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Specific Objectives

- ‡Develop mathematical model to estimate heat extraction from closed-loop geothermal systems that are characterized by
 - Large aspect ratios, i.e., large length-diameter ratios, presenting challenges to numerical calculation
 - Time scale of years
 - Complex physical properties

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Table 1. Summary of Geometric and Operating Parameters

Geometry
Well diameter: 17 in
Injection tube: 8 in
Production (heated water) tube: 3 in

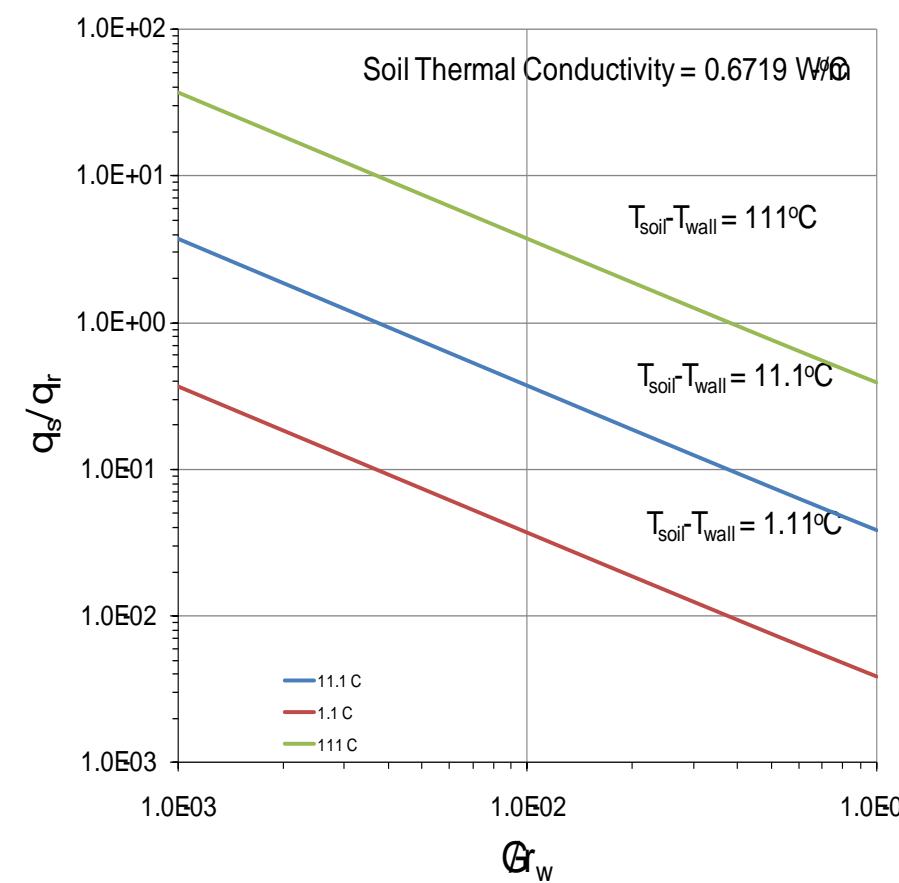
Operating condition
Feed water: 200 F
Production water: 350 F
Flowrate: 1000 gallon/min

QuasiSteady State Water Side Heat Transfer

- Water-side heat transfer
 - Heat load and overall heat transfer coefficient needed
 - $Q = \dot{m} L_e \Delta T_{\text{DT}} = 3 D_o F D_p = 20.4 \text{ MW}_{\text{th}}$
 - $\bar{h} = 7.2 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}$
 - Tube heat transfer coefficient water properties
 - $Q = \bar{h} A \Delta T_{\text{DT}}$
 - $\bar{h} = 2,117 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \gg 201.3 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$
 - Water-side can deliver heat transfer needed

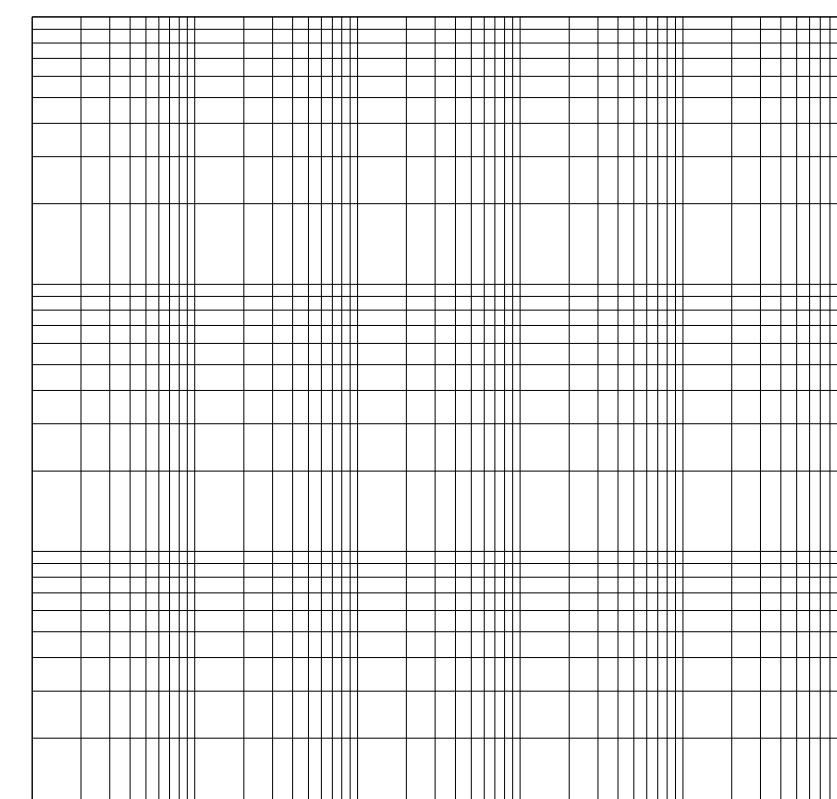
QuasiSteady State Soil Side Heat Transfer

- Heat transfer from soil to wall
 - $M_a L_t \dot{e} . G_a F_a ; \dot{Z} \bullet N_a$
 - $N_e ;$
 - Thermal penetration length
 - $\delta = r_p$



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Soil Temperature Requirements



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\ddot{m} decreases with increasing heat rate extraction