



# Potential Use of Nano Technology in MIL-STD ECUs

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## Presentation Outline

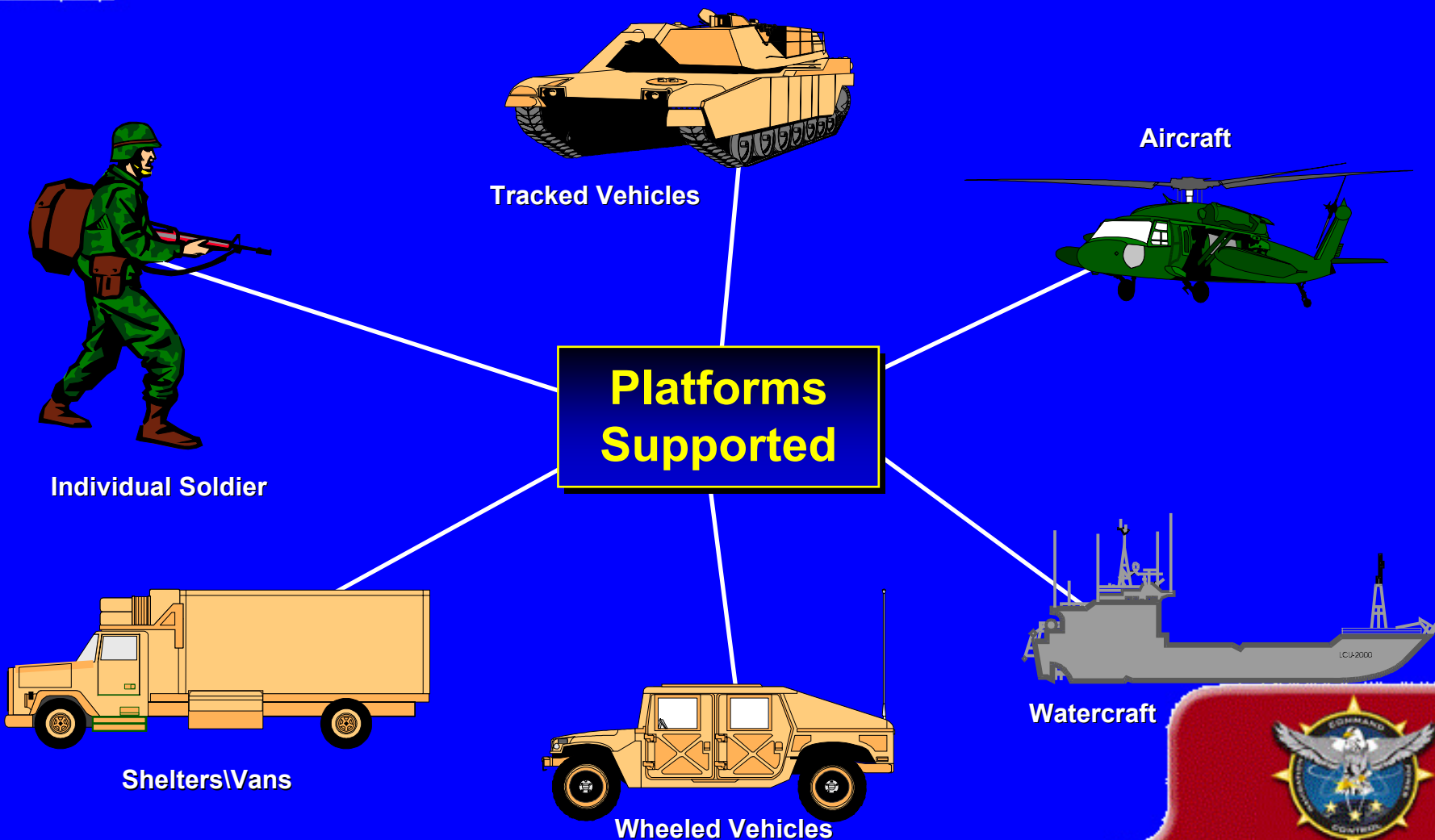
- **US Army Refrigeration Applications**
- **Status of Current Development Strategy**
- **Developmental Roadmap/Progress to Date**
- **Conclusions**



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## SICPS Rigid Wall Shelter




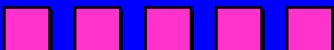
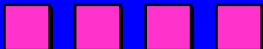

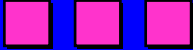


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## Current Army ECU Fleet

- 9,500 Authorized

• 	6,000 BTUH
• 	9,000 BTUH
• 	18,000 BTUH
• 	24,000 BTUH
• 	36,000 BTUH
• 	54,000 BTUH
• 	60,000 BTUH

- Vertical and Horizontal Configurations

- 22,000 on Hand



- 5 Vertical Unit Sizes- 6,000 to 60,000 BTU/HR
- 4 Horizontal Unit Sizes- 9,000 to 60,000 BTU/HR





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Short Term

CFC Elimination Strategy

CFC → HFC Retrofits

Medium Term

IECU Development

HCFC → HFC Blends → Natural Substances

Long Term

Cogeneration Power and Cooling Development

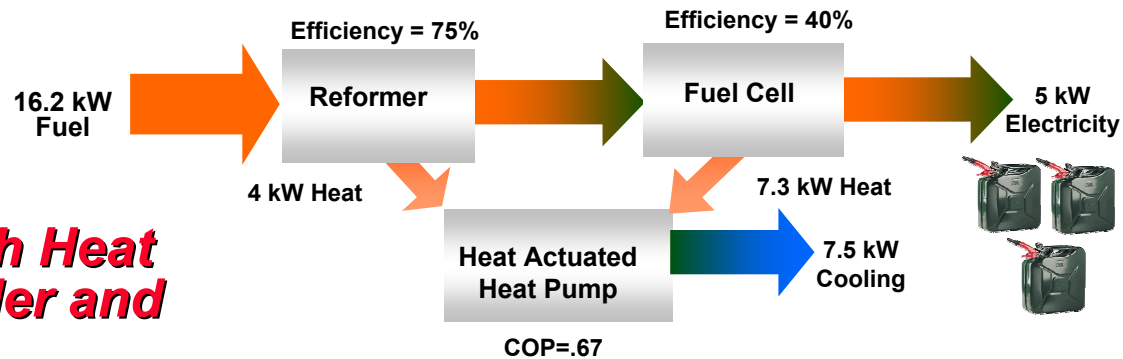
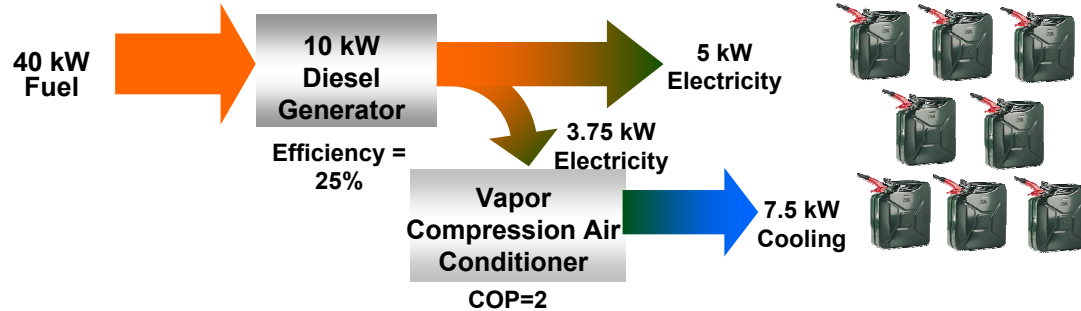
Waste Heat from Power Source → Heat Actuated Cooling



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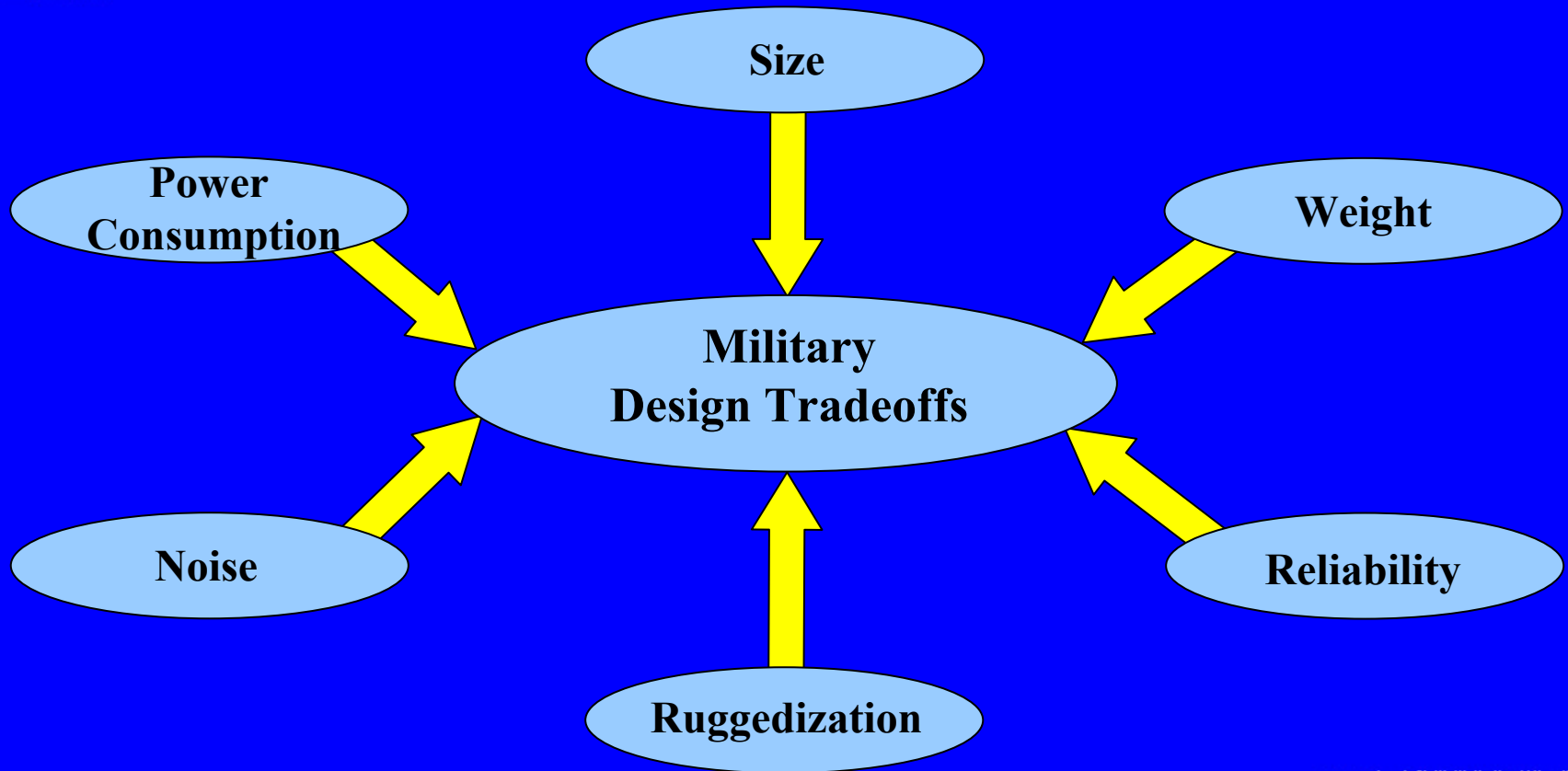


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# Military Design Tradeoffs







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## R&D Challenges and Payoffs

- Accommodate Higher Heat Rejection Temperatures
- Develop Effective Heat Exchangers
- Scale HX/Absorber/Desorber Up/Down
- Overcome Internal System Inefficiencies
- Develop Unique Components as Required
- Integrate System Safety Considerations
- Militarize Equipment and Demonstrate Producability/Affordability
- Warfighter Payoff
  - REDUCE LOGISTICS BURDEN - reduced fuel consumption by 50%,
  - INCREASED MOBILITY - reduced size & weight by 20%
  - PROVIDE SILENT OPERATION – reduced noise level to 70 dBA



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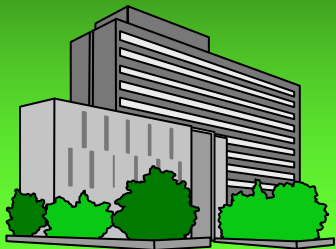


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## Key Players

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UNIVERSITY  
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FEDERAL  
RESEARCH  
LAB



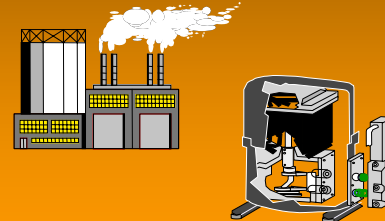
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UNIVERSITY  
INDUSTRIAL  
CONSORTIUM



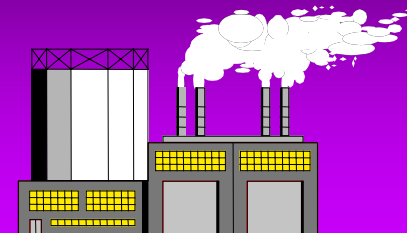
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UIC  
or  
COMPONENT  
SUPPLIER  
or  
PROTOTYPING  
COMPANY



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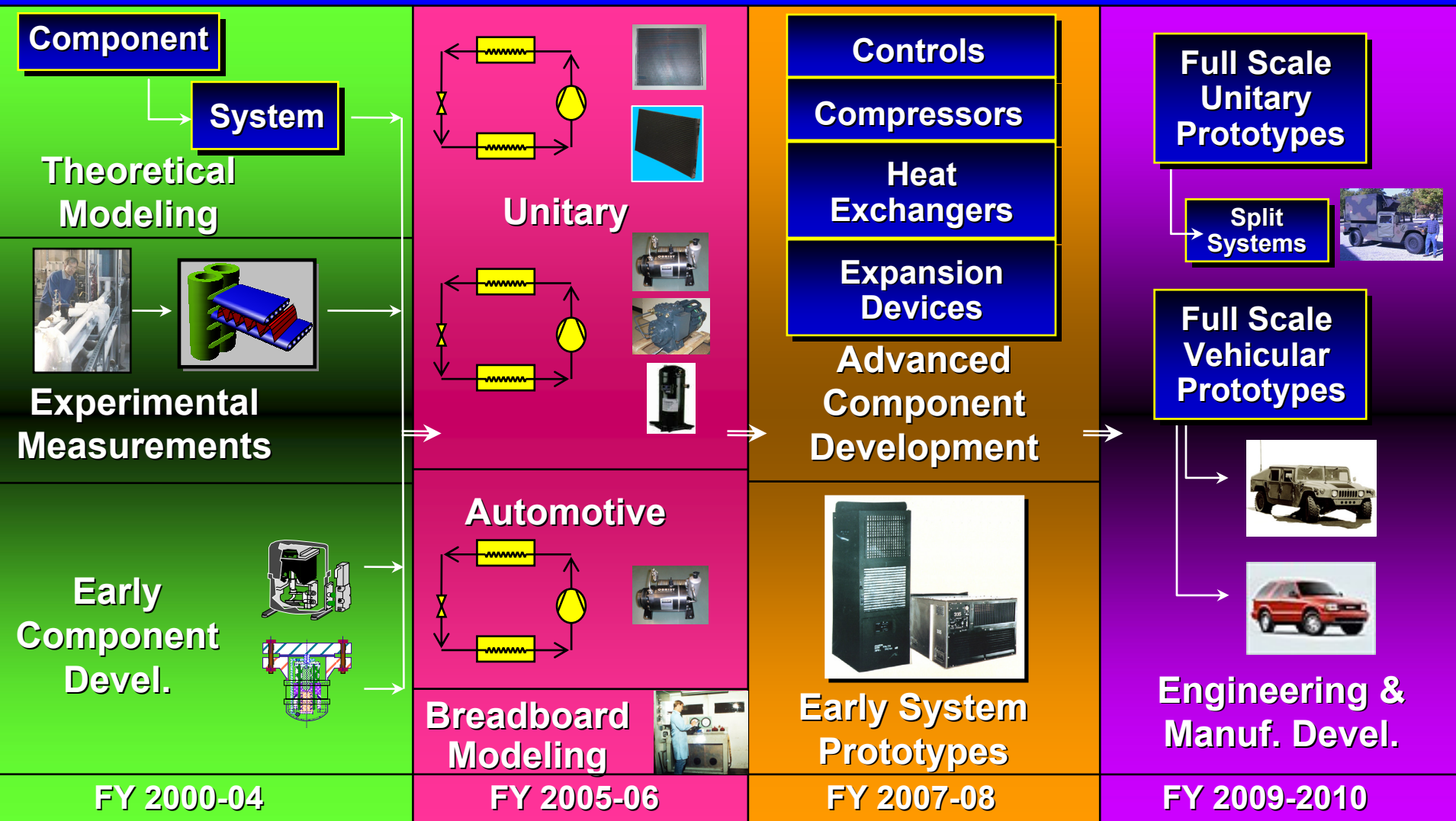
PROTOTYPING  
COMPANY  
or  
ORIGINAL  
EQUIPMENT  
MANUFACTURER





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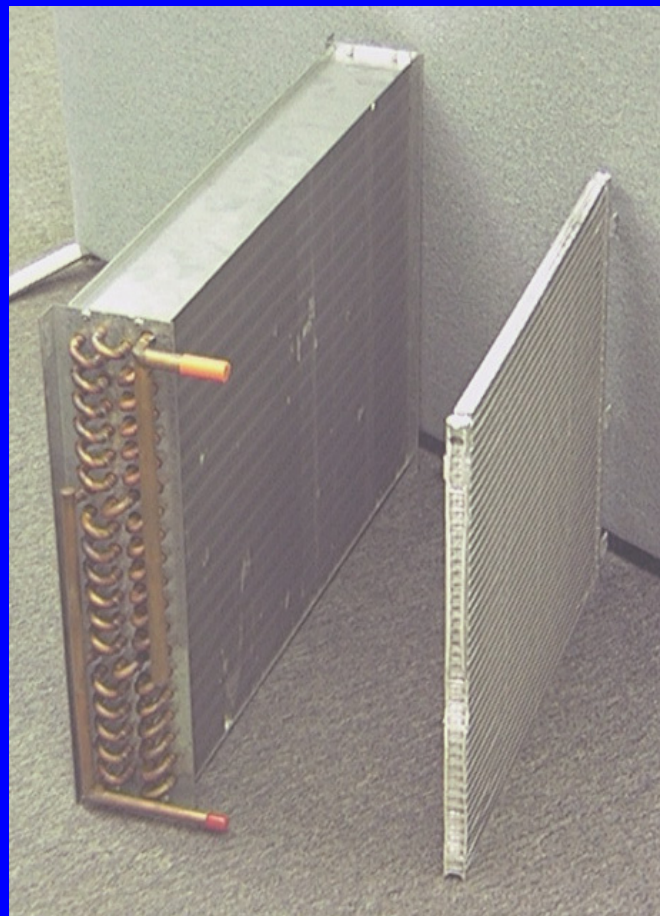
## CO<sub>2</sub> Development Roadmap





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## Heat Exchanger Comparison

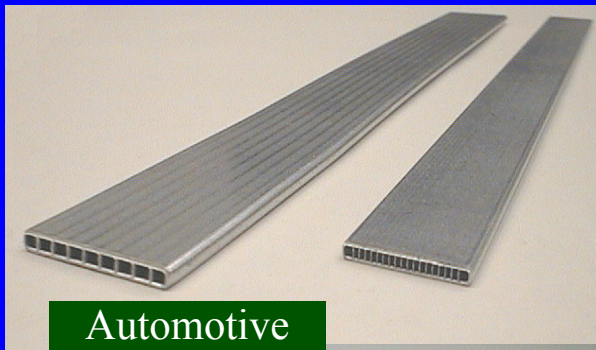


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## Extruded Aluminum Microchannel Heat Exchangers

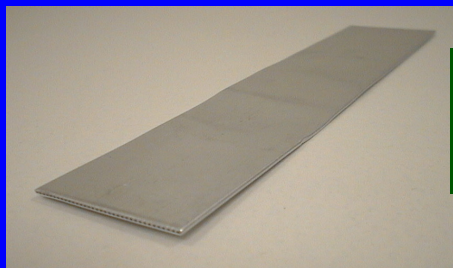
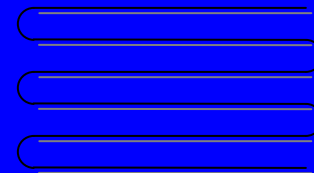


Automotive  
R-134a



Serpentine 180° Bend  
Single Pass Type

### Custom Designs



Multi-Port  
Parallel Flow (PF)



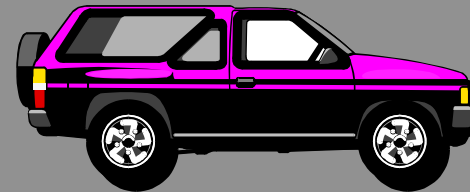
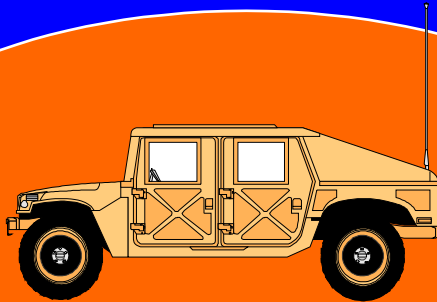


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## Military vs. Commercial Applications

**Military**

**Commercial**



- Low Life Cycle Cost
- Shelter Cooling
- Rugged
- Reliable & Maintainable / Sustainable
- Extreme Temperatures
- NBC Survivable

- Affordable
- Lightweight
- Compact
- Higher Efficiency
- Environmentally Friendly

- Low Initial Cost
- Passenger Space



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# **Environmental Systems**

## **Conclusions**

- **Primary Design Concerns Weight and Size**
- **Absorption Fundamentally Feasible**
- **Timing is Right for Development**
- **Developmental Path Identified**
- **Potential Funding is Available**
- **New Partners Sought - Accelerate Development**



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