GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

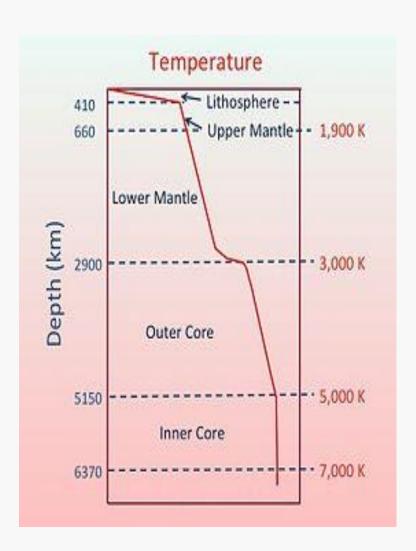
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Structure

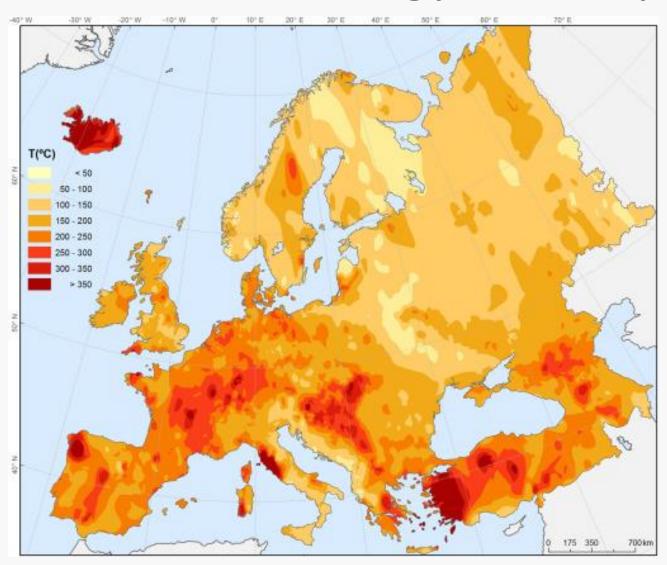
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Definition

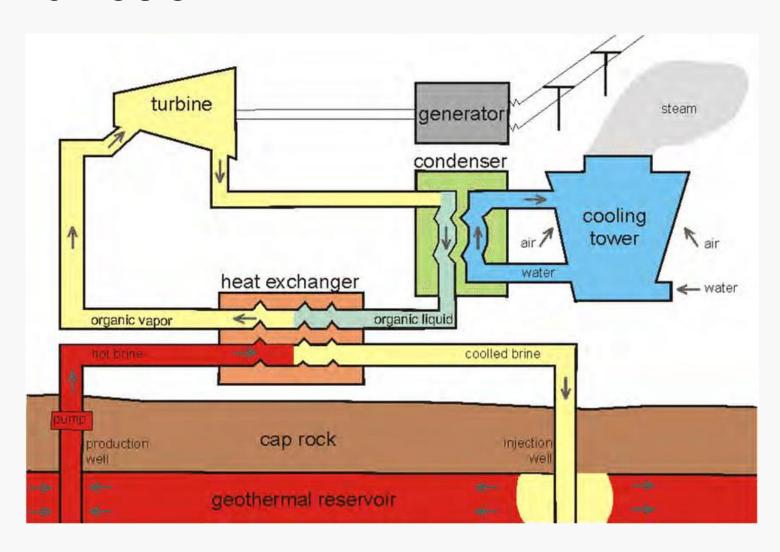
- Power station that uses the interior heat of the earth to create energy
- The Earth's internal heat comes from a combination of residual heat from planetary accretion, heat produced trough radioactive decay, latent heat from core crystallization, and possibly heat from other sources.
- Geothermal gradient is the rate of increasing temperature with respect to increasing depth (25–30 °C/km)
- Pipes have to be 3km deep



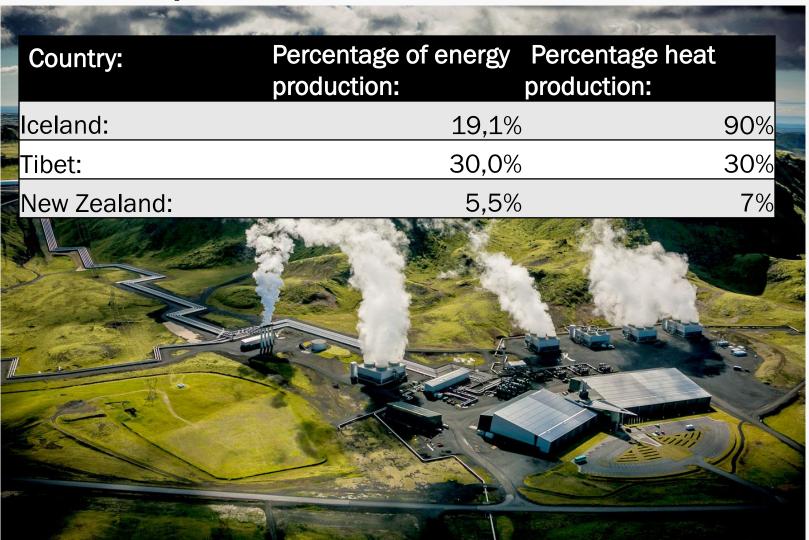
Geothermal Energy in Europe



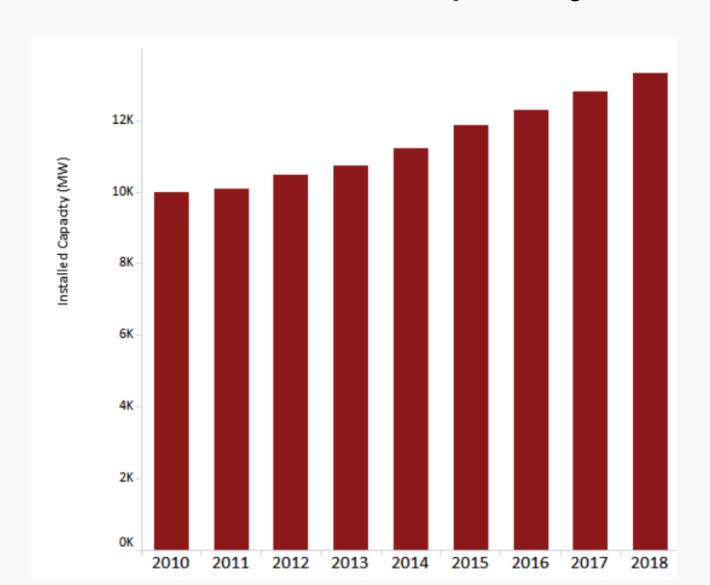
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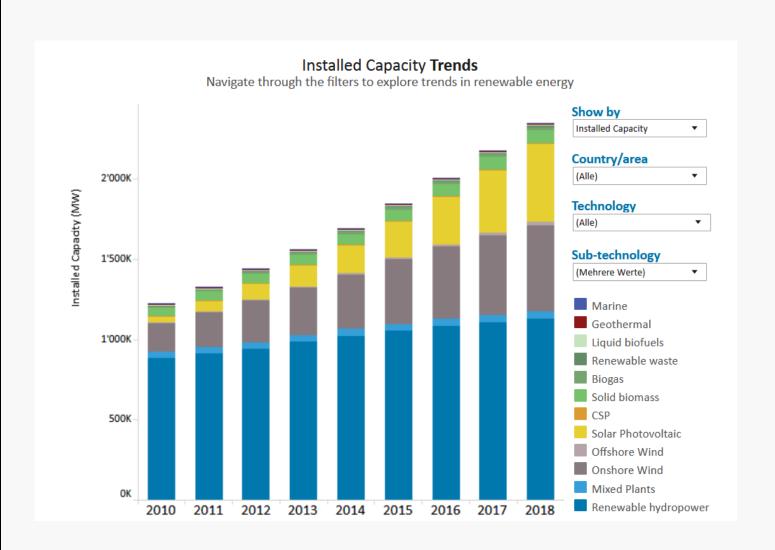
Examples



Global installed capacity



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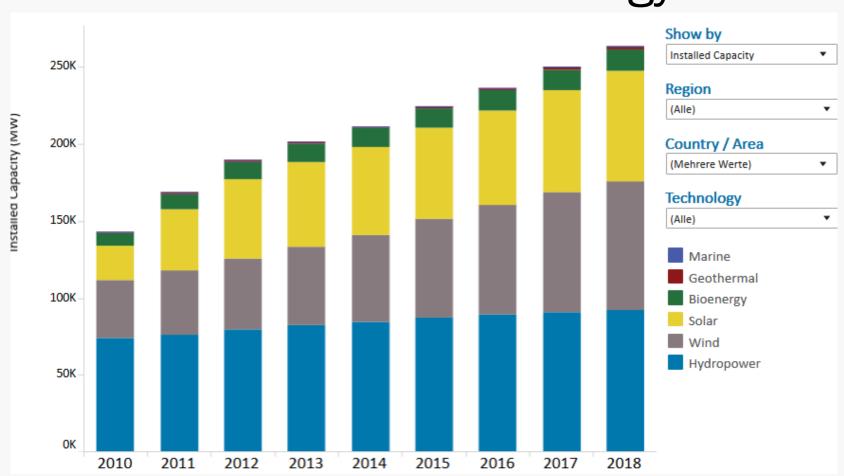
Pro arguments

- Renewable
- Directly usable for heating (agriculture,home) → less energy needed
- stable
- Usable on a small scale
- Not much pollution
- Small footprint on land
- Not dependent on plate tectonics
- Stable electricity prices and a stable resource
- potential between 0.035 to 2 TW.

Contra arguments

- 5-10 years to pay for itselve and heavy upfront costs → higher electricity prices (20.000 bto 25.000€)
- Very location specific
- Only sustainable (renewable) if the reservoirs are properly managed
- Could get destroyed by earthquakes
- Can cause earthquake
- Difficult to repair
- Might contaminate ground water and atmosphere (toxic minerals, Greenhouse gas)
- Globally not relevant yet

Share of the Erasmus Countrys with renewable energy



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