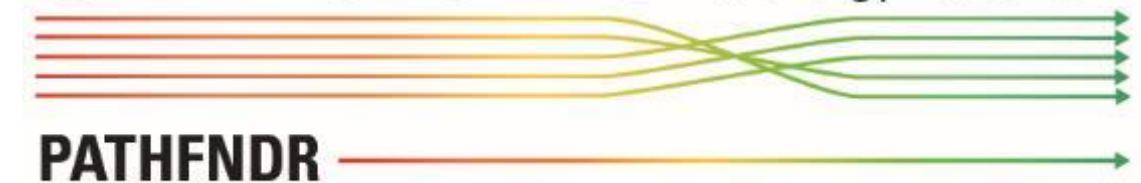


# nanoverbund

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# Lunch talk series V: 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**



# NANOVERBUND

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# Our expertise

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**Solar**



**HEAT**



**E - MOBILITY**



**ELECTRICITY**  
100% renewable

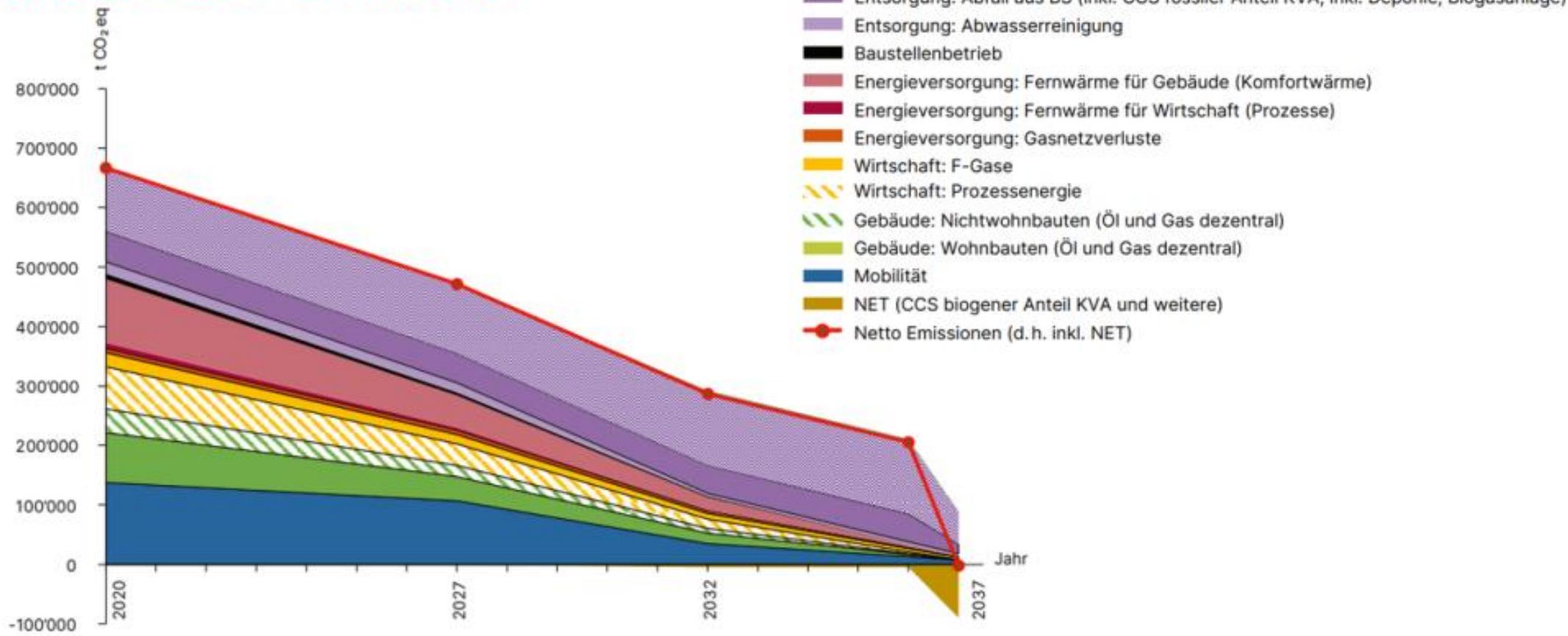


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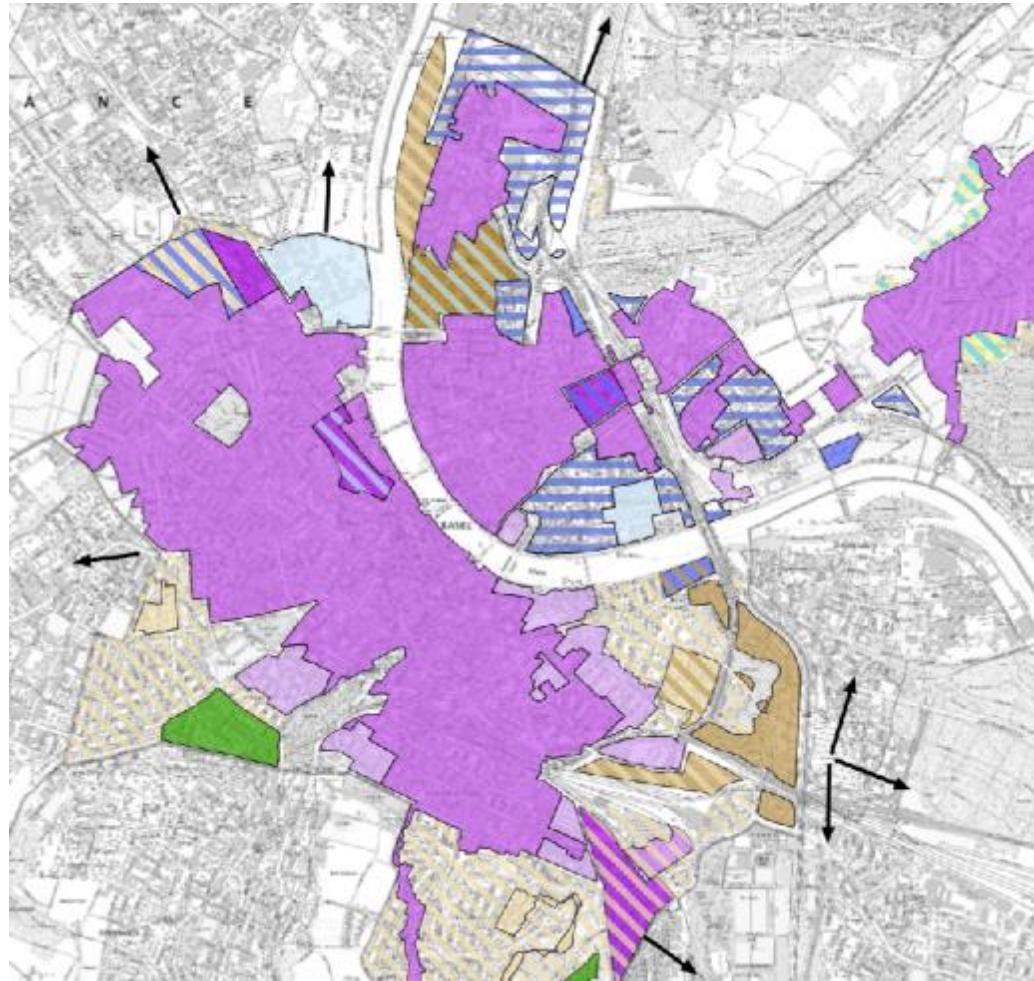
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# Klimaschutzstrategie



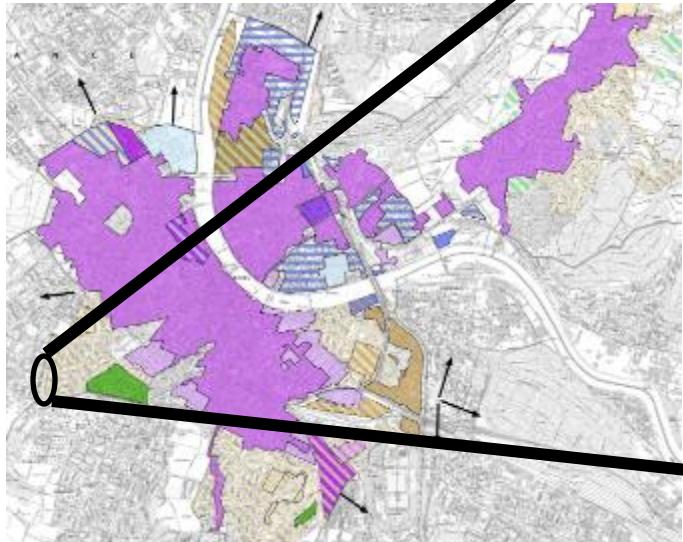


# Initial situation



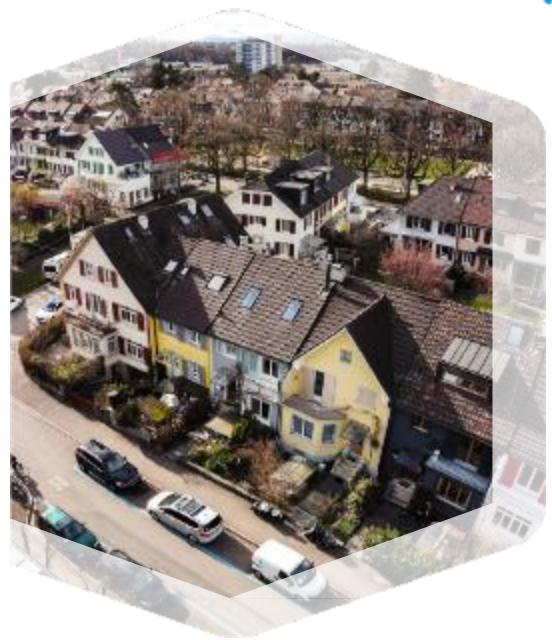
- Fossil heating systems impossible by law
- Gas is being phased out
- District heating too expensive in less populated areas and smaller buildings
- Alternative solutions not always easy to implement
- Older heating systems were often oversized based on rules of thumb and planning data

# Areas without district heating connection





# Overview Pilot 'Langen Loh'



-  Gas heating
-  EWS-WP
-  Solar thermal energy



Jisan-Strasse

Koordinaten ▲

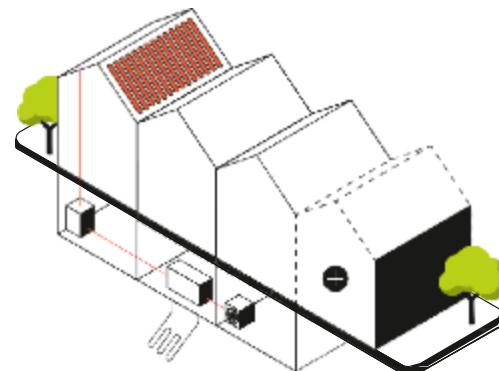
Connecting pipe  
**PATHPNDR**

Dominik Born | Innovation Manager | Nanoverbund I



# Potential for Switzerland

- Over 75,000 suitable building networks identified
- Savings of 1,079 GWh of fossil energy
- Avoidance of 252,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year without heating replacement



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

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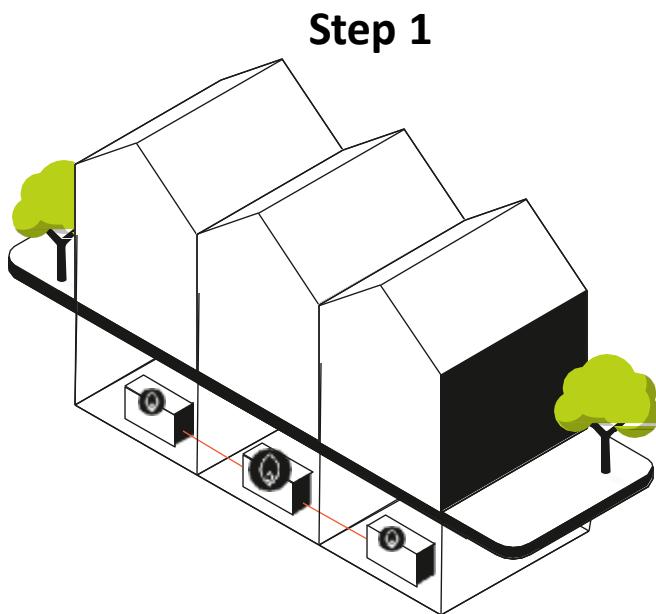
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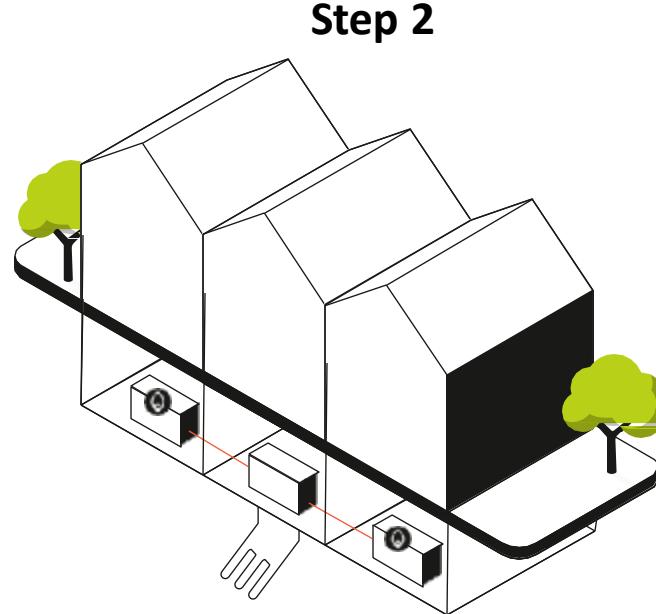
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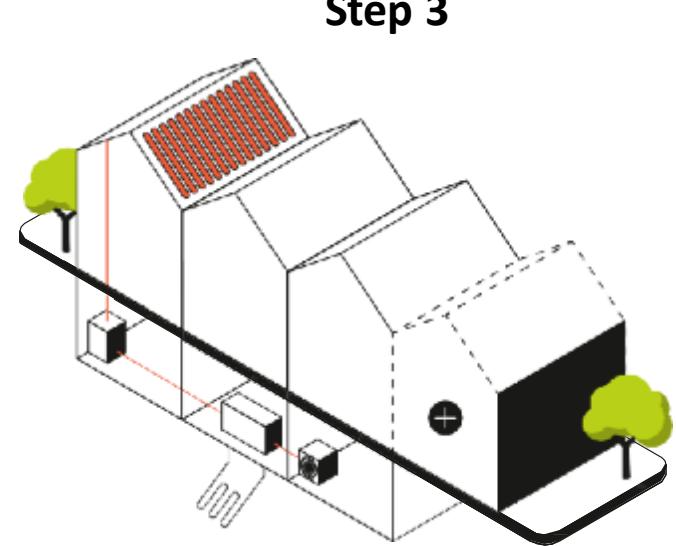
# Step by step to climate neutrality



**Step 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**

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

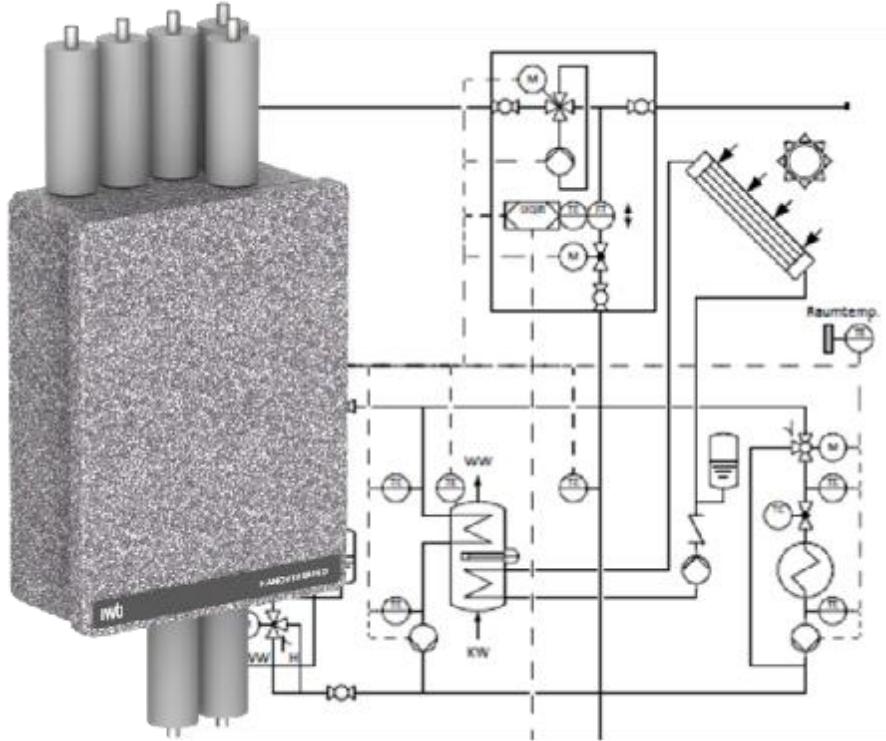
- Install renewable heating
- Already 91% renewable
- Up to 15% more favourable in operation and investment compared to a single solution

- 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



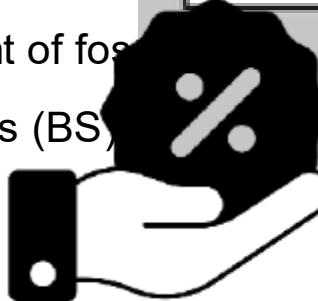
## Operation

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<sub>th</sub>
- BL: Basic amount CHF 5,000 + CHF 200/kW<sub>th</sub>
- **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: 

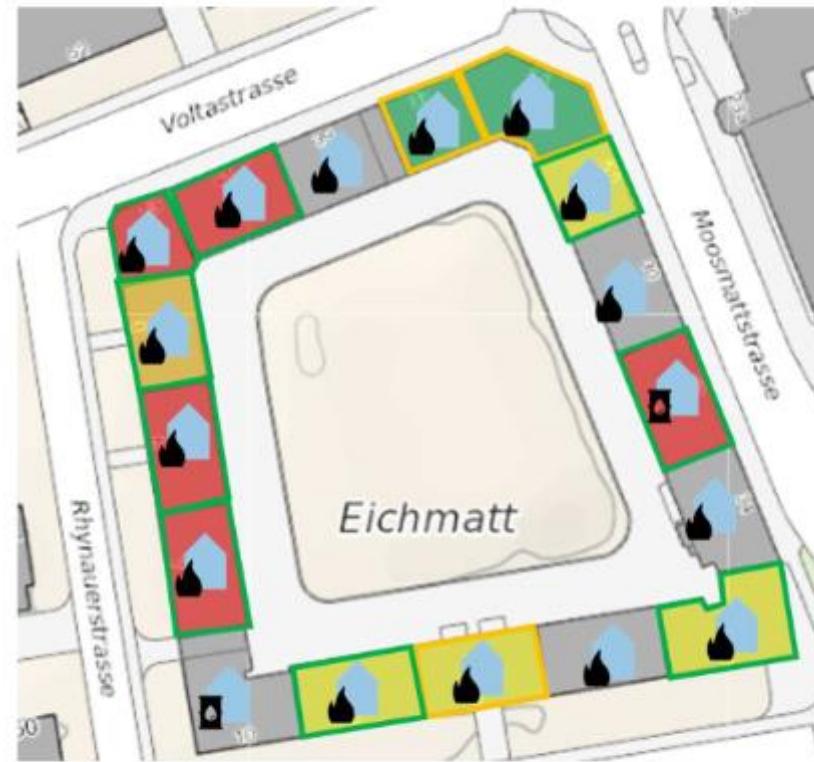
Heizung mit Heizöl: 

Heizungsalter in Jahren:

0-10 Jahre
10-15 Jahre
15-20 Jahre
Älter als 20 Jahre
Keine Information

Beteiligt an Beratungsstufe 2

Offenheit bekundet



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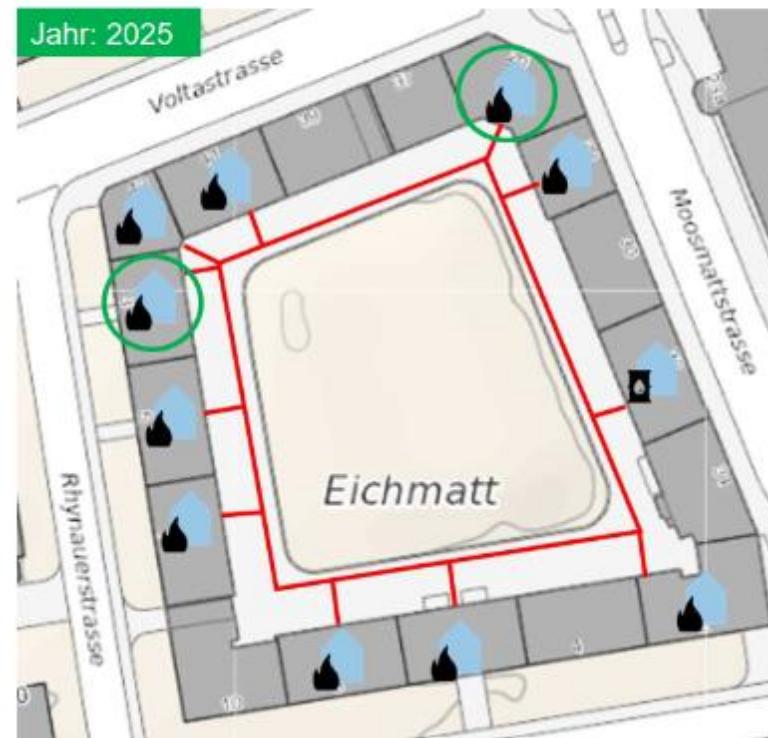
# Nanoverbund interim solution for district heating (Luzern)

## 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 prioritätär

	Leistung (kW)
Heizleistung Bedarf	360
Heizleistung installiert	590
<b>Reserve im Verbund</b>	<b>230</b>



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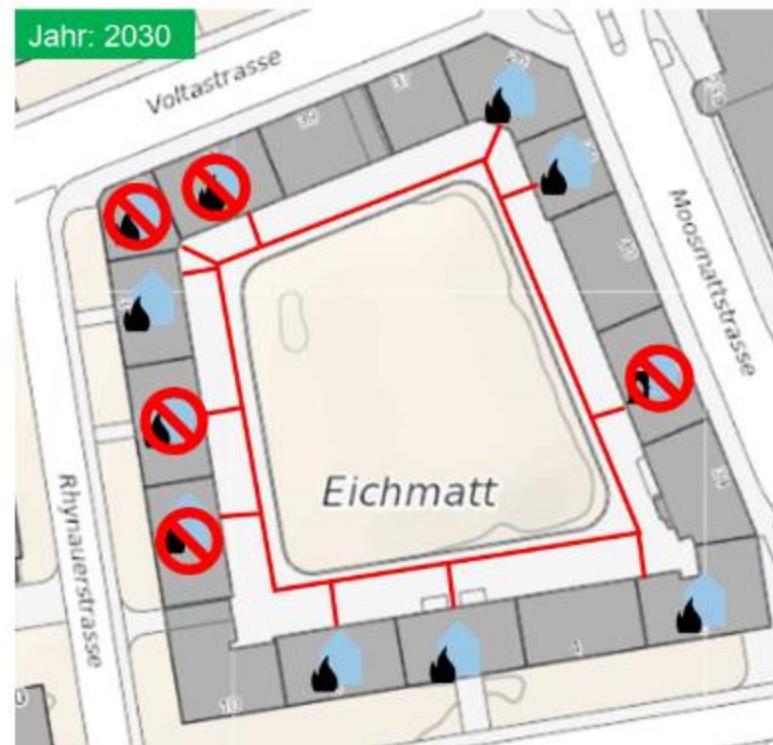
# Nanoverbund interim solution for district heating (Luzern)

## Variante 2.2: «Fernwärme mit Übergang Gas dezentral»

### 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
<b>Reserve im Verbund</b>	<b>10</b>



# Terraced single-family house and terraced multi-family house



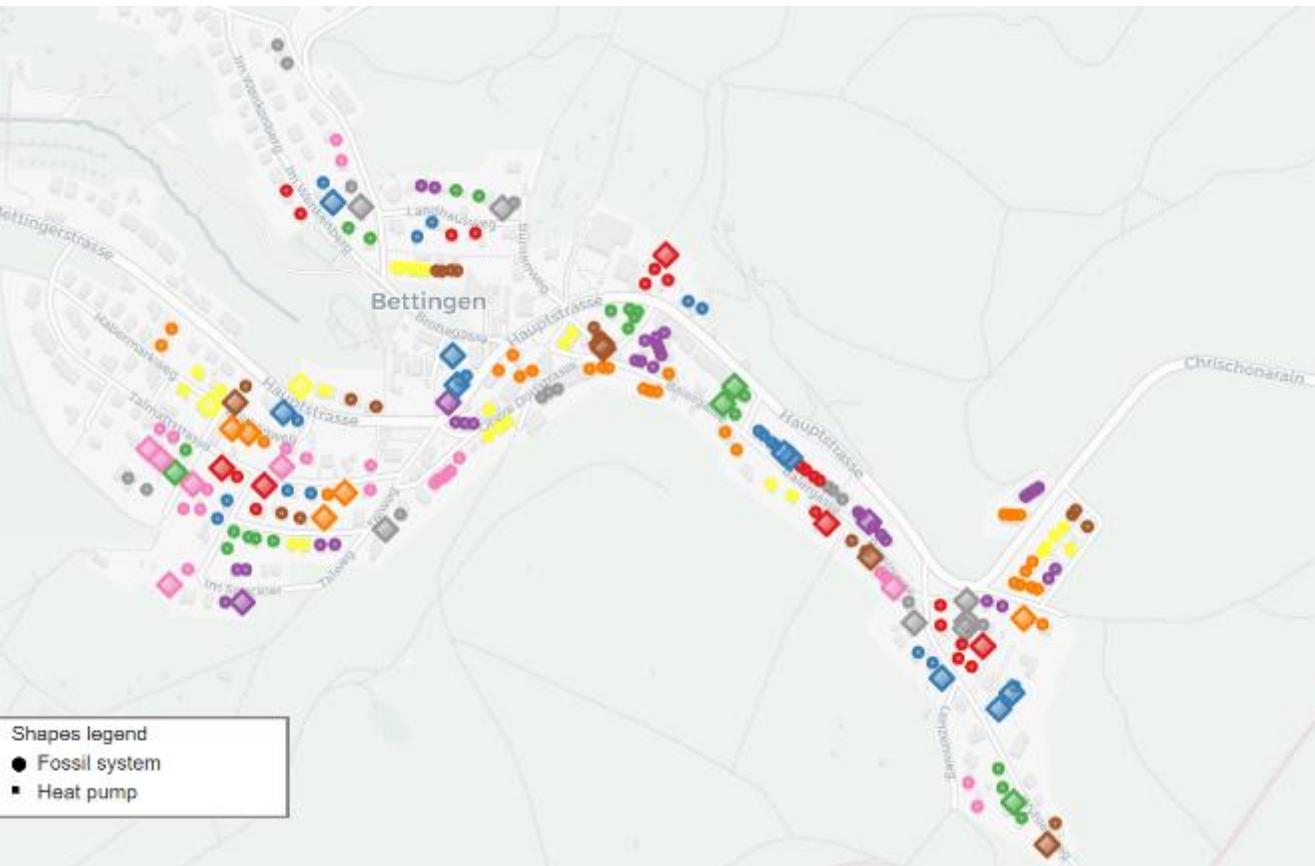
## Single-family house

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

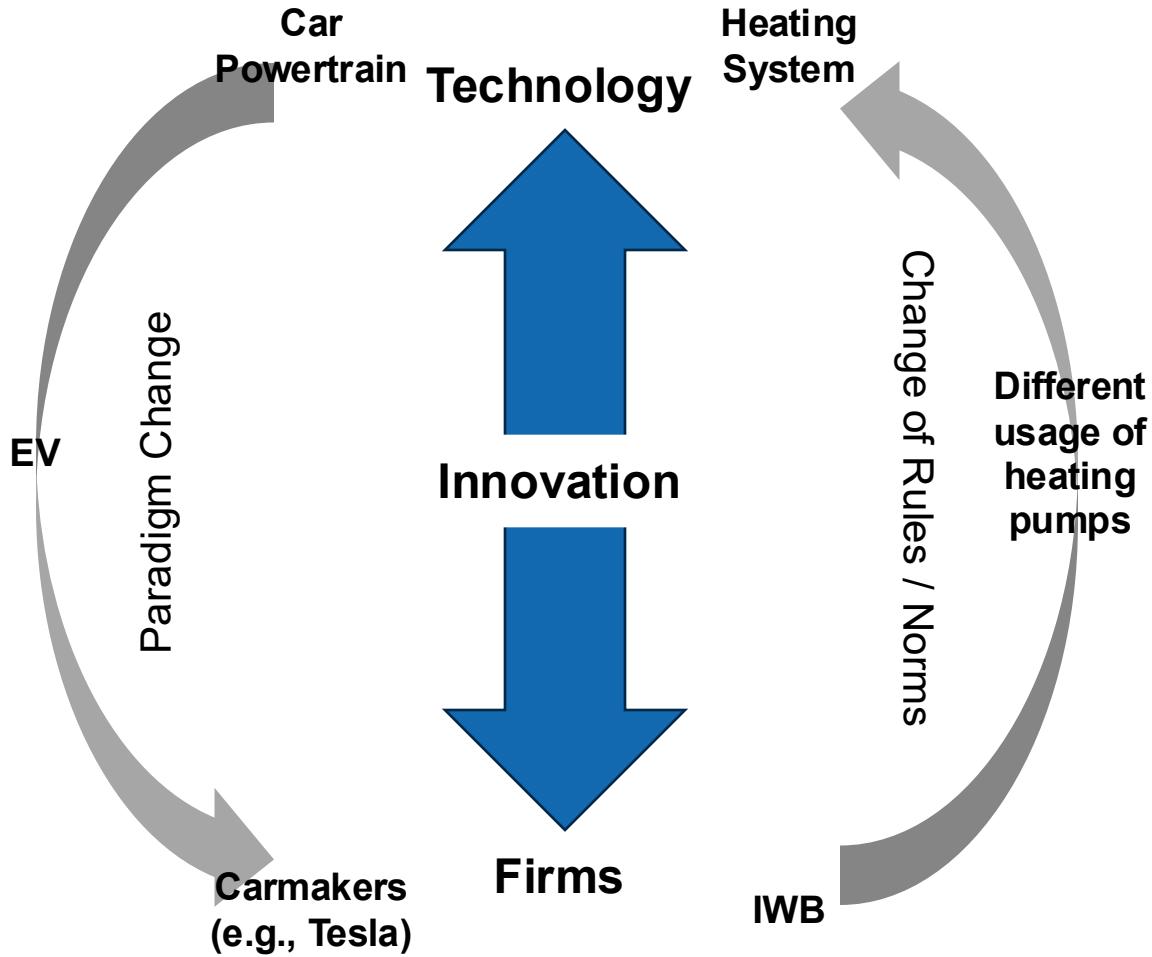
## Apartment block

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

# Other projects under review

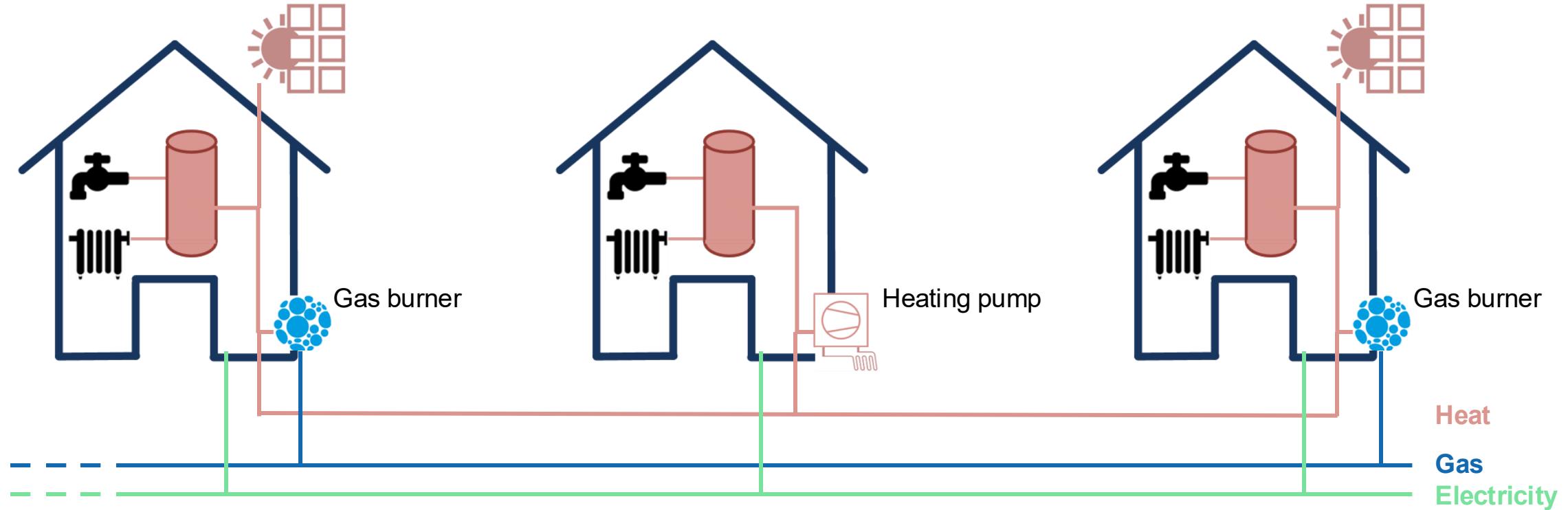


# Theoretical Classification: Innovation with Established Technologies



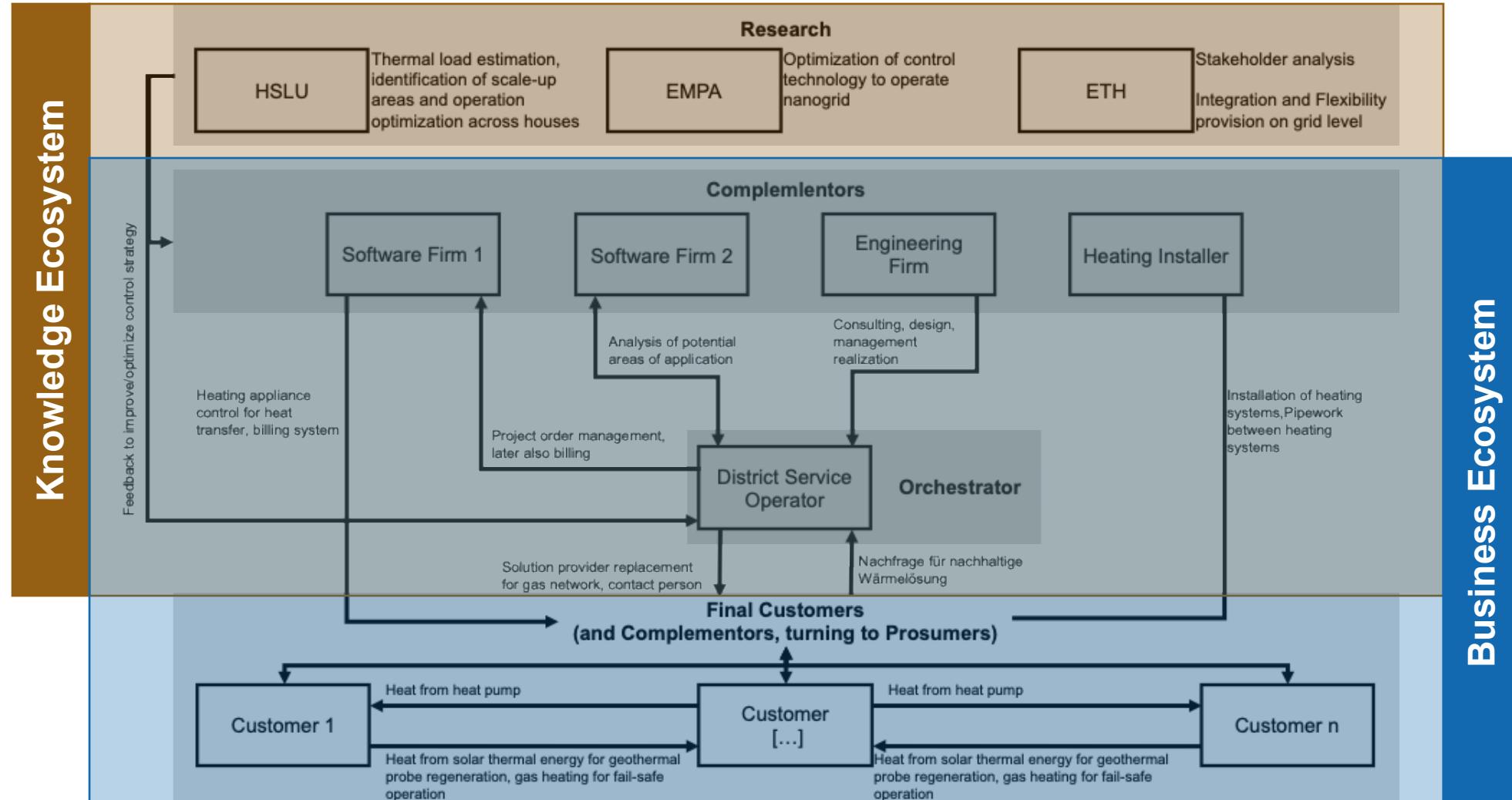
(Brusoni & Laureiro, 2023)

# 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



# 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)

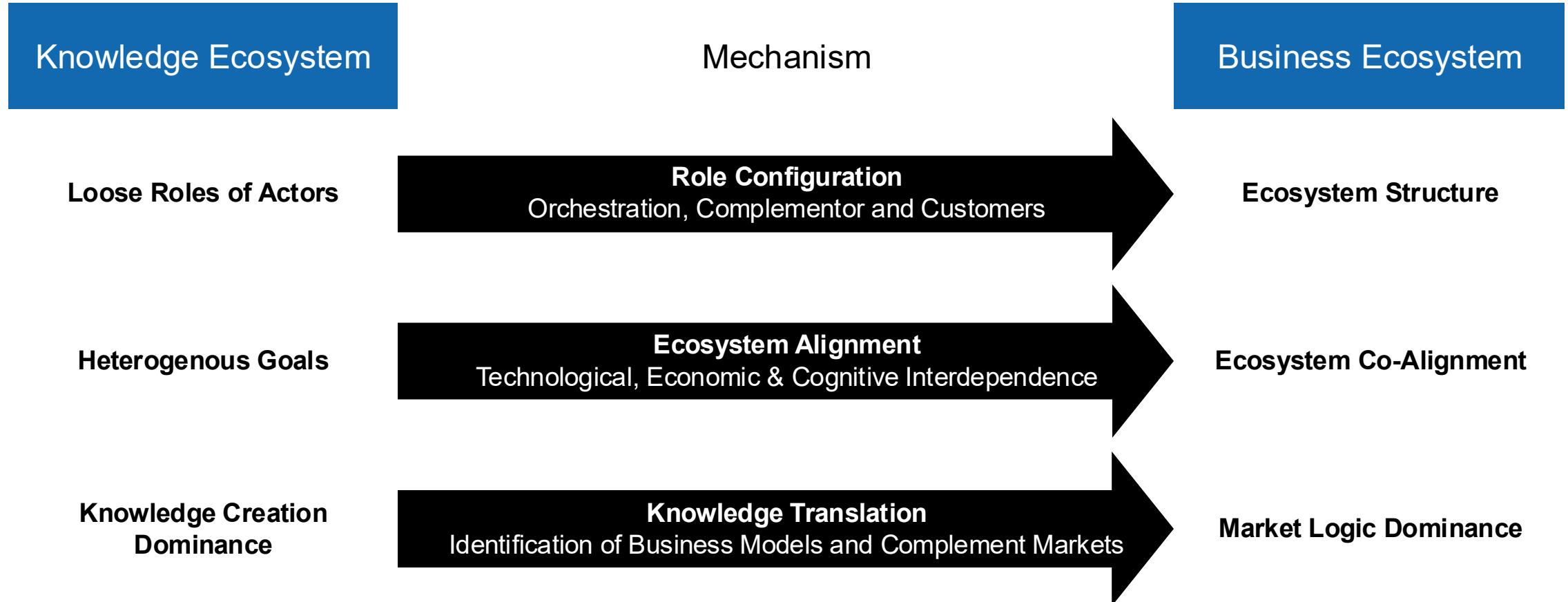


## Ecosystems participants come from **multiple industries** (Aarikka-Stenroos & Ritala, 2017)



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

# Evolving from a Knowledge toward a Business Ecosystem



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