Delft University of Technology





Delft







Founded 1842 16500 students 2800 scientific staff 250 PhDs/yr 8 faculties





Department of Geoscience & Engineering

Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geosciences



Main department characteristics

- Focus on interface between Geosciences and Engineering
- Mission: "Reveal and explain the Earth's underground resources and support their use in an environmentally friendly manner"
- Far-reaching integration of different groups and international staff and students
- Large laboratory: triaxial press, borehole simulator, acoustic tanks, CT scanner+microscanner, shock tube, etc.
- Participation in large national and international research projects and strategic partnerships (ISES, DELPHI, IDEA League, Deltares, TNO, Shell, Statoil, etc.)



Key activities

- Characterize the shallow and deep subsurface with novel technologies
- Explain and model the origins and properties of subsurface formations
- Develop concepts and techniques to influence and control subsurface states and processes
- Develop methods to assess, monitor or restore the natural subsurface environment
- Design methods to responsibly use the subsurface for construction, transport and resource exploitation
 Geology Geophysics Geo Engineering



Education

2008 - 2010

Base Course Geothermal Energy for MSc-Students G & E.
Elective, 30 hours, 5 – 10 students in Working Groups
Objective: Characterization of mainly the sub-surface infra-structure

2010 - 2012

Base Course Geothermal Energy for MSc-Students G & E, PhD-Students CTG and some SET-MSc-students.
•Elective, 30 hours, ca. 15 Participants in Working Groups
•Objective: Characterization of Mainly the Sub-Surface Infra-structure Connected to Existing

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Extended Geothermal Energy Courses for all types of Geoscience Students, PhD-Students and Inter-Faculty MSc-students from Delft, Utrecht, Amsterdam and Industry.

•Elective, 60 hours, ca. *100* International Students in Working Groups

•Objective: Characterization of the Surface and Sub-Surface Infra-Structure for High- and Low Enthalpy Systems

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EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

In the past 5 years: 21 BSc-students, 11 MSc-students, 2 PhD's

Research Topics and Results

- Well Analysis of Relevant Wells in and Around the License:
- Cuttings, Cores, Petrophysics, Fluid-analysis
- Geophysics: Static model of the Rijswijk and Delft Sands,
 - i.e. Tectonics, Fault distribution, Lateral/Vertical continuity
- Static Reservoir Model and Sedimentary Characteristics:
 Determination of Depositional Environments, Sediment Petrography; Use of Analogues
 Geostatistics and Monte Carlo/Environment based Permeability Distributions
 Distribution of Potential Shallow and Deep Tertiary Reservoirs
- Reservoir modelling and Engineering
- Dynamic Modelling between Well Pairs on Heat Production,
 - Flow and Rock/Fluid/Gas (CO₂) Interaction versus Time
- Reservoir Behaviour on Differential Heat and Multi-Phase Flow

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EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



- Temperature and Flow Behaviour in the Production and Injection Well
- Well Interference between the Well Pairs within the Licence
- Shallow Well Interference (PhD)
- Geochemistry and Scaling (Effects on Composites vs. Steel), Injectivity and Productivity

• Drilling

- Well Development: Steel versus Composite
- Implementation of Fibre Optics and P,V,T-equipment for On-Line Monitoring within the License area

Energy Balance, Distribution and Life Time Cycles
 Exergy Analysis of the Sub-Surface and Surface Infrastructure

- for Various Scenarios
- Cascade Energy Production for Deeper Reservoirs
- Dry Exploration Wells, Abandoned Reservoirs, Deep Fracturing



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Research & education ambitions on TU Delft geothermal system (geothermal laboratory)

• Long-term permanent monitoring: downhole (glass fibre?) & tophole (P, V, T, hardness, tracers) online, real time display

- Extended pump testing for dynamic modelling
- Production- characteristics, history matching
- Interference as function of time
- Breakthrough time prediction
- Borehole logging
 - New techniques
 - Experiment facilities
 - Callibration of tools for composite casing

 Code of practice: make a 'standard' for execution of geothermal projects

- Drilling techniques
- Production testing
- Logging, monitoring & sampling using composites
- Commissioning practices
- Composite casings
 - Project cost reduction
 - Lighter drilling rigs, less impact

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