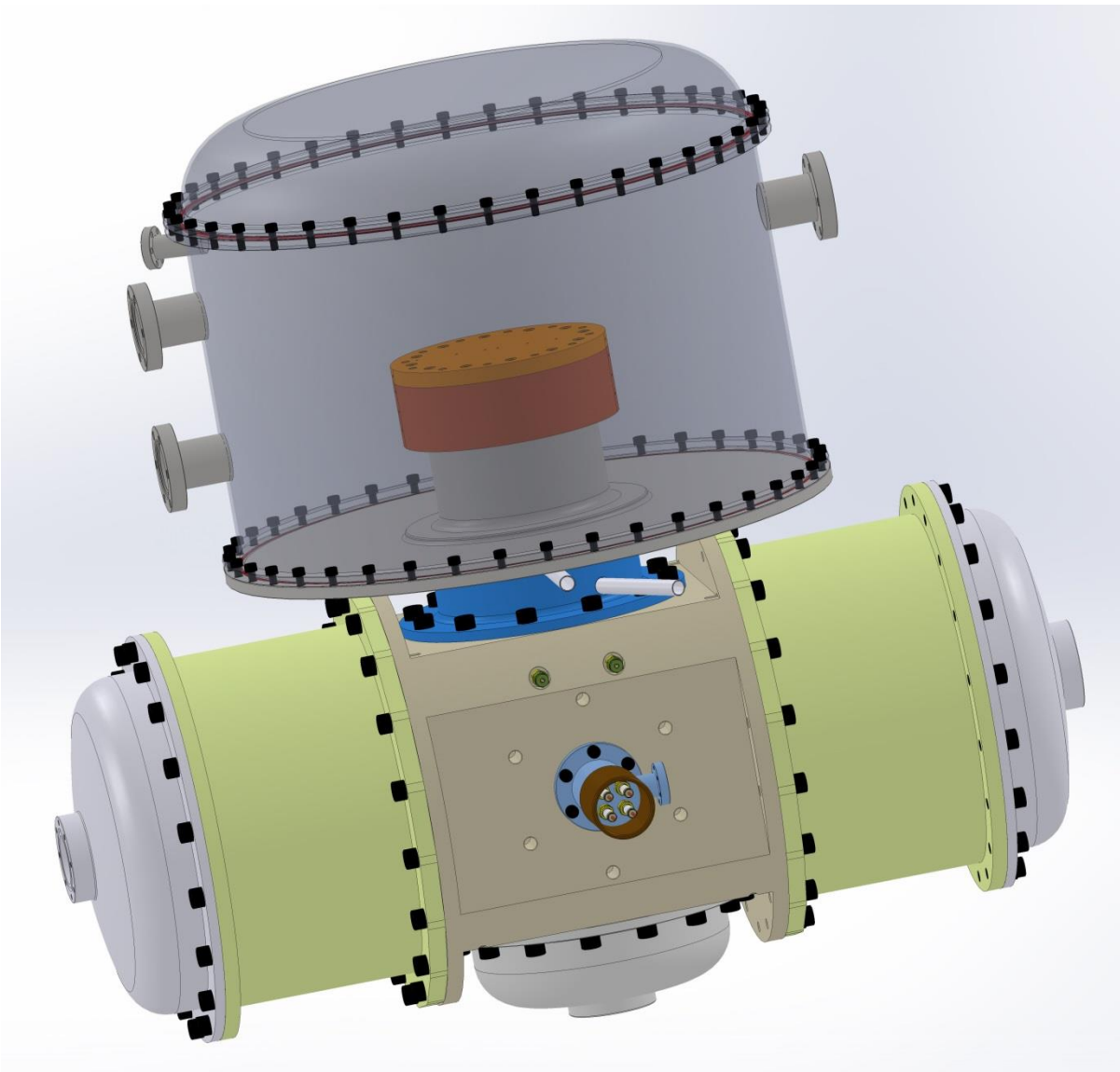


Development of 1 kW Stirling cryocooler with using linear compressor

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◆ Introduction



[Linear drive Stirling cryocooler (KIMM)]

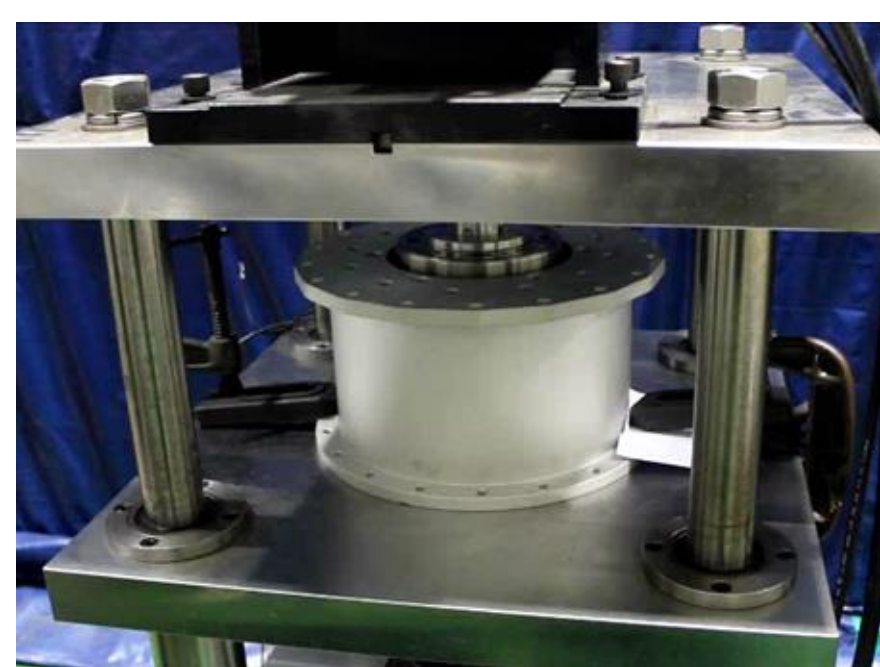
Background

- ✓ Large cooling capacity cryocooler is required for cryogenic cooling system of HTS applications.
- ✓ Crank-driven Stirling cryocooler is widely used at present.
- ✓ Issued problem of vibration absorption, oil removal and frequent maintenance in crank-driven Stirling cryocooler
- ✓ Double-acting linear compressor has characteristics of maintenance-free, inherently vibration-free, high efficiency.
- ✓ Gamma-type Stirling cryocooler with linear compressor is suggested.

Objectives

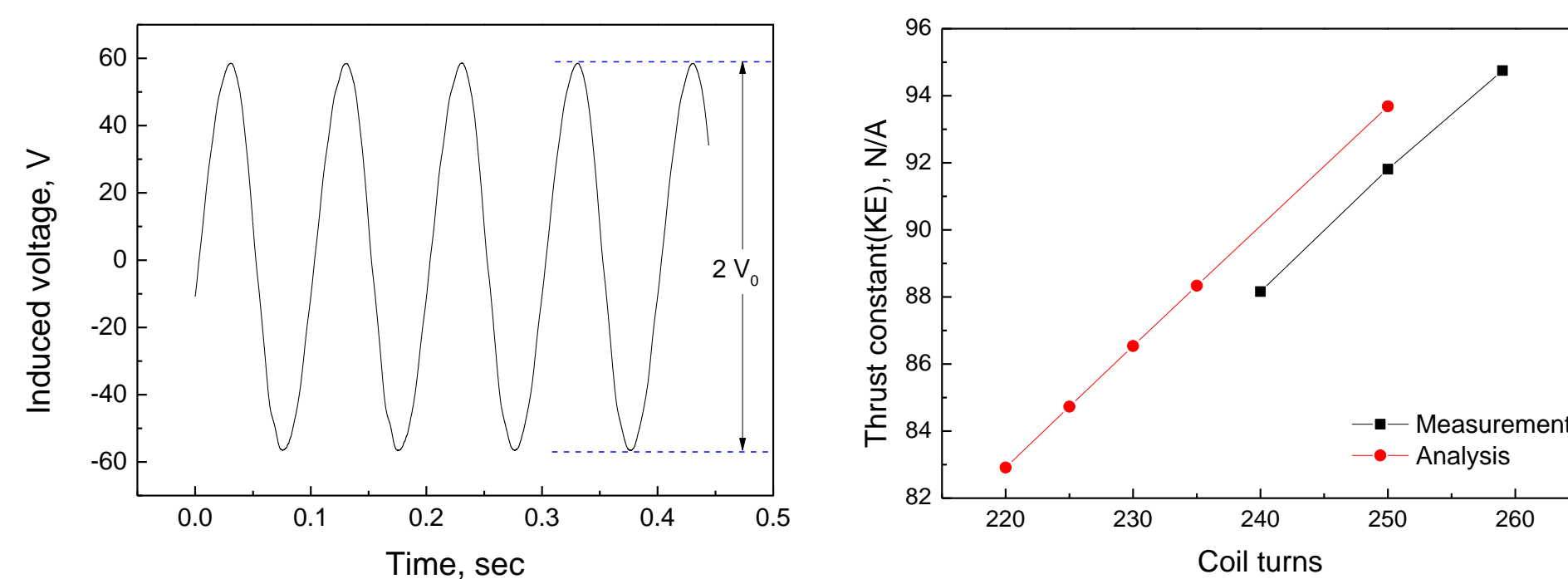
- ✓ Development of 1 kW (at 77 K) Stirling cryocooler driven by linear compressor

◆ Design and fabrication



$$v(t) = K_E \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \Rightarrow K_E = \frac{V_0}{\omega X_0}$$

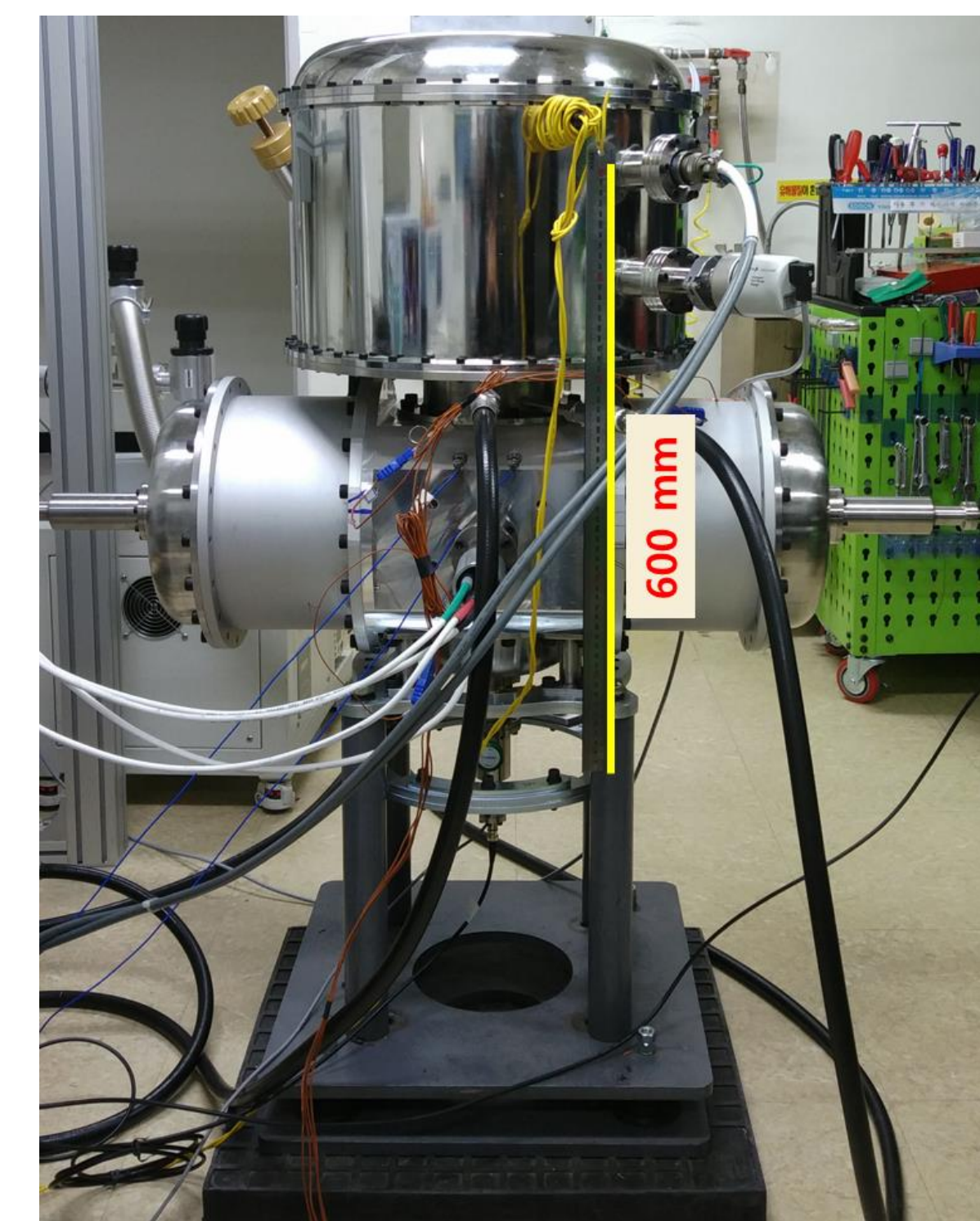
K_E : Thrust constant (N/A)
 V_0 : Induced voltage amplitude (V)
 X_0 : Displacement amplitude (m)
 ω : Angular velocity (rad/s)



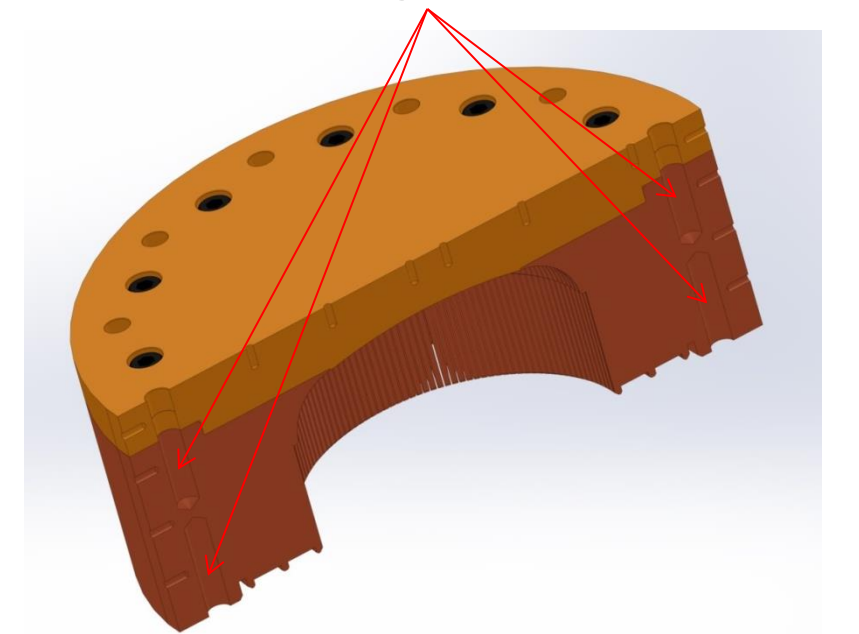
[Experimental measurement of thrust constant]
: excitation w/ fixed stroke & measuring induced voltage w/ oscilloscope

[Design and fabrication specifications]

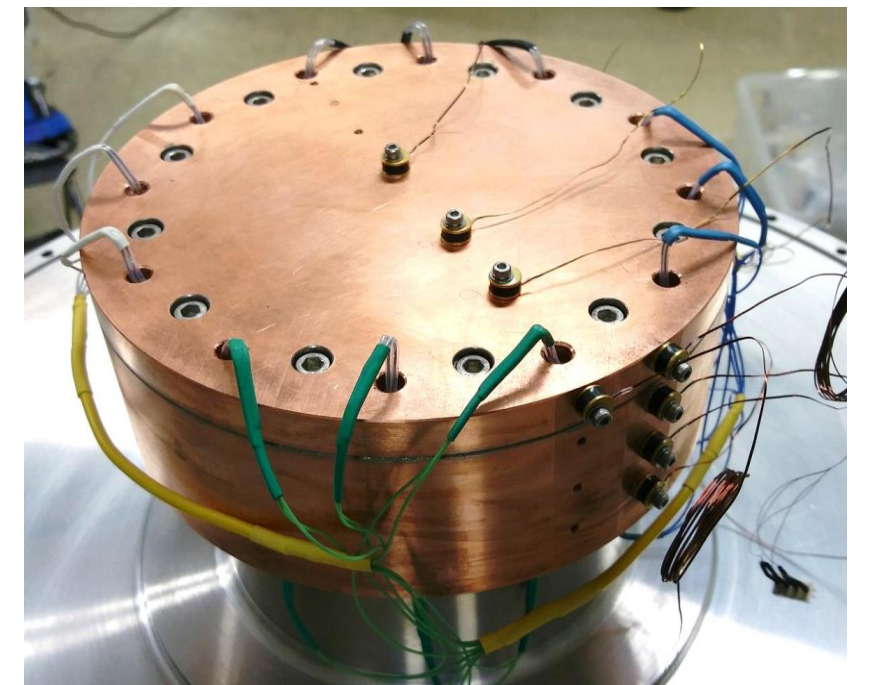
| Linear compressor | |
|------------------------|--|
| Type | Dual-opposed, moving magnet, flexure supported |
| Linear motor | Thrust const. (N/A) = 85.5 (designed), 94.8 (fabricated) |
| Rated electricity | 380 V(1φ), 31.6 Arms, 12.0 kW (at 60 Hz) |
| Piston | 100 mm (dia.), 30 mm (designed stroke) 4.5 kg (moving mass) |
| Cold part | |
| Displacer | γ-type driving 83 mm (dia.), 24 mm (designed stroke) 24 mm (connecting rod dia.) |
| Regenerator | Din = 86 mm, Dout = 130 mm, Length = 80 mm |
| Heat exchanger | Slit-type for cold/warm-end heat exchanger Water cooled heat rejection |
| Experimental condition | |
| Working fluid | Helium / 2,500 kPa charged at RT |
| Frequency | 45 Hz Max. input current < rated current |



24X50W cartridge heater inserted

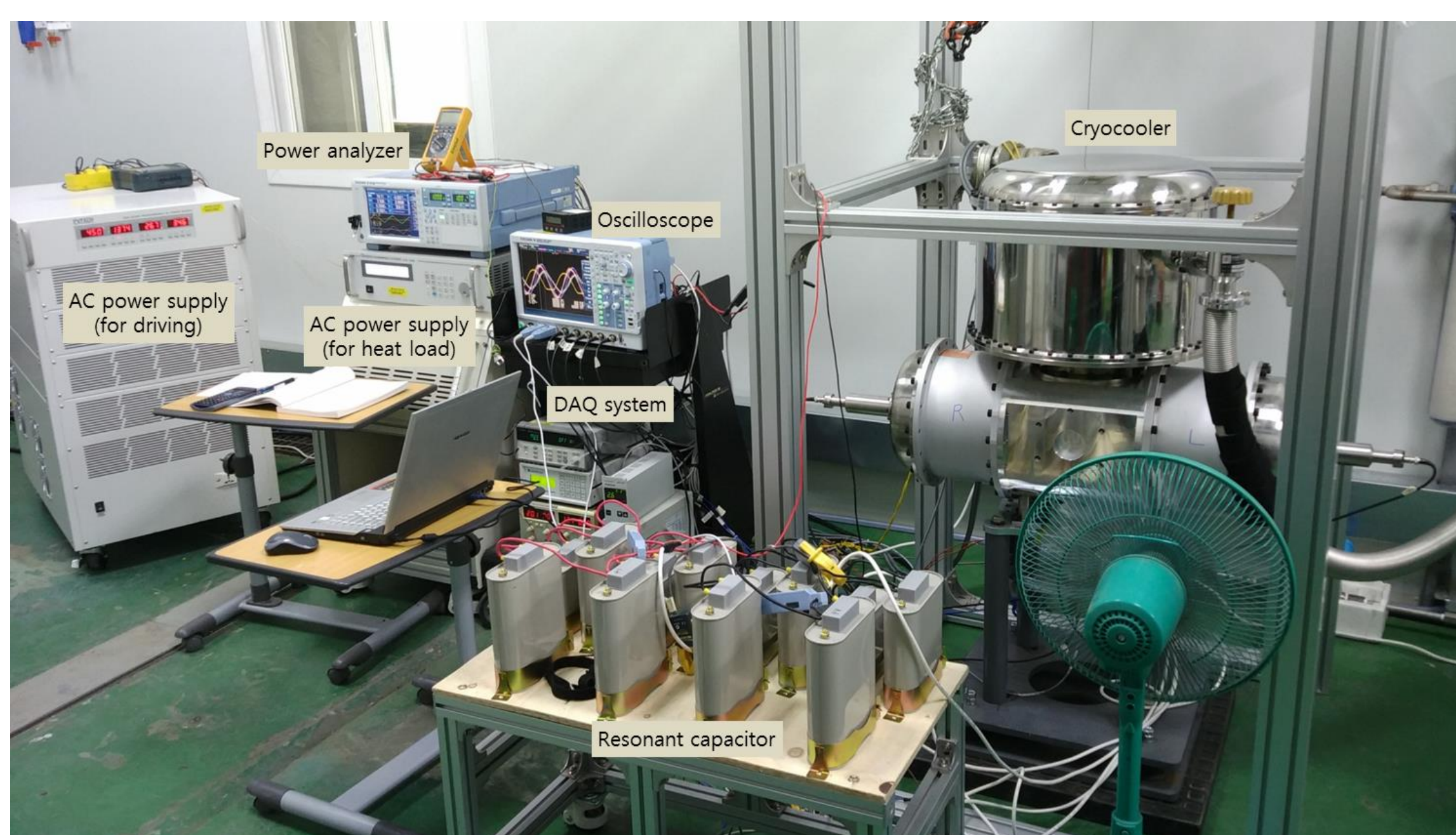


8 temperature sensors (DT-670-CU)

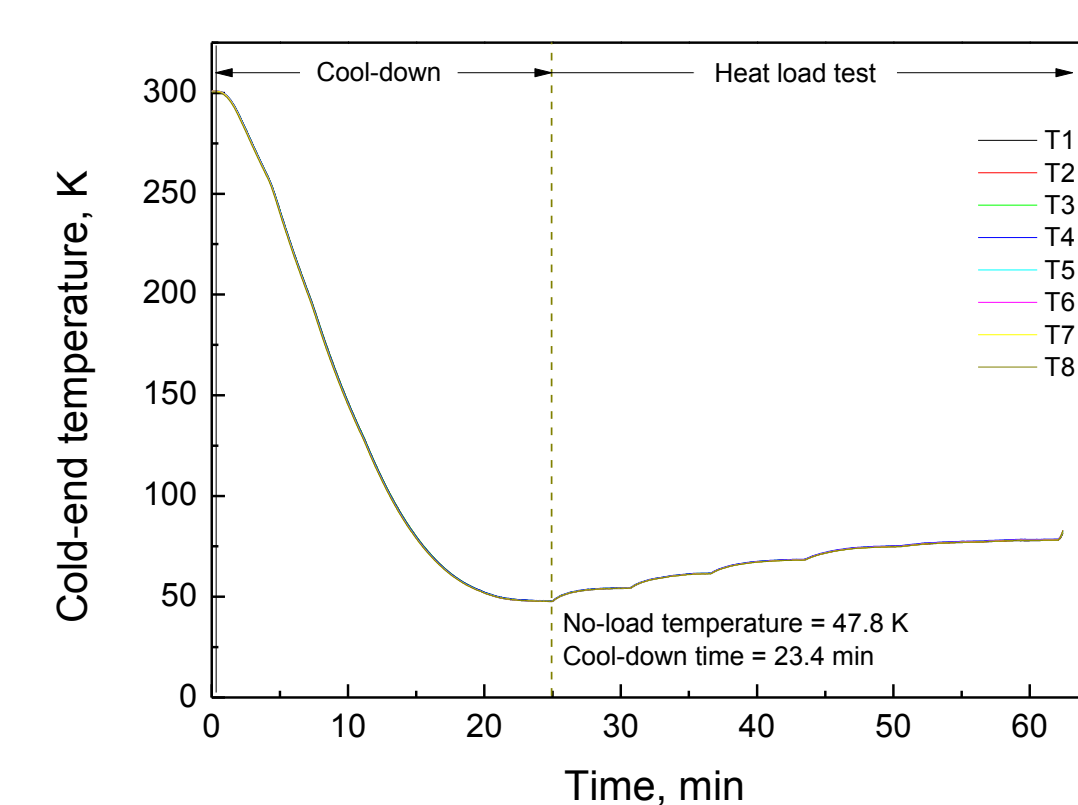


[Photo of 1st prototype]

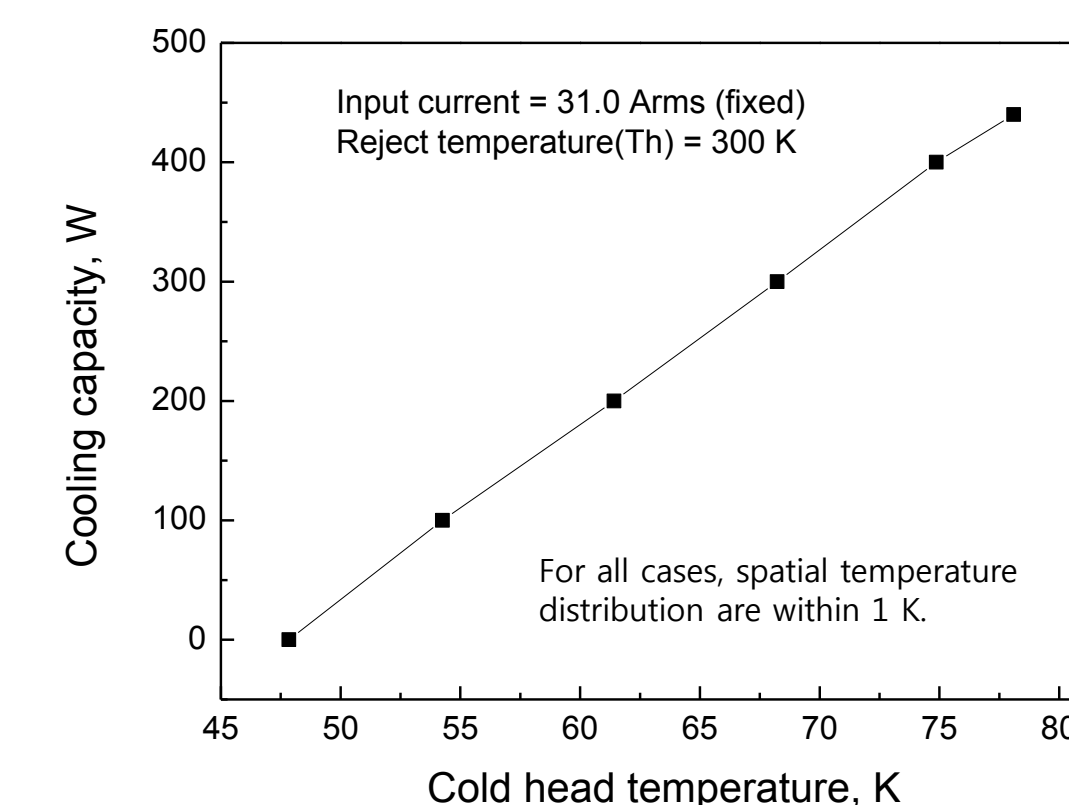
◆ Cooling performance test



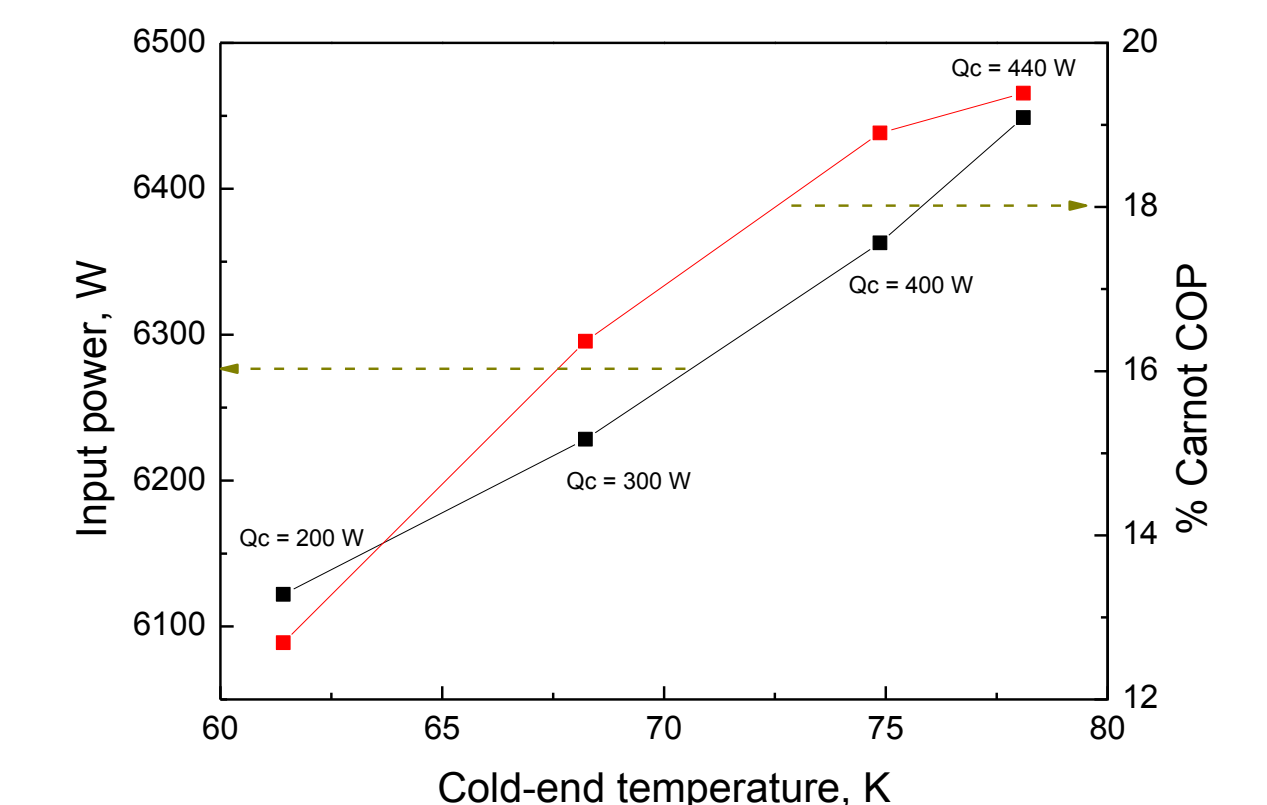
[Experimental setup for cooling performance test of Stirling cryocooler]



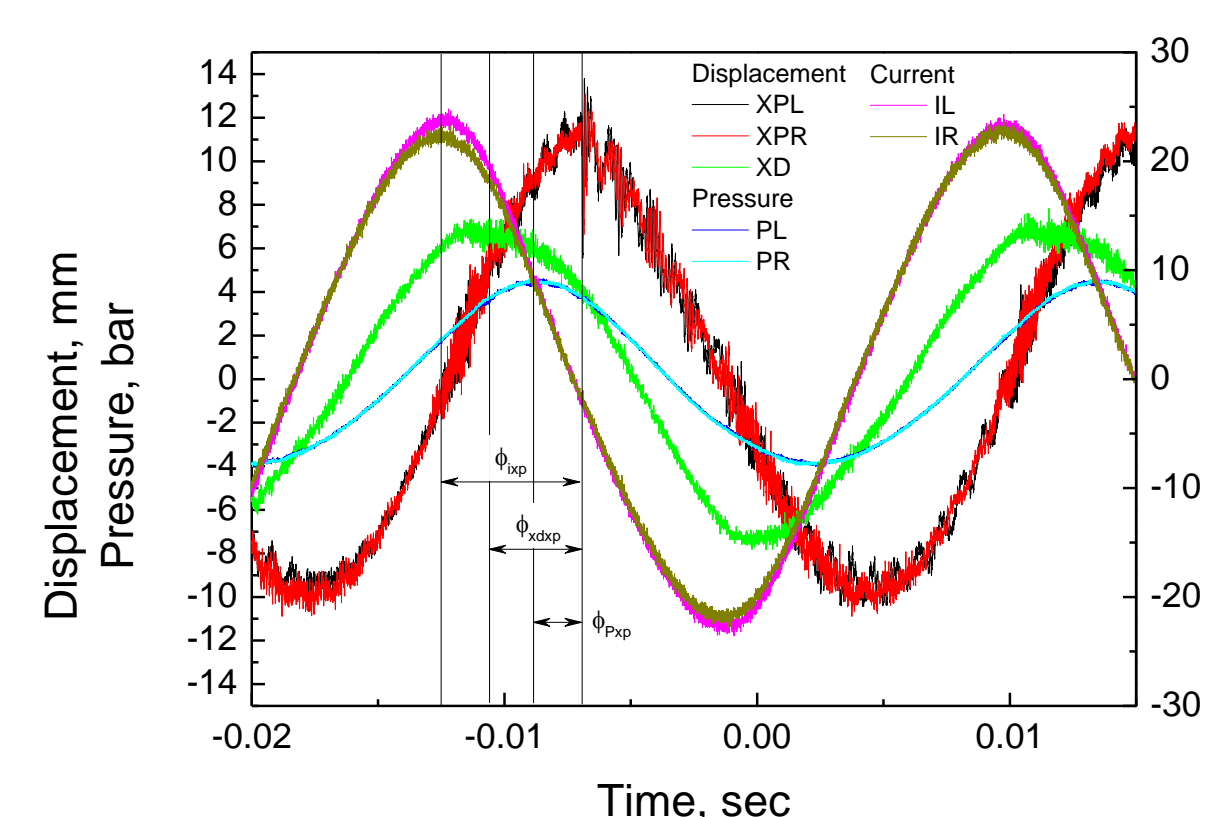
[Cool-down curve]



[Cooling capacity]



[Input power & efficiency]



[Measurement of waveform]

| Qc | Tc | Xp0 (L/R) | Xd0 | φ _{xp} (L/R) | φ _{xdp} (L/R) | P0 (L/R) | φ _{pxp} (L/R) | Input power | PV power | η _{comp} |
|-----|------|------------|------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| W | K | mm | mm | deg | deg | kPa | deg | W | W | - |
| 0 | 47.8 | 9.69/9.89 | 6.21 | 105/105 | 60 | 366/370 | 36/36 | 6258 | 4668 | 0.746 |
| 100 | 54.3 | 9.73/9.95 | 6.41 | 102/103 | 61 | 376/379 | 35/35 | 6334 | 4730 | 0.747 |
| 200 | 61.4 | 9.64/9.85 | 6.51 | 100/101 | 62 | 379/382 | 34/34 | 6122 | 4624 | 0.755 |
| 300 | 68.2 | 9.66/9.89 | 6.68 | 98/99 | 62 | 386/390 | 33/33 | 6228 | 4626 | 0.743 |
| 400 | 74.9 | 9.82/10.04 | 6.92 | 97/97 | 62 | 397/401 | 33/32 | 6363 | 4713 | 0.741 |
| 440 | 78.1 | 9.85/10.14 | 7.03 | 95/95 | 62 | 407/410 | 32/32 | 6449 | 4783 | 0.742 |

[Fit data of waveform (input current level fixed with 31.0 Arms)]

◆ Summary

- A high cooling capacity γ-type Stirling cryocooler driven by linear compressor is developed and tested.
- From cooling performance test,
 - No-load temperature = 47.8 K / Cool-down time = 23.4 min. / Cooling capacity = 440 W at 78.1 K with 6.45 kW input / 19.4 of % Carnot COP
- Displacement of piston and displacer, dynamic pressure of compression space, input voltage/current are measured in waveforms.
 - Compressor works at its resonance and shows 75 % of efficiency.
 - Phase difference among piston, displacer, pressure, current are closed to the designed value, but stroke of piston and displacer are small.
- It is guessed that small stroke of piston and displacer results from large piston diameter and excessive pressure loss in regenerator. We will improve cooling performance by modifying dimensions of regenerator and piston in next prototype.