

Optimization of SPF or CO2 emissions? Impact of control strategies on a bivalent waste water HP system for high energy standard buildings

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Case study (Carouge, Geneva)

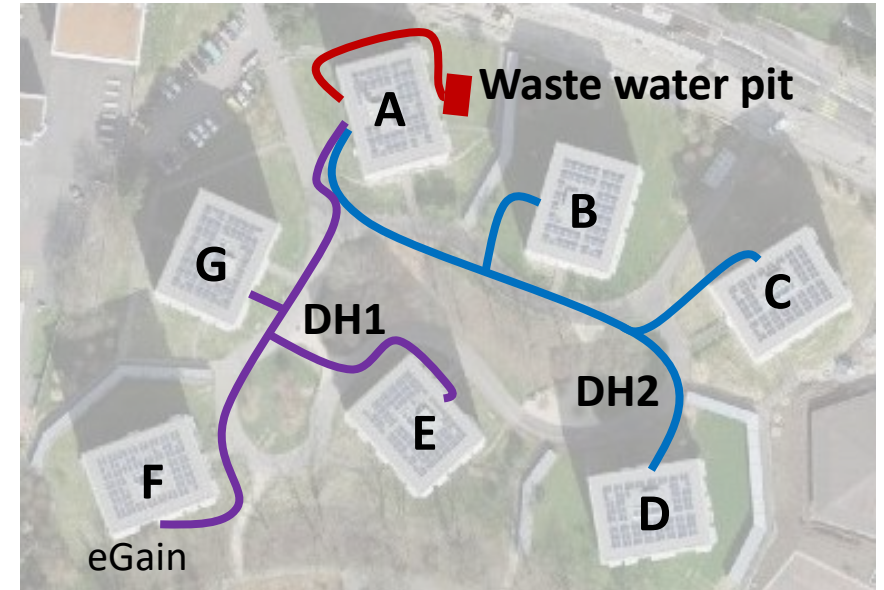
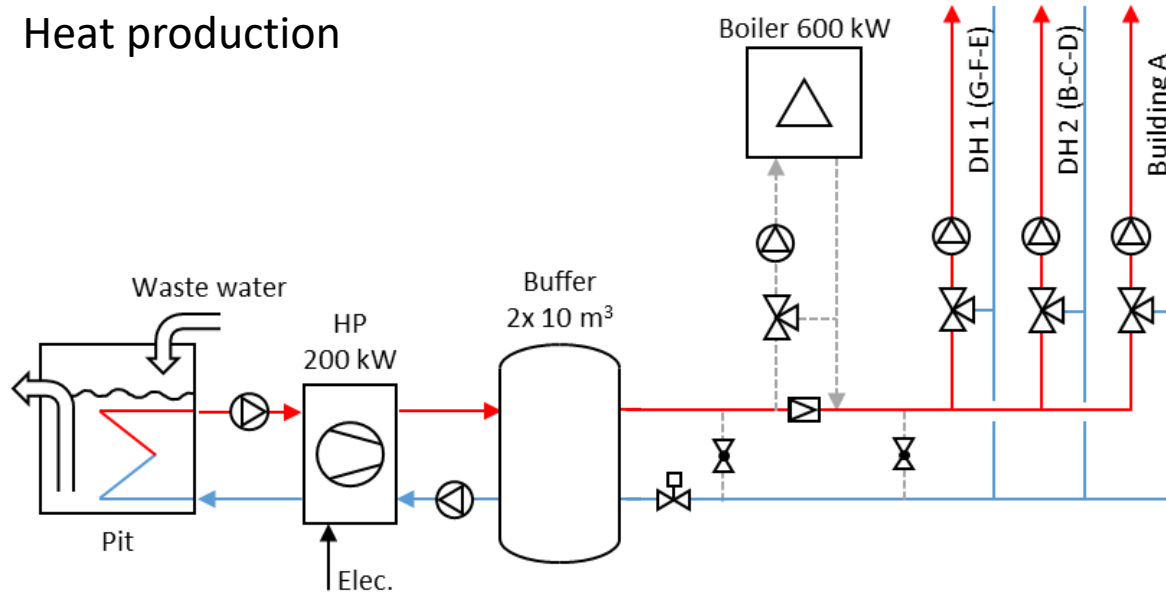
Buildings:

- 7 buildings (constructed 2014 – 2019)
- Heated floor area: 30'400 m²
 - Social housing (97%)
 - Extra-scholar activities (3%)
- High / very high energy performance standard



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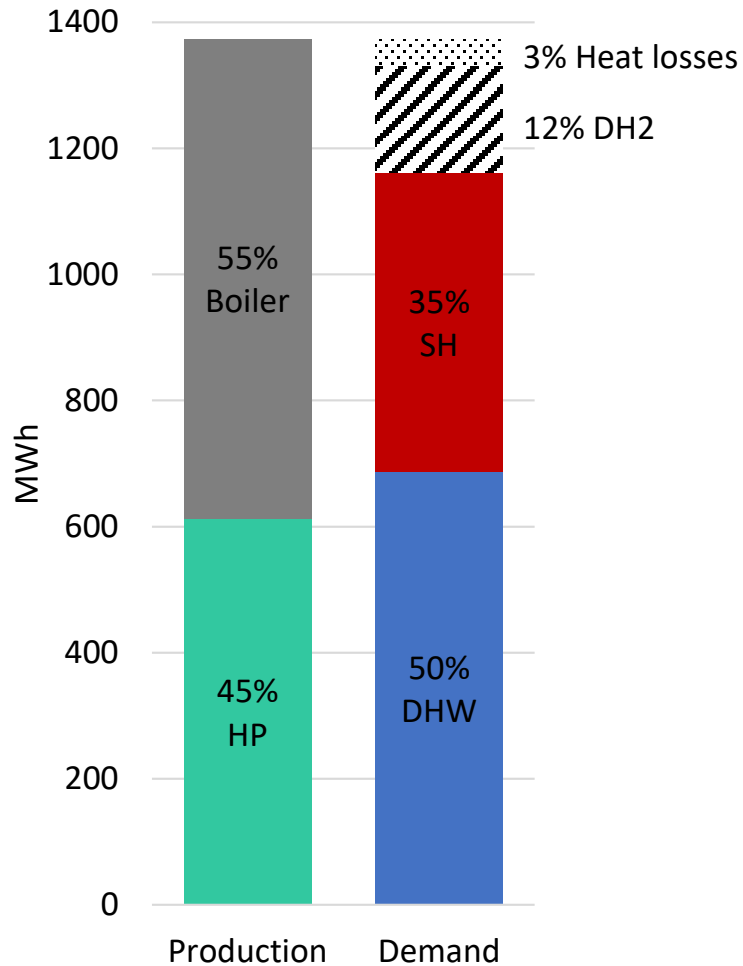
Heat production



- Base load: HP on waste-water (200 kW)
- Peak load: Gas boiler (600 kW)
- Local district heating

First year of operation (2018): only 4 buildings!

Annual energy balance (first year of operation)



Demand

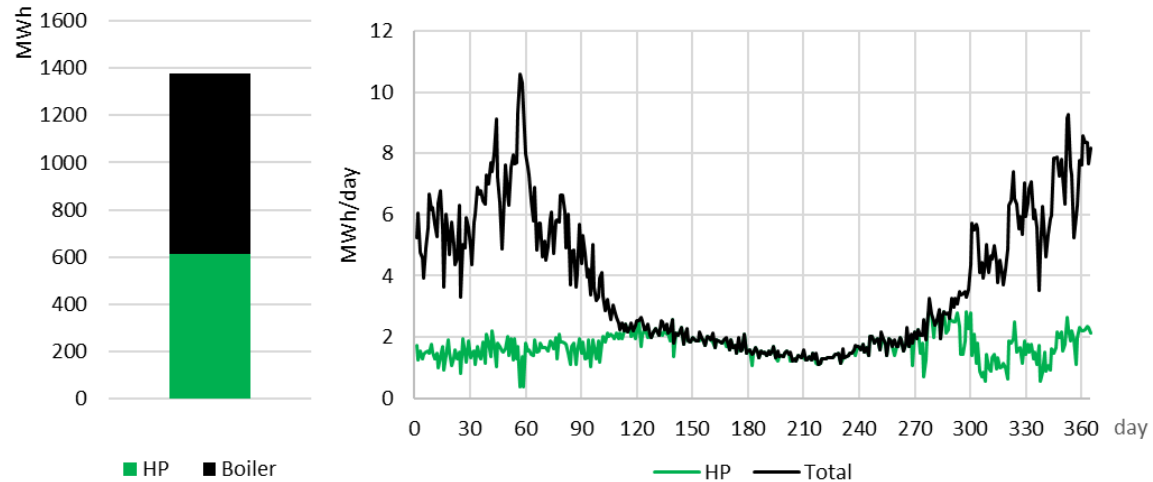
- DH1: 1'161 MWh
 - DHW: 39.5 kWh/m² (59%)
 - SH: 27.3 kWh/m² (41%)
- DH2 + Heat losses: 212 MWh

Production

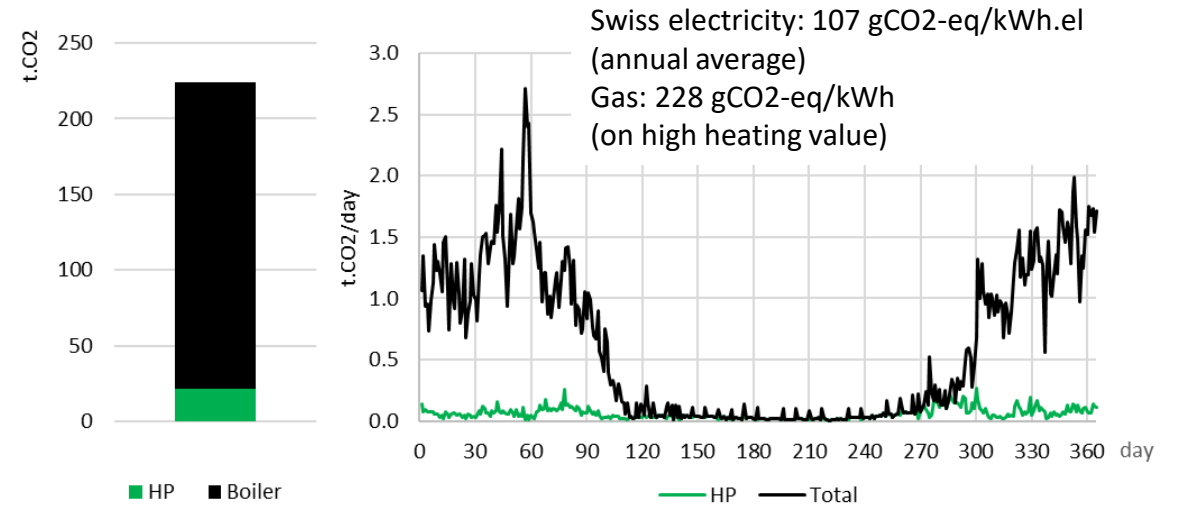
- HP: 613 MWh (45%)
- Boiler: 761 MWh (55%)
- HP SPF: 3.03

Energy vs CO₂

Heat production → HP : 45%



GHG emissions → HP : 10%



Need to increase HP share (even with lower SPF)

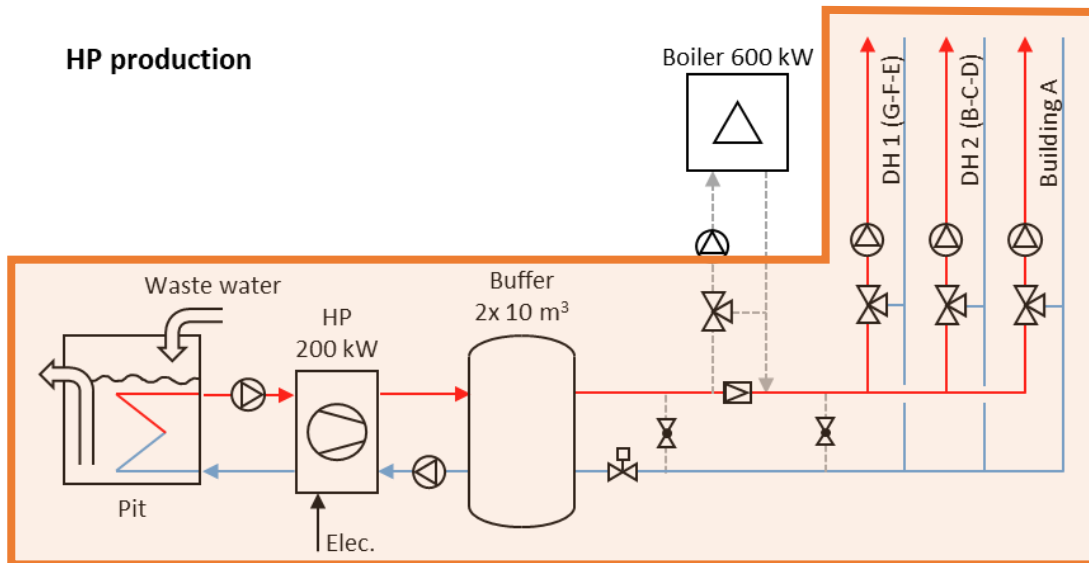
→ Control strategy

→ Temperature regimes

Control strategy

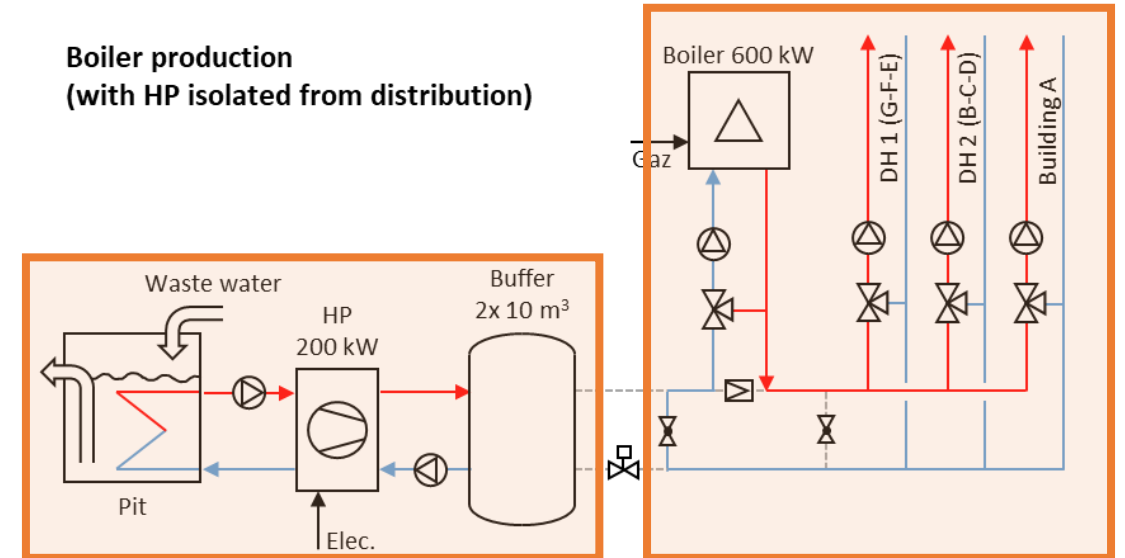
Alternate production mode

HP production



If $Q_{HP} \geq Q_{DH}$ and $T_{HP} \geq T_{DH}$

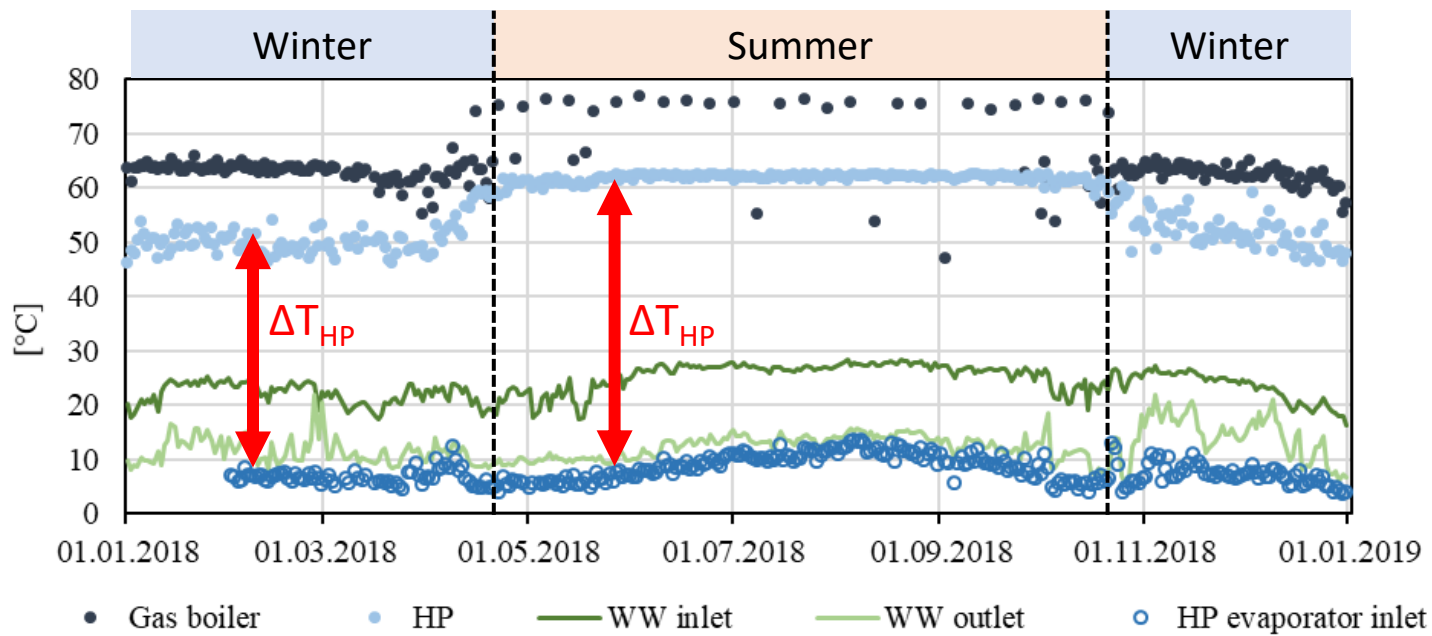
Boiler production (with HP isolated from distribution)



If $Q_{HP} < Q_{DH}$ or $T_{HP} < T_{DH}$

Temperature regime

Differentiated summer / winter HP setpoints



Summer:

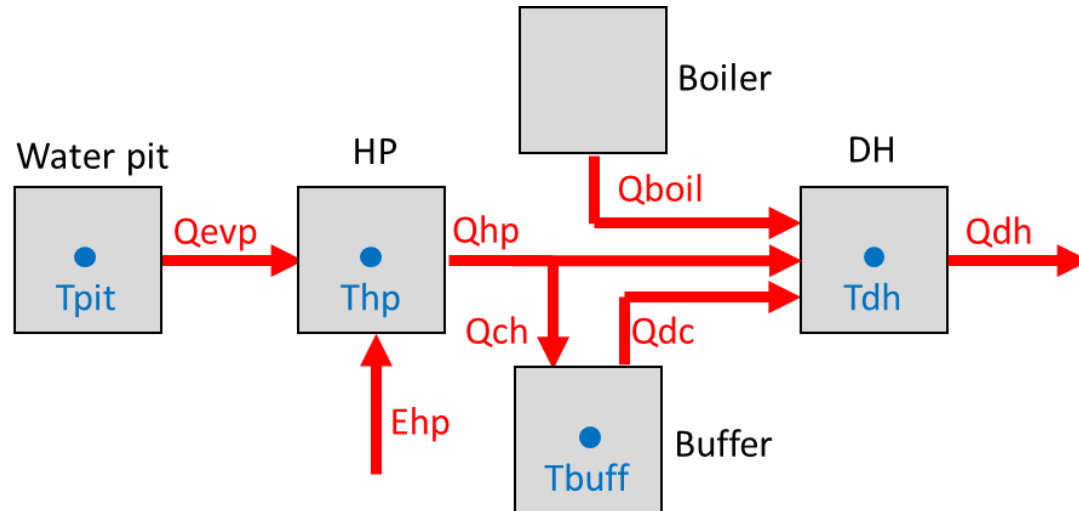
- HP → 63°C (DHW)
- Boiler → 75°C (Anti-Legionella, 2h once a week)

Winter:

- HP → 45°C (SH) or 55° (Buffer)
- Boiler: 63°C (DHW) + 75°C (Anti-Legionella, 2h once a week)

Numerical simulation

Numerical model



Inputs:

- T_{pit} : 5°C (Jan) – 12°C (Jul)
- Q_{dh} : hourly monitoring values

Parameters

- E_{hp} : 50 kW
- HP efficiency: 45% (relative to Carnot)
- Buffer: 20m³ (non stratified)
- Boiler efficiency: 86% (on HHV)

Algorithm:

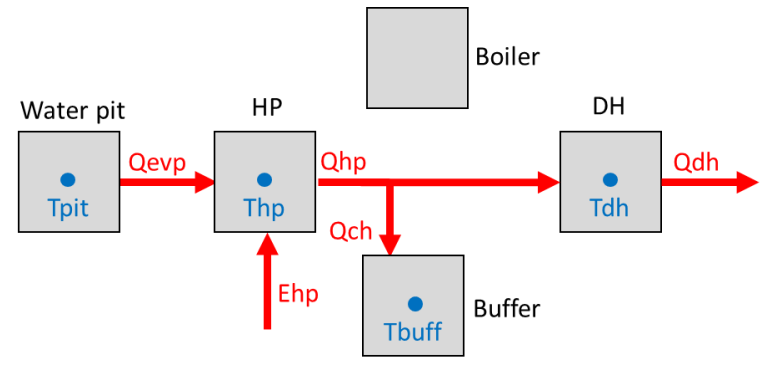
- Hourly energy balance
- Integrated in spreadsheet

Numerical simulation

Operation modes & control

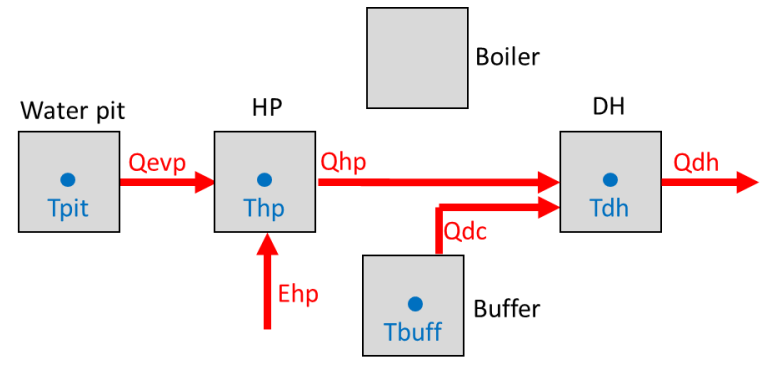
1) HP + Buffer charge

- $Q_{hp} \geq Q_{dh}$
- $T_{hp} \geq T_{dh}$
- $T_{buf} < T_{buf.max}$



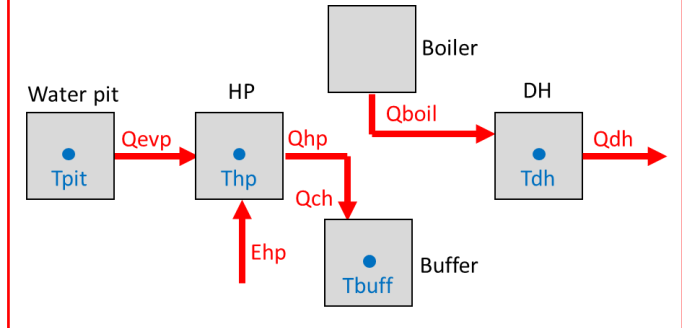
2) HP + Buffer discharge

- $Q_{hp} < Q_{dh}$
- $T_{hp} \geq T_{dh}$
- $T_{buf} > T_{dh}$

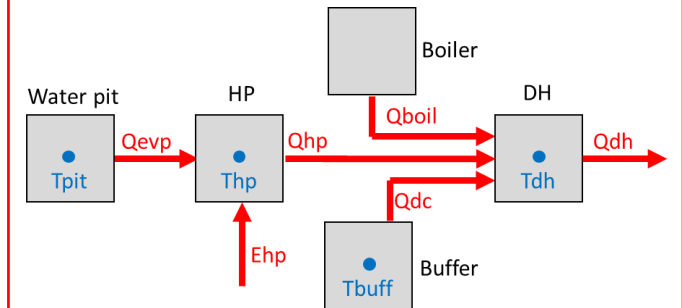


3a) Boiler (Alternate mode)

- $T_{hp} < T_{dh}$
- $T_{buf} < T_{dh}$

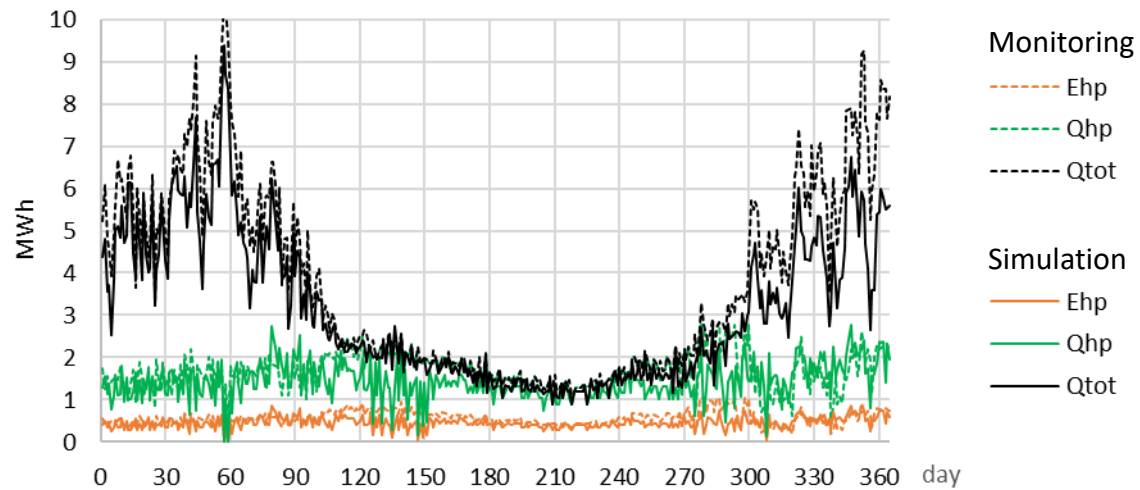


3b) HP + Boiler (Series mode)



Numerical simulation

Validation

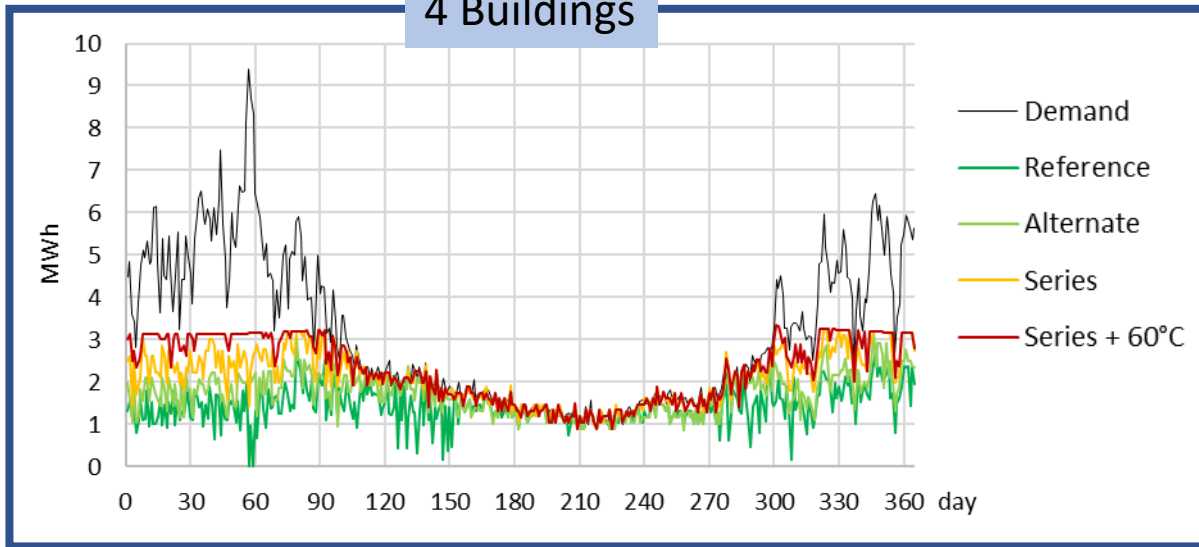


Scenario	HP setpoint	HP / Boiler	DH
Reference	63°C / 45°C	Alternate	≤ 65°

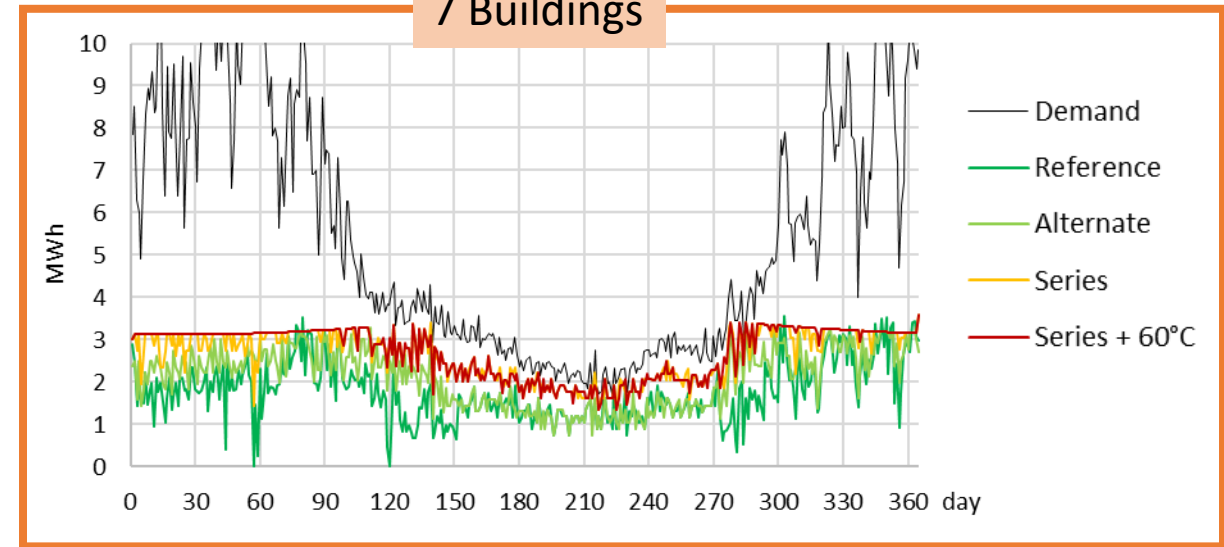
Sensitivity analysis

Scenario	HP setpoint	HP / Boiler	DH
Reference	63°C / 45°C	Alternate	≤ 65°
Alternate	63°C	Alternate	≤ 65°
Series	63°C	Series	≤ 65°
Series + 60°C	63°C	Series	≤ 60°

4 Buildings

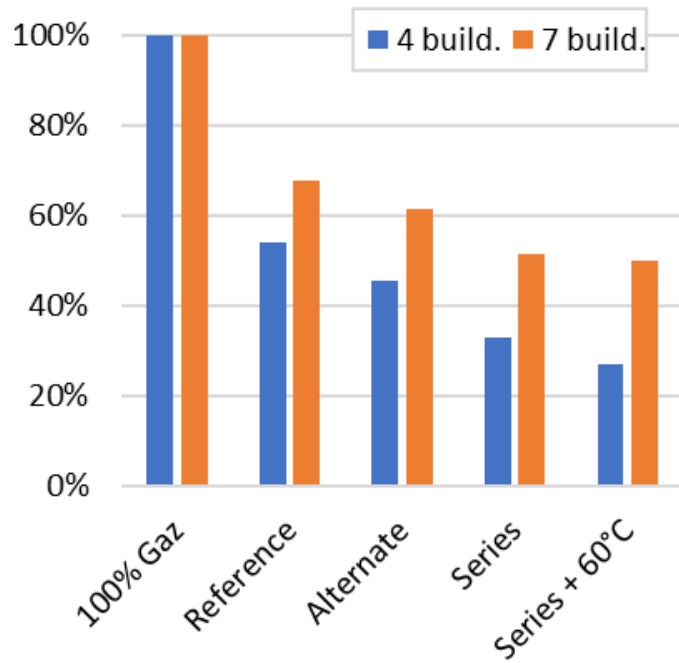


7 Buildings

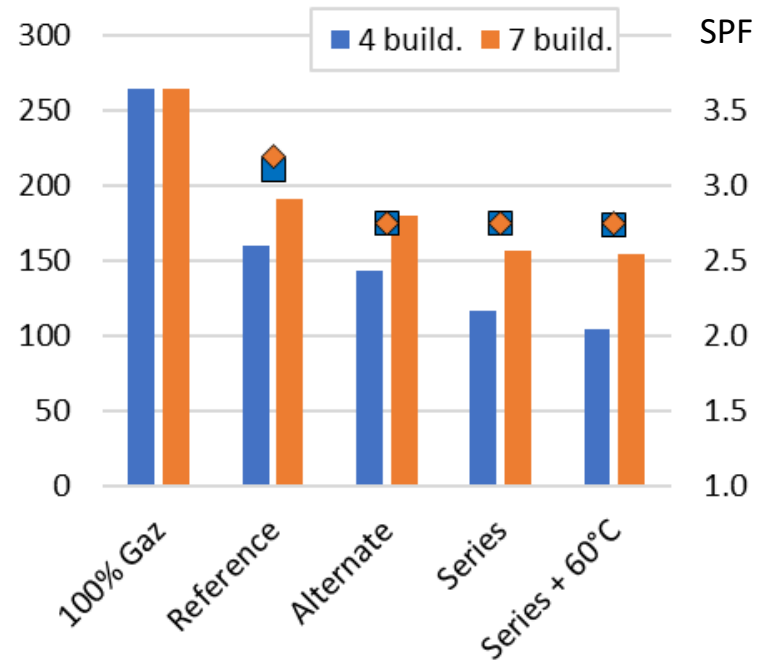


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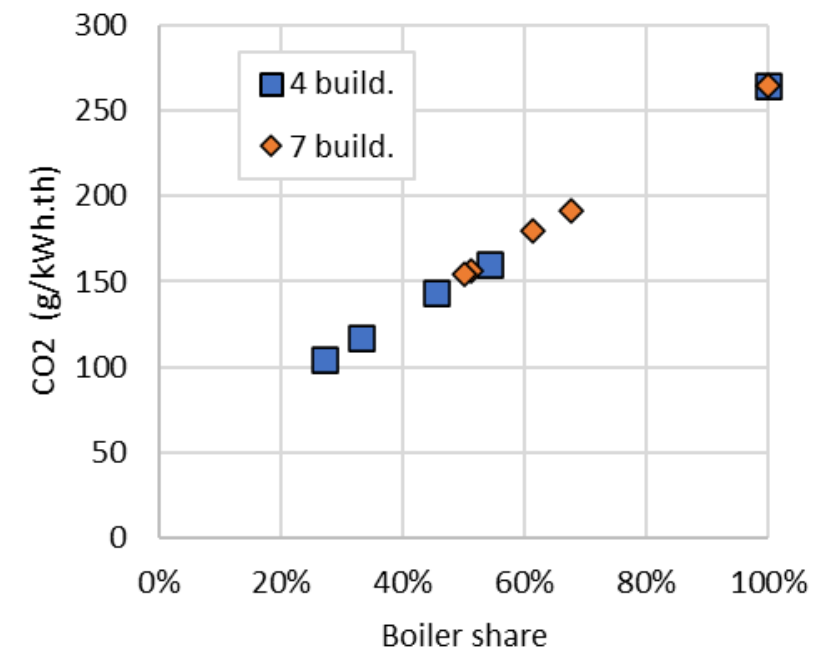
Boiler share



Emissions (g.CO₂-eq/kWh_{th})



Emissions vs Boiler share



Conclusions

- Monitored heat balance: 45% HP & 55% boiler.
- Simulation of alternative control strategies (HP setpoint change, serial operation of HP & boiler):
 - HP share up to 70%,
 - Lower CO₂ emissions despite possible SPF decrease.
→ trade-off between CO₂ & SPF optimization.
- Current system's performance is already much better than 100% fossil fuel production.

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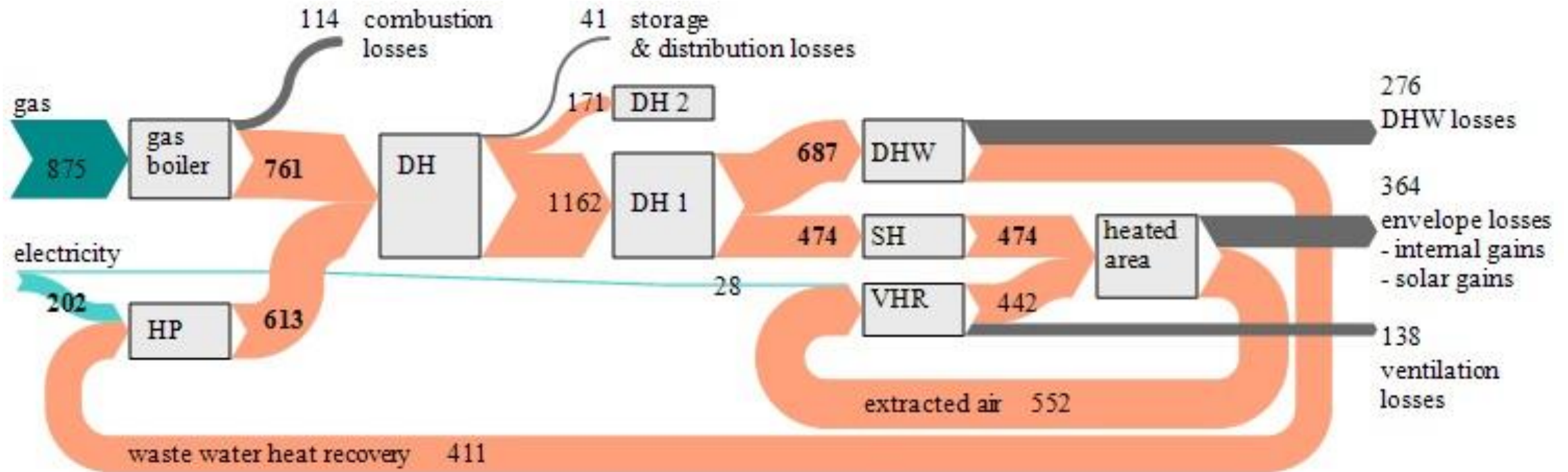
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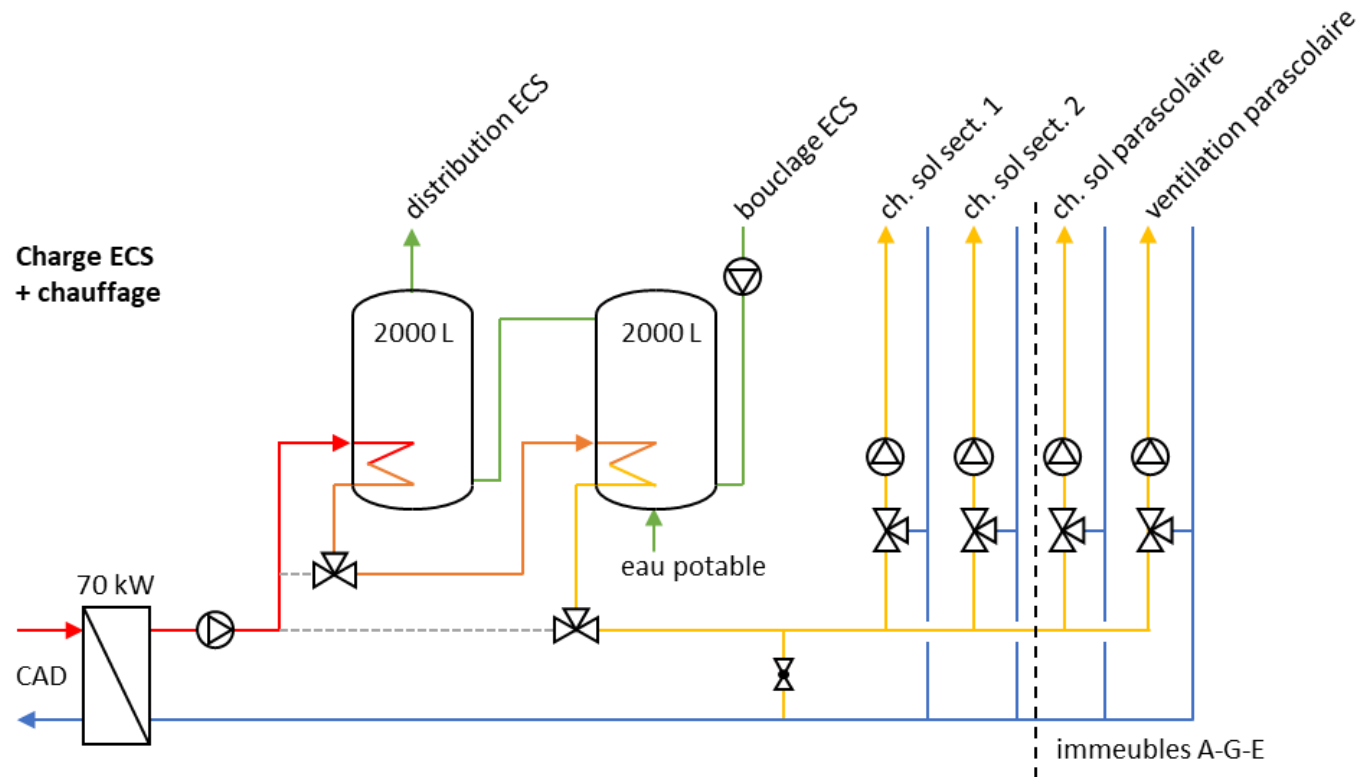
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Annexe

Sankey diagram (first year of operation)

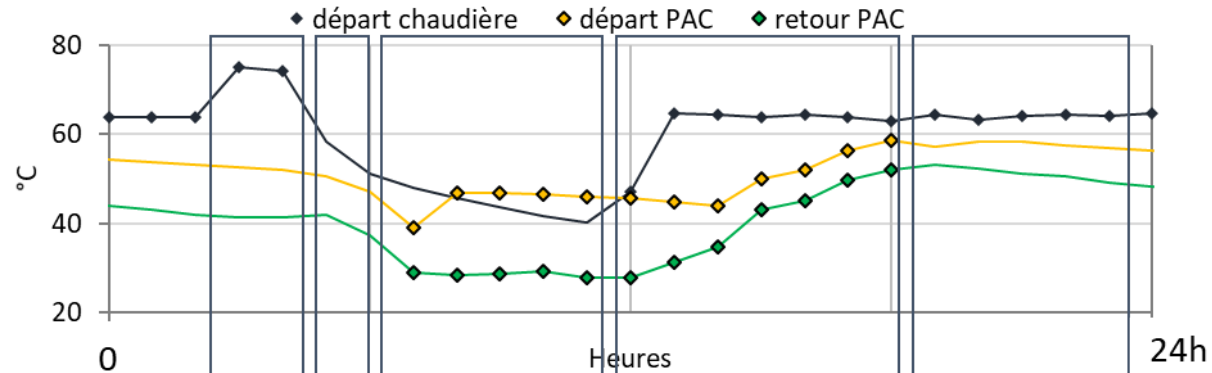


Substation

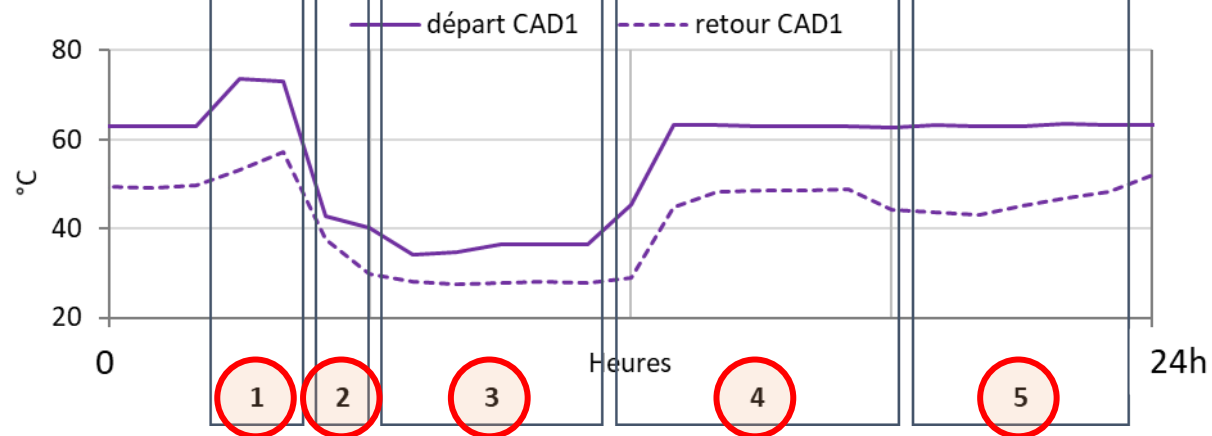


Production dynamic (24 h)

HP & Boiler



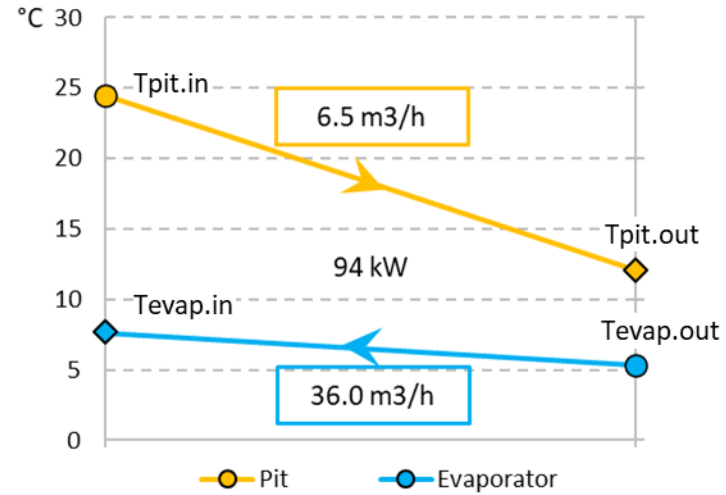
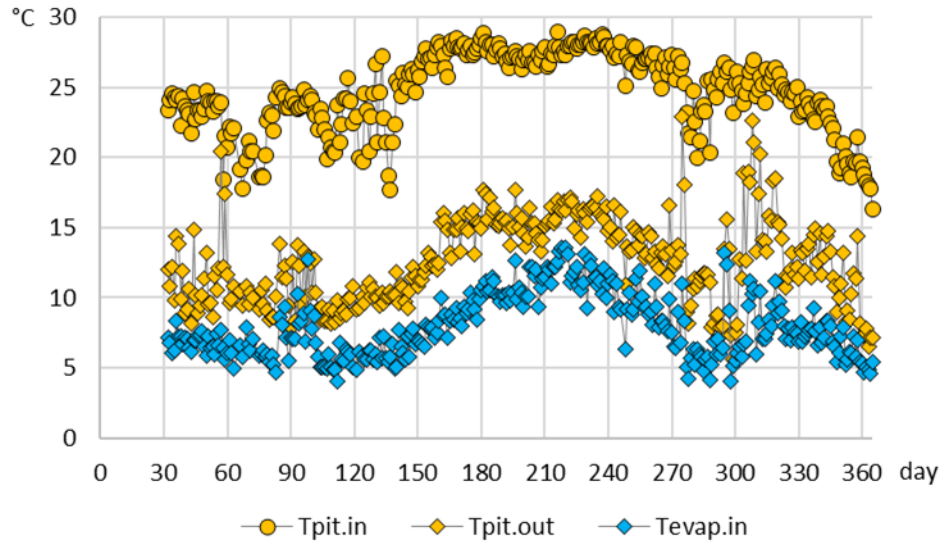
DH



Production (14 January 2018):

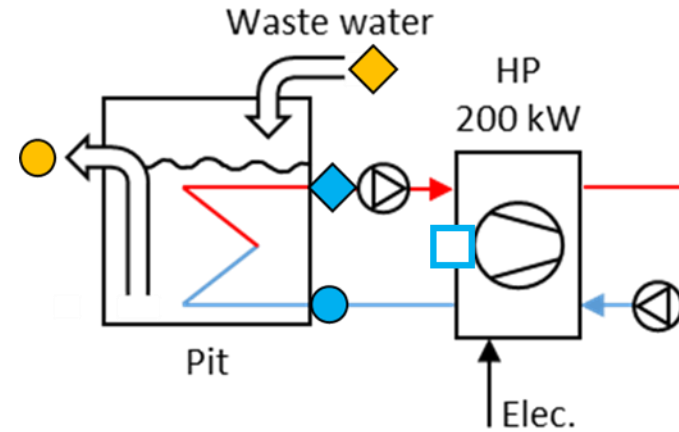
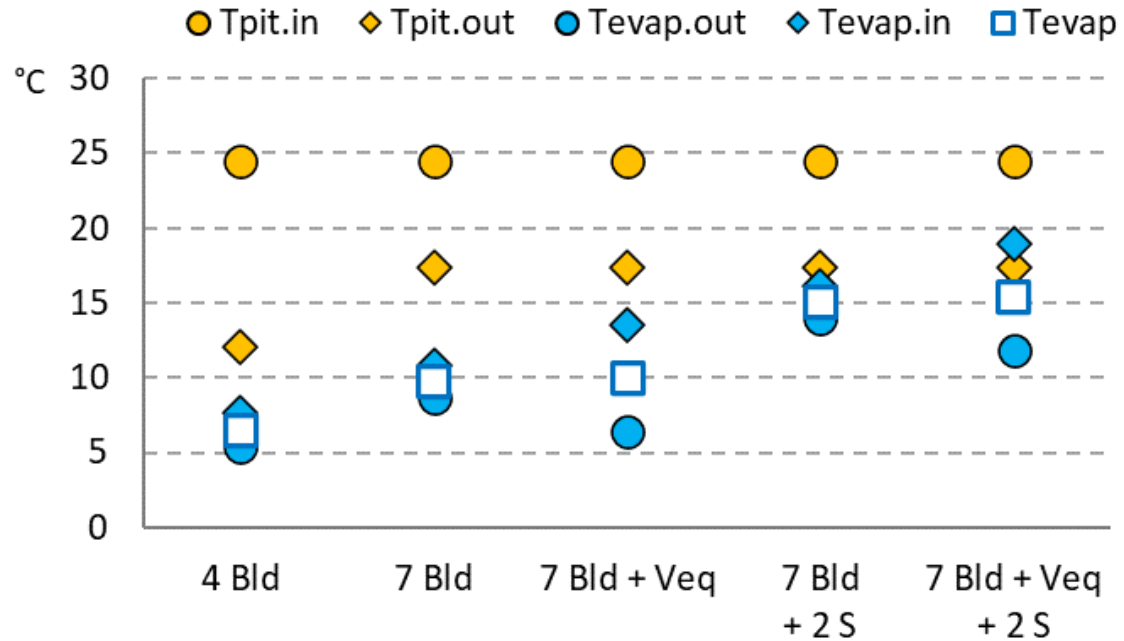
- 1) Boiler → Antilegionella (75°C)
- 2) Buffer → SH + DHW preheating (40 – 60°C)
- 3) HP → SH (45°C)
- 4) Boiler → DHW (65°C)
HP → Buffer (45 – 60°C)
- 5) Boiler → DHW (65°C)

Waste water heat recovery



Unbalanced flows between Waste-water and HP-evaporator
 → Low evaporator temperature

Waste water heat recovery

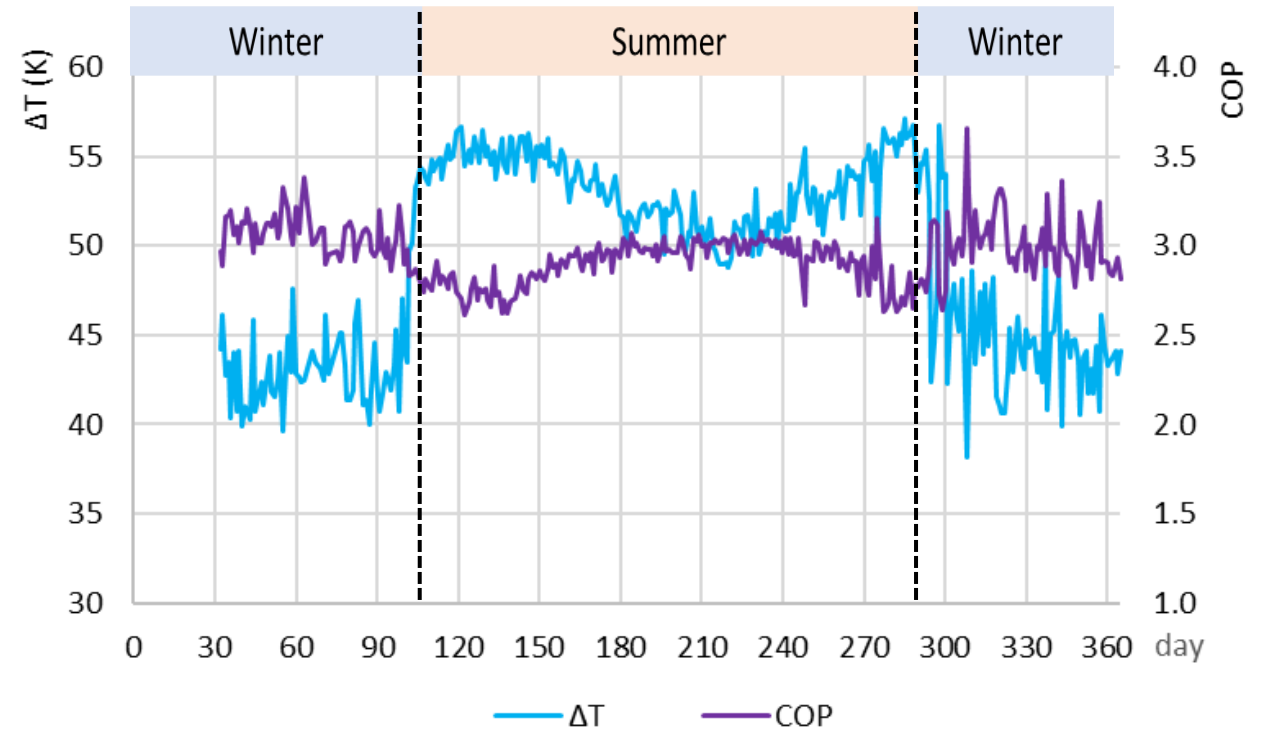
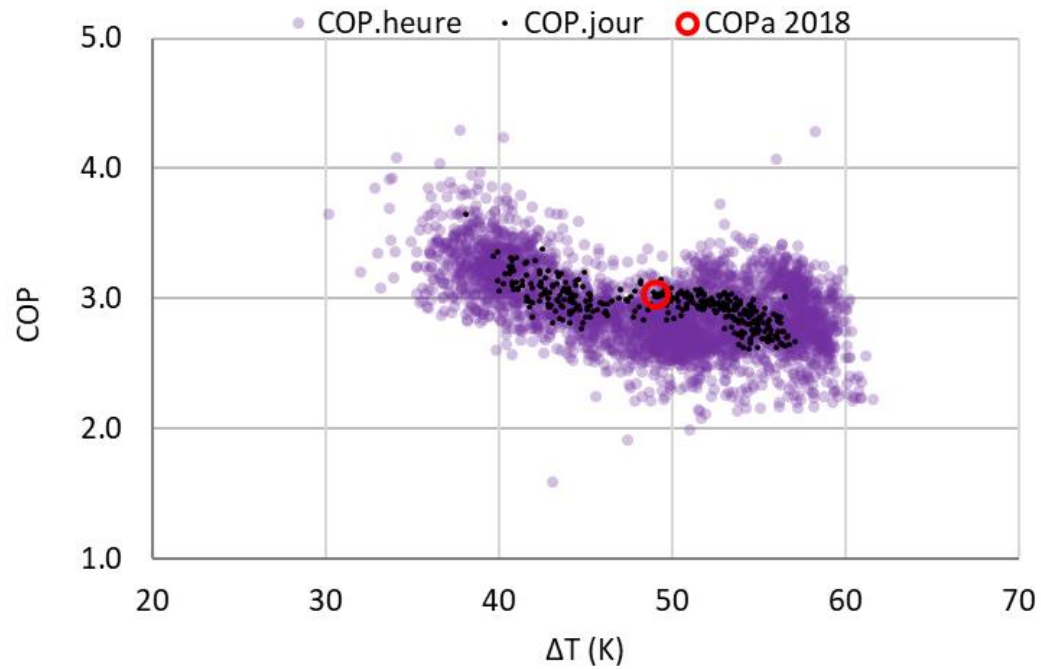


	Build.	Flow ww. m3/h	Flow evp. m3/h	Flow ratio	Exch. kW/K
4 Bld	4	6.5	36.0	18%	8.5
7 Bld	7	11.3	36.0	31%	8.5
7 Bld + Veq	7	11.3	11.3	100%	8.5
7 Bld + 2S	7	11.3	36.0	31%	17.1
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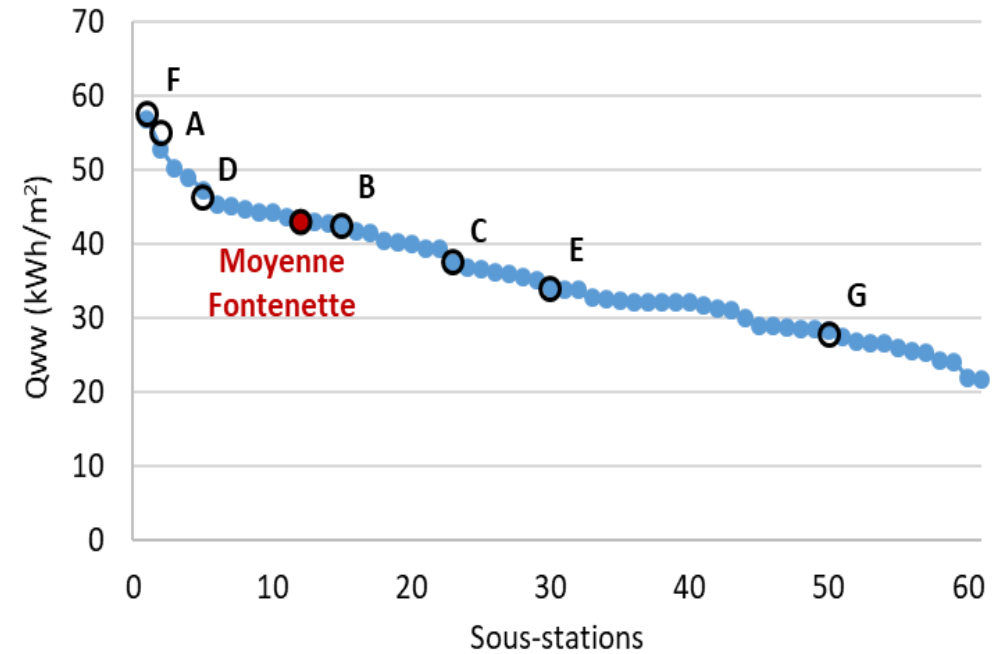
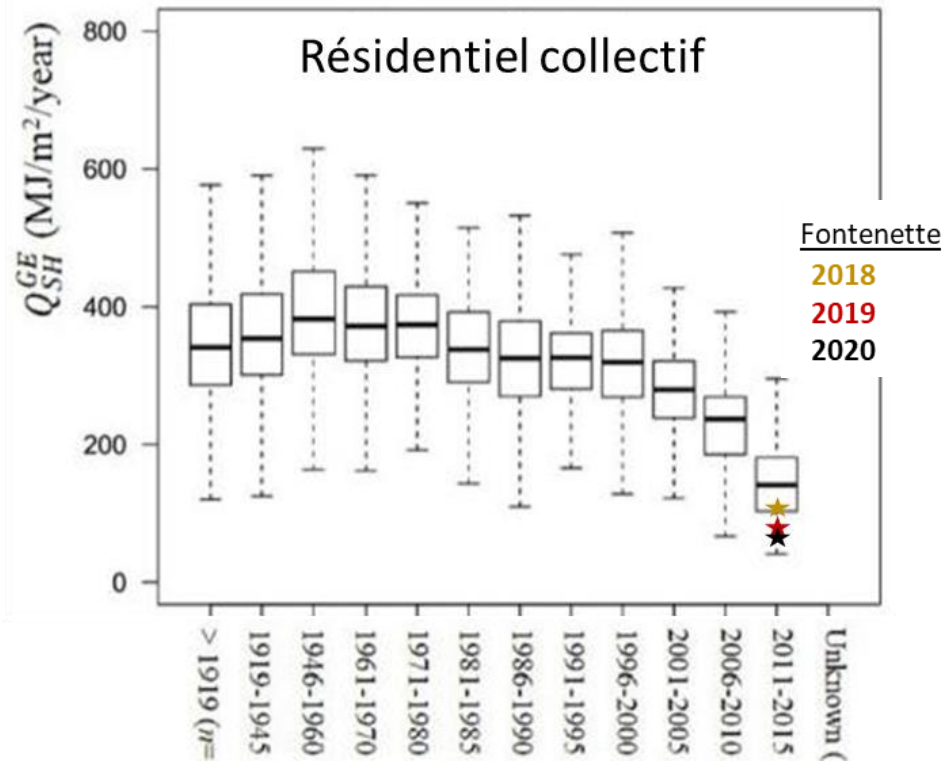
Tevap:

- All 7 buildings → + 3.3 K
- All 7 buildings & Heat exchanger x 2 → + 8.6 K

Heat pump



SH and DHW



Energy signatures

