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**TRI-HP  
PROJECT**

Trigeneration systems based on  
heat pumps with natural refrigerants  
and multiple renewable sources

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# TRI-generation systems

- Based on electrically driven **natural refrigerant heat pumps (HPs)** coupled with PV to provide **heating, cooling** and **electricity** to multi-family residential **buildings**
- Targets:
  - **80 % renewable on-site share** with net-zero energy concept (20 % exchanged with the grid)
  - **Cost reduction by 10 – 15 %** compared to current HP technologies with same energetic efficiency
  - **75 % GHG emissions reductions** respect to gas boiler and air chillers with grid purchased electricity.



[www.tri-hp.eu](http://www.tri-hp.eu)

# TRI-HP systems for multi-family residential buildings



- New building in Zurich (CH) - 30 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·year)
- High share of DHW compared to heating/cooling

- Refurbished building - 90 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·year) ZH (CH)
- High share of space heating/cooling compared to DHW



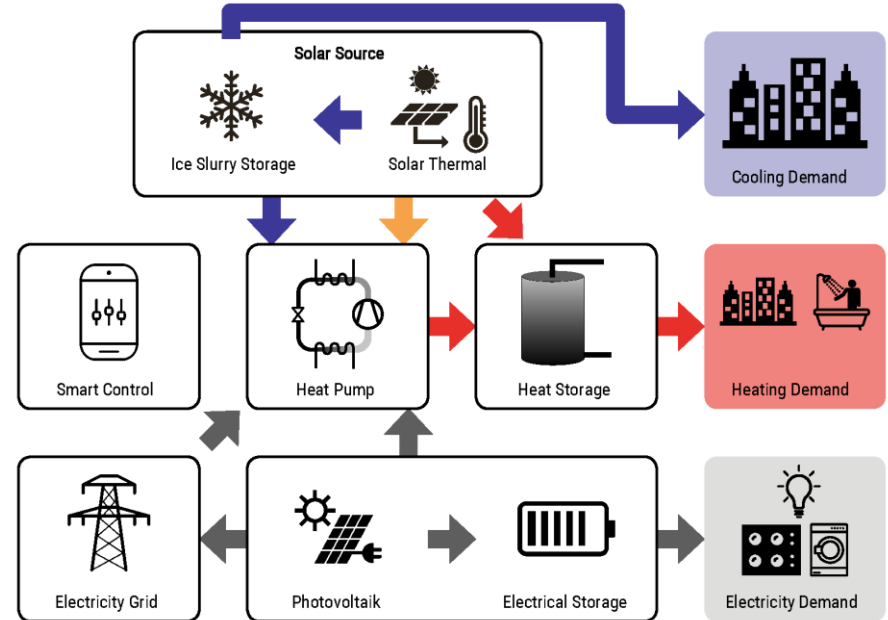
## A large green letter 'T' is centered on a white background. Inside the vertical stem of the 'T', there is a detailed cross-section of soil layers. At the top, there is a layer of green grass. Below the grass is a thin layer of dark brown topsoil, followed by a thicker layer of lighter brown subsoil. The bottom of the stem shows a dark, crumbly layer of soil. The horizontal bar of the 'T' is a solid green rectangle.

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- The diagram illustrates a smart energy system architecture. It features a central energy management unit (Heat Pump) connected to a Dual Source/Sink (Borehole and Air) and a Heat Storage unit. The system is controlled by a Smart Control unit. The system is powered by the Electricity Grid and a Photovoltaik (PV) panel, which is connected to an Electrical Storage unit. The system serves three types of demand: Cooling Demand (blue), Heating Demand (red), and Electricity Demand (grey). The Electricity Demand block includes a PV panel, a battery, and a smart meter. Arrows indicate the flow of energy and data between these components.

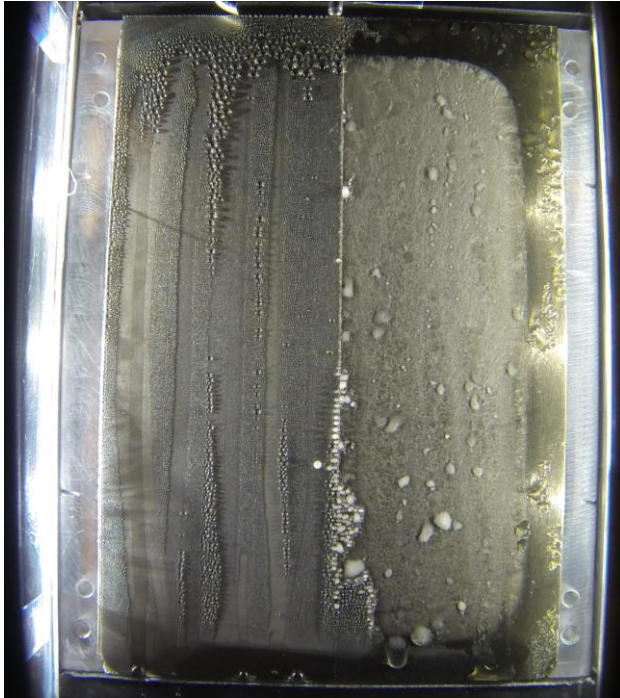
# Solar-ice slurry system



- Source: solar with ice slurry as intermediate storage medium
- Heating with cooling as add-on feature

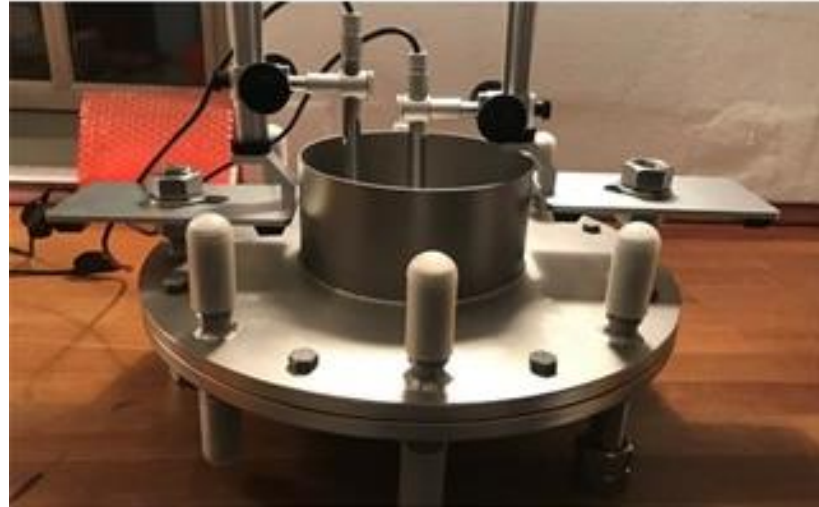


# Icephobic coatings

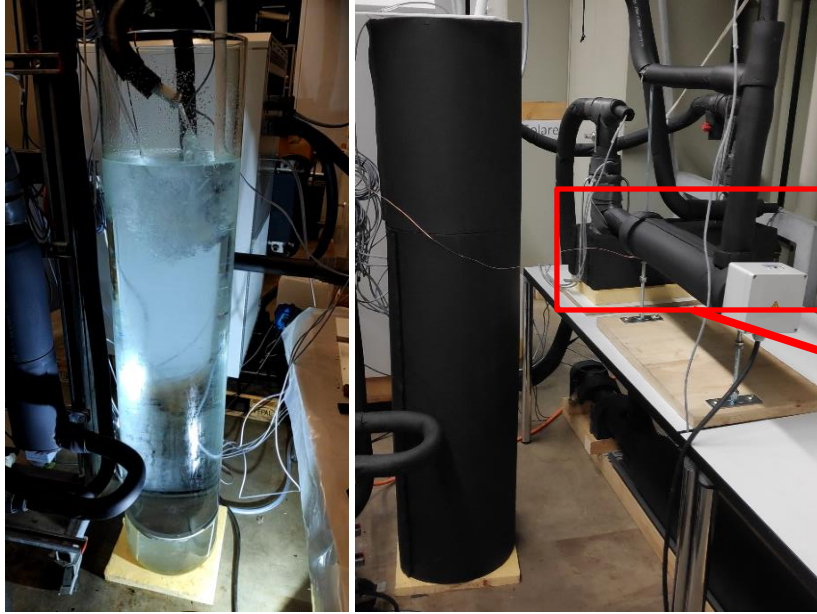


Icephobic coating from DTI

- Developments of anti-icing (icephobic) coatings for immersed applications with water flows
- Targets
  - Supercooling degree of 3-4 K

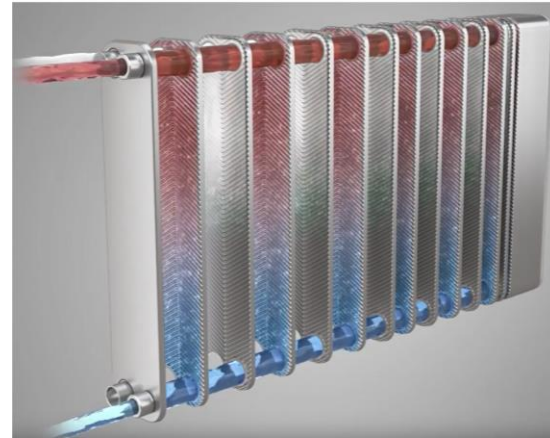


# HX design: supercooler



Test rig for supercooler at SPF

- An always free-of-ice evaporator used in the so-called slurry heat pump
- Water supercooled at  $-2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (liquid state) in the outlet of the supercooler
- 20 % higher efficiency compared to scraper type

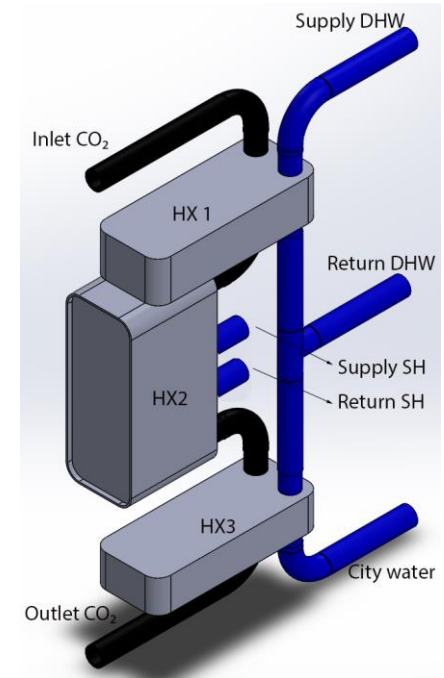


# HX design: tri-partite gas cooler



Test rig for tri-partite gas cooler at NTNU

- A compact gas cooler for CO<sub>2</sub> heat pumps
- Maximizing the use of the temperature glide in CO<sub>2</sub> gas cooler
- COP increase by 20 % when operated in simultaneous DHW and SH



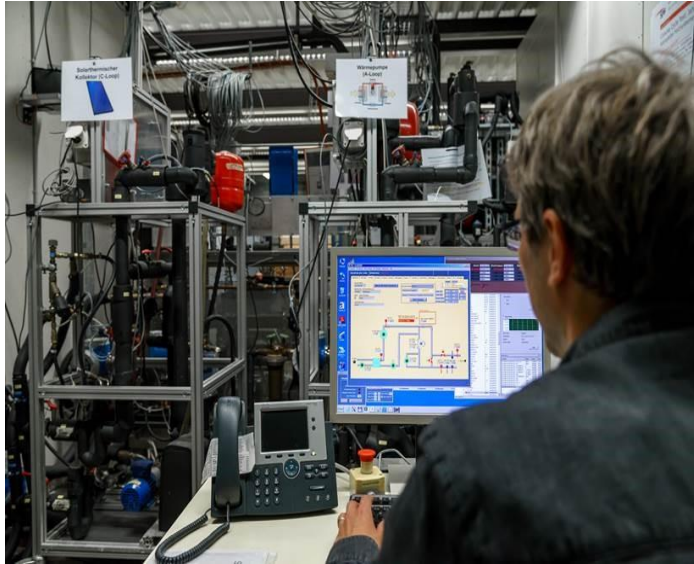
# HX design: dual source/sink



- An evaporator/condenser able to use ground and air as heat sources
- Direct exchange between refrigerant and heat transfer fluids
- Targets
  - COP increase by 10 % when operated in dual mode for heating operation

Test rig for dual-source/sink HX at TECNALIA

# Heat pumps development



Hardware-in-the-loop test rig at SPF

- 3 heat pumps developed
  - Propane-ice
    - supercooler
  - Propane-dual
    - dual-source/sink HX
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-ice
    - supercooler
    - tri-partite gas cooler

# Advanced Energy Management System

- Manage whole system
- Heating, cooling and electricity
- Sensible, latent (ice) heat/cold and electrical storages
- Predictive control
- Self-detecting errors
- Targets
  - 15 % energy cost reduction



# Technology acceptance

- Understanding and improving stakeholder's acceptance
- Analyse and identify the interest and needs of
  - end-users and installers
  - other identified key stakeholders
- Methods
  - Qualitative interviews with stakeholders (DE, CH, ES, NO)
  - Regional stakeholders workshops (DE, CH, ES, NO)
- Results : Guidelines and recommendations of stakeholder's acceptance



# Thank you for your attention!

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