

# Lessons Learned from the Colorado Marshall Fire

## Part 2

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# Topics To Cover

- Big Picture Thoughts
- ASHP Basics
- ccASHP Examples
- Specs & Field Data
- Panel Upgrade?



Joe P's home (Fraser, CO)

"Installed 2015 and operates below -30°F"

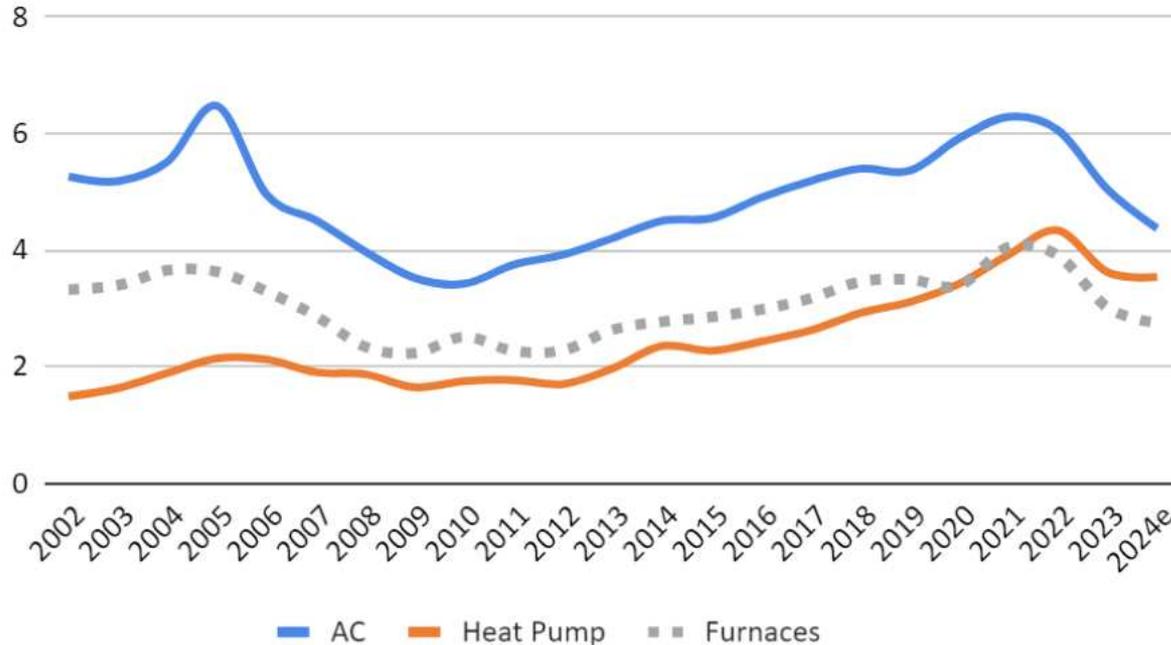
# Not talking about “those” heat pumps



# HVAC Equipment Changes



AHRI Sales (mil. units)



**Heat Pumps  
Beating  
Furnaces**

Heat pumps also provide cooling, and will soon overtake ACs

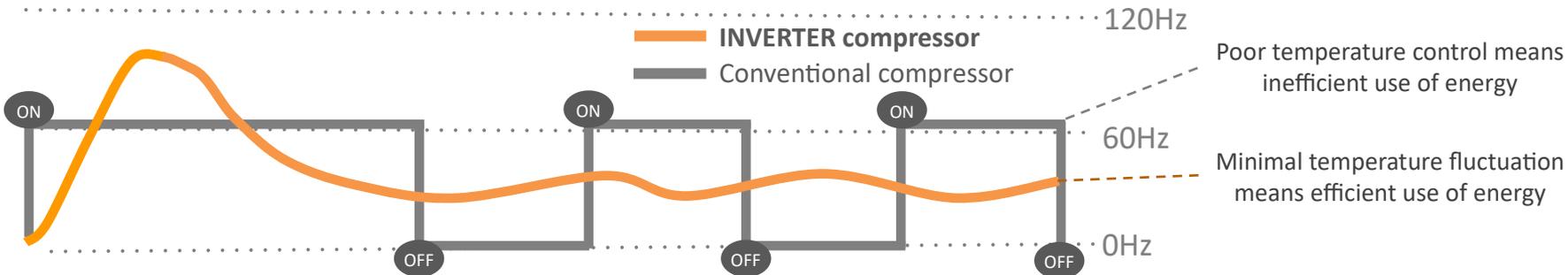
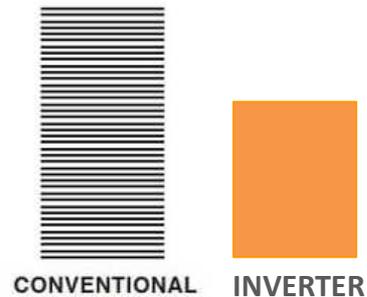
# Efficiency, Durability, Comfort

## Inverter-Based Heat Pumps

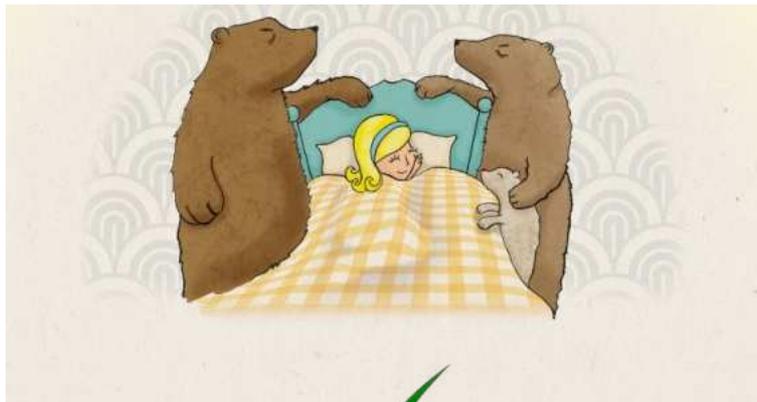
Variable-speed compressors use less energy to meet the actual load for the space at that time.

### POWER CONSUMPTION

Annual savings  
of up to 40%  
with the  
**INVERTER**  
Advantage



# The Goldilocks Principle



## Too Small

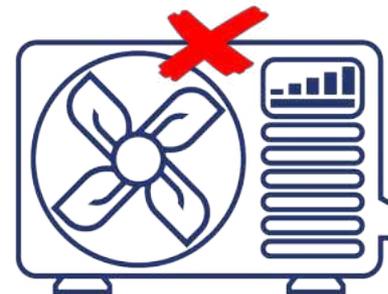
System will not keep the house at setpoint when it should

- Backup heat needed?
- Slow recovery with t-stat setback
- Poor durability
- Poor energy efficiency



## Just Right!

- Comfort
- Efficiency
- Durability



## Too Big

System will cycle on and off more than needed

- Poor comfort
- Poor energy efficiency
- Poor durability
- More expensive

# Equipment Options & Zones

Single Zone



Multi-Zone (ported)

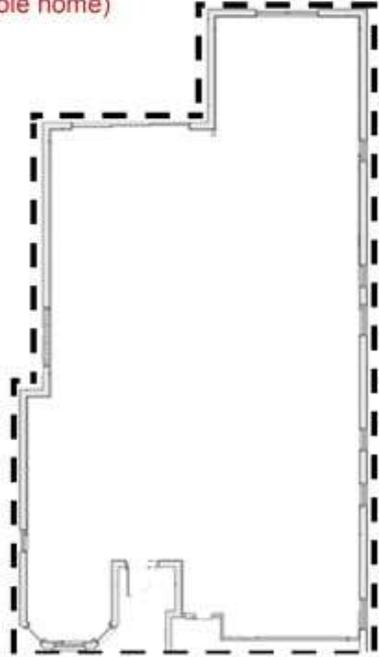


Multi-Zone (branch box)



# Equipment Options & Zones

**Block Load**  
(whole home)



**Room-by-Room**  
(zones)

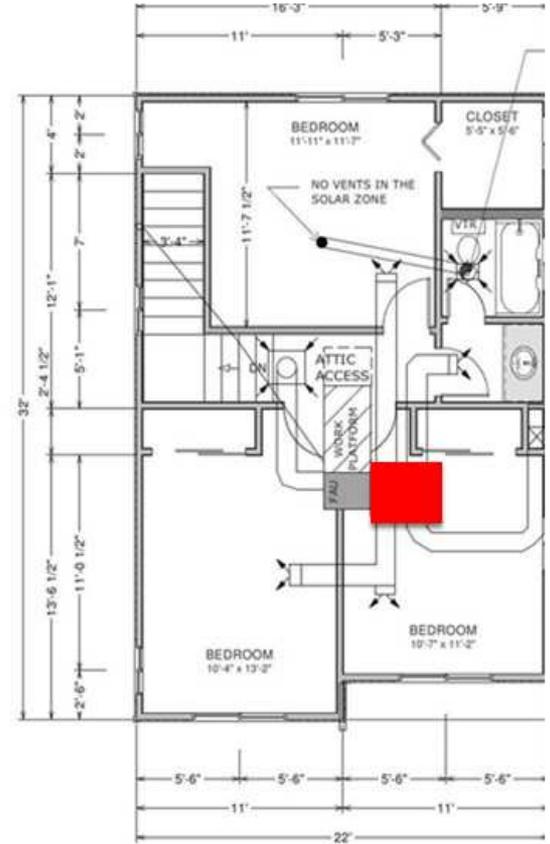
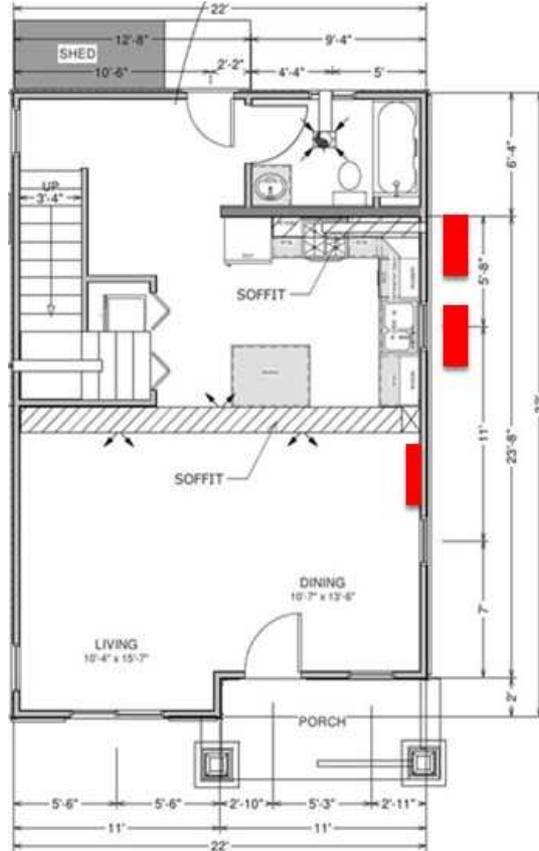


**Room-by-Room**



# Ductless or Ducted or Both?

- Zoning, floor by floor
- Match the heat & cool load for smaller spaces
- Efficiency, comfort, & air quality
- Redundancy



# Cold Climate ASHP Specs

Not all cold climate heat pumps are created equal

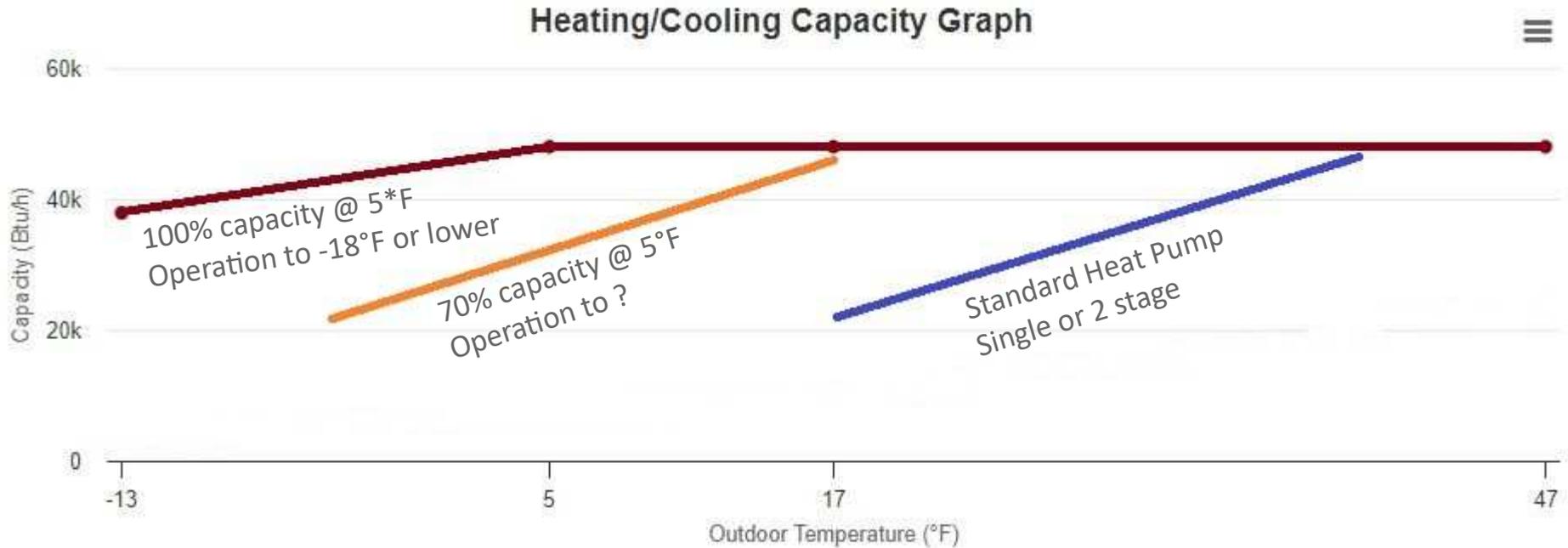


	CEE North, High Tier	Energy Star Cold Climate	NEEP	Manufacturers
Rated at 47°F & 17°F	✓	✓	✓	✓
SEER2 ducted, ductless	15.2, 16.0	15.2, 15.2	14.3, 15.0	✓
EER2 ducted, ductless	10.0, 9.0	N/A	✓	✓
HSPF2 (Reg IV) ducted - ductless	8.1, 9.5	8.1, 8.5	7.7, 8.5	✓
Capacity ratio at 5°F	58% or 70%	70%	✓	up to 100+%
COP at 5°F	1.75	1.75	1.75	✓
Capacity at -13°F or colder			✓	Some
Additional specs	energy mgmt	energy mgmt	3+ speeds	
Specification Link	<a href="#">CEE Res HVAC 1/1/23</a>	<a href="#">CAC &amp; HP v6.1 Jan-2022</a>	<a href="#">ccASHP v4.0 1/1/2023</a>	

Air to water heat pumps are not yet rated per these agencies.

# Cold Climate ASHP Specs

Cold climate heat pumps are purpose-built for cold weather



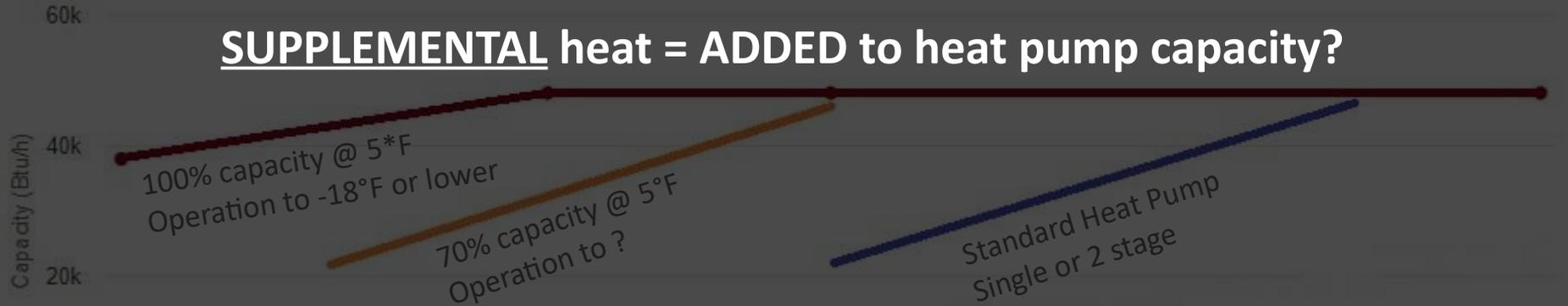
# Cold Climate ASHP Specs



NEEP'S COLD CLIMATE AIR SOURCE  
Heat Pump List

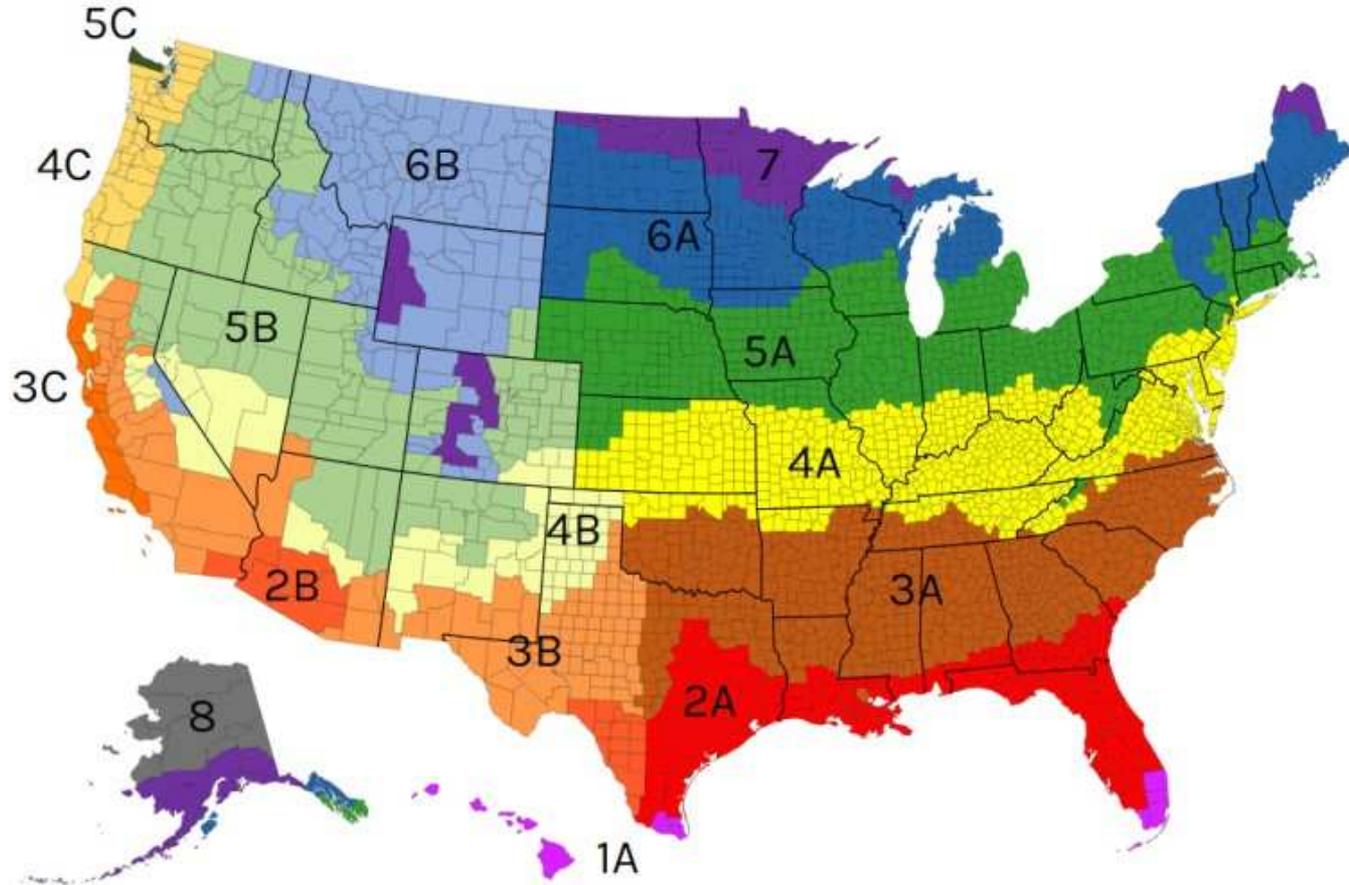
When do you need...

**SUPPLEMENTAL heat = ADDED to heat pump capacity?**



**BACKUP heat = SWITCHOVER to another heating source, beyond the heat pump capacity?**

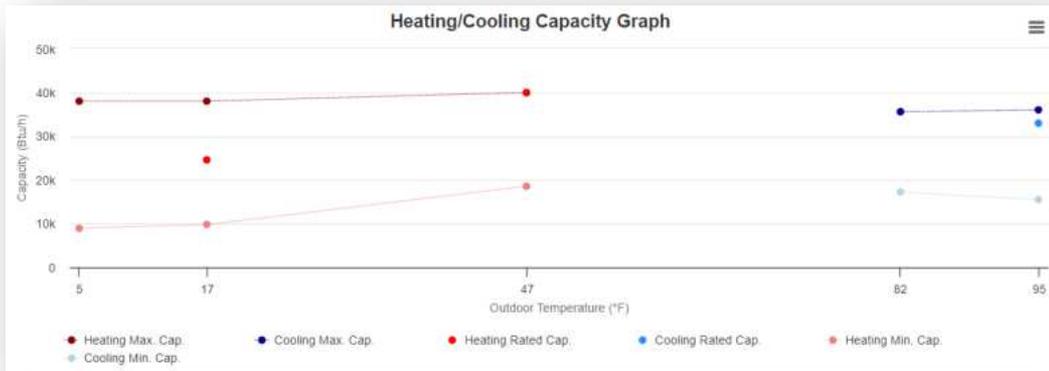
# Cold Climate ASHP Locations?



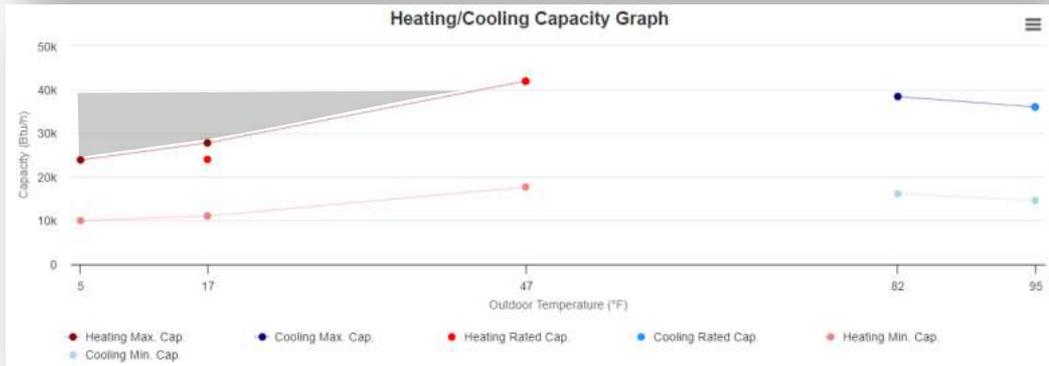


# Double Check The Specs

Both are on the NEEP ccASHP list. Which one is right for the house?



**Cold Climate**  
100% @ 5°F  
80% @ -13°F  
Opp @ -22°F



**Standard**  
66% @ 17°F  
57% @ 5°F  
Opp @ -8°F

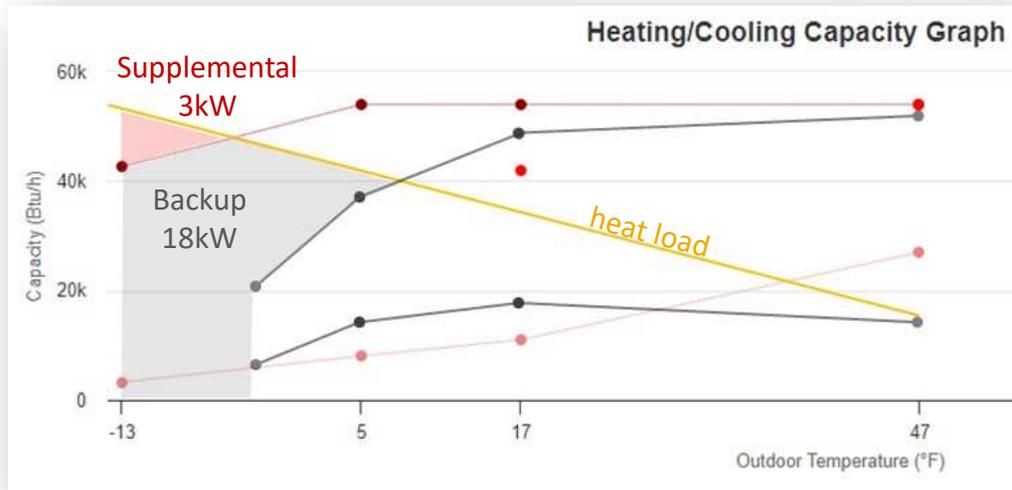
# Double Check The Specs

## Which is right for the client?

### Multizone + 2 duct systems

23 SEER, 12 HSPF  
54 kBTU/h @ 5°F  
COP 1.9 @ 5°F

- ❖ **3kW heat strip below -4°F**
- ❖ Heat pump to -24°F
- ❖ Maintains efficiency
- ❖ **65A total breakers**  
(50A+15A)
- ❖ Supplemental



### Two high efficiency ducted heat pumps

24 SEER, 13 HSPF  
39 kBTU/h @ 5°F  
COP 2.48 @ 5°F

- ❖ **18k heat strip below 9°F**
- ❖ Heat pump to -4°F
- ❖ Efficiency plummets
- ❖ **190A total breakers**  
(2x30A, 2x15A, 2x50A)
- ❖ BACKUP



# The RIGHT heat pumps work when its cold

Ontonagon, MI  
60 unit, 15 bldgs.

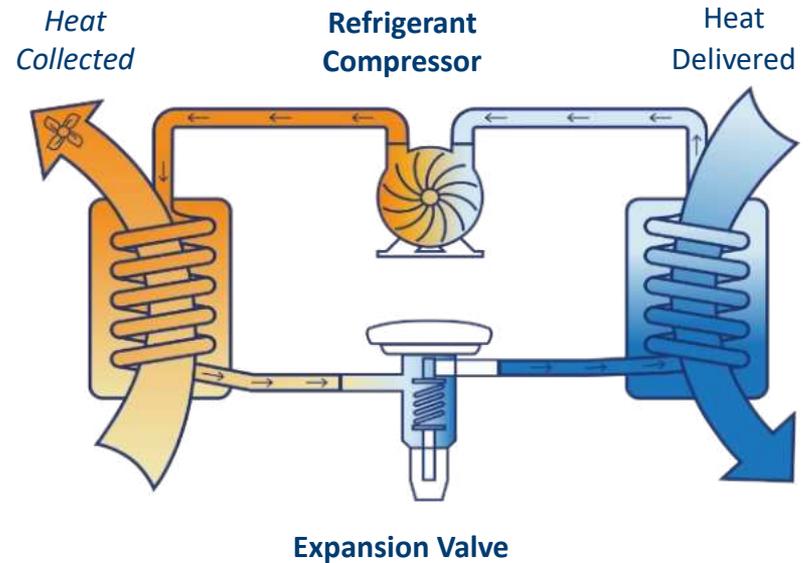
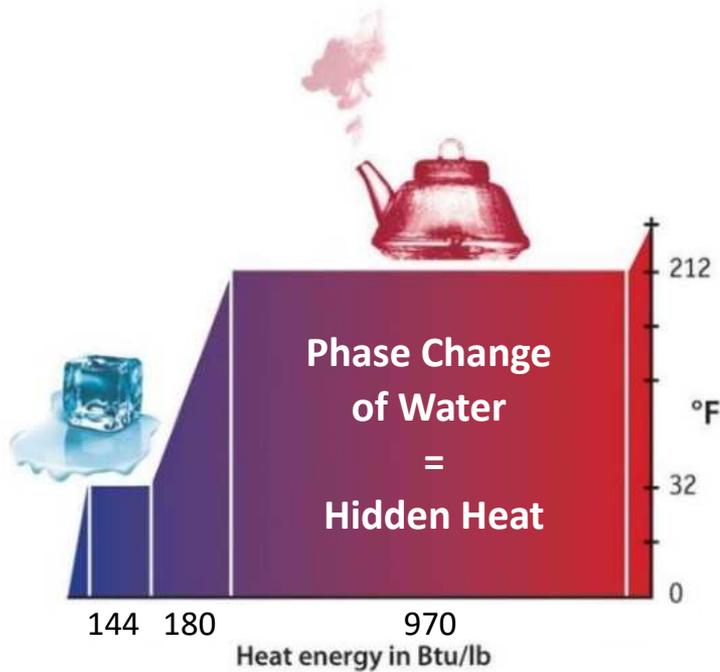
**“25°F below zero**  
temperatures and not a  
single tenant had any  
issue or even needed to  
turn on their electric  
resistance as backup.”



Project Profile: Ontonagon Village Housing

# How Heat Pumps Work

Heat pumps use phase change to move heat



They manage temperature and pressure of the boiling point of refrigerants

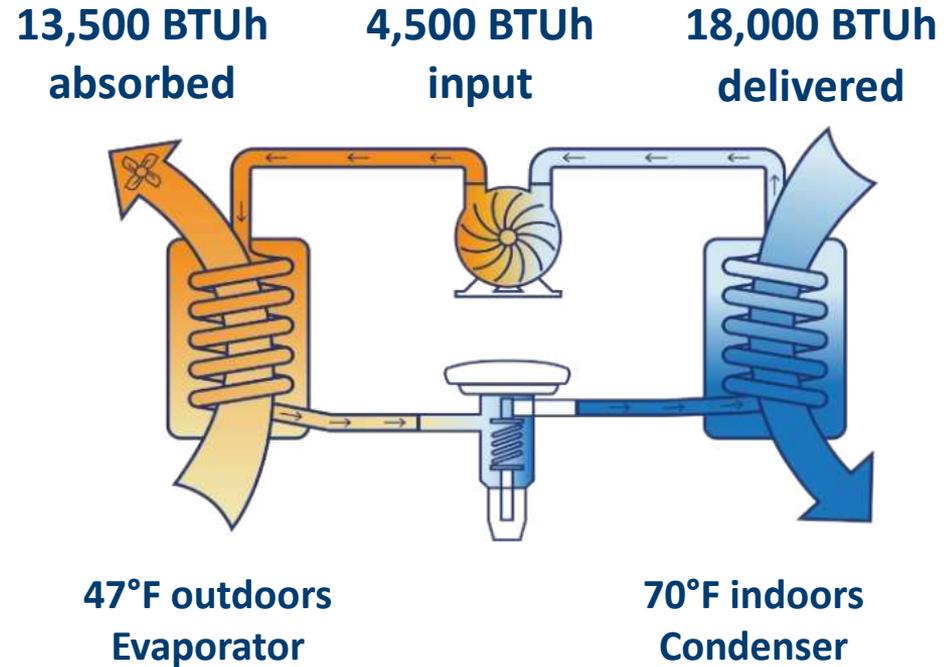
# Heat Pump Math

Rated capacity @ 47°F

13,500 BTUh from air  
+ 4,500 BTUh from compressor  
= 18,000 BTUh delivered

$18,000 / 4,500 = 4 \text{ COP}$

18,000 BTU  
/ 3.412 BTU/W  
/ **4.0 COP**  
= 1320 Watts input



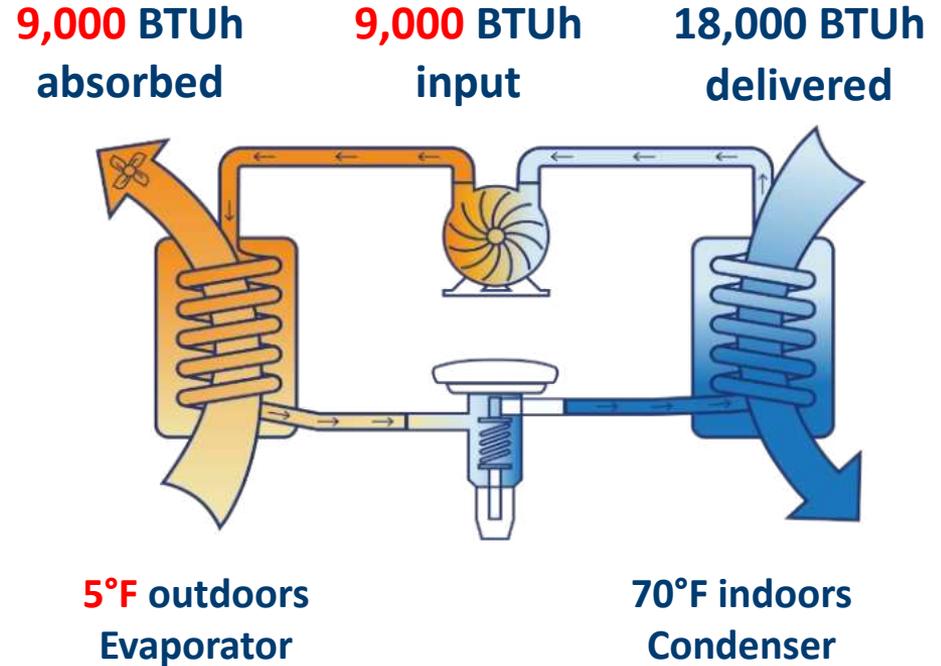
# Heat Pump Math

100% capacity @ 5°F

9,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> from air  
+ 9,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> from compressor  
= 18,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> delivered

18,000 / 9,000 = 2 COP

18,000 BTU  
/ 3.412 BTU/W  
/ 2.0 COP  
= 2640 Watts input



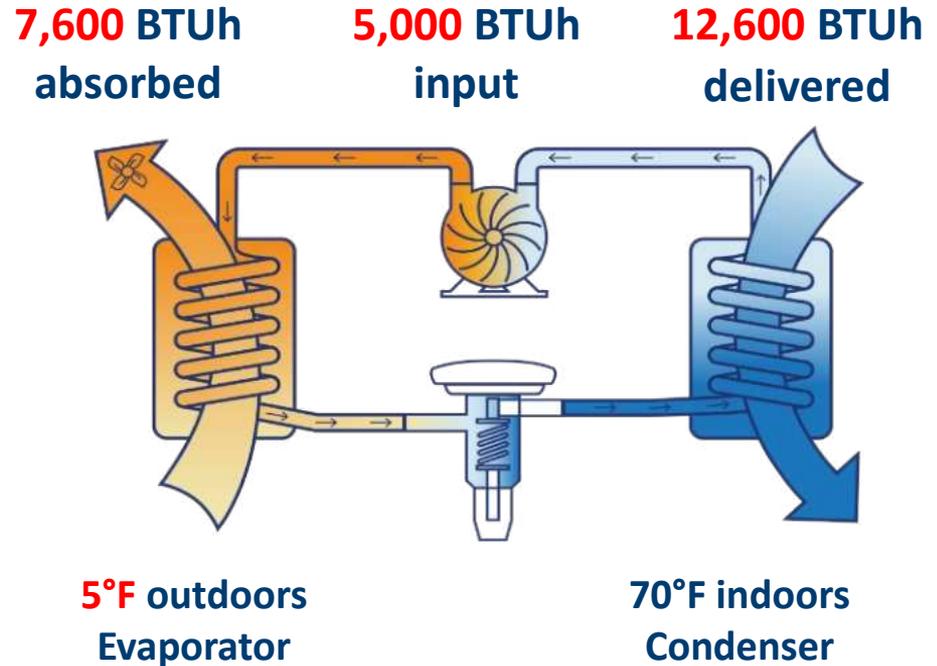
# Heat Pump Math

**70%** capacity @ 5°F

7,600 BTU<sub>h</sub> from air  
+ 5,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> from compressor  
= 12,600 BTU<sub>h</sub> delivered

$12,600 / 5,000 = 2.5 \text{ COP}$

12,600 BTU  
/ 3.412 BTU/W  
/ **2.5 COP**  
= 1480 Watts input



# Heat Pump Math

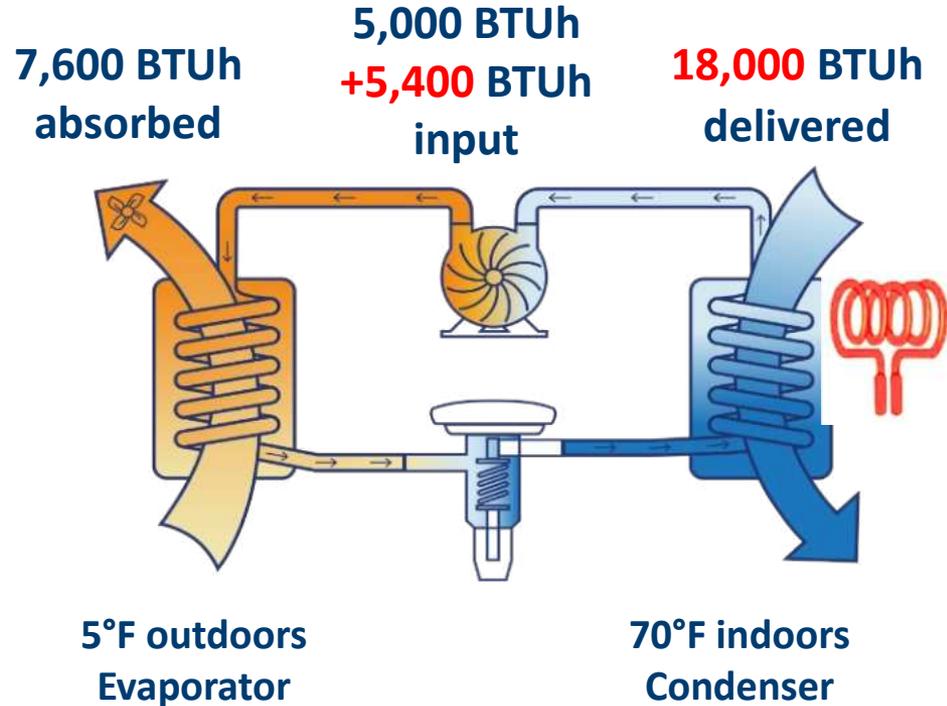
70% capacity @ 5°F

7,600 BTU<sub>h</sub> from air  
+ 5,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> from compressor  
= 12,600 BTU<sub>h</sub> delivered  
+ 5,400 BTU<sub>h</sub> electric supplemental  
= 18,000 BTU<sub>h</sub> total

18,000 / 10,400 = 1.7 COP

How cold does it operate?  
Do you need full backup?

18,000 BTU  
/ 3.412 BTU/W  
/ 1.7 COP  
= 3100 Watts input



# The RIGHT Heat Pump - Winter

$$\begin{aligned} & 5500 \text{ Watt hrs avg} \\ & \times 3.412 \text{ BTU/W} \\ & \times 2.0 \text{ COP} \\ & = 37,500 \text{ BTU/h avg} \end{aligned}$$

4T ccASHP + 2 duct systems  
200 amp SPAN panel

-18°F @ 8am 12/22/2022  
Design temp 0°F  
3700 sf home, 46 kBTU/h load

- ❖ Max ampacity 42A (10 kW)
- ❖ **Stayed below 25A (6 kW)**
- ❖ Averaged 23A (5.5 kW)



# The RIGHT Heat Pump - Summer

$$\begin{aligned} & 1420 \text{ Watt hrs avg} \\ & \times 3.412 \text{ BTU/W} \\ & \times \mathbf{3.2 \text{ COP}} \\ & = 15500 \text{ BTU/h avg} \end{aligned}$$

2.5T ccASHP + 1 duct system  
100 amp panel

97°F @ 3pm, July 24, 2023

Design temp 95°F

1700 sf home, 20 kBTU/h load

- ❖ 1.8 kW for 14 mins
- ❖ 1.3 kW for 90+ mins
- ❖ 0.2 kW net w/ solar PV
- ❖ Avoided peak summer rates
  
- ❖ Max ampacity 24A (5.8 kW)
- ❖ **Stayed below 8A (1.9 kW)**
- ❖ Averaged 5.9A (1.4 kW)

Also fully heats this home in winter

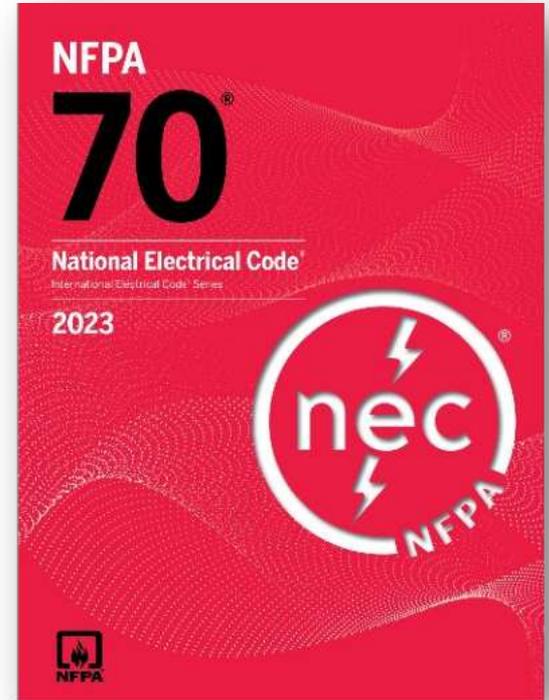


# 100A Breaker Panel Study

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## NEC 220.87 – Existing Loads Connected Load Study

- Max demand over 1-year period
- Max demand at 125% plus new load
- Overcurrent / Overload protection per 240.4 and 230.90
- **Exception** – Record max demand in 15-minute intervals continuously over 30-days minimum, occupied space and include largest loads



# 100A Breaker Panel Study

Almost All-Electric Home + EV

**ENERGY MONITORING**



B#		Bus A	Bus B		B#
1		A	B	Whole	2
3	Range A	40	B	Home	4
5	Range B	40	A	Surge	6
7		B	A	Protector	8
9	Furnace	15	15	LR, Bsmt Lt, Entry Lt	10
11	Hall Closet	20	30	EV, Dryer B	12
13	Micro, Gar, Bsm, Lav	15	30	EV, Dryer A	14
15	Kit E, Fridg	20	30	Heat Pump A	16
17	Kit W, GFI	20	30	Heat Pump B	18
19	MBR, Loft, Kit Lt	15	30	Solar B	20
21	Bed2, Ba, MClos	15	30	Solar A	22
23	Disposal	20	15	spare	24

# 100A Breaker Panel Study

Denver, CO

**ENERGY MONITORING**

15 min data per **NEC 220.87** over 23 months (64,600 periods)

Max Amps, Emporia	<b>49.4</b>	47.3	47.2	13.0	4.5	15.4	10.5	6.3	6.2	5.3	3.7	25.9	<b>22.7</b>		
Max Watts	10977	5681	5665	3119	539	1846	1262	756	745	636	447	6206	5453		
>90% of max	9	6	3	5	2	4	2	3	1	2	10	1070	11		
	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	1.66%	0.02%		
>50% of max	2296	2238	1808	1	51	57	18	336	8407	818					
	3.6%	3.5%	2.8%	0.3%	20.4%	0.9%	0.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	13.0%	1.3%		
<b>&lt;50 Amps max 15 minutes</b>															
<b>9 periods within 90% of max</b>															
<b>Time Bucket</b>	<b>Total kW</b>	<b>Vue2_A (</b>	<b>Vue2_B (</b>	<b>Stove 1,3</b>	<b>Furnace</b>	<b>Micro, Ga</b>	<b>Kit-e</b>	<b>Frig</b>	<b>Kit-w</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>MBR, Lo</b>	<b>Bed2, Ba</b>	<b>LR, Bmt</b>	<b>EV, Dryer</b>	<b>ASHP 16</b>
11/18/22 21:00	11.0	5.7	5.3	0	0.3439	0.0556	0.02	0.0218	0.0026	0.0101	0.1034	5.7941	4.8698		
1/25/24 6:15	10.6	5.448	5.145	0	0.3451	0.0563	0.0002	0.0169	0	0.0236	0.0327	5.7993	4.5324		
11/17/22 6:30	10.4	5.4	5.1	0	0.3435	0.0391	0.024	0.018	0.0055	0.0413	5.7811	4.3543			
11/17/22 6:15	10.1	5.2	4.9	0	0.3433	0.0391	0.025	0.0027	0.0018	0.0411	5.7616	4.0272			
1/25/24 5:15	10.0	5.1451	4.902	0	0.3428	0.0573	0.0844	0.0165	0	0.0052	0.0324	5.8029	3.9169		
1/11/23 23:45	9.9	4.2	5.7	0.006	0.3417	1.5578	0.0152	0.023	0.0088	0.007	0.035	5.1592	2.7214		
1/26/23 4:15	9.9	5.1	4.8	0	0.3407	0.0561	0.0344	0.0169	0.0029	0.0249	0.0334	5.8054	3.8106		
1/26/23 6:15	9.9	5.1	4.8	0	0.2822	0.0595	0.0212	0.017	0.003	0.0044	0.0334	5.781	3.9234		
1/26/23 5:15	9.9	5.1	4.8	0	0.3409	0.0564	0.0283	0.0169	0.0026	0.017	0.0334	5.8008	3.8172		
1/26/23 3:00	9.9	5.1	4.8	0	0.3434	0.0565	0.0232	0.0171	0.0028	0.025	0.0336	5.8543	3.7307		

# Panel Sizing

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**400 Amp  
service panel?**

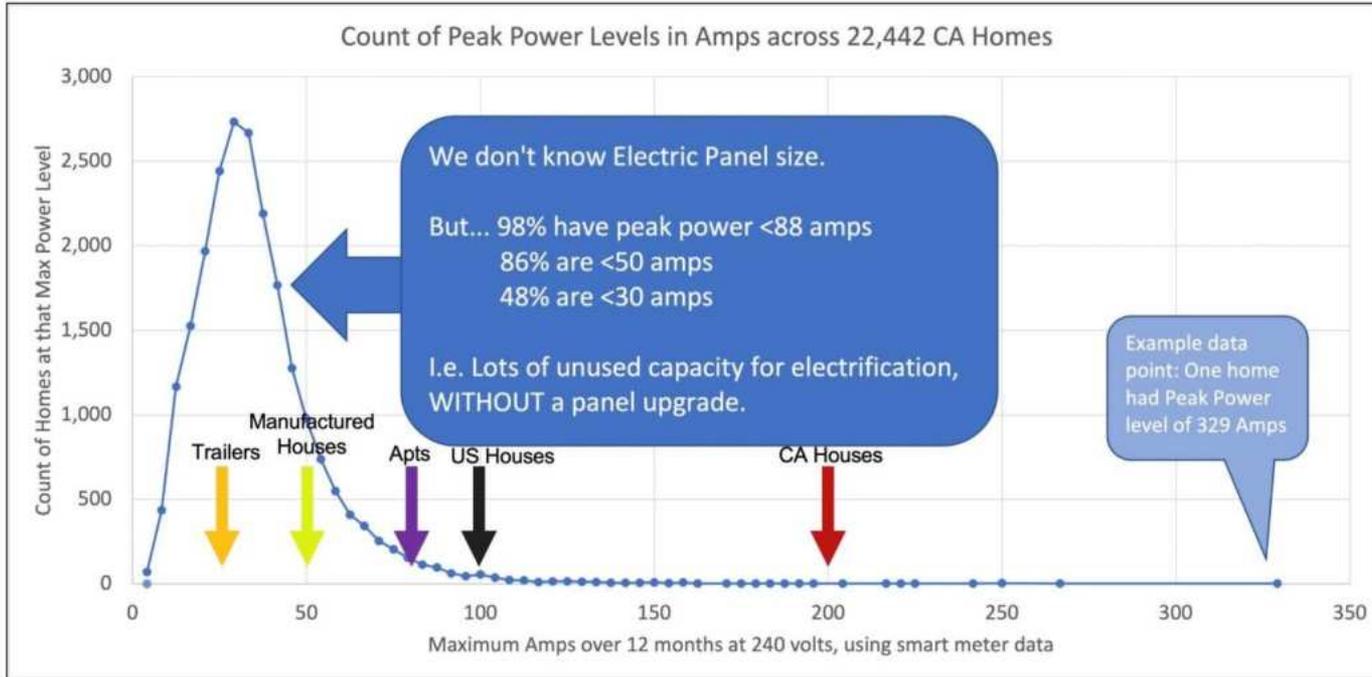
**... says who?  
... and why?**

**Check their  
assumptions**



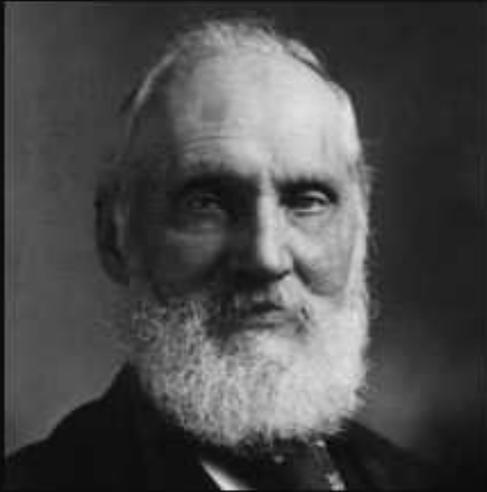
# Panel Sizing

## Is 100A Enough Power? Yes, for 98% of Households



“Our analysis shows there is much greater panel capacity than has been commonly assumed.”

# Is a Panel Upgrade NEEDED?



If you can not measure it, you  
can not improve it.

~ Lord Kelvin

# Big Changes in 14 Years

**1935**

**10%**  
Farms with  
Electricity

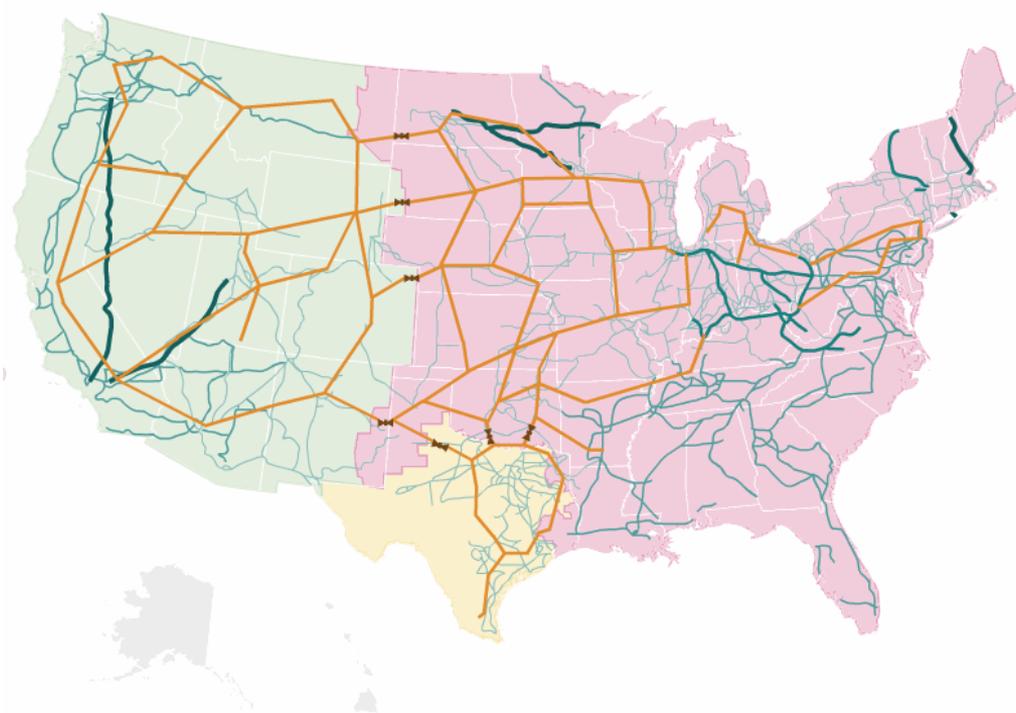


**1949**

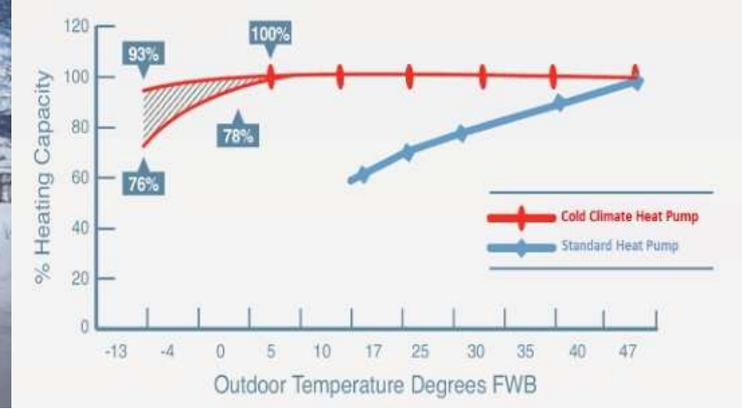
**70%**  
Farms with  
Electricity

# Big Changes in 45 Years

**1950**  
**334 M**  
**kWh**  
**delivered**



**1995**  
**3,353 M**  
**kWh**  
**delivered**



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**Thank You!**

#heatpumpnation  
#betterHVAC



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