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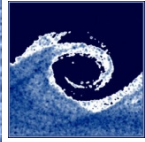
**Budapest University of Technology and  
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## Cooling System

## Project Summary

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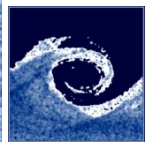


## Introduction

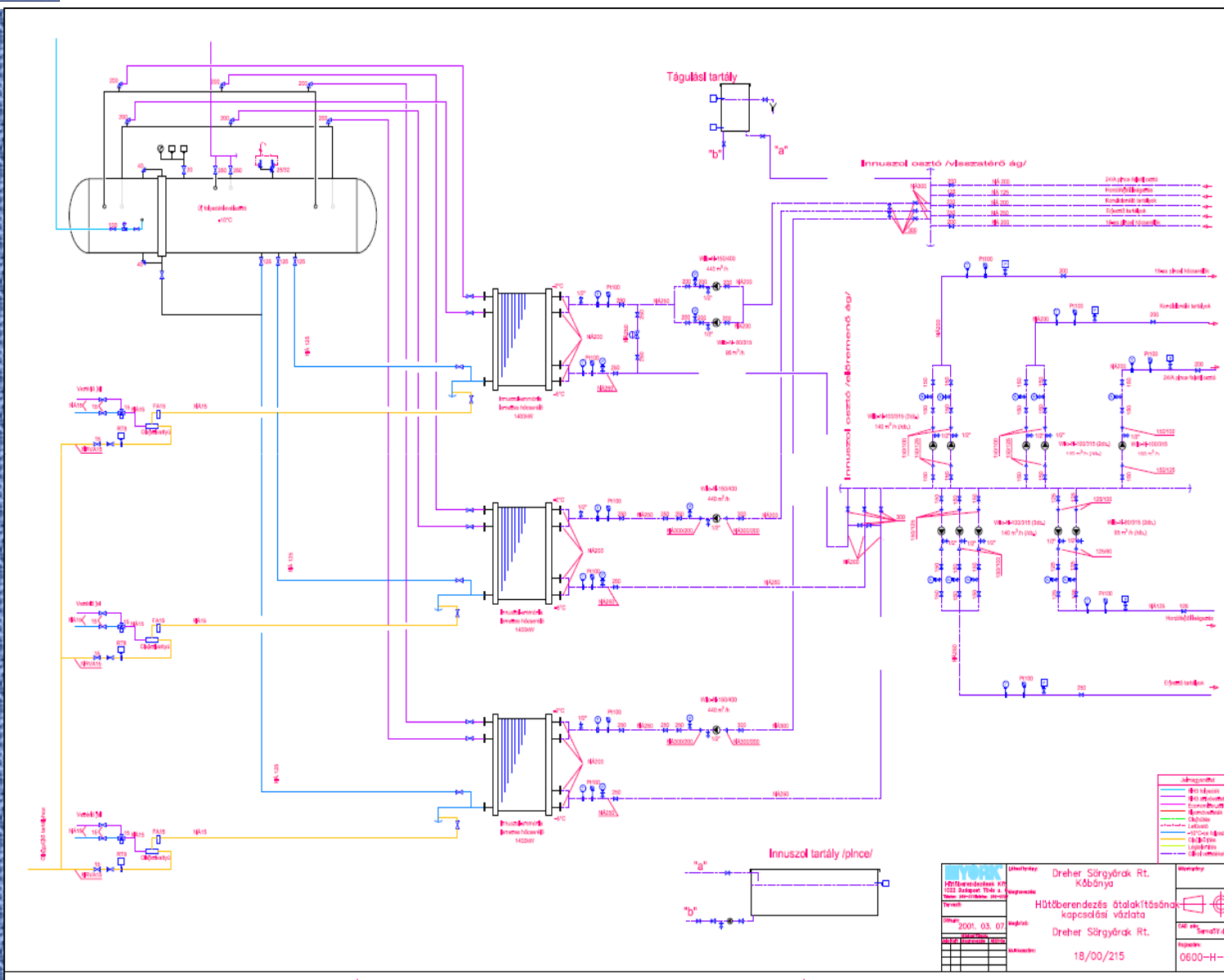
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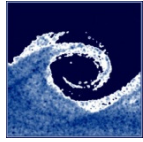
- Amount of consumed beer changes seasonally
- Seasonal change in the cooling demand
- For distributing the cooling fluid, a hydraulic distribution system was installed
- Primary circuit: 3 heat exchangers, 4 pumps
  - Can be controlled by switching on / off
- Secondary circuit : each branch has an own pump
  - Can be speed-controlled, by using frequency converters
- Consequence
  - Flow rate of cooling fluid on the primary side can be higher than necessary





# The system

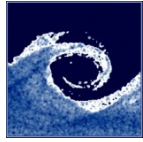




## Tasks set by the local supervisor

- Survey on the operational state: estimate the flow rate on the primary and secondary sides of the hydraulic distribution system
- Recommendations for a more economical pumping operation, for reduction of consumption of electric energy
- Feasibility study: the consumers are supplied directly from the primary side





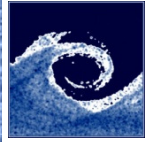
## Flow rates: principles

- Importance of knowledge on system hydraulics
  - Pipe friction, diameter, lengths, number of elbows, the pressure drop of heat exchanger, ...
- The characteristic curves of branches (loading curves) can be calculated as function of the flow rate:

$$H = H_{st} + C \cdot Q^2$$
$$C = \left( 1 + \lambda \frac{l}{d} + \sum \xi \right) \frac{8}{d^4 \pi^2 g}$$
$$P = \frac{Q \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot H}{\eta}$$

- The intersection between the loading curve of a branch and the characteristic curve of the related pump gives the operational point (the fluid is innusol)
- **DETAILED FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED**





## Recommendations for reducing energy consumption

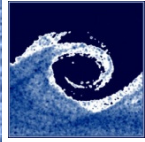
### POSSIBILITIES:

- The primary side pump control
  - Valve control (throttling)
    - Inadequate due to losses
  - Bypass control
  - Frequency converter
    - Flow rate as a function of motor speed
    - Lower losses
    - Measurement data are required for fitting to the system
    - Motor speed control by measuring temperature

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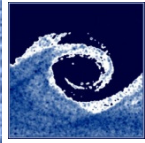


## Direct supply from the primary side

- Eliminate the hydraulic distribution, directly supply the branches on the secondary side
  - Pumps are controlled by frequency converter
  - Continuous measurement is necessary for control purposes
  - Build new pipe into the system

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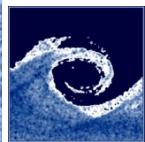
The first steps were done in the following topics:

### **Future improvement offered by the University (BME):**

- Elaboration of a reliable, detailed hydraulic model
  - On-site survey → data on system elements
  - Technical documentation → data on system elements
  - Elaboration of a mathematical model for system hydraulics
  - Local non-invasive measurements (ultrasonic flow rate measurements), for validating and adjusting the model
- Using the model: recommendations for a more economical pumping operation, for reduction of electric energy consumption
  - Feasibility studies on various control solutions
  - Feasibility study: consumers supplied directly from the primary side
  - Economical calculations for the various solutions
  - Technical proposal(s) for modification







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**Thank you for your  
attention!**