

Multi-Function Fuel-Fired Heat Pump CRADA

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Problem Statement: 55% residential building energy use for space conditioning & water heating; highly efficient systems needed to facilitate DOE/BTO goal for 50% reduction in building energy use by 2030

Impact of Project: Cumulative energy savings potential of 0.25 Quads per year based on a penetration rate of 10% for a residential multifunction heat pump that provides space conditioning, water heating, and power generation compared to separate HVAC and water heating equipment at minimum efficiency levels

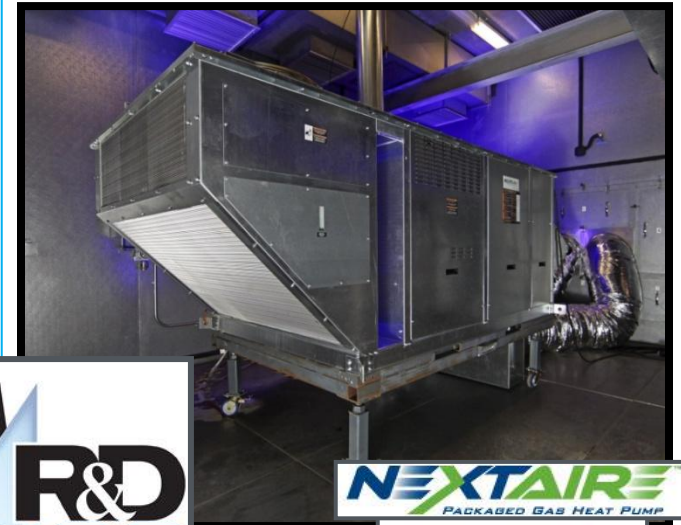
Project Focus: Supports/facilitates achievement of DOE/BTO goal of 50% reduction in building energy use by 2030; Develops and promotes market introduction of a residential fuel fired multifunction heat pump to help achieve the 20% HVAC and 60% water heating energy savings required to meet the Uber goal

Approach:

- Building on success of commercial heat pump, develop residential unit with additional features (water heating, power generation)

Distinctive Characteristics:

- Natural gas engine-driven compressor
- 1.5 kW power generation
- Waste heat recovery for space heating/water heating
- Smart controller to achieve optimal efficiency



Project Goals:

Reduce primary energy consumption

- Cooling source COP of 1.3, heating source COP of 1.5
- Reduce water heating energy consumption by 80%
- 30% primary energy savings

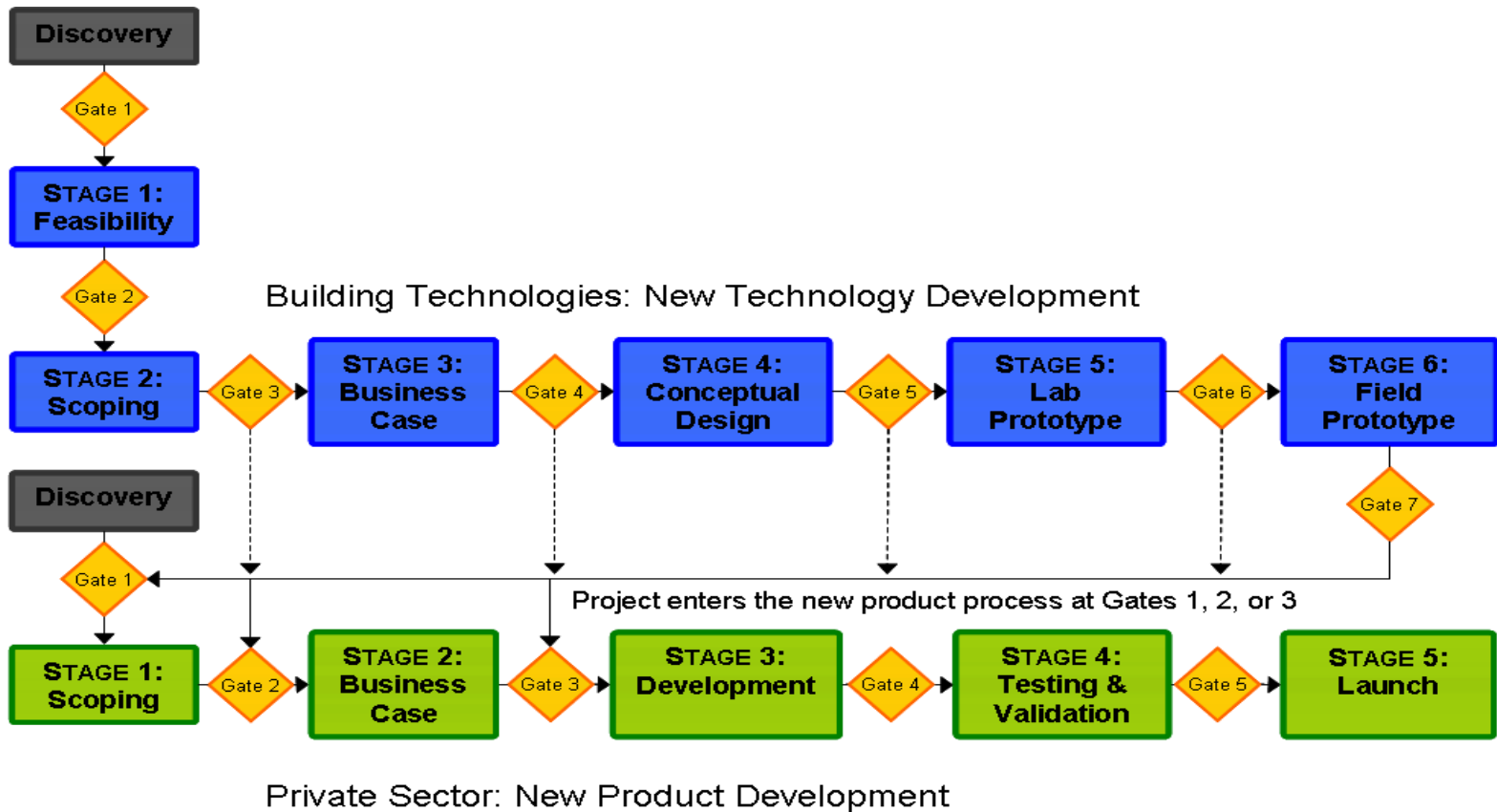
Protect the environment

- Reduce carbon emissions by 30%
- Reduce nitrogen oxide by 30%
- Reduce sulfur dioxide by 95%

Improve energy security and support U.S. economy

- Improves reliability of electric grid by reducing peak power demand by 85%
- Uses natural gas as a fuel, an abundant U.S. energy resource
- Energy cost savings for the consumer

- Stage-Gate process is used to reduce risk



Key Issues: Cost (\$8000 target), overall size, optimal control of space conditioning, water heating, and power generation, and selection/development of power generation module

- Increase current (PLC) system controller capabilities to reduce engine and system controls and reduce costs

\$1500 → **\$150**



Low cost commercially available open source control board with 54 digital I/O points, 16 analog inputs

- Reduce components and decrease maintenance intervals



Direct coupling the engine/compressor assembly eliminated pulley and belt



Replace multiple mixing valve with simpler valve and circuiting

Key Issues: (cont.)

- Reduce unit cost by replacing specialty items with “off the shelf” components (heat exchangers, fan blades, valves)
- Reduce unit size and cost by replacing specially manufactured copper fin and tube heat exchangers with micro-channel heat exchangers



- Replace existing 1 hp outdoor fan motor with $\frac{1}{4}$ hp fan motor; enabled by micro-channel coil w/ lower pressure drop
- Determine control strategy to optimize waste energy stream utilization between water heating load and space heating load
- Reduce power draw from fans, pumps, and controllers (1200w to 600w)

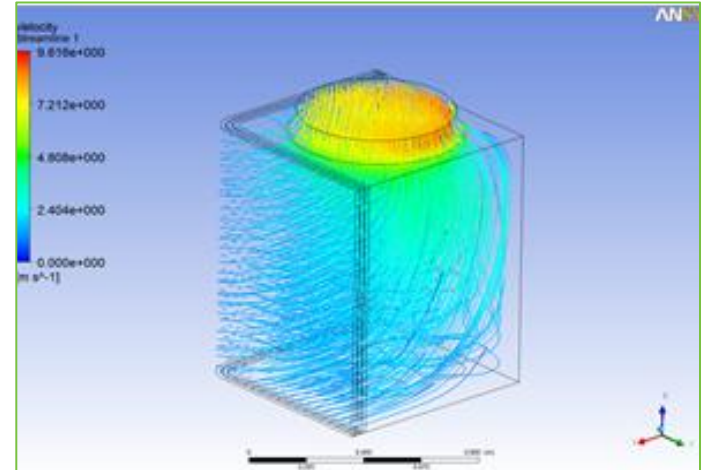
Accomplishments and Progress

- Completed the design and development of alpha prototype
 - Selection of small, long life engine
 - CFD modeling of heat exchangers, flow paths
 - Water heating (heat recovery from engine)

Control panel



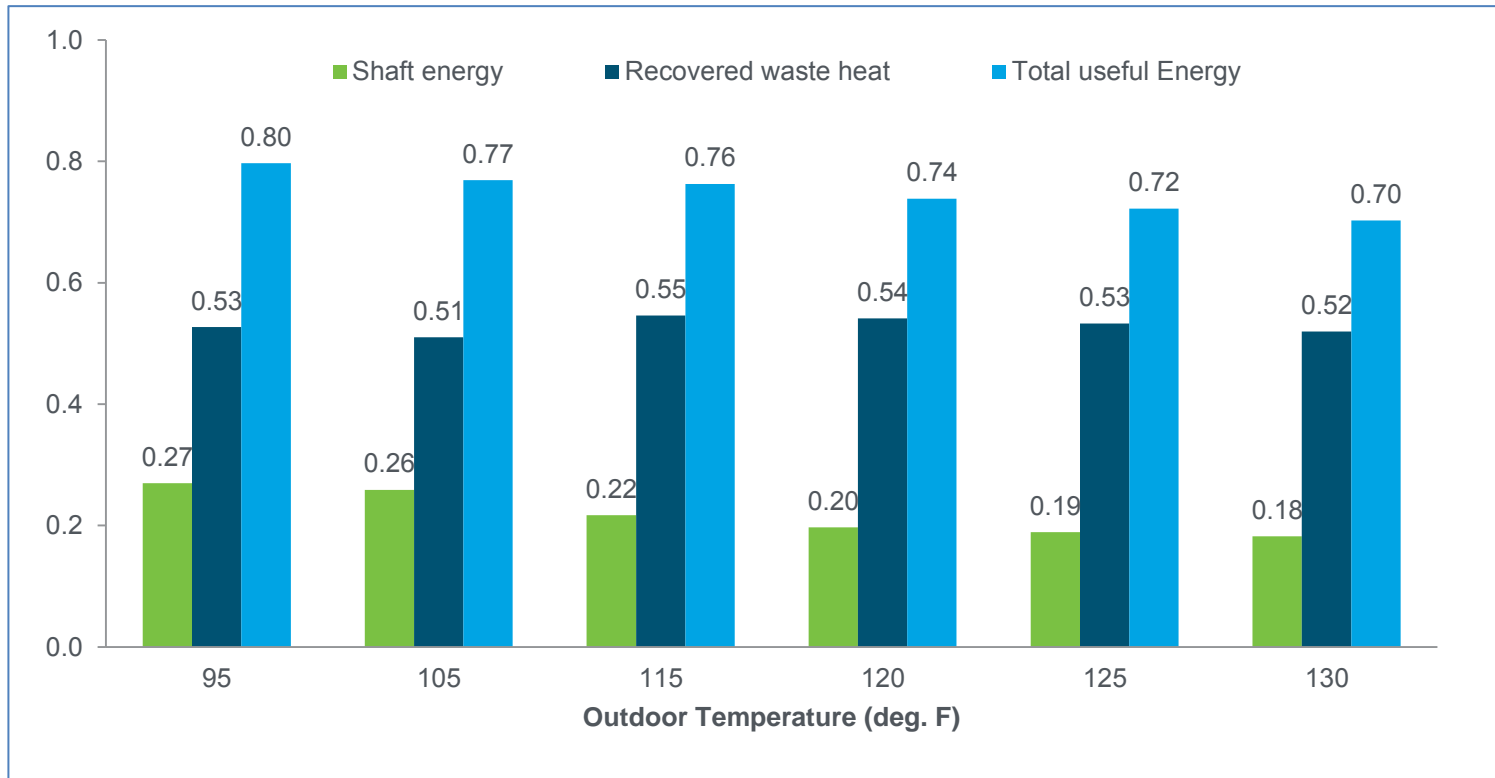
**IC engine – Marathon
(U.S. manufacturer)**



Open drive scroll compressor

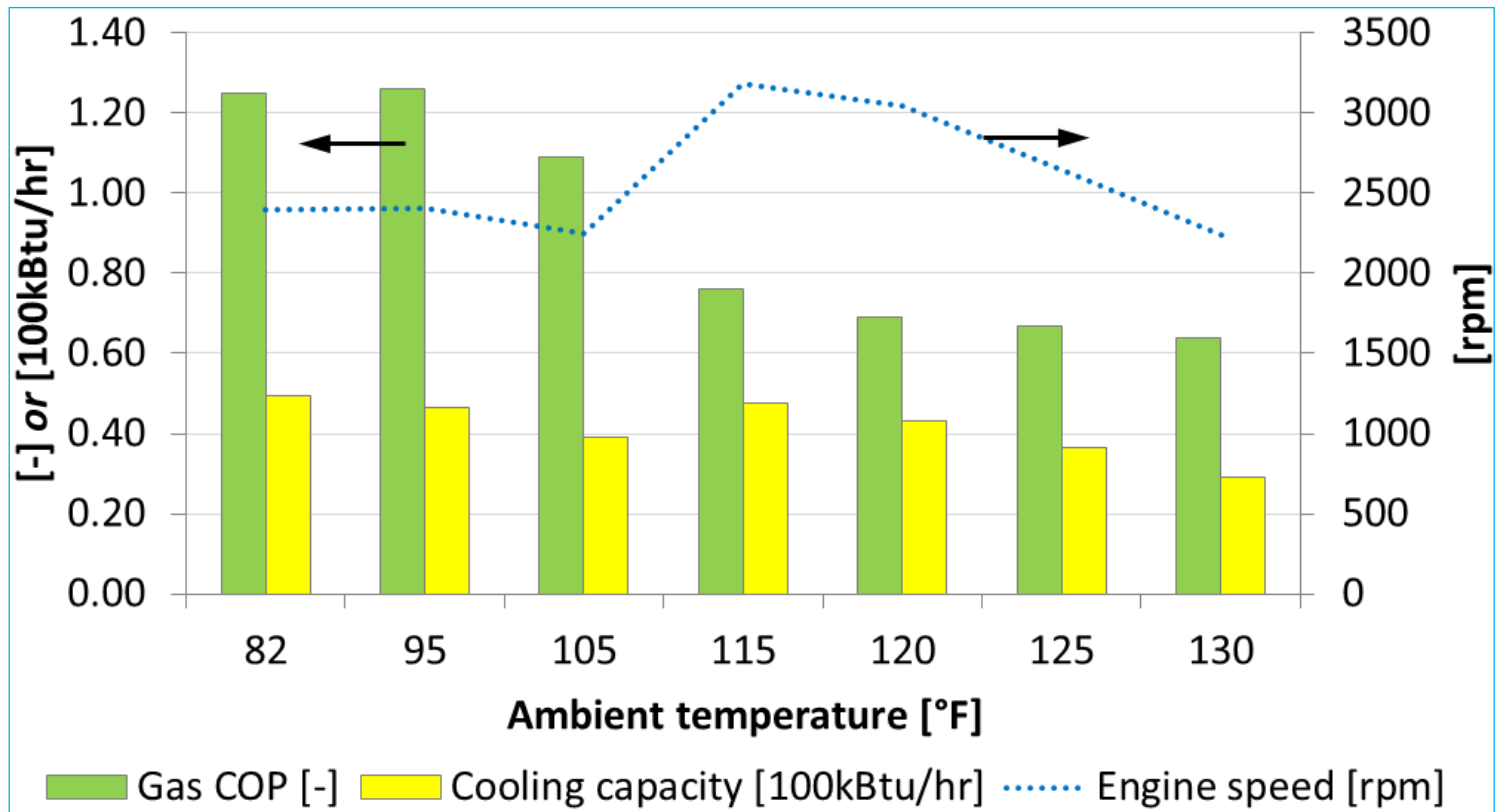
Heat recovery

- Completed performance testing of the alpha prototype



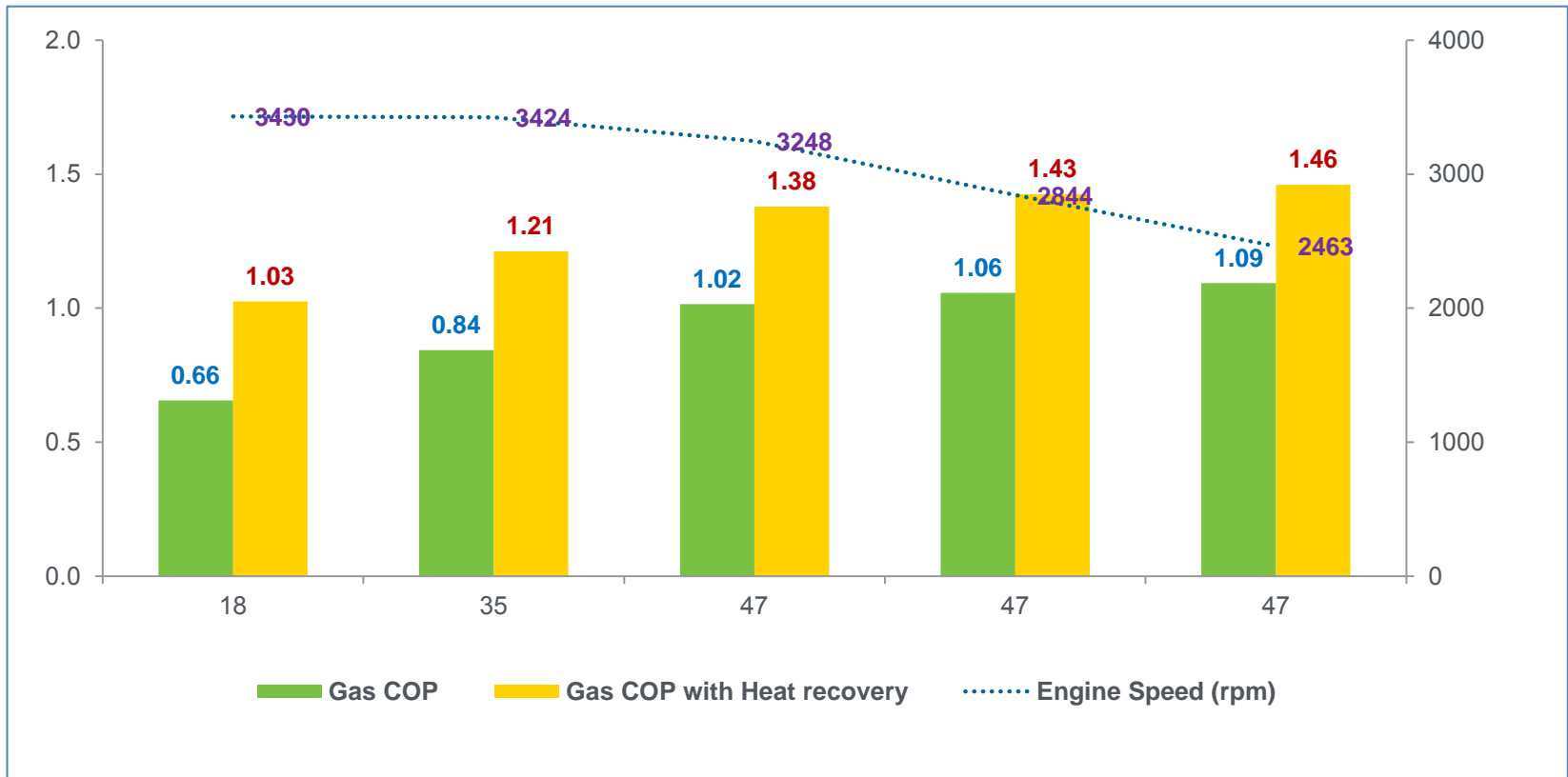
Fraction of fuel input converted to useful energy

- Completed cooling performance testing of the alpha prototype



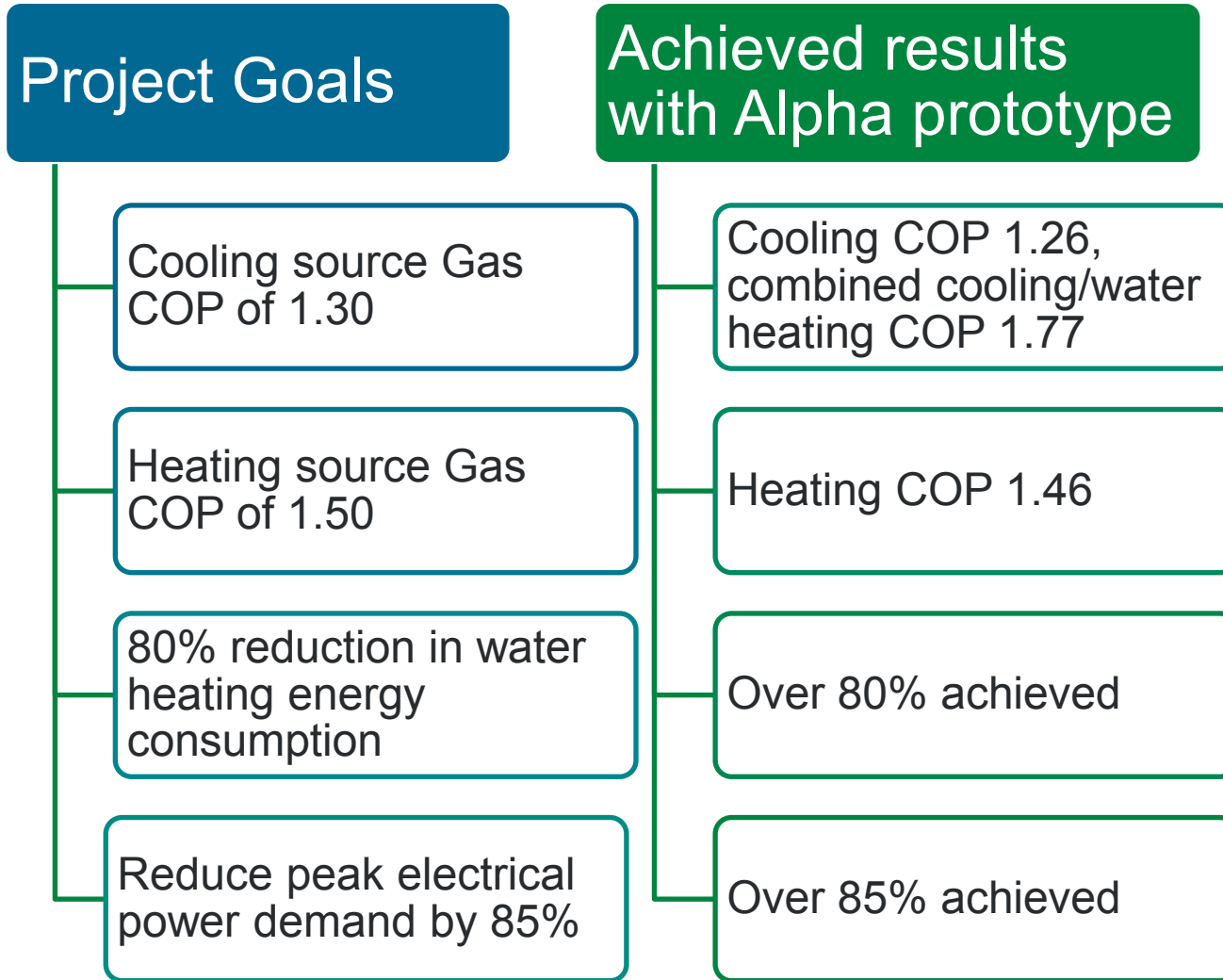
Cooling COP and Capacity as a function of ambient temperature

- Completed heating performance testing of the alpha prototype



Heating COP as a function of ambient temperature

Progress on Goals:



Project Plan & Schedule

Original initiation date: September 1, 2010
 Planned completion date: September 30, 2014
 Project on schedule to meet FY13 project milestones

Go/No-Go decision plans
 12/2011-proceed to full scale unit; **passed**
 11/2013-proceed to field testing

Summary					Legend											
WBS Number or Agreement Number					Work completed											
Project Number 18810					Active Task											
Agreement Number 6800					Milestones & Deliverables (Original Plan)											
					Milestones & Deliverables (Actual)											
					FY2012				FY2013				FY2014			
Task / Event					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Project Name: Multi-Function Fuel-Fired Heat Pump																
Milestone: Complete breadboard unit testing					◆											
Milestone: Complete alpha unit design							◆									
Milestone: Complete alpha unit testing								◆								
Current work and future research																
Milestone: Develop control strategy and controller										◆						
Milestone: Complete beta unit testing											◆					
Milestone: Develop power generation module															◆	
Milestone: Complete lab tests of Beta unit with power generation module																◆
Milestone: Perform design review with CRADA partner and build field test units																◆
Milestone: Develop field test plan and instrumentation package																◆
Milestone: Install units in field and complete testing																◆

Project Budget: Total - \$2000k (DOE)

Partner (SWGAS) Budget - \$2400k

Variances: None

Cost to Date: \$1453k

Additional Funding: FY14 - \$800k

Budget History					
FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share
\$500k	\$600k	\$600k	\$600k	\$900k	\$600k

Partners and Collaborators:

- Southwest Gas (CRADA partner), natural gas service provider in Nevada, California and Arizona
- IntelliChoice Energy, subsidiary of Southwest Gas
- Marathon Engine Systems (MES), manufacturer of the IC engine

Communications:

Conference paper and presentation: Mahderekal, I, Shen, B., Vineyard E. A., (2013), “Development of Fuel Fired Multi-function Heat Pump”, Conference CD of ASHRAE 2013 Winter Conference, Dallas, TX.

Next Steps and Future Plans:

- Incorporate a power generation feature on the Beta unit
- Complete development of Beta version including control strategy
 - space conditioning
 - water heating
 - 1.5kw power generation
- Perform laboratory tests using AHRI and ANSI performance testing and rating of gas-fired heat pumps
- Develop field test plan, install units, and complete field test
- Work with partner to commercialize multi-function fuel-fired heat pump