

# Heat to power generation



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# Agenda

Sources of waste heat

How heat is converted into electricity

Benefits of heat to power

Case studies from the field

# Heat source: industry

## Using the US as an example<sup>1</sup>

- The United States industrial sector accounts for 1/3 of all energy used in the United States
- During these manufacturing processes, as much as 20 to 50% of the energy consumed is ultimately lost via waste heat contained in streams of hot exhaust gases and liquids..."
- "About 60% of waste heat losses are at temperatures below 450°F [230°C]."

## Metrics may be applied to developing world<sup>2</sup>

- "Non-OECD countries account for 93% of the increase in industrial energy demand" (*IEA projection*)

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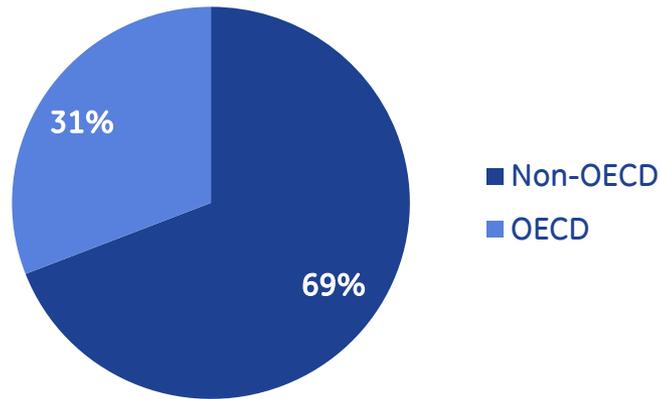
<sup>1</sup> 2008 DOE report: "Waste Heat Recovery: Technology and Opportunities in US industry"

<sup>2</sup> International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2012



# Heat source: power generation

1,000TWh oil fired generation (2010)



Source: Energy Information Administration, World Energy Outlook 2012

- Represents 10,893 MT of CO<sub>2</sub> / yr
- 69% is in Non-OECD countries

What a lot of the generation looks like

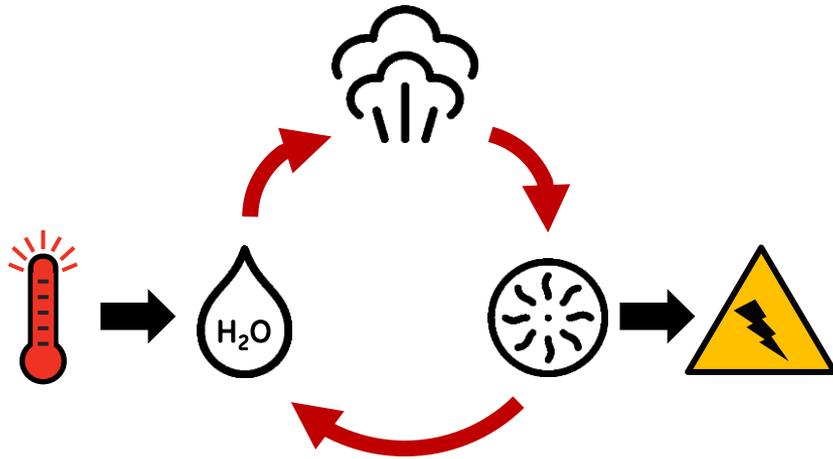


- Typical diesel engine efficiency <40%
- Much of this energy is lost as heat

**Heat recovery can make power generation more efficient**

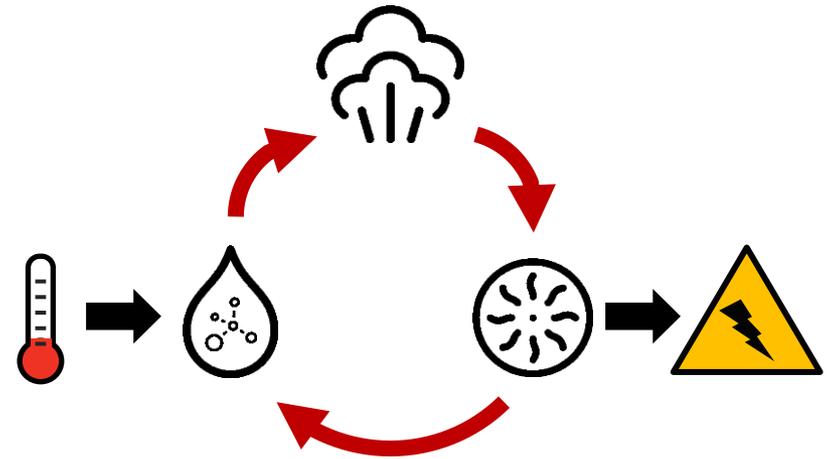
# Understanding ORC's

## Steam Cycle



- Converts water to steam to drive a turbine
- Requires high temperature heat source

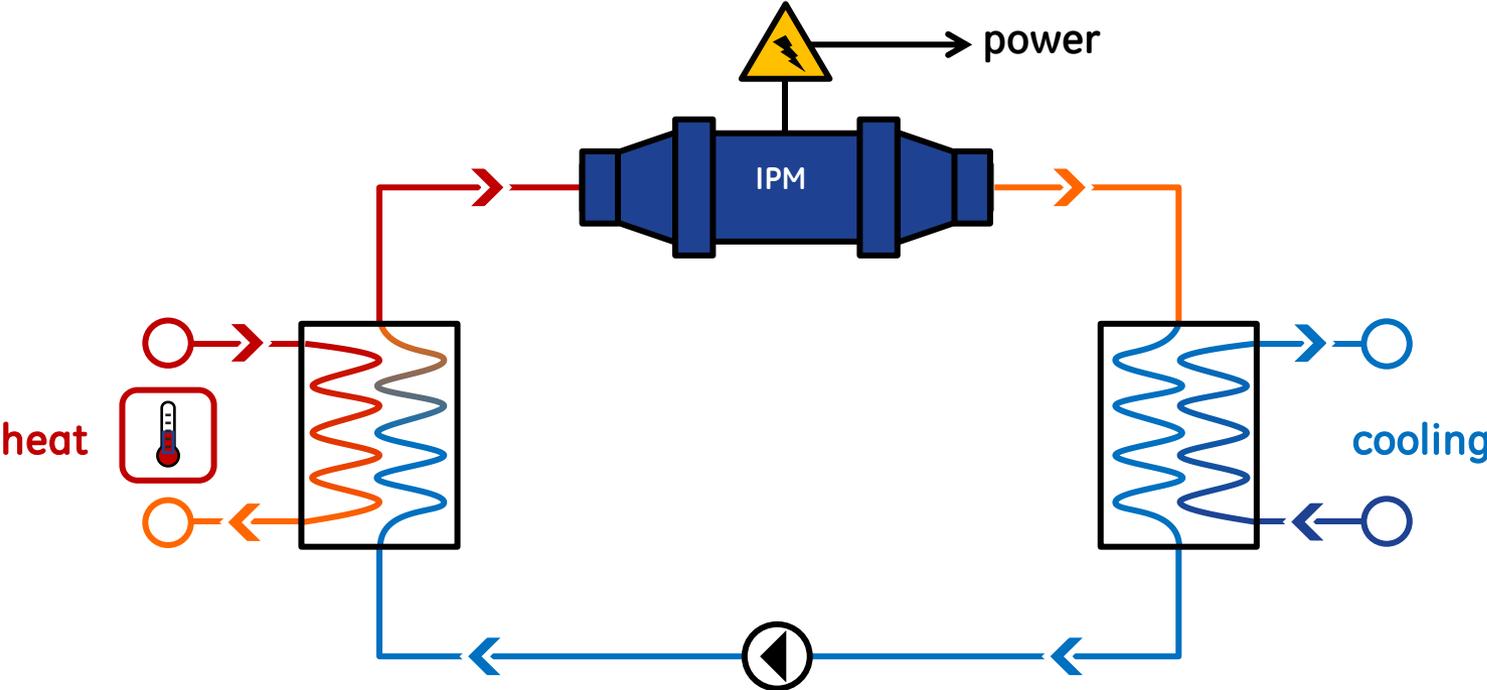
## Organic Rankine Cycle



- Refrigerant used with a low boiling point
- Utilize lower grade heat sources

# How the Clean Cycle generator works

➤ Closed loop process with no combustion



# Clean Cycle<sup>1</sup> heat to power generator



## Benefits

- One unit generates between 50 - 140kW of electricity from a heat source
- 251F+ heat is the only input; no additional fuel required or emissions generated
- **Low maintenance:** magnetic bearing generator, no lubricants, no overhauls
- Called an ORC because it utilizes the “Organic Rankine Cycle” to generate power from heat

<sup>1</sup>Trademark of the General Electric Company

# Components of an installation

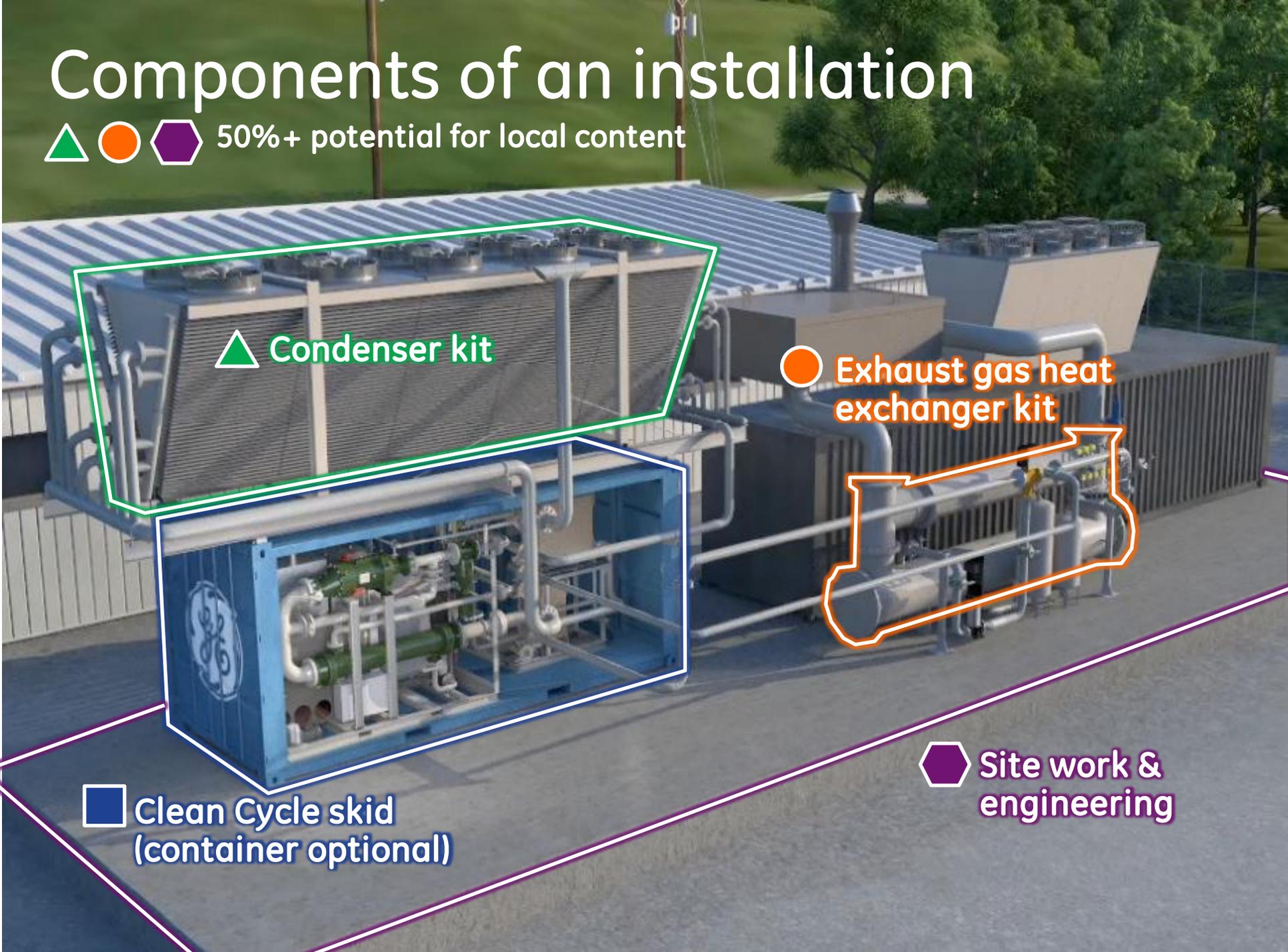
▲ ● ◆ 50%+ potential for local content

▲ Condenser kit

● Exhaust gas heat exchanger kit

■ Clean Cycle skid  
(container optional)

◆ Site work & engineering



# Environmental benefits

## No added fuel

Heat is the only input required for the Clean Cycle unit to generate electricity

➤ One unit avoids 196,000 liters of diesel / year\*

## No added emissions

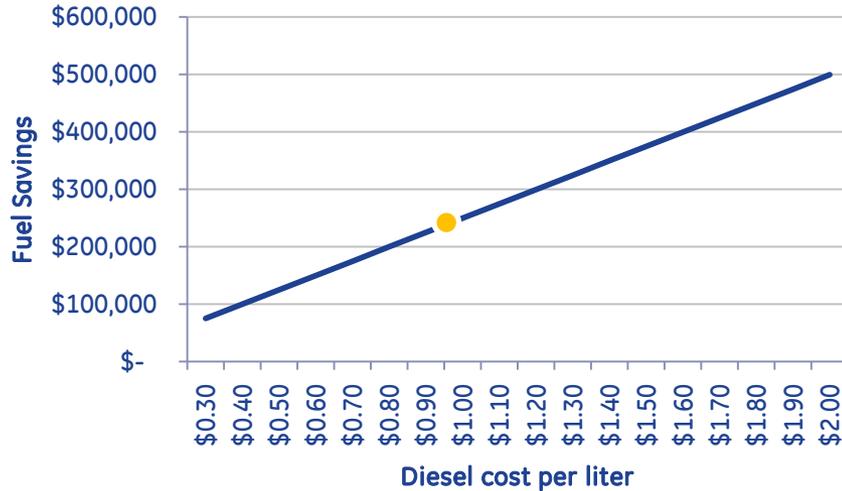
The energy conversion process is closed loop and involves no combustion

➤ Carbon savings from diesel offset = 143,000kg/yr

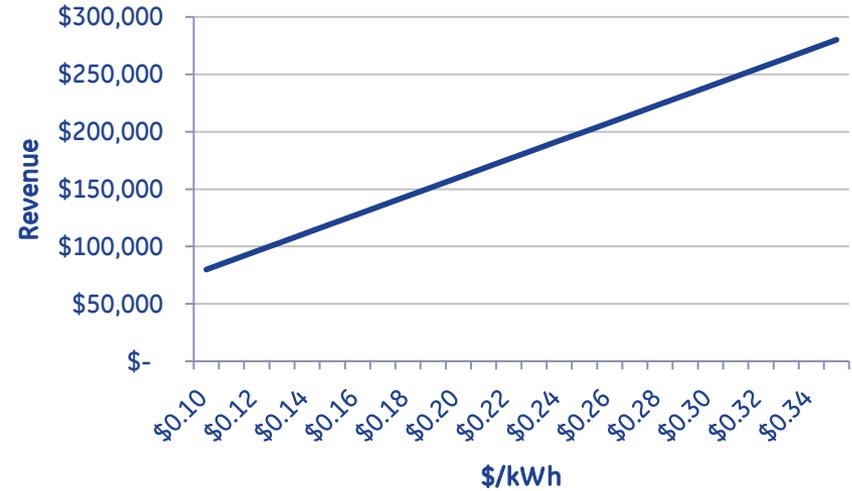


# Savings or revenue

Avoided diesel fuel cost of 100kW ORC (\$/yr)



Revenue from elec sales of 100kW ORC (\$/yr)



- At \$1/L, 100kW offsets ~\$250k/yr in fuel
- Option to 'add' ORC power to grid, or offset (turn-down) the diesel engine

- Revenue = 100kW x 8,000 op hrs x \$/kWh
- Unlike most other technology that doesn't require fuel, the Clean Cycle has high operational availability (>90%)

**Assumptions:** Diesel engine uses 429.6L/hr. 90% availability; ORC output directly offsets diesel power output

**Assumptions:** 100kW net ORC production, 8,000 operating hours

# Reliable electricity

## Consistent power production

Electrical output is grid quality, at a power factor of 1, and often at a capacity factor that exceeds 90%

## Low maintenance

Requires no major overhauls, no lubricants, unmanned operation

## Proven performance

Hundreds of thousands of operating hours accumulated, globally



# Incinerator exhaust - Michigan



**Location:** Michigan, USA  
**Heat Source:** Incinerator stack at Warren facility  
**kW output:** 4 Clean Cycle generators at 400kW gross  
**Configuration:** Pressurized hot water system  
**Challenge:** 4 units on a single incinerator heat stack

# 4 microturbines



**Location:** Celaya, Mexico  
**Heat Source:** (4) 200 kW microturbines  
**kW output:** 1 Clean Cycle generator at 100kW gross  
**Configuration:** Direct evaporation, Direct Condensing  
**Challenge:** Collecting thermal energy from 4 heat sources

# Sawmill biomass boiler



**Location:** Italy  
**Heat Source:** 3MW boiler running on sawdust  
**kW output:** 1 Clean Cycle generator at 100kW gross  
**Challenge:** Heat supply for wood drying system & ORC  
**Configuration:** Biomass boiler generating steam  
Indirect evaporation via steam loop to ORC  
Steam loop used to dry incoming wood

# Converting skip hire waste to energy



Location: United Kingdom  
Heat Source: 6MW boiler running on refuse  
kW output: 6 Clean Cycles generators at 600kW gross  
Configuration: Biomass boiler on central pressurized hot water loop  
Individual heat valve control for each unit  
Common condenser water loop on adiabatic cooler

# 2 landfill gas engines



Location: Risley, United kingdom  
Heat Source: 2 GE J320 landfill gas engines  
kW output: 1 Clean Cycle generator at 100kW gross  
Configuration: 2 separate exhaust gas heat exchangers  
Common pressurized hot water loop  
Direct condensing  
Containerized unit

# Questions

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