



ATLAS & CMS CO₂ detector cooling upgrade project

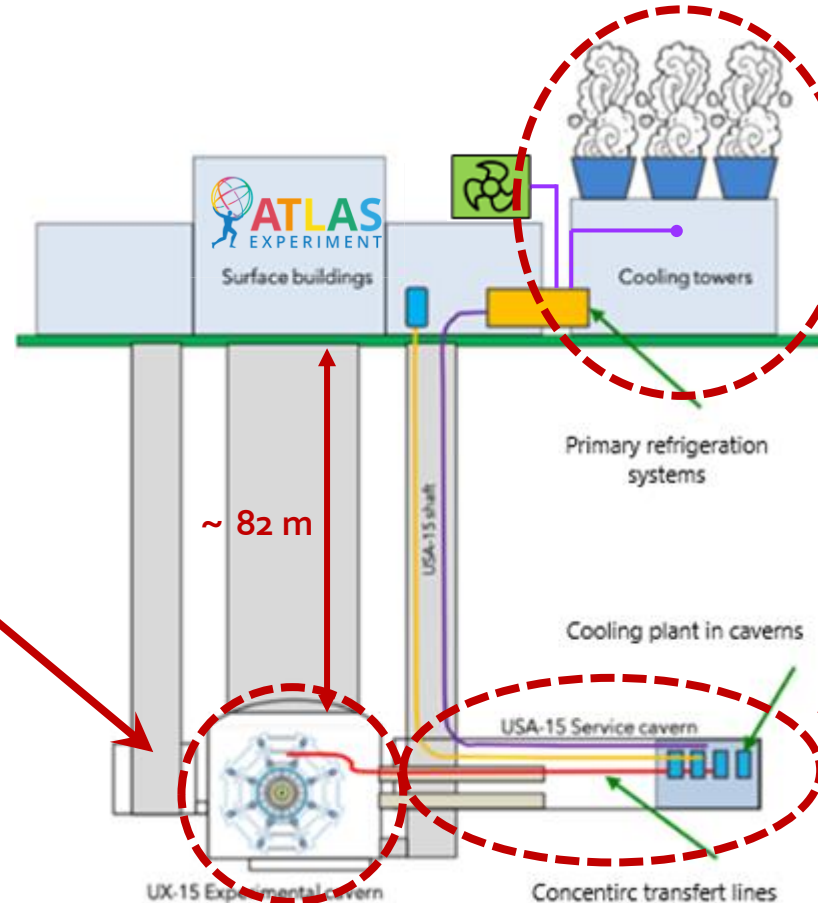
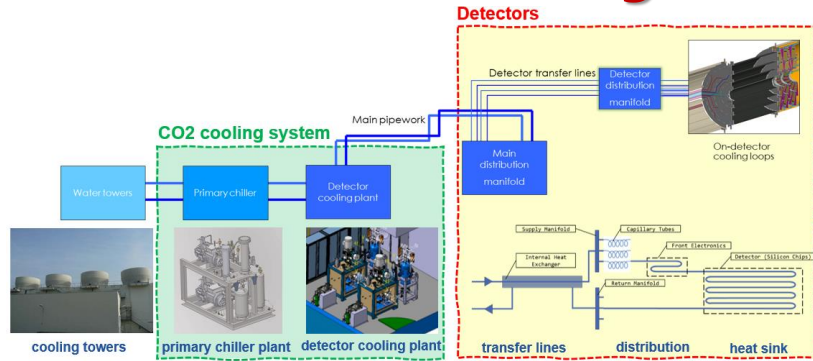
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Logistic situation of an experiment (e.g. ATLAS)

The Si detector cooling chain



Cooling towers
(final heat sink)

Experimental cavern

- high radiation
 - high magnetic field
 - inaccessible during operation
 - limited access during LHC shutdown
- (home to the particle detectors)

Service cavern

- no radiation
 - no magnetic field
 - accessible
 - specific safety rules apply
- (home to the detector cooling systems)

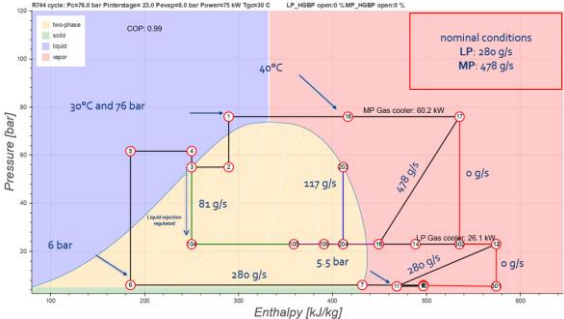
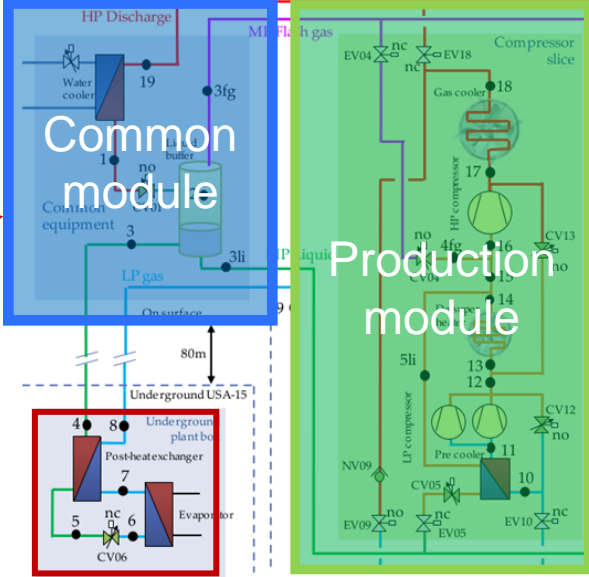
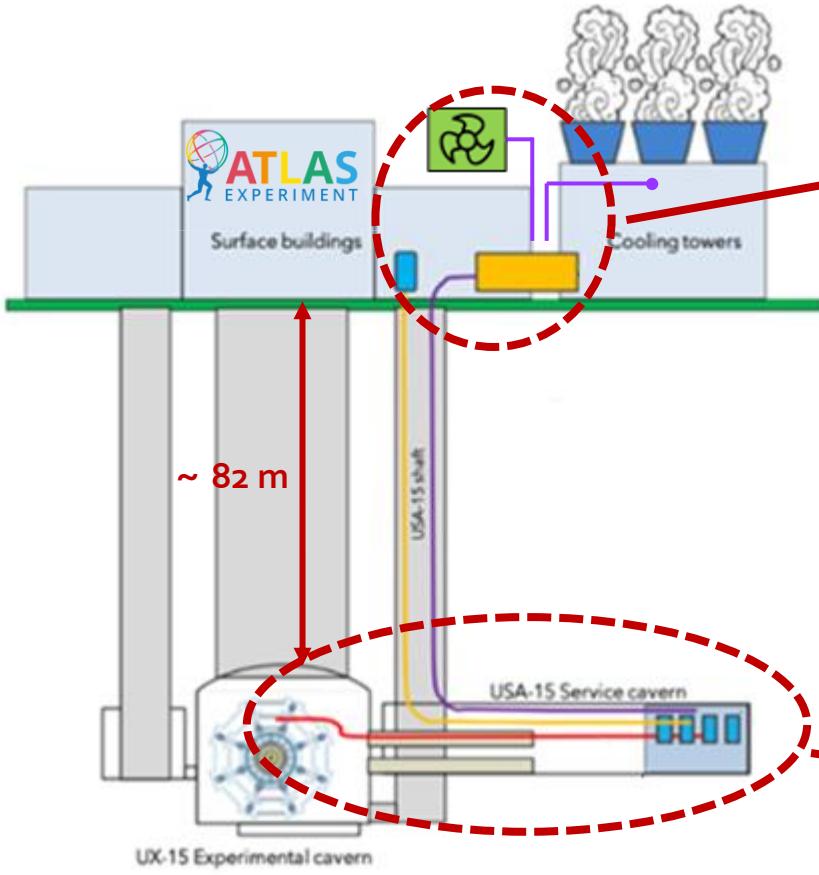
Detectors cooling requirements

- Typical lifespan of the order of 10 to 15 years
- **Absolute reliability (system available 24/24 7/7 over the lifespan)**
 - Stability in time (typically better than $\pm 1\text{K}$)
 - **Saturation temperature in the detector $\ll 0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$**
 - Low T gradient (max few K) along a cooling loop
 - **Environment in the cavern: high magnetic field**
- Environment in the cavern: high radiation (no oil contamination in the fluid)

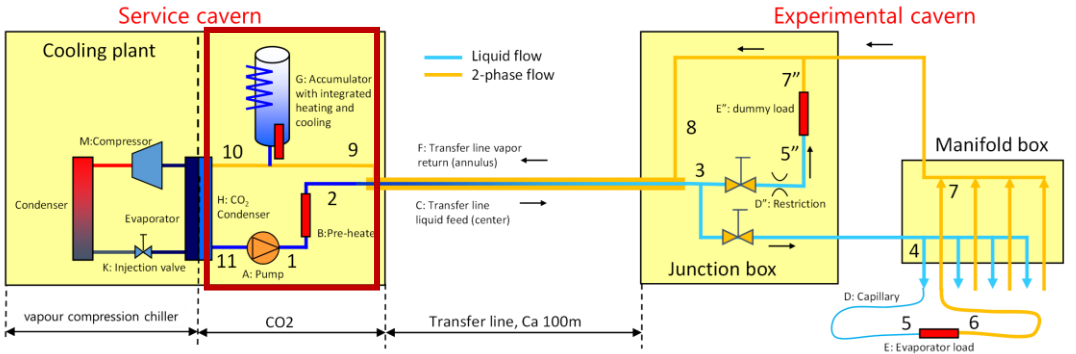
Related challenges

1. **Extremely low temperature needed** at the cooling plant to maintain performances of silicon sensors;
2. **Integration on site** Strong limitations associated with regards to the current underground facilities
3. **Operation & Modularity of the needs with an high T°C stability** from 0-100%
4. **Distribution of the Coolant to the internals of the detectors** Hundreds of micro channels

The new detector Cooling system architecture (e.g. ATLAS)



Refrigeration production choice: "R744 Primary system"



Cooling loop choice: "2PACL system"

LHC Cooling systems : current status and objectives

**Secondary circuit
"cooling loop"**

CO₂ - "2-PACL" technology

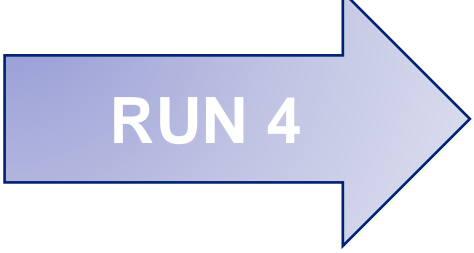
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ATLAS Pixel End cap (PEC)
ATLAS Pixel barrel (POB)
ATLAS Pixel Inner system (PXI)
ATLAS Strip end cap (SEC)
ATLAS Strip barrel (SRB)
ATLAS HGTD

380 kW@-53°C
1 plant



ATLAS ID 62kW@-25 °C: C₃F₈ direct evaporation, 7 compressors
CMS Pixel 10 kW @-20 °C
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CMS Outer tracker (OT)
CMS Inner Tracker (IT)
CMS Barrel Timing layer (BTL)
CMS Calorimeter end cap (CE)
CMS Endcap timing layer (ETL)

750 kW@-53°C
1 plant

Total installed cold cooling power: 164 kW (CO₂ 0.6%)

Total installed cold cooling power: 177 kW (CO₂ 13%)

Total installed cold cooling power: 1130 kW

R404a/R507a

R404a/R507a & R448a

**Primary circuit
"Refrigeration
production"**

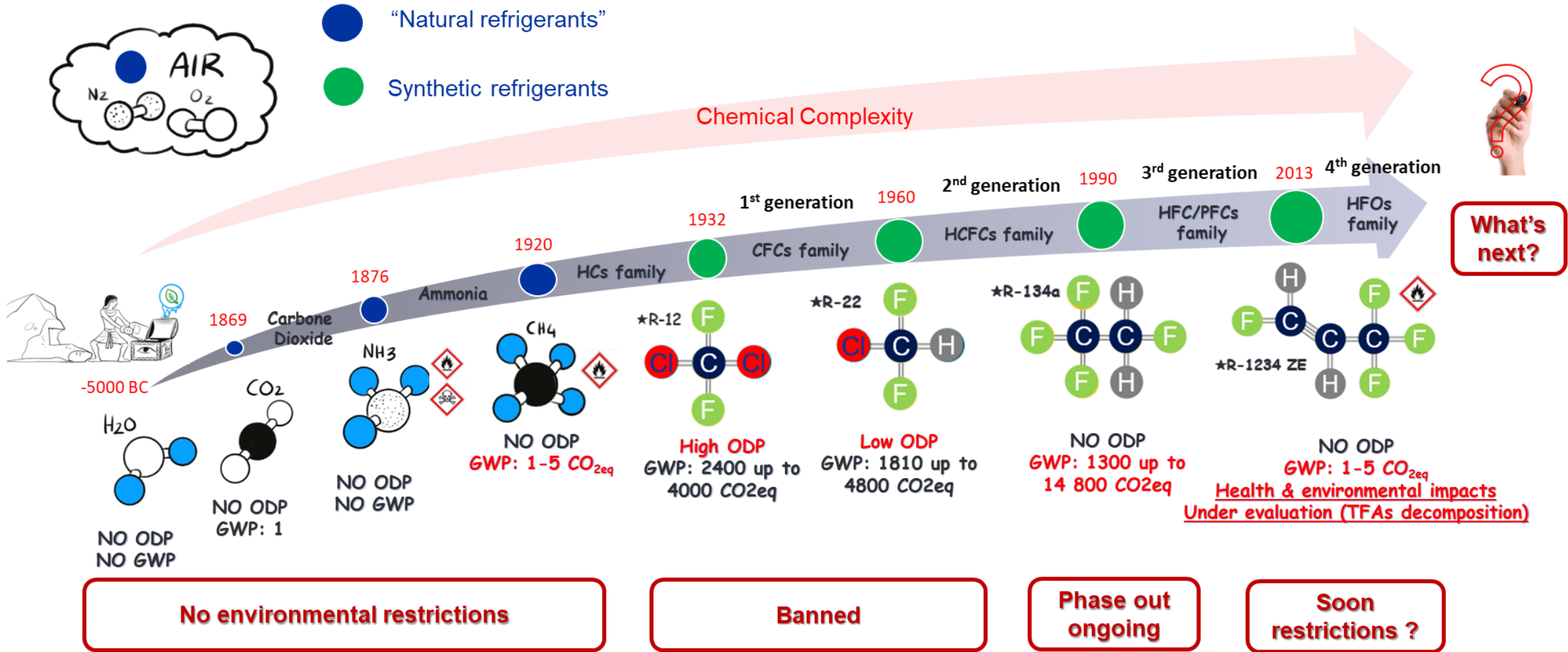
**From few kW to 1MW+ of cooling & refrigeration technology
installed on the LHC in 15 years !!!**



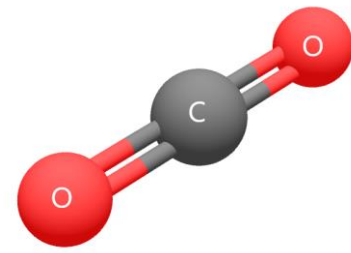
Why CO2 and not another fluid?

ODP: Ozone depletion potential
GWP: Global Warming Potential
TFAs: Trifluoroacetic acids being part of the PFAS “forever chemicals”

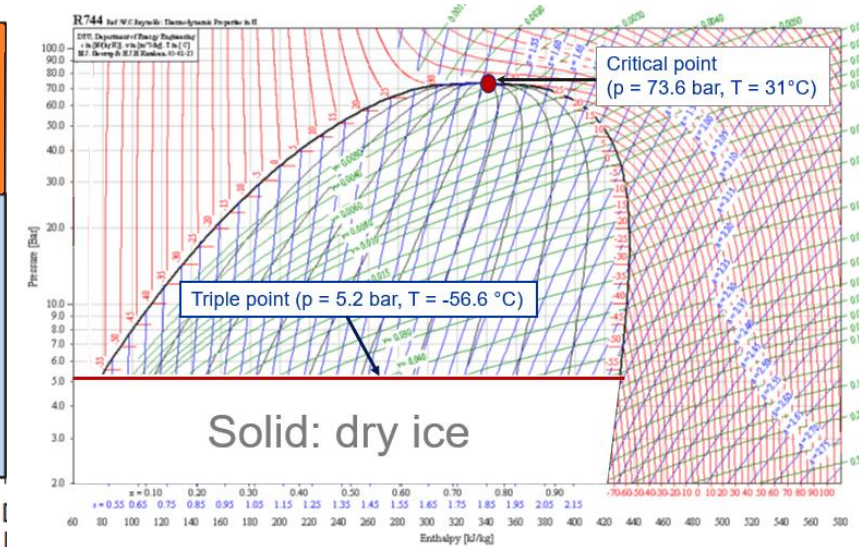
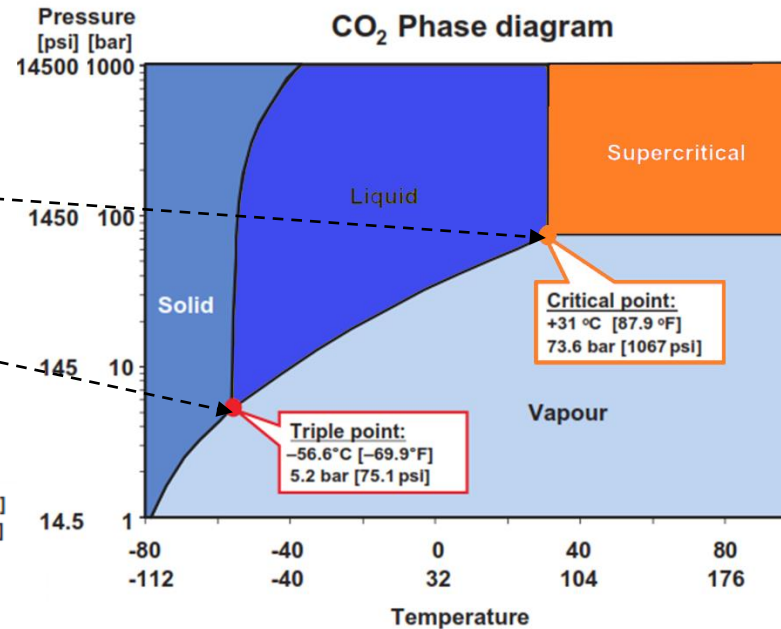
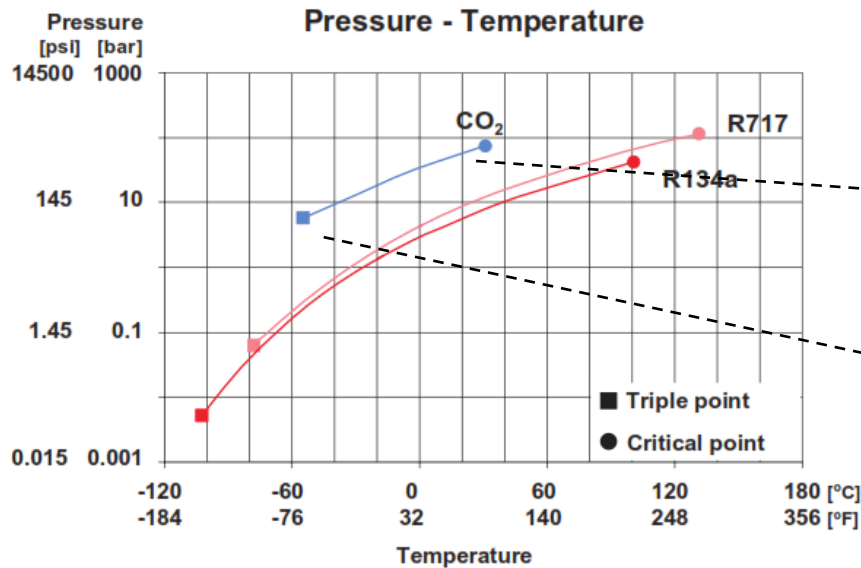
1. CO2 as refrigerant History & Families



Why CO2 and not another fluid?



2. CO2 thermodynamical properties






GOOD QUALITIES AS REFRIGERANT:




- High reduced pressure
- High vapor/liquid density ratio
- Low viscosity
- Small surface tension (=small bubble size, i.e. high heat transfer coefficient)
- High latent heat of evaporation (specific enthalpy) (=can absorb large heat quantities)

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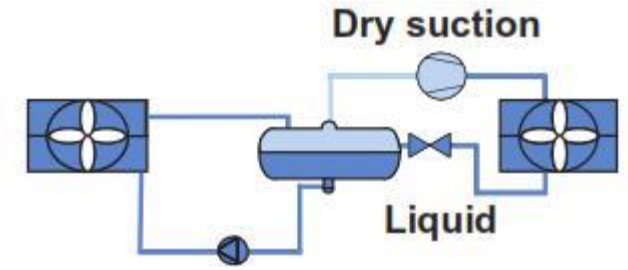
3. CO2 Optimized design & resources management

Piping sizing

Refrigerant		R 134a	R 717	CO ₂
Capacity	kW [TR]	250 [71]	250 [71]	250 [71]
"Wet return" line	ΔT	0.8 [1.4]	0.8 [1.4]	0.8 [1.4]
	Δp	0.0212 [0.308]	0.0303 [0.439]	0.2930 [4.249]
Velocity	m/s [ft/s]	11.0 [36.2]	20.2 [66.2]	8.2 [26.9]
				
Diameter	mm [inch]	215 [8.5]	133 [5.2]	69 [2.7]
Area "Wet return"	mm ² [inch ²]	36385 [56.40]	13894 [21.54]	3774 [5.85]

"Liquid" line		Velocity	m/s [ft/s]	0.8 [2.6]	0.8 [2.6]	0.8 [2.6]
						
Diameter	mm [inch]	61 [2.4]	36 [1.4]	58 [2.3]		
Area "liquid"	mm ² [inch ²]	2968 [4.6]	998 [1.55]	2609 [4.04]		
Total pipe cross section area	Area "Wet return"	mm ² [inch ²]	39353 [61.0]	14892 [23.08]	6382 [9.89]	
Liquid cross section area		%	8	7	41	

$L_{eqv} = 50 [m] / 194 [ft]$ - Pump circ.: $n_{circ} = 3$ - Evaporating temp.: $TE = -40[^\circ C] / -40[^\circ F]$

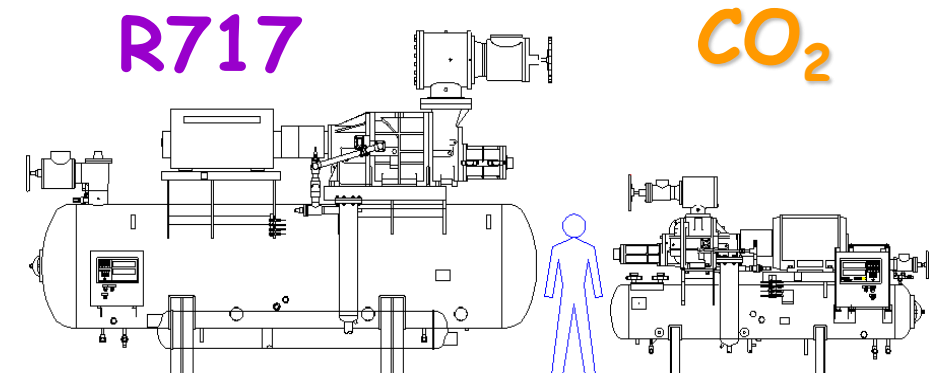


Compressor displacement

Refrigerant		R 134a	R 717	CO ₂
Refrigerant capacity	kW [TR]	250 [71]	250 [71]	250 [71]
Required compressor displacement	m ³ /h [ft ³ /h]	1628 [57489]	1092 [38578]	124 [4387]
Relative displacement	-	13.1	8.8	1.0

Evaporating temp.: $TE = -40[^\circ C] / -40[^\circ F]$

Condensing temp.: $TE = -15[^\circ C] / -5[^\circ F]$



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4. Environmental performances: Targeted carbon footprint on direct emission

ATLAS Current Status Primary loop						
Refrigerant	Refrigerant family	GWP potential	Circuit or equipment	Cooling power (kW)	Refrigerant mass (kg)	Direct emission (eq TCO2)
R410a	HFC	2088	ATLAS Chiller USA ⁽¹⁾		3	0
R404a	HFC	3922	ATLAS Chiller 160 kW Thermosiphon ⁽¹⁾		190	271
R23	HFC	14900	ATLAS Chiller 2.60 kW Thermosiphon ⁽¹⁾		40	0
R134a	HFC	143	ATLAS TILE TEST (1999a)		2	0
R134a	HFC	143	ATLAS TILE TEST (1999c)		2	0
R134a	HFC	1430	ATLAS SR1 Mono 2 Primary		2	0

⁽¹⁾ will be decommissioned and replaced by the R744 Primary loop during LS3

ATLAS Current status Secondary loop						
Refrigerant	Refrigerant family	GWP potential	Circuit or equipment	Cooling power (kW)	Refrigerant mass (kg)	Direct emission (eq TCO2)
C2F6	PFC	12500	ATLAS SR1 Blend Secondary 2 ⁽¹⁾		60	0
C3F8	PFC	8930	ATLAS SR1 Blend Secondary		60	0
C3F8	PFC	8930	ATLAS Evap Lx15 ⁽¹⁾		6500	5890
C3F8	PFC	8930	ATLAS SR1 Evap [*]		80	0
C3F8	PFC	8930	ATLAS 60 kW Thermosiphon ⁽¹⁾		1500	362
C6F14	PFC	9300	ATLAS Brine Thermosiphon ⁽¹⁾		6500	4650
C6F14	PFC	9300	ATLAS Cables Lx15		3340	2325
C6F14	PFC	9300	ATLAS SR1 Mono Secondary		50	0
C6F14	PFC	9300	ATLAS TRT Lx15 ⁽¹⁾		3000	9300
C6F14	PFC	9300	ATLAS SR1 Mono 2 Secondary		100	500

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ATLAS R744 Primary loop forecast						
Refrigerant	Refrigerant family	GWP potential	Circuit or equipment	Cooling power (kW)	Refrigerant mass (kg)	Direct emission (eq TCO2)
R744	Natural	1	ATLAS Pixel End cap (PEC) ATLAS Pixel barrel (POB) ATLAS Pixel Inner system (PIX) ATLAS Strip end cap (SEC) ATLAS Strip barrel (SRB) ATLAS (HGTD)	380	1200.00	0.2

ATLAS CO2 "2PACL" secondary loop forecast						
Refrigerant	Refrigerant family	GWP potential	Circuit or equipment	Cooling power (kW)	Refrigerant mass (kg)	Direct emission (eq TCO2)
CO2	Natural	1	ATLAS Pixel End cap (PEC) ATLAS Pixel barrel (POB) ATLAS Pixel Inner system (PIX) ATLAS Strip end cap (SEC) ATLAS Strip barrel (SRB) ATLAS (HGTD)	380	12000.00	2.4

ATLAS Savings: about 20 000 t eq CO2/year

CMS Savings: about 20 000 t eq CO2/year

2021.6 eqTCO2

20201.6 eqTCO2

2018 Data from LHC operation

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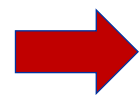
5. Environmental performances: Targeted carbon footprint on indirect emission



1 Detailed technical bench mark benchmark to list potential efficient compressor candidates
→ from 2018 to 2020

2 Refrigeration concept development and performances evaluation on test benches
→ from 2020 to 2023

3 Validation and implementation of the final solution based on a **Total Cost of Ownership**
approach on the LHC lifetime operation (2042)
→ from 2023 to 2026



Despite more expensive, CERN went for the most efficient proposed solution!
18% energy savings representing a total of 162 MWh on a monthly base for ATLAS + CMS

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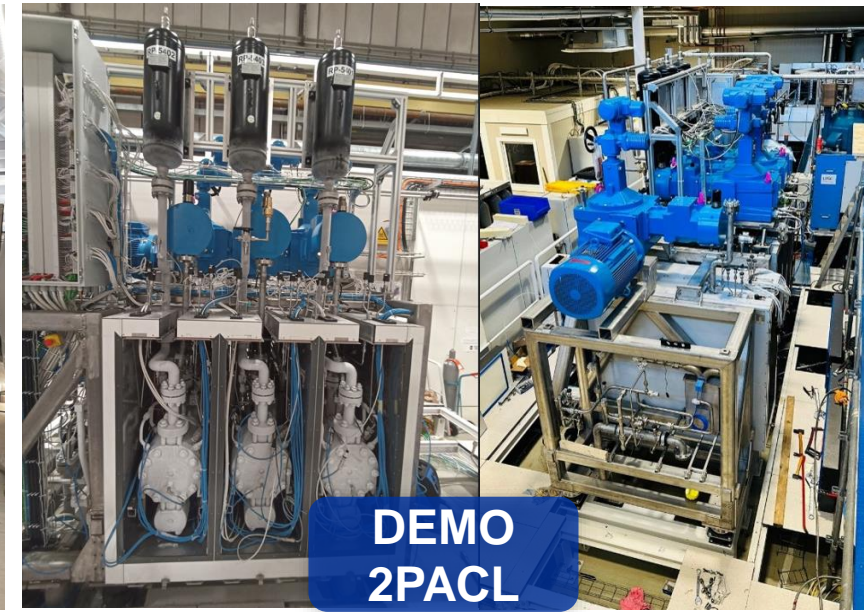
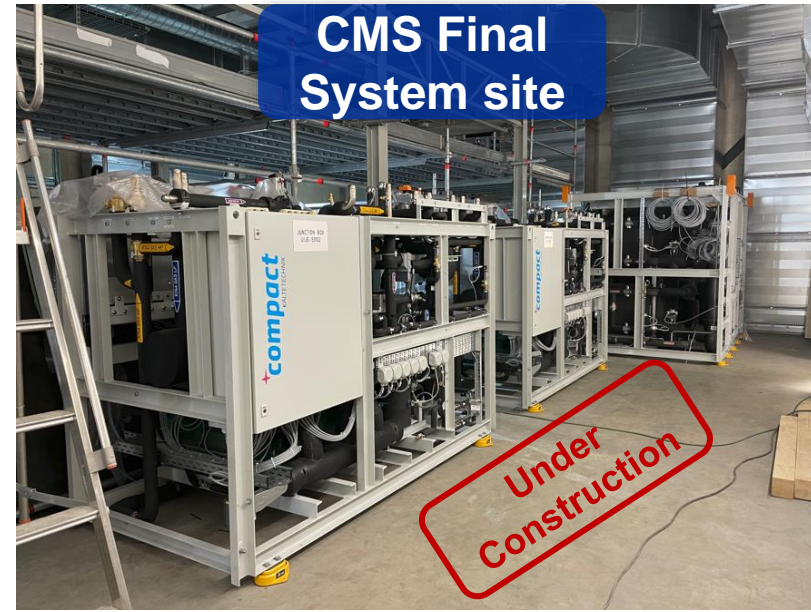
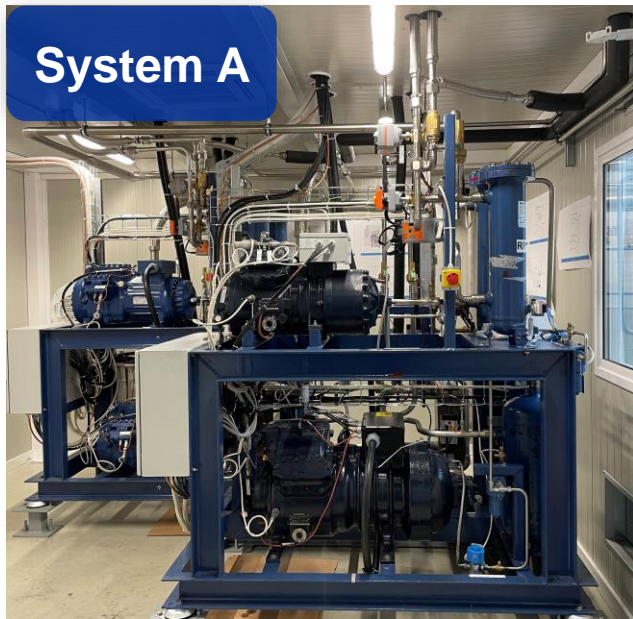
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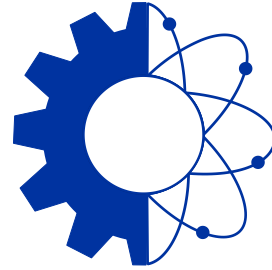
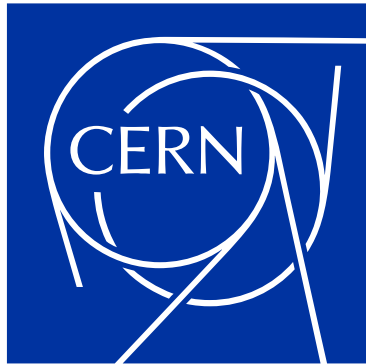
Possibility of non-negligible subsidies of the Program ECO21 from SIG aiming to reduce energy consumption with any kind of simple, fast solutions →

Valid for any kind of retrofit, optimisation of refrigeration, cooling and ventilation systems



Up to 40 CHF by TCO₂ eq saved on a yearly based going until the life time expectation of the system!!





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