

Regional Workshop on Low-Carbon Technologies for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the ASEAN

# Energy-Efficient Technologies for MSMEs – Thermal Energy Networks and KIER Activities

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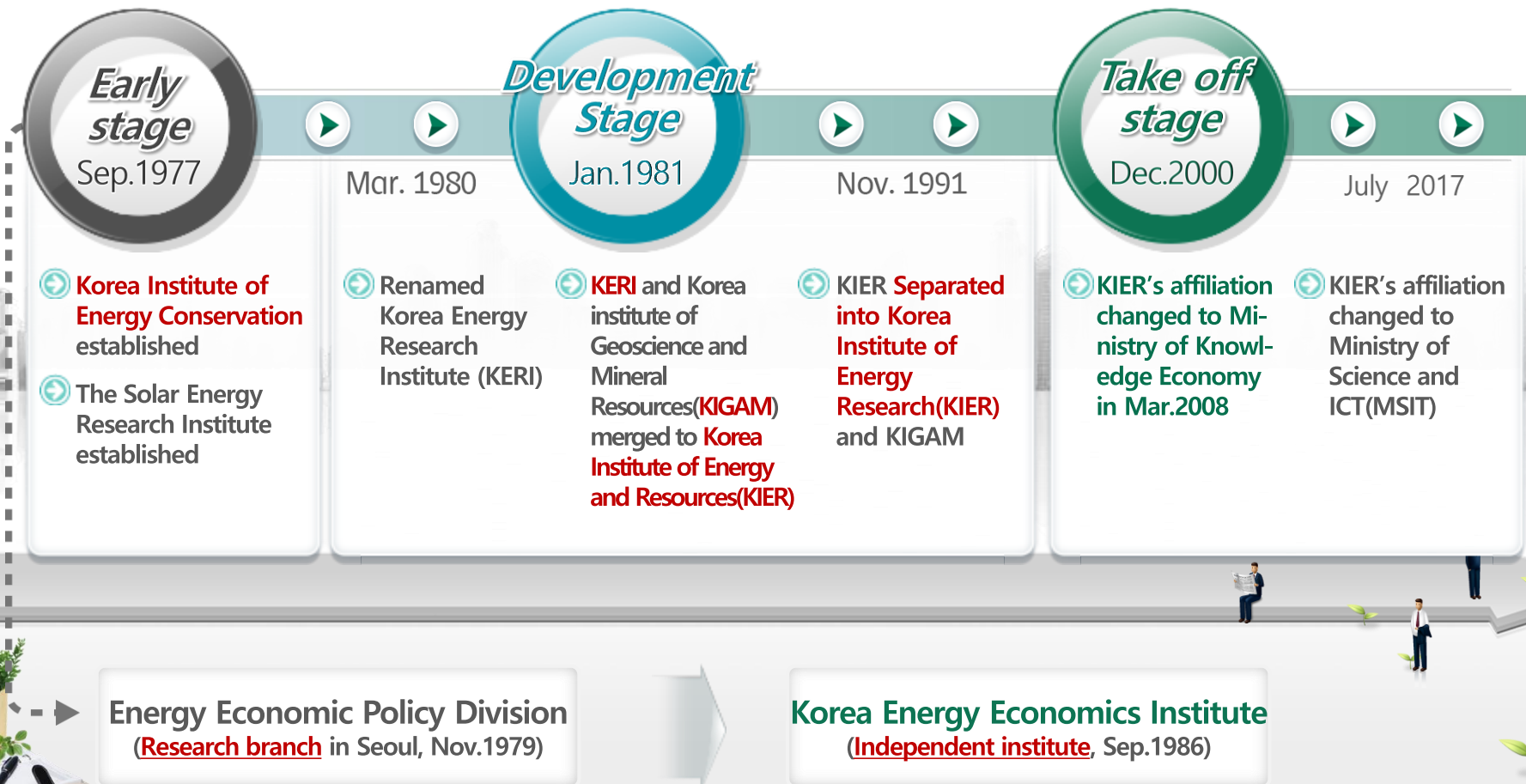


# I. Introduction



# 1 History

## • Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER) Over-40-years Research Experience on Energy Tech.





## 2 Vision

### KIER VISION

Toward a content and prosperous society,  
led by **KIER** energy technology

### Management Goal



Creating new value and market  
through convergence and originality  
- based energy technology

### Strategies



Achieving technology  
competitiveness as a high global  
standing research institute



Improving research productivity  
through performance-based  
management

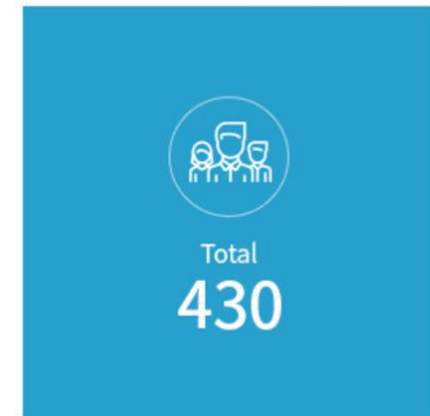
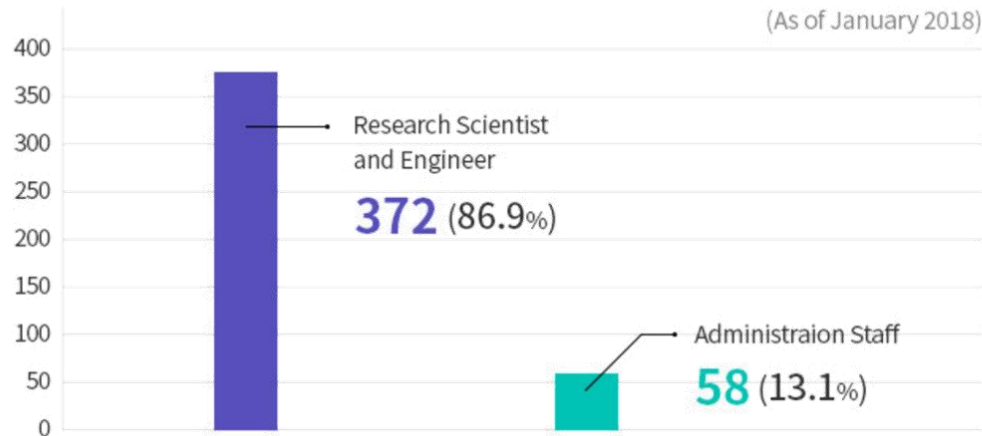


Strengthening partnership for shared  
growth with small and medium sized  
enterprises

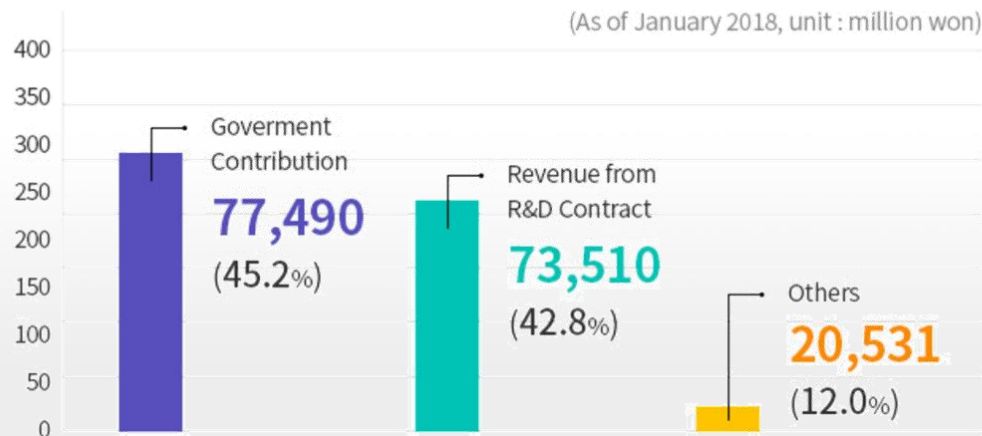
→ SMEs Cooperation Team

## 3 Personnel & Budget

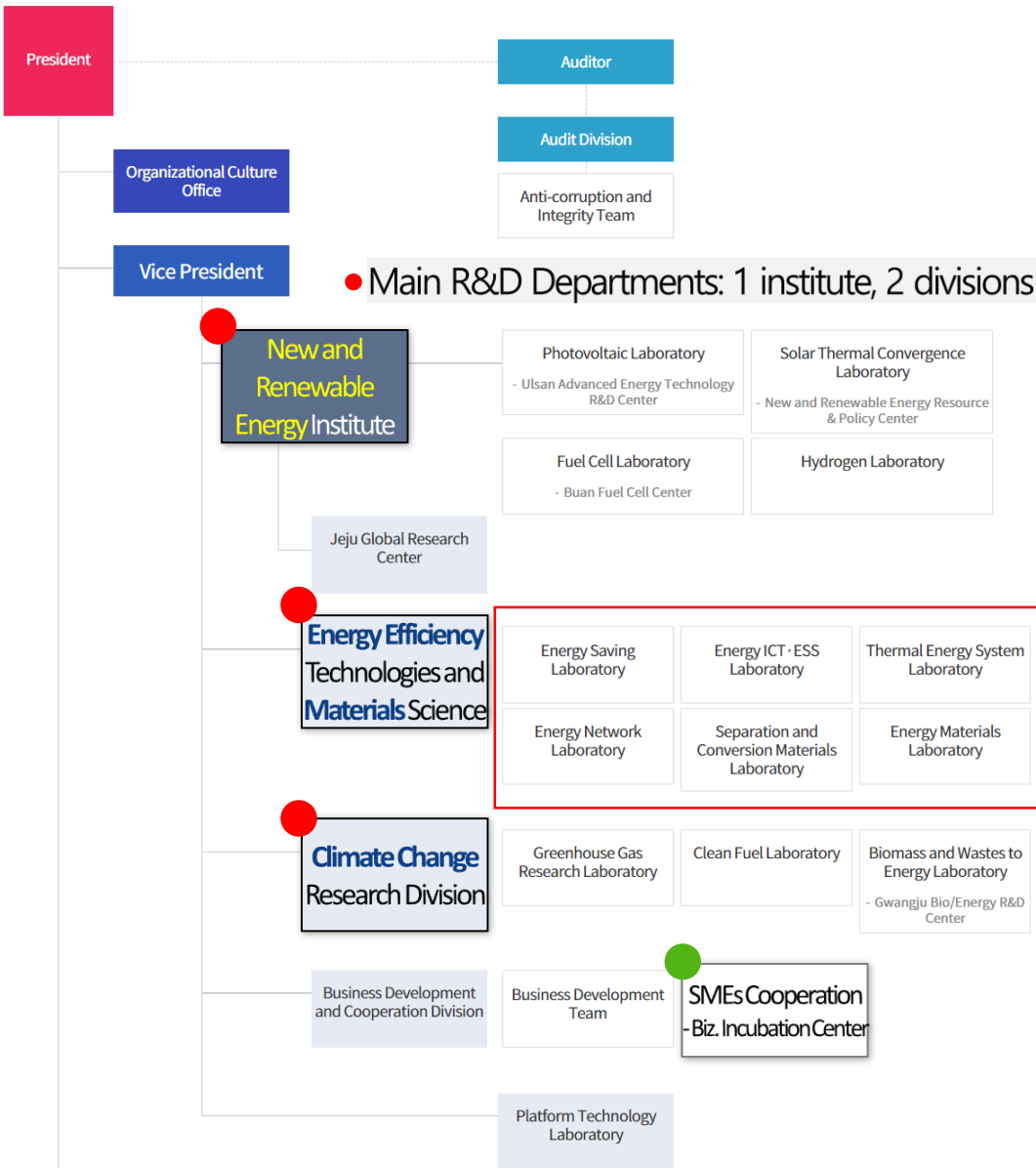
### Personnel



### Budget



# 4 Organization (Mar. 2019)



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# Energy Efficiency Technologies and Materials Science Division



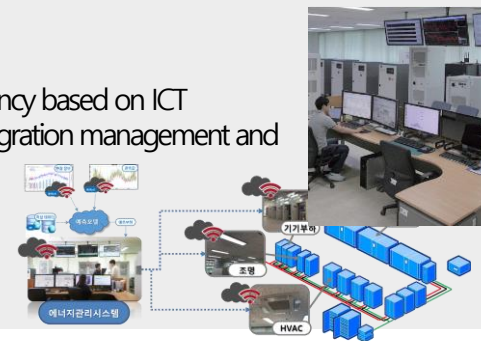
## Energy Saving Technologies Laboratory

- Research for achieving the national energy saving goal through energy demand/supply management and energy saving technology development in the field of building, transportation, industry
- High efficiency complex **drying system** and **heat recovery** system, Alkali metal thermal to electric conversion, **Ultra-fine particles electro-spray wet** process, etc.



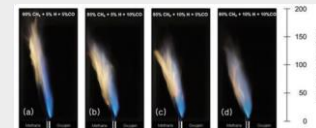
## Energy ICT·ESS Laboratory

- Research for improving an energy supply/demand/transfer efficiency based on ICT convergence technology and conduct a research on energy integration management and operation for improving energy reliability
- **ICT convergence energy optimization** and energy saving, **distributed power** generation, **micro-grid** and **smart-grid**, intelligent energy harvesting future technology, etc.



## Thermal Energy Systems Laboratory

- Research on **efficient conversion technologies** of **heat-heat/heat-electricity/electricity-heat**, and thermal energy utilization system including fossil and synthetic fuel combustion with an aim for efficient using high/low temperature thermal energy
- Future **power generation**, oxy-fuel **combustion** application, **heat-pump** application, excess enthalpy combustion, etc.





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- Research on various cross-cutting technologies and convergence research on energy technologies such as AMTEC, SOFC/PEMFC, SOEC, carbon composites for high-temperature application and catalyst/adsorbents using a metal organic hybrid material
- Vision to become a global leader in materials and components commercialization with high efficiency and performance based upon energy/environmental technology (ET) and nanotechnology (NT)



# Topic – Thermal Energy Efficiency

**KIER**

**Energy Efficiency** Technologies  
and Materials Science

Thermal Energy Systems

Energy ICT & ESS

Energy Saving Technologies

Energy Network

Separation and Conversion Materials

Energy Materials

**Main R&D System**

Power Generation, Heat Pump, Combustor

**VISION**

Thermal Energy Systems Design  
for **Highly Efficient Energy Society**

High  
Efficiency  
System

**Thermal  
Energy  
Network**

**#1 Low T. Network**

- District heating 4.0
- Space heating  
/ Hot water
- Sea water, Solar Thermal

**#2 High T. Network**

- Industrial application
- High temperature  
heat pump
- Process waste heat

**#3 Monitoring**

- Energy usage  
monitoring and  
management
- Big data, IoT, etc



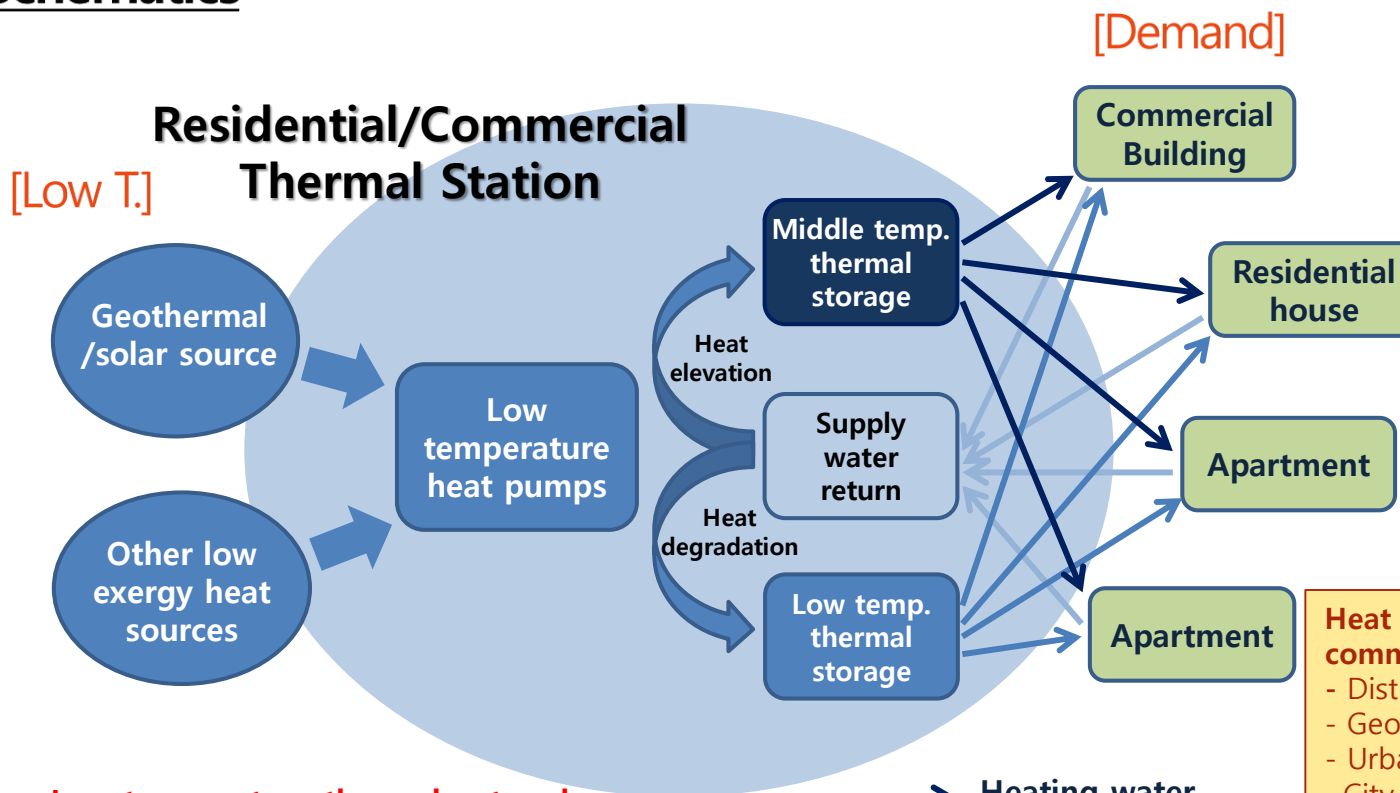
## II. Approach 1

# Low Temperature Thermal Network



- Energy efficiency improvement by thermal network
  - Connecting unused low T. heat/energy to demand
  - Key components : Heat pump and thermal energy storage

## Schematics



- **Low temperature thermal network**
  - Minimization of combustive heat production facilities
  - Short-distance network using heat pump systems

Heating water  
 Cooling water  
 Supply water return

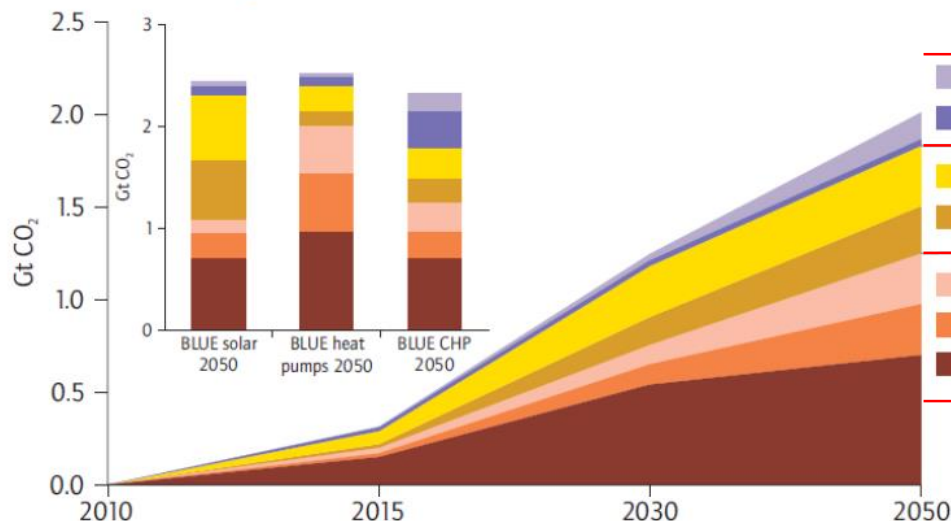
### Heat source for residential/commercial thermal station

- Distributed heat source supply
- Geothermal/solar heat
- Urban low exergy heat sources : City water, apartment sewage water, underground water

# Heat Pump for Energy Saving

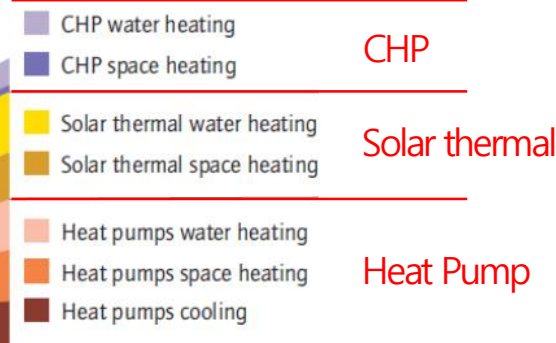
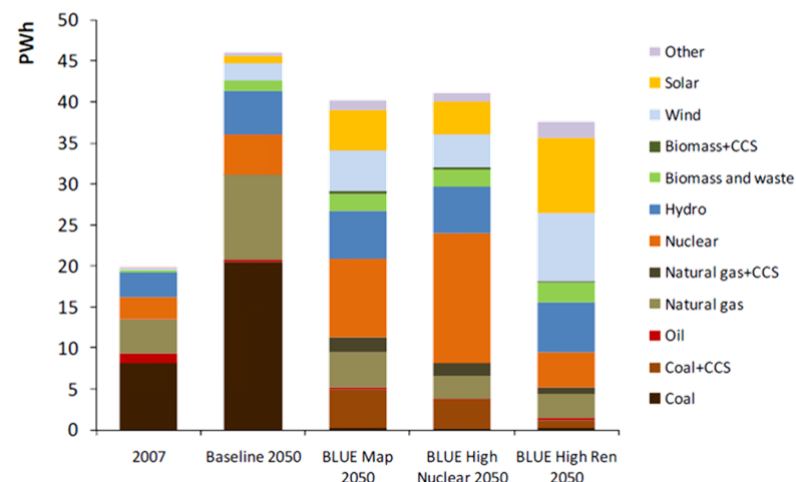
## IEA Energy Technology Prospect for Building Energy 2010

- Vision on 3-core technologies for Building Energy sector
- Each BLUE prospects building energy will be supported mainly by **Heat Pump**, **Solar Thermal** and **CHP**



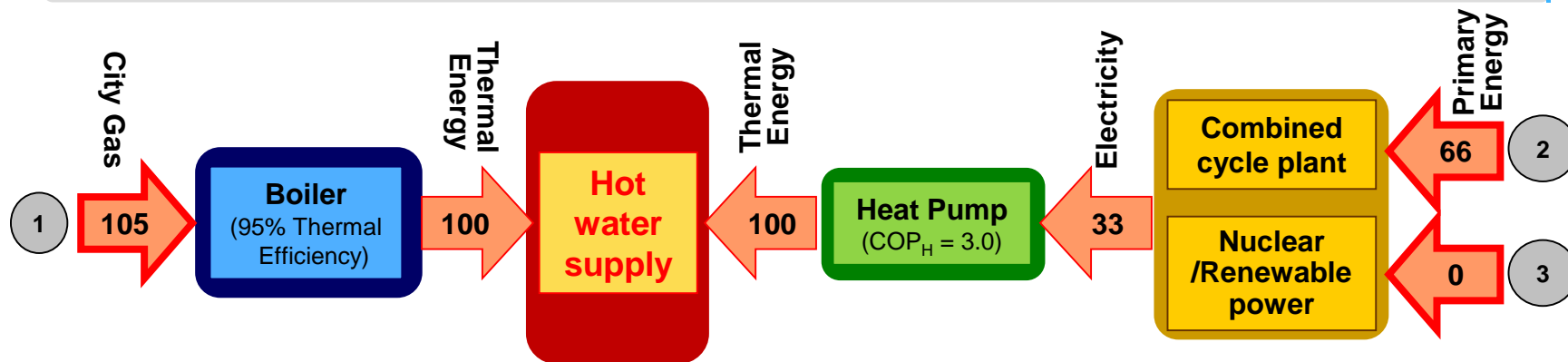
Note: Excludes the impact of improved building shells on reducing heating and cooling loads.

## Decarbonising the power sector – a new age of electrification?



# Heat Pump for Energy Saving

- Heat Pump Mechanism : Recovering energy from Low T. source and Transferring to High T.  
→ Expected more than 30% energy saving compared to fuel combustion



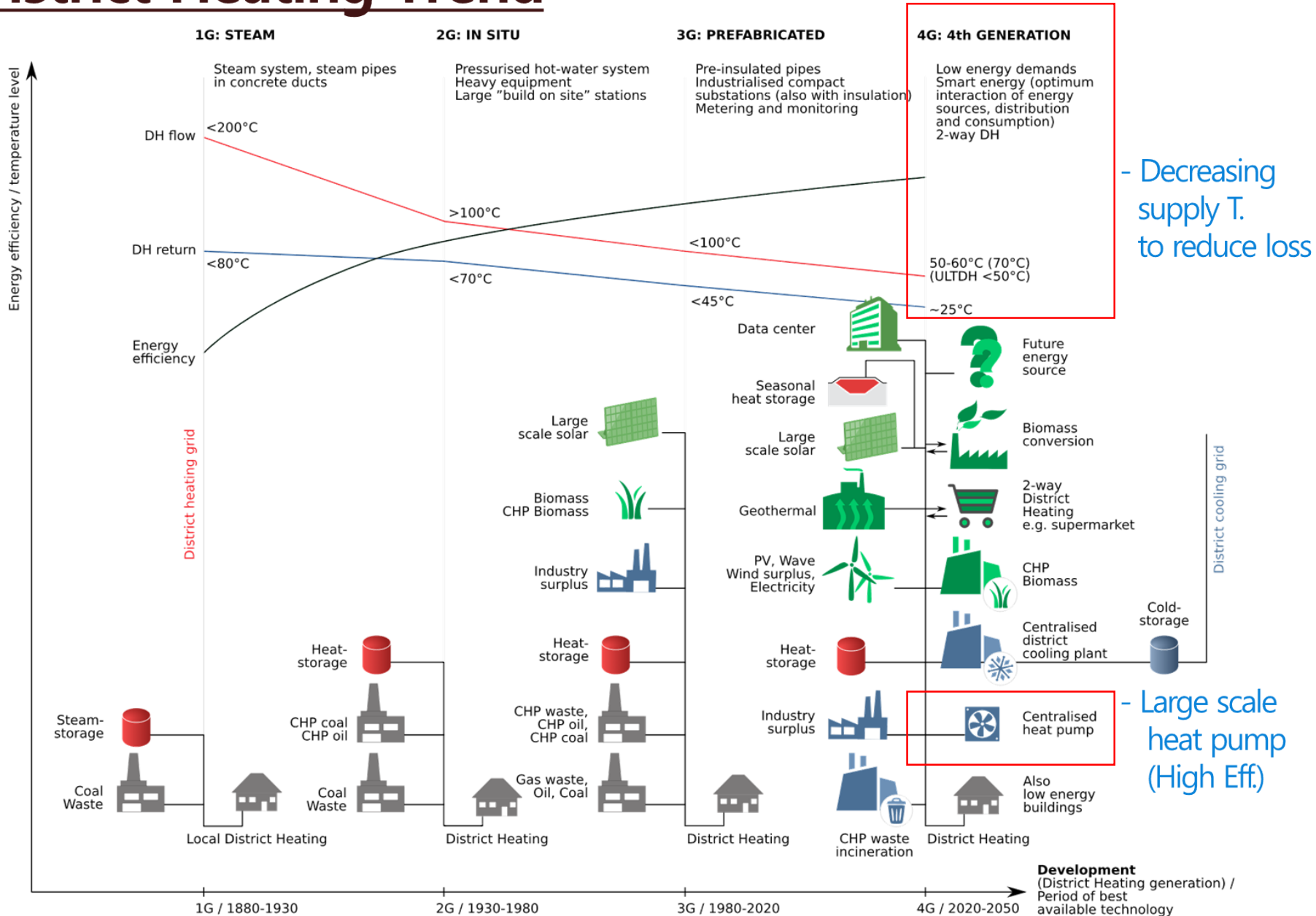
Heating Type		Primary Energy	Primary conversion efficiency	Secondary conversion efficiency	CO <sub>2</sub> emission (%)
Combustion Based	① Gas-fired boiler	105	N/A	0.95 (thermal)	100
	Oil-fired boiler	125	N/A	0.8 (thermal)	119
Combined Heat and Power + Heat Pump		66	0.32 (power) 0.55 (thermal)	3.0 (COP <sub>H</sub> )	63.1
Heat Pump Based	② Combined cycle power plant	60	0.56 (power)	3.0 (COP <sub>H</sub> )	56.7
	③ Nuclear/Renewable energy power plant	0	N/A	3.0 (COP <sub>H</sub> )	0

\* All the primary energy was calculated based on the supplying thermal energy to be 100 as shown above diagram.

➔ **Best case : Active renewable thermal energy + Heat Pump**



# District Heating Trend



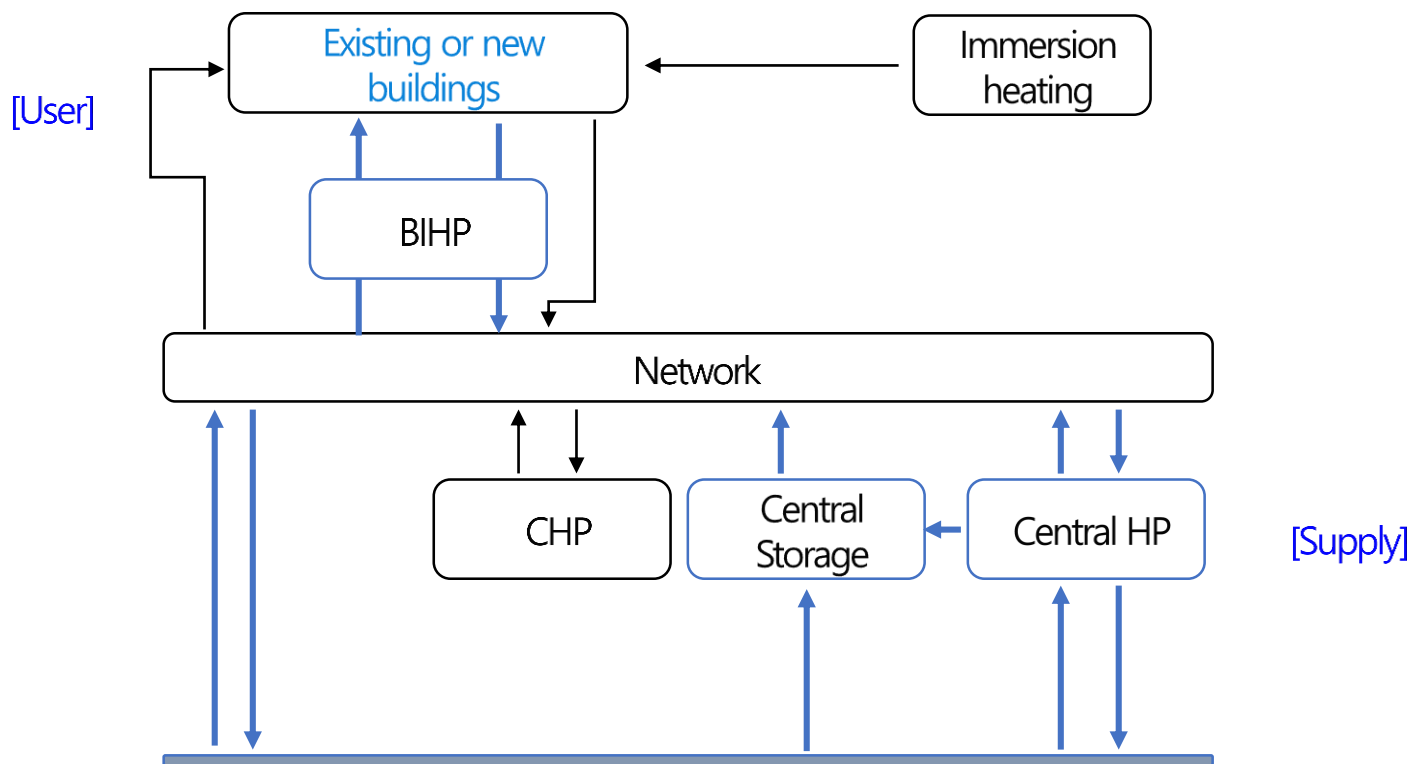
# Space Heating and Hot Water with DH



- 4<sup>th</sup> Generation District Heating vs. Local Higher Temperature Demand
- Thermal Energy Network needs heat pumps in both supply and user side

## Thermal Energy Network for Space Heating and Hot water

- DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change, UK) report

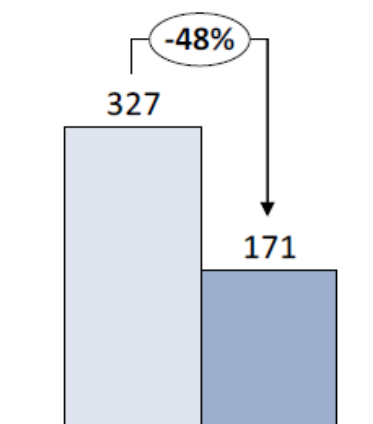


BIHP : Building-integrated Heat Pump  
CHP : Combined Heat and Power

Source or unused Energy

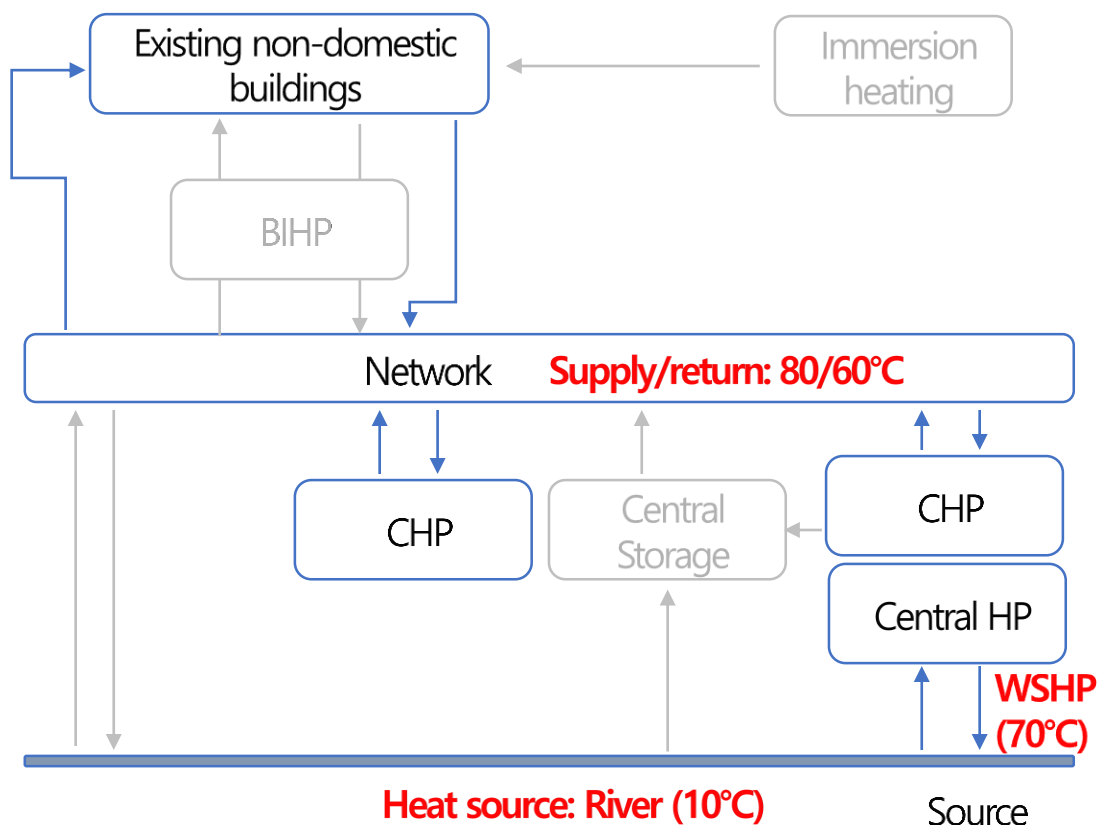
# Space Heating and Hot Water with DH

- Case Scenario 1: Large-scale scheme serving a variety of existing non-domestic buildings
  - Supply temperature : **80°C**



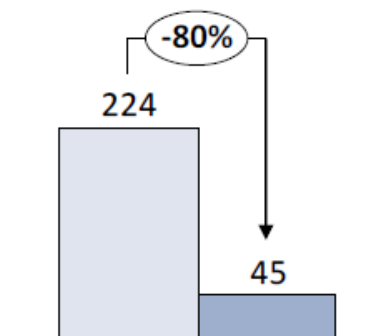
Scenario 1:  
High T network,  
Central HP  
combined with CHP

- Utilization of unused (low T.) energy through heat pump
- High efficiency operation of CHP



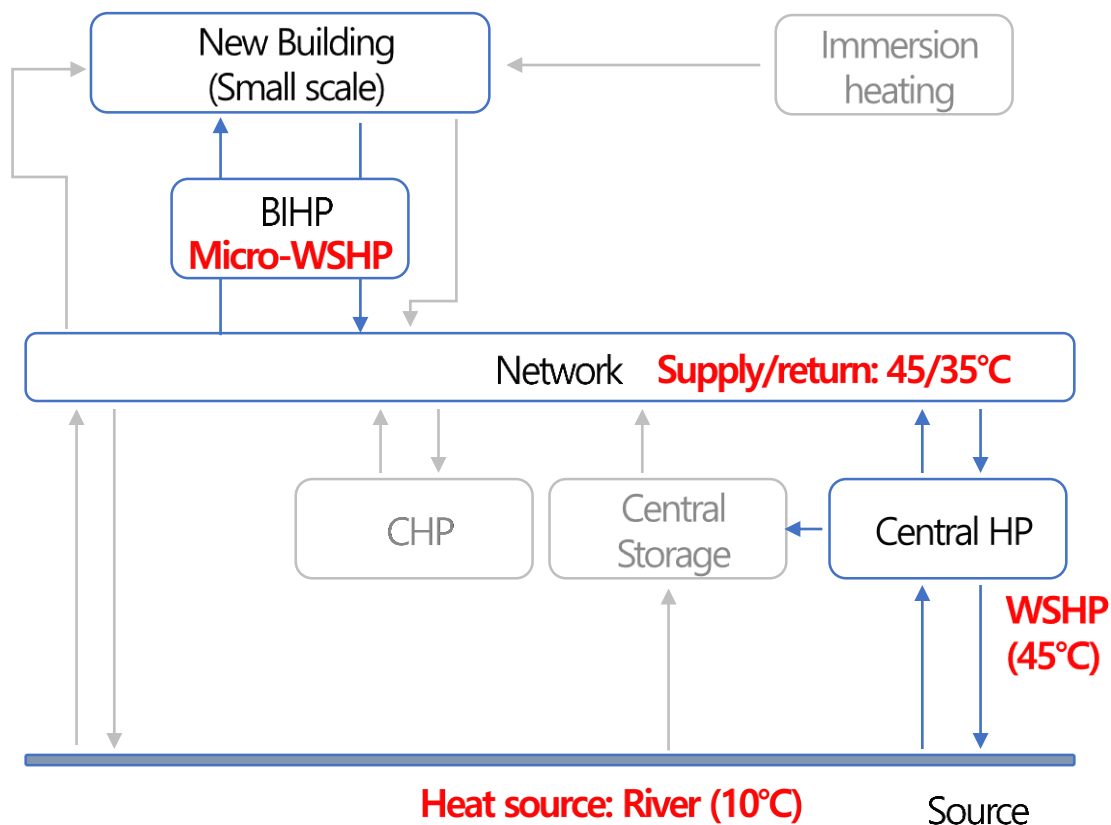
# Space Heating and Hot Water with DH

- Case Scenario 4: Small-scale scheme serving a new development consisting of 400 residential flats ( Supply temperature : **45°C** )



Scenario 4:  
Medium T network,  
Central HP and  
BIHPs

- Distribution of temperature lift to both supply and user sides
- Heat pump dominant network

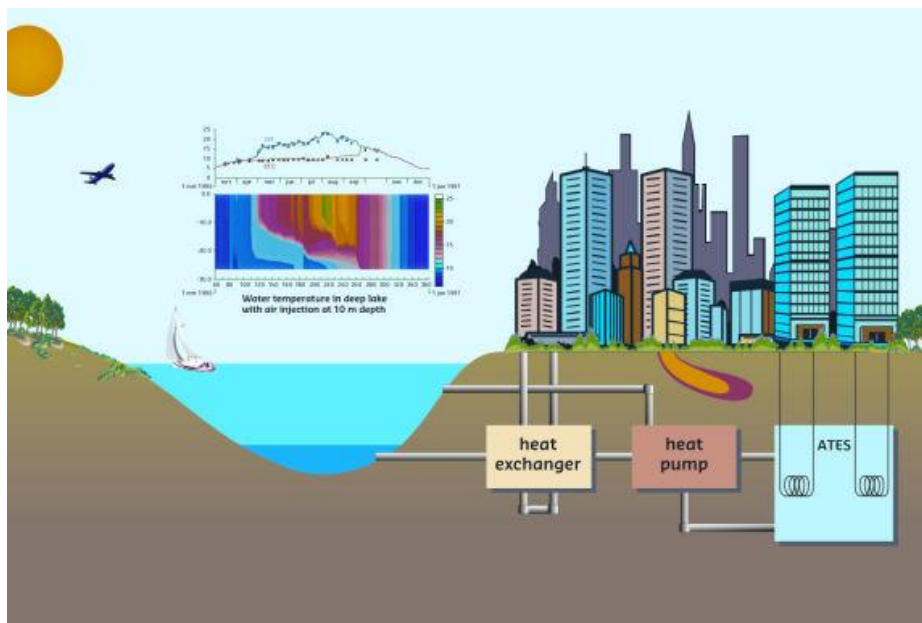


# [Case Study] Energy Saving with Low T. Heat

- Low Temperature Thermal Network Research
  - Large-scale heat pump plant / locally optimized heat pump (user-demand)

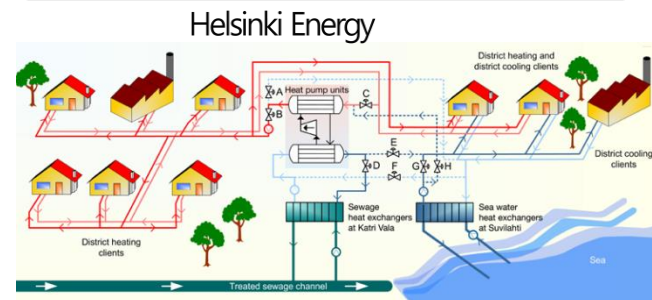
## Sea water heat pump application

- (Might be) The most abundant unused heat source
- Generally large scale application (District heating)
- Free cooling possible during spring and autumn (Large energy savings)



< System Schematic Diagram >

## Katri Vala Plant (Finland)



- 5 Heat Pumps (Unitop 50FY, Friotherm)



Summer operation:	
Heating capacity	18,113 kW
Heating water flow	370 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Inlet/outlet temperature	45/88 °C
Power absorbed	6,113 kW
Electric motor	6,500 kW
Voltage	11 kV
Heat source (cooling) capacity	12,000 kW
District cooling in/out temp.	20/4 °C

- The largest plant in the world to use heat pumps to produce district heat and district cooling from both Sewage Water and Sea Water
- District heat output : 90 MW
- District cooling output : 60 MW

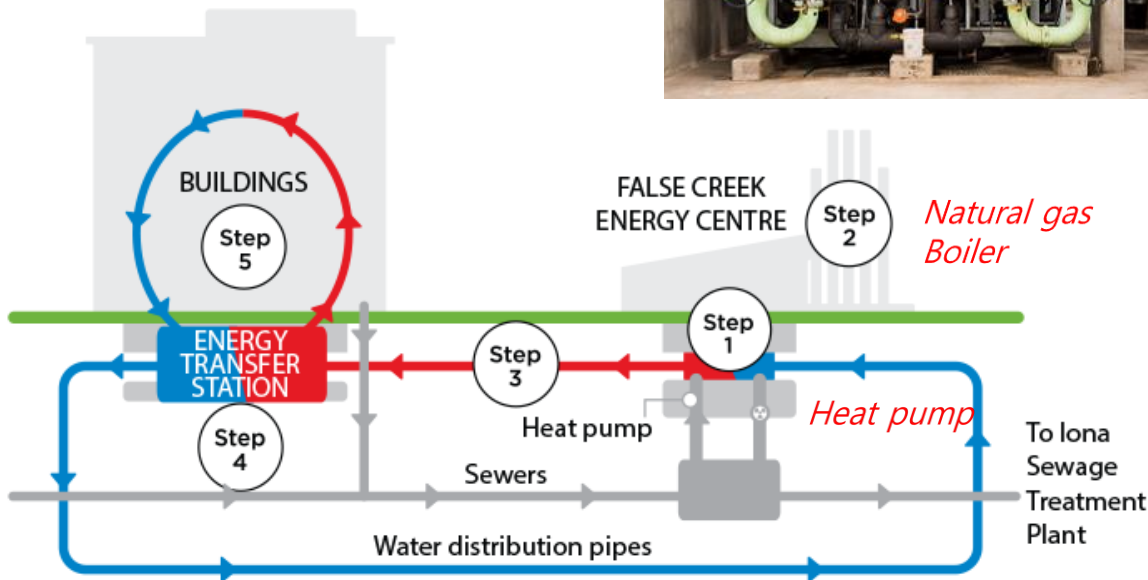


# [Case Study] Energy Saving with Low T. Heat

## Southeast False Creek Neighborhood Energy Utility (Vancouver)

- **Sewage Water** as heat source
  - .. Huge amount
  - vs. nearly zero applicability
- Heat pump
  - .. Source: sewage water
  - .. Sink: heating and hot water

### Heat Pump Installation



Network between Sewage and Heating

### BENEFITS

- Using waste thermal energy captured from **sewage** to provide **space heating and hot water** to buildings in Southeast False Creek
- Reported to eliminate more than **60% of the greenhouse gas** emission associated with heating buildings
- The utility began operations in 2010 and since then has rapidly expanded to serve 395,000 m<sup>2</sup> of residential, commercial, and institutional space.

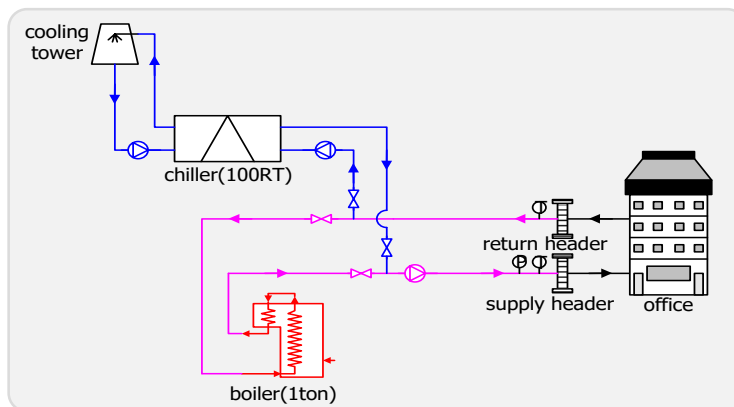
# KIER's Research Activity

## Energy Saving of Sewage Treatment Plant in Daegu Korea

- Network : (Heat source) Sewage Water → (Heat Demand) Cooling/Heating
- Heating COP 3.5 (Sewage 12.8°C), Cooling COP 4.5 (Sewage 23.0°C)

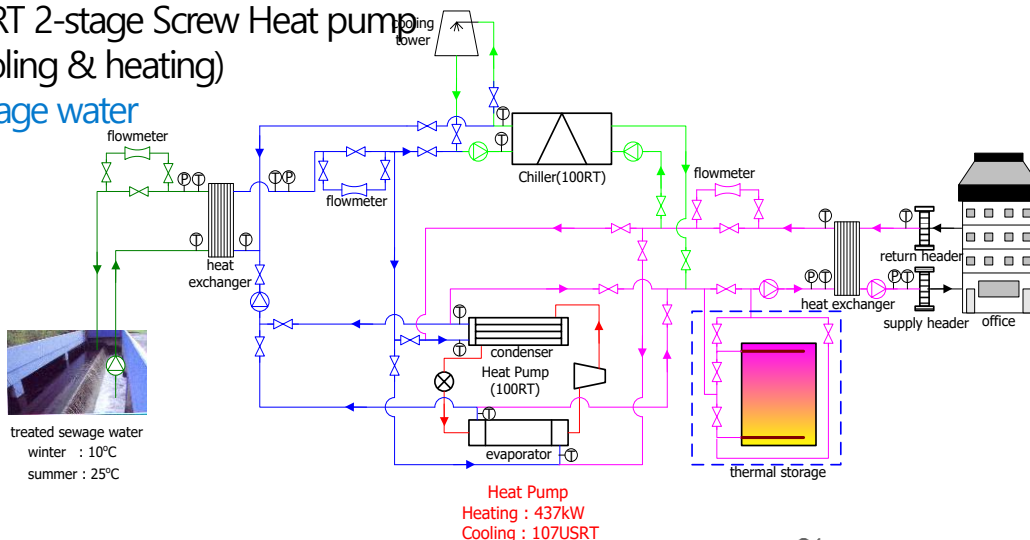
(Before)

- 120RT Chiller  
(cooling tower)
- 1 ton Boiler



(After)

- 100RT 2-stage Screw Heat pump  
(cooling & heating)
- Sewage water

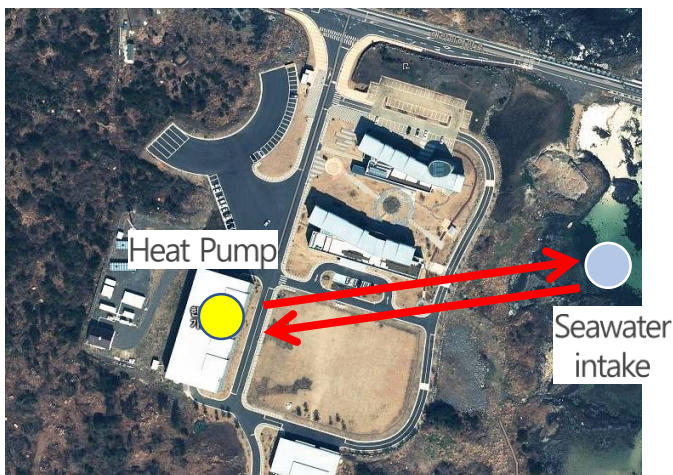


# KIER's Research Activity

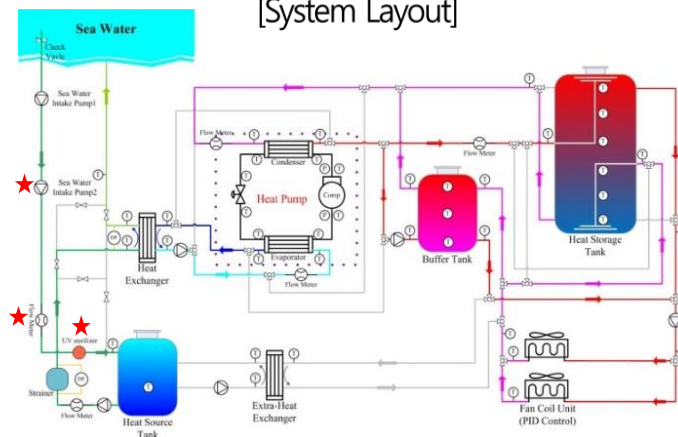
## Sea water source heat pump for a low-temperature thermal energy network

- Objective of project : Development of CFC/HCFC-free 20 RT SWSHP
- Target performance
  - Cooling COP in summer season : 4.5, cooling supply : 7°C at sea water of 25°C
  - Heating COP in winter season : 3.3, heating supply : 50~60°C at sea water of 10°C
- Expected payback period : 5.9 year (with a subsidy from government)

[KIER JGRC]



[System Layout]







## III. Approach 2



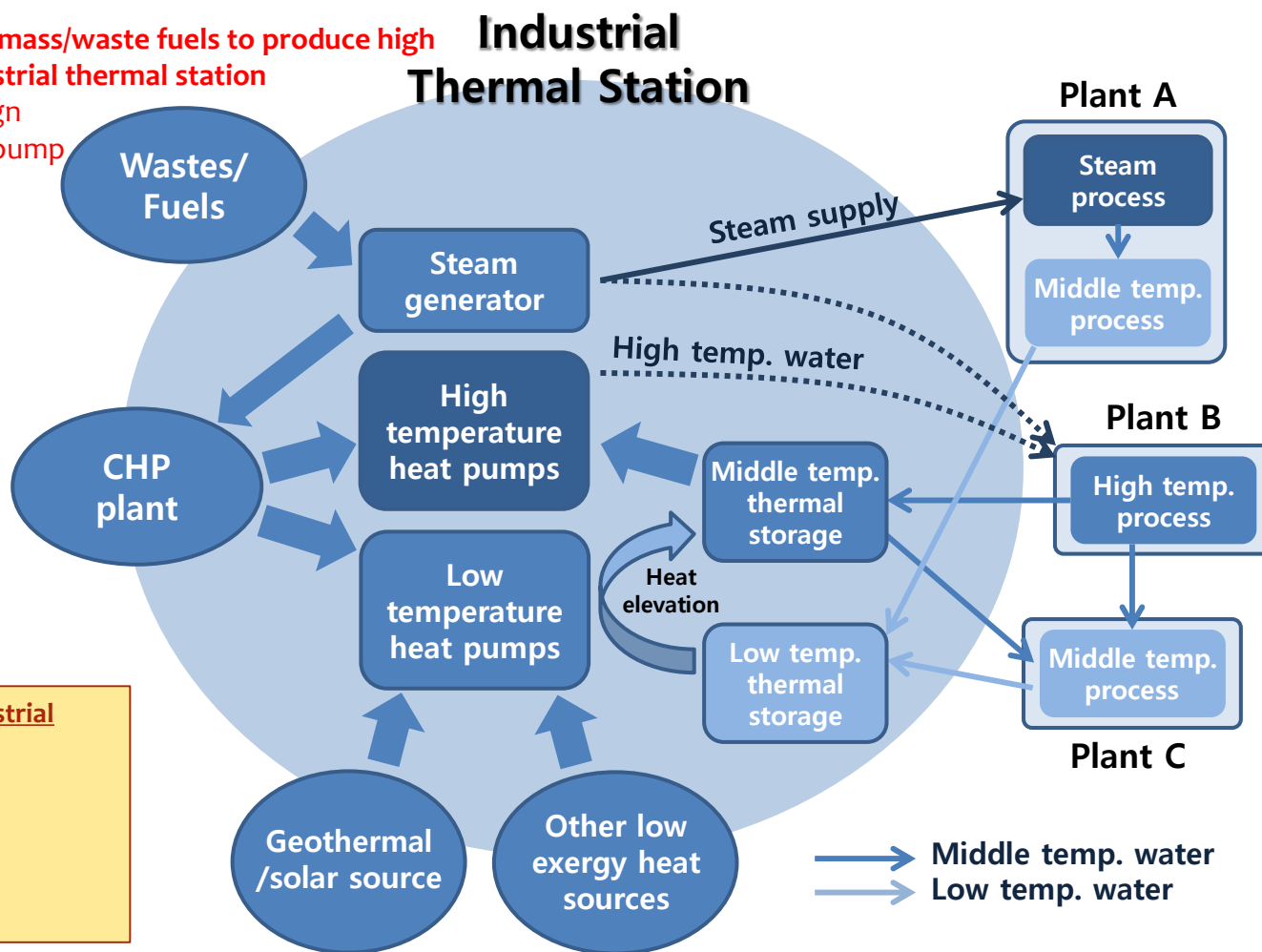
# High Temperature Thermal Network



- Wider temperature range – more complex layout of heat storages and heat pumps
- Heat sources – Discharges from processes (flue gases, condensates, wastes, etc.) or Cooling processes

## • Combustive energy from biomass/waste fuels to produce high temperature supply for industrial thermal station

- Heat exchange network design
- Ultra high temperature heat pump
- Waste heat storage



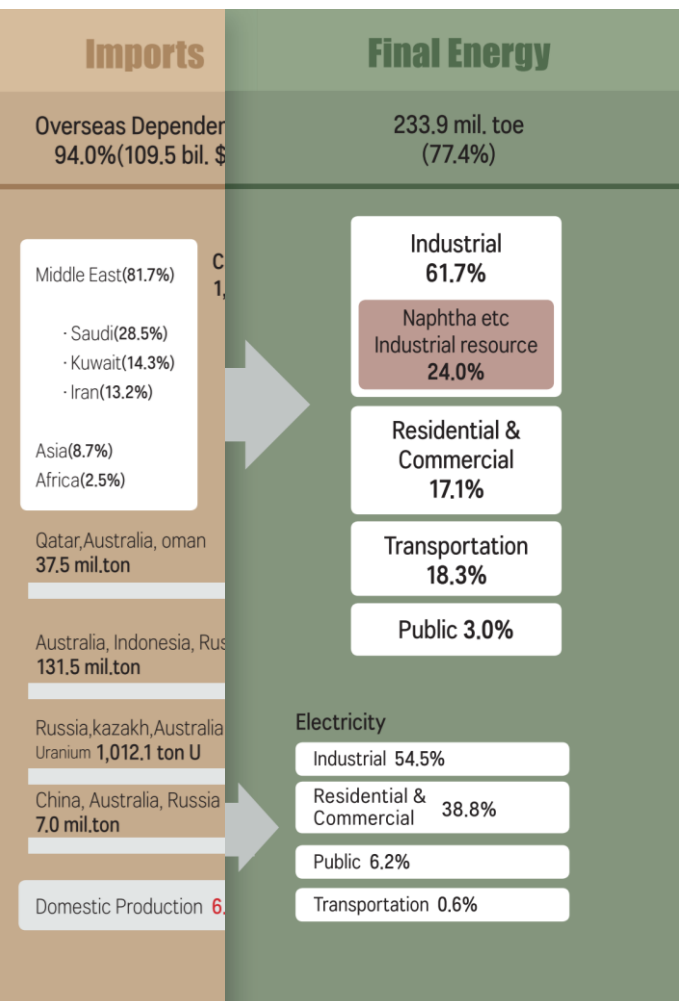
### Heat source samples for industrial thermal station

- Heat sources of residential/commercial thermal station
- Industrial waste heat
- Wastes/biomass fuels
- Sewage treatment center

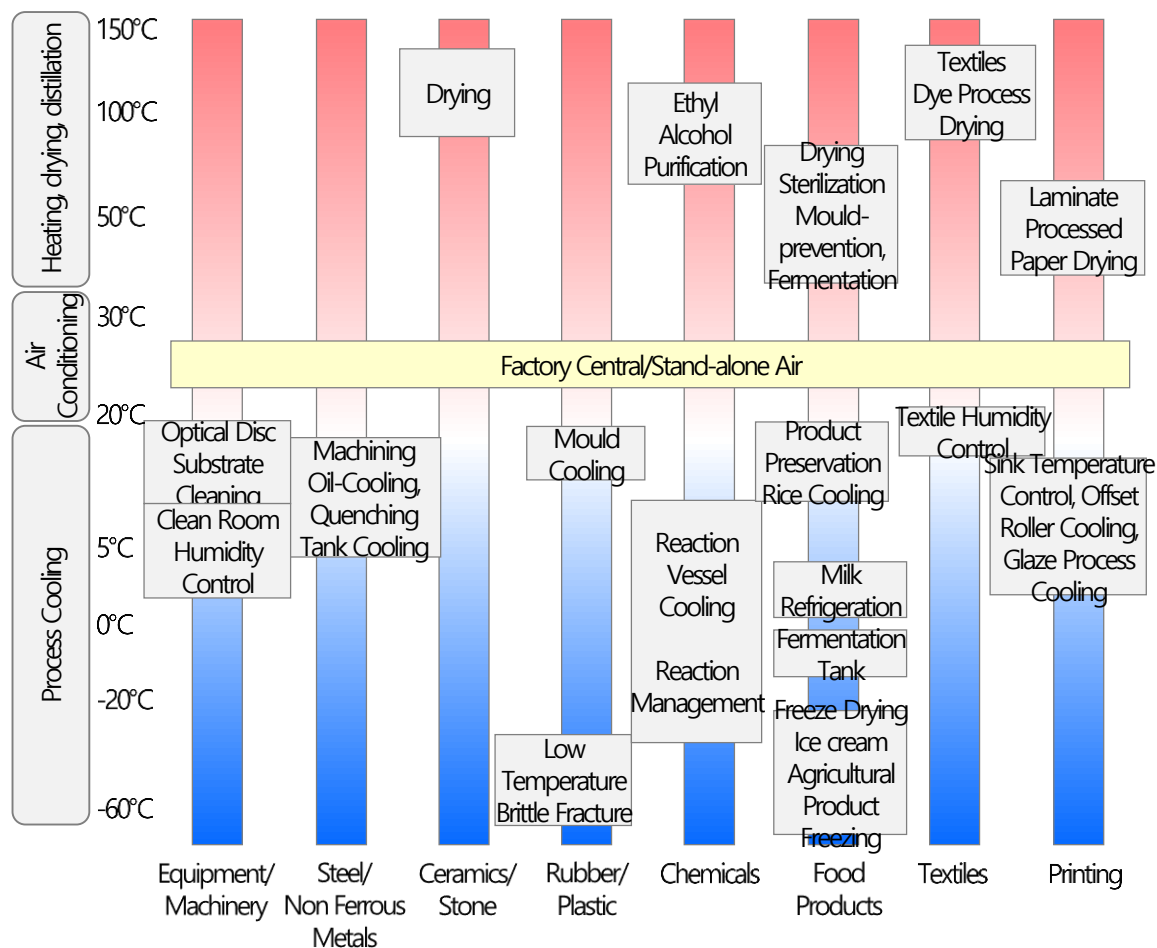


# Heat Demands in Industrial Processes

- Final energy consumption of Korea : **Industrial** >> Transportation ≥ Residential & Commercial
- Heat demands of industrial process : Both cooling and heating demands exist

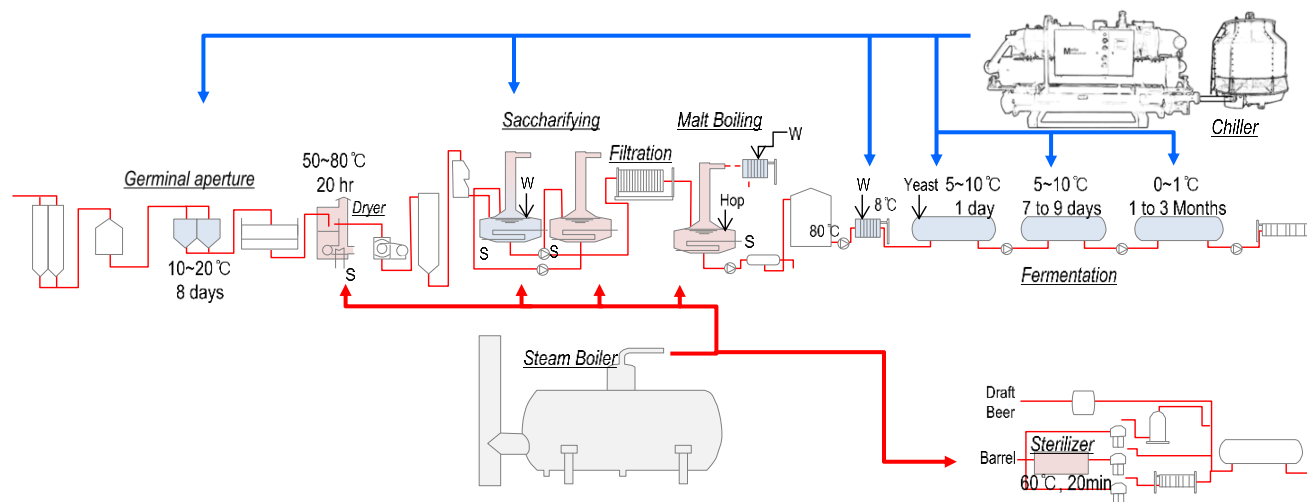


## Temperature Distribution in Industrial Processes



# Thermal Network Plan

- **Thermal Network 1** : Matching refrigeration and heating demand to heat pump
- **Thermal Network 2** : Re-utilize discharge heat (or energy) to generate process heat



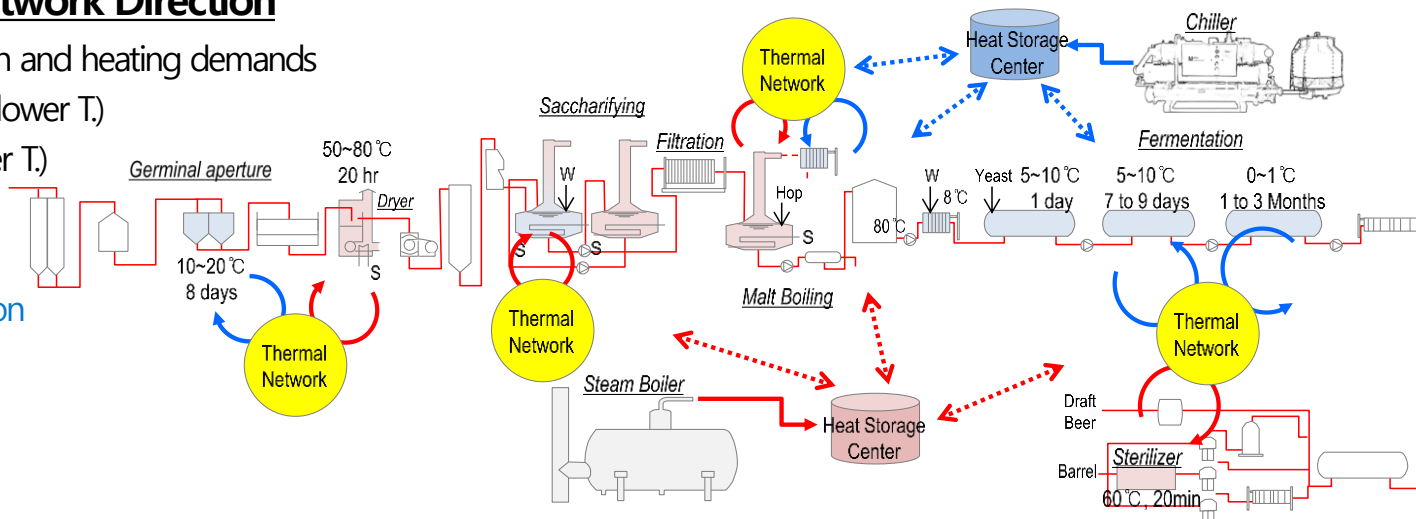
## Current Heat Flow

- Centralized
- Separated heating and cooling
- Large transport loss

## Thermal Energy Network Direction

- 1) Matching refrigeration and heating demands
- 2) Matching discharge (lower T.) and processes (higher T.)

→ Energy saving  
& Utilities optimization

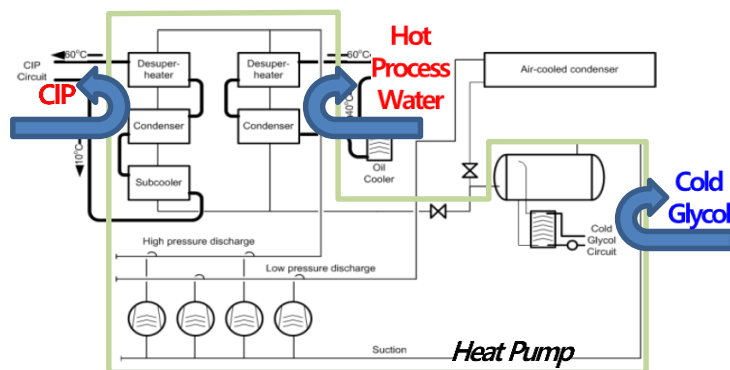


# Thermal Networking : Refrigeration-Heating

- Food Factory : Large demands of heating and refrigeration for drying, sterilization, fermentation, etc. → Big potential of energy saving by refrigeration-heating network

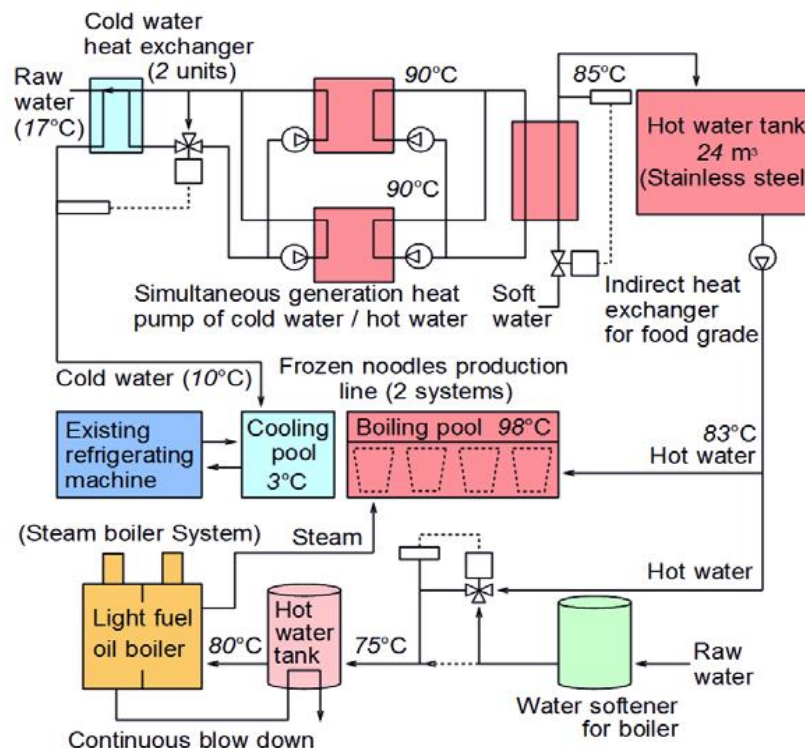
## Chocolate Factory (Nestlé)

- Cooling: Process glycol ( $5^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Heating: Process water ( $10^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Boiler for  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$  hot water
- €166,000/year cost saving expected



## Noodle Factory

- Heat Source:  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$  / Heat Sink:  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Reducing thermal load of existing equipment (boiler, refrigerating machine)

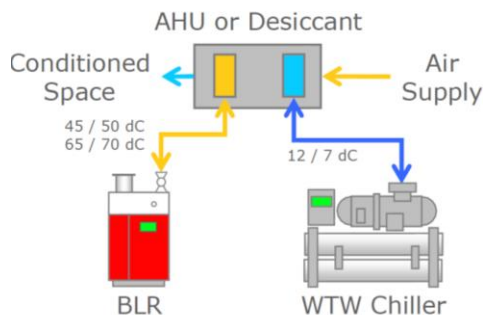


# Thermal Networking : Cooling-Heating

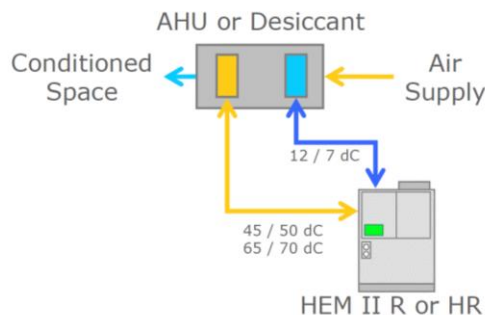
## Kobelco Report

Application Sample / HVAC  
Heat Pump Chiller Delivering H/W and C/W to HVAC

conventional



improved



This system can be applicable to all HVAC system including inverter technology ... for instance ,

Electronics, Semiconductor, Painting, Printing Process and etc., which requires space heating and drying air.

Case Study 2 : Clean Room in Car Body Painting Process  
Energy-Saving Project in Car Industry Factory

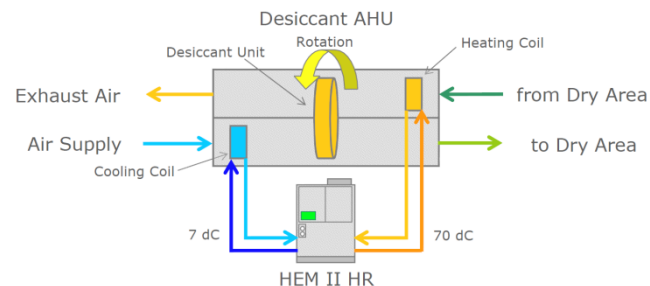
improved



Applying Kobelco Heat Pump to painting process ...

Contribute to reduce  
64% of energy cost and 61% of CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

Case Study 3 : Dry Area in Battery Cell Assembly  
Energy Saving Project in a Semiconductor Factory



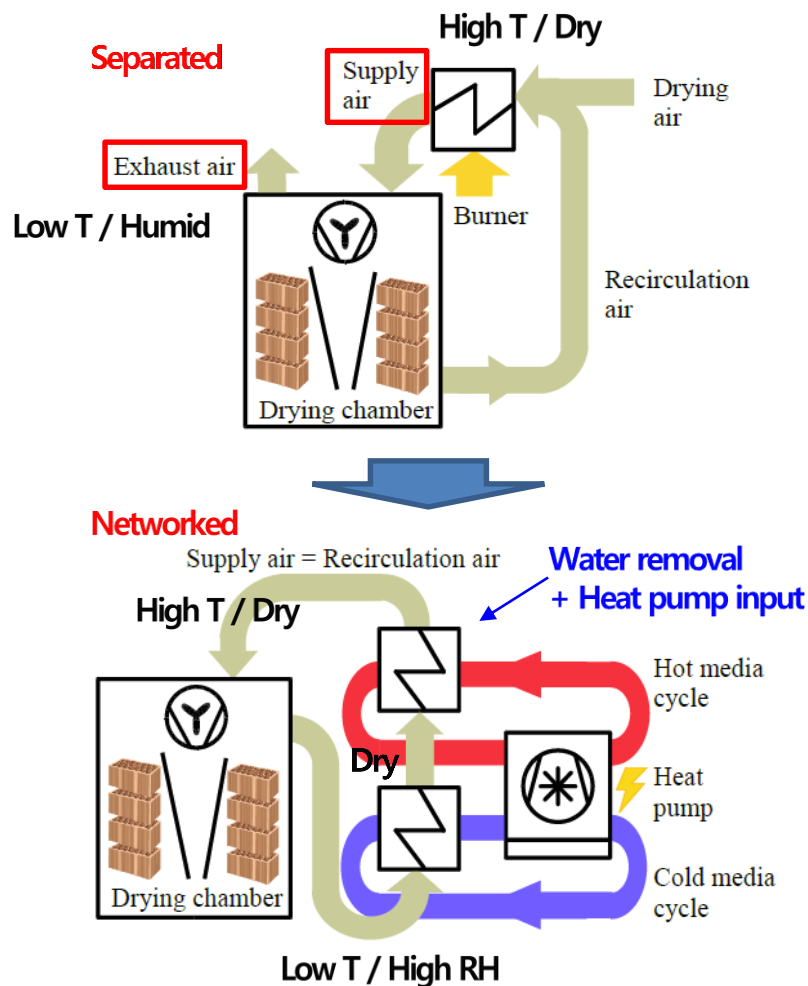
Applying more high efficiency system including Kobelco Heat Pumps ...

Contribute to reduce  
41% of energy cost and 55% of CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

# Thermal Networking : Discharge-Process Input

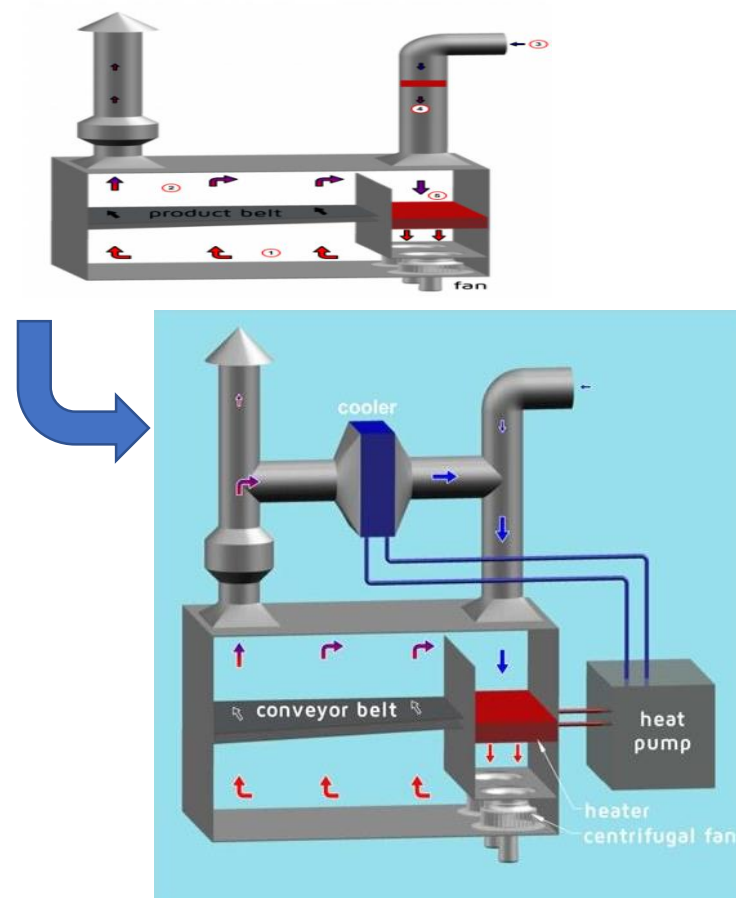
- Discharge flow from process : containing more energy (enthalpy) than outdoor air  
→ Energy Saving by recovering both sensible and latent heat

## ■ Drying Process Energy Saving: Around 90°C



## ■ Application case: French Fry Drying Process

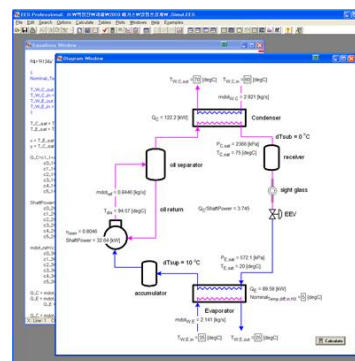
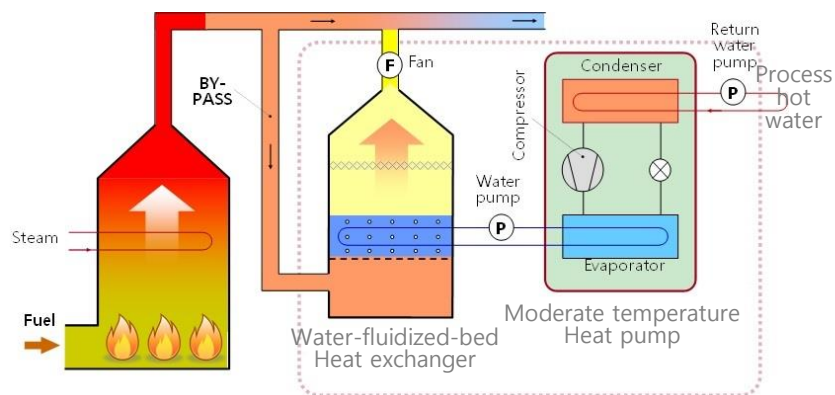
- Temperature requirement: around 70°C





# KIER's Activities - Waste Heat Utilization

- Objective of project : Development of flue gases heat recovery Heat Pump for industrial purpose
- 100kW of heating capacity with a heating COP of 3.5 at 65-70°C of hot process water
- Increase in boiler efficiency : 8% (both sensible and latent heat recovery)  
(Fuel consumption reduction: 12 kg/h, cost reduction: \$44,000/year)
- Expected payback period : 3.5 year



HP cycle analysis

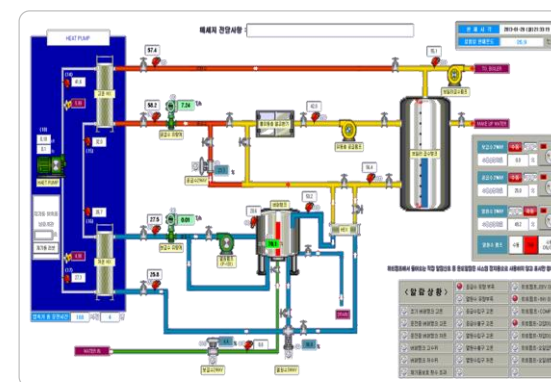
Demonstration plant  
(Lotte food Co. Ltd.)



Water-fluidized-bed Heat exchanger



Heat pump



Control/ monitoring system



# Heating Demands in Process

- Heat over 100°C (steam, flue gases) occupies most of heat demands  
→ Needs for energy saving (or energy network) devices of high temperature demand

## High temperature process heat

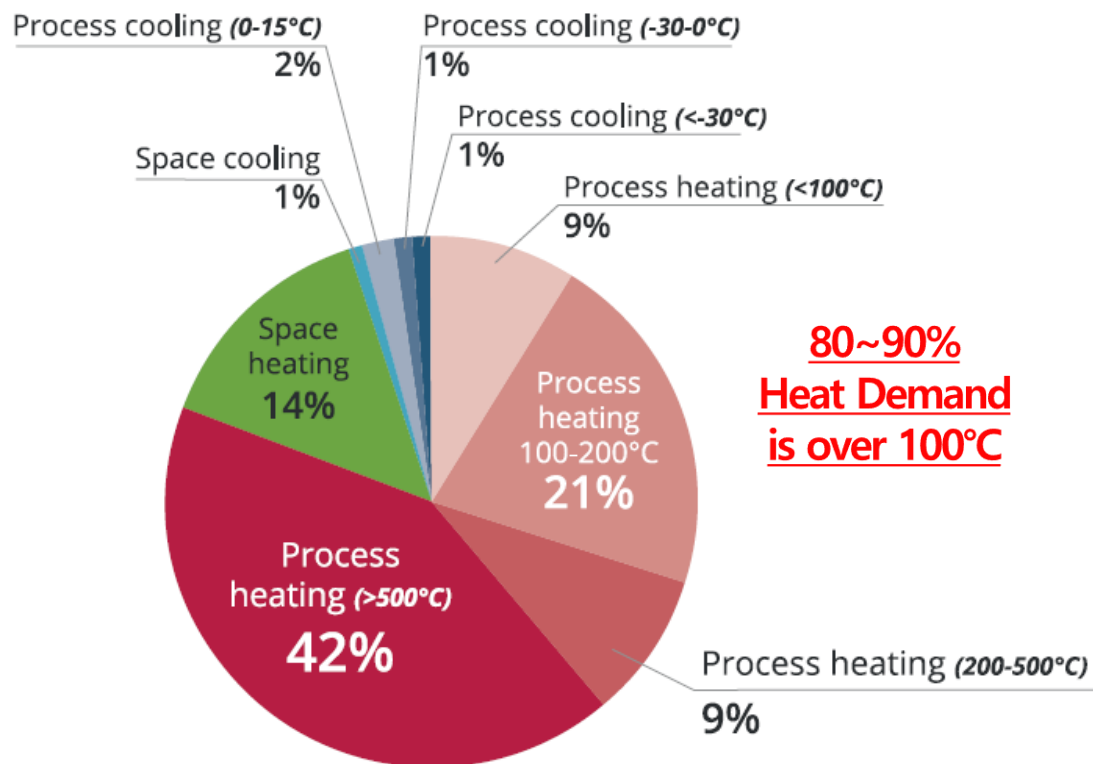
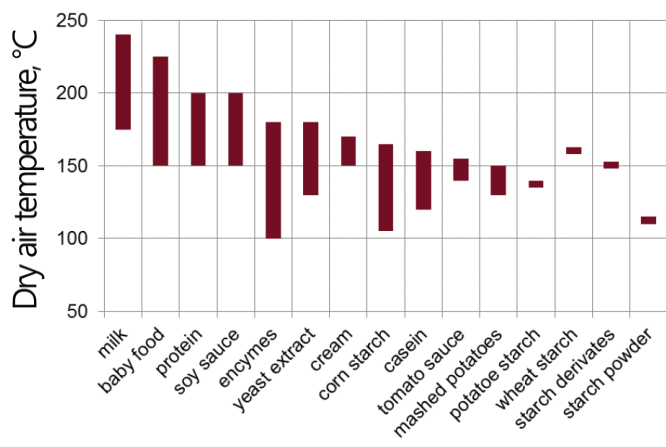


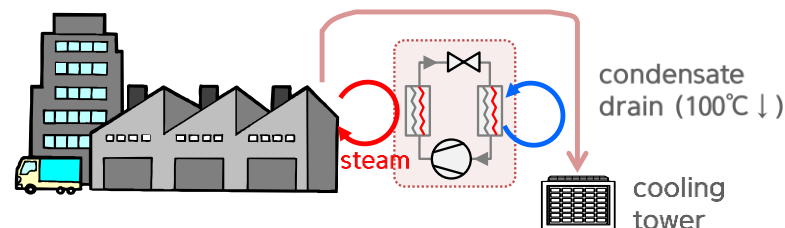
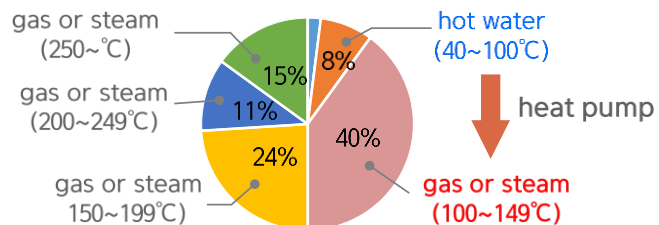
Figure 6: Industry final energy demand end-use (EU28, 2015)



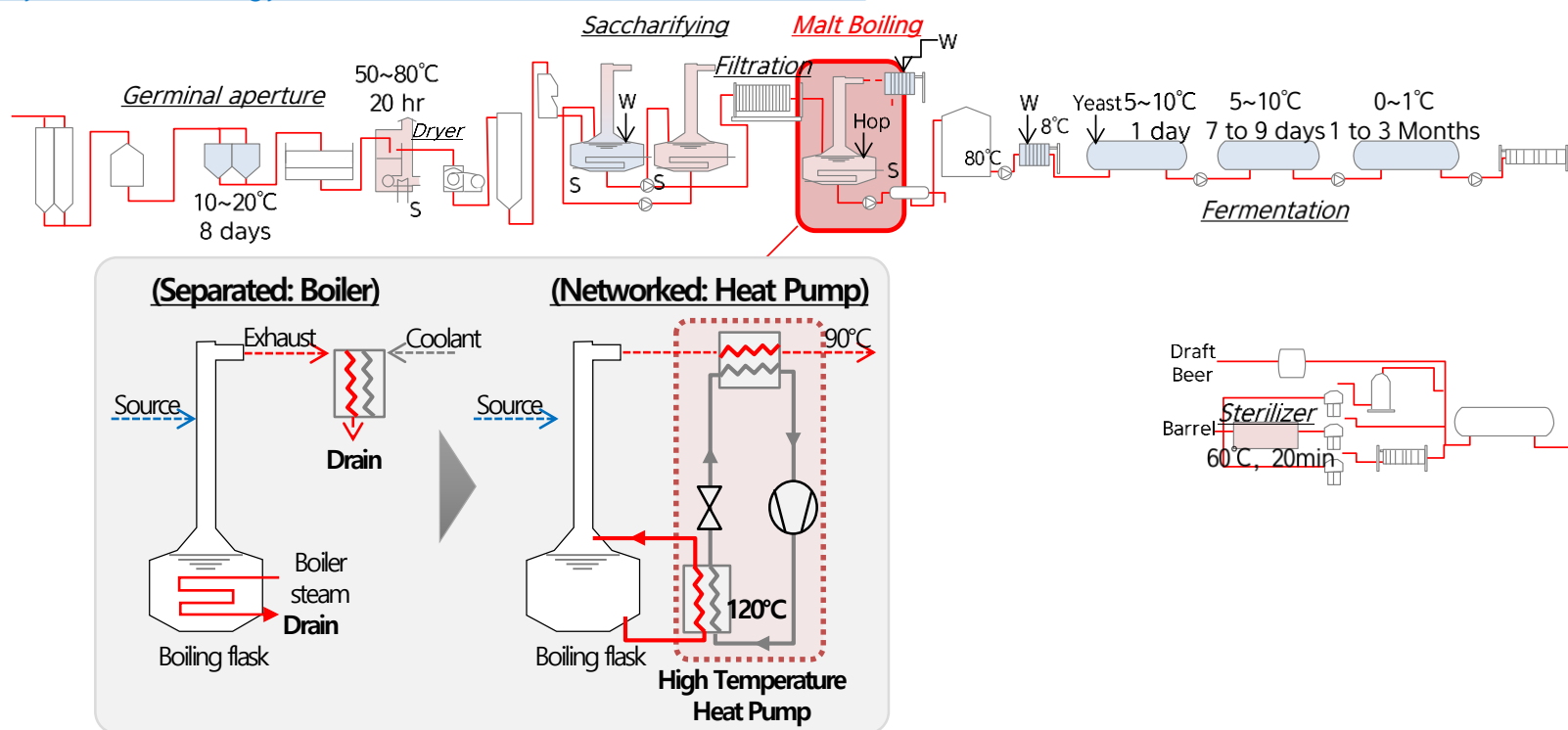
# KIER's Activities - Steam Heat Pump

- Objective of project : Development of steam generation Heat Pump for industrial purpose
- Target performance : 300kW of heating capacity with a heating COP over 3.0 at 120°C steam

## [Heats in industrial sector (Japan)]



## Case Study : Thermal energy network in Food (Beer) Production Process

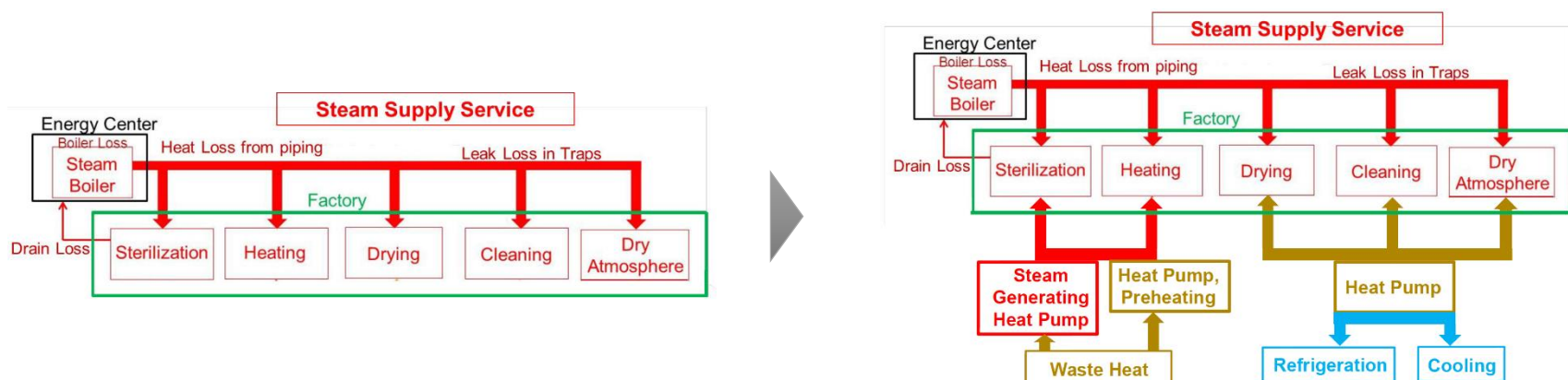
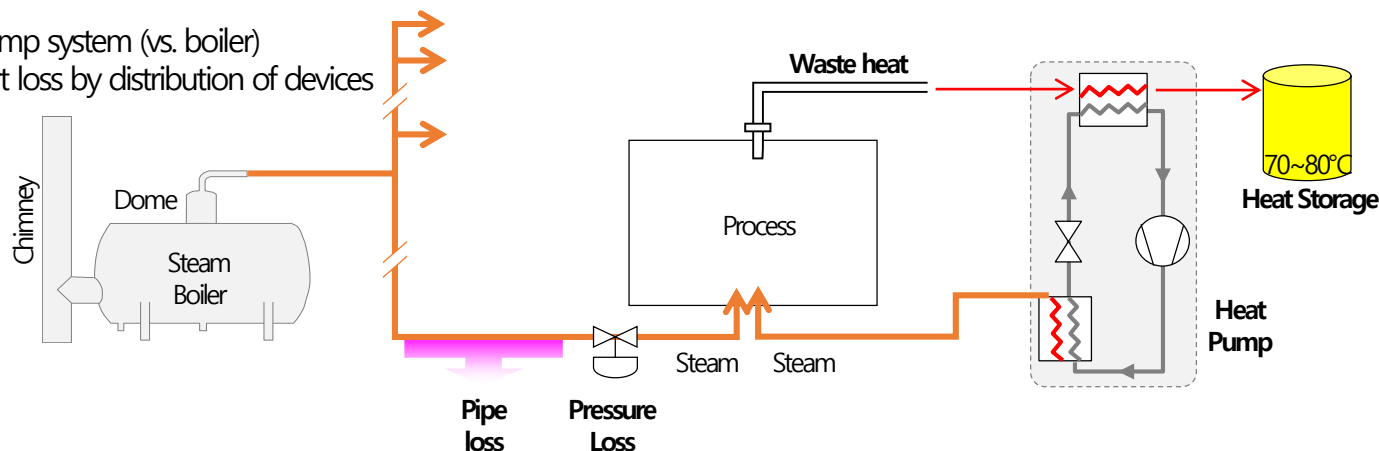


# KIER's Activities - Steam Heat Pump

## ■ Design of thermal energy network for industrial processes using Steam Heat pump

### • Advantages

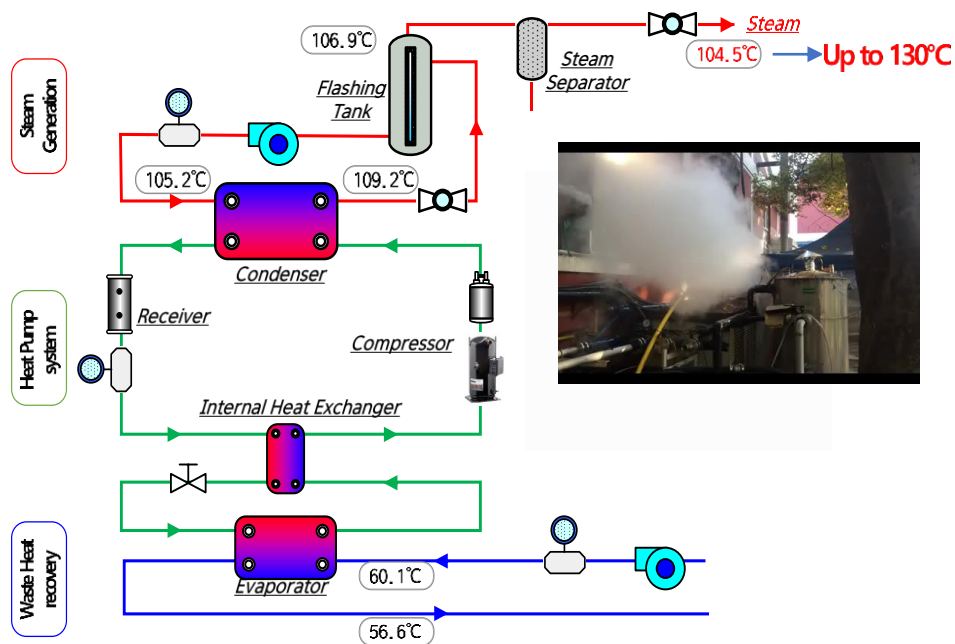
- High efficient heat pump system (vs. boiler)
- Reduction of transport loss by distribution of devices



# KIER's Activities - Steam Heat Pump

## Heat Pump cycle design: Internal heat exchanger cycle

- Working Refrigerant : R-245fa
- Prototype of 40 kW<sub>th</sub> : Reciprocating comp., R-245fa drop-in test
- Prototype of 100 kW<sub>th</sub> : Screw comp., Cycle optimization



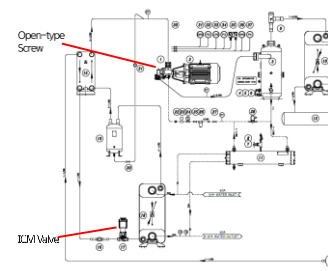
### Prototype: 40 kW<sub>th</sub>

- R-245fa drop-in, preliminary study



### Prototype: 100 kW<sub>th</sub>

- Open-screw, flash-tank steam generation





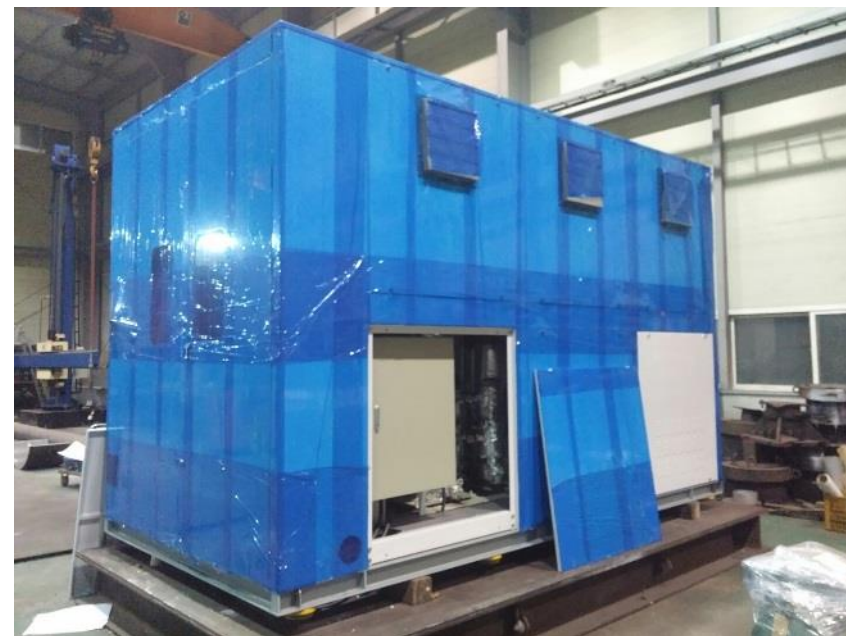
# KIER's Activities - Steam Heat Pump

## ■ Prototype of High Temperature Heat Pump Unit for Low Pressure Steam Generation

- Generating 120°C, 2kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> for industrial processes using waste heat (50~70°C)
  - Heating capacity: 360kW<sub>th</sub> (corresponding to 0.5 ton/h steam)
  - COP<sub>h</sub>: 3.6 (70°C waste heat, 120°C steam)



Heat Pump Unit (before casing)



Heat Pump Unit (after casing)

# KIER's Activities - Steam Heat Pump

## ■ Demonstration Operation in a Poly-Carbonate Factory in Korea

- Waste heat : 50°C-55°C
- Target process: Waste Water Stripper process (using 110-120°C steam)

Parameter	Lab.	Site	Comment
Waste Heat(°C)	70.4	55.3	Lower temp.
Steam(°C)	119.6	115.2	Process demand
Capacity(kW)	364	348	Due to lower waste heat temp.

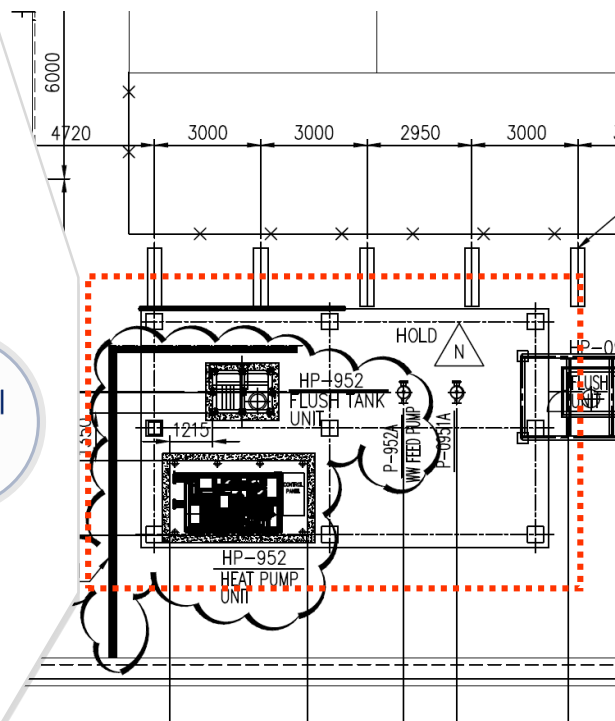
### Prototype Units

- Capacity 360kW<sub>th</sub>(300 Mcal/h)
- COP 3.6

Heat Pump Unit

Control Panel

Flash Tank Unit



Demo. Site







# IV. Approach 3

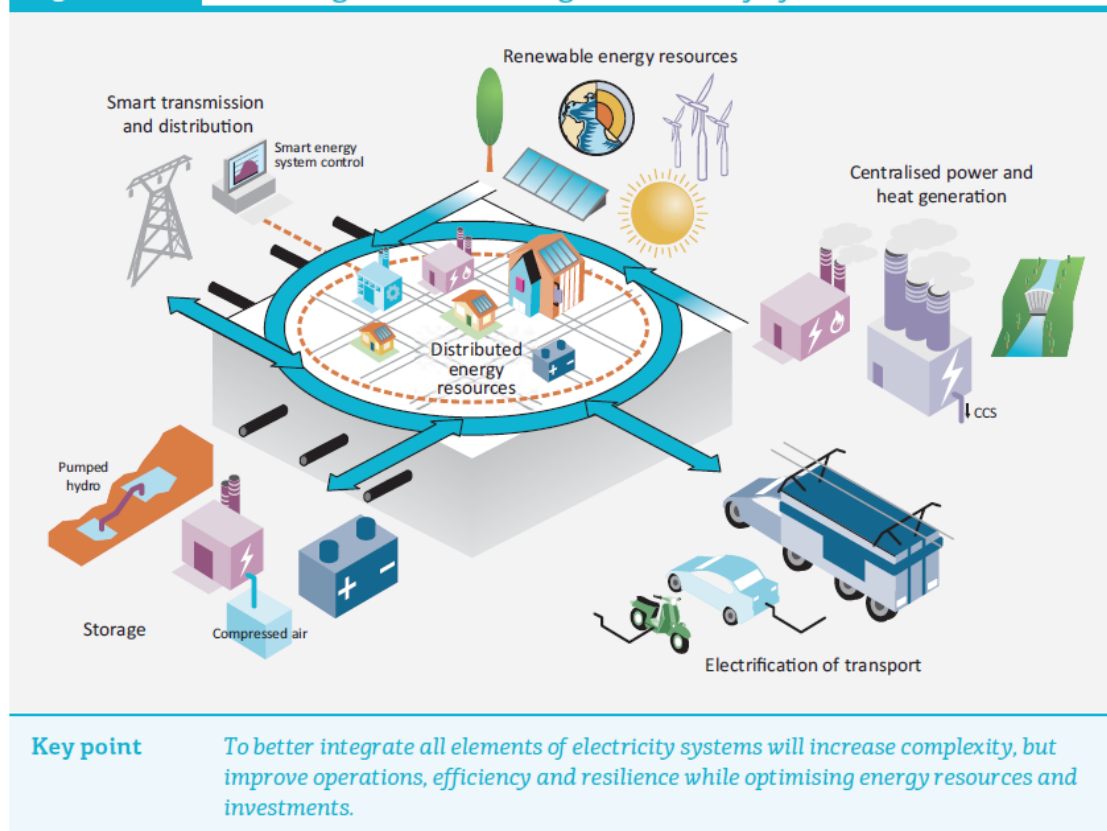


# Future Energy System

## IEA Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP) 2014

### Distributed Power System

Figure 1.2 The integrated and intelligent electricity system of the future



### Monitoring

- ◆ Real-time monitoring of energy facilities
- ◆ Management of **energy data base**

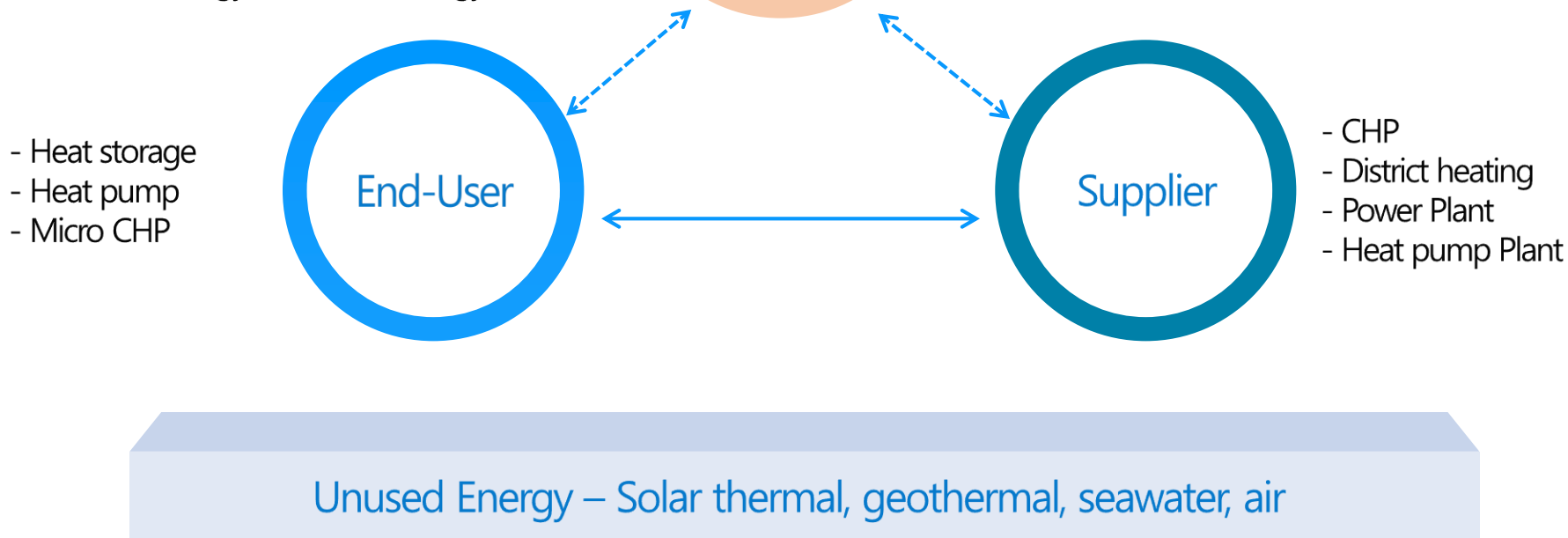
### Control

- ◆ Optimizing energy resources and investments
- ◆ Improving **total energy efficiency**

# Future Energy System

## ■ Thermal Energy Network

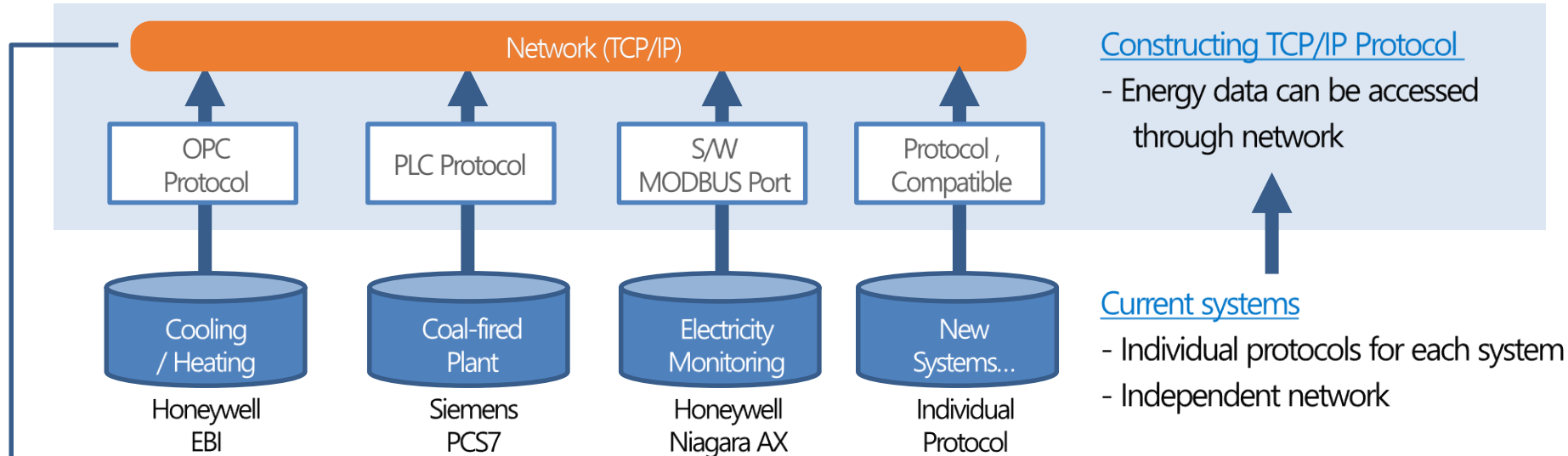
- Optimal energy usage between supplier and end-user
- Total R&D activity covering production-consumption-management
- Energy efficiency enhancement by introducing unused energy/renewable energy into network



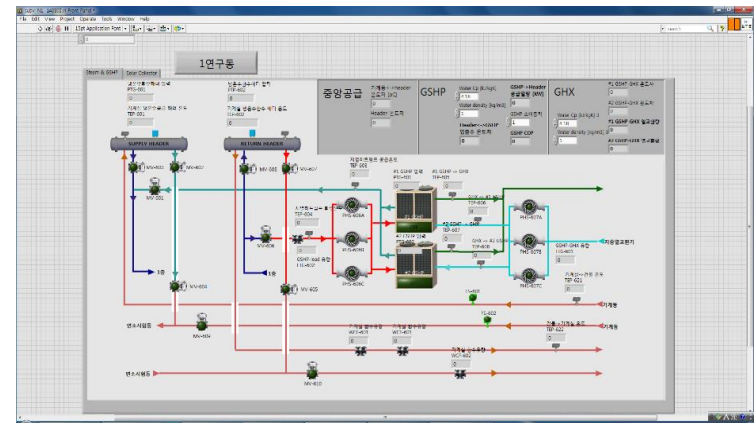
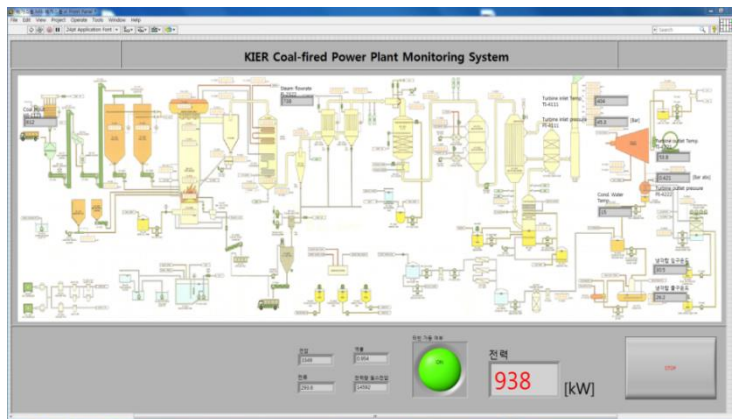
# KIER Energy Network – Communication Infra

## ■ KIER Energy Monitoring Infra – Prerequisite to Optimal Management

- Site characteristics : Individual operation of each energy facilities operate (Private monitoring protocols)
  - No integrated monitoring infra → **Building Common Communication Language**



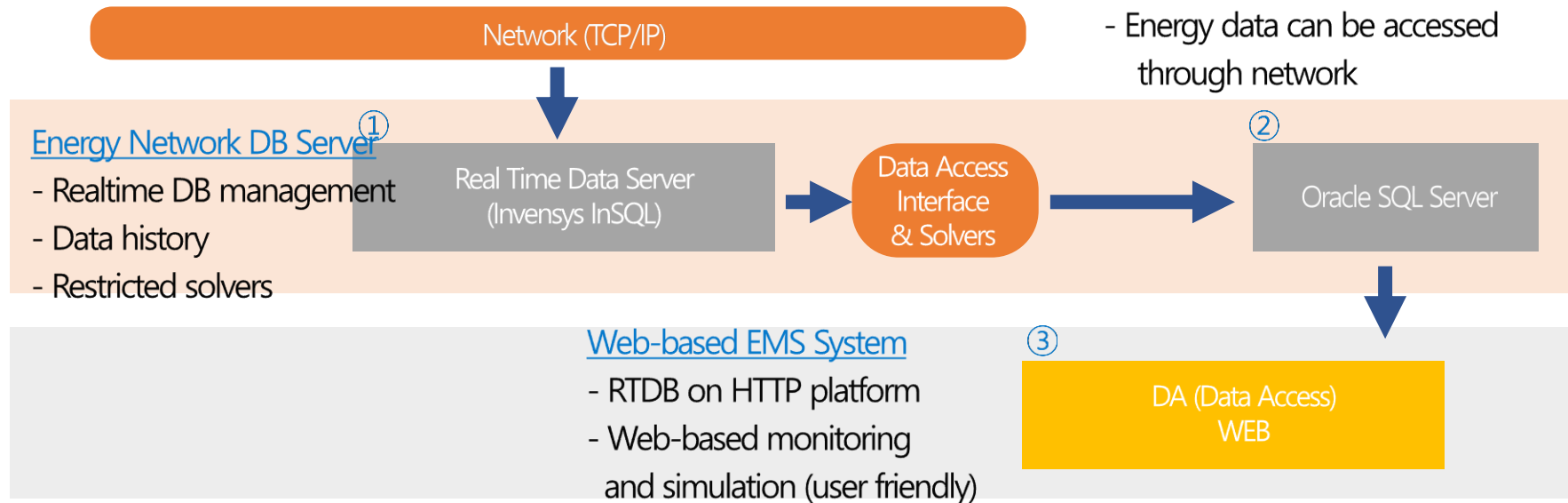
- IP/Port
- Tags



# KIER Energy Network – Web-based Monitoring

## Constructing TCP/IP Protocol

- Energy data can be accessed through network

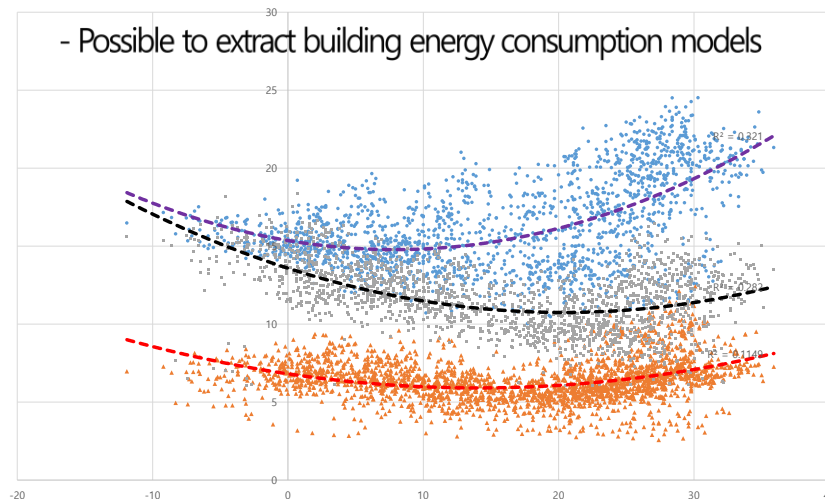


power usage in each building

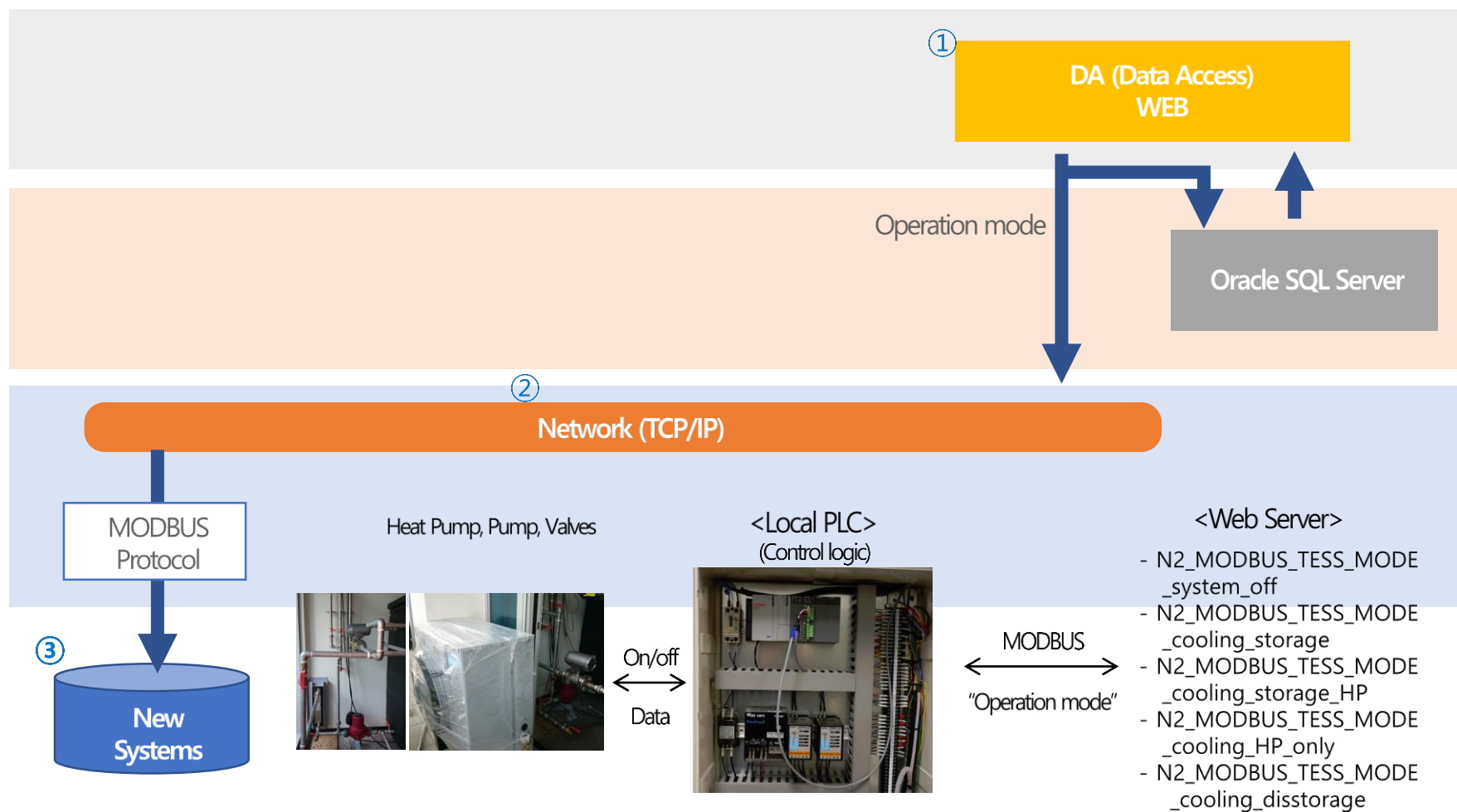
### Electricity Energy Trend



## Usage for Stored DB: Elec. consumption



# KIER Energy Network – Web-based Control





- Integrated Energy Data Management Infra (Energy Center)  
→ First Stage to Total Energy Management of KIER





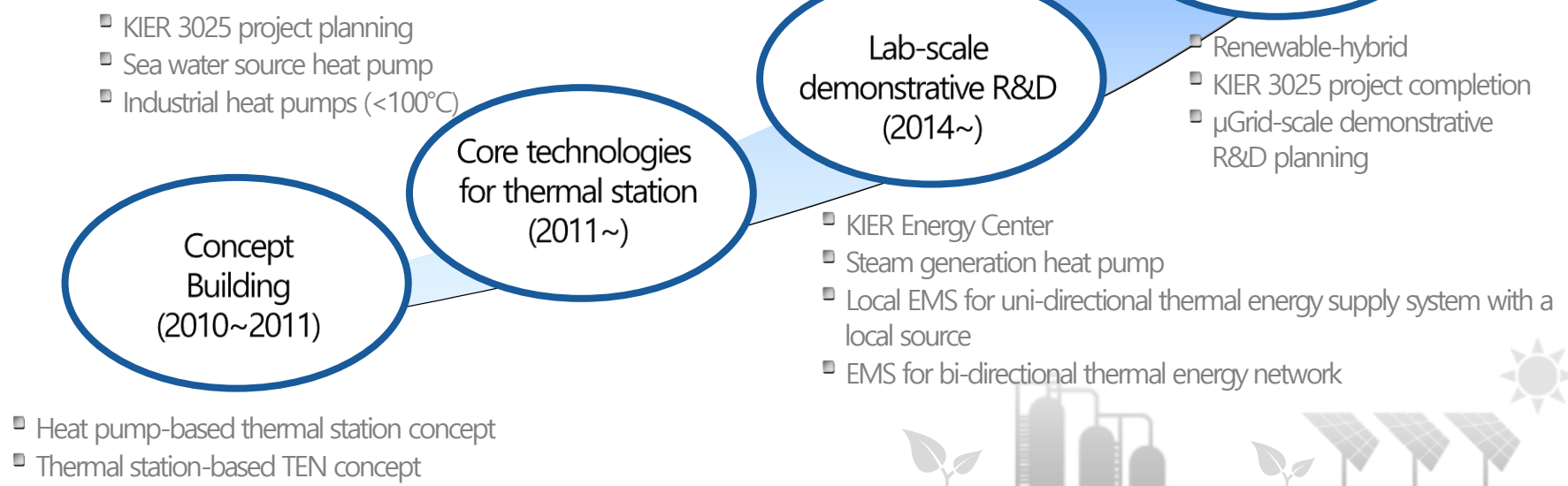
# V. Summary



# Thermal Energy Network

Maximizing the use of thermal energy by balancing energy production and consumption and by utilizing various unused energies near demand side

- ▶ **Heating/hot water** : Using low temperature energy around, **Central heat pump/distributed heat pump**
- ▶ **Industrial** : Refrigeration/heating, discharge/process-input, **high temperature**
- ▶ **Monitoring/management** : **Site dependent** communication infra



# Tech Vision

