



# Campus Conversion to Climate Friendly Refrigerants

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# Agenda

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- **Brief Overview of Campus**
- **Project Objectives, Scope & Challenges**
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  - **Cold Rooms**
  - **Process Cooling**
  - **Building HVAC**
  - **Large Central Chillers**
- **Challenges to the Industry (and Opportunities)**

# Genentech Company Information

## *Genentech at a glance:*

- Founded more than 35 years ago
- Leading biotechnology company that discovers, develops, manufactures and commercializes medicines to treat patients with serious or life-threatening medical conditions.
- Personalized Healthcare is a key element of our research and early development strategy.
- Focus on tailoring treatments to specific diseases and patients and identifying which patients are most likely to respond.



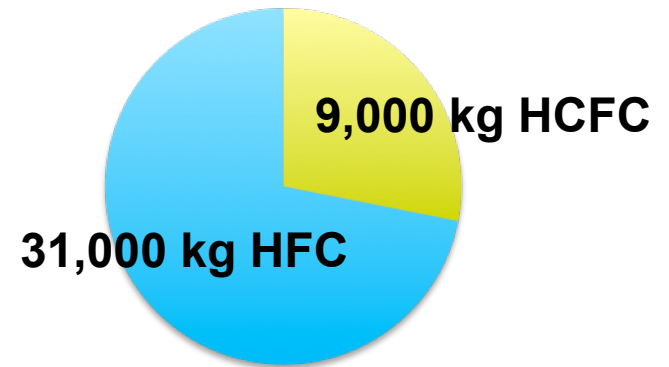
# Project Overview

## OBJECTIVE:

- Eliminate the use of substances which have a negative impact on the environment caused by ozone depletion, global warming, or persistence in the atmosphere

## SCHEDULE:

- 2018: CFC's & HCFC's
- 2022: HFC's



## SCOPE:

- 36 existing buildings and 5 scheduled new buildings.
- Equipment to be replaced include:
  - 47 large units over 100 tons
  - 618 mid size units below 100 tons
  - 3,533 small units of fractional ton capacity
- +40,000 kg of non-complaint refrigerant to be removed

## IDEAL REFRIGERANT ATTRIBUTES:

- Zero GWP
- Zero ODP
- Low persistence in the atmosphere
- ASHRAE Classification A1 (non-toxic, non-flammable)
- High coefficient of performance (COP)
- Commercially available equipment & service

## AVAILABLE REFRIGERANTS:

Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Hydrocarbons

Water – Absorption Chiller

Water – Evaporative Cooling

# Site Challenges

- 36 buildings and 650+ pieces of equipment
- Little consistency due to rapid growth
- Long distances between buildings
- Varying topography: ~120' elevation change
- Numerous rooftop DX units
- GMP facilities & 24/7 operations
- Large quantity of specialty equipment



# Process, Cold Room & Specialty Cooling Equipment



| System Types   | Supply Temp. Range (°C) | Quantity of Systems | Total Installed Capacity – Tons (kW) |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chillers       | (-20) to 5              | 22                  | 1,700 (6,000)                        |
| Cold Rooms     | 2 to 8                  | 110                 | 450 (1,580)                          |
| Freezer Rooms  | (-20) to (-25)          | 10                  | 60 (210)                             |
| Ice Equipment  | (-12)                   | 3                   | 4 (14)                               |
| Lyophilizers   | (-80) to (-70)          | 12                  | 133 (470)                            |
| Kitchen Equip. | (-23) to 3.5            | 4                   | 42 (150)                             |
| Misc.          | TBD                     | 5                   | 40 (140)                             |
| <b>Total</b>   | --                      | <b>166</b>          | <b>2430 (8550)</b>                   |

# Specialty Equipment: -80C Freezers



## -80° C Product Line



SU780UE  
27.5 cu. ft.  
780 liter

SU105U  
3.7 cu. ft.  
105 liter  
(shown stacked)

Shuttle™  
0.9 cu. ft.  
25 liter





# Specialty Equipment: Lyophilizers & Freeze/Thaw



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# Walk-in Cold Rooms & Freezers



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**Improve packaged CO<sub>2</sub> transcritical units & build a service network**

**Industry Challenge #2**  
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# Process Cooling Chillers



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Why “Acceptable substitute for....” approach?

**Industry Challenge #4**  
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# Building HVAC – Air-Cooled DX Systems

## SOLUTIONS:

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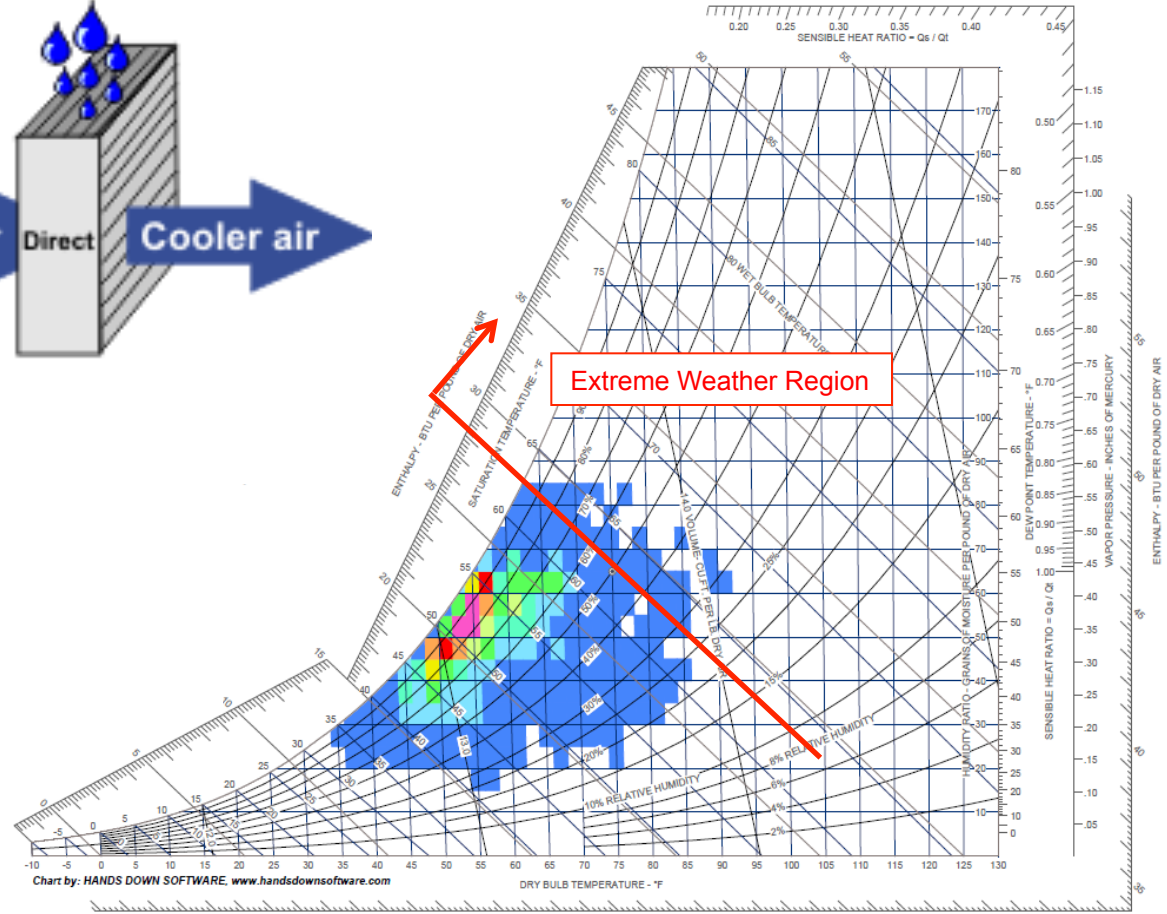
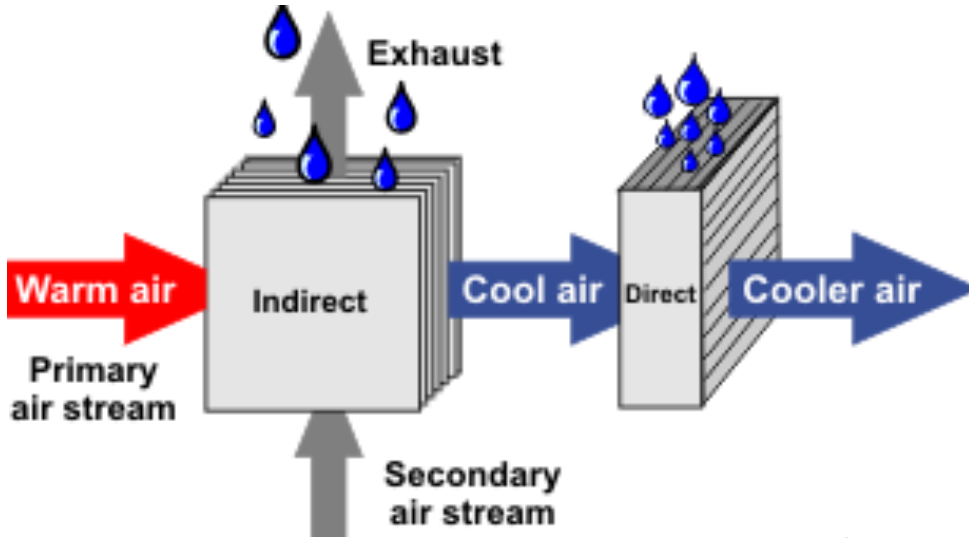
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# Indirect / Direct Evaporative Cooling



So. San Francisco, CA

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**Industry Challenge #6**  
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low GWP refrigerant



# Large Central Chillers



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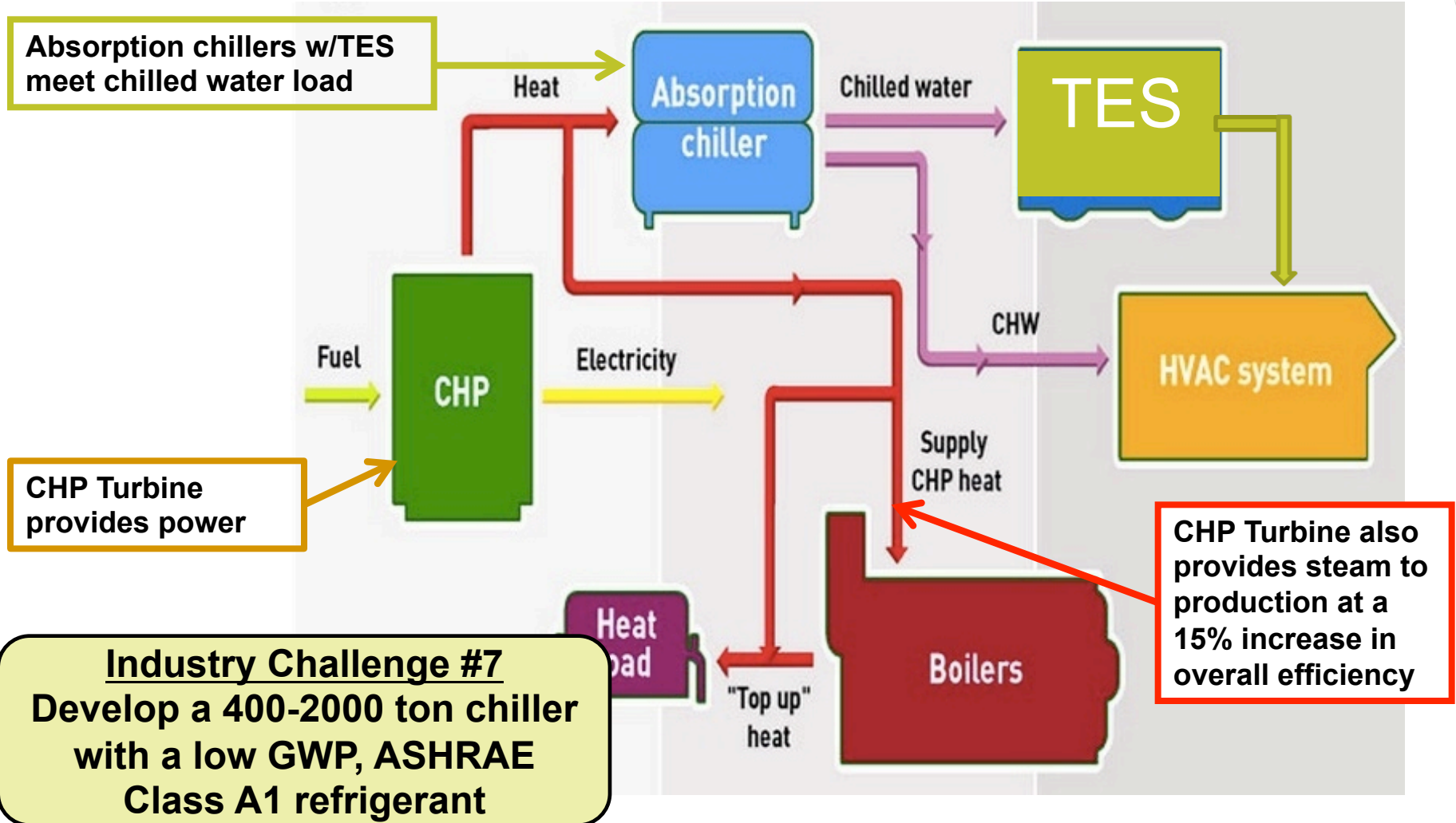
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# Combined Heat & Power (CHP) w/ Absorption Cooling





# Challenge to the Industry - Summary

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**Industry Challenge #7**  
Develop a 400-2000 ton chiller with a low GWP/ODP, ASHRAE Class A1 refrigerant

**Industry Challenge #8**  
Are there other low GWP/ODP, Class A1 refrigerants?

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***R-???***