





Renewable heating and cooling: technology trends & policy perspectives

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Project background

Renewable Cooling under the Revised Renewable Energy Directive.
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 Renewable Space Heating under the Revised Renewable Energy Directive. ENER/C1/2018-494, December 2019 – August 2021



- Overview of District Heating and Cooling Markets and Regulatory Frameworks under the Revised Renewable Energy Directive. ENER/C1/2018-496; January 2020 – October 2021. Lead: Tilia
- Potentials and levels for the electrification of space heating in buildings. ENER/C1/2019-481, November 2020 – June 2022. Lead: Consentec
- Renewable Heating and Cooling Pathways, Measures and Milestones for the implementation of the recast Renewable Energy Directive and full decarbonisation by 2050. ENER/C1/2019-482, November 2020 – June 2022. Lead: Öko-Institut

Renewable Cooling

Technology mapping

Physical form of energy input	Basic working principles	Phase of the working fluid	Refrigerant/heat transfer medium	Specific physical process/device	Cooling technology	Space and/or Process Cooling application
					Active Passive Passive	PC SC/PC
	Thermoelectric	Single phase	Solid	Peltier effect	- 0	
	Thermionic	Single phase	Solid	Thermionic emission	-0	
Electrical	Thermotunnel (Thermotunneling)	Single phase	Solid	Thermionic emission (electrons do not move back to emission point due to a voltage difference)	-0-	
Mechanical	Electrocaloric	Single ph		Electrocaloric effect	-0	
	Electrochemical	Single p		Electrochemical cell	-0	
			99% of current	Lorenz-Meutzner cycle (blends only)	-0	
	Vapour compression	\langle		Transcritical cycle	- 0-	
		e1	market of cooling	Sanderson Rocker Arm Mechanism	-0	
		Single p		Compressor-Condenser-Expander heat pump	-0	
			technologies:	Pulse tube		- 0
				Ejector (jet pump)		
			vapour compression	Vortex tube (Ranque-Hilsch vortex tube)		
				Stirling/Eric(c)son cycles		
	No phase change	Single phase		Reverse Brayton (Bell Coleman cycle)	-0	
				Bernoulli cycle	0	
			Solid	Elastomeric effect	-0	
	Dhara sharas	The share	Liquid/Gaseous (vapour)	(Metastable) Critical flow cycle	-0	
	Phase change	iwo-pnase	Liquid	Membrane heat pump	0	
Acoustic	Thermoacoustic	Single phase	Gaseous	Waves transmission		
Magnetic	Magnetocaloric	Single phase	Solid	Magnetocaloric effect	-0	
				Evaporative liquid desiccant system	-0	
			Liquid	Ground-coupled solid desiccant system		
	Dessicant	Phase change		Stand alone liquid desiccant system	-0	
Chemical			Solid	Stand alone solid desiccant system	-0	
	Chemical	Single phase	Solid/Liquid (e.g. sodium nitrate & H2O)	Heat of reaction		
Potential	Hydraulic	Single phase	Liquid	Potential energy use		
	Refrigerant and liquid sorbent	Phase change (refrigerant)	Liquid	Absorption cycle	-0	
Thermal	Refrigerant and solid sorbent	Phase change (refrigerant)	Solid	Adsorption cycle	- 0	
	Thermal compression	Phase change	Gaseous	Transcritical thermal compression heat pump	- 0	
	Constitute	Circula aliana	Gaseous (e.g. cool air)	Natural convection (heat exchanger - mixing)		•
	Sensible	Single phase	Liquid (e.g. cool H2O)	Natural conduction (heat exchanger)		•
		Thus where	Solid or Solid/Liquid (e.g. melting ice)	Freeze/melt cycle (latent cold storage)		•
Natural -	Latent	rwo-pnase	Liquid/Gaseous (vapour)	Evaporative cooling (water evaporation)	-0	
	Sensible and latent	Single phase	Solid	Enthalpy recovery (heat exchanger)	- 0	
	Sky radiative cooling	Single phase	Solid	Heat emission at µm wave length	• •	•

Taxonomy of cooling technologies

Final energy consumption space cooling, EU27+UK, 2016



Residential:

- Room air conditioners account for the majority of final space cooling consumption: ~ 90%
- Total amount of final energy consumption for space cooling in EU's residential sector: > 20 TWh/y Service sector:
- Central air conditioning prevails: ~ 60%
- Total amount of final energy consumption for space cooling in EU's service sector: > 80 TWh/y

Useful energy demand space cooling, EU-27+UK in different scenarios and according to different sources



Sources: EUCO 3232.5, Heat-Roadmap-Europe, SET-Nav, own analyses

How to define Renewable Cooling?

Cooling systems: energy streams and balance



Proposed calculation of renewable cooling quantity:

$$E_{RES-C} = (Q_{C_{Source}} - E_{INPUT}) \times S_{SPF}$$

sSPF ... Share of cooling to be considered as renewable



Renewable Space Heating and Hot Water Preparation: comparing different technology focus scenarios

Modelling framework for comparing different scenarios

- For each scenario, boundaries for energy carriers in the sector were defined. Within the constraints, the model identifies the cost-minimal constellations.
- This leads to scenarios with a mix of systems in all scenarios, i.e. not to extreme scenarios. Scenarios consider and reflect the suitability of technologies in different buildings as well climatic and regional constellations.



Scenario results: share of heated area by energy carrier, residential and tertiary buildings, EU-27



Scenario results: final energy demand space heating and hot water, residential and tertiary buildings, EU-27



Scenario results: additional primary energy demand, compared to baseline scenario, EU-27

Additional primary energy demand (compared to baseline): Ambient heat (partly solar) in individual heating and district heating H2 and e-fuels imports, wind onshore and PV in the upstream supply sector



PV - Upstream supply sector Solarthermal - Upstream supply sector CSP - Upstream supply sector Ambient heat - Upstream supply sector Geothermal - Upstream supply sector Wind offshore - Upstream supply sector Wind onshore - Upstream supply sector Hydro - Upstream supply sector Nuclear - Upstream supply sector Biomass - Upstream supply sector Waste - Upstream supply sector Lignite - Upstream supply sector Hardcoal - Upstream supply sector E-Fuels - Import - Upstream supply sector Hydrogen - Import - Upstream supply sector Oil - Upstream supply sector Gas - Upstream supply sector Solar Heat - Individual heating systems Ambient Heat & Geothermal - Individual heating systems Biomass - Individual heating systems Coal - Individual heating systems Fuel Oil - Individual heating systems Gas - Individual heating systems Total

Reduced primary energy demand (compared to baseline): Fossil gas, oil, biomass in individual heating Biomass in the upstream supply (mainly district heating)

Conclusions from modelling technology focus scenarios (1)

- E-fuels and H2 need to be pushed into the model. The model tries to minimise the use of these energy carriers due to their high variable costs. The e-fuels scenario leads to the highest primary energy demand.
- Heat pumps tend to be used towards the upper limit, depending also on the building type.
- Biomass heating systems tend to be economically viable. Biomass potentials restrict the use.
- Economic viability of district heating differs between regions. Since district heating was limited to areas with high heat densities and thus lower costs, in these areas district heating is mostly economical.
- Highest renovation activities occur in buildings with H2 and e-fuels, due to their high variable costs. This is in contrast to the current political discussion.

Conclusions from modelling technology focus scenarios (2)

- If measures and the overall system are optimised (according to our modelling approach), the costs do not deliver a clear criteria for a decision, in particular between H2, direct RES and district heating. => Rather, barriers, uncertainties and policy implications should be considered as important additional decision criteria.
- The H2 scenario deemed to be the one with the highest uncertainty and barriers in terms of fuel costs, infrastructure costs and overall market maturity. However, it is not associated with lower costs.
- Best case scenario: exclude H2 and let the models find the economic optimum
- Limitations and uncertainties need to be considered e.g. regarding:
 - Costs and impact of renovation: are assumed as additional costs to renovation measures required for safety and esthetical reasons.
 - Behavioural aspects (some rebound effects are considered, but uncertainties remain)
 - Infrastructure costs, in particular for the H2 scenario

Summary of the RES-space heating project

- Robust strategies across all scenarios:
 - Building renovation
 - Heat pumps
 - District heating in suitable areas
 - At least a partial, if not complete gas phase out (even in e-fuel and H2 scenarios, the amount of gas demand strongly reduces)
- Biomass resource allocation across sectors remains an important policy issue
- Planning of infrastructure is important



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