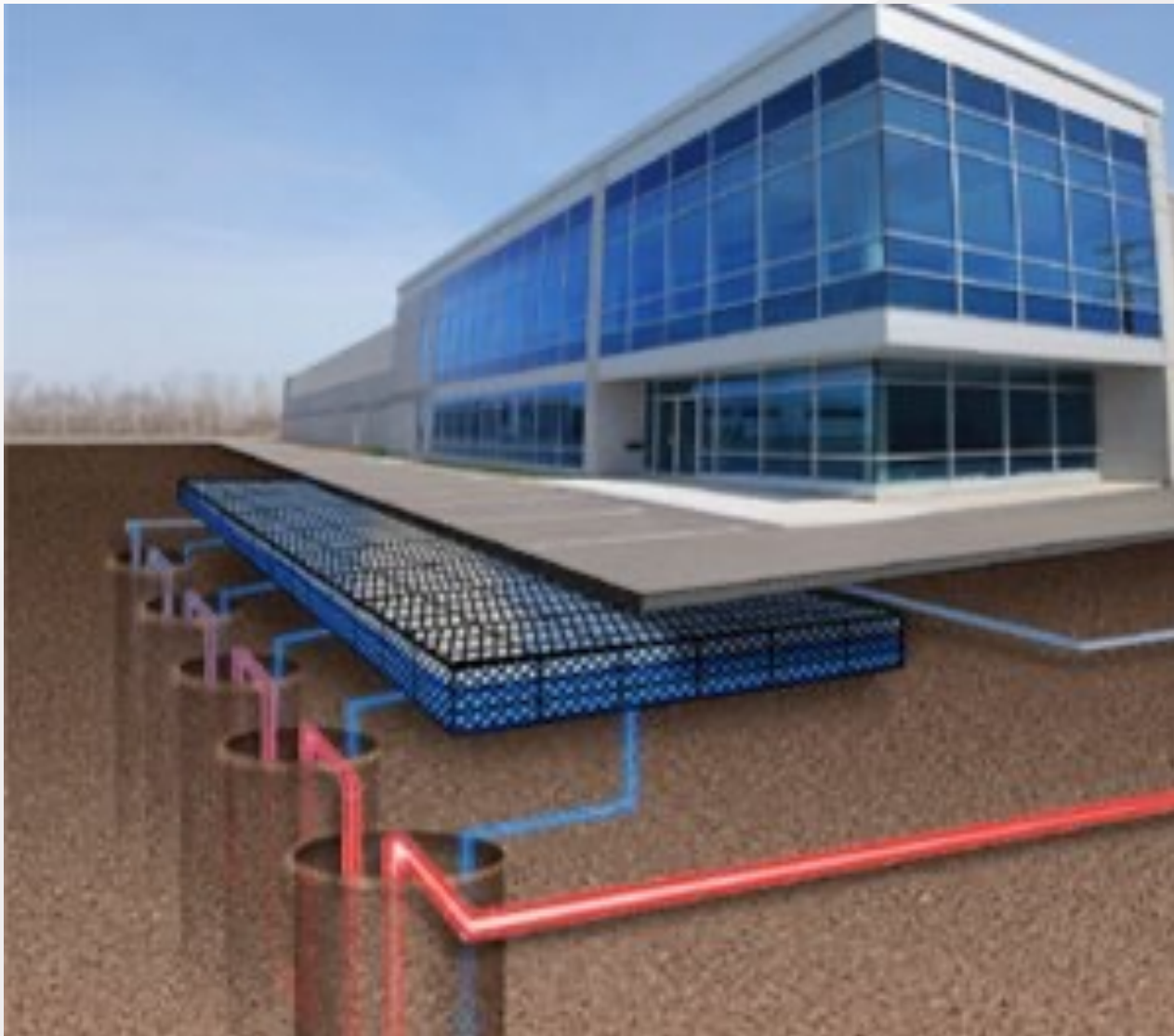
20% Heating
Load Reduction



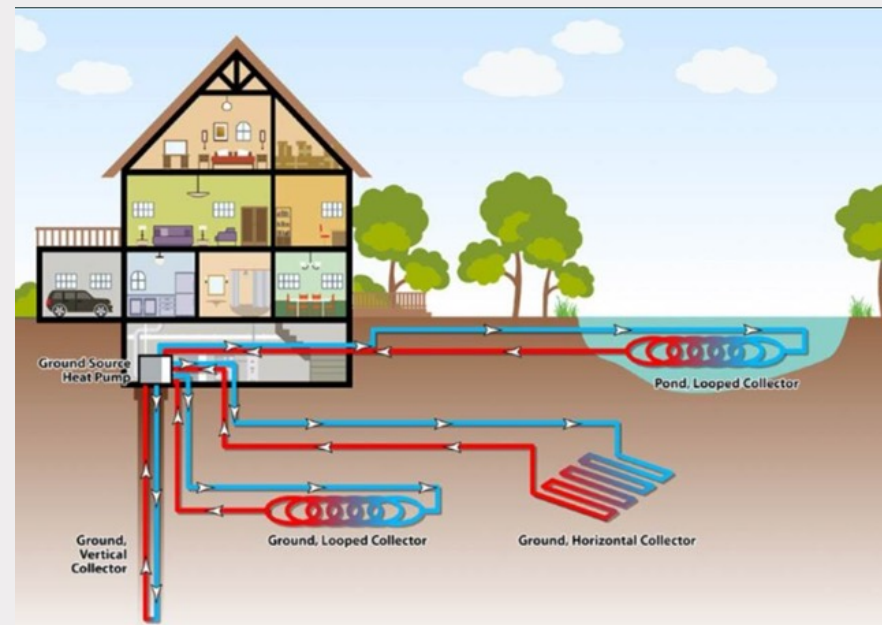
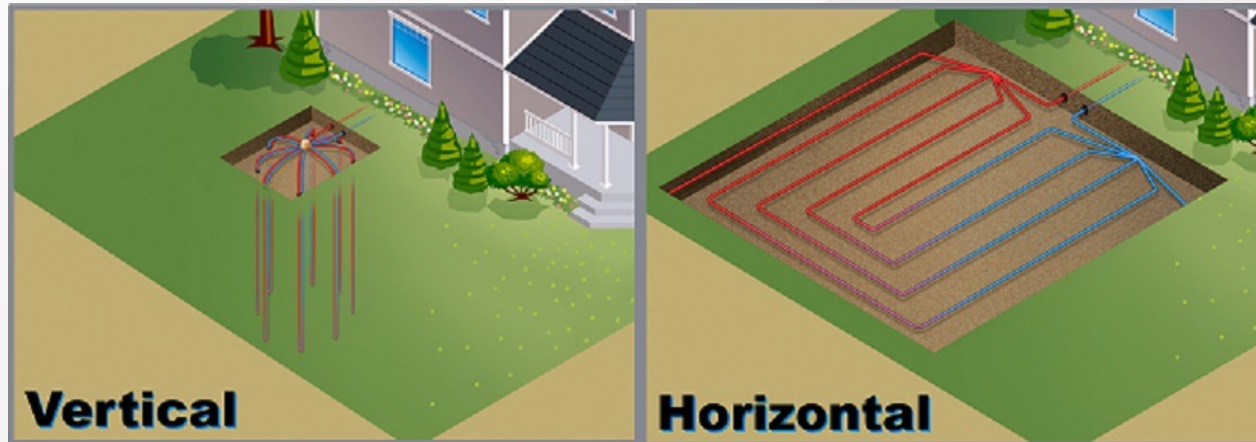
Effect of Efficiency Improvements



Ground Source Heat Pumps



What are Bore Holes and why do we need them?



Main Loop Bore Field



Solution # 1



Key

- RED – Main Heating Loop
- BLUE – Upper Heating Loop
- PURPLE – Facilities
- ORANGE – KE Apartments
- BLACK – Off Campus Housing

Other Bore Field Locations

Upper Heating Loop: Lot 8

Facilities and Campus Safety: Lot 8

KE Apartments: Lot 17

Off Campus Housing: Backyards/Front Yards

Solution #2

Upper Heating Loop: Console Heat Pumps

Everything Else: Air Source Heat Pumps

- Facilities and Campus Safety

- KE Apartments

- Off Campus Housing

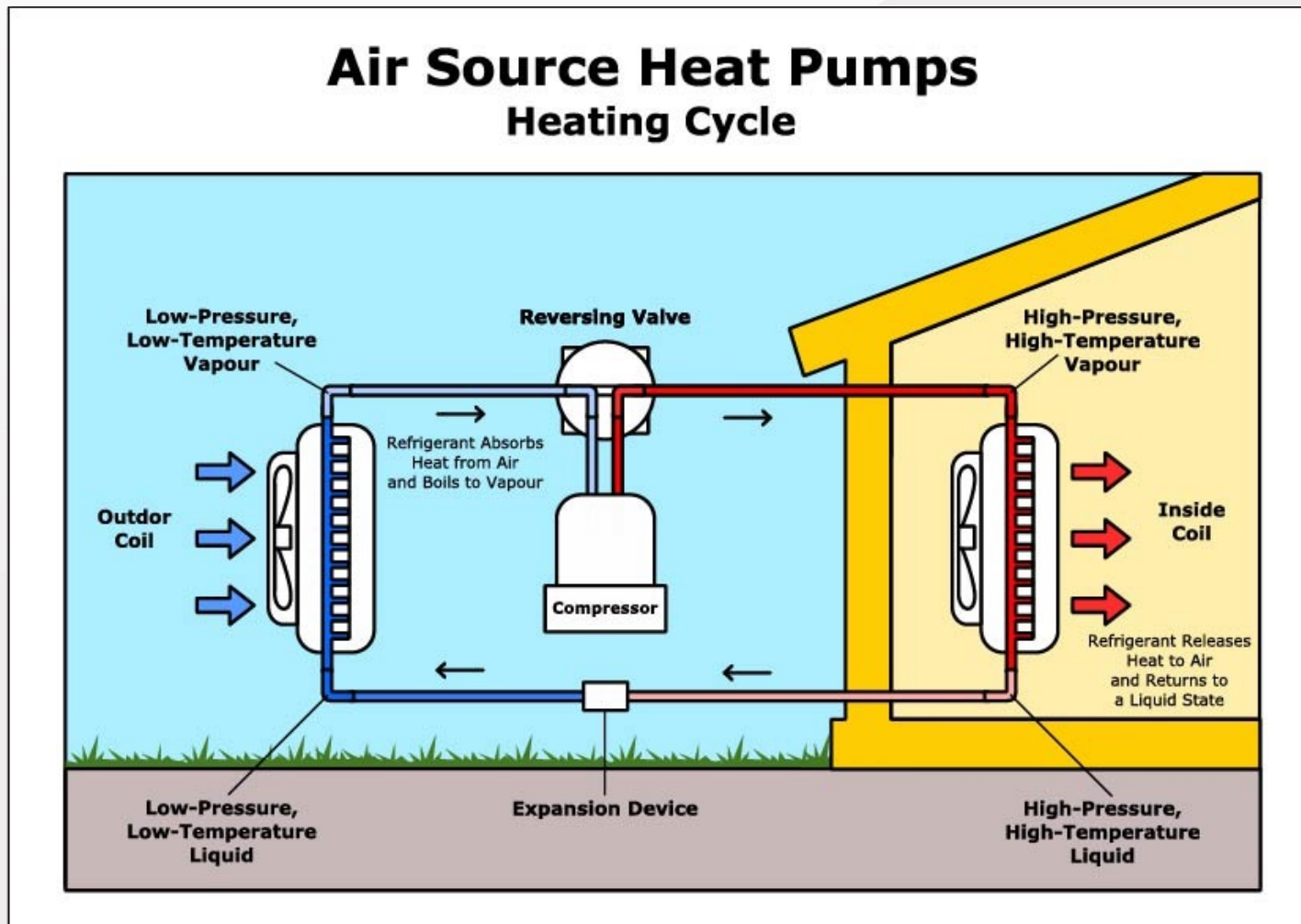
Console Heat Pumps



Upper Heating Loop



Air Source Heat Pump



Add ducts to buildings as needed

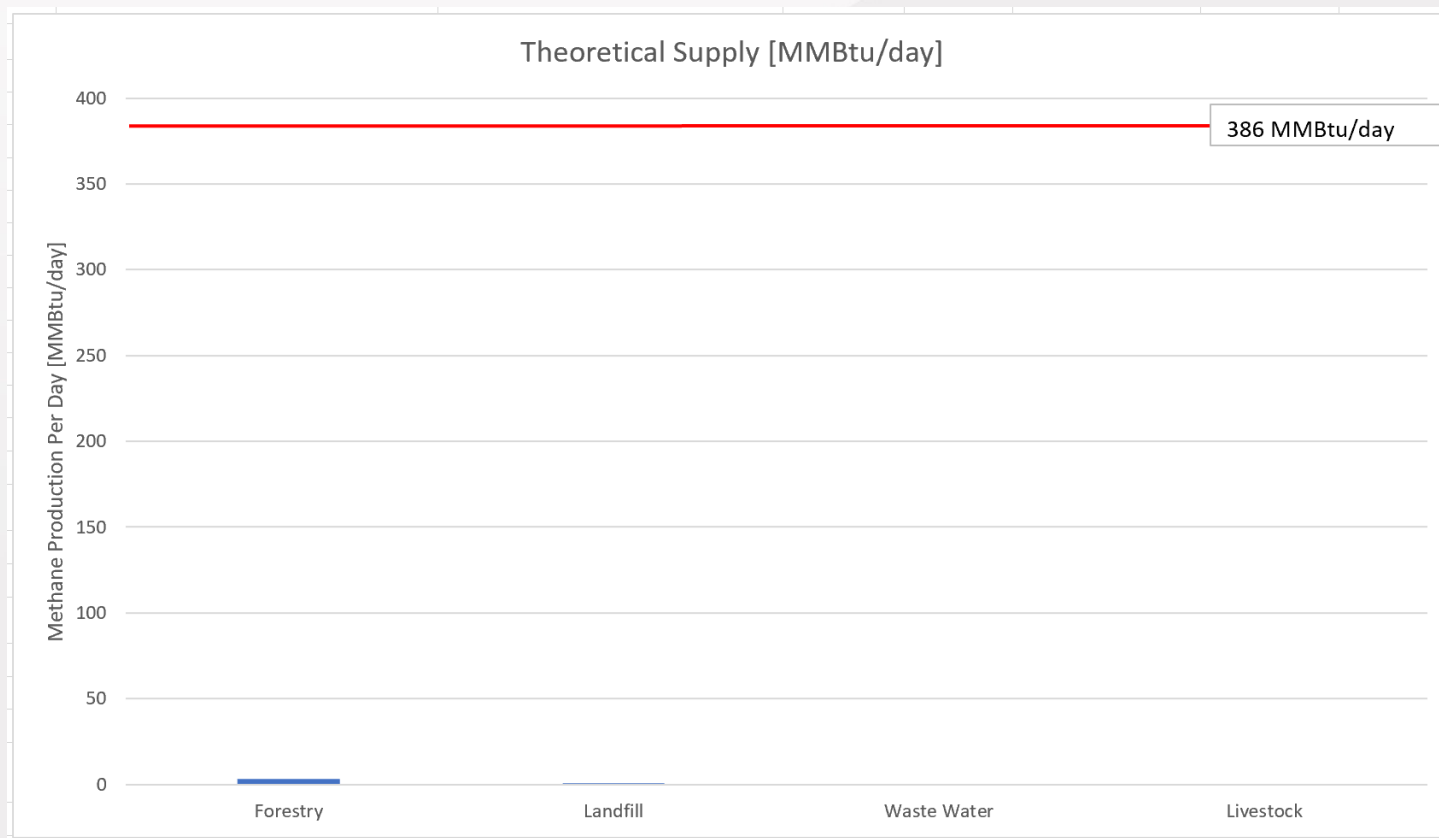


Another Consideration - Renewable Natural Gas

Animal Type	MMBtu/Animal/Year	# Animals Needed for Calvin Need
Dairy Cow	48.55	2,904
Beef Cow	40.59	3,474
Swine	15.68	8,991
Poultry	2.25	62,761
Energy Crop	MMBtu/ton, dry	Tons of Crop Needed
Willow	17.1	8,246
Poplar	15.55	9,068
Switchgrass	15.86	8,890
Miscanthus	15.8	8,924
Biomass sorghum	14.48	9,738
Pine	12.42	11,353
Eucalyptus	12.37	11,399
Energy Cane	15.8	8,924
Forest Residue	17.19	8,202
Forest Thinnings	18.05	7,812
Primary/Secondary residue	17.19	8,202
Mixed Wood	13	10,846
Landfill	MMBtu/day	Tons of Landfill Needed
	386	1,788,432
Waste Water	MMBtu/day	Million Gallons/day
	2.4	58,750

Renewable Natural Gas

Source	Forestry	Landfill	Waste Water	Livestock
Theoretical Supply [MMBtu/day]	3.158	0.590	0.045	0
Still Needed [MMBtu/day]	382.842	385.410	385.955	386.000



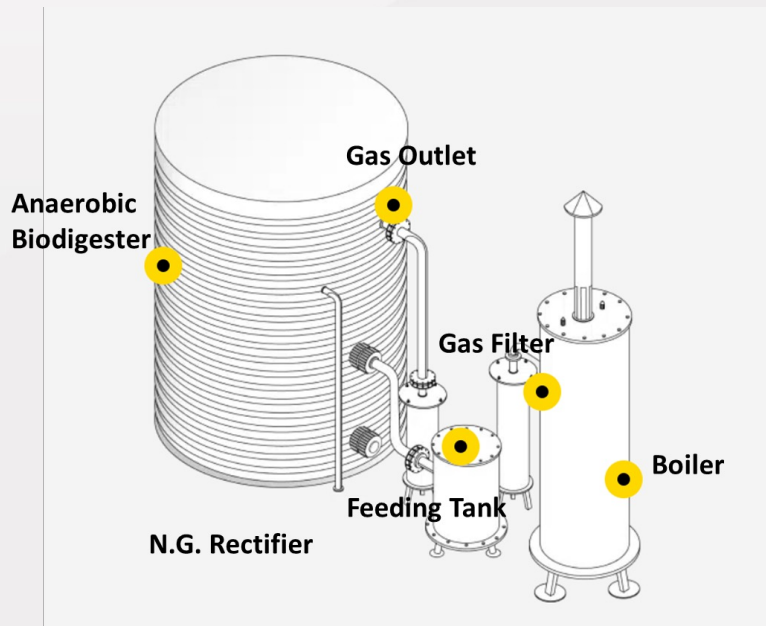
1%

HOMEBIOGAS Commercial System

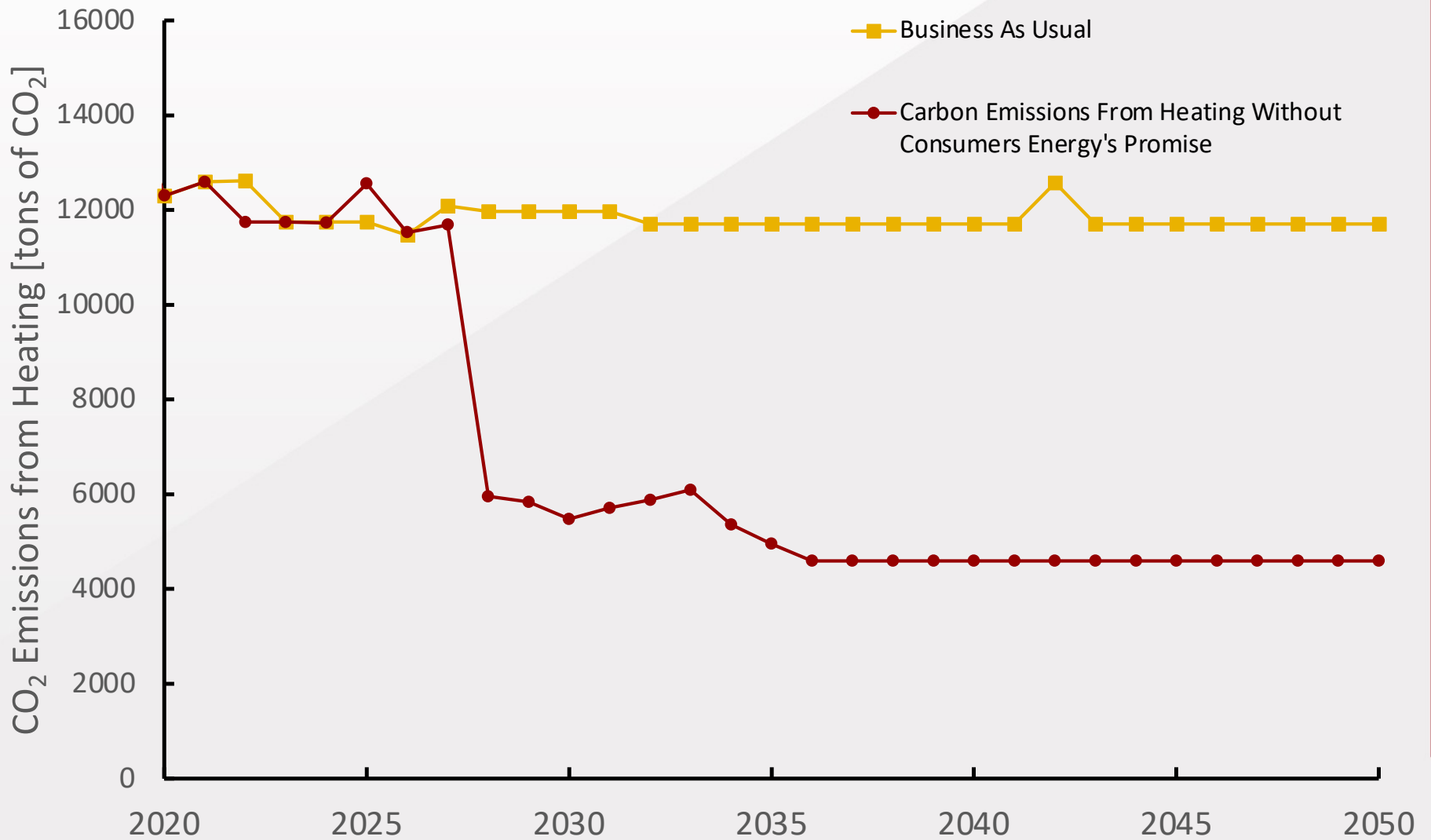
- Anaerobic Process
- Small size (2 cars Approx.)
- Food Capacity: [2200 lb./day]
- Biogas production: 96 [m^3 /day]



The HomeBioGas Commercial system is compact waste to energy solution



Annual Carbon Emissions Associated with Heating without Consumers Energy's Carbon Neutral Promise



Bring Carbon Down to Zero



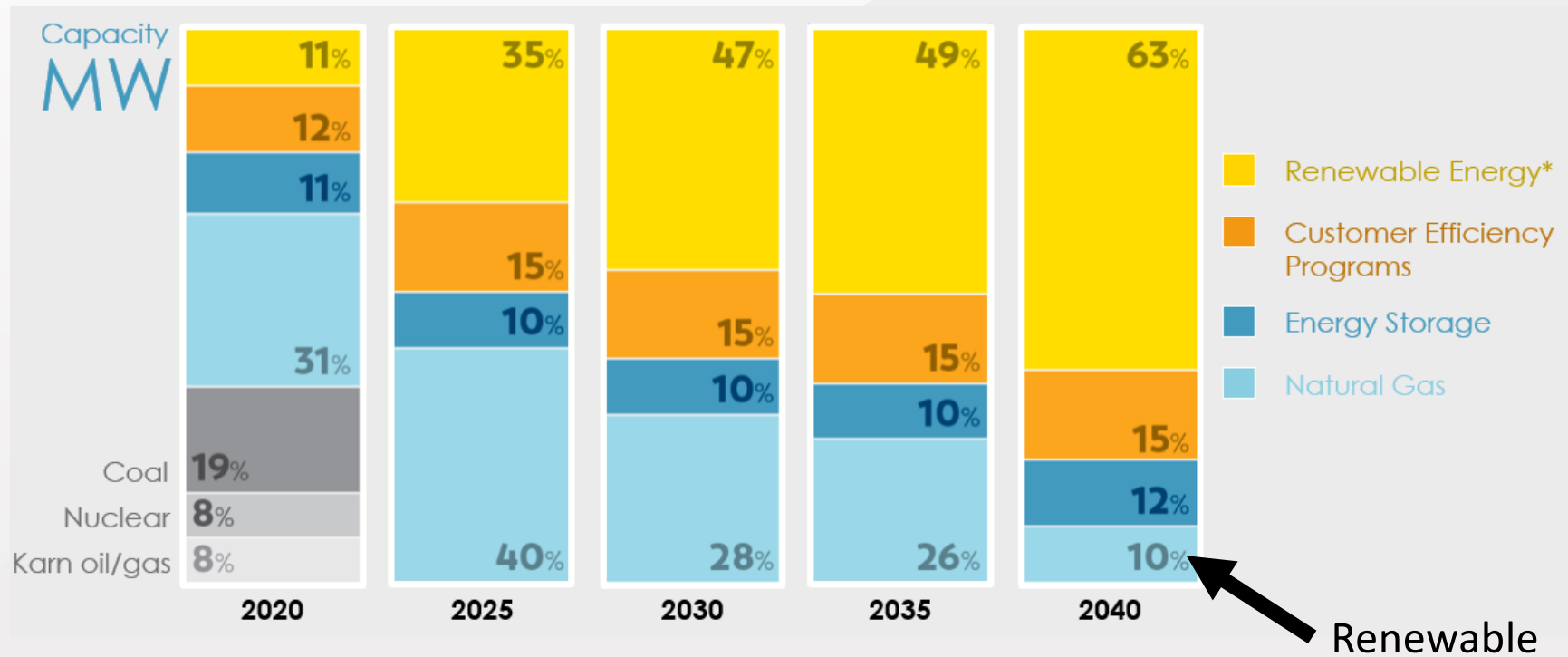
Consumers Energy

Count on Us®

Sun FundED



Consumer Energy



Immediate Action!

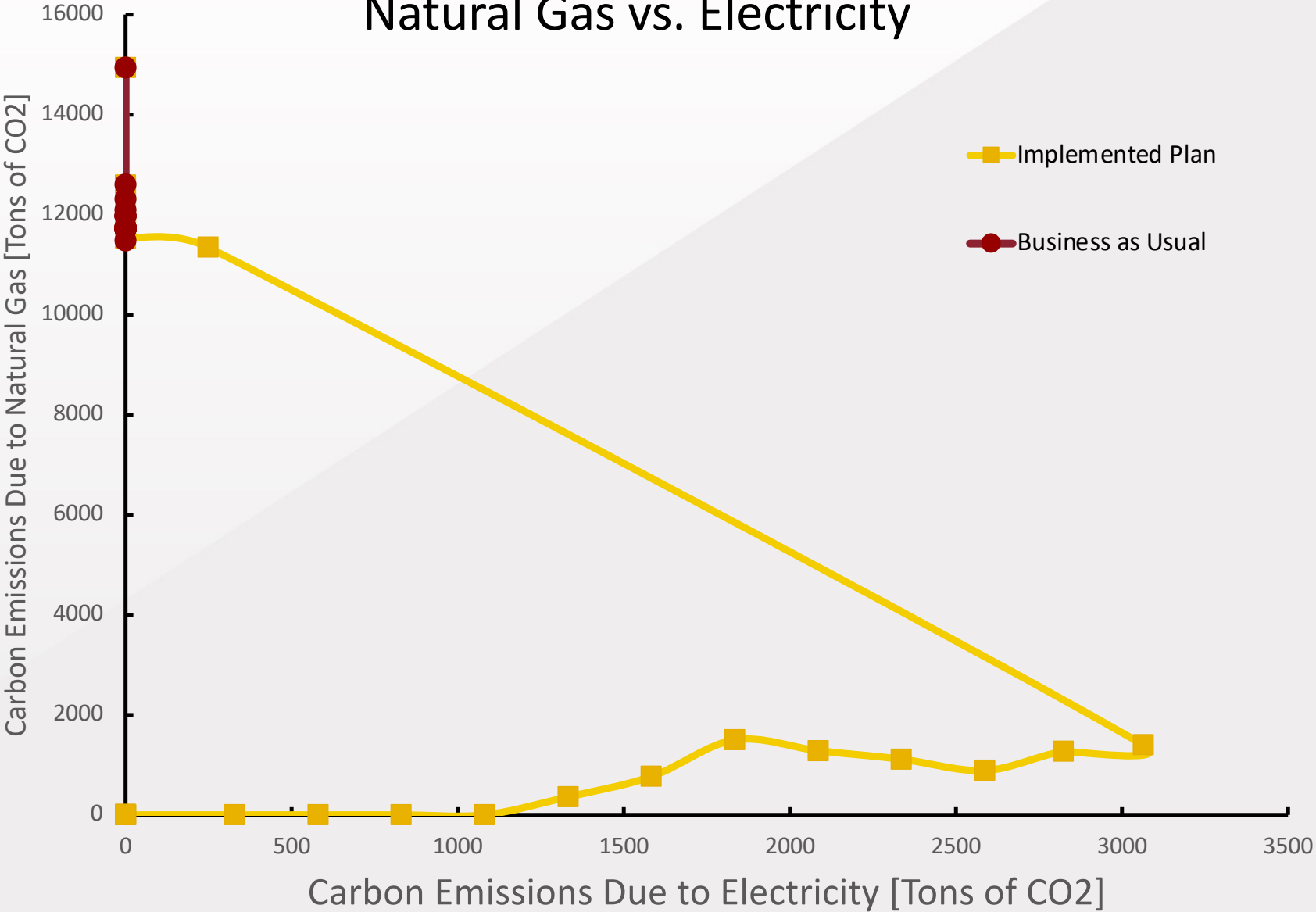
Valves



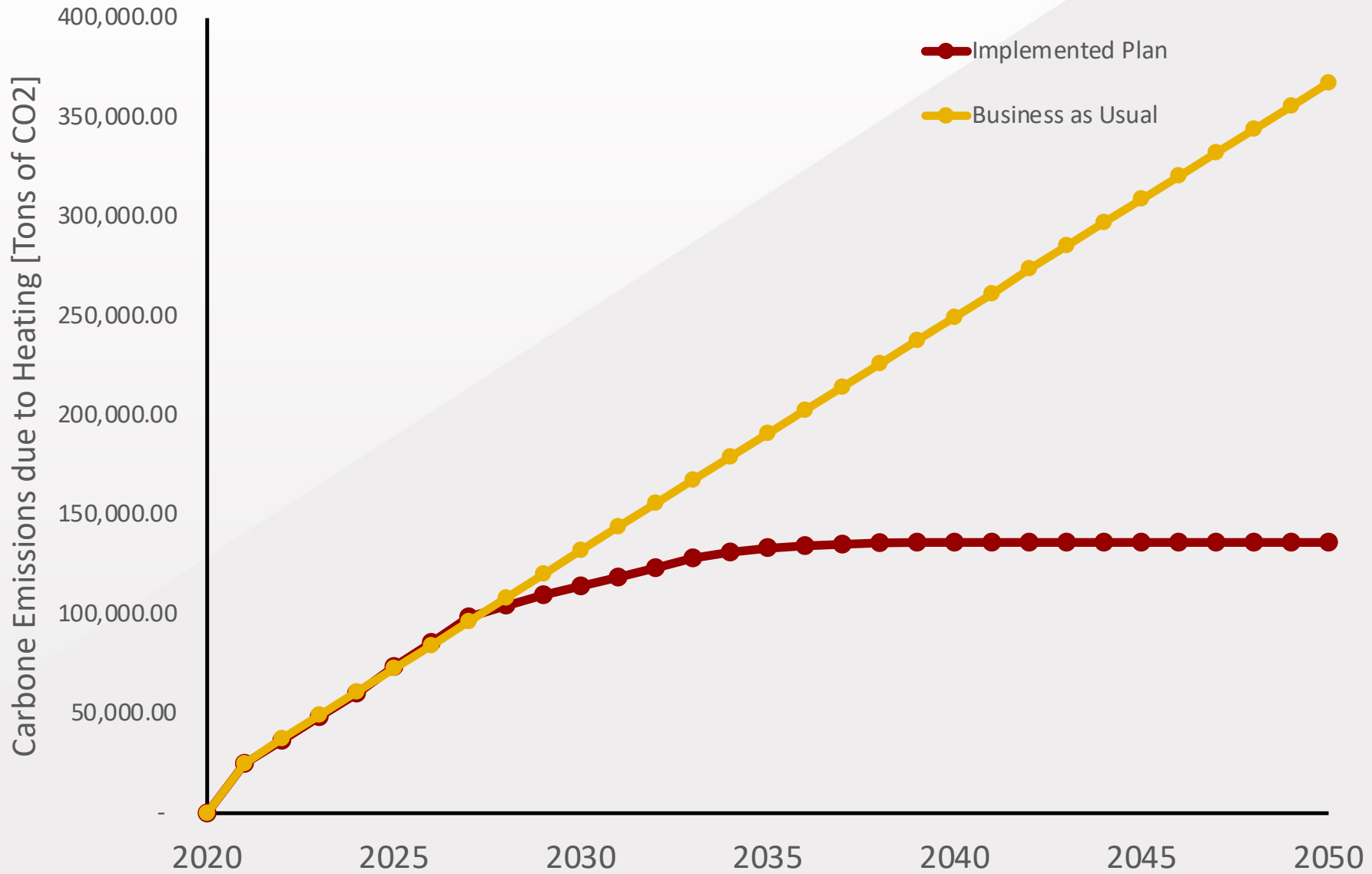
Bore Hole Data



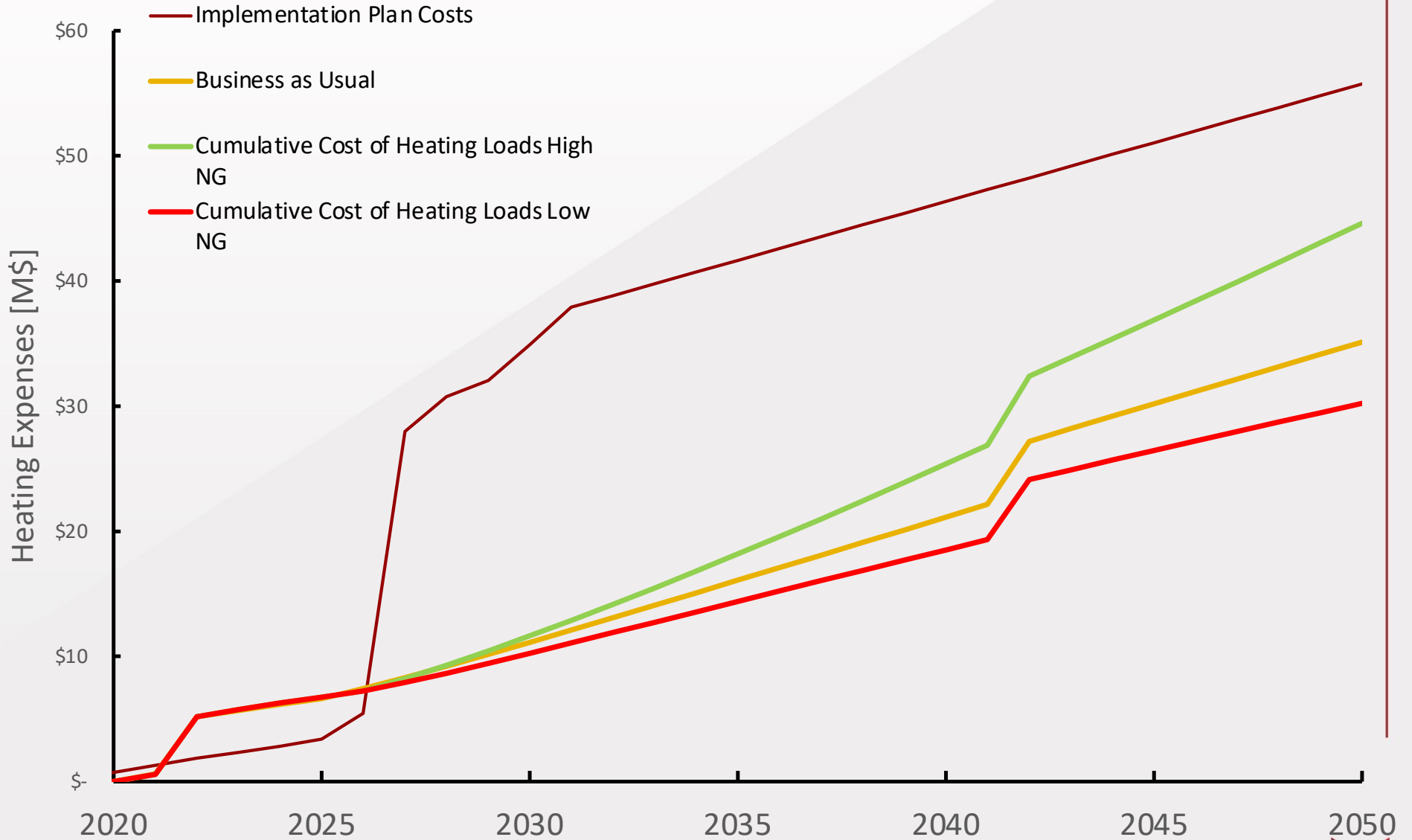
Carbon Emissions due to Heating Natural Gas vs. Electricity



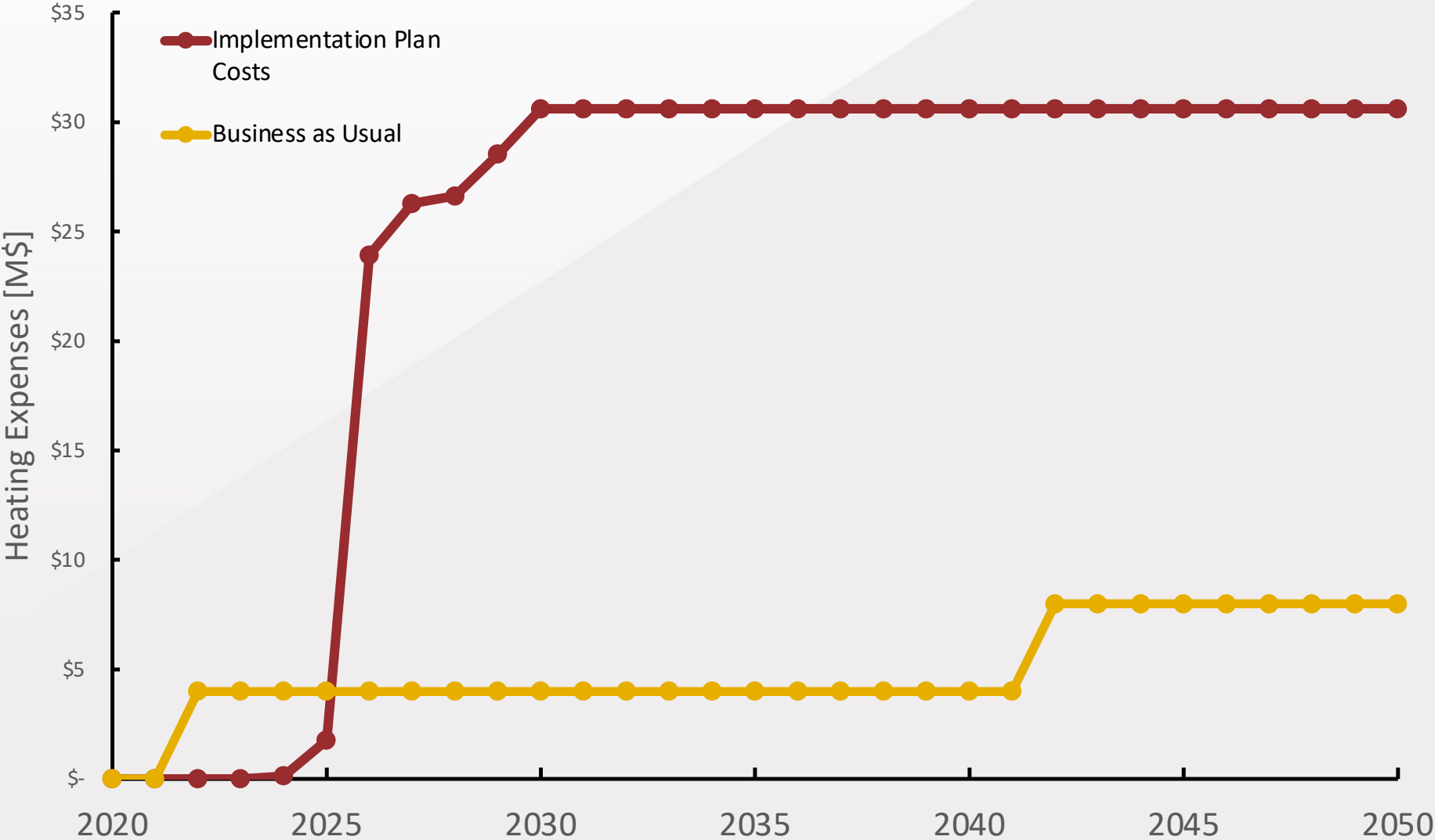
Cumulative Carbon Emissions Due to Heating



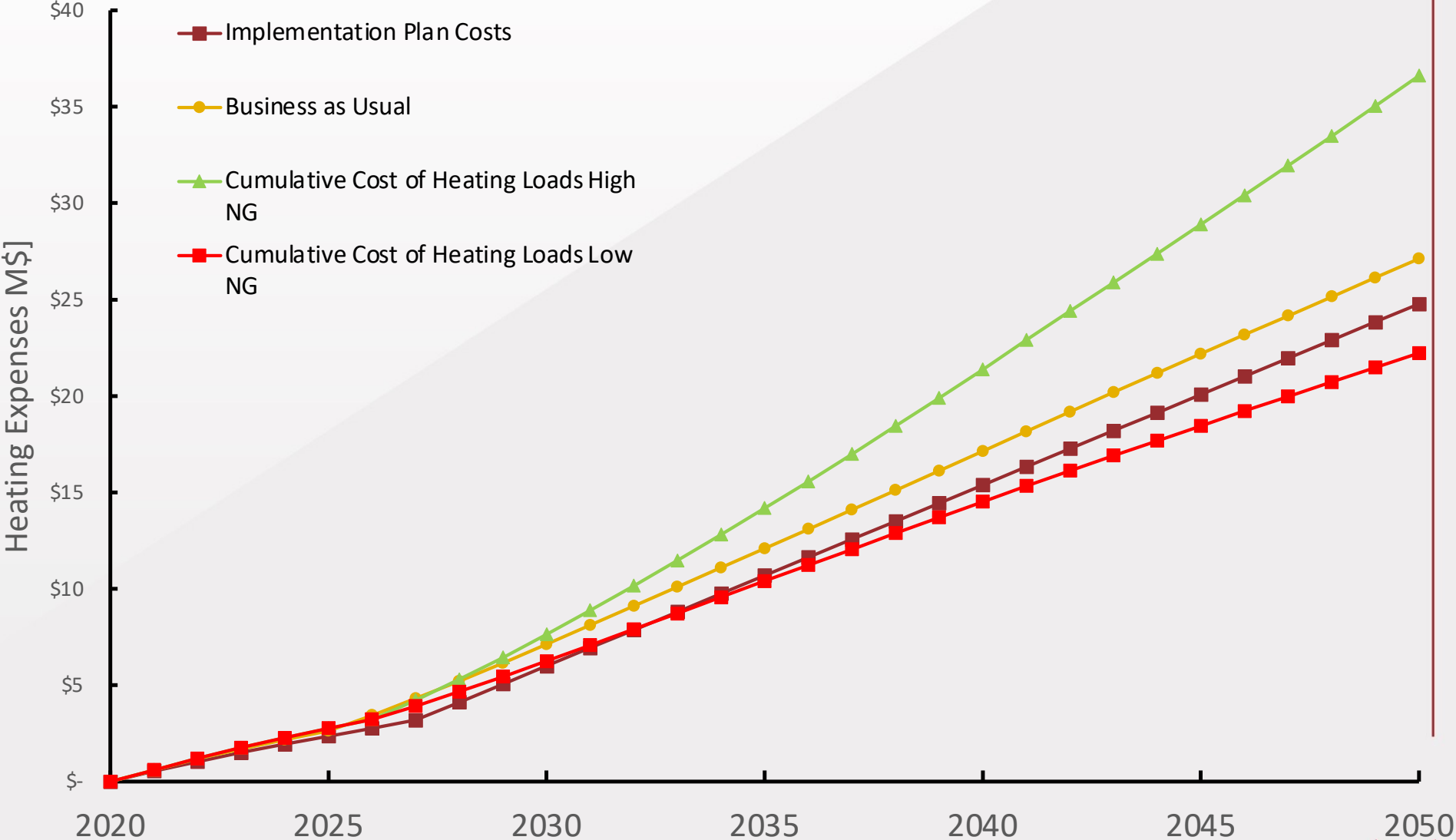
Cumulative Heating Expenses Since 2020



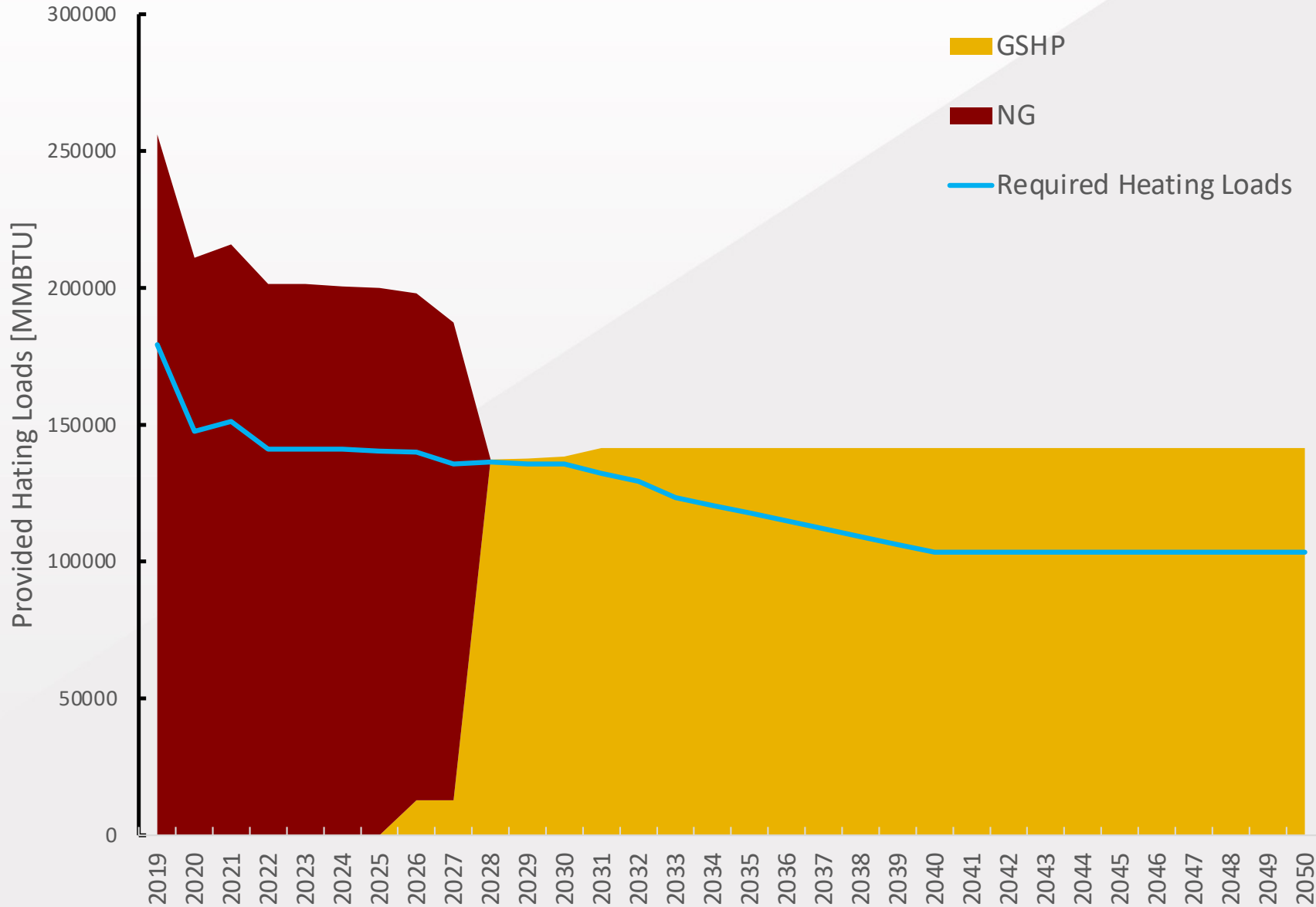
Cumulative Maintenance and Installation Expenses Since 2020



Cumulative Operating Expenses Since 2020



Sources Provided to Overall Required Heating Loads



Full Circle, What Would it Take?

- Carbon Neutral by 2040
- Total Capital Investment:
\$31.33 Million
- Estimated Annual Cost
Crossover: 2067

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