



The use of heat pumps in true geothermal

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Trust

Open-mindedness

Knowledge

Well-being



The problem...

Geothermal for direct heat use is very common in a variety of countries

What can be done to mitigate the risk on temperatures and flow?





Outline

Existing borehole provides 60l/s @ F = 74 Deg C & R = 52 Deg C

Contribute ~ 5MW thermal in this configuration via PHE

Gas Boilers add top up to 36MW

How can this be improved?



Solution

Existing borehole provides 60l/s @ F = 74 Deg C & R = 52 Deg C

Contribute ~ 5MW thermal in this configuration via PHE

Install heat pump to take 60l/s @ F = 52 Deg C & R = 15 Deg C

Increase thermal delivery by 12MW and output temperature to ~80 Deg C for total of 17MW. Heat Pump @ >450% eff.

Gas boilers reduced to 19MW



Control

5 MW Direct Geothermal

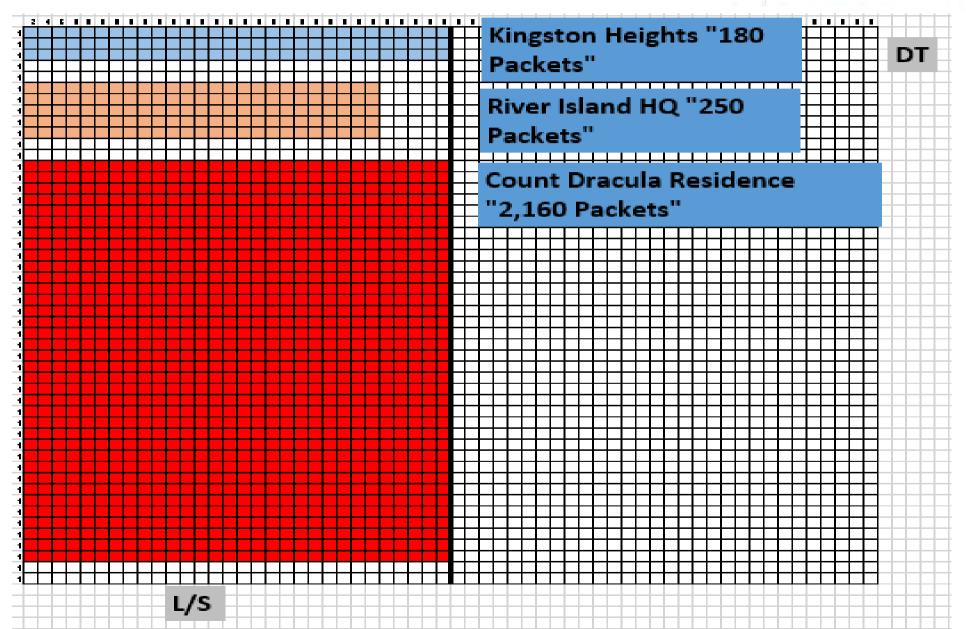
Then

12 MW Heat Pump

Then

17MW Gas Boiler

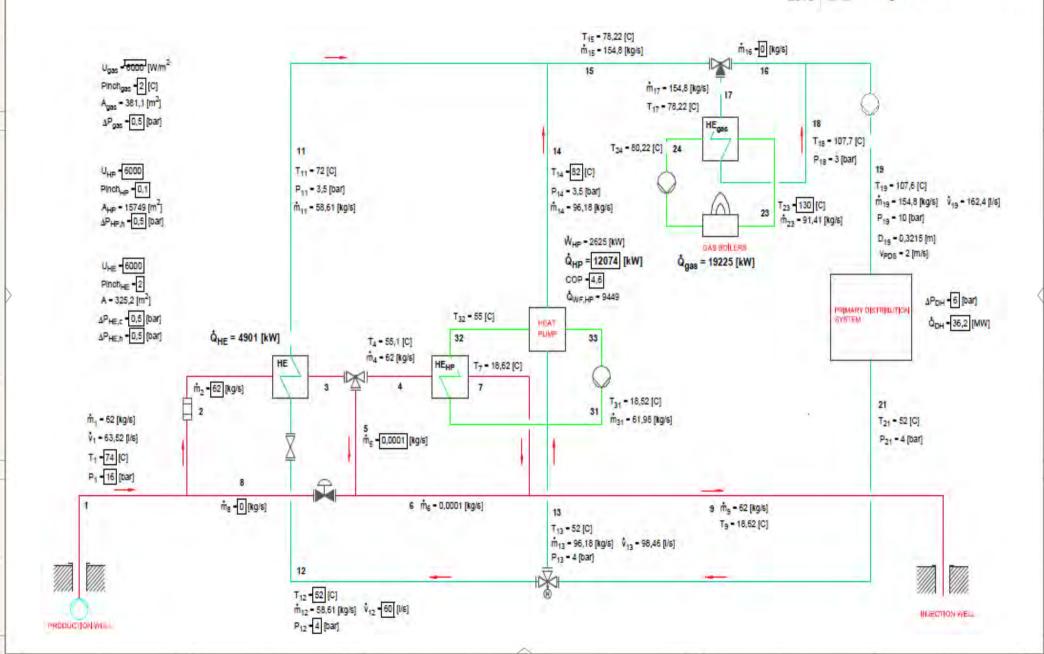




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What about the Money!!!

• So, if in the UK....

• 17,000kW x 4,000 run hours

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68GWh

• 3p bill plus 5p RHI less 2p run cost

=

6p net

• 68 GWh x £0.06

=

£4.08M

7yr return

=

£28.56M

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