

- *Increasing Energy prices*
- *Climate Protection*



Low GWP Working Fluids for Cooling, Heating & Power:

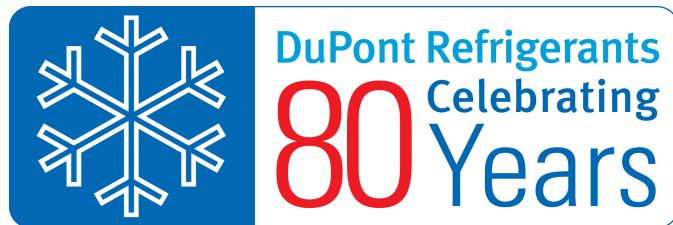
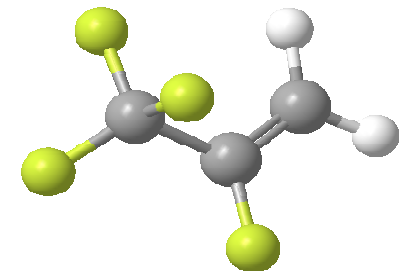
- Com AC
- HTHPs
- ORCs

Weighing the Tradeoffs

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HFOs



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Low GWP Refrigerants: An idea whose time has come!



- 1824: Joseph Fourier discovered the “Greenhouse Effect”



- 1908: Svante Arrhenius calculated that emissions from human industry might someday cause global warming



- 2007 Nobel Prize to IPCC



- 2011: European Union F-Gas Regulation:**

GWP<150 for Automobile AC

Growing Pressure on HFCs with High GWPs



Working Fluids Specifications

- ✓ High energy efficiency
- ✓ High volumetric capacity for cooling, heating or power generation
- ✓ Low or no temperature glide
- ✓ Low toxicity
- ✓ Low or no flammability
- ✓ High chemical stability
- ✓ Compatibility with commercially available lubricants
- ✓ Compatibility with common materials of equipment construction
- ✓ Short atmospheric life time
- ✓ No ozone depletion potential
- ✓ Acceptable atmospheric breakdown products
- ✓ Acceptable performance in existing equipment with no or little modification
- ✓ Low cost AND
- ✓ ***LOW GLOBAL WARMING IMPACT***

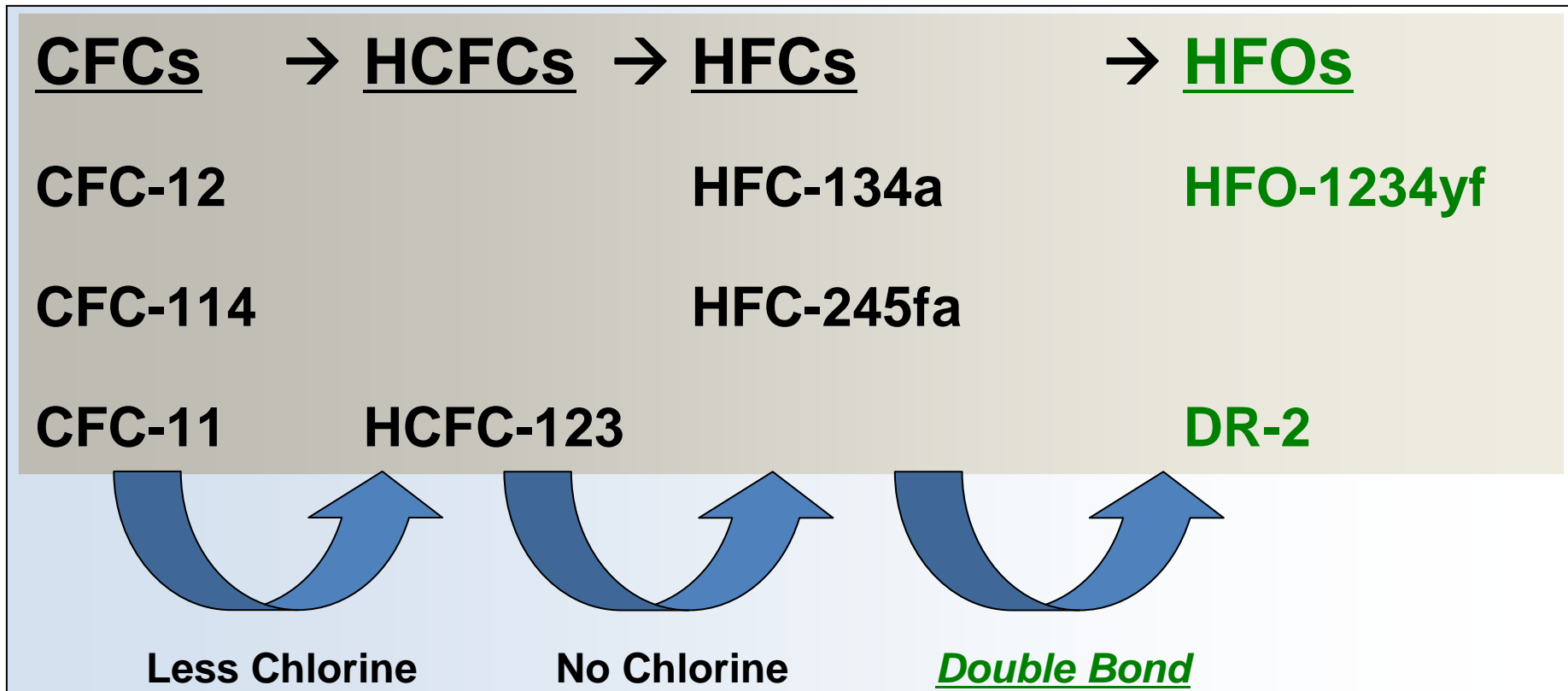
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Needle!***



I. HFO-Based Fluids (General Properties)

(II. Applications Later)

Hydro-Fluoro-Olefins

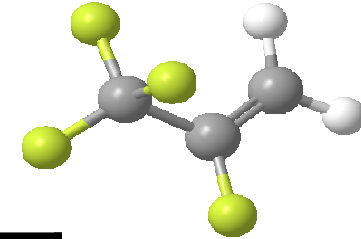


Conventional Wisdom:
Unsaturated fluorocarbons are not sufficiently stable to be used as refrigerants!



Paradigm Shift:
Unsaturated fluorocarbon refrigerants decompose rapidly in the atmosphere but can remain stable in a system!

Mid-Pressure Fluids: HFO-1234yf



| | CFC-12 | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Chemical Formula | CCl ₂ F ₂ | CH ₂ FCF ₃ | CF₃CF=CH₂ |
| MW | 120.9 | 102 | 114 |
| Safety Class (ASHRAE Std 34) | A1 | A1 | A2L |
| ALT [yrs] | 100 | 14 | 0.0301 (11 days) |
| ODP | 1.00 | None | None |
| GWP₁₀₀ | 10,890 | 1,430 | 4 |
| T_{cr} [°C] | 112.0 | 101.1 | 94.7 |
| P_{cr} [MPa] | 4.14 | 4.06 | 3.38 |
| T_b [°C] | -29.8 | -26.1 | -29.5 |

Marginally Flammable

Very Low GWP

HFO-1234yf Flammability

| Refrigerant: | Flammability Class | Difficulty or Ease to Cause Flame | | | | Consequences | |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | LFL ^a vol% | UFL ^a vol% | (UFL- LFL) vol% | MIE mJ | HOC kJ/g | BV cm/s |
| Propane | 3 | 2.2 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 0.25 | 46.3 | 46 |
| R152a | 2 | 3.9 | 16.9 | 13.0 | 0.38 | 16.5 | 23 |
| R32 | 2L | 14.4 | 29.3 | 14.9 | 30-100 ^b | 9.4 | 6.7 |
| Ammonia | 2L | 15.0 | 28.0 | 13.0 | 100-300 ^b | 18.6 | 7.2 |
| HFO-1234yf | 2L | 6.2 | 12.3 | 6.1 | 5,000-10,000 ^b | 10.7 | 1.5 ^c |

^aFlame limits measured at 21 °C, ASTM 681-01

^bTests run in 12 liter flask to minimize wall quenching effects

^cHFO-1234yf BV measured by AIST, Japan

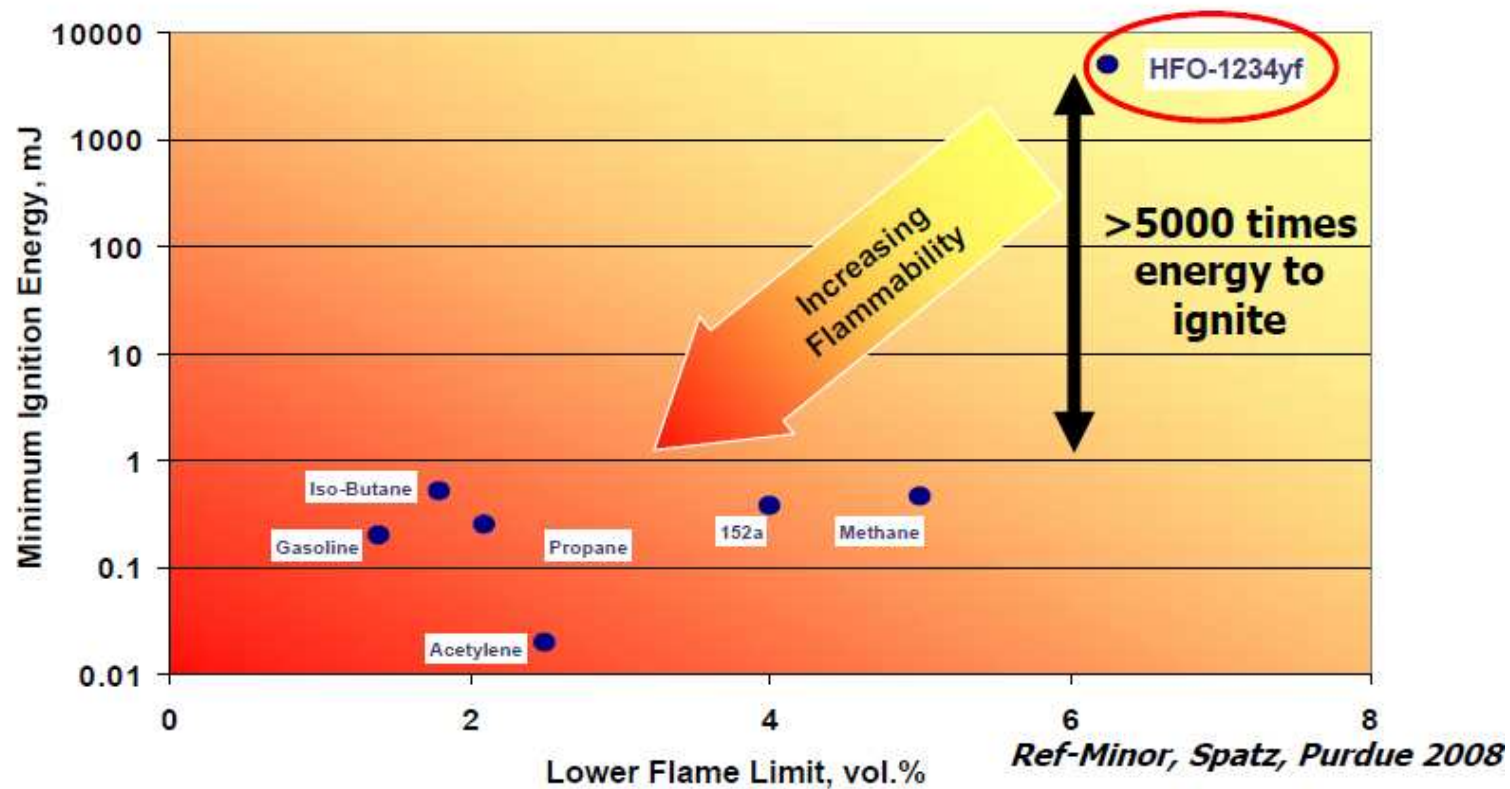
BV < 10 cm/s

Mildly Flammable – “2L”

HFO-1234yf Flammability Properties- Minimum Ignition Energy

Flammability evaluated by 'Chance of Flame' and 'Effect of Flame'

- Chance of Flame occurring -> Lower Flame Limit, Minimum Ignition Energy



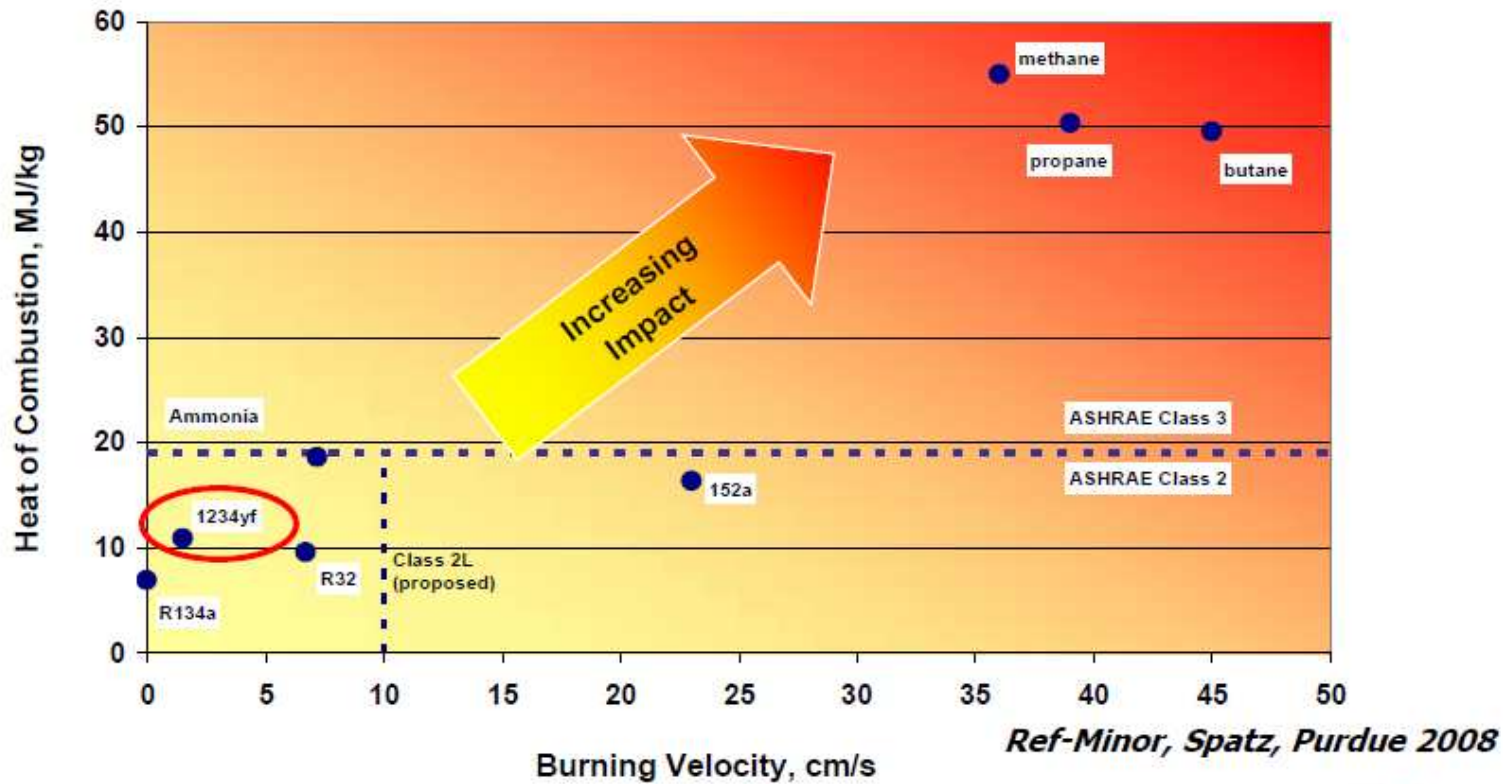
Difficult to ignite HFO-1234yf due to high Minimum Ignition Energy



HFO-1234yf Flammability Properties-Burning Velocity

Flammability is evaluated by 'Chance of Flame' and 'Effect of Flame'

- Effect of Flame occurring -> Heat of Combustion, Burning Velocity



Even if ignited, HFO-1234yf burns weakly, would have limited effect

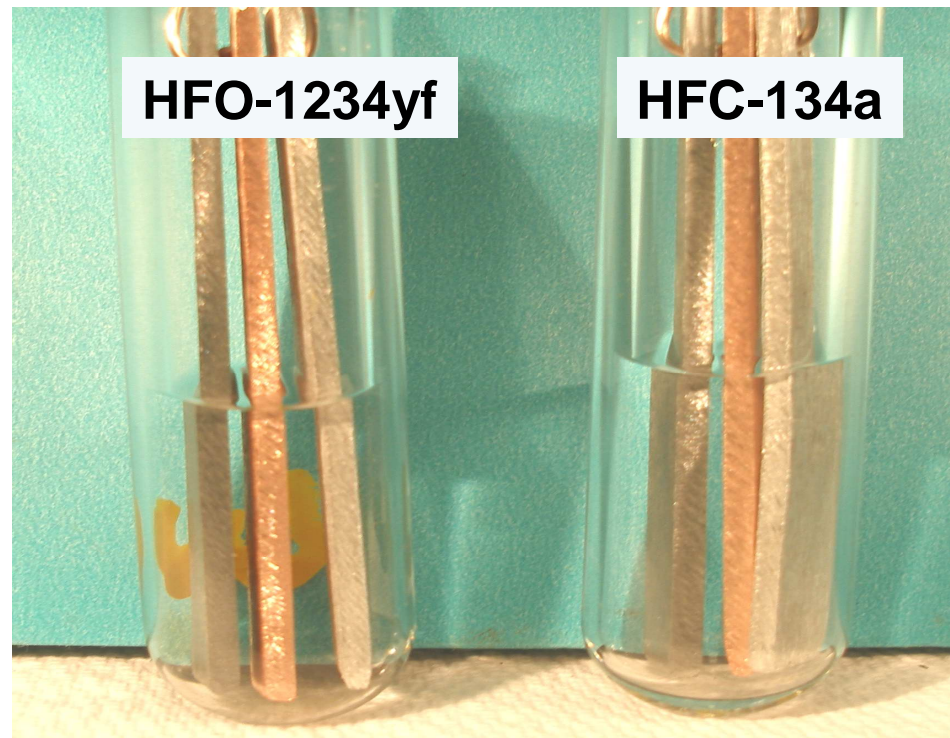


HFO-1234yf Thermal Stability I

Rapidly decomposing in the atmosphere
But stable under service conditions!

Neat HFO-1234yf vs Neat HFC-134a
After 2 wks @ 200 °C

Sealed tube
testing
based on
ASHRAE-ANSI
STD 97



No Detectable Fluoride nor Acid Generation

HFO-1234yf Thermal Stability II

AFTER
TWO
WEEKS
@ 175 °C

HFO-1234yf/POE vs HFC-134a/POE

Front View

Side View



HFO-1234yf

HFC-134a



HFO-1234yf

HFC-134a

No Detectable Fluoride nor Acid Generation

Compatibility with Plastics

% weight change after 2 wks @ 100°C in HFO-1234yf vs HFC-134a

| Polymer | Immediately after exposure | | 24 Hrs after exposure | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf |
| Polyester Resin | 7.6 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Nylon Resin | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| Epoxy Resin | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Polyester PET | 9.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 3.8 |
| Polyester PBT | 12.5 | 1.1 | 12.3 | 1.1 |
| Polycarbonate | 4.2 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 0.8 |
| Polyimide | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Polyethylene | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| PTFE | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| FEP | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 3.2 |
| ETFE | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| Phenolic Resin | -0.8 | -0.8 | -1.0 | -0.8 |
| Acetal Resin | 2.7 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 0.6 |
| PET Film | 0.8 | -1.0 | -1.3 | -2.1 |

Compatibility with Elastomers

% weight change after 2 wks @ 100°C in HFO-1234yf vs HFC-134a

| Elastomer | Immediately after exposure | | 24 Hrs after exposure | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf |
| Neoprene WRT | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| HNBR | 15.2 | 5.2 | 9.9 | 4.4 |
| NBR | 14.1 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 4.6 |
| EPDM (Nordel) | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Silicone | 10.6 | 2.0 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Butyl Rubber | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 4.1 |
| Terminal seal | 2.2 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| Buna S (SBR) | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Viton | 47.4 | 20.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Hypalon | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Neoprene o-ring | -0.4 | 3.0 | -0.5 | 2.3 |

Overall: Comparable degree of interaction of polymers & elastomers with 1234yf and 134a



HFO-1234yf Miscibility in Common Lubricants

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Mineral Oil | Non Miscible |
| Alkyl Benzene | Non Miscible |
| Polyol Ester | Miscible |
| PAG | Miscible |

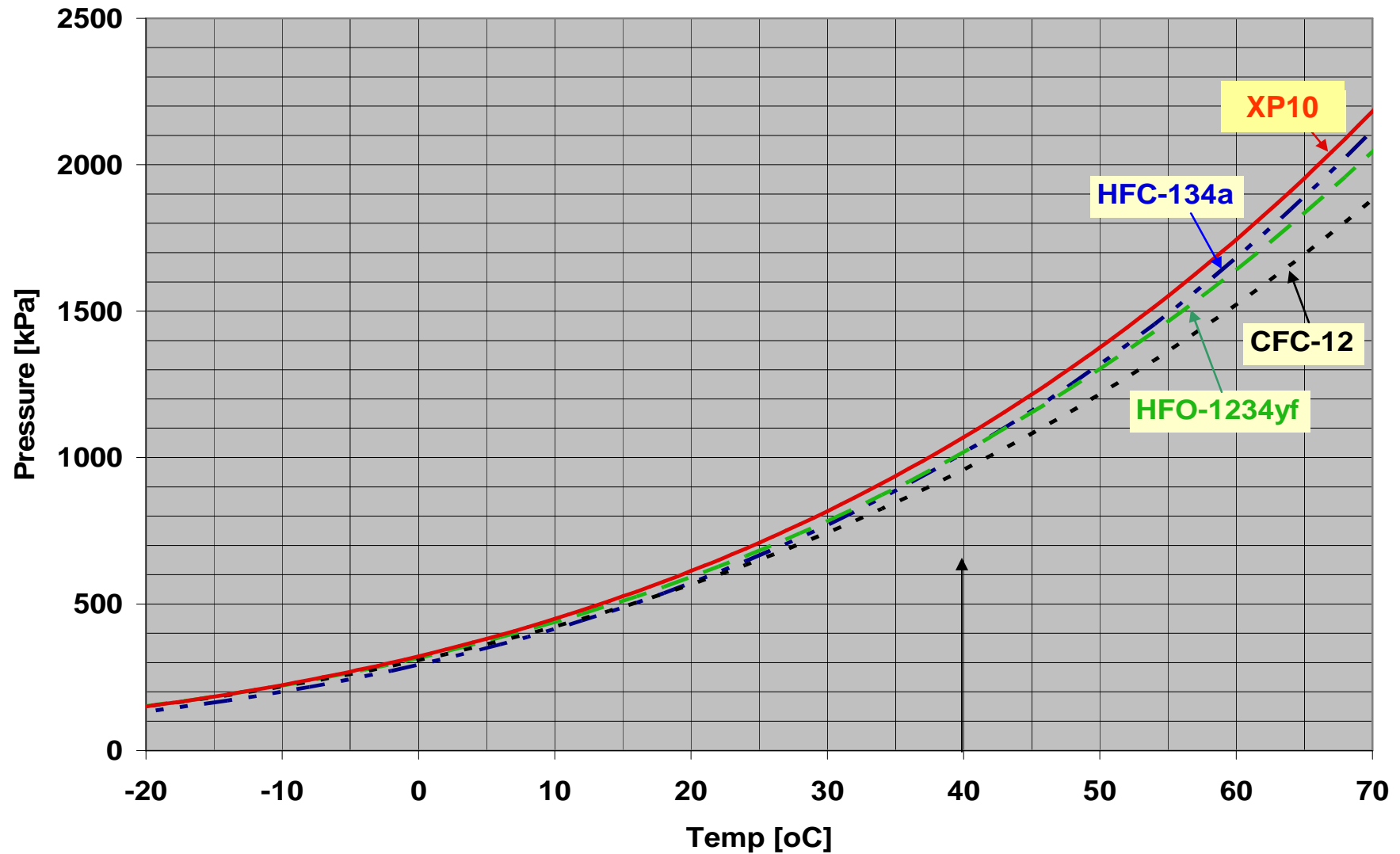
Similar to HFC-134a

Non-Flammable Blend Based on HFO-1234yf: XP10

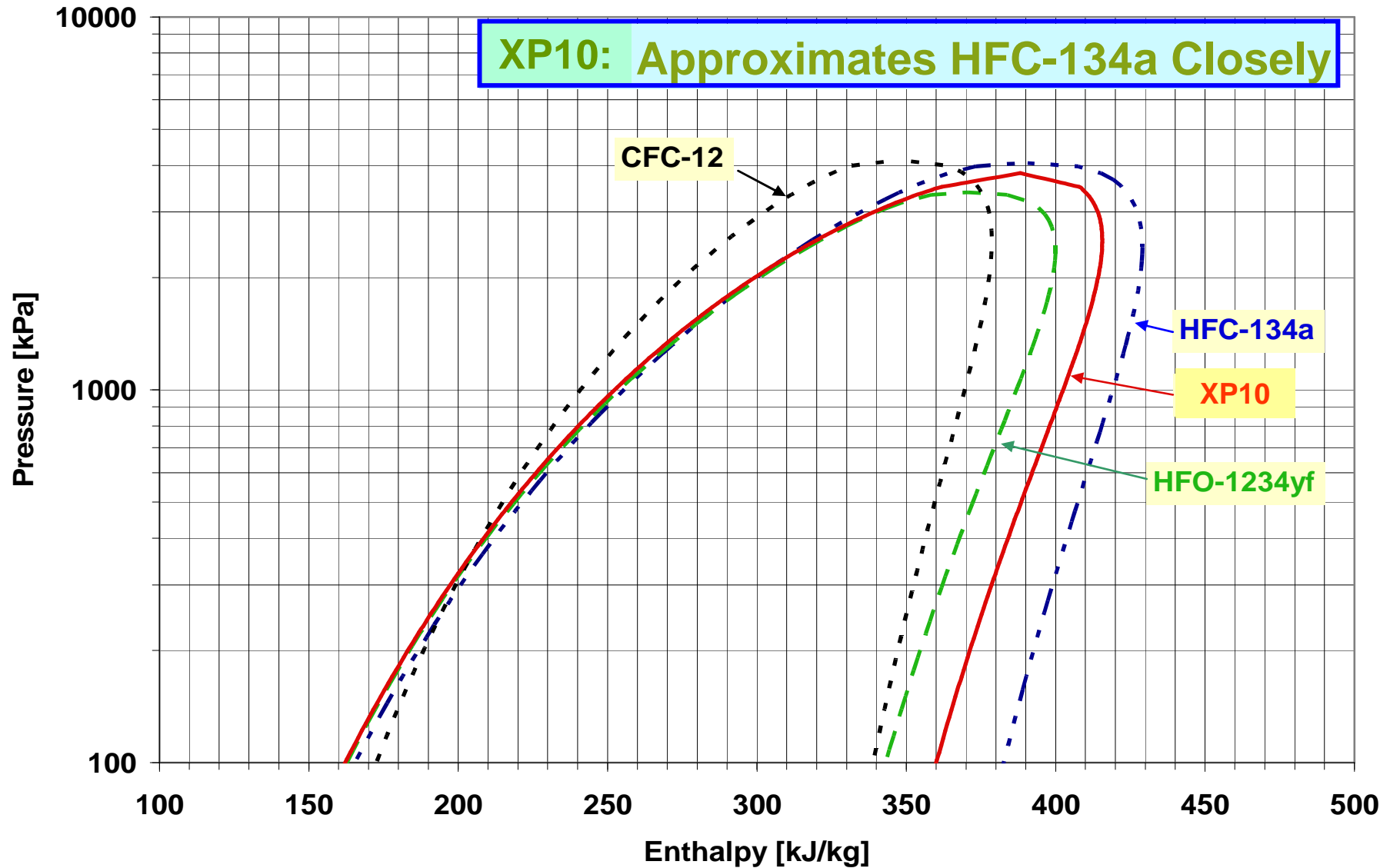
Marginally Flammable *Non-flammable*

| | CFC-12 | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf | XP10 |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chemical Formula | CCl ₂ F ₂ | CH ₂ FCF ₃ | CF ₃ CF=CH ₂ | Azeotrope |
| Safety Class (ASHRAE Std 34) | A1 | A1 | A2L | A1 (expected) |
| ODP | 1.00 | None | None | None |
| GWP₁₀₀ | 10,890 | 1,430 | 4 | ~600 |
| T_{cr} [°C] | 112.0 | 101.1 | 94.7 | 97.5 |
| P_{cr} [MPa] | 4.14 | 4.06 | 3.38 | 3.85 |
| T_b [°C] | -29.8 | -26.1 | -29.5 | -29.2 |
| Glide [°C] | N/A | N/A | N/A | Negligible |

HFO-1234yf and XP10: Vapor Pressure



HFO-1234yf and XP10: P-h Diagram



New Developmental Refrigerant: DR-14

| | CFC-12 | HFC-134a | HFO-1234yf | XP10 | DR-14 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Chemical Formula | CCl ₂ F ₂ | CH ₂ FCF ₃ | CF ₃ CF=CH ₂ | Azeotrope | Azeotrope |
| Safety Class (ASHRAE Std 34) | A1 | A1 | A2L | A1 (expected) | A1 (expected) |
| ODP | 1.00 | None | None | None | None |
| GWP₁₀₀ | 10,890 | 1,430 | 4 | ~600 | ~380 |
| T_{cr} [°C] | 112.0 | 101.1 | 94.7 | 97.7 | 111.6 |
| P_{cr} [MPa] | 4.14 | 4.06 | 3.38 | 3.85 | 3.96 |
| T_b [°C] | -29.8 | -26.1 | -29.5 | -29.2 | -20.5 |
| Glide [°C] | N/A | N/A | N/A | Negligible | Negligible |

Apparent Trade-Off: Either Very Low GWP or Non-Flammable

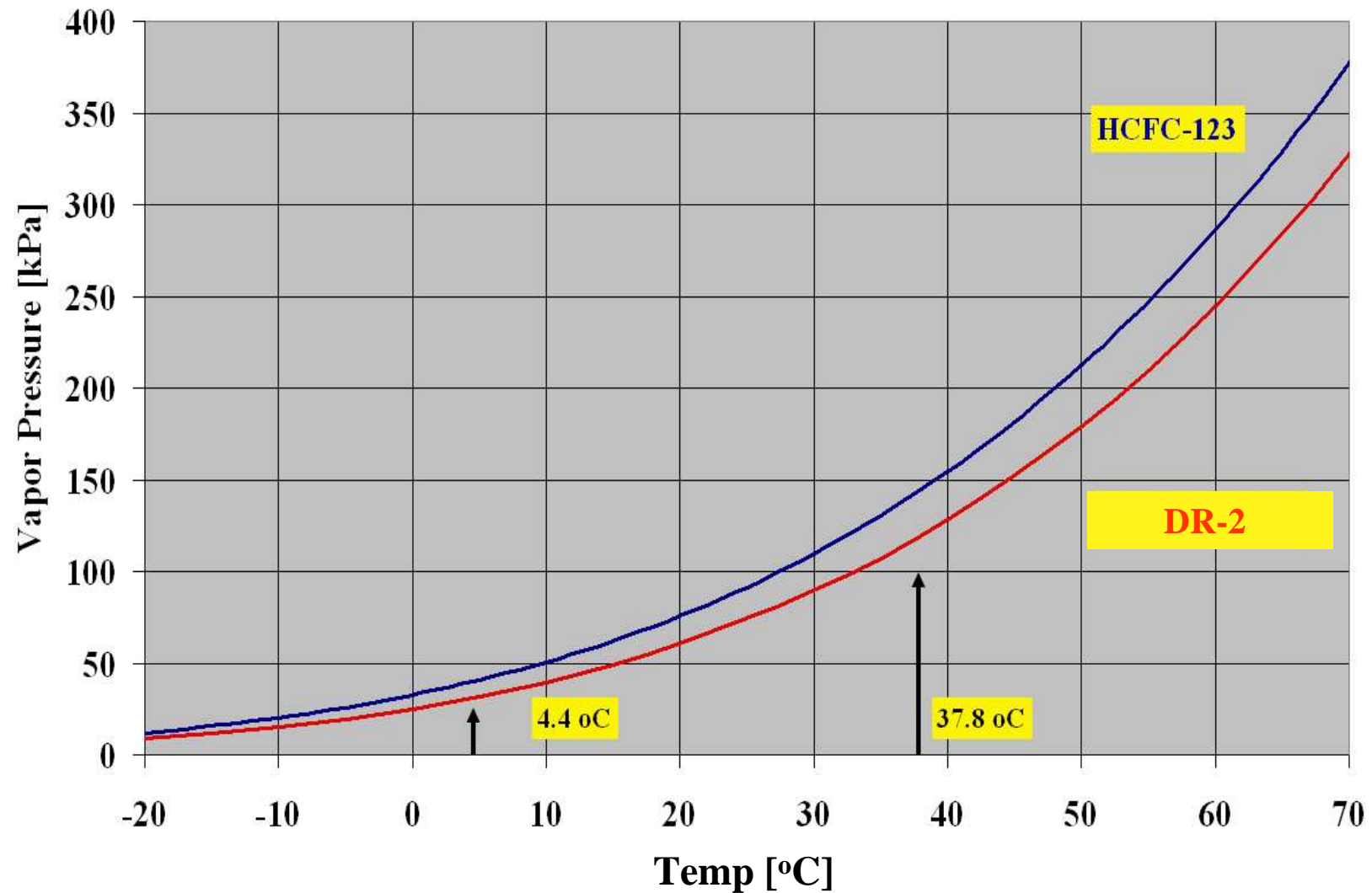
A Low Pressure Candidate: DR-2

*HCFC-123 cannot be used in new equipment in EU today and the US in 2020
HCFC-123 production already scheduled for phase-out by 2030*

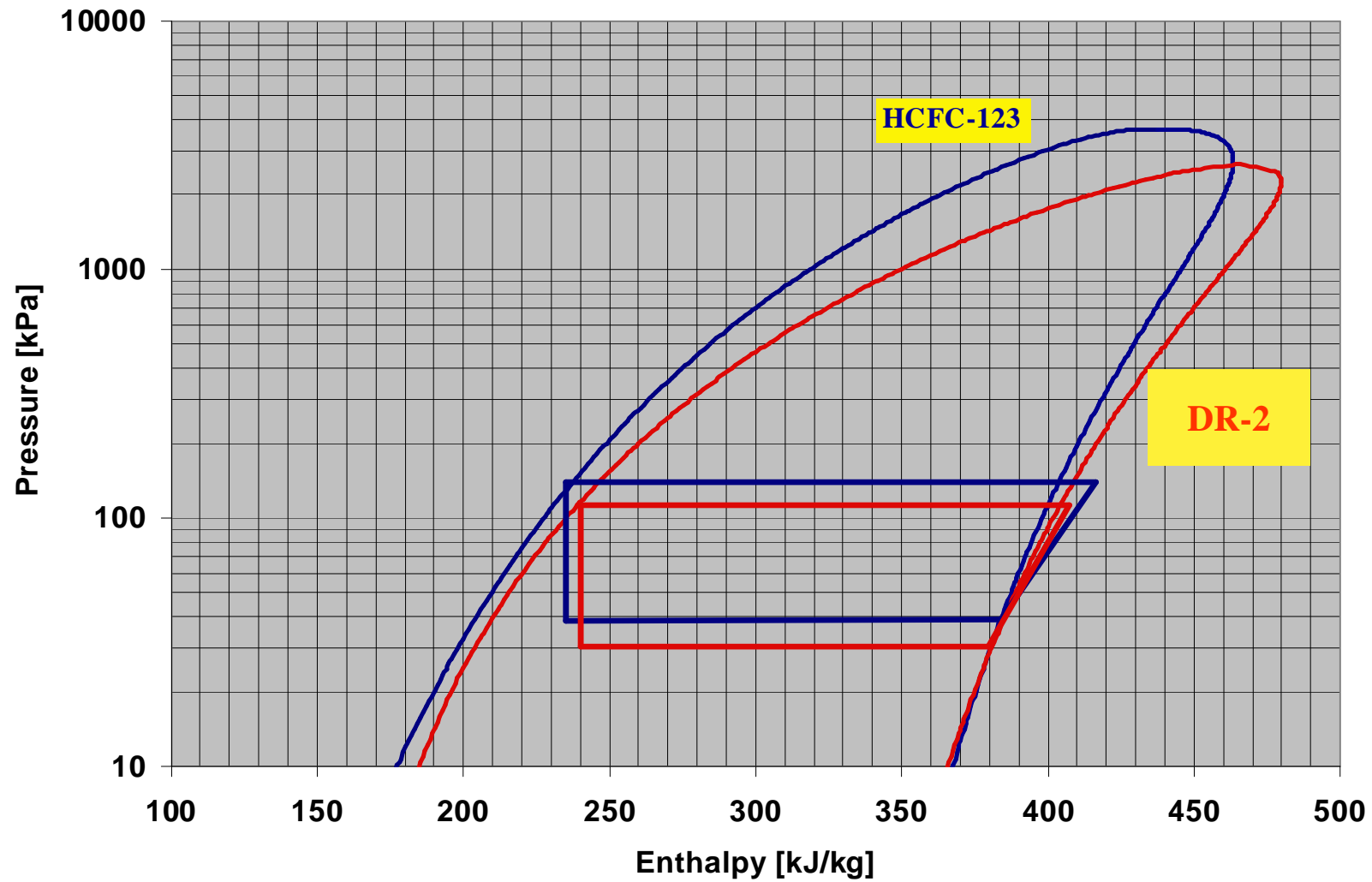
| | HCFC-123 | DR-2 |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Safety Class | B1 | A1 (expected) |
| Atmospheric life time [yrs] | 1.3 | 0.0658 (24 days) |
| ODP | 0.02 | None |
| GWP_{100 YR ITH} | 77 | <10 |
| Critical Temperature [°C] | 183.7 | 171.3 |
| Critical Pressure [MPa] | 3.7 | 2.9 |
| Normal Boiling Point [°C] | 27.9 | 33.4 |

Very Low GWP AND Non-Flammable

DR-2 Vapor Pressure vs. HCFC-123



DR-2 P-h Diagram vs. HCFC-123



DR-2: Stable At Least Up to 250 °C

Sealed tube
testing
based on
ASHRAE-ANSI
STD 97



Even After 2 Wks @ 250 °C:
Clear Fluid, Clean Coupons
Negligible formation of new compounds

DR-2:

- *High Thermal Stability*
- *High Critical Temperature*
- *Low Vapor Pressure*

*High
Temp
Apps?*



II. Applications

- Automotive AC: Move away from HFC-134a underway
- Stationary Applications: Longer Term Low GWP Options
 - Residential & Light Commercial A/C & Heating
 - Commercial Refrigeration (Bottle Coolers & Supermarket Refrigeration)
 - Commercial AC (Chillers)
- Low Temperature Heat Utilization
 - Commercial & Industrial Heating (High Temperature Heat Pumps)
 - Power from Low Temp Heat (Organic Rankine Cycles)

Terminology

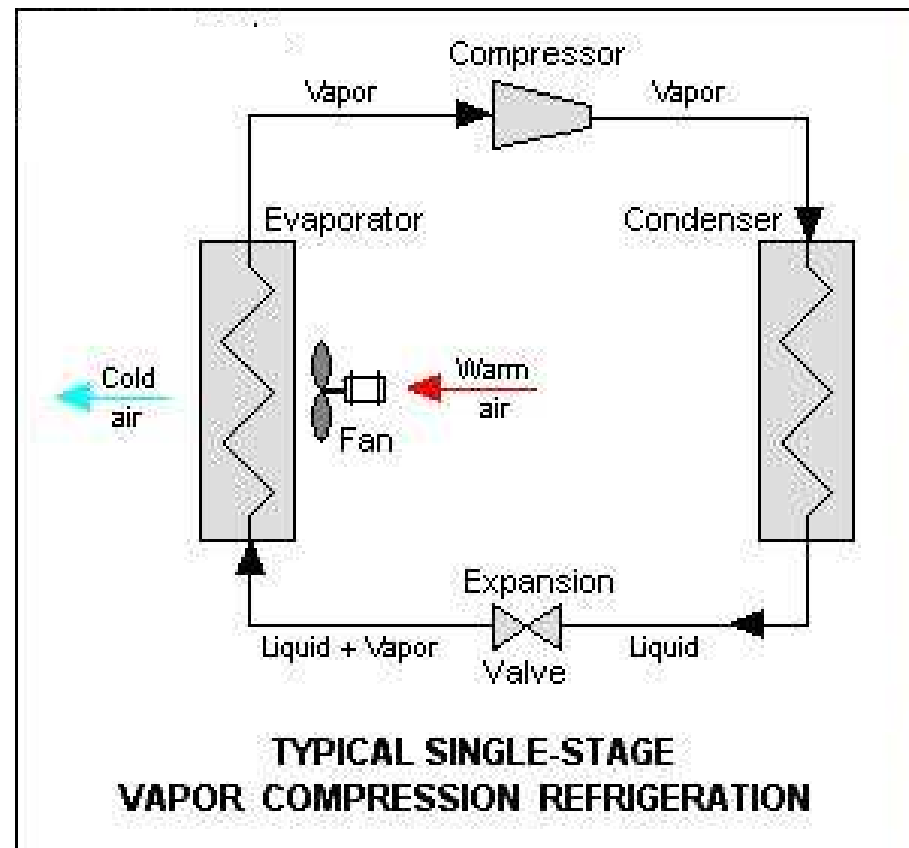
Key Performance Parameters:

Volumetric Capacity

(for cooling or heating)

Coefficient of Performance (COP)

(for cooling or heating)





Automotive Air Conditioning

Auto industry is converging to HFO-1234yf

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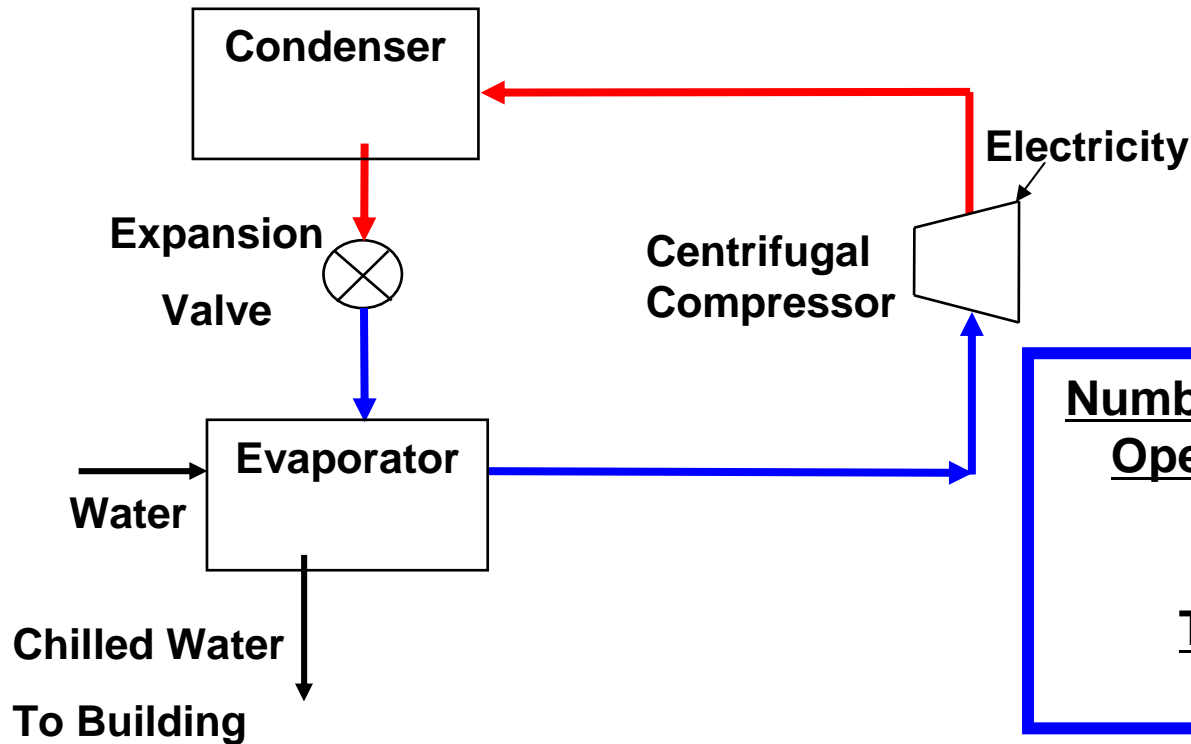
HFO1234yf vs R744 Summary

| | HFO1234yf | CO₂ |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Environmental Impact | Lower total greenhouse gas emissions than either 134a or CO ₂ | 10-15% more total global warming emissions than HFO1234yf |
| Atmospheric Lifetime | 11 days | > 100 years |
| Drop-in Solution? | Near drop-in solution | New system design required |
| Ability to Cool Auto Interior | Superior performance in all climates | Less effective/efficient in hot climates – where air conditioning is used more |
| Safety | Safe for use in automotive air conditioning applications with proper mitigation | Safe for use in automotive air conditioning applications with proper mitigation |



Chillers

Centrifugal Water Chillers



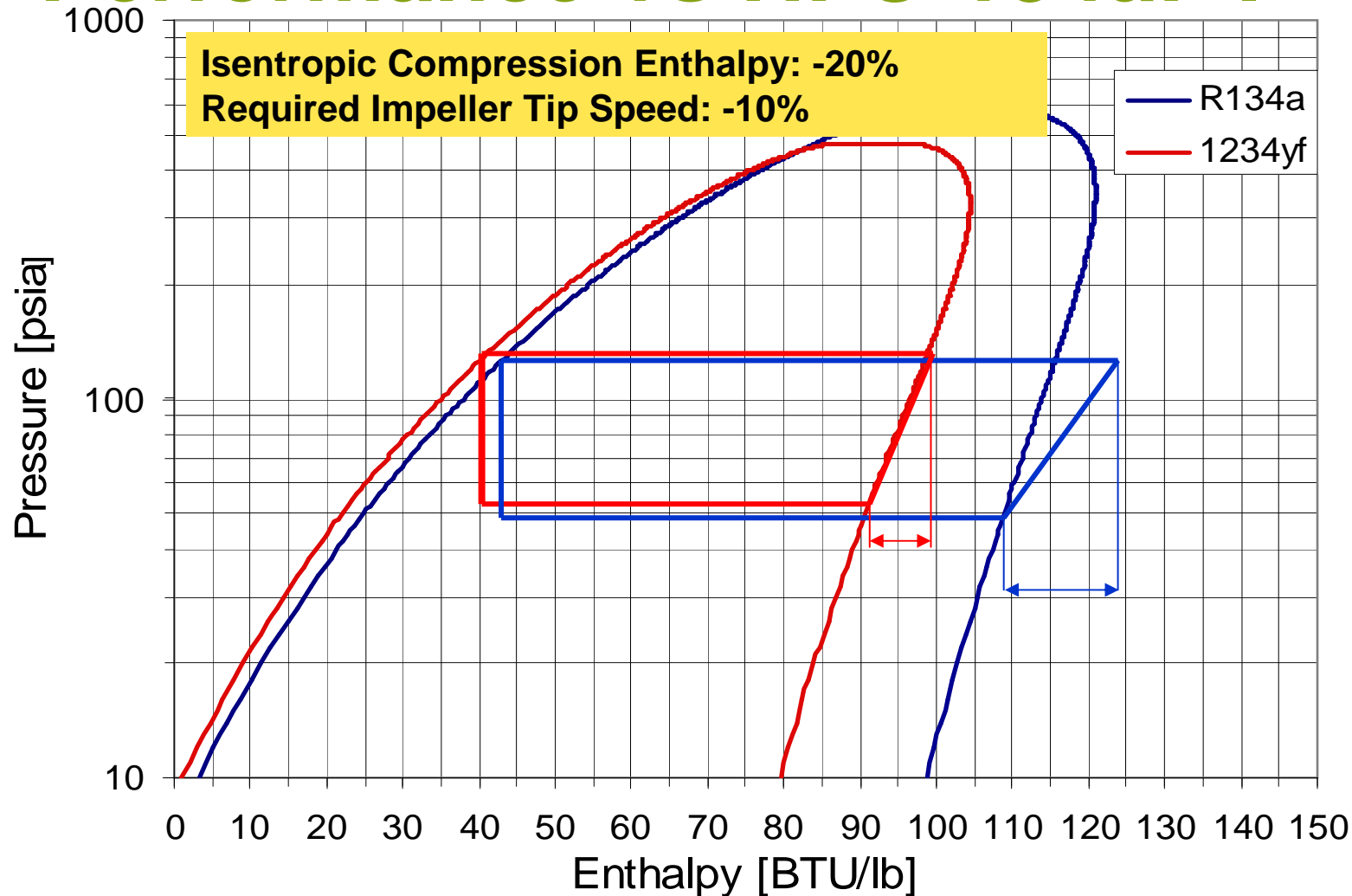
Number of centrifugal chillers in Operation around the world:
Over 130,000

Total refrigerant bank:
ca. 60,000 tonnes

Previous centrifugal chiller refrigerants and transitions

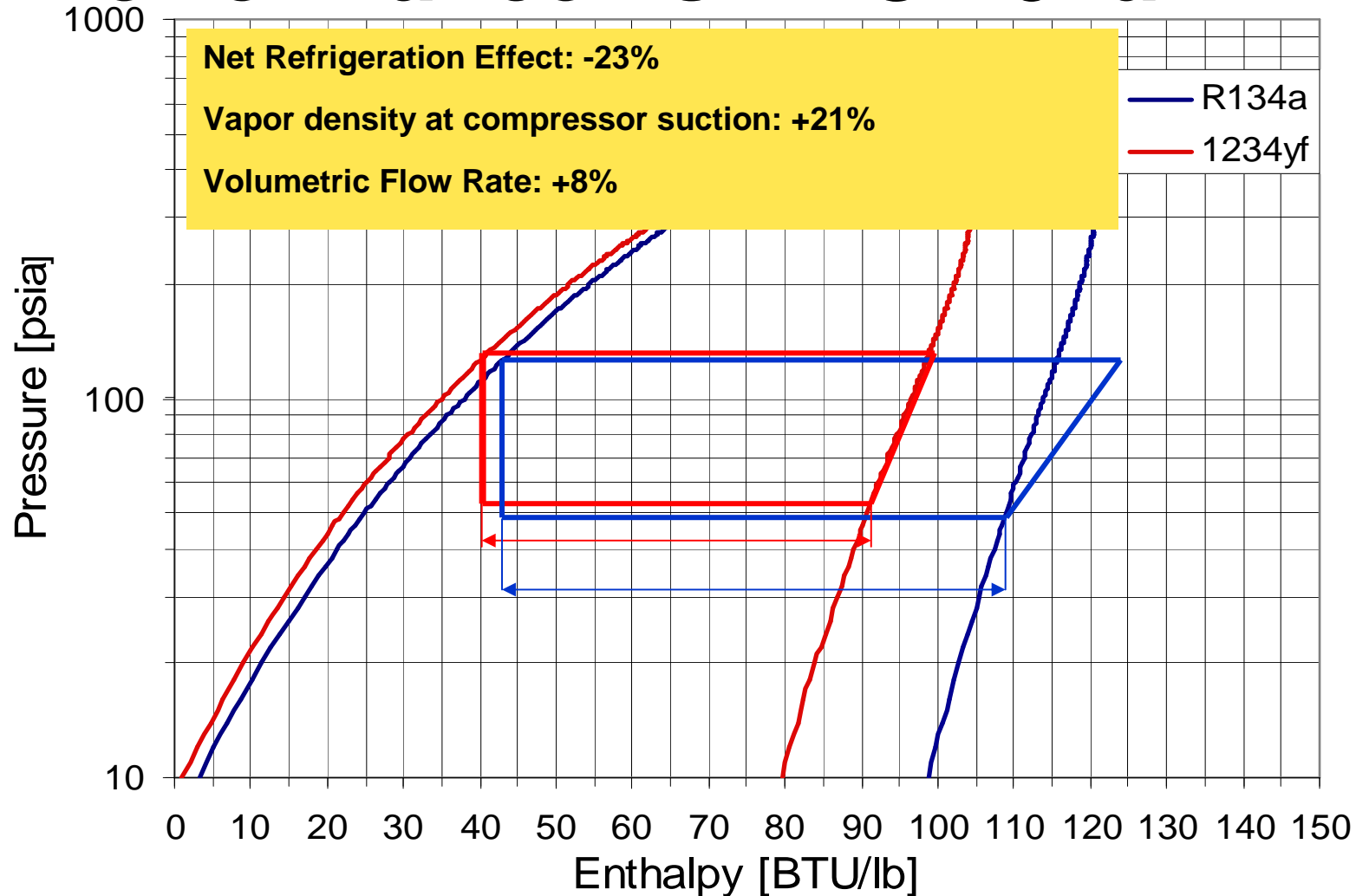
CFC-11 → **HCFC-123** CFC-12 → **HFC-134a**
Ozone Depleting *High GWP*

HFO-1234yf Thermodynamic Performance vs HFC-134a: I



$T_{\text{evap}}=4.4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $T_{\text{cond}}=37.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $\Delta T_{\text{suph}}=0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $\Delta T_{\text{subc}}=0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

HFO-1234yf Thermodynamic Performance vs HFC-134a: II



$T_{\text{evap}}=4.4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $T_{\text{cond}}=37.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $\Delta T_{\text{suph}}=0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $\Delta T_{\text{subc}}=0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Low GWP Replacements for HFC-134a in Chillers: Summary

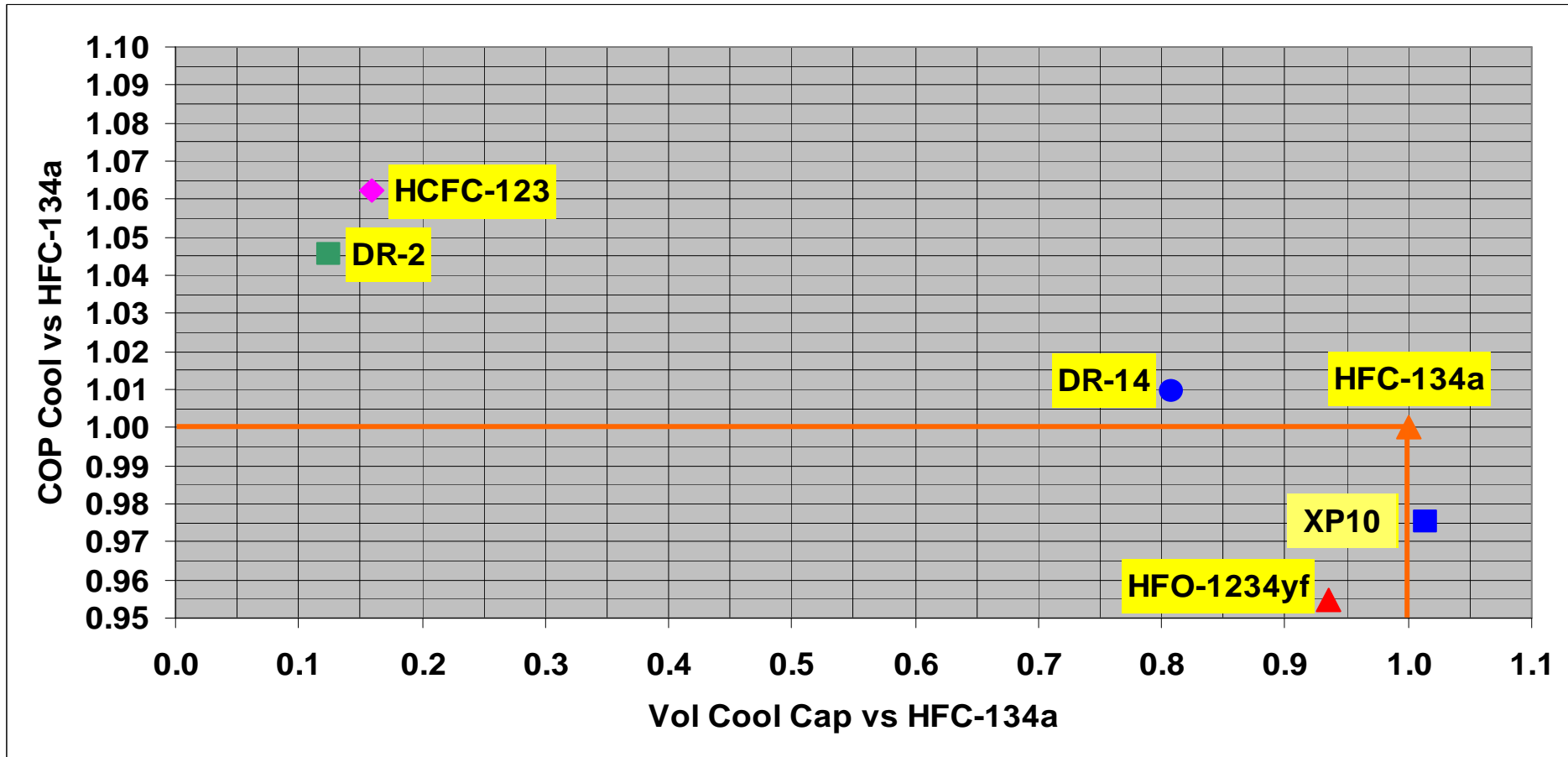
Low Toxicity, Adequate Stability, No ODP

| | HFO-1234yf | XP10 | DR-14 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| FLAMMABILITY | Marginal | Nonflammable | Nonflammable |
| Theoretical Energy Efficiency vs HFC-134a | -4.5% | -2.5 % | +0.7 % |
| Cooling Capacity vs HFC-134a | -6.5% | +1.5% | -19.3 % |
| HFC-134a Retrofit | - | Near drop-in | -- |
| GWP₁₀₀ | 4 | ~600 | ~380 |

Preferred Refrigerant?

XP10: would require no major equipment and no safety code modifications; it could be adopted earlier and more widely

Low GWP Chiller Refrigerants: Performance



The case for DR-2

| DR-2 vs | DR-14 | XP10 | 1234yf |
|---------|-------|------|--------|
| COP | 3.6% | 7.2% | 9.5% |

- *Higher energy efficiency*
- *Lower vapor pressure (containment; no pressure rated vessels)*
- *Favorable safety and environm properties*

Warming Impact of Low GWP Chiller Refrigerants

$$\mathbf{TEWI} = \mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{NRG}} + \mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{RFG}} + \mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{EOLrf}}$$

$$\mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{NRG}} [\mathbf{kgCO}_2\text{-eq}] = \mathbf{CI} \times \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{E} [\mathbf{kwh}] = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{COP}) \times \mathbf{HRS} \times \mathbf{N}$$

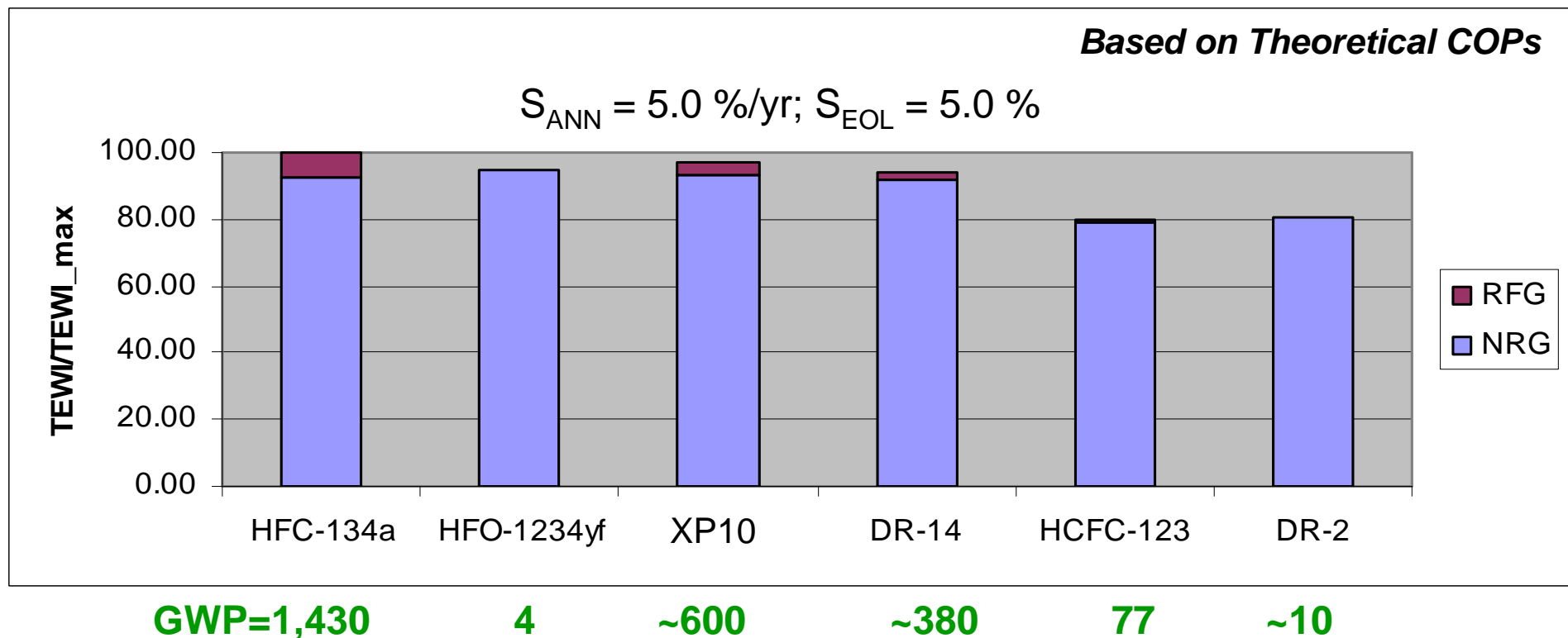
$$\mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{RFG}} = \mathbf{M}_r \times \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{ANN}} \times \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{GWP}$$

$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{ANN}}$ = annual % charge loss

$$\mathbf{EM}_{\mathbf{EOLrf}} = \mathbf{M}_r \times \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{EOL}} \times \mathbf{GWP}$$

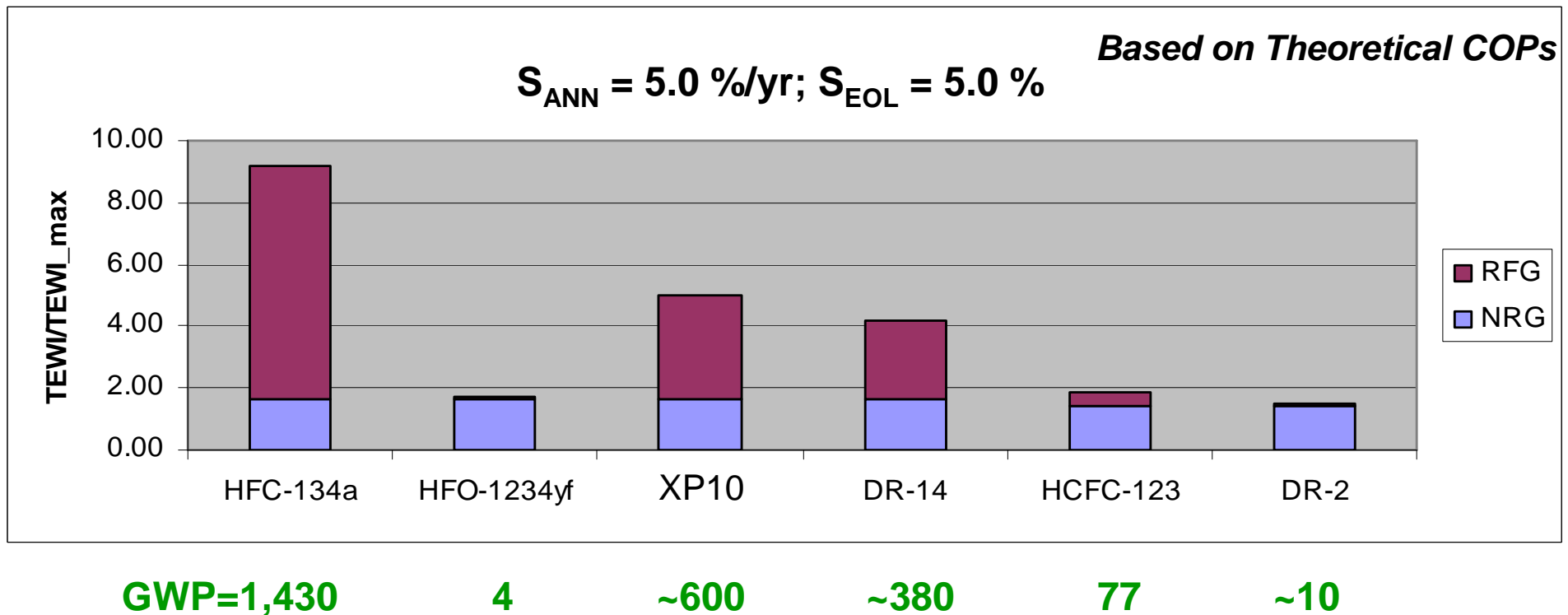
$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{EOL}}$ = End-Of-Life % charge loss

TEWI: High Carbon Intensity Scenario (0.8445 kgCO₂-eq/kwh--China)



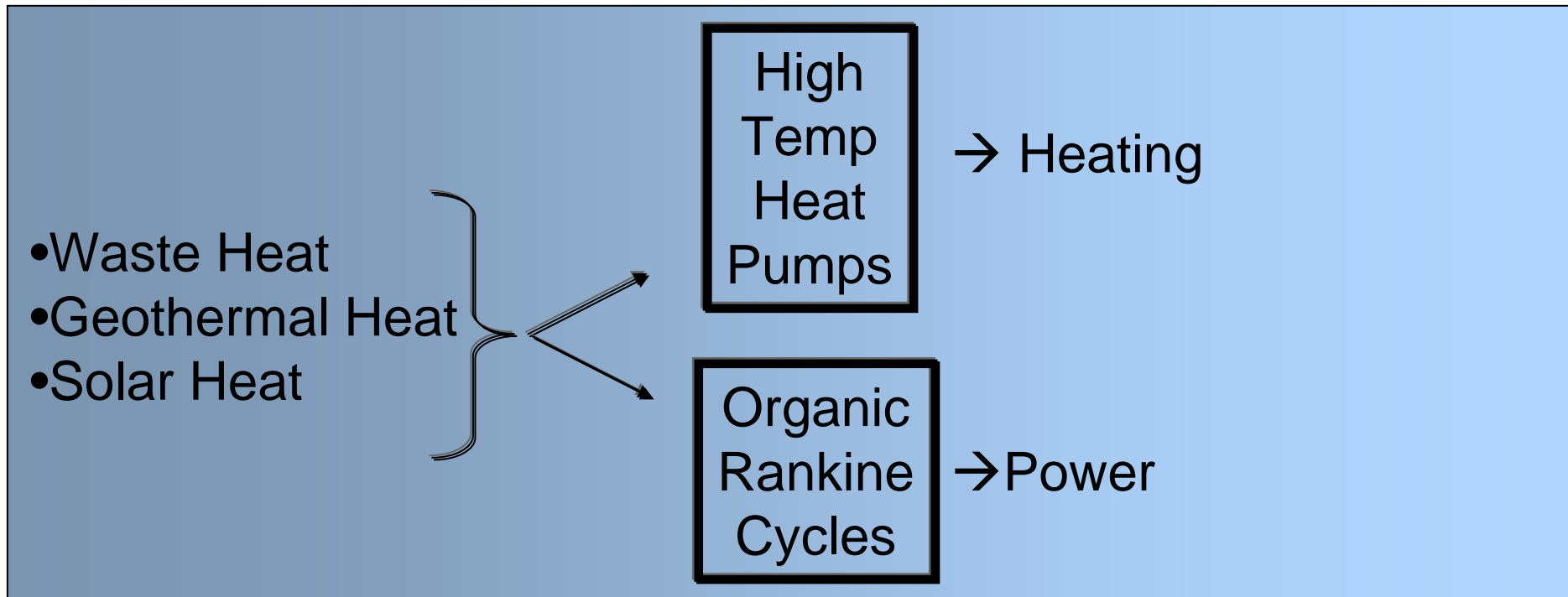
Minimization of GWP does not necessarily lead to
maximum Warming Impact reduction

TEWI: Low Carbon Intensity Scenario (0.0150 kgCO₂-eq/kwh--Switzerland)



DR-2 for Low Temp Heat Utilization

- Reduce energy costs
- Reduce environmental impact from energy use



DR-2: Stable at high temperatures; High critical temperature; Low vapor pressure

High Temperature Heat Pumps: DR-2

Heating Duty: $T_{\text{cond}} = 155 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

$P_{\text{cond}} = 2.18 \text{ MPa}$

$\Delta T_{\text{suph}} = 15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; $\Delta T_{\text{subc}} = 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; $\eta_{\text{compr}} = 0.80$

| T_{evap} | $^\circ\text{C}$ | 80 | 100 | 120 |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| P_{evap} | MPa | 0.43 | 0.70 | 1.10 |
| PR | | 5.08 | 3.09 | 1.98 |
| COP_h | | 2.975 | 4.568 | 8.034 |
| CAP_h | kJ/m^3 | 2,331.42 | 4,121.62 | 7,003.43 |

Potential Applications?

Power from Heat through ORCs: DR-2 vs HFC-245fa

| | | HFC-245fa | DR-2 |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chemical Formula | | $\text{CHF}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$ | Proprietary |
| T_b | °C | 15.1 | 33.4 |
| T_{cr} | °C | 154 | 171.3 |
| P_{cr} | MPa | 3.65 | 2.90 |
| Safety Class | | B1 | A1 (expected) |
| ALT | yrs | 7.6 | 0.0658 (24 days) |
| GWP₁₀₀ | | 1030 | 9.4 |

Power from Heat through ORCs: DR-2 vs HFC-245fa

$$P_{\text{evap}} = 2.18 \text{ MPa}$$

$$T_{\text{cond}} = 40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}; \Delta T_{\text{supt}} = 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}; \Delta T_{\text{subc}} = 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}; \eta_{\text{exp}} = 0.85; \eta_{\text{pump}} = 0.85$$

| | | HFC-245fa | DR-2 | DR-2 vs HFC-245fa % |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|--------|---------------------------|
| T_{evap} | oC | 126.2 | 155 | |
| P_{cond} | MPa | 0.25 | 0.13 | |
| Efficiency | | 0.1348 | 0.1551 | +15.06 |
| CAP_e | kJ/m3 | 409.85 | 272.20 | -33.59 |



Summary-Conclusions

HFOs: a rich class of low GWP compounds each with each own idiosyncrasies; pipeline of candidates tailor-made for various applications emerging

XP10: a sensible nearer-term replacement for HFC-134a in emissive chiller applications

DR-2: promising longer-term, low-pressure fluid for commercial air conditioning and low temperature heat utilization

Refrigerant selection should consider application impact, not just refrigerant attributes: e.g. refrigerant with lowest GWP may not lead to maximum warming impact reduction

Flexible climate protection regulations to allow acceptance of optimum refrigerants/trade-offs



Thank you!

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