

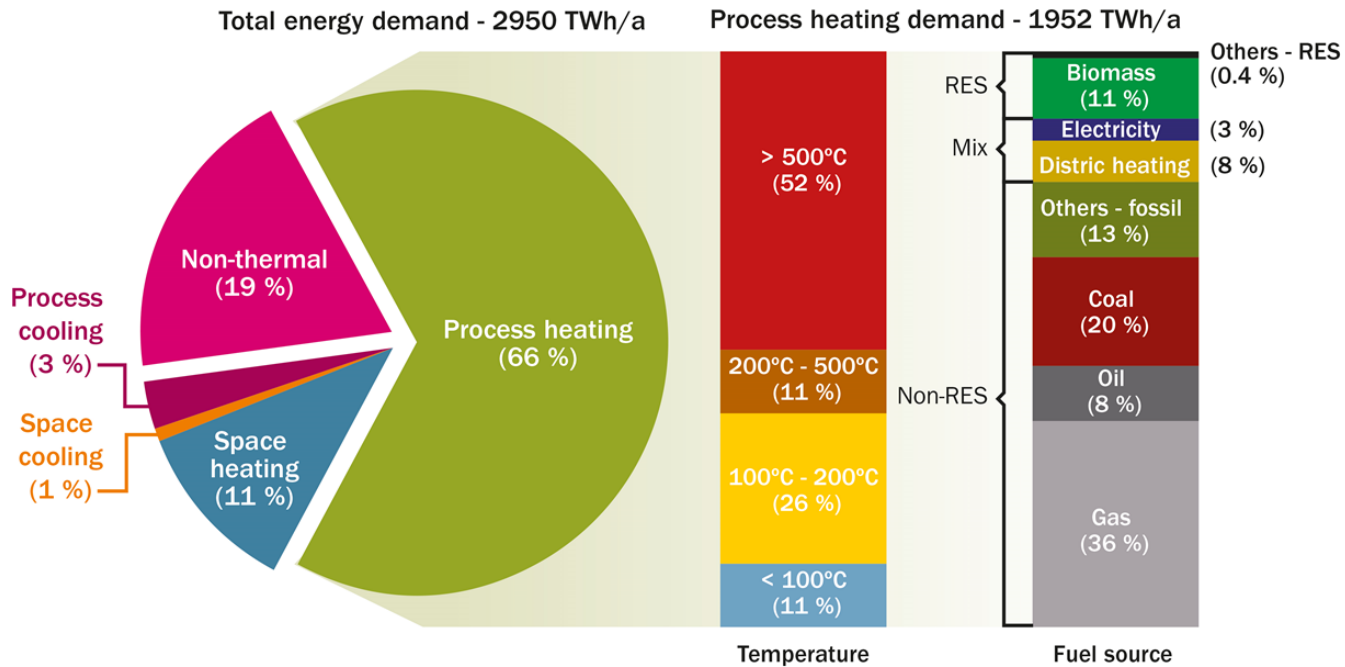
A black and white photograph of a complex industrial facility, likely a power plant or refinery. The image shows a dense network of pipes, valves, and large cylindrical components. The lighting is dramatic, with bright spots and deep shadows, highlighting the metallic surfaces and the intricate layout of the machinery. The overall atmosphere is one of industrial scale and complexity.

# Industrial high-temperature heat pumps

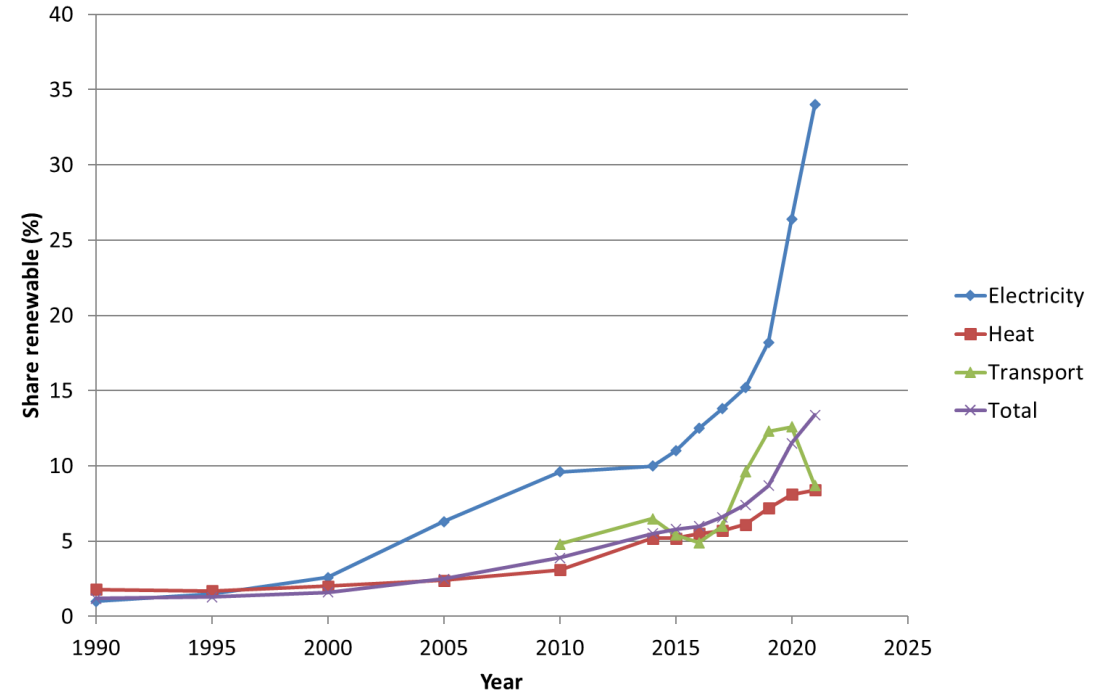
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# R&D program Sustainable Industrial Heat System



EU - Industrial energy use

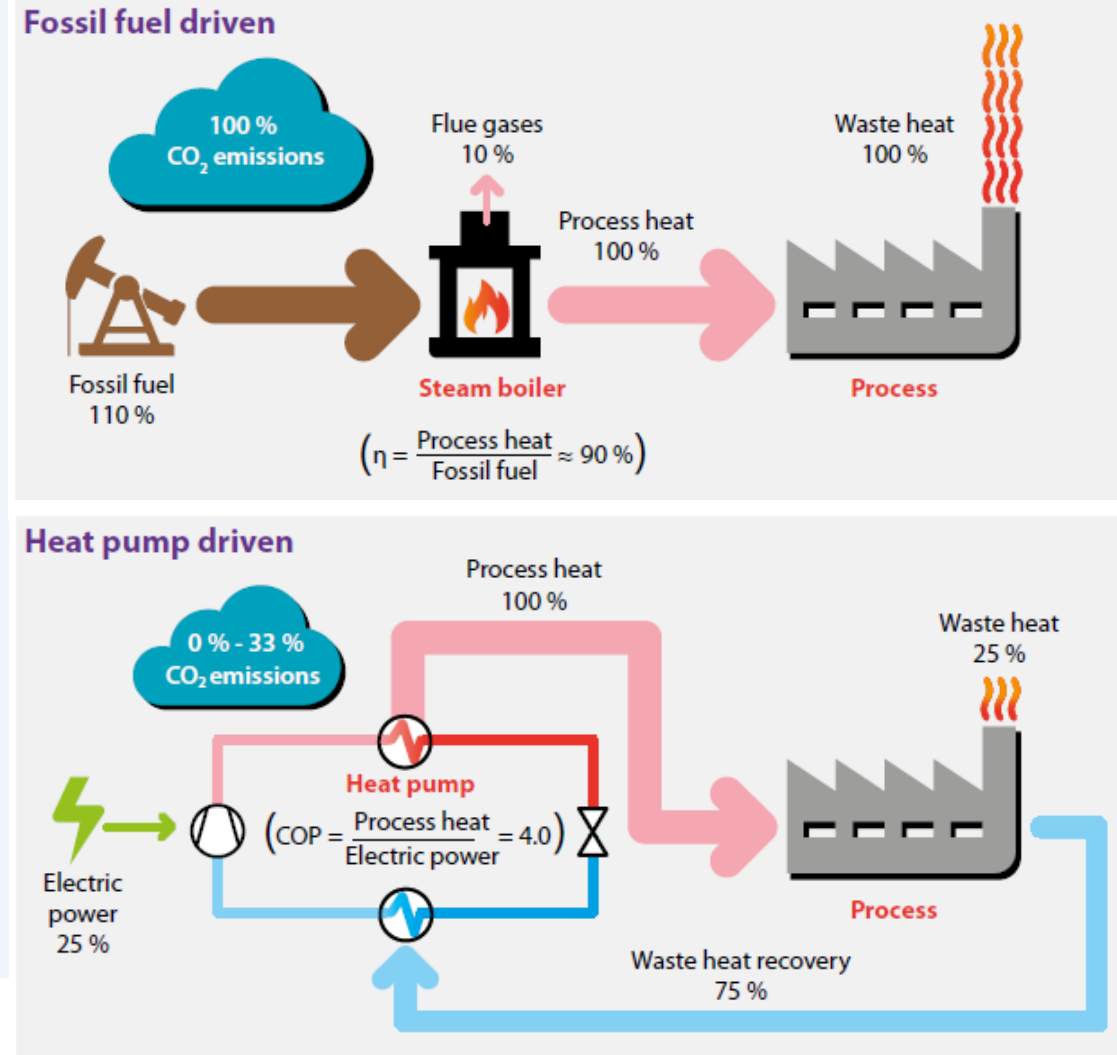


NL - share of renewables



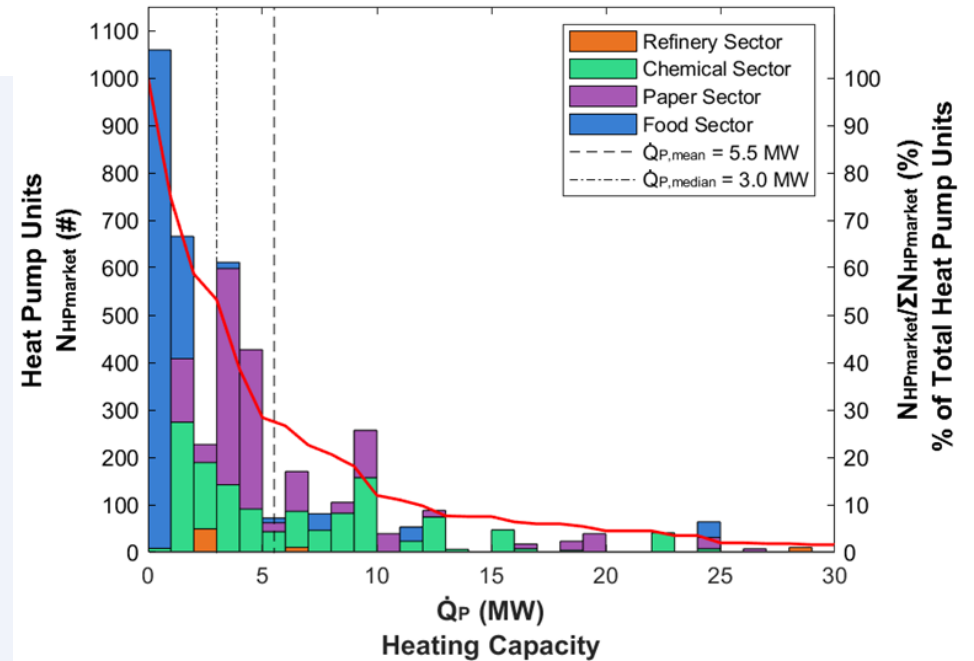
# Transition to circular heat

- Structure of the existing energy system based around cheap and readily available fossil fuels
- Heat is cascaded once through the process
- Low temperature heat released to environment
- Lacking knowledge on heat pump integration
- Efficient, & flexible operation, contingency, etc.
- Technology availability is limited
- Commercial availability to temperatures 90°C → 120°C
- Economic constraints (CAPEX and OPEX)
- OPEX: Gas/Electricity price ratio, CO<sub>2</sub> tax
- CAPEX: Heat pump, integration costs (1-10x heat pump)
- Limited confidence in the technology



# IHP potential market - EU28

- Heating/cooling profiles per production process
- Distillation column database (chemicals + refining)
- Paper industry
- Food (brewery, milk, potato processing, sugar )
- Typical plant capacities used to calculate typical heat pump capacities
- Production statistics from Eurostat
- Savings, current electricity system or all renewables
  - Avoided fossil fuel use 371 – 724 PJ/a
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-emission reduction 37 – 53 Mton/a
- Market paper can be found [here](#)



	Thermal power (GW)	# units	Process heat (PJ/a)
Refining	0.5	69	14
(Petro)chemical	9.1	1291	283
Food	5.5	1463	98
Paper	7.9	1351	245
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>4174</b>	<b>641</b>

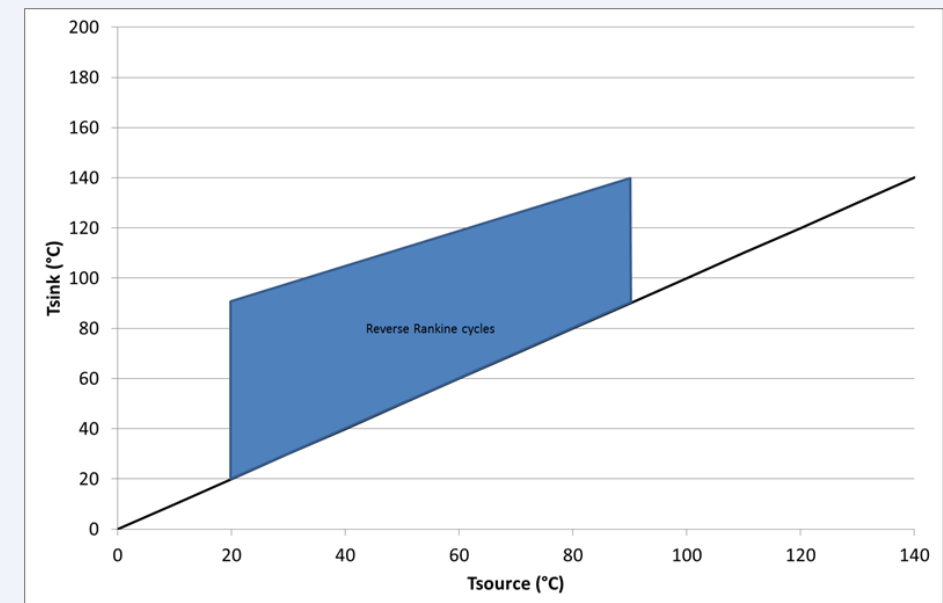
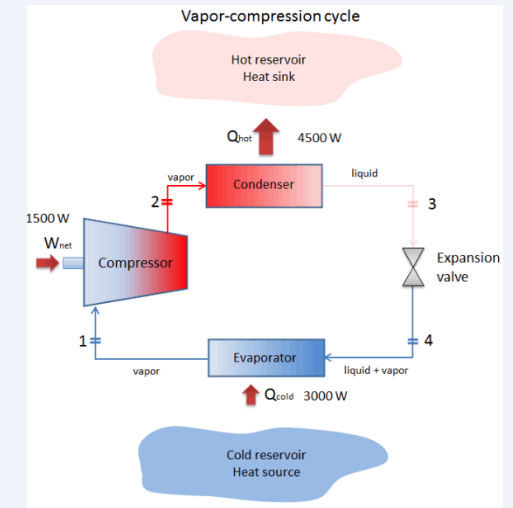
# Heat pump development goals

- Temperature window
  - Waste heat < 100°C
  - Process heat > 100°C , up to 200°C
- Performance targets
  - COP > 50% of maximum (Lorenz/Carnot) efficiency
- Unit size
  - Standard sizes of 1, 2 and 5 MW
- Cost targets
  - < 500 €/kW<sub>th</sub> (heat pump skid)



# Reverse Rankine cycle

- Technology originating from refrigeration
- Operating range determined by working medium
- Multistage compression for high temperature lifts
- Refrigerants subdivided into synthetic and natural ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ , hydrocarbons)
- Commercially available for sink temperatures up to 120 - 140°C
- Under development for sink temperatures  $> 140^\circ\text{C}$ , using either hydrocarbons or newly developed synthetic refrigerants

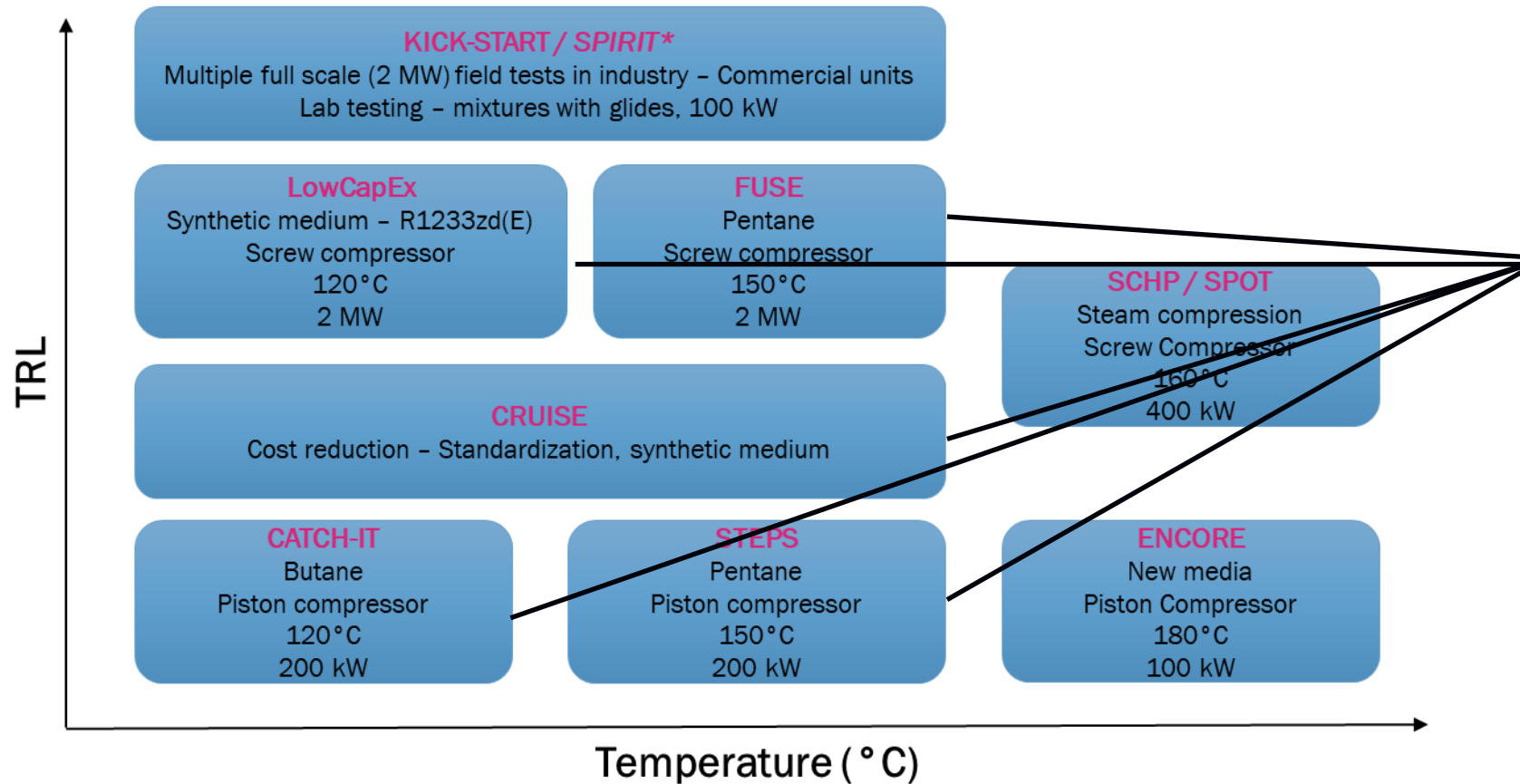


# Development areas

- Increase delivery temperatures to 200°C
  - Compressor, Oil lubrication, Working media
- Efficiency
  - Cycle configurations, Reduce heat losses in oil lubrication system
  - Improve compressor efficiency/oil free compressor
  - Heat exchanger design, Expansion work recovery
- Integration
  - Dynamics – control strategies, combination with heat storage
  - Brown field vs green field design
- Cost reduction
  - Standardization

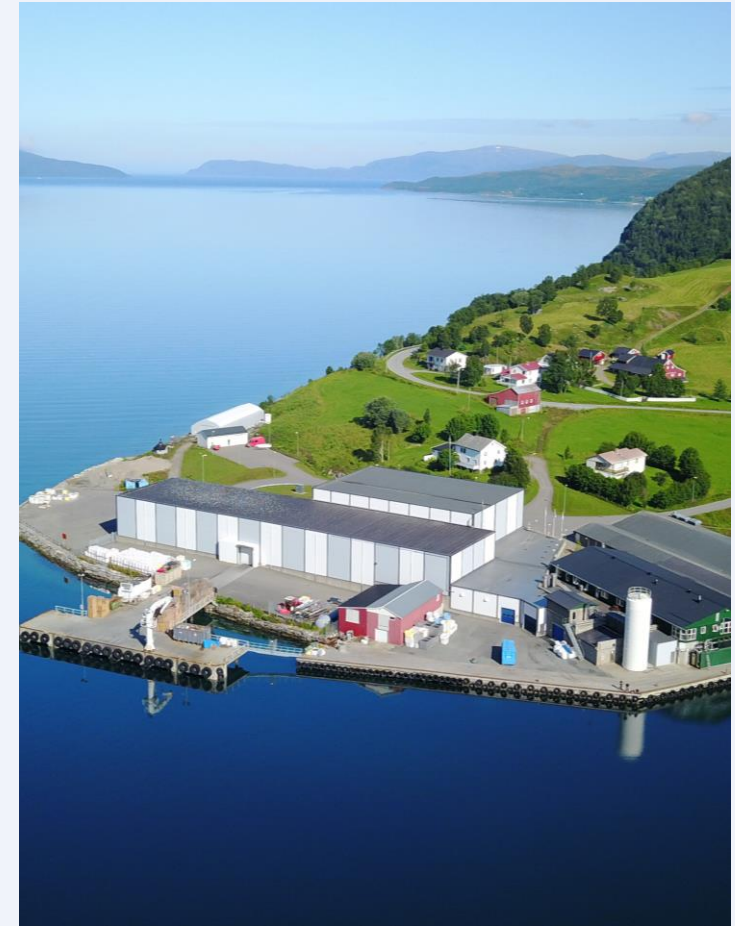


# TNO development roadmap compression heat pump

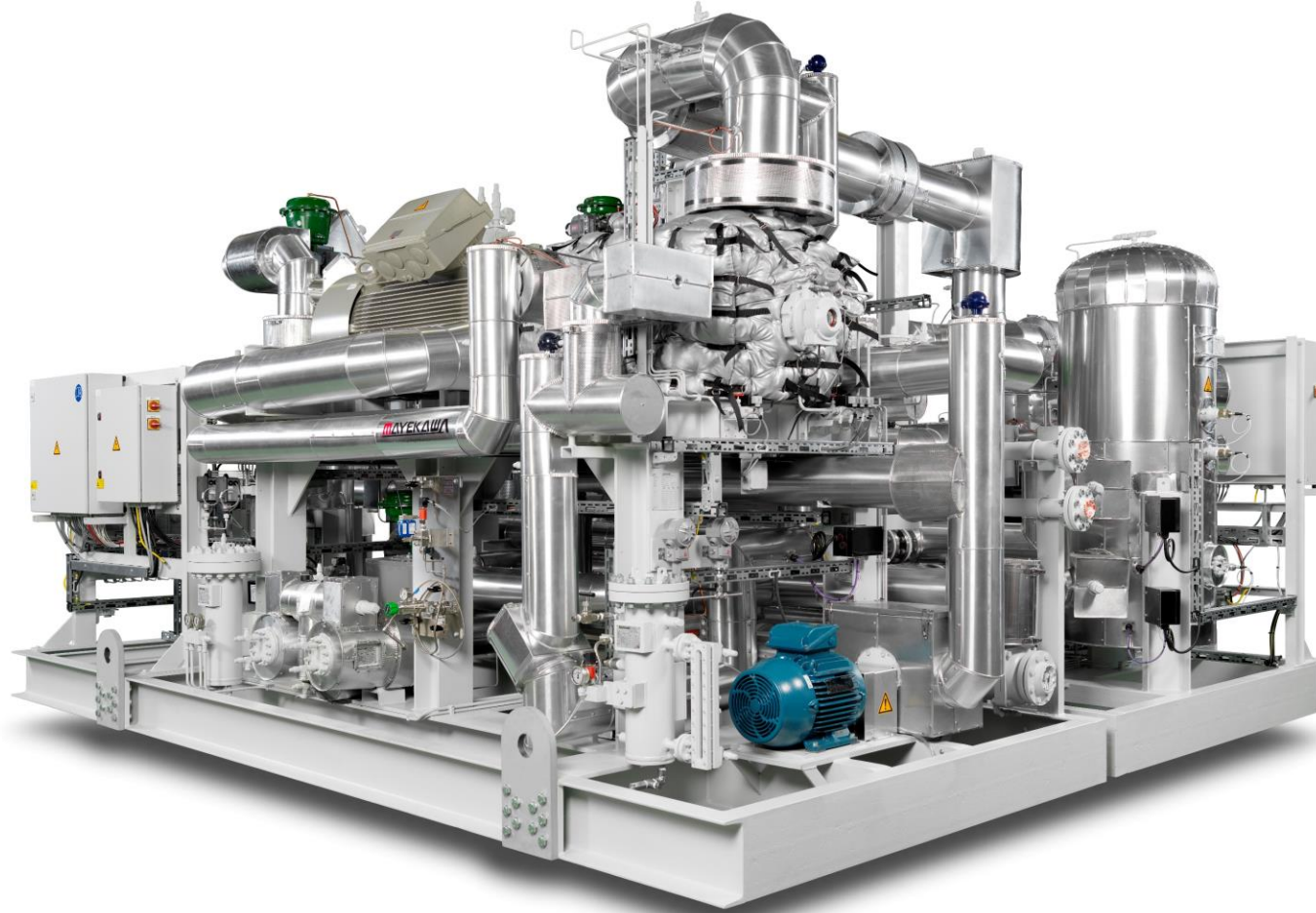


# SPIRIT – HEU project

- Current situation
  - Annual production of 5000 mt prawns
  - Steam at 145°C used for cooking, produced by propane boiler
  - 9000 MWh/year
  - 2600 ton CO<sub>2</sub>/year
- Demonstration
  - Cascade heat pump (NH<sub>3</sub>, pentane)
  - Waste heat from refrigeration plant at 21°C
  - Process heat 700 kW at 145°C



# From concept to realization



# Final remarks


- Large energy and CO<sub>2</sub>-emission reduction potential for industrial heat pumps
- Wide range of operating temperatures already commercially available in the market, however
  - A temperature match does not necessarily indicate a match in capacity
  - Technically feasible does not mean economically feasible (investment, efficiency)
  - Individual companies may impose specific requirements with respect to working media on their sites
- Heat pumps fit in electrification trend and is a robust choice towards the future
- Large market in NL and EU (23 GW \* 1000 €/kW = 23 G€)



# Thank you for your attention

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