# **August 2025 PEX Meeting**

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# Safety Moment – Submerged Vehicles Emre Schveighoffer <a href="mailto:emrejs@nrminc.com">emrejs@nrminc.com</a>





# Car Safety in Floods: How to Escape

Lessons from a veteran trained in underwater escapes that could save your life when seconds when seconds count. This presentation will teach you essential techniques to escape a sinking escape a sinking vehicle - knowledge that most drowning victims never had the chance to chance to learn.



# **Why This Matters**

# Most drowning victims never knew knew what to do

When a car enters water, confusion and panic panic set in immediately. Without proper knowledge, victims make fatal mistakes in the in the critical first moments.

# Seconds matter when underwater

A car can fill with water in less than 60 seconds. seconds. Your window for escape is extremely extremely short, and every action must be be deliberate and effective.

#### **Preparation prevents panic**

Over 70% of vehicle drowning victims show show signs of panic response. Knowing exactly exactly what to do can override this natural but natural but deadly reaction.

## What NOT To Do





**Don't Try to Open Doors** 

**Don't Roll Down Windows** 

# **Step 1: Use Your Headrest**



#### Remove Headrest

Push the release button at the base of the headrest poles and pull upward upward firmly to detach it completely from the seat.



#### **Position Metal Prongs**

Grip the headrest firmly with both hands, positioning the metal prongs toward the window. These prongs are rigid enough to serve as an emergency tool.



#### **Strike Corner of Window**

Aim for the corner of the window, not the center. The corner is the weakest point. Use the metal prongs to strike with force until the glass breaks.

Most people don't realize their headrest is designed to be removable and can serve as a lifesaving tool in emergencies.



## **Step 2: Escape Through the Rear Window**



WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THERE WAS NO SIGN?

#### Why the Rear Window?

- Cars naturally sink front-first due to engine weight
- Rear window stays above water longer, giving you more time
- Less water pressure against rear glass compared to side windows

• Remember: Stay calm, breathe deeply before submersion, and move and move with purpose. Panic is your enemy.

Once through the window, push away from the vehicle and swim to safety. If you have passengers, children should exit first with adults assisting from behind.

# ConDex Condensing Economizers - Combustion and Energy Systems, Ltd. Joe Richter <u>irichter@combustionandenergy.com</u>



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**Energy Efficiency Systems** 

# Maximizing Energy Efficiency Through Condensing Economizers

New England Installations



August 20, 2025



# **Goals**

- Reduce Gas Consumption
- Reduce Carbon Emissions

- Improve Efficiency
- Save Money year after year

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#### **Energy Efficiency Systems**

### Industries that benefit from Condex

Agriculture

**Automotive** 

Brewery

**Biotech** 

Chemical

Dairy

Distillery

**District Heating** 

Ethanol

Food/Beverage

General Industrial

Healthcare

Laundry

Miltary

Mining

**School/University** 

Spa/Swimming Pool



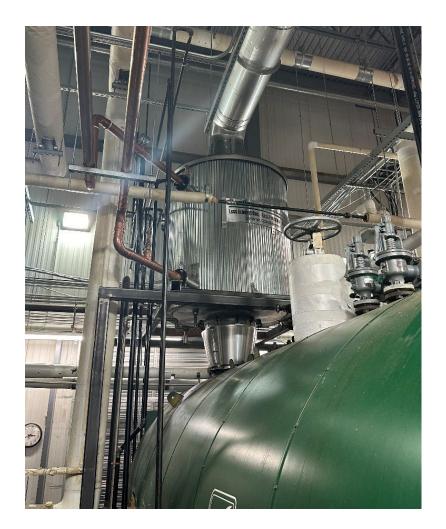
## What to look for in your plant

### **Heat Sources**

- Boilers
- Thermal Fluid Heaters
- •Gas Turbines
- Ovens
- Dryers
- Engines
- Incinerators
- •Fume Hoods

## **Heat Sinks**

- Make Up Water
- Building Make Up Air
- Process Water/Fluids
- Clean Up Water (CIP)
- Domestic Hot Water
- Swimming Pool
- Combustion Air Preheat
- HVAC Heating
- •HVAC Cooling
- Electricity Generation





### Hans Kissle Foods Haverhill, MA

Salads and Prepared Foods

Using exhaust from their 300HP firetube boiler, Hans Kissle will heat up to 30 GPM of water from 50F to 140F for clean up or process

Energy Savings: 875,281 BTU/Hr 47,961 Therms/year

Payback period with National Grid Incentive: 1.53 Years



Piantedosi Bakery Malden, MA

Wholesale Bread Bakery

Using exhaust from their (2) 100HP firetube boilers, Piantedosi will heat up to 6 GPM of water for clean up or process from 65F to 175F

Energy Savings: 337,362 BTU/Hr 29,013 Therms/year

Payback period with National Grid Incentive: 15 Months







**Home Market Foods** Norwood, MA

**Premium Food Products** 

Using exhaust from their regenerative thermal oxidizer, Home Market will heat up to 30 GPM of water for clean up or process from 55F to 210F

> Energy Savings: 2.35 MMBTU/Hr 117,500 Therms per year



Installation 12/2022







Lightlife Foods Turners Falls, MA

**Plant Based Foods** 

Lightlife installed 2 Condex Microbox condensing economizers on 2 150 HP firetube boilers to heat 10 GPM of water from 60F to 159F for clean up and process.

Energy Savings: 499,151 BTU/Hr 43,426 Therms per year





Gortons Fish Gloucester, MA

**Breaded Fish Products** 

Taking heated exhaust from two Fulton Thermal Fluid Heaters, Gortons used a glycol loop to move heat to their HVAC system, reducing natural gas use in the winter and providing chilled water for air conditioning in the summer.

Energy Savings: 1.48 MMBTU/Hr 118,400 Therms per year







## **\$ WASHINGTON BATHS \$**

Washington Baths Portland, ME

Public Sauna & Bath House

process, Washington Baths recovers energy to heat shower water, domestic hot water and under patio heating in the winter.

Energy Savings: 422,673 BTU/Hr 5,917 Therms per year







Westrock Paper Sheldon Springs, VT

Paper & Packaging Manufacturer

WestRock paper (Formerly Rock Tenn) in Northern Vermont, installed a Condex system to capture exhausted energy from three large boilers. The energy is used to heat 120 GPM of boiler feedwater, 30 GPM of boiler make up water and 50 GPM of process shower water.

Energy Savings 8.73 MMBTU/Hr 725,042 Therms/Year







Table Talk Pies Worcester, MA

Fresh Baked Pies

Using their two,100HP boiler exhaust, Table Talk Pies are heating 30 GPM of water from 55F to 63F for use in the baking process.

Energy Savings 120,422BTU/Hr 10,476 Therms/Year



## Additional benefits of adding a Condex System

- Cooler exhaust gas
- Reduced moisture in exhaust gas
- Source of free water from condensate
- Increased production without increased boiler capacity
- Reduced boiler load with less wear and tear
- Hot condensate or MU water entering DA less water hammer
- Instantaneous energy saving readout
- Reduced fuel treatment & water treatment
- Minimal maintenance



Ready and willing to visit sites with you or in follow up to your initial contact

1<sup>st</sup> thing is to determine if there is a viable project

2<sup>nd</sup> Gather heat source and heat sink data physical space available, Fuel costs, operating timeframe

3<sup>rd</sup> Generate a proposal including heat recovery capability, fuel savings per year, emission reductions per year.

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# Company Overview and CO2 Heat Pump Technologies - APA/Ambient Enterprises Nick Branzetti nbranzetti@apav.com





# **APA** Presentation of *Flow Environmental*

# National Grid PEX Group national grid



# ANSWR CO<sub>2</sub> Heat Pump

- High Efficiency
- Decarbonizing
- Electrification

## Who is APA?

- APA is Manufacturer Rep firm in both Commercial & Residential HVAC space who works closely with Owners, CRE's, GC's, Prop Mgmt Groups, Mechanical & Electrical Contractors, and Engineer Design Firms, all around New England
- APA maintains an extensive line card of MFG's & products to serve both the common and unique needs of the territory, with a focus on higher efficiency options and energy savings.
- APA is a wholly owned subsidiary of *Ambient Enterprises*, one of the largest HVAC conglomerates in the country. This allows us access to Ambient's wide portfolio of MFG's, other rep firms and territories, and many service orgs around the nation
- **APA** Engineers are subject matter experts with a deep understanding of specific HVAC needs & viable products. We collaborate with all parties owning responsibilities within your project to ensure success



PROUDLY REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING MANUFACTURERS



Air handling units (AHU), air-cooled and evaporative-cooled rooftops (RTU), cold climate air-source and water-source heat pumps, split systems



#### AboveAir TECHNOLOGIES

Mission critical cooling equipment, vertical, wall and ceiling mounted, floor consoles, dry coolers, pump packages





Custom all aluminum site or factory built AHUs



Engineered airflow measurement and control, custom solutions for all applications



Prefabricated mechanical penthouses, DX, cleanrooms, hospitals, custom AHUs



Engineered air mixing of outdoor and return air for AHUs



Custom AHU solutions, including build-on-site replacement units



evaporative cooling solutions



Active chilled beams, induction diffusers, induction unit retrofits



Total environmental desiccant dehumidification solutions



Electronic air cleaners, high efficiency, reduce maintenance, saving energy, reduce disposal costs



VAV terminal units, fan coils, AHUs



CO2 electric heat pumps with wide ambient operating range, produces up to 180°F and down to 38°F water



Commercial packaged RTUs and condensing units



Axial fans for HVAC, smoke, tunnel, garage ventilation



systems, energy recovery ventilators, dedicated outdoor air, indoor units, controls, air-to-water heat pumps



SmartStack TM -- Active airflow measurement and control of laboratory exhaust systems



ArctiDry-liquid desiccant air conditioning RTU for high ventilation and low dewpoint applications



Air and water-cooled medical, process, Turbocor chillers

#### NORTEK

AIR SOLUTIONS The largest family of custom AHUs in North America

- Governair
   Temtrol Huntair
- Venmar



Precision airflow control for fume hoods, laboratory, critical healthcare environments



cooling, ventilation systems for indoor pools



measurement and control for ducts, fans, outdoor air intakes



Advanced exhaust systems for laboratory fume hoods, energy recovery systems



Fans for commercial and industrial applications, standard and semi-custom available



THERM WHEEL' Energy recovery wheels



Ultraviolet (UV) products for all HVAC applications

VIBRO-ACOUSTICS by Swegon

Engineered noise mitigation products for ducts, panels, enclosures, mechanical vibration solutions

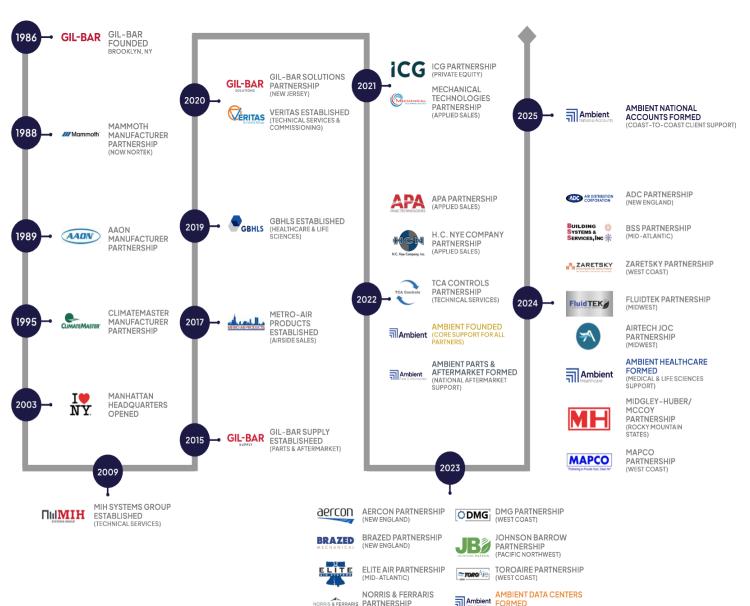


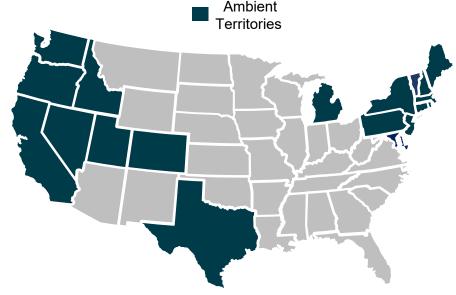
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# Ambient's Geography & Capabilities Continue to Grow...

(MISSION CRITICAL SUPPORT)





#### **CURRENT:**

48 Companies

20 States

28 Warehouses



# Who is Ambient Enterprises?

#### **Leading Provider of Engineered HVAC Solutions**

- Ambient: Is one of the largest manufacturers' reps in the country, for a variety of commercial HVAC MFG's big & small
- Go-To-Market: We work closely with Design Engineers, GC's, Mechanicals & Electrical Contractors, Owners, Commercial Real Estate Groups, Energy-as-a-Service firms, etc to supply best-of-breed HVAC equipment & services for new construction, replacement, renovation, and upgrade projects
- Verticals: Ambient serves wide array of end verticals including: Commercial, Institutional, Education, Healthcare, Data Center, Residential, Life Sciences, & Hospitality
- **Field Services**: Our growing and sophisticated services division has expertise & capabilities to contract for break/fix, startup, install, retrofit, and long-term maintenance
- Expertise: Strong infrastructure of employees & partners nationally with focus on equipment, efficiency, sustainability, and trends to ensure success with clients & projects



















CO<sub>2</sub> Heat Pump

- **CHILLER**
- **BOILER**
- ✓ HOT WATER
- ✓ HEAT RECOVERY
- ✓ FREEZER/COOLER
- **✓ REHEAT**
- ✓ WATER SOURCE
- ✓ AIR SOURCE

... AND MORE



# ANSWR: Why CO<sub>2</sub>?

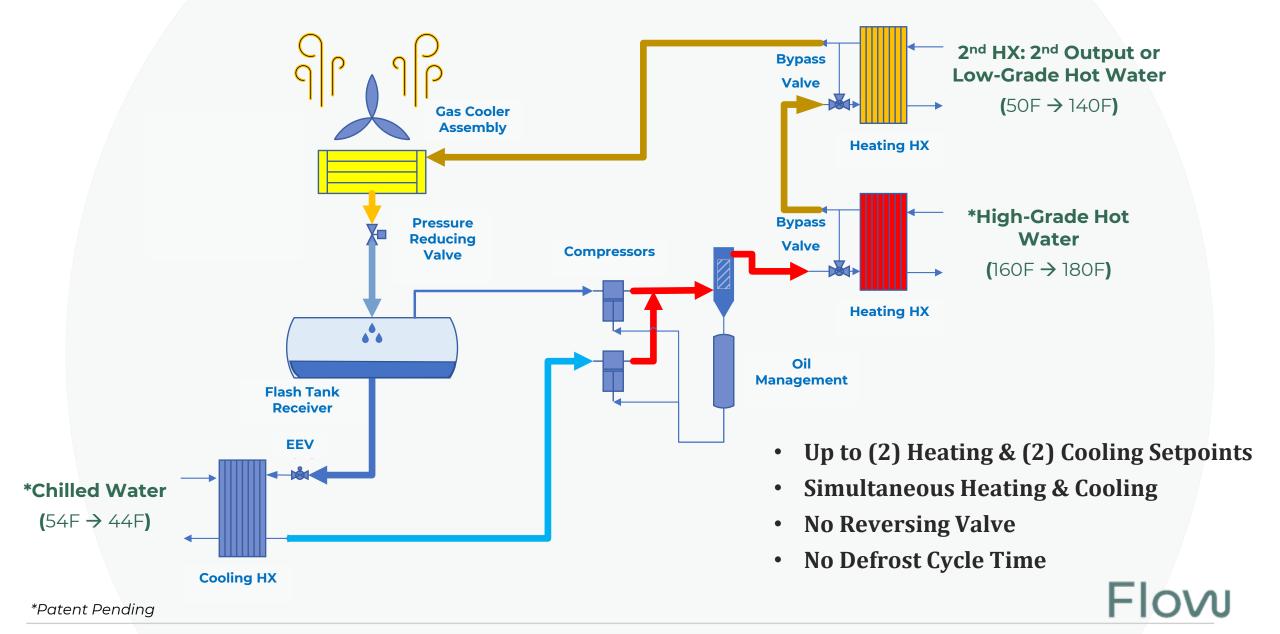
Globally, CO<sub>2</sub> is the fastest growing refrigerant!

- CO<sub>2</sub> was the first refrigerant & widely used
- Wide temperature range
- Never going to be "regulated out"
- Good availability of workforce for CO<sub>2</sub> HVAC
- Demonstrated long life and high reliability
- Utilized across many industrial applications

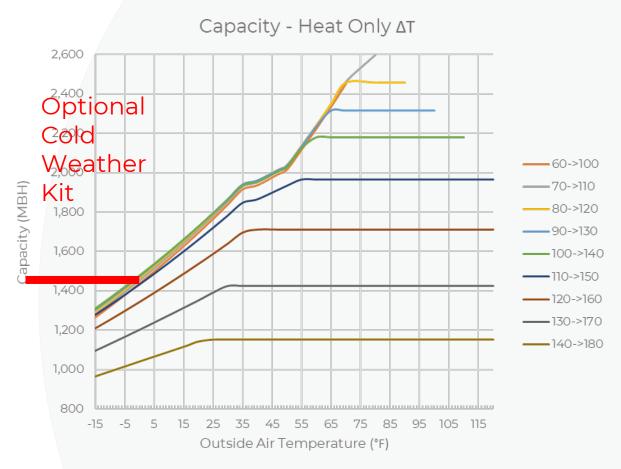




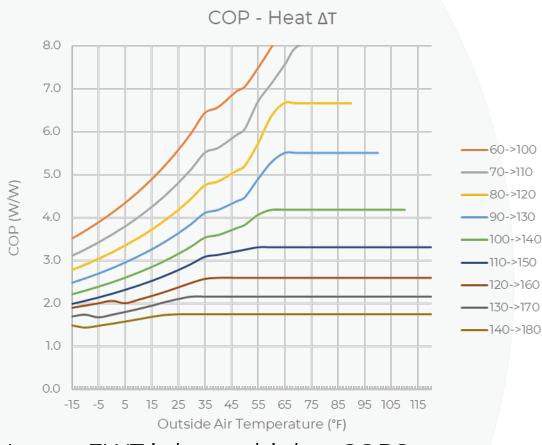
# Flow's CO2 Refrigerant Loop



# Flow Heating Ranges



Capacity is determined by total delta of both heat loads, single loads are shown above



Lower EWT is key to higher COPS Also having two heating loads and higher deltas

# ANSWR: Designed for benefit <u>now</u> and in the <u>future</u>...

## **High Efficiencies**

- Highest COP over full range of temperatures
- Replaces gas & fossil fuel heating (100-180F water)
- Reduce total equipment need & spend

### **Economical Solution**

- Cost effective manufacturing
- Single point power, simple water connections
- Serves as multipurpose unit for lower cap-ex costs
- Minimizes need for redundant defrost equipment, resizing air coils, building piping, etc.

## **Wide Capabilities**

- CO<sub>2</sub> heat pump for commercial HVAC & boiler application
- Accepts unbalanced loads and low delta-T
- Simultaneous heat & cool over extreme range of temps
- Patented defrost prevention technology

## **Easily Accessible Componentry**

- All components sourced from minimum (2) suppliers
- Many available via any local refrigeration suppliers

## **Right Choice For Future**

- Not affected by pending regulations
- Supports decarbonization & electrification efforts
- CO<sub>2</sub> = readily available, non-toxic, non-flammable





# **ANSWR** CO<sub>2</sub> Heat Pump – Best Applications:

## **Building Minimums:**

- Minimum 20 Ton cooling load
- Minimum 200 MBH heating loads
- •Minimum 10,000 sq ft
- Existing Chiller Water and/or HW Infrastructure

## **Buildings Types:**

- Office Buildings
- Multi-Family
- •Life Science
- Hospitals + Medical
- •Industrial
- Higher Education
- •K-12 Schools
- Dormitories
- Correctional Facilities
- Municipal Buildings

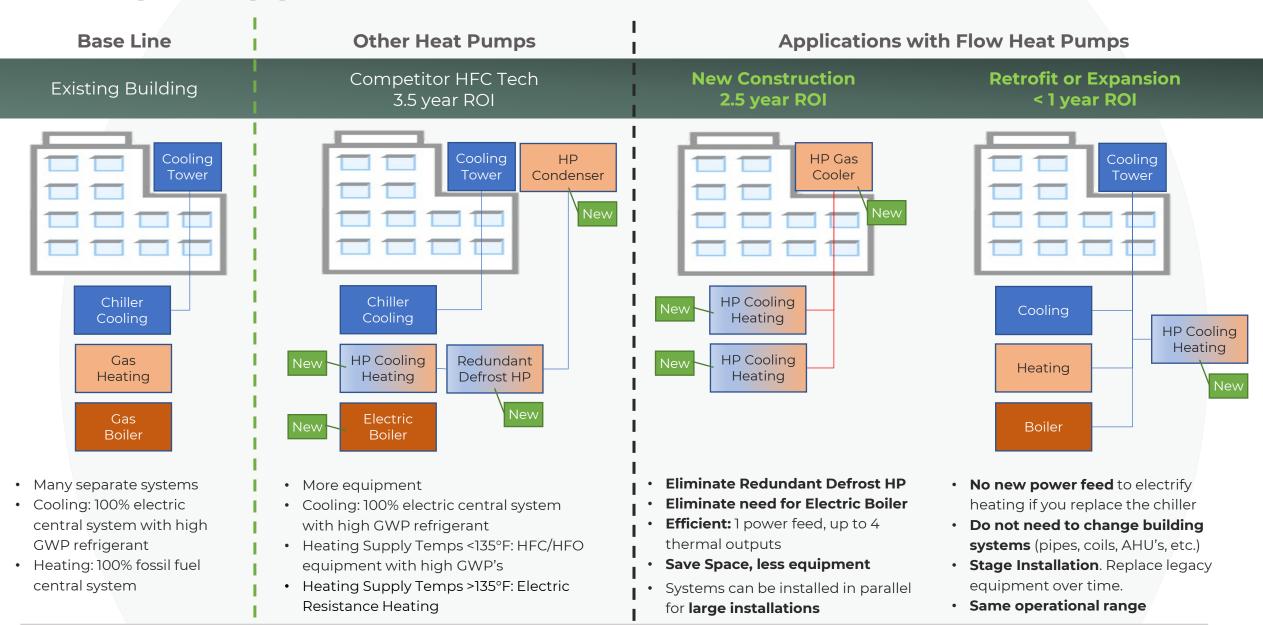
## **Well Suited Applications:**

- Avoiding the use of Electric Boilers
- > Fossil fuel heating HW + Domestic HW system
- > Transitioning to Air Source Heat Pumps
- > Electrification/Decarbonization
- Simultaneous heating & cooling
- > 150°F + supply hot water heating
- **➤** Cold climate performance down to -40°F ambient
- Heat recovery systems
- > Environmentally friendly
- Readily available parts & refrigerant (CO<sub>2)</sub>



# Example Application (Streamlined & Efficient):





# ANSWR Systems Are Highly Configurable

#### **Heat Pump(s)**

-Split System-

### Gas Cooler(s)



V-Bank



20TR Model

(fits through door & elevator)



Horizontal

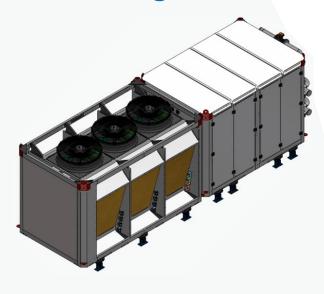


Vertical



- \*Modules are designed for parallel installation
- \*Air-to-Water + Water-to-Water
- \*400-Ton unit available for order w/ delivery Q3-26'

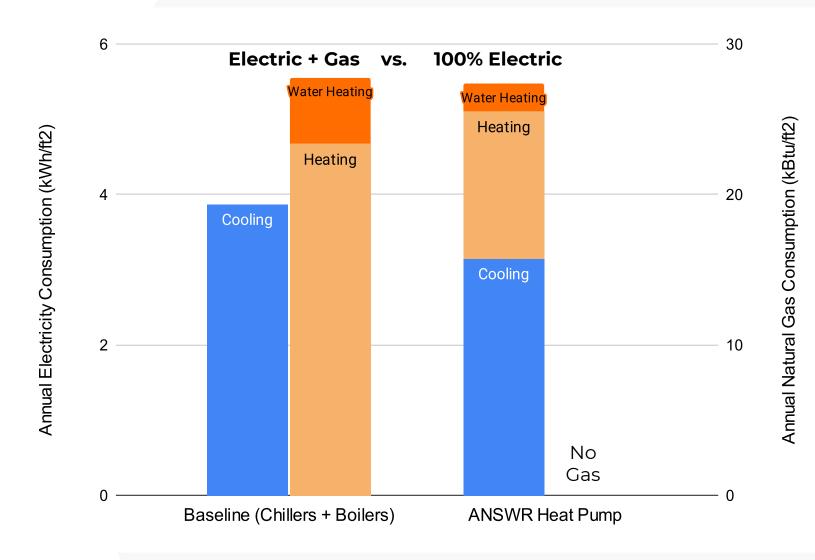
### **Packaged Unit**



- ➤ HVAC Heating & Cooling
- ➤ Simultaneous Heating & Cooling
- ➤ Domestic Hot Water Production
- ➤ Hot Water Boilers



## Natural Gas -> Electrification (clean sources)



## **Baselines:**

## Chiller/Boiler (Electric + Gas)

- Gas: 8.2 kWh/ft²
- Electric: 3.9 kWh/ft<sup>2</sup>
- Total: 12.1 kWh/ft<sup>2</sup> Equivalent

#### 100% Electric

- Electric: 5.5 kWh/ft<sup>2</sup>
- 54.5% Reduction
- 6.6 kWh/ft² reduction
- Average <u>3.5 COP</u> annually

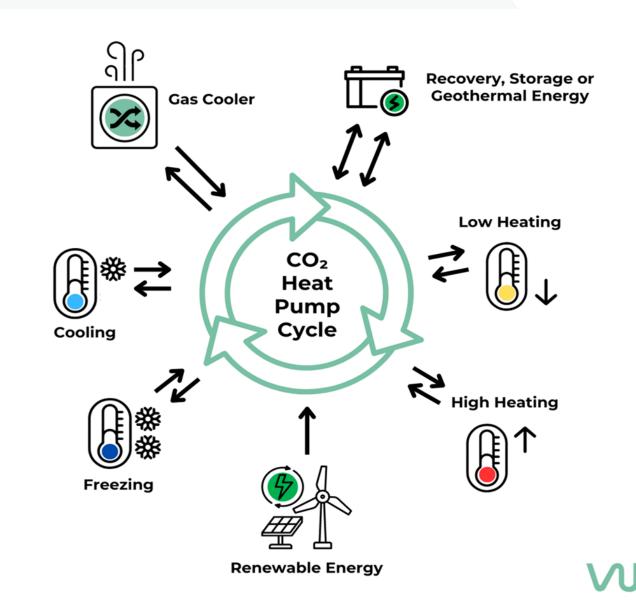


## How ANSWR's Energy Recycling Works?

<u>More</u> Load = <u>Higher</u> Efficiency

- ✓ Produces Heating
- ✓ Absorbs Heating
- ✓ Reuses Building Energy
- ✓ Minimizes Electricity
- ✓Increases Efficiency

Do It ALL = **ANSWR**...



## Innovation Center & Factory (Rogers, MN)

- Full Factory Tour
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certified Testing
- Quality & Compliance Testing
- Extensive Customer Demonstrations
- US Based Manufacturing, R&D, & Training

















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## When To Reach Out...??

- 1. Boiler Replacement
- 2. Electrification & Decarb Goals
- 3. High Efficiency Retrofit Projects
- 4. Multi-Family Heating + Cooling
- 5. Need for High Temp & Domestic HW

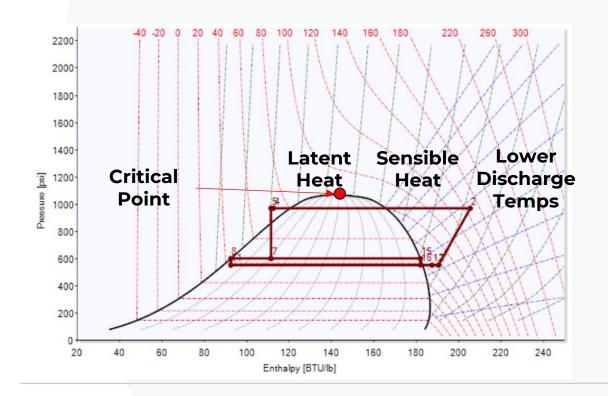




## What is different with a CO<sub>2</sub> Heat Pump?

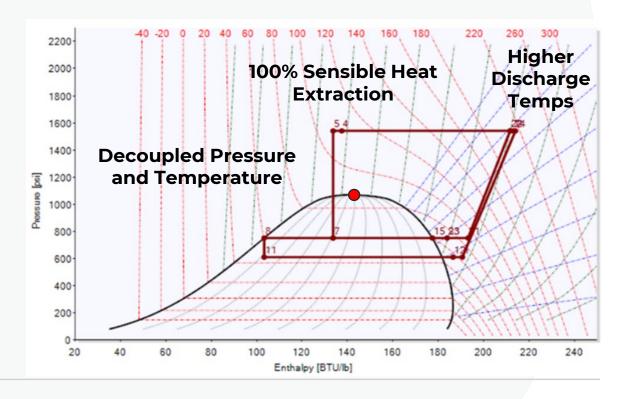
## **Subcritical**

- Refrigerant condenses in the condenser
- *Low Pressure* = Brazed, low cost parts
- *Condensing* = low heat & efficiency, short distances
- 10–20-year life



#### **Transcritical**

- Refrigerant does <u>not</u> condense
- High Pressure = Welded, SS industrial parts
- *Transcritical* = high heat & efficiency, long distances
- 30–40-year life



## How Can ANSWR Be Used?

## **Cooling Only**

## **Heating Only**

## Simultaneous Heating & Cooling \*

- True simultaneous heating and cooling
- No reversing valves

## **Heat Pump**

- AHRI Standard 550/590
- Cooling Supply: 38°F to 75°F (down to 0°F with antifreeze)
- Heating Supply: 90°F to 180°F
- Variable refrigerant flow for stability \*

## **Operational Range**

- -40°F to 120°F ambient outside air temps\*
- Colder or hotter options possible \*
- No defrost derate \*

### Boiler

- Typical of a recirculating HW Boiler system
- Up to 180°F Supply Hot Water \*
- Tight ΔT, as low as 20°F \*

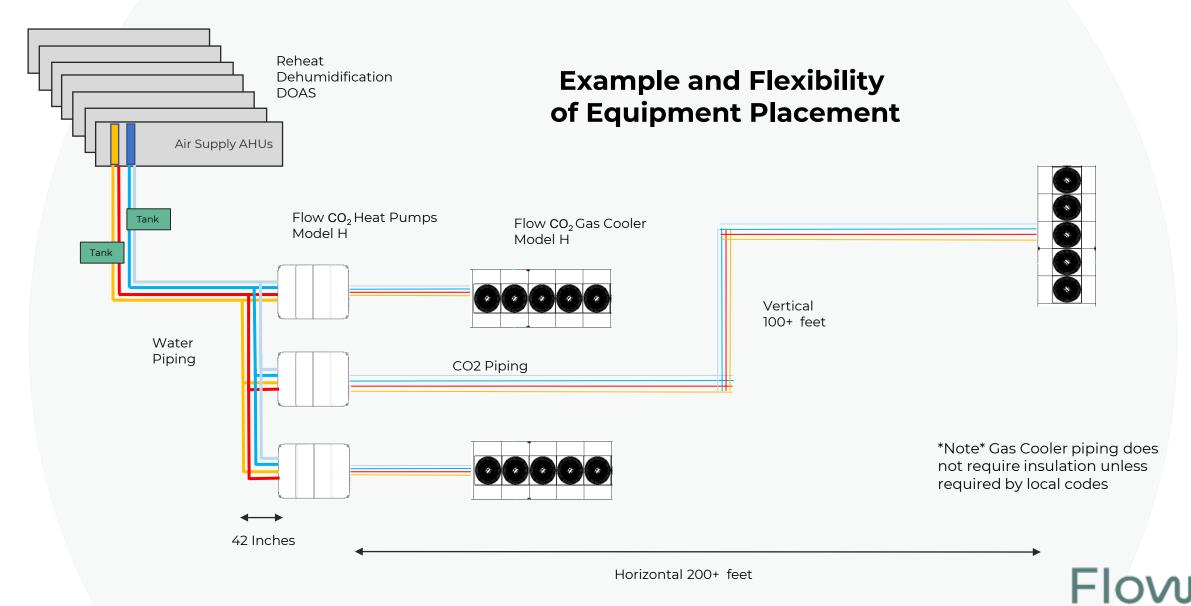
#### **Domestic Hot Water**

- Water heater
- Up to 180°F Supply Hot Water \*
- Large ΔT, as high as 140°F \*



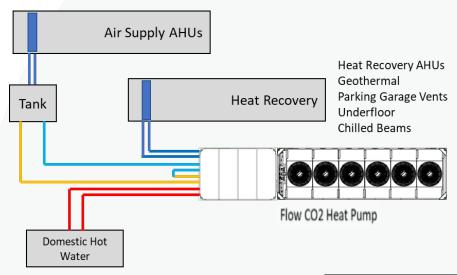
## **Advanced Heat Pump, Simplified Hydronics**





## **Advanced Heat Pump, Simplified Hydronics**





Air Supply AHUs Dehumidification DOAS

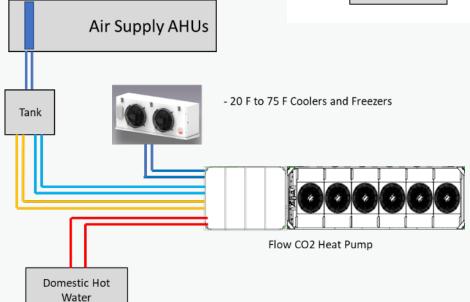
Heat Recovery

Tank Heat Recovery

Flow CO2 Heat Pump

Domestic Hot Water Geothermal

\*Up to (4) individual circuits with independent setpoints in (1) unit = Many applications



#### **Functional Applications:**

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Retail
- Office
- Grocery
- Manufacturing
- Medical
- Pharma / Lab



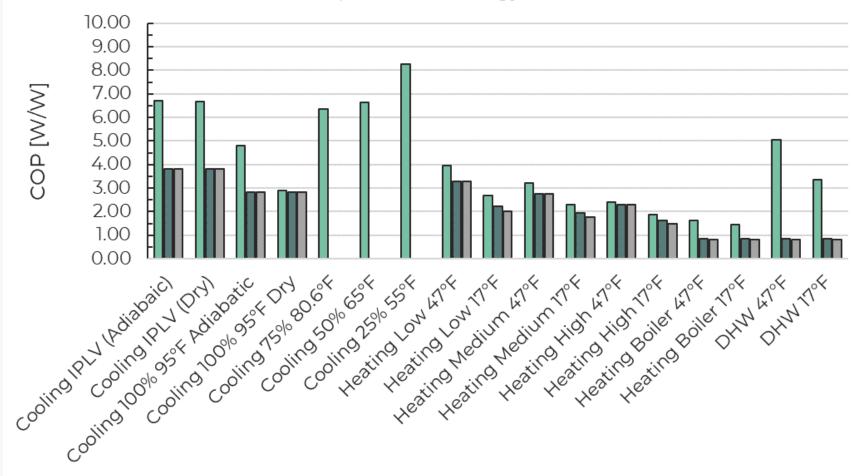
## **ANSWR** Efficiency Versus Codes



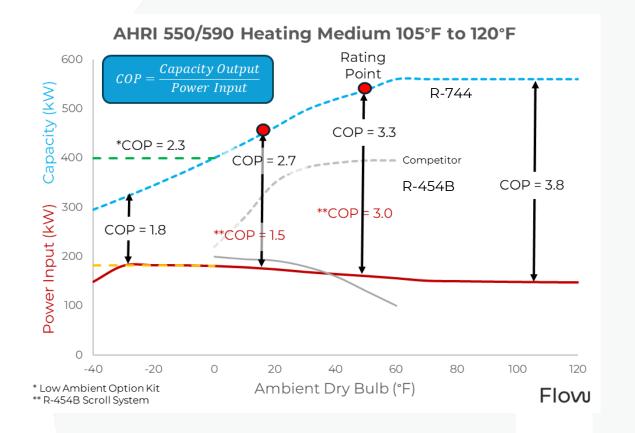
Exceeds Energy Codes For Heating & Cooling Part Load Very Good

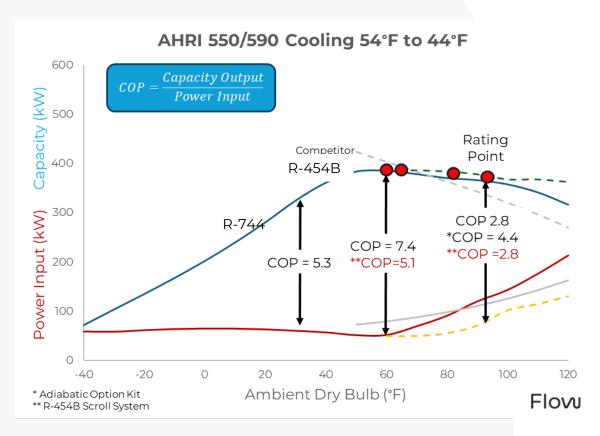
## **Air-to-Water Heat Pump**

Comparison to Energy Code



## Efficiencies Gained: R744 (CO<sub>2</sub>) vs R454B





Avoided Derates

Cold Climate Derate (30-100%)

New standards proposed - 30% derate at 5°F of 47°F rating condition.

Antifreeze Derate (8% to 21%)

Defrost Derate (10-30%)



# PEX Progress and Goals for 2025 Mathew McCarthy Mathew.mccarthy@nationalgrid.com



### **CY 2025 Update (as of 8/5/2025)**

| Key Performance<br>Indicators | Goal      | Paid    | Paid % to<br>Goal | Forecast  | Forecast %<br>to Goal |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Electric Savings (NLT MWH)    | 85,600    | 40,200  | 47%               | 97,700    | 114%                  |
| Gas Savings (NLT Therms)      | 1,587,000 | 767,000 | 48%               | 1,835,000 | 116%                  |
| Electrification (NLT MMBTu)   | 37,900    | 25,000  | 66%               | 40,000    | 106%                  |

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## Quick Hits/Reminders/2025 Meeting Dates Mathew McCarthy Mathew.McCarthy@nationalgrid.com



## **Quick Hits/Reminders/2025 Meeting Dates**

### Upcoming Trainings/Events:

- Mass Save events and trainings can be found on the Mass Save website <u>here.</u>
- MAEEP
  - September 10: 8:30 am 4:00 pm Commissioning of Existing Buildings (EBCx)
  - September 30: 8:30 am 4:00 pm Upgrading to Heat Pumps from Existing Commercial HVAC Systems (Registration Link Coming Soon)

### PEX Landing Page:

https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Project-Expediter-Program

### 2025 Meeting Schedule

- September PEX Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> 9-10AM (Invite Sent)
- October PEX Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup> 9-10AM (Invite Sent)

2025 Energy Solutions Summit –10/23/25 from 8AM-6PM – Booths are available!

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## **Quick Hits/Reminders/2025 Meeting Dates**

## Lighting Updates

Effective September 1, 2025, new, lowered incentive levels (163A and 165A are going to be \$70) will apply
to Networked Lighting Controls (NLC) and LLLC controls for large commercial & industrial lighting projects.
Projects with a signed Letter of Agreement (LOA) dated before September 1, 2025, and completed by
December 31, 2025, will still qualify for current incentive levels. These updates do not impact products
purchased via Midstream, or for Municipal or Small Business Turnkey projects.

#### One on Ones

### Custom Express Tools

• Please refer to the <u>Mass Save Business Rebates and Incentives page</u> for the latest rebate/incentive applications and custom express tools.

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## Thank You!

**Be Safe** 

