

# Lets talk about Industrial Ammonia Heat Pumps

Superior Energy Efficiency with Alfa Laval Plate heat exchangers

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# Low value heat sources

– Reason for using Heat Pumps



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## Why Heat Pumps?

*Industrial Heat pumps makes it possible to use waste or natural low temperature heat for space or industrial process heating.*

Typical heat sources are sea water, ground water or waste heat from industries, refrigeration plants and data centers mainly used for:

### Industrial Process

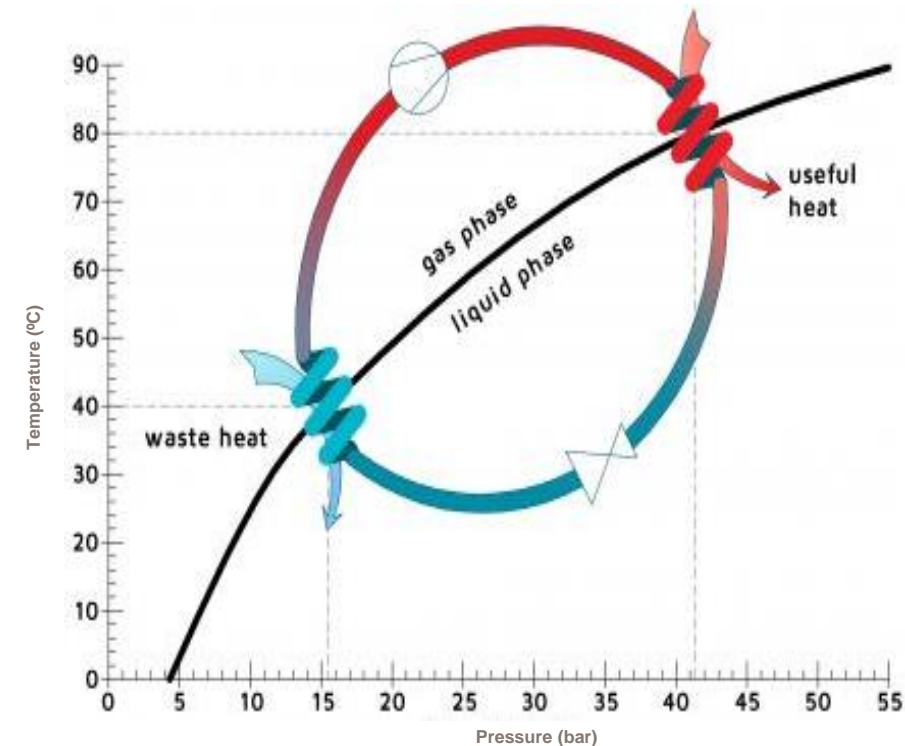
They are connected to dehumidification, distillation and evaporation processes, but also for water heating and combined heating and cooling.

### District heating

Heat pumps are successfully connected to district heating systems or in combined district heating and cooling systems.

### Commercial buildings

Heat pumps are connected to water loops (hydronic) for heat and cold distribution.



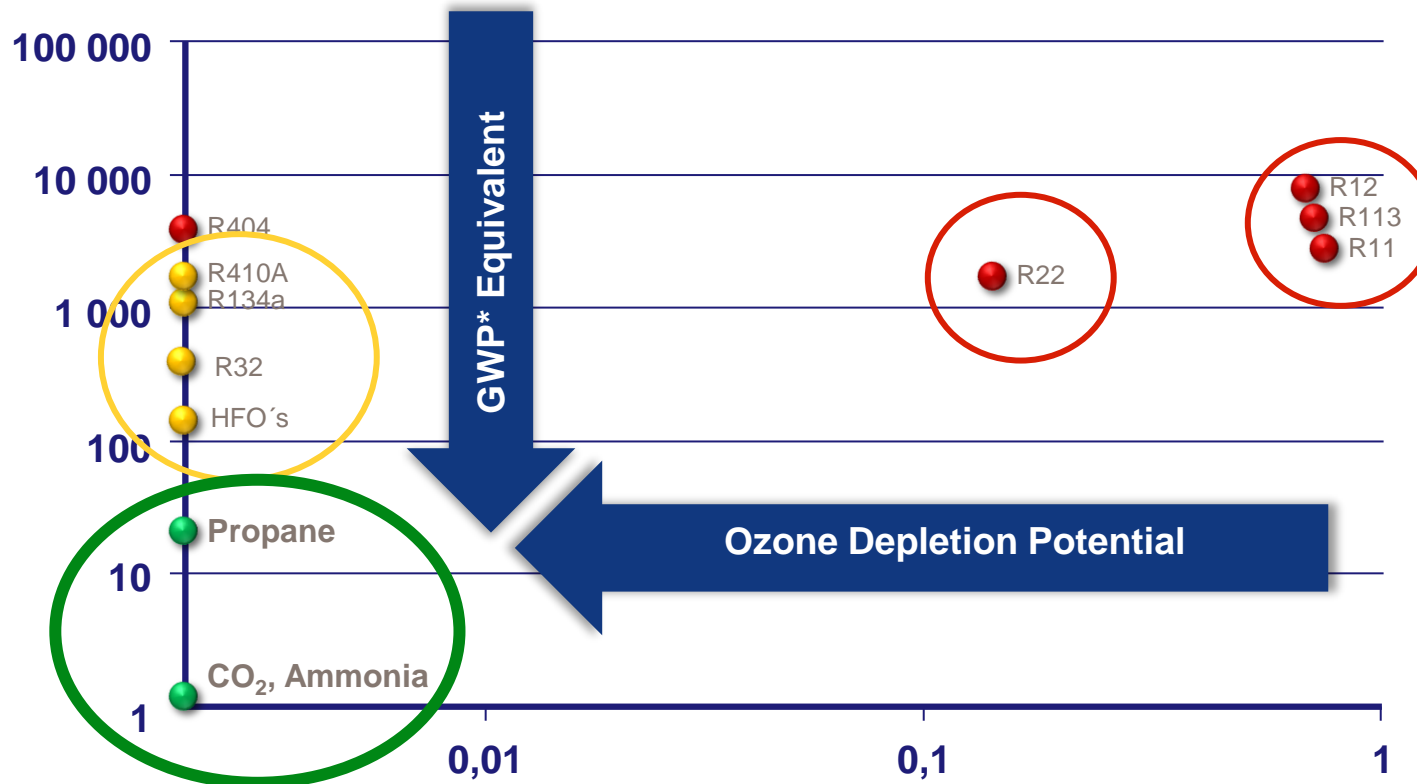
# Why Ammonia

– Highly efficient future proof refrigerant



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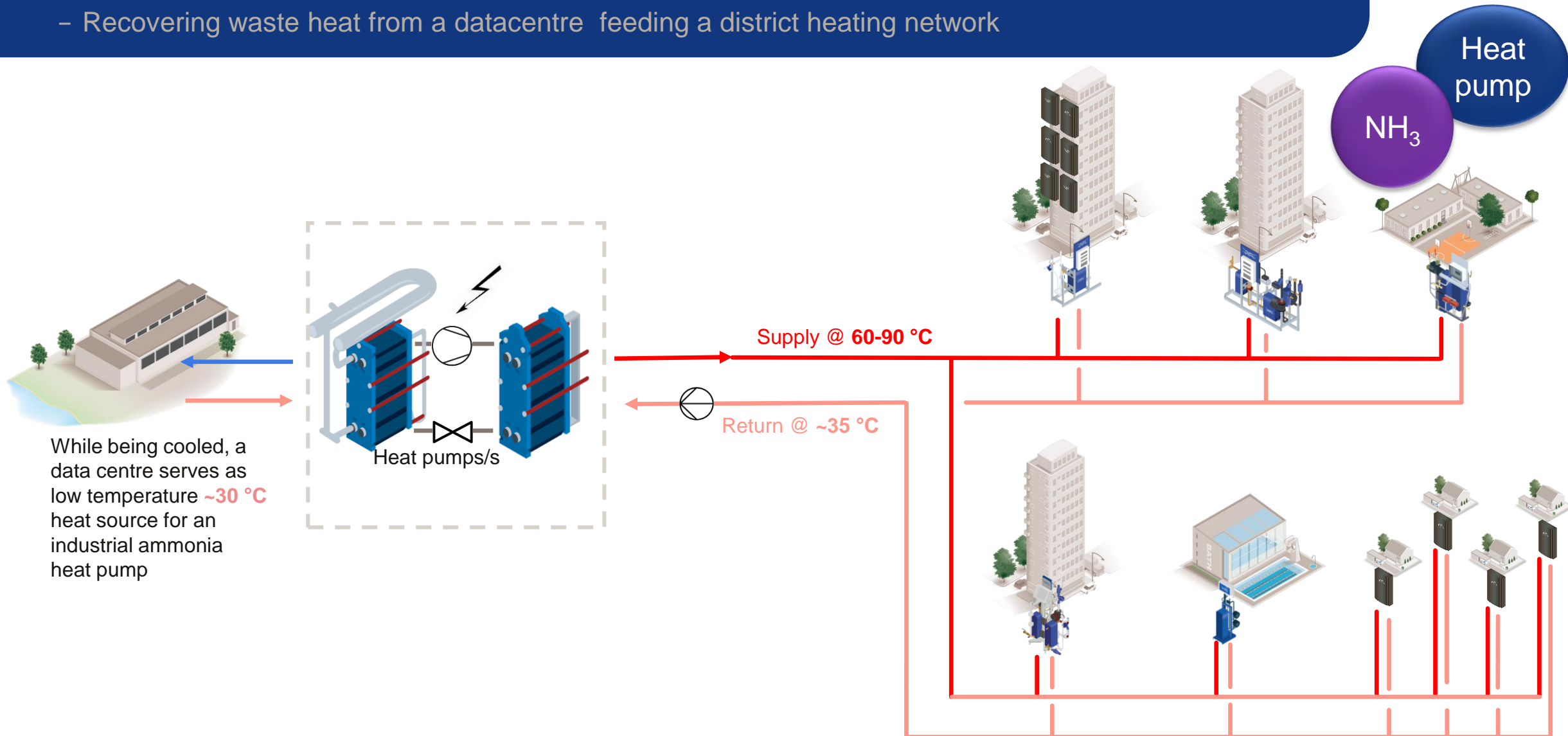
- GWP=0
- ODP=0
- High volumetric capacity
- More effective and cheaper than synthetic alternatives
- Lowest total lifetime cost
- Known for centuries as a refrigerant and will stay

## Remember

- Classified as Fluid Group 1 in PED (toxic, corrosive, and moderately flammable), so special legal requirements may apply
- No ATEX requirements for normal ammonia plants except for machine-room ventilation in special cases
- Copper and its alloys are not allowed as material
- Oil draining required

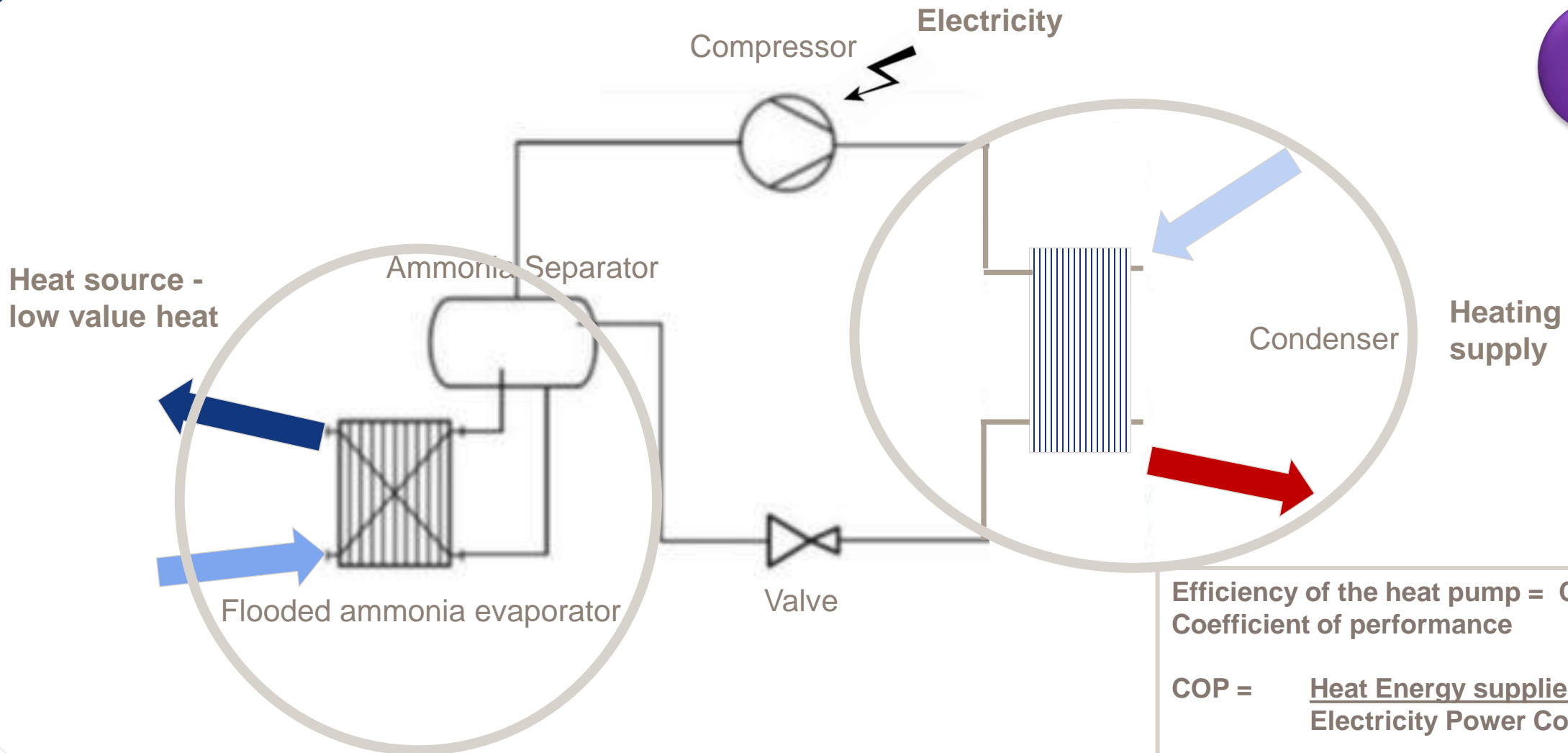
# Industrial Heat Pump-example of application

– Recovering waste heat from a datacentre feeding a district heating network



# Heat Pump Impact – How Alfa Laval semi welded plate heat exchanger increases the COP

# Efficiency (COP) of the Heatpump

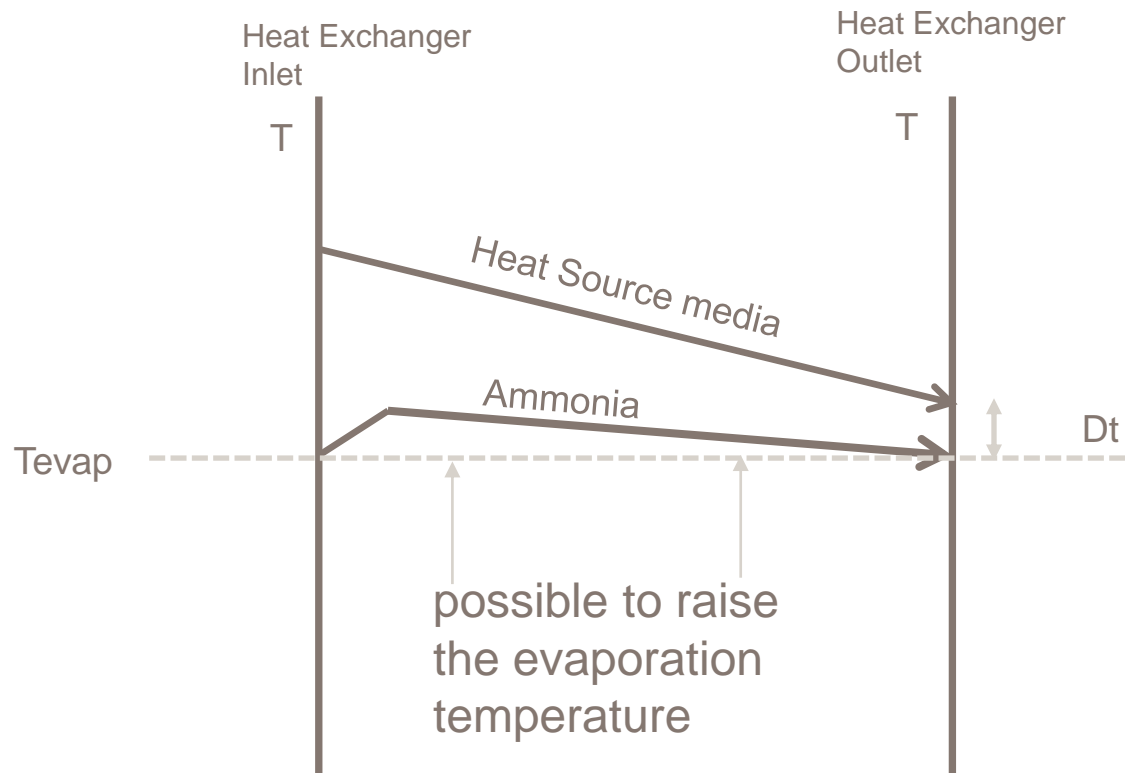
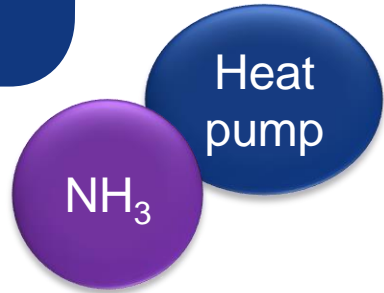


Efficiency of the heat pump = COP  
Coefficient of performance

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{Heat Energy supplied (kW)}}{\text{Electricity Power Consumed (kW)}}$$

# Flooded Ammonia Evaporator

– Plate Heat exchangers Enables higher energy efficiency



In general it is possible to obtain 2K closer approach than with other heat exchanger technologies at comparable size and cost

- every K higher  $T_{\text{evap}}$  (evaporation temperature) saves 3-6% of the heat pump power consumption.

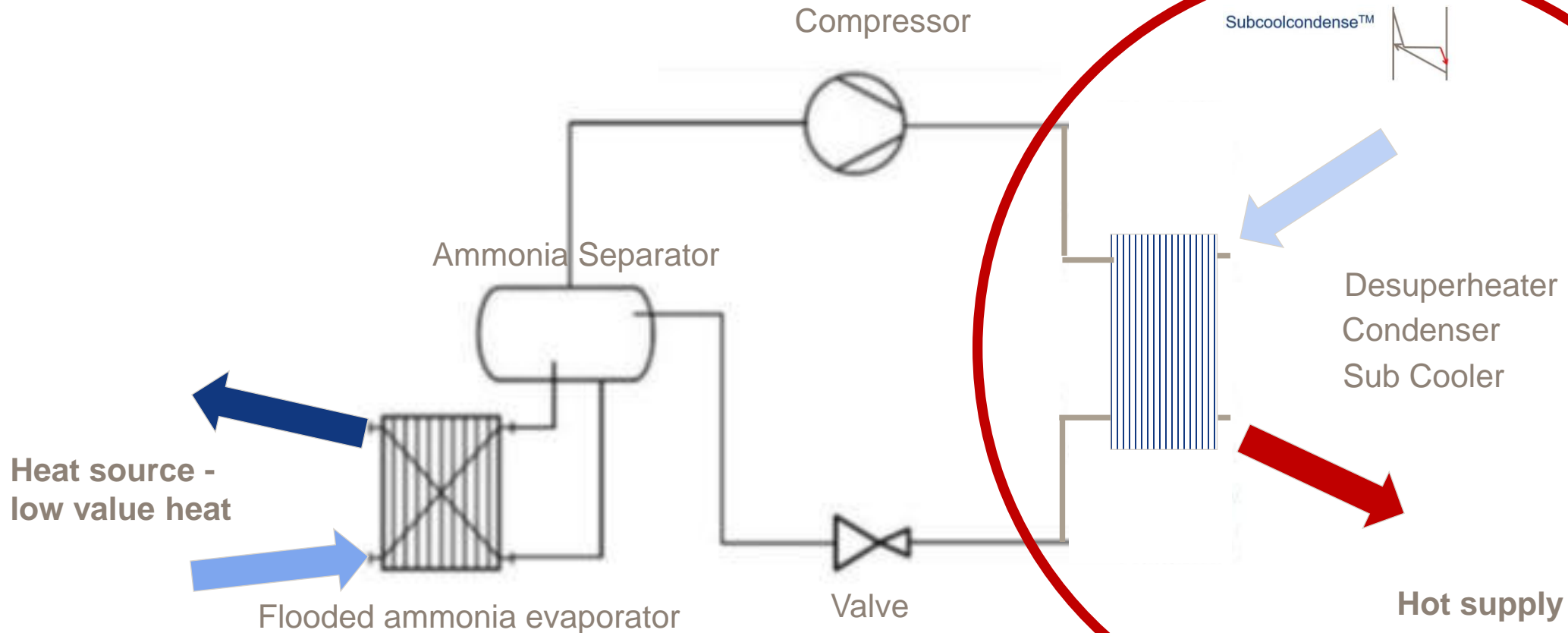
# Condenser with integrated Subcooling

– SWPHE with Subcoolcondense™ is compact and efficient



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# T10 EW Condenser with integrated Subcooling

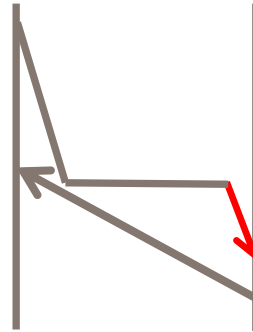
– Enables high energy efficiency and a compact installation



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## Subcoolcondense™



- T10- EW with this feature allows Condensing, Desuperheating, and Subcooling in same plate heat exchanger with the benefits of :
  - Enabling high efficiency (COP) of the Heat Pump
  - Avoiding the use multiple heat exchangers on hot side



# New features to increase efficiency



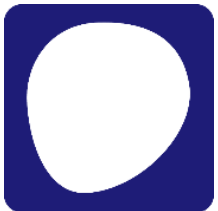
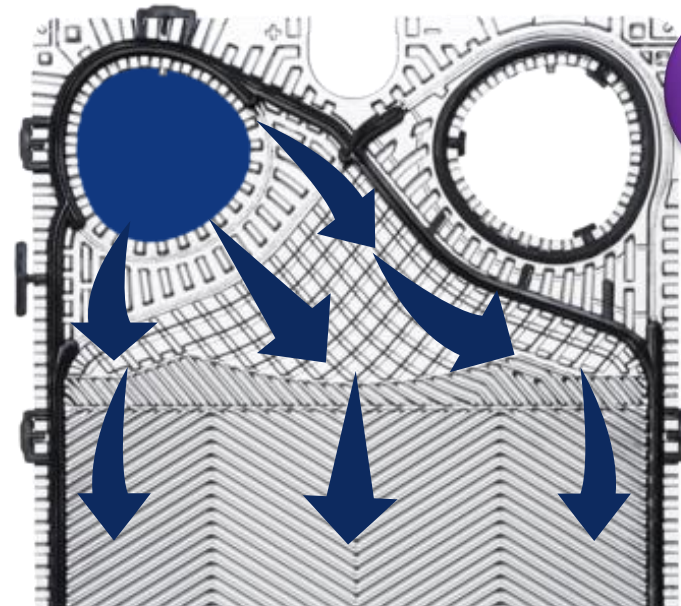
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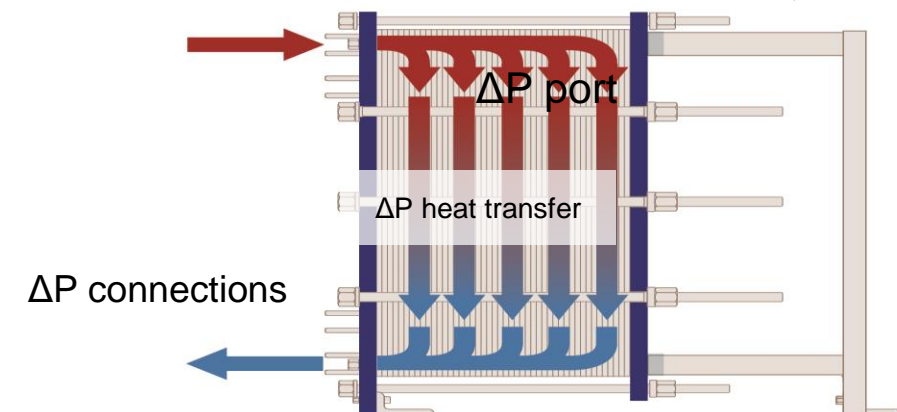
## CurveFlow™ distribution area

- ✓ Fully utilizes available surface area.
- ✓ Provides perfect distribution inside channel for best heat transfer and surface stays cleaner



## OmegaPort™ noncircular port holes

- ✓ Better distribution of media
- ✓ Pressure drop better utilized for heat transfer.





# References

# District heating - heat recovered from sea and wastewater

– Joint venture of HOFOR, CTR and VEKS for Copenhagen City



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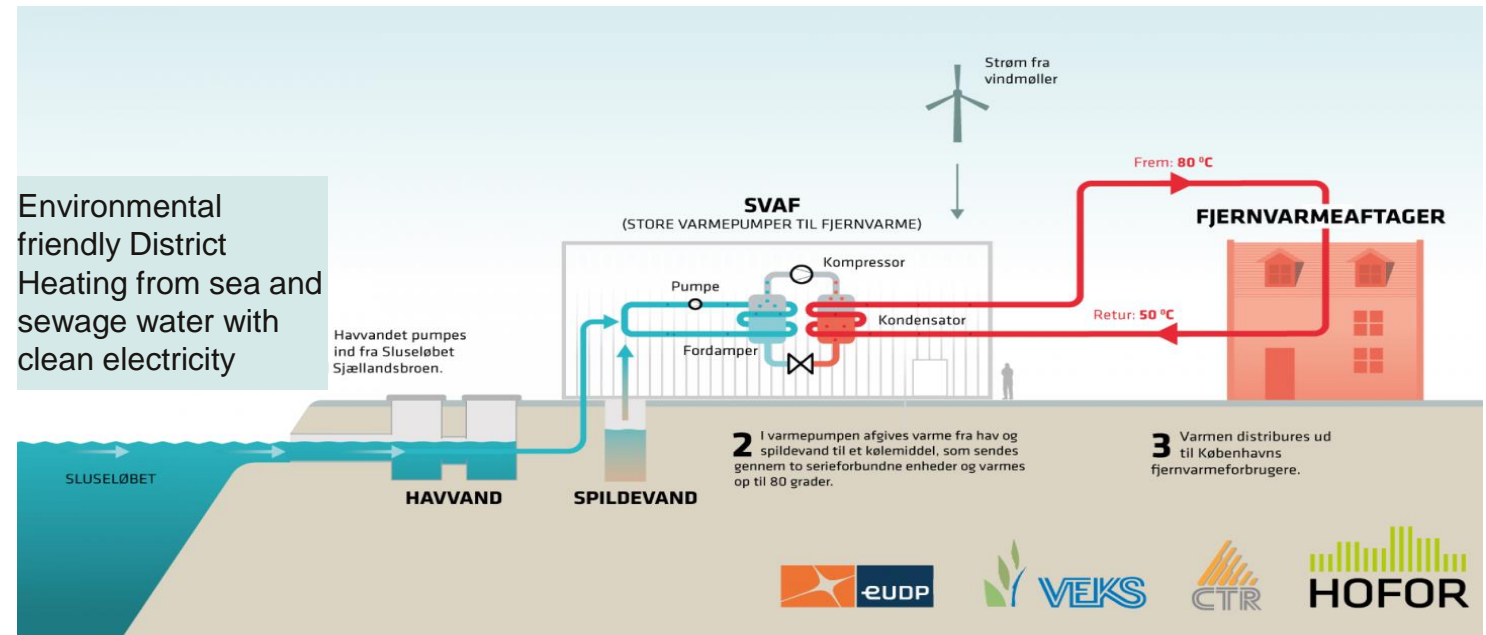
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Inaugurated in April 2019  
5 MW full scale ammonia heat pump test  
Servicing 1100 households  
Heat sources: seawater and wastewater  
Power source: wind mills at sea  
COP = 3.2



Alfa Laval supplied:

- Flooded Ammonia Evaporators for heat recovery from sea-/wastewater 4°C → 0.5°C:  
**Alfa Laval semi-welded TK20-BWFG**
- Condensers delivering hot water from 50°C → 80°C:  
**Alfa Laval semi-welded MK15-BWFT** and **Alfa Laval semi-welded TK20-BWFX**
- Sub-cooling duties:  
**Alfa Laval ANH76** and **Alfa Laval ANXP52**



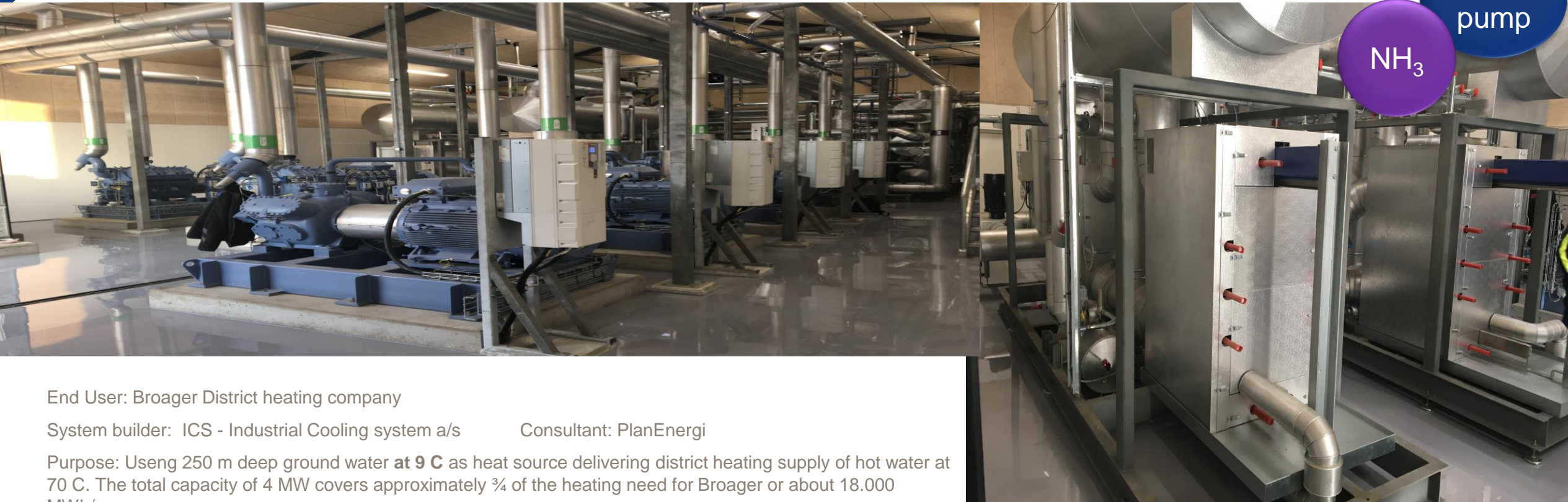
# District heating in Broager DK

4 MW Ground water heat pump started operation end 2016



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End User: Broager District heating company

System builder: ICS - Industrial Cooling system a/s

Consultant: PlanEnergi

Purpose: Using 250 m deep ground water **at 9 °C** as heat source delivering district heating supply of hot water at 70 °C. The total capacity of 4 MW covers approximately ¾ of the heating need for Broager or about 18.000 MWh/year.

Refrigerant: Ammonia

Alfa Laval supplied: Semi Welded Plate Heat exchangers as evaporators cooling/recovering the ground water heat from 9° C to 2 °C evaporating ammonia of the heat pump at 0° C

COP Heat pump = 4,1

# Semi Welded Plate Heat Exchangers

- For Ammonia Heat pumps



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## Major benefits

- High efficiency.
- Space saving
- Minimizes Ammonia charge
- Reliable operation

