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# Motionless Heat Pump – A New Application of Thermal Transpiration



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**Abstract:** A motionless heat pump system using a combination of thermal transpiration flow of a rarefied gas and a phase change of water has been proposed. This system mainly consists of the thermal transpiration pump, which is called a Knudsen pump, and two chambers filled with water and its vapor. The Knudsen pump moves water vapor from one chamber to the other. The pressure drop encourages water to evaporate and to absorb heat inside the outflow chamber. On the contrary, the pressure rise encourages vapor to condense and to generate heat inside the inflow chamber. The delivery capacity of the vapor of the Knudsen pump composed of the glass fiber filter was measured experimentally.

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- Application of the Knudsen pump
- Topology optimization of the engine structure
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## **EDUCATION**

2007-2009: Master of Engineering, Kyoto University
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• Performance estimation of the Knudsen pumps connected in cascade by the computation

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