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A large, high-resolution image of the Earth as seen from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the blue oceans. The image is centered in the background of the slide.

A novel refrigerant-free ventilation and heating system

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Structure

- Heat pumps
- Historical origins
- Systems thinking
- Calculations
- Challenges
- Proposed Solution

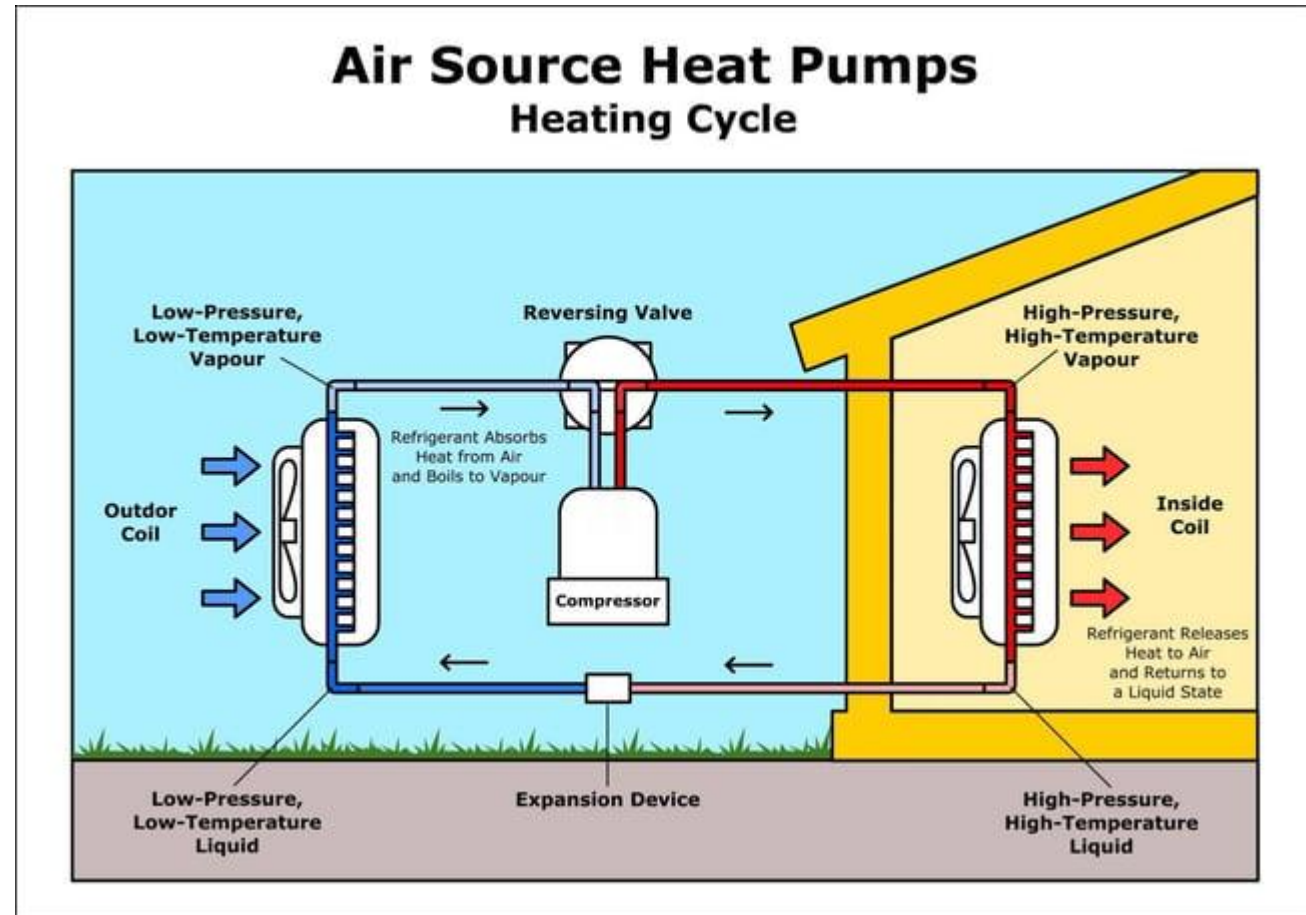


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Heat pump – and what really matters

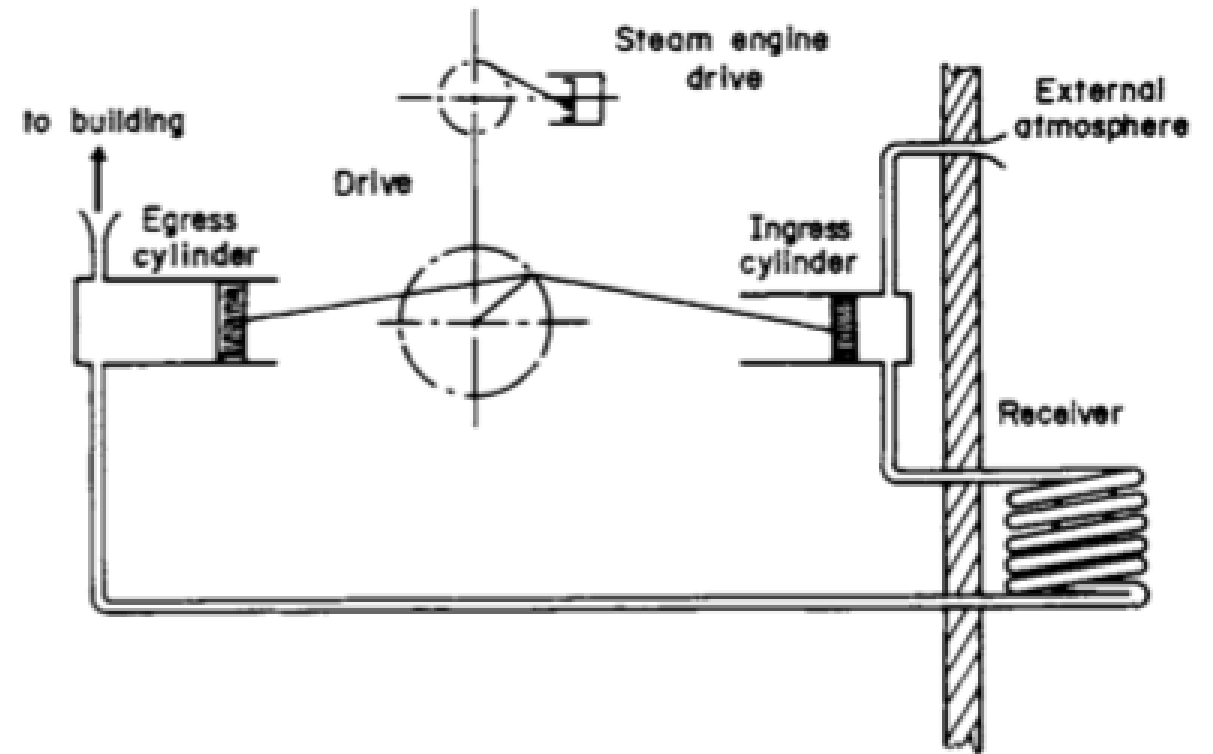
- What is a heat pump?
- What matters most ... COP in cold weather





Historical Origins

- Lord Kelvin
- Heat powered heat pump
- Heats space directly by injecting warm air

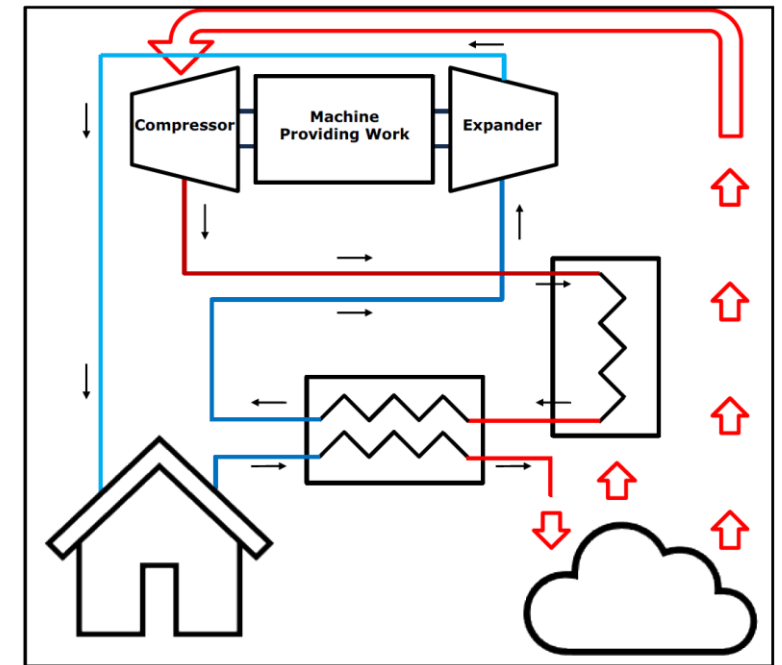
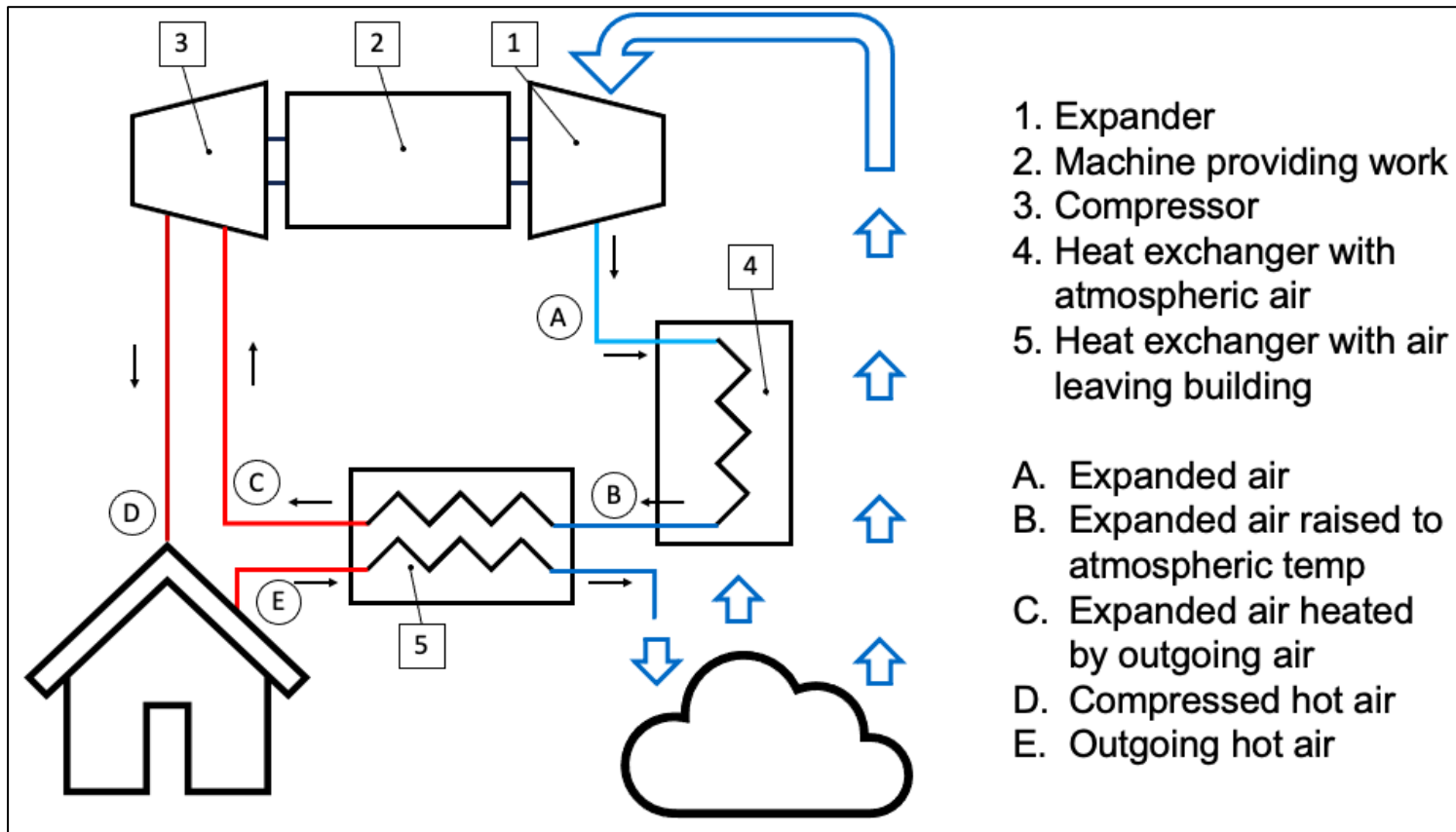


Kelvin's proposed concept- 'Heat Multiplier' patent 1852.



Systems thinking

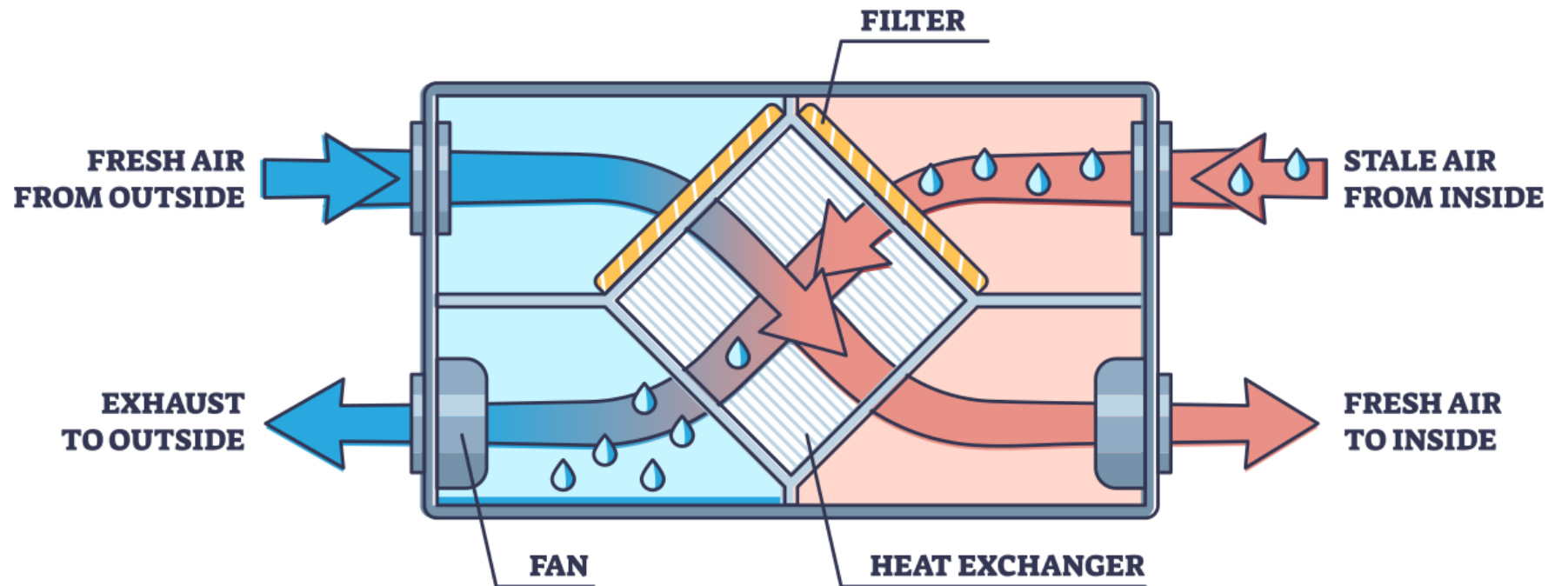
■ Combining the compressor and expander systems





Systems thinking

- Heat recovery units
 - MVHR





Calculations

- Temperature and pressure ratios

- $$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{p_2}{p_1}^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\gamma = 1.4 \text{ for air}$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = 0.85$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Temperature}_{ratio} &= 0.955 \\ (1 - T_{ratio}) \times 273 &= 12.4 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

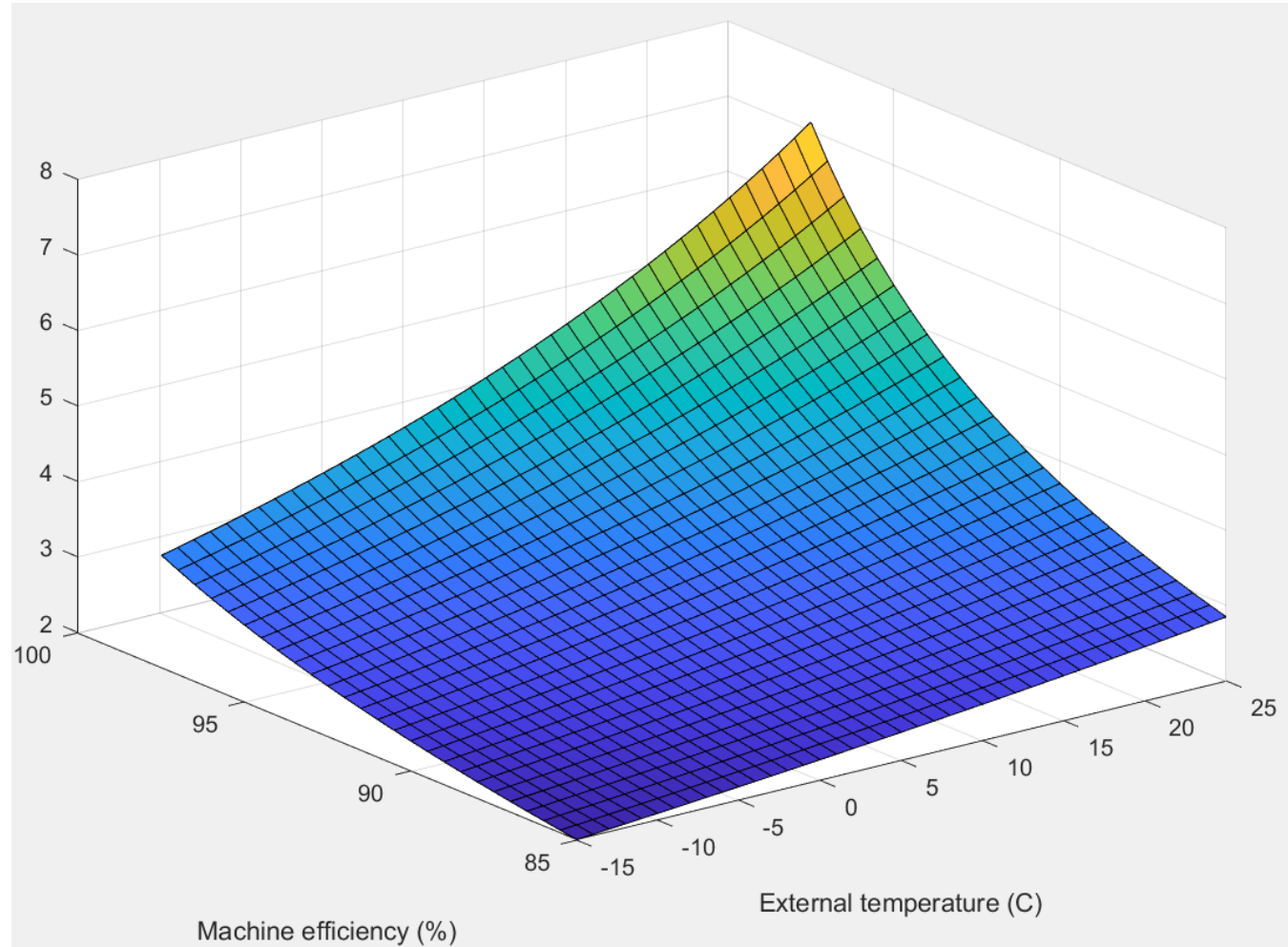
- Coefficient of Performance

- $$\text{CoP} = \frac{\text{heat in}}{\text{electrical power}}$$



Challenges

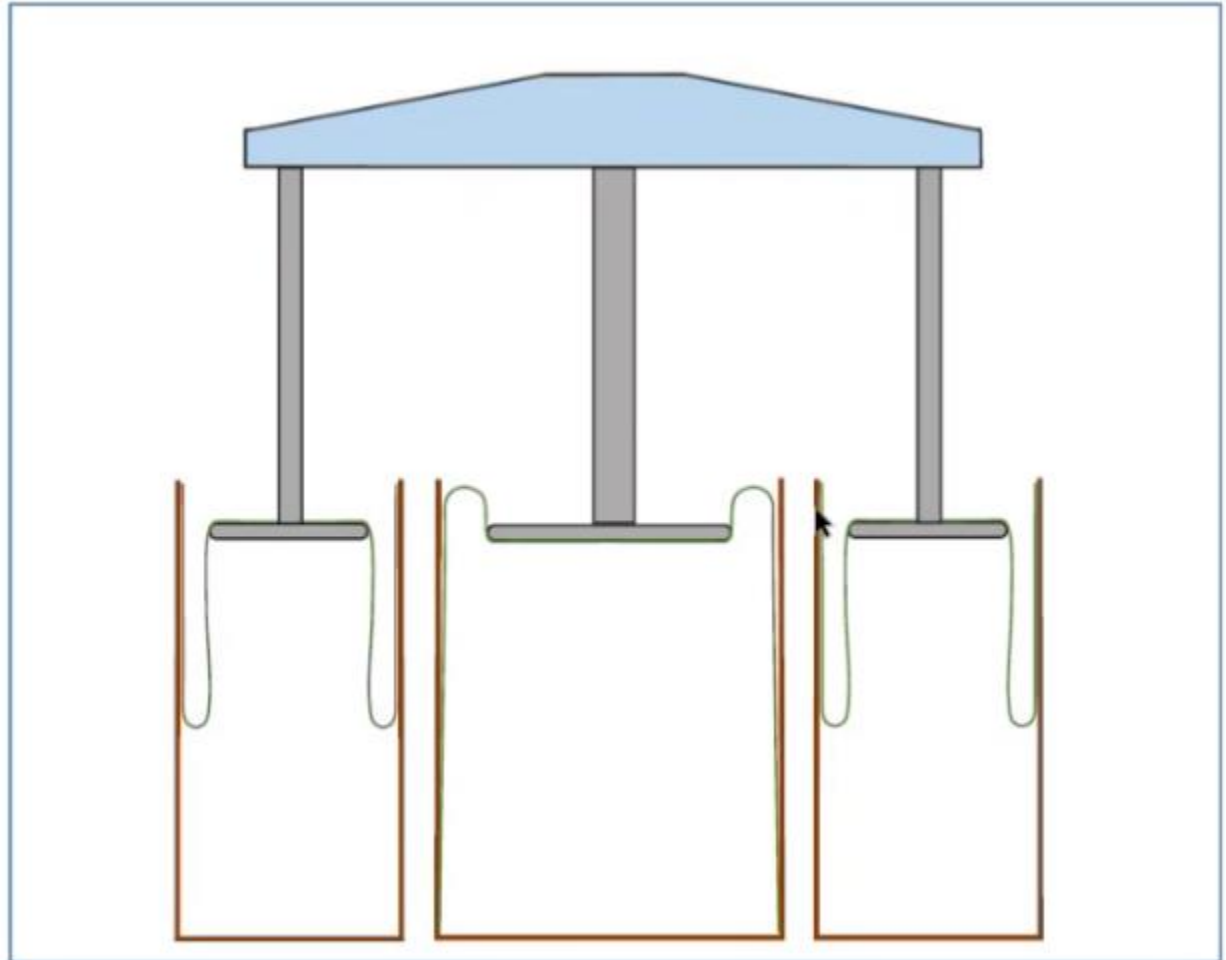
- **Need to** have high efficiencies in both compressor and expander
 - Equivalent to $>95\%$ individually to make it feasible
- Pressure ratios close to 1
- Coefficient of Performance
 - Matters most when external temperatures are low





Proposed Solution

- Compressor with rolling membranes
- All pistons to move in unison
 - Work out of expander goes straight to work into compressor
- Downstroke:
 - Compressor- increases pressure of air and then discharges this into desired space
 - Expander- at ambient pressure and allows air out through valve
- Upstroke:
 - Compressor- takes air into chamber
 - Expander- valve closes before it reaches the top to expand air





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