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## Preface

The *Danish Energy Agency* and *Energinet*, the Danish transmission system operator, publish catalogues containing data on technologies for Energy Plants. All updates will be listed in the amendment sheet and in connection with the relevant chapters, and it will always be possible to find the most recently updated version on the Danish Energy Agency's website.

The primary objective of publishing technology catalogues is to establish a uniform, commonly accepted and up-to-date basis for energy planning activities, such as future outlooks, evaluations of security of supply and environmental impacts, climate change evaluations, as well as technical and economic analyses, e.g. on the framework conditions for the development and deployment of certain classes of technologies.

With this scope in mind, it is not the target of the technology data catalogues, to provide an exhaustive collection of specifications on all available incarnations of energy technologies. Only selected, representative, technologies are included, to enable generic comparisons of technologies with similar functions in the energy system e.g. thermal gasification versus combustion of biomass or electricity storage in batteries versus fly wheels.

Finally, the catalogue is meant for international as well as Danish audiences in an attempt to support and contribute to similar initiatives aimed at forming a public and concerted knowledge base for international analyses and negotiations.

### Data sources and results

A guiding principle for developing the catalogue has been to rely primarily on well-documented and public information, secondarily on invited expert advice. Where unambiguous data could not be obtained, educated guesses or projections from experts are used. This is done to ensure consistency in estimates that would otherwise vary between users of the catalogue.

Cross-cutting comparisons between technologies will reveal inconsistencies which may have several causes:

- Technologies may be established under different conditions. As an example, the costs of off-shore wind farms might be established on the basis of data from ten projects. One of these might be an R&D project with floating turbines, some might be demonstration projects, and the cheapest may not include grid connections, etc. Such a situation will result in inconsistent cost estimates in cases where these differences might not be clear.
- Investors may have different views on economic attractiveness and different preferences. Some decisions may not be based on mere cost-benefit analyses, as some might tender for a good architect to design their building, while others will buy the cheapest building.
- Environmental regulations vary from between countries, and the environment-related parts of the investment costs, are often not reported separately.
- Expectations for the future economic trends, penetration of certain technologies, prices on energy and raw materials vary, which may cause differences in estimates.
- Reference documents are from different years. The ambition of the present publication has been to reduce the level of inconsistency to a minimum without compromising the fact that the real world is ambiguous. So, when

different publications have presented different data, the publication which appears most in compliance with other publications has been selected as reference.

In order to handle the above mentioned uncertainties, each catalogue contains an introductory chapter, stating the guidelines for how data have been collected, estimated and presented. These guidelines are not perfect, but they represent the best balance between various considerations of data quality, availability and usability.

## Danish preface

Energistyrelsen og Energinet udarbejder teknologibeskrivelser for en række el- og varmeproduktionsteknologier. Alle opdateringer vil registreres i rettelsesbladet først i kataloget, og det vil altid være muligt at finde den seneste opdaterede version på Energistyrelsens hjemmeside.

Hovedformålet med teknologikataloget er at sikre et ensartet, alment accepteret og aktuelt grundlag for planlægningsarbejde og vurderinger af forsyningssikkerhed, beredskab, miljø og markedsudvikling hos bl.a. de systemansvarlige selskaber, universiteterne, rådgivere og Energistyrelsen. Dette omfatter for eksempel fremskrivninger, scenarieanalyser og teknisk-økonomiske analyser.

Desuden er teknologikataloget et nyttigt redskab til at vurdere udviklingsmulighederne for energisektorens mange teknologier til brug for tilrettelæggelsen af støtteprogrammer for energiforskning og -udvikling. Tilsvarende afspejler kataloget resultaterne af den energirelaterede forskning og udvikling. Også behovet for planlægning og vurdering af klima-projekter har aktualiseret nødvendigheden af et opdateret databeredskab.

Endeligt kan teknologikataloget anvendes i såvel nordisk som internationalt perspektiv. Det kan derudover bruges som et led i en systematisk international vidensopbygning og -udveksling, ligesom kataloget kan benyttes som dansk udspil til teknologiske forudsætninger for internationale analyser og forhandlinger. Af disse grunde er kataloget udarbejdet på engelsk.

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## Introduction

This document aims at describing how a technology catalogue for industrial process heating should be elaborated.

The document is based on the guidelines for energy technology data for generation of electricity and district heating, version August 2016 (Energinet.dk and the Danish Energy Agency).

As such, the preparation of a technology catalogue for industrial process heating to a wide extent will be similar to other technology catalogues prepared by the Danish Energy Agency – however certain principles and aspects of technology usage has to be described in more and slightly different details.

Therefore, the guideline for industrial process heating comprises mostly of the sections that are in the guideline for the catalogue for generation of electricity and district heating, but some of the descriptions differs slightly to make them applicable for describing industrial process heating technology. In addition, it encompasses supplement sections describing features specific for industrial process heating technologies.

The main purpose of the catalogue is to provide generalized data for analysis of energy systems related to industrial process heating including economic scenario models and inputs for high-level energy planning.

This catalogue covers data regarding energy technologies designed for providing industrial process heating, mainly for technologies that are relevant for the Danish industry.

The focus is on technologies that can deliver process heating to industrial processes using electricity or renewable energy. Technologies that produce the process heating more efficient than the traditional technologies are also in the scope of this catalogue. Main technologies utilized today and often fueled by fossil fuels e.g. boilers and direct firing are also described. Technologies used in other steps of the production with the aim to improve the efficiency of the production of the industrial product are exempt from the scope.

The technology catalogue for generation of industrial process heating is intended as a separate catalogue in the series of the catalogues *Technology Data for Energy Plants* which are developed and maintained in cooperation between the Danish Energy Agency and Energinet, thus in general it follows the same structure and data format as the catalogue for generation of electricity and district heating.

Section Introduction to industrial process heating in Denmark provides an introduction to industrial process heating, a definition of the energy services covered and some general assumptions.

In section New Technologies for industrial process heating new technologies suitable for producing industrial process heating that can make the shift toward CO<sub>2</sub> neutral industrial production possible is presented.

In section Special issues when modelling Industrial Process Heating *Special issues when modelling industrial process heating are described, Issues that should be considered when using the technology data for modelling are described*

The general assumptions are described in section General assumptions. The following sections Qualitative description and Quantitative description explain the formats of the technology chapters, how data was obtained, and which assumptions data is based on. Each technology is subsequently described in a separate technology chapter, making up the main part of this catalogue. The technology chapters contain both a description of the technologies and a quantitative part including a table with the most important technology data.

## Introduction to industrial process heating in Denmark

Of the total final energy usage in Denmark, manufacturing industry in 2018 consumes approximately 16% as illustrated in Figure 1 below.

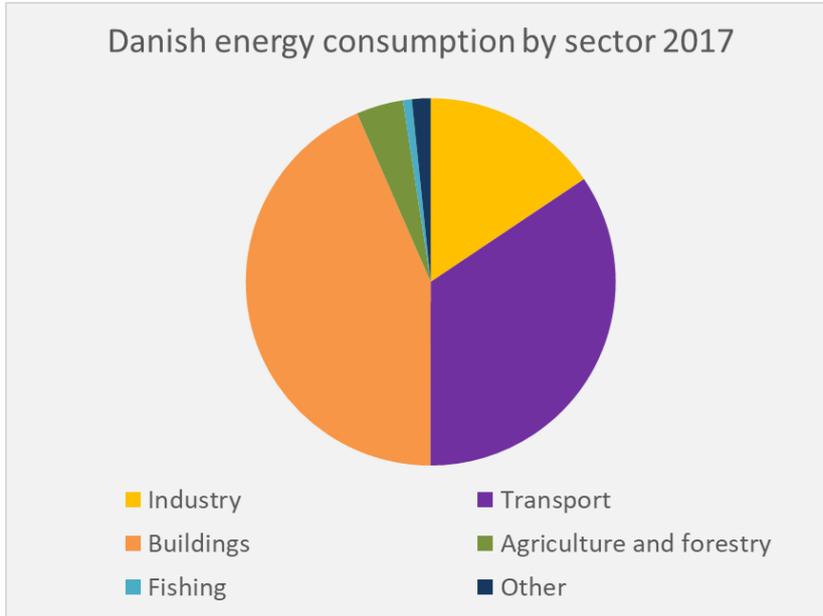


Figure 1: Final energy consumption in Denmark by sector (2017)<sup>1</sup>

A sub-division of the energy consumption in the manufacturing industry shows that approximately 35% is used for process heating while 65% is used for other purposes (building heating, utility systems and transportation)

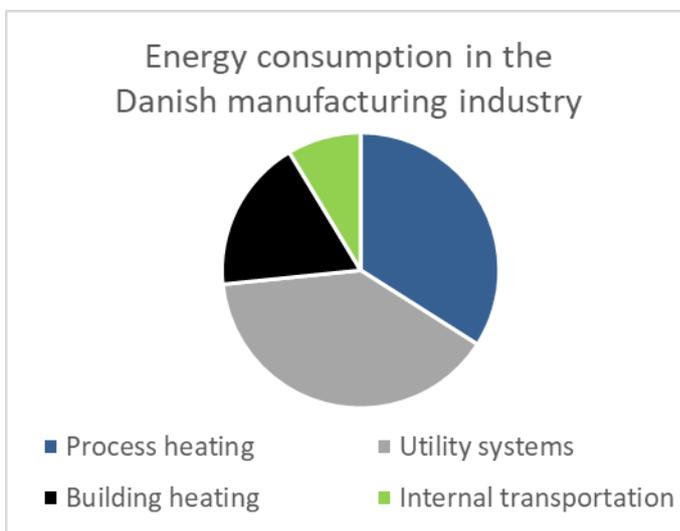


Figure 2: Energy consumption in manufacturing industry by overall end use (2018)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Reference to Energistatistik 2017 issued by the Danish Energy Agency, see <https://ens.dk/service/statistik-data-noegletal-og-kort/maanedlig-og-aarlig-energistatistik>.

<sup>2</sup> Reference to "Kortlægning af energiforbrug i virksomheder", 2015, issued by the Danish Energy Agency, see [https://ens.dk/sites/ens.dk/files/Analyser/kortlaegning\\_energiforbrug\\_virksomheder.pdf](https://ens.dk/sites/ens.dk/files/Analyser/kortlaegning_energiforbrug_virksomheder.pdf)

### Current technologies supplying industrial process heating

As compared to other energy consuming sectors, heating of industrial processes is a complex and diverse area comprising a variety of different technologies and heating principles.

Many industrial sectors will apply traditional utility structures based on boiler stations supplying steam or hot water for the whole production site. But other sectors demand high temperature heating and advanced technologies to produce products of a specific quality via a direct combustion of the fuels inside the production processes, for example:

- In the cement industry, clinker production traditionally requires supply of coal/pet coke for combustion directly in the kilns in order to process and calcinate raw materials at temperatures higher than 1000 °C
- In the brick industry, gaseous or liquid fuels are supplied directly to the furnaces via numerous burners in order to secure a high processing temperature and often also a certain surface quality of the bricks
- In glass melting, fuels are supplied directly to the furnaces as radiation heat from the flames are needed to penetrate the melted glass substance

In Danish industry, approximately 57% of process heating is supplied via traditional steam or hot water boilers while 43% is supplied via direct combustion of fuels inside the production process. A sub-division of this split is shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Share of direct process heating supply in various industrial sectors<sup>3</sup>.**

Industrial Sector, InterAct aggregation <sup>4</sup>	Share of direct firing for process heating (%)	Share of in-direct heating for process heating (%)
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	27%	73%
2. Commodity production	8%	92%
3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	71%	29%
4. Chemical industry	20%	80%
5. Metals, machinery and electronics	64%	36%

It is seen that especially the cement and brick industry sector apply a high share of process heating as direct firing inside the production processes while the percentage is significantly lower in the food and beverage industry.

### Temperature levels of industrial process heating

Next to the above described differences in how thermal energy is to be supplied to industrial processes, another important area to take into account when describing and modelling industrial process heating is at which temperatures process heating is to be delivered at.

<sup>3</sup> Reference to memoes prepared by The Danish Energy Agency as background for the IntERACT-modelling

<sup>4</sup> The aggregation of the sectors is found in separate Excel file with datasheets

While many of the above mentioned “direct fired” processes require high temperatures to take place (for example clinker production at 1000 °C<sup>5</sup>), a majority of the industrial sectors in Denmark require heating at much lower temperatures, for example:

- In the food and beverage industry, most processes take place at temperature below 100 °C simply because products are damaged when boiling
- In drying of wood and timber, heating is supplied at low temperatures (< 100°C) to secure a slow and careful extraction of moist from the wood
- Etc.

In Table 2 below, the percentage of heating demand inside the industrial processes at various temperatures in selected sectors is illustrated.

**Table 2: Requested temperatures of process heating in various sectors<sup>6</sup>**

Industrial Sector, InterAct aggregation <sup>7</sup>	Share of heating demand at medium temperature (%) (t < ~150°C)	Share of heating demand at high temperature (%) (t > ~150°C)
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	95%	5%
2. Commodity production	94%	6%
3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	54%	46%
4. Chemical industry	89%	11%
5. Metals, machinery and electronics	36%	64%

The required temperature of individual processes is important to understand when looking into future options to adapt more climate friendly and carbon neutral heating technologies, by example for the use of heat pumps (where upper temperature limits influence on the type of heat pump technology).

### End uses for industrial process heating

In Danish mappings of energy consumption in industrial processes, thermal energy usage is divided into the following end uses:

- Boiling and heating
- Drying

<sup>5</sup> It should be noted that while the clinker production itself requests temperature above 1000°C, a high share of the energy consumption in the process is at lower temperatures, especially in Danish cement industry applying “wet processing” where large amounts of water are to be evaporated at 100°C.

<sup>6</sup> Reference to memoes prepared by The Danish Energy Agency as background for the InterACT-modelling

<sup>7</sup> The aggregation of the sectors is found in separate Excel file with datasheets

- Dewatering (evaporators)
- Distillation
- Firing and sintering
- Melting and casting
- Other processes < 150°C
- Other processes > 150°C

Each of these end uses has specific temperature profiles and energy supply principles as described in the sections above – however some of them are supplied by common utility structures as described below.

### Utility and supply structures for industrial process heating

An important issue to describe related to current supply of process heating in the industrial sector is that central supply system might require major reconstructions in order to enable use of new and more climate friendly heating technologies.

Overall, the layout of central steam or hot water systems for process heating most often is designed to meet the highest temperature in the production processes and by that many utility systems will most often supply steam and hot water at a much higher temperature than what is needed inside the production process.

In the food and beverage industry, by example, steam boilers at 8 bar (160°C) is commonly used even though a majority of the process heating is to be delivered below 100°C.

In case traditional heat pumps are to be applied for process heating, investments to design and install by example a 80°C hot water circuit has to be added to the basic technology cost for the heat pump – which might impair feasibility of the heat pump significantly

### New Technologies for industrial process heating

To convert industrial process heating into using CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral and sustainable heat sources, a variety of technologies have to be taken into consideration, by example.

#### Compression heat pumps

Heat pumps are to be considered as a cornerstone in the future electrification of the industrial sector due to an efficient conversion of electricity into heating.

The specific type of heat pump - and the related business case - will depend on the specific application:

- Traditional heat pumps can utilize waste heat inside the production processes for heating of the processes themselves – however with certain limitations in maximum temperature<sup>8</sup>
- Traditional heat pumps can be used for combined process heating and process cooling thus improving the operating economy and the business case for installation
- High temperature temperature heat pumps can deliver heat at higher temperatures than traditional heat pumps but still with an impaired COP compared to lower temperature levels

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<sup>8</sup> Traditional ammonia heat pumps will only be able to deliver heating up to 80-85°C.

- Booster heat pump systems applying turbo compressors in combination with traditional heat pumps can in general be applied for high temperature steam heating

### Heat driven heat pumps

Absorption type heat pumps can be driven by applying gas or by applying high-temperature waste heat from production processes or CHP-plants. Absorption heat pumps next to cooling water/chilled water also delivers hot water at by example 60°C for various purposes in the facility.

### Mechanical Vapour Recompression (MVR)

MVR-systems are most often applied for specific process purposes, by example:

- In evaporator systems, that traditionally are based on steam heated thermal evaporation (TVR)
- Integrated with drying processes using superheated steam

### Gasification

Application of gasification is to be considered relevant in many high temperature processes where fuel or high temperature heat is to be used directly in the process, by example:

- Gasification processes that produce gas directly for combustion inside the production processes
- Gasification processes that produce hot exhaust gas (800°C) that can be led directly to the process – eventually combined with combustion of other fuels e.g. natural gas.

### “Hot disc”-technology

For large rotary furnaces in the cement and clinker industry typically applying coal/pet-coke, a “hot disc” technology has been developed enabling use of various biomass and waste sources for production of hot, combusted exhaust gas that can partly substitute current energy consumption

### Electric heating technologies

A number of electric heating technologies are these years applied for very specific purposed but with potentials for wider applications, by example:

- Microwaves and high-frequency assisted heating can speed up many heating processes via heating the core of the product faster than possible with traditional heating methods thus reducing heating losses. In addition to the faster heating the uniform heating profile for this technology is an advantage in some production processes (and often the reason for using this technology).
- Infrared (IR) technology can be applied for a variety of drying processes enabling faster drying thus reducing heat losses

### Electric boiler

Electric boilers are an alternative to fossil fuel based hot water and steam boilers.

Of the technologies listed above, certain will have a relatively high application potential in the future supply of industrial process heating while others are of very process-specific nature.

Besides the technologies listed above, other technologies may also be of interest, e.g. gas motor driven compression heat pump, membrane technology and hydrogen technologies.

Technologies currently utilized for producing industrial process heating are also relevant to include in the catalogue e.g. fossil and bio fueled boilers and direct firing.

All the technologies in this catalogue are considered retrofit, except MVR and microwave, which are considered grassroots. This is further elaborated in Additional remarks.

### Special issues when modelling Industrial Process Heating

Due to the complexity of technologies applied for industrial process heating, a number of issues have to be taken into account when evaluating the application potential and the business case for a certain technology.

These special issues first of all are:

#### End-use and sector specific solutions

Many of the technologies listed above will have limited application potentials as they are only relevant in certain sectors or for certain end-uses of industrial process heating. By example, “hot disc”-technology enabling use of biomass resources in rotary kilns (cement etc.), but can’t be utilized for supply of process heating for other end-uses. Similarly, MVR-technology can only be applied for evaporator-, distillation- and drying processes.

A technology description should for each technology therefore assess maximum application potentials in individual sectors as illustrated in Table 3 below:

**Table 3: Maximum application potential for technology N in various sectors**

Industrial Sector, InterAct aggregation <sup>9</sup>	Maximum share of total sector demand for process heating by technology N (%)
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	
2. Commodity production	
3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	
4. Chemical industry	
5. Metals, machinery and electronics	

#### Temperature limitations

Next to limitations in sectors and end-use applications, some of the relevant technologies for industrial process heating will also have limitations regarding how high temperatures of process heating they can deliver.

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<sup>9</sup> The aggregation of the sectors is found in separate Excel file with datasheets

This is first of all the case with heat pump technology, and similar to limitations due to product quality issues etc. above, also temperature limitations have to be assessed for each technology as illustrated in Table 4.

**Table 4: Maximum temperature coverage on potential for technology N in various sectors**

Industrial Sector, InterAct aggregation	Maximum share of total process heating covered due to temperature limitations by technology N (%)
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	
2. Commodity production	
3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	
4. Chemical industry	
5. Metals, machinery and electronics	

### Direct and in-direct investment costs

As many industries today have central utility systems solely based on steam supply for all process heating, technologies not able to produce steam (by example heat pumps) will require that new or additional supply structures are to be established.

For most industries, small heat pumps can be installed for specific, individual and local purposes, but if large heat pumps are to be installed, extra investments for utility structures must be taken into account.

For technology description, estimated investment costs for small vs. large applications have to be added for the modelling as illustrated below:

**Table 5: Basic and maximum application investments for technology N in various sectors**

Industrial Sector, InterAct aggregation	Application potential for basic technology without re-building utility-structures (%)	Application potential for basic technology when re-building utility-structures (%)	Extra investment for maximum application (% of basis investment)
1. Food, beverages and tobacco			
2. Commodity production			
3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)			
4. Chemical industry			
5. Metals, machinery and electronics			

Extra investments might also include investments for hot (and cold) water storage (tanks) to level out fluctuating loads.

### Related benefits and savings

In industry, change of a certain heating technology is most often described as a business case, where necessary investments are weighed towards possible benefits/savings.

These benefits are usually cost savings related to changed energy supply, but often other benefits are to be taken into consideration when establishing the business case, by example increased production capacity, introduction of new products etc.

### Operational hours

Various industrial sectors have varying annual operational hours, by example:

- Energy intensive industries (cement, refineries) > 8,000 hours per year
- Food & beverage industry
  - Large companies > 8,000 hours per year
  - Small companies 3-5,000 hours per year

The benefit of business cases for new technologies are often proportional to the annual operational hours, and each application therefore has to be modelled according to realistic operational profile.

### Development perspective for new technologies

For some of the technologies listed in section New Technologies for industrial process heating above, the application potential must be expected to increase over the next decades due to increasing development of climate friendly solutions.

By example di-electric heating so far has only been demonstrated for certain end-uses even though the theoretical application potential is much higher.

This has to be modelled as part of the technology description

### General assumptions

The boundary for both cost and performance data are the generation assets to deliver process heating to the inlet of the supply system for the industrial process, or in case of direct heating, to the process. In other words, the technologies are described as they are perceived by the supply system of the industrial processes receiving their energy deliveries in form of process heating. For direct combustion there is no supply system and the process heating is delivered direct into the process. Thus, stated capacities are net capacities, which are calculated as the gross generation capacity minus the auxiliary power consumption “capacity” at the plant. Similarly, efficiencies are also net efficiencies.

When comparing direct and indirect process heating the cost and efficiency of the local internal supply system must be considered, the same is the case when modelling substitution between the two.

Operation hours and the load profile for industrial process heating technologies are highly depending on the sector. Examples of expectations for these parameters are described above in section Operational hours. The operation hours will be discussed for the specific technology as stated in section Typical annual operation hours and load pattern. Furthermore, the assumption will be in the notes for the data sheet. These assumptions are used when calculating e.g. O&M cost for technologies in this catalogue.

### Definitions

Definitions of terms used to simplify the description of industrial heating processes are listed below:

- ✓ **End-use**; there are 9 industrial end-uses.
  1. Heating/Boiling,
  2. Drying,
  3. Dewatering,

4. Distillation,
  5. "Firing /Sintering",
  6. "Melting /Casting",
  7. Other processes <150°C,
  8. Other processes >150°C.
- All the industrial heating process can be categorized as one of them.

- ✓ **Type of industrial process heating:** by that is meant if the process heating is supplied as direct or indirect heating”
- ✓ **Temperature levels:** The supply of industrial process heating is divided into two temperature levels high and medium the boundary is set to 150 °C but should not be understood as an exact boundary. The reason for not sticking to an exact temperature limit, when classifying the application potential for the technologies is that the end-use processes are classified according to typical energy services, however the same end-use can range in both high and medium temperature levels. If an end-use in a sector range in both high and medium temperature levels, the total application potential of the technology will be included in the energy service with the typical temperature level. For instance, if a steam boiler is used to supply heat to a drying process, which may require a temperature of 200 °C, the entire potential will in this case be included in the medium temperature energy service, as medium temperature is most common for drying process.

Temperature level:	Medium	High
Temperature (t)	t < ~ 150°C	> ~ 150°C

- ✓ **Energy services:** combination of which type of heating process (direct or indirect heating) and at which temperature levels:

	Medium temperature level	High temperature level
Direct		
Indirect		

- ✓ **The five main sector** The NACE industrial sector is aggregated into five sector groups (main sectors) made up of sectors with similar characteristics with regard to end-uses and energy services. The aggregation is aligned with the industry in the TIMES-DK model used in Interact (the InterAct sectors<sup>10</sup>). The five main sectors are:
  1. Food, beverages and tobacco
  2. Commodity production
  3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)
  4. Chemical industry
  5. Metals, machinery and electronics

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<sup>10</sup> The aggregation of the interACT sectors is found in a separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix

## Qualitative description

The qualitative description describes the key characteristics of the technology as concise as possible. The following paragraphs are included where relevant for the technology.

### Contact information

Containing the following information:

- Contact information: Contact details in case the reader has clarifying questions to the technology chapters. This could be the Danish Energy Agency, Energinet or the author of the technology chapters.
- Author: Entity/person responsible for preparing the technology chapter

### Brief technology description

Brief description for non-engineers of how the technology works and for which purpose.

An illustration of the technology is included, showing the main components and working principles.

Mention how much capacity there is currently installed in Denmark especially for technologies, which are not widespread.

It shall also be mentioned why the specific technology is relevant for the industry. It is crucial that the description of the technology is not based on one special version of the technology of which there is only on plant in operation or only on supplier of the technology.

Some of the technologies are already described in the main catalogue for generation of electricity and district heating (e.g. boilers and heat pumps (low temperature)), the qualitative description will be brief and only focuses on what is specific when delivering the industrial process heating service. For additional information, a reference is made to the respective technologies in the main catalogue.

Surplus heat is reduced in case with energy integration, e.g. if surplus heat is used as heat source for heat pumps or other technologies.

### Input

The main primary fuels, consumed by the technology. If the technology needs waste heat at specific temperature, e.g. a heat pump, this also needs to be stated.

### Output

The form of generated energy i.e. process heating, and any relevant by-products, especially for waste heat, the temperature and the pressure of the process heat (if steam). If a technology reduces surplus heat/waste heat it shall be included here.

### Applications

As described above in section Introduction to industrial process heating in Denmark heating of industrial processes is a complex area. For some demands the heating is supplied via traditional steam or hot water boilers while for other processes the heat is supplied via direct combustion of fuels inside the production process. Also, the temperature levels differ significant. Furthermore, the technologies are able to provide different end-uses. The technologies ability to provide different applications is described below in section Energy services is about energy services relevance, Sector relevance and End- use relevance. The application is indicated in tables.

### Energy services

It shall be stated which energy services the technology can deliver that is whether the technology can deliver direct or indirect process heat and at which temperature levels. It is for each technology indicated in a table with a format as the one in Table 6. The definitions of the temperature level and direct and indirect process heat are found in section Definitions. A technology can in general only deliver one *type of industrial process heating* but at more temperature levels.

Table 6: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	Yes / No	Yes / No
Medium temperature	Yes / No	Yes / No

### Sector relevance

It is stated if the technology is able to supply industrial process heating to fulfill the different sectors demand for a specific energy service. It is shown in a table with a format as the table shown. Definitions of main sectors are found in section Definitions.

Table 7: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>Di / in</i>	<i>Medium/ High</i>	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
<i>Di / in</i>	<i>Medium/ High</i>	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no

### End- use relevance

It is stated which end-uses the technology can supply. It is shown in a table with a format as the table shown. Definitions of end-uses are found in section Definitions. The end-uses can be characterized by e.g. an energy services but not all technologies are able to deliver the end-use although they can deliver the energy service that characterize the end-uses. That is why it should be indicated if the technology is able to deliver the specific end-use.

Table 8: End-use relevance

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
Technology n	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

### Application potential

To provide an overview of the application potential of the technology for the different sectors, the characterization of the three “application relevance” tables are combined into one sheet which provides an overview of the application potential in percentage of the total demand for the sector. The sheet is published in the quantitative part of the technology chapter and in the data sheet.

### Typical capacities

The stated capacities are for a single unit capable of producing industrial process heat. If the range of capacities vary significant the typical range is stated (also in the notes), and it is mentioned if the different sizes of capacity is characteristic for e.g. a specific sector.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Which operation pattern and load profile that can be anticipated for the technology should be discussed. It is assumed according to section Operational hours that the annual operation time and load pattern will vary significant from sector to sector, the discussion should touch on this topic.

### Regulation ability

Regulation abilities are not very relevant for industrial process heating as generating technologies most often are operated at 100% load. The technologies will most often have the necessary regulation abilities. This includes the part-load characteristics, start-up time and how quickly it is able to change its production when already online.

### Advantages/ disadvantages

A description of specific advantages and disadvantages relative to equivalent technologies generating process heating and delivering the same energy service. Generic advantages are ignored; e.g. renewable energy technologies mitigating climate risks and enhance security of supply.

### Environment

Particular environmental and resource depletion impacts are mentioned, for example harmful emissions to air, soil or water; consumption of rare or toxic materials; consumption of large amount of water (in general and relative to other technologies delivering same service); issues with handling of waste and decommissioning etc.

### Potential for Carbon Capture (CC)

For all technologies using fuels the potential for combining the technology with carbon capture technologies now or in the future is to be described including which CC technologies that are relevant.

There are processes (e.g. for cement production) where CO<sub>2</sub> is produced as a part of the production process but these processes are not categorized as industrial heating processes and therefore this catalogue does not touch on the ability to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission from these processes.

### Research and development perspectives

This section lists the most important challenges to further development of the technology. Also, the potential for technological development in terms of costs and efficiency is mentioned and quantified if possible. Danish research and development perspectives are highlighted, where relevant.

### Examples of market standard technology

Recent full-scale commercial projects, which can be considered market standard, are mentioned, preferably with links. A description of what is meant by “market standard” is given in the introduction to the quantitative description section. For technologies where no market standard has yet been established, reference is made to best available technology in R&D projects.

### Prediction of performance and costs

Cost reductions and improvements of performance can be expected for most technologies in the future. This section accounts for the assumptions underlying the cost and performance in 2020 as well as the improvements assumed for the years 2030, 2040 and 2050.

The specific technology is identified and classified in one of four categories of technological maturity, indicating the commercial and technological progress, and the assumptions for the projections are described in detail (see section Learning curves and technological maturity).

In formulating the section, the following background information is considered:

#### Data for 2020

In case of technologies where market standards have been established, performance and cost data of recent installed versions of the technology in Denmark or the most similar countries in relation to the specific technology in Northern Europe are projected to 2020 (FID) and used for the 2020 estimates.

If consistent data are not available, or if no suitable market standard has yet emerged for new technologies, the 2020 costs may be estimated using an engineering-based approach applying a decomposition of manufacturing and installation costs into raw materials, labor costs, financial costs, etc. International references such as the IEA, NREL etc. are preferred for such estimates.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

As many industries today have utility systems solely based on steam supply for all process heating demands, technologies not able to produce steam (by example heat pumps) will require that additional supply structures for hot water should be established.

To increase application potential outside a few, narrow application potentials, additional investment costs will be necessary when establishing hot water supply to process heating. The cost will be stated in the data sheet and in the notes, it is stated when these costs should be included.

### Related benefits and savings

In industry, change of a certain heating technology is most often described as a business case, where necessary investments are weighed towards possible benefits/savings.

These benefits are usually cost savings related to changed energy supply, but often other benefits are to be taken into consideration when establishing the business case, by example increased production capacity, introduction of new products etc.

It may be relevant, for example, if switching from a solid fuel which need of storage and logistics(eg coal) to a wiring fuel e.g. electricity, gas or district heating. And conversely, if changing from gas or electricity to solid biomass. In fact, especially for slightly smaller industries it is very relevant and a co-explanation for e.g. a slightly more expensive fuel such as gas can be competitive with coal. You could possibly. confine itself to handling and logistics costs

These non-energy benefits should be described when possible and relevant.

### Cost of grid expansion

The costs of grid expansion caused by adding a new electricity generator or a new large consumer (e.g. an electric boiler or heat pump) to the grid are not included in the presented data.

The most important costs are related to strengthening or expansion of the local grid and/or substations (voltage transformation, pumping or compression/expansion). The costs vary significantly depending on the type and size of generator and local conditions. Performance and cost data for grid expansions can be found in the technology catalogue “Technology Data for Energy Transport”<sup>11</sup>

### Assumptions for the period 2020 to 2050

According to the IEA:

*“Innovation theory describes technological innovation through two approaches: the technology-push model, in which new technologies evolve and push themselves into the marketplace; and the market-pull model, in which a market opportunity leads to investment in R&D and, eventually, to an innovation” (ref. 6).*

The level of “market-pull” is to a high degree dependent on the global climate and energy policies. Hence, in a future with strong climate policies, demand for e.g. renewable energy technologies will be higher, whereby innovation is expected to take place faster than in a situation with less ambitious policies. This is expected to lead to both more efficient technologies, as well as cost reductions due to economy of scale effects. Therefore, for technologies where large cost reductions are expected, it is important to account for assumptions about global future demand.

The IEA’s New Policies Scenario provides the framework for the Danish Energy Agency’s projection of international fuel prices and CO<sub>2</sub>-prices and is also used in the preparation of this catalogue. Thus, the projections of the demand for technologies are defined in accordance with the thinking in the New Policies Scenario, described as follows:

*“New Policies Scenario: A scenario in the World Energy Outlook that takes account of broad policy commitments and plans that have been announced by countries, including national pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and plans to phase out fossil energy subsidies, even if the measures to implement*

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<sup>11</sup> “Technology Data for Energy Transport”, Danish Energy Agency and Energinet, December 2017.

*these commitments have yet to be identified or announced. This broadly serves as the IEA baseline scenario.”* (ref. 7).

Alternative projections may be presented as well relying for example on the IEA’s 450 Scenario (strong climate policies) or the IEA’s Current Policies Scenario (weaker climate policies).

### Learning curves and technological maturity

Predicting the future costs of technologies may be done by applying a cost decomposition strategy, as mentioned above, decomposing the costs of the technology into categories such as labor, materials, etc. for which predictions already exist. Alternatively, the development could be predicted using learning curves. Learning curves express the idea that each time a unit of a particular technology is produced, learning accumulates, which leads to cheaper production of the next unit of that technology. The learning rates also take into account benefits from economy of scale and benefits related to using automated production processes at high production volumes. The cost projections are based on the future generation capacity in IEA’s 2 DS and 4 DS scenarios (2017 values are assumed to be a good approximation for 2015) [3].

Learning rates typically vary between 5 and 25%. In 2015, Rubin et al published “A review of learning rates for electricity supply technologies” [4], which provides a comprehensive and up to date overview of learning rates for a range of relevant technologies, among which:

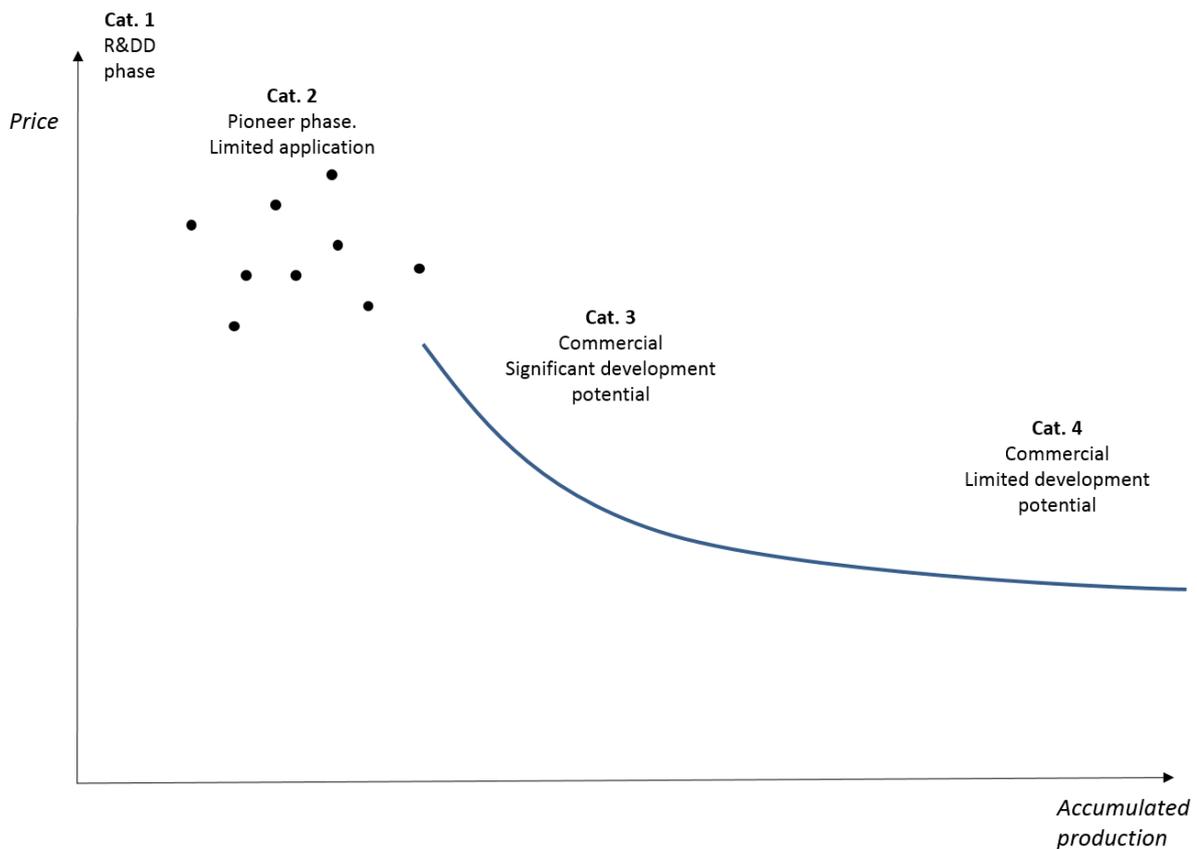
The potential for improving technologies is linked to the level of technological maturity. The technologies are categorized within one of the following four levels of technological maturity.

Category 1. Technologies that are still in the *research and development phase*. The uncertainty related to price and performance today and in the future is highly significant (e.g. wave energy converters, solid oxide fuel cells).

Category 2. Technologies in the *pioneer phase*. The technology has been proven to work through demonstration facilities or semi-commercial plants. Due to the limited application, the price and performance is still attached with high uncertainty, since development and customization is still needed. The technology still has a significant development potential (e.g. gasification of biomass).

Category 3. *Commercial technologies with moderate deployment*. The price and performance of the technology today is well known. These technologies are deemed to have a certain development potential and therefore there is a considerable level of uncertainty related to future price and performance (e.g. offshore wind turbines)

Category 4. *Commercial technologies, with large deployment*. The price and performance of the technology today is well known, and normally only incremental improvements would be expected. Therefore, the future price and performance may also be projected with a relatively high level of certainty. (e.g. coal power, gas turbine)



**Figure 3: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

### Uncertainty

The catalogue covers both mature technologies and technologies under development. This implies that the price and performance of some technologies may be estimated with a relatively high level of certainty whereas in the case of others, both cost and performance today as well as in the future are associated with high levels of uncertainty.

This section of the technology chapters explains the main challenges to precision of the data and identifies the areas on which the uncertainty ranges in the quantitative description are based. This includes technological or market related issues of the specific technology as well as the level of experience and knowledge in the sector and possible limitations on raw materials. The issues should also relate to the technological development maturity as discussed above.

The level of uncertainty is illustrated by providing a lower and higher bound beside the central estimate, which shall be interpreted as representing probabilities corresponding to a 90% confidence interval. It should be noted, that projecting costs of technologies far into the future is a task associated with very large uncertainties. Thus, depending on the technological maturity expressed and the period considered, the confidence interval may be very large. It is the case, for example, of less developed technologies (category 1 and 2) and longtime horizons (2050).

### Additional remarks

This section includes other information, for example links to web sites that describe the technology further or give key figures on it.

### References

References are numbered in the text in squared brackets and bibliographical details are listed in the end of the technology chapter prior to the data sheets, references for data in the data sheet is listed below the data sheet for each sheet also in the Excel version .The format of biographical details of references should be; name of author, title of report, year of publication.

### Quantitative description

In this section it is explained how data in the data sheet is compiled.

In general, the catalogue describes retrofit technologies, but for some technologies it will be grassroots installation. If it is a grassroots installation it is stated here. Technologies considered grassroots will have a natural market pull and a replacement rate which is also stated here.

To enable comparative analyses between different technologies it is imperative that data are actually comparable. All cost data are stated in fixed 2015 prices excluding value added taxes (VAT) and other taxes. The information given in the tables relate to the development status of the technology at the point of final investment decision (FID) in the given year (2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050). FID is assumed to be taken when financing of a project is secured, and all permits are at hand. The year of commissioning will depend on the construction time of the individual technologies.

A typical table of quantitative data is shown below, containing all parameters used to describe the specific technologies. The table consists of a generic part, which is identical for groups of similar technologies and a technology specific part, containing information, which is only relevant for the specific technology. The generic part is made to allow for easy comparison of technologies.

Technology	Technology name									
	2020	2030	2040	2050	Uncertainty (2030)		Uncertainty (2050)		Note	Ref
					Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper		
Energy/technical data										
Heat generation capacity for one unit (MW)										
Total efficiency, net (%), nominal load										
Total efficiency, net (%), annual average										
Auxiliary electricity consumption (% of heat gen)										
Forced outage (%)										
Planned outage (weeks per year)										
Technical lifetime (years)										
Construction time (years)										
<b>Regulation Ability</b>										
Minimum load (% of full load)										
Warm start-up time (hours)										
Cold start-up time (hours)										
<b>Environment</b>										
SO <sub>2</sub> (g per GJ fuel)										

PM2.5 (g per GJ fuel)											
NO <sub>x</sub> (g per GJ fuel)											
CH <sub>4</sub> (g per GJ fuel)											
N <sub>2</sub> O (g per GJ fuel)											
<b>Financial data</b>											
Nominal investment (M€ per MW)											
- of which equipment (%)											
- of which installation (%)											
Fixed O&M (€/MJ/s/year)											
Variable O&M (€/MWh)											
- of which is electricity costs (€/MWh)											
- of which is other O&M costs (€/MWh)											
<b>Technology specific data</b>											
Indirect investments cost (M€ per MW)											
Non energy gains (M€ per MW)											
Startup cost (€/MW/startup)											
Carbon capture removal of CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (% of emission)											
Temperature heat source supply (°C)											
Temperature heat source return (°C)											
Cooling generation capacity for one unit (MW)											

Each cell in the table contains only one number, which is the central estimate for the market standard technology, i.e. no range indications.

Uncertainties related to the figures are stated in the columns named *uncertainty*. To keep the table simple, the level of uncertainty is only specified for years 2030 and 2050.

The level of uncertainty is illustrated by providing a lower and higher bound. These are chosen to reflect the uncertainties of the best projections by the authors. The section on uncertainty in the qualitative description for each technology indicates the main issues influencing the uncertainty related to the specific technology. For technologies in the early stages of technological development or technologies especially prone to variations of cost and performance data, the bounds expressing the confidence interval could result in large intervals. The uncertainty only applies to the market standard technology; in other words, the uncertainty interval does not represent the product range (for example a product with lower efficiency at a lower price or vice versa).

The level of uncertainty is only stated for the most critical figures such as investment cost and efficiencies. Other figures are considered if relevant.

All data in the tables are referenced by a number in the utmost right column (Ref), referring to the source specified below the table.

Notes include additional information on how the data are obtained, as well as assumptions and potential calculations behind the figures presented is listed below the data sheet. Reference between notes and data is

made by letters in the second utmost column in the data sheet Before using the data, please be aware that essential information may be found in the notes below the table.

It is crucial that the data for the technology is not based on one special version of the technology of which there is only one plant in operation or only one supplier of the technology.

The generic parts of the data sheets for industrial process heating technologies are presented below.

### Generating capacity for one unit

The capacity, preferably a typical capacity (not maximum capacity), is stated for a single unit, capable of producing industrial process heating.

In the case of substantial difference in performance or costs for different sizes of the technology. The technology may be specified in two or more separated data sheets.

The capacity is given as net generation capacity in continuous operation, i.e. gross capacity (industrial process heat output from technology) minus own consumption (house load), equal to capacity delivered to the local industry supply system or in the process for direct heating technologies. Auxiliary electricity consumption for pumps etc. is not encountered in the capacity.

The unit MW is used for process heat production capacity. While this is not in accordance with thermodynamic formalism, it makes comparisons easier and provides a more intuitive link between capacities, production and full load hours.

The relevant range of sizes of each type of technology is represented by a range of capacities stated in the notes for the "capacity" field in each technology table, for example 0.5-5 MW for a Hybrid Absorption/ Compression High Temperature Heat Pump (HACHP).

It should be stressed that data in the table is based on the typical capacity, for example 2 MW for a HACHP. When deviations from the typical capacity are made, economy of scale effects need to be considered inside the range of typical sizes (see the section about investment cost). The capacity range should be stated in the notes.

### Energy efficiencies

Efficiencies, for all industrial process heating technologies combusting fuels, are expressed in percent at lower calorific heat value (lower heating value) at ambient conditions in Denmark, considering an average air temperature of approximately 8 °C.

The efficiency of industrial process heating technology equals the total delivery of industrial process heating to the supply system for the industry divided by the energy consumption. Two efficiencies are stated; the efficiency at nominal load as stated by the supplier and the expected typical annual efficiency.

The auxiliary electricity consumption is not included in the efficiency but stated separately in percentage of capacity (i.e. MW auxiliary/MW heat).

The energy supplied by the heat source for heat pumps (both electric and absorption) is not counted as input energy. The temperatures of the heat sources are specified in the data sheet and chapters for the specific technologies.

The expected typical annual efficiency takes into account a typical number of start-ups and shut-downs and is based on the assumed full load hours stated for each technology. Regarding the assumed number of start-ups for different technologies, an indication is given in the financial data description, under start-up costs.

Often, the efficiency decreases slightly during the operating life of an industrial process heating technology. This degradation is not reflected in the stated data. As a rule of thumb 2.5 – 3.5 % may be subtracted during the lifetime (e.g. from 40 % to 37 %). Specific data are given in ref. 3.

Some boilers are equipped with flue gas condensation equipment, a process whereby the flue gas is cooled below its water dew point and the heat released by the resulting condensation of water is recovered as low temperature heat. In these cases, the stated efficiencies include the added efficiency of the flue gas condensation equipment.

### Auxiliary electricity consumption

For industrial process heating technologies, the consumption of electricity for auxiliary equipment such as pumps, ventilation systems, etc. is stated separately in percentage of heat generation capacity (i.e. MW auxiliary/MW heat).

For heat pumps, internal consumption is considered part of the efficiency (Coefficient Of Performance, COP), while other electricity demand for external pumping, e.g. pumping of the heat source fluid, is stated under auxiliary electricity consumption.

### Cogeneration values

Cogeneration technologies will not be described as a part of this catalogue, although able to deliver industrial process heating.

### Application potential

It is stated how large a share of the different sectors demand for a specific energy services the technology is able to supply. The share is expressed in two tables, the current application potential and the full application potential. The current application potential table represent the share that the technology can supply without additional investment cost. The full application potential is the maximum potential a technology can cover. To increase the potential from current to full, an additional investment is required.

For the heat pumps the additional investment could be additional piping cost to increase the share the technology is able to supply. These additional costs are included in section Assumptions for the period 2020 to 2050, in the technology chapters.

The current and full application potential are shown in tables with a format as the table shown. Definitions of main sectors are found in section Definitions.

The “application potential” of the technology for the different sectors is stated in percent of the total demand for the specific energy service for the sector. The application potential is included in a table besides the data sheet. An example of the structure of the table for the application

The end-use processes are classified according to typical energy services, however the end-use can range in both high and medium temperature levels. If an end-use in a sector range in both high and medium temperature levels, the total application potential of the technology will be included in the energy service with the typical temperature level. For instance, if a steam boiler is used to supply heat to a drying process, which may require a temperature of 200 °C, the entire potential will in this case be included in the medium temperature energy service, as medium temperature is most common for drying process.

**Table 9: Application potential in percent of the total demand for the energy service for the sector, the table is in the separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix**

Application potential			"x,n" indicate which end-use, n ref. to note"	1.Food, beverages and tobacco		2.Commodity production		3.Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)		4.Chemical industry		5.Metals, machinery and electronics	
Technology	Energy services	End-use		Direct %	Indirect %	Direct %	Indirect %	Direct %	Indirect %	Direct %	Indirect %	Direct %	Indirect %
				Technology n	High temperature	6. Firing /Sintering							
7. Melting /Casting													
9. Other processes >150C													
Medium temperature	2. Heating/Boiling												
	3. Drying												
	4. Dewatering												
	5. Distillation												
Room heat	8.Other processes <150°C,												
	12. spatial heating												

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Various industrial sectors have varying annual operational hours, an example is given in section Operational hours and discussed for the specific technology as explained in section Typical annual operation hours and load pattern. In the notes it shall be stated which operation profile assumed for the data in the data sheet.

In the case of substantial difference in operation time depending e.g. on size of industries or sector. The technology may be specified in two or more separated data sheets.

### Forced and planned outage

Forced outage is reduced production caused by unplanned outages. The weighted forced outage hours are the sum of hours of forced outage, weighted according to how much of full capacity was out. Forced outage is defined as the number of weighted forced outage hours divided by the sum of forced outage hours and operation hours. The weighted forced outage hours are the sum of hours of reduced production caused by unplanned outages, weighted according to how much capacity was out.

Forced outage is given in percent, while planned outage (for example due to renovations) is given in days per year.

### Technical lifetime

The technical lifetime is the expected time for which an industrial process heating technology can be operated within, or acceptably close to, its original performance specifications, provided that normal operation and maintenance takes place. During this lifetime, some performance parameters may degrade gradually but still stay within acceptable limits. For instance, efficiencies often decrease slightly (few percent) over the years, and O&M costs increase due to wear and degradation of components and systems. At the end of the technical lifetime, the frequency of unforeseen operational problems and risk of breakdowns is expected to lead to unacceptably low availability and/or high O&M costs. At this time, the plant is decommissioned or undergoes a lifetime extension, which implies a major renovation of components and systems as required to make the plant suitable for a new period of continued operation.

The technical lifetime stated in this catalogue is a theoretical value inherent to each technology, based on experience. As stated earlier, typical annual operation hours and the load profile is specific for each industrial process heating technologies. The expected technical lifetime takes into account a typical number of start-ups

and shut-downs (an indication of the number of annual operation hours, start-ups and shut-downs is given in the Financial data description, under Start-up costs).

In real life, specific plants of similar technology may operate for shorter or longer times. The strategy for operation and maintenance, e.g. the number of operation hours, start-ups, and the reinvestments made over the years, will largely influence the actual lifetime.

### Construction time

Time from final investment decision (FID) until commissioning completed (start of commercial operation), expressed in years.

### Regulation ability

Three parameters describe the regulation capability of the industrial process heating technologies:

- A. Minimum load (percent of full load).
- B. Warm start-up time, (hours)
- C. Cold start-up time, (hours)

For several technologies, these parameters are not relevant, e.g. if the technology is regulated instantly in on/off-mode.

Parameter B. The warm start-up time used for by example heat pump technologies is defined as the time it takes to reach operating temperatures and pressure and start production from a state where the water temperature in the evaporator is above 100 °C, which means that the boiler is pressurized.

Parameter C. The cold start-up time used for boiler and heat pump technologies is defined as the time it takes to reach operating temperature and pressure and start production from a state where the boiler is at ambient temperature and pressure.

### Environment

All technologies are assumed to be designed to comply with the regulation that is currently in place in Denmark and planned to be implemented within the 2025-time horizon.

The emissions below are stated in mass per GJ of fuel at the lower heating value.

**CO<sub>2</sub> emission** values are not stated, as these depend only on the fuel, not the technology.

**SO<sub>x</sub> emissions** are calculated based on the following sulfur contents of fuels:

	Coal	Ori- mulsion	Fuel oil	Gas oil	Natural gas	Peat	Straw	Wood- fuel	Waste	Biogas
Sulphur, kg/GJ	0.27	0.99	0.25	0.07	0.00	0.24	0.20	0.00	0.27	0.00

For technologies, where desulphurization equipment is employed (typically large power plants), the degree of desulphurization is stated in percent.

**NO<sub>x</sub>** equals NO<sub>2</sub> + NO, where NO is converted to NO<sub>2</sub> in weight-equivalents.

**Greenhouse gas emissions** include CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O in grams per GJ fuel. CO<sub>2</sub> should not be included, is assumed calculated relative to the fuel in the models.

**Particles** includes only the fine particle matters PM 2.5( $D_p < 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ ). The value is given in grams per GJ of fuel.

### Carbon Capture (CC)

For all technologies using fuels the potential for combining the technology with carbon capture technologies now or in the future is described as percentage reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emission, in the notes it is stated which CC technology is assumed when predicting the reduction. The cost of the carbon capture technology will be described in the technology chapters about CC technologies in the *Technology Catalogue for energy carrier generation and conversion*.

### Financial data

Financial data are all in Euro (€), fixed prices, at the 2019-level and exclude value added taxes (VAT) and other taxes.

Several data originate in Danish references. For those data a fixed exchange ratio of 7.45 DKK per € has been used.

When data about costs is found in sources is shown in other price years, the Danish net price index shall be used when stating the costs at 2019 price level.

European data, with a particular focus on Danish sources, have been emphasized in developing this catalogue.

### Investment costs

The investment cost is also called the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) price or the overnight cost. Infrastructure and connection costs, i.e. electricity, fuel and water connections inside the premises of a technology, are also included, but not the cost of an additional supply system, if required (see Section In-direct investment costs In-direct investments costs).

The investment cost is reported on a normalized basis, i.e. cost per MW. The specific investment cost is the total investment cost divided by the capacity stated in the table, i.e. the capacity as seen from the local supply grid.

Where possible, the investment cost is divided on equipment cost and installation cost. Equipment cost covers the components and machinery including environmental facilities, whereas installation cost covers engineering, civil works, buildings, grid connection, installation and commissioning of equipment.

It is assumed that the installation of the industrial process heating technology is done during a period of planned outage and therefore cost of lost production for the installation time is not included in the investments cost.

The owners' predevelopment costs (administration, consultancy, project management, site preparation, approvals by authorities) and interest during construction are not included. The costs to dismantle decommissioned technologies are also not included. Decommissioning costs may be offset by the residual value of the assets.

### In-direct investment costs

As described in section Utility and supply structures for industrial process heating many industries today have utility systems solely based on steam supply for all process heating, thus technologies not able to produce steam (by example heat pumps) will require that additional supply structures should be established.

To increase application potential outside a few, narrow application potentials, additional investment costs will be necessary when establishing hot water supply to process heating. Furthermore, in relation to e.g. heat pump installation there could be considerable investment in the internal electricity connection.

Cost of an additional supply structure is stated in the data sheet and in the notes, it is stated when these costs should be included. The cost in €/MW (capacity of the technology) is set to the cost of an average size additional supply system related to the typical capacity set in the datasheet

### Related benefits and savings

In industry, change of a certain heating technology is most often described as a business case, where necessary investments are weighed towards possible benefits/savings.

These benefits are usually cost savings related to changed energy supply, but often other benefits are to be taken into consideration when establishing the business case, by example increased production capacity, introduction of new products etc. Examples of related benefits and savings is given in Prediction of performance and costs.

The value of the no-energy benefits is stated when relevant and in M€/MW<sub>heat capacity</sub>.

### Cost of grid expansion

The costs of grid expansion from adding a new electricity generator or a new large consumer (e.g. an electric boiler or heat pump) to the grid are not included in the presented data.

The most important costs are related to strengthening or expansion of the local grid and/or substations (voltage transformation, pumping or compression/expansion). The costs vary significantly depending on the type and size of generator and local conditions. Performance and cost data for grid expansions can be found in the technology catalogue “Technology Data for Energy Transport”<sup>12</sup>.

It is stated under technology specific data if it is expected that installation of the technology must be expected to cause need for investment in grid expansion.

### Business cycles

The cost of energy equipment shows fluctuations that can be related to business cycles. When projecting the costs of technologies, it is attempted to compensate, as far as possible, for the effect of any business cycles that may influence the current prices.

### Economy of scale

The main idea of the catalogue is to provide technical and economic figures for particular sizes of technology. Where technology sizes vary in a large range, different sizes are defined and separate technology chapters (or just datasheets) are developed.

For assessment of data for technology sizes not included in the catalogue, some general rules should be applied with caution to the scaling of industrial technologies.

Example below is for the energy plants but is assumed that the same principle can be applied for the industrial process heating technologies

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<sup>12</sup> “Technology Data for Energy Transport”, Danish Energy Agency and Energinet, December 2017.

The cost of one unit for larger technologies is usually less than that for smaller technologies. This is called the 'economy of scale'. The basic equation (ref. 2) is:

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = \left(\frac{P_1}{P_2}\right)^\alpha$$

Where:  $C_1$  = Investment cost of technology 1 (e.g. in M€)

$C_2$  = Investment cost of technology 2

$P_1$  = Power generation capacity of technology 1 (e.g. in MW)

$P_2$  = Power generation capacity of technology 2

$\alpha$  = Proportionality factor

Usually, the proportionality factor is about 0.6 – 0.7 for power plants, but extended project schedules may cause the factor to increase. It is important, however, that the technologies are essentially identical in construction technique, design, and construction time frame and that the only significant difference is in size.

The relevant ranges where the economy of scale correction applies are stated in the notes for the capacity field of each technology table. The stated range shall at the same time represents typical capacity ranges.

#### **Operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.**

O&M cost is divided into a fixed O&M and variable O&M.

The fixed share of O&M is calculated as cost per generating capacity per year (€/MW/year), where the generating capacity is the one defined at the beginning of this chapter and stated in the tables. It includes all costs, which are independent of how many hours the plant is operated, e.g. administration, operational staff, payments for O&M service agreements, network or system charges, property tax, and insurance. Any necessary reinvestments to keep the plant operating within the technical lifetime are also included, whereas reinvestments to extend the life are excluded. Reinvestments are discounted at 4 % annual discount rate in real terms. The cost of reinvestments to extend the lifetime of the plants may be mentioned in a note if data are available.

The variable O&M costs (€/MWh) include consumption of auxiliary materials (water, lubricants, fuel additives), treatment and disposal of residuals, spare parts and output related repair and maintenance (however not costs covered by guarantees and insurances).

Planned and unplanned maintenance costs may fall under fixed costs (e.g. scheduled yearly maintenance works) or variable costs (e.g. works depending on actual operating time) and are split accordingly.

Fuel costs are not included.

Auxiliary electricity consumption is included for industrial process heating technologies. The electricity price applied is specified in the notes for each technology, together with the share of O&M costs due to auxiliary consumption. This enables corrections from the users with own electricity price figures. The electricity price does not include taxes and PSO.

It should be noticed that O&M costs often develop over time. The stated O&M costs are therefore average costs during the entire lifetime.

### Start-up costs

The O&M costs stated in this catalogue includes start-up costs and takes into account a typical number of start-ups and shut-downs. Therefore, the start-up costs should not be specifically included in more general analyses. They should only be used in detailed dynamic analyses of the hour-by-hour load of the technology.

Start-up costs are stated in costs per MW of generating capacity per start up (€/MW/startup), if relevant. They reflect the direct and indirect costs during a start-up and the subsequent shut down.

In general, the start-up cost for industrial process heating technologies is anticipated to be negligible. And the numbers of start-ups each year few.

### Technology specific data

Additional data is specified in this section, depending on the technology.

Possible cooling generation capacity of a heat pump will be included here, as well as the heat source temperature set.

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Numerous reference documents are mentioned in each of the technology chapters. The references mentioned below are for Chapter 1 only.

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### Appendixes

Appendix is in a separate Excel file:

- Datasheets and application potential table
- InterAct sector aggregations

## 301 Traditional heat pumps with certain limitations in maximum temperature and combined process heating and cooling

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### Brief technology description

This chapter covers traditional compression heat pumps with certain limitation in maximum temperature of delivered heat, either with excess heat as heat source or with process cooling as heat source. The heat pump technology is the same whether the heat source is excess heat or process cooling.

The overall description of this heat pump technology is similar to the *compression heat pumps* described in “*Technology data catalogues for Electricity and District heating generation*” [1]. The purpose is to draw heat from a heat source (input heat) and convert the heat to a higher temperature (output heat). In this chapter, the compression heat pump technology will not be described in detail, but merely the differences between the heat pump described in the catalogue [1] and the one used in industrial processes.

The main difference is that this chapter focuses on the benefits of a two-stage reciprocating compression heat pump which is considered needed to achieve the relatively large temperature lift and large capacities at the same time. While this setup can – and is indeed utilized – in district heating systems, it is often mandatory to use a two-stage compression heat pump to achieve the required temperatures used in industrial processes.

Figure 1 shows the principle diagram for a common two-stage compression heat pump. The system is more complex than a single stage compression heat pump, but it enables possibility for larger temperature lift between the heat source and the heat sink. The two-stage system typically has a higher efficiency COP (coefficient of performance) than a one-stage system.

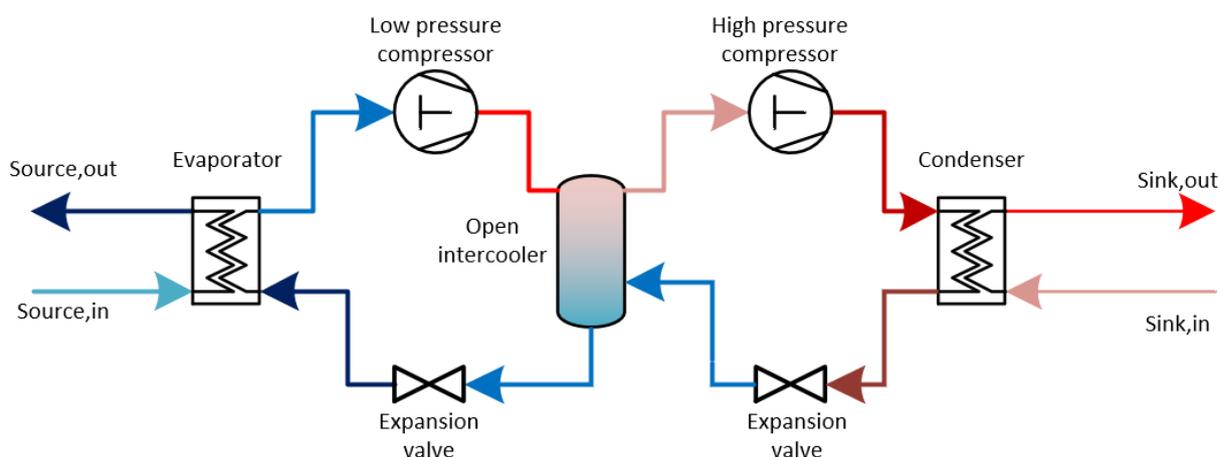
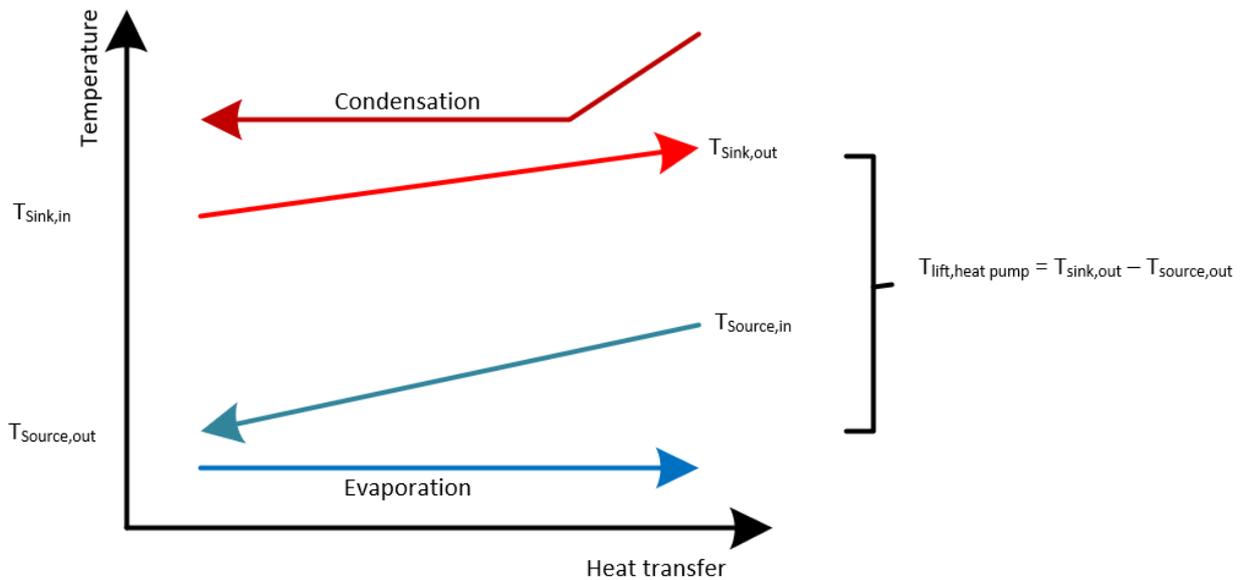


Figure 1: Sketch of two-stage compression heat pump

Figure 2 illustrates the heat transfer in the evaporator and condenser, where the source is cooled in the evaporator and the sink is heated in the condenser. The resulting temperature lift of the process is given by the

temperature difference of the heat source inlet temperature and the heat sink outlet temperature,  $T_{lift,process} = T_{sink,out} - T_{source,in}$ . The actual temperature lift performed by the heat pump, is the difference between the heat source outlet temperature and the heat sink outlet temperature (ignoring delta T over the heat exchangers between temperature of evaporation and source outlet, and temperature of condensation and sink outlet respectively):  $T_{lift,heatpump} = T_{process} - \Delta T_{source} = T_{sink,out} - T_{source,out}$ .



**Figure 2: Q-T diagram depicting heat transfer in evaporator and condenser. Includes heat pump temperature lift**

The heat pump is assumed to use excess heat or process cooling as heat source and thereby decreases the surplus heat at the installation site.

This chapter includes heat pumps with supply temperatures ( $T_{sink,out}$ ) of 60 °C, 70 °C and 80 °C, with corresponding COP. For the heat pump with process cooling as heat source, only a temperature ( $T_{sink,out}$ ) of 80 °C is considered in order to deliver hot water with a relatively wide application potential for the industrial site. The temperature difference between sink in and out, ( $\Delta T_{sink} = T_{sink,out} - T_{sink,in}$ ) is expected to be 10-25 °C.

### Efficiencies

The COP of a heat pump is given by delivered heat divided by power consumption.

$$COP = \frac{\text{Heat delivered}}{\text{Power consumed}}$$

In [1], the COP of the heat pump is calculated based on 40-60% of the theoretically Lorenz efficiency. Similar Lorenz efficiencies are be used in this chapter.

The Lorenz COP is defined as:

$$COP_{Lorenz} = \frac{\bar{T}_{LM,sink}}{\bar{T}_{LM,sink} - \bar{T}_{LM,source}}$$

$\bar{T}_{LM,sink}$  is the logarithmic mean temperature difference of the sink, and  $\bar{T}_{LM,source}$  for the source, both temperatures in Kelvin. The logarithmic mean temperature difference is defined as:

$$\bar{T}_{LM} = \frac{T_{out} - T_{in}}{\ln\left(\frac{T_{out}}{T_{in}}\right)}$$

In this chapter the COP is calculated based on the Lorenz efficiency:

$$COP = COP_{Lorenz} \cdot \eta_{Lorenz}$$

The estimated COP correspond well with COP values from manufacturers calculation software. A minimum temperature difference of 3 °C in heat exchangers were applied.

### Input

The inputs for the heat pump are drive energy in the form of electricity, and a heat source i.e. industrial excess heat.

The drive energy is electricity.

The heat source is assumed to be either excess heat at 30 °C, cooled down to 20 °C, or process cooling where the heat source is cooled from 15 °C to 5 °C.

### Output

The main output of a heat pump is heat. The heat will typically be delivered to the end user through a water-based distribution system but can also heat exchange directly with the product stream, depending on sector.

In the case with combined process heating and cooling, the output is also process cooling.

### Applications

The application potentials are described in the AP matrix as *Current application potential* and *Full application potential*. *Current application potential* is relevant for application where a heat pump can be installed locally at the point of heat demand. If a larger number of heating demands are to be covers by a centrally located heat pump, additional investment cost for pipe installation must be expected (in-direct investment cost). To increase the application potential from *Current application potential* to *Full application potential*, the indirect investment cost must be included, see Direct and in-direct investment costs.

### Energy services

Table 1: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

**Sector relevance**

**Table 2: Sector relevance**

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

**End- use relevance**

**Table 3: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Traditionel heat pump</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

**Typical capacities**

Typical large heat pumps in Denmark have a capacity ranging from 0.5-5 MW. The capacity often depends on the temperature lift and refrigerant. Often units are connected in series or parallel, if more than around 2 MW heating is required.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Large scale heat pumps are implemented in factories with continuous production and accumulation tank, which leads to many operation hours and often constant load pattern. Typical yearly operation hours are 7500-8000 hours.

### Regulation ability

The heat pumps are assumed to have a frequency controller, which enable the heat pump to regulate load down to 10-25 %, depending on the compressor type and configuration. More information is found in [1].

### Advantages/disadvantages

A general advantage of a heat pump is that the heat pump can recycle excess heat which enables a utilization of heat sources otherwise left unused by conventional heat production technologies. [1]

In energy systems where electricity plays a vital role, compression heat pumps can incorporate electricity in heating systems in an effective manner. For processes that are electrically heated, heat pumps reduce power consumption and load on the electrical grid.

Compression heat pumps that are electrically driven have no direct emissions from burning fuel, meaning that these systems can be installed in locations with restrictions on exhaust emissions. [1]

The heat source must be available and suitable according to the required heat demand. Changes in flow or temperature of the heat source will affect the performance of the heat pump, which can increase the complexity of a heat pump system. [1]

Compared to most of the traditional heat production systems, heat pumps in general have higher investment costs, and lower energy consumption costs. [1]

### Environment

The primary environmental impact of heat pumps stems from the drive energy consumption which in this case is electricity, and therefore depend on the electricity production technology and not the heat pump itself. [1]

As Danish legislation prevents synthetic HFC refrigerants in circuits with more than 10 kg of refrigerant, heat pumps with a capacity of more than 60-80 kW utilize natural refrigerants meaning that toxicities from leaks are well known and greenhouse gas emissions from refrigerants are negligible.

Because of the Danish regulation, only natural refrigerants are utilized in Denmark. These are hydrocarbons (propane, butane and iso-butane), carbon dioxide, ammonia, and water vapour. [1]

HFO refrigerants are also allowed in Denmark, as these have a GWP close to zero.

Ammonia is a widely applied natural refrigerant that can be dangerous to mammals and especially aquatic life forms. Because of this, ammonia systems must comply with certain safety measures regarding construction, location and operation. [1]

### Potential for Carbon capture

Not relevant

### Research and development perspectives

There is a large potential for utilization of high temperature heat pump in the industries. This is a great focus for both researchers and manufactures. At the moment one of the limiting factors for high temperature heat pump, are the compressors, where the high temperature presents a challenge. *“Temperature-resistant compressors and stable lubricating oils are decisive components for the further development and commercialization of HTHPs”* [3].

For development and research with focus on refrigerant see [1]

### Examples of market standard technology

See [1]

### Prediction of performance and costs

In general, the prediction of cost follows the trend described in [1] and has the same placement on the learning curve, however the costs are higher. This is due to two-stage compression heat pumps, frequency controller and utilization of excess heat.

Regarding energy efficiency, the mechanical work of compression heat pumps relates to the temperature difference between heat source and sink. A theoretical COP can be calculated from the temperatures in the system, whereas an actual COP further relates to mechanical losses and thermal losses within the system. The difference between the theoretical and the actual COP value is the efficiency of a specific system. [1]

As the practical efficiency depends on both mechanical and thermal losses, it is expected that the efficiency will only increase a few percentage points during the next years. It is however expected that heat pumps with higher COP values will be installed but this will be due to better system integration. [1]

### Direct and in-direct investment costs

Current application potential represents implementing a heat pump to cover a single demand (placed near the process heating demand). The full application potential represents a central placed heat pump with additional piping installation needed to cover more process heating demands.

The indirect investment cost represents additional piping installation needed when covering more potential than *Current application potential*.

### Related benefits and savings

For the heat pump delivering both process heating and cooling, process cooling can be considered a related savings, as it substitutes alternative process cooling supply.

### Uncertainty

See [1]

### Additional remarks

For additional information see [1].

This chapter includes datasheet for supply temperature of 60 °C, 70 °C and 80 °C, all with excess heat as heat source.

For combined heating and cooling the supply temperature is 80 °C, and cooling for process is cooled from 15 to 5 °C.

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### Quantitative description

See separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix

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### Brief technology description

Hybrid absorption/compression heat pumps (HACHP) are a new type of heat pumps being introduced to the market. The technology is not new, but advancements in compressor technology and the flux towards sustainable ways to produce process heat have resulted in this technology becoming relevant.

HACHP is one of several types of high temperature heat pumps. HACHP has been selected for this chapter based on the following reasons. HACHP can use natural refrigerant (some of the other types uses HFC which are not allowed in Denmark), It is currently on the market with large heating capacities, > 0,5 MW. Other types of high temperature heat pumps use natural refrigerant, but generally they currently have smaller capacities than the scope of this chapter.

The main difference between a normal vapour compression heat pumps, is that HACHPs use a zeotropic refrigerant, typically a mixture of ammonia and water. As the two fluids have different evaporation pressures, they individually evaporate and condensate at different temperatures. The zeotropic refrigerant, where the fluids are mixed, evaporates and condenses through a temperature range instead. This transforms the evaporation/condensation processes into an absorption/desorption processes instead (hence the name), which results in an improved COP. A separate fluid loop (typical water) with a pump is also present, together with a liquid separator. A simplified setup can be seen on Figure 1.

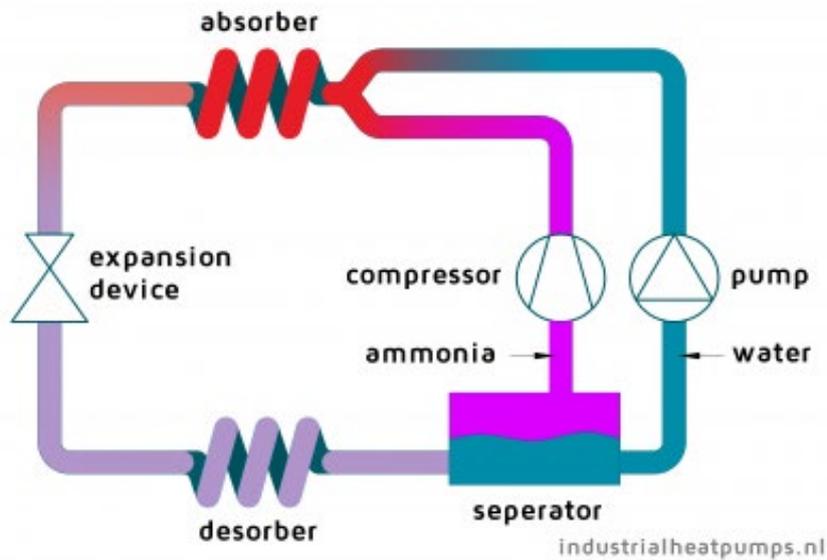


Figure 1: Simplified hybrid absorption-compression heat pump

The advantage of the HACHP compared to ordinary vapour-compression heat pumps is that the saturation temperature is increased with the zeotropic refrigerant. Industrial available compressors are currently limited to an upper pressure limit of 60 bars [1][5], at which pure ammonia – which is the most widely used refrigerant – have a saturation temperature of 98°C. Combined with a minimum  $\Delta T$  in the heat exchangers, this limits vapour-compression heat pumps to an upper temperature limit of ~95°C. Adding 25% water however, increases this limit to 152°C [4]. HACHPs is thus capable of delivering heat at much higher temperatures.

HACHP can simultaneously supply cooling if temperature levels are compatible and can be used in series with conventional boilers as preliminary heating if very high temperatures are required. It is recommended to have a temperature difference between hot and cold side of less than 90 °C, at higher temperature differences the COP decrease sharply.

The heat pump requires a heat source which can be either dependent or independent of other industrial processes. Using a process-dependent heat source (such as flue gas or other excess heat sources) can lead to higher efficiencies due to these being at a higher temperature level. Using non- process-dependent heat sources (such as sea/tap-water, air, geothermal) can however lead to increased flexibility due to these sources typical being independent on other processes.

As the COP of a HACHP is strongly linked to the glide<sup>13</sup> in temperature, processes with large temperature variations are required. For instance, pipe trace heating or other processes requiring less than 10°C in difference between the in- and outlet temperatures, will be more efficient with an ordinary vapour compression heat pump. Subsequently, having a process where a large temperature difference is required, i.e. heating water more than 10°C, will result in a HACHP being more efficient [3]. A HACHP is hence performance wise the optimal choice when high glides can be achieved, and/or high sink temperatures are wanted.

<sup>13</sup> The use of a zeotropic refrigerant effectively means that instead of transferring energy at a fixed temperature, the refrigerant changes temperature throughout the heat transferring process. The amount of change is defined as the *glide*.

Hybrid Energy A/S have currently implemented HACHPs in numerous places (e.g. in drying processes at Arla Arinco, food processing, district heating). Hybrid Energy A/S currently state they can reach more temperatures higher than 120°C [2].

The general interest for high temperature heat pumps is high, both in industry and academia.

Heat Pumping Technologies [12] is an international collaboration project with numerous countries looking at promoting heat pump technologies and integration capabilities. They currently have an ongoing project specifically looking at high temperature heat pumps:<sup>14</sup>

*“Industrial heat pumps (IHP) are active heat-recovery devices that increase the temperature of waste heat in an industrial process to a higher temperature to be used in the same process or another adjacent process or heat demand. While the residential market may be satisfied with standardised products and installations, most industrial heat pump applications need to be adapted to unique conditions.*

*In addition, a high level of expertise is crucial. This Annex is a follow-up-annex from the previous completed Annex 35 “Application of Industrial Heat Pumps”. Industrial heat pumps within this Annex are defined as heat pumps in the medium and high-power range and temperatures up to 150 °C, which can be used for heat recovery and heat upgrading in industrial processes, but also for heating, cooling and air-conditioning in commercial and industrial buildings.”*

The ability to replace steam generation with combustibles are driving the development and is crucial in order to reach the goals of industrial renewability, although it requires favourable ratios of the price of electricity compared to combustibles, which can limit the current business case for implementing high temperature heat pumps in Denmark [7]. It is however expected to see commercially available heat pumps producing up to 150°C steam or hot oil in the next 3-8 years.

Primo 2020, only two HACHP systems are installed in Denmark, with a total capacity of 2,5 MW.

### **Efficiencies**

The efficiencies of heat pumps in general is strongly dependent on the temperature lift, here defined as:

$$\Delta T_{Lift,process} = \text{Sink outlet} - \text{Source inlet}$$

With the sink being the reservoir where the high temperature heat is wanted, and source being the used heat source.

The use of a zeotropic refrigerant effectively means that instead of transferring energy at a fixed temperature, the refrigerant changes temperature throughout the heat transferring process. The amount of change is defined as the *glide*. A high glide will strongly affect the efficiency of the HACHP, which can achieve very high COPs<sup>15</sup> at high glides [3]. In short, this is because the process approaches the Lorenz cycle [4]. The Lorenz cycle can be simulated by putting an infinite amount of small normal vapour compression heat pumps in series.

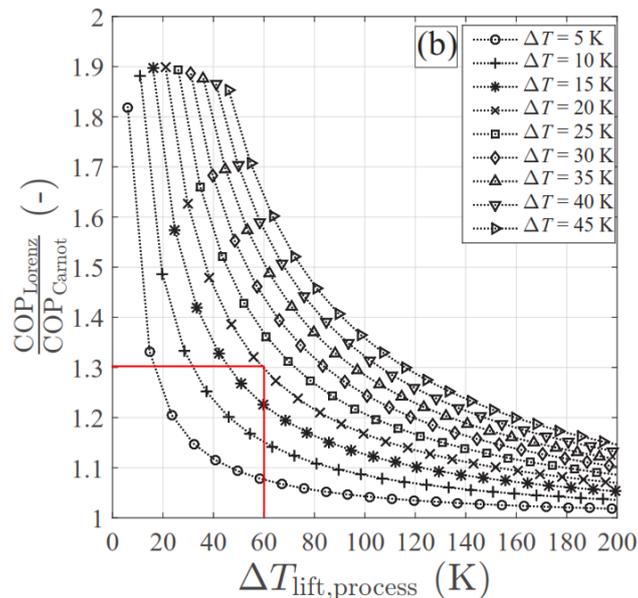
The theoretical comparability of a standard vapour compression heat pump, compared to a HACHP can be seen in Figure 2. For instance, if a vapour compression heat pump can achieve a COP at 5 at a temperature lift of 60°C,

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<sup>14</sup> <http://heatpumpingtechnologies.org/annex48/>. Project start date: April 2016

<sup>15</sup> COP defined here as  $COP = \frac{\text{Heating capacity}}{\text{Electricity consumption}}$

the HACHP can achieve a maximum COP of up to 6,5 if a glide of 20°C can be reached on both the sink and source heat exchangers. In reality, the difference is a bit lower due to finite heat exchanger sizes and is of course dependable on the quality and scale of the components. Reaching the maximum COP might not always be economically feasible in real life conditions. If for instance a glide of only 5°C can be reached, the added complexity and cost associated with a hybrid heat pump might not be feasible.



**Figure 2: Theoretical advantage of using a HACHP compared to a normal vapour compression heat pump, as a function of temperature lift (x-axis), and glide [4].  $\Delta T_{Lift,proces}$  = Sink outlet - Source inlet**

The efficiencies (COP) for HACHPs stated in the datasheets in chapter are calculated based on [4] and compared to existing plants in Denmark and Norway [2].

#### Input

The primary input for this technology is electricity, which is consumed by the vapour compressor and the liquid pump.

The technology also needs a heat source. Exceeding a temperature lift of more than 90°C between heat source and heat sink (target temperature), will result in a steep decrease in the efficiency of the technology. E.g. if a target temperature is 120 °C, the heat source should be minimum 30 °C.

The heat source could be flue gas cooling and/or condensation. It could also be cooling of process water or waste water at elevated temperature levels or excess heat from existing chillers.

#### Output

This technology produces process heat up to 120 °C [2]. The heat source for the technology can also act as process cooling. Temperatures up to 98 °C can be achieved when using pure Ammonia. Temperatures above 98 °C can be achieved using a mixture of Ammonia and water.

In [4] it was found that the technology can be used to deliver heat at temperatures of 150 °C, however the HACHP is not yet commercial at delivering heat at such temperatures.

Even though HACHP can produce steam given the high temperature abilities, HACHP would not operate efficiently. Given low or no temperature glide for the heat sink, as the latent phase has constant temperature.

HACHP is much better suited for high pressure hot water. High pressure hot water is typical in the temperature range 80-175 °C, normally delivered by boilers. The HACHP then covers the heating up to 120-150 °C and additional boiler covers the rest of the temperature lift if needed. The same field of application is evident for hot oil.

### Applications

HACHP can be used where a normal vapour compression is currently used, and at higher temperatures; This includes drying processes, producing hot water for washing or pasteurization, and other similar processes requiring hot water in the sub 100°C range. See Table 1 for a list of end uses.

**Table 1: Potential applications of high-temperature heat pumps**

End-use	Relevance	Sector-comments
Heating/boiling (1)	Highly relevant for a wide variety of unit operations. Preheating product going into evaporation units.	Pasteurizing milk, fruit juice, water, Thermophile biogas upgrading plants, sugar juice for yeast production, Vegetable oil extraction Preheating before evaporation of sugar juice, milk, waste water Washing industry Preheating before distillation of alcohol and oil.
Drying (2)	Highly relevant for preheating of drying air	Milk powder, malt, coffee, wood, wood pellet, cereals, fertilizer, animal feed, seeds, sewage sludge, minerals, paper, pharmaceutical, washing powder, misc. food ingredient, potato starch.
Dewatering (Evaporators)	Limited relevance	
Distillation (3)	Partly relevant	Alcohol production, petrochemical
Firing/Sintering	Limited relevance	
Melting/Casting (4)	Limited relevance	
Other processes up to 150°C (5)	Highly relevant	
Other processes above 150°C (5)	Not relevant so far	

**Energy services**

**Table 2: Energy services**

<b>Energy services</b>	<b>Indirect</b>	<b>Direct</b>
<b>High temperature</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<b>Medium temperature</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>

**Sector relevance**

**Table 3: Sector relevance**

<b>Energy service</b>		<b>Any Sector potential</b>				
<b><i>Firing direct/ indirect</i></b>	<b><i>Temperature</i></b>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<b><i>In</i></b>	<b><i>Medium</i></b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>

As dewatering usually requires steam, HACHP is not considered relevant for that end-use.

## End- use relevance

**Table 4: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Technology n</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

### Typical capacities

The typical range of capacity for this technology is 0,5-5 MW<sub>heat</sub> for one unit. A small temperature lift will typically result in higher capacity, due to the displacement rate and specific volume of the refrigerant.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

A realistic business case requires long operation hours, which is most likely to be obtained in continuous production processes. HACHP installed to deliver continuous process heat, will follow the operation hours of the facility and load pattern.

Depending on the type of heat source used, the HACHP follows ordinary heat pumps in terms of flexibility and maintenance ratios. If a steady heat source is used, the heat pump should be able to run with close to no interruptions throughout the year. Heat pumps can achieve higher COPs at part load operations due to the effectivity of the heat exchangers being increased with lower flow rates, which means that non-steady state operations are beneficial in terms of efficiency.

### Regulation ability

Heat pumps, including HACHP, of this size > 0,5 MW<sub>heat</sub> are often frequency controlled to operate in part-load.

### Advantages/disadvantages

#### Advantages [4]

- Higher efficiency than regular electric heat pumps at large temperature glides > 10 K.
- Lower vapour pressure by decreasing volatile component concentration
- Temperature levels higher than heat pump

#### Disadvantages

- Higher investment cost than regular heat pump
- More difficult to control than regular heat pump

- Need large temperature glide to be efficient. HACHP will not efficiently supply heat for evaporation/boiling

### Environment

As the HACHP uses electricity, no direct particles or gasses are emitted during operation. Using ammonia and water as refrigerant. Ammonia is widely used refrigerant in heat pumps and refrigeration applications. Ammonia has no ozone depletion potential (ODP = 0) and no direct greenhouse effect (GWP = 0).

### Potential for Carbon capture

Not relevant to this technology

### Research and development perspectives

General to all heat pumps with temperature levels above 90 °C, degrading of lubrication oil, degrading of refrigeration and temperature resistant components are the dominating challenges, this is also evident for HACHP. It is however an area with increasing focus [10]. Specific for HACHP the absorber and compressor are an area of focus in research and development for manufacturer.

The COP of the HACHP will be linked to the COP of vapour compression heat pumps, as the primary energy consumption is from the compressor. Current reciprocating compressors can reach up towards 80% isentropic efficiency at a pressure ratio of 4. Continued development in compressor technology, especially modern screw compressors, can increase this and thus the COP of the HACHP. A conservative estimate of expected gain in COP is that up towards 10% can hence be expected towards 2050.

Currently the system can deliver heat at temperatures above 120 °C. On a theoretical level, temperature up to 150 °C should be economically and technically feasible, however the HACHP system is not commercially available yet at these elevated temperatures. It will require more research and development to reach this temperature level.

### Examples of market standard technology

A good solution requires a heat source at higher temperature than ambient with a temperature glide > 10 K and delivers process heat also with a temperature glide. The system includes oil coolers, high efficiency electrical motor and frequency converters, which typically are water cooled. The heat from oil cooler, motor and frequency converter is often utilized as well.

Most common refrigerant mix is water and ammonia. Examples of installed plants using water/ammonia as refrigerant [2]:

Borregaard, Norway – 2 MW – Heat source 73/46 °C, Heat sink 70/95 °C, COP = 6,1

Frevar, Norway – 0,8 MW - Heat source 20/14 °C, Heat sink 75/95 °C , COP = 2,4

Løgumkloster, Denmark – 1,3 MW - Heat source 35/17 °C, Heat sink 35/100 °C , COP = 4,3

Skretting Stokmarknes Norway – 1,4 MW - Heat source 43/28 °C, Heat sink 35/85 °C , COP = 5,5

Arla Arinco, Denmark – 1,2 MW - Heat source 45/22 °C, Heat sink 55/85 °C , COP = 4,5

### Prediction of performance and costs

The investment costs for HACHP follows the same trend for M€/MW of heating capacity as traditional vapour compressions heat pumps. They are however more expensive, regarding additional components in terms of the secondary fluid loop, a pump, a separator, and comparably larger heat exchangers. HACHPs currently suffer from limited industrial availability, as few suppliers currently exists. This limited number of commercial suppliers also increases the costs. INNOTERM, which is one of the few Danish suppliers, state that investment cost of HACHPs are 20% higher compared to ordinary vapour compression heat pumps, partly because each unit is fabricated by combining multiple suppliers of heat exchangers, pumps, compressors, and control system [9]. The cost difference between ordinary vapour compression heat pumps and HACHP is however expected to be lower in the future, as suppliers are expected to deliver pre-build systems, with fewer individual suppliers.

The maintenance cost is however lower compared to a vapour compressions heat pump running at the same conditions. This is because the pressures in a HACHP is generally lower, which reduces the wear on the system. The ability to use screw compressors further reduces the maintenance cost, which typically only requires a fifth of the maintenance of a reciprocating compressor [9].

Economy of scale and increased commercial availability will likely result in a reduction of nominal investment costs and maintenance for high temperature heat pumps.

Investment costs projections for high temperature heat pump up to 125 and 150 °C can be seen in Table 5. The cost of the heat pump with delivered heat at temperatures up to 150 °C are expected to be higher than for one that deliver at temperatures up to 125 °C, as it is not yet commercially available. The cost of the heat pumps up to 150 °C is corrected according to TRL Technology Readiness Level as described in [11]. It is corrected for process contingency cost (10 %) and project contingency cost (10 %).

**Table 5: Current and future investment and operation costs**

	2020	2030	2040	2050
<b>Nominal Investment cost<sup>16</sup></b> <b>[M€/MW<sub>heat</sub>] – up to 125</b> <b>°C</b>	0,87	0,78	0,73	0,70
<b>Nominal Investment cost<sup>4</sup></b> <b>[M€/MW<sub>heat</sub>] – up to 150</b> <b>°C</b>	1,05	0,93	0,88	0,84

With reference to the IEA “Innovation theory” describes technological innovation through two approaches: the technology-push model, in which new technologies evolve and push themselves into the marketplace; and the market-pull model, in which a market opportunity leads to investment in R&D and, eventually, to an innovation [2]. The level of “market-pull” is to a high degree dependent on the global climate and energy policies. Hence, in a future with strong climate policies innovation can be expected to take place faster than in a situation with less ambitious policies.

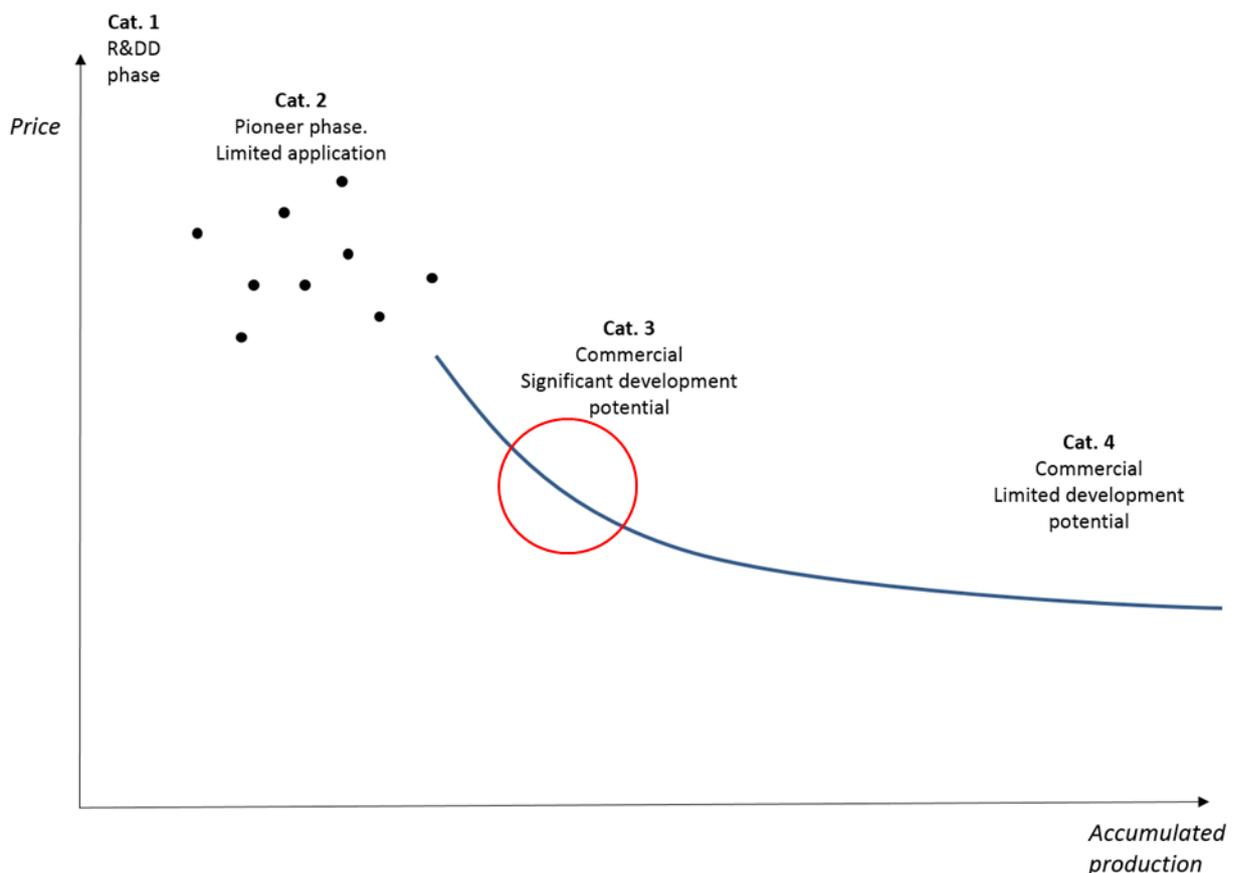
In a Danish and European context there is increasingly focus on climate change and therefore also focus on energy efficiency and electrification. HACHP plays a role in terms of both energy efficiency and electrification, and it can be expected that HACHP experience a market-pull as is the case for vapour compression heat pumps.

All in all, the market share for high temperature heat pumps (Whether it be HACHP or other types) are expected to increase during a reasonable timeframe, as they are one of the most economically feasible ways to replace

<sup>16</sup> Including installation

traditional boilers in process steam production with renewable technologies (Compared to i.e. electric boilers). The market share is expected to increase given that the price of using electricity will diminish and/or the price for using fossil combustibles will increase [6][7].

All of the above-mentioned prediction of future cost is also considered by assessing the technology in terms of learning curves. Learning curves express the idea that each time a unit of a particular technology is produced, learning accumulates, which leads to cheaper production of the next unit of that technology. The learning rates also take into account benefits from economy of scale and benefits related to using automated production processes at high production volumes.



**Figure 3: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

Large scale HACHP is in Category 3. *Commercial technologies with moderate deployment*. Even though HACHP only has low-to-moderate deployment, the potential for improvement of performance is relatively low compared to the placement on the learning curve. This is explained by the HACHP is built upon other well-known and researched technologies, such as vapour compression heat pump, gas driven absorption heat pump and other absorption-based technologies. However, in terms of investment cost it is expected to decrease based on more pre-fabrication, market-pull and economy of scale, as described earlier in this section.

The potential for increasing mechanical efficiency and decreasing thermal loss are only considered to be a few percentage points over the next years. The essential part of increasing the efficiency of this technology, is better system integration resulting in more favourable temperature levels.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

Current application potential represents implementing a heat pump to cover a single demand (placed near the process heating demand). The full application potential represents a central placed heat pump with additional piping installation needed to cover more process heating demands.

The indirect investment cost represents additional piping installation needed when covering more potential than *Current application potential*.

#### Related benefits and savings

Not relevant.

#### Uncertainty

The development of future investment cost and performance is relatively uncertain as these to a great extent is driven by electricity and fuel cost.

If the fuel cost increases, the HACHP will be more competitive, even with lower COP than state-of-the-art heat pumps. Reversely if the electricity cost also increases, a higher focus on performance of HACHP must be expected.

Increasingly climate awareness from manufacturers, society and policy makers is also expected to increase competitiveness of HACHP and vapour compression heat pumps. Aiming for a lower degree of fossil fuel in the industrial section, lower taxes and subsidies relate to non-fossil fuels are expected.

#### Additional remarks

Additional elaboration of the project can be found here:

[http://industrialheatpumps.nl/en/how\\_it\\_works/hybrid\\_heat\\_pump/](http://industrialheatpumps.nl/en/how_it_works/hybrid_heat_pump/)

Temperature glide is the temperature difference between inlet and outlet temperature for the heat source or heat sink.

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## 303 Booster heat pump systems applying turbo compressors in combination with traditional heat pumps

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### Brief technology description

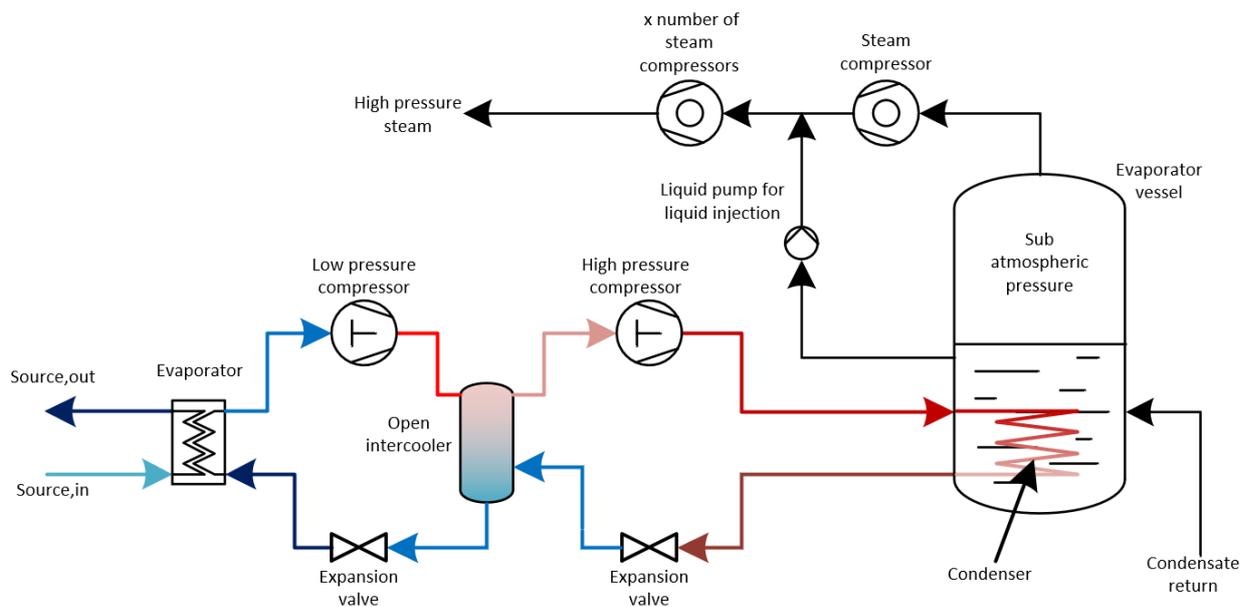
This technology is a combination of a traditional vapor compression heat pump, an evaporator vessel (sub atmospheric pressure) and a number of turbo steam compressors. The system is presented in literature and referred to as Cascade heat pump with a multi-stage R-718 cycle for steam generation [1] and [2]. The system is yet to be implemented.

The technology is included in this catalogue, as an increasing demand for heat pumps systems with the ability to produce steam on a large scale is experienced. It is expected to see the technology on the market within a 5-year period.

The system is depicted in Figure 1. The traditional heat pump<sup>17</sup> supplies heat at a temperature around 85-90 °C to the *sub atmospheric pressure vessel*. The heat is supplied to the water in the vessel, which evaporates, as the pressure is sub atmospheric. The evaporated water vapor is compressed in turbo *steam compressors*. The pressure increase per steam compressor causes a temperature increase of 8-10 K (increase in saturation temperature) [3]. After each steam compressor liquid injection is applied as intercooler before next compression step. This catalogue considers a saturation temperature of 150 °C after the last steam compressor. This setup requires 7-8 steam compressors, in series.

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<sup>17</sup> Description on Traditional heat pump can be found in the chapter *Traditional heat pumps with certain limitations in maximum temperature*



**Figure 1: Sketch of two-stage compression heat pump in combination with booster turbo compressors. Components and process is described in detail above.**

The heat input to the traditional two stage heat pump is excess heat with a temperature set of by example 30/20 °C (source,in and source,out on the figure), by utilizing the excess heat as heat input, it decreases the amount of surplus heat which possibly could have been used in a district heating network.

### Efficiencies

The COP of the heat pump is given by delivered heat divided by power consumption.

$$COP = \frac{\text{Heat delivered}}{\text{Power consumed}}$$

The delivered heat is the enthalpy difference between the high-pressure steam and the condensate return, multiplied with the steam mass flow. The total power consumption includes power consumption for the traditional heat pump and the steam compressors. The power consumption for the steam compressors are specified from an offer from *Piller Blowers and Compressors GmbH* [3]. The isentropic efficiency of the steam compressors is in the range 75-80 %.

In this setup it would also be possible to have multiple heat pumps delivering heat to the evaporator vessel. This increases utilization of excess heat at different temperature levels. As evident to all heat pumps, a higher heat source temperature results in a higher COP.

### Input

The inputs for the heat pump is drive energy, in the form of electricity, and a heat source, i.e. industrial excess heat.

The heat source is assumed to be excess heat at 30 °C, cooled down to 20 °C. Lower temperature excess heat can also be utilized, but it will decrease COP and vice versa.

**Output**

The output of this heat pump is heat, in form of approximately 5 bar steam. Lower steam pressure will increase COP and decrease investment cost slightly. Steam of higher pressure will decrease COP and increase investment cost slightly.

**Applications**

This system is expected to have a large application potential in the medium temperature levels, as it can substitute steam boilers to a large extent and drive the same processes as current steam systems. It is mainly limited by the amount of available excess heat.

**Energy services**

Table 1: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

**Sector relevance**

Table 2: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1.Food, beverages and tobacco	2.Commodity production	3.Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4.Chemical industry	5.Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

## End- use relevance

**Table 3: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Booster heat pump systems</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

### Typical capacities

This type of heat pump is expected to have a heating capacity ranging from 1-15 MW.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Heat pump system such as this is expected to replace or supplement existing steam system, which are typically used in large production industries with continuous production and yearly operation hours > 8000 hours.

### Regulation ability

The heat pumps are assumed to have a frequency controller, which enable the heat pump to regulated load, however a minimum load of approximately 50 % must be expected, due to the steam compressor limitations.

### Advantages/disadvantages

A general advantage of heat pumps is that the heat pump is able to recycle excess heat, which enables a utilization of heat sources otherwise left unused by conventional heat production technologies. [4]

In energy systems where electricity plays a vital role, compression heat pumps can incorporate electricity in heating systems in an effective manner. For processes that are electrically heated, heat pumps reduce power consumption and load on the electrical grid. [4]

Compression heat pumps that are electrically driven have no emissions from burning fuel, meaning that these systems can be installed in locations with restrictions on exhaust emissions. [4]

The heat source must be available and suitable according to the required heat demand. Changes in flow or temperature of the heat source will affect the performance of the heat pump, which can increase the complexity of a heat pump system.

This system is not commercially on the market, this results in high investment cost.

### Environment

The primary environmental impact of heat pumps stems from the drive energy consumption which in this case is electricity, and therefore depends on the electricity production technology and not the heat pump itself.

As Danish legislation prevents synthetic refrigerants in circuits with more than 10 kg of refrigerant, heat pumps with a capacity of more than 60-80 kW utilize natural refrigerants meaning that toxicities from leaks are well known and greenhouse emissions from refrigerants are negligible.

Because of the Danish regulation, only natural refrigerants are utilized in Denmark. These are hydrocarbons (propane, butane and iso-butane), carbon dioxide, ammonia, and water vapour. [4]

Ammonia is a widely applied natural refrigerant that can be dangerous to mammals and especially aquatic life forms. Because of this, ammonia systems must comply with certain safety measures regarding construction, location and operation. [4]

### Potential for Carbon capture

Not relevant.

### Research and development perspectives

There is a large potential for utilization of high temperature heat pump in the industries. This is a great focus for both researchers and manufactures.

The individual components of this heat pump system are known, and the potential utilization is large as not many alternatives to fossil fuels fired steam boilers are at the market. It is therefore expected to be only a matter of time before systems such as this heat pump will be commercially available.

### Examples of market standard technology

The heat pump system described in this chapter is yet to be installed in the industry. A similar technology is Kobelco SHG 165, which also uses a traditional heat pump to evaporate water and afterwards compress it in a steam compressor [6].

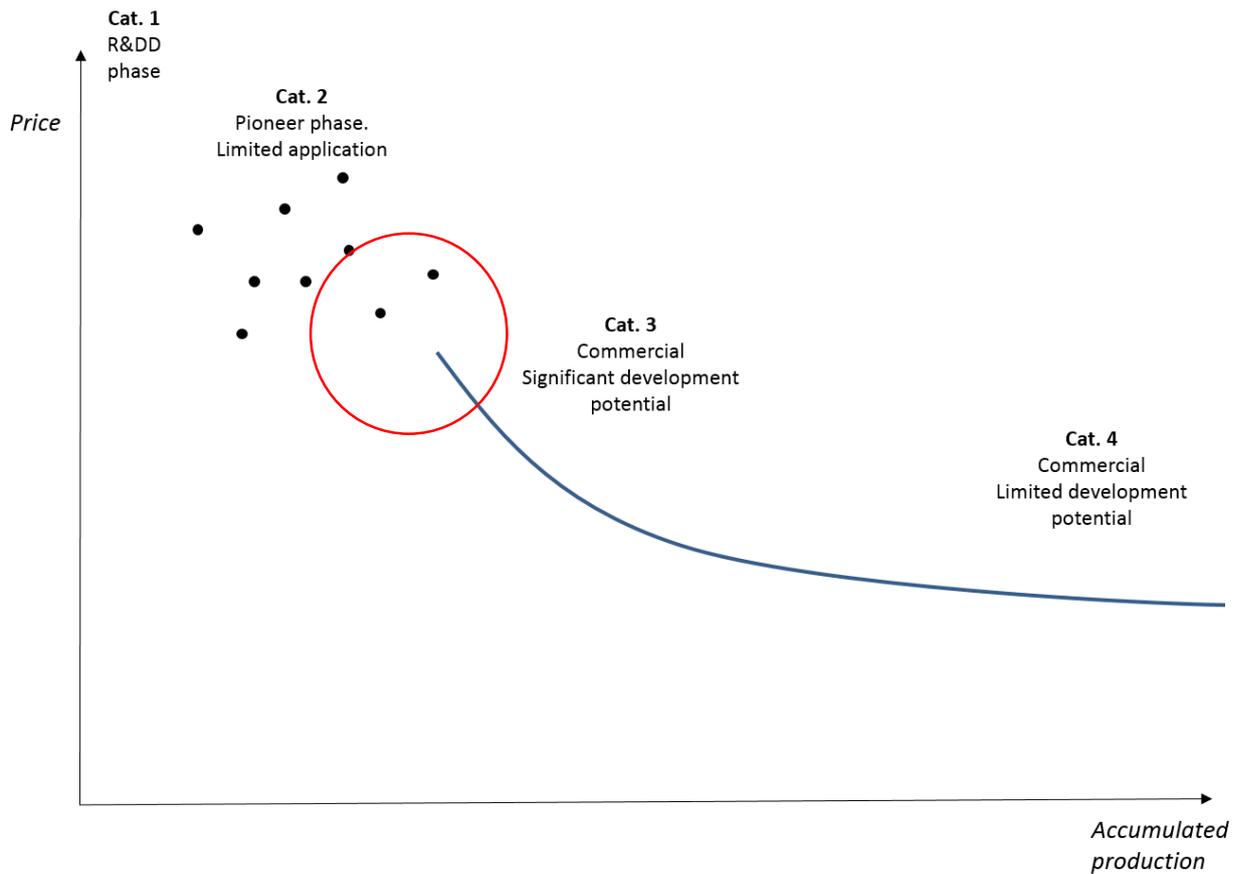
The market standard for traditional heat pumps are well described in [4] and [5].

In Terneuzen in the Netherlands a demonstration project includes an 8 MW<sub>heat</sub> steam compressor system [6]. A similar compressor setup is expected to be utilized in this system.

### Prediction of performance and costs

This exact heat pump system is not an available commercial technology at the moment, and the cost is an estimate based on cost of subsystems and corrected to the TRL (Technology Readiness Level [9]) and placement on learning curve.

The heat pump system is in category 2, with a TRL of around 4.



**Figure 2: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

The system cost consists of three subsystems, the traditional heat pump (3 MW), the evaporator vessel and the steam compressors. The total capacity of the system is ~4 MW.

The cost of the traditional heat pump is similar to the one in the chapter for traditional heat pump in this catalogue, (0.73 M€/MW).

The cost of the evaporator vessel is found based on cost correlation [7], with a specific cost of 0.03 M€/MW.

The cost of the steam compressors was obtained from the offer from [3], with a specific cost of 0.33 M€/MW.

The combined cost of the three subsystems are 1.09 M€/MW. To correct for the TRL the approach presented in [8] is used.

Figure 3 illustrates the development in cost, when going from TRL of 4-5 (current stage), to a mature technology.

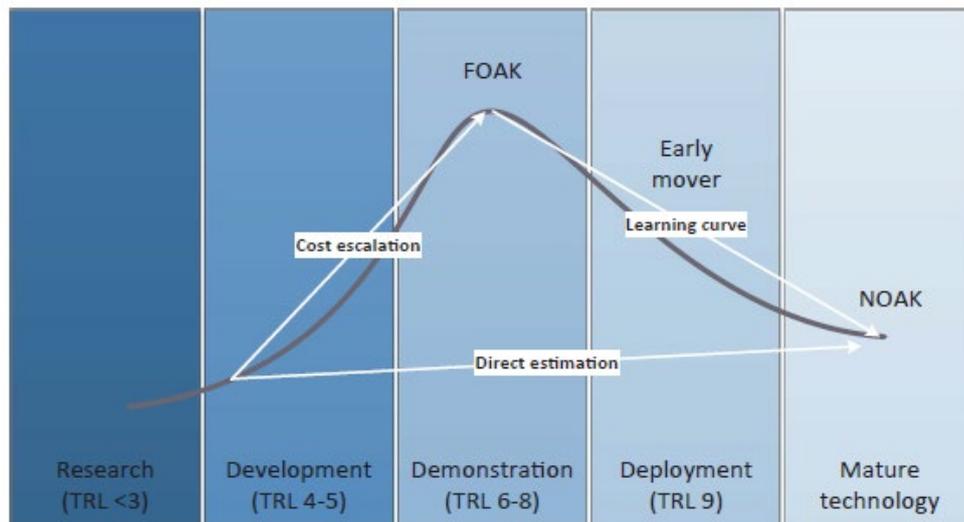


Figure 3: Typical capital cost trend of new technology. From [8]

The cost of FOAK (First Of A Kind) is calculated to be 1,63 M€/MW and represent the cost in 2020.

To estimate the cost in 2030, 2040 and 2050, NOAK (N'th Of A Kind), the following assumptions were made.

Learning rate	10 %
Number of systems in 2020	5
Number of systems in 2030	20
Number of systems in 2040	100
Number of systems in 2050	200

All the components are well known and used in other applications, therefore the increase in efficiency is expected to follow the same trend as traditional heat pumps and only increase a few percentage points. It is however expected that heat pumps with higher COP values will be installed but this will be due to better system integration.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

The indirect investment cost represents piping rebuilt needed if increasing the *Current application potential* to *Full application potential*.

#### Related benefits and savings

Not relevant

#### Uncertainty

The uncertainty related to the investment cost is significant, as it relies on a theoretically approach. The cost of each subsystem is known with reasonable certainty, however the additional cost of combining the systems is less certain.

The heat pump system has a low TRL [8] and is in category 2 on the learning curve. This makes the future cost prediction highly dependent on the expected increase in installed units. The increase in installed units is influenced by the competitiveness of the heat pump, and therefore also linked to the costs of fuels, see [4].

### Additional remarks

More detailed information on the working principle, see [1].

As mentioned earlier this heat pump system enable the possibility to utilized excess heat at different temperature levels. If excess heat at higher temperature are utilized the COP will increase.

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### Quantitative description

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## 304 Heat driven heat pump

### Qualitative description

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#### Brief technology description

Due to large similarities with the *absorption heat pump* in [1], this chapter focus on application.

For more details on qualitative description see, [1].

A principle of operation is depicted in Figure 1.

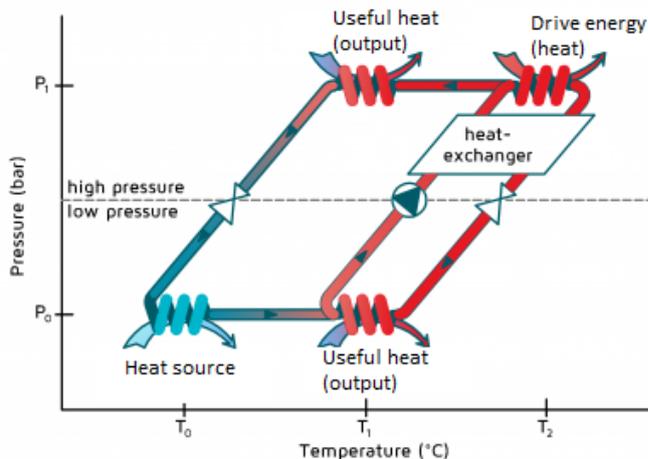


Figure 1: Principle of operation, heat driven heat pump, edited from [3]

#### Input

Inputs are heat source and drive energy (also heat).

The heat source can be ambient, low temperature waste heat, flue gas condensation or process cooling.

The drive energy is high temperature heat > 140 °C. Most common is hot flue gas, high temperature hot water or steam, but also high temperature waste heat could be used.

#### Output

The main output is heat. The heat driven heat pump delivers heat up to ~80-85 °C.

If process cooling act as heat source, process cooling will also be an output.

**Applications**

The heat driven heat pump can cover the same demands as the traditional heat pump to the same temperature limit, however this technology requires more specific inputs. Not many production sites have a need for 80-85 °C, low temperature heat source and high temperature heat source (drive energy) at the same time.

**Energy services**

**Table 1: Energy services**

<b>Energy services</b>	<b>Indirect</b>	<b>Direct</b>
<b>High temperature</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<b>Medium temperature</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>

**Sector relevance**

**Table 2: Sector relevance**

<b>Energy service</b>		<b>Any Sector potential</b>				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>

**End- use relevance****Table 3: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Heat driven heat pump</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

**Typical capacities**

Absorption heat pumps are available in capacities of up to around 12 MW of cooling. The heat output including drive energy will thus be around 20 MW. Due to transportation limitation, a single unit is up to 6 MW of cooling [2], for larger capacities unit are coupled.

**Typical annual operation hours and load pattern**

Typical load pattern and annual operation follows that of the production site, as the heat pump rely on other technologies to provide drive energy. The heat pump will be installed in continuous production sites.

**Regulation ability**

See [1]

**Advantages/disadvantages**

See [1]

**Environment**

See [1]

**Potential for Carbon capture**

Depend on drive energy. Possible for flue gas, but not hot water or steam.

**Research and development perspectives**

See [1]

**Examples of market standard technology**

See [1]

**Prediction of performance and costs**

See [1]

### Related benefits and savings

If process cooling is used as heat source, process cooling can be considered a related savings, as it substitutes alternative process cooling supply.

### Uncertainty

See [1]

### Additional remarks

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## 305 Mechanical Vapour Recompression (MVR)

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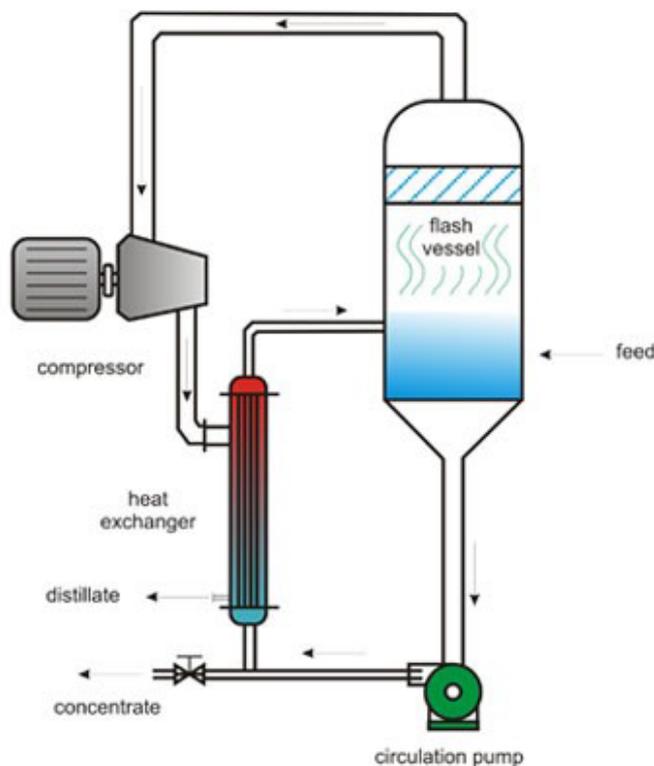
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### Brief technology description

A Mechanical Vapour Recompression (MVR) system is a way to efficiently utilise excess or wasted vapor/steam and convert it into a useful resource. It utilizes the same principles as Thermal Vapour Recompression (TVR), only difference between MVR and TVR is the drive input, for TVR the drive input is high pressure steam and the MVR it is electricity. It is not a new technology, but its integration and propagating throughout industrial processes can make a significant contribution to the progress towards using sustainable energy sources.

The key herein lies in the fact that MVR systems can, for instance, convert current evaporation processes from using steam from boilers with combustibles as fuel sources, into being run solely by electricity.

An MVR system is fairly simple. It captures excess vapor, typically steam, from (for instance) an evaporation process, and compresses it through a compressor. This increases the pressure as well as the temperature of the vapor. The vapor is then used to heat the original substance/product, from which vapor is produced through evaporation. This is then captured by the MVR system. The cycle thus repeats. The outlet is condensate which often consists of very pure water, and a concentrate. An illustration of the concept is seen on Figure 1.



**Figure 1: Simplified illustration of the MVR cycle. For a water treatment system, the feed is dirty water, the concentrate is highly concentrated pollutants, and the condensate/distillate is pure water.**

### Efficiencies

MVR systems are the most thermodynamic efficient way of evaporation [2]. This is primarily because the latent heat of the vapor is always re-used in the process, instead of being condensed elsewhere. Comparing with other evaporation technologies such as multi-effect evaporation, the system is furthermore more compact, which reduces the overall heat loss. Other systems also commonly use process steam as heat source (such as falling film evaporation), which results in a high exergetic loss when used to dry products below 100°C, resulting in an overall low efficiency. As MVR systems only have a small temperature difference between the medium and the recompressed steam, this is not a problem in these systems.

Comparing with traditional steam boilers, recompression typically requires 10-20 times less energy for the same amount of steam produced<sup>18</sup> [3]. MVR systems can evaporate water at 5-30 kWh/m<sup>3</sup> [1][5], depending on the temperature difference between the vapor and the product, the overall temperature of the brine, and the compressor efficiency. A value between **7-13kWh/m<sup>3</sup>** is typical for large sized plants [6], and 25 kWh/m<sup>3</sup> for smaller plants. A low temperature difference results in low power consumption of the compressor, but requires a larger heat transfer area, and thus higher investment costs [5].

Multi-effect TVR evaporators usually require ~0.33 kg of steam pr. kg of evaporated water [11] [12]. This can be converted into ~0.25 kWh/kg of evaporated water<sup>19</sup>:

$$769 \frac{kWh}{ton_{steam}} \times 0.33 \frac{ton_{steam}}{ton_{evapwater}} \div 1000 \frac{kg_{evapwater}}{ton_{evapwater}} = 0,25 \frac{kWh}{kg_{evapwater}}$$

Using a value of 20 kWh/m<sup>3</sup> water for MVR systems, this can be converted into 0,02 kWh/kg of evaporated water. The MVR system hence uses ~12-13 times less energy compared to the Multi-effect TVR evaporator. However, the energy used in MVR systems is electric, and not thermal, so the running costs ultimately depends on the costs of fuel/electricity and efficiency of the steam boiler (not taken into account here).

### Input

The main input is electricity, to power the compressor.

A small amount of heat, usually steam, is required during startup.

### Output

The output is medium pressure steam, which is mainly used in evaporation processes, but the steam can also be used for process heating and drying.

The temperature is entirely dependent on the process and evaporation media, but as steam is the most common vapor, temperatures at or just above 100°C is common, but lower temperatures can also be achieved, depending on the pressure and media. The maximum temperature depends on compressors maximum operation temperatures, which are typically able to handle discharge temperatures at about 150°C [7].

### Applications

MVR systems are most commonly used in evaporation processes, e.g. water treatment systems and dairy industry, but it can also be used for drying, desalination, distillation, and boiling processes. A detailed description can be seen in Table 1.

MVR will have a natural market pull, as MVR is expected to replace TVR systems when they are worn out. It is not expected to replace well-functioning existing TVR systems.

<sup>18</sup> Assuming that the post process low pressure steam is vented or condensed in cooling towers.

<sup>19</sup> Assuming the cost of steam is based on the latent heat and additional 125C of heating, and a constant density of water. ~769 kWh/ton<sub>steam</sub>

**Table 1: Potential applications for MVR systems**

End-use	Relevance	Sector-comments
Boiling (1)	Highly relevant for a wide variety of unit operations.	Beer brewing, Food production, Animal feed
Drying (2)	Some processes have the possibility to dry in superheated steam	Sludge, various food products or bi-products, e.g. animal feed
Evaporators	Highly relevant for supplying heat at most evaporators.	Sugar, milk, salt, misc. food industries, ingredients, misc. waste water streams, biogas plants reject concentration
Distillation (3)	Some processes have possibilities	Alcohol distillation
Firing/Sintering	Not relevant	
Melting/Casting (4)	Not relevant	
Other processes up to 150C (5)	Limited possibilities	
Other processes above 150C (5)	Not relevant so far	

An MVR system requires no external supply steam during normal operation and is thus not dependable of a central boiler house. The MVR system does require steam during start-up phase, this can either be supplied by integrated steam boilers or other steam supply. The MVR system is thus an isolated system, and the heat produced by the system cannot be utilised in other processes. Comparing with other evaporation technologies such as multi-effect evaporation or multi-stage flash, the system is less complex and simpler to control [2].

### Energy services

**Table 2: Energy services**

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

## Sector relevance

Table 3: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

## End- use relevance

Table 4: End-use relevance

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>MVR</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

## Typical capacities

Typical capacities for larger production sites are in ranging from 5-50 MW thermal.

The capacity ranges from 100-100.000 kg/h of evaporated media for a single unit [1].

As the temperature differences between the recompressed vapor and the product is small (typically between 2°C-10°C [6]), the process is suitable for sensitive products when used for drying purposes.

Smaller MVR system exists, for instance Envotherm [15] has systems with capacities down to 40-50 kg/h [15], these are however considered smaller than the scope of the chapter. The specific cost of smaller systems is higher.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

An MVR system features very reliable operations, as the only moving components is the compressor and a small pump. The system is however reliant on a heat input at start up to facilitate the evaporation process from the product, otherwise no vapor is present for recompression. This can either be from a steam supply, or from an electric heater.

MVR systems are typically installed in large companies with annual operation hours >7000 hours.

### Regulation ability

An MVR system follows the flexibility of the compressor, which is the key component. Using a frequency converter, the flowrate for the system can be varied from 100% down to ~50% of the maximum load. No yearly fluctuations should be present. Maintenance follows that of similar systems with compressors as key components, and 0.5 weeks/year of outage should be expected [9].

### Advantages/disadvantages

Advantages [13]:

- High efficiency
- Electric driven
- Uptake less space compared to TVR
- Low long-term costs

Disadvantages [13]:

- High investment cost
- Efficiency depends on production volume

### Environment

As the MVR system uses electricity as its energy source, no direct particles or gasses are emitted during operation

### Potential for Carbon capture

Not relevant

### Research and development perspectives

Price reduction trends are based on [9] and are expected to follow the same trend as other heat pumps as they share the same key components (Compressors and heat exchangers)

### Examples of market standard technology

AKV Langholt, Denmark, 13 MW (evaporation)

CP Kelco, Denmark 26 MW (evaporation)

CP Kelco, Germany, 17 MW and 14 MW (evaporation)

Arla Foods Arinco, Denmark, capacity unknown (evaporation)

Irish Distillers, Ireland, capacity unknown (distillation)

### Prediction of performance and costs

Based on a case from 2017 which implemented an MVR system in an industrial laundry water cleaning process see Figure 3 as well as [10], the nominal investment cost based on system size in terms of treated water per day can be seen in Table 5.

**Table 5: Nominal investment costs based on size of unit in evaporated water/hour. Price reductions trends are based on [9] and are expected to follow the same trend as other heat pumps as they share the same key components (Compressors and heat exchangers). Today-prices based on [10] and Figure 2**

	2017	2020	2030	2050
<b>Nominal Investment cost<sup>20</sup></b> <b>&lt;10 m<sup>3</sup>/h</b> <b>[€/m<sup>3</sup>/day]</b>	7200	7030	6284	5645
<b>Nominal Investment cost<sup>3</sup></b> <b>10-100 m<sup>3</sup>/h</b> <b>[€/m<sup>3</sup>/day]</b>	4800	4686	4189	3763
<b>Nominal Investment cost<sup>3</sup></b> <b>&gt;100 m<sup>3</sup>/h</b> <b>[€/m<sup>3</sup>/day]</b>	700	683	611	549

It is expected that the efficiency of the compressors continues to improve, with it the efficiency of the MVR systems increases. A 5-15% increase in compressor efficiency can be expected towards 2050, which will result in lower electricity consumption of MVR systems [9]. New double effects systems can further improve the efficiency by up to 7% and are especially applicable doing desalination processes [8].

The efficiencies are summed in Table 6. The efficiencies are stated in two ways:

1. Electricity to steam substitution compared to similar technologies using steam: For instance, an efficiency of 1300 means that for 1 kWh of electricity used in a MVR system, substitutes 13 kWh of steam (heat) used in a multi effect evaporators (TVR).
2. Baseline efficiency: Comparing the energy consumption of MVR system, to the heat of evaporation (0.63 kWh/kg). This is comparing to “boiling the water in a pot”, with no heat regeneration. This should hence not be used to compare the efficiency, as this method is generally not used anymore.

**Table 6: Efficiencies for MVR systems compared to 3-effect TVR and Baseline (equal to pure boiling of water)**

	2020	2030	2040	2050
<b>Comparable Efficiency</b> <i>electricity to energy of evaporation</i> <b>[%]</b>	1260	1320	1380	1430
<b>Baseline Efficiency</b> <i>electricity to energy of evaporation</i> <b>[%]</b>	4240	4430	4620	4810

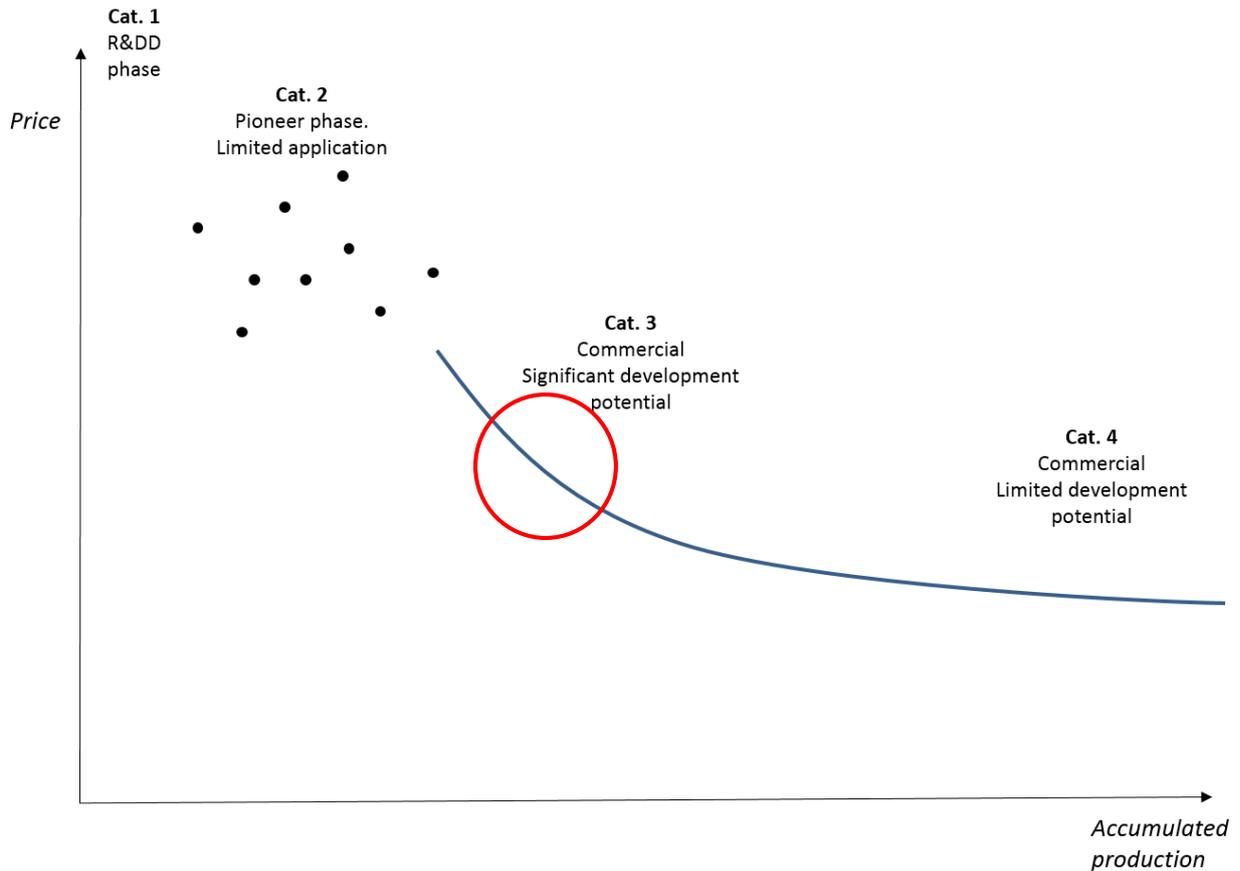
<sup>20</sup> Including installation

### Related benefits and savings

In some cases, the implementation of MVR can result in increases production capacity. Especially if available space is a limitation. [14]

### Learning curves and technological maturity

MVR is considered to belong in Category 3. *Commercial technologies with moderate deployment*. It relies on the same components and technologies as large-scale heat pump, which is also considered to belong in category 3 [9]



**Figure 2: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

### Uncertainty

The development of future investment cost and efficiency is relatively uncertain as these to a great extent is driven by electricity and fuel cost.

A decrease in electricity cost or increase in fossil fuel cost will make both electric driven heat pumps and MVR more attractive. As illustrated with the learning curve, increased production resulted in reduced investment cost.

Increasingly climate awareness from manufacturers, society and policy makers is also expected to increase competitiveness of MVR and vapor compression heat pumps. Aiming for a lower degree of fossil fuel in the industrial section, lower taxes and subsidies relate to non-fossil fuels are expected.

**Additional remarks**

It is expected that MVR will have a natural market pull. Implementation of MVR is expected to happen when a factory increase production or needs to replace old TVR. It is therefore expected to reach the application potential gradually over a time period.

	2020	2030	2040	2050
% of application potential	10 %	40 %	70 %	100 %

## Offer from manufacturer

Nøgletal		
Vand genbrugt pr. dag	m <sup>3</sup> /dag	60
Antal dage pr. år	dage/år	250
Vand genbrugt pr. år	m <sup>3</sup> /år	15.000
Vandomkostning	kr./m <sup>3</sup>	60
Elomkostning	kr./kWh	333
Varmeomkostning	kr./MWh	313
Besparelse blødgøring af vand	DKK/m <sup>3</sup>	4
Drift		
Genbrug		95%
Temperatur ind	°C	35
Temperatur ud	°C	38
El forbrug	kWh/m <sup>3</sup>	15
Varme forbrug	kWh/m <sup>3</sup>	0
Varme overført til vand	kWh/m <sup>3</sup>	3
	DKK/dag	3.455
Besparelse	DKK/m <sup>3</sup>	57,6
	DKK/år	863.681
Investering		
Pris for enhed	EUR	350.000
	DKK	2.590.000
Tanke	DKK	400.000
Forfiltrering	DKK	100.000
Rør, el, bygning mm	DKK	500.000
Total investering	DKK	3.590.000
Økonomi		
Investeringsnøgletal	DKK/(m <sup>3</sup> /dag)	59.833
Årligt besparelsesnøgletal	DKK/(m <sup>3</sup> /dag)	14.395
Tilbagebetalingstid	år	4,2

Figure 3: Offer from manufacturer

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## Quantitative description

See separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix

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### Brief technology description

This chapter describes thermal gasification used directly in industrial processes. The technology can also be used for hot water and steam production, but the technology in this chapter is valid for direct firing in processes.

Thermal gasification can be a renewable alternative to natural gas used in industrial heating processes. The output from thermal gasification, produced from biomaterial, is producer gas (N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O), which can be fired directly in the processes.. Biogas is also renewable alternative to natural gas and biogas has a relative stable gas production and a long reaction time when it comes to adjusting the gas production. If biogas is chosen for industrial processes it will be either necessary to have a storage facility that can accumulate the fluctuation in demand or an alternative consumer of surplus biogas (e.g. district heating network, hot water production, gas engine).

Thermal gasification has an adjustable load profile and can more easily be applied for the varying loads in industrial processes.

There exist several types of thermal gasification processes, however the up-draft (UD) gasifier where the biomass goes downward, and gas goes upward is one of the simplest and most used. In this system the coke residue and ashes go downward and is removed at the bottom of the system. This setup allows for more difficult fuels to be utilized and differences in types of gasification. A fluid bed is the gasifier type that is very fuel flexible. One example from Denmark is the LT-CFB (or Pyroneer gasifier), but internationally there are several fluid bed gasifiers available. Both Vølund [1] and Dall Energy [2] have gasifiers in operation in Denmark. The Dall Energy system can use rather wet and inhomogeneous biomass (incl. bio waste).

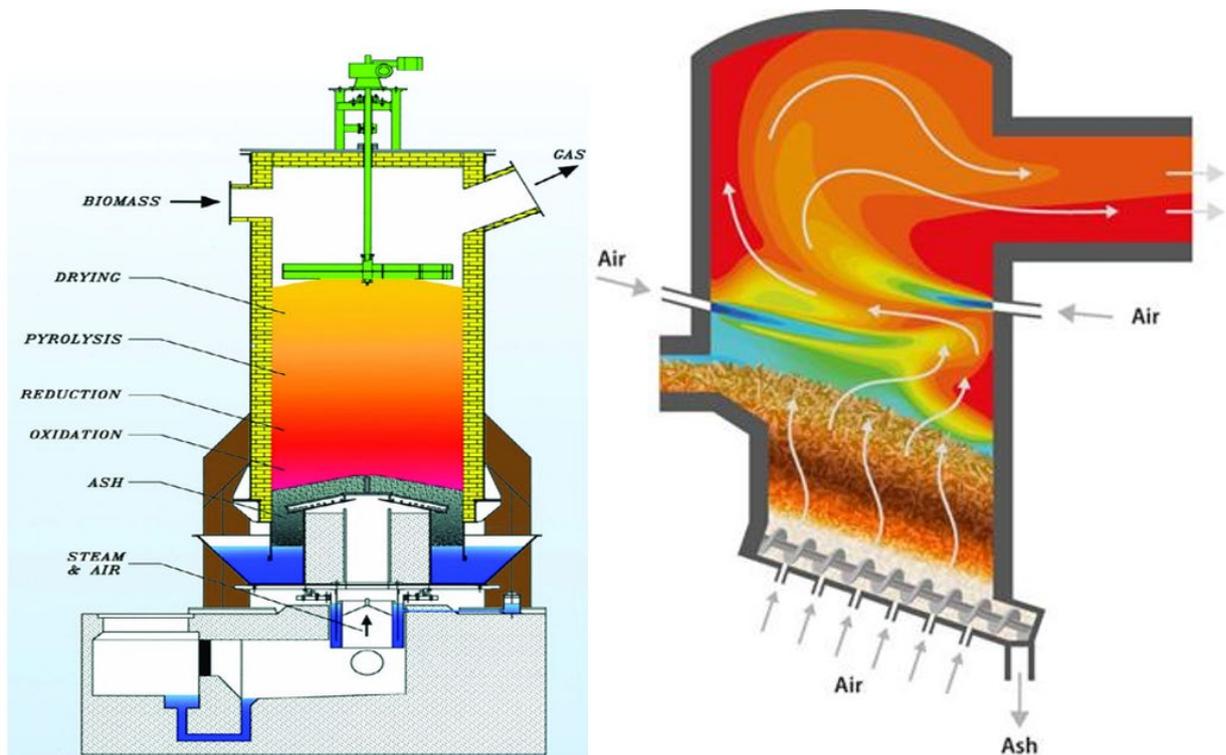


Figure 1: Simplified illustration of Vølund's (left) and Dall Energy's (right) Up Draft gasification equipment

On Figure 1 (right), the hot producer gas from the gasification unit is further combusted in an additional combustion chamber or direct firing in the process.

For more information about gasification technologies see the [3] and [4].

The technology includes gasification equipment and direct firing in connection with the gasification.

### Input

The input to the gasification process is biomass.

### Output

The output is hot producer gas ( $N_2$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $CO$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $H_2O$ ) which is suitable for combustion directly in the process.

### Applications

The use of thermal gasification in Denmark has so far been limited to heat only or heat and power production. The potential applications can be seen in Table 1.

**Table 1: Potential applications of thermal gasification**

End-use	Relevance	Sector-comments
Heating/Boiling	Relevant for high temperature Heating	
Drying	Not relevant so far. But could be relevant for fluid bed dryers and for rotary dryers	Drying of sludge, drying of animal feed, wood pellet, grain drying
Dewatering/concentration (Evaporators)	Not relevant	
Distillation	Not relevant	
Firing/Sintering	Relevant where natural gas can be replaced by gasification gas	Brick production, Cement production, Asphalt
Melting/Casting	Relevant where natural gas can be replaced by gasification gas	Glass works, Rockwool
Other processes up to 150 °C	Not relevant so far	
Other processes above 150 °C	Not relevant so far	

Processes for production of e.g. glass, rockwool and bricks will require some modification of the process equipment and fuel switching is not straight forward. Demonstration projects/plants will be required in order to facilitate a change from fossil fuel to thermal gasification gas from biomass. Other processes like cement and drying of e.g. wood pellets will not necessarily need demonstration before full scale implementation. It has to be noted that FLS is already selling technologies that can utilise alternative fuels including bio-waste in the cement production [5] and [6].

The application of the gasification process is limited by the content of particles in the producer gas. The amount is, however, much lower than from conventional combustion processes. Furthermore, it is possible to remove particles and tar from the gas using bag house filters or candle filters. But the process and the final product will be exposed to the particulate matters and other impurity in the producer gas and the flue gas.

Biomass heating plants are sometimes troubled by problems in the feeding and storage facility, and because of that direct process heating can be a challenge. However, the gasifier has a certain resilience when it comes to upstream problems as it holds a large amount of biomass in the gasification chamber which can act as a buffer if feeding of fresh biomass for some reason is down.

#### Energy service

Thermal gasification for direct firing is only applicable in processes which can accept direct heating from flue gas or heated air stream. The energy services are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Energy services**

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	Yes
Medium temperature	No	Yes

#### Sector relevance

It is assumed that the food industry would be reluctant to tolerate the tar content in the producer gas and flue gas from thermal gasification. Currently, the primary reason for not choosing thermal gasification in the food

industry is the tar content, which is not acceptable. Removal of tar and particulate matter could lead to acceptance from the food industry.

For the high temperature demand in sector 3. Cement, the technology cannot produce the required high temperature heat. Cement production needs 1450 °C and direct thermal gasification can only reach 1200 °C. Although, it must be assumed that if the producer gas is clean and dense enough then it would be possible to reach temperatures as high as when burning natural gas. Depending on the heat recovery integration there is some potential for thermal gasification. A case in CEMEX Rüdersdorf, Germany shows that 60% of the primary fuel (coal) could be substituted with direct thermal gasification [10].

**Table 3: Sector relevance.**

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>Di</i>	<i>High</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Di</i>	<i>Medium</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**End- use relevance**

Any direct end-use is of relevance the end-uses: Dewatering and Distillation are excluded as these are purely indirect processes.

**Table 4: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Thermal gasification</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### Typical capacities

Typical capacities for updraft gasifier are in the range 2-10 MW [7]. But the upper bound is perhaps 30-50 MW.

Typical capacities for downdraft gasifier are in the range 1-5 MW [4].

Capacities above these levels are typically increased by parallel installation of units [4].

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Operation hours is entirely dependent on the process. For the large industrial systems operation hours will be high (>8000) whereas smaller systems will have varied operations hours.

### Regulation ability

The thermal gasification systems are flexible in terms of regulation and can go down to around 10% of maximum load for updraft gasifier [7] and 25-30 for downdraft gasifier [4].

Starting up and closing down can typically be done within 24-48 hours.

### Advantages/ disadvantages

#### Advantages

- The thermal gasification is an alternative to natural gas fired direct firing processes
- Good regulation abilities
- The systems can hold a large amount of biomass in the gasification chamber which can act as a buffer if feeding of fresh biomass for some reason is interrupted.
- Can utilize fuel with high water content [4]

#### Disadvantages

- Implementation of thermal gasification in some processes will require modification of process equipment which may present a challenge.
- Even though the quantity of particles are small it can still limit application potential and it can be necessary to add particle removal.

### Environment

The emissions from the process according to verified measurements by Dall Energy:

Emission	Danish Law	Danish Standard	Dall Energy
Dust (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )	40/100 (in chimney)	500-1000 out of furnace	20-70 out of furnace
NO <sub>x</sub> (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )	300	200-300	80-160
CO (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )			
100 % Load	625	0-600	>5
20% Load	625	Not possible	>5
10% Load	625	Not possible	>10

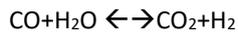
No emission data is stated in the data sheets below, as the specific utilisation of the producer gas is not covered, and the emission will depend on fuel and operation.

### Potential for Carbon Capture (CC)

Biomass as fuel always result in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which enable the possibility of carbon capture. Additional information can be found in [8].

It is assumed that biomass is carbon neutral and therefore having net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission. However, this does not mean CO<sub>2</sub> free combustion, and therefore there is a possibility for carbon capture.

In thermal gasification plants it is possible to add an additional stage where “water gas shift” is applied. In this stage the following chemical reaction takes place:



By doing so, CO is converted to CO<sub>2</sub> that can then be removed by an amine wash or other CO<sub>2</sub> removal processes. With this additional stage included in the process the technology is also known as ‘pre-combustion carbon capture’.

### Research and development perspectives

From [4], which is considered relevant in this chapter:

*“Up-draft gasification technology with CHP has been demonstrated over a long time in Denmark and abroad.*

*R&D is carried out, aiming at solving operational problems such as corrosion, process regulation etc. The main issues to be addressed include:*

- *Ability to handle a wider range of fuel properties, in particular waste wood and other biomass residues*
- *Establishing references of up-draft gasification plants for waste wood and other biomass residues to drive the incremental development.”*

Processes for production of e.g. glass, rockwool and brick will require some modification of the process equipment and fuel switching is not straight forward. Demonstration project/plants will be required in order to facilitate a change from fossil fuel to thermal gasification gas.

### Examples of market standard technology

Vølund and Dall Energy have gasifiers in operation in Denmark:

- Sindal District Heating - Dall Energy UD – CHP – (6 MW<sub>th</sub> in operation)
- Harboøre District Heating – Vølund UD – engine driven CHP - (3,5 MW<sub>th</sub> in operation)
- Bogense District Heating - Dall Energy UD - heat only - (8 MW<sub>th</sub> in operation)
- Sønderborg District Heating – Dall Energy UD – heat only - (9 MW<sub>th</sub> in operation)

Other types of gasifiers have also been used in Denmark:

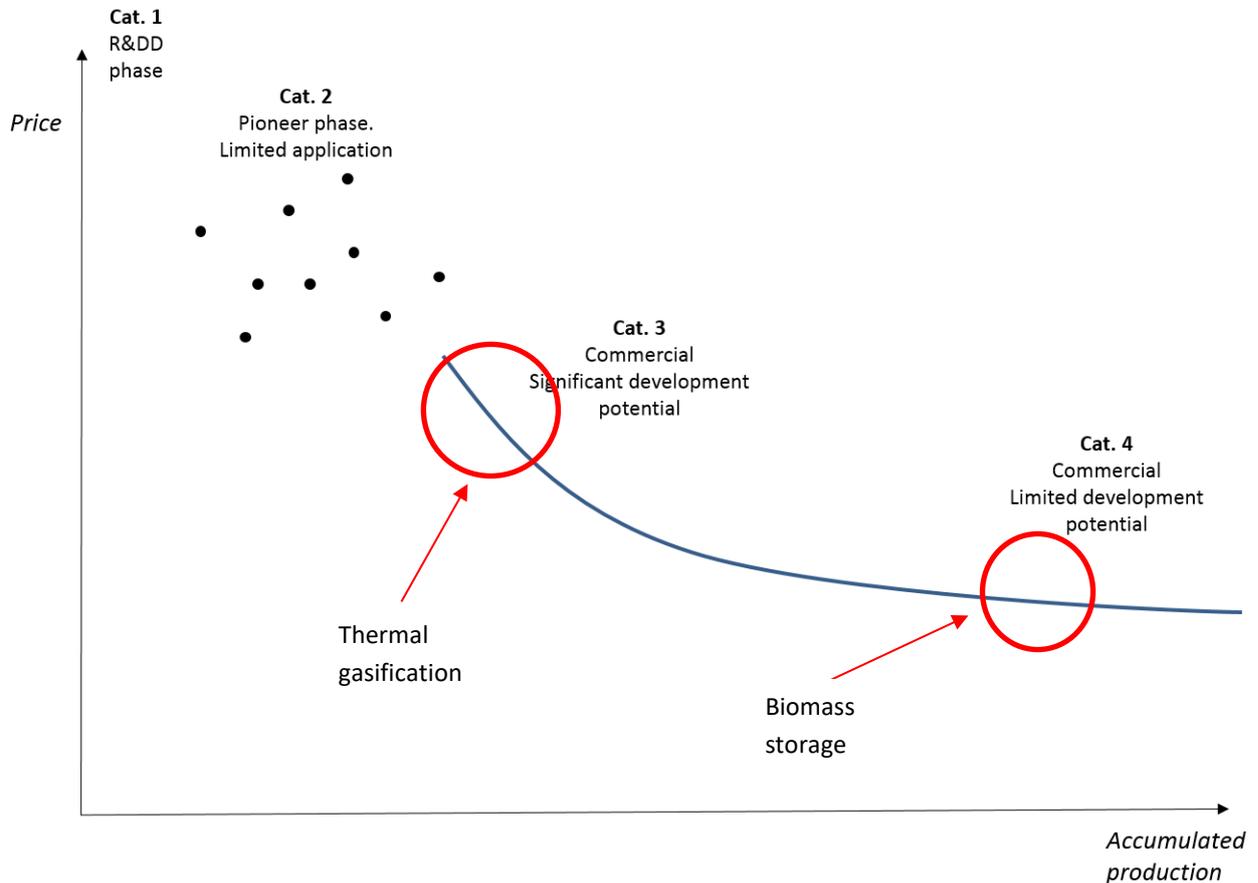
- Asnæs CHP - Pyroneer CFB – Add-on to coal driven steam cycle (6 MW<sub>th</sub> now closed)
- Skive District Heating - Andritz Oy BFB – Engine driven CHP (20 MW<sub>th</sub> in operation)

The above mentioned are not used for direct firing in industrial processes, but the technology can be considered the market standard.

More information can be found in  
Review of biomass gasification technologies [1] – in 2013.

### Prediction of performance and costs

The gasification technology is still regarded as a commercially young. Hence, it must be expected that the manufacturing of the gasification equipment/systems as well as sourcing of related components can be optimised if more units are sold. Secondly it may also possible to boost production from the units and by that reduce the specific investment costs (EUR/MW<sub>th</sub>).



**Figure 2: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

The price per unit is expected to decrease with 25 % over the next 30 years.

The biomass storage is a mature technology and decrease in price is not expected unless a standard solution can be delivered including building design and crane installation and automation.

The efficiency of the system depends on the processes, and how well it utilizes the flue gas. According to [7] above 115 % can be achieved. This however requires the gasification is connected to the direct firing process and high utilization of the flue gas. To achieve this, it also sets certain requirements to the fuel.

The maximum efficiency is not expected to increase, as it is close to maximum possible. The efficiency depends on the process, and how it is connected with the thermal gasification unit. For instance, if the producer gas is used as direct firing in the process, the efficiency will be strongly influenced by flue gas temperature. The lower the flue gas temperature is, the higher the efficiency is.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

The indirect costs will be too strong a function of the specific process to put into a single value. This could include rebuild of process equipment or installation of connections between thermal gasification and process equipment.

#### Related benefits and savings

Changing from solid fuel to gas could improve product quality as pollutants are reduced. The value of this will depend on the product and the type of fuel change. A further cleaning of the gas is also possible, with could increase the benefits and application potential, but it will require an additional investment. Other than that, there is not any obvious process improvements.

#### Uncertainty

Due to the variety of application potential for the technology some uncertainty must be expected. General averages have to be made to account for variations. This holds true for both the prices but also the efficiency of the technology.

*In general, for the thermal gasification technologies: "Even though several plants have been in successful operation for several years the uncertainty regarding price and performance for future developments remains considerable. The data assumes considerable learning curve effects. However, there is a widespread number of different principles and variants of the technology, of which many are pioneer projects, and it is not clear which improvements can be realized, and how far." [4]*

**Additional remarks****Review of biomass gasification technologies [1] – in 2013.****Table 5: Review of stakeholders and area of operation**

Stakeholder/Technology group/Company	Area of operation	Website
Ammongas A/S <i>n.a.2020</i>	Pilot and demonstration plants	<a href="http://www.ammongas.dk">www.ammongas.dk</a>
Babcock&Wilcox Vølund	Demonstration and market introduction	<a href="http://www.volund.dk">www.volund.dk</a>
BioSynergi Proces ApS <i>n.a.2020</i>	Demonstration plant, developing and marketing	<a href="http://www.biosynergi.dk">www.biosynergi.dk</a>
Dall Energy A/S	R&D, consultancy on demonstration plants	<a href="http://www.dallenergy.com">www.dallenergy.com</a>
Danish Fluid Bed Technology ApS	Consultancy and R&D	<a href="http://www.ltcfb.com">www.ltcfb.com</a>
DONG Energy <i>n.a.2020</i>	R&D, pilot and demonstration plants	<a href="http://www.pyroneer.com">www.pyroneer.com</a>
Haldor Topsøe	R&D, pilot and demonstration plant and market introduction	<a href="http://www.topsoe.com">www.topsoe.com</a>
Organic Fuel Technology	Pilot plant (R&D and demonstration plants are part of the vision)	<a href="http://www.organicfueltechnology.com">www.organicfueltechnology.com</a>
TK Energy ApS	Development projects, demonstration plants	<a href="http://www.tke.dk">www.tke.dk</a>
Weiss A/S <i>n.a.2020</i>	Demonstration plants	<a href="http://www.weiss-as.dk">www.weiss-as.dk</a>
Skive Fjernvarme I/S	CHP plant operation	<a href="http://www.skivefjernvarme.dk">www.skivefjernvarme.dk</a>
AAEN Consulting Engineers A/S	Consultancy on demonstration plantt	<a href="http://www.aenas.dk">www.aenas.dk</a>
Danish Gas Technology Centre	Research and development	<a href="http://www.dgc.dk">www.dgc.dk</a>
Danish Technological Institute	Education, R&D, pilot and demonstration plant	<a href="http://www.teknologisk.dk">www.teknologisk.dk</a>
FORCE Technology	RD&D, feasibility studies, market studies	<a href="http://www.forcetechnology.com">www.forcetechnology.com</a>

## Company closures

**Table 6: Companies active in the field of gasification in 2013 listed and their activity is described. Some of the company are not active in the field of thermal gasification in 2020, this is shown by n.a. 2020 added after the company name**

EP Engineering ApS (company was ceased in September, 2013)	Pilot and demonstration plant	<a href="#">No longer in business</a>
Stirling DK (company went bankrupt in 2013)	Pilot and demonstration plants, market introduction	<a href="#">No longer in business</a>

**Table 7: Gasification technologies in Denmark**

**Table 2. Gasification technologies in Denmark, adapted from [6]**

Gasifier name	Stakeholder/ Technology owner/ Developer	Type of gasifier	Thermal fuel power MW <sub>th</sub>	Purpose	Development stage
Alternating Gasifier	Ammongas A/S, Babcock & Wilcox Vølund A/S	Twin bed filter	200+	Fuel production (gas)	Pilot
Vølund Updraft Gasifier	Babcock & Wilcox Vølund A/S	Up-draft	15-200	CHP – IC engine	Commercial
The CHP system of BioSynergy	BioSynergi Proces ApS	Open core down draft	0-15	CHP – IC engine	Demonstration
Staged Down Draft Gasification	Risø DTU, Weiss A/S, Dall Energy, COWI A/S	Multiple steps sown-draft	0-15	CHP – IC engine	Demonstration
Pyroner A/S	DONG Energy A/S, Risø DTU, Danish Fluid Bed Technology ApS	Low temperature circulating fluid bed	1-200	CHP – co- firing fuel	Demonstration
Tar reforming etc.	Haldor Topsøe		15-200+	Fuel (gas & liquid)	Commercial
Catalytic low temperature pyrolysis process	Organic Fuel Technology A/S	Catalytic low temperature pyrolysis	1-15	Fuel (liquid)	New/Pilot
Biomass Gasification Gas Engine	Aaen Consulting Engineers, Skive District Heating, Carbona	Circulating fluid bed	15-200	CHP – IC engine	Demonstration
<i>Unknown status of the technologies due to the companies closure</i>					
<i>Close Coupled Gasification (CCG)</i>	<i>EP Engineering ApS</i>	<i>Vibrating grate fluid bed</i>	<i>0-1</i>	<i>CHP – steam engine</i>	<i>Pilot</i>
<i>Stirling engine with up-draft gasifier</i>	<i>Stirling DK ApS</i>	<i>Up-draft</i>	<i>0-1</i>	<i>CHP – Stirling engine</i>	<i>Commercial</i>
<i>BlackCarbon</i>	<i>Stirling DK ApS</i>	<i>Pyrolysis</i>	<i>0-1</i>	<i>CHP – Stirling engine</i>	<i>Demonstration</i>

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## Quantitative Description

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## 307 Hotdisc

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### Brief technology description

The Hotdisc is a combustion device used to substitute calciner<sup>21</sup> fuel in the cement production process. The main advantages of the Hotdisc, is its ability to use waste as fuel and especially the size of the waste. It can burn a wide variety of solid waste e.g. whole truck tires [1], which eliminates the expense of shredding and in general treatment of waste before burning it. General information on cement production can be found in [2].

The Hotdisc has four inlets:

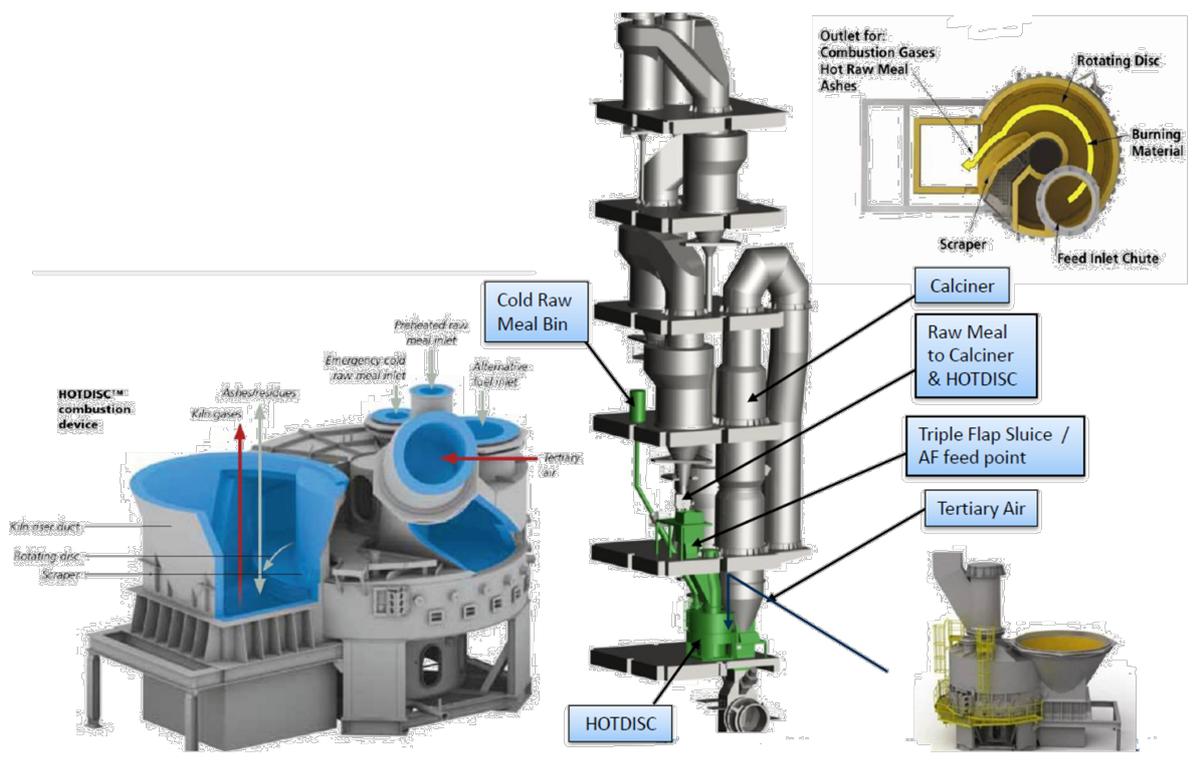
- Tertiary air (from clinker cooler)
- Alternative fuel (waste)
- Preheated raw meal
- Emergency cold raw meal (not in used during normal operation)

The alternative fuel is added to the Hotdisc and lands on the rotating disc, the hot tertiary air is added along with the preheated raw meal<sup>22</sup>, together the three elements produces combustion gases, partly calcined meal and combustion residue [1]. The alternative fuel is transported on the rotary disc approximately 270° before reaching the scraper. The partly calcinated meal are discharged in the riser duct. The heavy residues fall down to the kiln inlet. The rotational speed of the rotating disc is controlled to minimize unburned fuel and limit unwanted emissions. The retention time can be up to 45 minutes.

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<sup>21</sup> Calciner is a part of the cement production system. For general information on cement production see, [2]

<sup>22</sup> Raw meal is crushed limestone with additives such as clay, sand or iron ore result in the desired chemical composition



**Figure 1: Illustration of Hotdisc with inputs and output and placement of Hotdisc in calciner system, from [1]**

The Hotdisc can be retrofitted into existing system and incorporated into new systems. The calciner needs to be positioned directly above the kiln inlet, e.g. In-Line calciner kiln system [1]. Information on kiln systems can be found in [3].

### Input

Waste in general, for instance whole tires, large chunks of wood and municipal waste. Biomass could also be used as fuel.

Other inputs are tertiary air and preheating raw meal, but these are considered a natural part of the cement production and are available.

### Output

The output is heat, which substitutes calciner fuel. The ashes and residues fall down to the rotary kiln and becomes a part of the final product.

### Applications

The Hotdisc can be used in In-line kiln systems in the cement production process. It is possible to rebuild a separate-line kiln system to use the Hotdisc system, but it will require an additional investment for kiln rebuilt.

## Energy services

Table 1: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	Yes
Medium temperature	No	No

## Sector relevance

Table 2: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>Di</i>	<i>High</i>	no	no	Yes	no	no

## End- use relevance

Table 3: End-use relevance

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
Hotdisc	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No

### Typical capacities

The capacity ranging from 10-100 MW [4], assuming a 50 % substitution of the calciner fuel.

### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Cement production are typical continuous production and yearly operation hours > 8000 hours, which will be the same for the Hotdisc, as it is an integrated part of the system.

### Regulation ability

The Hotdisc can regulate down to 10 % of nominal capacity.

### Advantages/disadvantages

The main advantage is the ability to use a wide variety of waste, and often with no treatment before burning.

Due to changing chemical reactions in the kiln line when substitution a fuel with another fuel, various measures has to be taken to adjust the operating conditions and process parameters to obtain the needed clinker quality. Hence substituting fossil fuels in the cement production can be challenging, but the Hotdisc function enables the possibility of substituting some of the fossil fuel.

It is a disadvantage that the Hotdisc only can be retrofitted into an In-Line kiln system. If the Hotdisc is to be implemented in a separate-line kiln system, it will require a rebuild of the kiln.

Hotdisc cannot easily be implemented in production of white cement, as the control of oxides in the mix is important, which is difficult to do with a Hotdisc. Hotdisc is only used for grey cement production, which lowers the potential.

At the moment the Hotdisc is limited to the cement production, which limit the potential usage of the technology.

### Environment

The environmental impact is assumed equal the *WtE CHP and HOP plants*, see [5] and [6]. In practice it can vary and it will depend on the fuel and cleaning system at the specific site.

### Potential for Carbon capture

If carbon capture is to be used, it would have to be for the entire kiln system, and not just the Hotdisc. The combustions gasses from the Hotdisc ends up in a shared chimney for the kiln system. The flue gas in the chimney included CO<sub>2</sub> from combustion as well as the CO<sub>2</sub> produced as part of the cement production, which enable potential for carbon capture.

### Research and development perspectives

The Hotdisc is relatively simple and development is not expected to be significant for the disc itself, however to control of the waste may present certain possible improvements.

A Hotdisc that can be implemented in a Separate-Line kiln system could be a topic for further development.

Currently the Hotdisc technology, as described in this chapter, can only be used in the cement industry. It is however considered possible to redesign the system so it can be integrated in other rotary kiln processes and

used in other sectors than cement industry. It will require manufactures to invest in development of the technology.

Research regarding utilizing Hotdisc for white cement production could also be an area of focus, but it will depend on the market demand and manufacturers.

#### Examples of market standard technology

In 2016 a total of 12 Hotdisc system were in operation, with the majority in Europe [7], however not in Denmark.

#### Prediction of performance and costs

The technology has been implemented for more than 15 years, and the system itself is fairly simple. The cost of the Hotdisc is only expected to decrease slightly in the future.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

The indirect investment cost represents a potential rebuilt of the kiln system needed when covering more potential than *Current application potential*, assuming the current application potential covers a separate line kiln system.

#### Related benefits and savings

Not relevant

#### Uncertainty

Hotdisc fully commercial (Category 4) with small uncertainties for costs. The individual kiln system in a retrofit may vary from installation to installation depending on how accessible the kiln system is.

#### Additional remarks

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## 308 Dielectric assisted heating

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### Brief technology description

Dielectric heating is most commonly known as microwave heating. Microwave heating is best known from heating of food and water in larger kitchens or at home. When microwave heating is utilized in industrial processes it is most often microwave assisted heating and not only microwave heating as in domestic households.

Unfortunately, there is a lack of awareness of the possibilities for utilization of dielectric assisted heating for industrial processes, therefore the utilization of the technology in the industrial sector is low today.

The dielectric method is utilizing the dielectric features in the material heated. Dielectric features are the ability to convert high frequency electromagnetic waves into heat. The heat comes from energy losses when the waves goes through a non-conductive material and are stopped. The energy is transformed from electro-magnetic wave energy to thermal heat.

**Table 1. Examples of conductive and non-conductive material [1]**

Conductive	Non-conductive
copper	paper
aluminium	Teflon
platinum	glass
gold	rubber
silver,	oil
ionised water	asphalt
plants	fiberglass
iron	porcelain
steel	ceramic
brass	quartz
bronze	(dry) cotton
mercury	(dry) paper
graphite	(dry) wood
concrete	plastic
	air
	diamond
	water

The dielectric process is limited to heating of non-conductive materials where other electrical heating methods can be used for conductive material e.g. inductive heating which is known from heating of metal both in kitchens and during metal melting (high frequency induction).

There are two types of dielectric heating – microwaves and radio-frequency. Microwave frequencies are in the 900-3000 MHz and Radio frequency installations operate in the 10-30 MHz range. Industry has used both technologies since the 1940s [2].

A dielectric heating system consists of a microwave generator, waveguides and an application area.

Microwaves are generated in the generator with a magnetron, the microwaves are led via the waveguides to application chamber. The application chamber can be either a conveyor system or a batch system.

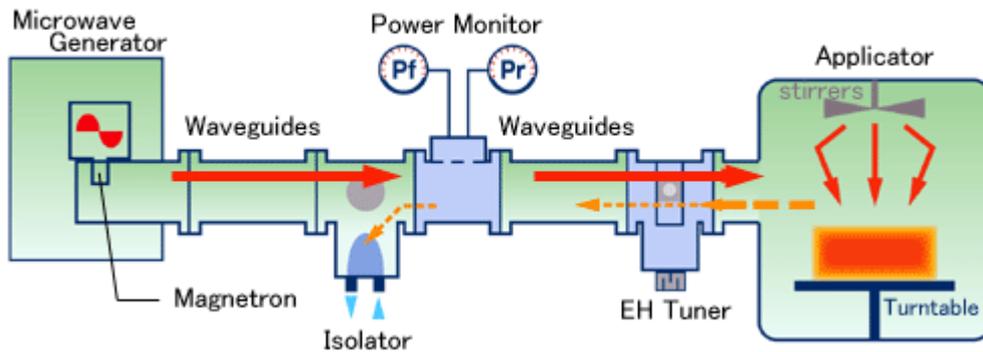


Figure 1: Schematic drawing of microwave system [7]

The Danish company Kallesøe Machinery makes equipment to cure and set EWP (Engineered Wood Product) glue, by means of radio-frequency heating. According to [2], a single 200 MW Kallesøe machine can process more than Hyne Timber's annual glulam<sup>23</sup> output in just one month. It is also stated in [2] that, radio-frequency curing is also extremely energy efficient as it heats only the glue, without heating the wood at all. Compared to curing in a gas-fired kiln, it uses less than 10% of the energy.



Figure 2: Kallesøe timber press [2]

Citation from Microwaves&RF [3]:

“The firm supplies systems for microwave drying and sterilization at 915 and 2450 MHz. The systems can process both solid and liquid foods while preserving the essential nutrients within the food, as well as preserve its appearance and flavour. Such microwave heating/drying systems are considered “environmentally friendly” for their lack of exhaust gases and efficient use of electrical energy.”

<sup>23</sup> Wood glued together



**Figure 3. Industrial microwave heating system (Max Industrial Microwave)**

Citation from Bi. Elle Microwave Engineering Company [4]:

“Microwave technology ensures a drastic cut in treatment times in the following applications:

COOKING – HEATING DE-FREEZING – DRYING – DEHYDRATION – BULK AND PACKED PRODUCT PASTEURISATION”

Another usage of dielectric heating is the EcoPalm treatment method. The EcoPalm is used in sterilization of palm trees from the deadly RPW beetle [8].



**Figure 4: Pictures of EcoPalm [8]**

### **Efficiency**

The primary loss originates from cooling of the microwave generator. The heat removed by the cooling process can rarely be utilized in the process and represent a loss which decreases efficiency.

The efficiency is in the range 85-99 % and depend on the system integration.

### **Input**

The input is electricity.

### **Output**

The output is heating of process. The heat from cooling of the microwave generator could potentially be used for other purposes.

### Applications

Industries are able to use microwave assisted heating for several processes. The potential energy saving is estimated as high as 30% or even 50% of current energy consumption as shown in Table 2 and in the Brick example below [5].

**Table 2 Use of electrical heating in Danish Industry by Birch & Krogboe A/S (Elforsk), 2003[5].**

Industrial sector	Electricity consumption	Current heating method				Potential shift in technology	Expected saving potential
	[GWh/y]	Resistant	IR	Induction	Dielectric		[GWh/y]
Bakeries	54	X				IR or dielectric	0-19
Wood	24	X				Dielectric	3-10
Paper	4		X				0
Pharmaceutical	10	X				Dielectric	1-2
Production of cleaning agents etc.	4	X				Dielectric	0-1
Plastic	19	X				Dielectric or IR	3-5
Iron and metal	63	X	X	X		Induction	5-20
Furniture	18	X				Dielectric	1-4
<b>Total industry</b>	<b>197</b>						<b>13-52</b>

R&D has also been focused on the use of microwave heating of less traditional processes as brickworks [6]. The results are positive and will be able to limit the energy consumption and especially the emissions from the traditional fossil fueled heated brick process. However, needs the final push through full scale testing.

The main advantages from using microwave heating of brickworks [6] are::

- Up to 50% reduction in energy consumption
- 30-50% reduction of burning time
- Improved product quality (more uniform heating and therefore lower maximum temperature)

The current use of dielectric heating in Denmark is limited. This is most likely caused by lack of knowledge, need for changes and relatively high electricity cost compared to traditional use of fossil fuels. The potential for use of dielectric heating is described below:

**Table 3: Potential applications of dielectric heating**

End-use	Relevance	Sector-comments
Heating / Boiling (1)	Relevant	Food processing and kitchens
Drying (2)	Relevant	Food, Pharmaceutical, Chemical Paper, Wood, Cement construction
Dewatering/concentration (Evaporators)	Limited relevance	
Distillation (3)	Limited relevance	Small volumes - microwave accelerated steam distillation (MASD)
Firing/Sintering	Relevant – need demonstration	Brick sector
Melting/Casting (4)	Partly relevant	
Other processes up to 150°C (5)	Currently not relevant	Plastic
Other processes above 150°C (5)	Currently not relevant	

**Energy services**

Dielectric assisted heating applies heat directly to the product and is considered direct heating. The technology can however substitute currently indirect systems and is therefore also considered relevant for indirect potential. For instance, a sterilization process is often performed with the use of steam, but some sterilization processes could utilize dielectric heating instead.

**Table 4: Energy services**

<b>Energy services</b>	<b>Indirect</b>	<b>Direct</b>
<b>High temperature</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<b>Medium temperature</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**Sector relevance**

Dielectric heating cannot be used with conductive materials, which excludes the metal dominated sector, 5. Metals, machinery and electronic.

Table 5: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1.Food, beverages and tobacco	2.Commodity production	3.Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4.Chemical industry	5.Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>Di</i>	<i>High</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	no

**End- use relevance**

Dielectric heating can be used for heating/boiling and drying. It could in theory also be used for distillation and to some extent firering/sintering (Brick sector). It is however not considered relevant at the current state of the technology deployment.

Table 6: End-use relevance

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Dielectric assisted heating</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

**Typical capacities**

The typical capacities are in the range of 1-1000 kW.

**Typical annual operation hours and load pattern**

The annual operation hours and load pattern is highly dependent on the dielectric heating application.

**Regulation ability**

The microwave system has almost no start up time. For batch production the regulation is on/off operation. For continuous process, the system regulates the load, according to the flow of the process stream.

### Advantages/disadvantages

The main advantages of using microwaves are according to Bi.Elle [4]:

- Treatment times are up to 20 times faster than traditional systems = maximum velocity + minimum heat loss.
- Oven to "cool walls": the microwaves heat only the product = maximum economy.
- It does not require preheating and wait time at start-up = maximum efficiency.
- It has no thermal inertia during starting and stopping = maximum performance.
- It can be turned on or off by signals from other machines = maximum automation.
- The microwave does not need operator for operation = maximum autonomy.
- The microwave does not need maintenance = maximum reliability.

Another advantage is the possibility to obtain more flat temperature profile through the product and thereby lower the maximum temperature in the product. A flatter temperature profile decreases thermal stress in the material.

Disadvantages are:

- Limited lifetime operation hours of the microwave generator, approximately 10.000 hours.
- Cannot be used to process conductive materials
- Requires homogenous process stream in some applications, e.g. baking industries, if the distribution of water concentration is uneven, the product will not bake/cook evenly.
- Electricity cost is higher than the cost for the alternative fuel (often gas).
- Not relevant for all material because microwave ingress depends on material properties of the actual product

### Environment

Not relevant, the utilized electricity.

### Potential for Carbon capture

Not relevant, the utilized electricity.

### Research and development perspectives

The dielectric heating technology is well known, but the end-use chamber (application chamber) is often specifically designed for the purpose in question, which requires development to some extent.

### Examples of market standard technology

The application variety of dielectric heating covers a large span, which makes it difficult to name a market standard technology. The dielectric heating technology can either be dielectric heating only or it can be dielectric assisted heating. An example of the latter is a continuous tunnel system in the food industry which utilizes both dielectric heating and hot air. [8]

Some of the manufacturers are [3]:

- Max Industrial Microwave
- Cellencor
- Advanced Microwave technologies
- Bi.Elle

#### Prediction of performance and costs

The microwave generation itself is well known and considered a category 4. on the learning curve. Therefore, only a small decrease in investment cost are expected. The efficiency is not expected to increase noteworthy in the future.

#### Direct and in-direct investment costs

A dielectric heating system is typically installed with a single purpose in the process and cannot contribute elsewhere in the process. Direct and in-direct investment costs are not relevant, as a system is installed with one purpose, and an additional investment will not increase the potential of the system.

#### Related benefits and savings

It has previously been mentioned that dielectric process heating can increase production speed, and thereby decrease heat loss compared to alternative systems. In specific applications, the heating method can have a positive effect on the chemical composition in a mixture. In certain applications in the food industries, dielectric heating can preserve flavor better than alternative technologies.

#### Uncertainty

The cost of the microwave generator is fairly well described, but the waveguide and the application chamber design can vary a lot, which make the cost very application dependent. An uncertainty of 50 % in investment cost can be expected.

Most of the systems are dielectric assisted heating and thus dependent on the secondary system, which also represents an uncertainty.

#### Additional remarks

It is expected that dielectric assisted heating will have a natural market pull. Implementation of dielectric heating is expected to happen when a factory increases production. It is therefore expected to reach the application potential gradually over a time period.

	2020	2030	2040	2050
% of application potential	10 %	40 %	70 %	100 %

Dielectric heating bear resemblances to inductive heating, as the heating process does not rely on conductive heating in the material.

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#### Brief technology description

Infrared (IR) systems emit infrared radiation that can be used to heat an object. Infrared systems can both be gas fired or electrical driven. This chapter focus on electrical driven heaters.

Electrical infrared systems have been used in industrial heat processes since the 1930s. [1]

Infrared heat is waves of electromagnetic radiation and has a frequency of 30-400 THz (1000-0,78  $\mu\text{m}$ ) [1]. The wavelenghts and placement of infrared radiation in the electromagnetic spectrum can be seen in Figure 1.

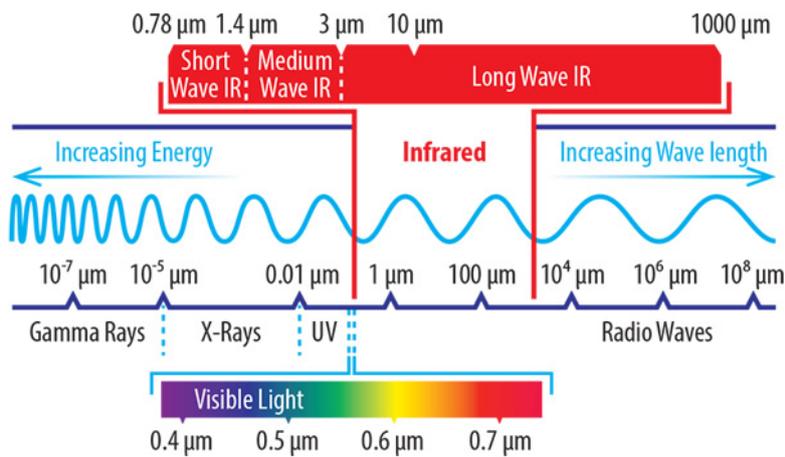
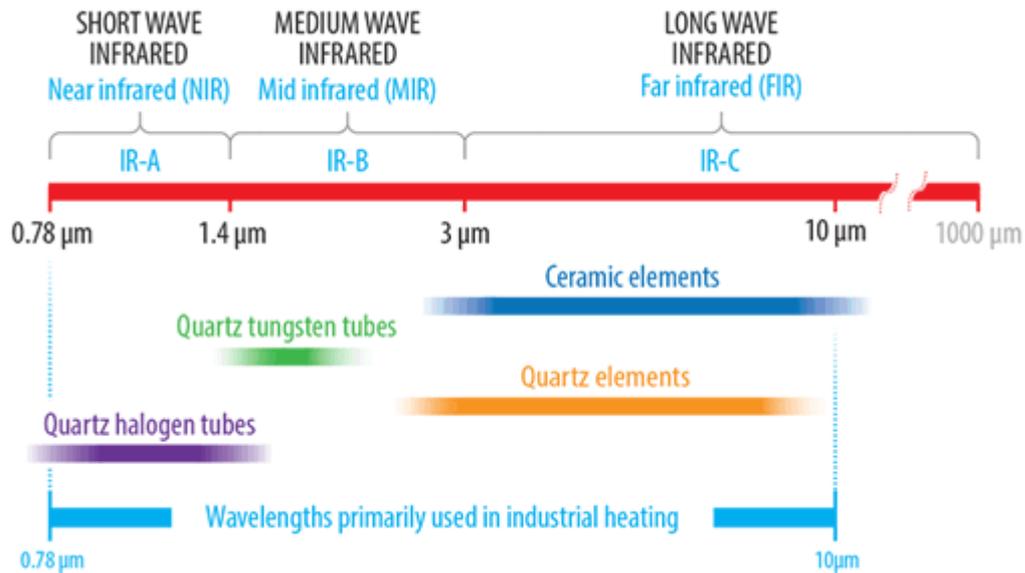


Figure 1: Infrared in the electromagnetic spectrum [2]

For industrial purposes these infrared waves are utilized in three subdivisions, as shown in Figure 2:

- Shortwave (near infrared)
- Medium wave (mid infrared)
- Long wave (far infrared)



**Figure 2: Infrared subdivisions and types of infrared element for different wave length**

For more theoretical explanation of infrared wave and heating principle, see [2].

Infrared heating is highly efficient for heating of surfaces, and often many times faster than a gas oven. Radiant energy heats material directly, in contrast to a gas convective oven which heat the surroundings of the material to a higher temperature than the target temperature. [1]

*"Infrared systems are designed according to the temperature requirement and the ability of the target material to absorb infrared radiation. In general, shorter infrared wavelengths correspond to higher power densities and can reach very high temperatures of over 2,000°C. The temperature and intensity of infrared systems can be adjusted for different products and can even heat different sections of an object to different temperatures. For example, infrared can be calibrated to heat the surface of a coated object while passing unabsorbed through the coating itself."*[1].

### Efficiencies

The conversion of electricity to heat is 100 % for an infrared heater. Not all the electricity is converted to radiant heating [3], some is converted to convective heating, which depending on the system setup can present a loss, which lowers the efficiency slightly. According to [2] the conversion from electricity to radiant heating is 80-95 %. If the convective heating also is utilized, then the efficiency could reach 100 %. The application where the infrared heaters are considered in this chapter are close to the product to heated, which enable high efficiency. Total electricity to heat efficiency of > 95 % is expected.

### Input

The input is electricity.

### Output

The output is process heating.

### Applications

Infrared heating has many application possibilities, according to [1] it can be used in the following processes:

- Curing
- Drying
- Gluing
- Laminating
- Melting
- Preheating
- Shrinking
- Soldering
- Sterilization
- Tempering.

It is important to notice that many of the applications listed above are minor end-use energy intensive consumers. Meaning that even though infrared heating has many application possibilities, the application potential based on energy amount, is not high.

Figure 3 gives examples of utilization of the different subdivisions of infrared heating.

	Wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Emitting temperature	Power density ( $\text{kw}/\text{m}^2$ )	Response time	Efficiency*	Applications
Near infrared	0.76–1.2	1800–2,500°C	160–300	<1 sec	85–95%	Drying coatings, paper, textiles. Deeper penetration for baking, roasting etc
Medium infrared	1.2–3	800–1,800°C	40–160	<30 sec	80–85%	Efficient surface heating of glass, plastic, water.
Far infrared	3–10	400–600°C	10–40	5 minutes	50–60%	Food processing. Space heating in buildings such as factories.

\*Conversion of electrical energy into radiant heat.

**Figure 3: Examples of utilization of infrared, from [1] (response time is the time to heat up).**

Infrared heating can both be an individual heating process or act as assisting heating process in e.g. drying. Infrared heating is commonly used in drying processes in the paper industry.

### Energy services

Infrared heating installations are considered direct heating. Infrared heating is assumed to be able to substitute currently indirect heated processes and is therefore also included as having an application potential as an indirect energy service.

Table 1: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	Yes <sup>24</sup>	Yes <sup>1</sup>
Medium temperature	Yes	Yes

### Sector relevance

Table 2: Sector relevance

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>Di</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<i>In</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

### End- use relevance

Infrared heating can be used melting purposes, but it is not considered relevant in Danish manufacturing industries.

The end-uses with far largest application potential are drying and heating processes.

<sup>24</sup> Could theoretically be used for high temperature energy services, but no high temperature end-uses in Denmark are considered relevant for Infrared heating

**Table 3: End-use relevancy**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Infrared heating</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

**Typical capacities**

Typical capacities are from 10 kW to 200 kW, [4].

Infrared heating systems most often consist of modular build heating elements, making the capacity vary flexible.

**Typical annual operation hours and load pattern**

Typical annual operation hours and load pattern for infrared heating can vary to a great extent depending on the application.

Infrared heating technology can be either batch or continuous production. The annual operation hours are estimated to be in the span 1000-8000 hours.

**Regulation ability**

Infrared heating elements are either on or off, however infrared heating system can be modular consisting of many heating elements, which enable part load regulation and the possibility of a low load level. Regulation down to 10 % is not uncommon, but most typical regulation is on/off.

**Advantages/disadvantages***Advantages:*

Infrared heating systems heats objects rapidly. For some common materials the heating times is 7 to 40 times faster than gas ovens [1].

The technology has a very fast response time, it heats up and cools down in seconds.

The system is often more compact than traditional alternative systems.

Infrared heating is precise and able to control target temperature +/- 0,5 °C [1].

Modular design, which is easy to integrate into existing production systems.

Provides clean production as it has no contact with the product on the contrary to convective heating which can cause contamination [1].

*Disadvantages:*

Infrared heating is a line-of-sight technology, which can be a challenge if the product has complex curved parts.

The heating elements has a limited lifetime of 10.000 hours, before they need to be replaced. This increases planned outage time could lead to reduced time in operation.

The investment cost is high, and each infrared installation often requires individual dimensioning.

Lack of reference plants.

**Environment**

Not relevant.

**Potential for Carbon capture**

Not relevant.

**Research and development perspectives**

The technology is well known and tested. The main focus is how to incorporate infrared heating technology in relevant processes and expand the horizon of application potential.

**Examples of market standard technology**

The infrared heating itself is a well-known and standard heating element. As shown in Figure 2, four types of infrared heating element and tubes are common.

- Ceramic elements – best for processes requiring even & gentle heat, and need of zone control [6]
- Quartz elements – best for instant on/off with high watt density [6]
- Quartz tungsted tubes – best for instant on/off such as heat sensitive materials [6]
- Quartz halogen tubes – best for high watt density

More information on different types of infrared emitters can be found at [7].

Even though the infrared heating emitters are well known, a standard for application utilization is not a present. The infrared heating elements are often built to the specific case.

Examples of applications are:

**Case story - Queen City Forging, heating billets**

Preheating of aluminum billets to 425 °C prior to hot-forging. The electric infrared heating elements are tungsten halogen quartz lamps.



**Figure 4: Queen City Forging - heating billets, from [1]**

This system Figure 4 achieved energy savings of 65 % compared to convection gas heating. Decrease of preheating time from 6 hours to 18 minutes. Heat treatment time reduced from 10 hours to 1 hours. Even the product quality increased. [1]

#### **Case story - Outdoor South, curing paint**

A US metal fabricator makes painted cargo racks. Before implementation of infrared system, the paint was cured in a gas oven, in batch operation. After implementation the system operates with continuous flow, and the cures the paint in 4 minutes. The production speed increased by eight-fold, which also increased the production capacity. Also, here the quality increased. [1]

#### **Prediction of performance and costs**

No significant reduction in cost and performance are expected. This is due to well-known technology and specially designed and dimensioned systems for each application. The lack of standard systems decreases the possibility for cost reduction as function of installed systems.

The infrared heating technology itself are classified as a category 4, *Commercial technology with large deployment*. It is important to emphasize that the classification is meant for the infrared technology itself and not the systems in industrial processes, as these does not have large deployment and are classified as a category 2.

#### **Direct and in-direct investment costs**

Not relevant, systems are installed at the of heating demand, and an additional in-direct investment cost will not increase the application potential.

#### **Related benefits and savings**

Related benefits and savings are energy savings from shorting the production time and thereby the heat loss.

Decreases processes time, which can increase the production capacity.

In some cases, an important benefit is improved product quality.

#### **Uncertainty**

The uncertainty of the investment cost is high,  $\pm 50\%$  can easily be expected. The large uncertainty originates from sparse information on investment cost as the technology is not widely used in industrial processes.

Furthermore, it is difficult for manufactures to estimate the investment cost. An infrared heating system for industrial processes vary to a great extent, this also impact the share of the infrared heating element of the total investment cost.

The cost of the heating element itself is fairly certain, but the amount of subsystems around the heating element vary, make the specific cost highly uncertain.

#### **Additional remarks**

None.

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#### **Quantitative description**

See separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix

## 310 Electric boilers (industrial process heating)

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### Brief technology description

This chapter describes electric boilers in the MW size range using electricity to produce hot water or steam for industrial heating purposes. This chapter is an extension of the *electric boiler* chapter described in the technology catalogue *Technology Data - Energy Plants for Electricity and District heating generation* [1], with focus on steam and hot water production with supply temperatures of > 150 °C.

The boiler type described in this chapter is heating elements using electrode boilers. Electrode systems are used for larger applications. Electrode boilers (larger than a few MW) are directly connected to the medium to high voltage grid at 10-15 kV (depending on the voltage in the locally available distribution grid).

The chapter describe boilers used for high-pressure hot water and for steam production and the difference between these two types.

From [1], the working principle of heating water with electricity is described:

*“The water in electrode boilers is heated by means of an electrode system consisting of (typically) three-phase electrodes, a neutral electrode and a water level & flow control system. When power is fed to the electrodes, the current from the phase electrodes flows directly through the water in the upper chamber, which is heated in the process. The heat production can be varied by varying the **level and** flow through the upper chamber and the power that is led through, thus enabling output to be controlled between 0 and 100 %. The heat production and power outtake also depends on the temperature of the water and the conductivity of the water.*

*In a similar technology, the heat output is varied, by varying the contact area between water and electrodes, by covering the electrodes in control screens. Thus, the contact area between water and electrodes can be varied by varying the water level around the electrodes.”* This type of boiler is no longer on the marked.

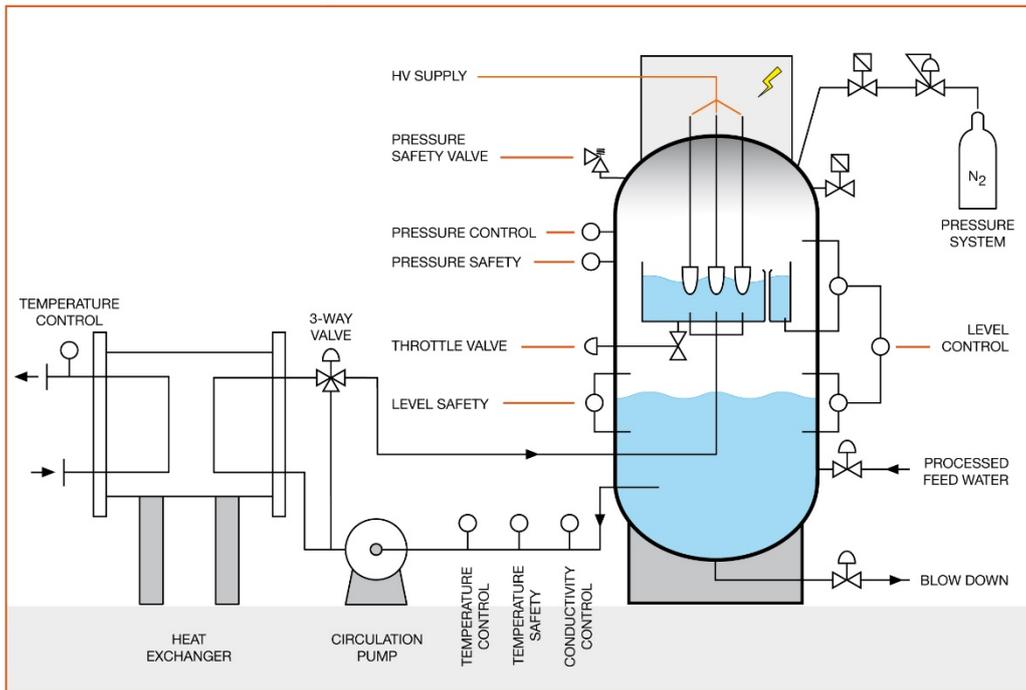


Figure 1: Schematic illustration of an electrode boiler for hot water production, [2]

Figure 1 illustrates the production of high-pressure hot water. The water in the boiler heat exchange with the hot water system, with the use of a heat exchanger and circulation pumps.

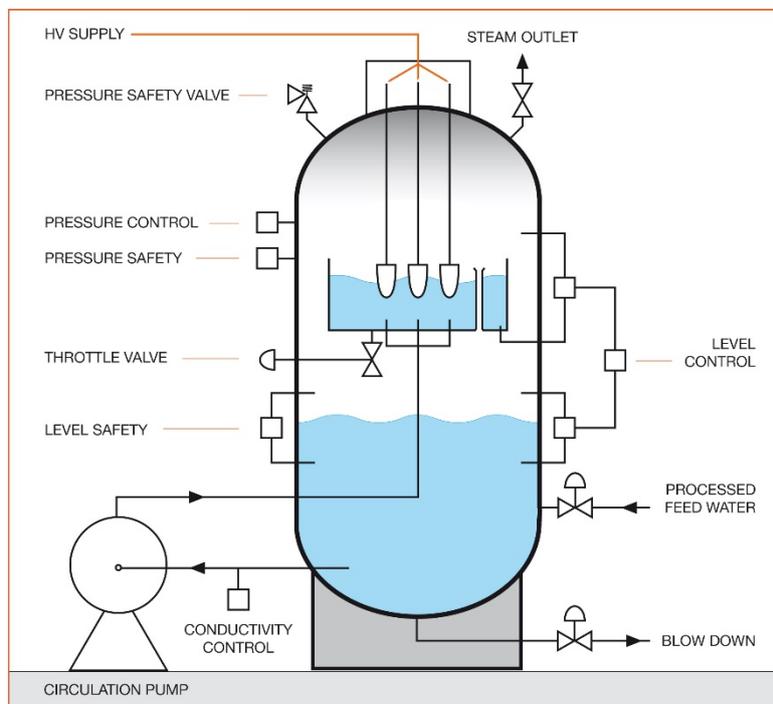


Figure 2: Schematic illustration of an electrode boiler for steam production, [2]

Figure 2 illustrates the production of steam. This system does not have a heat exchanger and the steam produced in the boiler is supplied directly to the steam system. The feed water needs water treatment before inlet to the boiler. The **optimal** conductivity of the feed water should be less than 2  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Higher concentrations can be used but will result in more blow-down water.

#### Input

Input is electricity at medium to high voltage 6.3-22 kV.

#### Output

Steam or high-pressure<sup>25</sup> hot water.

#### Applications

##### Energy services

Table 1 shows the energy service for steam boilers.

**Table 1: Energy services, electric steam boiler**

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	Yes	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

Table 2 shows the energy service for hot water boilers.

**Table 2: Energy services, electric hot water boiler**

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

##### Sector relevance

Table 3 shows the sector relevance for steam boilers.

<sup>25</sup> Typically 2-13 bar

Table 3: Sector relevance, electric steam boiler

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes
<i>in</i>	<i>High</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Table 4 shows the sector relevance for hot water boilers.

Table 4: Sector relevance, electric hot water boiler

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes
<i>in</i>	<i>High</i>	no	no	no	no	no

### End- use relevance

Table 5 shows the end-use relevance for steam boilers.

**Table 5: End-use relevance, electric steam boiler**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Technology n</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Table 6 shows the end-use relevance for hot water boilers. Hot water boiler is seldom applicable for dewatering (evaporation), as the process often utilize properties of steam, e.g. pressure control in injector. Hot water boiler will only be able to cover an insignificant share of *Other processes* > 150 °C, and is therefore not included as end-use relevancy.

**Table 6: End-use relevance, electric hot water boiler**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Technology n</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

#### Typical capacities

Electrode boilers are available in the seamless span 0-60 MW/unit, with typical appliances being 5- 50 MW/unit [1].

#### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

The annual operation hours and load pattern depends on the role of the electric boiler at the production site.

If the boiler substitutes an existing fossil fuel boiler at a large production site, it will typically have many operation hours > 8000 and follow the load pattern of the production.

If the boiler supplements an existing boiler and only operate when the electricity price is favorable, it will follow the electricity market and have low operation hours < 500.

#### **Regulation ability**

See [1]

#### **Advantages/disadvantages**

See [1]

#### **Environment**

During operation, the electric boiler uses electricity and the environmental impact from operation depends on the origin of the electricity. Apart from the emissions, due to the consumed electricity, electric boilers have no local environmental impact [1].

#### **Potential for Carbon capture**

Not relevant

#### **Research and development perspectives**

The technology is well developed, tested and commercially available. No significant research and development are expected.

#### **Examples of market standard technology**

See [1]

#### **Prediction of performance and costs**

The electric boilers are very similar to the one described in [1], and the prediction of cost and performance follows the same trend. The cost of high-pressure hot water boilers is identical to the one described in [1]. The cost of steam boilers is slightly higher due to larger boilers [2], but it also follows the trend of [1].

#### **Related benefits and savings**

Not relevant

#### **Uncertainty**

See [1]

#### **Additional remarks**

The operating costs of an electric boiler are highly dependent on the costs of electricity, i.e. the market price of electricity and currently applicable taxes and fees.

A complete substitution of fossil fuels fired hot water or steam boilers, depends on fuel cost. The electric boiler could also be installed as a supplement and only operate a favorable electricity price.

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### Quantitative description

See separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix

## 311 Traditional Steam and Hot Water Boilers

### Qualitative description

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#### Brief technology description

This chapter focus on different types of boilers in industry, with main purpose of steam or hot water production. At larger production sites, it may also include power production, also referred to as CHP plants. The share of CHP plants currently in operation in Danish industry is however low and decreasing, therefore CHP plants will not be included in this catalogue.

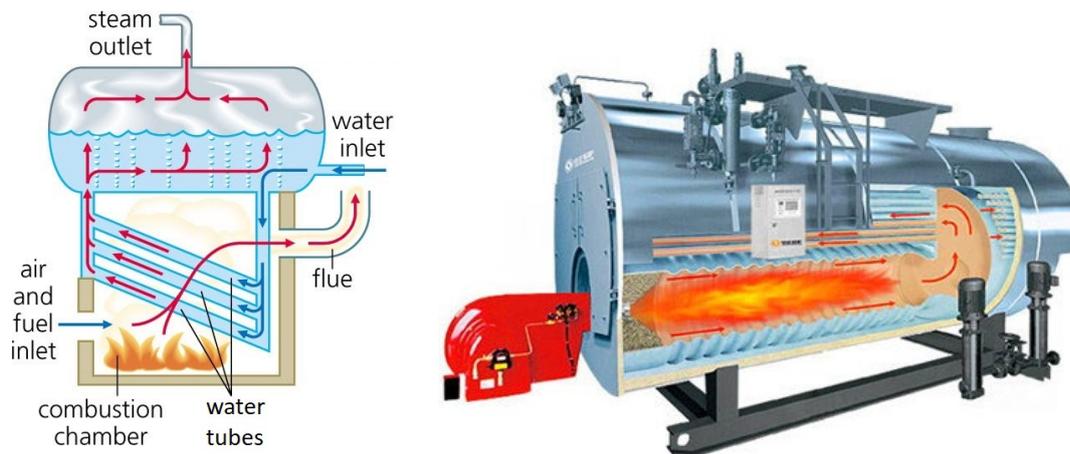
The different types of boilers can be categorized according to type of fuel used. This chapter includes the main types of fuel in Danish industry:

- Coal
- Gas (Natural gas and Biogas)
- Wood (Chips)
- Oil (Gasoil)

Common to all types of boiler is that they include a furnace which heats pressurized water and produces steam or hot water distributed across an industrial site for multi-purpose heating demands.

Condensing the flue gas from gas fired boilers can increase the efficiency with up to ~11.8% [1], by utilizing the latent heat of the water vapor in the flue gas. As coal does not produce water, this cannot be done in this process. Flue gas from oil combustion contains pollutants that would heavily corrode the heat exchangers surface if condensed and is thus not an option.

Figure 1 shows a drawing of two boiler designs. On the left a water tube boiler is depicted and on the right a fire tube is depicted. Hot water and steam can be produced on both types. Wood and coal, if not pulverized, are most suited for water tube boiler. Oil and gas can be used in both.



**Figure 1: Schematic of a furnace producing steam or hot water. (Left) is a water tube boiler and (Right) is fire tube boiler.**

Further description the technologies can be found in [2] and [3].

The boilers used for hot water and steam are almost identical in working principle [4].

It is expected that hot water boilers have a slightly higher efficiency than steam boilers. This is caused by a typically lower water inlet temperature in the hot water boiler compared to the steam boiler. As the water temperature is lower, it is possible to cool the flue gas more in a hot water boiler than a steam boiler. A lower flue gas temperature equal higher efficiency.

### Input

The inputs to the different boiler types are the same as listed earlier: coal, natural gas, biogas, wood and oil.

### Output

The output for all boiler types is steam or hot water.

For production of hot water, the temperature range is typically 80-175 °C and pressure 2-13 bar.

For steam the pressure ranges from 2-60 bar, but most typical in the range 7-25 bar. Resulting in temperatures in the range of 125-300 °C.

### Applications

The boilers can be used to produce steam or hot water. The application potentials are described in the AP matrix as *Current application potential* and *Full application potential*. *Current application potential* is relevant for hot water boilers, as these are not as widely used as steam boilers. If hot water boilers are to be installed on a site with existing steam system an additional investment cost for pipe installation must be expected (in-direct investment cost). To increase the application potential from *Current application potential* to *Full application potential*, the indirect investment cost must be included, see Direct and in-direct investment costs.

### Energy services

Table 1 shows the energy service for steam boilers.

Table 1: Energy services, steam boiler

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	Yes	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

Table 2 shows the energy service for hot water boilers.

Table 2: Energy services, hot water

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	No
Medium temperature	Yes	No

#### Sector relevance

Table 3 shows the sector relevance for steam boilers.

Table 3: Sector relevance, steam boiler

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<i>Firing direct/ indirect</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<i>Medium</i>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes
<i>in</i>	<i>High</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Table 4 shows the sector relevance for hot water boilers.

Table 4: Sector relevance, hot water boiler

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
<b>Firing direct/ indirect</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
<i>in</i>	<b>Medium</b>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes
<i>in</i>	<b>High</b>	no	no	no	no	no

**End- use relevance**

Table 5 shows the end-use relevance for steam boilers.

Table 5: End-use relevance, steam boiler

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Steam boiler</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Table 6 shows the end-use relevance for hot water boilers. Hot water boiler is seldom applicable for dewatering (evaporation), as the process often utilize properties of steam, e.g. pressure control in injector.

Hot water boiler will only be able to cover an insignificant share of *Other processes > 150 °C* and is therefore not included as end-use relevancy.

Table 6: End-use relevancy, hot water boiler

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firering / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
Hot water boiler	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

#### Typical capacities

The typical capacity is in the range 1-50 MW.

#### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

The load pattern is mostly determined by the production pattern in the specific industrial site, as most systems does not include a buffer tank (the boiler itself act as a buffer to some extend). For continuous production, the boiler will only be out of operation during forced outage or maintenance.

#### Regulation ability

The minimum capacities are listed in the following for the different types of fuel.

	Coal	Natural gas and biogas	Wood chips	Oil
Minimum capacity	15 %	15 %	20 % <sup>26</sup>	15 %

#### Advantages/disadvantages

The advantages/disadvantages for coal, natural gas and biogas and wood boilers are described in [3] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

The advantages/disadvantages for oil boilers are described in [2] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

#### Environment

The environmental aspects for coal, natural gas and biogas and wood boilers are described in [3] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

The environmental aspects for oil boilers are described in [2] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

<sup>26</sup> [3], Wood Chips, HOP,6 MW feed

### Potential for Carbon capture

All of the fuels included, result in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which enable the possibility of carbon capture. Additional information can be found in [6].

It is assumed that wood and biogas are carbon neutral and therefore having net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission, this does not mean CO<sub>2</sub> free combustion, and therefore have a possibility for carbon capture.

### Research and development perspectives

In the following, the main research and development perspectives will be briefly described. For additional information it is referred to [3].

#### Wood

A new type of the technology is to utilize updraft gasification and gas combustion of biomass. This makes the plant much simpler and possible less expensive. It also makes the plant more flexible in terms of possible multifuel and it reduces emissions [3],[5].

#### Coal and oil

Both coal and oil have very limited possibilities for improvement, as both technologies are well known and optimized.

#### Gas

The main research focus for gas fired boilers, is the burner. The research is to make the burner compatible with other types of fuel, to increase flexibility.

When utilizing biogas, additional sulphur cleaning may be required.

### Examples of market standard technology

Examples of market standard for coal, natural gas and biogas and wood boilers are described in [3] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

Examples of market standard for oil boilers are described in [2] and will not be elaborated further in this chapter.

### Prediction of performance and costs

No major developments are expected towards 2050, as boiler technologies are well tested and have been used for several decades. Boilers are reaching the thermodynamic limits, and no noteworthy efficiencies are hence to be expected.

Additional prediction of performance and costs is based on similar technologies, described in other technology catalogues [2] and [3].

### Direct and in-direct investment costs

The indirect investment cost represents additional piping installation needed if increasing the *Current application potential* to *Full application potential*.

### Uncertainty

Uncertainties are based on similar technologies, described in other technology catalogues [2] and [3].

### Additional remarks

Thorough description of each technology can be found in [2] and [3], only with slightly different purpose (output) but overall description and working principle are similar.

Coal is seldom used fuel and some coal boilers are either converted to natural gas in order to save on O&M or changed to wood to save taxes and to reduce emissions.

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### Quantitative description

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## 312 Direct Firing

### Qualitative Description

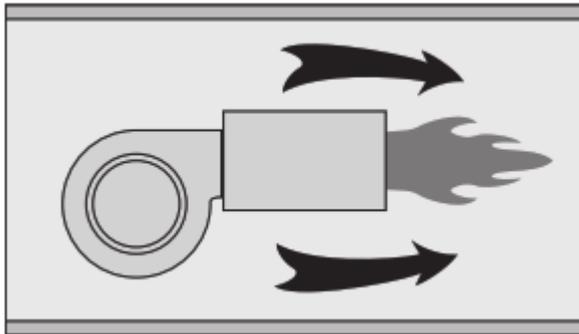
The qualitative description consists of a technology and application review.

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### Brief technology description

Direct firing consists of a heating element either burning fuel or electrically heating a process stream directly, in comparison to indirectly heating with a media e.g. steam. The unit will consist of a fan, and a burner or an electric heater. Fuel will be supplied either via an electrical cord, a fuel pipe or, for solid fuels, a more complex feed and milling system. Today the simplest and widest used burners are for gaseous or liquid fuels, an example can be seen in Figure 1. These can be used for almost all purposes and direct firing technology is spanning wide in terms of areas of usage.



**Figure 1: A burner in a duct [10].**

A variety of fuels can be used depending on the process, and burners can be flexible to burn multiple different fuels. See an example in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Multifuel burners.

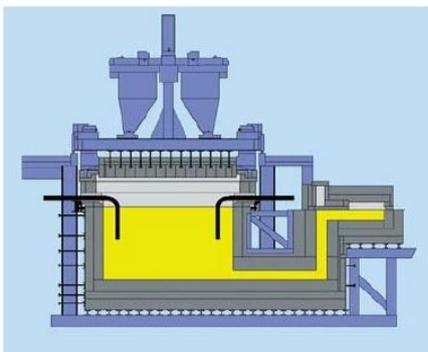
**Left: Multifuel burner from FLSmidth (JETFLEX).** “It fires rotary kilns with pulverised coal or coke, oil, natural gas, or any mixture of these fuels. Alternative fuel firing of plastic chips, wood chips and sewage sludge can also occur through the same common fuel channel” [11].

**Right: Multifuel burner from FCT International (Turbu-Jet AF)** “Primary fuel: coal, petcoke or natural gas. Multi-fuel capability: can be used in combination with all fuels particularly alternate fuels: Liquids: solvents, oils, etc. Solids: RDF, sewage sludge, rice husks, etc” [12].

Due to the variety in the application and thus the variety in the adaption of the equipment this technology review is limited to the actual burner or heating element. Furthermore, the technology review is limited to processes where the heating element (be it electric or a burner) is present in an airstream, which will always be the case for oxidizing burners but not always the case for electricity. Changing a directly fired glass furnace to an electric would involve changing major components and installing electrodes directly in the melt, see Figure 3.

### All-electric melting

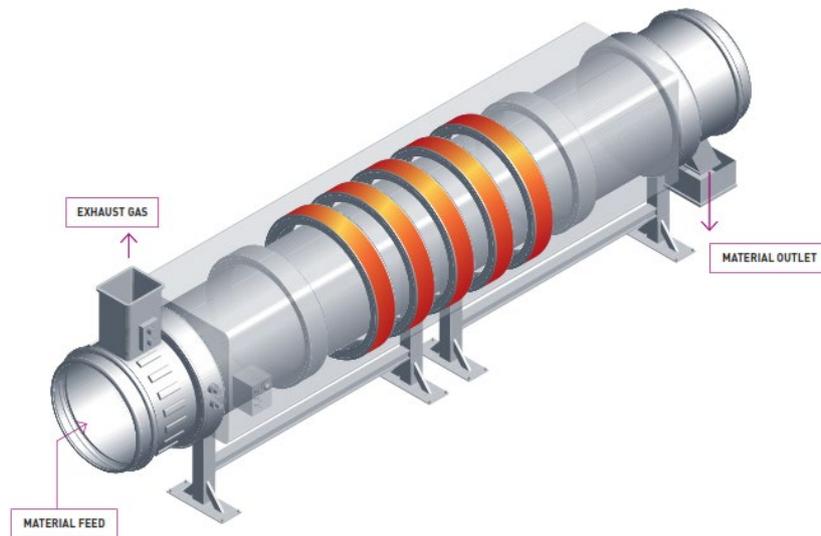
- The heating is not provided by combustion systems, but by electric energy provided by electrodes plunging in the melt
- Below is an example of an all-electric furnace with top electrodes (Sorg)



Pictures from Sorg, report “Glass melting technology”, available online

Figure 3: Electric glass furnace - slide from [8].

This is not comparable investment wise with other electrically “direct fired” process. Another example is rotary kilns which, depending on process, can be converted to electricity. This will also require considerable funds in the form of a new kiln, compared to changing a burner. An example of an electrically powered kiln can be seen in Figure 4.

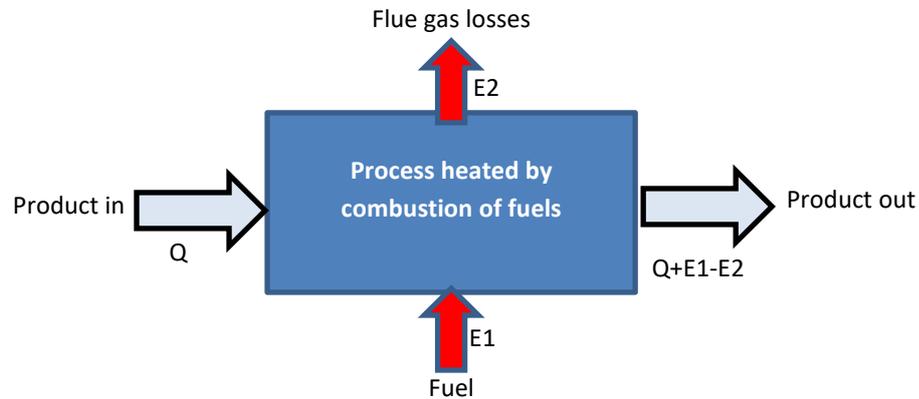


**Figure 4: Electrically heated Kiln [9].**

Depending on the process the efficiency will vary, however since it is direct firing, all of the available energy in the fuel will enter the air stream. What determines the overall efficiency of the system is how the flue gas is utilised to preheat inlet air and product streams. The hotter the flue gas is discharged to the surroundings the greater the loss.

For some processes using electricity could be advantageous as a fresh supply of oxygen to burn the fuel is not necessary and the flue gas loss can then be eliminated. This is not true for e.g. drying processes as the moisture has to be removed through the air stream.

Since the degree of heat recovery is a function of the process and not related to direct firing itself, this is not accounted for in the analysis. The efficiency of all the technologies is set to 100% (in relation to lower heating value).



**Figure 5: Energy balance of a direct firing process.**

### Input

The most prevalent fuels for direct firing in different industries is (list is not ranked):

- Natural Gas
- Biogas
- LPG
- Fuel and gas oil
- Coal
- Petcoke
- Biomass
- Electricity
- Waste

Solid fuels are used in heavy process industry such as cement or mineral wool manufacturing. Natural gas is utilized in many different applications where a cleaner flue gas is necessary. Electricity is used directly in spray towers in the dairy industry as well as in the metal industry. In the metal industry the electricity is typically supplied with an induction furnace which is different from the technology reviewed here.

### Output

Typically, the output is hot process air/flue gas, depending on the process this temperature will vary considerably. E.g. drying timber will be carried out a low temperature (<100 °C) whilst cement industry will take place at >1000 °C and a glass furnace at upwards of 1500 °C.

### Applications

Direct firing can be used in any processes that requires direct heating. The process will determine which type of fuel can be used.

### Energy services

Direct Firing is as the name indicates only applicable in processes which can accept direct heating from flue gas or heated air stream. The energy services are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Energy services

Energy services	Indirect	Direct
High temperature	No	Yes
Medium temperature	No	Yes

### Sector relevance

Depending on the type of fuel all of the sectors for direct firing are relevant at both high and medium temperatures.

**Natural Gas:** Can be used for any process at any temperature, one exception is made to some plastic molding equipment, which is fully electric.

**Multifuel Burner:** Solid fuels such as coal will produce pollutants like NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>, and sometimes mercury and are thus not suitable for introducing directly in food and beverage production. Furthermore, the complexity of feed system of solid fuel direct burners makes them impractical for smaller applications. Generally, manufacturers do not sell burners below 7-10 MW.

**Electricity:** Is the cleanest form of direct heating as the “flue gas” (heating media) is pure air. The temperature is a limiting factor as the current maximum with standard materials is 600-800 °C [3]. This will rule out some of the potential in the high temperature applications.

It will however be possible to create a hybrid setup with electric preheating of the process air and a subsequent burner that raises the temperature to the desired level. Preheating the air will depend on the integration of heat recovery. If a process is already preheating the air by heat recovery, there is little to no potential in preheating with electricity.

Table 2: Sector relevance, Natural gas

Energy service		Any Sector potential				
Firing direct/ indirect	Temperature	1. Food, beverages and tobacco	2. Commodity production	3. Cement and non-metallic mineral (+Extraction of gravel and stone)	4. Chemical industry	5. Metals, machinery and electronics
Di	High	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Di	Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### End- use relevance

Any direct end-use is of relevance, the end-uses: Boiler and distribution loss, Dewatering and Distillation are excluded as these are purely indirect processes. The fuel choice will determine the actual end use relevancy.

**Table 3: End-use relevance**

	End-use relevancy							
	Heating / Boiling	Drying	Dewatering	Distillation	Firing / Sintering	Melting / Casting	Other processes <150C	Other processes >150C
<b>Direct firing</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### Application potential

The characteristics of Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3 are combined into one sheet which provides an overview of the application potential in percentage of the total demand for the sector. The sheet is published in the quantitative part of the technology chapter and in the data sheet.

The overlap between the three different fuels has been estimated and is plotted in Figure 6. The intervals are:

- Electricity [0%;39%]
- Solid fuels [29%;84%]
- Natural Gas [2%;100%]

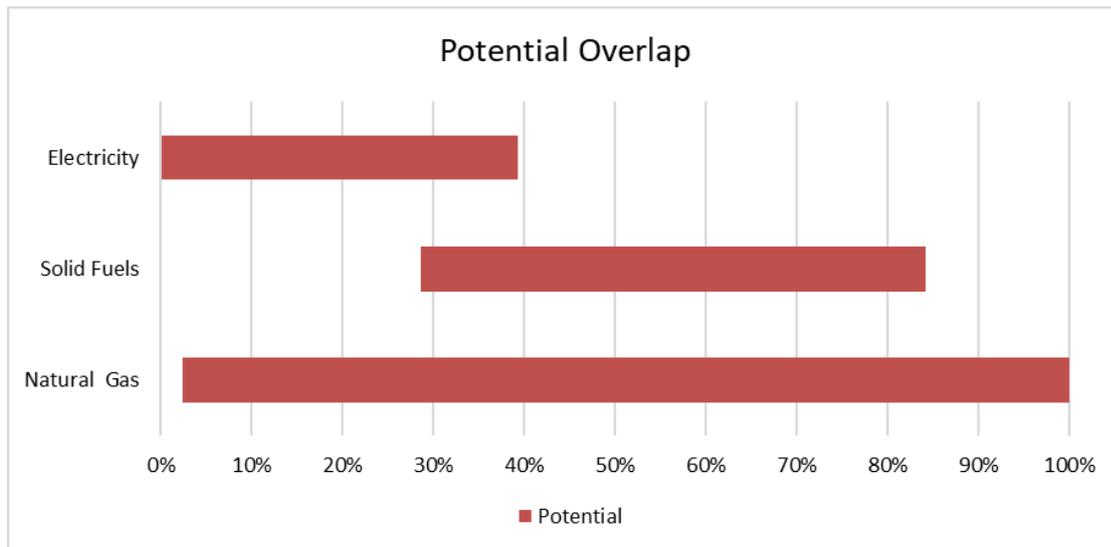


Figure 6: Potential Overlap

#### Typical capacities

Typical capacities vary depending on the chosen fuel:

- **Natural Gas:** Can be bought from very small to very large capacities. From just a couple of kW to 61 MW for the Eclipse Vortometric 36V [1]. Multiple burners can be combined with no upper limit. For this study the size range of 1-10 MW.
- **Electricity:** The heaters are consisting of heating elements which can be combined to arbitrary sizes. The size from 1-10 MW has been chosen again to enable a direct comparison.
- **Solid Fuels:** Due to complexity of feeding and milling systems these are generally larger in capacities. Looking into the two manufacturers FCT International and FLSmidth their capacities span from 7-250 MW. For this study a 10 MW unit has been investigated.

#### Typical annual operation hours and load pattern

Operation hours is entirely dependent on the process. For the large industrial systems operation hours will be high (>8000) whereas smaller systems will have varied operations hours.

#### Regulation ability

The burners are all very flexible in terms of regulation both the natural gas burner and the multifuel burners can go down to around 10% of maximum load [1] [2].

For the electric heaters the surface temperature is the critical parameter. This means that at a large flow of air at a low temperature there is no problem going down in load. However, low air flows at a high temperature can cause some problems. Even with this reservation a minimum load corresponding to 15% of maximum can be achieved [3]. At high air flows it will be possible to go lower.

#### Advantages/ disadvantages

The advantages of direct firing in general are:

- No conversion or distribution losses.

- Very high temperatures are possible for most fuels.
- Low capital expenditures in comparison with indirect heating.
- Easy and very flexible regulation capabilities.

The disadvantages of direct firing in general are:

- Flue gas in direct contact with the product, limits the potential to processes that are not “sensitive” in that manner.

### Environment

Emissions will vary depending on the fuel

- **Natural Gas:** The emissions from a gas boiler in [6] should be identical.
- **Electricity:** Will depend on the means of electricity production.
- **Solid Fuels:** Will depend on the fuel mix.

### Potential for Carbon Capture (CC)

All of the fuels included, result in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which enable the possibility of carbon capture (except for electricity). Additional information can be found in [7].

It is assumed that wood and biogas are carbon neutral and therefore having net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission, this does not mean CO<sub>2</sub> free combustion. Therefore, there is a possibility for carbon capture and in that case a possibility of negative emissions.

### Research and development perspectives

Direct firing is a well-known technology that has been used for a long time. For electricity however there is still a potential for research and development. Currently the maximum air temperatures with commercial equipment is 600-800 °C [4]. With new alloys there might be a potential to expand the temperature range of the technology.

For Cement industry specifically the CemZero project is of interest as it seeks to develop a fully electric cement manufacturing process by 2030 [13].

### Examples of market standard technology

Natural Gas: Danish Crown A/S, singeing furnace.

Solid Fuels: Aalborg Portland A/S, multiple rotary kilns with mixed fuel firing.

Electricity: Arla Foods amba HOCO and AKAFKA, spray drying.

### Prediction of performance and costs

The direct firing technology costs will depend on the fuel and the application.

### Direct and in-direct investment costs

The direct investment costs of the different direct firing technologies have been established based on unit prices given by three manufacturers [3] [4] [5]. The unit price only covers the burner itself. Auxiliary costs have been estimated by Viegand Maagøe as a general average. Auxiliary costs cover the fuel supply system, such as gas piping for a gas burner or electric installations and grid connection for an electric heater.

**Table 4: Nominal investment costs.**

Fuel	Natural Gas	Solid Fuels	Electricity
Capacity Range	1-10 MW	10 MW	1-10 MW
Specific Cost	0.015 M€/MW	0.220 M€/MW	0.060 M€/MW
Equipment	67%	67%	67%
Installation	33%	33%	33%

The indirect costs related to implementing direct firing or a direct firing fuel change will vary a lot depending on which process is considered. Changing a glass furnace from one fuel to another would require a large reconstruction. Conversely changing a burner and fuel system in a spray dryer has vastly smaller indirect costs. It does not make sense to quantify the indirect costs across the entire Danish industry and this is therefore left out of the analysis.

#### Related benefits and savings

Changing from a solid fuel system to a gas fired system or from a gas fired system to an electrically heated system could improve product quality as pollutants are minimized. This will depend on the product and the type of fuel change.

A fuel change in a multifuel burner from solid to gas could increase capacity as the heating value (energy density) differs.

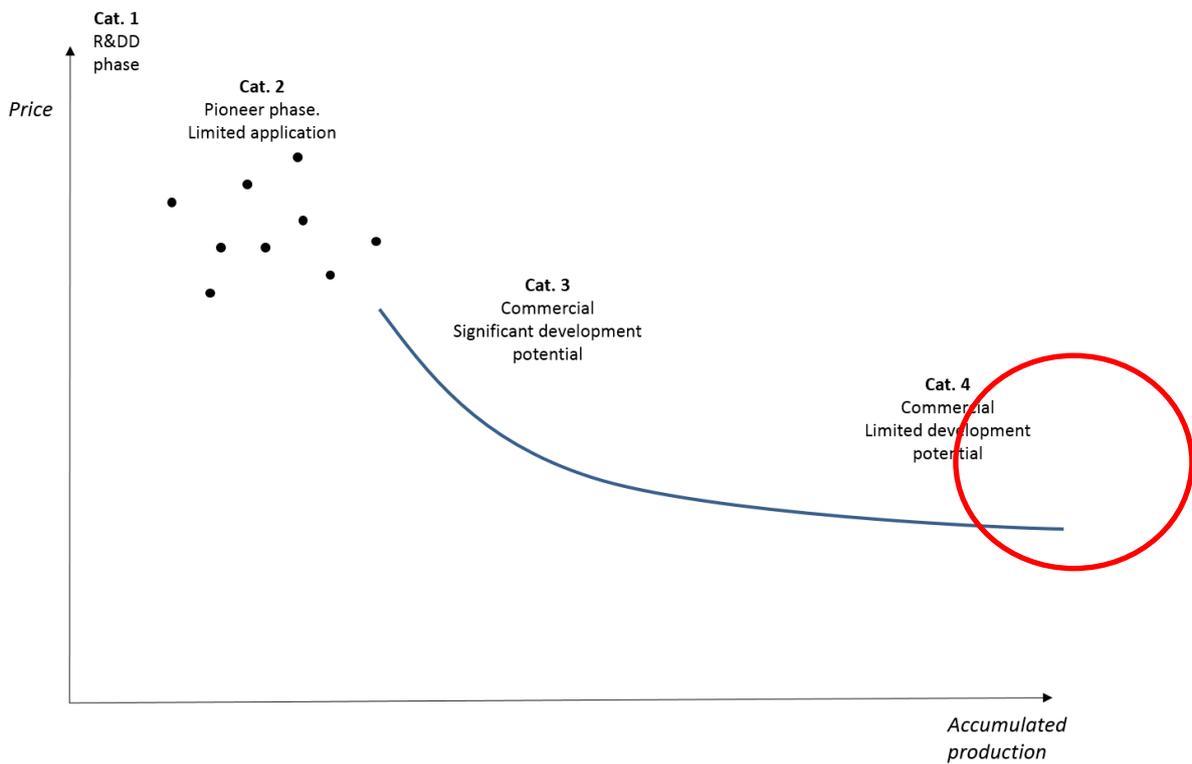
#### Cost of grid expansion

The costs of grid expansion caused by adding a new large consumer to the grid are not included in the presented data.

#### Learning curves and technological maturity

Direct firing is situated in Category 4. Commercial technologies, with large deployment. The price and performance of the technology today is well known, and normally only incremental improvements would be expected. Therefore, the future price and performance may also be projected with a relatively high level of certainty.

No change in the costs are expected as the technology is considered mature.



**Figure 7: Technological development phases. Correlation between accumulated production volume (MW) and price.**

#### Uncertainty

As stated, the technology is considered mature and the uncertainty related to cost projections is considered smaller than those of pioneering technologies.

Due to the variety of application potential for the technology the data comes with a degree of uncertainty. General averages have to be made to account for variations. This holds true for both the prices but also the efficiency of the technology.

#### Additional remarks

None

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## Quantitative Description

See separate Excel file for Data sheet and Application matrix