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Introduction to CO2 Cascade Systems

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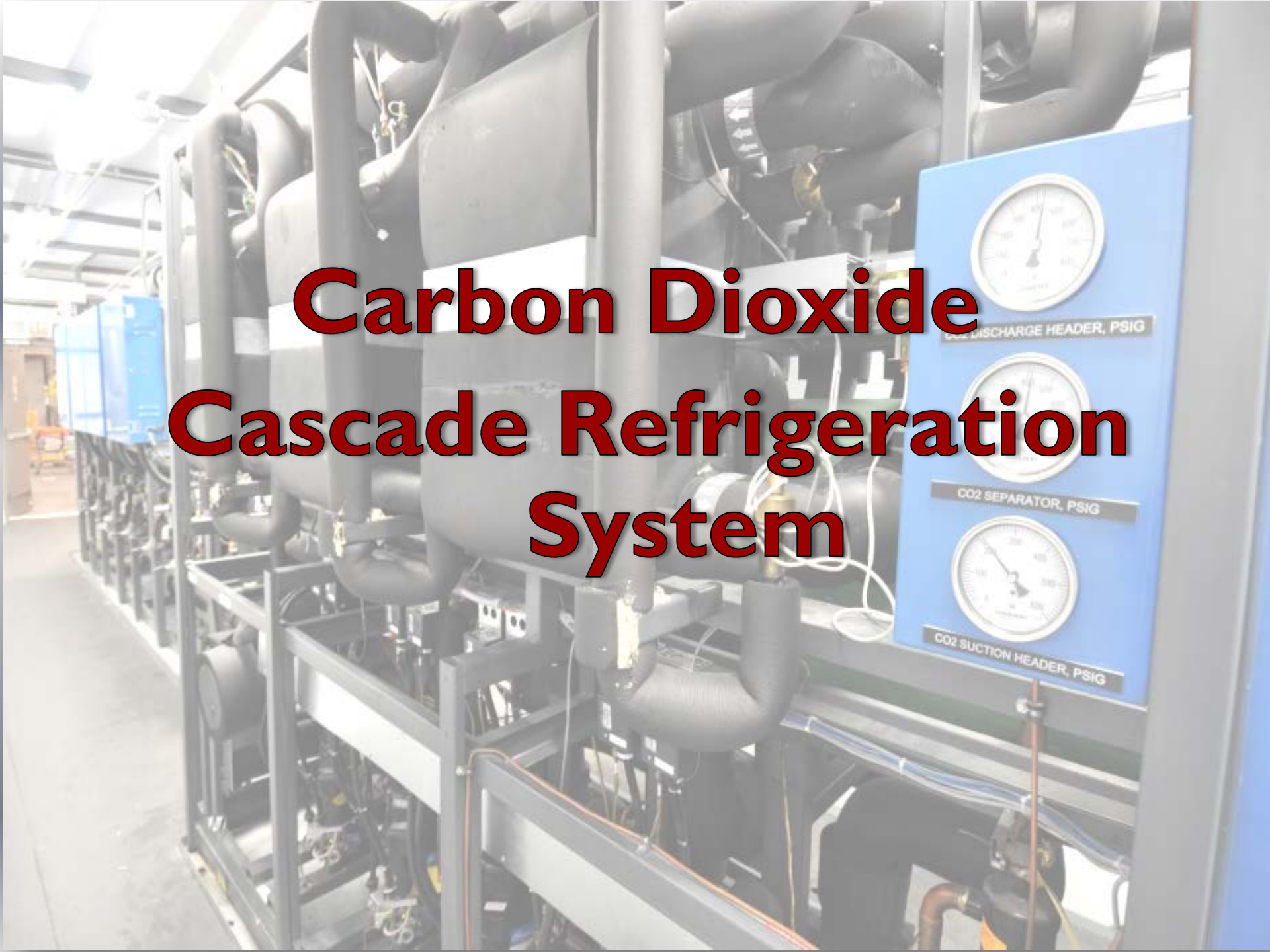


Carbon Dioxide Cascade Refrigeration System

Useful Definitions

Direct Expansion	A refrigeration system that includes a compressor, condenser, evaporator coil, and an expansion device
Primary Refrigerant	A fluid used to lower the temperature of a secondary coolant (i.e. R-22, R-404a, R-507, R-410A, R-717, etc…)
Secondary Coolant	(a.k.a Secondary Refrigerant, Secondary Fluid) A fluid used to transfer heat from a heat source (i.e. refrigerated space) to a primary refrigerant.
Single-Phase Secondary Coolant	(a.k.a Secondary Refrigerant, Secondary Fluid) A fluid used to transfer heat from a heat source (i.e. refrigerated space) to a primary refrigerant.
Two-Phase Secondary Coolant	a secondary fluid which absorbs heat by means of latent heat transfer resulting in a change in phase (i.e. carbon dioxide, ice-slurries)

Useful Definitions

Cascade System	**A system having two (or more) refrigerant circuits, each with a compressor, condenser and evaporator, where the evaporator of one circuit cools the condenser of another circuit**
Upper Cascade	**the refrigerant circuit in a cascade system that cools the condenser of the lower-cascade and transfers the heat to a heat sink, typically outdoor ambient**
Lower Cascade	**The refrigerant circuit in a cascade system that removes heat from a refrigerated load and transfers the heat to the upper-cascade**

Subcritical vs. Transcritical

- **Subcritical** - CO2 systems where the pressure of the CO2 is maintained well below the critical pressure of 87^0F / ~1055 psig
- Operating pressures for subcritical systems are slightly higher than those in conventional direct-expansion systems but are similar to those seen in air-conditioning applications using **R-410A**.
- **Transcritical** - CO2 systems that are designed to operate at pressures above the critical pressure, above 1055 psig.

Triple Point vs. Critical Point

- Triple Point
- Liquid CO_2 below 60PSIG changes to Dry Ice

- Critical Point
- 87^0F = 1055 psig
- No longer able to distinguish between liquid and vapor.
- An undefined gas.
- Only found in a Transcritical system.

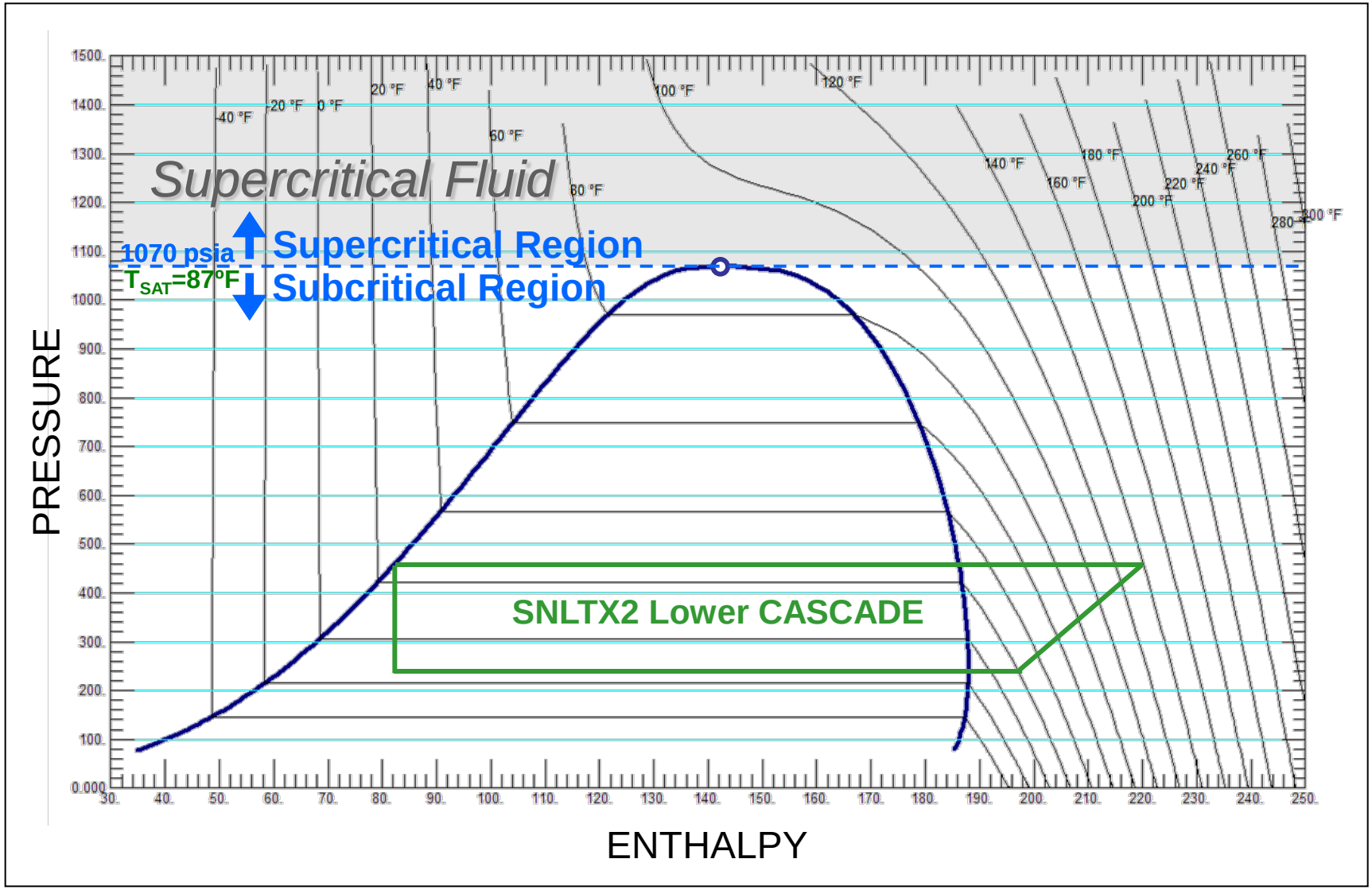
Carbon Dioxide is used as a secondary coolant or a Direct Expansion Refrigerant

Carbon Dioxide = CO_2 = R-744

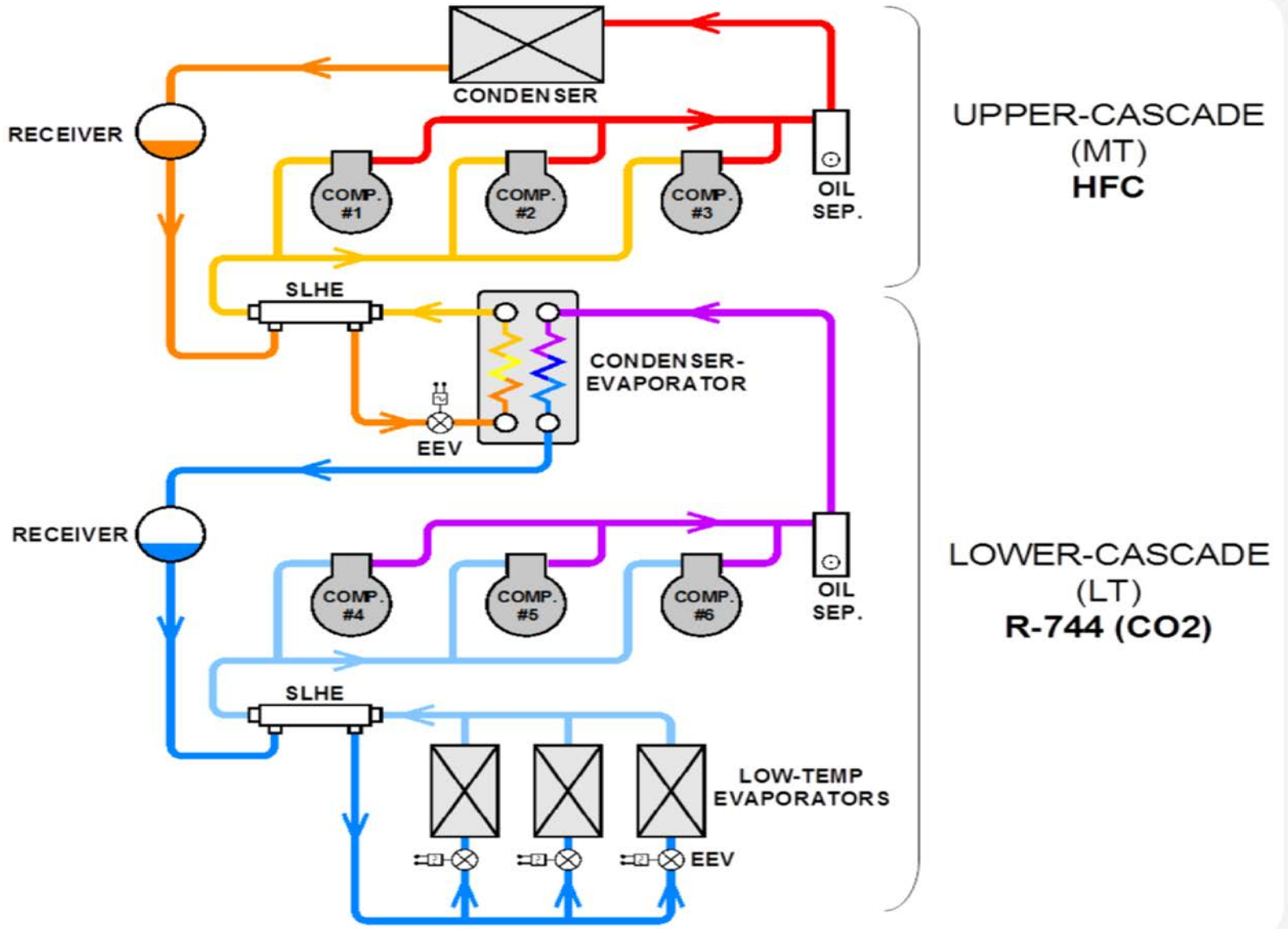
Types of CO_2 Cascade Systems

- Secondary-Low & Medium Temperature
- Cascade (Sub-critical) Low Temperature
- Transcritical Medium Temperature

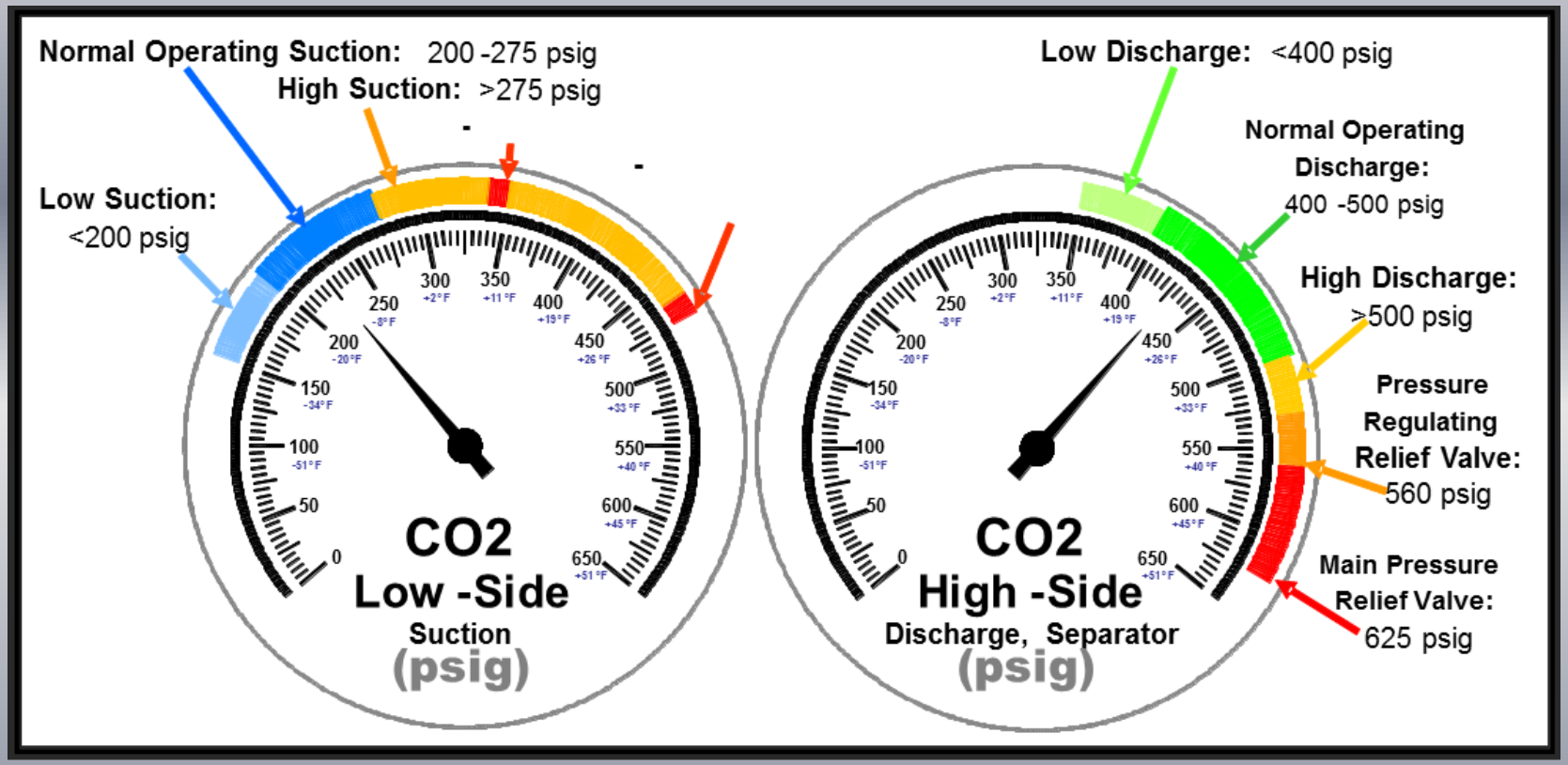
CO_2 Cascade System Types



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System



System Typical Operating Pressures



Low-Side

(Suction)

Typ. Operating Suction 200-275 psig

High-Side

(Discharge and Receiver)

Typ. Operating Discharge 400-500 psig

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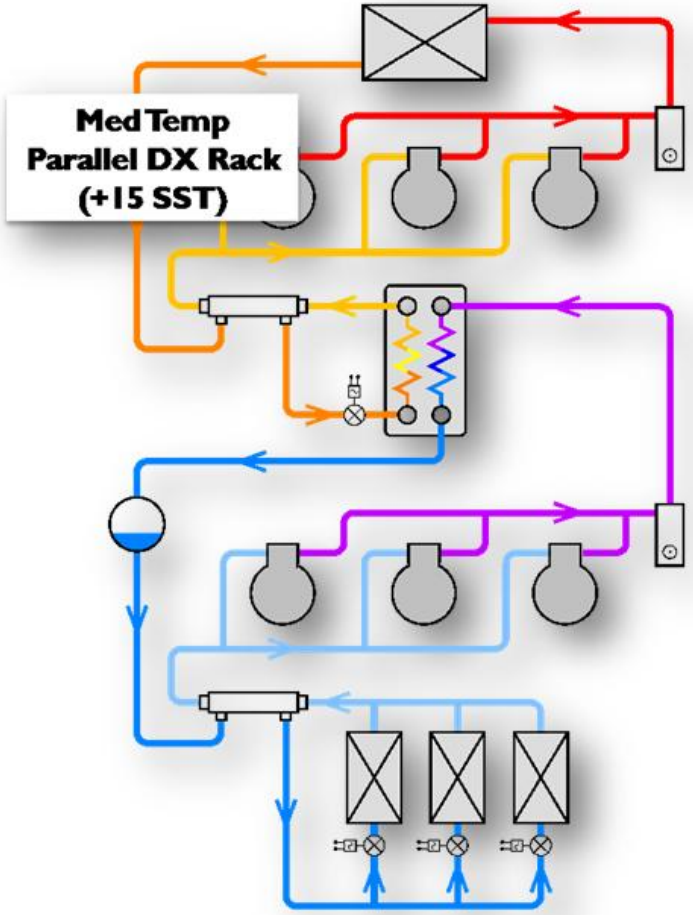


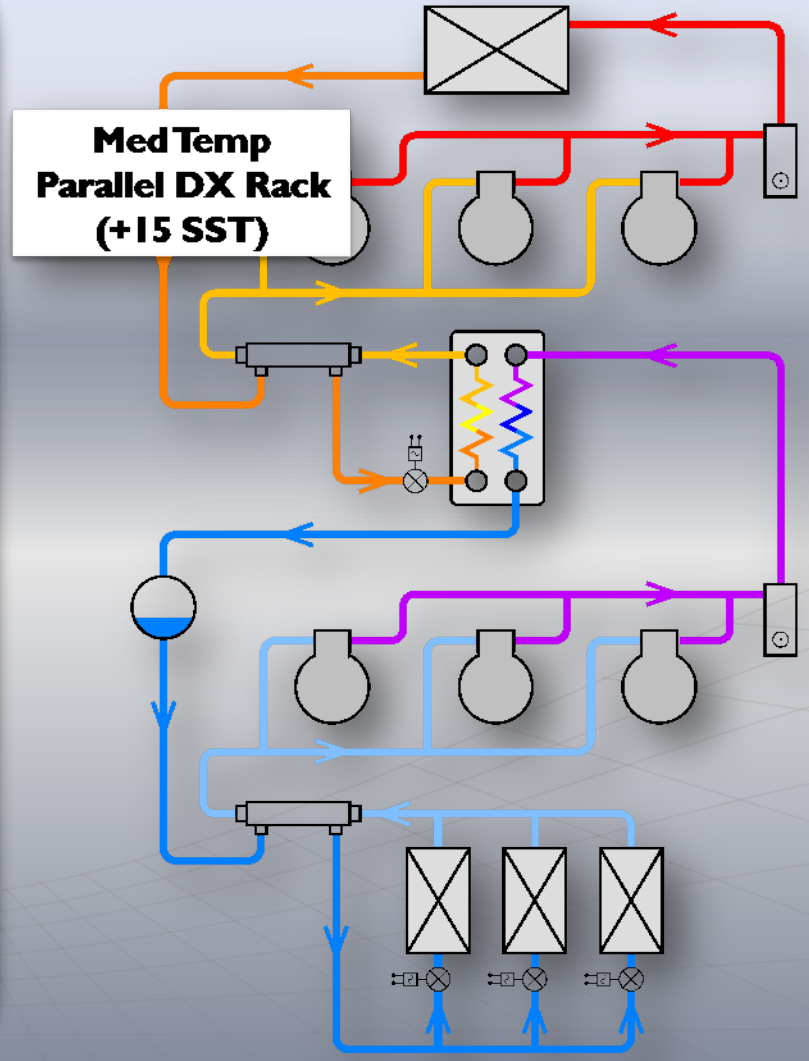
Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Advancing CO_2 technology will lead to better energy vs. traditional DX systems

- Low temperature system that compresses CO_2 to an intermediate pressure (425 psig = 25 degF).
- Even smaller copper piping than CO_2 Secondary.
- Uses components easily available in the aftermarket.
- Better heat transfer properties of CO_2 and better TD's lead to higher compressor SST and better energy efficiency.
- Widely available, low cost natural refrigerant with nearly zero global warming potential.

LTX2 Cascade Operations and Features

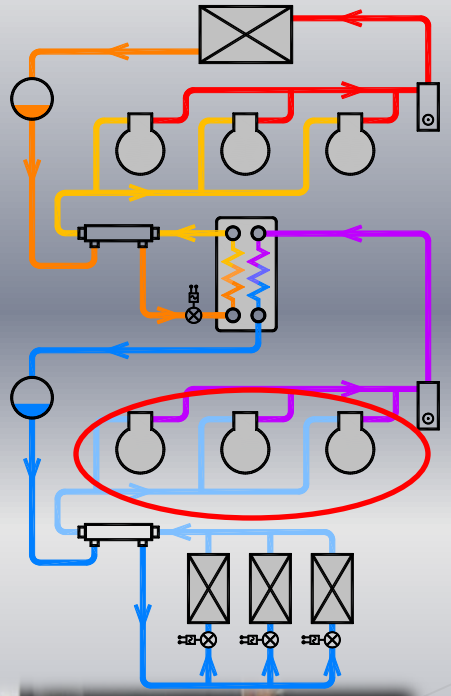
- Utilizes CO_2 as a direct expansion cascade refrigerant for the low-temperature system.
- Uses efficient and quiet CO_2 subcritical compressors.
- Evaporators designed specifically for use with CO_2 as a direct expansion refrigerant.
- Display cases and freezers are equipped With EEV's for steady, automatic control of superheat leaving the evaporators.



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

CO2 Compressors:

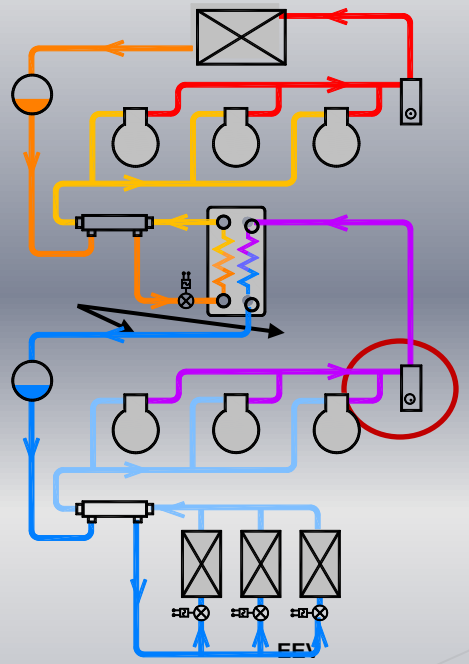
- Typical 3-5 Units in Parallel
- Types Available:
  - Reciprocating – Bitzer
  - Scroll – Emerson
- Accessories:
  - High Pressure Switch
  - Low Pressure Switch
- Capacity Control:
  - VS on Reciprocating
  - Digital Scroll
- UL for Both Models



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Oil Separator:

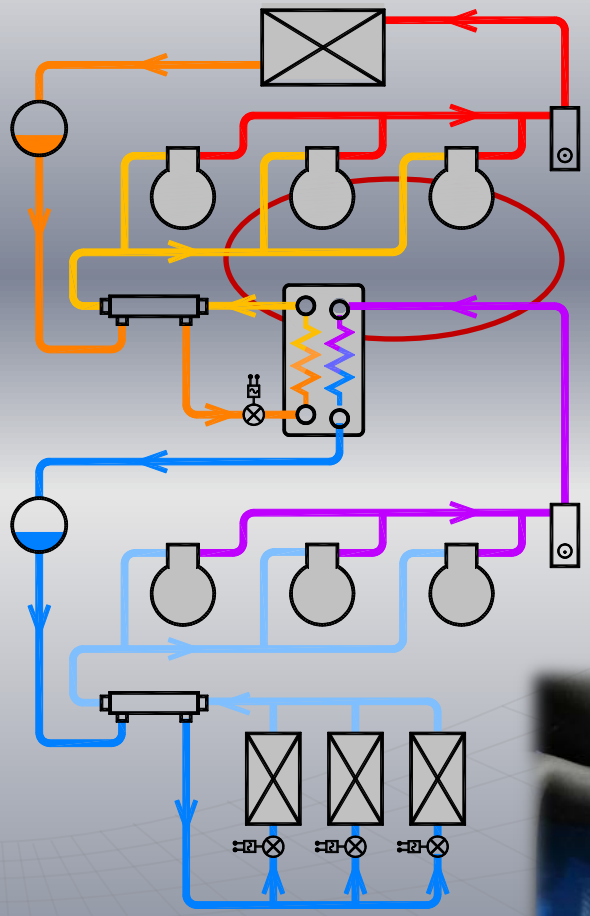
- Removes Most of the Oil Carried Over from Compression
- Accessories:
  - Oil Filter
  - Sight Glass



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Condenser-Evaporator:

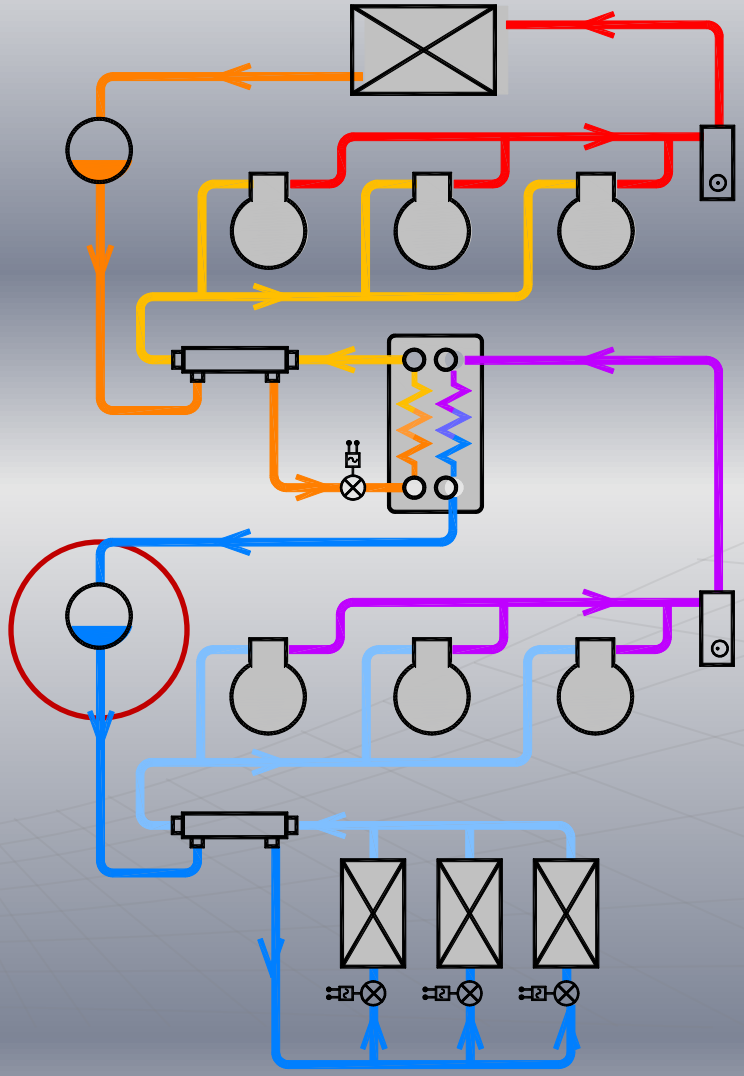
- Condenses CO2 Discharge Gas into Liquid
- Evaporates Primary HFC Refrigerant
- Typically 2-4 Units in Parallel



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

CO2 Receiver:

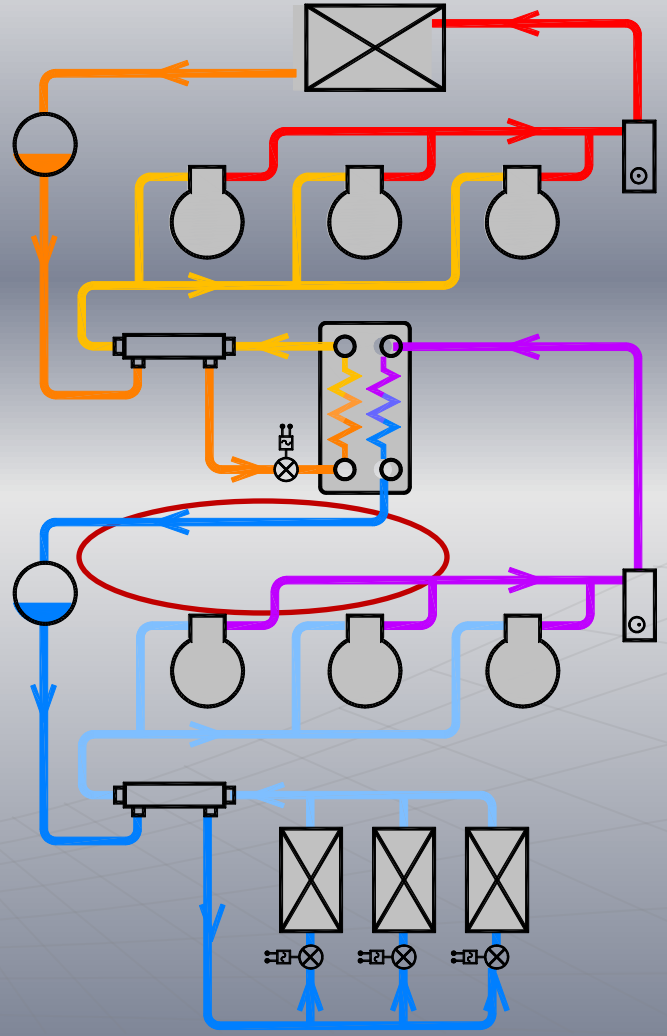
- Compensates for Level Fluctuations during Defrost
- Can be UL or ASME Vessel
- Accessories:
  - Sight Glasses
  - Dual Pressure Relief Valve
  - Liquid Level Switch
  - Liquid Filter-Drier
  - Charging Valve



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Evaporator Electronic Expansion Valves:

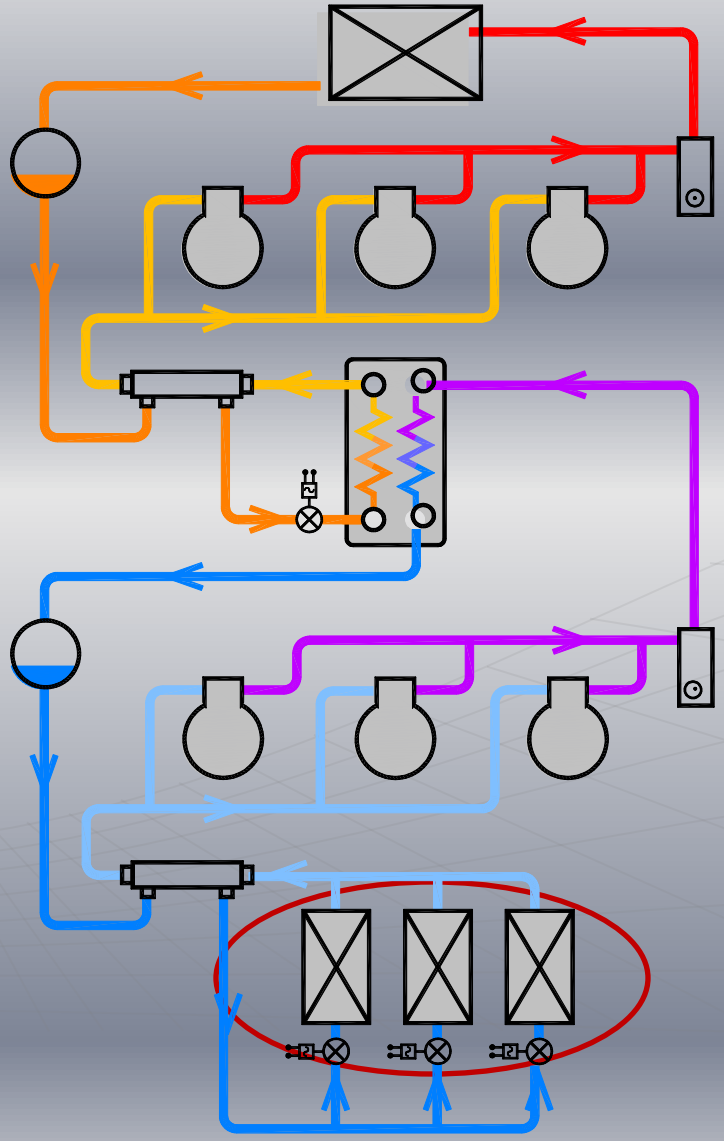
- Regulates flow of CO2 into Coil to Maintain Desired Superheat
- Stepper or PulseValve from
- Accessories:
  - Pressure Transducer
  - Temperature Probe



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Evaporator Coils:

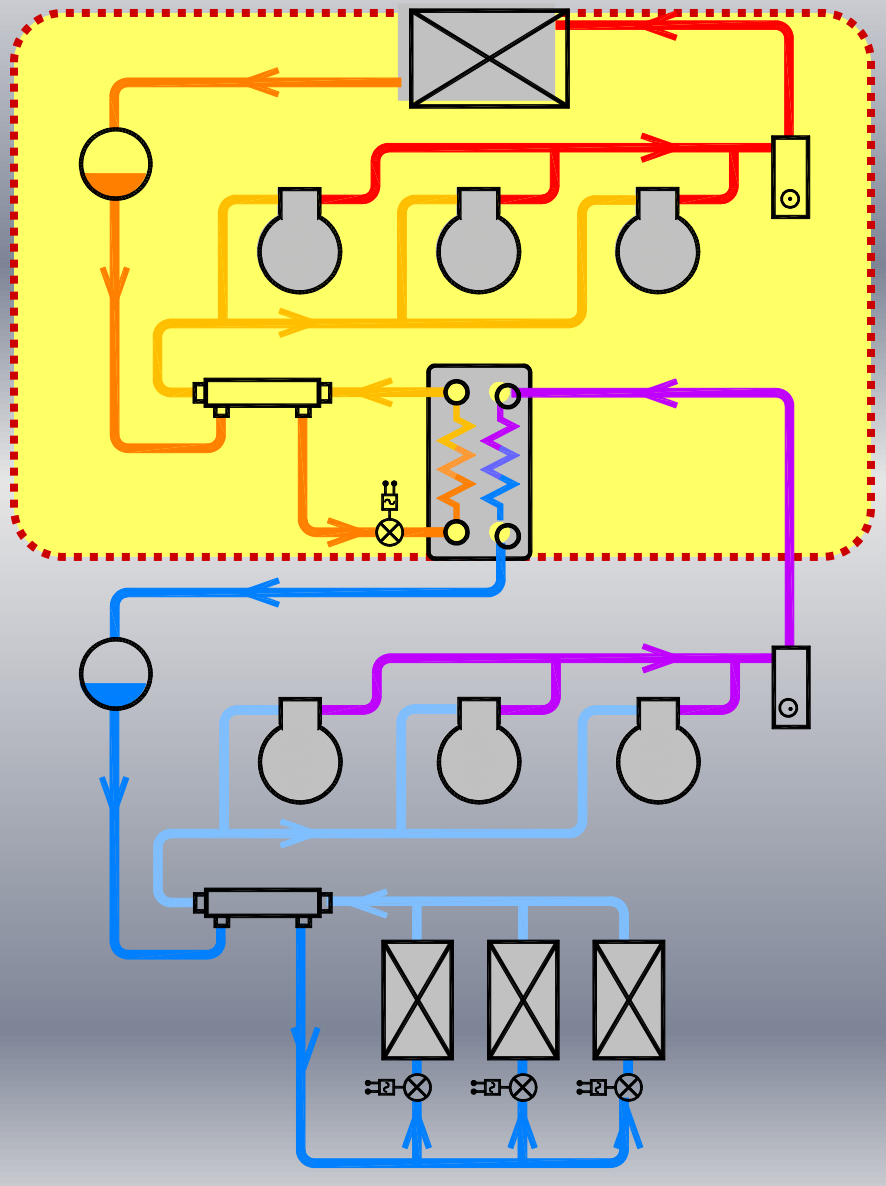
- Evaporates CO2 to Refrigerate Case or Walk-In
- Hill PHOENIX Display Cases
- Heatcraft's RPD Unit-Cooler
- Same Cross-Section as HFC DX but Re-Circuited for CO2
- Electric Defrost
- Accessories:
  - SLHE
  - Solenoid from Sporlan (possibly one per circuit, if needed)



Low Temperature – CO_2 Cascade System

Upper-Cascade:

- Refrigerates Condenser of Lower-Cascade
- Can Refrigerate other MT Loads Also (either DX or Secondary Coolant)
- Typical HFC System



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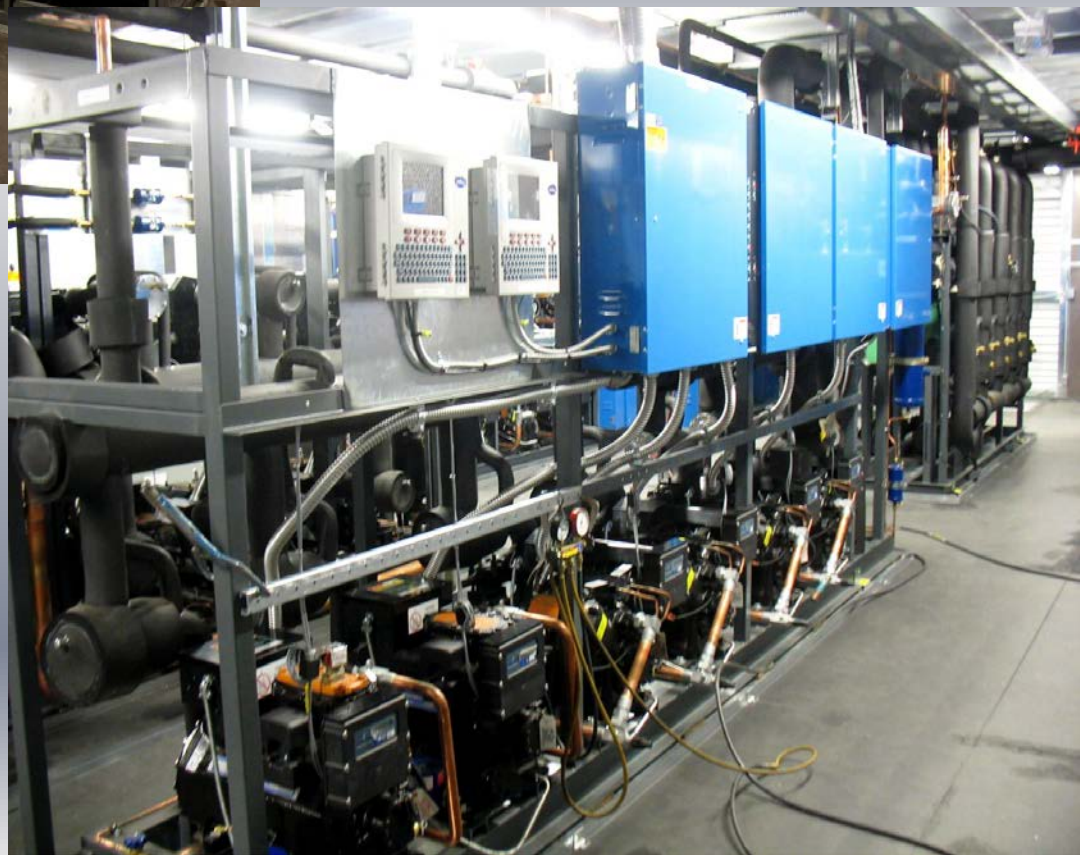
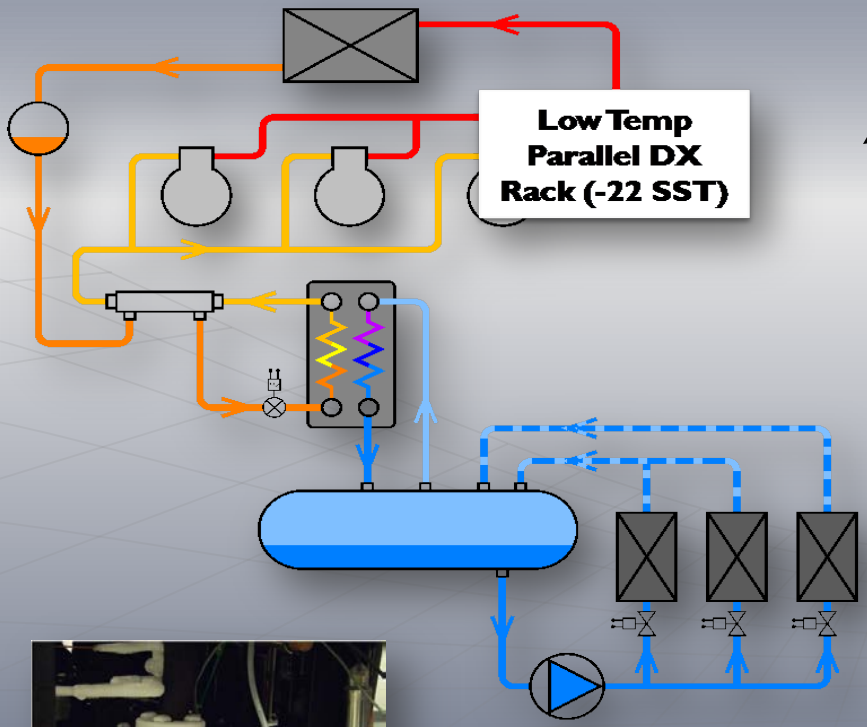


- Any refrigerant
- Any compressor
- Any condenser

The Difference Between Secondary & Cascade

- Pumps vs. Compressors
- HFC Rack SST



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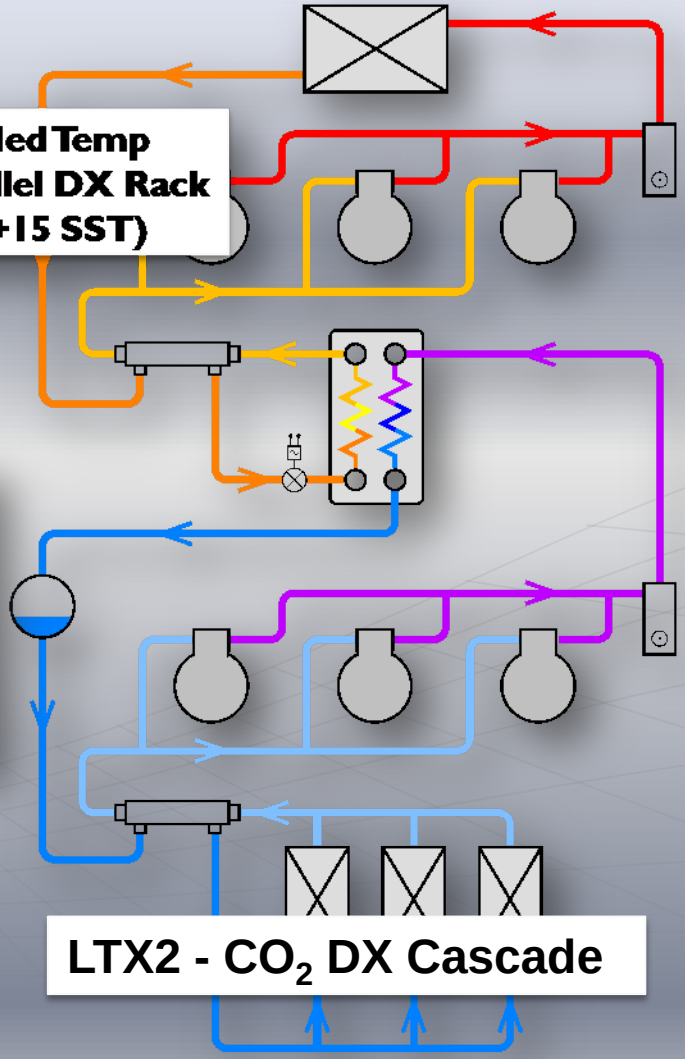
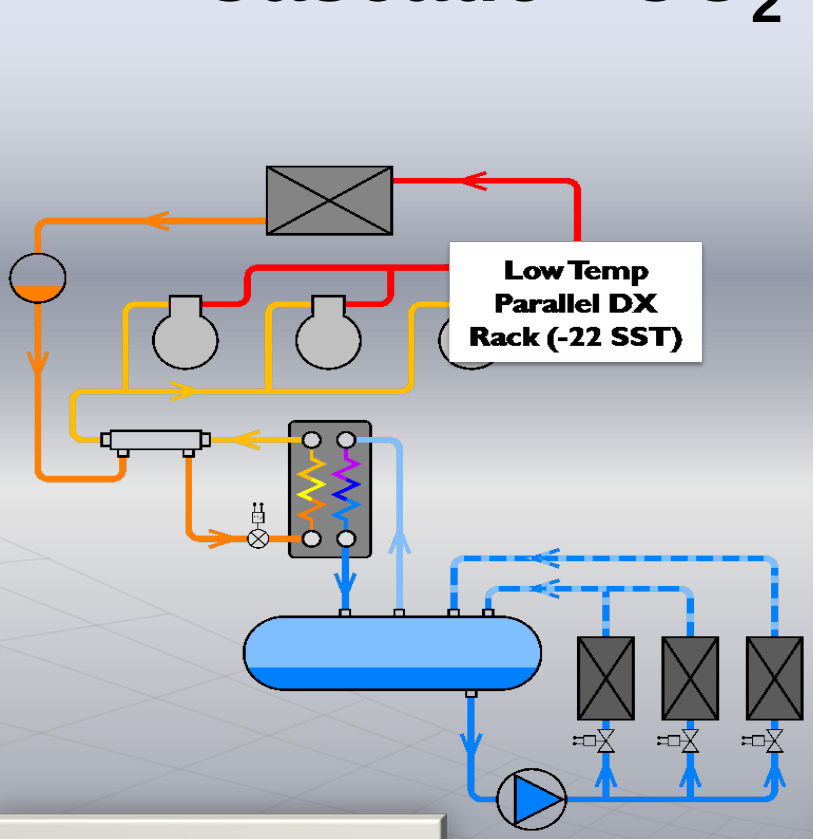
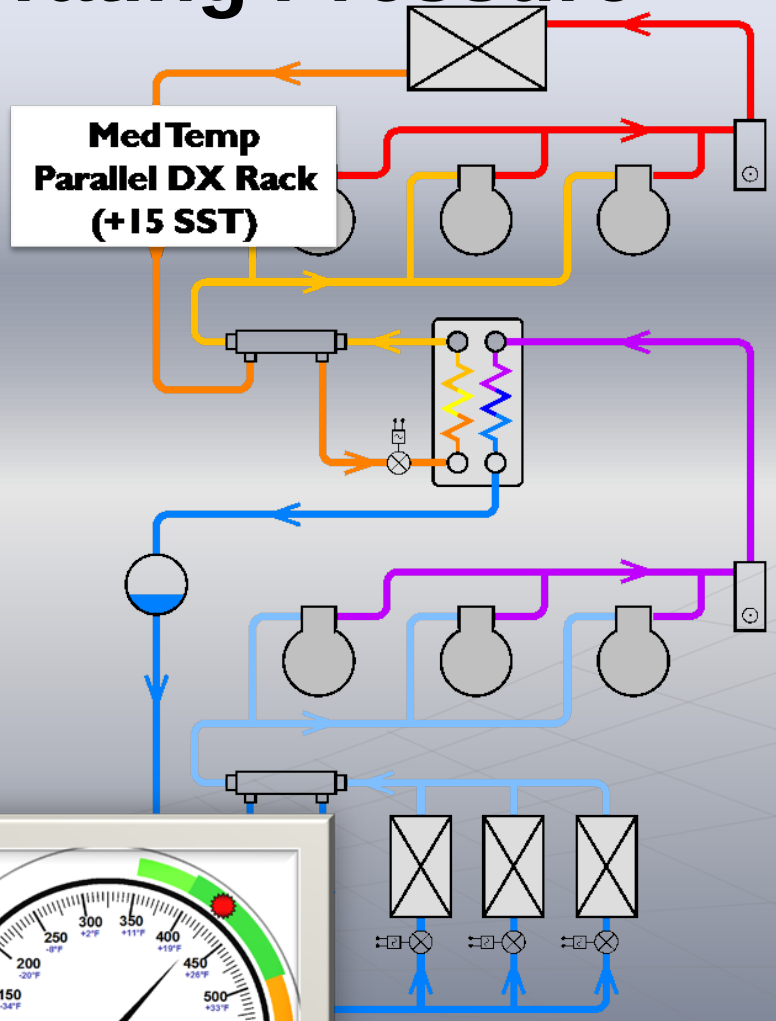
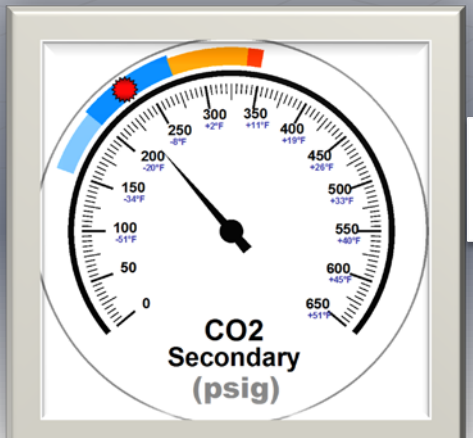


LTX2 - CO_2 DX Cascade

The Difference Between Secondary & Cascade - CO_2 Operating Pressure







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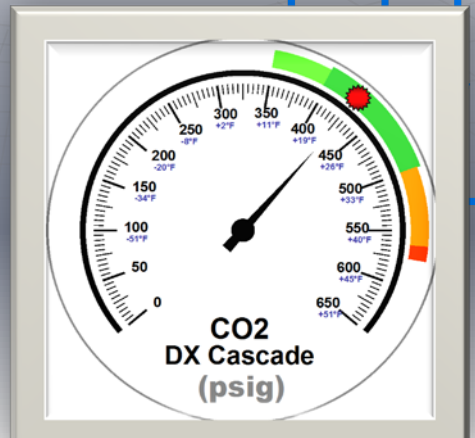
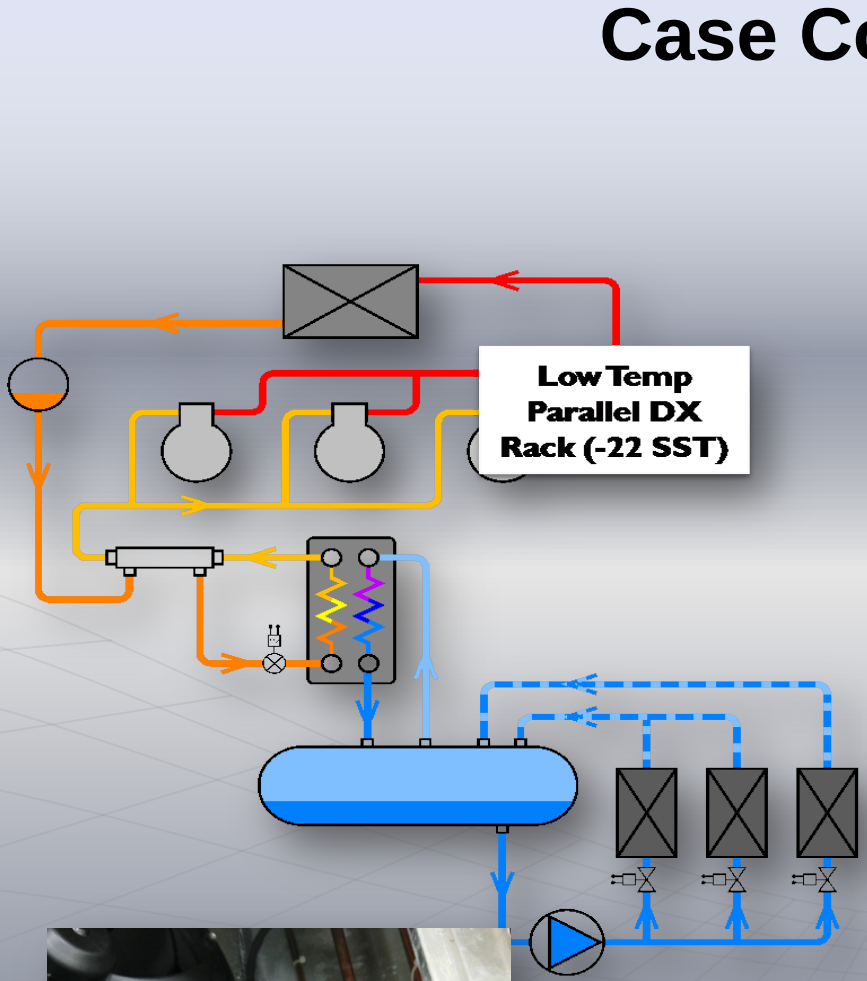


LTX2 - CO_2 DX Cascade

The Difference Between Secondary & Cascade Case Control Valves



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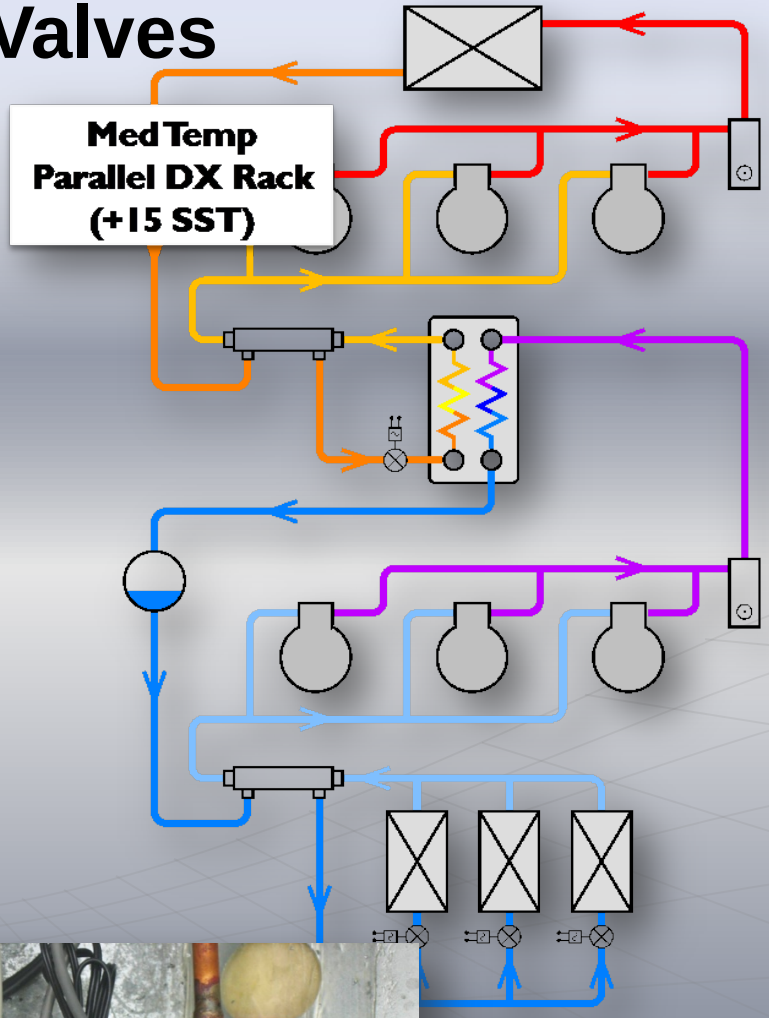
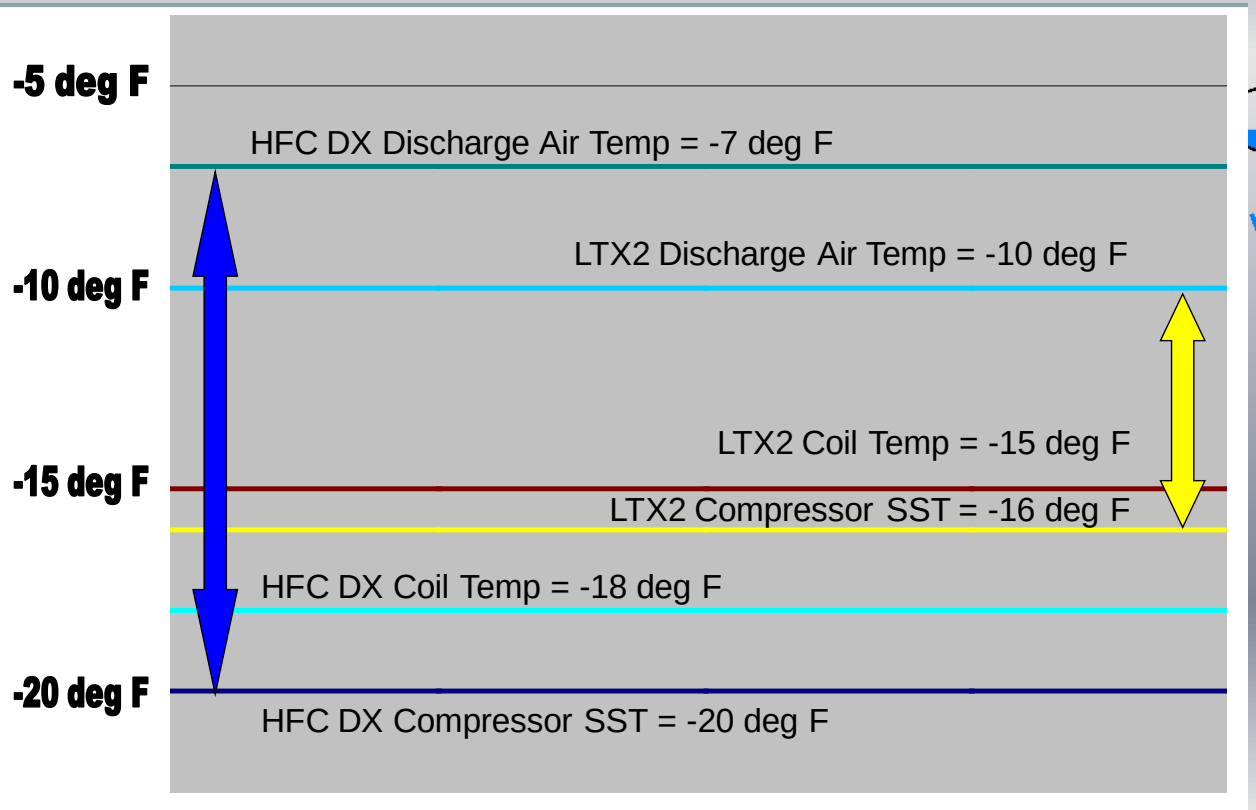
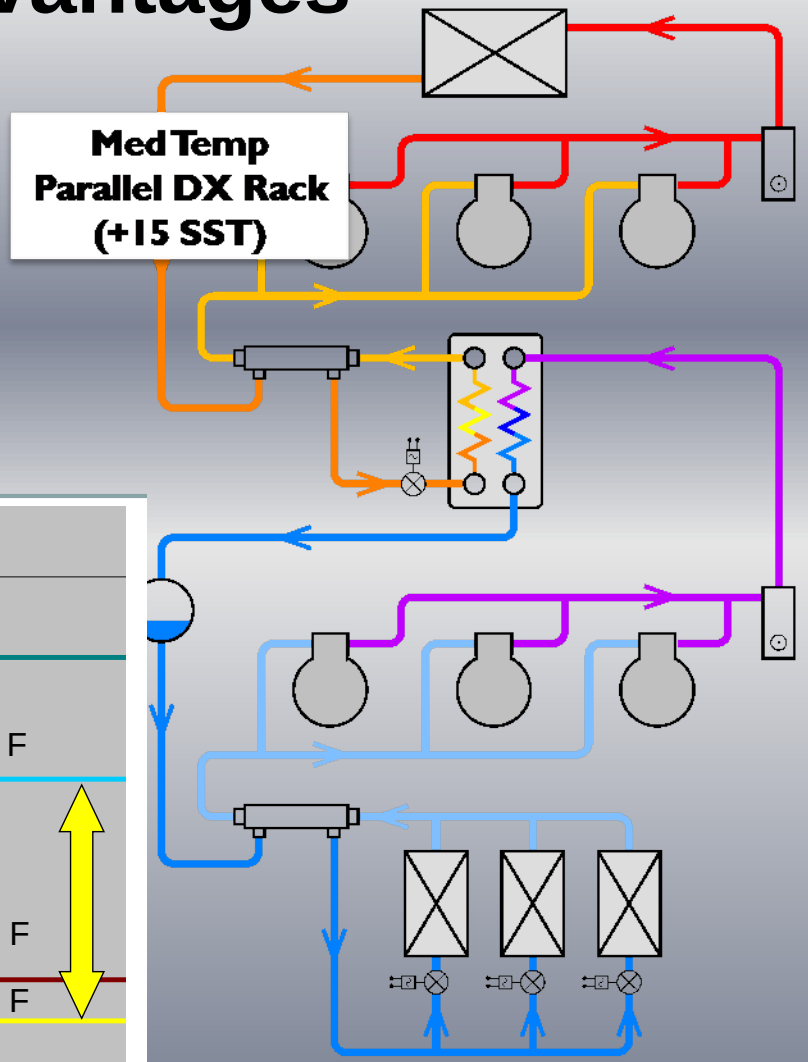


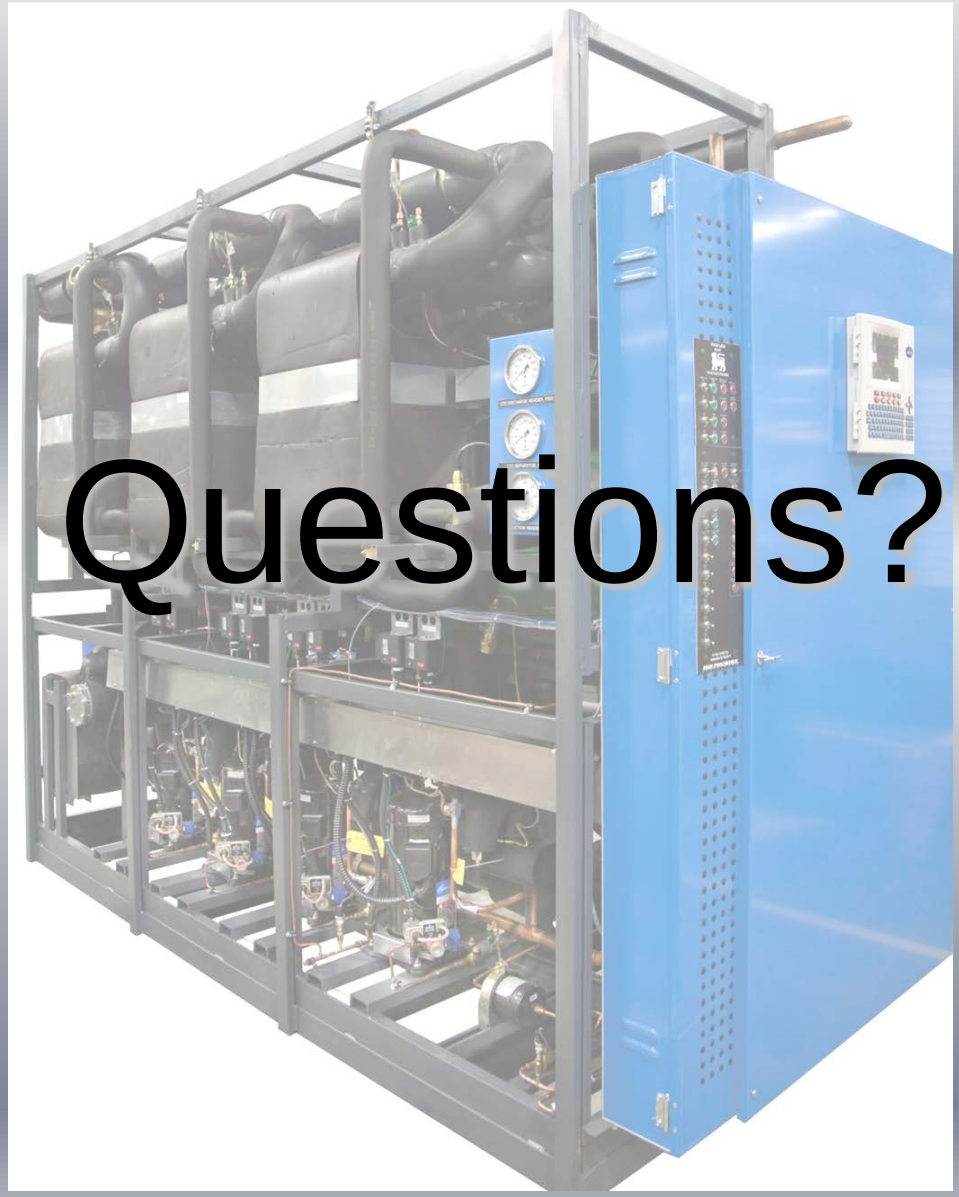
LTX2 - CO_2 DX Cascade

LT Cascade Advantages

- Smaller line sizes than HFC DX
- Lower energy consumption for CO2 Cascade systems
- Better heat transfer on CO2 side for higher compressor SST
- Coil TD's better than DX Systems



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