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Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:00 **IEA DHC Annex TS1 session on  
"Low Temperature District Heating for Future Energy Systems"**  
(Chairman: *Dietrich Schmidt, IBP Germany*)


- THE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS FOR THE CONCEPT OF LOW TEMPERATURE DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK WITH CASCADE UTILIZATION OF HEAT BETWEEN THE NETWORKS  
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12:20 **End our session at the DHC 2016 Symposium**


## The Feasibility Analysis for The Concept of Low Temperature DH Network with Cascade Utilization of Heat Between the Networks

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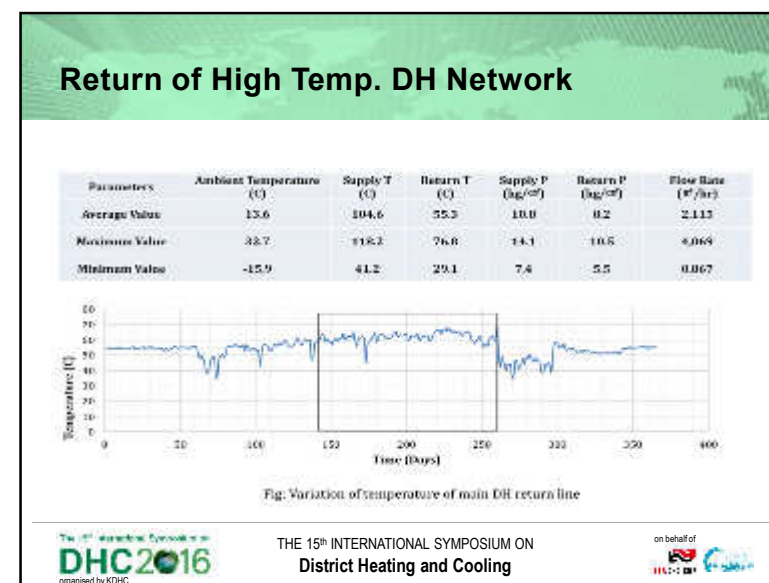
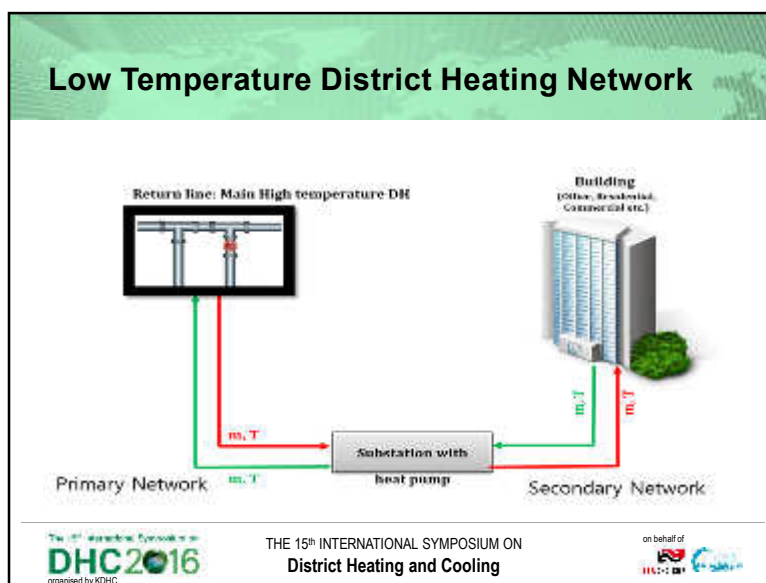
## Research Aims & Objectives

- Present Status of DH Network in South Korea
- Possibility of Low Temperature District Heating Sources
- Assessment of Technical and Economical Feasibility
- Suggestion of Business Model for Low Temperature DH

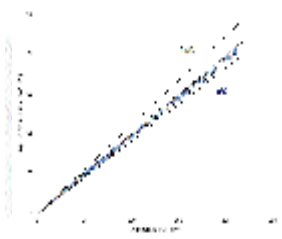


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### Building Load Model



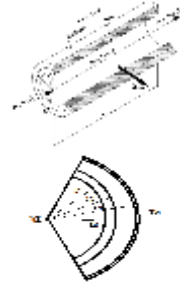
- If the building material and construction style is assumed similar, the building load can be estimated by time of day and ambient temperature.

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
R <sup>2</sup>	99.2	99.6	98.4	98.3	94.2	92.6

Month	7	8	9	10	11	12
R <sup>2</sup>	91.6	93.4	95.2	98.2	98.7	99.6

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### Heat Loss Estimation



Pipe Heat Loss =  $Q_{loss} = UA_{p,s}(T_f - T_a) = UA_{p,s}\Delta T$

Pipe Surface Area =  $A_{p,s} = 2\pi D_4 L$

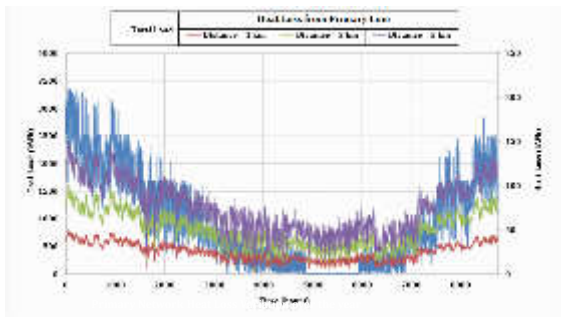
$$U = \frac{1}{R}; R = \frac{1}{h_i} + \frac{r_4 \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}}{k_p} + \frac{r_4 \ln \frac{r_3}{r_2}}{k_p} + \frac{r_4 \ln \frac{r_3}{r_2}}{k_i} + \frac{r_4 \ln \frac{r_3}{r_2}}{k_c} + \frac{1}{h_o}$$

$$h_i = \frac{k_p}{D_1} \times 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4}$$

$$h_o = 13.79 + 0.03232\Delta T - 40.86D_4 + 0.000117\Delta T^2 + 97.3D_4^2 - 0.01388\Delta T D_4$$

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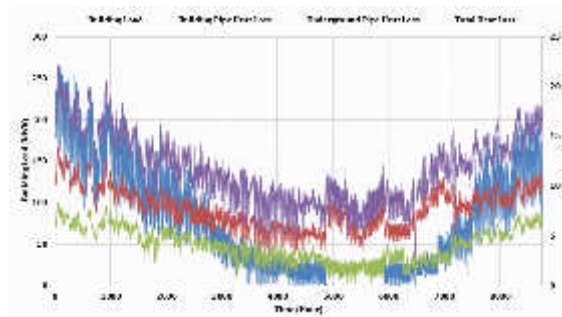
### Heat Loss: Primary Network



Primary Network Heat Loss Variation over the year

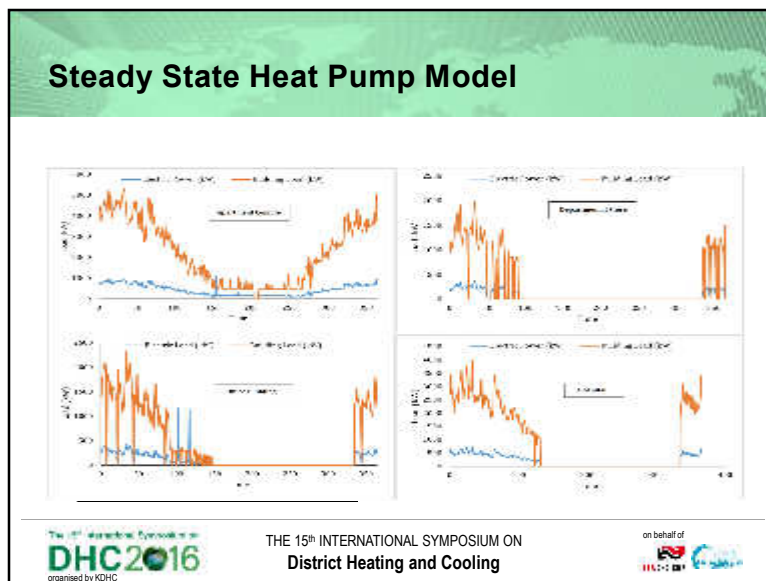
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### Heat Loss: Secondary Network



Secondary Network Heat Loss Variation over the year

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### Economic Analysis: Different Scenarios

Operating Cost: Different scenarios based on heat loss

Cases	Primary Network		Secondary Network		Heat Pump
	Heat Loss	Pumping Power	Heat Loss	Pumping Power	
1	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
2	Not Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
3	Included	Included	Not Included	Included	Included
4	Not Included	Included	Not Included	Included	Included

Assumptions:  
 Project life is 30 years and Inflation rate is considered as 5%  
 The distance of sub station is set as 3km.  
 Two pipe system has been selected for secondary network.  
 The price of pipes, electricity, heat and labor is based on local market of Korea.

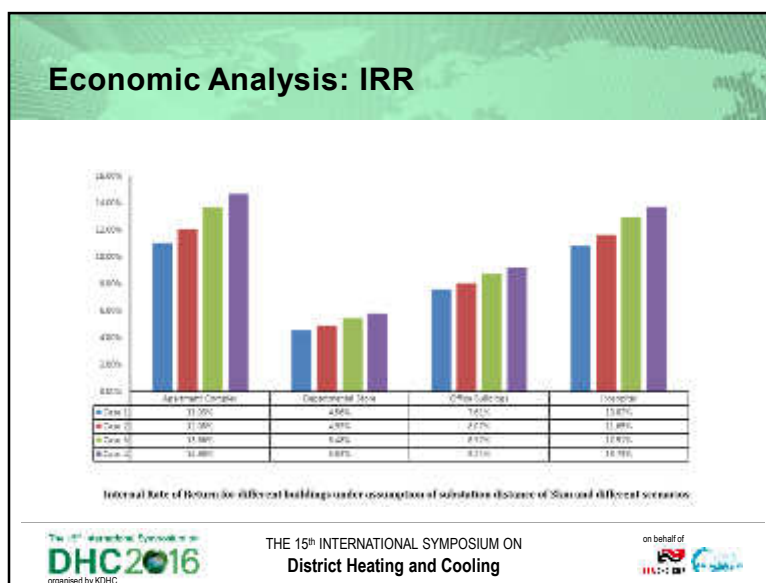
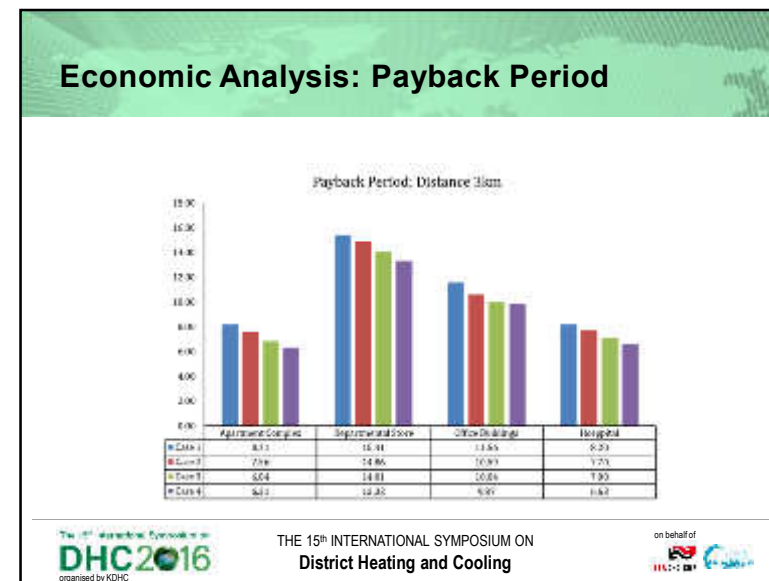
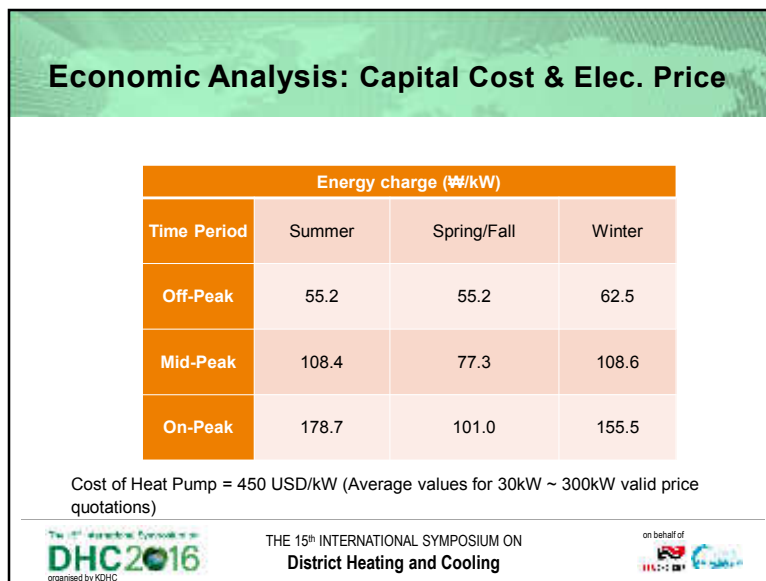
### Economic Analysis: Capital Cost(Primary side pipe network)

Type	Pipe Standard	Price ₩/m	Carrier Pipe		Insulation Thickness mm	Casing Pipe	
			Inner mm	Outer mm		Thickness mm	Outer Dia. mm
			PEX	150A	253,300	154.2	165.2
125A	163,800	129.6		139.6	39.1	3.5	225
100A	124,000	104.5		114.3	39.4	3.5	200
80A	103,200	80.1		89.1	32.2	3.2	160
65A	84,300	67.3		76.3	28.7	3.2	140
50A	67,600	52.7		60.5	29.1	3.2	125
40A	49,200	41.2		48.6	27.7	3	110
32A	38,300	35.5		42.7	30.7	3	110
25A	32,990	27.2		34	25.5	2.5	90
20A	29,600	21.4	27.2	28.9	2.5	90	

### Economic Analysis: Capital Cost(Secondary side pipe network)

Type	Pipe Standard	Price ₩/m	Carrier Pipe		Insulation Thickness mm	Casing Pipe	
			Inner mm	Outer mm		Thickness mm	Outer Dia. mm
			STS (SCH 10)	100A	83,780	114.3	108.2
80A	67,730	89.1		83	50	0	133
65A	51,550	76.3		70.2	50	0	120.2
50A	46,040	60.5		54.9	50	0	104.9
40A	41,220	46.8		41.2	50	0	91.2
32A	36,400	42.7		37.1	50	0	87.1
25A	32,250	34		28.4	50	0	78.4
20A	29,600	27.2		23	50	0	73





### Conclusion (1/2)

- In this study, the concept of cascade utilization of surplus energy in district heating network is newly suggested by utilizing the return water of HTDH as a heat source for LT DH.
- The economic analysis for different types of buildings shows that the rate of return of residential building varies from 5~6 years, for office 9~10 years, for hospital 5~7 years, and for departmental store 12~ 14 years depending on various cases considered in economic analysis
- Decrease of return temperature from 45C~30C results in double saving of electric power per kW of heat production. Similarly 37% reduction in heat loss, supply T reduced 90 to 60C.

## Conclusion (2/2)

- In this work, the applicability and feasibility of the model is carried out from the view point of expanding the existing DH network to a neighboring building.
- In forthcoming study, the feasibility analysis between the thermal networks, i.e. to build complex connected by the low supplying temperature network, will be carried out and its result will be presented.

## Thank you for your attention!

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# TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES TO SUPPLY LOW TEMPERATURE DISTRICT HEATING

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# Development of low temperature district heating (LTDH)

1<sup>st</sup> Generation steam system 1880 ~1930s  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation HTDH system  $T_{supply} > 100^{\circ}\text{C}$  1930s ~1970s  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation MTDH system  $80^{\circ}\text{C} < T_{supply} < 100^{\circ}\text{C}$  1970s ~Now  
 4<sup>th</sup> Generation LTDH  $T_{supply} < 55^{\circ}\text{C}$  Future

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## Technical Issues in LTDH- Reduction of supply temperature for space heating

**Advantages**

- Higher utilization of renewable and waste heat
- Higher power to heat ratio
- Lower network heat loss
- Better quality match between supply and demand

**Issues**

- Heat density of the area: high vs. low
- Building type: low energy vs. existing
- Heating devices: type, size
- Set-point temperature
- Hydraulic issues :single pipe vs. double pipe, hydraulic balance
- Flexible operation

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## Technical Issues in LTDH- Reduction of return temperature from space heating

**Advantages**

- Higher delta T
- Lower network heat loss
- Better waste heat recovery: flue gas condensation
- Incentives

**Issues**

- Malfunction of device or man-made control error
- Return flow limiter
- Trade off between flow rate and temperature

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## Technical Issues in LTDH- Supply domestic hot water

**Issues**

- Hygiene issue - solutions for Legionella treatment (thermal, chemical, physical, alternative solution)
- Comfortable issue – temperature and waiting time
- Type of DHW substations (storage tank vs. instantaneous heat exchanger)
- Type of buildings (single family vs. multi-story building)

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## Technical Issues in LTDH- Energy efficient network

**Issues**

- Factors influence network heat loss: temperature, type of pipe, insulation
- Solutions to remove street pipe bypass
- Solutions to remove service pipe bypass

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## - Technical Issues in LTDH- Decentralized heat sources

**Issues**

- Type of decentralized heat sources
- Primary connections
- Decentralized solar thermal plant

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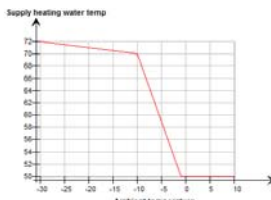
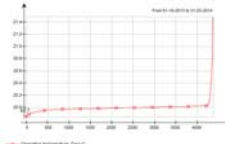
## Flexible operation

**Simulation**

- 1970s building
- Floor area 142m<sup>2</sup>
- Heating demand: 110kWh/m<sup>2</sup>, 9.2kW peak load


**Conclusion**

- Annual room temperature below 19.9°C is around 2%
- Supply 50°C when  $T_a > -10^\circ\text{C}$
- Accounts 80% of total heating season

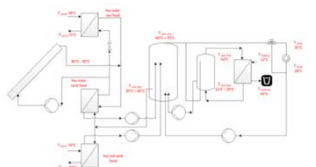
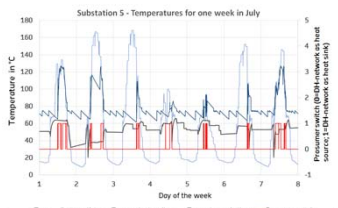
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## Distributed renewable heat supply

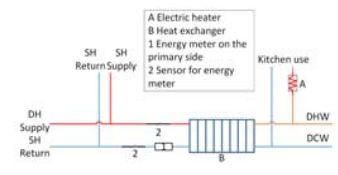
- Ludwigsburg, Germany
- Buffer storage tank for DHW and heat exchanger to exchange heat with solar collector and DH
- Results: in summer period, the amount of solar supplied heat to grid exceed significantly for the removal heat from the network

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## Ultra-low temperature DH

- Jutland, Denmark
- Waste heat recovered from pumping station.
- 40°C at the consumer side
- 11 kW in-line heat for kitchen only



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## EXERGY-BASED ANALYSIS OF RENEWABLE MULTI-GENERATION UNITS FOR SMALL SCALE LOW TEMPERATURE DISTRICT HEATING SUPPLY


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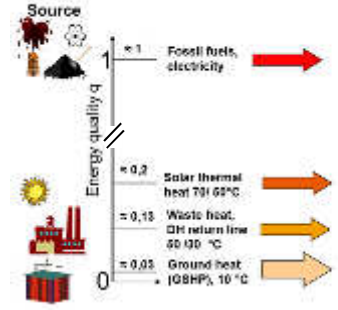


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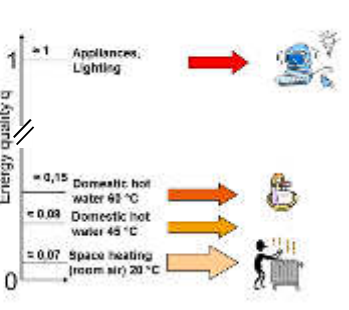



## Exergy-based analysis of LTDH supply

**Energy supply**




**Energy demand**





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## Modelling of a small energy system

**LTDH Network**

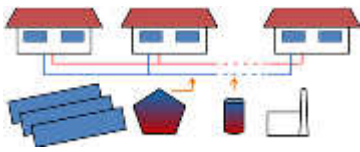
- Radial network
- Design supply temperature 45 °C
- Equipped with pre-insulated twin-pipes

**Suppliers**


- GSHP, CHP, solar thermal collectors
- Implementation of storage facilities (seasonal storage / buffer storage)

**Group of 10 buildings**


- Equipped with floor heating systems
- Specific heating demand of 45 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a
- Equipped with a substation
- User profiles for heating and DHW



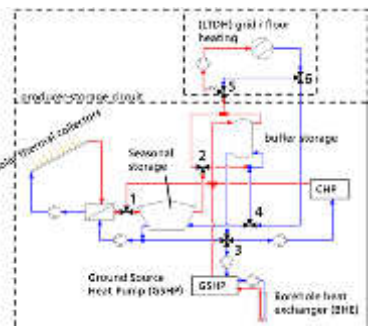
	user type „average“	user type „saver“	user type „waster“
Room temperature	21 °C	19 °C	22 °C
Night setback	Yes	Yes	No
Air exchange rate	0,6 1/h	0,3 1/h	1,0 1/h




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## Investigation of different supply scenarios



Scenario	Solar thermal (ST)	Heat pump (HP)	CHP
0	NG boiler		
1.1	ST 800 m <sup>2</sup> (100%)		
1.2		60 kW	
1.3			60 kW
2.1	ST + HP 350 m <sup>2</sup> (40%)	60kW	
2.2	ST + CHP 350 m <sup>2</sup> (40%)		60 kW
2.3		60 kW	5kW
3	ST + HP +CHP 350 m <sup>2</sup> (40 %)	45 kW	20kW



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## Exergy and energy assessment


Exergetic analysis

- Better match of supplied and demanded energy quality
- Identification of optimization potential, beyond energy analysis and offers prospects for an optimized community supply
- Other objectives such as maximizing the use of renewables or minimizing emissions are not inherently included

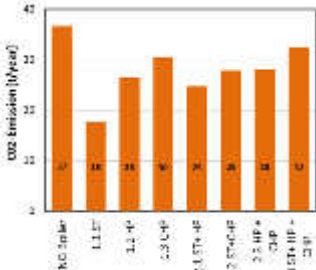
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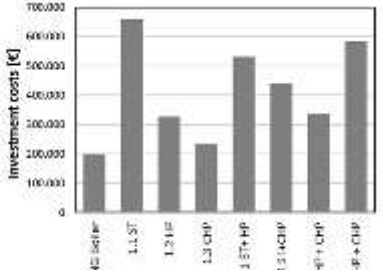
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## Assessment of further aspects




CO<sub>2</sub> Emission [t/Year]



Investment costs [€]

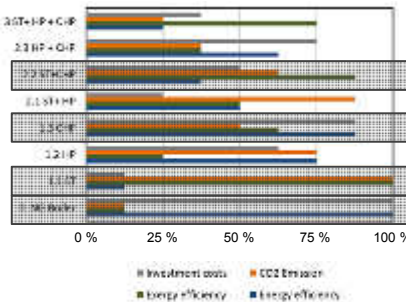


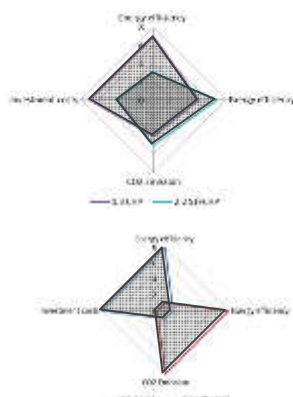
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## Comparison of supply variants


$$f_{Performance} = \frac{x_{min,j} - x_{j,n}}{x_{max,j}}$$







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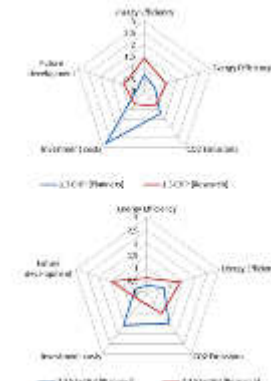
## Conclusion and next steps


Conclusion

- Combination of innovative supply strategies and exergetic assessment leads to a "holistic understanding" of the energy conversion chain
- Exergetic analysis shows optimization potential, beyond energy analysis and offers prospects for an optimized community supply
- Simultaneous consideration of energy and exergy efficiency as well as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and economic aspects provides great opportunities for a precise analysis of LTDH


Next steps

- Economic analysis has to be extended by consumption costs and operational related costs (full-cost analysis)
- Identification of further influencing parameters
- Implementation of weighting factors





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## Future developments in our cities?



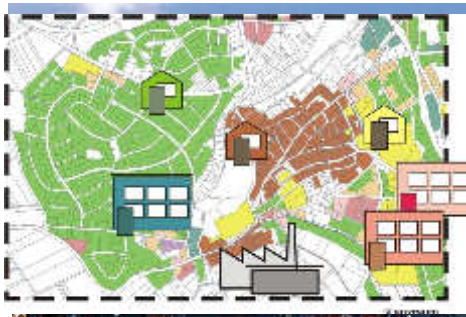



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## Challenges in the energy sector

- Buildings/cities are main users of energy
- New buildings shall be developed as small power stations!
- Retrofit rates need to be increased!
- Developments are focusing more and more on a community level.

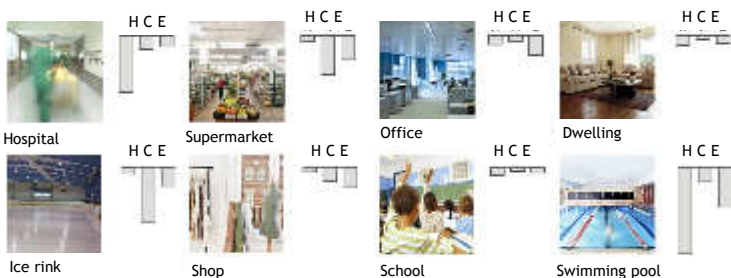





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## Different energy profiles at a community level



Source: REAP Projekt, TU Delft



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### Synergies via waste heat utilization and cascading

Demand H C E      H C E      Demand H C E      H C E  
 Surplus H C E      H C E      Surplus H C E      H C E

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### Communities as energy systems

Sustainable community systems

Supply systems

Building systems

Residential buildings

Commercial buildings

Industry

Waste heat

CHP plant

Minewater use

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### Example: The Minewater project in Heerlen / NL

supply  
 Minewater  
 Additional RES  
 biomass, solar

distribution  
 LT DH&C 3-pipes system

demand  
 Buildings suitable for use of low valued energy (LTH and HTC)

Integral system approach for the total built environment

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### Objectives of IEA DHC Annex TS1

The objective is to **demonstrate** and **validate** the potential of low temperature district heating as one of the most cost efficient technology solution to achieve 100% renewable and GHG emission-free energy systems on a community level.

⇒ DHC is an **enabling technology** to increase the integration of renewable and waste energy for heating and cooling (Solar thermal, Biomass CHP, HP to use excess wind power)

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### The IEA DHC Annex TS1

**Outcome:**  
**Future Low Temperature District Heating Design Guidebook**  
 for key people in communities (will be published by end of 2016)

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### Example: Hyvinkää (FI)

- Improving the competitiveness of district heating in small houses (LCC)
- Design criteria for new small houses according to 2012- and 2021 regulations
- Solutions for new 2012- and 2021 small house districts
- New business and pricing models

Source: VTT/Espoo

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### Example: Lystrup (DK)

- Lowering of the grid temperatures for existing buildings Hydraulic and thermal simulations
- Realisation and monitoring
- Low energy houses with low temperature radiators

Source: DTU Lyngby / COWI

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### Example: Ludwigsburg (GER)

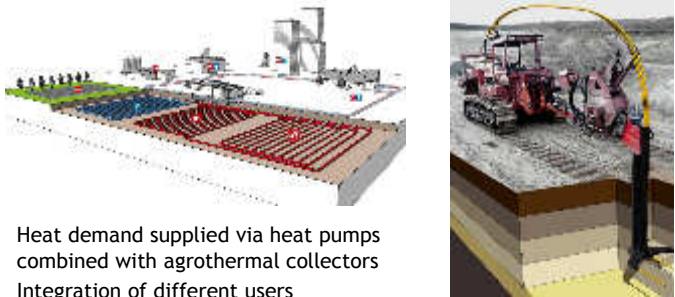
- Grid extension as low temperature DH
- Decentralised heat storages inside the buildings
- New buildings in Passive House standard

Source: HFT Stuttgart

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### Example: Wüstenrot (GER)




- Heat demand supplied via heat pumps combined with agrothermal collectors
- Integration of different users
- Decentral DHW-preparation

Source: HFT Stuttgart

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### Example: Kassel (GER)



- Low temperature DH with ground coupled HP and solar collectors
- Decentral DHW-preparation
- Solution for new housing areas
- New business and pricing models

Source: IBP, UniK, SWKs & City of Kassel


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 South-Korea, Sweden, Germany



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# DEVELOPMENT OF AN INNOVATIVE LOW TEMPERATURE HEAT SUPPLY CONCEPT FOR A NEW HOUSING AREA

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## The Project

Development of an innovative heat supply concept for the housing area  
 „Zum Feldlager“ in Kassel/Germany

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## The Project

Development of an innovative heat supply concept for the housing area  
 „Zum Feldlager“ in Kassel/Germany

Boundaries for the project:

- “Future save” and innovative development, affordable prices
- Minimized primary energy use, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> & no fine dust emissions, efficient energy use, integration of renewable energy sources.
- 130 buildings in future German building Standard (approx. 45 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a)

➤ **Pre-study for the selection of technology sets**

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## Analyzed Supply Variants

- De-central air/water-heat pumps, domestic hot water preparation (DHW) supported by solar thermal systems
- De-central gas-condensing boiler with solar thermal systems for domestic hot water preparation (DHW) (*Reference*)

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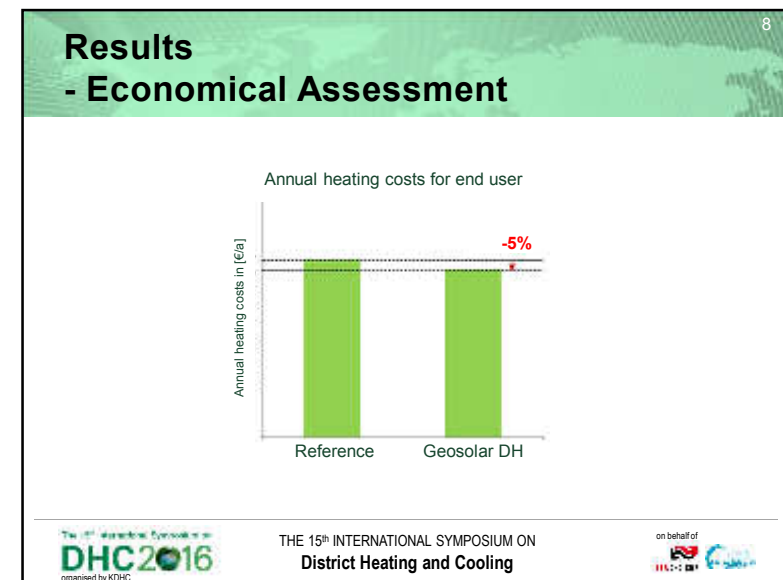
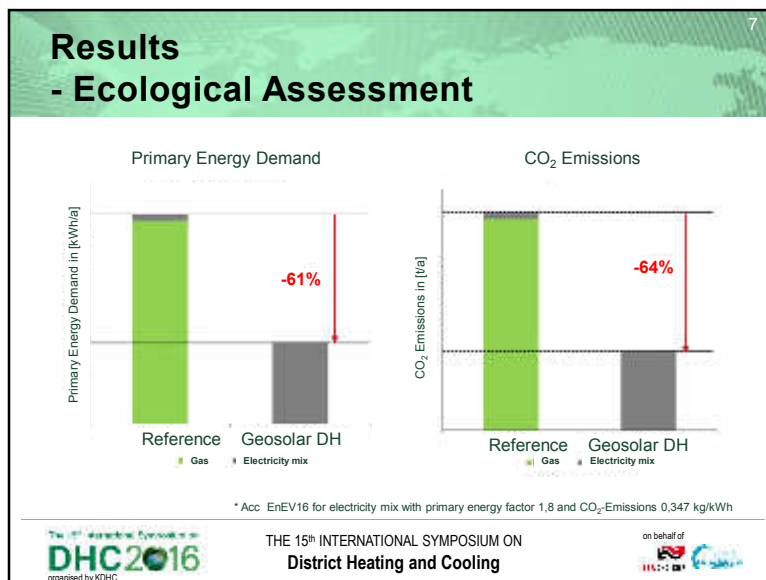
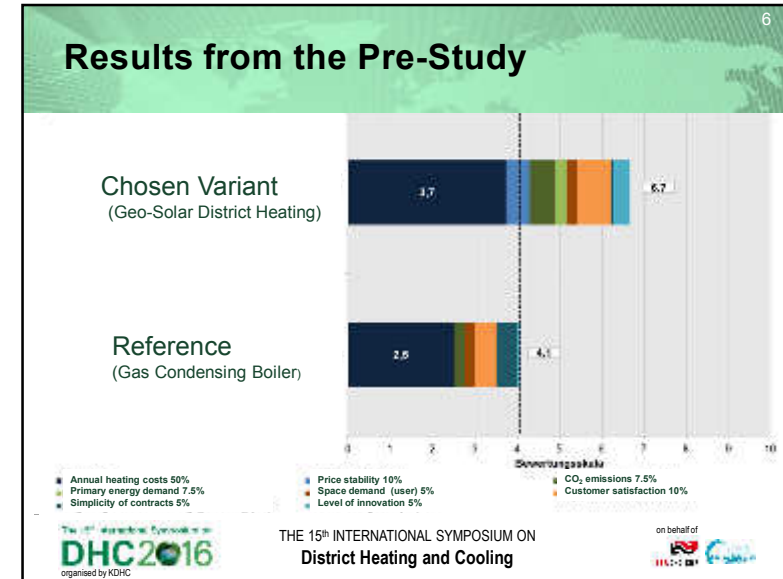
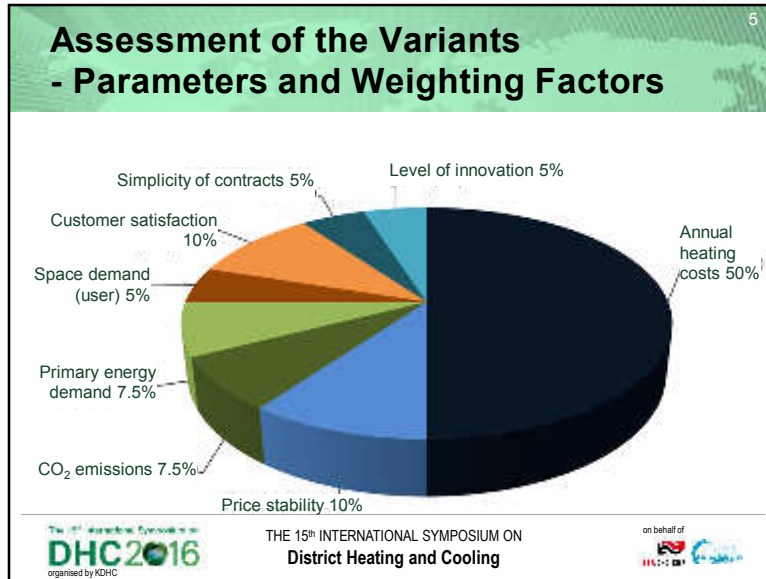
- De-central water/water heat pumps connected to cold DH system (20°C) in combination with solar thermal systems and heating rod for DHW
- Central heat supply via heat pump and low temperature DH (40°C) in combination with de-central solar thermal systems and heating rod for DHW
- Gas-CHP-heat pump system with CHP unit and electric heat pump in combination with large heat storage. Operated with natural-gas or bio-gas

Building focused

Community focused

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## Geo-Solar District Heating - Chosen Supply Variant

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De-central units (DH service station, solar thermal systems)

Heating Grid 40°C

~~Gas Grid~~ → Central Heat Pump ← Electricity Grid

Ground regeneration → Ground Heat Exchanger / Boreholes

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## Geosolar District Heating - Chosen Supply Variant

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Building Service Systems

Solar thermal system

Domestic hot water

Floorheating

Heat storage

Sub station

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## Summary

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- **Renewable heating energy supply**  
 Solar heat, geothermal heat, heat pump, low temperature district heating for the first time connected in a large city neighborhood
- **More cost efficient than conventional supply**  
 Today already 5% cheaper compared to common technology and independent from rising oil and gas prices; incl. higher energy security
- **Transferable to most new housing area developments**
- **Intelligent combination of proven technologies**  
 Integration of innovative **DH & HVAC** technologies

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## NECESSARY MEASURES TO INCLUDE MORE DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES INTO DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM

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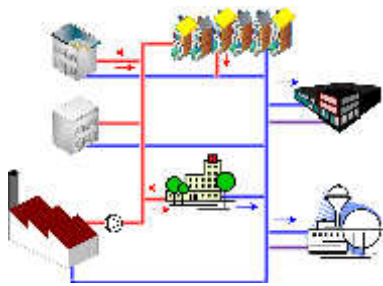



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## Integration of distributed energy sources

- Buildings and building complexes may export heat to the district heating grid
- Future district heating system will compound of a large share of waste heat and low temperature heat from distributed energy sources





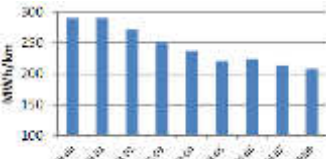
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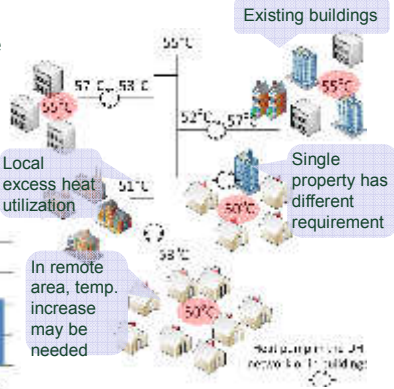
## Example of waste heat based district heating


- Viborg DH in Denmark will use excess heat from the Apple computer center
- The surplus heat from the servers is rejected to the DH

Viborg DH plan for decreasing distribution losses




Scenario	Losses (MW/100m)
Baseline	280
200m	270
300m	260
400m	250
500m	240
600m	230
700m	220
800m	210
900m	200
1000m	190



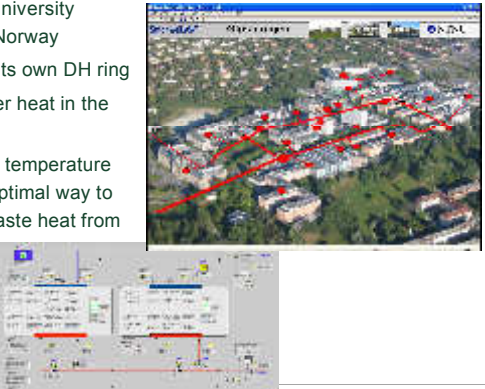



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## Example of waste heat integration

- Heat recovery at the university campus, Trondheim, Norway
- NTNU campus made its own DH ring
- Connect the condenser heat in the return line
- The supply and return temperature are controlled in the optimal way to harvest most of the waste heat from the IT center





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### Methodology

- Aim:** evaluate possibilities to utilize distributed heat sources at building complexes and their interaction to the DH system
- Total annual heat demand for an imaginary building area

$$Q_{Tot,h} = \sum_i p_i \cdot q_i \cdot A$$

- Heat delivered from the central DH system can be expressed as:

$$Q_{dh, cen} = Q_{Tot,h} - \underbrace{Q_{HP} - Q_{WH} - Q_{sol}}_{\text{Delivered from distributed energy sources}}$$

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### Methodology

- The total specific cost

$$c_{tot} = C_{tot} / Q_{Tot,h}$$

- The optimization problem was defined as a multiobjective problem

$$\min (Q_{dh, cen}, c_{tot})$$

- The optimization parameters were:  $\dot{W}_C$ , compressor power,  $n_{HP}$ , number of the heat pumps,  $Q_{WH}$ , available waste heat, and  $A_{sol}$  area of the solar collectors

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### Input data

Building heat demand and area structure			Technical and economic input	
Building type	Specific heat demand (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	Building area structure	Parameter name and unit	Value
Residential	119	66 %	COP of the heat pumps	3
Multipurpose	154	20 %	Specific annual solar irradiation	400 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>
Offices	140	12 %	Average efficiency of the solar collector	0.75
High energy use	280	2 %	Investment cost for the heat pump	500 EUR/kW
			Investment for the solar collectors	300 EUR/m <sup>2</sup>
			District heating price	0.08 EUR/kWh
			Electricity price	0.1 EUR/kWh
			Waste heat price	0.3 c <sub>dh</sub>

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### Possibility of building complex to deliver heat to the DH system

- The possible amount of heat that might be delivered to the central DH system vary a lot depending on the area size and structure
- The total specific cost might achieve values lower than 0.05 EUR/kWh

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## Optimization results

- For the current economic condition, the big area may become a heat prosumer
- The optimal solution for the 100 000 m<sup>2</sup> area was still using about 10 GWh of the DH heat centrally delivered

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## Necessary measures to enable more distributed sources

The measures implementation in the 100 000 m<sup>2</sup> area

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## Conclusions

- The bigger the building area, the more heat might delivered
- The bigger area was less sensitive in the change of the parameters
- For the **current economic conditions**, it was still favorable to use a big part of the heat from the central DH plant
- Lower investment and better performance of the heat pump gave the best results and the fastest decrease of the total specific cost
- Future work should consider development of heat prices and operation issues to enable reliable heat delivery

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## Transition to low temperature distribution in existing systems

A summary of the conference paper

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## Presentation contents

- 1) Background and motivation
- 2) Benefits and challenges of a transition to low temperature distribution
- 3) Evaluation of transition
  - Overall evaluation process
  - System specific evaluation
- 4) Next steps

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## Background and motivation

- District heating and cooling globally an untapped potential on energy efficiency
- On an European level, a recently announced EU Strategy on Heating and Cooling sets a framework for promoting the technology
  - Replacing building specific system with district energy systems can reduce primary energy consumption, fossil fuel usage and CO2 emissions by 7%, 5% and 13%, respectively (Heat Roadmap Europe 2050)
- Low temperature distribution is a key element in realising the full potential of district heating as part of future energy systems
- More diversified and distributed heat supply requires new solutions

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## Benefits and challenges

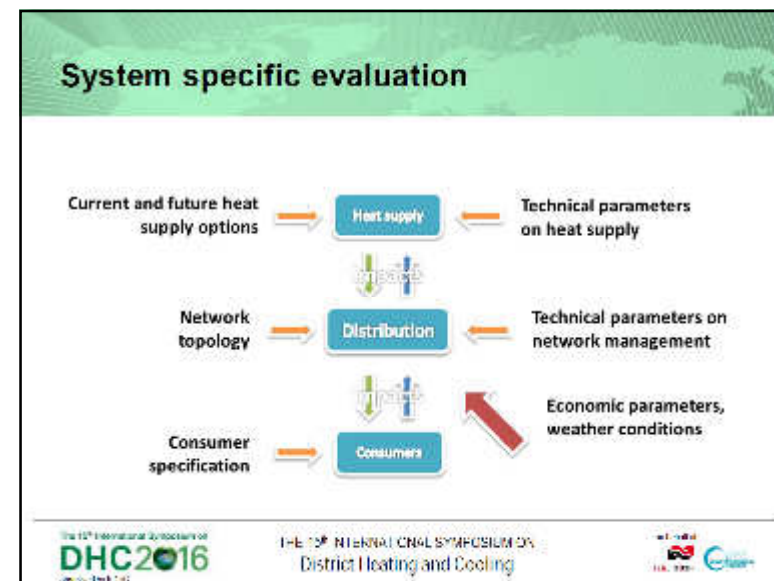
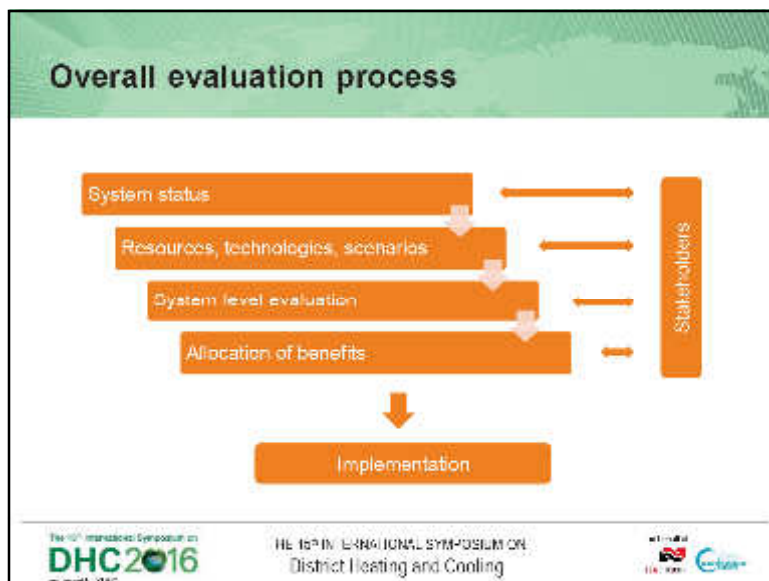
- Low temperature distribution has several benefits
  - Accelerated integration of renewable energy sources, enabled use of currently underutilised sources of excess heat
  - More efficient operation on conventional heat supply technologies
  - Lower heat losses in distribution
- Challenges for existing systems remain as well
  - Lower temperature difference can represent capacity issues in the network
  - Consumer equipment can require modifications and investment
  - The mind set and business models within the industry needs developing

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- ### Next steps
- Topic will remain a relevant area of research for the coming years
  - Focus will shift more on...
    - System level effects, overall analysis, indirect impacts and benefits
    - Practical implementation
      - Lot of studies and background already done
  - A case study for demonstrating and testing the evaluation method in plans

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# EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT DISTRICT HEAT SUPPLY CONCEPTS FOR SETTLEMENT AREAS

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## Motivation

- For climate protection at local level **energy efficient supply** structures are essential
- Efficient **LowEx**-heating systems require the coordination of heat generation, technical building services and energy standard of the building.
- Possible energy systems of the future:
  - Integration of renewable energy
  - Reduction of distribution losses
  - Higher efficiency in heat generation

➔ For the evaluation of the different systems a tool is helpful and necessary

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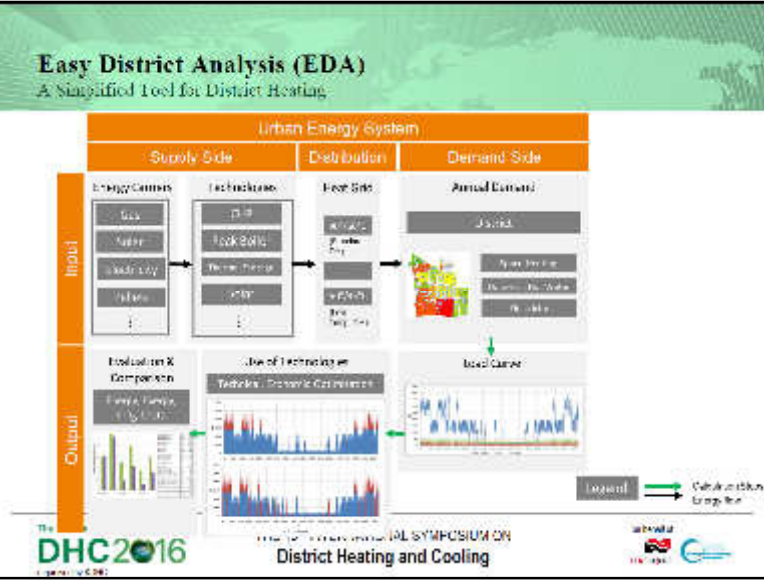
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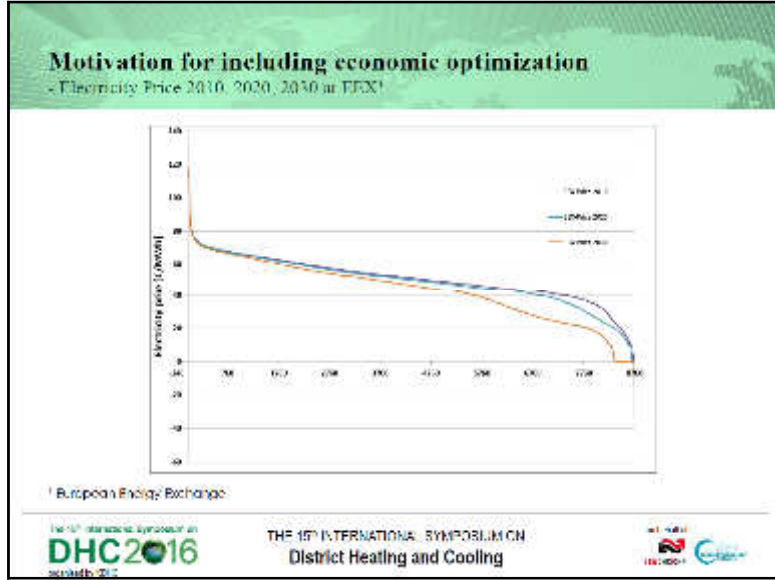
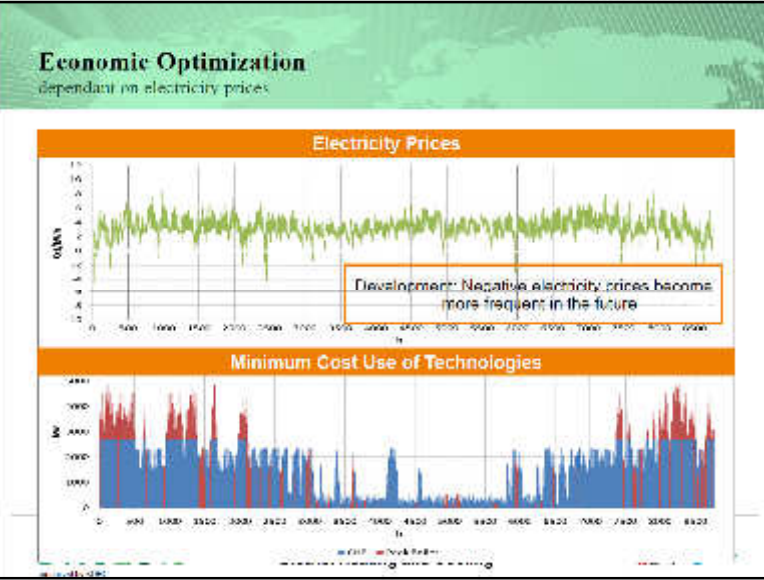


### Easy District Analysis (EDA)

Summary

DESCRIPTION	RESULTS
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### Case Study


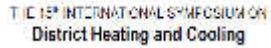

Easy District Analysis (EDA)



- District
  - annual heat demand 11.5 GWh/a
  - 140 Multi-Family Houses
- District Heating (DH) system:
  - CHP
  - Peak Boiler
- Comparison of different DH variants:
 

Standard DH	Low Temperature DH
80°C / 30°C	50°C / 35°C
Technical vs. Economic Optimization	


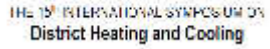

- A reduction of temperature level is reasonable, as high temperatures (≥ 90°C) are often not required to supply low temperature demand (space heat, DHW).
- A benefit of low temperature DH is the higher efficiency along the heat supply chain compared to standard DH.

### Comparison of the energy efficiency of different DH systems

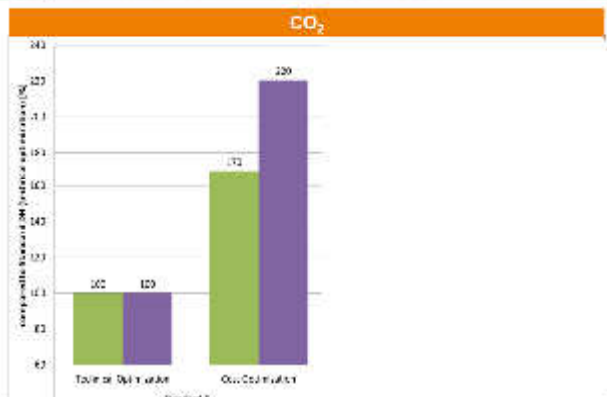
From standard DH to low temperature DH

DH characterization		Standard 90°C	Advanced 70°C	nearly low temperature 60°C	low temperature 50°C
		DH 60°C	DH 55°C	DH 45°C	DH 35°C
CHP	$\eta_{th}$	47	49	51	51.5
	$\eta_{el}$	40	40	40	40
	$\eta$	87	89	91	91.5
Boiler	$\eta_{th}$	87	89	93	93.5
	$\eta_{el}$	87	89	93	93.5
DH Grid	distribution losses	13.3	11	8	8
	$\eta_{th}$	96	97	98	98
Consumer	distribution losses	10	8	6	6
	$\eta_{th}$	96	97	98	98


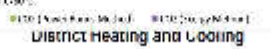





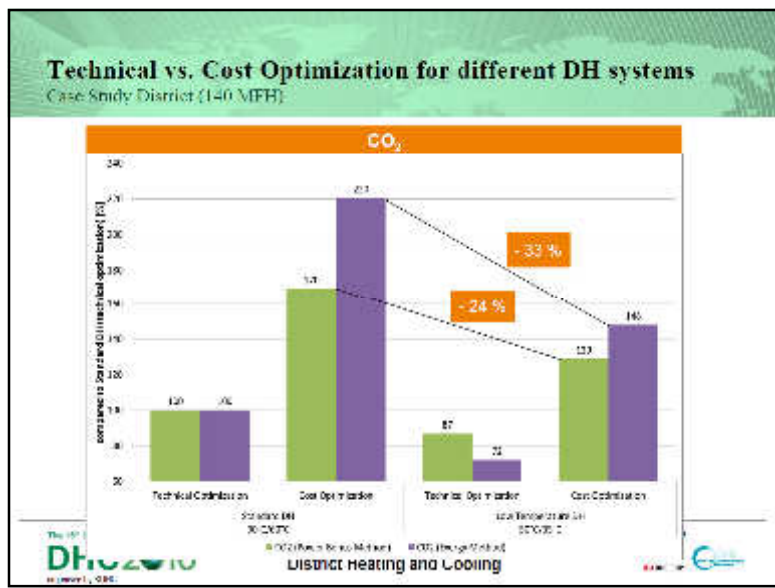
### Technical vs. Cost Optimization for Standard DH

Case Study District (140 MFD)



Optimization Type	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (t/a)
Technical Optimization	100
Cost Optimization	220
<b>Target</b>	<b>240</b>



### CO<sub>2</sub> Abatement Costs: Technical vs. Cost Optimization

Case Study District (140 MFH)

	Unit	Standard DH	Low Temperature DH
CO <sub>2</sub> Abatement Costs (compared to Cost Optimization)	€/t CO <sub>2</sub>	44	47

- ### Agenda
- Motivation
  - A Simplified Tool for District Heating: Easy District Analysis (EDA)
  - Application of EDA: Case Study
  - Conclusion

- ### Conclusion
- The simplified tool EDA for urban planners has been developed to enable analyses of districts to compare different DH supply options in terms of energy, ecology and costs.
  - The integration of intermittent renewable energy such as solar thermal into the district energy system is also part of EDA.
  - Aside the design of heat supply technologies the operation of a DH energy system can be optimized economically.
  - A case study of a district of 140 multi-family houses has shown that low temperature DH can save up to 28 % of carbon emissions compared to standard DH.
  - However, this improvement might be negated by the economic conditions (e.g. a more frequent occurrence of negative electricity prices).
  - Taking into account the environmental impact cost might correct the development.


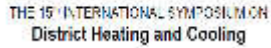

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**Backup**

**Methodologies: Power Bonus Method and Exergy Method**

**Power Bonus Method (DIN 4706-10)**

- Extension of the Energy Method
- Compares electricity from a reference power station

$$P_{\text{bonus}}(t) = \frac{W_{\text{el}}(t)}{Q_{\text{ref}}}$$


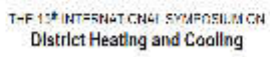

$$\text{Allocation factor}_{\text{DHC}} = 1 - \frac{PE_{\text{ref}}}{P_{\text{DHC}}(t)}$$

**Exergy Method**

- considers different energy quality of electricity and heat
- dependent on supply and return temperature of the heat carrier medium

$$\text{Exergy}_{\text{DHC}} = \left( \frac{T_{\text{ref}} - T_{\text{el}}}{T_{\text{ref}}} - \frac{T_{\text{ref}} - T_{\text{H}}}{T_{\text{ref}}} \right) \cdot Q_{\text{DHC}}(t)$$

$$\text{Allocation factor}_{\text{DHC}} = \frac{\text{Exergy}_{\text{DHC}}}{\text{Exergy}_{\text{DHC}} + \text{Exergy}_{\text{ref}}}$$




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# FLEXYNETS at a glance


- H2020 project
- Program: EE13 – Technology for district heating and cooling
- Started Summer 2015 for 3 years
- Budget around 2 m. €
- Managed by EURAC (I)
- 6 EU Partners: 2 academic and 4 industrials
- investigates different configurations of low-temperature DHC networks, where heating and cooling supply can be as distributed as the consumers




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# The concept of FLEXYNETS



- FLEXYNETS spins off from the water-loop systems used for air-conditioning in some commercial buildings
- Heat pumps operating contemporarily for heating & cooling
- Extension of water-loop concept to district level
- At least one extra device to balance residual heating or cooling demand





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### Purposes of FLEXYETS

- To reduce heat & electricity losses: target T below 40°C
- To integrate effectively multiple energy generation sources
- To exploit limits of thermal capacity design
- To develop and implement control strategies
  - Substation low-level
  - Network high-level
  - Interaction with electricity (& gas) grid
- To formulate guidelines for design and operation

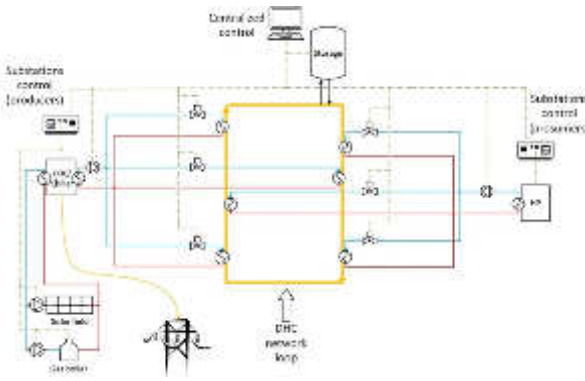

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### Tools of FLEXYNETS

- Analysis of settlement typologies
- Simulation of substation and network: from stationary to dynamic
- Test rig at EURAC
  - A distribution network with several storages
  - ORC system (4 kWe)
  - Absorption chiller (35kW)
  - Medium-T solar loop with a back-up boiler (40kW)
  - Reversible heat pumps and dissipation systems


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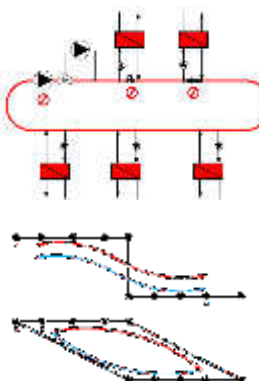
### Test rig at EURAC






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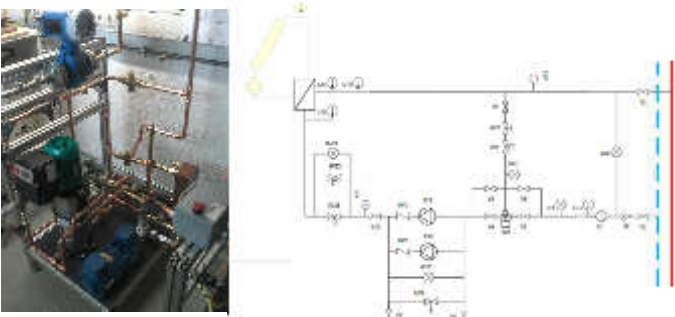
### Current activities

- Simulation
  - Substations in Trnsys
  - Network: dynamic two- and single- pipe
- Test rig
  - Designed
  - Commissioning Winter 2016




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## Current activities



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## Next steps

- Simulation: integrate substations with network model in Trnsys
- Simulation: multi-energy vectors for interaction with other grids
- Test rig: installation and commissioning
- Control: implement on low-level

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