



Steele Hall Energy Retrofit Project

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Steele Hall Description

Building :

- 🌲 Built in 1920
- 🌲 Major renovations in 2000 and 2007
- 🌲 Earth Sciences, Environmental Studies and Chemistry research labs and offices
- 🌲 Five floors (including mechanical penthouse)
- 🌲 47,495 sq. ft.



Project Goals

Capital renewal

- ✿ Replacing failing steam coils in AHUs
- ✿ Upgrade aging Laboratory air control system

Hot Water Conversion

- ✿ Replace steam coils with hydronic heating coils
- ✿ Replace ancillary steam heating equipment with hydronic equipment

Energy Efficiency Measures

- ✿ Develop cost effective Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction measure



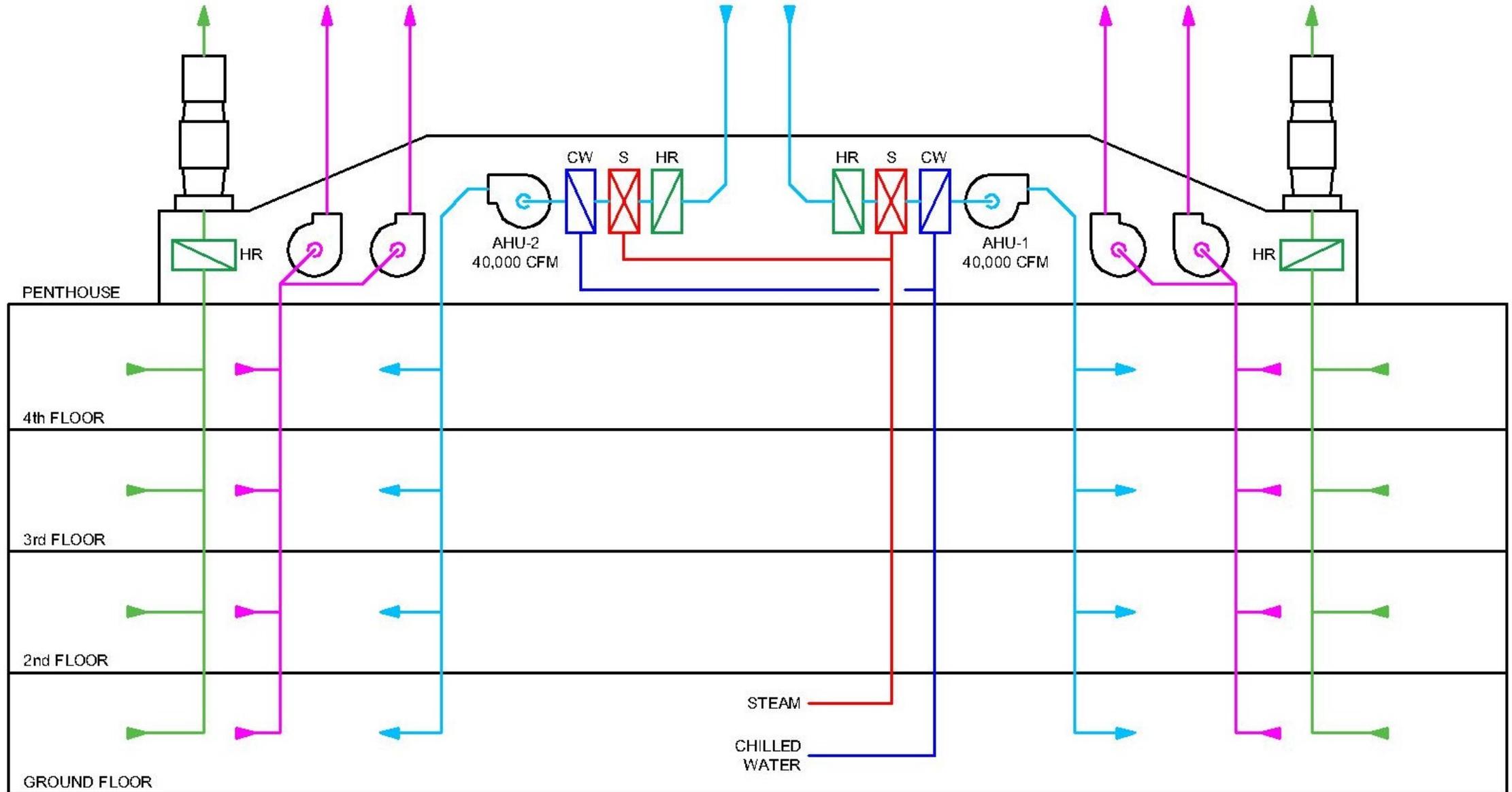
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Mechanical Systems Before Project

- ✿ Two 40,000 CFM, 100% OA AHUs
- ✿ AHUs equipped with run-around heat recovery, steam and CHW coils
- ✿ Two main exhaust systems of three 20,000 CFM fans c/w heat recovery coils
- ✿ Two exhaust systems of two 4,500 CFM fans w/o heat recovery
- ✿ Separate hot water heating network for air reheat and perimeter radiation
- ✿ Campus Steam and CHW networks utilization



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Yearly Energy Usage

- 🌲 Electricity : 1,500,000 kWh
- 🌲 Steam : 10,756,000 lbs
- 🌲 Campus CHW : 400,000 ton-hour
- 🌲 EUI : 362 kBTU/sq. ft. (106 ekWh/sq.ft.)
- 🌲 Energy cost : \$430,000
- 🌲 GHG emission : 1,920 MTCDE



Energy Efficiency Measures Description

Laboratories ventilation air reduction

🌿 Laboratory Ventilation Risk Assessment realization

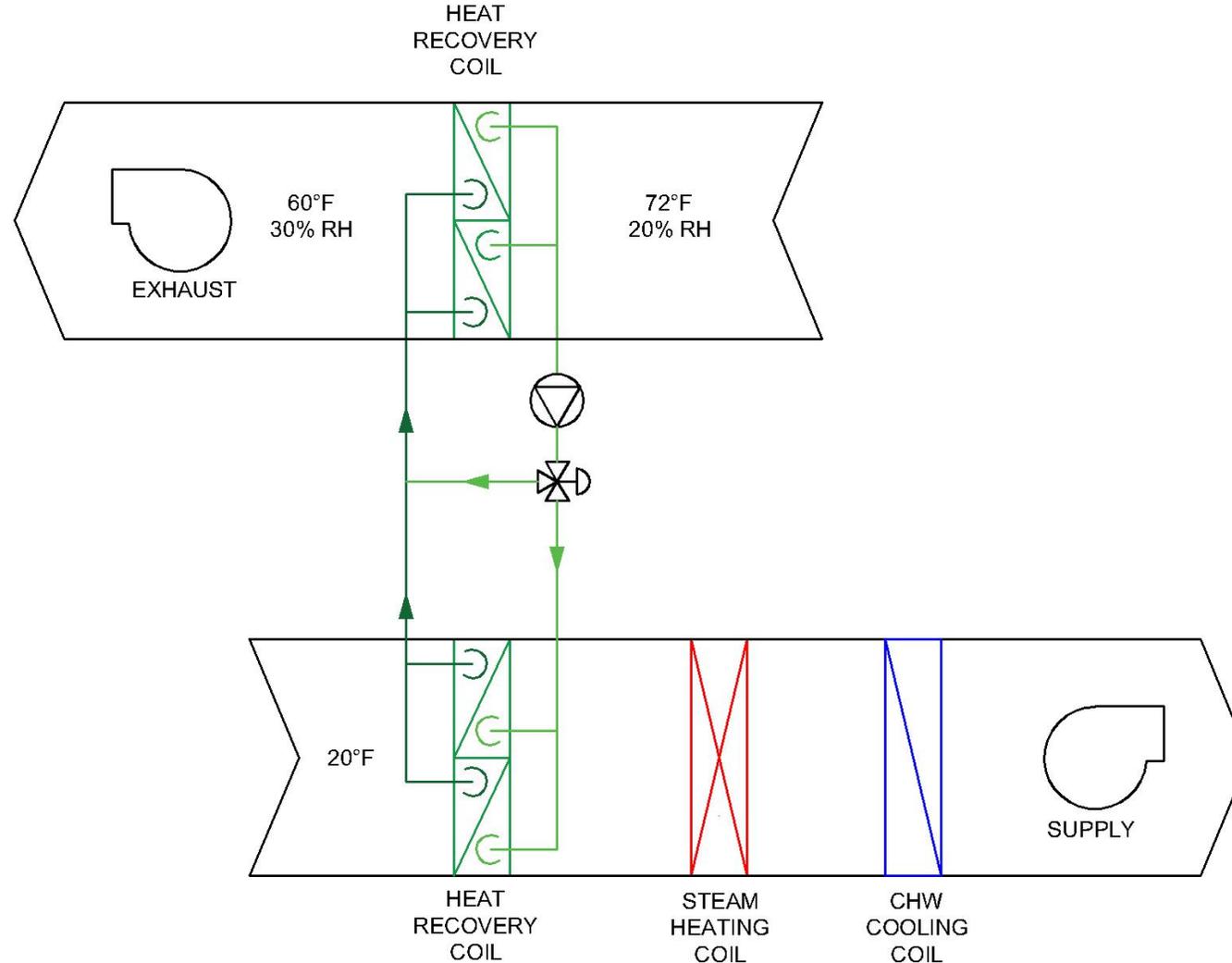
AIRFLOWS	BEFORE	AFTER	REDUCTION
Average supply/exhaust CFM	48,000	37,000	23%



Energy Efficiency Measures Description

Existing heat recovery run-around system optimization – Initial arrangement

Average efficiency
 $\pm 23\%$

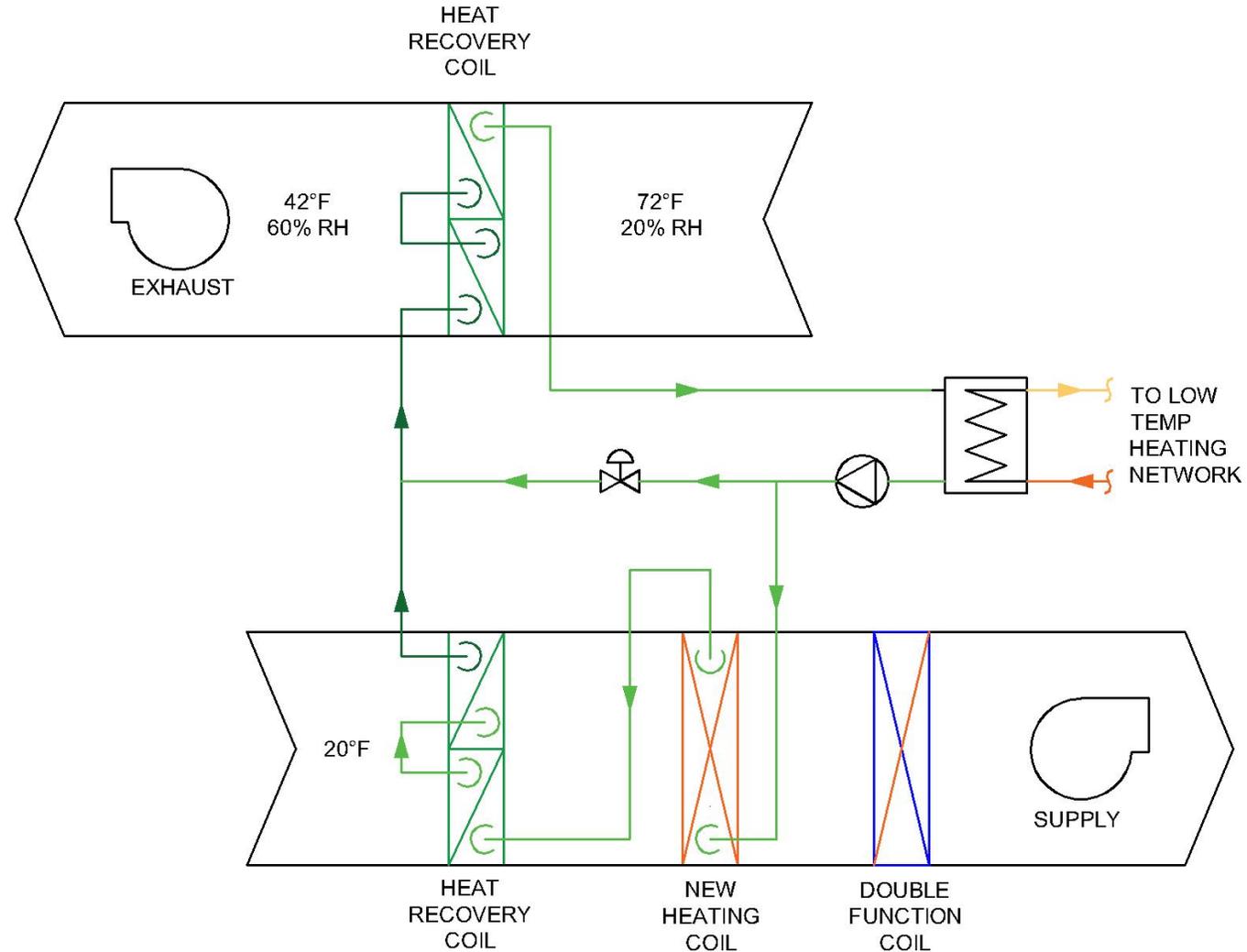




Energy Efficiency Measures Description

Existing heat recovery run-around system optimization – New arrangement

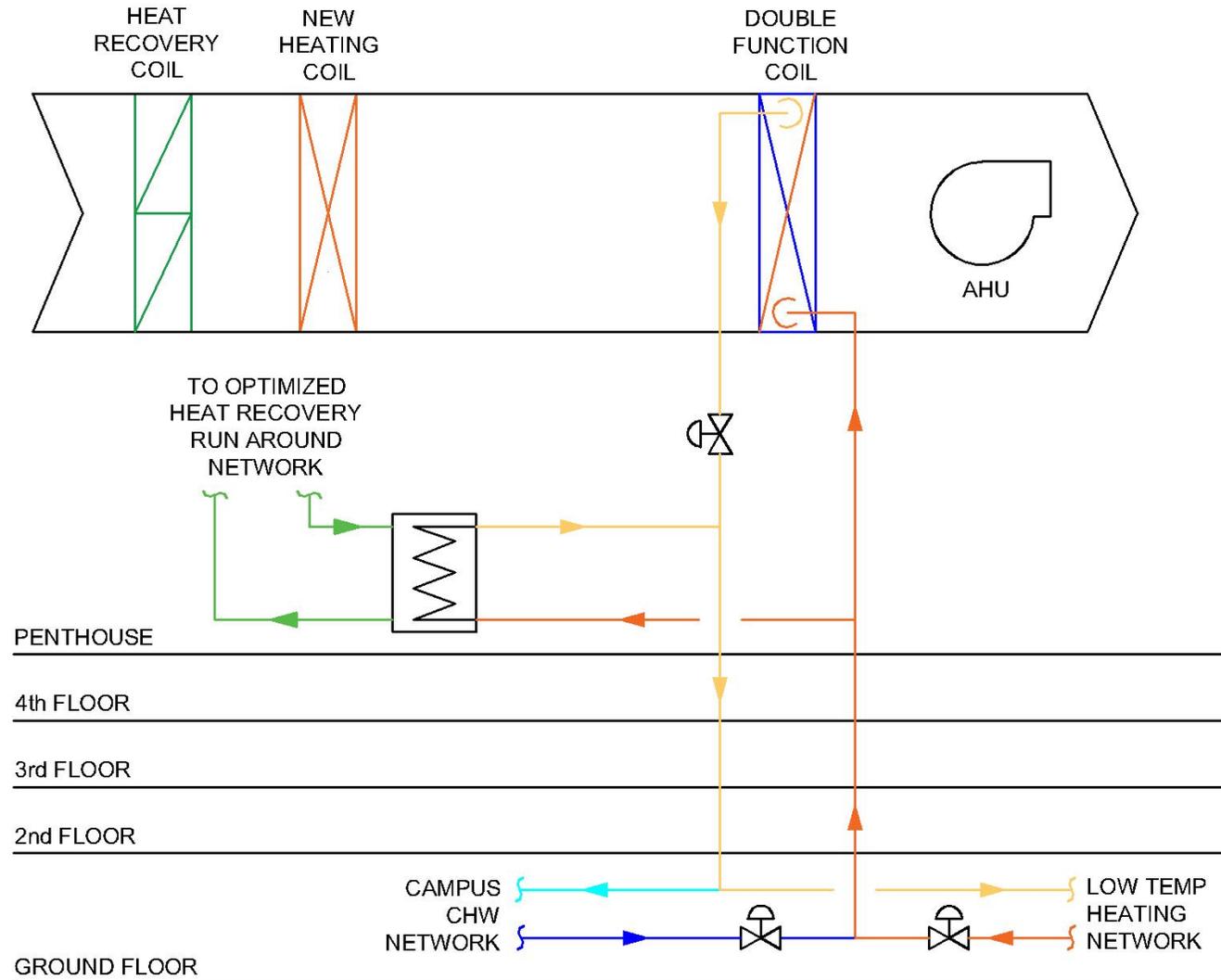
Average efficiency
 $\pm 58\%$





Low temperature heating network deployment

- ❖ Replace existing VAV reheat coils selected at 110°F supply water temperature
- ❖ Use existing AHUs chilled water coils as double function coils for heating purpose using 110°F supply water temperature





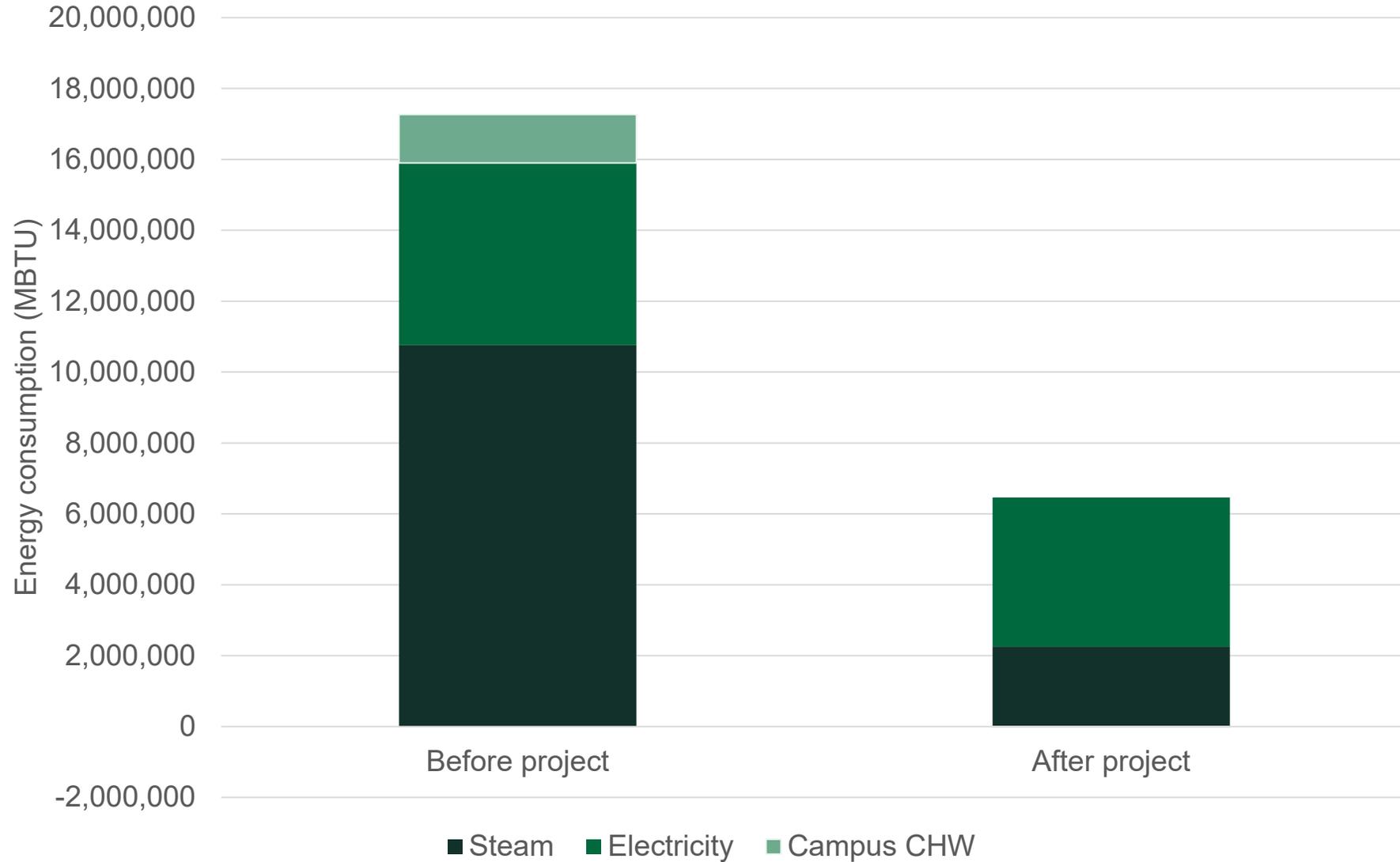
Project's Results

ENERGY	BEFORE	AFTER	SAVINGS	SAVINGS %
STEAM (lbs)	10,756,000	1,995,000	8,761,000*	81%
ELECTRICITY (kWh)	1,500,000	1,309,000	191,000	17%
CAMPUS CHW (ton-hour)	400,000	-6,100	406,100	102%
EUI (kBtu/sq ft)	357	134	223	62%
GHG emission (MTCDE)	1,900	595	1,305	69%
ENERGY COST (\$)	\$430,000	\$190,000	\$240,000	56%

*Equates to over 100,000 gallons of #6 fuel oil saved at the central boiler plant



Project's Results





Place for improvement

- ✿ Low temperature heating elements : 2 rows VS 4 rows reheat coils

Successful achievement

- ✿ Realize most of the building heating through air and minimize peripheral heating through radiators
- ✿ Cost effective heat recovery chiller capacity selection
- ✿ Thorough controls commissioning sessions and operational follow-up lead to a stable and efficient systems operation



QUESTIONS ?

Thank you !

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