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## Preliminary cost-benefit analysis for the heat pump application in industry

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Abstract— Industry processes are characterized by large amounts of energy losses dissipated as waste heat to the ambient. In industry sectors analyzed in the US, China and EU28 low-temperature waste heat below 230°C makes up from 33% up to 60% of waste heat. The recovery of low-temperature waste heat is usually complex, affected by the user demand, mismatches between the waste heat source and the user demand, limited space for heat recovery facilities, the heat-power conversion is not efficient for low-temperature waste heat, payback period, etc. To address these in practice frequently met issues, this paper first briefly summarizes options on the low-temperature waste heat recovery. Then, user-friendly optimization methodology integrating the heat exchange, energy conversion and heat storage is presented.

Keywords- waste heat recovery, cooling system, heat pump

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The global economy growth in past few decades has come mainly from the industry and at the expense of the environment while raising primary energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Industry processes are characterized by large amounts of energy losses dissipated as waste heat to the ambient. That waste heat manifests in different forms and at different temperatures. Waste heat recovery is the process of capturing heat from these processes to be used later directly, upgrading it to a more useful temperature, and/or converting it to electrical power or cooling. Thus, recovering waste heat can provide extra power, heat or cooling but this opportunity at the same time is a great challenge. The energy generated from heat recovery, if it not required by the process or industrial site then must be exported to neighboring facilities or electrical and/or heat distribution networks.

In the EU28, it is estimated that 70% of total energy use in the industrial sector is used in thermal processes (furnaces, reactors, boilers and dryers) and up to a third of this energy is wasted through losses. Furthermore, most of the energy sources in the industry are fossil fuels. A significant portion of this heat can be recovered and utilized to contribute to energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction [1]. In recent analysis considering waste heat and Carnot's potential estimations (Carnot's potential provides a more precise indication on whether waste heat could still perform technical work or, better, be used for heat transfer) it was shown that there is a rather significant potential accounting 370 TWh (waste heat) or 174 TWh (Carnot's) per year in the European industry [2].

The waste heat is generally classified into high-temperature ( $>650^{\circ}$ C), medium-temperature ( $230-650^{\circ}$ C), and low-temperature ( $230^{\circ}$ C) waste heat [3].

The recovery techniques for high- and medium-temperature waste heat are well developed and analyzed [4], [5], [6]. Compared with low-temperature waste heat, high-temperature waste heat is more accessible to be recovered due to its high energy level and could also be used for power generation with relatively mature technologies such as a steam turbine or organic Rankine cycle. For the same reason, the application of low-temperature waste heat recovery is limited by its temperature level: suitable user demand is not always available, and the heat-power conversion is not efficient for lowtemperature waste heat. All these issues lead to difficulties and challenges in effectively achieving low-temperature waste heat recovery. But according to (Z.Y. Xu, 2019) [7] in industry sectors analyzed in the US, low-temperature waste heat below 230°C makes up ~60% of the total waste heat; in China ratio of waste heat below 150°C is in the range from 44% to 66% (depending on the industrial sector) and in the 28 countries in European Union, one-third of the waste heat has temperature level below 200°C.

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