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Resilience of Commercial Property to Climate Change



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Refrigeration & Cooling Choices



A CO₂ Perspective



How can one's **choices** – our choices - around **refrigeration** and **cooling** technology in commercial facilities, affect **positive results** for the sustainability of our planet, our business, our local and global communities, and planning for resilience?



Decisions you make now with regards to refrigeration and cooling may not only **improve the facility resilience**, but also contribute to the stemming of global warming and extreme weather.

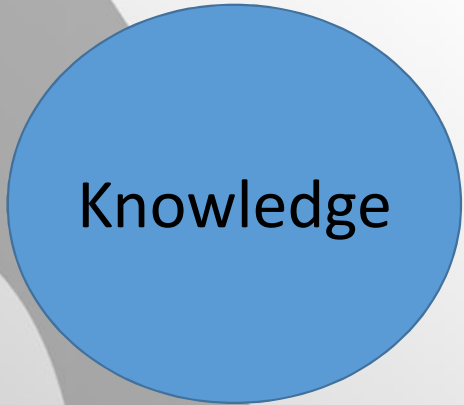


Our goal in this brief overview twofold;

To raise your awareness and create curiosity about those facility refrigeration and cooling decisions that probably get made and how those decisions of today may play a role in sustainability and resilience.



***Elements Required For Making
Informed Decisions Involving
Emerging Technologies***



Knowledge

- Product awareness
- Product effectiveness
- Commercial feasibility



Culture

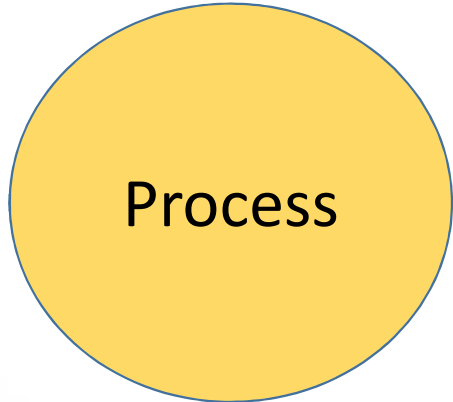
- Innovation?
- Entrepreneurial?
- What vs. Who?

- Supportive
- No credit in Team
- Engaged



Behavior

- Planning/ development
- Engineering
- Procurement



Process



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So..... What About Carbon Dioxide



History of CO₂



- Technology that originally emerged in the mid-19th century
- 1850 : First CO₂ refrigeration patent by Alexander Twining (England)
- 1890 : CO₂ is seen as the only “safe” refrigerant
- Golden age from 1920 to 1930 with system up to 350T, to be phased out in favor of synthetic refrigerants (R-12)

History of CO₂



In the latter part of the 20th century, scientists began to understand the relationship between synthetic refrigerant usage and the impact to the ozone layer and global warming.

With the signing of the Montreal Protocol, the world's developed economies focused on restrictions and a planned course of action towards elimination of the **Ozone Depletion** (ODP) CFC and HCFC synthetics

History of CO₂



- As a result, CO₂ resurfaced in the 1990s
- 1991 : “Transcritical” patent by Gustav Lorentzen (Norway)
- 2009 : First appearance of CO₂ systems in grocery stores in Americas
- 2010 : First CO₂/NH₃ cascade system for distribution centers in Canada (Carnot)
- 2010 : First Ice rink with (in slab) recirculated CO₂ system in North America

History of CO₂



- 2012 : First Ice rink with direct heat recovery CO₂ system in North America (Carnot)
- >2013: Transfer of technology to other refrigeration applications
- 2013 : First Data center to run a CO₂ cooling unit (Carnot AQUILON™ unit)
- Reliable and proven systems
 - Presence in Europe for over 20 years
 - Presence in Canada and United States for ten years

Basics of CO₂



- Toxicity is very low
- Non flammable
- ODP = 0
- GWP = 1 (407c-1600; 410A-1725; 134a-1430)
- High refrigeration volumetric capacity



Basics of CO₂

- High convective heat transfer coefficient
- Low critical points
- Higher operating pressure
- Higher discharge temperatures



Technologies Unique to CO₂

High Grade Heat Recovery



CO₂ refrigeration systems have generally higher working pressures than traditional synthetic, but this is safely engineered at reasonable costs.

A benefit of these higher pressures is that it produces heat.

This heat can then be easily captured to pre-heat your hot water requirements or for other building purposes such as dehumidification.

For example, a typical chiller design which required 100 TR can yield up to 2.2M btu's of heat recovery for hot water supply.



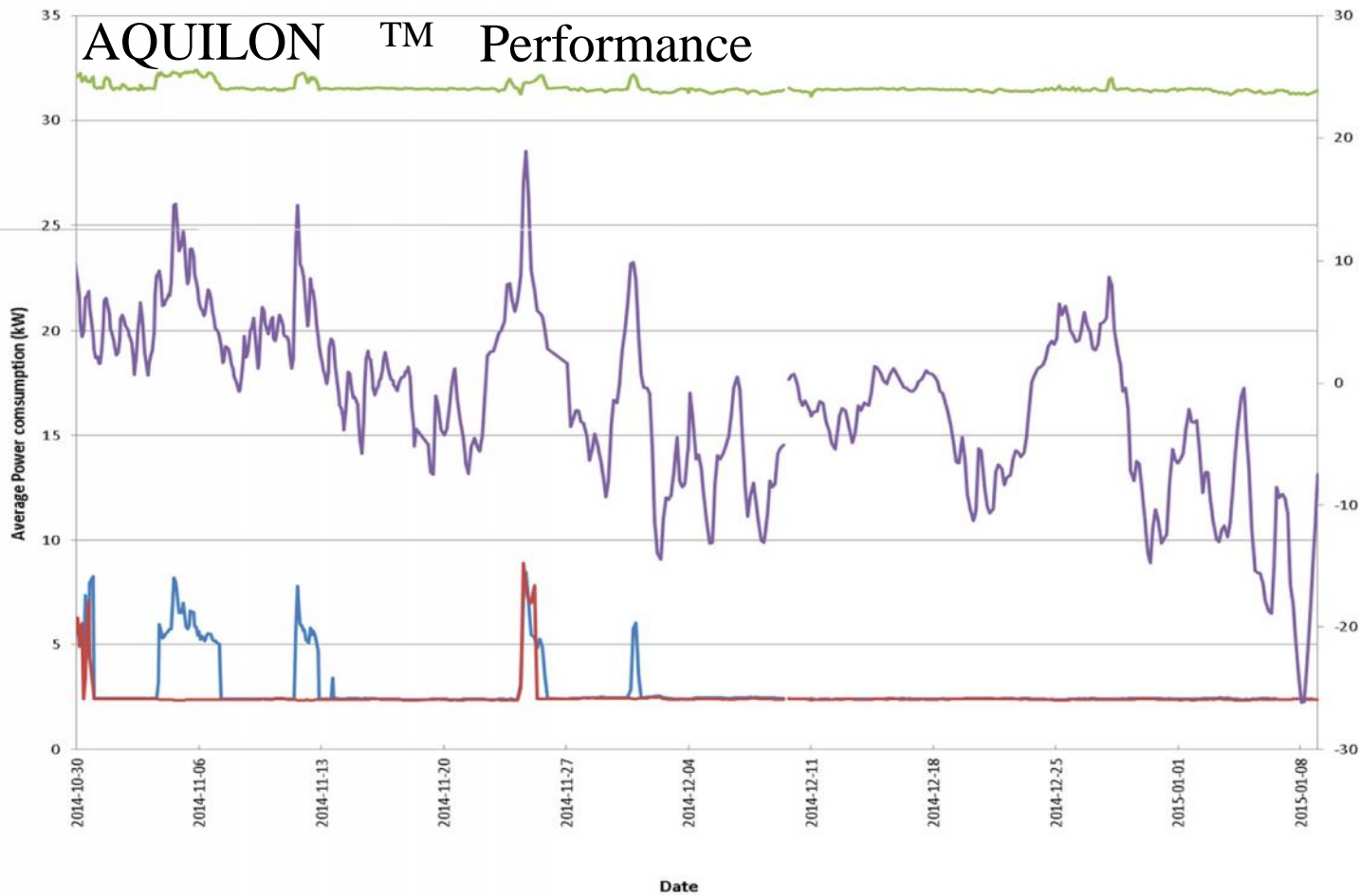
New Patented Technologies

“Free cooling” Mode

- Outstanding free cooling capabilities
- Free cooling enabled to within 4-5 C of refrigeration/cooling set point
- Typical data room can see free cooling enabled as high as 18 C
- Typical distribution centre along 41st parallel can see over 4,000 hours annually of free cooling
- All compressors stopped and no need for pumped refrigeration
- Fewer points of failure and very low power consumption per TR.



Performance of CO₂ AQUILON™ unit



- Power - Right Unit
- Power - Left Unit
- Temperature - Server room
- Temperature - Outside

Number of unit: 2 x 50 kW
 Total operational running time: 1704 hrs
Left unit:
 -Operational Running time in TFC: 1674 hrs
Right unit:
 -Operational Running time in TFC: 1549 hrs
 TFC stop at 12 °C (Max temperature)

Activation of TFC:*
 Left Unit : 7°C
 Right unit : 5°C

* Activation temperature can be optimize while increasing the server room temperature.

Can These CO₂ Properties Assist Resilience?



Heat Reclaim

- Supply of essential services during gas supply disruption
- Heating
- Dehumidification
- Domestic hot water
- Sterilization/ wash down
- Food services
- Any other heating application

Free Cooling

- Possible supply of all air conditioning needs with minimal power requirement
- Fewer points of failure
- No moving parts
- Ability to re direct power to other services

Can These CO₂ Properties Assist Resilience?



H,S & E

- Non corrosive
- Non flammable
- Site and emergency services far less impacted with CO₂ – especially versus ammonia
- Leak of CO₂ to atmosphere has no impact to planet or community
- No need for community evacuation plans

Demonstration of Versatility & Feasibility



"I call my invention 'The Wheel,' but so far I've been unable to attract any venture capital."

Distribution Centers and Supermarkets



NH₃ / CO₂ Hybrid Refrigeration System



Supermarkets & Multi Zone Cooling



» Benefits

- Divides by 3 900 the GHG emissions compared to R22
- Refrigerates food and keeps its freshness for a long period of time which helps reducing product loss
- Recovers the heat generated by the compressors, which becomes a free energy able to warm up the store's potable water and ambient air

» Awards

- Best of the Best, GreenChill Awards, US Protection Environmental Agency
- Certification, EPA GreenChill platine
- "Cleantech Next10" 2012 Award, Corporate Knights



Carnot's solution

	QTY	kBtu /h
Compressors	12	1289

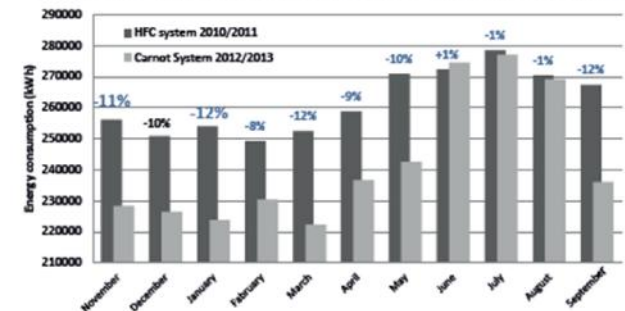
HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEM	
Total heat recovery	1 913 kBtu/h
Two stages sales area	340 kBtu/h
Vestibule and cash register	460 kBtu/h
Receiving Dock	265 kBtu/h
Right and left Warehouses	330 kBtu/h
Domestic water	120 kBtu/h

Carnot's coordination
In order to provide a continuous service to the customers, the start-up of the CO₂ refrigeration system has been spread over 16 phases.

"Excellent service, great staff attitude, professional"

André Perreault
Director

After the start-up of the CO₂ refrigeration system, we noticed a 22% reduction in energy consumption of the refrigeration process. This equals to a reduction of 11% of the energy consumption of the entire building. It should also be noted that we brought improvements to the system in March 2013, and that these improvements have increased the efficiency of the system.



Arenas



Municipal Multi Purpose Case Study

Original HCFC System

- ✗ 18 Compressors, 25hp
- ✗ 9 Air Cooled Condensers
- ✗ 4 Brine Pumps, 38 kW
- ✗ Heat Recovery, 50 kW

Retrofitted Carnot CO2 System

- ✓ 4,700,000 kWh reduction
- ✓ Power Peak reduced by 700 Kw
- ✓ Heat Recovery of 880 kW
- ✓ 81% reduction in heating expense
- ✓ \$257,000 / year energy reduction

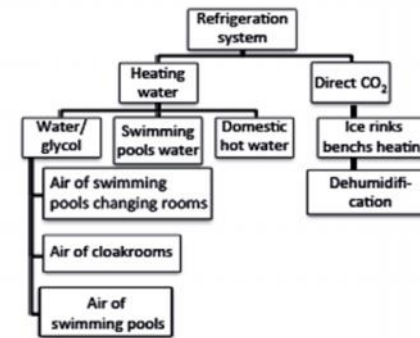


» Benefits

- Customized solution tailored to any client needs
- Reduction of 4,700,000 kWh (33.4%) after 1 year
- Space usage reduction of 60%
- No water tower required (no risk of legionellosis)
- 10% reduction in maintenance costs compared to a traditional system
- Divide by 1 800 the GHG emissions compared to R22

» Awards

- Energia Award 2013, AQME
- Award of Excellence, Innovation and Development, 2013 AQLM
- Recognized as the most efficient and least expensive system, 2013 CanmetENERGY, Natural Resources Canada
- Over 200 visits



Carnot's solution

	QTY	(kW)
Compressors	18	724
Brine pumps	3	11.25
Heating Pump	1	3.75
Heat exchanger	4	274
Heat recovery	8	880
Gas cooler	2	1160
Refrigerant CO2	5456 lb	

Carnot's innovation

- 1st sports center with direct CO2 recovery
- 1st arena using CO2 in the process of dehumidification

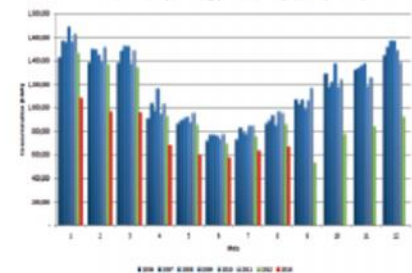
" The City of Dollard-des Ormeaux has shown some leadership by innovating and promoting new technologies such as CO2, in order to make our mechanical equipment more efficient "

Guy Dubé, Division Chief, Building services
City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux

Energy figures

- Reduction of 4,700,000 kWh (33.4%) after 1 year
- Savings for the municipality of 257,000 dollars per year
- 81% reduction in heating expenses compared to a traditional system
- Payback period of 3.9 years (including grants)
- Reduction in power peaks of 700 kilowatts

Monthly energy consumption (kWh)



Cold Storage - Cranberry Facility



- Warehouse

- Products Cranberry
- Volume 544 310 kg (1 200 000 lbs)
- Area 4 180 sq. m (45 000 sq. ft.)
- Height 12 m (40 ft)
- Loading dock 4 doors

- System

- Refrigerant R744 only (CO₂)
- Capacity 644 kW (183 TR)
- Temperature - 18°C (0°F)
- Refrigerant charge 1 500 kg (3 300 lbs)
- Heat recovery Sub-floor
- Defrost Hot gas



CO₂ Transcritical Refrigeration System



- Benefits

- No HFCs
- No NH₃
- Non-toxic refrigerant
- Reduced H&S costs and risks
- No cooling tower : Eliminate water consumption and chemical treatment
- Reduces piping and insulation sizes by 50%
- Full heat recovery for building
- Free cooling mode (thermosyphon)



Data/ Communication/ Critical Cooling



Benoit Sicotte, Senior Manager, Corporate Responsibility, Bell :



“Bell is currently working with Carnot, a Pioneer in the development of CO2 refrigeration technologies on an innovative solution that have not yet been introduced in any data center in Canada and have the potential to reduce significantly Bell’s environmental footprint.”



From concept to exceeding performance criteria.





Process

- Planning/ development
- Engineering
- Procurement

Integration of The Business Solution



ASSESSING CARBON DIOXIDE AS A SOLUTION

ROI Threshold: _____ Years

	Level of Importance To You			
	Not at all	>>>>>>		Very
	1	2	3	4
Lowest Initial Cost				
ROI Threshold				
Technology Peace of mind				
Support and Ongoing Service				
Engineering Issues				
Health & Safety Risk Reduction				
Elimination of HFC's/ HCFC				
Public Perception/Marketing				

CO₂

provides owners with a solution that is

Flexible

Reliable

Cost Effective

Safeand

Environmentally

Responsible!





Thank you