













Opportunities for decarbonisation: how are these applied in the real world?

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ENOUGH DEMONSTRATION CAMPAIGN

Overall Objective: Demonstrate promising **technologies** and improve their performance in **real-life situations**

ENOUGH project develops and showcases innovating and advanced (TRL5-TRL7)
 technology demonstrators to achieve neutral carbon food business

21 Demo cases in operation

All demonstrators represent real life chances to decarbonise the food chain and provide evidence on how to reduce emissions



PILLARS BEHIND SELECTED TECHNOLOGIES

INTEGRATE AND OPTIMIZE ENERGY FLOWS

INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

ELIMINATE FOSSIL FUELS AND INCREASE RENEWABLES







IMPROVE PROCESSING AND PRESERVATION CONDITIONS

REDUCE FOOD WASTE







USE NATURAL WORKING FLUIDS and MATERIALS

DEMO MATRIX

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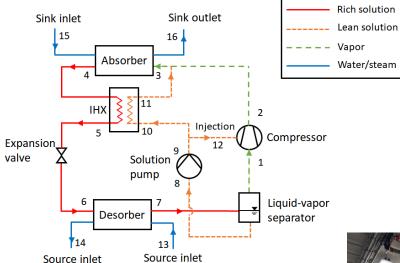
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			Meat	Fish	Dairy	Fruit&Veg	Other
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Processing	•		D14	D15,18,20	D2,3&4		
Transport		D7&8				D6	
Storage&Retail		D9,10,11,16&19				D5	
Domestic		D12&13	D17				
Other						Įή	3 D1,D21



HIGH TEMPERATURE HEAT PUMPS







Pressurized water @110°C
100% natural refrigerant
Reduced CO₂e emissions by
up to 87.3% and 46.8% for
the Norwegian and
European electricity grid
scenarios (vs gas boiler)



NH₃ and H₂O as the Refrigerant Waste heat recovery Oil free compressor









HTHP INTEGRATION IN A DAIRY

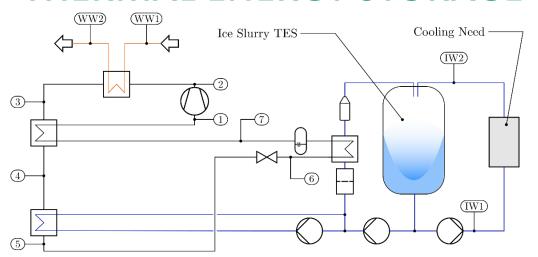
NH₃ as the Refrigerant Waste heat recovery High Temperature module

100% natural refrigerant31% of heat demand for CIP supplied by HTHP170 t CO2e savings per year



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THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE







Energy Smart Dairy

Chiller&Heat Pump function CO₂ as the Refrigerant **Hot and Cold TES** PV integration

100% natural refrigerant -10% emissions during **ENOUGH** project









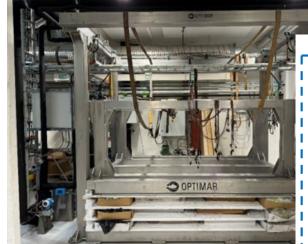
Thermosiphon Thermal Accumulator

CTES integrated into display cabinet

1.4 h power shut off without significant impact on product Integration with the grid

FREEZING TECHNOLOGY





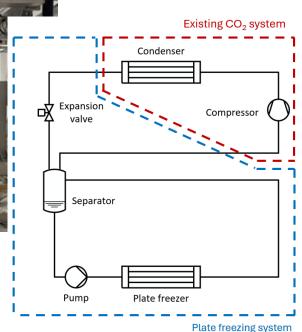


Plate freezing

Plate freezer CO₂ as the refrigerant -50°C evaporation temperature

100% natural refrigerant
59% energy reduction vs baseline
43.6% process time reduction with
evaporation from -36°C to -50°C







Blast Freezing

CO₂ as the refrigerant -50°C evaporation temperature



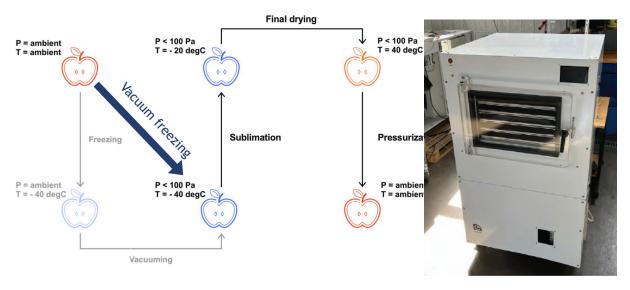
100% natural refrigerant
Reliability assesment
Transient operation below the triple point
Oil return

FREEZING TECHNOLOGY - Quality









Brine freezing

Single stage or two-stage freezing Explore savings and practical implications

Partially brine freezing followed by tunnel-freezing allows for **14% energy savings** (vs traditional tunnel)

Brine freezing of single pelagic fish helps in retaining **natural fish shape**

Long term food storage

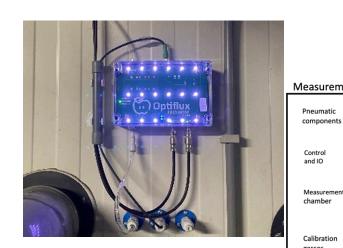
Apply vacuum freezing for domestic use R290 unit



38% energy reduction for 3kg load 40% process time reduction for 5kg load 100% natural refrigerant (propane) Log term zero-energy preservation

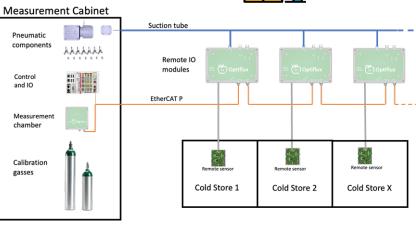


IMPROVED PRESERVATION: DCA and SUPERCHILLING















DCA storage of Fruit

Up to 15 % lower energy consumption compared to conventional ULO storage

100 % organic (no chemical treatments needed during storage)Eliminating fruit disorders such as superficial scaldTailored to each specific batch of fruitLonger shelf life compared to ULO storage

Superchilling Compartment

Compartment at -2.5°C (±0.8°C)

Beef and lamb **shelf life extended** from ~4.5–6 days (chilling) to >16 days (superchilling)
Delay of at least 10 days in reaching critical microbial thresholds



ELECTRIC UNITS FOR TRANSPORT





eLCV vehicle (fresh products)

CO₂ as the Refrigerant Ejector based cycle PV supported

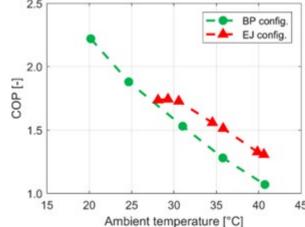


Insulated box for last mile (frozen products)

Propane as the Refrigerari Eutectic pipes

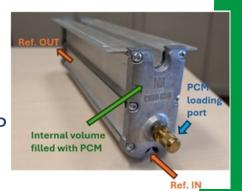
100% natural refrigerant

Total annual reduction in operation emissions between -30.0% in cold climates (Helsinki) and -15.5% in hot climates (Phoenix) vs R134a



100% natural refrigerant

-8% freezing energy input (ATP test conditions) vs R452A





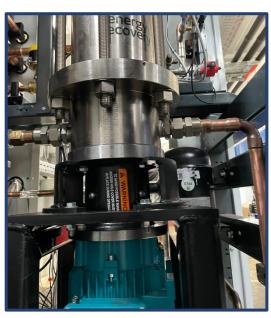
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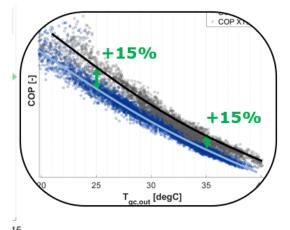






SOTA COMPONENTS AND DIGITAL TOOLS







Pressure Exchanger for Retail

CO₂ as the Refrigerant Booster System for supermarket

100% natural refrigerant+15% average COPReliable operation up to 43°C ambient



SDS framework (monitoring and improvement distributed decision dashboard action making) (KPI-based) SDS Node 2 SDS Node 1 \bowtie request/feedback Doing well so far proc. data improvement request/feedback SDS Node 3 request/feedback

Holistic Supply Chain Management and Control

Smart Data Systems platform committing supply chain actors in a continuous decision-making and feedback loop

Address complexities of supply chains in real-world contexts towards emission reduction

Application to Dairy, Storage and Retail



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WP6 KEY MESSAGES

- Future food chain can rely on **100% natural refrigerants-based** technologies (D2,3,4,5,7,8,10,11,12,14,15,17,18,19,20)
- Flow Integration, Energy Storage, Heat Recovery, use of Waste Heat are key towards decarbonization (D2,3,8,9,11,14,16,18)
- Electrification is possible for industrial processing heating and transport (D2,3,7,8, 14)
- Adopt innovative storage methods (D4,5,12,17) and processing (D15) to reduce food waste at professional and domestic level
- Advanced control guarantees emission reduction and trustability of the chain (D1,D21)



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CONCLUSIONS



- Technologies for food chain decarbonisations do exist
- ENOUGH has adapted, implemented, improved and documented 21 technologies, spanning from large industrial appliances, to small domestic ones, components and digital tools
- Cooperation of research organisation and industrial partners and stakeholders
 throughout the project and further lay-out of business plans has been the key
 towards success
- Results are openly available for different stakeholders, conveying key recommendations to academia, industry, market, policy and society

Final public reports for all demos soon available on ENOUGH website

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