### The role of UTES in the energy transition in the Netherlands: Market and innovation developments



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- Climate court case
- Until 2016 focus on electricity and mobility
- Climate agreements 2013 and 2020
- Biomass key role ☺





### Heat transition

- Industry

   (~20% of total energy use)
  - Hydrogen & Green gas
- Built environment: 8 000 000 buildings (~25% of total energy use)
  - District heating networks





Individual solutions



### Heat transition in NL = growth of ATES & BHE

### Individual solutions for houses and utility

- ~6,500,000 houses
- ~1,500,000 utility buildings
- ~10,000 ha greenhouses
- Currently: ~1% have ATES/BHE
- In 2050: ~25%

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### **BHE & ATES**





- We do our best 🙂
- But we have long way to go!

• What is our approach?

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## Legislation situation: permitting



- Reporting obligation
- 6 wk permit procedure
- HT-ATES Pilots allowed

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- In busy areas: possibility to plan
- Reporting of performance

### Legislation situation: certification

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### Energy efficiency standard

New buildings



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Sooner or later also existing buildings

### Take home message 1:

- Adoption rates are high

   → EPC standard / uniform legislation
- Quality standard for UTES is high → Certification
- Real GHG emission go down
   → control on performance via legislation

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• All is settled then?

....no! Many developments going on





### **BHE borehole completion**







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- Clay/bentonite
- Cementing



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- Verification techniques



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# High density use of BHE



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## High density use of ATES



### High density use of ATES



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### High density use of ATES



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### Subsurface heat transport



High Temperature ATES Houses, greenhouses & utility



**HT-ATES** 







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### L&HT-ATES $\rightarrow$ Triplet



Bloemendal, v. Wijk, Hartog, Pape (H2O-online, 2017).

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### Mismatch availability of heat



### **Geothermal & HT-ATES**



### Take home message 2:

- Upscaling while ensuring sustainable use of subsurface
- High density use, optimal utilisation of subsurface resources
- Accommodate higher temperatures

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