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# Oil-free Turbo Compressor Technology in Symbiosis District Energy Systems

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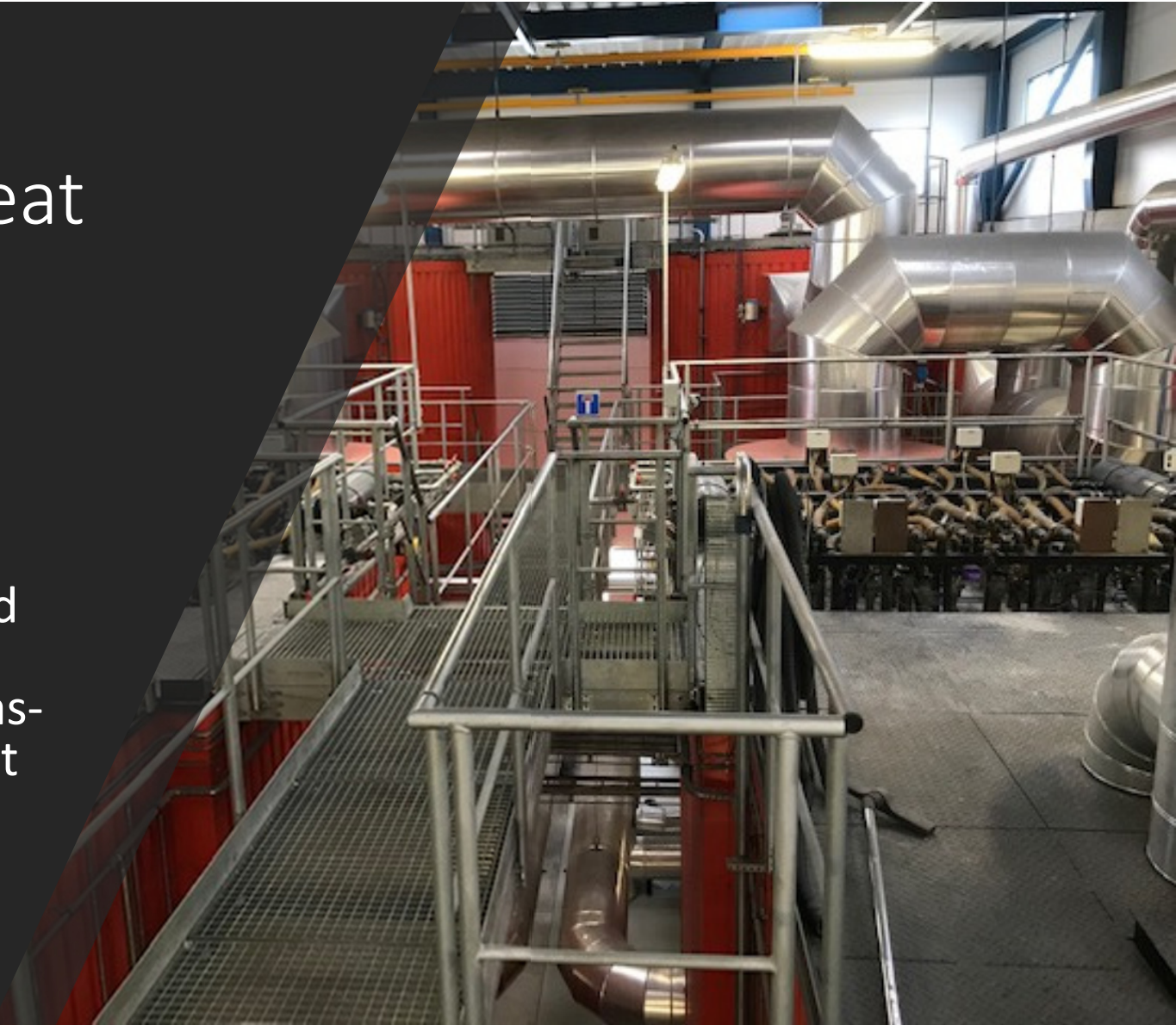
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# Achieving 97% Carbon-Free Heat

- Ringsted, Denmark District Heating Utility commitment to achieve 97% carbon-free heat supply by 2020
- Heat previously provided by two straw-fired biomass boilers and a gas-powered Combined Heat & Power (CHP) plant – 75% carbon-free



# Increase From 75% to 97% Carbon-Free Heat

- Add large capacity air-water heat pump
- Recover all possible heat via cooling –
  - Air-water heat pump drives
  - Flue gas scrubber (remove SO<sub>2</sub>)
  - CHP engine jacket water
  - Equipment room
- Maximize capacity & efficiency - Minimize heat price





# The Solution –

- 3 new Heat Pumps Utilizing Oil-Free Technology
- Increase heat plant...
  - Capacity up to 31%
  - Efficiency up to 21%

Outdoor temperature	-5°C	0°C	12°C
Forward temperatur from HP*	60°C	55° C	60°C
	kW	kW	kW
Heat capacity HP01 (outdoor air)	6,829	7,958	9,500
<b>HP02</b> (35C) surplus heat from boiler scrubber	962	962	962
Scrubber surplus possible from <b>HP02</b> cooling	850	850	850
Heat capacity <b>HP03</b> cooling HP01 drives	310	310	310
Total heat capacity	8,951	10,080	11,622
<b>Capacity increase with oil-free technology</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Power consumption HP01	2,262	2,219	2,317
Power consumption HP02	136	136	136
Power consumption HP03	50	50	50
Power consumption scrubber	22	22	22
Total power consumption	2,448	2,405	2,503
COP HP 01	3.0	3.6	4.1
COP HP 02	7.1	7.1	7.1
COP scrubber	38.6	38.6	38.6
COP HP03	6.2	6.2	6.2
Total heat pump system COP	3.7	4.2	4.6
<b>COP increase with oil-free technology</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>13%</b>

# Why Oil-Free Technology Was the Best Solution

- Efficiency – Optimized to application & maintained
- Operating temperature flexibility (efficiency-related)
- Footprint – Limited space available
- Install/startup/commission – 1 week vs 2 months
- Maintenance/cost – Downtime & heat price
- Refrigerant – A2L, low-charge & pre-packaged
- Sound levels
- OEM partner (Geoclima) installation, startup & service support

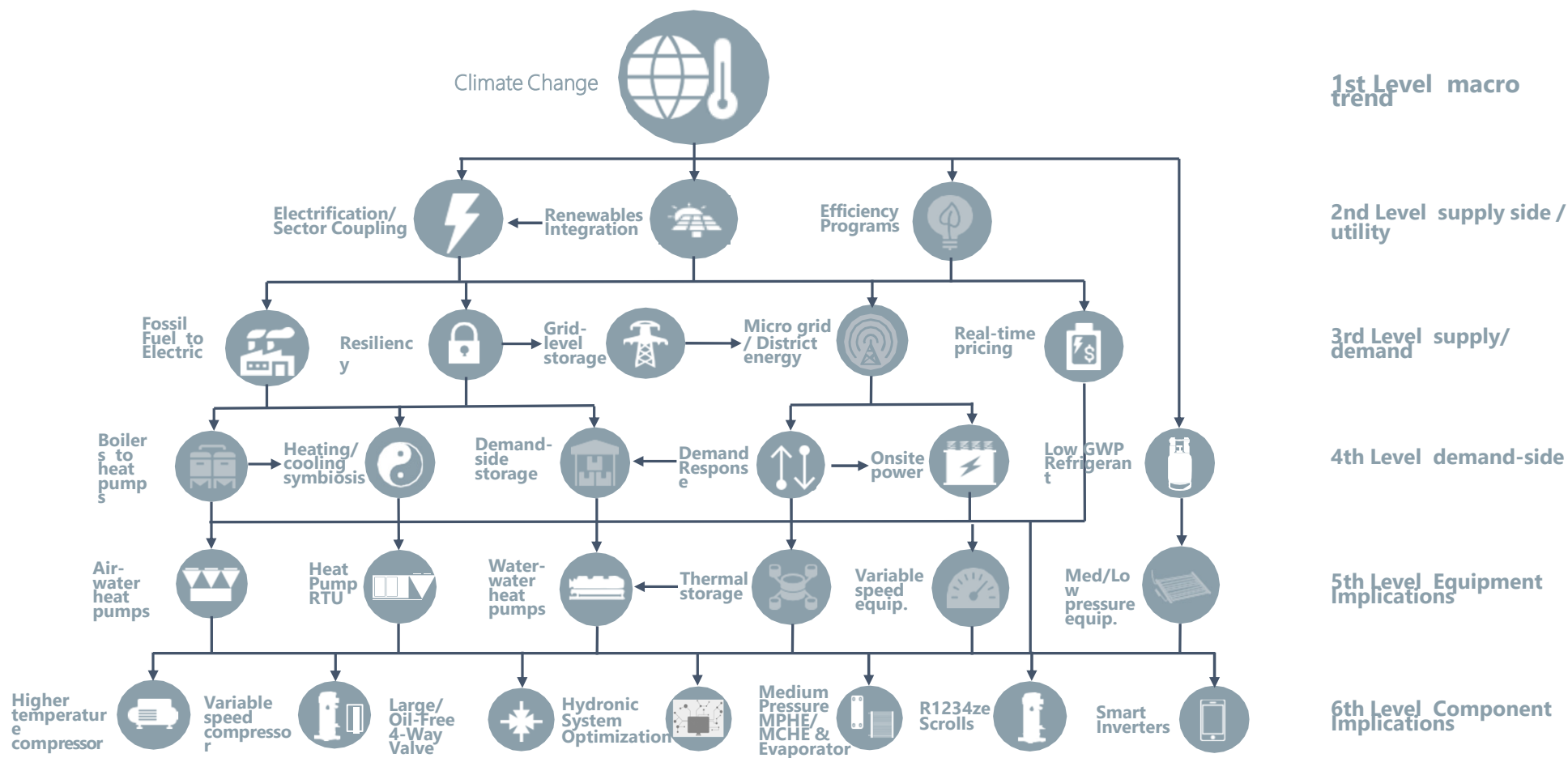




# Lessons Learned

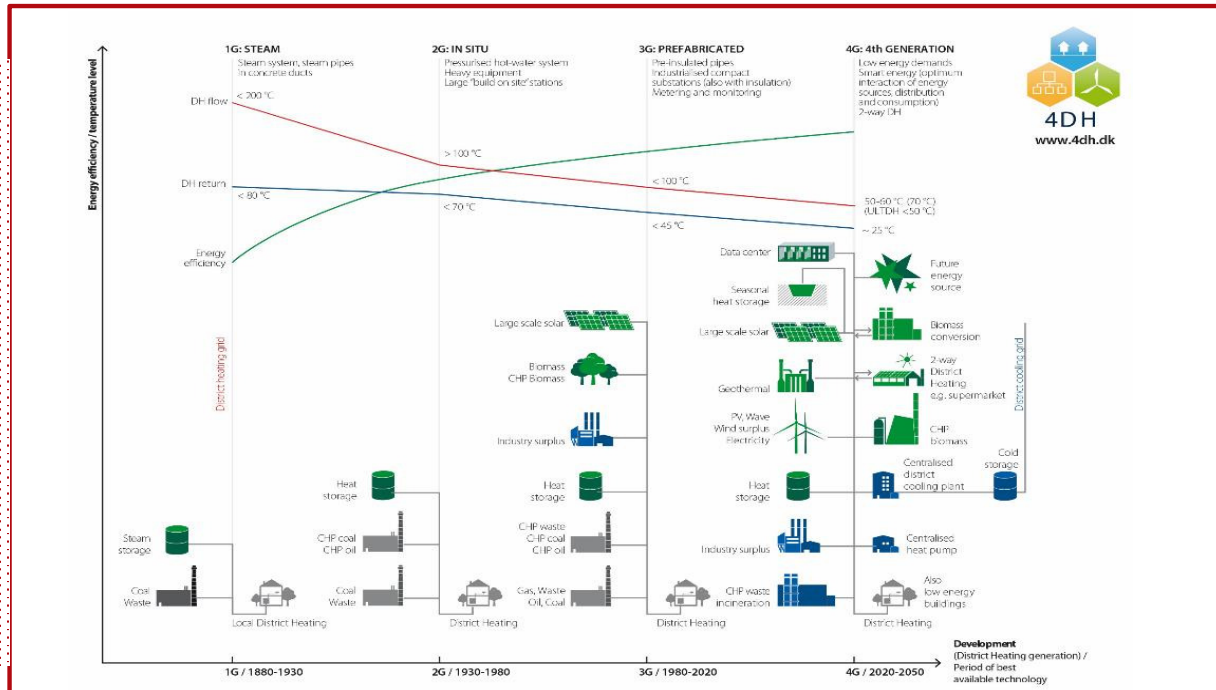
- Oil-free technology value proposition optimized for symbiosis (combined heating/cooling) applications
- Symbiosis opportunities exist in centralized and not just decentralized applications
- ‘Full monte’ is not critical – Optimized system add-ons are sometimes better
- DHUs take holistic view to solutions which minimize risk & long-term heat price
- More information on Ringsted –
  - [dh.dk/event/webinar-about-super-efficient-heat-pumps-in-ringsted/](https://dh.dk/event/webinar-about-super-efficient-heat-pumps-in-ringsted/)
  - <http://www.e-pages.dk/dbdh/79/>

# Setting the Stage





# District Heating networks develop constantly



DH has long history and a strong tradition

- Efficiency increase while temperature drops
- The lower the temperature the more sources to connect
- Challenge the need for high temperature

Table 9: Marginal costs for changing the heat demand in individual heating

Fuel type	Heat efficiency	Fuel price for indiv. heating incl. handling costs [€/kWh]	Resulting heat price [€/kWh]
Oil	0.80	0.071	0.089
Natural Gas	0.85	0.044	0.052
Biomass	0.69	0.037	0.054
Electricity (boiler)	1.00	0.077	0.077
Electricity (heat pump)	3.10	0.077	0.025

## Oil-free heat-pumps

Centralized  $\sim 20 - 40$  MW  
Heat recovery water temp  $\sim 0 - 10^{\circ}\text{C}$

De-centralized  $\sim 2 - 10$  MW  
Heat recovery water temp  $\sim 10 - 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

Centralized Heat  
Generation Plant

Industrial Process  
Heat Recovery

Hospital Heat  
Recovery

Food Retail Heat  
Recovery

Data Center Heat  
Recovery

DISTRICT HEATING GRID

The higher the recovered temperature,  
the more efficient the Heat Pump



# The Evolution of Danfoss Turbocor® Compressors

The idea of using oil free magnetic bearing technology began with the 1st prototype built in 1995. Since then, over 80,000 Danfoss Turbocor® Compressors have been built, confirming the commercial success of oil free compressor technology.



1st oil free magnetic bearing compressor built



Full range of oil free, magnetic bearing centrifugal compressors up to 200 tons offered



VTT compressor up to 400 tons



TGS490 compressor, world's 1st oil free magnetic bearing compressor using low GWP, non-flammable R515B

1995

2001

2010

2013

2014

2019

2020

1st installation of oil free, magnetic bearing TT centrifugal compressor



TG compressor launched – 1st centrifugal compressor using ultra low GWP HFO1234ze



TTH / TGH compressor, world's 1st oil free magnetic bearing compressor optimized for higher lift applications



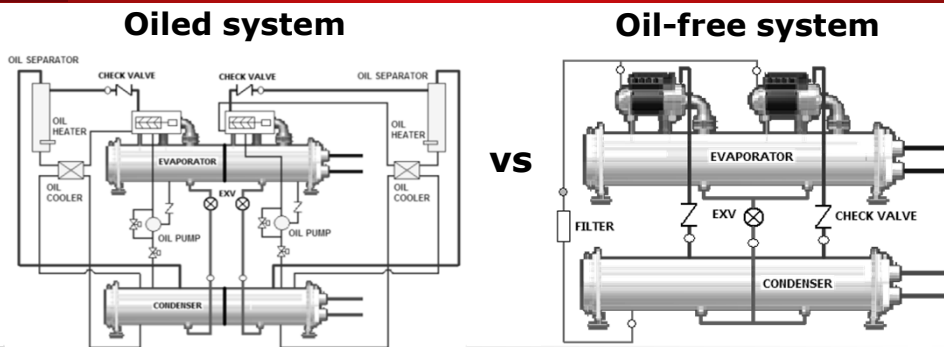
VTX compressor up to 450 tons for high efficiency, large capacity oil free chillers



# The benefits of Oil-Free Compressor Technology vs Oiled Compressors



## Reduced Complexity



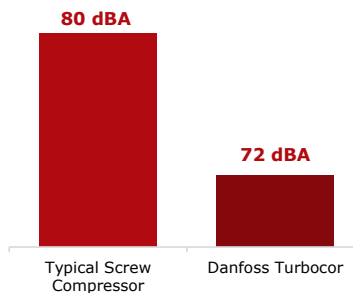
## High Efficiency vs Screws

Up to 40% improvement in part load efficiency (IPLV) vs traditional fixed speed screws



## Quiet Operation vs Screws

- Up to 8 dBA quieter vs typical screw compressor
- No expensive sound attenuation required
- No pure tone noise effect in 1/3 octave bands



## Less Maintenance

Required Maintenance	Frequency
Check Oil Pressure	Daily
Check Oil Level	Daily
Oil Filter Change	Twice/year
Conduct Oil Analysis and Submit to OEM	Quarterly
Inspect and Confirm Oil Pump Operation	Every Week
Inspect Oil Sump Heaters	Every Week
Oil Change	Annual
Inspect Oil Sump Strainers	Every 5 years
Acidity Test on Oil	Annual

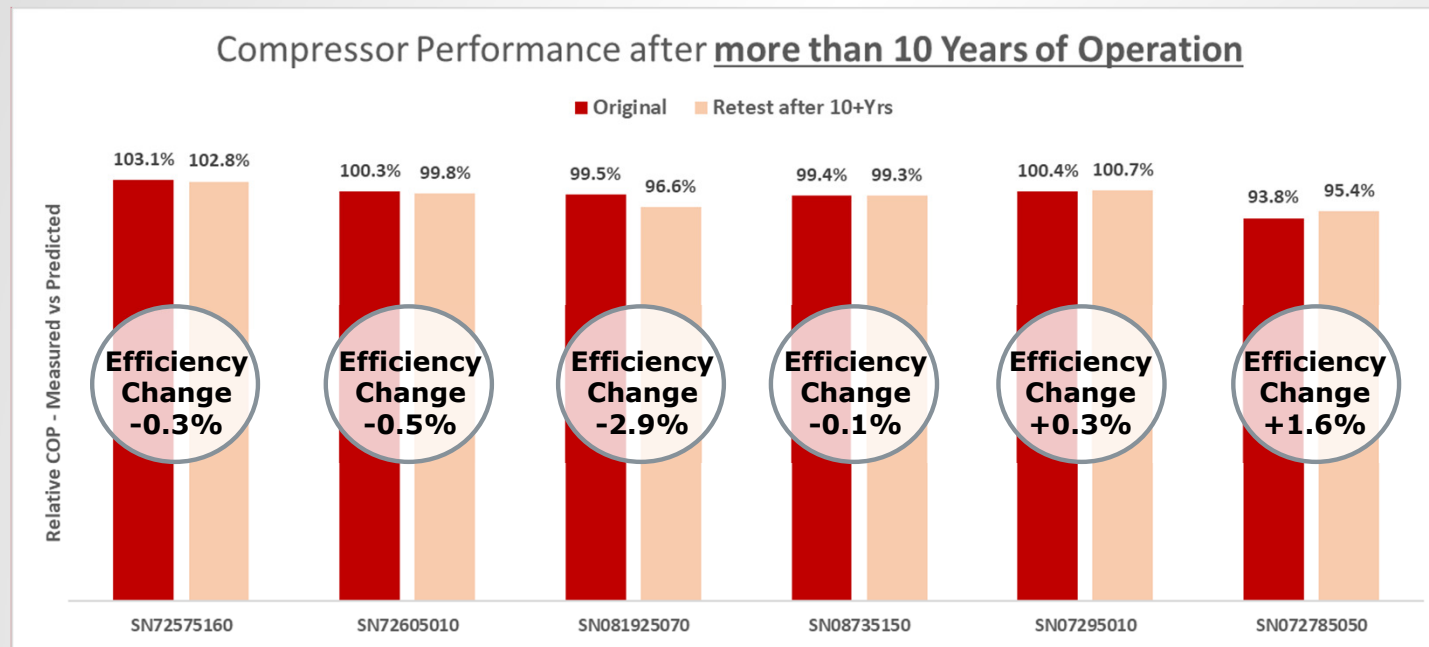


## Danfoss Turbocor® Advantages

# Consistent Performance over the Lifetime



- No Variation Above Any Measurement Uncertainty!!!
- Turbocor® Magnetic Bearing Compressors Means No Wear In & No Wear Out



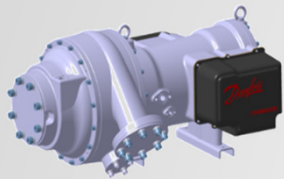
Measurement error +/-3%

## Danfoss Oil-Free Compressor Technology

# Dynamic Compression 'Lift' Defined



- Lift – Temperature difference between Saturated Suction (SST) and Saturated Discharge (SDT)
- Three main groups with application overlap



### Standard

#### Applications:

- Water-cooled chillers
- Evap-cooled chillers

#### Compressors:

- TTS400, TTS700
- TGS390, TGS520
- VTT1200
- VTX1600

Up to 50°C

~32 K design  
(~57F)

~42 K max  
(~76F)

Down to ~4°C



### Medium

#### Applications:

- Air-cooled chillers
- Water-cooled chillers
- Evap-cooled chillers
- W-W heat pumps
- High-temp process

#### Compressors:

- TTS300, TTS350
- TGS230, TGS310, TGS490

Up to 63°C

~42 K design  
(~76F)

~57 K max  
(~103F)

Down to -10°C



### High

#### Applications:

- Air-cooled chillers
- W-W heat pumps
- A-W heat pumps
- Med-temp process
- Thermal storage

#### Compressors:

- TTH375
- TGH285

Up to 69°C

~55 K design  
(~99F)

~65 K max  
(~117F)

Down to -18°C

# Oil-Free Technology

## Environmental Benefits

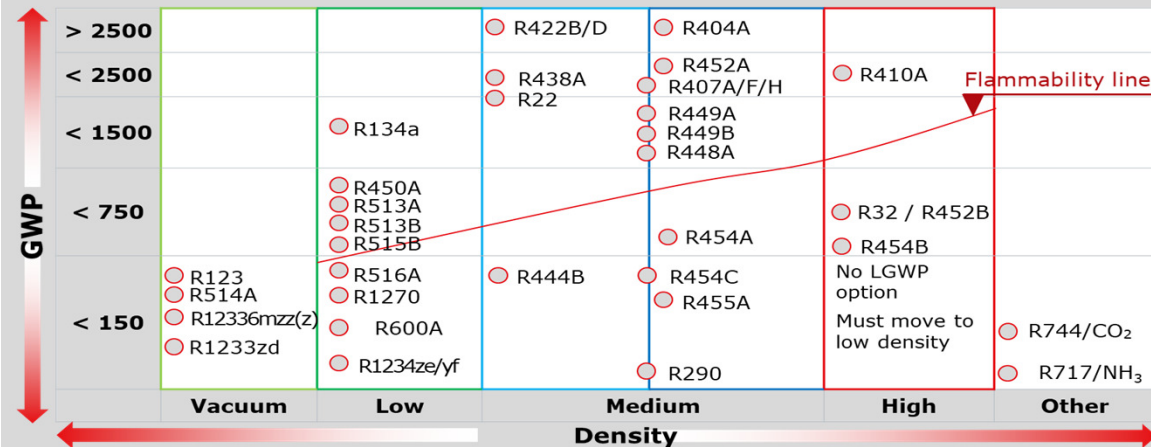
### Low and ultra-low GWP

- R513A
- R515B and R1234ze
- Result in reduction of direct CO2 emissions

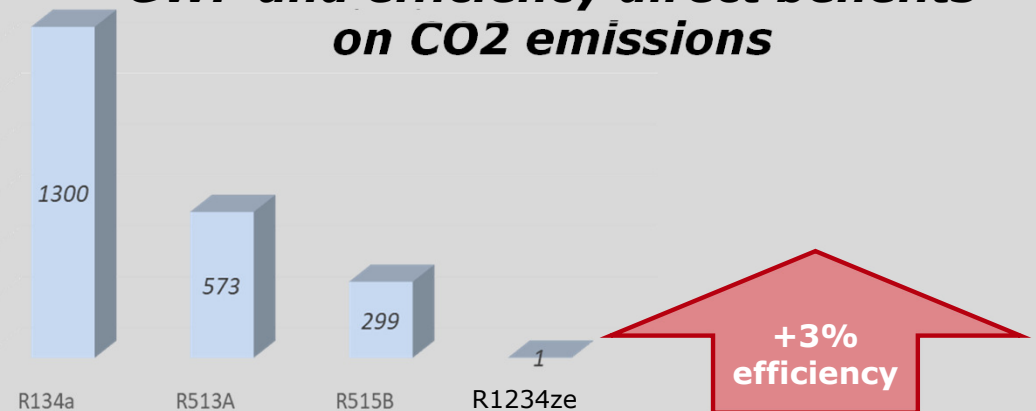
### A1 and A2L safety classifications



### Refrigerants and GWP levels



### GWP and efficiency direct benefits on CO2 emissions





# Oil-Free Compressor Technology

## Optimized Performance for Various Applications and Requirements



Two different compressor designs required for Ringsted performance



Different temperature capabilities & optimization (closer to center = more efficient)



Portfolio flexibility is critical



Alternative (5<sup>th</sup> Generation of District Heating) system concept, utilizing low-lift & high-lift combination



Medium-lift compressor design



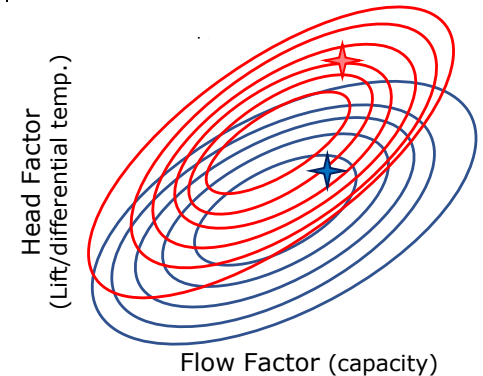
Example WWHP Medium Lift design point



Optimized for heat pump application



Example WWHP High Lift design point



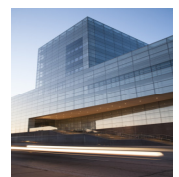
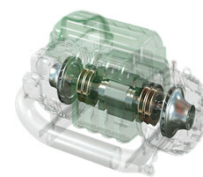
Low stage

High stage



Wastewater

Ambient Loop



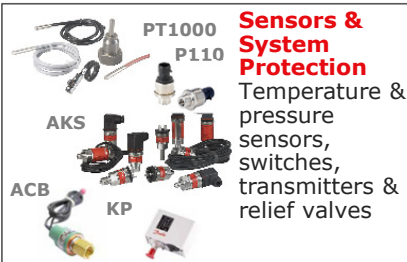
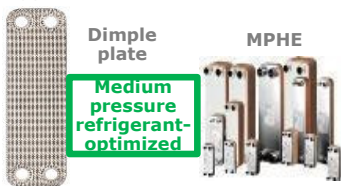
Low - Lift

High - Lift

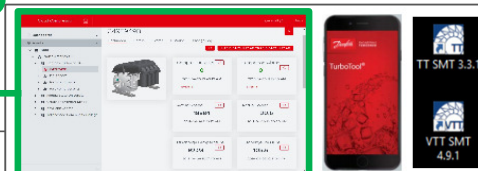
# Critical Refrigeration Components – Designed for Oil-Free Operation



**Microplate heat exchanger (MPHE)**, for modular and/or economizer. Medium pressure refrigerant-optimized and low approach

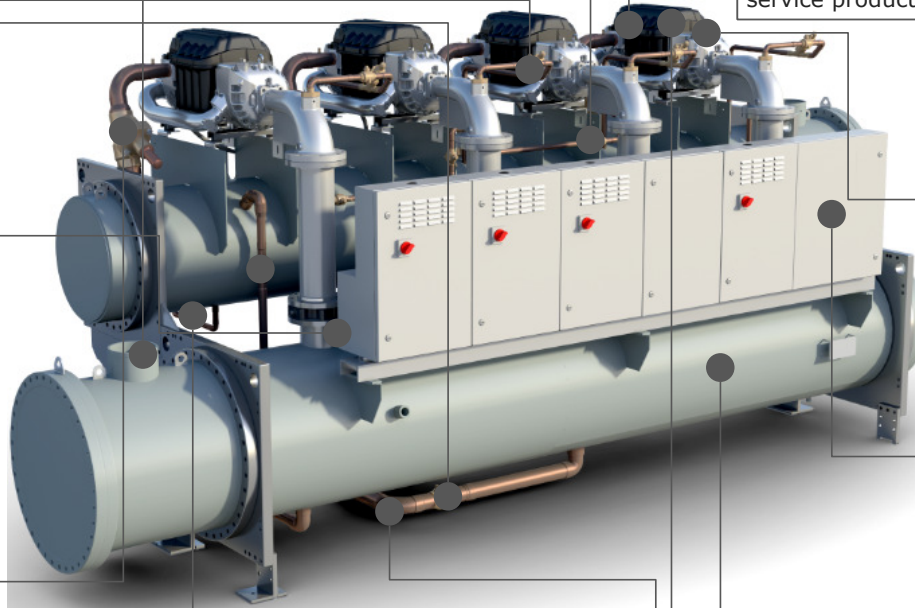


**Danfoss Cloud Services**

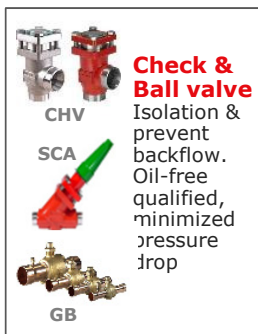


**What we have today**

**What's coming soon**



**High efficiency Turbocor® oil-free** centrifugal compressors: standard and high lift, optimized for HFC & HFO



**Filter Drier / Sight Glass**




**Level Sensors**  
Accurate liquid level measure. Oil-free qualified  
**AKS 4100**



# Critical Hydronic Components – Real-Time Optimization

**Precise control of cooling network**  
Precise control of chilled water with PICV enabling perfect control and efficient operation  
AFQM, AFQMP



**Cooling tower control**  
Precise control of cooling water from cooling towers  
VF3/ VFY




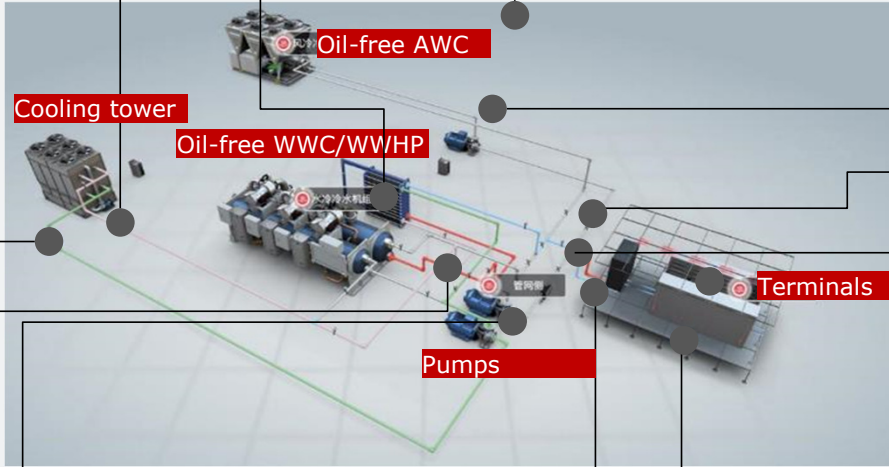
**Active pressure optimization of colling network**  
Precise control of cooling water from cooling towers  
iNet, iSet




**Rotary mixing valves and actuators**  
Maintaining a chosen minimum temperature through a mixing loop



**Hydronic Heat Exchangers**  
Heavy duty, efficient heat transfer for energy reuse





**ECL comfort temperature control**  
Weather compensation & heat/cold transfer control on a heating/cooling substation.  
ECL 210/310/296



**Accessories**

- Temp. sensors (PT1000)
- Room units



**Optimization tools for DC networks**  
Leanheat Production    Leanheat Network + Virtus iNET



**Supply temperature optimization in DHC networks**

**DP optimization in networks / lower pumping costs and dT improvement**

**Δp relief control**  
Placed in a bypass of pumps to achieve protection through limiting of max differential pressure  
AVPA/AFPA



**VVF & FVR**

**Strainers**  
(cast iron & brass)  
DN15-300; t: -10°C +300°C

**BRV**

**Ball valves**  
(Brass)  
DN15-300; t: -20°C +120°C

**VFY**

**Butterfly valves**  
(with Manual gearbox and Electric actuator)  
DN25-600; t: -10°C +120°C

**NVD**


**Non-return valves**  
(brass, cast iron or SS)  
DN15-600; t: -10°C +100°C

**Air-vents**  
(Brass)  
DN10-15; t: 0°C +110°C

All products are high-runners in HVAC applications


**Water flow control**  
**Motorised valves or PICV with electical actuators**

For precise flow control of water flows in cooling systems



AMV/E 65x, 55, 855, 20/23, ...

**Safety temperature monitor**  
Controller closes on rising temperature and has a spring that ensure the valve closes if the thermostatic sensor malfunctions



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# Q&A



# Thank You!

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