

# LCLS-II

## Helium Refrigeration System Commissioning Tests

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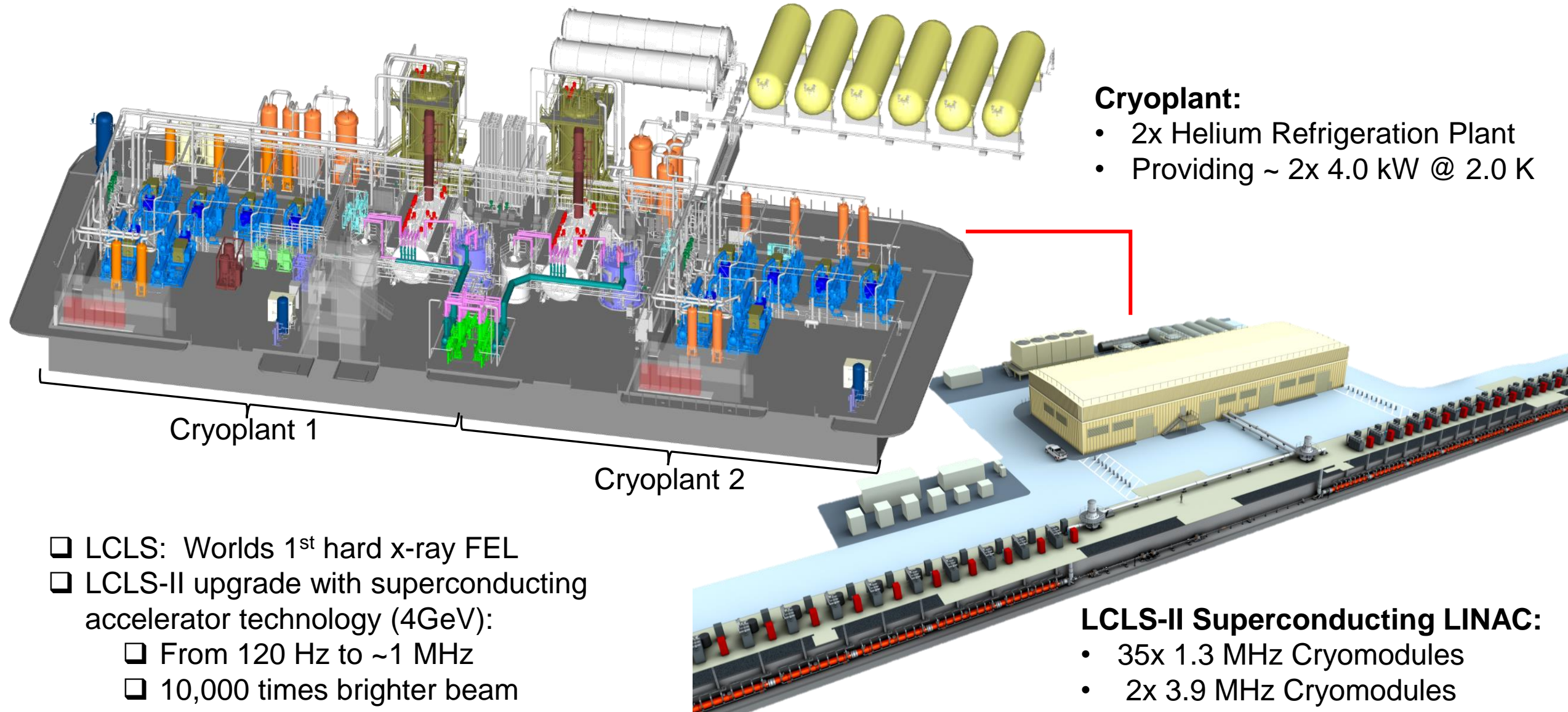
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# LCLS-II Cryogenic system Overview



## Cryoplant:

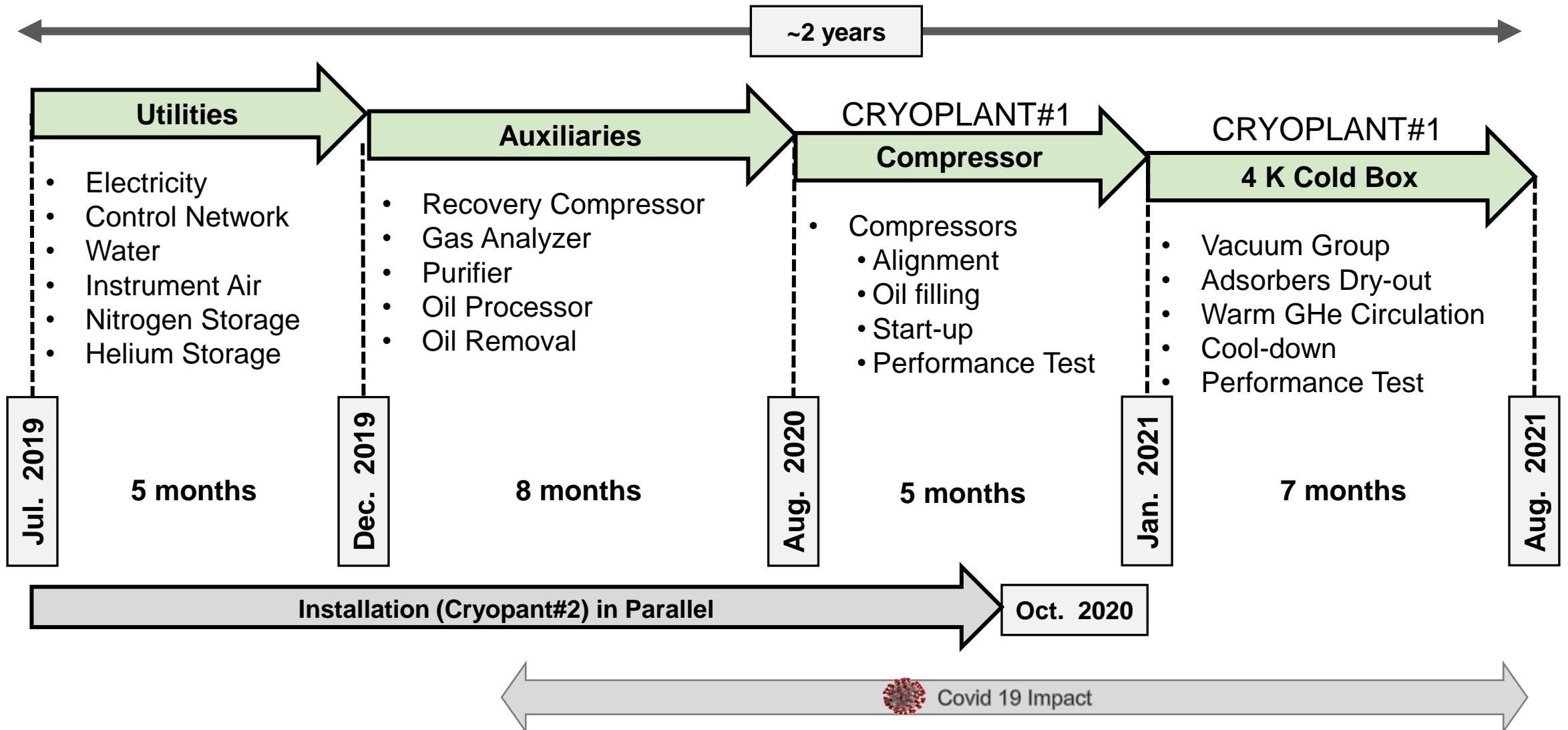
- 2x Helium Refrigeration Plant
- Providing ~ 2x 4.0 kW @ 2.0 K

- ❑ LCLS: Worlds 1<sup>st</sup> hard x-ray FEL
- ❑ LCLS-II upgrade with superconducting accelerator technology (4GeV):
  - ❑ From 120 Hz to ~1 MHz
  - ❑ 10,000 times brighter beam

## LCLS-II Superconducting LINAC:

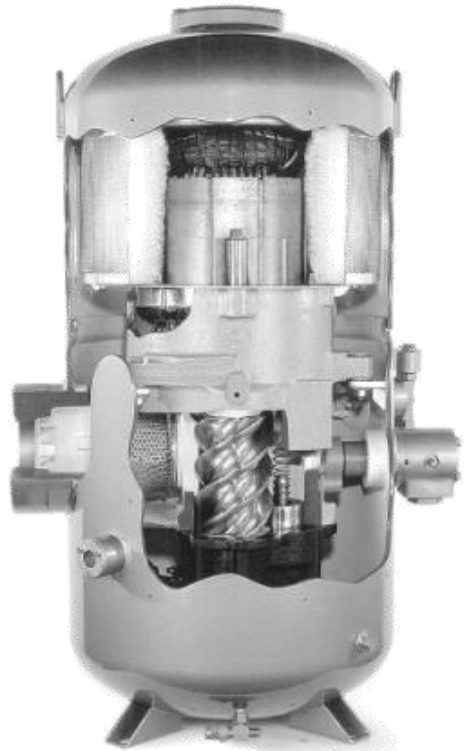
- 35x 1.3 MHz Cryomodules
- 2x 3.9 MHz Cryomodules

# Commissioning Timeline

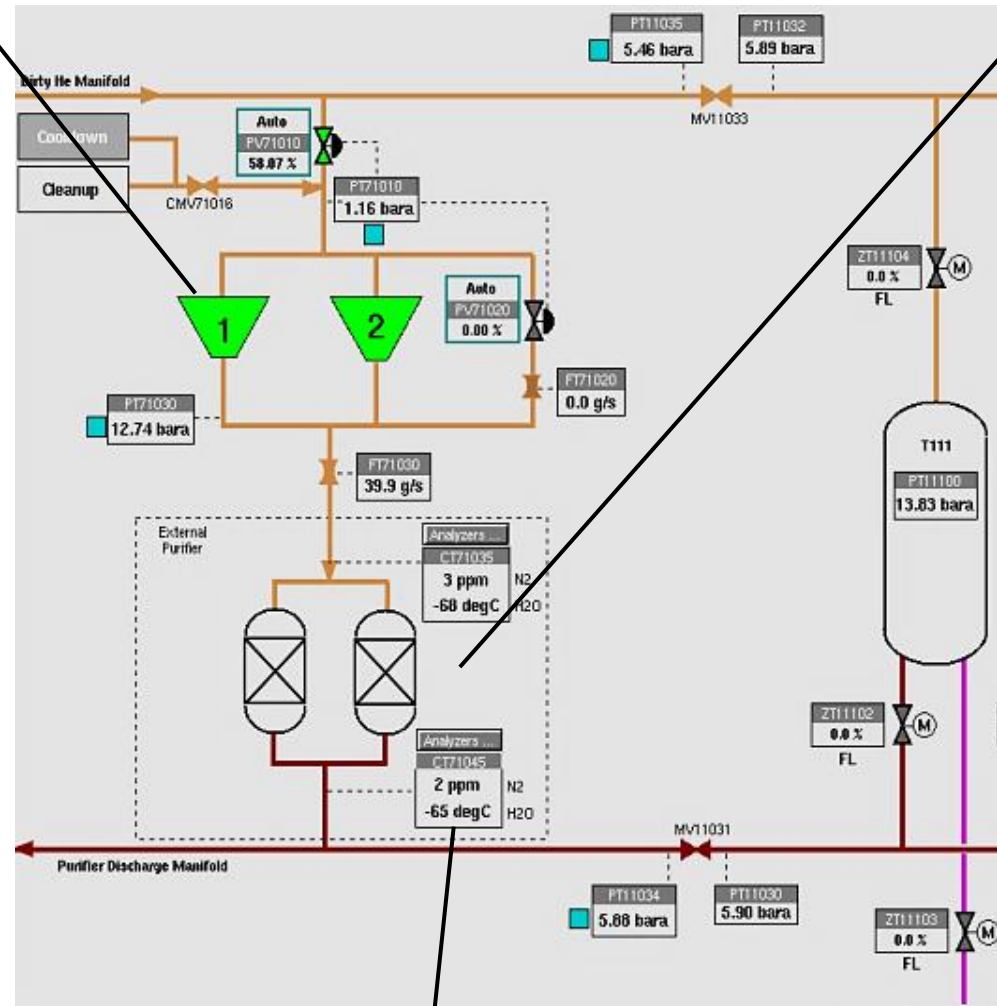


# Recovery & Purifier: Scope

Recovery Compressors



Flow = 2 x 20 g/s  
Power = 2 x 134 kW



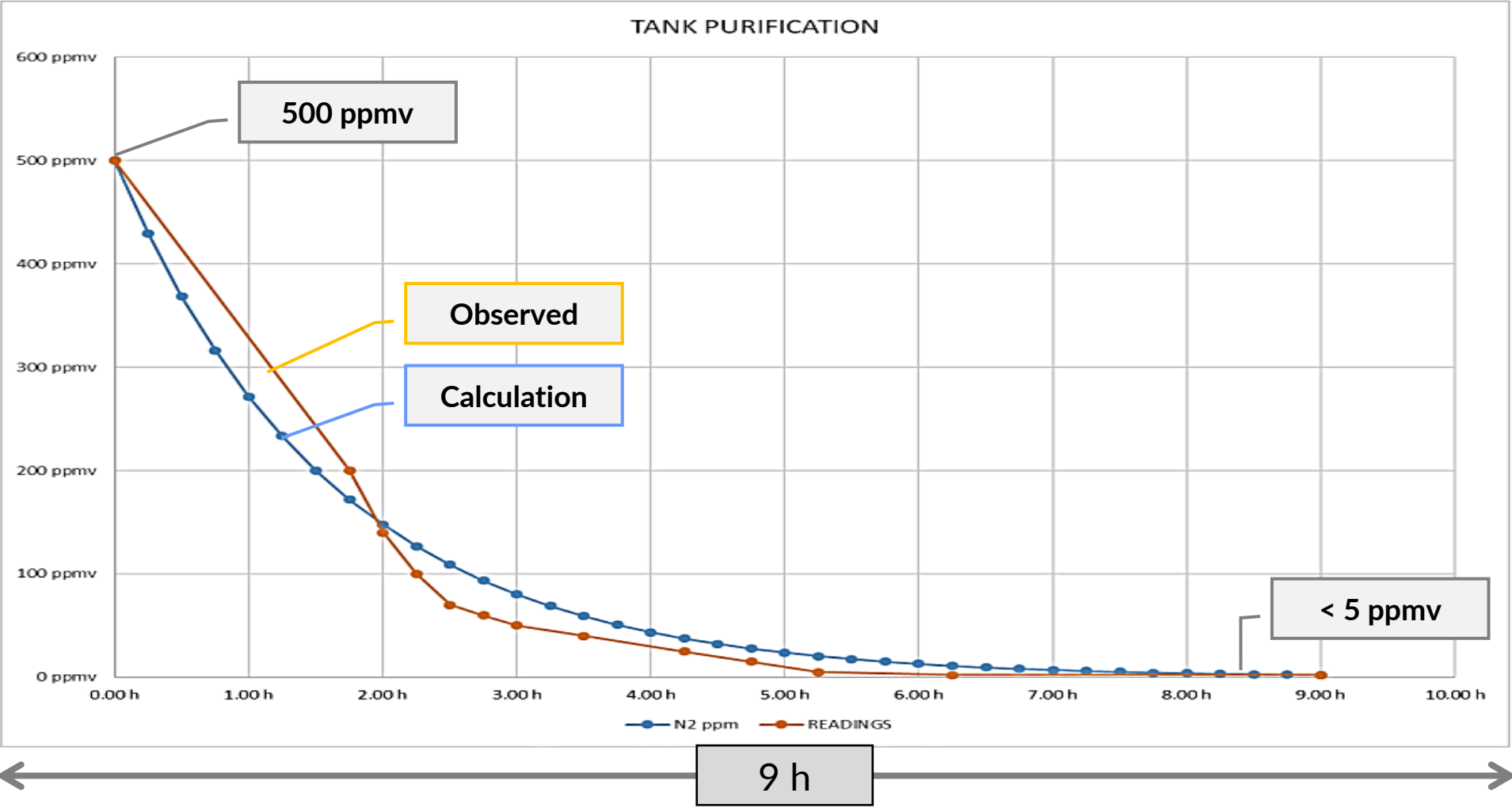
Nitrogen and Moisture Analyzer

Helium Purifier



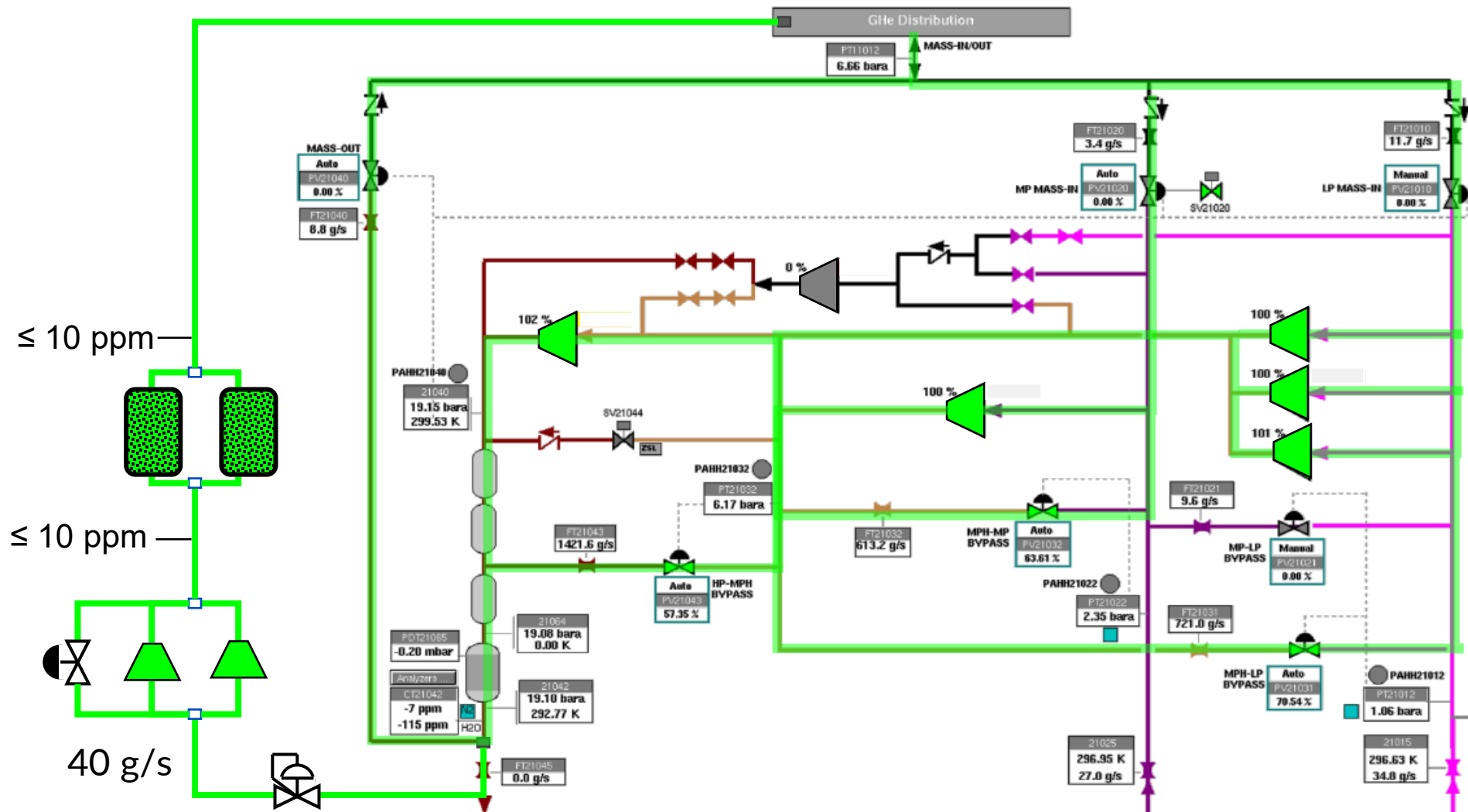
Flow = 40 g/s / Adsorber Bed  
Adsorber bed saturation time  
30 ppmv → 30 days  
400 ppmv → 1 day

# Recovery & Purifier: Performance



**500 ppm (0.5 kg) to < 5 ppm impurity in 9 hours with 1 x 110 m<sup>3</sup> @ 6 bara tank connected**

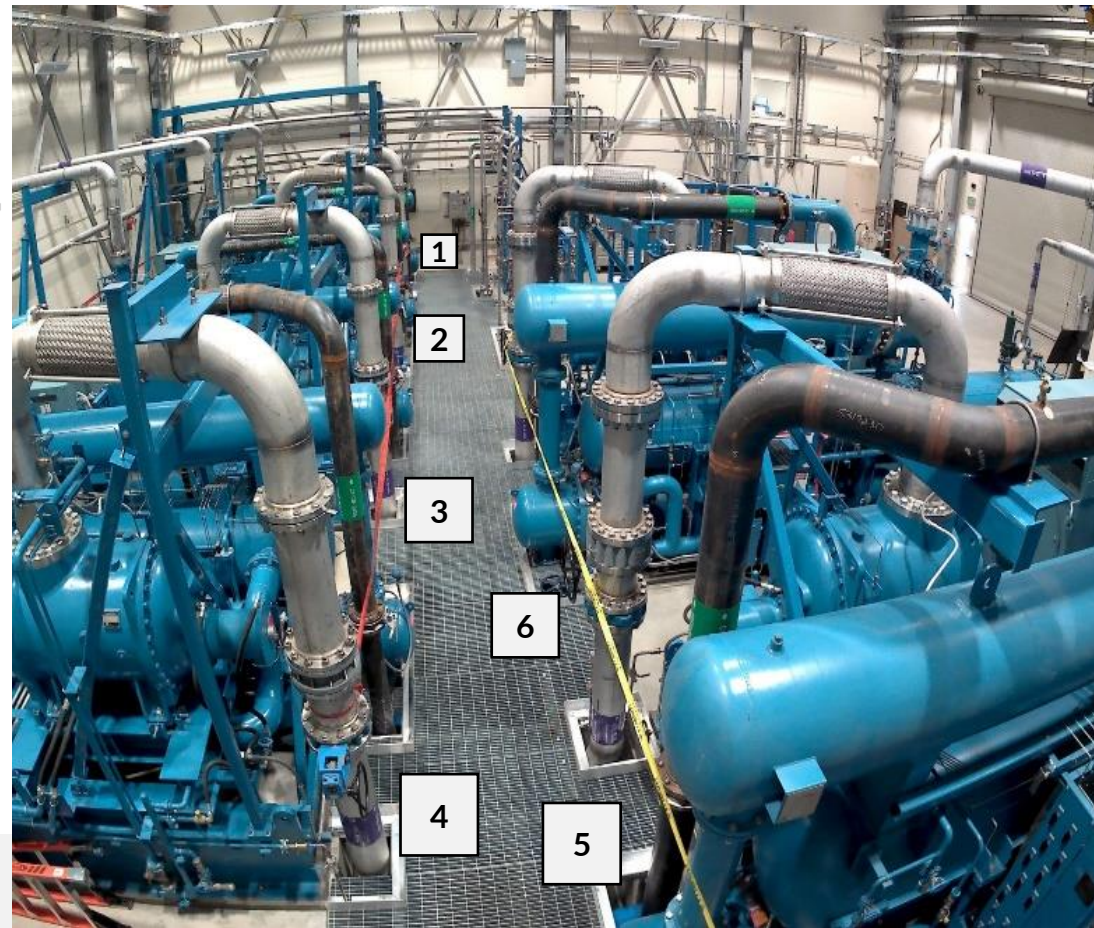
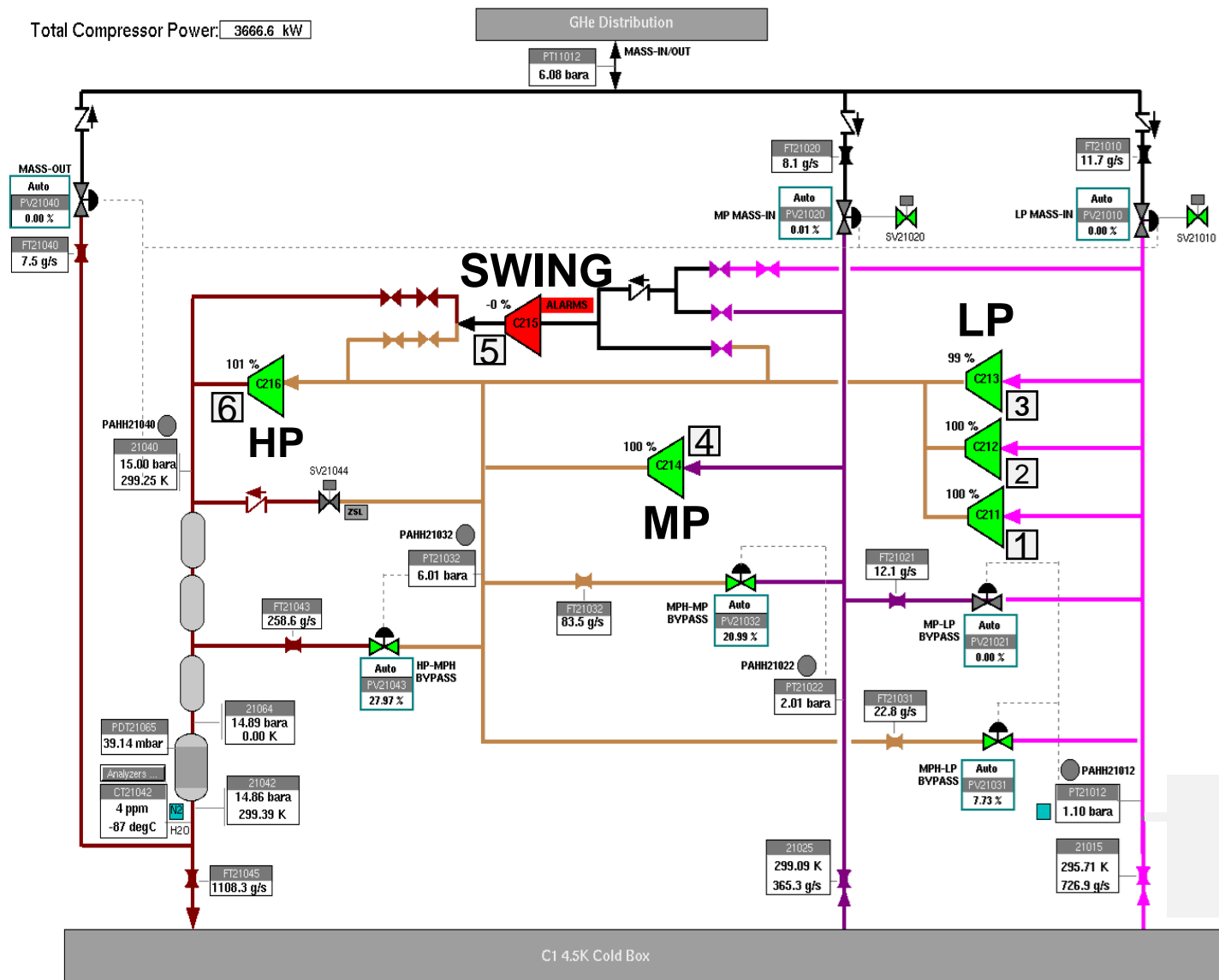
# Recovery & Purifier: Performance



System Clean-up using Recovery & Purifier

# Warm Compressor: Scope

Total Compressor Power: 3666.6 kW



**LCLS-II Compressor Station #1**  
5 Compressors + 1 Stand-by



# Warm Compressor: Performance

Refer V. Ravindranath, et al. CEC/ICMC 2021 for detailed warm compressor commissioning results

Compressor Performance Test Results						
Compressor Parameters			Expected		Observed	
	Suction Pressure [Bara]	Discharge Pressure [bara]	Flow [g/s]	Power [kW]	Flow [g/s]	Power [kW]
HP	6.15	19.00	1318	1859	1380 [+5%]	1775 [-5%]
MP	2.35	6.15	579	663	613 [+6%]	618 [-7%]
LP	1.05	6.15	757	1817	730 [-4%]	1790 [-1%]
				4339		4183 [-1%]

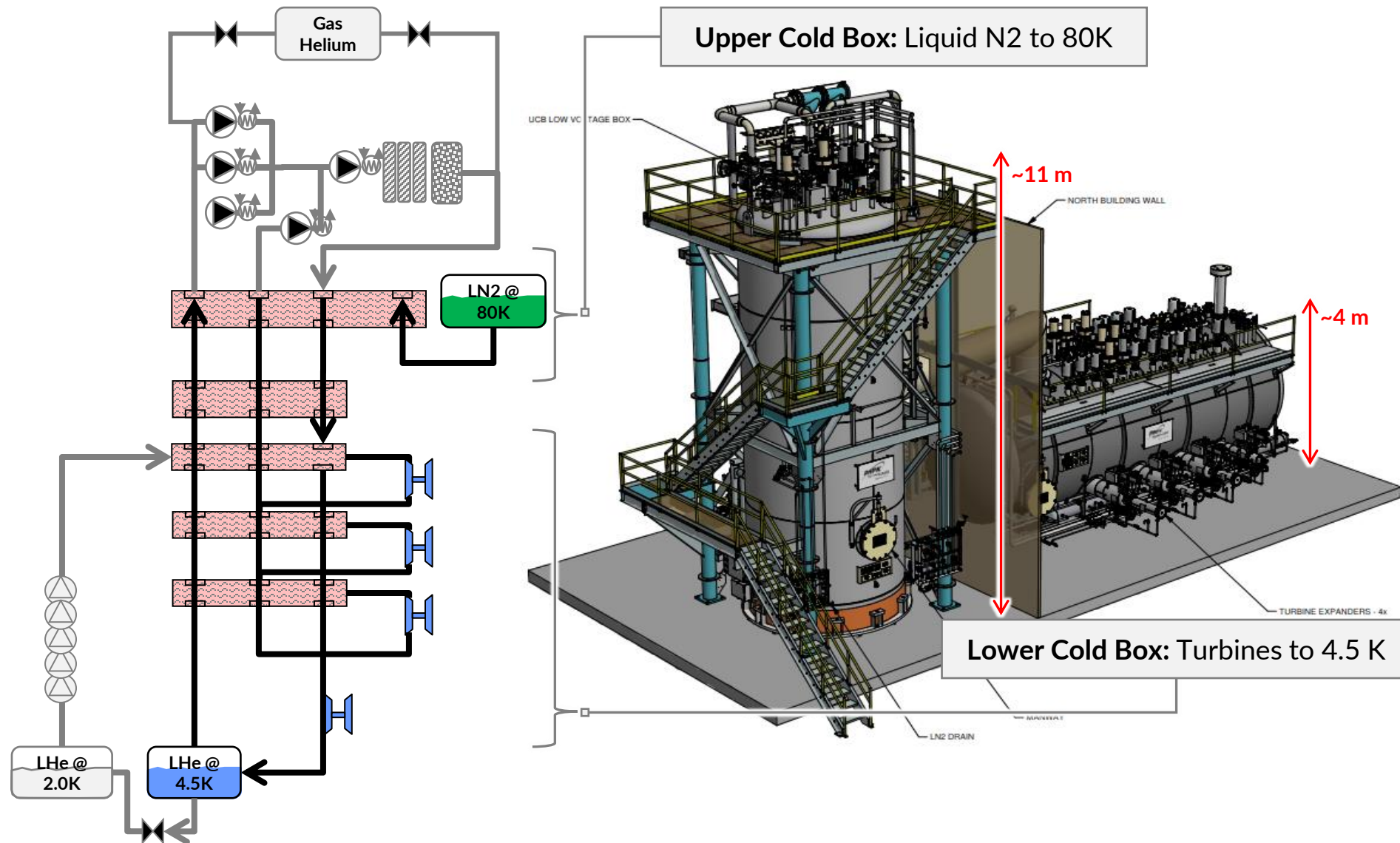
- Compressor vendor provided data shows +/- 5 % variation in capacity [flow and input power]
- HP and MP compressors efficiency exceeds specification
- LP flow requirement:
  - Process flow required for the Helium Refrigeration System → 730 g/s
  - Bypass flow required for compressor suction pressure controls → ~20 g/s
  - LP stage operates at higher suction pressure → ~1.08 bara

# Warm Compressor: Challenges



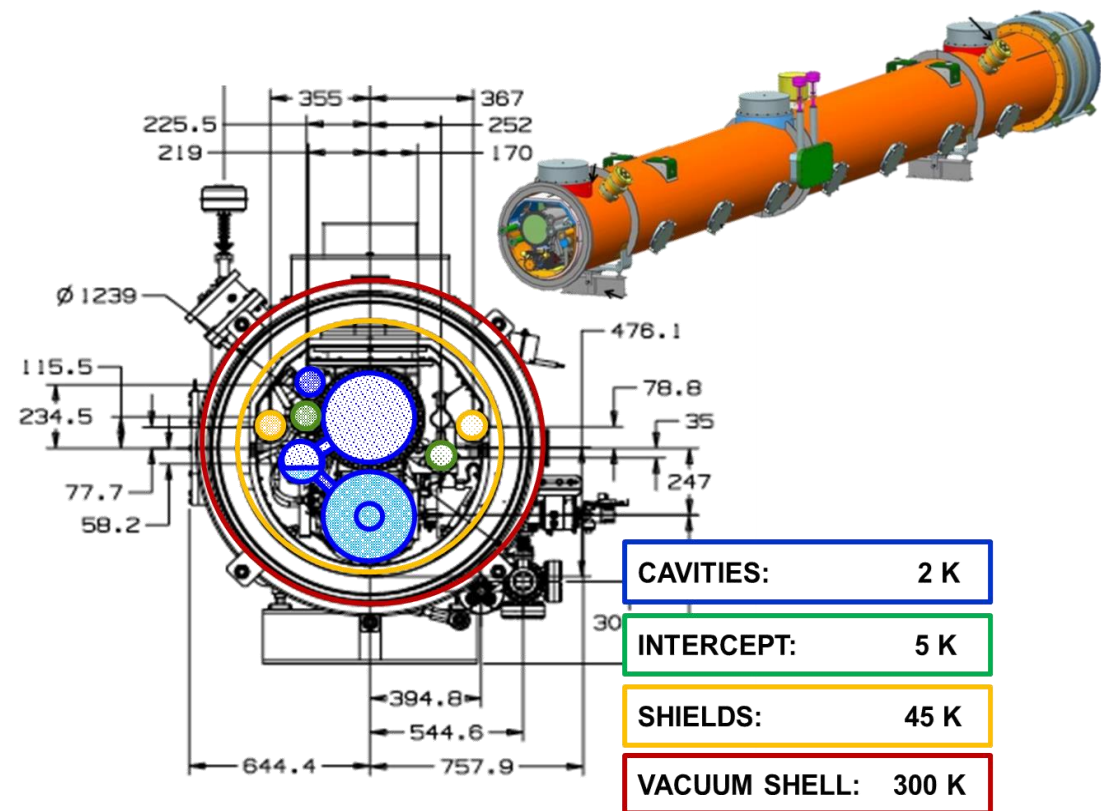
**Significant Vibration on HP Skids: Skid initially reinforced with Timber [For Tests] then with Steel.**

# 4K Cold Box: Scope





# 4K Cold Box: Performance – Capacity



✓	EXPECTED		OBSERVED	
	Flow	Heat	Flow	Heat
<b>HTTS: SHIELD</b>	146 g/s	15.2 kW	<b>137 g/s</b>	<b>15.0 kW</b>
<b>LTTI: INTERCEPTS</b>	41 g/s	1.3 kW	<b>44 g/s</b>	<b>1.3 kW</b>
4.5 Liq.	15 g/s	-	<b>15 g/s</b>	-
<b>2K Load</b>	200 g/s	4.0 kW	<b>200 g/s</b>	<b>4.0 kW</b>
<b>Ideal Carnot Work</b>	<b>1,200 kW</b>		<b>1,200 kW</b>	

✓	EXPECTED	OBSERVED
	Compressor Power	4,300 kW
LN2 Flow	104 g/s	109 g/s

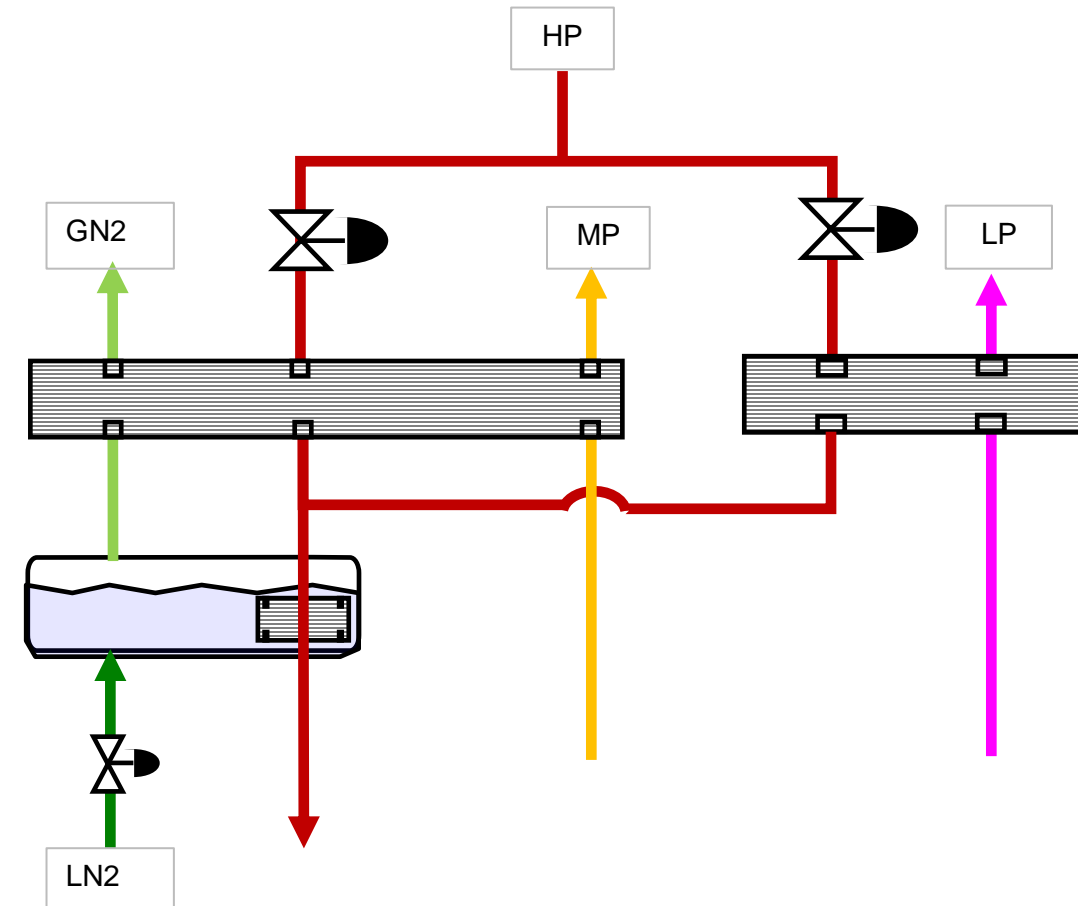
**4K Cold Box exceeded design specification**

# LN2 Consumption: Max Capacity

- LN2 consumption in maximum capacity mode ~ 109 g/s
- LN2 consumption measurement
  - LN2 Dewar level drop
  - Energy balance across the heat exchanger

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# 4K Cold Box: Challenges

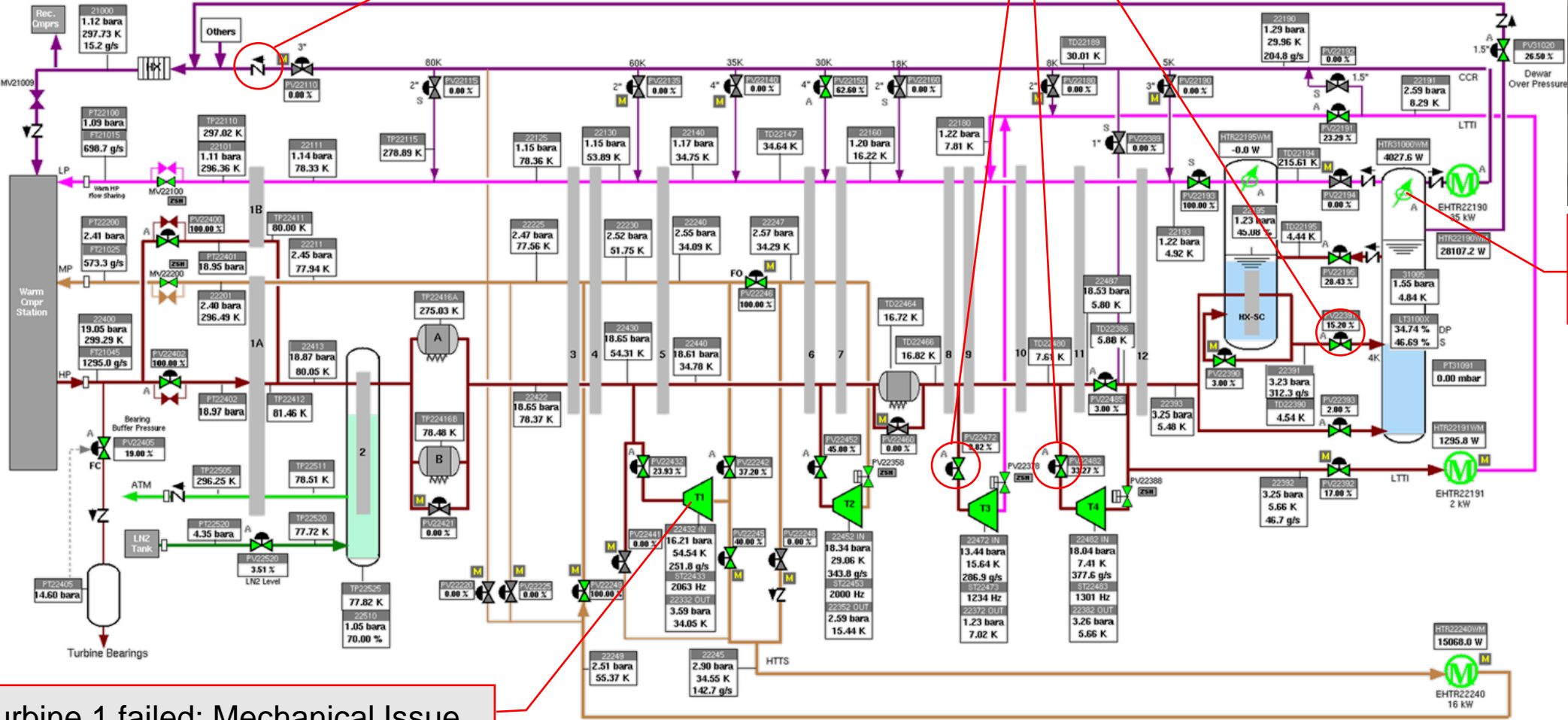


Blocked Check Valve.

Valves Rangeability: Insufficient

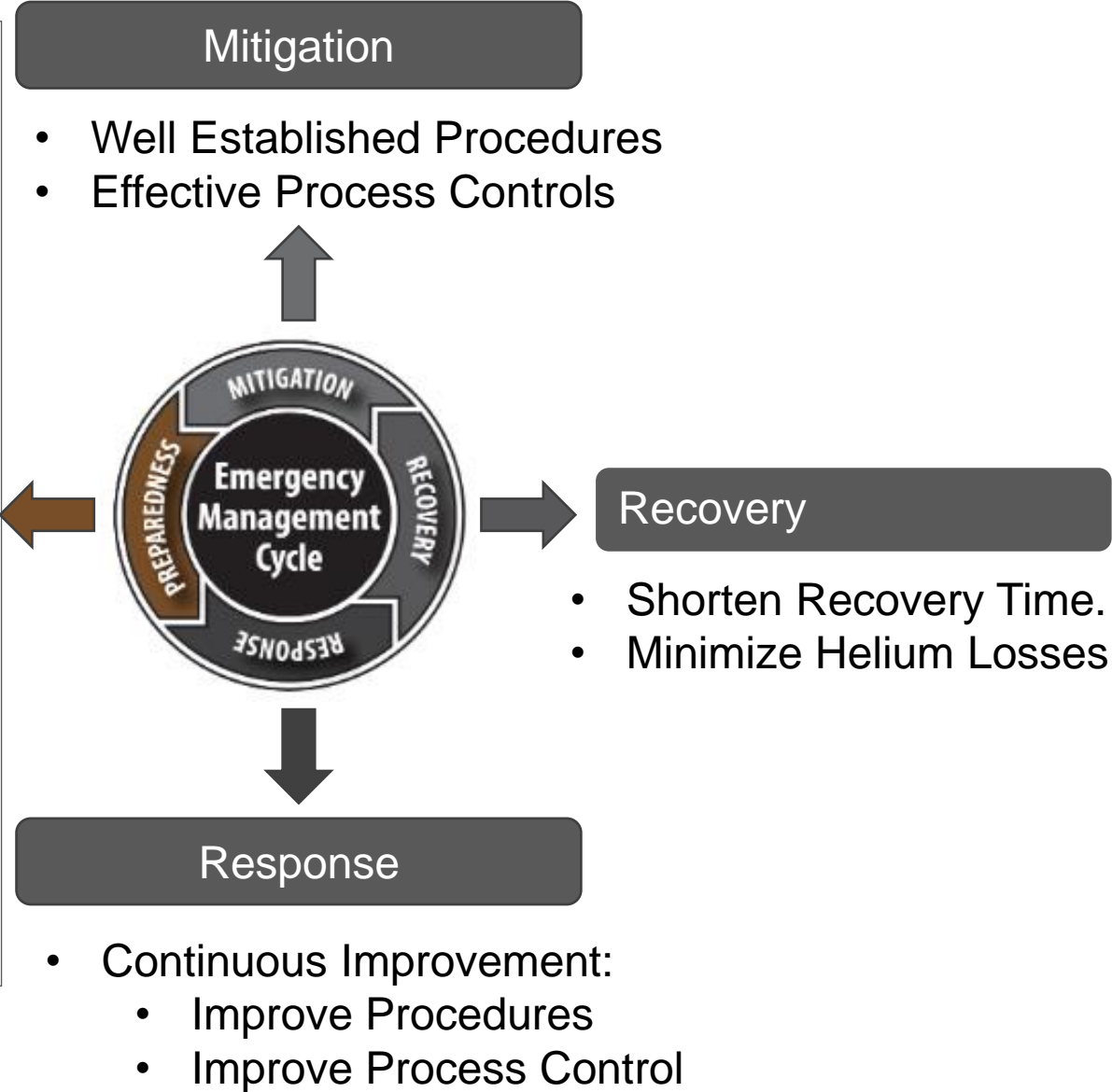
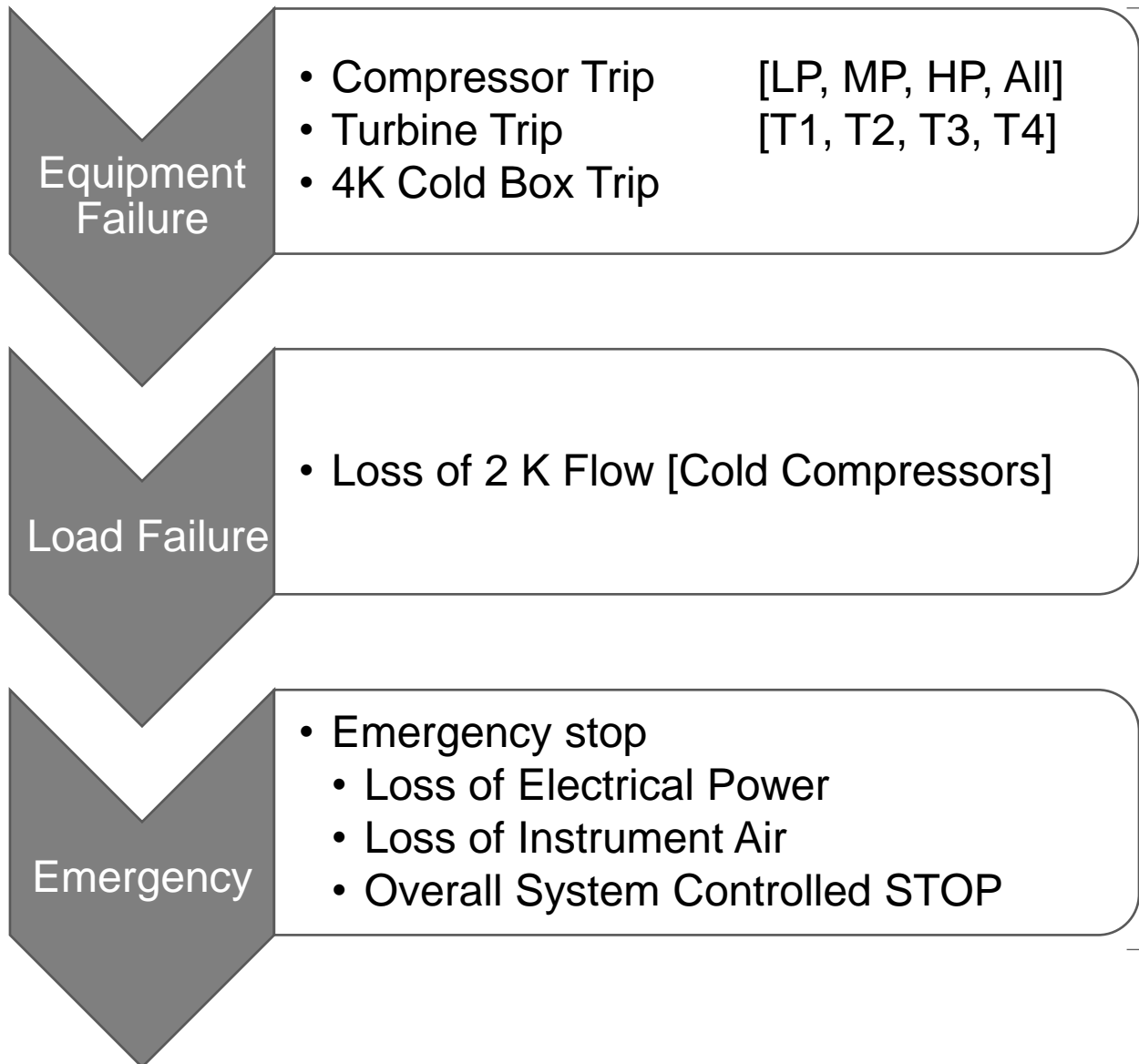


Dewar heater burn-out



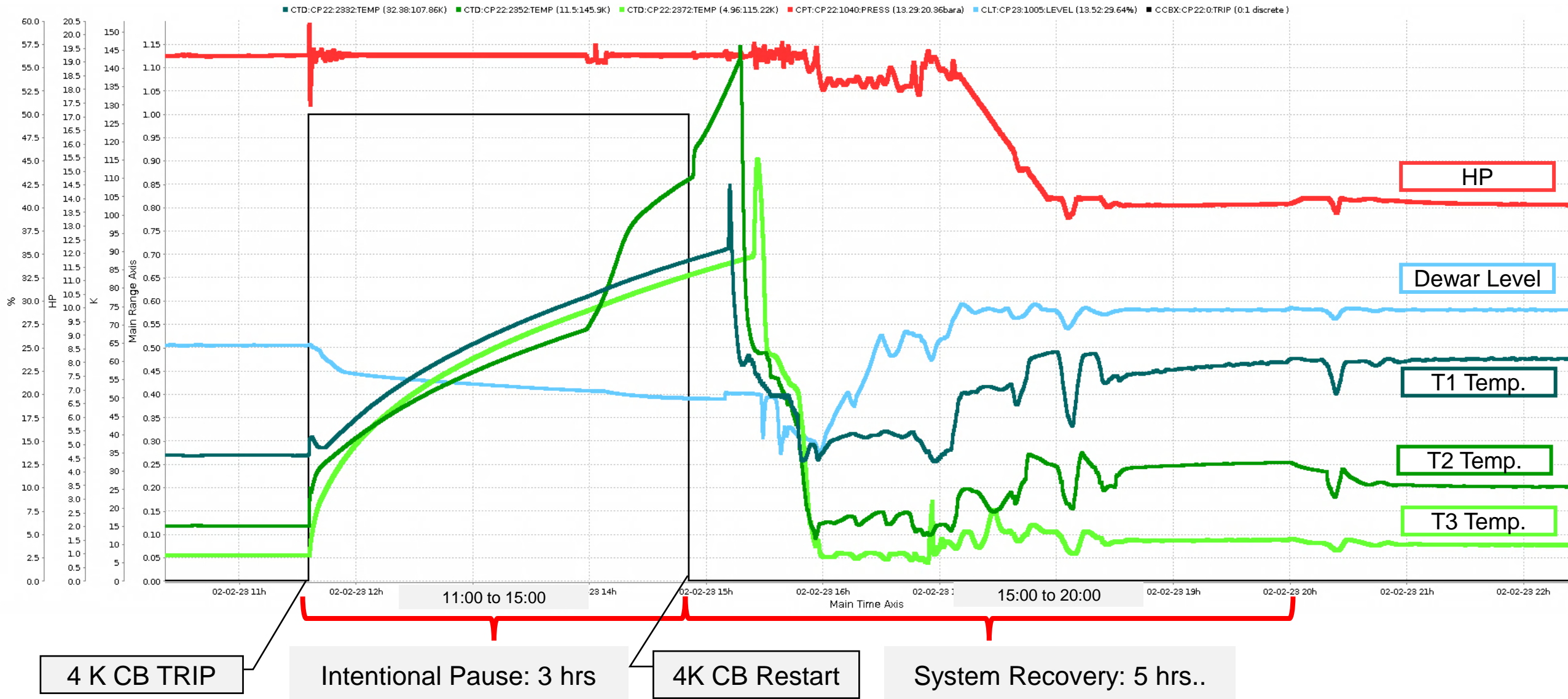
Turbine 1 failed: Mechanical Issue.

# Trip Test - Scope





# Trip Test – System Recovery



# Summary

- Successful Cryoplant #1 Commissioning:
  - Systematic commissioning approach
  - Compressor capacity adequate for LCLS-II refrigeration demands
  - 4K cold box capacity exceeds design specification
  
- Trip test carefully planned and executed:
  - Vital for evaluating system robustness/resilience
  - Well established procedures and effective process controls
  - Team is well equipped to handle unexpected failures



# Thank you

