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**Field test of ground-coupled heat pump for cold
climate region of Japan
“First and Second demonstration project
heat pump system in the Low Energy House”**

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1. Hokkaido University's Low Energy Experimental House built in March, 1997

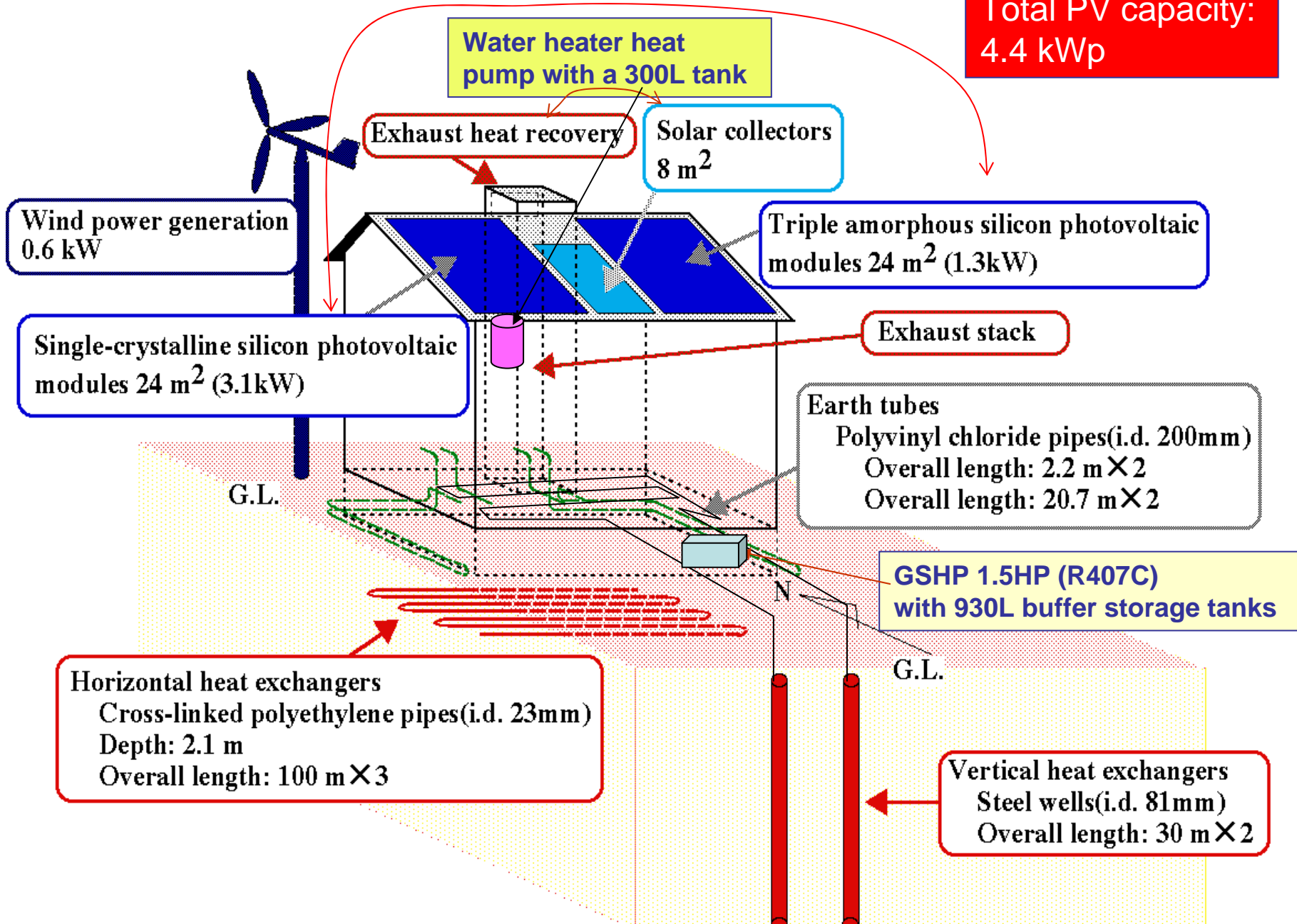


Outline of Hokkaido University's Low Energy Experimental House

Year of Completion	March,1997	
Method of construction	Insulation panel method	
Number of floors	two floors and semi-basement	
Total floor area	192m ² (includ basement)	
Living room floor area	46m ²	
Insulation	outer wall	foam-polystyrene boad : 236mm
	loof	
	basement	foam-polystyrene boad : 150mm (on the ground)
		foam-polystyrene boad : 100mm (under the ground)
	window	Low-E pair glass : overall heat transfer coeficient 1.38W/(m²·K)
Method of ventilation	Living room : stack ventilation+inhalation fan	
	Kitchen·rest room·bathroom : forcibly exhoust	
Method of heating	floor heating	
	radiation heating under window	
Heat loss coeficient	0.97W/(m²·K)	

Introduced active and passive techniques

Total PV capacity:
4.4 kWp



Actual COP of GSHP

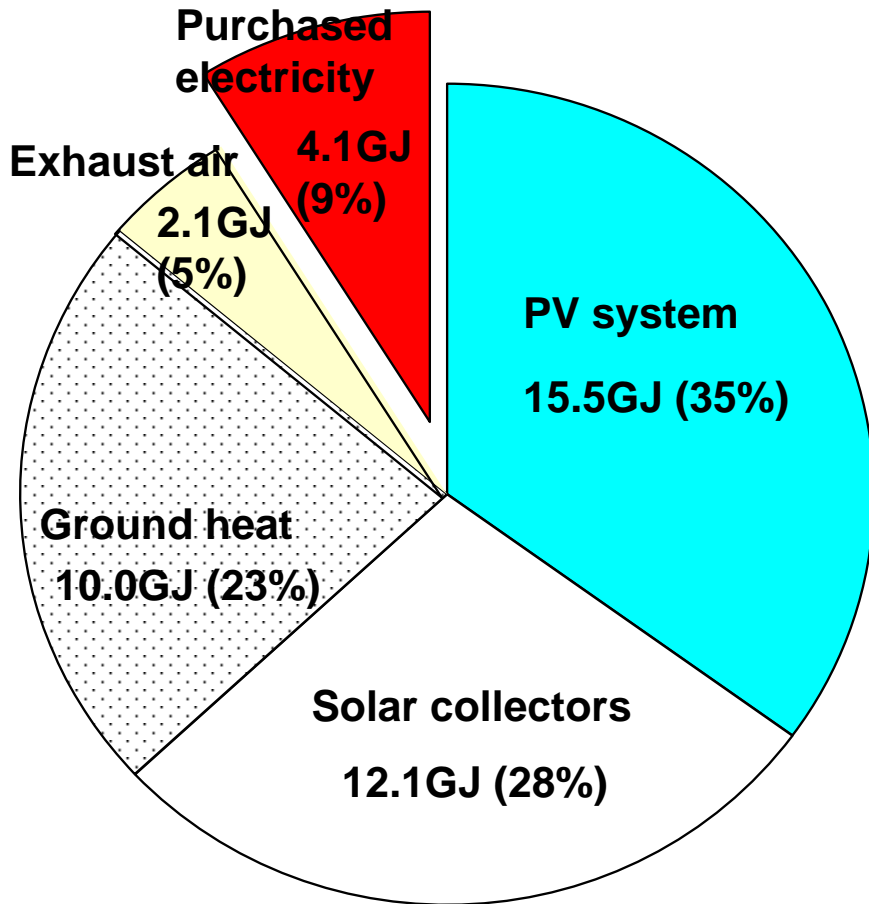
COP=4.0, SCOP= 3.1

Table 3 Experimental results of heating operation
(Average daily values in Nov. 5, '97 – Apr. 30,'98)

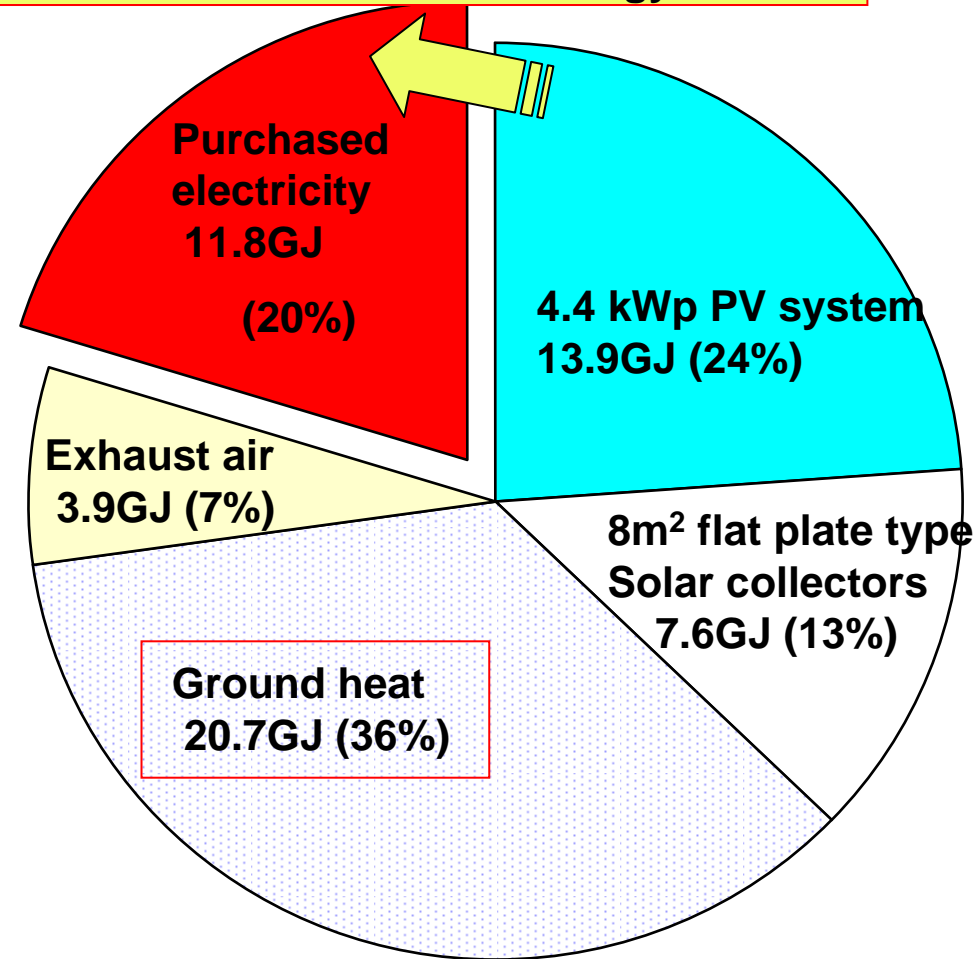
Operation time	12.5 [h/d]
Outdoor air temperature	1.5 [°C]
Room temperature	18.6 [°C]
Relative humidity	0.21 [% (RH)]
Brine Temp.	40.8 [°C]
Heat extraction rate	40.8 [W/m]
C.O.P.	4.0
S.C.O.P.	3.1

Estimated and actual energy sources

When total PV system of 8.2 kWp is introduced, this low house becomes "Net Zero Nergy House"



Total : 43.8 GJ/year



Total: 57.7GJ/year

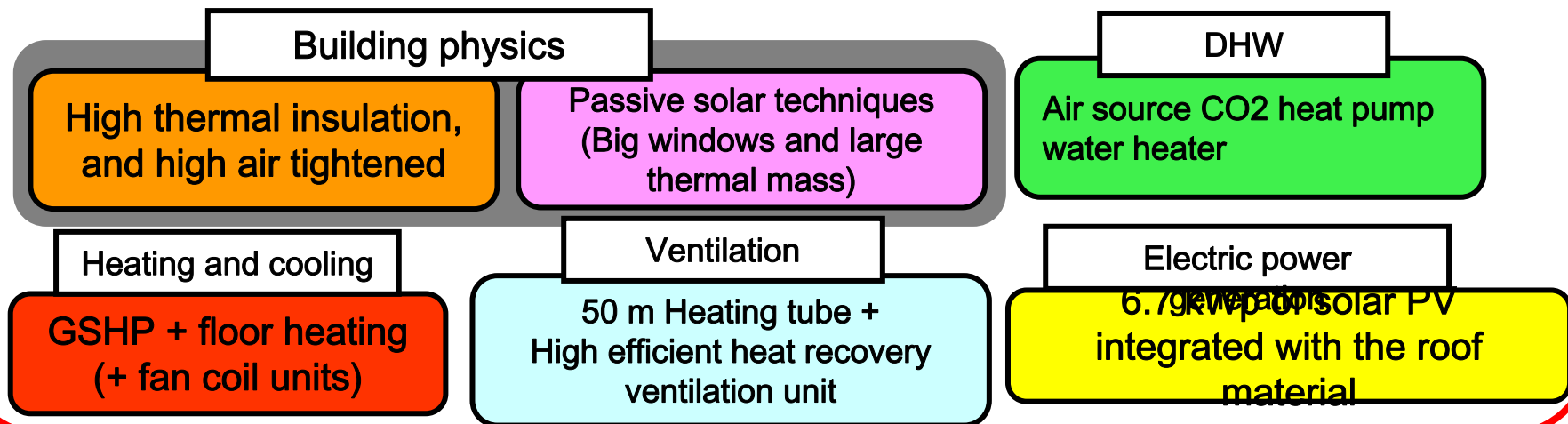
2. First best practice GSHP for a low energy house



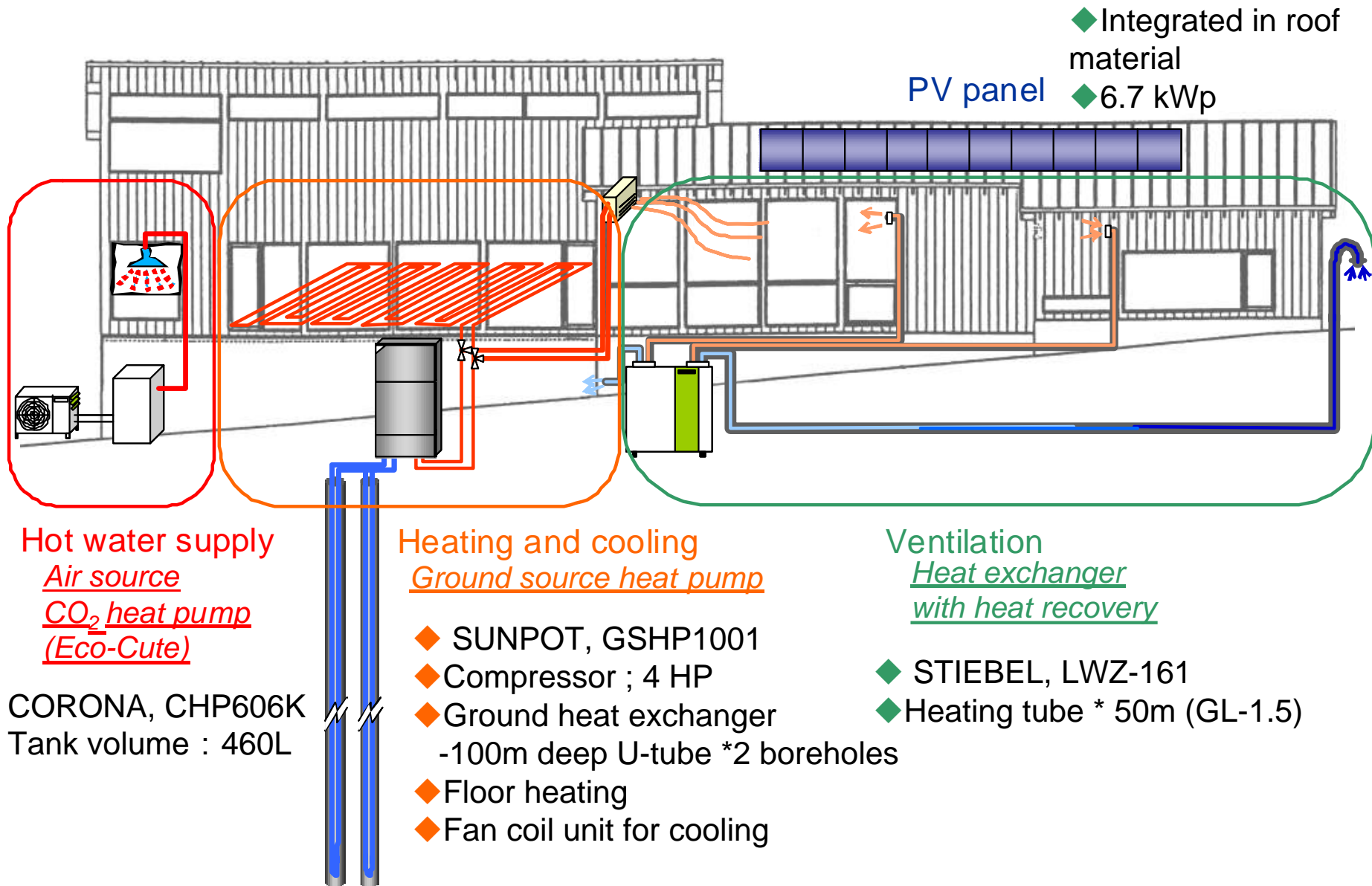
- ◆ Dec. 2005,
- ◆ Two habitants (Adults)
- ◆ Total floor area: 200m²
- ◆ Thick concrete slab floor
- ◆ Heat loss coefficient (Q value) : 0.96 W/m²/K

- ◆ Window area: 83 m² (64 m² is faced to south)
- ◆ Window performance: Low-E Triple Argon gas filled (K value < 1.3 W/m²/K)

Concept of this Low Energy House

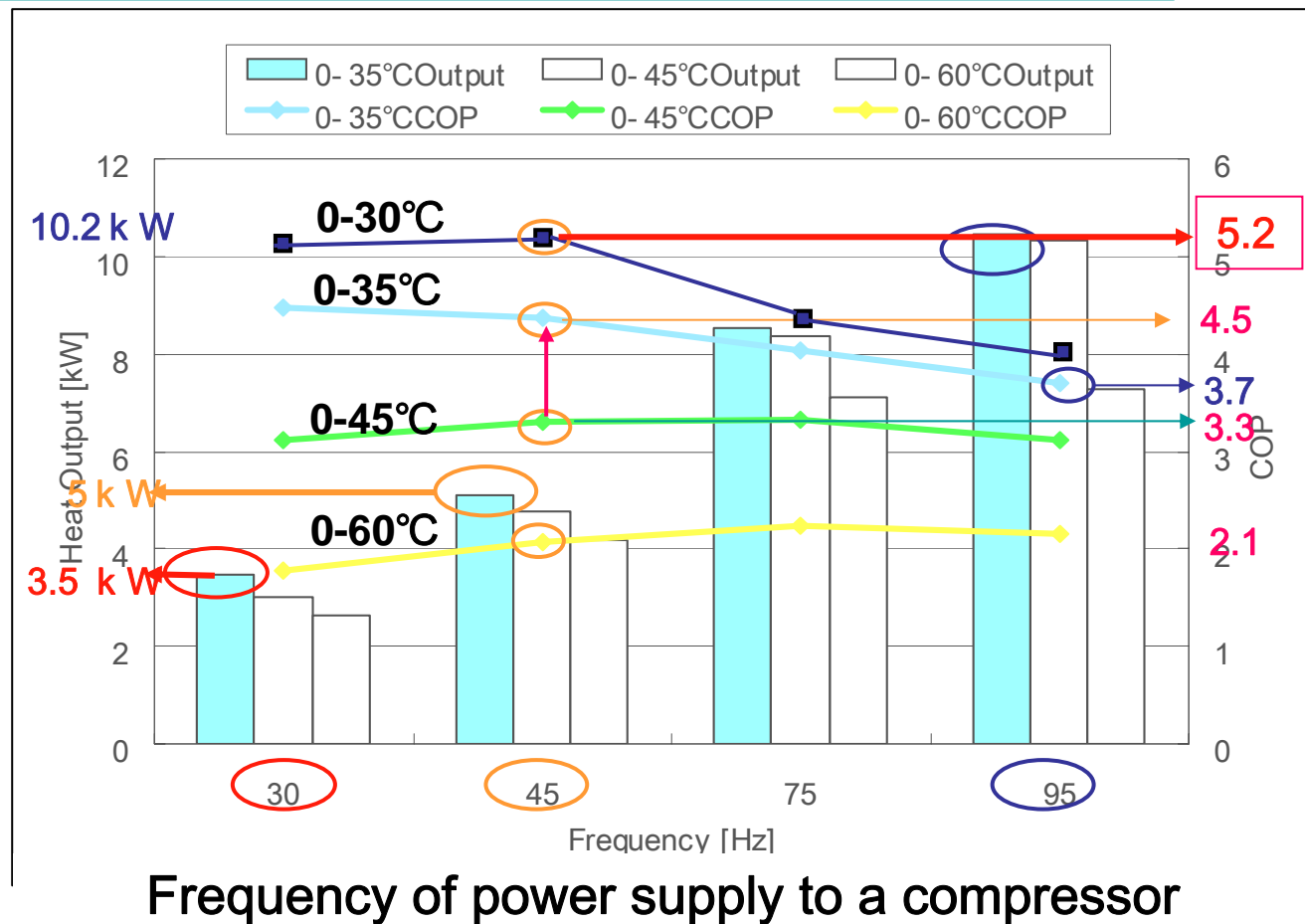


Applied active contents

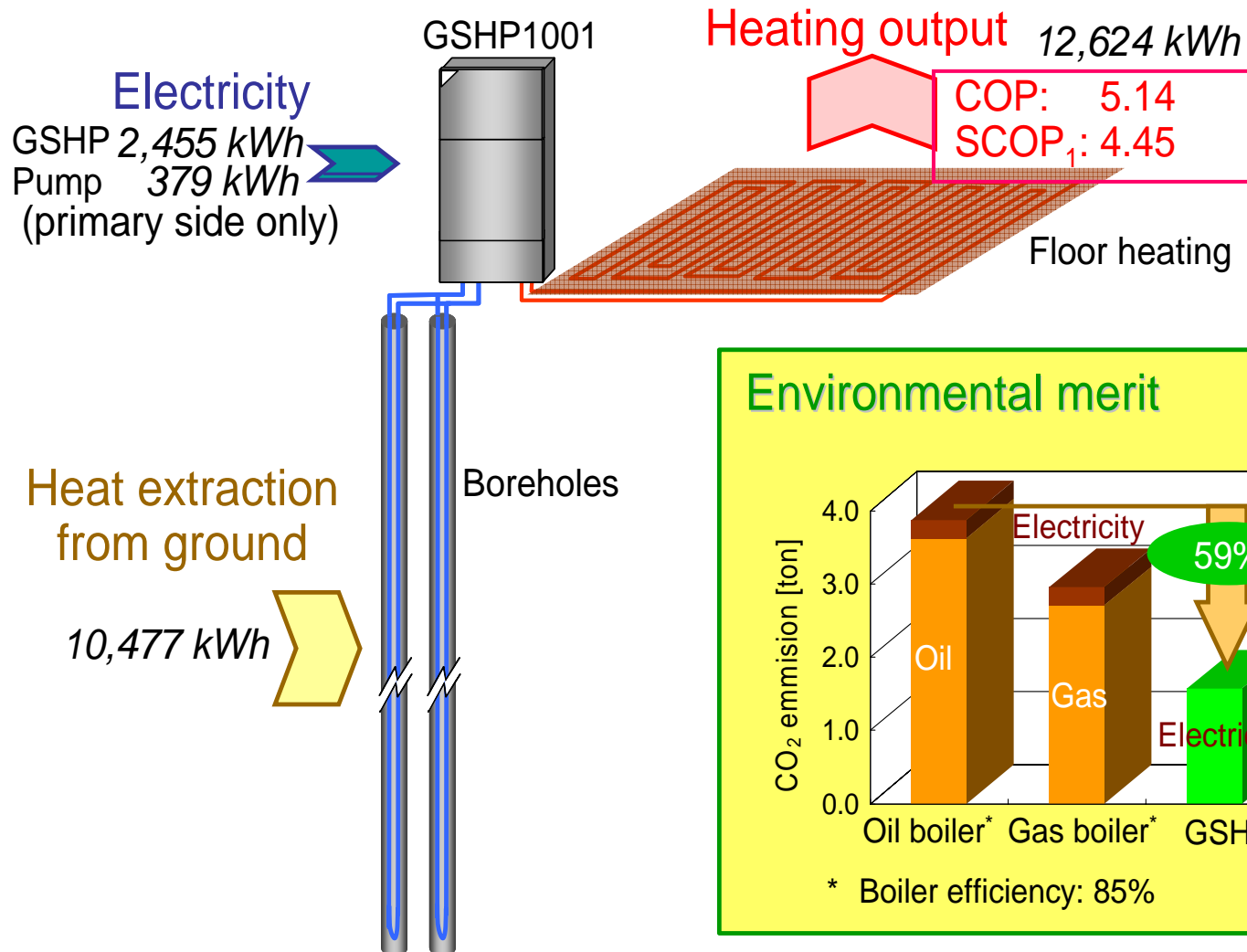


GSHP unit for heating and cooling capacity of 10 kW, "GSHP-1001" from April, 2007 by SUNPOT Co Ltd cooperated with Nagano lab.

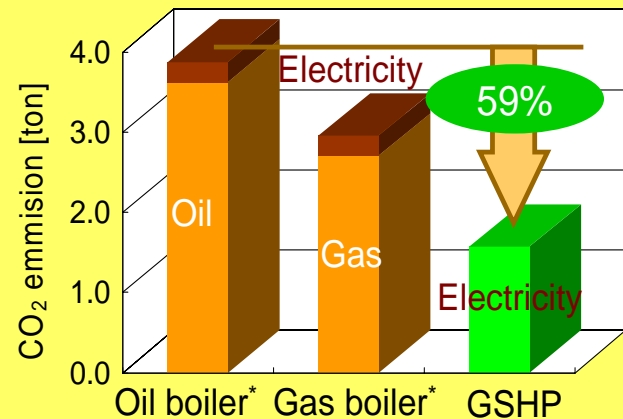
- Heating and cooling (Max. output 10 kW)
- Inverter controlled twin rotary compressor (3.5 kW – 10kW)
- DC brushless circulation pumps are included
- Outside installation is available



Seasonal heat balance and performance of the GSHP system (Nov. 2006 – May. 2007)



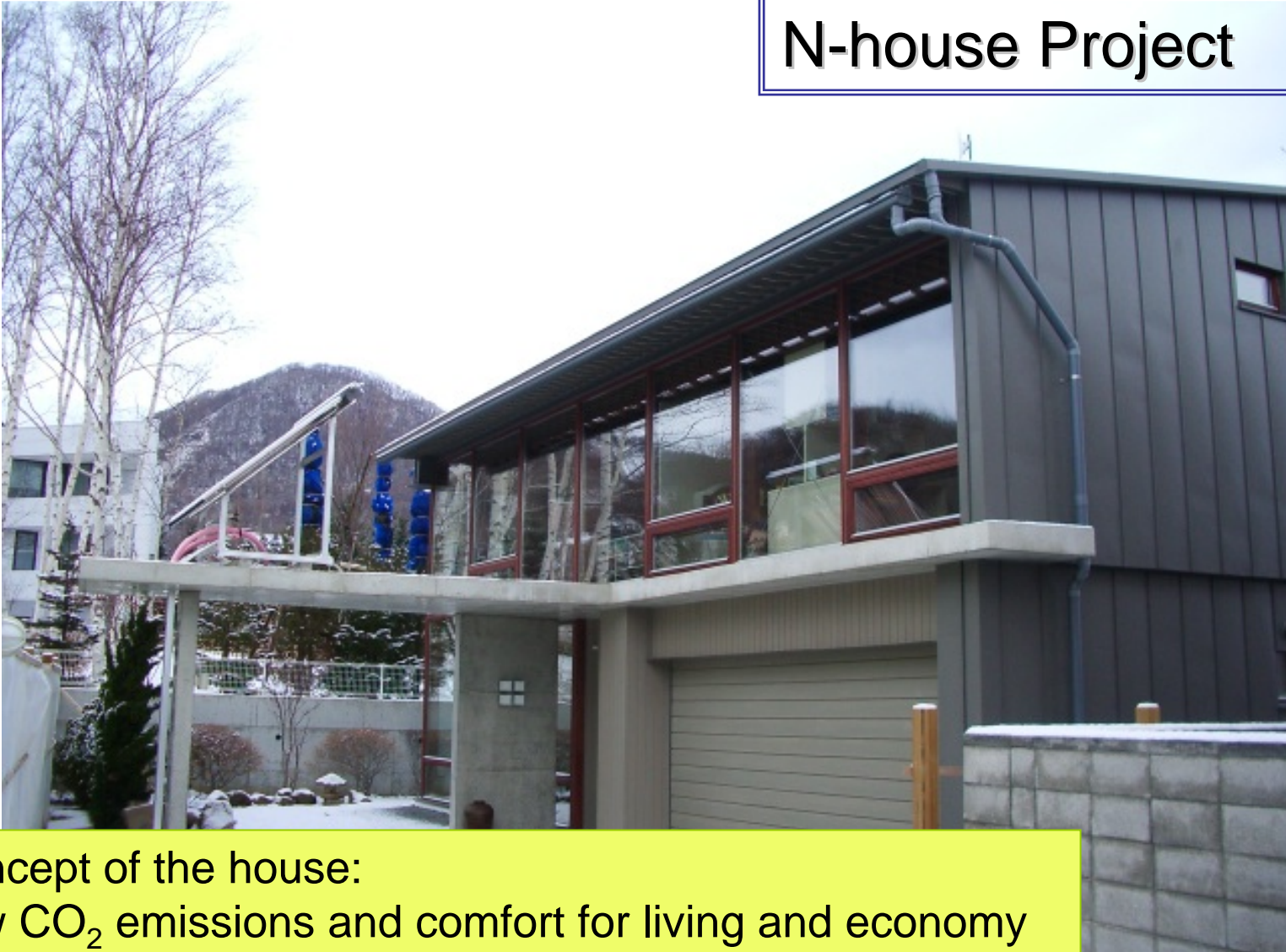
Environmental merit



* Boiler efficiency: 85%

3. The second demonstration project Urban Low Energy House integrated with HPs in cold region of Japan

N-house Project



Concept of the house:
Low CO₂ emissions and comfort for living and economy

Outline of the Low energy house



- Living from 19th of November, 2007
- Monitoring from 1st January, 2008

- Overall heat loss coefficient (Q value) :
 $0.94 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$
- Total living floor area: 200 m^2
- Construction method:
reinforced-concrete (1st floor and concrete slab and inner wall of 2nd floor)+ Wooden construction (outside wall of 2nd floor and roofs)
- Four heat pumps:
 - One for Heating (Max. output 10 kWX1)
 - One for Water heater (Max. output 4.5 kWX1)
 - Two for Snow melting (6.2 kWX2)
- GSHP floor heating system with thermal energy storage in thermal mass of concrete slab during night time
- Free cooling for floor and fan coil units
- Earth tube + Humidity control chamber + Heat recovery ventilation system
- GSHP water heater assisted by a evacuated solar collector
- 3 kW PV system with roof snow melting
- GSHP snow melting system for the pavement

Passive Solar House

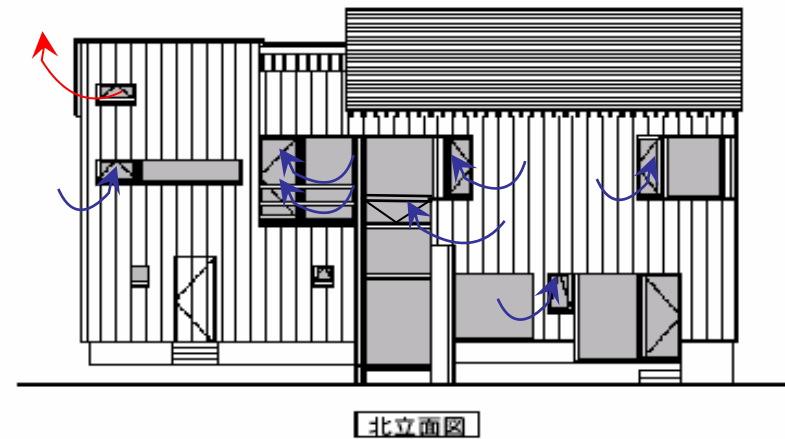
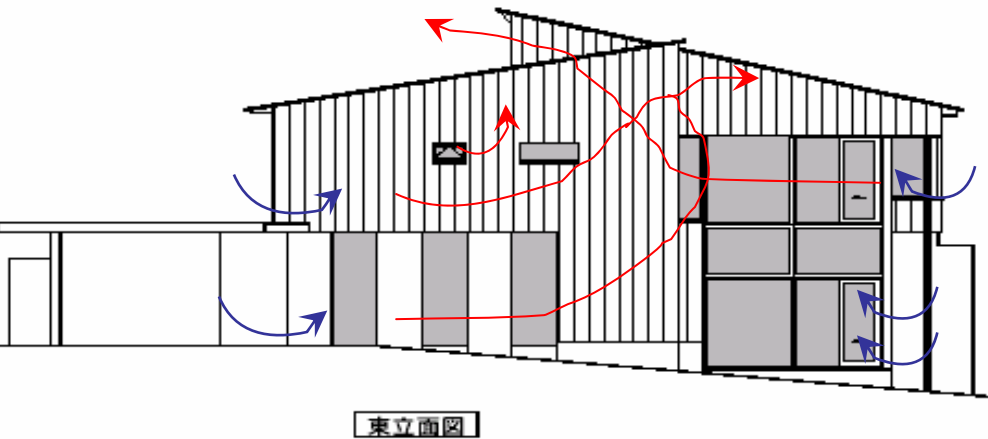
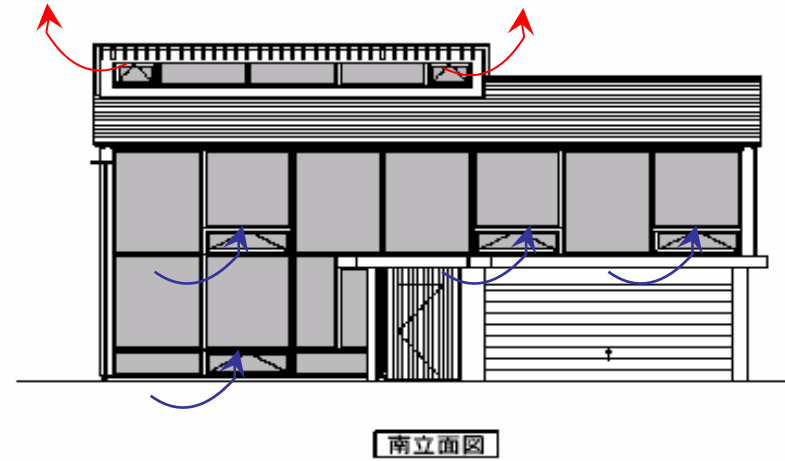
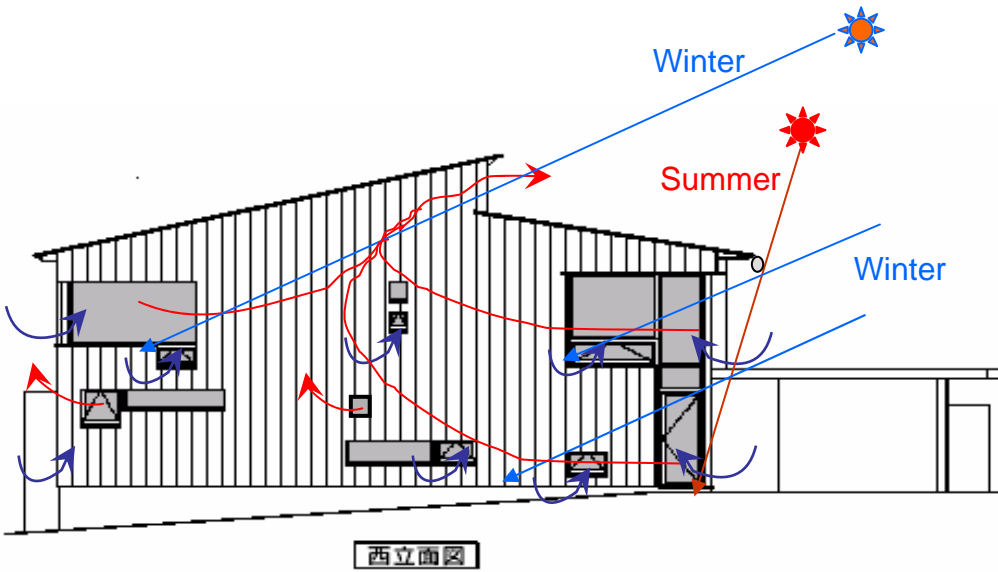


Southern glazing curtain wall construction

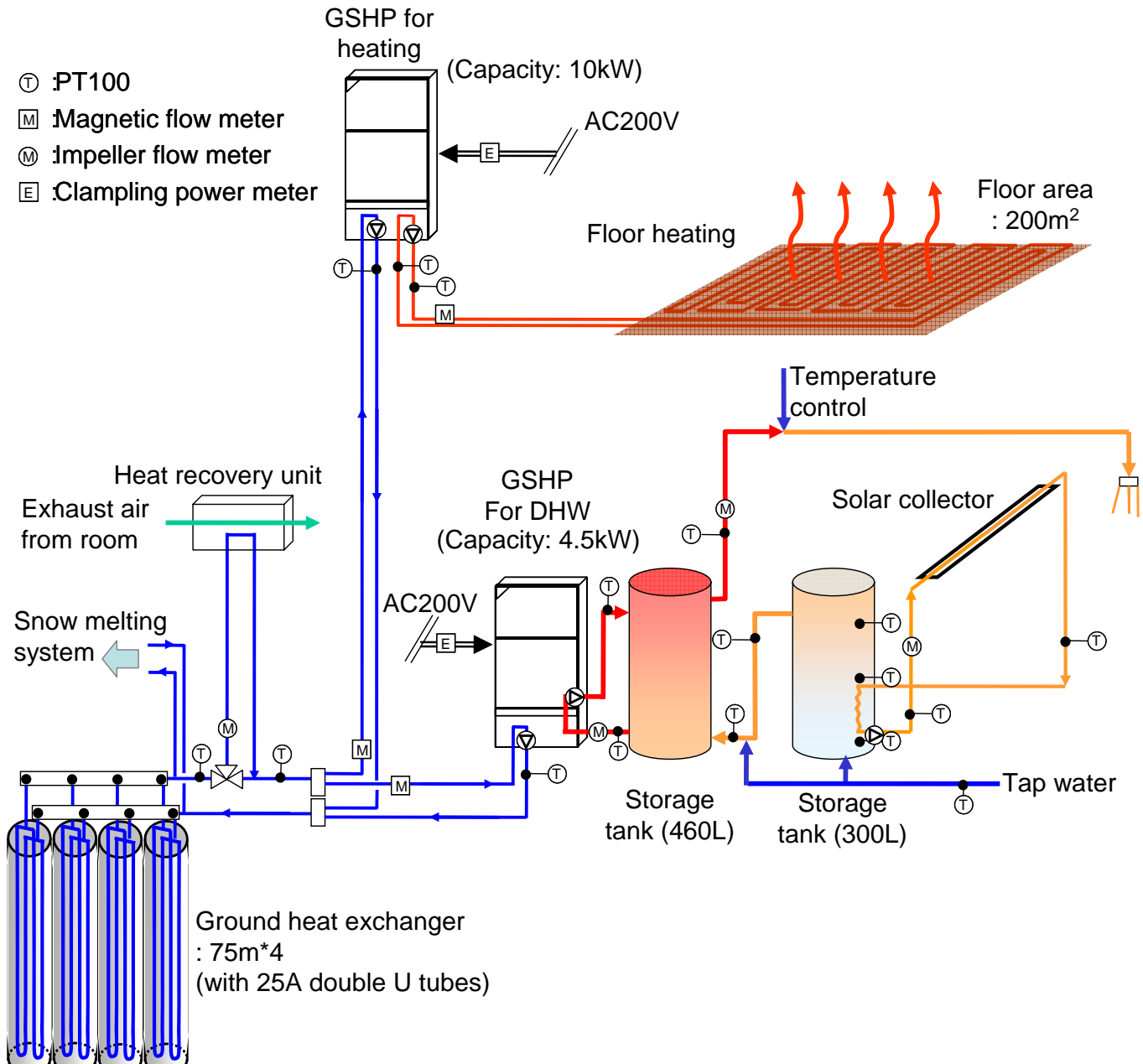


Entrance hall and conservatory

Elevations and natural ventilation passes

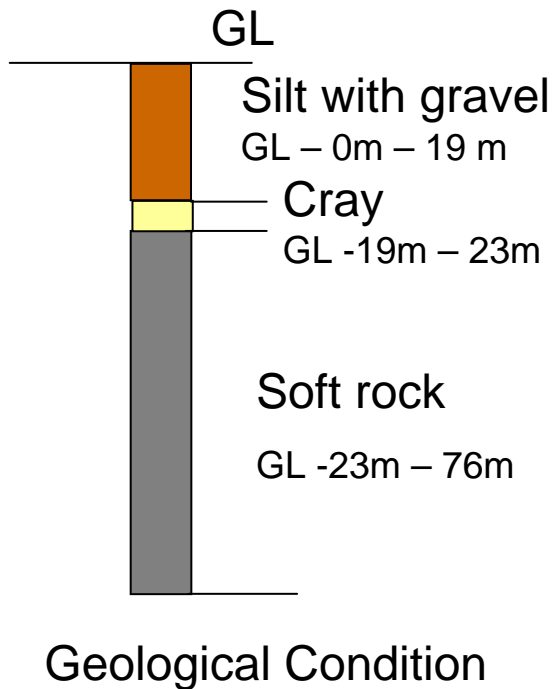


System configuration of the GSHP Heating, cooling and DHW system



Geological conditions and Ground heat exchanger

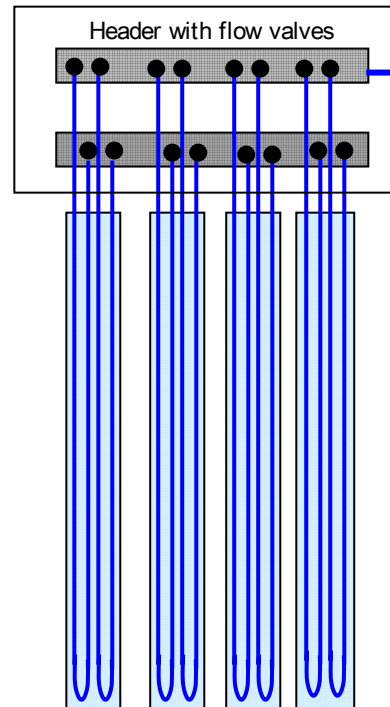
Central area of
Sapporo city
(+50 m SL)



Effective thermal
conductivity is 2.5 W/m/K



4 vertical boreholes
(75m deep * 4 boreholes
(Double-U tubes)) are
connected to 4 heat
pumps of total heat
output of 26 kW



GSHP Water heater assisted by solar Collector

Evacuated Solar Collector (6m²)



Daytime



Storage tank 1
V=350 L



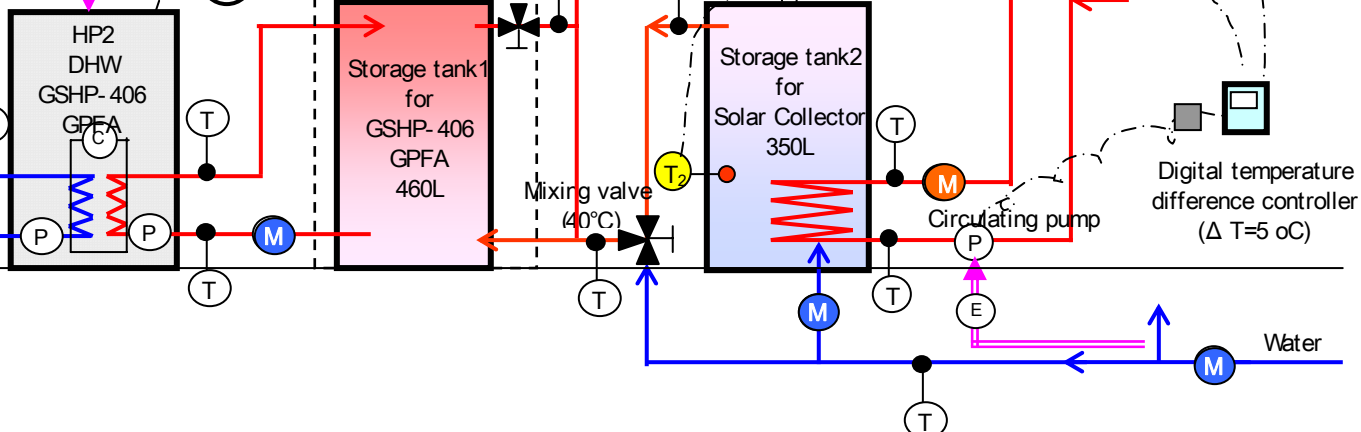
Storage tank 2
V=460L
Stored temp.
= 65 °C

Nighttime
1:00AM -7:00AM (6hrs)



Heat output is 4.5 kW

Electricity



Ventilation system



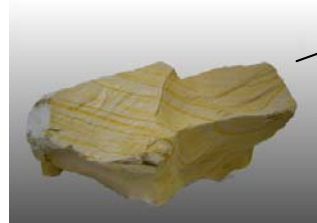
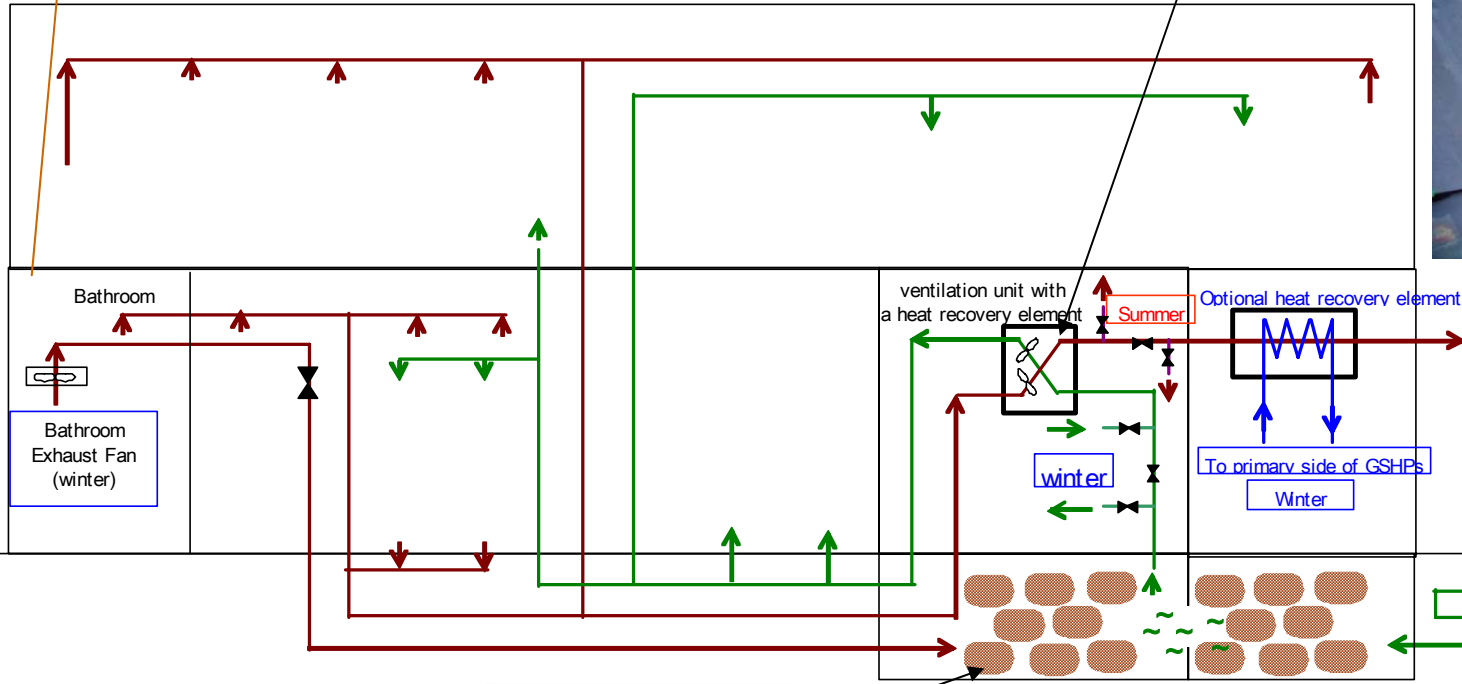
Plastering wall by powder of Wakkanai Siliceous Shale



ventilation unit with a heat recovery element



Heat and cool tube
VP 200 mm ϕ
Depth=1.1m,
Length=40m



Nano-porous rocks for passive humidity control:
Wakkanai Siliceous Shale Stone 10 kg/bag * 150 bags

Automatic FF type
wooden pellet stove
made by SUNPOT Co.ltd.



Poly crystalline PV system with
roof snow melting function
(Capacity; 3.0 kWp)



Ventilation system with passive humidity control



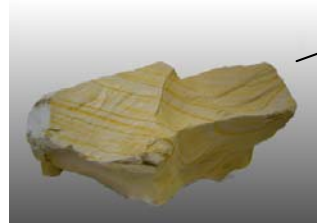
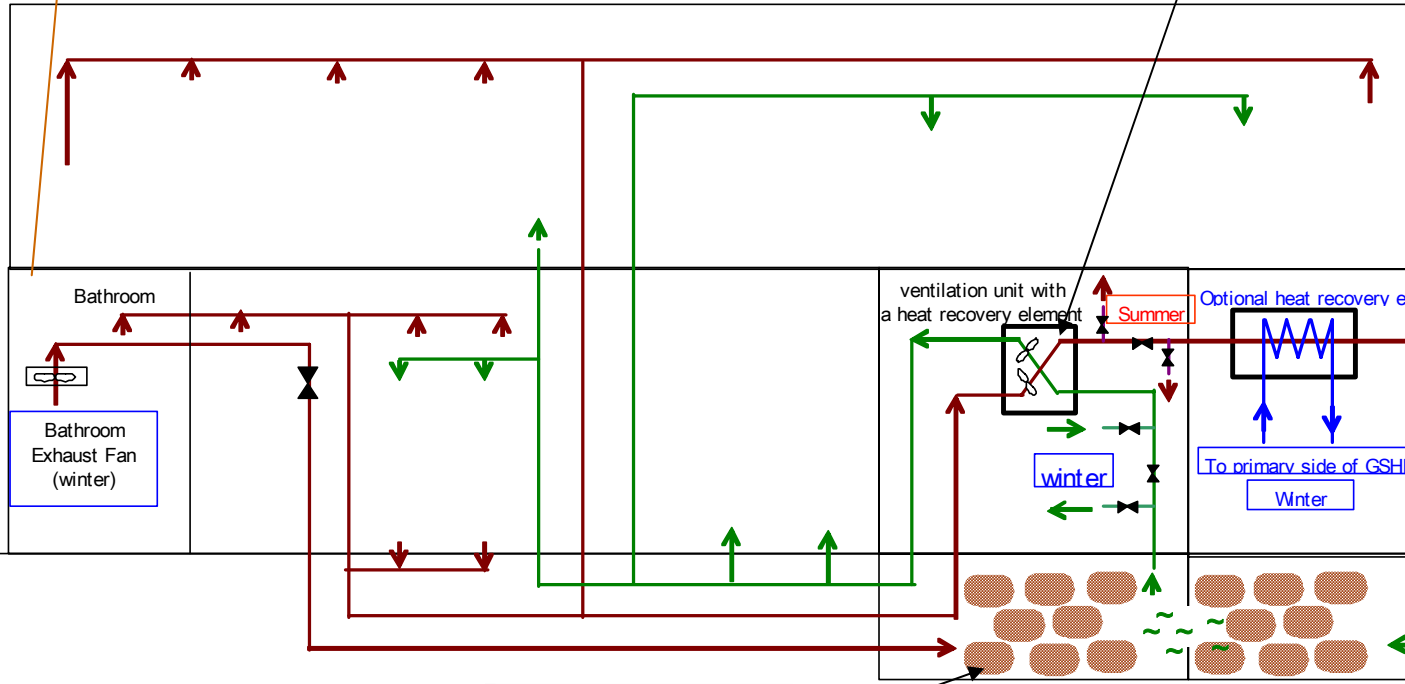
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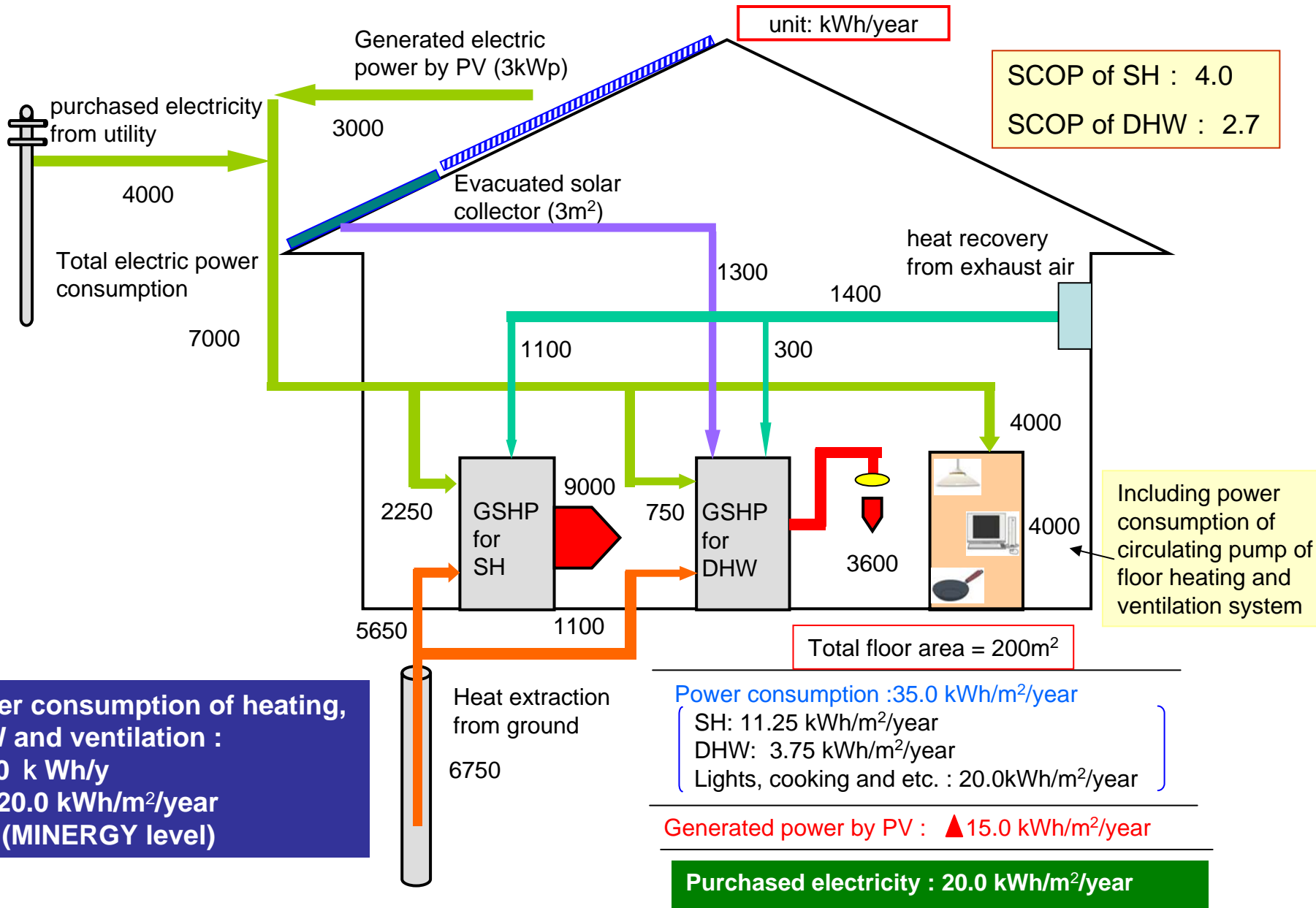


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Estimated electric power consumption and energy balance



Power consumption of heating, DHW and ventilation : 4,000 kWh/y → 20.0 kWh/m²/year (MINERGY level)

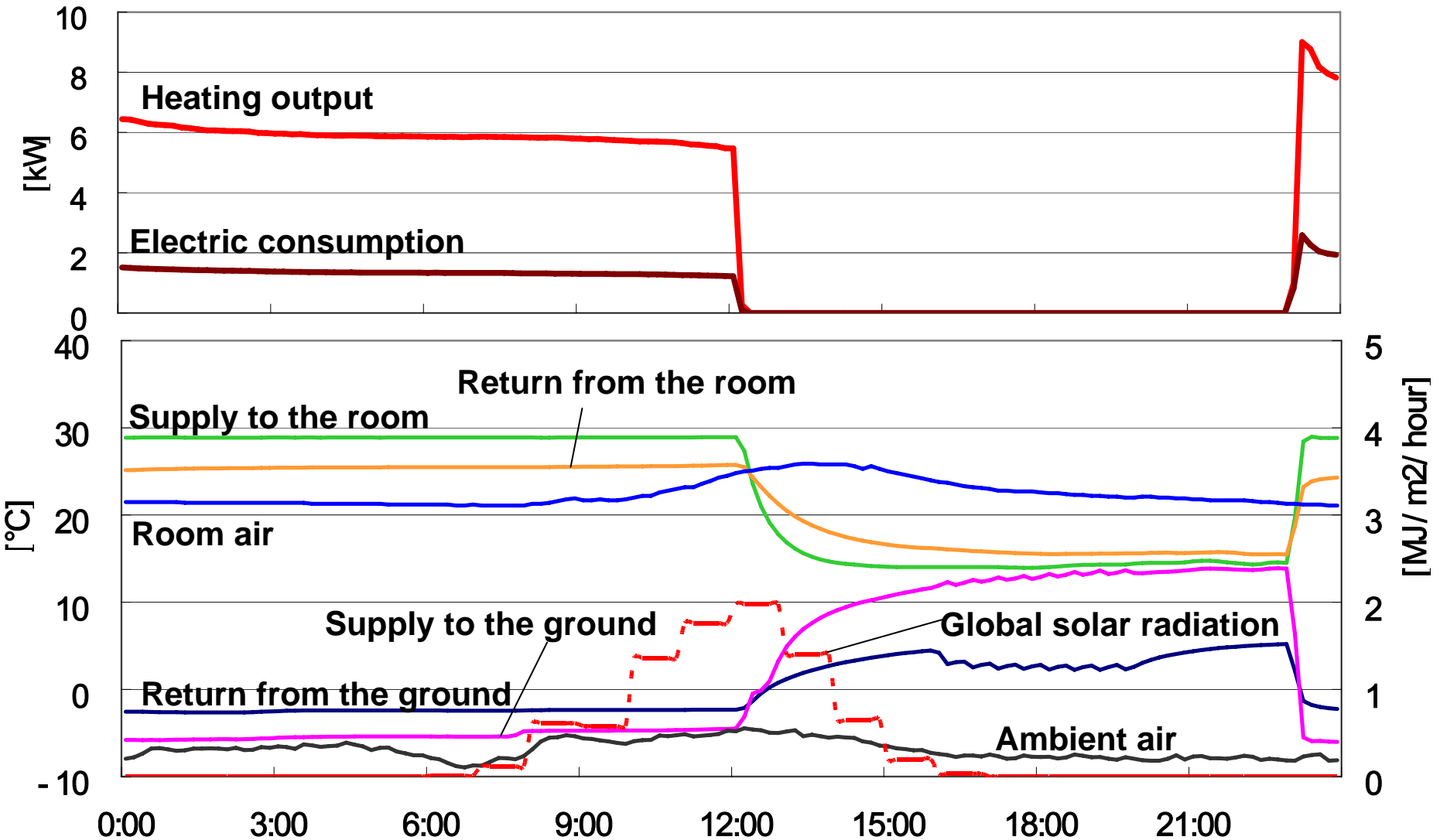
Power consumption : 35.0 kWh/m²/year
 [SH: 11.25 kWh/m²/year
 DHW: 3.75 kWh/m²/year
 Lights, cooking and etc. : 20.0 kWh/m²/year]

Generated power by PV : ▲ 15.0 kWh/m²/year

Purchased electricity : 20.0 kWh/m²/year

Temperature variations and performance of the GSHP

Jan.20th, 2008



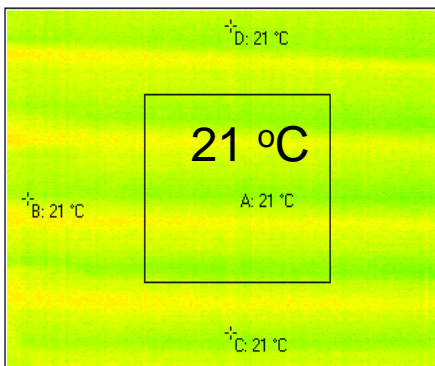
Heating performance for one day operation

Jan.20th, 2008

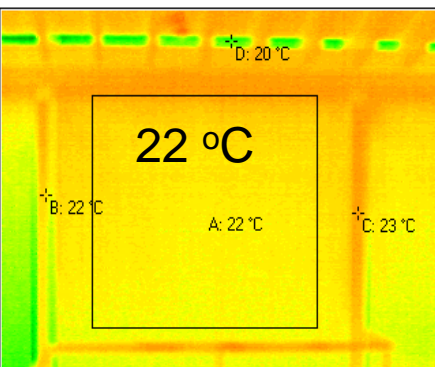
Heating period [hr]	Ambient temp. [°C]	Return from the ground [°C]	Supply to the ground [°C]	Return from the room [°C]	Supply to the room [°C]
14 (Jan.20 th 2008)	-6.1	-1.5	-5.1	25.3	28.7

Electric power consumption [kWh]		Heating output [kWh]	COP	SCOP
System	Circulation pump			
18.3	1.3	78.8	4.3	4.0

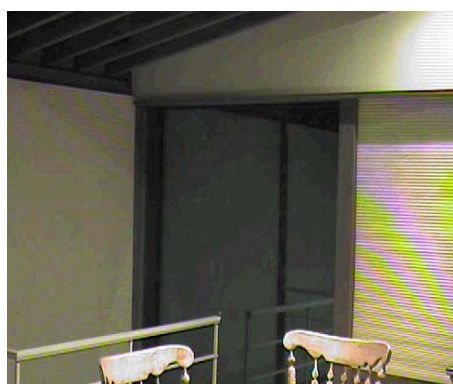
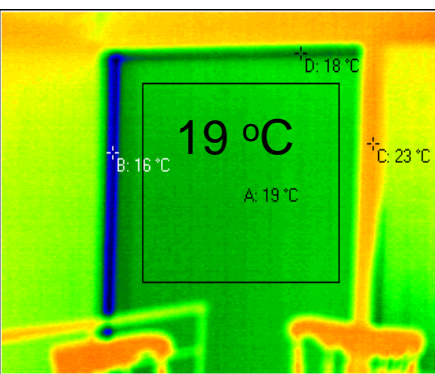
Thermal pictures of surface temperatures



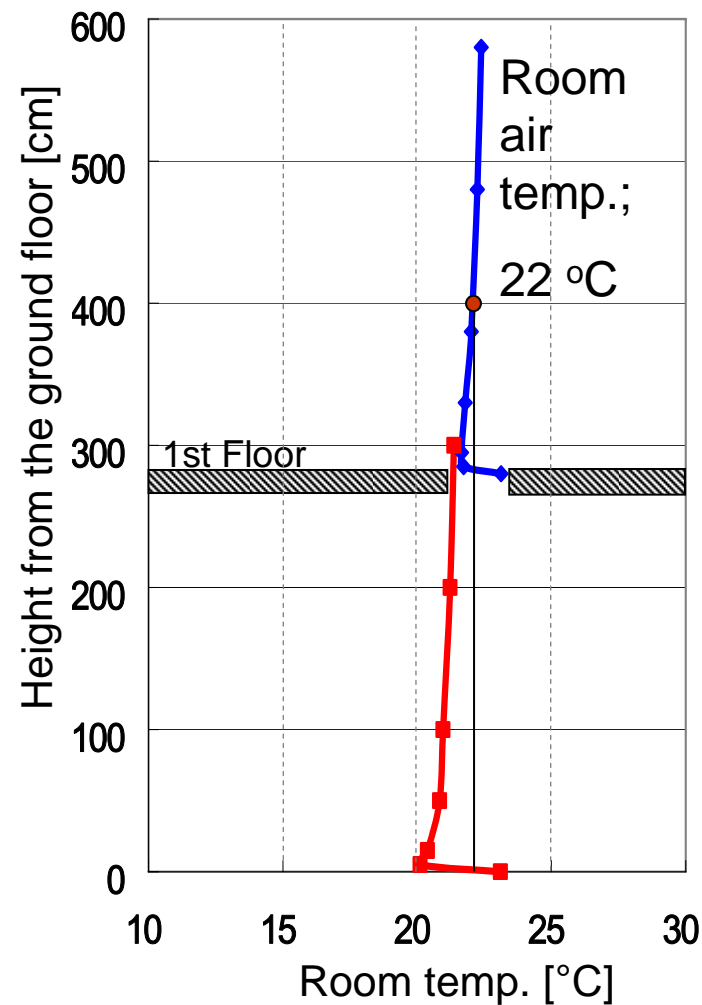
Ceiling



Window
(without
thermally
insulated
shade)



Window
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Water heating performance for one day operation

Feb.20th, 2008

Return from the ground [°C]	Supply to the ground [°C]	Initial water temp. in the tank [°C]	Stored hot water temp [°C]	Flow rate (primary side) [l/min]	Flow rate (secondary side) [l/min]
2.1	0.7	9.0	65.0	8.3	1.4

Electric power consumption [kWh]		Heating output [kWh]	COP	SCOP
System	Circulation pump			
6.7	0.8	18.5	2.8	2.5

Conclusion

- Integrated heat pump unit for heating, cooling, DHW, ventilation with desiccant is needed for the future development
- It has to apply to multiple heat sources, which are ground, exhaust air, outside air and gray water etc.
- Waste heat of cooling can use not only water heater but also regeneration of desiccant material