

# Efficiency Increase by Systematic Heat Pumping Integration in Industrial Processes

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#### **EPFL** Energy efficiency : understanding the use of energy



FIGURE 2.1—Mass and energy flows of the main units

Heat recovery targeting

Recovery



Conversion

- Heat pumps
- MVR
- Cogeneration
- Waste Water





Heat exchangers





FIGURE 9.5—Carnot Composite Curve for optimized utilities

FIGURE 2.4—Energy consumption by type and consumer





- Same unit operation : different heating and cooling profiles





#### Heat recovery and heat cascade

- Corrected temperature  $T^* = T + / -(\Delta T_{min}/2)$
- Graphical plot of the heat cascade : [ R<sub>r</sub>, T\*<sub>r</sub>] r=1,n<sub>r</sub>



The Grand composite is the heat cascade representation in the corrected temperature domain. it represents the flow of energy in the system from higher temperatures to lower temperature. Above the pinch point is also represents the heat-temperature profile of the heat to be supplied to the system and below the pinch it represents the heat-temperature profile of the heat available in the process and to be removed from the system.





# **Closing the energy balance**







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# Integrating heat pumps from heat source to heat sink







#### Miss placed heat pumps : above or below the pinch







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### **Identify temperature levels**



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#### Heat pumps and waste heat valorisation



Heat pump + ORC

- Superstructure
- Fluids

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- Turbines
- Optimisation

Kermani et al., Applied Energy, 2019

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# **Heat pump integration : problem statement**

A.S. Wallerand 2018. EPFL Thesis

- Heat pump type ?
- Working fluid ?
- Operating conditions ?
- Multi-stage compression / expansion ?
- Subcooling/preheating ?
- Flash drums ?
- Compressor types ?







## Systematic approach: superstructure optimisation

[1] Wallerand et al. 2018[2] A.S. Wallerand. EPFL Thesis, Lausanne







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### Systematic approach: superstructure model



# Fluid data base

working fluids and their thermo-physical properties









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#### **Technology data base : compressors**



#### **Optimisation to select and calculate flows in the system**



$$\sum_{w=1}^{n_w} f_w e_w + E^+ - E_c \ge 0$$

$$+E^{+} - E_c \ge 0 \qquad \sum_{w=1}^{n_w} f$$

Energy conversion Technology selection

$$fmin_w y_w \le f_w \le fmax_w y_w$$

 $f_w e_w + E^+ - E_c - E^- = 0$ 

$$y_w \in \{0,1\}$$

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## **System integration results**



# **Conclusions : industrial heat pump integration**

- Process integration of industrial heat pumps
  - System pinch is the key => Heat transfer interfaces
  - System boundaries
    - integrate waste treatment and cities
  - Heat pumps integrates with other utilities
    - cogeneration waste heat valorisation
  - Renewable electricity => Heat storage and optimal strategic operation
- Methods
  - System energetics analysis
  - Heat transfer interfaces
  - Grand composite => temperature levels
  - Super-structure => fluids + system configuration for temperature levels
  - Optimisation => selection and flows
  - Integrated Carnot Composite Curves => exergy losses





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