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### Hybrid and Secondary Loop CO<sub>2</sub> Refrigeration Systems

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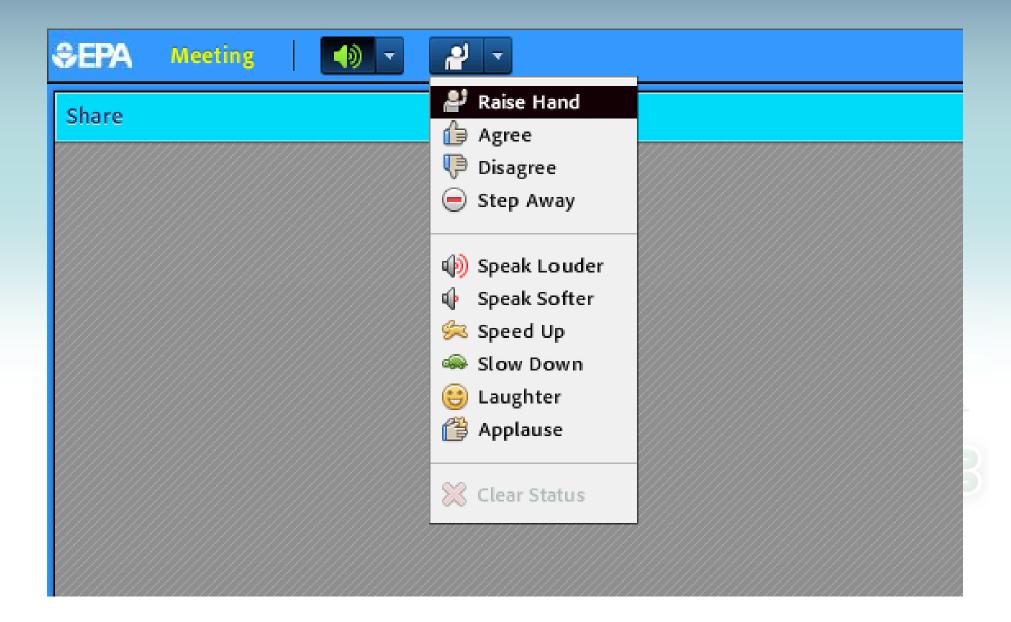
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# Hybrid and Secondary Loop CO<sub>2</sub> Refrigeration Systems

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# **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°F / ~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.

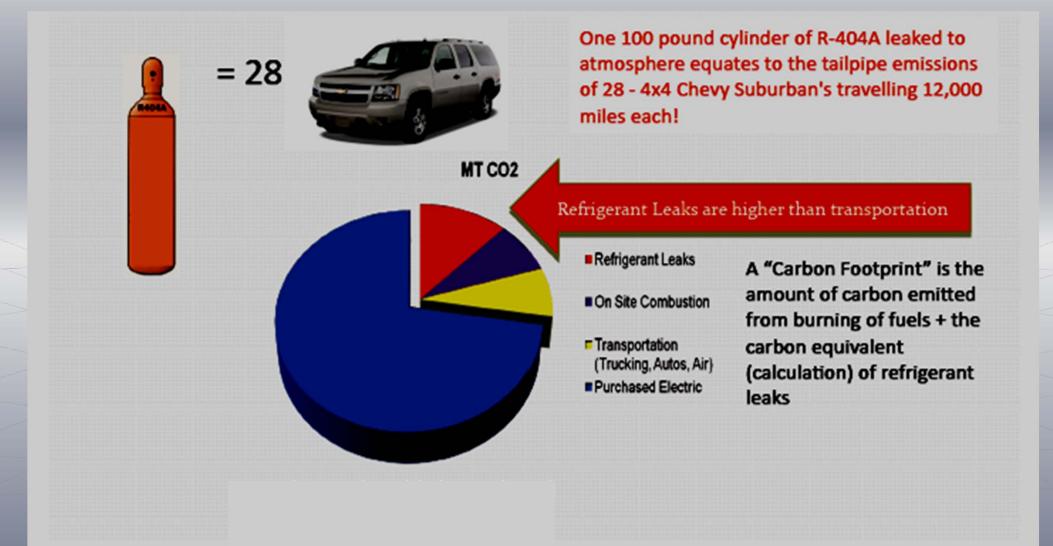
# **Triple Point vs. Critical Point**

- Triple Point
- Liquid CO2 below 60PSIG changes to Dry Ice



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

## **Refrigerant Choices for Commercial Systems**



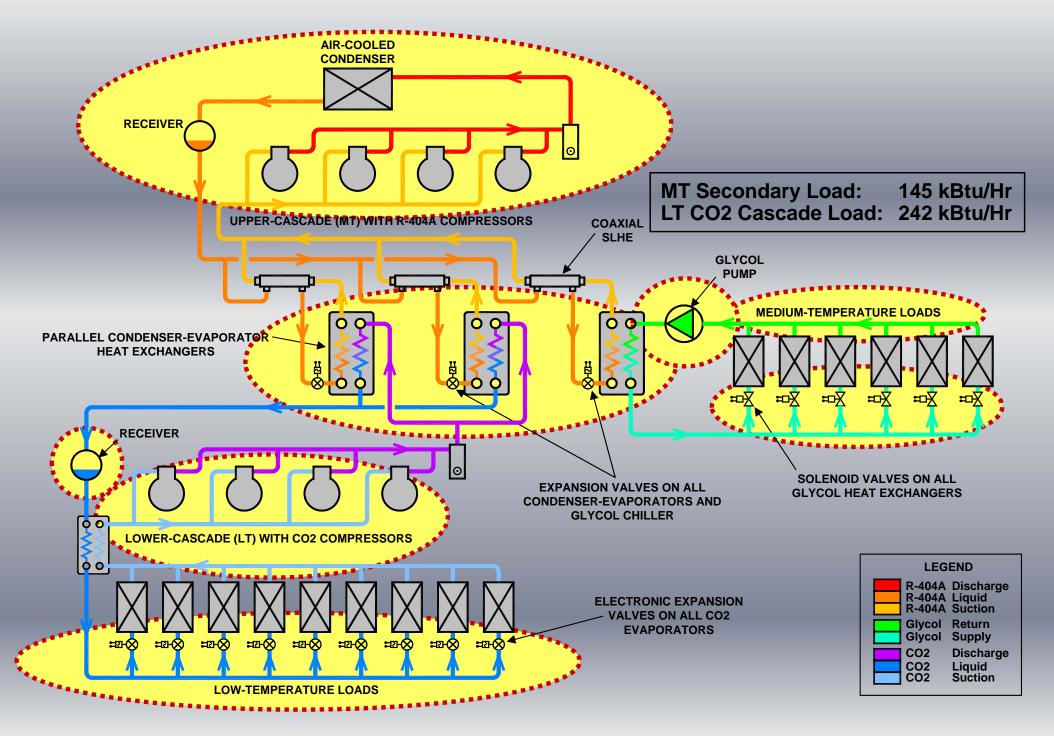
### Carbon Dioxide is used as a secondary coolant or a Direct Expansion Refrigerant Carbon Dioxide = $CO_2 = R-744$



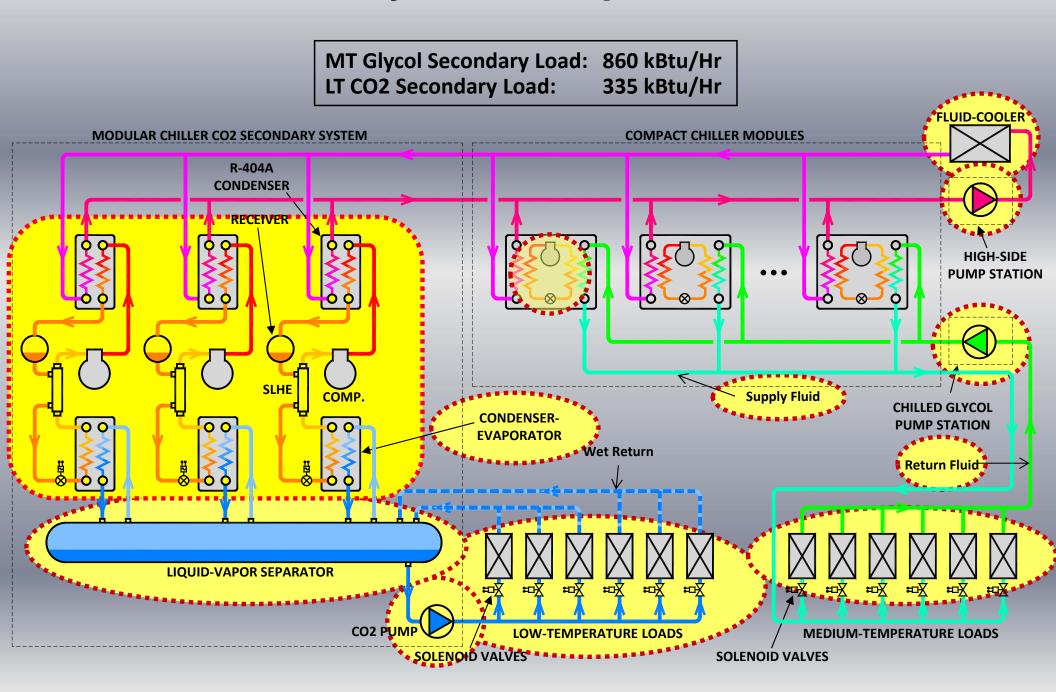
### **Types of CO<sub>2</sub> Systems**

- Cascade Low Temp CO2 & Medium Temp Glycol
- Secondary Low Temp CO2 & Modular Medium Temp Glycol
- Cascade Low Temp CO2 & Secondary Medium Temp CO2

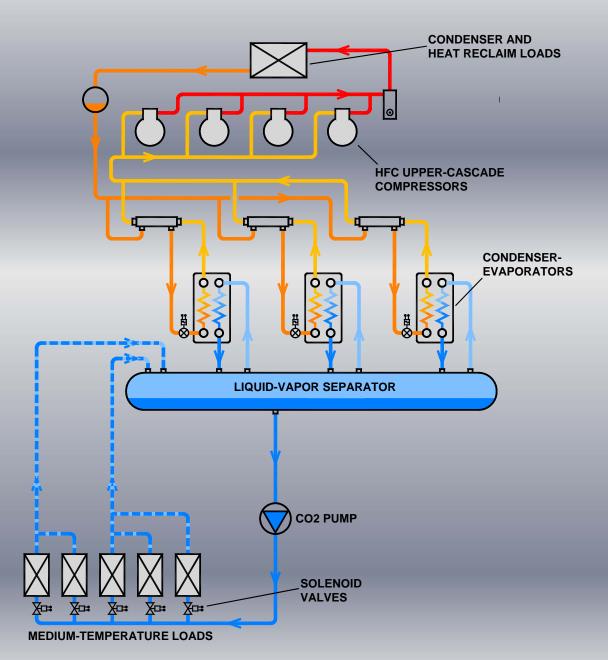
#### Med Temp Glycol /CO2 Low Temp Cascade



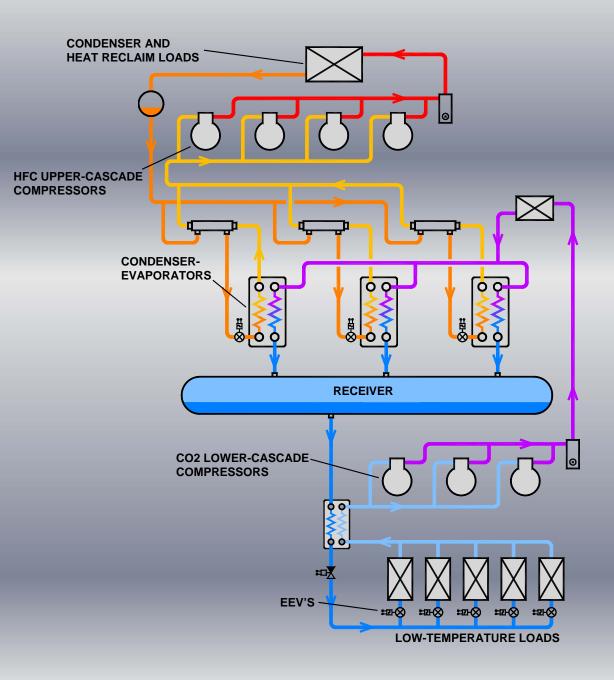
#### Combined Medium Temperature Modular Glycol Secondary Low Temperature CO2

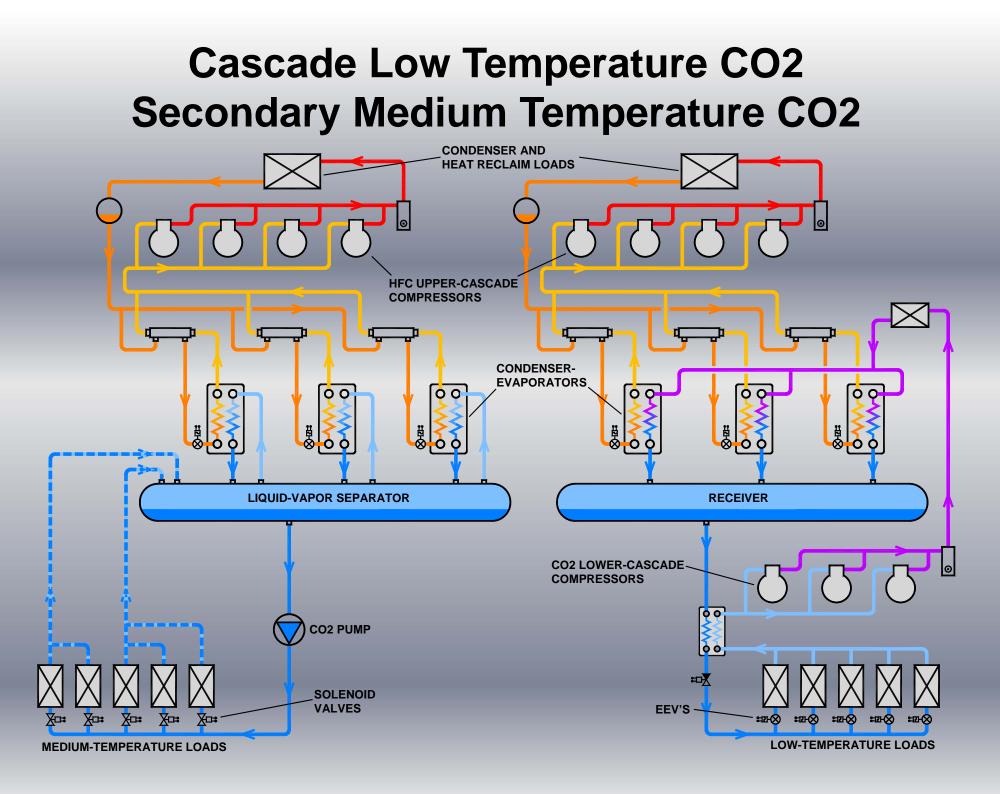


#### **Secondary Medium Temperature CO2**

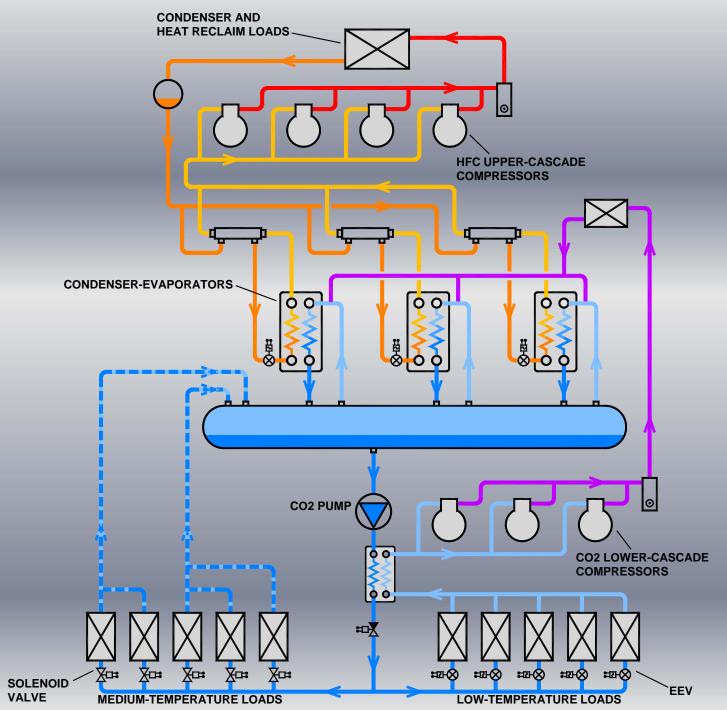


#### **Cascade Low Temperature CO2**





#### **Combined System Low and Medium Temp CO2**

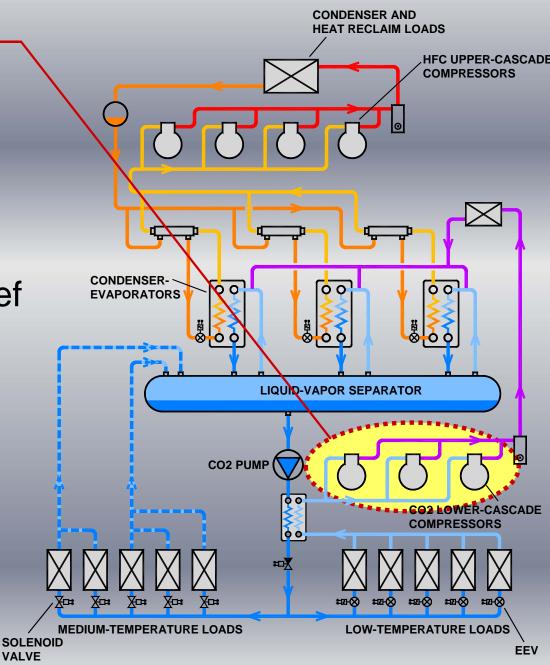


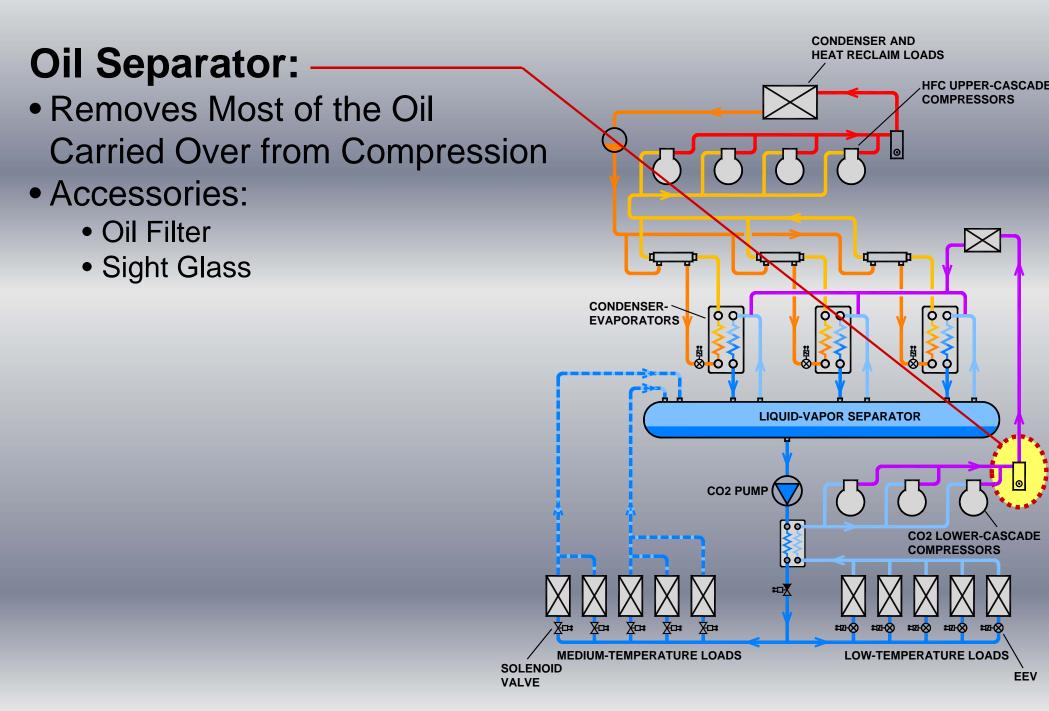
#### **Combined System Low and Medium Temp CO2**



#### **CO2 Compressors:**

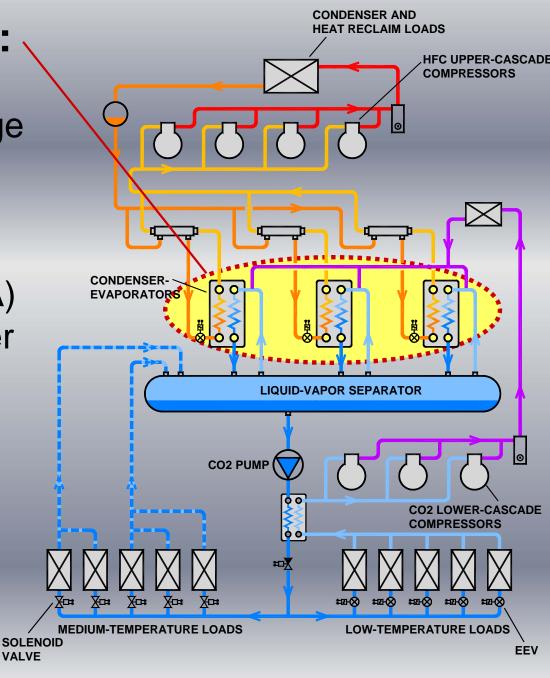
- Typical 3-5 Units in Parallel
- Types Available:
  - Reciprocating
  - Scroll
- Contain High-to-Low Internal Relief and External Low Relief
- Work with POE Oil
- Accessories:
  - Electronic Oil Float
  - High Pressure Switch
  - Low Pressure Switch
- Capacity Control:
  - VS on Reciprocating (no unloading available)
  - Digital Scroll in future





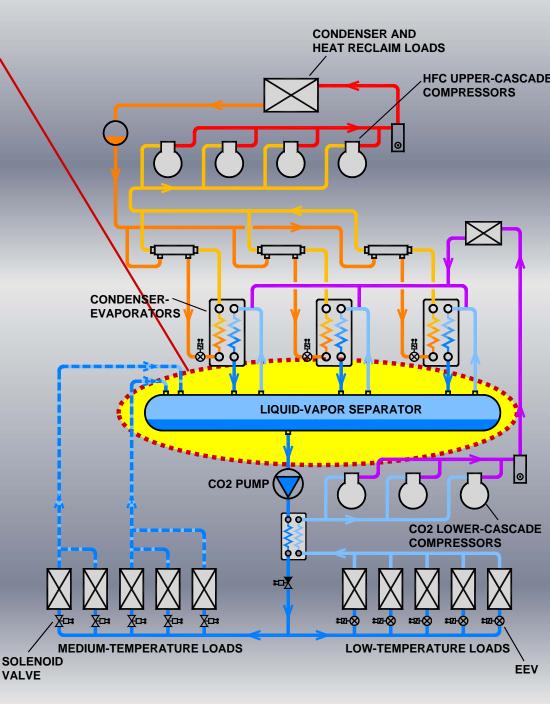
#### **Condenser-Evaporators:**

- Condense Vapor from Separator and CO2 Discharge Gas from Compressors into Liquid
- Evaporates Primary HFC Refrigerant (R-404A, R-407A)
- Brazed Plate Heat Exchanger



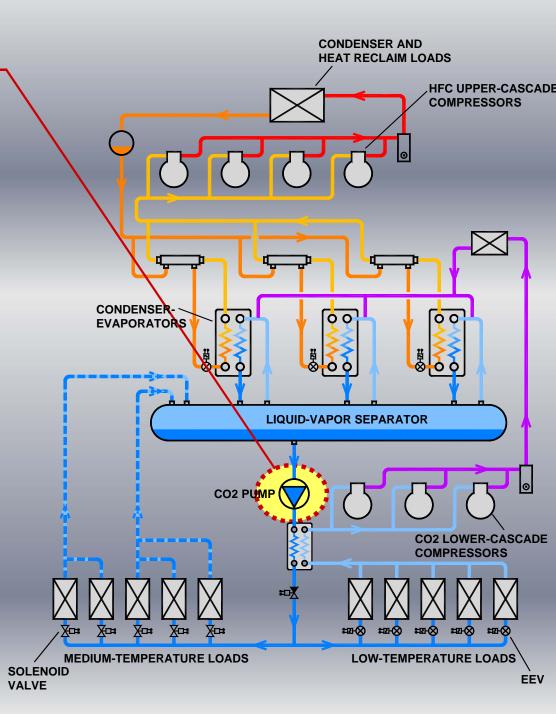
### Liquid-Vapor Separator:

- Holds CO2 Charge
- Compensates for Level Fluctuations during Defrost
- ASME approved Vessel



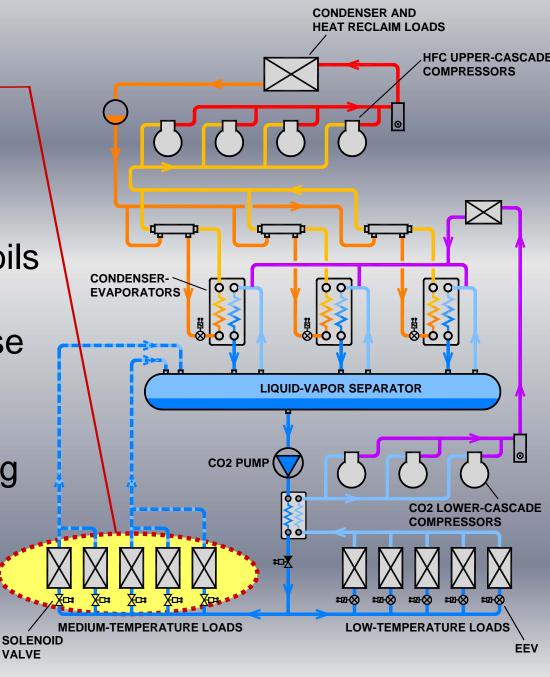
### **CO2 Pumps:**

- Pressurize Liquid CO2 for delivery to MT and LT evaporators
- Primary and Backup
- Hermetic, multi-stage centrifugal pump with liquidcooled motor



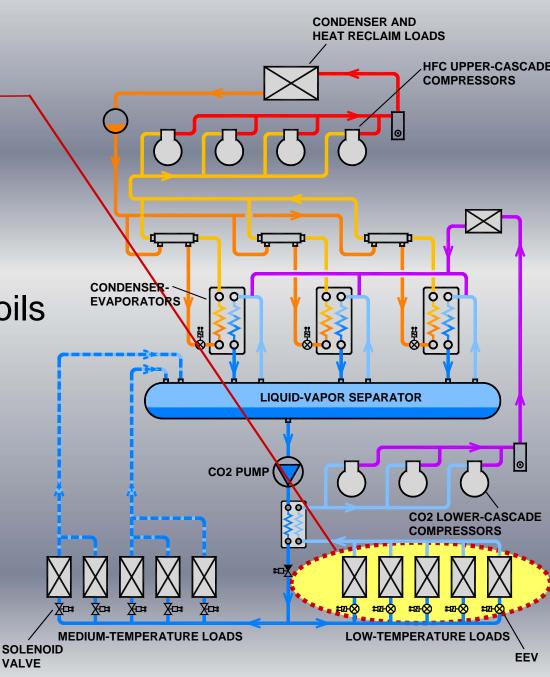
#### Medium-Temperature Evaporators: ———

- Specially designed for CO2
- Liquid enters coils and is partially evaporated
- Two-phase mixture leaves coils
- Solenoid valve control
- Individual control of each case
- Off-Time Defrost
- Isolation/Balance Valve if needed during commissioning



#### Low-Temperature Evaporators: —

- Specially designed for CO2
- Liquid enters Electronic Expansion Valve at coil inlet
- CO2 is fully evaporated with superheated vapor leaving coils
- Dual-Temp Control on some cases
- Electric Defrost with Coil Temperature Probe for Termination



#### **Upper-Cascade:**

- Refrigerates Condenser-Evaporator Heat Exchangers
- Transfers heat to Ambient
- Typical HFC System

