

# Fifth Generation Heat Networks

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### Fifth Generation Heat Network



#### A Fifth Generation Heat Network employs

- an ambient temperature distribution loop
- a heat pump in each building to transfer heat into the building (or out of it)
- Demand Side Response to avoid peak loads on the Grid (and earn income)
- thermal energy storage to exploit heat pumps and Demand Side Response

### A Fifth Generation Heat Network does *not* employ combustion

- and therefore issues no on-site CO<sub>2</sub>
- and no on-site NO<sub>2</sub>
- and no particulates

#### A Fifth Generation Heat Network offers

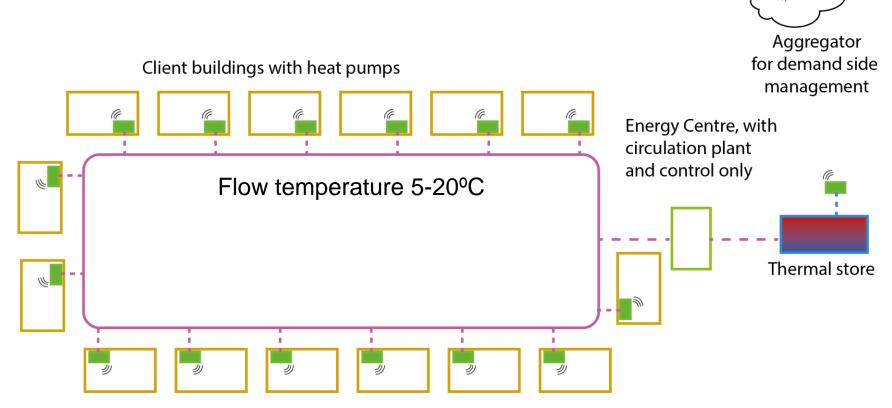
- radically cheaper installation cost
- ability to recycle heat between buildings
- the flexibility to expand or contract without major cost implications
- ability to use waste heat at any temperature above 25°C
- lower maintenance cost than combustion boilers
  - ..... and, on top, the Heat Network Investment Project can help fund investment.

## 5G district heating loop with heat pumps



### Balanced Energy Network

- provides the lowest possible carbon emissions
- allows heat sharing between customers, increasing energy efficiency
- single circuit provides heating and cooling simultaneously



### ICAX high temperature heat pumps



- Designed by ICAX and J&E Hall
- Available in units from 300KW to 2MW
- Available in ground, air, marine, and open source versions
- Temperature output up to 80°C
- Allows retrofit without changing heat distribution system in existing building
- Built in UK





# BEN district heating network



### Balanced Energy Network

- Ambient temperature network allows polymer pipework with limited insulation
- Radically cheaper than installing heavily insulated (often steel) pipework
- From 4th generation steel pipes to 5<sup>th</sup> generation polymer





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### Balanced Energy Network

- No combustion involved
- No CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- No NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, no particulate emissions





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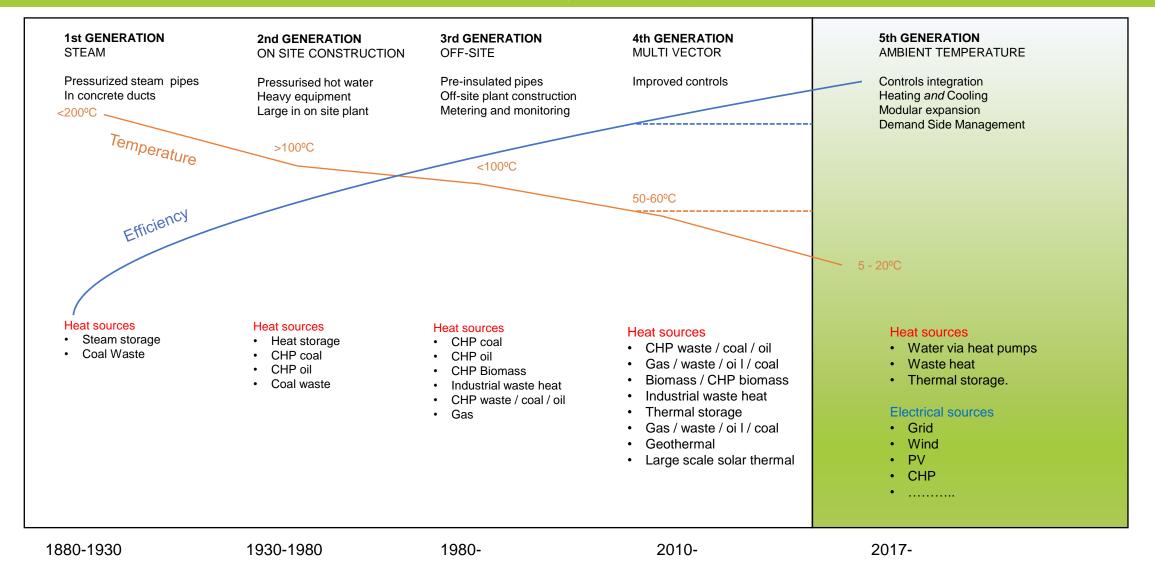
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#### trends to lower heat distribution temperatures and higher efficiency



## Air quality



#### Pollution:

"A child born in London in 2010 will lose two years of life expectancy because of air pollution"

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/shorthand/cleaner vehicles/

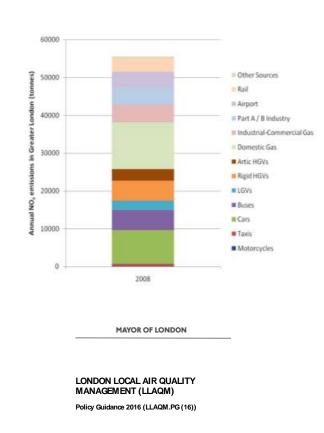
#### Contribution of Gas boilers:

"The direct sources (as opposed to external sources produced outside of London) of NOx in Greater London in 2008 are presented in image 2 below. This shows that road transport contributed 46% and gas boilers 22% of the total NOx emissions."

Air Quality in the City of London

"The Mayor's Energy for Londoners programme will support the transition from old inefficient gas boilers to ultra low NOx gas boilers and low carbon (and low-pollution) heating alternatives, such as heat pumps. This will help make London's air cleaner."

London Environment Strategy



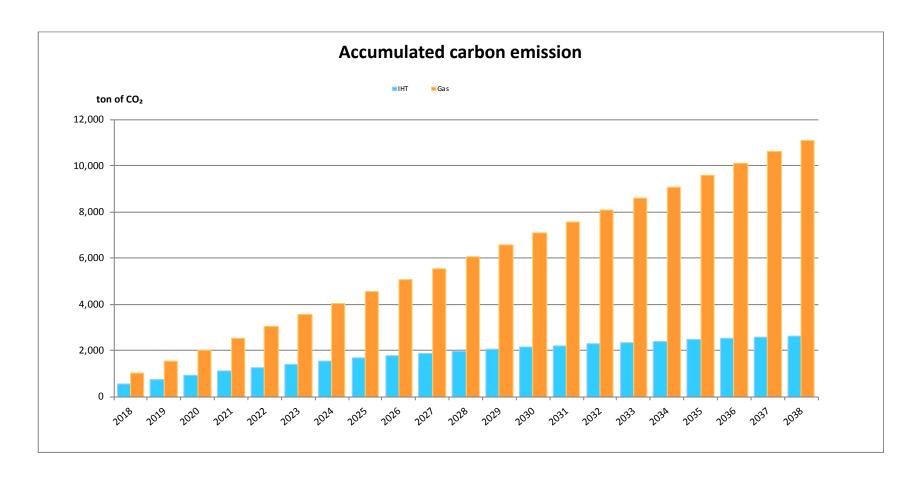
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### Carbon emissions



- 77% carbon emissions reduction compared with a gas boiler over 20 years
- No NOx emissions





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