



Business Case for  
Natural Refrigerants

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**AMMONIA / CO2 ICE RINK**







## PROJECT CHALLENGES

- » Refrigeration room had no exterior walls
- » Direct R-22 system with 6000 pounds of R-22
- » New steel piping grid too small for glycol
- » Refrigeration system to be moved in 5 years
- » Client did not want an Evaporative Condenser
- » Very Large electrical consumption
- » Very large fossil fuel consumption





**SMALL MECHANICAL ROOM  
WITH NO EXTERIOR WALLS**

**EXISTING DIRECT SYSTEM  
HAD 6000 POUNDS OF R-22**





**Existing ½” Steel Pipe Grid  
Too Small for Glycol or Brine**

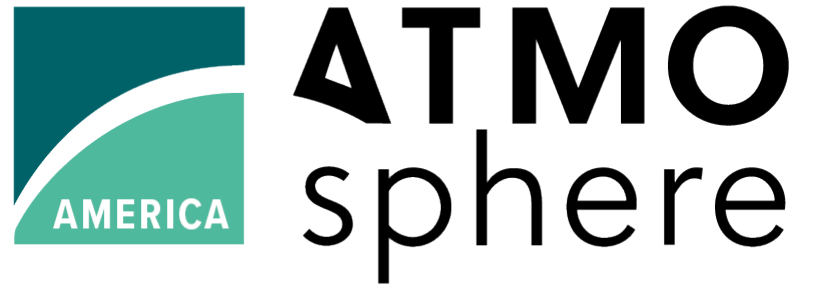




## DIRECT SYSTEM DISADVANTAGES

- » Prone to large refrigerant leaks
- » High cost of refrigerant loss
- » R-22 has high GWP and ODP
- » Long term depositing of oil in the rink floor
- » Potential for oil to plug ice rink circuits



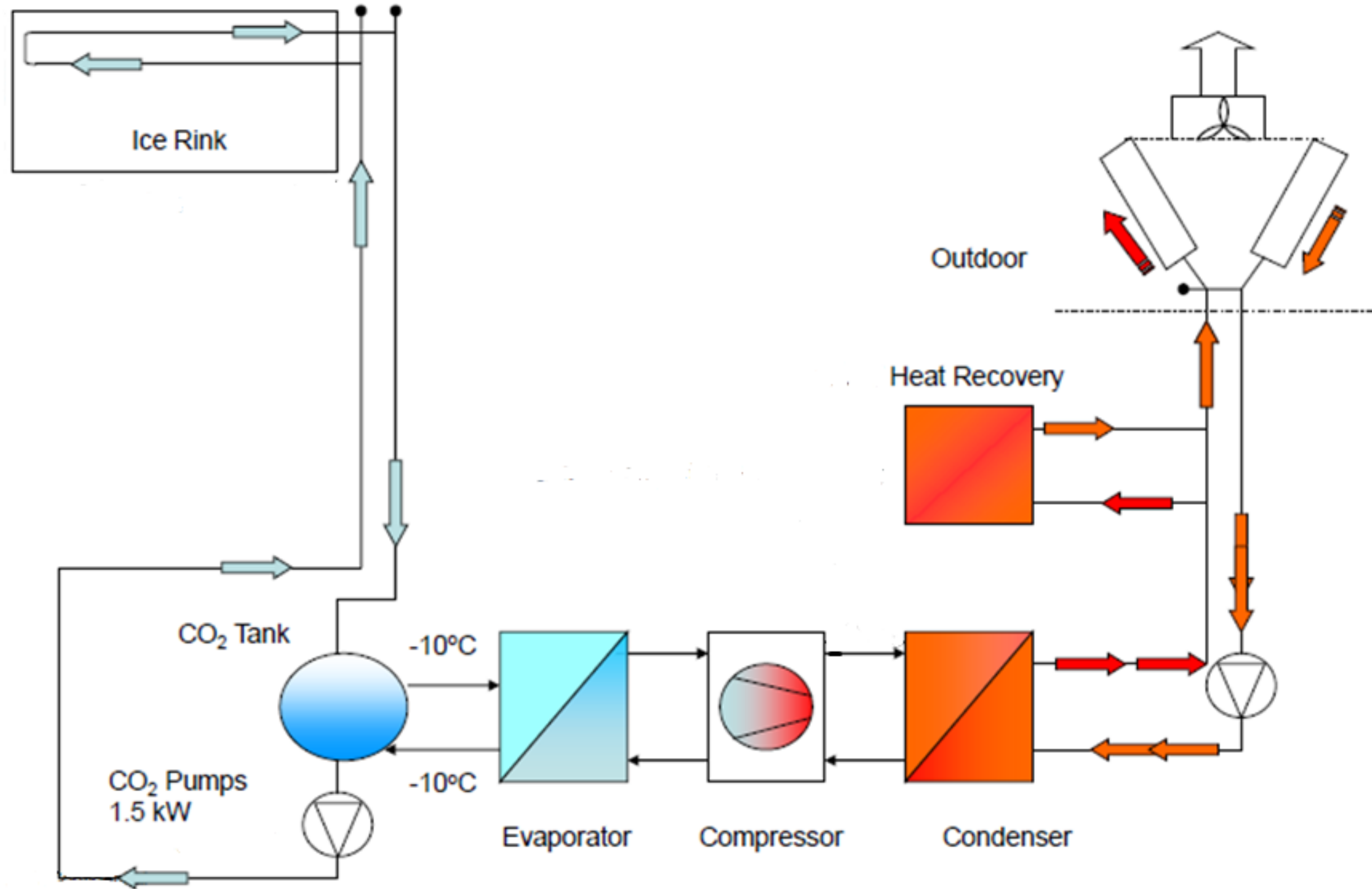


**Containerized  
NH<sub>3</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> System  
with  
100% Energy Recovery**





# AMMONIA / CO2 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM





## Ammonia / CO2 System Advantages

- » Ammonia system more efficient than CO2
- » No oil circulating through the floor
- » Ability to use all of the low grade heat
- » Very low secondary pump horsepower
- » Even temperatures across the entire floor
- » Could use existing floor piping system



## **MYCOM M INDUSTRIAL COMPRESSORS**

Very reliable and long lasting compressors  
Very Low Oil Consumption  
Extremely Efficient  
Variable Speed to match system load





## Vahterus Plate and Shell Heat Exchanger

Compact design

Very close approach temperatures





## **Vahterus Plate and Shell Heat Condenser**

Very close approach temperatures

100% Energy recovery for facility

VFD Pumps for pressure control





## Adiabatic Fluid Cooler

Very efficient in summer

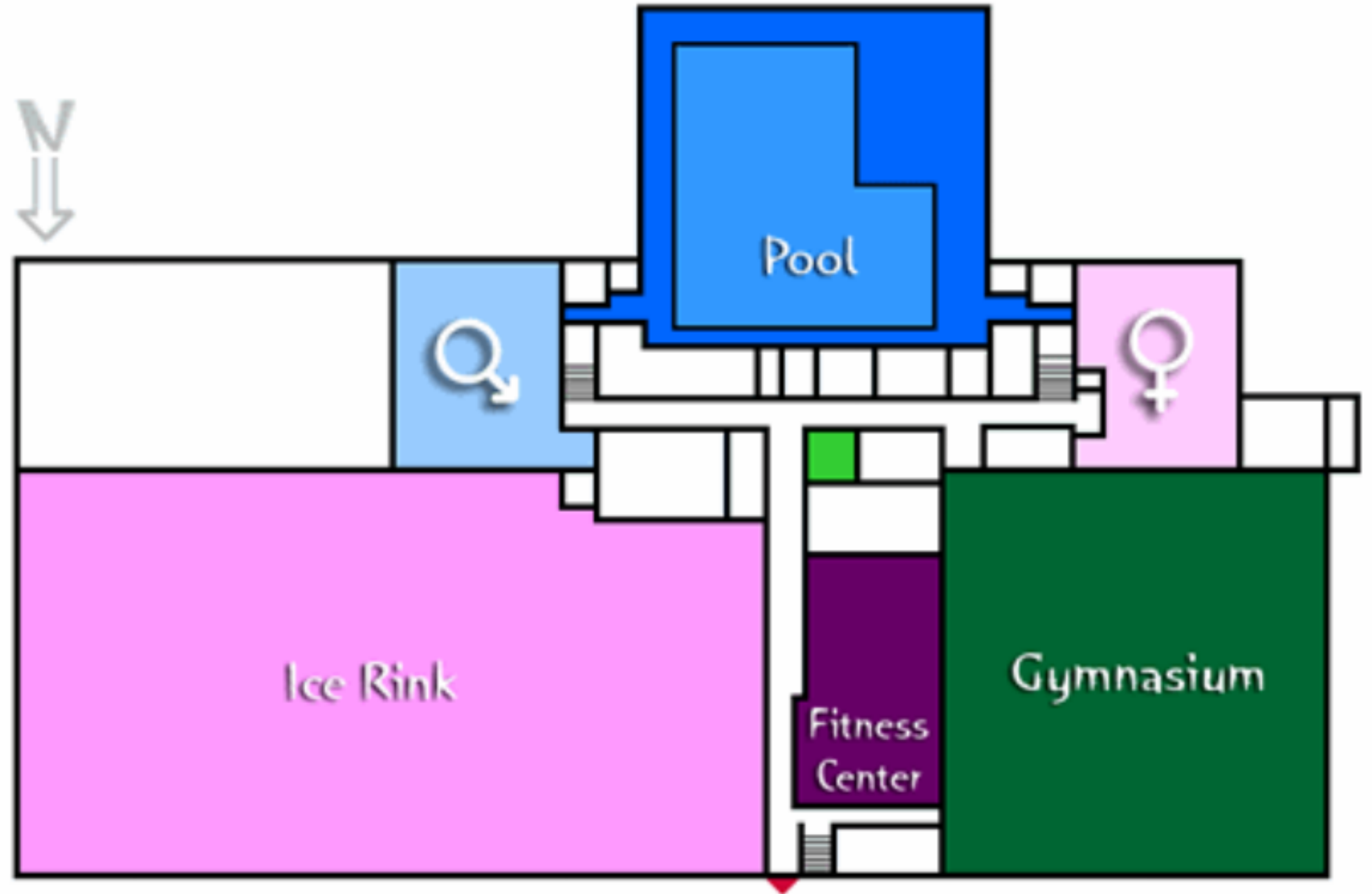
No water required in winter

ECM Fan motors for control and efficiency





**Diverse complex provided a lot of opportunity for energy recovery.**







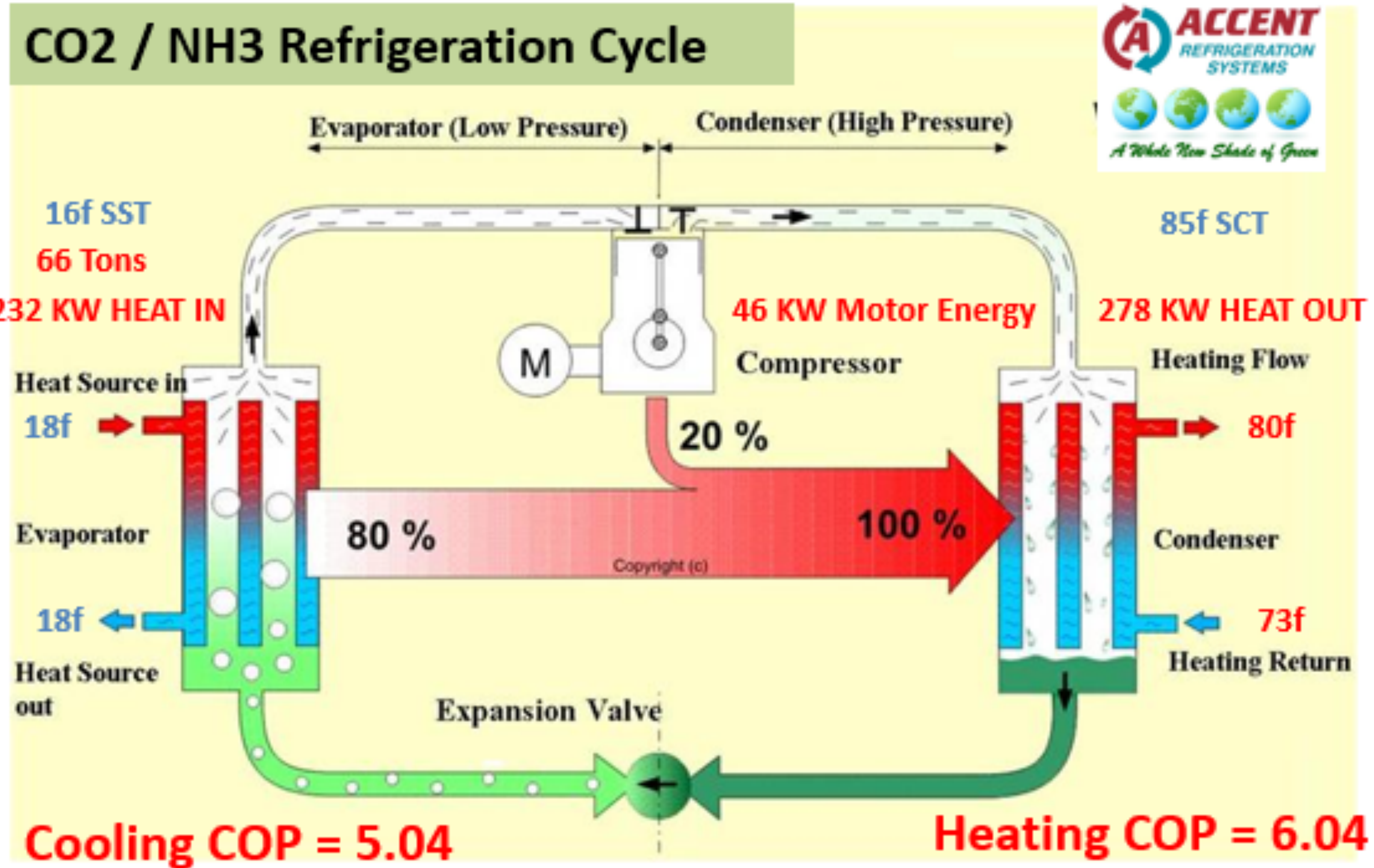
**All public areas fresh air  
warmed by low grade heat.**

**Up to 100% of the energy  
could be used in this manner**





# Refrigeration Cycle Performance



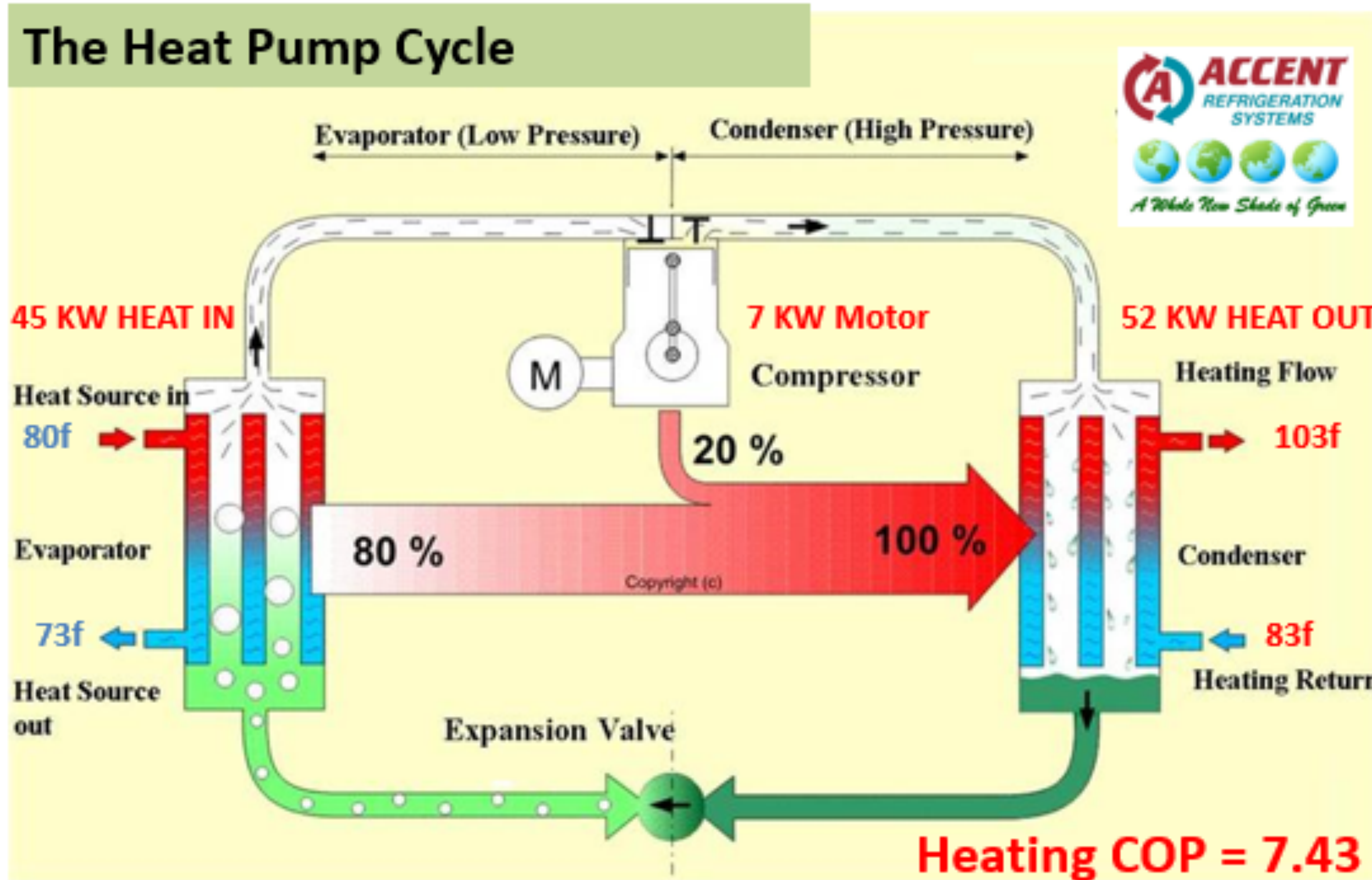


## Custom high COP Heat Pump Provided Energy for the Pool





# Heat Pump Performance





# Facility Improvements

The cost of CO2 is \$9000.00 versus \$144,000.00 for R-22

The Ammonia has an ODP of 0 and a GWP of 0

Daily Electrical Energy Reduction of \$175.00 per day

Daily Fossil Fuel Reduction of up to \$160.00 per day





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Thank you very much!

