CARBON DIOXIDE DOMESTIC HOT WATER HEAT PUMP

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PROJECT MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Design and build an air/water and water/water hot water heat pump;
- Water delivery temperature: 50-80°C;
- Controlled water delivery temperature;
- Optimised performance (best COP at each working condition).



HEAT PUMP DESIGN (water/water)



HEAT PUMP DESIGN (air/water)



- 1 Compressors
- 2 Gas cooler
- 3 Electronic expansion valve
- 4 Evaporators
- 5 LPR
- 6 Internal heat exchanger
- 8 Gas cooler variable speed pump



WATER CIRCUIT DESIGN

- In transcritical cycles energy efficiency is strongly linked to the water inlet temperature;
- the use of once-through gas cooler in association with stratification tanks is almost mandatory;
- in this way the best energy performance can be achieved





WATER TEMPERATURE





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HIGH TEMPERATURE WATER STORAGE

- Energy performance is not much influenced by water delivery temperature
- High temperature water storage (70°C -80°C) minimises the storage volume
- High temperature water storage (70°C -80°C) avoids the legionella risks



THE OPTIMAL HIGH PRESSURE

- •In a transcritical system the high pressure needs to be optimised;
- •The gas cooler water flow rate is to be modulated in order to control the water delivery temperature;
- •The water flow rate modulation affects the gas cooler performance;
- •Gas cooler outlet temperature results strongly dependent, for given suction conditions, from the pressure and the water flow rate;
- •An adaptative algorithm is needed to find out the optimal high pressure and the water flow rate that result in the best COP for a given water delivery temperature.



THE CONTROL LOGIC

•Dedicated logic which controls the water delivery temperature and finds and maintain the optimal pressure:

•water mass flow modulated by a PID controller so as to reach and maintain the outlet water temperature at the set-point value;

• at the same time COP is estimated as a function of the relevant working conditions of the system and the expansion valve setting modified so as to find out and keep the **high pressure** value that, in those conditions, gives the best COP;

•required inputs to real-time calculation of COP: compressor discharge and suction pressures, gas cooler outlet temperature and suction temperature.



AIR HEAT PUMP PERFORMANCE





GEO HEAT PUMP PERFORMANCE





APPLICATION: RESIDENTIAL BUILDING







APPLICATION

Where to use enex Heat Pumps ?

Whenever big quantities of hot water are needed and/or big peaks of absorption are present.

- Restaurants
- Laundries
- Hospitals

- Hotel
- Residential Complex
- Agrifood industry

- Canteens
- Sport Centers
- Gyms



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CONCLUSIONS

•Water/water and air/air hot water heat pump for domestic use is available on the market;

- •The heat pump is associated with stratification water tanks;
- •Water storage temperature is high (up to 80°C);
- •Energy efficiency is high;
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•Enex Ecocute is suitable for applications where high quantities of hot water are required (swimming pools, gyms, etc.).



THANK YOU!

