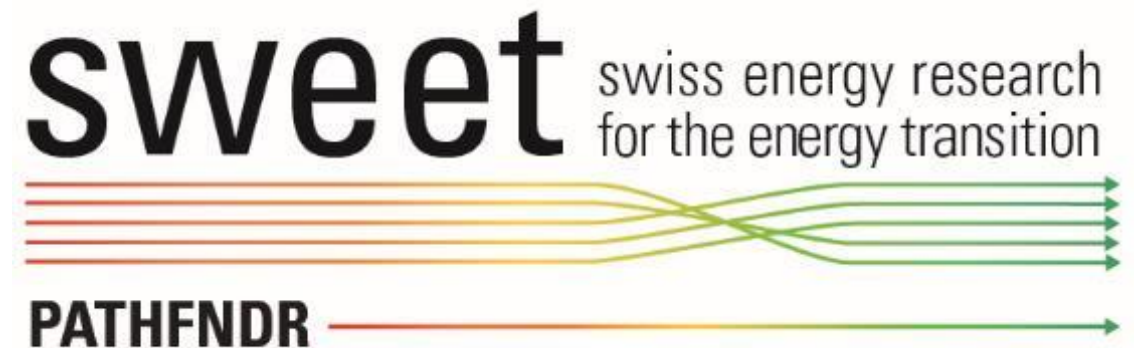


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Agenda



Explain the concept of the nanoverbund for practice
Highlight learnings from the nanoverbund for theory

1

The nanoverbund as an example for heating pump flexibility

2

Community-scale heating grids as an example for ecosystem benefits

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The diagram shows a three-dimensional perspective of a house with a fire alarm system. A thick black line represents the alarm cable, running from a control unit on the left, through the interior, and exiting the house on the right. Red lines indicate the placement of smoke detectors in various rooms. Two circular icons with flames represent fire sources. The entire scene is enclosed within a light blue hexagonal frame.

NANOVERBUND

Our expertise

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Solar



HEAT



E - MOBILITY



ELECTRICITY
100% renewable

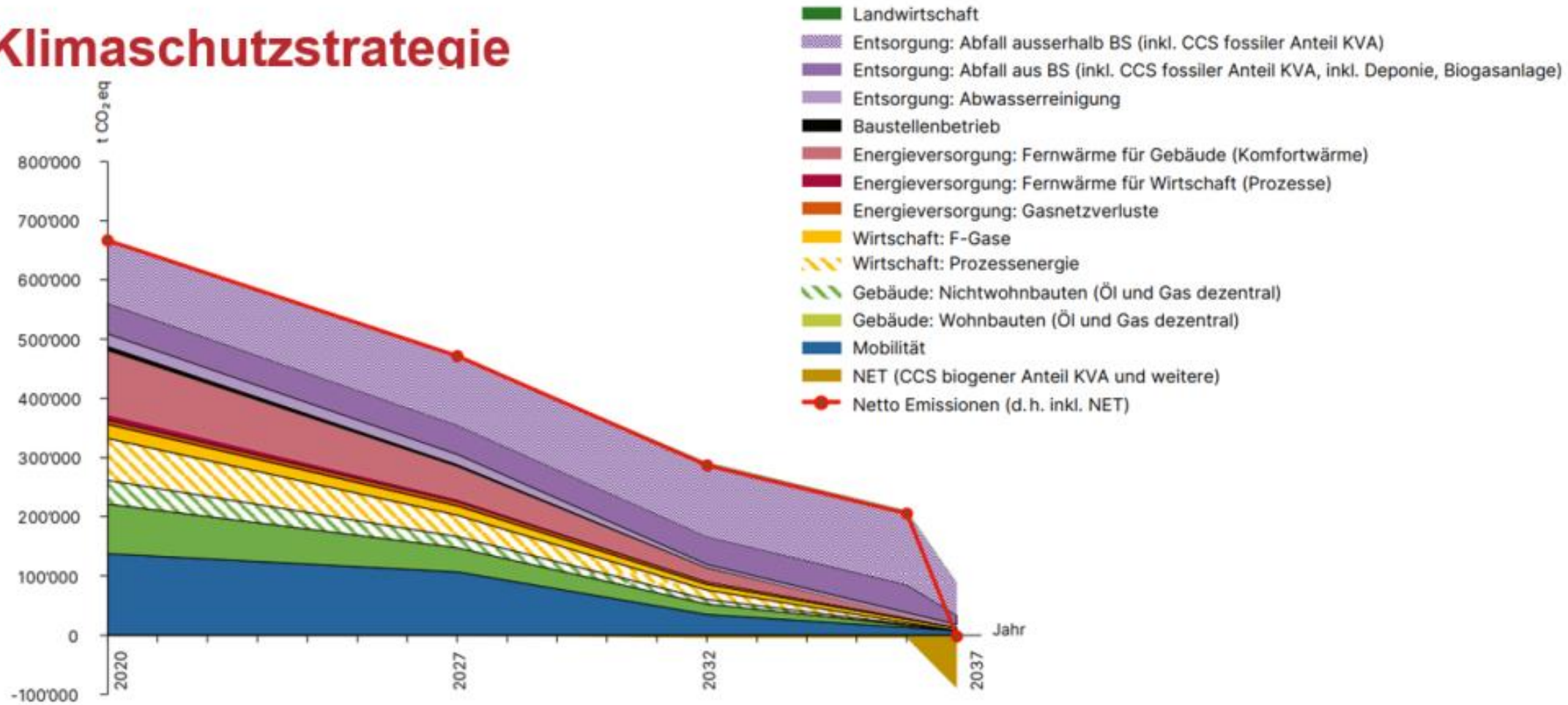


WATER



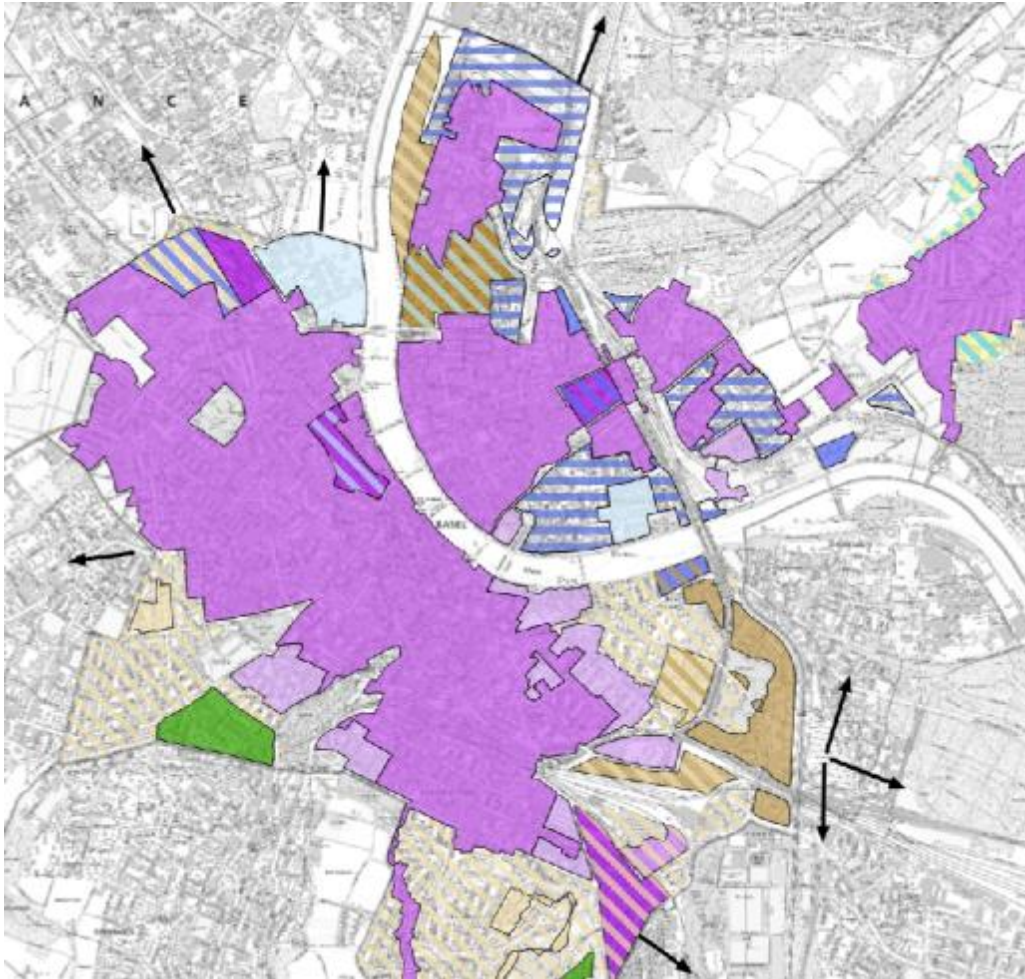
TELEKOM

Klimaschutzstrategie



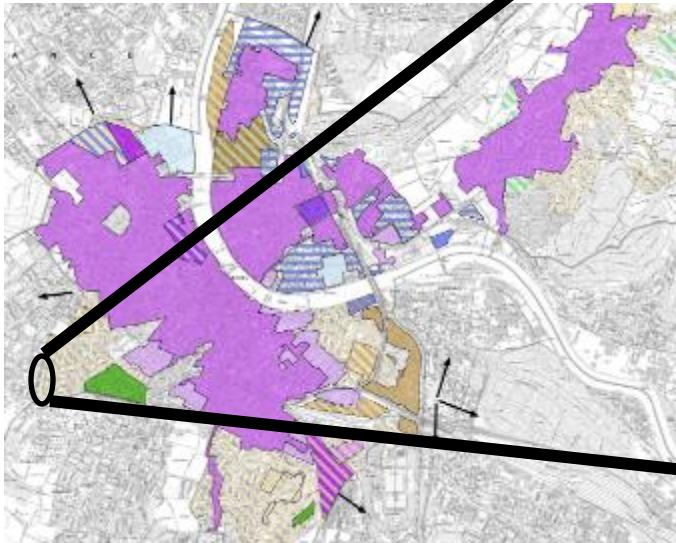


Initial situation



- Fossil heating systems impossible by law
- Gas is being phased out
- District heating too expensive in less populated areas and smaller buildings
- Alternative solutions not always easy to implement
- Older heating systems were often oversized based on rules of thumb and planning data

Areas without district heating connection





Overview Pilot 'Langen Loh'



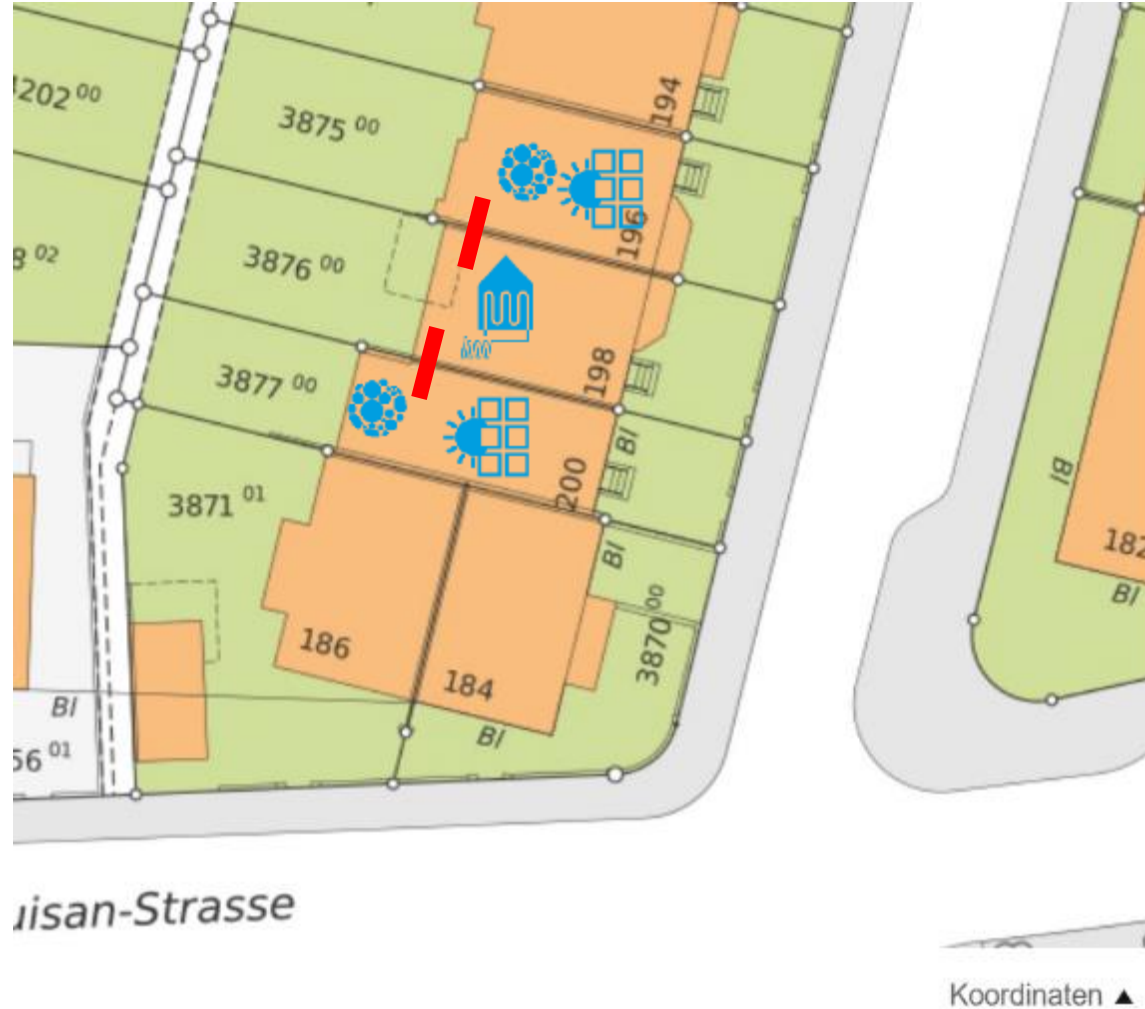
Gas heating



EWS-WP



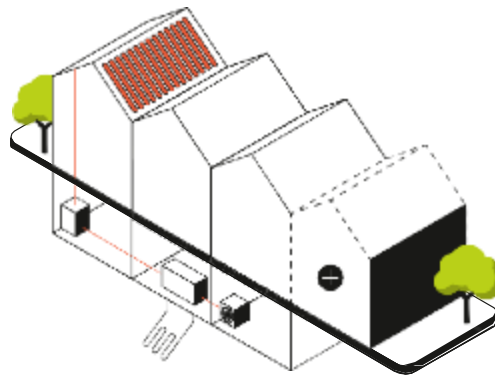
Solar thermal energy





Potential for Switzerland

- Over 75,000 suitable building networks identified
- Savings of 1,079 GWh of fossil energy
- Avoidance of 252,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year without heating replacement

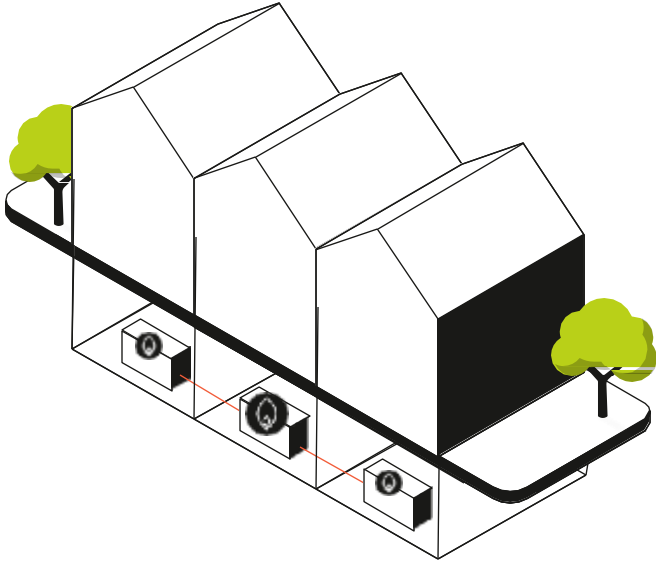


The coordinated design of **heating nanogrids** is more beneficial **for society** than isolated changes in individual building.



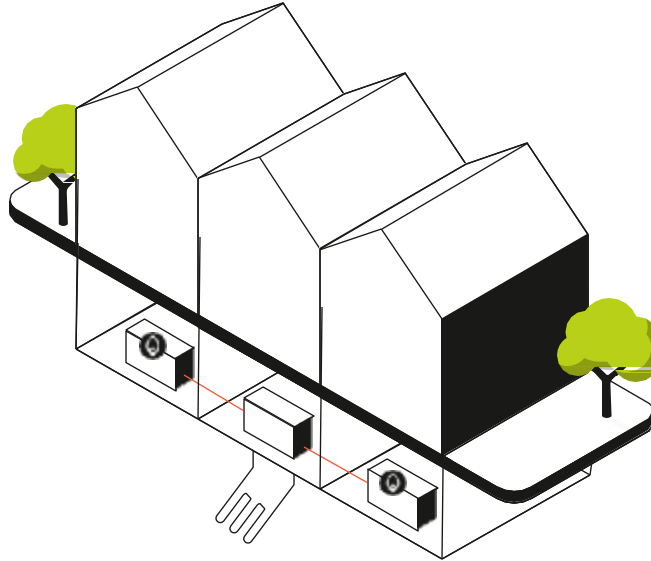
Step by step to climate neutrality

Step 1



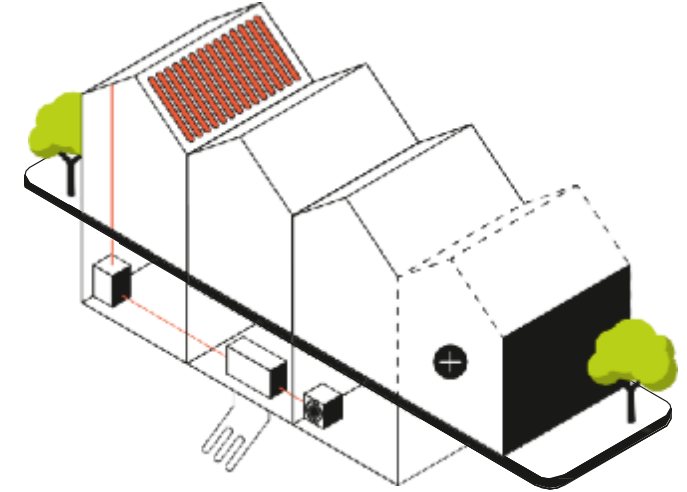
- Connecting existing heating systems
- Measure and optimise
- Up to 20% energy savings
- Minimise the risk of heating failure

Step 2



- Install renewable heating
- Already 91% renewable
- Up to 15% more favourable in operation and investment compared to a single solution

Step 3

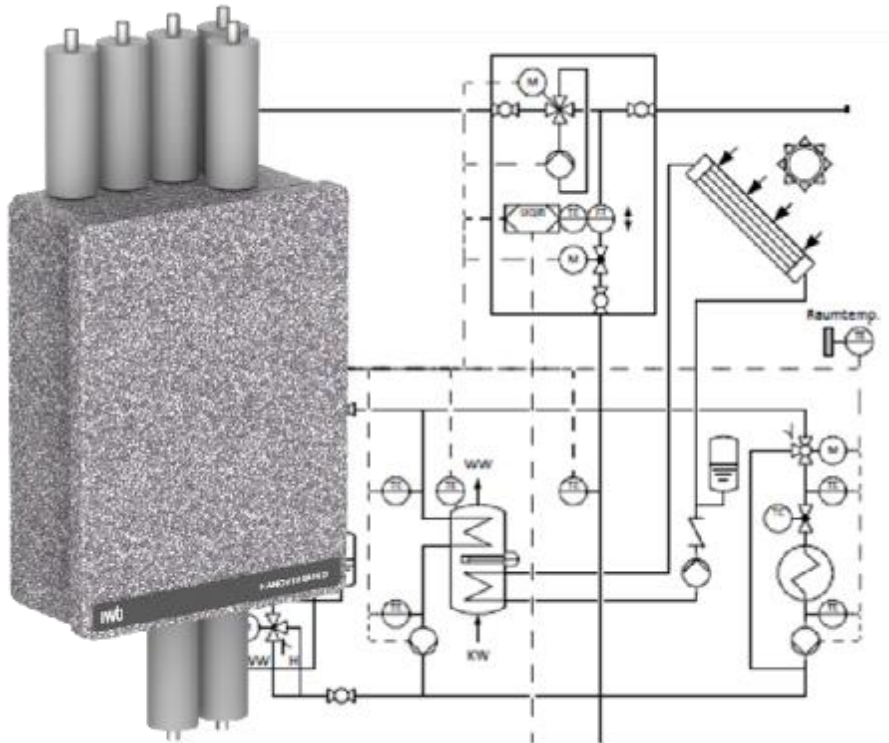


- Replacement with a sensibly dimensioned heating system
- Space savings through distribution
- Expansion possible at any time
- Reaction options thanks to technology flexibility

Service IWB in collaboration with Yuon

Construction

Wall station, plans, sample contract



Operation

Optimisation, measurement and support



Canton of Basel-Stadt and Baselland promote the Nanoverbund

- **Maximum funding amount**
 - BS: up to max. 40% of the total investment costs
 - BL: up to max. 50% of the total investment costs
- **Composition of the funding amount**
 - BS: Basic amount CHF 4,000 + CHF 200/kW_{th}
 - BL: Basic amount CHF 5,000 + CHF 200/kW_{th}
- **Requirements for funding**
 - Funding is provided for the connection or replacement of fossil heating systems
 - Fossil heating system must be replaced within 5 years (BS)
- **Outside BS/BL**
 - Other cantons in clarification



Nanoverbund interim solution for district heating (Luzern)

Gemäss GWR-Daten oder Aufnahme Begehung oder Kontaktaufnahme

Legende

Heizung mit Erdgas:



Heizung mit Heizöl:

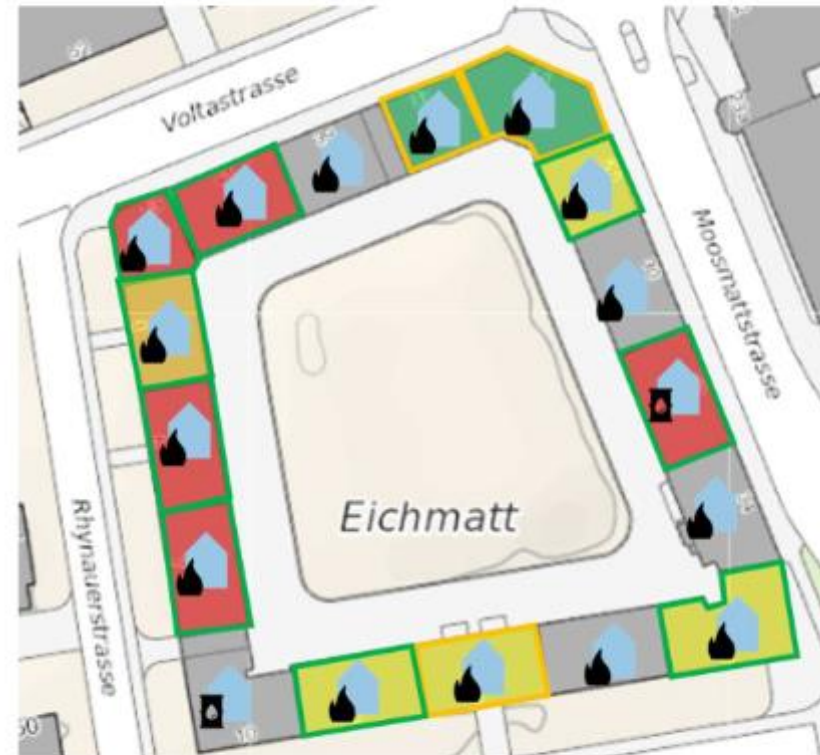


Heizungsalter in Jahren:

Green	0-10 Jahre
Yellow	10-15 Jahre
Orange	15-20 Jahre
Red	Älter als 20 Jahre
Grey	Keine Information

 Beteiligt an Beratungsstufe 2

 Offenheit bekundet



- source: diePROJEKTFABRIK

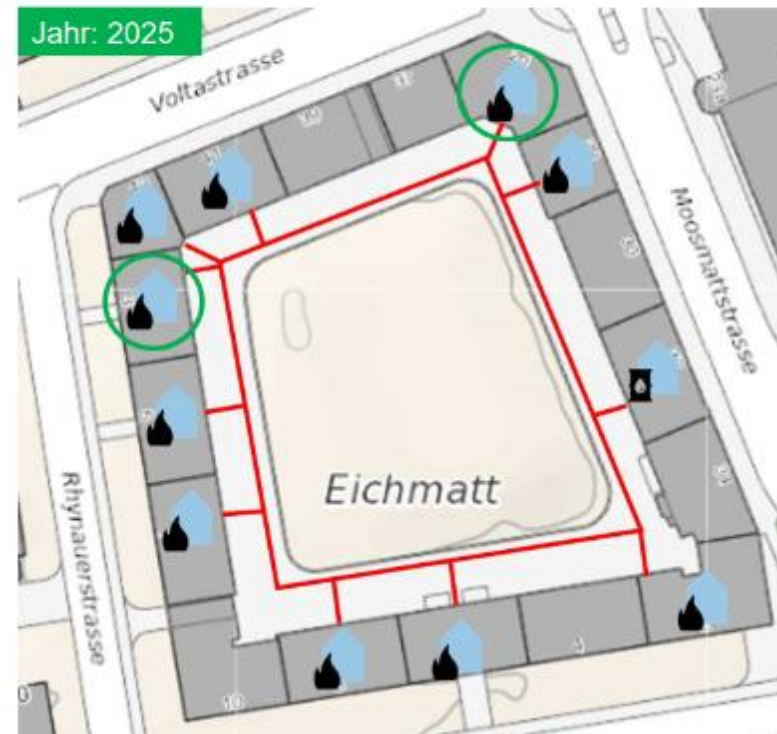
Nanoverbund interim solution for district heating (Luzern)

Variante 2.2: «Fernwärme mit Übergang Gas dezentral»

Resultate der Machbarkeitsklärung 2025

- Zusammenschluss zum «Nanoverbund»
- Alle Gebäude können produzieren und beziehen
- Die **effizientesten** Heizungen laufen prioritär

	Leistung (kW)
Heizleistung Bedarf	360
Heizleistung installiert	590
Reserve im Verbund	230



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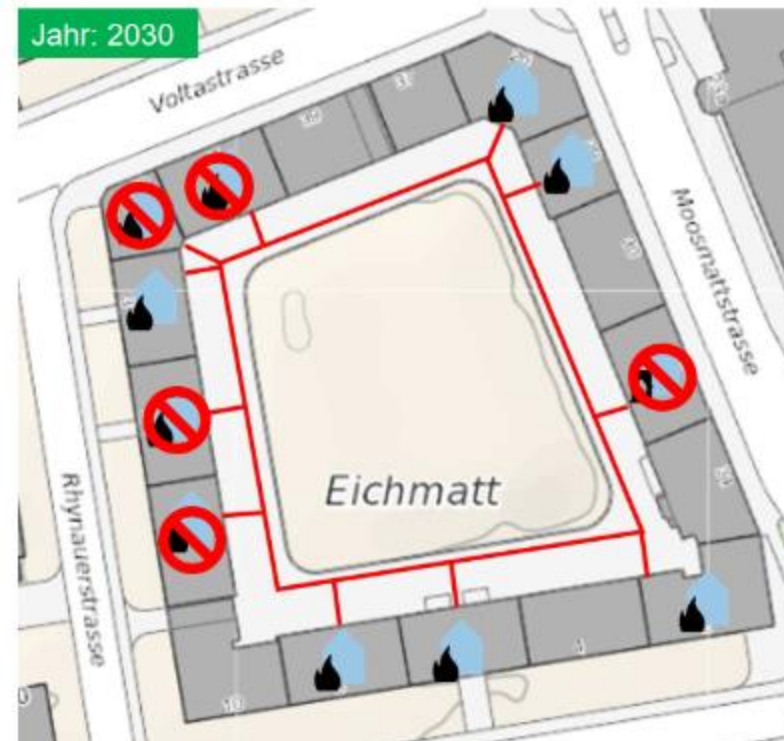
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Resultate der Machbarkeitsklärung 2030

- Kontinuierliche Optimierung der Heizungen und Reduktion des Heizleistungsbedarf um min. 15%
- Ausfall der 5 ältesten Heizungen (>25 Jahre)

	Leistung (kW)
Heizleistung Bedarf	320
Heizleistung installiert	330
Reserve im Verbund	10



Terraced single-family house and terraced multi-family house



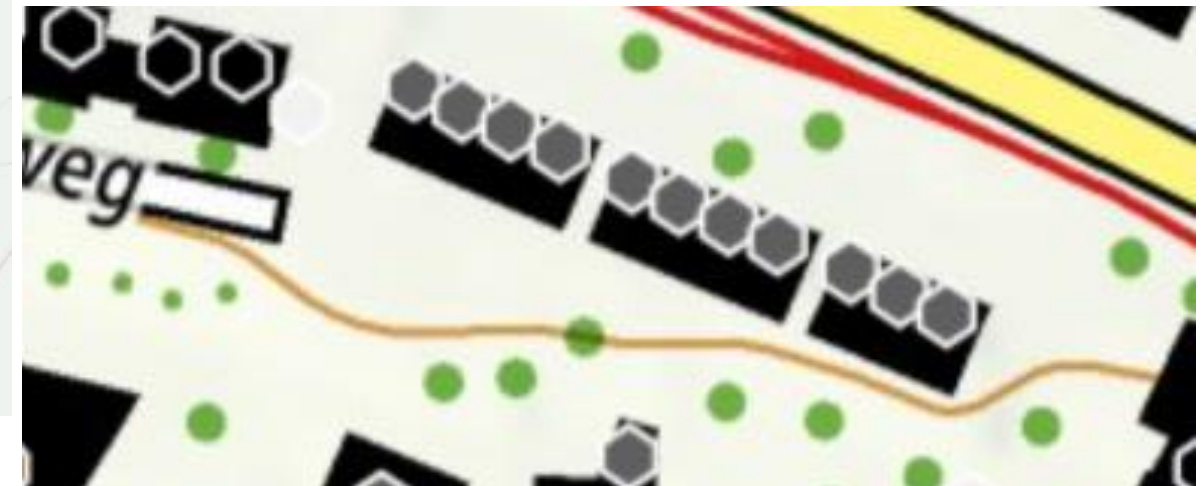
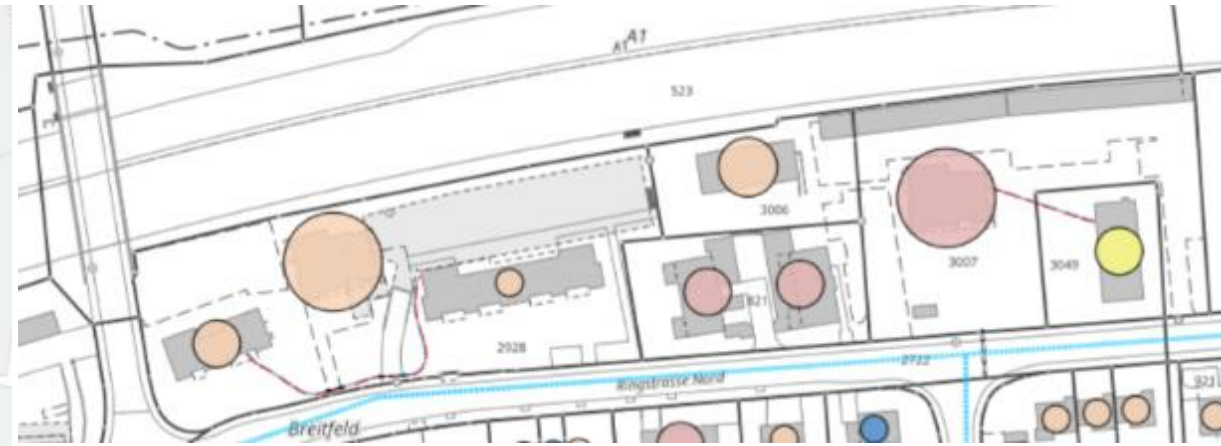
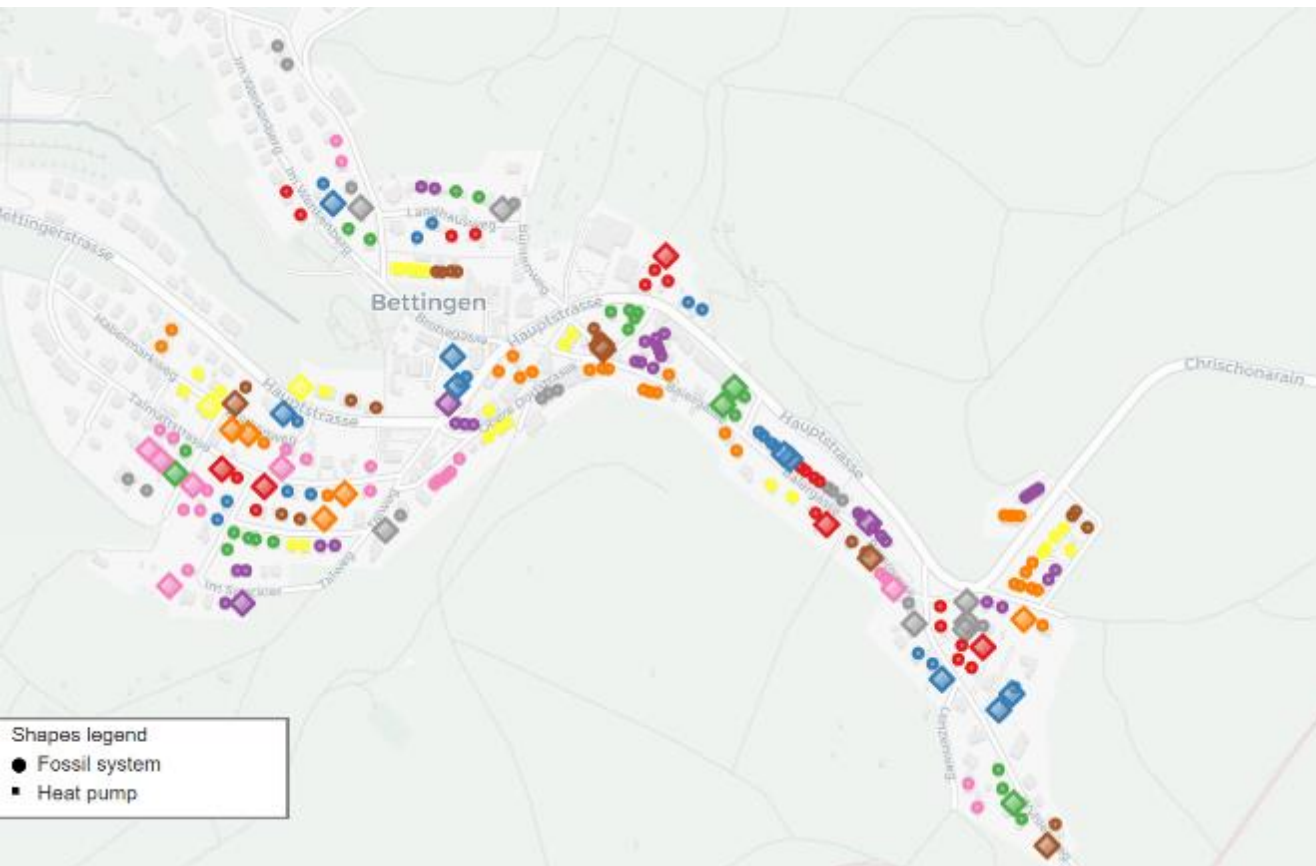
Single-family house

- up to max. 25 kW / building
- Connection DN 25
- Wall mounting
- 40 kg
- Availability: in stock

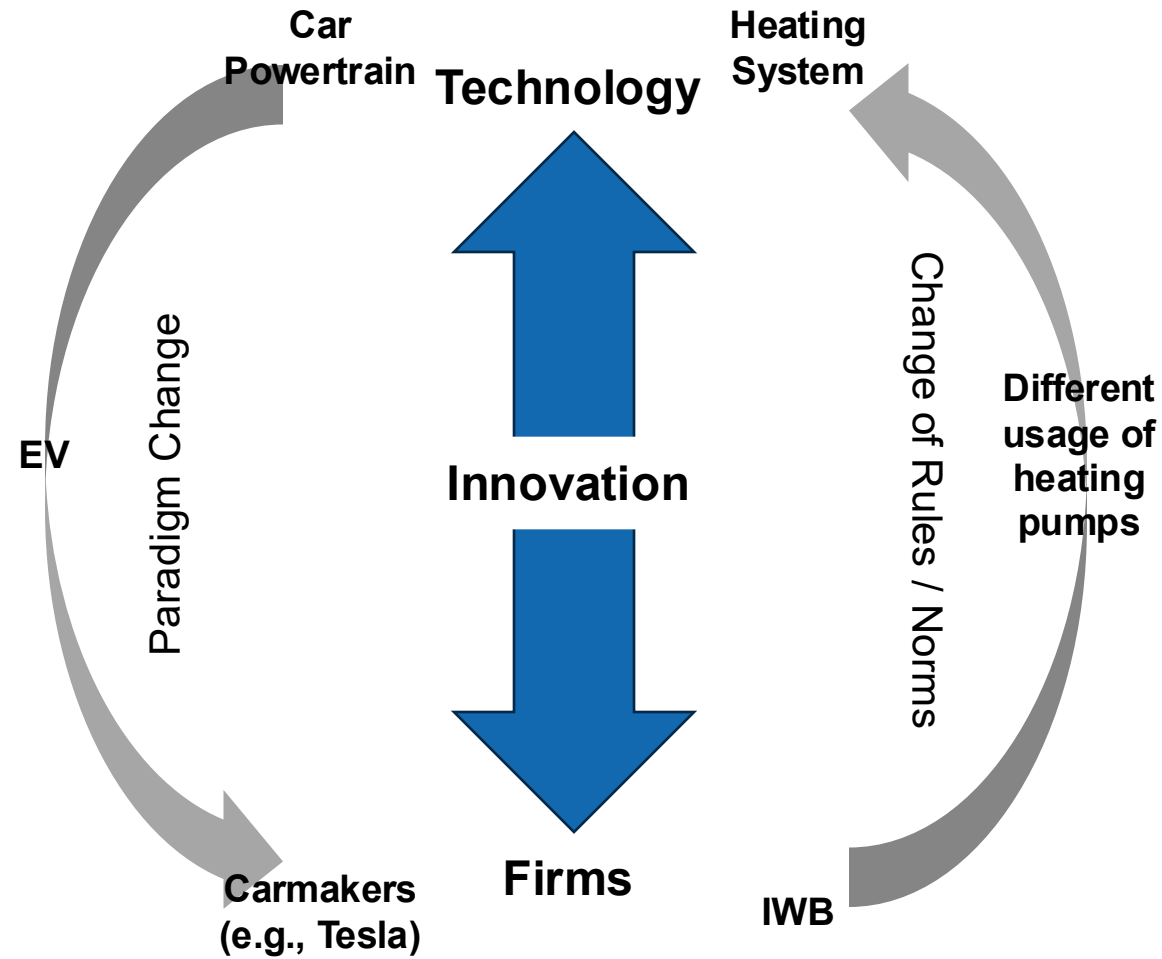
Apartment block

- Up to max. 85 kW / building
- Connection DN 50
- Floor standing
- Approx. 150 kg
- Availability: Q2/2026

Other projects under review



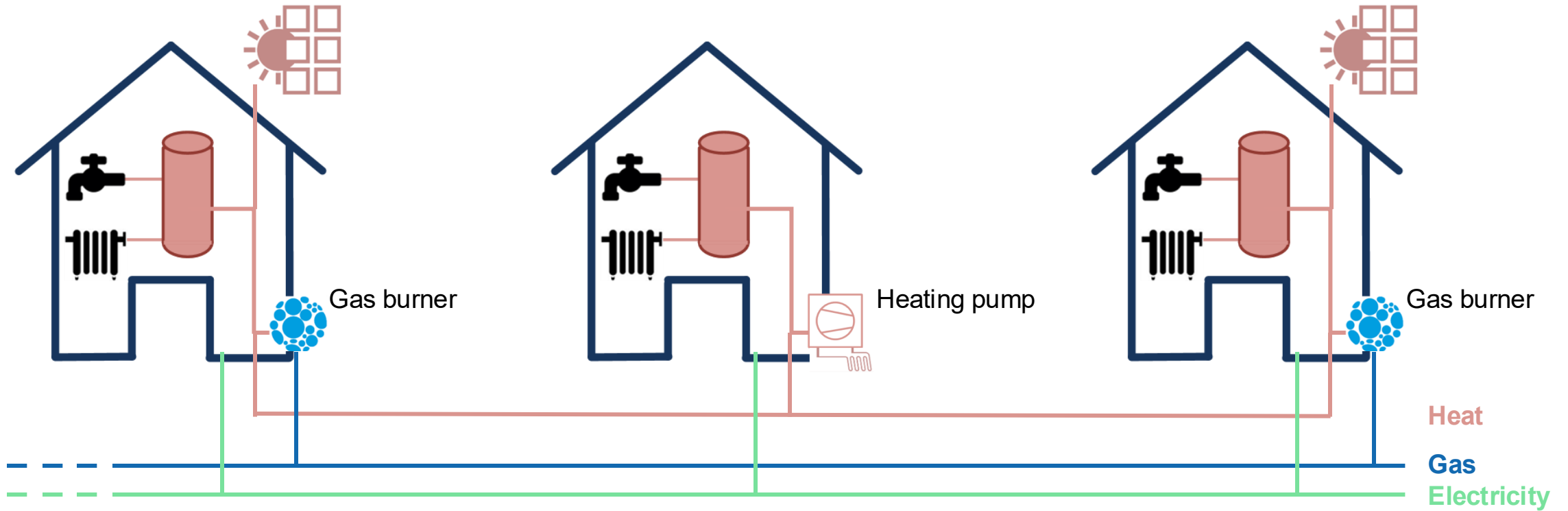
Theoretical Classification: Innovation with Established Technologies



(Brusoni & Laureiro, 2023)

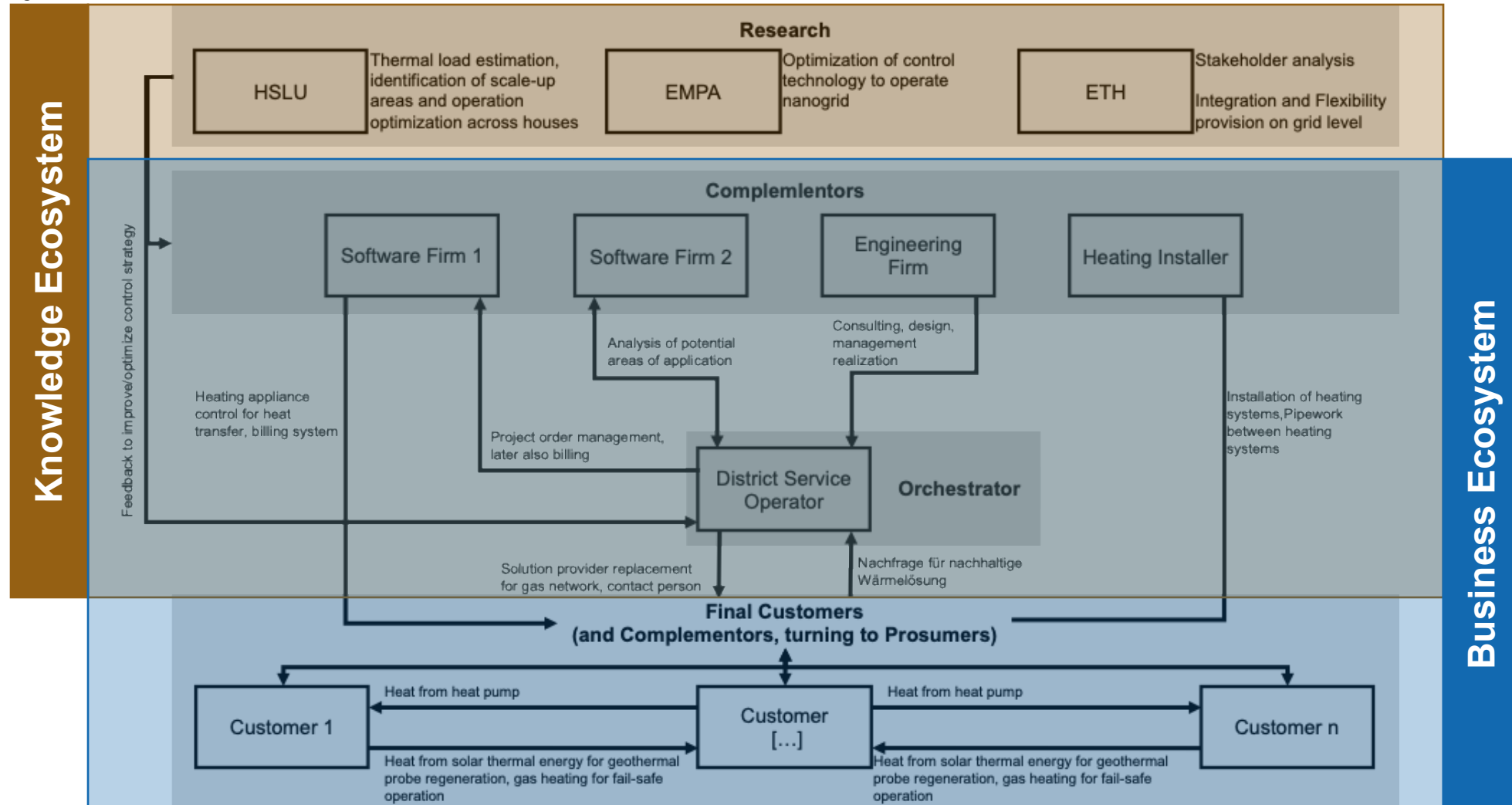


Conceptualization of Heating Systems as a Platform through Modularization



Platforms integrate a set of optional modules contributing value to a system. (Baldwin, 2024)

Heterogenous Actors with Different Strengths form the Nanoverbund Ecosystem



Key



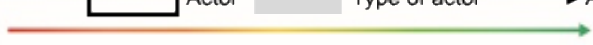
Actor



Type of actor



Activity (value creation)



Nanoverbund Grew Through an Ecosystem



Ecosystems create a collective output

“A community of hierarchically independent, yet interdependent heterogeneous participants who collectively generate an ecosystem output and related value offering targeted at a defined audience.” (Thomas & Autio, 2020)



Ecosystems consist of independent but interdependent actors (Jacobies et al., 2018)



Actors identify as part of the ecosystem while having different understanding on their role (Thomas & Ritala, 2022)



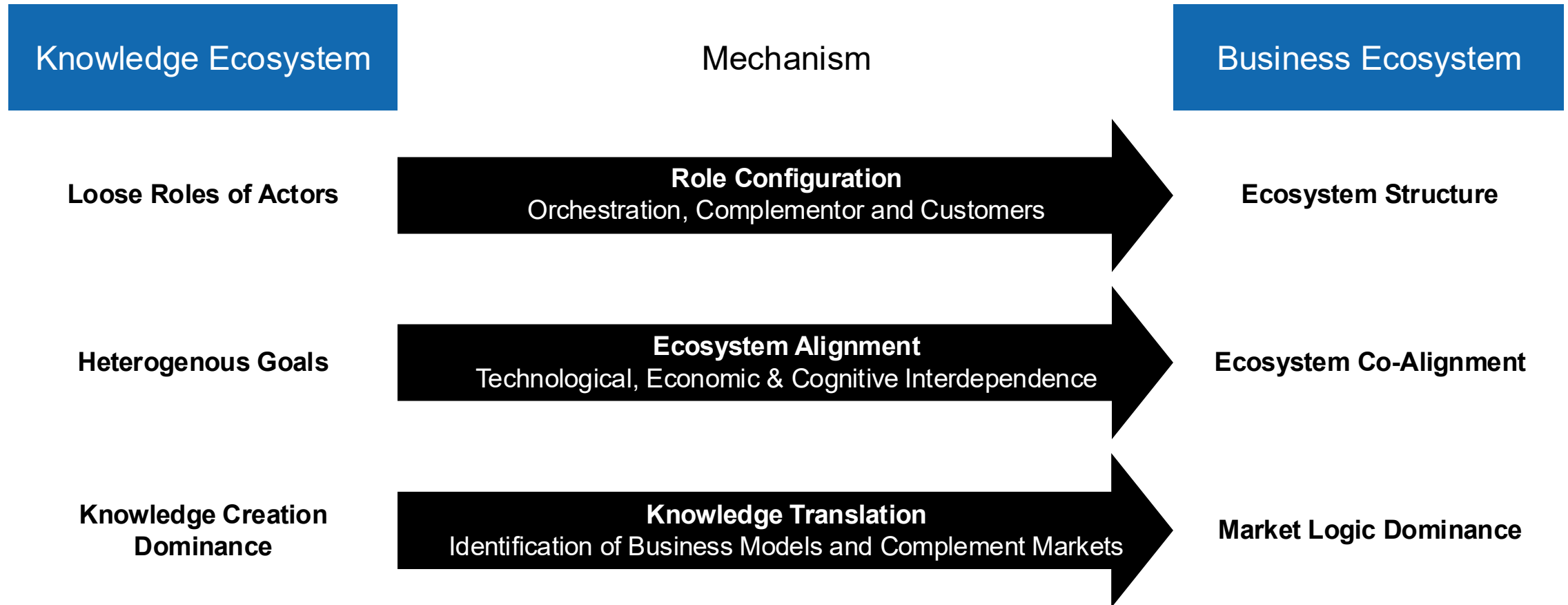
Ecosystems participants come from multiple industries (Aarikka-Stenroos & Ritala, 2017)



Ecosystems might have an orchestrator (Altman & Tushman, 2017)



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