

Geothermal Energy Pile for Heating/Cooling Buildings

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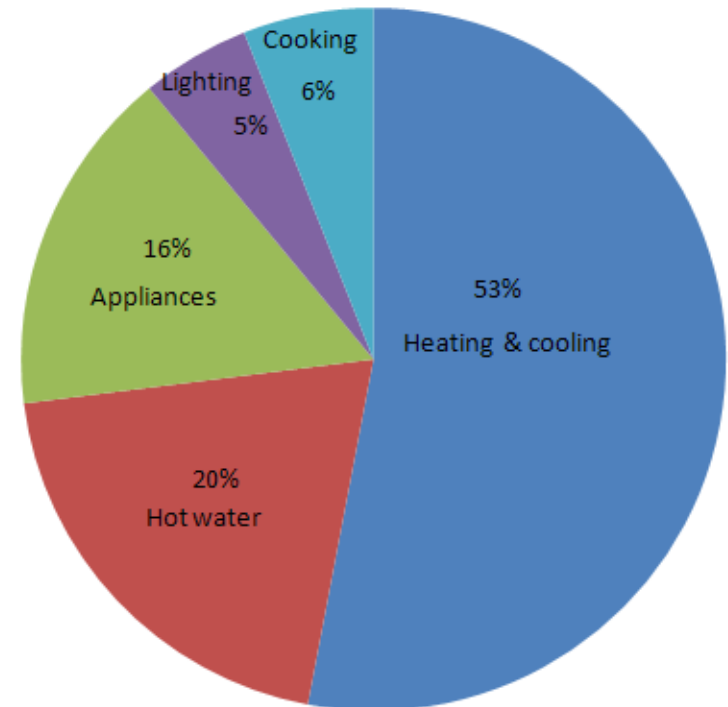


Presentation overview

- **Ground energy**
- **Ground source heat pump**
- **Geothermal Energy Pile**
- **Case studies**
- **Conclusions**

Energy usage

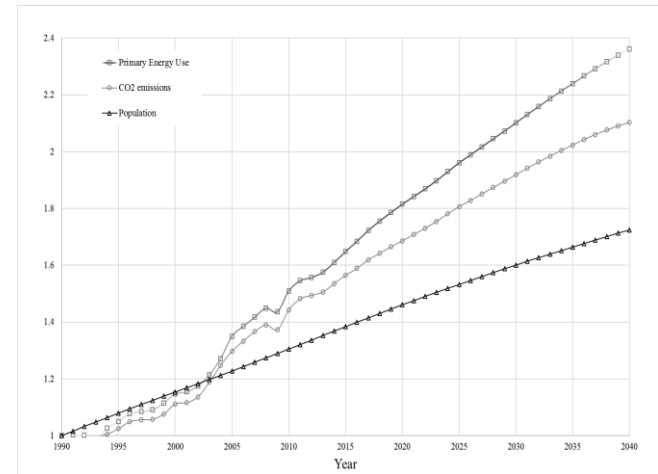
- **73% energy is being used for heating/cooling and hot water**
- **Every house is responsible for 20,000 kg (20 tonnes) of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) per year**
- **Conventional heating/cooling system efficiency 50% to 80%**
- **Carbon tax, energy is getting more expensive**
- **Reduce energy use and GHG emission save the world**



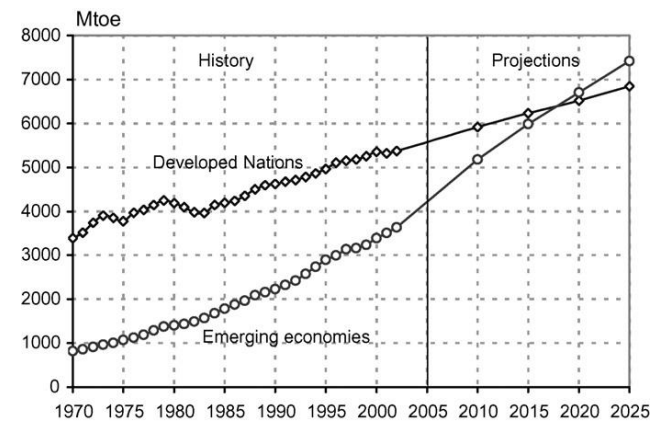
Average home energy use

Energy usage

- **According to the International Energy Agency between 1990 and 2020**
 - Energy consumption increased by almost 80%
 - GHG emission increased by 70%
 - Population increased by 48%
- **Energy use of emerging nations such as China, India, South Africa, Brazil will exceed by 2020 that for developed nations**



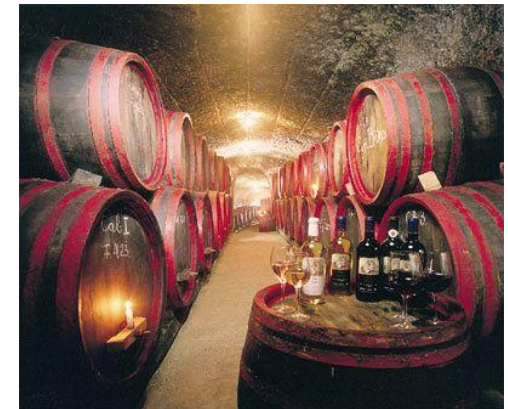
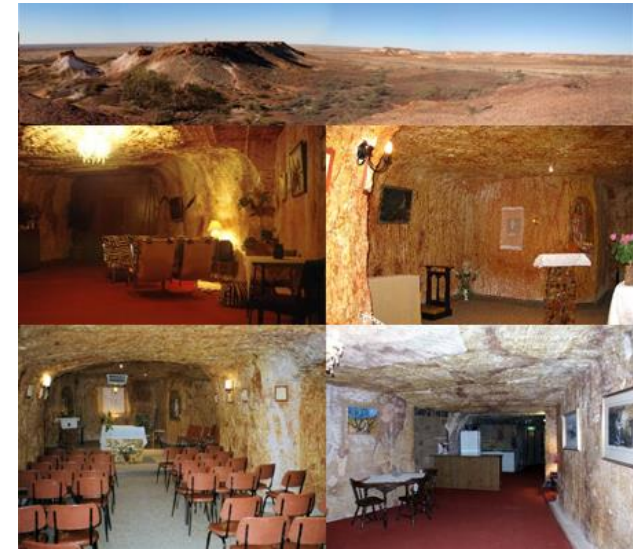
Energy consumption, CO2 emissions and world population (Energy Information Administration, USA 2006)



Developed and emerging nations energy usage (Energy Information Administration, USA 2006)

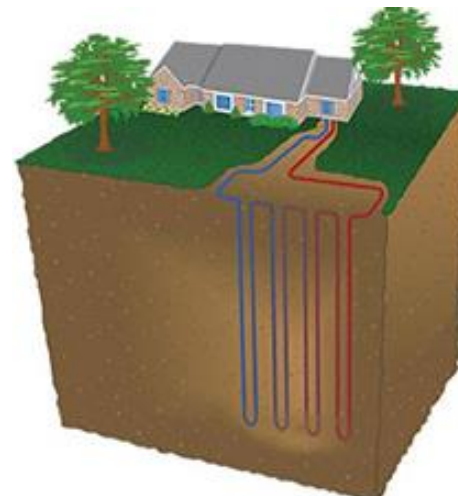
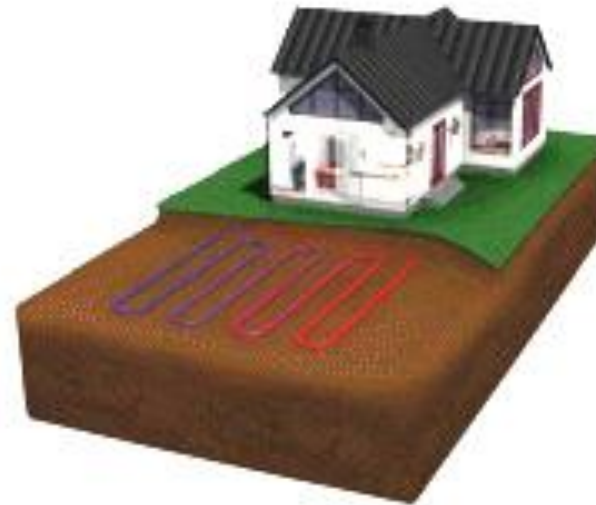
What is ground energy

- Ancient concept: caves, underground houses, wine cellar
- Ground has stable temperature throughout the year and it is equal to the average annual temperature
- Ground is warmer than air in winter and cooler than air in summer



How does it work?

- **What do we need?**
 - Ground
 - Heat exchanging loop
 - Heat Pump
- **What is heat exchanging loop?**
 - Plastic pipe (HDPE)
 - Fluid (water or water + glycol)
- **Horizontal loop**
 - Lot of space available
 - Trenches
 - Horizontal bore holes
- **Vertical loop**
 - Limited space
 - Vertical Bore hole



Open loop GSHP

- Aquifer
- if water table is high and stable
- Beware of ground water flow direction
- Low installation cost
- Strict regulations (in some countries it is banned)

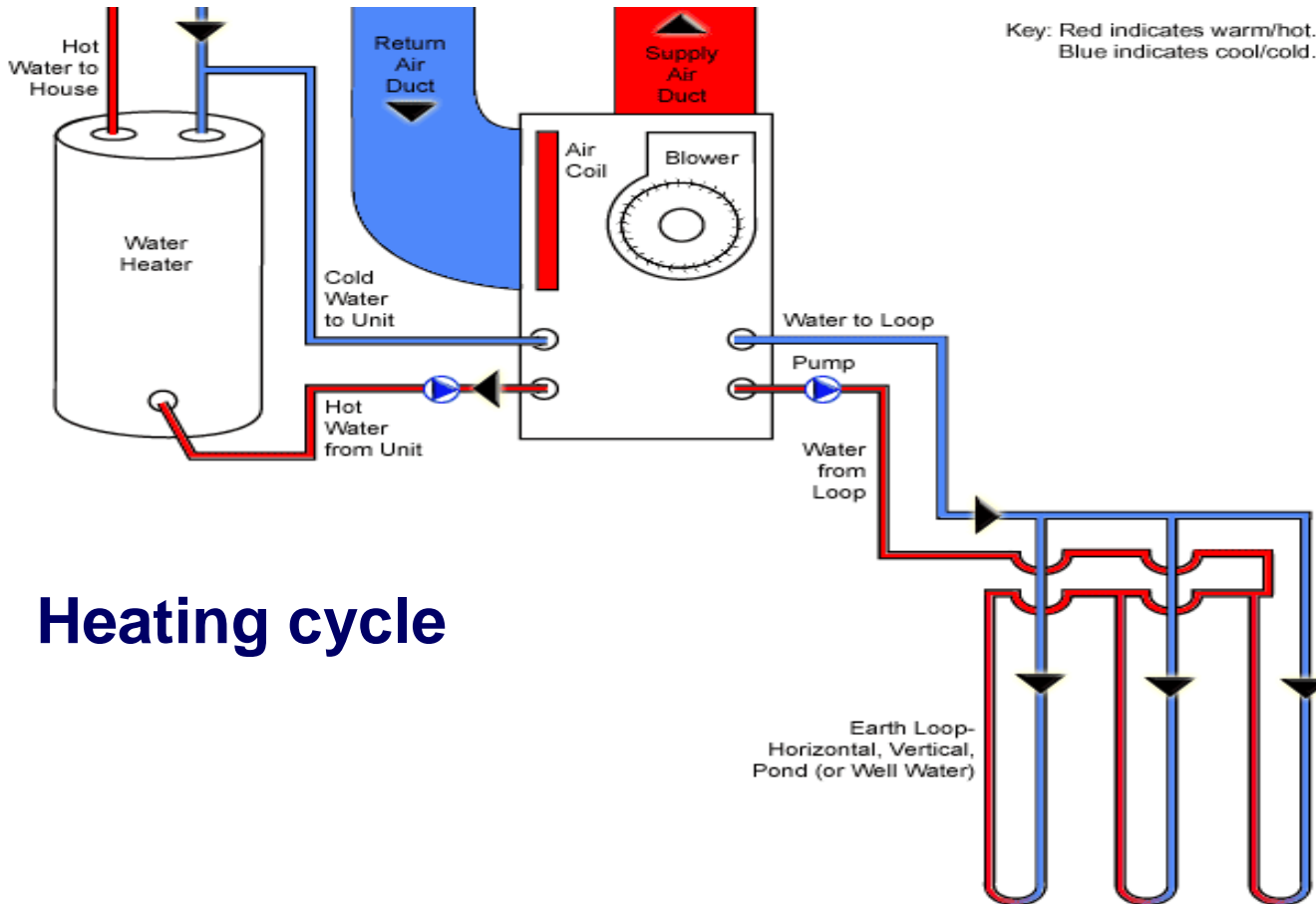


Water source heat pump (WSHP)

- Pond, lake, river, sea
- Open and close loop
- Low installation cost



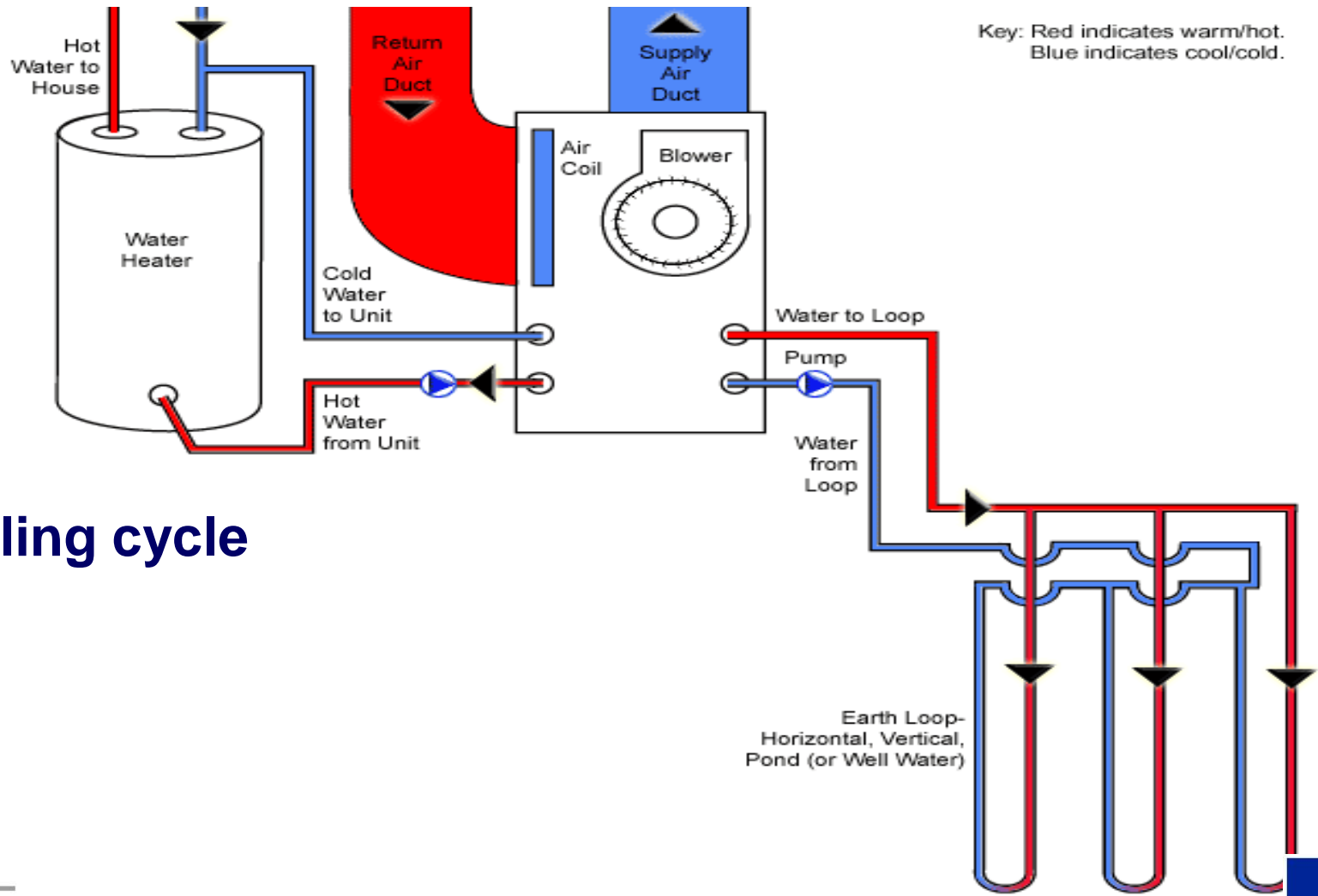
Heat pump



Heating cycle

Image source: Geoexchange

Heat pump



Cooling cycle

Case study

- **Gloucester Police Headquarters, Quedgeley, Gloucester, UK**
 - Three storey building 8500 m²
 - Vertical closed loop
 - 150 bore holes, 98 m deep
 - 860 kW Cooling and 765 kW Heating
 - 9 Reversible heat pumps
 - Active CO₂ Management
 - Completed October 2005
 - Energy savings of 36%
 - Savings of £60,000 per year running cost



Case study

- **Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, Aberdeen, UK**
 - New campus located next to river Dee
 - Aberdeen known as granite city
 - Granite rock (hard to drill in)
 - Vertical closed loop
 - 66 bore holes, 220 m deep
 - 900kW Cooling and 900 kW Heating
 - CoP of 5 for heating and 6 for cooling
 - Largest commercial GSHP in Scotland
 - Completed October 2013



- **Kingsmill Hospital, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, UK**
 - King's Mill reservoir used for water supply and recreation
 - **Close loop** lake system
 - 140 stainless steel heat exchangers under the surface of the reservoir (hidden by floating reed beds to protect the heat exchangers and new habitat for wildlife)
 - 42 water source heat pump units
 - 5.4 MW cooling and 5 MW heating system, largest in Europe
 - CoP of 6.0 for cooling and 3.8 for heating
 - Completion Jan 2011
 - Temperature difference of 1°C in the vicinity of heat exchangers (requirement of Environment Agency)
 - Save 9600 MWh of gas and electricity a year
 - Prevent 1,700 tonnes of CO₂ entering into atmosphere which is equivalent to removing 600 cars off the road
 - Saving of £120,000 a year



Image source: Skanska

- **Plas Newydd mansion, Anglesey, Wales, UK**
 - 300 year old 18th century mansion located next to Menai Strait in Anglesey
 - Used oil for heating
 - Used 1500 litres of oil a day during winter (which normal house will use in 10 months)
 - 300 kW sea (marine) source heat pump (basically WSHP)
 - **Open loop**
 - 200 mm dia pipes run 53 metres to the sea covered by concrete caissons and natural stones
 - Cost £600,000
 - Saving £40,000 per year
 - Operational since May 2014
 - CoP 4.08 and SPF of 2.82



- **Kingston Heights, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, UK**
 - Kingston Heights development next to river Thames
 - 137 apartments and 145 bedroom hotel.
 - under-floor heating and hot water
 - Open loop
 - Water source heat pump installed 2.5 m under the water surface of river Thames
 - 2.3 MW heating
 - Water is abstracted and passed through stainless steel filter fitted with automated backwash system
 - Two stage filtration system
 - Second filter system cleans up any silt
 - No marine life enter into the system
 - 13 million litres water abstracted per day (equivalent 5 Olympic size swimming pools)
 - Water fed back into the river and will remain within $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ of river temperature
 - 500 tonnes CO_2

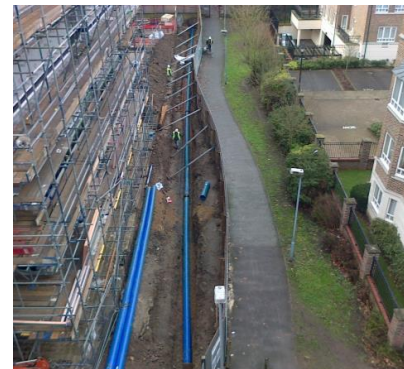


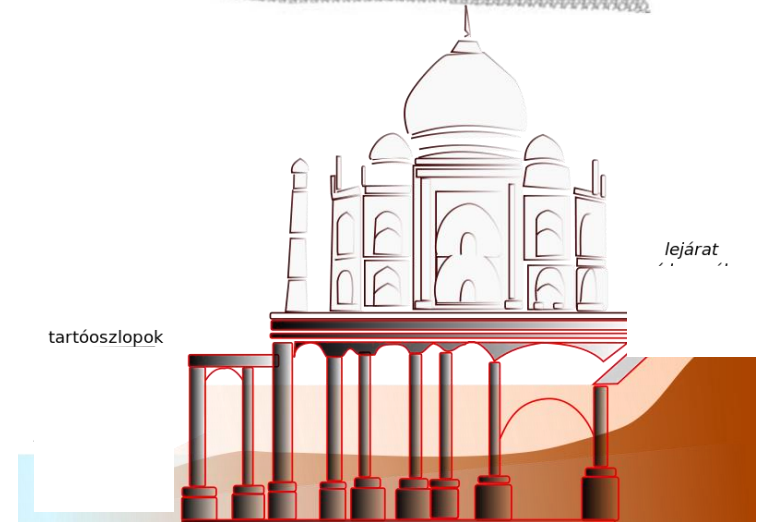
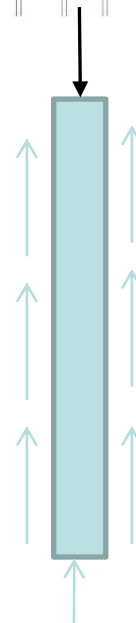
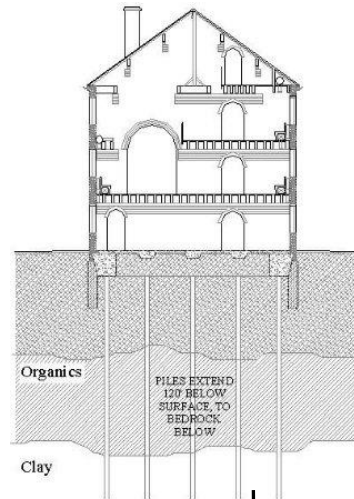
Image source: Mitsubishi

Low system maintenance

- **Lochiel Detention Centre, Adelaide, Australia**
 - 12 heat pumps installed in March 1995
 - 3 pump kits at ~£400 each
- **Bureau of Meteorology, Adelaide, Australia**
 - 3 units installed in September 2002
 - 1 Printed Circuit Board and 1 loop flush at ~£375
- **Bandiana Army Headquarters, Wodonga, Victoria, Australia**
 - 15 units installed in March 1999
 - 1 blower electronics at ~£225
- **Mt Barker TAFE, Mt Barker, SA, Australia**
 - 29 units installed in May 1997
 - 1 blower motor at ~£125
- **Geoscience Australia, Jerrabomberra, Canberra, Australia**
 - 229 units installed in December 1997
 - 3 compressors and 5 high pressure switch kits at ~£2000

Geothermal Energy Pile

- What is a Pile?
 - Deep foundation
 - Soft ground
 - High-rise buildings
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- Skin friction and end bearing



Geothermal Energy Pile

- Vertical loop
- Cost effective
- Land



Case study

- **The Crystal, Docklands, London, UK**
 - Siemens
 - Permanent exhibition on sustainability
 - Most sustainable building in London
 - Vertical close loop
 - Geothermal energy piles
 - 614 kW cooling
 - 614 kW heating
 - Completed 2012



Case study

- **NEO, Bankside, London, UK**
 - Three apartment towers
 - Vertical closed loop
 - 130 geothermal energy piles, 52 m deep
 - 650 kW cooling
 - 760 kW heating
 - 7 heat pumps of 130 kW capacity each
 - Completed 2011



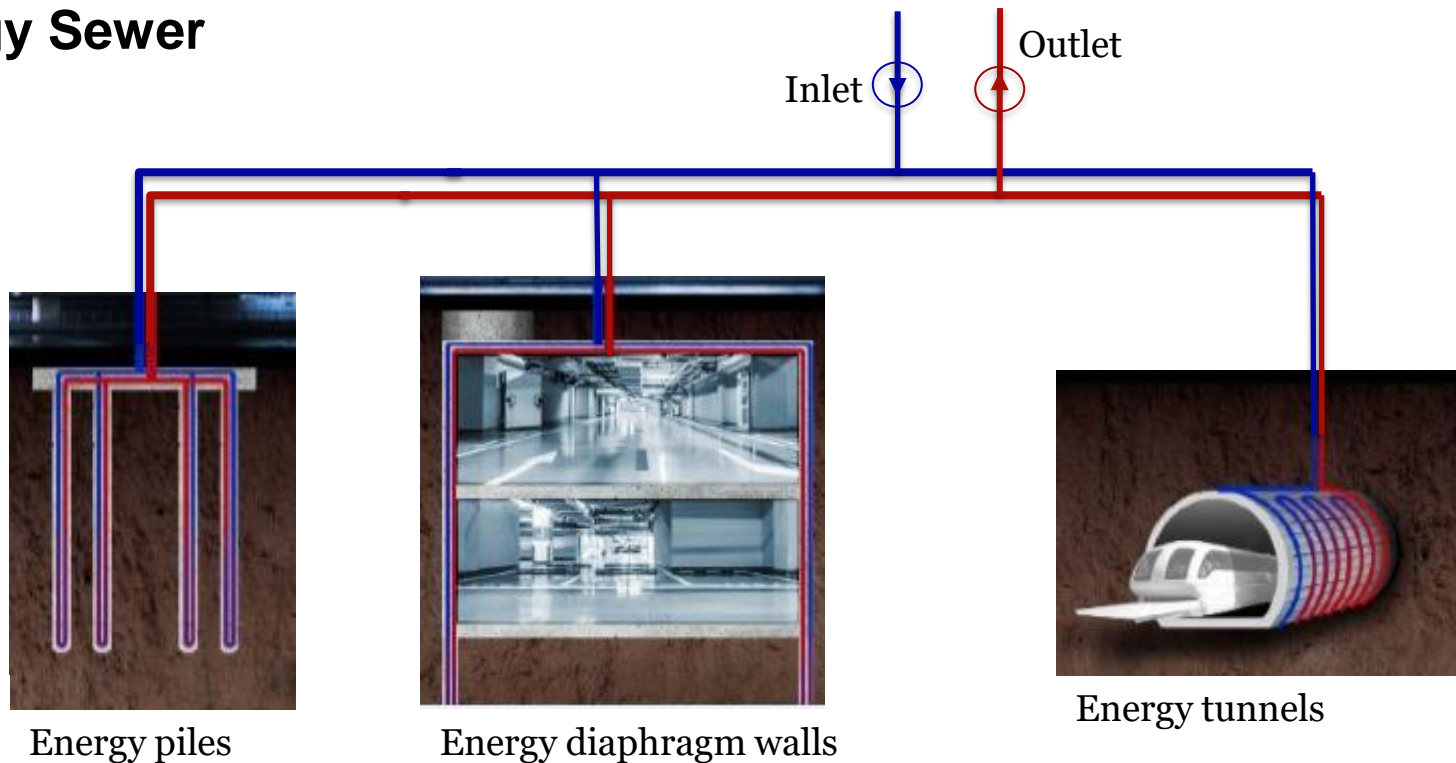
Case study

- **Bulgari hotel, Knightsbridge, London, UK**
 - Vertical closed loop
 - Geothermal energy piles
 - Diaphragm walls
 - 2000 kW cooling
 - 2000 kW heating
 - Completed 2013



Energy Structures

- Underground structures
- Energy Piles – very popular, most common
- Energy Tunnels
- Energy Diaphragm Walls
- Energy Sewer



Conclusions

- **It is the most energy efficient, environmental friendly and cost effective way of heating or cooling a building (International Energy Agency)**
- **It is renewable, sustainable and reduces green house gas (GHG) emission**
- **300% to 600% efficient**
- **One system for both heating and cooling and hot water supply**
- **Swimming pool can be heated as well.**
- **No maintenance, small space required for heat pump**
- **No noise**
- **Ground source systems are saving the equivalent of 13 million barrels of oil a year**
- **An average home fitted with ground source system reduces CO₂ emissions by the same amount as planting an acre of trees**



Thanks for listening

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