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## Industrial Refrigeration – Transcritical CO<sub>2</sub>

Fresh & Frozen Warehouse

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## Hamilton-Clark Overview

- Independent Refrigeration consultancy since 2004
- Food Retail, Industrial and Pharmaceutical
- Refrigeration Engineers – Specialized in CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Technology Strategy Guidance
  - Tailored Specifications & Design
  - Cost Management
  - Choosing Partners & Appraisal
  - Repeatability and Quality
  - Project Management
- First attended CO<sub>2</sub> training in 2005 at the Danish Technology Institute

## Why we specialized in CO<sub>2</sub> refrigeration Technology

- Safe – A1 classification.
- Technically an excellent refrigerant.
- Inherent energy efficiency.
- Highly sustainable.
- Dry Expansion (DX) format = transferable maintenance skills from HFC solutions.
- Ensuring that our clients were well ahead of regulatory changes.

*Leading our Clients to the right refrigeration solutions*

## Case Study – Fresh & Frozen Warehouse Transcritical CO<sub>2</sub>



### Project Details

- Location - Liverpool UK
- 47,000 sq ft & 1.6 M cu ft
- Two Dual Temperature CO<sub>2</sub> Booster Racks
- High redundancy ratio
- Frozen Duty      450,000 BTU/hr or 130 kW
- Fresh Duty        800,000 BTU/hr or 235 kW

## Technologies

- Green & Cool / Dorin - Transcritical Booster Systems
- Stepper Expansion Valves – Precise liquid Injection
- High Pressure Pipe work System 870 psi & 1740 psi
- Comprehensive Control System & Internet Connectivity
  - Includes Fire Sprinkler Trace Heating System.
- Electronically Commutated (EC) Evaporator and Gas Cooler Fans
- LED Lighting Throughout

## Advantages

- Game Changing Energy Efficiency
- Global Warming Impact vastly reduced from HFC - TEWI
- Low Capital Costs
- None Toxic & None Flammable
- Less Operating Regulations
- Small Bore Brazed Copper Pipe Work
- Light Weight Services
- DX maintenance skills

## Coldstore Energy Analysis

### Energy Benchmarks

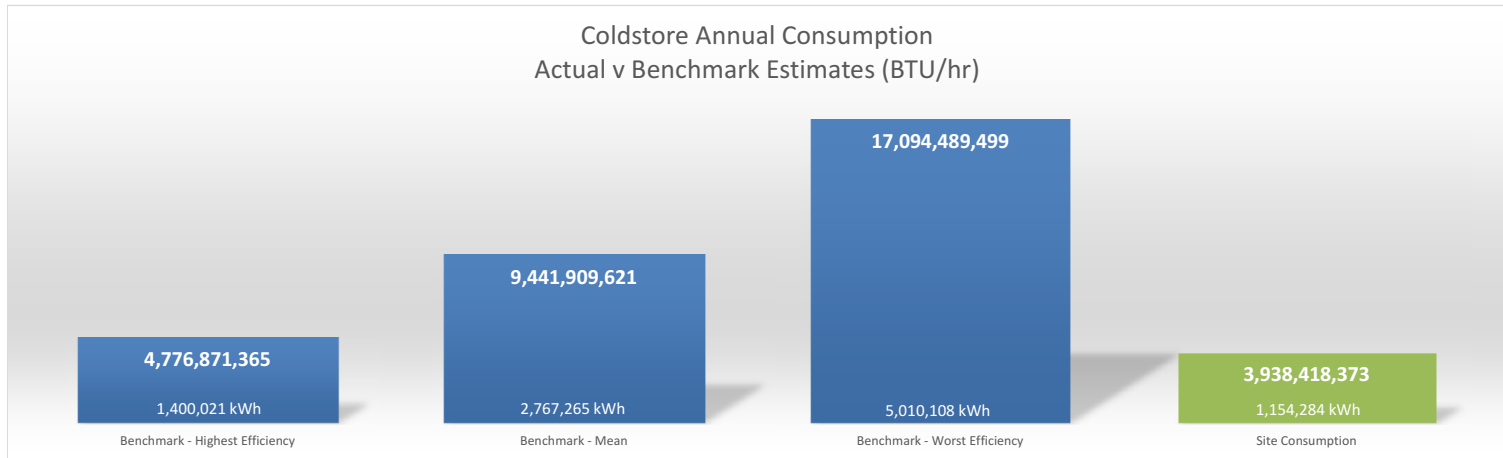
Benchmarks are taken from ICE-E project ('Improving Cold storage Equipment in Europe') - Study based on 295 coldstore installation datasets (70% EU Countries).

	Site Actual Consumption	Benchmark - Highest Efficiency	Benchmark - Mean	Benchmark - Worst Efficiency
Annual Cost	£103,886	£126,002	£249,054	£450,910
Annual Savings Against Benchmarks	-	£22,116	£145,168	£347,024
% Saving	-	17.55%	58.29%	76.96%

## Energy Benefits

### -18% Energy consumption

- Transcritical Technology
- Direct – No Heat Exchange
- Excellent Refrigerant
- Close Control
- LED Lighting



Benchmarks SEC values (Specific Energy Consumption): Mixed Use (Chilled & Frozen). 10% upper & 10% lower values removed. (Page 12, Table 2).

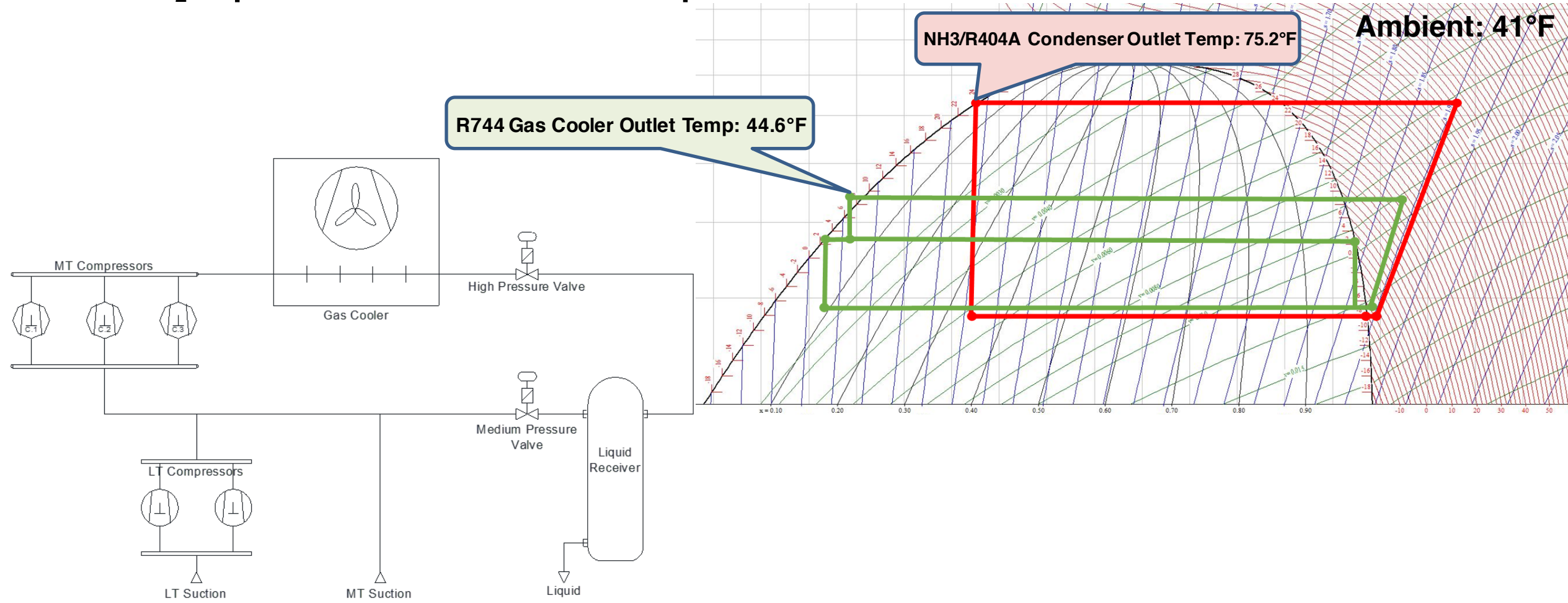
Site figure Includes associated Lighting, Tyco Sprinkler System.

Site Coldstore Area/Volume Total: 46,258.87 ft<sup>2</sup> 1,653,554 ft<sup>3</sup>

## Capital Costs

### -28% compared to Ammonia Option

# How CO<sub>2</sub> capitalizes on low ambient temperatures



## Transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> Energy in relation to ambient temperature

State	City	Normal Daily Mean Temperature (°F)												Year Average
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Florida	Miami	68.1	69.1	72.4	75.7	79.6	82.4	83.7	83.6	82.4	78.8	74.4	69.9	76.7
Arizona	Phoenix	54.2	58.2	62.7	70.2	79.1	88.6	92.8	91.4	86	74.6	61.6	54.3	72.8
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	50.1	53.5	60.3	66.6	74	79.7	81.7	81.4	77.5	68.1	59	52.4	67.0
California	Sacramento	46.3	51.2	54.5	58.9	65.5	71.5	75.4	74.8	71.7	64.4	53.3	45.8	61.1
North Carolina	Raleigh	39.7	43	50.7	59.1	67	74.7	78.8	77.2	71.2	60	51	43	59.6
New Mexico	Albuquerque	35.7	41.4	48.1	55.6	64.7	74.8	78.5	76.1	69.1	57.3	44.4	36.1	56.8
New York	New York	32.1	34.6	42.5	52.5	62.6	71.2	76.5	75.1	67.5	56.6	47.1	37.3	54.6
Kansas	Topeka	27.2	33.4	44.2	54.5	64.4	73.9	78.4	76.7	68.1	56.6	42.6	31.4	54.3
Colorado	Denver	29.2	33.2	39.6	47.6	57.2	67.6	73.4	71.7	62.4	51	37.5	30.3	50.1
Washington	Olympia	38.1	40.5	43.6	47.4	53.3	58.2	62.8	63.3	58.3	49.7	42.4	38	49.6
Minnesota	Minneapolis	13.1	20.1	32.1	46.6	59.3	68.4	73.2	70.6	61	48.7	32.5	18.7	45.4
Montana	Helena	20.2	26.4	35.1	44.1	52.9	61.2	67.8	66.7	56.1	44.8	30.9	21.4	44.0
Maine	Caribou	9.5	13	24.6	38.1	51.6	60.8	65.6	63.4	53.8	42.8	30.6	16.4	39.2

**Simplified performance assessment**

**Up to 50% more efficient in low ambient temperatures**

**Consider time at temperature**

Ambient (°F)	R744	R404A	NH3-Glycol
33.8	7.59	4.02	3.93
41	7.02	4.02	3.93
50	5.43	4.02	3.93
59	4.31	4.02	3.93
68	3.29	3.76	3.76
77	2.51	3.26	3.35
86	2.05	2.74	3.06
95	1.6	2.38	2.80

**Operating Conditions:**

COPs based on an MT load of 102,364 BTU/hr.

CO<sub>2</sub> & R404A evaporating temp of 17.6°F with 10K Superheat (5k Useful).

NH<sub>3</sub> evaporating temp of 10.4°F with 1K Superheat.

CO<sub>2</sub> Gas Cooler outlet temp of Ambient +2K & a sub-critical condensing temp of Ambient +5K (47.8°F Min)  
R404A & NH<sub>3</sub> condensing temp Ambient +6K (75.2°F Min).



## Transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> and the Industrial Future

- CO<sub>2</sub> is already used as a pumped secondary refrigerant in industrial refrigeration
- Transcritical variation – A logical and manageable step
- Flooded and DX Transcritical choices
- Ice Rinks and Blast Freezers
- Transcritical should be considered as an option along with low charge Ammonia systems
- R404a HFC use with caution – Legislation coming down the tracks. Don't create liabilities
- CO<sub>2</sub> Compressors getting bigger – 1,700,000 BTU/hr (500 kW) Racks - feasible and cost effective
- Decide on technology with a **life cycle** assessment of the application using local climate analysis – *no one size fits all*