Case study: Transcritical CO2 retail technologies taking Southern Tracks

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# Definition of the hot climate challenge:



28°C ambient: approx 30% flash gas release at intermediate pressure COP of TC CO2 @ SST-8 -> 2,4

# Definition of the hot climate challenge:



40°C ambient: approx 48% flash gas release at intermediate pressure COP of TC CO2 @ SST-8 -> 1,4

# Solutions to remove flash gas in hot climate and improve performance

- 1. High pressure sub coolers
- 2. Water spray systems
- 3. Adiabatic air cooling curtains
  - Peak savings 20%, Annual savings 10%
- 4. Parallel Compression systems
  - Peak savings 15-20%, Annual savings 6-10%
  - Already introduced to the market
- 5. Gas Ejectors
  - Peak savings approx. 25% expected
  - Annual savings approx 10-15%
  - Under development expected



# Solution no.1 : Hi pressure sub coolers



40°C ambient and subcooling to 25°C: approx 20% flash gas release at intermediate pressure COP of TC CO2 @ SST-8 -> 2,1

However, energy for the chilled water production to be included

COP total with chilled water production included @SST-8 -> 1,8 Approved and tested solution, applied in Romania, Italy and Spain

### Solution no.2 and 3: Utilising wet bulb air temperatur approach



40°C dry ambient / 27Wet Bulb : approx 28% flash gas release at intermediate pressure COP of TC CO2 @ SST-8 -> 1,9 based on "evaporative free cooling" no energy for chilled water.

Trials in Atlanta and other US sites

#### Solution no. 4: Parallel compression



Peak savings 15-20%, Annual savings 6-10%

36 dry ambient : approx 38% flash gas <u>removed</u> at intermediate pressure COP of TC CO2 @ SST-8 -> 1,9 Approved and tested solution, applied: in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Romania,

Schweiz, France, Italy, Spain and US

# Annual simulations

| Cooling capacity = 255 kW @-10°C |                                      | REF         | Better         | Good    | Worse            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| Freezing capacity = 40 kW @-30°C |                                      |             |                |         |                  |
|                                  |                                      | CO2 Booster | CO2 Booster+IT | R404A   | R134a/CO2 hybrid |
| Italy, Milano                    | Power consumption [kWh/year]         | 653.845     | 621.901        | 641.870 | 718.931          |
|                                  | Savings, relative to CO2 Booster [%] | ref         | -4,9           | -1,8    | 10,0             |
| Spain, Madrid                    | Power consumption [kWh/year]         | 699.985     | 660.185        | 662.435 | 743.058          |
|                                  | Savings, relative to CO2 Booster [%] | ref         | -5,7           | -5,4    | 6,2              |
| Rumania, Bucharest               | Power consumption [kWh/year]         | 649.586     | 616.091        | 642.791 | 718.583          |
|                                  | Savings, relative to CO2 Booster [%] | ref         | -5,2           | -1,0    | 10,6             |



# Gas Ejector – improvement in hot climate



#### Peak savings 22-27% expected Annual savings 12-16% expected

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# Conclusion – there is a brigth future outlook for enhanced CO2 solutions in commercial applications

|                                    | COP design<br>point | Energy savings<br>to standard<br>R744 | System<br>simplicity | Maintenace<br>cost | Total system<br>cost | State of<br>technology |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Hi pressure<br>sub coolers         | 1,8                 | 6-10%                                 | ***                  | ***                | ***                  | Proven                 |
| Wet bulb<br>approach <sup>1)</sup> | 1,7-1,9             | 6-10%                                 | ****                 | * *                | * *                  | Proven                 |
| Parallel                           | 1,8                 | 6-10%                                 | * * * * *            | ****               | * * * *              | Proven                 |
| Parallel + gas<br>ejector          | 2,2 <sup>2)</sup>   | 12-16% <sup>2)</sup>                  | ****                 | ****               | ***                  | In test                |

<sup>1)</sup> Depending high on the wet bulb design temperature – best in dry climate
<sup>2)</sup> Expected data – to be validated during in 2015