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IMPLEMENTING HONEYWELLS R454 A CORSICAN SUPERVARKET: A CASE STUDY IN LOW GVP REFRIGERANTS & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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In 2008, he joined Air Liquide Group as R&D project manager, overseeing innovations in cryogenic equipment dedicated to food and cold chain applications.

From 2013 to 2019, Mohammed was Head of the Life Sciences R&D group, leading a team of 20 researchers working on cold chain applications, energy storage, biochemical processes using gases supplied by Air Liquide. He was recognized as an Air Liquide Group International Expert in 2015, and in 2018 was awarded the Group's Innovation Prize.

From 2020 to August 2023, Mohammed was Director of Expertise and Innovation at Cemafroid, the World Expert in the Cold Chain. During his time at Cemafroid, he developed numerous collaborations with manufacturers, institutions and OEMs in commercial refrigeration, industrial refrigeration and mobile refrigeration applications, heat pumps and air conditioning.

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FOOD RETAIL STORES | RETROFIT / REMODELLING

	Food Service & Small Indep. Stores		Convenience Stores (<600 sqm.)	Small & Med Size Stores (600-2000 sqm.)	Large Stores (>2000 sqm.)	
Solstice [®] Refrigerant Solutions						
Solstice (R-515b)	GWP = 288	-	s, Integral Systems dium)	Semi-Centralized Systems (Medium)	Chillers, DX Racks (Medium)	A1
Solstice L40X (R-455A)	GWP = 146	-	s, Integral Systems - Low Temp)	Semi-Centralized Systems* (Medium + Low Temp)	Chillers, DX Racks* (Medium + Low Temp)	A2L
				*Possible but complex		

*Circuit size dependent

FOOD RETAIL STORES | NEW SYSTEMS

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Baseline

- Hypermarket of 4200 m²
- 20 years old central units with R-404A
- Display cabinets with open doors

Remodeling project goals

- 1. Completely refurbishing the store and meeting the new customer expectations: ++ local products, ++ fresh products, ++ fruits & vegetables
- 2. Optimized CAPEX
- **3. Minimum energy consumption:** HRVAC is responsible of up to 80% energy consumption (50% refrigeration + 20-30% AC)
- 4. **Operation excellence:** financial loss of a claim related to refrigeration installations malfunction for one day is the equivalent of the yearly operating margin
- 5. Compliance with UE regulation: F-gas, PED-Pressure Equipment Directive

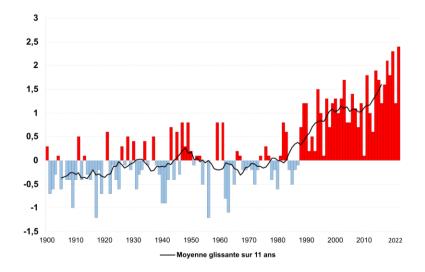


CO2 based solution: quickly rejected!

- For several reasons linked to Corsica specifications
 - High temperature in summer
 - Difficulty in responding quickly to an emergency (technician availability and access)
 - Poor quality of the electrical network especially in summer corresponding to high energy demand for the supermarket
- But also, because the CO2 based solution presents:
 - High CAPEX
 - High TCO
 - Risks for the maintenance

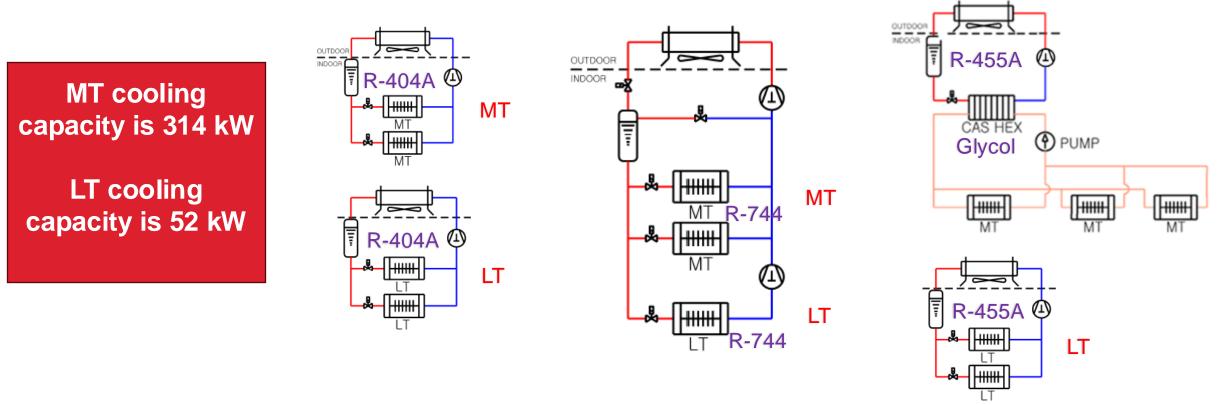
R-455A based solution appeared obvious as it meets all customer's requirements





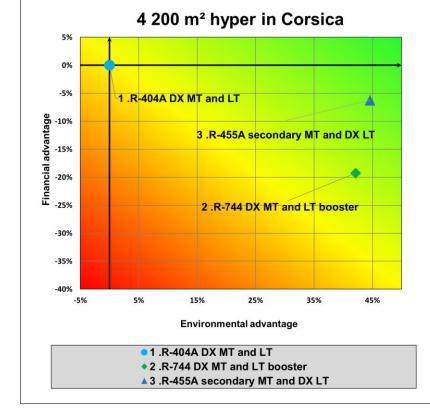
Eco-Efficiency study

- Three solutions have been compared (including CAPEX, direct and indirect CO2 emissions, electricity consumption, service cost for 10 years of operation):
 - Baseline: high-GWP refrigerant R-404A working in direct expansion mode for MT and LT
 - R-744 working in direct expansion mode for MT and booster LT
 - Low GWP refrigerant R-455A working in indirect cooling system for MT and direct expansion mode for LT



Eco-Efficiency results

ARCHITECTURE	CAPEX	CAPEX vs. BASELINE	OPEX ELECTR.	OPEX ELECTR. vs. BASELINE	OPEX SERVICE	OPEX TOPPING OFF	Σ ΟΡΕΧ	CAPEX + OPEX	CO2 EMISSIONS ELECTR.	CO2 EMISSIONS LEAKS	Σ CO2 EMISSIONS
[-]	[€]	[%]	[€]	[%]	[€]	[€]	[€]	[€]	[t CO2]	[t CO2]	[t CO2]
1 .R-404A DX MT and LT	240,000	100.0%	1,044,236	100.0%	28,704	93,345	1,166,285	1,406,285	5,952	5,952.15	11,904
2 .R-744 DX MT and LT booster	390,000	162.5%	1,208,285	115.7%	47,834	31,238	1,287,357	1,677,357	6,887	1.56	6,889
3 .R-455A secondary MT and DX LT	300,000	125.0%	1,152,879	110.4%	29,784	11,470	1,194,132	1,494,132	6,571	24	6,595



R-455A based solution vs. CO2 provide:

✓ 30% CAPEX saving
✓ 10% TCO reduction
✓ 4% Total CO2 emission reduction

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Implementation

- 2 MT Chiller (300 kW) with an R-455A chiller producing cooled water (-8°C/-4°C)
 - A glycol water-loop with Friogel Neo to distribute medium temp. refrigerated displays
 - Another water-loop for cold rooms and preparation rooms
- 1 LT (60kW) DX unit working with R-455A from -30°C to + 42°C
- 2000L water tank + 2 pumps by circuit
- Overall charge of refrigerant: 2x108kg (MT) + 215kg (LT) → 431kg



Implementation

- MT display cabinets (Exkal): 160kW 210m
- LT display cabinets (Carrier): 28kW 48m
- 35 MT cold rooms: 134kW
- 3 LT cold rooms: 24kW
- 1 condenser 5 fans 700 rpm dt= 8 °C with LCE battery treatment for MT
- 1 condenser 3 fans 700 rpm dt= 8 °C with LCE battery treatment for LT



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THANK YOU

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