



1D WHOLE-LITHOSPHERE THERMAL MODELLING

KEY FEATURES

1D Whole-Lithosphere Thermal Model

Incorporating thermal contributions from the mantle, crust, sediment infill (including lithologically-controlled conductivities) & tectonic history to give a complete thermal model

Quantify Heat-flow History

Both top-basement & top-sediment heat-flows are tracked through the full geological history of the input stratigraphy

Calibrate Downhole Measurements

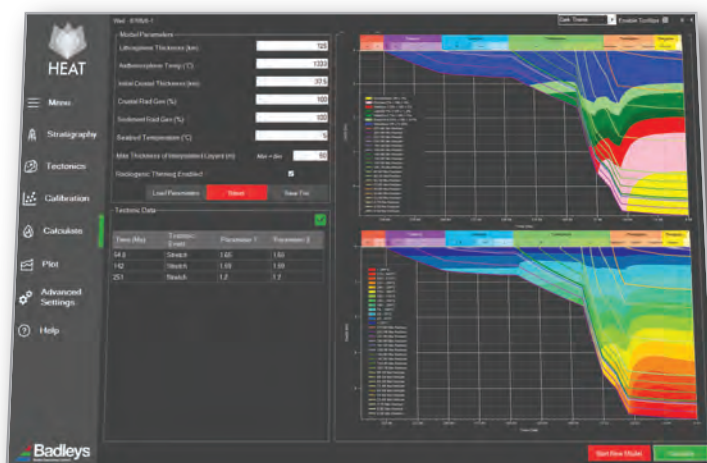
Predicted temperature & vitrinite reflectance can be calibrated at present-day and can be predicted for the entire burial history of the stratigraphic sequence

Fast & Efficient

Intuitive design & optimised calculation engine mean models can be set-up and run quickly

Easy To Use

Designed to be used by all geoscientists



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Heat is a 1D forward-modelling program for predicting heat-flow history, geothermal history, maturation history and horizon-temperature history at well or pseudo-well locations.

Heat allows the user to input a 1D stratigraphic section and very quickly model the thermal history.

The following geological constraints are incorporated in Heat's calculations:

- ◆ Tectonic history, the thermal consequences of multiple rift events and their long-term thermal relaxation
- ◆ Whole-lithosphere thermal perturbation through time, a consequence of the tectonic history
- ◆ Crust and lithosphere thinning, which can be considered as uniform with depth or as depth-dependent
- ◆ Burial history, defined by input stratigraphy and lithology, with compaction incorporated
- ◆ Lithologically-controlled thermal conductivities within the sediment fill
- ◆ Radiogenic heat input from both the crustal basement and the sediment fill
- ◆ The thermal consequences of igneous intrusion into the basement or sediment fill

Heat produces depth-scaled temperature profiles together with predictions of source rock maturation (vitrinite reflectance, using Burnham & Sweeney Type III kinetics), both of which can be calibrated against present-day downhole measurements of temperature and maturation index (%VR).



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HEAT offers the opportunity to integrate tightly with tectonic and geodynamic modelling software, for example Stretch and Flex, thus eliminating one of the great uncertainties in many standard thermal-modelling workflows.

HEAT is easy to use and requires no specialist basin-modelling knowledge. Heat's inbuilt plotting facility will automatically generate the plots you wish to see.

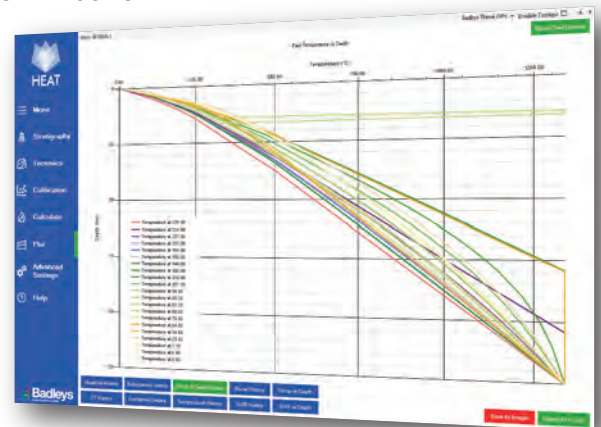
HEAT is designed to be used not just by geochemists and basin-modellers, but also by other geoscientists who wish to investigate the thermal consequences of the processes which generate extensional basins and continental margins.

HEAT runs under Windows™

OUTPUTS

HEAT predicts and produces output for the following:

- ◆ Top-basement and top-sediment heat-flow history
- ◆ Top-basement tectonic-subsidence history
- ◆ Basement crustal-thickness history
- ◆ Whole-lithosphere-temperature vs depth history (geotherm profiles)
- ◆ Horizon burial history, with overlay of maturation index and temperature
- ◆ Horizon temperature history
- ◆ Horizon vitrinite reflectance (%VR) history
- ◆ Geothermal gradient within sediment fill
- ◆ Present-day temperature-vs-depth profile, with temperature calibration
- ◆ Present-day vitrinite-reflectance-vs-depth profile, with %VR calibration



FORMATS

HEAT produces output as:

- ◆ In-program scalable plots
- ◆ Exported image files
- ◆ Exported CSV files