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# Multi-Input Hybrid Heat Exchangers

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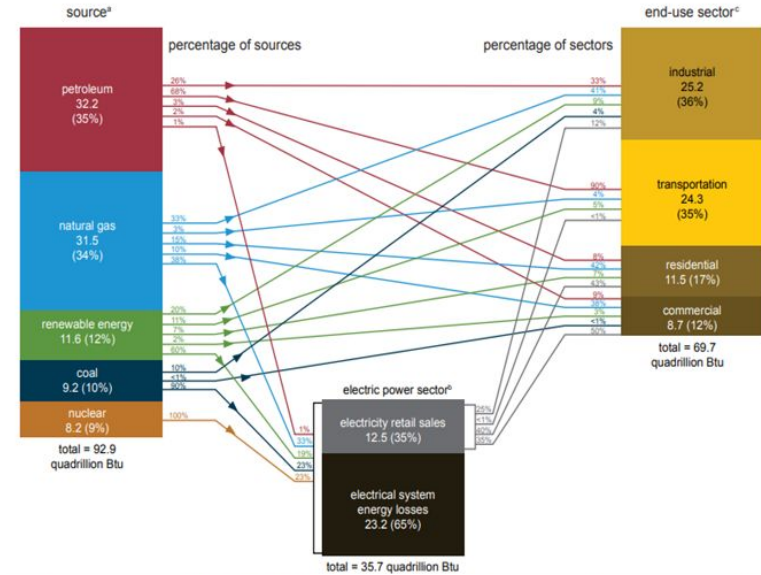
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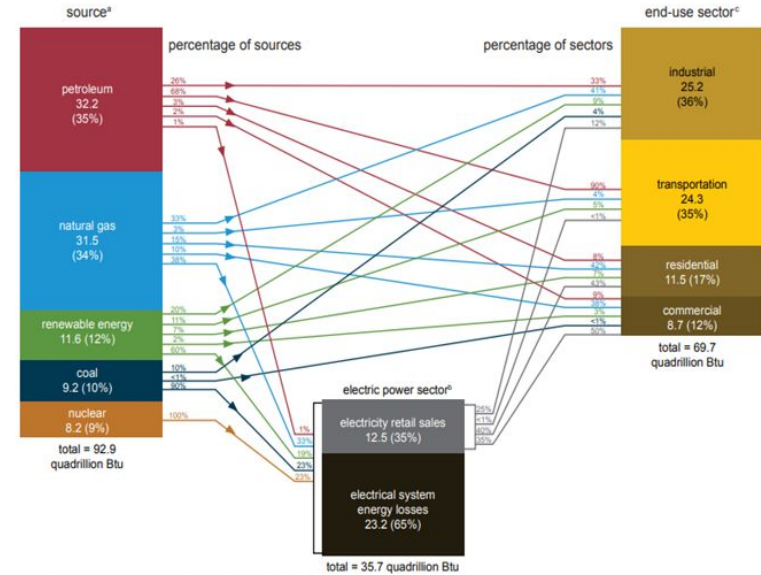
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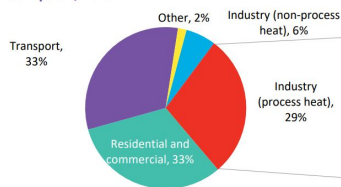
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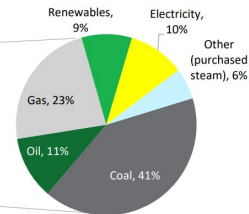
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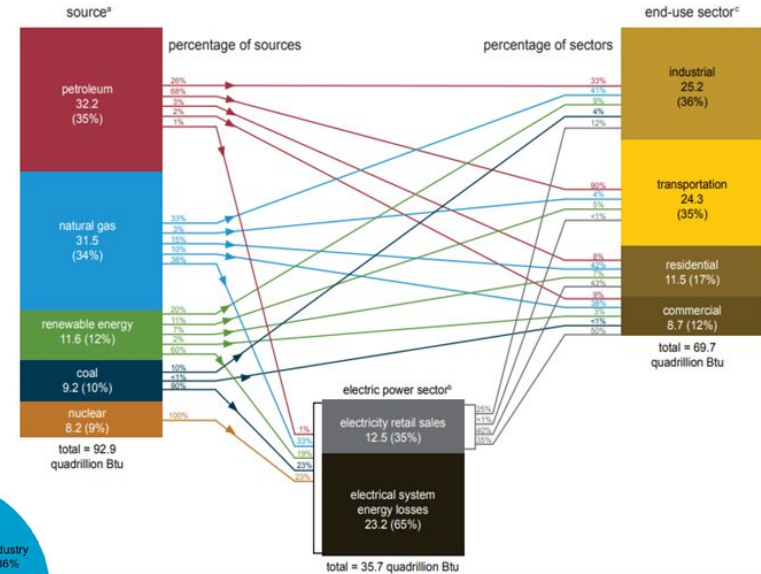
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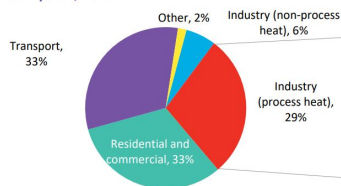
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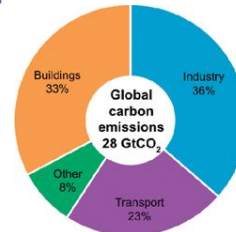
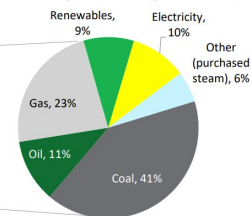
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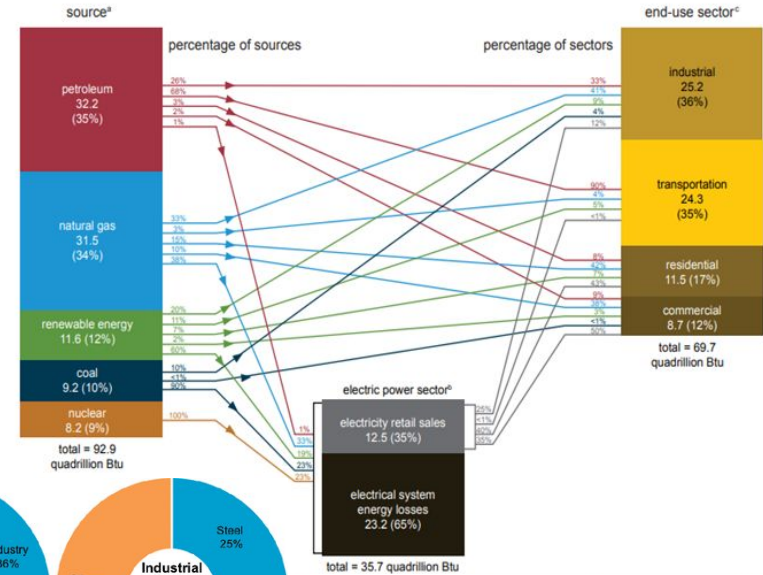


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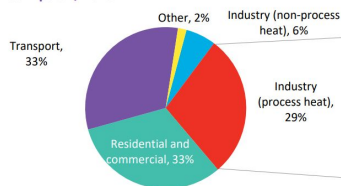
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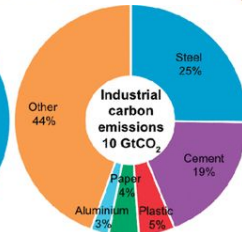
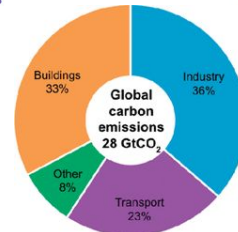
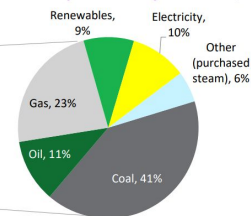
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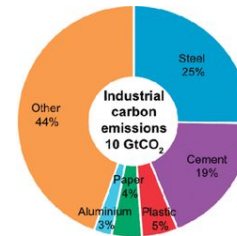
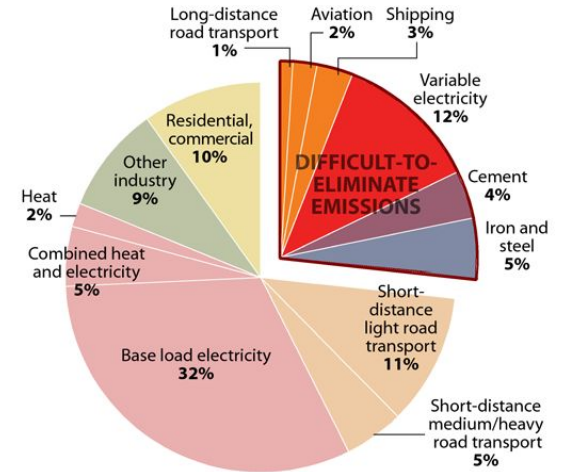


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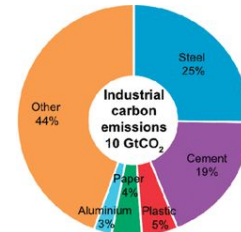
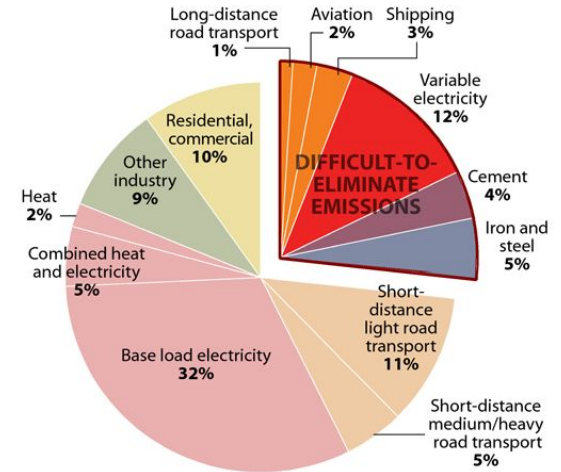




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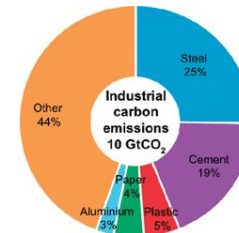
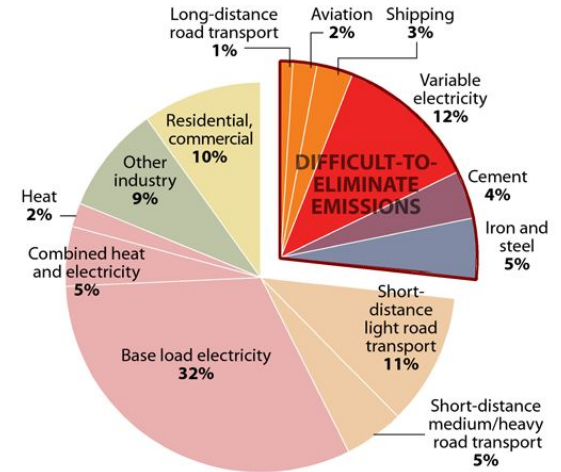


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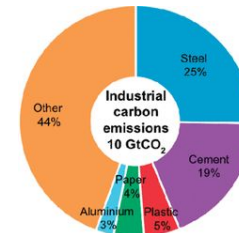
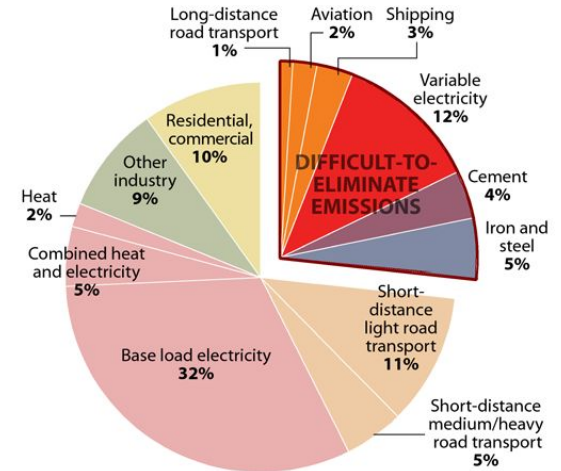


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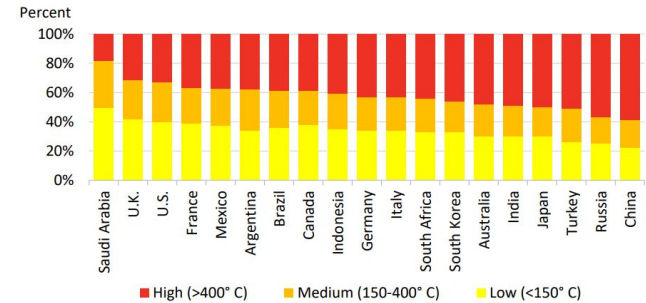


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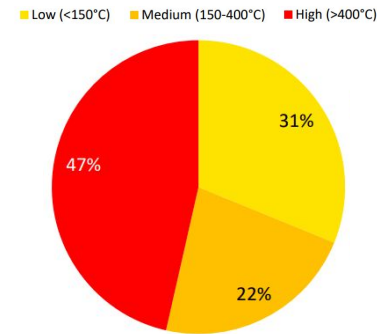
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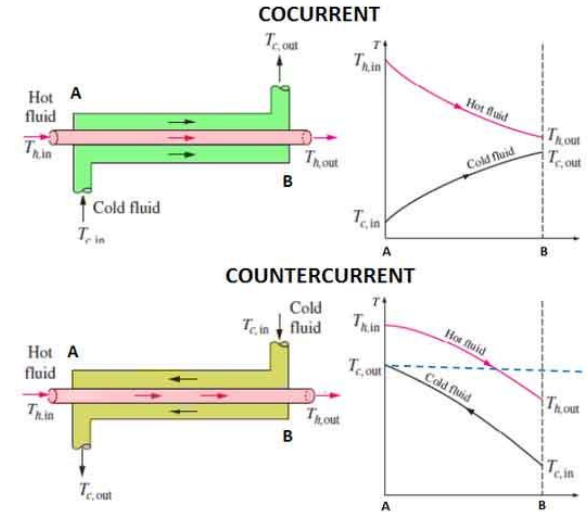
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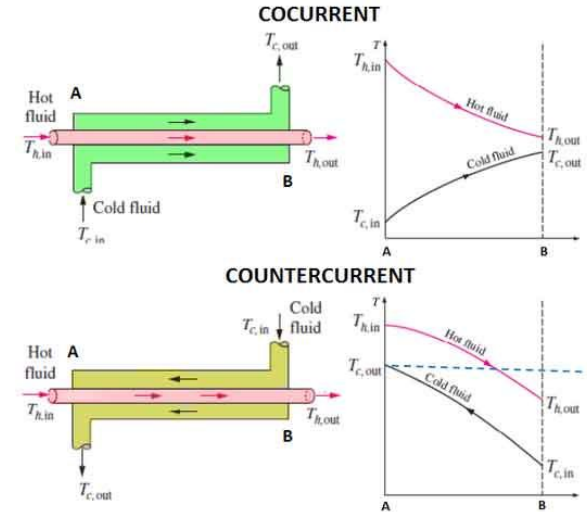


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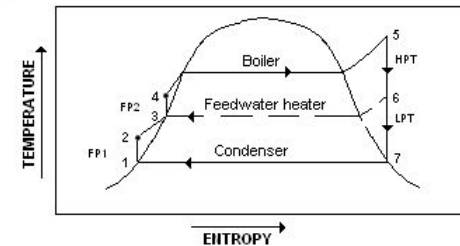
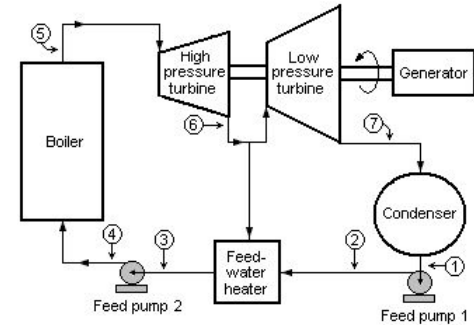
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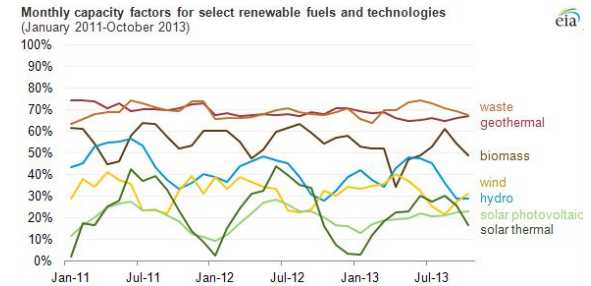
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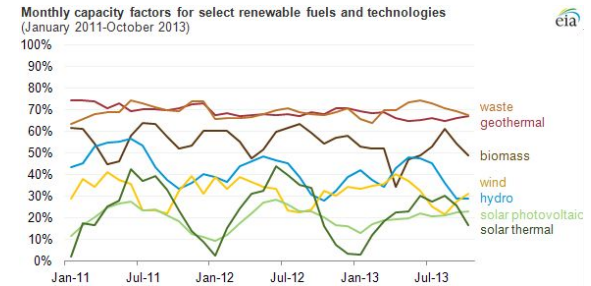
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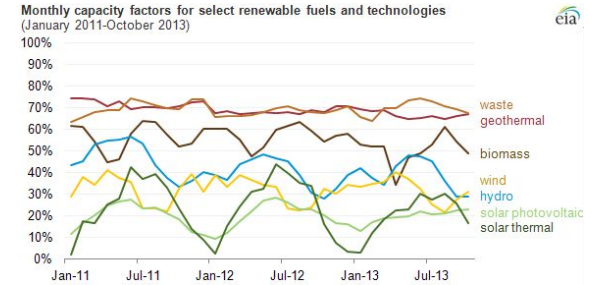


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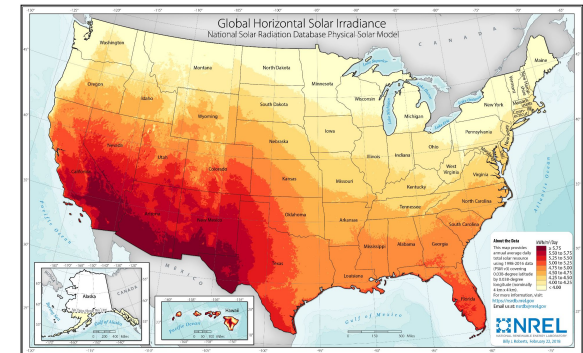
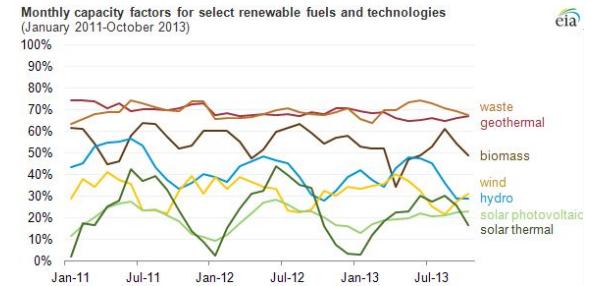
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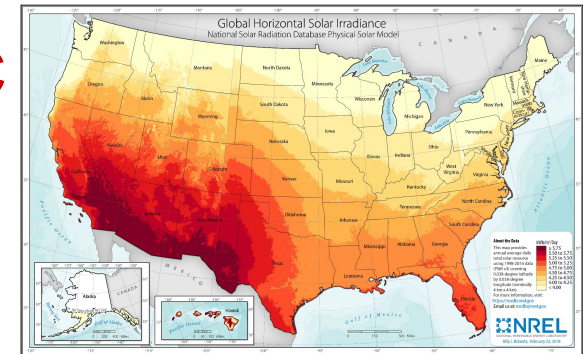
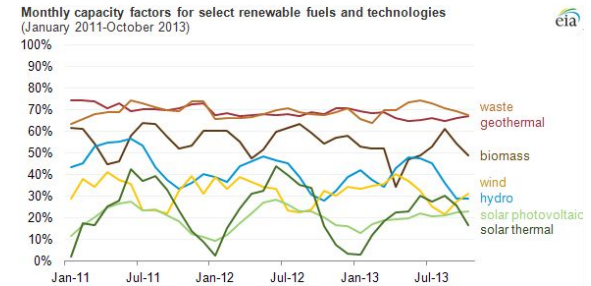
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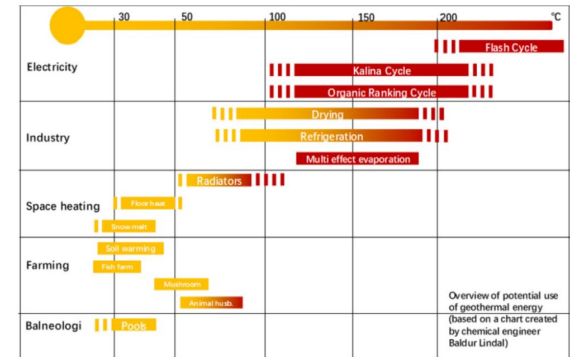
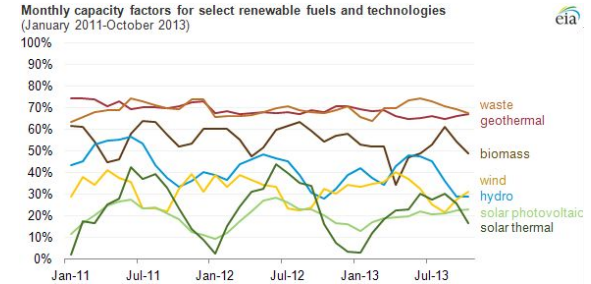
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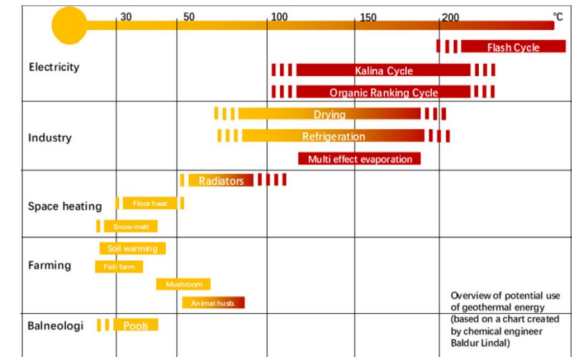
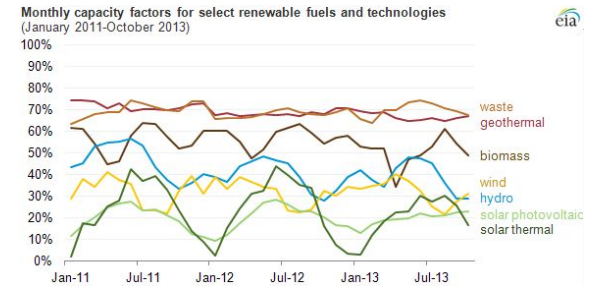
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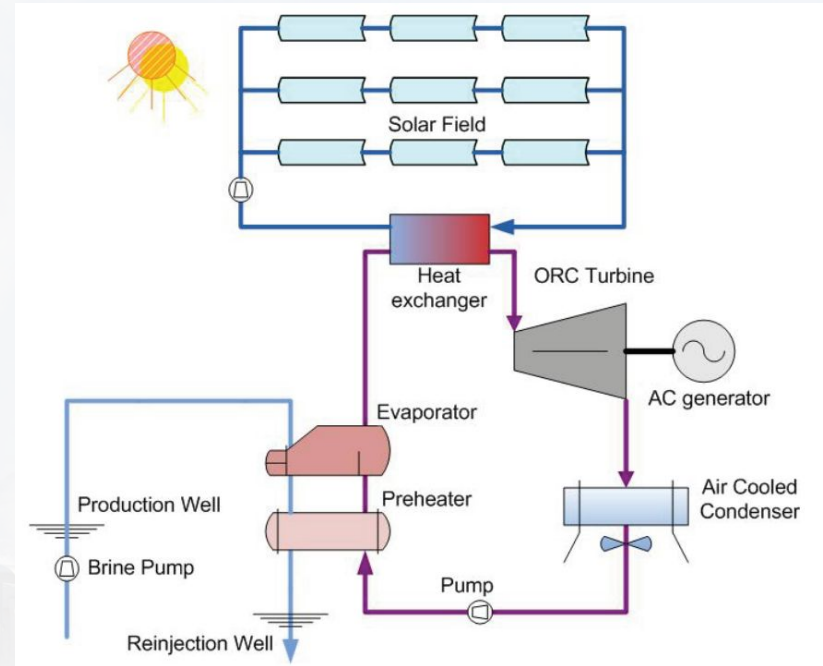


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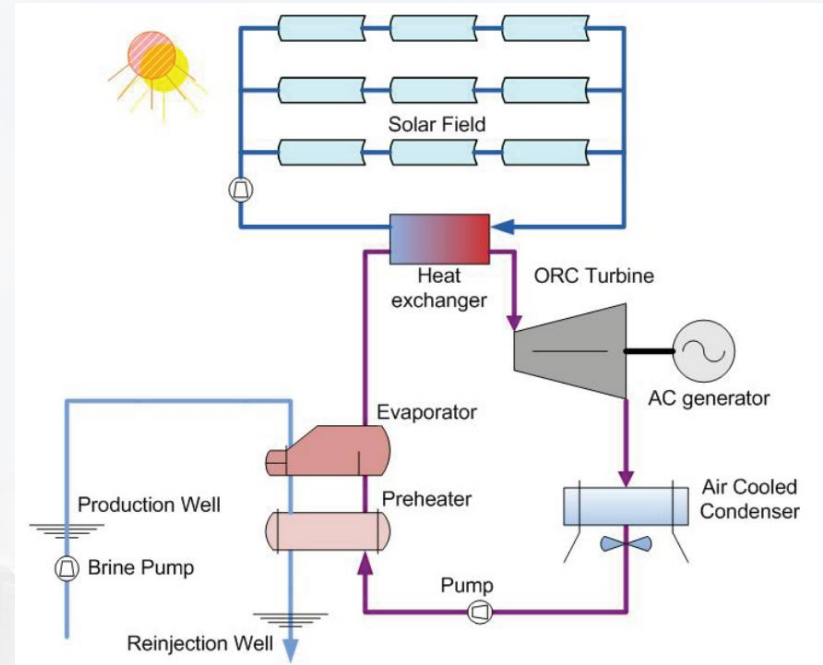
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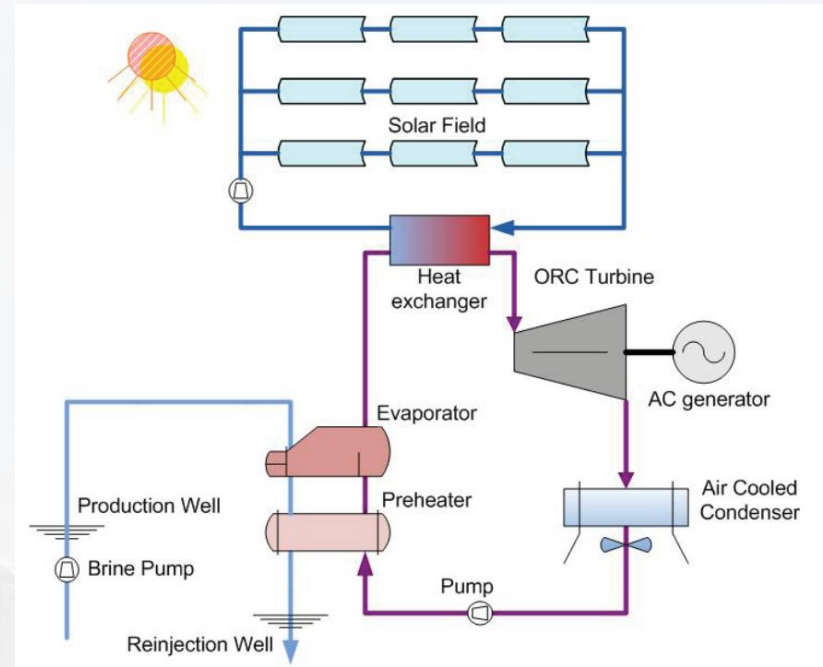
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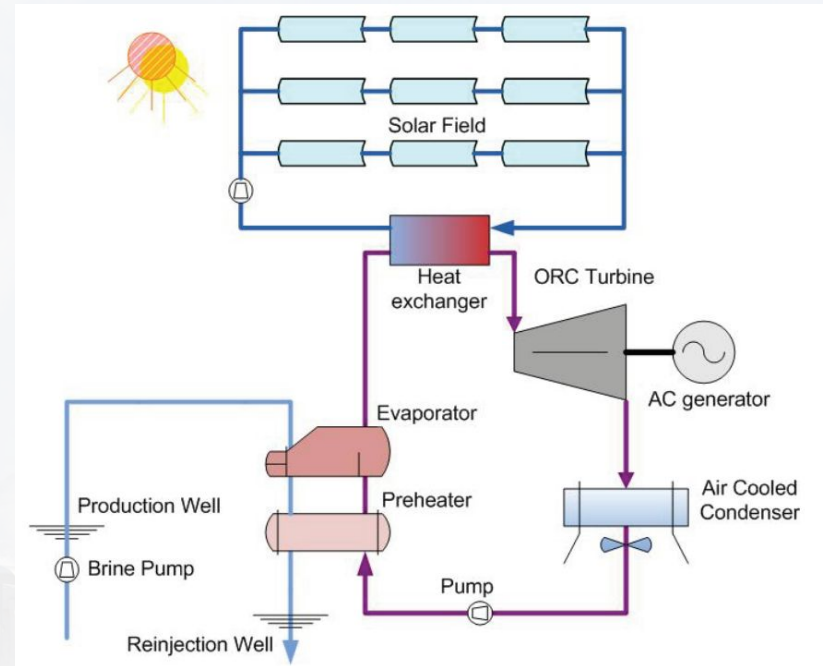
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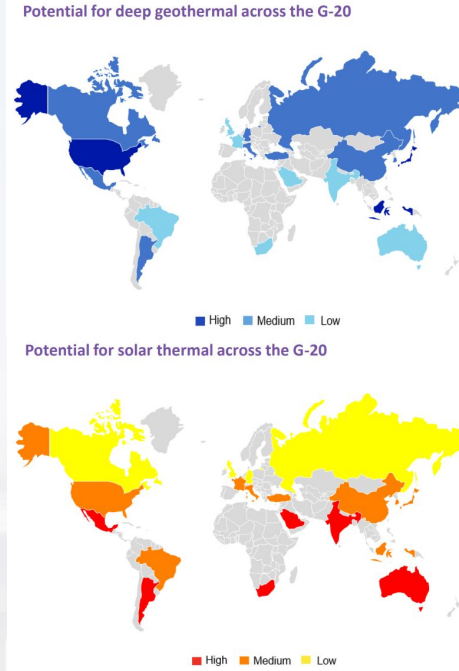
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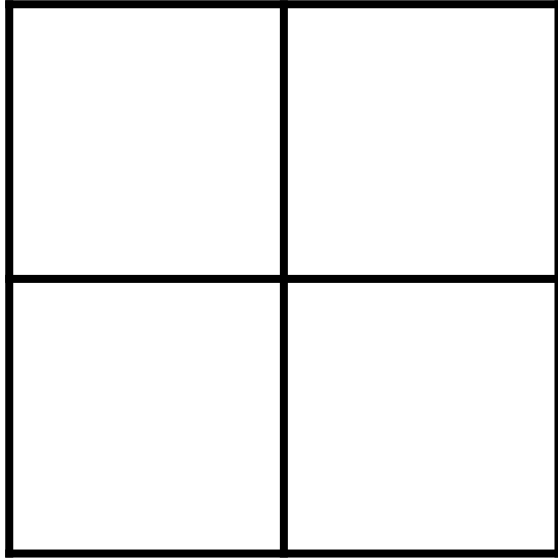
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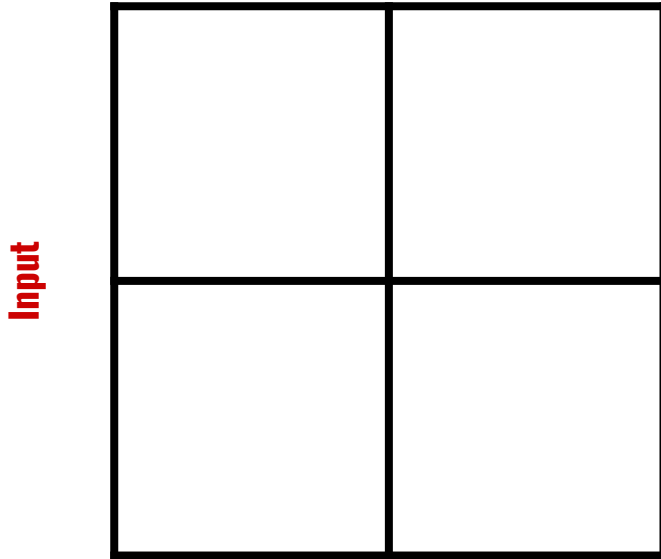
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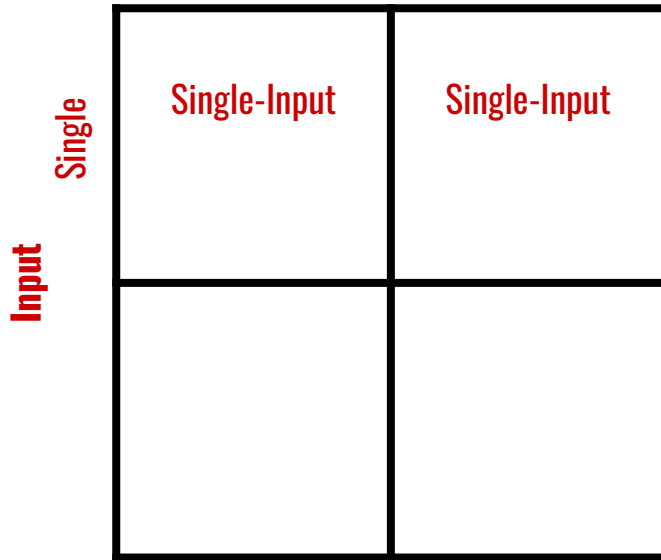
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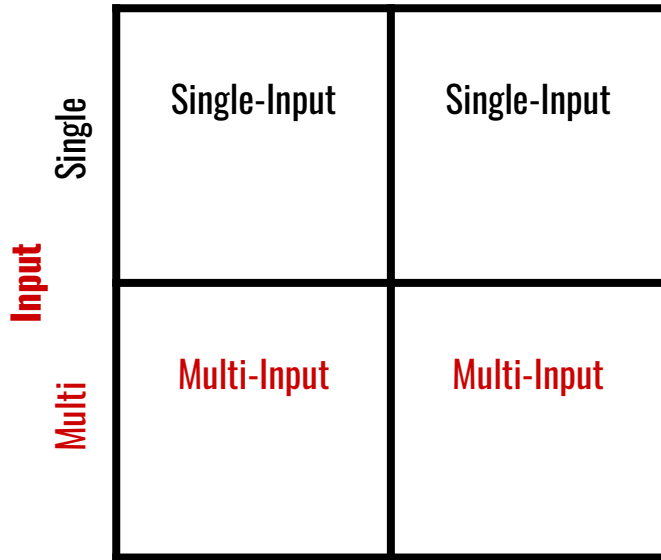
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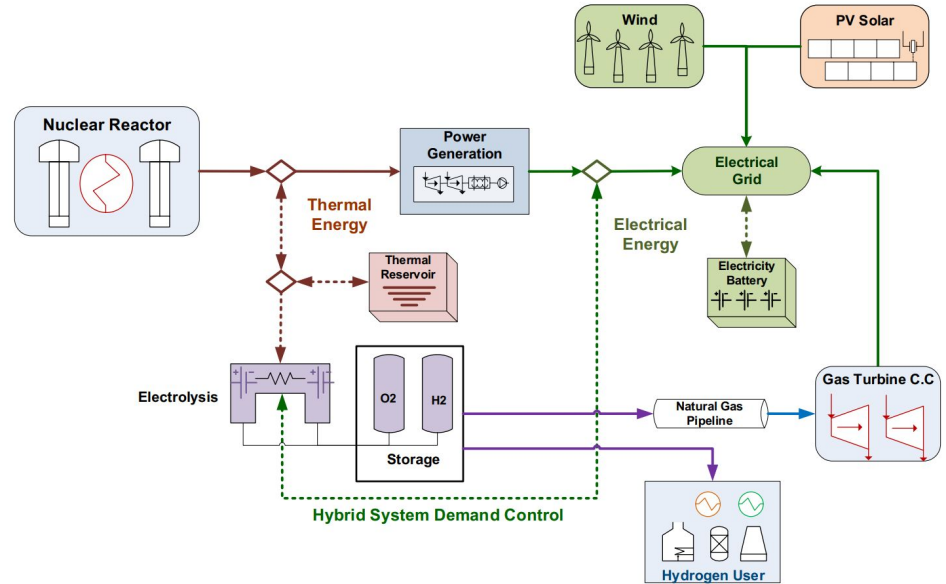
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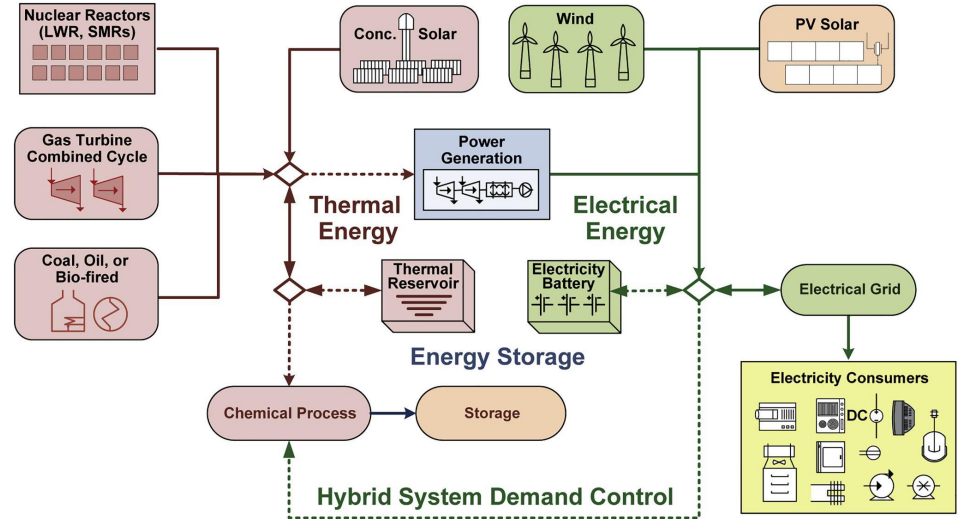
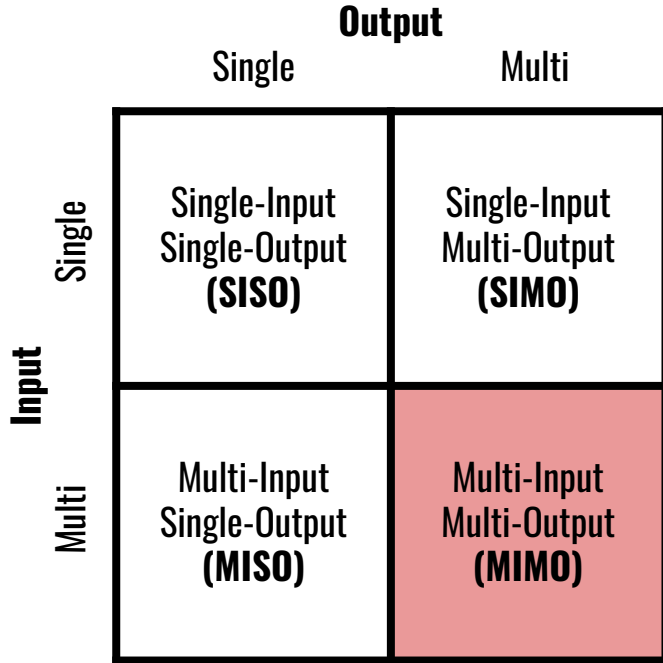


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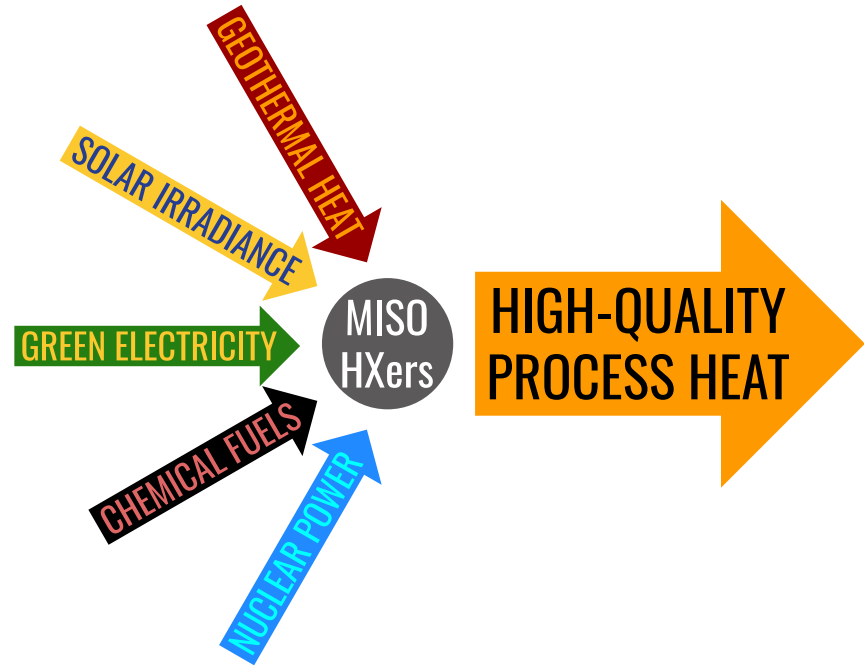


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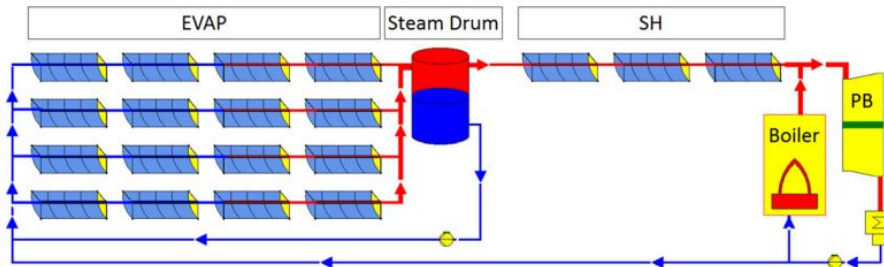
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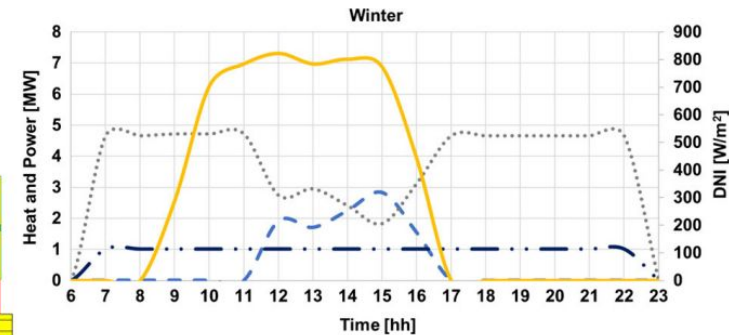
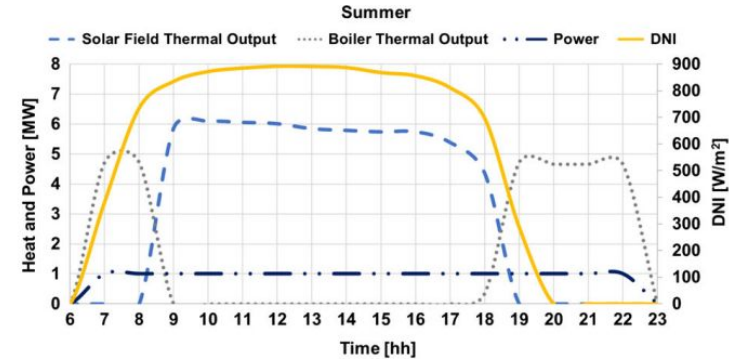
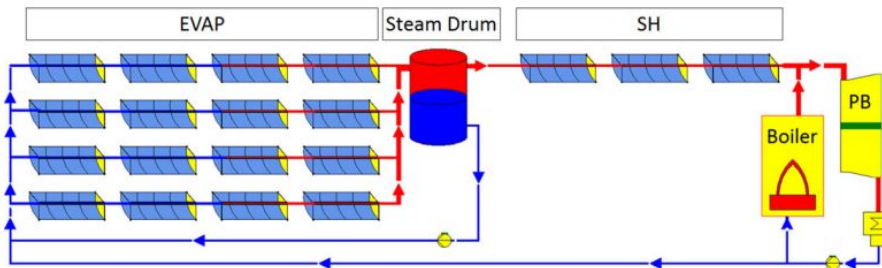
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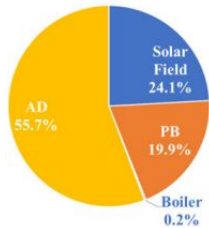
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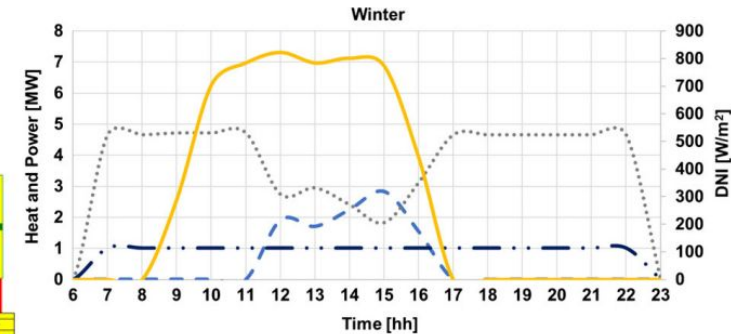
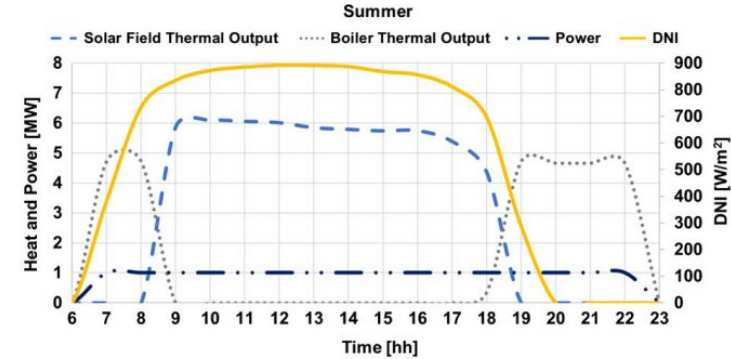
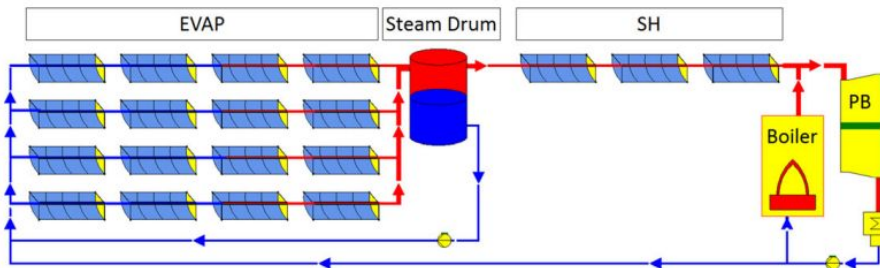
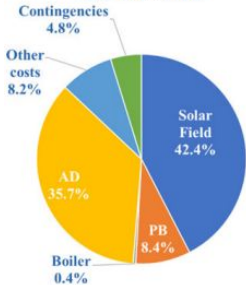
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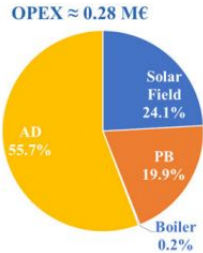


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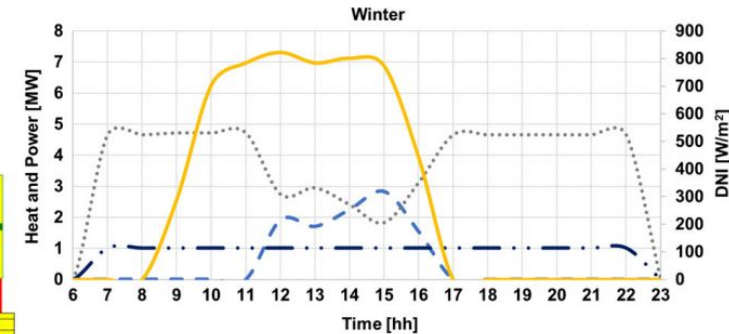
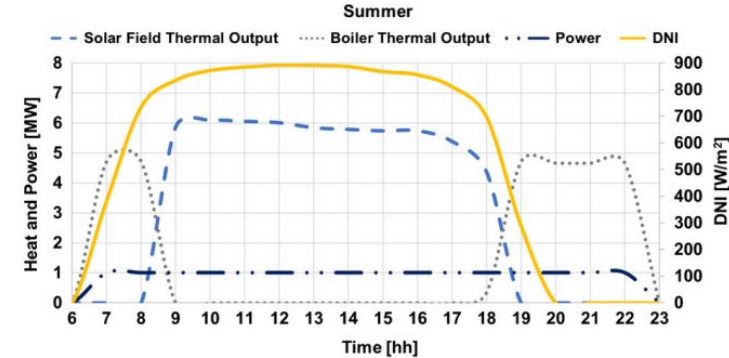
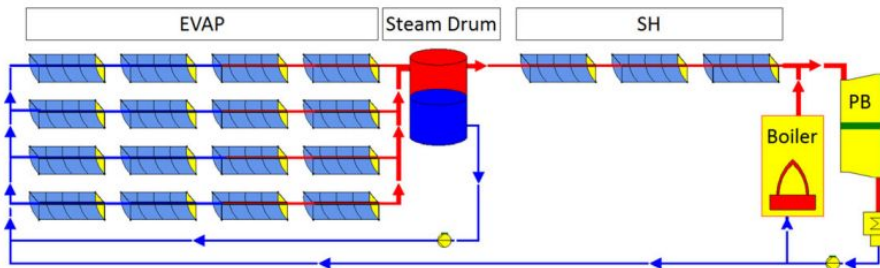
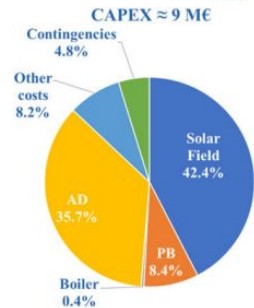
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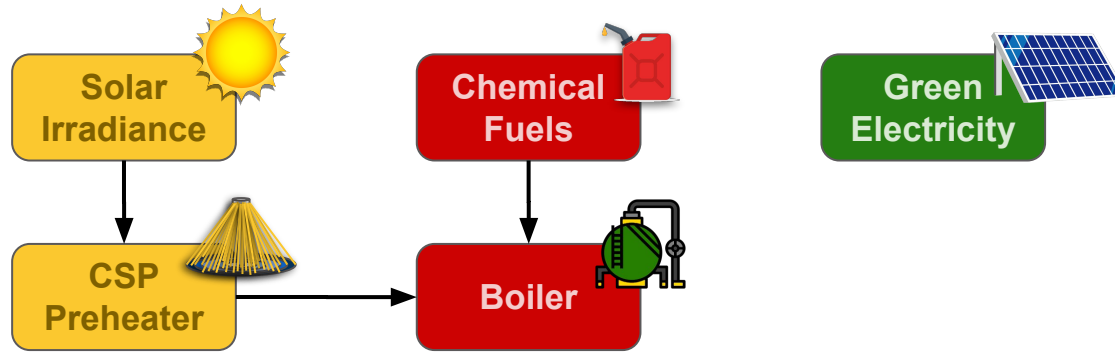
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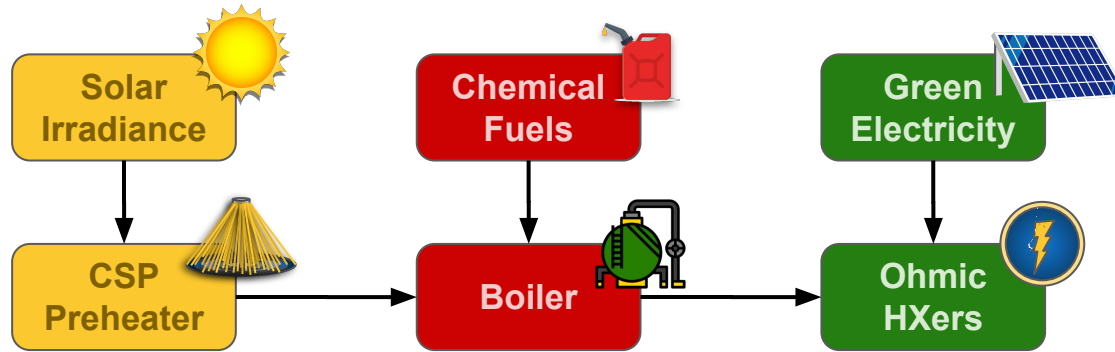
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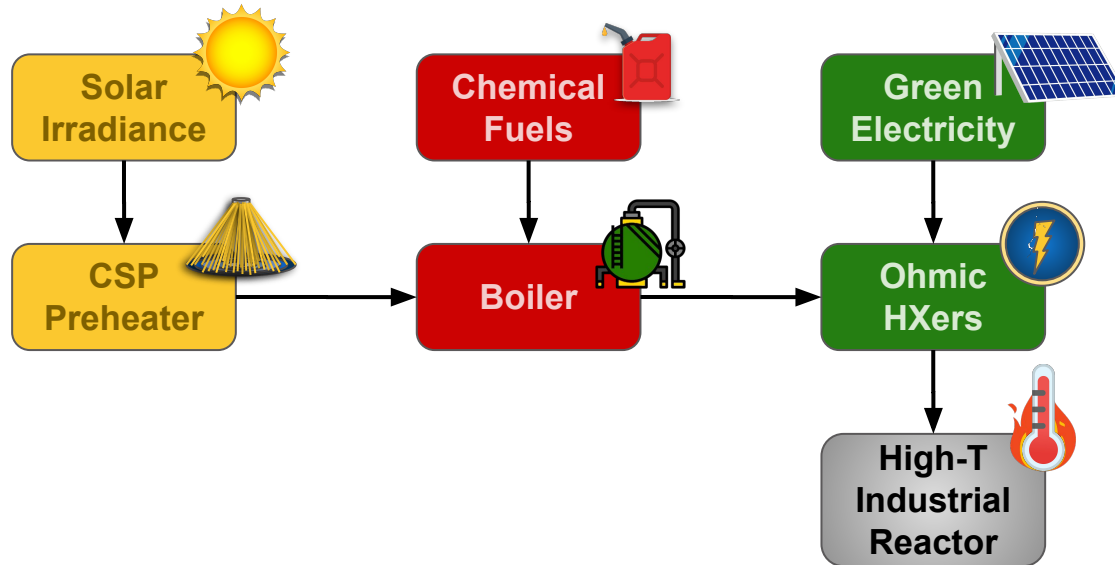
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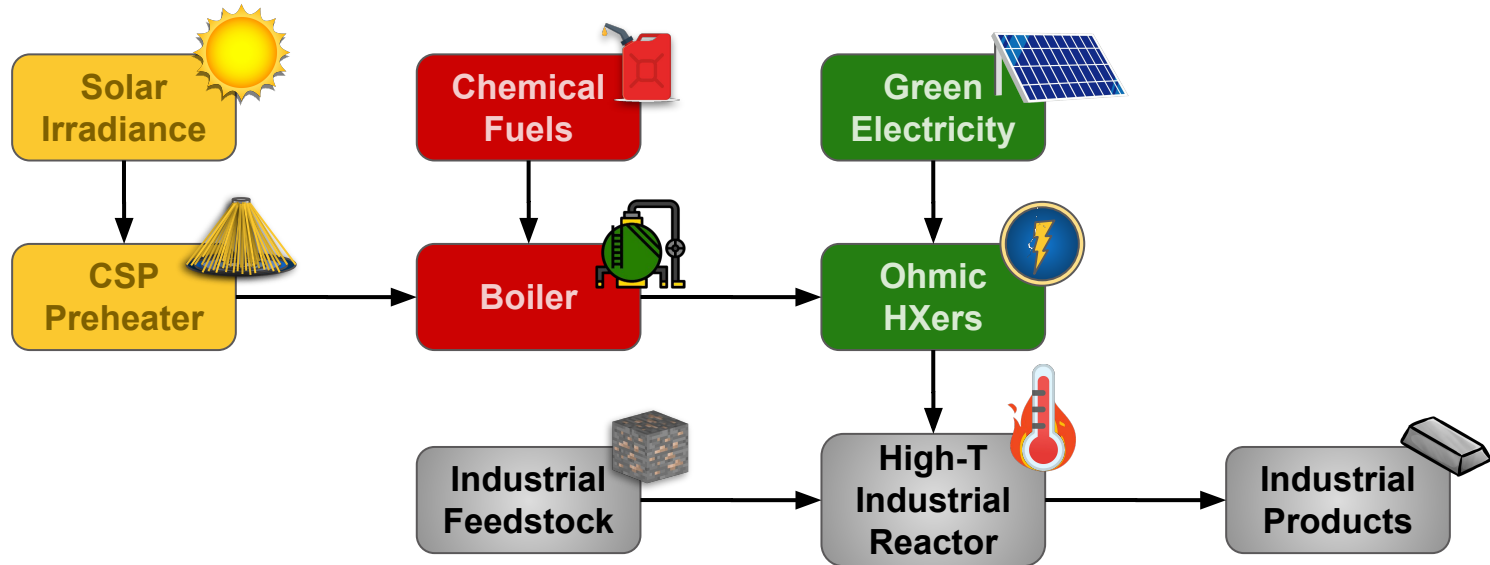
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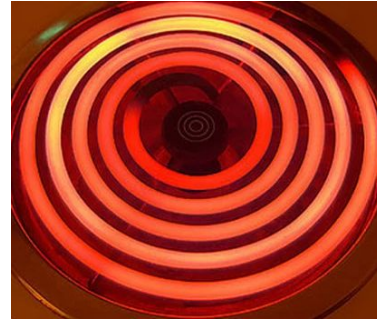
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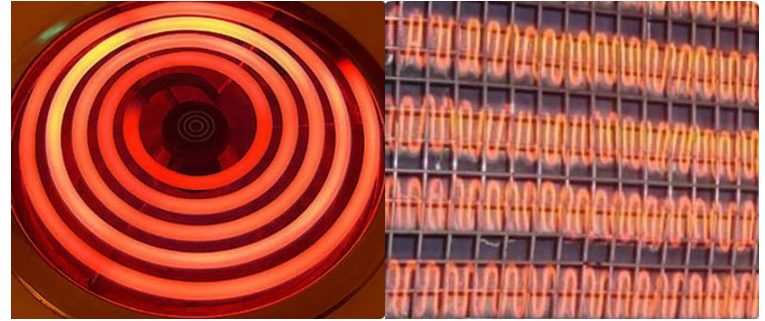
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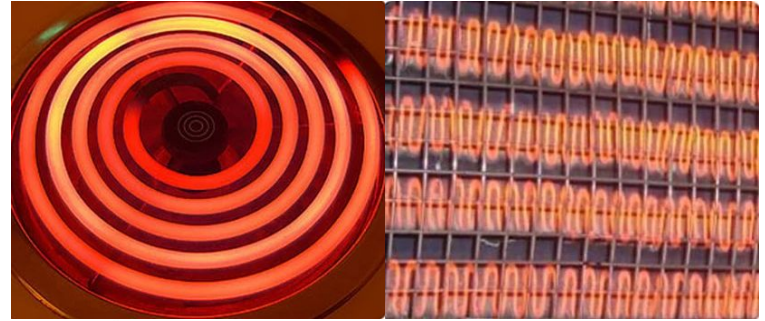
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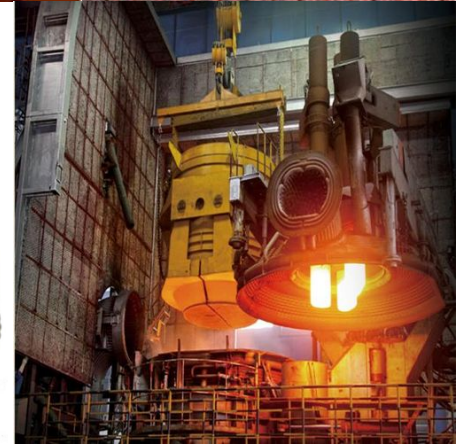
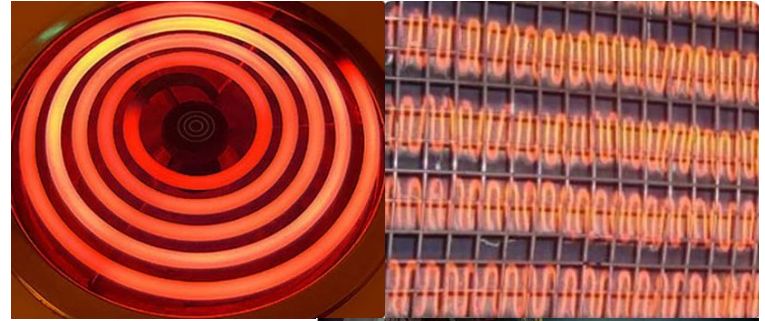
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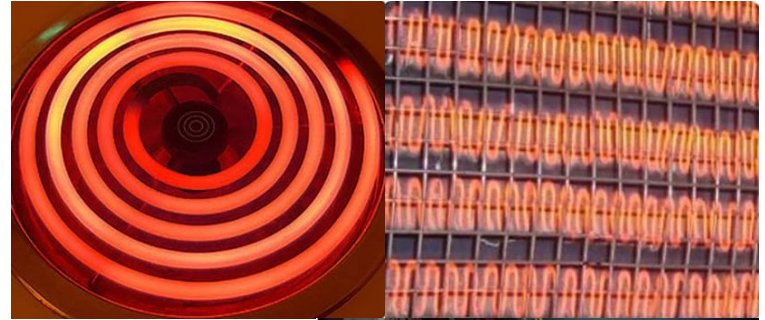
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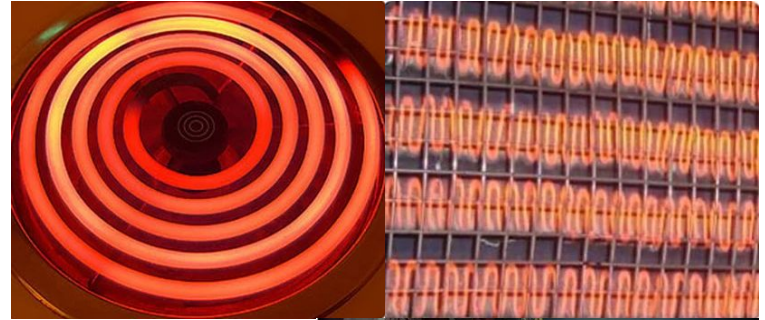




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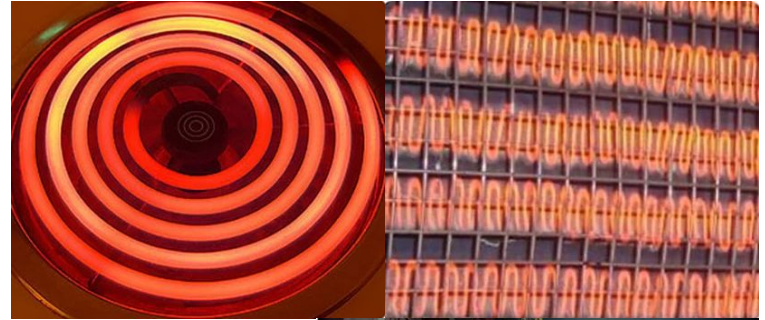
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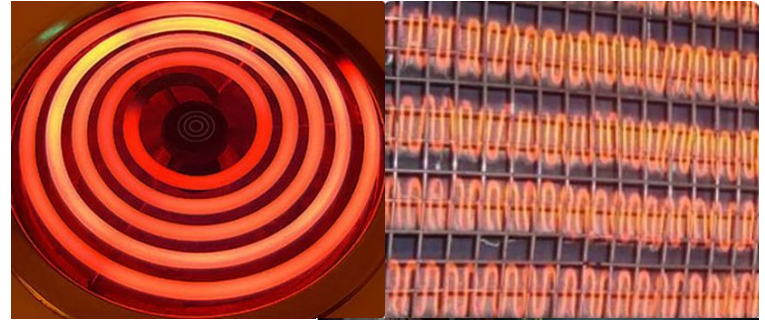
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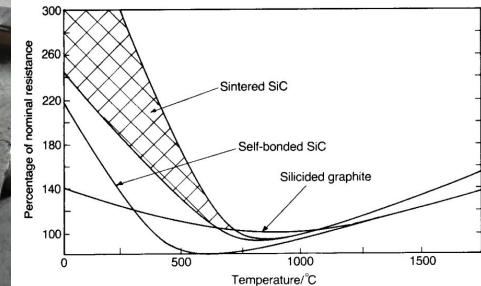
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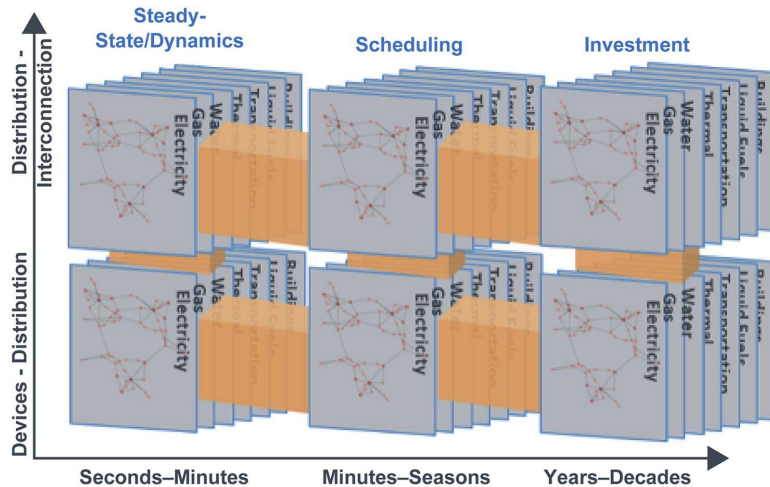


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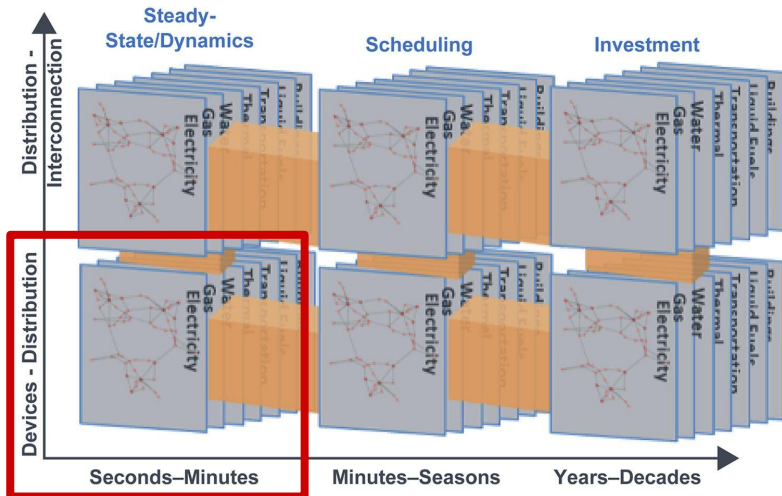
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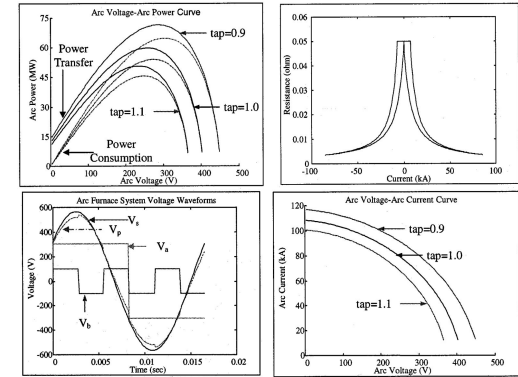
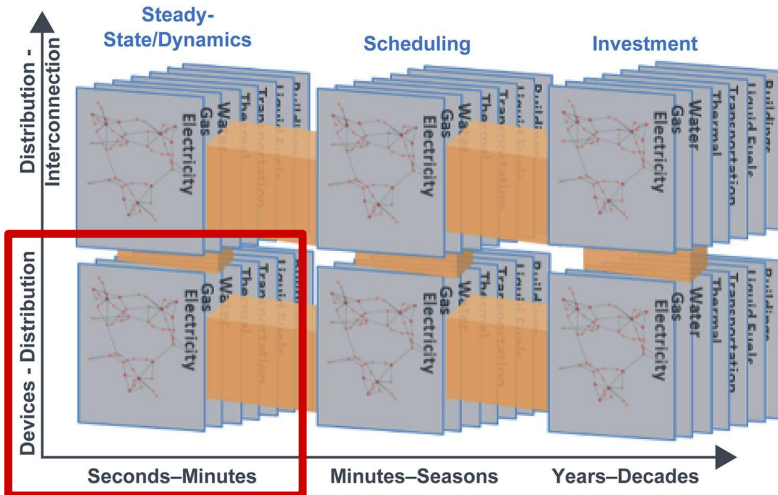


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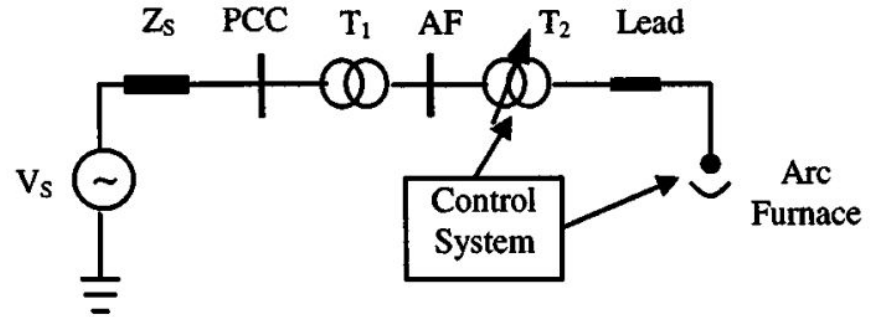
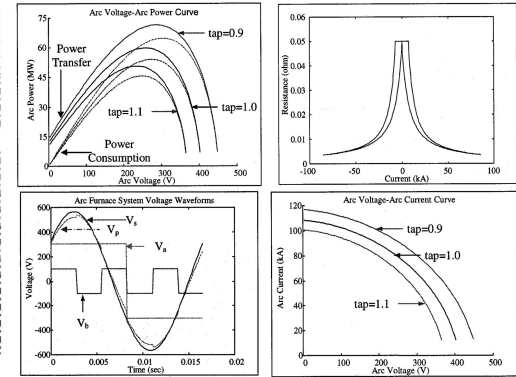
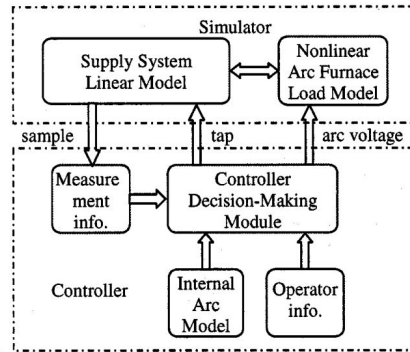
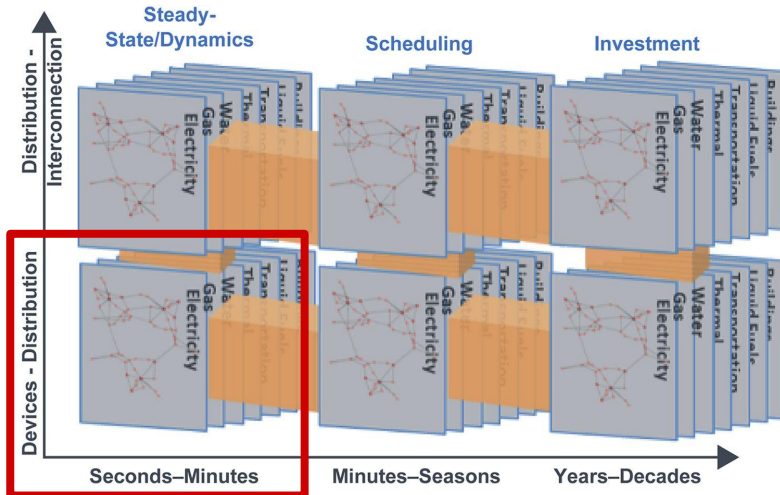
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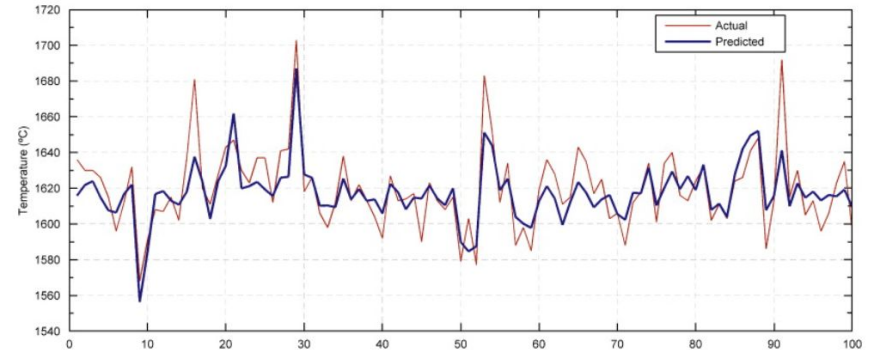
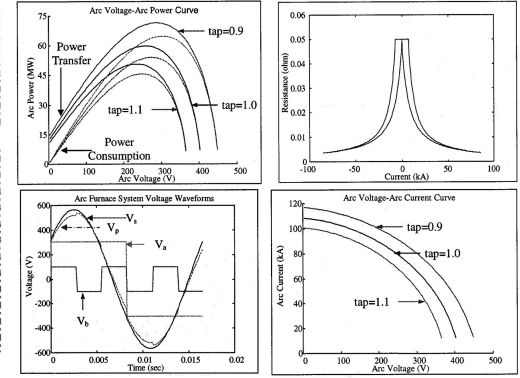
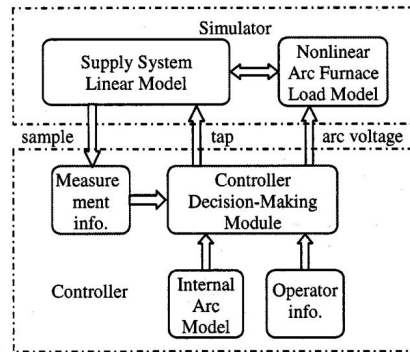
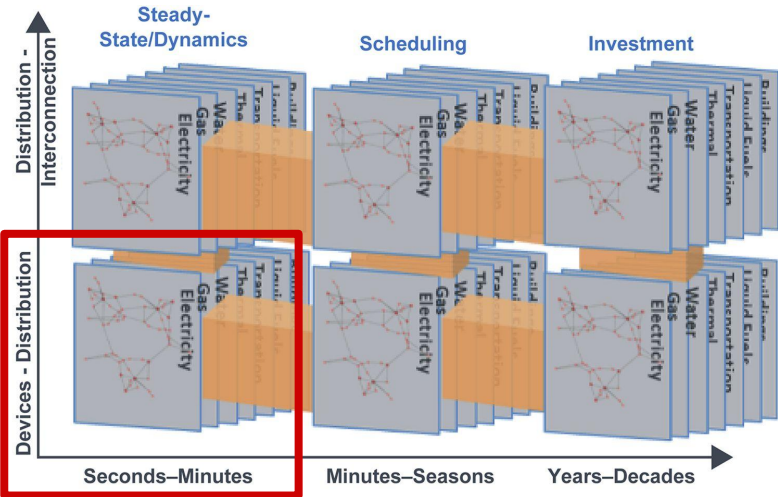
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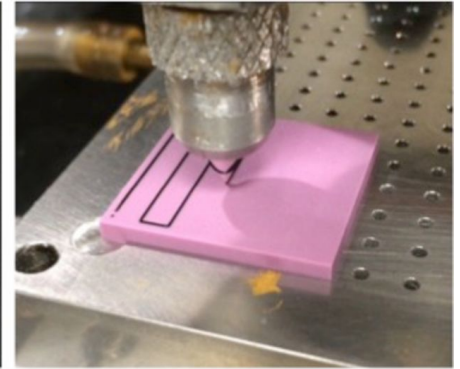
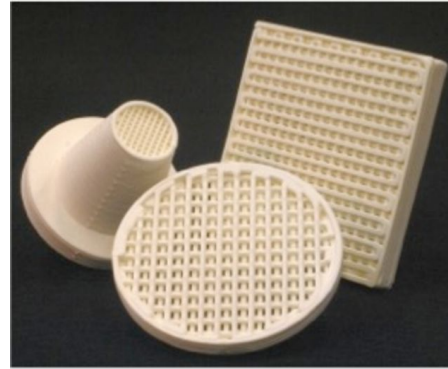
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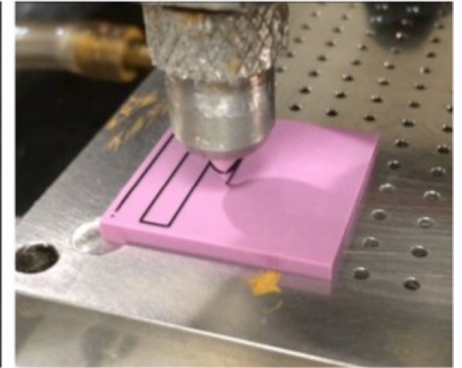
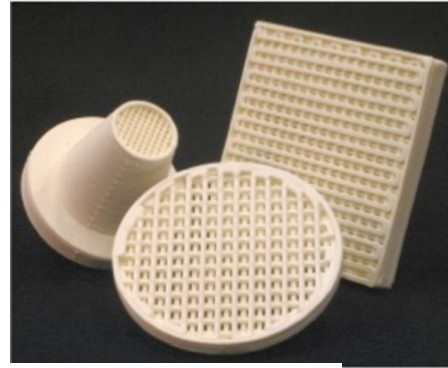
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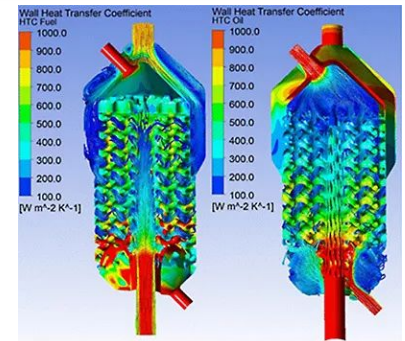
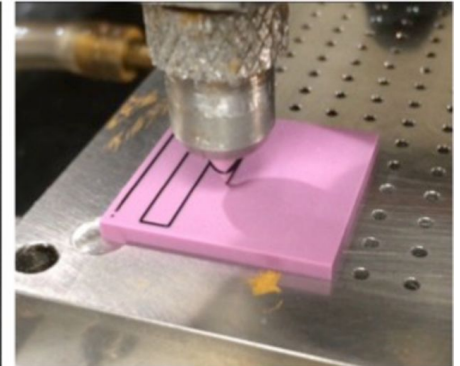
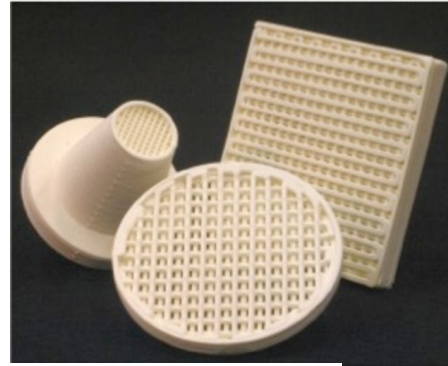
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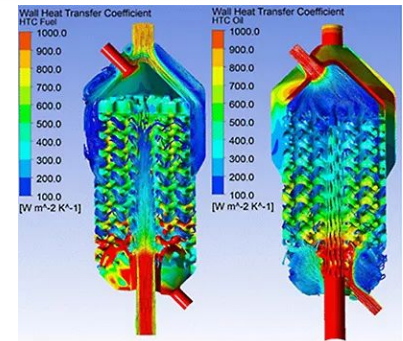
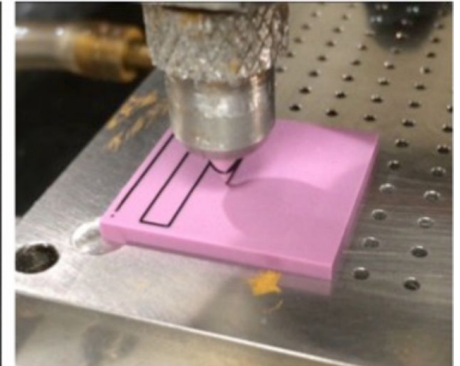
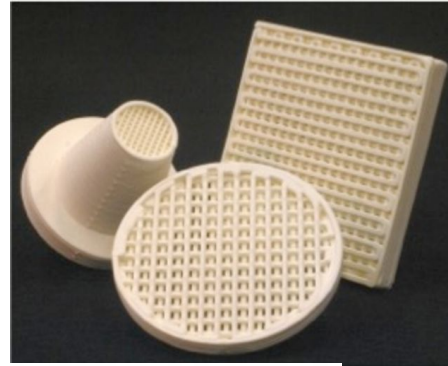
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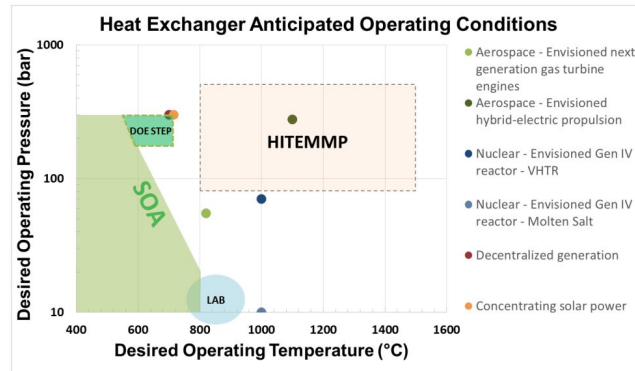
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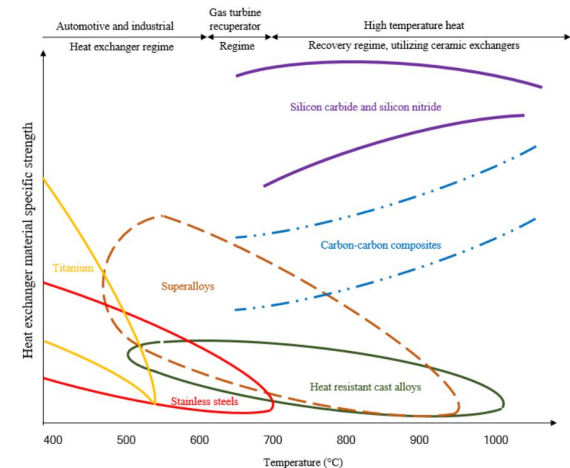
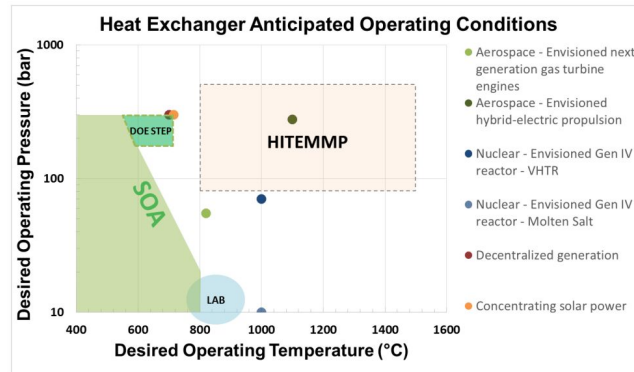
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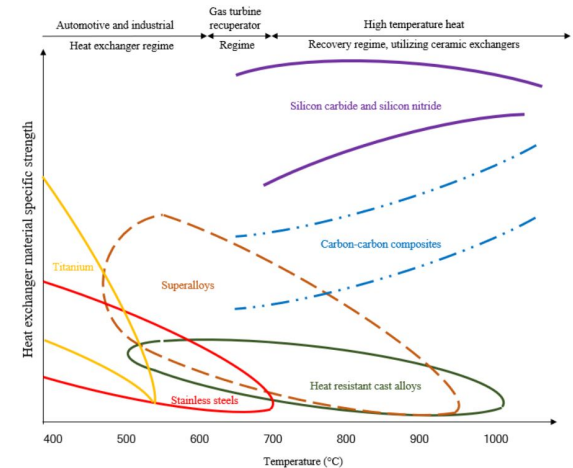
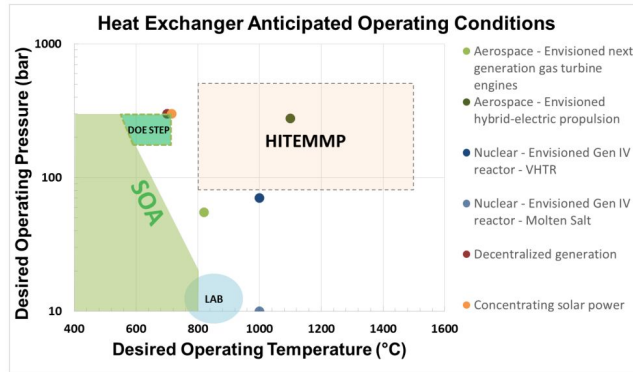
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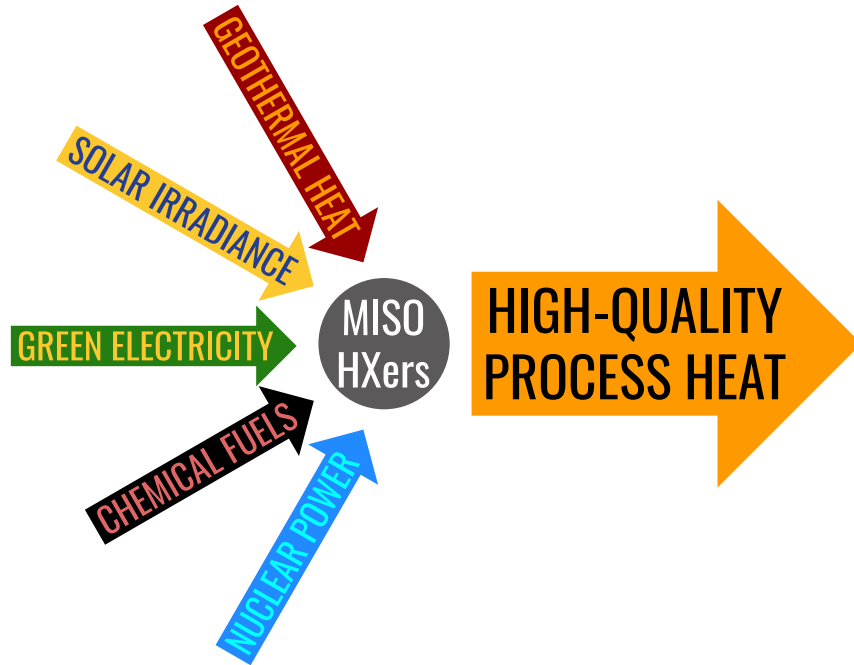
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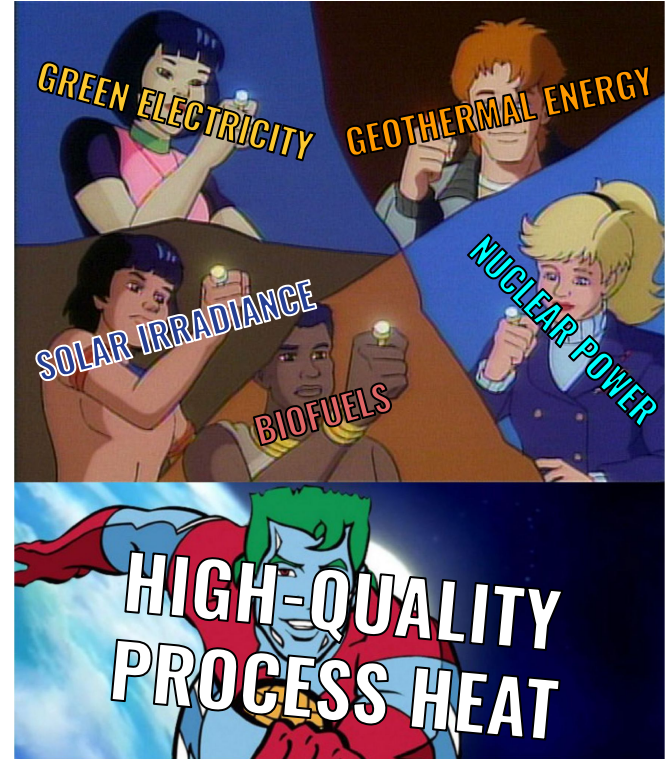
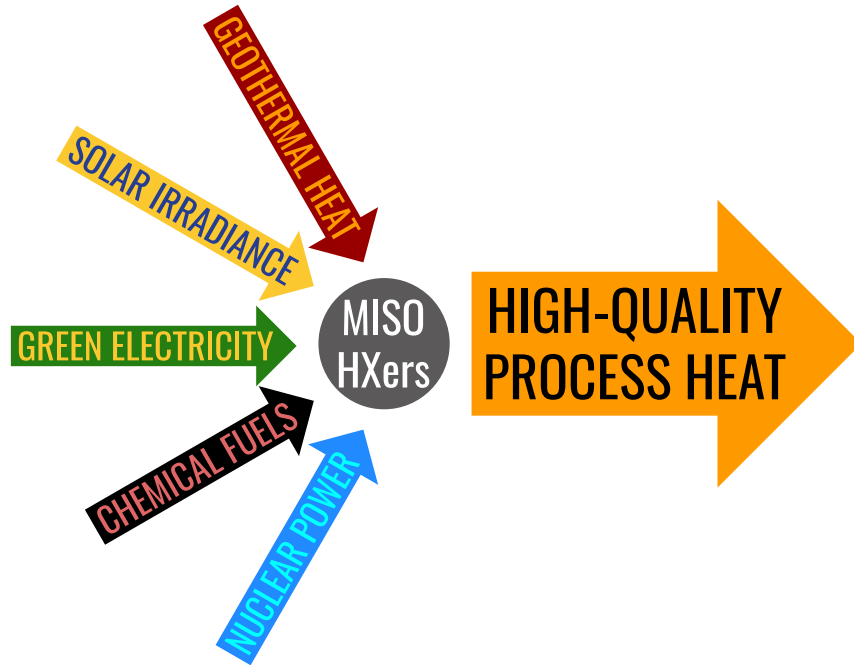
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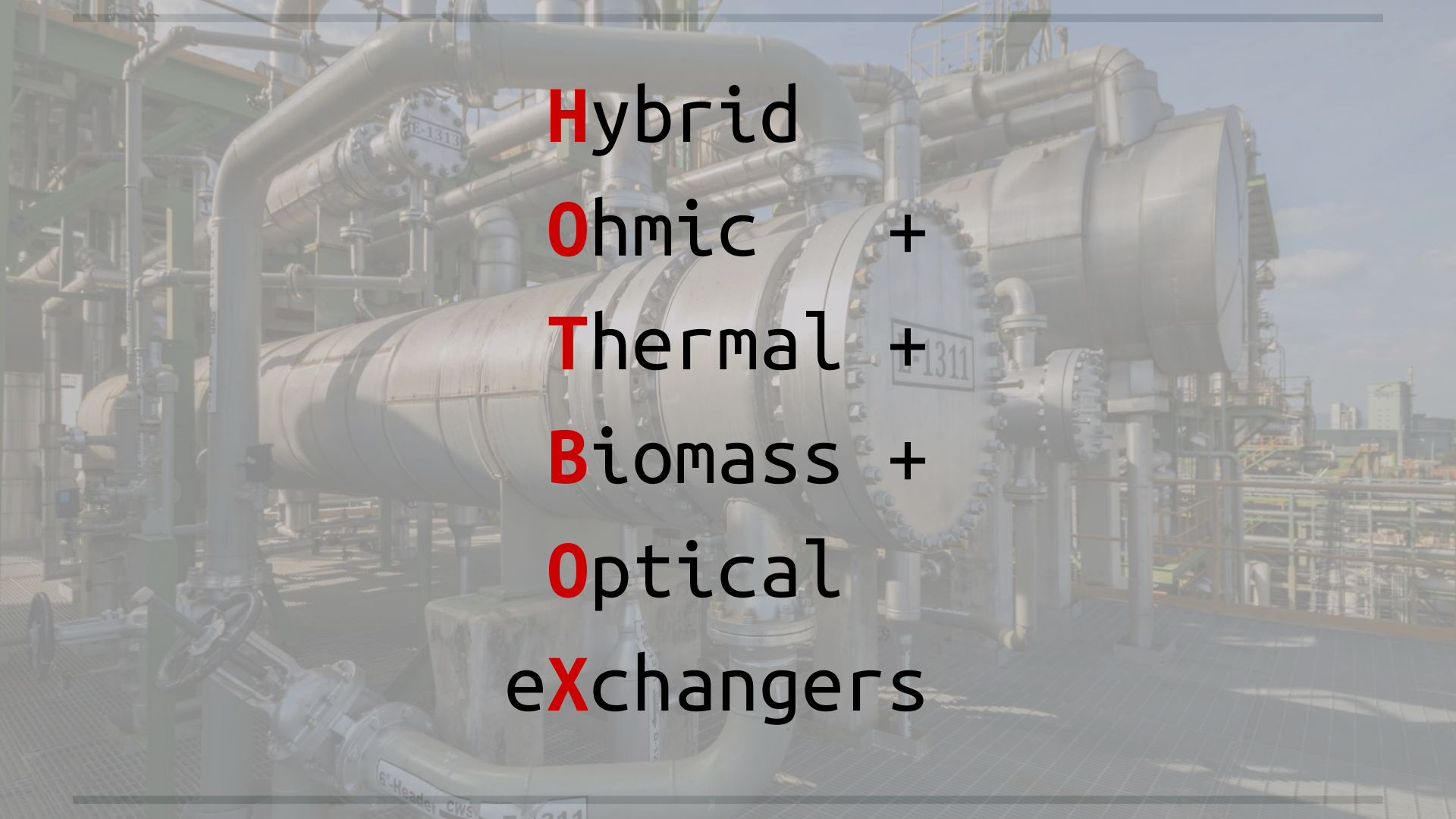
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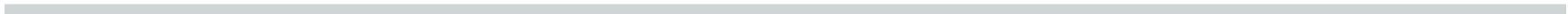
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A photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, featuring a complex network of large, cylindrical heat exchangers and pipes. The equipment is made of metal and is situated on a platform with a metal grating floor. In the background, there are more industrial structures and a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image, with the first letter of each word in red.

**H**ybrid  
**O**hmic +  
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**B**iomass +  
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**eX**changers







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# Bonus Slides

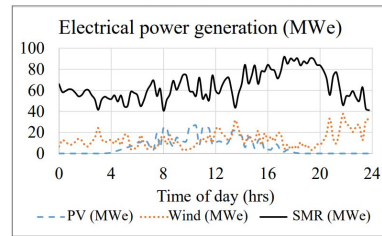
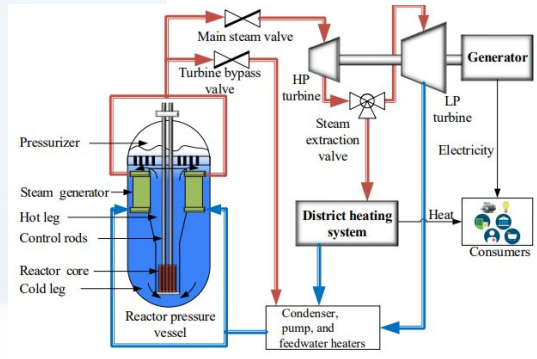
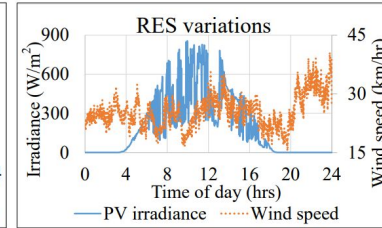
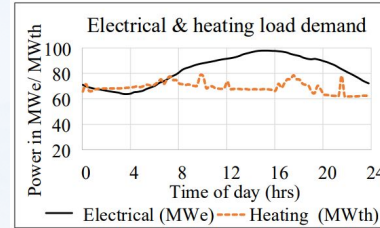
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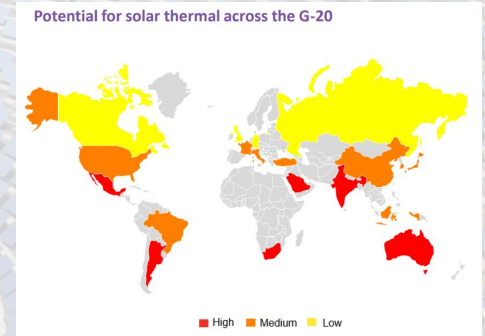
# Nuclear Heating

- Small Modular Reactor (SMR) hybridization with PV has been studied



# Challenges for CSP

- Localized, intermittent
- Difficulty of TES
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-gen nitrates: decompose at ~560 C
  - Chloride salts: good to 800 but corrosive w/ H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Solid-particle: good to >800 but parasitic energy cost of fluidization, particle loss, accelerated abrasion
  - Latent/TCES is so goddamn messy
- T limitation: parabolics hard to break 550, can get to 700 C w/ next-gen insulation but emittance is just too high
  - Power towers can get to 800~1000?





# Concentrated Solar Heating

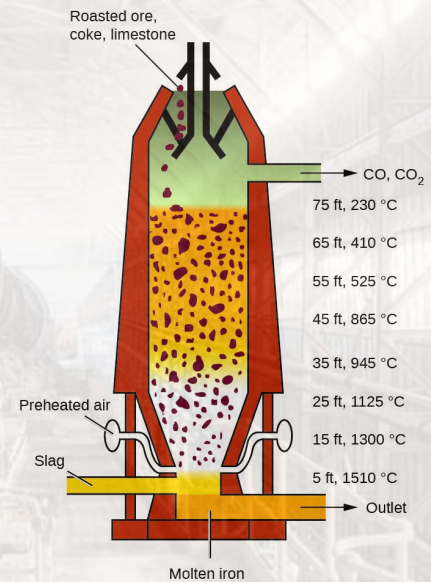
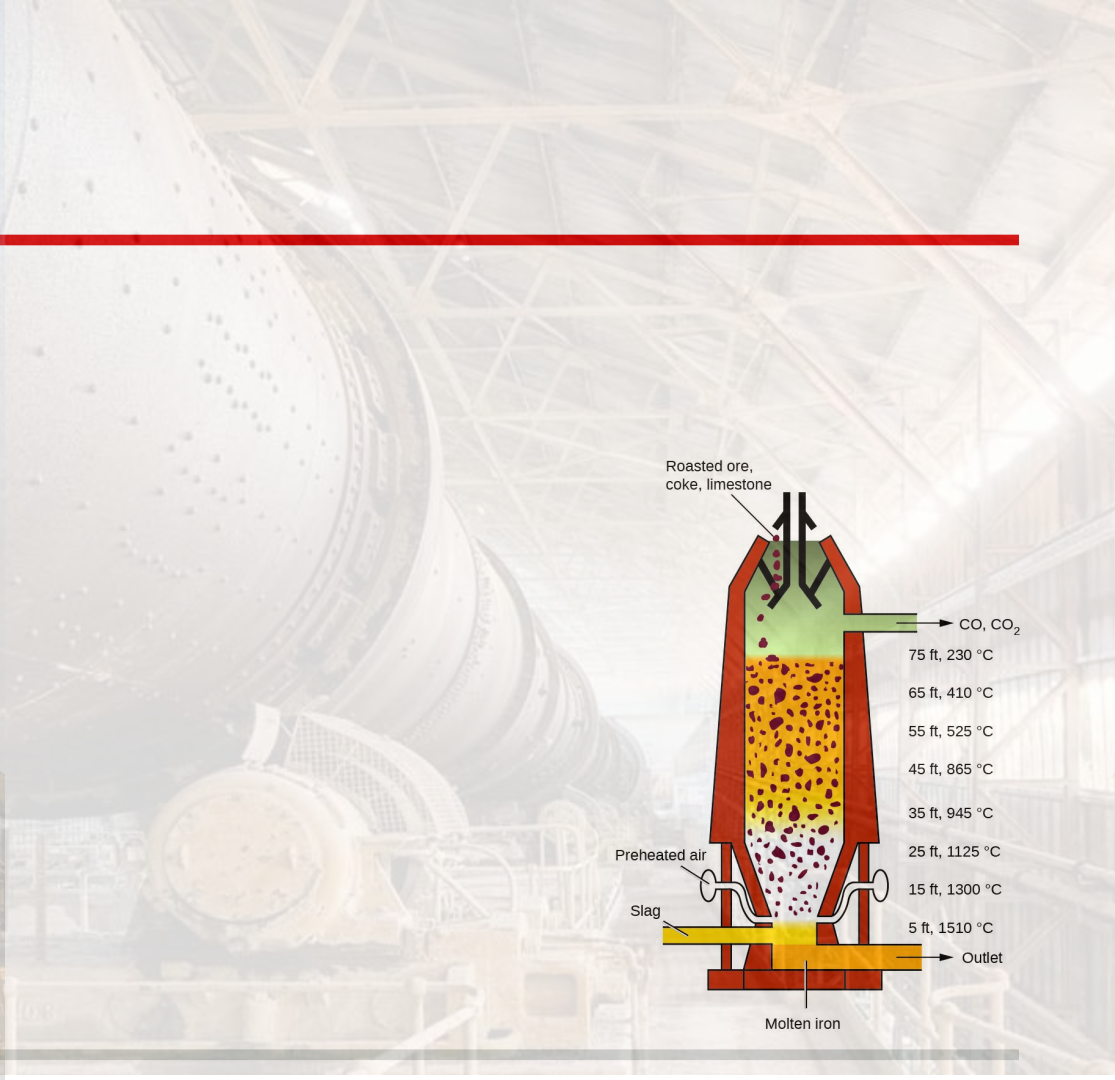
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Consolidate CSP preheating (receiver-reactors)

Challenge: good receivers by definition have good emissivity (high SA), are near ideal black-bodies

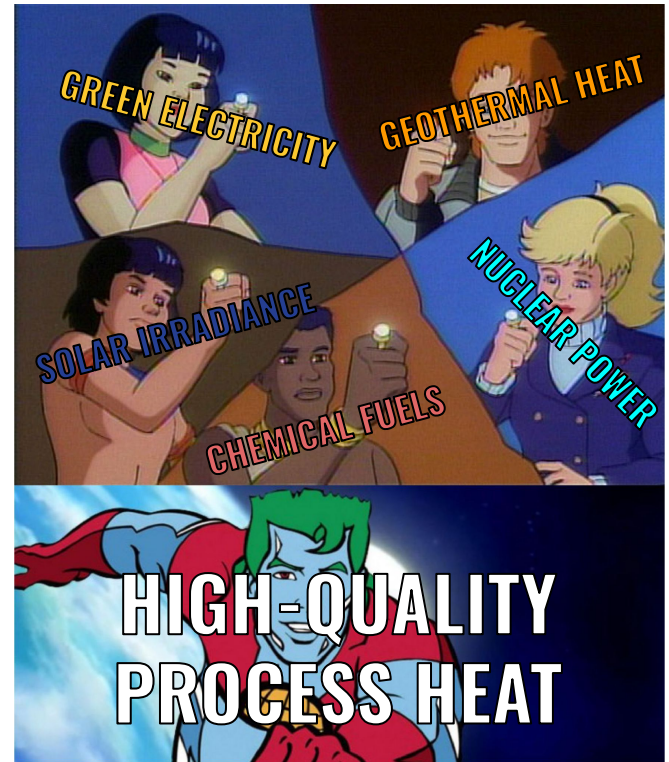
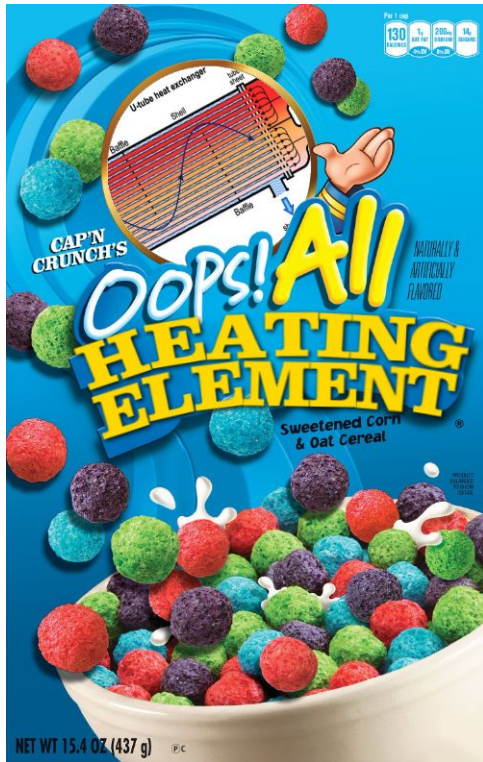
→ will radiate heat well, poor HXers

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# why did i make this





# Traditional

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- Historically, Ohmic heating is rarely used because electricity is among the most expensive forms of energy
    - This calculus would change if PV fell to 2¢/kWh
  - Widespread Ohmic heating still has problems:
    - Intermittency (still needs to function cheaply at night)
    - Mechanism of Ohmic heat transfer is not great!
      - $\text{MoSi}_2$  elements (good to 1200 C) are expensive, fragile, and can burn out easily
  - Solution: 3-D electroceramic elements -- no single point of failure!
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# Ohmic Heating

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Electroceramics/thermoelectrics:

HXers that are also Ohmic heating elements

Additive manufacturing:

Allows for next-gen HX designs (gyroids)

Compatibility with electroceramics?

Heat element design:  $\text{MoSi}_2$ , others?

Challenge: cost, control systems

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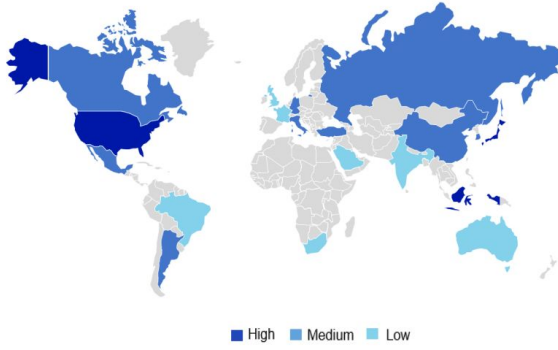
# Overview

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1. Motivation (industrial decarb)
  2. Incumbent tech
    - a. HXers, boilers, arc furnaces
    - b. Flaws of CSP, geothermal, PV/wind
  3. Inspiration (Hybrid CSP/geothermal)
    - a. Hybrid Energy Systems (MISO)
  4. CSP for boiler feedwater
  5. Ohmic exchangers
    - a. Challenges of industrial Ohmic heating
    - b. Additive manufacture of electroceramics
    - c. Triply periodic minimal surface HXers
    - d. Ohmic control systems (analogy to arc furnaces)
  6. Outlook
    - a. Compatibility with HITEMMP and Topologies
  7. Example projects and metrics
  8. HOTBOX
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# Inspiration: hybrid geothermal/CSP

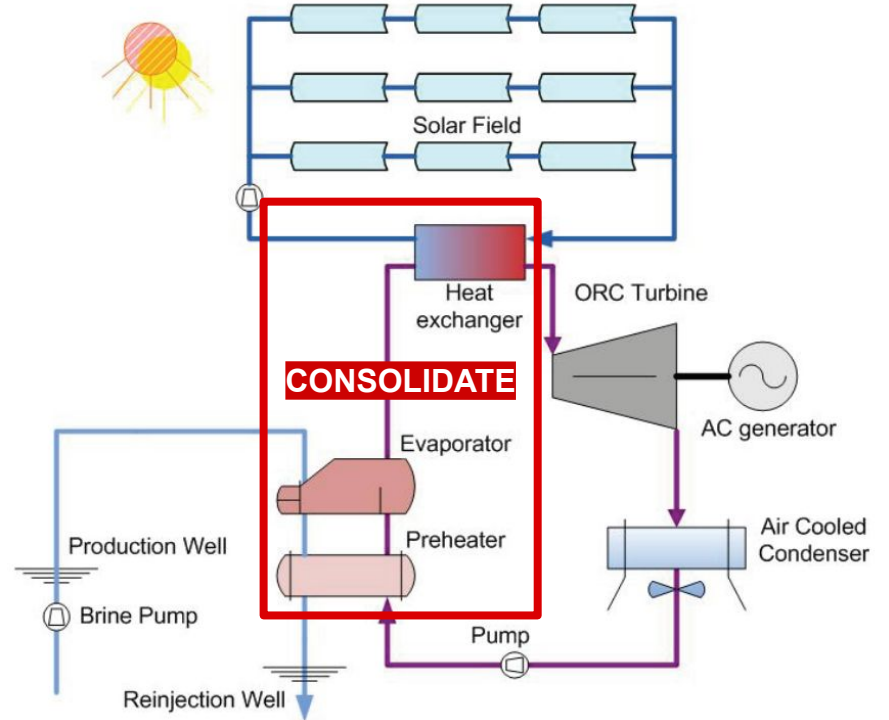
Potential for deep geothermal across the G-20



geothermal  
saturated,  
etc.  
T slowly

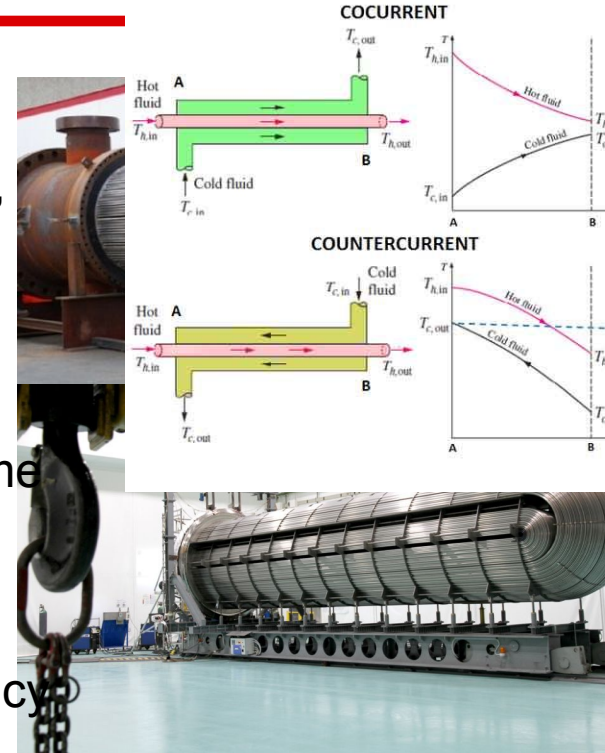
drops over time

○ → supplement w/ CSP



# Exergetics Define System Viability

- Series of HXers required
  - Feedwater heater, flue gas heater, superheater,
  - Series of fluids of increasing T
- Very very big!
  - Compact HXers have low market penetration
  - Difficult to compact b/c mass flow, residence time
- $Q = U \cdot A \cdot LMTD$   $Q = U \times A \times LMTD$ 
  - Need to minimize TD for direct heat transfer
  - series of HXers needed for exergetic efficiency



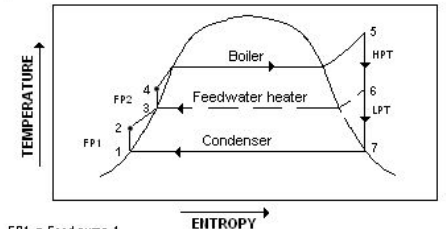
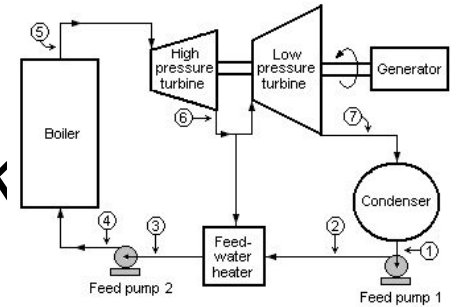
# Boilers / Combustive Heating

Replace feedwater heaters w/ e.g. CSP

Temp ranges:

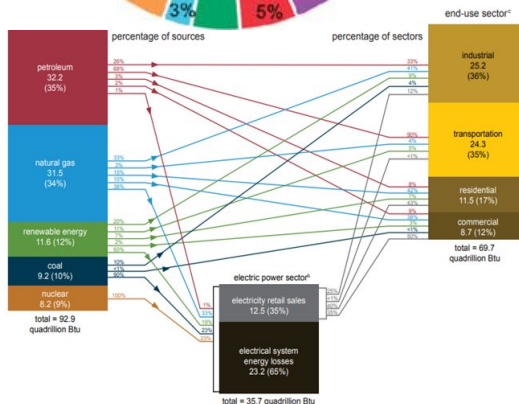
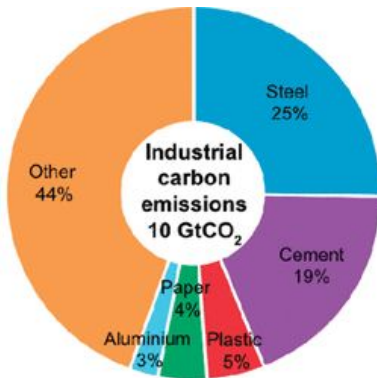
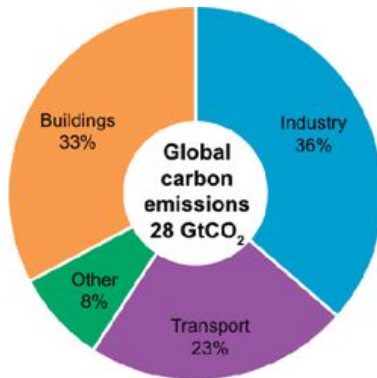
Hydrocarbons (methane, LPG, k diesel, oil...biofuels?): all  $\sim 2000$  C

Hydrogen:  $\sim 2000$  C (air); 2660 C

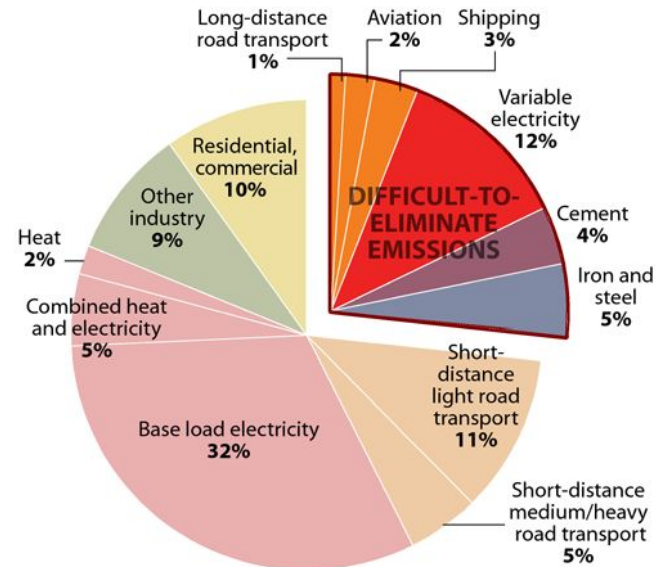


Deshmukh, Y. V. *Industrial Heat*

FP1 = Feed pump 1  
FP2 = Feed pump 2  
HPT = High pressure turbine  
LPT = Low pressure turbine



**GLOBAL FOSSIL FUEL AND INDUSTRY EMISSIONS**  
33.9 gigatons CO<sub>2</sub>, 2014

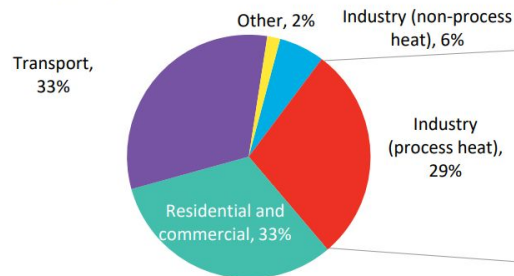


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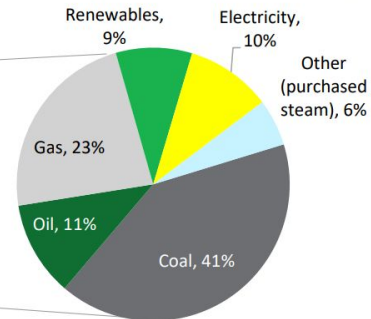
~2/3rds of industrial energy consumption is for process heat (~30 quads)

10~20% of anthropogenic emissions

Industrial heat use relative to global final energy consumption, 2018



Global industrial heat production by fuel source, 2018



Solar Thermal Process Heat (SPH) Generation. In *Renewable Heating and Cooling*; 2016; pp 41–66.  
Decarbonizing Industrial Low- to Medium-Temperature Heat. *BloombergNEF*, 2021.



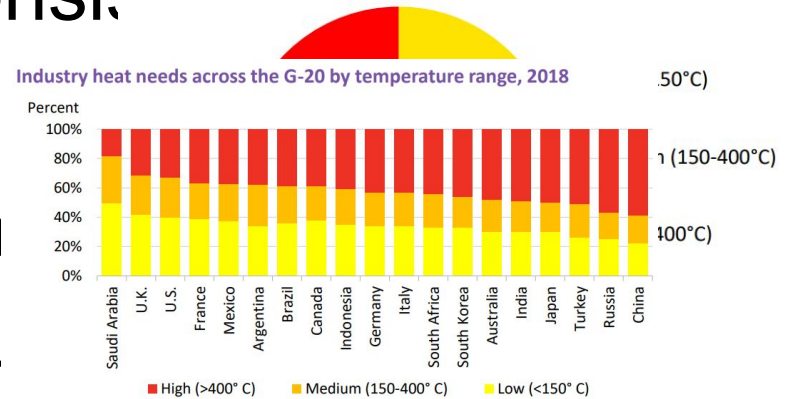
# Challenge/Inherency

Process heat requires consistent heat

e.g. iron+concrete (significant industrial emissions) require

Intermittent renewables provide low-quality heat (e.g. CSP Ts barely up to 700 C)

Global industrial heat demand by temperature, 2018



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incumbent sustainable energy sources can't decarbonize high-T industrial reactions (~10% of anthropogenic emissions) without revolutionary breakthroughs. but with hybrid heat exchangers you synchronize multiple sustainable energy inputs to achieve the same effect but without having to hit moonshot targets for any of the constituent energy systems

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## Types of energy input:

- CSP
  - Combustion
  - Ohmic (electricity) -- PV, wind
  - Geothermal
  - Nuclear
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# Advantages and disadvantages:

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- CSP: T limited (<550~850 C)
  - Combustion: needs CCS for near net-0
  - PV, wind: intermittent
  - Geothermal: localized
  - Nuclear: CAPEX, waste
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# New technologies

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Modular/Hybrid heat exchangers that take multiple energy inputs simultaneously

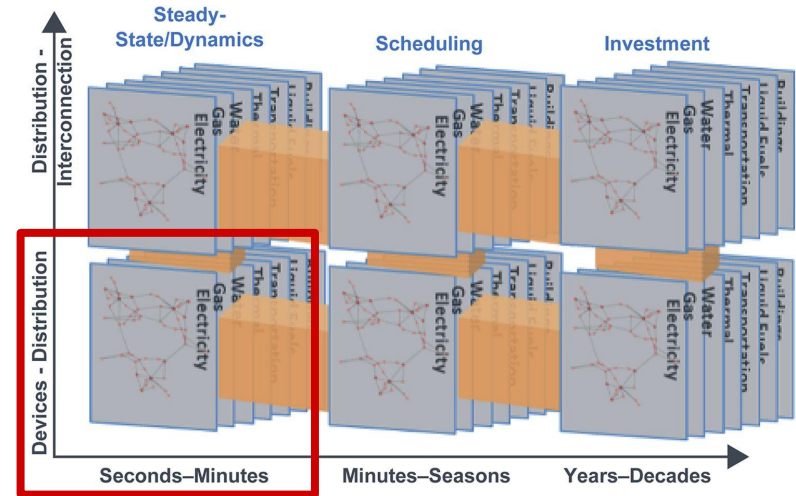
E.g. geothermal/CSP for sustainable “baseload” heat

combustion/Ohmic heating for “last-mile” heating

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# Control Systems Targets

Material requirements  
Control requirements  
Technoeconomics?



# Ohmic Heating: Elements

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- Typical resistivity:  $0.01\text{--}1\ \Omega\cdot\text{m}$ 
  - Need to match impedance with available power
  - Good match for rods  $\sim 1\text{m}$  long,  $\sim 1\text{cm}$  diameter
  - Can be modulated by doping (e.g. SrO in  $\text{LaCrO}_3$ )
  - Resistors are typically  $10^3\text{--}10^8\ \Omega$ , conductors are typically  $<10^{-6}\ \Omega\cdot\text{m}$
  - $11\ \text{cm}\ 10^5\ \Omega$  resistor from  $10^{-6}\ \Omega\cdot\text{m}$  material would require  $10^{-12}\ \text{m}^2$  cross-sectional area (i.e.  $1\ \mu\text{m} \times 1\ \mu\text{m}$ )  $\rightarrow$  material design needs to fit physical use case
  - This is doable because electrical  $\rho$  spans  $\sim 15$  orders of magnitude (thermal  $\kappa$  spans  $\sim 5$ )
- Refractories:
  - resistant to decomposition by heat, pressure, or chemical attack, retains strength and form at high temperatures
  - 70% of all refractories used in iron/steel
- Service life depends on atmosphere, glaze

# Incumbent Technologies

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- This is kinda already done at small scale
    - H<sub>2</sub> SOEC goes in at 800 C, comes out at 750 C
    - Recycle 750 C output stream
    - Uses Ohmic heating for last 50 C of heating
      - Requires 3 separate HXers!!
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# HX metrics

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Heat exchanger specific/volumetric power density ( $\text{kW}_{\text{th}}/\text{kg}$  &  $\text{kW}_{\text{th}}/\text{m}^3$ )

Mean time-to-failure (MTTF)

Manufacturability ( $\text{\$}\cdot\text{K}/\text{kW}_{\text{th}}$ )

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# Metrics/Technoeconomics

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- Process heat:
  - Highest accessible T
  - $\phi/\text{kWh}_{\text{th}}$  (as a function of process T)
- Hybrid capacity factor:
  - Avg. % of time system is operating at or above full rated output of its most energetic system
- Just plain # of energy inputs

# Material Targets

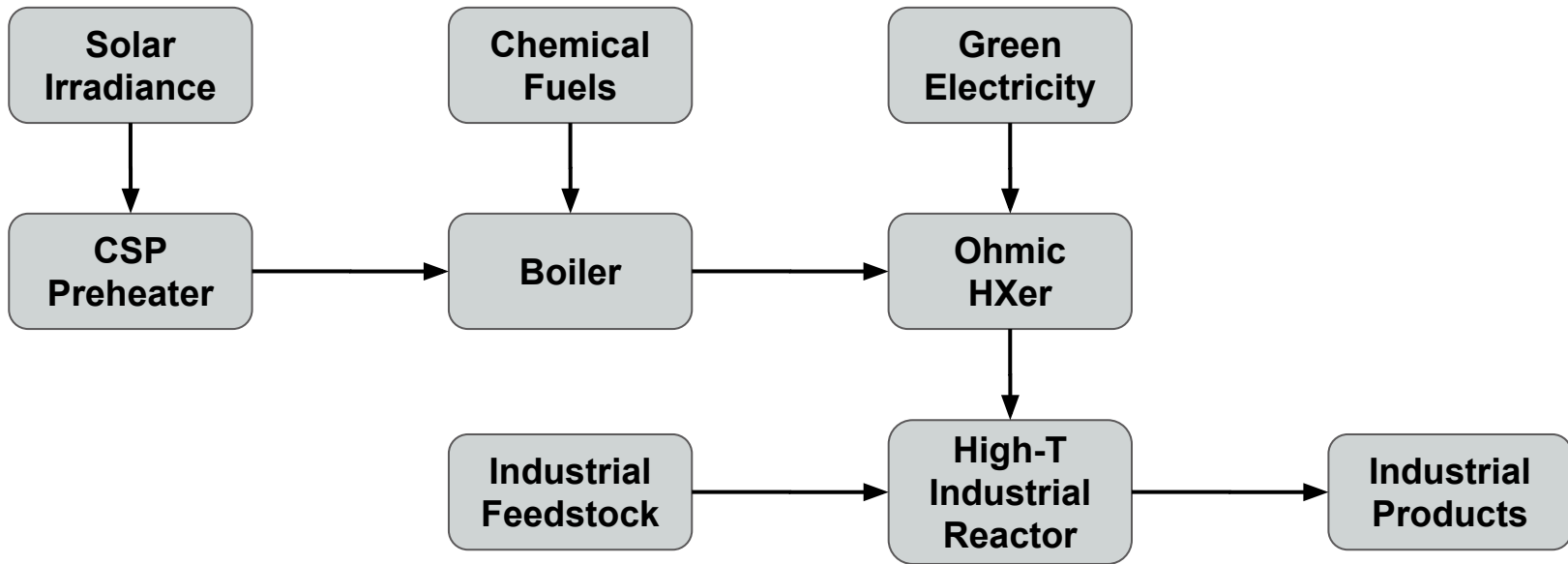
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- T stability (MP, thermal shock, oxidation)
- Mechanical strength (tough for ceramics)
- Thermoelectrics:  $ZT \sim 10$
- Cost of heating elements / electroceramics

# Metrics/Technoeconomics

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- Cement: 4-5 GJ/ton
  - Responsible for 40% of total cost
  - 222 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / ton cement (due to energy)
  - 530 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / ton cement (decarbonation)



# Extant ARPA-E projects

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HITEMMP:

<https://arpa-e.energy.gov/technologies/programs/hitemmp>

Topologies:

<https://arpa-e.energy.gov/technologies/exploratory-topics/topology-optimization>

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