

40 K Energy Storage Unit

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Why 40 K Energy Storage Unit?

Earth Observation or Surveillance Tracking programs

- QWIPS (Quantum well infrared photodetectors) 40 K
- Low vibration environment

Low vibration coolers <50 K

Larger Sensor Arrays



more cooling power is required

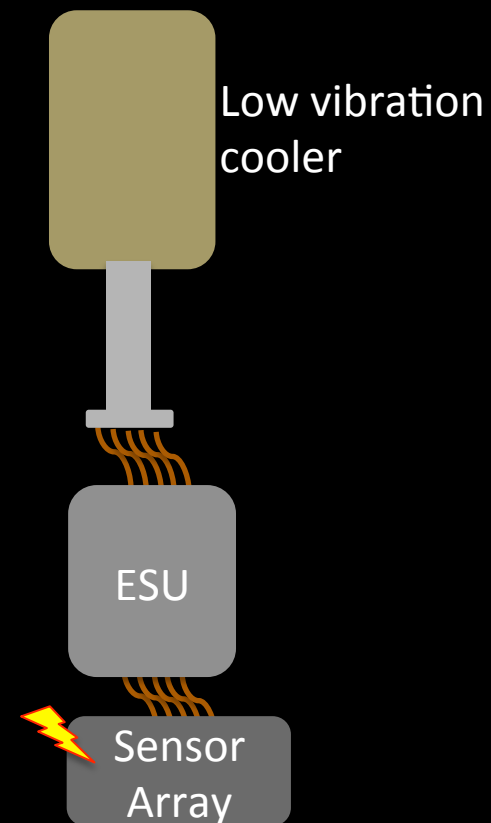


From: Air Liquide space cryocooler systems (2008)

Why Energy Storage Unit (ESU)?

“Cooling power booster”

- Increase the cooling power (temporarily)
- Stable temperature



To use in pulse tube coolers :1W@40 K

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“Independent cold source”

Ground applications:

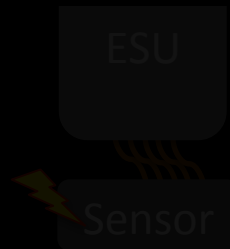
- Low vibr cooler
- magnetic measurements
 - Sensitive sensors



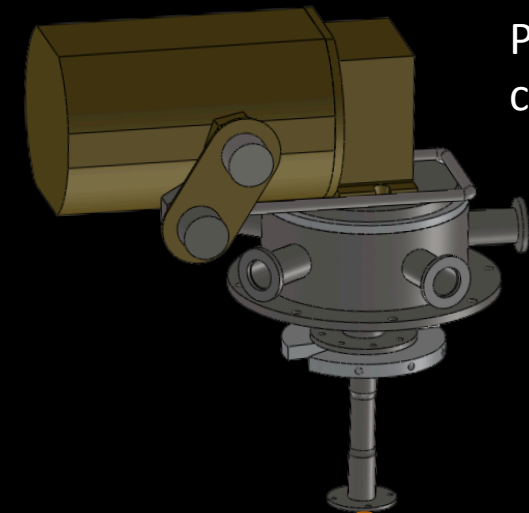
STOP the cryocooler:

Thermal swit

- no mechanical vibration
- no electromagnetic noise



“Vibration free”



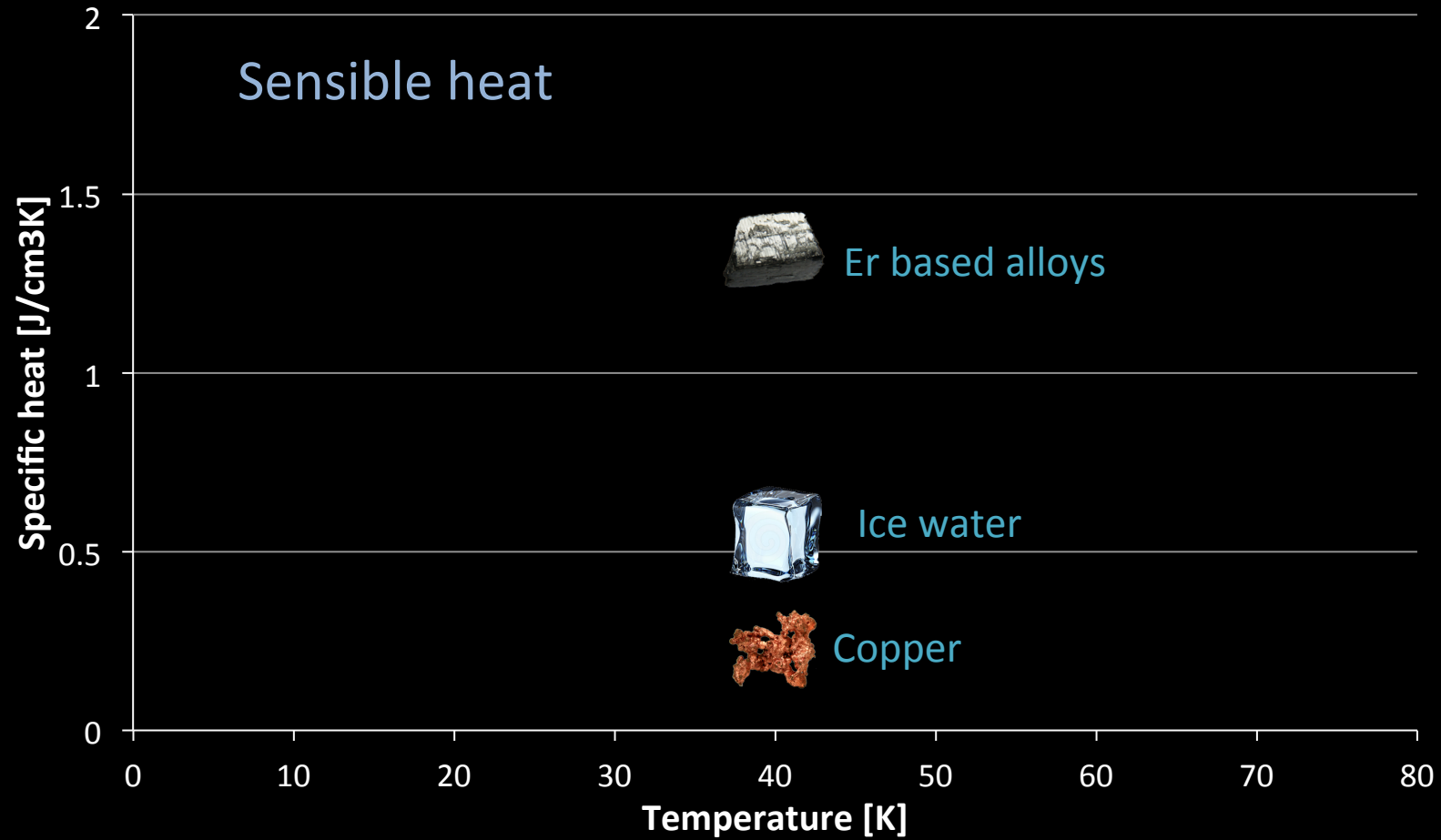
Powerful cooler

Thermal swit



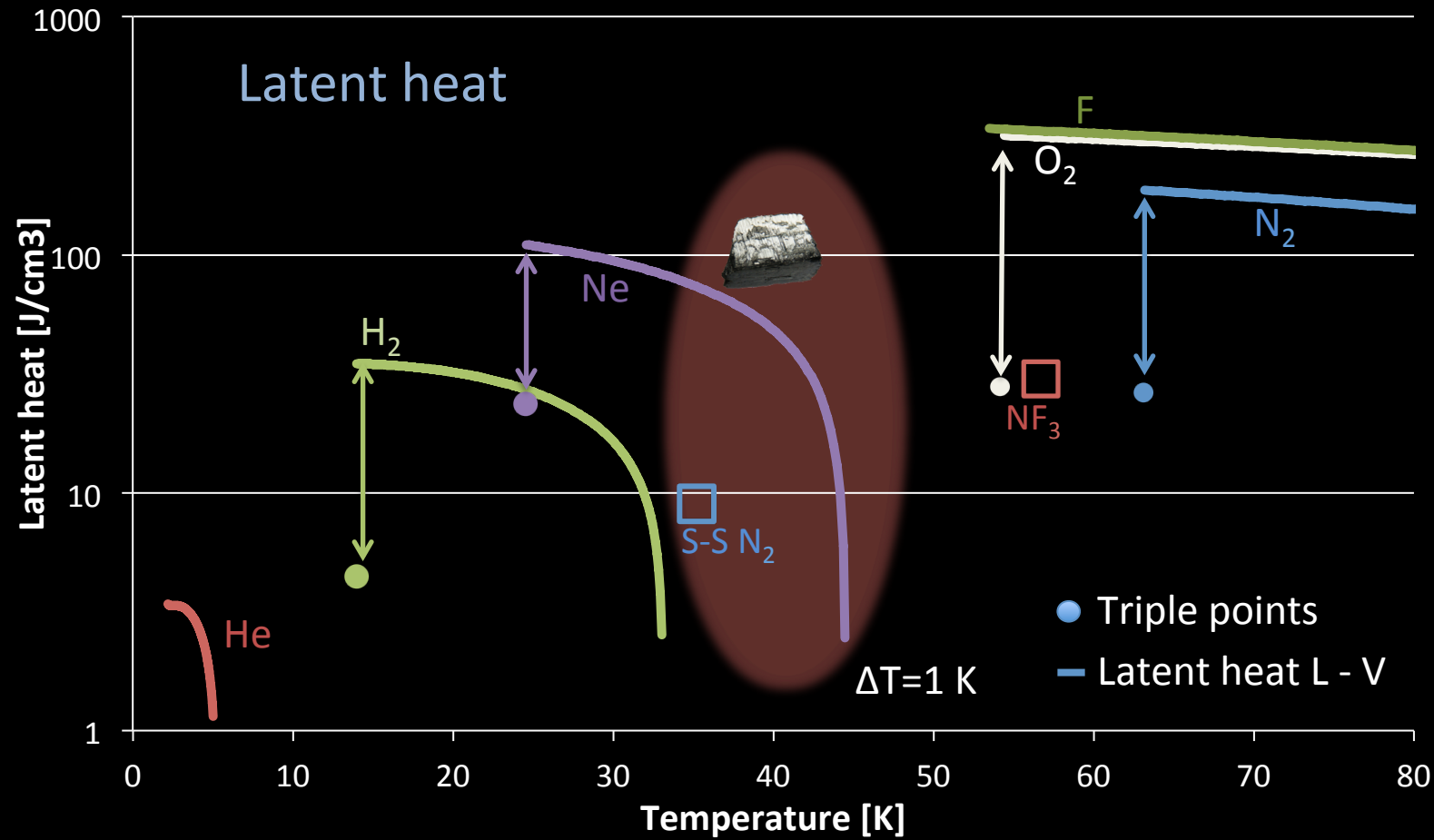
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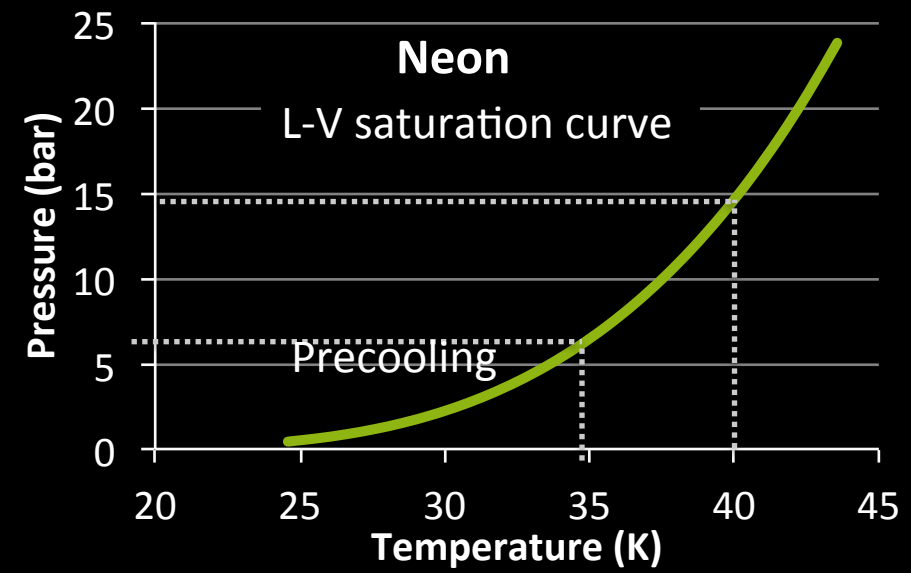
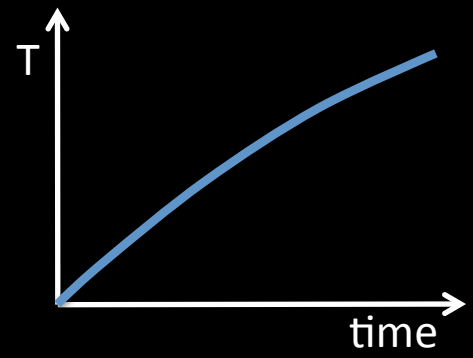
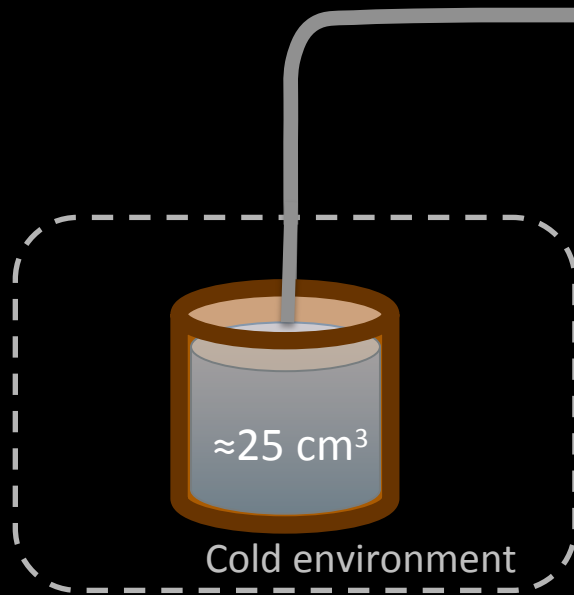
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L (Liquid – vapor) >> L (solid – liquid)

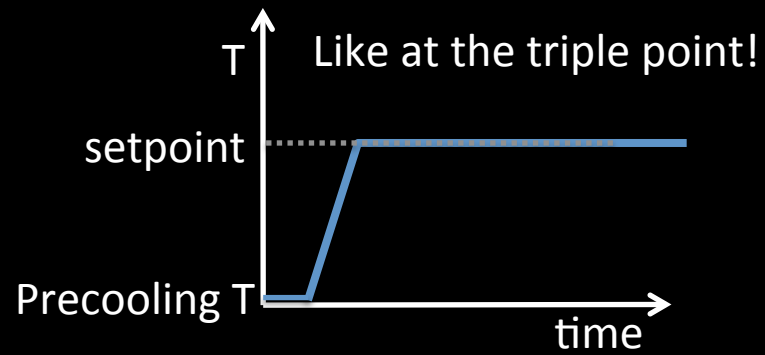
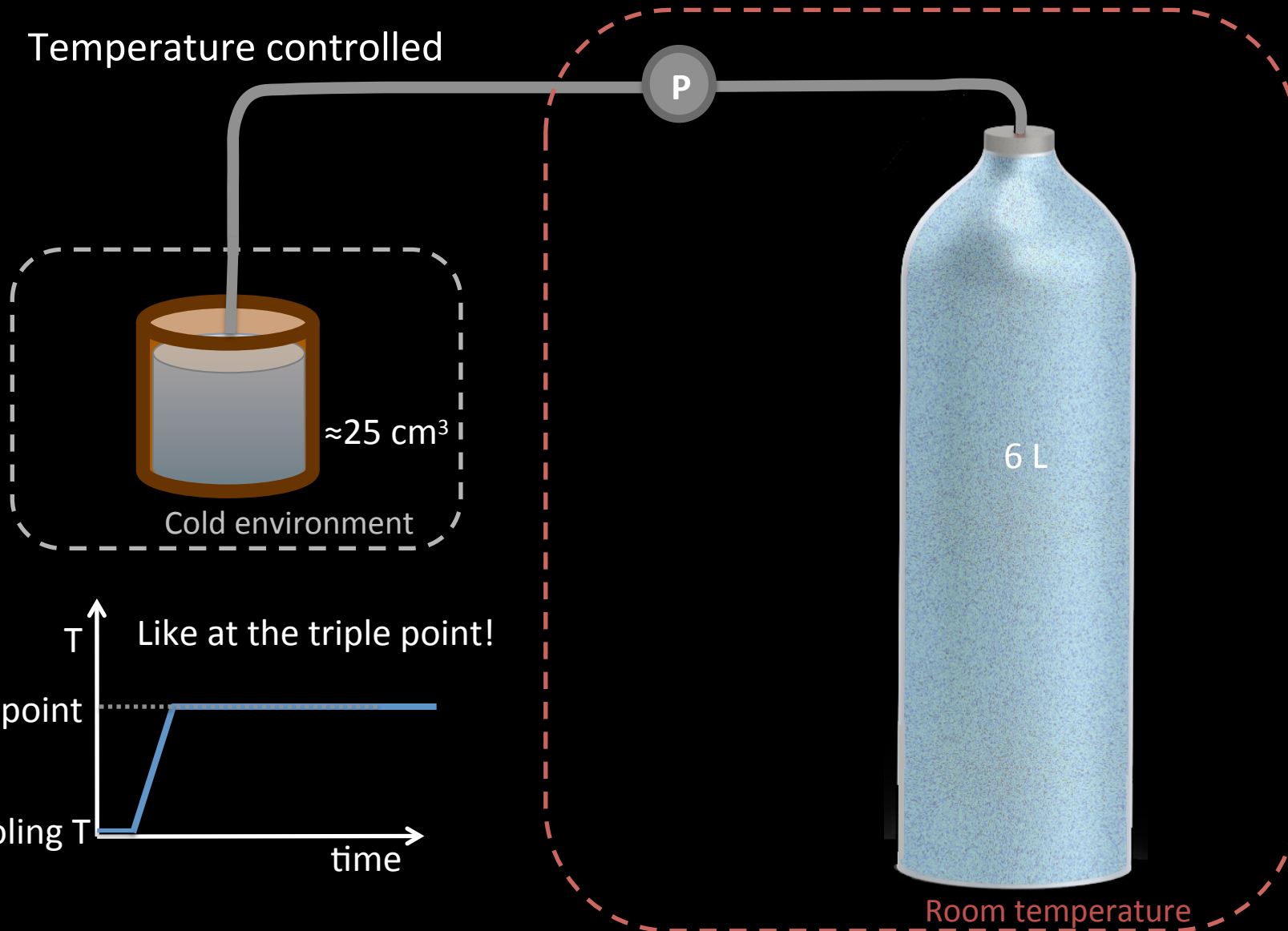
How does it work?

Temperature drift

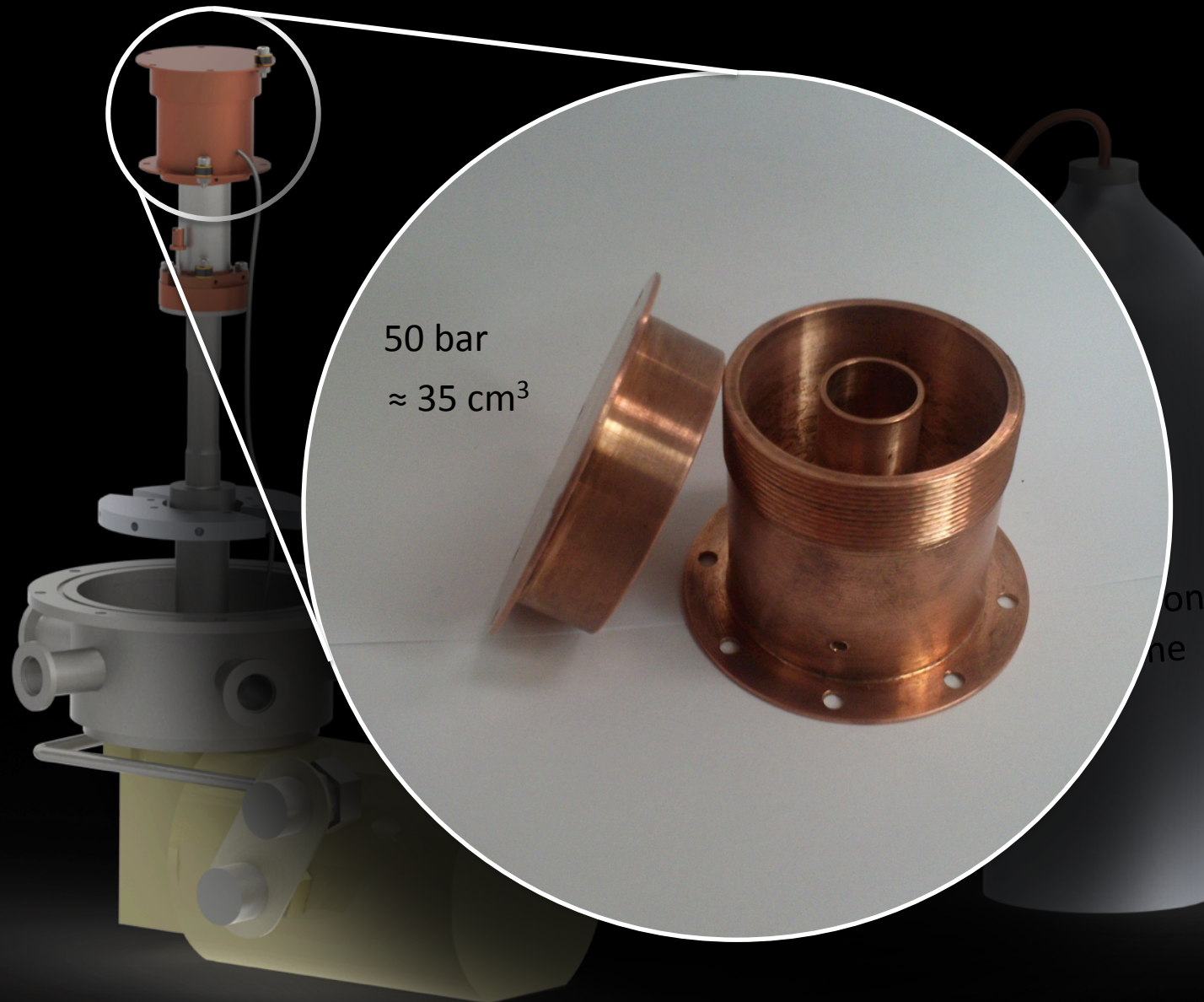


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Temperature controlled

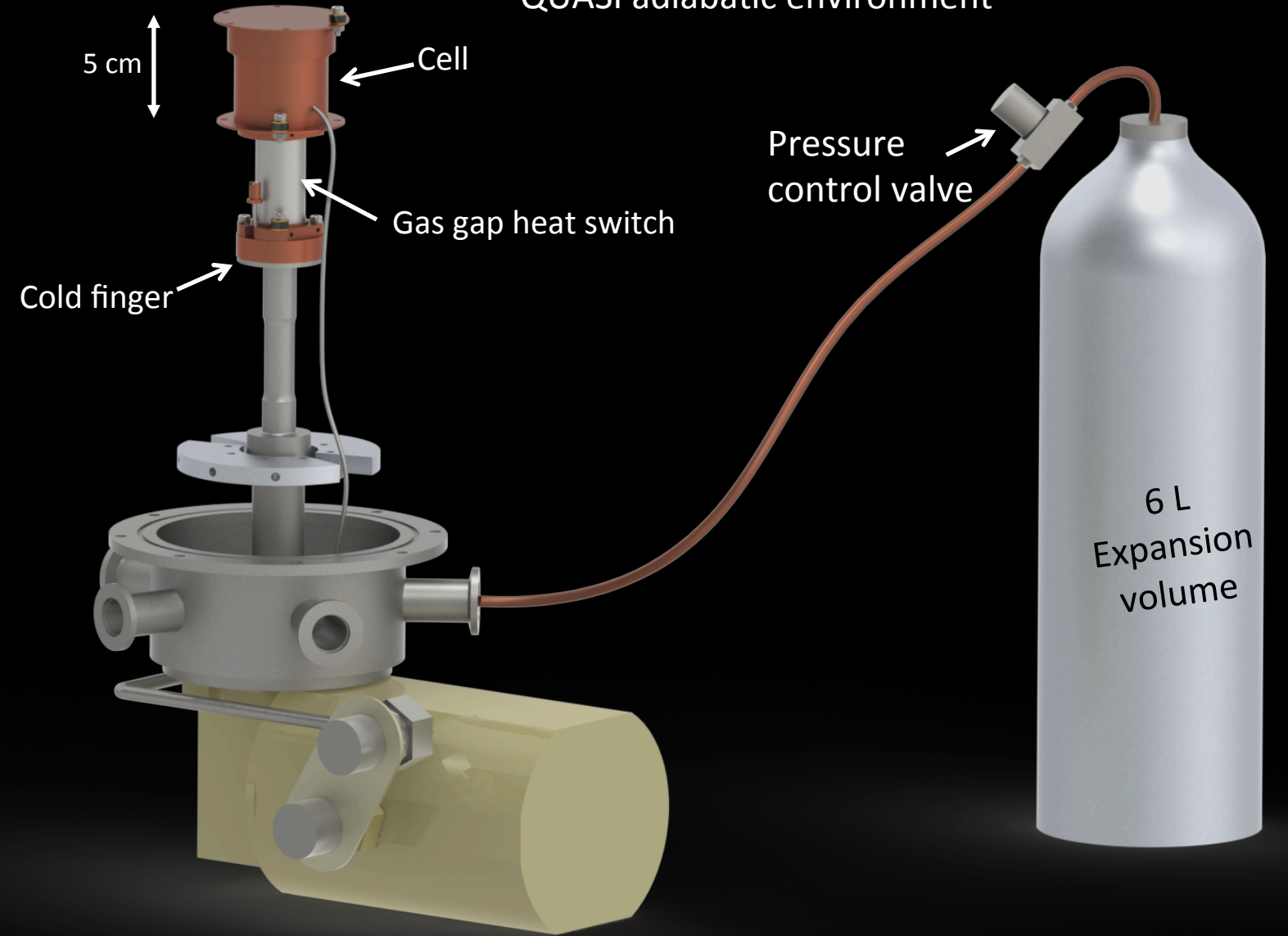


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“QUASI adiabatic environment”

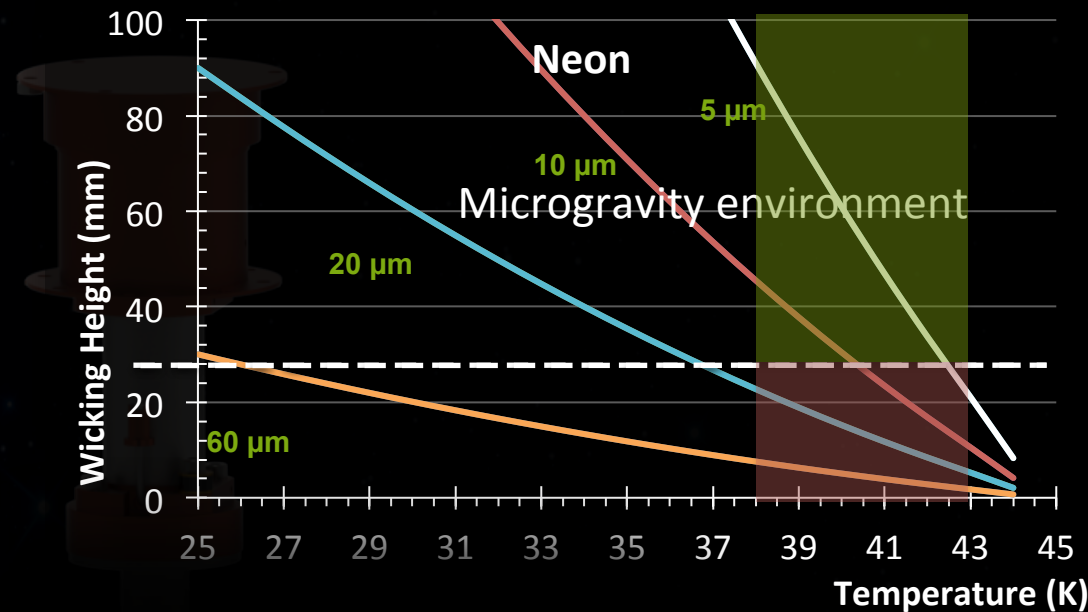


Gravity insensitive system

Porous material

e.g: alumina foam

Lab environment : liquid rises to top of the cell



Filter paper $\approx 5 \mu\text{m} > 20 \mu\text{m}$

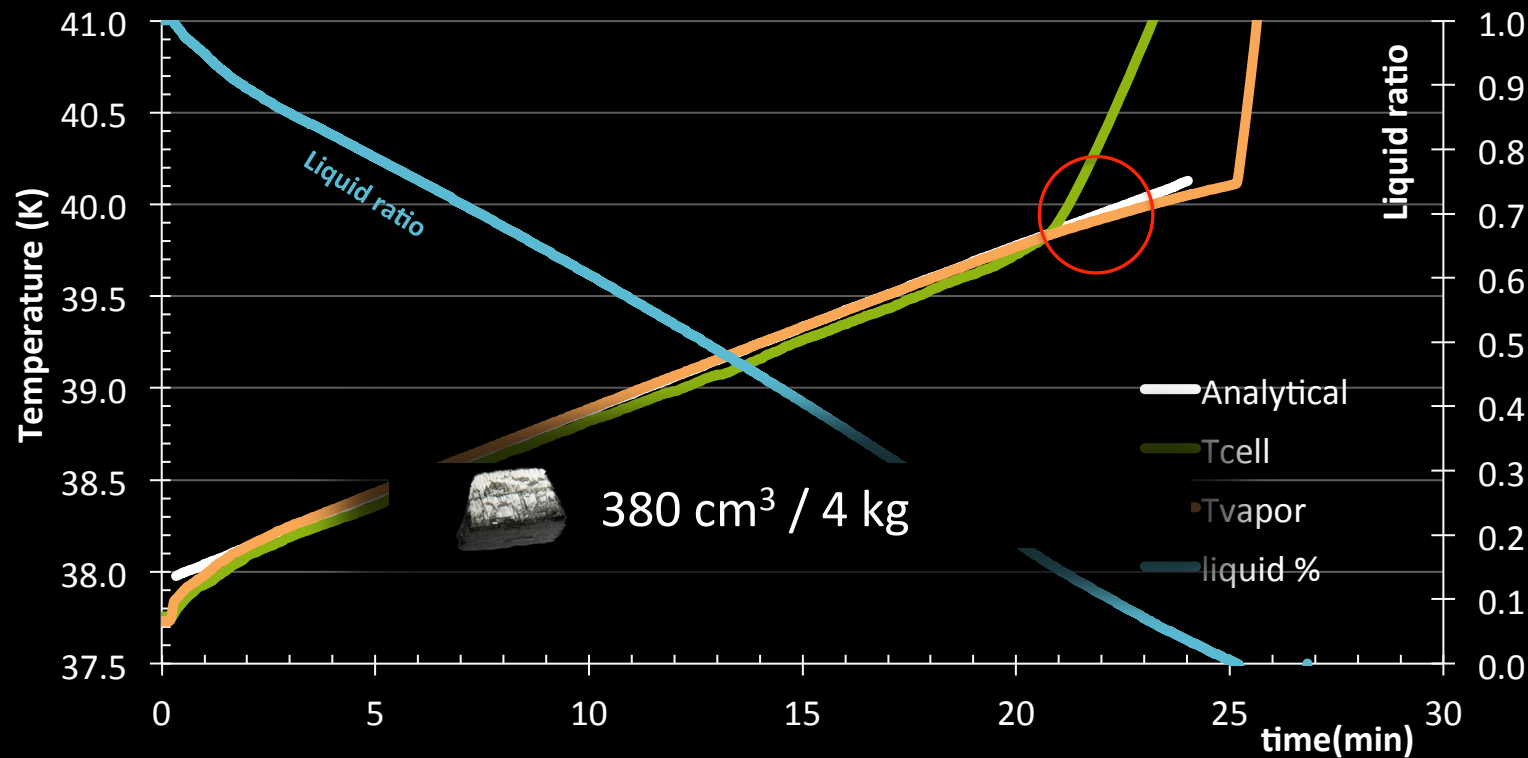
$$h = \frac{4\gamma \cos \theta}{d(\rho_L - \rho_G)g}$$

- $\gamma \rightarrow$ surface tension
- $\rho \rightarrow$ density
- $d \rightarrow$ capillary diameter
- $h \rightarrow$ wicking height

Results

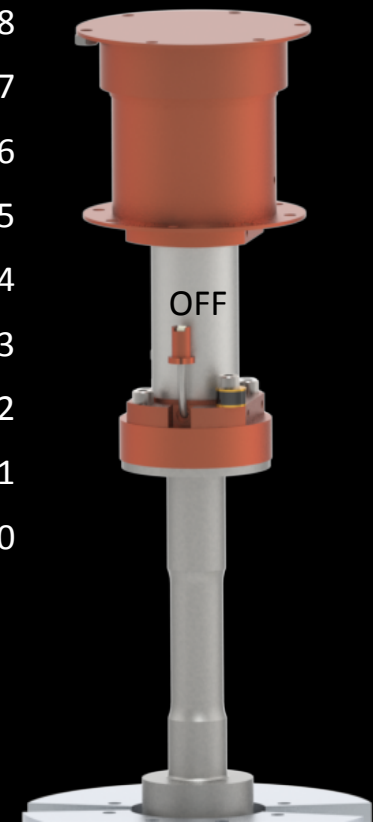
Temperature drift mode

P= 15 bar
1 W



380 cm³ / 4 kg

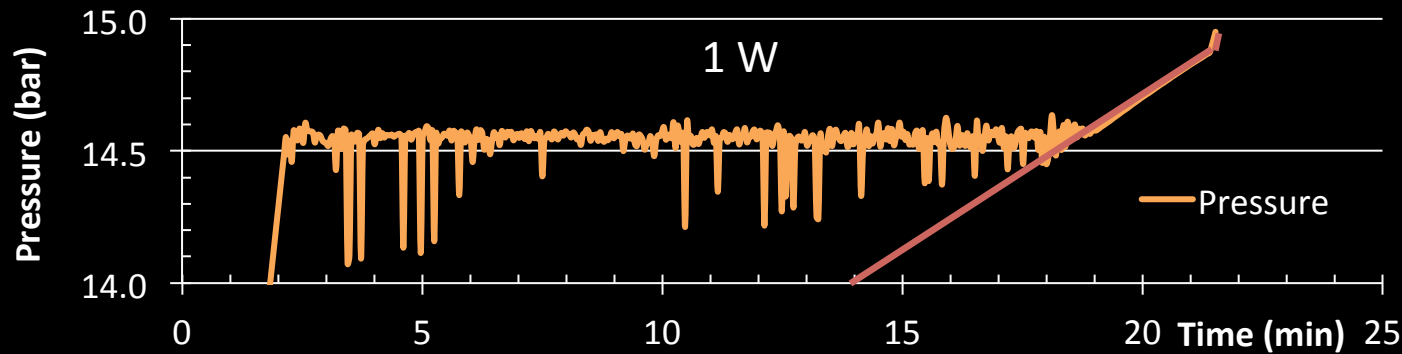
Liquid Neon → 25 cm³ / 22.5 g



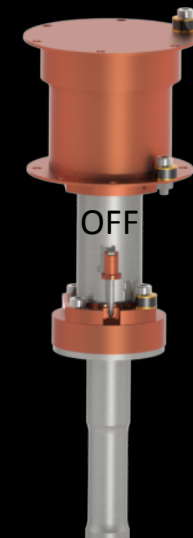
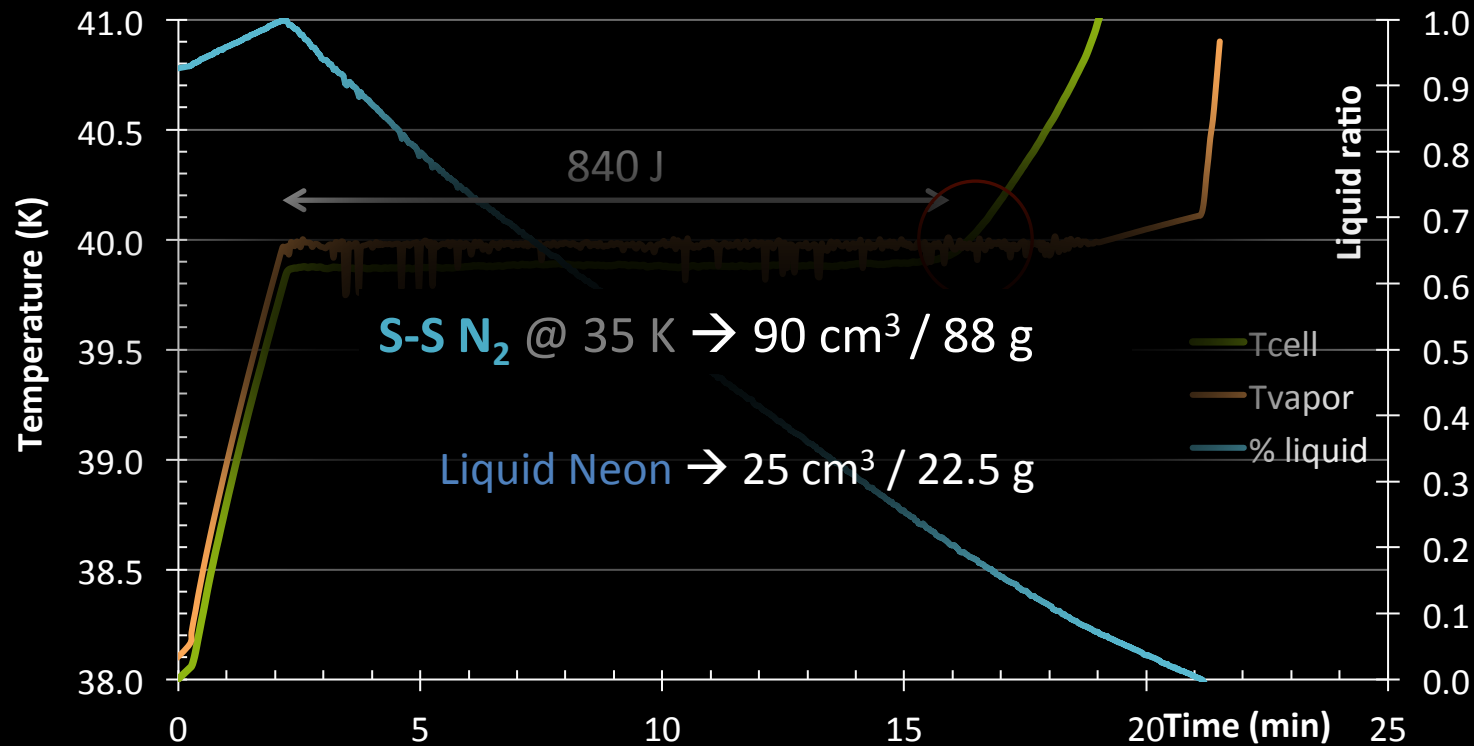
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Temperature controlled mode

Control 40 K/14.5 bar

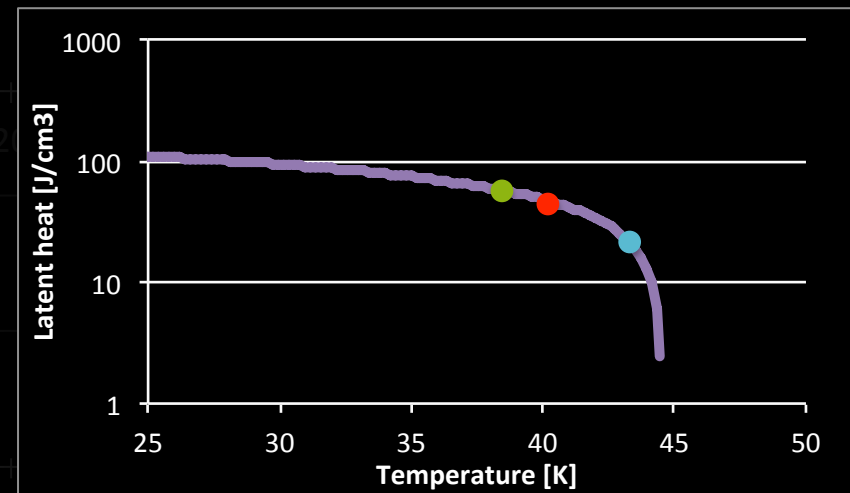
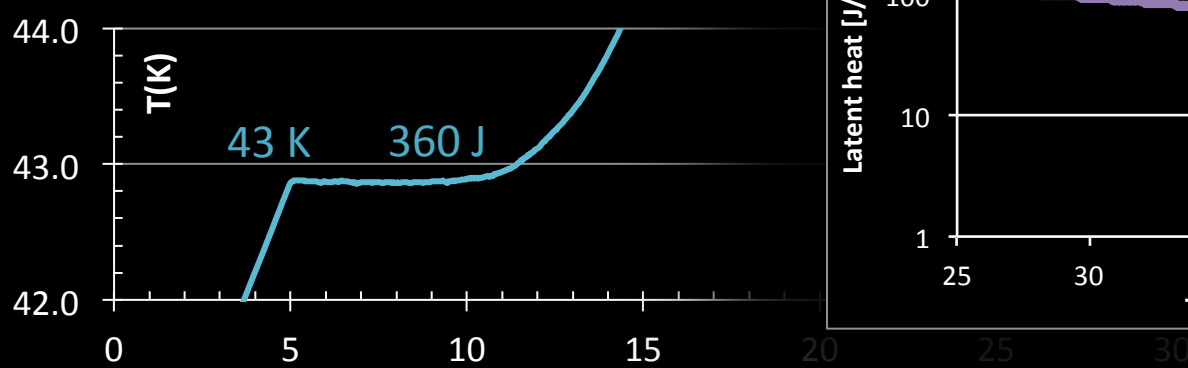
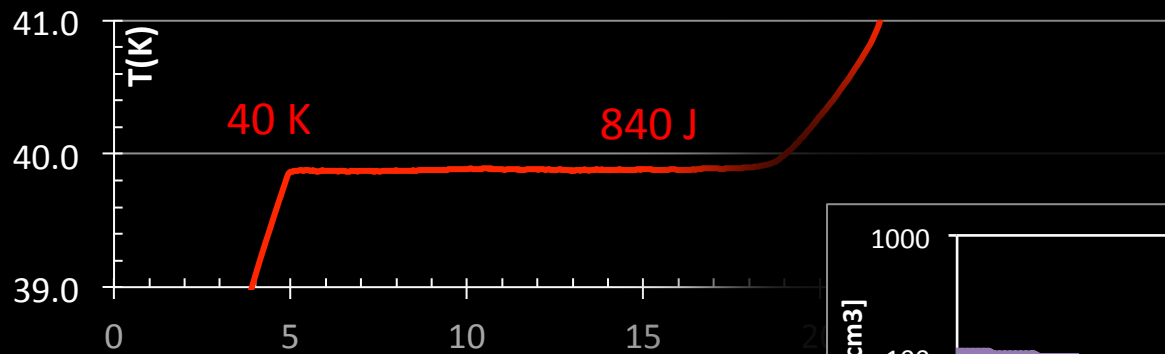
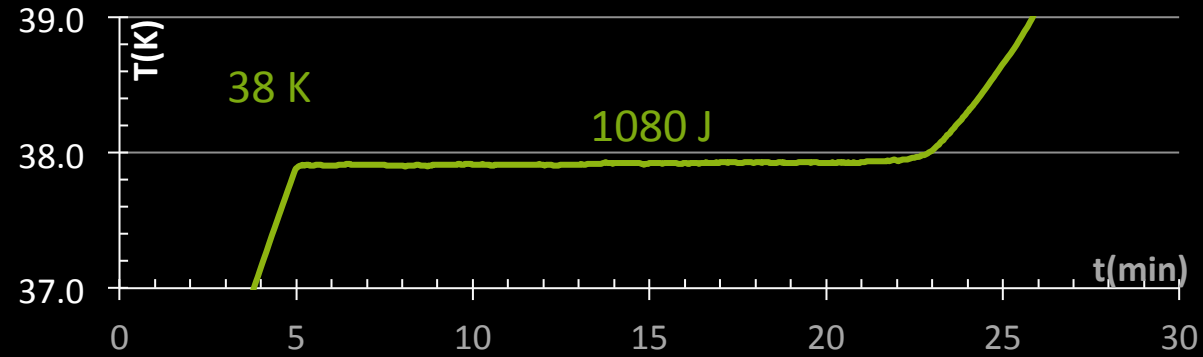


Heat power: 1 W

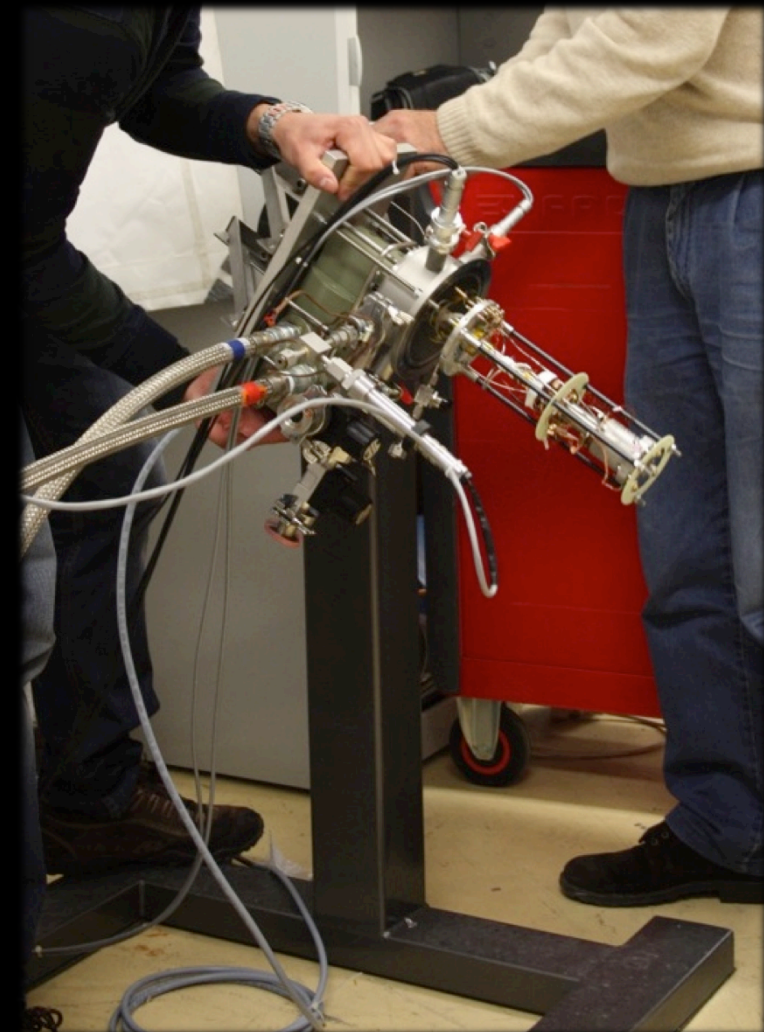
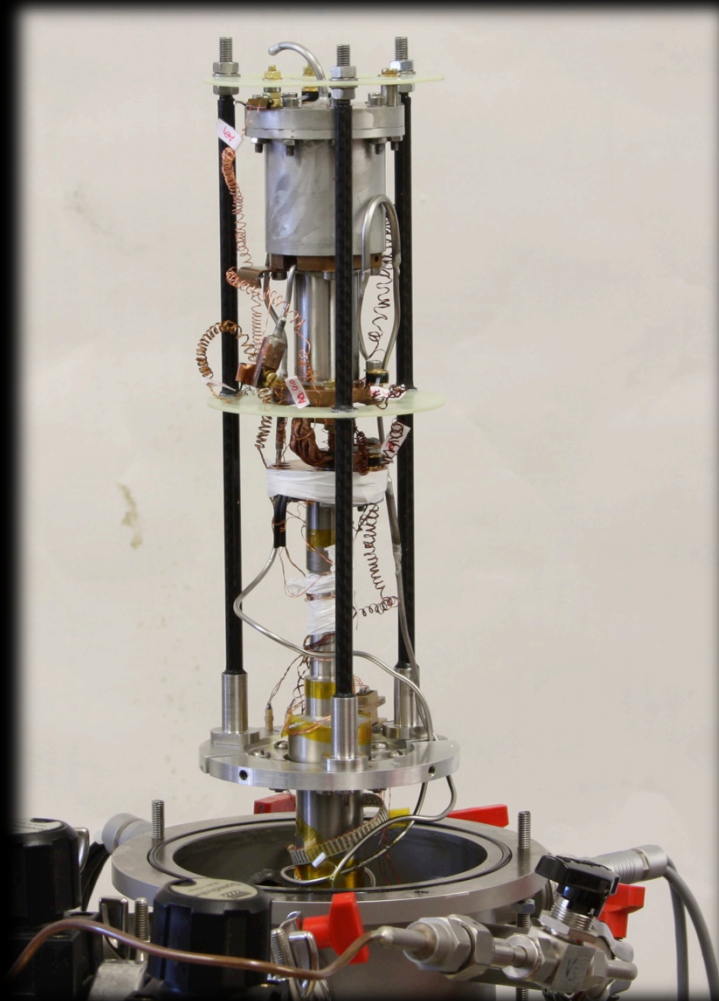


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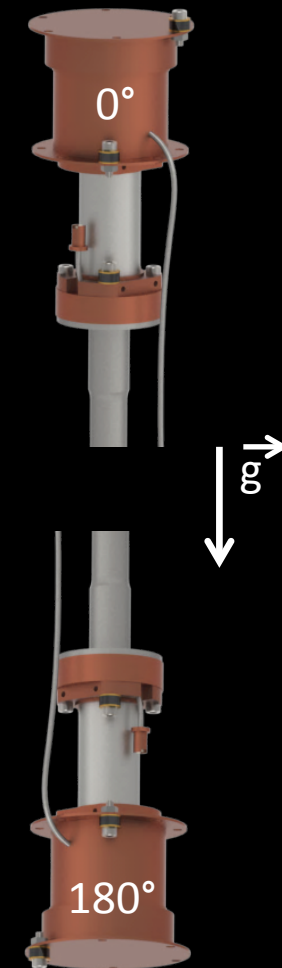
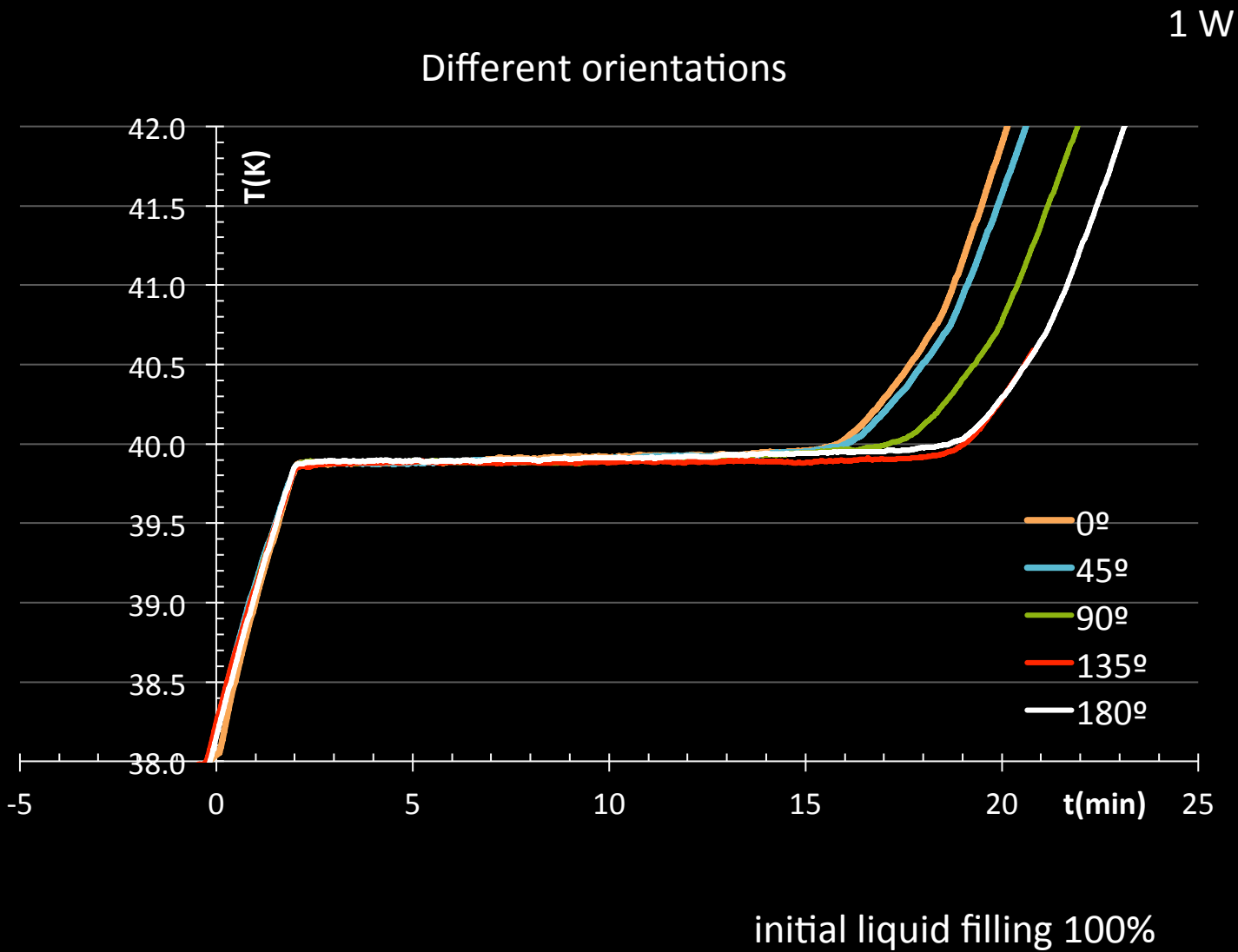
1 W Cell full of liquid



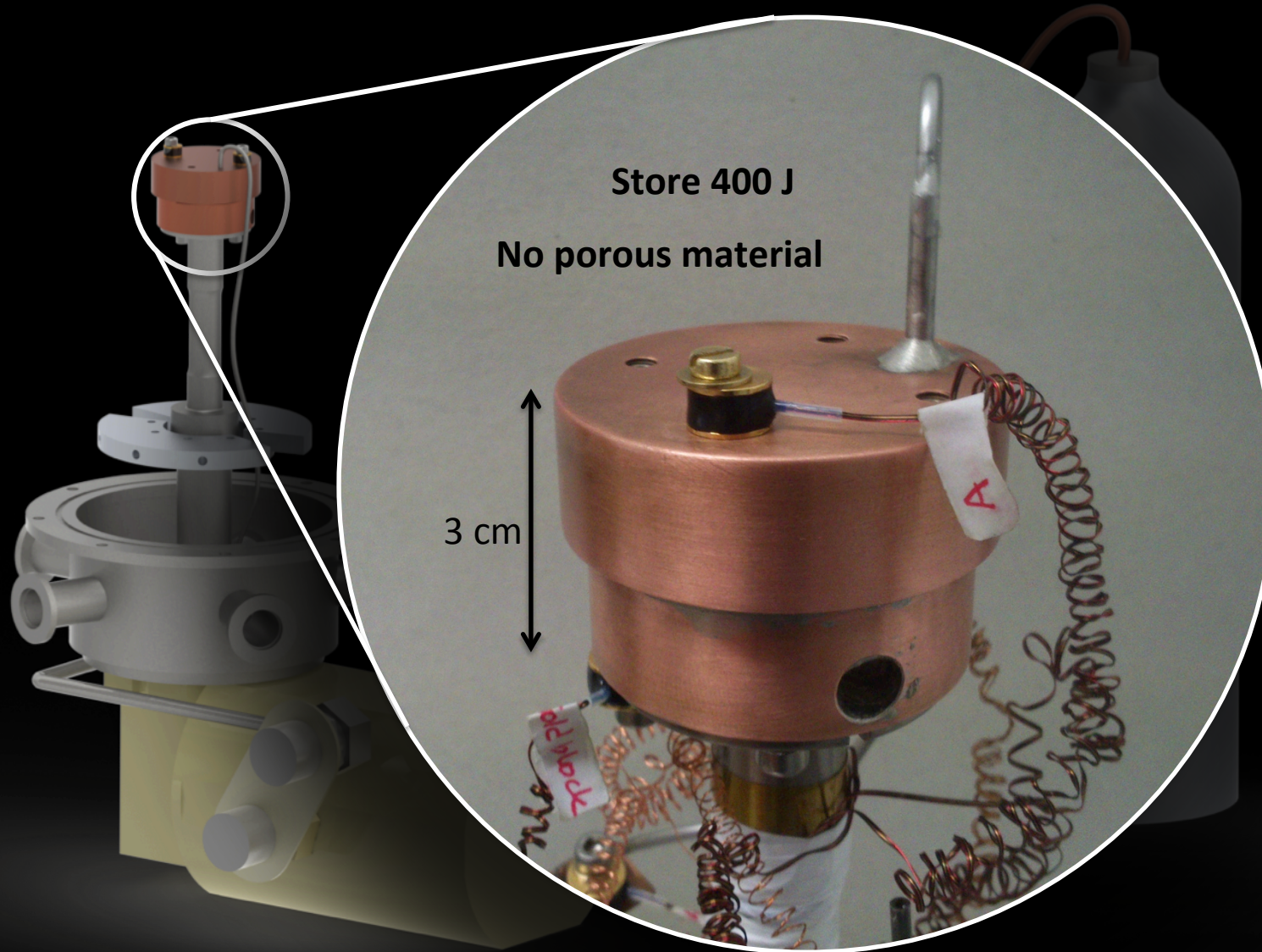
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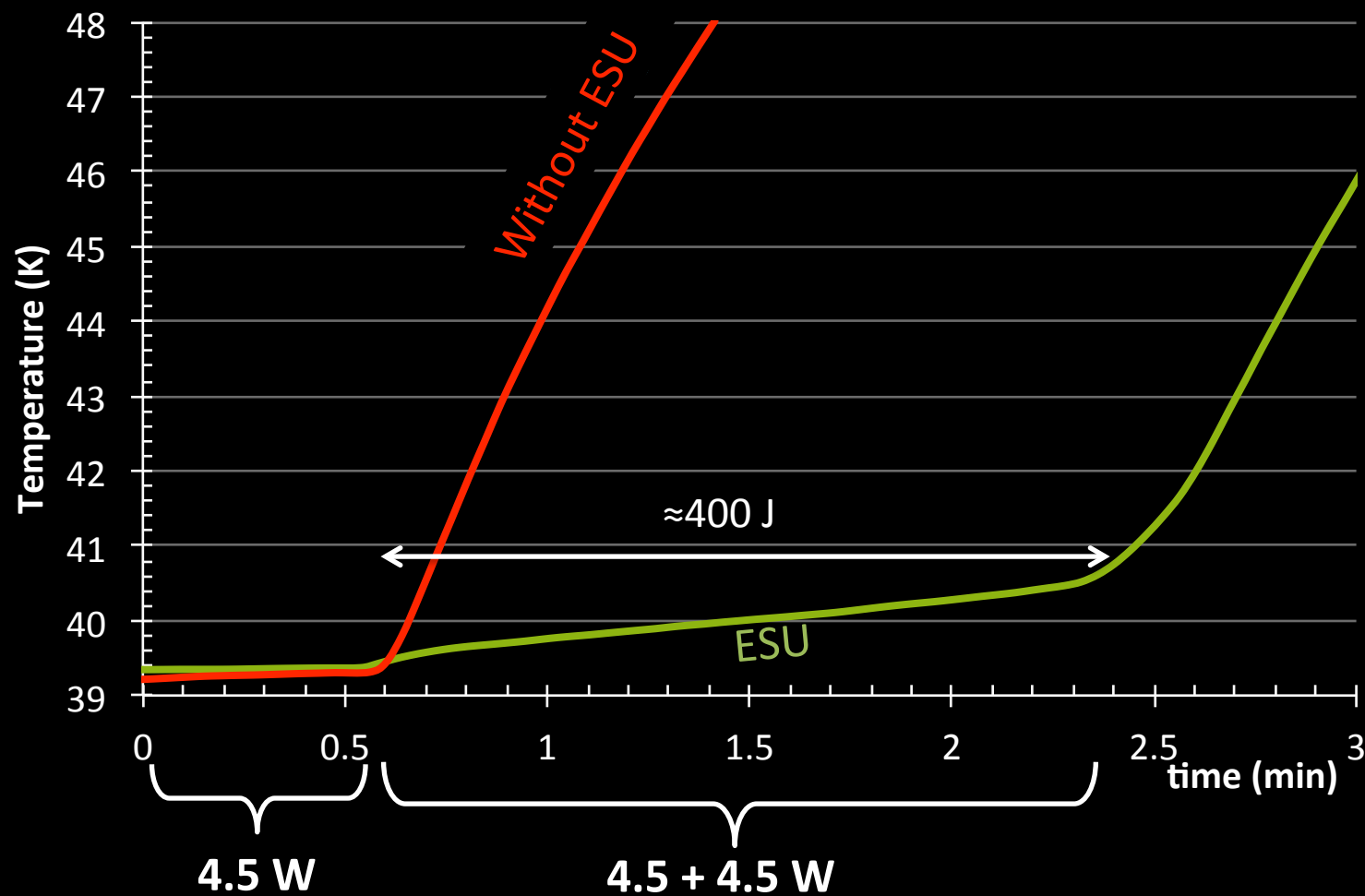


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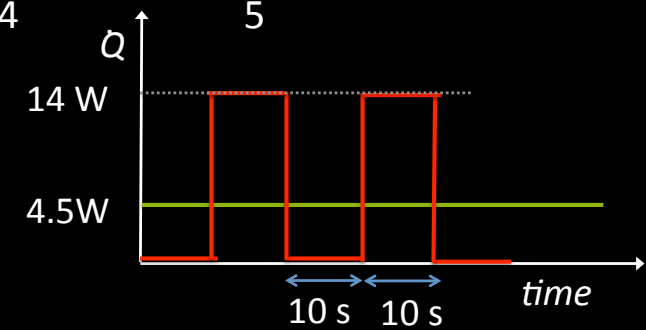
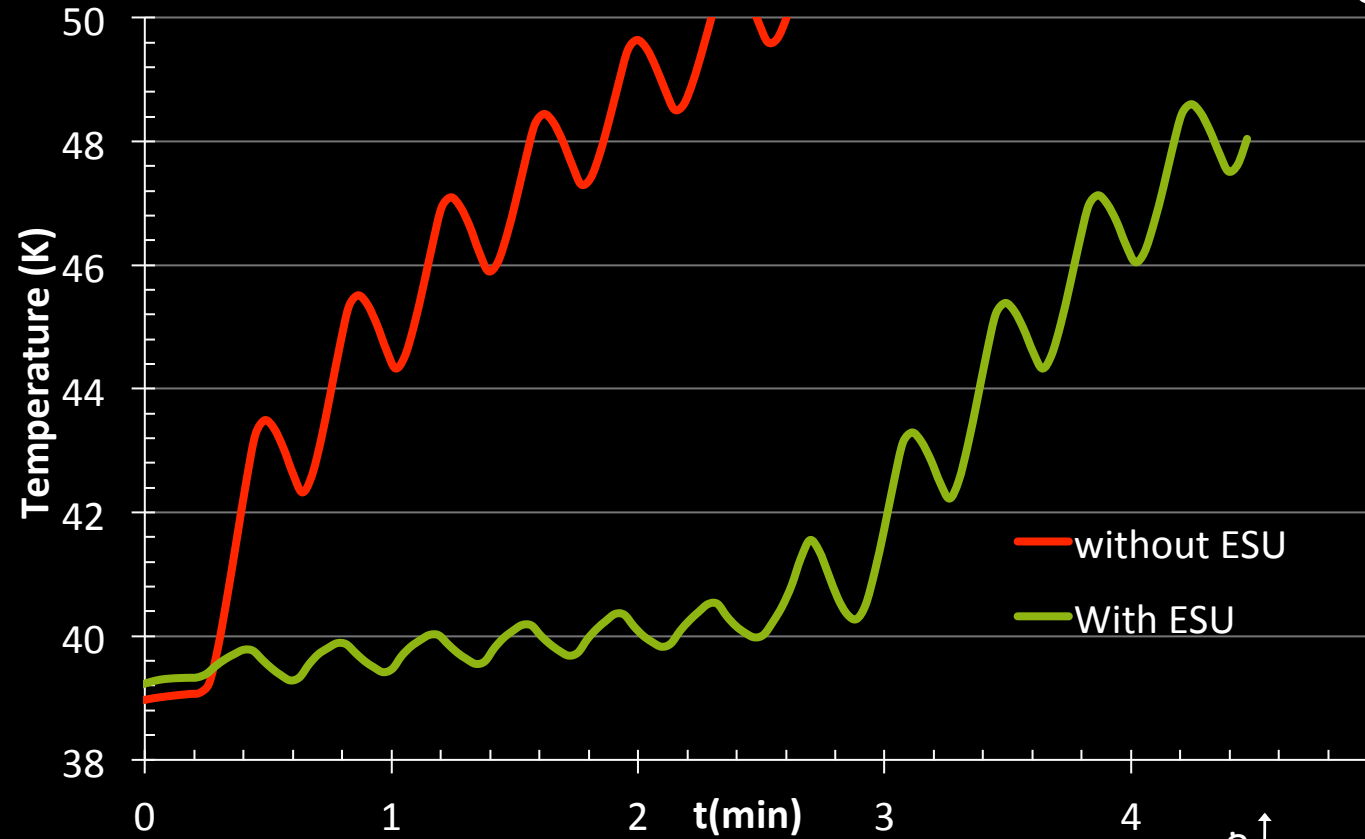
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4.5 W@40 K GM- cryocooler



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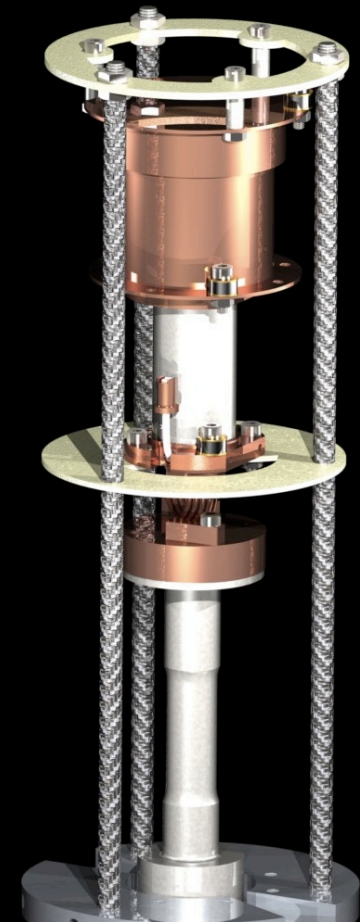
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Conclusion

Liquid Neon ESU between 35 K and 43 K developed

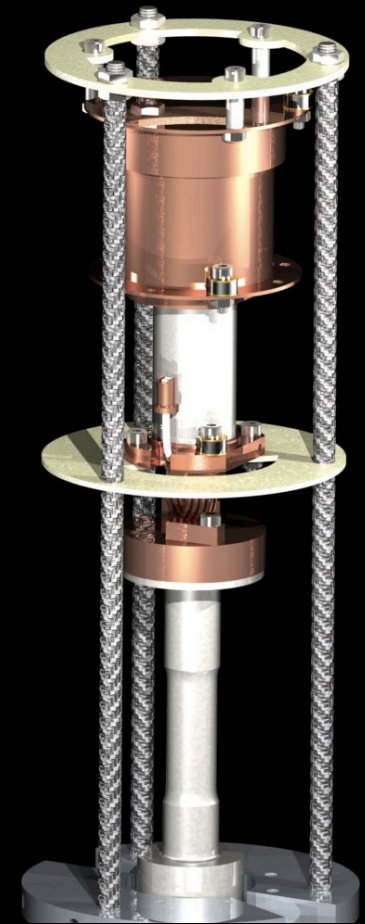
- Working at constant Temperature : Like at a triple point!
 - Tuneable temperature
 - More compact cold cell
- Gravity insensitive system
 - Porous material < 5 μm
- 2 different configurations:
 - Booster mode** and **independent cold source**
 - 900 J @ 40 K as independent cold source
 - 400 J @ 40 K as booster mode



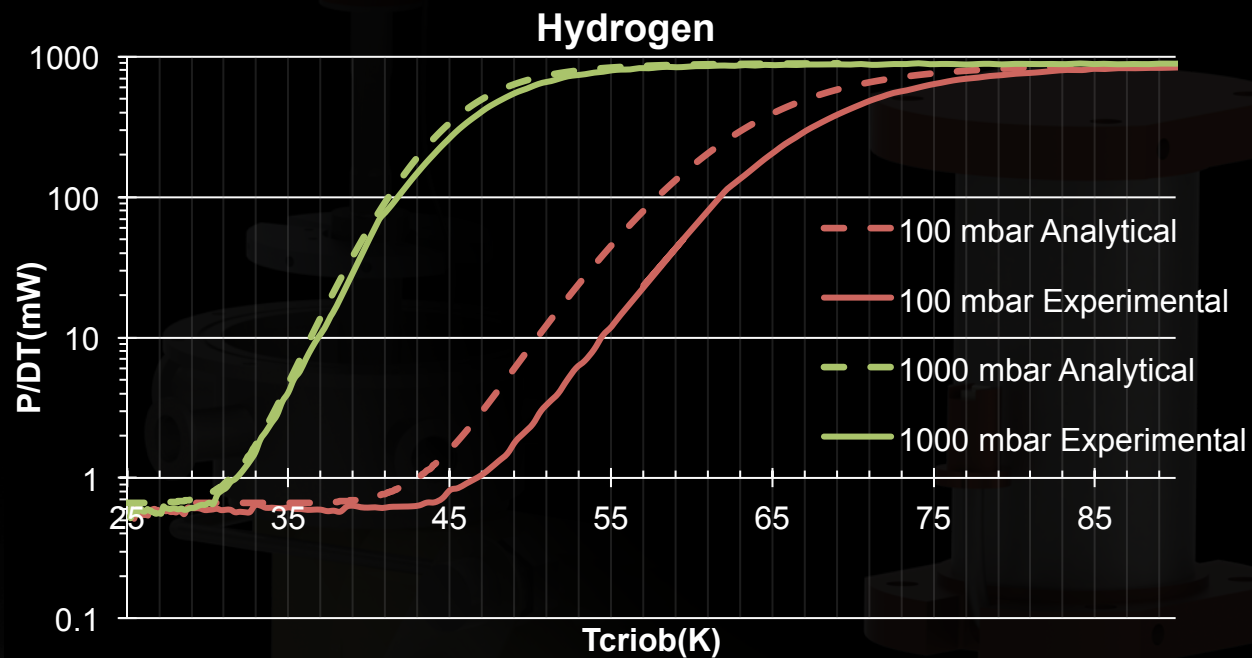


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Thank you!



Experimental Apparatus



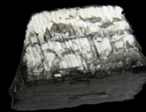
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Sensible heat

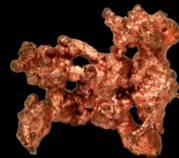
-Materials with high Cp



Erbium

@40 K

1.3 J/cm³K



Copper

0.5 J/cm³K



Ice water

0.3 J/cm³K



Latent heat

-Cryogenic fluids



Neon

50 J/cm³

SS- N₂

9 J/cm³

Mass (g)

2400

8500

1400

20

110

Volume (cm³)

380

960

1500

20

110

Store 1000 J → [38 K ,40 K]

Temperature drift = 2 K

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