

# Geothermal combined heat and power (chp) concepts

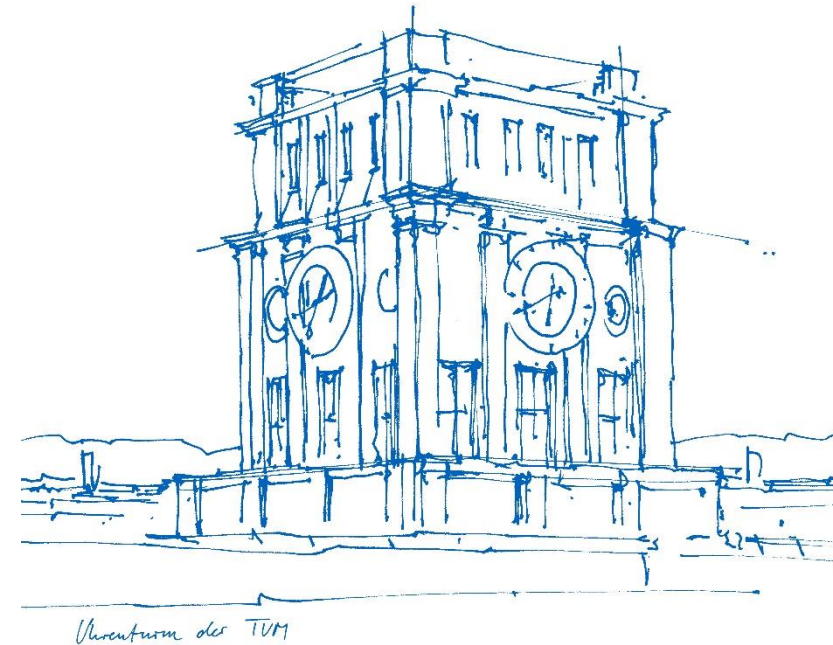
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# Deep Geothermal Energy in Germany

## District heating [2]:

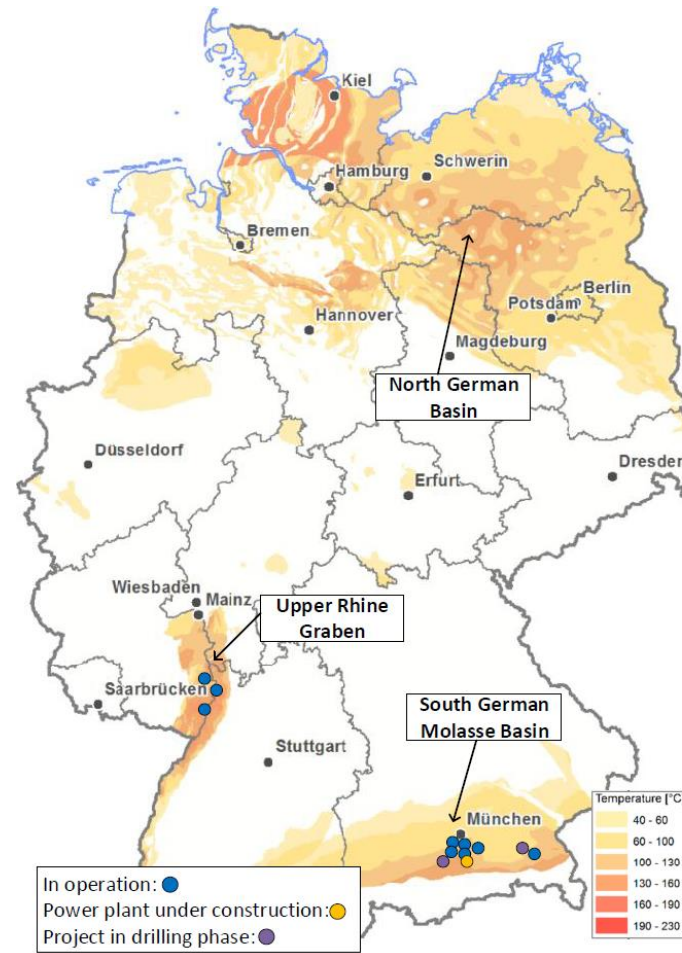
- Installed capacity: ~ 313,5 MW (2017)
- Production: 893,3 GWh (2017)

## Power Generation [2]:

- Installed capacity : ~ 36 MW (2017)
- Production: 160 GWh (2017)

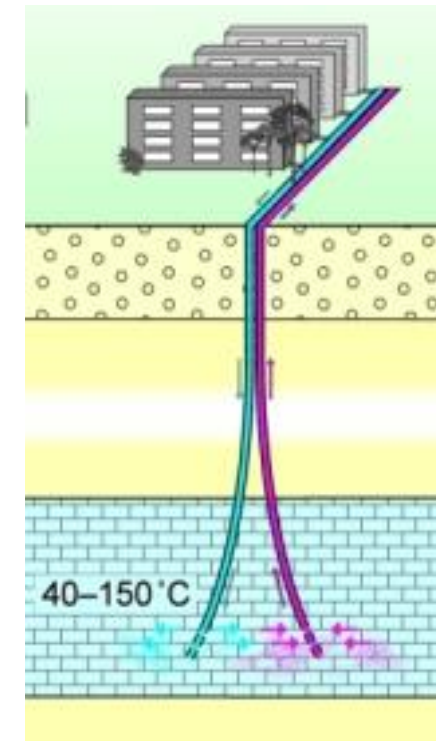
## Facilities in Bavaria:

- 800 – 5000 m vertical depth
- 60 – 150°C thermal water temperature



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## Hydrothermal doublet



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# The Geothermal-Alliance Bavaria



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**Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg**



**University of Bayreuth**



**Several local operators of geothermal facilities (district heating and power generation)**



**Strengthen and promote geothermal  
energy research and applications**

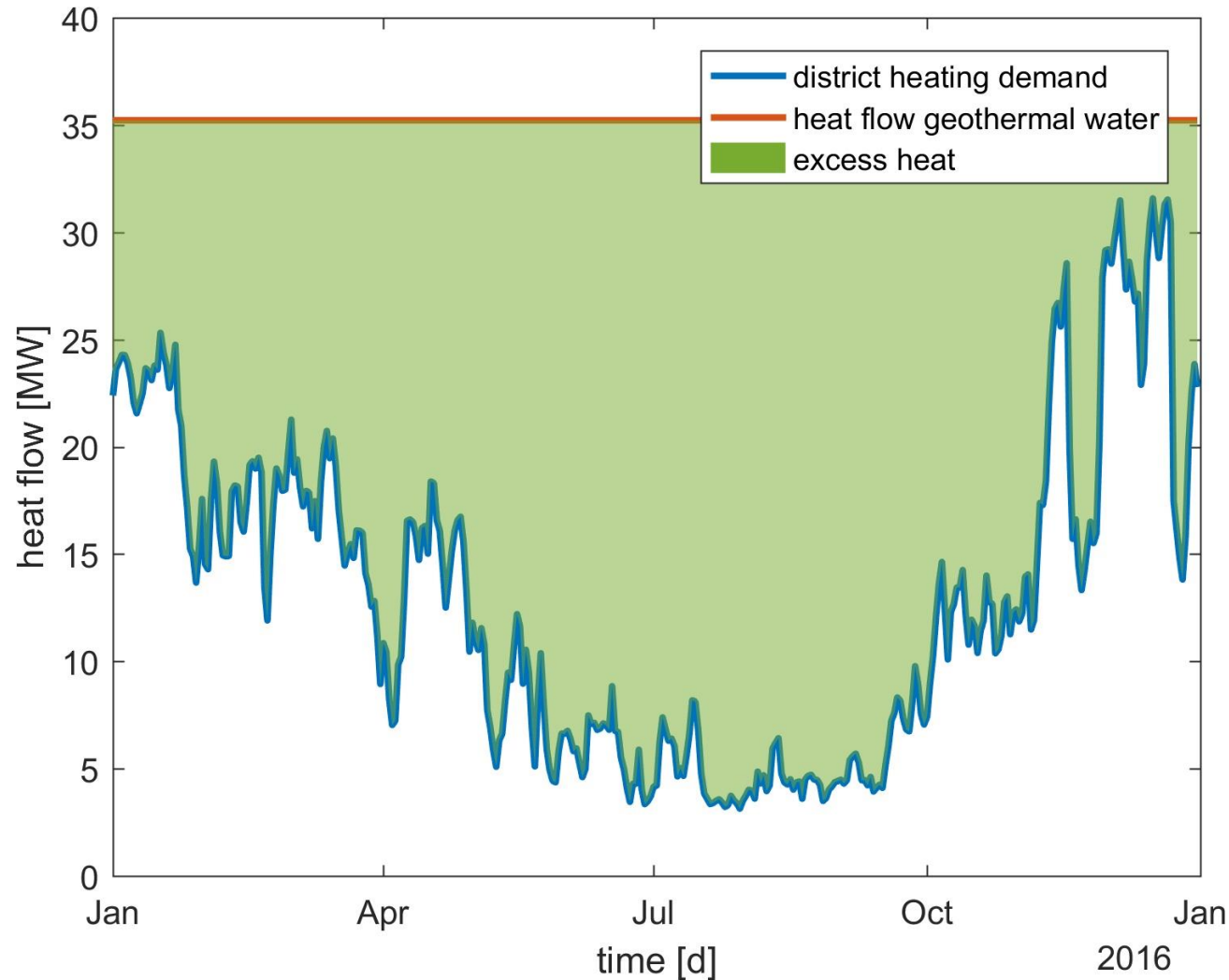
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# Motivation: Why electricity from geothermal energy?

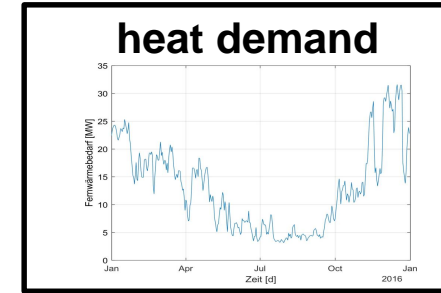
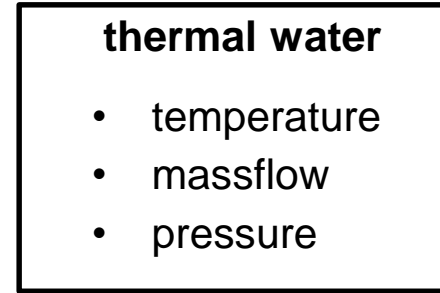
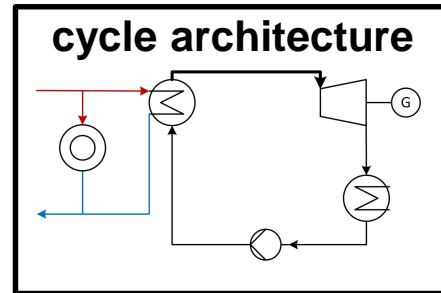


Theoretical heat stored in the geothermal water: 308 GWh

Heat demand: 113 GWh

➡  $\approx 63\%$  excess heat

# Key influencing factors for combined heat and power (chp) production from geothermal energy



What is the optimum design size for the power block in heat driven geothermal chp plants?



Thermodynamic and economic CHP model



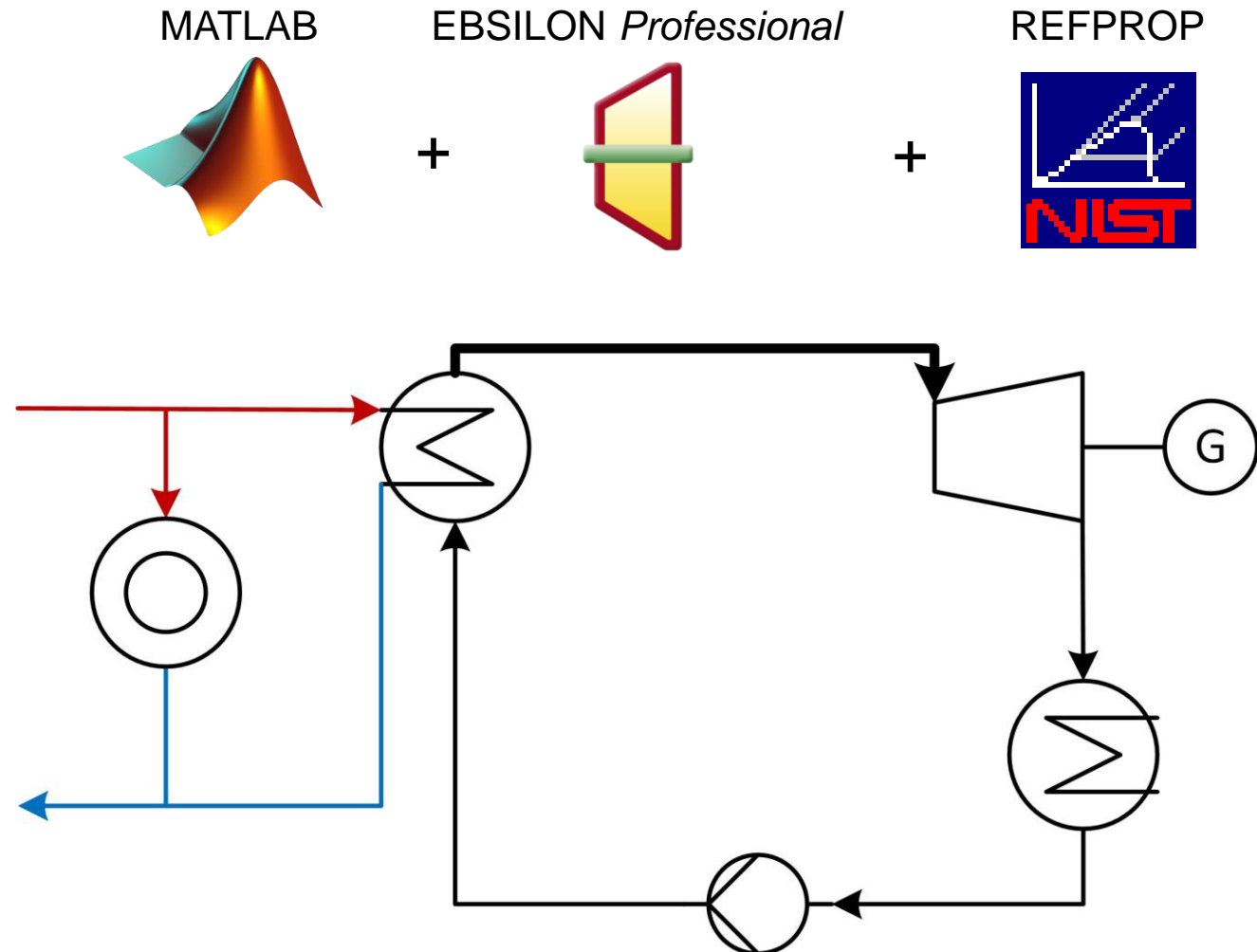
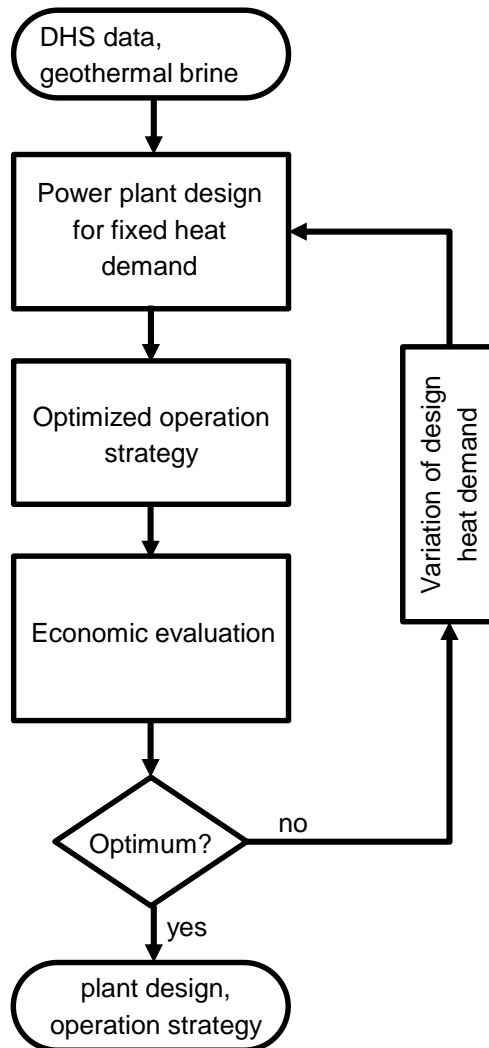
- Design specifications for power block
- Optimized operating strategy

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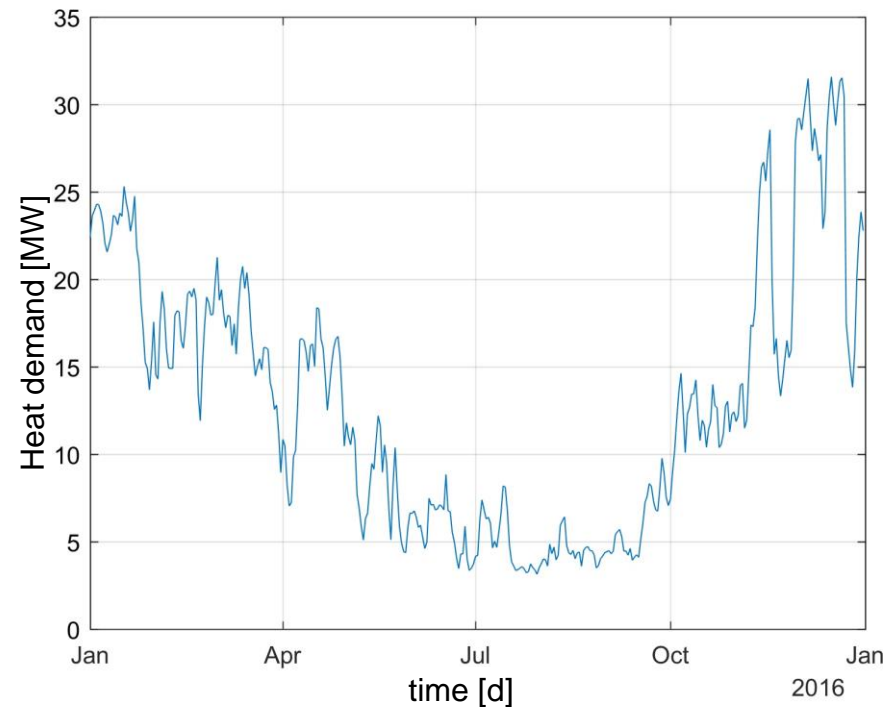
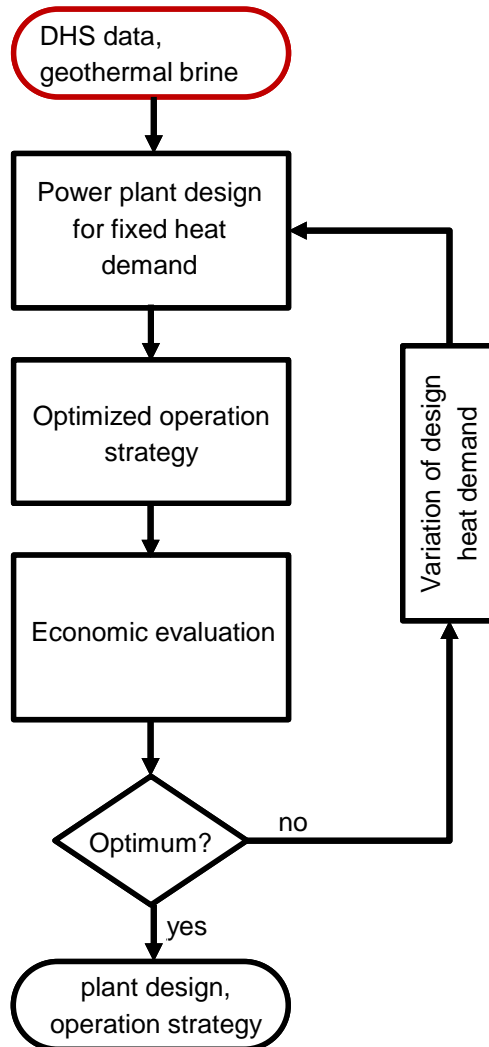
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# Example: Parallel CHP



# Input: District Heating System data, geothermal brine



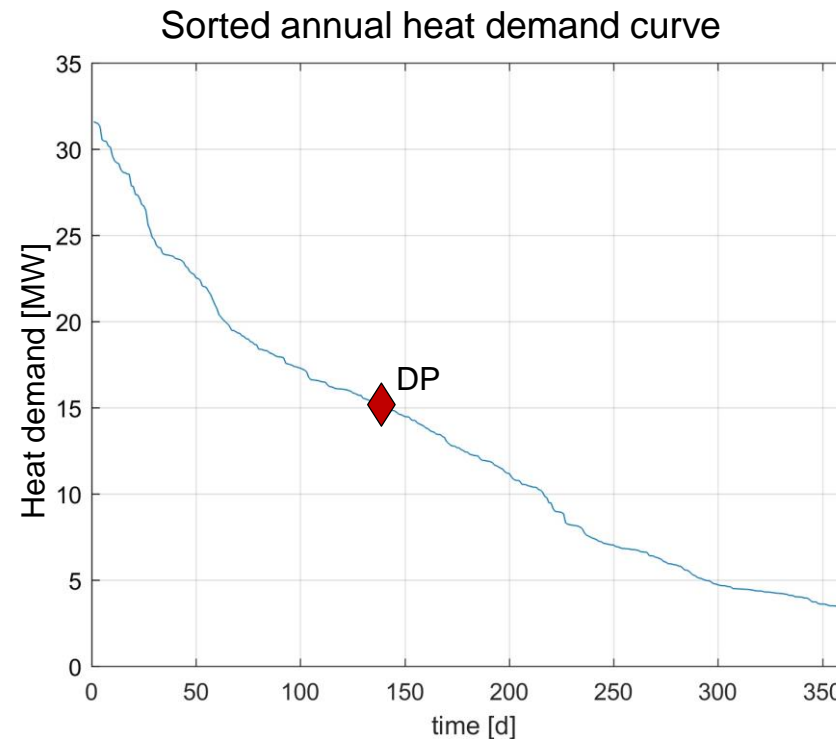
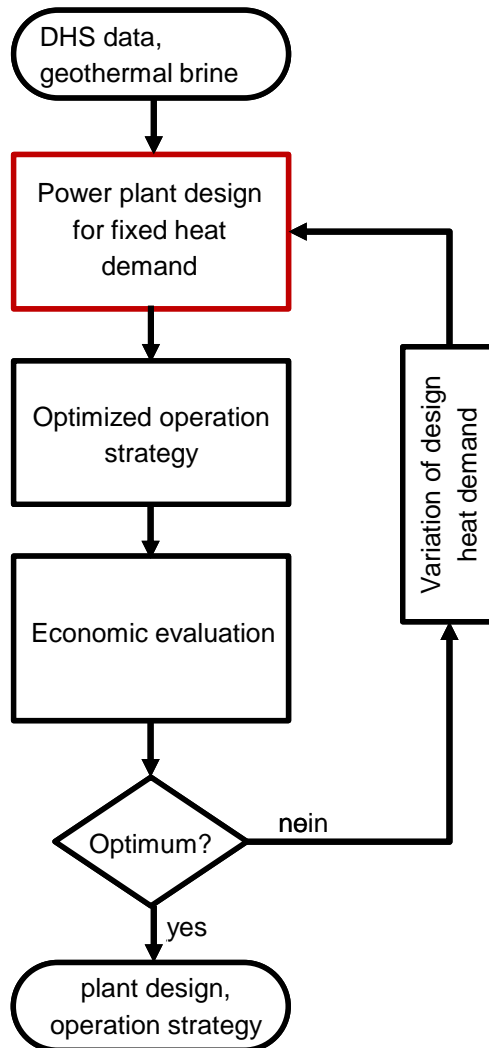
## District Heating System data

Return temperature	50°C
Supply temperature	75°C

## Geothermal brine

Temperature	122°C
Mass flow	125 kg/s
pressure	9 bar

# Design: Design point and assumptions

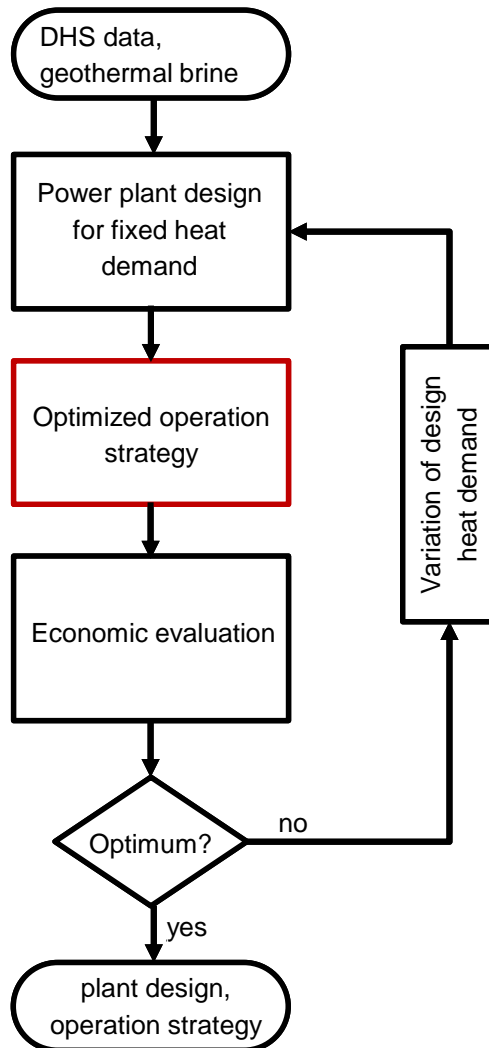


## Assumptions and boundary conditions:

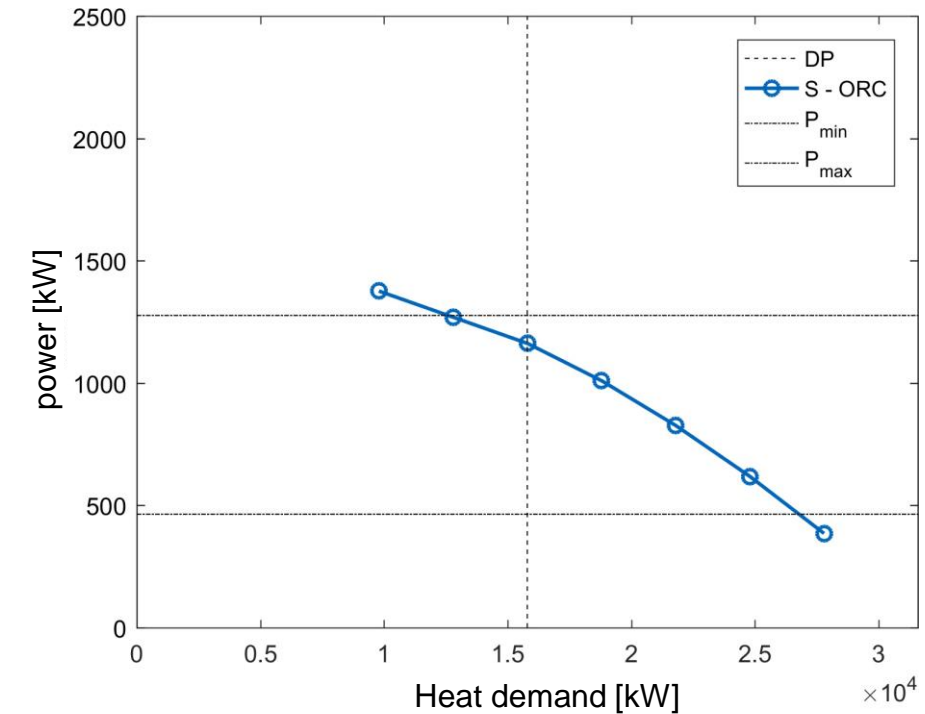
Pressure losses	neglected
Heat losses	neglected
Heat exchanger efficiency	0.9
Pump efficiency	0.8
Turbine efficiency	0.8
Live vapor superheating	3 K
Condensation temperature	40 °C
Ambient temperature	15 °C
Working fluid	R245fa

- ➡ Thermodynamic optimization of the net power output
- ➡ Component sizes for economic evaluation

# Optimized operation strategy

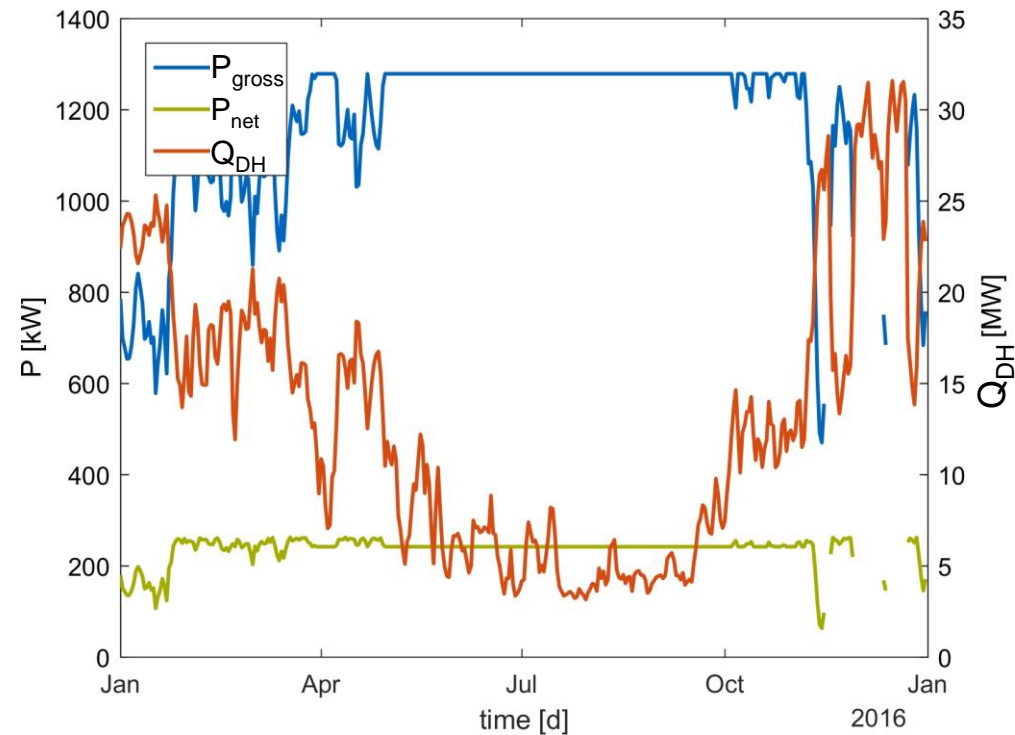
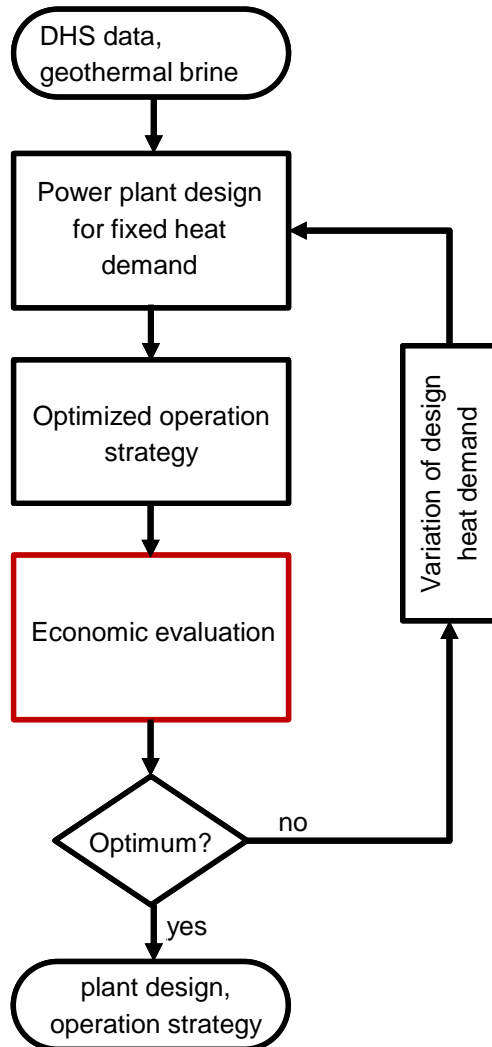


- Calculation of optimum power output for varying district heating demands
- Varying district heating demands result in varying brine mass flows for the power block and varying optimum working fluid mass flows
- The off-design behavior of the components has to be considered

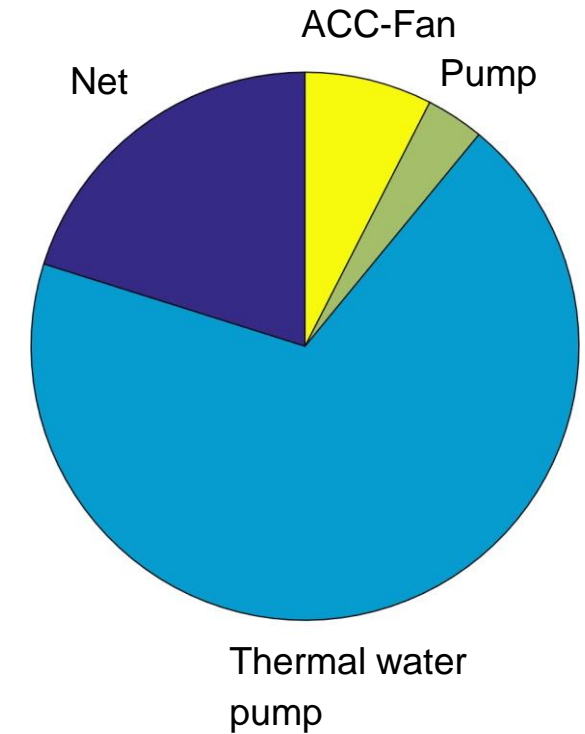


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# Economic Evaluation

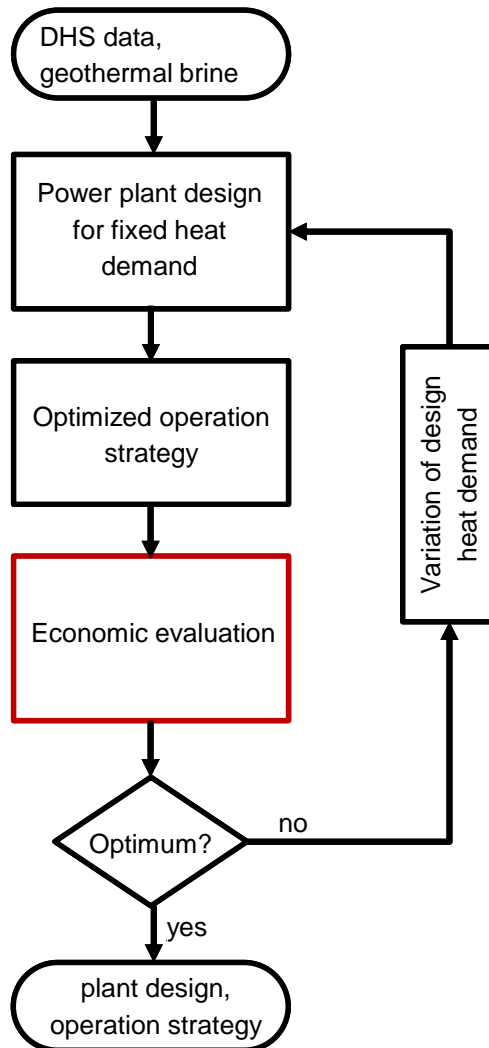


Annual gross electricity distribution



ORC	
$E_{net}$	1931 MWh
$E_{gross}$	9587 MWh

# Economic Evaluation



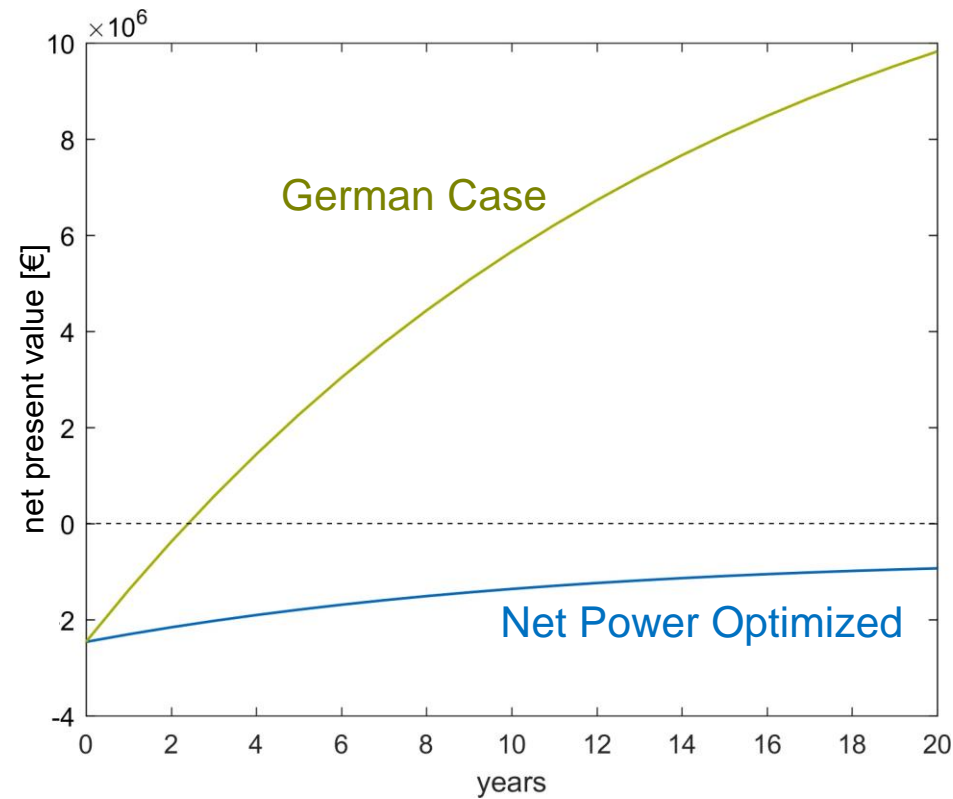
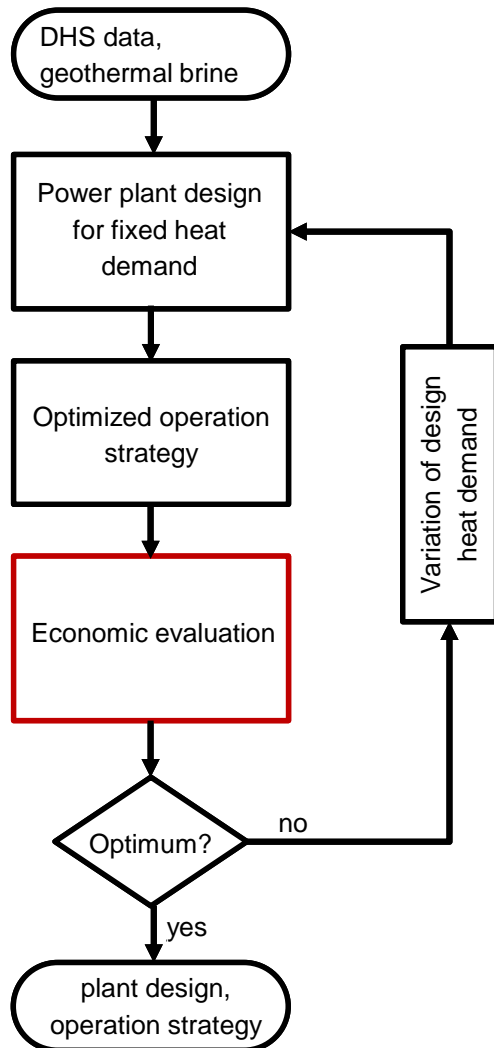
Two cases:

- Optimized for net power output
- German Case:  
The gross produced electricity is sold and the power demand for pumps and ACC-fans is bought from the grid.

## Assumptions and boundary conditions:

running time	20a
availability	85%
electricity sale price (EEG feed-in tariff)	25.2 ct/kWh
electricity purchase price	10 ct/kWh
personnel costs	function of transferred heat
other operating equipment	1% Invest
maintenance	3% Invest
insurance	0.6% Invest
inflation	1.5%
calculatory interest rate	6.5%

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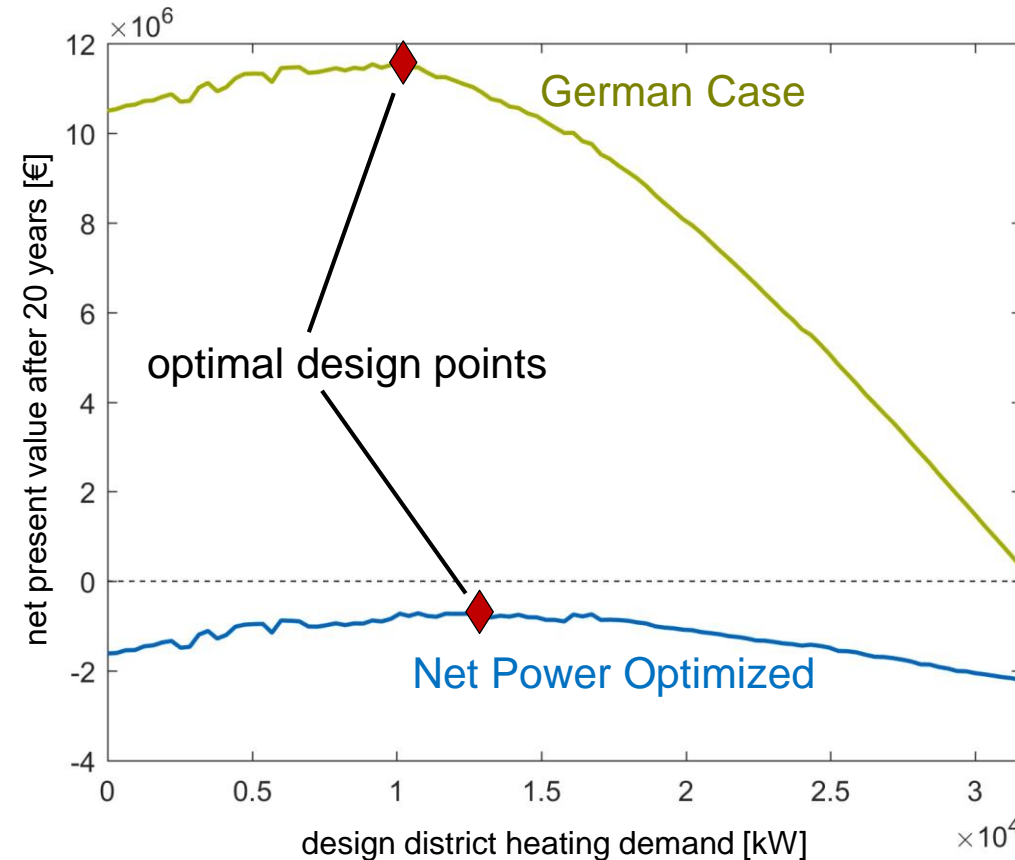
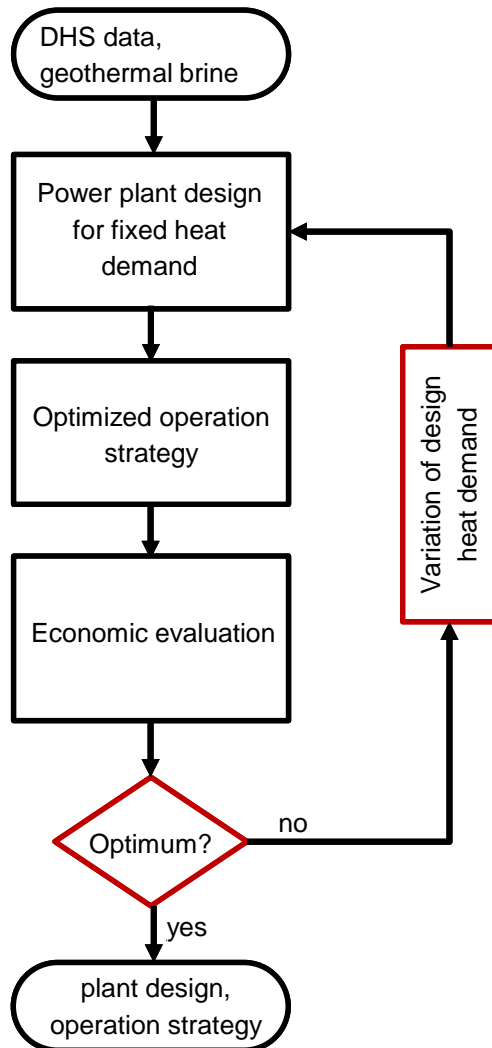


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➔ **Net Power Optimized: negative NPV for this specific design point**  
**German Case: positive NPV for this specific design point**

# Variation of the design point: economic evaluation



➡ No design point with positive NPV for Net Power Optimized Case.

➡ German Case is highly profitable with an optimal design point at about 1/3 of the maximum heat demand.



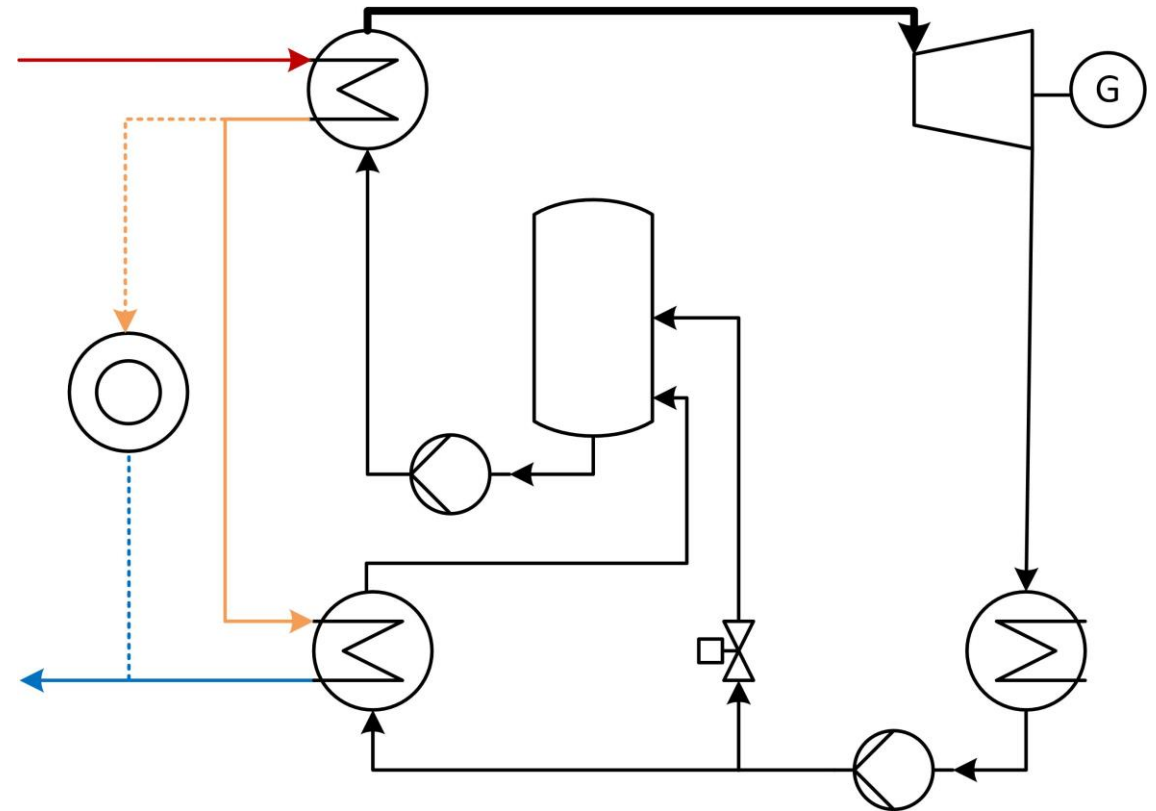
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# TUM-ORC

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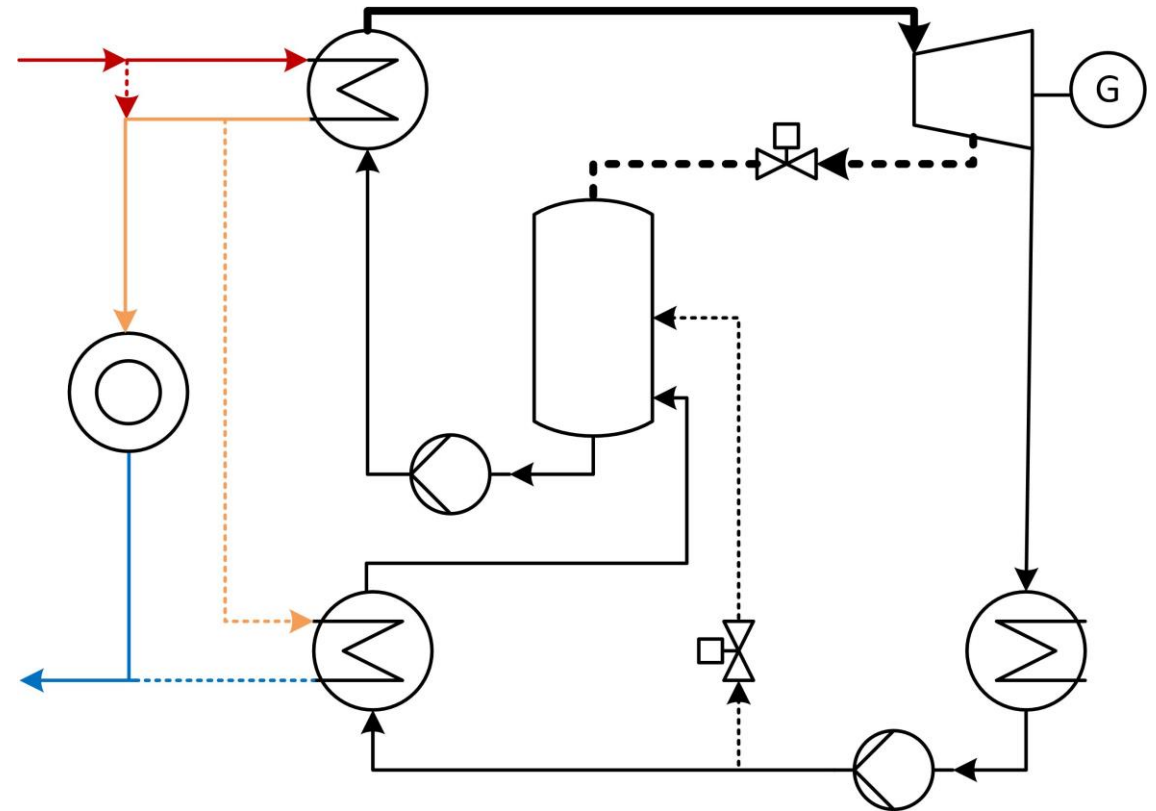
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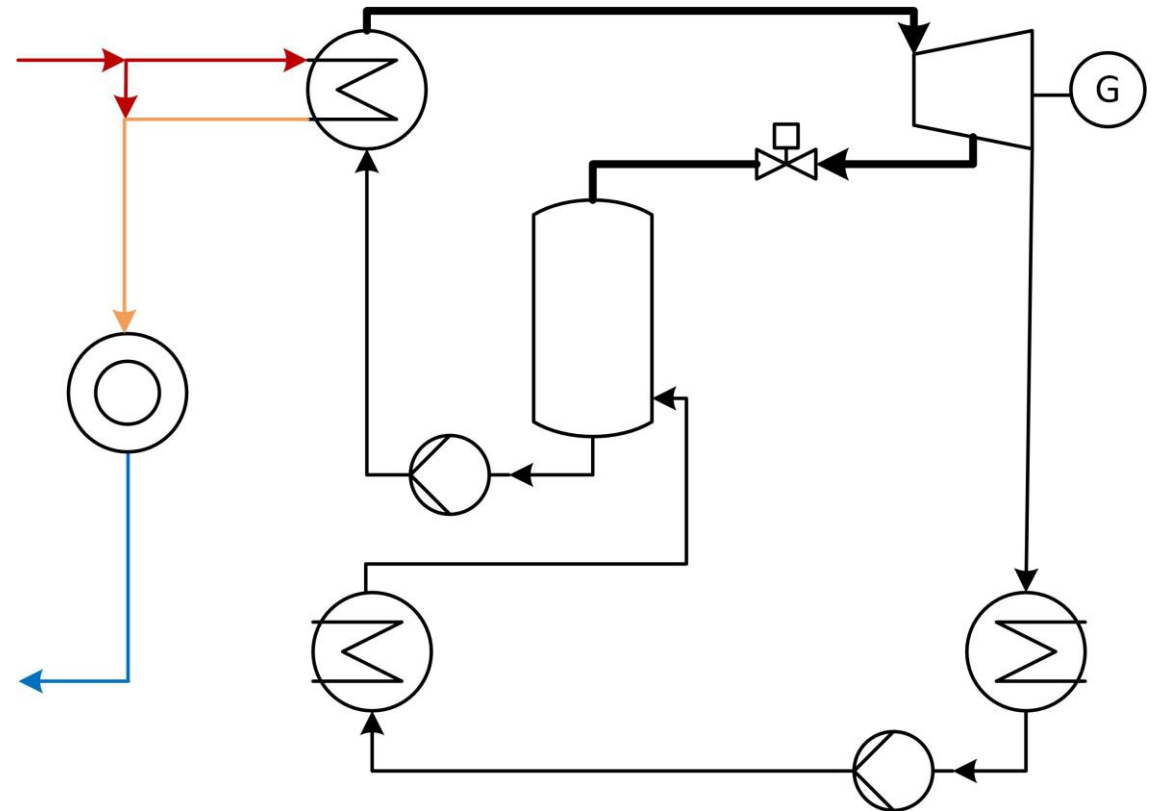
1. Low district heating demand
2. Medium district heating demand



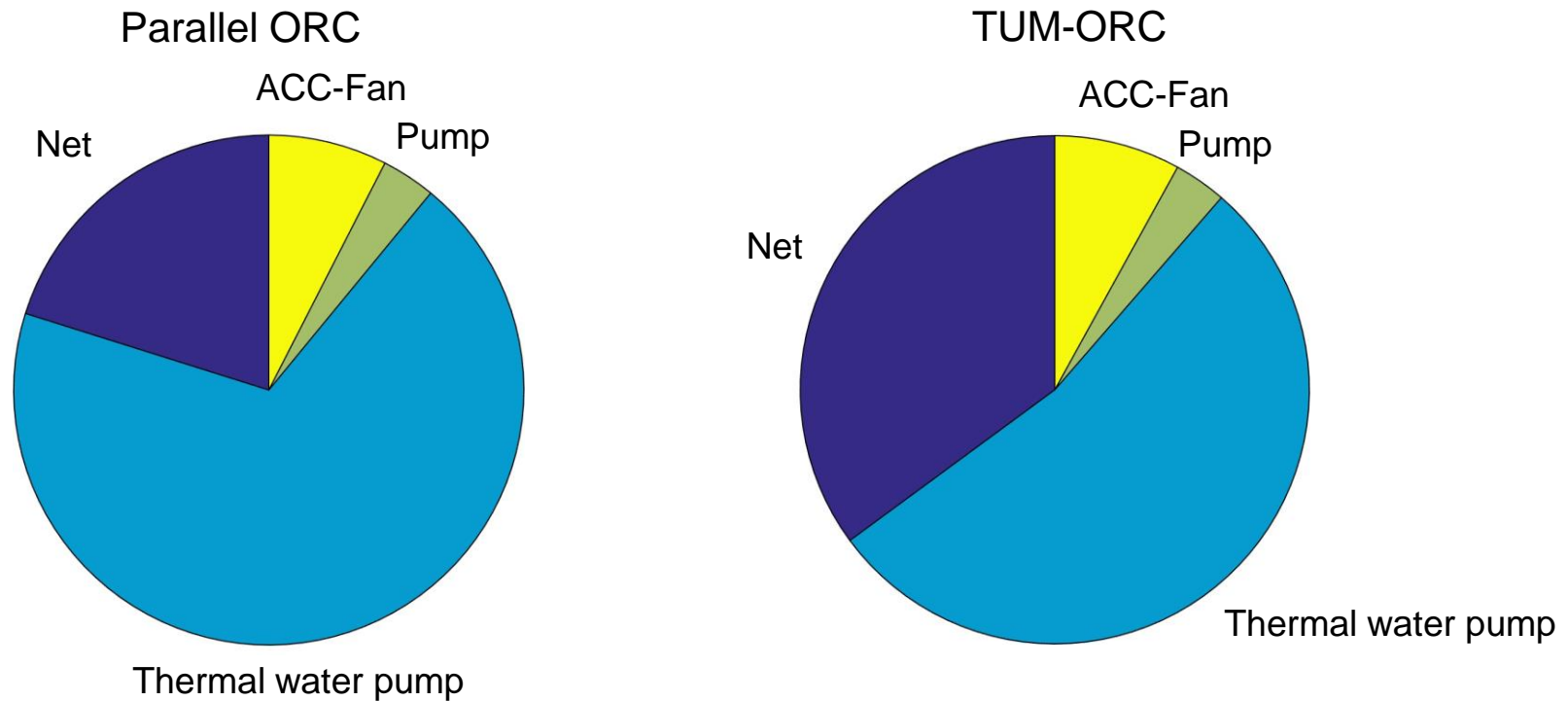
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Operating mode:

1. Low district heating demand
2. Medium district heating demand
3. High district heating demand



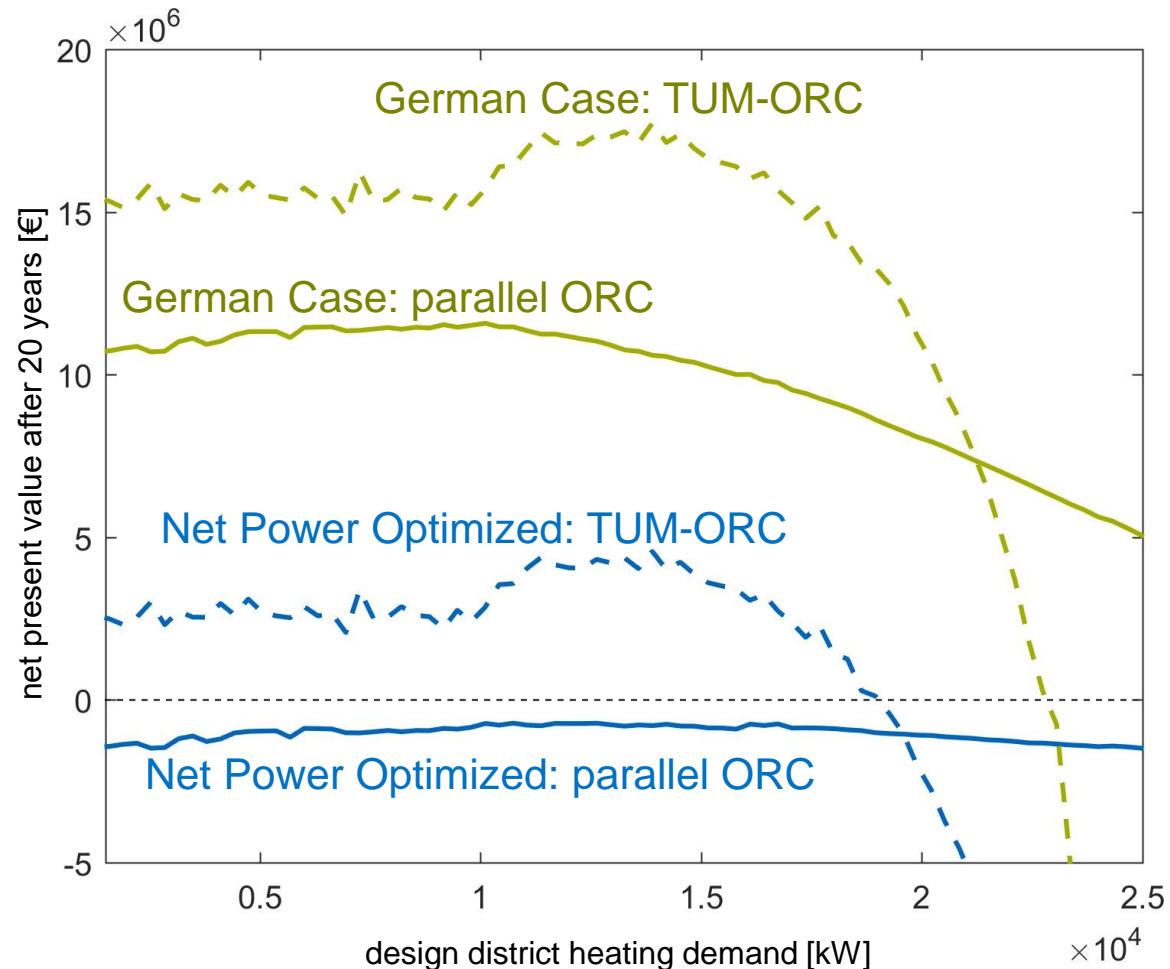
# Comparison: Annual gross electricity distribution



Annual produced electricity:

	Parallel-ORC	TUM-ORC
$E_{net}$ [MWh]	1947	5626
$E_{gross}$ [MWh]	9319	14880

# Comparison: NPV after 20 years for varied design points



NPV is higher for TUM-ORC and also the net power optimized case is economically viable with the TUM-ORC concept.

# Thank you for your attention.

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