

# The use of natural refrigerants on advanced waterloop systems



Business Case for  
Natural Refrigerants

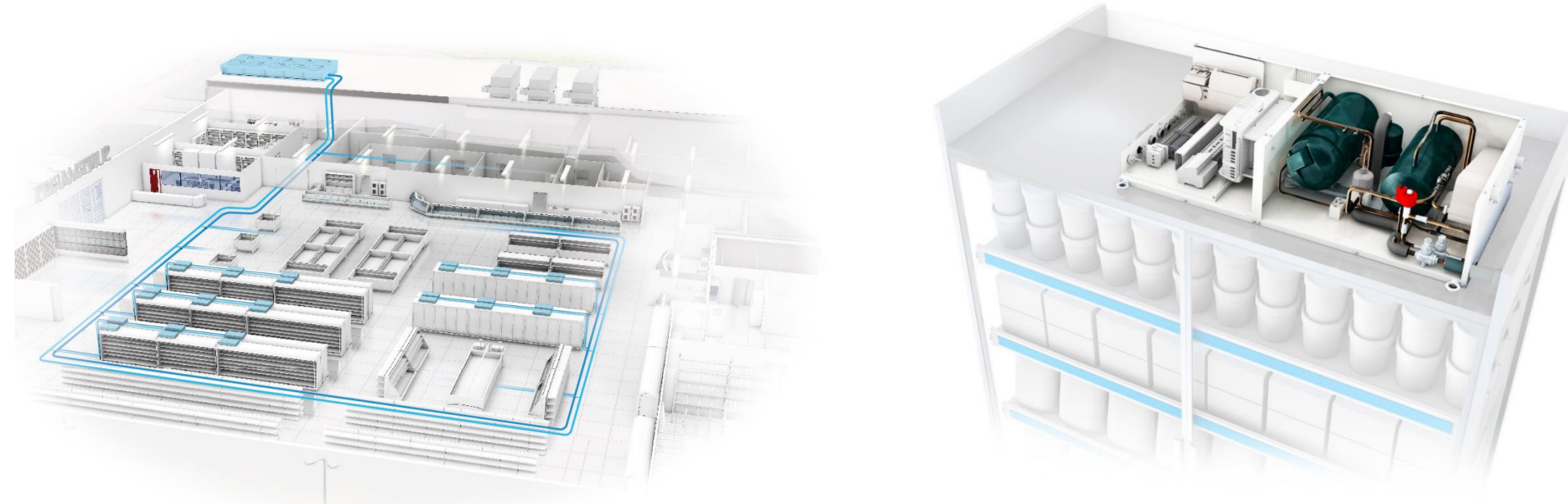
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# Heos sistema



Waterloop system



with advanced technology



now available with natural refrigerants





# Why waterloop?

- Less charge of refrigerant: less CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents in the system



- Ease of installation & maintenance



- Less leaks and lower frequency of leak checking



- Lower operating and maintenance costs

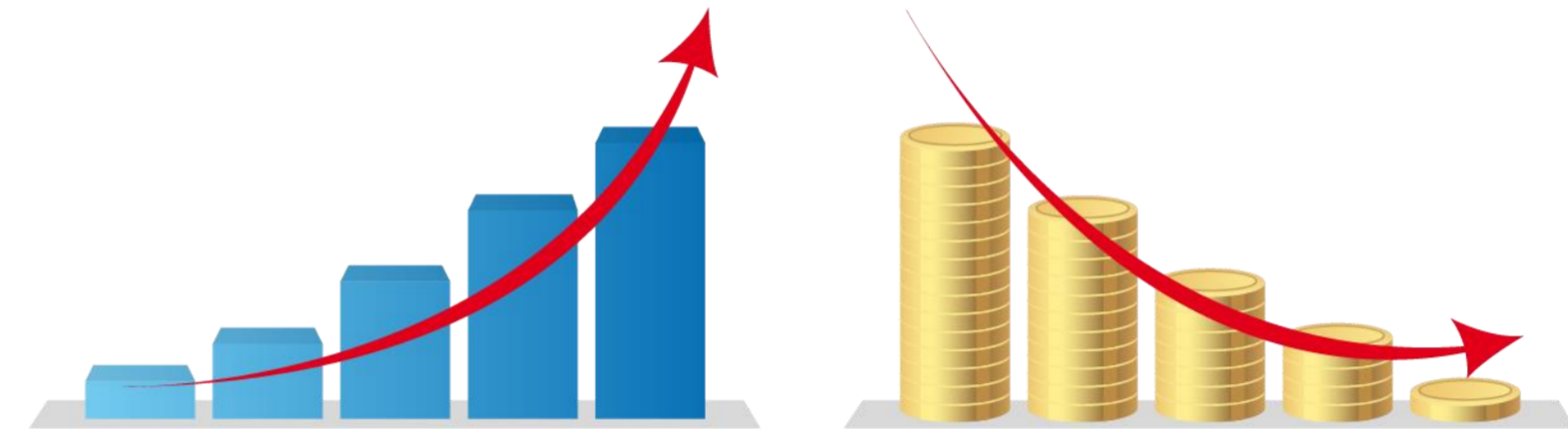


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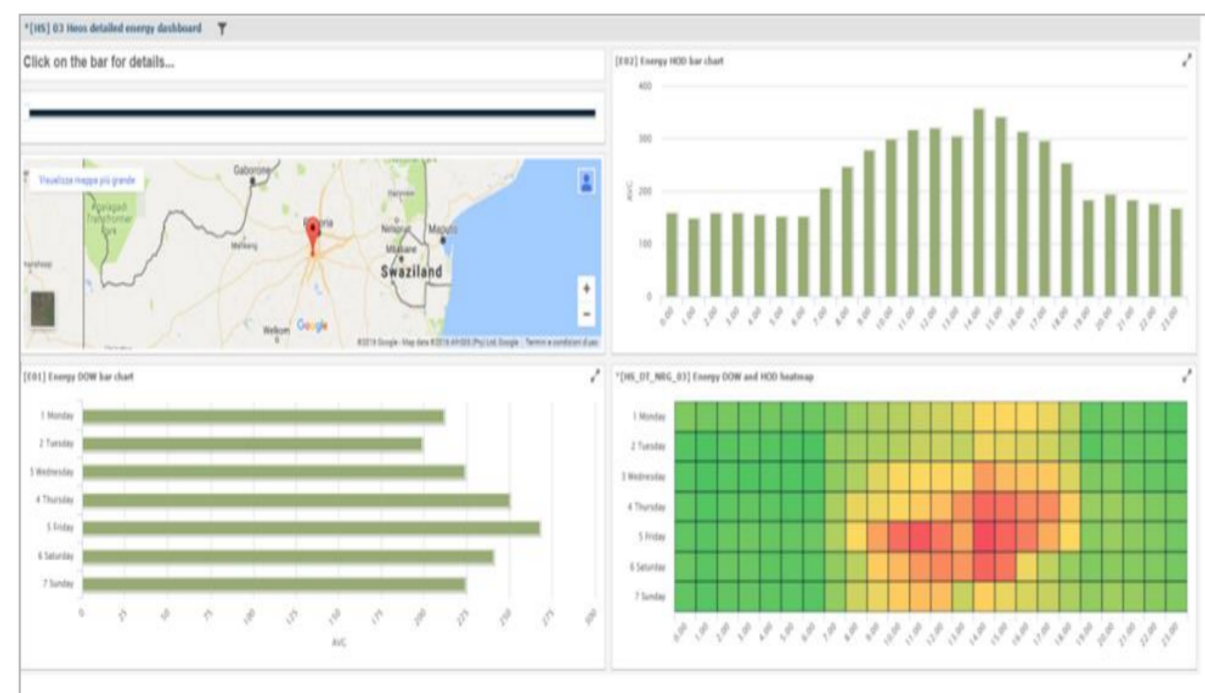
- Compliance with energy efficiency regulations



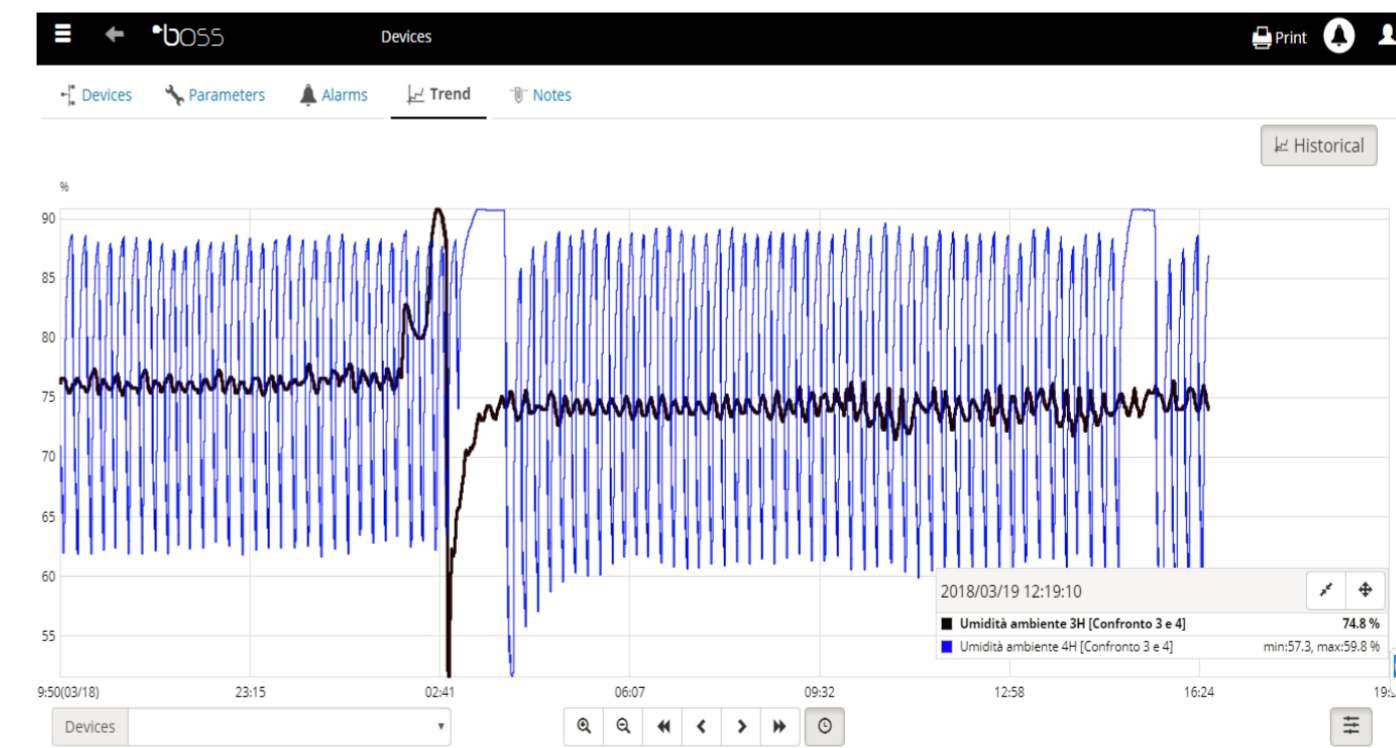
- Increasing of performance + reduction of operating costs



- Easier to prevent failures through advanced monitoring

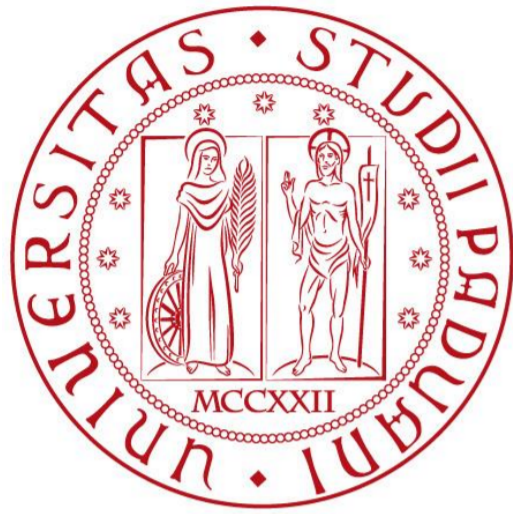


- Reliable control of parameters





# Heos vs. conventional waterloop

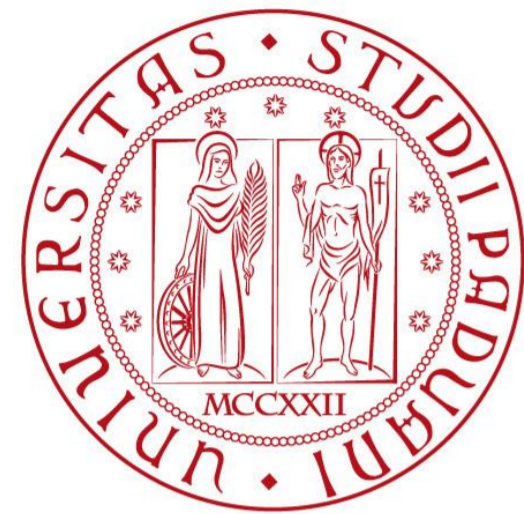


Project in collaboration with the University of Padova:

## **Comparison between Heos and waterloop with fixed speed compressor.**

- ✓ Humidity and temperature surveillance in different shelves
  - ✓ Temperature sensor inside the products
  - ✓ Analysis of the shelf life of the products

# Heos vs. conventional waterloop



Laboratory located in Thiene (Vicenza, Italy)  
Tests: from March to September 2018



*Ambient temperature  
inside the room:  
17-24 ° C*

*Ambient humidity  
inside the room:  
30-70 % rH*

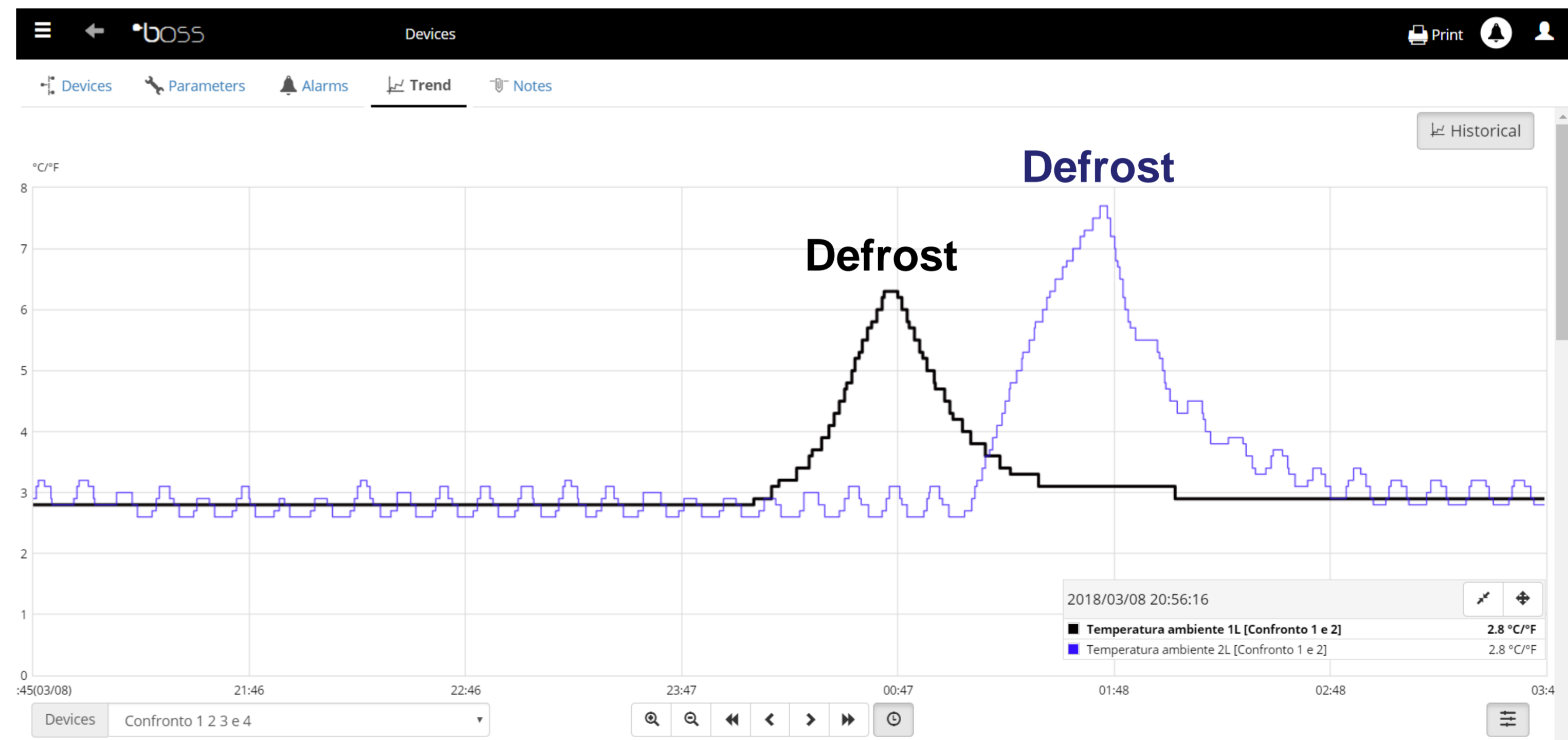
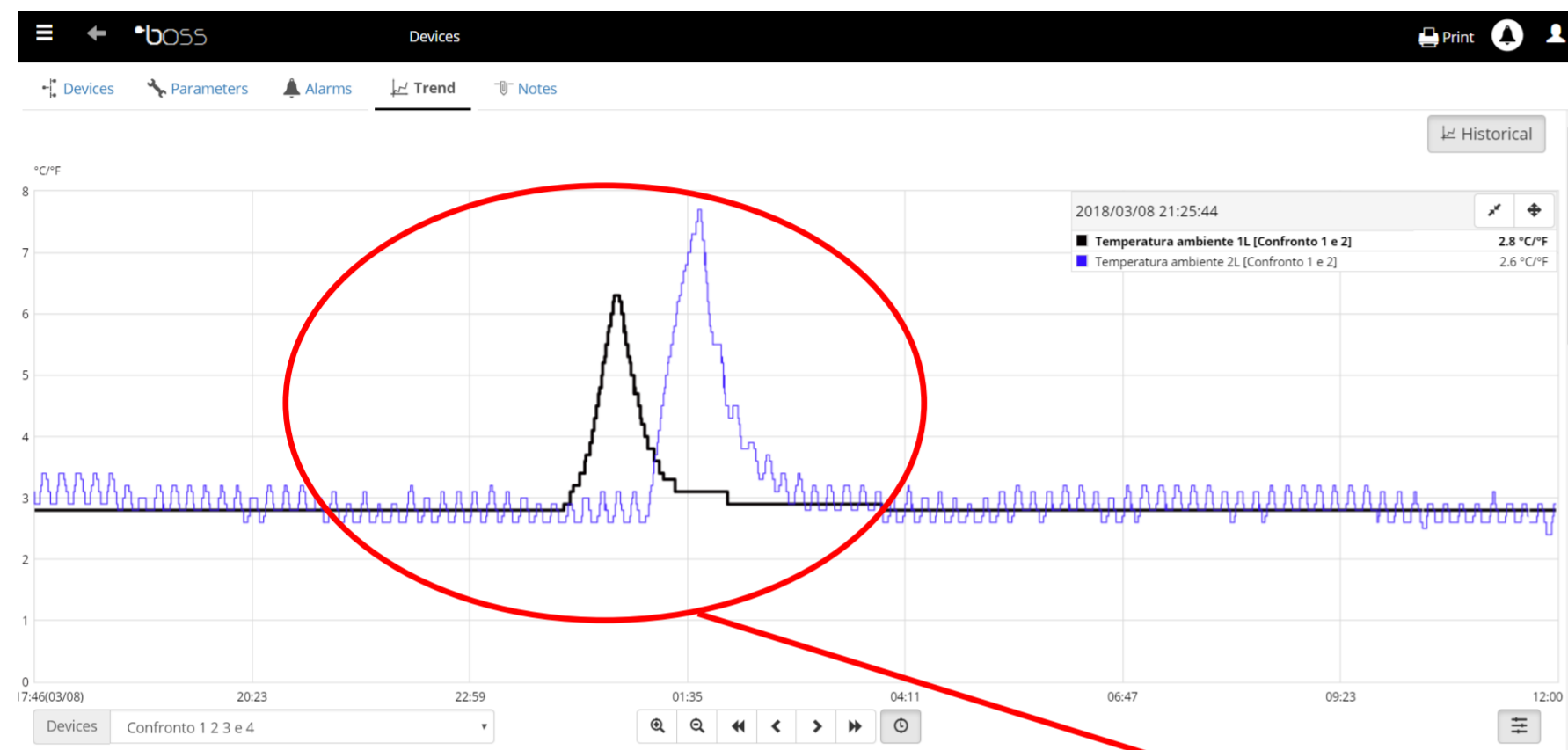
## **Preliminary results:**

Temperature and humidity control inside the cabinets.

# Heos vs. conventional waterloop

Temperature trend in Heos showcase (black) and waterloop with fixed speed compressor (blue)

*Sensors in the lower shelf*





# Heos vs.conventional waterloop

Humidity trend in Heos showcase (black) and waterloop with fixed speed compressor (blue)



*Sensors in the higher shelf*



# Heos with natural refrigerants

**Ready with propane and CO<sub>2</sub>:** very different options for a wide variety of requirements

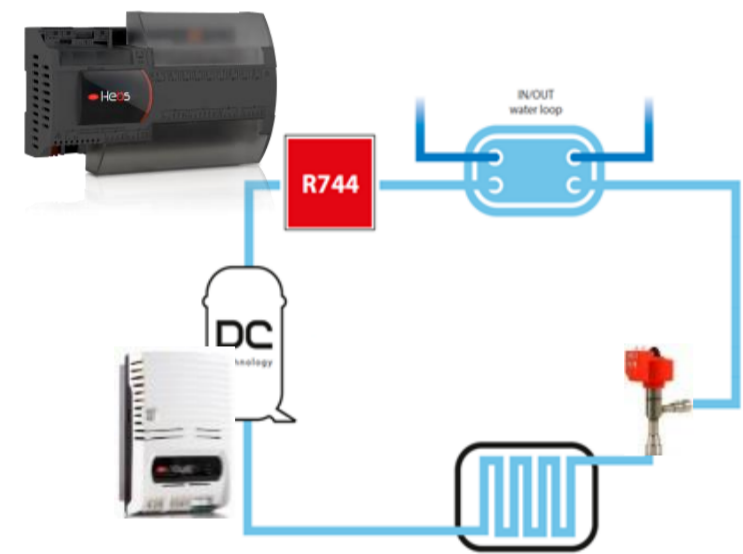


- ✓ **Well accepted** from the market
- ✓ **Overcame worries** on pressures and usability
- ✓ **Innovation trends** ongoing
- ✓ **Technologies** for increase efficiency, specially in warm climates, are constantly being improved



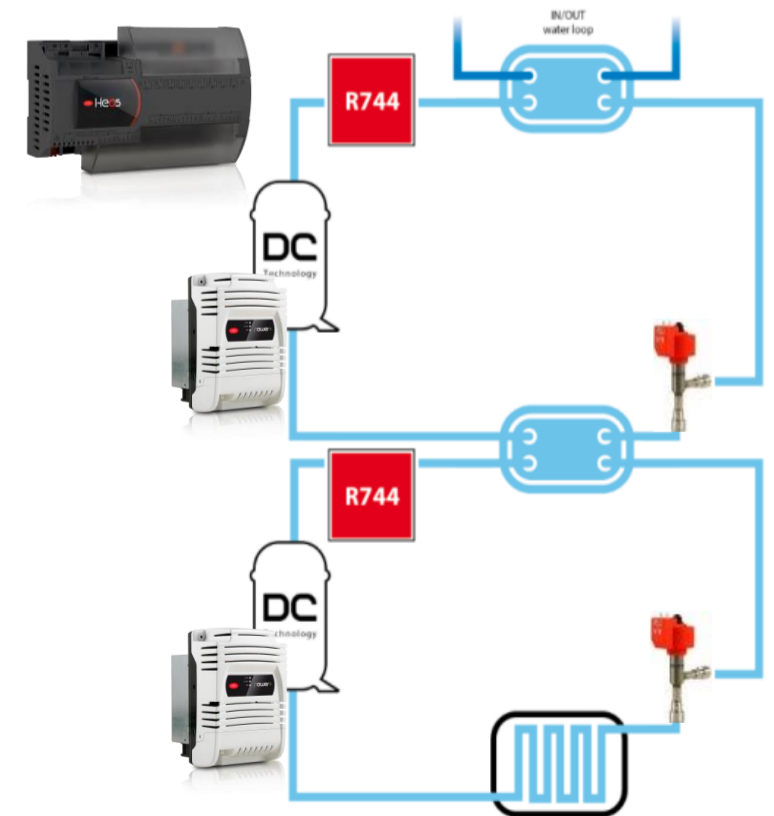
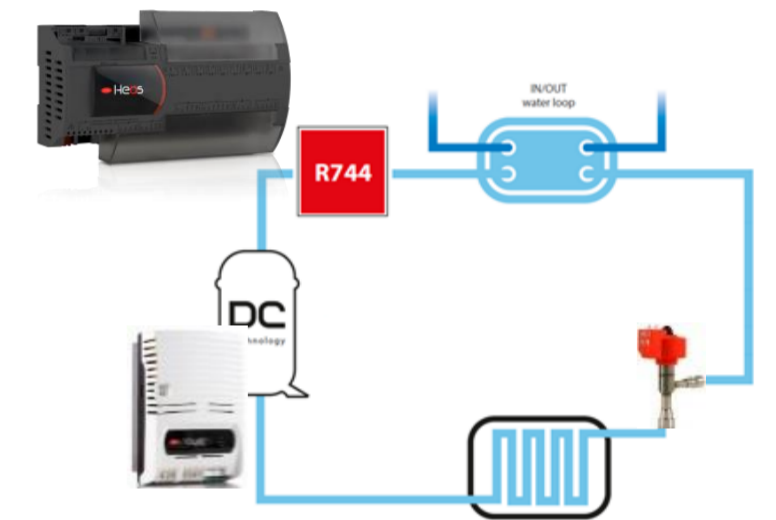
- ✓ **High efficiency** refrigerant
- ✓ **Standard working pressures**
- ✓ Ideal for **small units**
- ✓ IEC 60335-2-89 **up to 150 g per circuit** (probably **500 g** when it will be updated)
- ✓ EN 378 **up to 1.5 kg** per circuit

# Heos with natural refrigerants



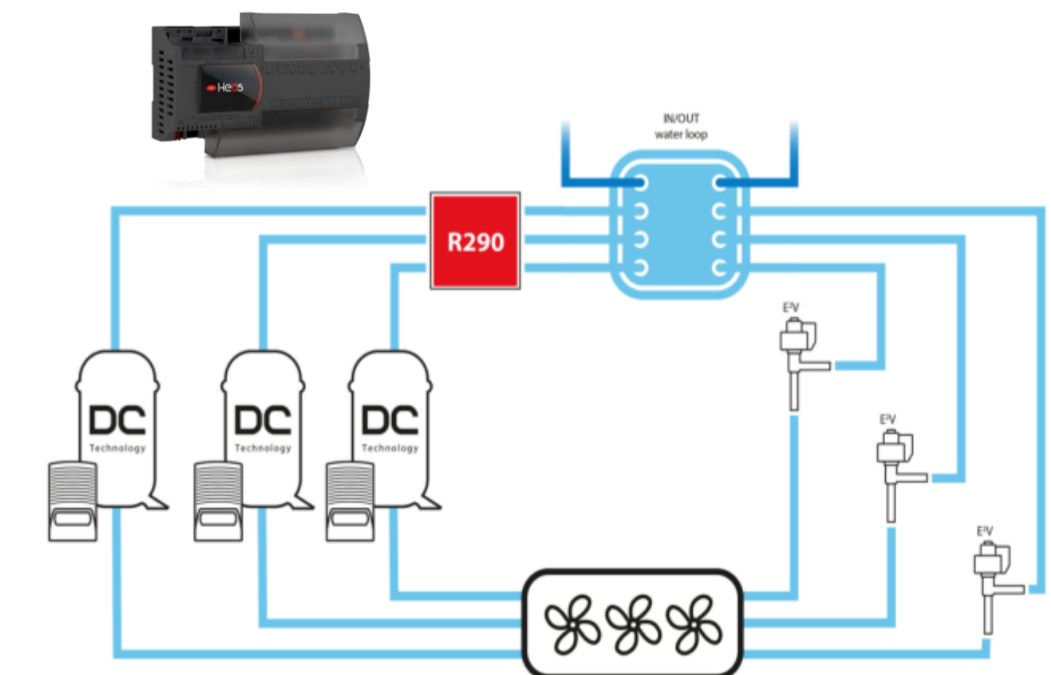
Single Circuit  
**Medium T transcritical**  
**Low T subcritical**  
 Standard ref. system design  
 Max P 60/90-120 barg

Single Circuit  
**Up to 150/500g**  
 Small size loads  
 MT/LT application  
 EN 60079 compliant



Double Circuit  
**Low T Cascade**  
 Limited refrigerant charge  
 Only the high stage works with  
 high water T (transcritical)

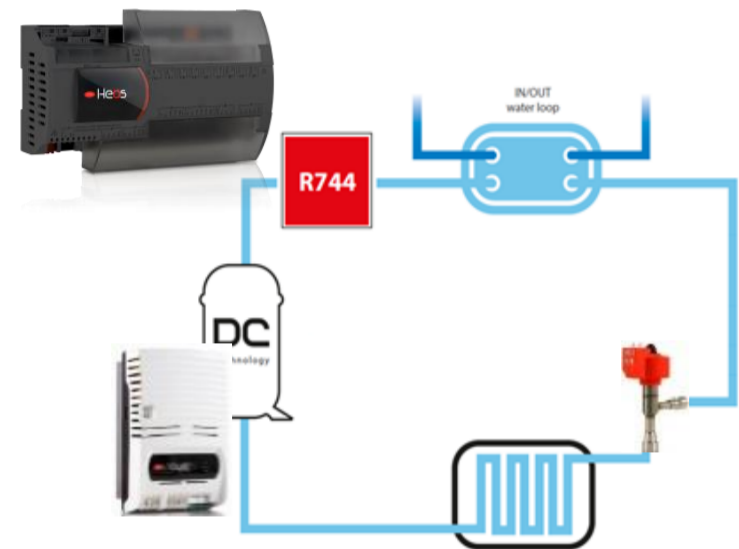
Multi Circuit  
**Up to 3 ref. Circuits**  
 All type of loads  
 MT/LT applications  
 EN 60079 compliant



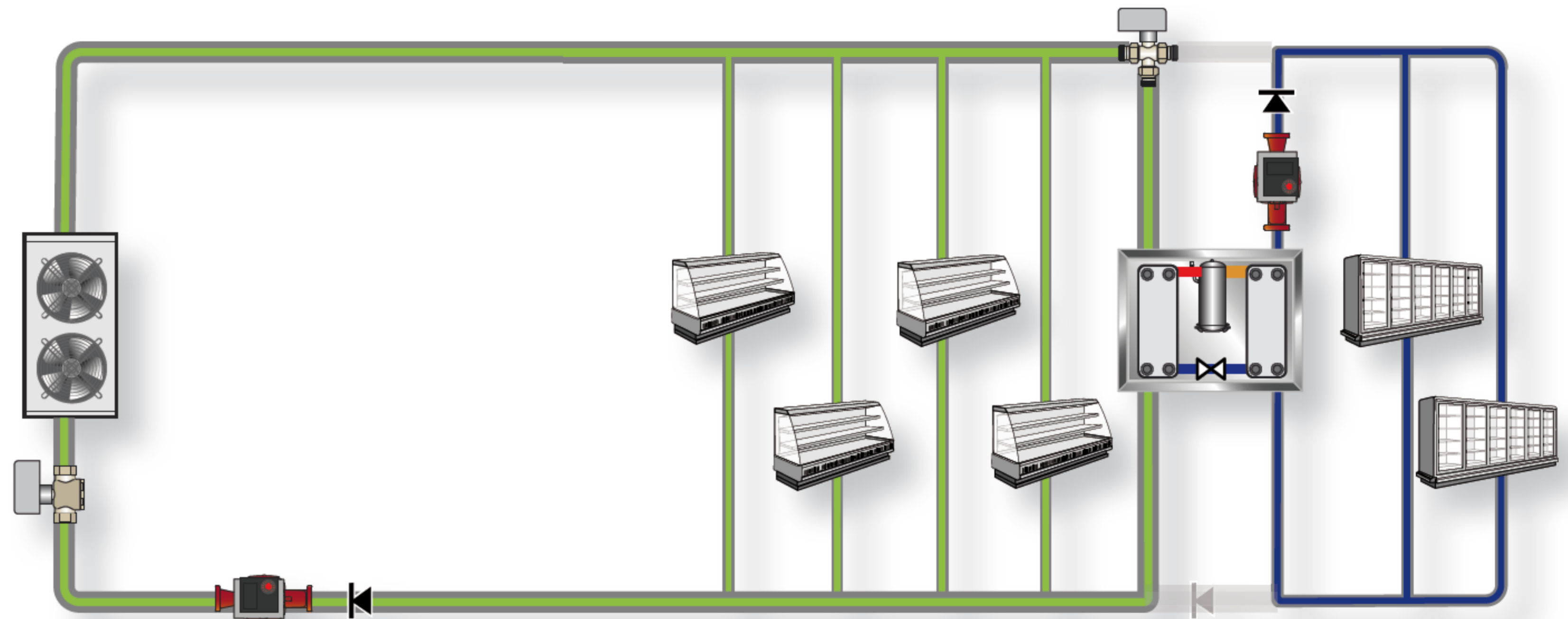
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## Operation with Chiller for LT showcases

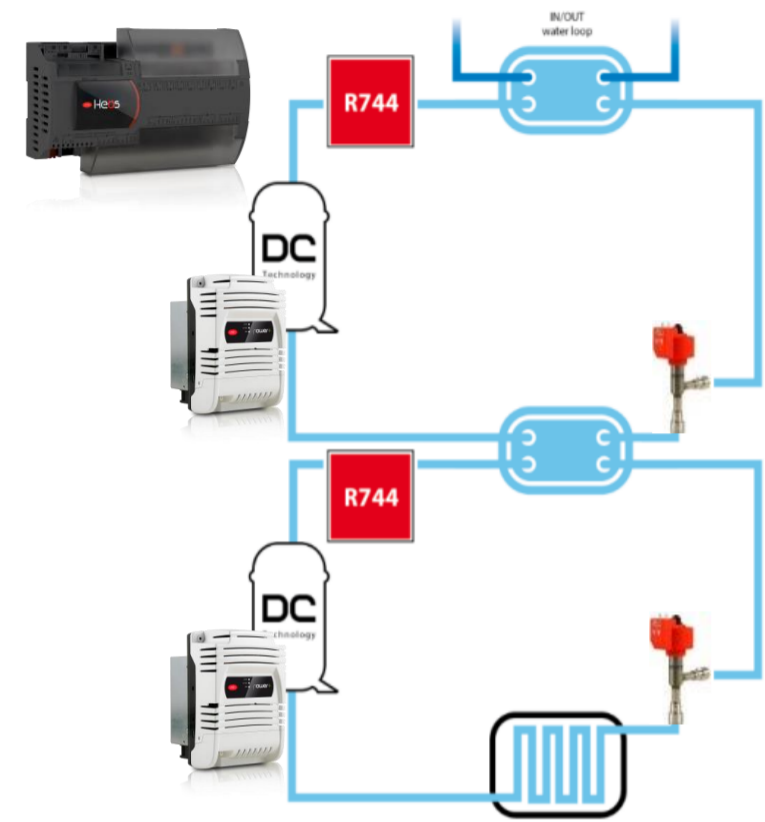


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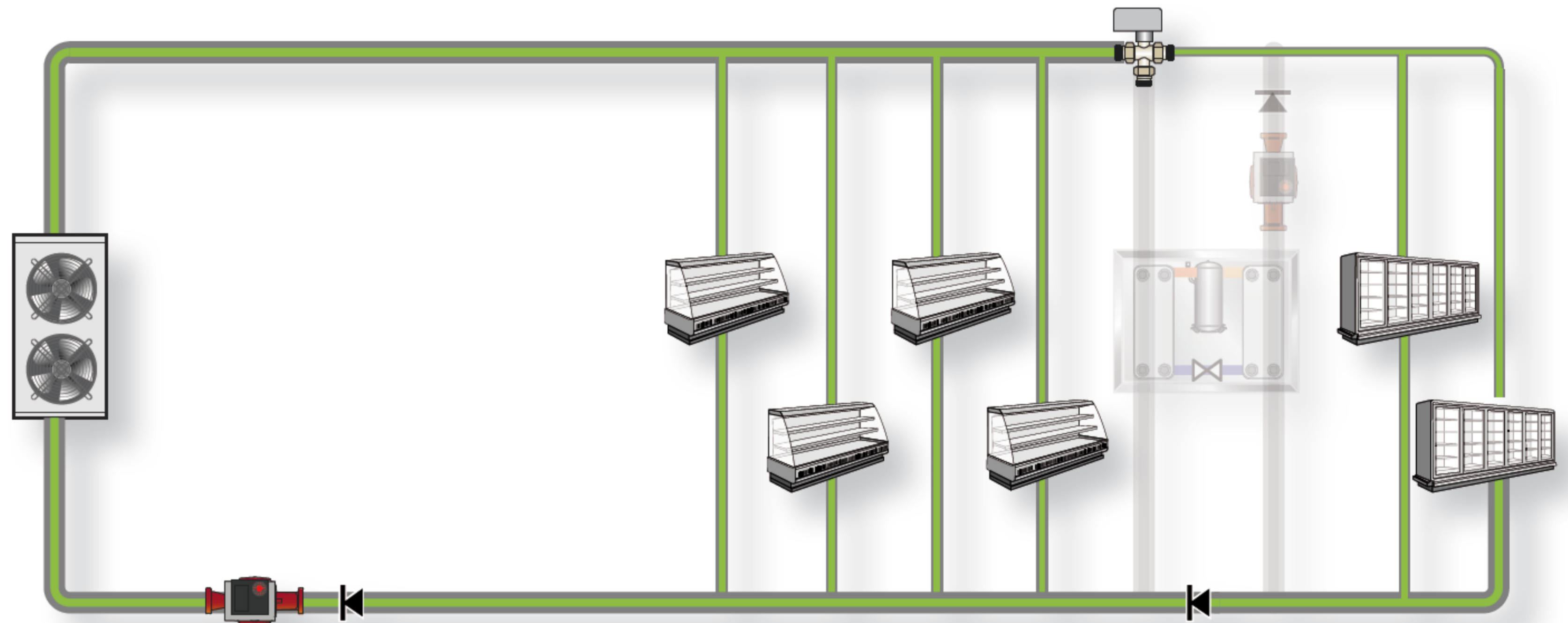
# Heos with natural refrigerants



## Double Circuit Low T Cascade

Limited refrigerant charge  
Only the high stage works with  
high water T (transcritical)

## Free cooling operation





# Real Experience Heos



## MT Santiago

- Length: 2.5 m
- 4 doors
- Class 3M0
- Cooling Capacity: 1.1 kW
- R-290 charge: Under 350 g per circuit
- 2 circuits

## LT Astana

- Length: 2.5 m
- 4 doors
- Class 3L1
- Cooling Capacity: 1.3 kW
- R-290 charge: Under 350 g per circuit
- 2 circuits

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**RUNNING IN LABORATORY IN  
SYDNEY SINCE MARCH 2018**

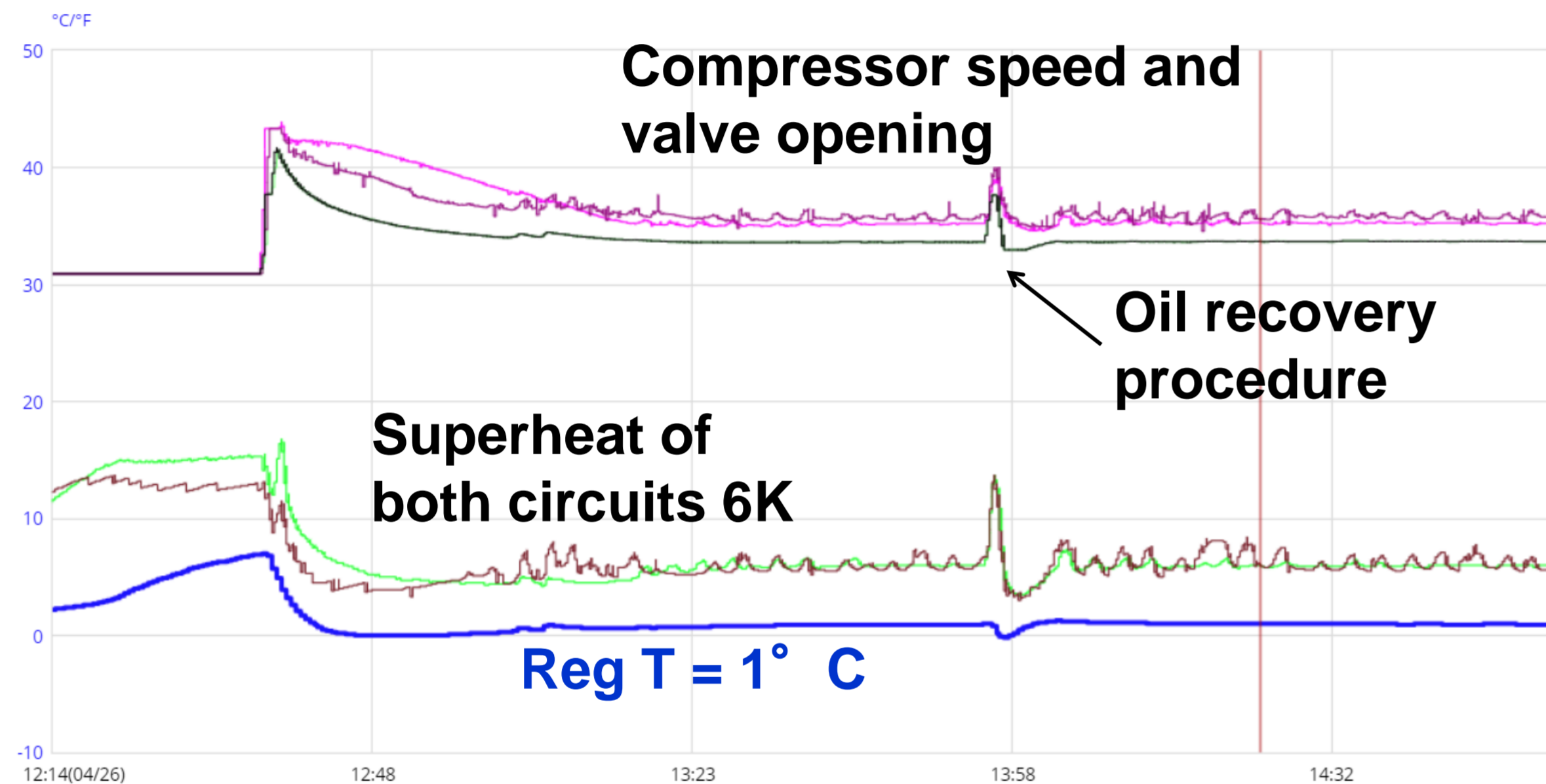
**Heos R-290 available for the whole range of  
cabinets: MT and LT, counters and multideck**



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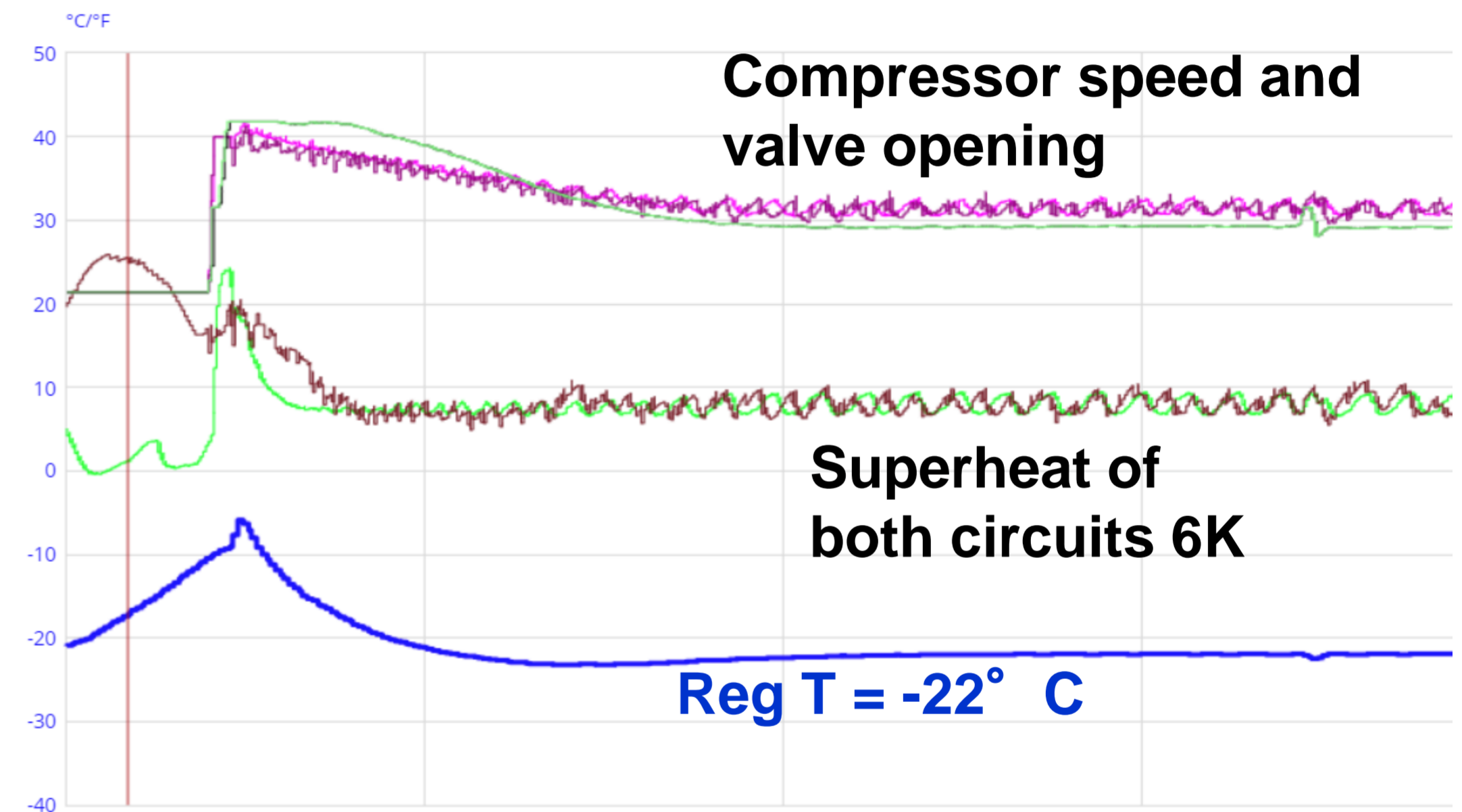


## MT Cabinet – 2 circuits



- Both compressors are driven at the same speed
- Regulation temperature is perfectly stable
- Optimal superheat control

## LT Cabinet – 2 circuits



- Pull down time LT: 40 min
- Regulation temperature is perfectly stable
- Optimal superheat control



# Real Experience Heos



## MT

- Length: 2.5 m
- 4 decks
- Open cabinet
- Class 3M1
- Cooling Capacity: 5.5 kW @ -7° C
- CO<sub>2</sub> charge: 1 kg
- IMQ certified
- Safety tested up to Water T 50° C



**COMMISSIONING IN AUSTRALIA  
JUNE 2018**

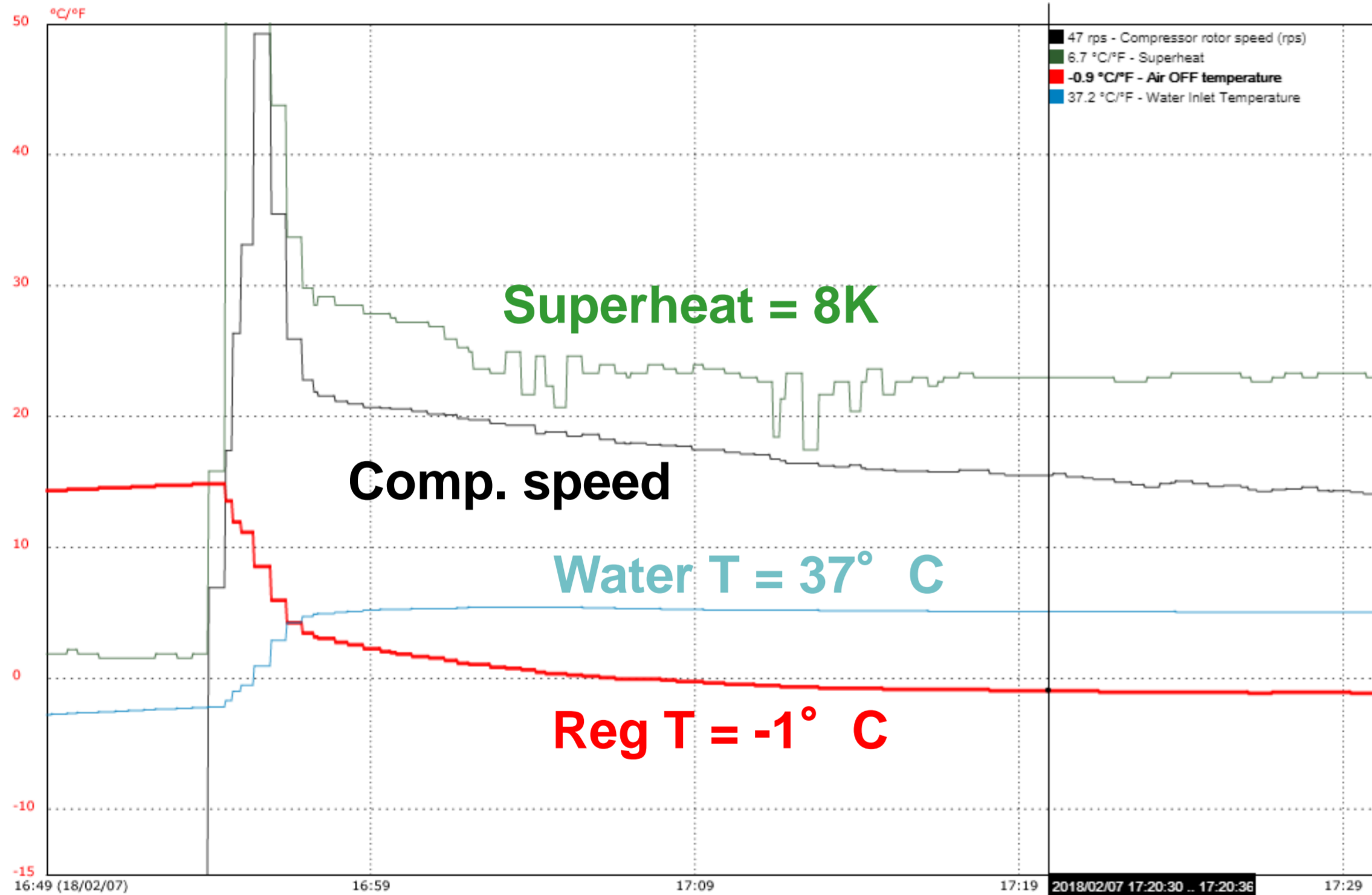
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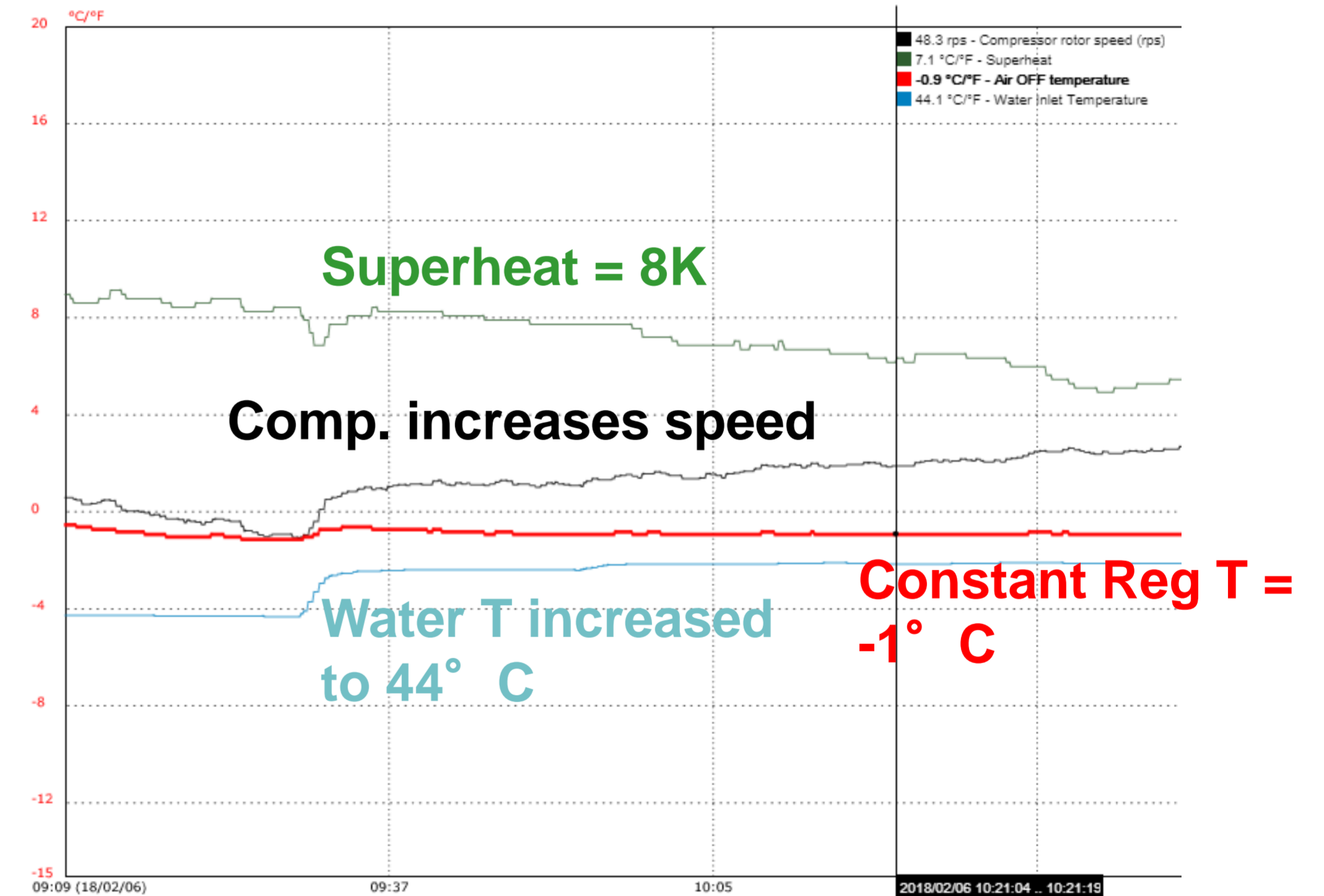


## Transcritical Pull down



With water temperature at 37 ° C the pull down duration is approx. 10 minutes, even working in transcritical conditions.

## Water T increase



The system can keep regulation T at setpoint even when increasing the water temperature from 37 to 44 ° C!

# Conclusions

- **Natural refrigerants DC waterloop system** are becoming a reality in **Australia**.
- High pressures, low efficiency in warm climates, flammability and reduction of refrigerant charge are not an issue **if managed correctly**.
- Clear and harmonized **normative, training, best practices and knowledge sharing** are vital for the success of this new frontier for natural refrigerants.
- Energy efficiency is not the only driver. **TCO: total cost of ownership of refrigeration systems** running for at least 10 years.
- No unique natural choice: **Propane Vs. CO<sub>2</sub>**. Both of them has different pros and cons. Each end user can decide which are the advantages that fit better with its own needs.



High  
Efficiency  
Solutions.



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