

#### Senior Design Team 509 Environment-Controlled Test Stand Chamber

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#### **Team Introductions**



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**Meghan Fonda** Quality and Test Engineer

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## **Sponsor and Advisor**



Sponsor Jerry Huang R&D Engineering Manager



FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

<u>Academic Advisor</u> Dorr Campbell, Ph.D.

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# Objective

The objective of this project is to design and construct a temperature and humidity-controlled testing chamber for the TT and TG models of Danfoss Turbocor Compressors.

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# **Project Background**

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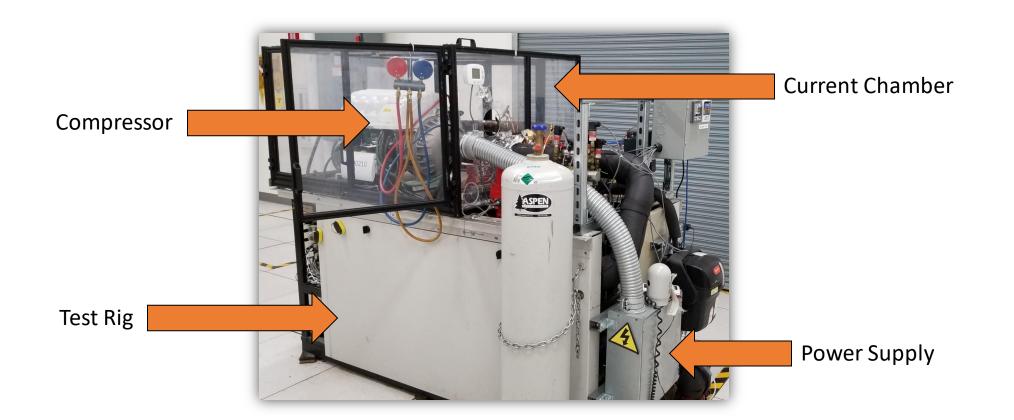
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### **Markets and Stakeholders**

#### **Primary Market**

- Danfoss-Turbocor
- R&D Test Facilities



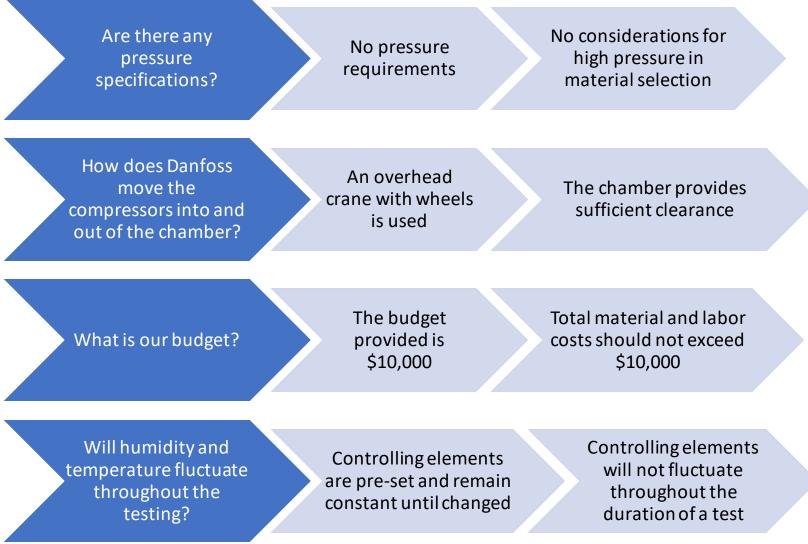
#### **Stakeholders**

- Sponsor
  - Jerry Huang, Danfoss employee
- Facilitators
  - FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
  - Dr. Shayne McConomy





#### Customer Needs





#### **Danfoss Turbocor Compressors**

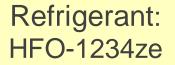


Refrigerant: HFC134a

#### TT Model

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## **Project Scope**

#### Goals

- Achieve a temperature range of 16 to 55°C (adjusted)
- Maintain a reasonable humidity range (10 to 90%)
- Keep lab personnel safe throughout the testing procedure
- Easy to assemble and disassemble

#### Assumptions

- Dimensions of compressors being tested inside the chamber are constant
- Device will be used inside a Danfoss facility
- Power comes from the testing rig
- The chamber will sit atop the rig
- The College of Engineering will provide some machining services



# Our Design

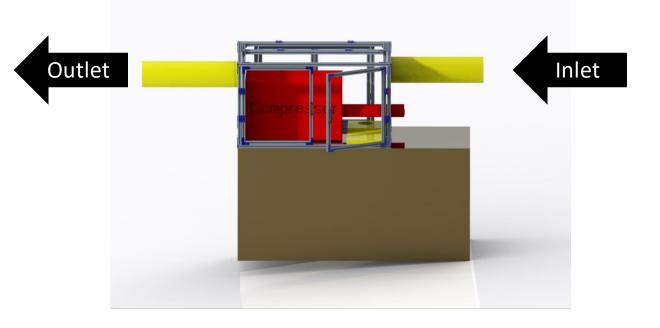
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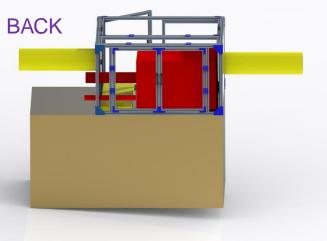
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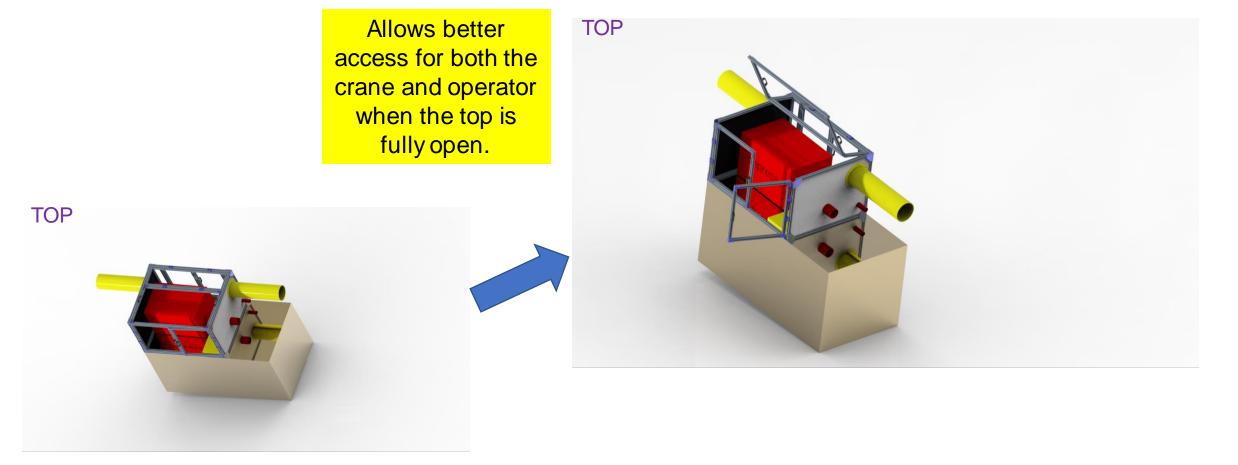




# **The Chamber**

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# **Our Systems**

1. AC Unit

3. Dehumidifier

2. Humidifier

4. Additional Heating Element



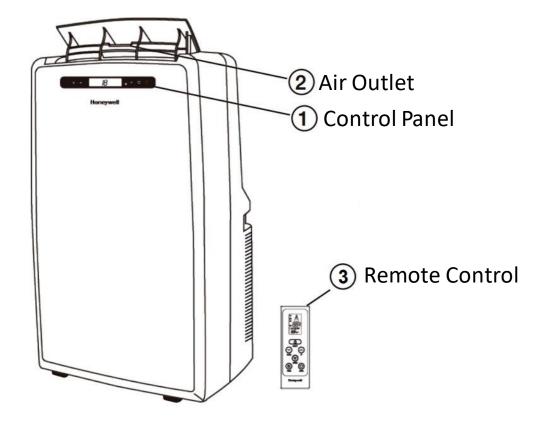
#### Honeywell Portable Air Conditioner & Heater; MN14CHCS \$659.95

- 14,000 BTU cooling capacity
  - Calculated 4500 BTU needed for cooling
  - Exceeds cooling capacity requirements by a factor of 3
  - Cools chamber in ~10 minutes exceeding max cooling requirement of 30 minutes
- Four modes:
  - Cooling Mode
  - Heating Mode (Max temperature of 26°C)
  - Fan-Only Mode
  - Dehumidifier Mode (90 pints/ 24 hours with continuous drain)





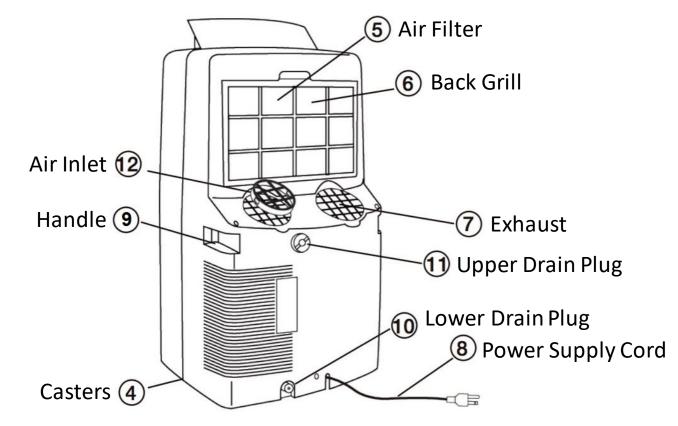
## **Honeywell Air Conditioner Front View**



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## **Honeywell Air Conditioner Back View**





### HE200 TrueEASE 17 Gallon Basic Bypass Evaporative Humidifier

#### \$365.64

- 9 gallons/day capacity
- ¼" water supply line
- Compatible with Honeywell
  humidistat controller
- Requires only a 1-¾" cut into ductwork and mounts on a separate bracket.



True steam provides your home with highcapacity true humidity, while using up to 70% less water than flow-through humidifiers. Automatically fills with water and drains when needed, so you don't have to remember to do it.



# Honeywell Pint Dehumidifier With Built in Drain Pump

#### \$339.95

- 70 pints/day dehumidifying capacity
- Built-in auto-drain pump
- 182 CFM
- Built-in humidistat control system

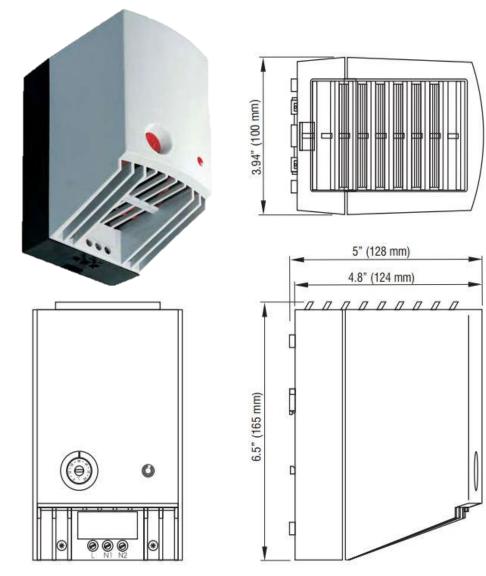




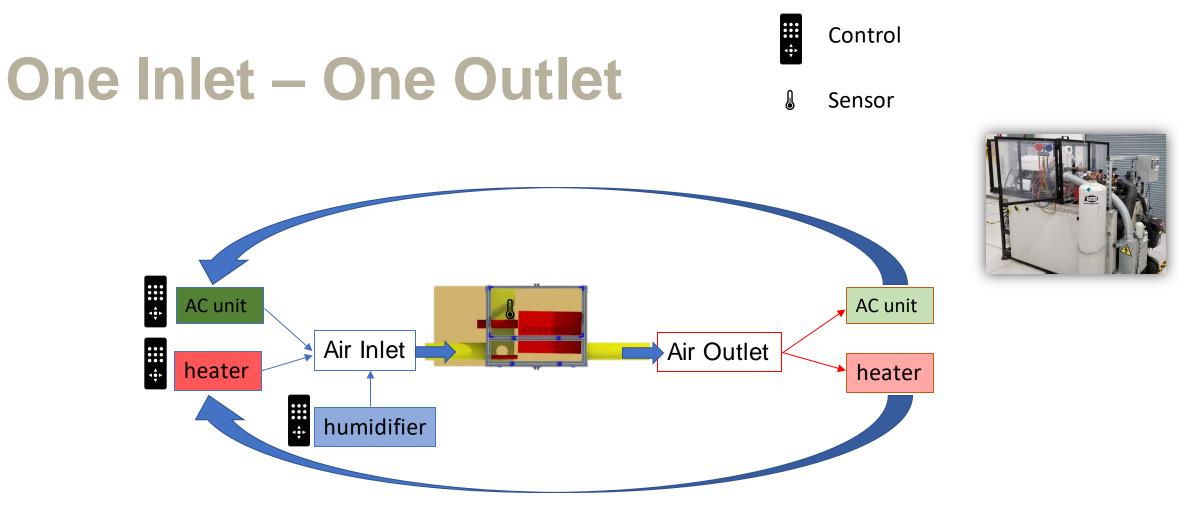


## **Heating Unit**

- Semiconductor heater with fan
- Heating capacity up to 70°C
- Exceeds Customer Requirements by 15°C
- 650W of heating power, predicted to heat the chamber to ideal condition within 15 minutes.



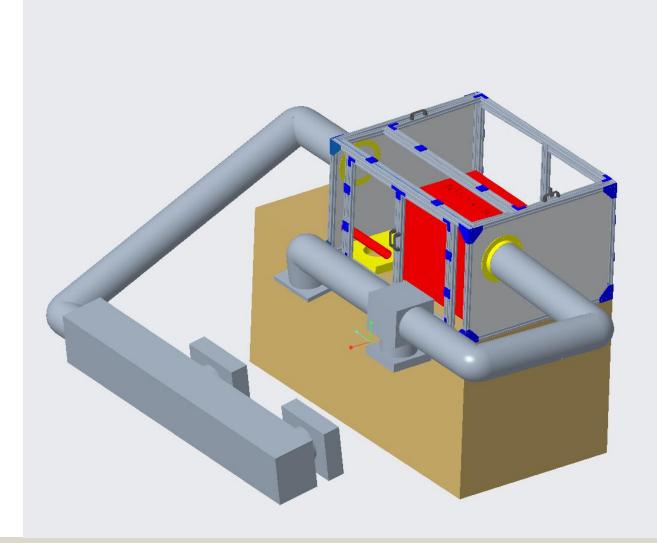




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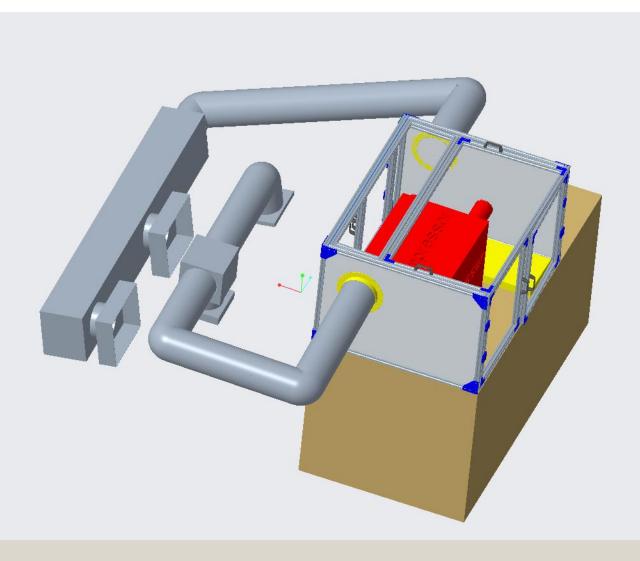
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## **Control System: Proposed Solutions**

#### Solution 1: Universal Control Unit

- PID controller integrating all temperature and humidity sensors
- Solution 2: Separate Temperature & Humidity Control Units
  - AC and heating units controlled by thermostat, humidifier and dehumidifer controlled by humidistat

#### Solution 3: Utilize Each System's Provided Control Unit

 Individual AC, heater, humidifier and dehumidifier control units incorporated into HVAC mounting structure



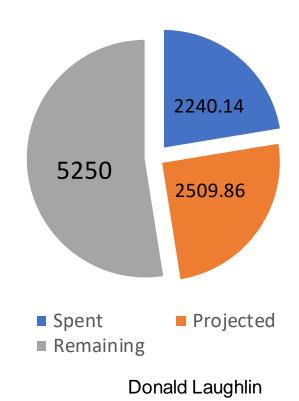


#### Current

| Category              | Cost       |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Chamber<br>Frame      | \$ 1360.79 |
| Fastening &<br>Hinges | \$ 315.43  |
| HVAC Systems          | \$ 563.92  |
| Duct & Framing        | \$ 315.05  |
| Total                 | \$ 2240.14 |

#### Projected

| Category              | Cost    |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Chamber Frame         | \$ 1500 |
| Fastening &<br>Hinges | \$ 450  |
| HVAC Systems          | \$ 1750 |
| Duct & Framing        | \$ 1000 |
| Total                 | \$ 4750 |





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5. Possible solution of the control system is being discussed with the sponsor.



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