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## *Compressors and Compressor Technologies*

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# ***Compressor & Compressor Technologies***



# ***Compressor Technologies***

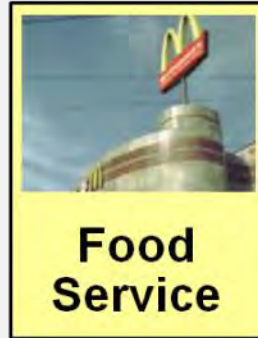
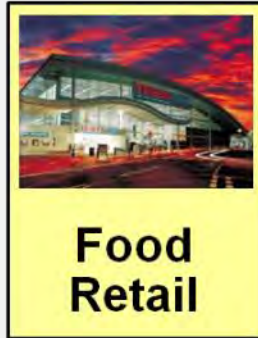
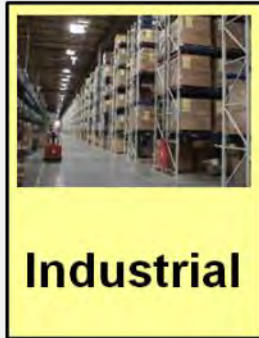
## ***Agenda***

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- **Compressor Introduction**
  - Typical Applications
  - Common Types
  - Compression Mechanisms
- **Compressor Features**
  - Efficiency
  - Modulation
  - Reliability

# Typical Applications

Markets



Compressors



Refrigerants

NH<sub>3</sub>  
R134a  
R404A/507  
R290

R134a  
R404A

R404A/507  
R407A  
R134a  
CO<sub>2</sub>

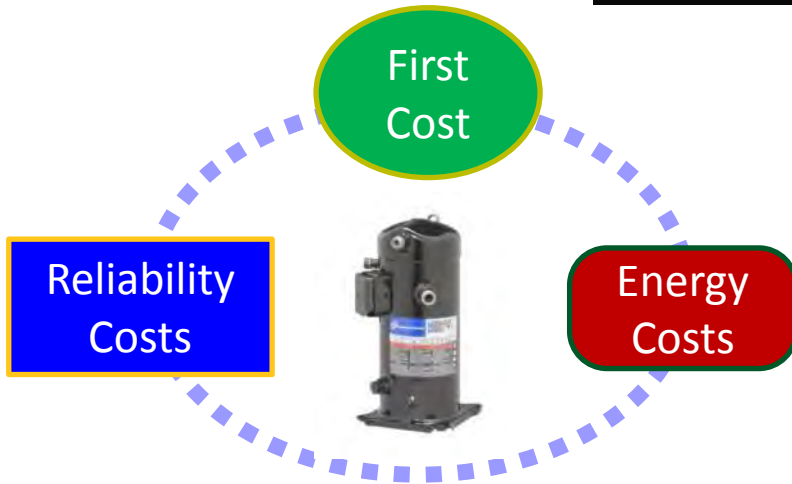
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R410A  
R407C

R410A

# Key Industry Needs

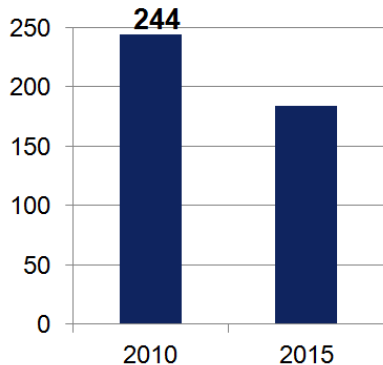
## Total Cost Of Ownership



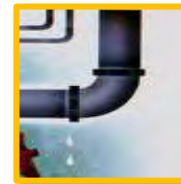
- **Supermarket Refrigeration Accounts For 60-65% Of Total Energy Costs**
- **Reliability Costs - Varies**

## Maintenance Solutions (Reliability/Uptime)

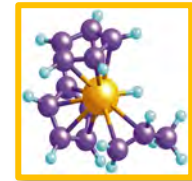
Number Of Qualified Techs (000)



## Sustainability



Refrigerant Containment



Low GWP Refs. & Natural Alternatives



System Architecture



Energy Efficiency

# Compressor Types

**Hermetic**



**Semi-Hermetic**



**Open-Drive**

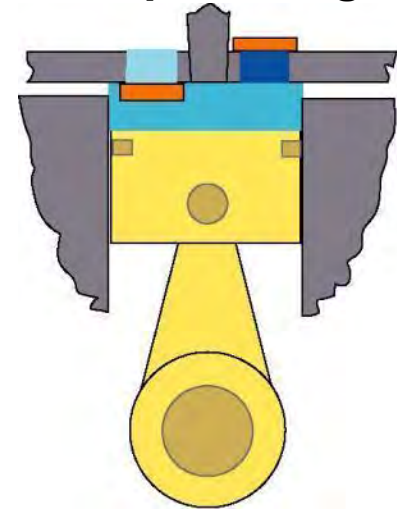


# Compression Mechanisms

## Scroll

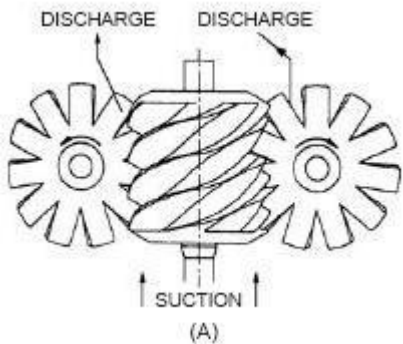


## Reciprocating

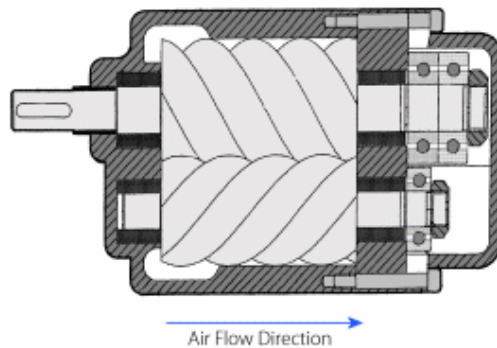


## Screw

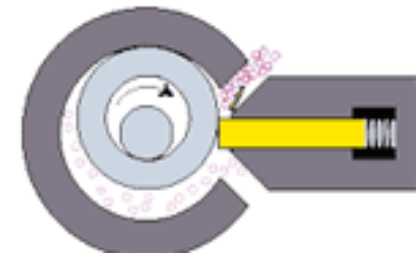
### Single



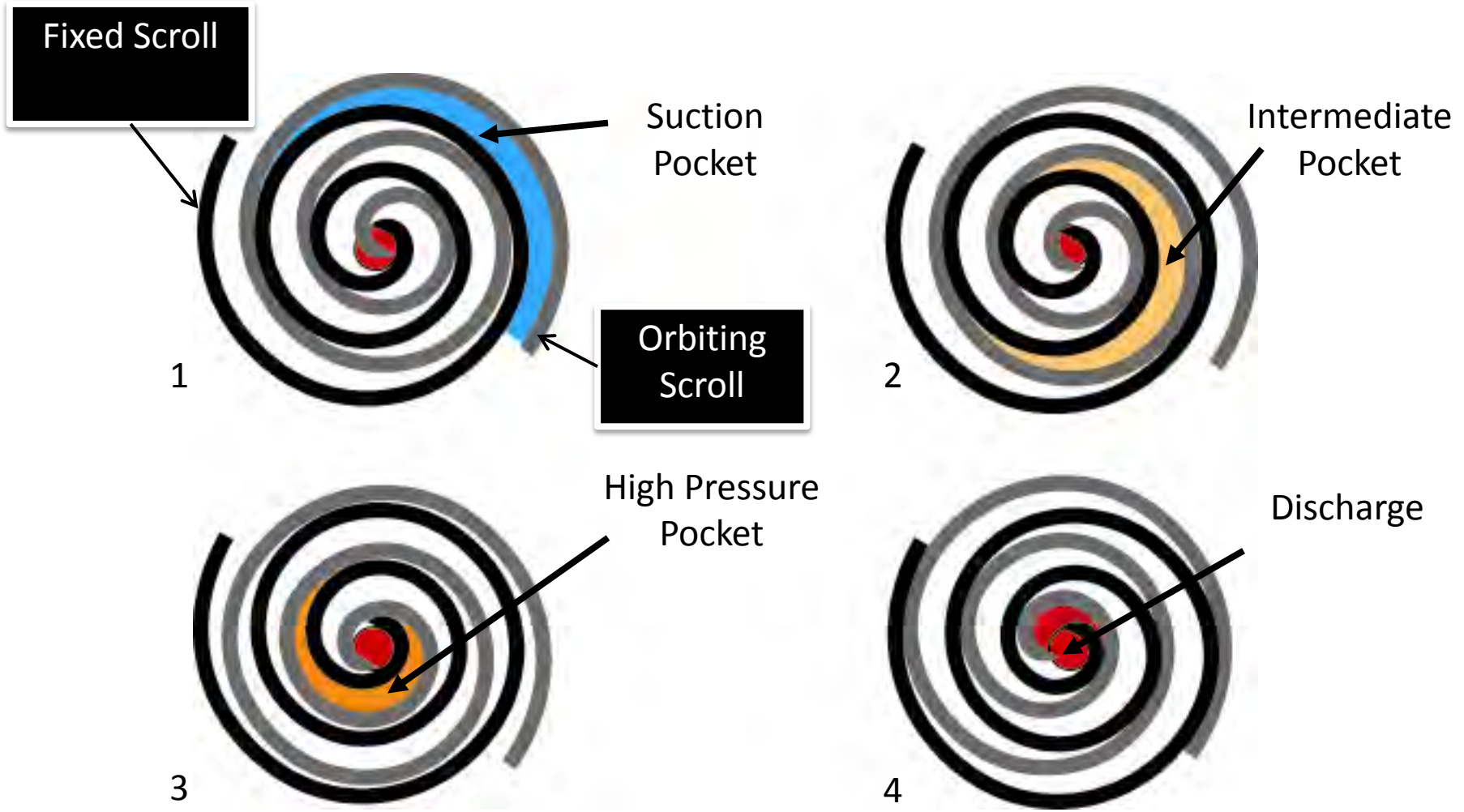
### Dual



## Rotary Vane

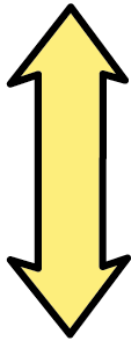
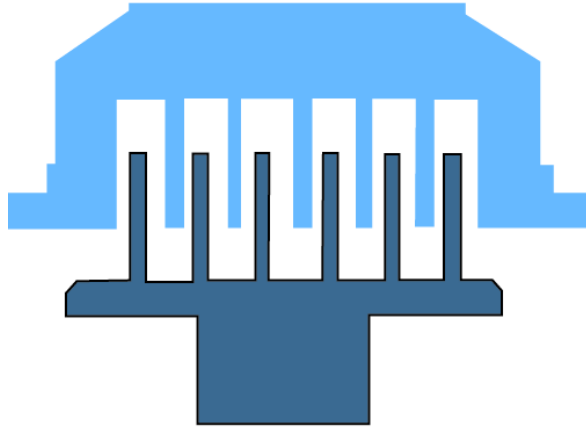


# How The Scroll Compressor Works

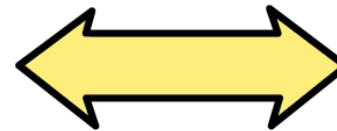
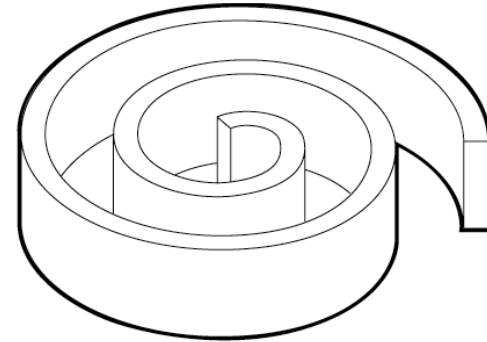


# Compliant Scrolls

Axial Compliance

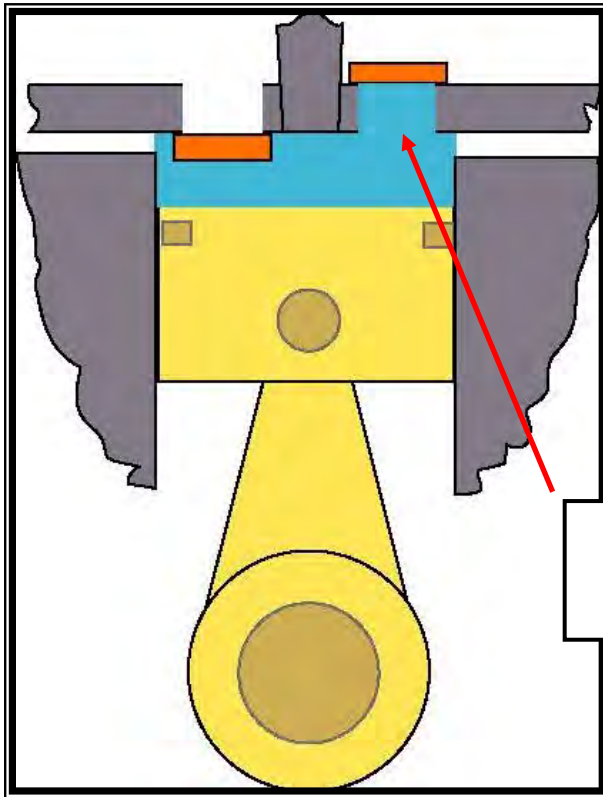


Radial Compliance

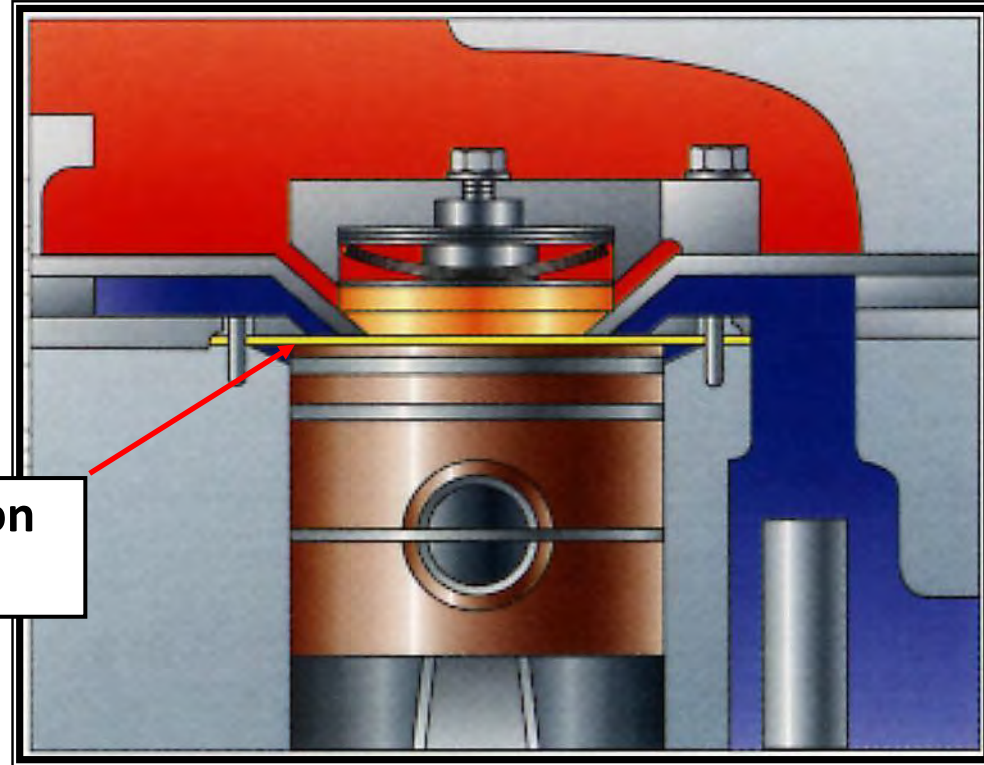




# *Semi-Hermetic Reed vs. Discus Technology*



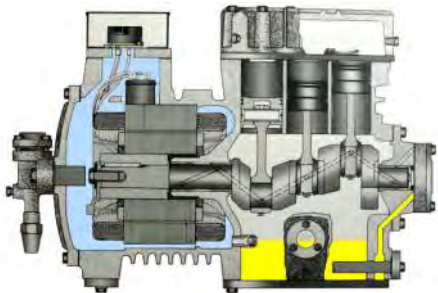
**Reed  
Compressor**



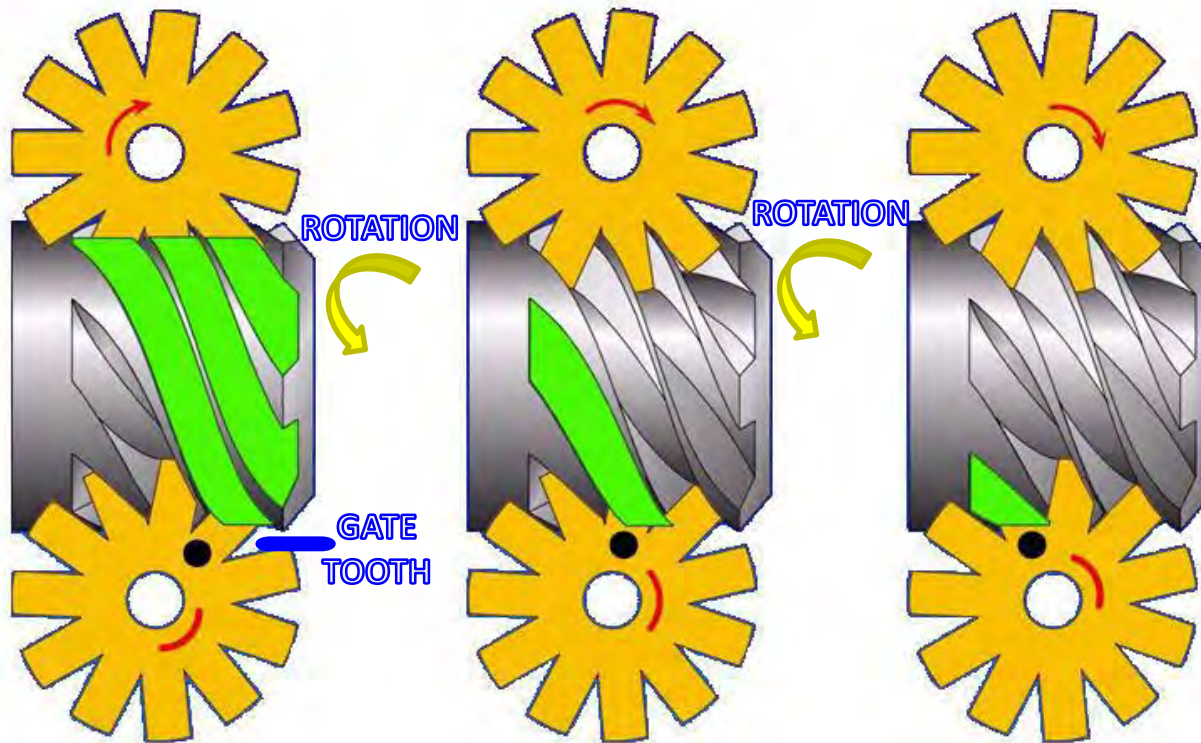
**Discus Compressor**

**Re-Expansion  
Volume**

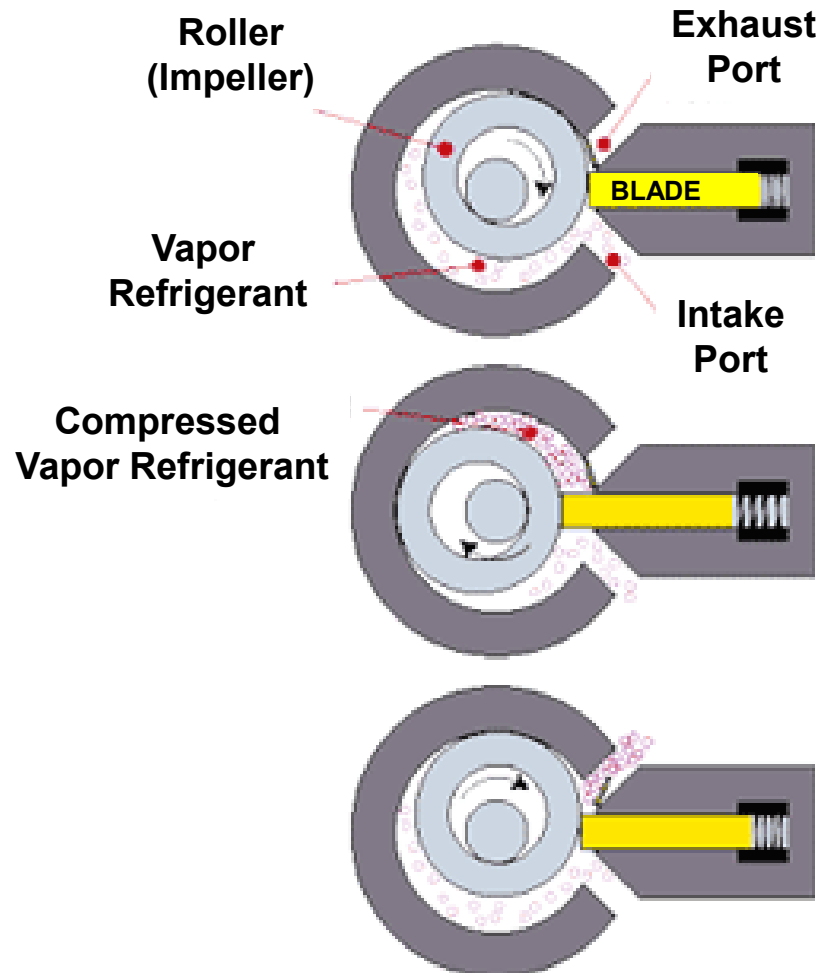
- The Geometry Of A Reed Compressor Does Not Allow All The Discharge Gas To Exit When The Piston Is At Top Dead Center, Leading To Re-Expansion Volume
- Re-Expansion In The Discus Design Is Virtually Zero, Providing Higher Efficiency



# Single Screw Compression Cycle



# Rotary Vane Compressor



# Compressor Efficiency & Technology

- **Compressor Rating Conditions**

- LT: -25F/105F/65RG/0SC
- MT: 20F/120F/65RG/0SC

- **AEER**

- **Peak Loads**

- **Factors Affecting Efficiency**

- Evaporating Temperature
- Condensing Temperature
- Return Gas or Superheat Temperature

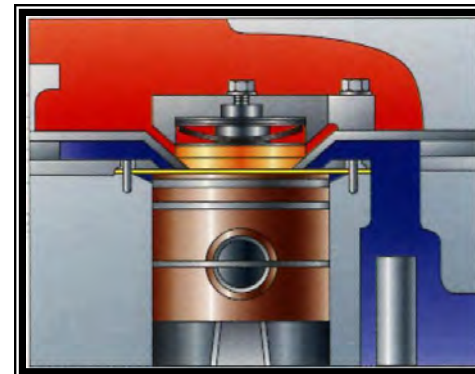


**Table 1. Standard Rating Conditions for Compressors and Compressor Units for Commercial Refrigeration Applications (Based on 95°F [35°C] Ambient Temperature)**

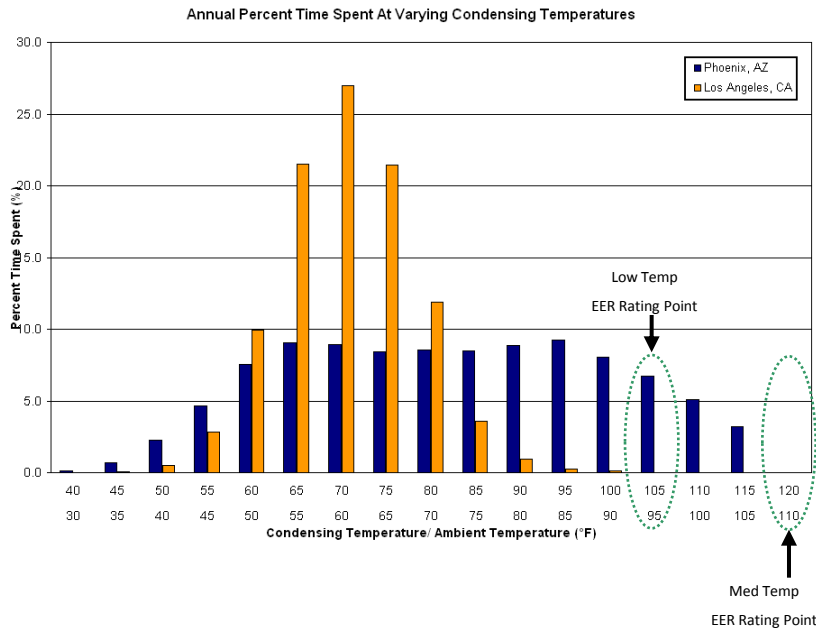
Suction Dew Point Temperature		Compressor Type	Discharge Dew Point Temperature		Return Gas Temperature		Subcooling	
°F	°C		°F	°C	°F	°C	°F	°C
45	7.2	All	130	54.4	65	18	15	8.3
20	-6.7	All*	120	48.9	40/65*	4.4/18*	0	0
-10	-23	Hermetic	120	48.9	40	4.4	0	0
-25	-32	All*	105	40.6	40/65*	4.4/18*	0	0
-40	-40	All*	105	40.6	40/65*	4.4/18*	0	0

Note: If airflow across the compressor is used to determine ratings, it shall be specified by the compressor manufacturer.  
 \* 1) For hermetic type compressors, 40°F [4.4°C] return gas temperature shall be used.  
 2) For external drive and accessible hermetic type compressors, 65°F [18°C] return gas temperature shall be used.

**AHRI 540**



# What Is AEER Using Bin Analysis?



- **Annual EER (AEER) is the EER weighted averaged by the condensing temperature for the whole year**
  - $AEER = 1 \sum (\%time \ EER)$
- **If the cost of energy consumed is required, that can be calculated as well**
- **Weather data used is data from U.S. National Weather Service**
- **AEER is useful for comparison purposes**

$$Total\_Energy\_Cost \ \$/_{yr} = \frac{Load \ Btu/hr}{AEER \ Btu/W-hr} * 8.76 * Energy\_Cost \ \$/_{kWh}$$

AEER is a better efficiency metric

# ***Methods To Improve Efficiency***

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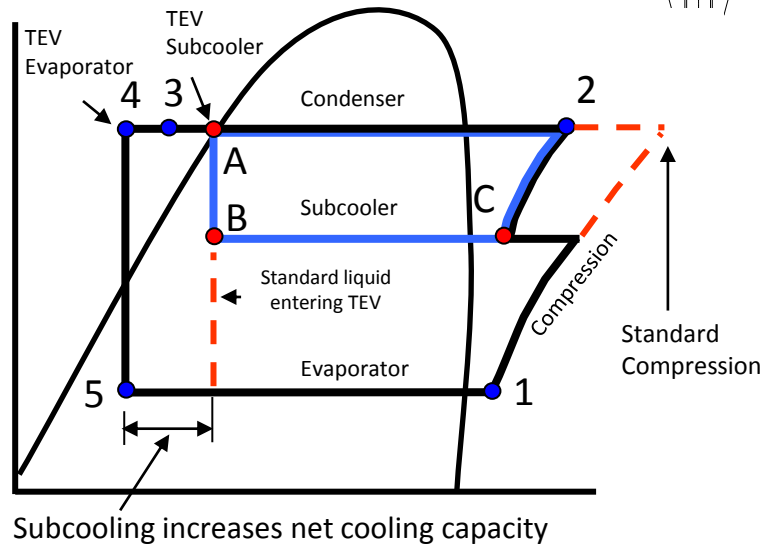
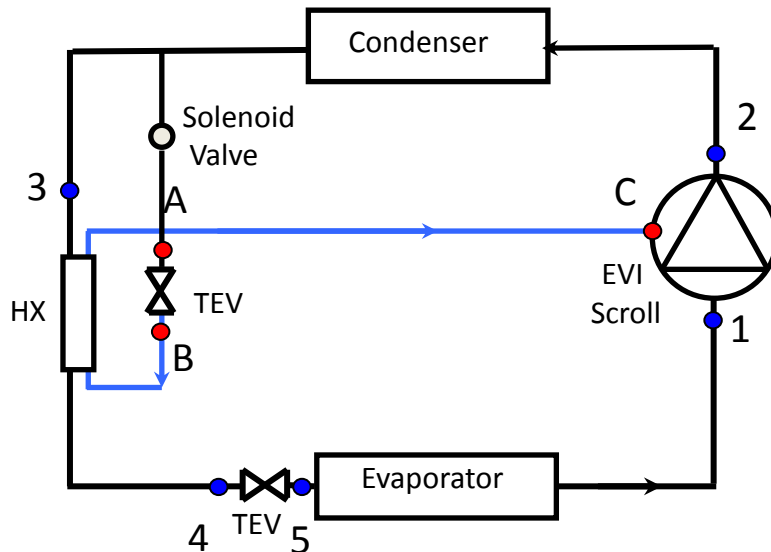
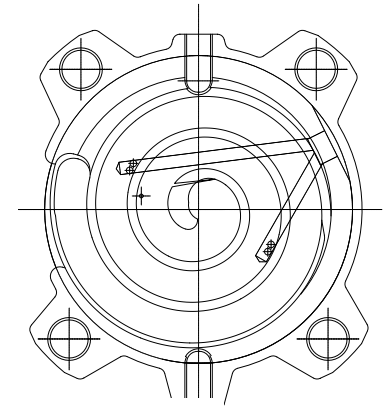
- **Enhanced Vapor Injection (EVI)**
- **Variable Capacity**
- **Floating Head**
- **System Architecture (Close Coupled Systems )**
- **Refrigerant**
- **etc**

# Compressor Efficiency & Technology

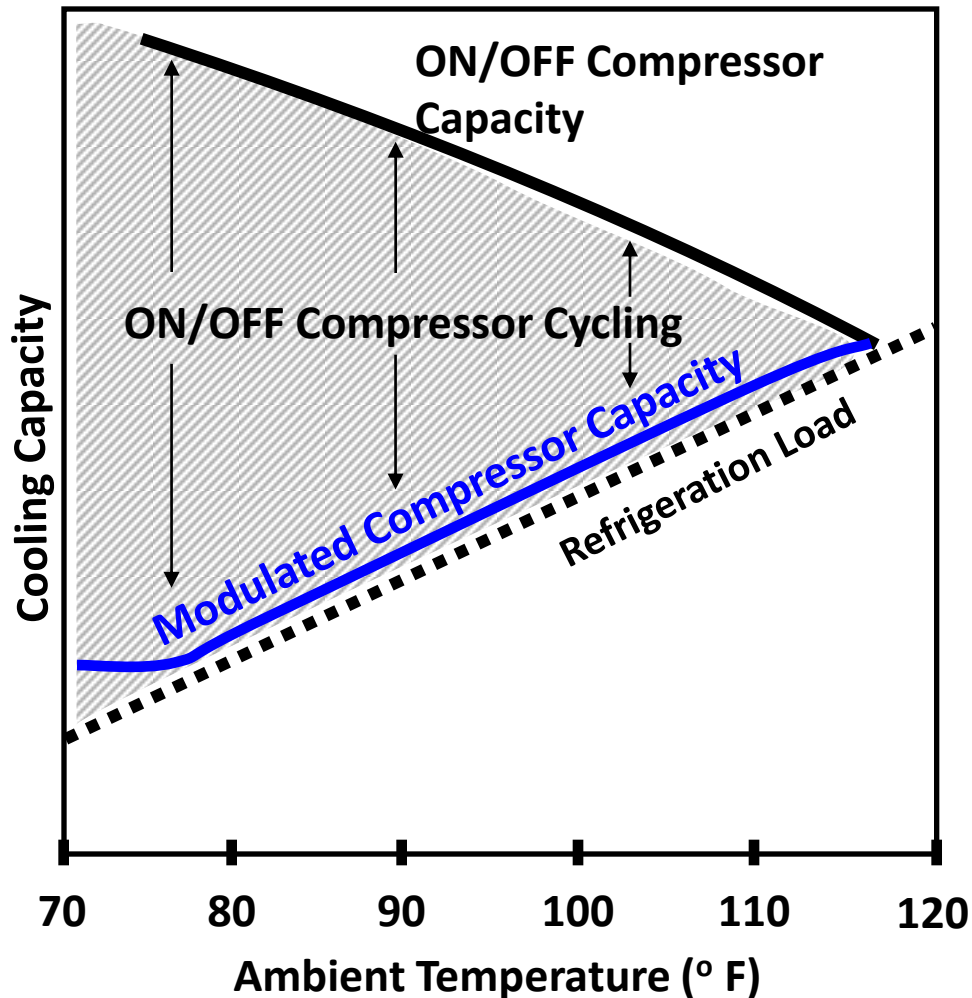
- **Economized Vapor Injection For Scroll Compressors**

- Similar To A 2 Stage Cycle, But Accomplished With A Single Scroll Compressor

- 40% Capacity Gain At LT ARI Condition
- 20% Efficiency Gain At LT ARI Condition



# Capacity Modulation Improves Efficiency & Reliability



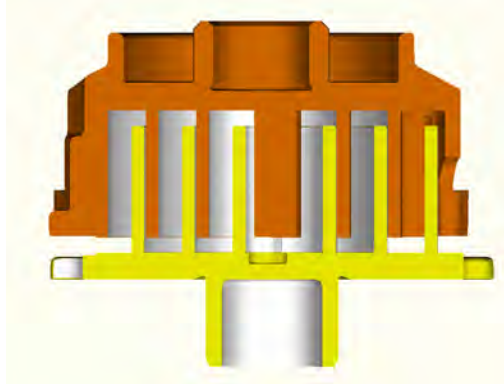
- **Modulation Allows Capacity To Precisely Match The Load**
- **Simple & Effective Modulation Results In Important Benefits**
  - Suction Pressure Stability
  - Tight Temperature Control
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Reduced Compressor Cycles
- **Modulation Methods**
  - Blocked Suction
  - Variable Speed
  - Pulse Width Modulation (Digital)



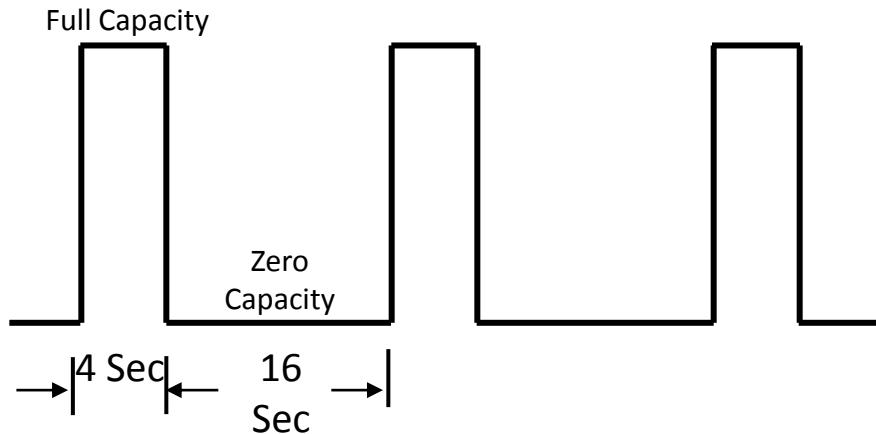
# Scroll Digital Capacity Modulation

- Takes Advantage Of Scroll Axial Compliance
- When Scrolls Are Separated Axially (0.5 – 1.0 mm), Little To No Gas Flow
- When Scrolls Are In Contact, 100% Gas Flow
- Modulate 10 – 100% By Pulsing

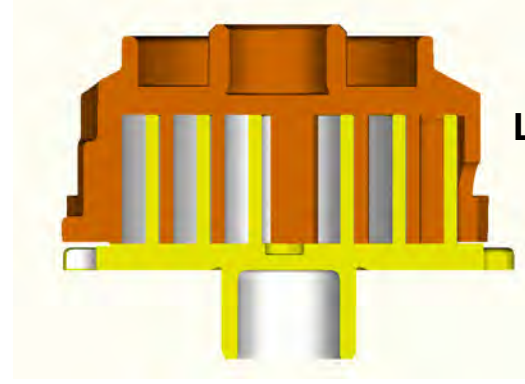
Unloaded Scrolls  
Separated  
Zero Capacity



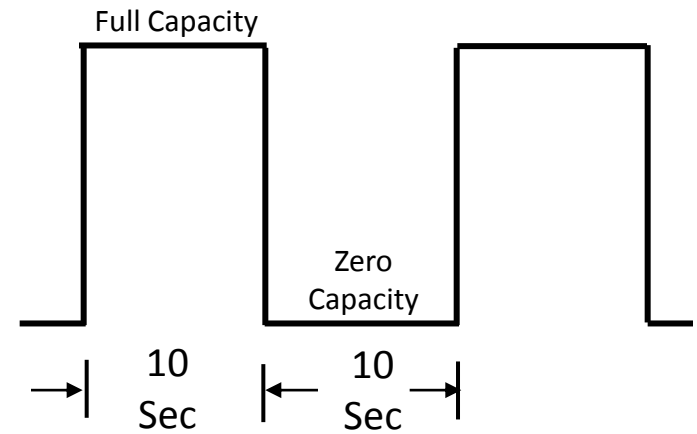
20% Output



Loaded Scrolls  
Together  
Full Capacity

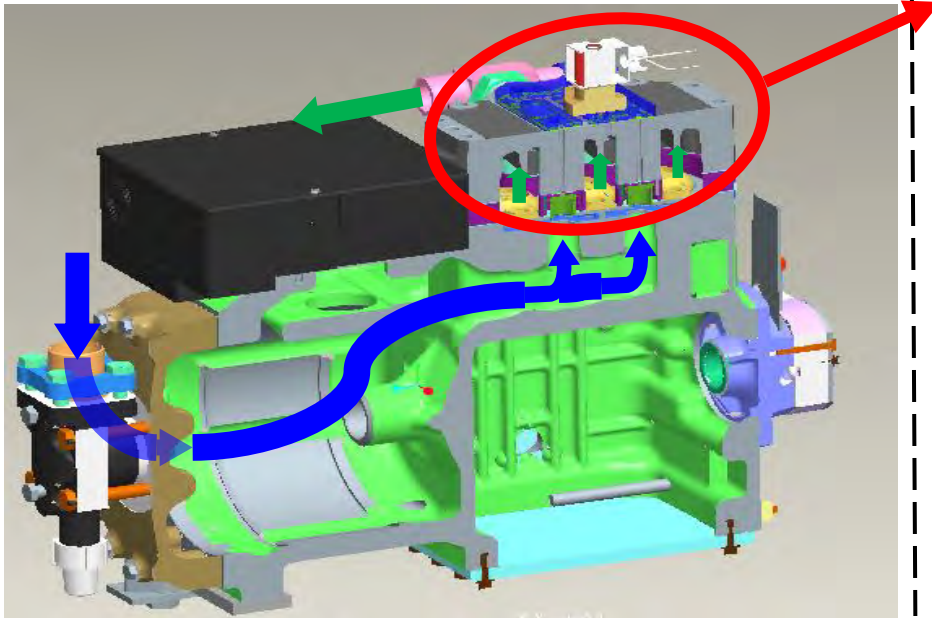


50% Output



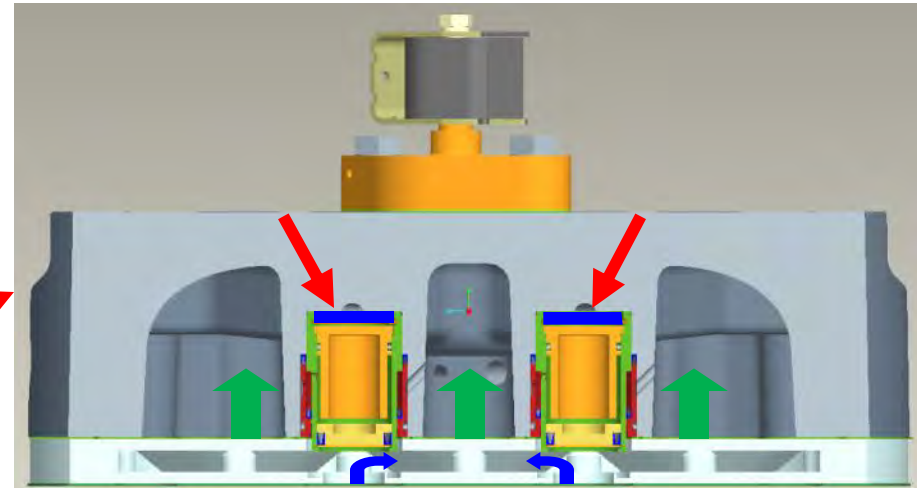
# Discus Digital Refrigerant Gas Flow

1. Enters Compressor
2. Passes Through Body
3. Into Valve Plate
4. Compressed by Pistons
5. Exits Compressor



Loaded

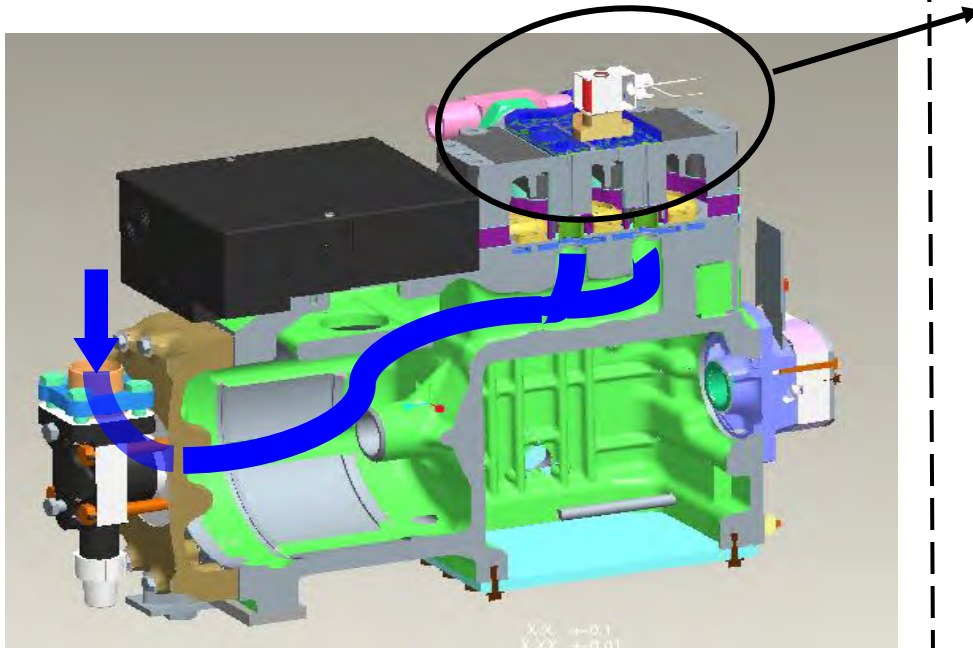
Valve assembly routes **suction** gas above unloader pistons



Unloader pistons **allow** suction gas flow into valve plate

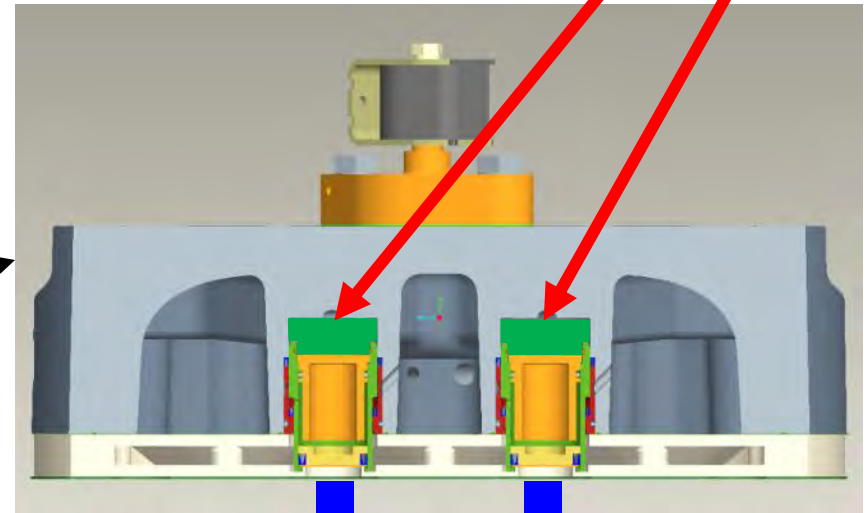
# Discus Digital Refrigerant Gas Flow

1. Enters Compressor
2. Passes Through Body
3. 4 Unloader Pistons Block Gas Before Entering Valve Plate



Unloaded

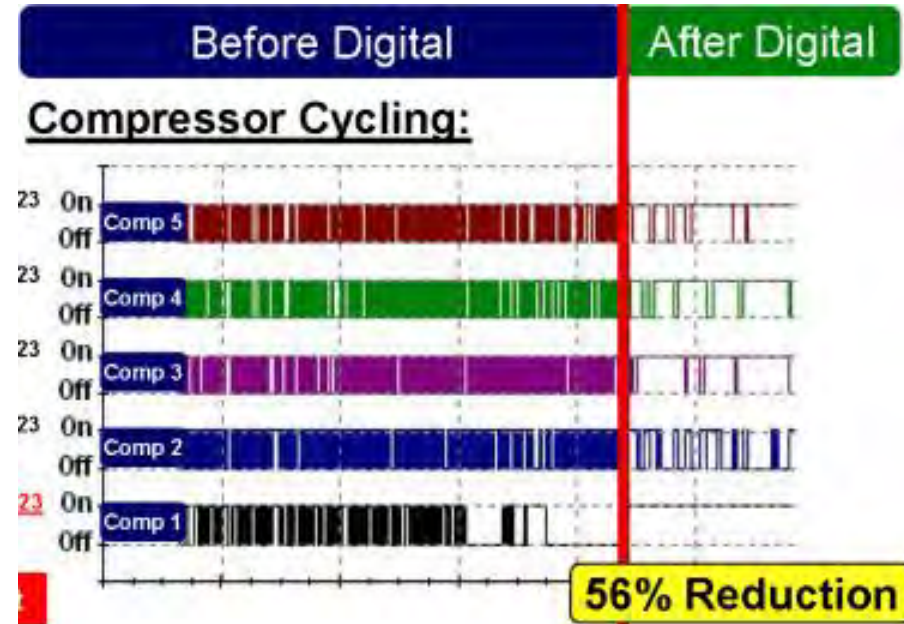
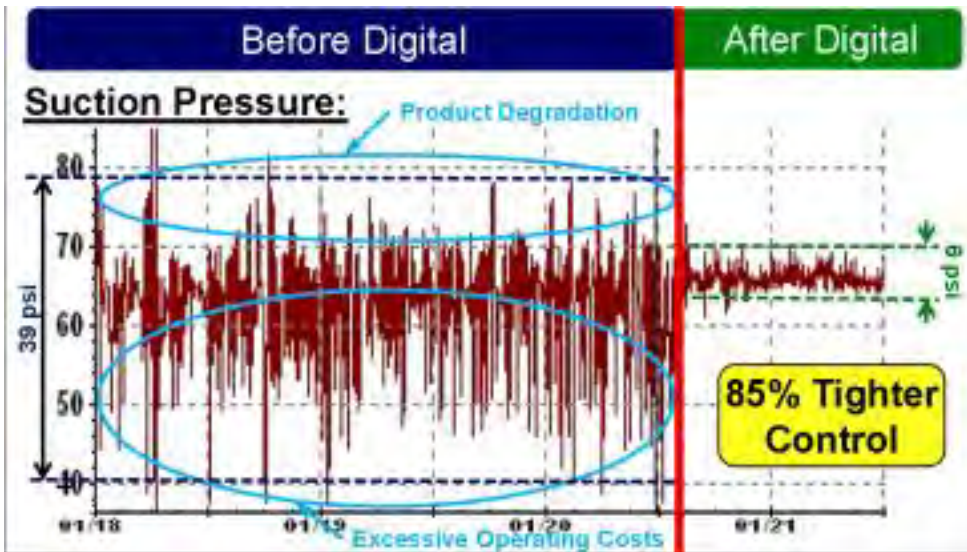
Valve assembly routes **discharge** gas above unloader pistons



Unloader pistons **block** suction gas flow into valve plate

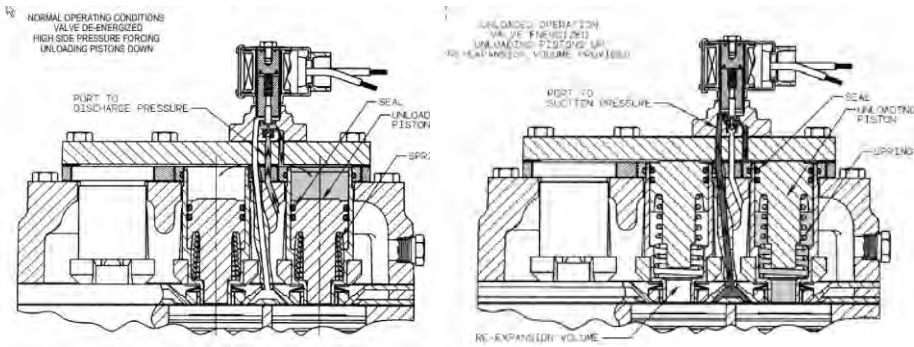
# Capacity Modulation

- Copeland Digital Results



# Other Capacity Modulation Options

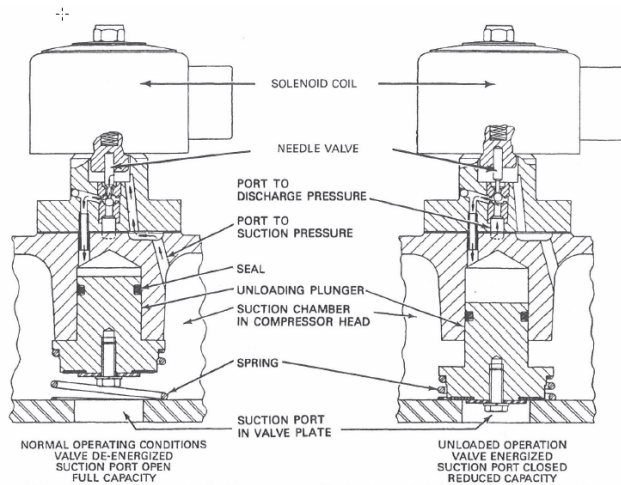
## Unloaders



- Unloaders & Blocked Suction
- Discrete Capacity Steps

- Variable Speed
  - Continuous Capacity Control
  - Requires External Inverter Drive

## Blocked Suction



## Variable Speed

EMS



Inverter



Compressor



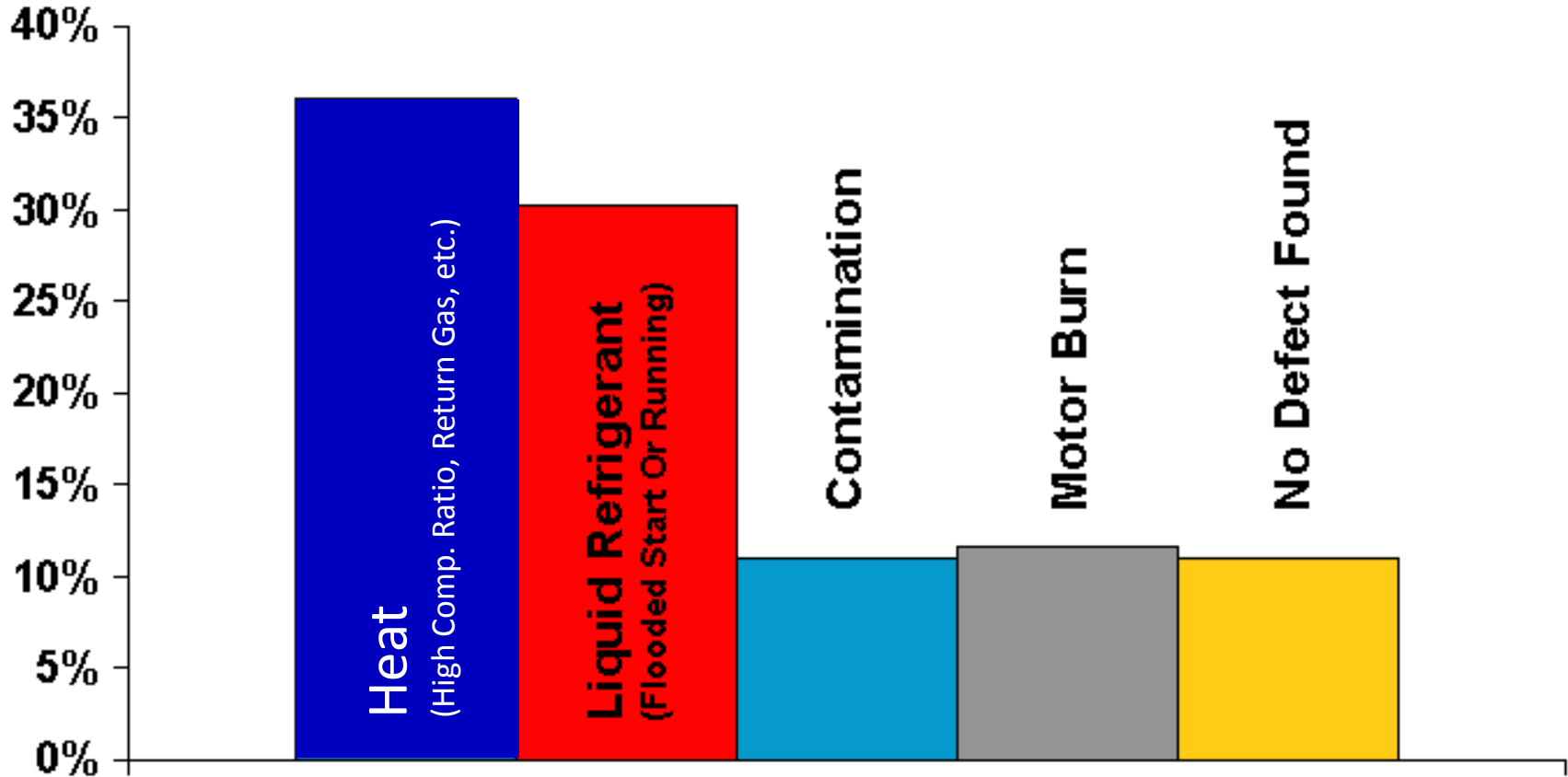
# Industry Pain Points Are Evident

- Reliable performance in the HVACR markets is key
- Need for equipment that can diagnose and protect itself
- Critical pain points: maintenance cost, system downtime, call-backs
- Value Proposition:
  - “Compressor electronics enhances compressor and system performance by sensing, monitoring and interpreting electrical and mechanical information within the compressor to provide advanced capabilities, such as system diagnostics, protection, verification and communication.”



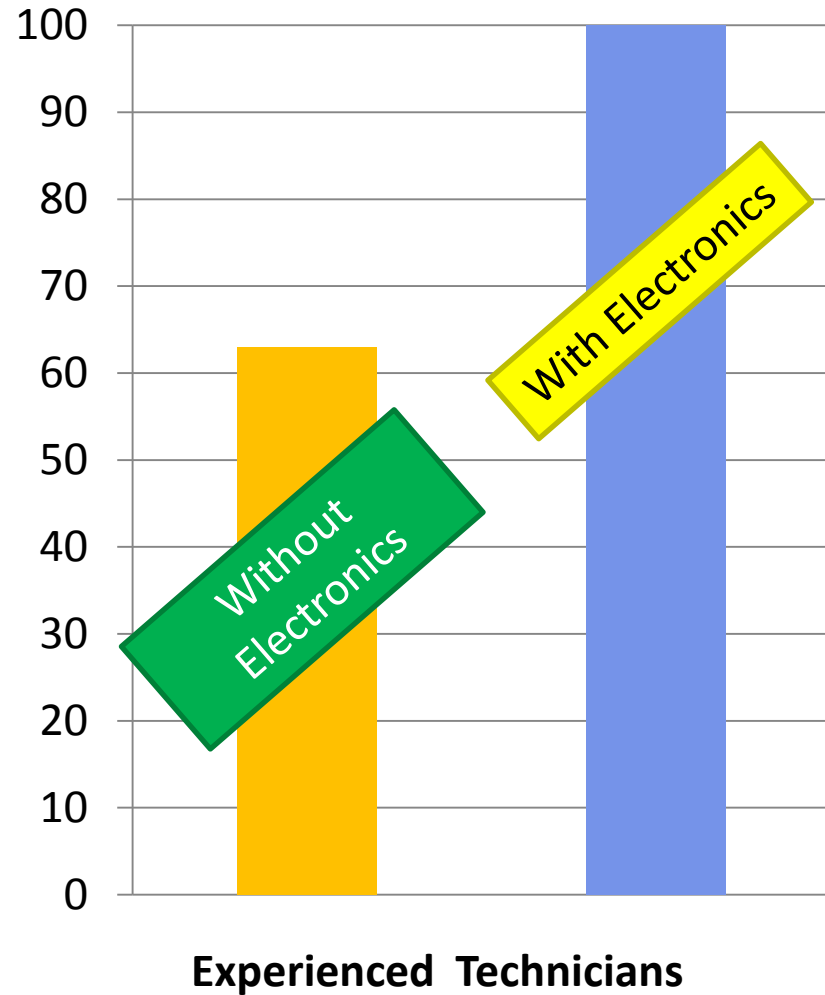
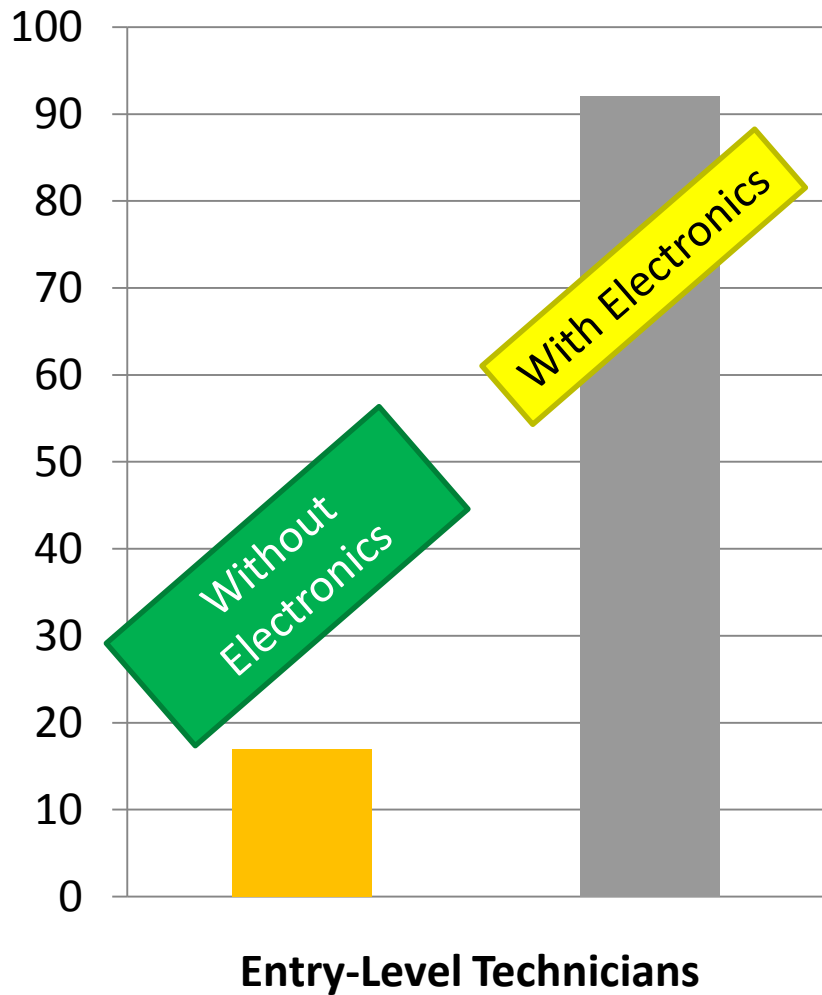
# Compressor Reliability

- Common Compressor Failure Modes



# ***Electronics Have Proven To Increase Accuracy, Even For Experienced Technicians***

## **Problem-Solving Accuracy**





# Compressor Reliability & Technology

- Compressor Electronics Identify & React To System Problems

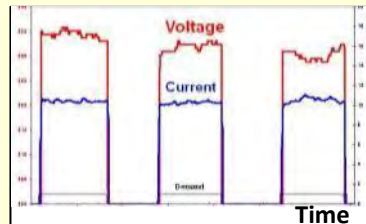
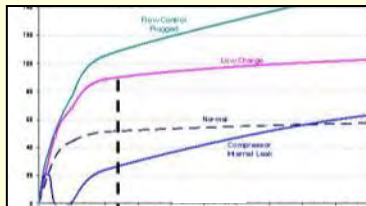
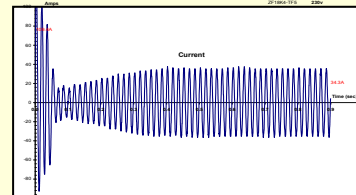
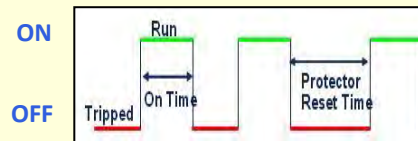
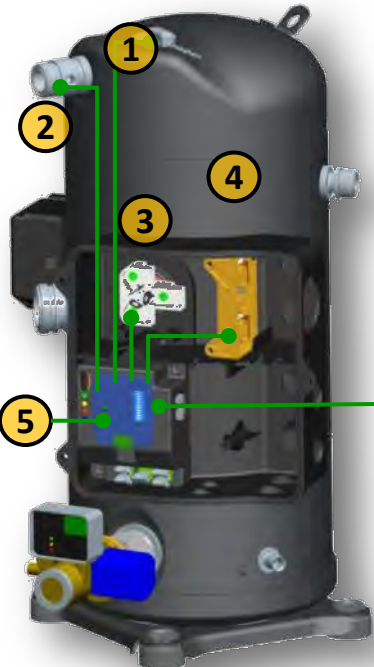
Compressor  
Sensors

+

Algorithms

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Compressors That Predict &  
Diagnose System Health



## Benefits:

- Lower Maintenance Costs
- Less System Downtime
- Faster Troubleshooting
- More Accurate Diagnosis
- Reduced Contractor Callbacks
- Service Root Cause vs. Replace Compressors. “open the system”

**Questions?**

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