Natural Refrigerant (R-729) Heat Pump

2014 Building Technologies Office Peer Review

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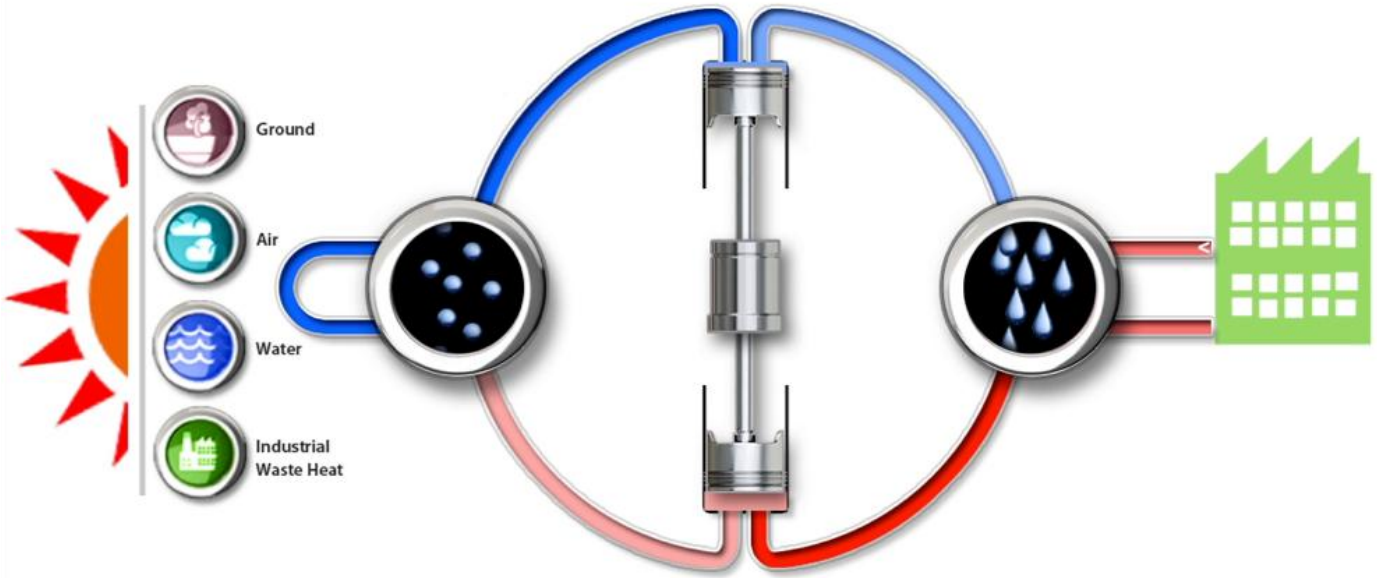

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S-RAM DYNAMICS

Project Summary

Timeline:

Start date: 12-2013

Planned end date: 1-2015

Key Milestones:

1. Test stand and S-RAM Compressor ***(1-20-2014)***
2. Complete compressor testing ***(5-15-2014)***
3. Fabricate heat pump prototype ***(10-1-2014)***
4. Complete prototype testing ***(1-15-2015)***

Budget:

Total DOE $ to date: **$0**

Total future DOE $: $**400,000**

Target Market/Audience:

- Commercial and industrial buildings
- Cold climate applications >10 tons

Key Partners:

Purdue University
Oak Ridge National Labs
ReGen Power

Project Goal:

- Develop and test high performance heat pump
  - Uses air(R-729) as refrigerant (No HFCs)
  - 50% energy savings
  - < 4 year payback
  - Commercialize within four years
  - Manufactured in the U.S.

Problem Statement

- **Current commercial and industrial heat pumps**
  - Poor coefficient of performance (COP) at low temperatures
    - HFC refrigerant temperature limitations
  - Reduced part-load efficiencies
    - compressor cycling
    - VFD or compressor staging required
  - Use of HFC refrigerants
    - High global warming potential (GWP)
    - High refrigerant costs

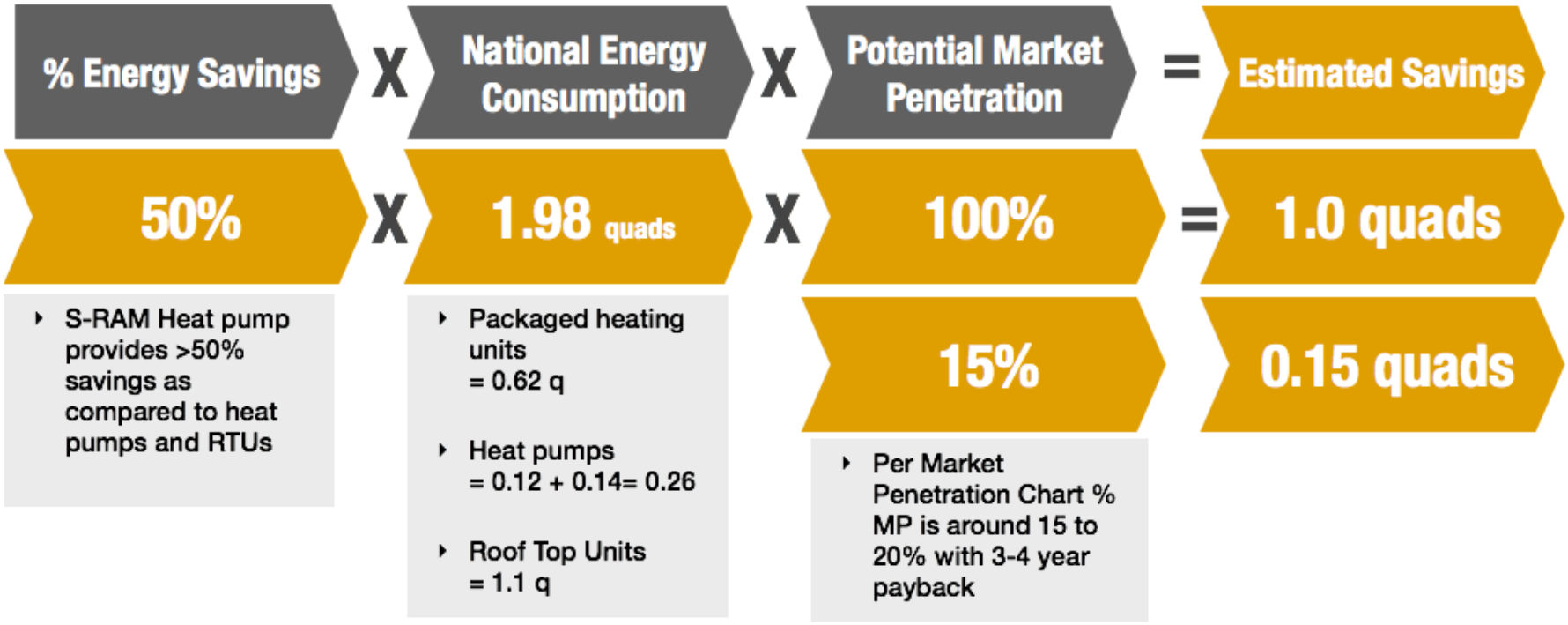
Project Objectives

- Demonstrate natural refrigerant heat pump prototype using S-RAM technology
  - 50% energy savings
  - Meet DOE cold climate COP targets
  - Use air (R-729) as the refrigerant (ODP=0 and GWP=0)
  - Cost effective < 4 year payback
- Commercialize within 4 years
- Manufacture in U.S.

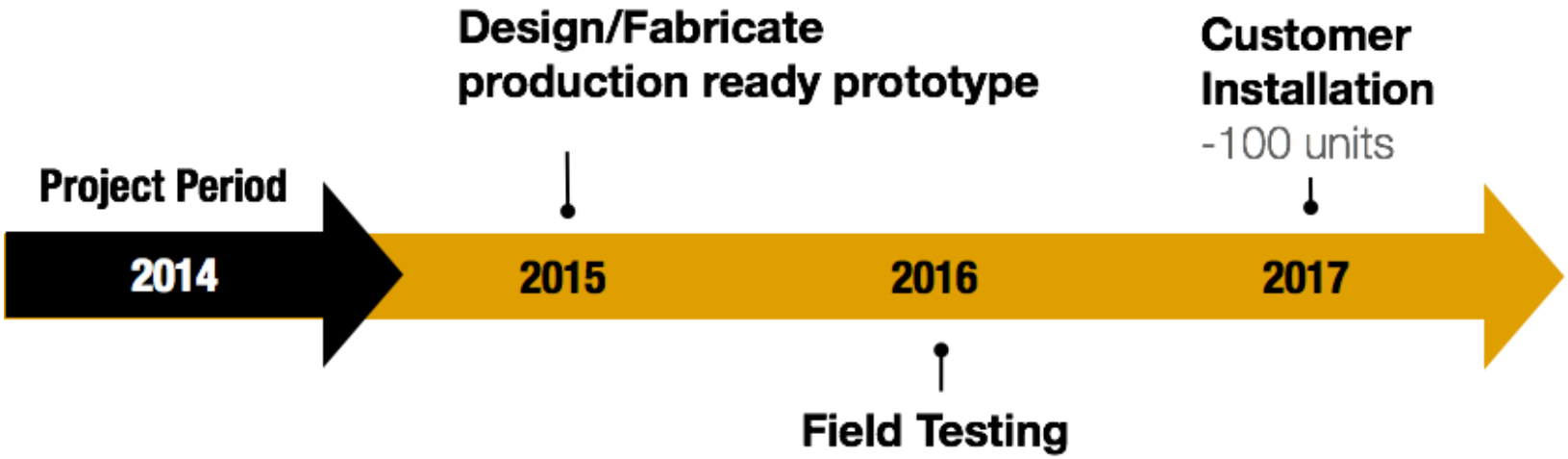
Target Market/Impact of Project

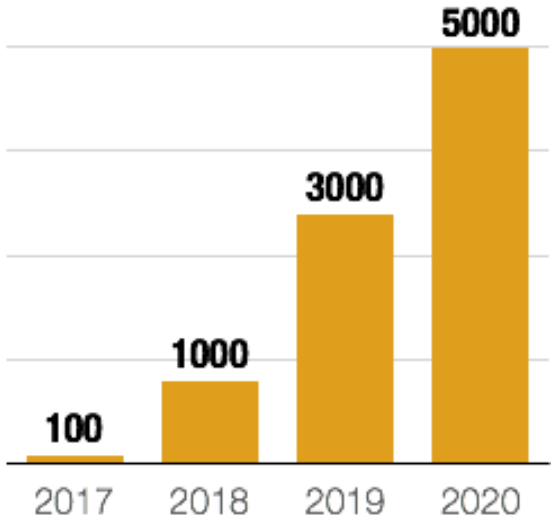
- **Commercial/industrial buildings**
- **Heat pumps, packaged heating and rooftop units**
- **> 10 tons**

Based on E.E.R.E. Guide for Evaluation of Energy Savings Potential



Commercialization Plan





Key Success Factors

- 2014 tests
- Demonstration partners/customers

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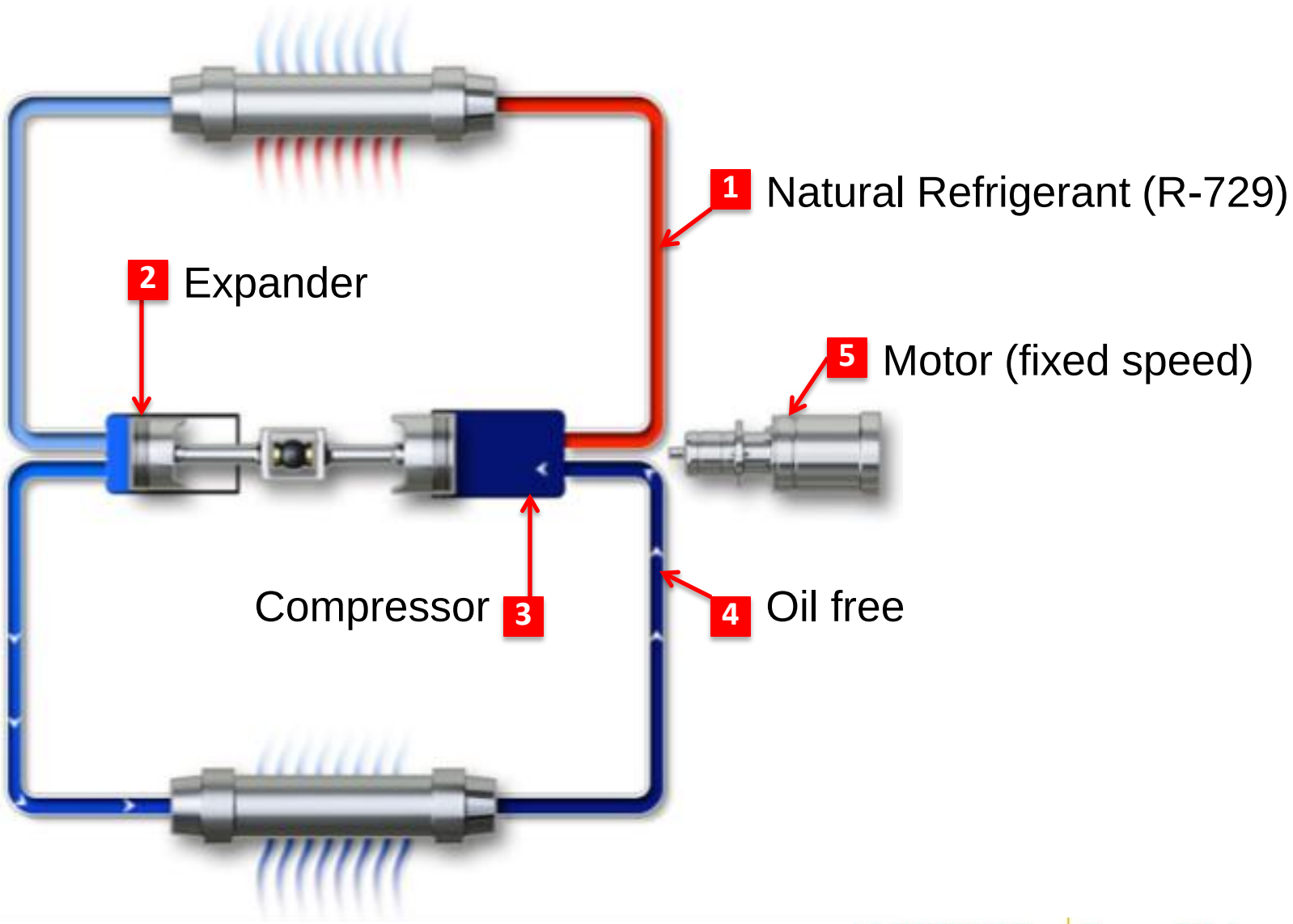
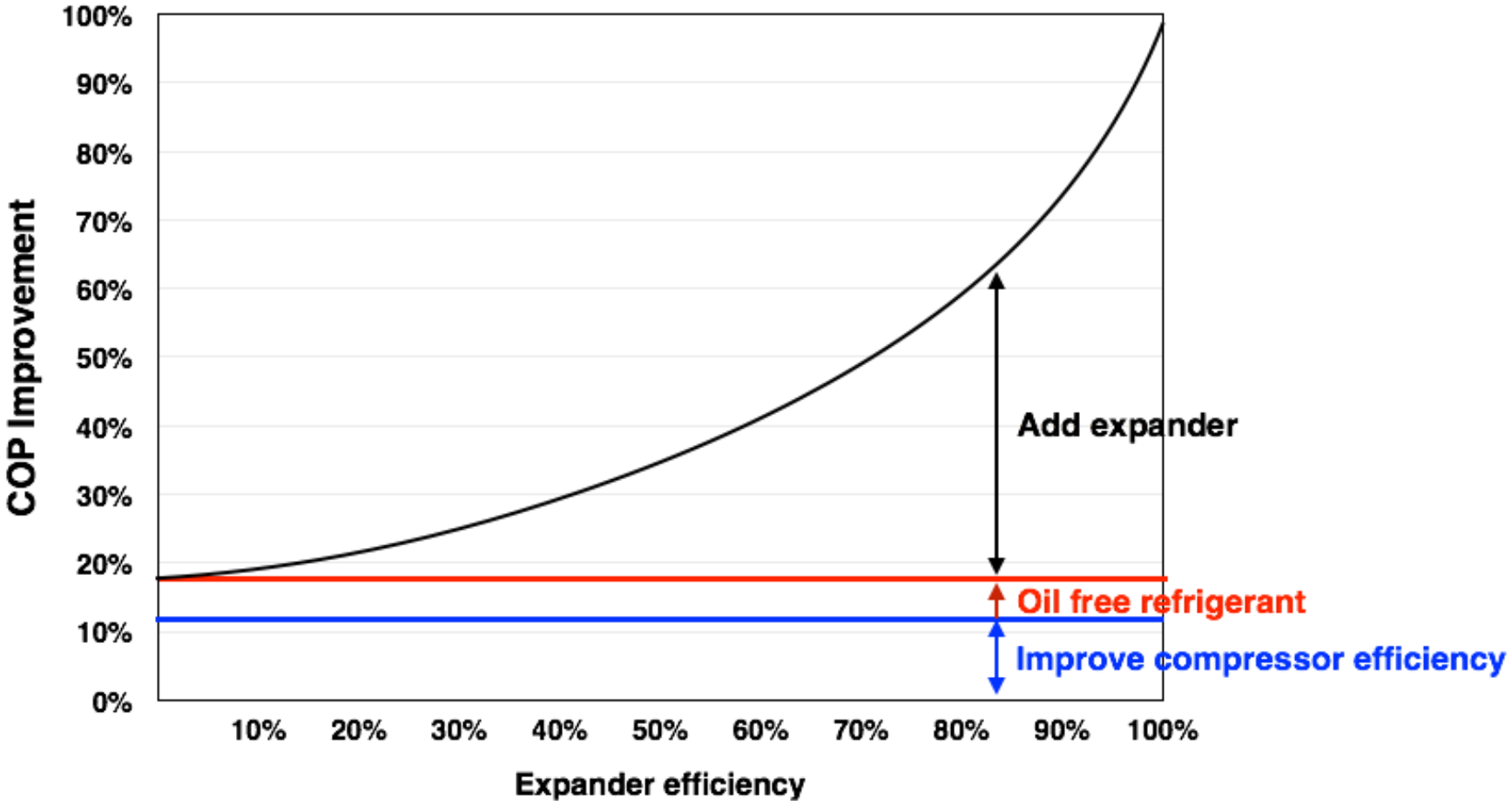
Proposed System and Approach



COP Improvement



S-RAM Compressor/Expander Technology

- Variable displacement, low-friction, axial piston drive technology
  - 47 patents and 4 pending
- Can mechanically change cylinder displacement while maintaining a fixed head clearance
- Can be integrated with an opposed expander

S-RAM Target Applications

High value, high pressure, oil-free compressor/expander applications

DOE Project	
R-729 Heat Pump	R-729 heat pump targeted for cold climate commercial/industrial buildings > 10 tons
Heat-to-power Engines	Low temperature heat-to-power engine for biomass and waste heat applications (50 and 100 kW units)
R-744 Compressor Rack	Variable capacity R-744 compressor rack for industrial and supermarket refrigeration.
Simultaneous heating & cooling	R-744 simultaneous heating/cooling unit for thermal battery for smart grid applications.
Pressure recovery to power	Pressure recovery to power expander for natural gas distribution systems.

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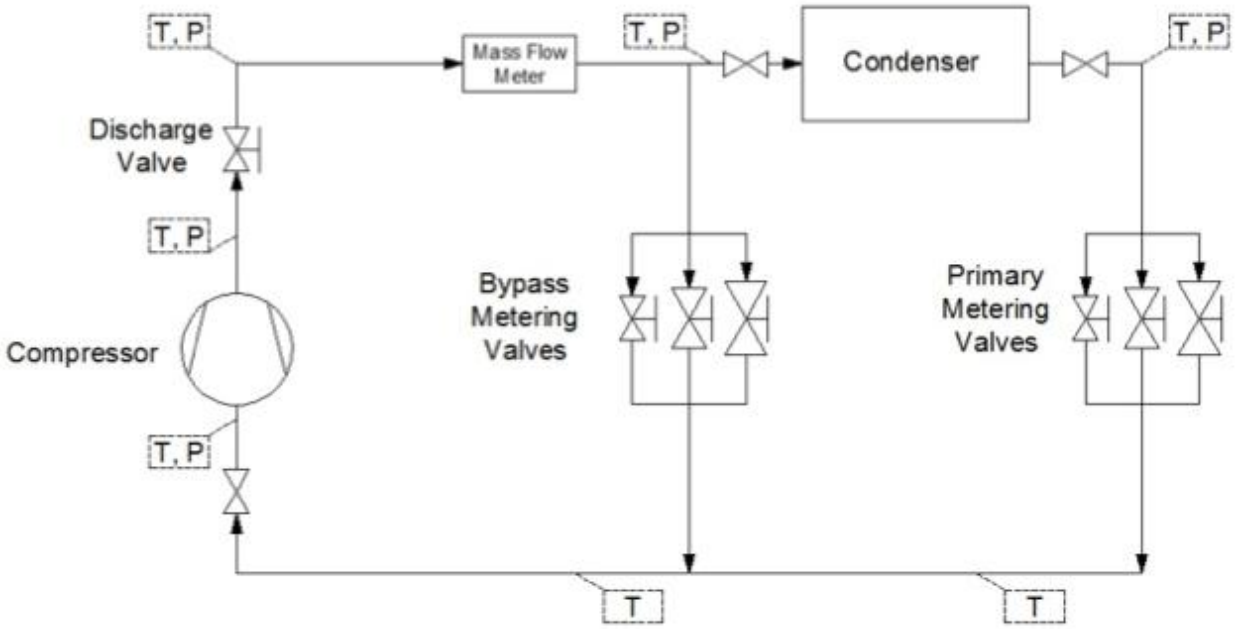
Progress-to-date: CO^2 compressor test stand

- Built CO^2 compressor test stand at Purdue
- Transcritical CO^2 up to 2,000 psi
- 50^+ kW cooling capacity

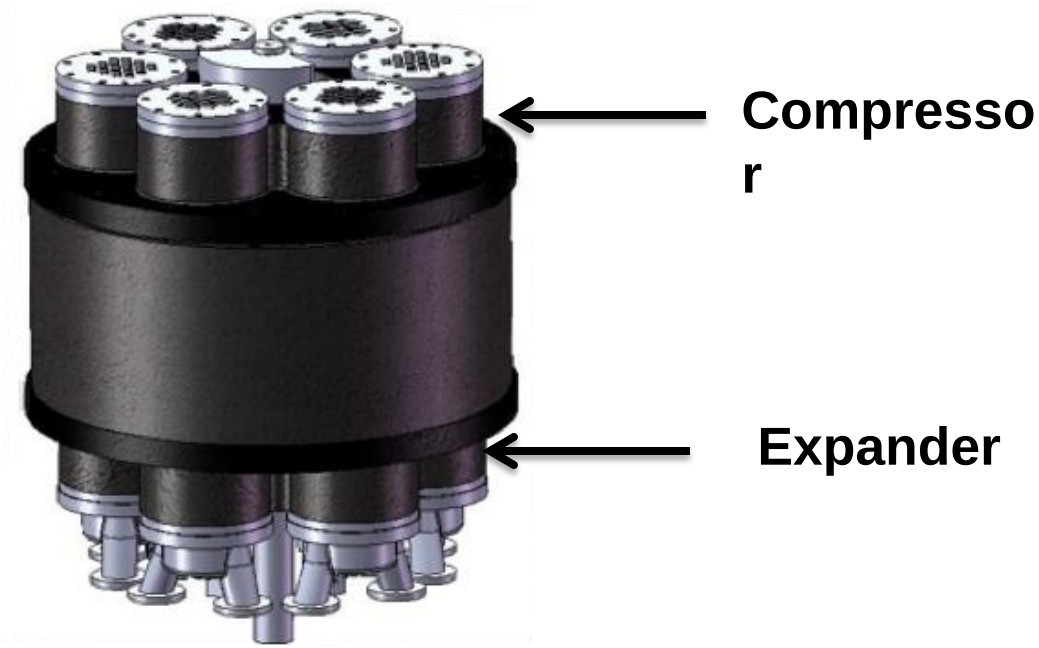


Progress-to-Date: Variable CO^2 compressor

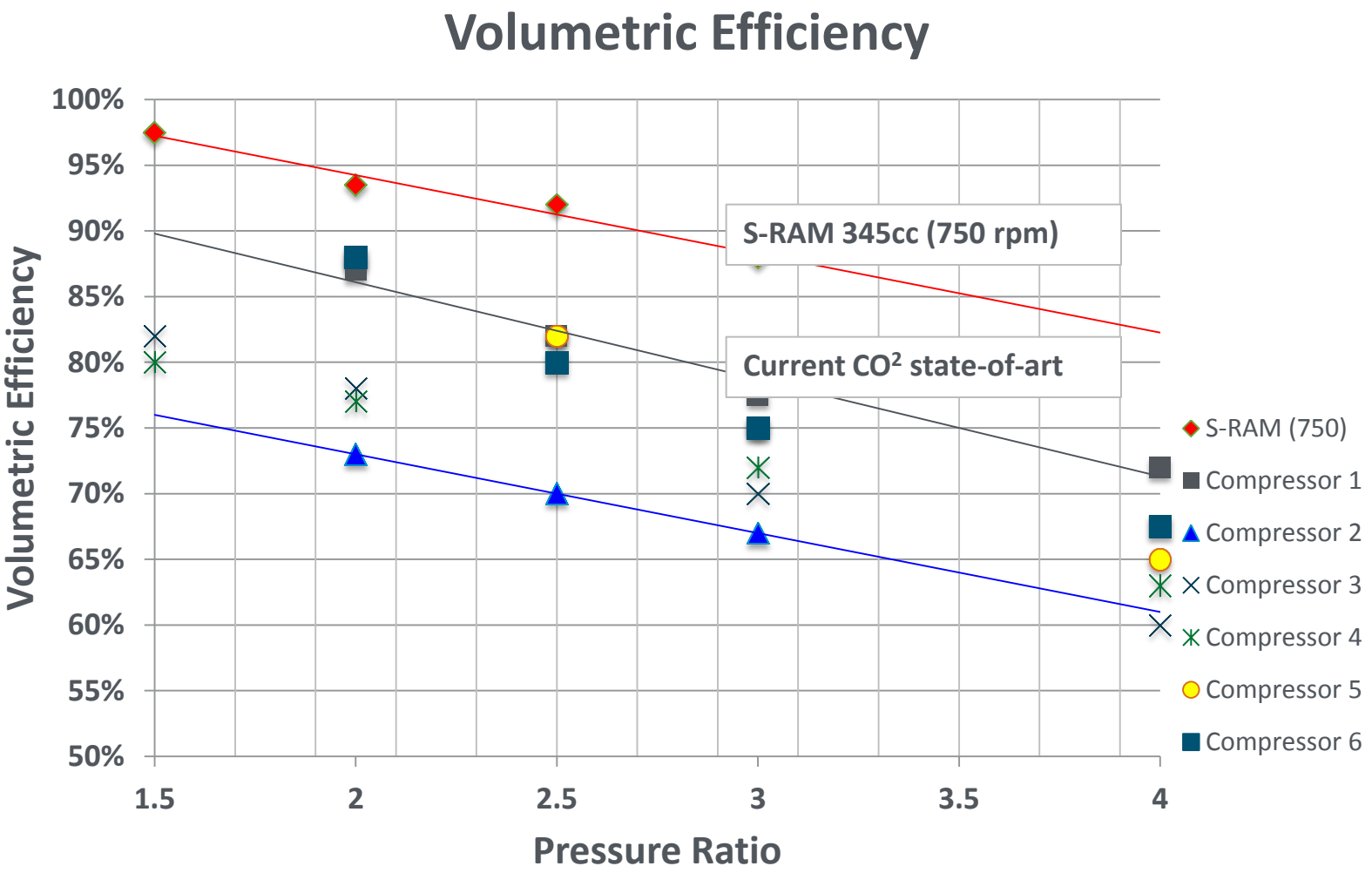
- 345 cc (30 m^3/hr. or 17.7 cfm)
- Variable displacement (25% to 100%)
- Oil free refrigerant
- Testing
  - 750 to 1,500 rpm at 1.5 to 4.0 pressure ratios

Progress-to-Date: Expander/Compressor Unit

- Expander/compressor on opposed pistons.
- Oil free refrigerant
- 240,000 BTU/ 20 tons
- Fabrication completed by 5-1-2014



Test Results



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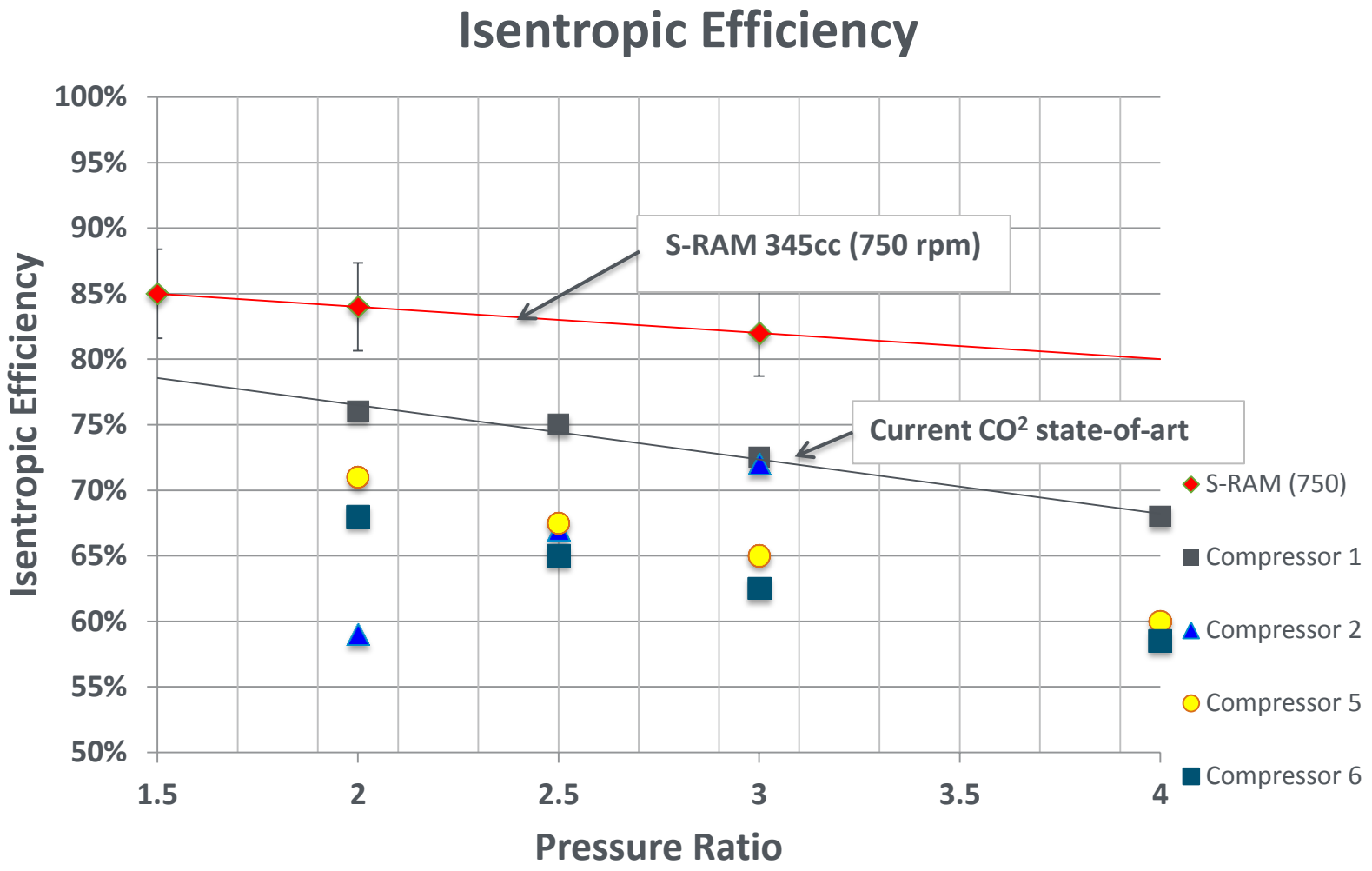
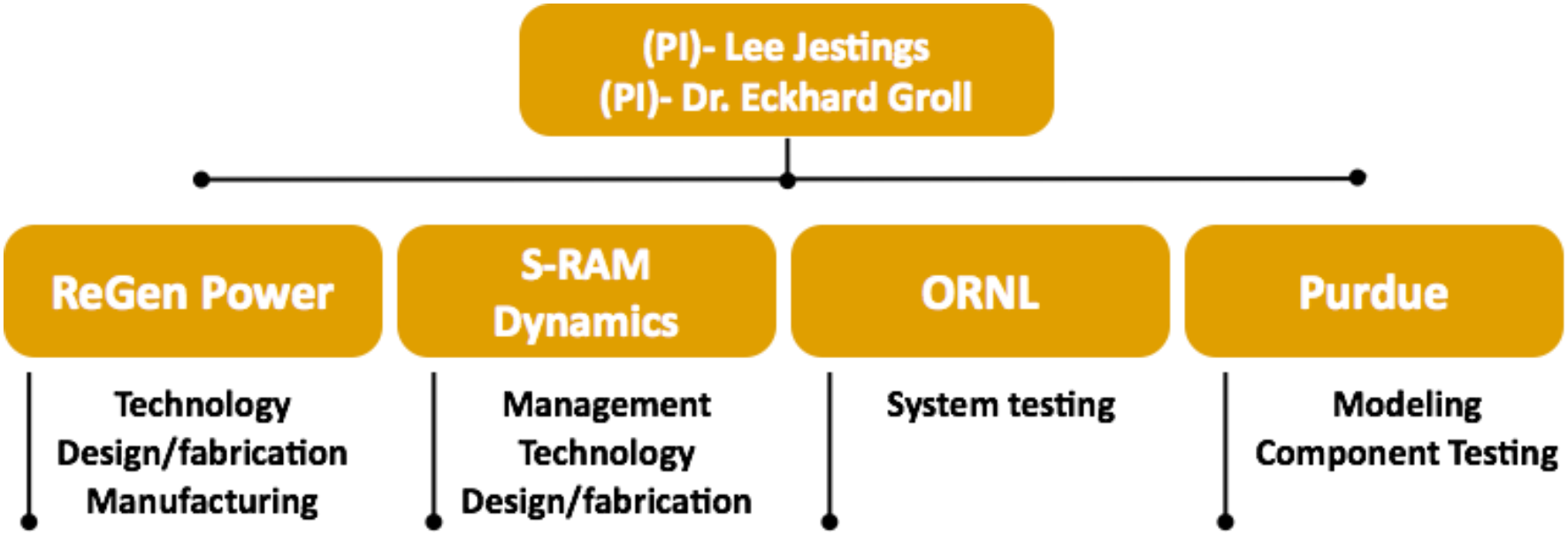


Project Collaboration



Next Steps

Plans for next quarter

- Complete compressor testing
- Fabricate S-RAM ECU
- Fabricate titanium heat exchangers at ORNL
- International Compressor Conference Presentation (July)

Project Budget

Project Budget: $525,000 ($400,000 from DOE)
Variances: N/A
Cost to Date: $60,000 of DOE funds spent-to-date
Additional Funding: N/A

Budget History					
12-15-2013 FY2013 (past)		FY2014 (current)		FY2015 – **1-15-2015** (planned)	
DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share
$0	**$55,000**	**$260,000**	**$55,000**	**$140,000**	**$15,000**

Project Plan and Schedule