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## **TWEE TYPES VAN BODEMENERGIEOPSLAG TOEGEPAST IN DE ZIEKENHUISSECTOR**

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## Geothermal Energy

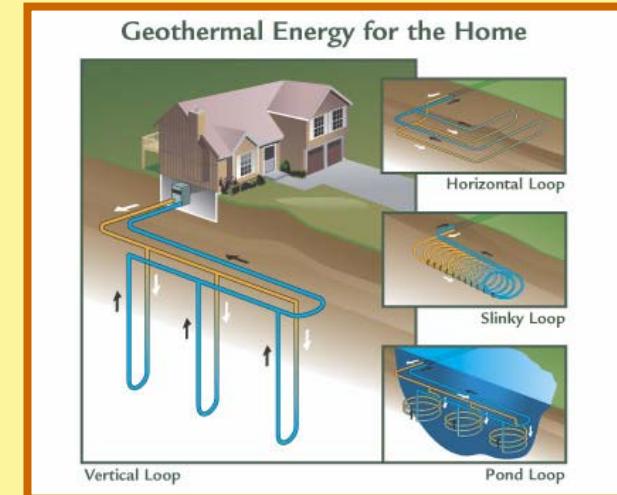
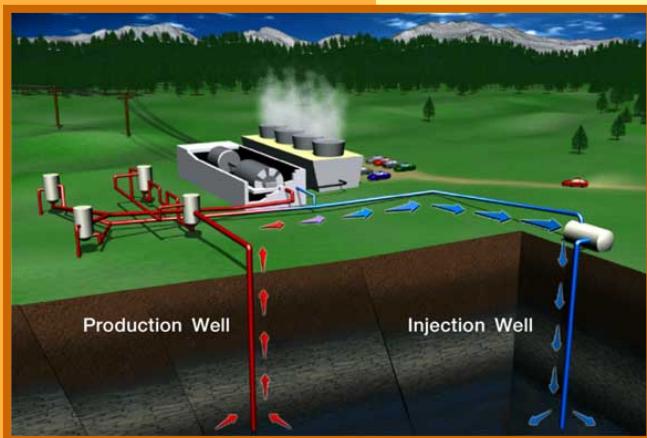
### General

#### -Open system

- Sint-Elisabeth - Herentals

#### -Closed system – borehole heat exchangers

- Sint-Vincentius – Antwerp





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## Geothermal Energy

Choice : Open system - closed system

- Geology and hydro-geology of the underground
- Geological differences in Belgium
- Energy demand
- Area and utilization of the surface
- Problems with licences / government



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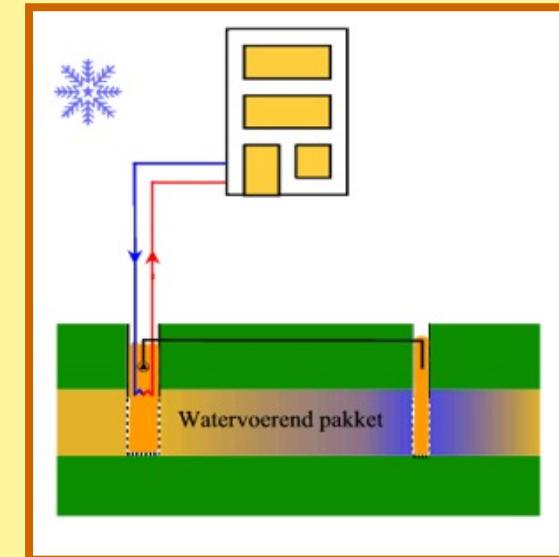
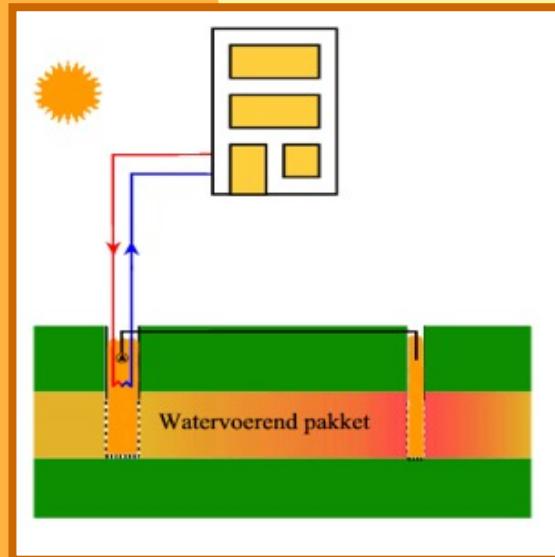
## ⇒ Open system: ATES (Aquifer Storage)

### Principle

→ Two wells ("doublette")

Example: 2 wells with a production of 90m<sup>3</sup>/h (500kW)

- Extract or inject water from/to water bearing layers in the underground
- Energy demand summer ↔ winter





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⇒ **Open system**

A. Main requirements :

- Sufficient permeability
- Good groundwater chemistry

→ By means of a pumping test and interpretation

B. Interaction between study – design - construction





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## ⇒ Procedure

- A. Drilling of two wells : “doublette”
  - Difference between extraction and injection
  - Quality of the work is important
    - 1. injection and extraction well can be switched
    - 2. production of the desired amount of groundwater with little drawdown
    - 3. avoid problems with scaling, clogging and corrosion

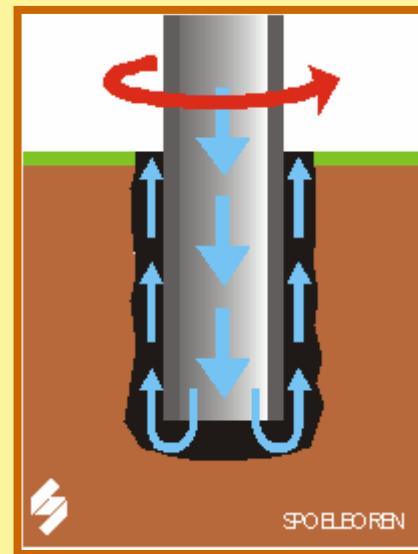


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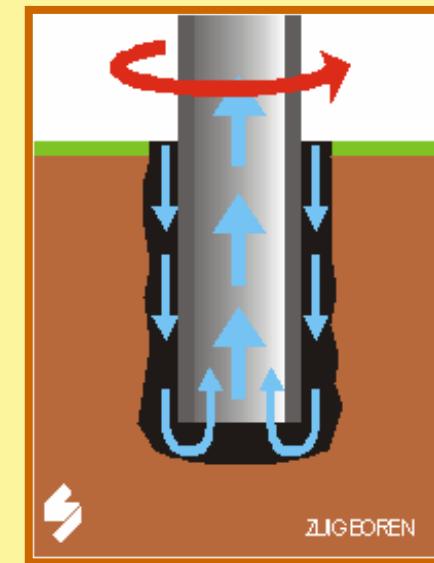
## 4. Drilling method

→ dependent on local geology / borehole diameter / borehole depth

Option 1 – direct rotary drilling



Option 2 – airlift





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## 4. Drilling method

→ Area and utilization of the surface



→ Drilling mud

→ Drill





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## 5. Well construction

- quality work
- depth, diameter of the well, backfilling materials
- St Elisabeth: 2 wells of 75m
  - production: 90m<sup>3</sup>/h
  - PVC, diam 250mm
  - 500kW





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### B. Electro-mechanical equipment primary circuit :

1. Submersible pumps
2. Inspection chamber
3. Piping / wiring
4. Technical room
5. Low voltage switch box
6. Interaction with the building (HVAC), programmation



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## Submersible pumps



- stainless steel pumps and accessories
- stainless steel piping
- injection valve
- hydrostatic water level measurements

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Submersible pumps





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## Submersible pumps



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Submersible pumps





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## Inspection chamber



- underground
- partly underground, partly aboveground
- hydraulic en electrical equipment
- instrumentation



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## Inspection chamber



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Inspection chamber



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Inspection chamber





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Inspection chamber





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## Piping / wiring

- HDPE-fittings
- wiring: suitable for underground





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## Technical room

- stainless steel piping
- manual or automatic
- elektro-magnetic flow meter
- sensors for registration of pressure, temperature





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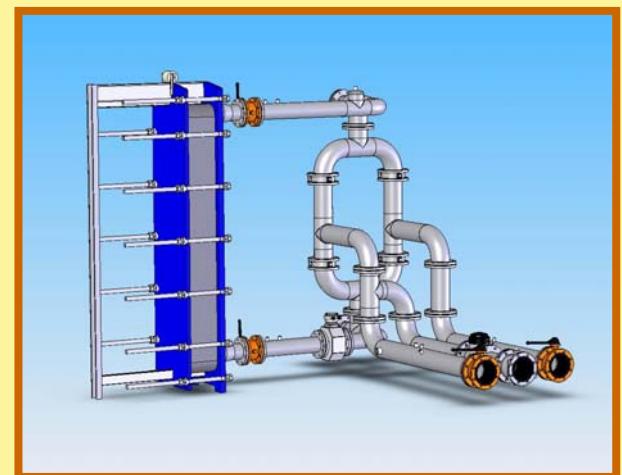
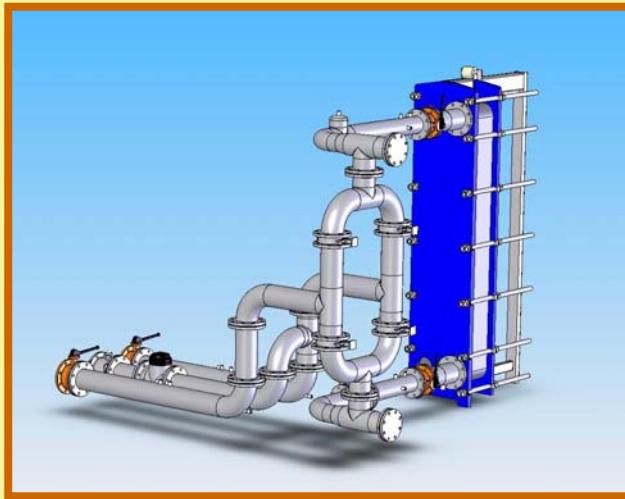
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## Technical room





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Technical room





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Low voltage switch box





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Interaction with the building (HVAC), programmation

- ! Separation between open system and HVAC
- Responsibilities

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SEPARATE SYSTEMS**



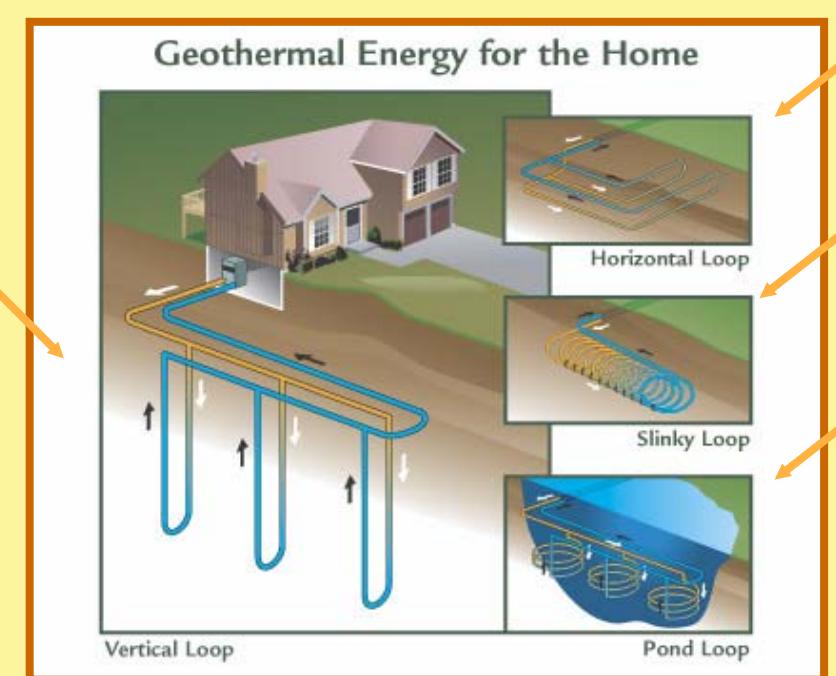
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## References open systems

- \*proefboringen voor VITO, SCK
- \*Brasschaat, VZW KLINA
- \*Malle, ETAP
- \*Mol, VITO
- \*Turnhout, Kazerne Blaaron
- \*Geel, OPZ
- \*Overpelt, Mariaziekenhuis
- \*Geel, OPZ (46m<sup>3</sup>/h – 175kW)
- \*Tienen, BEBAT (15m<sup>3</sup>/h – 170kW)
- \*Herentals, St-Elisabeth (90m<sup>3</sup>/h – 800kW)
- \*Mol, RVT Ten Hove (46m<sup>3</sup>/h – 270kW)
- \*Sint-Truiden, AZ St Trudo (40m<sup>3</sup>/h – 375kW)
- \*Turnhout, AZ St-Jozef (60m<sup>3</sup>/h – 560kW)
- \*Heusden-Zolder, St-Franciscusziekenhuis (90m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- \*Tienen, Sociaal Huis (30m<sup>3</sup>/h – 450kW))

## ⇒ Closed systems: BTES (Borehole Storage)

- Vertical – horizontal - oblique
- Example: Sint-Vincentius at Antwerp
  - 84 boreholes of 150meter

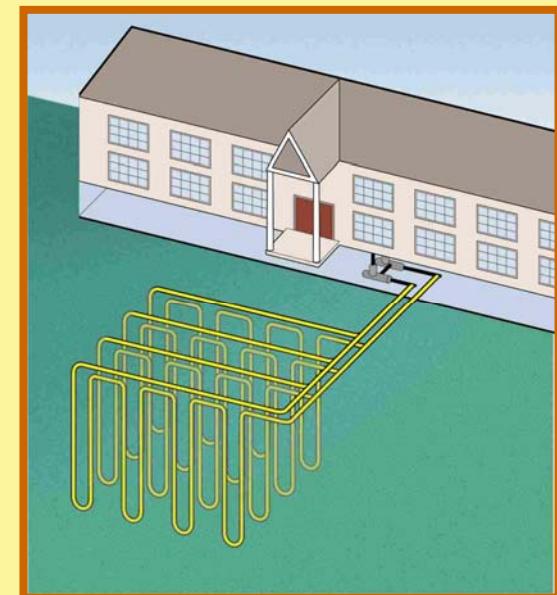




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## ⇒ **Closed systems :borehole heat exchangers**

- Execution of a Geothermal Respons Test (Terra Energy)
- Study – design:
  - Amount of boreholes
  - Depth of the boreholes
  - Configuration
  - Horizontal connections





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⇒ Procedure

1. Drill site
2. Technical / materials
3. Drilling works



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## 1. Drill site

- Levelling



- Trenches



- Building excavation





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Consultation with architect, contractor,...

- planning
- area and utilization of the surface
- configuration
- stability of the underground and structures



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## 2. Technical / materials

- Double U-pipes: straight pipes connected by a 180° U-turn at the bottom



- PE100, SDR11, PN16, diameter 32 x 26,2 mm





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- installation of several weights
- installation with care and experience





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## - Backfilling of the boreholes

- From bottom to top
- With a filling pipe
- Thermal grout





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## 3. Drilling works

- Drilling method = direct rotary drilling
- Depth : dependent on
  - permits
  - geology
  - prize
  - size of the drilling machine
- Transport of mud





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## Quality :

- Diameter < 180 mm
  - Maximal heat conductivity
- Verticality of the drilling machine ( $89,50^\circ$  -  $90,50^\circ$ )
- Sequence of the boreholes
- Quality of the mud
- Borehole depth



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⇒ Horizontal connections of the U-pipes :

- HDPE

- SDR11

- Type of connections :

1. Tichelmann method

2. Parallel-serial method



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1. Tichelman method :
  - Equilibrium of the system
  - Pressure losses are the same
  
2. Parallel-serial method :
  - 2 U-pipes parallel
  - 2 boreholes serial





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→ HDPE collector





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→ HDPE collector



→ Link seals



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→ Central collector in excavation





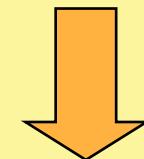
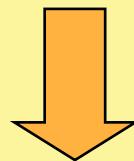
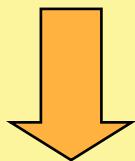
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## References closed systems

- \*Barendrecht, BAM-groep – 16 st tot 125m
- \*Mol, Vito – 144 st tot 35m
- \*Lelystad, Nordic – 10 st tot 100m
- \*Zuidschermer, Nordic – 8 st tot 130m
- \*Londerzeel – 8 st tot 120m
- \*Watermael-Bosvoorde, Herpain – 50 st tot 100m
- \*Antwerpen, St-Vincentius – 84 st tot 150m
- \*Brugge, WZC De Vliedberg – 68 st tot 100m
- \*Hasselt, Infrabel (Seinhuis) – 24 st tot 100m
- \*UZ Gent, REVA – 34 st tot 150m



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