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**COOLING WITH ADSORPTION CHILLERS**

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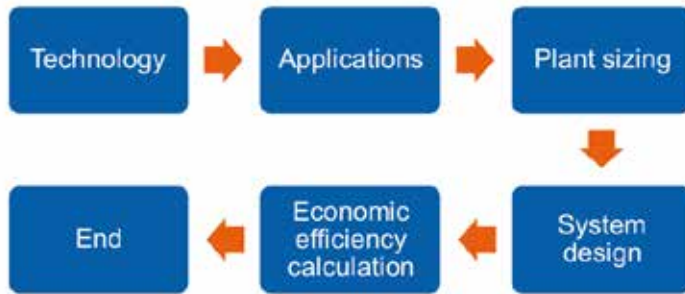
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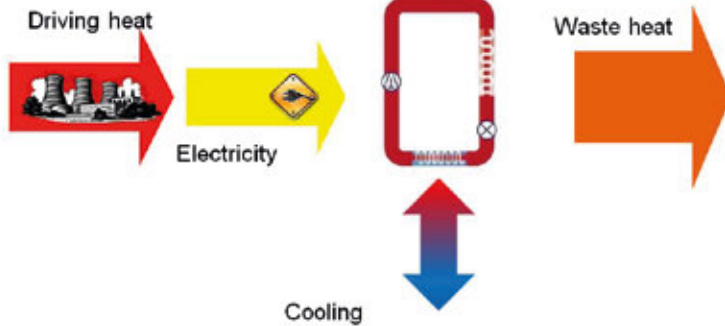
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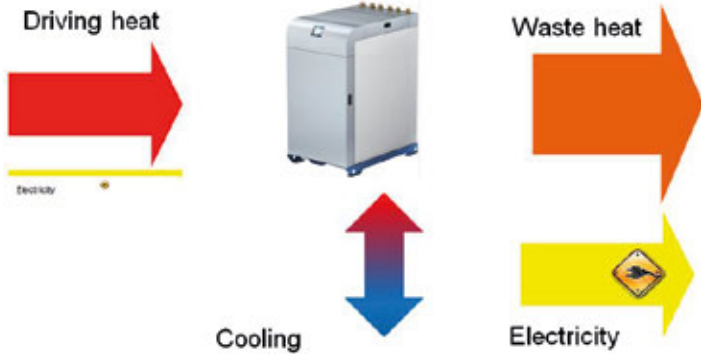




Conventional Chillers...

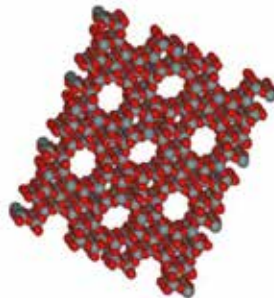


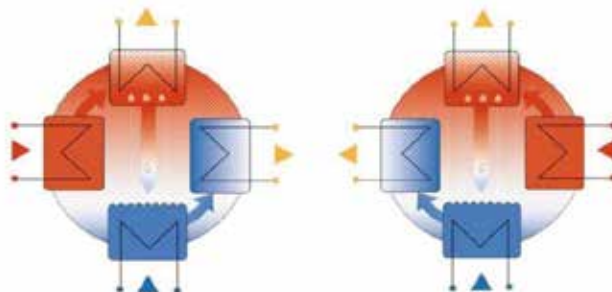
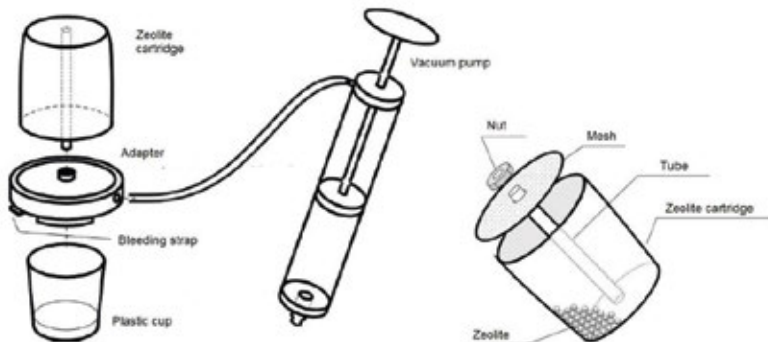
### InvenSor Adsorption Chiller...



### Zeolite

- Greek for: „boiling stone“
- Naturally appearing mineral
- Micro porous structure consisting aluminium und silicon atoms
- Very large inner surface of >1000m<sup>2</sup> per gram
- Commonly found in e.g. washing detergents

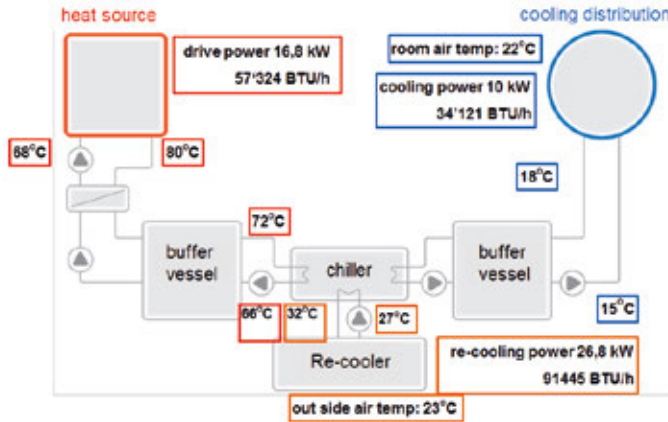




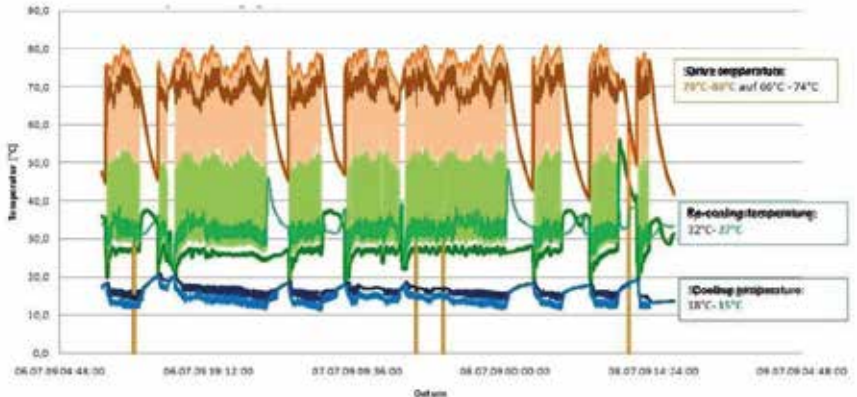
Vacuum light welded stainless steel container  
2 x zeolite adsorber  
Water – steam – water – steam cycle  
„pure physics no chemistry“ No pumps / moving parts

- ▶ Cooling = Uptake of energy for evaporation
- ▶ Re-cooling = Extracting heat from the system
- ▶ Thermal drive = Baking the adsorber
- ▶ Re-cooling = Extracting heat from the system

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### High and constant cooling demand

Conventional cooling generation:

- using electrical driven compressor chillers
- high electrical power consumption
- high environmental pollution



“Cooling from heat”:

- “free” use of waste heat  
or district heating
- no electricity needed for cooling generation
- load relief for the electrical grid

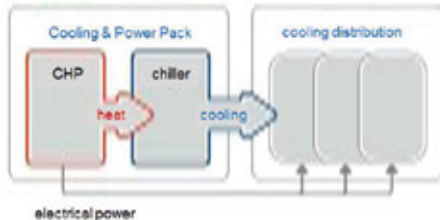


### CHPs

- Standard practice in Germany:
- Heat load controlled CHP will not operate in summer
- Limited possible applications

„Cold from heat“:

- Extended running time for CHP
- Surplus using cooling and power
- Environmentally friendly system
- Grid independent CHP-chiller system possible



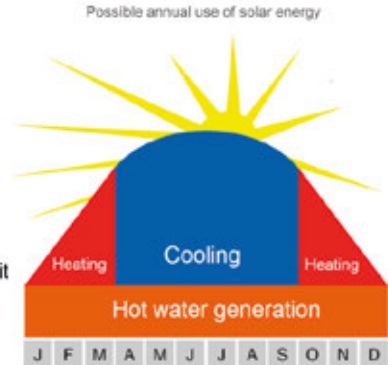
## Solar-thermal plant for heating support

### Current situation:

- Low heat demand in summer
- Stagnation within the collectors
- Reduction of lifespan due to stagnation
- Reduction of operation hours

### Solar cooling:

- higher solar performance
- No oil or gas consumption Additional benefit of cooling
- Increased lifespan of solar components
- Solar + heat pump performs better than condensing boiler



### Motivation of our clients:

- Up to 70% electricity + energy cost savings
- Reduction of CO2 emissions / climate friendly cooling
- Water as refrigerant → very environmental
- Water as heat medium → non combustible
- Very quiet, very robust, very easy to install
- Low maintenance

## Plant sizing

Adsorption chiller plant to cover base load / lower peak load permanently!

Either based on cooling demand - „Take what you need“

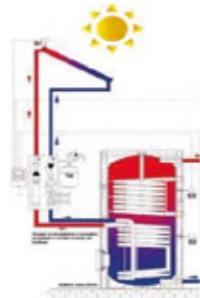
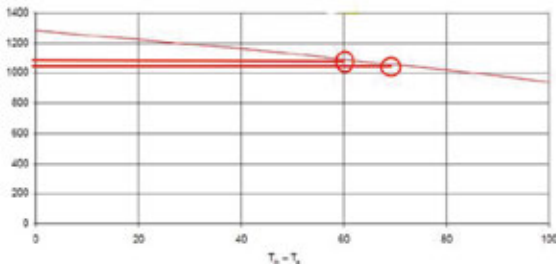
Cooling load calculation  
standard VDI 2078; dynamic TRNSYS  
Technical data of installed system



Or based on heat source - „Take what you get“  
Existing or planned heat source  
Technical data CHP  
Approx. 60% of heat being transformed into  
cooling COP = 0,6

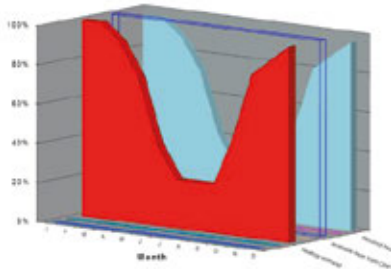
## Empirical values solar heat source

Required solar collector area (solar cooling):  
depending on specific collector performance rule  
of thumb ca. 3-4 m<sup>2</sup>/kW cooling output E.g.:  
10kW chiller → 30 - 40m<sup>2</sup> collector



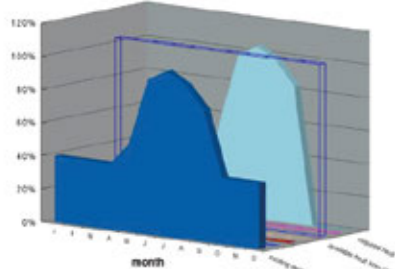


### Sizing Trigeneration



Annual heat load for space heating & hot water generation (red)

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Annual driving heat load for space cooling (light blue)

### System design

### Two product lines on the market

LTC - „Low Temperature Chiller“

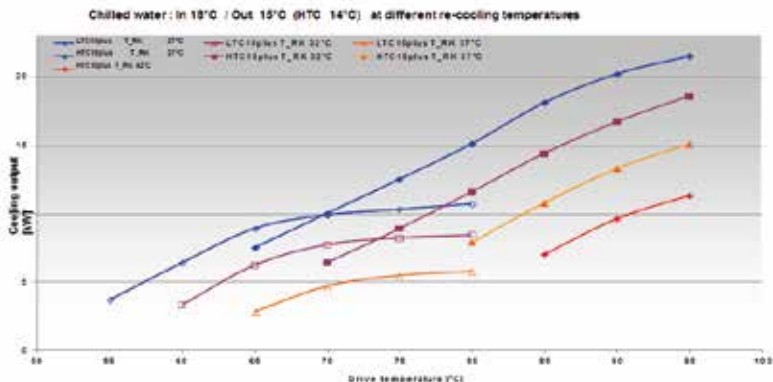
HTC - „High Temperature Chiller“

Zeolite – water as working materials

Integrated hydraulic unit

Integrated FreeCooling as option  
Intuitive controls on touch display  
Automatic cooling output adjustment  
Integrated controls for system & chiller  
Modular systems up to 100kW cooling  
Compact design





## Economic efficiency calculation

**electrical power consumption**

CHP power-ratio = 30% electr. / 60% therm.

E.g. Senertec-Dachs: 5,5 kW electr. / 12-14 kW therm.

KW-Energietechnik: 48 kW electr. / 77 kW therm.

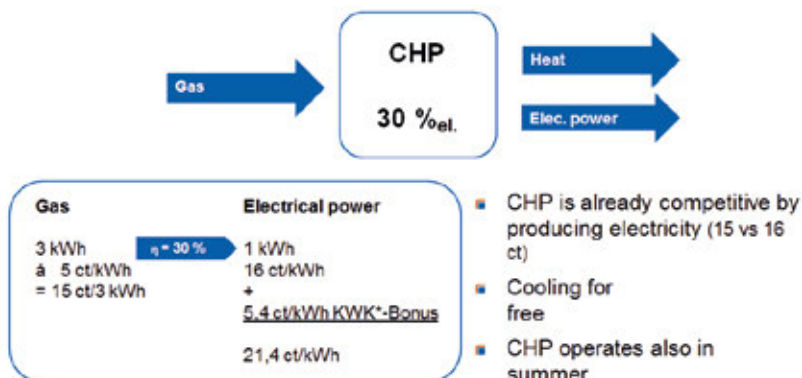
**Electrical power consumption for 10 kW cooling**

our Chiller:	20 W
our Chiller system:	1000 W = 1 kW
Compressor chiller:	4000 W = 4 kW

**Electrical (!) COPs**

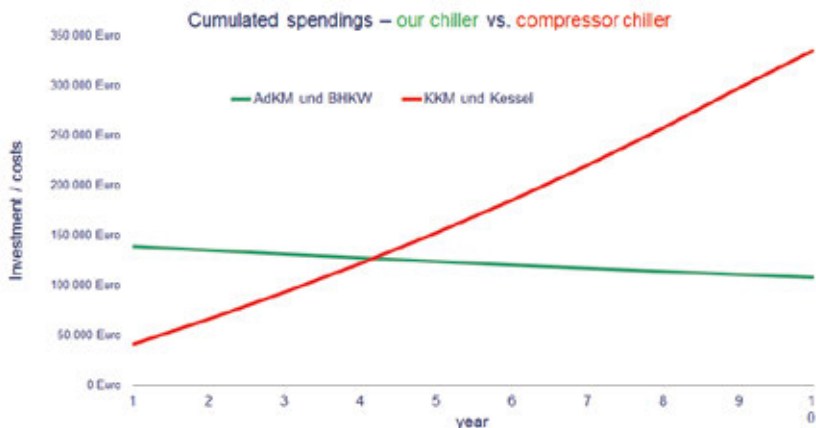
our chiller:	500
our chiller system:	10 - 14
small conventional chiller:	2,5 - 3
large conventional chiller:	4 - 6

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\* KWK-Bonus: Subvention for producing electrical power by CHP with the German electricity grid

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### Results after 1 year of operation

Parameters used:

Meteorological data DWD

Data logging

Adjustment economic efficiency calculation:

Operation time BHKW + AdKM Operation time FreeCooling

5,5 month 24/7

Operation hours CHP for heating

6 months 24/7

Electric power consumption of our chiller system

1900 hours

Electric power consumption FreeCooling

1,9 kW

Ø used cooling power

0,9 kW

Adjustment performance compressor chiller →

18 kW

COP = 2,0

