

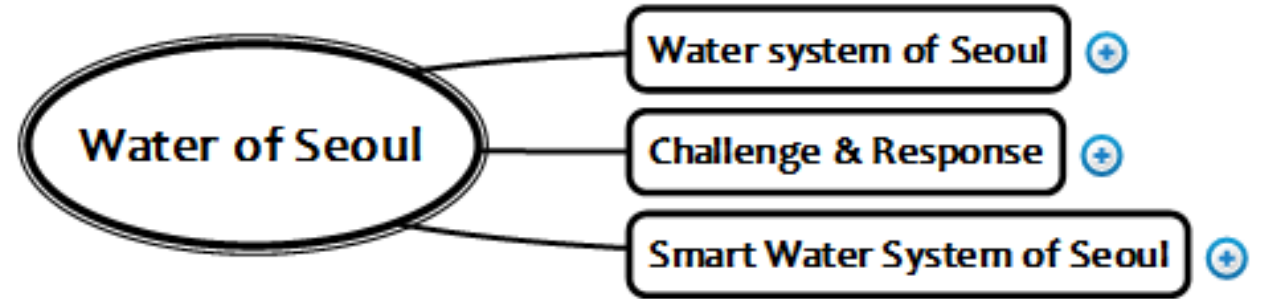
# Smart Water System of Seoul

How Smart is Smart?  
Smart Why vs. Smart What

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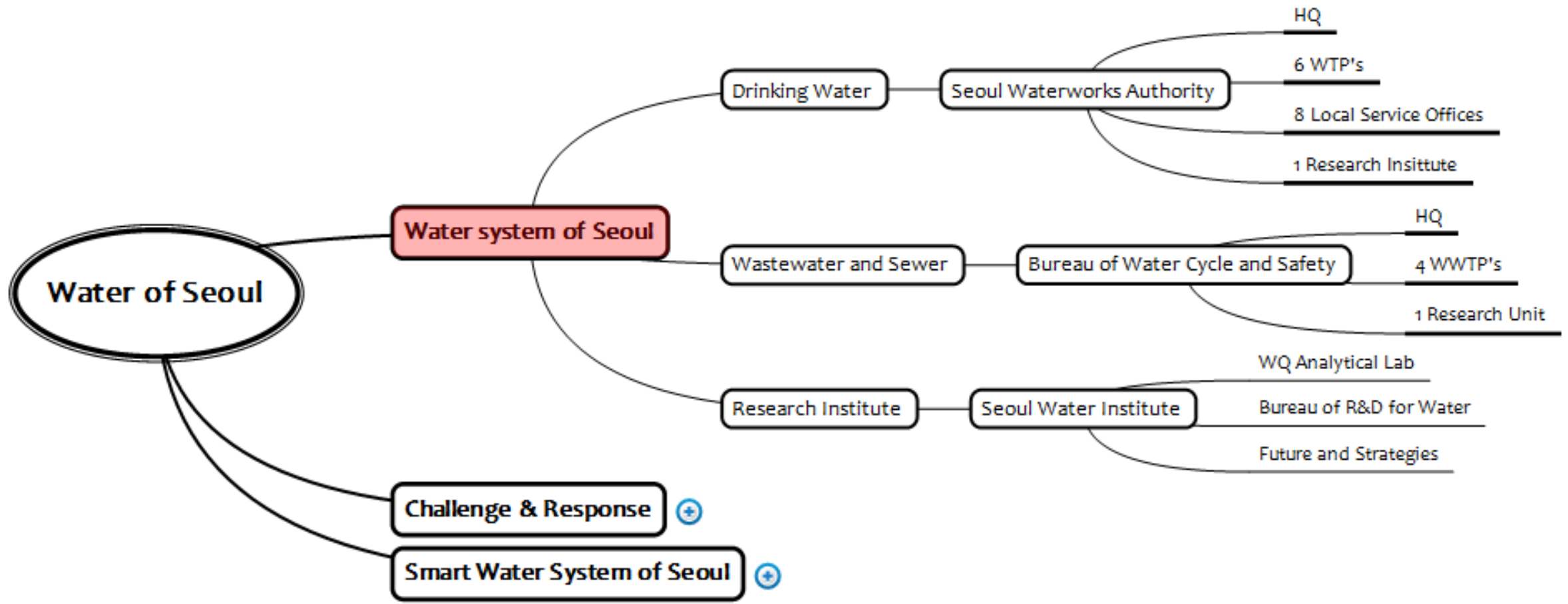
# Water System

# of Seoul

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# Seoul Waterworks Authority

SWA

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Drinking water production and  
supply  
As of Oct. 2018

- Organization
  - 1 HQ (5 Bureaus)
  - 1 Research Institute (2 Bureaus, 1 Center)
  - 8 Local Service Offices
  - 6 WTP's
  - 1 Procurement Center
  - 1,896 staffs

- Budget: 737 M USD

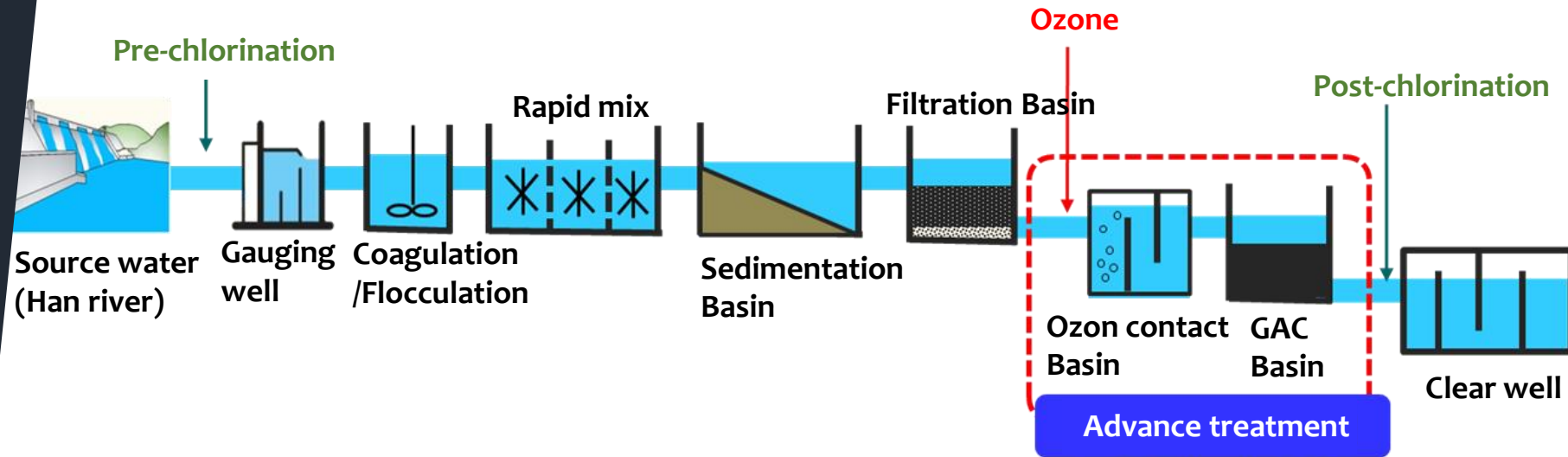
- Production
  - Total capacity 4.8 M m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - Production by advanced process 3.6 M m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - Average production 3.2 M m<sup>3</sup>/day (Max. 3.5 M)

- Supply
  - Pipe network 13,587 km
  - Reservoirs 101 (2.4 M m<sup>3</sup>)
  - Booster stations 211
  - Water posts 2.2 M

# Drinking Water Treatment Processes

Advanced WTP

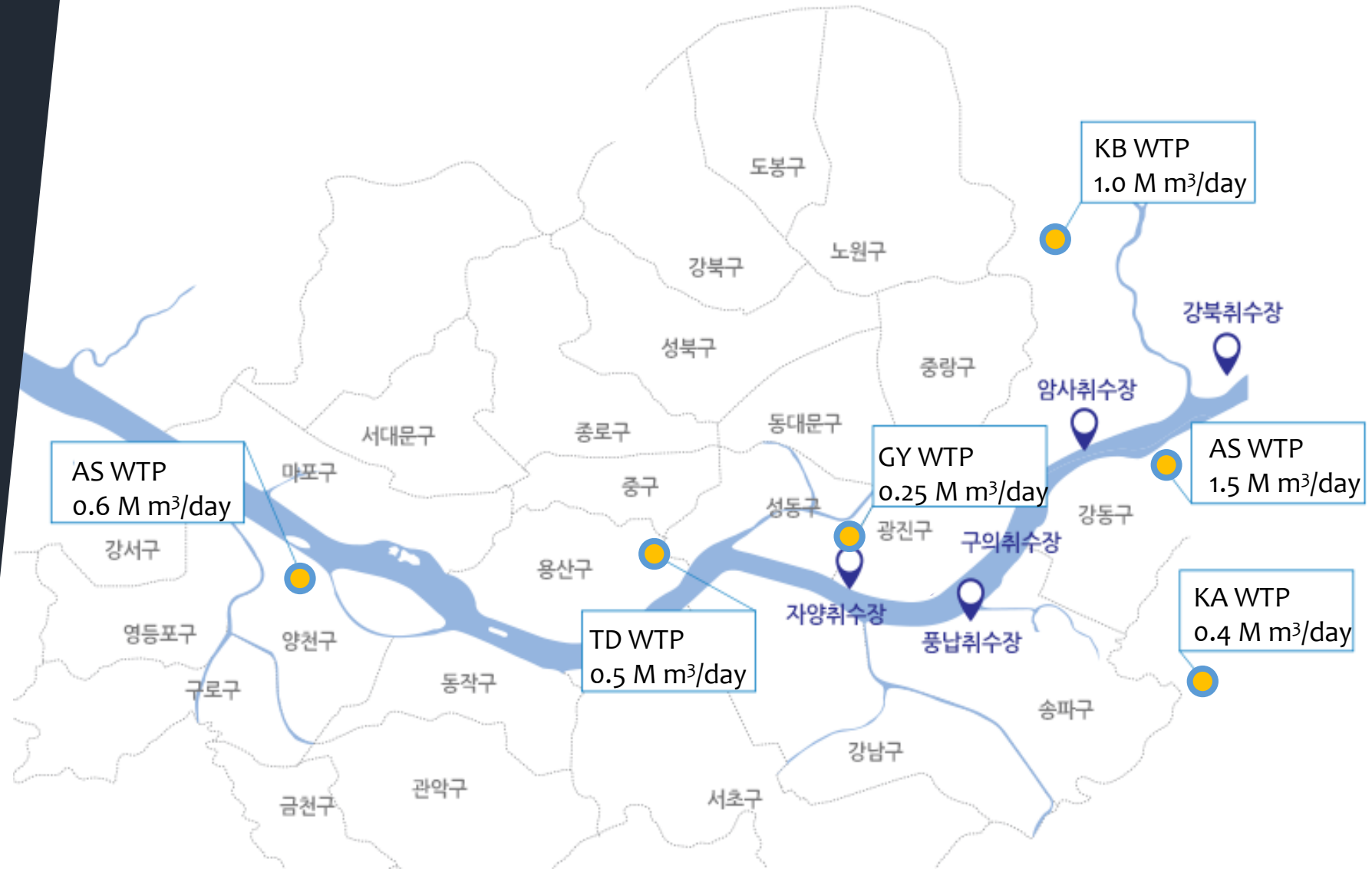
Conventional water treatment processes & Advanced water treatment processes



# Source Water Intake Stations & WTP's

5 SWIS and 6 WTP's

The 3 source water intake stations out of 5 are located within the boundary of Seoul. The 3 WTP's cover the northern part of Seoul while the other 3 for the southern part.



# Drinking Water Treatment Plants

6 WTP's

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There are 6 WTP's in Seoul. The 3 WTP's cover the northern part of Seoul while the other 3 for the southern part.

Young Deung Po WTP  
0.6 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



Kwang Am WTP  
0.4 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



Kang Book WTP  
1.0 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



Tuck Do WTP  
0.75 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



Gui Yi WTP  
0.5 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



Am Sa WTP  
1.6 M m<sup>3</sup>/day





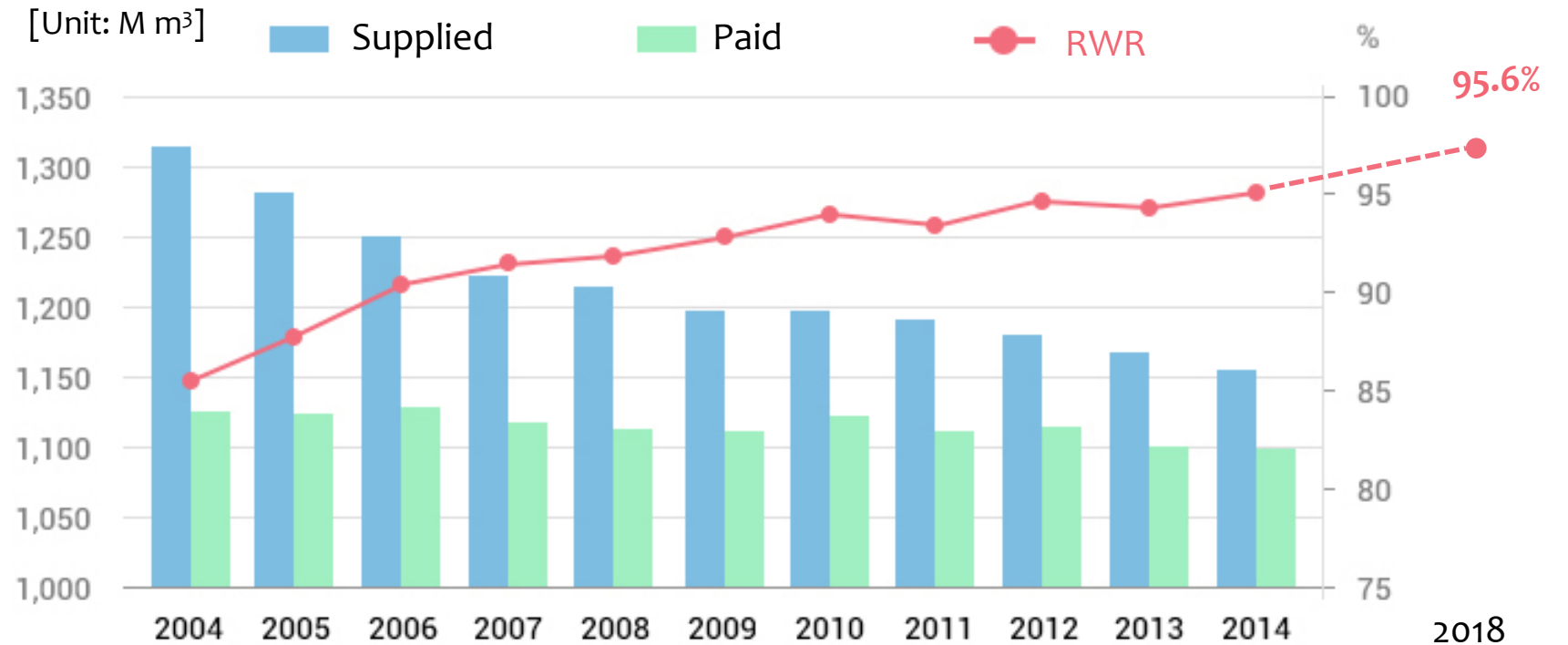
# Revenue Water Ratio (RWR)

RWR 95.6% (as of 2018)

The RWR is the opposite concept of the NRW. RWR is widely used in Korea and Japan rather than NRW.

## Revenue Water Ratio (RWR)

- The ratio of the volume of water paid by the customers to the volume of water supplied to the customers



# Bureau of Water Cycle and Safety

## BWCS

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Wastewater treatment plants  
Sewer system  
Urban drainage system  
Stream management

- Organization
  - 1 HQ (4 Bureaus)
  - 1 Research Bureau
  - 4 WWTP's
  - 646 Staffs

(The local sewers are managed by the local autonomous government)
- Budget: 1.1 B USD
- Treatment Capacity
  - Total treatment capacity 5.0 M m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - Average treatment 4.3 M m<sup>3</sup>/day
- Sewer system
  - 10,616 km
- Urban drainage system
  - 16 Drainage Areas with 239 Unit Drainage Areas

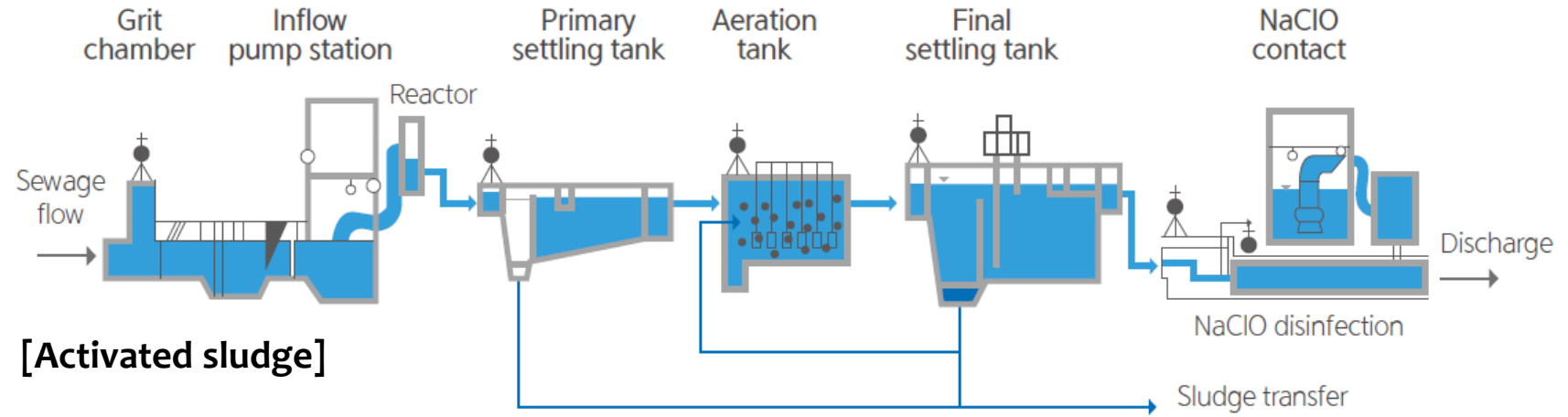
# Wastewater Treatment Plants

## 4 WWTP's

There are 4 WWTP's in Seoul, which has 12 M population including the commuters and tourists. Each WWTP is huge.



# Wastewater Treatment Processes



## Advanced WTP

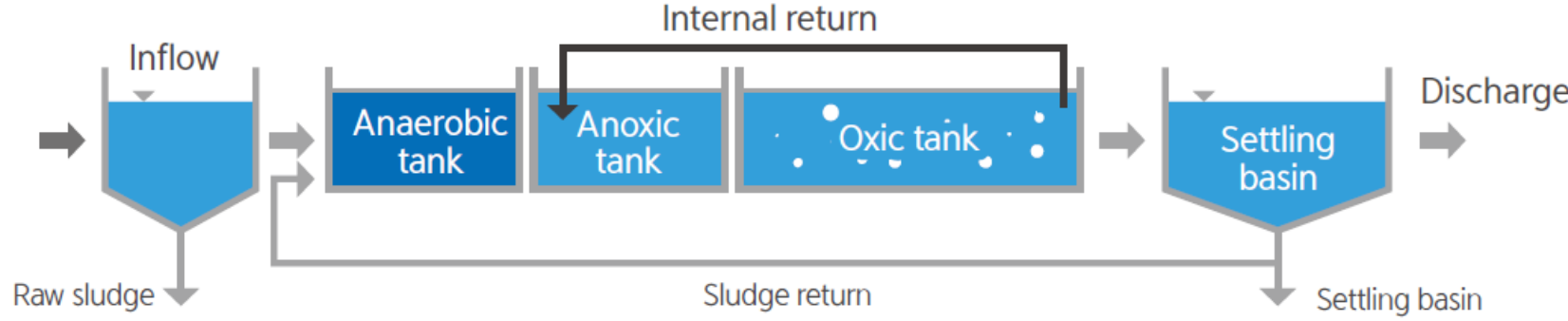
- Activated Sludge
- A<sub>2</sub>O
- MLE
- BNR
- Biomembrane

WWTP [M m <sup>3</sup> /day]	Treatment Capacity	Treatment Process			
		A <sub>2</sub> O	MLE	4-S BNR	Biomembrane filtration
Joong Rang	1.59	0.46	0.88		0.25
Nan Ji	0.86		0.86		
Tan Chun	0.90		0.90		
Seo Nam	1.63		1.27	0.36	
<b>Total</b>	4.98	0.46	3.91	0.36	0.25
	100%	9%	79%	7%	5%

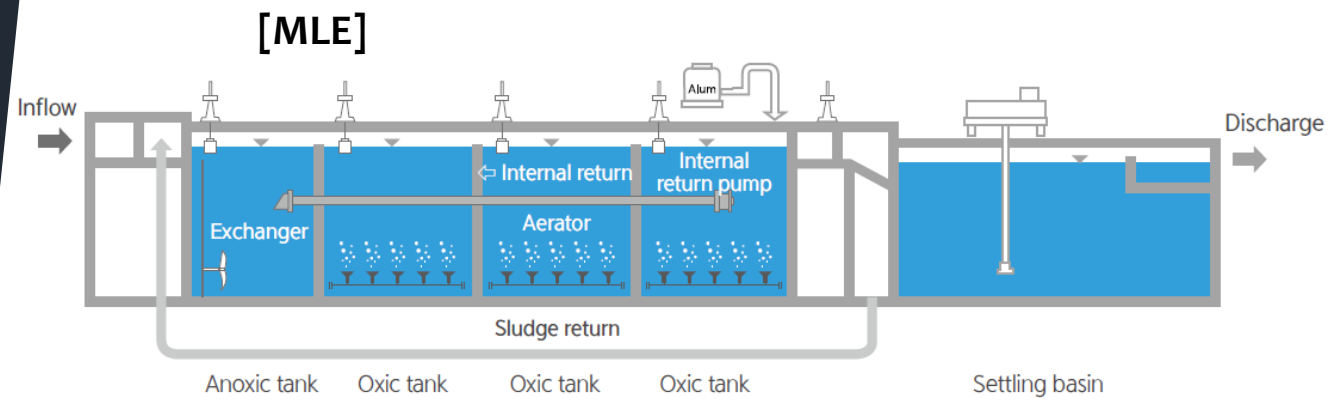
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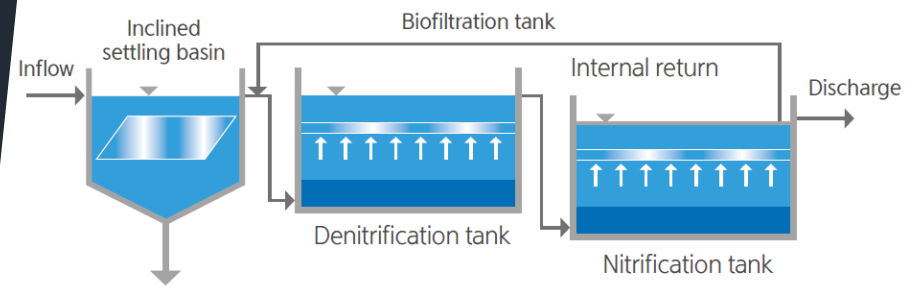
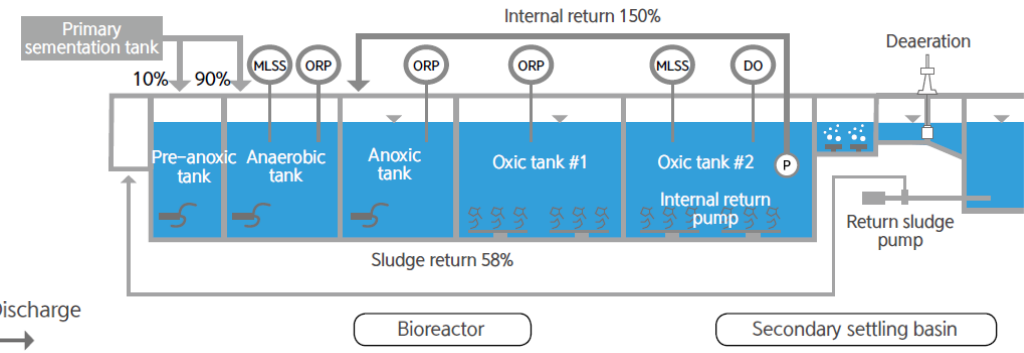


[A2O]



[MLE]

[4-Stage BNR]



[Biomembrane]

# Wastewater Treatment Plants

4 WWTP's

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**Joong Rang WWTP**  
1.60 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



**Nan Ji WWTP**  
0.86 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



**Tan Chun WWTP**  
0.90 M m<sup>3</sup>/day



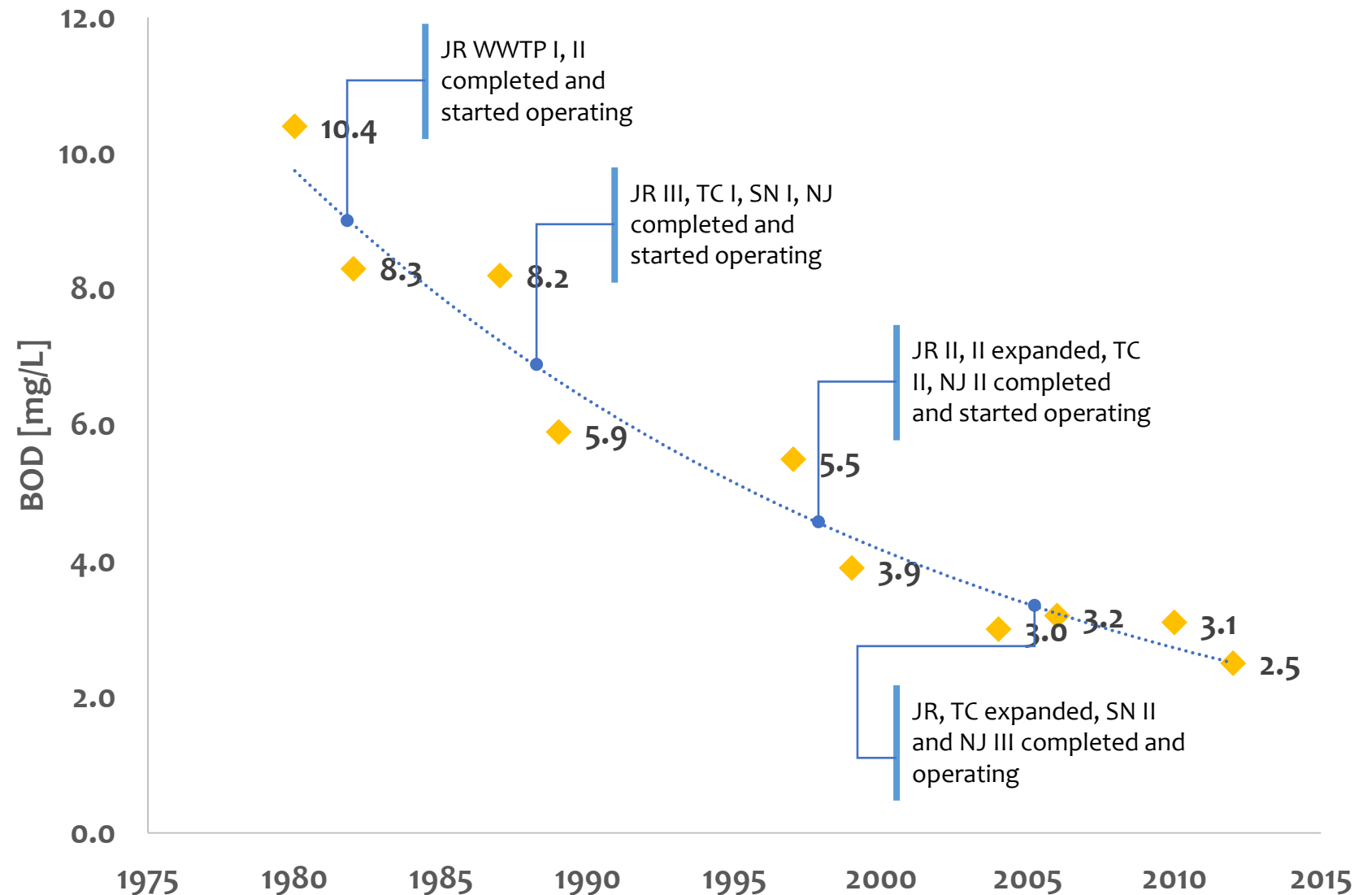
**Seo Nam WWTP**  
1.63 M m<sup>3</sup>/day

# Water Quality of the Han river

## BOD of the Han river

The river water quality was monitored at the mouth of the Han river.

The water quality seemed to be closely related with the capacity of wastewater treatment plants.



# Urbanization

## Impervious surface

As the impervious surface in Seoul has increased from 7.8% in 1962 to 48.9% in 2015, the runoff of stormwater increased from 11% to 52%, which also increased the risk of urban flash flood.



### Population of Seoul

Population increased by 4.1 times compared to 1960 (2.44 mil.)



### Houses in Seoul

About 0.44 mil. → 3.78 mil. households



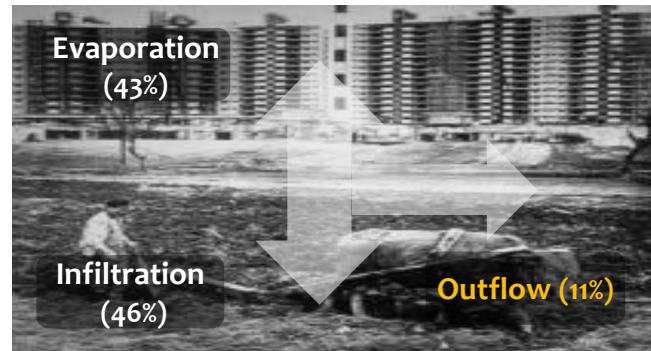
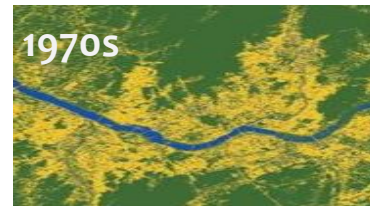
### Land of Seoul

30% of city area re-developed

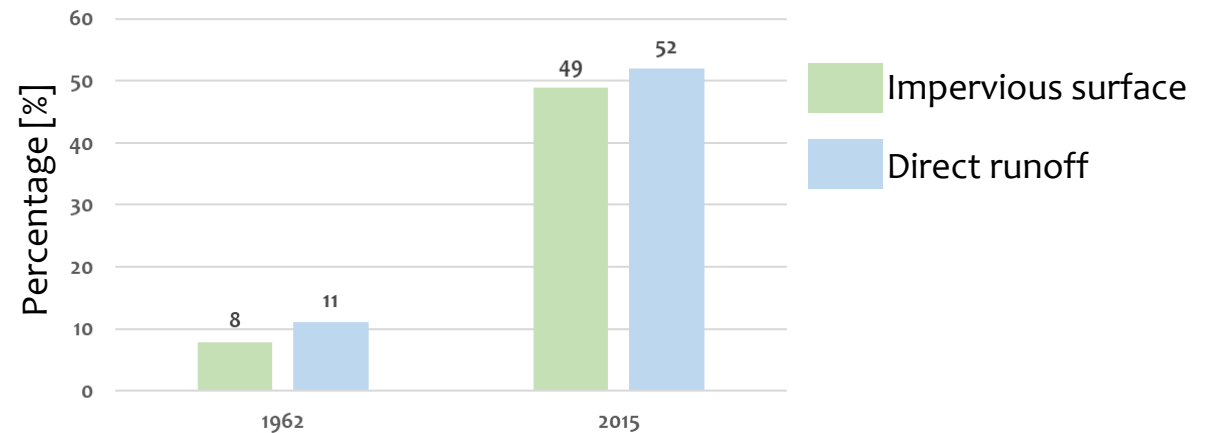


### Lives of Seoul Citizens

Rapid increase in number of households due to nuclearization of families



Urbanization

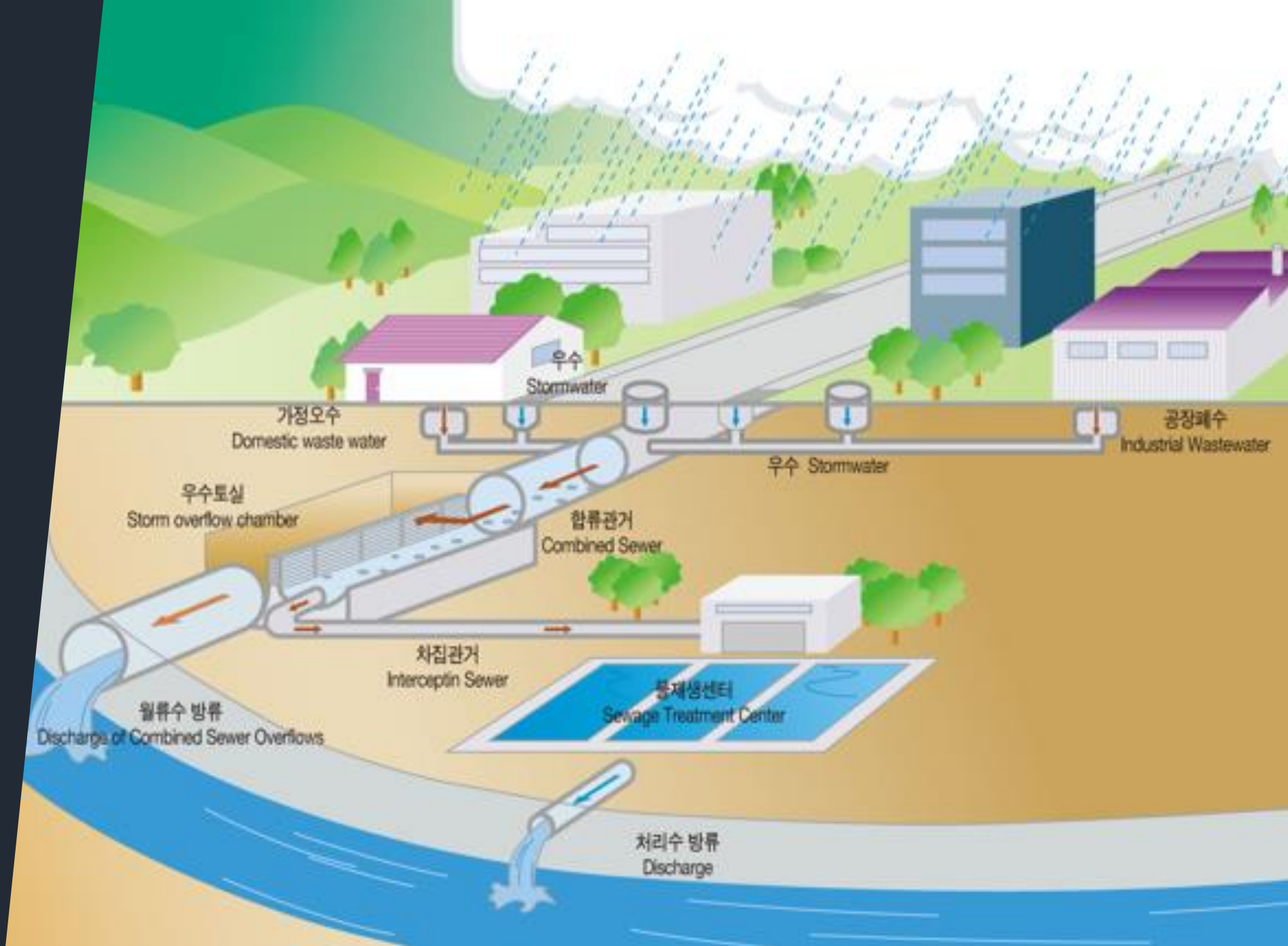




# Sewer System

## Combined & Separated

The 83% of the sewer system of Seoul is the combined sewer.



# Seoul Water Institute

SWI

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Analytical Lab  
R&D  
Planning & Strategies

- Organization
  - 2 Bureaus and 1 Center
  - 11 Departments
  - 91 Researchers and Staffs
- Budget: 5.9 M USD (excluding salaries of the staffs)
- Certified Lab
  - 6 national and international certifications including 'drinking water quality analytical lab'
- Project
  - 76 Research projects
  - 20 Monitoring and investigation projects
- Plant & Instrument
  - 8 pilot plants
  - 711 analyzing instruments

# Water Quality Monitoring

171 WQ Items

The institute monitors 171 water quality items for drinking water and 148 items for the source water



# Clean & Safe Water

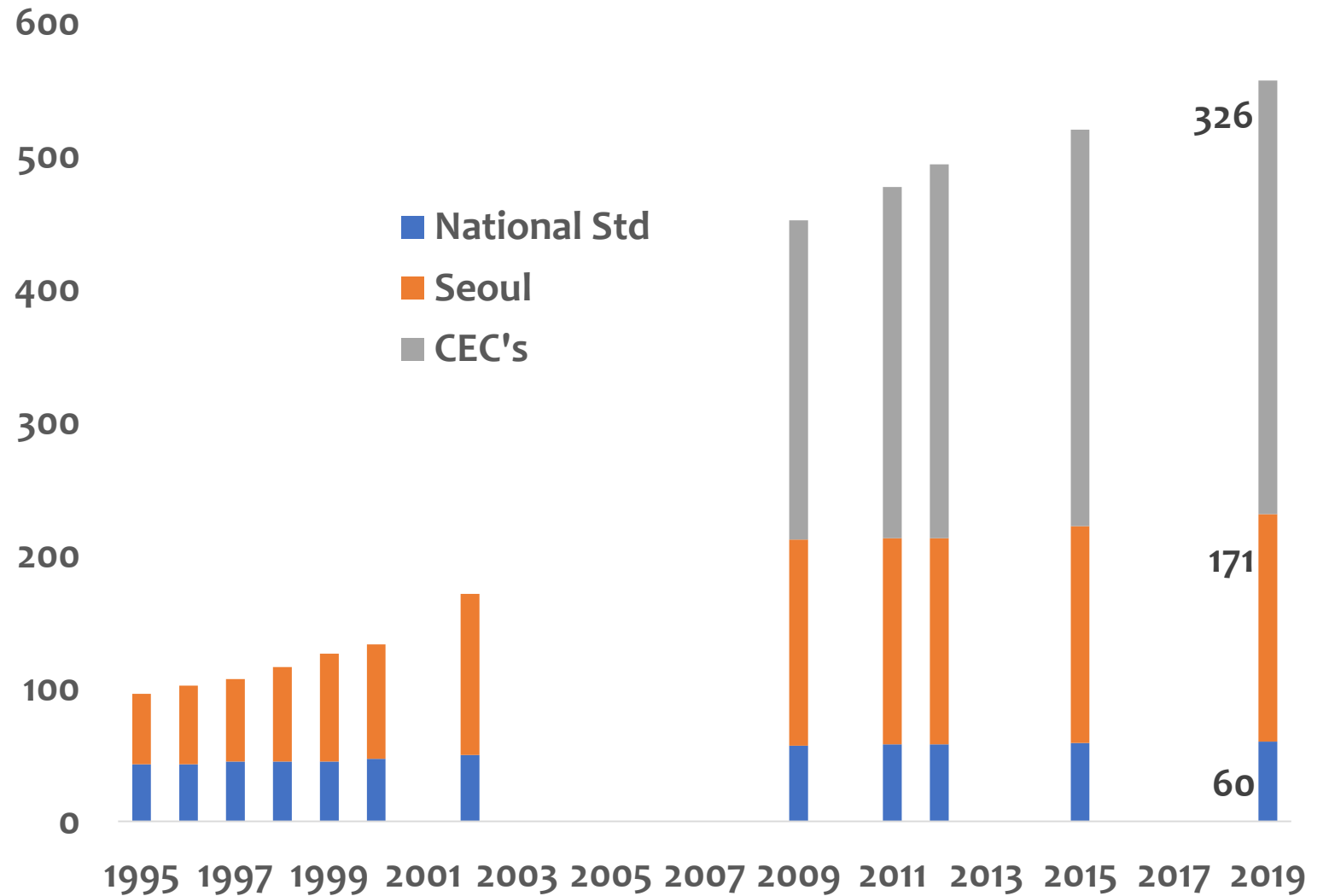
326 WQ Items

The number of water quality items to be monitored:

National standard **60**

Seoul's guideline **171**

Total WQ items including CEC's **326**

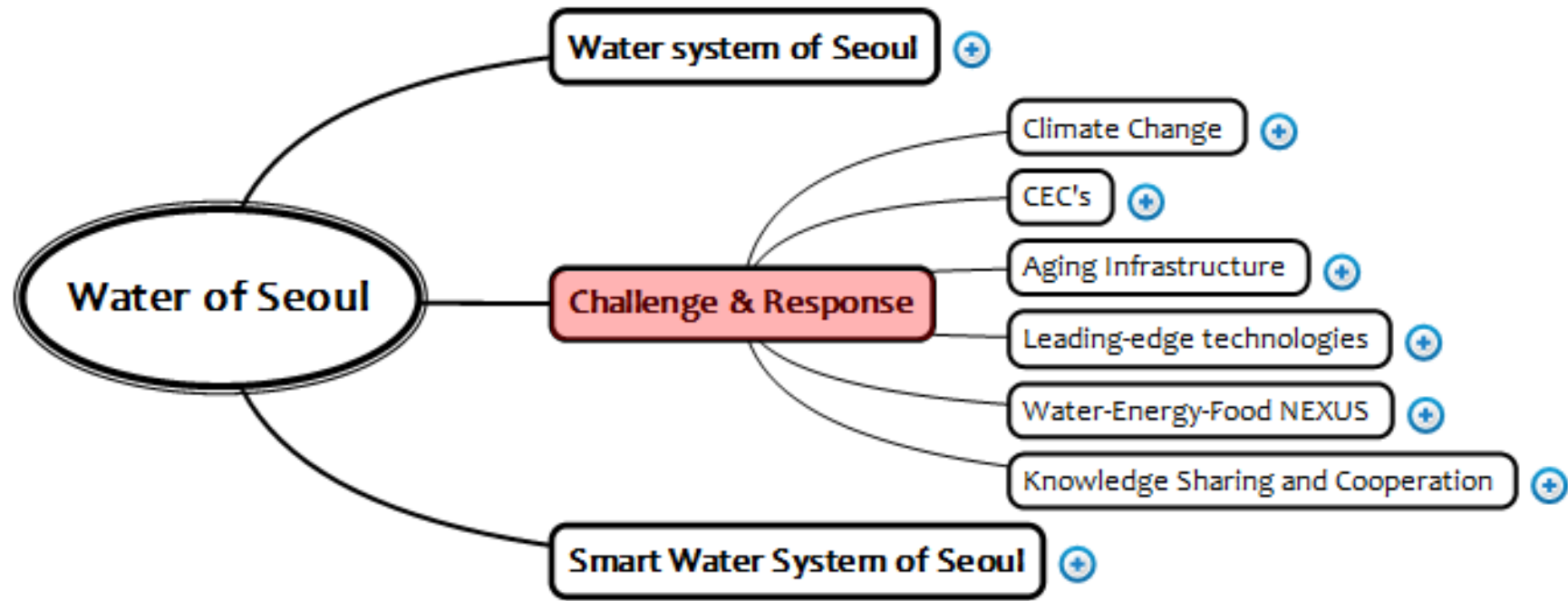


# Challenges

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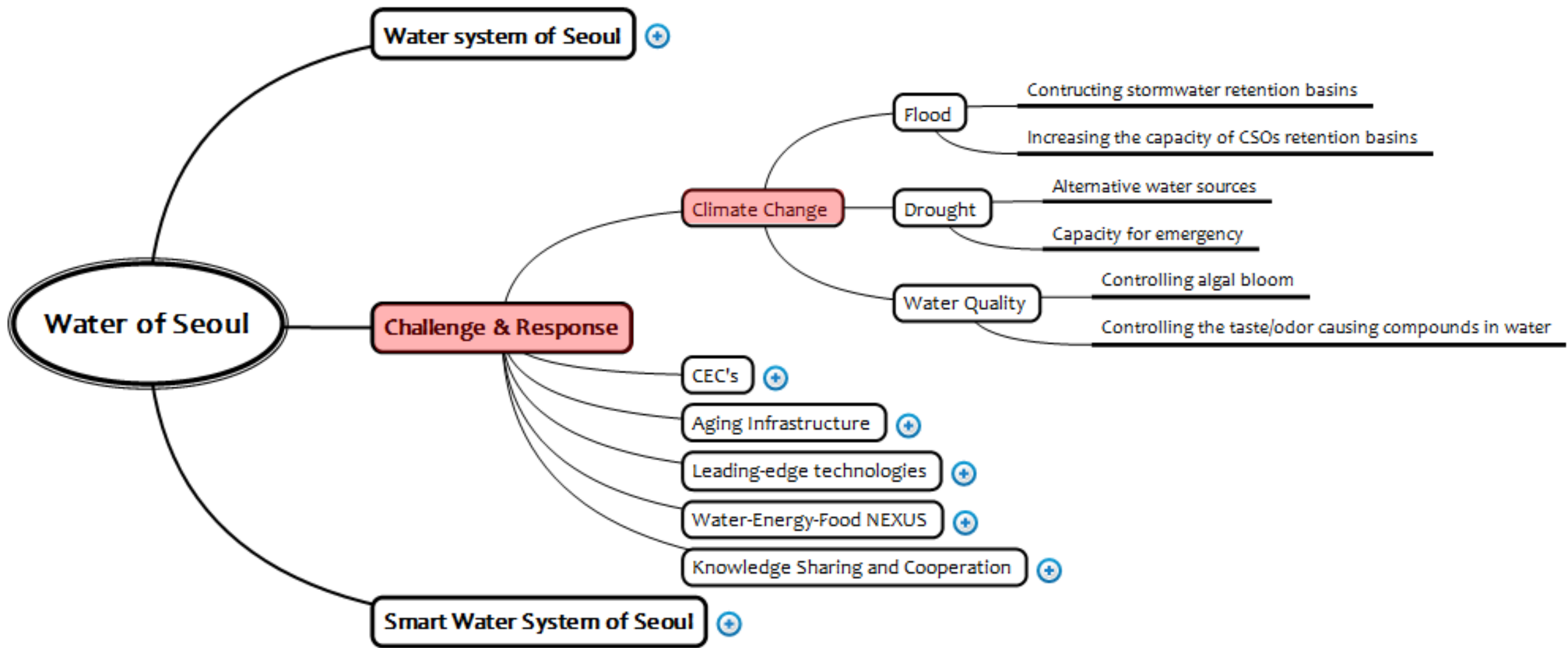


# Challenge & Response

Arnold J. Toynbee

Civilizations arose in response to some set of challenges of extreme difficulty, when "creative minorities" devised solutions that reoriented their entire society.

- Climate Change
- CEC's
- Aging Infrastructure
- Water-Energy-Food NEXUS
- Knowledge Sharing and Cooperation





# Climate Change

## Adaptation/Mitigation

Flood  
Drought  
Water quality change

### Flood

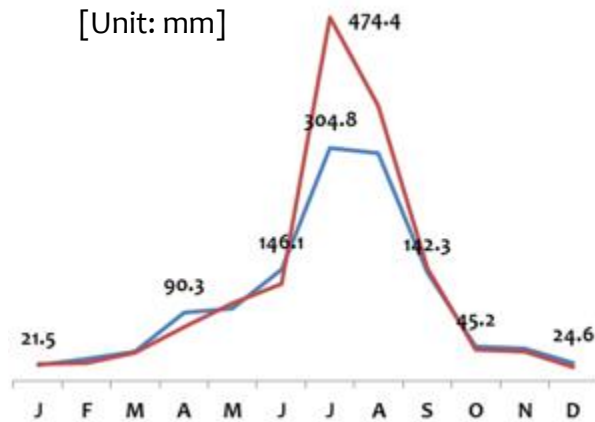
- Stormwater retention basin: 17 (103,564 m<sup>3</sup>) → 26 basins
- CSOs retention basin: 2 (11,000 m<sup>3</sup>) → 11 basins (361,000 m<sup>3</sup>)

### Drought

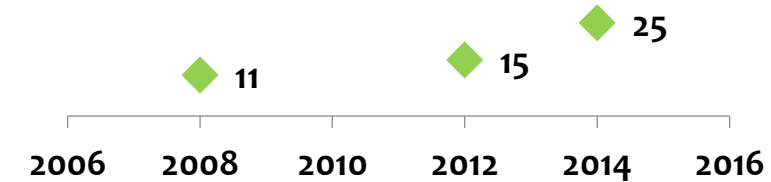
- Alternative water sources
- Water supply capacity for emergency

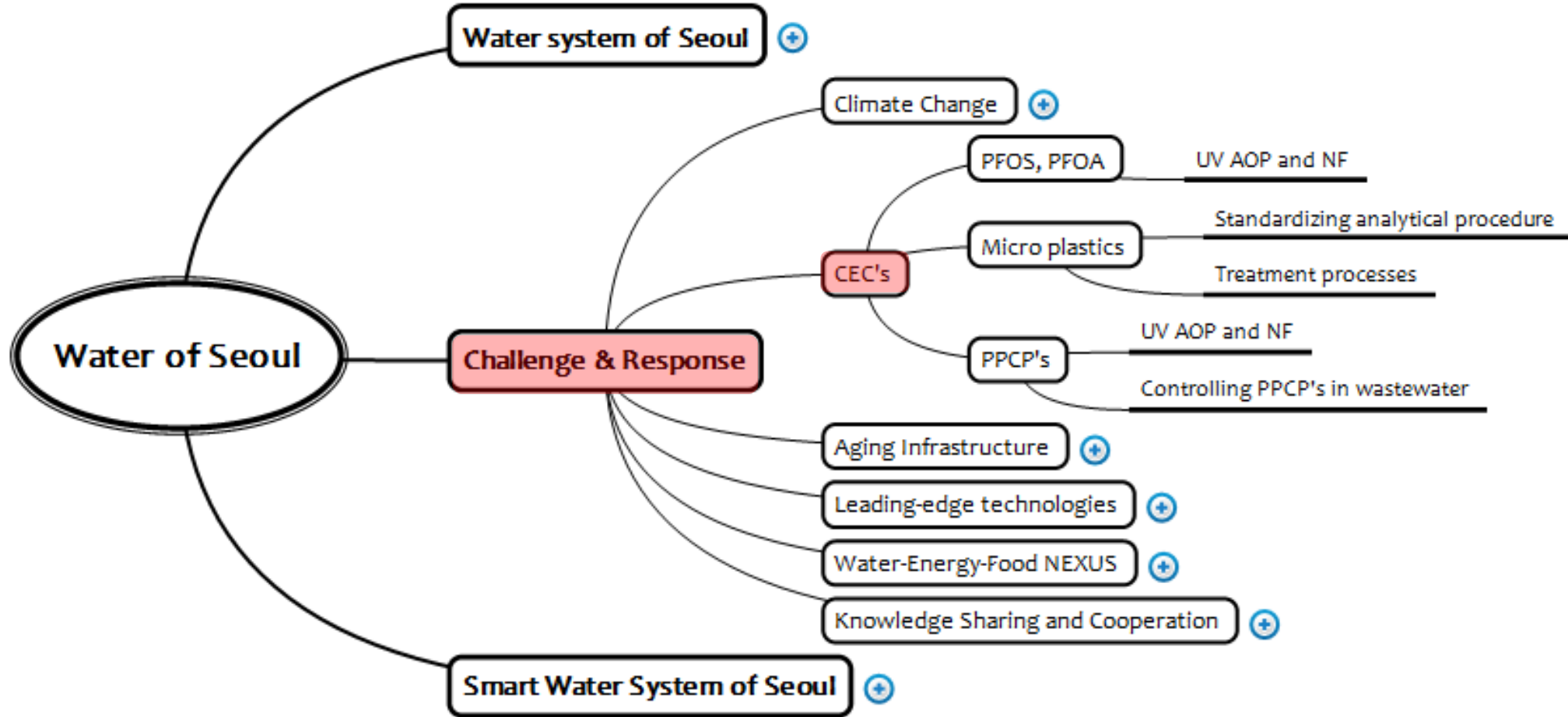
### Water Quality Changes

- Algal bloom
- Taste/odor causing compounds (2-MIB and Geosmin) control



Blue green algae (Cynobacteria) [cells/mL] ◆ 89  
Alert (10<sup>3</sup>~) → Warning (10<sup>4</sup>~) → HAB (10<sup>6</sup>~)  
Days of warning [days]:  
11 (2008) → 15 (2012) → 25 (2014) → 89 (2015)





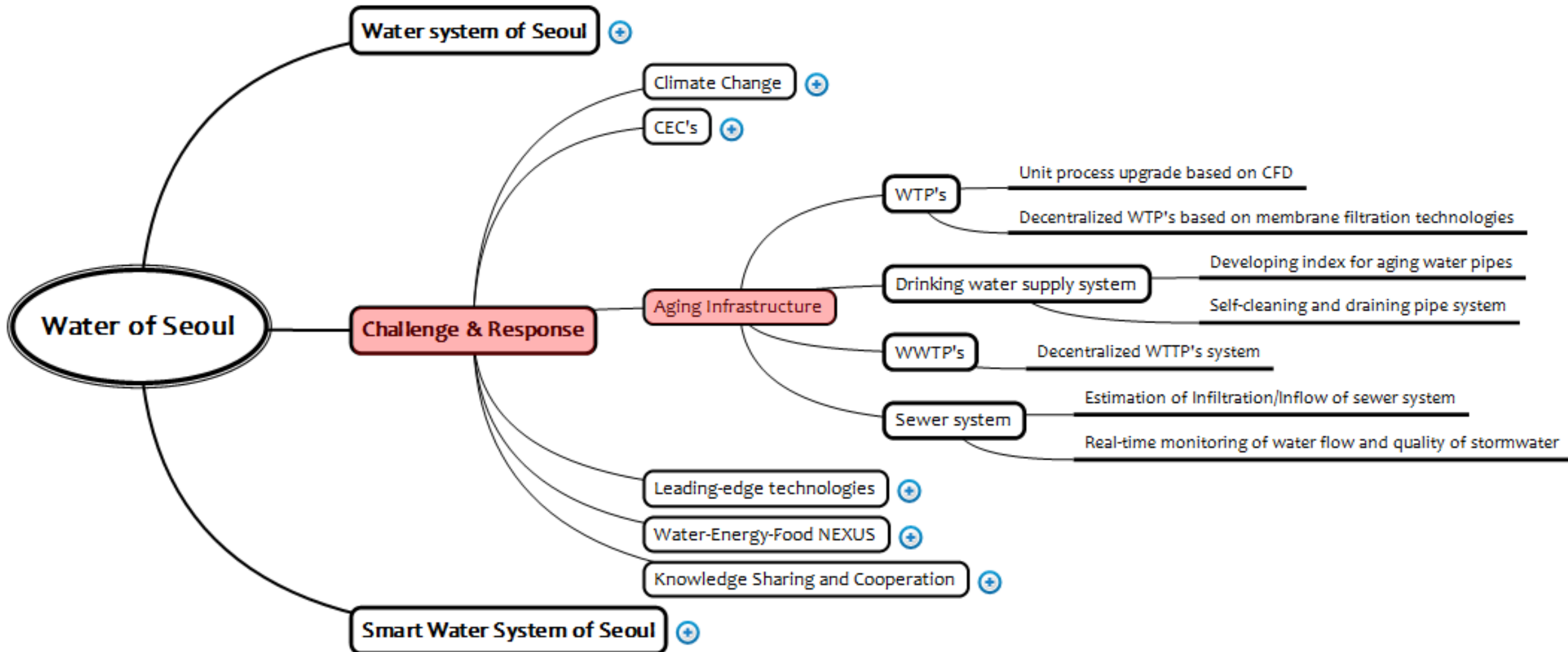
# Compounds of Emerging Concern

CEC's

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PFC  
Microplastics  
PPCP's

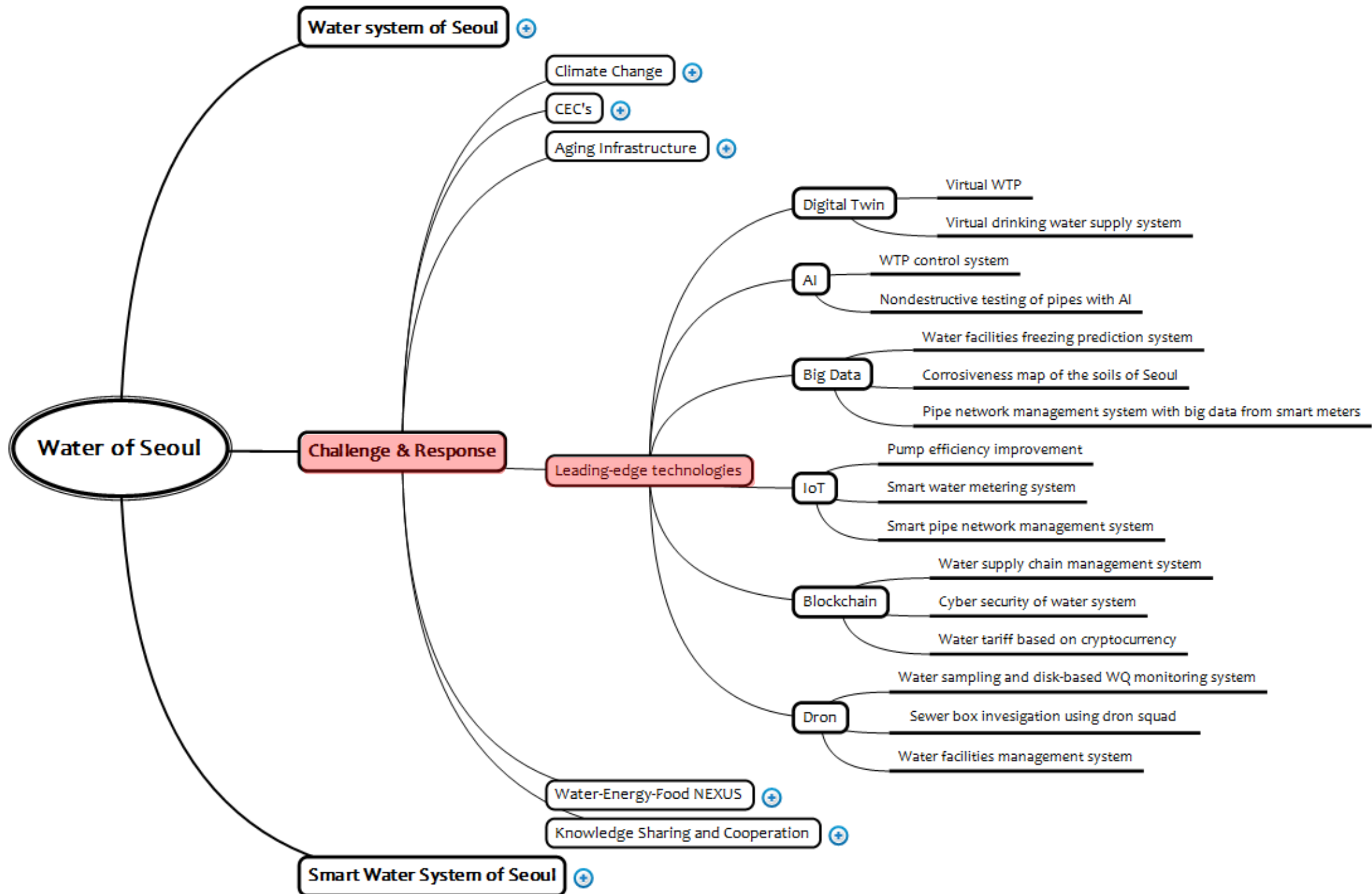
- Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFOA, PFOS)
  - UV AOP and NF
- Microplastics
  - Standard analytical methods
  - Treatment processes
- PPCP's
  - UV AOP and NF
  - Control PPCP's in wastewater

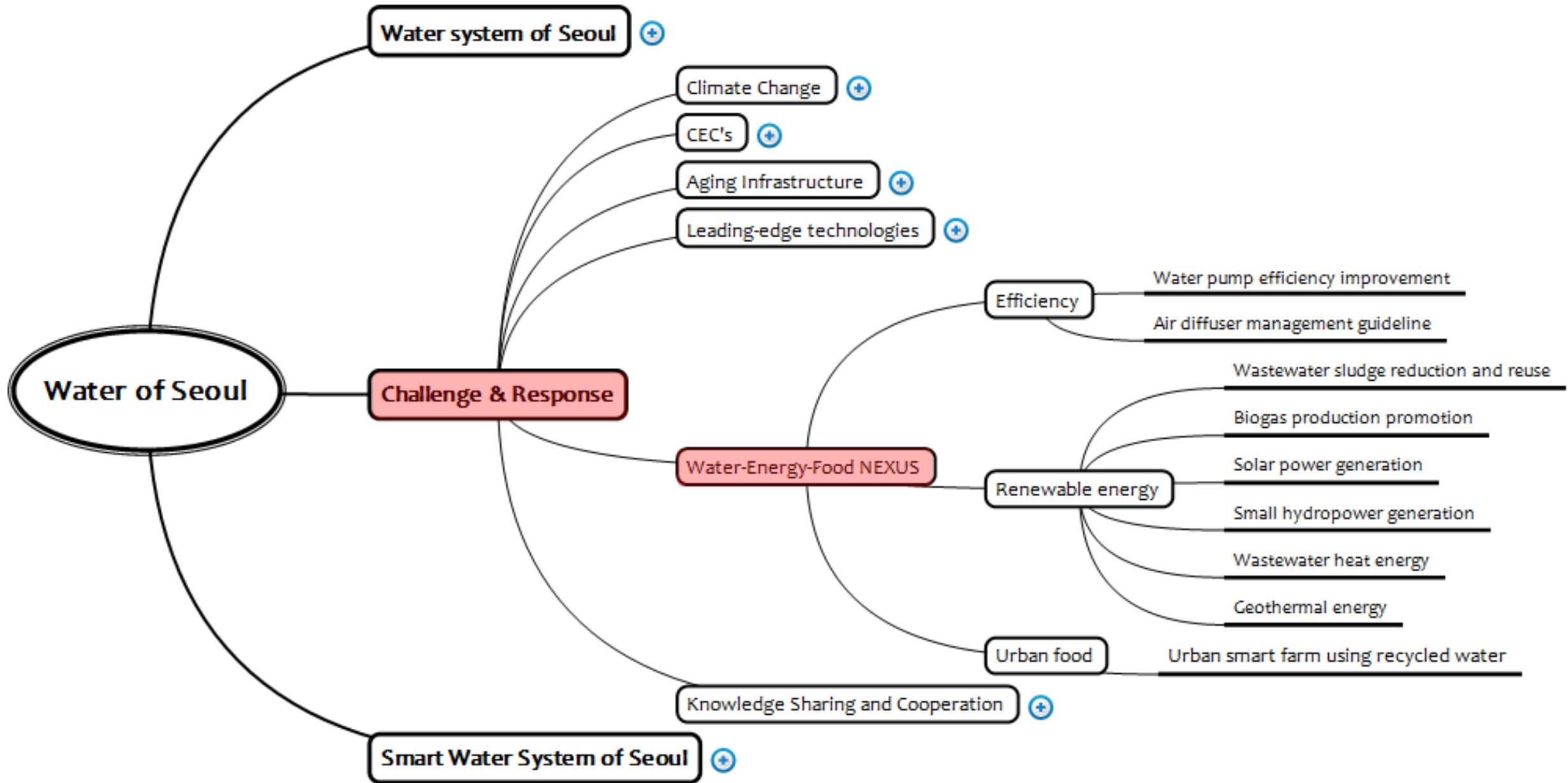


# Aging Infrastructure

## Renovation

- WTP's
  - Unit process renovation
  - Decentralized WTP's using membrane filtration
- Drinking Water Supply System
  - Index for aging water pipes replacement
  - Self-cleaning and draining system
- WWTP's
  - Unit process renovation
  - Decentralized WWTP's
- Sewer System
  - Infiltration/Inflow of sewer system
  - Water flow and quality monitoring





# Water-Energy- Food NEXUS

## Energy & Resources

Efficiency of system  
Renewable energy production  
Urban food supply system

### Efficiency of System

- Water pump efficiency improvement
- Air diffuser management guideline

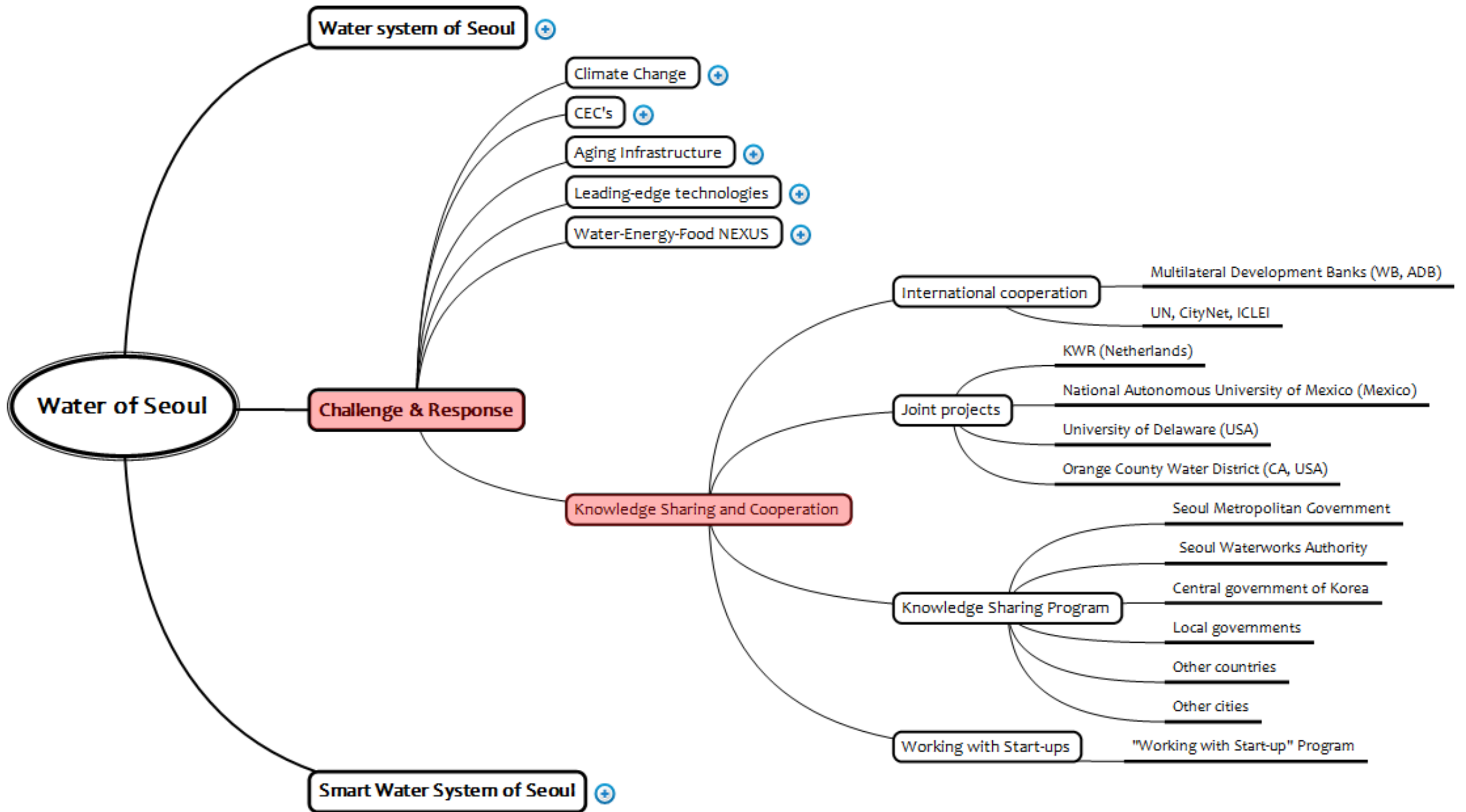
### Renewable Energy Production

- Wastewater sludge reduction and reuse
- Biogas production, solar power generation, small hydropower generation, Wastewater heat energy, Geothermal energy

### Urban Food Supply System

- Urban smart farm using recycled water





# Knowledge Sharing and Cooperation

W4A, Water for All

International cooperation  
Joint projects  
Knowledge sharing programs  
Working with Start-ups

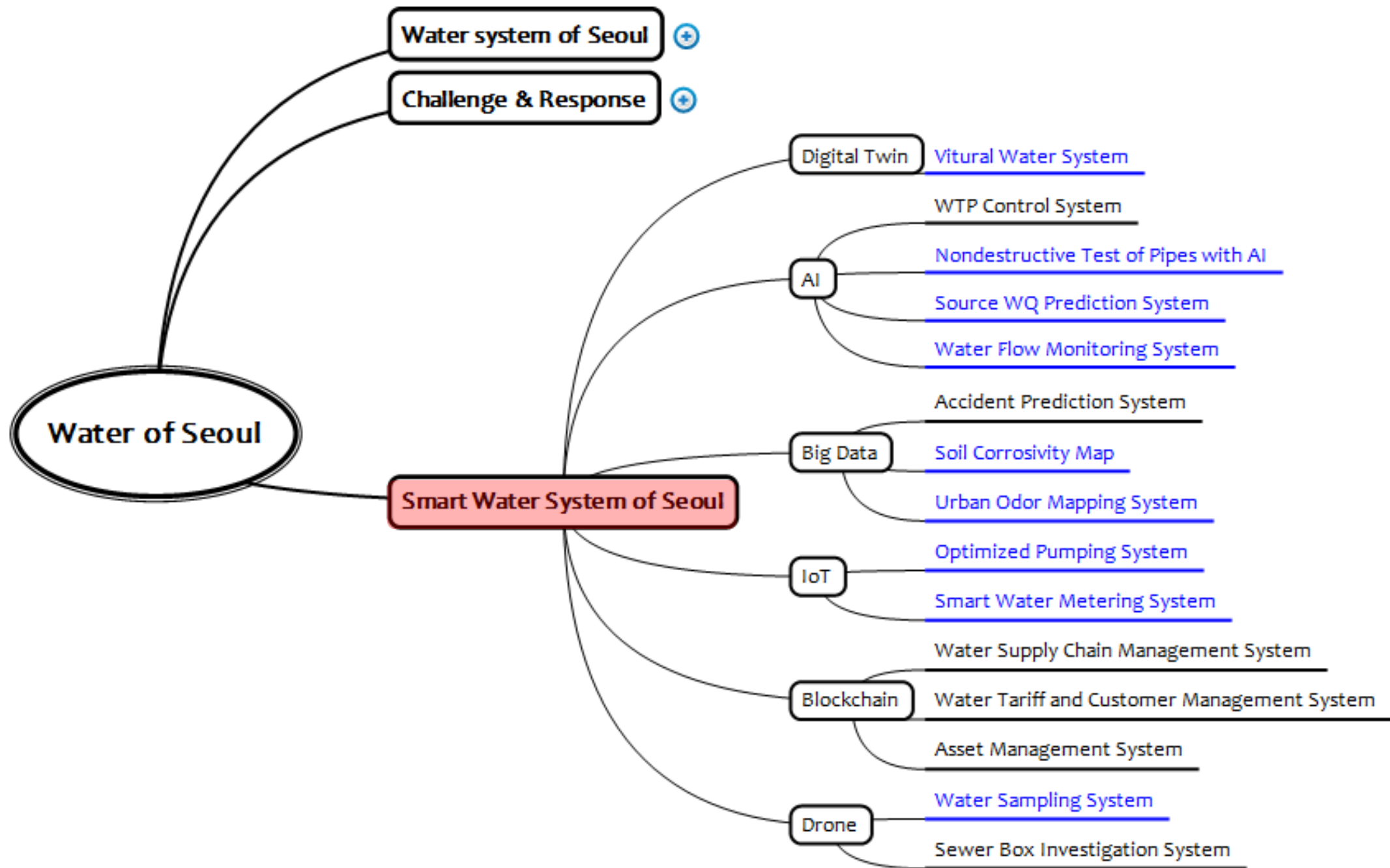
- International Cooperation
  - Multilateral Development Banks: World Bank, ADB, AIIB
  - UN, ICLEI, CityNet, WeGo
- Joint Projects
  - KWR (Netherlands), UNAM (Mexico), U of Delaware (USA), Orange County Water District (USA), Tokyo (Japan)
- Knowledge Sharing Programs
  - SMG, SWA, the central and local governments of Korea, UOS, HRDC of Seoul, other countries and cities
- “Working with Startups” Program
  - Technical consulting
  - Joint feasibility study at the ‘Living Lab’ of Seoul

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# R&D for Smart Water System

## The 4<sup>th</sup> IR Technologies

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Digital Twin  
AI  
Big Data  
IoT  
Blockchain  
Drone

- Digital Twin
  - Virtual WTP and drinking water supply system

- Artificial Intelligence
  - WTP control system
  - Nondestructive test of pipes with AI
  - Source water quality prediction system
  - Water flow monitoring system

Joint project with the innovative startup's competition by Kwater and Seoul Water Institute

- Big Data
  - Accident prediction system
  - Soil corrosivity map of Seoul
  - Urban odor mapping system

- IoT
  - Optimized pumping system
  - Smart water metering system

# R&D for Smart Water System

## The 4<sup>th</sup> IR Technologies

Digital Twin  
AI  
Big Data  
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Blockchain  
Drone

### Blockchain

NAUM (National Autonomous University of Mexico), University of Delaware

- Water supply chain management
- Water tariff and customer management system
- Asset management system

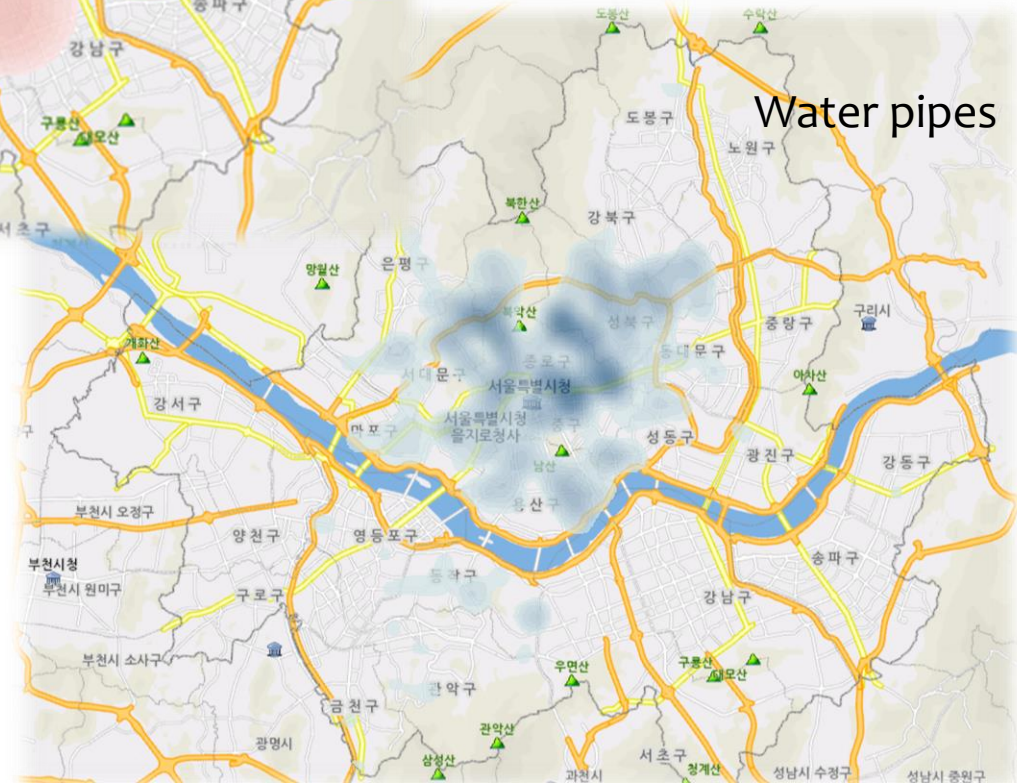
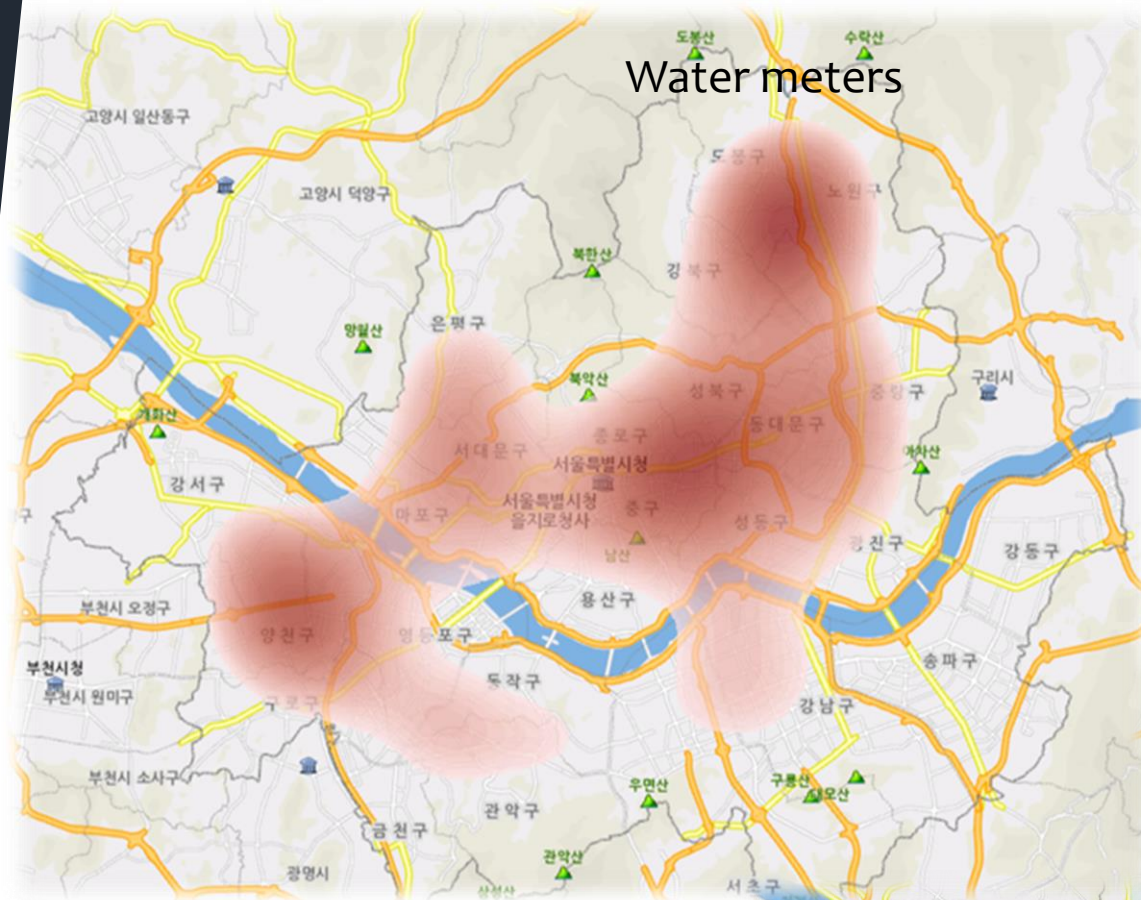
### Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone)

- Water sampling system [Project: Innovation with startup's]
- Sewer box investigation system

# Accident Prediction System

Freezing water meter

The air temperature of Seoul in winter time goes down to -20 degrees Celsius.

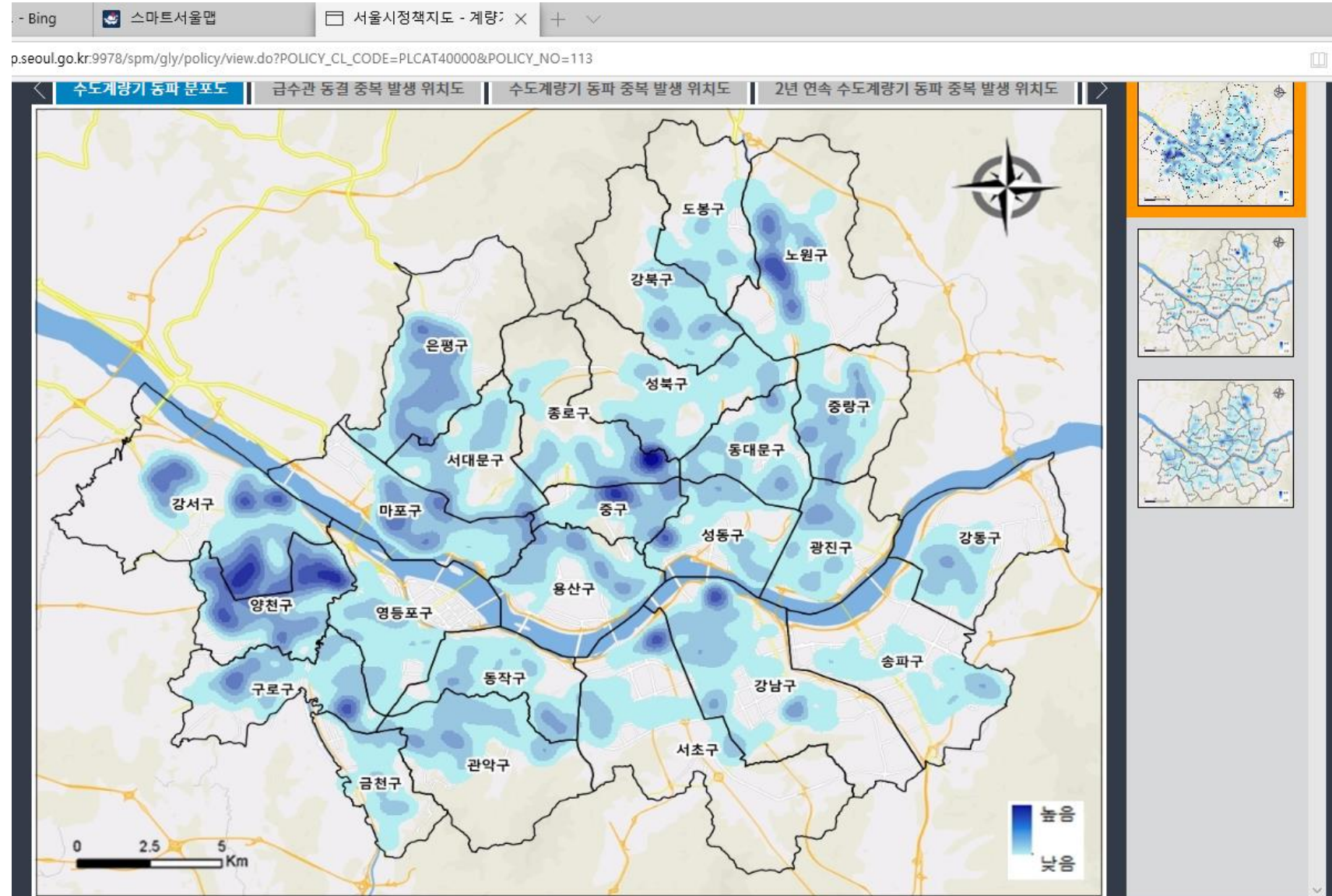


# Smart Seoul Map : Water meter free from freezing

Mapping system based  
on Big Data

The purpose of the  
mapping system is to  
predict accidents

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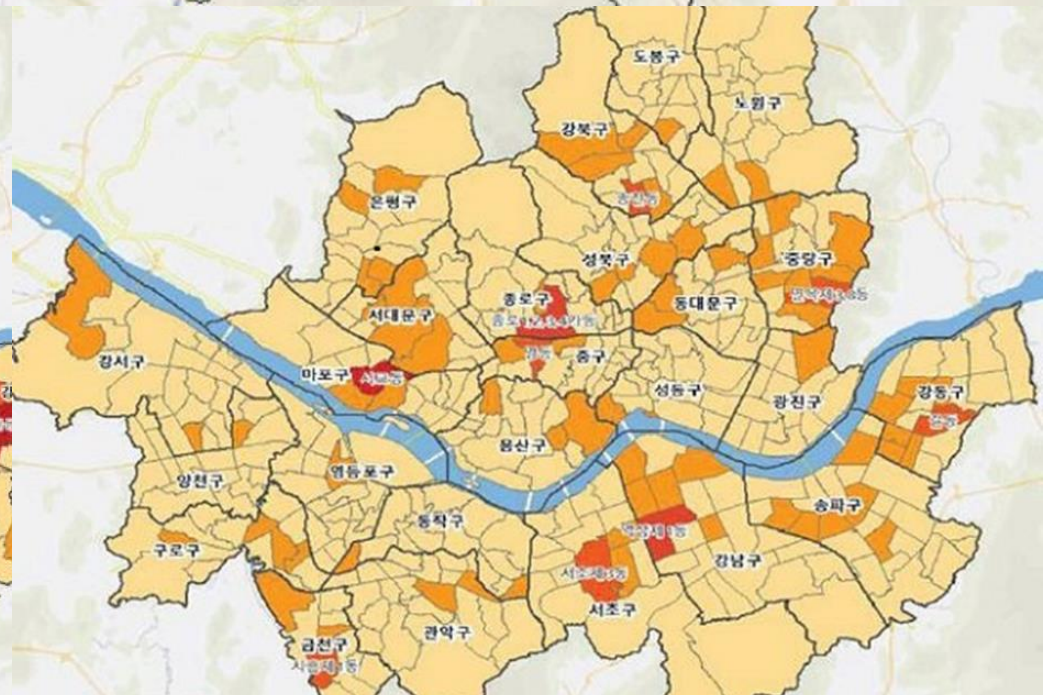
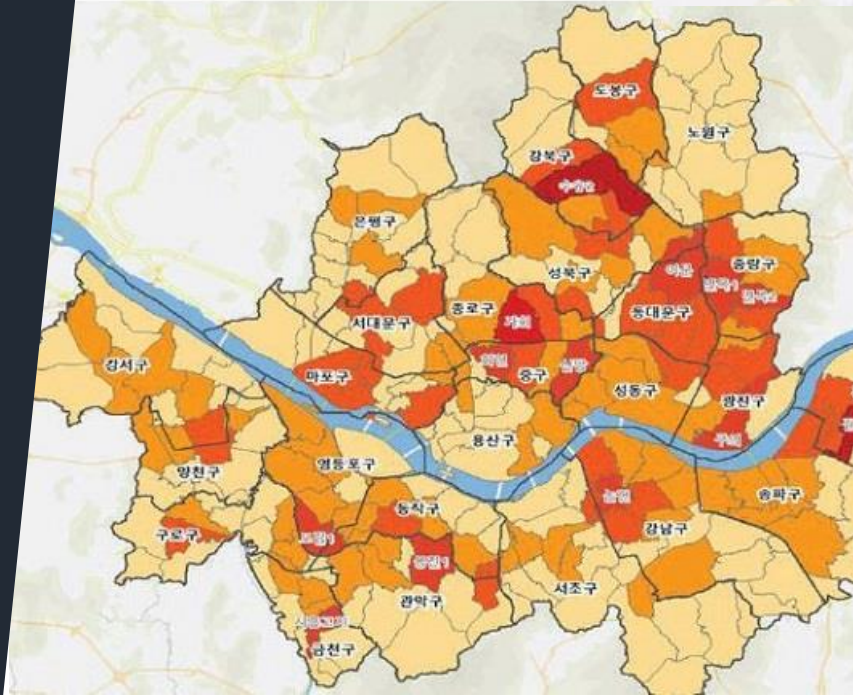
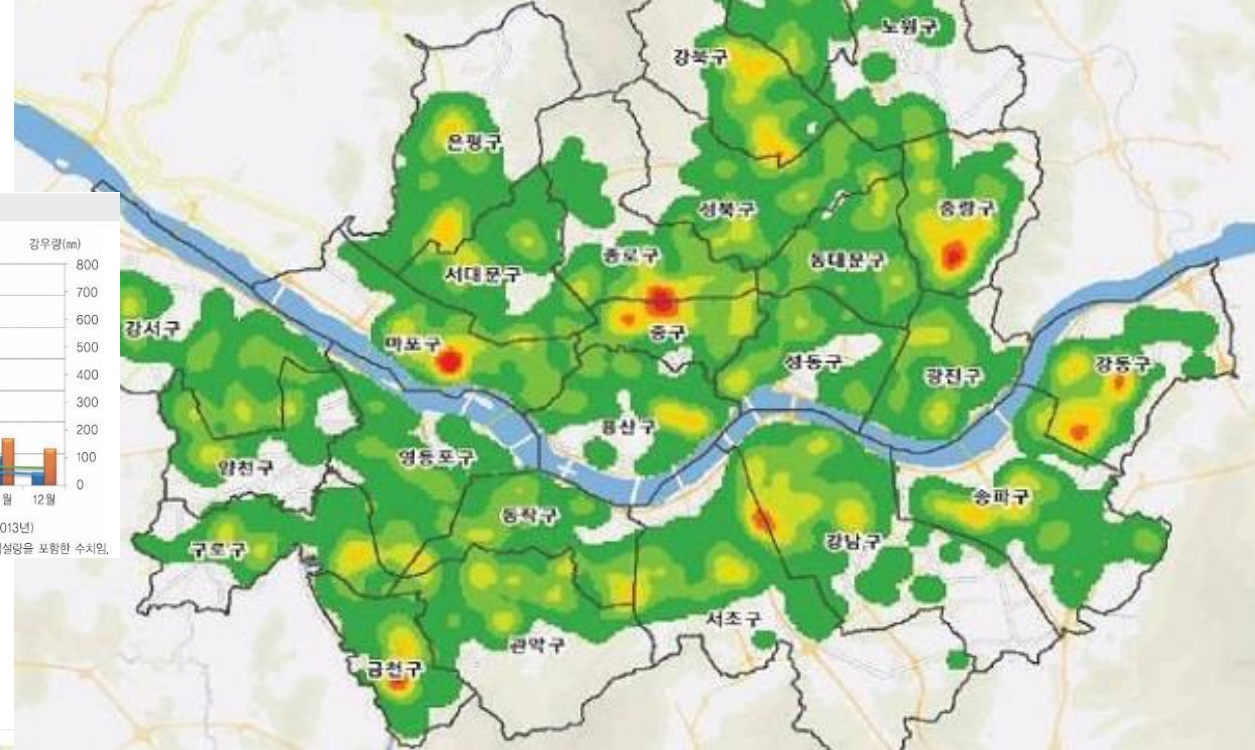


# Urban Odor Mapping System

Urban odor control

The city can decide which area has the priority in investment and management for urban odor control

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# Pump Optimization System

Efficient pump operation

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95% of the total energy for  
the water system of Seoul  
is for pumping

## Pump Optimization System

based on IoT technology

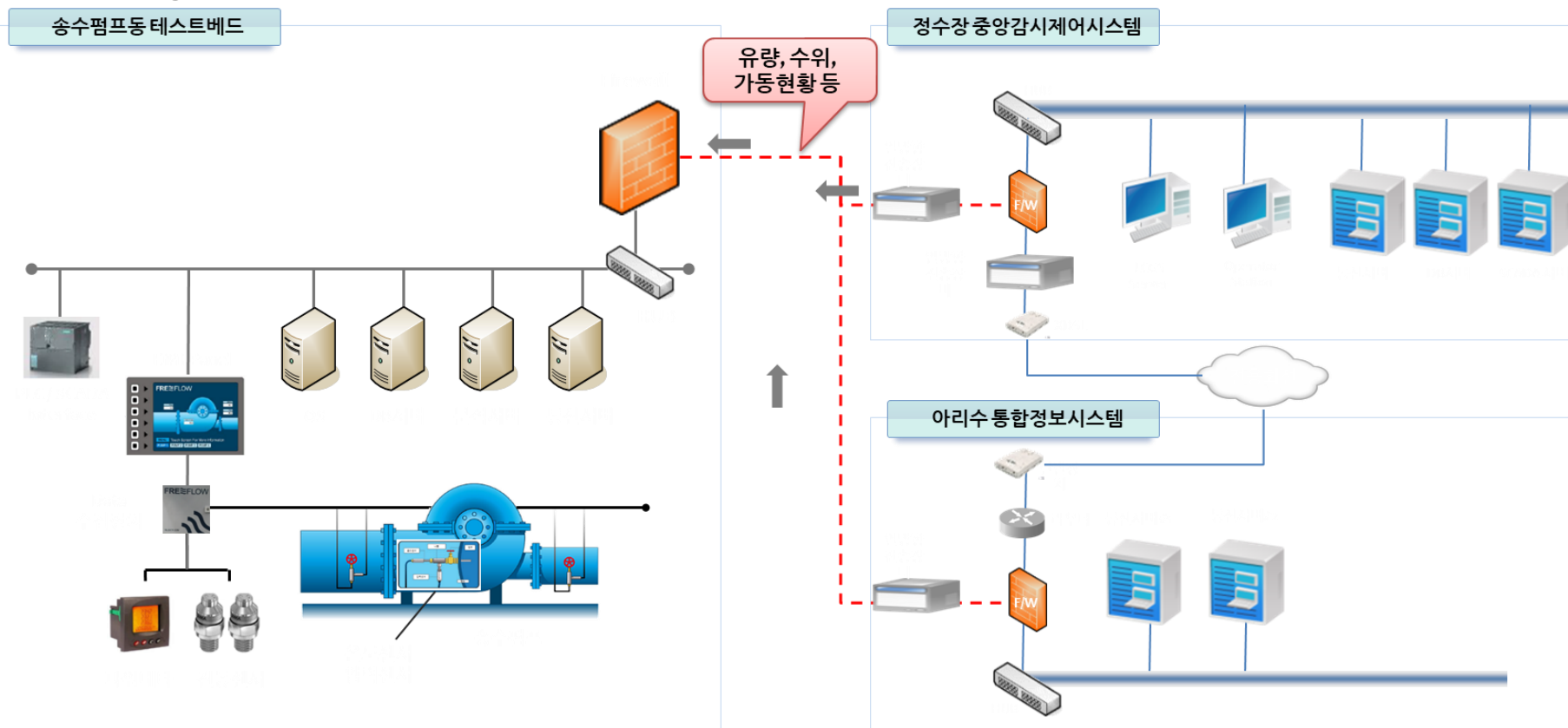
# IoT and Pump Efficiency Improvement

IoT, Big Data, AI

According to the calculation, about 5% of the total energy for pumping system can be saved with the IoT based optimized pumping system

# Pump Optimization System based on IoT technology

Test bed for the Pumping System

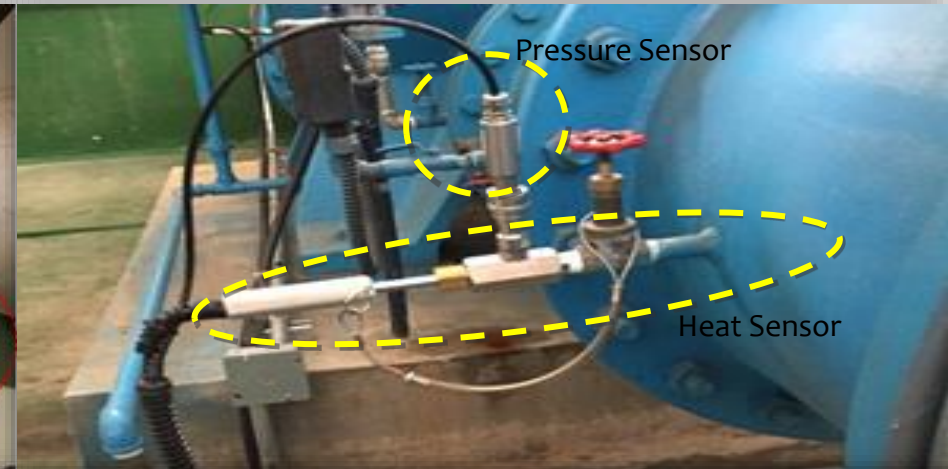


# IoT and Pump Efficiency Improvement

## Sensor network

Temperature  
Pressure  
Vibration

## Temperature and Pressure Sensors



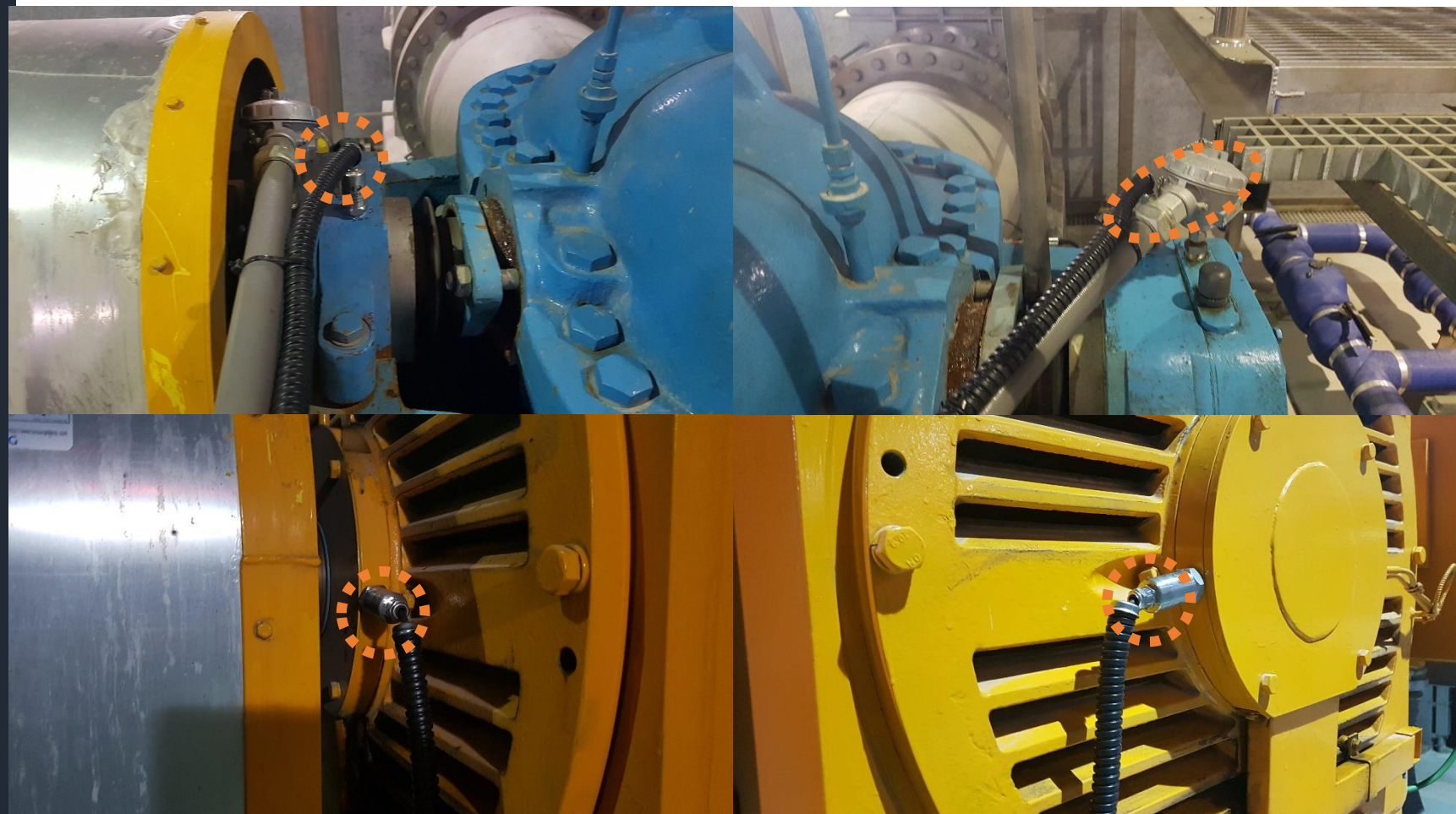
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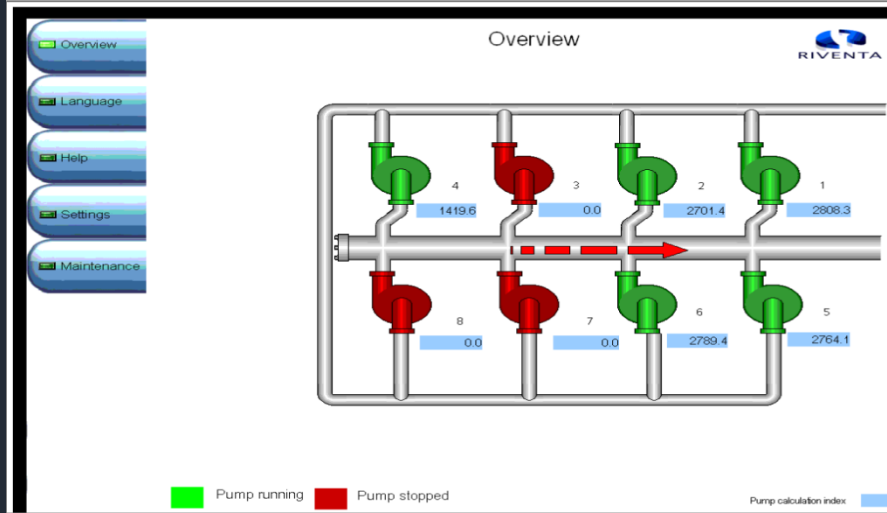
## Motion (Vibration) Sensor



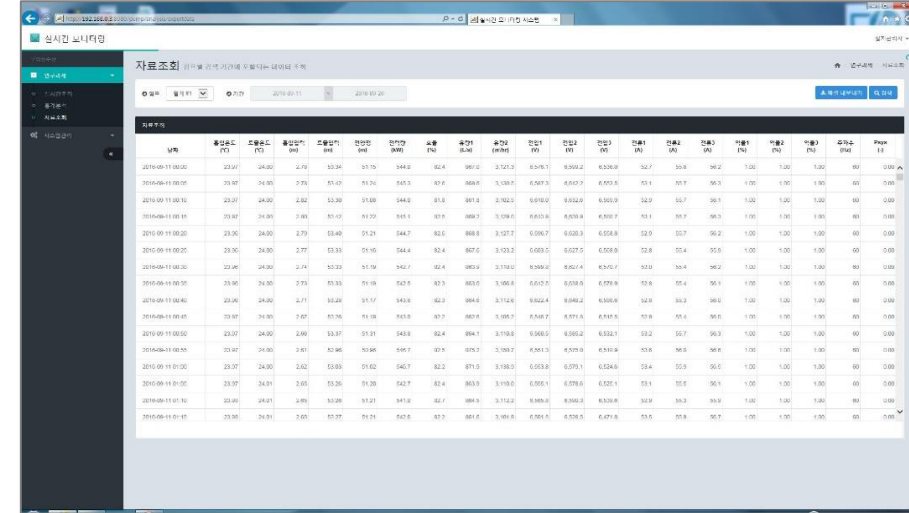
# IoT and Pump Efficiency Improvement

## Analytic System

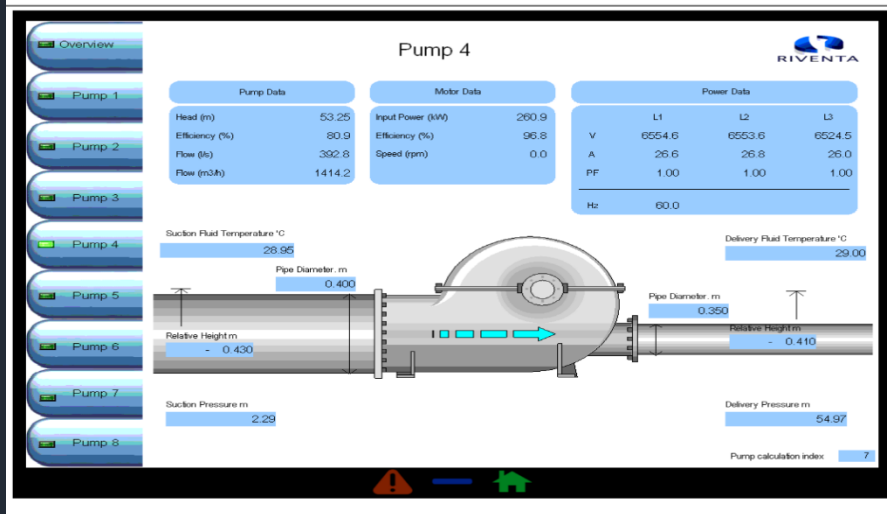
Water level at reservoir  
Combination of pumps



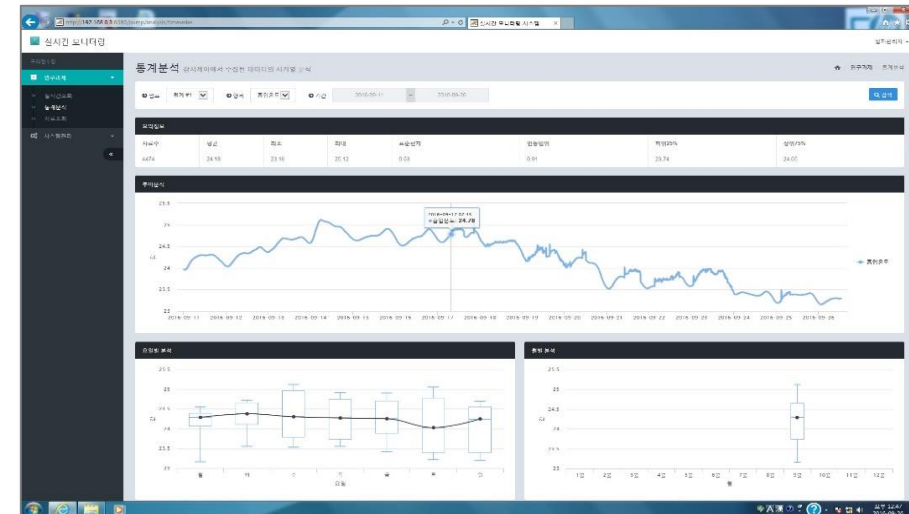
Pumps in Operation



Real-time Data Monitoring

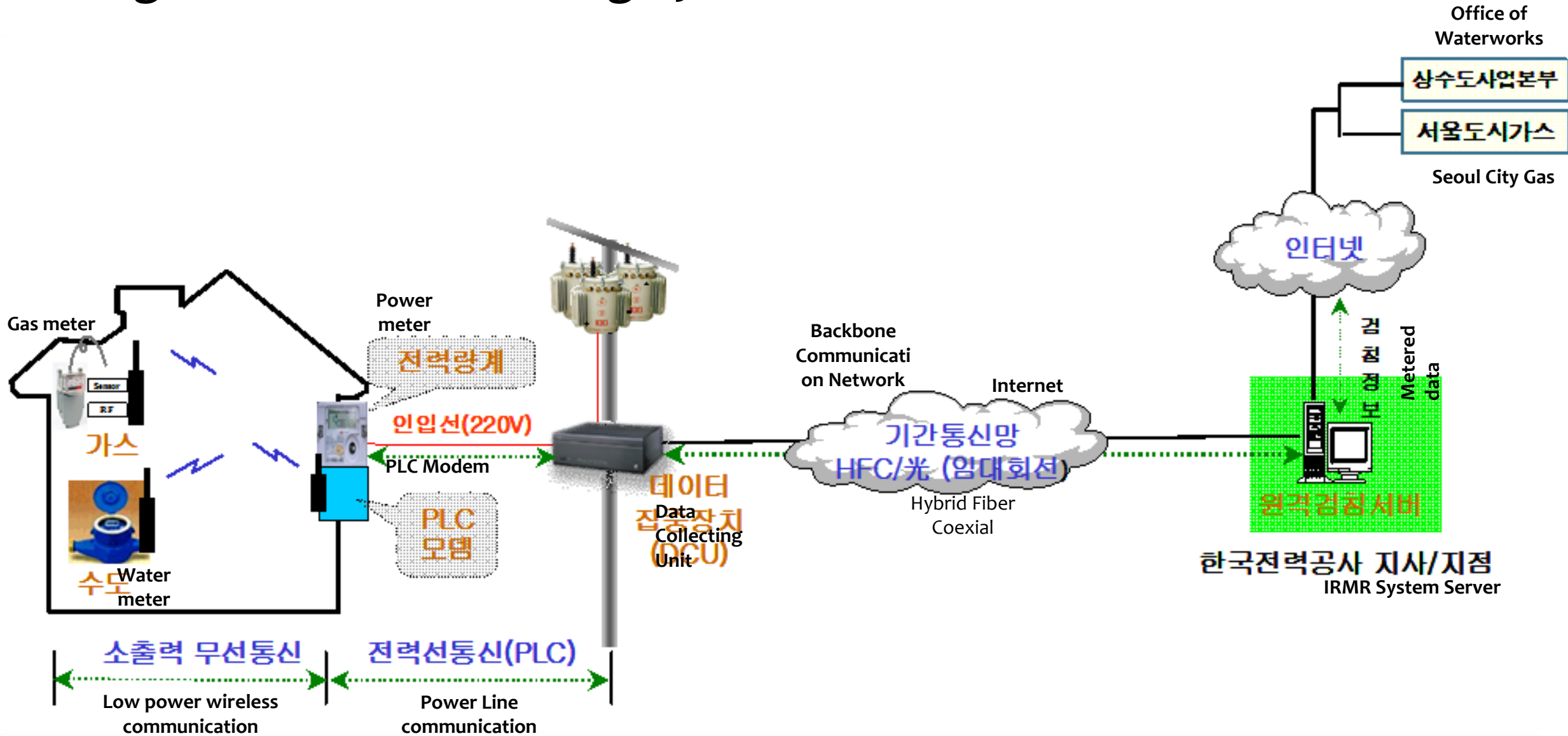


Pump and Sensor Monitoring



Statistics and Analytics

# Integrated Smart Metering System



# IoT based Smart Metering System



## The National R&D Project

Dec. 2017~ Feb. 2019

120 Water posts

A mid-size block

## The Model Project

Jan. 2018~Dec. 2018

1,900 Water posts (15~150 mm)

Metering and communication performance

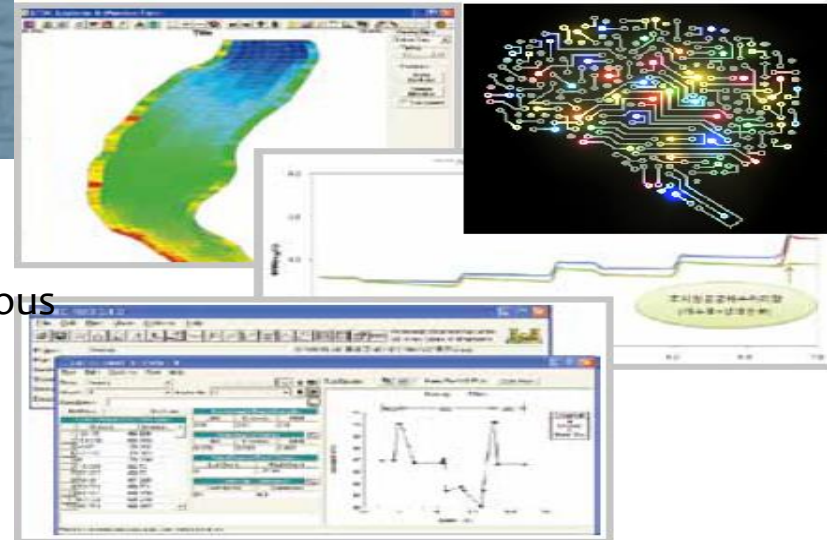
Water consumption pattern



# WQ Monitoring with UAV

## Sampling & Monitoring

UAV (Drone)  
Analytic Disk Technology  
AI based WQ prediction system



- WQ Monitoring using Drons
  - WQ monitoring where access is dangerous
  - Algae monitoring
  - Accident monitoring
- WQ Prediction System
  - Ultra High Frequency Wave
  - Systematic analysis on WQ Big Data and environmental information
  - Prediction and correspondence on/to WQ change

# Virtual Water System

Digital Twin technology

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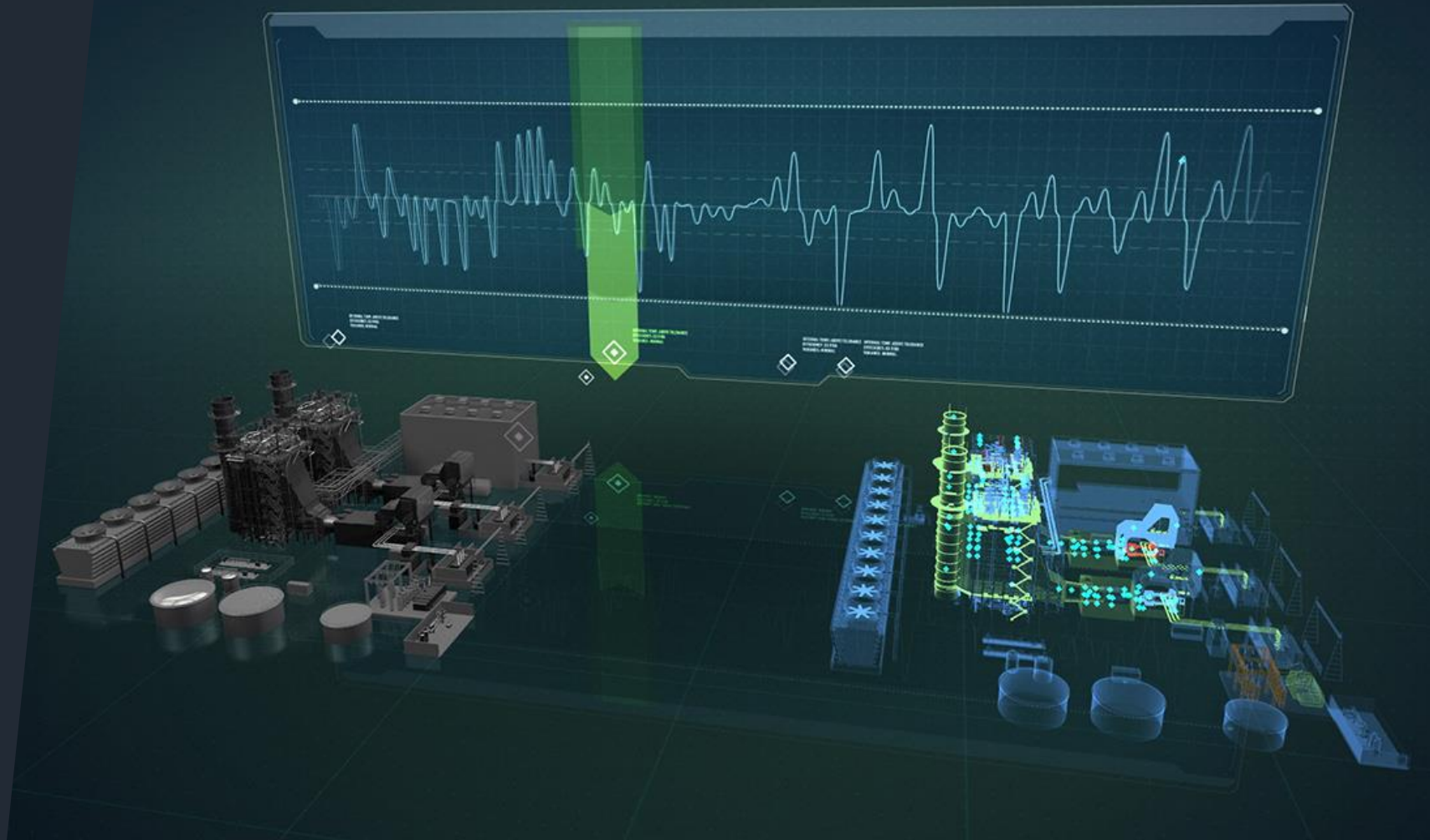


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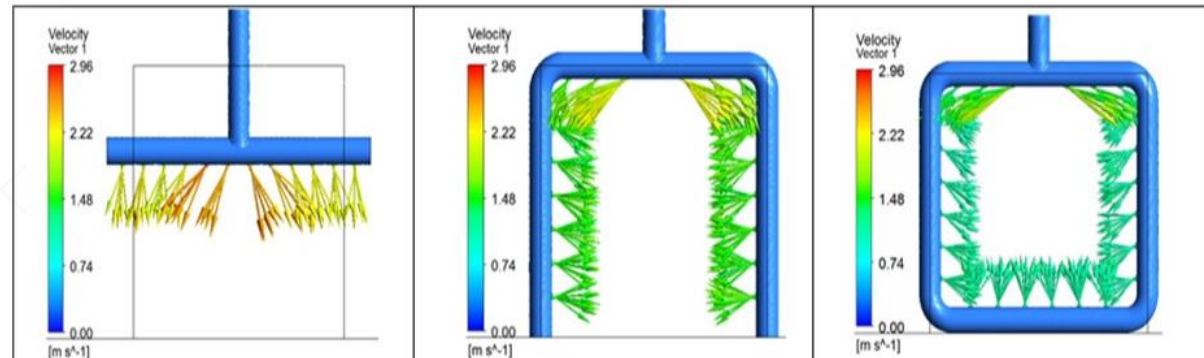
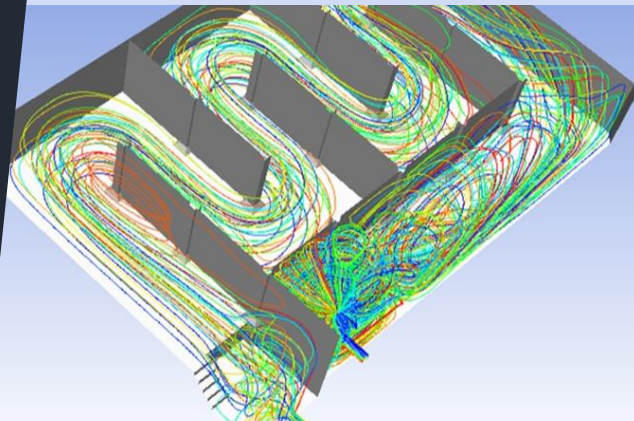
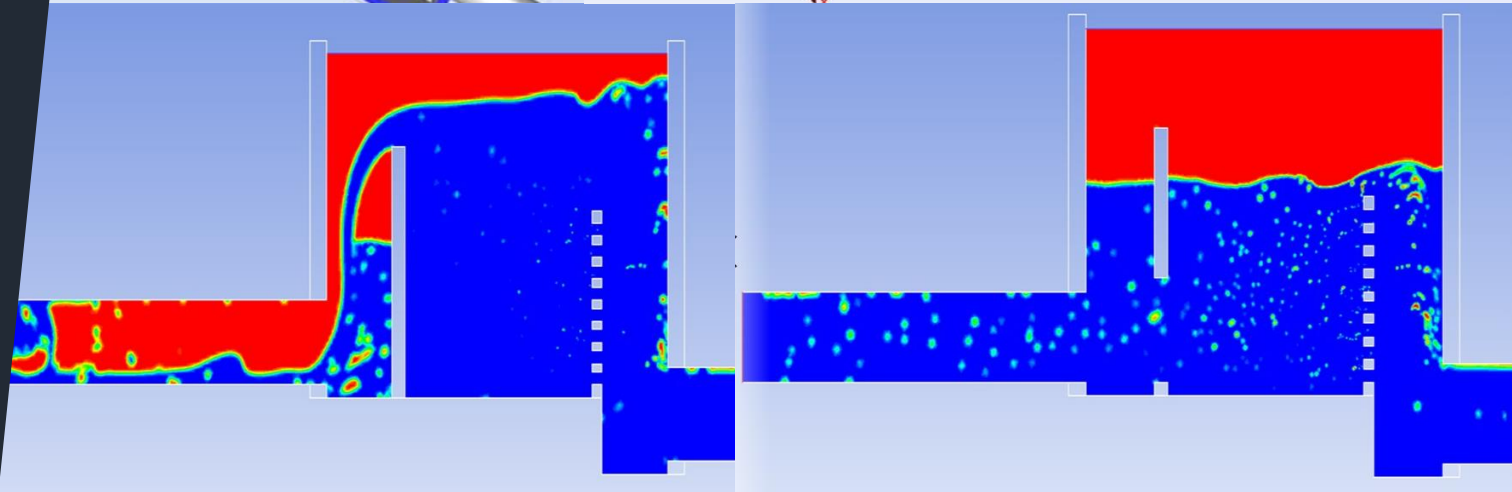
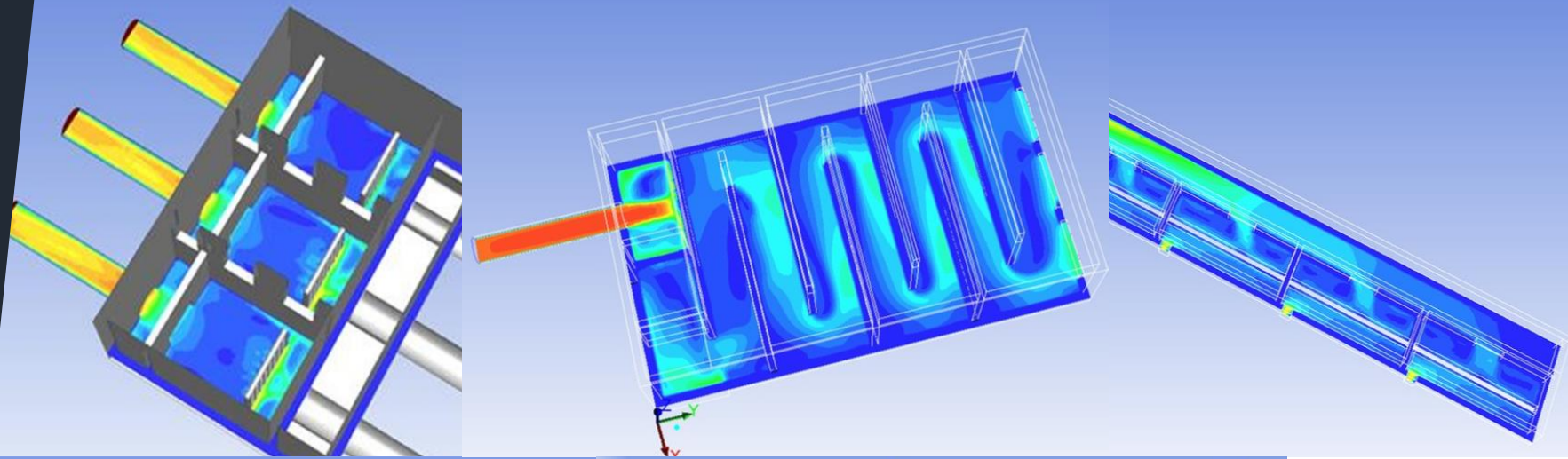


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# Virtual Water System

Digital Twin technology

3-D Digitizing  
Process modeling  
Sensors connecting w/ IoT  
Big data analytics w/ AI



# Conclusion

## Why Smart?

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'Smart' is not ICT.  
ICT is just a tool for the  
'Smart' system,

### Smart Why

- Aging society, Aging infrastructure
- Efficient system, Improvement of serviceability
- Climate change, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

### Smart How

- Civil demand
- Finance restriction

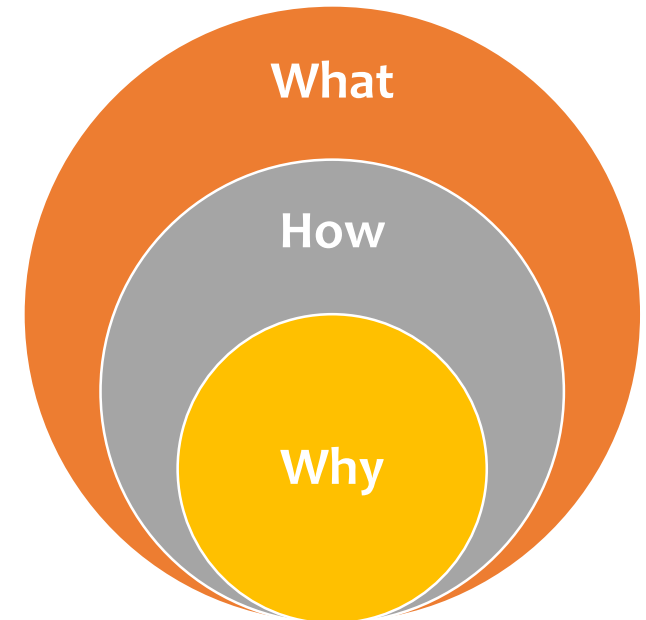
### Smart What

- Protocol and regulation
- Culture

*ICT is just a tool for the smart system*

### Participatory Capacity

- Civil governance
- Public-private partnership
- International cooperation



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