

The work on 4GDH in Denmark

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4GDH

Why 4GDH?



- All Danish buildings fossil free heated in 2035
- Energy savings and renewable energy supply
- What are the best technologies?
- What is the best implementation plan?



Concept of 4GDH



Low temperature DH: Supply/return: 50C / 20C Heat supply: No fossil fuels & no biomass fuels

Low temperature district heating necessary because:

- renewable heat from geothermal plants (60-70 C)
- acceptable heat loss from network for low-energy houses



Technologies – Supply of heat



Geothermal heat Central solar heating Waste incineration







EFFICIENCY INCREASE OF EXISTING SOURCES NEW LOW TEMPERATURE HEAT SOURCES





Technologies -Distribution



Twinpipes with small diameter pipes and small heat losses



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Figur 12 Tværsnit af det fremstillede prototyperør 14/14/110 mm

Technologies – Grids or Network layouts



Fig. 1. Branched network layout considered for use in the Trekroner Area.

Technologies – Substations

High efficiency –

Supply temp. district heating: 50 C DHW : 45 C







Technologies – substations Buffertank with DH-water



Reduce peak load from DHW in DH





Technologies – District heating supply temp of 40

Micro-booster unit – prototype and the final product

- COP ≈ 4,5 4,8
- DH return temperature of 26 28°C









Technologies – DHW in large buildings with circulation Thermal or UV disinfection Danfoss ThermoClean or Wallenius UV

Wallenius AOT 5 duo with sensor



Demonstration EUDP - projects



- 2001-2004: EFP-2001: District heating supply to low-energy areas
- **2006-2009**: EFP-2007: Development and demonstration of lowenergy district heating for low energy buildings
- 2008-2011: EUDP 2008-II: CO₂ reductions in low-energy buildings and communities by implementation of low-temperature district heating systems. Demonstration cases in EnergyFlexHouse and Boligforeningen Ringgården
- 2011-2014 (expected completion): EUDP 2010-II: Full-scale demonstration of the future low-temperature district heating in existing settlements (Fuldskala demonstration af fremtidens lavtemperatur fjernvarme i eksisterende bebyggelser, in Danish). The project is ongoing.
- 2011 2014 (expected completion): EUDP Heat Pumps in District



Show case in Lystrup [1,2]



- EFP/EUDP projects (2007, 2008, 2010)
- 40 row-houses class 1 (BR08) 37 kWh/m².yr
- DH design parameters: 50/25°C, 10 bar
- District heating network
 - AluFlex Twin pipes (insulation series 2)
 - reduced pipe sizes -> higher pressure drop
 - annual distribution heat loss approx. 15%
- Development of two in-house substations conception
 - no problem with Legionella and comfort
- System runs already 2 years, no complaints Technical University of Denmark

Implementation plans Example: Pre study on energy renovation of buildings and 4GDH 3 Scenarios

- All scenarios contain a natural replacement on 1% of the existing building mass with newly constructed buildings.
- Reference scenario No heat savings
 - Represents the extreme case where nothing is done. Supply for the full unchanged heat demand.
- Scenario 1 Accelerated energy renovation from 2030-2070 (65 %)
 - Nothing is done in the near future due to low DH-supply prices. Investment in new capacity will increase the supply price and as a consequence heat savings are carried out.
- Scenario 2 Accelerating energy renovations from today (65%)
 - Heat savings are implemented from today, resulting in decreased heat demand before investment in new capacity.











Implementation plans - conclusions

Technologies and Systems

Detailed investigations needed

- Based on new 4GDH technologies
- Based on an optimised energy system
 - Fossil free
 - No imported biomass for fuels

Optimal solutions Political implementation needed

