

Improving the energy efficiency of geothermal energy utilisation by adjusting the user characteristic

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What is user characteristic?

A heating system is characterised by technical requirements:

- **supply temperature,**
- return temperature
- the required flow of water.

Heat demand and the temperature of the return water depend mainly on the efficiency of the heating systems and weather conditions, but also the characteristics of the user(s) and the technology used.

The selection of appropriate parameters and management of the system is referred to as the control of power delivery. Suitable equipment and software control the work of an energy source.

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P(\tau) = V(\tau) c \rho [t_{\text{sup}}(\tau) - t_{\text{ret}}(\tau)]
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Q[J] = \int_0^{1 \text{ yr}} P(\tau) d\tau
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Why and how geothermal differs from fossil fuels?

The **conventional source** specified installed power.

A decrease in the return temperature while keeping constant value of supply temperature results in a increase of power. If maximum power is already reached the supply temperature decrease.

Geothermal always gives a stable temperature t_{sup}, independently of the return temperature and the user characteristic.

You will not exceed the maximum power, you will always get constant water supply temperature \rightarrow for geothermal t_{sup} = const.

Obtained power depends on the return temperature – the lower value of t_{ret} the higher power P.

The lower return temperature t_{ret} , the lower geothermal water discharge V.

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Power or temperature supplementing

Peak heating source

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- The inability to reach the temperature required by the energy user (the installation that the user uses) results in the need to use additional, supporting heat sources (peaking sources).
- \blacksquare The peaking sources generate additional investment outlays and their use occurs when the supply temperature isn't high enough.

Simple facts

The Project background

- • **Geothermal energy is renewable – but it is not infinite nor free.** Overexploitation can deplete a reservoir while inefficient use of the water. The operation might be uneconomical.
- • Still, **40-60°C thermal fluids are being discarded without further use in many geothermal systems**, even new ones.

We have widely used technology allows use even 35°C for space heating.

Why we do not use it?

- **it is easier to control a DHS while it is overheated** (each user have high enough temperature),
- if an operator needs to **reduce the supply temperature users have to be ready**. An DHS is "as good as the worst user".
- • to get users ready **money have to be spent on extending the heating Surface or reduce power demand**. DH operators do not like to participate in it.
- • Both sides: **DH operator and a user should know how much it cost** and **what kind of results are expected** (economic, ecological, energy-saving effect).

What we are going to do?

We are going to answer the question: If retrofitting activities are profitable? Who should pay for them?

Model database (WP 4)

Description of:

1. current state of a system (numerical model calibration), unitary price of primary energy carriers

2**. possible undertakings on a side of: energy users, district heating system, energy source**.

Information about available technology, which allows:

- changing characteristic of energy users,
- improve a district heating grid,
- **namble 12 and readinglery** source.

ambient air temperature, wind speed,

relevant humidity,

Local weather conditions

solar radiation

Mathematical Modelling (WP5)

- users demand (characteristic vs weather conditions).
- district heating (heat and pressure losses, characteristic, power controlling),
- the energy source (technology, efficiency, power controlling),
- primary energy carriers.

Results

- Primary energy carriers consumption,
- Power vs time for all sources used,
- Energy production by each source,
- Pollutants emission,
- Cost of energy production,
- Estimated financial expenditures for assumed retrofitting and modernisation,
- CAPEX, OPEX estimation,
- Results interpretation.

Methodology description

- The aim of the work is to develop and test on selected locations the methodology of mathematical modelling to improve the efficiency of geothermal energy use in district heating network s. The scope of modelling is to cover all elements of the system that are important for assessing the efficiency of geothermal energy use, from the energy source to the recipient:
- o energy source module. The energy source model will be focused on the use of geothermal energy, also taking into account the most commonly used peak support sources (heat pumps and peak load boilers),
- o distribution system module. It will take into account heat energy losses in the transmission, depending on the construction of the pipeline and the conditions of its laying,
- o energy user module, defining its characteristics in terms of parameters necessary to describe the cooperation of the energy consumer - heating network system,
- \blacksquare all modules will take into account the time variability of parameters relevant to the energy operation of the system. With particular emphasis on energy demand for heating and hot water preparation. For the description of weather conditions changing over time, it is planned to use meteorological data from the so-called typical meteorological year (TMY), with a resolution of one hour, taking into account the specific location of the installation,
- a model with lumped parameters will be used to model the effects of the work of the source-user system.

A certain logical sequence of actions was maintained, aiming at a quantitative description of the operating conditions of selected geothermal systems: from the **development of a conceptual model** of the system, through the **development of its mathematical model**, including its **calibration and testing**, to the possibility of **testing the effects of implementing modernization projects**.

(1) conceptual model of the system -► (2) mathematical model -► (3) calibration, testing -► (4) forecasting changesnd dh

Weather conditions

Based on the ..Photovoltaic Geoghraphical Information System" https://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvg_tools/en/tools.html#TMY

- г Typical Meteorological Year (TMY) data,
- This option allows the user to download a data set containing a Typical Meteorological Year (TMY) of data. The data set contains hourly \blacksquare data of the following variables: Legal notice (Cookies (Contact I) English (en)
- \mathbf{r} Date and time,
- \blacksquare Global horizontal irradiance,
- \blacksquare Direct normal irradiance,
- \blacksquare Diffuse horizontal irradiance,
- л Air pressure,
- ▉ Dry bulb temperature (2m temperature),
- л Wind speed,
- \blacksquare Wind direction (degrees clockwise from north),
- \blacksquare Relative humidity,
- ▉ Long-wave downwelling infrared radiation,

The data set has been produced by choosing for each month the most "typical" month out of 10 years of data. The variables used to select the typical month are global horizontal irradiance, air temperature, and relative humidity.

Weather conditions

Based on the "Photovoltaic Geoghraphical Information System" https://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvg_tools/en/tools.html#TMY

- ambient air sorted ascending, wind speed sorted descending $\mathbf{3}$ Kraków wind speed, Kraków 29. Reykjavik wind speed, Reykjavik 27.2 --- ambient air temperature, Kraków 24.3 ... ambient air temperature, Revijavik 30 22.4 20 17.6 ambient air temperature [°C] 15.2 12.3 wind speed [m/s] -12 10.4 Ω **Augustine** $-6.$ -8.3 -10 -11.2 -13.6 -16 30.4 60.8 91.3 121.7 152.1 182.5 212.9 243.3 273.8 304.2 334.6 365 0 ّ 20 $\overline{0}$ 30.4 60.8 91.3 121.7 152.1 182.5 212.9 243.3 273.8 304.2 334.6 365 time during a year [days] time during the TMY [days] $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{H}}$ of \mathbb{R}
- Comparison of ambient air temperature and wind speed in Kraków and Reykjavik (based on the TMY)

Heat source - U4GE calculator

Assumed share of heat losses at the state before retrofitting - U4GE calculator

(can be freely changed by a user, typical values are fixed)

Assumed, average heat losses by buildings and a district heating line:

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Example of U4GE calculator, estimation of retrofitting activities financial expenditures

The case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

External walls Euro = $4,7$ zł $z \lambda := 1$ $U2 := \frac{1}{\frac{1}{UI} + \frac{1}{Uiz} \sigma} = 0$, 1875 $\frac{W}{m^2 K}$ financial expenditures
(https://allegro.pl/oferta/styropian-arsanit-fasadowy-classic-045-15-cm-13214113865) Typical values of heat exchange coefficient by: external walls, roof, floor on ground and windows (based on Polish standards) v ---- assembling / cost of works MAX WARTOŚĆ WSPÓŁCZYNNIKA PRZENIKANIA CIEPŁA U IW/m²k **NORMA** $\textit{WallExp} := \left(250 + 31\right) \, \frac{\textit{z1}}{2} = 281 \, \frac{\textit{z1}}{2}$ **DLA SCIAN DLA EWNETRZNYC STROPODACH ODDAS** $0,87$ $PN-57$ $1,16$ $1,16$ $0,87$ $1,05$ ^ ---- cost of styrofoam **PN-64** 1,16 \sim $PN-74$ 0.70 0.94 $1,16$ $\overline{}$ **PN-82** $0,75$ 0.45 $0,40$ $2,0-2,6$ $PI := UI \cdot \Delta t = 20 \frac{W}{2}$ $0,55-0,70$ $2,0-2,6$ **PN-91** $0,30$ $0,30$ Do 2008 $0,30-0,50$ $0,30$ $0,30$ $2,0-2,6$ *dla różnych stref klimatycznych $P2 := U2 \cdot \Delta t = 7, 5 \frac{W}{m^2}$ $\Delta P := P1 - P2 = 12, 5 \frac{W}{m^2}$ Do 2017 0.25 $0,2$ 0.25 $1,3$ Od 2017 $0,23$ $0,18$ $0,25$ $1,1$ Od 2021 $0,20$ $0,15$ $0,25$ $0,9$ $RA_{Wall} := \frac{WallExp}{AP} = 22480 \frac{z\lambda}{kW}$ $R A_{\text{Wall}} = 4782,98 \frac{\text{Euro}}{\text{kW}}$ $\Delta t := (20 - (-20))$ K 4-3th climatic zone PN-EN-12831 $U1 := 0, 5 - \frac{W}{2}$ Expenditures related to the reduction of 1 kW of power losses by external walls $~1800~\text{E/kW}$ $Uizo := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{15}{\frac{Cm}{mK}}}} = 0.3 \frac{W}{m^2 K}$ ◀- insulation by styrofoam 15 cm thick na dha

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Roof thermal insulation

Typical values of heat exchange coefficient by: external walls, roof, floor on ground and windows (based on Polish standards)

Expenditures related to the reduction of 1 kW of power losses by a roof ~6 400 €/kW

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

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Windows and external doors

Windows

https://e-alucon.pl/OKNO-PCV-150-x-150-1500-x-1500-RU-R-BIALE-p22065/?ref=ceneo.pl&utm_source=ceneo&utm_medium=referral&ceneo_cid=376d12a6-bff3-fe32-076f-2fee90fcff96

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Ventilation including recuperation

Ventilation

https://www.rekuperatory.pl/koszt-rekuperacji/

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RA_{Went} := \underbrace{\overbrace{25 \cdot 10 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot k \cdot 12 \cdot k \cdot 10}}_{0,55 \cdot 12 \cdot k \cdot W} = 3787,8788 \cdot \frac{z \cdot k}{kW}
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^- heat recovery efficiency assumed 55%

Expenditures related to the reduction of 1 kW of power losses by ventilation including recuperation \sim 900 €/kW

Tabela 2

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Transmission heat losses by a district heating

Jednostkowe straty cieplne rurociagu preizolowanego [W/m]

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q := 19 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}}
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Expenditures related to the reduction of 1 kW of power losses by pipes system (DH) ~44 000 €/kW

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v = 2 \times \text{DN125 + installation (work) expenditures equal to 1 m of a pipe}
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RA_{dh} := \frac{653 \frac{\text{z} \cdot \text{N}}{\text{m}} \cdot 3}{1,5 \cdot q - q} = 2,0621 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{z} \cdot \text{N}}{\text{kw}}
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RA_{dh} = 43874,5801 \frac{\text{Euro}}{\text{kw}}
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A. The assumption was that heat losses by 1 m of a pipe were 50% higher before retrofitting.

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Plate heat exchangers – expenditures vs. temperature difference

Expenditures related to the installation of 1 kW of power vs temperature difference ~10 €/kW (∆t=21.6°C) ÷ 6.5 €/kW (∆t=59.4°C)

https://allegro.pl/oferta/secespol-wymiennik-ciepla-lb31-60-60-plyt-65kw-1334947

SECESPOL wymiennik ciepła LB31-60 - 60-65kW 0203-0066 SECESPOL = HEXONIC

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The flow is directed into every other channel created by the heating panels.

LB31-60-1", 80/60-50/70°C - 65 kW, connections diameter GZ 1"

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Radiators – expenditures vs. temperature difference

Based on $PIIRMO$ – the radiator manufacturer

Moce cieplne grzejników płytowych zostały określone zgodnie z PN-EN 442 na podstawie pomiarów w laboratorium. Jako parametrų odniesienia zostałų przyjęte temperaturų 75/65/20 °C.

Moc cieplną grzejników dla innych parametrów można obliczyć z podanego poniżej wzoru:

- φ moc cieplna grzejnika [W]
φ_n moc cieplna grzejnika określona na podstawie
- pomiarów zgodnie z PN-EN 442 [W]
- Δt arytmetyczna lub logarytmiczna różnica temperatur [K]
- Δt_ arytmetyczna różnica temperatur 50 [K] obliczona dla temperatur odniesienia 75/65/20 °C
- n wykładnik potęgowy charakterystyczny dla danego typu grzejnika

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grzejniki płytowe

Wskazówka

a jeśli jest on nie spełniony to Δt należy obliczać według wzoru: $\Delta t_{\text{arymetyzna}} = \frac{t_z + t_p}{2} - t_i$

Expenditures related to the installation of 1 kW of power vs temperature difference ~5 200 €/kW (∆t=10°C) ÷ 156 €/kW (∆t=68°C)

Estimation of retrofitting financial expenditures – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Summary – retrofitting expenditures

Estimation of Energy carriers – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Energy carriers

Important information:

All prices for retrofitting activities are given as gross. They increase expenses by the value of VAT (in Poland 23%). This way, unexpected - additional costs were taken into account.

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Estimation of energy carriers – in the case of Poland. Each country must be estimated separately.

Energy carriers

Definition of a heating season (general suggestion for all locations – might be changed):

 \square The heating season begins if the average daily air temperature is 10°C or below for 3 days.

 \square The heating season ends if, for 3 consecutive days, the average daily temperature is higher than 10°C.

Water temperature at the wellhead ~68-70°C. The flow rate of geothermal fluid 190 m³/h.

Design temperature of the district heating network 75/50°C, power demand (declared) ~9 MW (2017). Energy demand 63 TJ/yr (~700 GJ/yr oil boilers).

In 2022 the system was extended on \sim 7 MW, geothermal swiming pools + SPA.

User charcteristic 1 / 2 – before expansion

User charcteristic 2/2 – before expansion. Real power demand estimation on ~8 MW

User charcteristic 2/2 – before and after expansion

Power demand BEFORE ~8 MW ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ AFTER increase ~15 MW & increase of outflow of geothermal water from 200 to 250- ^m 3/h

Before expansion and all and After expansion

Increase of power and energy demand

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Increase of heating oil consumption

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Poddebice Let's try encourage users to reduce power demand by retrofitting activities

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- 4- (A) Reduction of heat losses by EXTERNAL WALLS on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (B) Reduction of heat losses by ROOFS on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (C) Reduction of heat losses by FLOOR on the ground on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (D) Reduction of heat losses by WINDOWS and external doors on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (E) Reduction of heat losses by VENTILATION (including recuperation, regeneration etc.) on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (F) Reduction of heat losses by TRANSMIESSION LINES (DH) on [%] in accordance to current state
- ← (G) Extendents of HEAT EXCHANGE SURFACE on [%] accordance to current state

Poddębice

Let's try encourage users to reduce power demand by retrofitting activities

(E) Ventillation ~55% (B) Roof ~8% (A) walls~12% (D) Windows ~129 (F) Transmission lossess ~10%

BEFORE retrofitting
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Poddębice Let's try encourage users to reduce power demand by retrofitting activities

4- (H) Hot tap water - extendents of heat exchange surface on [%] accordance to current state

← (I) Reduction of hot tap water supply temperature to the statted here value [°C] (current value is the max)

BEFORE retrofitting
■ ● ● AFTER retrofitting

Let's look around - prices of natrural gas in Europe

Natural gas prices (including taxes) for household consumers, first half 2022

Prices of electricity in Europe

Electricity prices (including taxes) for household consumers, first half 2022

Kosovo (XK): This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Source: Eurostat (online data codes: nrg pc 204)

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CO₂ emission (based on Electricity Maps: https://app.electricitymaps.com/zone/PL?nobrowsercheck=1&wind=true)

 $Eco2PL := 706 \frac{g}{kWhh} = 196,1111 \frac{kg}{GJ}$ $Eco2SK := 88 \frac{g}{kWhh} = 24,4444 \frac{kg}{GJ}$ $Eco2HU := 176 \frac{g}{VWhh} = 48,8889 \frac{kg}{GJ}$

Emisja CO₂ (gCO₂eq/kWh) Niskoemisyjne Odnawialne

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Slovakia – Velky Meder today

Power ~2500 kW, 75/45°C V_{geo} 11,7 l/s = 42 m³/h, t_{geo} 96°C 42 $\frac{m}{hr}$ · 4, 19 $\frac{kJ}{LK}$ · (96 – 45) K = 2, 5 MW

Geothermal covers 100% of power demand, there is nothing to improve

Slovakia - Velky Meder today

Slovakia – Velky Meder - future

Power 7530 kW, 75/45°C V_{geo} 11,7 l/s = 42 m³/h, t_{geo} 96°C

The current design parameters of users are well fitted to the geothermal conditions. The required supply and return temperature is low compared to geothermal fluid temperature. That will be a challenge to improve something.

Slovakia - Velky Meder - future

Power~7500 kW 75/45°C V_{geo} 11,7 l/s = 42 m³/h, t_{geo} 96°C

Slovakia:

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- ► energy carrier prices based on Eurostat, modified,
- ► assumption that retrofitting activities are 20% more expensive than assumed in Poland

Slovakia – Velky Meder, implementation of selected retrofitting activities

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Slovakia – Velky Meder, implementation of the selected retrofitting activities

BEFORE AFTER

Slovakia - Velky Meder

Slovakia Velky Meder – let's make thermal modernization procedures more realistic – step 2

We just double the sizes of hot tap water heat exchangers and slightly reduce supply temperature

(H) Hot tap water - extendents of heat exchange surface on [%] accordance to current state

← (I) Reduction of hot tap water supply temperature to the statted here value [°C] (current value is the max)

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Velky Meder geothermal well,

Velky Meder geothermal water saturation

Therefore, test results may be unreliable.

Galanta FGG-2 geothermal well,

Galanta (FFG-2) geothermal water saturation $\overline{4}$ $\overline{3}$ supersaturation state ~40°C, silica $\overline{2}$ Saturation index [log SI] $\overline{1}$ equilibrium state Ω 74 $\overline{20}$ 10 \subset -1 undersaturation state -2 -3 -4 -5 -6 Temperature [°C] -Anhydrite, CaSO4 - Calcite, CaCO3 -Aragonite, CaCO3 -Chalcedony, SiO2 - Chrysotile, Mg3Si2O5(OH)4 - Clinoenstatite, MgSiO3 Gypsum, CaSO4:2H2O -Hematite, Fe2O3 -Halite, NaCl \longrightarrow SiO2(a), SiO2 Dolomite, CaMg(CO3)2 Quartz, SiO2

High risk to precipitate iron minerals, such as hematite, pyrite, and magnetite in the whole temperature. Water cooling down $~10^{\circ}$ C, because of the possibility of silica scaling. We should use inhibitors.

 $SI = 0$ water is saturated/equilibrium state related to minerals

SI>0 water is supersaturated related to minerals

SI< 0 water is undersaturated related to minerals

Note: the water sample was aerated, contain O2.Therefore, test results may be unreliable

Summary

The effects of retrofitting depends on:

- economic conditions (prices of energy carriers and thermal modernization treatments),
- atmospheric conditions (distribution and values of main parameters, including temperature),
- reservoir conditions (temperature, flow rate and composition of the geothermal fluid precipitation of solid particles and corrosion).

The selection of appropriate retrofitting treatments is an optimization issue that depends on many factors.

Retrofitting activities have a strong impact on energy generation costs. They usually lower them.

Savings resulting from lower energy generation costs can finance treatment activities.

It is necessary to convince the user of energy that he/she **has an impact on the costs of energy generation**. The use of appropriate financial stimulators (feed in tariffs) may encourage the users to changes.

Thank you

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