

High Temperature Heatpumps in Food Industry

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O2 Company, Function



- Guido Sutter
- Master in Mech. Engineering ETHZ
- Specialisation in Fluid/Aero-Dynamics, Thermodynamics

- Nestlé, Vevey, Zone EUROPE
- Sustainability Manager Manufacturing
- Decarbonisation of Manufacturing

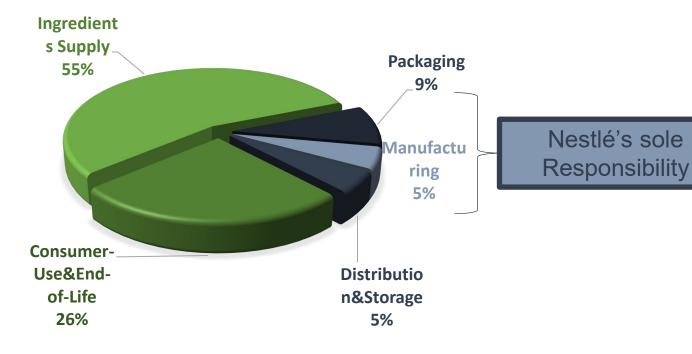
Special Interests



- Food and Food Industry
- Efficiency, Sustainability
- Change and Rethink

Manufacturing represents only ~5% Value chain But scope 1 (Self used) has Now it's own reduction target



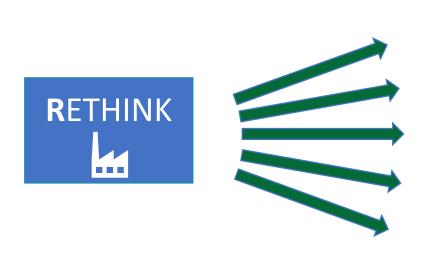


- Credibility:

 «Clean up our own house»
- **Expectation:**Fulfill the Public's and NGO's expectations
- Readiness:

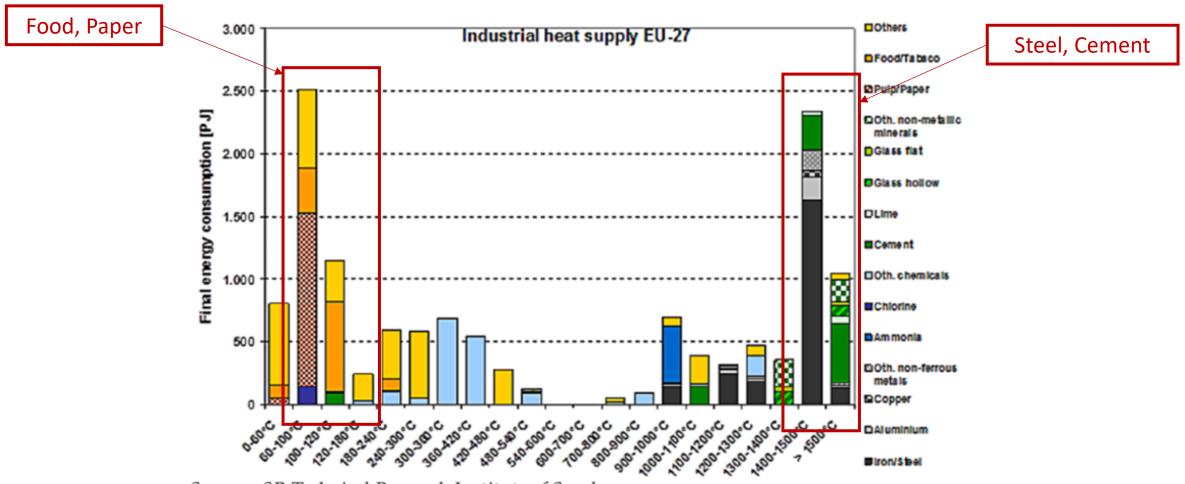
 Be ready for the ultimate target 2050: Zero Carbon

Unit operation efficiency is a big opportunity



	Efficiency
Petfood Dryers	50%
Pizza ovens	25%
Waver ovens	20%
Spray Dryers	50%
Noodle Dryers	40%
Roasters	20%
Retorts	10%
PET Pre-form heater	20%

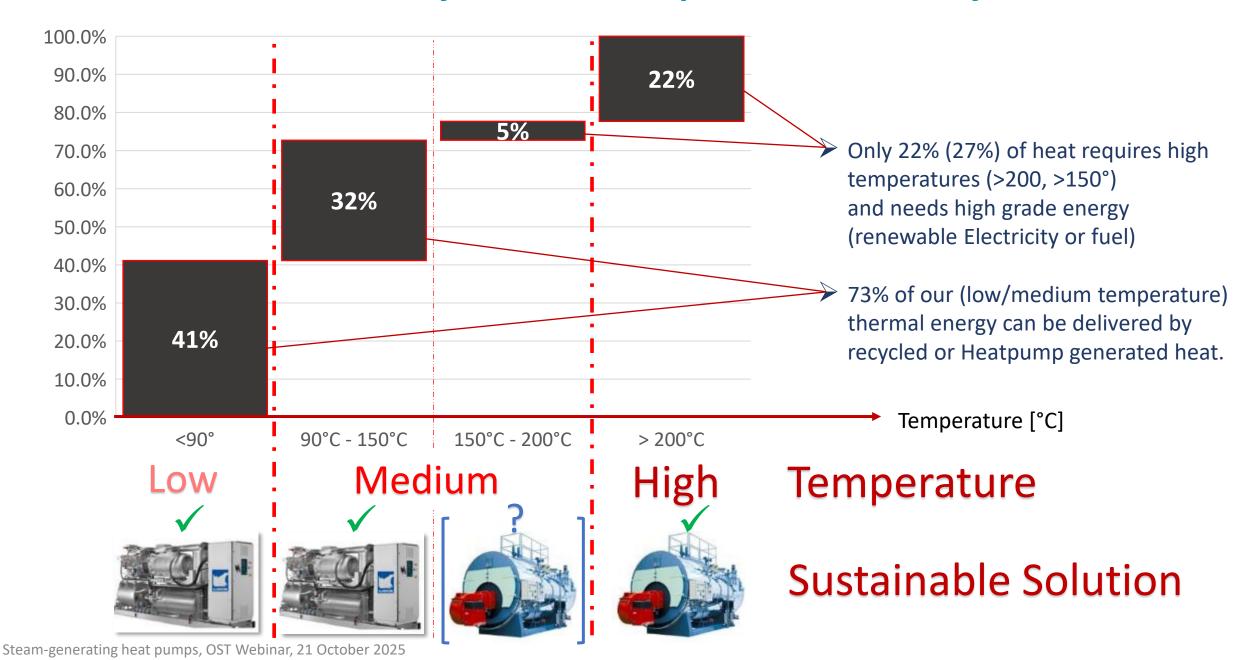
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Source: SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden

Abbildung 13: Wärmebedarf von 27 EU Länder aufgeschlüsselt nach Temperaturen und Industriezweige (IEA, 2012).

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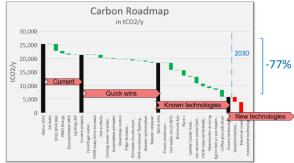


Holistic Plan for Factories

TEAM process MMZero Carbon Roadmap Manufacturing Masterplan Zero Carbon Current Energy data Current Carbon Emission data **MMZERO** · BIC (best in class) processing Internal Inputs Net Zero Carbon solutions Total Delivered Cost Factory Factory **Business** Brand Factory Manufacturing Master Strategy Strategy Objectives Masterplan Quick win Plan Zero Carbon Tech. 1 Tech. 2 0.1 Mio CHF 1.7 Mio CHF 0.5 Mio CHF Pavback Current local context Future local context **External Inputs** Sustainability Risks • Future Energy Landscape Disruptive Technologies

Results

1) Carbon Roadmap



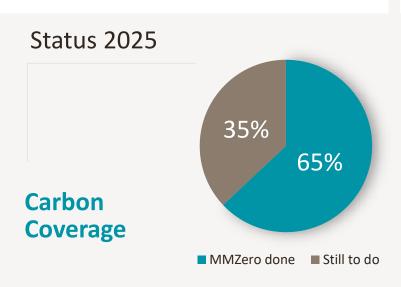
2) CAPEX Phasing Plan



3) A Lot of learnings



MMZero identifies Great Savings



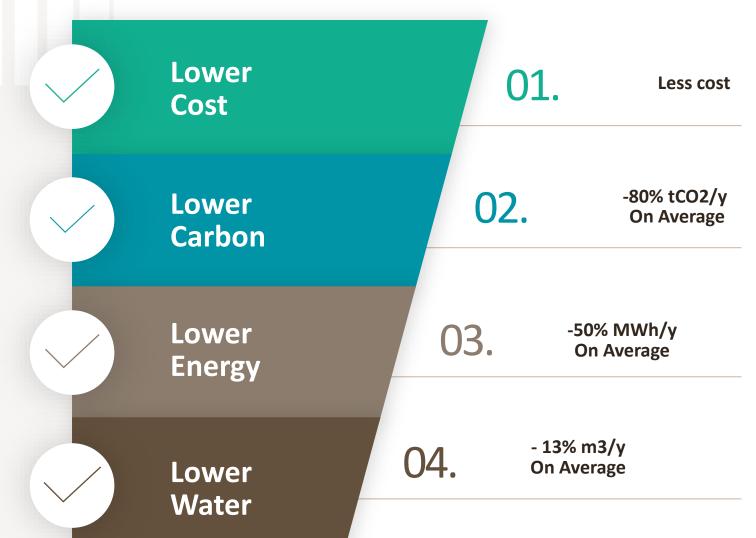
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Outlook 2030













-82% CO2



-56% Energy

EXAMPLE MMZero Nescafe



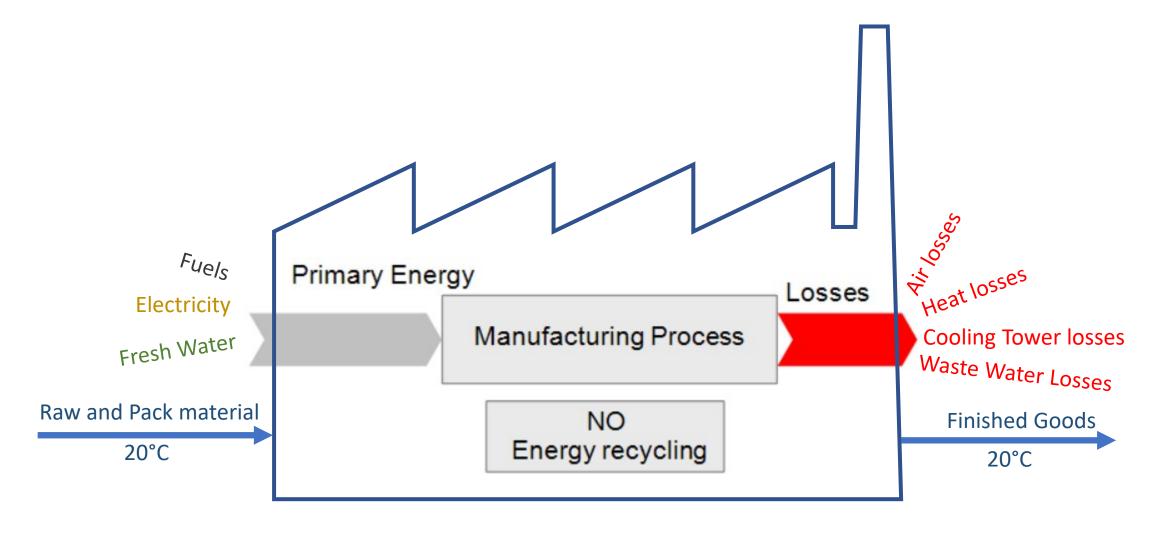




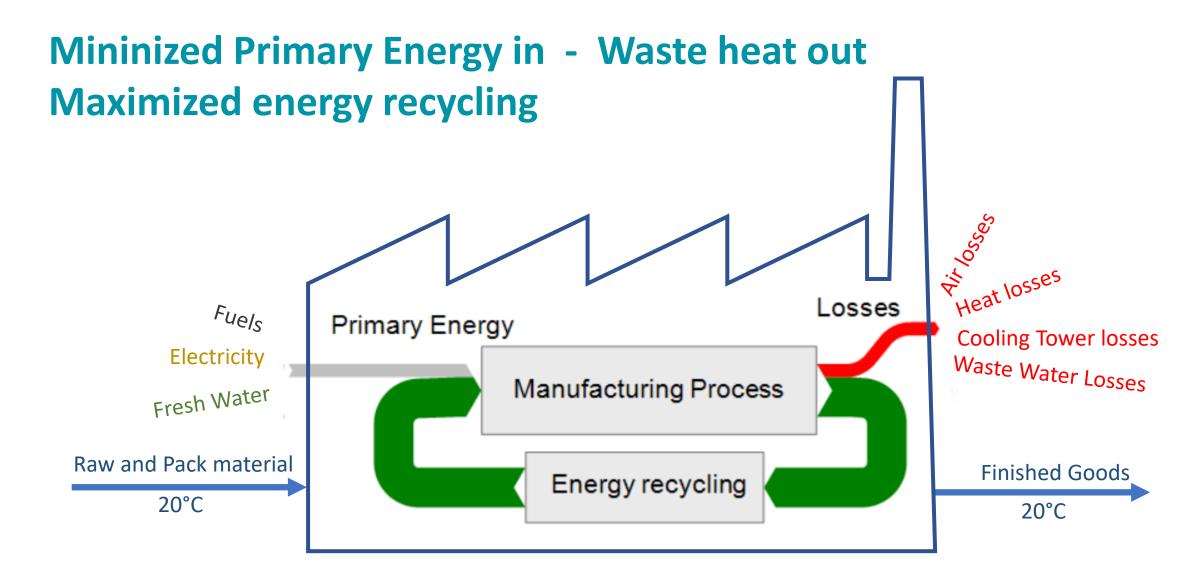


Our Traditional Set-up

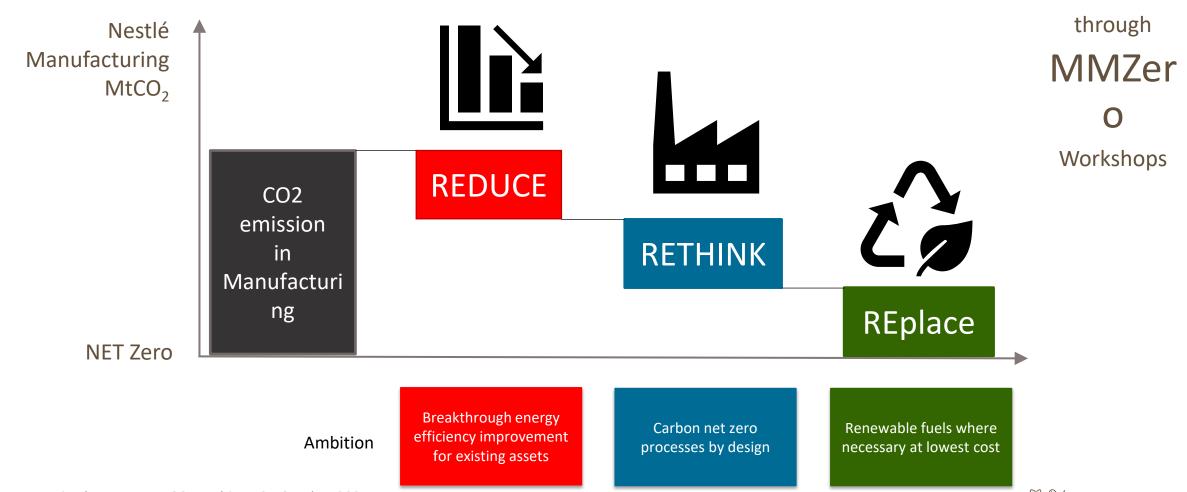
Primary Energy in - Waste heat out



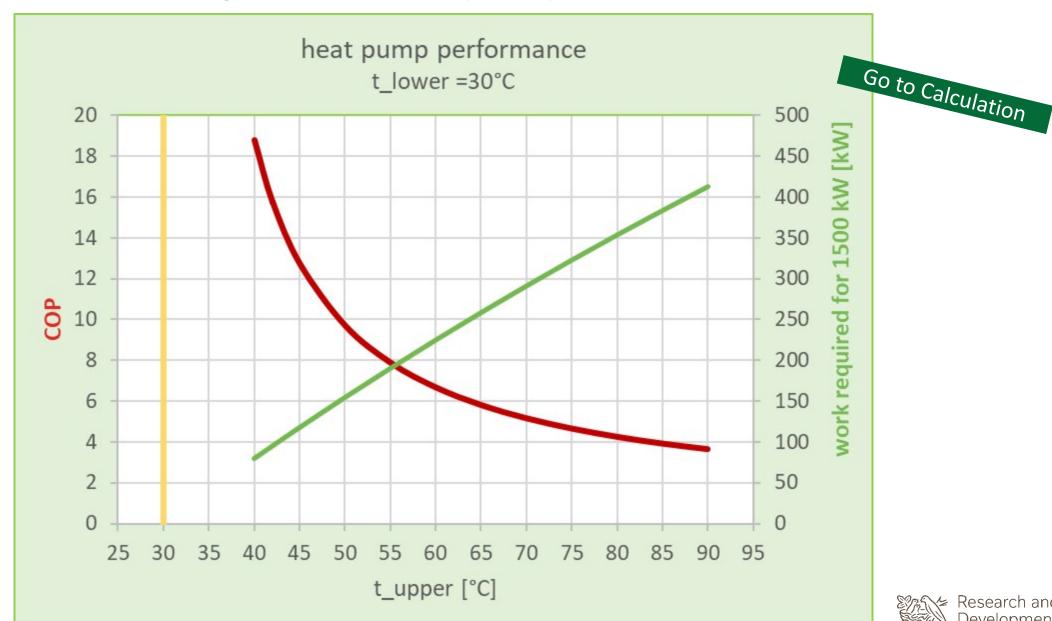
Our NEW Set-up



OUR STRATEGY to decarbonize manufacturing

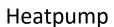


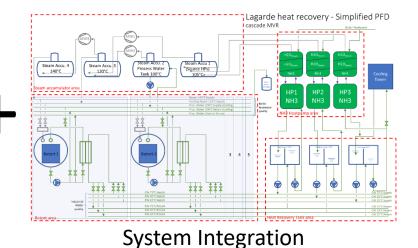
KPI's – Coefficient of performance (COP)



System integration is key – Aim for highest COP_{heatpump}







= Success

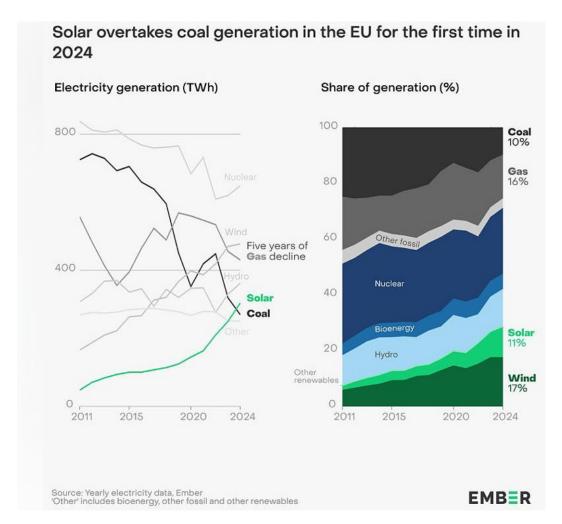
$$\checkmark COP_{System} = \frac{gain}{effort} = \eta \frac{T_h}{T_h - T_l} > \frac{electricity \ price}{gas \ price}$$

T_h: High Temperature (Sink) T_i: Low Temperature (Source)



Solar and Wind produce electricity at lowest cost Tendency: lower Electricity/Gasprice ratio



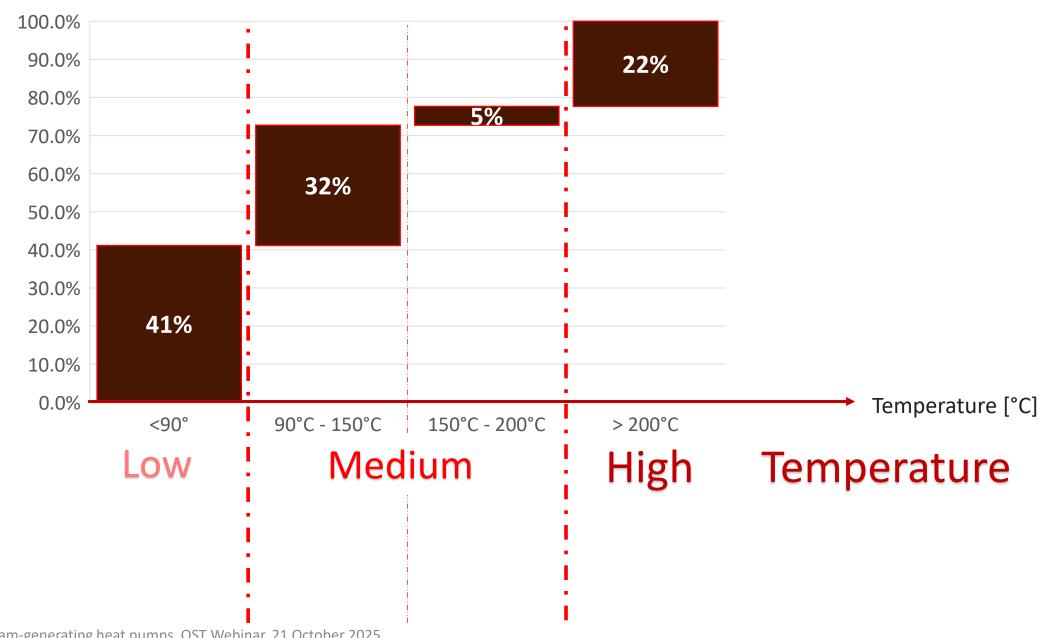


Technology	Cost CHF/MWh
New Nuklear	180
Gas peaking	168
Current Market Price	150
Coal	117
Gas combined cycle	70
PV Utility scale	60
Wind power	50
Old (existing) nuklear	40-60

Electricity/Gasprice ratio = 2.5 - 3 is decreasing year over year

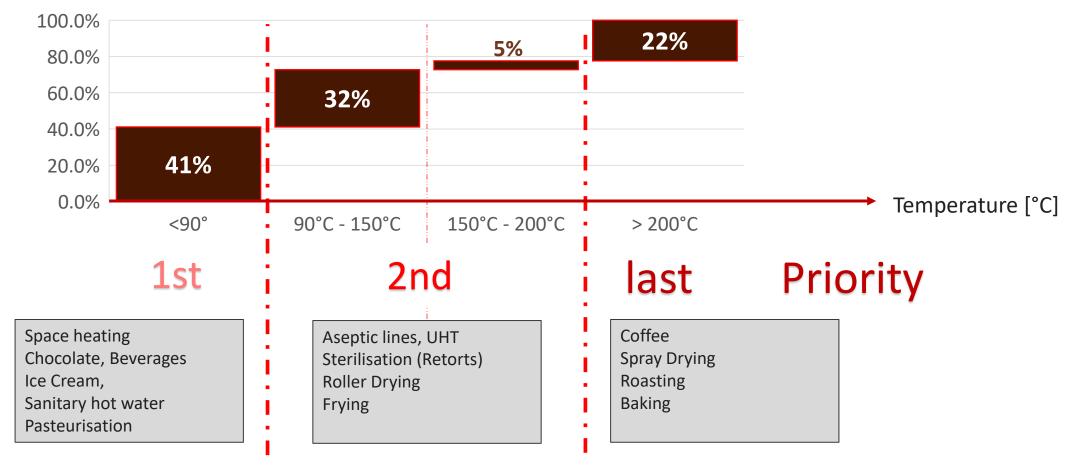


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Examples

EXAMPLE Europe Decarbonisation by Heatpumps







Heatpumps to reduce GHGemissions by up to 50%



is Feasible & Implementation is already done



13 MW Heat Capacity installed By 11 Heatpumps < 85°C

Impact 20'000 tCO2/y savings

2026-2030

20+ MW Heat Capacity Under Execution or planning

Impact 30'000 tCO2/y savings

Konolfingen Infant Formula Decarbonisation







Heatpumps to reduce GHGemissions by up to 50%

ZERO CARBON

First large Heatpump and first stratification tank implementation

2023

1.3 MW Heat Capacity 10'000 MWh/y savings (-20%)

Impact 2'000 tCO2/y



Scope:

- ✓ Heatpump
- ✓ Stratification tank
- ✓ Energy circuit 85°C/75°C



Biessenhofen Infant Formula Decarbonisation







Heatpumps to reduce GHGemissions by up to 50%



Stepwise decarbonisation program following the MMZero strategy

2024 (done), 2026 (project)

1.8 MW Heat Capacity 8'000 + 10'000 MWh/y savings (-21%) Total impact 3'600 tCO2/y



Scope:

- ✓ Heatpump
- ✓ Stratification tanks
- ✓ Energy circuits 85°/75°C, 65°/45°C



Holesov CZ Confectionery Decarbonisation







Heatpumps to reduce GHGemissions by up to 50%



Air drying of jellies by heat pump

2025 (done)

3 x 1.2 MW Heat Capacity 11'000 MWh/y savings (-45%) Total impact 2'200 tCO2/y

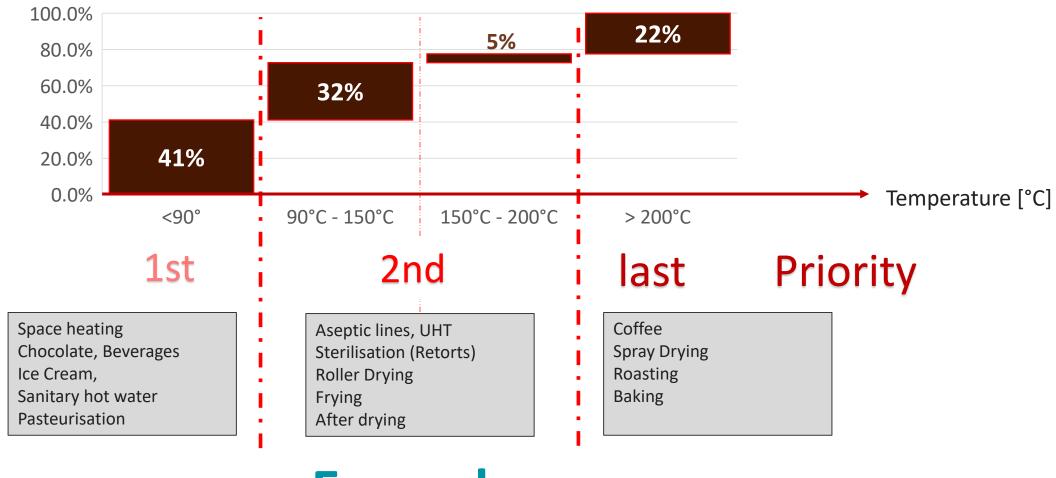


Scope:

- ✓ Heatpump
- ✓ Stratification tank
- ✓ Integration 83°/77°C



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Examples

France **Petfood Retorting** Decarbonisation







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Full decarbonisation of Retorting process by steam generating heatpump

2026 (planned)

1.1 MW Heat Capacity 9'000 MWh/y savings (-95%) Total impact 1'800 tCO2/y

MVR

Steam Vessel

Water Pump



Scope:

- NH3 Heatpump 85°C
- 3x MVR (Turbo) 135°C
- System-Integration



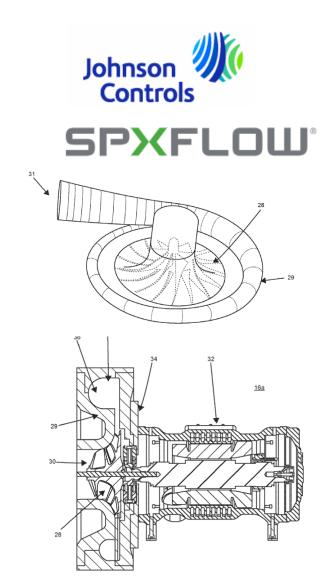
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MVRs – Steam re-compression – Product Comparison



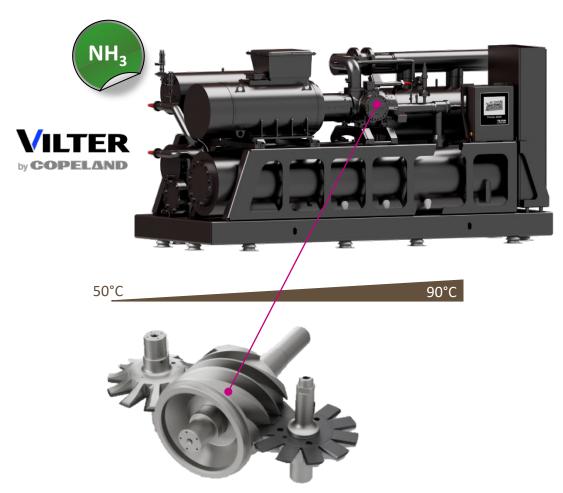




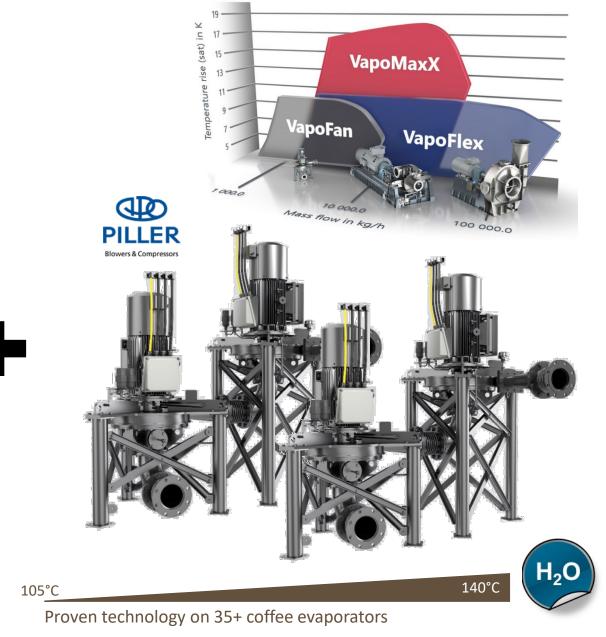


let 1014 mbar, 100 °C - 160 kW

The multi-stage heat pump

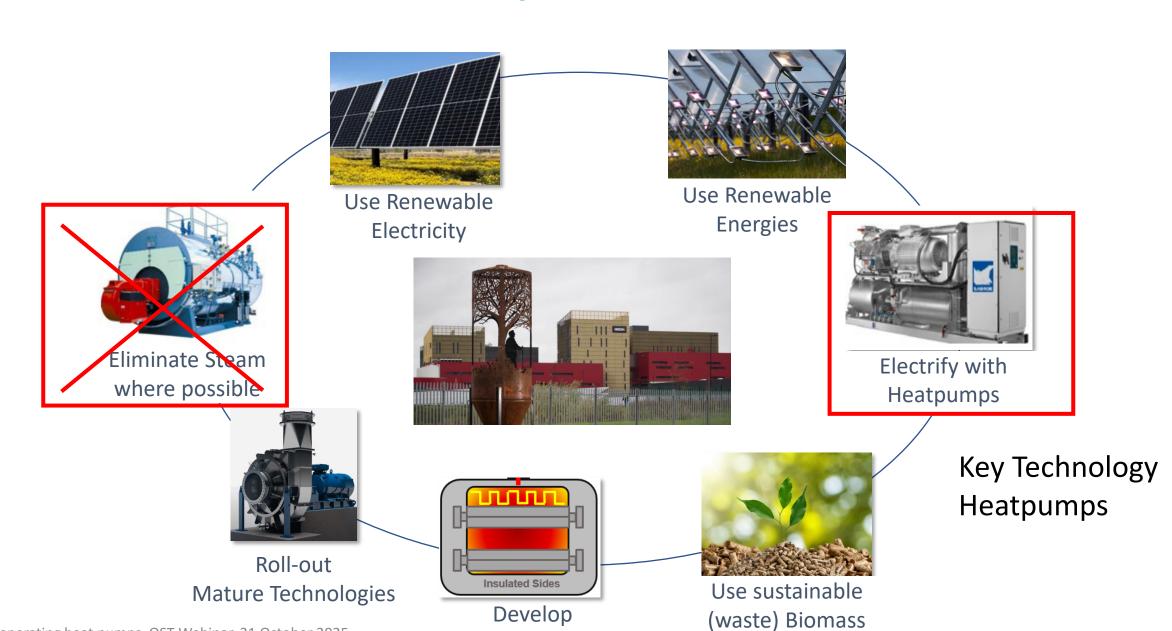


Single screw compressor = Balanced axial and radial loading Operation proven for high pressure (CO₂ compression)





The Food Factory of the FUTURE: 2050



Disruptive Technologies

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Operations Design Criteria (for High Temperature Systems)

01 Compliant

Why are HC natural refrigerants better?

R-290 R-717

Reliable, safe Fit for Future



03 Efficient



Natural Working Fluids

R-744

- No Halogens (HFC, HF, HFO, ...)
- Compliant for next 100 years...

- Manageable Safety Risks
- Well known technology
- Suitable for next 100 years...

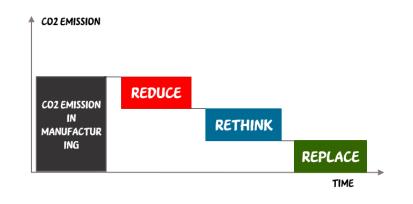
- High process efficiency
- Lowest operational cost
- Lowest life cycle cost

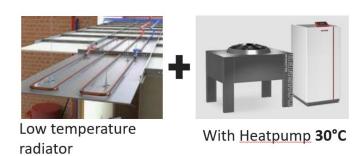
Summary Recommendations

O1 Select right Strategy with right Sequence

O2 Design System "Fit for Heatpump"

Aim for highest efficiency







- ▶ REDUCE: «Drive more carefully»
- ► RETHINK: «Do it different»
- ► REPLACE: "Only if no alternatives"

- Replace system + heatpump
- As a minimum: Replace system "heatpump ready" (w/o HP)

- Low Temperature Heatpumps: Ammonia
- High Temperature Heatpumps: Cascade Ammonia Steam
- System Temperatures
 Low T High T
 Source

Thank you very much for your attention