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# MULTI-SCENARIO SIMULATION AND ENERGY - EXERGY ANALYSIS OF A DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK FOR A CASE STUDY IN VIENNA

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# 1. CI-ENERGY PROJECT



- CI-ENERGY is a Marie Curie European project concerning Urban Energy Planning.
- Two case studies: cities of Geneva and Vienna.
- 14 researchers involved, my topic: District heating and cooling systems.
- Supported by the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development.

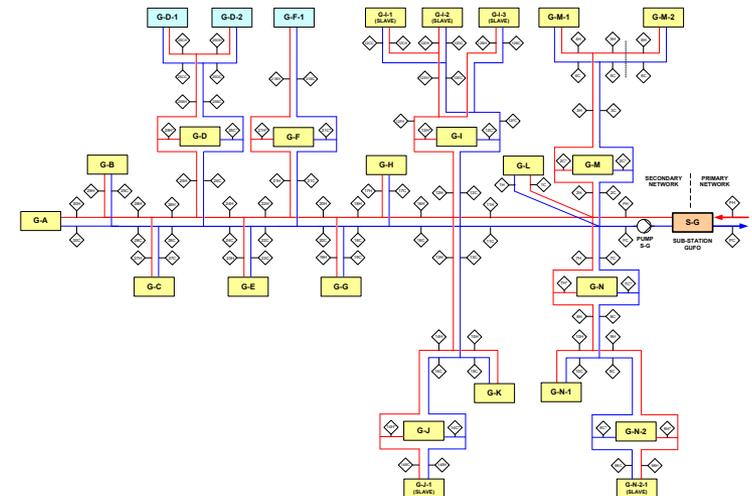
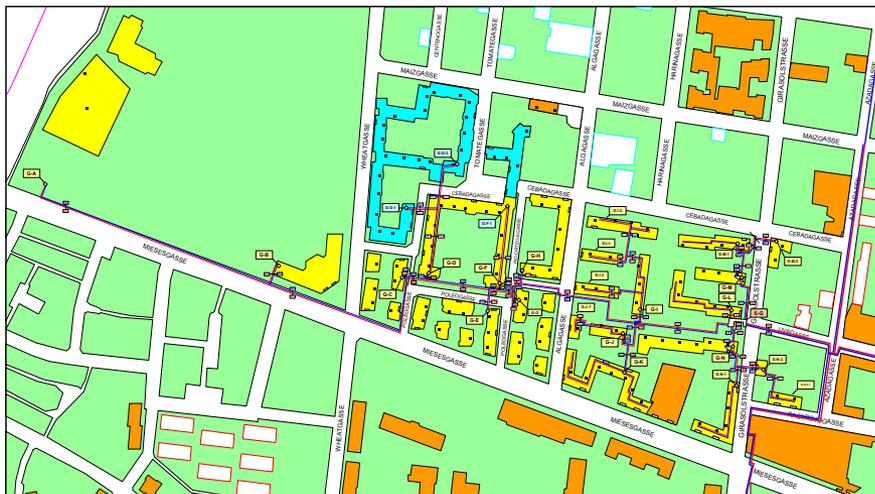


## 2. PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

- Defining a methodology which is able to build simulations and make energy-exergy studies of DH Networks extrapolable for all kind of cities.
- 9 hypothesis are studied, defined as “scenarios” each one is a simulation of the network combining different improvements and technologies:
  - Replacing radiators for heated/cooled floors.
  - Connecting heat pumps supporting the DHN
  - Adapting to Low Temperature district heating network.
- Informing urban planners about all possible advantages and disadvantages for each considered hypothesis during the transition to 4<sup>th</sup> GDHN

# 3. CASE STUDIED

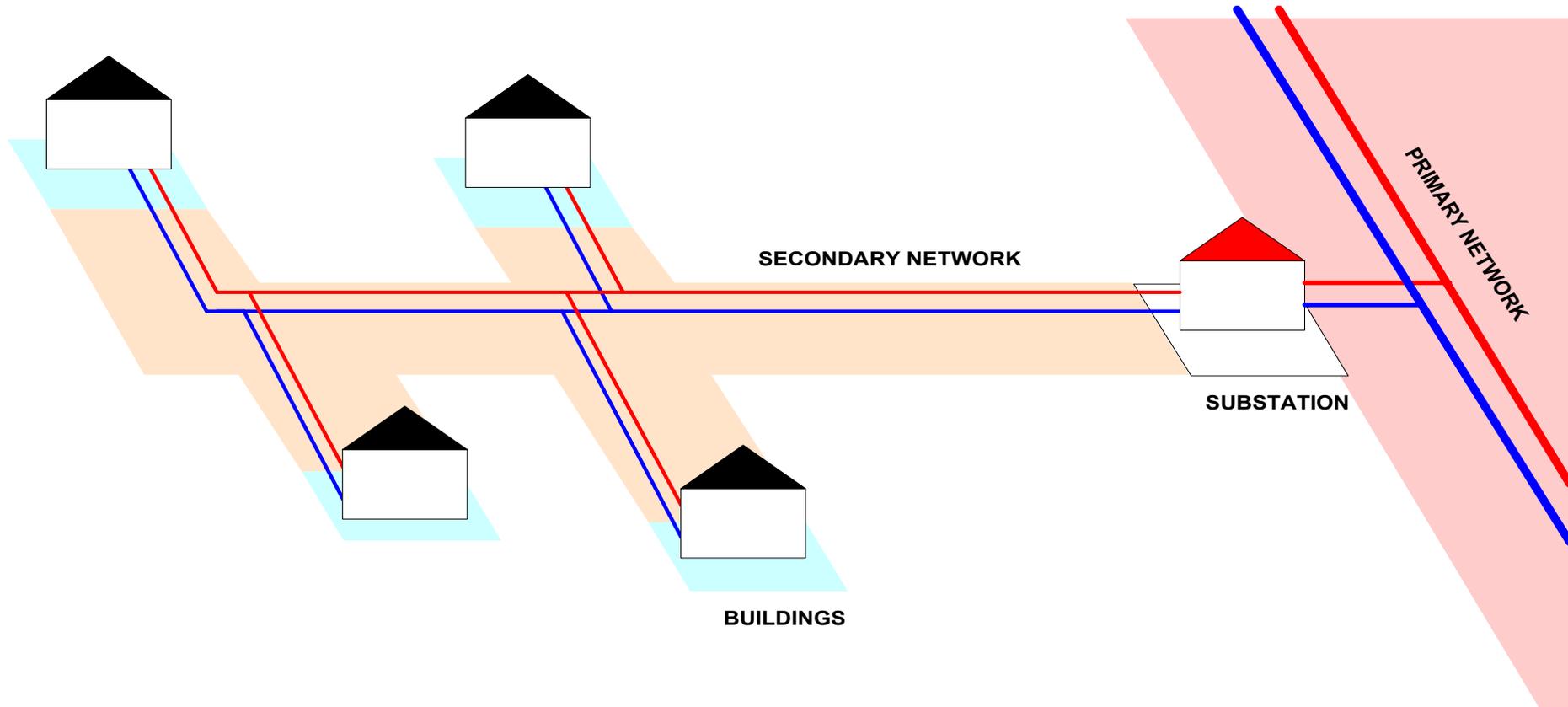
- Simulation of a local district heating network located in Vienna.
- 21 residential buildings
  - 20 with hot water and heating services.
  - 1 with heating service only





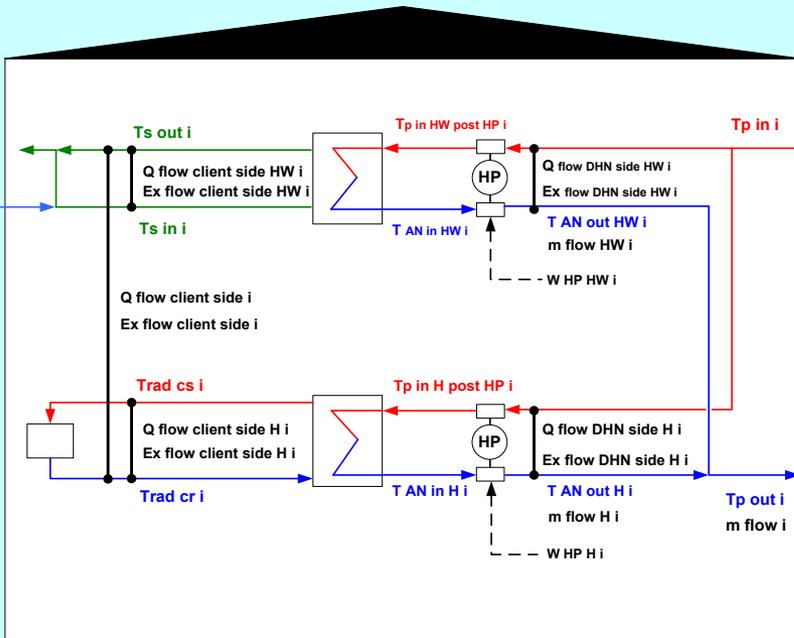
# 4. METHODOLOGY

## DEFINING THE THERMODYNAMIC SYSTEMS

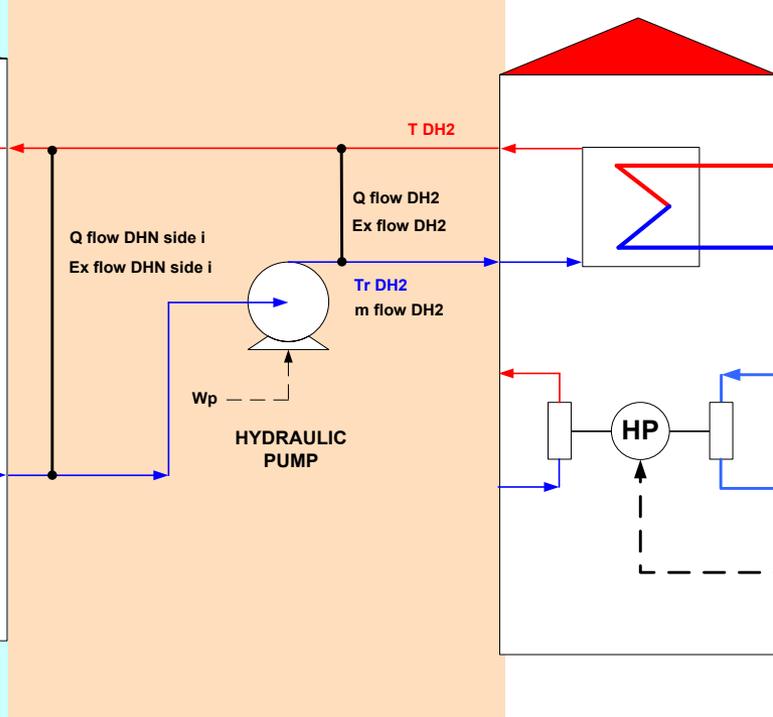




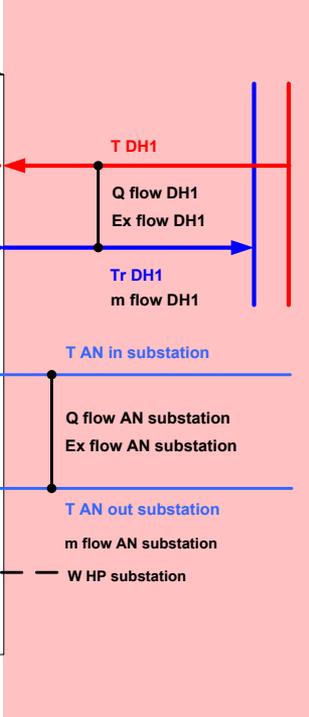
## BUILDINGS



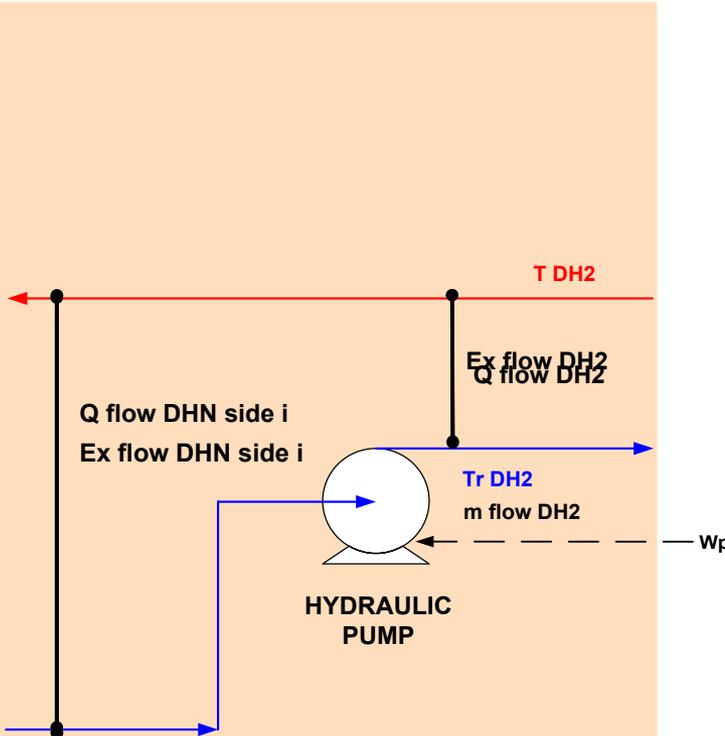
## SECONDARY NETWORK SUBSTATION



## PRIMARY NETWORK



# ENERGY AND EXERGY BALANCES: NETWORK



$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m} C_p (T_{feed} - T_{return})$$

$$\dot{Q}_{losses NETWORK} = \dot{Q}_{DH2} + \dot{W}_p - \sum_i^n \dot{Q}_{DHN side i}$$

$$\eta_{EN NETWORK} = \frac{\sum_i^n \dot{Q}_{DH side i}}{\dot{Q}_{DH2} + \dot{W}_p}$$

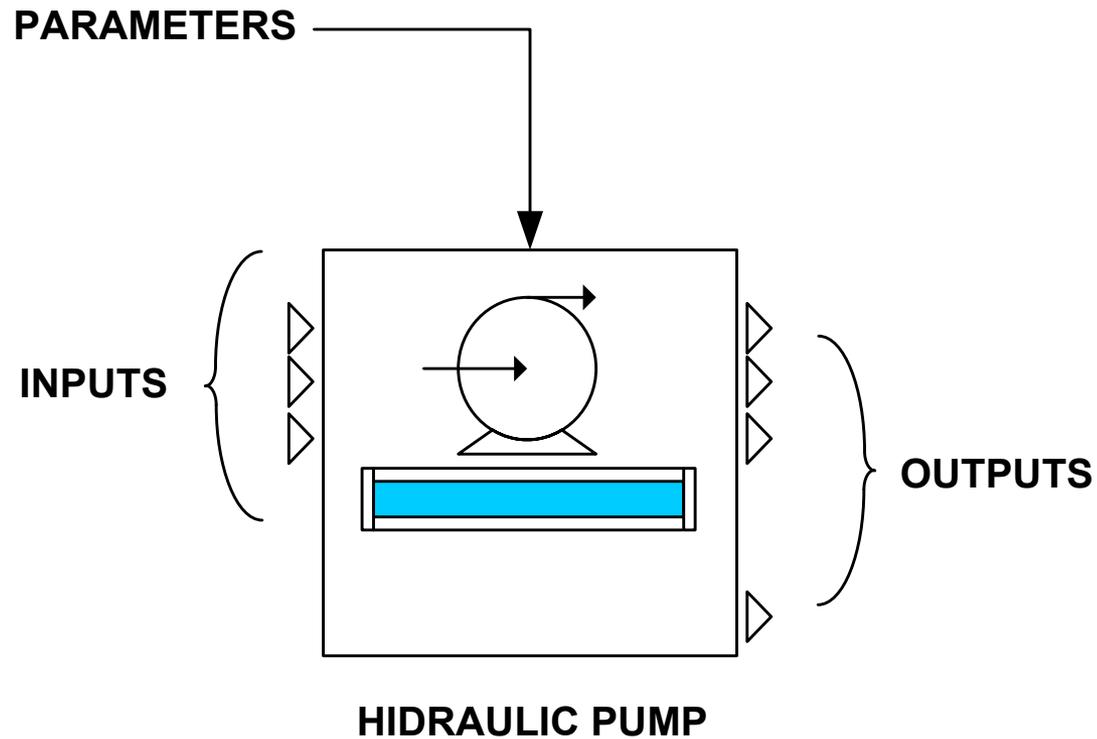
$$\dot{E}x_{losses NETWORK} = \dot{E}x_{DH2} + \dot{W}_p - \sum_i^n \dot{E}x_{DHN side i}$$

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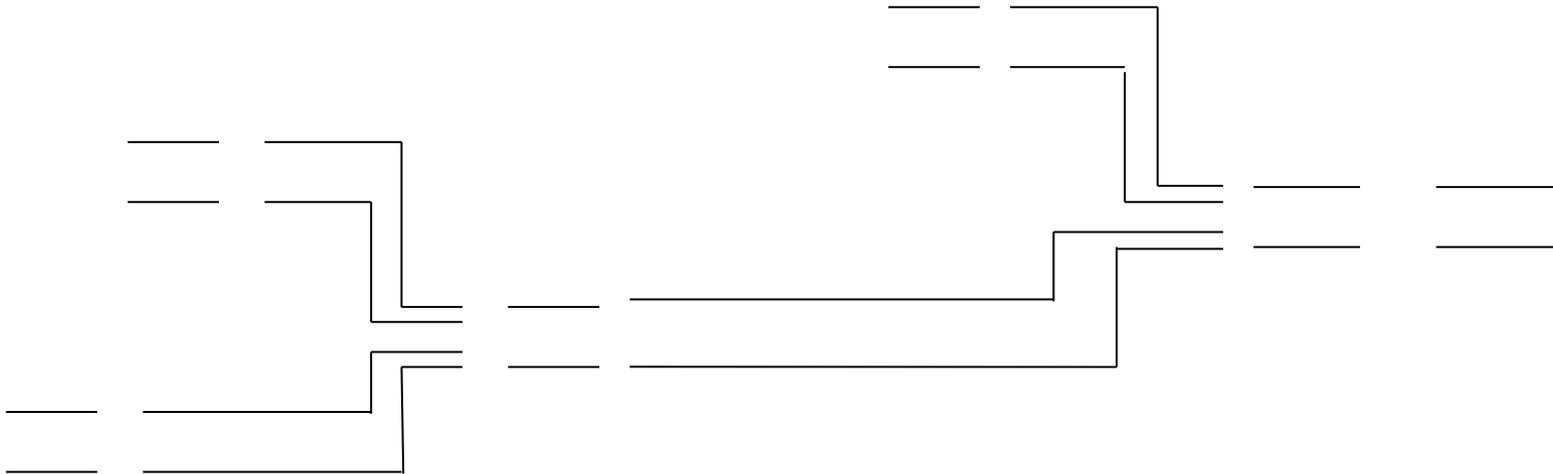


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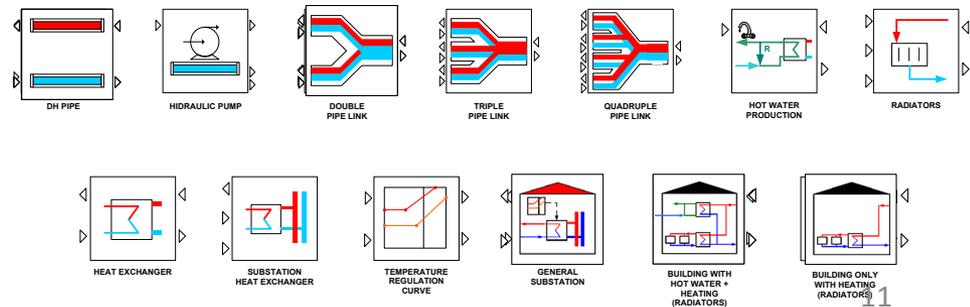




# HOW THE SIMULATION WORKS: CREATING THE SIMULATION



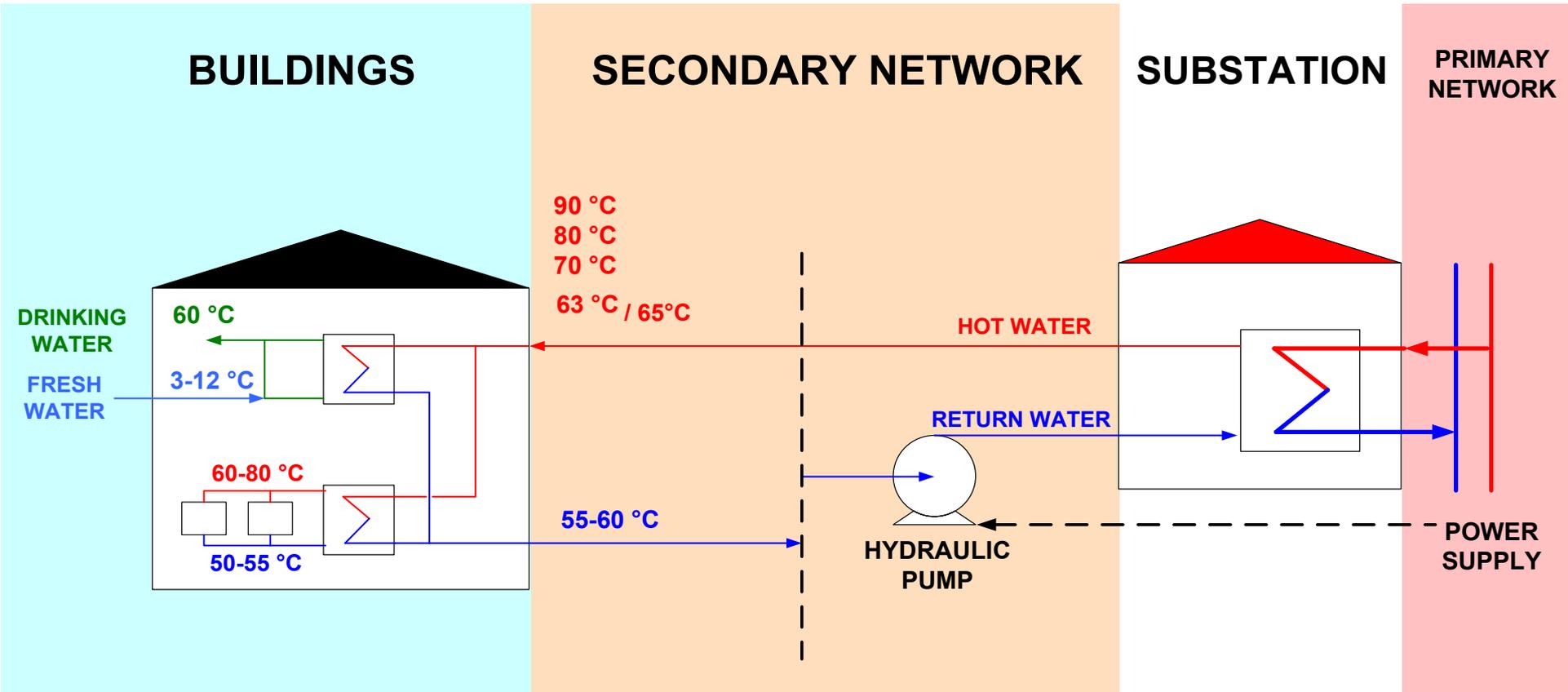
PARAMETERS DATABASE





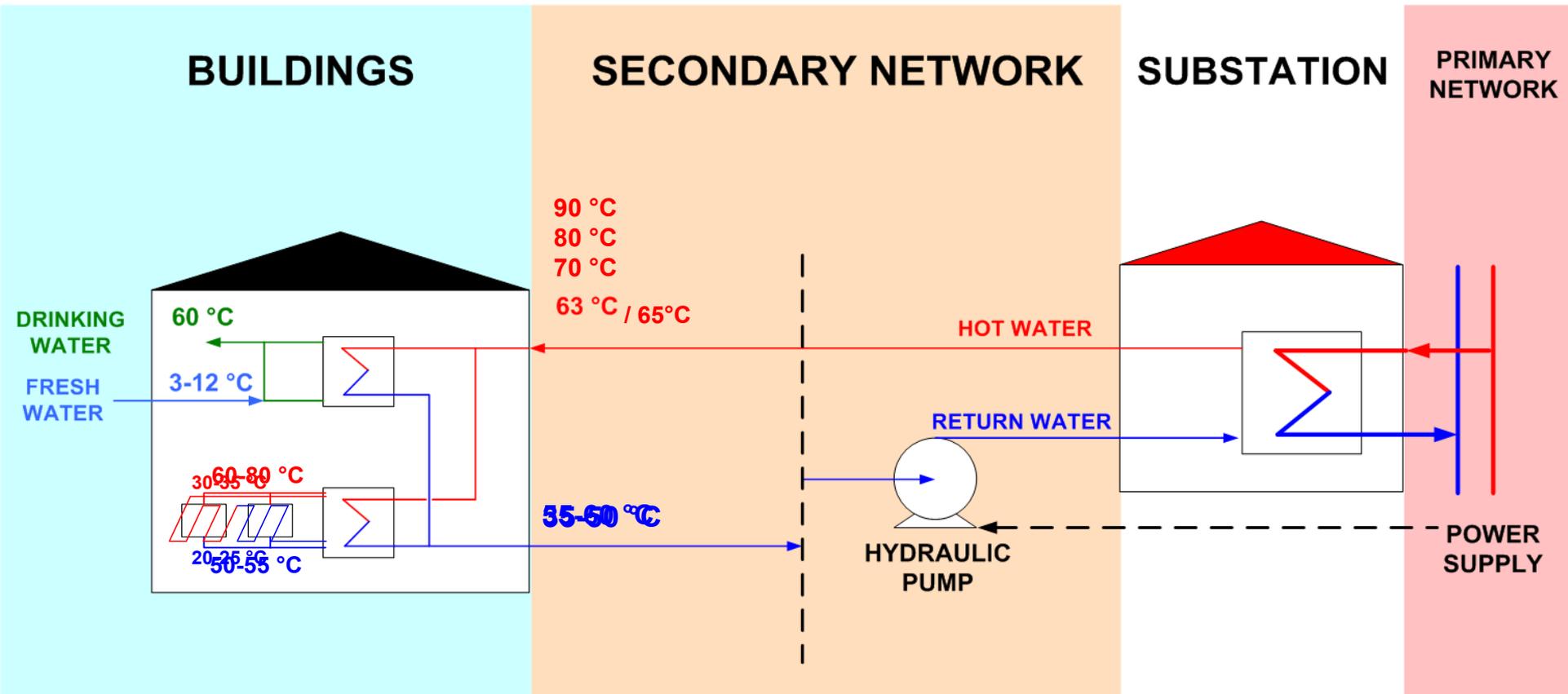
# 5. SCENARIOS AND RESULTS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCENARIO: CURRENT SITUATION



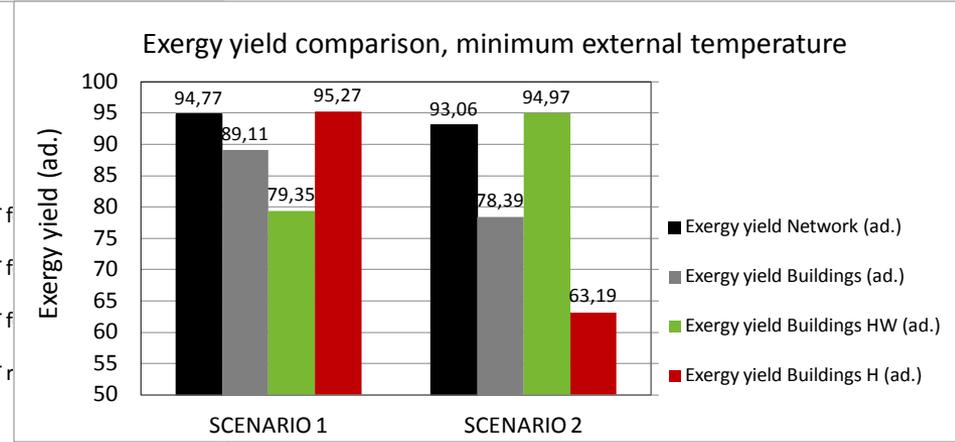
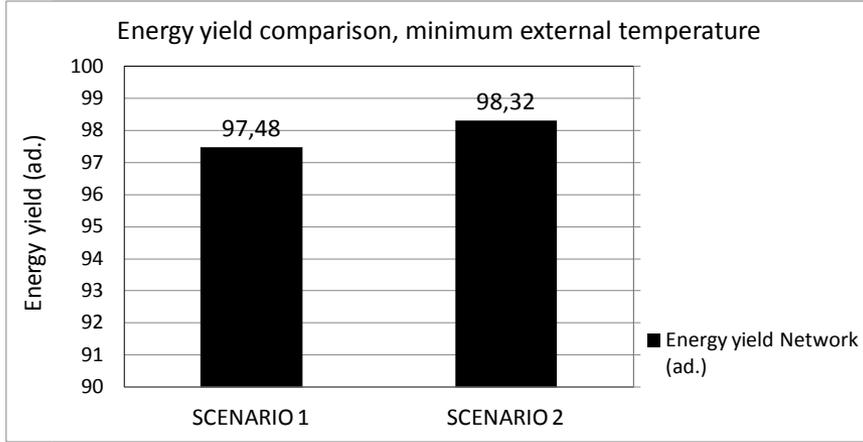


# 2<sup>ND</sup> SCENARIO: BASIC REFURBISHMENT





# RESULTS: COMPARISON BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> SCENARIO

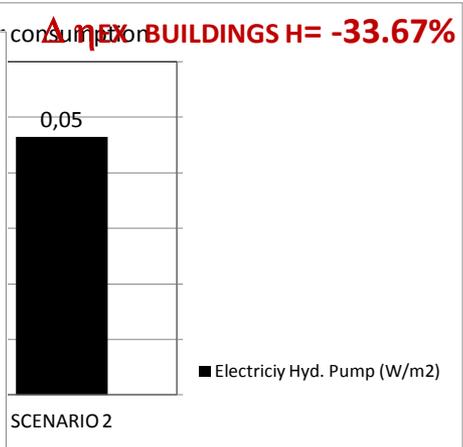
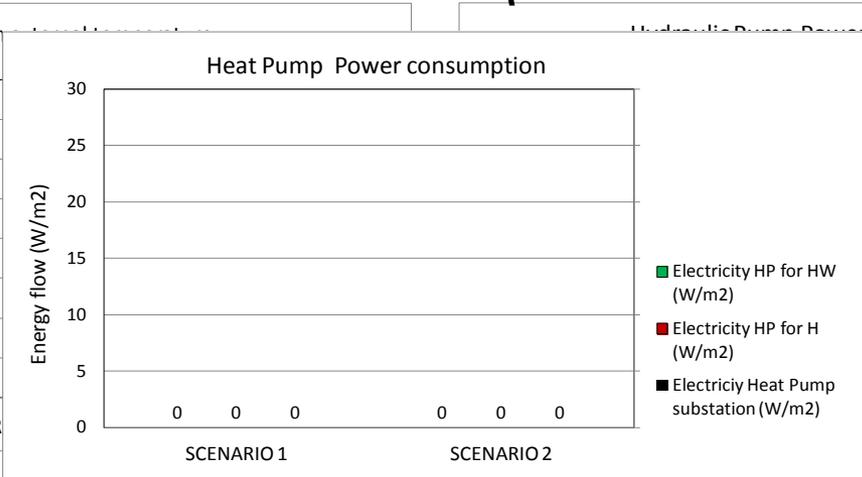
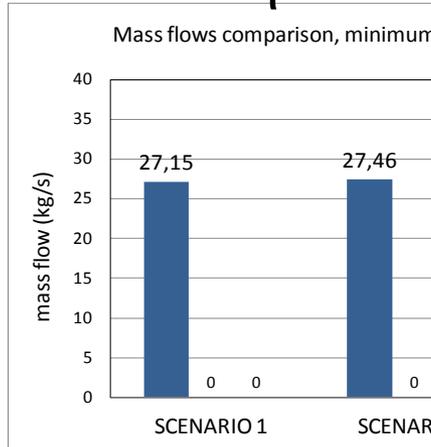


$\Delta \eta_{EN} = +0.86\%$

$\Delta \eta_{EX NETWORK} = -1.8\%$

$\Delta \eta_{EX BUILDINGS HW} = +19.68\%$

$\Delta \eta_{EX BUILDINGS H} = -33.67\%$

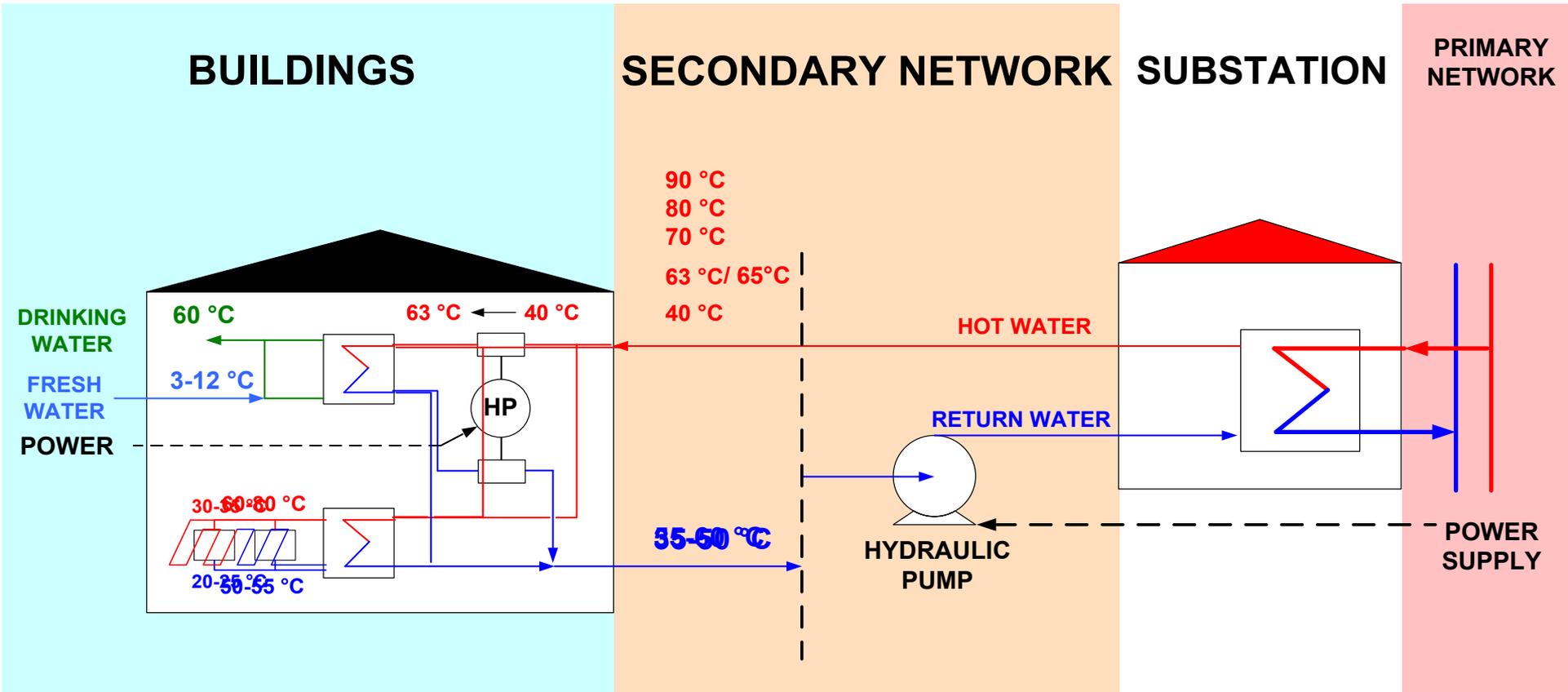


$\Delta \text{mass flow} = +1.15\%$

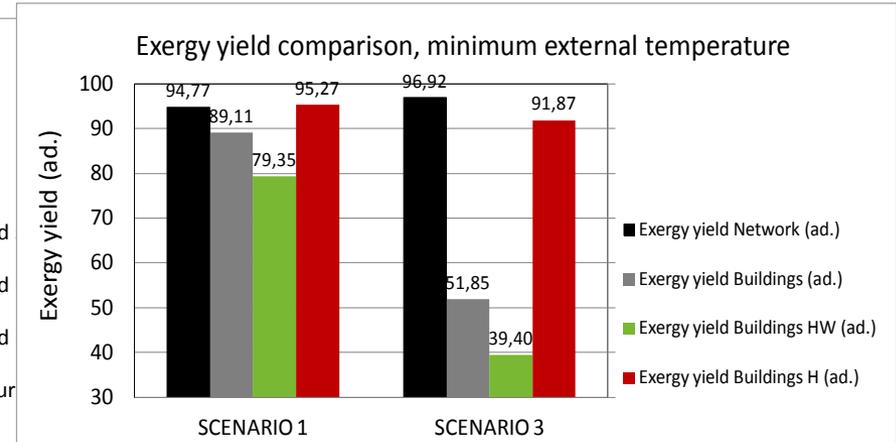
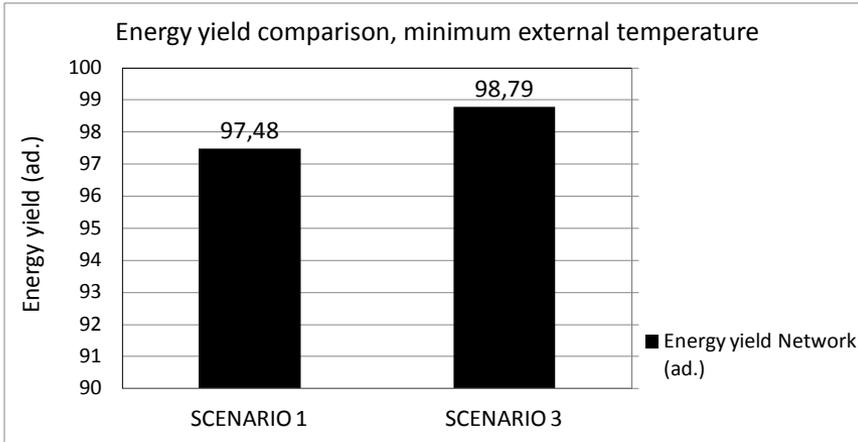
$\Delta \text{Hyd. Pump Power consumption} = +4.28\%$   
No heat pumps installed



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SCENARIO: BASIC REFURBISHMENT FOR LOW TEMPERATURE DHN

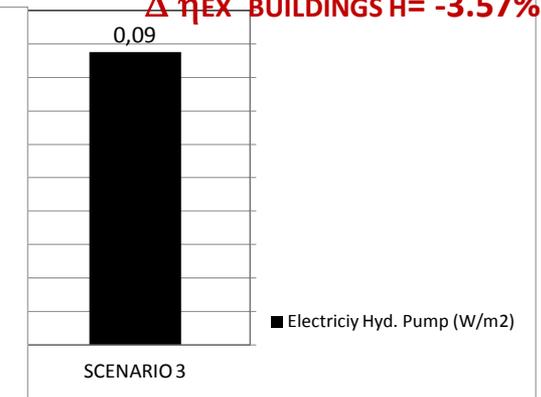
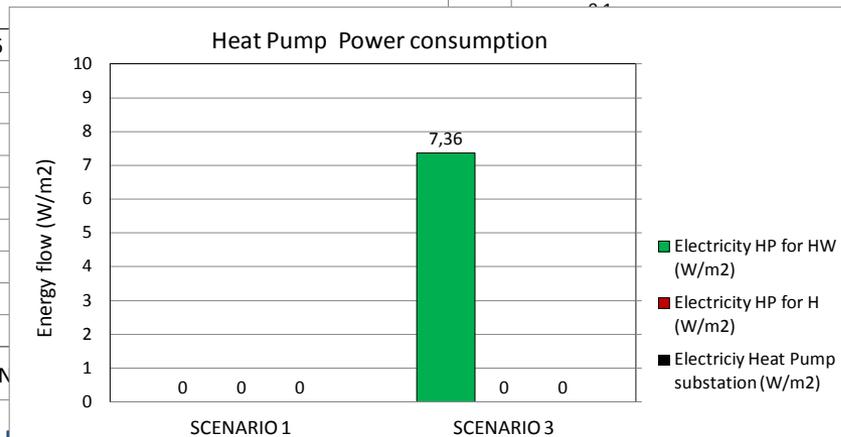
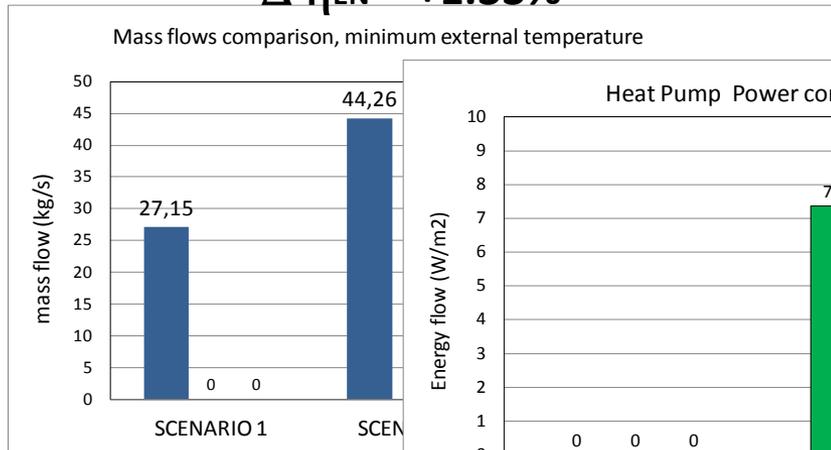


# RESULTS: COMPARISON BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SCENARIO



$\Delta \eta_{EN} = +1.33\%$

$\Delta \eta_{EX NETWORK} = +2.27$      $\Delta \eta_{EX BUILDINGS HW} = -50.35\%$   
 $\Delta \eta_{EX BUILDINGS H} = -3.57\%$



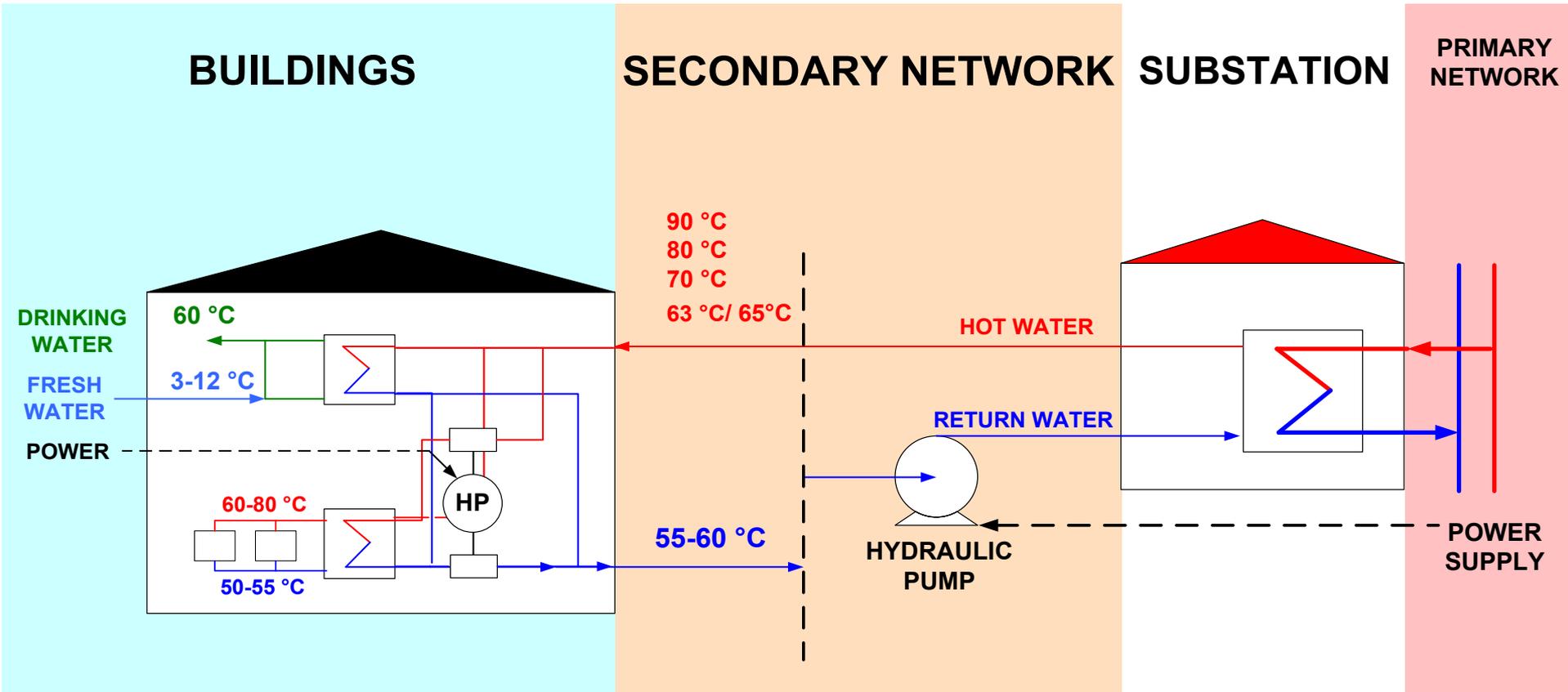
$\Delta \text{mass flow} = +$

Power consumption = +96.57%

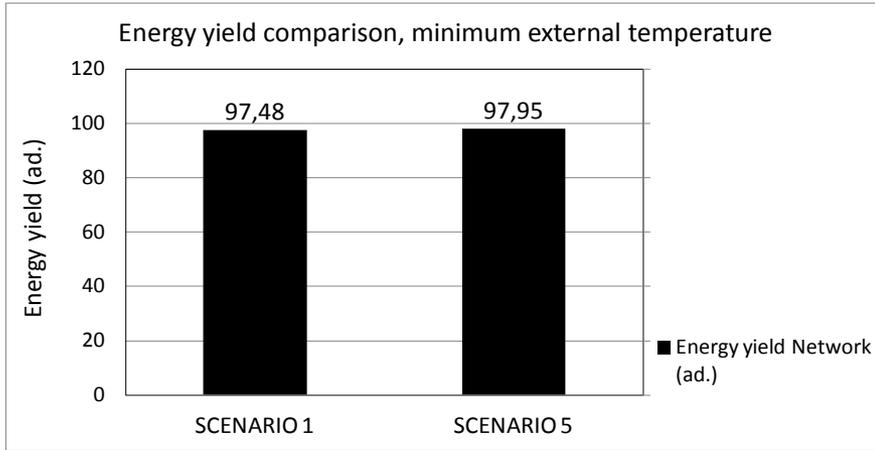
Heat Pump Power consumption HW = 7.36 W/m2



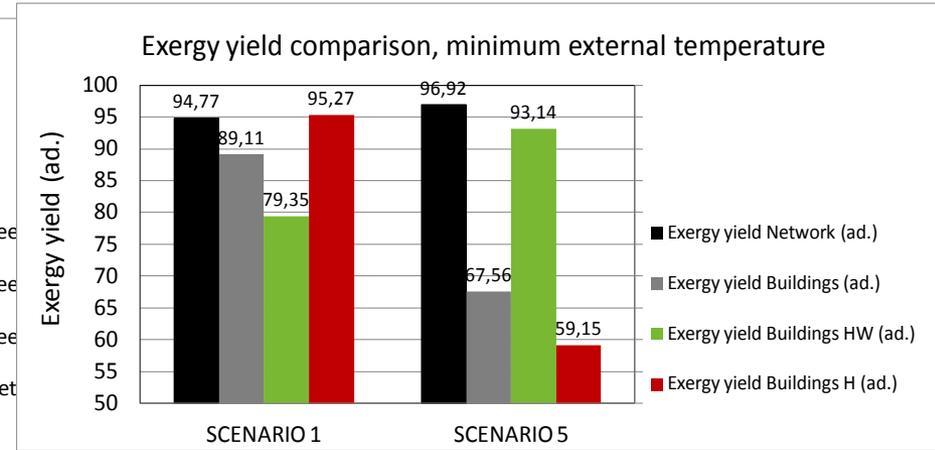
# 5<sup>TH</sup> SCENARIO: INDIVIDUAL HEAT PUMPS FOR HEATING WITHOUT REFURBISHMENT



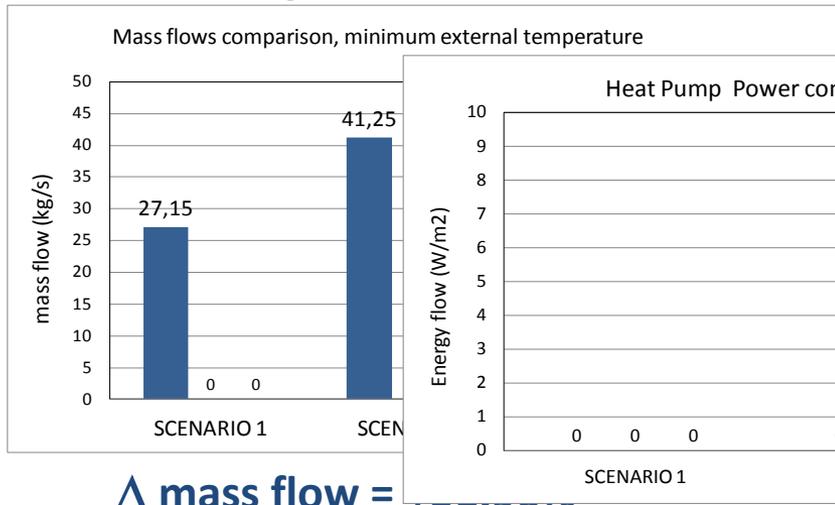
# RESULTS: COMPARISON BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> SCENARIO



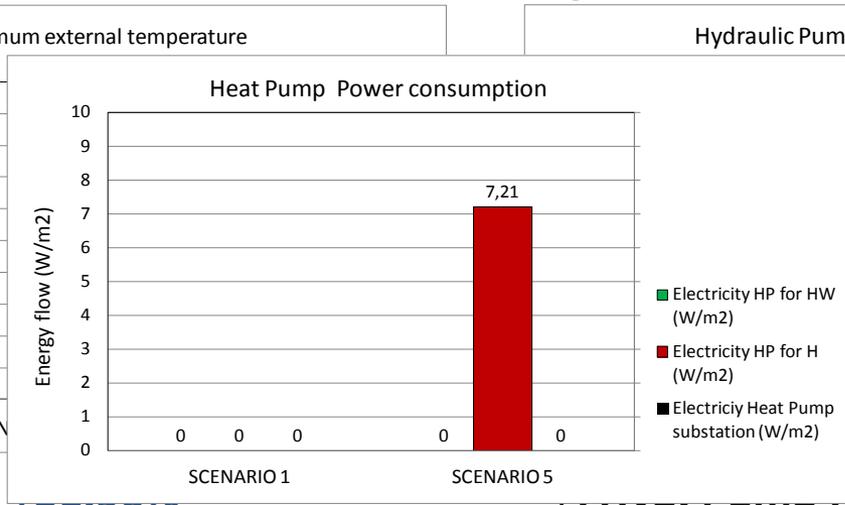
$\Delta \eta_{EN} = +0.48\%$



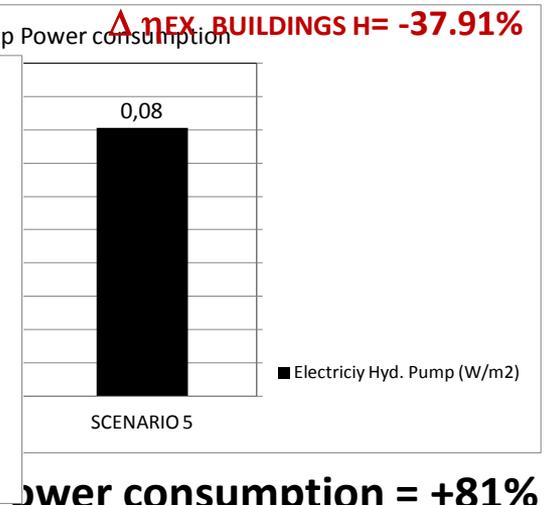
$\Delta \eta_{EX NETWORK} = +2.27$   $\Delta \eta_{EX BUILDINGS HW} = +17.38\%$



$\Delta \text{mass flow} = +48\%$



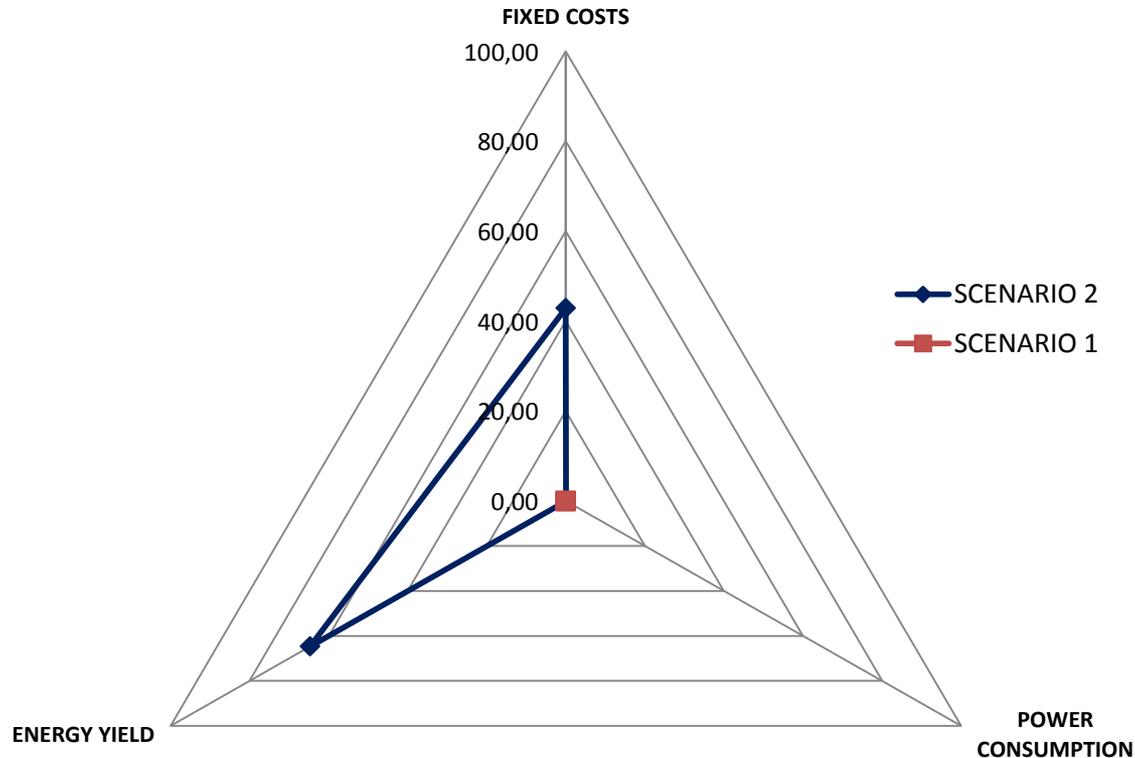
Heat Pump Power consumption H= 7.21 W/m2



Hydraulic Pump Power consumption = +81%

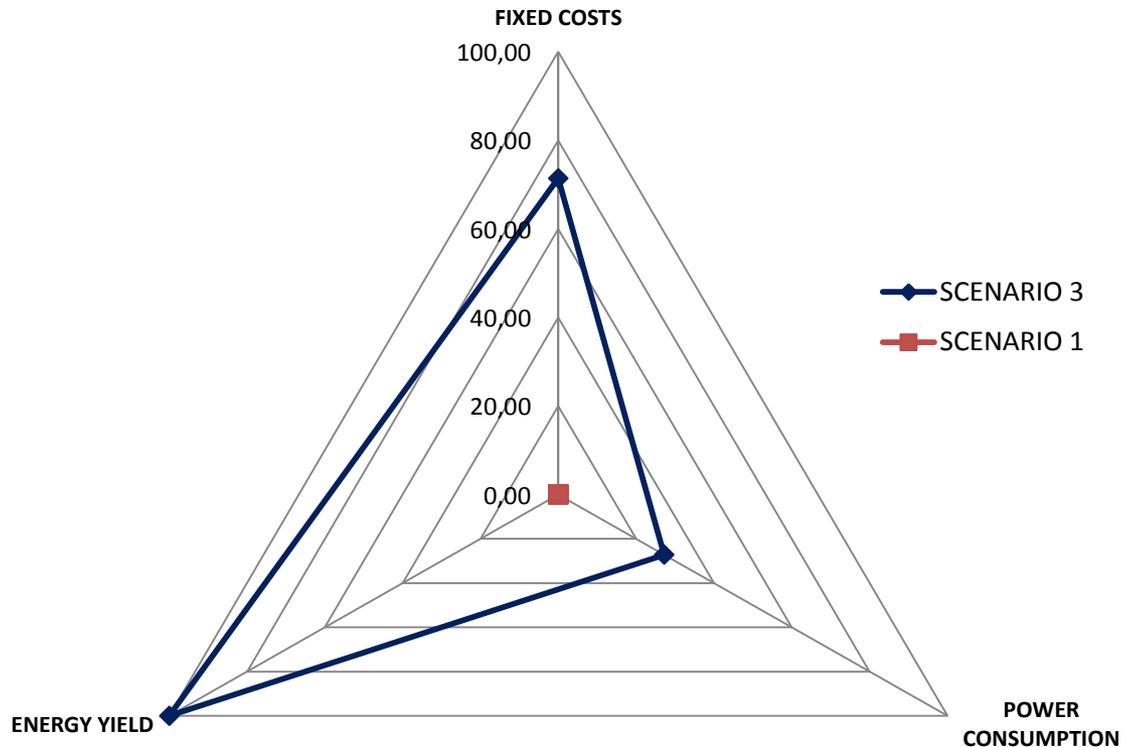


# CONCLUSIONS: COMPARISON BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> SCENARIO



A spider diagram shows the characteristics, advantages and disadvantages for each hypothesis in a graphical way. In this case, SCENARIO 2 has almost the best energy efficiency with intermediate fixed costs. No extra power consumption required.

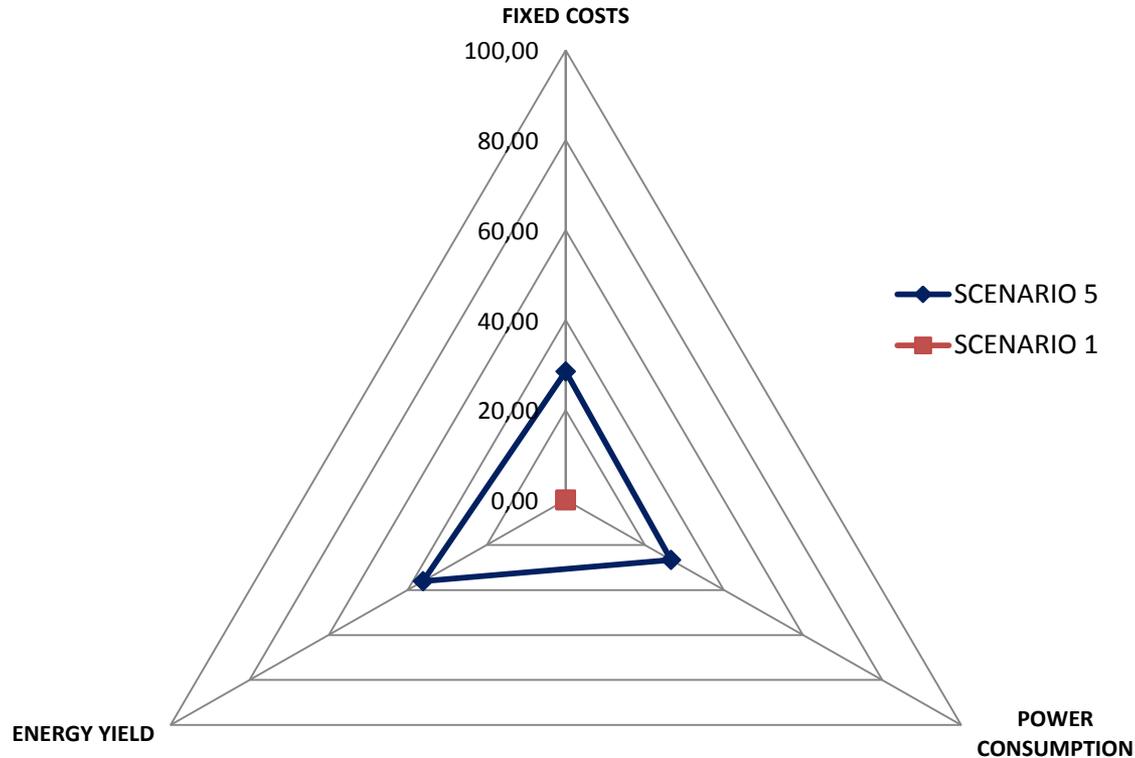
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- **SCENARIO 3** is the natural evolution of **SCENARIO 2**, and the most appropriate from the  $\eta_{\text{ENERGY}}$  perspective. Involves high fixed costs from the installation of heat pumps, leading to extra power consumption.
- This scenario contemplates the adaptation of the current Viennese DHN to a LTDHN.



# CONCLUSIONS: COMPARISON BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> SCENARIO



**Adaptation of the current Viennese DHN to a partial LTDHN at 65°C, without modifying the radiators system inside the buildings. The counterpart is the installation of heat pumps in the buildings supporting the heating branch. This is the best option if we want to avoid installation works in individual homes.**



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