

# Modulating Ejectors

next steps for CO<sub>2</sub> transcritical systems in the USA

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## US background



The number of installation in the US has increased by 458% from 2015 to date (2015-52 to 2017- 290)

Factors driving growth:

- Availability of efficient systems
- Several European retailers are entering the USA
- ROI is being proven with the use of modern technologies

**210+** 

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**340+**UNITED STATES

Source: sheccoBase

## CO<sub>2</sub> Continuous Modulation

Top perfomance comes from system control and stability

### **DC technology**

- Wide modulation range to always fit the cooling capacity
- Maximum energy efficiency at part load



### EEV

- Stepper electronic expansion valves
- Continuous and precise control of evaporator feeding
- Equal percentage profile for perfect control in part load operation



### EMJ

- Continuous modulation to match the different rack requirements
- No need for high pressure valve to modulate high pressure flow
- Maximum energy efficiency in ejector mode



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## **EmJ : Modulating Ejectors**

#### Full RANGE of MODULATING EJECTORS

- Vapor ejectors are designed for full mass flow
- Continuous stepper modulation
- Easy adaptation to all working conditions and part loads
- High Pressure Valve & Modulating Ejectors in one
- Available in different sizes to match different compressor rack capacities, even for small formats
- Simplified rack design to reduce capital investment
- Full advanced control system (rack, cabinets, monitoring) for whole system optimization



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## System configuration

Winter mode Standard CO2 transcritical system Mid-Season mode Parallel compressor activation









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## System control



#### Rack

- Ejectors working as high pressure valve in winter and midseason mode
- Reduced number of compressors required thanks to interchangeability of medium temp and parallel compressors
- No need for a liquid receiver
- All compressors running as parallel compressors in summer mode

#### Case

- Semi flooded operation, SH=2K
- Synchronization with rack working mode thanks to Ethernet connectivity



## From real stores to model calculation



Example Spain: 130kW MT, 40kW LT 3 ejectors installed





Mode distribution

From real stores/labs running in Europe 1 year of data was acquired to create a mathematical model for validation





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### **EmJ** activation



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## NAM expectations

### Annual power consumption



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### Lab testing: 2H 2018 Go to market strategy: Q4 2018



# Conclusions

- Efficient CO<sub>2</sub> systems in warm climates are now viable thanks to modulating ejector technology.
- The US market can benefit from the development and tests done in Europe. This equates to a significant reduction in time and investment to test and implement the technology.
- «Americanization» is a key factor to global adoption of new technologies from other continents.
- Modulating Ejector technology allows CO<sub>2</sub> to be a viable solution for large and small format applications by reducing system complexity and improving the energy benefits.





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