

# Put all your energy in to sand

Invest in 100% clean energy

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# Vision: Cut Emissions, Revolutionise Energy Markets

Patented solution: store wind  
and solar power as heat in sand

Affordable, safe, scalable,  
and reliable around the world



Unit sizes: home, industrial complex, housing district



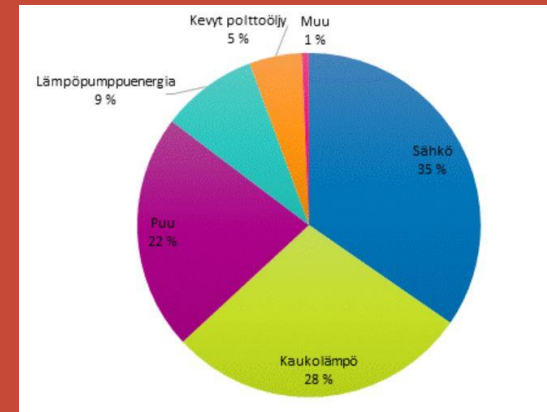
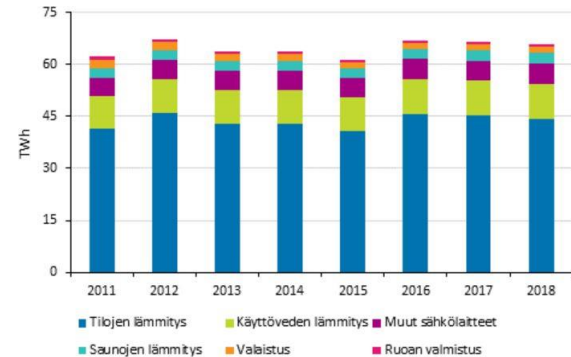
Electricity for users,  
excess energy into heat,  
used later during the year



# Buildings: About one Quarter of the Emissions

- Emission reductions in district heating relies on the assumption that burning biomass is considered carbon neutral
- True CO2 reductions require technologies without combustion
- Combining electricity and heating sectors with solar and wind offers a cost-effective way to achieve this
- District scale heating solutions have a huge potential

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# Pilot with the City of Tampere

- Hiedanranta Circular Business Ecosystem
- Part of the city's vision of becoming an international circular business hub
- Final feasibility study of the entire solution in use
- Ready: August 2020
- Storage: 3 MWh
- Input: 30 kW, Connected to solar panels
- Output 50 kW, Integrated to the city district heating system



# District scale solution at Hiedanranta

## Scope

- Heat demand: 70 GWh/year
- Electricity demand: 50 GWh/year
- Peak heating power: 24 MW
- Peak electric power: 20 MW
  
- 25 000 habitants and 10 000 jobs
- 1500 000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space
- Limited construction space

## Solution

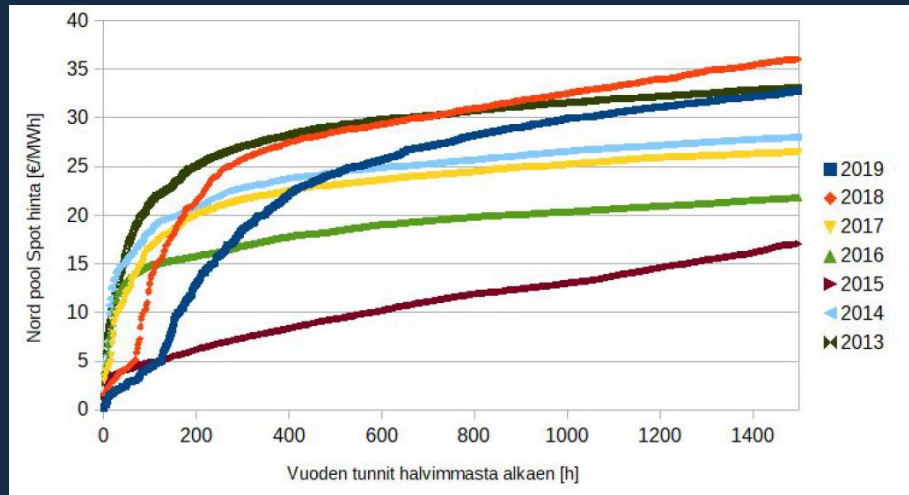
- Seasonal heat storage, dimensions:  
Capacity: 3.5 GWh  
Sand volume: 32 000 m<sup>3</sup>  
Efficiency: 88 to 95 %
  
- Electricity from the Spot-market
- Connection to the 110 kV distribution grid
- Heat distribution via local grid

## Benefits

- Heat cost: 37 €/MWh + electricity tax (5 €/MWh or 22.5 €/MWh)
- Emissions reduced by 90 to 95 %
- Low maintenance costs
  
- Local heat source: protected from increases in energy price
- Market opportunities in auxiliary services for the electric grid

# Large Energy Storages in Hiedanranta

- District scale operation requires electricity grid connection
- The lowest prices in the Spot-market are often the cleanest (high wind fraction)
- High input power enables low transfer prices for electricity
- High input power also opens possibilities to act in the frequency reserve and balancing capacity markets



Market prices sorted from lowest to highest price:  
the first 1000 hours of the year

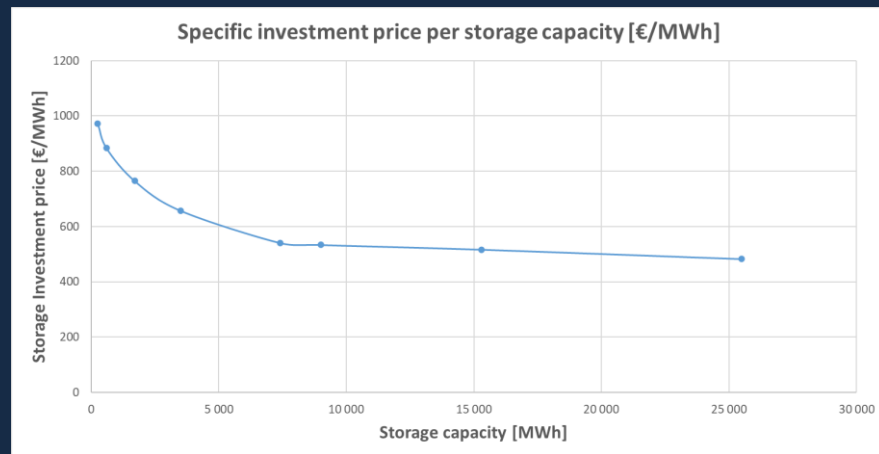
# Large Energy Storages in Hiedanranta: Economy

The investments for the storage are relatively low – it enables flexible connection of the electricity and heat sectors:

Average electricity price:	21 €/MWh
Electricity transfer:	7 €/MWh
Investment: electricity connection	0.6 €/MWh
Investment: heating network	3.1 €/MWh
Investment: heat storage	6.1 €/MWh
Pre-tax sum:	37.1 €/MWh

Electricity tax, industry:	5 €/MWh
Electricity tax, general:	22.5 €/MWh

Total heat price:	37.1 to 59.6 €/MWh
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Storage specific investment price reduces and then settles to relatively constant level





# Better Profits by Better Energy

- Stable product prices
  - Fixed energy prices for 30 years and beyond
- Optimal process temperatures
  - High storage temperature allows flexible operation
- Sand as storage medium
  - Clean, non-toxic and environmentally friendly
  - Allows high storage temperatures
  - Optimal for seasonal heat storages
  - Low thermal conductivity and low heat losses
- Minimal land usage
  - Allows construction on-top in high valued city spaces



# Hot sand. Do you dig it?

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