




# Development and efficiency assessment of a Helium refrigeration cycle for the FCC


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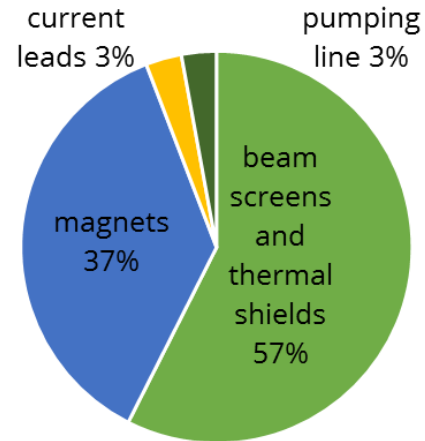



**FCC-hh cryogenic system:**  
 10 plants 20 MW (200 MW in total) over  
 100 km ring


**Heat loads at 40 K per plant:**  
 thermal shields – 78 kW  
 beam screens – 504 kW

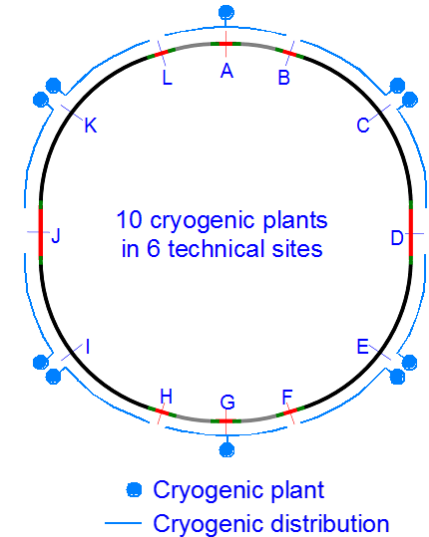

**Pre-cooling of He-plant: 300 to 40 K**  
 heat load – 270 kW

*Exergetic heat load distribution*



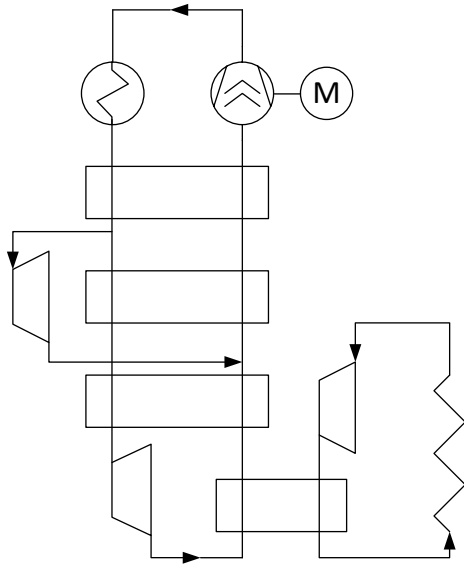
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*FCC-hh cryogenic facilities layout*



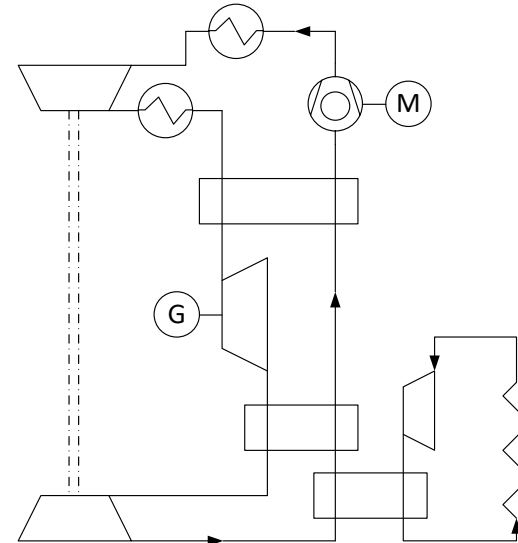
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### Conventional He cycle Screw compressor



≈30 % of Carnot efficiency  
→ 13 MW input power




### Alternative Ne He cycle Turbo compressor



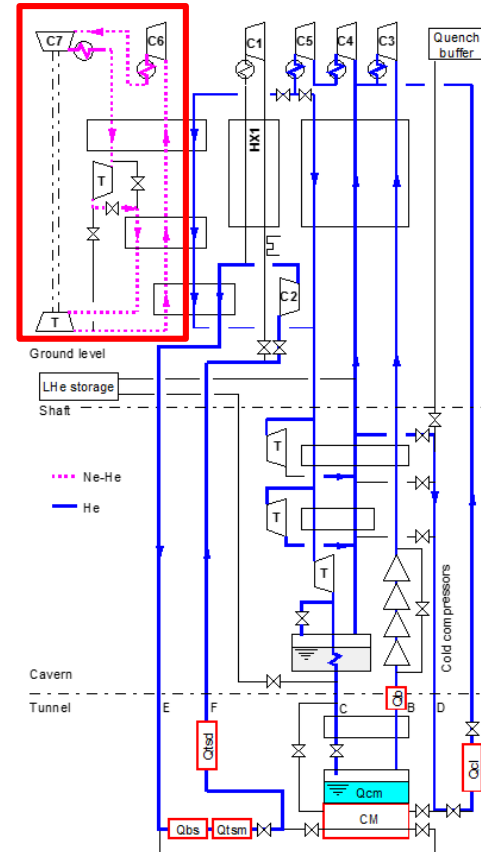
≈41 % of Carnot efficiency  
→ 9.1 MW input power

Photo courtesy : MAN Diesel and compressor

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-  Improving the cooling system for beam screens, thermal shields and the He-cycle pre-cooling, using Ne/ium Turbo-Brayton cycle – *in cooperation with CEA (ESR 4), CERN*
-  Industrial applications of cryogenic mixture cycles below 80 K
-  Turbocompressors for the light gases – implementation in cryogenic cycles – *in cooperation with University of Stuttgart (ESR 15)*

## Ne/ium cycle

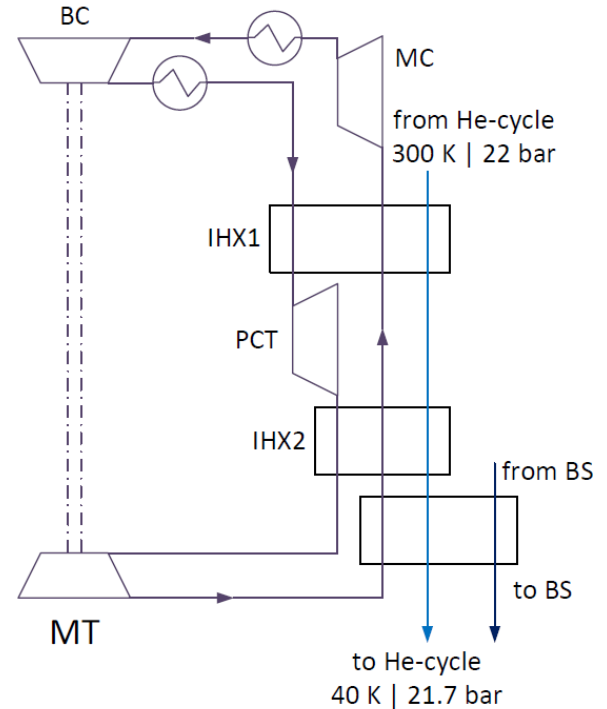


Scheme of the full cryogenic cycle of FCC-hh

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-  Cycle variation
-  Study of turbocompressor efficiency
-  Mixture specification
-  Dynamic calculations
-  Hardware (components specification, detailed modelling)
-  Industrial applications

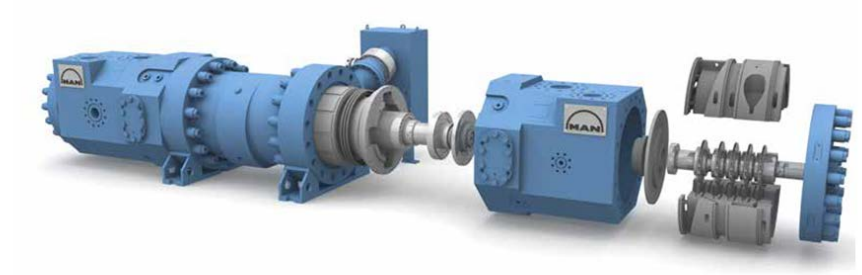
## Nelium Turbo-Brayton cycle



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## Study of compressor efficiency (centrifugal compressor, 7-9 MW)

- Experiments on the test rig (10 kW) with different impellers working on Ne-He mixture (*together with ESR 4, TU Stuttgart*)
- Precise compressor model for cycle calculations
- Ne-He mixture specification according to the experimental results



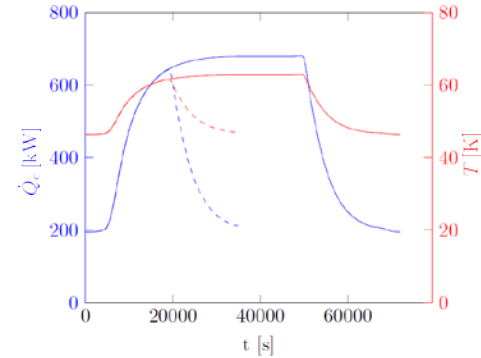
**Figure 5.** Warm centrifugal compressor (Courtesy of MAN Diesel & Turbo)

Dynamic calculations:

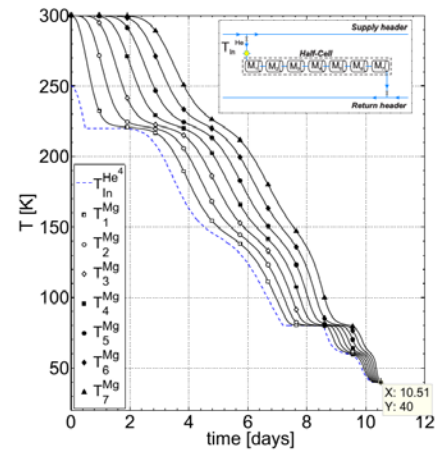
 Transient operation – beam loads

 Cool-down

 Warm-up








*High- and low-luminosity beam load*



*Cool-down operation*

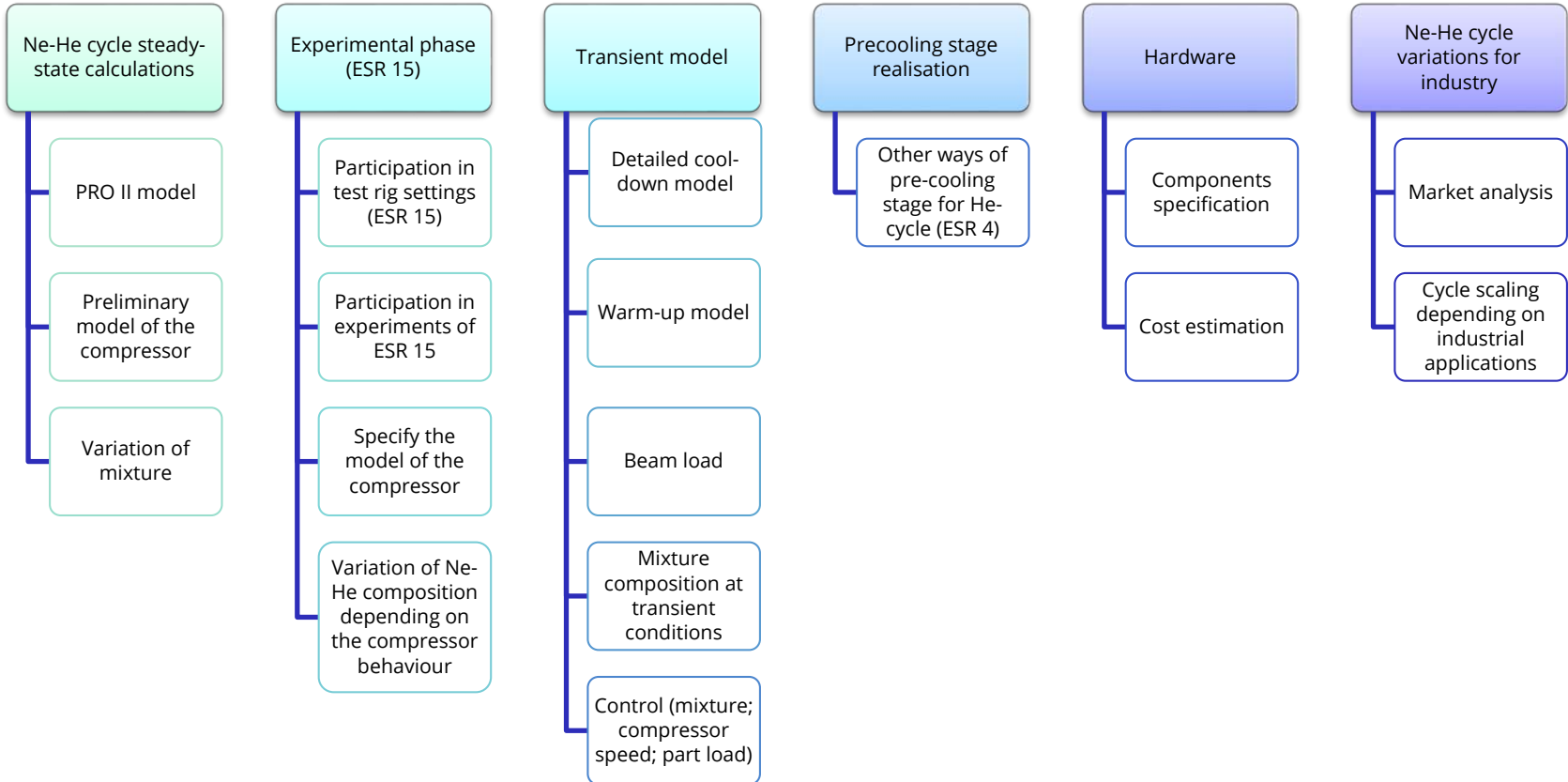
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## Industry

-  Possible applications of developed cycle
-  Cost estimation
-  Cycle adjustment for the customer needs (working mixture, power range)
-  Collaboration with companies
-  Secondments







## Status

Start: 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018

Project duration: 3 years

## Deliverables planned:

- 4.2 – Specification for Helium refrigeration system (main)
- 5.1 – Potential performance improvement and cost reductions for future accelerators
- 5.2 – Overall refrigeration system description
- 5.3 – Potential performance improvement and cost reductions for industry




**Thank you for your attention!**

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