Sustainable, safe and efficient cooling in Data Centers with water as refrigerant





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The only car 5th Avenue, NYC, Easter 1900



The only horse 5th Avenue, NYC, Easter 1913

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Impact of CO2-Emissions on our climate



F-Gas-Directive – Phase Down & øGWP



The availability of the HFCs is limited step by step due to the possible average GWPs.

Source øGWP: Öko-Recherche GmbH

Refrigerant options





HFCs and natural replacements



What makes a good refrigerant?

- Physical properties
 - 1. Environmentally benign (Low GWP, no ODP, biodegradable)
 - 2. Vapor pressure curve (reasonable pressures for application)
 - 3. Low viscosity
 - 4. Distinct miscibility with lubricants
 - 5. Good water solubility
 - 6. High electrical breakdown resistance
- Chemical properties
 - 1. High chemical stability
 - 2. Low flammability
 - 3. High chemical indifference
- · Physiological properties
 - 1. No toxicity
 - 2. noticeable smell
- Economical properties
 - 1. High energetic coefficient of performance
 - 2. Volumetric refrigeration capacity
 - 3. Circulating refrigerant mass
 - 4. Availability
 - 5. Cost



Water as refrigerant



Water as refrigerant - advantages



No chemical & physical risks

No reductions or limitations

Water as refrigerant – working principle



operation under vacuum

state	temperature	pressure
evaporation	16,0 °C	0,018 bar
condensation	52,0 °C	0,136 bar





Project Specification:

- Location: Bremen
- constant cooling capacity:25 kW
- cold aisle temperature: 25° constant
- recooling: dry cooler



- Ambient temperature distribution at the location of the unit
- Cooling capacity 25 kW all year
- Power consumption of unit rising from 1,1 kW (free cooling mode) to 17 kW (two stage operation)
- COP is rising up to 22 depending on operational mode



Energy Efficiency Analysis DMK Bremen **EER**



Project Specification:

- Location: Calw (South Germany)
- constant cooling capacity: 35 kW
- Chilled water supply: 19°C
- Cold Aisle temperature: max. 25°C
- recooling: dry cooler



EER for the considered period: 21



Project Specification:

- Location: Weilheim (South Germany)
- constant cooling capacity: 60 kW
- Chilled water supply: 16°C
- recooling: adiabatic cooler

Cube Data Center BT: a Data Center within a Data Center in an enclosed housing/highdensity area for one customer with special needs/demands.

- Cooling water supply through central cooling water system.
- Chilled water setpoint temperature: 14°C
- Cold Aisle Temperature: 20°C
- cooling supply of 70kW
- Initial cooling capacity: 10kW
- Integrated Master Slave Control System
- Same system setup 2 x in Hamburg, 1 x in Berlin



Key advantages for Data Centers

- Unlimited refrigerant availability at low costs, no shortcuts
- no legal restrictions
- no safety and gas warning installations necessary
- no specialized refrigeration technicians necessary
- no regular leakage checks (DIN EN378 doesn't apply)
- low pressure systems with no hazards and risks for the operating personnel
- due to the above, minimazitation of downtimes
- high chilled water outlet temperatures
- very low energy costs due to integrated free cooling



Questions?

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