

Hocloop project Verification testing at Ullrigg in Stavanger

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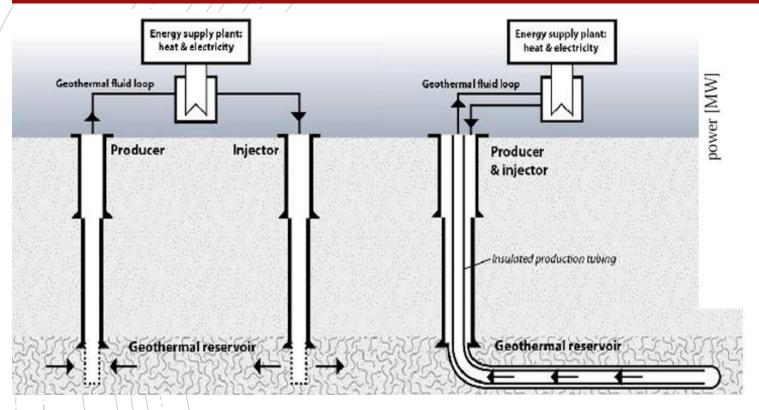
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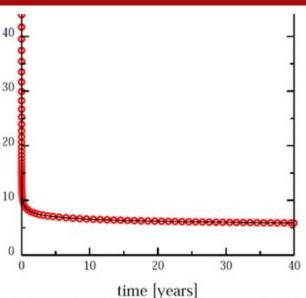




Hocloop project - motivation



Hocloop – single well



Example of thermal power production potential for a deep horizontal well

Idea:

Horizontal Closed Loop (HOCLOOP)

- Reduce risk and problems vs conventional
- Improve access to geothermal energy
- Enable production of heat forever



Conventional 2-well

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Hocloop - project

Funded by EU/Horizon Europe Programme. Budget 5 MEuro over 4 years

Participants:

Norway: | IFE (co-ordinator), Norce/Ullrigg, Reelwell/Geotherma

Belgium: VITO

Finland: Uni Vaasa

France: IFPEN

Germany: TU Darmstadt

Italy: Uni Firenze & Uni Bari

Poland: AGH Krakow

Scope:

- Develop and verify the heat flow models
- Develop and verify a full-scale solution for the well completion
- Investigate for potential geothermal pilot wells in Europe and its acceptance
- Investigate the potential for improvements by use of alternative circulation fluids





Full scale verification at Ullrigg in Stavanger

- Verify the installation of a prototype 650 m deep dual-pipe completion string
- Verify the heat flow models by a Thermal Response Test









Full scale verification at Ullrigg in Stavanger









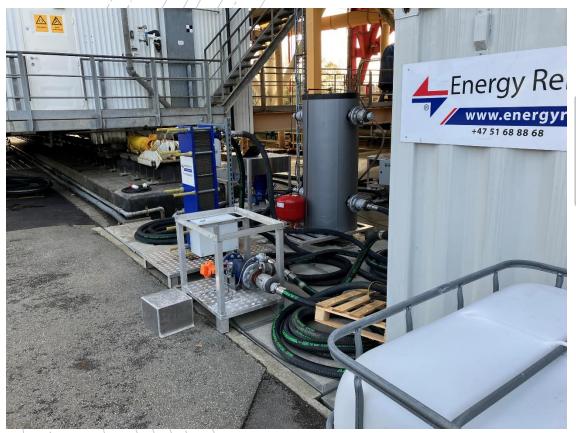
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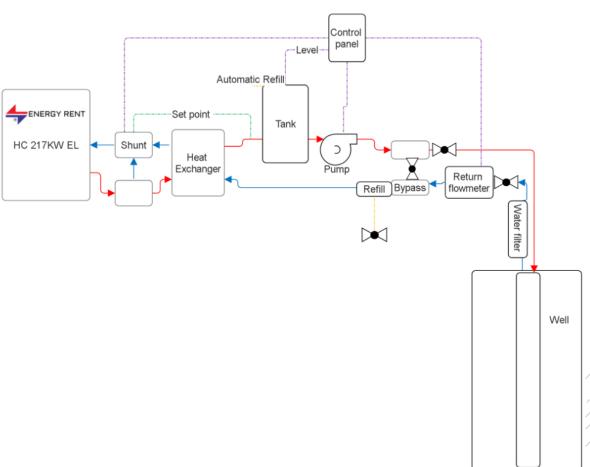
Movie from the installation - 3 min.





Thermal Response Test







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Thermal Response Test - Wellhead









Next step and outlook

- Complete the thermal response testing in November 2024
- Pull out and inspect the DHS completion string, analysis and reporting
- Consider design improvements and an optional drill-in solution
- Consider implementation of the technology for district heating at:
 - Hocloop: European candidates in Belgium, Poland, Italy, Germany and France
 - Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway
 - Several district heating sites in Denmark

