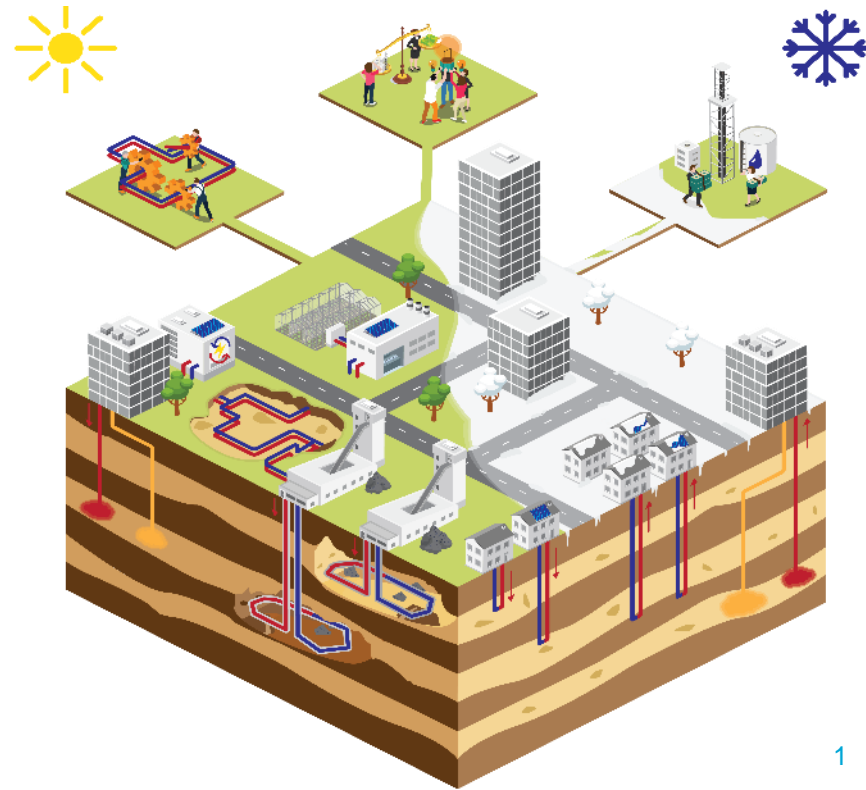


# PUSH-IT: Outlook on piloting underground seasonal heat storage in Delft (and many other places)

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# WHY do we need heat storage?

# Heat is challenging ..specially in the built environment

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## Minister De Jonge noemt dwang onvermijdelijk bij huizen van het gas halen

Dwang is uiteindelijk onvermijdelijk bij het van het gas afhalen van huizen. Dat heeft Hugo de Jonge donsdag gezegd in zijn nieuwe rol als minister van Ruimtelijke Ordening. De invasie van Oekraïne maakt de energietransitie volgens hem urgenter dan ooit.

Jurre van den Berg 10 maart 2022, 14:09



## Rijk moet gaan kiezen tussen warmtepompen of warmtenetten

Het Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving ziet een 'mismatch' in het warmtetransitiebeleid

Jürgen Takuma 09 november 2022



Twee warmtepompen bij een woning - Shutterstock

De Rijksoverheid staat in de warmtetransitie voor een tussenschied: blijft ze mikken op individuele huishoudens die met subsidie overgaan op warmtepompen, of gaat ze vooral inzetten op hele wijken die collectief op een warmtenet overstappen? Die keuze moet worden gemaakt, schrijven twee onderzoekers van het Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving in een nieuw rapport.

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## PBL: rijk traag in toepassen lessen uit Programma Aardgasvrije Wijken

Het omzetten van lessen uit het Programma Aardgasvrije Wijken in wijzigingen in het overheidsbeleid verloopt traag. Het programma is onvoldoende onafhankelijk van het rijk en legt daardoor te weinig gewicht in de schaal. Ook is een obstakel dat het nu eenmaal veel tijd en inzet vergt om gewenste wijzigingen door te voeren.

**A hot topic for deep research**

De rijksregering doet te weinig moeite om de lessen uit het Programma Aardgasvrije Wijken (PAW) te vertalen naar beleid. Het Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving naar lessen geleerd uit het Programma Aardgasvrije Wijken (PAW): *Tussen uitvoering en beleid in de warmtetransitie*. In de studie onderzoekt het PBL hoe binnen het programma op rijksniveau wordt omgegaan met de knelpunten waar gemeenten tegenaan lopen bij de uitvoering van het PAW. In dit programma werken gemeenten sinds 2018 aan het aardgasvrij maken van 27 wijken die zijn aangewezen als proeftuinen.

Terwijl onderzoekers het PBL in 2018 jaar versloeg en versloeg de overheid...  
PBL | Tussen Uitvoering en Beleid

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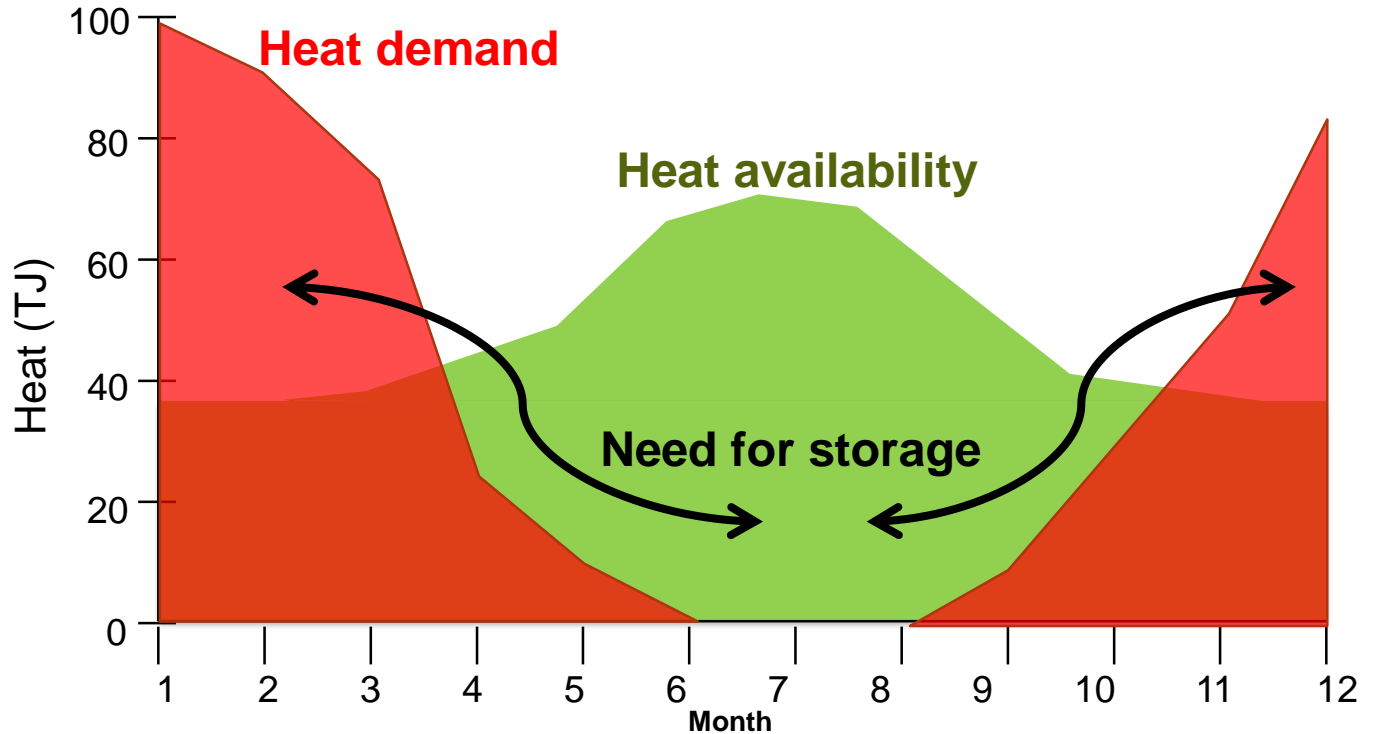
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# The need for heat storage



# HOW can we store heat?

# Options for heat storage

## SENSIBLE HEAT STORAGE

- Most widely used
- Most often water is used for energy storage



## PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL (PCM)

- Store latent heat via heat of fusion
- Heat of fusion is higher than heat capacity of material
- Eg: Paraffin, Nitrates etc.

## THERMOCHEMICAL MATERIAL (TCM)

- Reversible endo/exothermic chemical reaction
- Volumetric energy content higher than PCMs

Small scale and short cycle storage



- High volumetric storage
- High efficiency

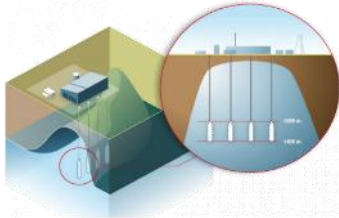


- Specific temp operation → Less flexible
- Expensive

# Large scale – seasonal heat storage ? →

## Sensible heat storage

### MINES/ CAVERNS

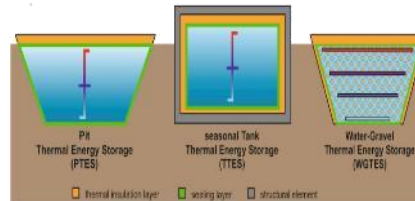


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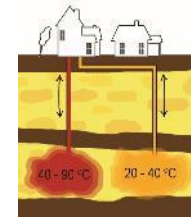


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- Losses can be high

### TANKS/PITS



### Underground



# Mijnwater Heerlen

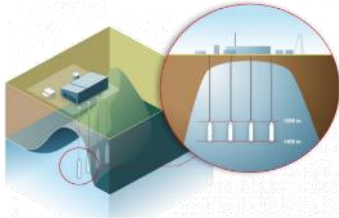




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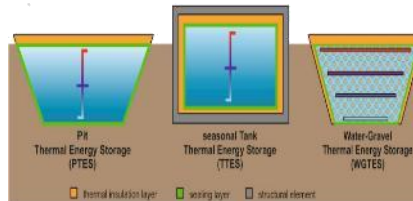


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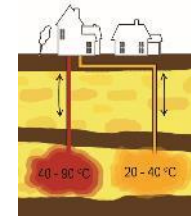


- Offers good insulation and flexibility



- Expensive & limited capacity
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# Tank at Diemen CHP

22,000 m<sup>3</sup> enough for a hot weekend in Amsterdam 🤔

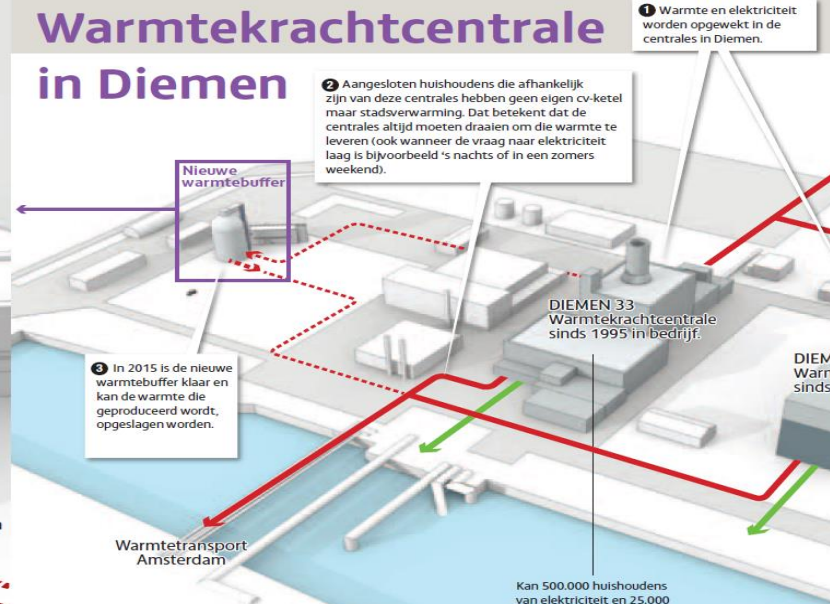
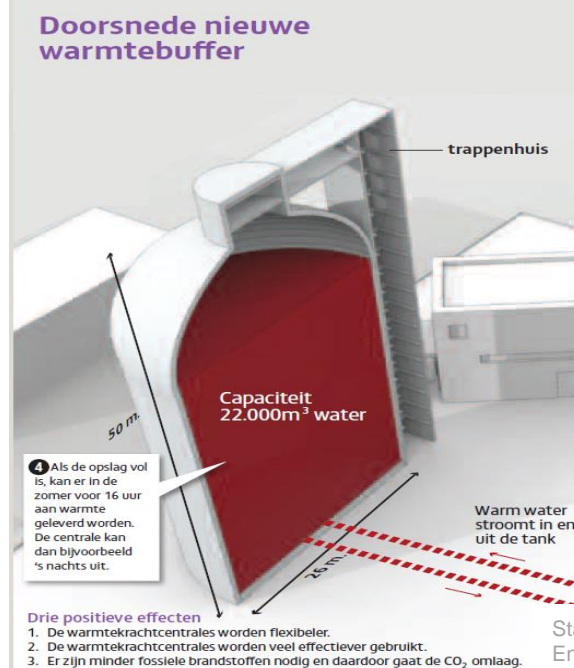


Water tank Diemen 22000m<sup>3</sup>

Radius = 26m

Height = 50 m

Source: Vattenfall.nl

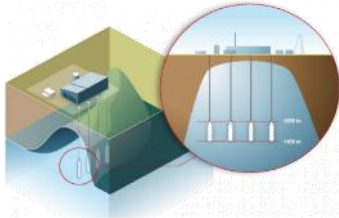


Stam, S., 2016. Enorme opslagtank geeft speelruimte in levering warmte, Energiegids.nl.

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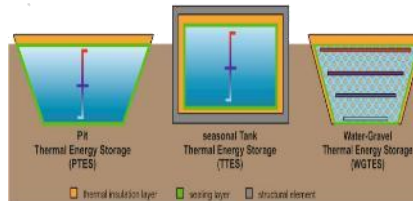


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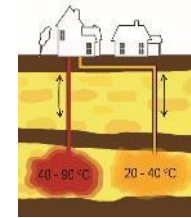


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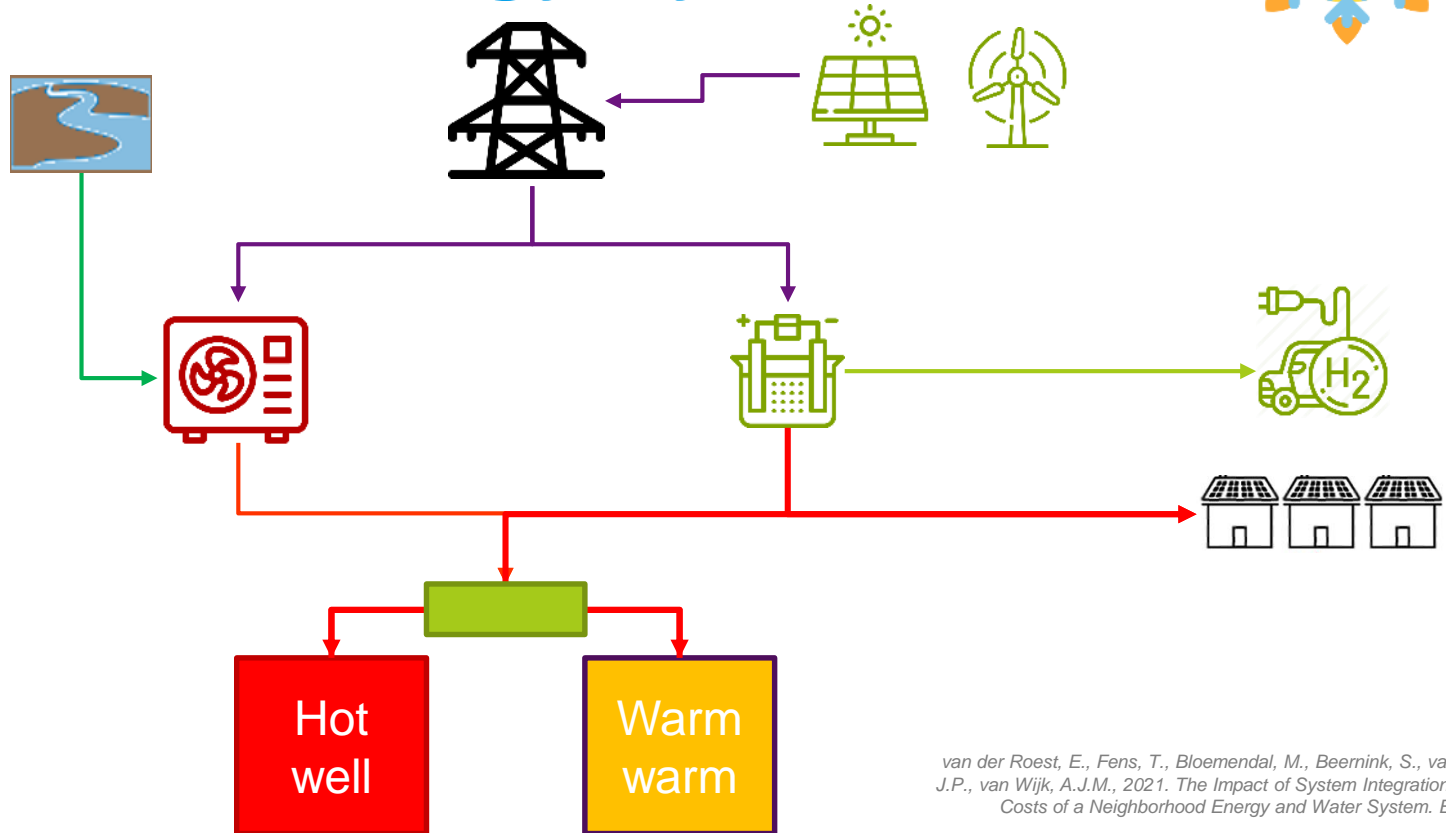


- No space requirement above ground
- Large capacities



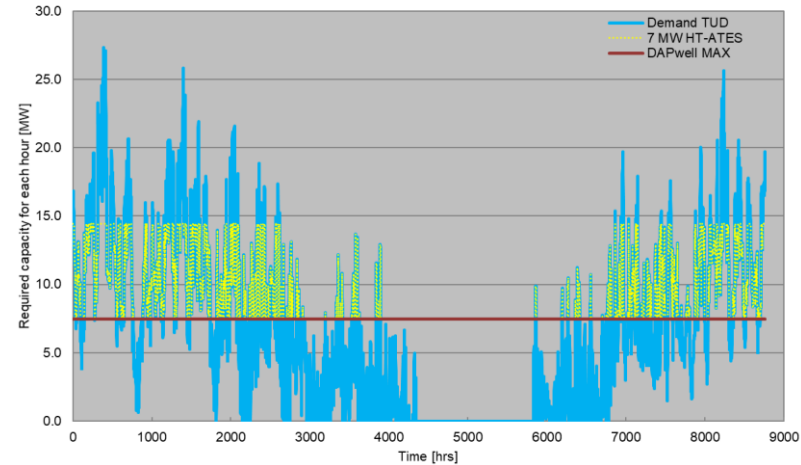
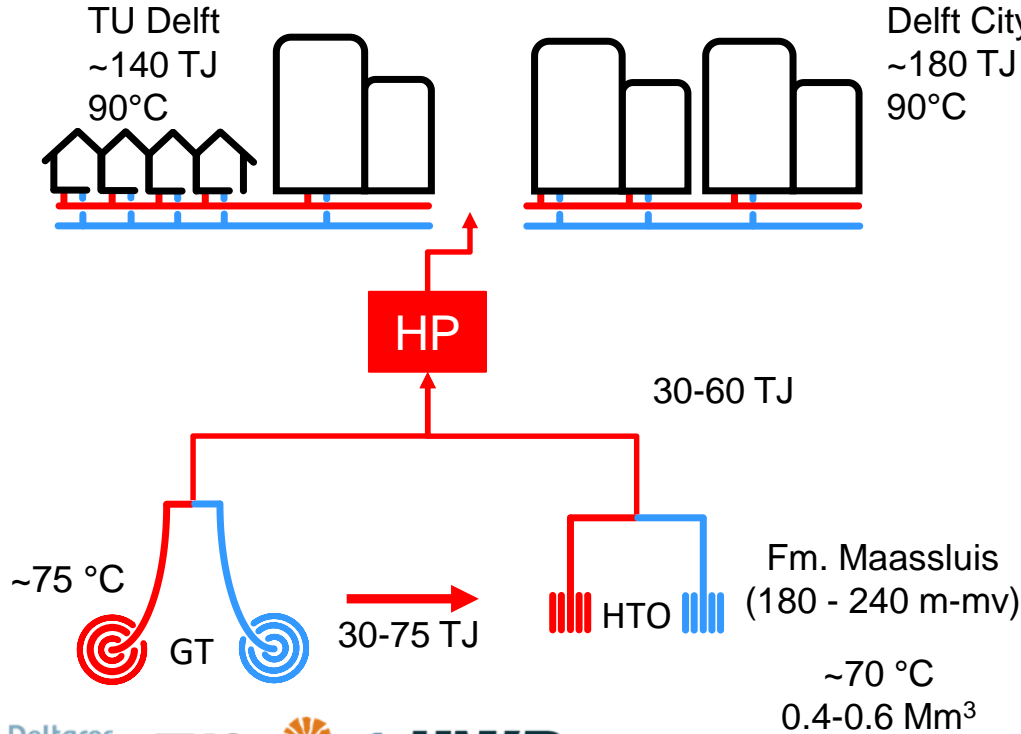
- Subsurface infrastructure needed
- Dependent on local geological conditions

# Multi energy systems



van der Roest, E., Fens, T., Bloemendal, M., Beernink, S., van der Hoek, J.P., van Wijk, A.J.M., 2021. The Impact of System Integration on System Costs of a Neighborhood Energy and Water System. *Energies* 14.

# HT-ATES Delft – Lay-out/concept



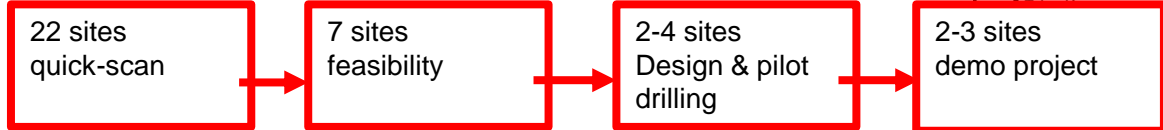
# WINDOW – Pilots



Nr	Case (i)
1	Nieuwe
2	Utrecht
3	
4	Alkmaa
5	IJmond

11	Voorne
12	Bleiswi
13	Harnas
14	Het Gro
15	Bomme
16	Braban
17	Breda (
18	Tilburg
19	Eindho
20	Ensche
21	Leeuw

heatstore




22 sites quick-scan

7 sites feasibility

2-4 sites Design & pilot drilling

2-3 sites demo project

# PUSH-IT

- Innovation action 
- Heat storage
- up-to 90°C
- In geothermal reservoirs

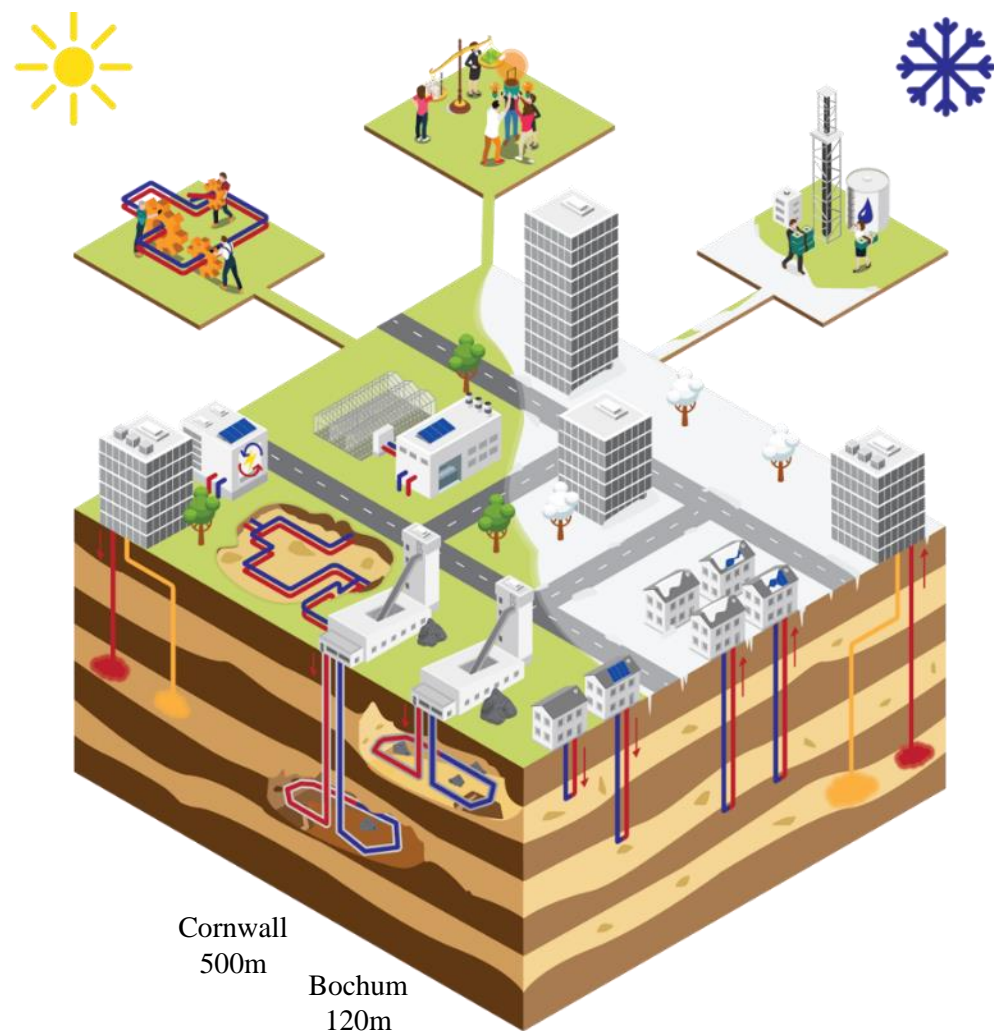


# WHICH developments are needed?



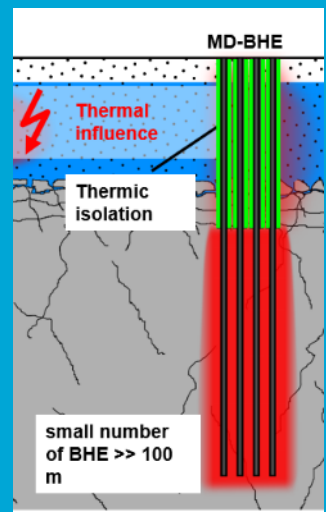
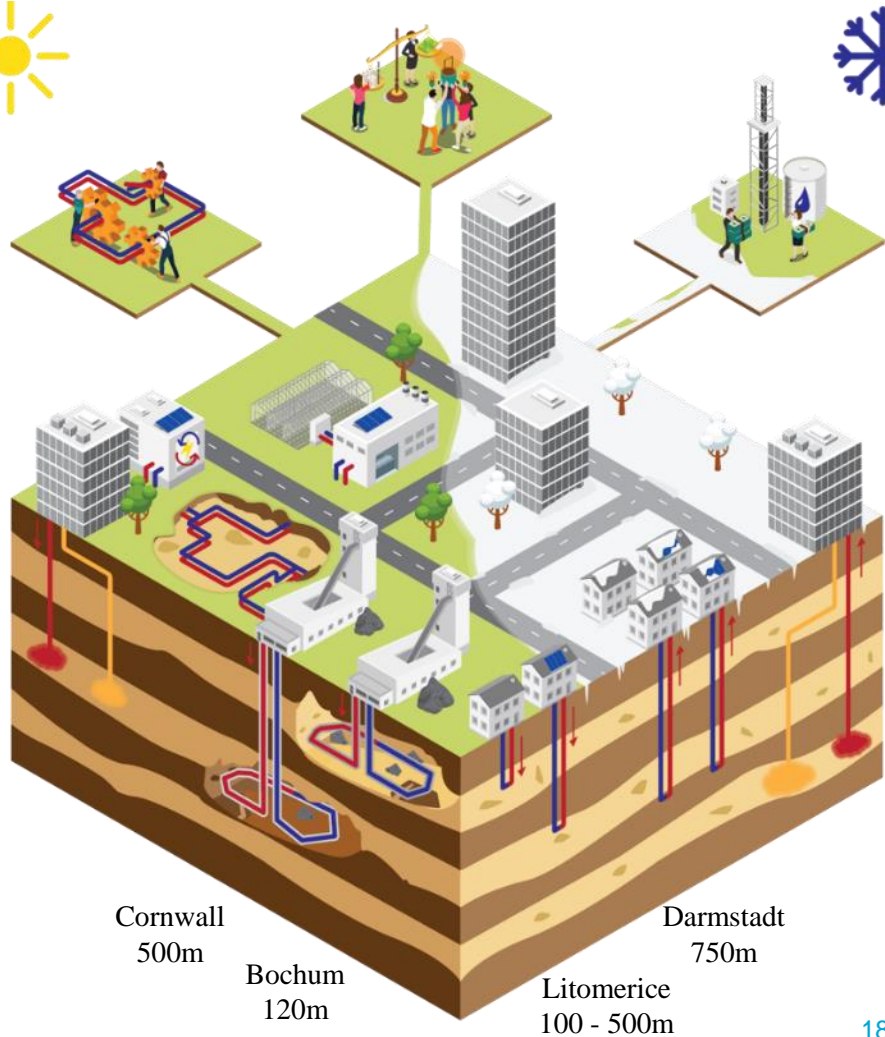
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- Mines  
~0.5 MW  
~5 TJ
- Heat losses
- Targeted drilling
- Water quality



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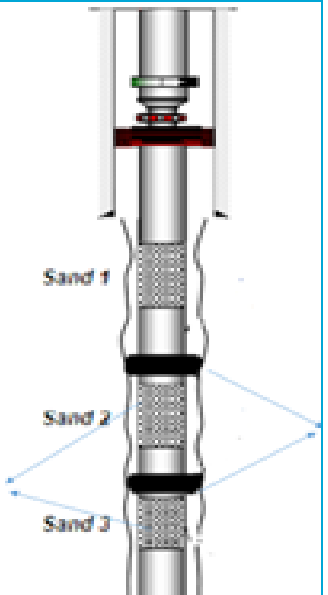
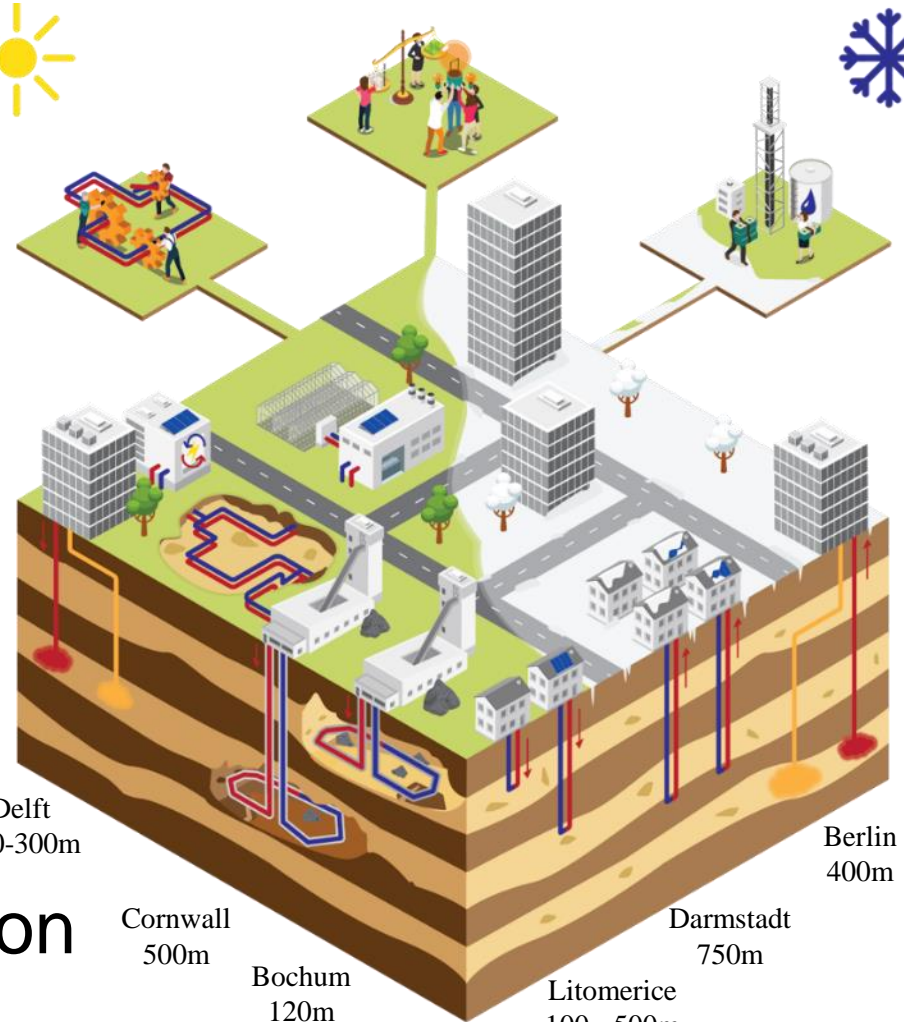
- Boreholes  
1 MW  
20 TJ
- Completion  
Coax / vacuum  
backfill materials
- Impact
- Depth



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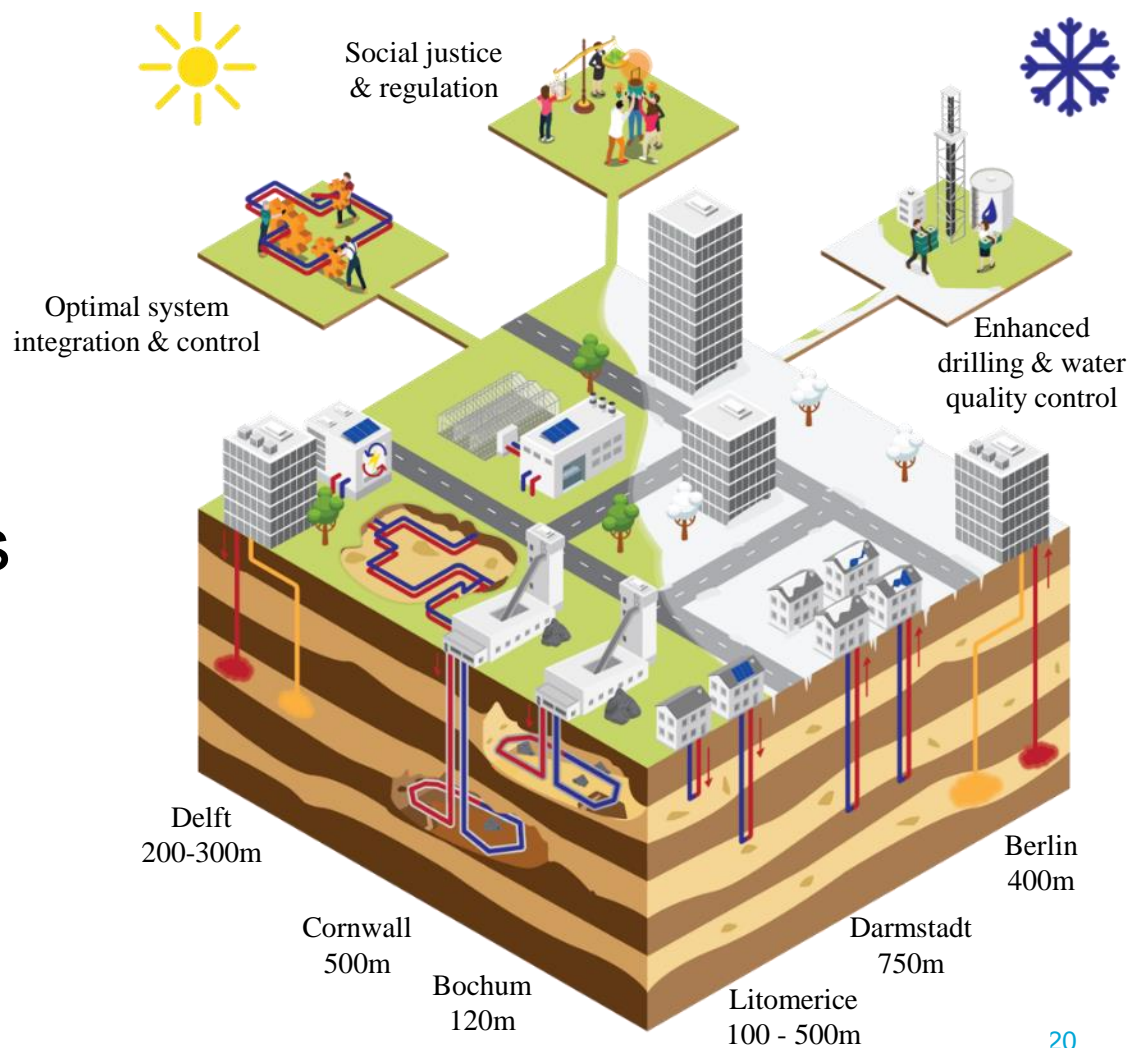


- Aquifers  
5-10 MW  
~60 TJ
- push-pull tests
- ESP
- Impact
- Drilling/completion



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# Innovation Highlights Delft

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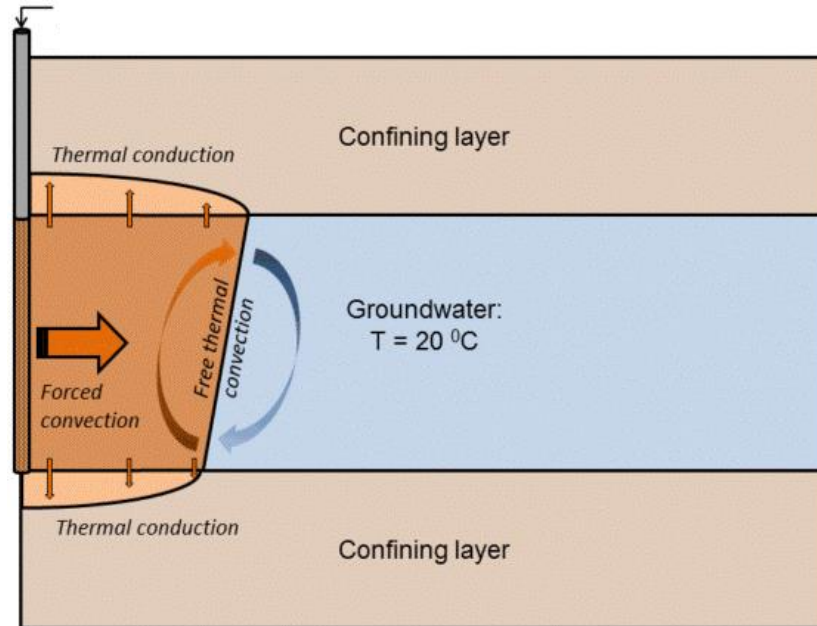
- Chemical & micro-biological effects
- Heat distribution / losses



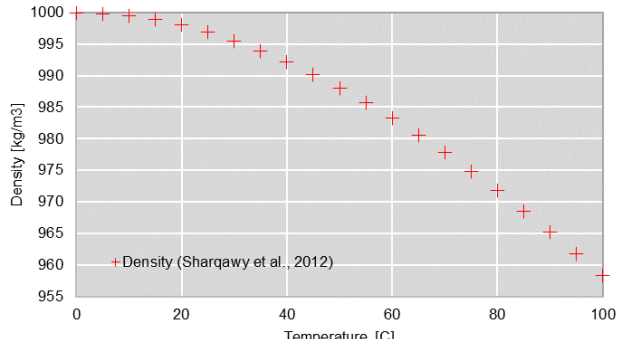
# Heat distribution in / around aquifer

Storage temperature (T)

Screen length (L)



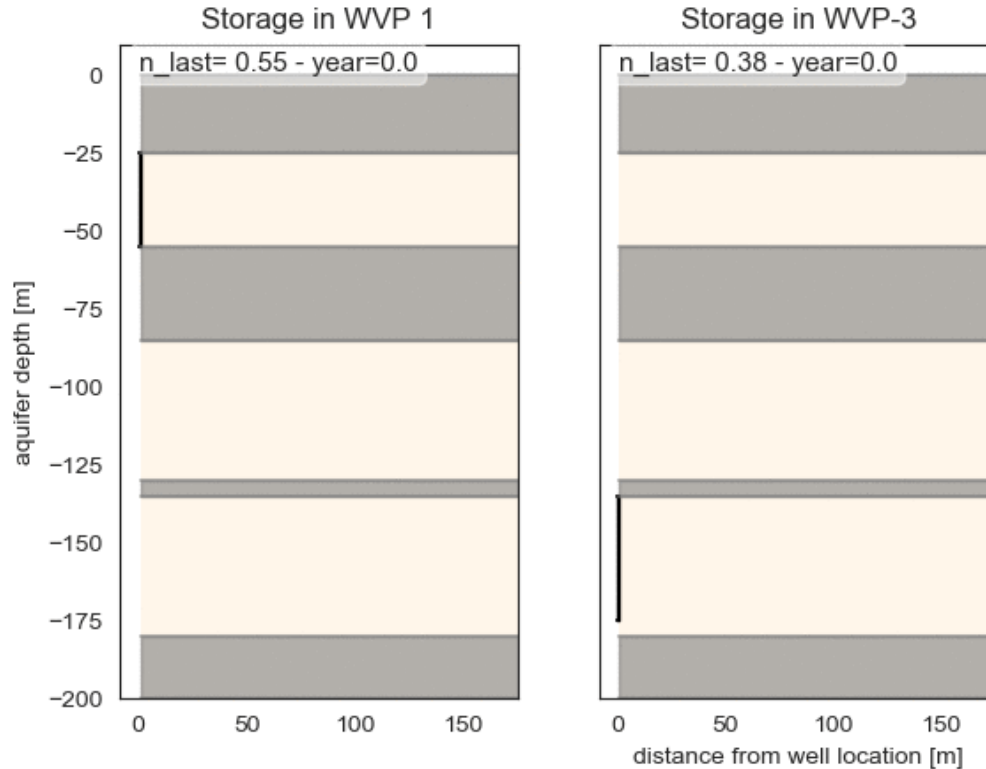
Density of water vs temperature



Thermal radius ( $R_{th}$ )  
Depends on volume and L

Lopik, J. H. v., N. Hartog and W. J. Zaadnoordijk (2016).  
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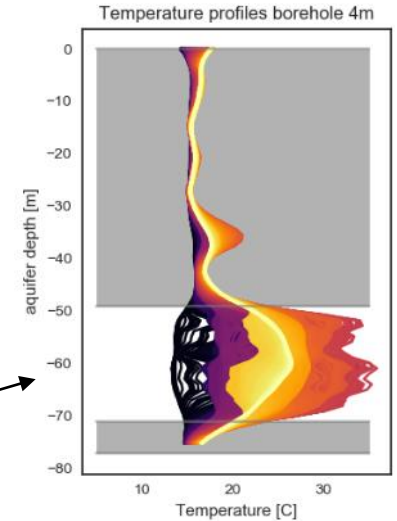
# Impact depends on conditions



Dooren, T., Beernink, S., Timmers, P.,  
Bloemendal, M., 2019. Prestaties en  
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warmteopslag: Een verkenning voor het  
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# Temperature monitoring

## DTS monitoring



Underground heat transport

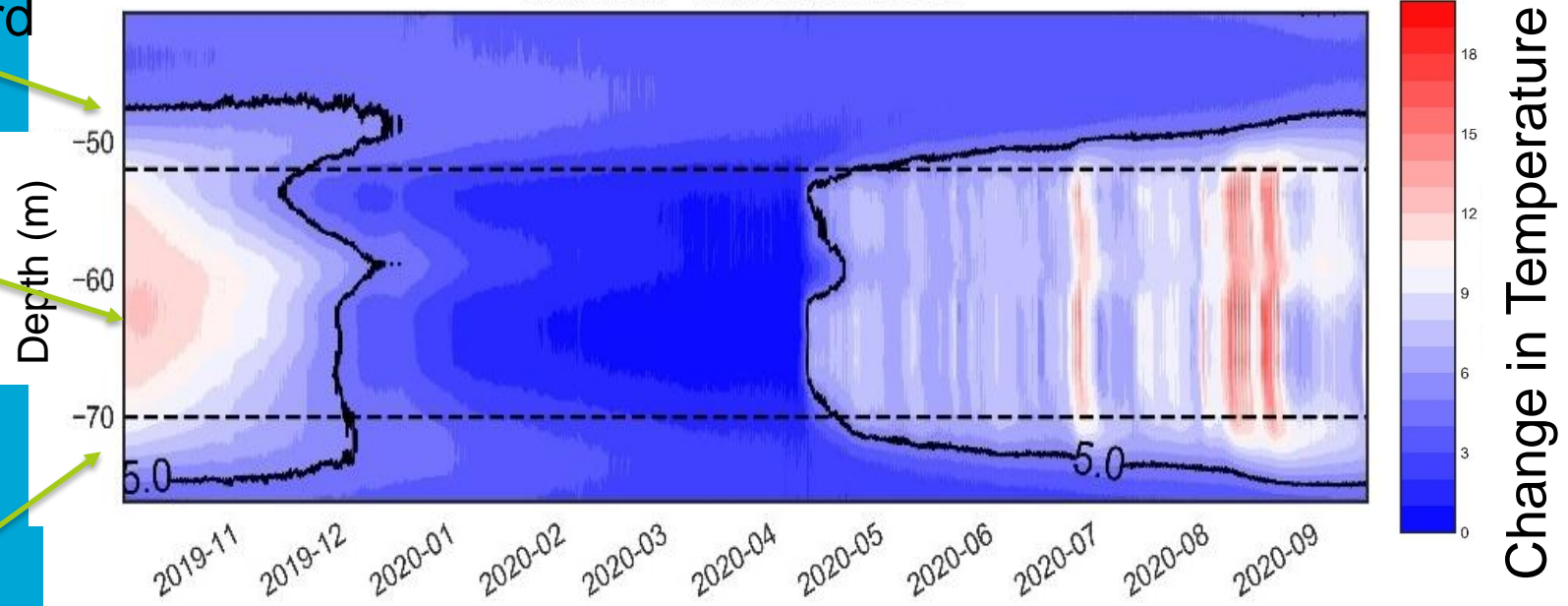
- Temperature distribution
- Buoyancy / conduction
- Heterogeneities, uncertainties



# Distribution of heat

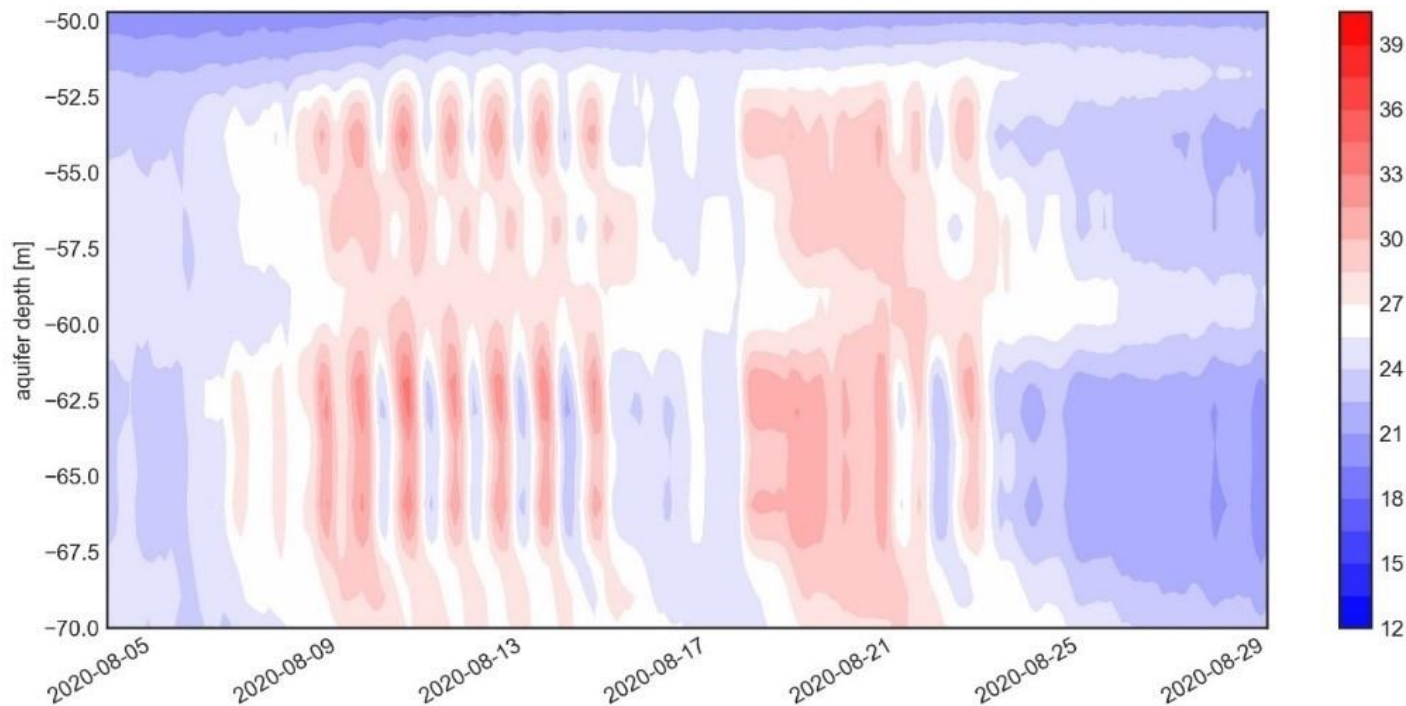
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Ondiepe aquifer - Temperatuur profiel DTS 2.5m



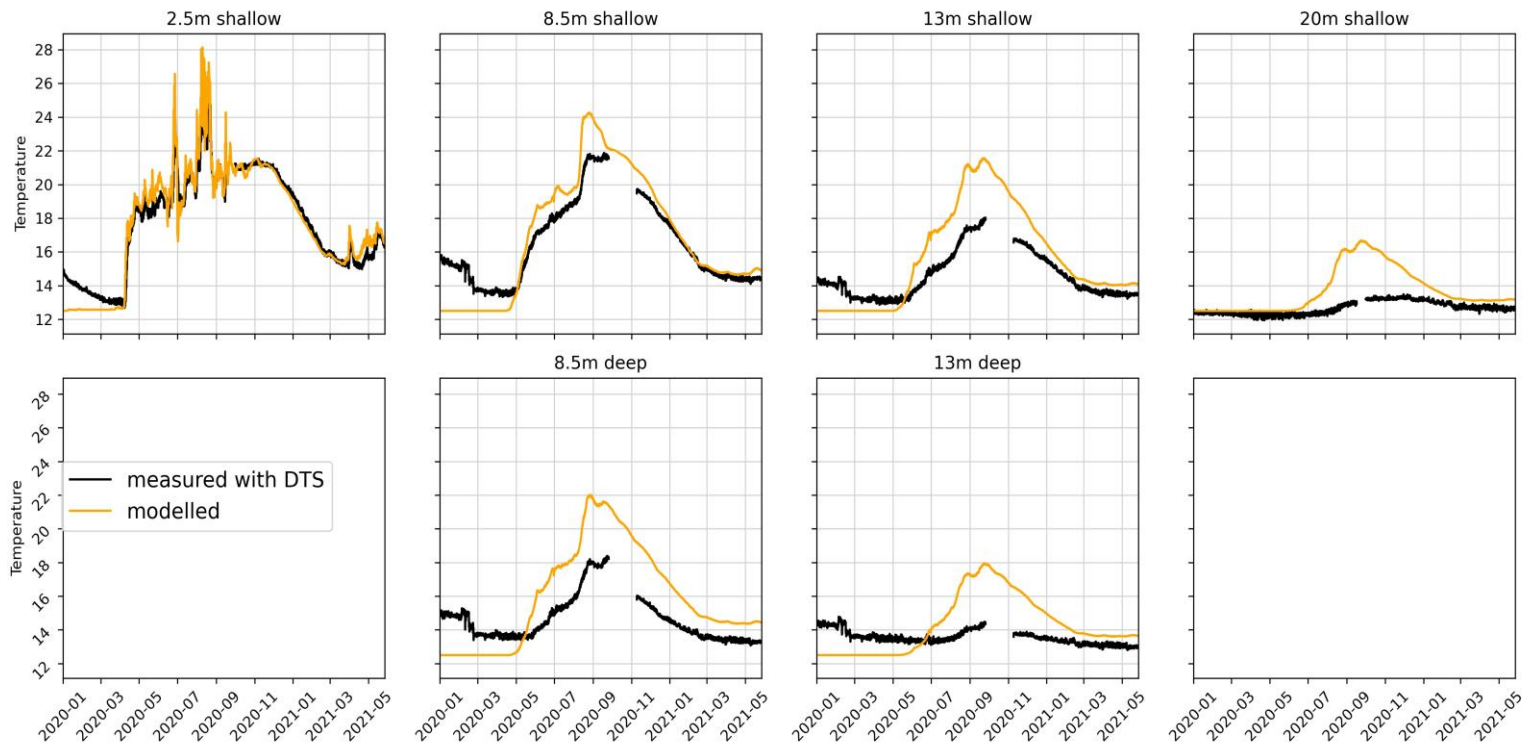
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# Heterogeneities and dynamics



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# Model improvements



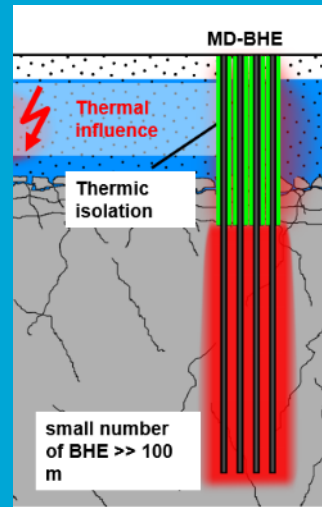
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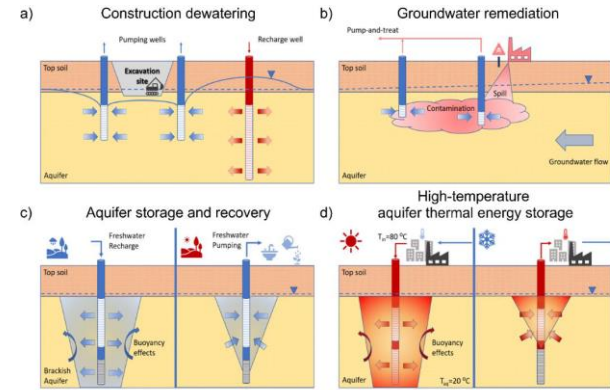
## 2. Wells

- Drilling method
- Completion



# Problem

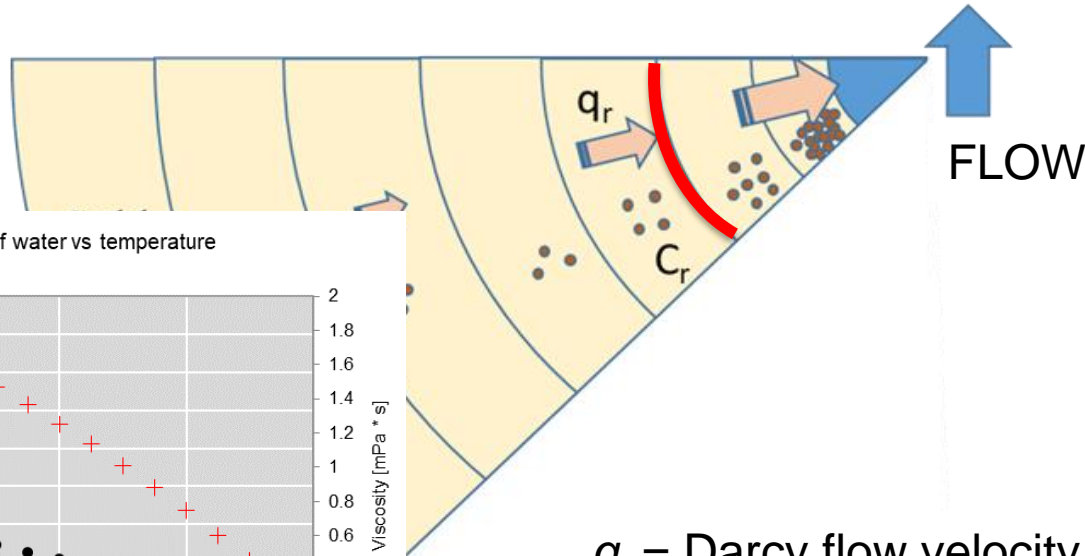
- Busy in the underground
- Utilise more “challenging” aquifers  
i.e. thin, fine grained, deep
- Hence, capacity, clogging and costs are  
an issue



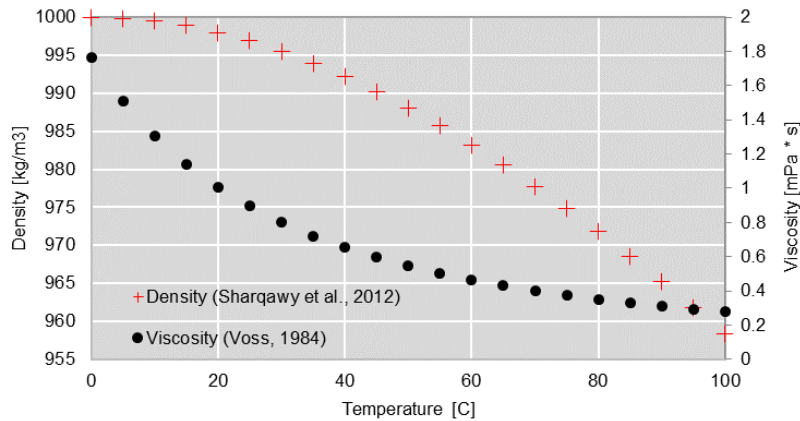
Lopik, 2020

# Particle transport to wells

- Radial flow  $\rightarrow$  particle cumulate near well



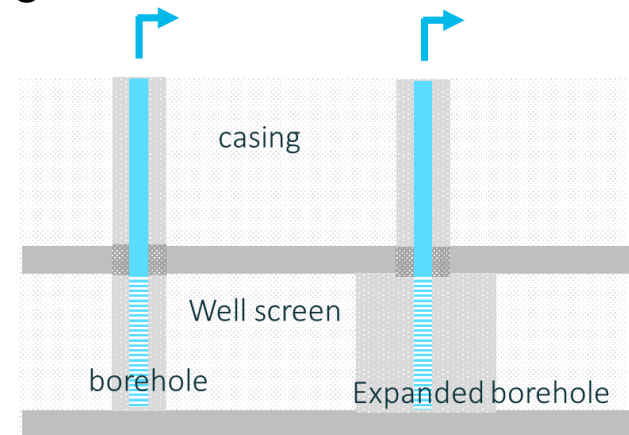
Density and viscosity of water vs temperature



$q_r$  = Darcy flow velocity at distance  $r$   
 $C_r$  = concentration particles

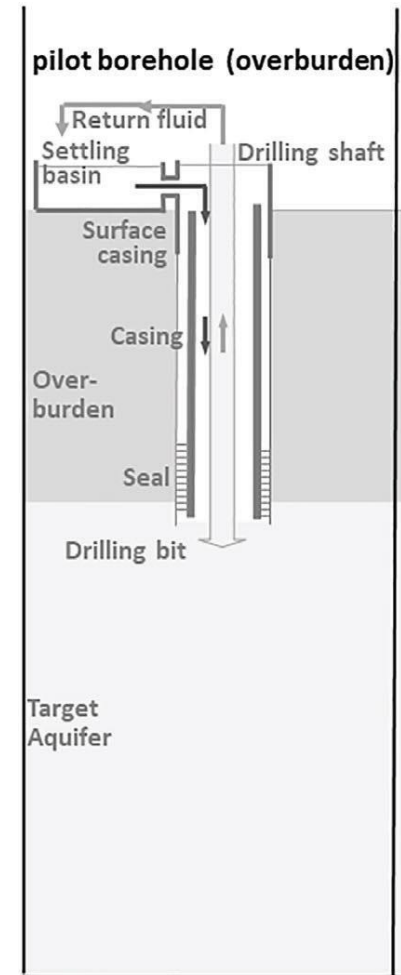
# Why expand borehole diameter

- Potential benefits
  - Reduce drawdown i.e. pumping costs
  - Reduce borehole clogging
  - Reduce drilling costs



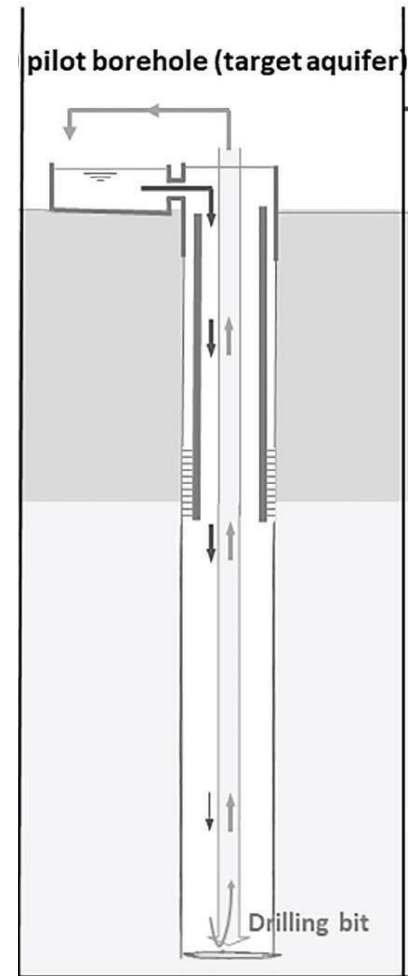
- Aim: expansion of borehole in unconsolidated formations

# Pilot borehole + casing

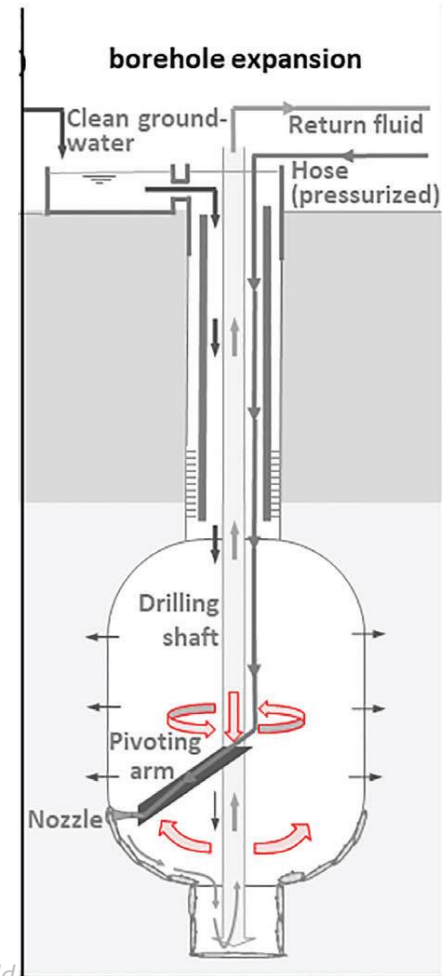
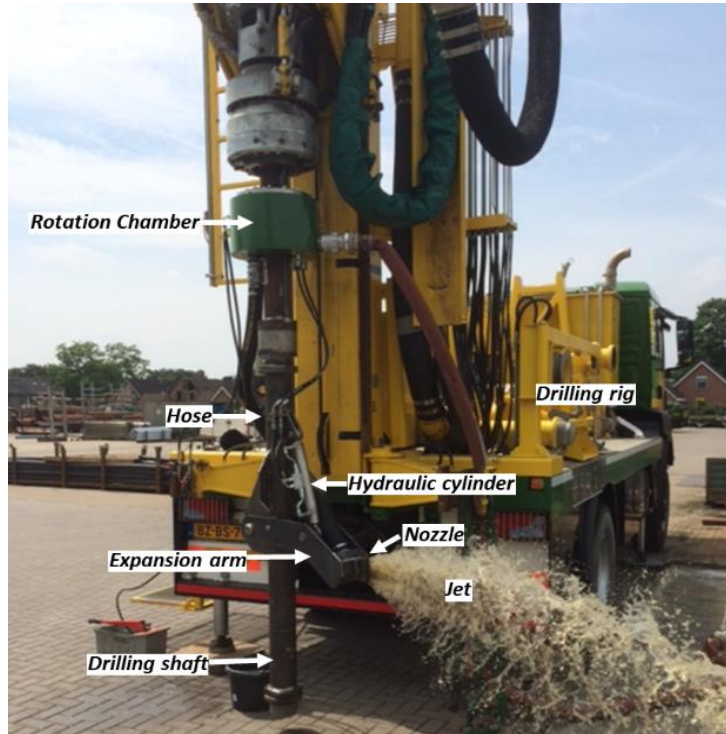




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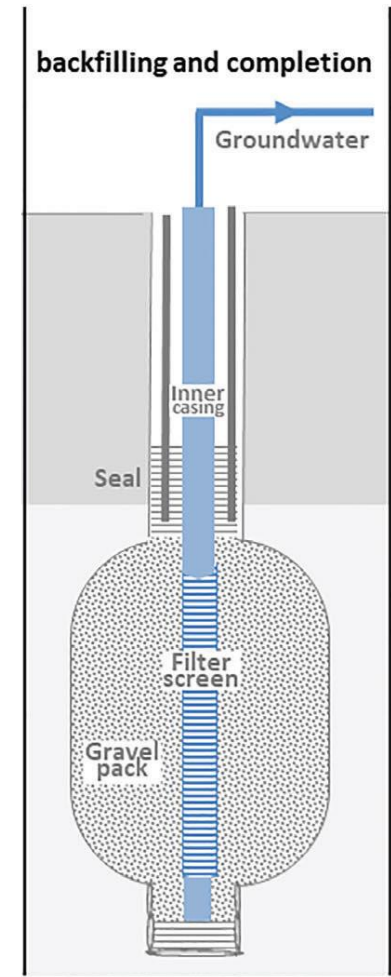


# Borehole expansion



# Completion

- Ø1.7m
- Ø2.5m

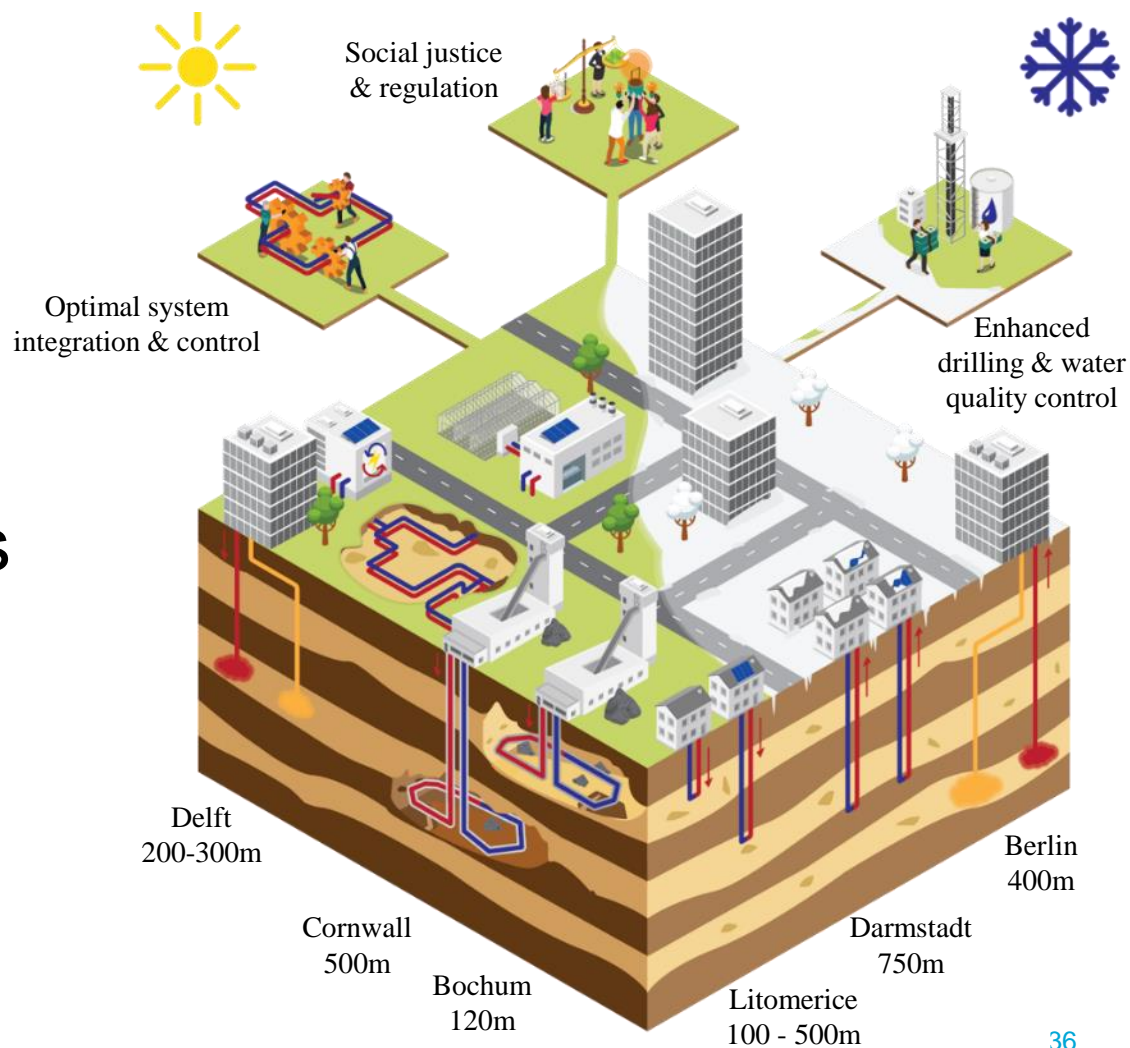


Schans, M.v.d., Bloemendal, M., Robot, N., Oosterhof, A., Stuyfzand, P.J., Hartog, N., 2022. Field Testing of a Novel Drilling Technique to Expand Well Diameters at Depth in Unconsolidated Formations. *Groundwater*



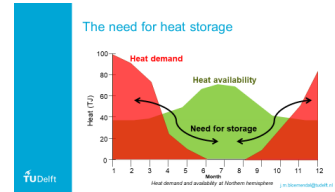
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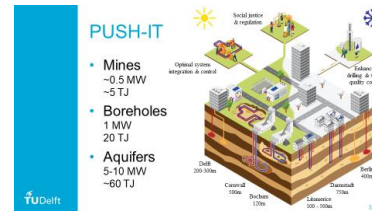
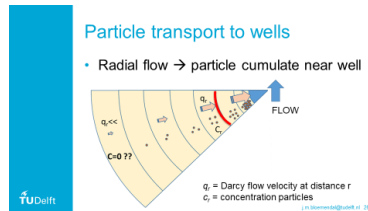


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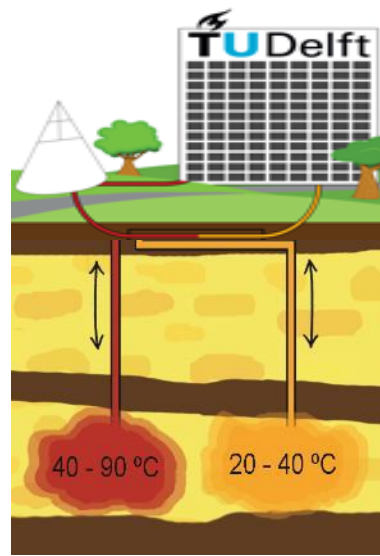
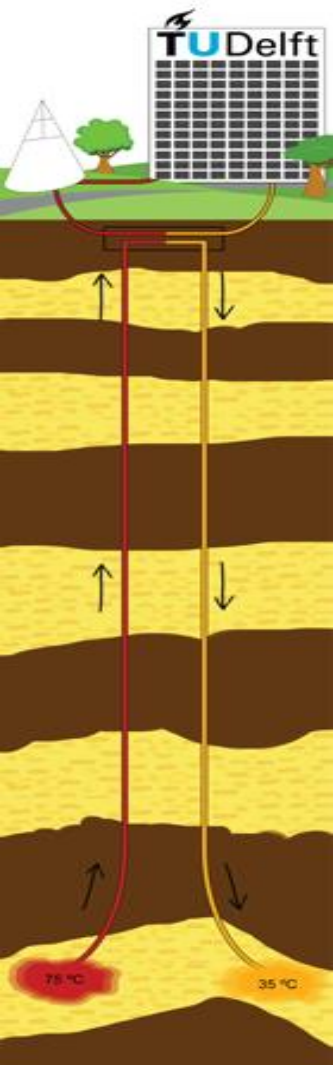
- Large scale seasonal heat storage is needed
- Various ways to store and integrate → underground accommodates capacity for seasonal



- Via fundamental research at demo's towards stable and robust seasonal heat storage in the underground



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Vardon



*Me in an ATES-well manhole, July 2020  
photo: Bram Saeys*

# Innovation highlights

- - Water treatment: One of the goals is to experiment on water treatment with CO<sub>2</sub> instead of hydrochloric acid and to monitor the results of the application of CO<sub>2</sub> injection.
- - Drilling and completion: ATEs differs from geothermal wells in a technical sense. We will reduce costs identifying novel materials for making the wells and pipes. Pump selection: Experience shows that pump selection is an important aspect. Attention will be made to select the right pump to increase lifetime, while keeping total cost of ownership as low as possible.
- - System integration / control: Co-simulated model of the district heating grid and of the subsurface storage. This model will be used to deliver data for the machine learning techniques training the models of the smart district heating network controller prototype. This will be demonstrated in a cluster of buildings at the demo site to optimize network operating for the ATEs system. The co-simulation platform will be used to extrapolate the performance of the controller to the entire network.
- - Monitoring: Push-pull test will be used for reservoir monitoring to characterize dynamic reservoir behaviour. Multi method monitoring will be used to quantify reservoir behaviour storage efficiency in 4D.
- - Teaching and research facility to increase contact of users/ scientists to the technology and enhance the awareness.



## PUSH-IT: Learning by doing [TUD]

### **WP2: Public engagement, societal benefit and risks [UXT]**

- T2.1: Societal engagement and social acceptability [UXT]
- T2.2: Supporting regulations and governance [BGS]
- T2.3: LCOE generating a sustainable energy economy [UU]

### **WP1: Demonstration and Follower Sites [F-IEG]**

- T1.1: Delft – ATEs (NL)
- T1.2: Darmstadt – BTES (D)
- T1.3: Bochum – MTES (D)
- T1.4: Berlin – ATEs (D)
- T1.5: Litomerice – BTES (Cz)
- T1.6: United Downs – MTES (UK)

Preparation

Installation & commissioning

Monitoring & assessment

Enabling technologies

Social sciences

### **WP3: Enabling technologies [TUD]**

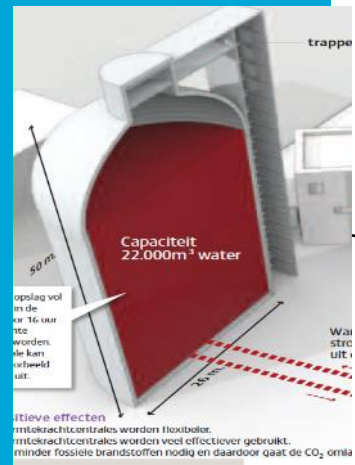
- T3.1: Enhanced well Drilling and completion [TUD]
- T3.2: Smart district heating network control [VITO]
- T3.3: Water quality and environmental impact control [BRGM]
- T3.4: System performance assessment and optimisation [TDA]

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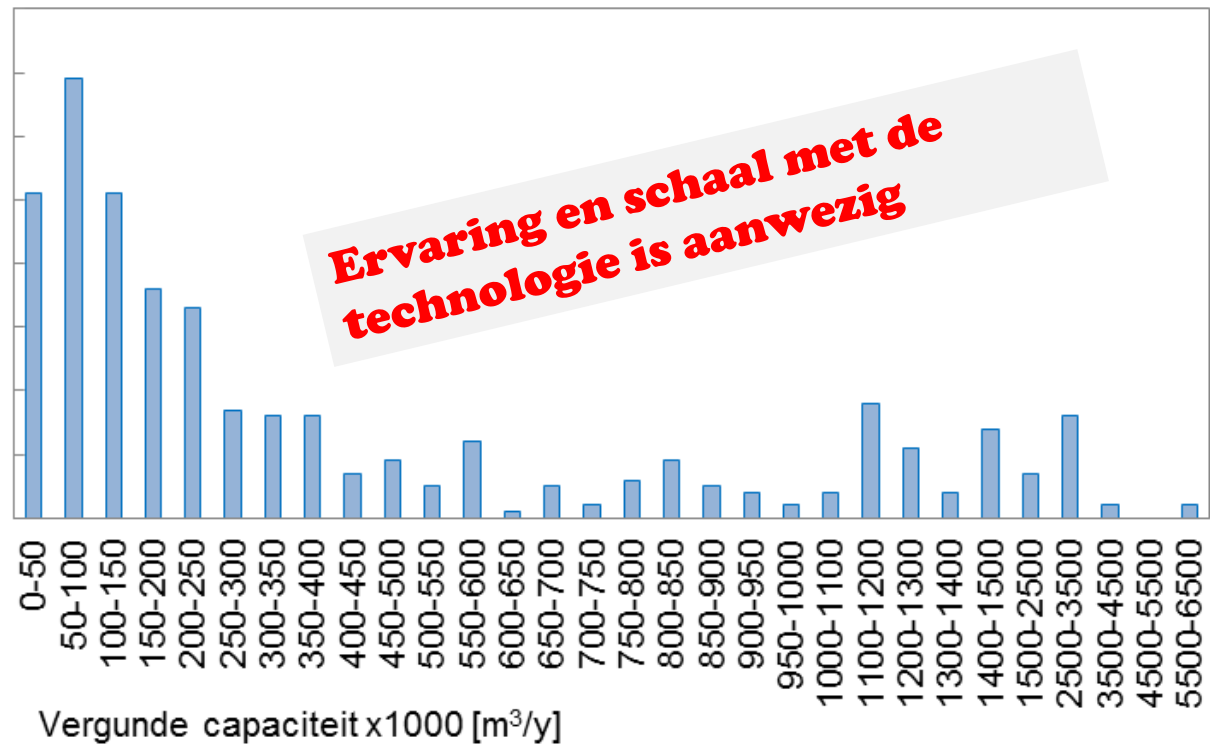
- T5.1: Technical coordination [TUD]
- T5.2: Non-technical coordination [TUD]
- T5.3: Quality Assurance & Risk management [TUD]
- T5.4: Open Science & Innovation management [TUD]

### **WP4: Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication [EQS]**

- T4.1: Dissemination of methods and workflows [TDA]
- T4.2: Exploitation and fast track market upscaling [EQS]
- T4.3: Communication: Public information [UGN]
- T4.4: Communication: stakeholder network [EQS]
- T4.5: Spatial Multi Criteria Analysis for sustainable development of UTES [UGN]



Aantal WKO Systemen



...atieve effecten  
 ...ntokrachtcentrales worden flexibeler.  
 ...ntokrachtcentrales worden veel effectiever gebruikt.  
 ...minder fossiele brandstoffen nodig en daardoor gaat de CO<sub>2</sub> omia



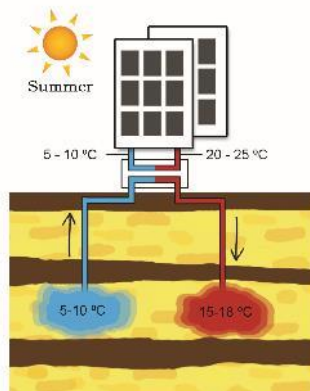
**5 TJ** ----- **50 TJ** ----- **0.5 PJ**

20 --- 100 ----- 2000

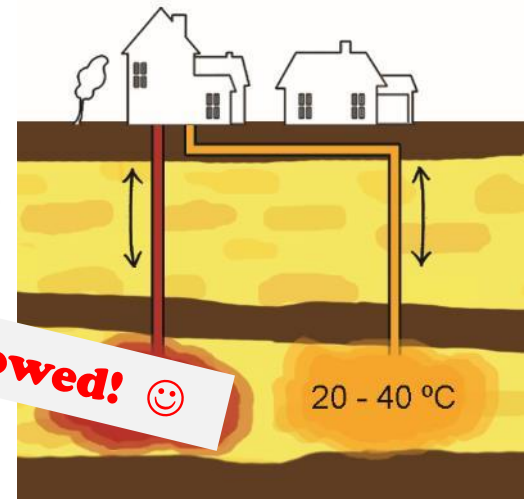
Bloemendal, M. and N. Hartog (2018). "Analysis of the impact of storage conditions on the thermal recovery efficiency of low-temperature ATES systems." Geothermics 17(C): 306-319.

# HT-ATES

- $<25^{\circ}\text{C}$  standard regulatory framework
- $>25^{\circ}\text{C}$  Permitted as pilot / research projects



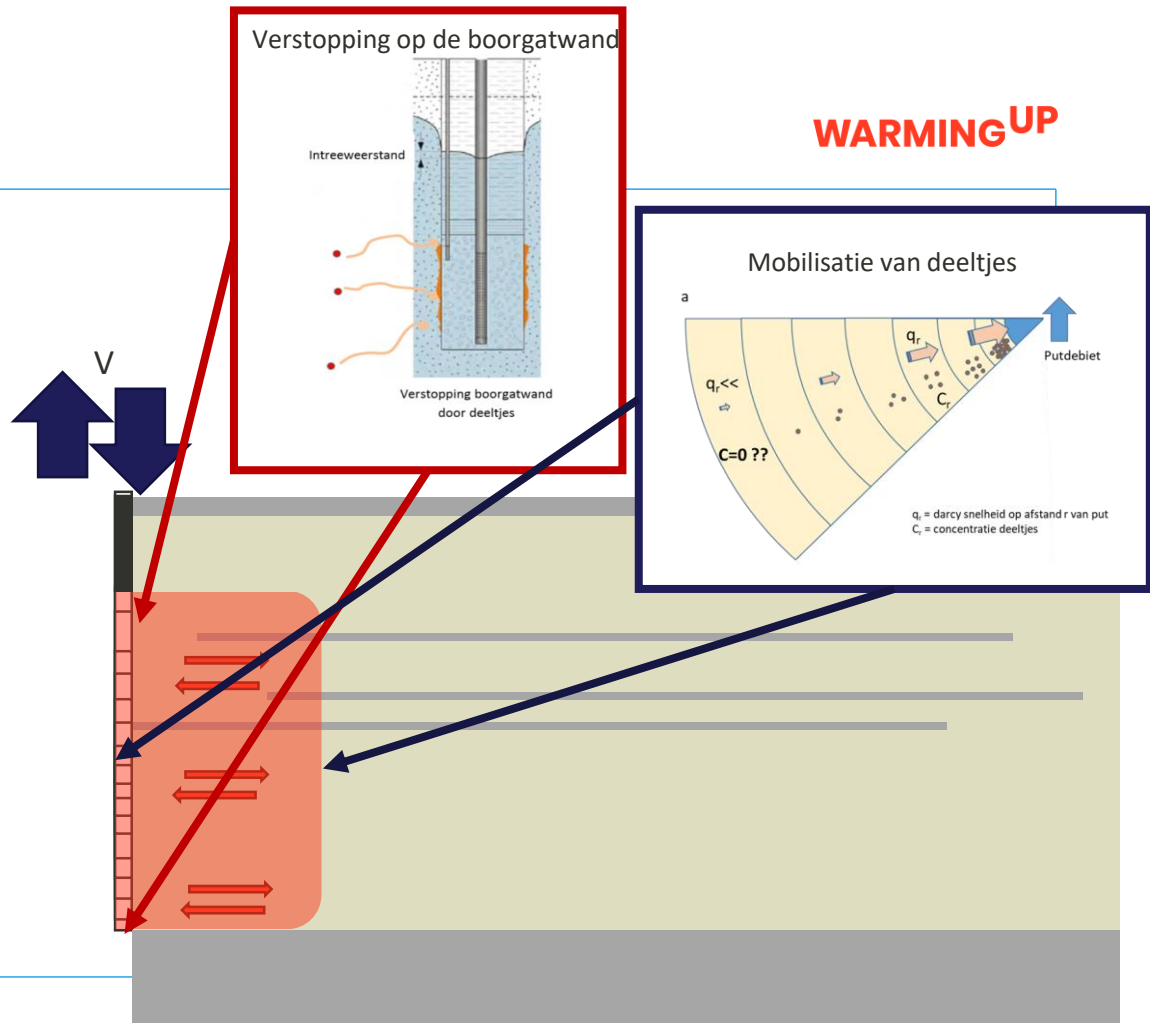
High Temperature ATES  
Houses, greenhouses & utility



# Brontechniek

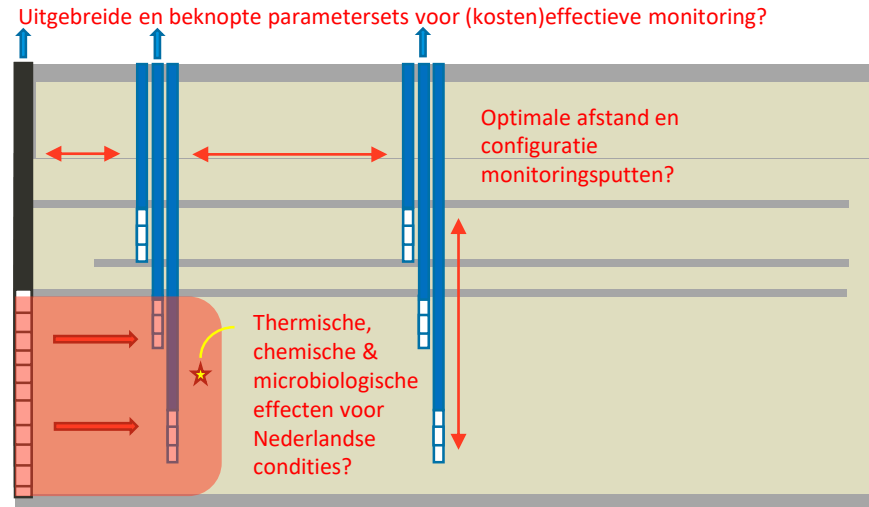
## Onderzoeksvragen

- Wat is de invloed van temperatuur op (1) mobilisatie van deeltjes en (2) verstopping van putten.
- Nevenvraag: Wat is de invloed van grotere diepte (druk, pakking) op de mobilisatie en verstopping?



## Onderzoeksvraag

- Wat zijn in de Nederlandse omstandigheden verwachte thermische en chemische/ en microbiologische effecten?
- Waar en wat moet er gemonitord worden?

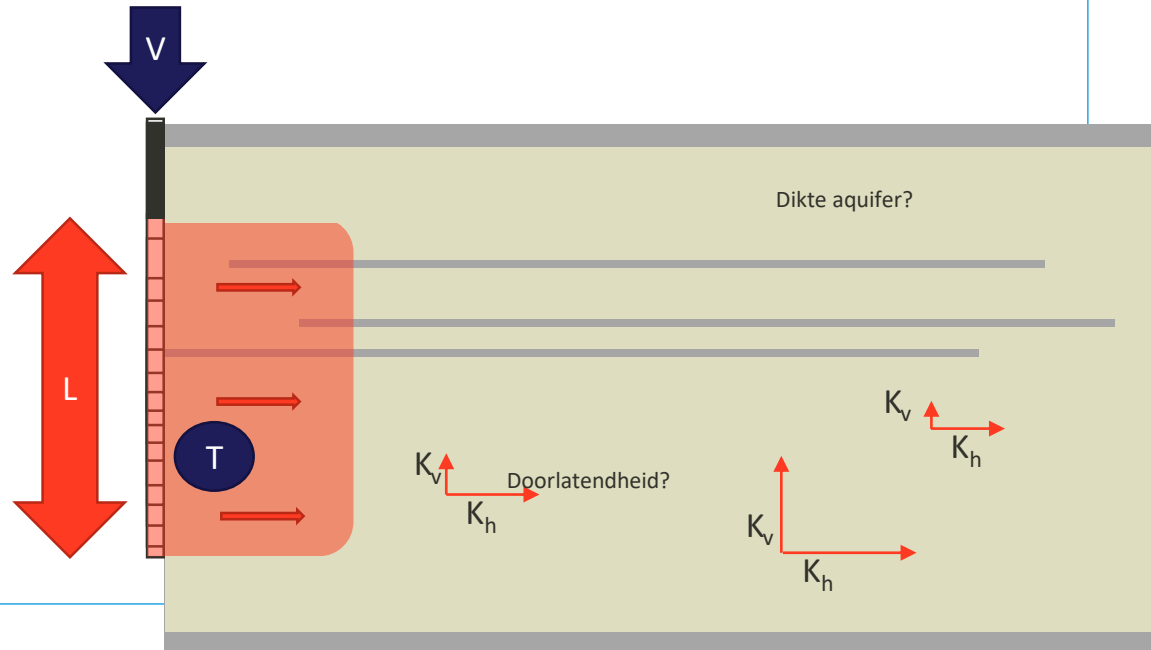


## Opslagcondities

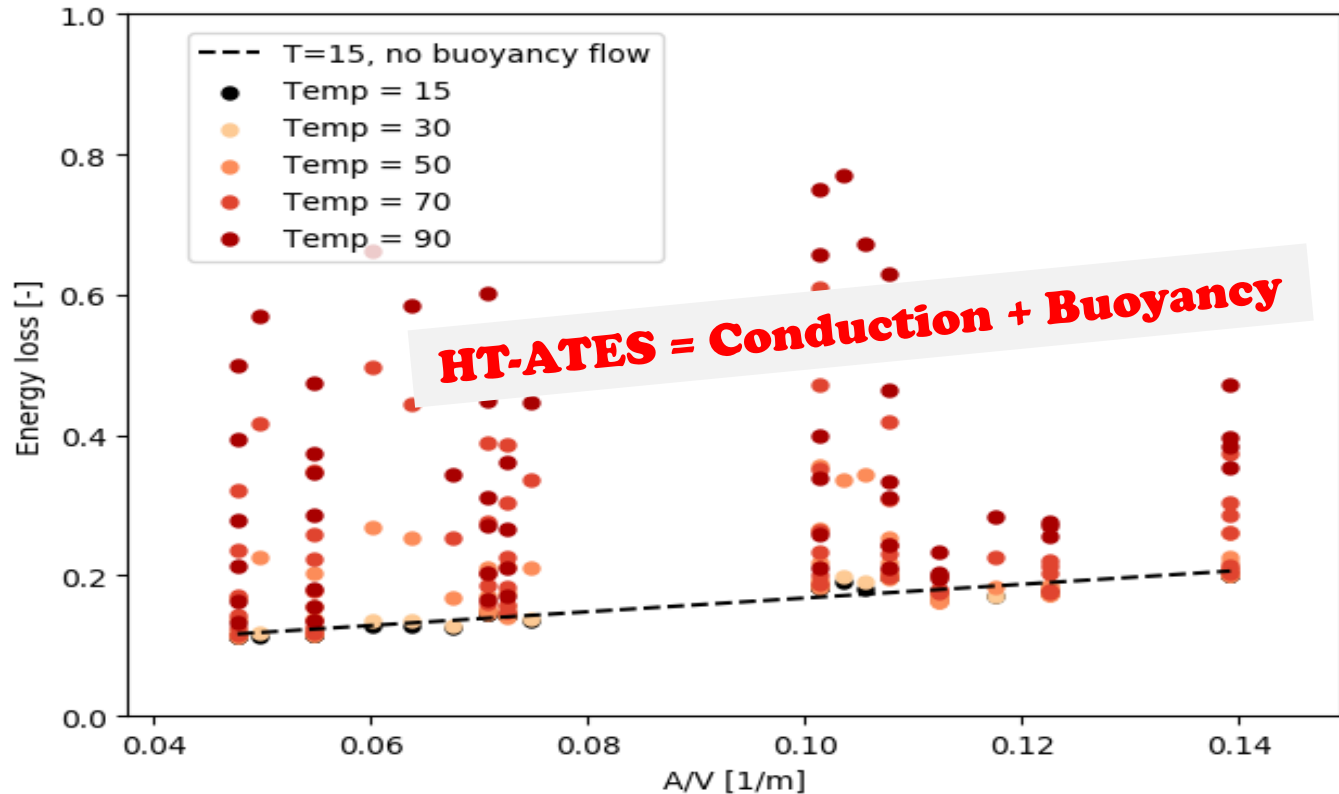
- Opslagvolume [V]
- Opslagtemperatuur [T]

## Karakteristieken ondergrond

- Dikte aquifer [L]
- Doorlatendheid [K]
- Gelaagdheid
- Heterogeniteit



# Buoyancy and conduction losses



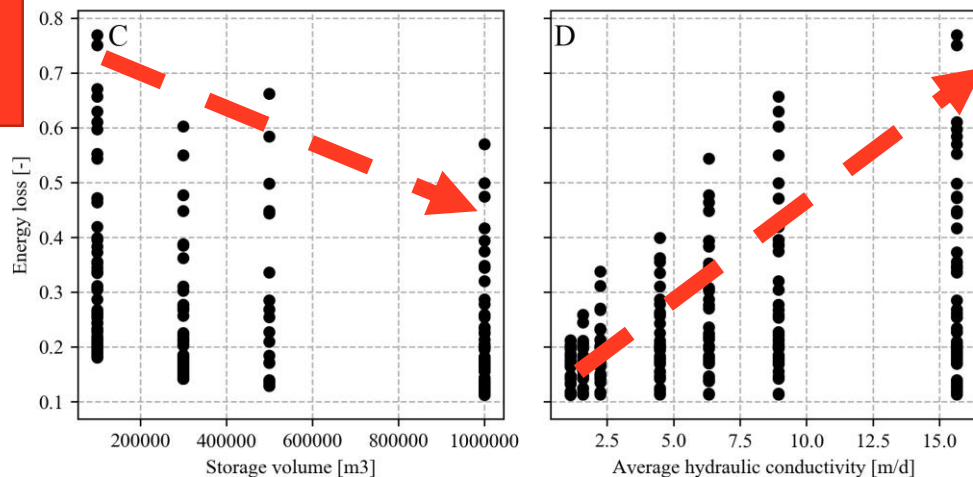
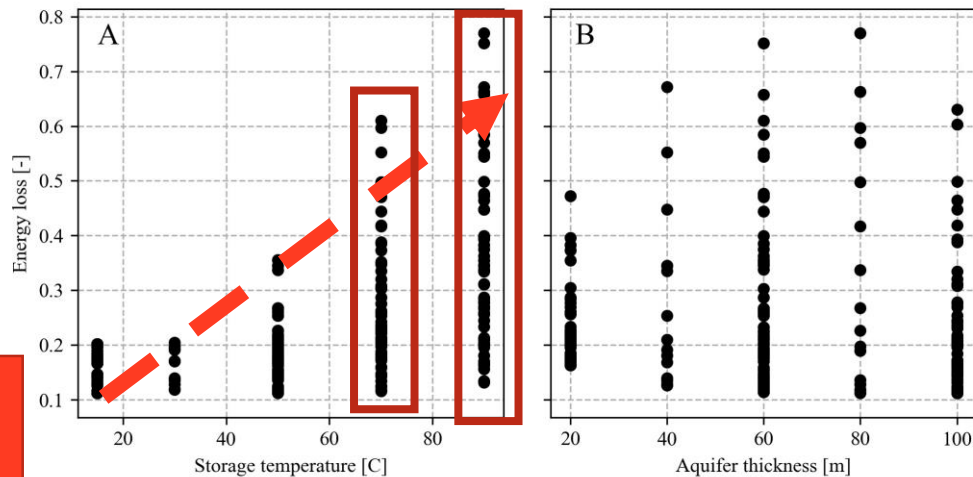
## Minimaliseren van verliezen

### Opslagcondities

- Opslagvolume [V]

Waarom is er een brede range aan energie verlies?

- Doorlatendheid [K]
- Gelaagdheid
- Heterogeniteit





# Results

## **Heat demand and availability**

- There is potential for HT-ATES to significantly contribute to the sustainable heat delivery to the TU Delft and City

## **Subsurface: 2 suitable layers**

- *Maassluis* -200m
- *Ommelanden* -400m

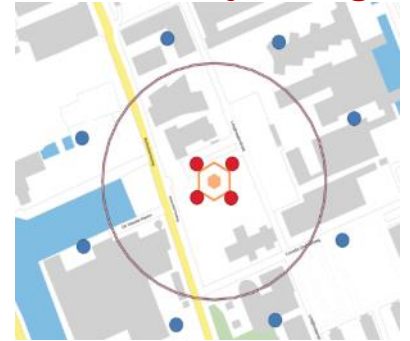
## **Policy & permits**

- No showstoppers

## **Business Case**

- Connect the city and HT-ATES with preference for the Maassluis formation

## **Preliminary design**



0.7Mm<sup>3</sup>,  
4 hot wells, 6-8 warm wells

## **CO<sub>2</sub> savings**

