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Performance analysis of a heat pump system providing district heating and cooling through gradual heating and cooling

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Introduction





Motivation gradual heating



Gradual heating with ISECOP system





Results gradual heating



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Case study

One-stage cycle



- Refrigerants:
 - Ammonia (300 kW)
 - R600a (10 kW)
- District heating
 - Return temperature 40 °C
 - Supply temperature 70 °C
- District cooling
 - Return temperature 15 °C
 - Supply temperature 8 °C



Simulation tool in EES

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Assumptions

- Quasi-steady-state model
- Ideally stratified tanks without heat losses
- Same number of circulations through condenser and evaporator
- Constant water mass flow throughout the charging
- Constant compressor speed
- Constant UA-value for all HEX

Working fluid	R717	R600a
Compressor suction superheat [K]	0	5
Max. discharge temperature [°C]	180	180
Pinch point temperature difference [K]	5	5
Pressure drop in condenser and evaporator [bar]	0.5	0.5
Pump isentropic efficiency [-]	0.8	0.8
Compressor model	Sabroe HPX-708	Bock EX-HG 12P/60 4S



COP over N







Maximum COP improvement





Influence on heat exchanger size



Discussion

- Neglected heat transfer, mixing and heat loss in tanks
- Dynamic behaviour of heat pump
 - Thermal inertia
 - Control strategy
- Sudden increase in evaporation pressure
 - Potential problem with condensation in suction line





Gradual heating — Gradual heating and cooling

Conclusion

- Using the ISECOP system can improve the performance of a heat pump providing district heating and cooling
 - Gradual heating: 20.2 % (R600a) & 9.7 % (R717)
 - Gradual heating and cooling: 22.2 % (R600a) & 13.6 % (R717)
- Gradual heating and cooling leads to increase in evaporator size
 - Investment costs will be significantly higher than for conventional heat pump and gradual heating



Thank you for your attention!

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