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### Non-Technological Barriers



hinder diffusion of already existing energy efficient and naturalrefrigerant based solutions

- Awareness barrier
- Knowledge barrier; Systems complexity increases, Interdisciplinary → training knowledge is required
- Social barrier; i.e. Some planners may not want to move from a technology they are very experienced in → training
- Organisational barrier
- Legislative barrier; i.e. No strong legislative incentive towards energy efficient supermarkets / systems as a whole and neither against inefficient ones

### Three important 'drivers' in the late 19th century

Factors pushing the development of mechanical refrigeration technology from 1850 →

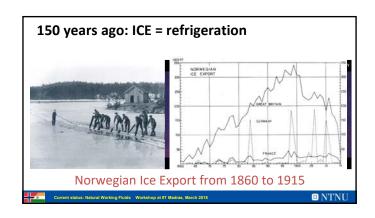
■"Artificial" ice production

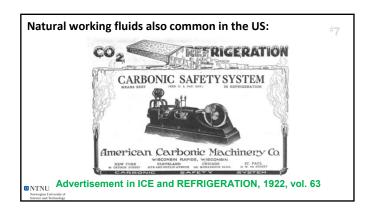
■Transport of meat

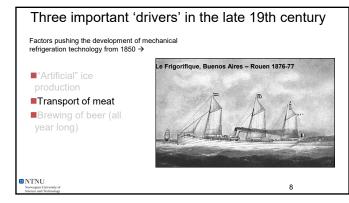
■Brewing of beer (all

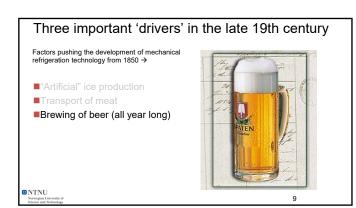
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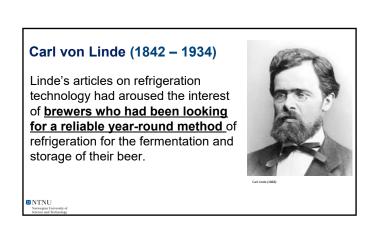




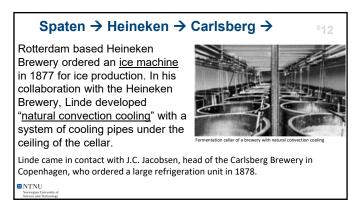


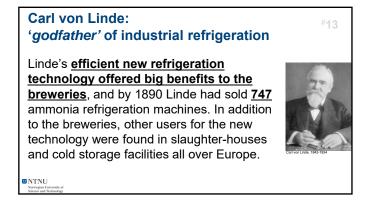


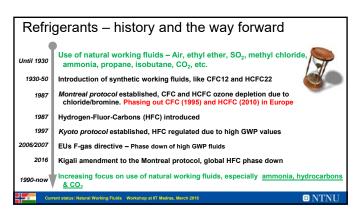


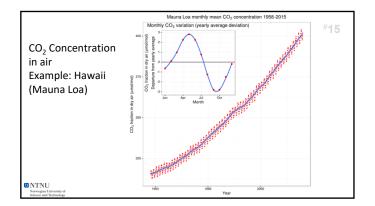




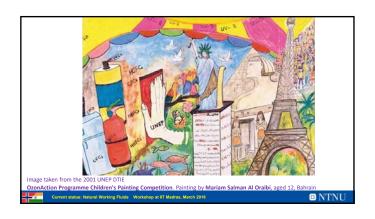


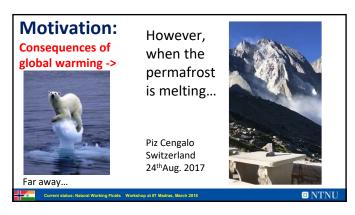


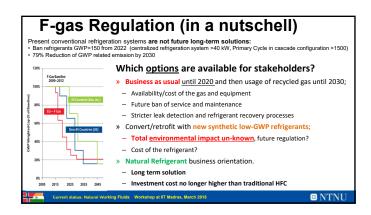


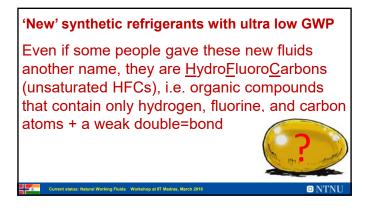


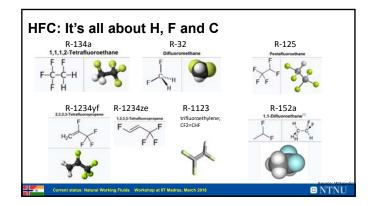


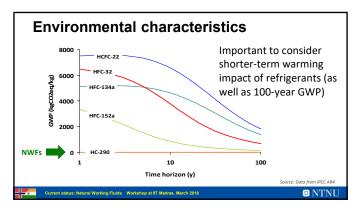












'New' synthetic refrigerants with ultra low GWP due to short lifetime

How do we measure environmental impact?

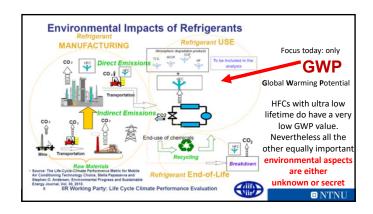
- Which are the main parameters for the GWP-value?

• The ability of the fluid to absorb infrared radiation

• The lifetime in the atmosphere

- What includes the LCCP value?

• CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 'cradle to grave'...



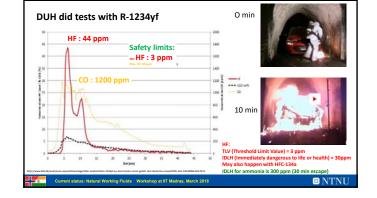
### 'New' synthetic refrigerants with ultra low GWP

### Safety / HSE / Responsibility

- inflammable, liable to catch fire, combustible
- end user
- service people
- · rescue personal

Take a look into the date sheets!





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http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0009261407015813
Chemical Physics Letters 450 (2008) 263–267

...The atmospheric lifetime of (R1234yf) CF3CF CH2 is dictated by its reaction with OH radicals and is approximately 11 days. We show here that CF3C(O)F is hydrolysis which occurs on a time scale of approximately 10 days to give CF3C(O)OH (TFA)...

What happens to people inside maskin rooms, workshops, service cars, etc.?

CF3C(O)F + H₂O → CF3C(O)OH + HF

The acidity of Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) is approximately 34,000 times stronger than that of acetic acid. TFA is harmful when inhaled, causes severe skin burns and is toxic for water organisms even at low concentrations.

Upon contact with moisture, including tissue, hydrogen fluoride (HF) immediately converts to hydrofluoric acid, which is highly corrosive and toxic, and requires immediate medical attention upon exposure. Breathing in hydrogen fluoride at high levels or in combination with skin contact can cause death from an irregular heartbeat or from fluid buildup in the lungs.

### U.S. Department of Health & Human Services https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/hydrofluoricacid/basics/pdf/facts.pdf Hydrogen fluoride goes easily and quickly through the skin and into the tissues in the body. There it damages the cells and causes them to not work properly. The seriousness of poisoning caused by hydrogen fluoride depends on the amount, route, and length of time of exposure, as well as the age and preexisting medical condition of the person exposed. Breathing hydrogen fluoride can damage lung tissue and cause swelling and fluid accumulation in the lungs (pulmonary edema). Skin contact with hydrogen fluoride may cause severe burns that develop after several hours and form skin ulcers.

http://www.solvay.com/en/binaries/trifluoroacetic\_acid\_GPS\_rev0\_Dec12-139538.pdf

General Statement

'Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) is a strong carboxylic acid, widely used in organic chemistry.

TFA is an important building block in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and performance products.

TFA is a liquid substance, colouriess to pale yellow and with a pungent odour.

TFA is a strong acid, it may cause irreversible skin burns and eye damage and vapours may cause an irritation of the upper respiratory tract.

TFA is harmful to aquatic environment with long lasting effects;

any release to the environment must be avoided.

The pure substance is only used in industry or for professional purpose; it must be handled under stringent safety conditions at the workplaces, in accordance with the risk management measures to control the risk of exposure and preserve human health and environment. Consumer exposure to TFA is not expected.

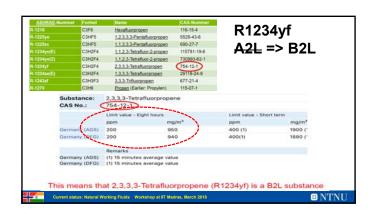
### 'New' synthetic refrigerants with ultra low GWP

- What happens if the fluid leaks:
  - Into the machine room?
  - Into the workshop?
  - Inside the service van?
  - During service/assembly of systems?

Who has the responsibility for health damages of people?

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### What about R-1234ze

### According to the manufacturer:

- A unique characteristic of this refrigerant is the absence of flammable mixture with air <u>under 30°C of ambience</u>.
- Atmospheric Decomposition of R-1234ze breaks down into the same by-products of other commonly used fluorinated compounds at levels much lower than naturally present. F atoms degrade into HF which is then rained out and mineralised with no additional effect on Ozone or on Climate\*.<sup>1</sup>

Are we sure? =>

What about the effect on human beings in dense populations?

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chnical Data Sheet, Honeywell

### CF<sub>3</sub>CH=CHF → HC(O)F and CF<sub>3</sub>CHO

• Formyl fluoride: CHFO

- HC(O)F  $\rightarrow$  HF + CO



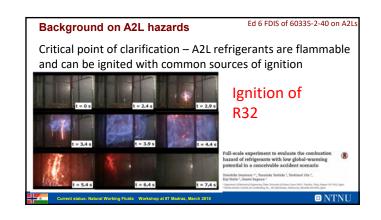
- 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O
  - Safety: Trifluoroethanol is classified as <u>toxic to</u> <u>blood</u>, the reproductive system, bladder, brain, upper respiratory tract and eyes. Research has shown it to be a <u>testicular toxicant</u> in rats and dogs (<u>only?</u>).

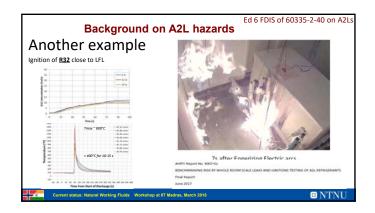


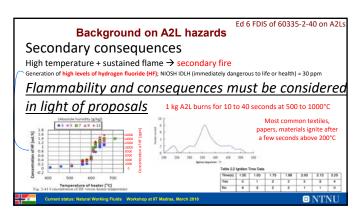
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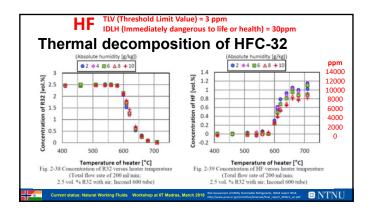
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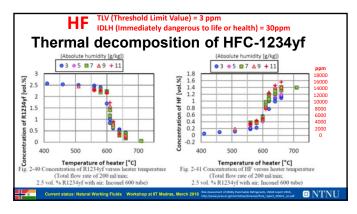
## Background on A2L hazards Critical point of clarification – A2L refrigerants are flammable and can be ignited with common sources of ignition Ignition of R1234ze Full-scale experiment to evaluate the combustion hazard of refigerants with low global-warming potential in a conceivable accident scenario potential potential in a conceivable accident scenario potential potent

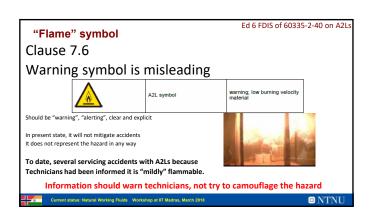


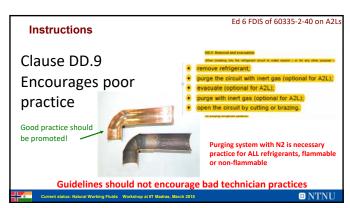


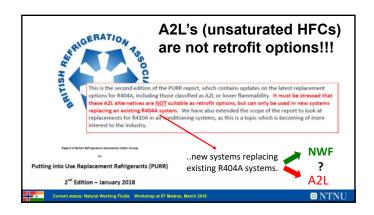


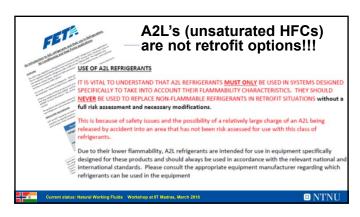


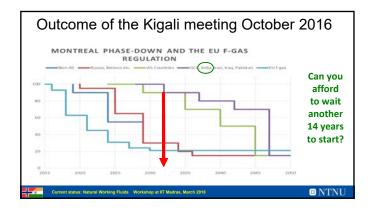


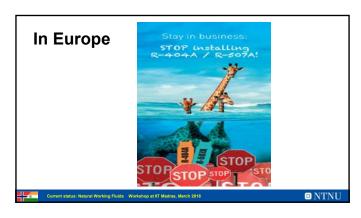










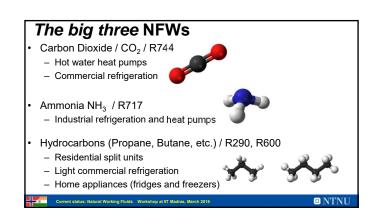


Clever strategy after Paris COP, Kigali & Marrakech Meetings:

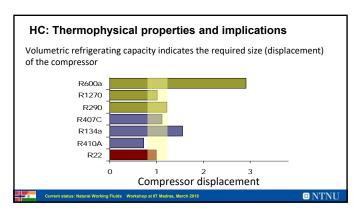
Companies focusing on

Natural Working Fluids

will face no risk to invest into technologies being on the phase out agenda in the future 
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Safe & sustainable investment



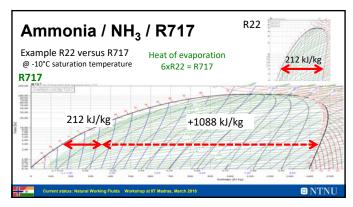


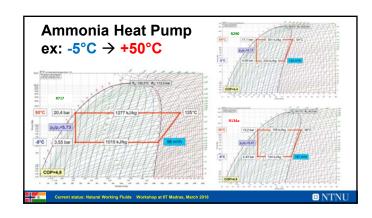


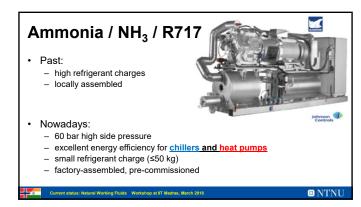
Charge size limits for HC			
Location of system parts	Category A (public spaces)	Category B (private spaces)	Category C (authorised)
	AC&R	AC&R	AC&R
Not in machinery room	1 – 1.5 kg	1 – 2.5 kg	10 kg
HP in machinery room/ outside	1 – 1.5 kg	1 – 2.5 kg	25 kg
All in machinery room/ outside	5 kg	10 kg	No limit
All in special enclosure	5 kg	5 kg	No limit
Subject to practical limit, between 3 – 8 g/m³ depending upon equipment			
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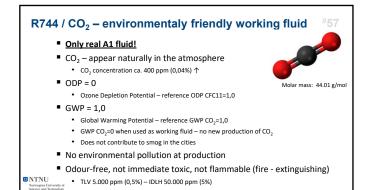




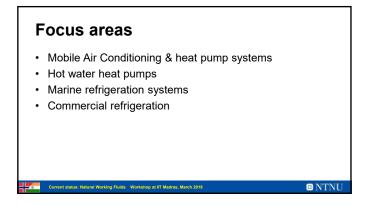


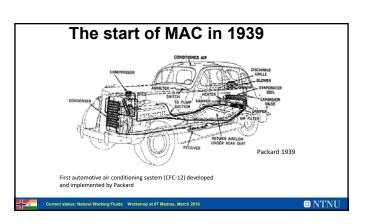


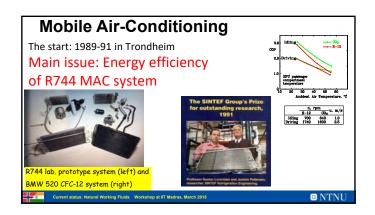


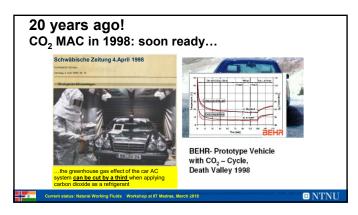


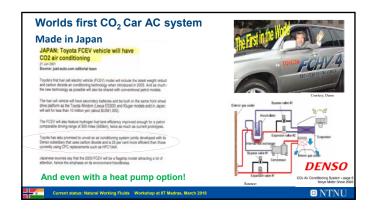
### Let's focus on integrated CO<sub>2</sub> systems • It is possible to outperform current technology with non-natural-working-fluids on: - Energy efficiency - Total cost of ownership - Environmental impact

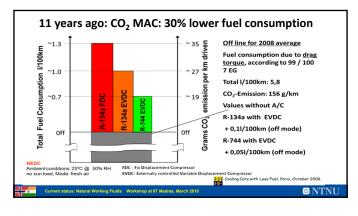


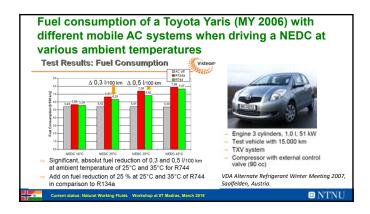




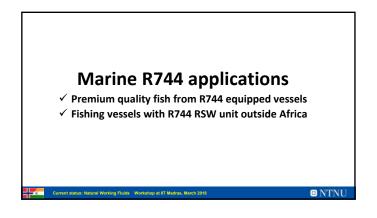






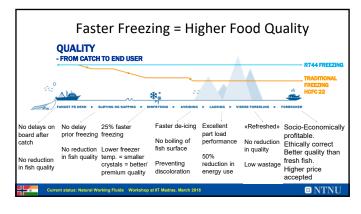




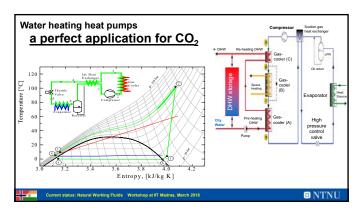




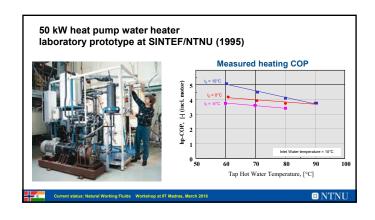


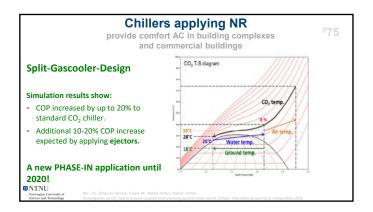


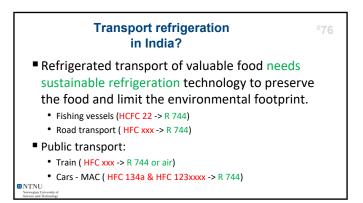




### Water heating heat pumps Example Japan: First EcoCute\* system in the market May 2001 1.700.000 units installed between 2001 and 2008 By the end of March 2016: 5.000.000 units installed Large market potential for other regions towards 2020. \* natural refrigerant heat pump water heater NINU







### How to make real systems for a successful introduction to India? • Ejectors are widely used in refrigeration systems to pump lubricant inside compressors • Since a few years many European OEM's are developing R744 ejectors for units with a cooling capacity above 5 kW: • Supermarkets require high efficient systems with natural working fluids all across Europe and abroad • Laboratory and real pilot units are required for development • More advanced system configuration requires good understanding during the design and implementation phase Training and technology transfer is important

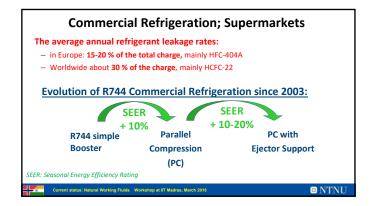


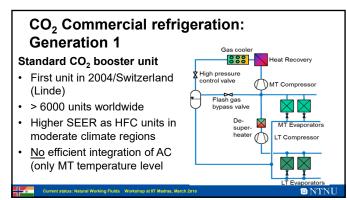
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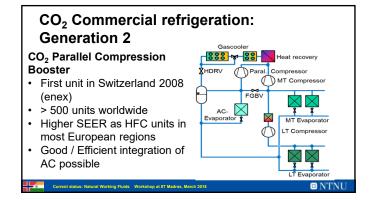
Latest technology for high efficiency and the future of supermarket refrigeration for high-ambient climate zones

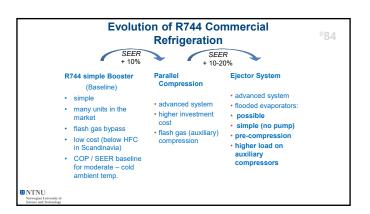
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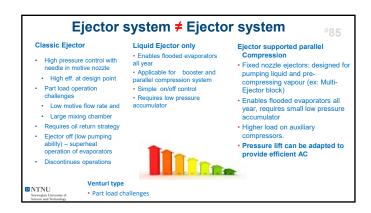
## Commercial Refrigeration; Supermarkets In future: supermarket refrigeration system provides entire energy flow and demand in the building (and surrounding) Air Conditioning (direct or chilled water) Heat recovery: hot water production, space heating, ice protection Heat pump function & export of heat CO<sub>2</sub> (R744) is the preferred alternative of the end-users across Europe for new installations Predictable – no restrictions CO<sub>2</sub> booster units are proven technology with potential to further improve COP (parallel compression + ejector technology) Training and support is key for success Promising global perspectives for a successful Phase-in

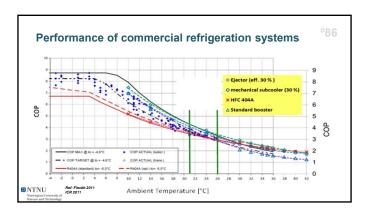


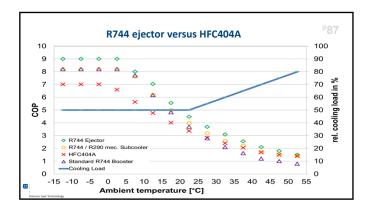


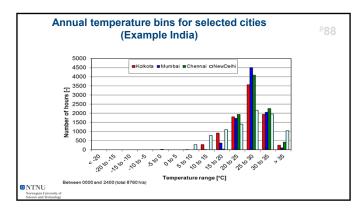


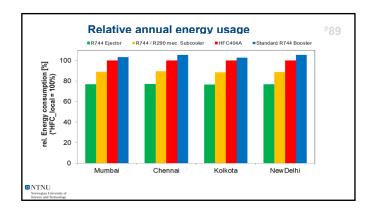


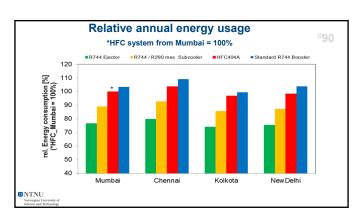


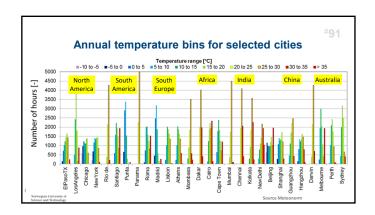


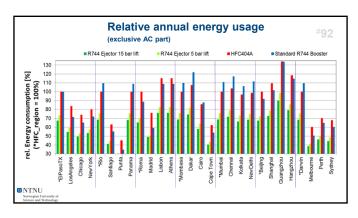


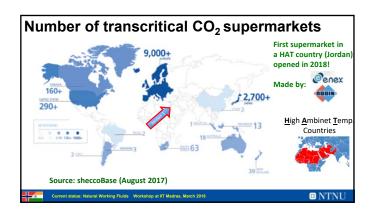




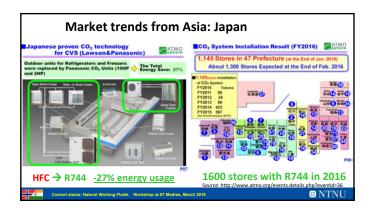










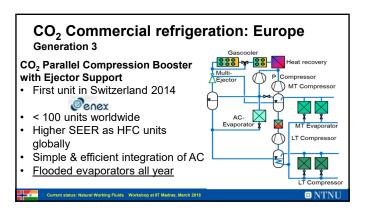


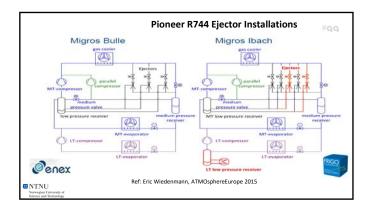


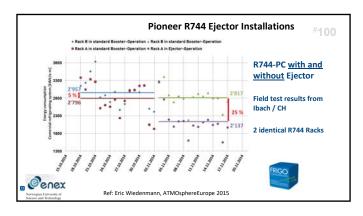
This is good news for INDIA!!!

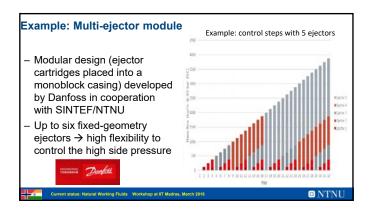
• Energy efficient R744 systems for small shops are available!

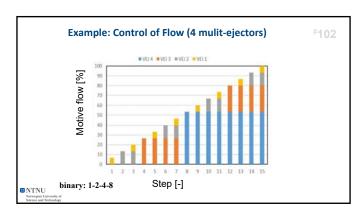
• If they operate successfully in Indonesia (below the equator), why not in INDIA?



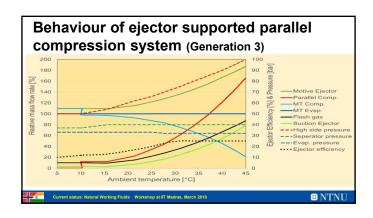


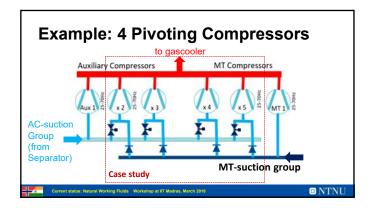


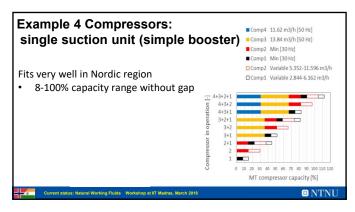


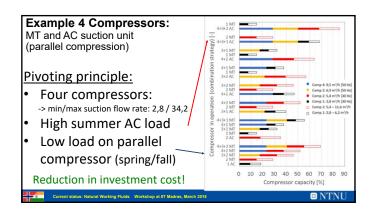


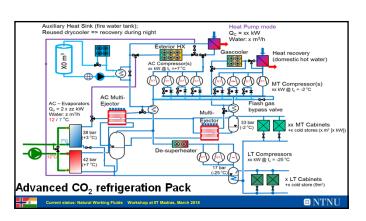
# Current target developments • Evaporative condensers → very energy efficient when applicable / doable (dry climates) • Reduce number of compressors per ref. rack → Pivoting compressor • Reliable booster systems for the Nordic market → Winter – mode – solution • Integrated solutions → All in one solution to replace all H(C)FC applications in a supermarket → Direct heating and cooling inside the shopping area (no water loop) • Lower cost R744 commercial refrigeration → INDEE - II

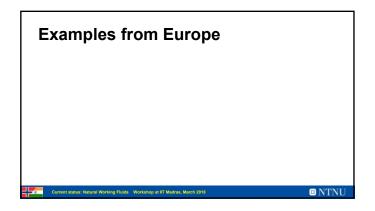


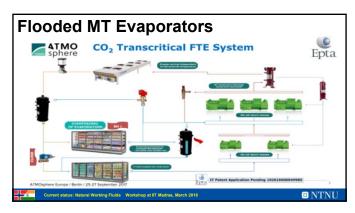


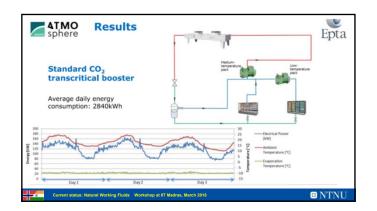


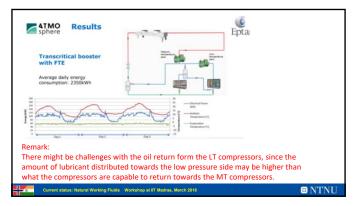




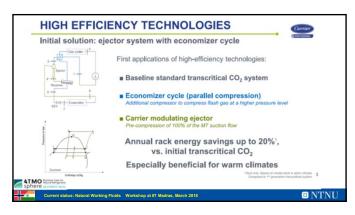




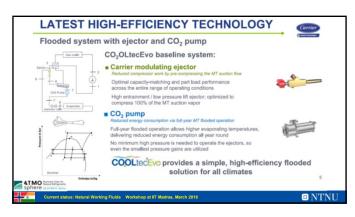


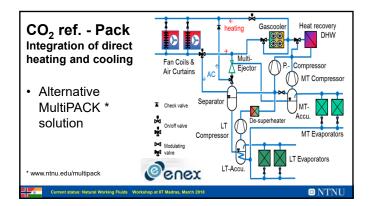




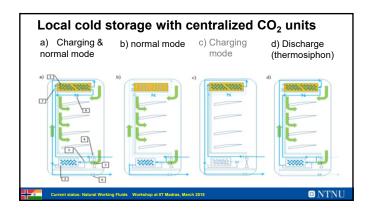












### **Further work**

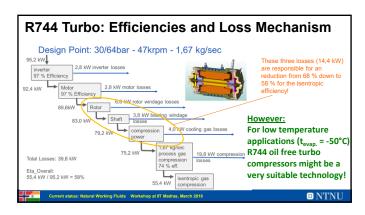
- Inform the end-users & exchange information
  - SuperSmart: www.supersmart-supermarket.info
- Further improve the energy efficiency Show demonstration projects:

Europe: MultiPACK: www.ntnu.edu/multipack

India: INDEE-II

- → lower cost R744 commercial refrigeration systems
- → industrial R744 refrigeration and heat pumping technology
- Training & Technology Transfer





### **Summary (I of III)**

 Knowledge transfer regarding the risks of introducing another kind of HFC has to be improved and expanded:

END USERS must be aware of that applying working fluids which can turn into **substances used as a poison gas** in some wars <u>are not real alternatives</u>

 Remarkable development of R744 / CO<sub>2</sub> since the revival in the late 1980s

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### **Summary (II of III)**

- When focus is given to <u>further development</u> of systems to <u>improve the energy efficiency</u>
  - evaporative condensers (where feasible),
  - parallel compression with ejector support,
  - · flooded evaporation , etc.
  - → successful introduction at reduced total cost of ownership.
- The <u>integration of further functions</u> → key success factor → replacing HCFC and HFC systems globally (leapfrog for NWFs)

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### Summary (III of III)

- Governmental purchasing power should be applied towards cooling technologies that use natural working fluids.
- World Bank:
  - should not push for introduction of un-saturated HFCs in various sectors where NWF are applicable. (Foams, AC, etc.)
  - should support implementation / phase-in of NWF by giving low (no) interest rate loans to end-users to cover the additional investment cost of current high energy efficient NWF units.

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### 23 years ago a wise person said:

We have heard a great deal lately of the harmful effects to the environment when halocarbon refrigerants are lost to the



Prof. Gustav Lorentzen (1915-1995)

atmosphere. This should not really have come as a surprise since similar problems have happened over and over again. Numerous cases are on record where new chemicals, believed to be a benefit to man, have turned out to be environmentally unacceptable, sometimes even in quite small quantities (DDT, PCB, Pb etc.).

In the present situation, when the CFCs and in a little longer perspective the HCFCs are being banned by international agreement, it does not seem very logical to try to replace them by another family of related halocarbons, the HFCs, equally foreign to nature.

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