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Industrial Gas Utilization – SG 5.1: High temperature gas heat pumps to recover industrial waste heat

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Industrial world Context: Main priorities focused on Energy efficiency & Heat recovery

❑ Energy and environmental context

- ✓ Factor 4 – 450 ppm CO₂
- ✓ European Energy- Climate targets: 3 x 20%
- ✓ **Today's trend → < 50 % of the EC 2020 target**

❑ Regulation Context

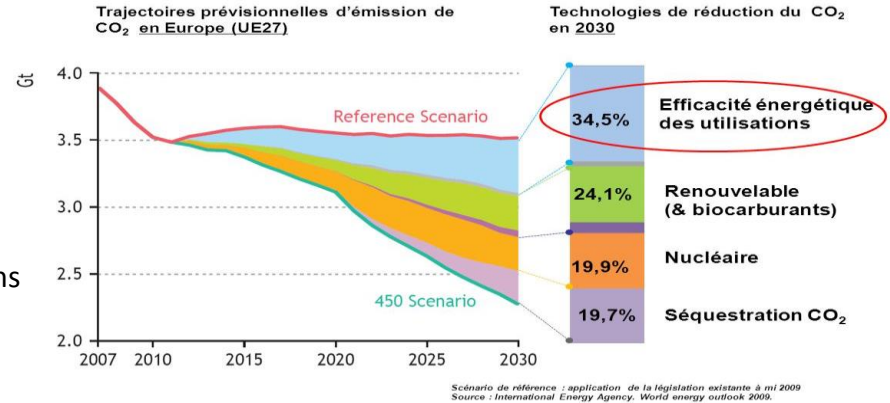
- ✓ Energy management standards - ISO 50001
- ✓ New operating permitting for industrial plants
- ✓ National quotas CO₂ or White certificate allocations
- ✓ New pollutants emissions values (NO_x, SO_x ...cf EC BREF)

❑ Profitability of UE industries or ind. Plate-forms (Steel ind. Chemical ind.)

- ✓ Energy prices → Reduction of energy consumption
- ✓ Sustainability of EC industries
- ✓ Re-engineering of the energy master plans

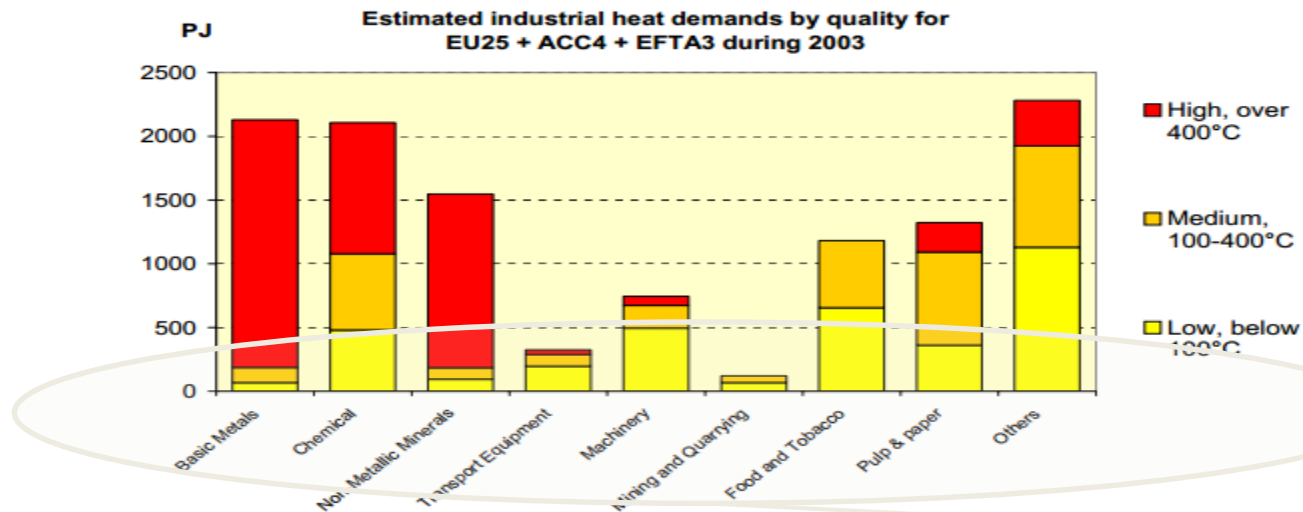
❑ Strategic context – “Technology boosting”

- ✓ Advanced technologies in energy (NTE)
- ✓ Eco-design concept
- ✓ « **Low carbon-foot print** » factories or Smart Energy Factories (ex: Candmet CND)



- Energy efficiency & Heat recovery are complementary to renewable
- Implementation needs specific Systems & territory approaches
- Trends : Innovative concept of « Eco-design plants or Smart Energy Factories »

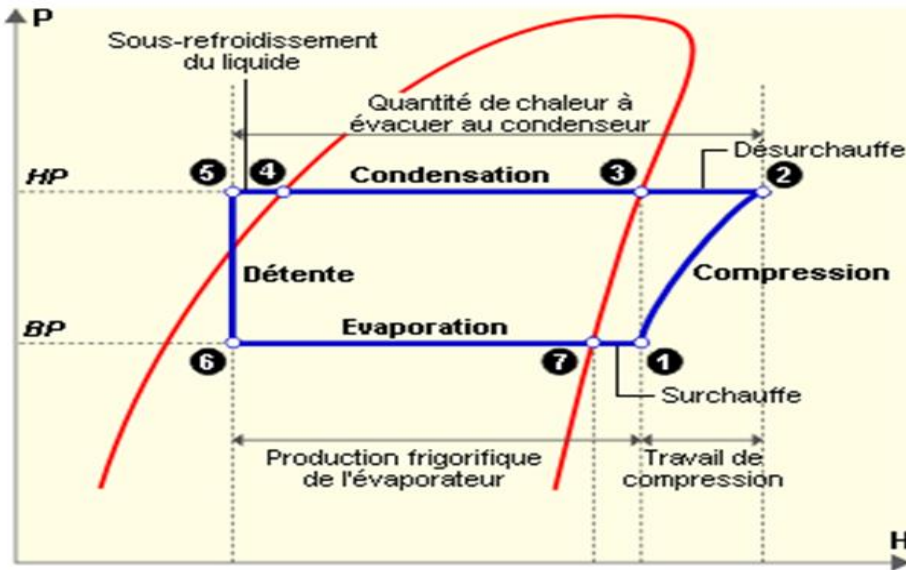
Industrial Heat demand in Europe



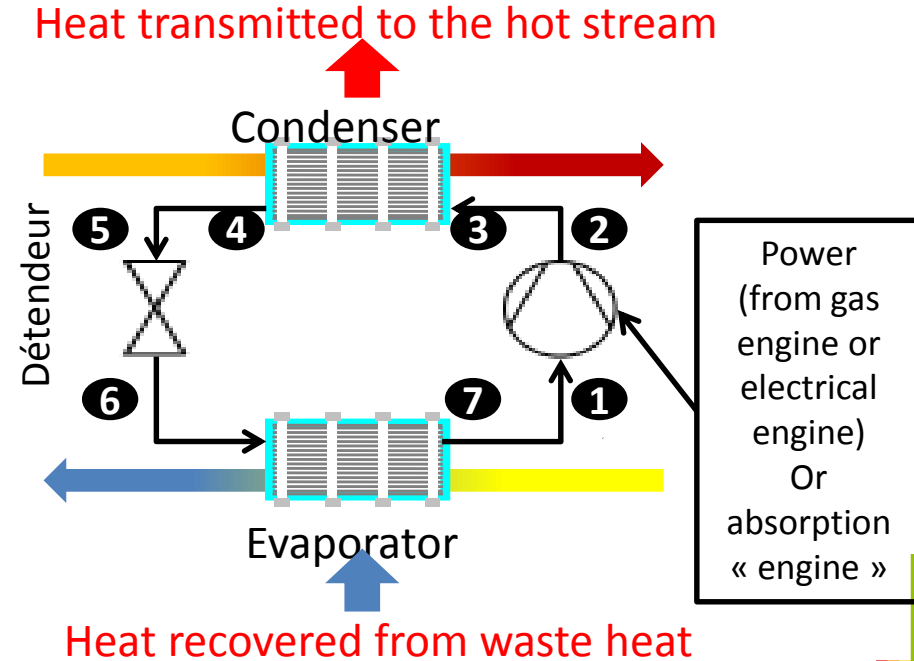
Source: EcoHeatCool project

Temperature around 100°C represents a large ratio of the whole industry demand

Industrial Heat pump principle: A good way for heat Recovery

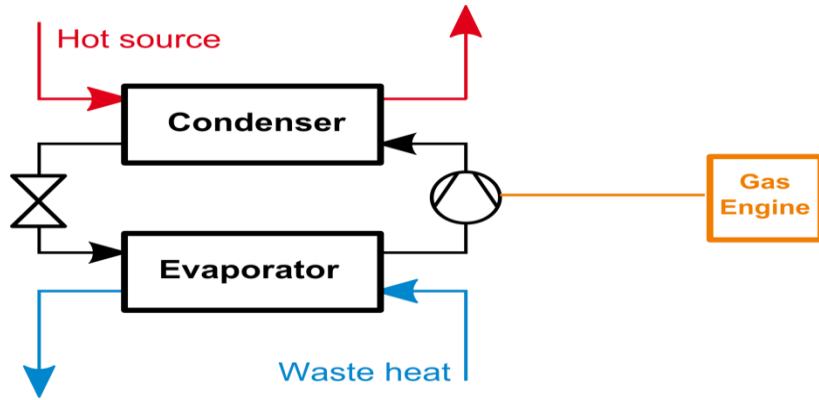


Mollier diagram (Heat pump cycle)



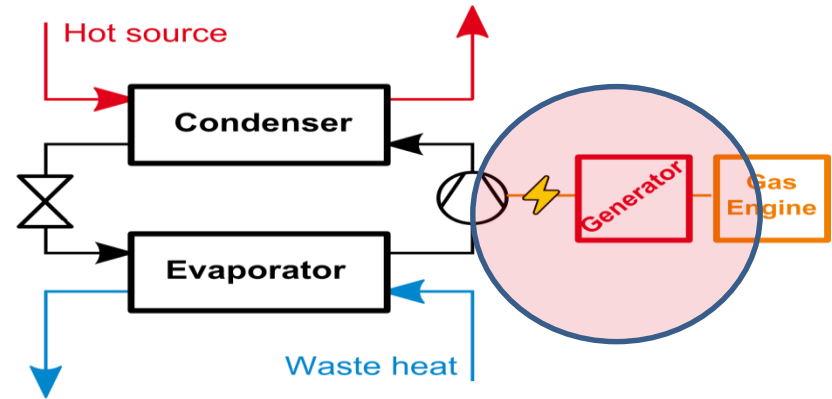
Designing a natural gas heat pump

Two configurations



Direct (= mechanical) coupling

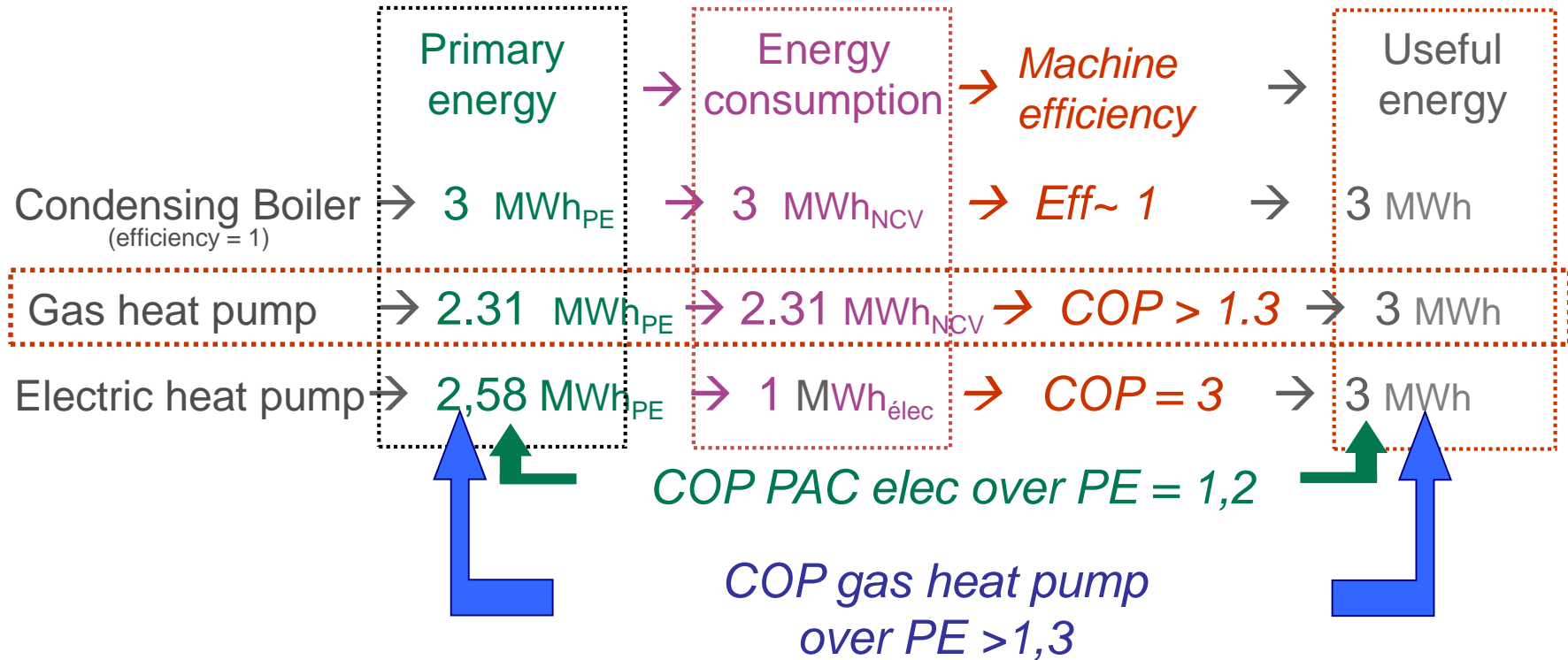
Requires an open compressor
HP power > 2MWth



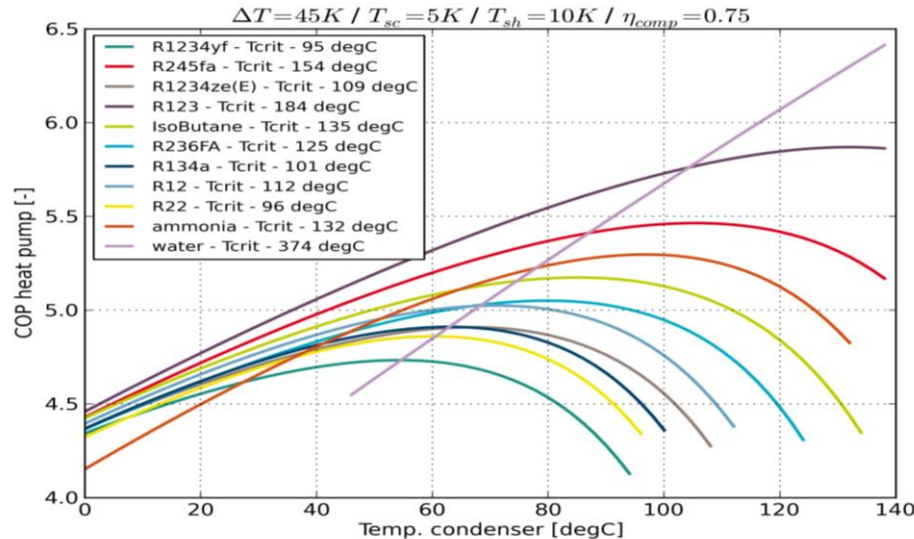
Generator system

Half-open compressor, magnetic
bearing engine can also be used
 $0.5\text{MWth} < \text{HP power} < 2\text{MWth}$

Primary energy consumption of industrial gas heat pumps



1st point - Mechanical COP vs various refrigerent fluids

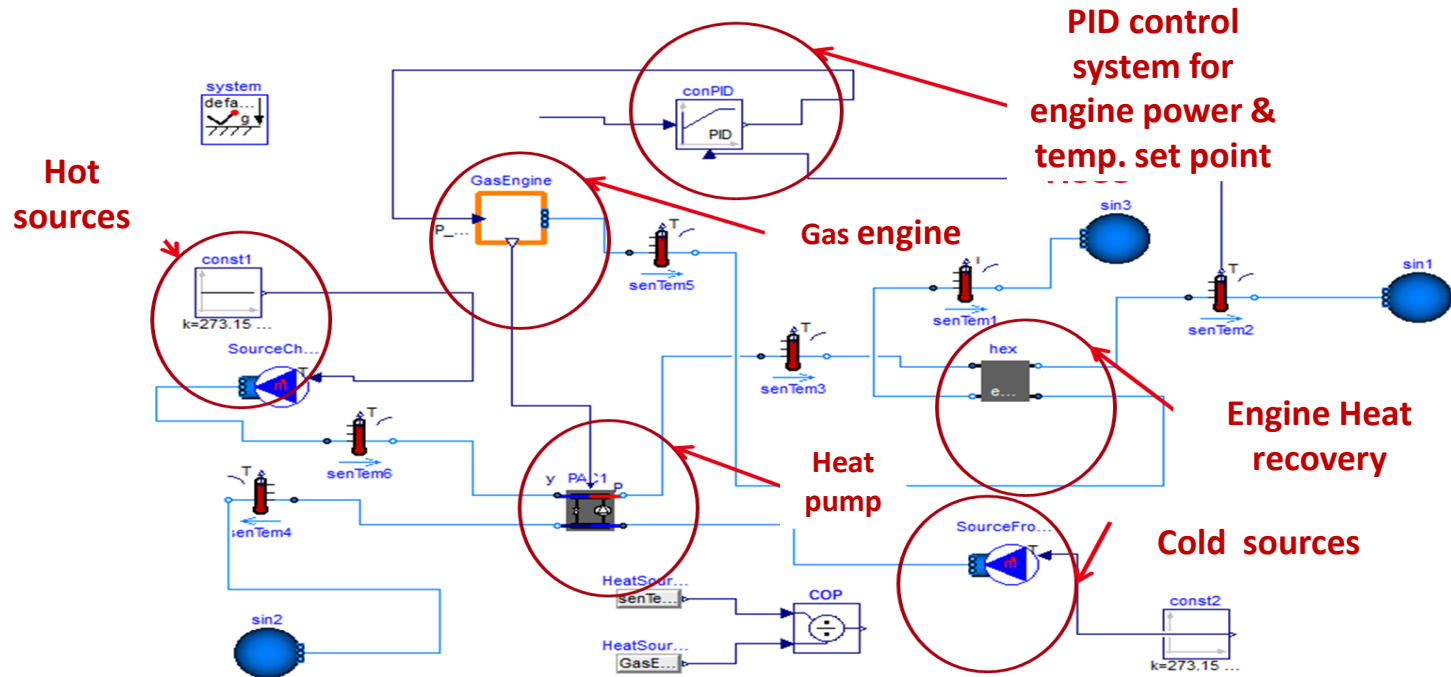


ENGIE - CRIGEN calculations

- The refrigerant has to offer the best energy performance, the lowest cost, the lowest impact on environment (GWP index) and to guarantee the safety of the machines
- Optimal COP is obtained for a condensation temperature of the fluid lower than around 30°C of the critical temperature

2st point – Optimize thermal Integration of a Gas HP into industrial process

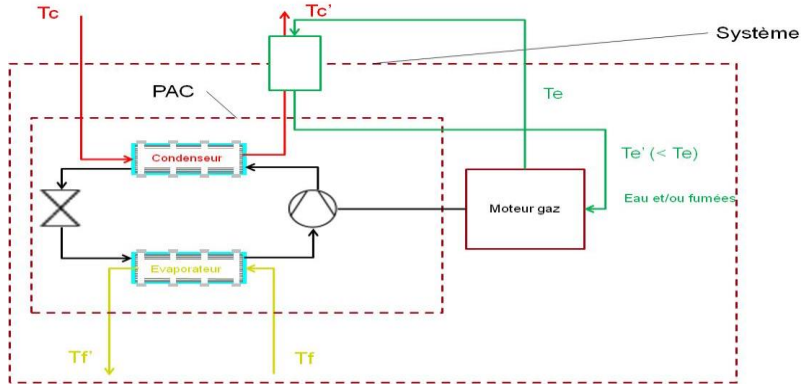
A new model to calculate performances has been developped



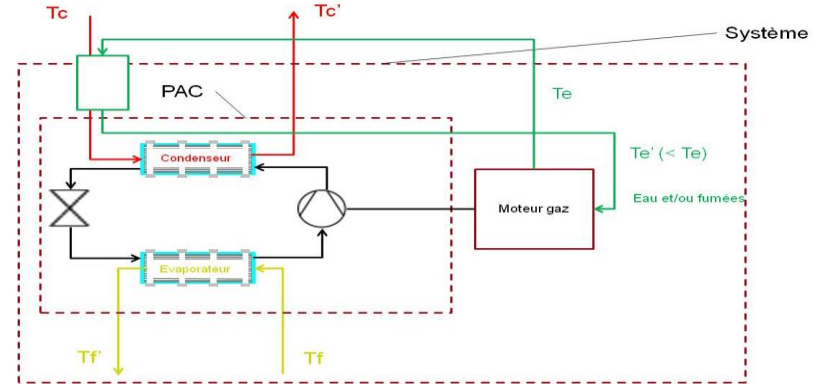
→ The model helps to determine the best configuration between various gas engine heat pumps

3st point- Choose the right option to recover heat energy from the engine

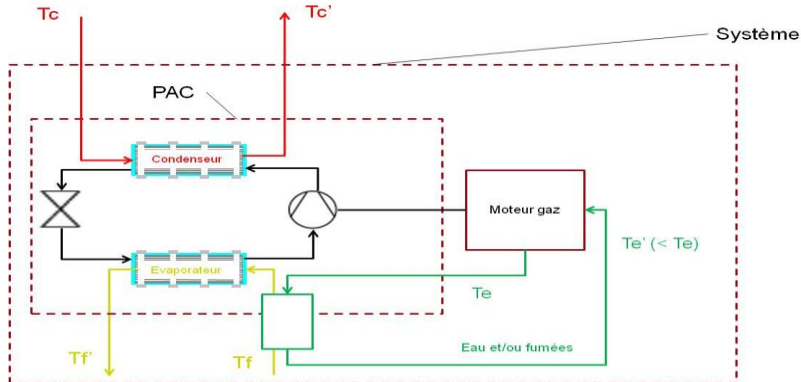
Config 2 (direct) – option 1



Config 2 (direct) – option 2

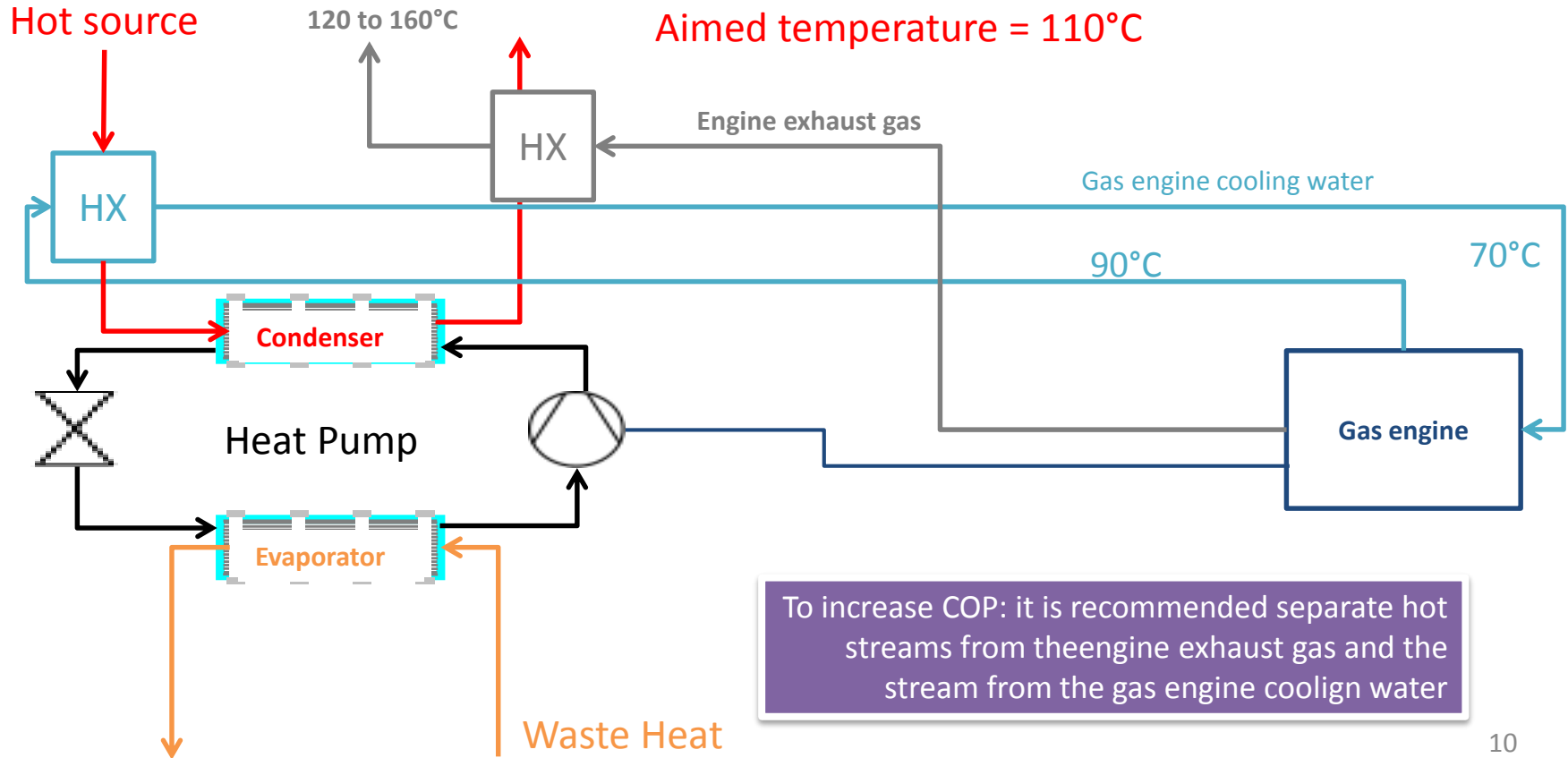


Config 2 (direct) – option 3



➔ The best option strongly depends on the process

3st point- Choose the right option to recover heat energy from the engine one of Best option

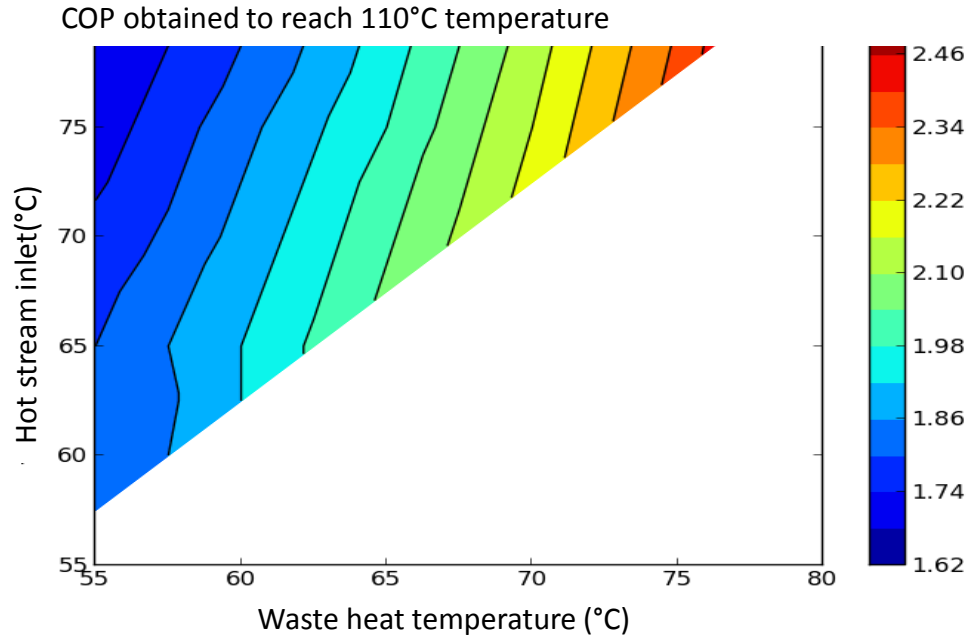


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Performance chart

Integration of a gas heat pump into industrial process

Performance charts



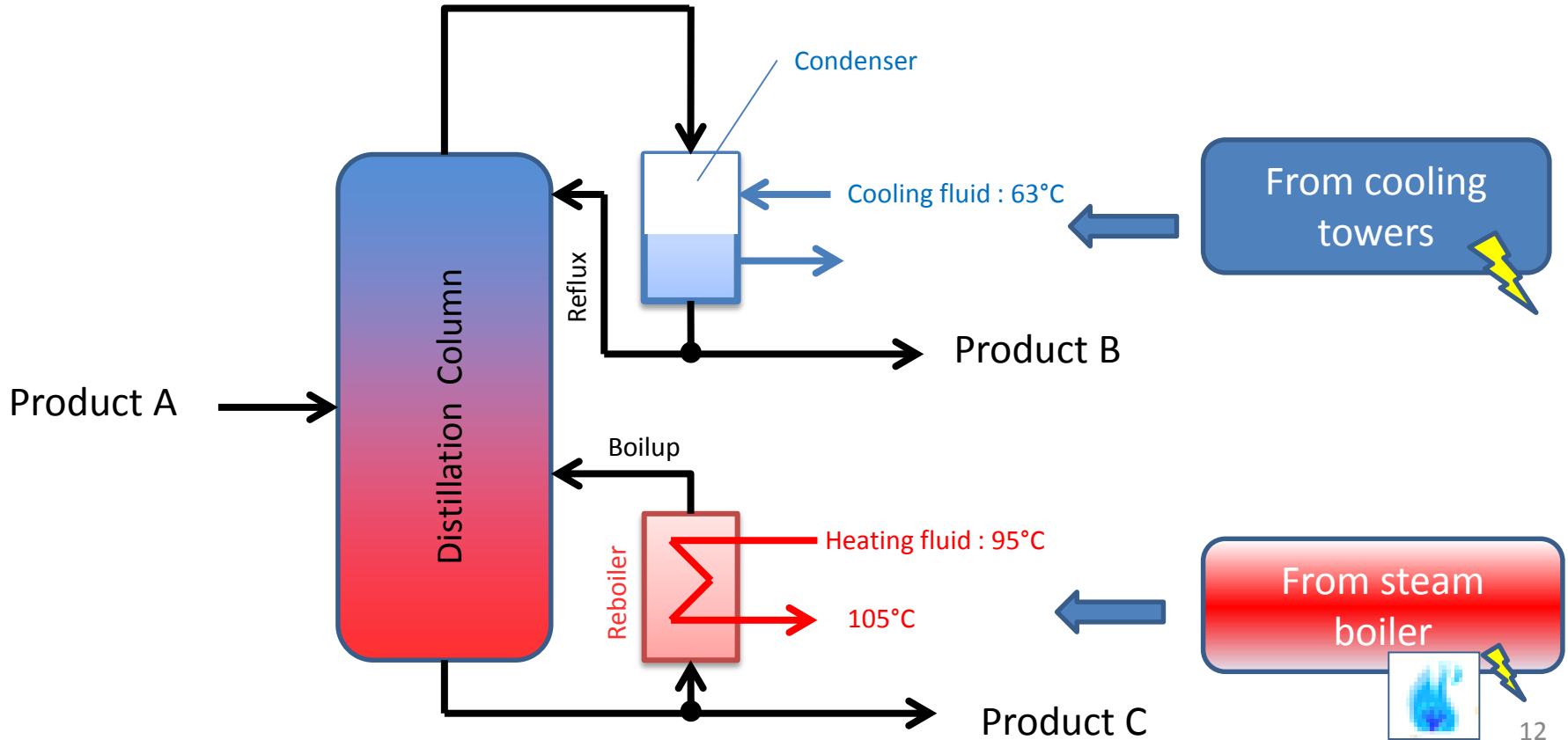
→ Assumptions:

- targeted temperature = 110°C
- Useful power = 1 MW
- Cold stream flow rate / hot stream flow rate = 10

$$COP = \frac{\Delta P_{hot_source}}{P_{gas}} = \frac{(P_{condenser} + P_{water_hx} + P_{fumes_hx})}{P_{gas}}$$

→ It's possible to obtain up to a 2.5 COP with a gas heat pump

Appliance example: Chemical process-distillation tower

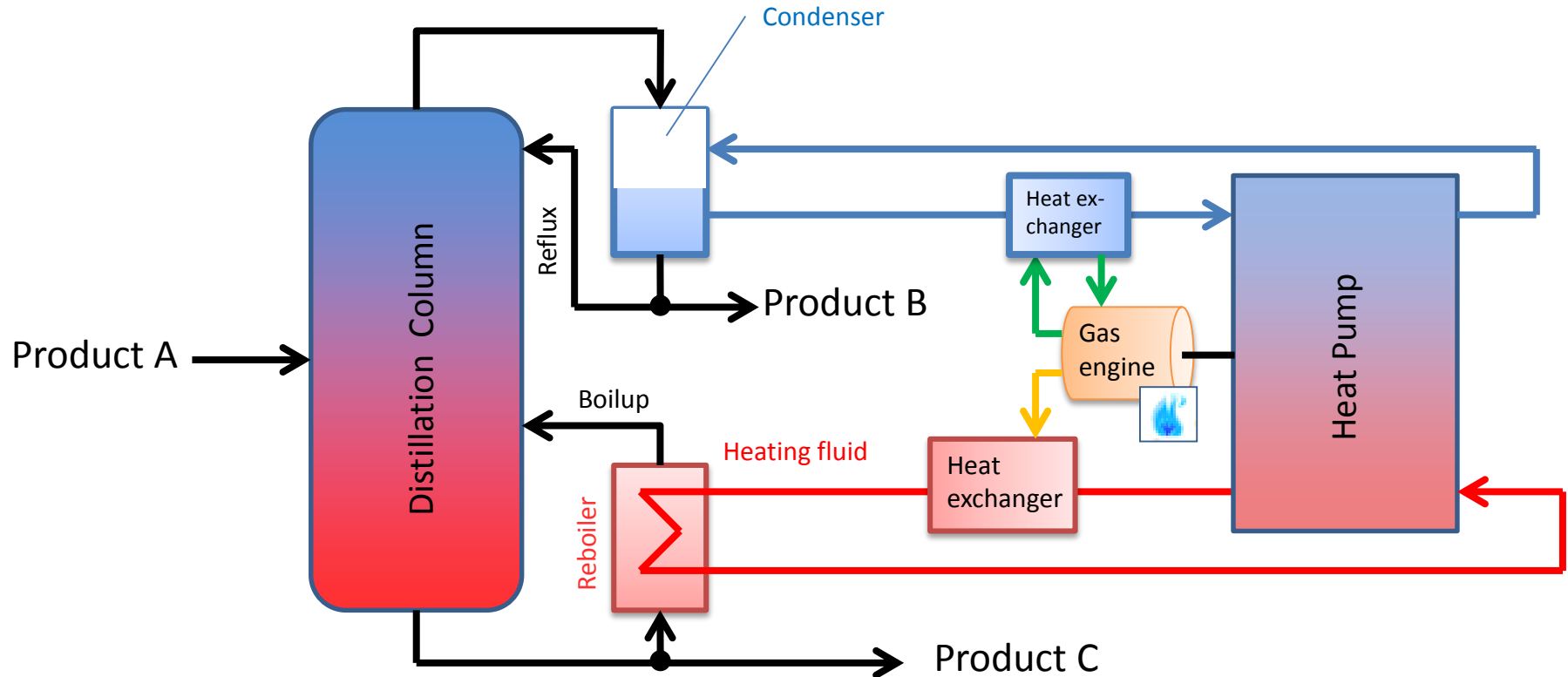


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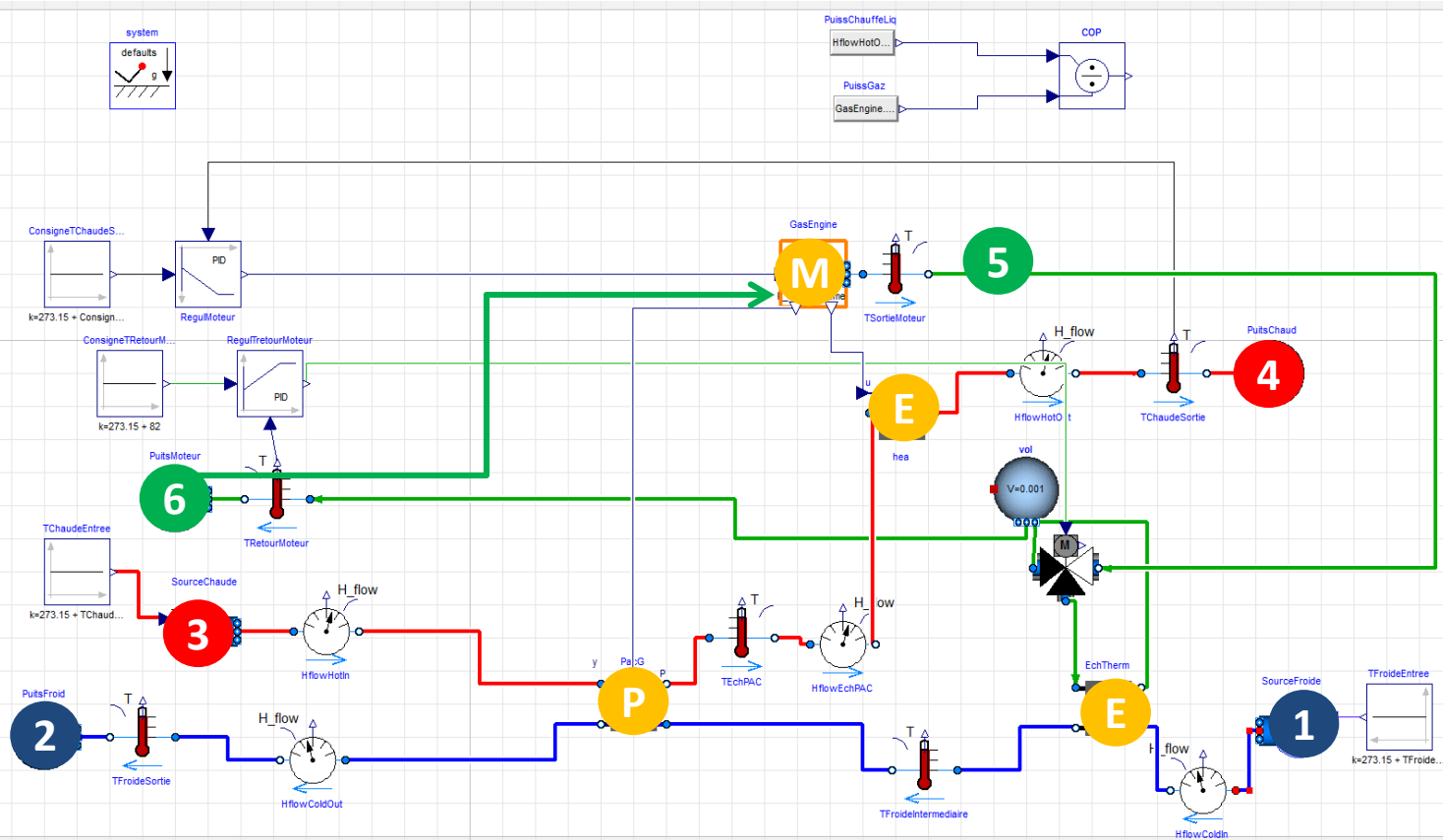
- Gas engine performances collected from several manufacturers
- Gas engine performances for this case:
 - Gas input power: 561kW
 - Electric efficiency: 41%
 - Heat production (burnt gases cooled down to 120°C): 26%
 - Engine cooling system:
 - 16%
 - In/out water temperature: 82/90°C
 - The heat exchanger of the engine cooling system can't be used on the « hot » circuit (95°C/105°C)
 - It's used on the « cold » circuit to increase the COP of the heat pump

$$COP_{heating} = \frac{T_{hot}}{T_{hot} - T_{cold}}$$

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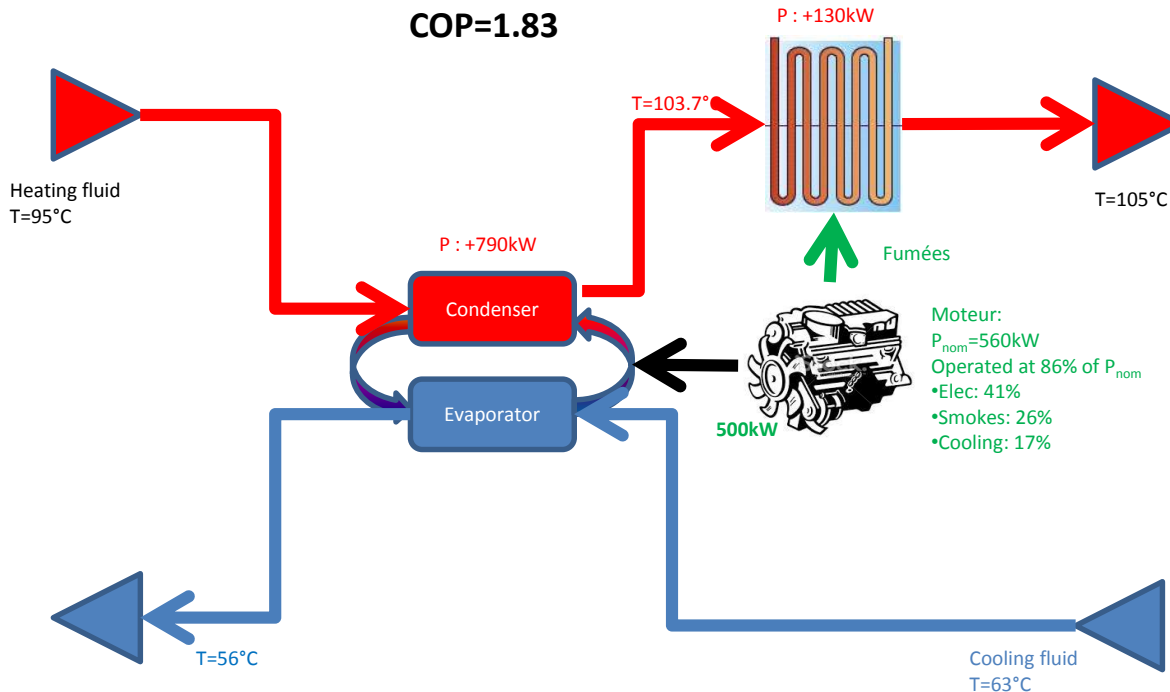


Legend:

- (1) Cooling fluid inlet
- (2) Cooling fluid outlet
- (3) Heating fluid inlet
- (4) Heating fluid outlet
- (5) Gas engine cooling system outlet ($T=90^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- (6) Gas engine cooling system inlet (82°C)
- (M) Gas engine
- (P) Heat Pump
- (E) Heat exchanger

Appliance example: Chemical process-distillation tower/ Results

COP=1.83



First level of engine heat recovery
: exhaust flue gas

Global COP ~1.83

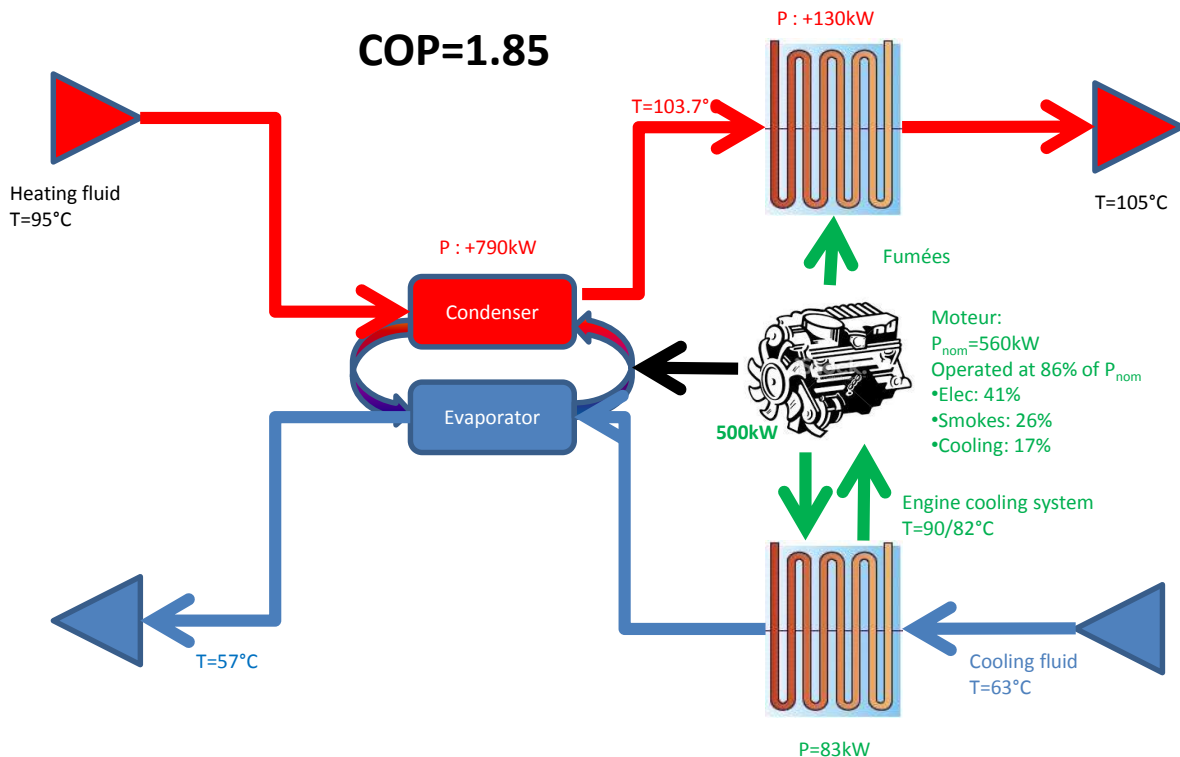
→Cooling engine heat should be used elsewhere in the process.

Note :

Without the « hot » heat exchanger, COP drops down to 1.52 → Its role is essential to the gas heat pump performances

Appliance example: Chemical process-distillation tower/ Results

COP=1.85



Best configuration:

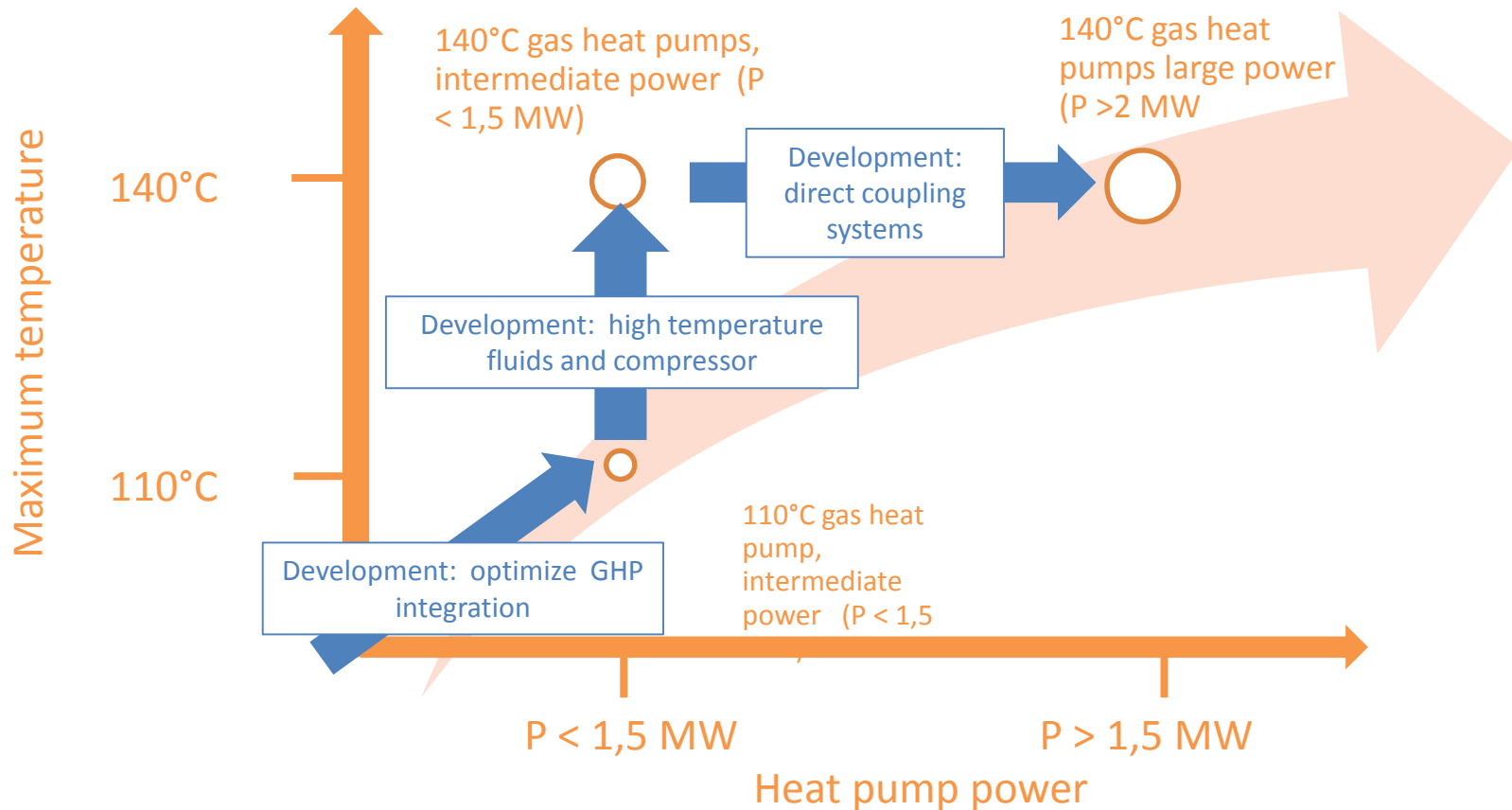
Global COP =1.85

= Reduction of gas
consumption by at least 55%



Heat recovery on engine cooling
system is essential for gas heat
pump to increase COP

Industrial heat pumps : Roadmap for development



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→ We are building a new sector for energy recovery from industrial waste heat



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