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## **ENERGY EFFICIENT INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES**

*The development of the most impactful energy efficient solutions together with industrial symbiosis model are the main drivers of contemporary research in the area of energy for industrial process.*

Research at the University of Bologna focuses on the development of models and techniques to enable a strong impact on industrial environment through energy efficient and industrial symbiosis solutions.



## Energy efficient solution for industrial processes

- Development and test of solutions for the improvement of the industrial equipment aimed at maximizing energy efficiency
- Development and test of tools for the performance of energy audits and able to give support to management about energy decisions
- Design or optimization of technical solutions and integrated control systems for the smart operation for renewable heating and cooling systems in industrial application
- Design and development of technical solutions that cover the highest possible heating and/or cooling demand by means of solar thermal energy

## Industrial waste energy recovery

- Design and development of solutions for an efficient and cost effective heat recovery in industrial facilities
- Development and validation of simulation tools able to perform cost-benefit assessments for the selection of the best technologic option to recover industrial wasted energy
- Design and development of cost effective solutions for district heating and/or cooling systems

## Optimization of the value chain and industrial symbiosis

- Design and development of cost effective solutions for production, transformation, transport and temporary storage of thermal and electrical energy in industrial districts
- Development and test of devices and instruments for the implementation of energy cooperation in industrial clusters
- Development and validation of business models and service concepts at service provider level for joint energy services

## HIGHLIGHTS

Cooperation with Laboratories on industrial solution for energy efficiency, such as [Henergia](#) to assess solar technologies for the production of electricity and heat, and the production, storage and use of hydrogen for large scale application.

Research on **Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage** (ATES) systems is carried out at the University of Bologna. ATES systems have still not been explored but they allow using aquifers as a source for thermal energy, providing heating and cooling for buildings and reducing up to 60% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.