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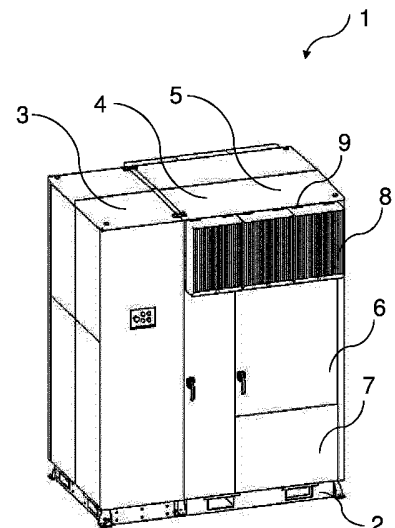
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Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) comprising a chamber (6) for accommodating at least one heat dissipating device, a cooling duct (10) separate from the chamber (6) for receiving heat from the chamber (6), a fan for transferring heat in the cooling duct (10) out from the cabinet (1), a filtering device (8) arranged to an end of the cooling duct (10) for filtering intake air, a cross-sectional area of the filtering device (8) being larger than a cross-sectional area of the cooling duct (10).

Järjestely kotelon (1) jäähdyttämiseksi, kotelon käsittäessä kammion (6) ainakin yhtä hukka-lämpöä tuottavaa laitetta varten, kammion (6) erillisen jäähdytiskanavan (10) vastaanotta-maan tilasta (6) lämpöä, puhaltimen siirtämään lämpöä jäähdytiskanavaa (10) pitkin ulos kote-losta (1), suodatinlaitteen (8) järjestettynä jääh-dytiskanavan (10) päähän suodattamaan si-sään tulevan ilman, suodattimen (8) poikkileik-kauksen ollessa jäähdytiskanavan (10) poikki-leikkausta suurempi.



ARRANGEMENT FOR COOLING A CABINET

FIELD

The present invention relates to cooling arrangements for cabinets, especially cabinets for outdoor environment.

5 BACKGROUND

There are several devices, like solar or wind power converters, or frequency converters comprising power electronics components dissipating a lot of heat to be transferred out for keeping temperature in a cabinet (1) on an acceptable level. Cabinets for this kind of devices need high enclosure class, like IP67 to protect the control electronics components against dust and moisture. The above mentioned two contrary requirements are challenging to achieve.

SUMMARY

An object of the present invention is to provide an improved arrangement for cooling a cabinet. The object is achieved with an invention, which is defined in the independent claim. Some embodiments are disclosed in the dependent claims.

DRAWINGS

In the following, the invention will be described in greater detail by means of some embodiments with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 shows of a cabinet with an embodiment of a cooling arrangement;

Figure 2 shows a cross-sectional view of a cabinet with an embodiment of a cooling arrangement;

Figure 3 shows a cross-sectional view doors open and filtering device (8) on maintenance position

Figure 4 shows an embodiment with a filtering device (8) arranged on each ends of the cooling duct (10);

Figure 5a, 5b and 5c show different embodiments of a filtering device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Several type of devices are assembled in cabinets, preferably made of painted or stainless steel plate. Devices having components dissipating a lot of heat but also temperature sensitive control electronics components, need a cooling arrangement.

Figure 1 shows an embodiment of a cabinet (1) for an electric apparatus, especially for a solar power plant comprising a basement portion (2) with openings to receive forks of a fork lift truck for transferring the cabinet (1). Further the cabinet (1) comprises several cells for different type of devices. First cell (3) is shared in two departments, an upper department for common control devices and the lower department for AC connection devices, second cell (4) being for accommodating AC components like a circuit breaker for connecting to a power grid and third cell (5) being shared in two departments, the upper department arranged as a chamber (6) for accommodating control and power electronics of a converter and the second, the lower department (7) being for DC connection devices to connect cables coming from solar cells. Being a modular system, several third converter cells (5) may be assembled one adjacent to each other. Each cell may have at least one openable, preferably a hinged door enabling service and maintenance actions.

Further the cabinet (1) comprises one or several air filtering devices (8) for filtering intake air flow. A filtering device (8) comprises a front wall having an aperture covered by a filter element. Preferably the filtering device (8) comprises a grill for protecting the filter element against rain, rodents and vandalism. The filtering device (8) further comprises four side walls i.e. an upper wall, left and right side walls and a lower wall. In some embodiments the lower wall and/or left and/or right side walls may have apertures for further filter elements for enlarging the total filtering area. The width of the side walls defines the depth of the filtering device (8). Depending the desired depth, the filtering area may vary.

The filtering device (8) may be fixed preferably by hinges enabling easy access for maintenance actions, like removing dust from the filter element. An alternative embodiment is fixing the filtering device (8) detachable, like comprising brackets for receiving corresponding pins detached on the roof or wall of the cabinet (1). A hinged filtering device (8) may have a gas spring or a hinged support stick to keep the filtering device (8) on the upper position.

Figure 2 shows a cross-sectional view of the converter cell (5) assembled on the cabinet (1) basement (2). The converter cell (5) is shared on two de-

partments. The upper department being a chamber (6) for accommodating control and power electronics with heat dissipating components. The chamber (6) is separated of the second department (7), the DC connection department without a need for cooling. In an embodiment a cooling duct (10) is located on the top of the converter cell (5), adjacent with the chamber (6) and separated by a wall. A cooling device (11) is arranged to collect heat from the chamber (6) for transferring heat in the cooling duct (10) out from the cabinet (1). A cooling device (11) is preferably a heat exchanger, e.g. a thermosyphon reboiler -type heat exchanger, arranged partly in the chamber (6) and partly in the cooling duct (10).

10 A filtering device (8) is arranged at the end of the cooling duct (10) for filtering the intake cooling air. The arrows show the principle of air flow through the cooling duct (10). A fan (not shown) is arranged to control the air flow. The fan may be arranged inside the cooling duct (10) or in another embodiment it may be arranged in the filtering device (8).

15 A cooling duct (10) has a limited space to keep the cabinet (1) size small enough. Reduced cross-sectional area of the cooling duct (10), the speed of the air flow in the cooling duct (10) need correspondingly to be made higher for ensuring an effective cooling process.

An air filter is a resistance for the air flow. Increasing the surface area of the filter decreases the resistance. A cross-sectional area of the filtering device (8) is made larger than a cross-sectional area of the cooling duct (10) for enabling to enlarge the surface area of the filter element. Preferably the cross-sectional area is 20% to 50% larger, most preferably 30% to 40% larger. To avoid the filtering device (8) extending the height of the cabinet (1), the filter device covers part of the chamber (6). In one embodiment the filtering device (8) covers at least part of the door (12) of the chamber (6). The filtering device (8) is fixed turnable by hinges (9) or detachable for enabling to open the door of the chamber (6). The chamber (6) door is sealed with elastic gasket against a cabinet (1) frame and the filtering device (8) is sealed partly against the end of the cooling duct (10) and partly against the cabinet (1) door to avoid air leakage.

30 Figure 3 shows the filtering device (8) and the door (12) on open positions.

35 Figure 4 shows an embodiment of a cabinet (1) with a filtering device (8) arranged on the both ends of the cooling duct (10) enabling to change the direction of the air flow in the cooling duct (10) offering a self-cleaning function for filter elements. The cabinet (1) may comprise a temperature sensor in a chamber

(6) or pressure and/or vacuum sensors for indicating a need for cleaning the filter element to be done by changing the direction of air flow in the cooling duct (10).

Figures 5a, 5b and 5c show different embodiments of the filtering device (8).

5 Figure 5a shows an embodiment of the filtering device (8). An elastic sealing (13) is arranged on the outer periphery of the back side of the filtering device (8). The sealing (13) is for sealing the filtering device (8) against the end of the cooling duct (10). The filtering device (8) is arranged to cover part of the chamber (6) door (12) and to be sealed against the outer surface of the chamber
10 (6) door.

 Figure 5b shows another embodiment of the filtering device (8). The filtering device (8) comprise a back wall with a back wall surface section (14) and an aperture (15) arranged to be installed against the end of the cooling duct (10) and sealed by a first sealing section (16) against to the end of the cooling duct
15 (10). The back wall surface section (14) is for preventing air flow. The back wall section (14) is arranged to cover partly the door (12) of the chamber (6) without a need for sealing against the chamber (6) door (12).

 Figure 5c shows another embodiment of the filtering device (8). The filtering device (8) comprise a back wall section (14). An aperture (15) is arranged to be installed against to the end of the cooling duct (10) and sealed by the first sealing section (16) against to the end of the cooling duct (10). The filtering device (8) has a second sealing section (17) arranged to be installed against to the frame of the chamber (6). The back wall section is arranged to prevent air flow between the cooling duct (10) and the chamber (6), the filtering device (8) partly covering the
20 doorway and therefore the door (12) of the chamber (6) may be smaller. The back wall section (14) of the filtering device (8) may extend comprising a lip plate (18) faced to the door (12) of the chamber (6). The chamber (6) door (12) is overlapping with the lip plate (18) and a part of the sealing of the door (12) is arranged to cover at least partly the lip plate (18) thus locked door (12) arranged to keep the
25 filtering device (8) locked. The control and power electronics components can preferably be located in a way that for most of the typical maintenance actions only the chamber (6) door needs to be opened. The filtering device (8) may be turned away or lift out in case that components behind the filtering device (8) have to be reached.
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35 It will be obvious to a person skilled in the art that the inventive concept can be implemented in various ways. The invention and its embodiments are not

limited to the examples described above but may vary within the scope of the claims.

CLAIMS

1. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) , the cabinet (1) comprising a chamber (6) for accommodating
5 at least one heat dissipating device, a cooling duct (10) separate from the chamber (6) for receiving heat from the chamber (6), a fan for transferring heat in the cooling duct (10) out from the cabinet (1) , a filtering device (8) comprising at least one filter element, the filtering device (8)
10 arranged to the end of the cooling duct (10) for filtering intake air, a cross-sectional area of the filtering device (8) being larger than a cross-sectional area of the cooling duct (10) **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) is arranged to cover at least partly the chamber (6).

15 2. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) is hingedly fixed to the cabinet (1).

3. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the filtering
20 device (8) is lockable to an open position.

4. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according any preceding claim, **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) is fixed detachable to the cabinet
(1).

25 5. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to any preceding claims, **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) comprises a back wall section (14) and an aperture (15) arranged to be sealed against the end of the cooling duct (10).

30 6. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to any preceding claims, **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) is arranged to be sealed

against the door (12) of the chamber (6).

5 7. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the filtering device (8) is arranged to cover at least partly a doorway of the chamber (6).

8. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to any preceding claim, **characterized** in that a heat exchanger (11) is arranged for transferring heat from the department to the cooling duct (10).

10 9. Arrangement for cooling a cabinet (1) according to any preceding claim, **characterized** in that a filtering device (8) is arranged to each end of the cooling duct (10) and the fan is arranged for transferring heat forward and backward in the cooling duct (10) for
15 cleaning the filter element by outgoing air;

10. Method for cooling a cabinet (1) operating a heat dissipating device located in a first department of the cabinet (1) ;

receiving heat from the chamber (6);

20 transferring heat in the cooling duct (10) out from the cabinet (1);

filtering the intake air by a filtering device (8),

25 wherein the cabinet (1) is cooled by air flowing into the cooling duct (10) through a filtering device (8) having a cross-sectional area larger than a cross-sectional area of the cooling duct (10) and covering at least partly the chamber (6).

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PATENTTIVAATIMUKSET

1. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi, kaapin (1) käsittäessä kammion (6) lämpöä luovuttavalle laitteelle, kammion (6) erotetun jäähdytyskanavan (10) vastaanottamaan lämpöä kammion (6), puhaltimen siirtämään lämpöä jäähdytyskanavassa (10) ulos kaapista (1), suodatinlaitteen (8) käsittäen vähintään yhden suodatinelementin, suodatinlaitteen (8) ollessa järjestetty jäähdytyskanavan (10) päähän suodattamaan sisäänottoilmaa, suodatinlaitteen (8) poikkipinta-alan ollessa laajempi kuin jäähdytyskanavan (10) poikkipinta-ala, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on järjestetty ainakin osittain peittämään kammion (6).

2. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi vaatimuksen 1 mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on kiinnitetty saranoidusti kaappiin (1).

3. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi vaatimuksen 2 mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on lukittavissa auki-asentoon.

4. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi jonkin edellisen vaatimuksen mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on kiinnitetty irrotettavasti kaappiin (1).

5. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi jonkin edellisen vaatimuksen mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) käsittää takaseinäosion (14) ja aukon (15), joka on järjestetty tiivistettäväksi jäähdytyskanavaa (10) vasten.

6. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi jonkin edellisen vaatimuksen mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on järjestetty tiivistettäväksi kammion (6) ovea (12) vasten.

7. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi vaatimuksen 5 mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että suodatinlaite (8) on järjestetty ainakin osittain peittämään kammion (6) oviaukon.

8. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi jonkin edellisen vaatimuksen mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että lämmönvaihdin (11) on järjestetty siirtämään lämpöä osastosta jäähdytyskanavaan (10).

5 9. Järjestely kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi jonkin edellisen vaatimuksen mukaisesti, **tunnettu** siitä, että jäähdytyskanavan (10) kaikkiin päihin on järjestetty suodatinlaite (8) ja puhallin on järjestetty siirtämään lämpöä edestakaisin jäähdytyskanavassa (10) suodatinelementin puhdistamiseksi ulosmenoilmalla.

10 10. Menetelmä kaapin (1) jäähdyttämiseksi käyttäen lämpöä luovuttavan laitteen sijoitettuna kaapin (1) ensimmäiseen osastoon; jossa

Vastaanotetaan lämpöä kammioista (6);

15 Siirretään lämpöä ulos kaapista (1) jäähdytyskanavassa (10);

20 Suodatetaan sisääntuloilma suodatinlaitteella (8), jolloin kaappi (1) on jäähdytetty ilmalla, joka virtaa jäähdytyskanavassa (10) läpi suodatinlaitteen (8), jonka poikkipinta-ala on suurempi kuin jäähdytyskanavan (10) ja joka peittää ainakin osittain kammion (6).

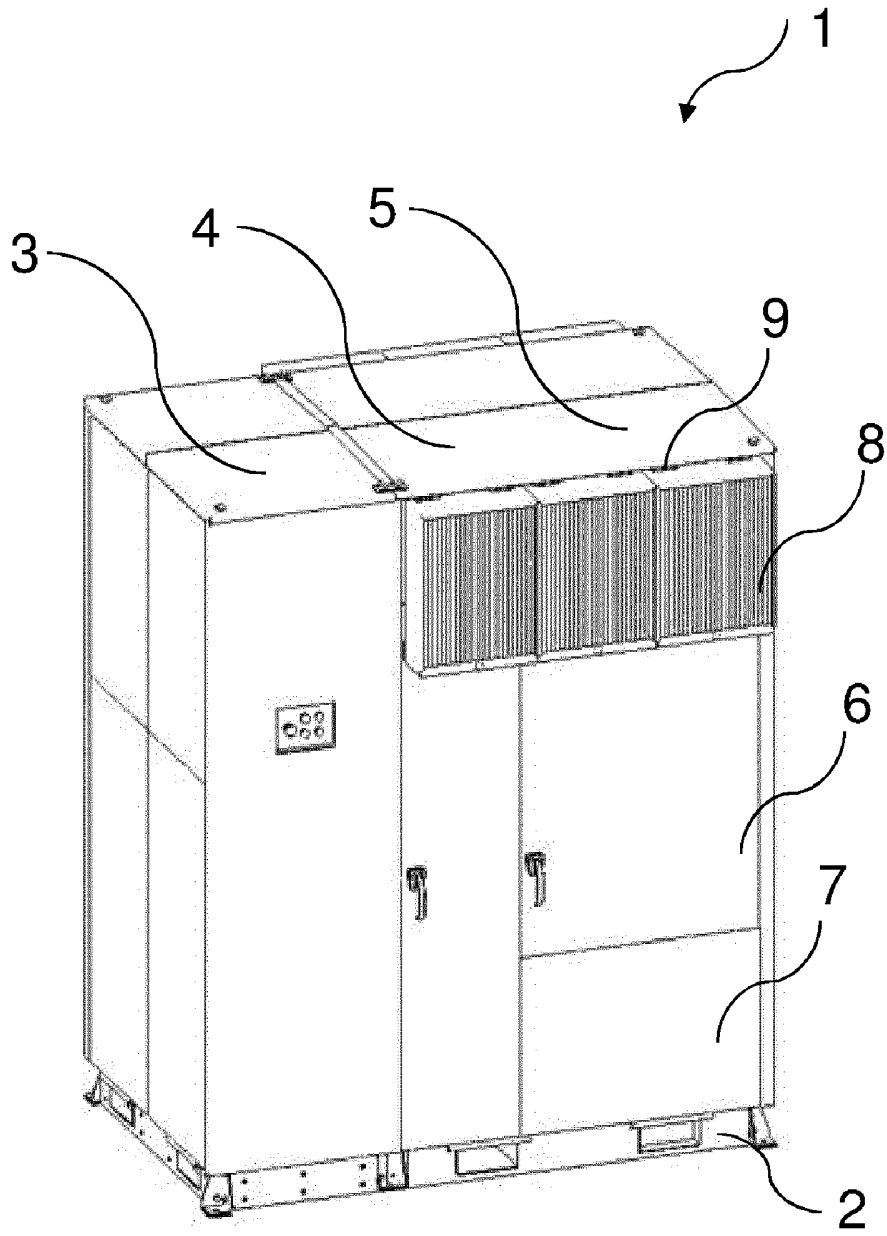


Fig. 1

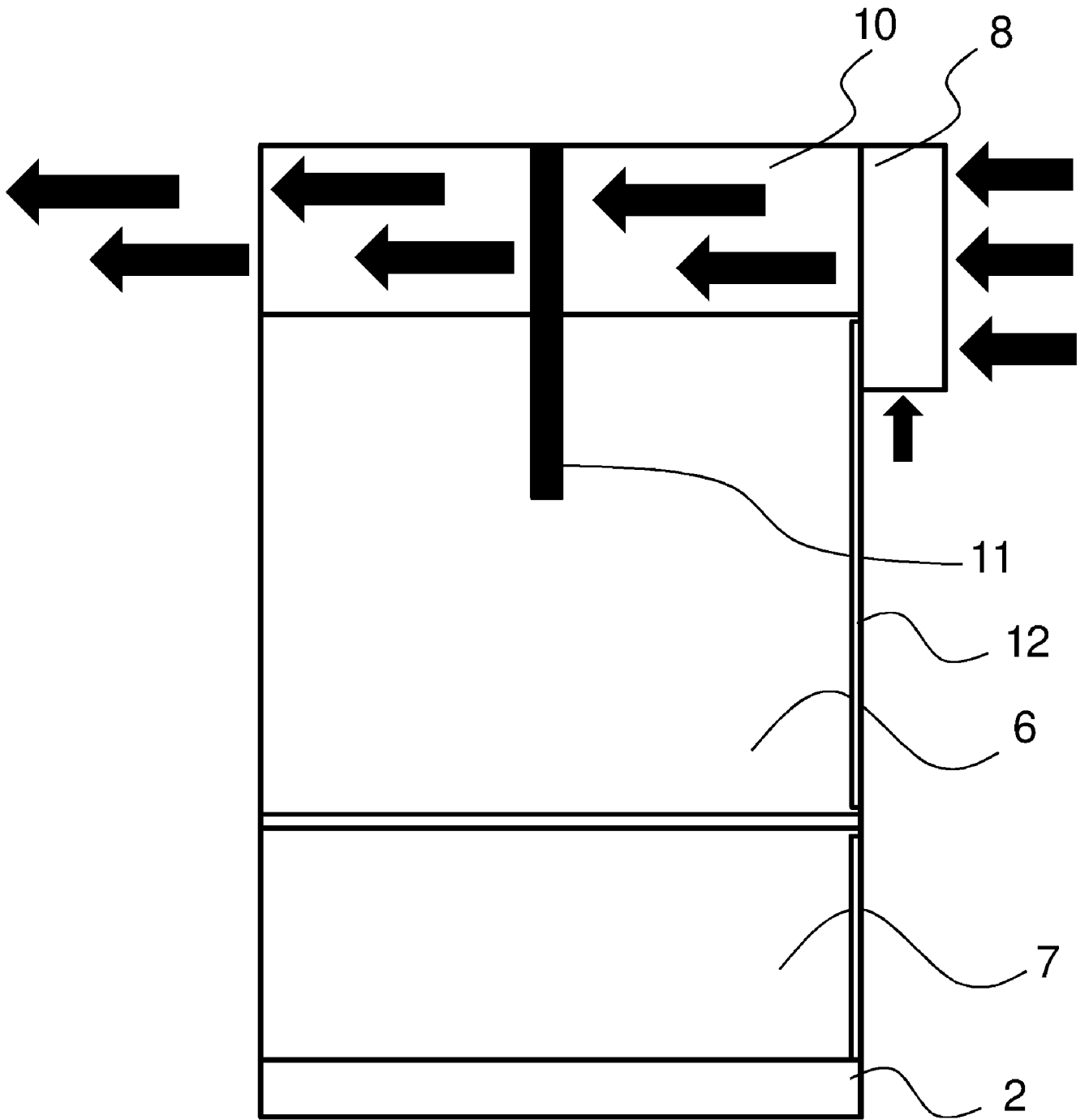


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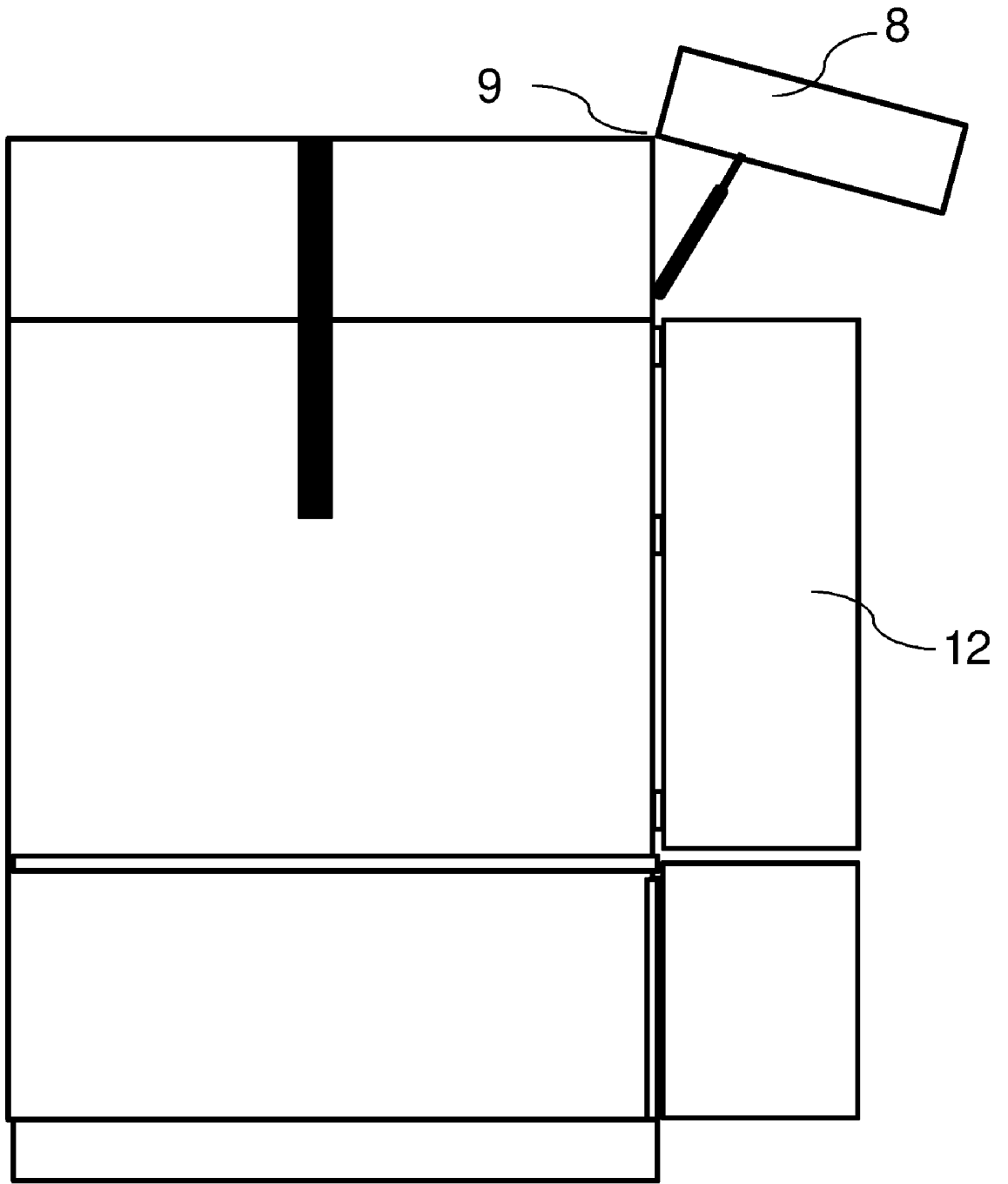


Fig.3

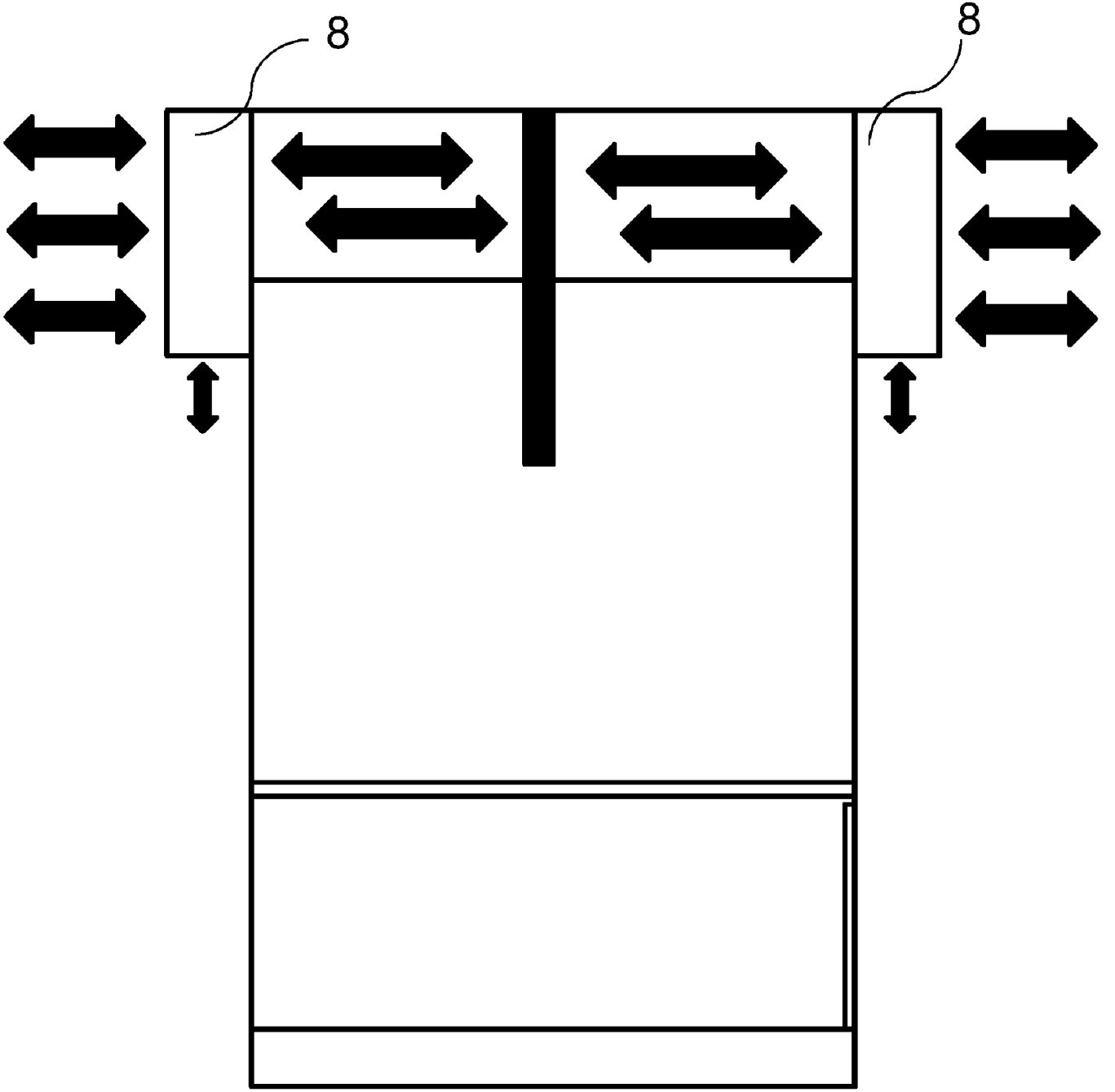


Fig. 4

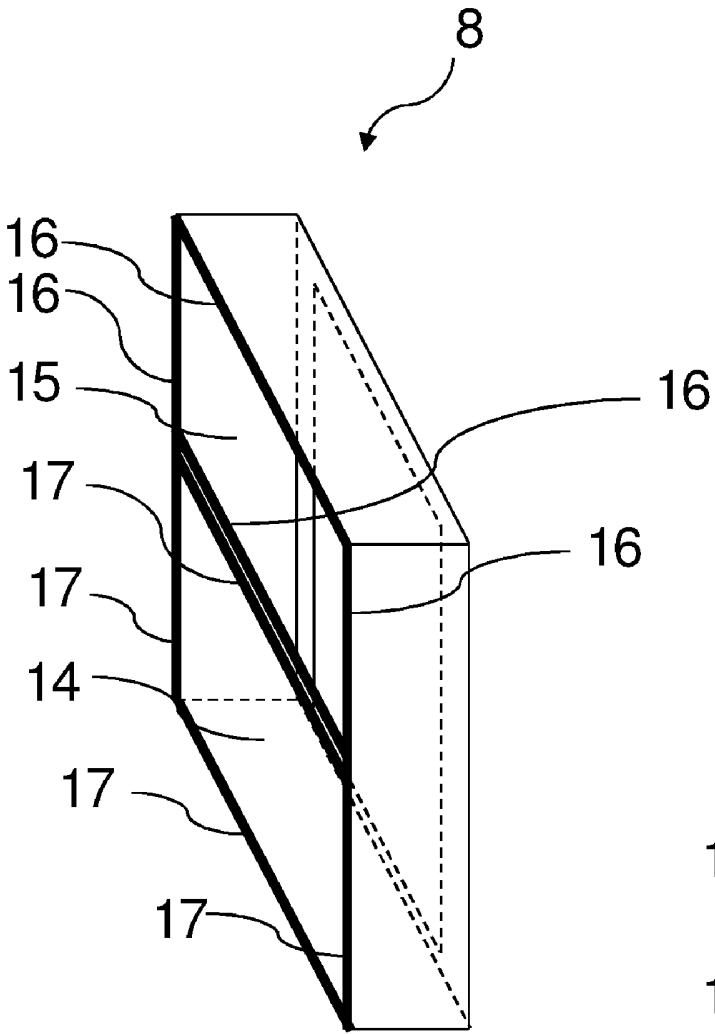


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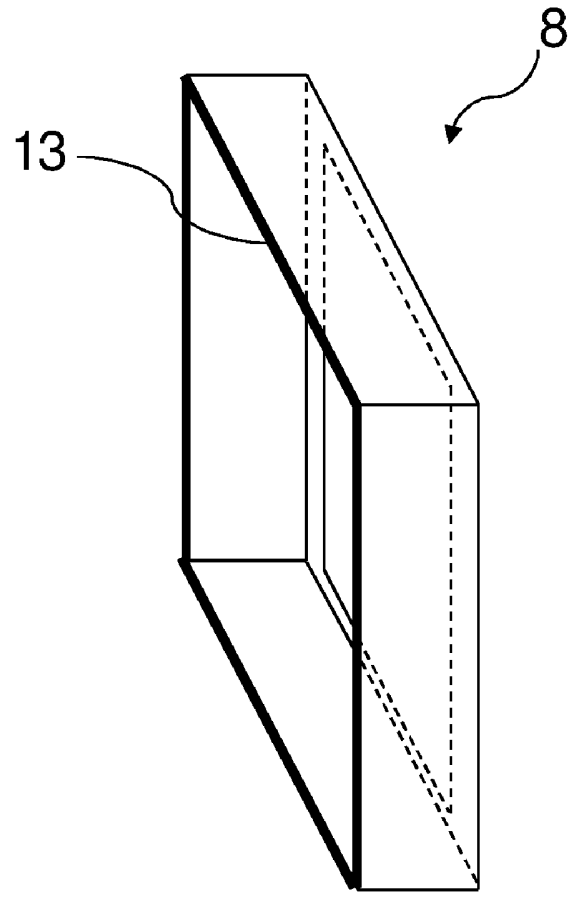


Fig 5a

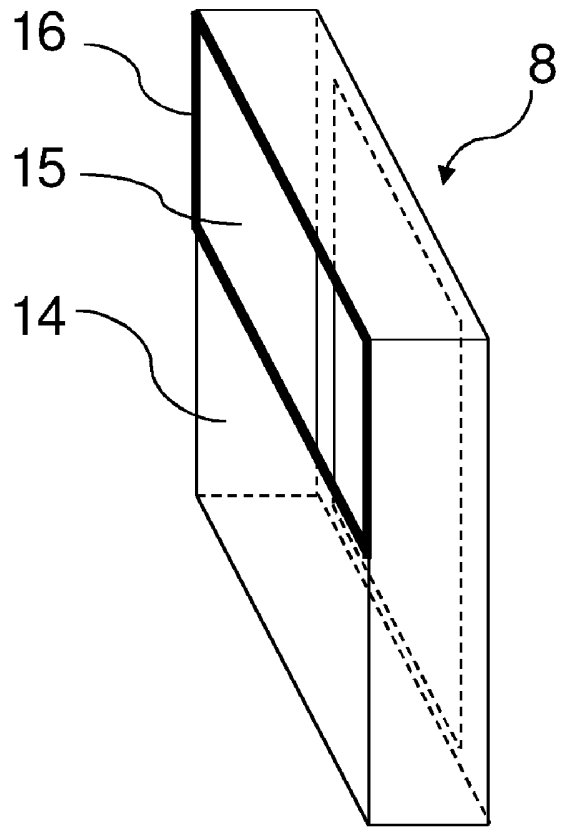


Fig 5b