

Micro-CHP: Avenues for greater market penetration

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Micro-CHP External Engines

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- Stirling
- Rankine
- Brayton

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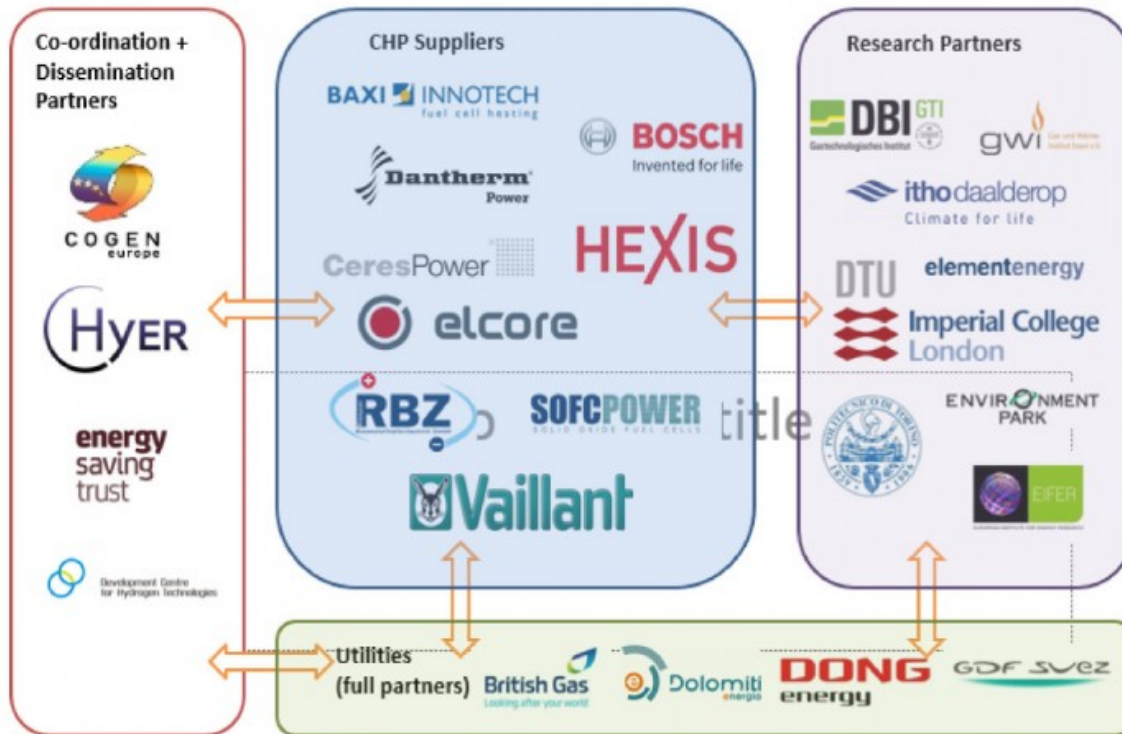
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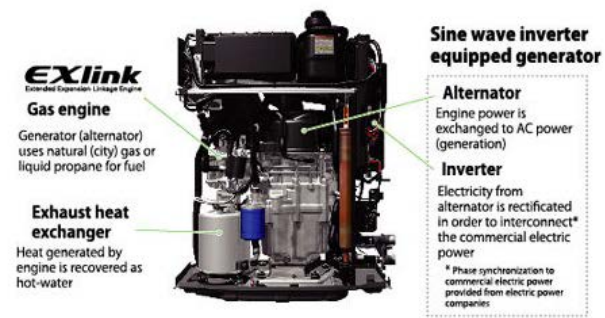
Micro-CHP: IC and Fuel Cell



Source: enefield.eu



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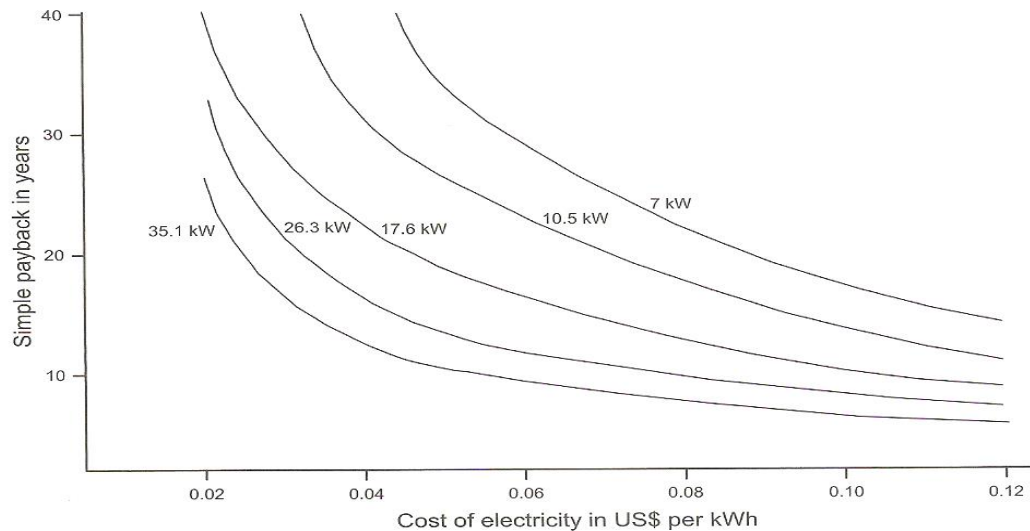


Overcoming Limitations

- ▶ Policy and Incentive (RHI) – more favorable to renewable heat (biomass CHP).
- ▶ Providing income to micro-CHP operator/owners for dispatchable power to avoid building dirty peaking plants.
- ▶ Increasing Heat Demand by using Heat Driven Cooling.
- ▶ Technology breakthroughs that can provide micro-CCHP.

Heat Driven Cooling

Simple Payback for Absorption Chillers



Source: Dickson, 2012

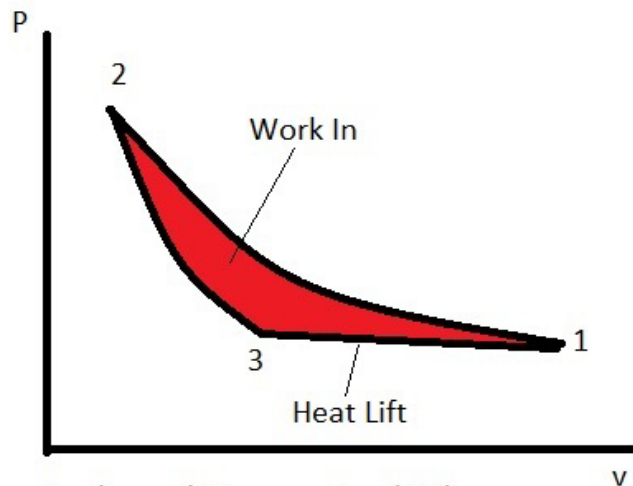
- Single-Stage system use lower temperature
- Dual - Stage can perform better but require higher temperatures.

Yazaki Li Br Chillers
5 RT Chiller is smallest



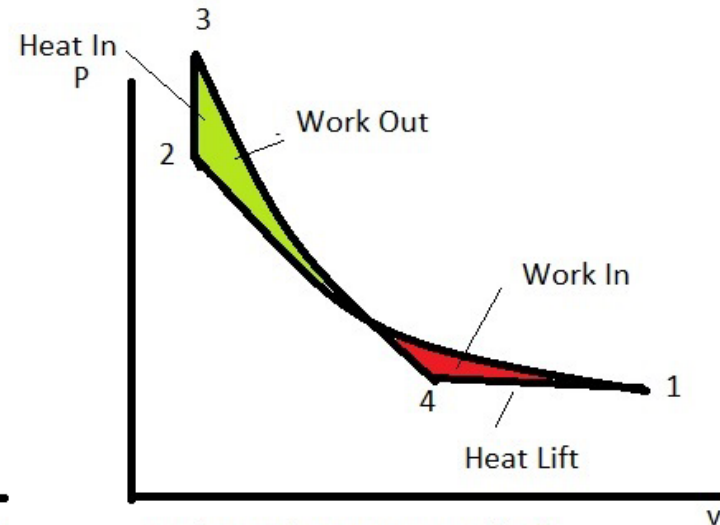
Novel Thermodynamic Cycle

Cooling Mode



Isothermal Compression (1-2)
 No Heat Addition
 Isentropic Expansion (2-3)
 Constant Pressure Heat Addition (3-1)

Cooling & Generation: Alternative CV



Isothermal Compression (1-2)
 Constant Volume Heat Addition (2-3)
 Isentropic Expansion (3-4)
 Constant Pressure Heat Addition (4-1)

This cycle could also have process 4-1 as a constant volume process if closed cycle is used which may be advantageous in many instances.

Expansion and Compression

Conventional Expanders and Compressors like reciprocating pistons, scrolls and vanes do not yield the $>90\%$ isentropic efficiency required to simultaneously generate power and cooling.

This leaves bellows and diaphragms as options but bellows have very large dead volumes in convolutions which would require fillers.

