

EU HIGH TEMPERATURE HEAT PUMP DEMONSTRATIONS

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BMK

1.400
employees

Infrastructure Systems

Next Generation
Solutions

Tomorrow Today

4 Subsidiary
Enterprises

LKR, NES, SL, Profactor 51%

7 Centers

System
Competence

Austria's largest
RTO

Applied Research

Federation of
Austrian Industries
(through
VFFI)

176

m EUR total revenue



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FUNDING FRAME (CO-FINANCED)

56 % **44 %**

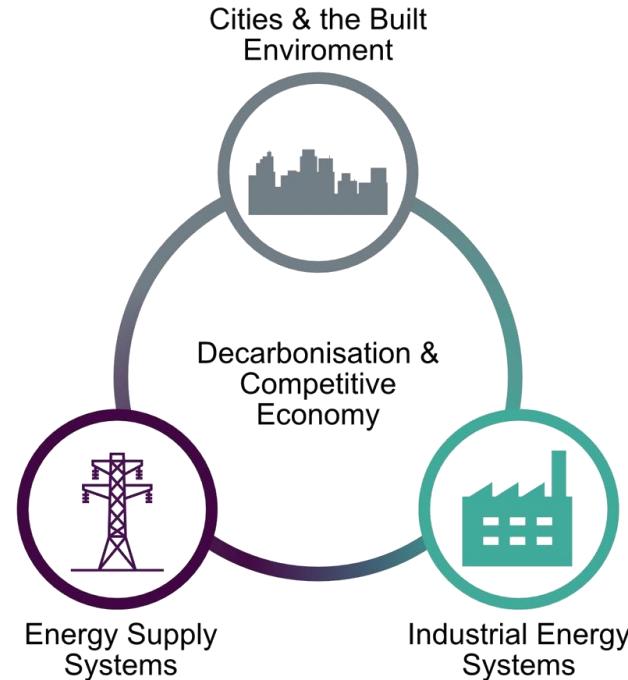
NATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL

RESEARCHERS & SCIENTISTS

250+

engineering, physics,
architecture, IT, economics



RESEARCH FIELDS

12

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

270+ per year

NATIONALITIES

25+

High temperature heat pumps

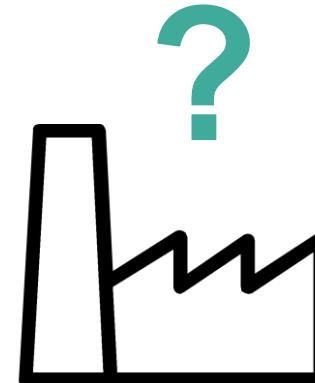
- more than 10 years of research experience
- from lab scale prototypes to industrial demonstration

Challenges:

- high heat supply temperatures
- temperature resistant refrigerants, materials and components
- process integration and efficient cycles

Requirements for industrial applications:

- high availability
- economic viability
- security of supply



INDUSTRIAL HEAT PUMP DEMONSTRATORS



DryFiciency

- H2020, 2016-2021
- hot water up to 160 °C
- successful component development
- 8000 h demonstration



Bamboo

- H2020, 2018-2023
- steam up to 150 °C
- steam generation with flash tank
- successful demonstration



NEFI AHEAD

- FFG, 2022-2025
- steam up to 184 °C
- full scale demonstrator (1.7 MW)
- start up planned in 2024

DRYFICIENCY: INDUSTRIAL DEMONSTRATION

High temperature heat pumps up to 160°C



Closed loop heat pump

Brick drying



Wienerberger AG
Uttendorf (AT)

Open loop heat pump

Bio sludge drying



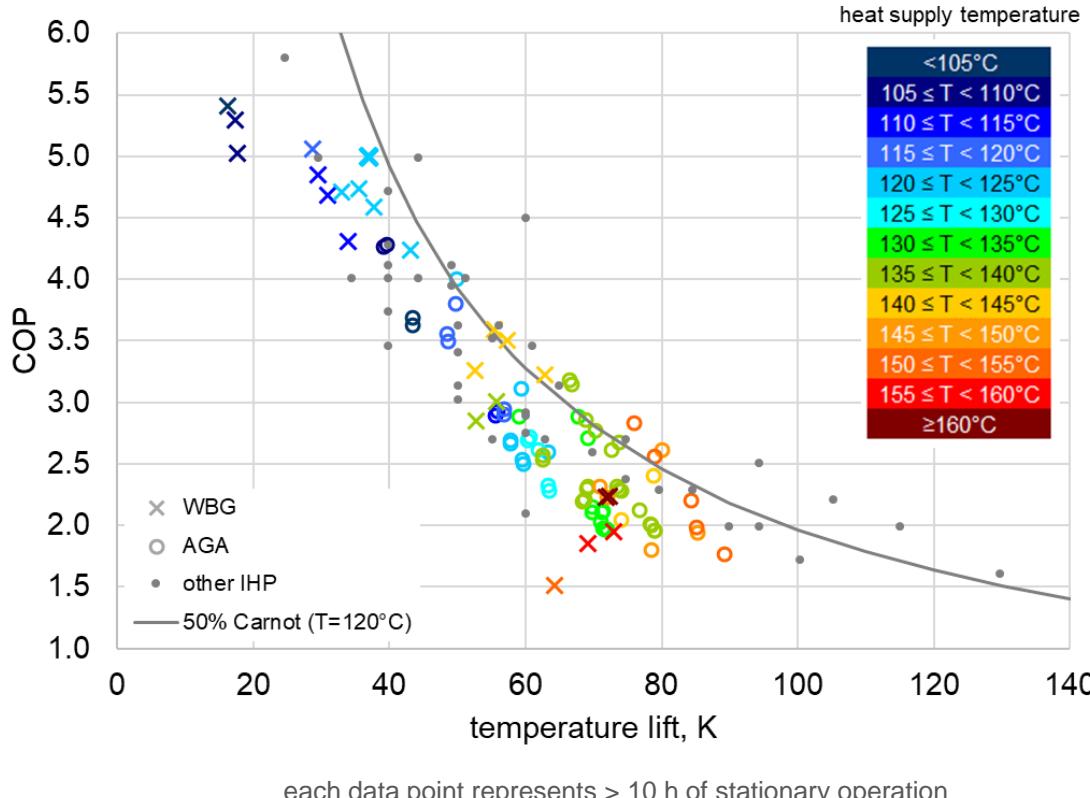
AGRANA Stärke GmbH
Pischelsdorf (AT)



Scanship A/S
Drammen (NO)

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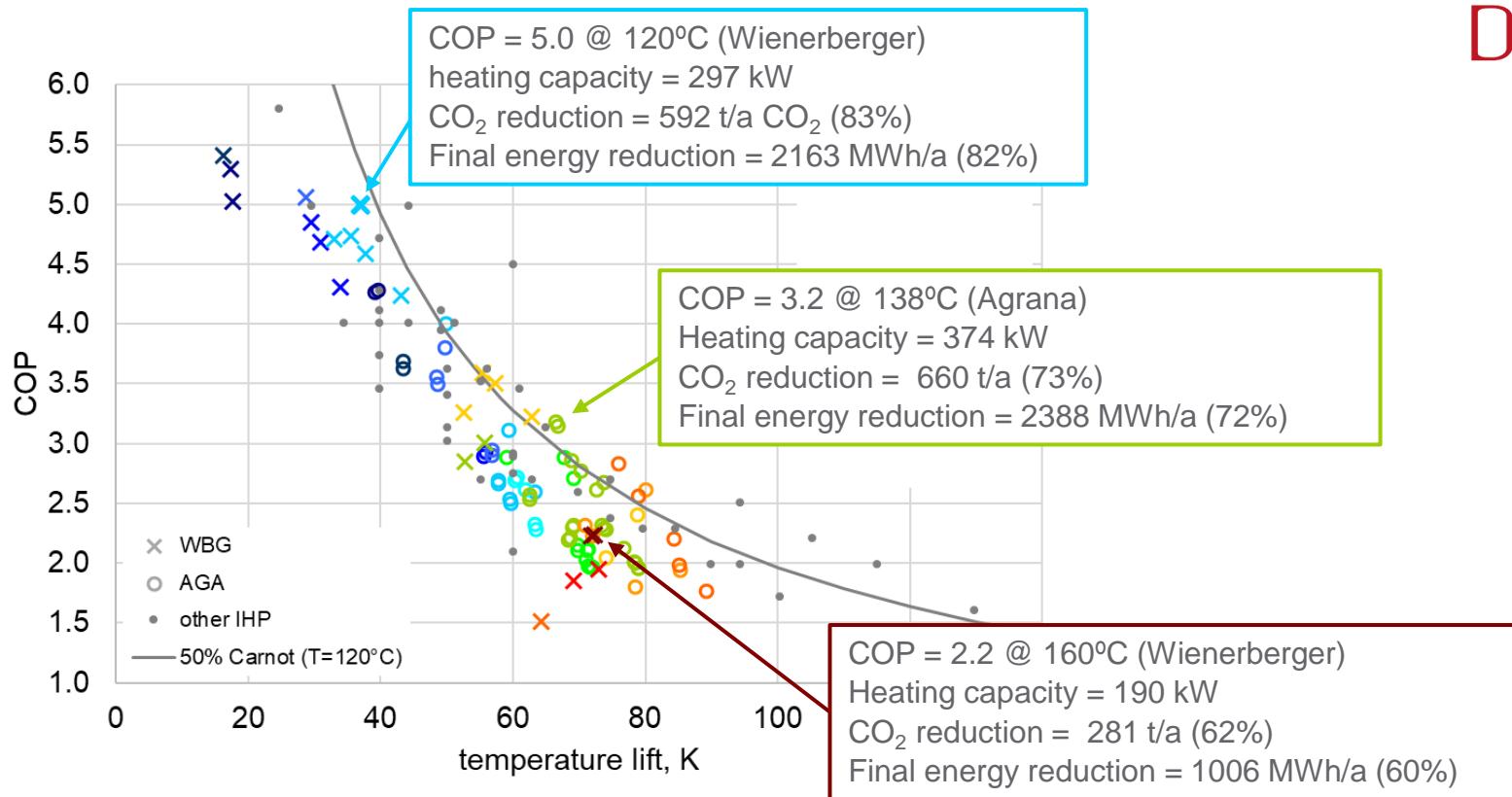
High temperature heat pumps up to 160°C



- Successful component development for high-temperature applications: Compressors, lubricants and refrigerants
- Successful demonstration of heat pumps with more than 8000 operating hours for both demonstrators
- Final energy reduction and CO₂ emission up to 80% compared to natural gas

other IHP from Arpagaus et al. High temperature heat pumps: Market overview, state of the art, research status, refrigerants, and application potentials, Energy (152), p.985-1010, 2018.

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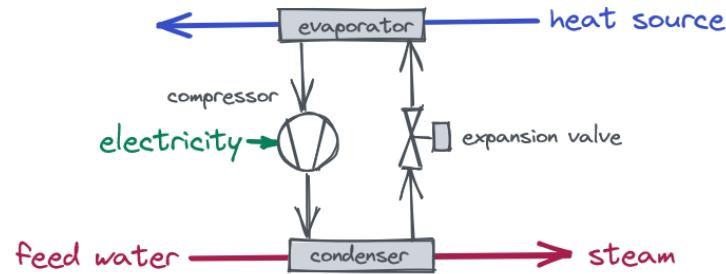


STEAM GENERATION WITH HEAT PUMPS

- steam is a major energy carrier in industry
- significant multiplication potential due to integration in existing steam networks
- steam generation in a heat pump
 - in the condenser
 - in a flash tank
- combination with MVR system

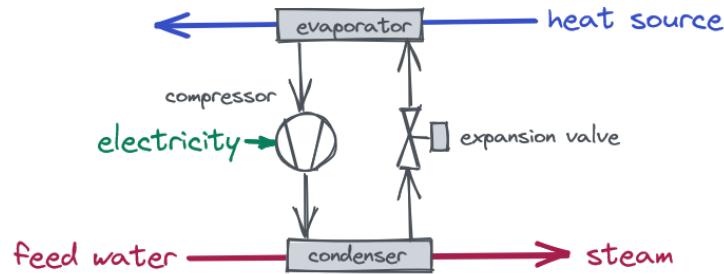
STEAM GENERATION

in the condenser

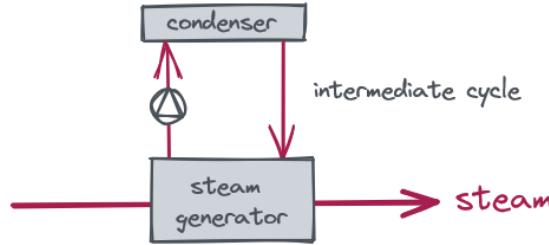


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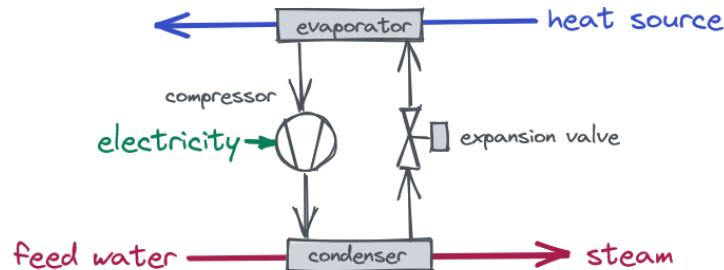


intermediate cycle

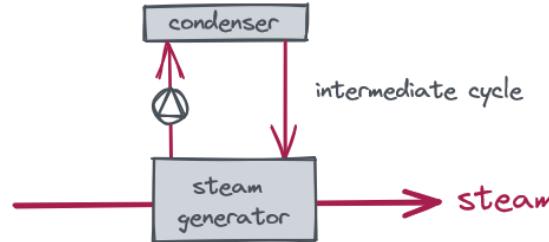


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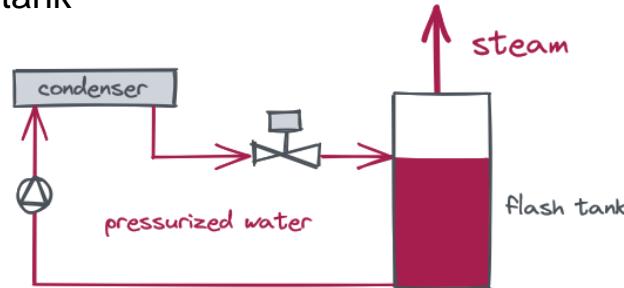
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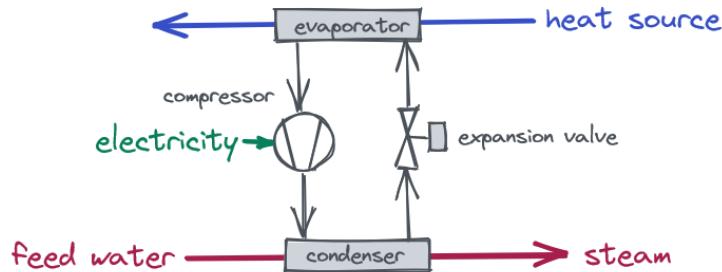


flash tank

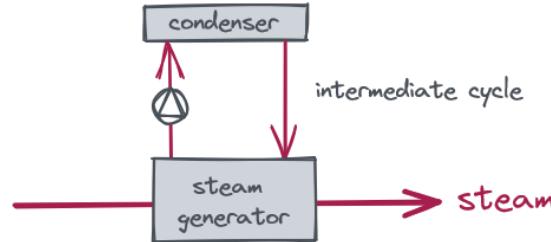


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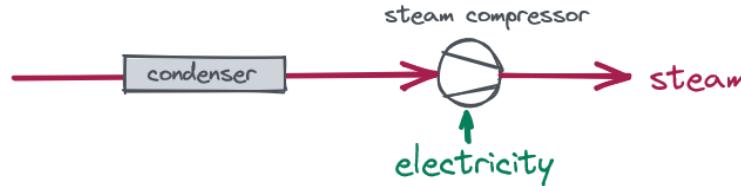
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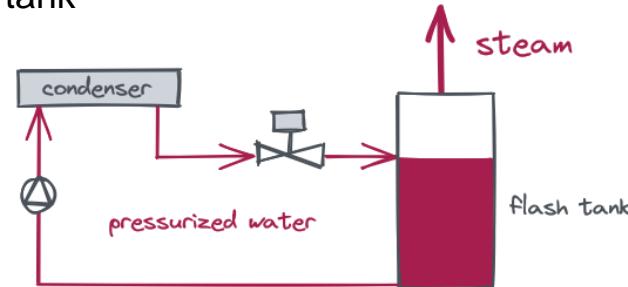
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steam compression (MVR)



flash tank



STEAM GENERATION WITH FLASH TANK

BAMBOO

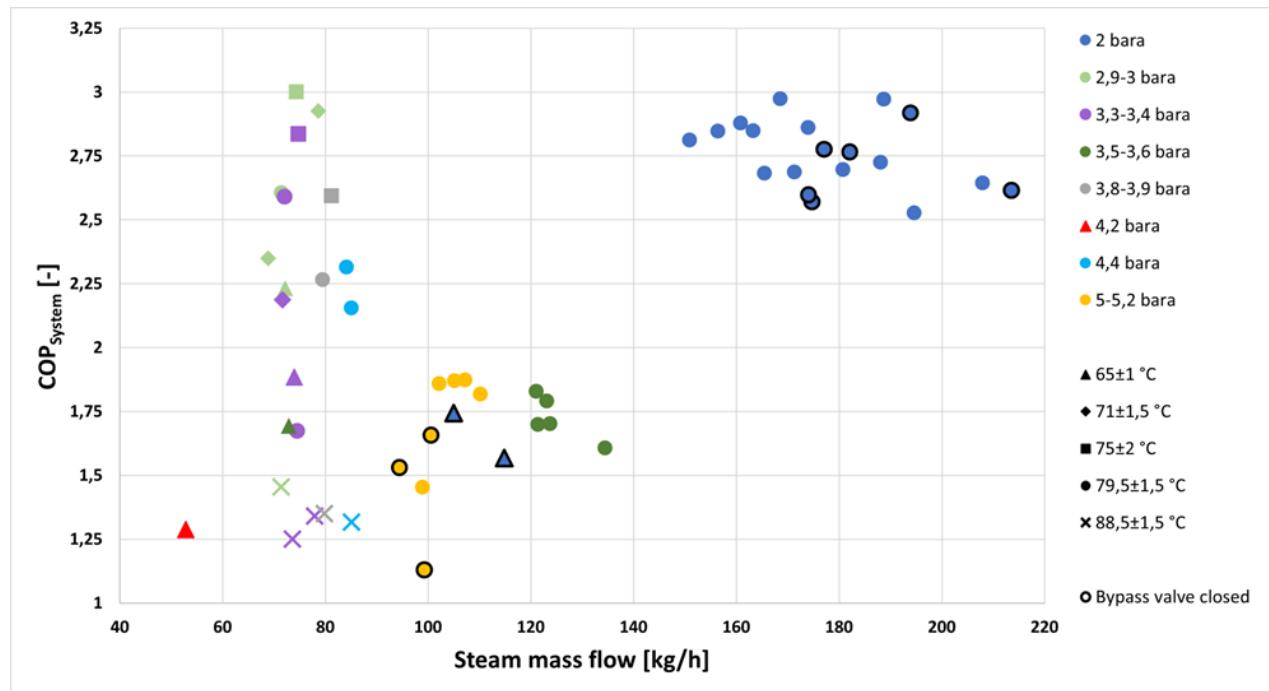
Flash tank unit for steam generation

- High temperature heat pump:
 - Up to 5 bar_a saturated steam
 - Saturated steam mass flow up to 200 kg/h
 - Refrigerant R1336mzz(Z)
- Flash tank unit especially designed and crafted for HTHP
- Test operation in laboratory of EDF LAB Les Renardières
- Further tests in a semi-industrial laboratory environment

Heat pump



PROJECT BAMBOO: STEAM GENERATING HEAT PUMP SYSTEM – MEASUREMENT RESULTS



AHEAD: ADVANCED HEAT PUMP DEMONSTRATOR

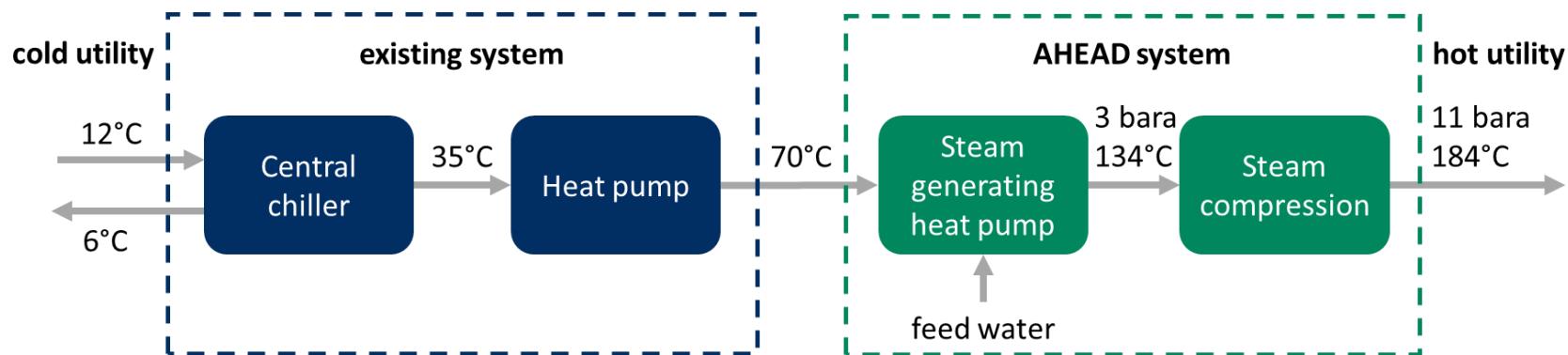
- steam production at 11 bar (184 °C) based on heat pumps
- integrated at a production site of Takeda in Vienna
- reduction of CO₂ emissions by up to 90%
- scientific monitoring and optimisation for more than 4000 h planned



<https://nefi.at/en/project/ahead>

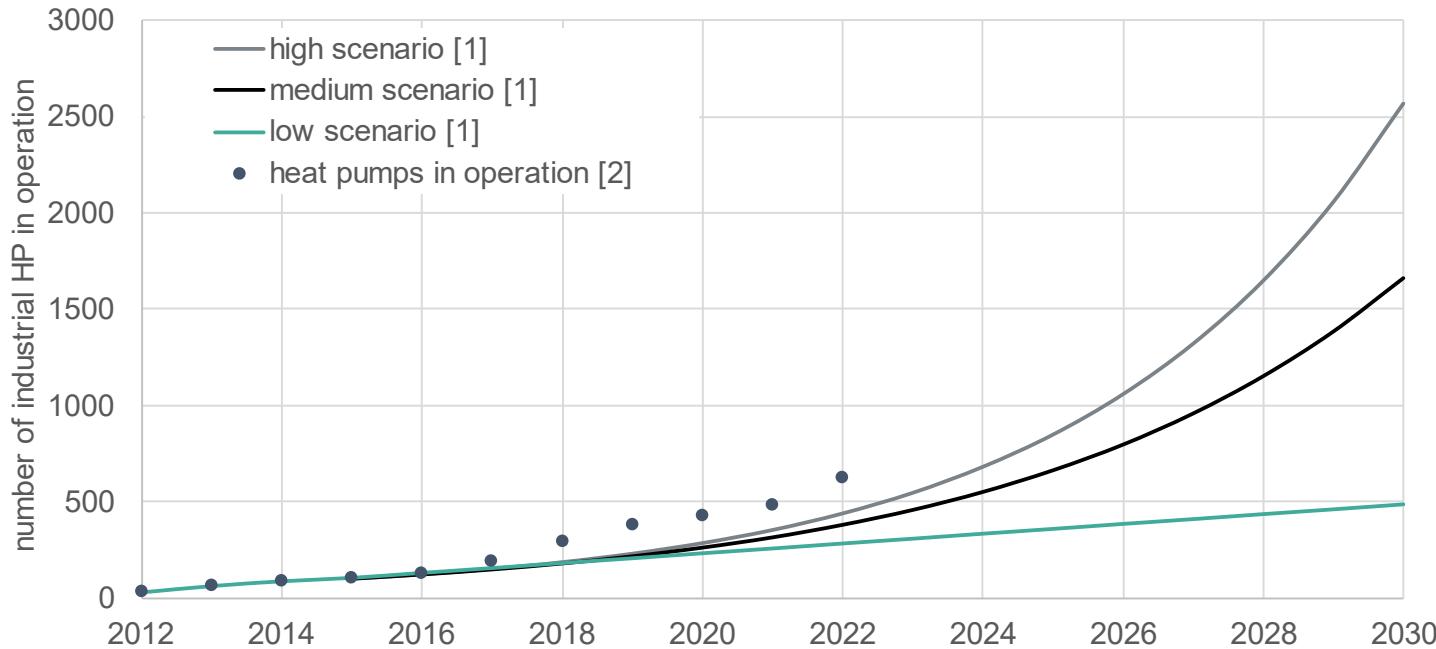
AHEAD: ADVANCED HEAT PUMP DEMONSTRATOR

- steam generating heat pump by SPH using butane as refrigerant
- combined with MVR to supply steam at 11 bar (184 °C) with 1.7 MW heating capacity
- heat and cold supply based on natural refrigerants only



Industrial heat pumps in Austria

INDUSTRIAL HEAT PUMPS IN AUSTRIA



[1] Hartl et al. Österreichische Technologie- und Umsetzungsroadmap für Wärmepumpen,
Berichte aus Energie- und Umweltforschung Nr. 8/2016, im Auftrag des BMVIT, Juni 2016
[2] Biermayr et al. Innovative Energietechnologien in Österreich Marktentwicklung 2022,
Berichte aus Energie- und Umweltforschung Nr. 36a/2023 , im Auftrag des BMK, Mai 2023

Dairy

- Berglandmilch eGen / Tirol Milch Wörgl
- Joint project with Stadtwerke Wörgl
- Installed by Frigopol in 2015

3 heat pumps with a total

- cooling capacity: 3.2 MW
- heating capacity: 4.2 MW
- Heat source: flue gas condensation and chillers, up to 45°C
- Heat sink: 78°C, for district heating



Foto: Frigopol

Weitere Informationen: A. Baumhakel, J. Herunter, Frigopol Kälteanlagen GmbH, www.frigopol.com

Brewery

- Puntigamer
- C&P Immobilien AG
- KELAG Energie&Wärme GmbH

2 heat pumps with a total heating capacity of 1220 kW (Frigopol, installed in 2018)

- Heat source: ammonia chiller, 14-25°C
- Heat sink: 46 and 75°C, residential area (Brauquartier Puntigam)



Foto: <https://www.puntigamer.at/brauereifuehrung/#lg=1&slide=6>, 30.05.2018

Koglbauer, Zanker, District heating by heat recovery from the brewing process of the brewery Puntigam, ISEC 2018, Graz, p118-124.

Rolling Mill

- Steel and rolling mill Marienhütte GmbH
- Energie Graz GmbH & Co KG

2 heat pumps (Frioetherm) with a total heating capacity of 11 MW

- Heat source: process waste heat (cooling baths)
- Heat sink: district heating at 70 and 95°C, residential area (Graz City center and Reininghaus)



Photo: <http://www.energie-graz.at/energie/fernwaerme/projekte/reininghaus> , 10.05.2017

Unger, H., 2018, Energiemodell Reininghaus – Abwärmeauskopplung Marienhütte durch Energie Graz, Technischer Kurzbericht

Wien Energie

Kraftwerk Simmering (installed capacity of 1.2 GWel / 1 GWth)

Start up by end of 2018

2 heat pumps with a total heating capacity of 27-39 MW

- Heat source: cooling circuit of the power plants, river water also possible, 6-27°C
- Heat sink: district heating, up to 95°C



CONCLUSIONS

Heat pumps are a future-proof technology for process heat supply:

- Reduction of CO₂ emissions and increase in efficiency
- Electrification of heat supply
- On site waste heat recovery
- Integration is decisive for efficient solutions

Ongoing development:

- More manufacturers and products entering the market
- Higher temperatures
- Steam generation

Demonstration projects to establish new technologies

THANK YOU!

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