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The Energy Efficiency in Washington DC Office Buildings and Hospitals when Using Total Energy CO₂ Systems for Heating and Cooling

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ISSUES

- **Energy Consumption**
- **Global Warming Resulting from Energy Consumption**
- **Global Warming Resulting from HFC/HCFC Fugitive Gases**
- **Cooling Water Consumption**
- **Legionella Disease**
- **How can CO₂ Improve the Energy Performance?**

Benefits of CO₂ Refrigeration and Hybrid Evaporative Condenser/Gas Coolers.

- **Reduces Electrical Energy Consumption.**
- **Virtually Eliminates Gas Consumption for Building Heating and Domestic Hot Water.**
- **Reduces Global Warming Emissions Due to Reduction in Energy Consumption and Fugitive HFC Refrigerant Gases.**
- **Reduces Cooling Water Consumption.**
- **Virtually Eliminates the Danger of Legionella Disease.**

Figure 1:- Total HVAC Primary Energy Use by Building Type in the USA.

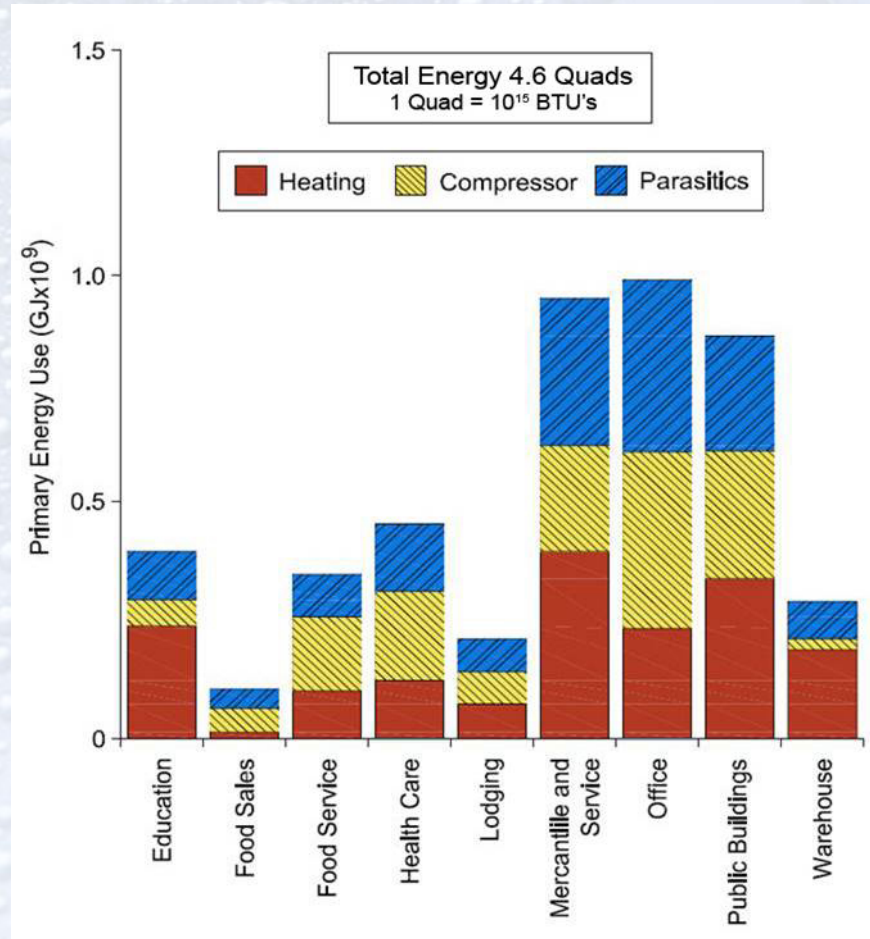


Figure 2:- Parasitic Primary Energy use by Type of Equipment.

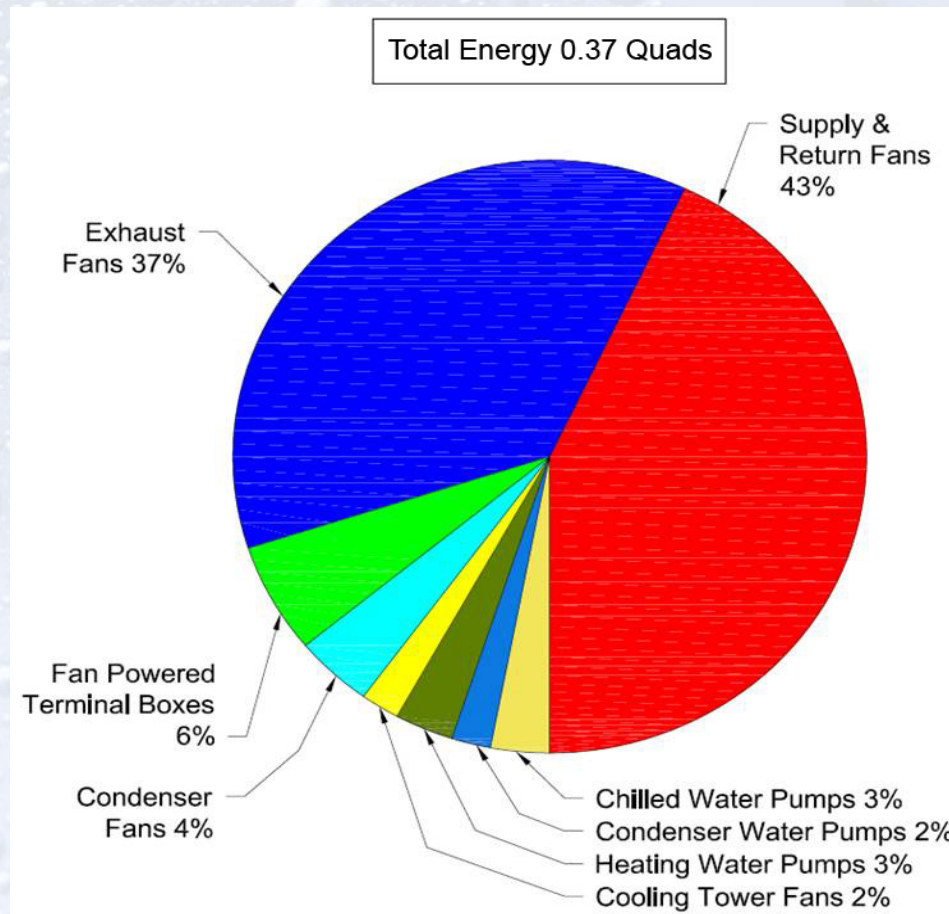


Table 1:- Development of Seasonally Weighted Coefficient of Performance (COP) for USA Office Buildings.

Equipment Type	COP ⁽¹⁾	COP Correction Factor for Fans	COP Corrected	Office Area Applied to ⁽²⁾		Weighted Contribution to Mean COP
				Ft ² x 10 ⁶	%	
Centrifugal Chiller	4.4	1	4.4	1,453	15	0.66
Water Cooled Screw Chiller	4.14	1	4.14	194	2	0.083
Water Cooled Recip Chiller	3.91	1	3.91	291	3	0.117
Air Cooled Screw Chiller	3.17 ⁽³⁾	1.1 ⁽⁵⁾	3.49	388	4	0.140
Air Cooled Recip Chiller	2.71 ⁽³⁾	1.1 ⁽⁵⁾	2.98	1,550	16	0.477
PTAC. PTHP	2.49 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	3.24	635	7	0.227
Room AC	2.34 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	3.04	624	6	0.182
Packaged AC	2.13 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	2.9	3,778	39	1.13
Heat Pump	2.13 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	2.9	667	7	0.203
Absorption Chiller	0.98	1.0	0.98	97	1	0.001
TOTAL				9,677	100	3.22

(1) Westphalen et al (1999)
 (2) Westphalen et al (1999)
 (3) Includes condenser fans

(4) Includes condenser and evaporator fans
 (5) Adjustment factor for condenser fans
 (6) Adjustment factor for condenser and evaporator fans

Table 2:- Development of Seasonally Weighted Coefficient of Performance (COP) for USA Health Care Buildings.

Equipment Type	COP ⁽¹⁾	COP Correction Factor for Fans	COP Corrected	Hospital Area Applied to ⁽²⁾		Weighted Contribution to Mean COP
				Ft ² x 10 ⁶	%	
Centrifugal Chiller	4.4	1	4.4	490	22.4	0.97
Water Cooled Screw Chiller	4.14	1	4.14	67	3.1	0.12
Water Cooled Recip Chiller	3.91	1	3.91	36	1.6	0.16
Air Cooled Screw Chiller	3.17 ⁽³⁾	1.1 ⁽⁵⁾	3.49	229	10.5	0.353
Air Cooled Recip Chiller	2.71 ⁽³⁾	1.1 ⁽⁵⁾	2.98	624	28.6	0.84
Room AC	2.34 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	3.04	134	6.1	0.18
Packaged AC	2.13 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	2.9	478	21.9	0.62
Heat Pump	2.13 ⁽⁴⁾	1.3 ⁽⁶⁾	2.9	81	3.7	0.11
Absorption Chiller	0.98	1.0	0.98	45	2.1	0.02
TOTAL				2,184	100	3.35

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Figure 3: Heat Rejection Profile for a Commercial Compressor at 5°C Satd. Suction, 5 K Useful Suction Superheat and 5°C CO₂ Liquid Temp.

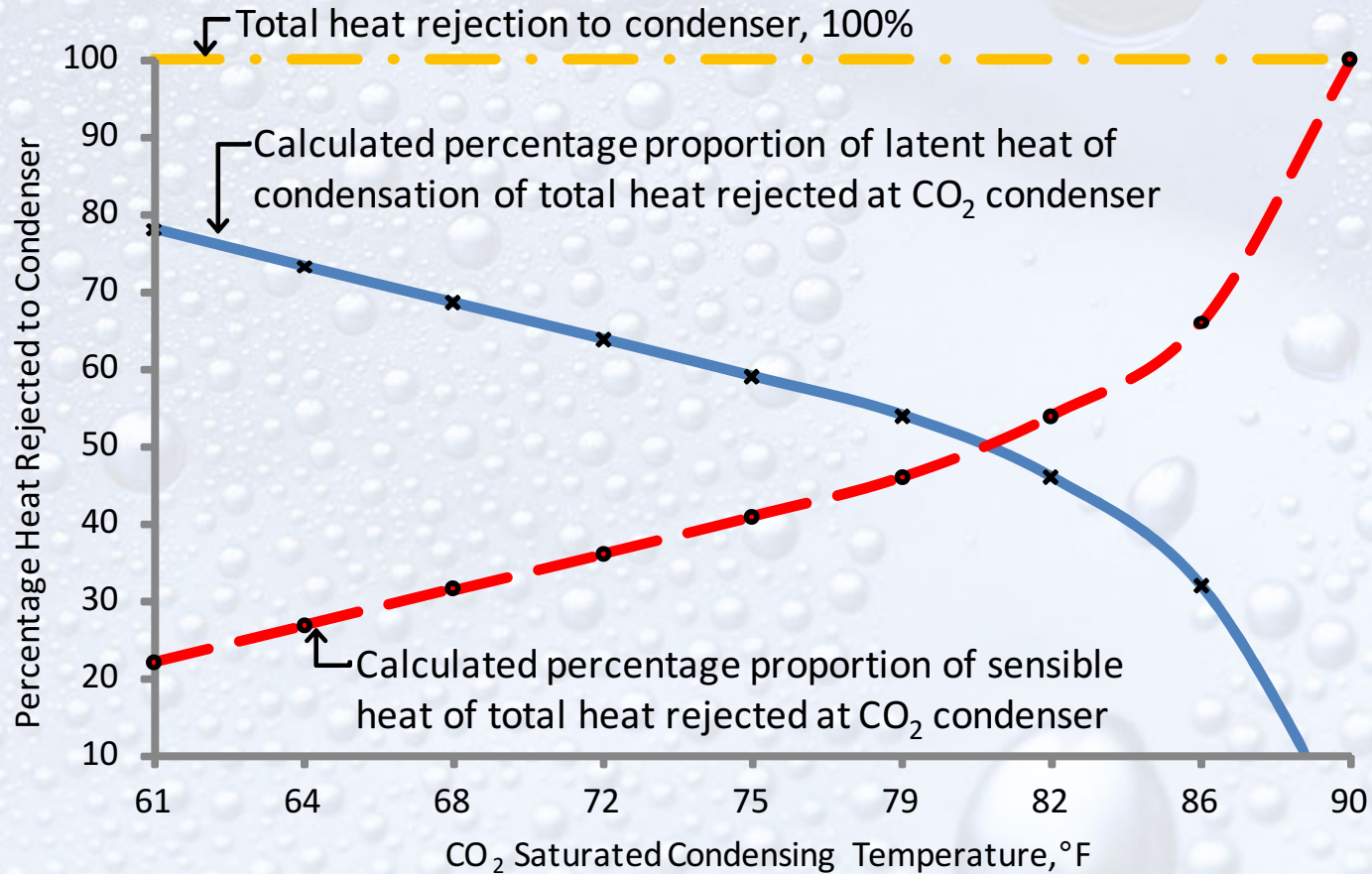


Figure 4: Performance of a Commercially Available Transcritical CO₂ Compressor at 50HZ. 40HP/16CFM.

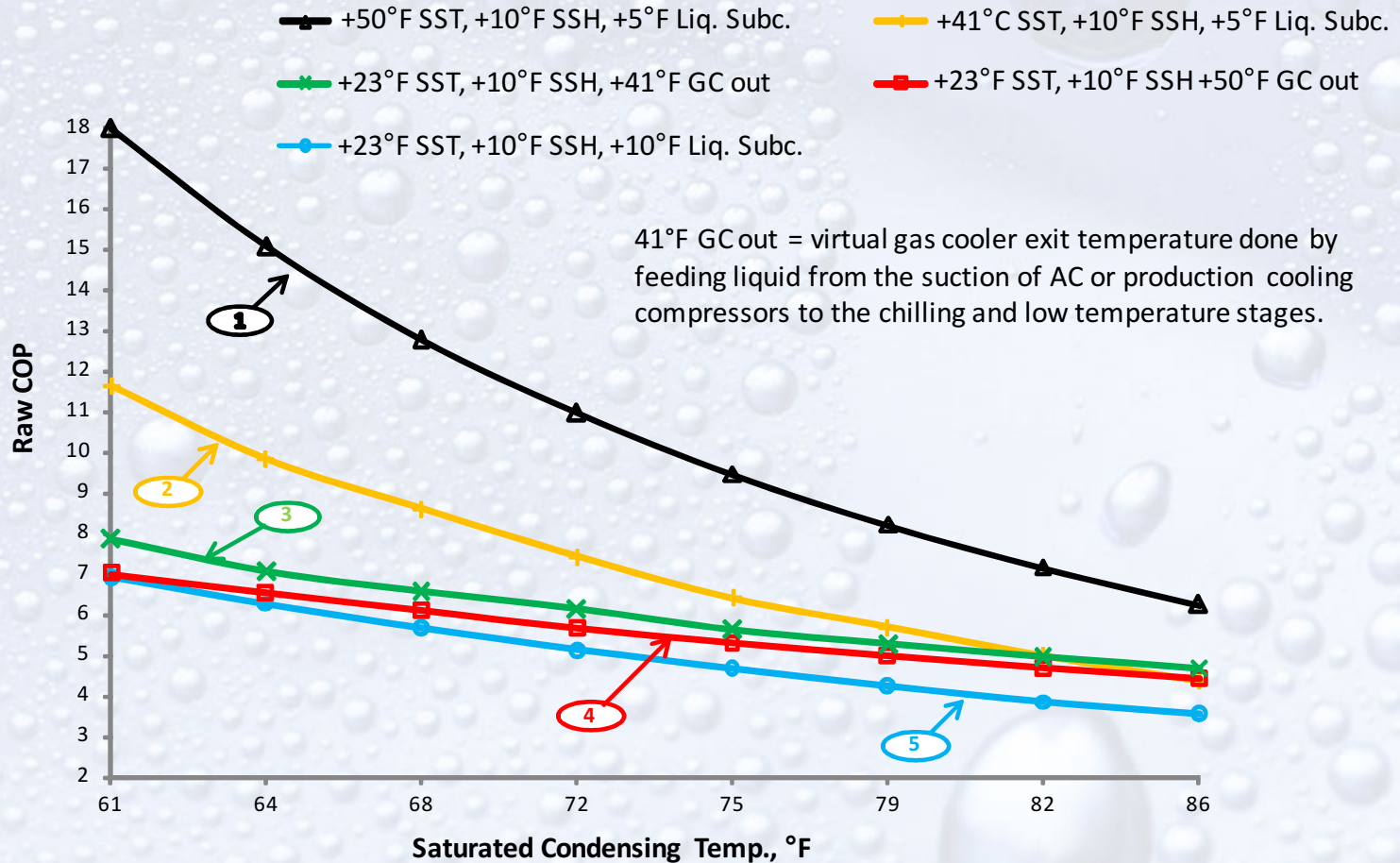
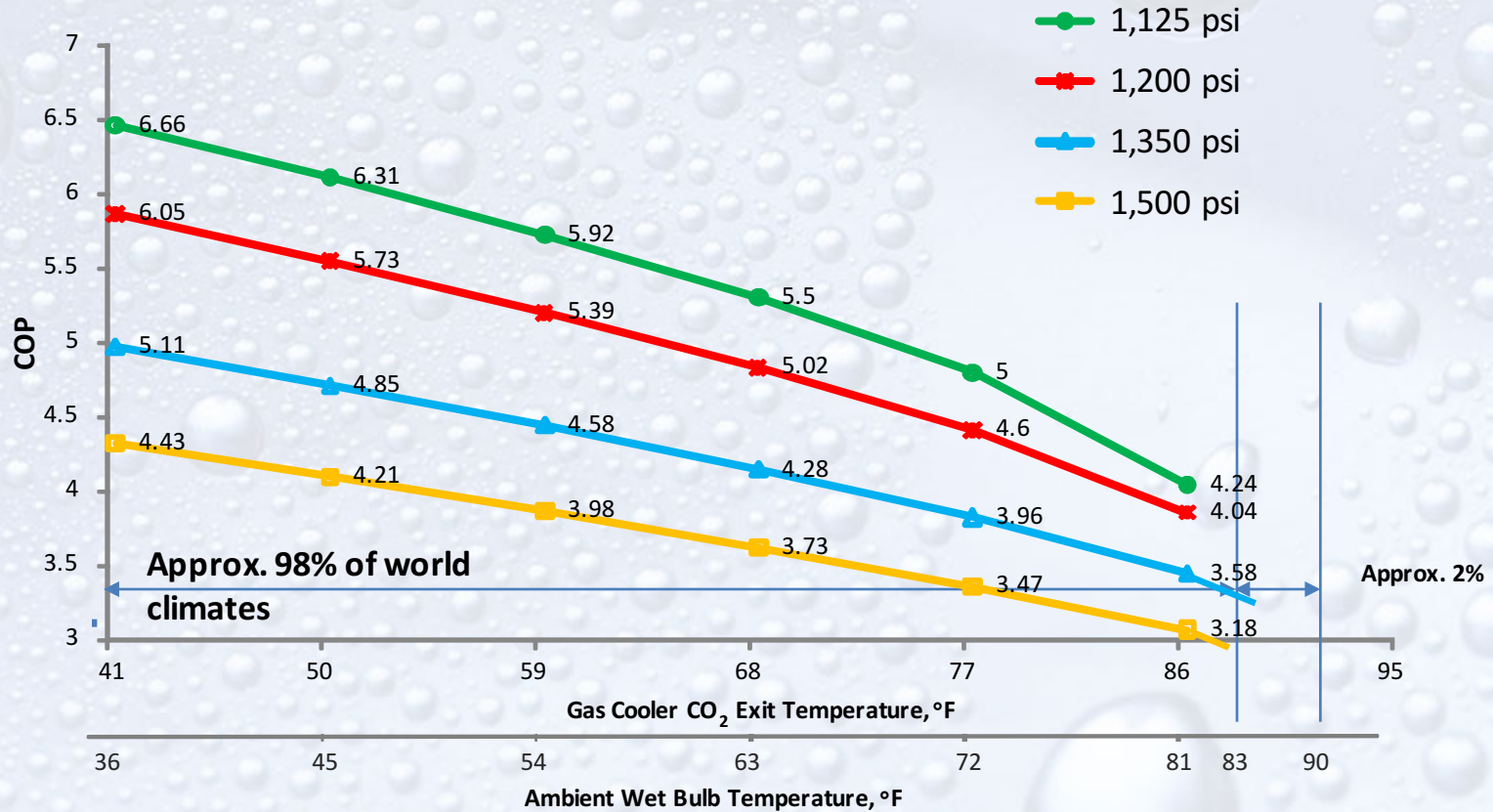


Figure 5: COP vs Supercritical CO₂ Cooler Exit Temperature at +5°C SST, 5 K SSH.



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Figure 6: COP vs Supercritical CO₂ Cooler Exit Temperature at +10°C SST, 5 K SSH.

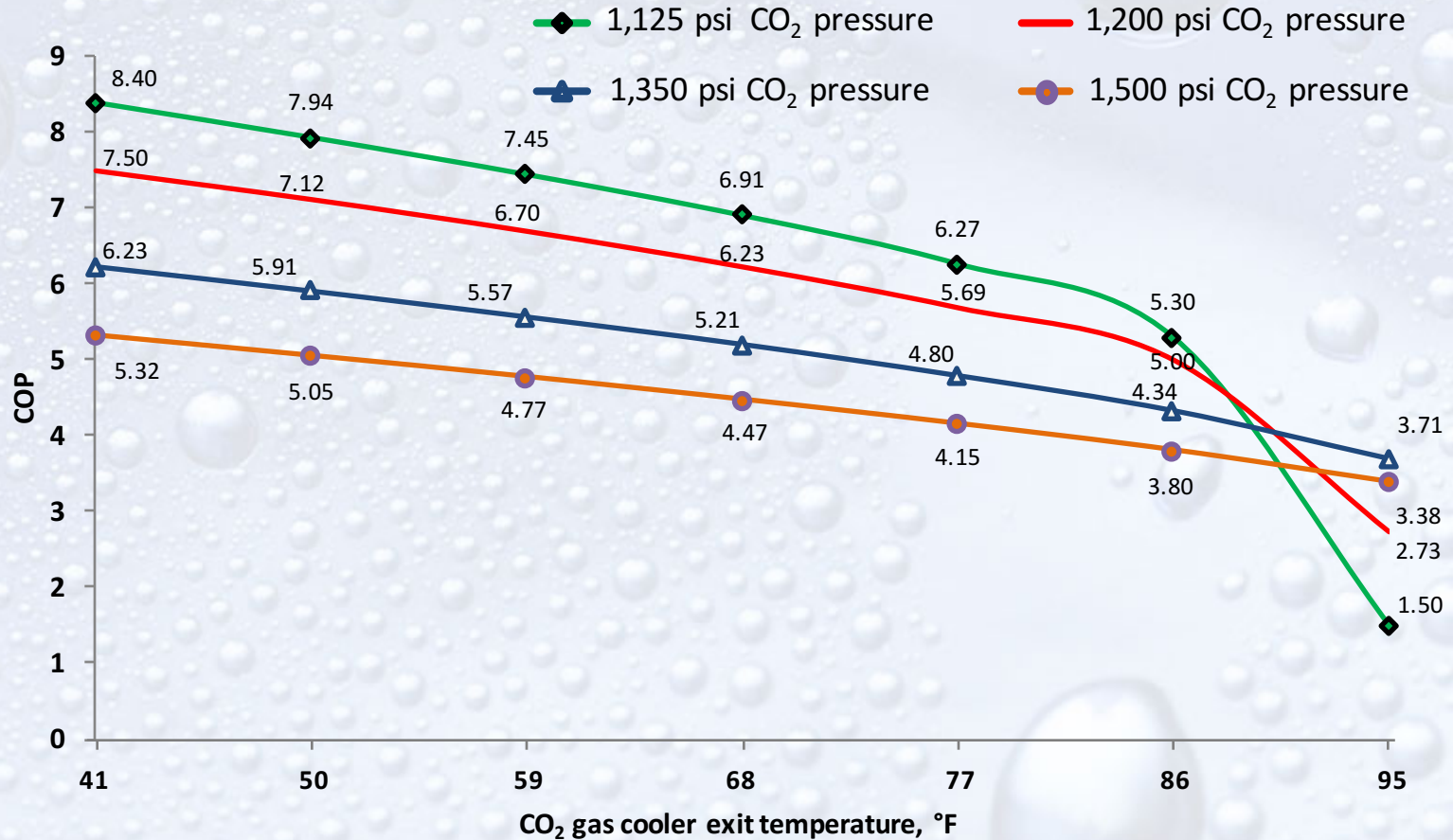
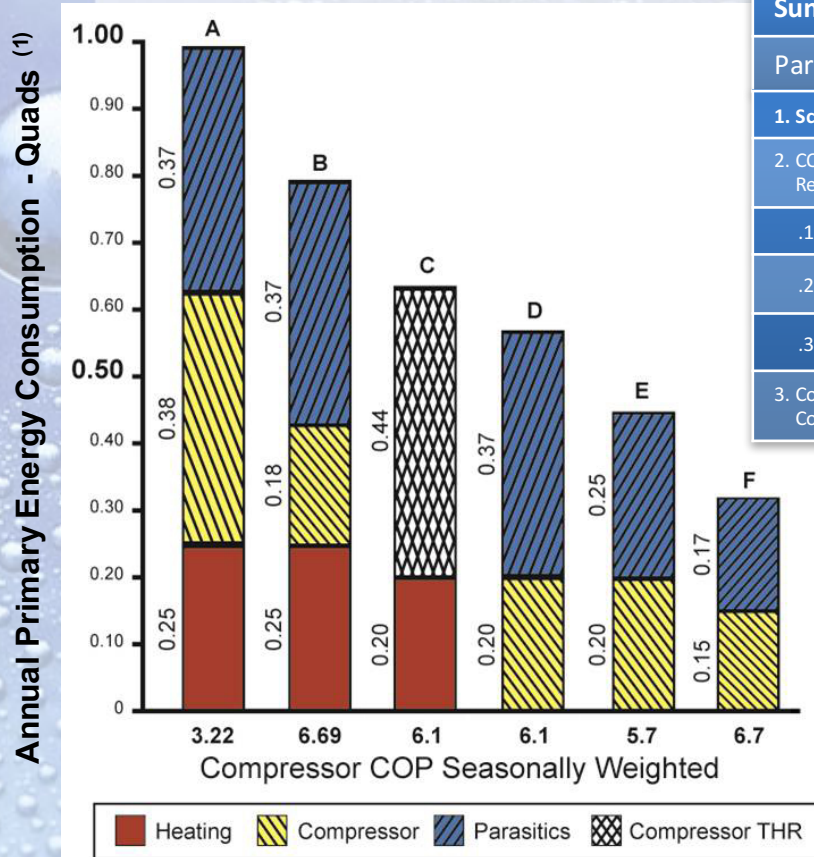




Figure 7:- Using CO₂ Refrigeration Systems for the Efficient Cooling & Heating of USA Office Buildings.



Summary of Benefits:					
Parameter	% Reduction				
1. Scenario	A	B	D	E	F
2. CO ₂ Emissions Reduction due to:					
.1 Electrical Energy	0	27	24	40	57
.2 Fuel	0	0	100	100	100
.3 Chemical Refrigerants	0	100	100	100	100
3. Cooling Water Consumption	0	68	65	67	68

Legend:
A = Existing USA Situation in Office Buildings ⁽²⁾
B = Retrofit CO ₂ Compressor
C = Total Heat Rejection Compared with Heat Required
D = Retrofit CO ₂ Heat Recovery
E = Slow Down Fans by 25%
F = New Building with Pumped CO ₂ and Reduced Air Flow

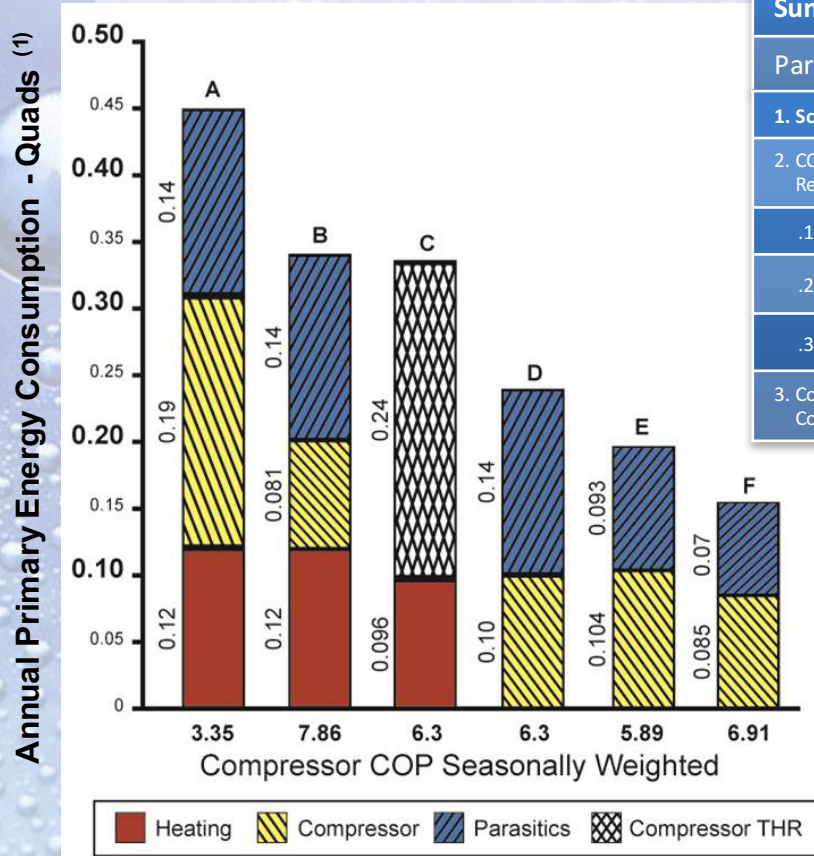
Energy Consumer	A	B	D	E	F	C
Parasitics	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.25	0.17	0.44 Quad Total Comp Heat Rejection
Compressor	0.38	0.18	0.20	0.20	0.15	
Heating	0.25	0.25	-	-	-	0.2 Quad Heat Required
Total	1.00	0.80	0.57	0.45	0.32	
Reduction Quad	-	0.20	0.43	0.55	0.68	
Reduction %	-	20	43	55	68	

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ 1 Quad = 10¹⁵ BTU's
 1 Quad = 1.0551 x 10⁹

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Figure 8:- Using CO₂ Refrigeration Systems for the Efficient Cooling & Heating of USA Hospitals.



Summary of Benefits:					
Parameter	% Reduction				
1. Scenario	A	B	D	E	F
2. CO ₂ Emissions Reduction due to:					
.1 Electrical Energy	0	33	27	40	53
.2 Fuel	0	0	100	100	100
.3 Chemical Refrigerants	0	100	100	100	100
3. Cooling Water Consumption	0	57	64	66	70

Legend:
A = Existing USA Situation in Office Buildings ⁽²⁾
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Energy Consumer	A	B	D	E	F	C
Parasitics	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.093	0.070	0.240 Quad Total Comp Heat Rejection
Compressor	0.190	0.081	0.100	0.104	0.085	
Heating	0.120	0.120	-	-	-	0.096 Quad Heat Required
Total	0.450	0.341	0.240	0.197	0.155	
Reduction Quad	-	0.109	0.210	0.253	0.295	
Reduction %	-	24.2	46.7	56.2	65.5	

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Figure 9:- Schematic of a Conventional Central System with Water Chiller & Cooling Tower.

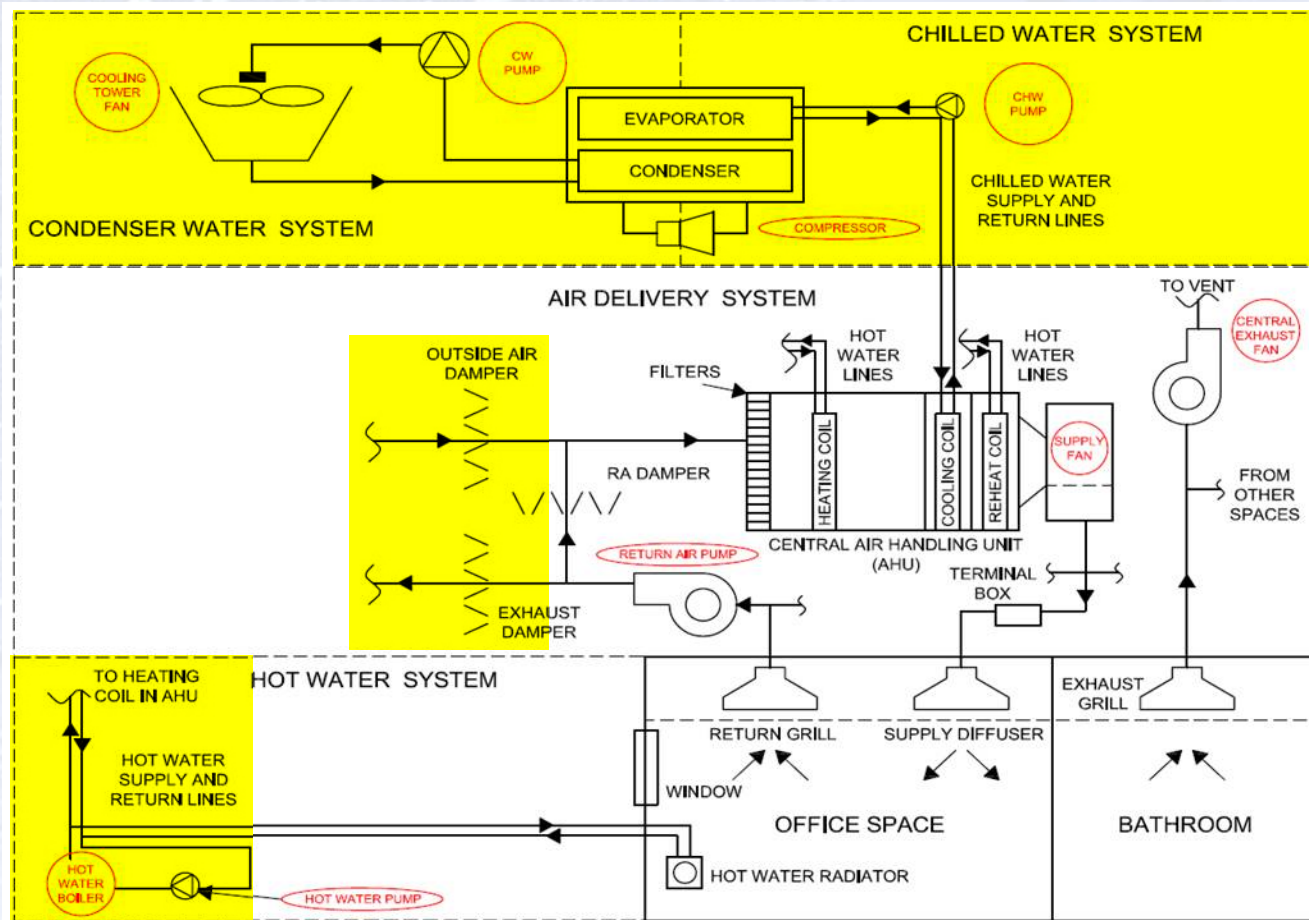


Figure 10:- Schematic of a Central System with CO₂ Cooled Water Chiller, Exhaust Air Energy Recovery and Water Heating.
 NB: Evaporative Condenser/Gas Cooler in Lieu of Cooling Tower.

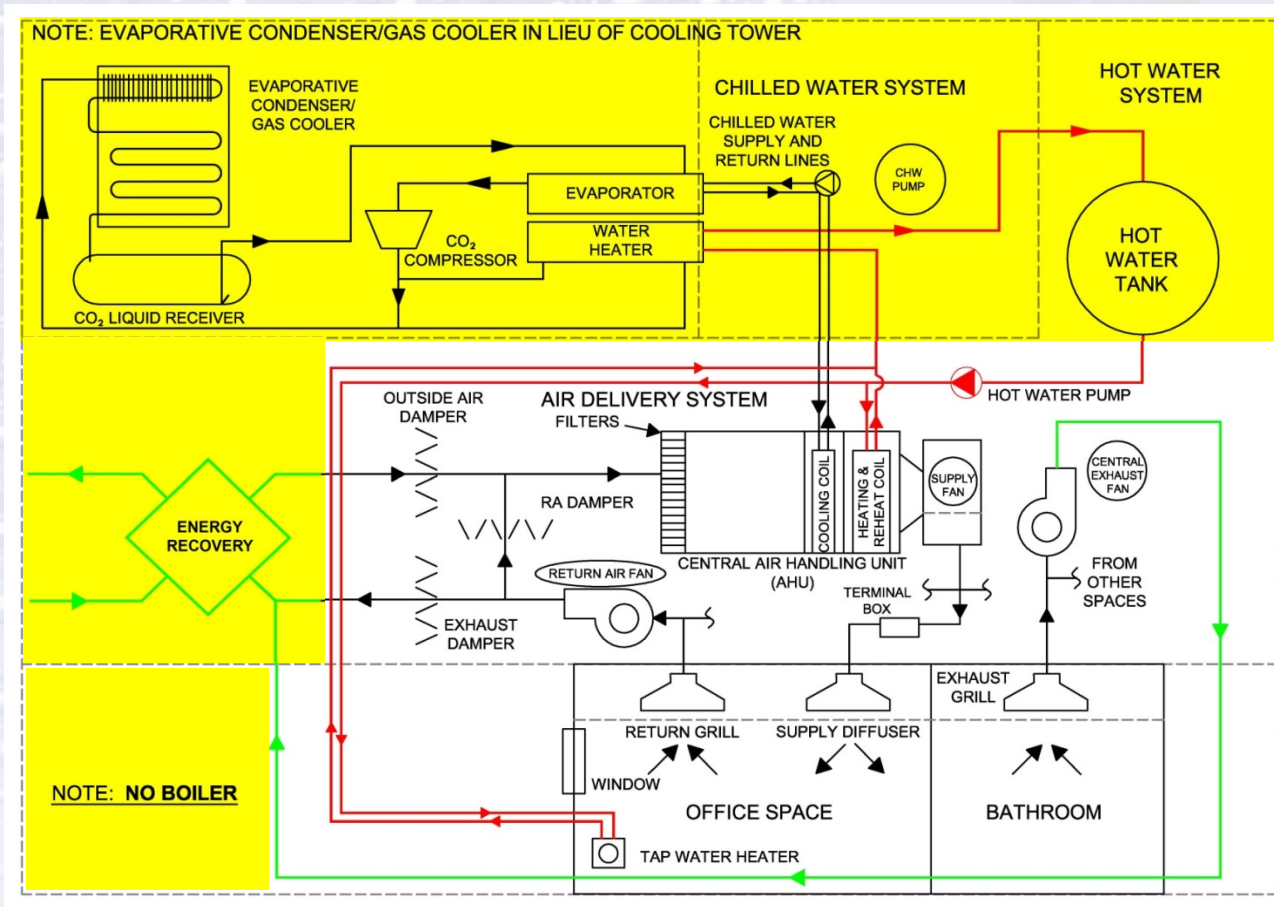


Figure 11:- Schematic of a Central System with CO₂ Liquid Recirculation, Exhaust Air Energy Recovery and Water Heating.
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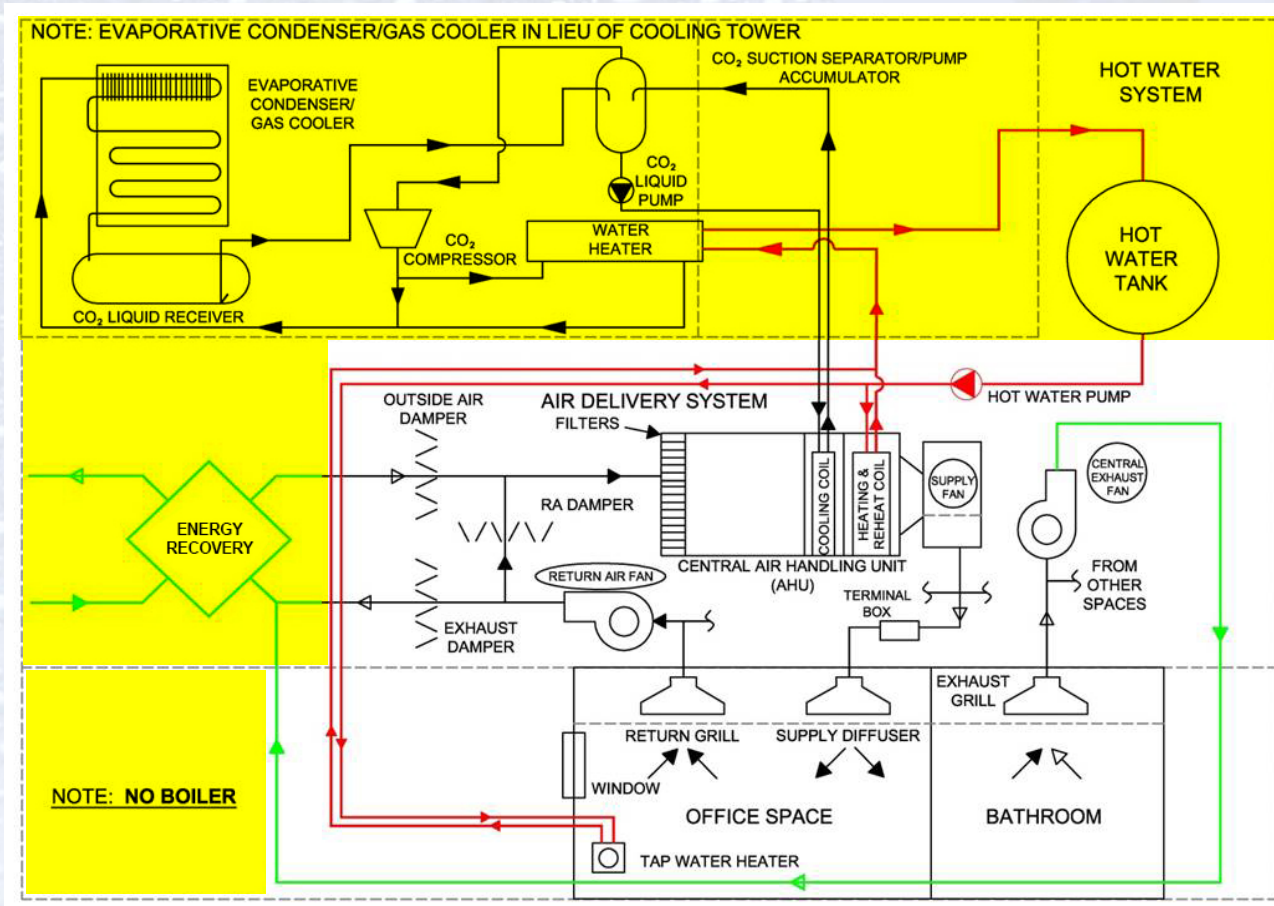
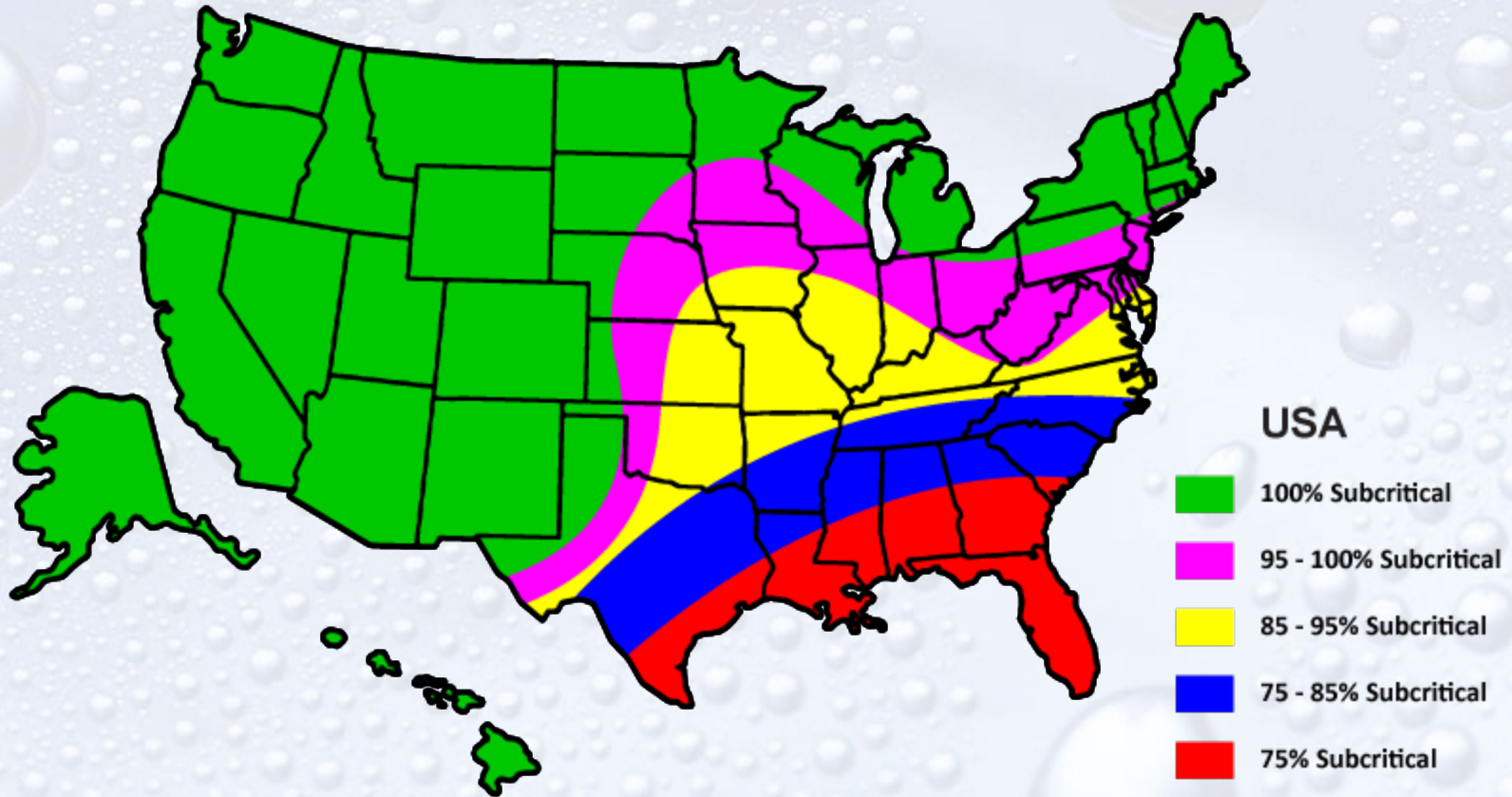


Figure 12: USA Climate Zones: % of a year when Subcritical CO₂ can be Condensed.



Conclusions.

- **CO₂ refrigerating systems offer a number of advantages over conventional chemical when applied to the cooling and heating in the built environment. All issues are addressed.**
- **Suitable for retrofitting replacing chillers, cooling towers and space heating boilers.**
- **Retrofitting future proofs a system with respect to 79% HFC Phase Down by 2030, G20 Policy implemented by Montreal Protocol.**
- **Large reduction in energy consumption.**

Conclusions. (Continued)

- **Large reduction in cooling water consumption if used with Hybrid Evaporative Condensers.**
- **Large reduction in carbon emissions due to both reduced energy consumption and no fugitive gases from chemical refrigerants.**
- **Large reduction in costs for energy, water, water treatment and disposal to sewer.**
- **Even better results if applied to new buildings with convective hydronic cooling & heating.**
- **Low cost refrigerant.**

Questions?



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