

# High temperature heat pumps with subsequent steam compressors – a promising combination for low carbon process steam supply

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# Decarbonization of heating sector is essential to meeting global emissions targets and requires usage of Renewable Heat

**~50%**

of global final energy consumption is heat<sup>1</sup>

**76%**

from non-renewable sources<sup>1</sup>

**40+%**

of global energy related carbon emissions<sup>1</sup>

e.g., IEA analysis<sup>1</sup>

**Use of Renewable Heat is key!**

**Thermal use of Modern Biomass**  
(Special industries / countries)

**Thermal use of Renewable Electricity**  
(Global)

*my focus*

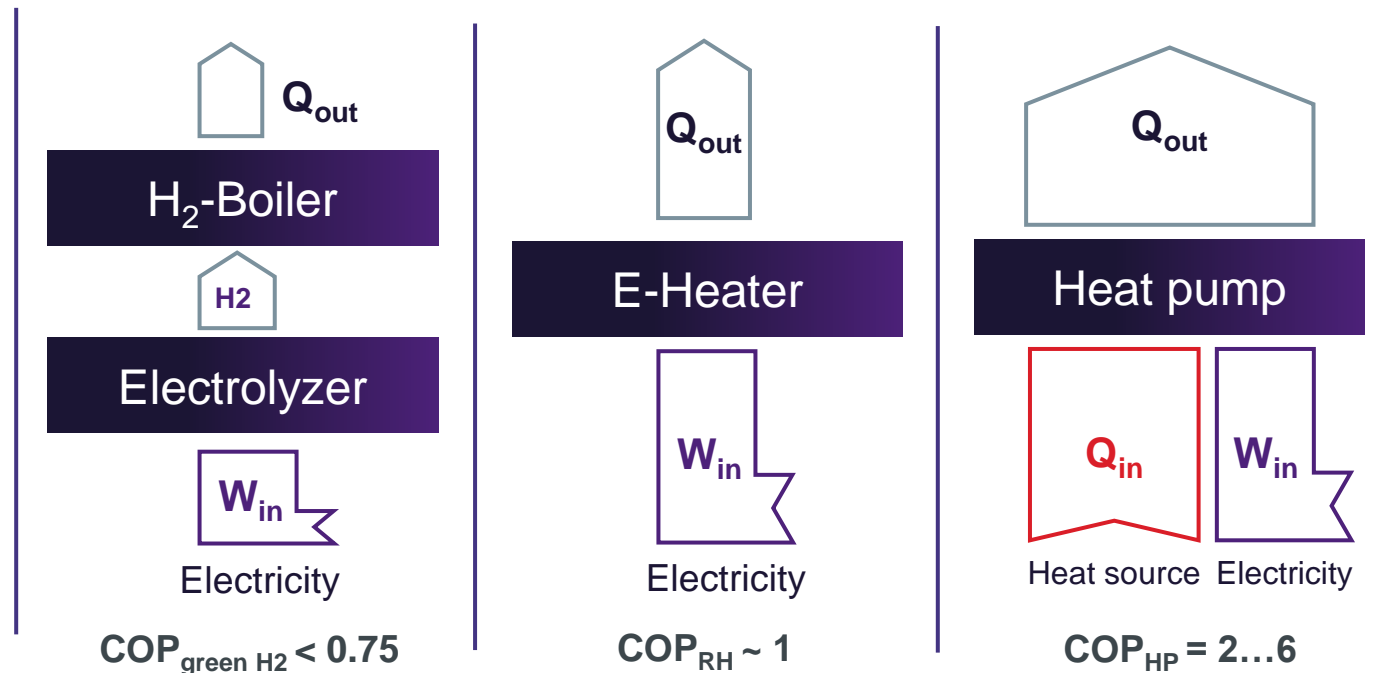
<sup>1</sup>IEA (2021), *Renewables 2021*, IEA, Paris <https://www.iea.org/reports/renewables-2021>

# Heat pumps facilitate an energy efficient means of using Renewable electricity for heating purposes

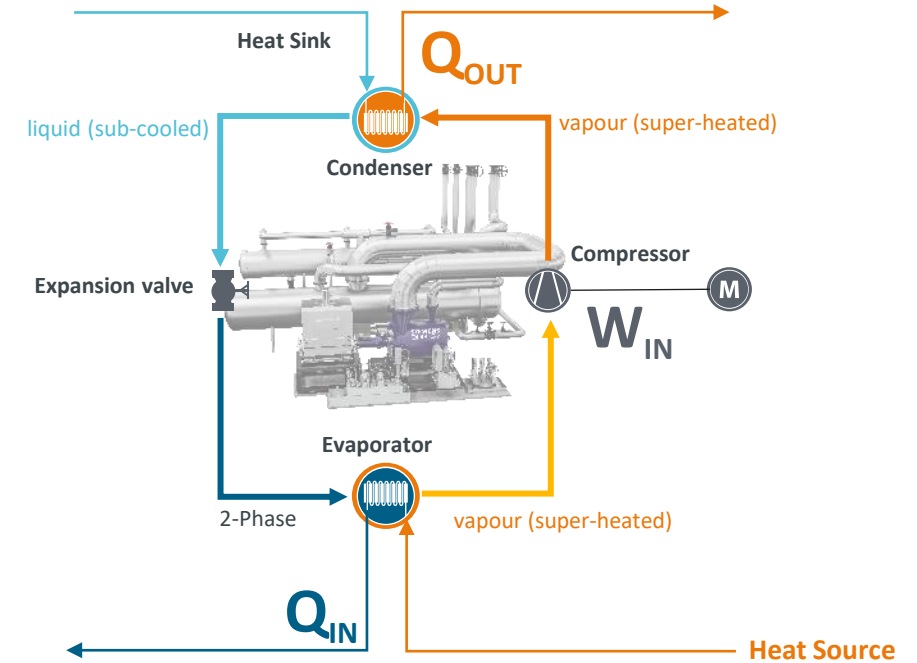
## Coefficient of Performance

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{Thermal Energy (} Q_{\text{OUT}} \text{)}}{\text{Electrical Energy (} W_{\text{IN}} \text{)}}$$

## Technological options



## Heat Pump Process Scheme



## Working principle

Heat flows naturally from a higher to a lower temperature. Heat pumps, however, are able to force the heat flow in the other direction, using a relatively small amount of high-quality drive energy e.g., electricity. Thus, heat pumps can transfer heat from a low temperature to a high temperature level<sup>1</sup>.

# Large scale heat pumps from Siemens Energy address both district heating and industry applications

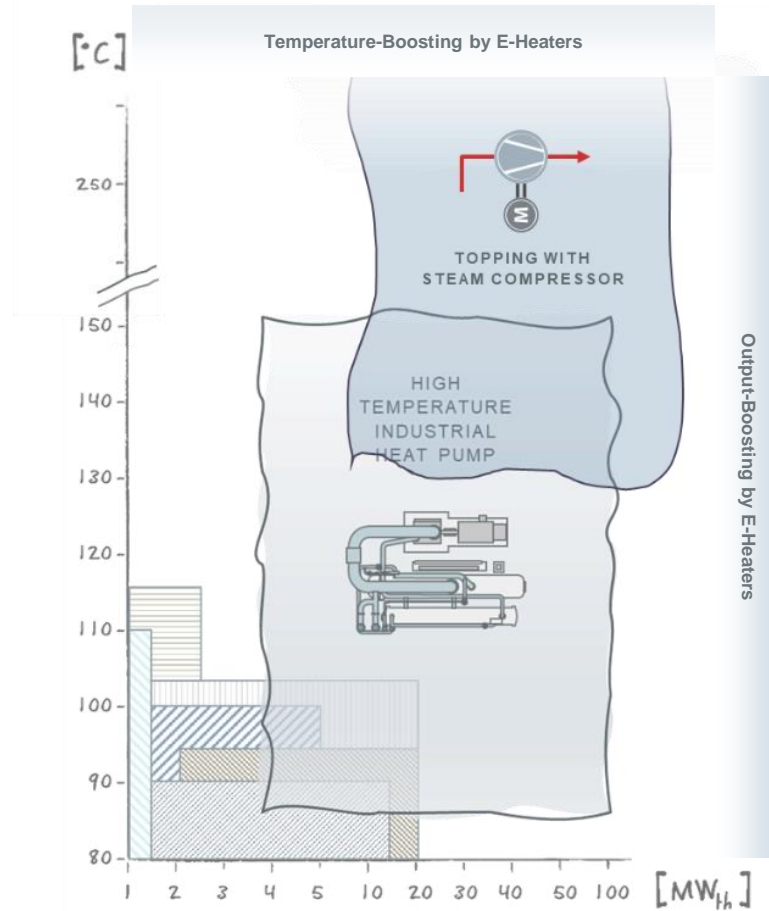
## Two Complementary Product Lines ...

...with enhanced features...

### SHP-STC-XX W/S



### SHP-C600 / SHP-C750



## ... to Serve the Needs of our Customers



Heat supply

~7 – 70 MW<sub>th</sub> per unit



Temperatures

up to **150°C** directly from heat pump



Environment friendly work medium

low **GWP<sup>1</sup>** and **ODP<sup>2</sup>**



Various drive concepts

**Electrical or mechanical**



Combination with steam compression

for **higher temperatures** and **pressures** for process steam production



Scope of supply

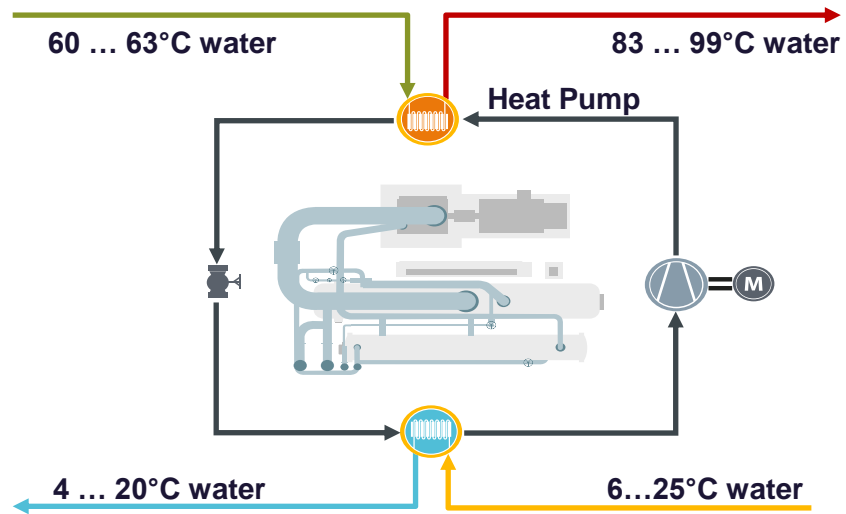
**Component up to turnkey supply**

<sup>1</sup> GWP = Global Warming Potential

<sup>2</sup> ODP = Ozone Depletion Potential

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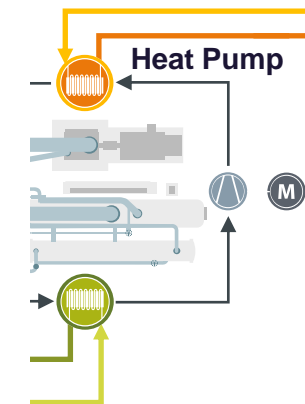
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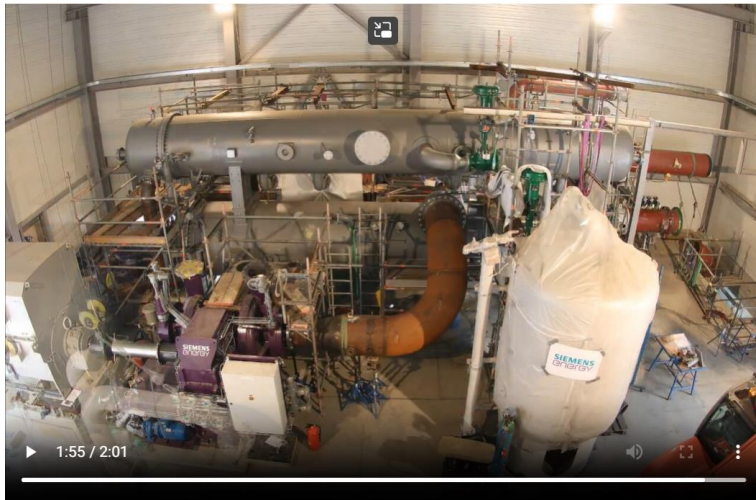


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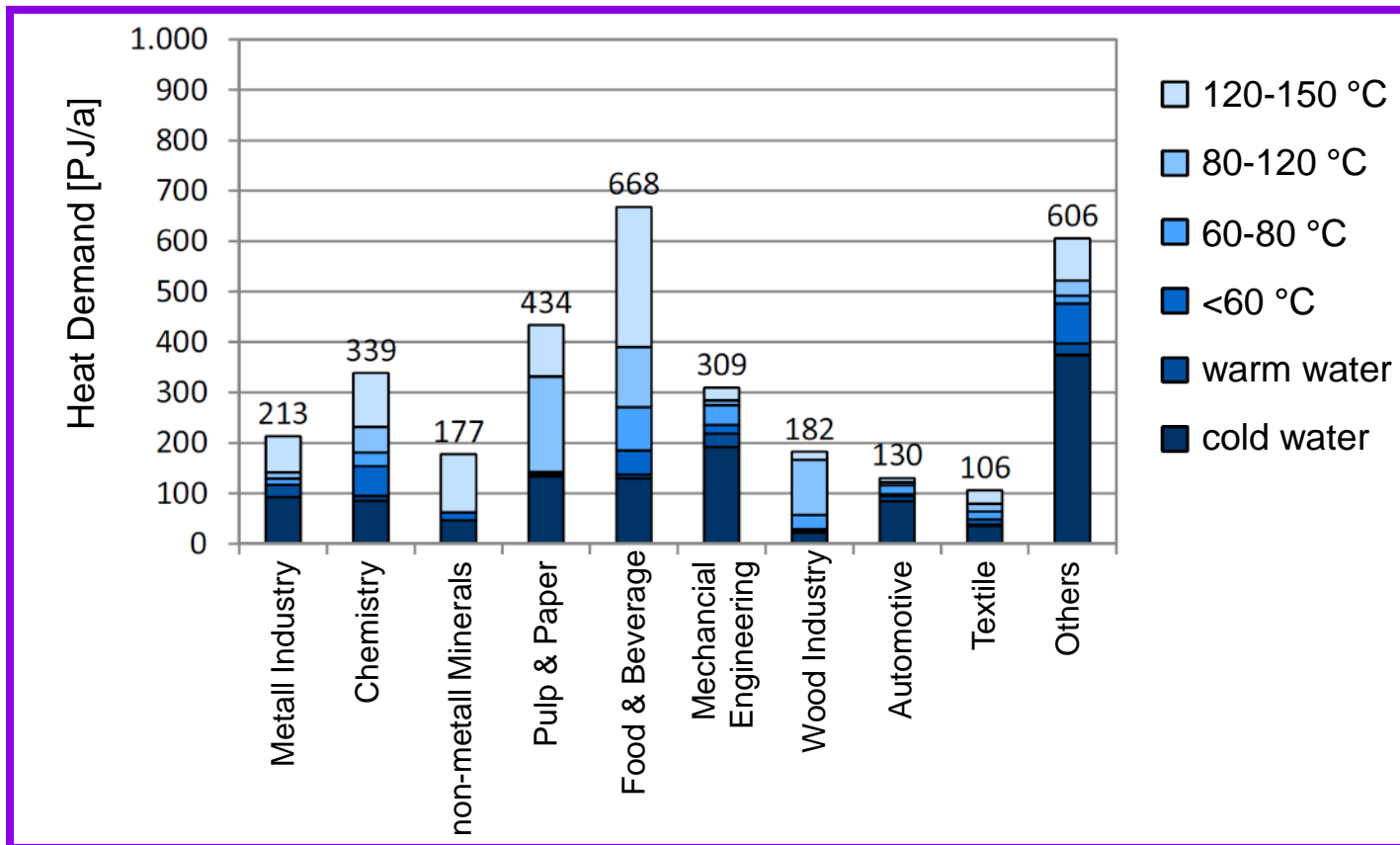
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# High Temperature Heat Pumps open-up new options for heat supply to industrial processes and district heating systems

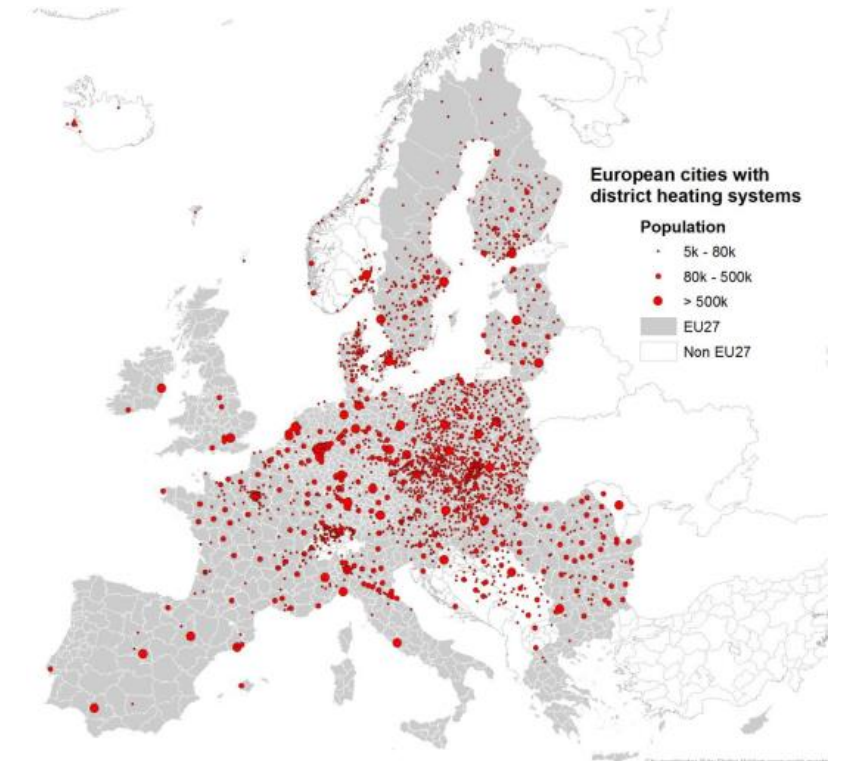
## Process heat demand in the EU



Process heat demand in the range of 80 to 150°C sums up to 1300 PJ/a

Source: University Stuttgart, Institute for Energy Economics and Rational Use of Energy, Heat pumps for industrial applications, Chillventa, 2014

## District heating systems in the EU



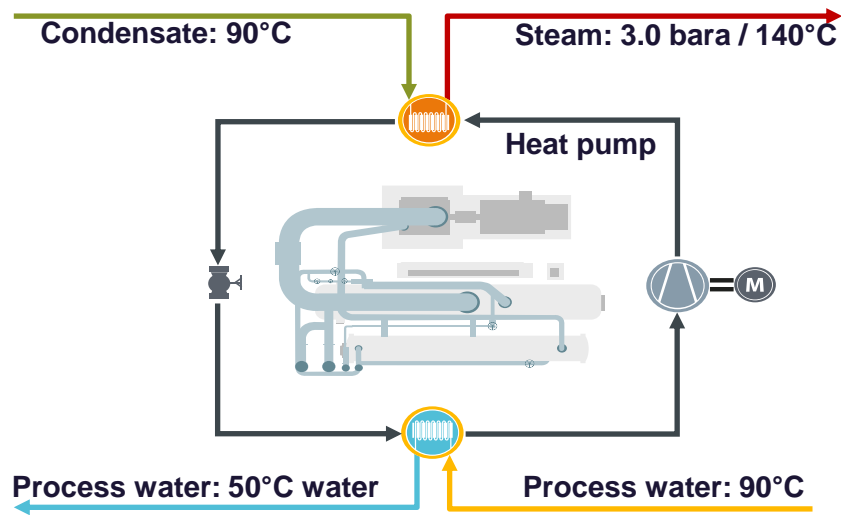
Heat Demand of 1400 PJ/a

Source: Heat Roadmap Europe 2050, First Pre-Study for the EU 27, 2012

# High Temperature Heat Pumps

## Use Case – “LP steam from process water”

### Heat pump for steam production – Utilization of waste heat



- High temperature heat pump utilizes waste heat from process water to produce saturated steam from condensate
- COP: 2.7
- Thermal output: 46 MW<sub>th</sub>.

### Benefits

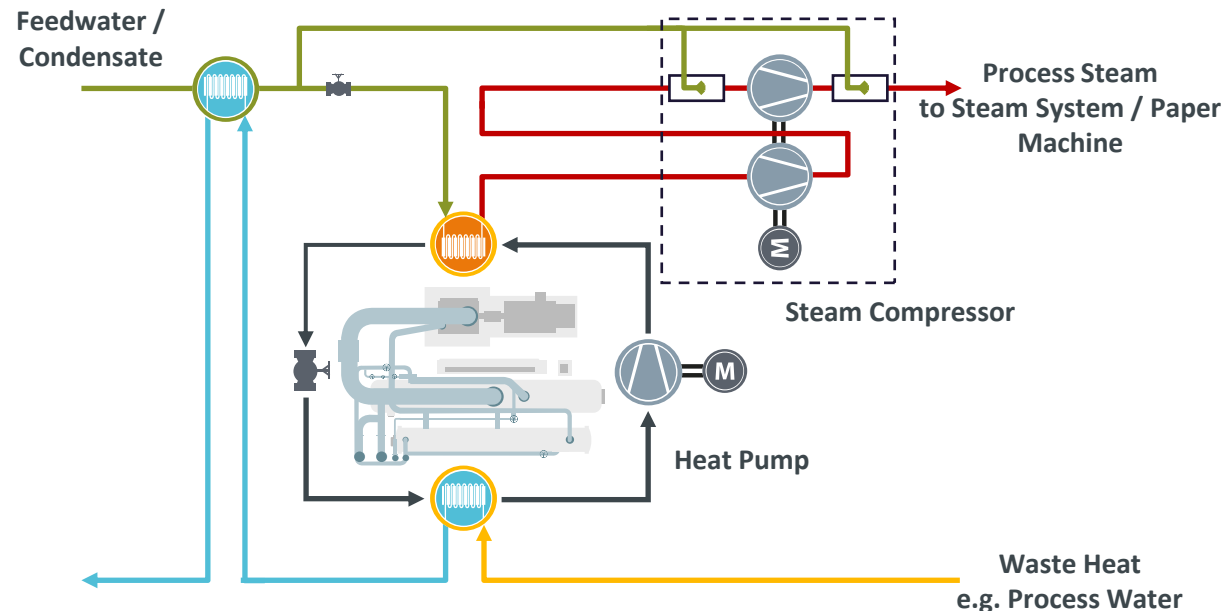
- Heat recovery increases overall energy efficiency → lower primary energy demand
- Use of electricity instead of fossil fuel
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# High Temperature Heat Pumps w/ Steam Compressor

## Use Case – “MP steam from process water”

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- High temperature heat pump utilizes waste heat from process water to produce saturated steam from feedwater
- Saturated steam is fed to steam compressor (multi-stage intercooled)
- Final adjustment of steam parameters by attemperation

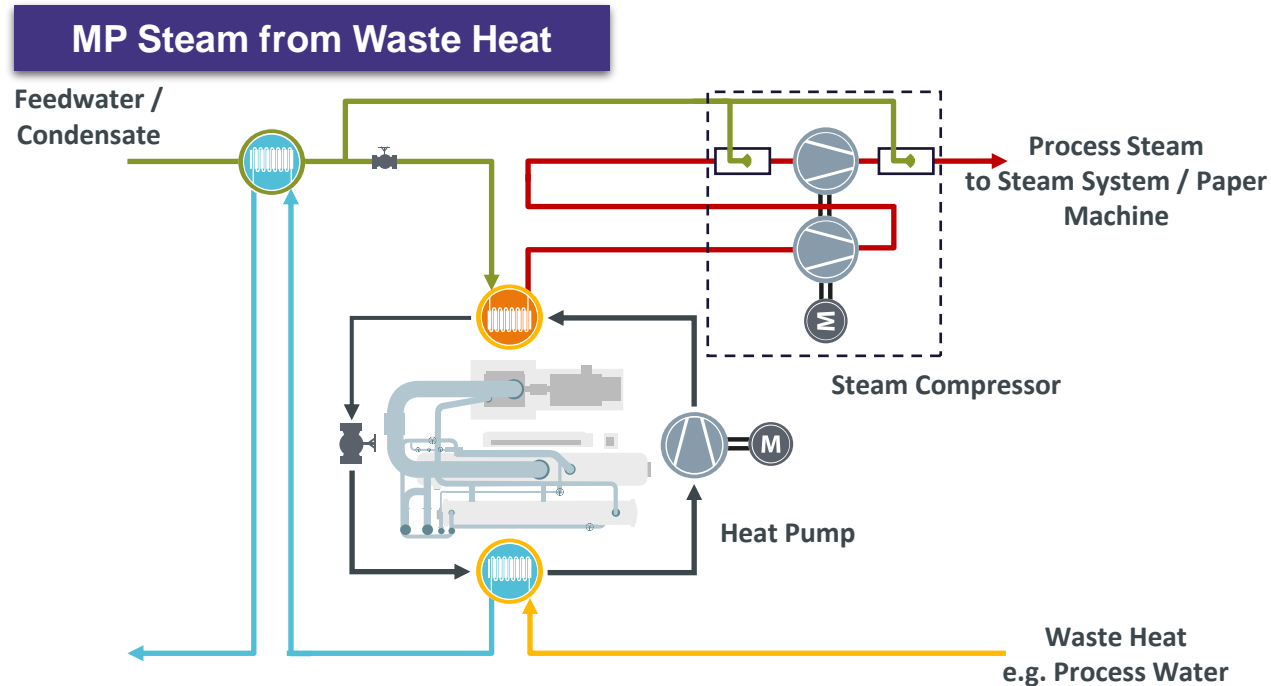
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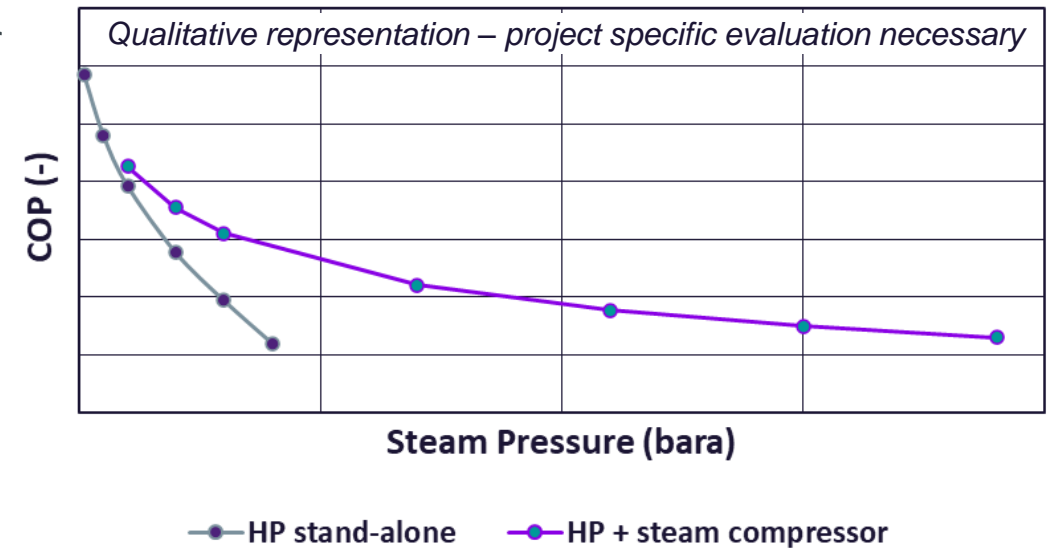
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#### Impact of steam compressor



#### Benefits of steam compressor

- New option for steam supply up to 55 bara and 270°C
- Enhanced COP at typical “low pressure” steam levels

## Summary



- The electrification of the heating sector is key to meeting global emissions targets.
- Heat pumps allow for energy efficient electrification of the heating sector.
- High temperature heat pumps facilitate low carbon heat supply to district heating systems & process industries. Subsequent steam compression facilitates steam supply to up to 55 bara and 270°C.
- Siemens Energy has a track record as heat pump supplier at temperatures of up to 99°C and advanced products to facilitate heat supply at higher temperature levels.
- Siemens Energy can be your One-Stop-Shop for decarbonization – from the initial assessment and technical analysis to a heat pump ready for low carbon operation.

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