# Grid Integrated Buildings Decarb + Efficiency

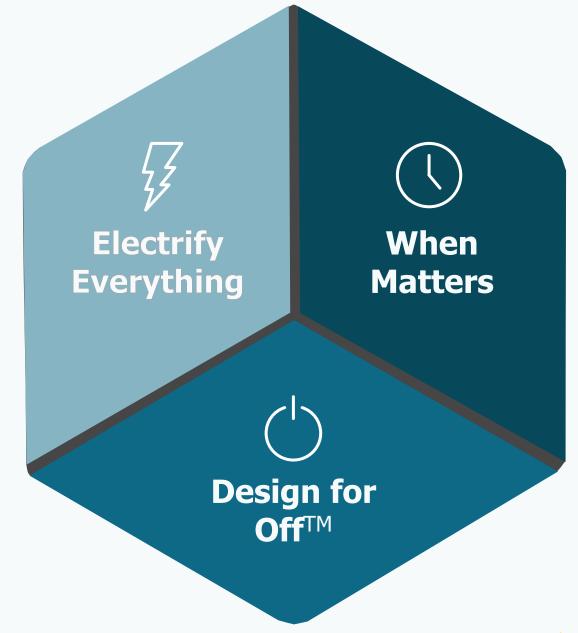
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#### Ecotope is...

+ A research and engineering firm providing leadingedge MEP solutions to decarbonize buildings locally, regionally, and nationally.





#### Our Design Approach



## **ELECTRIFY BUILDINGS**

A building design approach that focuses on load reduction and smart building controls to reduce energy consumption by up to 50% over business-asusual strategies.



## **DESIGN FOR OFF**<sup>™</sup>

A focus on reducing future fossil fuel demands in buildings. All-electric buildings allow direct use of renewable energy.

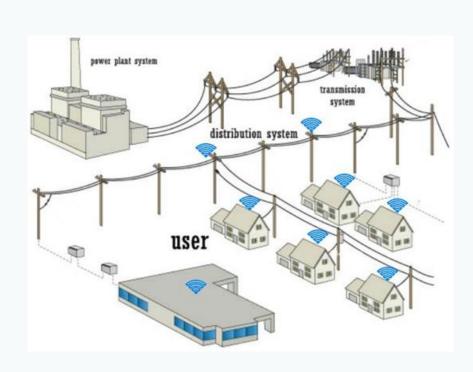


#### WHEN MATTERS™

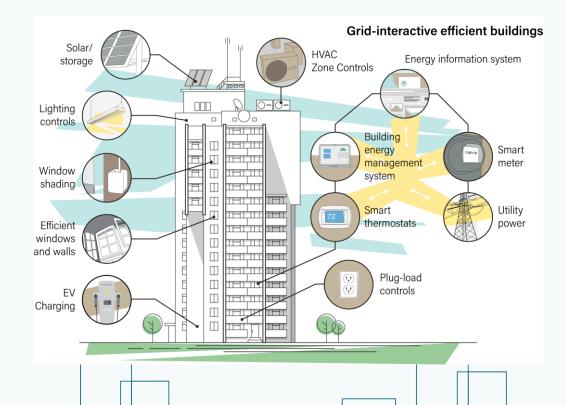
Important for buildings as electrification will create grid congestion and force time-of-use rates for peak-power events. Ecotope is focused on setting up building systems to shift away from peak times.



## Utility scale grid modernization or efficiency + grid integration



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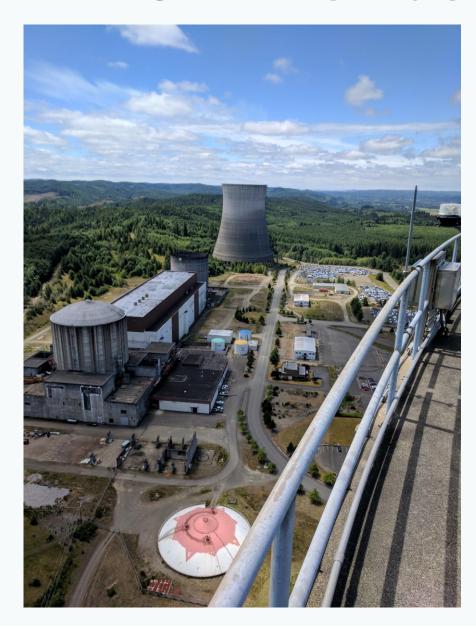


**Grid** integrated

make room.

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#### **Learn from the Past?**



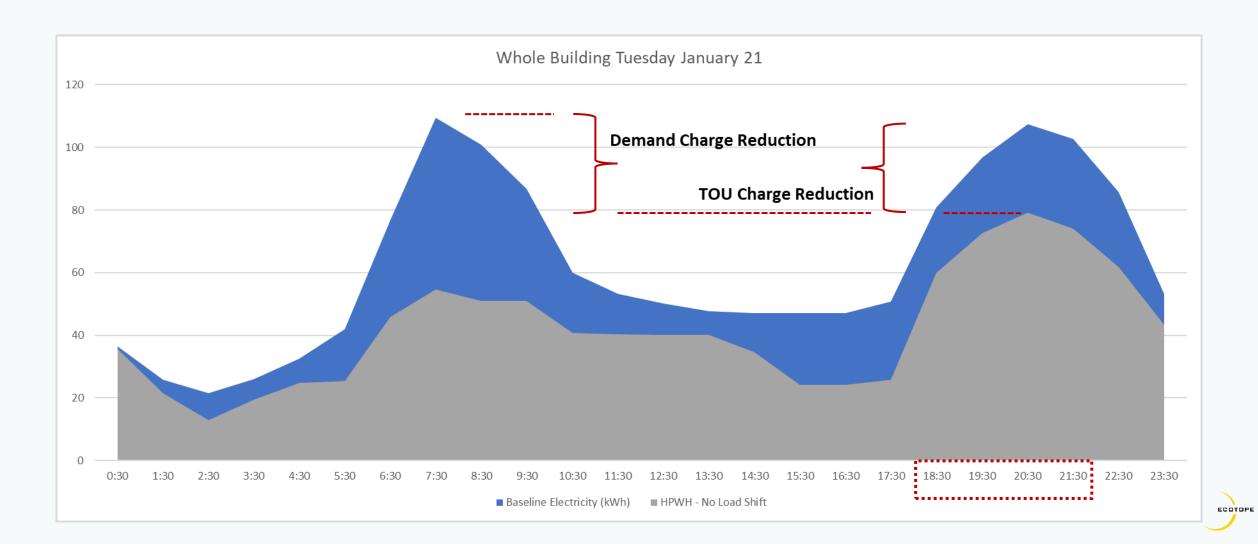
**WPPSS 2 – Nuclear Power WA State 1983** 

Conservation was the cheaper kwh, project was scrapped.



#### MF whole building load shape w/CHPWH

One technology delivers 17% energy savings and 25%-40% peak demand reduction



# Decarb Case Studies





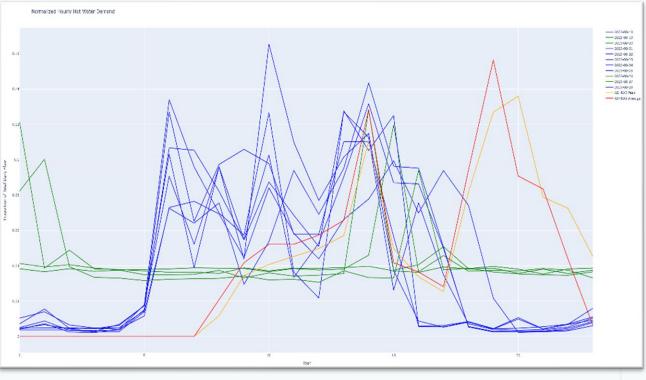
## Big Tech Commercial Kitchen Decarb



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Existing DHW system

650 MBH Gas Boiler – 80% eff.

500 Gallon Horizontal HWS tank



SYSTEM	HEATING CAPACITY	TANK VOLUME	NOTES
EXISTING GAS	650,000 BTU/H	500 GAL	ı
HPWH WITHOUT LOAD SHIFT	170,000 BTU/H	700 GAL	-
HPWH WITH LOAD SHIFT 4-9PM	250,000 BTU/H	1000 GAL	1

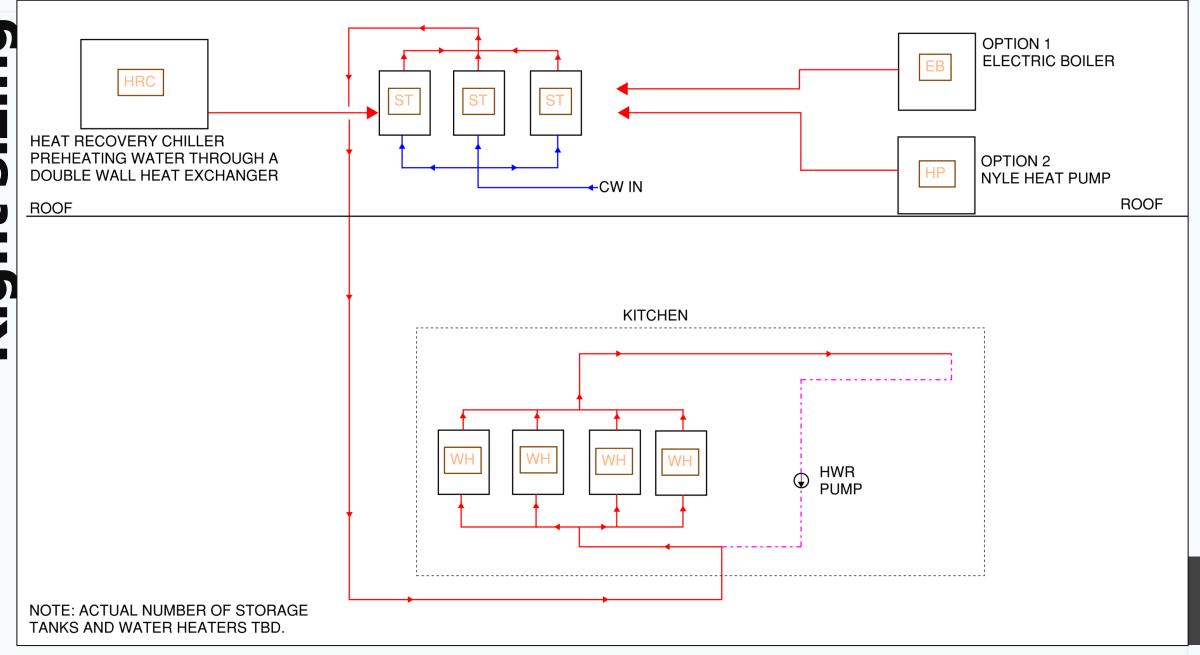
#### NOTES:

1. DESIGN IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET DEMAND BASED ON AVERAGE OF DATA PROVIDED. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING THE HIGHEST DAY DEMAND, THIS DESIGN WILL SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURE 80% OF LOAD SHIFT DAYS. TO MEET 95% OF LOAD SHIFTING DAYS 4-9PM, WE CAN INCREASE THE TANK VOLUME TO 1,400GAL.

#### **Ecosizer 2.0 – Custom Load Shapes**

- Like for Like HP replacement 54 Tons
- Optimized sizing 14 Tons
- Factor of 4 smaller capacity









## Bayview Tower

An innovative skidmounted CHPWH system brings high-efficiency and grid flexibility to existing affordable housing.



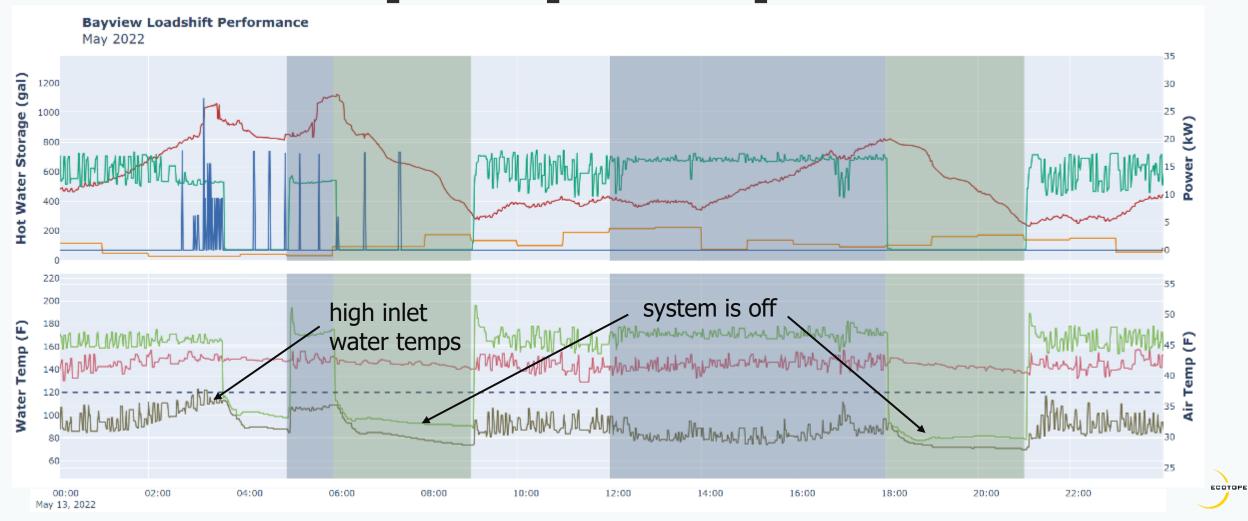
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- + Operates 3x more efficiently with a COP of 3.0
- + Uses carbon dioxide (CO2) with a global warming potential of 1
- + Expected cost savings ~\$15,000/yr.



# Ideal system behavior -heat pump temperatures







## Sitka Public Library

Making the shift from fuel oil to clean electricity



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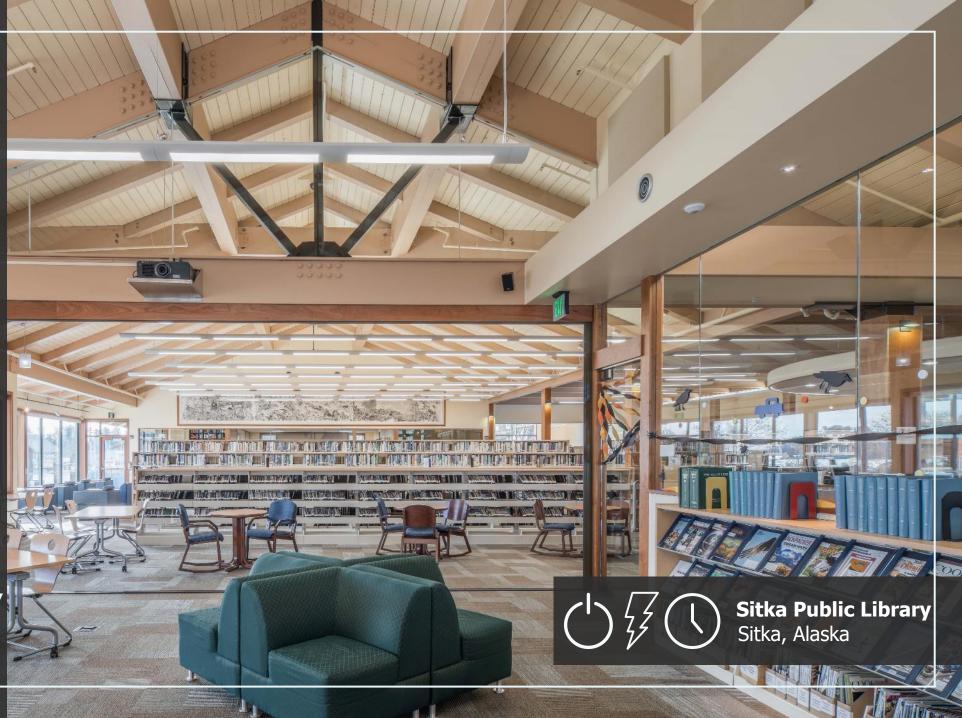
#### **EUI:** 99 > 32 kBtu/sf/yr

#### **Project Highlights**

- + Reno Added 50% more space and cut EUI by 2/3.
- + Super Insulation (4" Rigid)
- + Variable Refrigerant Flow Heat pump (VRF) Hydronic
- + Radiant floor heating
- + Very High Efficiency (VHE)Dedicated Outdoor AirSystem (DOAS)
- + Heat pump water heater server room sourced

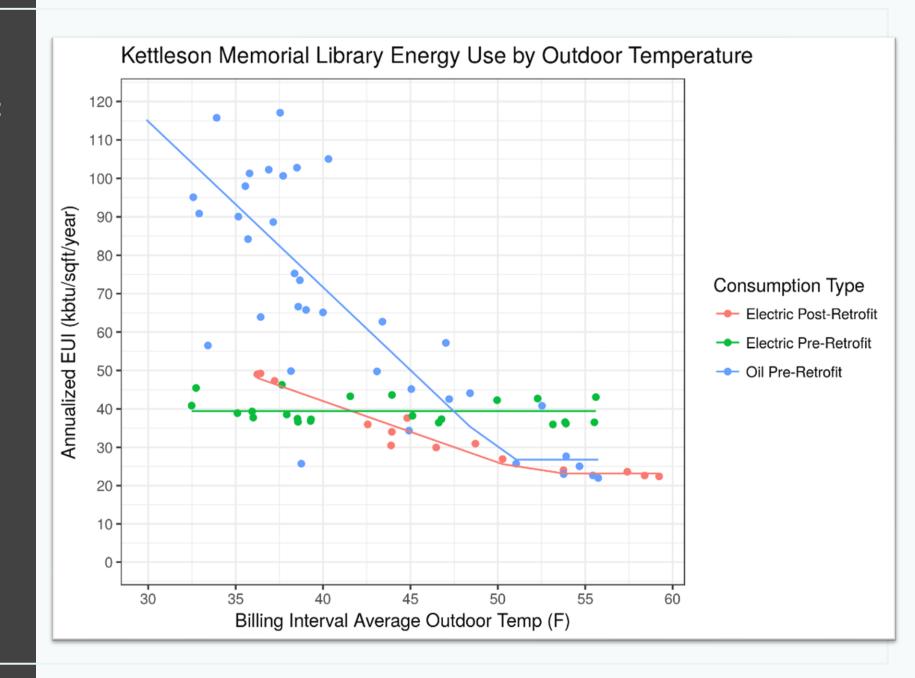
#### And...

+ 1st place, ASHRAE Puget
Sound Chapter Technology
Award, Existing, Commercial,
2020

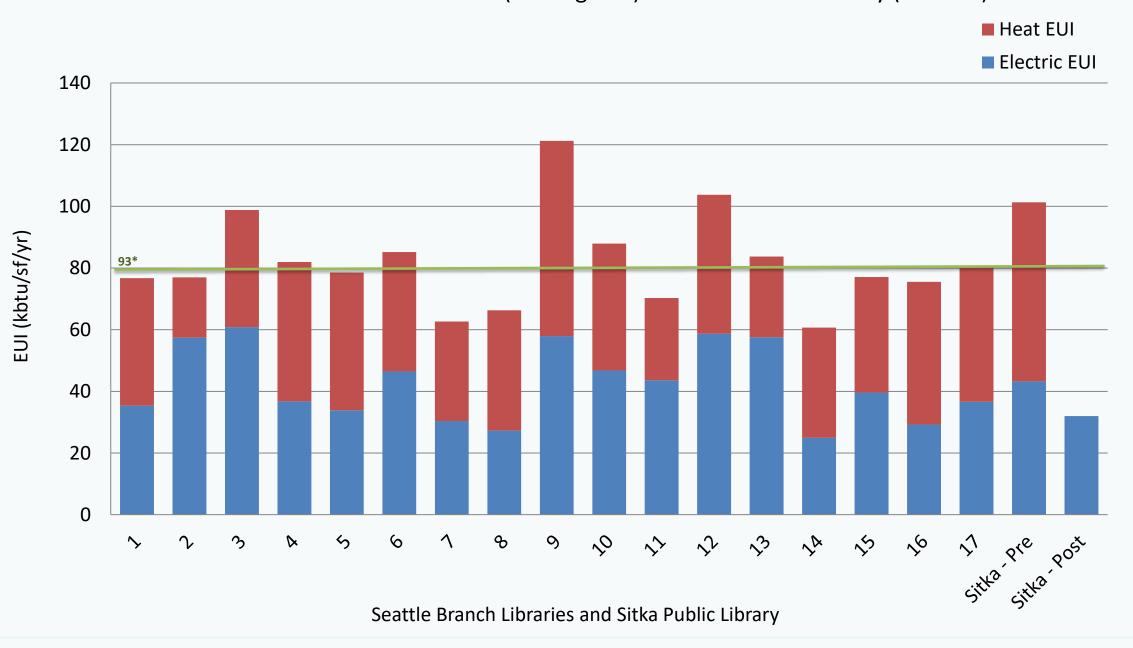




## Change Point Analysis HDD Linear Regression Plot



Benchmark - Seattle Libraries (EUI avg - 81) and Sitka Public Library (EUI - 32)





Pre - 8000 SF, Post 12,000 SF







### King County International Airport

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#### **EUI: 155 > 46 kBtu/sf/yr**

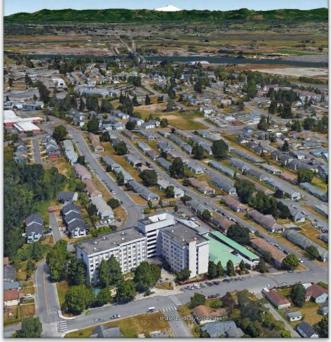
#### **Project Highlights**

- + Variable refrigerant flow heat pump (VRF)
- + Energy recovery ventilator (ERV)
- + Dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS)
- + Fossil fuel usage for space heating was eliminated
- + Overall energy use was reduced by 70%

#### And...

+ 2020 ASHRAE Chapter Technology Award, Commercial Buildings—Existing





**Aspirations:** 

1500 Units/12 Buildings

CO2 HPWH

**CO2 Space Heat/Cool** 

**Resiliency Microgrid** 

**Solar PV** 

100% EV Coverage

V2G





# Development Grid Integrated Community

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#### Pasadena 77 Unit Senior Living



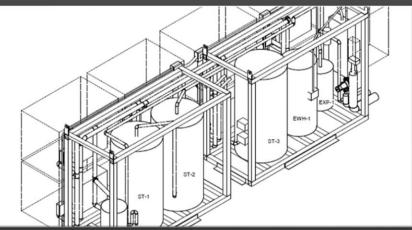


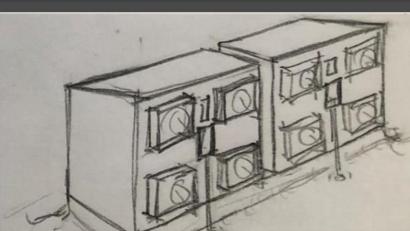
#### **50T** > **8T** Fix



## WaterDrop Systems

+ Designed and developed by Ecotope and Small Planet Supply

















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