

# Geothermal Energy Usage

## Research and Business Activities

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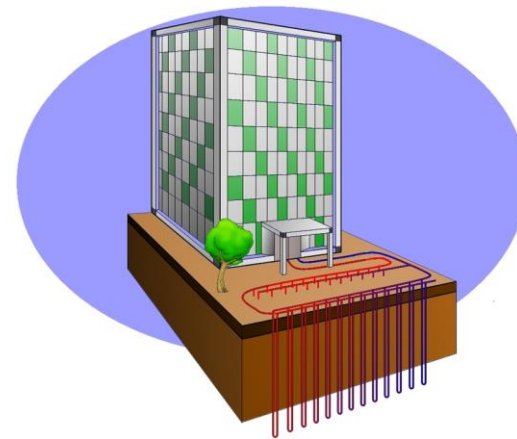
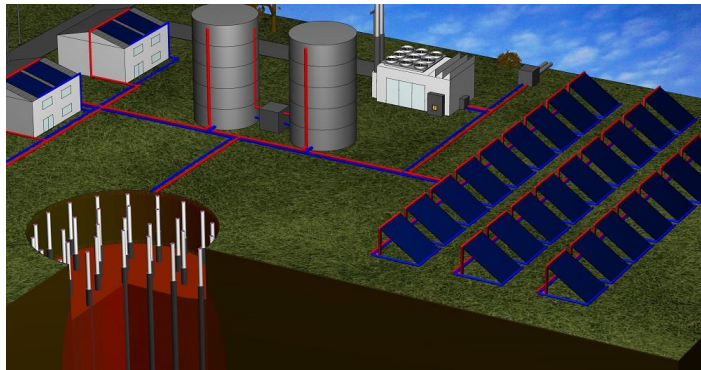
## Company Profile:

- Based in 1960 as the plant for dewatering and gas drainage of hard coal mines in USCB.
- At present 270 employees.
- Annual revenue 1000 MM CZK (38 MM EURO).
- Since 2008 DPB is the part of Green Gas International B.V.
- Business activities - gas exploitation, energy/heat production, drilling, engineering Services.



## Two company's directions of activities in the field of shallow geothermal energy:

- A) Research on utilization of borehole thermal energy storage (BTES)
- B) Drilling and installations of ground/water geothermal heat pumps (GHPs)

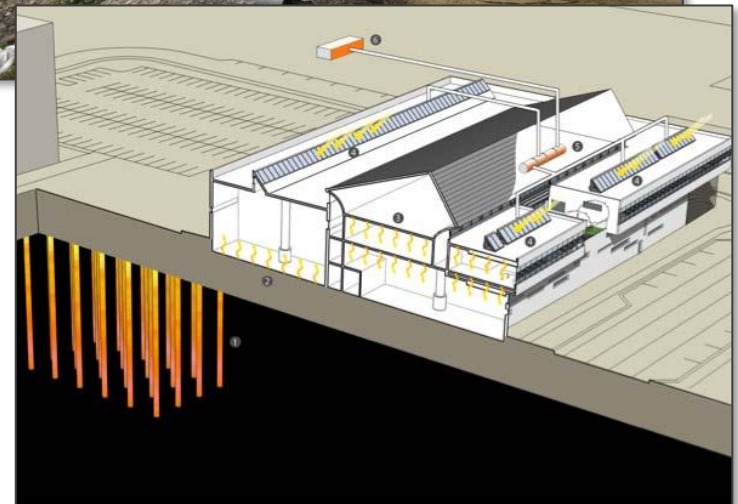


## A) Research on borehole thermal energy storage (BTES)

### Types of BTES:

- According to temperature
  - ❑ Low-temperature, from 20 - 25° C
  - ❑ High-temperature, up to 80° C
  
- According to transfer fluid
  - ❑ Water
  - ❑ Civil constructions
  - ❑ Rock massif
  
- According to BTES placing in the field
  - ❑ Above-ground
  - ❑ Underground

(our priorities underscored)

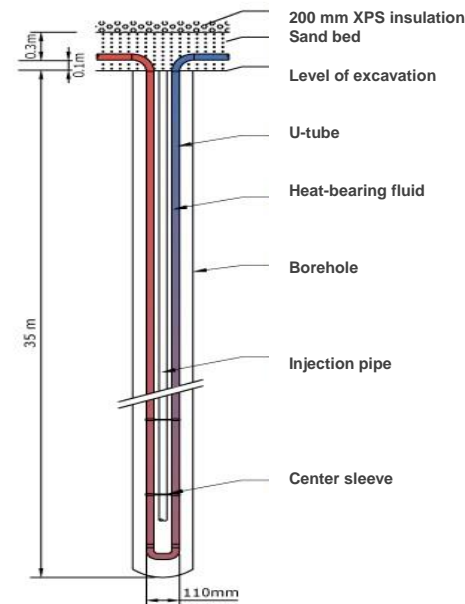
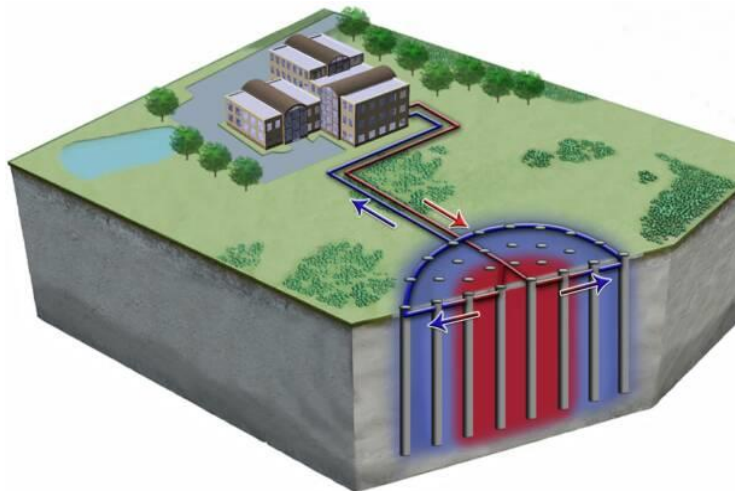
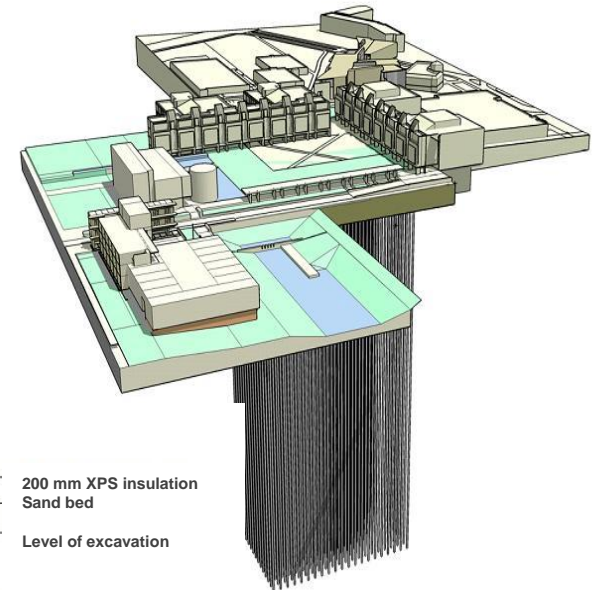




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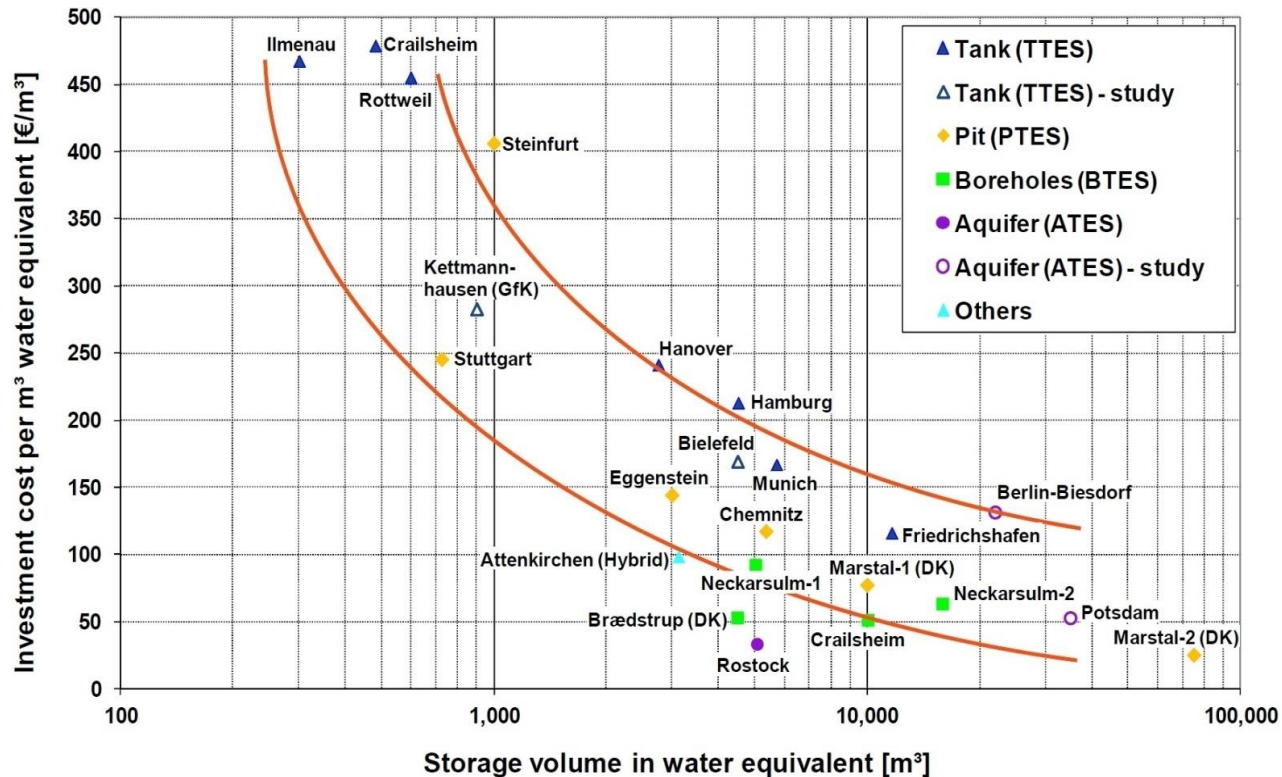
## Principle of BTES:

- Up to several hundreds of boreholes drilled into rock massif.
- Regular lay out of boreholes.
- Heat is drained/stored by means of transfer fluid flowing through equipped boreholes.



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## CAPEX comparison of different BTES projects in Europe



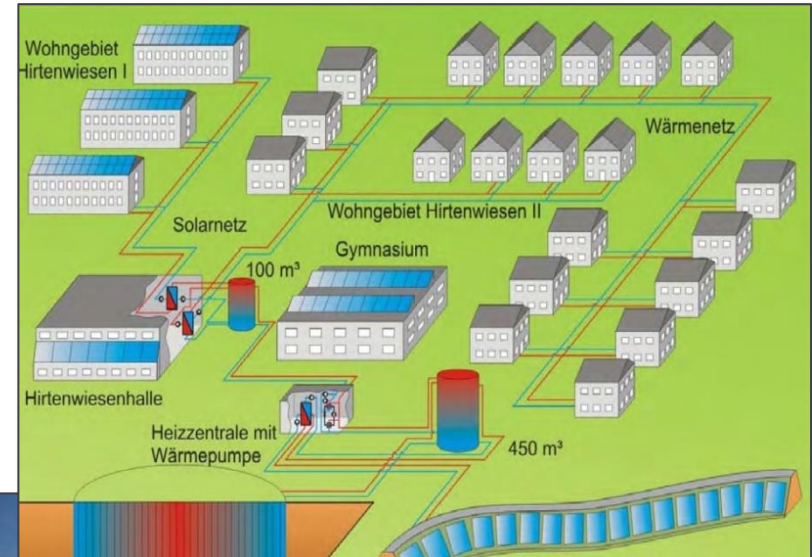
## A) Research on borehole thermal energy storage (BTES)

Examples of BTES installation:



Crailsheim (Germany)

- Central heating system delivering heat into
  - schools
  - gyms
  - 6 residential houses
  - groups of houses
  
- Annual heat consumption 4.100 MWh

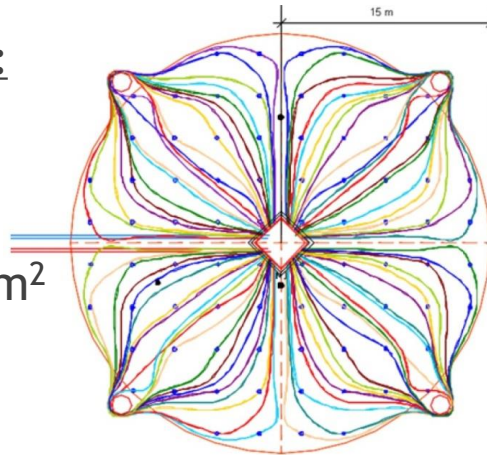


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### Examples of BTES installation:

#### Crailsheim (Germany)

- Solar collectors of 7.300 m<sup>2</sup>
  - roofs, anti-noise screen
  
- BTES:
  - since 2008 in operation
  - 80 boreholes to the depth of 55 m
  - BTES temperatures 22 - 65° C
  
- Water storages for peak balance
  - 100 m<sup>3</sup>, 400 m<sup>3</sup>





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### Examples of BTES installation:

#### Okotoks (Alberta, Canada)

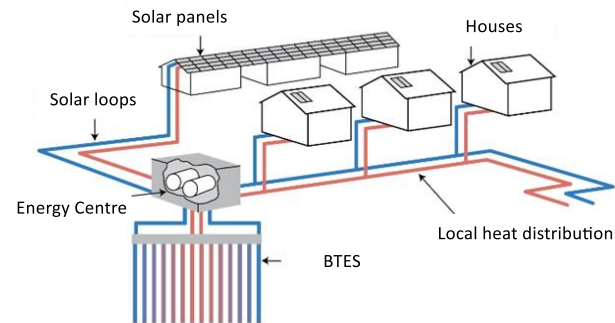
- 30 km south of Calgary
- Altitude 1084 m
- Winter temperatures up to  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Summer temperatures up to  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$
- High percentage of sunny day a year
- Abrupt fluctuation of temperatures



## A) Research on borehole thermal energy storage (BTES)

### Examples of BTES installation:

#### Okotoks (Alberta, Canada)



#### ■ Extent of installation:

- ❑ 52 houses with wooden construction
- ❑ Solar panels, 800 pcs., 2 300 m<sup>2</sup>
- ❑ Energy Centre with balance tanks and control systems
- ❑ Underground BTES - 144 boreholes
- ❑ Hot water pipes network
- ❑ Up to 90 % of self-sufficiency

#### ■ Since 2007 in operation



## A) Research on borehole thermal energy storage (BTES)

### The pilot project of BTES in the Czech Republic

*„Utilization of thermal energy from rock massif and verification of possibilities to accumulate heat in rock massif“.*

#### Participants:

- Mining University - Technical University, Ostrava
- Green Gas DPB, a.s., Paskov
- DHI a.s., Praha

Supported by Technology Agency of the Czech Republic.

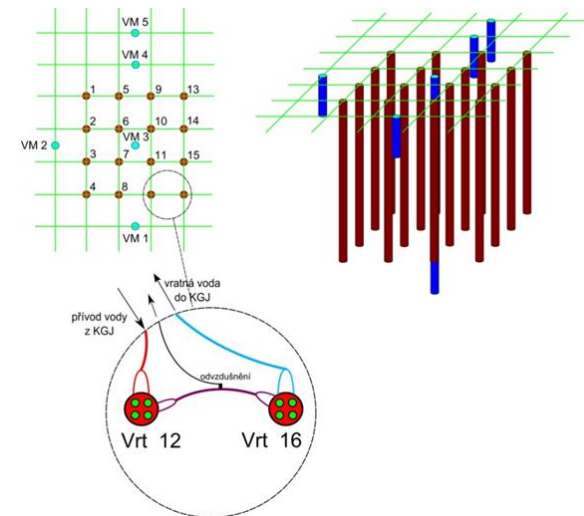
Project duration: 1/2011 - 12/2014.



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BTES as the one of many results of project solution. Basic parameters:

- Built in area of Green Gas DPB
  - High-temperature
    - Input temperature into boreholes up to 95° C
  - Total length of boreholes 1.100 m
    - Energy boreholes 16 pcs x 60 m
    - Monitoring boreholes 1 x 80 m, 1 x 15 m
  - Temperature monitoring of
    - Transfer fluid in boreholes
    - Rock massif
  - Monitoring of intake and return heat/temperature





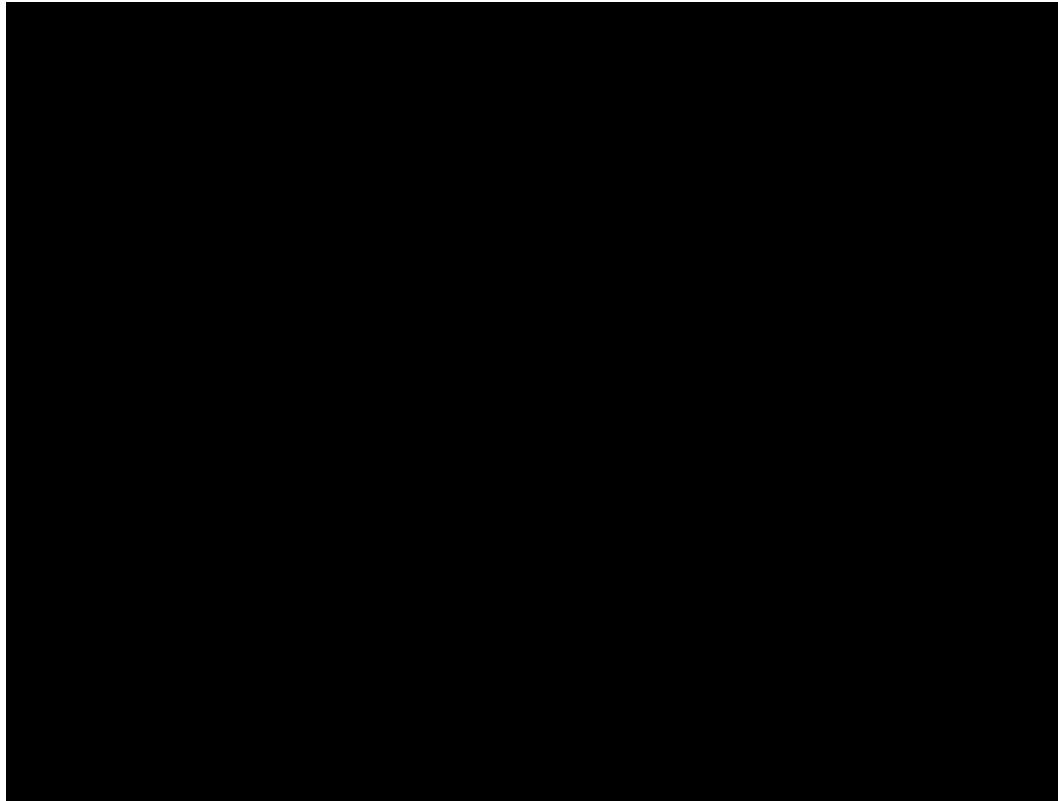
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BTES in pictures - from drilling to finalizing



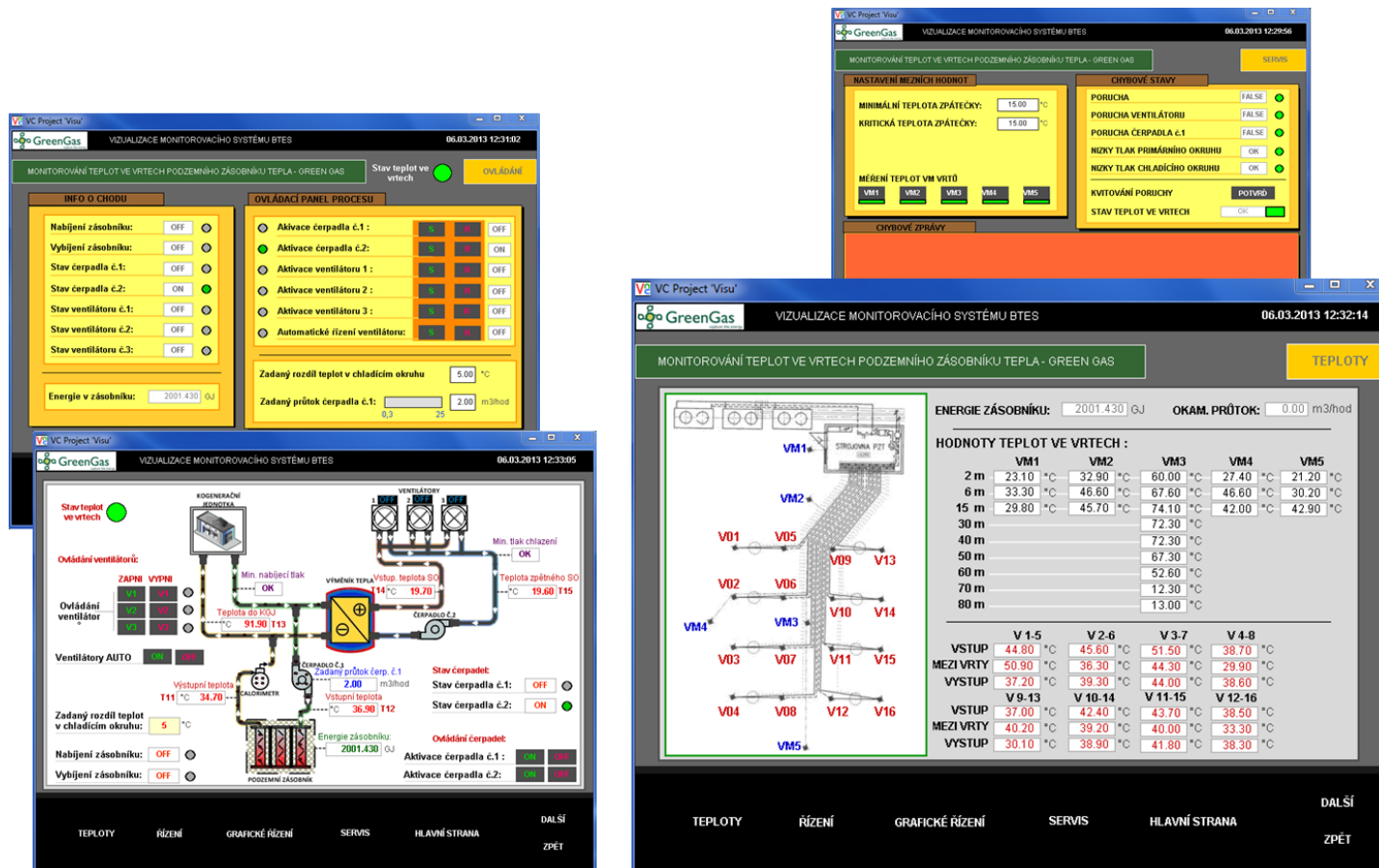
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BTES in video



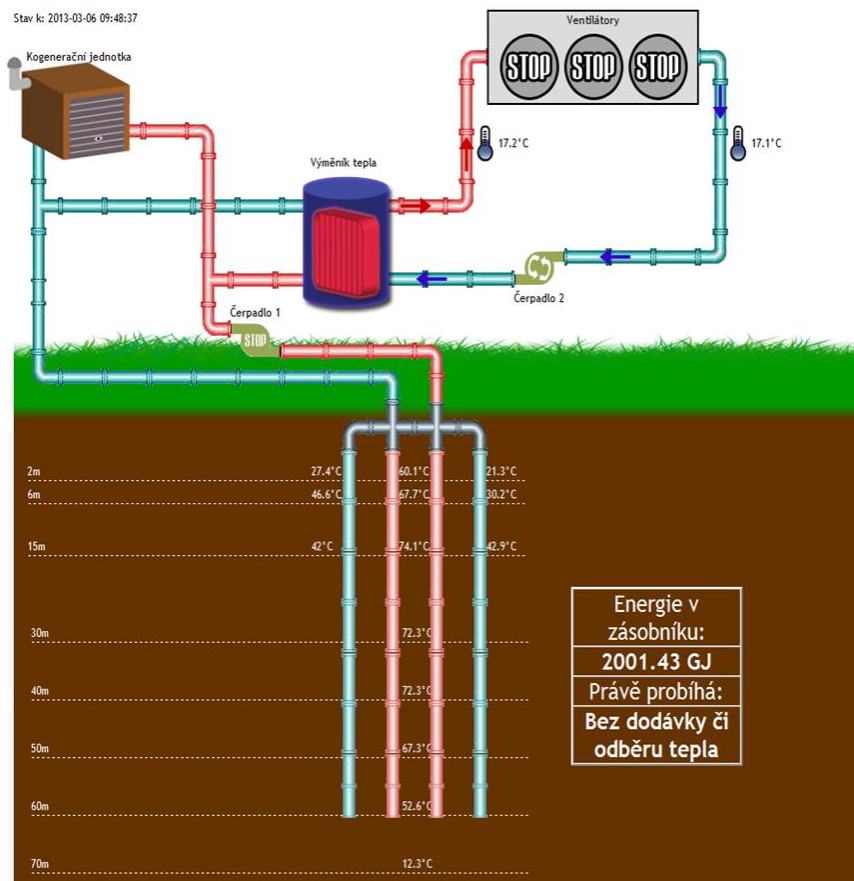
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## BTES - on-site visualization



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## BTES - on-line visualization

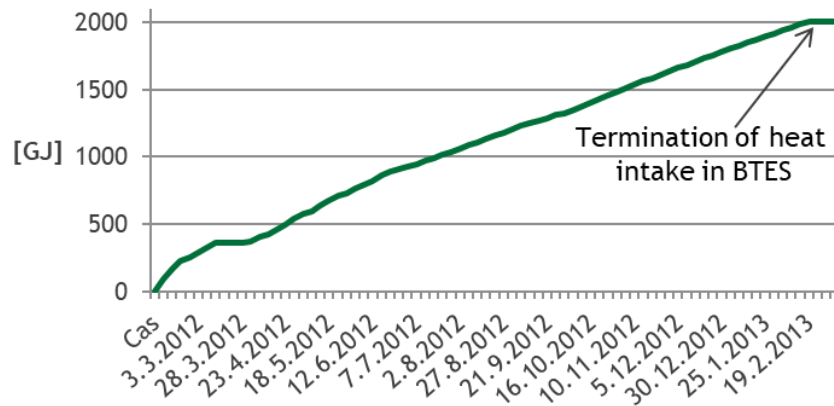




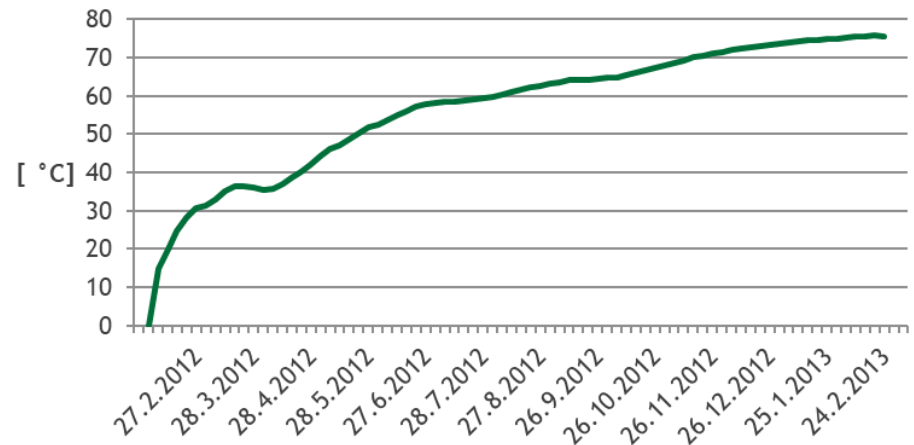
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## BTES in pictures - outputs

Energy stored in BTES

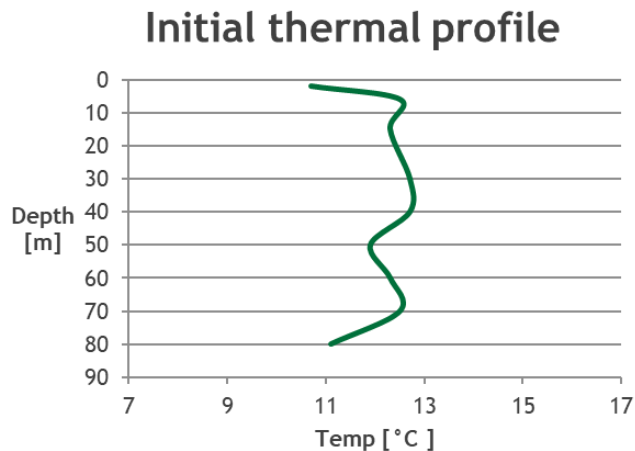


Temperature in the centre of BTES

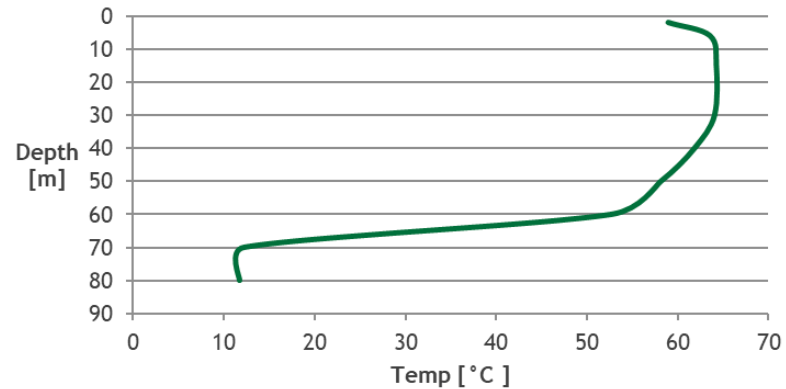


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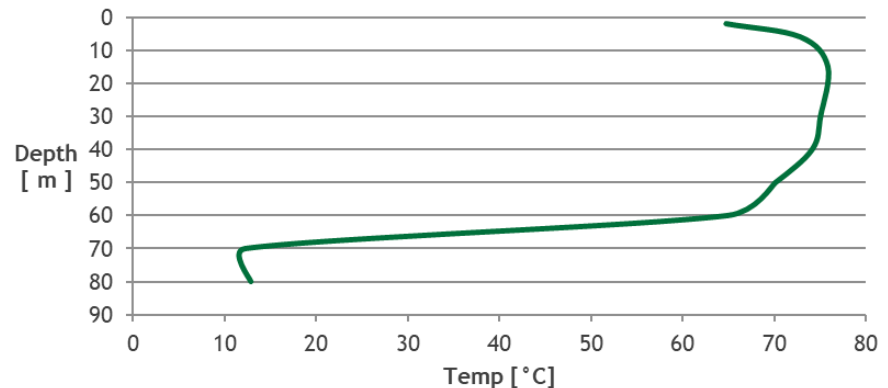
## BTES in pictures - general results



### Thermal profile to 9/2012



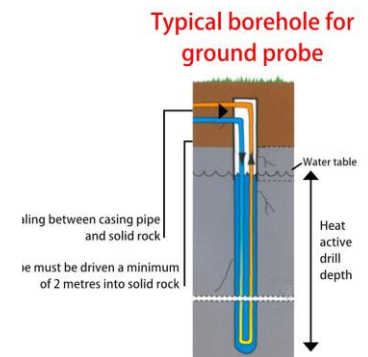
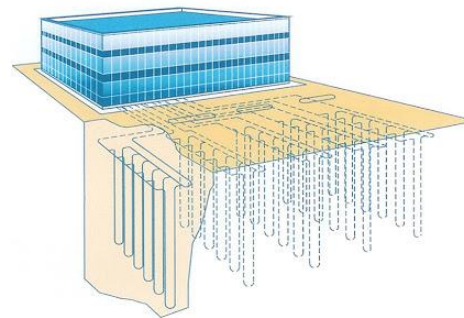
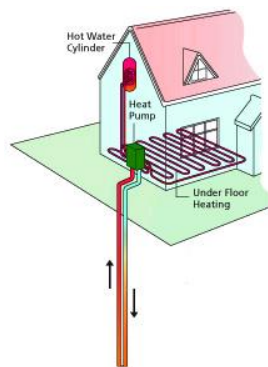
### Thermal profile to 2/2013



## B) Ground/Water geothermal heat pumps (GHPs)

Our business activities:

- Drilling of vertical boreholes for capturing/storage of heat from/to rock massif.
- Cooperation with partners in installation of heat pumps - from domestic installations up to large installations for industrial, sport, cultural and many other halls and buildings.

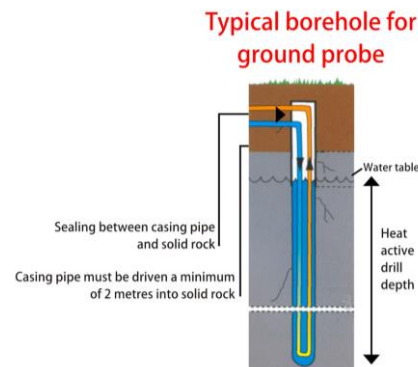


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Drilling of vertical boreholes for capturing/storage of heat from/to rock massif

### Basic steps:

- *Thermal response test - confirmation of borehole parameters.*
- *Drilling of sufficient length of boreholes - vertically up to 200 m.*
- *Drilling diameter of 152/ 120 mm - drilled by hammer under air drilling fluid.*
- *Installation of HDPE loops 4x32mm/ 2x40mm into boreholes.*
- *Sealing of HDPE loops in borehole by cement/bentonite mixture.*



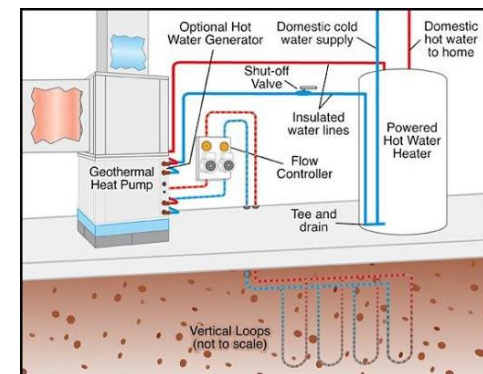
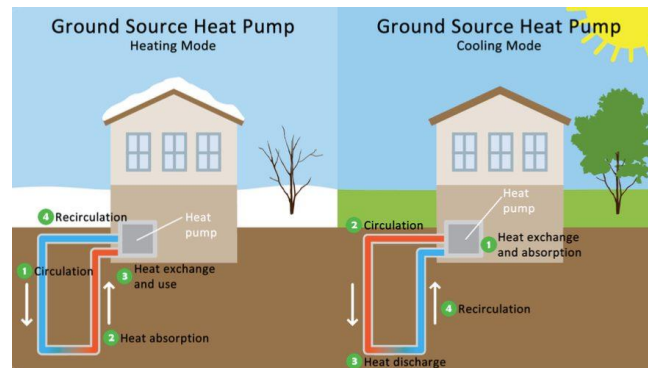


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### Installation of heat pumps

#### Basic steps:

- *Primary part - borehole connection into HDPE pipe network up to heat pump.*
- *Secondary part - connection of heat pump into internal heating system of the building.*
- *Applicable for cooling system too.*



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