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Business Case for  
Natural Refrigerants  

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# DOMESTIC REFRIGERATION

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## Biggest success story so far of Natural Refrigerants

Over **1.5 billion** domestic refrigerators already use hydrocarbons today

HC is the standard for 50% global production of new domestic refrigeration equipment

By 2020, 75% of new production globally will use R600a / R290



# LIGHT-COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION

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5.5 million units using natural refrigerants (HC & CO<sub>2</sub>) collectively installed

=> 33 million tonnes of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> (equivalent emissions of more than 6.7 million passenger cars over one year)



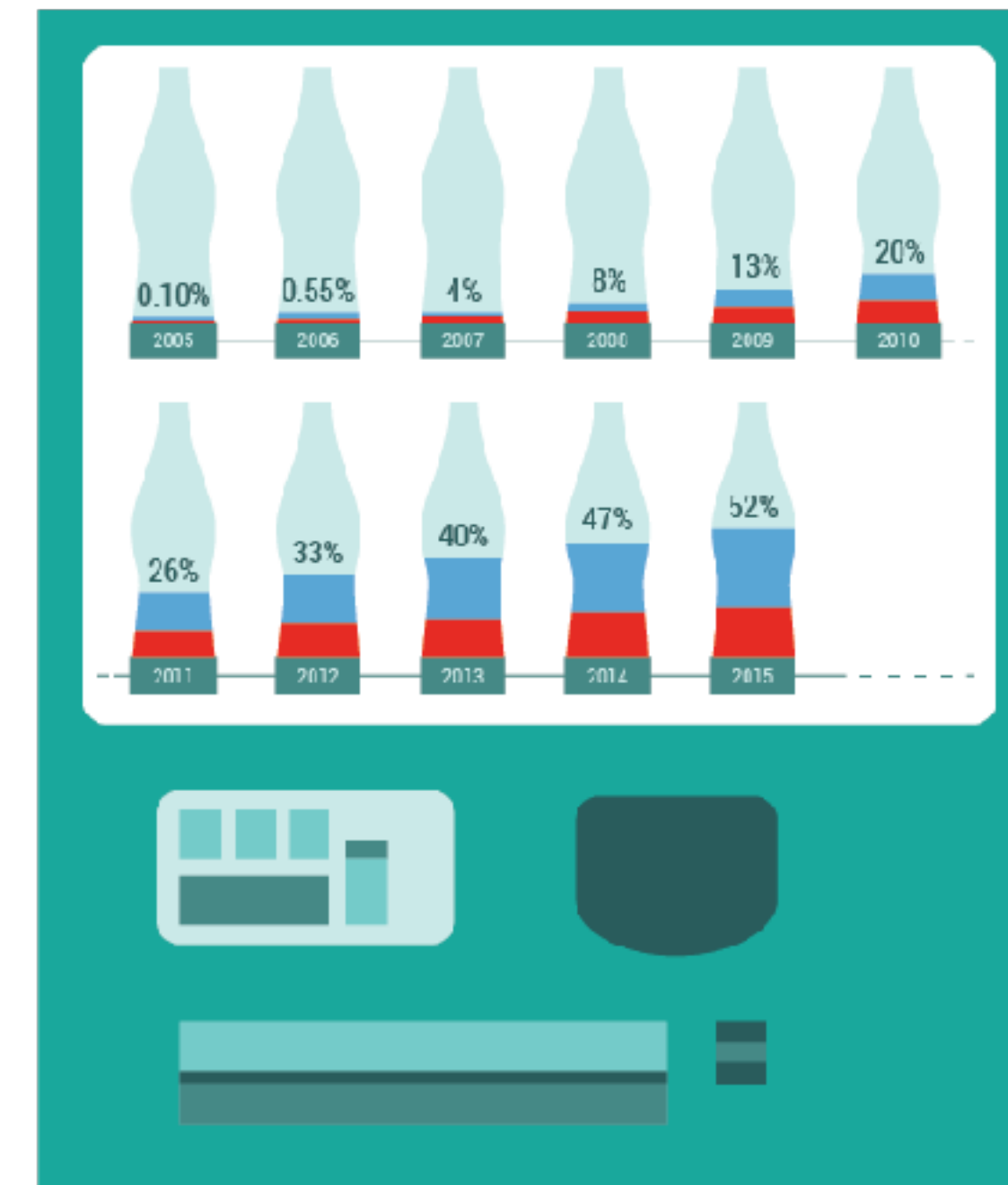
Increasing number of consumer brands choosing HCs for their point of sale equipment - often targeting global procurement 100%

1.35+ million beverage vending machines in Japan use either hydrocarbons or CO<sub>2</sub> - world's highest number per capita

800,000+ CO<sub>2</sub> vending machines in the market

natural refrigerants make up over 50% of the market

from 0.1% to 52% market share in just 10 years



Plug-in Units in Supermarkets with R290: A reality today



Market estimate by early 2017 - Figures reported by AHT (market leader):

**1,500,000+ units worldwide**

- over 300,000+ units manufactured per year



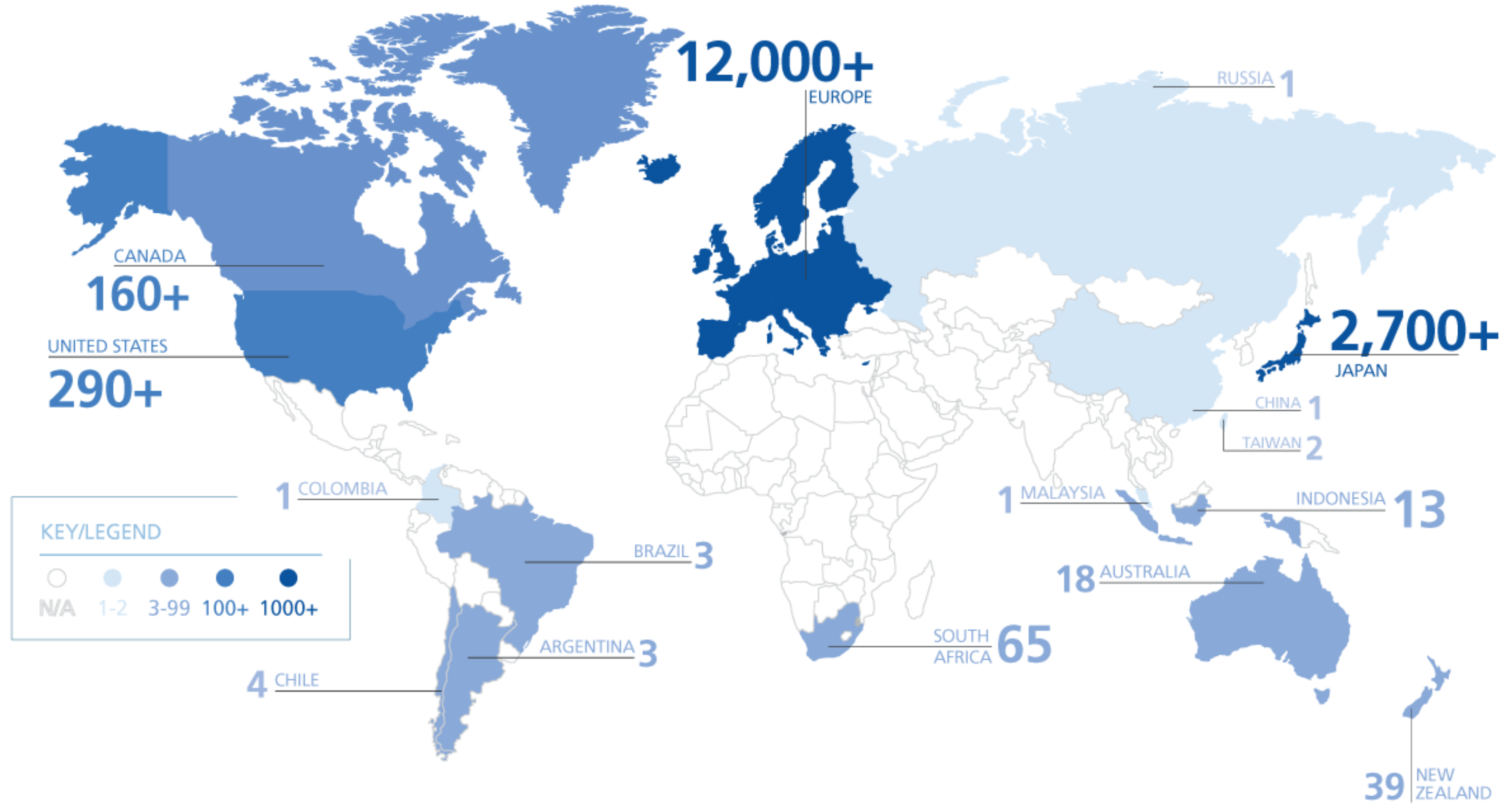
# COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION

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# CO<sub>2</sub> TC STORES GROWING GLOBALLY (SEPT 2017)



	2015	2017	Growth
Europe	5.500	12.000	<b>118%</b>
USA	52	290	<b>458%</b>
Canada	139	160	<b>15%</b>
Japan	1.500	2.700	<b>80%</b>

Other regional markets also emerging as a result of individual **food retailers' efforts**

- **First major CO<sub>2</sub> transcritical** store to be completed in 2017
- Currently **40 subcritical CO<sub>2</sub> supermarkets** in China (HFC/CO<sub>2</sub> cascades)
- Majority operated by Metro China, first ever installed by Tesco
- Market opening up to natural refrigerants. Potential identified in:
  - CO<sub>2</sub> in commercial and industrial; heat pumps



Expansion of CO<sub>2</sub> in Australia from a cooperation of AJ Baker & EPTA:

- Currently over 300 cascade CO<sub>2</sub> installations
- 6 CO<sub>2</sub> liquid recirculation plants
- 10 transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> installations

Key New Tech => Epta's Full Transcritical Efficiency

13 systems operating already in Europe and Australia; most testing done in Australia

Proven efficiency on high ambient for CO<sub>2</sub> TC in simplified format



- On-the-spot **survey to 33 companies**, including major players of the sector
- Ejectors, parallel compression and waterloop systems identified to be the main technology trends
- Approximately **15-20% increase in production** of natural refrigerant systems expected for the period 2017-2018
- **R290 dominating plug-ins**, showing the greatest potential
- Even higher growth expected by 2020 and beyond, with a few companies claiming that they will be ready to have their **entire production moving to only natural refrigerants**
- **Regulation** and mainly **customer demand** are the reasons for the expectations, especially for Europe





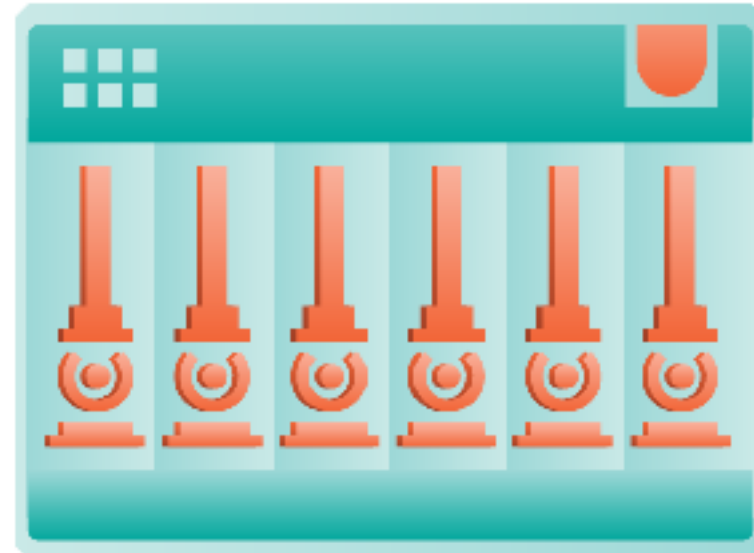
Japan - leader in CO<sub>2</sub> condensing units for smaller store formats

Europe traditionally working with large capacity CO<sub>2</sub> racks, but **several manufacturers** introduced small systems

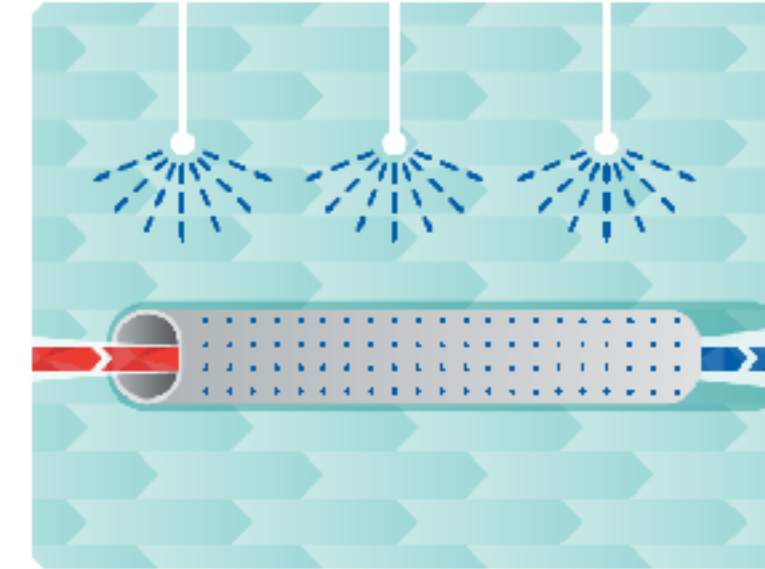
**Competition increasing:** more efficiency, lower prices



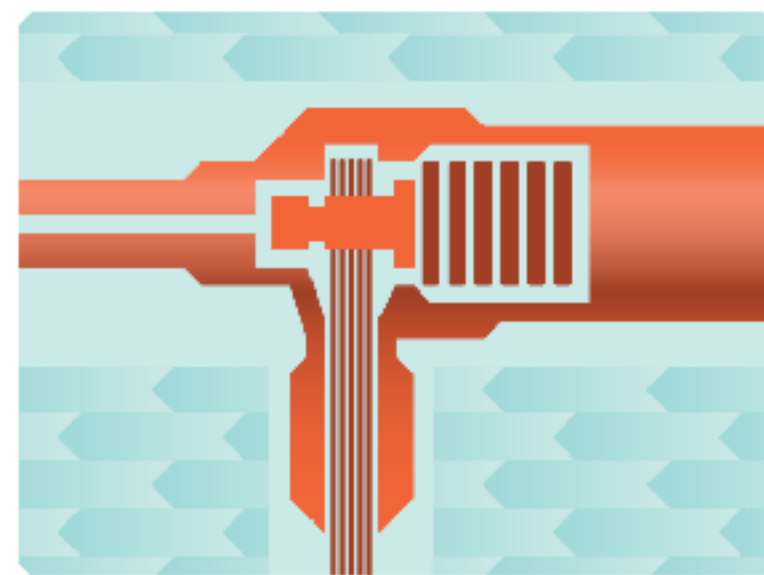
Growing line up of small size NH<sub>3</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> systems - potential to serve supermarkets?



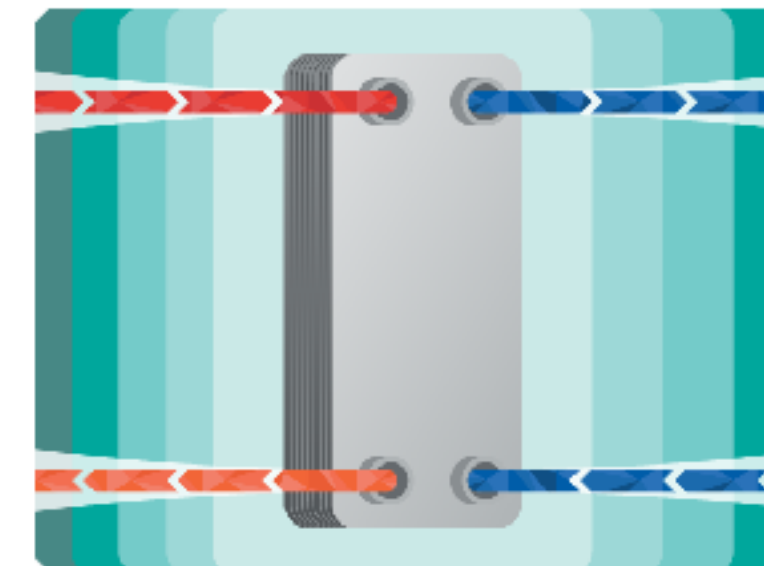
Parallel Compression



Adiabatic Cooling



Ejector



Sub coolers



Limits between “light-commercial” and “commercial” refrigeration become vague: HC pushing into larger store formats, and CO<sub>2</sub>-based systems into smaller formats

= internal competition between different NR systems has increased



# INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATION

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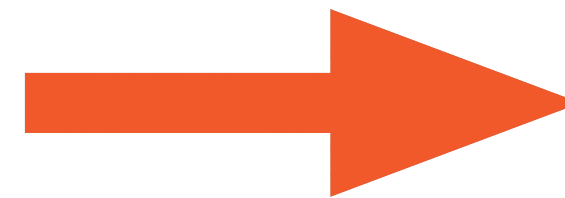
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market traditionally dominated by **ammonia** and HFCs

NR cutting edge technologies becoming strong trend and competing:

- **ammonia low charge**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> transcritical**
- **NH<sub>3</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>**



## Key drivers:

increased safety - lower risk

higher efficiency

easier servicing

return on investment for the end user

growing competition - prices pushed down, technology becoming more available

# KEY TREND: INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS WITH CO<sub>2</sub> & NH<sub>3</sub>



The market is changing, from a strong reliance on R22 to a renewed uptake of (lower charge) NH<sub>3</sub> systems

Estimated **450+ installations** use secondary NH<sub>3</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub> systems



Estimated **150+** refrigeration projects in industrial sector with **CO<sub>2</sub> & NH<sub>3</sub>**



**World's biggest CO<sub>2</sub> industrial plant** (vegetable processing plant in the Netherlands by Advansor for Staay Food group):

- 3,36 Megawatt (MW) total cooling capacity
- 7 transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> racks
- 45 compressors (28 medium temp., 14 parallel, 3 frost)
- 600 kW of heat recovery, providing "free" heating for the office facilities
- Installation in 2016, in operation since early 2017
- Lower capital, installation & maintenance costs.



- R290 tested in cold storage for post-harvest flower processing and export in **Colombia (with support by Ozone unit)**
- Colombia's flower sector: 31.1 million kW of cooling capacity, 99% of which is R22
- Opportunity to increase efficiency by switching to R290
- Challenges: lack of expertise, training, lack of technical standards, insurance policies or legal structures





# AIR-CONDITIONING

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India showing strong trend towards R290 RAC

- Currently **400,000+** units installed in the market

Major leader: **Godrej Appliances**

- Replaced CFC, HFC and HCFC as early as 2002
- Efficient and green ACs using R290; first in the world
- **India's first ACs with 7-star performance**
- Earliest brand to opt for voluntary energy labelling of its refrigerators



## Chinese market showing an interest towards R290 RAC

- **1,300+** units installed already
- Major players: Midea, Gree, Haier

## Midea case study:

- Nanyang Vocational and Technical College in Jiaxing, (the country's northern Zhejiang province).
- **1,060 R290** based ACs in the dormitories
- Installed in November 2016, no problems in operation so far
- Completed additional projects in warm ambient regions, including Seychelles University in the Seychelles.
- Demonstration projects funded from the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.



- Triple Aqua's efficient **heat pump using hydrocarbons** is running in two offices and a supermarket in the Netherlands
- can **save up to 50% in heating and cooling costs** in commercial buildings compared to traditional heat pumps, with a COP (coefficient of performance) between 4 to 10
- The system employs propaene (R443A), a mixture of the hydrocarbons propane (R290) and propene (R1270), with a global warming potential (GWP) of 3 and a **charge of < 5 kg**



- HC based water chillers introduced by several companies targeting **commercial air-conditioning** and **process cooling applications**
- RSA Cooling - water chiller for outdoor installations, and are available with **cooling capacity from 3,0 to 15,0 kW**
- HC water chillers in Australia, **reliable performance at 45C** days this summer



# HEAT PUMPS

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Eco Cute (CO<sub>2</sub> heat pump) in Japan: big success story, with strong government support initially.

**6+ million CO<sub>2</sub> HP water heaters** in total

**98% of all new residential HP water heaters in Japan**

**400-500k** new units per year



CO<sub>2</sub> is being supported and will find inroads to the Chinese market - it already is happening

Currently **800 commercial CO<sub>2</sub> HP water heaters** in total





## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **Competition between natural refrigerants** => Innovation to increase performance, and reduce costs?
- **Air conditioning:** Cost and energy efficiency as main drivers. Who will take the lead?
- **Heat Pumps** with Natural Refrigerants show huge potential: towards integrated solutions?

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