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# *Industrial Process Heat - Options for Efficiency Improvements and Emissions Reduction*

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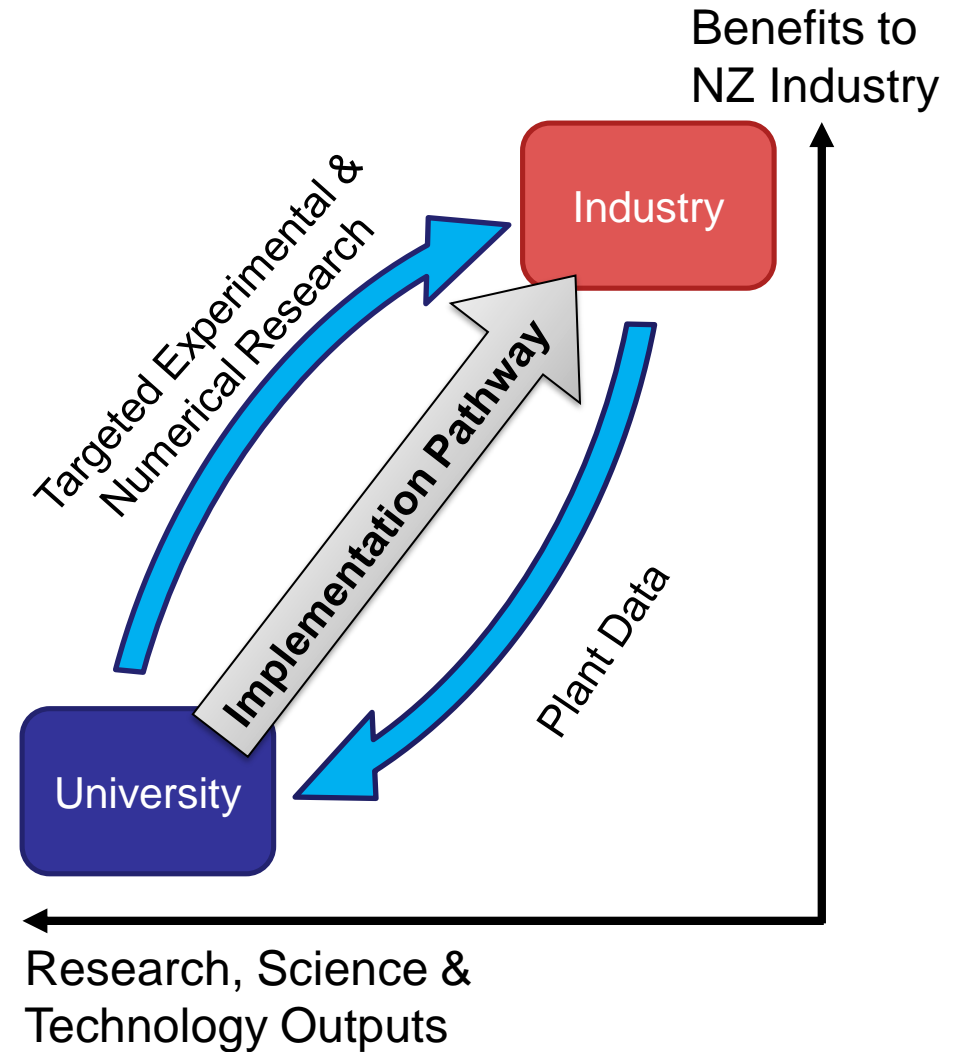
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# Waikato Energy Research Group

- Focus on meaningful research for industry
- Deliver engineering solutions
- Work with industrial producers & suppliers
- Influence industry best practice / standards



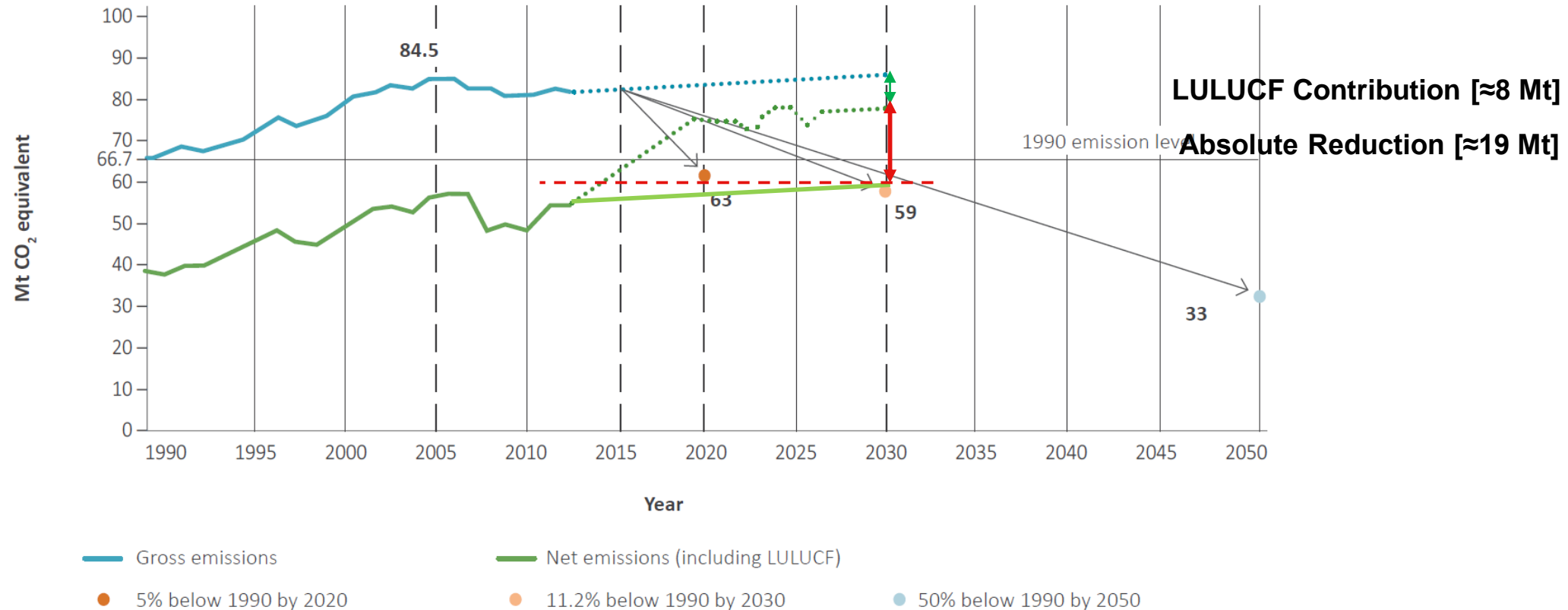
# End User Focused



# **NZ GHG EMISSIONS & PROCESS HEAT**

# Emissions Targets & Situation

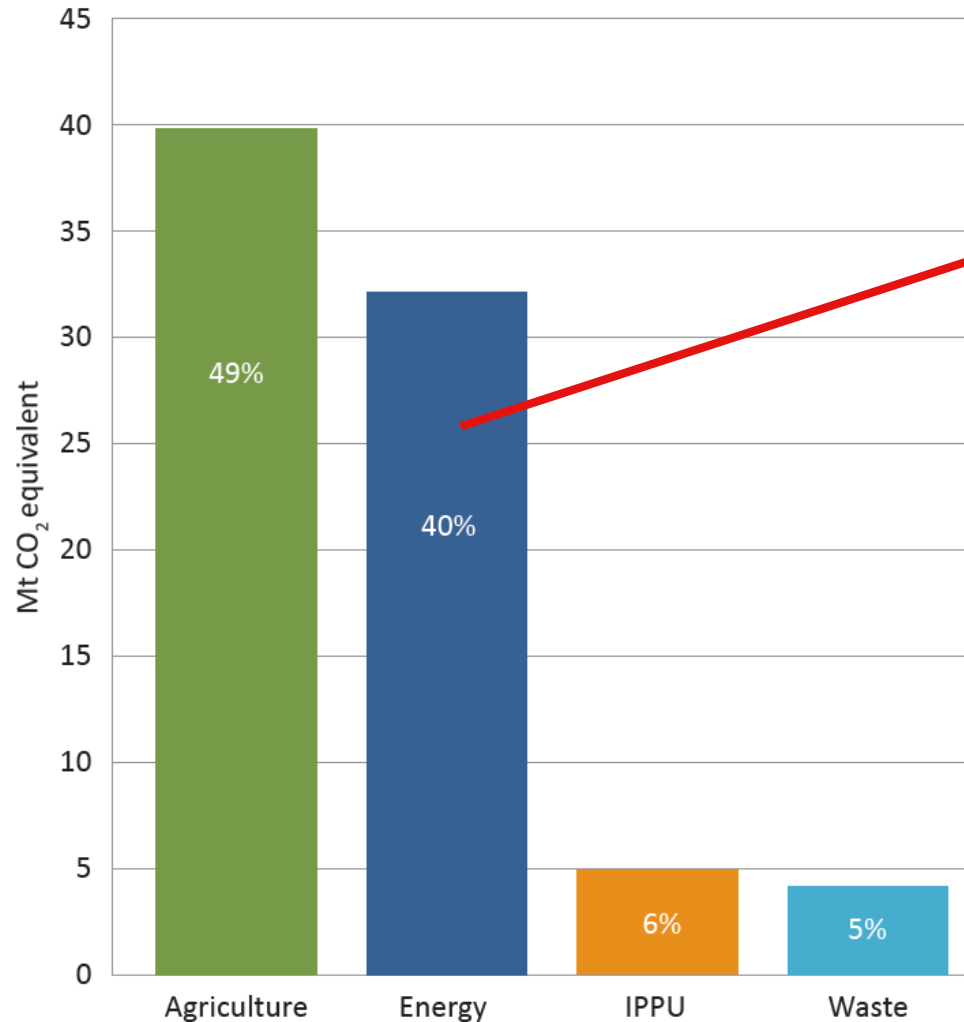
Figure 3.5 New Zealand's gross and net emissions from 1990 to 2013, future projections and national emission reduction targets for 2020, 2030 and 2050.



Note: The 2020 conditional target range of 10–20% below 1990 is not shown.

# NZ Emissions by Sector

**Figure 1:** New Zealand's gross greenhouse gas emissions by sector in 2014  
MBIE, 2014

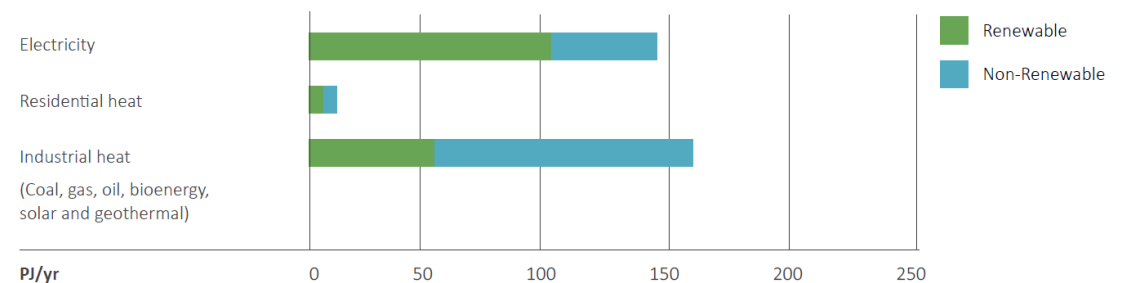


Transport  $\approx 14.1 \text{ Mt}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-e}}$

Electricity  $\approx 5.5 \text{ Mt}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-e}}$

Process Heat  $\approx 7.3 \text{ Mt}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-e}}$

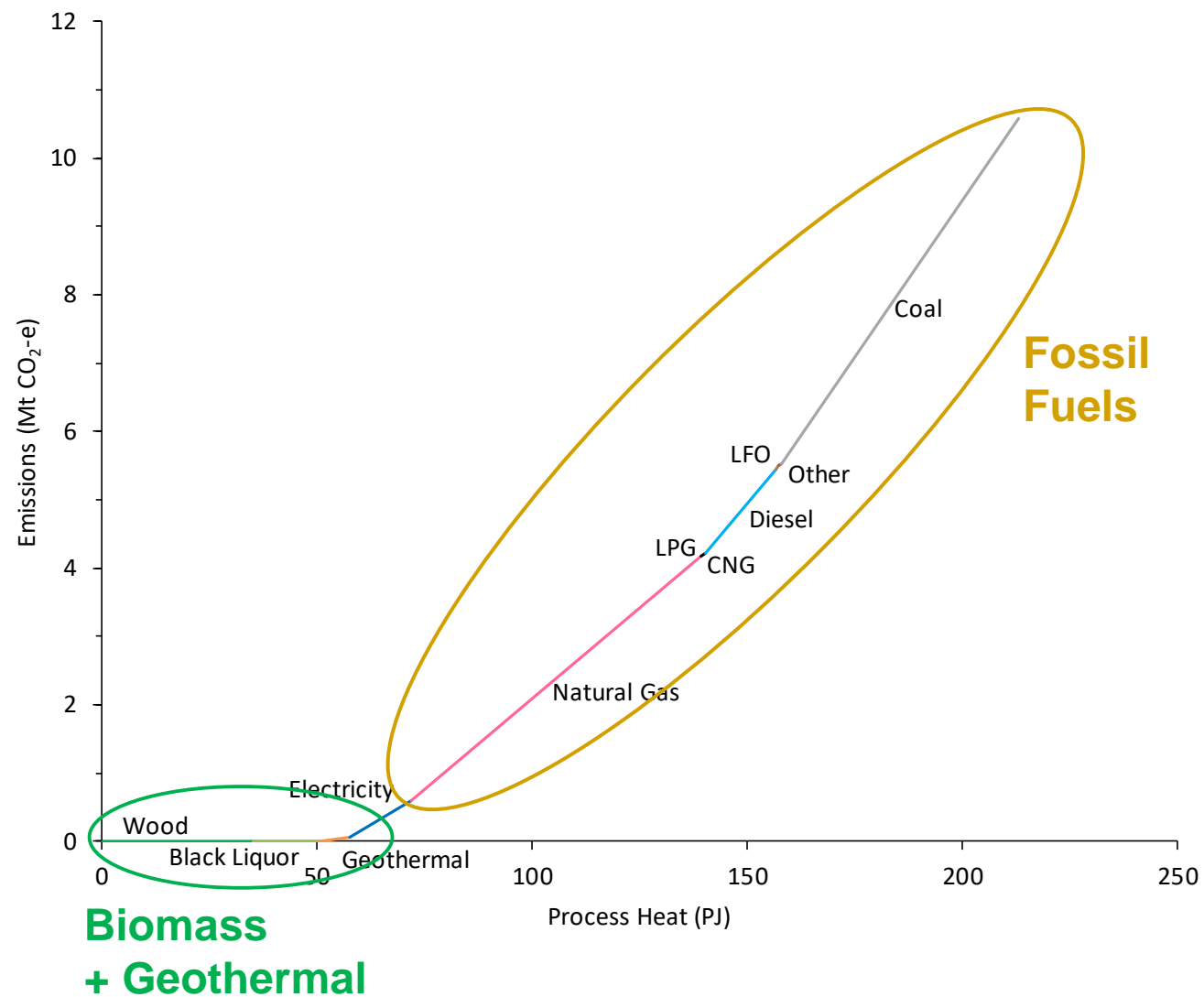
**Figure 5.1** Renewables had around an 80% share of electricity in New Zealand in 2013 with consumer heat energy demand being met mainly by fossil fuel combustion together with some renewable bioenergy (including domestic firewood), solar and geothermal sources.



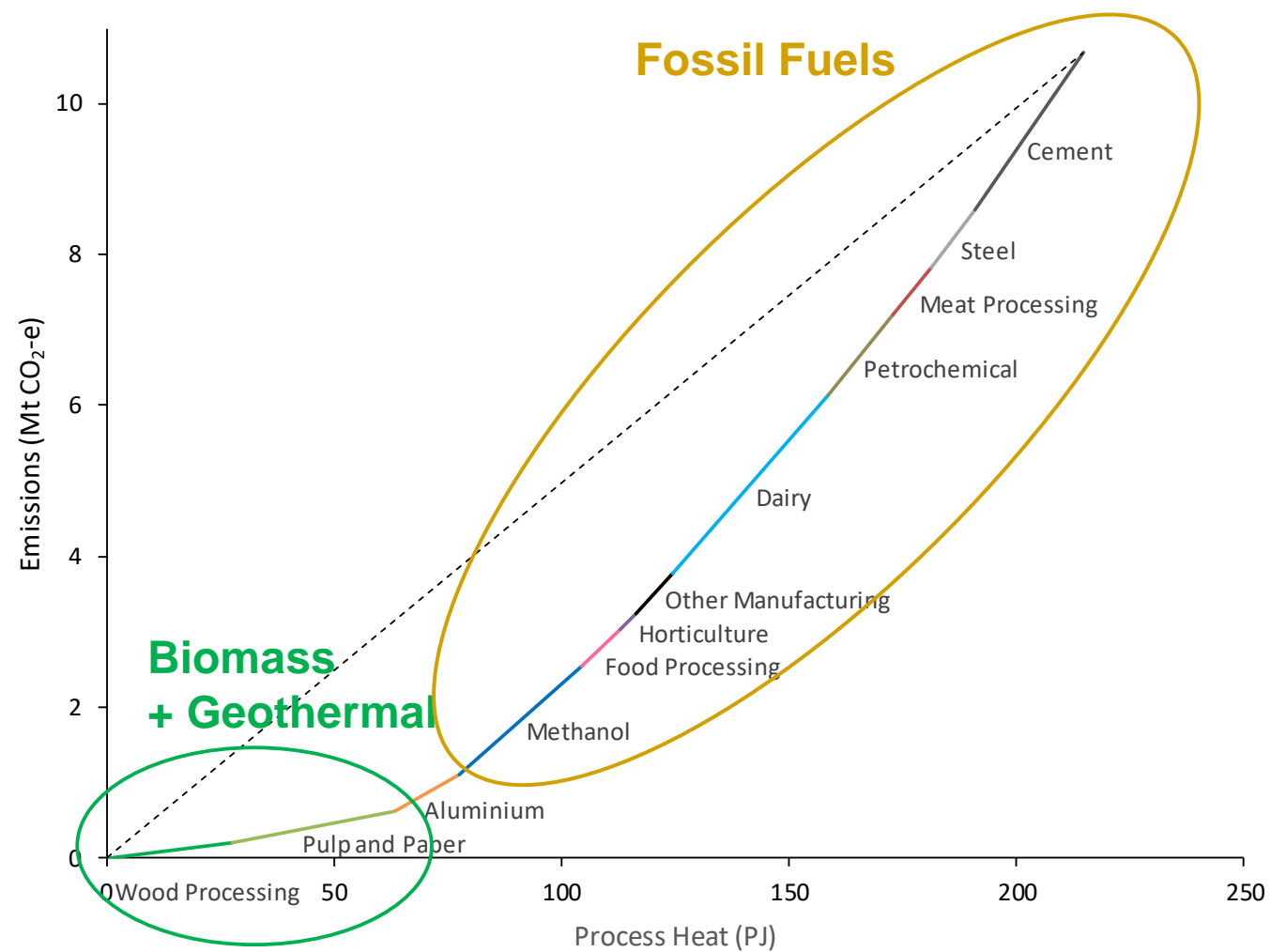
Source: MBIE (2014).

Royal Society, 2016

# Process Heat & Emissions by Fuel in 2014



# Process Heat & Emissions by Industry in 2014





# **EMISSIONS REDUCTION OPTIONS**

# Industrial Process Heat Emissions Reduction

## Demand Side Reduction Pathways

**Process  
Efficiency  
Gains**

**Process  
Technology  
Change**

**Alter Industry  
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(Close or Reduce  
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## Supply Side Reduction Pathways

**Utility System  
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**Carbon  
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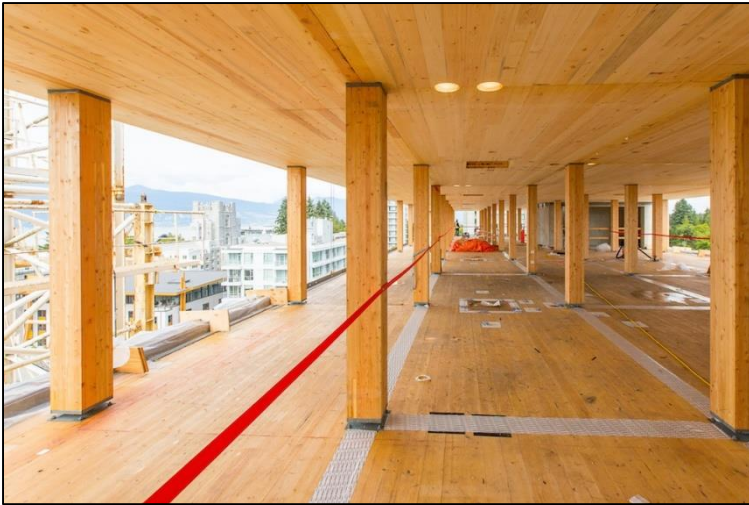
# Process Technology Change

- Alternate Unit Operations, Processes
  - e.g. Milk evaporation Reverse Osmosis, MVR technology
- New Processing Routes or Feedstocks
  - e.g. steel manufacture
- Substitute Products
  - e.g. Green platform chemicals (DME etc.)



# Industry Mix

- Government Policy
  - e.g. Promote Engineered Wood Products to reduce cement demand



UBC 18-storey Student Residence

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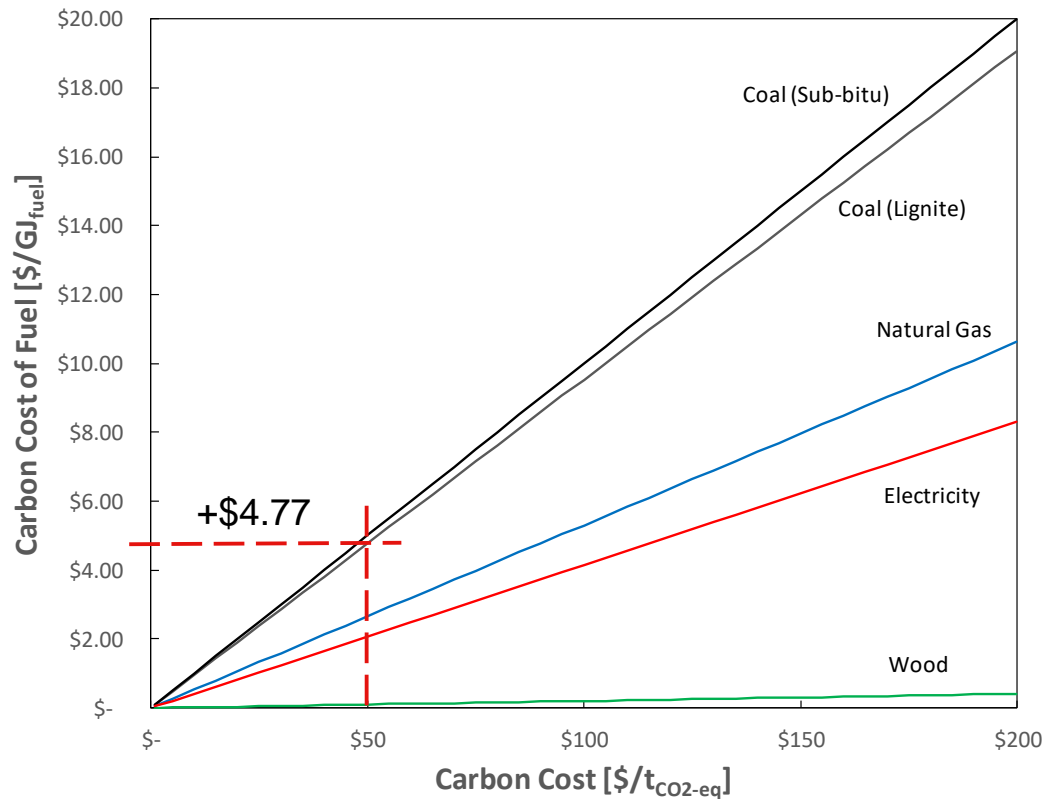


# Fuel Switching Renewable/Low Carbon Process Heat

- Biomass
- Solar
- Renewable Electricity
  - Hydrogen
- Biogas
- Geothermal

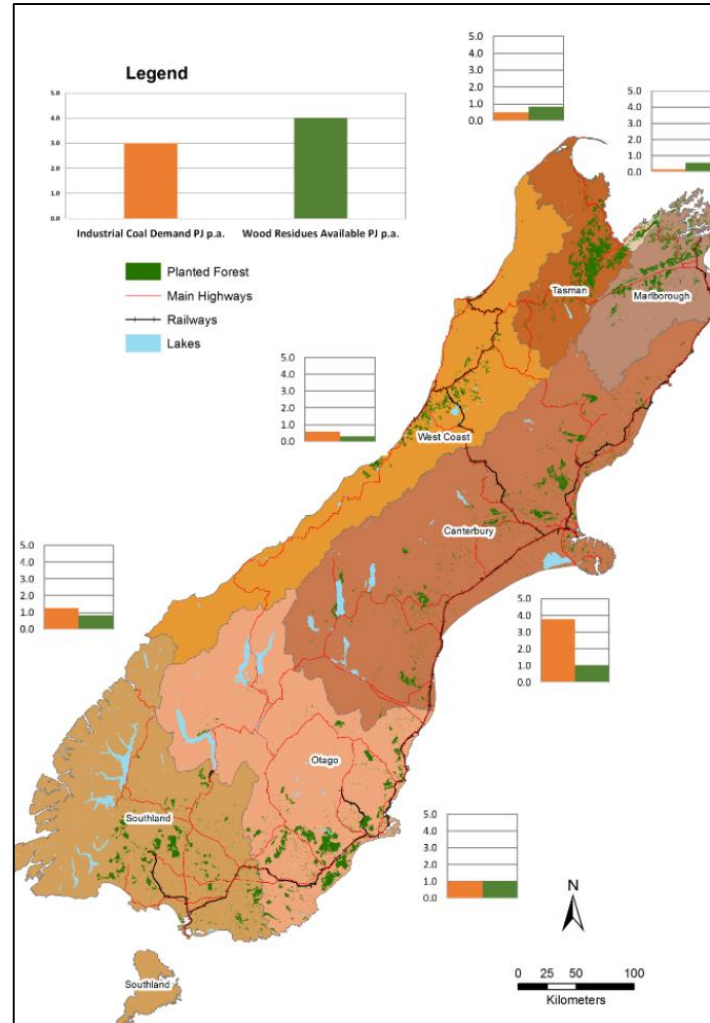
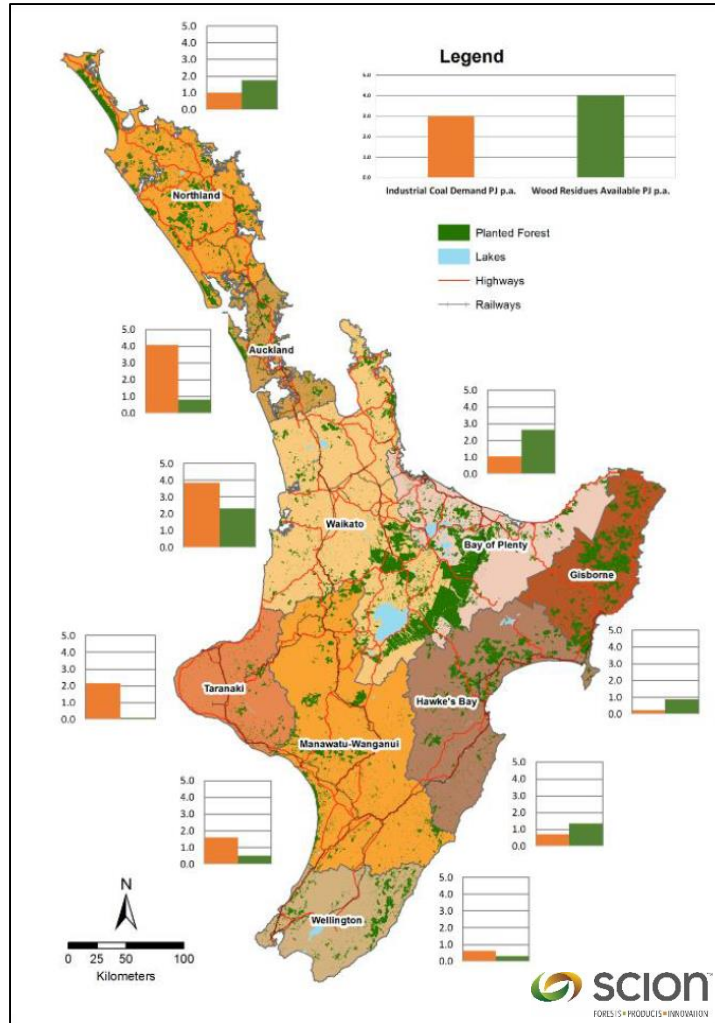


# Fuel Switching – ETS Effect on Fuels



Fuel	Fuel Emissions Factor ( $\epsilon_{\text{fuel}}$ ) [t <sub>CO2</sub> /GJ <sub>fuel</sub> ]
Natural Gas	0.053
Coal – Sub-Bituminous	0.100
Coal – Lignite	0.095
Wood – Forest Residues	0.002
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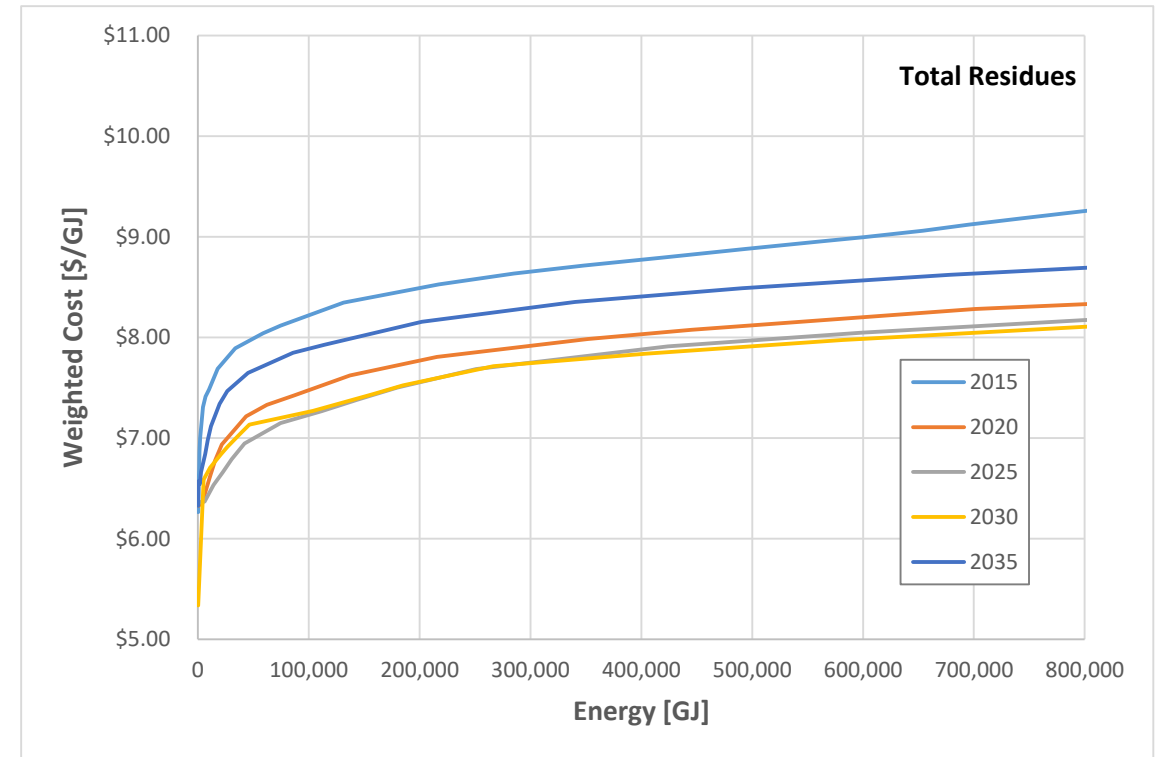
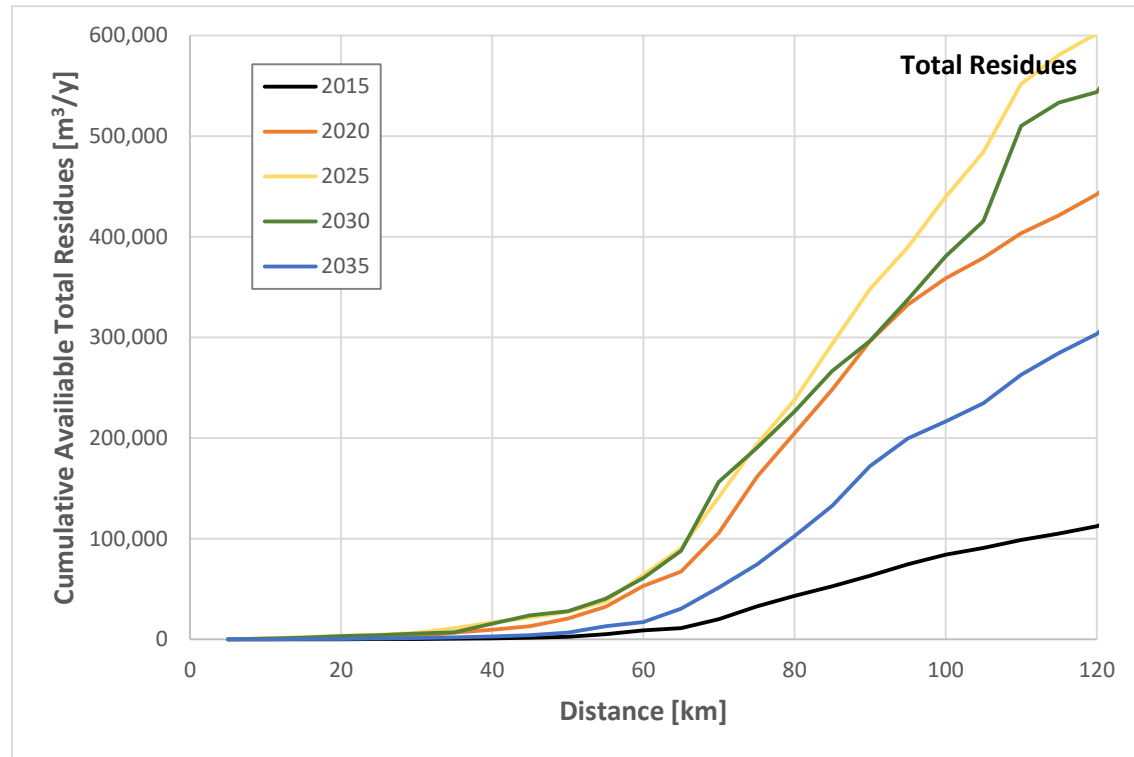


- Biomass

- Limited Supply and Regional
- Time Dependant
- Seasonal Variations
- Competition for Processing Residues



# Fuel Switching – Biomass Supply Curves



# Fuel Switching – Renewable Electricity



e.g. Microwaves

Process

Electrolysis

H<sub>2</sub>

Combustion

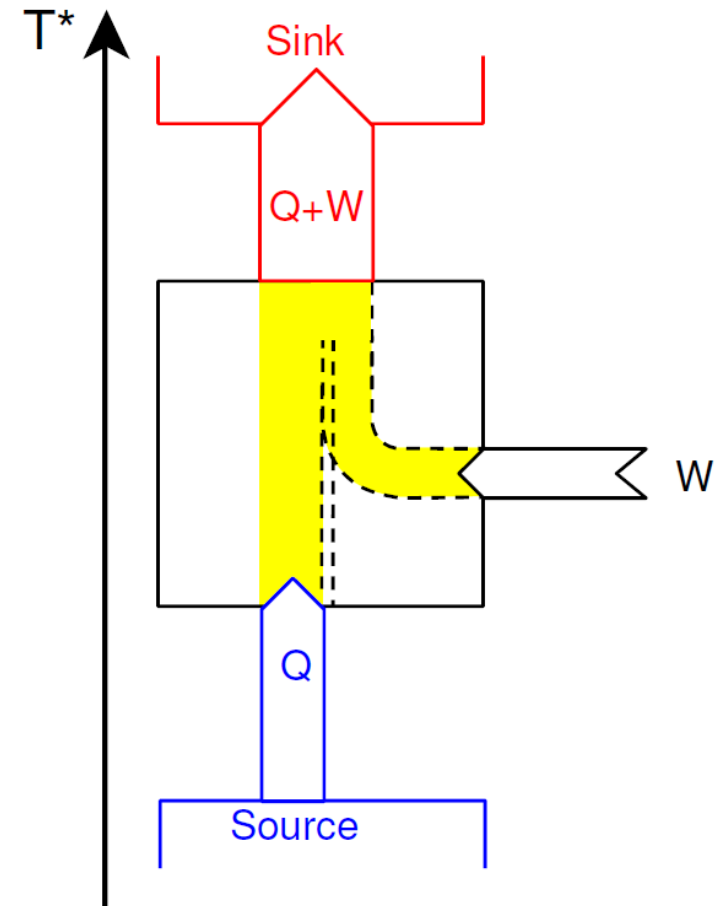
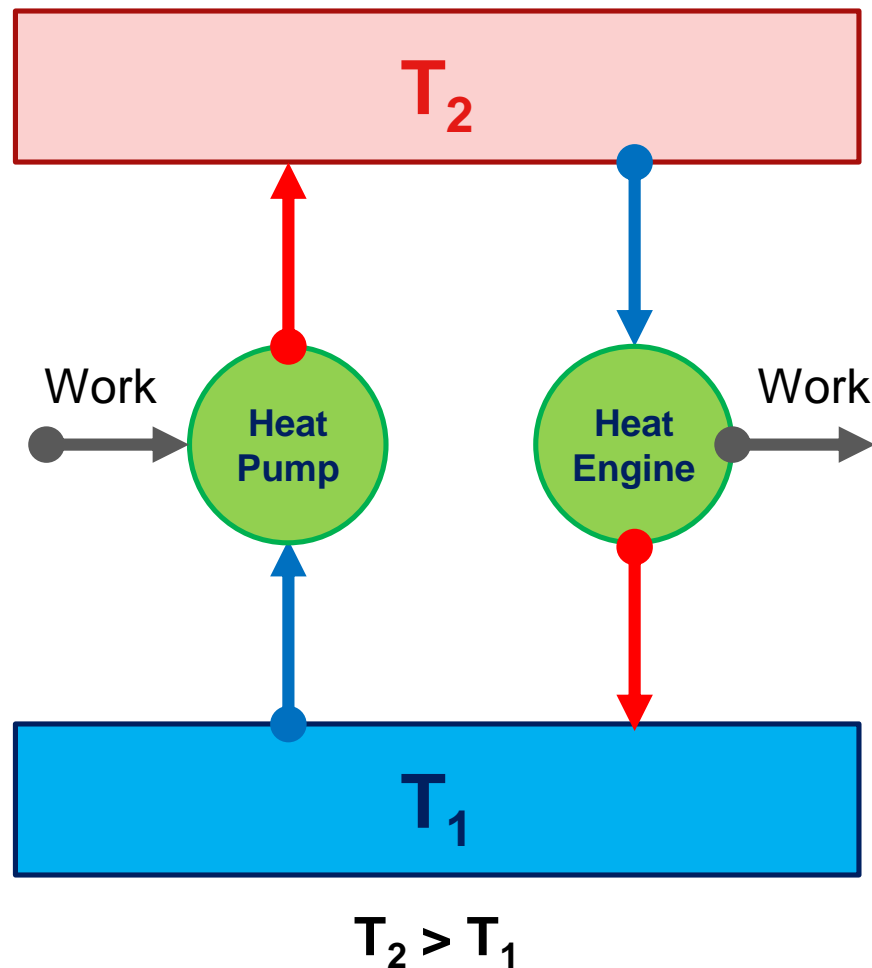
Heat



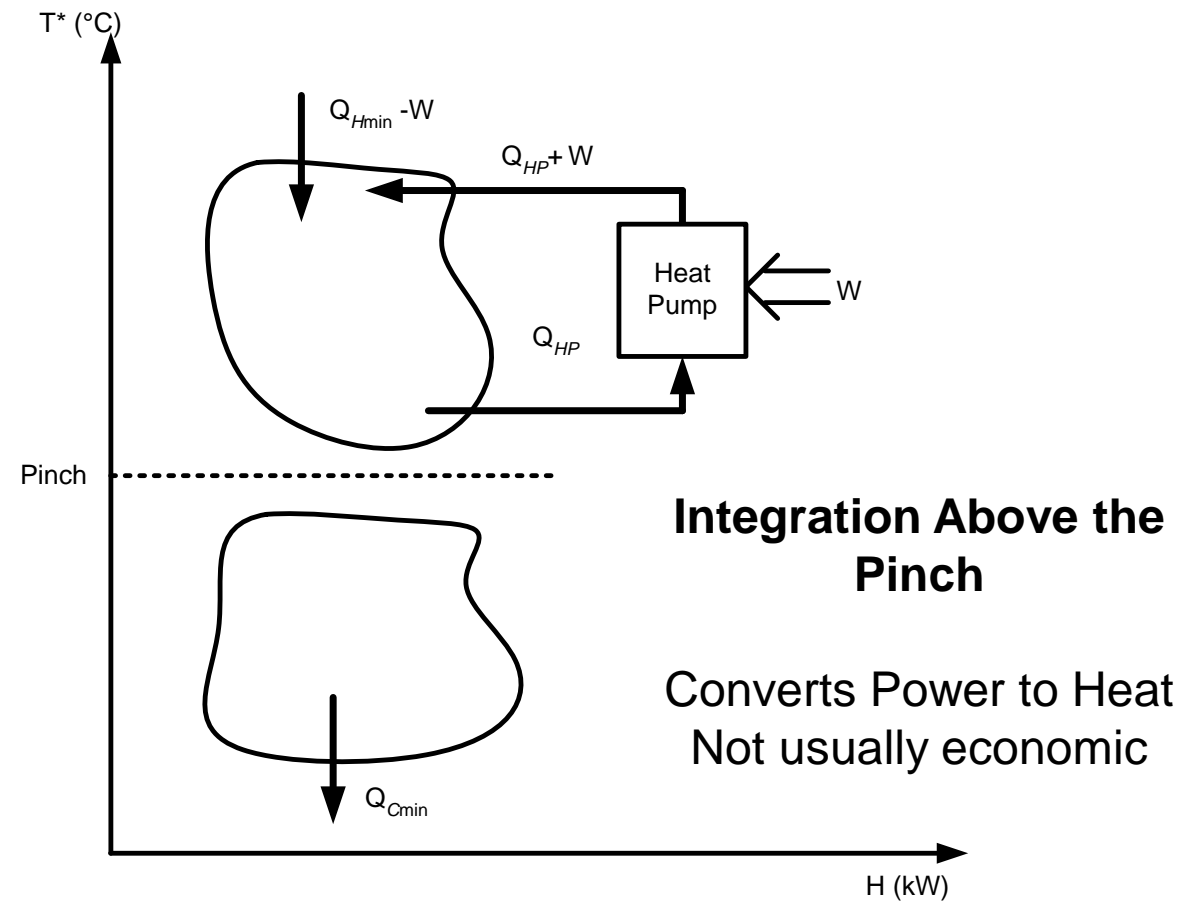
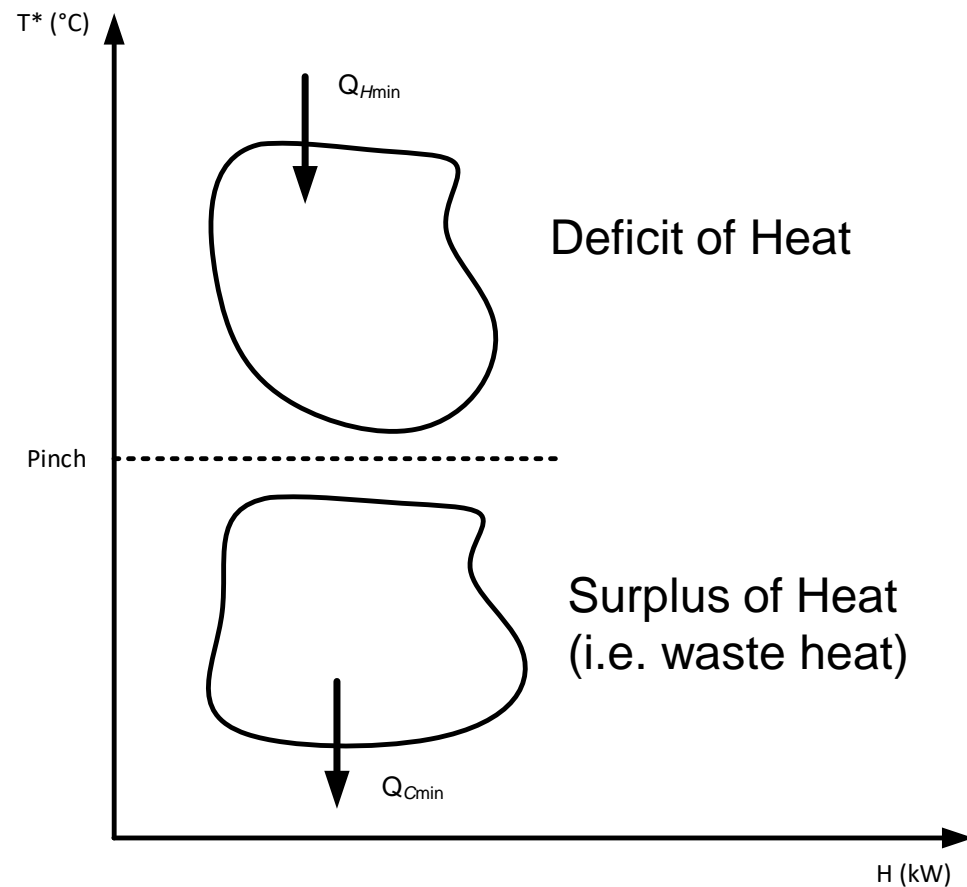
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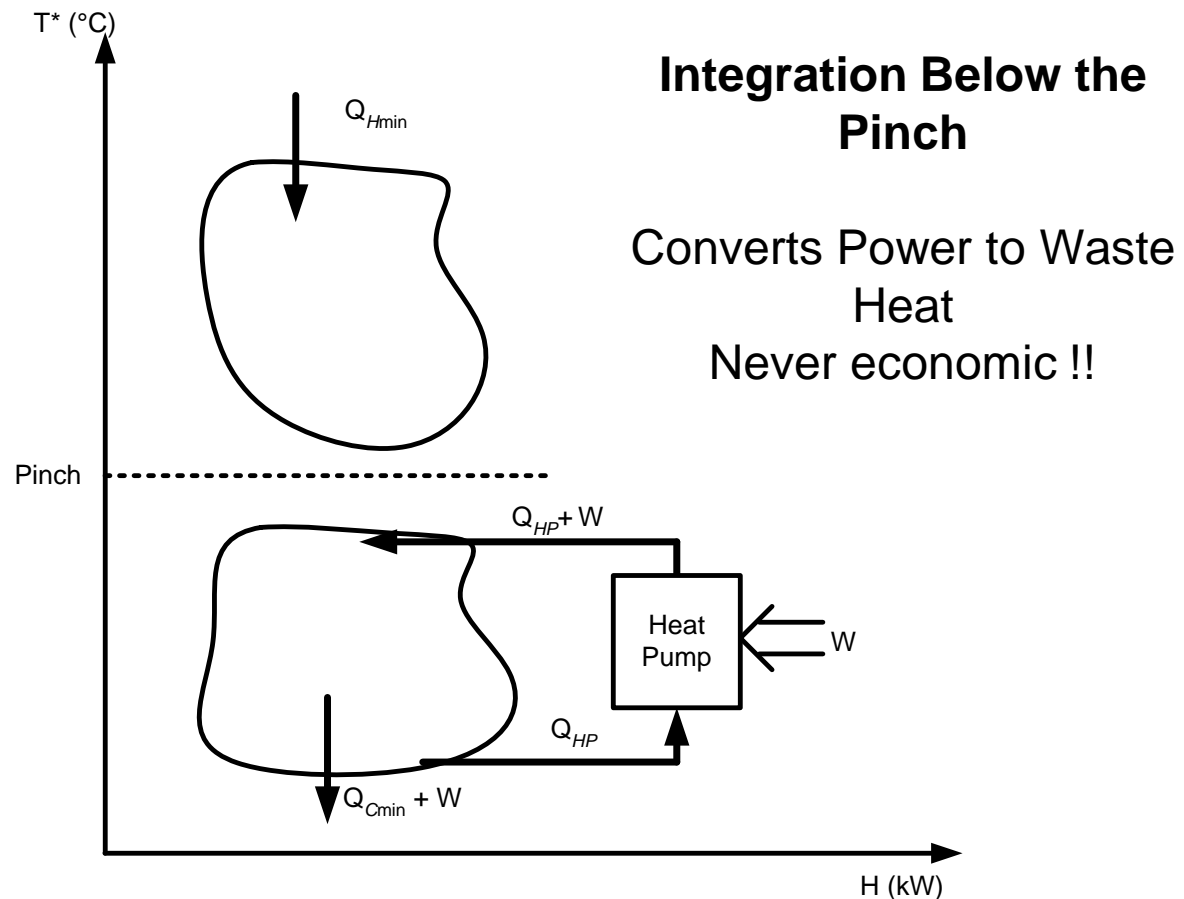
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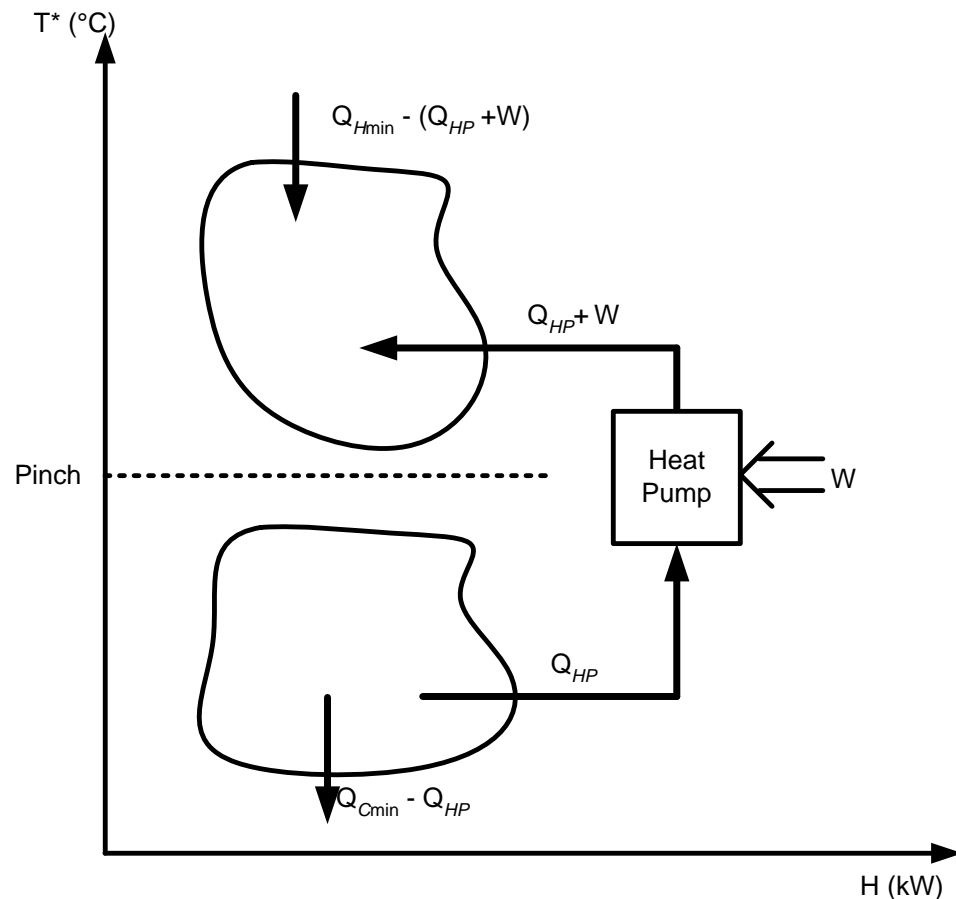
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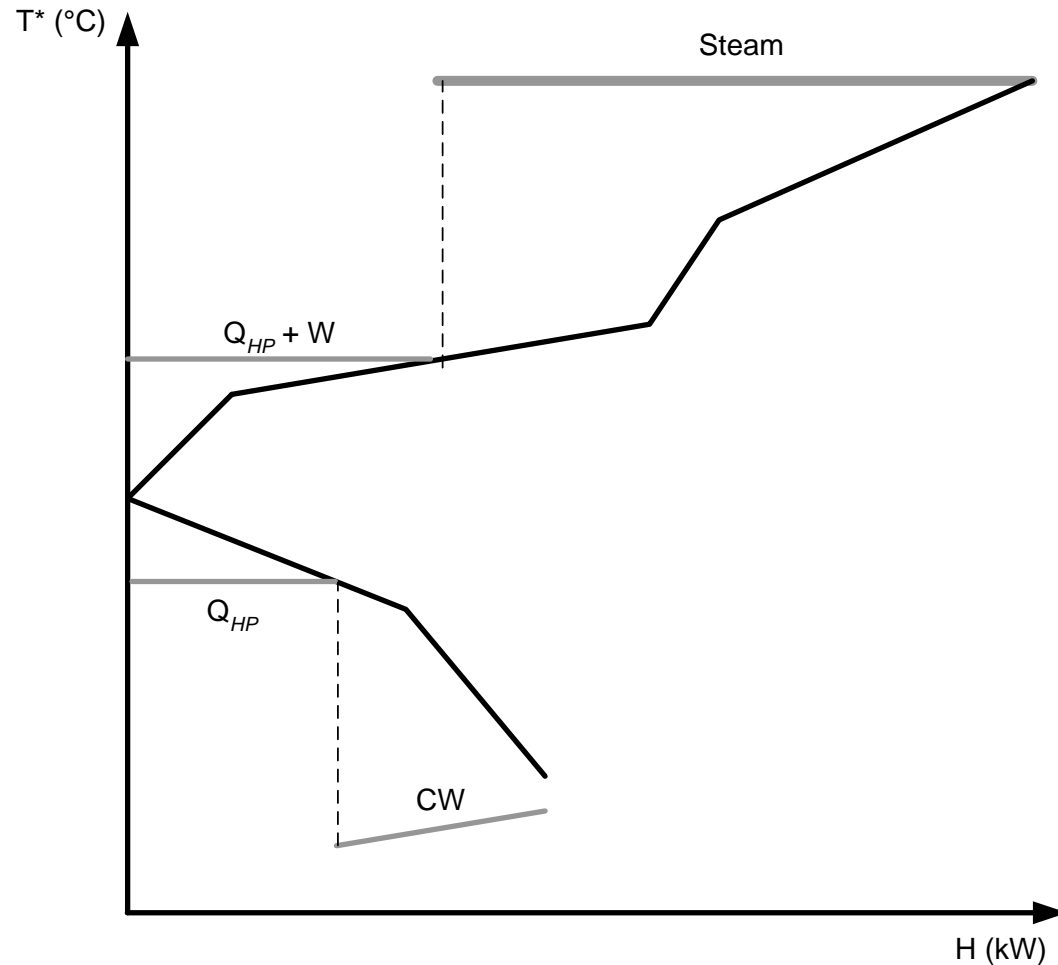


## Integration Across the Pinch

Appropriate Placement of Heat Pump

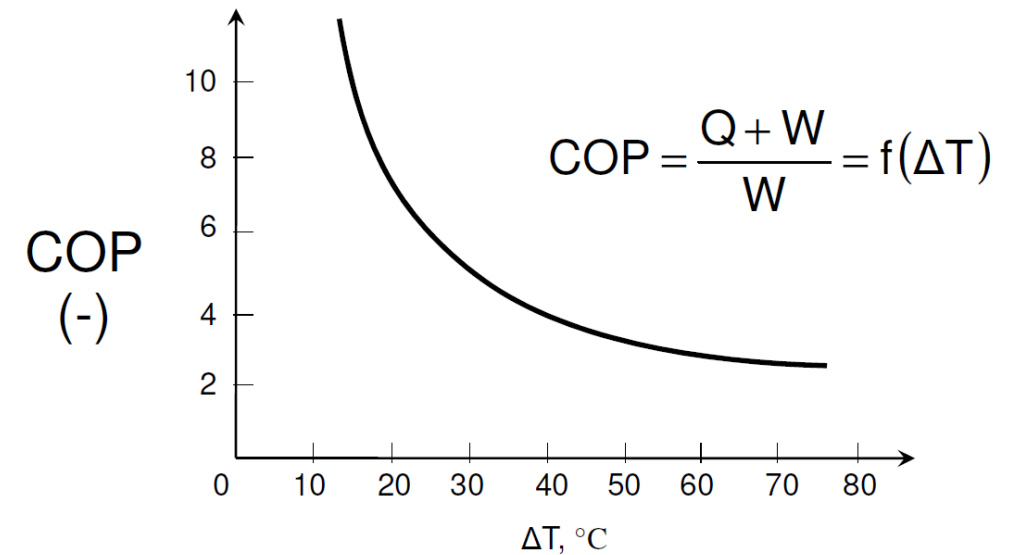
Upgrades Temperature of Waste Heat  
To Useable Temperature  
(i.e. above the pinch)

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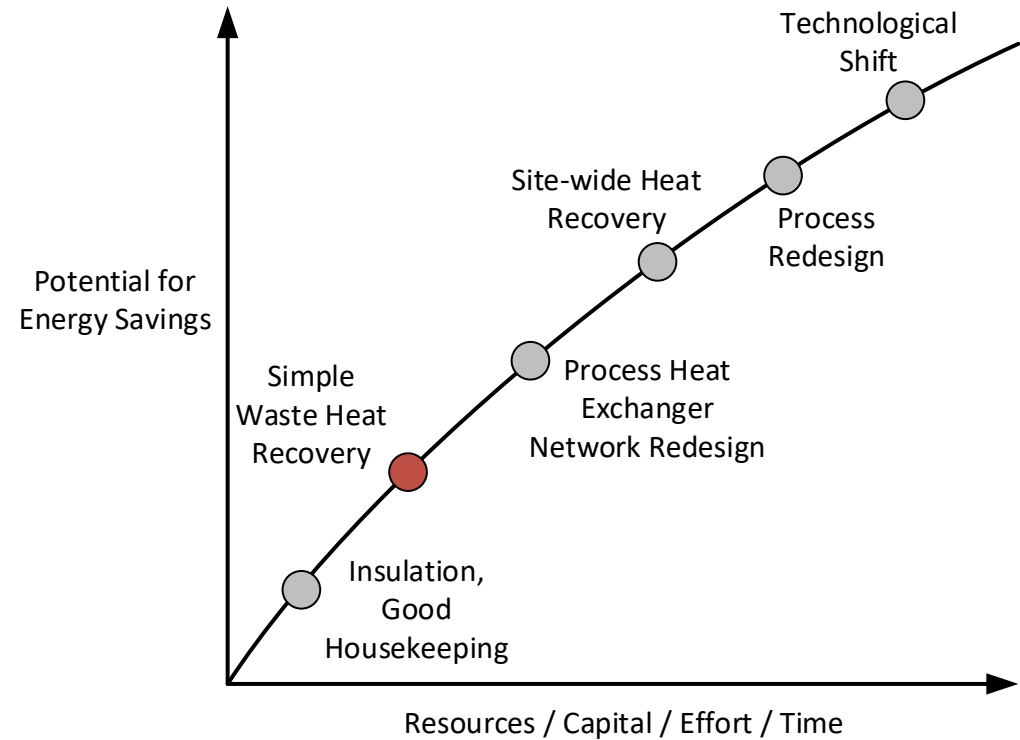
The smaller the temperature lift the better the COP

Temperature Lifts  $> 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  are rarely economic



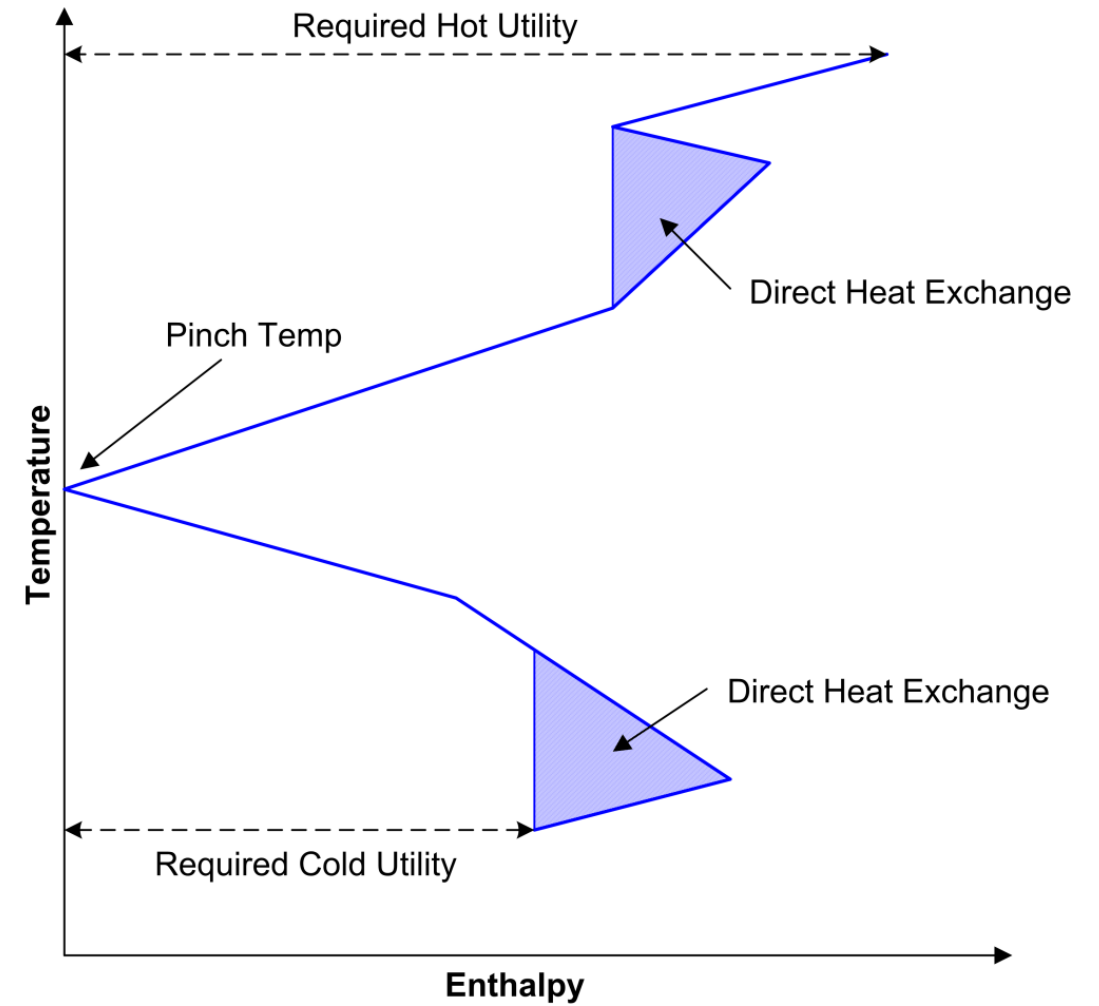
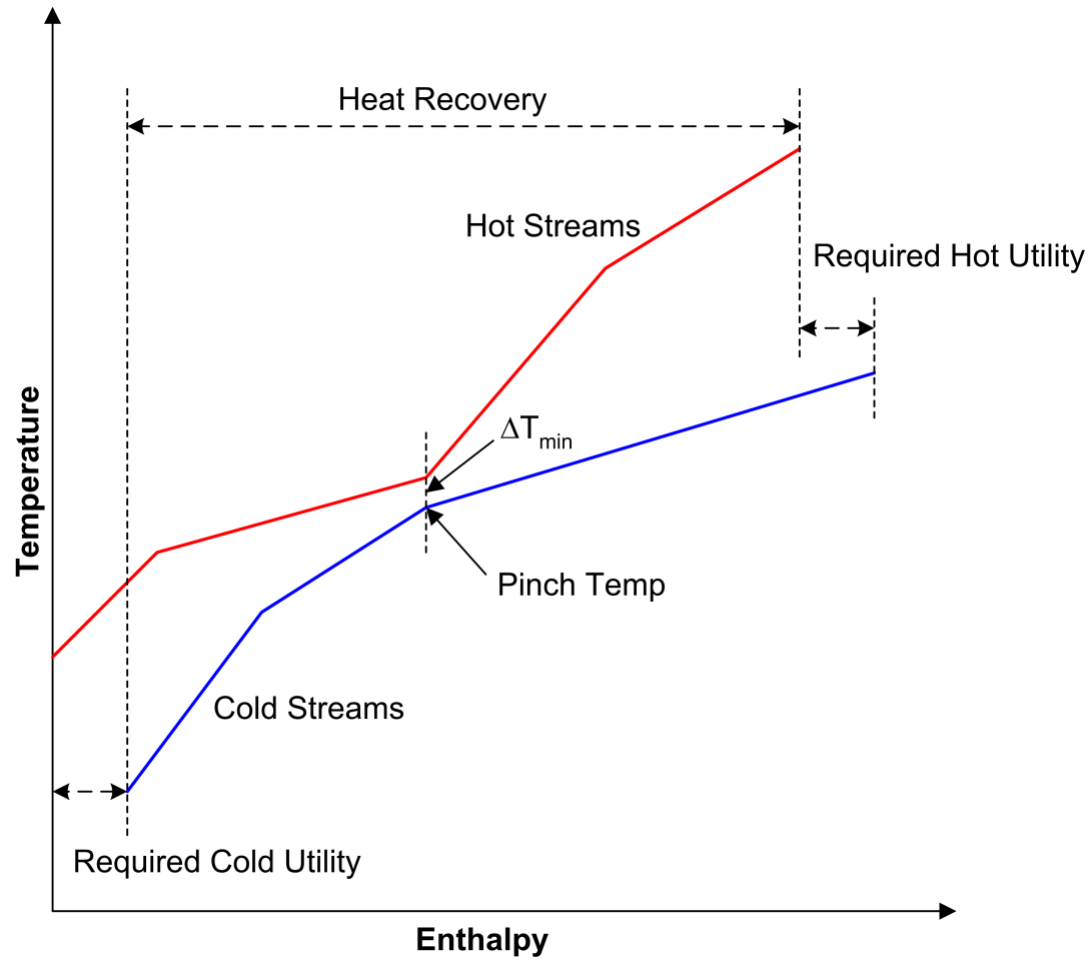
# Process Efficiency Gains

- Best Available Technologies
- Better House Keeping
- Process Optimisation
- Process Integration
  - Increased Heat Recovery





# Process Integration



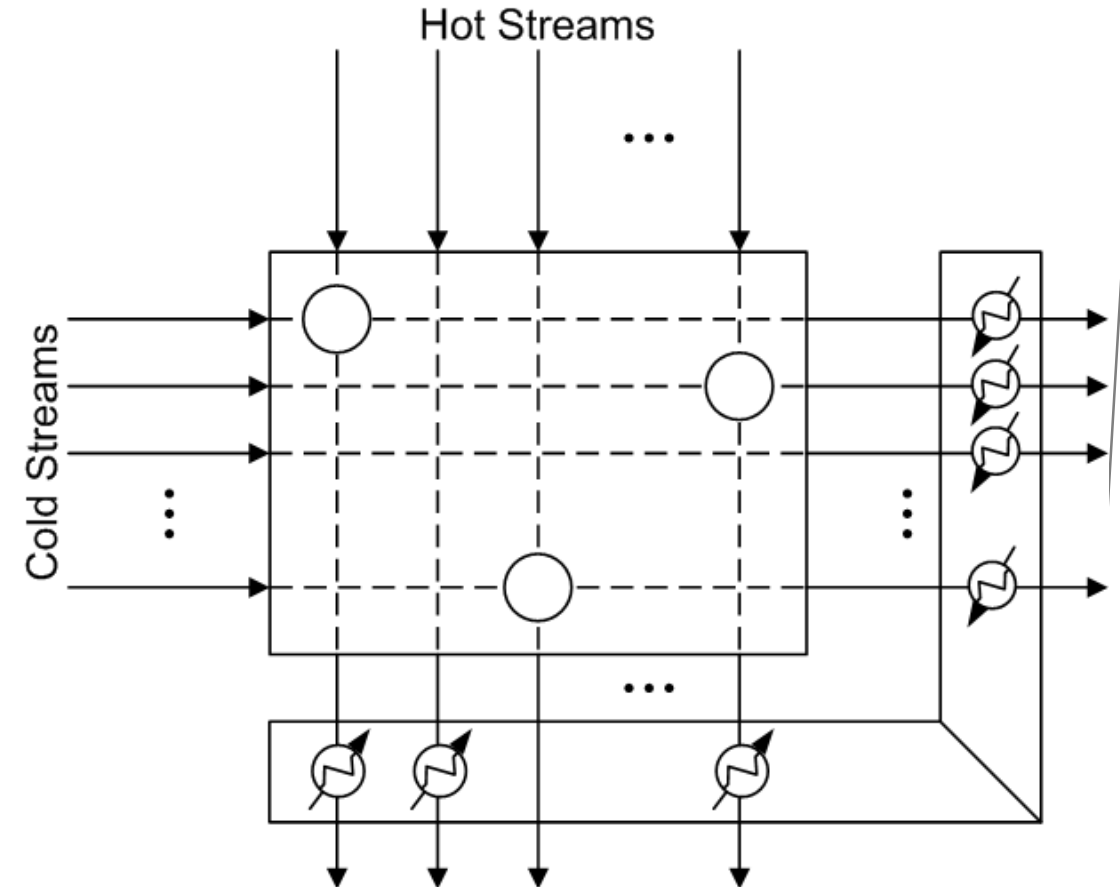
# Process Integration / Heat Recovery

## System/Network of Heat Exchangers

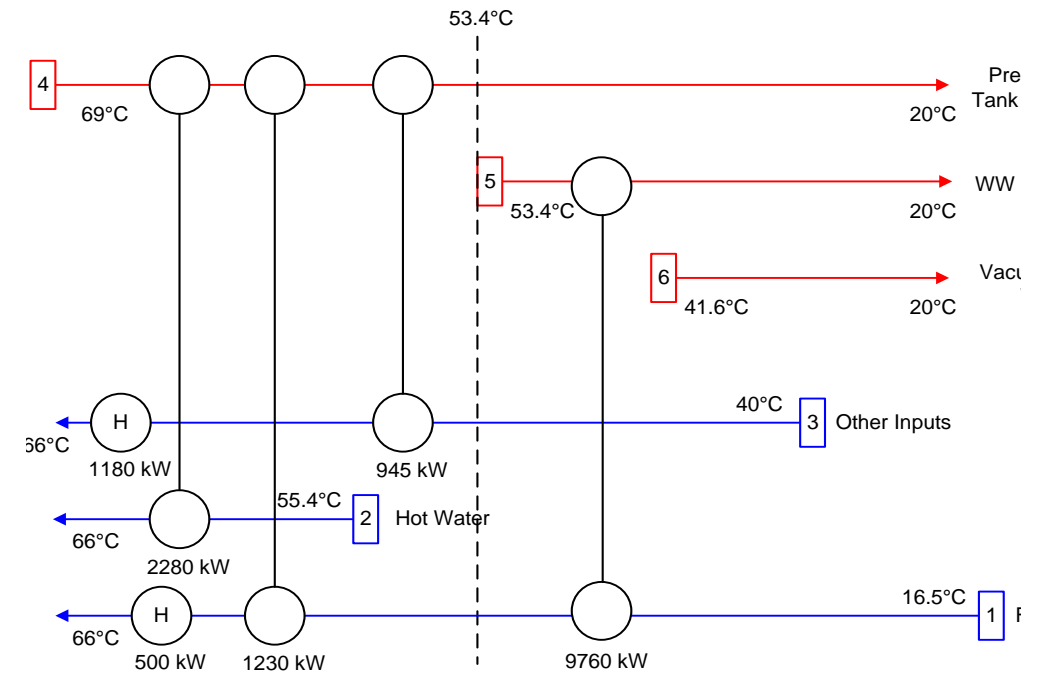
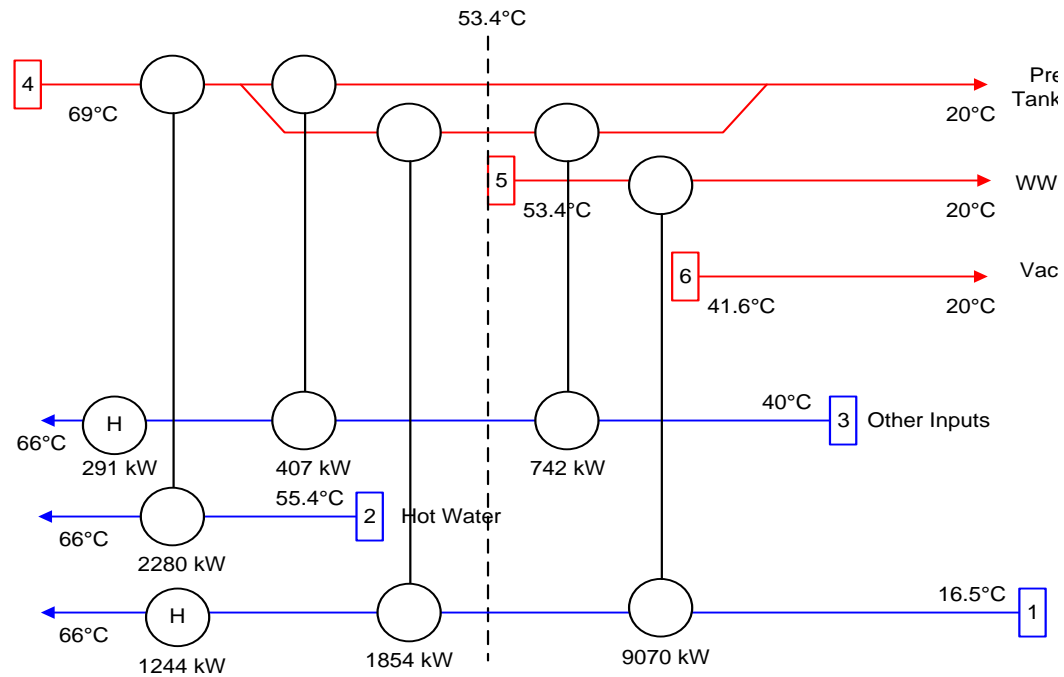
- Process to Process HX
- Heaters and Coolers (Utility HX)

Recovers Heat from **Process Streams**

Supplies **Utility** to Process Streams



# Heat Exchanger Network Retrofits



# Summary

- Process Heat – Important source for emissions reduction
- Different approach than other sectors
- Need to integrate solutions well to maximise benefits

