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## **An effective thermal link for cooling cryo-magnetic systems : The Pulsating Heat Pipe (PHP)**

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# Outline

- Cryo-cooling and passive thermal links
- Pulsating heat pipes
- Cryogenic Pulsating heat pipes
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# Cryo-cooling and Thermal links (1/2)

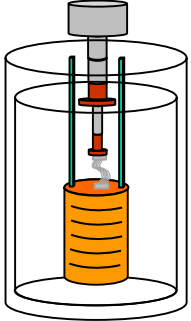
- Cooling with cryocoolers
  - Importance of the thermal link between the cold source and the system
  - Indirect cooling ( $\Sigma\Delta T$  due to thermal contact resistance, ...)
- Advantages
  - **Easy implementation** (no liquefaction unit, no heat exchanger, no transfer line, ...)
  - **Easy working conditions** (cryogenist-free system)
- Disadvantages
  - **Limited cooling power** - thermal design must be accurate  
if the heat load to be extracted exceeds the cryocooler power capacity then  $T \nearrow$
  - GM Cryocooler characteristics
    - 4 K two-stage cryocooler - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage 1.8 W at 4.2 K and 1<sup>st</sup> stage 45 W at 50 K
    - 20 K two-stage cryocooler - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage 9,5 W at 20 K and 1<sup>st</sup> stage 75 W at 60 K
    - 77 K single stage cryocooler; several 100 W!
  - **A point-source of cold** (35 cm<sup>2</sup> to 85 cm<sup>2</sup>)
    - A distribution of cooling power must be implemented
  - **Maintenance** (20000 hours)



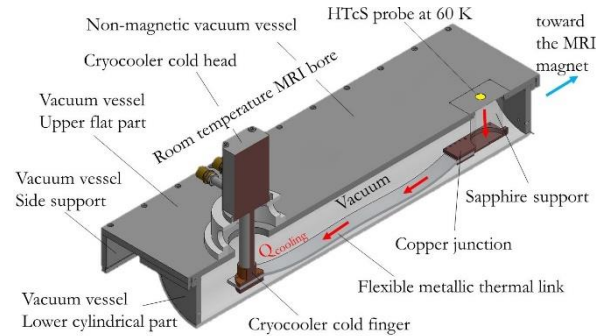
RDE-418D4 4K from SHI cryo

# Cryo-cooling and Thermal links (2/2)

## • Conductive thermal links

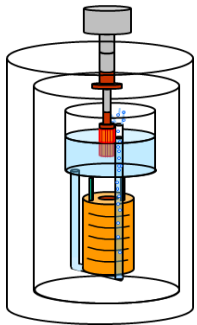


- HTcS coil @ 60 K for MRI
- Thermal contact with silver paint and indium
- 7 kg 5N aluminum bars

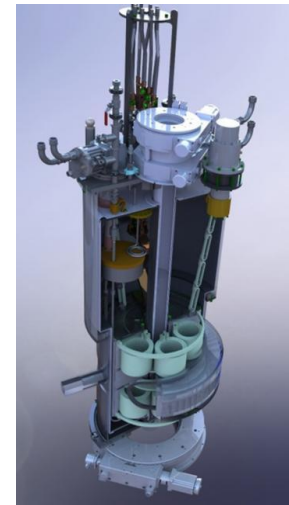


G. Authelet et al., All polymer cryogen free cryostat for mu-MRI application at clinical field, IOP Conference Series-Materials Science and Engineering, Volume: 502, Article Number: 012156, DOI: 10.1088/1757-899X/502/1/012156

## • Gravity assisted two-phase fluid thermal link



- Circulation loop coupled to a cryocooler
- Vapor re-condensed in an upper reservoir
- High heat transfer in boiling convection or single phase flow
- “Faster” heat transfer than conductive link
- Autonomous cooling method for cryo-systems

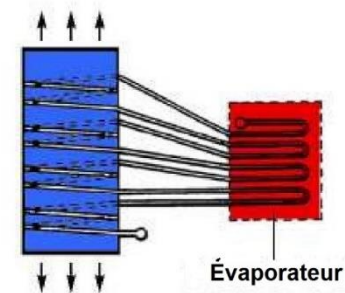
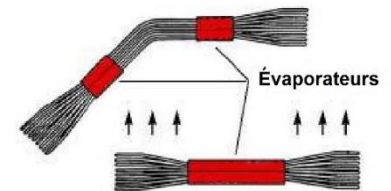
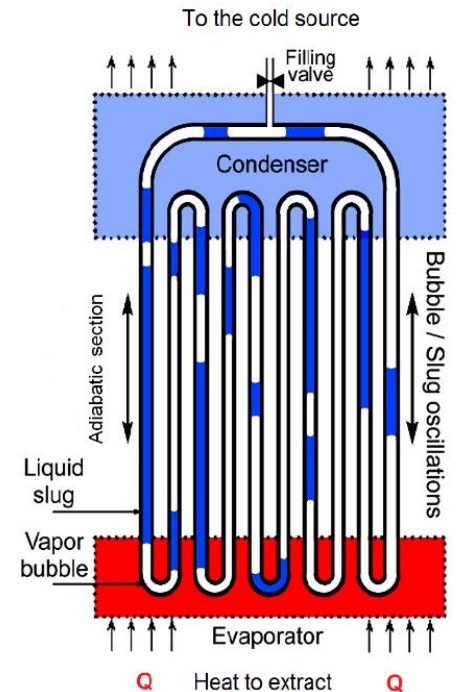


Y. Song et al. Nucleate boiling heat transfer in a helium natural circulation loop coupled with a cryocooler, Int. Journal. Heat Mass Trans. 66 Pages: 64-71 DOI: 10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2013.07.002

4.2 K loop for the Wave vectorial magnet at CEA Paris-Saclay

# Pulsating heat pipes (1/2)

- PHP = **Pulsating Heat Pipe** or Oscillating Heat Pipe
  - Oscillating two-phase heat pipe
- Passive heat exchanger made of a plain capillary tube
  - No additional structure inside the tube
- Tube is arranged in several U-turn loops between a evaporator and a condenser separated by an adiabatic section
  - Simple and versatile design
- Tube partially filled with the working fluid in a two-phase state close to the saturation conditions
- Tube diameter designed → Dominant capillary forces
  - Gravity independent
- Random distribution of liquid and vapor structures



# Pulsating heat pipes (2/2)

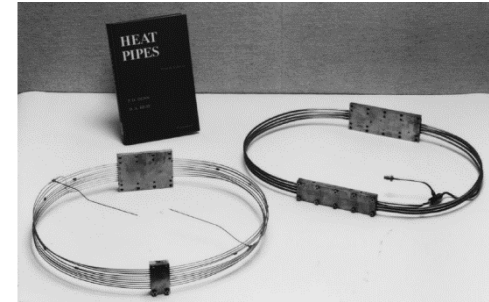
- Oscillations of liquid slugs and vapor bubbles
  - Capillary forces create a separation of liquid slugs and vapor plugs
  - Pressure change due to expansion and contraction at phase transition
    - Vaporization in the evaporator creates overpressure
    - Movement of the vapor plugs surrounded by a liquid film
    - Liquefaction of the vapor in the condenser
- Combination of phase change and advection heat transfer
  - Advection: sensible heat carried mainly by the liquid
  - Phase change: latent heat due to all phase changes between the two phases and with the condenser or evaporator
- Used in numerous domains at different temperatures
  - Electronics
  - Space
  - ...



Khandekar, Sameer et al. "Closed loop pulsating heat pipes Part B: visualization and semi-empirical modeling." (2003).

# Cryogenic pulsating heat pipes (1/4)

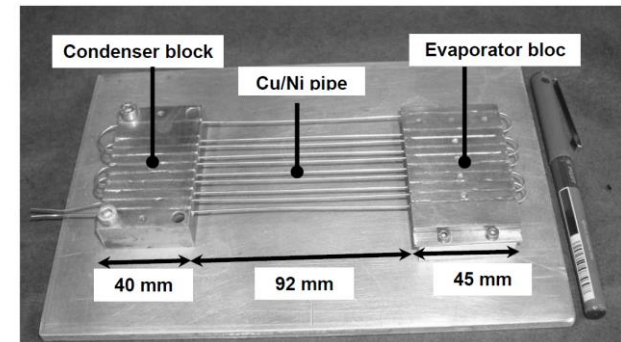
- Chandratilleke *et al.*
  - Round PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.5 mm SS tubes, 10 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 100 mm and 30 mm
  - Adiabatic section: 516 mm long



Fluid	Diameter (mm)	Heat input (W)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
He	0.5	0.2	4.2	4.6	<b>12.9</b>

R. Chandratilleke, H. Hatakeyama, and H. Nakagome. Development of cryogenic loop heat pipes. *Cryogenics*, 38(3):263-269, 1998

- Bonnet *et al.*
  - Flat PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.5 mm Cu-Ni tubes, 5 turns for helium
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 45 mm
  - Adiabatic section: 92 mm long



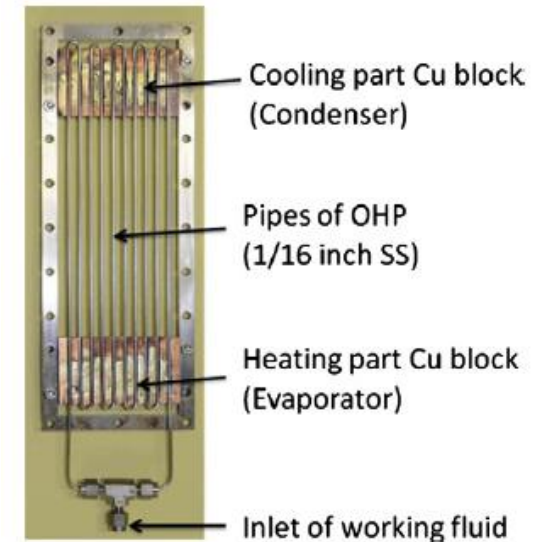
Fluid	Diameter (mm)	Heat input (mW)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
He	0.5	15-145	4.2	4.6	<b>18.7</b>

F. Bonnet, Ph. Gully, and V. Nikolayev. Development and test of a cryogenic pulsating heat pipe and a pre-cooling system. *AIP Conference Proceedings*, 1434, 2012.

# Cryogenic pulsating heat pipes (2/4)

- Natsume *et al.*
  - Flat PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.78 mm SS tubes, 10 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 30 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 100 mm long

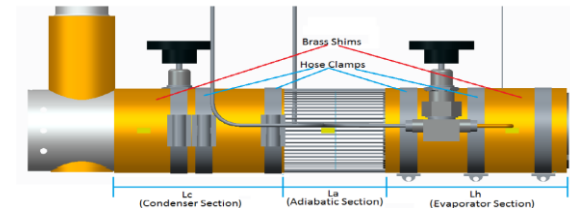
Fluid	Heat input (W)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
H <sub>2</sub>	0-1.2	17-18	19-27	<b>0.5-3.5</b>
Ne	0-1.5	26-27	28-34	<b>1-8</b>
N <sub>2</sub>	0-7	67-69	67-91	<b>5-18</b>



K. Natsume, Heat transfer performance of cryogenic oscillating heat pipes for effective cooling of superconducting magnets, Cryogenics, Volume 51, Issue 6, June 2011, Pages 309-314

- Fonseca *et al.*
  - Round Flat PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.5 mm SS tubes, 32 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 75 and 133 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 90 mm long

Fluid	Heat input (mW)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
He	3-86	4.2	?	<b>1.8-2.45</b>



Luis Diego Fonseca, Franklin Miller, John Pfothenauer. A Helium Based Pulsating Heat Pipe for Superconducting Magnets. AIP Conference Proceedings 1573, 2014, 28.



# Cryogenic pulsating heat pipes (3/4)

- Xu D. *et al.*
  - Flat PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.5 mm SS tubes, 8 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 50 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 100 mm long



Fluid	Heat input (mW)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
He	72	4.2	4.7	<b>9.5</b>

Xu, D at al. Experimental investigation on the thermal performance of helium based cryogenic pulsating heat pipe, *Experimental Thermal And Fluid Science*, Volume: 70, Pages: 61-68, 2016, DOI: 10.1016/j.exptthermflusci.2015.08.024

- Li M. *et al.*
  - 3 PHP,  $\varnothing$  0.5 mm SS tubes, 48 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 50 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 100 mm long

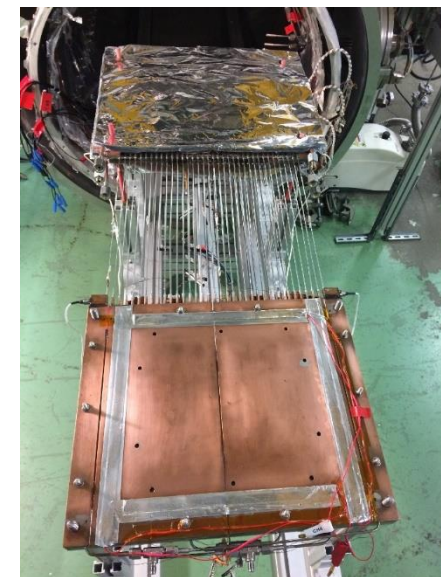
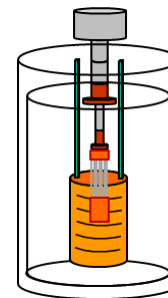


Fluid	Heat input (mW)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
He	375	3.4	4.5	<b>5</b>

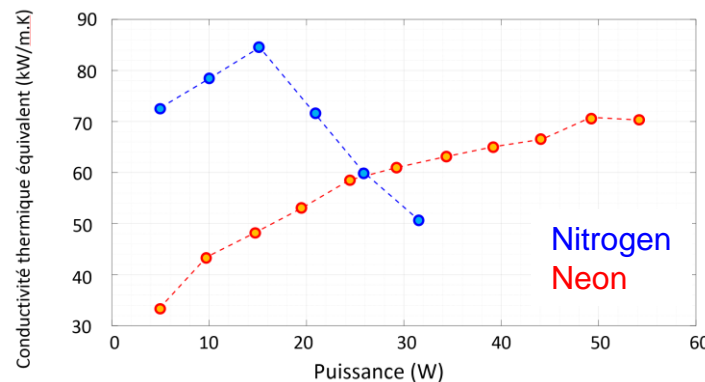
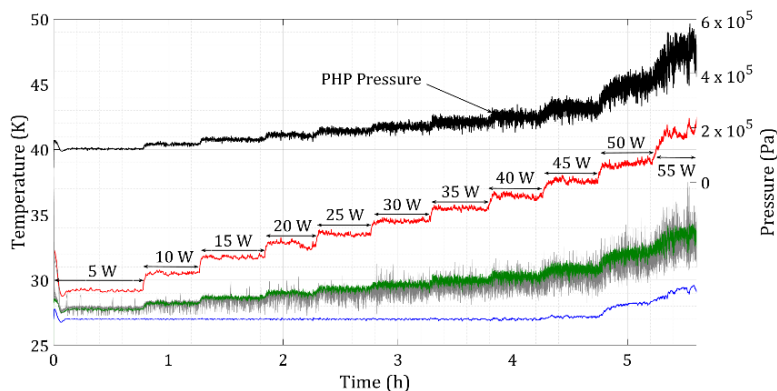
Luis Diego Fonseca, Franklin Miller, John Pfothenauer. A Helium Based Pulsating Heat Pipe for Superconducting Magnets. *AIP Conference Proceedings* 1573, 2014, 28.

# Cryogenic pulsating heat pipes (4/4)

- Bruce *et al.* and Maria Barba PhD
  - Flat PHP horizontal ,  $\varnothing$  1.5 mm SS tubes, 36 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 330 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 300 mm long
  - Nitrogen, neon and argon



Fluid	Heat input (W)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)
Ne	50	27	37
N2	25	75	82



30 W  
Cu 200 = 60 kg  
PHP = 400 g

Bruce R., Thermal performance of a meter-scale horizontal nitrogen Pulsating Heat Pipe, *Cryogenics*, Volume: 93, Pages: 66-74, 2018, DOI: 10.1016/j.cryogenics.2018.05.007  
M. Barba, Study of Meter-scale Horizontal Cryogenic Pulsating Heat Pipes, PhD Université Paris-Saclay, 18 Septembre 2019

# Conclusion

