Waste Heat Recovery from Industrial Process Heating Equipment

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Waste Heat Management – 3Rs

- Waste heat **Reduction** within the heating system itself
- Waste heat **Recycling** within the heating system itself
- Waste heat **Recovery**:  
  - Use of waste heat outside the heating system – utilize heat in (or for) other systems within the plant or outside the plant.  
  - Waste heat to power conversion
Drivers for Industrial Waste Heat Management

Example – EAF waste heat

- Waste heat = NO FOSSIL FUEL (capturing wasted energy)
- Reduction in fuel energy use in process heating equipment
- Reduced electricity purchase and/or export to grid
- Waste heat = NO incremental EMISSIONS
- Green projects = “sustainable development”…P.R. story
- Industrial WHR considered “renewable” now in some countries
Range of Process Temperatures for Commonly Used Heating Processes

From Industrial Heating Processes

- IC engine exhaust
- Food processing
- Aluminum heat treating
- Steam generation
- Inorganic pigments
- Calcining
- Sintering
- Steel melting
- Inorganic chemicals
- Aluminum melting
- Steel reheating
- Steel melting
- 100 deg. F.
- ~38 ºC
- Engine cooling water
- Distillation
- Petroleum refining
- Organic chemicals
- Paper drying
- Steel heat treating
- Thermal oxidizers
- Cement clinker
- Glass melting
- Plastic - Paint curing
- Gas turbine exhaust
- Bricks - clay products kiln
- Copper, lead, zinc melting - processing

By Arvind Tekdi

Waste Heat Recovery from Industrial Process Heating Equipment
Sources of Waste Heat

- Exhaust or flue gases from:
  - Boilers, furnaces, heaters, kilns, combustion turbines, engines etc.
- Exhaust air from ovens, dryers, etc.
- Hot liquids or water from processes
- Steam from various sources
- Hot products discharged from the heating equipment (i.e. hot steel, clinkers, glass ware, castings etc.)
- Radiation – convection heat from hot sources (i.e. ducts, conveyors etc.)
- Chemical reactors (heat of exothermic reactions)
- Other sources
Waste Streams, Industries of Origin, and their Characteristics Indicated by Color Code

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The largest source for most manufacturing industries is exhaust / flue gases or heated air from heating systems.

Source: Arvind Thekdi, E3M Inc
Waste Heat Sources Steel Industry

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<th>Waste Heat Source*</th>
<th>Temperature (Deg. C.)</th>
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<td>Basic oxygen process</td>
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<td>Other heat treating*</td>
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<td>Gas (combustion) turbine exhaust gases*</td>
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Note: * assumed that natural gas or other gaseous fuel or light oil is used as fuel for the burners.

* Exhaust gas waste heat sources are highlighted in gray color if they are either >650 degree C and/or contain combustibles and contaminants, etc.
Waste Heat Sources Steel Industry (Cont’d)

- Total waste heat recovery potential (TBtu/year) = 280
- Total avoided CO₂ emissions (Million MT/year) = 18.3
- Avoided annual CO₂ emissions are equivalent to:
  - 3.8 million passenger vehicles
  - 1.7 million homes’ energy use
  - 4.8 coal-fired power plants

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\text{Characteristics} & \text{WHR technology/system status} & \text{Exhaust gas flow} & \text{Production}^1 & \text{Temp. range} \degree \text{C} \\
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\text{Blast Furnace Gases} & \text{Contain combustibles, particulates, etc.} & \text{Available and widely used-partial WHR} & \text{Constant} & 400 \text{ to } 600 \\
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\text{Basic Oxygen Process} & \text{Contain combustibles, particulates, etc.} & \text{Available, not widely used-partial WHR} & \text{Varying} & 1250 \text{ to } 1700 \\
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\(^1\) For few waste heat sources (particularly in steel, aluminum, and glass industry), a small quantity of waste heat is already being recovered using the existing WHR technologies.

\(^2\) Production data for steel industry is from 2013, glass industry 2002, aluminum industry 2012, and for cement and lime industry production data is from 2013.

\(^3\) WHR technologies currently not available/used for oxy-fuel fired systems.

EAF off gases offer the highest potential for waste heat recovery in the iron and steel industry
For More Information


Waste Heat
Where Can We Use It?

• Combustion air or make-up preheating
• Fuel preheating in limited cases
• Charge – load – feed preheating
• Heat recovery for preheating the oven exhaust air upstream of the thermal oxidizer
• Steam generation for process or heating
• Electric power generation from high and low temperature gases
• Heat cascading using high temperature exhaust gases
• HVAC in limited cases
• Chilled water system (absorption cooling) for certain plants
• Other in-plant demands??
Barriers to Waste Heat Management

- Barriers may be interrelated. Some technical barriers lead to cost barriers.

**Temperature of waste streams**
- High - costly materials needed to retain them
- Low - condensate cause corrosion and fouling; few viable end-use; large surface area needed
- Temperature variations in streams

**Chemical composition of waste streams**
- Deposition reduces heat transfer
- Risk of contamination between streams – product/ process risk
- Environmental concerns
- Material constraints
- Operational and maintenance concern

**Cost effectiveness**
- Long payback period for heat recovery equipment and auxiliary systems
- Material costs
- Operation and maintenance costs
- Economics of scale

**Implementation constraints**
- Process specific recovery and design
- Heat recovery complicates process
- Limited space
- Transportability
- Inaccessibility

**Mass flow rate of waste streams**
- Fluctuations in flow rates
- Intermittent nature of waste heat opportunity
- Waste streams mixed with process or product generated solids, liquids, and gases
Exhaust Heat Recycling/Recovery
Issues to Consider

Before you decide on a method of waste heat recovery, consider the following issues:

• Temperature of flue gases: High, medium, low
• Mass or volume flow rate: High, low
• Availability: constant or variable
• Presence of particulates in flue gases: organic or inorganic
• Presence of corrosive gas compounds (chlorine, fluorine, sulfur)
• Presence of condensable vapors or gases (oil, light metals etc.)
• Presence of combustible gases or vapors (CO, H₂, organic solvent vapors)
Unrecovered Waste Heat in Different Temperature Groups*

The temperature groups are defined as:
- **High**: 1200°F [or 650°C] and higher
- **Medium**: 450 to 1200°F [or 230 to 650°C]
- **Low**: 450°F [or 230°C] and lower

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Waste Heat Recycling Options

1. Combustion Air Preheating

These other options: use similar technology and hardware as the systems 1, 2 and 3.

4. Make up air heating

5. Water (liquid) heating

2. Load-Charge Preheating

3. Internal heat recycling - cascading
Advantages of Waste Heat Recycling

• Compatible with process demand and variations in operating conditions
• Can be used as retrofit for existing equipment
• Relatively easy and inexpensive to implement
• Heat recovery – 30% to 90% of the waste heat
• Implementation cost: $30,000 to $75,000 per MMBtu recovered heat (includes normal installation). Very much dependent on technology, site and size of the system used.
• Typical payback periods – one year to three years
• Application temperature range – Typically it ranges from 225°C and higher. Depends on specific process conditions.

Note: The implementation cost values are based on current for US market conditions. Use these values for comparison purpose only.
Waste Heat Recycling
Economic Considerations

• Saving:
  – Energy savings based on average operating conditions
  – Emission reduction
  – Productivity gain
  – Quality improvement
  – Other (labor, waste disposal cost etc.)

• Cost:
  – Equipment (i.e. recuperators, regenerators) cost
  – Auxiliary equipment (i.e. burners, controls, piping etc.) cost
  – Added supplemental energy cost (for blower motor, pumps etc.)
  – Changes in emissions (increase??) and environmental permits
  – Equipment relocation etc.
  – Other cost - penalties (if any)
## Waste Heat Recycling

### Summary

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*Note:*

The numbers for temperature and savings are for typical applications. There are lots of exceptions. Use this with care!
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Combustion Air Preheating Considerations

• Use of flue gas heat to preheat combustion (or make up) air is the most commonly used method of heat recovery for furnaces and ovens.

• Application of preheated air on existing equipment requires:
  – Installation of a heat recovery device such as a recuperator or a regenerator.
  – Changing burners to allow use of higher-temperature air.
  – Changing air piping and insulation of the pipes.
  – Changing air-to-fuel ratio control system and other controls in some cases.

• Using hot air can increase formation of NOx in most old (pre-90s design) generation burners, however, newer burner designs with air/fuel staging and other techniques may actually result in much lower amounts of NOx emissions.
Combustion Air Preheating Savings

Heat treating furnace for an automotive parts supplier saves approx. $13,650 per year

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Recuperators

- Recuperators are extensively used for combustion air preheating for clean combustion products.
- Recuperators are designed in many different configurations, such as parallel flow, counter flow, and cross flow (this designation indicates flow directions of air and flue gases).
  - Material for construction varies from simple carbon steel to high-temp. Ni-Cr alloys.
- Flue gas temperature range for application: 250 to 870°C; combustion air temperature range: 150 to 575°C.
- Maintenance problems arise when flue gases contain particles, condensable vapors or gases, combustibles, or corrosive gases.
- Economically justifiable heat-recovery efficiency/effectiveness varies from 40% to 60%.
- Unit size and cost increases significantly when the effectiveness exceeds 60%.
Combustion Air Preheating Equipment Options

- Continuous, simultaneous flow of exhaust & combustion air.
- A physical barrier separates air & exhaust flows.

Courtesy HARDTECH Group
Combustion Air Preheating Equipment Options

Radiation Recuperator

Self recuperative radiant tube burner

Self recuperative direct fired burner

Courtesy HARDTECH Group

Courtesy Eclipse Combustion - USA
Regenerators

- Designs available to meet different temperature requirements
- Regenerators offer much higher (65% to 85%) heat recovery ‘efficiency” potential compared to recuperators.
- A regenerator designs include rotating matrix type design or a stationary unit. See examples on next slide.
- The rotary matrix units are generally used for lower temperature (<500°C) exhaust gas applications while the stationary design is used for higher temperature (>700°C) exhaust gas heating systems.
- Regenerative burners – It consists of a pair of burners each including its own heat transfer medium.
Regenerative Burners

• The regenerative burner system includes a specially designed burner and associated regenerator

• The burners are always used in a pair

• The regenerative system is used for combustion air preheating

• The system is used for relatively high-temperature applications such as steel reheating, aluminum melting, and forging

• Overall heat-recovery efficiency is in the range of 60% to 85%

• Major issues for this type of system include: plugging of the bed resulting in frequent maintenance, furnace pressure control, size of the burner-regenerator system, space requirement around an existing furnace, and higher initial cost

• In most applications the payback period is 2 to 3 years
Regenerative Burners

Note: Regenerators have been used to preheat low calorific value fuels such as blast furnace gas. Fuel preheating is rarely used for high calorific value fuels.

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Other Regenerative Systems

Rotary wheel type of units
- Most commonly used for boilers and HVAC applications.
- In some cases the unit may include moisture removal materials coated on the heat transfer surfaces.

Stationary matrix units
- Have been used for more than 100 years in steel and glass industry.
- Massive units with large space requirement.
- Offer long life and high efficiency but may require considerable maintenance.
Water or Fluid Heater

- Water heated by flue gases is used to heat process water or boiler feed water in the chemical, petroleum, paper, and food industries.
- In some cases process fluids such as crude oil are preheated by using heat from flue gases.
- A water heater can be used to recover 40% to 60% of the flue gas heat.
- Care should be taken to avoid cooling the flue gases below dew point.
- Flue gas condensation temperature depends on the water content of the flue gases and the type of fuel (hydrogen content, sulfur content) used.
- A condensing heat exchanger can be used to recover additional heat (latent heat of water vapor) from flue gases; in most cases a condensing heat exchanger is used to heat a once-through water stream.
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Exhaust (Flue) Gas Heat Recovery

Commonly used options and equipment:

• Water (i.e. process, boiler feed water) or other fluid (i.e. heat transfer liquids) heating- use water to gas heat exchangers

• Air heating for process or HVAC application – use gas to gas heat exchanger or regenerative systems

• Steam generation – use waste heat recovery boilers

• Heat cascading (using hot flue gases for lower temperature processes) – use direct injection of gases or heat exchangers.

• Other methods (i.e. absorption chillers) – use specialized equipment such as absorption chillers

• Electrical power generation – use steam based system or other low temperature systems discussed later.
In-Plant Waste Heat Recovery

- Use of waste heat to supplement the plant utility or auxiliary systems energy use in a plant to reduce the plant energy use.
- Can be used as retrofit for existing equipment or for new processes.
- Application temperature range:
  - As low as 125°C exhaust gas temperature
  - Higher temperature limit is usually 900°C exhaust gas temperature.
Waste Heat Recovery Considerations

• Most important consideration is matching of heat supply to the heat demand for the selected utility within a plant or a neighboring plant.
• Moderately expensive to implement.
• Heat recovery – 10% to 75% of the waste heat.
• Installed cost varies with the type of system selected.
• Implementation cost:
  – Application and site specific.
  – Varies with the selection of the heat recovery method.
  – Typical cost could vary from $50 to $200 per MJ recovered heat (includes normal installation).
• Typical payback periods: one-half year to five years.

Saving and cost considerations are same as in case of waste heat recycling.
## Heat Recovery Systems - Summary

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<th>Heat recovery system</th>
<th>Waste heat Temperature (deg. C)</th>
<th>Typical applications</th>
<th>Typical installed cost</th>
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<td>Steam generation</td>
<td>$350^0$ C and higher</td>
<td>Large furnaces with &gt;25 GJ/hr. firing rate. Reheat furnaces, process heaters, glass melting furnaces etc.</td>
<td>$35 to $60 per 500 kg lb. steam generation</td>
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<td>Hot water heating</td>
<td>$150^0$ C and higher</td>
<td>Heating equipment of all sizes. Heat treating, reheating, forging, ovens, dryers etc.</td>
<td>$30,000 to $50,000 per GJ heat transferred</td>
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<td>Plant or building heating</td>
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<td>Mostly in cold climate areas. Can be used for medium to large size (5 GJ/hr. and larger size).</td>
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<td>Absorption cooling systems</td>
<td>$175^0$ C and higher</td>
<td>Low to medium temperature systems, large size furnaces, ovens, heaters etc.</td>
<td>$750 to $1500 per ton of refrigeration capacity</td>
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<td>Cascading to lower temperature heating processes</td>
<td>$400^0$ C and higher</td>
<td>For gases from medium to large size systems supplying heat to lower temperature heating systems.</td>
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- **DO NOT** use the costs for economic analysis for site specific cases.
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Waste Heat to Power

Options for Industrial Applications

- “Conventional plant" using a steam boiler, steam turbine and generator
- Organic Rankin Cycle (ORC) plant
- Ammonia – water systems (i.e. Kalina system)
- Supercritical carbon dioxide (CO₂) cycle
- Thermo-electric power generation (TEG)

Caution: This is a fast changing field. Technology, performance and cost can vary significantly. Take the numbers as typical only.
Waste Heat Inventory by Industry and Temperature Range (reference temp. at 120°F or 50°C)

0 200 400 600 800 1000
Trillion Btu

324: Petroleum and Coal Products...
325: Chemical Manufacturing
331: Primary Metal Manufacturing
327: Nonmetallic Mineral Products...
332: Fabricated Metal Products...
322: Paper Manufacturing
321: Wood Product Manufacturing
311: Food Manufacturing
323: Printing and Related Support Activities
336: Transportation Equipment...
333: Machinery Manufacturing
313: Textile Mills
326: Plastics and Rubber Products...
334: Computer and Electronic Products...
339: Miscellaneous Manufacturing
337: Furniture and Related Products...
335: Electrical Equipment Manufacturing
312: Beverage and Tobacco Products...
315: Apparel Manufacturing
316: Leather and Allied Products...
314: Textile Product Mills

<150°C
150-230°C
230-650°C
>650°C
Application Considerations

• Need relatively clean and contamination free source of waste heat (gas or liquid source). Avoid heavy particulate loading and/or presence of condensable vapors in waste heat stream.

• Continuous or predictable flow for the waste heat source

• Relatively moderate waste heat stream temperature (at least 150°C, but >325°C is preferred) at constant or predictable value

• Cannot find or justify use of heat within the process or heating equipment itself

• Cannot find or justify alternate heat recovery methods (steam, hot water, cascading etc.) that can be used in the plant

• Try to avoid or reduce use of supplementary fuel for power generation. It can have negative effect on overall economics unless the power cost can justify it.
Waste Heat to Power System
“Conventional” Steam – Power Generation

Furnace with or without heat recovery

Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)

Steam Turbine/Electricity Generator System

Make-up water

Water/condensate treatment etc.

Condenser

Cooling tower

Condensate from plant or outside

To plant use or export of steam

Auxiliary Heat

Exhaust gases

Electrical power

Make-up water

Water/condensate treatment etc.
Several other variations of ORC have been are developed to improve its efficiency.
Kalina Cycle Using Ammonia-Water as working Fluid

Kalina cycle system claims to be 15% to 25% more efficient than ORC cycle at the same temperature level.
Echo-Gen
Super Critical CO₂ Cycle

**Condenser**
Air or Water Cooled

**Heat Out**

**Cycle Description:**
Liquid CO₂ is pumped to supercritical pressure, accepts cycle heat at recuperator and waste heat at waste heat exchanger. High energy ScCO₂ is expanded at turbo-alternator producing high frequency electrical power. Power electronics condition power to customer specifications. Expanded ScCO₂ is cooled at recuperator and condensed to liquid at condenser.

**Waste Heat Exchanger**
Single Phase fin-tube module

**Heat In**

**High Energy ScCO₂**

**Pump**

**Recuperator**

**Thermaefficient™ Heat Engine Skid**

**TurboAlternator**
Close-coupled

**System Panel**
Controls & Power Electronics
### WHP Summary and Comparison

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<td>150 to 300</td>
<td>100 to 450</td>
<td>225 to 650</td>
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<td>Working Fluid</td>
<td>Treated water</td>
<td>HCFCs or Hydrocarbons</td>
<td>Ammonia - water mixture</td>
<td>Caron Dioxide</td>
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<td>Working Fluid Attributes</td>
<td>Requires treatment to reduce corrosion and mineral deposition</td>
<td>Limited temperature range, flammability, thermally unstable at higher temperature</td>
<td>Limited temperature range, corrosive, ammonia leaks</td>
<td>Non-corrosive, non-toxic, non-flammable, thermally stable</td>
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<td>Conversion Efficiency (%)</td>
<td>20% plus</td>
<td>8% to 12%</td>
<td>8% to 15%</td>
<td>13% to 17%</td>
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<td>Reported Cost ($/kW)</td>
<td>$600 plus</td>
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Note: This is a fast changing field. The efficiency values highly dependent on the source temperature. Cost could vary significantly with size, supplier and incentives from several sources.

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Waste Heat to Power – Emerging Technologies

Thermo-Electric Power Generation (TEG)

- Technology in infancy and unproven for industrial application
- Waste heat temperature range from 225°C to 500°C
- Relatively low efficiency – less than 5%
- Very expensive [>$5000 per kW] and unproven for industrial use
- Will require considerable R&D and technology pilot demonstration before it can be used for waste heat to power applications

Note: The operating data and costs are derived from available literature and their accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
Waste Heat to Power – Emerging Technologies

Other Emerging Technologies

- Piezoelectric Power Generation
- Thermionic Generation
- Thermo Photovoltaic Generator
- Stirling Engine
- Steam Engine
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Recycling and Recovery

• Three possible options should be considered and evaluated for use of waste heat from a heating system.

  1. Use waste heat within the process or system itself. This is the most economical and effective method of using waste heat.
  2. Use waste heat within the plant boundary itself. Options include use in or for plant utilities or use in other processes.
  3. Waste heat to power conversion.

• Very few options are available for recycling or recovery of “contaminated” waste heat streams, particularly at higher temperatures.
Power Generation

- Conventional steam turbine-generator option is the most attractive option for clean, contamination free waste heat at higher (>425°C) temperature.

- Three options are available for lower temperature waste heat: ORC, Ammonia-water based systems and CO$_2$ based systems. However none of these have long and “proven” history in industrial applications to offer economically justifiable power generation as of today.

- Waste heat to power projects are difficult to justify for low (~250°C or lower) temperature waste heat, especially if the waste heat supply is not continuous and auxiliary energy is required.

- Thermo-electrical systems are in early development stage and their use cannot be economically justified at this time.
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Flue Gas Temperature Limitations

- Flue gas temperature is maintained above the dew point of acidic components.
  - Fuels containing sulfur produce sulfuric acid.
  - All hydrocarbon fuels can produce carbonic acid.
Typical Organic Rankin Cycle (ORC) for Power Generation

How it works

• A heat source heats thermal oil to a high temperature, typically about 300°C, in a closed circuit;

• The hot thermal oil is drawn to and from the ORC module in closed circuit. In the ORC it evaporates the organic working fluid of the ORC in a suitable heat exchanger system (pre-heater and evaporator);

• Organic vapor expands in the turbine, producing mechanical energy, further transformed into electric energy through a generator;

• The vapor is then cooled by a fluid in a closed circuit and condensed. The water warms up at about 80 – 90°C and it is used for different applications requiring heat;

• The condensed organic fluid is pumped back into the regenerator to close the circuit and restart the cycle.
Waste Heat Recovery from Industrial Process Heating Equipment

- **Working medium**: variety of organic liquids such as Freon, butane, propane, ammonia, and the new “environmentally-friendly" refrigerants
- Waste heat temperature range is 150°C and up with proper temperature control for the evaporator heat exchanger
- Operating efficiency (~8% to 15%) for low (150°C) to medium (425°C) temperature range for waste heat
- Higher temperatures may create problems with the working fluid
- Relatively high cost ($2,500 to $4,000 per kW capacity)
- Most applications in geo-thermal and other non-heavy industrial areas

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Current Status and Applications

• Several companies in USA and other countries offer this technology.
• Size ranges from 30 kW to as high as 22 MW.
• Waste heat source temperature can be from 100°C and higher.
• In most cases the heat source has to be liquid which must be heated by using gases if the source is exhaust gases.
• Cost varies over a wide range. From $3500/kW and higher.

Example: UTC PureCycle Option
Waste Heat to Power Options for Industrial Application

Kalina cycle plant

- Bottoming cycle - working medium: Ammonia - water vapor
- Operating temperature range: 125°C to as high as 535°C waste heat with proper heat exchanger equipment.
- Operating efficiency (~15%) with waste heat temperature at a relatively low temperature (~150°C).
- Relatively high cost: $2000 to $3000 per kW capacity.
- Large percentage of total cost (capital and maintenance) is in heat exchangers
- Most applications in geo-thermal and other non-heavy industrial areas

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1. Requires 180 + deg. F. water
2. Approximate cost (quoted) $2,000/kW not including installation etc.
3. Maintenance and operating cost (other than hot water) - unknown
4. No operating unit for power production
5. Claimed efficiency: 23% (based on the heat to power conversion)