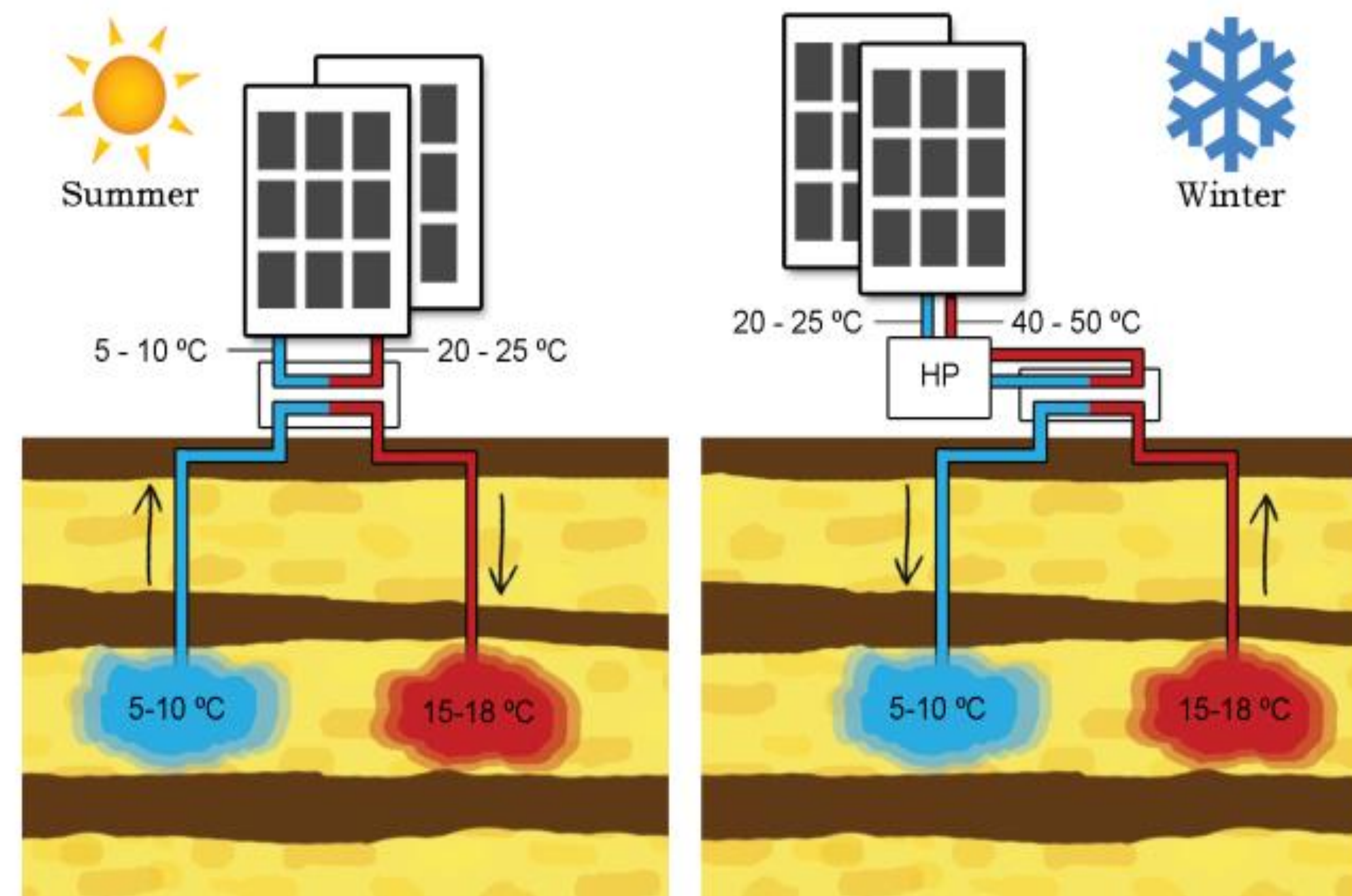


# Optimizing ATES performance by increasing warm well temperature and harvesting waste/solar heat

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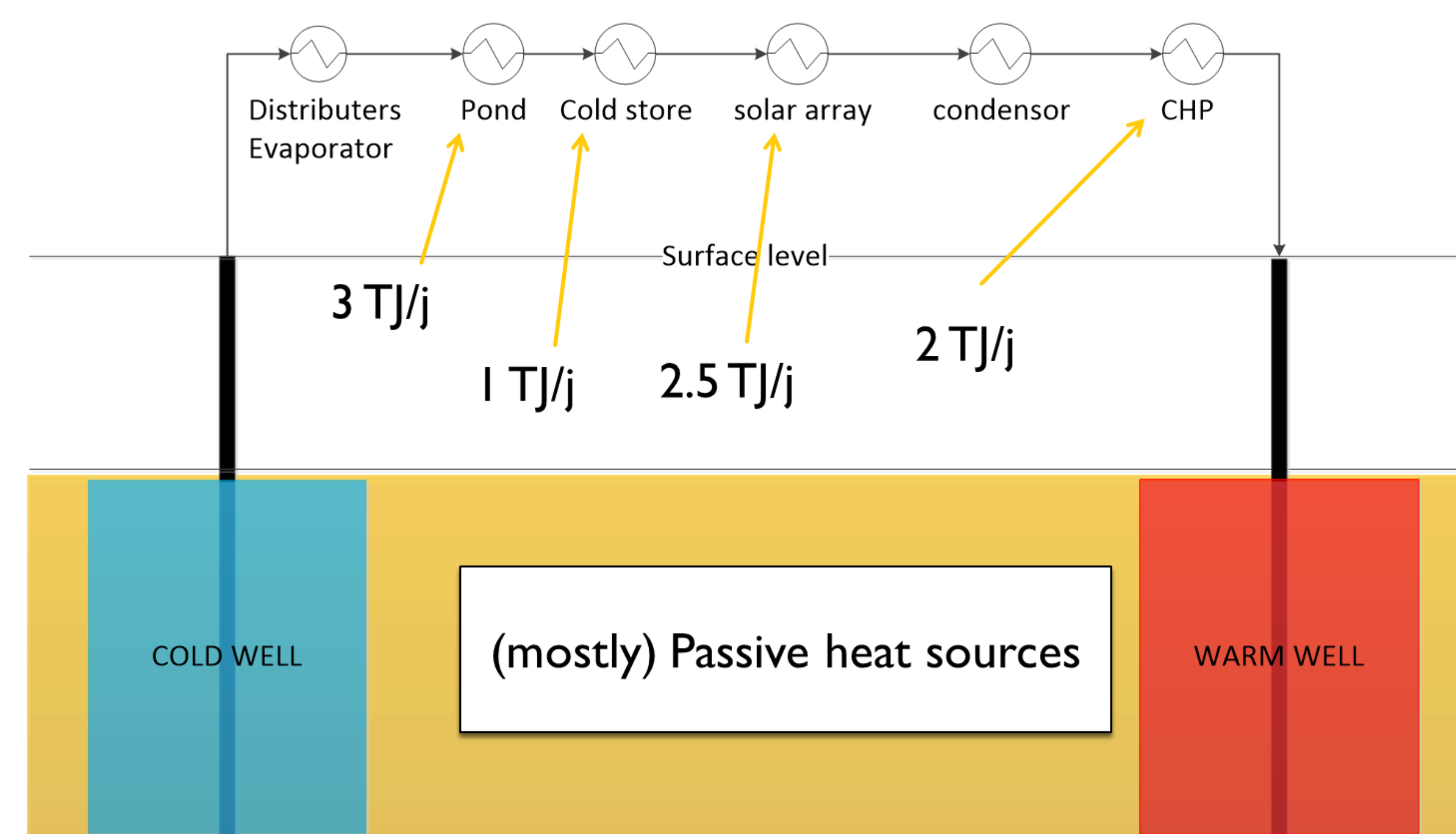
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## 1. Existing LT-ATES system

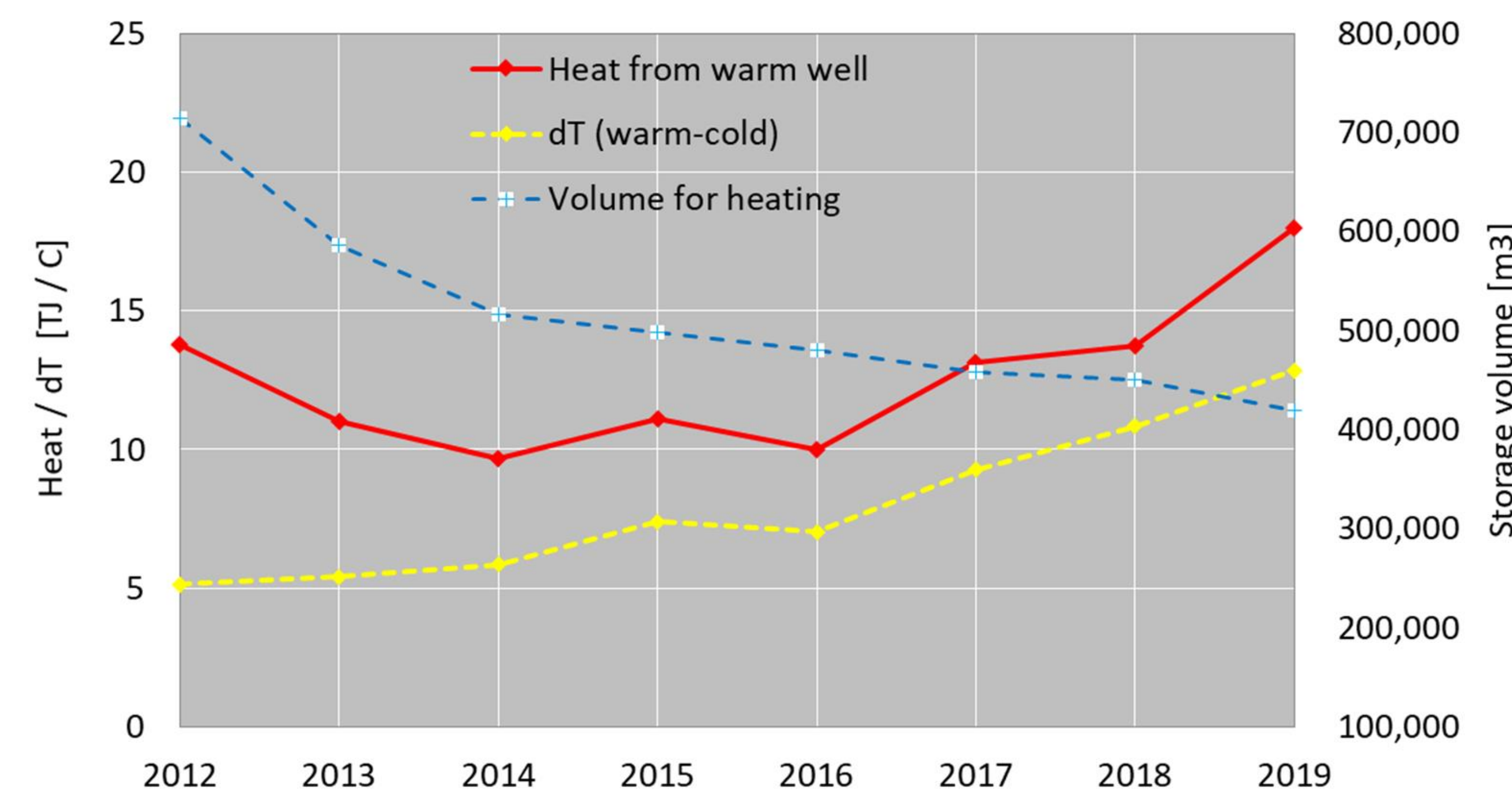


Basic working principle of ATES (Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage)

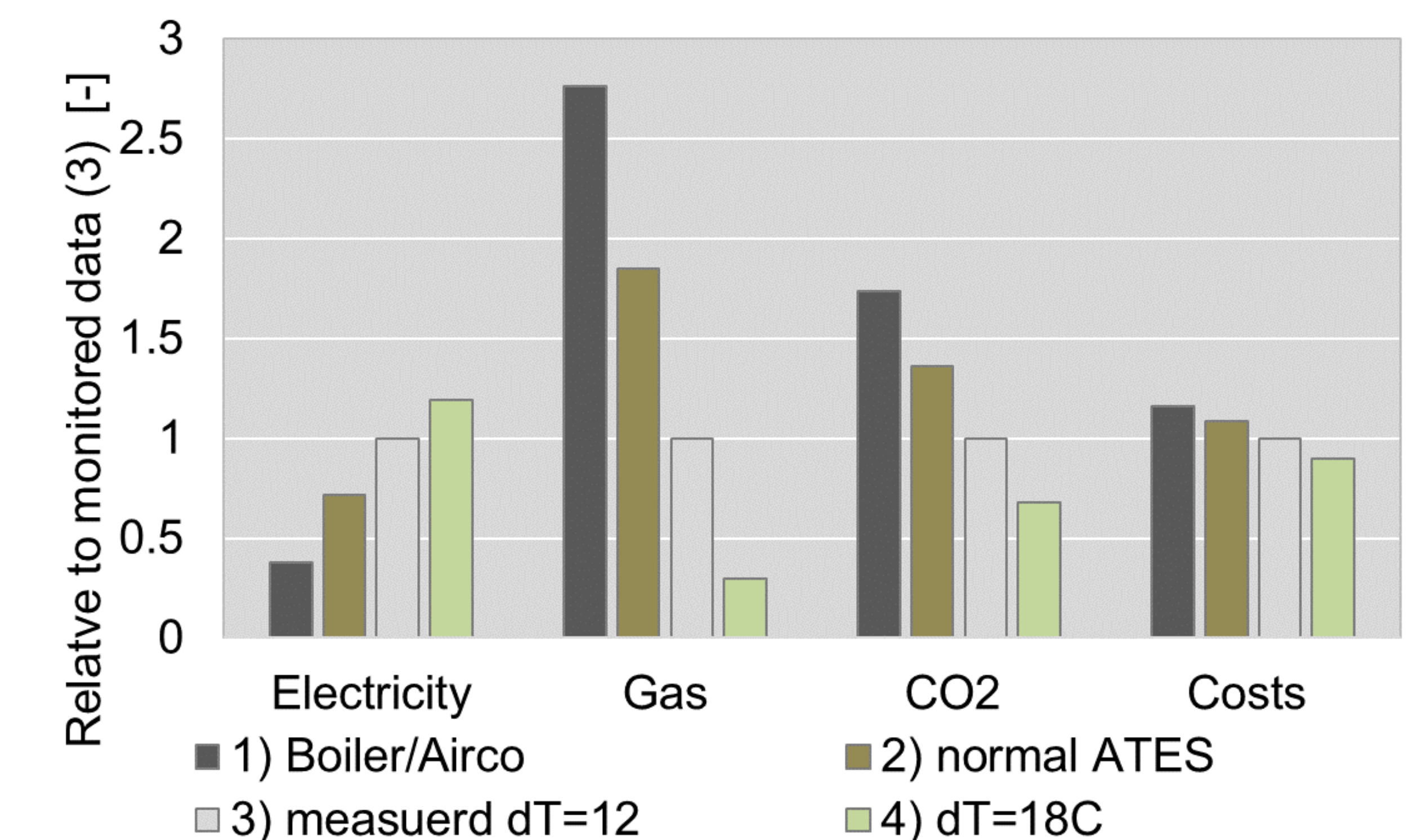
## 2. Harvest extra heat to increase warm well temperature



## 3. $\Delta T$ between warm-cold well increases from 6 to 12

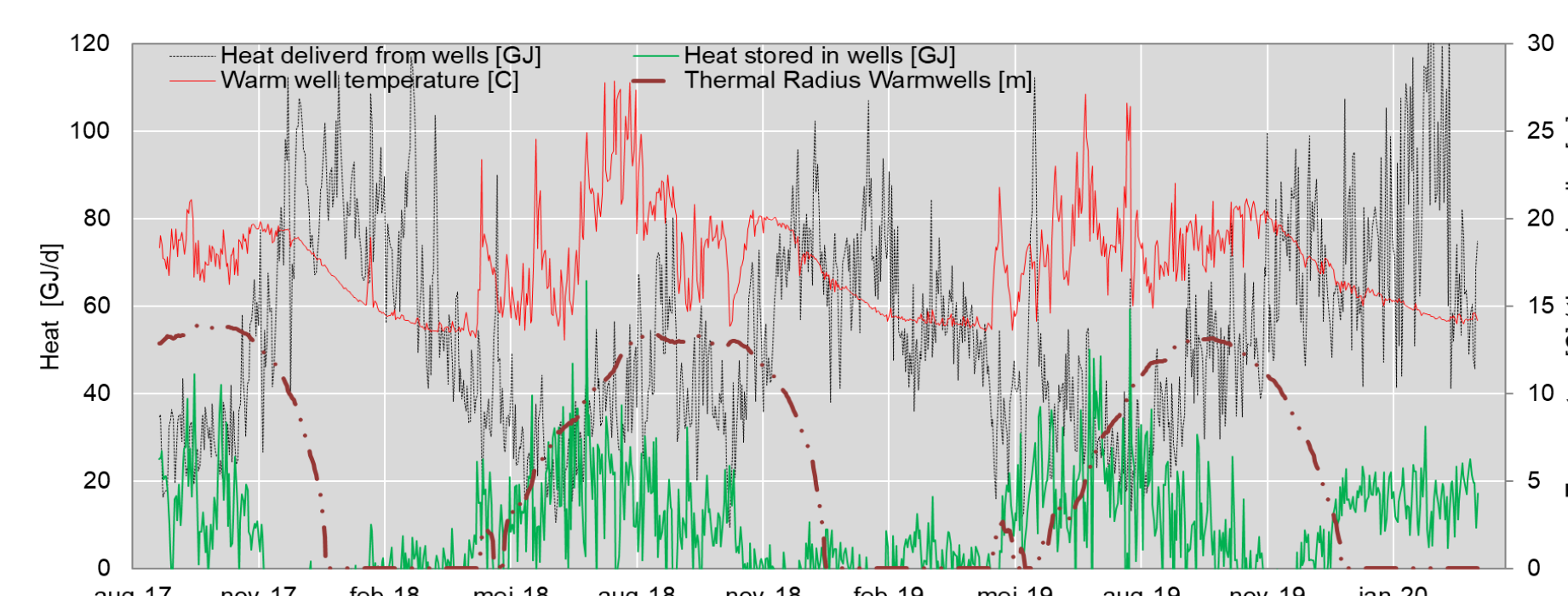


## 5. Higher $\Delta T$ affects energy use, emissions and costs



## 4. Energy / performance analysis

1. Conventional
2. Normal LT-ATES ( $\Delta T = 6^\circ\text{C}$ )
3. Optimized ATES ( $\Delta T = 12^\circ\text{C}$ ) (2.5 years data)
4. Further optimized ATES ( $\Delta T = 18^\circ\text{C}$ )



## 6. Conclusions

Compared to normal ATES:

- Increase in  $\Delta T$  from 6 to 12 °C results in 10% lower heat price
- And 30-70% lower emissions

Due to increase in  $\Delta T$ :

- more heat is stored, a larger share of demand can be delivered by ATES
- Heat pump performance increases with 15%

