

Market trends & developments for CO<sub>2</sub> in Commercial Refrigeration in Europe

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Solutions for Europe natural refrigerants

Climate | Controls | Security

### AGENDA

CO<sub>2</sub> projects & systems evolution at Carrier Commercial Refrigeration

CO<sub>2</sub> high-efficiency solutions for warmer climates

Integrated systems, managing thermal energy flows of buildings







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# CO<sub>2</sub> HIGH EFFICIENCY

Viable solutions of increasing transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> system efficiencies in warmer climates





Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Annual\_Average\_Temperature\_Map.jpg#filelinks

Demonstrable market acceptance of  $CO_2$  DX systems:

Attractive energy performance at average annual temperatures up to +15 °C in line with EPEE statement and energy data recording

CO<sub>2</sub> DX systems next generation:

Different technology options showing the path to achieve attractive energy performance across whole Europe

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# POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS



## FACTORS FOR EVALUATION

#### Efficiency

Potential of efficiency improvement

#### Safety & reliability

Reliable and safe operation are mandatory

#### **Environmental impact**

Low GWP of refrigerant used combined with high efficiency ensures best TEWI

#### Modularity

Easy integration into existing design

#### Total life cycle cost

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Initial investment, energy & service costs



# ECONOMIZER (PARALLEL COMPRESSION)

Conventional 2-stage cycle, various implementations exist

Advantages:

- Known technology
- No new components
- No fundamental change of CO<sub>2</sub> booster concept

Disadvantages:

- Part load operation
- Oil return

Efficiency potential lower than other solutions









#### Mechanical work extraction from expansion process

Advantages:

Theoretically high efficiency potential

Disadvantages:

- New technical territory
- Part load operation
- Oil return
- Expander work demand/supply management
- Reliability (moving parts, design)





# EJECTOR

"Fluid-dynamic" work extraction from expansion process

Advantages:

High efficiency potential

- Few new moving parts
- Few additional parts in system

Ejector (theoretically) similar to expansion valve

Disadvantages:

- New technical territory
- Part load operation
- Oil return

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Reliability (compressor may run outside operating envelope)



# MECHANICAL SUBCOOLER

External chiller / CDU cools CO<sub>2</sub> after gas cooler below ambient temperature

Advantages:

- Option to use hydrocarbon refrigerant for
- "all natural" solution
- Known technology
- No new components
- High efficiency potential
- Potential of space heating & cooling implementation

#### Disadvantages:

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- Additional space required for installation
- Individual customers may not accept hydrocarbon refrigerant





# PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

#### Performance comparison

Simulations and tests conducted at Carrier laboratories to assess efficiency

#### **Current status**

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Mechanical subcooler offers the greatest potential, based on components available today





Ongoing research at Carrier

Aim to improve all solutions to fulfill expectations for highest quality standards and superior performance







# VIABLE SOLUTIONS – WHAT TO CHOOSE?

#### One solution might not fit all

Further to laboratory tests and simulations. Carrier conducts field tests on selected solutions

#### Outlook

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To develop a set of standard solutions based on customer input, field experience and upcoming EU regulations



### **INTEGRATED SYSTEMS**

### Managing thermal energy flows of buildings

Total thermal supply from one system **avoiding use of fossil fuels** 

Range of modular system components & dynamic controls architecture constitute key elements



#### Summer operation Winter operation

 space cooling
 refrigeration
 space heating

 domestic hot water
 comfort "cold aisle" heating
 Image: comfort "cold aisle" heating



### **INTEGRATED SYSTEMS**

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#### \* Energy Costs Electricity and Fossil Fuels (Gas)

3% 100% - 6% cost thermal [%] 90% cost electric [%] 80% - 33% 70% - 35% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% HybridCO<sub>2</sub>OL<sup>®</sup> CO<sub>2</sub>OLtec<sup>®</sup> HybridCO<sub>2</sub>OL<sup>®</sup> CO<sub>2</sub>OLtec<sup>®</sup> R404A With gas heating Integral

(typical hypermarket project; 0,15 €/kWh electric; 0,08 €/kWh thermal)

### **INTEGRATED SYSTEMS**

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#### \*Equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

(typical hypermarket project; avrg.leakage rate 10%/a; emission factor el. 0,477 kg CO2/ kWh (weighted average EMEA); emission factor th. 0,25 kg/kWh)





### Thank you for your attention!

# Innovative solutions, naturally...



Carrier has the right refrigerant for every application, but every application will not have the same refrigerant solution.