



## Leveraging Groundwater for High Performance

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#### **Moderator:**

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Panel:

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## Who's here today

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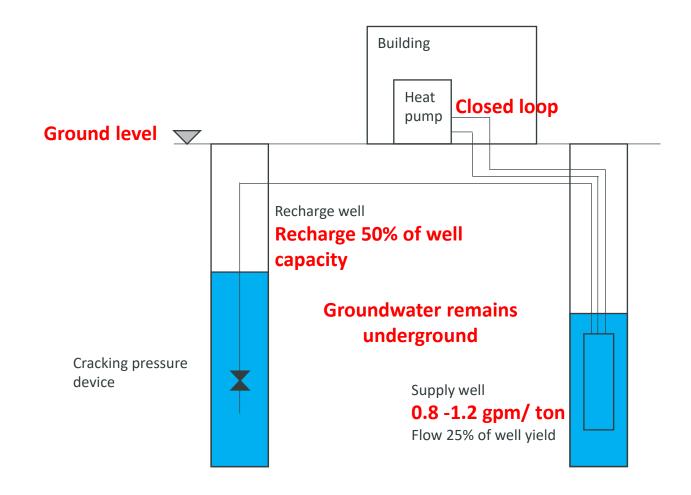
## CLAD

#### **CLOSED LOOP ADVECTION DEVICE**

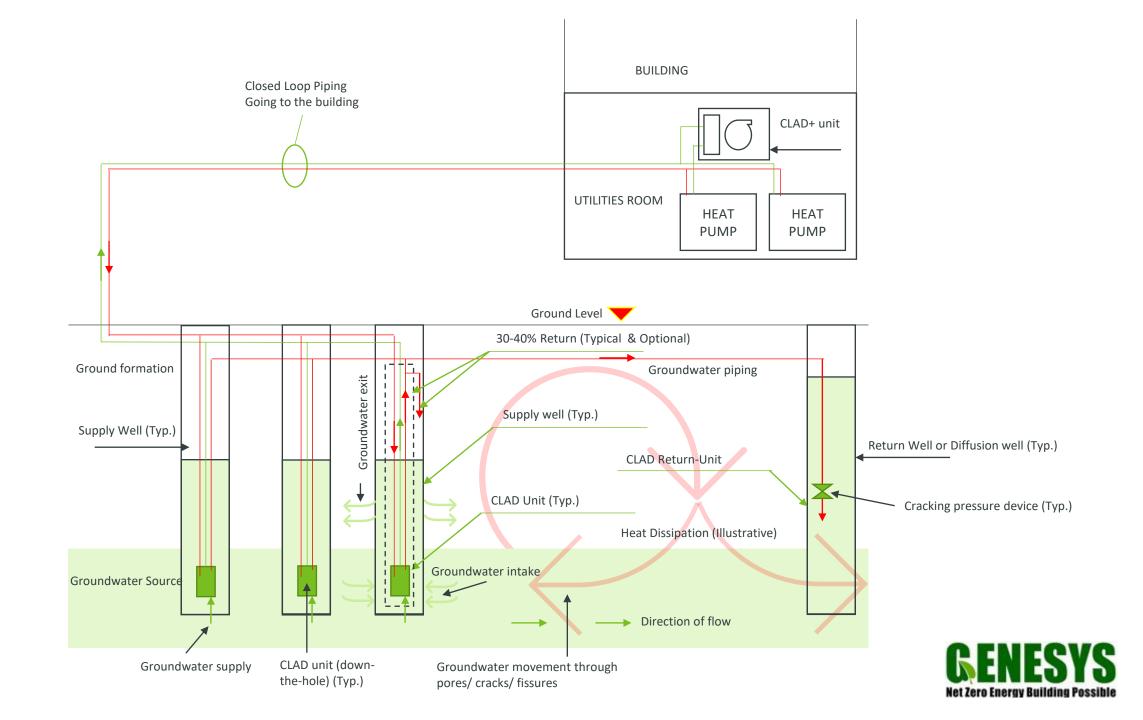
50% less expensive | 90% smaller land | 50% more efficient

Roshan Revankar (roshan@genesysnze.com)

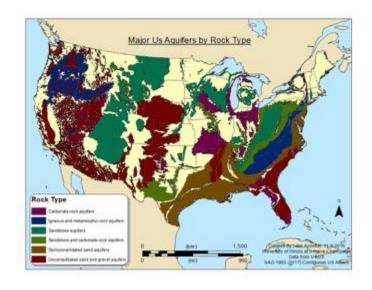
## CLAD Concept







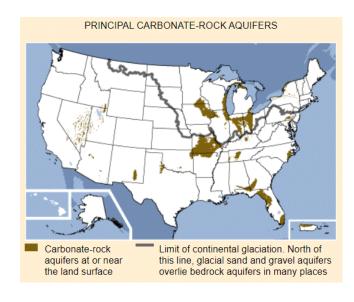
## **US Aquifers**



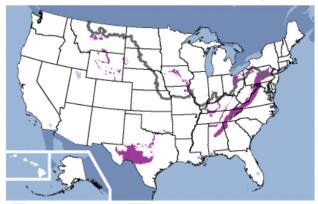
#### PRINCIPAL UNCONSOLIDATED AND SEMICONSOLIDATED SAND AND GRAVEL AQUIFERS



- Unconsolidated sand and gravel aquifers at or near the land surface.
- Semiconsolidated sand and gravel aquifers.
- Sand and gravel aquifers of alluvial and glacial origin are north of the line of continental glaciation.



#### PRINCIPAL SANDSTONE AND CARBONATE-ROCK AQUIFERS



- Sandstone and carbonate-rock aquifers at or near the land surface
- Limit of continental glaciation. North of this line, glacial sand and gravel aquifers overlie bedrock aquifers in many places

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## **Standard Efficiency**

| Model    | Ton | EWT (°F) |         |
|----------|-----|----------|---------|
|          |     | Cooling  | Heating |
| CLAD-6   | 6   | 80       | 43      |
| CLAD-20  | 20  | 80       | 43      |
| CLAD-100 | 100 | 80       | 43      |

## **High Efficiency**

| Model       | Ton | EWT (°F) |         |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|
|             |     | Cooling  | Heating |
| CLAD-6 HE   | 6   | 70       | 45      |
| CLAD-20 HE  | 20  | 70       | 45      |
| CLAD-100 HE | 100 | 70       | 45      |

## **Ultra High Efficiency**

| Model        | Ton | EWT (°F) |         |
|--------------|-----|----------|---------|
|              |     | Cooling  | Heating |
| CLAD-6 UHE   | 6   | 60       | 47      |
| CLAD-20 UHE  | 20  | 60       | 47      |
| CLAD-100 UHE | 100 | 60       | 47      |

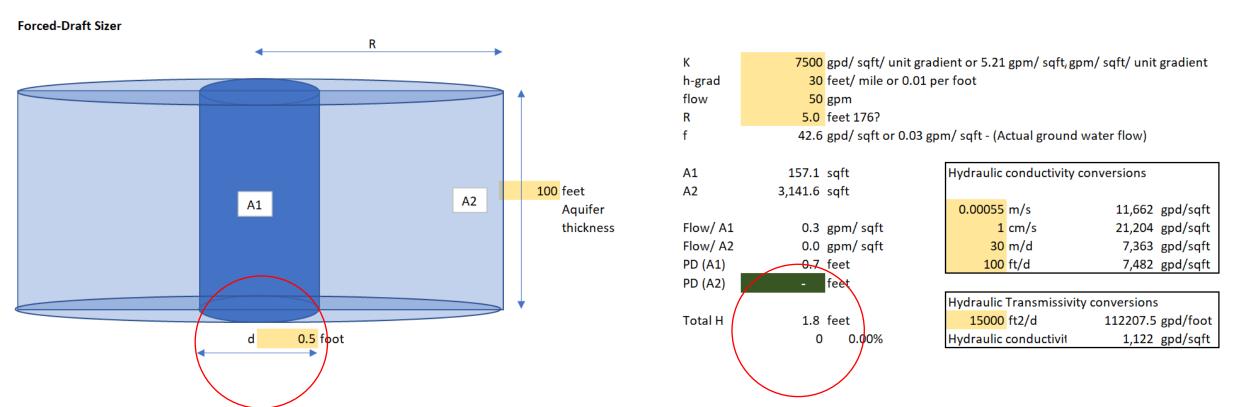
### Design & Sales Tools

- CLAD Sizer
  - Inputs
    - Hydraulic conductivity
    - Hydraulic gradient
    - Radius of influence
  - Output
    - Capacity per production well
    - Capacity per diffusion well
    - Pump selection parameters flow/ total head

- Cost estimator & proposal builder
  - Database
    - Component cost tables
  - Inputs
    - Number of wells
    - Editable pipe lengths
  - Output
    - Bill of quantities (BOQ)
    - Standard editable proposal



### Targeting & Qualifying Examples

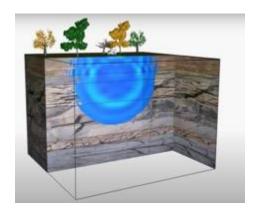


Sand gravel surficial aquifers of the Michigan Lake/ Great Lake basins

- High hydraulic conductivity (7500-15000 GDP/sq ft/unit gradient)
- Thickness (100-300 feet)
- Hydraulic gradient of 30 feet/ mile

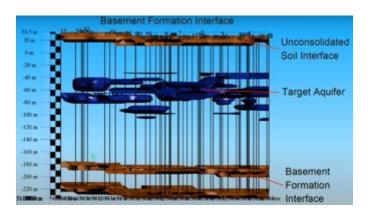


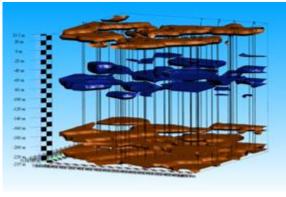
## Site Survey Tools

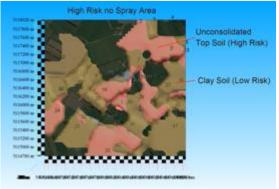


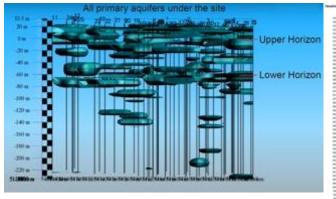


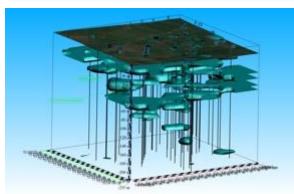


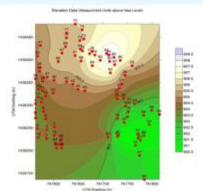




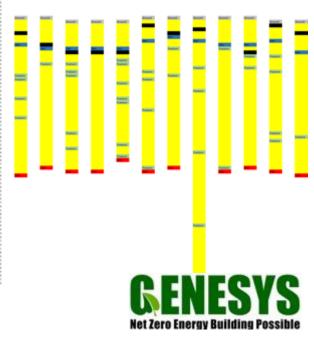












## Full Scale Project Site ..

### 150 ton project

Closed-loop layout 72 Boreholes @400ft \$800K



CLAD 8 (+2) production@60 ft **\$390K** 





## Full Scale Project Site ...

Closed-loop layout



CLAD layout





### Summary ....

- Building loop is a closed loop
- Use of glycol possible
- 10 times more efficient than closed loop 90% less ground area
- Assures scalability
- No thermal build-up
- No abandoning of wells due to underground leakages
- Product readiness
- Component reliability HXs are field tested in critical applications
- Standardized design and sizing tools



### FAQ's ....

- 1. How much water do you need for a 6 ton unit?
  - 7.2 GPM (~1.2gpm/ton)
- 2. What size diameter well and how deep?
  - 5", 6" and 12" casing for 6, 20 and 100 tons...Typically 50 –70 ft .
- 3. How many supply wells per diffusion well?
  - 2-3 depending on ground conditions. Can also discharge into surface water, storm drain etc.
- 4. Any water quality issues? How is it handled?
  - Material, surface finish, no O2 exposure, turbulent flow in HX



### FAQ's ....

- 5. What about pressure drops and pump energy?
  - High turbulence BUT only in a short length. Cracking pressure device.
- 6. Is the well pump always turned on? How is it controlled?
  - No. Temp controlled and variable speed. Passive heat transfer possible.
- 7. Issues with permit? What has been your experience?
  - Show all your cards!!
- 8. Can I order a few today?
  - Absolutely!





**Darcy Solutions Introduction** 



## **Buildings** are an **Emissions** Problem without INDIRECT EMISSIONS **Easy Solutions.**

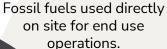
**Emissions** associated with electricity generation to operate a building.

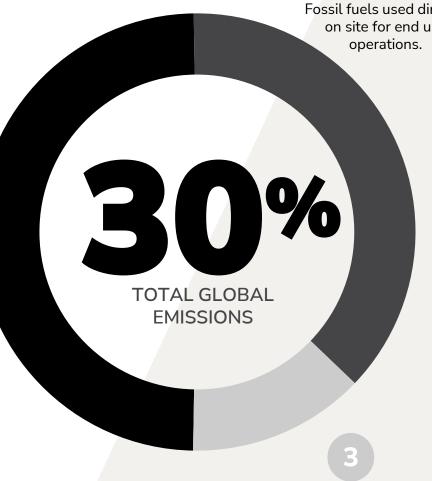
Only sector growing in emissions since 2005.

80% of existing buildings still standing in 2050.

Building stock expected to double by 2060.





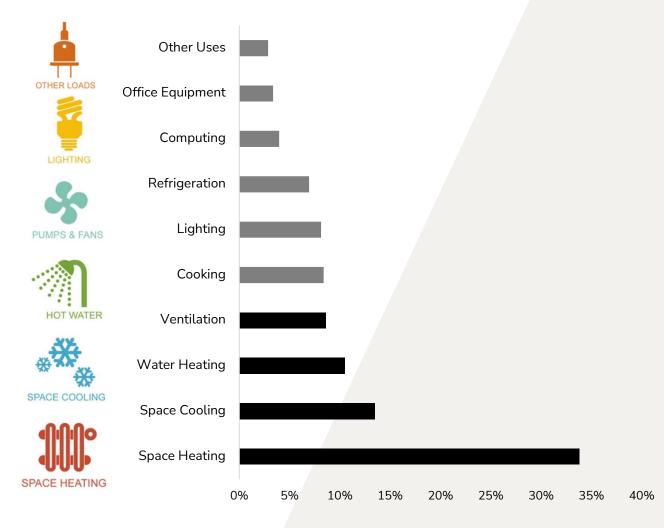


OTHER EMISSIONS

Emissions associated with other various on-site activities.

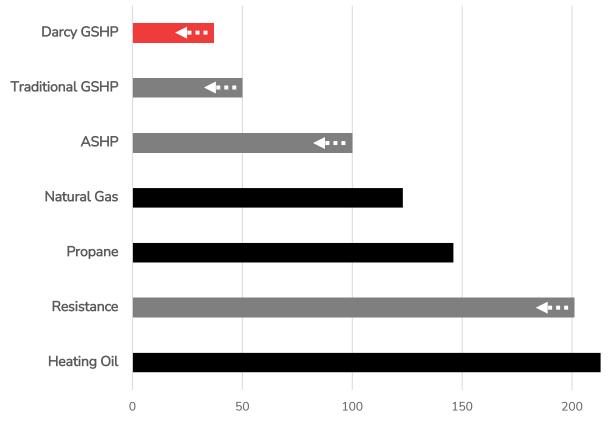
## **Eliminating Emissions in Buildings** means Solving for Heating and Cooling

#### **Energy by End Use in Commercial Sector**



HVAC systems represent 60-75% of building energy use

#### Pounds CO<sub>2</sub> Per MMBtu - Heating



\*\*\* arrows represent decreasing emissions with the greening of electricity sources

Note: Xcel MW - 12% natgas, 30% coal, 29% nuclear and 29% renewables

Sources: EIA, energysavers.gov, Energy.gov

## Darcy Wins on Efficiency

With the greatest operating efficiency and lowest emissions profile, Darcy enables building owners to achieve:

- Fully electric heating and cooling
- Net Zero corporate goals
- Energy efficiency regulations and code

#### In addition:

- Darcy geothermal is eligible for the 30-50% Investment Tax Credit enabled by the Inflation Reduction Act
- Electric utilities enthused about Darcy efficiency as demand on the grid grows

## **The Darcy Team**



Brian Larson CEO



Andrew Steiner
Development



Scott Alexander Chief Geologist



Suzanne Magdalene, PhD Senior Geologist



Alex Martell Regulatory



**Ryan Martin-Wagar** Technology



**Mike Lavoie**System Engineering



Robert Ed Marketing Strategy



Jack Henrich Drilling Ops



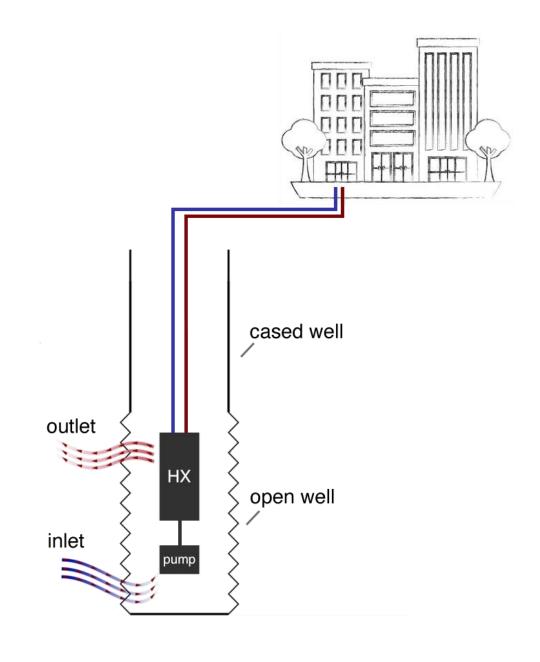
Ben Barnard Construction

- Focus: decarbonizing buildings for a sustainable, equitable economy
- Expertise: geology, engineering, construction, regulatory, and business leadership professionals

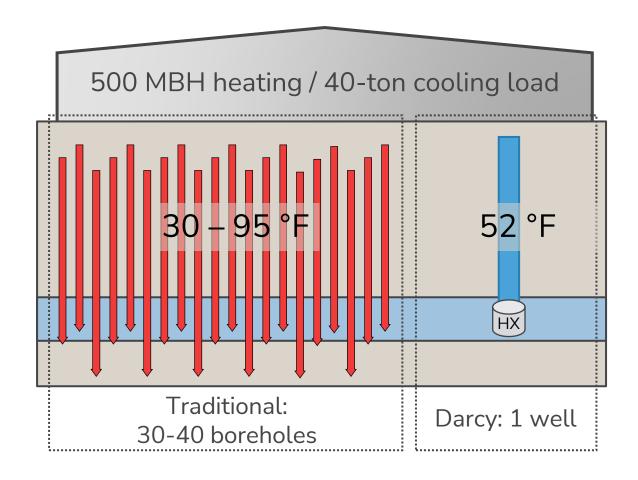
We founded
Darcy Solutions
to make a
meaningful
impact on
improving the
health of our
communities
and planet

## The Darcy System

- A Darcy-designed heat exchanger and submersible pump are installed into a purpose-built water-supply well
- Standard water well utilizing approved construction materials
- Groundwater remains in the ground for zero water consumption
- Building side loop utilizes potable water
- Number of wells scales to meet heating & cooling needs, 50+ Tons per well



## Viable for Sites Unable to Utilize Geo Today

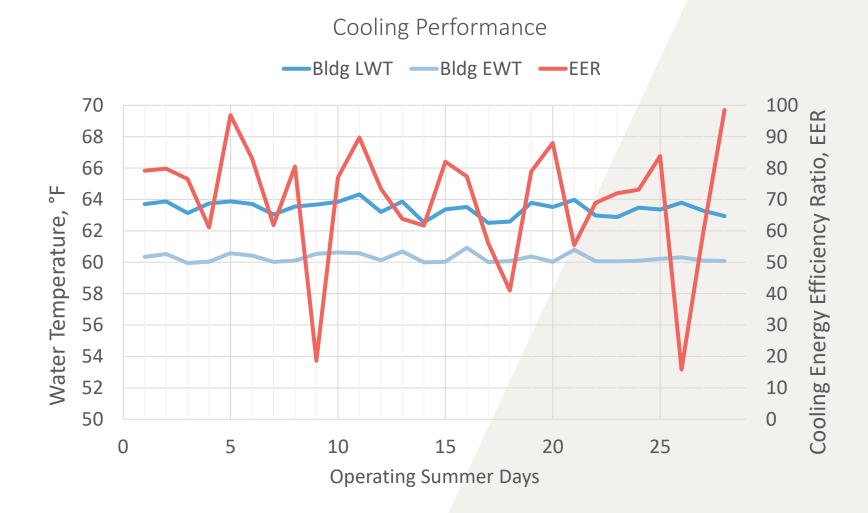


## Generate 50+ tons of capacity per well vs. 1-2 tons for traditional geothermal

- 95% footprint reduction: especially suitable for sites that are constrained, minimizing site disruption and installation time
- Stable groundwater temperatures enable year-round efficiencies and unbalanced loads
- Reduces 1st cost. Higher efficiencies accelerate payback.
- Strong growth opportunity for well drilling partners

## Real World System Performance

- Entering water temperatures are maintained throughout the season
- Cooling performance averages 77 EER vs a traditional watercooled chiller 20-25 EER
- This customer enjoying a 78% reduction in energy costs for cooling



## **Darcy integrates** hydrogeologic expertise, product design, system engineering, construction management, and commissioning

Integrated solution results in higher performance, greater system longevity, and owner satisfaction

# Questions? Thank You.







## NY-GEO 2023

## **Conference:**

Leveraging Groundwater for Rural Homeowners

April 27, 2023 Albany, New York







## Agenda

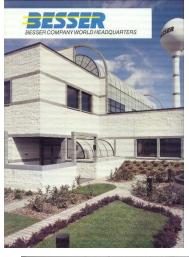
- 1. Background
- 2. The Problem
- OurObservations
- 4. Solution:HybridGeothermal
- 5. Results

## BACKGRO





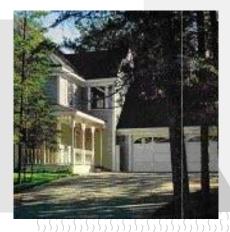






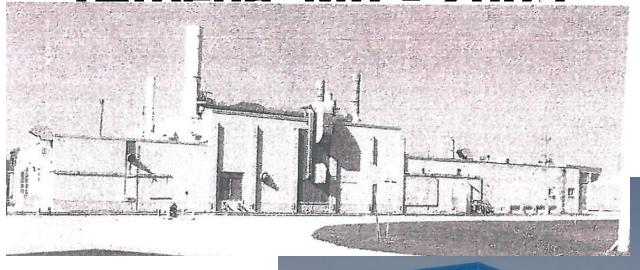






## NOAA Facility

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Papermill converted into shipwreck museum

Open Loop System 44 Ton, 105 gpm 8 Water Furnace Units Leed Certified (Gold)

## THE PROBLEM

## Rural Homeowners Pay 2X to Heat their Homes

- Those heating with propane, fuel oil, electric (no nat. gas)
- Many live in cold, uncomfortable homes to keep cost down
- Many are tired of burning wood or wood pellets to save money

In Michigan = \$1 Billion Premium

#### **Household Energy Use in New York**

A closer look at residential energy consumption

All data from EIA's 2009 Residential Energy Consumption Survey www.eia.gov/consumption/residential/

- New York households consume an average of 103 million Btu per year, 15% more than the U.S. average.
- Electricity consumption in New York homes is much lower than the U.S. average,

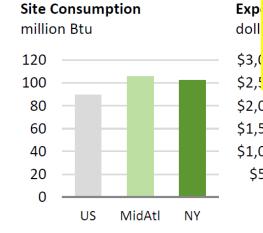
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- because many households use heating, water heating, and coc average due to higher than ave
- New York homes are typically o are smaller on average than ho

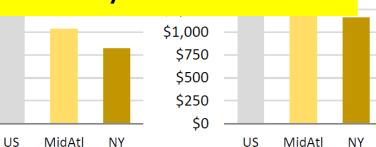
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In Michigan the average is 77 million BTU/year \$2,000 8,000 \$1,500 6,000 \$1,000 4,000 \$500 2,000

NY



## Typical Rural Homes (70M to 100M Annual BTU on



## 1 Million Wells



1 Million
Free
Clean
Renewable
Energy
Sources



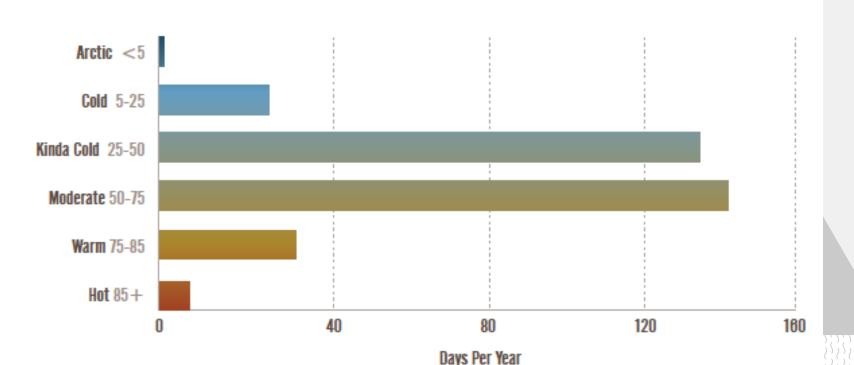
Well-Connect is "Right-Sized" for the Big Bars

### **Cleveland Ohio Temperatures**

Temperature degree days per year (farenheit)

# We SHOULD care about the Big Bars but we WIG OUT

about the top and bottom bars instead.



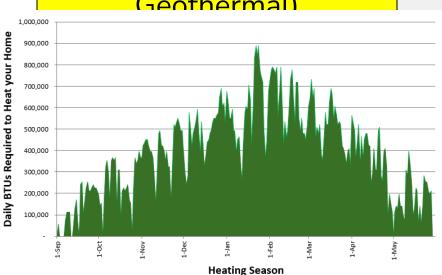
Source: Nate Adams', The Home Comfort Book

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## Hybrid Geothermal WELTONIECT



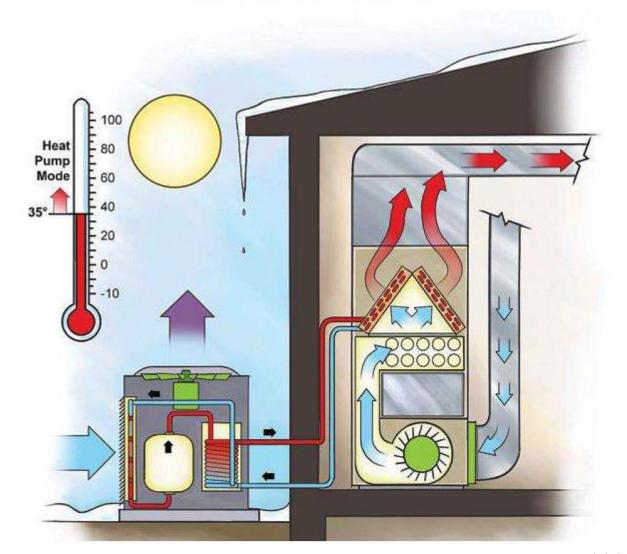
Simply Applying the
Pareto Principle to
Already Proven
Technology
(Decades of Open Loop
Geothermal)



#### Conventional "Either - Or" Dual Fuel Heating System

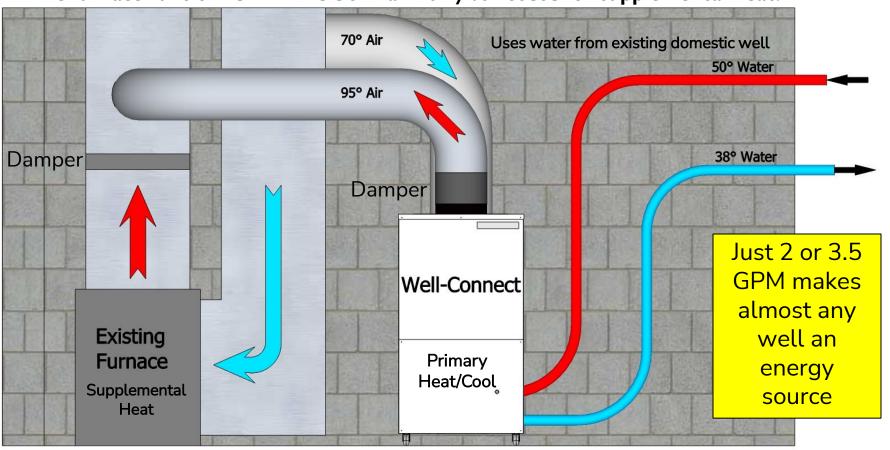
Either the heat pump is running (in moderate weather), or the gas furnace is running (in cold weather).

They MUST NOT run simultaneously.



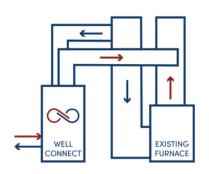
#### **Well-Connect Hybrid Geothermal System**

The Well-Connect maintains full capacity and efficiency at all outdoor temperatures. The furnace runs SIMULTANEOUSLY and only as needed for supplemental heat.





#### What Makes Well Connect Unique?



#### **HYBRID OPERATION**

CONNECTS TO YOUR
EXISTING FURNACE GIVING
YOU MAXIMUM COMFORT
YEAR ROUND



#### WATER EFFICIENT

MINIMAL WATER FLOW REQUIRED MAKING ALMOST EVERY WELL CAPABLE OF HEATING & COOLING YOUR HOME



#### **EASY INSTALLATION**

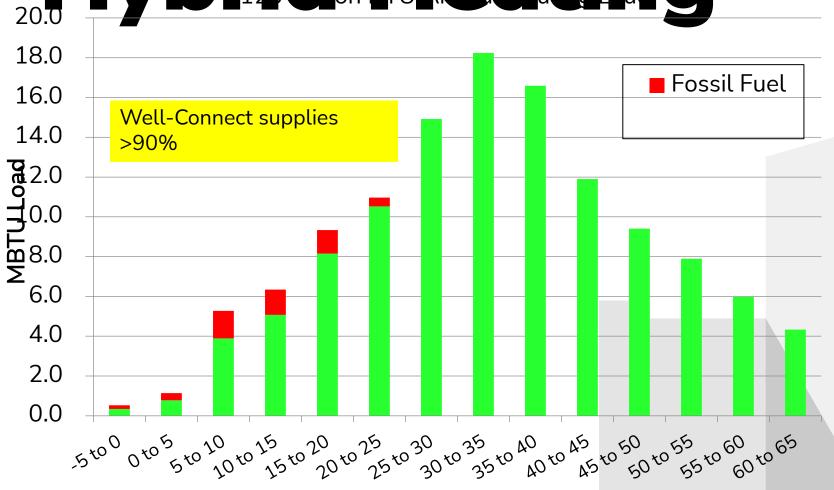
INSTALL IT YOURSELF OR HAVE IT PROFESSIONALLY INSTALLED IN 1 DAY



Well-Connect:
The "PHEV" of Geothermal



# Well-Connect: Hybrid Heating



50,000 BTUh Heating Load 29,000 BTUh Well-Connect

Temperature Bin







#### 2.5 Ton Well-Connect



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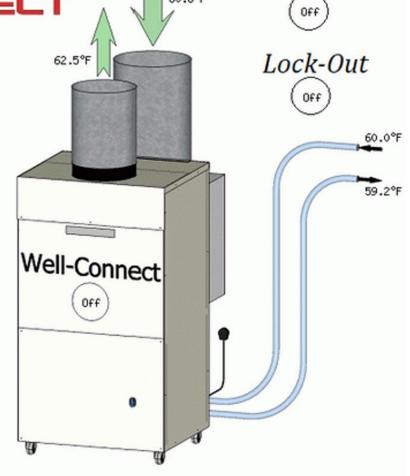


| <b>HEATING</b> |            |             |            |  |
|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|--|
|                | Today      | This Month  | This Year  |  |
| Well-Connect   | 6.3 Hours  | 301.5 Hours | 2005 Hours |  |
| Well-Connect   | 11.9 kWhrs | 573.0 kWhrs | 3806 kWhrs |  |
| LP Offset      | 2.1 Gals   | 98.9 Gals   | 657 Gals   |  |
| LP Backup      | 0.0 Hours  | 2.9 Hours   | 12 Hours   |  |

| COOLING      |           |            |            |  |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|--|
|              | Today     | This Month | This Year  |  |
| Well-Connect | 0.0 Hours | 0.1 Hours  | 680 Hours  |  |
| Well-Connect | 0.0 kWhrs | 0.1 kWhrs  | 1122 kWhrs |  |

| $\cap$ |           | PUMI      | P POWER    |           |
|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|        |           | Today     | This Month | This Year |
|        | Well Pump | 1.9 kWhrs | 90.5 kWhrs | 805 kWhrs |

|       | In     | Out    | ΔΤ     |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Air   | 60.6°F | 62.5°F | 1.9°F  |
| Water | 60.0°F | 59.2°F | -0.8°F |



**Furnace** 

#### **Project Summary**

#### **General Project Information**

Project Title: Btu Comparison, Western NY

Project Date: Friday, August 12, 2022

**Design Data** 

Building Area: 2,000 sq.ft. Cooling Load: 25,000 Btuh
People: 0 Heating Load: 50,000 Btuh

Occupancy: 0 Loads Adj. Factor: 0.77

AC On Temp.: 0 °F

Actual City: Buffalo, New York Weather Ref. City: Buffalo, New York

Summer Outdoor:85 °FWinter Outdoor:6 °FSummer Indoor:75 °FWinter Indoor:72 °FCooling Hours:812Degree Days:6,736

#### **Annual Operating Cost Estimate**

|                              | Fuel  | Total   | Total   | Annual  | Total   | Average |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| System                       | Rates | Heating | Cooling | Service | Oper.   | Monthly |
| Description                  | Set   | Cost    | Cost    | Charges | Cost    | Cost    |
| Fuel Oil + AC                | 1     | \$5,750 | \$264   | \$0     | \$6,014 | \$501   |
| Standard 4t Geo System       | 1     | \$1,756 | \$179   | \$0     | \$1,934 | \$161   |
| Fuel Oil + 2.5t Well-Connect | 1     | \$1,964 | \$179   | \$0     | \$2,142 | \$179   |
| Fuel Oil + 1.5t Well-Connect | 1     | \$2,665 | \$179   | \$0     | \$2,843 | \$237   |



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#### Range of Results from Data Loggers

#### **Energy Saved (Eliminated by Well-Connect):**

1.5 Ton WC

2.5 Ton WC

650 to 950 gallons of propane

950 to 1,400 gallons of propane

500 to 800 gallons of fuel oil

750 to 1,150 gallons of fuel oil

5 to 7 cords of wood

7 to 10 cords of wood

600 to 870 therms of natural gas

870 to 1,280 therms of natural gas

#### Energy Used (to operate Well-Connect & well pump):

1.5 Ton WC

2.5 Ton WC

4,200 kWh to 6,300 kWh

5,900 kWh to 9,200 kWh

#### Air Conditioning (Michigan):

Annual kWh consumed ranges from 600 kWh to 1,600 kWh per Summer.

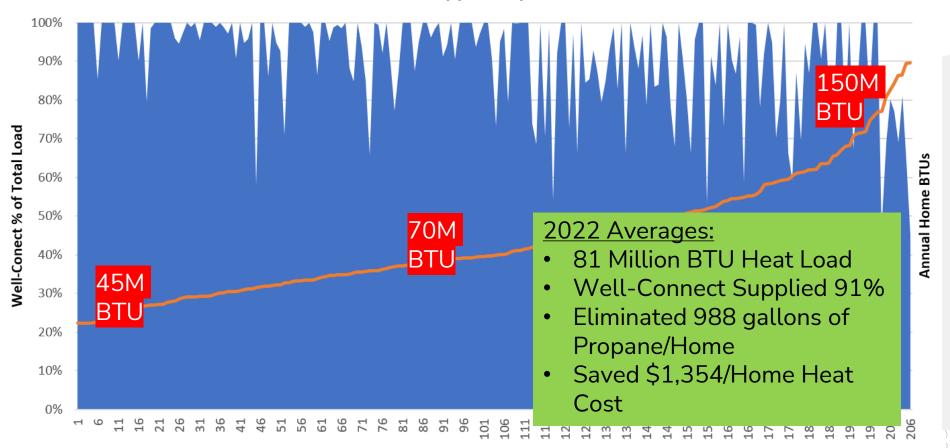
#### Size of Homes:

- Primary Range is 1,500 to 2,500 sf on average
- Full range 1,200 to 3,500



## Well-Connect Supplies >90%

% of Total Annual Heat BTUs Supplied by Well-Connect vs Total BTUs







## Installed Systems >1,300

2012 to 2017: 100 Units

2018 to 2022: >1,200

<u>Units</u>

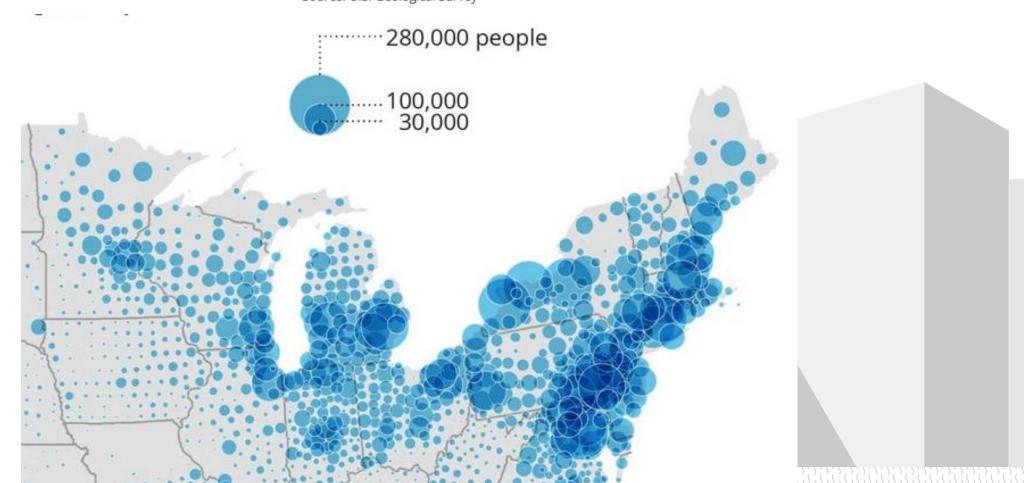
Since 2018, 2 out of 3
Residential Geothermal Systems
Sold in Michigan were
Well-Connects\*

Minneapolis St. Louis Mani Isla n Bay aukee sha hicago Toledo

<sup>\*</sup> Per Energy Optimization & MI Saves data

## Number of People in each County who use Household Wells (Domestic, self-supplied population)

Source: U.S. Geological Survey



## Accomplishm ents







U.S. & Canadian Patents











## Hybrid Geothermal



- Rural Homeowners
- Existing Homes/Retrofit
- Supplies 80%+ of Heating
- Simultaneous Operation
- Added to Existing System
- Installs in 1 Day
- 2 gpm or 3.5 gpm Flow Rate



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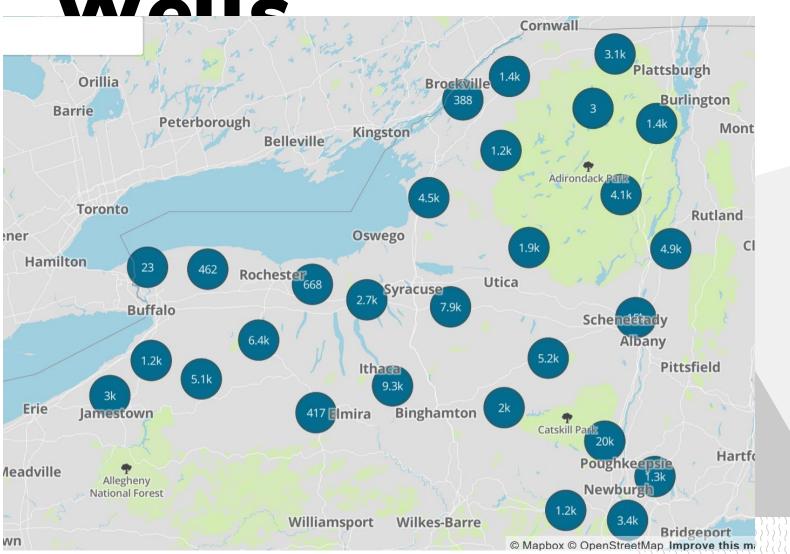
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## New York Water

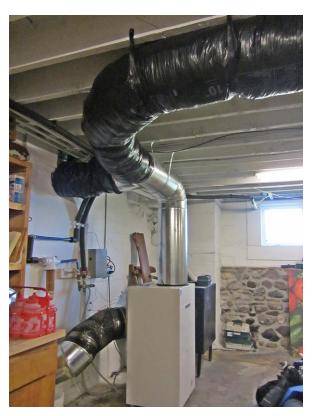


### 3 Installation Options

Integrated with Existing Furnace



Self-Ducted to Living Area



**Ductless In Living** 





### Integrated Installation



Existing Propane Furnace



#### **Self-Ducted Installation**

Supply Run to Kitchen



Supply Run to Living Room



Supply
Vents
Added at
2
locations





Return Duct Well-Connect Heat Pump



### **Ductless Installation**



Hooks up just like a washing machine.







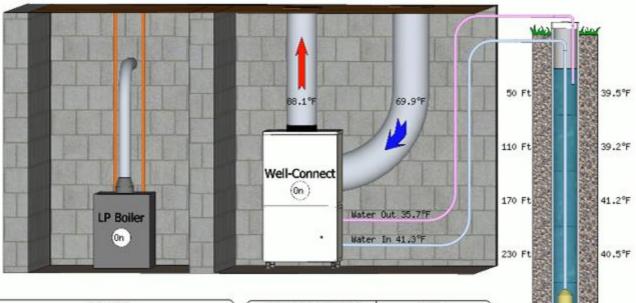
Well-Connect Standing Column Installation

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| RUN TIMES    |     |           |             |  |
|--------------|-----|-----------|-------------|--|
|              | Now | Today     | This Month  |  |
| Well-Connect | 0n  | 6.5 Hours | 69.6 Hours  |  |
| Boiler       | 0n  | 6.5 Hours | 138.5 Hours |  |

49707 Outside 27.8°F

| ENERGY           |           |            |  |  |
|------------------|-----------|------------|--|--|
| - 3              | Today     | This Month |  |  |
| Energy Delivered | 78.8 kBtu | 865 kBtu   |  |  |
| Propane Avoided  | 0.96 Gals | 10.5 Gals  |  |  |



| POWER           |            |             |  |  |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
|                 | Today      | This Month  |  |  |
| Well-Connect    | 10.8 kWhrs | 114.9 kWhrs |  |  |
| Well Water Pump | 0.3 kWhrs  | 3.5 kWhrs   |  |  |
| Total System    | 10.8 kWhrs | 114.9 kWhrs |  |  |

| TEMPERATURES |        | WE     | LL     |        |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|              | Air    | Water  | 50 Ft  | 39.5°F |
| In           | 69.9°F | 41.3°F | 110 Ft | 39.2°F |
| Out          | 88.1°F | 35.7°F | 170 Ft | 41.2°F |
| DeltaT       | 18.2°F | -5.6°F | 230 Ft | 40.5°F |

## Marginal Utility

