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Low temperature district heating and new energy efficient building blocks

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AALBORG UNIVERSITY DENMARK This presentation is based on the on-going project:

Low temperature district heating and new energy efficient building blocks

- The project is funded by Swedish Energy Agency, Växjö Energy AB and Växjö Municipality
- Here we give an overview of the project with some preliminary results



Introduction

- Sweden is less fuel dependent than the global average but still fuels accounted for 87% of Sweden's energy supply
- Building sector consumed 38% of total final energy use
- District heat covered 32% of final energy use in the building sector
- More than 90% of multi-dwelling buildings are district heated
- New buildings can be built with very low heating demands
- The energy supply can be energy-efficient and based on renewable resources
- Such an development contributes to a sustainable development with low natural resource use and climate impact



Aims of the project:

- To facilitate planning and design of new buildings and their energy supply systems
- To formulate strategies and policy measures for the built environment that
 - \circ Reduce the primary energy use and
 - o increase the use of renewable energy
 - in a cost-efficient way

Project period:

36 months, January 2015 - December 2017



Specific goals

- 1. To analyze cost, carbon dioxide emissions and primary energy use for heating new building blocks with
 - Low temperature DH (district heating)
 - Conventional DH
 - Heat pumps without a DH-network
- 2. To analyze the impact of climate change on heat and cooling demands
- 3. To analyze how future cooling demands may be avoided
- 4. To analyze how energy-efficient household appliances and lighting influence primary energy use and indoor temperatures
- 5. To analyze the possibility to use electricity for domestic hot water heating instead of DH during summer months
- 6. To cost-optimize the space heating demands and compare these demands with demands based on the Swedish building code and passive house criteria





Project site

- Växjö: a city of about 65 thousand inhabitants
- Current district heating system:
 - \circ ~ 185 MW_{peak}
 - \circ ~ 630 GWh_{heat}/year
 - \circ ~ 98% of fuels are based on biomass
 - 2 biomass based CHP plants

Project site



- A new developing area of Torparängen, Växjö
- Three different levels of exploitation based on:
 - 5 or 6 story-apartment buildings
 - Row houses
 - Villas
- Consideration of different building frames
 - Concrete
 - Wood

Three different exploitation of the development area



Low

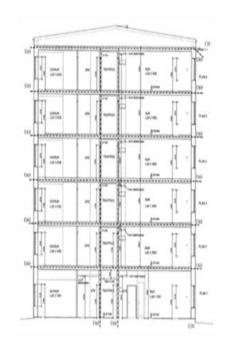




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Case study building – Apartment building

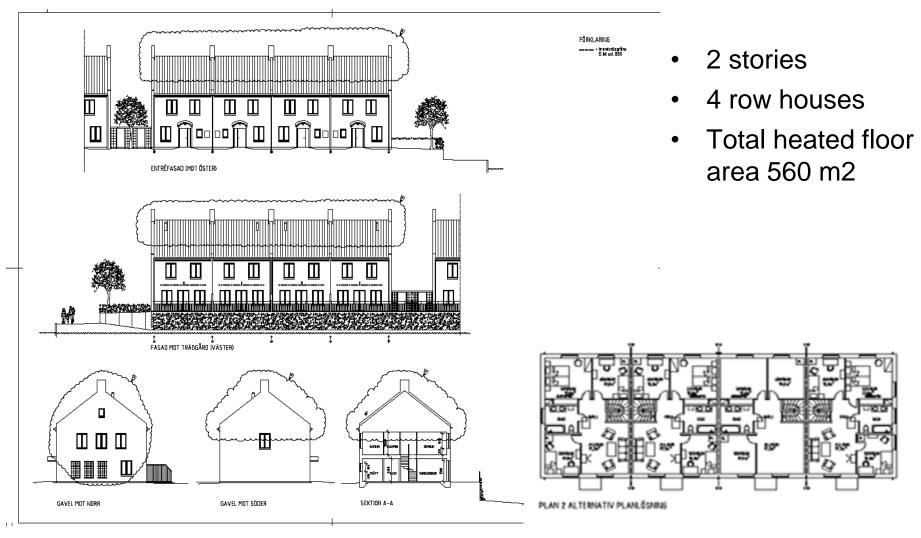




- 6 stories (varies between 5-6)
- 24 apartments (varies between 20-24)
- Total heated floor area 1686 m² (varies between 1405-1686)



Case study building - Row house





Low exploitation of the development area

- Row houses: 29
- Villas: 39





Low exploitation

Space heating load (kW) for each individual row houses

| Building type | Building No. on layout | Space heating load, kW | |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Building code | Passive houses |
| Row house | 1.1; 2.1 and 3.1 | 5.78 | 2.14 |
| | 1.6 and 2.10 | 5.87 | 2.29 |
| | 1.2 – 1.5 and 2.2 – 2.9 | 3.99 | 1.80 |
| | 3.2 - 3.12 | 4.34 | 1.93 |
| | 3.13 | 6.20 | 2.42 |



Low exploitation

Space heating load (kW) for each individual villa

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| Building type | Building No. on layout | Building code | Passive houses |
| Villa – 100 m ² | 5; 9; 15; 17; 18; 35 and 39 | 5.68 | 2.06 |
| Villa – 110 m ² | 2; 4; 11; 22; 24; 27; 33 and 36 | 5.81 | 2.16 |
| Villa – 120 m ² | 1; 3; 12; 16; 23; 26; 30: 31; 32; 34 and 38 | 5.94 | 2.26 |
| Villa – 150 m² | 6; 7; 8; 10; 13; 14; 19; 20; 21; 25; 28; 29 and 37 | 6.32 | 2.55 |



Medium exploitation of the developing area

- Apartments: 188
- Row houses: 68
- Villas: 7





Medium exploitation

Space heating load (kW) for each individual apartment building

| Building type | Building No. on | Space heating load, kW | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|
| | layout | Building Passive code houses | |
| 6 storeys (24 apartments) | 1 – 7 | 54.47 | 27.82 |
| 5 storeys (20 apartments) | 8 | 46.27 | 23.63 |



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High exploitation of the developing area

- Apartments: 360
- Row houses: 29





High exploitation

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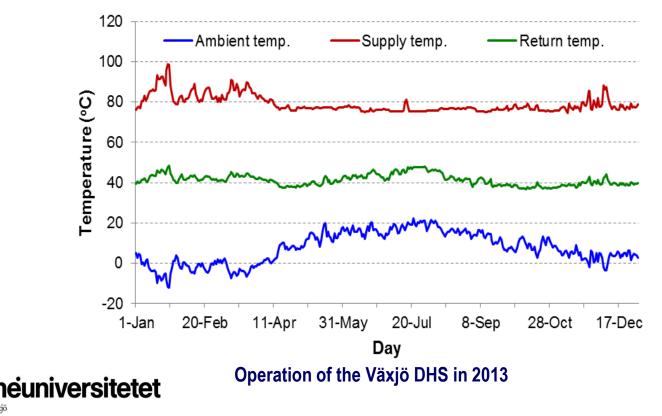
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Examples of current on-going activities

- Design of DH-networks and substations and calculation of investment costs and heat losses for
 - Conventional district heating
 - Low temperature district heating



We will be able to present much more results next year

Thank you!

