

Towards Sustainable Industrial Energy Systems: An Optimization-Based Approach



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INTRODUCTION



Role of Industry to achieve 'Net-Zero' targets



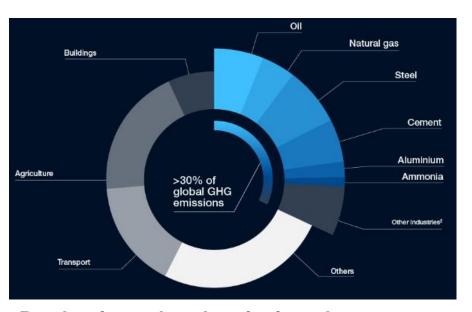
Industry play a critical role



Global energy consumption



Global greenhouse gas emissions



Production-related emissions by sector (Scope 1 and 2)

Source: IEA and World Economic Forum 2022



Towards to Industrial Decarbonisation

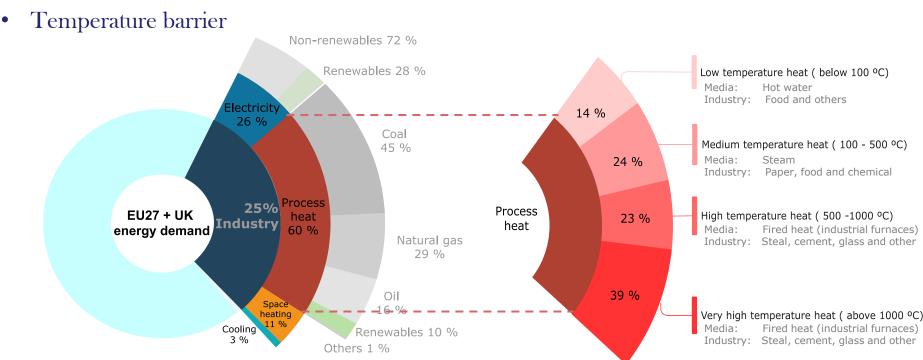


Challenges



Progress in these sectors has been limited to date.

High heat demand



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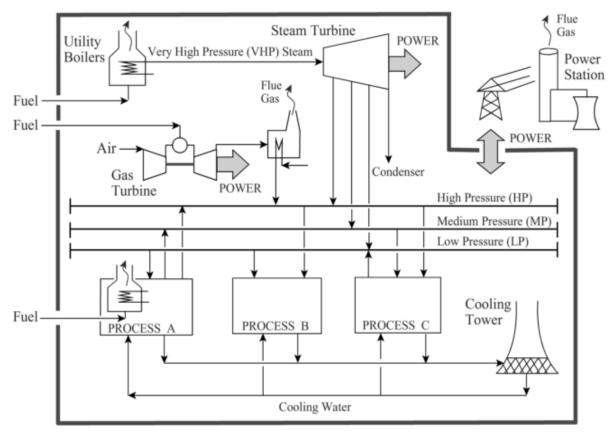
Fraunhofer Institute (2016) Mapping and analyses of the current and future (2020 - 2030) heating/cooling fuel deployment (fossil/renewables)



Role of Utility Systems in Energy Transition



Utility system is often the largest energy consumer on process sites



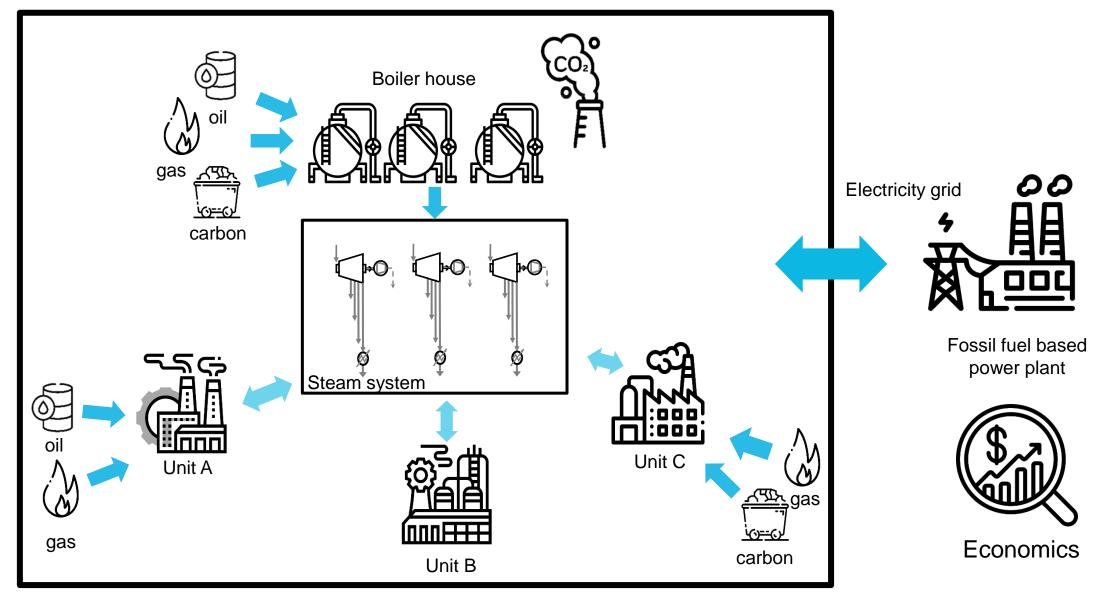
To improve the performance of such systems

... we need to model and optimize the model



Current Industrial Energy Systems



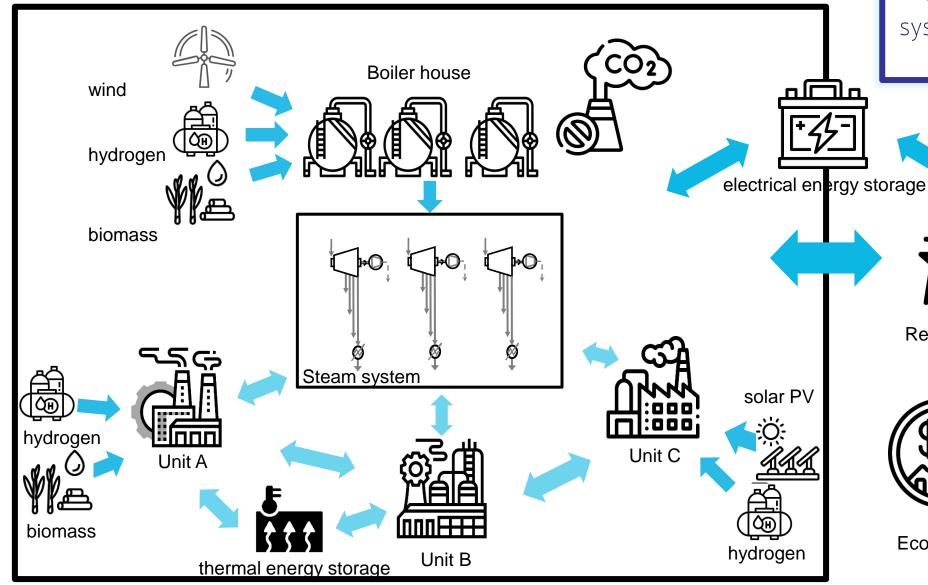




Future Industrial Energy Systems



Completely different system configuration and operation





Renewable based power plants



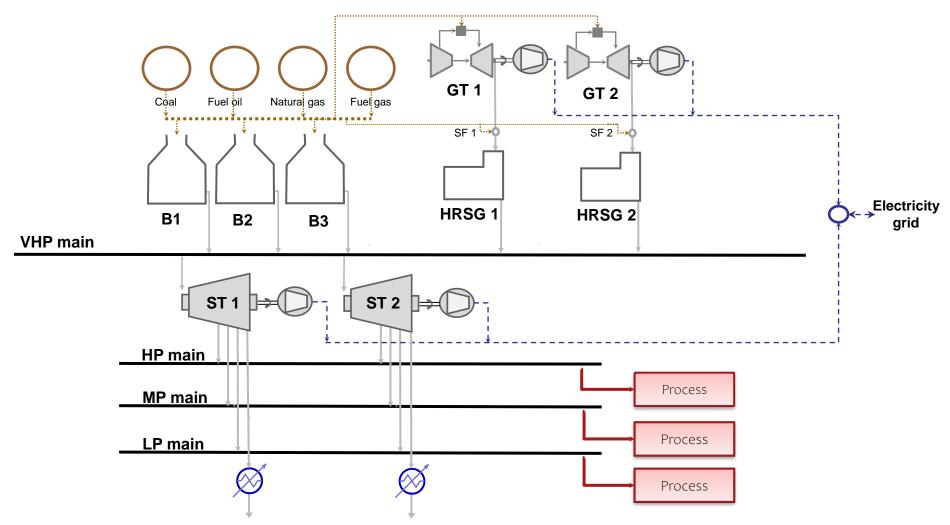


Economics

Environment

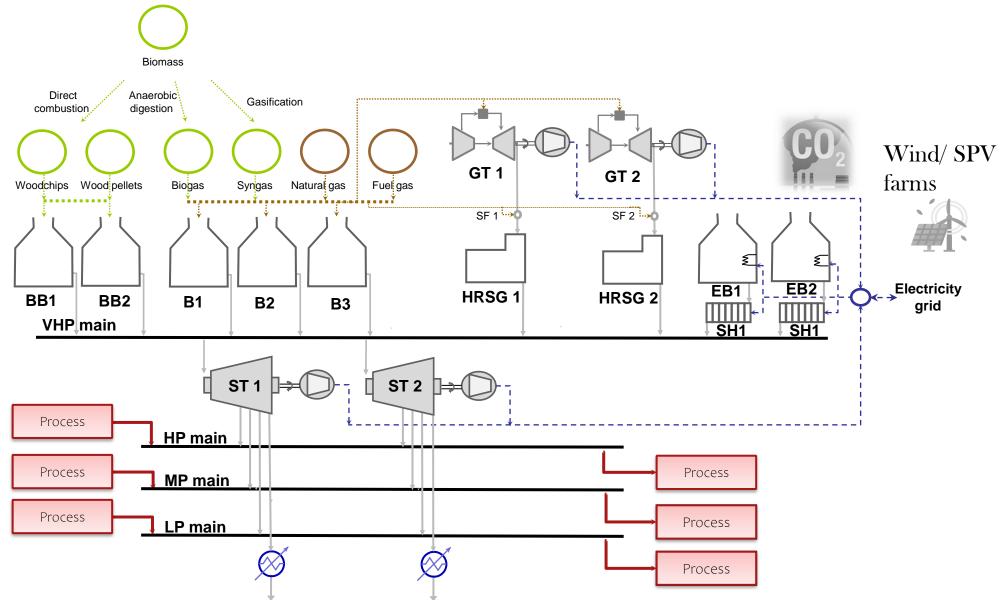








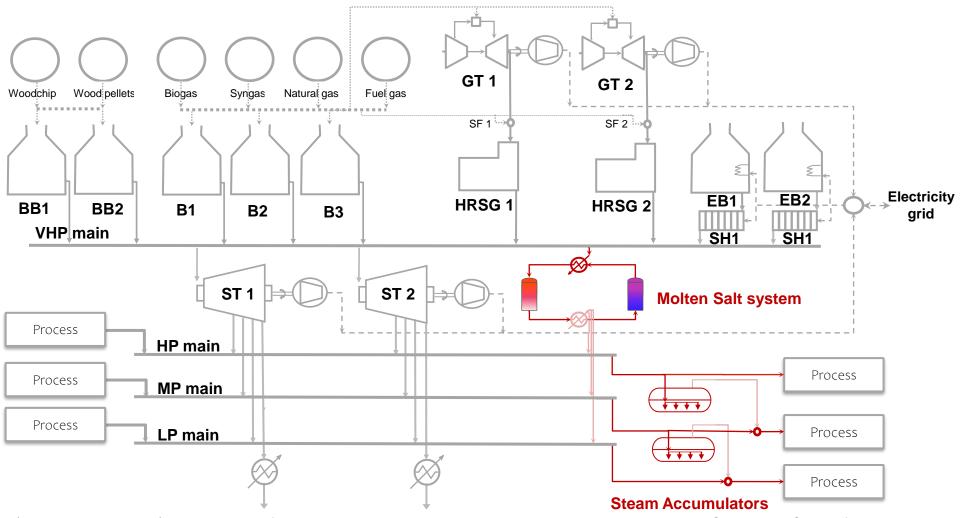








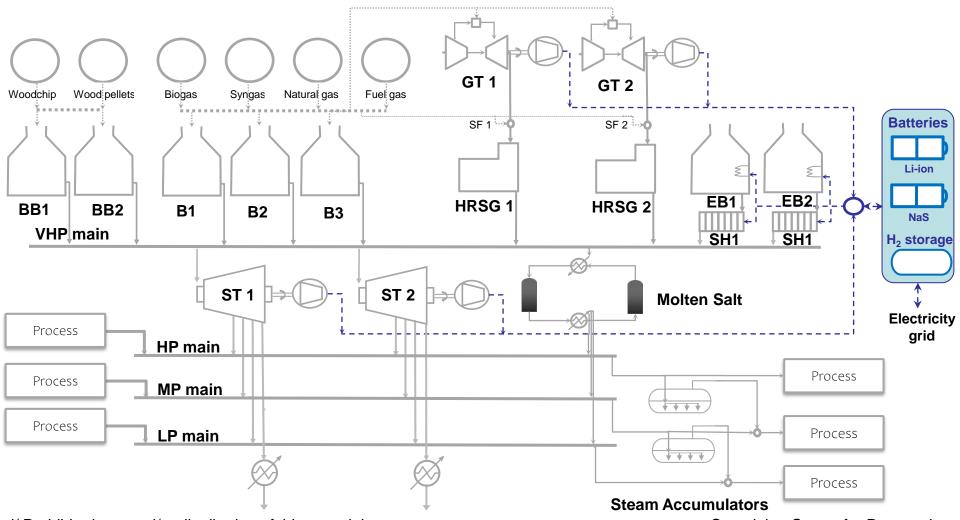
Thermal Energy Storage





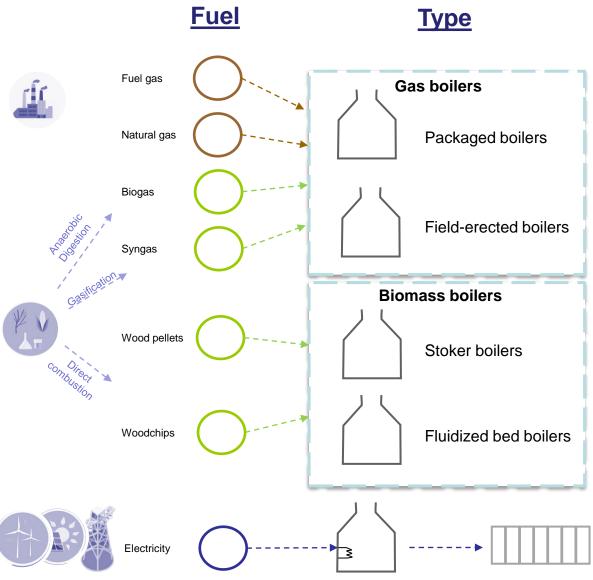


Electrical Energy Storage



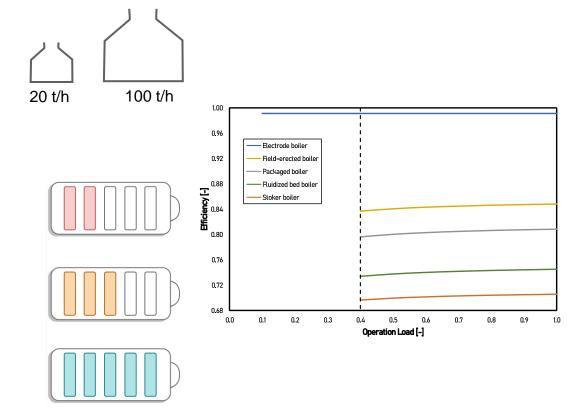






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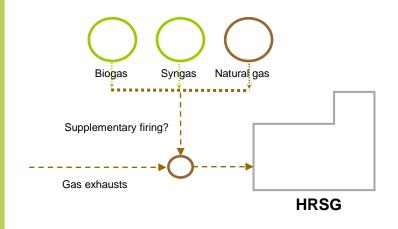
Part-load efficiency



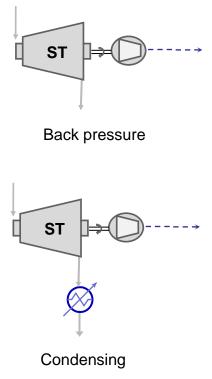




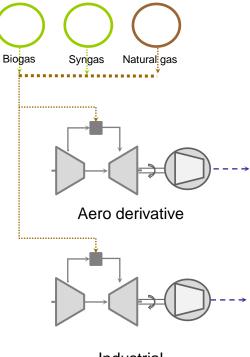
Heat recovery steam generators



Steam turbines



Gas turbines

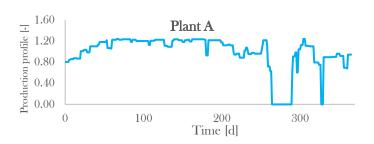


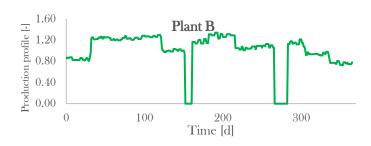
Industrial

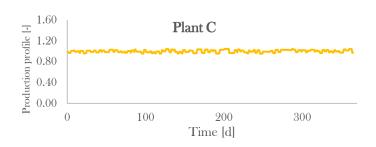




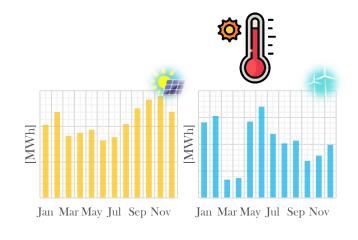
Energy demand variation

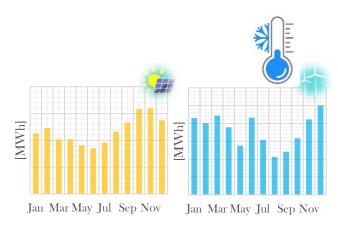


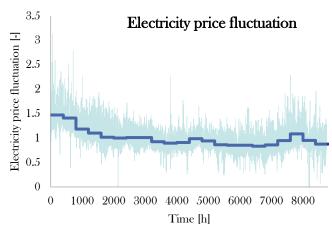




Energy supply/price variation



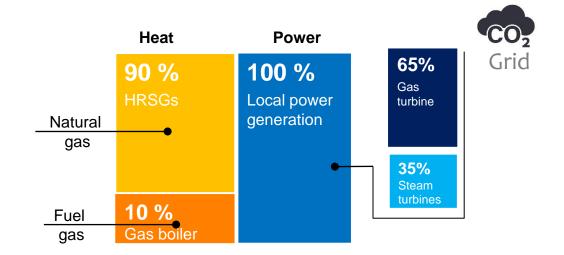


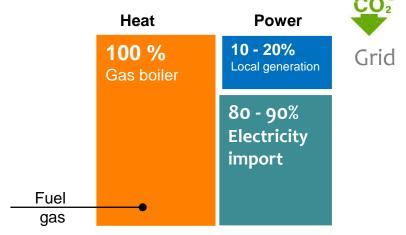


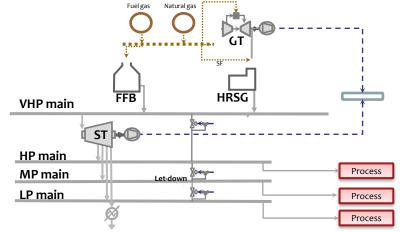


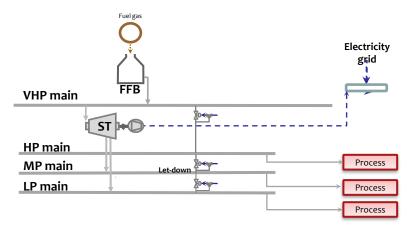


Environmental factor













There is no silver bullet

Depends on several aspects:

- Technologies/sources available
- Variability of the energy demand and supply across the time
- Site thermal and power demand
- Utility prices (Power tariffs)
- Sources environmental factor





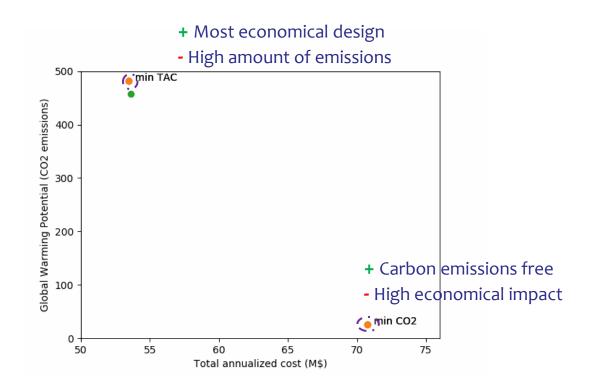
Challenges of Industrial Decarbonisation

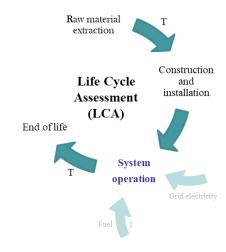


Previously, the design was based on **Economics** of the site.

BUT...

Other aspects as environmental impact are also important.





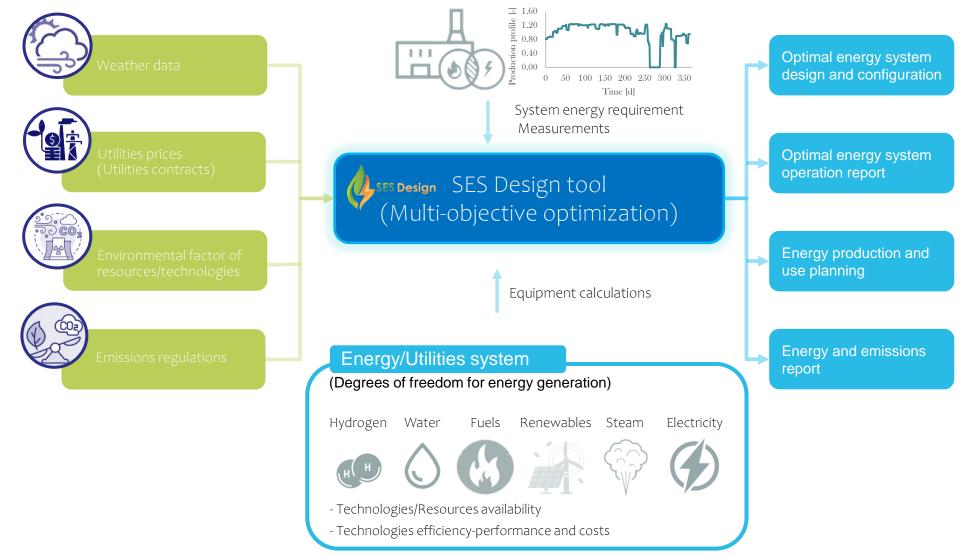
LCA is an essential tool to understand the true CO₂ abatement provided.

Multi-objective optimization to analyse the trade-off between environmental and technoeconomics aspects.



How to successfully integrate environmental objectives?





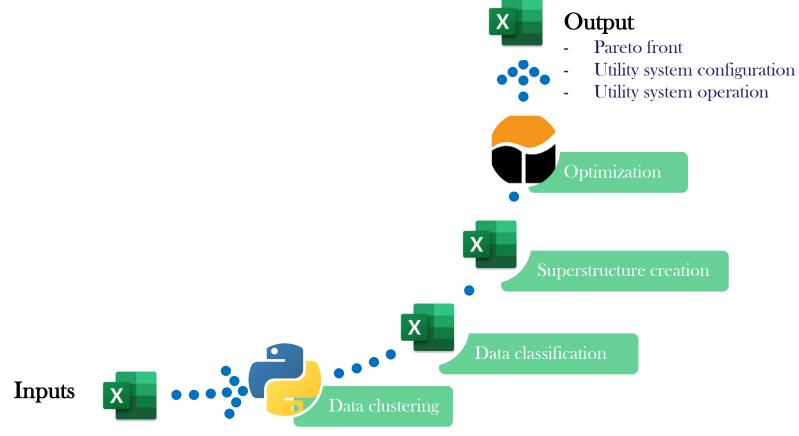




APPROACH





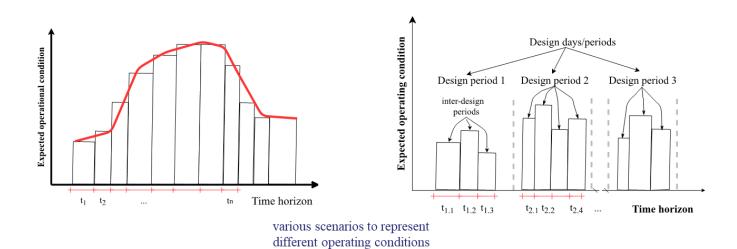


- Stream data
- Production profiles
- Power demand
- Market prices
- · Technology data





Multi-period approach

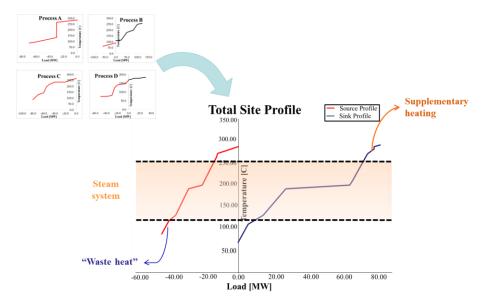


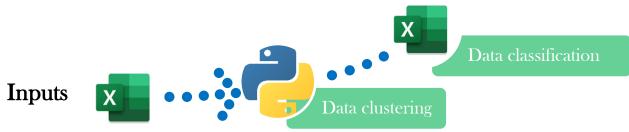


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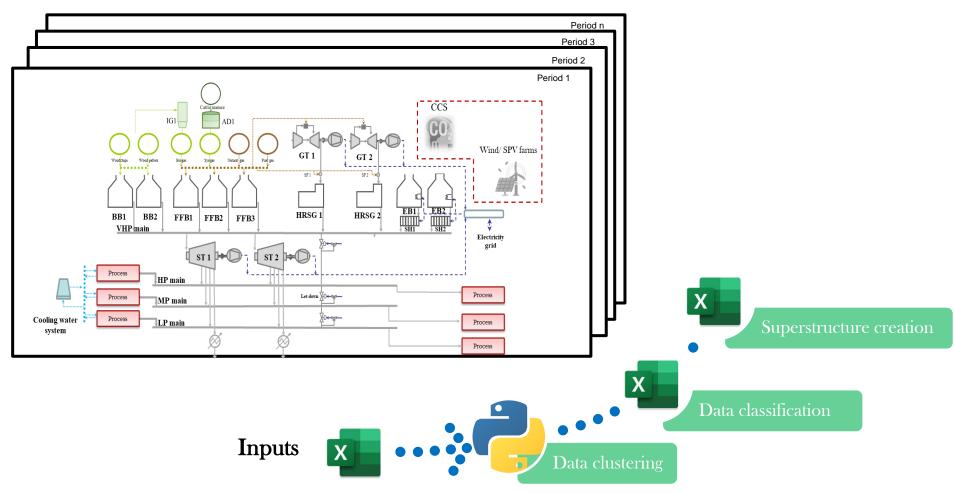




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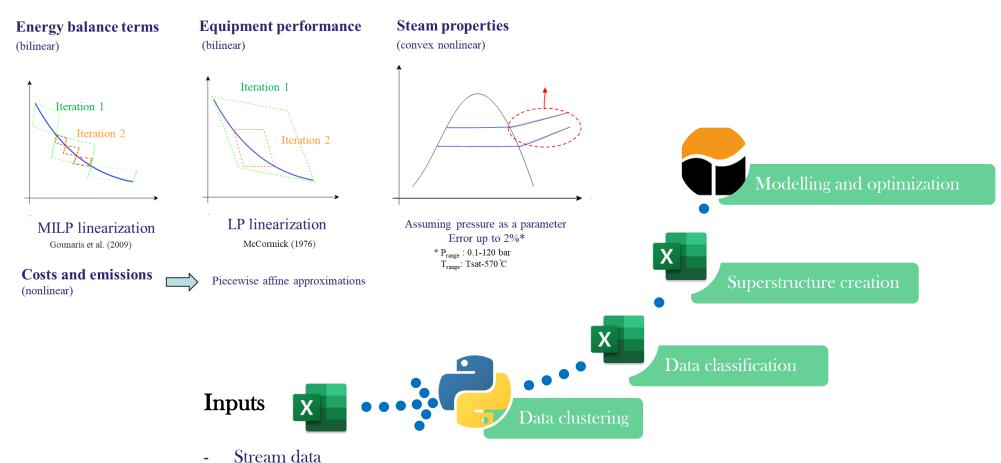




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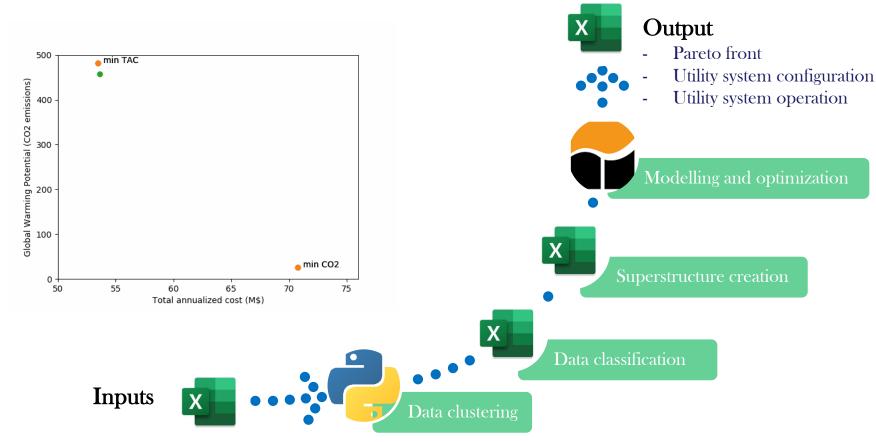




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Approach



Resources & Technology

Low-carbon Energy System

Economic constraints

Design & Operational optimization

• Sustainability constraints

Time variability

Constraints on utility options



Environmental constraints





Reduce energy demand & maximise flexibility



Total site Energy Integration optimization

Operational optimization



To develop road maps to **evolve**

existing systems to future systems in a

sustainable basis





CASE STUDY





Background

- Design of the utility system for a medium-size complex site
- Analysis of the economic and environmental implications of various technology/source alternatives

Objective

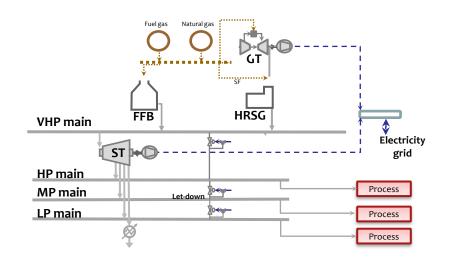
 Reduce environmental impact by design and operational optimization of the utility system at minimum costs



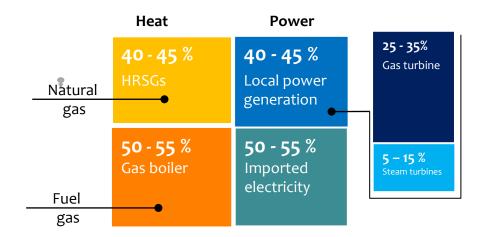




Current utility system:



Energy strategy:



Explored options:

Operational optimization





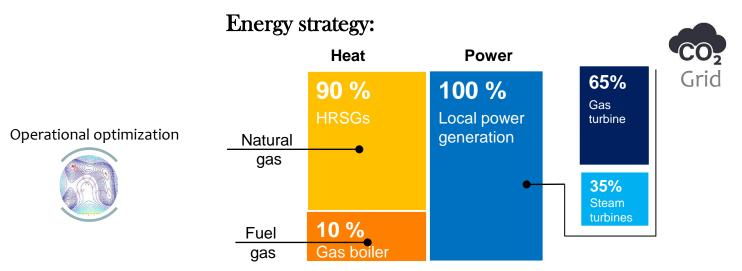
Renewables

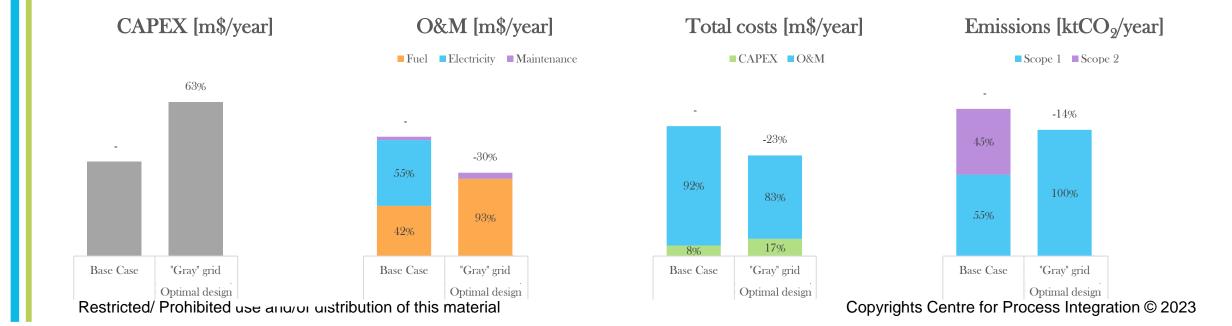
Heat electrification

Biomass and waste



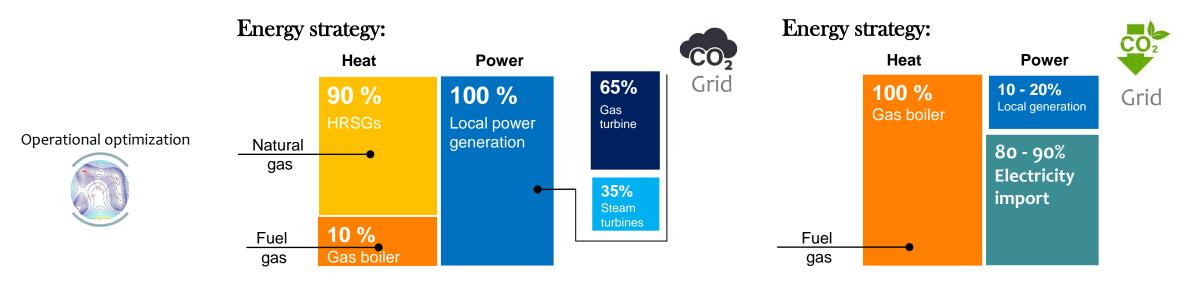




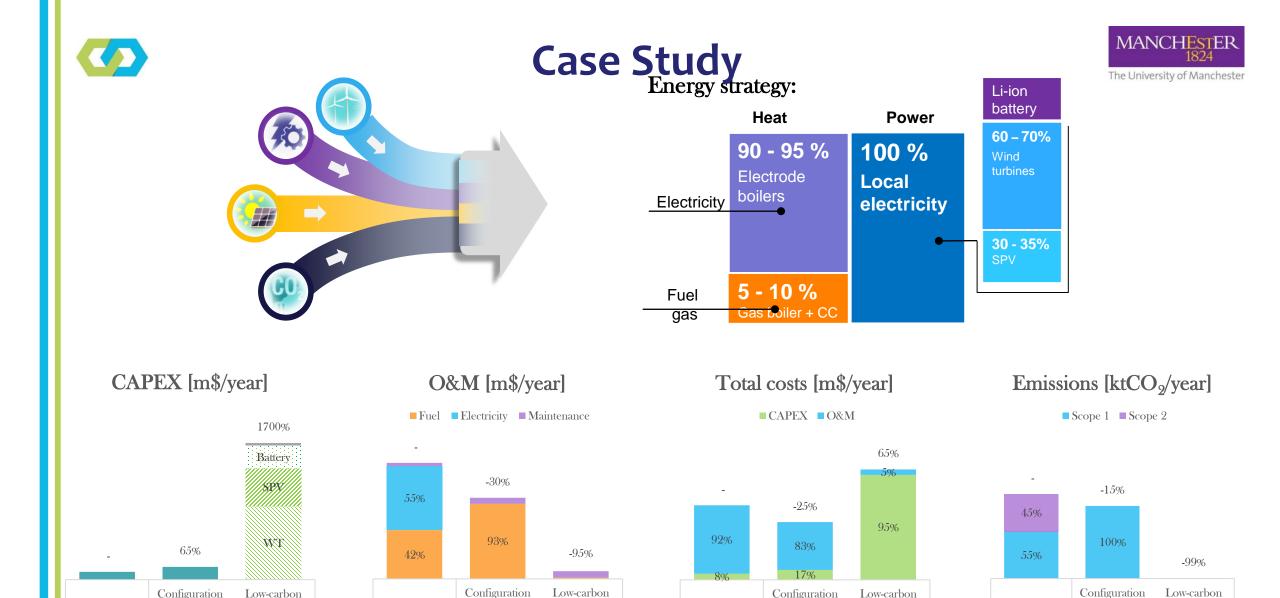












We know our goal, but how we achieve it?

Base Case

Configuration

Low-carbon

technology

Optimal design

Low-carbon

technology

Optimal design

Configuration

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Low-carbon

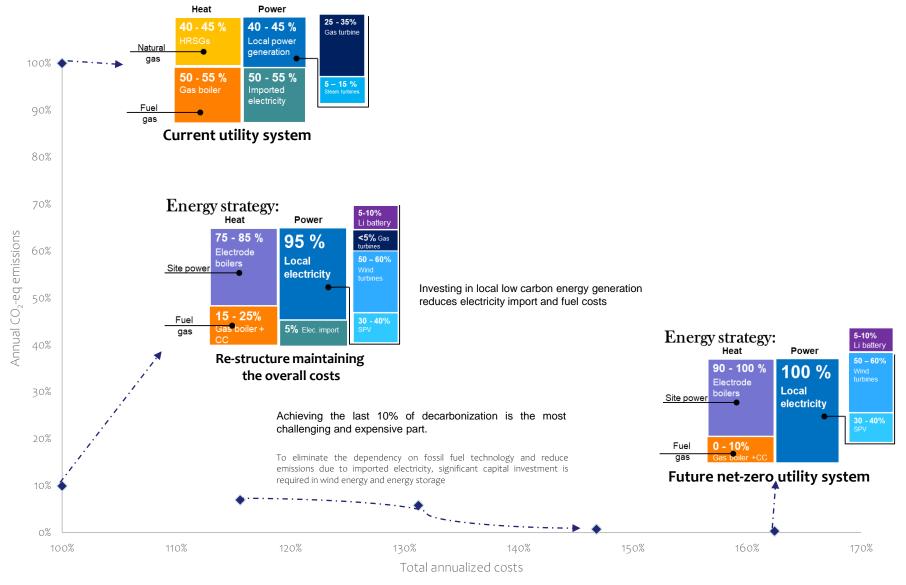
technology

Optimal design



Case Study – Financial Roadmap









CONCLUSIONS



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Energy efficiency plays a key role in industrial energy transition, but further paradigm change in the way the systems are design and operated is required.

There is **NO** "one solution fits all". Optimal design will depend on several factors, as location, energy carbon intensity, energy price fluctuations, sources & technology availability.



The strategy for developing the road map to industrial net-zero energy systems requires the use of decision support tools to identify the most cost-effective design that meets sustainability goals.



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