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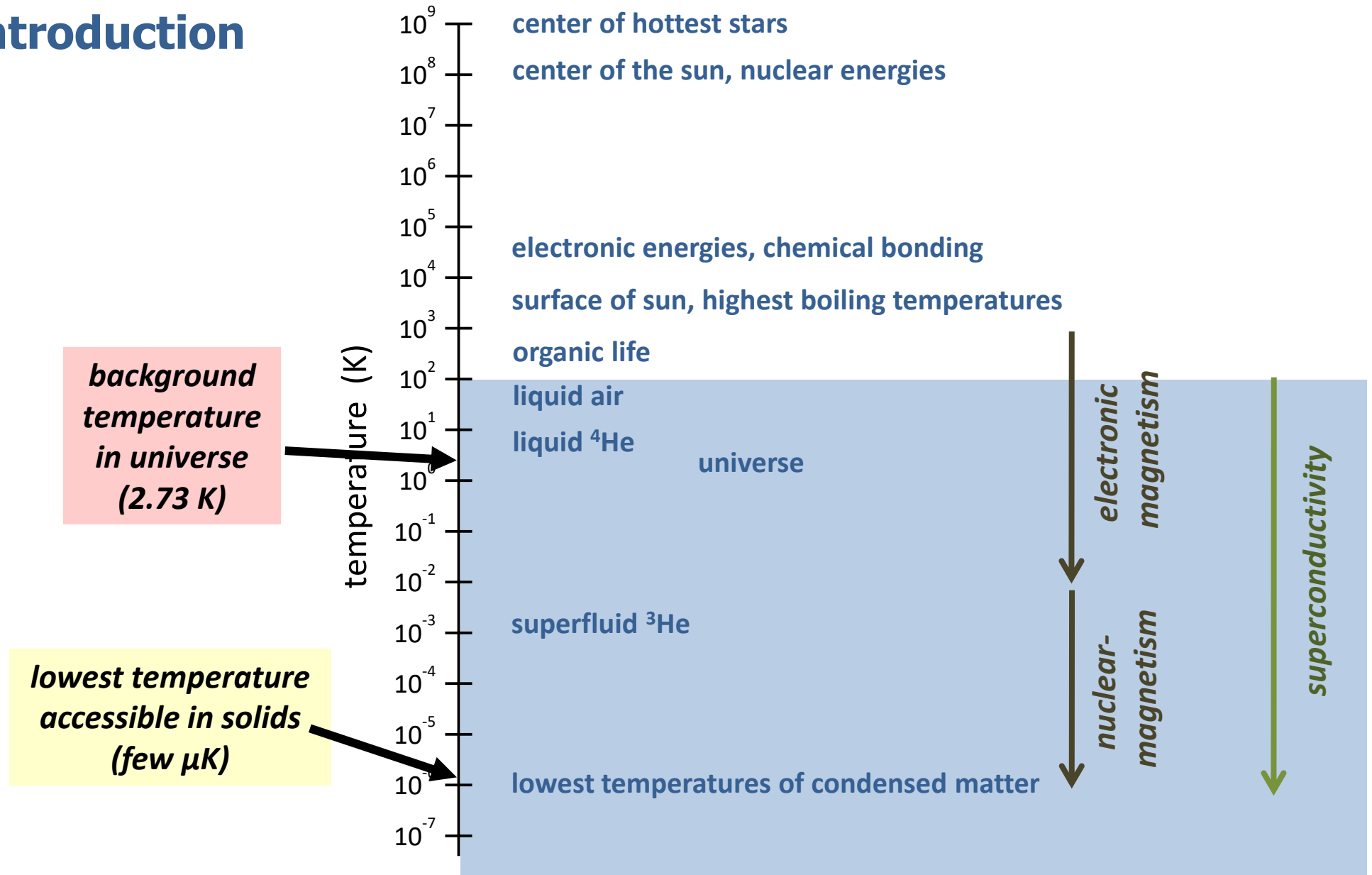
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III.1 Generation of Low Temperatures

III.1.1 Introduction



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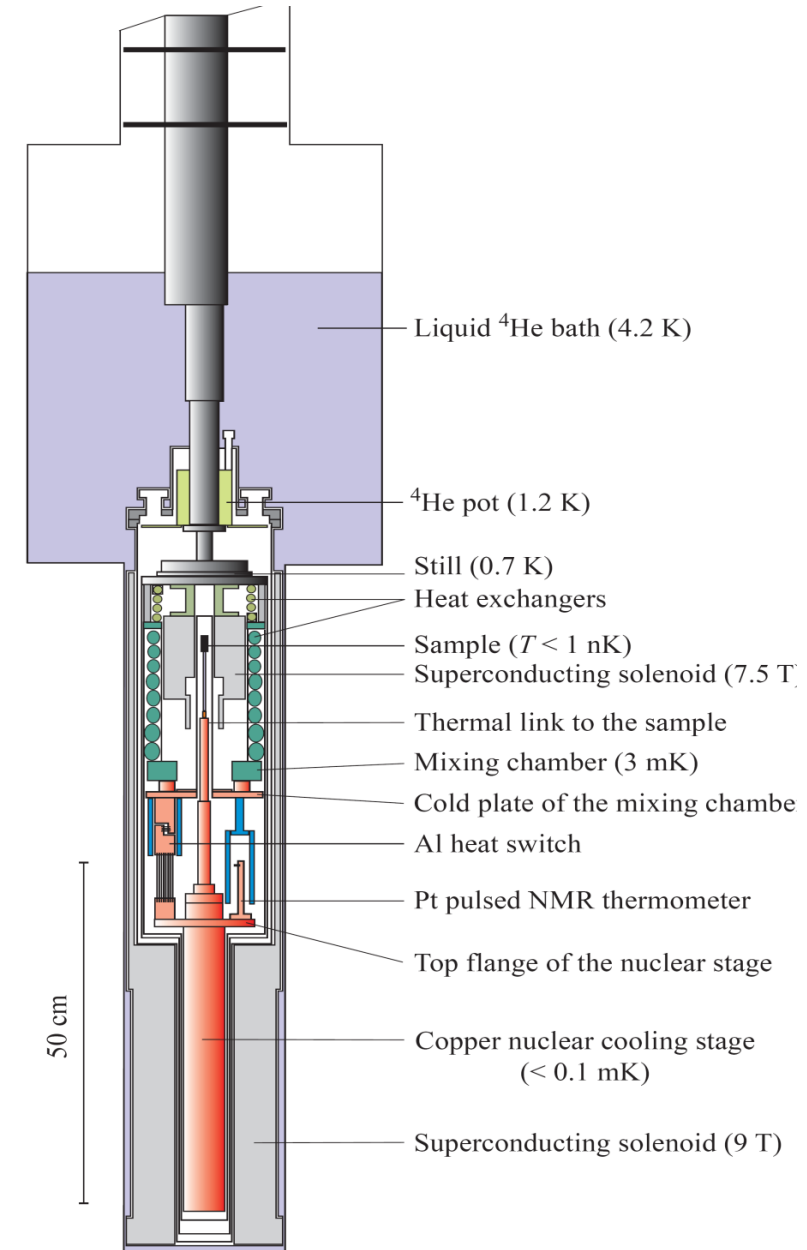
- lowest temperatures (in solid-state systems)

*low temperature record
for nuclear spin system:*

- experimental setup according to Tauno Knuuttila (2000)
- lowest temperature: about **100 pK** by demagnetization of Rhodium nuclei („temperature of nuclear spins“)

*PhD Thesis, Helsinki University of Technology
(Espoo, Finland)*

- **problem:** spin temperature cannot be transferred to lattice of solid (small spin-phonon coupling)



III.1.1 Introduction

- generation of low temperatures by using cryo-liquids

19th century: liquefaction of various gases by pressure except for “permanent gases” (O₂, H₂, He)

1877: liquefaction of O₂ by thermal expansion

(L. Cailletet, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris 85, 1213 (1877); R. Pictet, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris 85, 1214 (1877))

1884: liquefaction of H₂ (precooling with liquid O₂)

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1898: significant amounts of LH₂ for physical experiments

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since 1950s: ³He available

³He cryostat

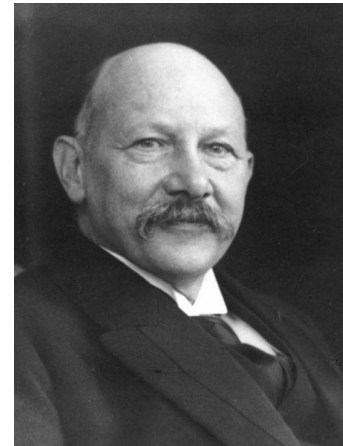
³He-⁴He dilution refrigerator



Sir James Dewar,
(1842-1923)



Peter J. Debye
1884 - 1966

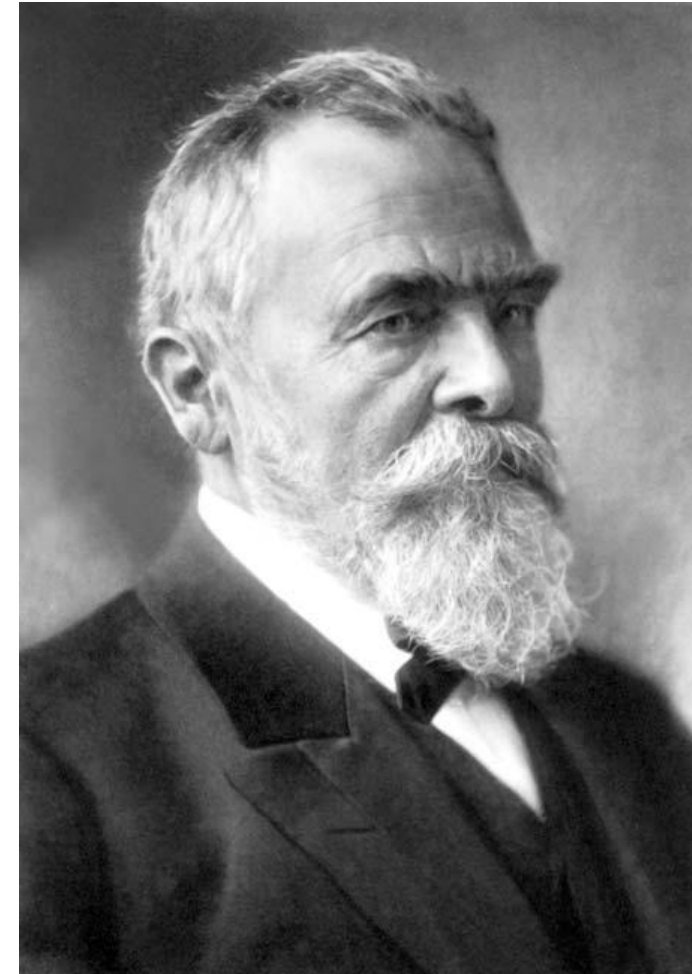
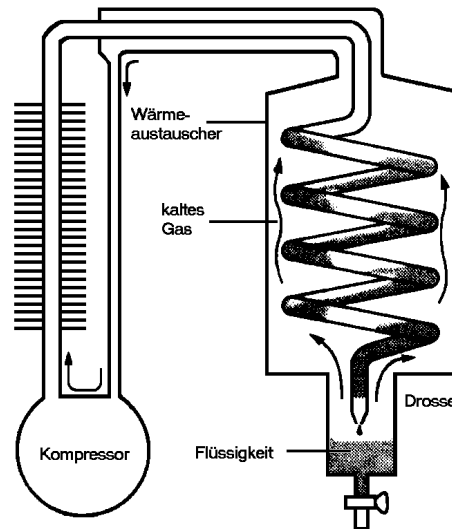


Heike Kamerlingh Onnes
(1853 – 1926)
Nobelpreis für Physik: 1913

III.1.1 Introduction

- 1868** offer of chair at the Polytechnische Schule München (now TUM)
- 1873** development of cooling machine allowing the temperature stabilization in beer brewing
- 21. 6. 1879** foundation of „*Gesellschaft für Linde's Eismaschinen AG*“ together with two beer brewers and three other co-founders
- 1892 – 1910** re-establishment of professorship

- 12.5.1903** patent application: „*Lindesches Gegenstrom-verfahren*“
liquefaction of oxygen
($-182^{\circ}\text{C} = 90\text{ K}$)

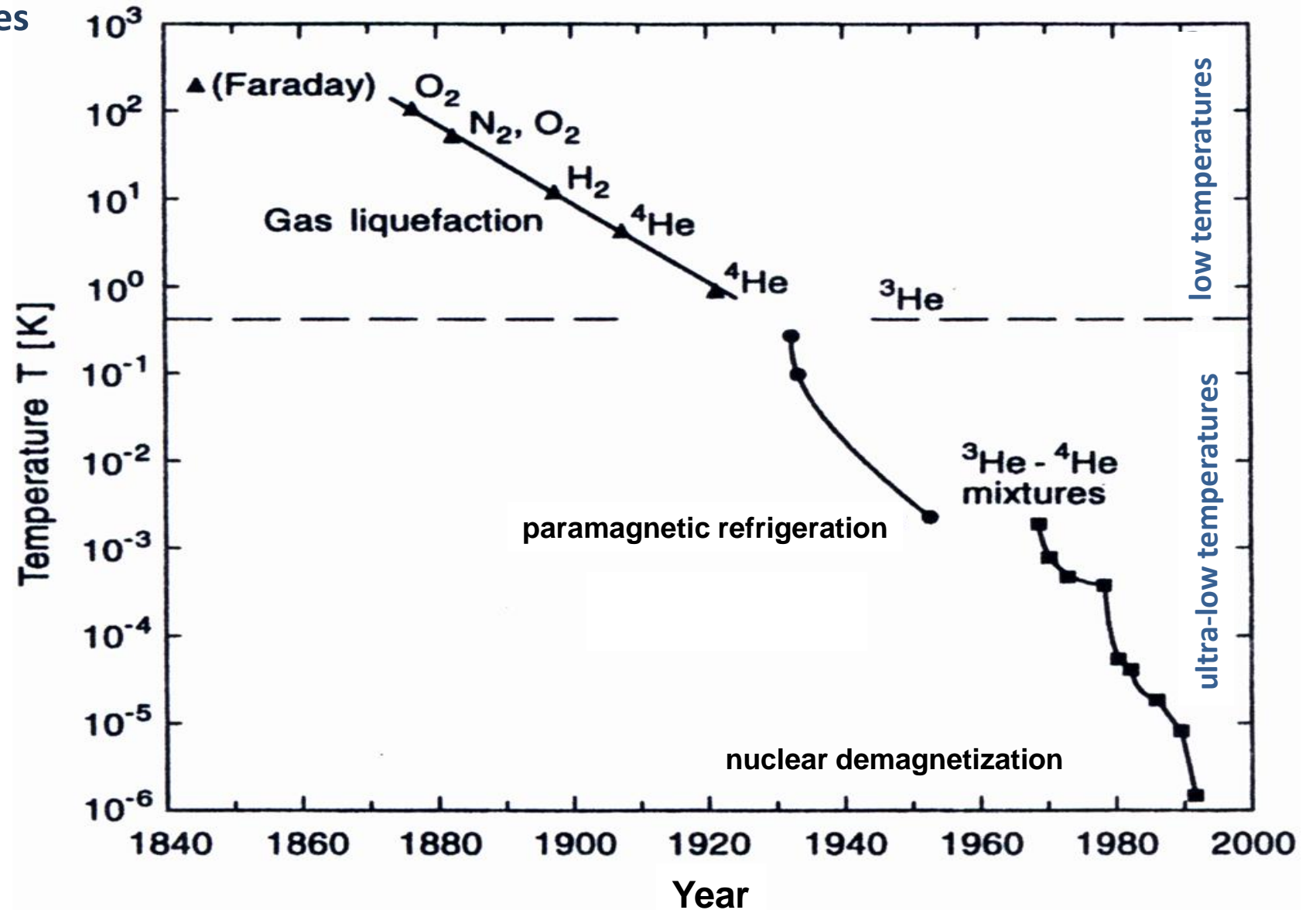


Carl Paul Gottfried von Linde

* 11. Juni 1842 in Berndorf, Oberfranken
† 16. November 1934 in Munich

III.1.1 Introduction

- refrigeration techniques



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- refrigeration techniques

temperature range	refrigeration technique	available since	typical T_{\min}	record T_{\min}
Kelvin	universe			2.73 K
	^4He evaporation	1908	1.3 K	0.7 K
	^3He evaporation	1950	0.3 K	0.25 K
millikelvin	^3He - ^4He dilution	1965	10 mK	2 mK
	Pomeranchuk cooling	1965	3 mK	2 mK
	electron spin demagnetization	1934	3 mK	1 mK
microkelvin	nuclear spin demagnetization	1956	50 μK	100 pK

III.1.1 Introduction

- cooling techniques
 - expansion of an ideal gas
 - expansion machine
 - regenerative machine
 - *work against outside world*
 - expansion of a real gas
 - Joule Thomson cooler
 - *work against internal interactions*
 - evaporation of a real gas:
 - *work against internal interactions*
 - dilution cooling ($^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$)
 - *work against ordering in momentum space*
 - adiabatic demagnetization (electronic/nuclear moments)
 - *work against magnetic ordering*

III.1.1 Introduction

- liquefaction of gases

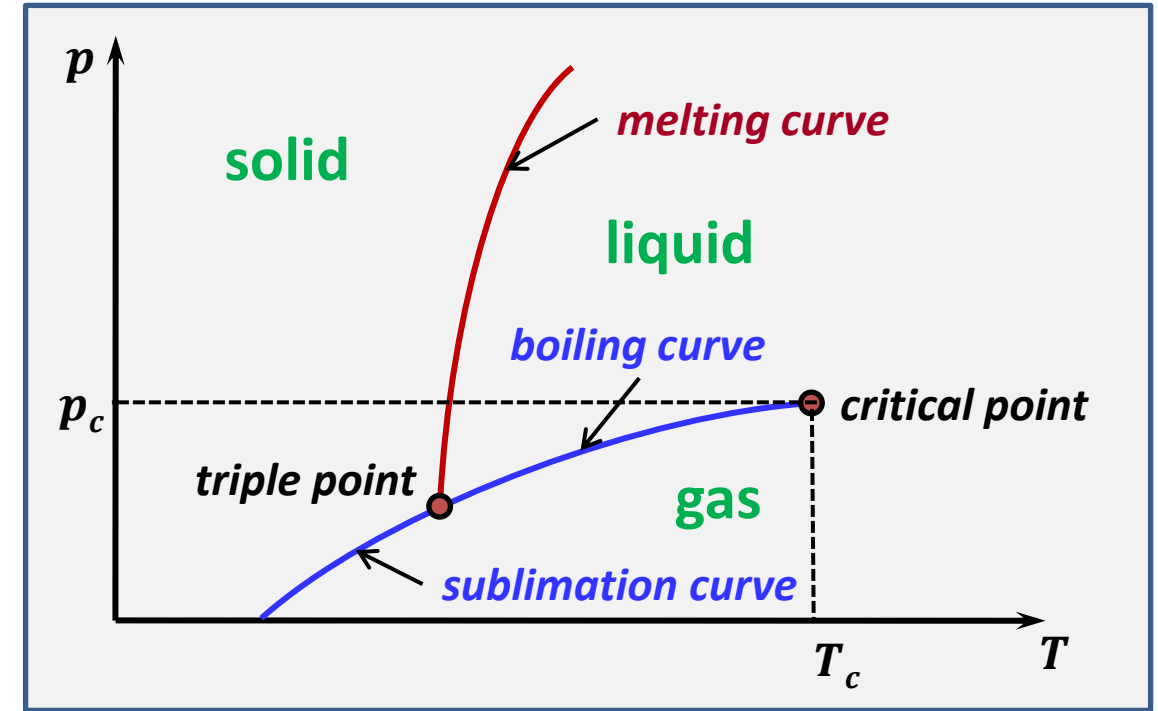
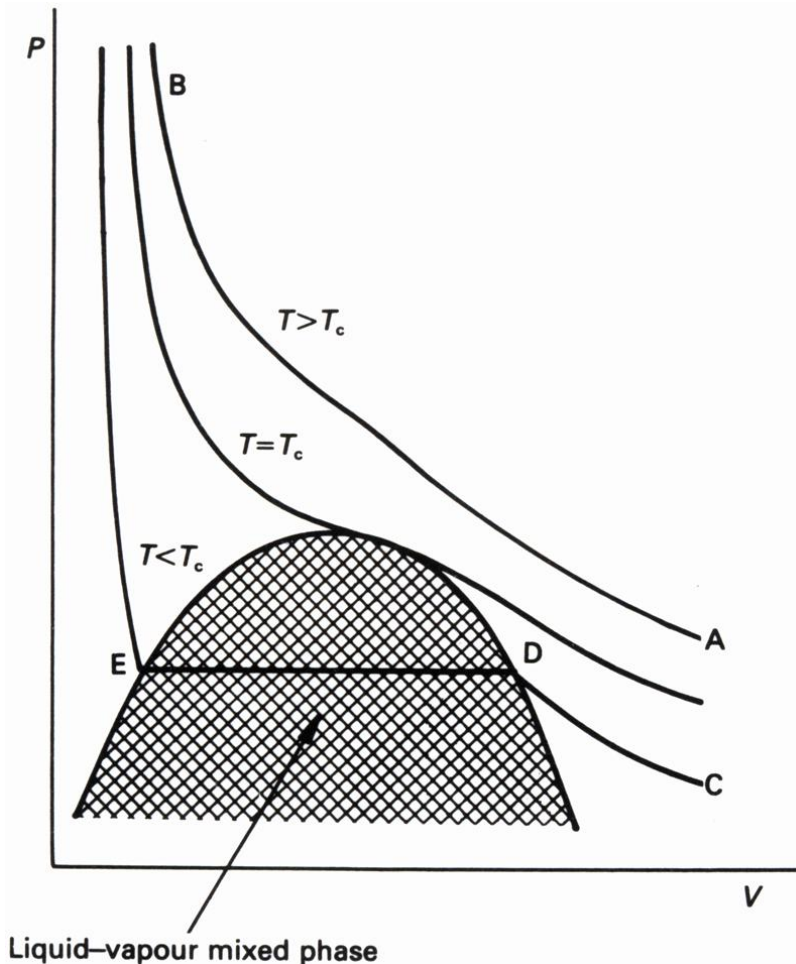
three useful methods:

1. direct liquefaction by *isothermal compression*
2. letting the gas perform *work against external forces* at the expense of its internal energy
 - ➔ cooling and eventual liquefaction
3. making the gas perform *work against its own internal forces* by Joule-Kelvin or Joule-Thomson expansion
 - ➔ cooling and eventual liquefaction

III.1.1 Introduction

- direct liquefaction of gases by isothermal compression

→ *starting temperature must be smaller than critical temperature T_c*



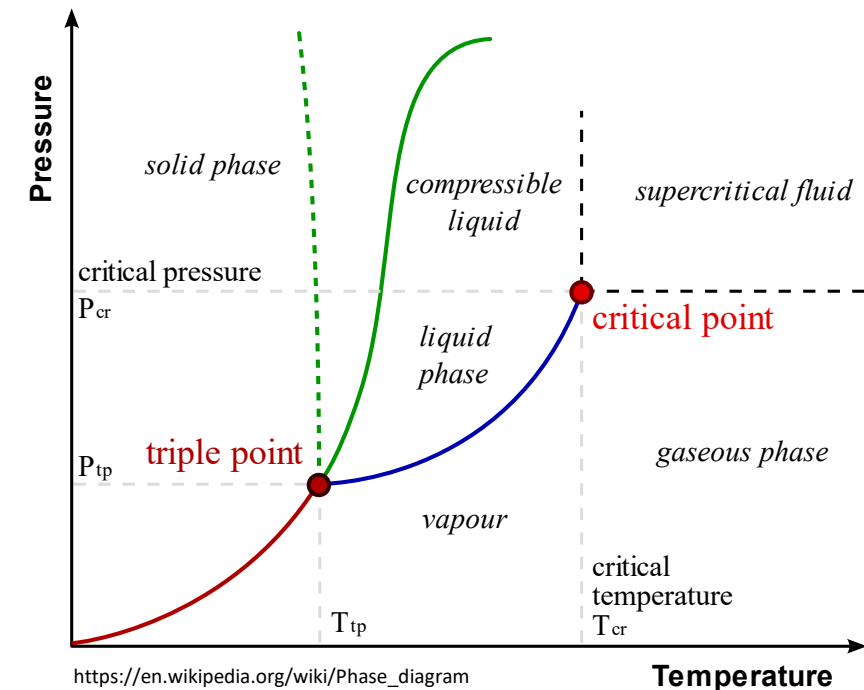
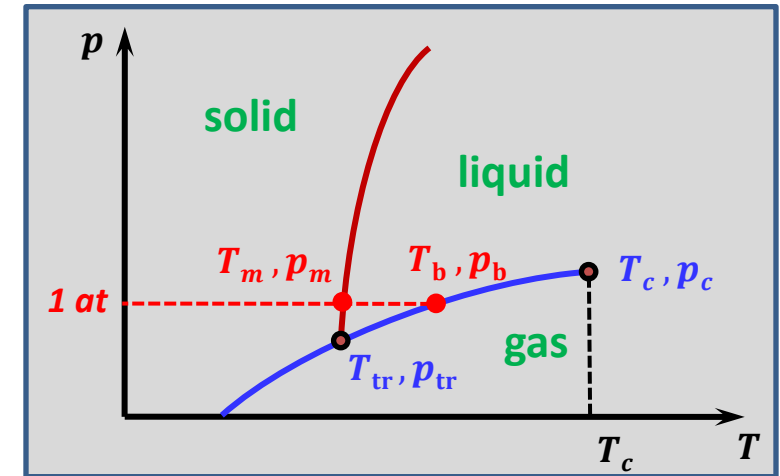
critical temperatures T_c in K of selected liquid cryogenes

ammonia (NH ₃)	406
O ₂	154.5
N ₂	126
H ₂	33.2
⁴ He	5.2
³ He	3.32

III.1.1 Introduction

- properties of cryogenic liquids

Substance	T_b [K]	T_m [K]	T_{tr} [K]	P_{tr} [bar]	T_c [K]	P_c [bar]
@ 1 bar						
H ₂ O	373.15	273.15	273.16	0.06	647.3	220
Xe	165.1	161.3	161.4	0.82	289.8	58.9
Kr	119.9	115.8	114.9	0.73	209.4	54.9
O ₂	90.2	54.4	54.36	0.016	154.3	50.4
Ar	87.3	83.8	83.81	0.67	150.9	48.7
N ₂	77.4	63.3	63.15	0.12	126.0	33.9
Ne	27.1	24.5	24.56	0.43	44.5	27.2
D ₂	23.7	18.7	18.72	0.17	38.3	16.6
H ₂	20.3	14.0	13.80	0.07	33.3	13.0
⁴ He	4.21	--	--	--	5.20	2.28
³ He	3.19	--	--	--	3.32	1.16



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phase_diagram

III.1.1 Introduction

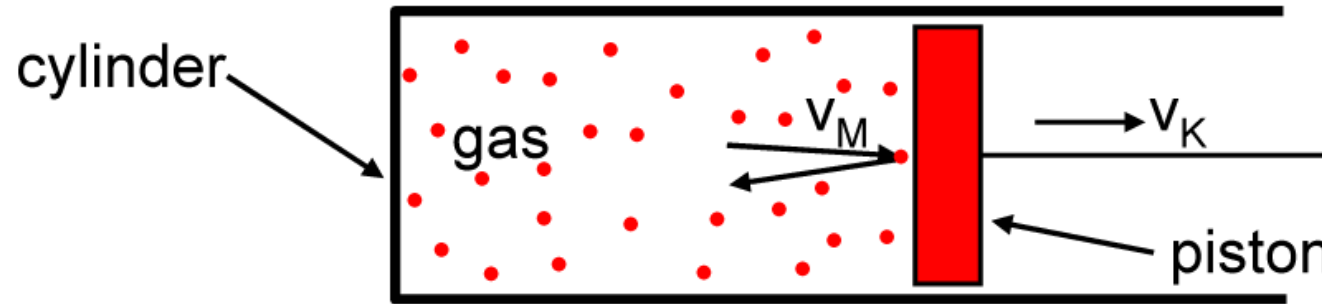
- direct liquefaction of gases by expansion (Joule-Thomson-Effect)
 → *starting temperature must be smaller than inversion temperature* (definition follows later)

cryogen	boiling point [K]	liquefaction	latent heat [kJ/liter]	inversion temp. [K]
oxygen	90.2	1877: Cailletet and Pictet	240	762
nitrogen	77.3	1883: Wroblewski and Olszewski	160	625
hydrogen	20.4	1898: Dewar	30	203
⁴ Helium	4.2	1908: Onnes	2.6	43.2
³ Helium	3.2		0.5	-

- **liquid oxygen and hydrogen have potential hazards**
- liquid nitrogen and ⁴He are the most widely used cryogenes
- **liquid ³He is very expensive**

III.1.1 Introduction

- liquefaction of gases by performance of external work



gas molecules are reflected at the moving piston-surface:

incoming:	laboratory system: v_M
	piston system: $v_M - v_K$
outgoing:	piston system: $-(v_M - v_K)$
	laboratory system: $-(v_M - v_K) + v_K = 2v_K - v_M = v'_M$

i.e.: $|v'_M| = v_M - 2v_K$ **molecule is slower, i.e. colder**

average momentum transfer per time to piston = force, ***force · distance = work***

→ external work at the expense of internal energy → cooling

III.1.1 Introduction

- liquefaction of gases by performance of external work

- in practice,

1. gas is **isothermally compressed** (involves removing of heat corresponding to work done on gas)
2. and then allowed to **expand adiabatically** (resulting in cooling)

- 1st law of thermodynamics

$$dU = dQ + dW = dQ - pdV = C_V dT$$

- adiabatic expansion: $dQ = 0$

$$\Rightarrow dQ = C_V dT + pdV = 0$$

- for ideal gas: $pV = RT$

$$\Rightarrow pdV + Vdp = RdT$$

- elimination of dT

$$\Rightarrow 0 = C_V \left(\frac{pdV + Vdp}{R} \right) + pdV \stackrel{C_p - C_V = R}{=} C_V (pdV + Vdp) + pdV (C_p - C_V)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = C_V Vdp + C_p pdV = C_V \frac{dp}{p} + C_p \frac{dV}{V} \stackrel{\frac{C_p}{C_V} = \kappa}{=} \kappa \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dp}{p}$$

- integration yields $\kappa \ln V + \ln p = \text{const.}$

$$\Rightarrow pV^\kappa = \text{const.}$$

κ = isentropic coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} C_V &= \left. \frac{dQ}{dT} \right|_V = \left. \frac{dU}{dT} \right|_V \\ C_p &= \left. \frac{dQ}{dT} \right|_p = \left. \frac{dH}{dT} \right|_p \\ H &= U + pV \end{aligned}$$

III.1.1 Introduction

- **Carnot process:**
 - counterclockwise: **heat pump** (conversion of mechanical work into heat)
 - clockwise: **heat engine** (conversion of heat into mechanical work)

- **pV diagram (heat engine):**

expansion cooling: adiabats

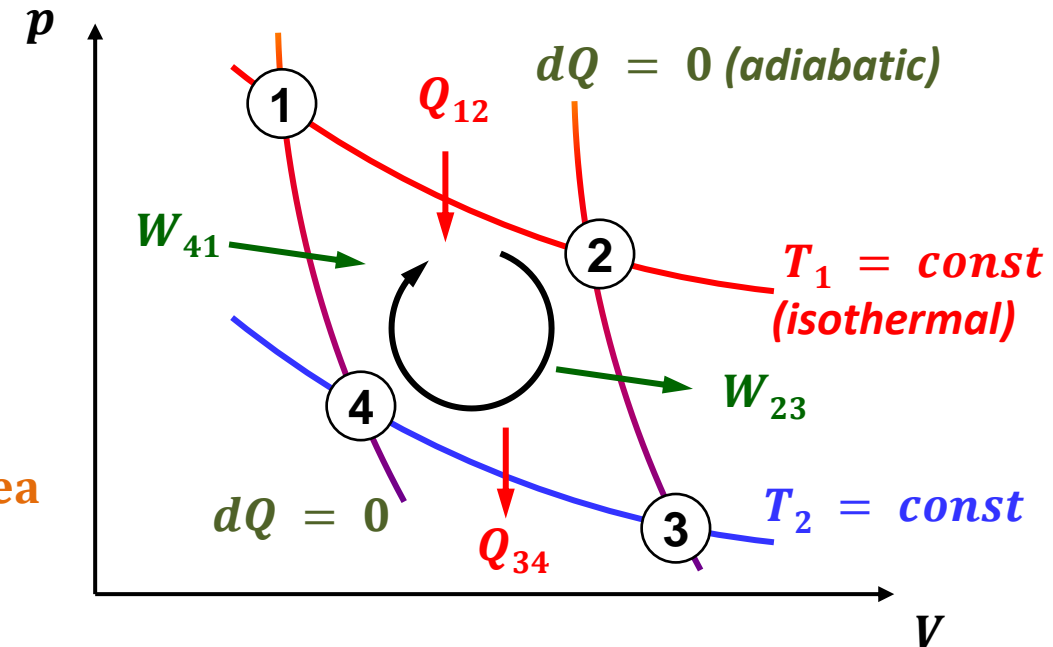
$$(pV^\kappa = \text{const}, \quad dQ = 0)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{c_p}{c_V} > 1)$$

heat exchange: isotherms

$$(pV = \text{const}, \quad dT = 0)$$

work per cycle: $W = -\oint p dV = \text{enclosed area}$
(negative since work done by the heat engine)



$$\text{for complete cycle: } W + Q = 0 \Rightarrow W = -Q = -(Q_{34} + Q_{12}) = Q_{34} - Q_{12}$$

$$(Q_{12} > 0, Q_{34} < 0)$$

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- efficiency (*heat engine*):

$$\eta \equiv \frac{|W|}{Q_{12}} = \frac{Q_{12} + Q_{34}}{Q_{12}} = 1 + \frac{Q_{34}}{Q_{12}} = 1 - \frac{|Q_{34}|}{Q_{12}}$$

for Carnot process: $\Delta S_{12} + \Delta S_{34} = 0$
 ($\Delta S_{12} > 0, \Delta S_{34} < 0$)

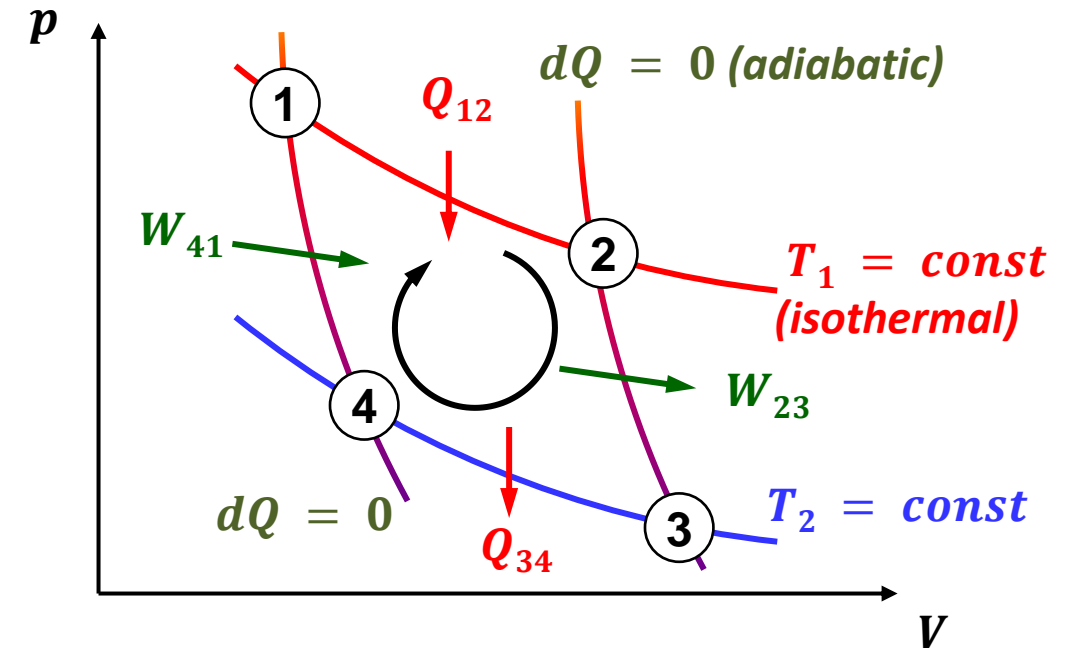
$$Q_{12} = T_1 \Delta S_{12}, \quad Q_{34} = T_2 \Delta S_{34}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q_{12}}{T_1} + \frac{Q_{34}}{T_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_{34}}{Q_{12}} = -\frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\eta \equiv \frac{|W|}{Q_{12}} = 1 + \frac{Q_{34}}{Q_{12}} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\Delta T}{T_{\text{warm}}} \quad (\text{Carnot})$$

- Carnot process: *technologically difficult* to realize
 → better: *gas circulation, compressor and expansion machine are spatially separated*

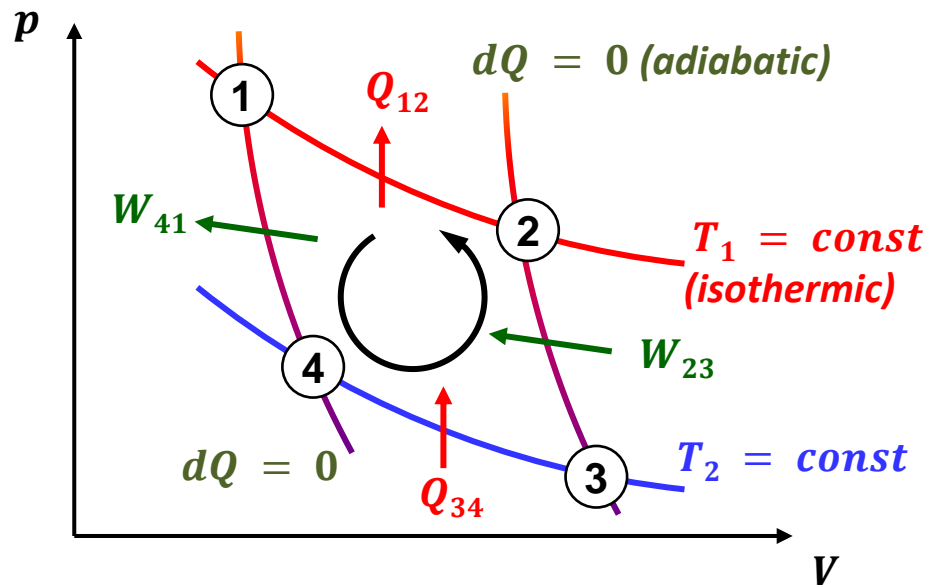
- counterclockwise: *heat pump (conversion of mechanical work into heat)*
- clockwise: *heat engine (conversion of heat into mechanical work)*



thermodynamic definition of temperature

III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- heat pumps (counterclockwise): heating and refrigerating machines



- **heat pump:** *heat is generated by mechanical work*

- **efficiency:**

$$h = \frac{\text{generated heat @ } T = T_1}{\text{performed work}} = \frac{Q_{12}}{|W|}$$

- **refrigerating machine:** *removing heat (generating cold) by mechanical work*

- **efficiency:**

$$k = \frac{\text{removed heat @ } T = T_2}{\text{performed work}} = \frac{Q_{34}}{|W|}$$

- **ideal efficiency for reversible Carnot process:**

$$h_c = \frac{1}{\eta_c} = \frac{T_1}{T_1 - T_2} \geq 1$$

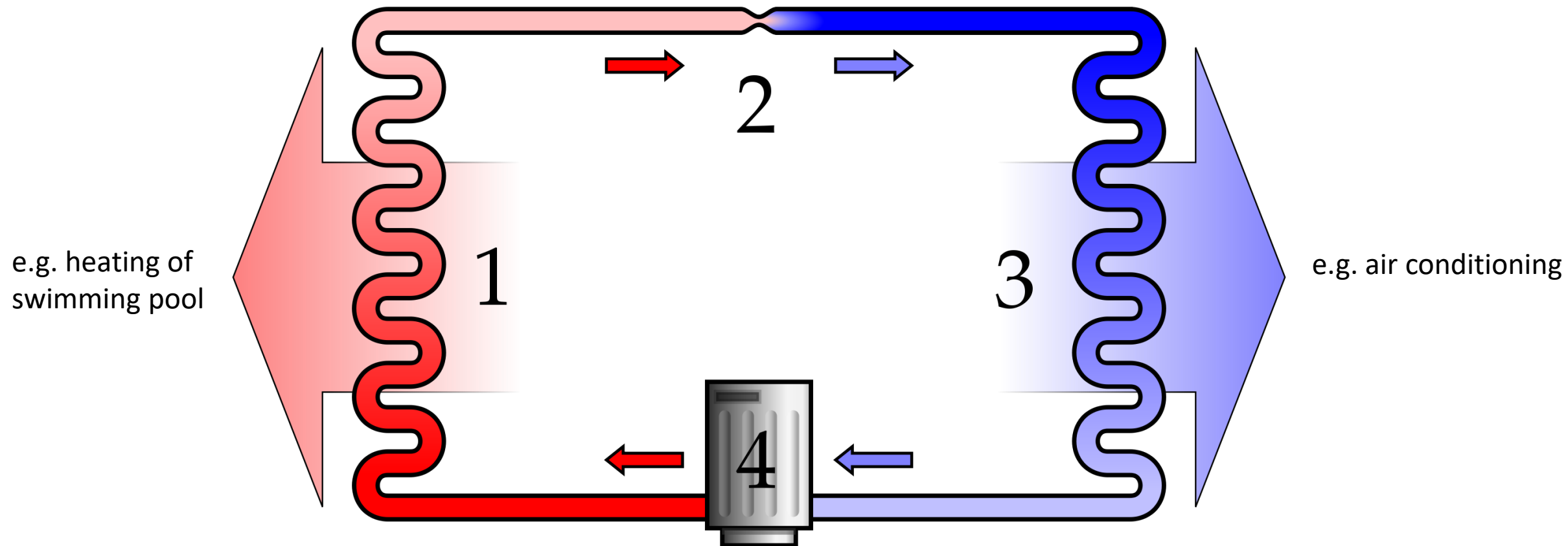
(increases with decreasing temperature difference $T_1 - T_2$)

$$k_c = \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2} \geq 0$$

(decreases with increasing temperature difference $T_1 - T_2$)

III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- application examples: heating and refrigerating machines



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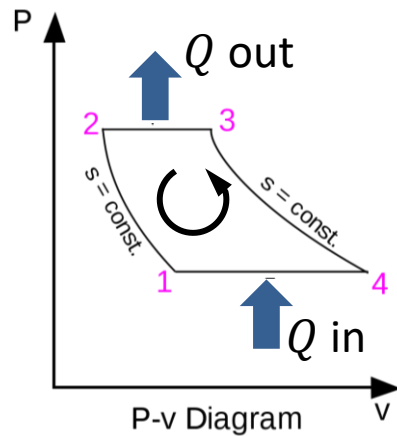
schematic diagram of a heat pump's vapor-compression refrigeration cycle:

1) condenser, 2) expansion valve, 3) evaporator, 4) compressor

III.1.2 Expansion Machine

Brayton method (reverse Brayton cycle, isentropic compression and expansion)

heat pump (conversion of mechanical work into heat, counter-clockwise circle)



– entropy of a gas

we use: $dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$ and $pV = RT \Rightarrow V = \frac{RT}{p}$

$$dQ = dH - Vdp = C_p dT - \frac{RT}{p} dp$$

$$C_V = \left. \frac{dQ}{dT} \right|_V = \left. \frac{dU}{dT} \right|_V$$

$$C_p = \left. \frac{dQ}{dT} \right|_p = \left. \frac{dH}{dT} \right|_p$$

$$H = U + pV$$

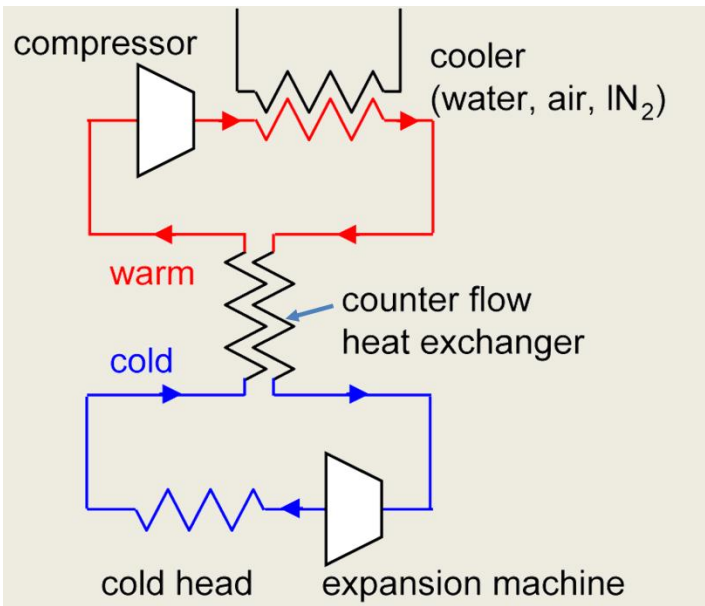
$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} = \frac{C_p dT - \frac{RT}{p} dp}{T} = C_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \frac{dp}{p} \xrightarrow{\text{integration}} S_2 - S_1 = C_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

– compression and expansion are reversible: $S_2 - S_1 = 0$

$$0 = C_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - \frac{R}{C_p} \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{R/C_p}$$

we use: $C_p - C_V = R$ and $\frac{C_p}{C_V} = \kappa \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{1-1/\kappa} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{(\kappa-1)/\kappa}$$



III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- medium: He gas

Brayton method (reverse Brayton cycle, isentropic compression and expansion)

- e.g. **liquefaction of air**:
 - condensation on cold head
 - distillation in separation columns
- | | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| ➤ N ₂ | (77.4 K) | cooling |
| ➤ Ar | (87.3 K) | inert gas |
| ➤ O ₂ | (90.2 K) | welding |

- temperature reduction:**

$$T_2 = T_1 \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{(\kappa-1)/\kappa}$$

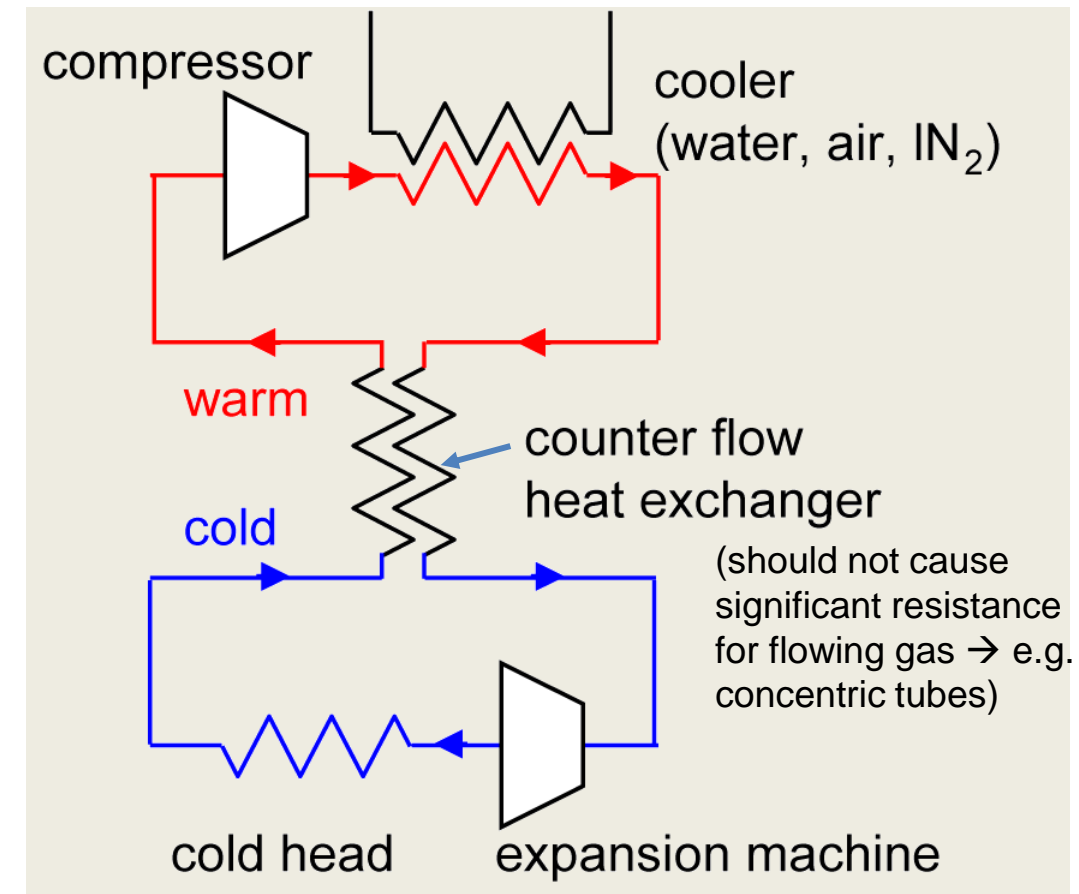
$$\kappa = C_p/C_V (= 5/3 \text{ for He})$$

$$\text{ideal, single-atomic gas: } \kappa = 1 + \left(\frac{2}{f} \right)$$

- efficiency:**

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{(\kappa-1)/\kappa}$$

➔ expansion from $p_1 = 100 \text{ bar}$ to $p_2 = 1 \text{ bar}$ results in **$T_2 = 50 \text{ K}$** @ $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$
 $T_2 = 8 \text{ K}$ can be reached in a two-stage cycle

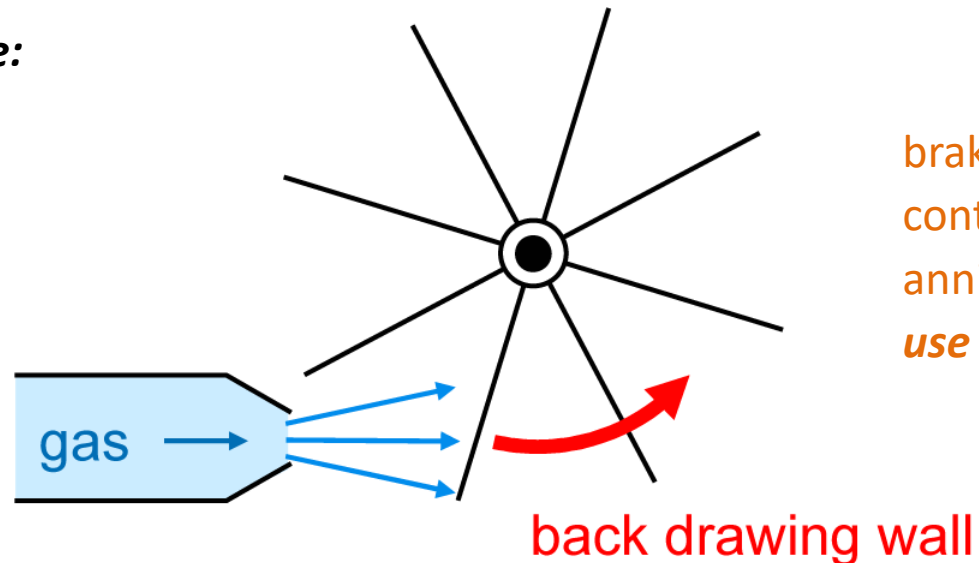


III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- realizations of expansion machines:

- piston-cylinder machine similar to automobile engine
crankshaft, camshaft, valve
- cooling turbine \Rightarrow *commercially relevant*
higher efficiency for larger throughput

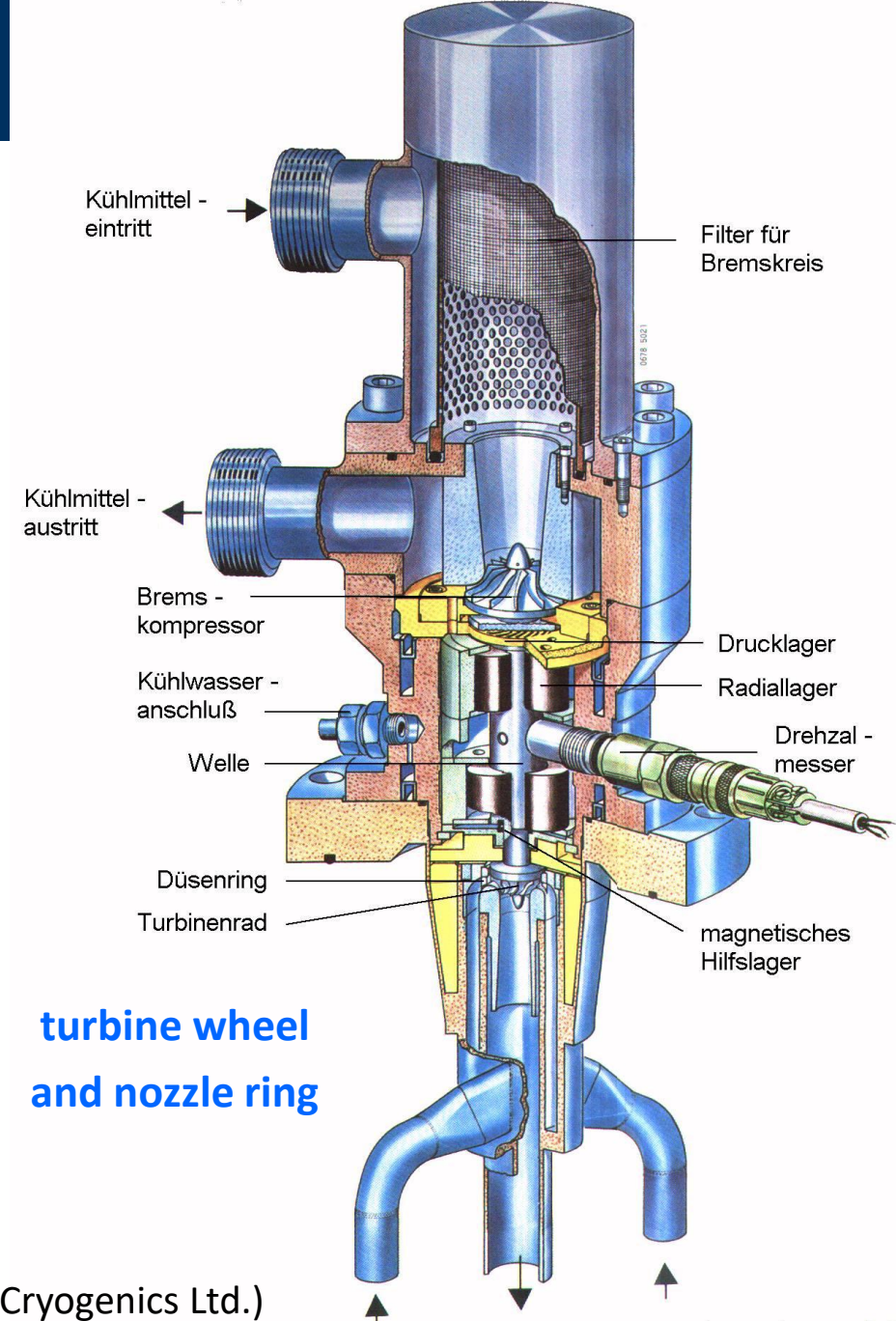
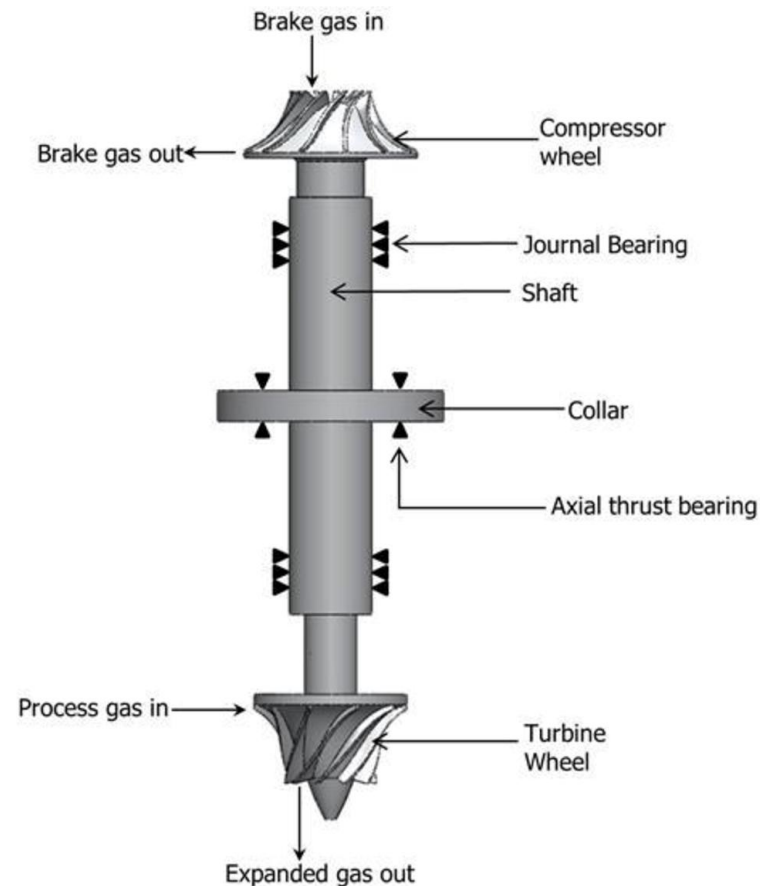
principle:



brake on turbine axis
controls rotational speed,
annihilates performed work,
use of gas bearings

III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- turbine cooler (Sulzer machine)



turbine wheel
and nozzle ring


(Source: Linde Cryogenics Ltd.)

III.1.2 Expansion Machine

- conclusions
 - expansion machines are technologically simple
 - multi-stage arrangements for lower temperatures
 - ⇒ *almost down to 4.2 K*
 - but:
 - ⇒ *efficiency* only acceptable for cooling turbines
 - no direct liquefaction of gas (mechanical problems)
 - ⇒ *liquefaction by Joule-Thomson stage*
 - for small-scale facilities:
 - ⇒ *regenerative machines* better suited

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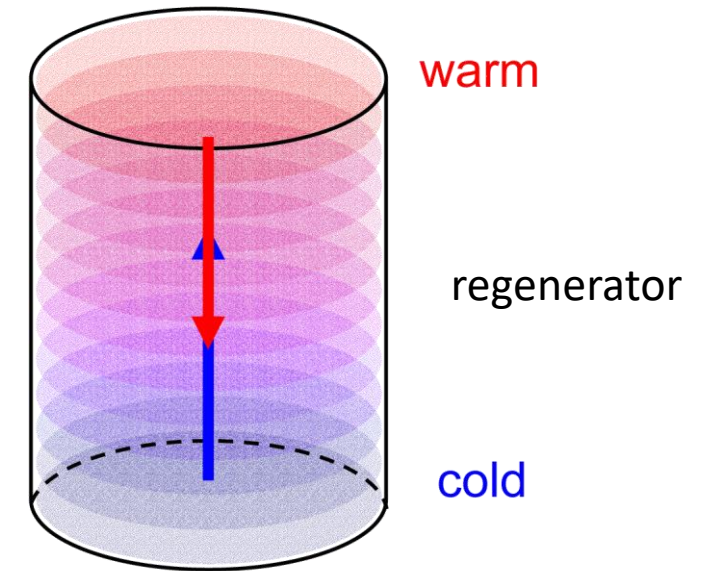
- **regenerator** replaces **heat exchanger**

⇒ column with staple of fine metal meshes (Cu, Pb)

→ *low flow resistance*

→ *high heat capacity*

→ *low longitudinal heat conductivity*



- alternating gas flow:

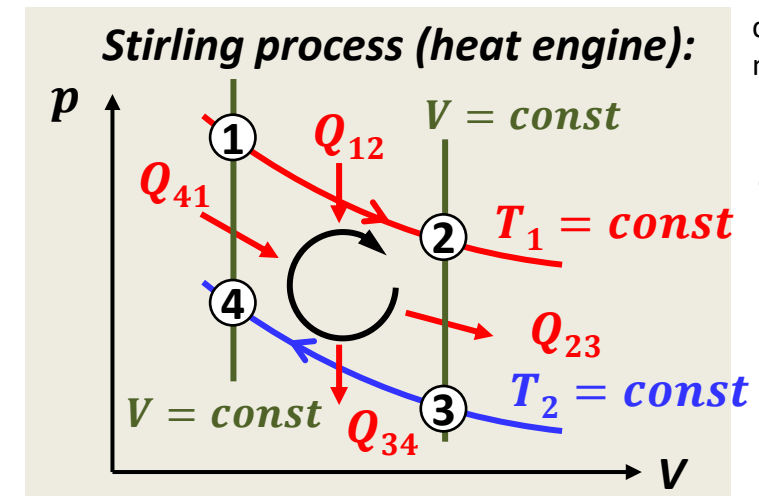
cold gas upward

⇒ **cooling of meshes**

warm gas downward

⇒ **cooling of gas**

- used in **Stirling process**



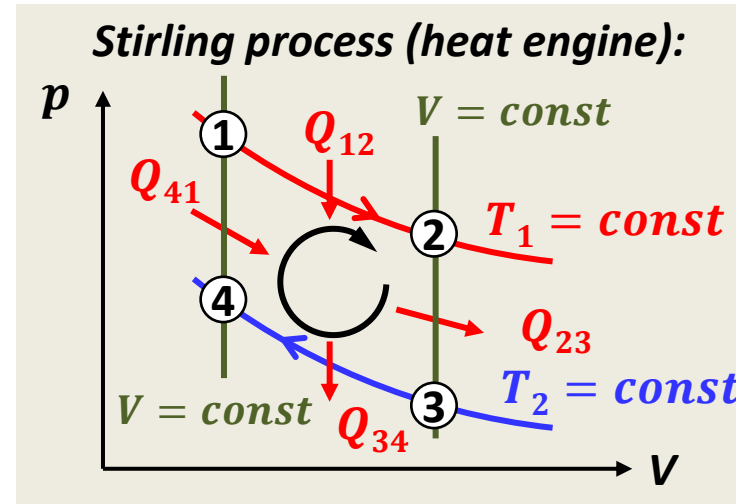
conversion of heat into mechanical work

$Q_{41} = Q_{23} = 0$ in ideal Carnot cycle (adiabatic process: $dQ = 0$)

heat removed in step 2 → 3 has to be stored and provided in step 4 → 1

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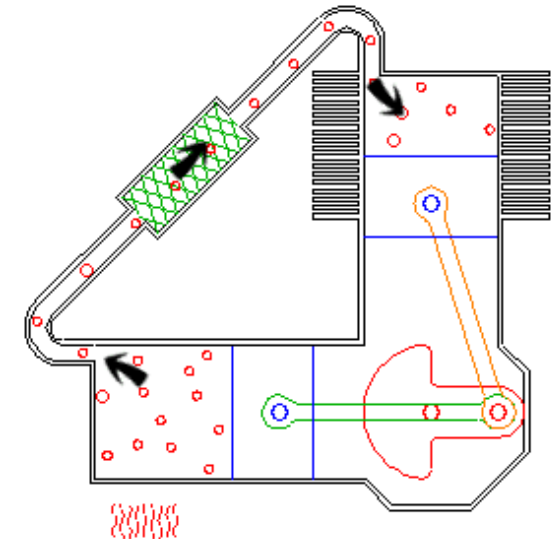
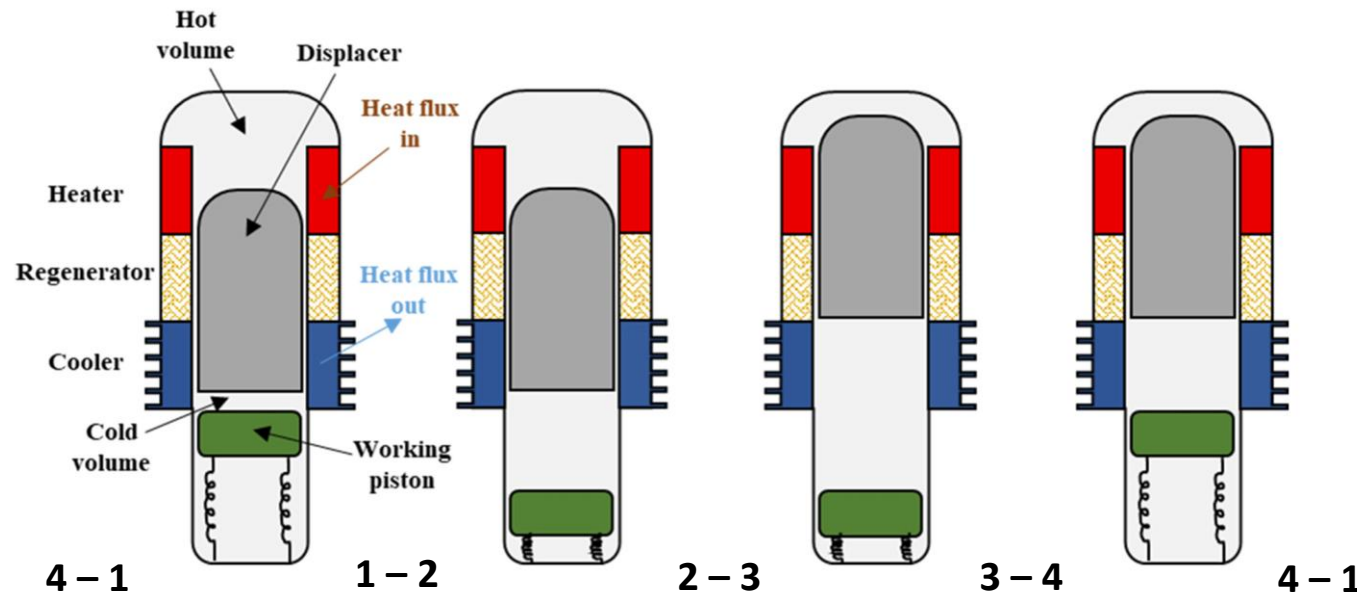
- Stirling machine
(clockwise, heat engine)



periodic expansion and compression of gas along two isotherms and two isochors

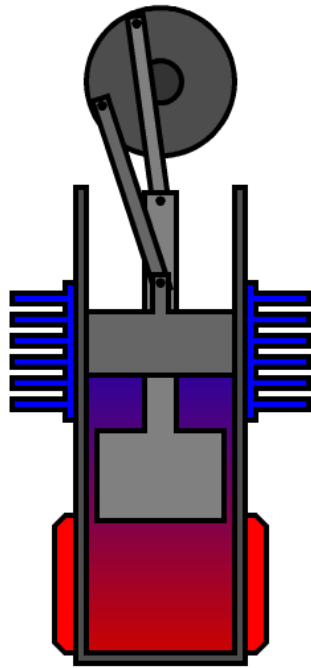
- 1 → 2: isothermal expansion, Q_{12} is added
- 2 → 3: isochoric cooling, Q_{23} is removed
- 3 → 4: isothermal compression, Q_{34} is removed
- 4 → 1: isochoric warming, Q_{41} is added
- for isochoric steps there is no mechanical work

$$Q_{23} = -Q_{41} = C_V \Delta T$$
- goal: intermediate storage of Q_{23} in regenerator to be able to add it again in step 4 → 1
 → use of two pistons with phase shift

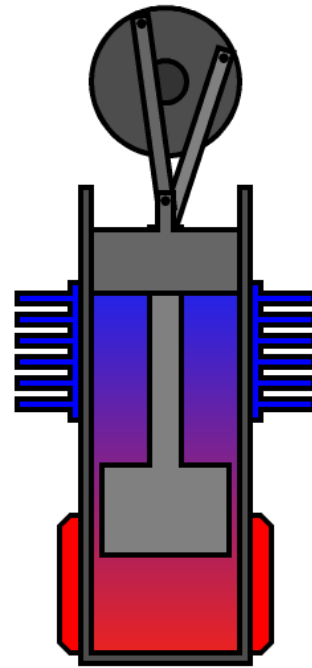


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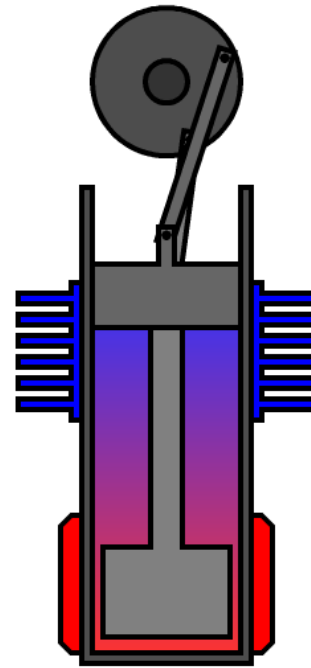
- (beta) Stirling machine



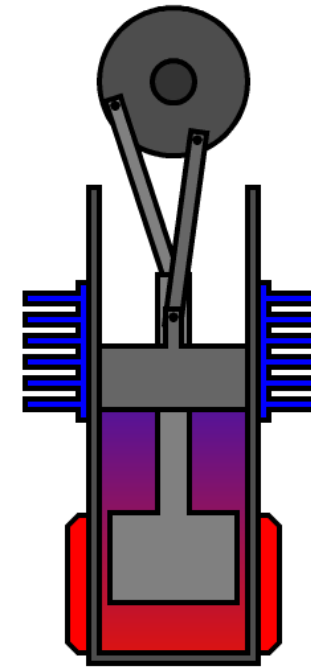
power piston (dark grey) has compressed the gas, the displacer piston (light grey) has moved so that most of the gas is adjacent to the hot heat exchanger



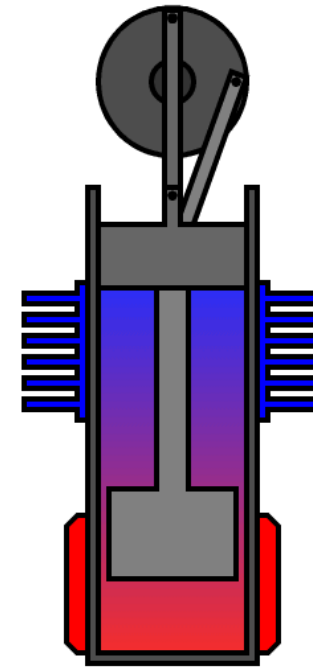
heated gas increases in pressure and pushes the power piston to the farthest limit of the power stroke.



displacer piston now moves, shunting the gas to the cold end of the cylinder.

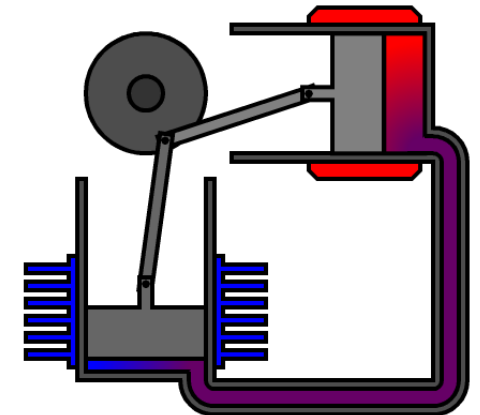
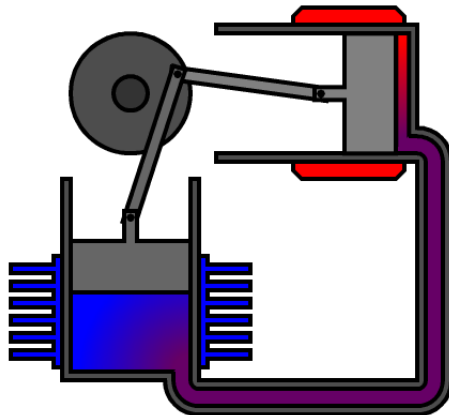
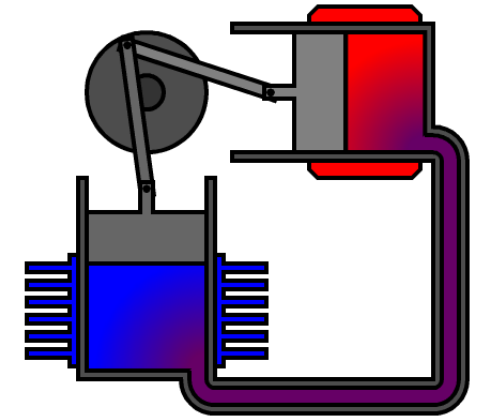
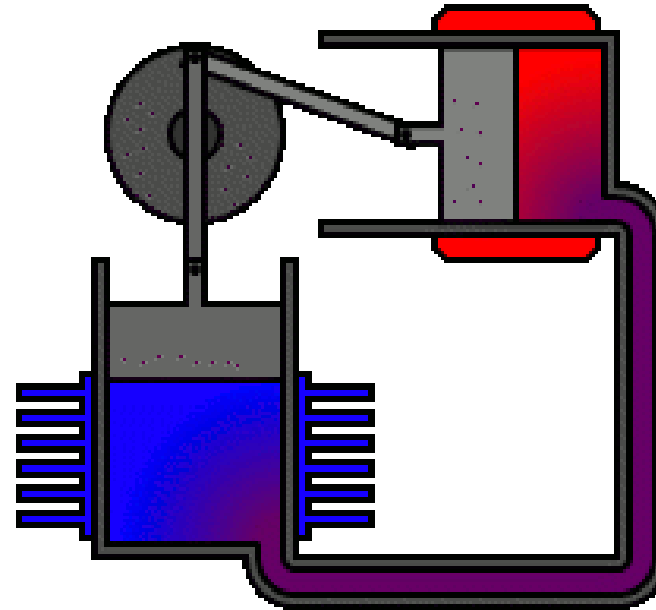
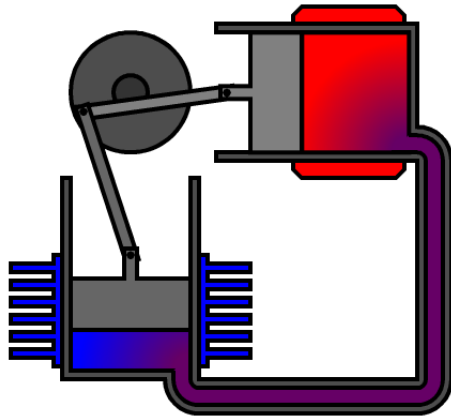


cooled gas is now compressed by the flywheel momentum. This takes less energy, since when it is cooled its pressure dropped.



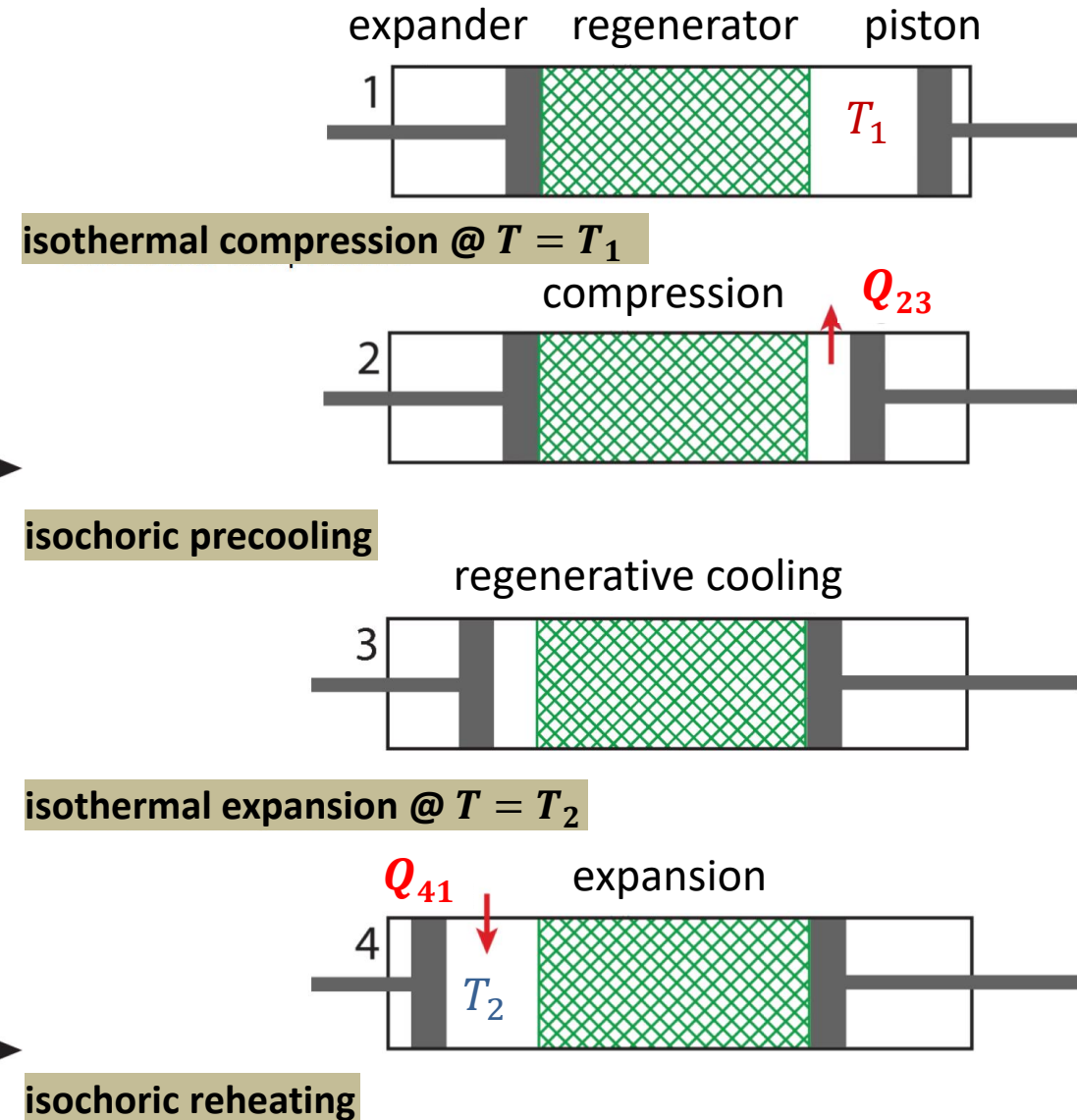
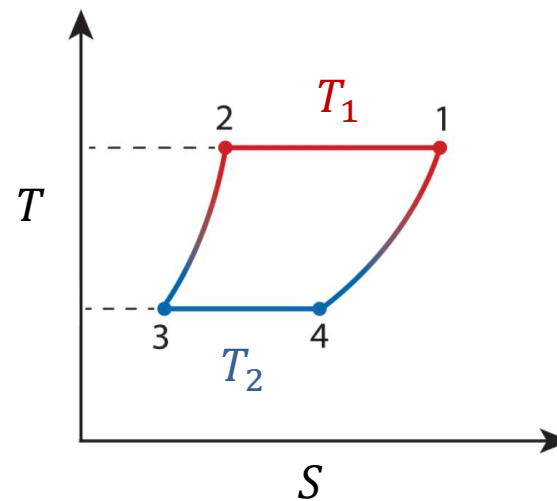
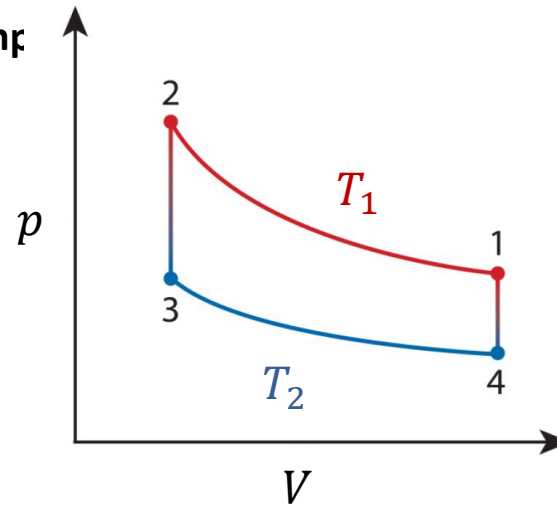
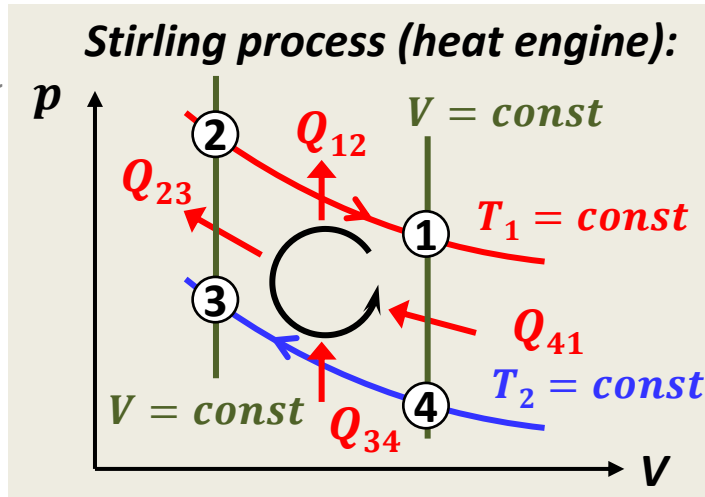
III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

- (alpha) Stirling machine



III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

- Stirling machine
(counter-clockwise, heat pump)



III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

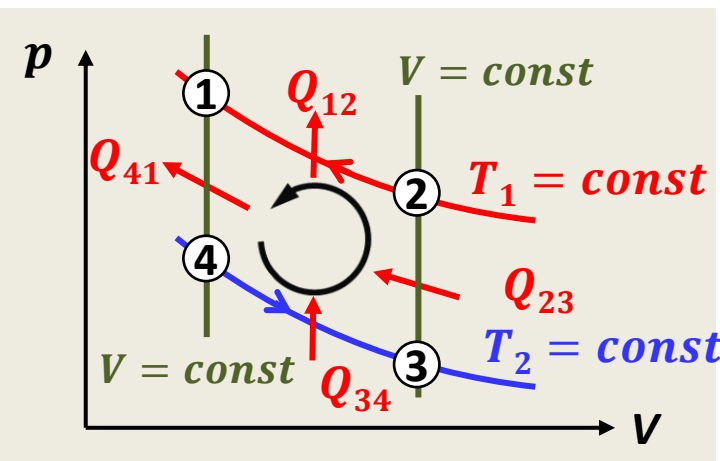
- Gifford-McMahon machine

uses compressor with switching valve instead of piston

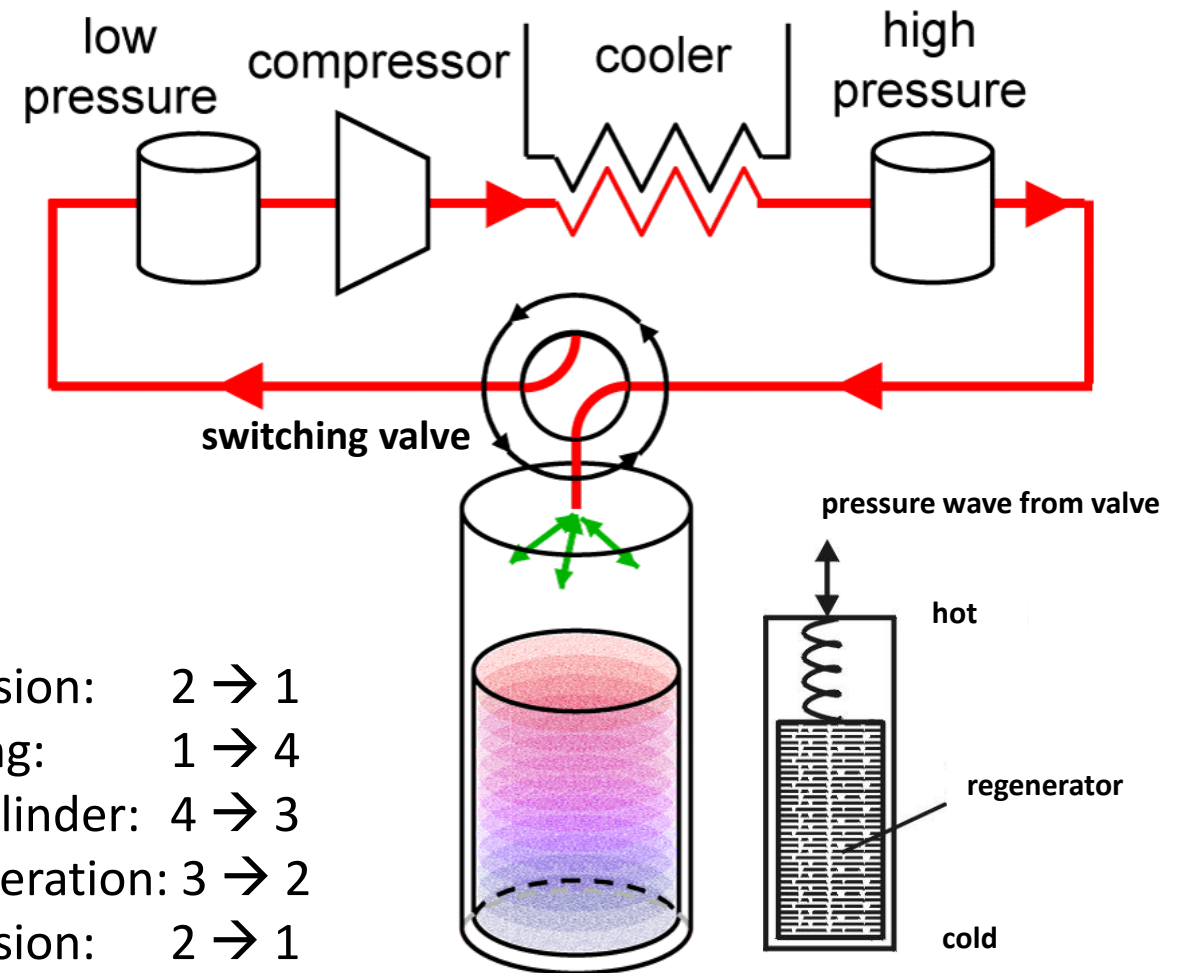
(counter-clockwise, heat pump)

heat pump

(conversion of mechanical work into heat)

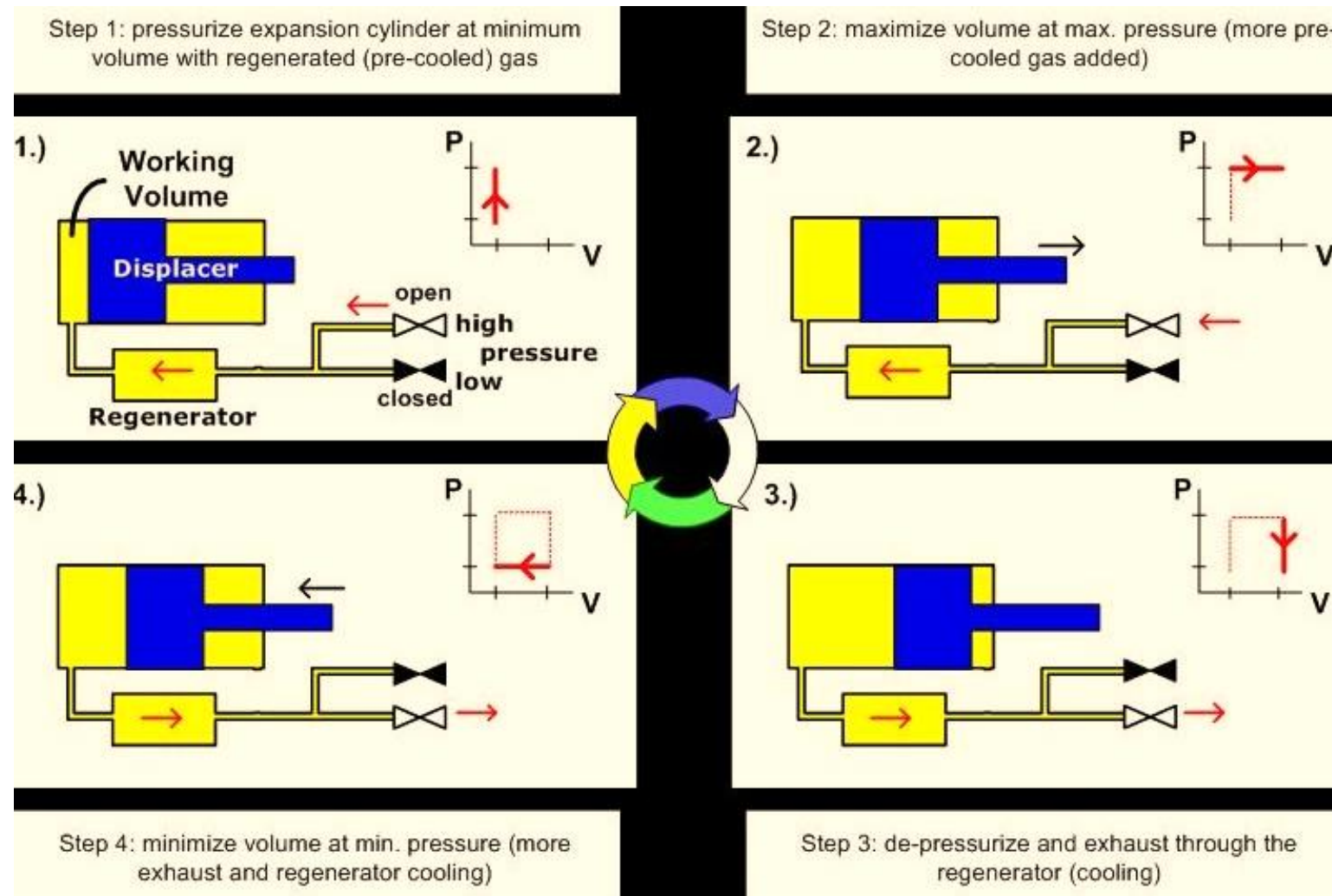


1. warm compression: 2 → 1
2. isochoric cooling: 1 → 4
3. expansion in cylinder: 4 → 3
4. isochoric regeneration: 3 → 2
5. warm compression: 2 → 1



III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

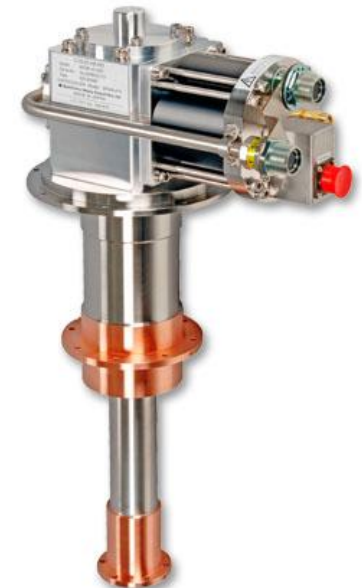
- Gifford-McMahon cycle



cryopump



two-stage cryocooler



III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

- Pulse – Tube – Refrigerator

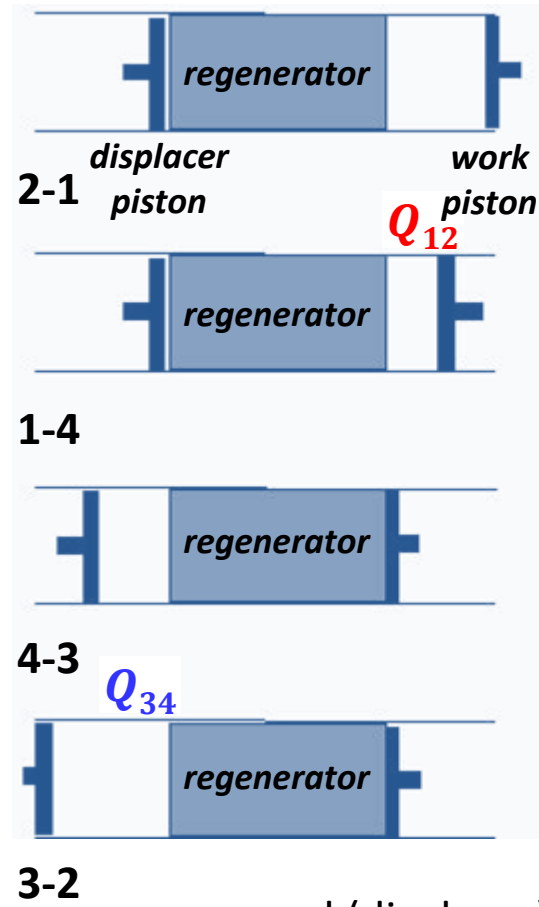
- the **pulse tube refrigerator (PTR)** or **pulse tube cryocooler** is based on the operation principle of Stirling coolers
- PTR is made without moving parts in the low temperature part (in contrast with other cryocoolers, e.g. Stirling cryocooler and Gifford-McMahon cooler)
- compact design possible → suitable for a wide variety of applications
- minimum temperature about 2.5 K (with ^4He) and 1.3 K (with ^3He)

applications:

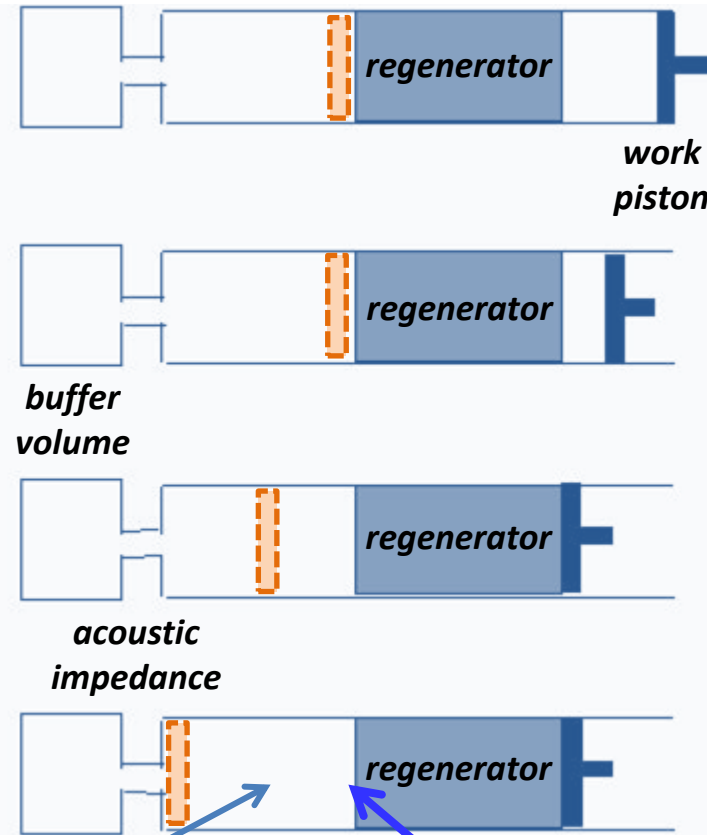
- industrial applications such as semiconductor fabrication (e.g. cryopumps)
- cooling of infrared sensors
- cooling of astronomical detectors (e.g. Atacama Cosmology Telescope or the QUBIC experiment – an interferometer for cosmology studies)
- **precoolers of dilution refrigerators**
Kurt Uhlig (WMI), “Dry” dilution refrigerator with pulse-tube precooling, Cryogenics **44**, (2004), pp. 53–57
- suggested to be used to liquefy oxygen on Mars

III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

Stirling Cooler

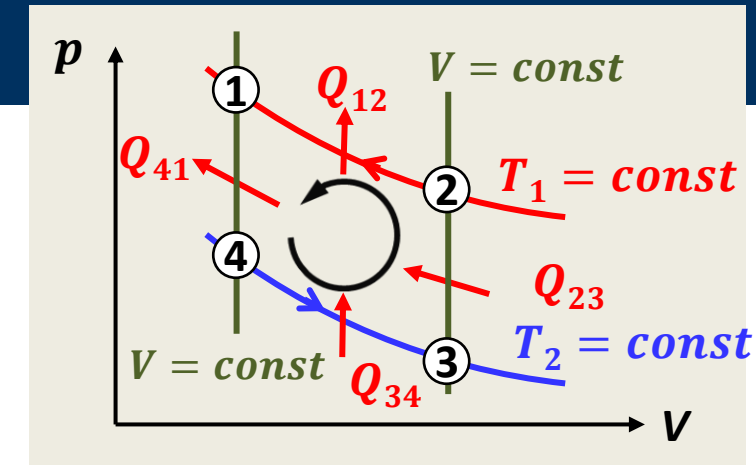


Pulse – Tube – Refrigerator



second (displacer) piston is replaced by pulse tube (gas piston)

coldest spot between regenerator and pulse tube



(counterclockwise, heat pump)

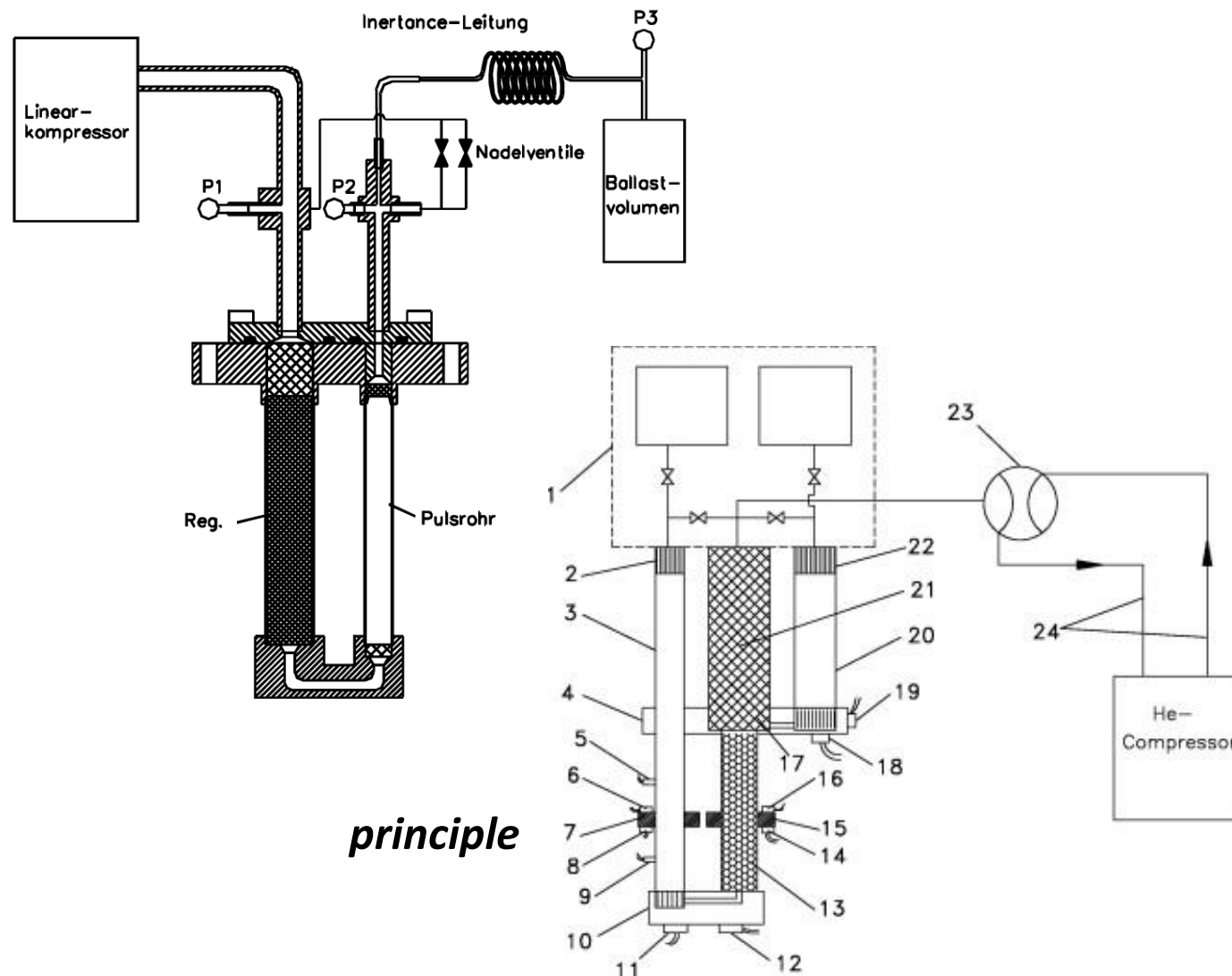
motion of **gas volume element** equivalent to motion of „**displacer piston**“

90° phase shift between motion of „**displacer piston**“ and „**work piston**“ realized by buffer volume

90° phase shift required for finite heat transport

III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

- Pulse – Tube – Refrigerator (PTR) (realizations)



principle



Cryomech
PT410



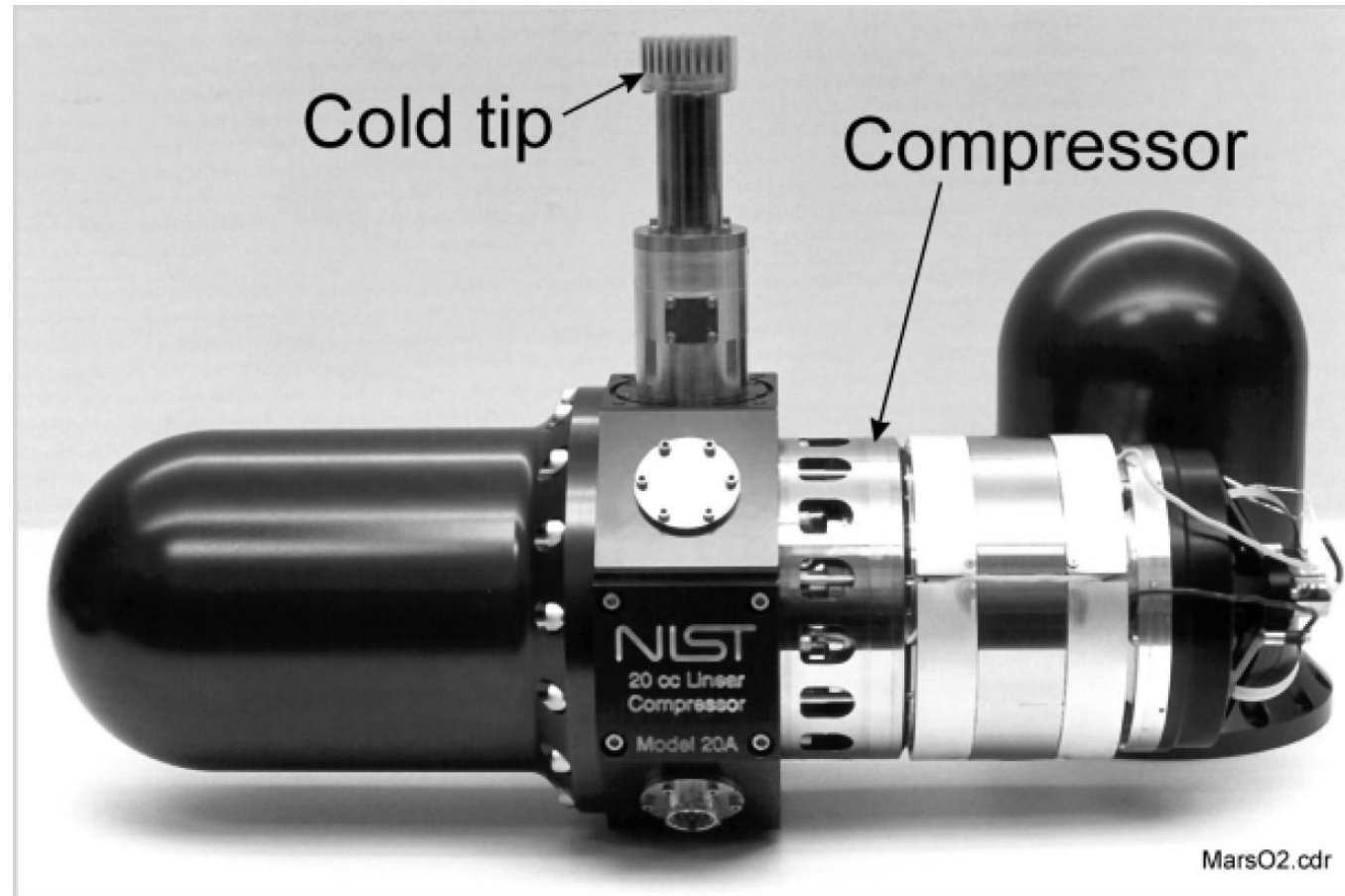
Cryomech
PT425 RM

www.cryomech.com

commercially available
PTR with GM drive

1.0 W @ 4.2K, 35 W @ 45K, $T_{\min} = 2.5$ K
(2-stage PTR)

III.1.3 Regenerative Machines



pulse tube refrigerator for studies of liquefying oxygen on Mars (580 mm total length)

III.1.3 Regenerative Machines

- Pulse – Tube – Refrigerator: summary

- presently very active development
- no moving parts at low temperatures

⇒ *long endurance*

mobile base stations and satellite applications

(e.g. for superconductive microwave filters)

- almost no vibrations
- efficiency lower than for displacer system
- only one simpler method:

⇒ *Joule-Thomson* cooling

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling



William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)

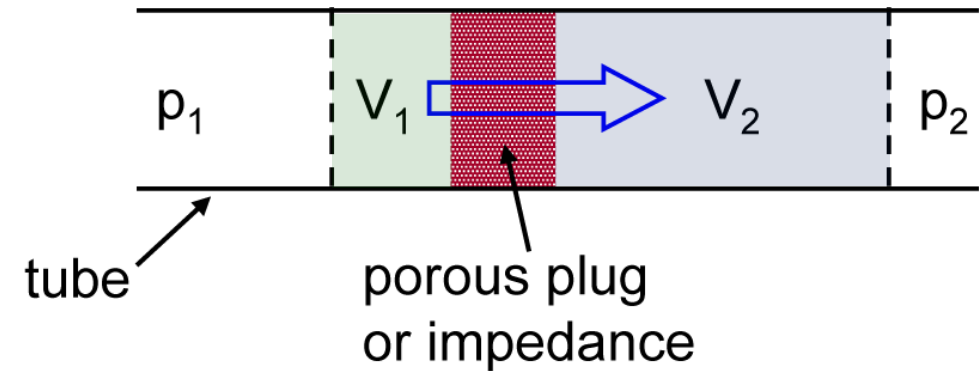
Born: 26 June 1824, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Died: 17 December 1907, Netherhall, Largs Ayrshire, Scotland

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process

- gas performs work against its own internal attractive forces
- working medium/gas (V_1) flows through impedance and expands to V_2



1st law of thermodynamics: $\Delta U = \Delta Q + \Delta W$

$U_2 - U_1 = 0$ (adiabatic)

$-\int_0^{V_2} p_2 dV_2 - \int_{V_1}^0 p_1 dV_1 = -p_2 V_2 + p_1 V_1$

$$\Rightarrow U_2 + p_2 V_2 = U_1 + p_1 V_1$$

this means: process with **constant enthalpy**: $H \equiv U + pV = \text{const.}$

- for **ideal gas**: $p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$ and hence $U_1 = U_2$, respectively $T_1 = T_2 \rightarrow$ **no cooling !!**

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: **real gas**

transformation of gas into liquid on decreasing T and (or) increasing p due to **work against attractive interaction between the molecules**

- weak long-range attraction:**
tends to keep molecules closer together, same effect as additional compression of the gas

$$p_{\text{eff}} = p + \frac{a}{V^2}$$

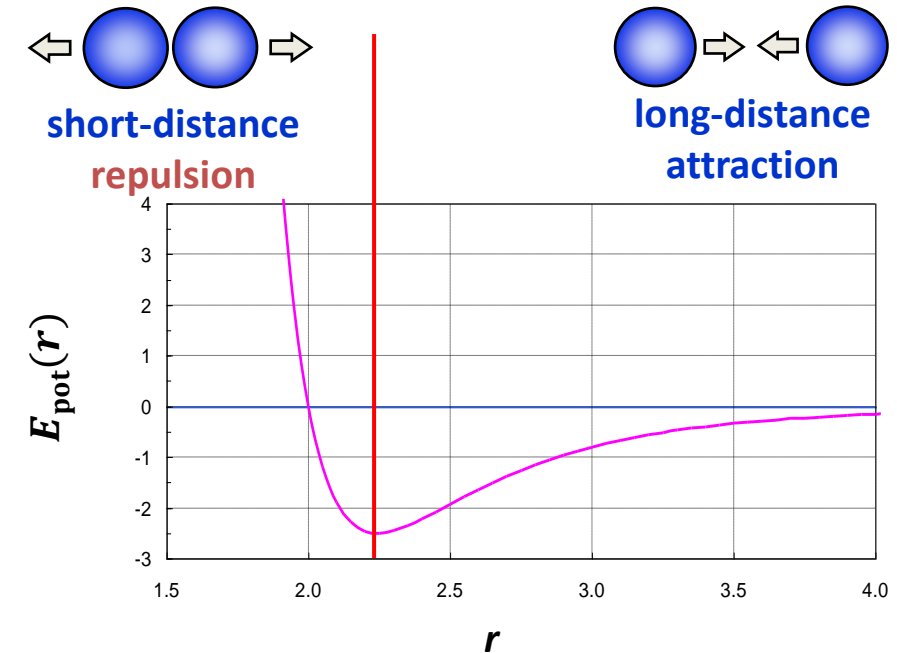
a is a measure of the long-range attraction

- strong short-range repulsion:**
molecules are rigid:
 $p \rightarrow \infty$ as soon as the molecules “touch” each other.

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V - b$$

b ($\approx 4\pi\sigma^3/3$): “excluded volume” per particle

- Van der Waals equation:** $\left(p + \frac{a}{V_m^2}\right)(V_m - b) = RT$



expansion (decrease of pressure):

low pressure:

attraction costs work
 \Rightarrow cooling of gas

high pressure:

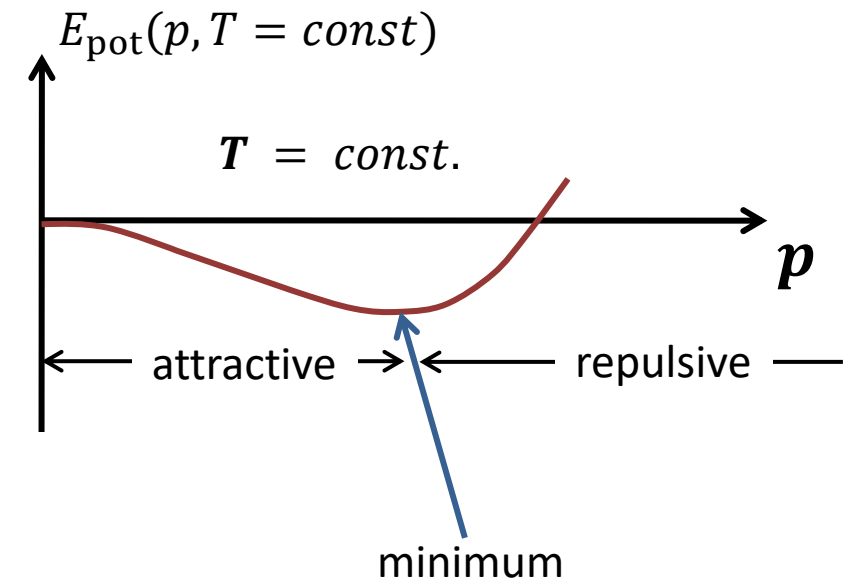
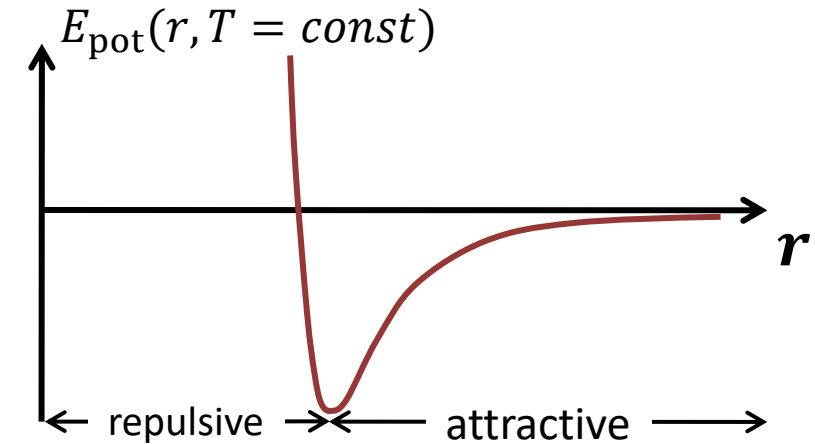
repulsion provides work
 \Rightarrow heating of gas

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: **real gas**

interaction potential:

with $p \propto n \equiv \frac{N}{V} = \frac{1}{\langle r^3 \rangle}$



III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: more detailed analysis of isenthalpic expansion

$$\Delta H = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_p \Delta T + \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T \Delta p = 0$$

with $\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_p = C_p \Rightarrow C_p \Delta T = - \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T \Delta p \Rightarrow$

$$-\frac{1}{C_p} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T = \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta p} \right)_H \equiv \mu_{JT}$$

**Joule-Thomson
coefficient**

$\mu_{JT} > 0$: cooling on expansion

$\mu_{JT} < 0$: heating on expansion

with $\Delta H = T\Delta S + V\Delta p \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p} \right)_T + V$

and $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p} \right)_T = - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{JT} = \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta p} \right)_H = -\frac{1}{C_p} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p - V \right)$$

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: more detailed analysis of isenthalpic expansion – **ideal gas**

– for ideal gas: $pV = RT \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{R}{p} = \frac{V}{T} \Rightarrow \mu_{JT} = 0$

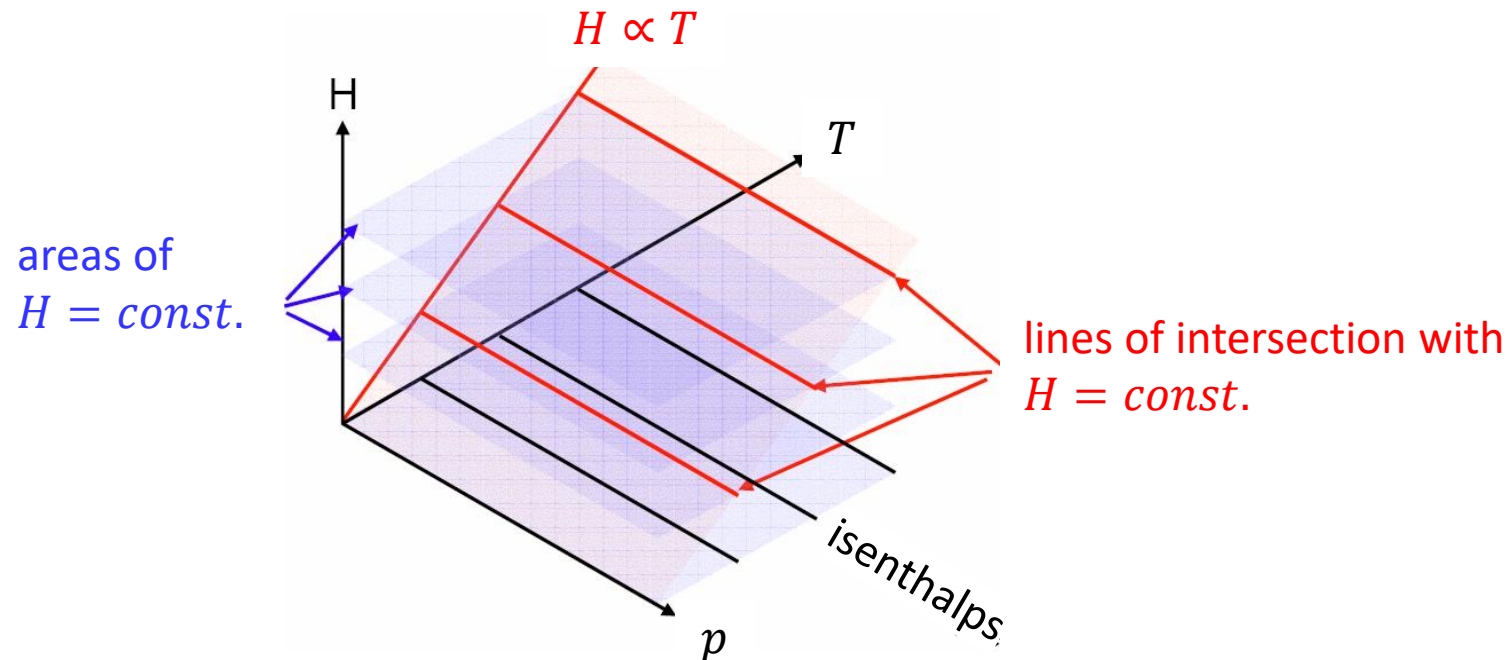
$$\mu_{JT} = \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta p}\right)_H = -\frac{1}{C_p} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}\right)_T = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p - V\right)$$

$$H(T, p) = U + pV = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T + Nk_B T = \frac{5}{2} Nk_B T = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \mu_{JT} \propto \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}\right)_T = 0$$

equipartition theorem
for monoatomic gas

ideal gas law

@ $T = \text{const}$



III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: more detailed analysis of isenthalpic expansion – **real gas**

– for real gas: $\left(p + \frac{a}{V_m^2}\right)(V_m - b) = RT \implies H(T, p) = U + pV = \frac{5}{2}Nk_B T + \Delta U(p, T) \neq \text{const.}$

– **at low densities:** we can use **approximation** $p \gg \frac{a}{V^2}, V \gg b$ and obtain

$$pV + \frac{a}{V} - pb = RT, \quad \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial T}(\dots)_p \right| \implies p \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p - \frac{a}{V^2} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p = R \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p = \frac{R}{p - \frac{a}{V^2}}$$

insert into

$$\mu_{JT} = \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta p} \right)_H = -\frac{1}{C_p} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T = \frac{1}{C_p} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p - V \right)$$

$$\implies \mu_{JT} = \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta p} \right)_H \approx \frac{1}{C_p} \left(2 \frac{a}{RT} - b \right)$$

$\mu_{JT} > 0$ for $T < 2a/bR \Rightarrow$ cooling on expansion

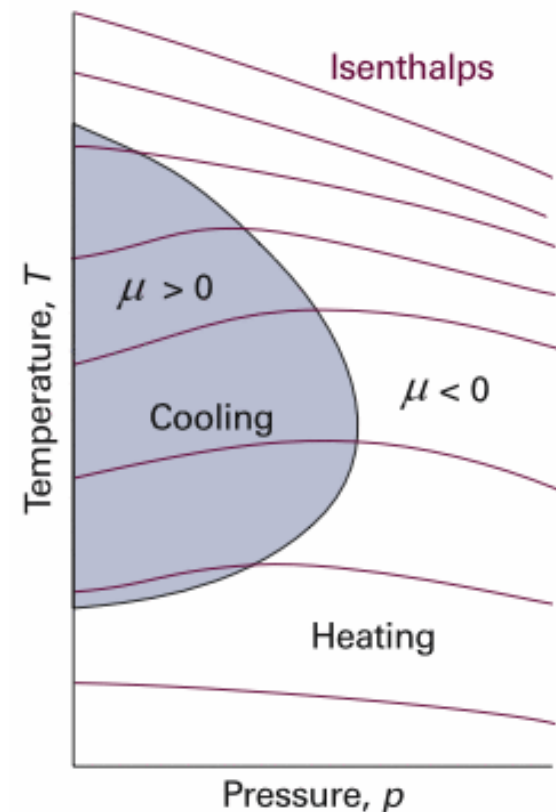
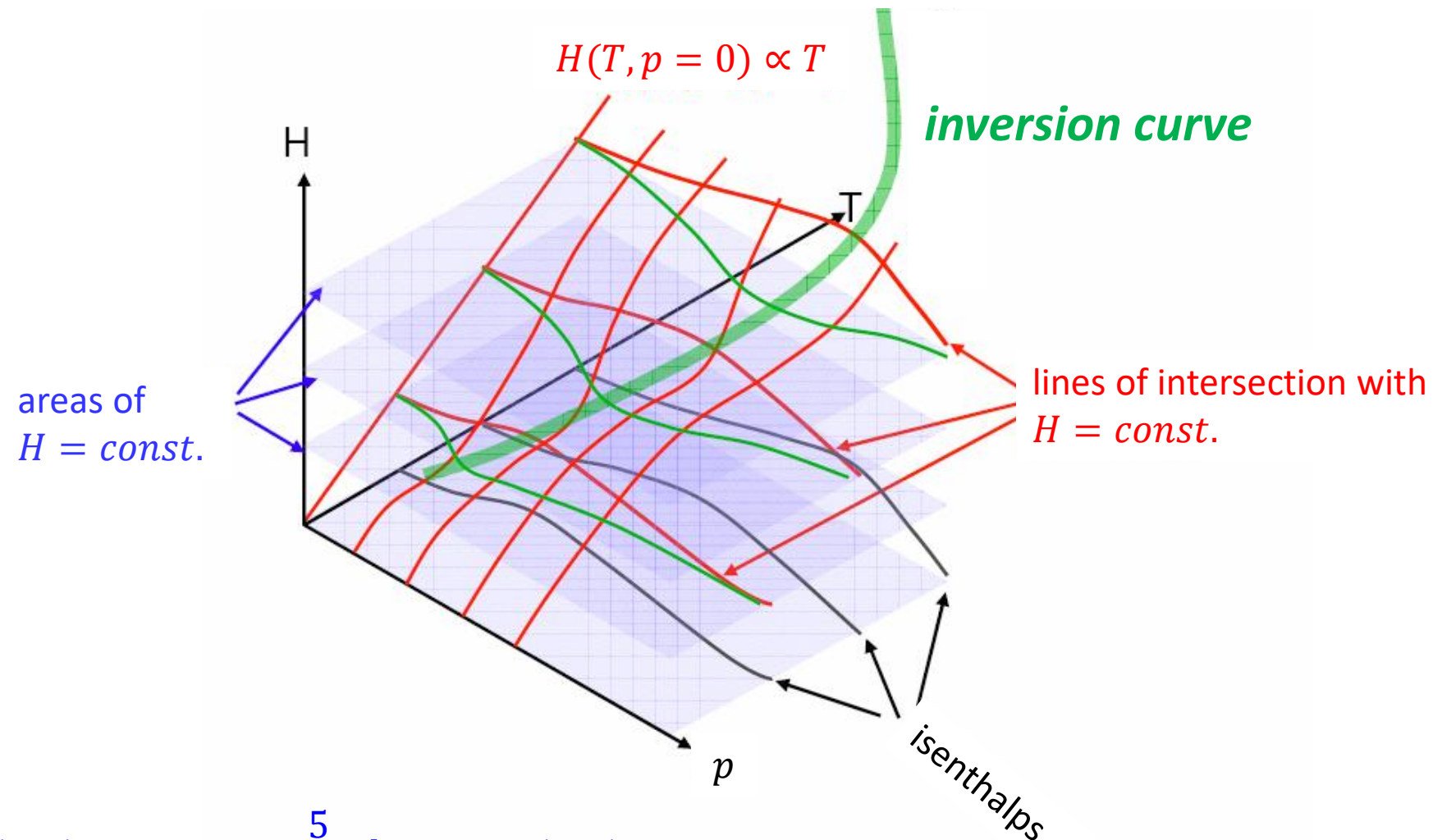
$\mu_{JT} < 0$ for $T > 2a/bR \Rightarrow$ heating on expansion

inversion temperature:

$$T_{\text{inv}} = \frac{2a}{bR}$$

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: more detailed analysis of isenthalpic expansion – **real gas**



$$H(T, p) = U + pV = \frac{5}{2} Nk_B T + \Delta U(p, T) \neq \text{const.}$$

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson process: more detailed analysis of isenthalpic expansion – **real gas**

– without “low density” approximation

$$\mu_{JT} = \frac{(2a/RT)(1 - b/V^2) - b}{C_p[1 - (2a/VRT)(1 - b/V)^2]}$$

low density **approximation** $p \gg \frac{a}{V^2}, V \gg b$:

$$\mu_{JT} \approx \frac{1}{C_p} \left(2 \frac{a}{RT} - b \right)$$

inversion curve: points where $\mu_{JT} = 0$:

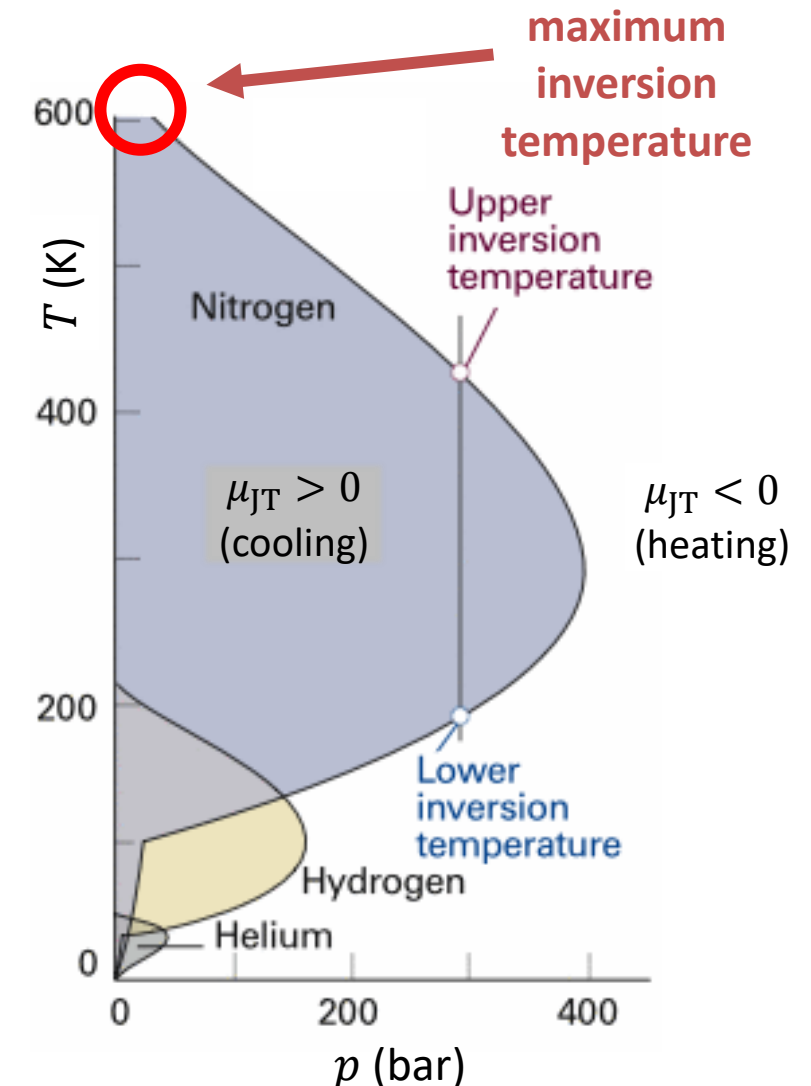
for vdW gas: $(2a/RT)(1 - b/V)2 = b$

inversion temperature:

$$T_{inv} = \frac{2a}{bR} \left(1 - \frac{b}{V} \right)^2$$

equation of state gives $T_{inv}(p, T)$

maximum inversion temperature: $T_{inv} = \frac{2a}{bR}$

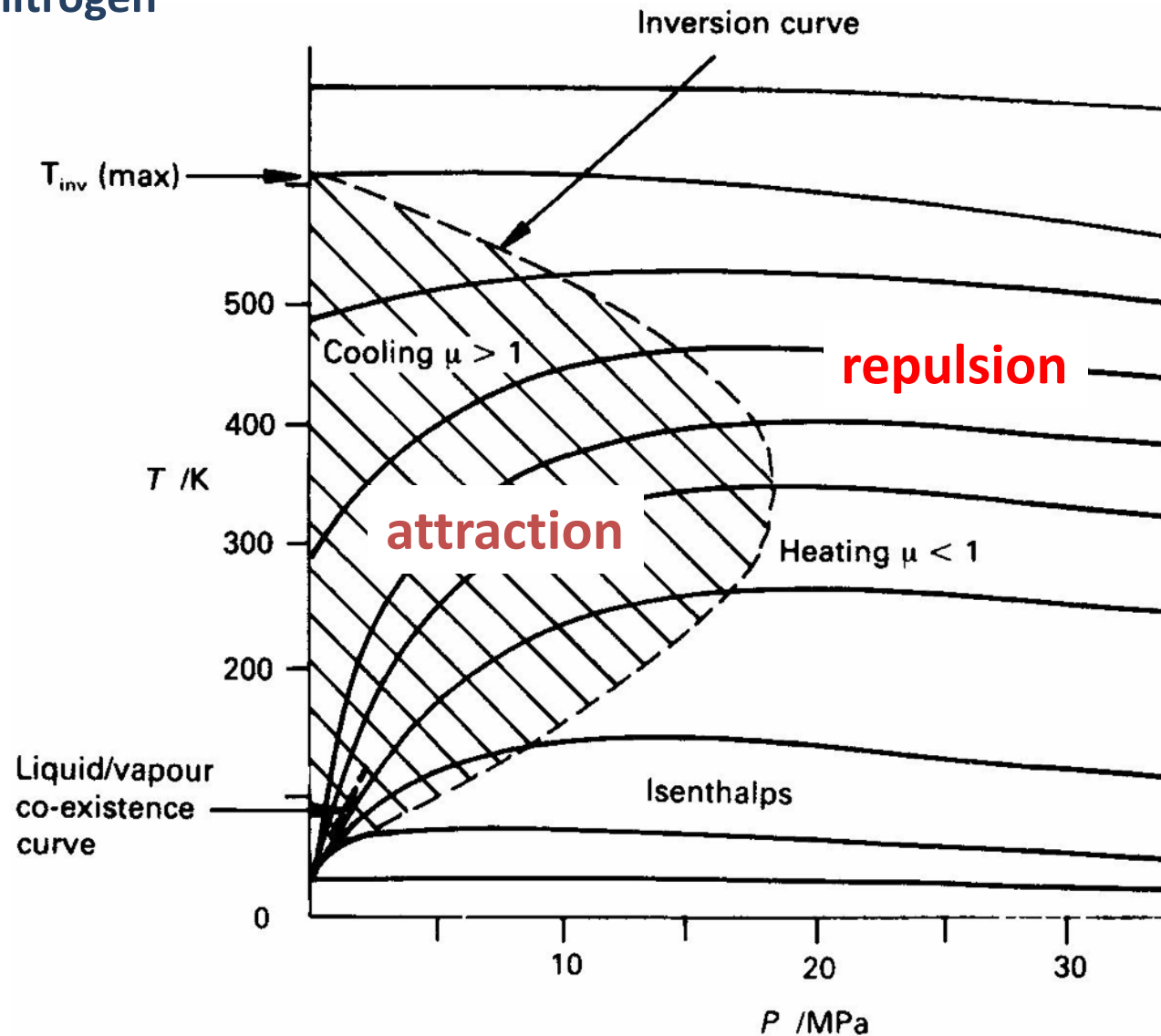


III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson coefficient for nitrogen

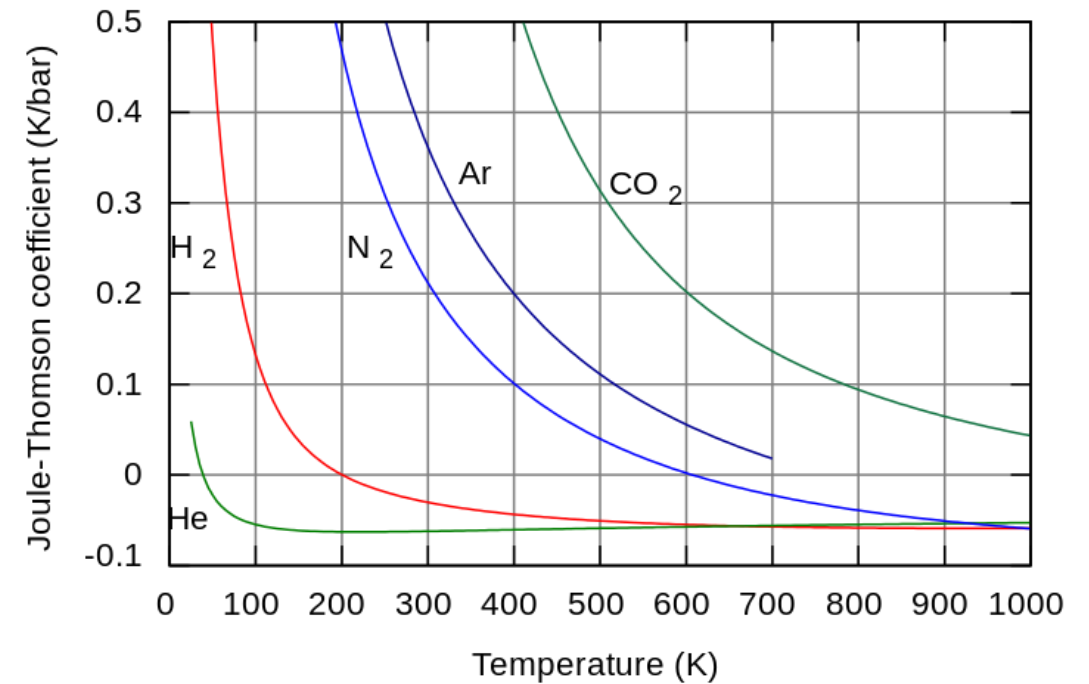
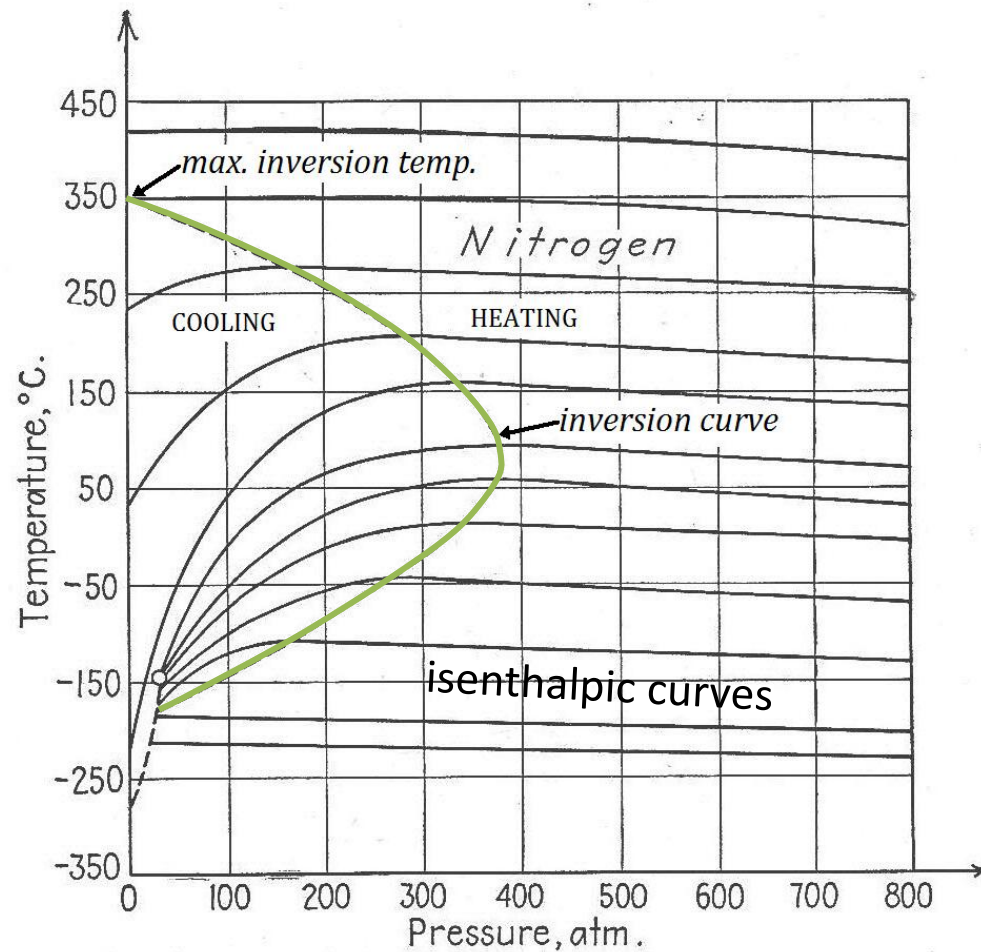
$$\mu_{JT} \propto \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p} \right)_H$$

slope of isenthalps



III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson coefficient for nitrogen



Joule-Thomson coefficients for various gases at atmospheric pressure

III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Joule-Thomson cooling: inversion temperature

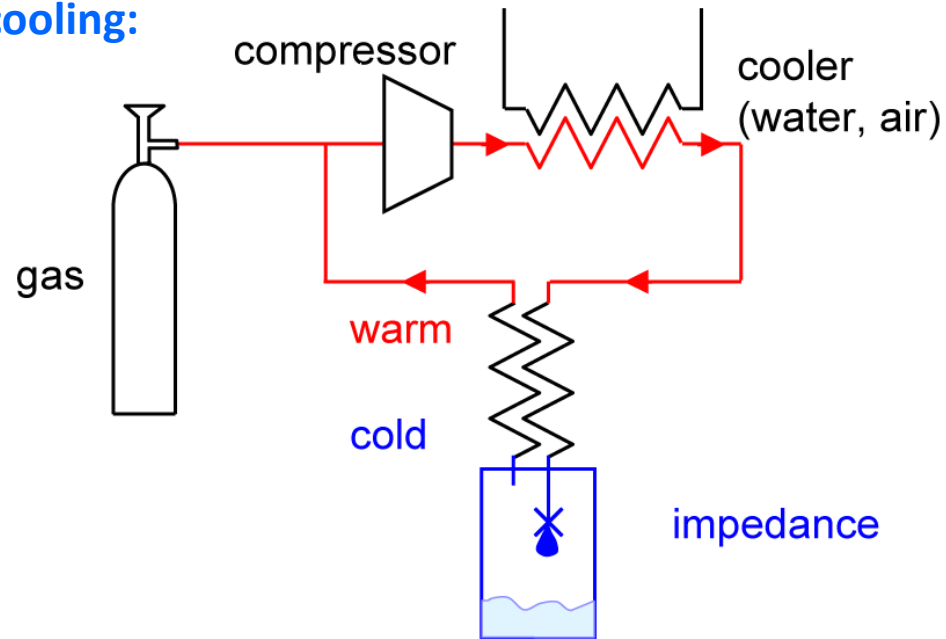
gas	maximum inversion temperature [K]
Helium-3	(23)
Helium-4	45
Hydrogen	205
Neon	250
Nitrogen	621
Air	603
Carbon monoxide	652
Argon	794
Oxygen	761
Methane	939
Carbon dioxide	1500
Ammonia	1994

*vdW gas can be
liquefied only for
 $T < T_{\text{inv}}$!!!*

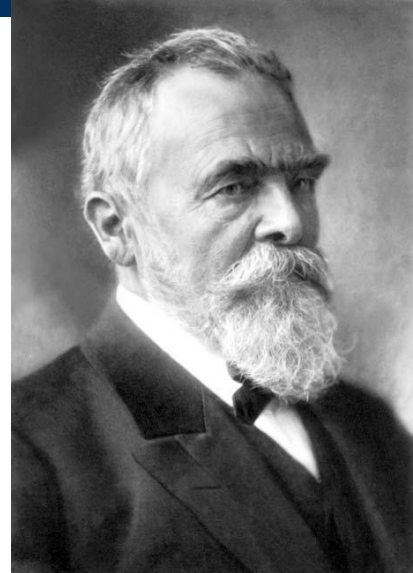
III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- “Linde process”

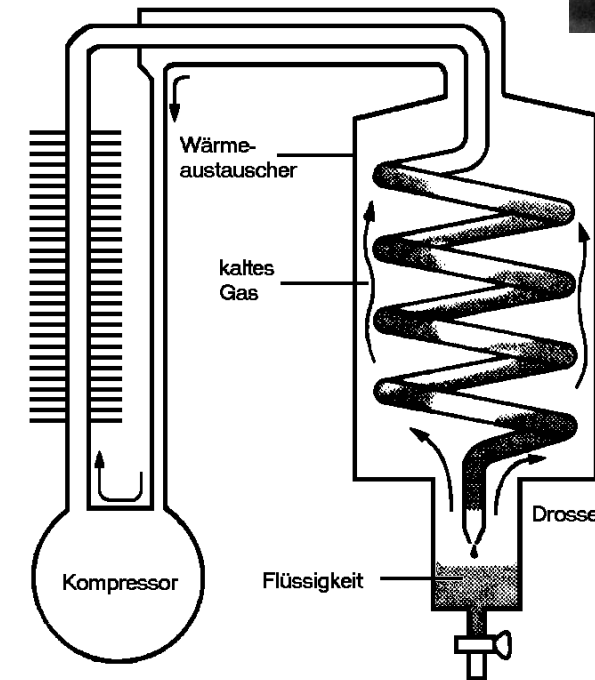
closed cycle cooling:



- gas is cooled by JT-expansion until liquid drops out the impedance
- patent application by Carl von Linde on May 12, 1903 (liquefaction of oxygen)



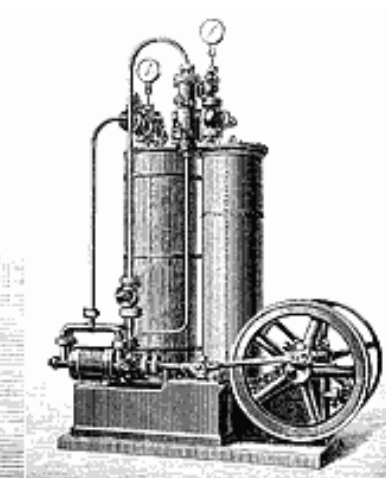
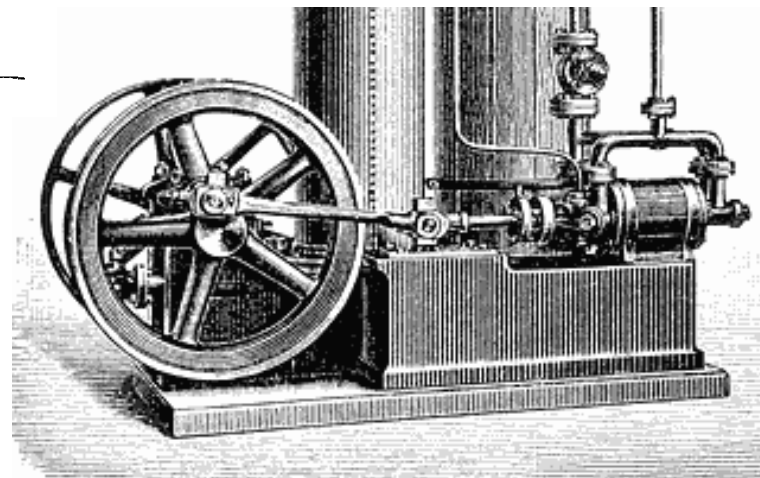
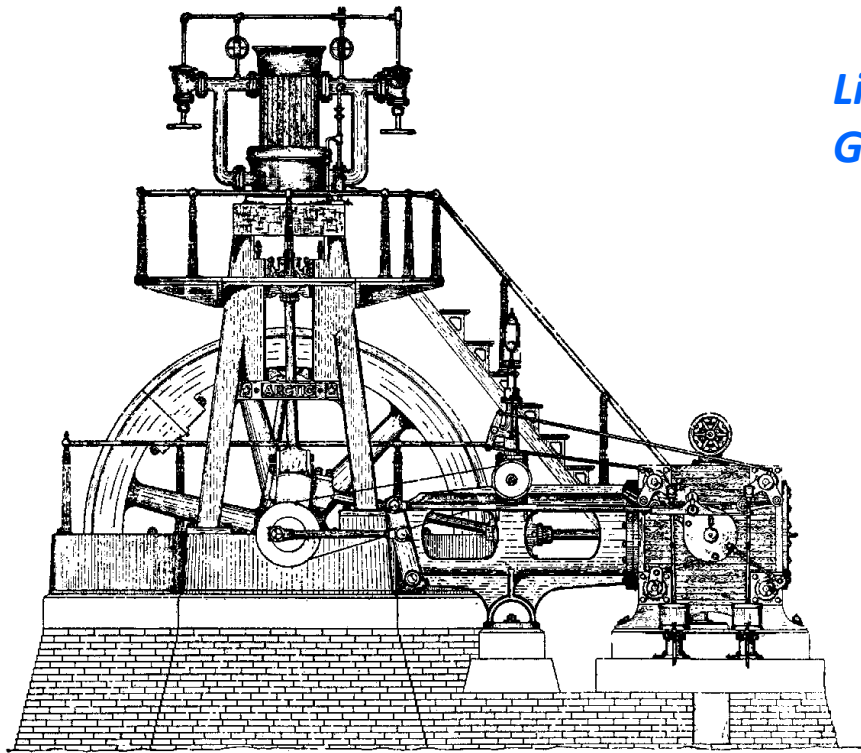
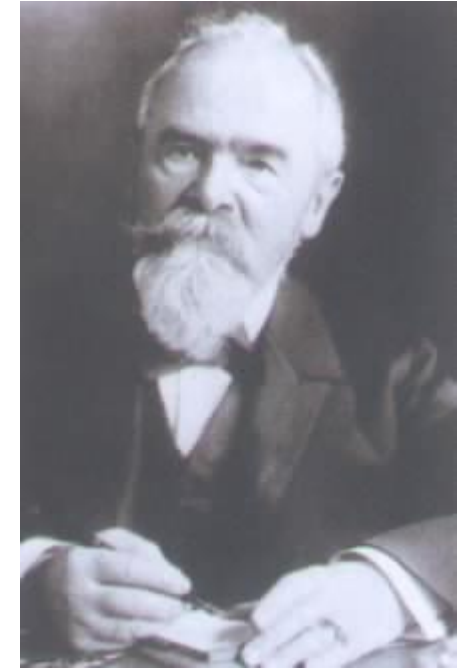
Carl von Linde
(1842 – 1934)



(Source: PTB Braunschweig)

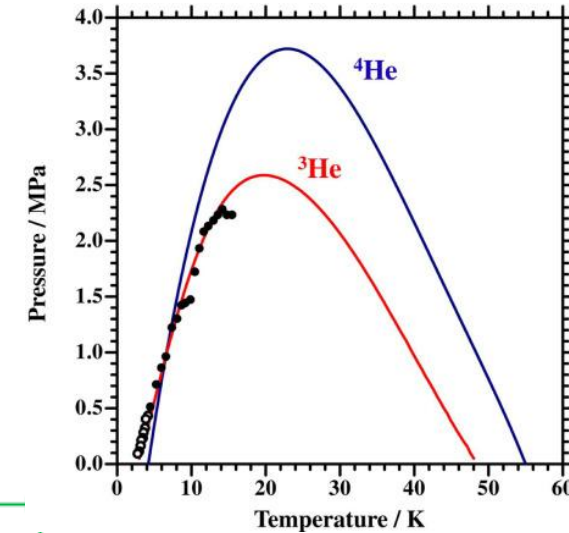
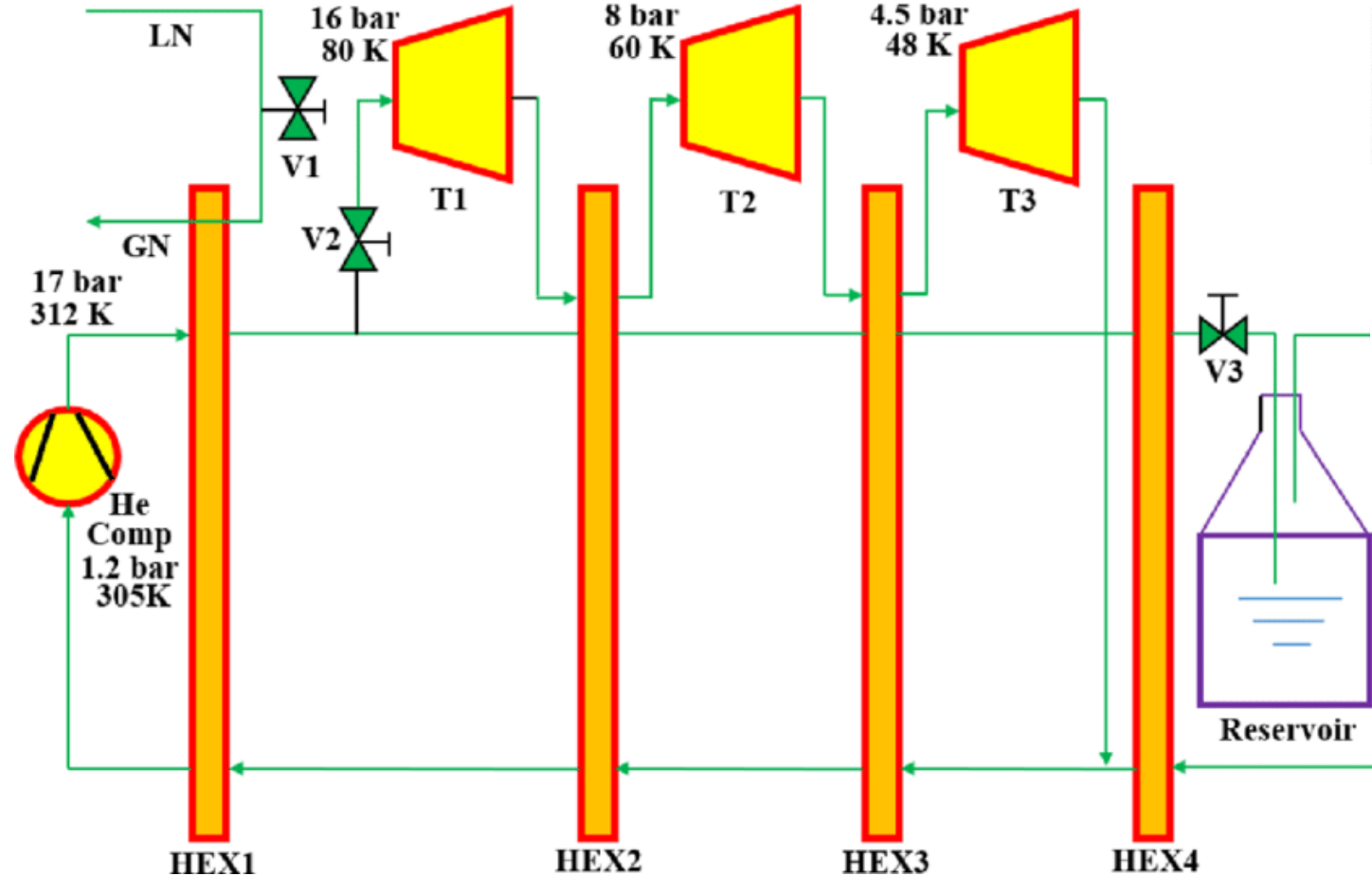
III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

*Lindesche
Gasverflüssigungsanlage (1895)*



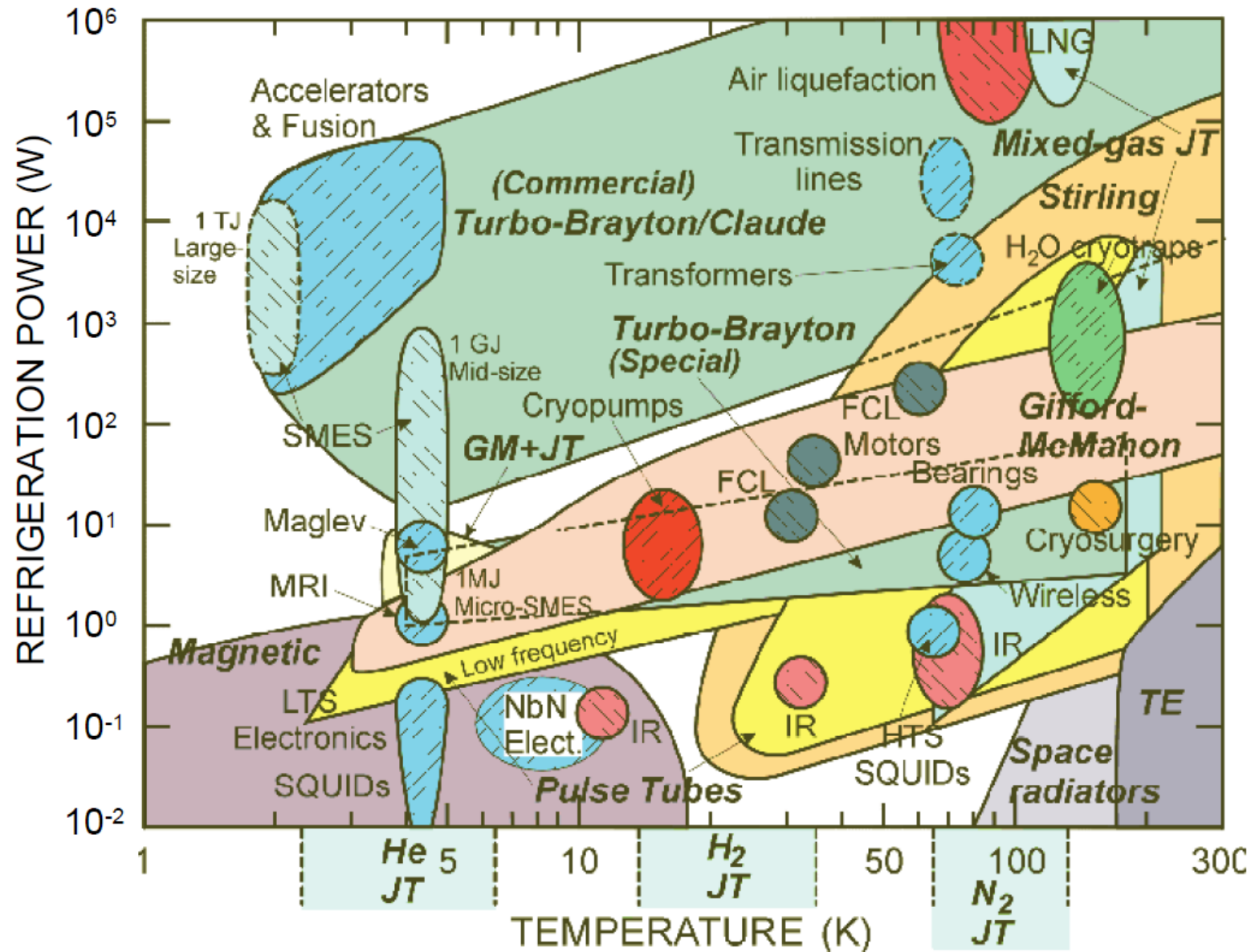
III.1.4 Joule-Thomson Cooling

- Helium liquefaction by Joule-Thomson cooling



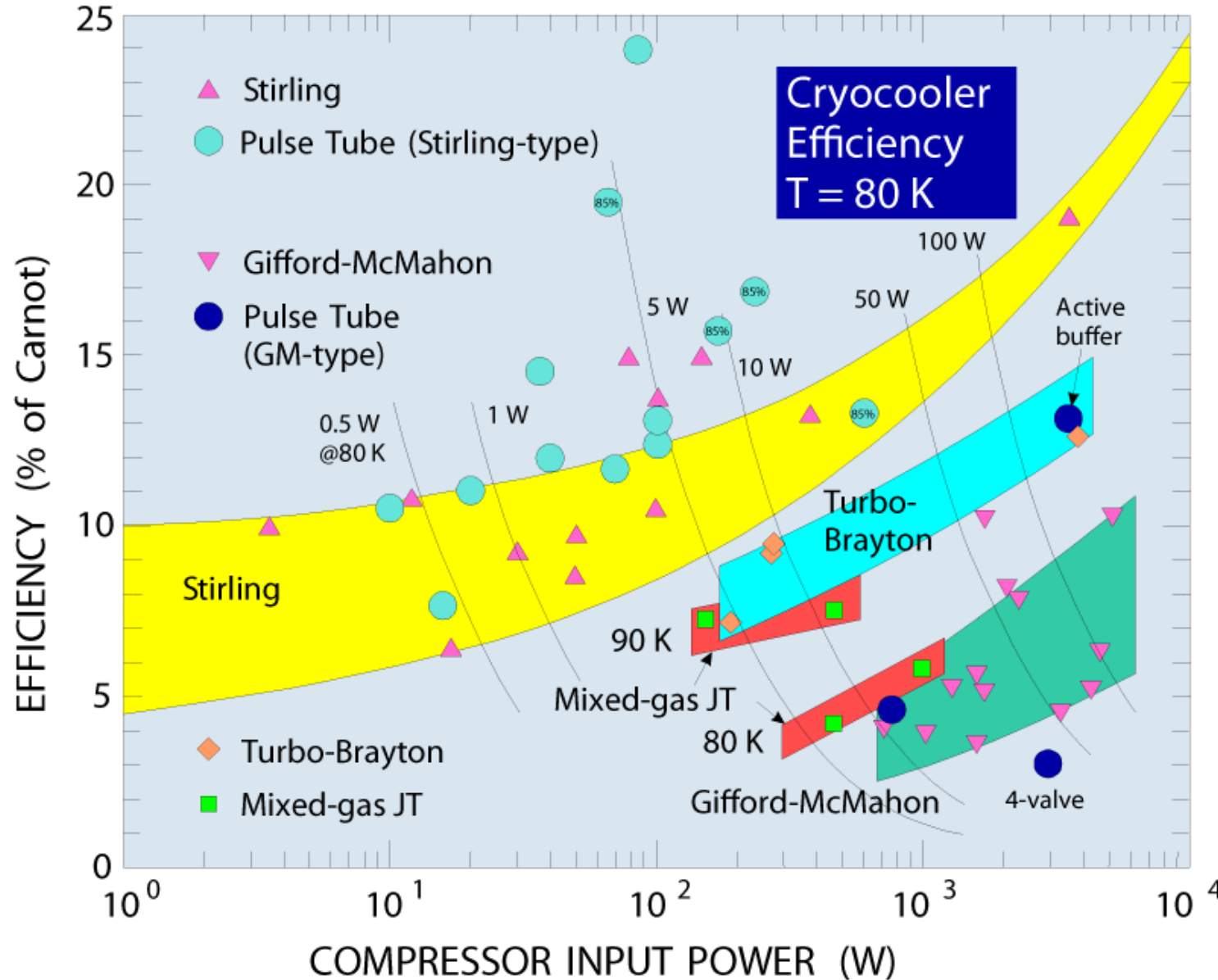
schematics of a Helium liquefier

III.1.5 Summary



application of cooling techniques
in plane of refrigeration power
versus temperature

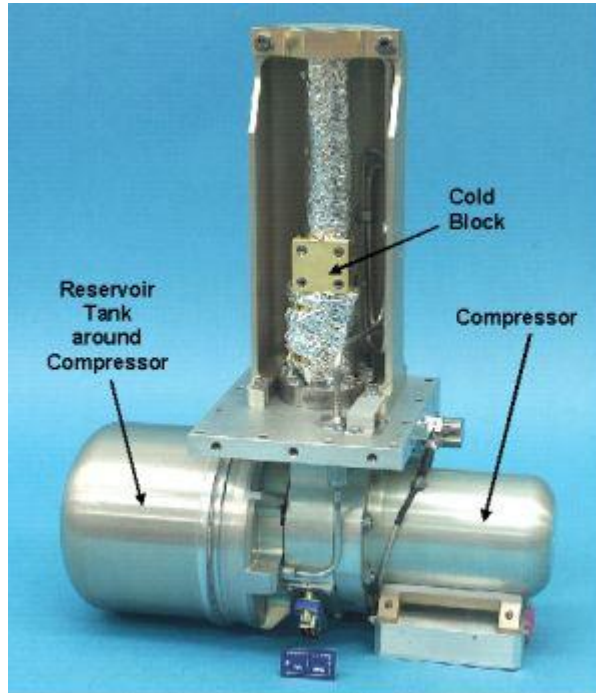
III.1.5 Summary



efficiency of cryocoolers

III.1.5 Summary

Northrop Grumman's HEC cryocooler



specification for cryocooler:

- 1 Watt of cooling @ 80 K, rejecting heat at 300 K
- 10 year life
- 230 K to 340 K survival temperature
- survival of launch vibration (non-operating)
- low exported vibration
- high efficiency
- no maintenance possible → oil-free

Sumitomo Heavy Industries



Stirling cycle miniature cryocooler:

- lightweight cooler, ideal for cooling of sensors and other electronics when low power consumption is important
- mean time before failure of 24,000 hours
- cooling capacity of 1 W @ 80 K
- power consumption of only 55 W.



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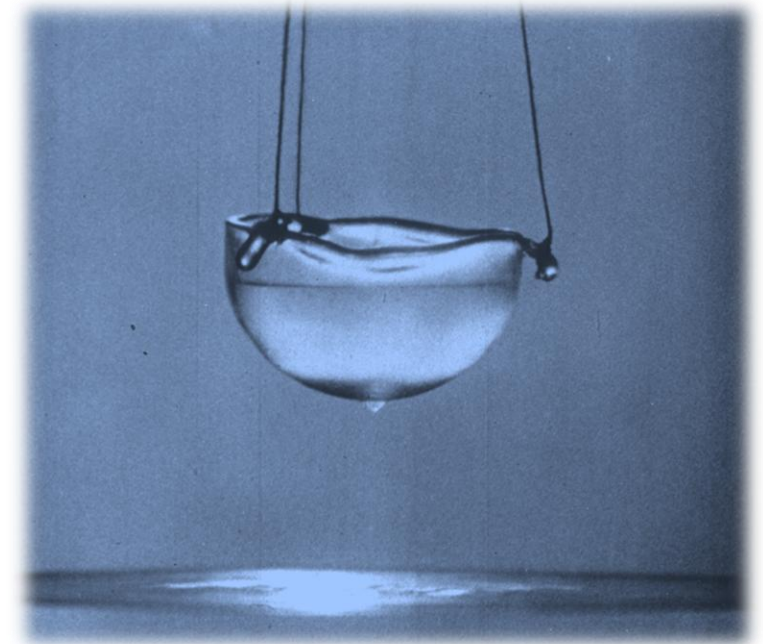
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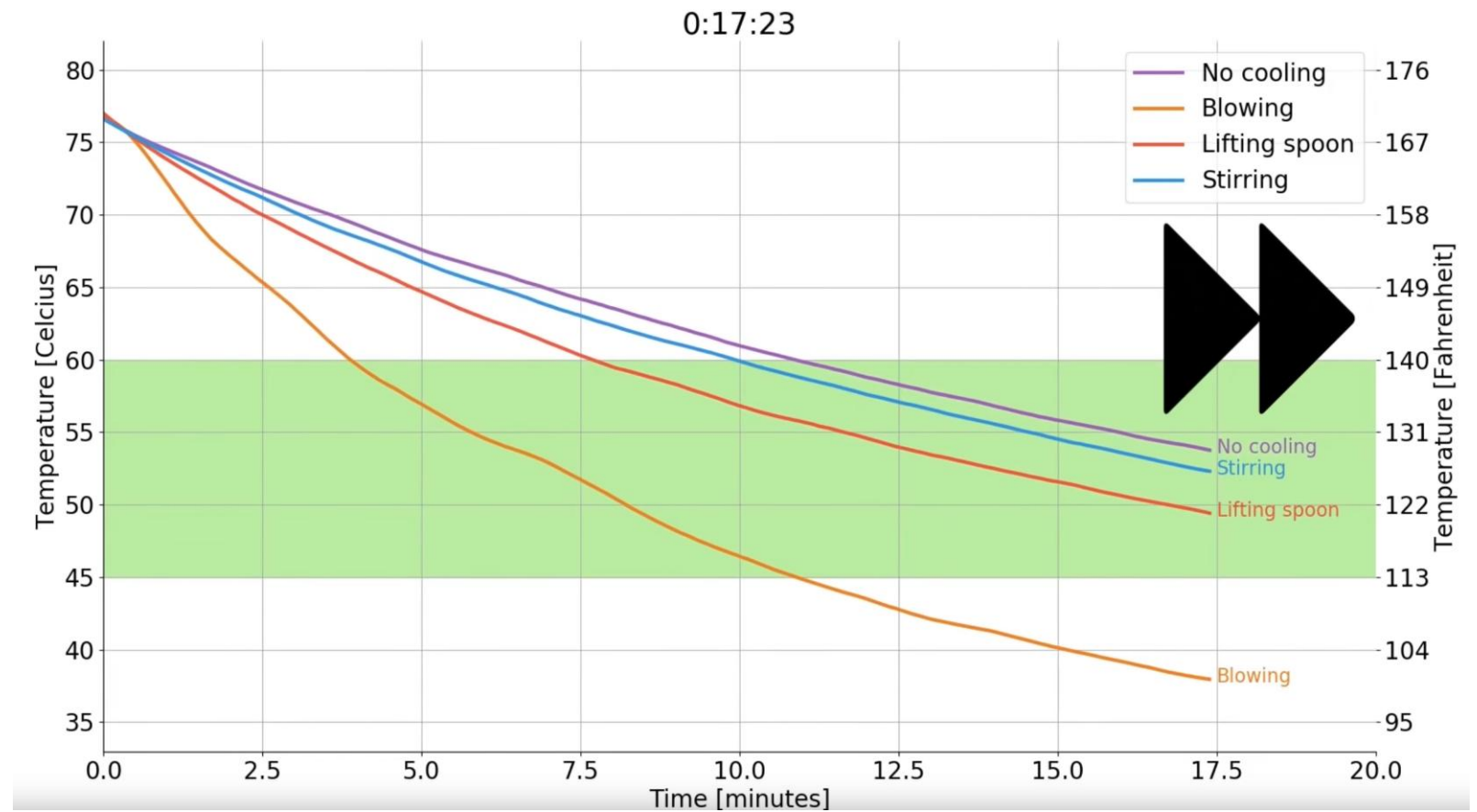


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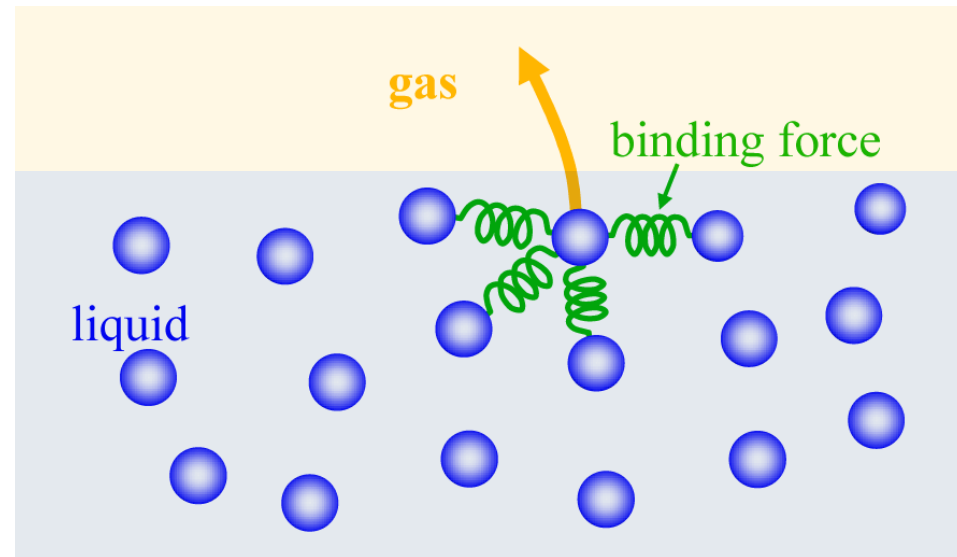
III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling



III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- physics of evaporation cooling
 - everyday experience: sweating, wind direction, cooling of coffee, ...
 ⇒ **moisten finger, evaporation cooling**

- microscopically:



- evaporation: *work required to overcome binding forces*
 - ⇒ **only the fastest molecules will do it**
 - ⇒ high-energy particles are lost
 - ⇒ liquid cools down

III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- physics of evaporation cooling
 - limit of evaporation cooling: $k_B T$ becomes too small compared to ΔH_{vap} when lowering T (heat of evaporation)
 - ΔH_{vap} should be small to reach large cooling power at low temperatures
 - numbers: about 1 K can be reached with liquid ^4He , about 0.3 K with ^3He
 - boiling point can be calculated by using the Clausius-Clapeyron equation, if heat of vaporization and the vapor pressure of the liquid at a certain temperature are known

III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- physics of evaporation cooling: Clausius-Clapeyron equation

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{S_{\text{gas}} - S_{\text{liquid}}}{V_{\text{gas}} - V_{\text{liquid}}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{(V_{\text{gas}} - V_{\text{liquid}})T} \simeq \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{V_{\text{gas}} T}$$

ΔH_{vap} : molar latent heat [J/mole]
 ≈ 90 J/mole for ^4He

- approximate expression using $pV = RT$ (ideal gas):

$$\frac{dp}{p} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{RT^2} dT$$

- integration yields (assuming that ΔH_{vap} is constant over the considered T range):

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{1}{T}\right)$$

- normal boiling temperature:

$$T_B(p) = \left(\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{R}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}} \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) \right)^{-1}$$

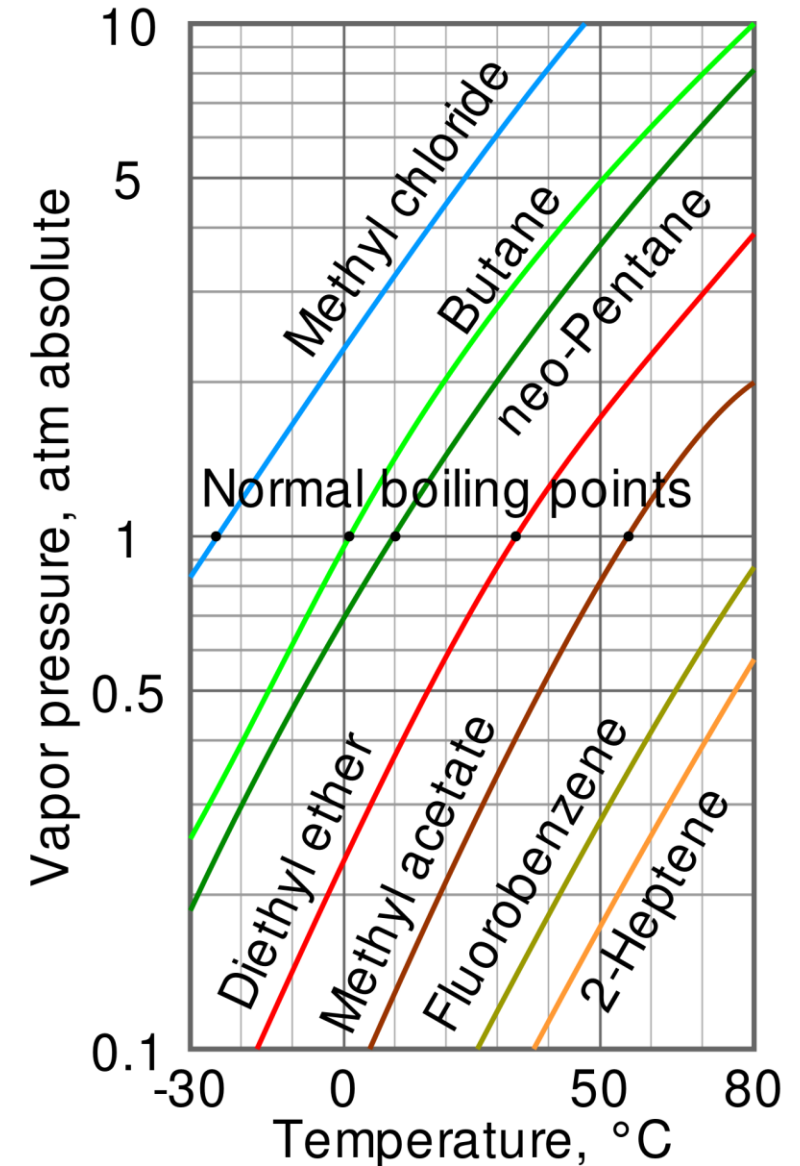
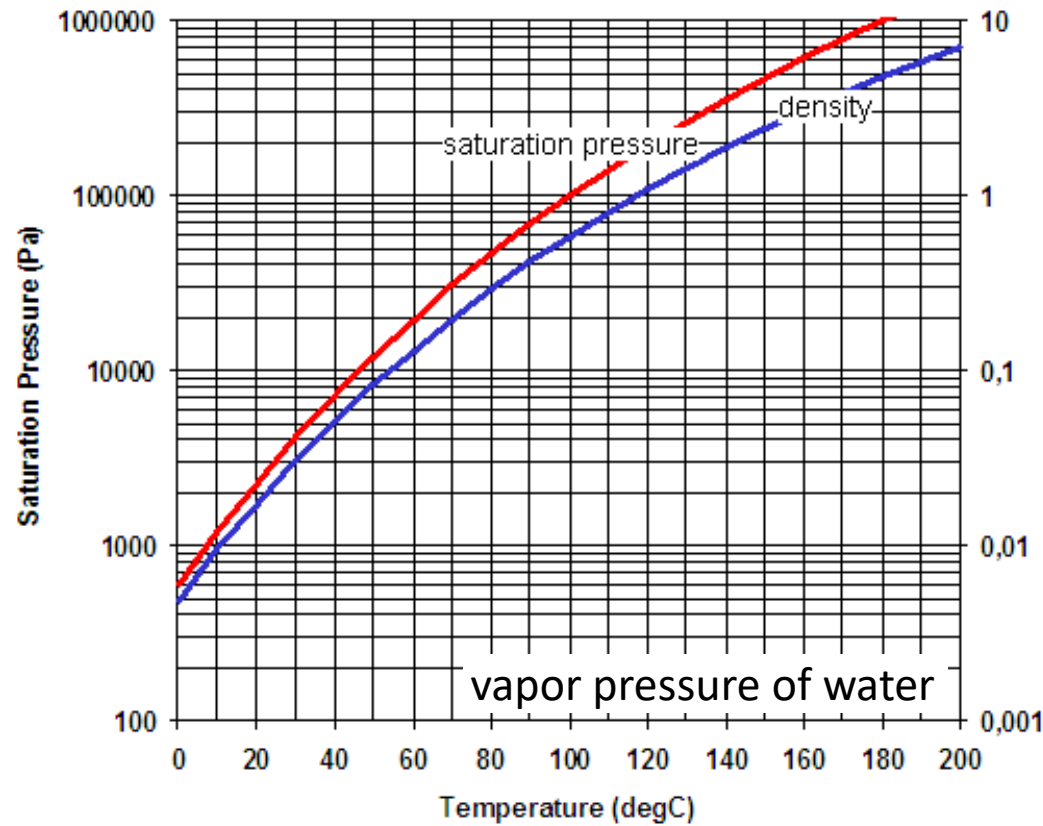
pressure above liquid

boiling temperature at p_0

boiling point corresponds to the temperature at which the vapor pressure of the liquid equals the surrounding environmental pressure

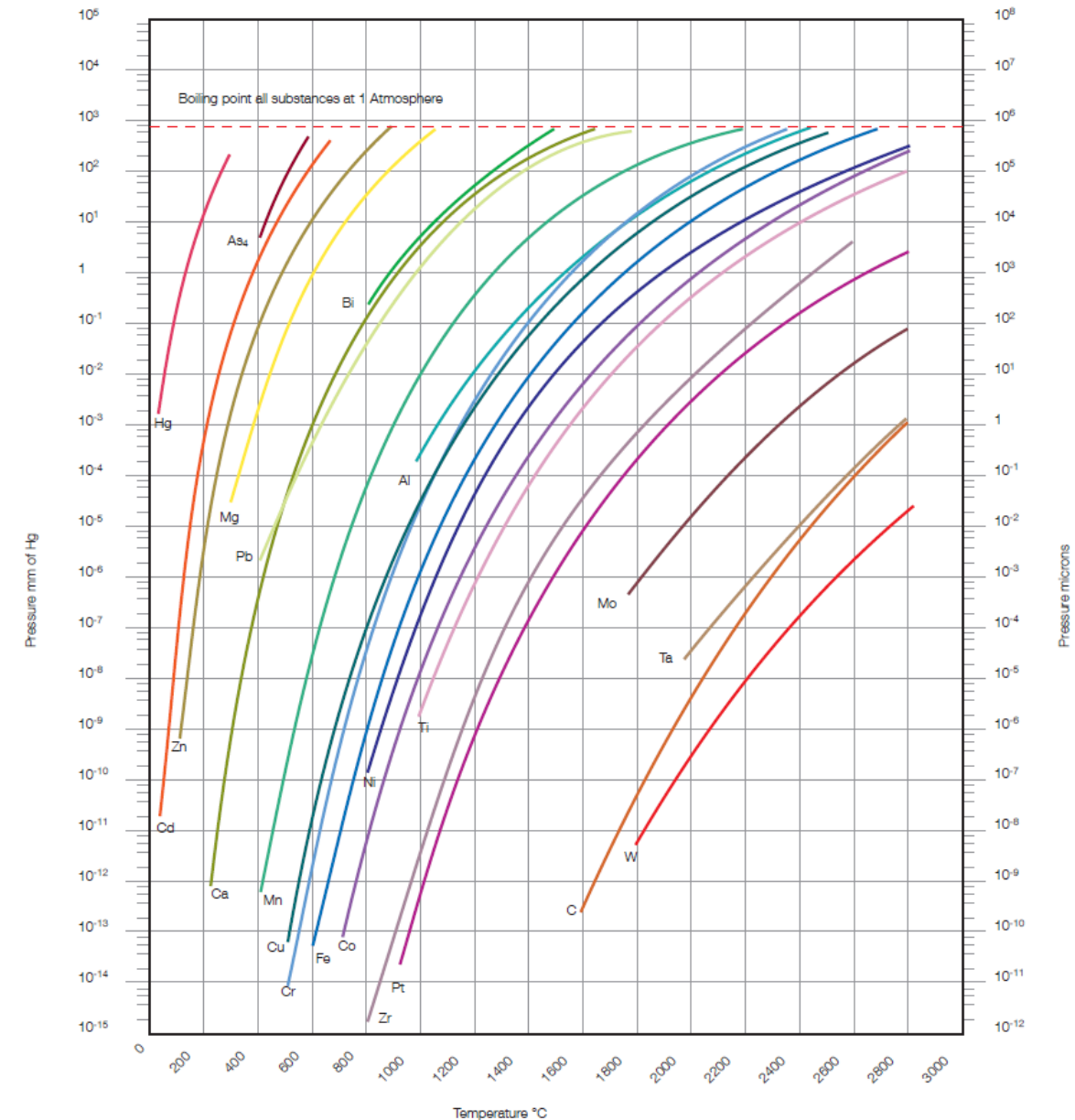
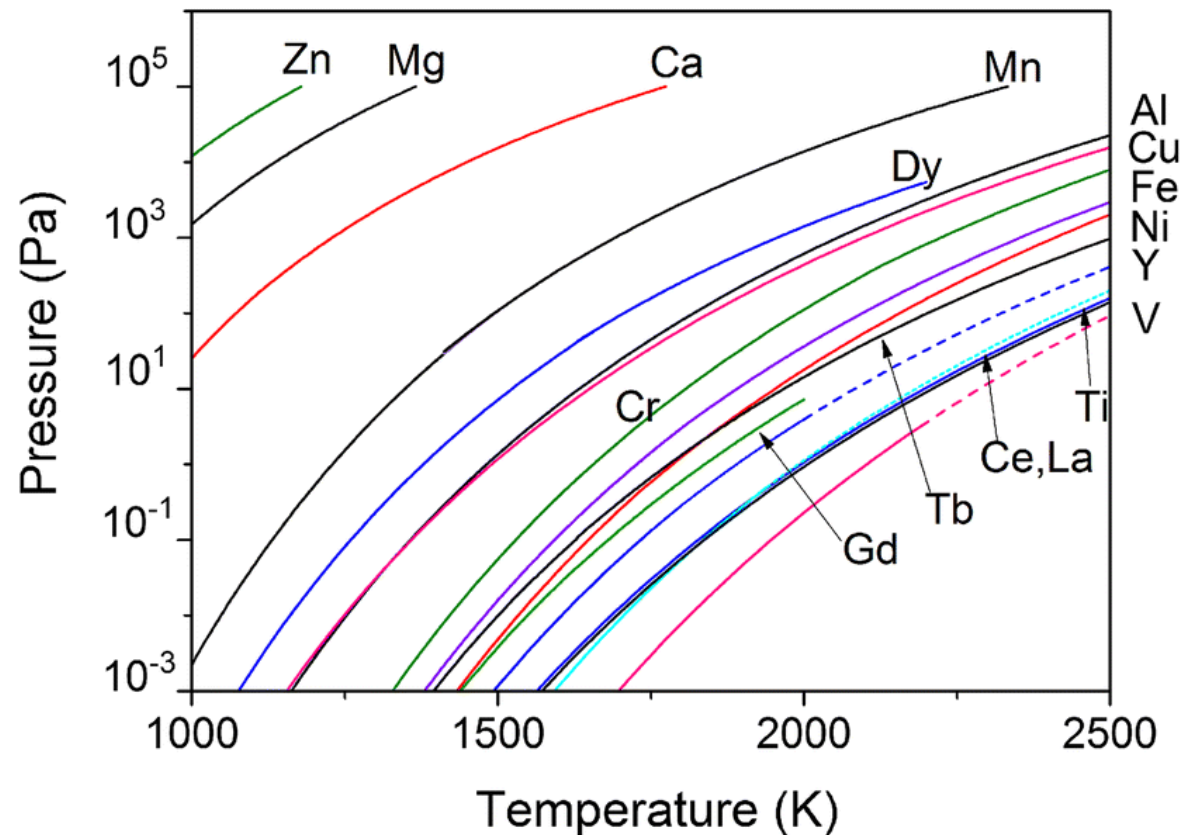
III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- physics of evaporation cooling: vapor pressure



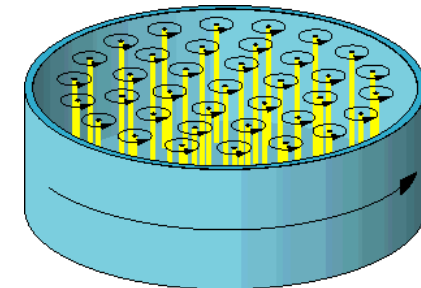
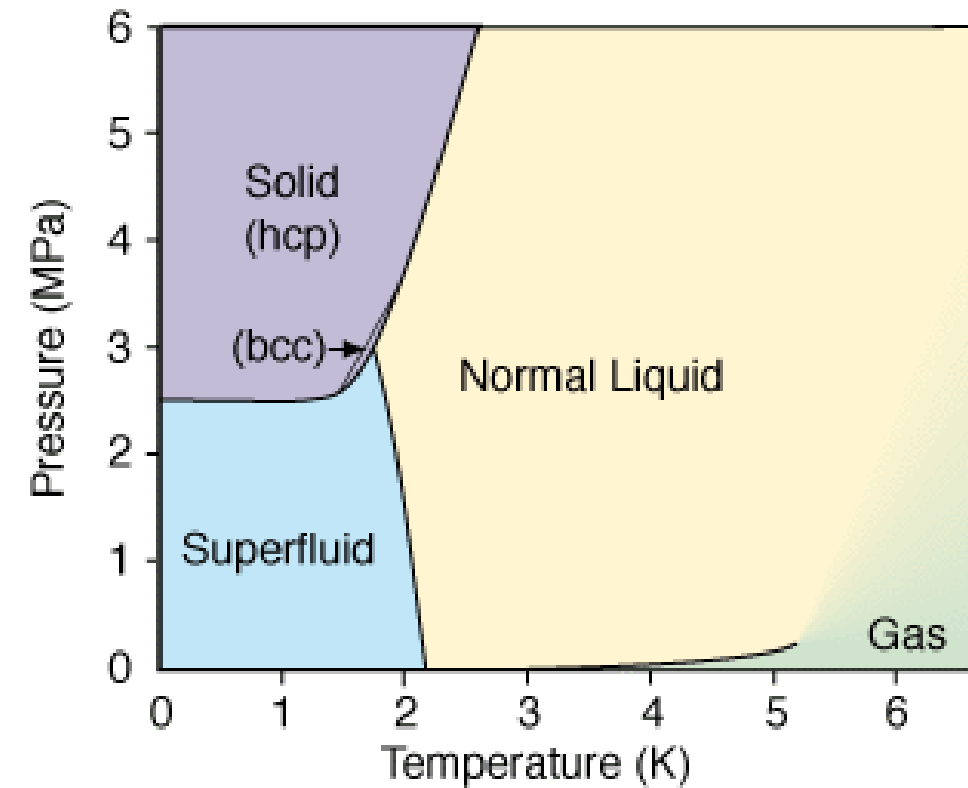
III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- physics of evaporation cooling:
vapor pressure of some elements



III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid ^4He (cf. chapter I)
 - boson
 - liquid down to 0 K (@ 1 atm)
 - superfluid $^4\text{Helium}$ at 2.17 K
 - Bose condensation: macroscopic number of atoms in ground state
 - very low viscosity
 - very high heat conduction
 - strange thermomechanical effects
 - creeping on vertical surfaces
 - vortex core with radius 0.8 \AA @ 0.6K
 - explained by a two-fluid model
 - density 125 kg/m^3



III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid helium cryostats
 - LHe has small latent heat
 - ➔ good thermal insulation by vacuum is required
 - ➔ LHe container of poor thermal conductivity ➔ glass or stainless steel
 - ➔ thermal radiation shield at liquid Nitrogen temperature to reduce black-body radiation
 - bath cryostat - sample is immersed in the LHe
 - gas flow cryostat - sample is located in cold He gas

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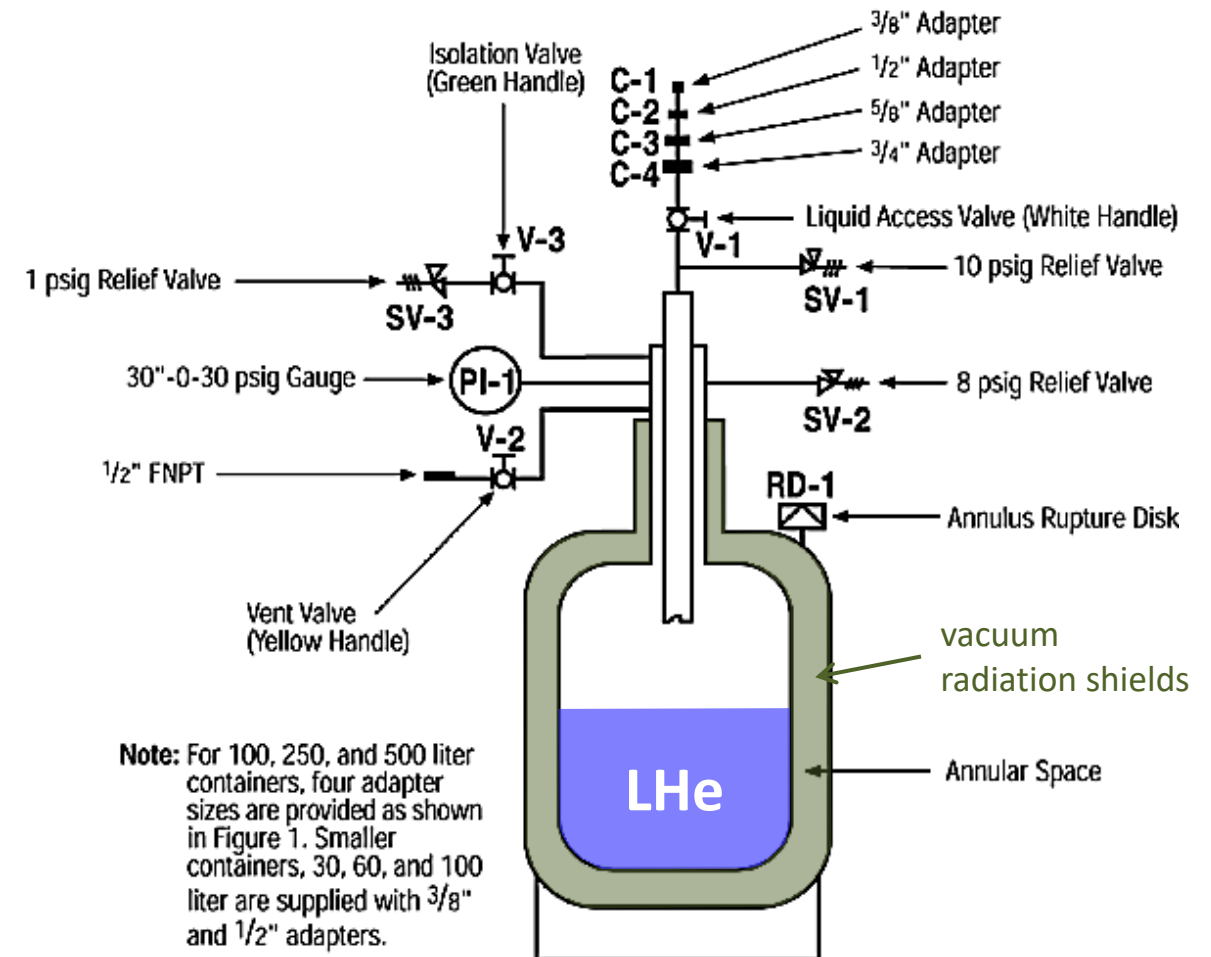
- **liquid helium container**

narrow neck to minimize

- *heating by radiation*
- *heating by thermal conduction*

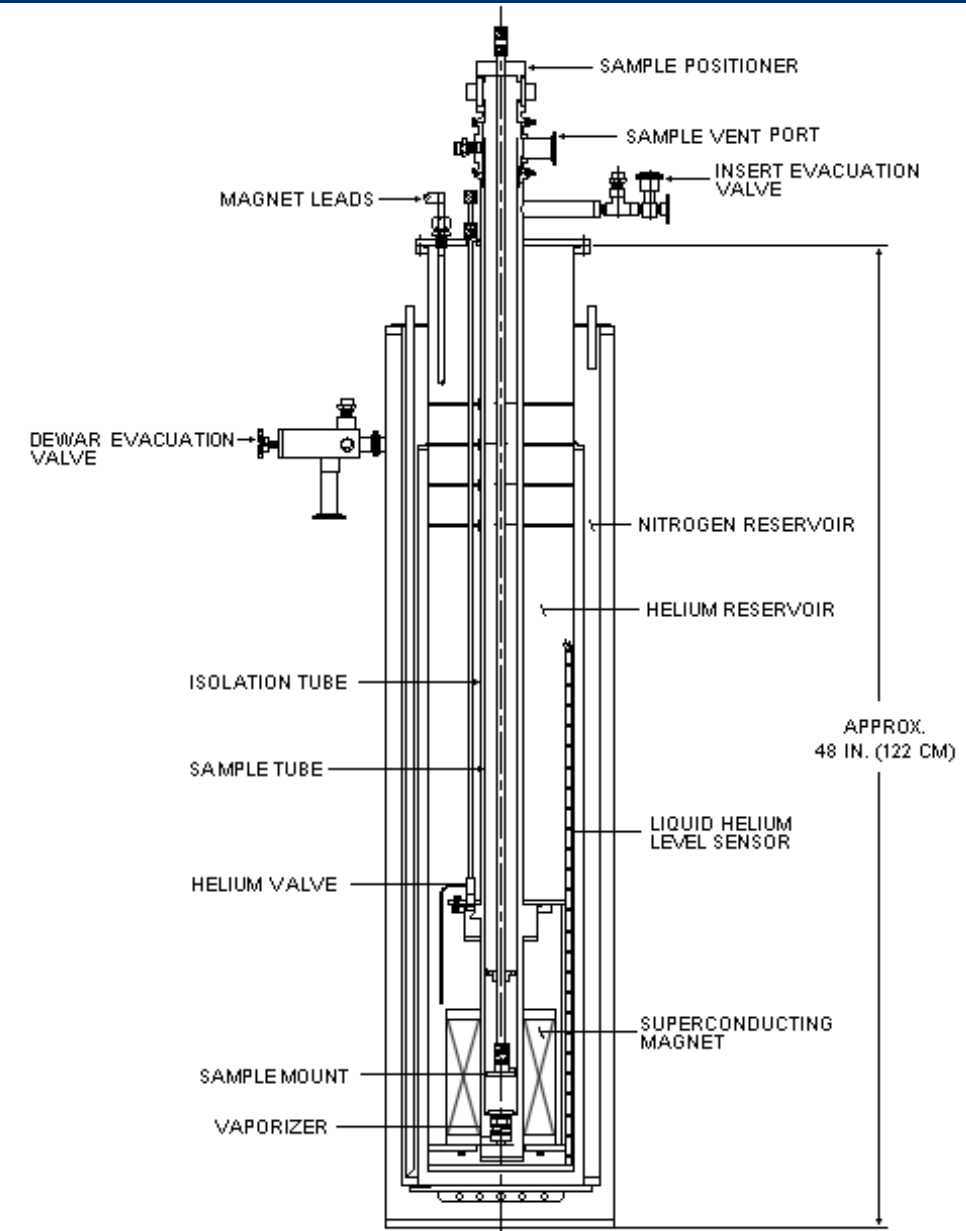
typical losses

- **1 liter of LHe / day**



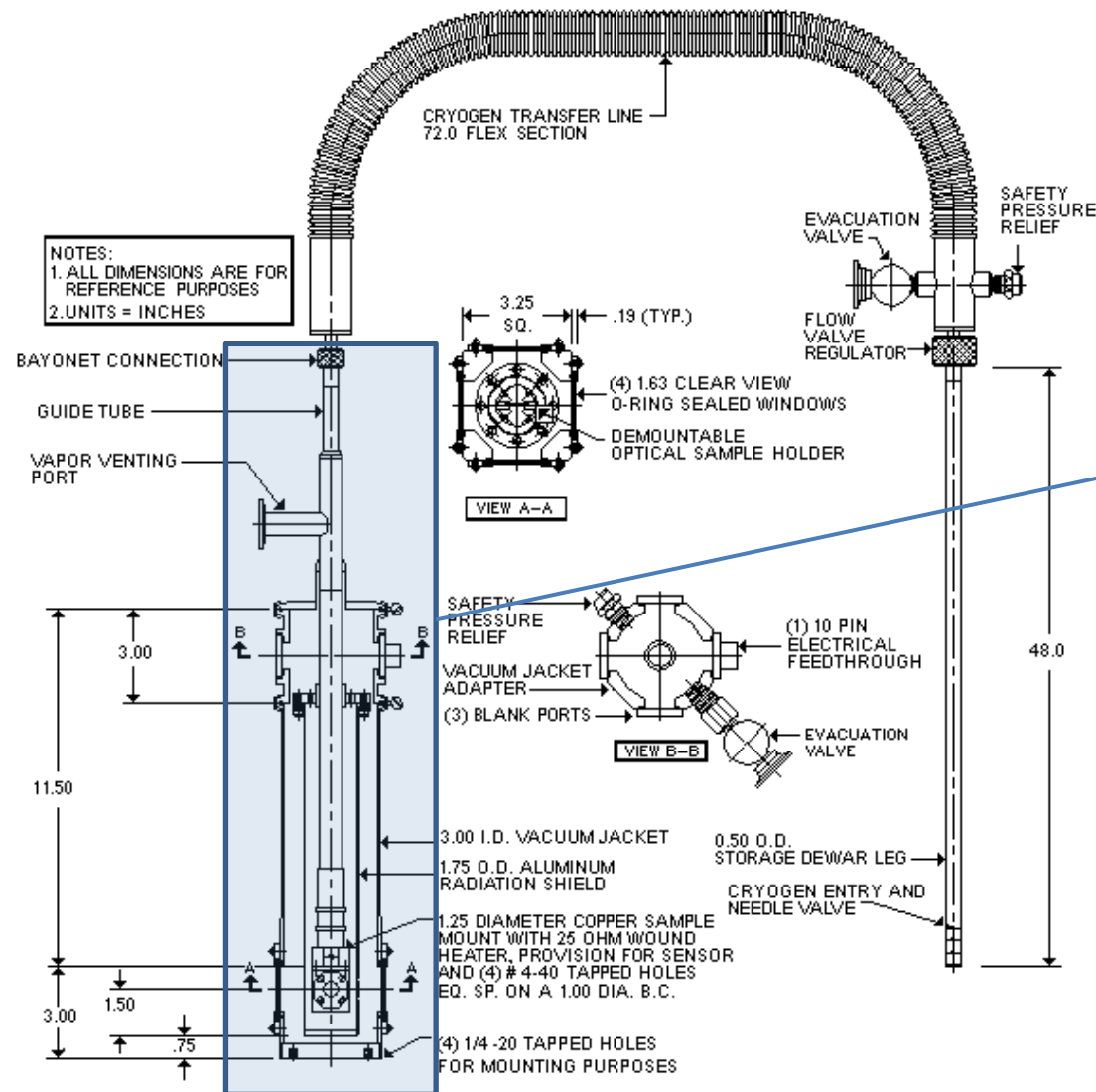
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- liquid helium bath cryostat



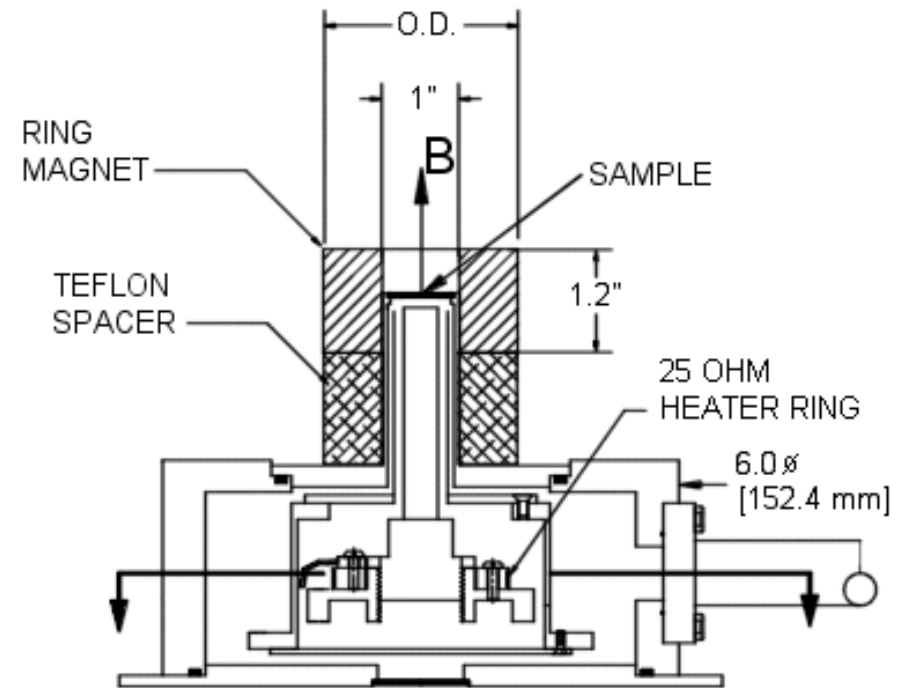
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- liquid helium gas flow cryostat (1)



III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid helium gas flow cryostat (2)

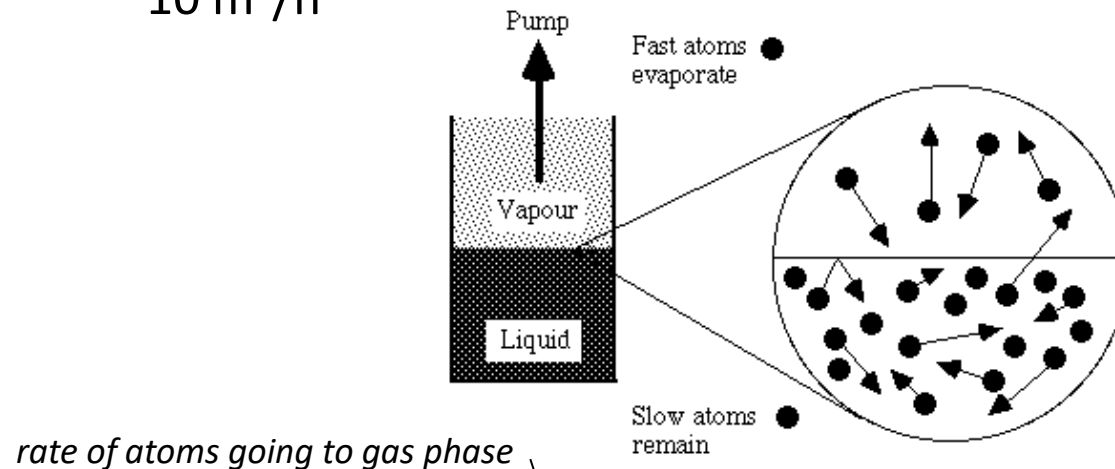


Possible Permanent Magnet Layout with
ST-500 Microscopy Cryostat

- no liquid Nitrogen required
- radiation shield cooled by cold helium return gas

III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid helium temperatures below 4.2 K
 - reduce the vapour pressure over bath of ^4He
 - temperatures down to about 1 K achievable at a typical pumping power of $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$



cooling power:

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{n}_{\text{gas}} \Delta H_{\text{vap}} \propto p \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{RT}\right)$$

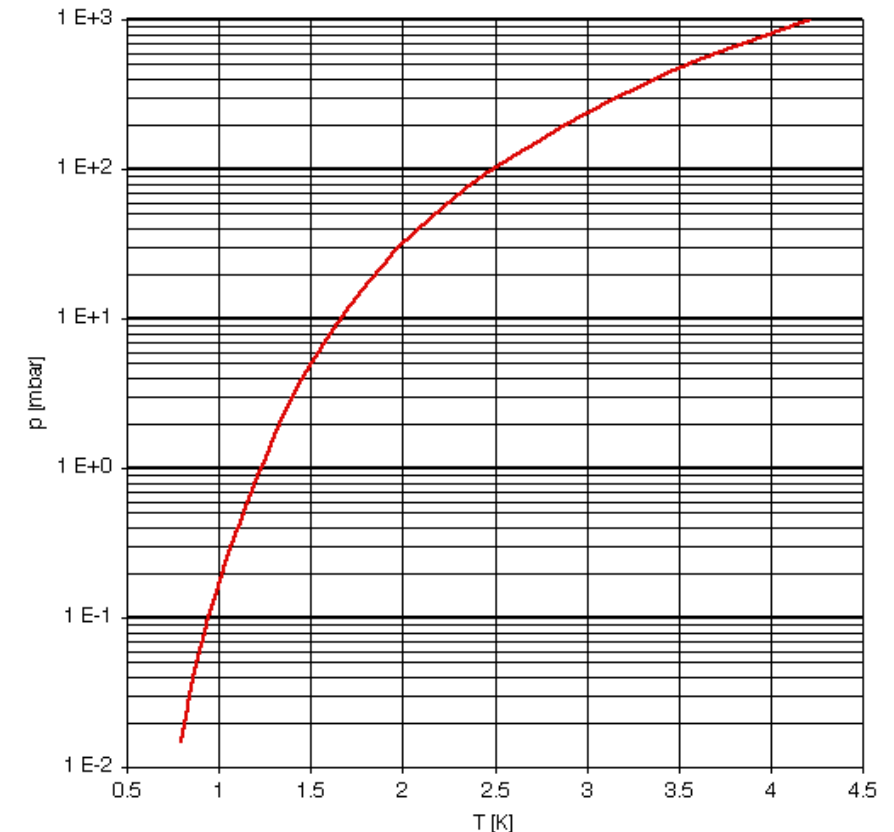
→ up to 10 mW cooling power @ 1.2K and $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$

Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{(V_{\text{gas}} - V_{\text{liquid}})T} \simeq \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{V_{\text{gas}}T} \Rightarrow T_B(p) = \left(\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{R \ln(p/p_0)}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\ln \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{1}{T}\right)$$

ΔH_{vap} : molar latent heat [J/mole]
 $\simeq N_A \cdot E_{\text{binding}} \simeq 90 \text{ J/mole}$ for ^4He



III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid ^3He (cf. chapter I)
 - fermion
 - superfluid at 2.5mK
 - formation of weakly bound fermions: Cooper pairs
 - density 59 kg/m³
 - higher vapour pressure than ^4He due to smaller latent heat:
 - $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 40 \text{ J/mole} \rightarrow \text{cooling power} \approx 80 \text{ mW @ } 1.2\text{K and } 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
 - pumping speed
 - 0.3 K by pumping ^3He vapour
 - some cm³
 - 0.1 mW cooling power @ 0.3K
 - ^3He obtained by nuclear reactions
 - extremely expensive
 - 1 liter of ^3He gas costs more than US \$5.000 (2022)

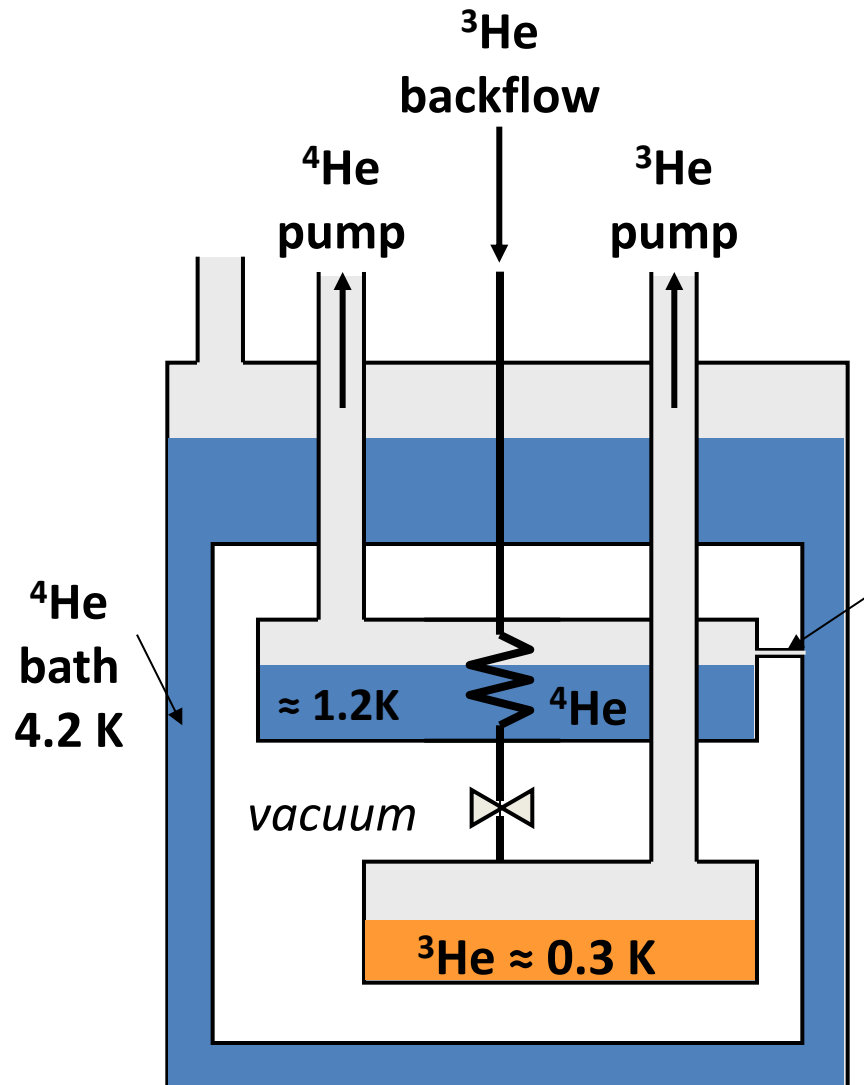
III.1.6 Evaporation Cooling

- liquid ^3He cryostat

latent heat of ^3He : $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 40 \text{ J/mole}$ as compared to 90 J/mole for ^4He
 \rightarrow larger cooling power

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{n}_{\text{gas}} \Delta H_{\text{vap}} \propto p \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{RT}\right)$$

$\approx 80 \text{ mW}$ @ 1.2 K for ^3He as compared to
 $\approx 10 \text{ mW}$ @ 1.2 K for ^4He



^4He impedance

\leftarrow condensation of backflowing ^3He gas

\leftarrow flow restriction for condensed ^3He

*minimum temperature $\approx 300 \text{ mK}$
 cooling power $\approx 0.1 \text{ mW}$*

III.1.7 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Dilution Cooling

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ dilution refrigeration (cf chapter I.6)

- operation principle:

- remove ^3He atoms from the dilute phase below $T_{\text{tri}} = 0.87 \text{ K}$
- transport of ^3He atoms across phase boundary to maintain equilibrium concentration
- corresponds to evaporation of ^3He from concentrated phase
- *cooling effect as the latent heat of evaporation is removed*

- for Fermi liquid:

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C_{V,concentrated}} < \mathbf{C_{V,diluted}} \quad (x_3 = \mathbf{0.065}) \quad (C_V \propto T/T_F, \quad T_F \propto n_{^3\text{He}}^{2/3})$$

- with $U = Q = \int_0^T C_V(T') dT' = \frac{\gamma}{2} T^2$ we therefore obtain ($C_V = \gamma T$, γ = Sommerfeld coefficient):

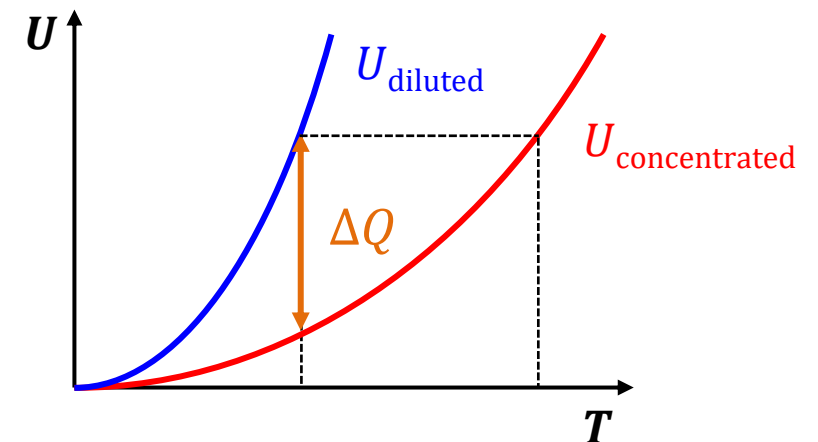
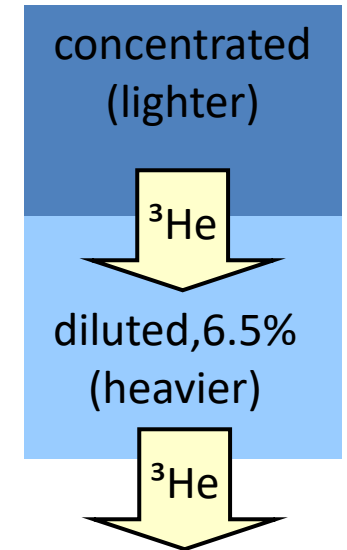
$$\mathbf{U_{concentrated}(T)} < \mathbf{U_{diluted}(T)}$$

- on transition across phase boundary:

$$dG = 0 = dU - TdS \Rightarrow dU = TdS = dQ$$

- removal of heat $\Delta Q = T\Delta S = T [S_{\text{dil}}(T) - S_{\text{con}}(T)]$
- *cooling effect*

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ dilution refrigerator



III.1.7 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Dilution Cooling

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ dilution refrigeration: cooling power (cf chapter I.6)

- assumption: *one mole of ^3He crosses boundary between diluted and concentrated phase*

- removed heat:

$$\Delta Q = T \Delta S = T [S_{\text{dil}}(T) - S_{\text{con}}(T)]$$

- cooling power: $\Delta \dot{Q} = \left(\frac{\Delta Q}{n_{^3\text{He}}} \right) \cdot \dot{n}_{^3\text{He}} \Rightarrow \Delta \dot{Q} = \dot{n}_{^3\text{He}} T [s_{\text{dil}}(T) - s_{\text{con}}(T)]$ $s_{\text{dil}} = \frac{S_{\text{dil}}}{n_{^3\text{He}}}, s_{\text{con}} = \frac{S_{\text{con}}}{n_{^3\text{He}}}$

- since there is no volume change:

$$dQ = dU = T dS = C_V dT, \quad U(T) = \int_0^T C_V dT', \quad S(T) = \int_0^T \frac{C_V}{T'} dT'$$

➤ with $C_{\text{mol}} = \frac{\pi^2 N_A k_B^2 T}{2 \varepsilon_F}$ and $\varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_{^3\text{He}}^*} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 N_{^3\text{He}}}{V} \right)^{2/3} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_{^3\text{He}}^*} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 N_A}{V_{\text{mol}}} \right)^{2/3}$ (standard expressions for Fermi liquid)

we obtain the entropy

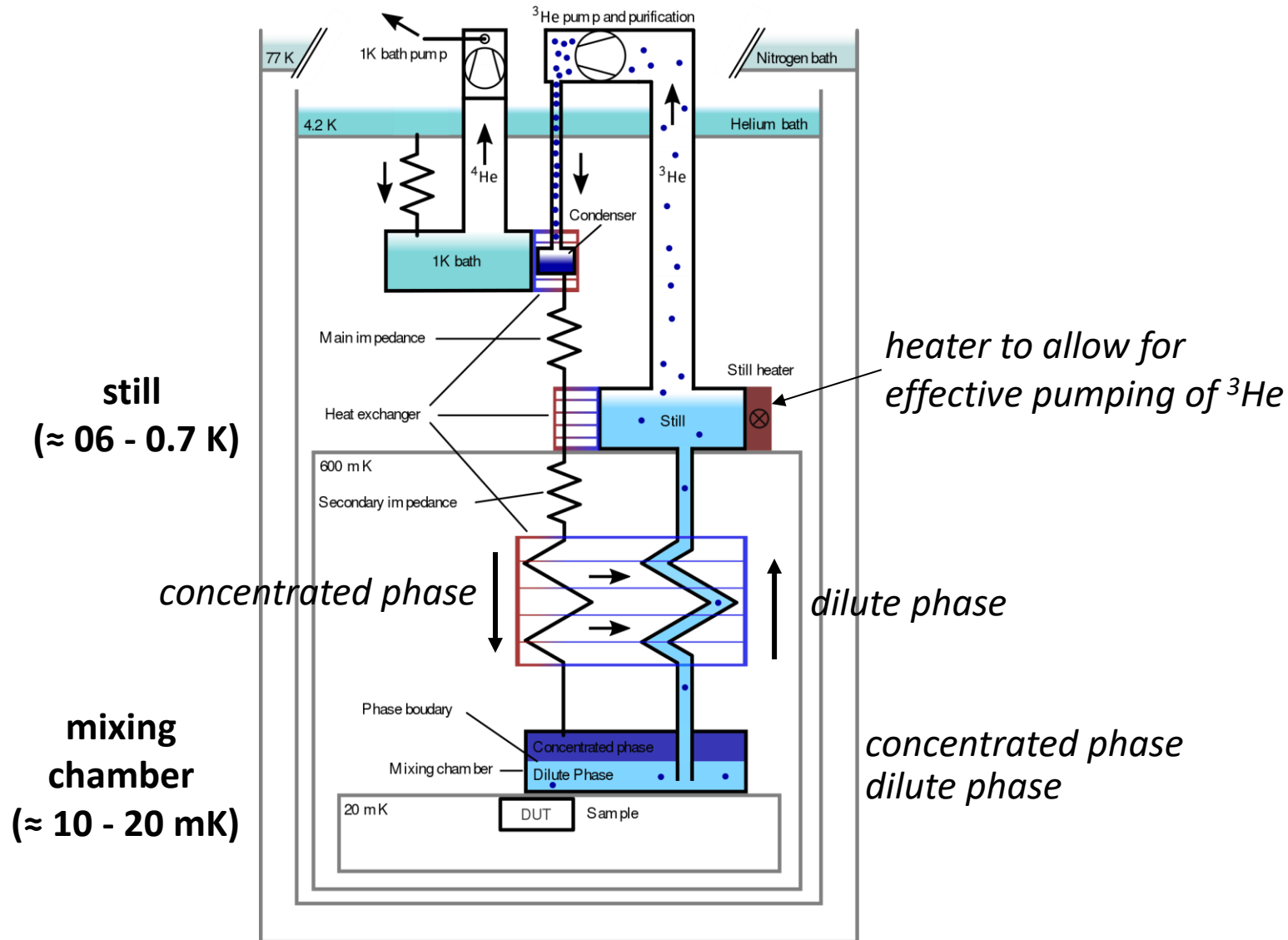
$$S_{\text{mol}} = \frac{\pi^2 N_A k_B^2 m_{^3\text{He}}^*}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{V}{3\pi^2 N_{^3\text{He}}} \right)^{2/3} T \propto \frac{T}{n_{^3\text{He}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{con}} < S_{\text{dil}} \quad (\text{as } n_{^3\text{He,con}} > n_{^3\text{He,dil}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{Q}(T) = 84 \dot{n}_{^3\text{He}} T^2 [\text{W}] \quad (\text{cooling power} \propto ^3\text{He throughput } \dot{n}_3 [\text{mol/s}])$$

III.1.7 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Dilution Cooling

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ dilution refrigeration: large cooling power $\dot{Q}(T) = 84 \dot{n}_{^3\text{He}} T^2 [\text{W}]$ requires large ^3He throughput



pumping of ^3He generates osmotic pressure

$\rightarrow ^3\text{He}$ flows from mixing chamber to still

\rightarrow only possible if ^3He atoms cross phase boundary

\rightarrow cooling

minimum temperature $\approx 1.5 \text{ mK}$

III.1.7 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Dilution Cooling

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ dilution refrigeration

- example:
 - desired cooling power: 10^{-5} W
 - still temperature: 0.7 K
 - mixing chamber temperature: 10 mK

- what is the required pumping speed ??

$$\dot{n}_3 = \frac{10^{-5}}{84 (10^{-2})^2} = 0.0012 \text{ mole / s}$$

$$\dot{Q} = 84 \dot{n}_3 T^2$$

we assume that ^3He is an ideal gas ($R = 8.31 \text{ J / mole K}$)

$$\dot{V} = \dot{n}_3 RT / p$$

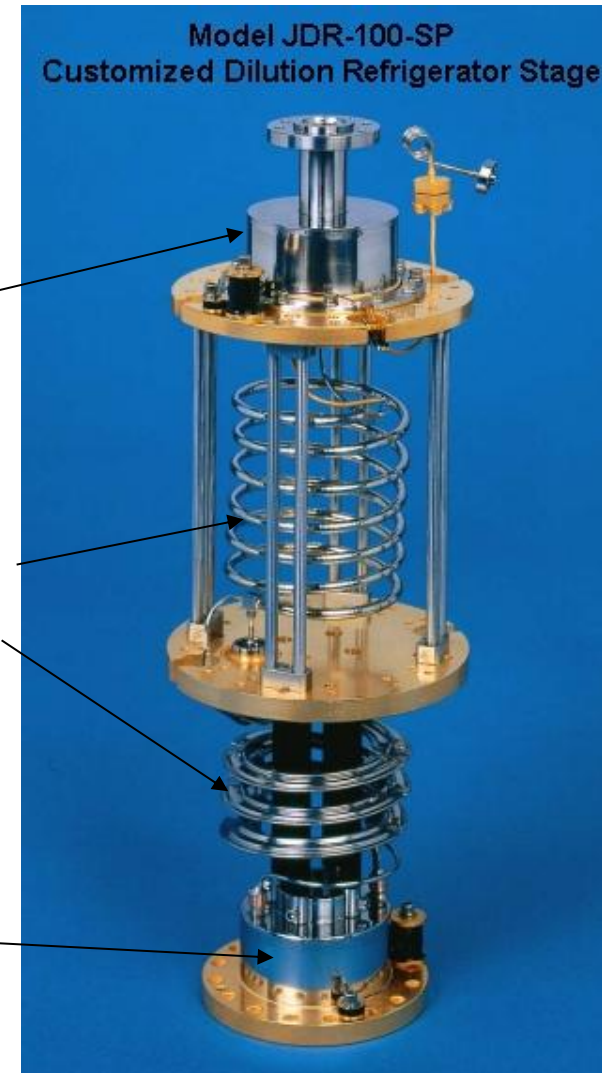
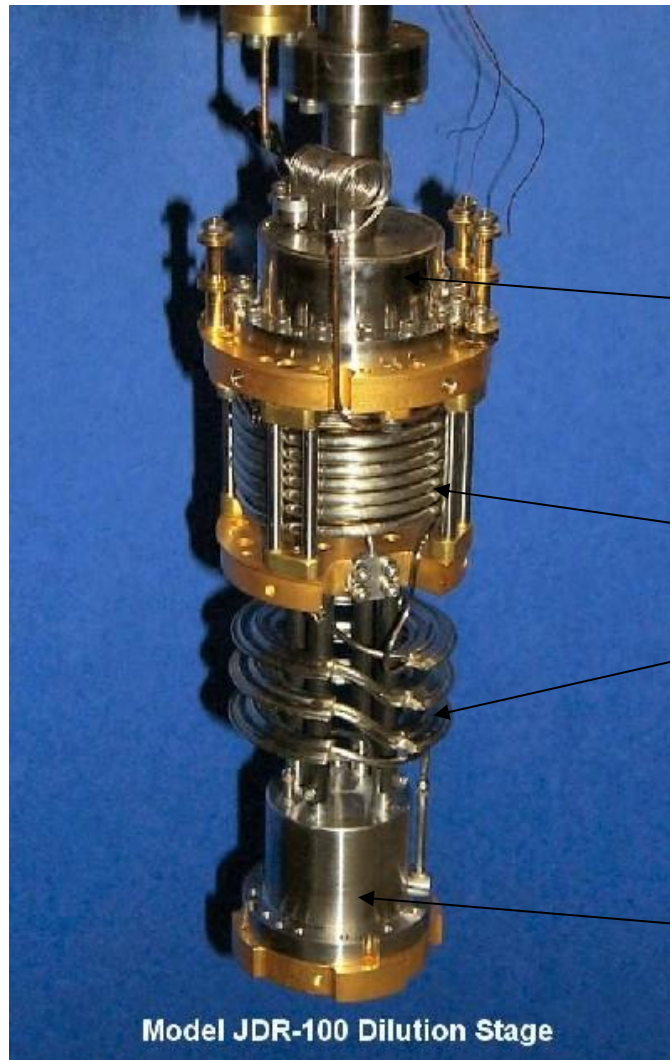
$$R = 8.31 \text{ J/mole K}$$

- numbers:
 - vapor pressure of ^3He at 0.7 K : $0.0828 \text{ mbar} = 8.28 \text{ Pa}$
 - @ 300 K we obtain:

$$\dot{V} = 0.0012 \cdot 8.31 \cdot 300 / 8.28 = 0.363 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \approx 360 \text{ l/s}$$

→ **large ^3He pump is required**

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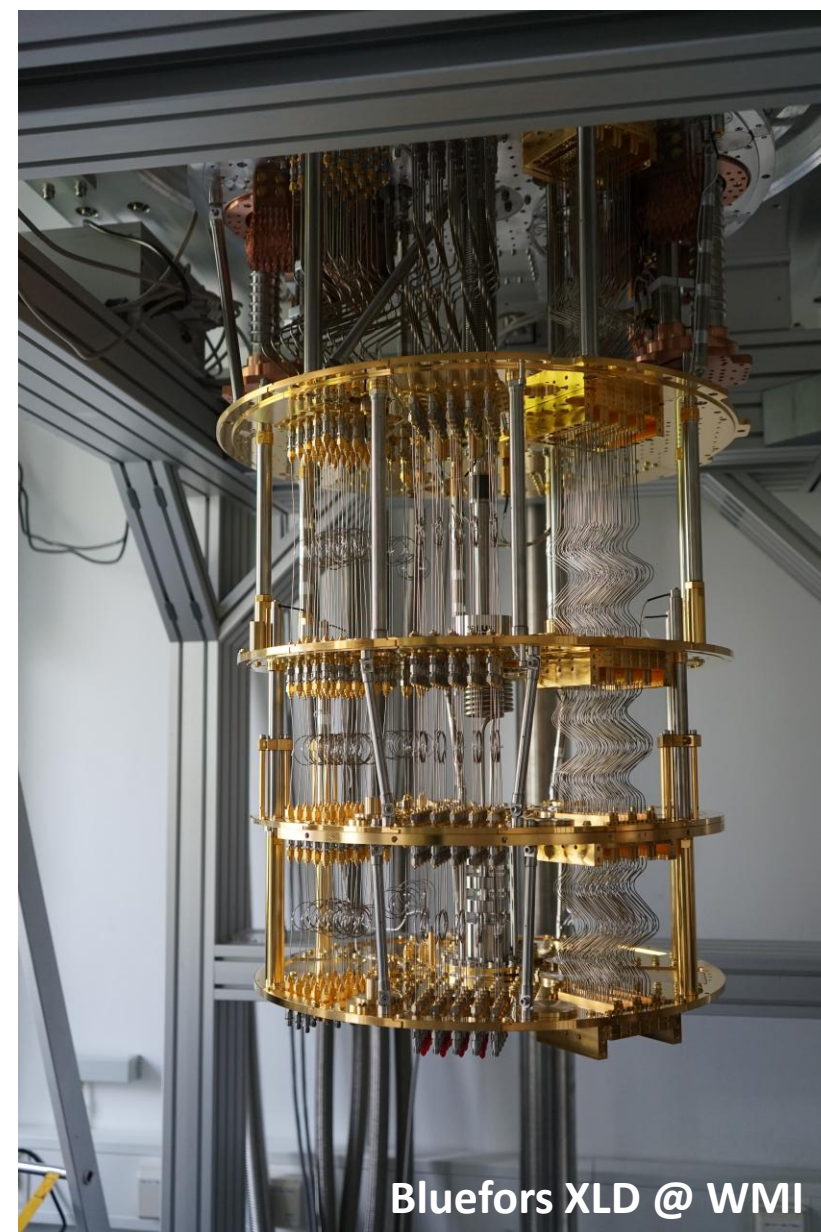
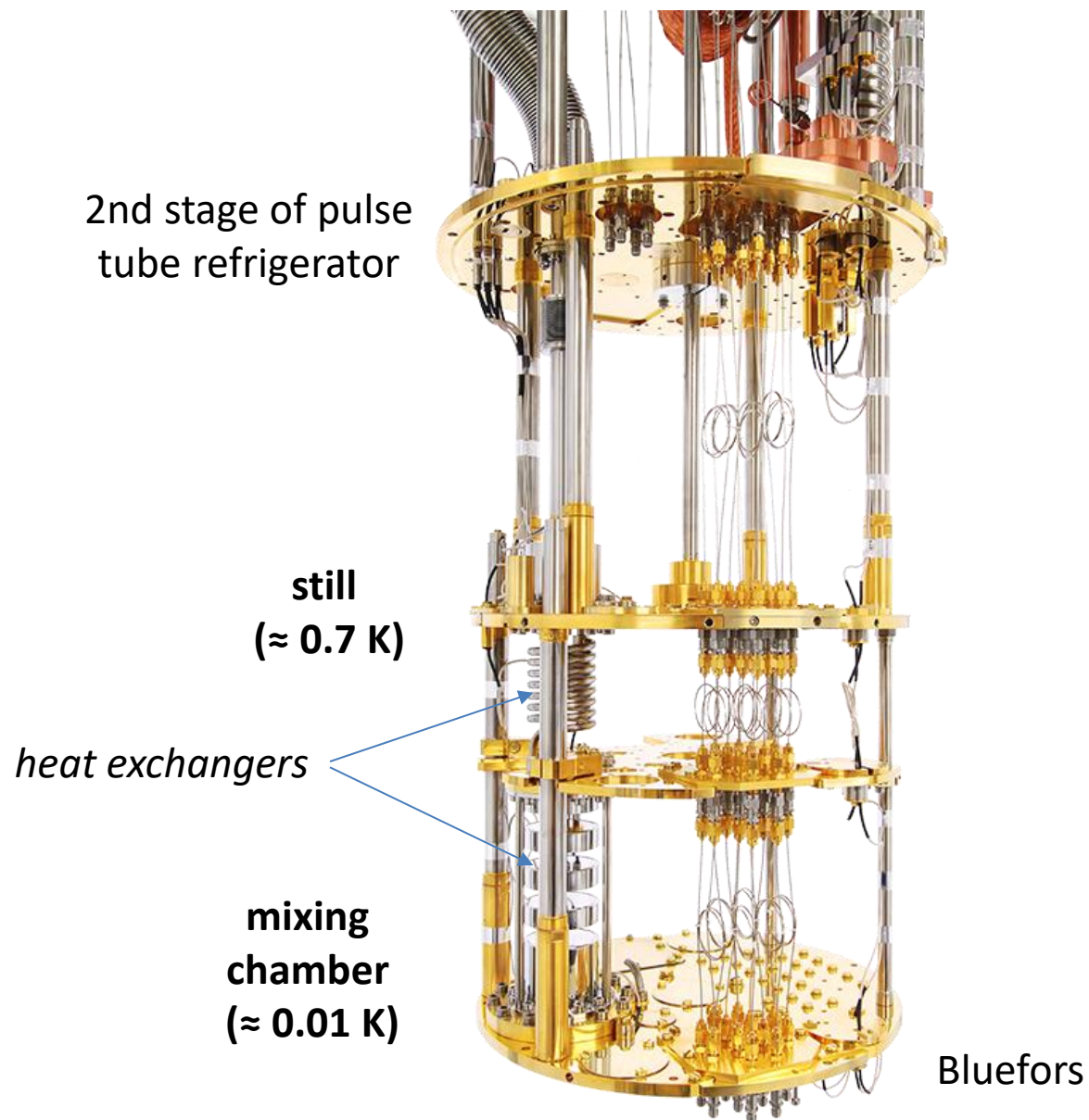
still

heat exchangers

mixing chamber

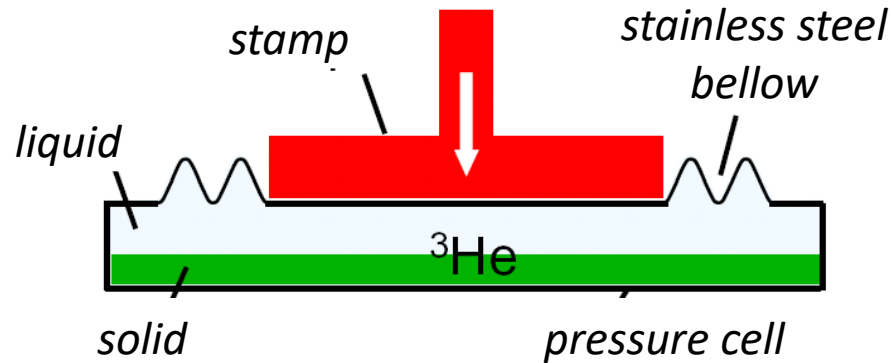
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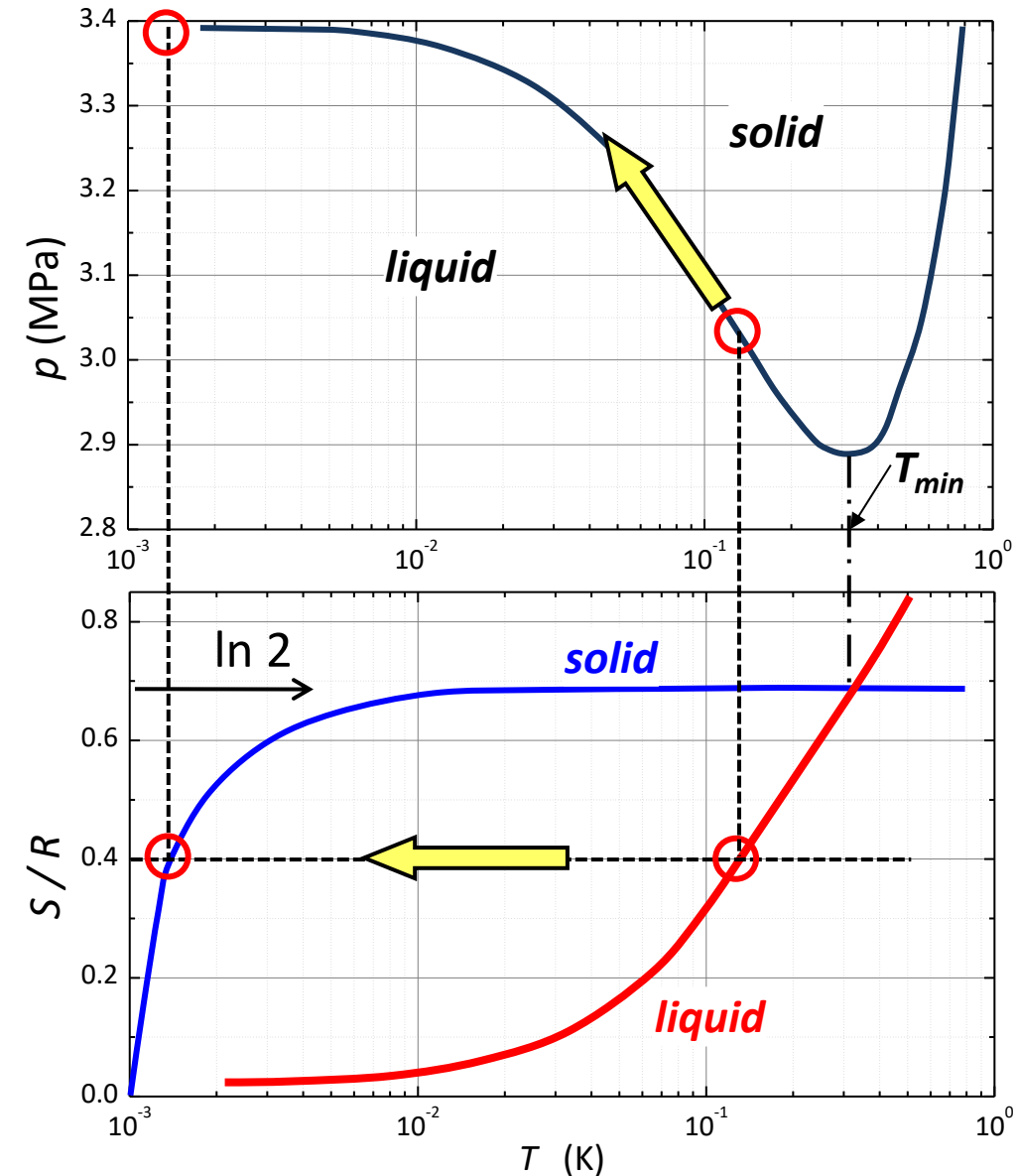


III.1.8 Pomeranchuk Cooling

- Pomeranchuk cooling (cf. chapter I.5.2)



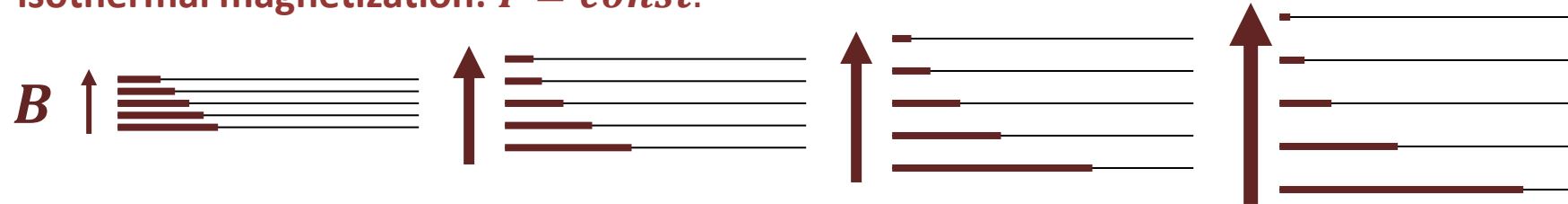
- precooling to $T < T_{\min}$
- adiabatic compression
→ *solidification and cooling*
- lowest T : ≈ 1.5 mK
- *limitation due to antiparallel spin ordering in solid ^3He*



III.1.9 Adiabatic Demagnetization Cooling

- principle: combination of isothermal magnetization and adiabatic demagnetization

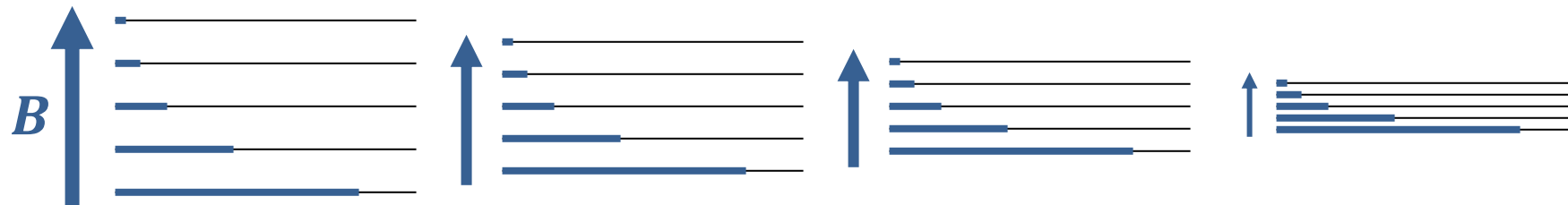
- isothermal magnetization: $T = \text{const.}$



$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta S} = T = \text{const}$$

- switch on B_{ext} at $T = \text{const.}$, magnetic work is done, generated heat ΔQ is dumped into heat sink
- reduction of entropy if $T = \text{const.}$

- isenthalpic or adiabatic demagnetization: $S = \text{const.}$

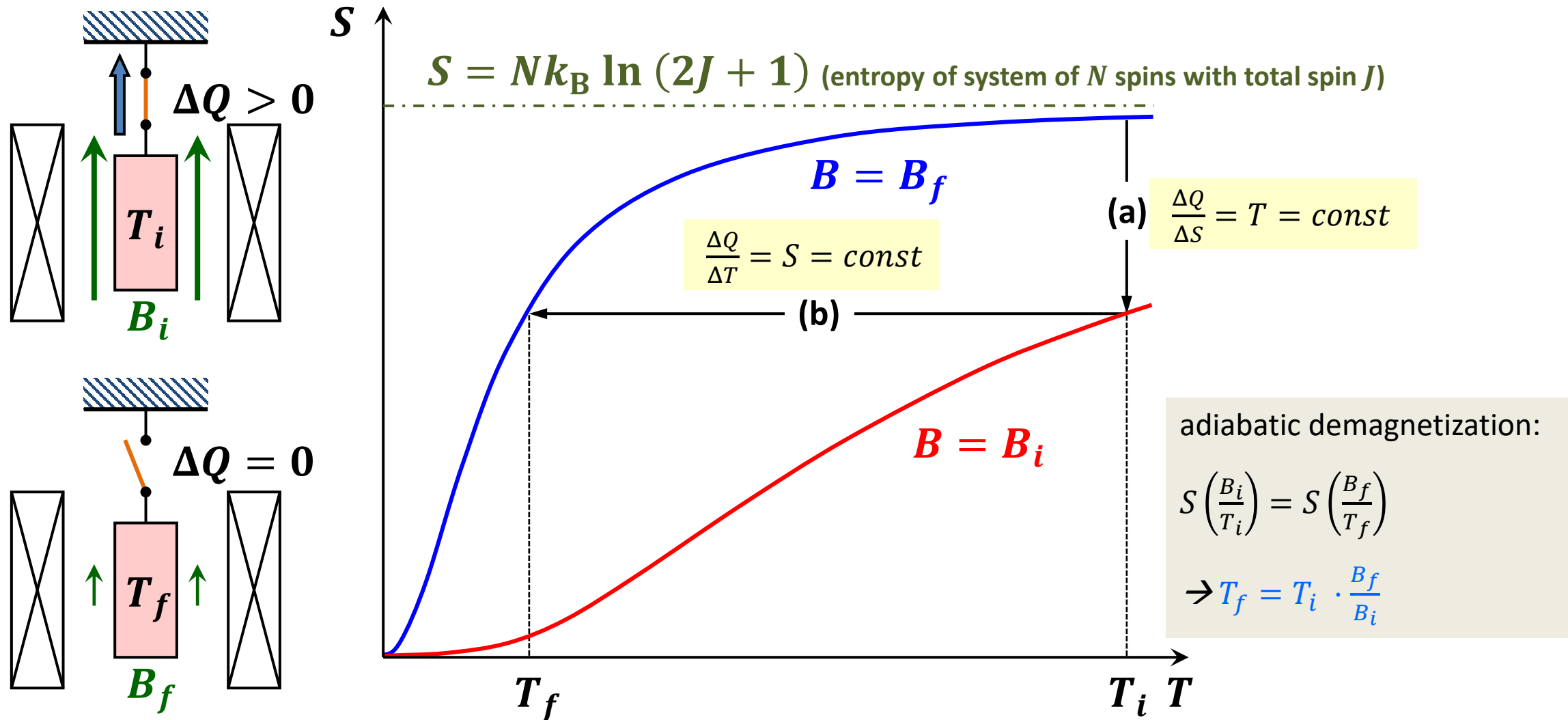


$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} = S = \text{const}$$

- switching off B_{ext} is increasing entropy S of the magnetic system
- to keep $S = \text{const.}$, T has to be reduced and, as $\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} = S = \text{const.}$, heat ΔQ is removed from spin system

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- adiabatic demagnetization



III.1.9 Adiabatic Demagnetization Cooling

- thermodynamics of adiabatic demagnetization

- which amount of heat ΔQ_{spin} can be absorbed by the spin systems ?

$$\Delta Q_{\text{spin}}(B = 0) = \int_{T_f}^{T_i} C_{\text{spin}} dT = \int_{T_f}^{T_i} T \left(\frac{\partial S_{\text{spin}}}{\partial T} \right)_B dT \quad (\text{cooling capacity})$$

- entropy of spin system with spin quantum number J for $g\mu_B B \ll k_B T$:

$$S = Nk_B \left\{ \ln(2J + 1) - \frac{g^2 J(J + 1) \mu_B^2}{6k_B^2} \frac{B^2 + B_{\text{int}}^2}{T^2} \right\} \quad \text{finite } B_{\text{int}} \text{ due to finite spin-spin interaction}$$

- isenthalpic demagnetization ($S = \text{const.}$): $\frac{B_i^2 + B_{\text{int}}^2}{T_i^2} = \frac{B_f^2 + B_{\text{int}}^2}{T_f^2}$

- final temperature

$$T_f = T_i \sqrt{\frac{B_f^2 + B_{\text{int}}^2}{B_i^2 + B_{\text{int}}^2}}$$

remaining internal field due to finite magnetic interactions
(should be as small as possible)

III.1.9 Adiabatic Demagnetization Cooling

- adiabatic demagnetization

paramagnetic salts:

e.g MAS = $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- cooling of electron spins
- material with large entropy S/R but large B_{int}
- lowest temperatures $T_f \approx 100 \text{ mK}$
- large cooling capacity

e.g CMN = $2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 2\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 24\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- cooling of electron spins
- material with small entropy S/R but small B_{int}
- lowest temperatures $T_f \approx 2 \text{ mK}$
- small cooling capacity

nuclear demagnetization:

e.g ^{63}Cu ($L = \frac{3}{2}$) or ^{65}Cu ($L = \frac{3}{2}$)

($B_{\text{int}} \approx 0.3 \text{ mT}$, $T_i \approx 10 \text{ mK}$, $B_i \approx 3 \text{ T}$)

- cooling of nuclear spins
- $T_f (B_f = 0) \approx 1 \text{ } \mu\text{K}$
- problem: transfer of spin temperature to lattice

long spin-lattice relaxation time

other materials: $^{141}\text{PrNi}_5$ ($L = \frac{5}{2}$), ^{195}Pt ($L = \frac{1}{2}$)

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Cryogen-free Two Stage Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigerator from Janis

A cryogen-free two stage adiabatic demagnetization refrigerator using a 4 K pulse tube cryocooler. Gallium Gadolinium Garnet (GGG) and Ferric Ammonium Alum (FAA) paramagnetic pills were used for the first and second stage of the ADR, with Kevlar string supports for each stage. The FAA stage reaches a base temperature below 50 mK, and remains below 100 mK for more than two days.

III.1.9 Adiabatic Demagnetization Cooling



TEMPERATURE RANGE
100 mK - 300 K



SAMPLE COOLDOWN TIME
< 3 hours



CONTINUOUS OPERATION ABOVE
300 mK



Key Benefits

Built for an improved sub-Kelvin experience

Fast sample characterization ^

The L-Type Rapid features kiutra's proprietary puck-based top-loading sample exchange mechanism. This option allows the user to prepare their sample on a sample puck and load it into the cryostat in just a couple of minutes – there is no need to warm up the cryostat. In this way, a sample can be installed and cooled to the base temperature in less than three hours. After completion of the low-temperature tests, the sample can be removed just as quickly, and within a few minutes the next device, prepared on a spare puck, can be loaded. Thus, the L-Type Rapid enables the highest sample turnover for sub-Kelvin studies.

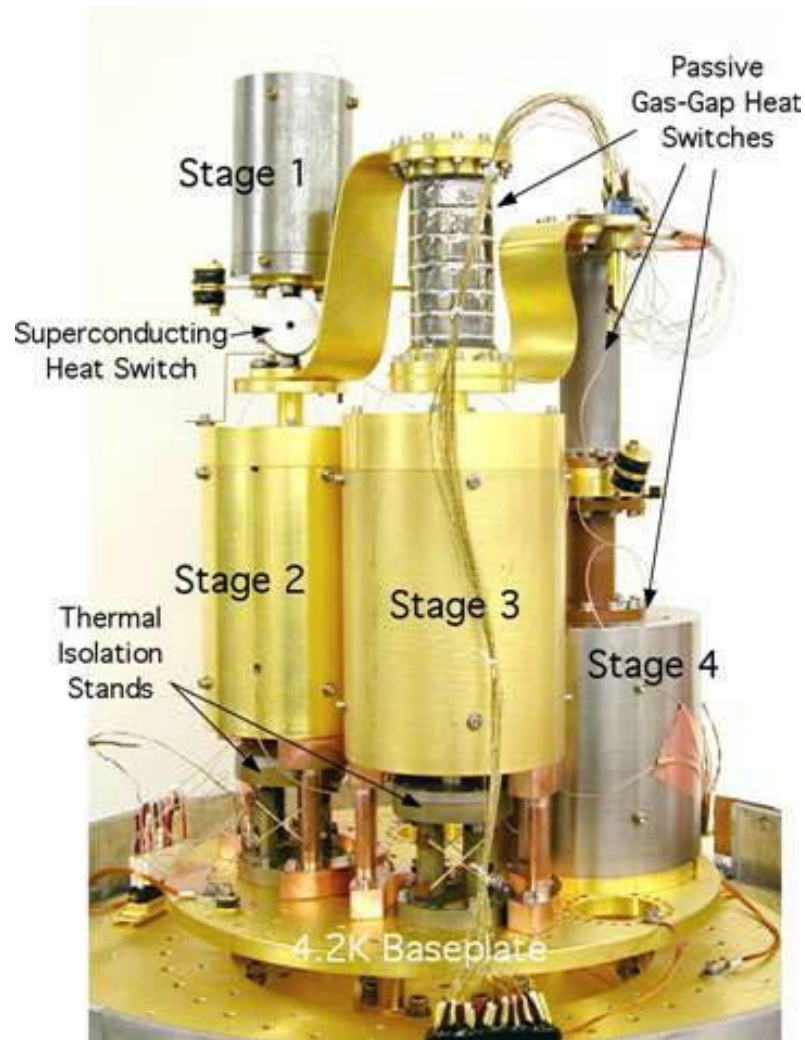
Wide temperature range v

Highly modular cooling platform v



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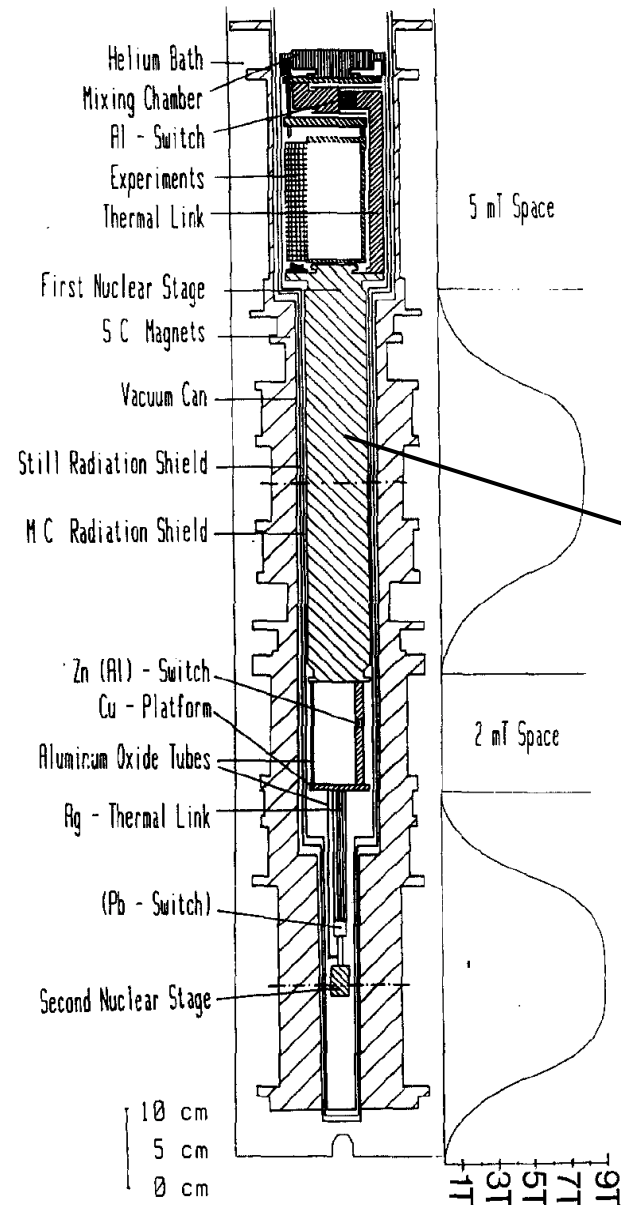
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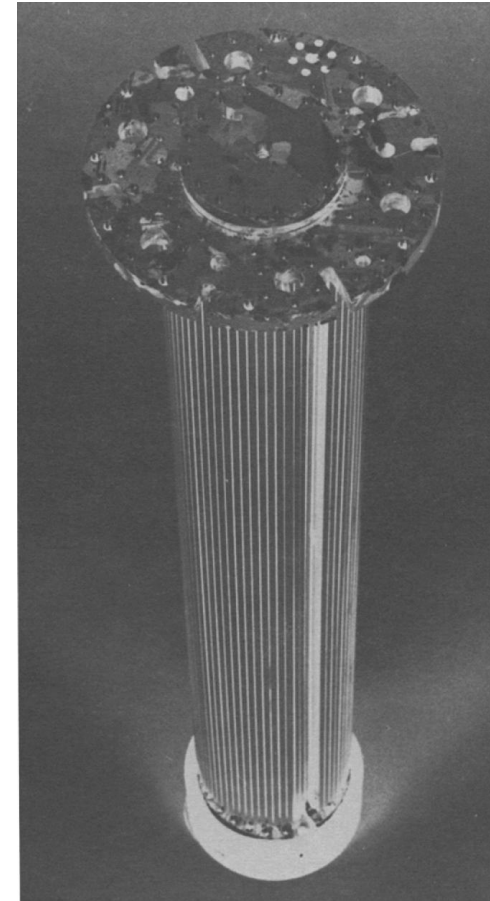
Continuous Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigerator (CADR) under development at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

- CADR to cool from below 5K to ≈ 35 mK
- advantage: no stored cryogenics
 - maximizing the lifetime/mass ratio for the instrument

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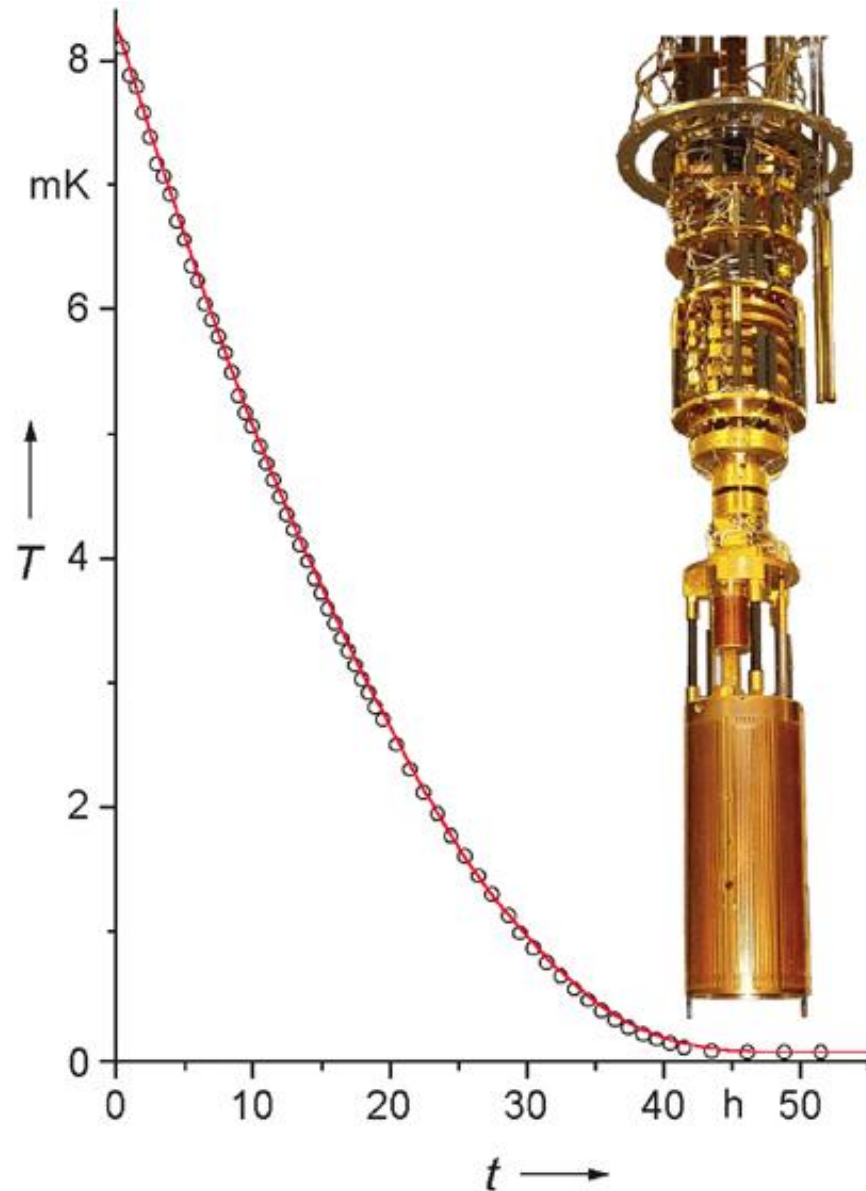


Cu demagnetization stage
(length: 525 mm, diameter: 78 mm)



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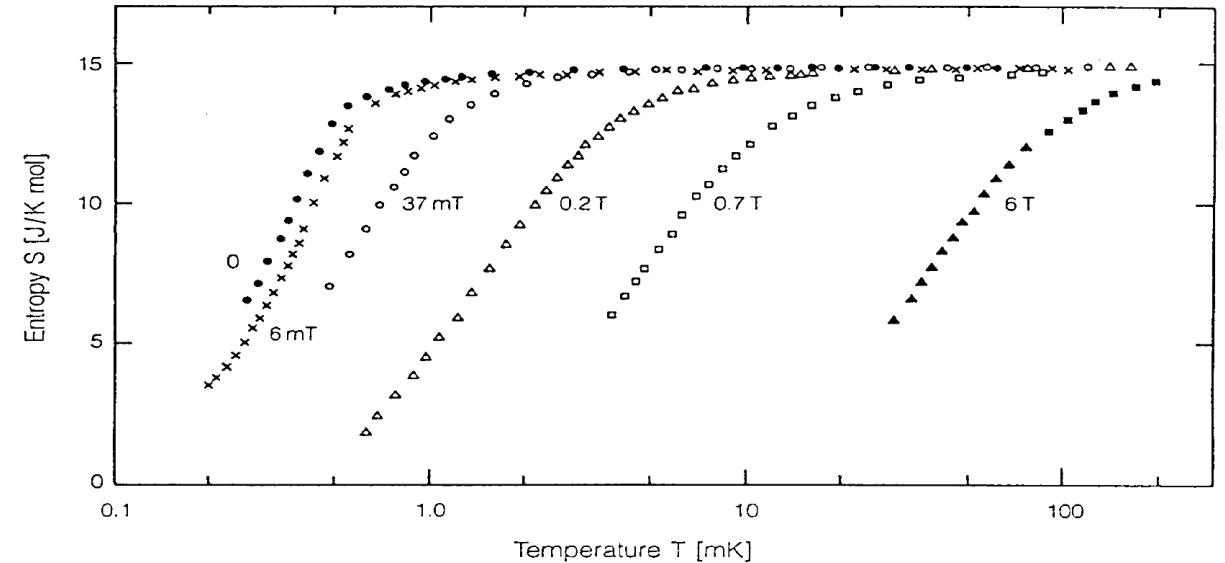
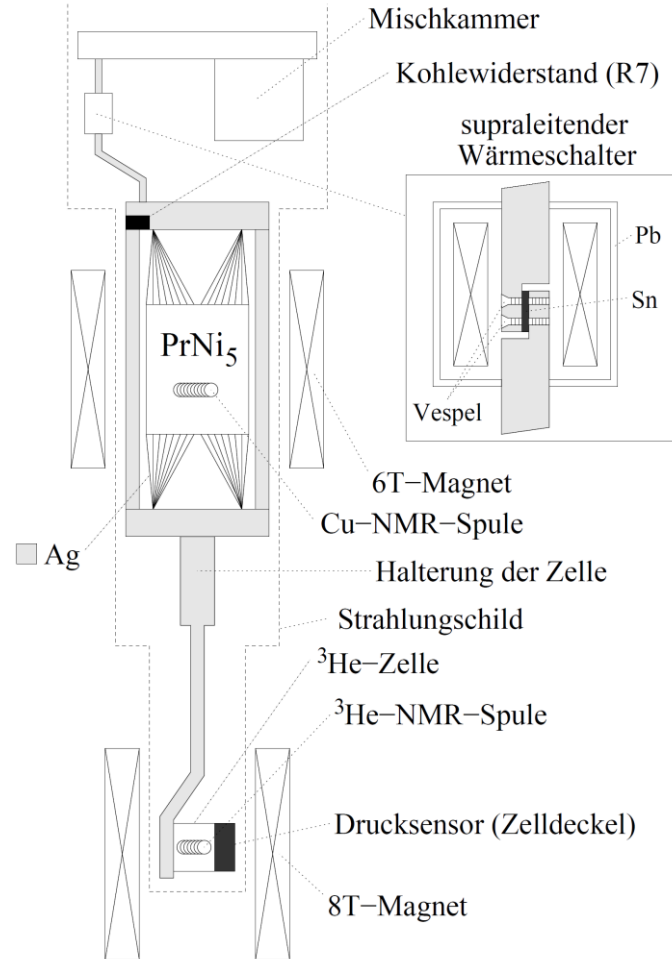
μ K facility of PTB Berlin:

lattice temperatures measured on the 105-mol-copper stage of the Berlin microkelvin facility with Pt-NMR. The achieved minimal temperature was 23.3 μ K. The red line depicts the calculated course of temperature for the thermodynamically optimized demagnetization function.

heat leak: below 1.5 nW.

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„Bayerische Millimühle 2“ @ WMI

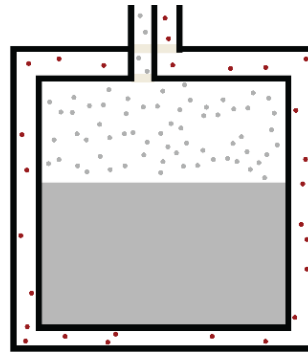


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- heat links in nuclear adiabatic demagnetization systems

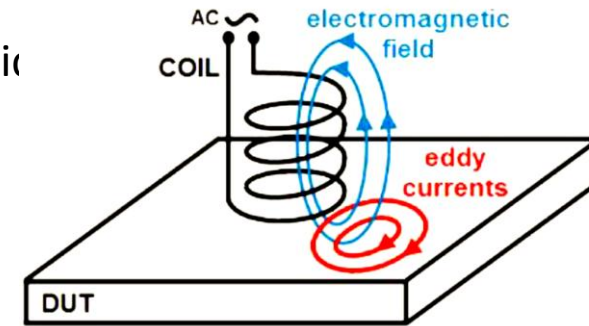
external heat leaks

- direct thermal conduction (e.g. wires)
- thermal conduction by convection
- thermal radiation



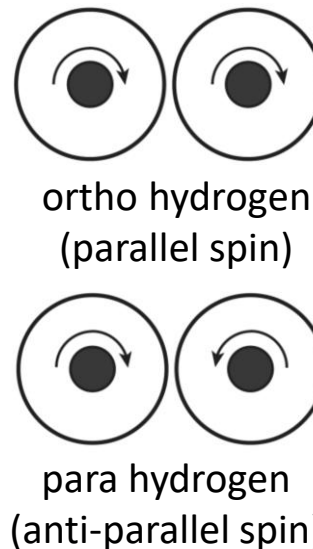
dissipation by eddy currents

- vibrations inside a static B -field
- time-varying B -fields



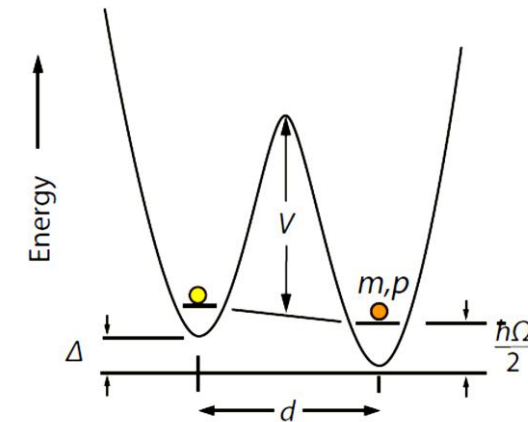
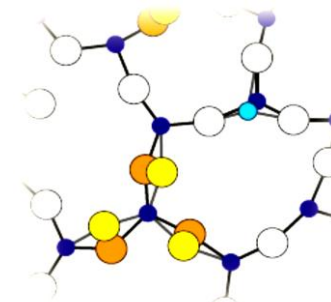
temporally decaying heat leaks

- Otho-to-para conversion of hydrogen
- hydrogen bubbles (e.g. in metals)



internal sources of dissipation

- tunneling systems
- two-level fluctuators



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III.2 Thermometry

III.2.1 Thermometry - Introduction

- temperature and temperature scales

- *temperature of a system in thermodynamic equilibrium:*

defined as the relation between the amount of heat δQ incident on the system during an infinitesimal quasi-static transformation, and the variation δS of its entropy during this transformation:

$$T = \frac{\delta Q}{\delta S}$$

→ for reversible Carnot process ($dS = 0$):

$$0 = \oint \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

- **Lord Kelvin** (1854): there is an absolute zero of temperature scale

$$\rightarrow T_0 = 0 \text{ K} = -273.15^\circ\text{C}$$

$$1 \text{ K} = 1^\circ\text{C}$$

see <http://www.its-90.com>

Kelvin scale

Celsius scale (1742)

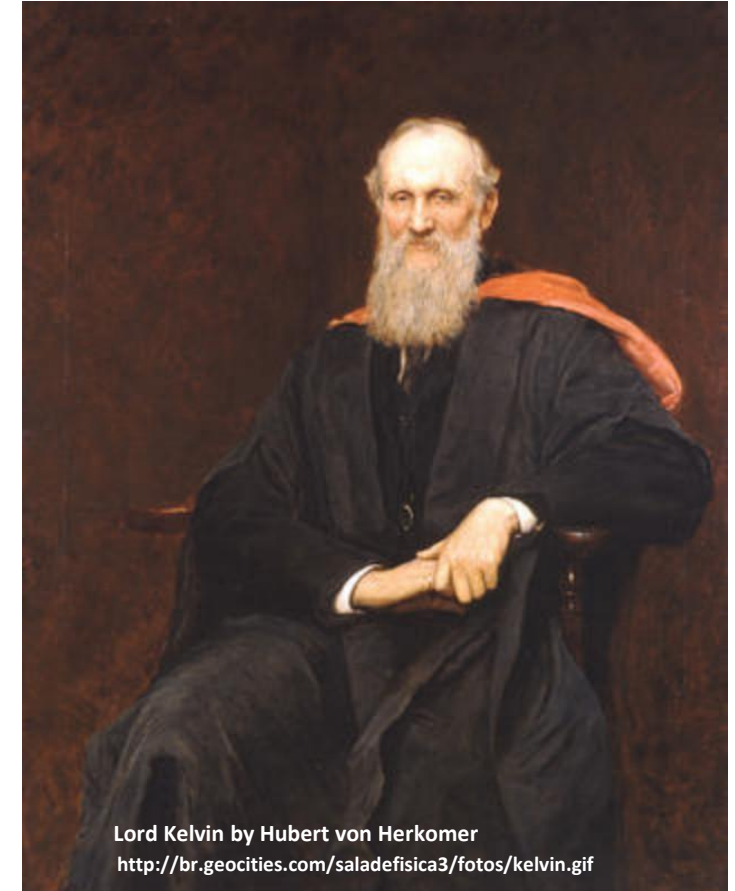
III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)

Born	26 June 1824 , Belfast , Co. Antrim , Ireland
Died	17 December 1907 (aged 83) ^[1] , Largs , Ayrshire , Scotland ^[1]
Residence	Cambridge , England Glasgow , Scotland
Nationality	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
Institutions	University of Glasgow
<i>Alma mater</i>	Glasgow University , Peterhouse , Cambridge

a variety of physical phenomena and concepts with which Thomson is associated are named Kelvin:

- *Kelvin material*
- *Kelvin water dropper*
- *Kelvin wave*
- *Kelvin-Helmholtz instability*
- *Kelvin-Helmholtz mechanism*
- *Kelvin-Helmholtz luminosity*
- *The SI unit of temperature, Kelvin*
- *Kelvin transform in potential theory*
- *Kelvin's circulation theorem*
- *Kelvin-bridge (also known as Thomson-bridge)*



William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)

III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- temperature scales

- SI temperature scale

the SI temperature scale is the Kelvin scale. It defines the triple point of water as the numerical value of 273.16, i.e., 273.16 K. The unit of temperature in this scale is the Kelvin (K).

- Celsius scale:

the Celsius scale has units of °C (degrees Celsius) with the size of the unit equal to 1 Kelvin.

$$T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = T(\text{K}) - 273.15$$

- agreement of bureaus of standards:

→ **ITS-90 temperature scale** for $T > 0.65 \text{ K}$ (Comité International des Poids et Mesures 1990)

the ITS-90 is defined by 17 fixed points and 4 defining instruments. It spans a temperature range from 0.65 K to 10 000 K. For cryogenic purposes the three defining instruments are helium vapor pressure thermometry, gas thermometry, and platinum resistance thermometry.

→ **PLTS-2000 temperature scale** for lower T (Provisonal Low Temperature Scale, melting curve of ^3He)

the PLTS-2000 is defined by a polynomial, relating the melting pressure of ^3He to temperature from the range 0.9 mK to 1 K. The pressure to temperature relationship is based on primary thermometers such as Johnson noise and nuclear orientation.

III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- **temperature scales**
 - **new definition of the Kelvin**

The Kelvin, symbol K, is a unit of measurement for temperature

The Kelvin scale is an absolute scale, which is defined such that 0 K is absolute zero and a change of thermodynamic temperature T by 1 Kelvin corresponds to a change of thermal energy $k_B T$ by 1.380649×10^{-23} J.

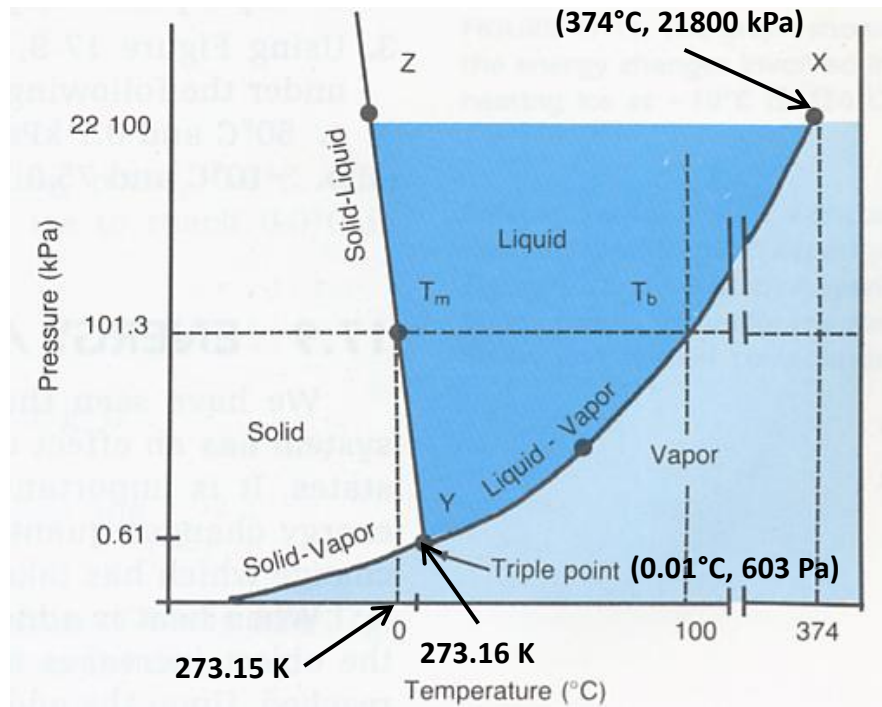
The Boltzmann constant $k_B = 1.380649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ was exactly defined in the 2019 redefinition of the SI base units such that the triple point of water is $T = 273.16 \pm 0.0001 \text{ K}$

III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- The Water Triple Point

The triple point of water is the most important defining thermometric fixed point used in the calibration of thermometers to the [International Temperature Scale of 1990 \(ITS-90\)](#).

It is the sole realizable defining fixed point common to the [Kelvin Thermodynamic Temperature Scale \(KTTS\)](#) and the ITS-90; the assigned value on these scales is **273.16 K (0.01°C)**



III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- defining Fixed Points of the ITS-90

Number	Temperature		Substance ^a	State ^b	W _r (T ₉₀)
	T ₉₀ /K	T ₉₀ /°C			
1	3 to 5	-270.15 to -268.15	He	V	
2	13.8033	-259.3467	e-H ₂	T	0.001 190 07
3	~17	~-256.15	e-H ₂ (or He)	V (or G)	
4	~20.3	-252.85	e-H ₂ (or He)	V (or G)	
5	24.5561	-248.5939	Ne	T	0.008 449 74
6	54.3584	-218.7916	O ₂	T	0.091 718 04
7	83.8058	-189.3442	Ar	T	0.215 859 75
8	234.3156	-38.8344	Hg	T	0.844 142 11
9	273.16	0.01	H ₂ O	T	1.000 000 00
10	302.9146	29.7646	Ga	M	1.118 138 89
11	429.7485	156.5985	In	F	1.609 801 85
12	505.078	231.928	Sn	F	1.892 797 68
13	692.677	419.527	Zn	F	2.568 917 30
14	933.473	660.323	Al	F	3.376 008 60
15	1234.93	961.78	Ag	F	4.286 420 53
16	1337.33	1064.18	Au	F	
17	1357.77	1084.62	Cu	F	

^a All substances except ³He are of natural isotopic composition, e-H₂ is hydrogen at the equilibrium concentration of the ortho- and para-molecular forms.

^b V: vapour pressure point; T: Triple Point (temperature at which the solid, liquid and vapour phases are in equilibrium); G: gas thermometer point; M,F melting point, freezing point (temperature, at a pressure of 101 325 Pa, at which the solid and liquid phases are in equilibrium)

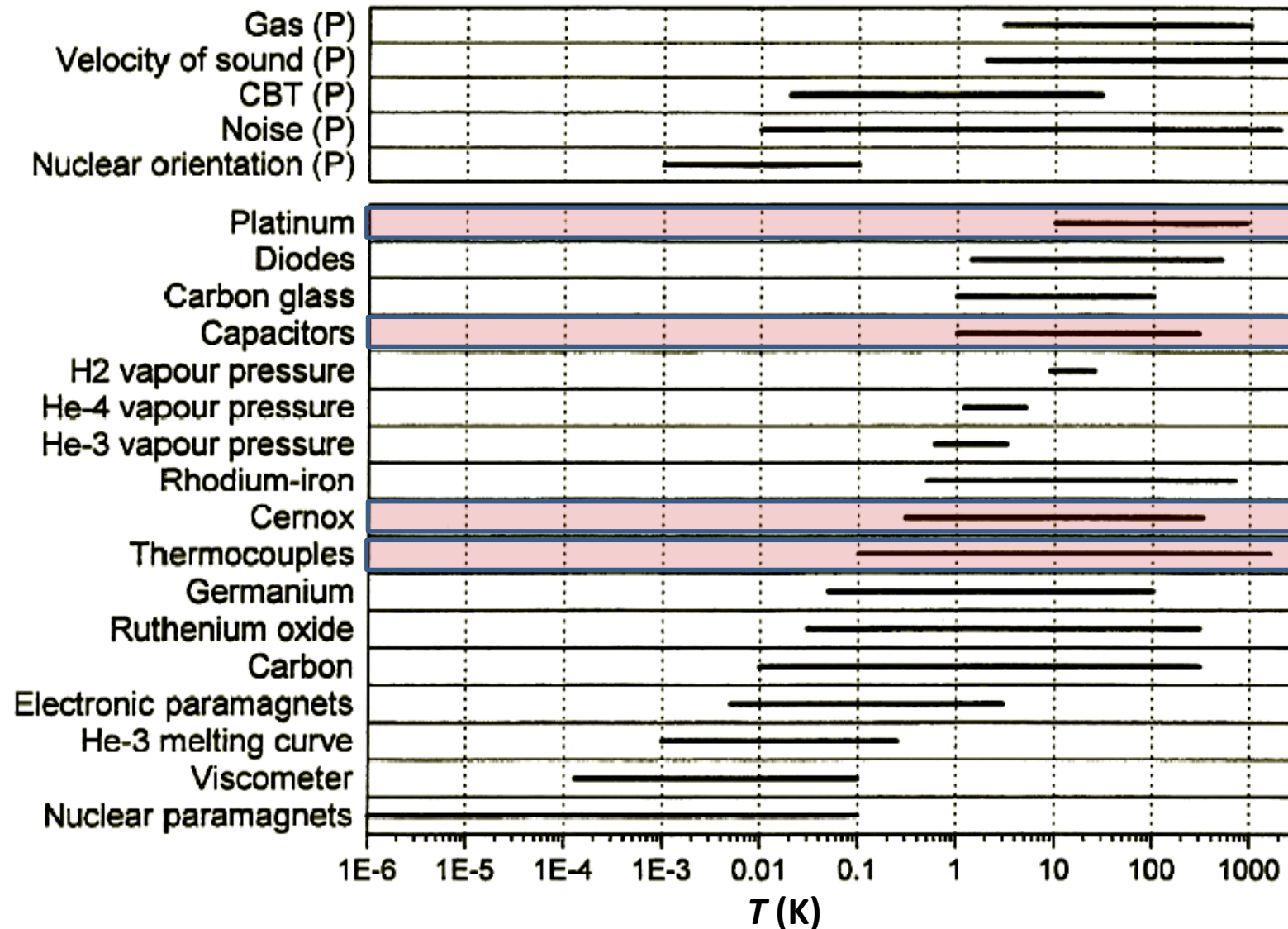
see <http://www.its-90.com>

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- temperature measurement
 - definition of temperature via reversible Carnot process is not well suited for establishing useful measuring methods
 - in practice: use of *fixpoints* and *interpolation polynoms*
 - *primary thermometers*:
 - measured quantity is related directly to temperature (*in a theoretically predictably way*)
 - no calibration is required
 - *secondary thermometers*:
 - measured quantity varies with temperature in a reproducible way
 - must be calibrated using a primary thermometer
 - requirements for temperature measurement:
 - → good thermal contact between thermometer and sample
 - → low self-heating
 - fast response to temperature changes

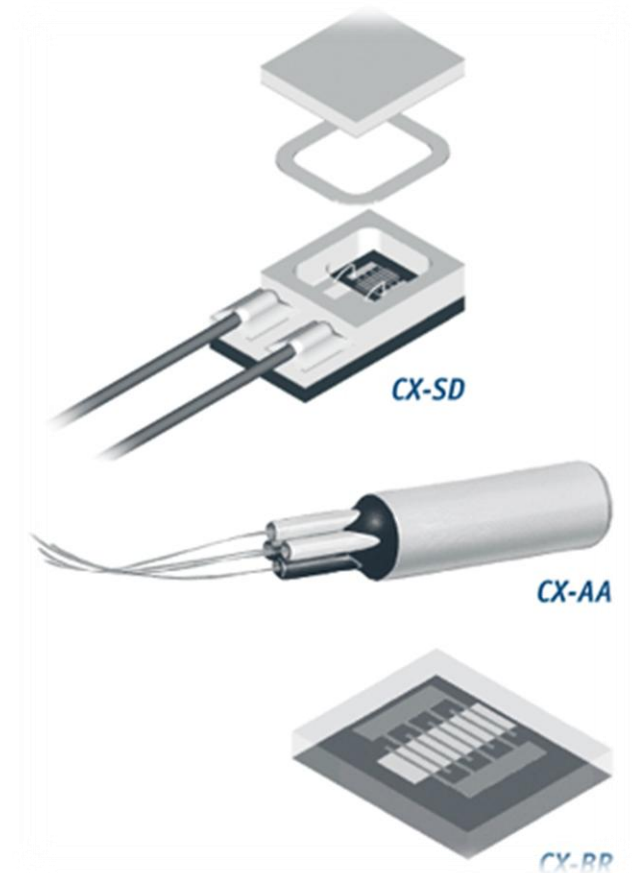
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- typical temperature range of some thermometers



III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- most common thermometers for $1\text{K} < T < 300\text{ K}$
 - gas thermometer: $p = p(T)$
 - Helium gas \approx ideal gas down to 10K:
 - vapour pressure thermometer: $T_{\text{liquid}} = f(p_{\text{vapor}})$
 - pressure of 10 Pa corresponds to 0.4 K for ^3He
 - thermocouples: $V_{\text{th}} = V_{\text{th}}(T)$
 - resistance thermometry: $R = R(T)$
 - 1K - 300K
 - semiconductors (e.g. Ge doped with Arsenic has 100-500 Ω/K @ 4.2K, self-heating around 10 μA)
 - p-n junction diode (problem with high bias current \rightarrow self heating)
 - capacitance thermometry: $C = C(T)$
 - based on temperature change of dielectric properties
 - virtually no magnetic field-induced errors
 - noise thermometer: $S = S(T)$
 - Johnson noise in resistor: $S_V = 4k_B T R$
 - like gas thermometer, but with electrons
 - with SQUID measurements: 0.1% @ 1K



III.2.1 Thermometry – Introduction

- most common thermometers for $T < 1$ K

$1 \text{ mK} \leq T \leq 1 \text{ K}$:

- magnetic susceptibility thermometer**

Curie's law: $\chi = \mu_0 \frac{M}{B} = \frac{C}{T}$

M : magnetization
 B : applied magnetic field
 C : Curie constant

mutual inductance between two coils: $m = m_0 f \chi$

→ Cerium magnesium nitrate (CMN) useful from 1 K – 10 mK

→ low temperature limit set by magnetic ordering at ≈ 1 mK



- resistance thermometers**

$T < 1 \text{ mK}$:

- nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) thermometer**

→ temperature dependence of spin relaxation


→ platinum ideal choice for NMR thermometry

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III.2.2 Primary Thermometers


- gas thermometers

- ideal gas would be a perfect thermometer:

$$pV = nRT \quad \rightarrow \text{measure pressure at constant volume}$$

- for real gases life is more complicated \rightarrow deviations from ideal behavior

$$pV = n\{RT + b(T)p + c(T)T^2 + d(T)T^3 + \dots\}$$


 virial coefficients (tabulated ITS-90 values)

- systematic errors:
 - \rightarrow dead volumes
 - \rightarrow thermal expansion of cell, elastic deformation of cell
 - \rightarrow adsorption and desorption from walls

\rightarrow *mainly used in calibration laboratories !*

III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- vapour pressure thermometry

- Clausius-Clapeyron equation:
$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{L(T)}{(V_{\text{gas}} - V_{\text{liquid}})T} \approx \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}(T)}{V_{\text{gas}}T}$$

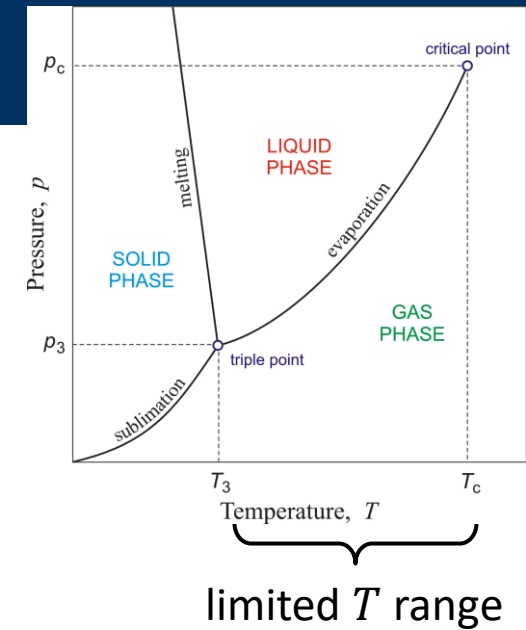
- for ideal gas ($pV = RT$):
$$R \ln p + \text{const.} = \int \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}(T)}{T^2} dT$$

- if $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}(T)$ is known \rightarrow **determine T of liquid (e.g. He) via measurement of He pressure above liquid**

- in practice, a set of secondary vapour pressure scales is used:

ITS-90:
$$T = \sum_i A_i \left\{ \frac{(\ln p + B)}{C} \right\}^i$$
 (in principle no primary thermometer !!)

- with ^3He and ^4He : ITS defined down to 0.65 K



III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- helium vapor pressure thermometer

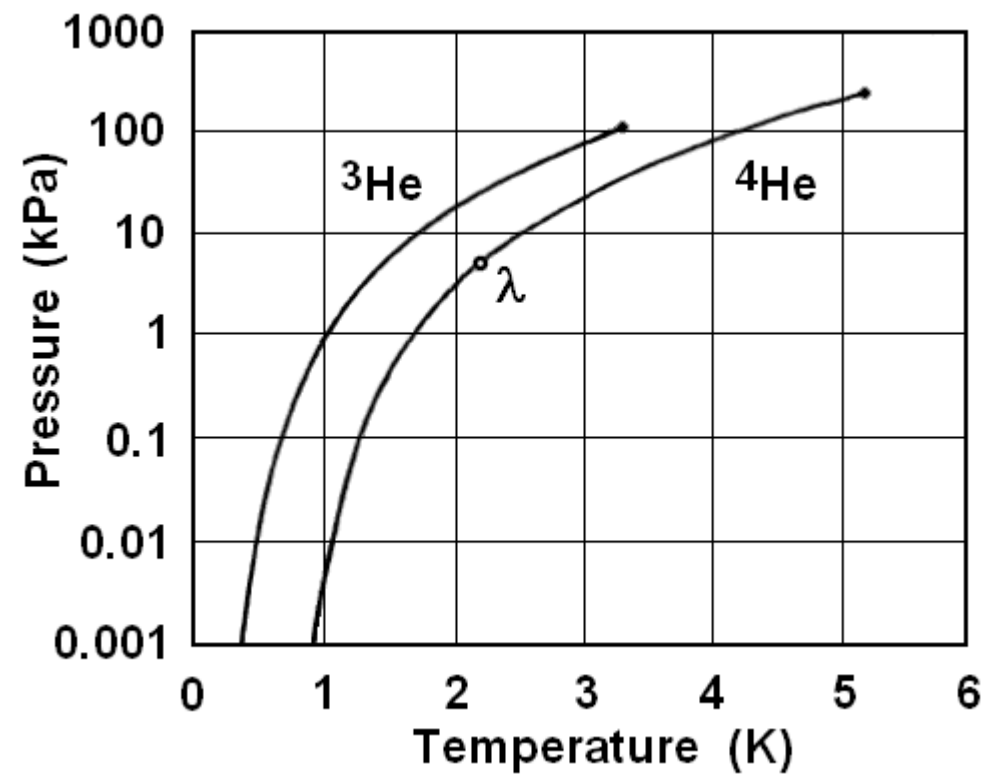
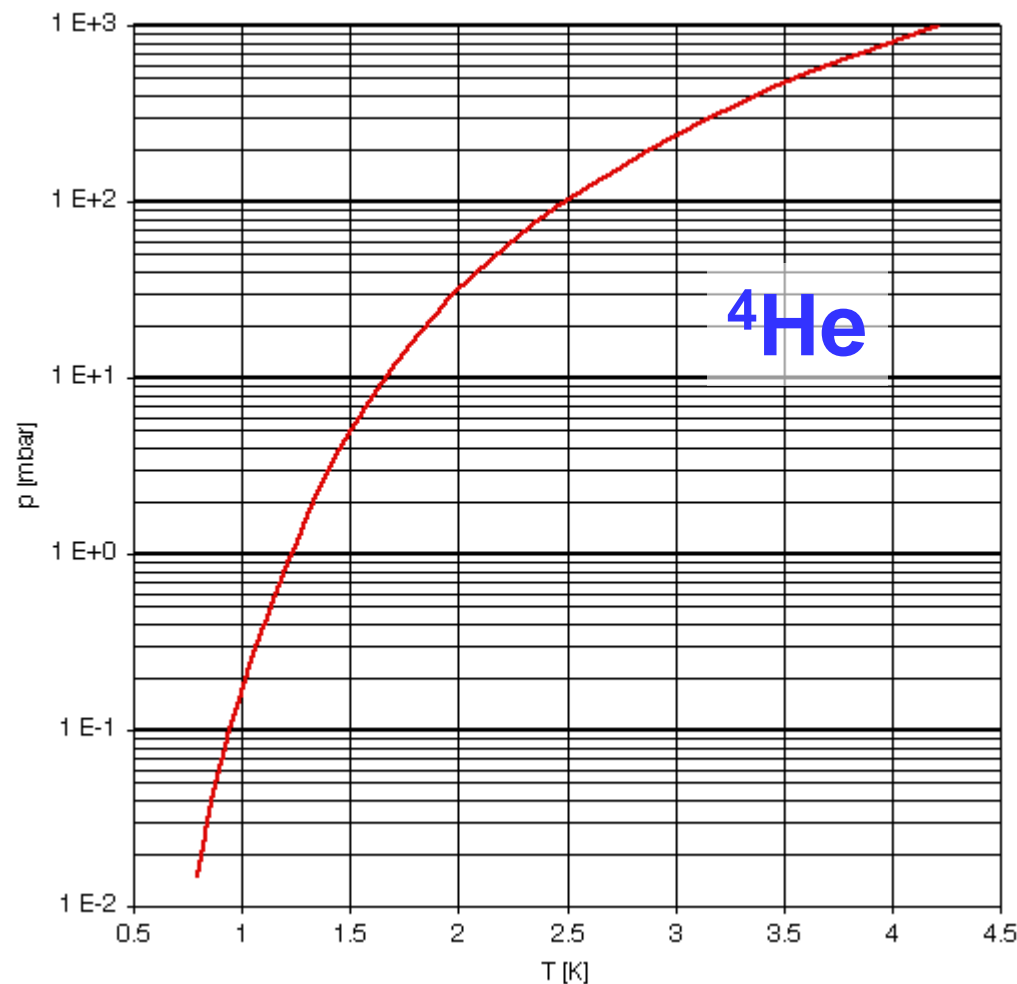
values of the constants for the helium vapour-pressure, and the temperature range for which each equation, identified by its set of constants, is valid (see <http://www.its-90.com>).

	³ He 0.65 K to 3.2 K	⁴ He 1.25 K to 2.1768 K	⁴ He 2.1768 K to 5.0 K
A ₀	1.053 447	1.392 408	3.146 631
A ₁	0.980 106	0.527 153	1.357 655
A ₂	0.676 380	0.166 756	0.413 923
A ₃	0.372 692	0.050 988	0.091 159
A ₄	0.151 656	0.026 514	0.016 349
A ₅	-0.002 263	0.001 975	0.001 826
A ₆	0.006 596	-0.017 976	-0.004 325
A ₇	0.088 966	0.005 409	-0.004 973
A ₈	-0.004 770	0.013 259	0
A ₉	-0.054 943	0	0
B	7.3	5.6	10.3
C	4.3	2.9	1.9

$$T = \sum_i A_i \left\{ \frac{(\ln p + B)}{C} \right\}^i$$

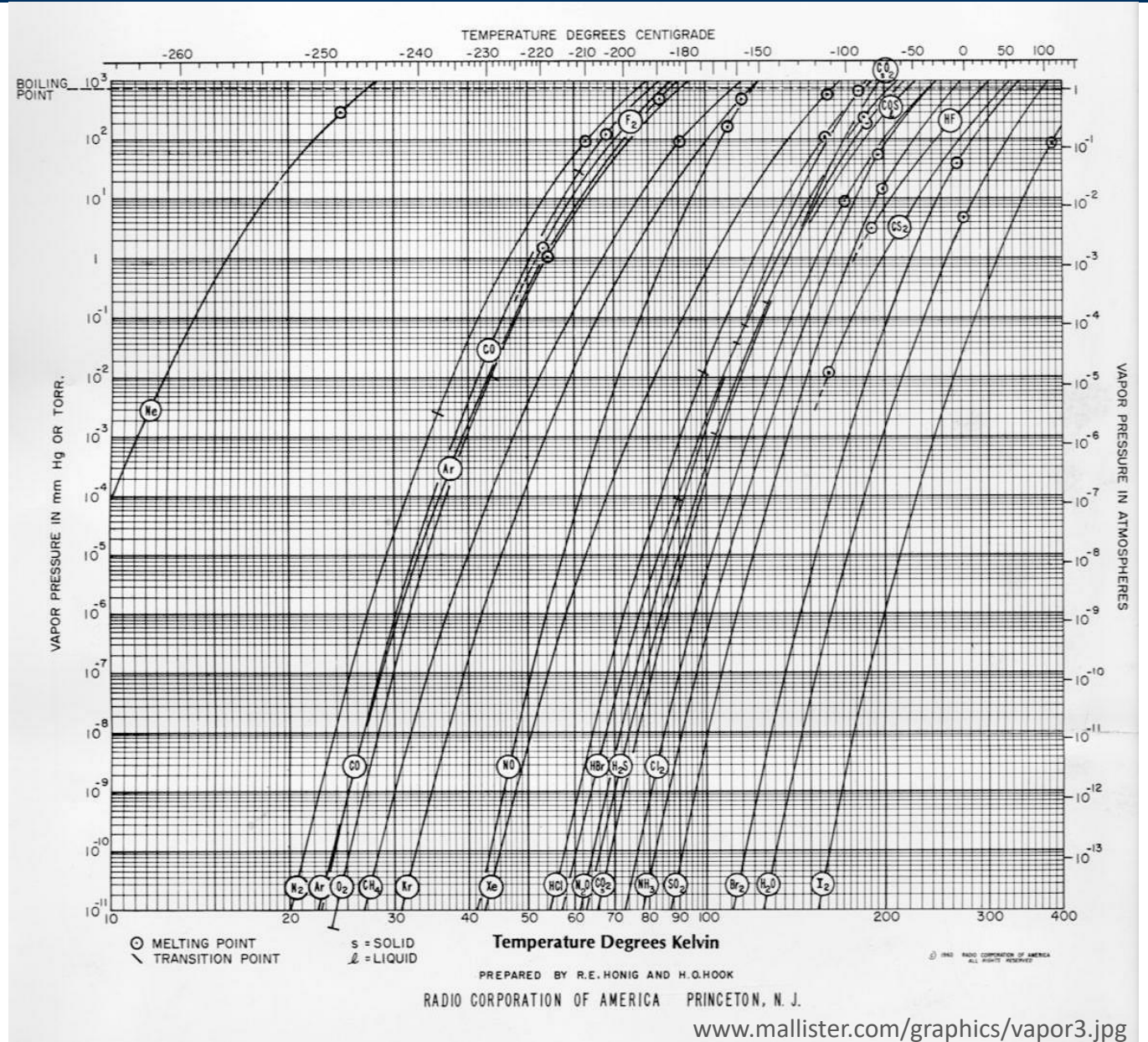
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- helium vapor pressure thermometer



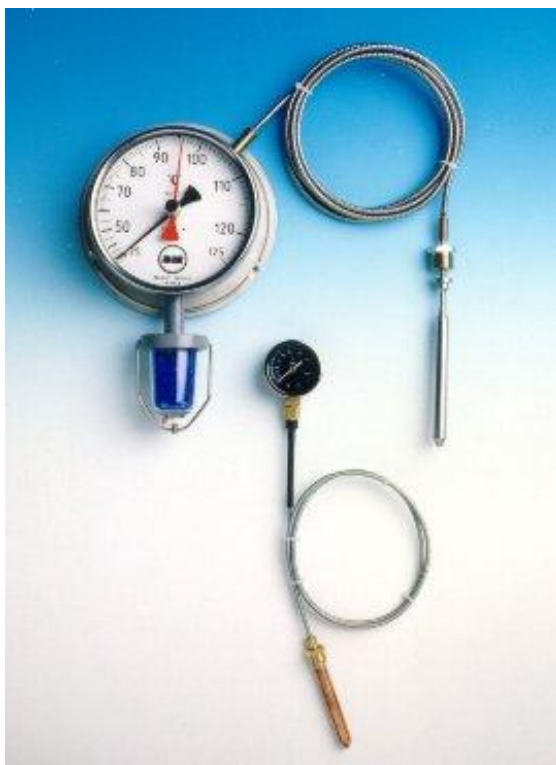
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- vapor pressure thermometry



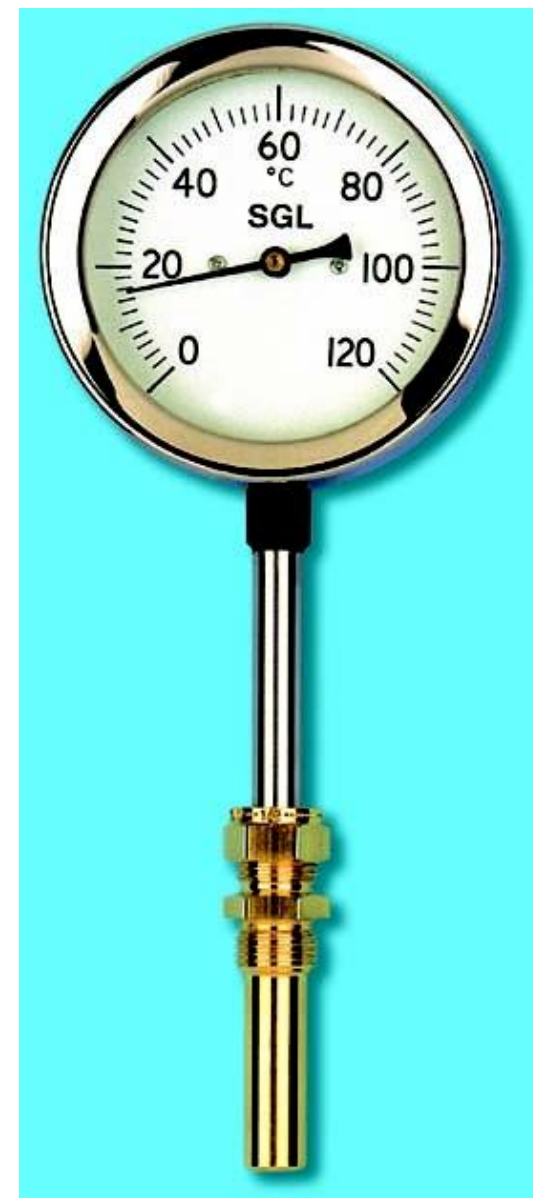
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- vapor pressure thermometry



www.bm-industries.com

Scale in °C	Range of measure in °C
- 40+25	-13+15
- 25+40	+5+30
- 10+60	+25+50
0+100	+45+85
+25+125	+70+110
+40+160	+100+145
+50+200	+120+185
+60+250	+165+230
+100+320	+230+300
+160+400	+280+375



III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- ^3He melting curve thermometry

- use of melting curve of ^3He to define PLTS-2000 temperature scale *down to 0.9 mK*

- polynom for melting curve:

$$p = \sum_{i=-3}^9 \alpha_i T^i$$

→ coefficients given by **PLTS-2000**

→ also use of 4 fix points

*minimum of melting curve,
transition temperatures to A and B phase and
afm order of nuclear spins in solid ^3He*

III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- ^3He melting curve thermometry

$$p/\text{MPa} = \sum_{i=-3}^{+9} a_i (T_{2000}/\text{K})^i$$

$$a_{-3} = -1.385\,544\,2 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$a_{-2} = 4.555\,702\,6 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$a_{-1} = -6.443\,086\,9 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$a_0 = 3.446\,743\,4 \cdot 10^0$$

$$a_1 = -4.417\,643\,8 \cdot 10^0$$

$$a_2 = 1.541\,743\,7 \cdot 10^1$$

$$a_3 = -3.578\,985\,3 \cdot 10^1$$

$$a_4 = 7.149\,912\,5 \cdot 10^1$$

$$a_5 = -1.041\,437\,9 \cdot 10^2$$

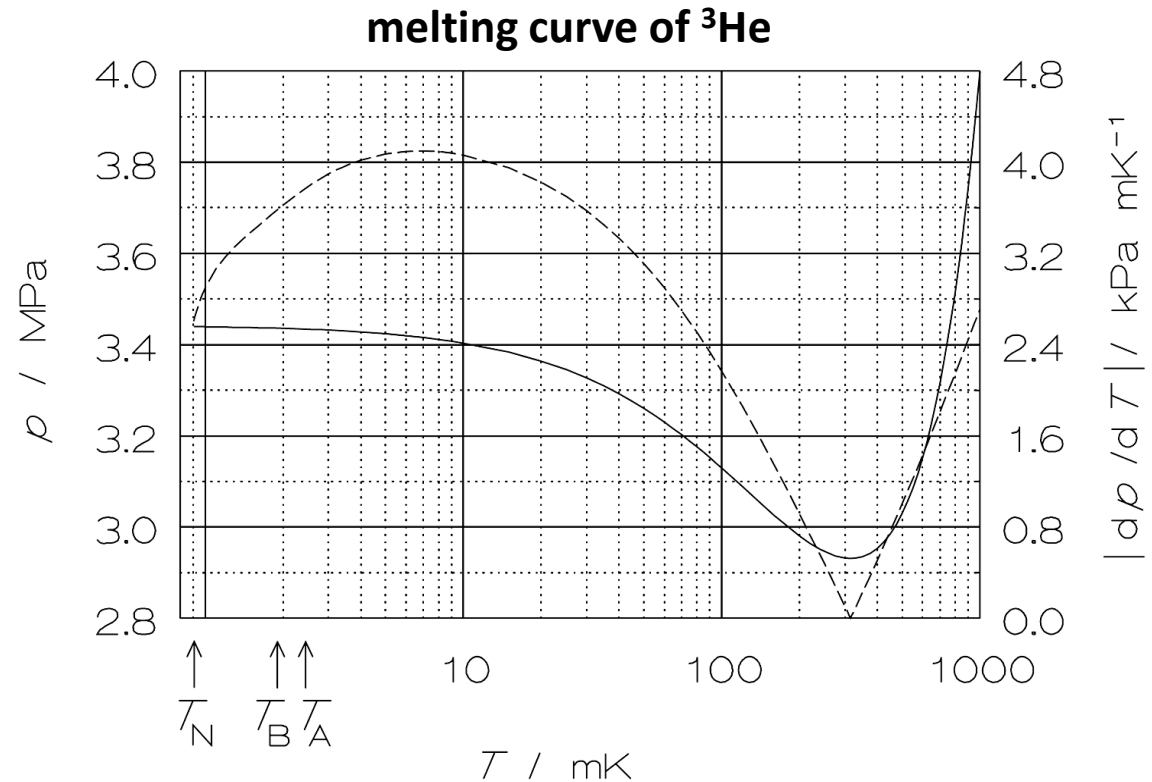
$$a_6 = 1.051\,853\,8 \cdot 10^2$$

$$a_7 = -6.944\,376\,7 \cdot 10^1$$

$$a_8 = 2.683\,308\,7 \cdot 10^1$$

$$a_9 = -4.587\,570\,9 \cdot 10^0$$

source: R.L. Rusby et al. (2001)



Point	p/MPa	T_{2000}/mK
minimum	2.93113	315.24
A	3.43407	2.444
A-B	3.43609	1.896
Néel	3.43934	0.902

III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- noise thermometry

- **Nyquist theorem:**

$$S_V = 4k_B T R$$

voltage noise
 power spectral density
 (V^2/Hz)

temperature

resistance

valid only in the low frequency limit $f \ll k_B T / h$ ($\approx 20 \text{ GHz @ } 1\text{K}$)

- temperature determined by measurement of S_V and R

- **example:** $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, $T = 1 \text{ K}$, band width $\Delta f = 105 \text{ Hz}$

$\rightarrow (S_V \Delta f)^{1/2} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ V} \rightarrow$ sensitive amplifier required \rightarrow SQUID preamplifier

$\rightarrow P \approx 10^{-18} \text{ W}$

III.2.2 Primary Thermometers

- superconducting fix point thermometers
 - based on the precise measurement of the transition temperatures of superconductors
 - available from NIST at Boulder

NIST fixpoint device

ITS-90		*T ^C (K)	Substance	Width (mK)	Reproducibility (1 standard deviation) (mK)
Element	TC90/ K				
		0.0160	°W	0.7	± 0.2
Cd	0.5200 ± 0.0030	0.0230	°Be	0.2	0.1
Zn	0.8500 ± 0.0030	0.0990	°Ir	0.8	0.1
Al	1.1810 ± 0.0025	0.1605	°AuAl2	0.3	0.1
In	3.4145 ± 0.0025	0.2065	°AuIn2	0.4	0.15
Pb	7.1997 ± 0.0025	0.5190	+Cd	0.5-8.0	0.3
Nb	9.2880 ± 0.0025	0.8510	+Zn	2.5-10	0.4
		1.1796	+Al	1.5-4.0	0.4
		3.4145	+In	0.5-2.5	0.2
		7.1996	+Pb	0.6-2.0	0.2

°SRM 768 [Schooley and Soulen (1982)]


+SRM 767 [Schooley et al. (1980)] * T₉₀ above 0.5 K.

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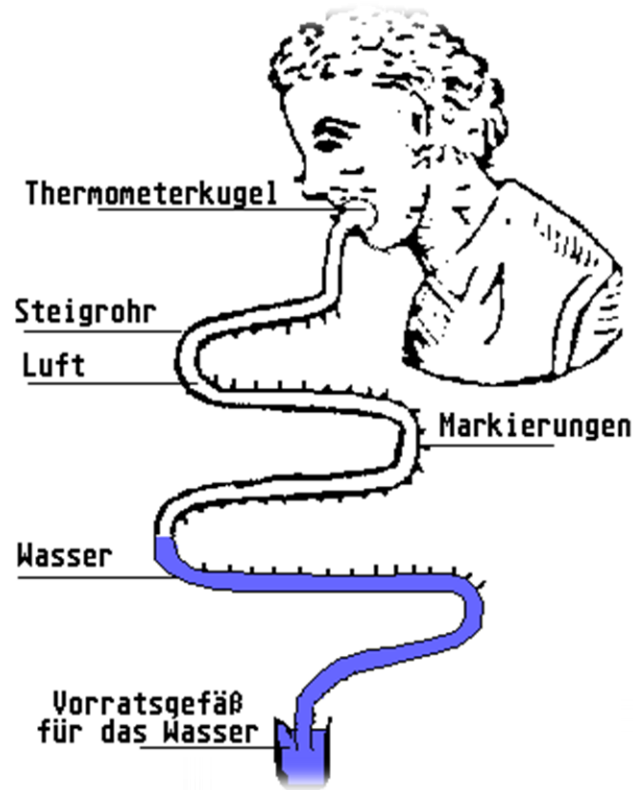
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- there are many



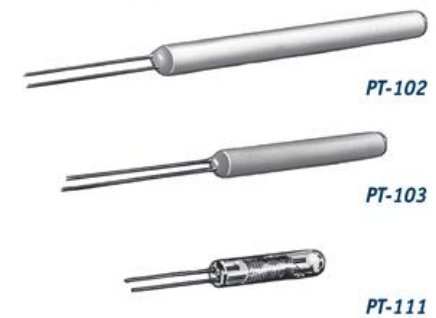
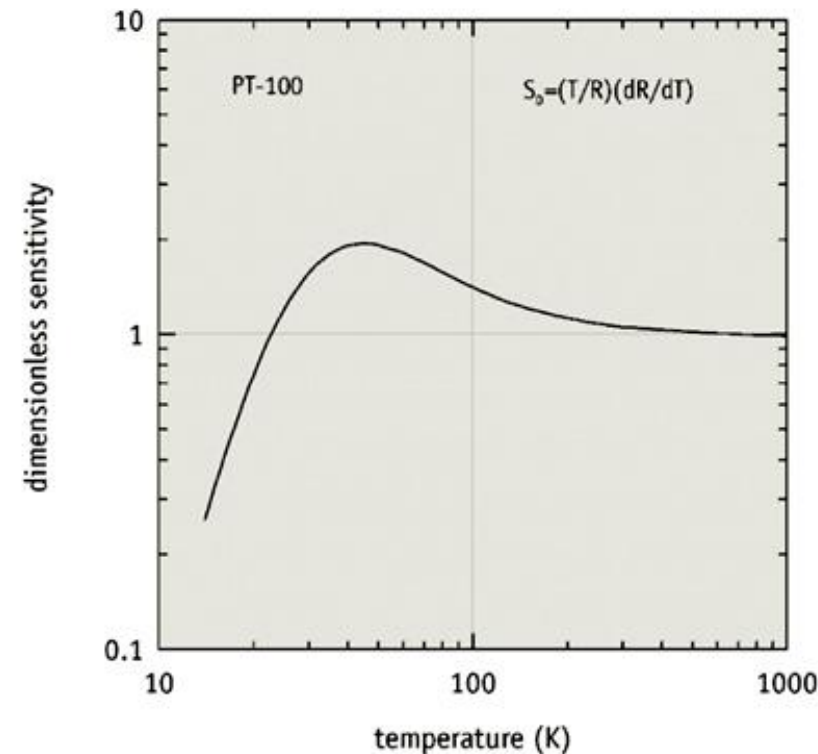
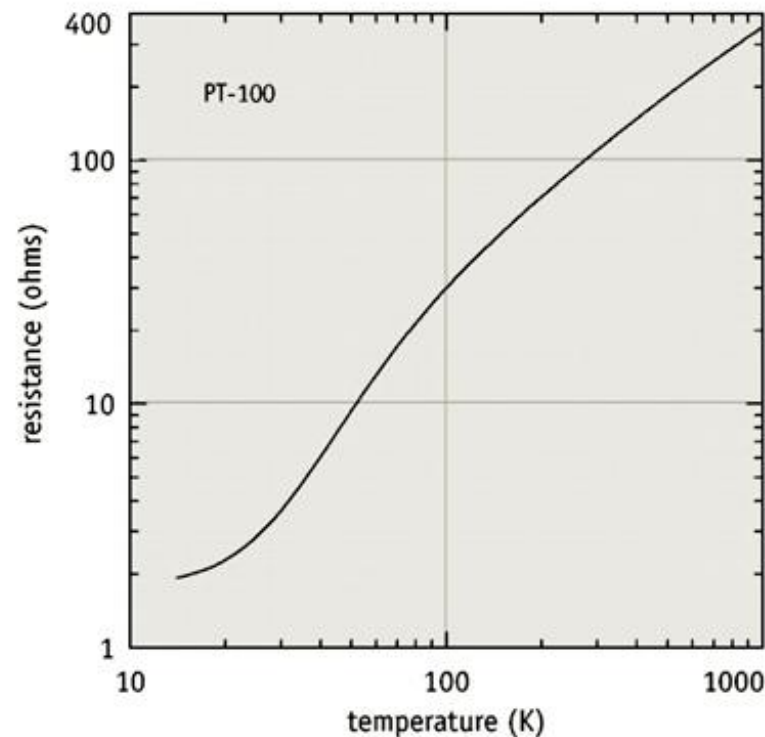
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- resistance thermometers
 - required: well established relation between resistance and temperature, sufficiently large dR/dT
 - advantage: resistance easy to measure → resistance thermometry very popular
 - fact: temperature variation of resistance may have very different physical origin
 - commonly used:
 - Pt resistors (PT-100, PT-1000)
 - RhFe resistors
 - carbon resistors (Speer, Allen-Bradley)
 - carbon glass resistors
 - Ge resistors
 - RuO_2 resistors

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Platinum resistors

The **platinum resistance thermometer (PRT)** is very widely used below 500 °C as a thermometric sensor. There is a wide range of quality of PRT available, from the standard instrument (SPRT) of the ITS-90 to some industrial types (IPRT) that are accurate only to within a few tenths of a kelvin or, perhaps, even a kelvin or more. The major difference of the industrial type of fabrication from the standard type is not just the purity of platinum, but also the less strain-free mounting of the film or wire which is embedded (partially or totally) in a cement (glass or refractory). Furthermore, in most cases, the thermometer body is not hermetically sealed.



Source: Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc.

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Platinum resistors

- ITS-90 requirement for Pt resistance thermometer (PRT)*

temperatures are determined in terms of the ratio of the resistance $R(T_{90})$ at a temperature T_{90} and the resistance $R(273.16 \text{ K})$ at the triple point of water:

$$W(T_{90}) = R(T_{90})/R(0.01^\circ\text{C}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} W(29.7646^\circ\text{C}) &\geq 1.118\,07 \\ W(-38.8344^\circ\text{C}) &\leq 0.844\,235 \end{aligned}$$

- industrial PRT*

for $0 < T < 100^\circ\text{C}$

$$R = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot T)$$

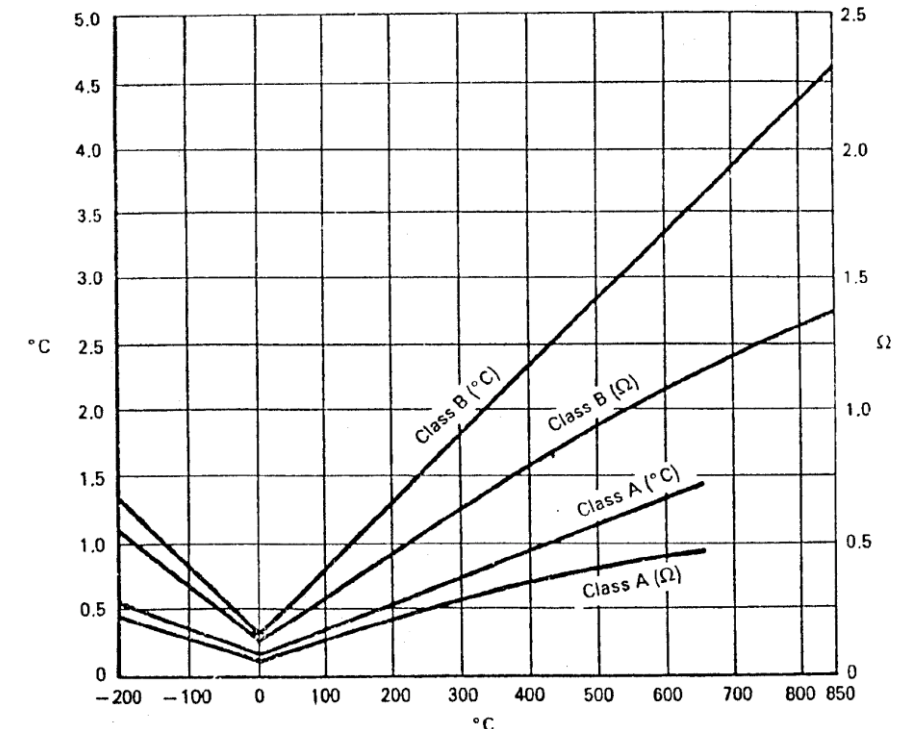
$$\alpha = 3.85 \cdot 10^{-3} / \text{K}$$

allowed errors in $^\circ\text{C}$:

Class A: $dT = \pm (0.15^\circ\text{C} + 0,002 \cdot T)$

Class B: $dT = \pm (0.30^\circ\text{C} + 0,005 \cdot T)$

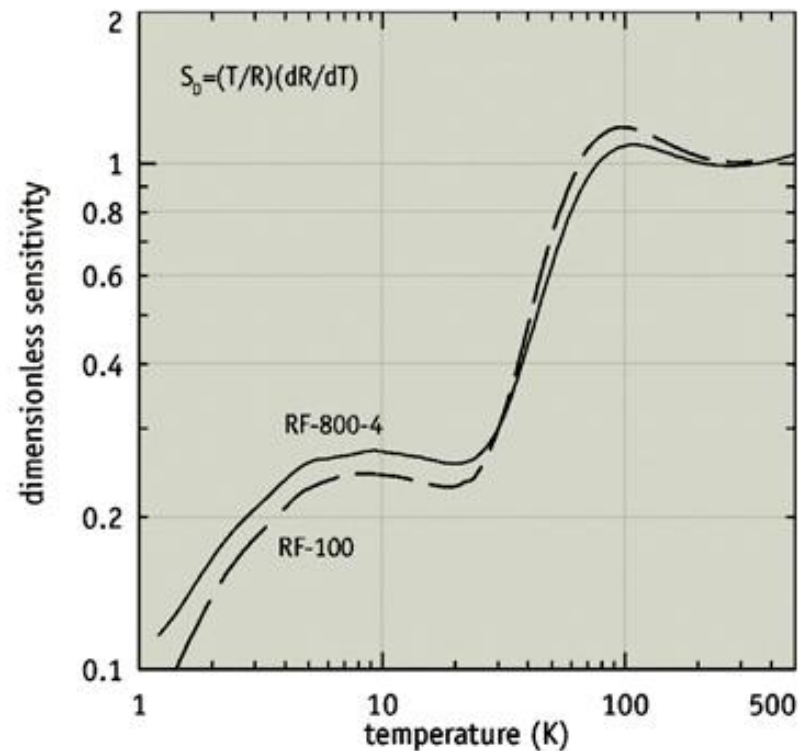
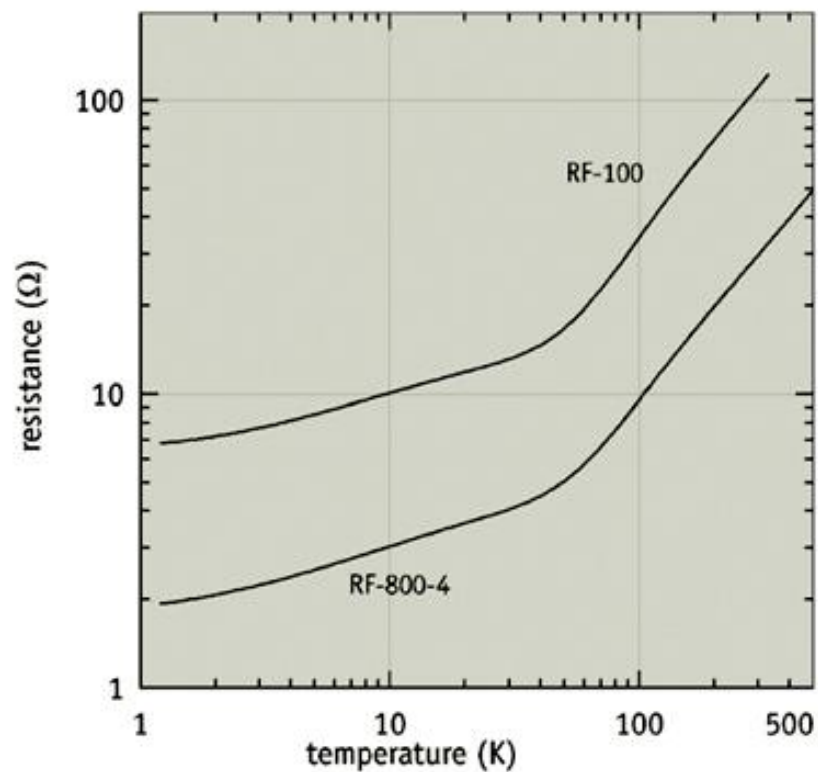
1/3 Class B: $dT = \pm 1/3 \cdot (0.30^\circ\text{C} + 0.005 \cdot T)$



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- RhFe resistor thermometer

Rhodium with 0.5% Fe



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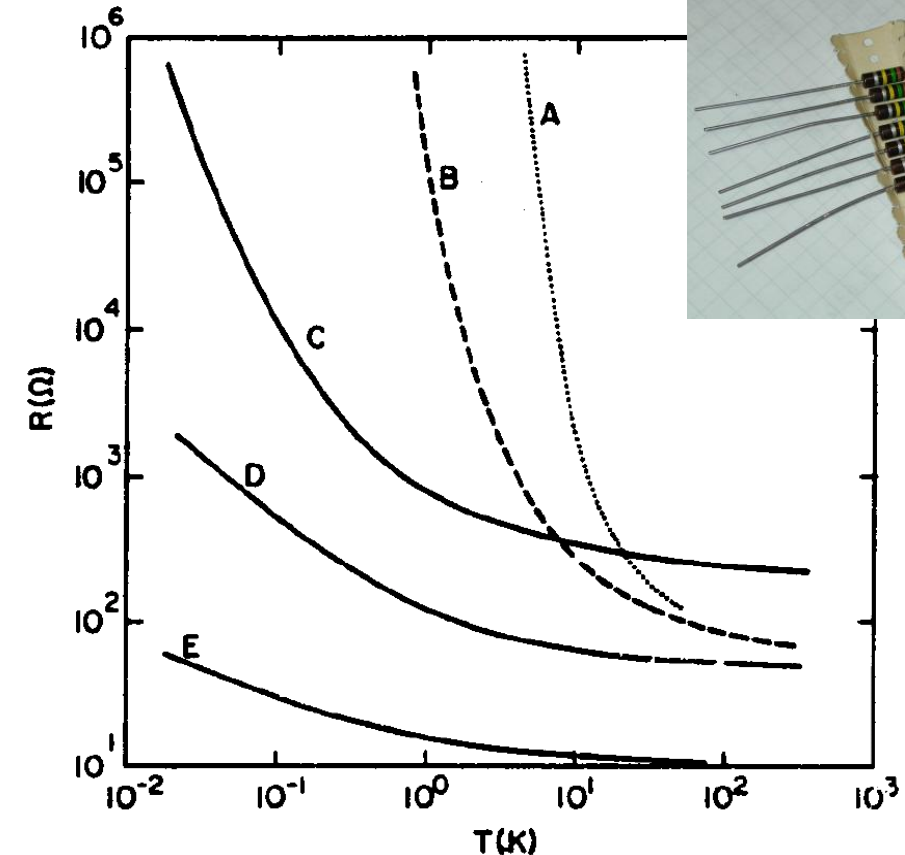
- **carbon resistors**

commercial carbon-composition resistors manufactured by Allen-Bradley were introduced as temperature sensors by Clement and Quinnell in 1952. The carbon composition resistor is a small cylinder consisting of graphite with a binder encased in an outer phenolic shell.

The carbon resistors used as thermometers are generally characterized by their room temperature resistance and their wattage [see Rubin (1980)], and have come largely from the following manufacturers:

- *Allen-Bradley*
- *Airco Speer* (usually referred to simply as *Speer*)
- *Ohmite*
- *Matsushita*,
- *CryoCal*

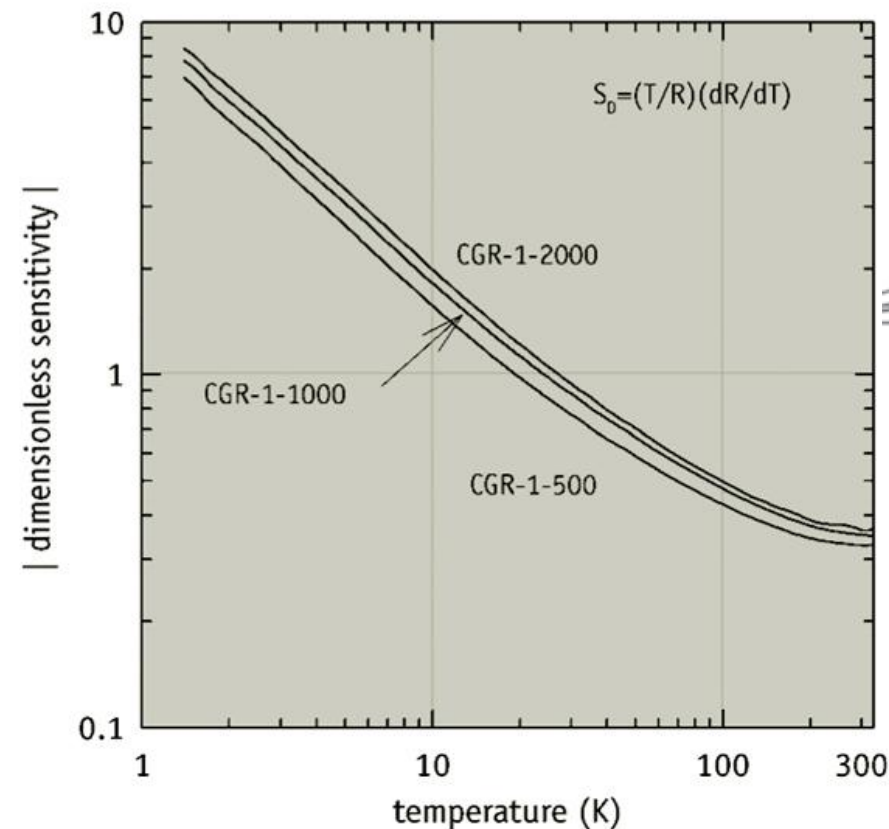
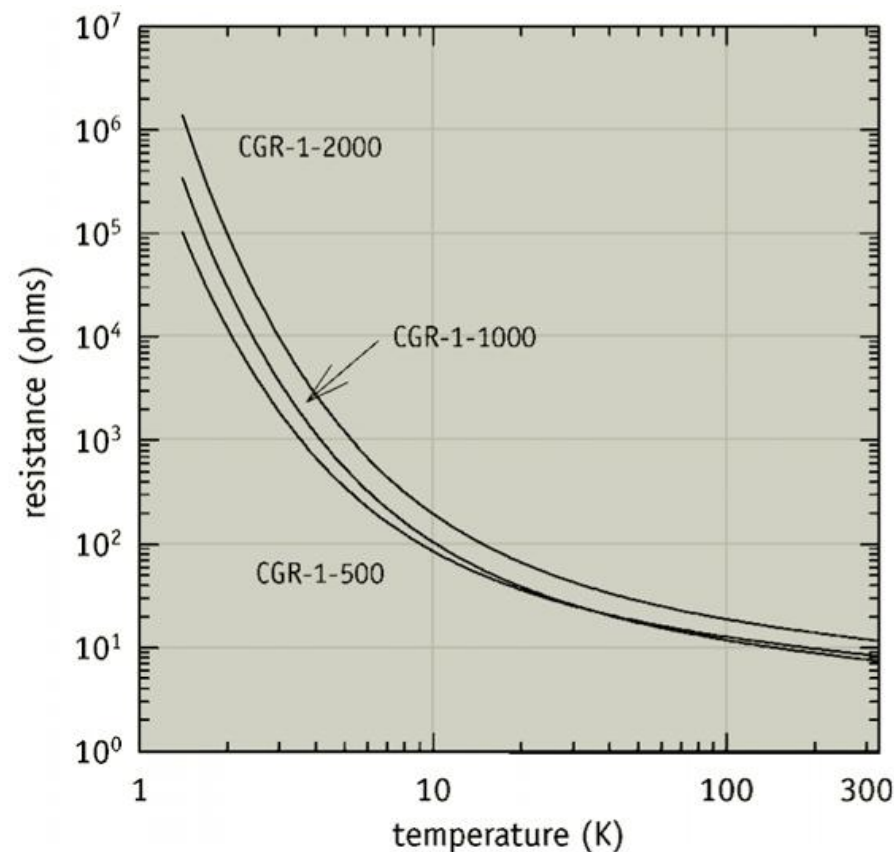
A: thermistor,
 B: 68 Ω Allen-Bradley,
 C: 220 Ω Speer (grade 1002),
 D: 51 Ω Speer (grade 1002),
 E: 10 Ω Speer (grade 1002)



III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- carbon glass resistors

A porous glass is prepared by removing the boron-rich phase from a borosilicate alkaline glass to leave a material having the appearance of silicate spheres of about 30 nm diameter, randomly distributed and separated by 3 to 4 nm pores. The spaces are then partially filled with high-purity carbon to form amorphous fibres → better stability than carbon resistors.



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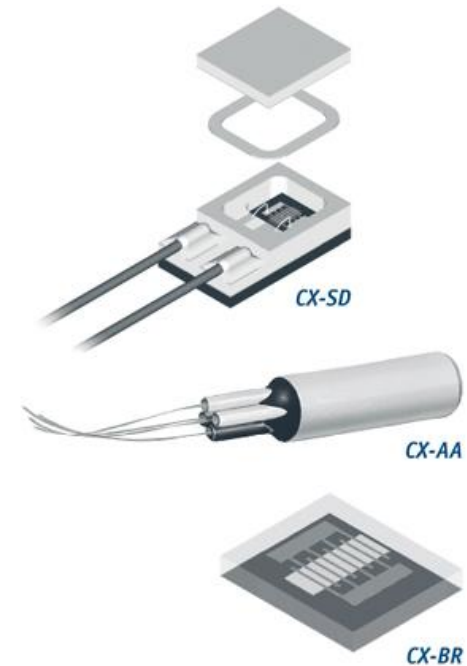
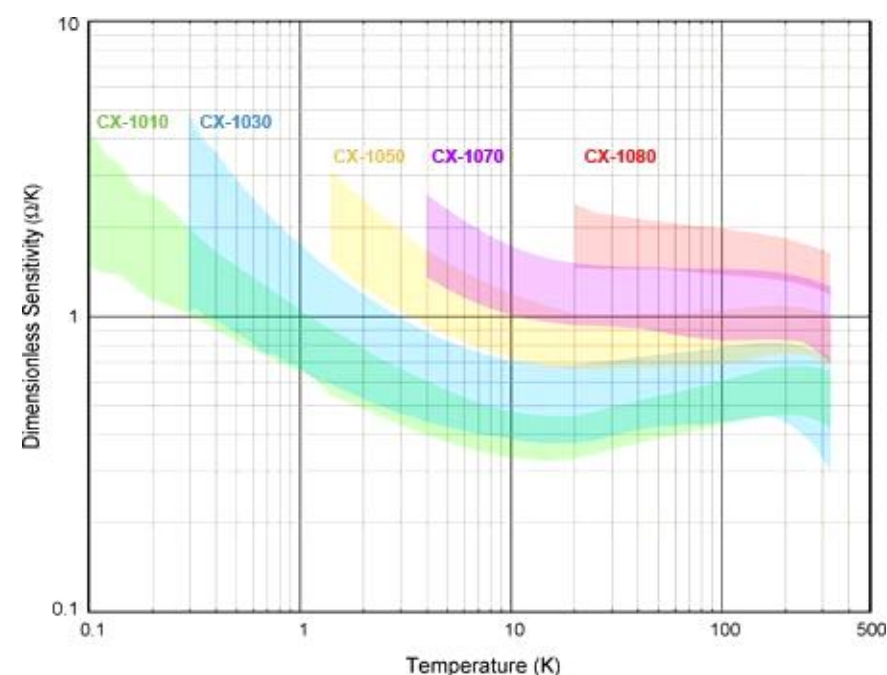
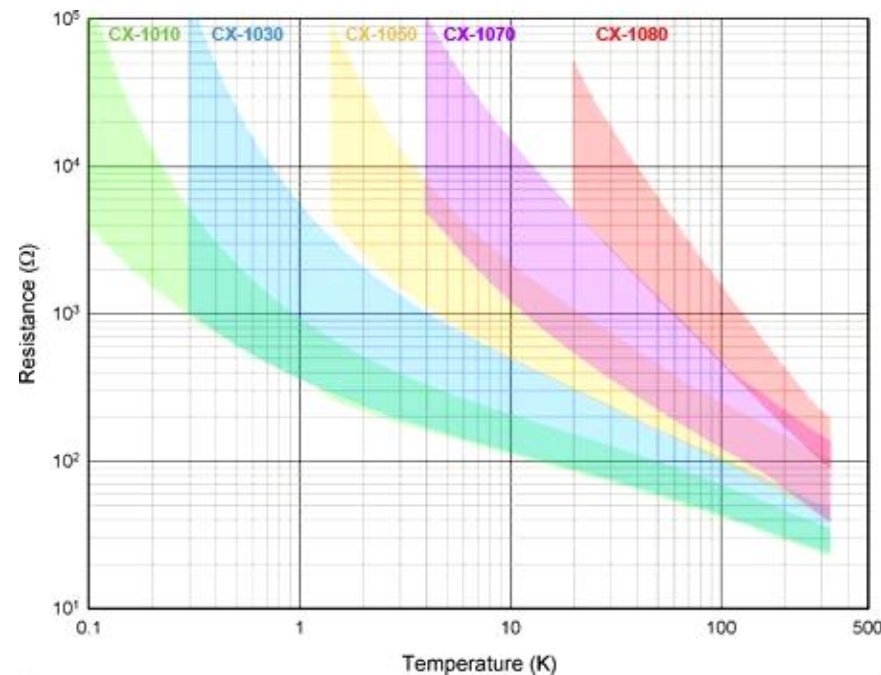
- Cernox resistors

Patents:

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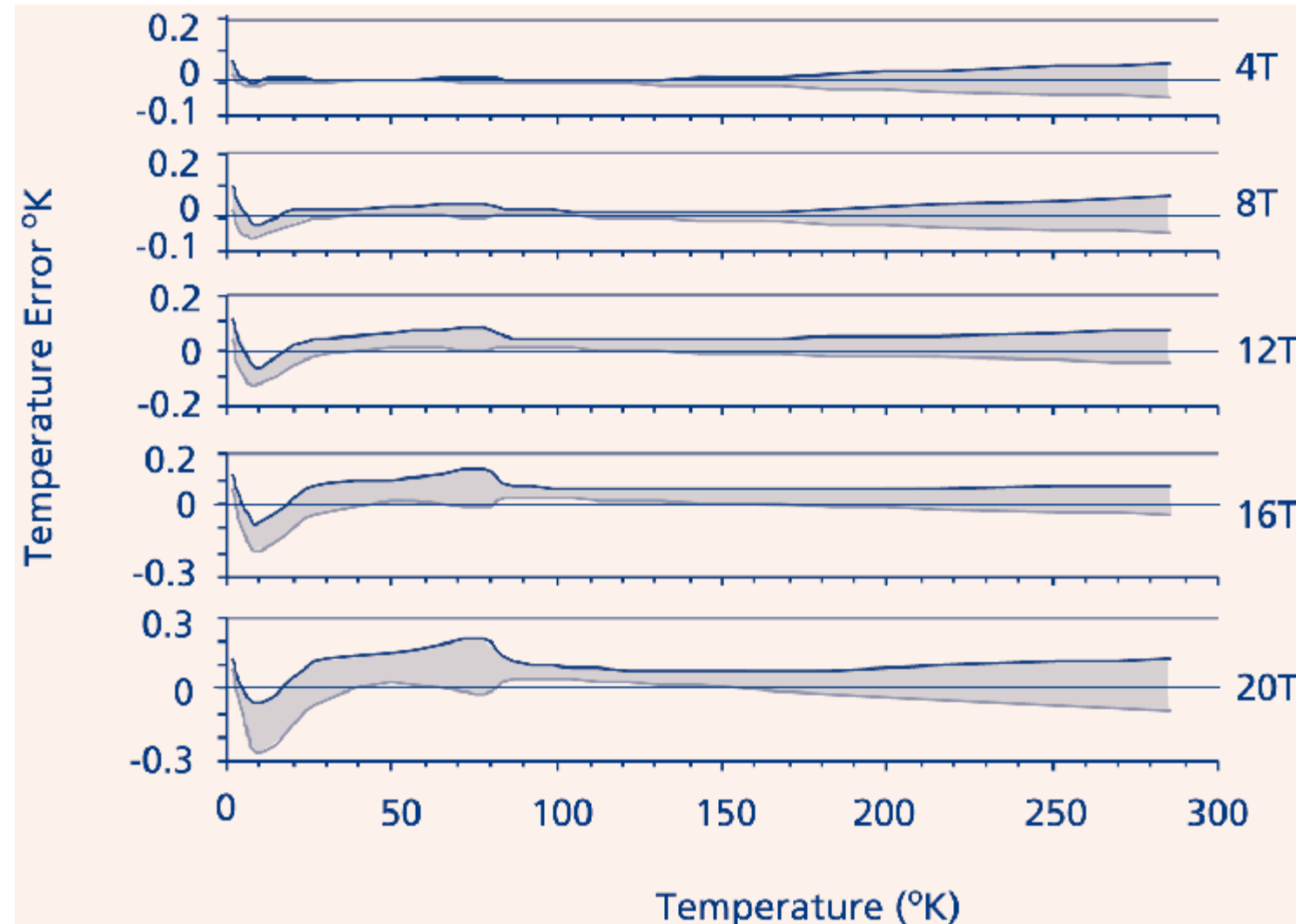
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→ **small magnetic field coefficient**: $\Delta T/T$ typically smaller than 0.5% @ 19 T



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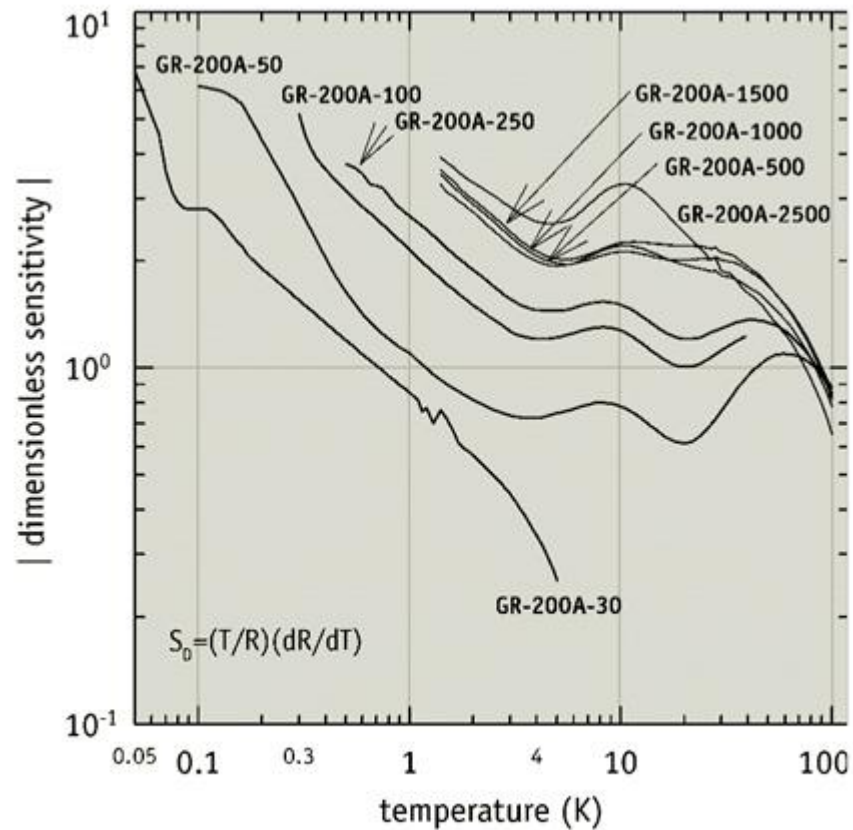
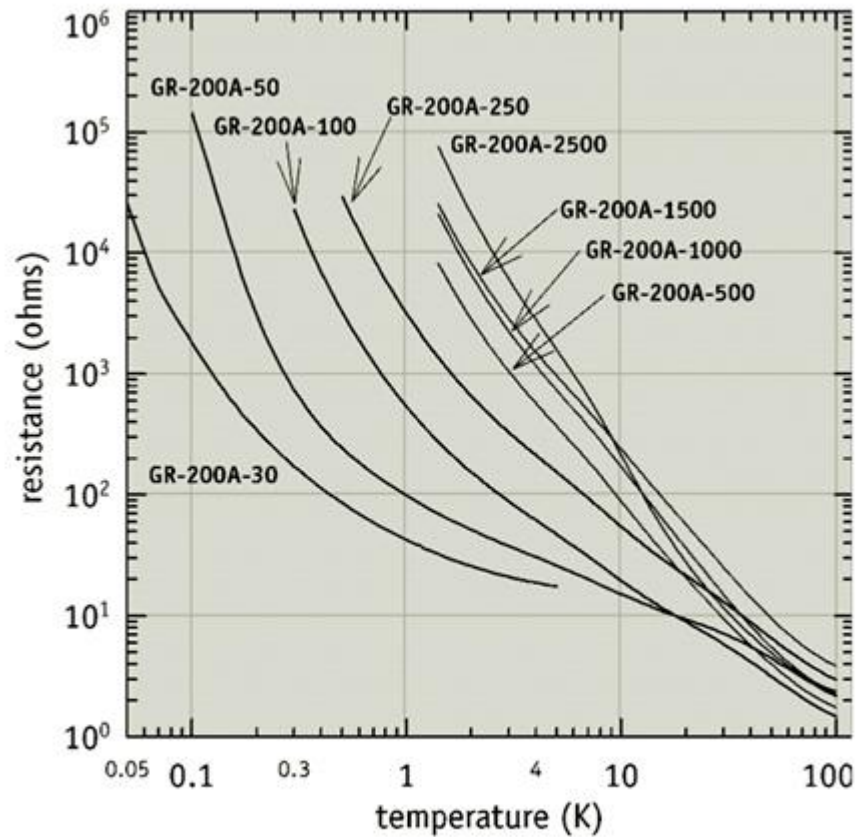
- Cernox resistors



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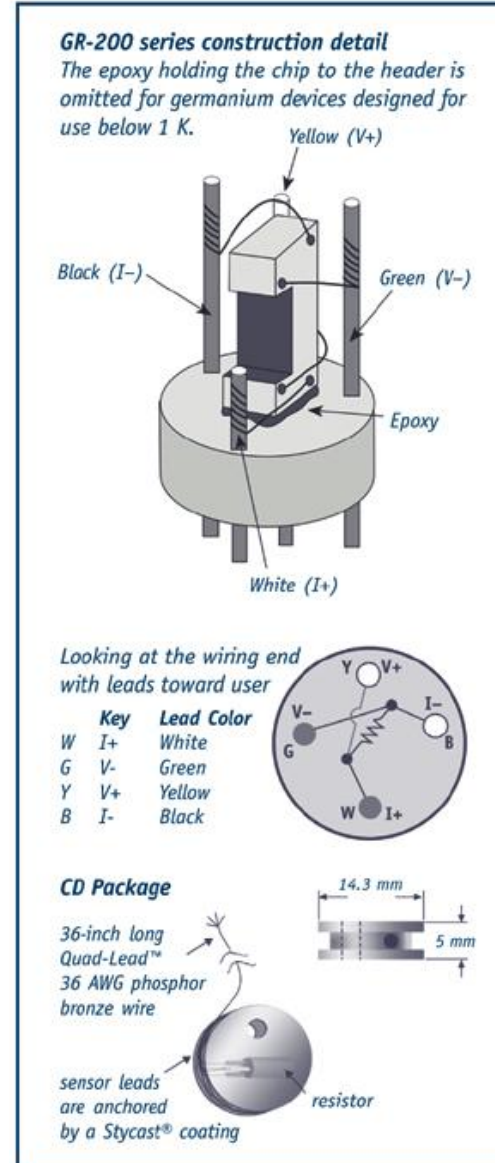
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III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Germanium resistors



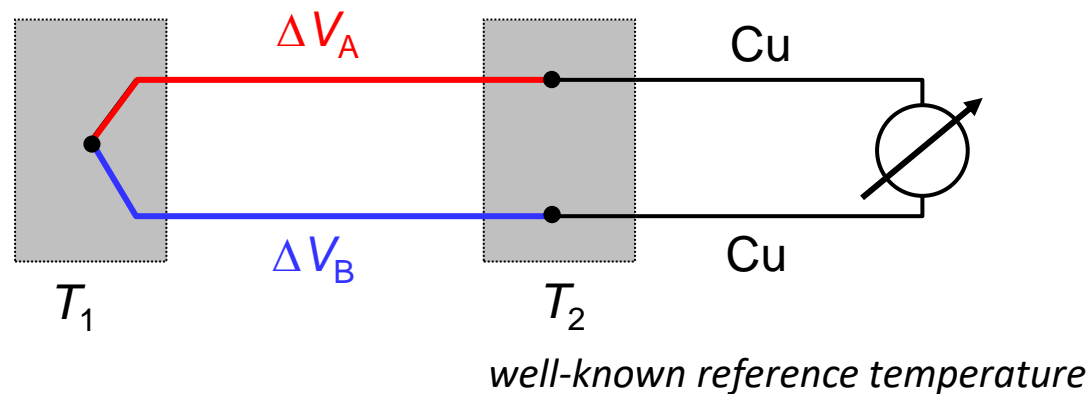
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III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Thermocouples

Thermocouples are pairs of dissimilar metal wires joined at least at one end, which generate a net thermoelectric voltage between the the open pair according to the size of the temperature difference between the ends, the relative Seebeck coefficient of the wire pair and the uniformity of the wire-pair relative Seebeck coefficient.

- based on Seebeck effect: $\Delta V = S \cdot \Delta T$ S = thermopower
- measurement of difference of thermovoltages of two different materials



III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Thermocouples

- **Chromel-Gold/Iron (0.07%)**

consists of a Gold (Au)-0.07 at % Iron (Fe) as the negative thermoelement and a Ni-Cr alloy (Chromel) as the positive thermoelement. This thermocouple is more widely used because of its relatively high thermoelectric sensitivity ($>15 \mu\text{V/K}$ above 10 K).

- **Type E (Chromel (Ni-Cr-alloy) / Constantan (Cu-Ni-alloy))**

has the **highest sensitivity** among the three standard thermocouple types typically used at **low temperatures** (types E, K, and T). The best choice for temperatures down to 40 K.

- **Type K (Chromel (Ni-Cr-alloy) / Alumel (Ni-Al-alloy))**

recommended for continuous use in inert atmospheres. Has a sensitivity of **4.1 mV/K at 20 K** (about $\frac{1}{2}$ of Type E).

- **Type T (Copper / Constantan)**

many more !!

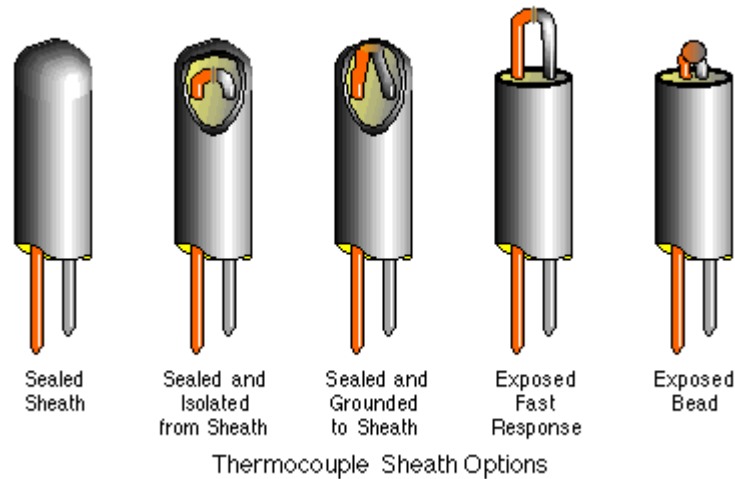
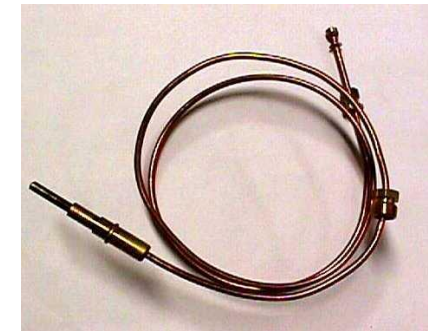
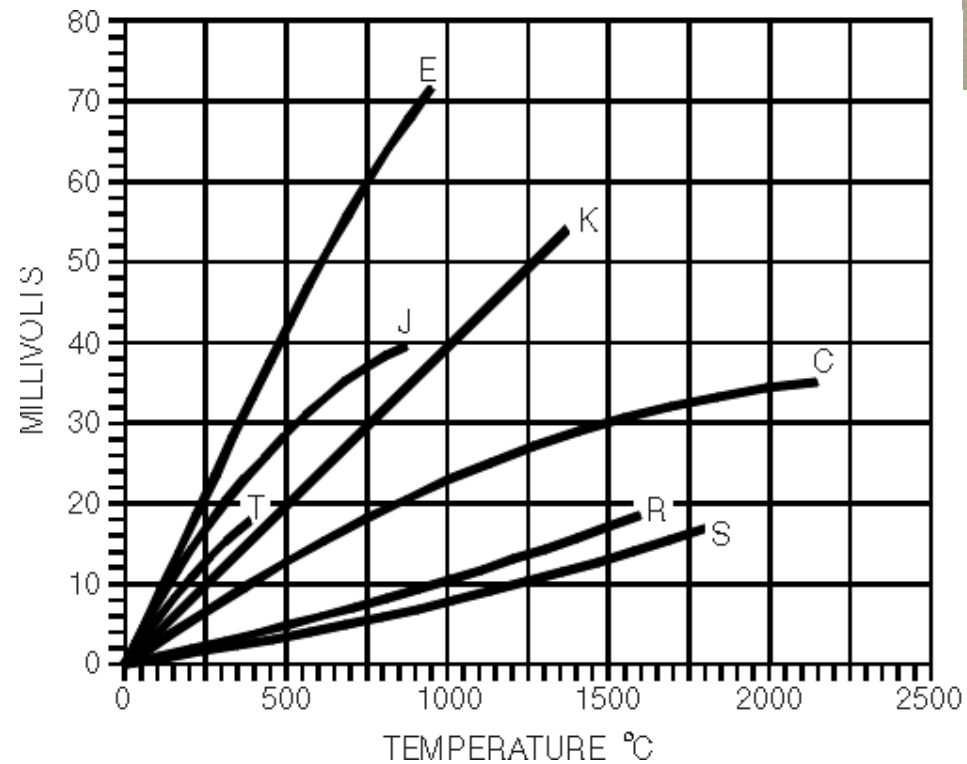
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- Thermocouples

Thermocouple Type	Names of Materials	Useful Application Range
B	Platinum30% Rhodium (+) Platinum 6% Rhodium (-)	2500 -3100F 1370-1700°C
C	W5Re Tungsten 5% Rhenium (+) W26Re Tungsten 26% Rhenium (-)	3000-4200F 1650-2315°C
E	Chromel (+) Constantan (-)	200-1650F 95-900°C
J	Iron (+) Constantan (-)	200-1400F 95-760°C
K	Chromel (+) Alumel (-)	200-2300F 95-1260°C
N	Nicrosil (+) Nisil (-)	1200-2300F 650-1260°C
R	Platinum 13% Rhodium (+) Platinum (-)	1600-2640F 870-1450C
S	Platinum 10% Rhodium (+) Platinum (-)	1800-2640F 980-1450°C
T	Copper (+) Constantan (-)	-330-660F -200-350°C

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Thermocouples



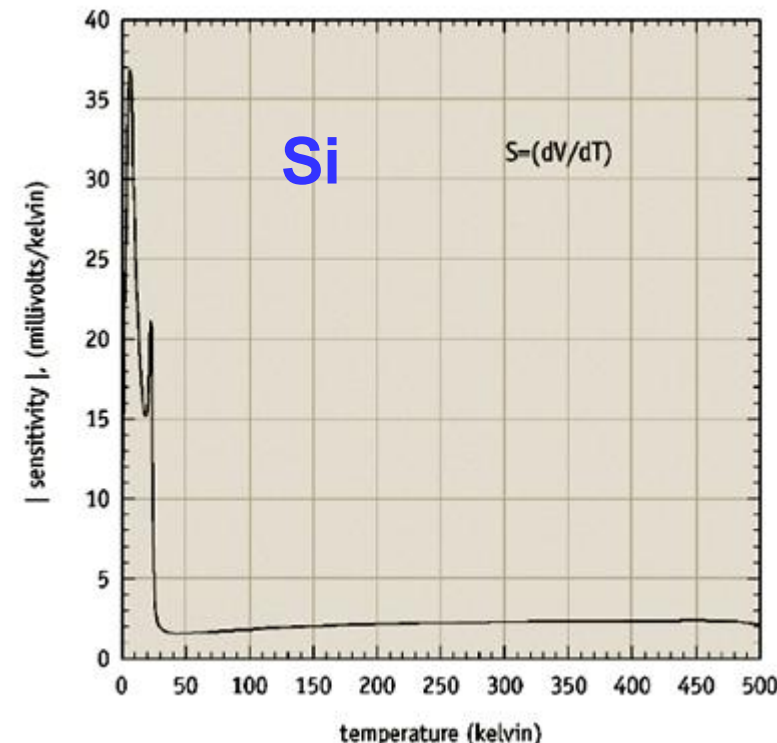
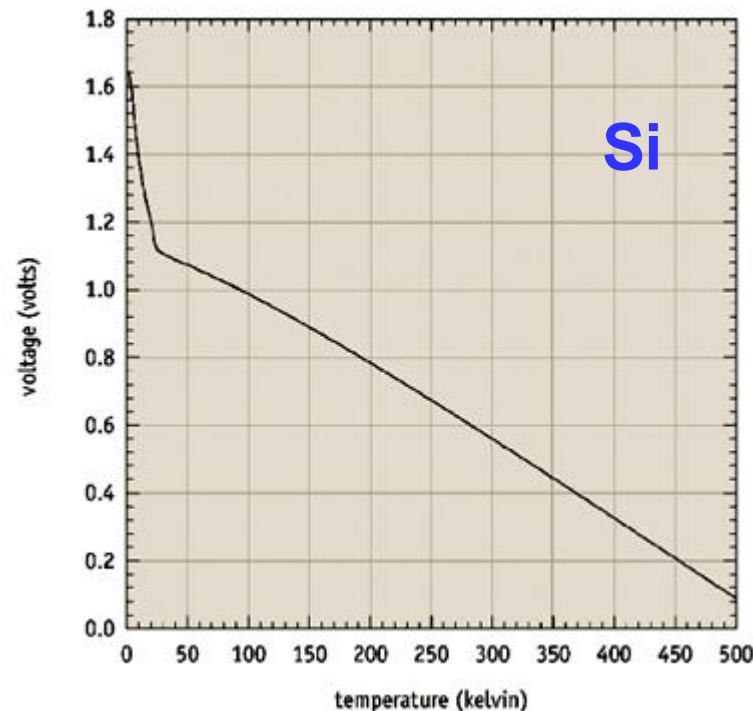
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• Diode Thermometers

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The temperature-indicating parameter is the forward-biased junction voltage, which decreases approximately linearly with increasing temperature when the current is kept constant, since $I \propto \exp(eV/k_B T)$

- The typical I-V characteristic is such as to make the internal impedance of the device very high (easily greater than 100 kΩ) at small currents; or else - using a larger current - one encounters unacceptably high power dissipation at low temperatures.
- There is a transition region in the conduction mechanism around 20 K that makes fitting a V-T characteristic over the whole temperature range difficult for GaAs and impossible for Si



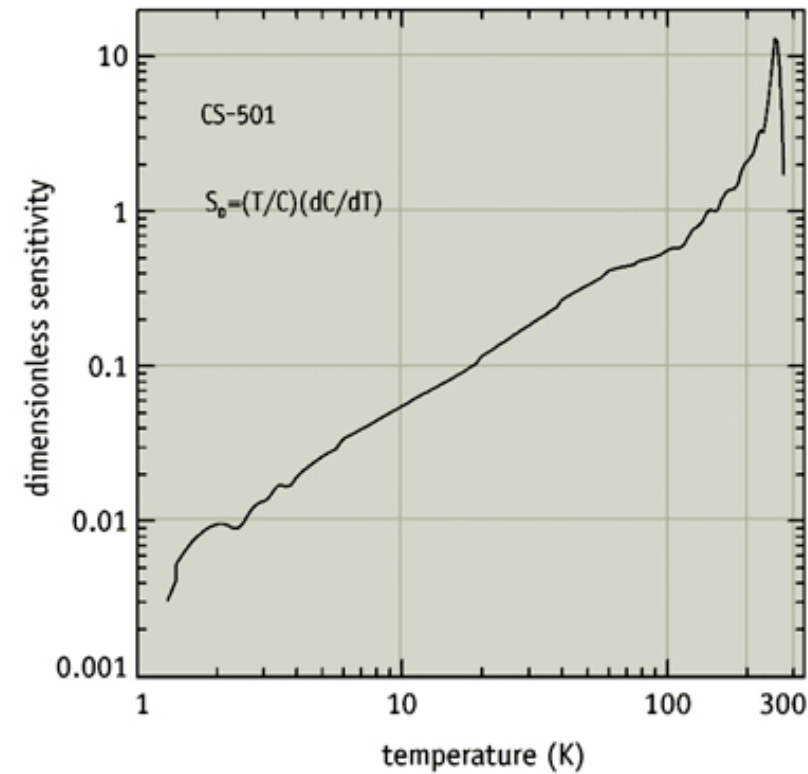
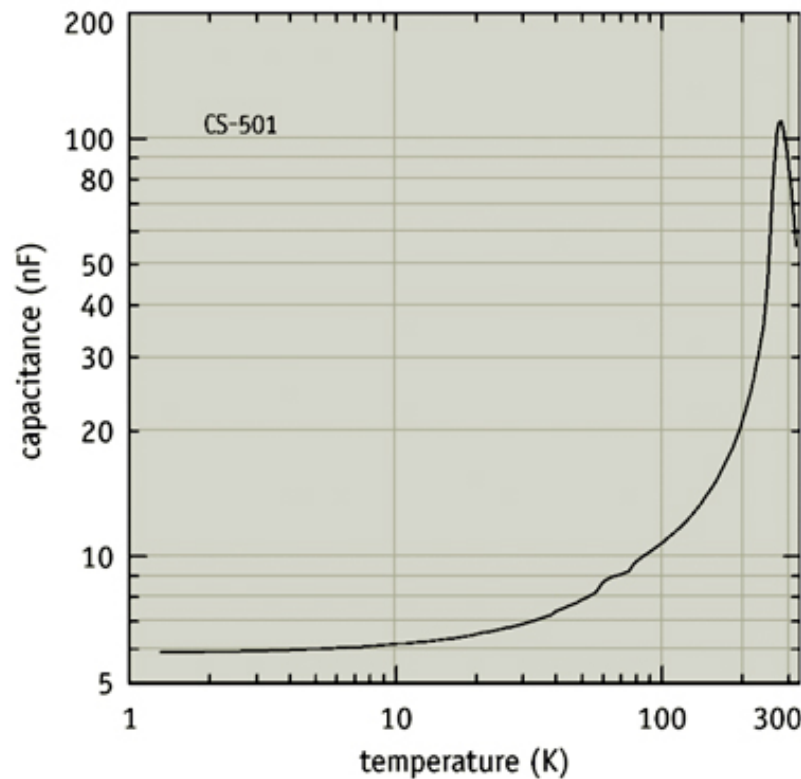
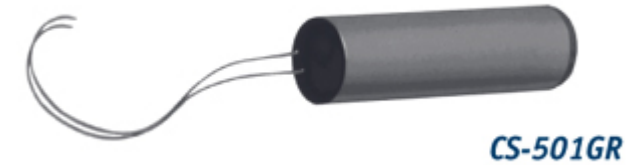
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III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- **Capacitive Thermometers**
 - based on the well defined relation between the dielectric constant and temperature
 - temperature is determined via a capacitance measurement
 - advantage: virtually no magnetic field dependence

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

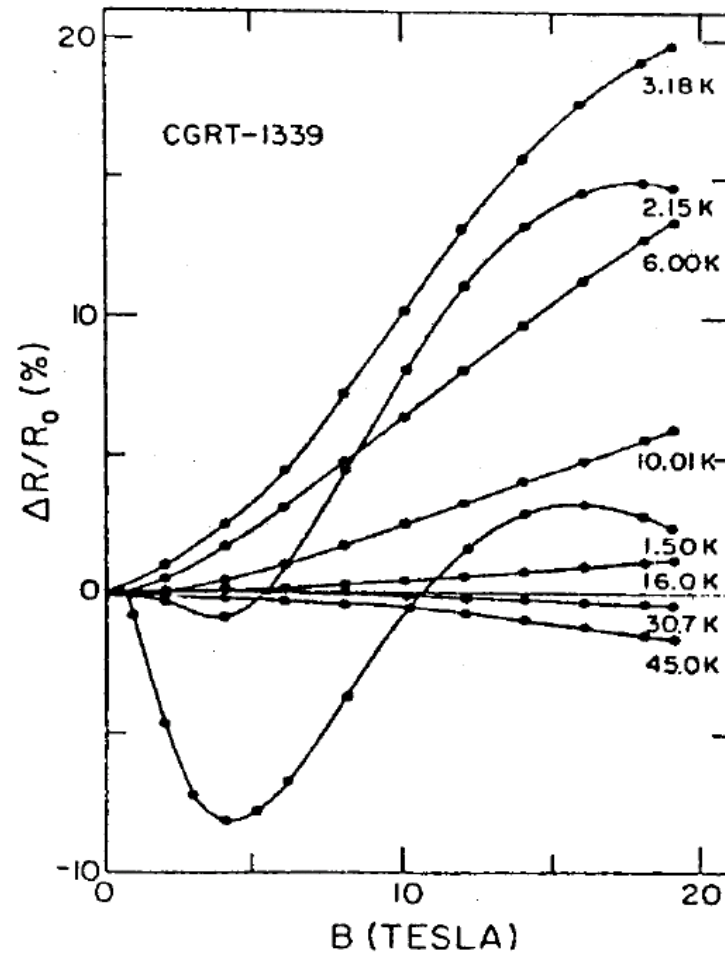
- Capacitive Thermometers



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III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- magnetic field effects



Type of Sensor	T(K)	Magnitude of relative temperature error $ \Delta T /T$ (%) for values of B					Notes	References
		1 T	Magnetic Flux Density, B			19 T		
Carbon radio resistors Allen-Bradley (2.7, 3.9, 5.6, 10 C)	0.5		2-4	5-13	7-20		a	Sample and Rubin (1977)
	1.0		2-4	6-15	9-25			
	2.5		1-5	6-18	10-30			
	4.2		1-5	5-20	10-35			
Allen-Bradley (47, 100, 220 Ω)	4.2		<1	5	10		a	ibidem
	10		<1	3	5			
	20		<1	1	2			
Speer, Grade 1002 (100, 220, 470 C)	0.5		0-2	0-1	0-6		b	ibidem
	1.0		1-2	2-4	3-9			
	2.5		3-5	1-4	7-14			
	4.2		4-9	2-5	4-13			
Matsushita (68, 200, 510 C)	1.5		1-2	10-15			c	ibidem
	2.1		1	10-15				
	4.2		2-3	4-8				
KVM carbon composite resistors	2.4		3	8 (5T)			d	Astrov et al. (1977)
	4.2		1.5	5				
	10		0.4	1.4				
	20		0.1	0.4				
	80		<0.01	<0.01				
Carbon-Glass Resistors	2.2		0.1	1.5	3	4	e	Rubin and Brandt (1986)
	4.2		0.5	2	5	7		
	10		0.2	1.1	3	4		
	20		<0.01	0.02	0.03	0.13		
	45		0.07	0.5	1.3	2		
	88		0.06	0.5	1.3	2		
	190		0.04	0.3	1.0	1.7		
	310		<0.01	0.2	0.6	1.1		
Thermistors	4.2		<0.05	1	3		f	Sample and Rubin (1977)
	10		<0.05	0.3	1			
	20		<0.05	0.1	0.5			
	40		<0.05	0.1	0.5			
	60		<0.05	0.1	0.3			
Germanium Resistors	2.0		8-10	60			g	ibidem
	4.2		5-20	30-55	60-70			
	10		4-15	25-60	60-75			
	20		3-20	15-35	50-80			
	70		3-10	15-30	25-50			
Germanium Resistors TSG-2	4.2		30	120			g	Astrov et al. (1977)
	20		2.5	6				
Specially doped Ge resistors KG	4.2		<0.2	0.5 (6T)			h	ibidem; Matarotta et al. (1984)
	10		<0.2	<0.5				
	20		<0.5	2-3				
	30		<0.5	5				
	80		0.15	0.5				
Platinum Resistors	10		100	250			i	Pavese & Cresto (1984); Neuringer et al. (1971); Rubin & Brandt (1986)
	20		2-8	20	25	100		
	40		0.5	<1	3	5		
	66		0.1	<0.5	0.8	2		
	87		0.04	<0.5	0.4	1		
	110		0.02		0.2			
	190		<0.01		0.06			
	300		<0.01		0.02			
			(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)		

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- magnetic field effects

Type of Sensor	T(K)	Magnetic Flux Density, B					Notes	References
		1 T	2.5 T	8 T	14 T	19 T		
Rhodium-Iron resistors	2.0		22				j	Pavese & Cresto (1984); Rusby (1972); Rubin & Brandt (1986)
	4.2	2	11	40(6T)				
	20	0.8	4	10(5T)				
	40		1.5	12	30	40		
	66		0.3	2.5	6	9		
	87		0.2	1.5	4	6		
	110		0.1	0.9	2.4			
	190		0.03	0.3	0.9			
	300		<0.01	0.1	0.4			
Platinum-Cobalt resistors	2	25	30				k	Shiratori et al. (1982); Pavese & Cresto (1984)
	4.2	8	3	40 (5T)				
	10	1	<0.1	12 "				
	20	0.2	1	3.5 "				
	30	0.2	0.3	1.5 "				
Cryogenic linear resistance sensor	4	20	250				l	McDonald (1973)
	10	17	100					
	20	8	50					
	30	5	30					
KELTIP resistors (Au/Mn)	4.2		4	13	20		m	Rubin & Brandt (1986)
	40		2	30	70	110		
	66		0.4	4	12	20		
	87		0.15	1.5	5	10		
	110		0.03	0.25	1			
	190		0.02	0.2	0.5			
	300		0.02	0.1	0.4			
SrTiO ₃ capacitors	2.2		<0.02	<0.02	0.02		n	ibidem
	4.2		<0.01	<0.01	0.01			
	20		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05			
	50		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05			
	88		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		
	110		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		
	190		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		
Si Diodes	4.2		75				o	Sample & Rubin (1977)
	10		20	30	50			
	20		4	7	10			
	30		3	4	5			
	77		0.2	0.5	0.5			
GaAs Diodes	4.2		2-3	30-50	100-250		p	ibidem
	10		1.5-2	25-40	75-200			
	20		0.5-1	20-30	60-150			
	40		0.2-0.3	4-6	15-30			
	80		0.1-0.2	0.5-1	2-5			
Au + 0.07 % Fe/Chromel P thermocouple	5		2	10	15		q	Sample et al. (1974)
	10		3	20	30			
	20		2	15	20			
	45		1	5	7			
	100		0.1	0.8				
Chromel P/Constantan thermocouple (Type E)	10		1	3	7		r	ibidem
	20		<1	2	4			
	45		<1	<1	2			
Cu + 0.01 % Fe/Cu thermocouple	5		2	3.5 (5T)			q,r	Astrov et al. (1977)
	10		0.8	2 "				
	20		0.6	1.5 "				
	50		0.3	0.6 "				
Vapour pressure thermometers	no intrinsic error except with O ₂						s	
Helium gas thermometer	no intrinsic error						s	Van Degriift et al. (1980)

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

Table 1.1: Summary of Some Properties of Most-Commonly-Used Thermometers

Thermometer	Usual Temperature Range	Thermometric Quantity	Typical Uncertainty
Germanium	1 K to 100 K	elec. resist.*	$\Delta T / T < 2 \times 10^{-4}$
Rhodium-Iron	0.5 K to 30 K	elec. resist.*	0.3 mK
Platinum-Cobalt (industrial type)	2 K to 20 K	elec. resist.*	10 mK
Carbon	0.5 K to 30 K	elec. resist.*	$\Delta T / T < 5 \times 10^{-3}$
Carbon-glass	0.5 K to 100 K	elec. resist.*	$\Delta T / T < 1 \times 10^{-3}$
Diode	4 K to 300 K	junction voltage	-50 mK
Vapour-pressure	various subranges between 0.5 K and 100 K	pressure	-1 mK
Mercury-in-glass	-50 °C to 250 °C	thermal expansion of mercury	0.1 K
Thermocouples	4 K to 2500 °C	thermoelectromotive force	
Type S	-50 °C to 1600 °C		0.3 K < 1000 °C 1 K > 1000 °C
Type R	-50 °C to 1600 °C		0.3 K < 1000 °C 1 K > 1000 °C
Type B	300 °C to 1800 °C		0.5 K to 2 K
Type T	-200 °C to 350 °C		0.1 K
Type E	-200 °C to 870 °C		0.1 K < 300 K 1 K > 300 K
Type J	0 °C to 760 °C		0.5 K < 300 °C 2 K > 300 °C
Type K	-200 °C to 1260 °C		0.1 K < 200 °C 1 K 200-1000 °C 3 K > 1000 °C
Type N	0 °C to 1300 °C		0.1 K < 200 °C 0.5 K 200-1000 °C 3 K > 1000 °C
W/Re	1000 °C to 2400 °C		3-10 K

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Thermometer	Usual Temperature Range	Thermometric Quantity	Typical Uncertainty
Thermistor	-80 °C to 250 °C	elec. resist.*	0.1 K (much better if use confined to very small temperature range)
Platinum: SPRT IPRT	14 K to 630 °C 20 K to 600 °C	elec. resist.*	0.5 mK 50 mK
Radiation	100 °C to 3000 °C	spectral radiance of source	1 K < 1000 °C 5 K > 1000 °C

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- **Magnetic Susceptibility Thermometers**

- Curie-Weiss law: $\chi = \frac{C}{T - T_C}$

→ measure χ as a function of T , calibration requires determination of C and T_C

- experimental techniques:

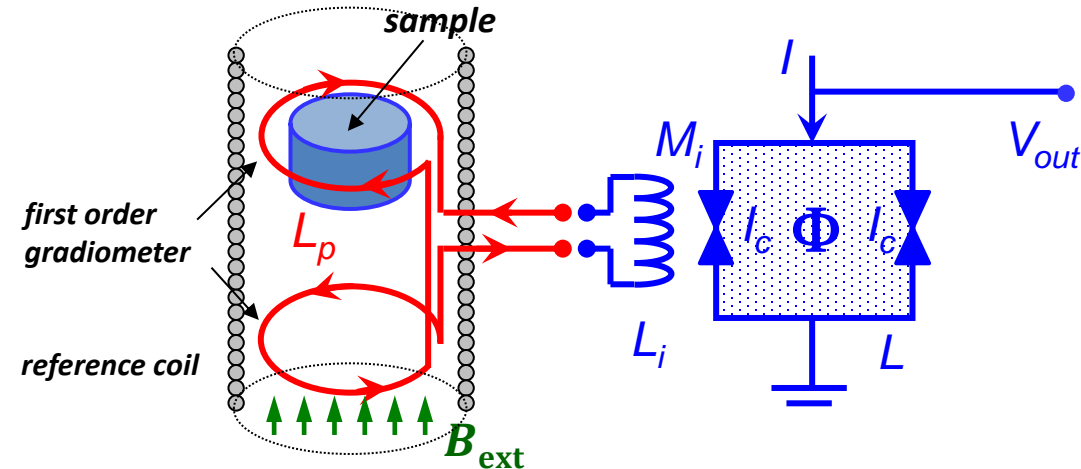
→ **inductance bridge**: compare inductance of coil containing the magnetic material to empty reference coil

→ **SQUID magnetometer**:

resolution:

→ $\Delta T/T \approx 10^{-10}$ @ 1 K

→ increases $\approx 1/T$



T.C.P. Chui et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **69**, 3005 (1992)

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- **Magnetic Susceptibility Thermometers**

- materials (use of electronic magnetic susceptibility):

→ paramagnetic salts:

e.g. Ce-Mg-nitrate (CMN)

++ very low ordering temperature: $T_c \sim 2$ mK

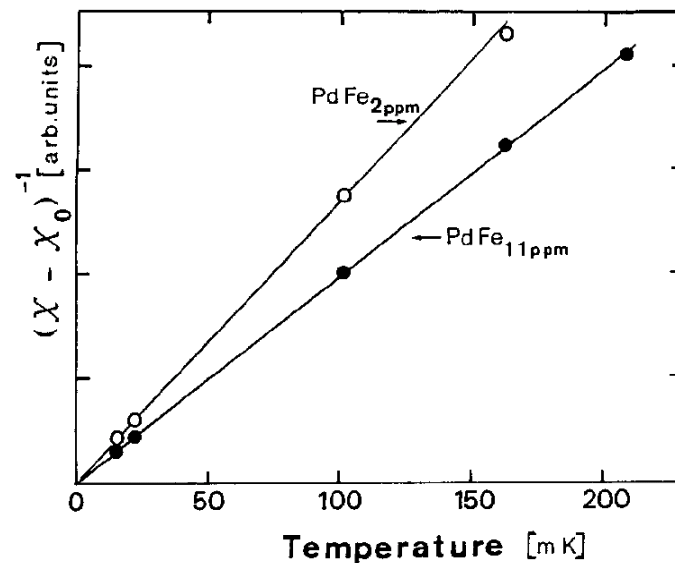
++ large Curie constant

-- long time constant at low T (~ 100 s)

-- cannot be used in vacuum (instable)

→ nonmagnetic metals:

e.g. PdFe or AuEr



- usable down to about 0.3 mK

- response time: 1 s @ 10 mK

M. Jutzler, B. Schröder, K. Gloos, F. Pobell,
Z. Phys. B64, 115 (1986)

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Magnetic Susceptibility Thermometers

- materials (use of nuclear susceptibility):

- use of nonmagnetic metals: e.g. Cu

- - nuclear moments much smaller → sensitive SQUID magnetometer

- - perturbing magnetic impurities → very pure materials

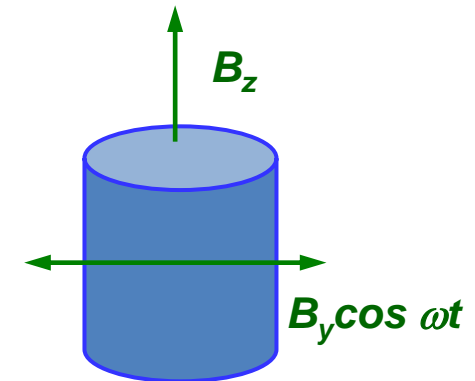
- (e.g. 1 ppm Fe in Cu gives similar signal as all Cu nuclear spins)*

- ++ can be used below 1 mK

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Thermometers

- are not based on static orientation of nuclear moments as in susceptibility thermometers
- have selectivity to specific nuclear moments (less sensitive to magnetic impurities)
- usable at temperatures below 1 mK
- materials: predominantly ^{195}Pt
- experimental techniques: stationary and pulsed NMR



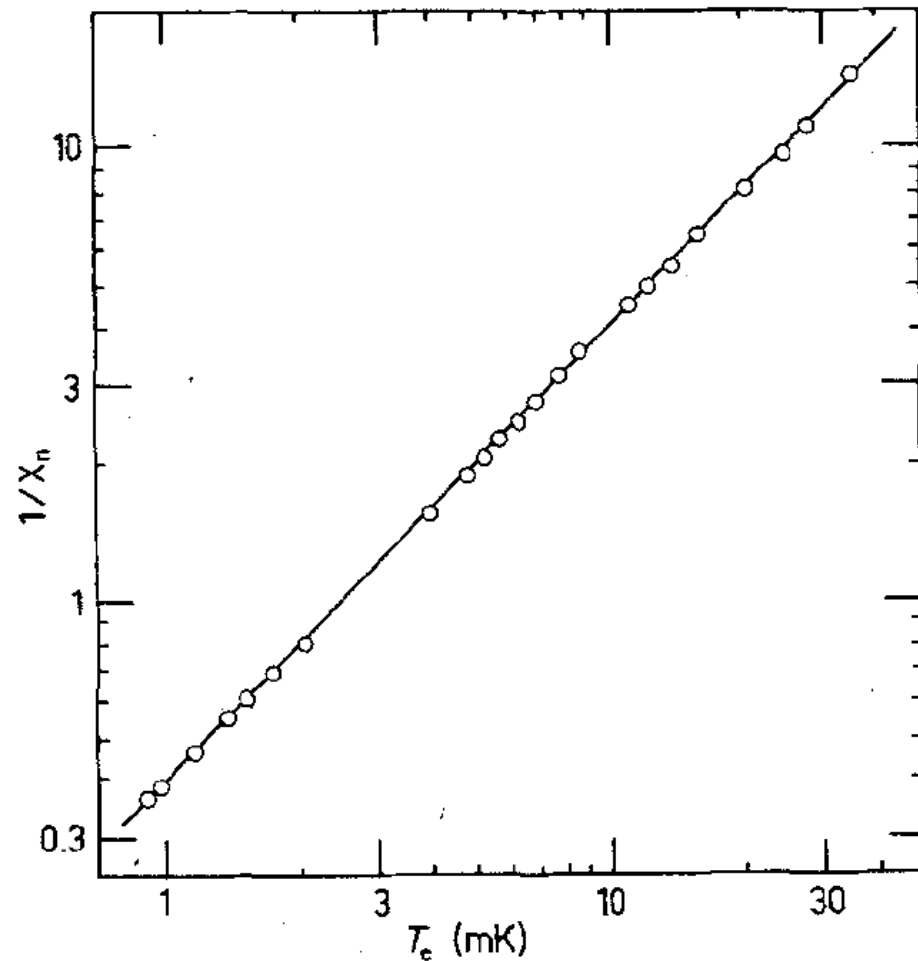
→ measures resonance absorption of high frequency signal
 → allows to determine induced $M_y \propto M_0(T) \propto 1/TN$ at resonance
 → requires small $B_y \approx 1 \mu\text{T}$ to avoid saturation effects

→ measures decay of induced $M_y(t)$ after 90° pulse $\boxed{?}$
 → amplitude $dM_y(t = 0)$ or integral of decay curve $\propto M_0(T) \propto 1/TN$

→ **general problem:** one measures temperature T_N of nuclear spins
 → are they in thermal equilibrium with lattice ??

III.2.3 Secondary Thermometers

- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Thermometers



comparison of the Curie and Korringa temperatures of a Pt sample:

the inverse nuclear susceptibility $1/\chi_N$ (*arb. units*) is plotted against the electron temperature

$$T_e = \left(\frac{1}{t_1} \right) \cdot 29.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ K sec.}$$

A.I. Ahonen et al.,
J. Low Temp. Phys. **25**, 421 (1976)