



# LA DILUTION FREE : UNE NOUVELLE APPROCHE DES TRES BASSES TEMPERATURES



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Rappel des principes de la dilution classique et des systèmes sans boîte à 1K

Quelques exemples de systèmes à dilution classiques

La dilution FREE de 1987: **STIRLING 1W@20K**

Etat de l'art actuel des différents systèmes FREE existants.

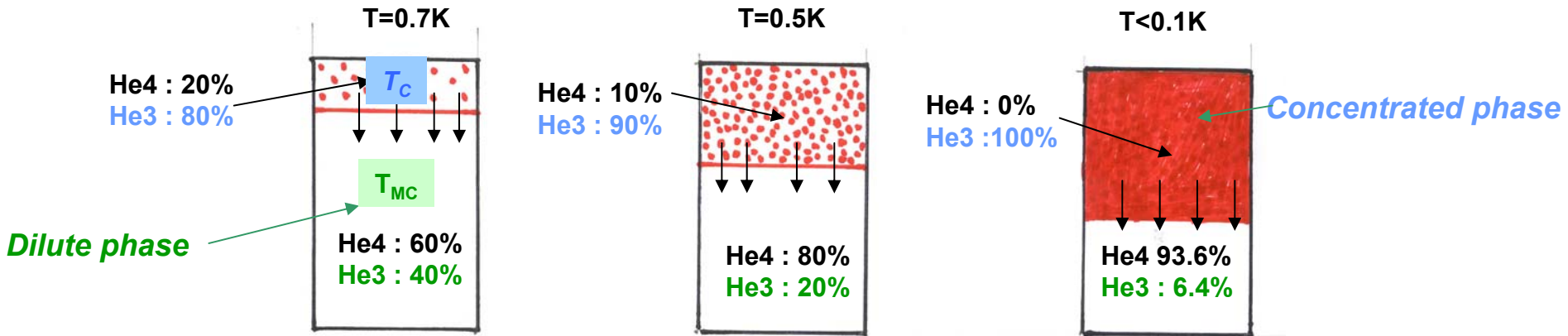
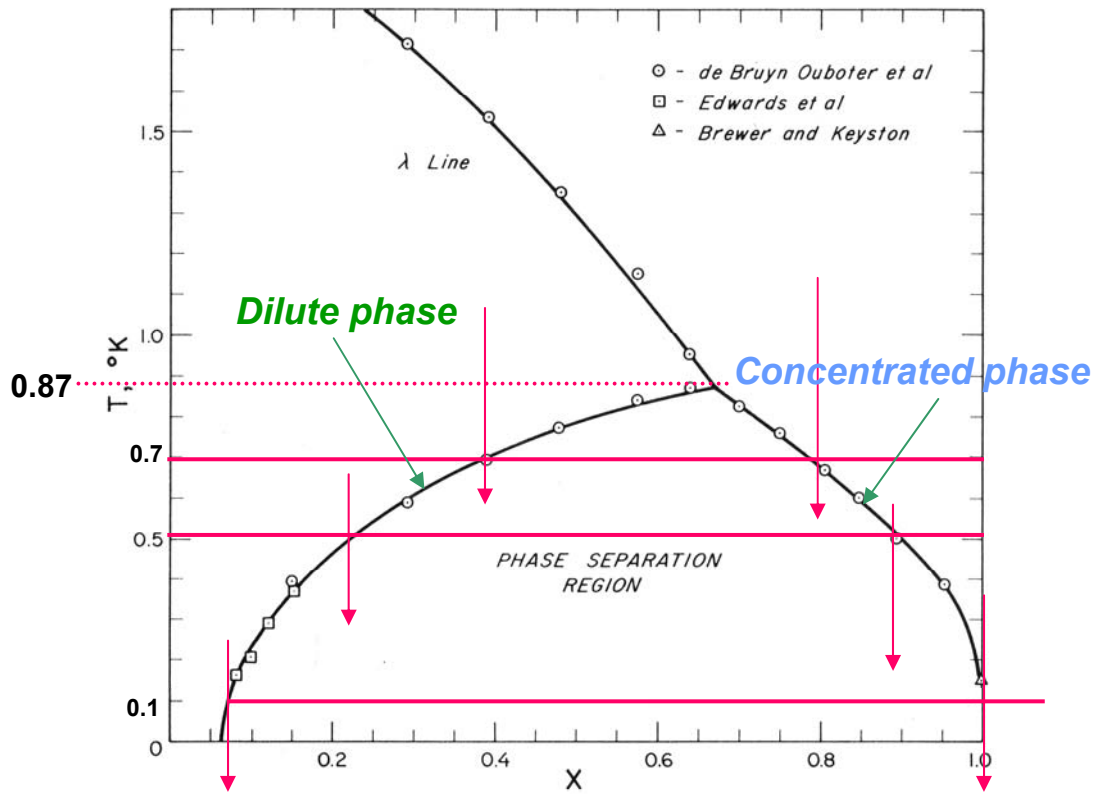
La dilution FREE de 2007 : CRYOMECH PT407: **PT 700mW@4.2K**

Principe de notre système, original dans sa conception.

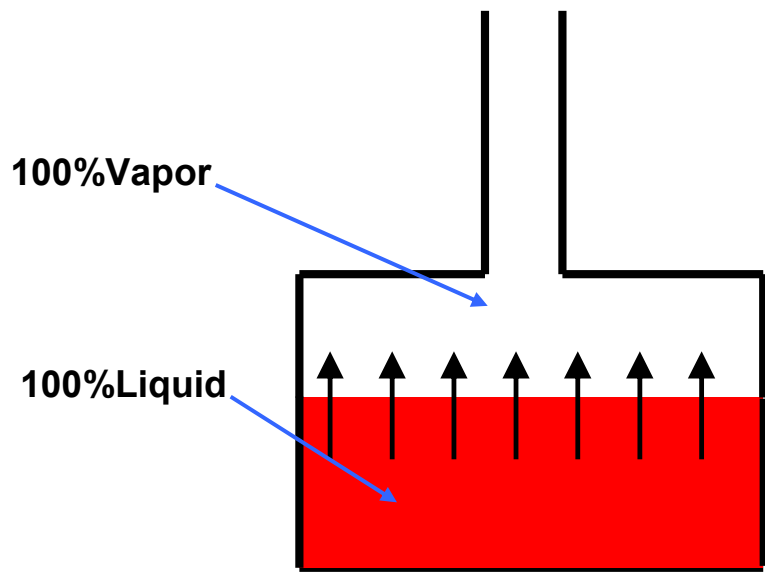
Performances

Analyse thermique et thermodynamique au niveau de la BM.

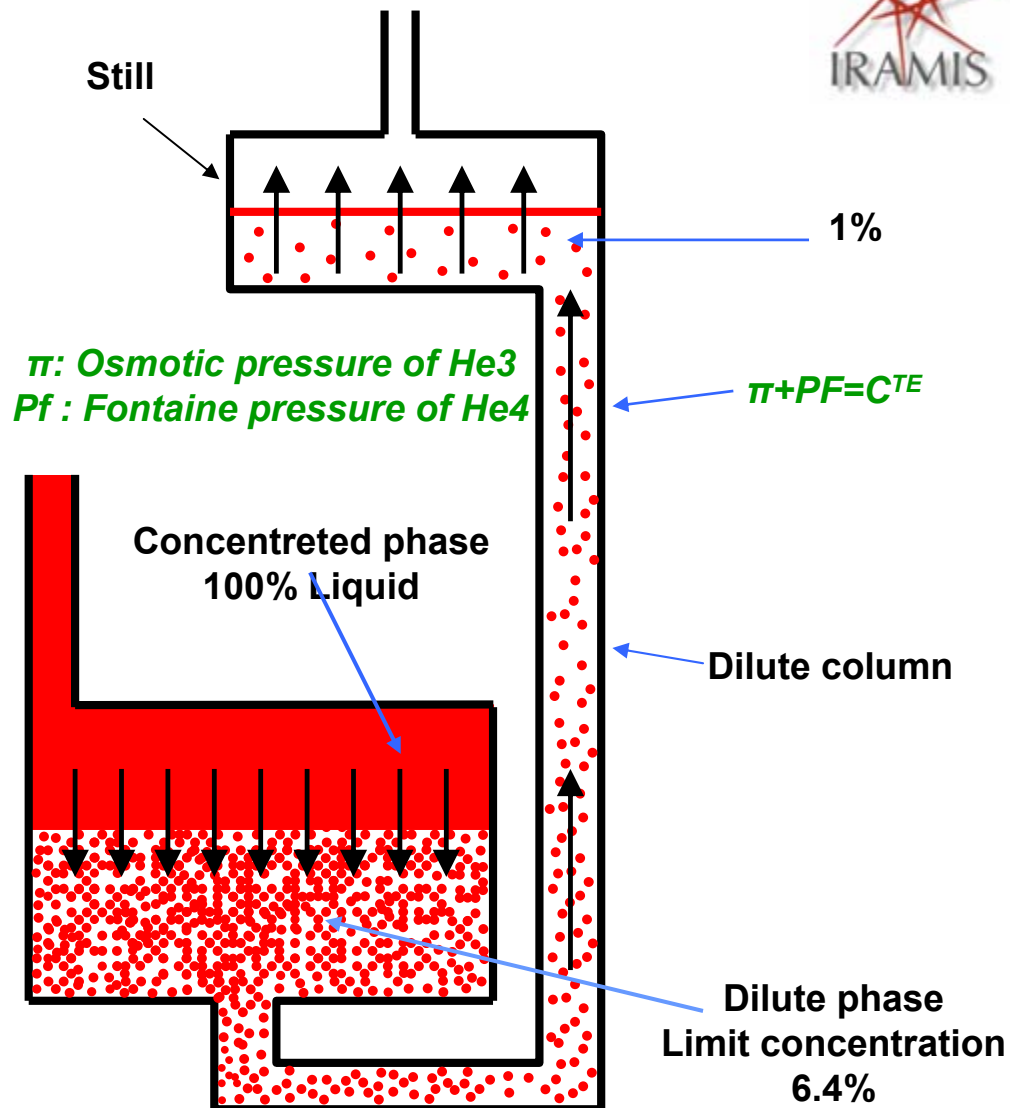
Conclusions Perspectives



### Pur He3 fridge



### Dilution



$$Q_{EXT} = n_3 (96 T_{mc}^2 - 12 T_C^2) \text{ Js}^{-1}$$

$$Q_{EXT} = 84 n_3 T_{mc}^2 \text{ J s}^{-1} \text{ perfect exchangers}$$

At interface :

$$\dot{Q} = \alpha A (T_1^4 - T_0^4)$$

$$\alpha = f(Z_1, Z_2)$$

$$Z = \rho v$$

$Z$  = impedance factor

$\rho$  = density

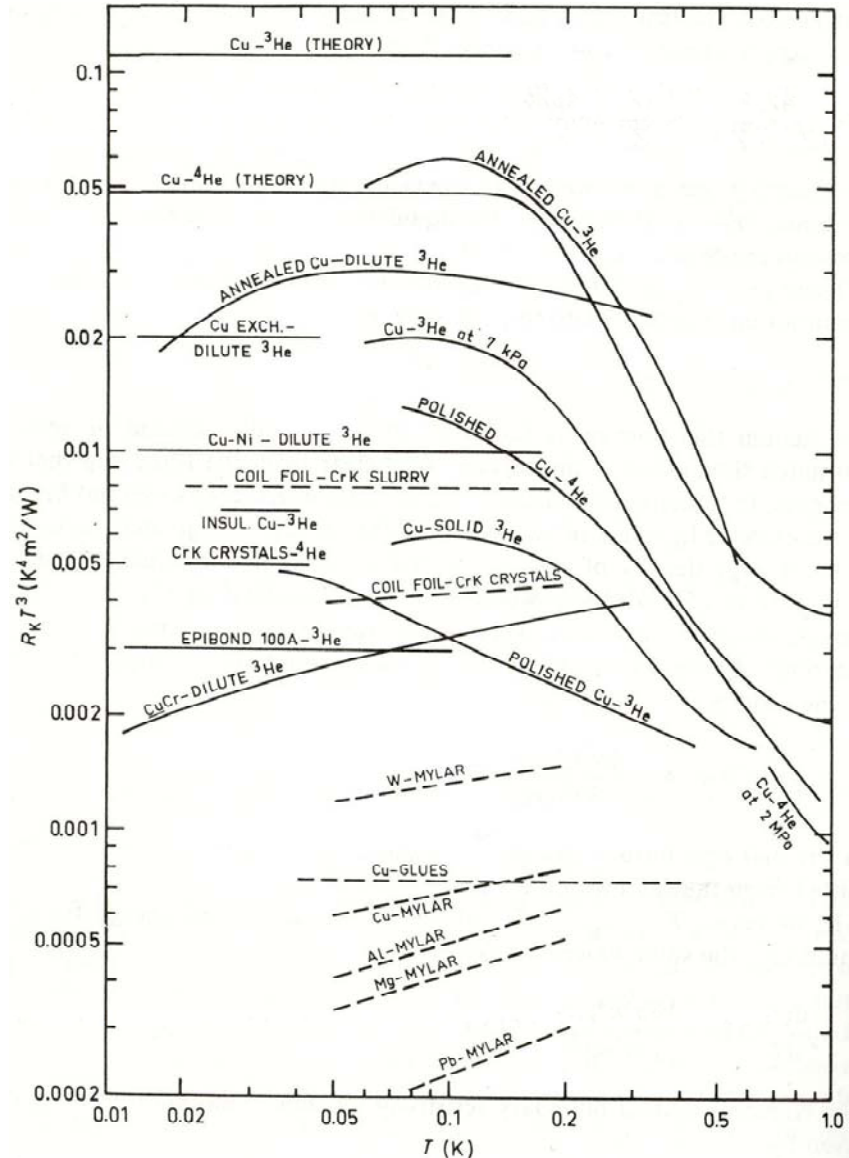
$v$  = sound velocity

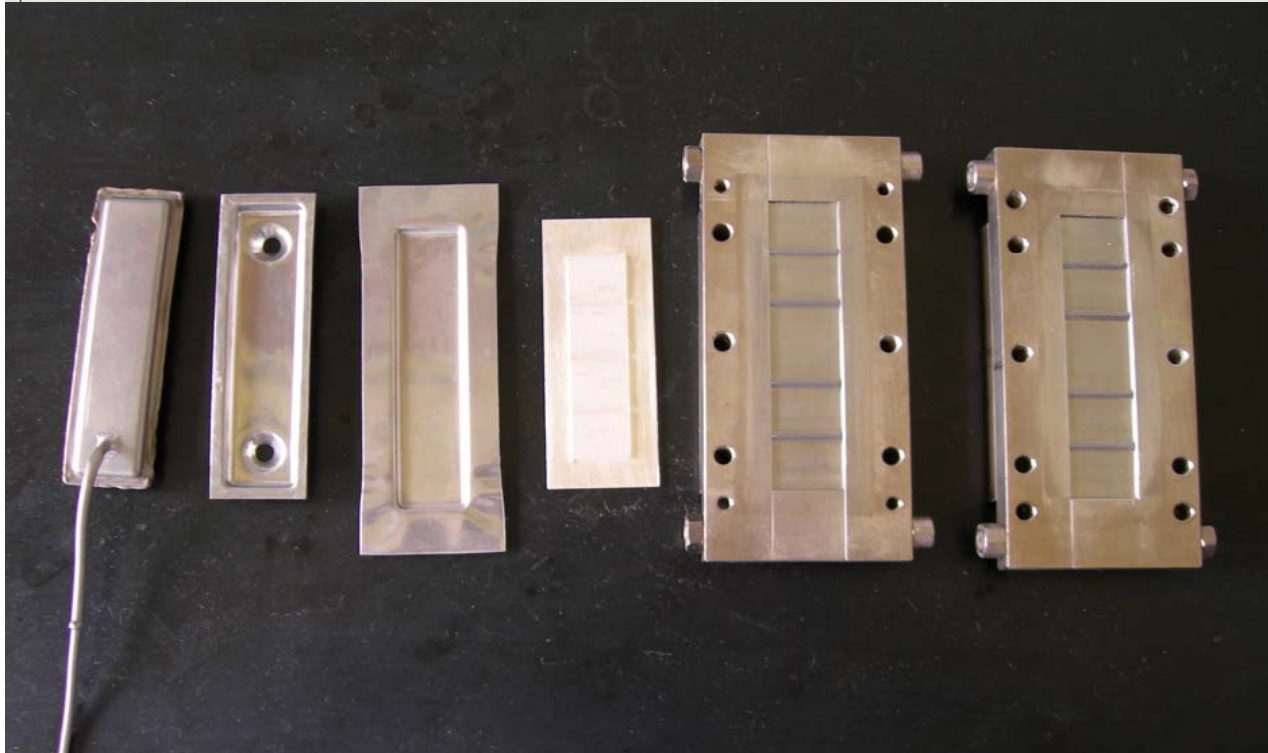
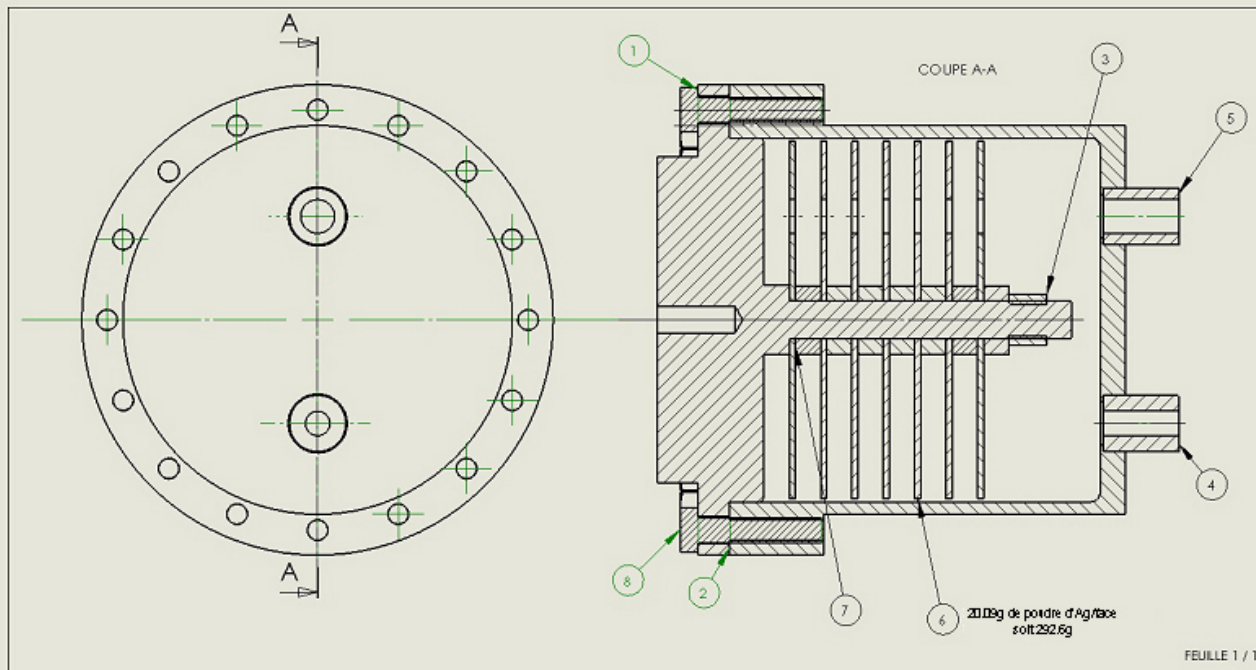
for  $\Delta T < T$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{AT^3 \Delta T}{R_K}$$

$$R_K : K^4 m^2 / W$$

impedance adjust?



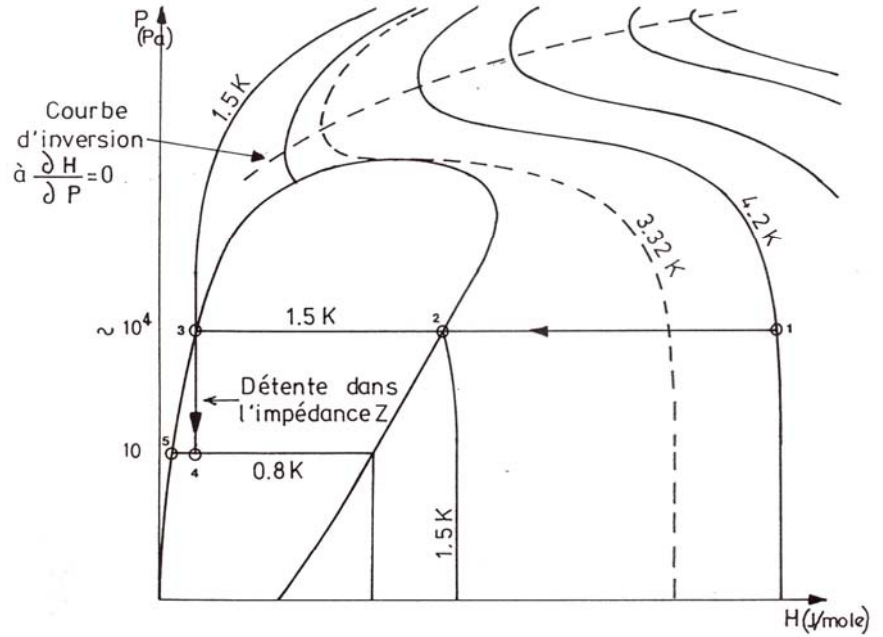


# CLASSICAL DILUTION REFRIGERATOR CYCLE AND DIAGRAM

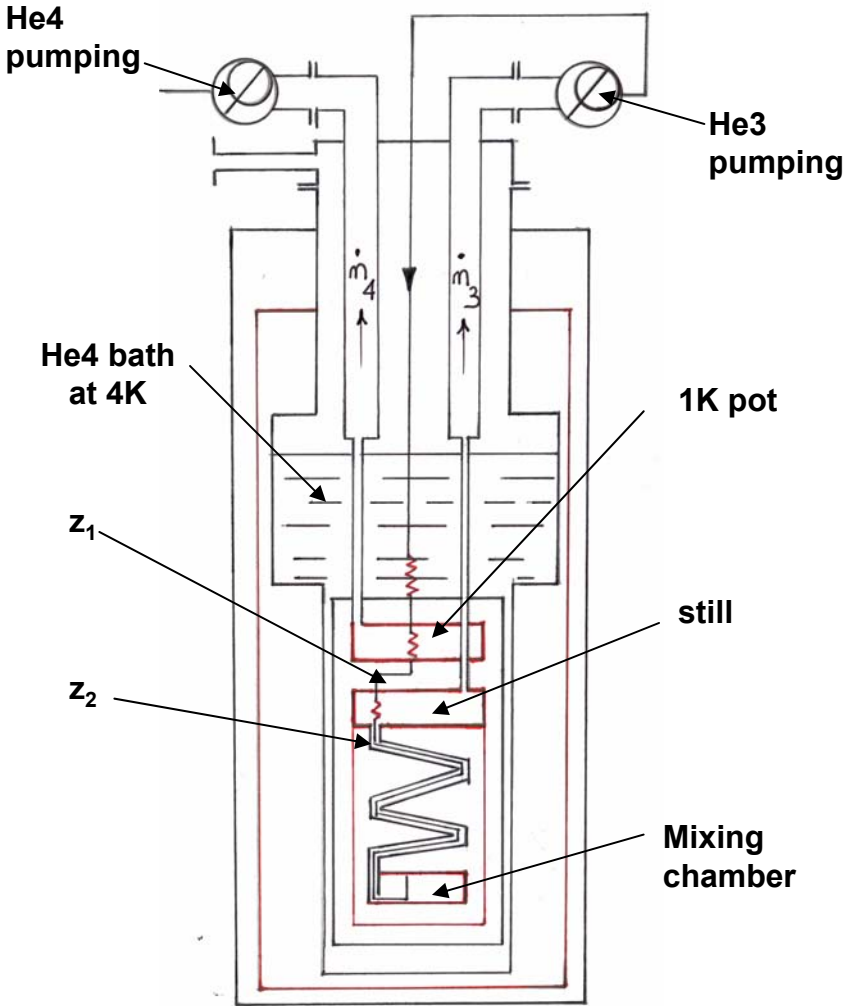
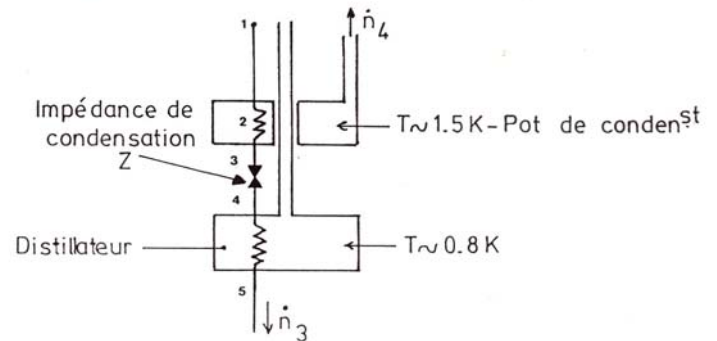


0.2 l/h < liquid helium flow < 1 l/h

Diagramme enthalpique de l'He3 pur [21]



Parcours de liquéfaction dans un appareil à fonctionnement classique



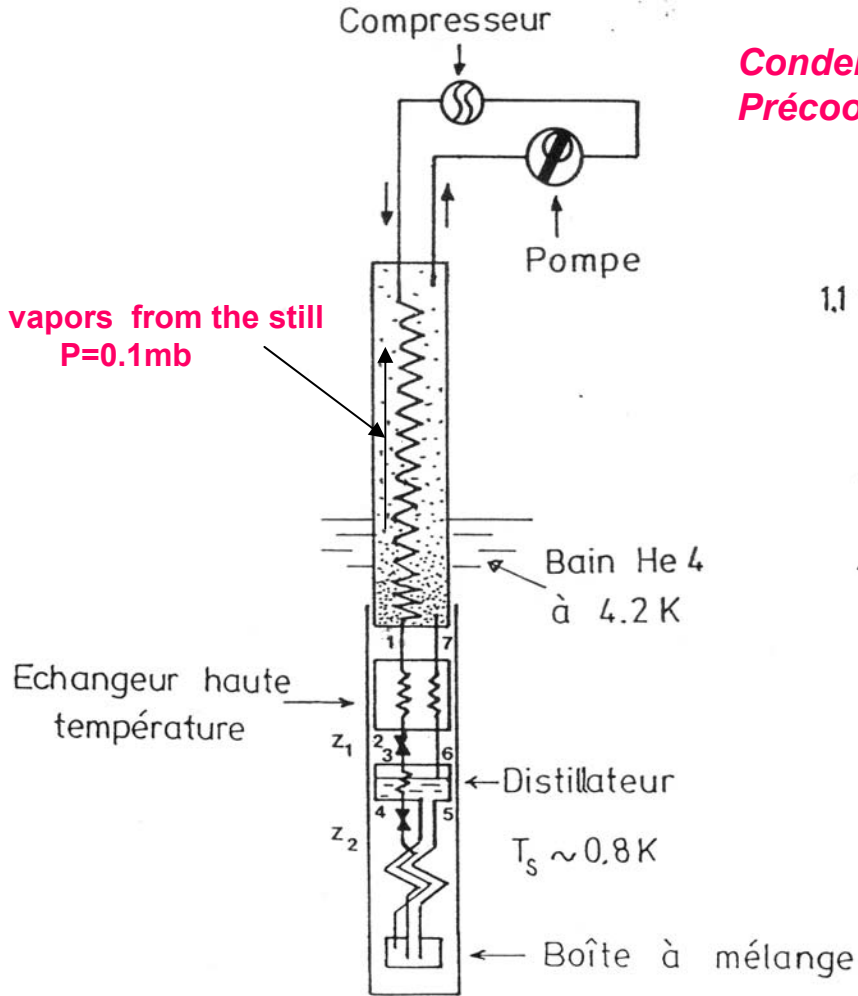
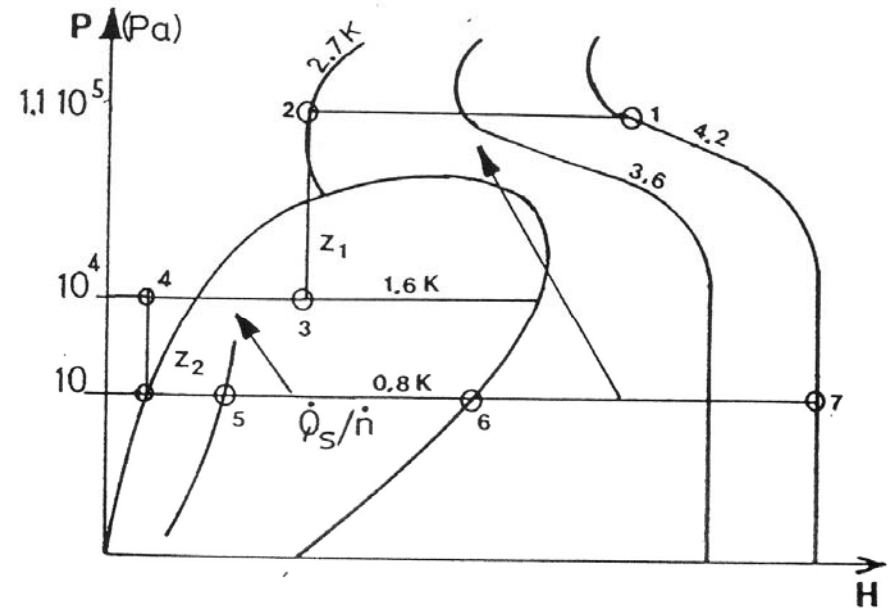
CLASSICAL DILUTION REFRIGERATEUR CYCLE



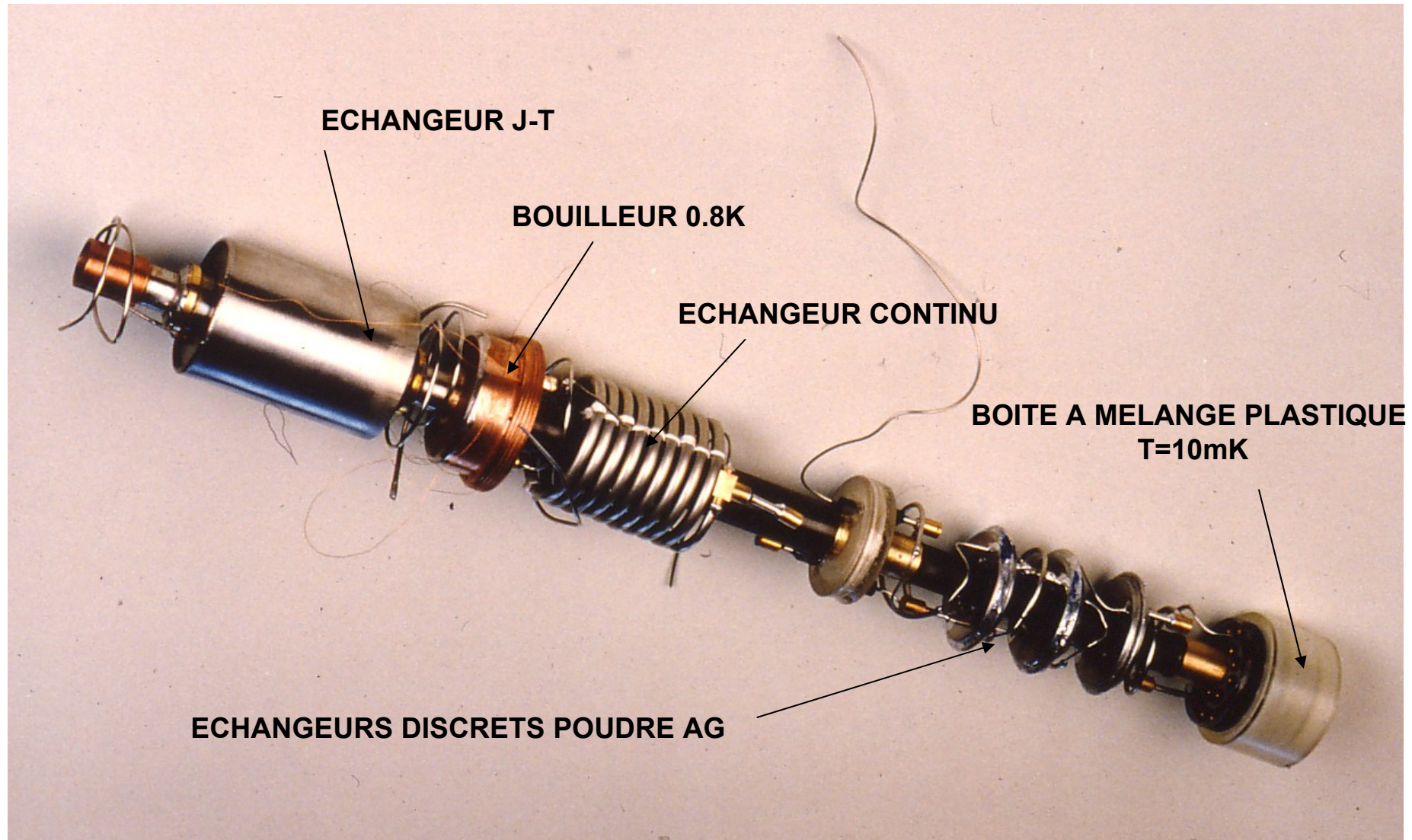
# DILUTION STICK

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Thèse Patrick Pari (CEA)

**Condensation from 4.2K**  
**Précooling mixture in the Joule-Thomson stage**

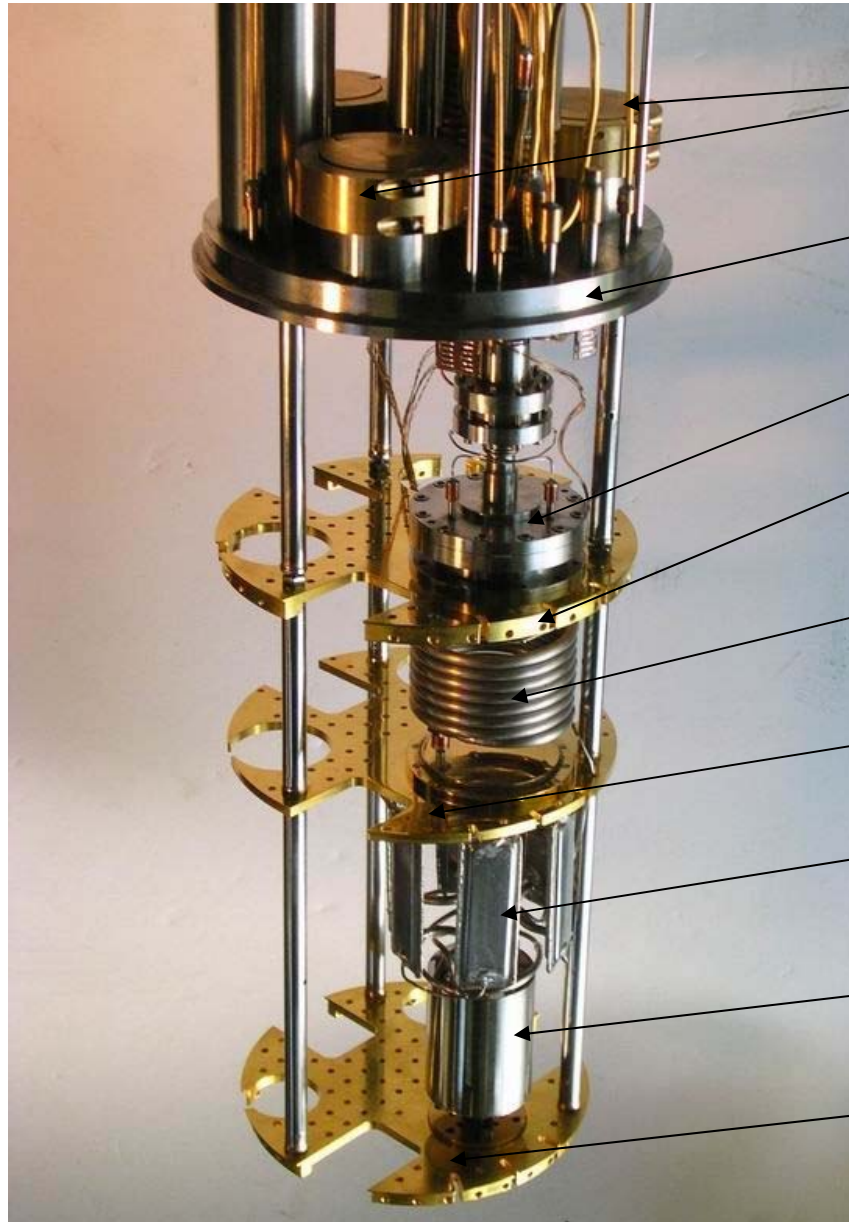


# MINI FRIDJE 10mK DIAMETRE 30mm





# APPAREIL TYPE 200 $\mu$ W



PASSAGES CLIENTS

BRIDE 4K

BOUILLEUR 0.8K

PLATINE CUIVRE DORE 0.8K

ECHANGEUR CONTINU

PLATINE 100mK

ECHANGEURS DISCRETS  
POUDRE D'ARGENT FRITTE

BOITE A MELANGE

PLATINE 10mK

# REFRIGERATEUR A DILUTION TYPE 400 -1000 $\mu$ W



BRIDE 4K PORTE IVC

BOUILLEUR 0.8K

ECHANGEUR CONTINU

PLATINE 100mK

ECHANGEURS DISCRETS

BOÎTE A MELANGE  
10mK

# REFRIGERATEUR A DILUTION RENVERSE LYON



**PLATINE 10mk**

**BRIDE PORTE ECRAN 1K**

**BRIDE 4K**

**PETIT RESERVOIR HELIUM4**

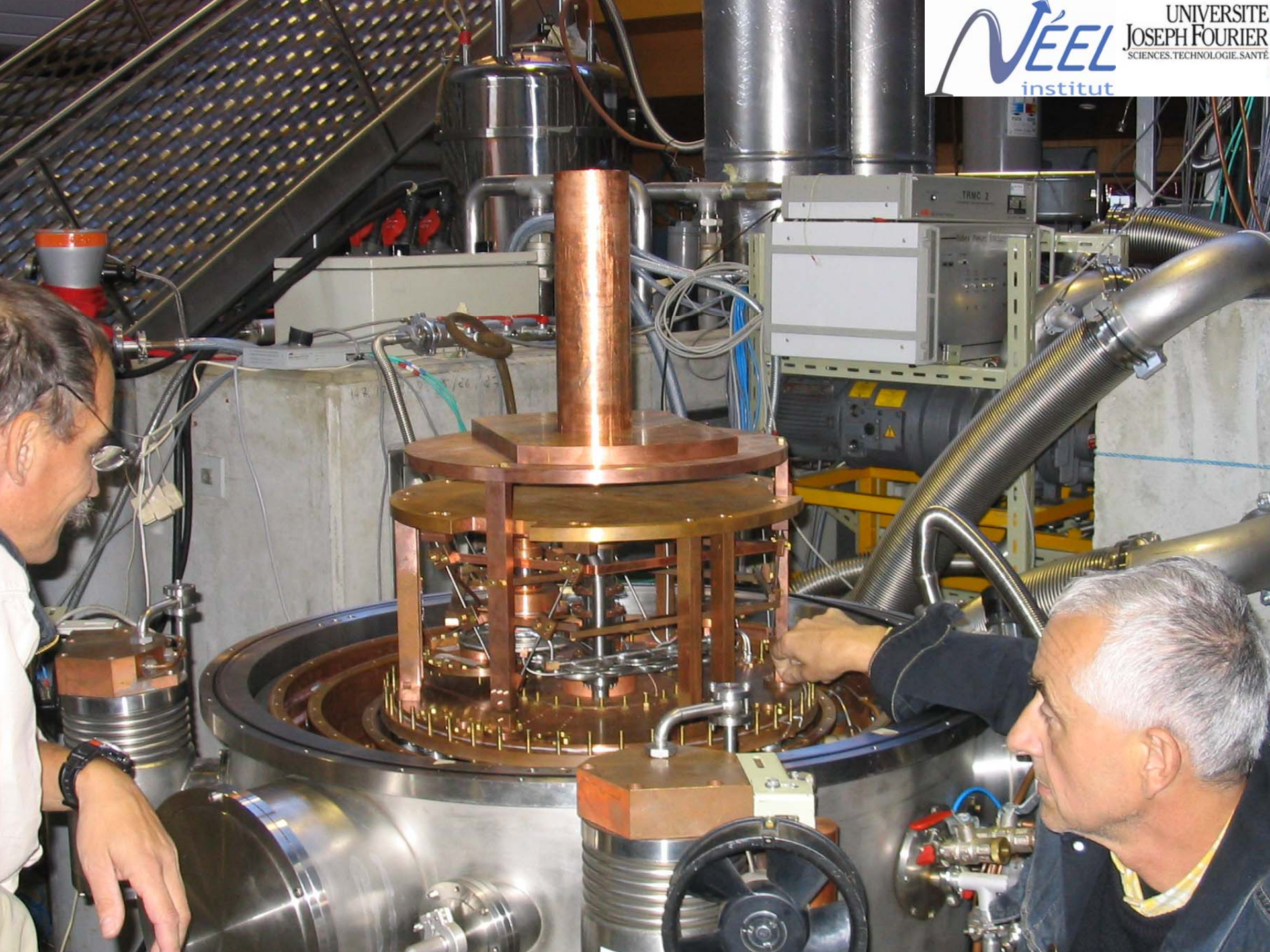
**BRIDE PORTE ECRAN 40K**

**BRIDE PORTE ECRAN 200K**

**BRIDE MESURES**

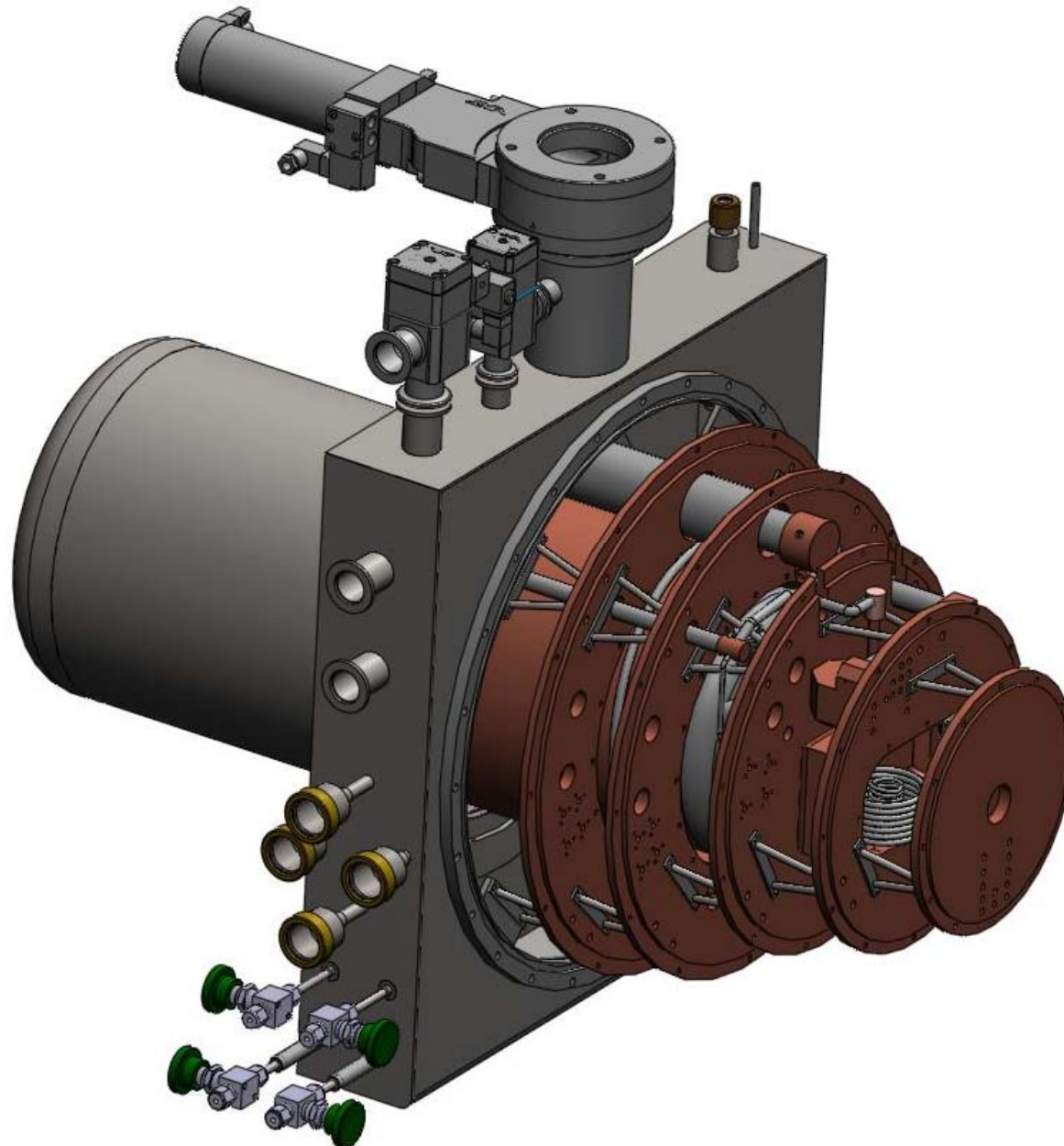
**DEWAR HE4**







# CRYOSTAT A DILUTION HORIZONTAL POUR EXPERIENCES OPTIQUES VIDE UNIQUE, ETAGE JT, DOUBLE BOUILLEUR

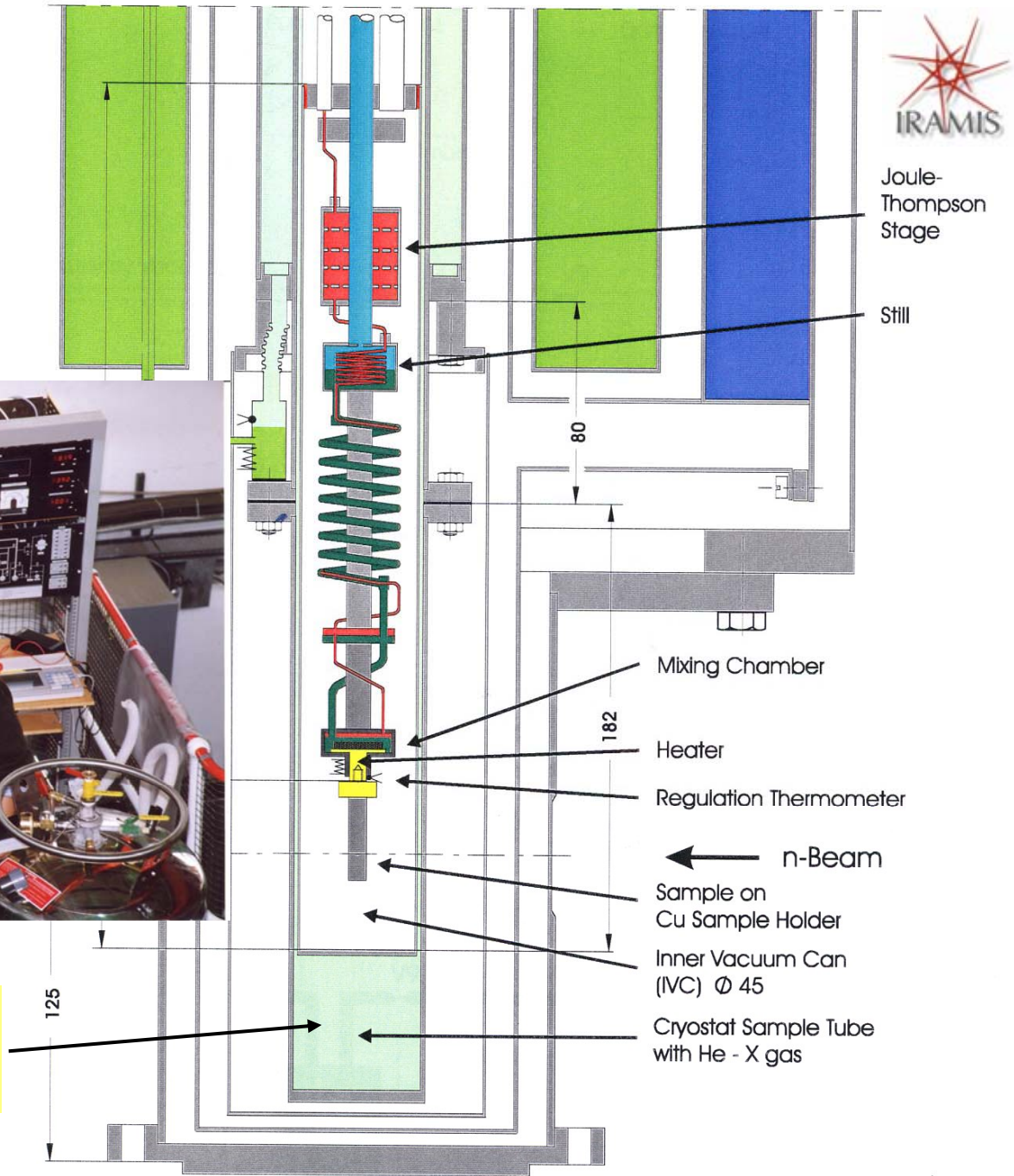




**Exemple de fonctionnement  
d'une canne à dilution  
dans un puit de gaz froid  
He4**



**He4 gaz à basse pression  
Quelques millibars.**



# FREE DILUTION REFRIGERATOR OF 1987

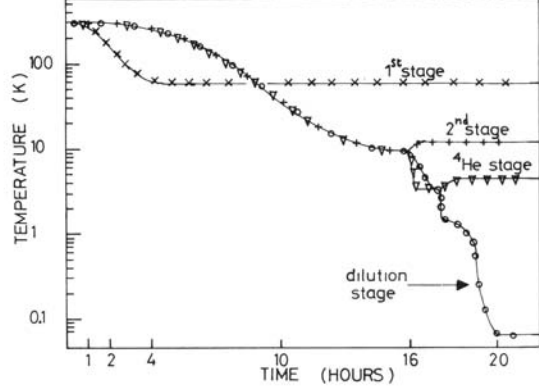
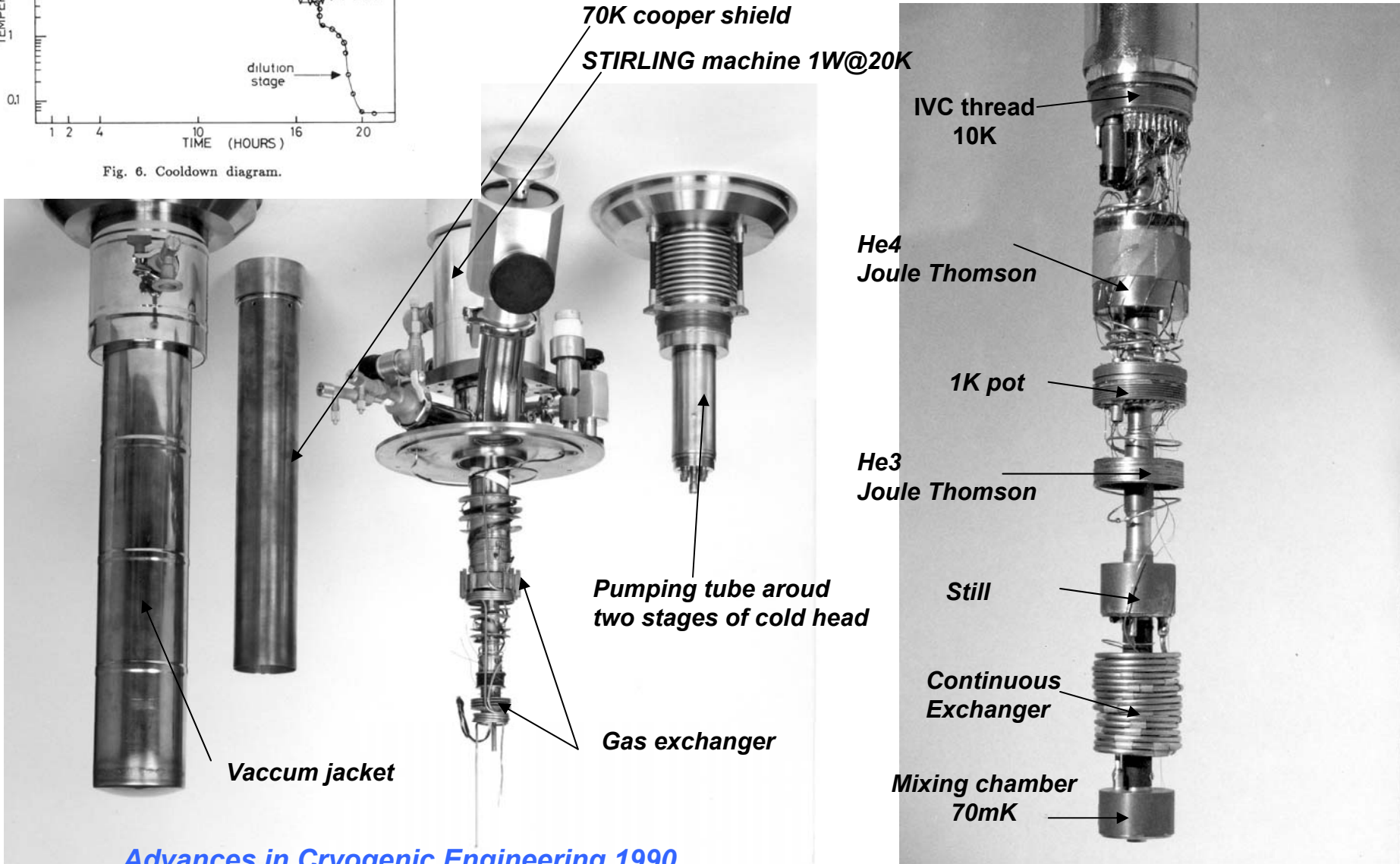


Fig. 6. Cooldown diagram.



*Advances in Cryogenic Engineering 1990  
P.Pari « dilution refrigerator with no liquid helium supply »*



# DILUTION FREE 2007

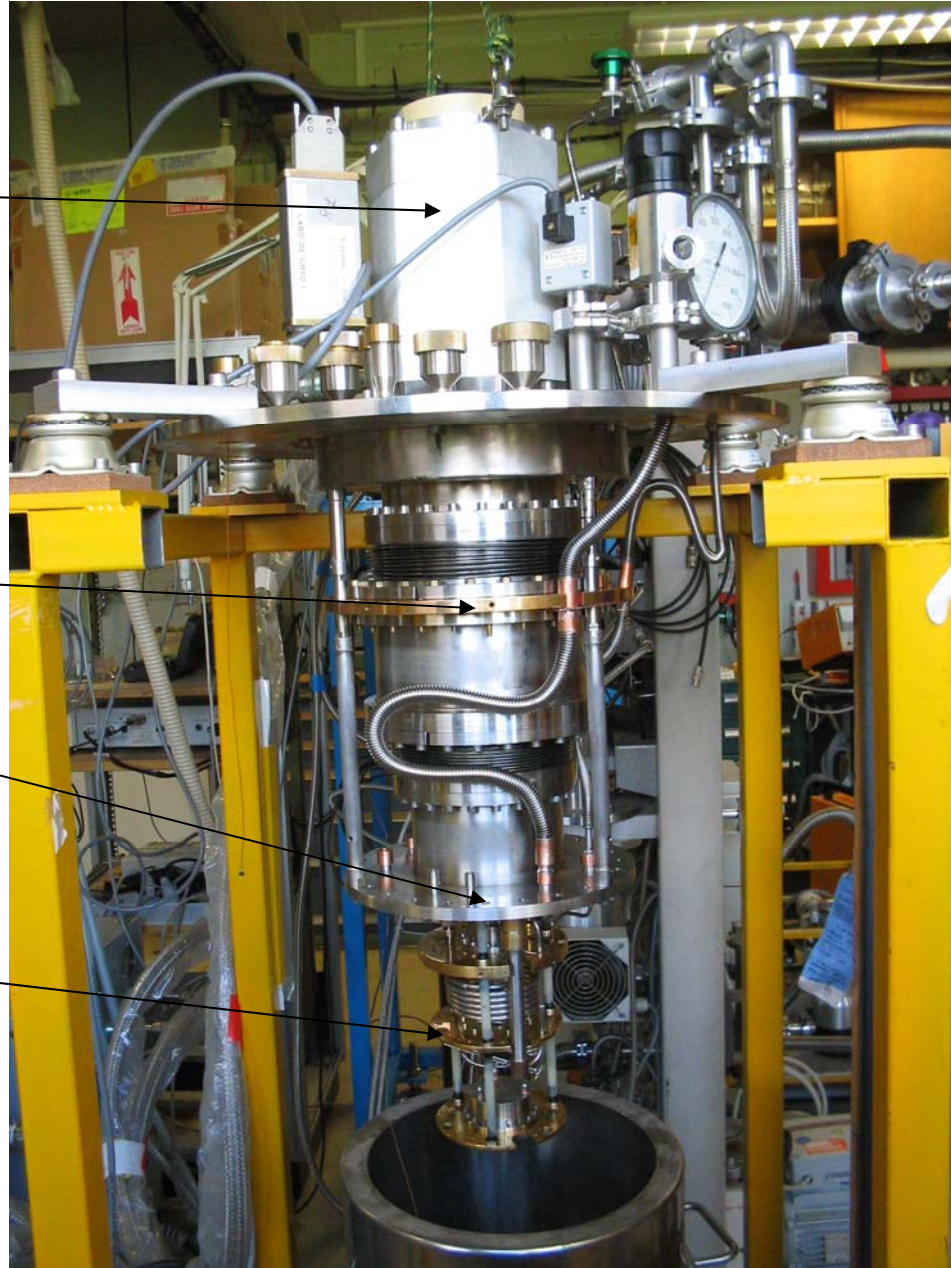


**PT 407**  
**700mW @ 4.2K**

**FIRST STAGE**  
**60k**

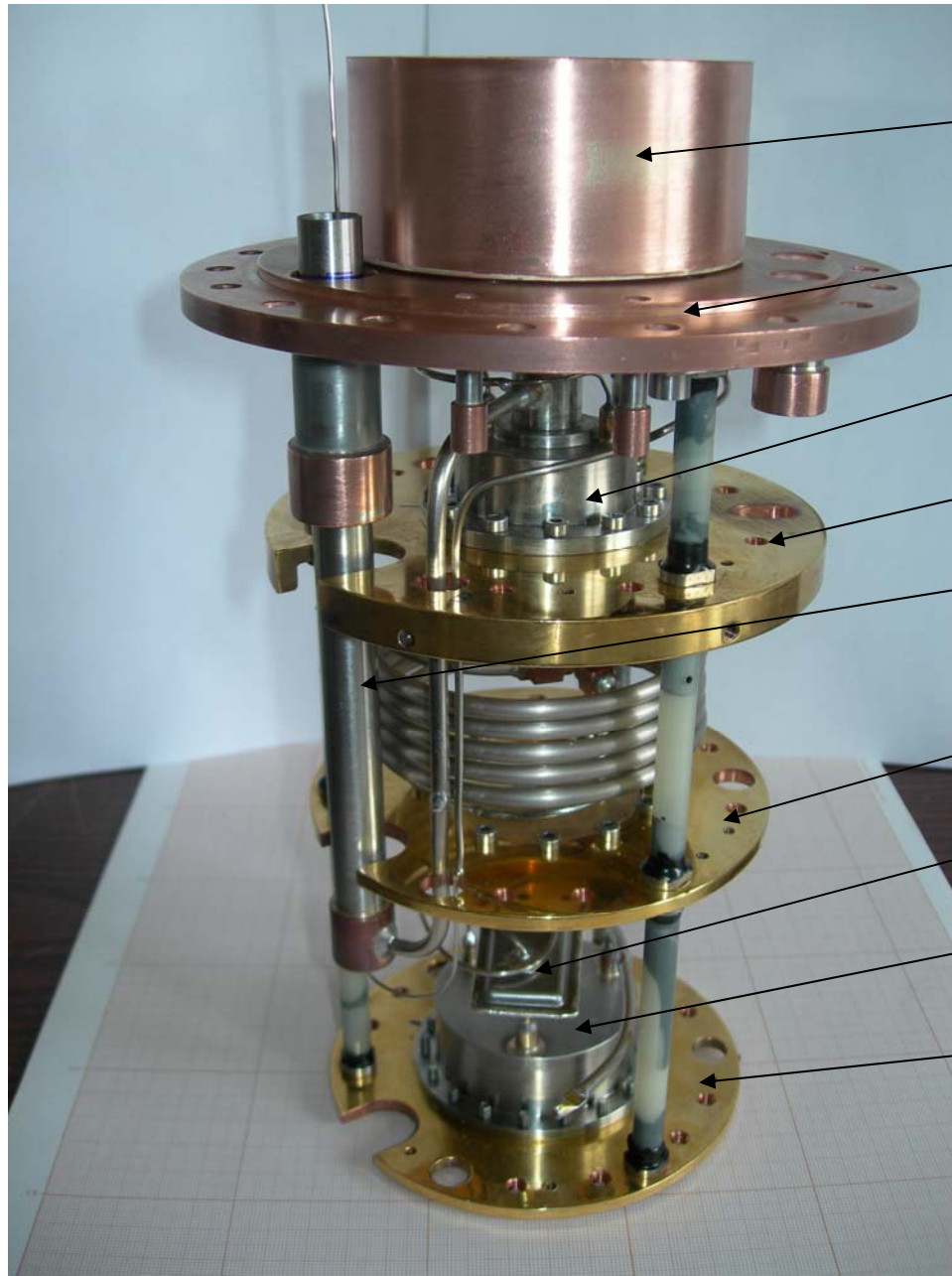
**SECOND STAGE**  
**4K**

**DILUTION STAGE**  
**30 mK**  
**LESS 20 Hours**  
**50mK<T<300K**



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# ETAGE A DILUTION FREE 150 $\mu$ W



ECHANGE VAPEURS 4K

BRIDE 4K

BOUILLEUR 0.8K

PLATINE 0.8K

ECHANGEUR JOULE-THOMSON

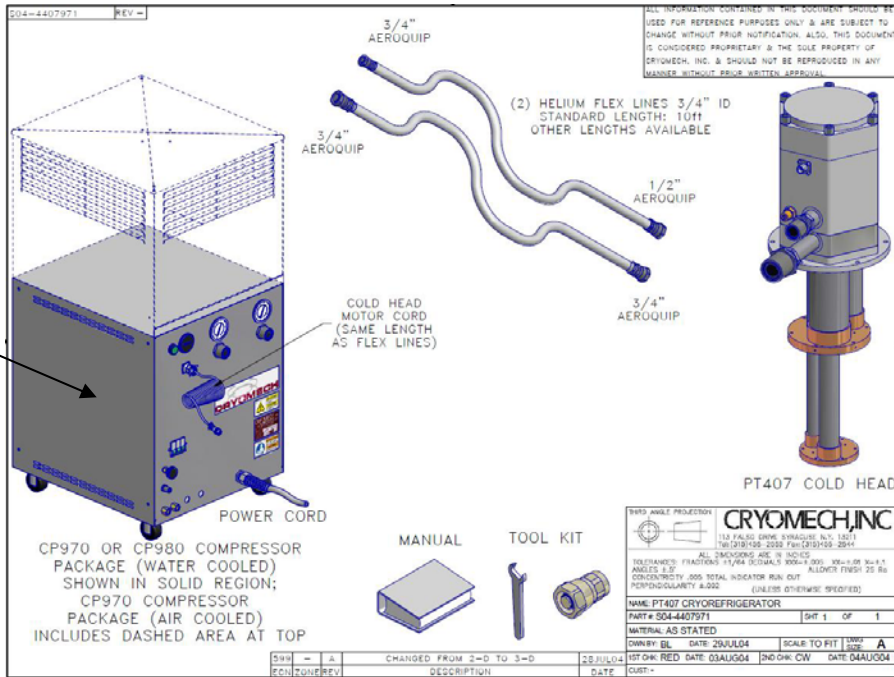
PLATINE 100mK

ECHANGEUR DISCRET

BOITE A MELANGE

PLATINE 16mK

# OUR DILUTION REFRIGERATOR USE A PT CRYOMECH 700mW @ 4.2K



**Costs comparaisn for one cooling**

**LIQUID HELIUM DILUTION REFRIGERATOR**

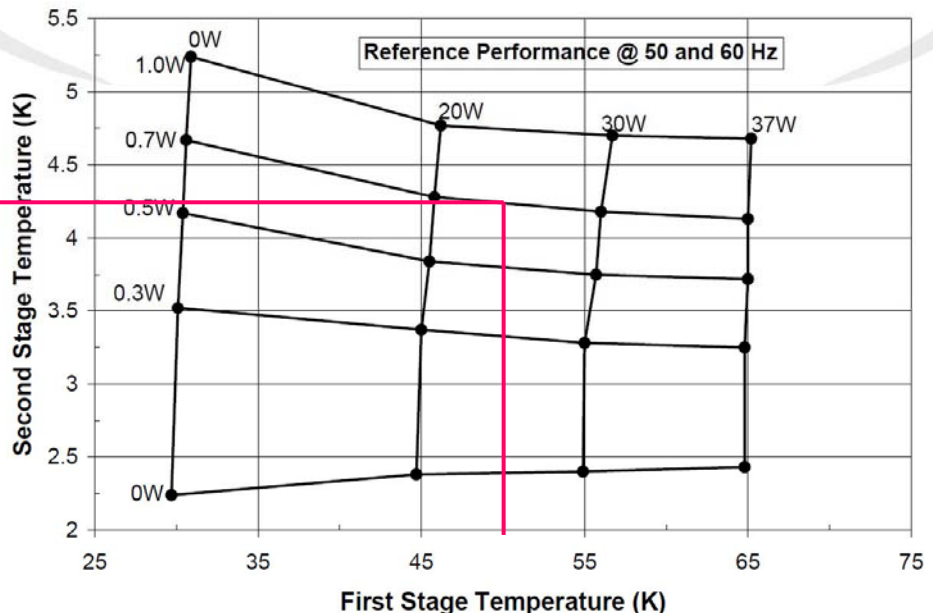
Cooling from 300K to 4K : 100L,  
Consumption by week : 100L

Total cost : 900€ of liquid helium (4.5€/l)

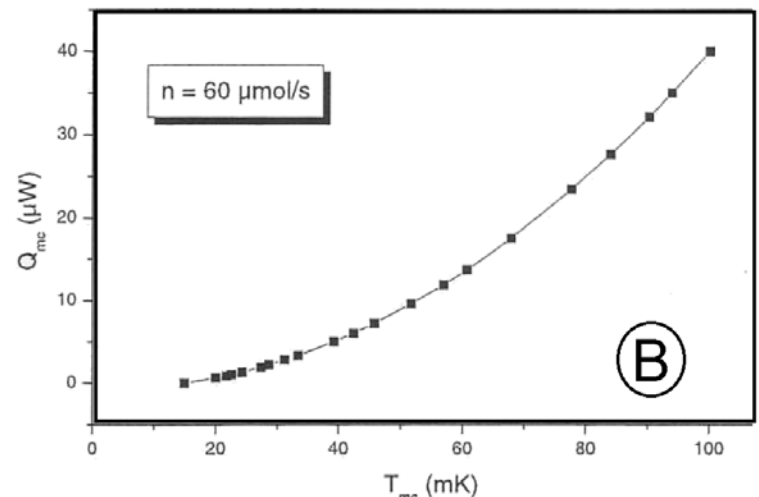
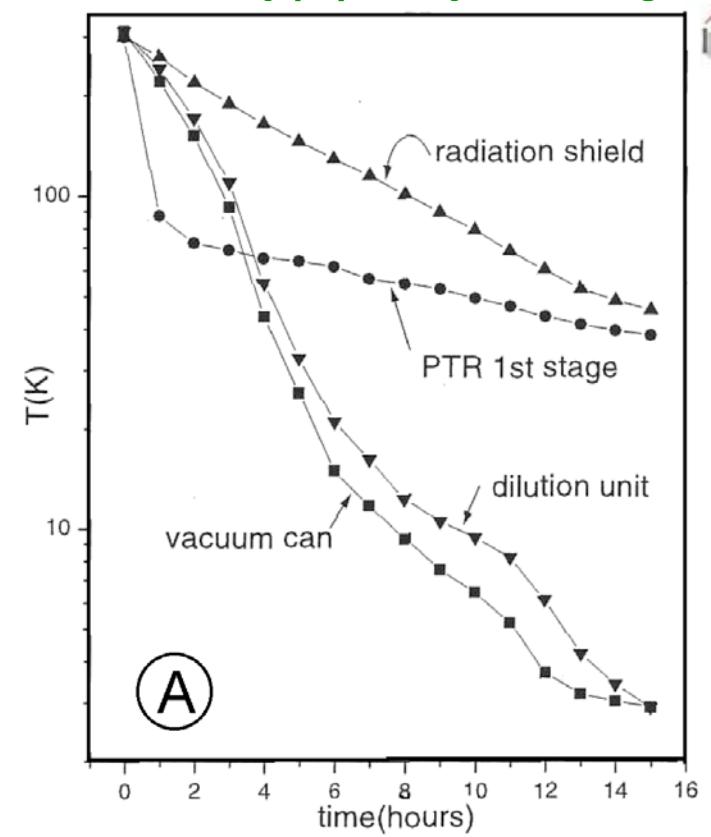
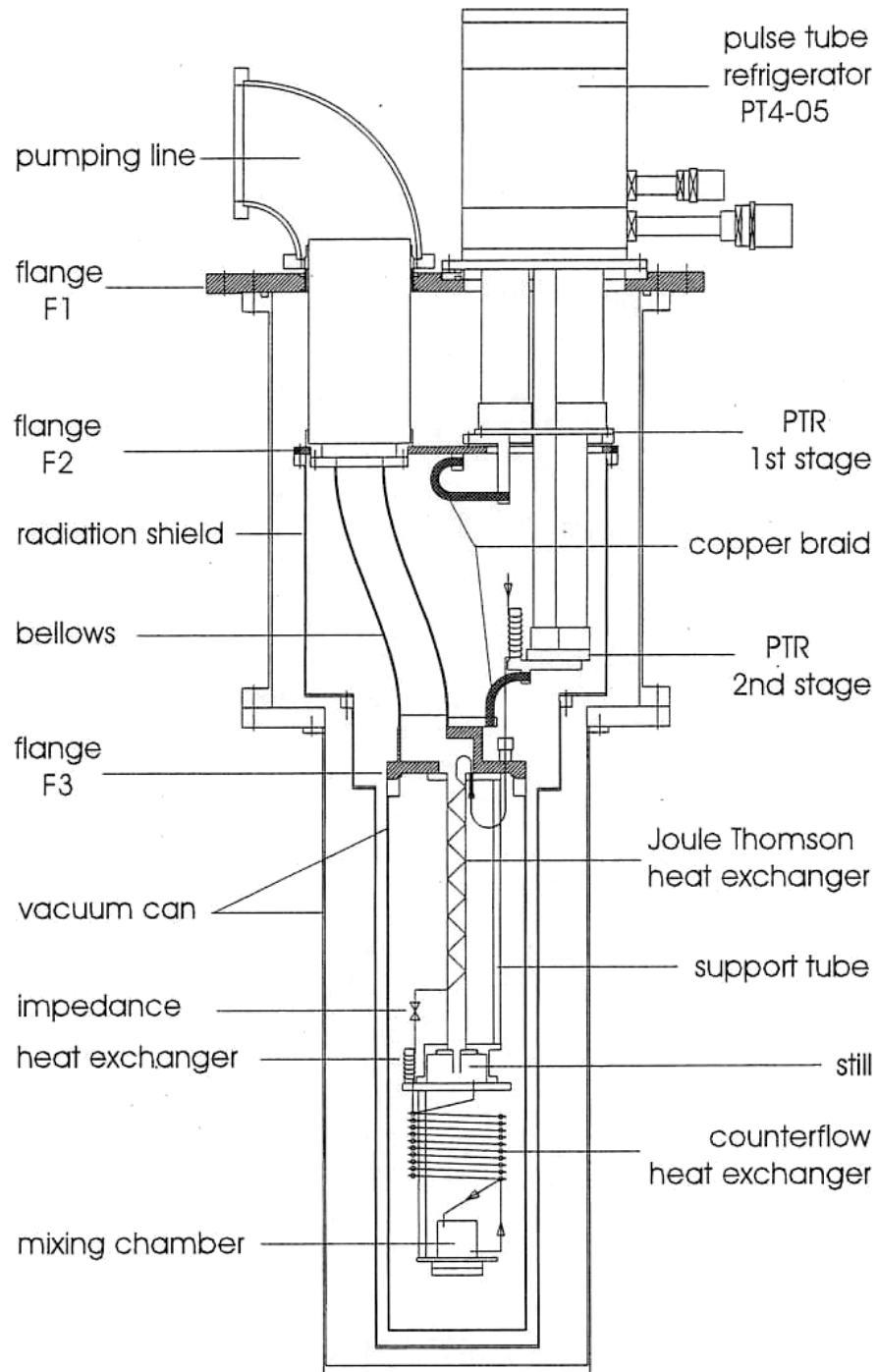
**FREE DILUTION REFRIGERATOR**

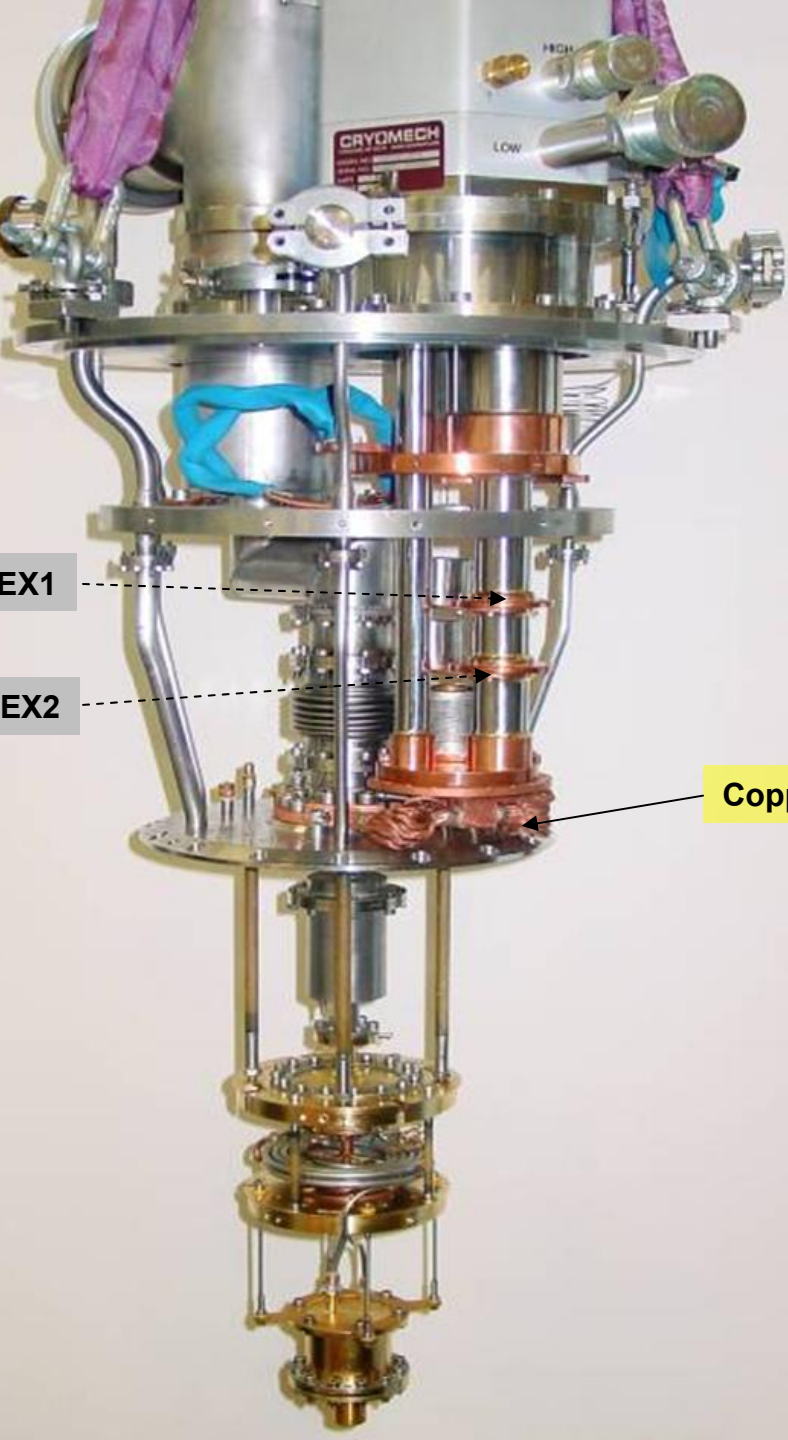
Cooling from 300K to 3K : 14 hours

Total electrical cost by week : 100€









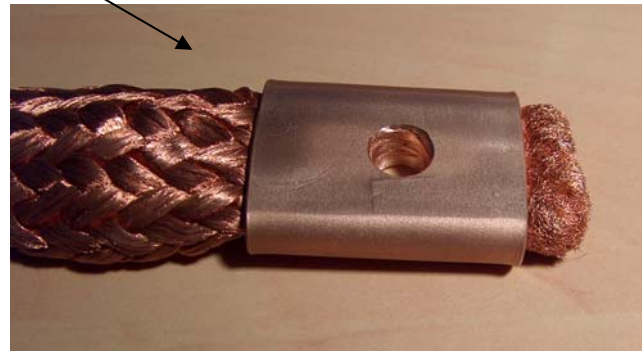
*T. Prouvé, H. Godfrin, C. Gianèse. S. Triquenaux, A. Ravex*

**DEVELOPPEMENT OF DILUTION REFRIGERATOR  
PRECOOLING BY A PULSED TUBE**

*Thesis of Thomas Prouvé*

*( Joseph Fourier University, GRENOBLE) 2007*

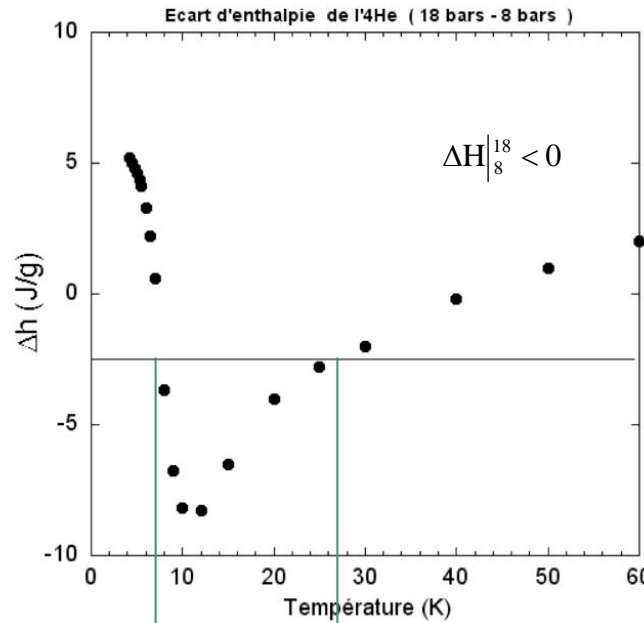
**Copper braide**



*10 000 brins cuivre d = 1/1000<sup>e</sup> mm*

BETWEEN 6K AND 26K  $\Delta H_8^{18} < 0$  ITS POSSIBLE TO CHARGE THE REGENERATOR

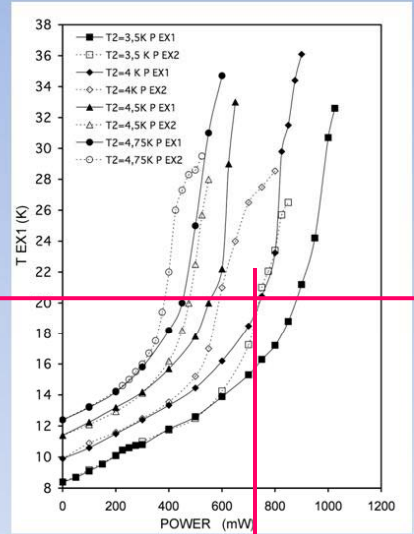
WITHOUT REDUCING THE COOLING POWER ON THE SECOND STAGE OF PT



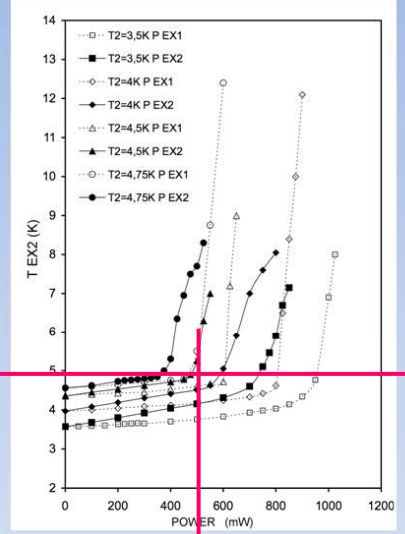
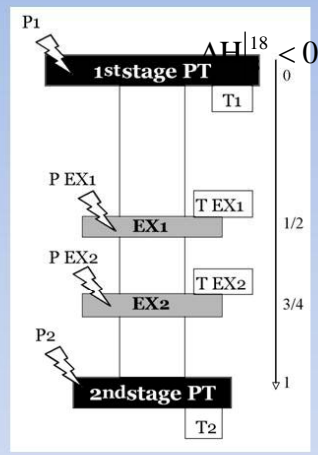
$\Delta H_8^{18} < 0$

6K                      26K

“Free” cooling Power of PT = fast cooling!



Temperature of the first intercept T EX1 as a function of the power P EX1 applied to this intercept (solid lines and symbols), or to the second intercept P EX2 (dashed line and open symbols) for different temperatures T2 of the second stage.



Temperature of the second intercept T EX2 as a function of the power P EX2 applied to this intercept (solid lines and symbols), or to the first intercept P EX1 (dashed line and open symbols) for different temperatures T2 of the second stage.

*Pulse-tube dilution refrigeration below 10 millikelvins*, T. Prouvé, H. Godfrin, C. Gianèse, S. Triqueneaux, A. Ravex J. of Low Temp. Phys. 148, 909 (2007)

*Pulse-tube dilution refrigeration below 10 mK for Astrophysics*, T. Prouvé, H. Godfrin, C. Gianèse, S. Triqueneaux, A. Ravex J. of Low Temp. Phys. 151, 640 (2008).

Air Liquide, U.S. Patent 6,915,642 and CNRS-Air Liquide Patent FR07 53945

EX1 700mW@20K

EX2 500mW@6K

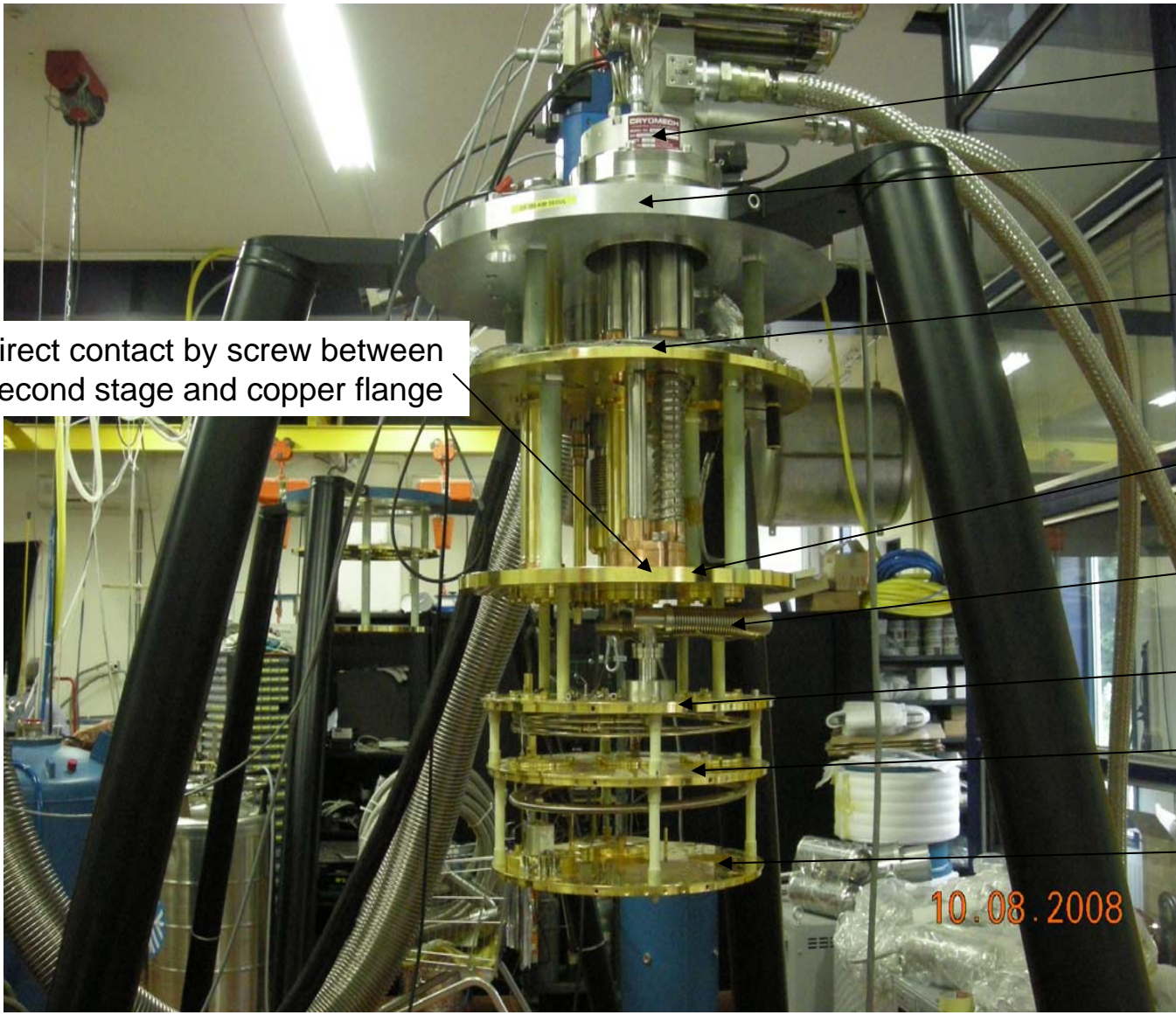


*The visit to Giorgio Frossati's company at LEIDEN*





# COMMERCIAL DRY DILUTION REFRIGERATOR LYDEN CRYOGENIC (*Giorgio Frossati*)



PT 415 : 1.5W@4.2K

300K flange (dural)

First stage 50K

Second stage IVC 3K

Joule-Thomson

1K flange

0.1K flange

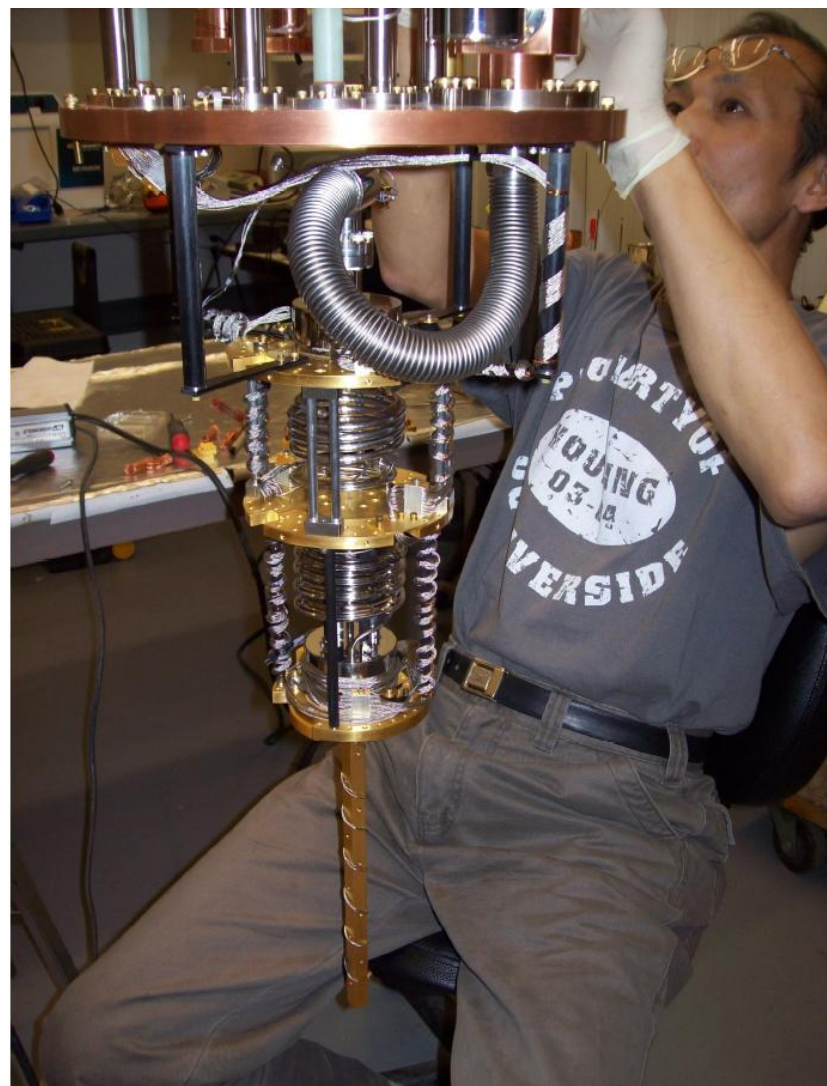
Mixing chamber flange

Direct contact by screw between  
Second stage and copper flange

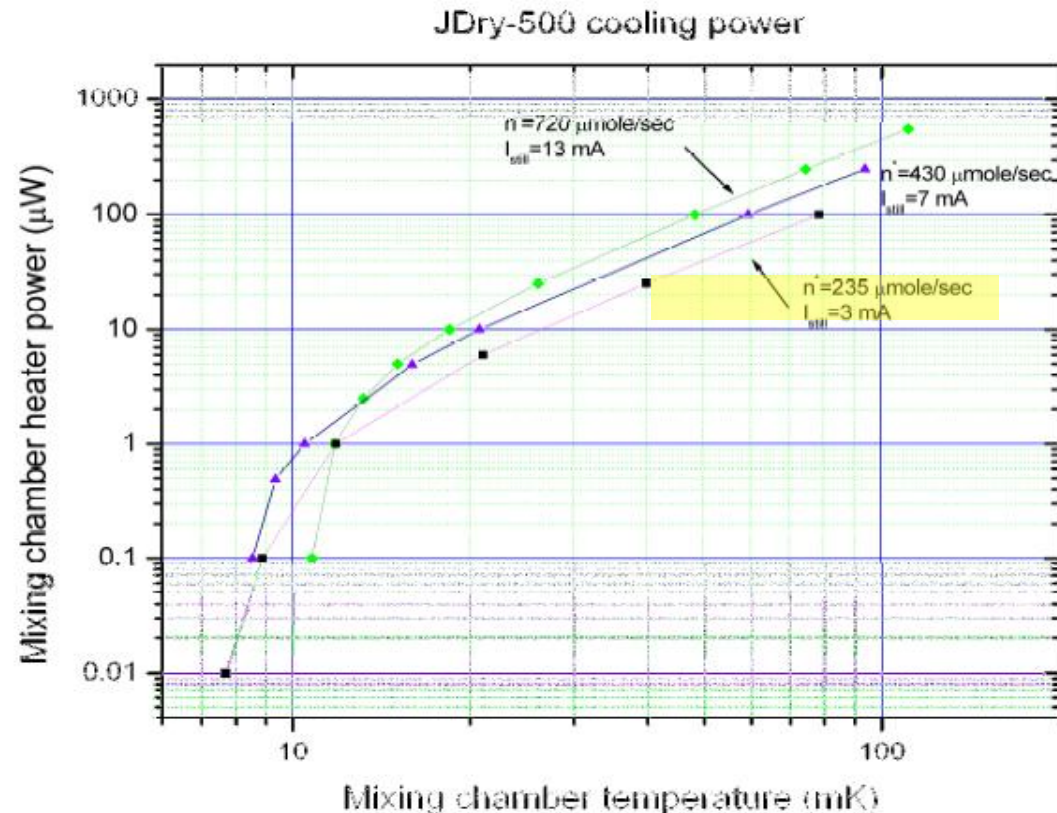
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## J DRY 500 ( JANIS )



1. 36 hours (conservative first cool-down, heat switch not used yet) from start to base temperature using PT-405 pulse tube;
2. 7.5 mK base temperature at optimal circulation rate as measured with compact CMN thermometer, calibrated against superconducting fixed point device;
3. Cooling power up to 450  $\mu\text{W}$  at 100 mK at maximum circulation rate (see plot below);
4. Very quiet oil-free pumping station based on Roots technology (water cooled);
5. No JT compressor required, condensing pressure is always below 0.7 bar absolute (see in Kurt Uhlig, "Condensation stage of a pulse-tube pre-cooled dilution refrigerator", accepted to Cryogenics, 2008);
6. Janis Labview 7 software for resistive and CMN thermometry, as well as pressure and flow control;
7. No change in performance when tilted at 11 degrees;



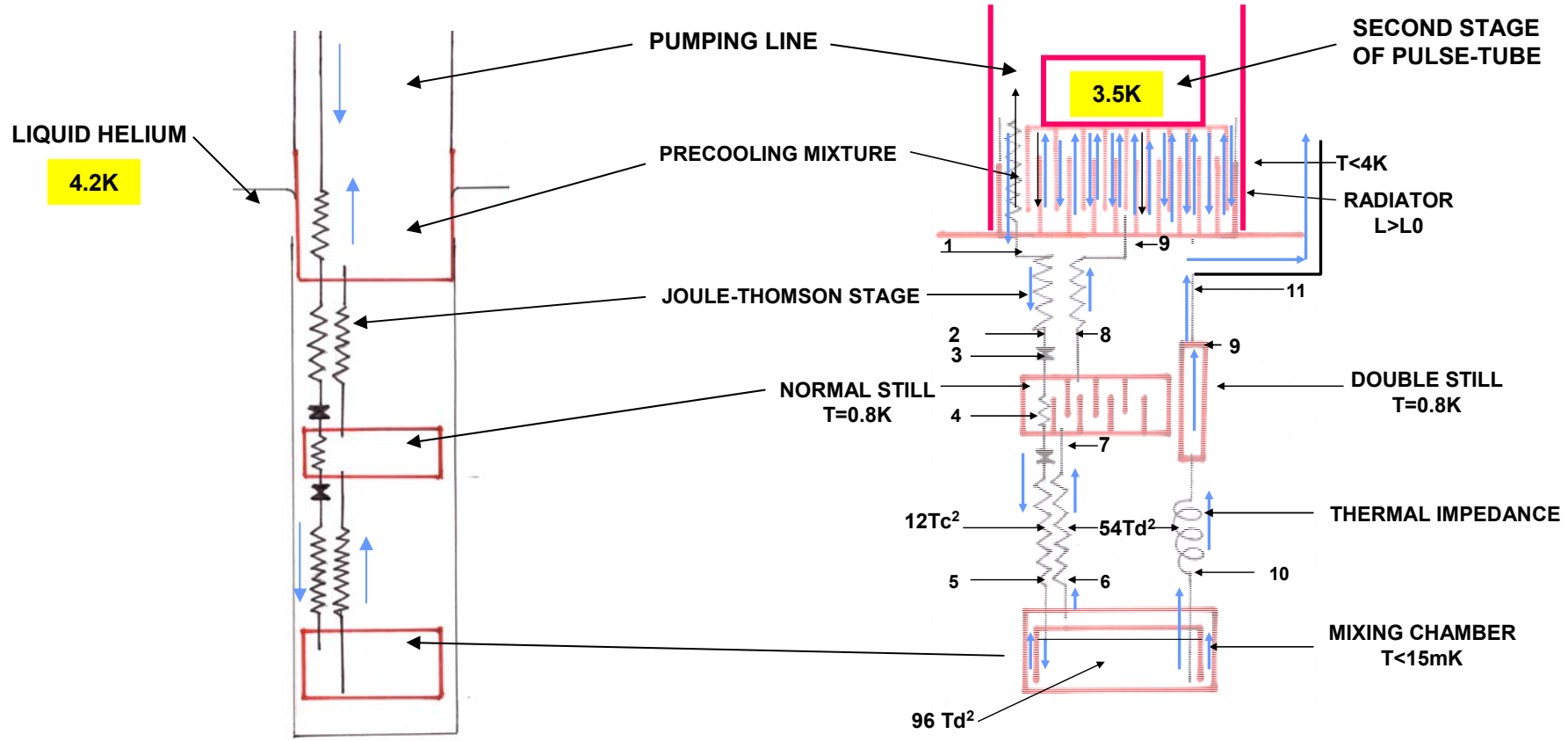
## NOTRE DILUTION FREE

- **REFROIDISSEMENT LE PLUS RAPIDE POSSIBLE 300K>3K**
- **PAS D IVC SEULEMENT ETANCHEITE A TEMPERATURE AMBIANTE**
- **SEULEMENT 3 ECRANS CUIVRE OU ALUMINIUM ( 60K 4K 1K)**
- **AUCUNE PARTIE METALLIQUE EN CONTACT A FROID ENTRE LE PT ET FRIGO**
- **DEMONTAGE LE PLUS SIMPLE POSSIBLE DU PT POUR REVISION.**
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- **PRECOOLING**
- **CIRCULATION A DEBIT ELEVE (20 000 $\mu$ moles/s) ET A CONTRE SENS EN INJECTANT DANS LA GAÎNE PRINCIPALE, SORTIE PAR LE DB**
- **ASSERVISSEMENT DU DEBIT POUR ATERRIR A 3K AU BOUT DE 8 à 10 HEURES**
- **INVERSION DU DEBIT VERS 3K**
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- **COOLING**
- **POMPAGE DU MELANGE PAR LA GAÎNE PRINCIPALE ET LE DB**
- **INJECTION NORMALE ET REFROIDISSEMENT AVEC LE JT DEPUIS 3.5K**
- **COMPRESSEUR OFF EN FIN DE CONDENSATION**



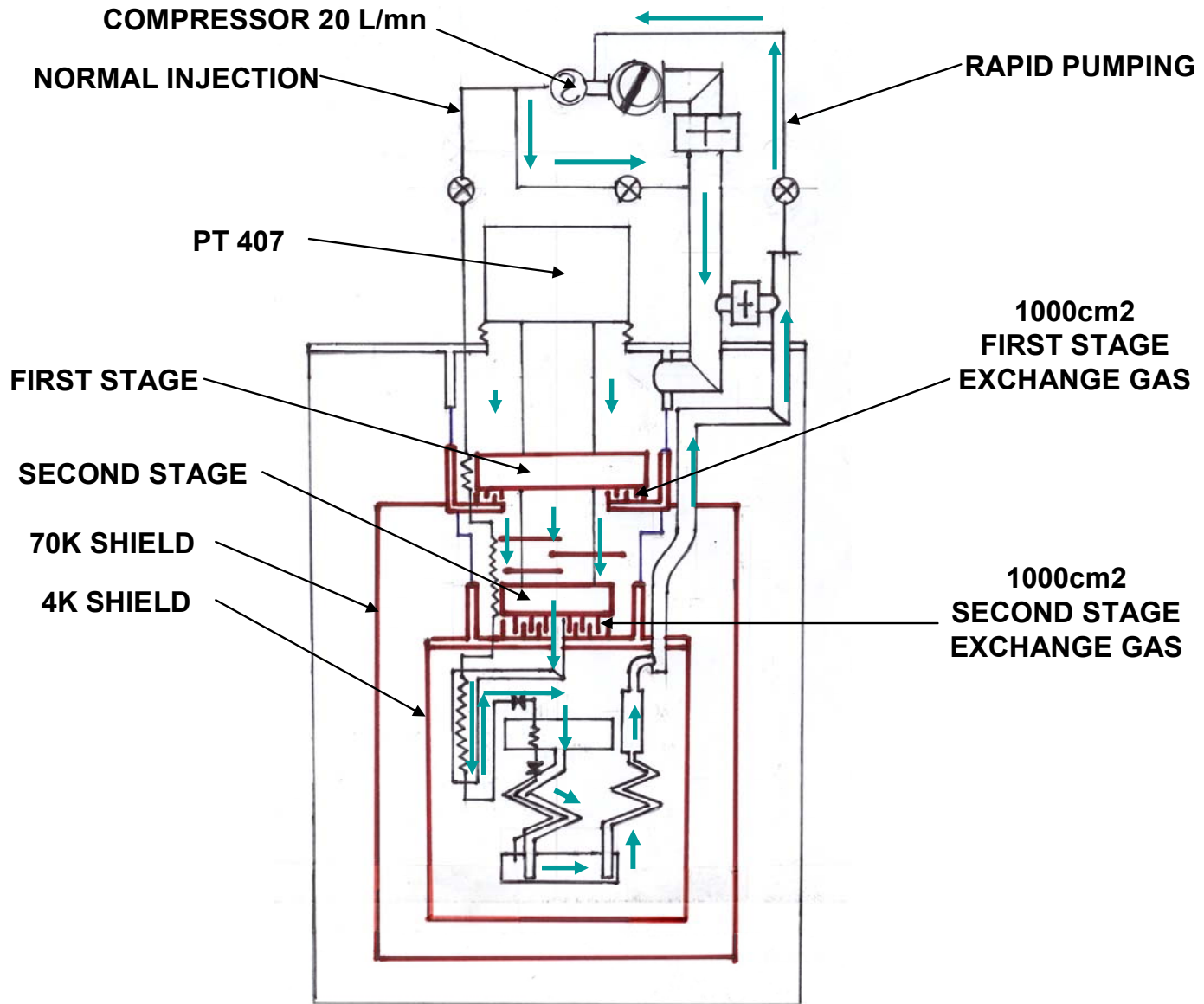
**NORMAL JT DILUTION STAGE**

**DOUBLE STILL JT DILUTION STAGE**

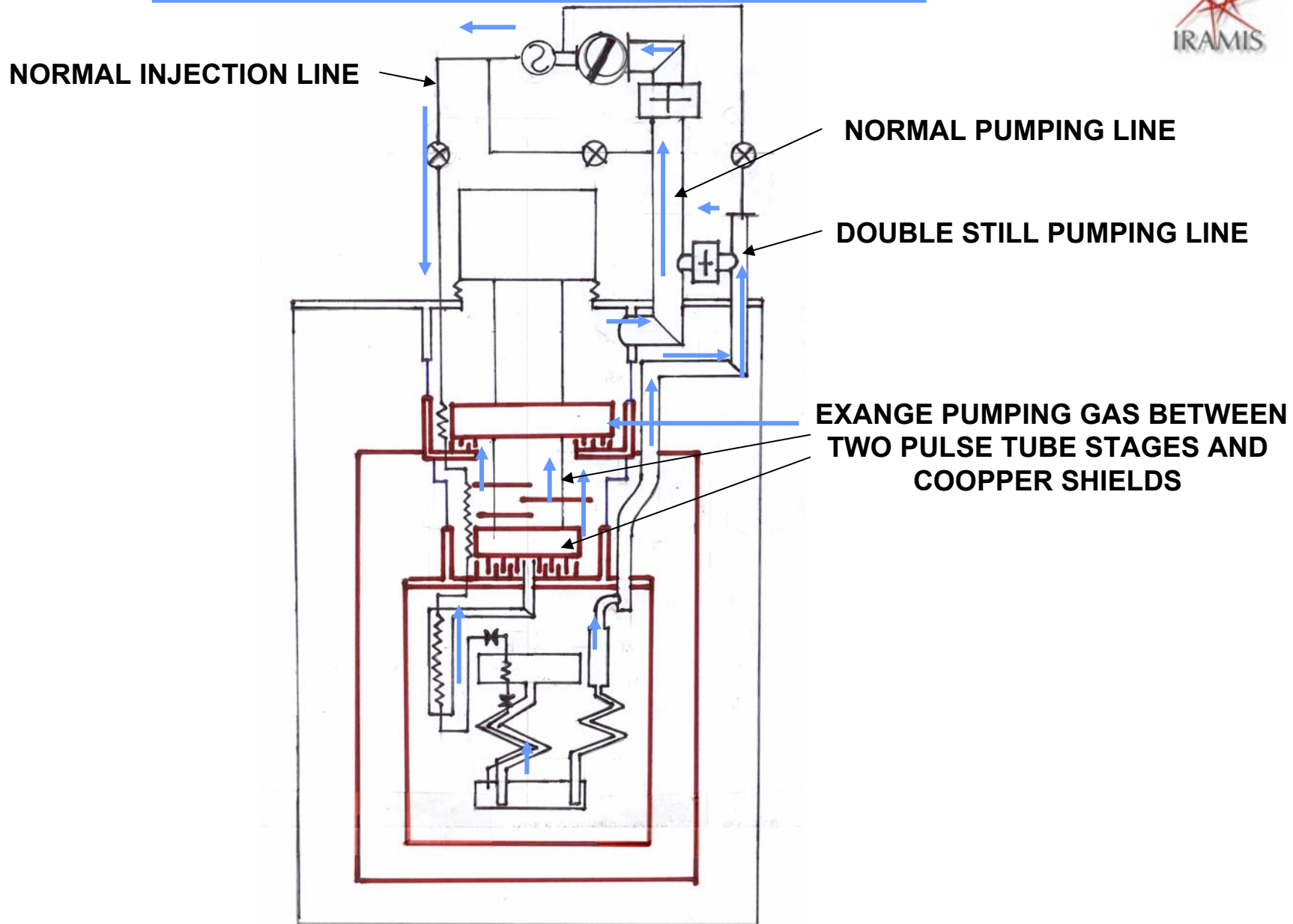


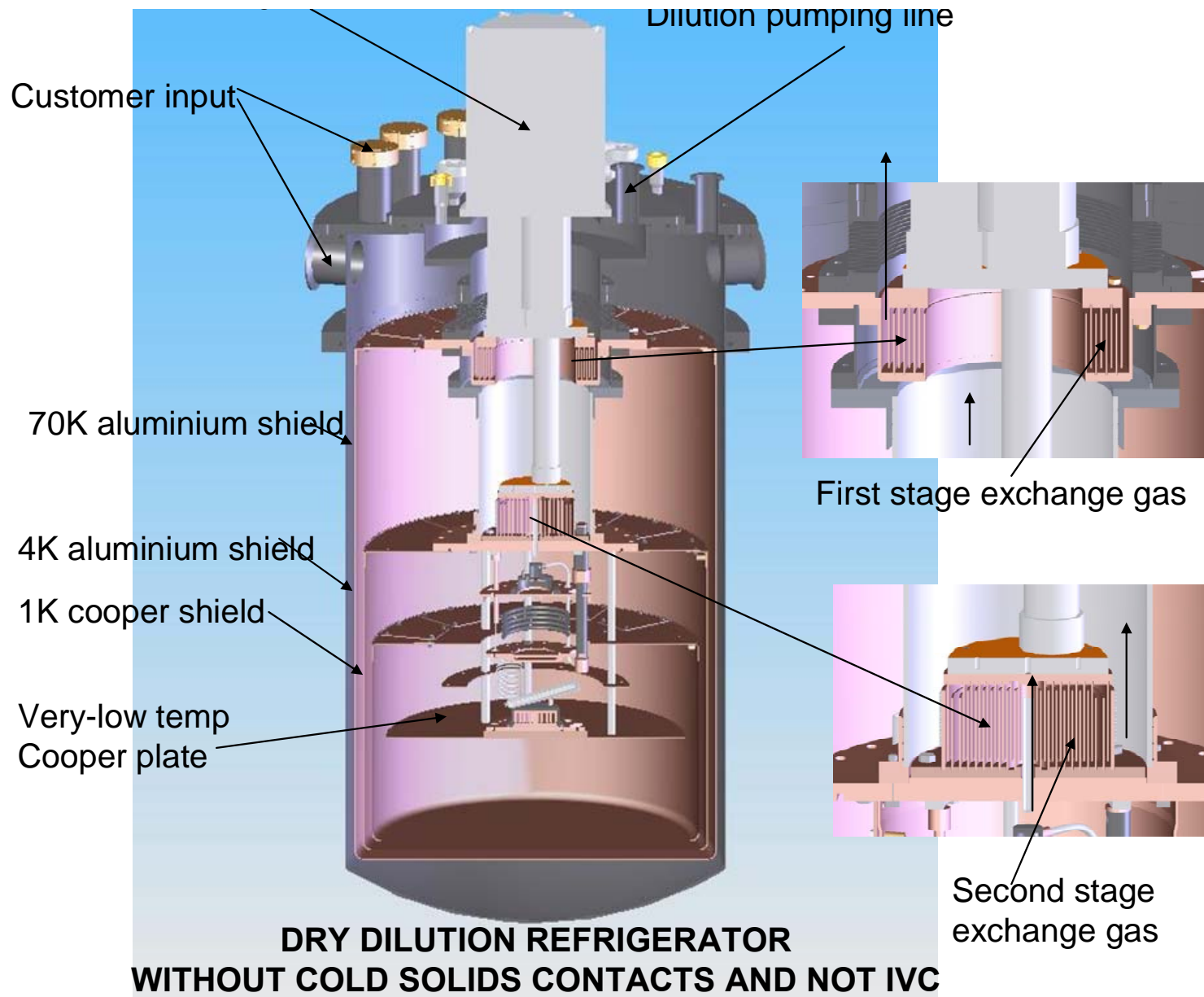


**DIAGRAMM OF RAPID COOLING  $3 < T(K) < 300$**



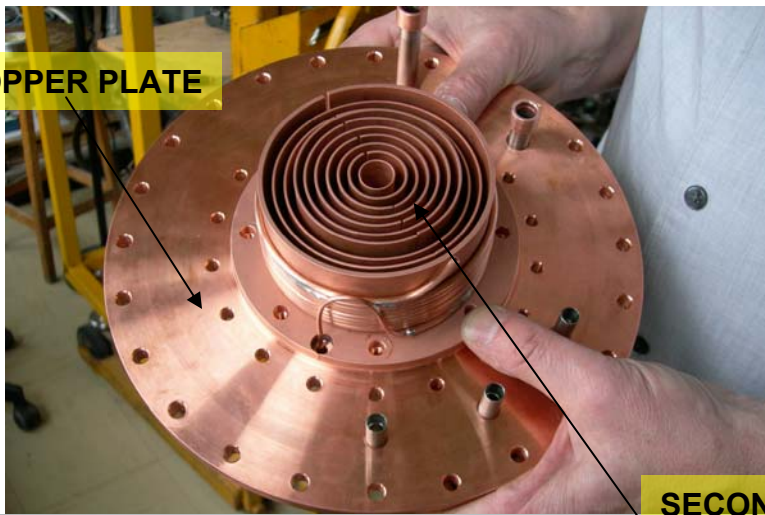
# DIAGRAMM OF NORMAL COOLING $16\text{mK} < T < 3\text{K}$







4K COPPER PLATE



EXCHANGERS BETWEEN FIRST STAGE AND SECOND STAGE OF PT .

SECOND STAGE EXCHANGERS

DOUBLE THOMSON STAGE

NORMAL STILL

DOUBLE STILL

1K PLATE

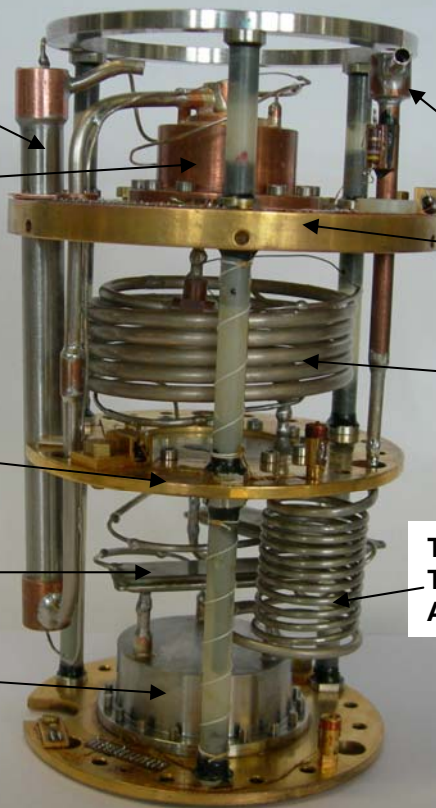
CONTINUOUS EXCHANGER

0.1K PLATE

TWO SILVER POWDER EXCHANGER

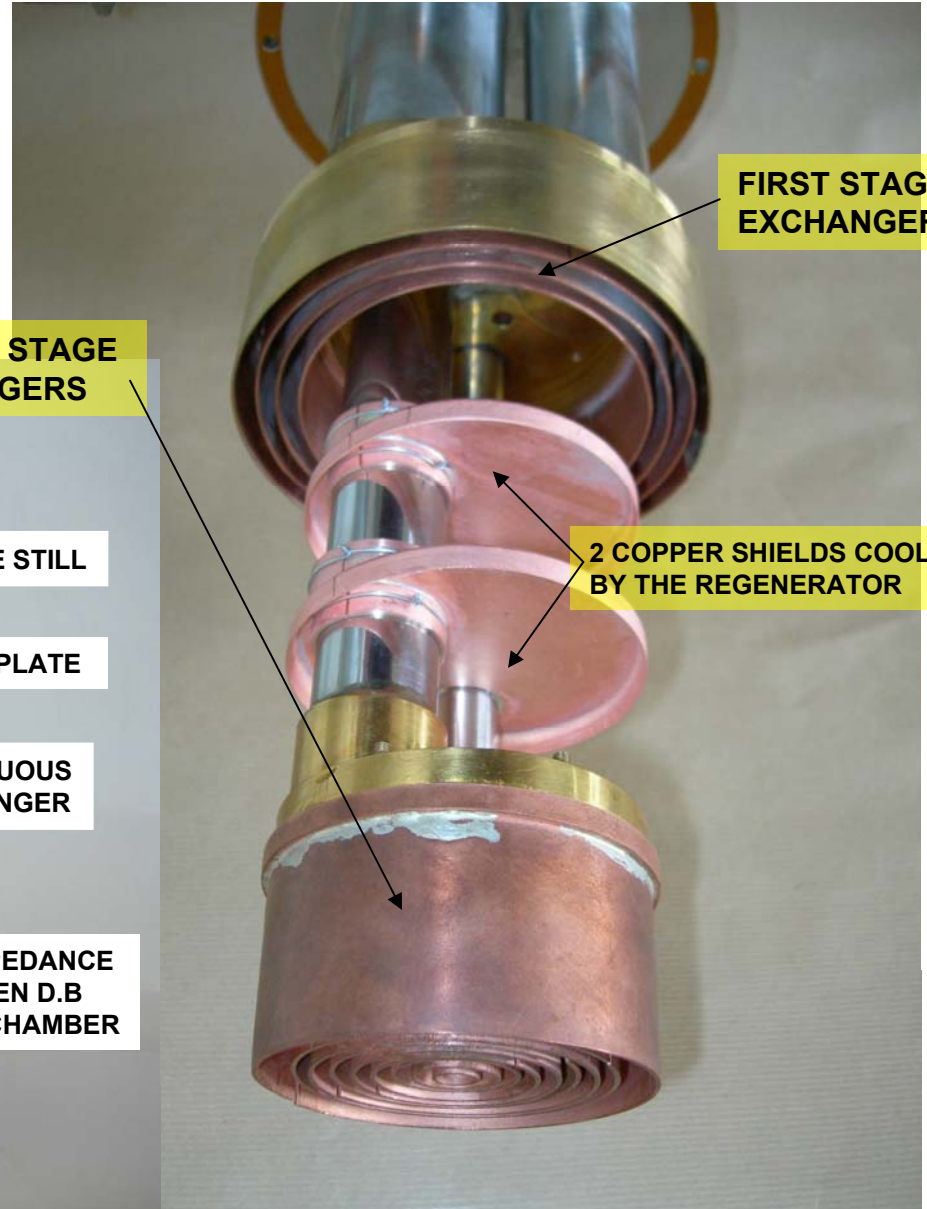
THERMAL IMPEDANCE TUBE BETWEEN D.B AND MIXING CHAMBER

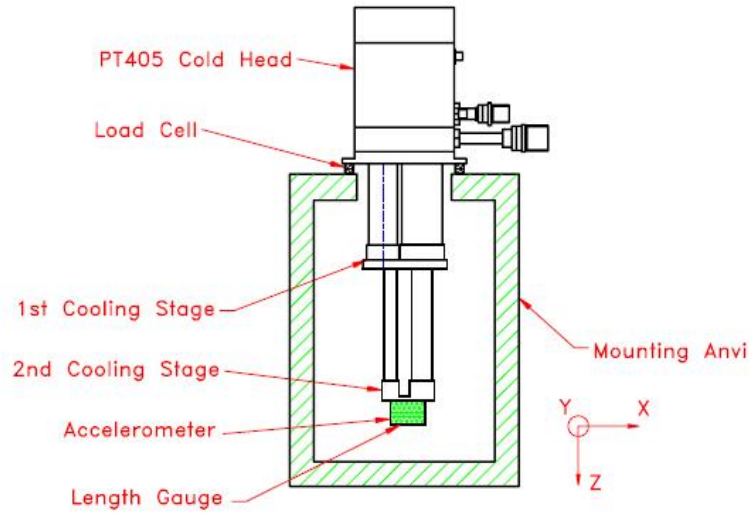
MIXING CHAMBER



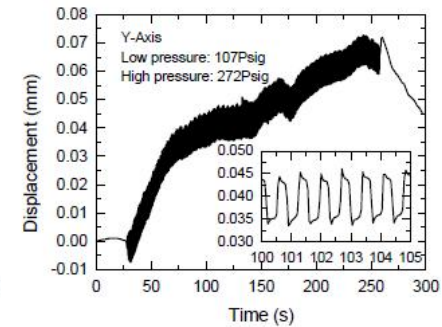
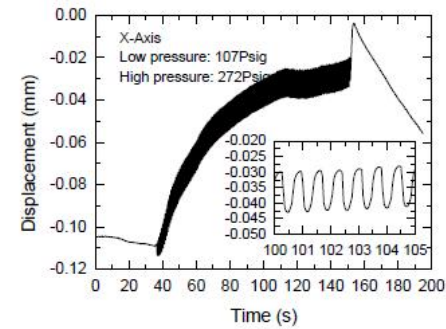
FIRST STAGE EXCHANGER

2 COPPER SHIELDS COOLED BY THE REGENERATOR





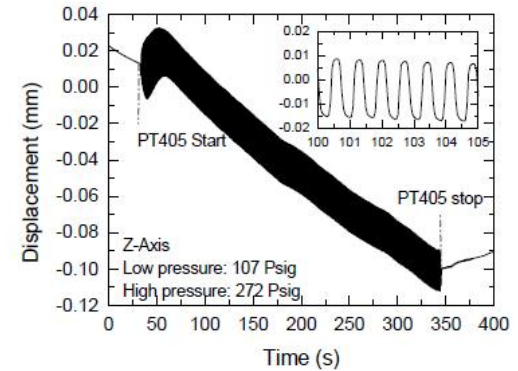
Dynamic displacements on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage cold head. The PT405 starts from room temperature.



### Amplitude of displacement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage cold head on three directions

	X-axis	Y-axis	Z-axis
Length Gauge* Measurement	6 μm	6 μm	12 μm

\*Suction pressure: 107Psig; Discharge pressure: 272Psig; (4 K operation pressures)





# GENERAL VIEW OF FREE DILUTION REFRIGERATOR



1K COPPER SHIELD

4K COPPER SHIELD  
ID : 200mm  
Length : 300mm

60K COPPER SHIELD

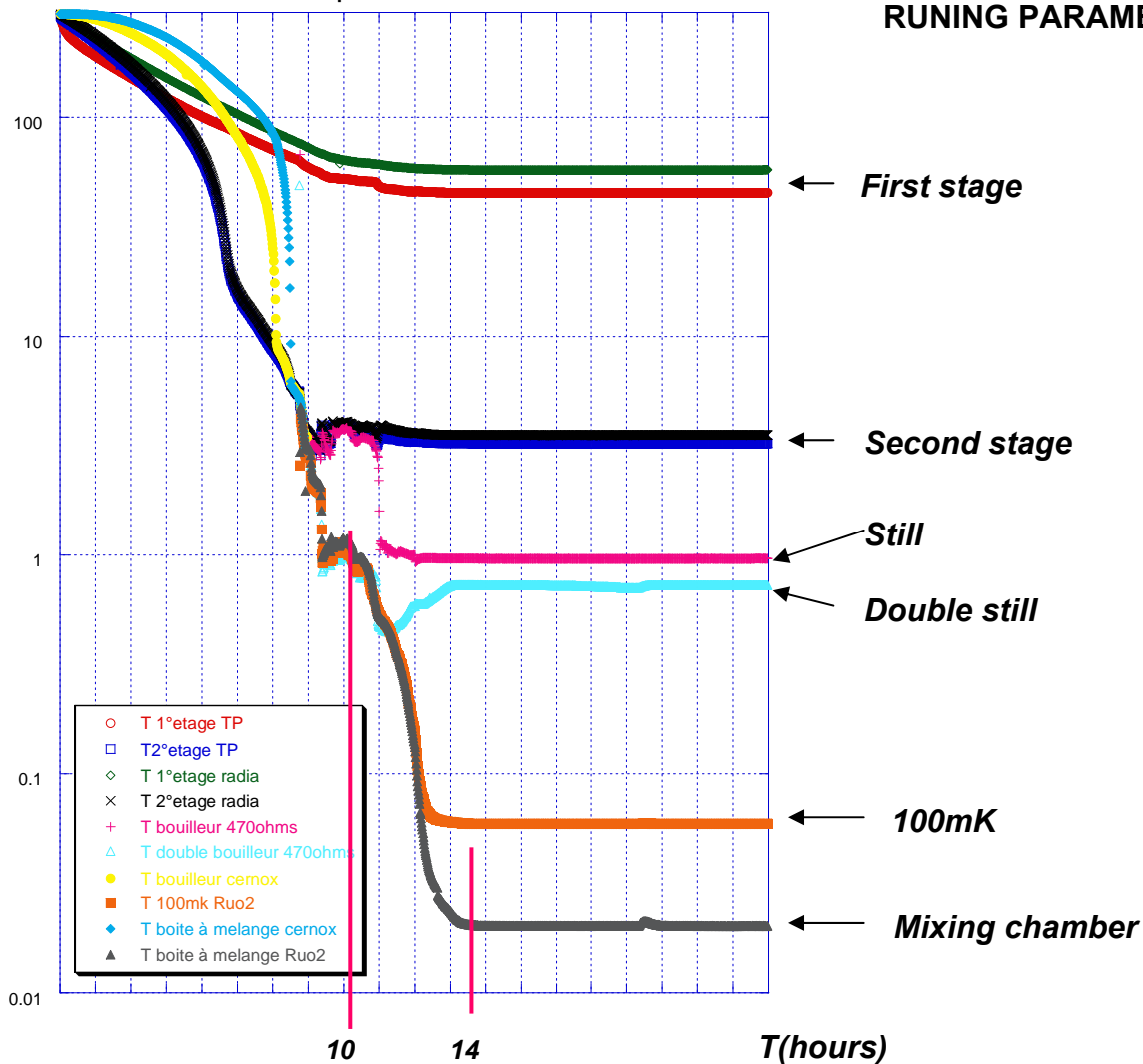


PT1	RPT1	PT2	RPT2	Still	Double Still	100mK	MC	P <sub>P</sub>	P <sub>INJ</sub>	n
47K	61.6K	3.34K	3.64K	0.937K	0.72K	60.5mK	16mK	9.8 10 <sup>-2</sup>	410mb	210μmoles



Run complet du 20 au 21 novembre 2008

### RUNING PARAMETER OF FREE DILUTION REFRIGERATOR

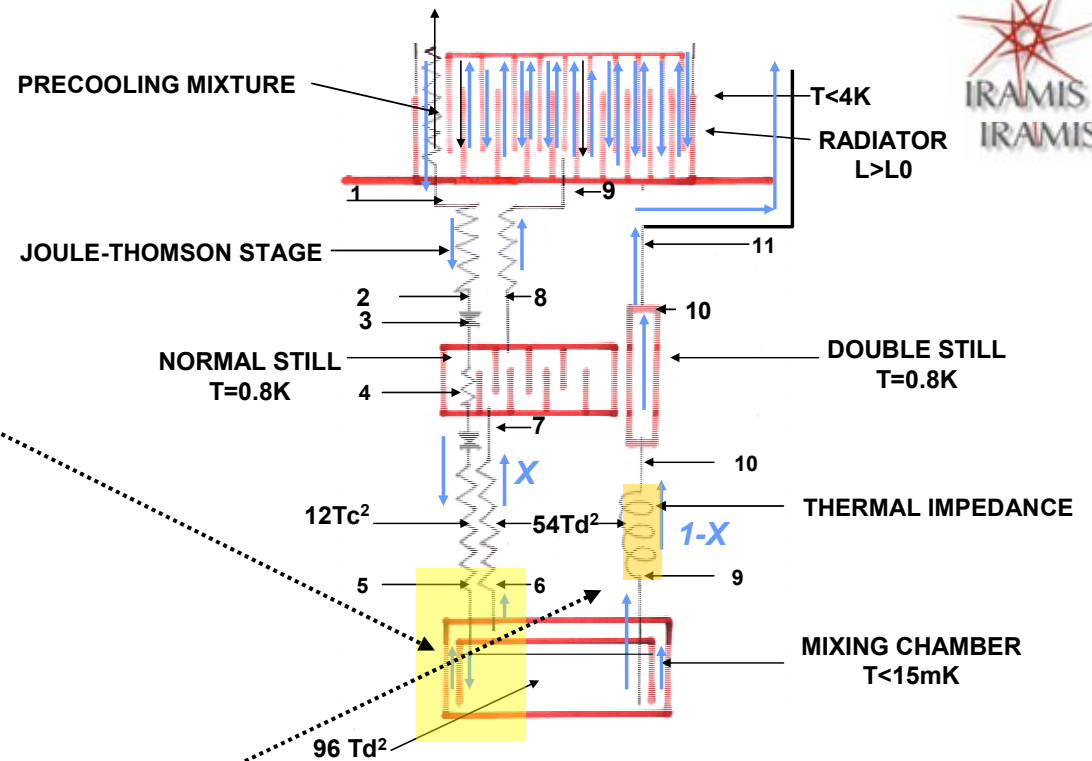


## Thermal bilan

$$\dot{Q}_{ext} = \dot{n}_3 [X96T_D^2 - 12T_C^2]$$

Pour  $\dot{Q}_{ext} \rightarrow 0$   $12T_C^2 = 96XT_D^2$

$$X = 1: \frac{T_C}{T_D} = 2.8 \quad X = 0.8: \frac{T_C}{T_D} = 2.5$$



The limit temperature is not affected by the circulation in the double still as it is less than 20%

Thermal insulation between mixing chamber and second still

$$L \gg L_0$$

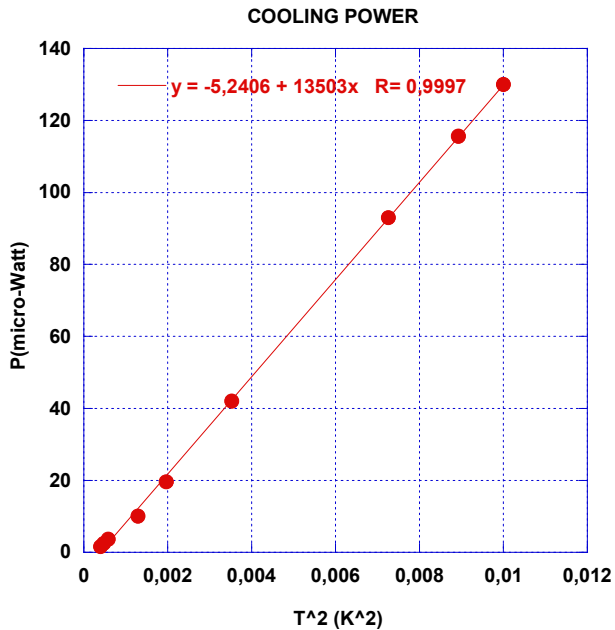
$$L_0 = \frac{\pi D^2 K}{4 n C}$$

cooling power : the same as  
for a system without double still.

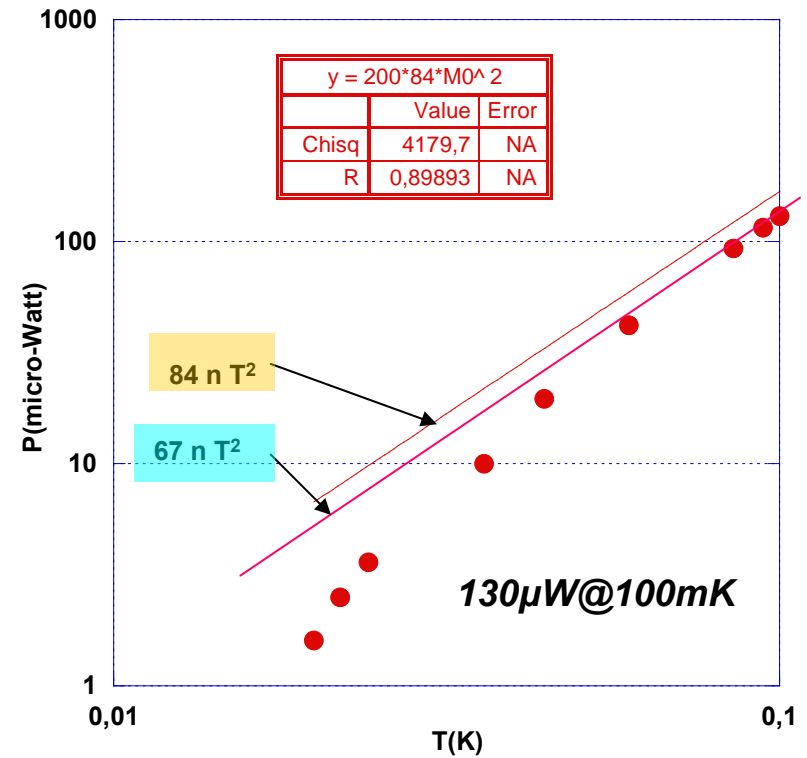
$$\dot{Q}_{ext} = \dot{n}_3 [ 96T_D^2 - 12T_C^2 ]$$

For  $T_D = T_C$

$$\dot{Q}_{ext} = \dot{n}_3 84T_{MC}^2$$



Cooling power with  $Q_{STILL}=0$   
12m<sup>3</sup>/h + turbo-pump 250l/s



Normal still temperature too high  
He4 flow-rate : 20%



Normal still	Double still
0.937K	0.72K



MIXTURE PUMPING  
RBO6 MOLECULAR PUMP

PT 407

IVC PUMPING 60l/s  
TURBO-MOLECULAR PUMP

-RAPID PUMPING  
-RAPID INJECTION  
-DOUBLE STILL PUMPING

4 INPUT EXPERIMENT  
ID 35mm

BELLOW

DOUBLE STILL PUMPING TUBE

60K FIRST STAGE COPPER  
FLANGE

PUMPING LINE  
FIBERGLASS EPOXY

STILL

3.5K SECOND STAGE  
COPPER FLANGE

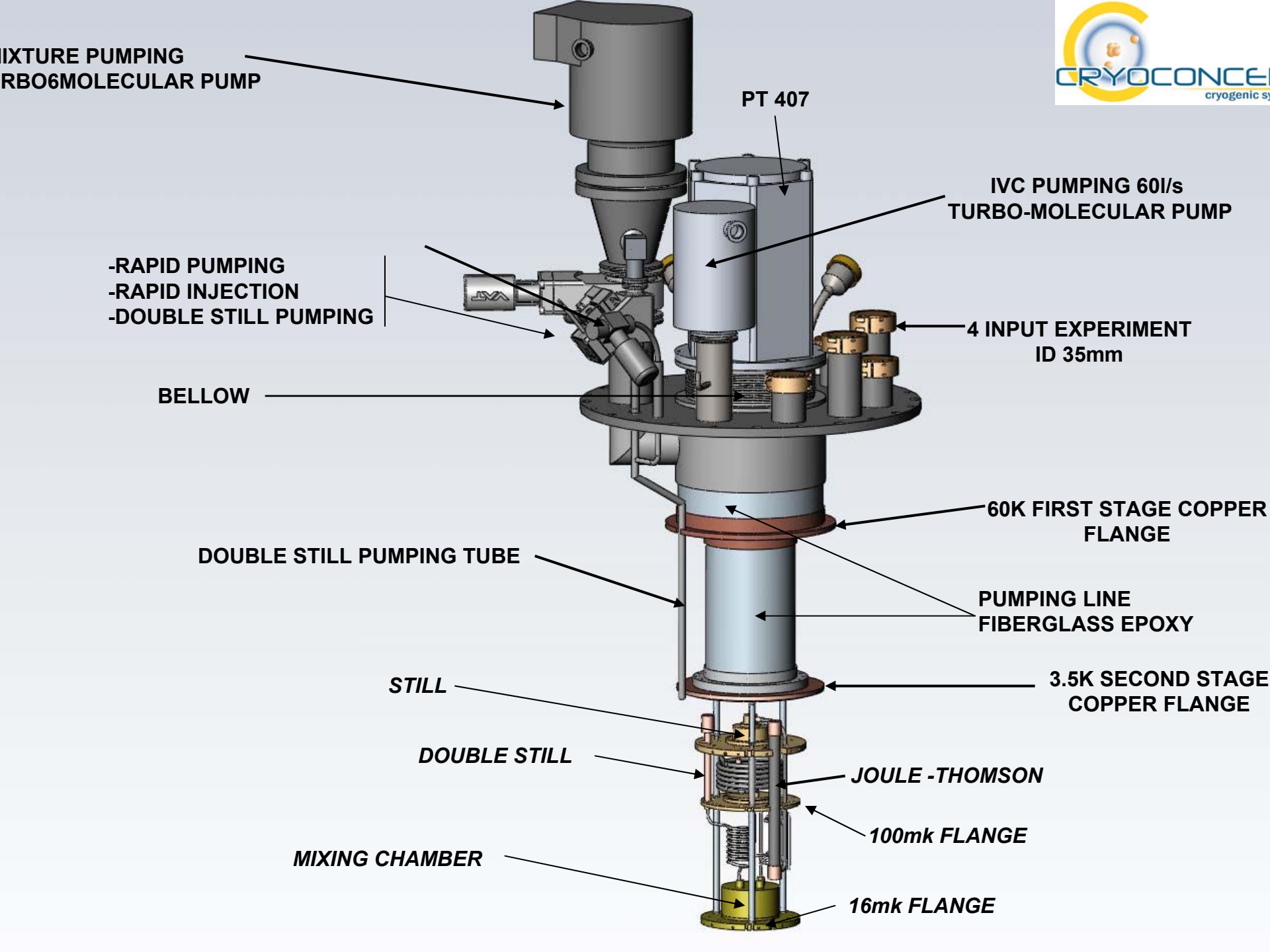
DOUBLE STILL

JOULE - THOMSON

100mk FLANGE

MIXING CHAMBER

16mk FLANGE





## CONCLUSION



**-On démontre la faisabilité du système avec refroidissement rapide, et des paramètres fonctionnels corrects.**

**-300K----->16mK : 14H00, 130μW@100mK**

## PERSPECTIVES

**-Possibilité d'utiliser un PT à vanne tournante déportée : boucle de masse, rayonnement électromagnétique, vibrations.**

**-Limiter au maximum de débit dans le double bouilleur Max = 10%**

**-Améliorer l'efficacité des échangeurs:**

**1- sur le PT entre le 1<sup>ER</sup> et le 2<sup>EME</sup> étage pour diminuer la température du deuxième étage : suppression compresseur.**

**2- les échangeurs à Ag + performants.**

**-Conserver le refroidissement rapide même avec des masses plus importantes.**

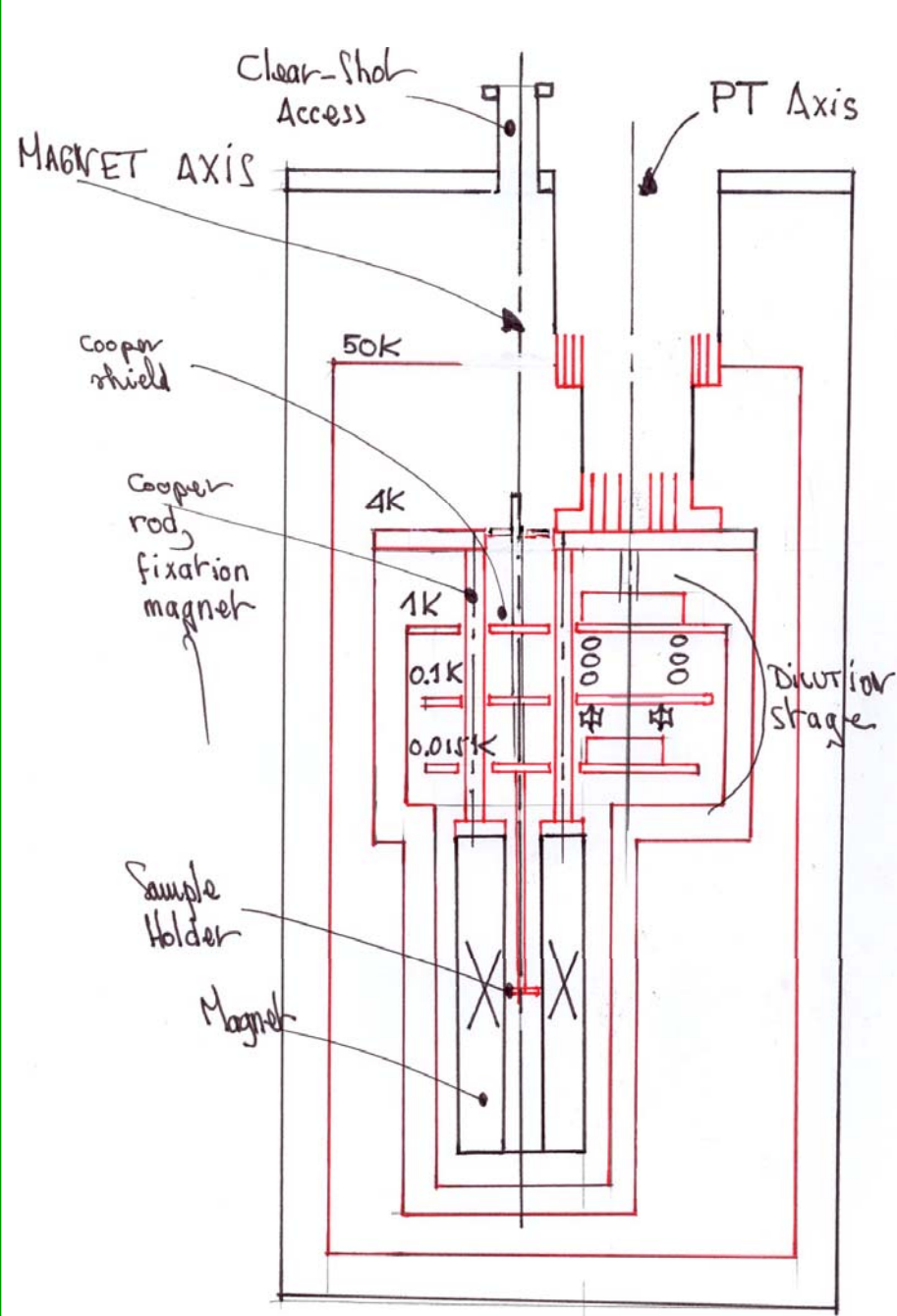
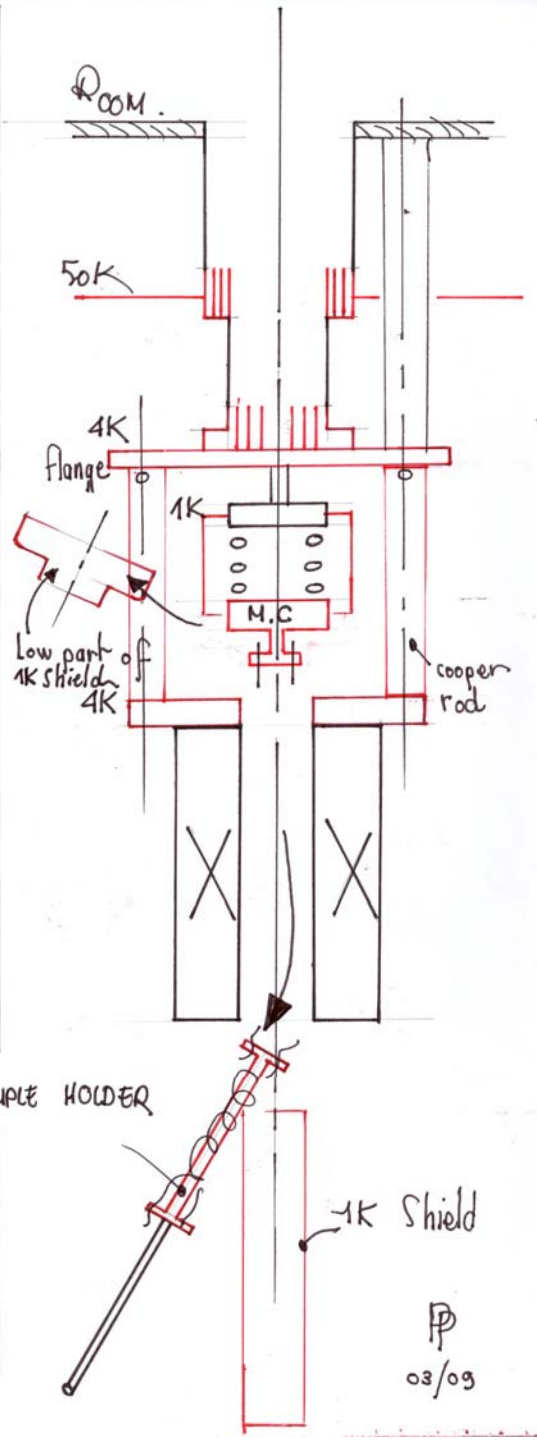
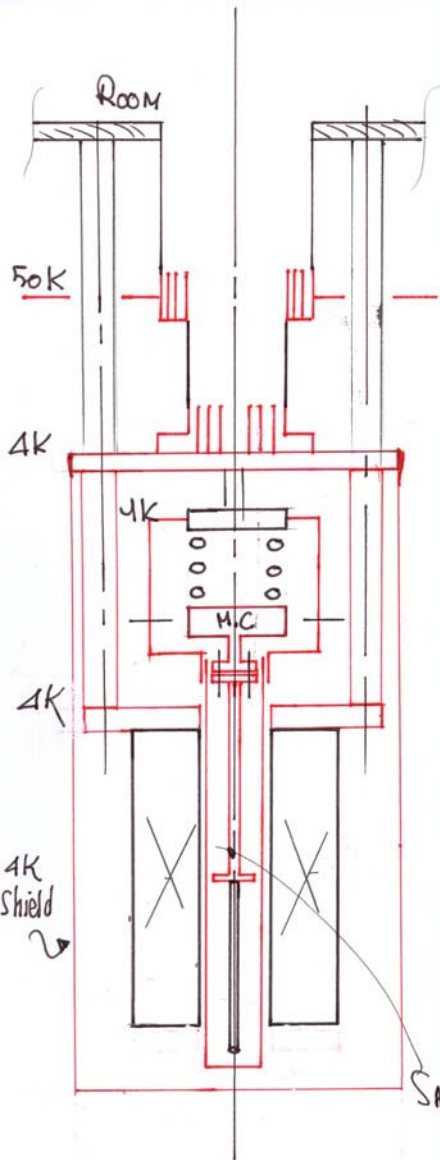
**Interrupteurs thermique entre platine 3K et 0.8K, boucles à He4 gaz, voir N2 pour des très gros systèmes.**

**-Vers l'intégration des bobines FREE à champ magnétique élevé.**

**-Solutions « réchauffement rapide ».**

**-Diminuer les vibrations: projet ASTRE collaboration CEA, CNRS, CRYOCONCEPT.**

**-Augmenter les puissances des systèmes 200μW@100mK, (PT407), 400μW@100mK, (PT410).**

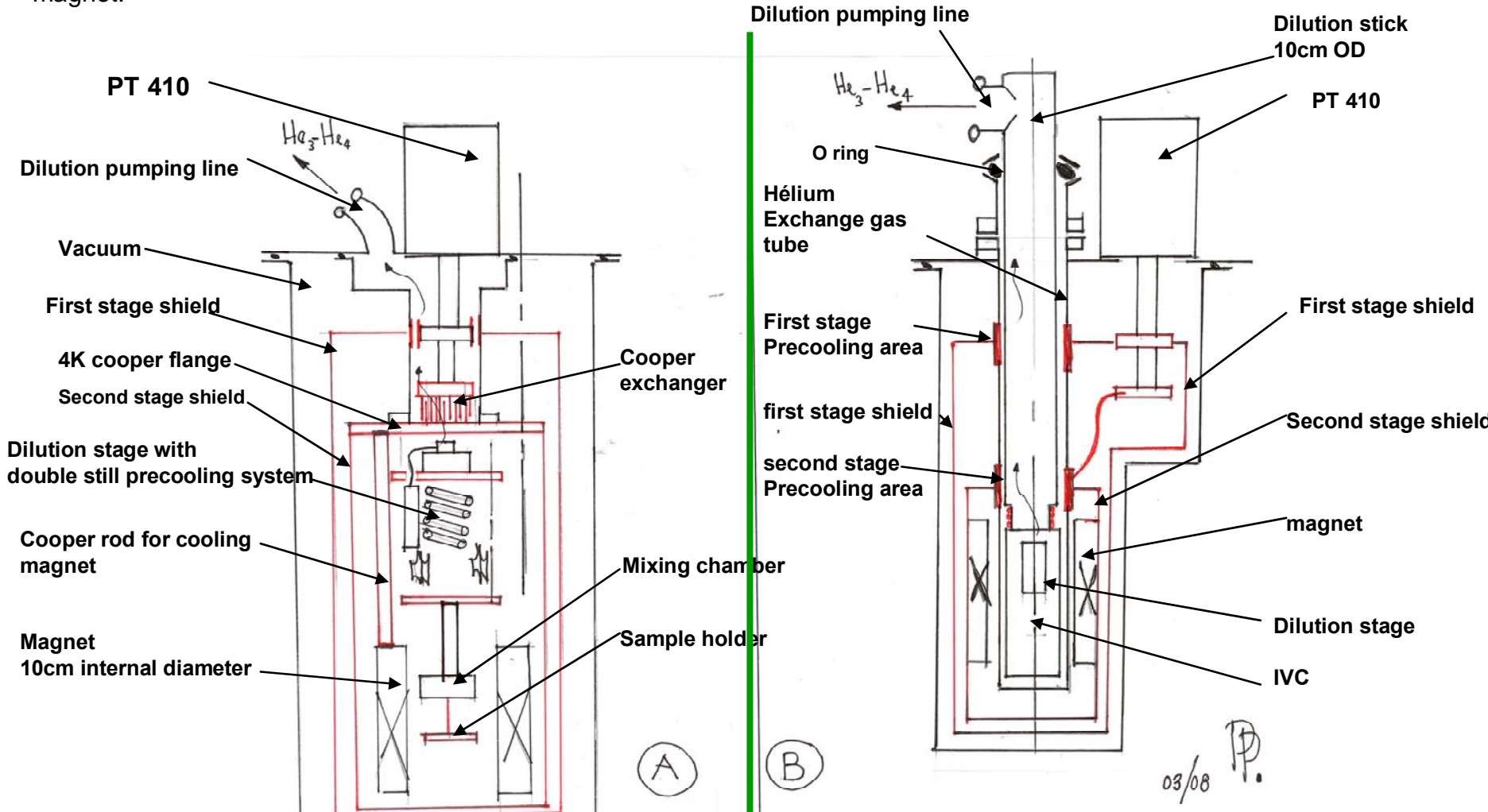


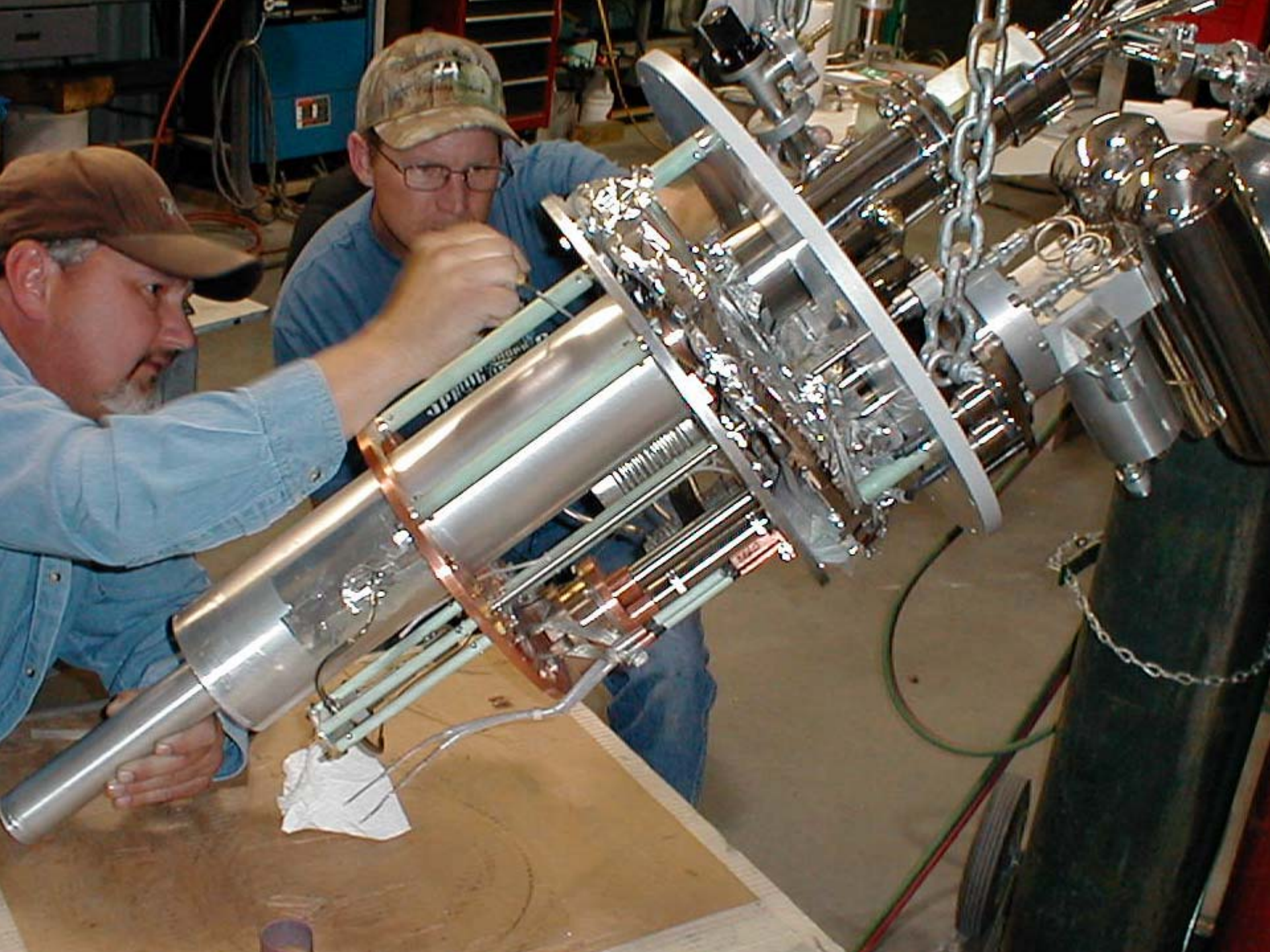
NEW DESIGN



**A :** the fridge and the magnet are in a single vacuum chamber. (Concept of Mignot fridge without coil). The DR and the magnet are cooled down together with the PT before starting the DR unit. Precooling of the DR is done using a double-still system. There is a single room temperature seal. This system provides a large experimental room.

**B: the coil stays cold when heating the fridge** The fridge is installed in a stick with gaseous thermal contacts to the two PT stages. The fridge is precooled using helium exchange gas when inserting the stick. The vacuum can diameter is 10 cm. For precooling, Helium exchange gas is placed in the IVC containing the DR stage and the experiment, and the He<sup>3</sup>-He<sup>4</sup> mixture is present in the stick, which is the pumping line of the DR unit. This system allows to change a sample without heating the magnet.



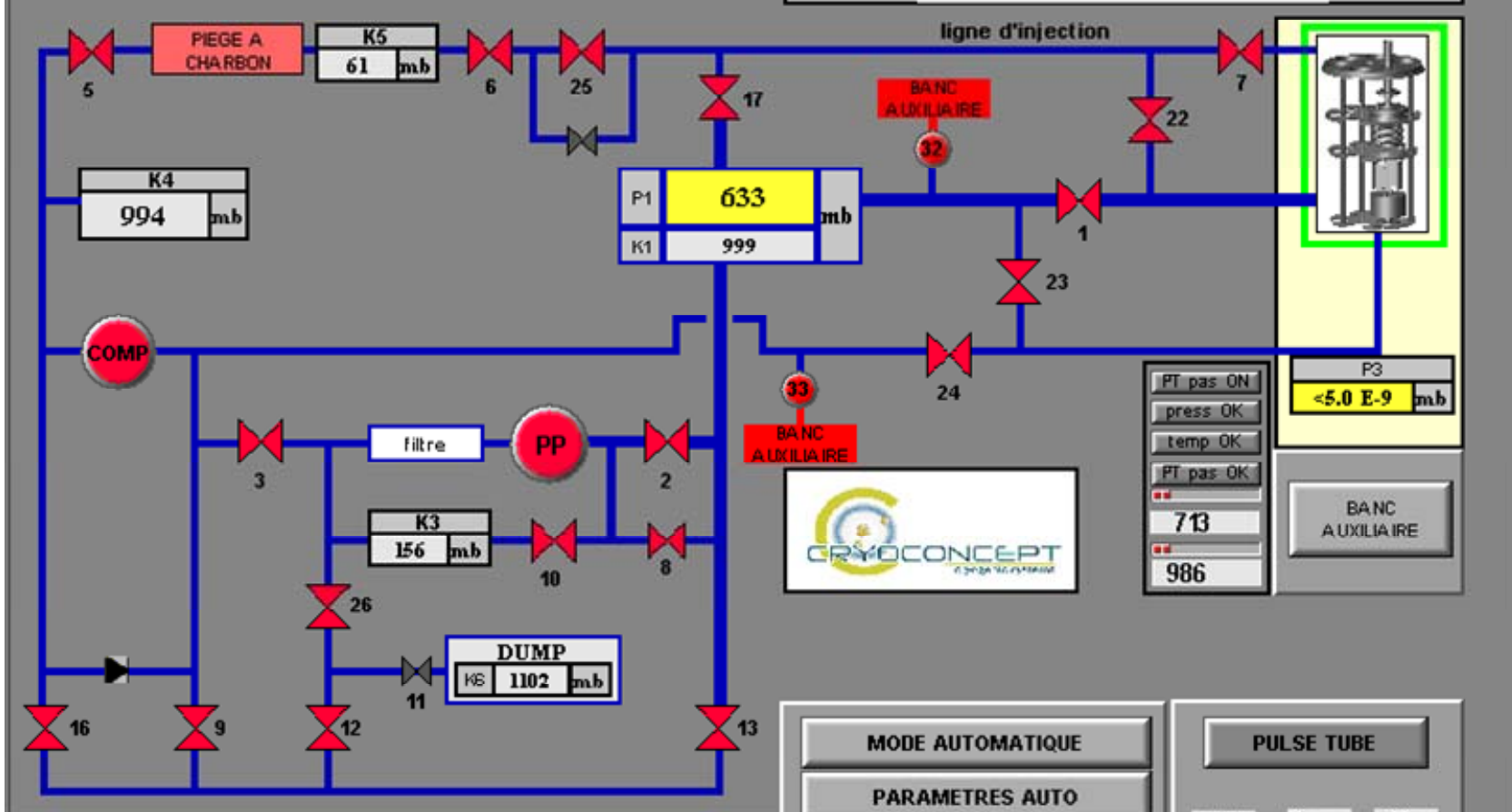




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MACHINE EN MODE MANUEL CLAVIER



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PT pas OK  
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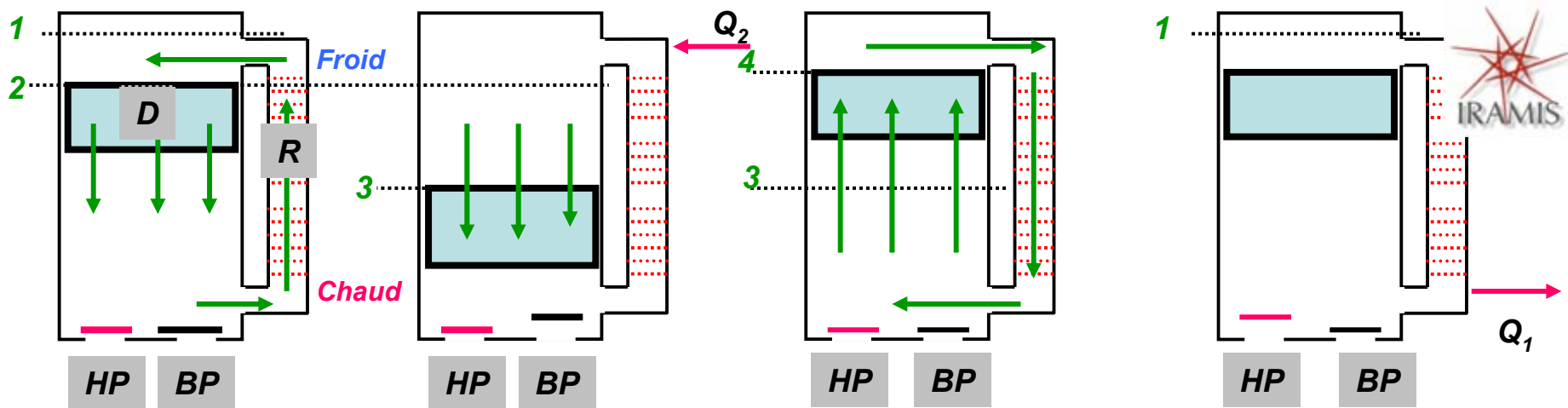
ARRET FRIGO

PULSE TUBE

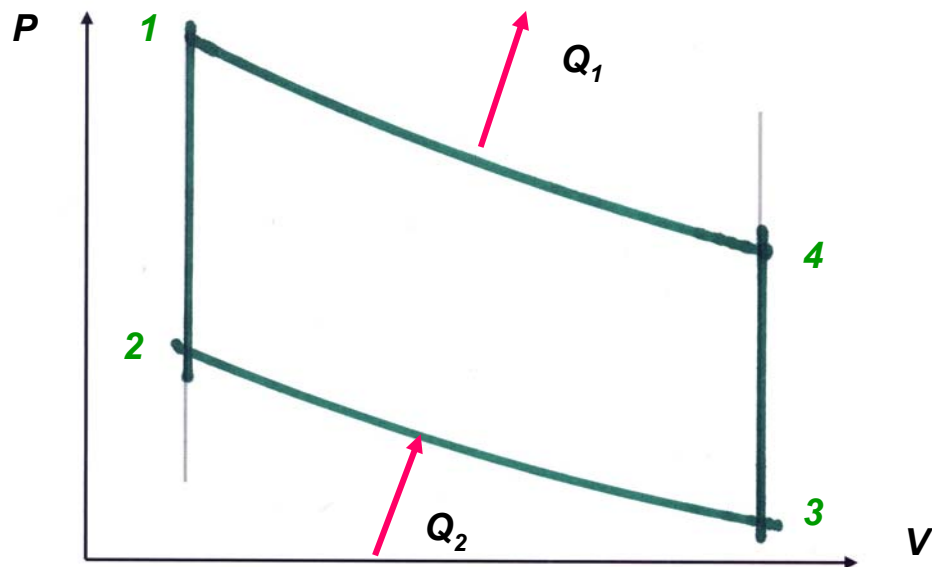
PT Temp He

(Indicator lights for PT, Temp, He)





- 1 > 2 : Refroidissement isochore** (déplacement du piston interne, le gaz traverse le régénérateur)
- 2 > 3 : Détente isotherme** (le gaz se refroidit en adsorbant  $Q_2$  via le régénérateur)
- 3 > 4 : Réchauffement isochore** (déplacement du piston interne, le gaz traverse le régénérateur)
- 4 > 1 : Compression isotherme** (le gaz se réchauffe en évacuant  $Q_1$  via le régénérateur)

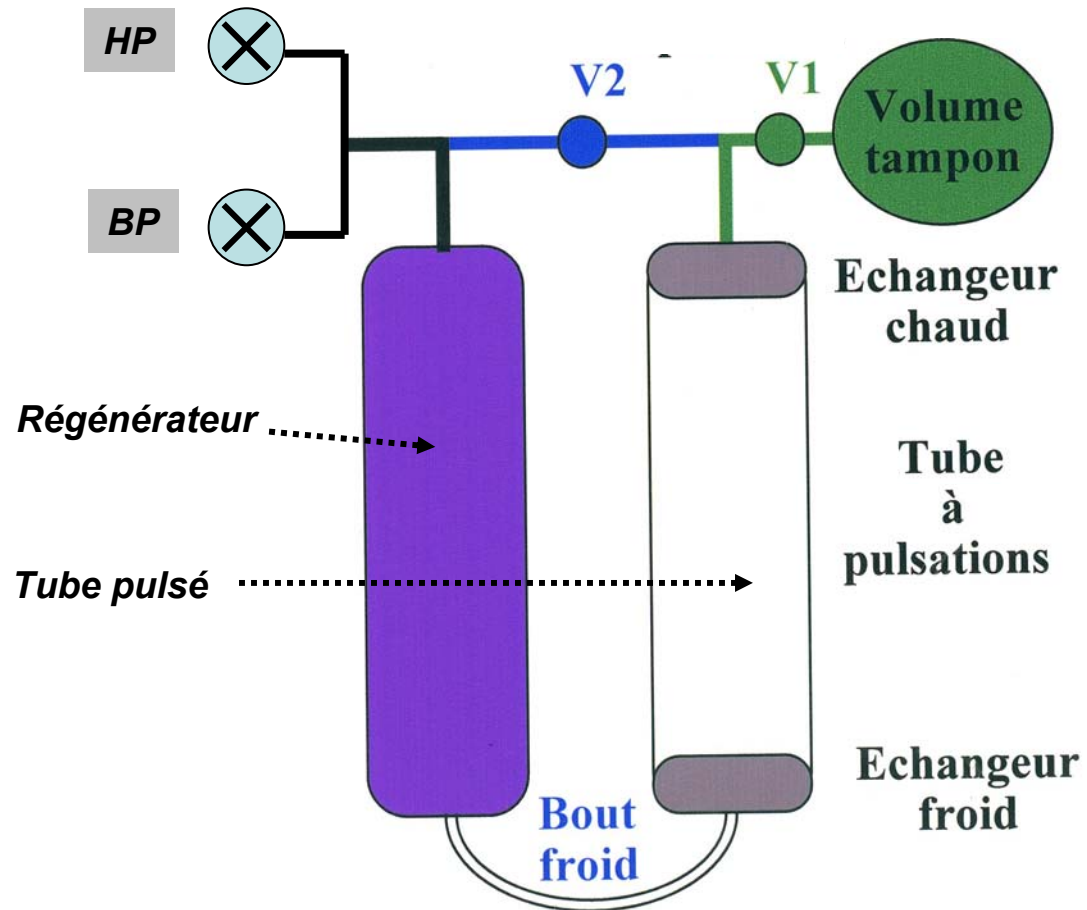


# LE TUBE PULSE = MACHINE DE STIRLING SANS DEPLACEUR

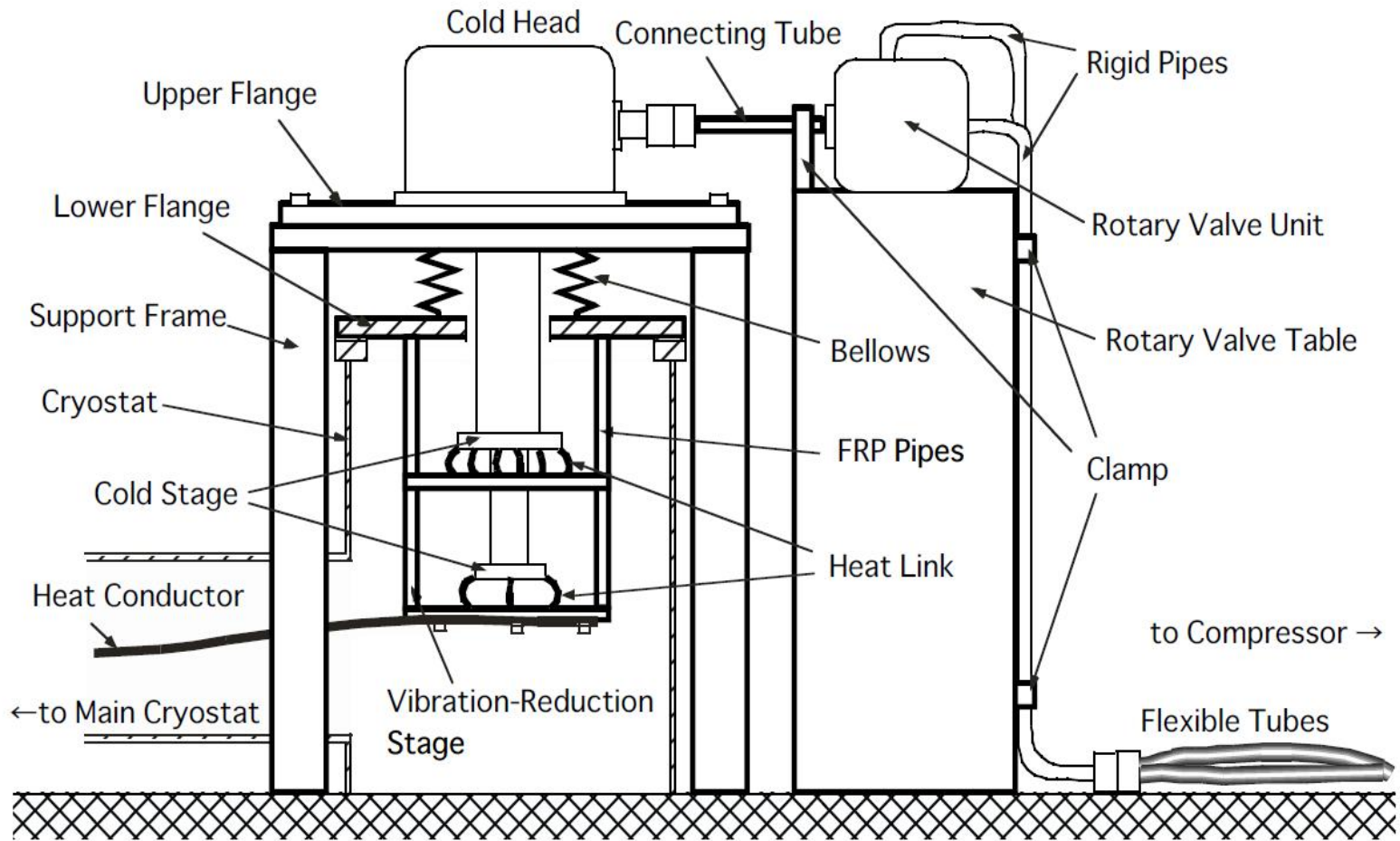


REMPLECE PAR UN CIRCUIT RC (VOLUME TAMPON + VANNE V1, V2)

*Déphasage du débit masse / onde de pression  
réalisé grâce au circuit RC*



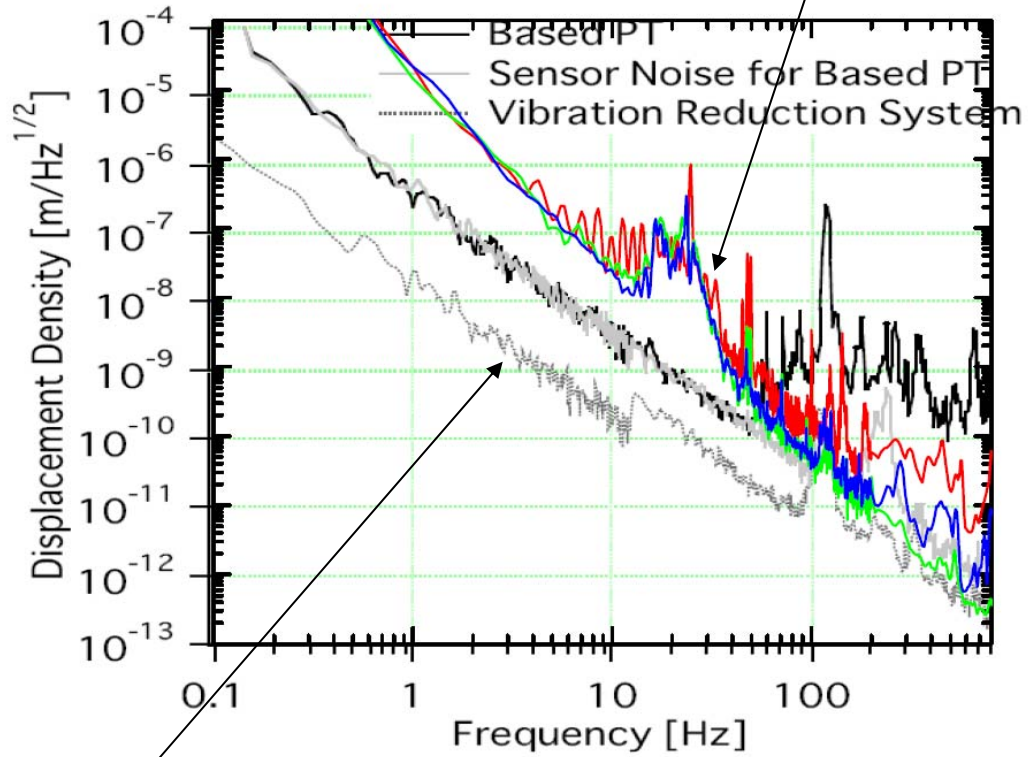
**Vibrations : classical design**



Schematic diagram of the vibration-reduction system for a 4K PT cryocooler.

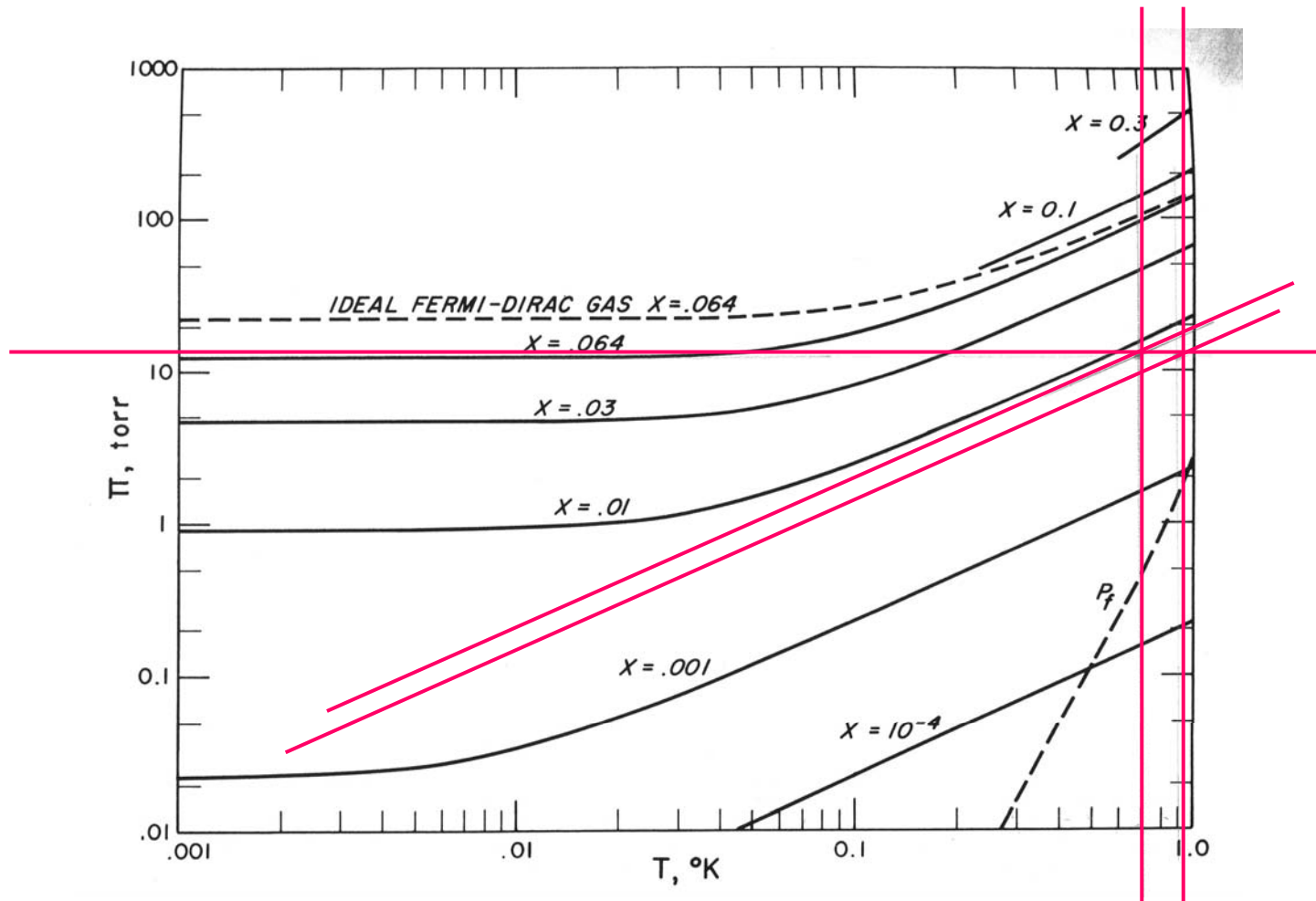


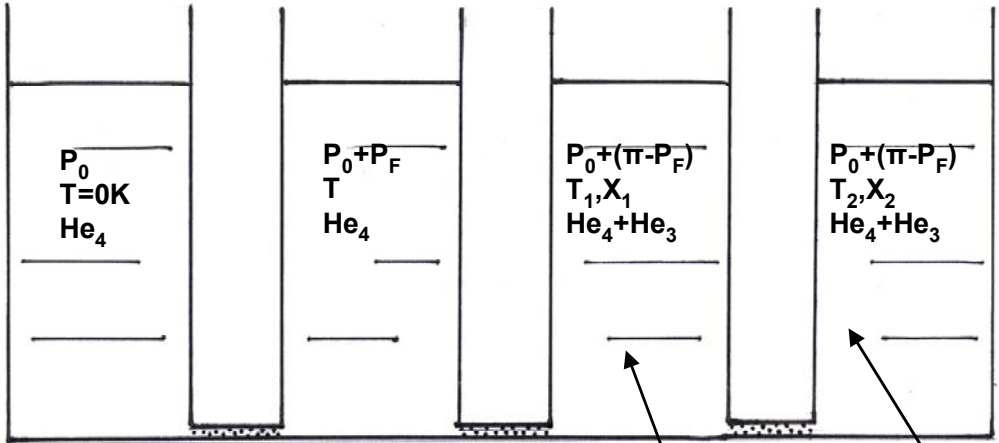
OUR FRIDGE HAS NO ISOLATION BELLOW



CLASSIC DESIGN

# Pression osmotique Vs température de l'He3 dans l'He4 en fonction de différentes concentrations $X$ en He3.





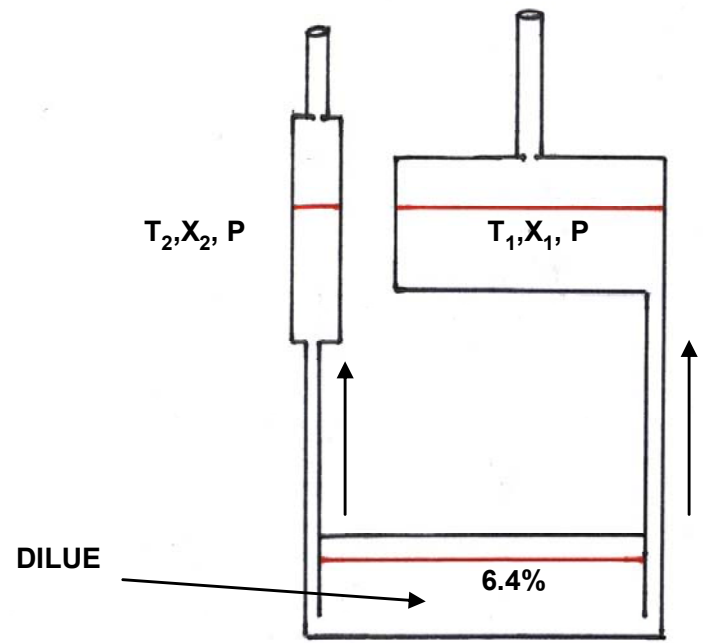
*Bouilleur et double bouilleur à la même pression mais à deux Température différentes.*

**BOUILLEUR**      **DOUBLE BOUILLEUR**

$$\mu_{40}(0, P_0) = \mu_{40}(T, P_0 + P_F) = \mu_4(T_1, X_1, P_0 + (\pi - P_F)) = \mu_4(T_2, X_2, P_0 + (\pi - P_F))$$

- X: Concentration en He<sub>3</sub> dans la colonne de dilué
- π: Pression osmotique des atomes d'He<sub>3</sub>
- P<sub>F</sub>: Pression osmotique des atomes « normaux » de l'He<sub>4</sub> superfluide

Dans une colonne de dilué  $\pi + P_F = C^{TE}$ , en particulier dans Le bouilleur :



$$\pi - P_F = X R T_S / V_{40} \quad (\text{Loi de Van'T Hoff})$$