# Process flow and gathering system

Session VI

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## Presentation overview

- Presentations reviewing different work cycles
- Main concept of the gathering system
- Calculated example showing methods used within geothermal steam gathering system design







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#### Adapted from Lindal diagram

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## Geothermal in Iceland



## Process flow

- A review of thermodynamic cycles used in geothermal energy production with emphasis on electricity generation
- Flash steam cycles with single flash and double flash as well as different binary cycles as ORC and Kalina Cycle are introduced and compared





## Back Pressure Steam Power Plant





## Back pressure unit - layout









## Calculated examples Different turbine outlet pressure





## **Steam Power Plant with Condenser**













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## Steam Power Plant – Double Pressure





## Svartsengi – the "Octopus"





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## Steam Power Plant – Double Flash





## Hellisheiði – low pressure unit









## Steam Power Plant w. District Heating





## **District heating plant**







#### **Process Flow Diagram**



## **Binary Cycles**







## Binary Cycles – with Recuperation





## Binary Plant Berlin – El Salvador LaGeo







## Binary Cycles – Kalina







## Húsavik Kalina plant









## Binary Cycles – Kalex







## Work Cycle Comparison Specific Power





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## Work Cycle Cost Comparison







## Demonstration of model

 <u>Turboden ORC model:</u> <u>http://www.turboden.eu/en/rankine/rankine-</u> <u>calculator.php</u>





## **Gathering System**

 This session will present an overview of the design process of a geothermal gathering system with emphasis on particularities of the geothermal fluid.





#### Steam Supply - Preliminary P&ID



#### **Nesjavellir Power Plant**

Cooling towers Power Plant



Production Two phase Well flow Steam vent station Separation station



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#### Gathering system- Design

- Design standards
  - Standards i.e.
    Pressure directive
    97/23/EC
- Pressure selection
  - Chemical constraints
  - Power generation

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• Productivity curves



## **Chemical constraints**

- Scaling
- Corrosivity
- Radioactivity

#### Mitigation:

- Pressure control / closed loop system
- "cleaning" of the steam
- Inhibitors





## Typical productivity curves



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#### Well Pump – Low Enthalpy

- Type
  - Submersible pump
  - Line shaft pump
- Selection and operation
  - Depth
  - Temperature
  - Scaling
  - Bubble point



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## Gathering System– Design load

- Constant load
  - Weight
  - Pressure
- Variable load (depending on location)
  - Wind load
  - Snow load
  - Earthquake
- Frictional load
  - Thermal expansion
  - Friction





#### **Gathering System - Pipelines**

- Pipe laying
  - Under ground
  - Above ground
- Material selection
- Pipe size
  - Pressure/temperature



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#### Steam Supply System – Pipelines



#### Gathering system – route selection

- Public safety
- Environmental impact
- Restriction on land
- Cost efficiency







#### **Steam pipelines**







#### Steam Supply - Layout

- Central separation station
- Satellite separation stations
- Individual separators





## Power plant layout













Two phase flow in

Steam out

Separated

water out

#### **Steam Supply - Separators**

- Cyclone separators
- Gravity separators



- Efficiency
  - Steam separator and moisture separator should together achieve 99,99 % bw. liquid removal or better



## Calculated example

 The presenter will go through a calculated example to show methods used for basic engineering within steam gathering system design. The example taken will be connected to the special conditions encountered in geothermal energy.





## Example

- Example for 1200 kJ/kg well enthalpy
  - 40-50°C condensing temperature
  - Back pressure
- Objective

Maximize the power production





- Assumptions
  - We know the reservoir enthalpy
  - We know the condenser temperature
  - Separation pressure does not influence the well flow





## Example, condensing unit





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## Example, condensing unit

- The maximum power will be 12,4 MW
  - Entalpy = 1200 kJ/kg
  - Condensing pressure 0,075 bara / temperature
    40°C
  - Separation pressure 6 bar<sub>a</sub>
  - Flow 100 kg/s
- What if we selected backpressure instead?





## Example, back pressure



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## Example, back pressure

- The maximum power will be 6,4 MW
  - Entalpy = 1200 kJ/kg
  - Separation pressure 12 bar<sub>a</sub>
  - Flow 100 kg/s

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## Example

- Optimum separation pressure is 6 bar<sub>a</sub>, is that ok?
- Saturation temperature for 1200 kJ/kg is 273°C

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