



# A High-Purity Gas Supply and Purification System for Cluster-Jet and Pellet Target(s)

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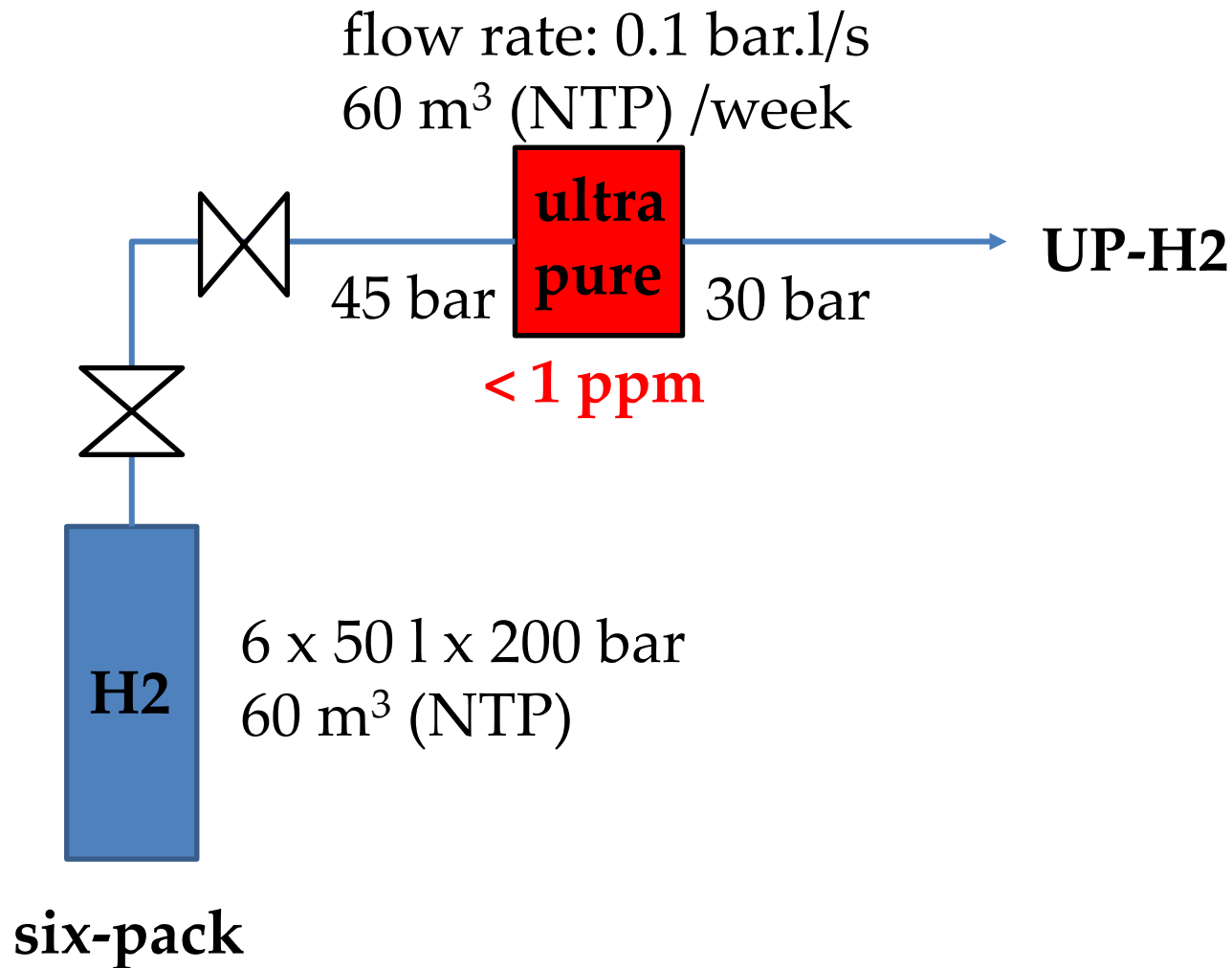
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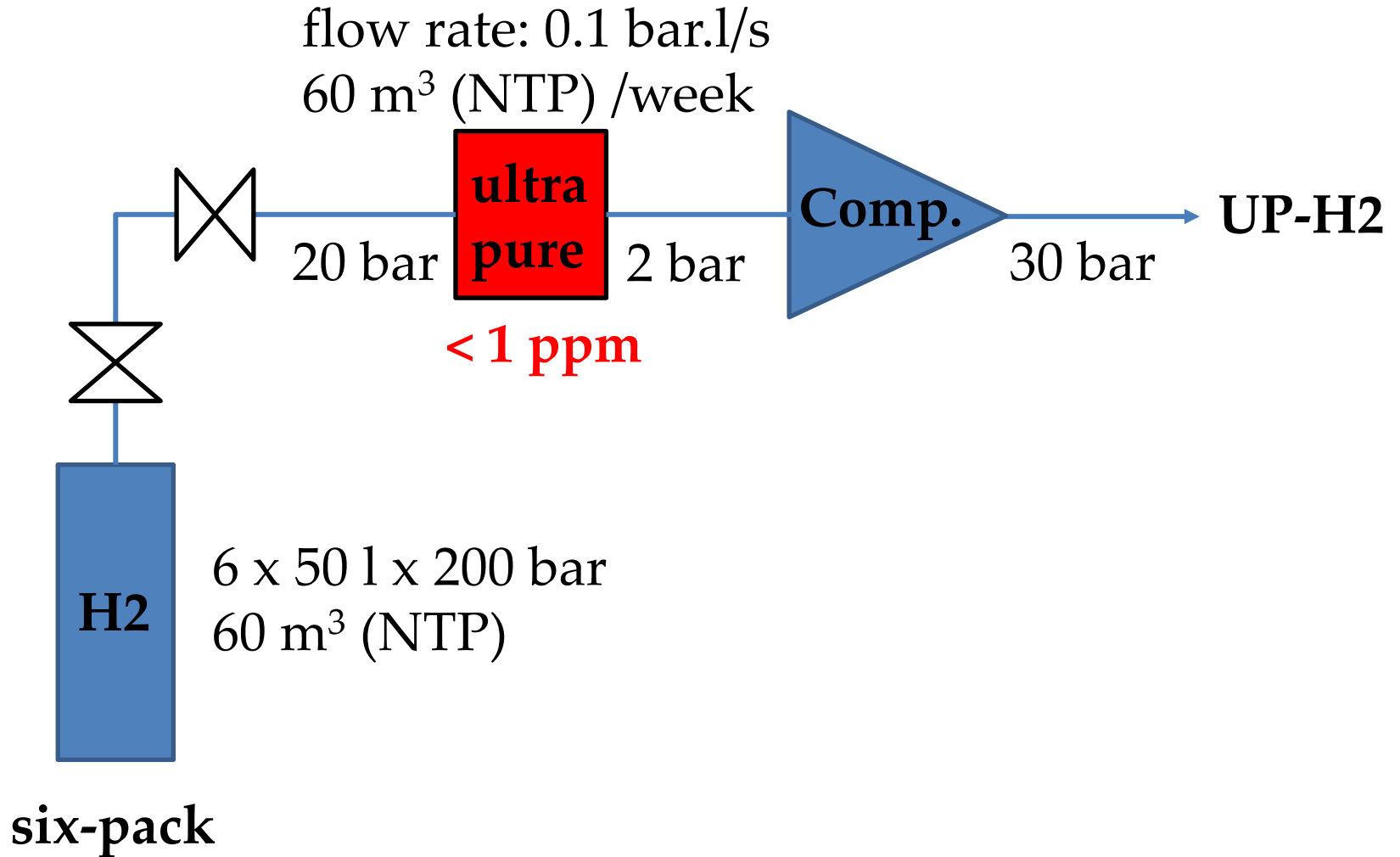
# Requirements Cluster-Jet Target

- High flow rate:  $\sim 0.1 \text{ bar.l/s}$  [10 Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/s]  
 $\rightarrow 0.2 \text{ bar.l/s}$
- High purity:  $< 0.1 \text{ ppm}$
- High pressure:  $\sim 30 \text{ bar}$  [3 MPa]

# Scenario I

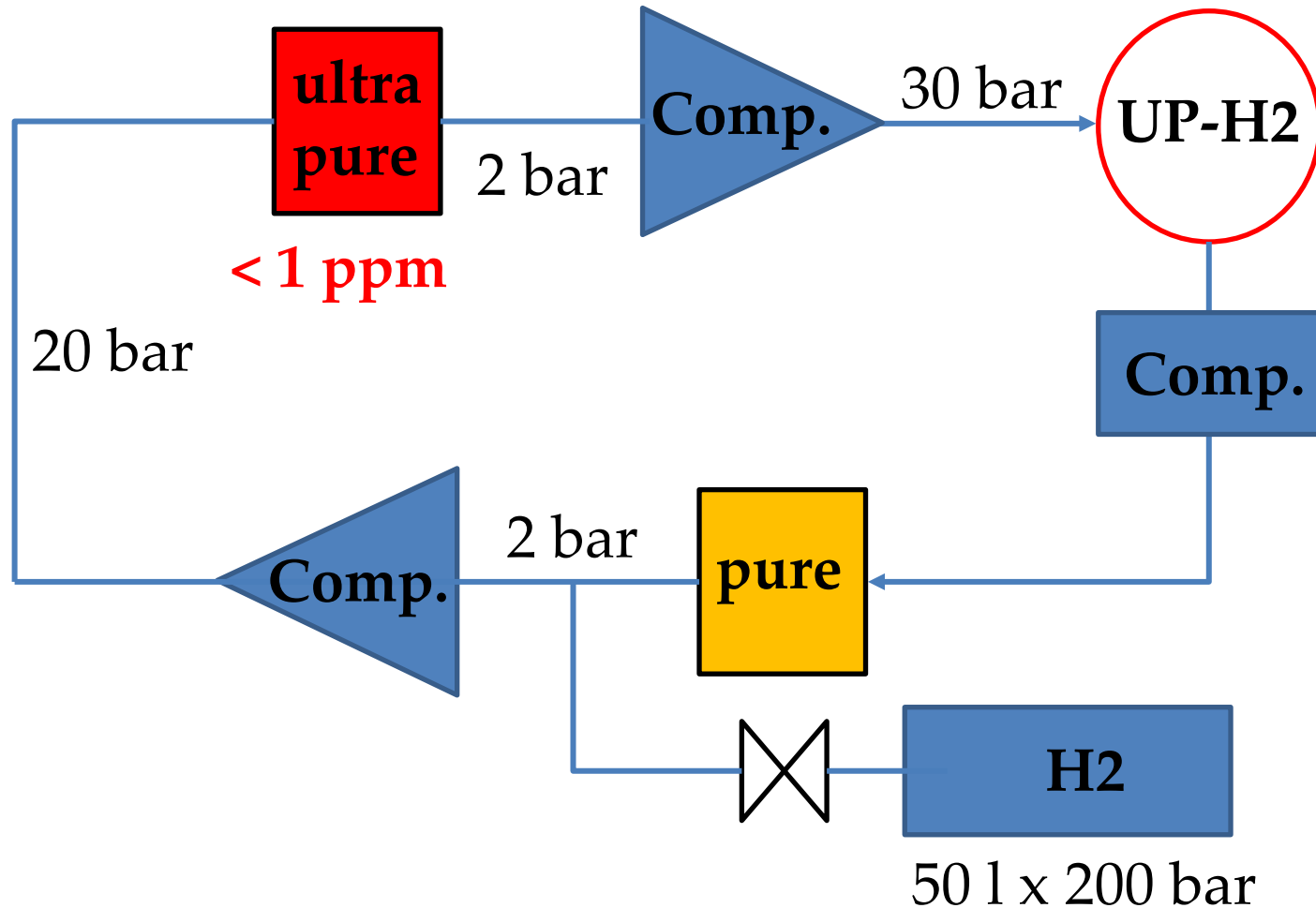


# Scenario Ia



# Scenario II - closed hydrogen cycle

flow rate: 0.1 bar.l/s



# Hydrogen purification system

# Palladium purifier - theory of operation

Palladium (Pd) membrane purifiers operate on the principle of diffusion:

- The Pd membrane absorbs hydrogen molecules onto its surface, where each hydrogen molecule dissociates into two hydrogen atoms.
- Each hydrogen atom loses its electron to the Pd alloy and diffuses through the Pd metal lattice as a proton.
- The protons recombine with two electrons on the far side of the lattice to form a hydrogen molecule that is desorbed from the Pd alloy membrane.

The partial pressure of hydrogen on each side of the palladium membrane determines the direction and flow rate of hydrogen across the membrane:

- typical temperatures for the diffusion process are about 300° - 350°C
- Typical pressure difference about 1.0 to 1.5 MPa.

**For leak-free purifier membrane, the total concentration of impurities has been shown to be less than 1 ppb.**

# Advantage of Pd-membrane technology

- solid barrier with no breakthrough

**Catalytic purifiers** will allow hydrogen and impurities to flow through the purifier, while the palladium alloy is a solid barrier to all contaminants.

**Catalytic purifiers** may under some conditions (flow rate, temperature, vessel orientation) desorb impurities, resulting in breakthrough.



# Disadvantage of Pd-membrane

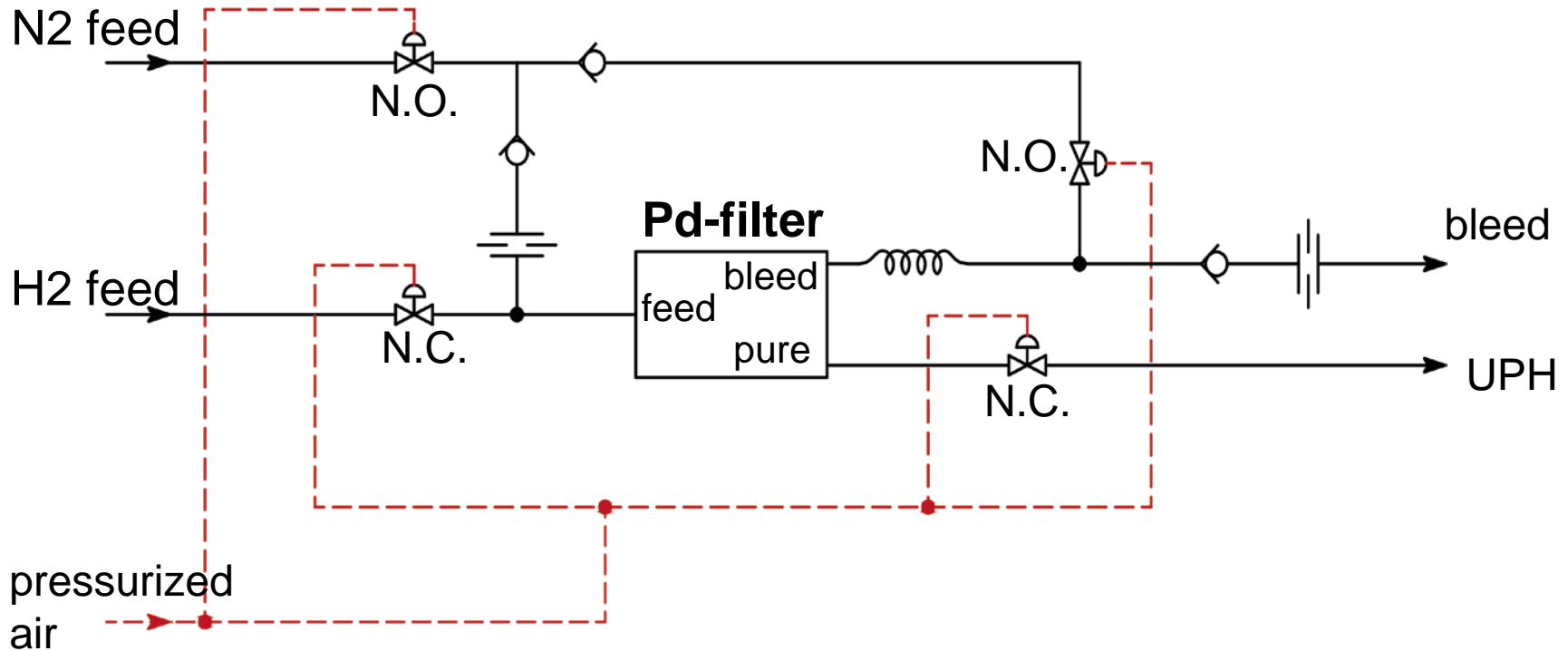
- membranes can crack

Pd-membrane purifiers can crack when the cell is repeatedly allowed to cool (i.e., from power failure) in presence of hydrogen

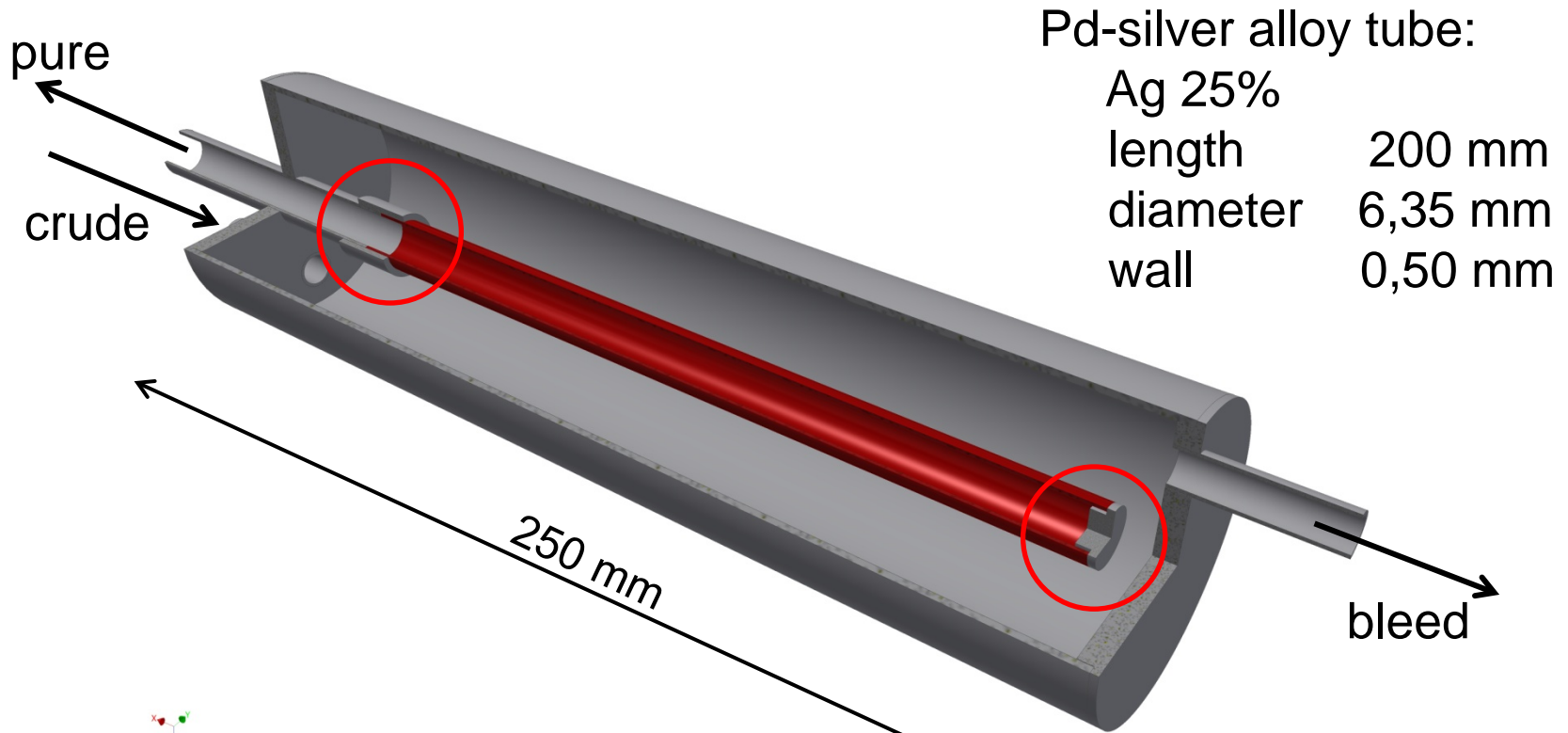
- solution


A control system has to protect the membrane by removing most of the hydrogen automatically (within minutes); e.g. replacing the hydrogen with non-reactive nitrogen

# Hydrogen purifier control circuit



# Pd-tube test cell

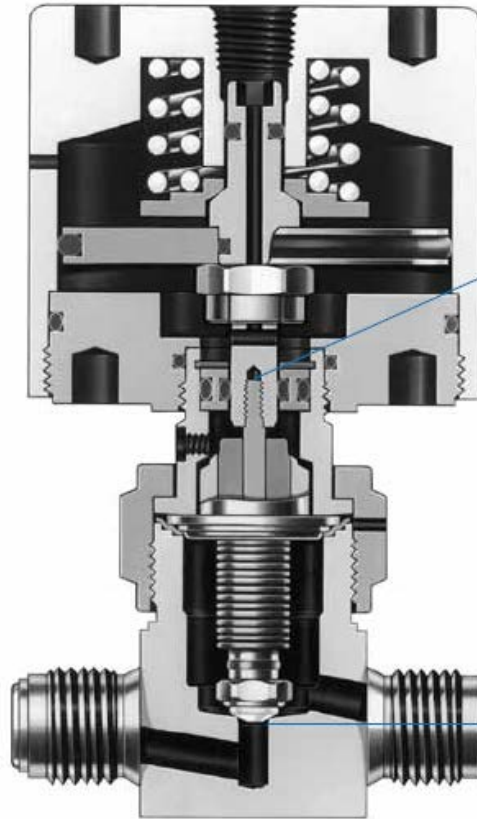


 max.  $\Delta P \sim 1,5$  to  $2,0$  MPa (for high flow rate)  
max. temperature  $350^{\circ}\text{C}$

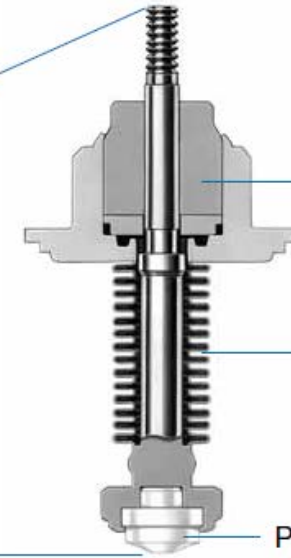
- total pressure  $5,0$  MPa  
for output pressure of  $3,0$  MPa

# Valves, fittings, material selection

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**Bellows Subassembly**  
Replaceable for easy  
maintenance



Stem guiding  
outside of  
system fluid for  
cleanliness

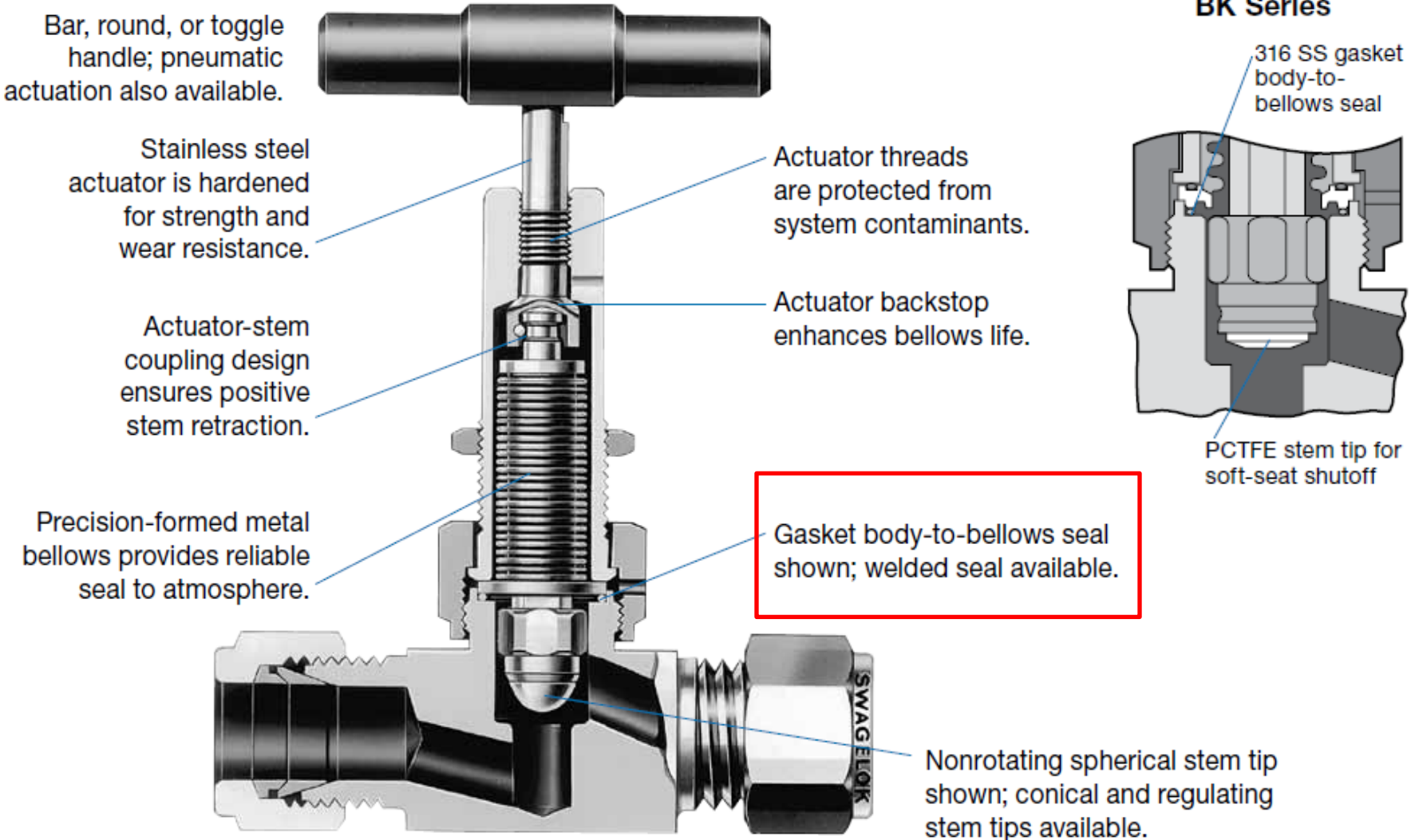
Inverted bellows  
design for  
strength

PCTFE stem tip  
standard for leak-tight,  
repetitive shutoff;  
polyimide available

## HB Series

- Packless valves with all-metal seal to atmosphere
- Working pressures up to 3500 psig (241 bar)
- Temperatures up to 400°F (204°C)
- VCR® face seal fitting, Swagelok® tube fitting, and weld end connections

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# Gaugeable Tube Fittings and Adapter Fittings

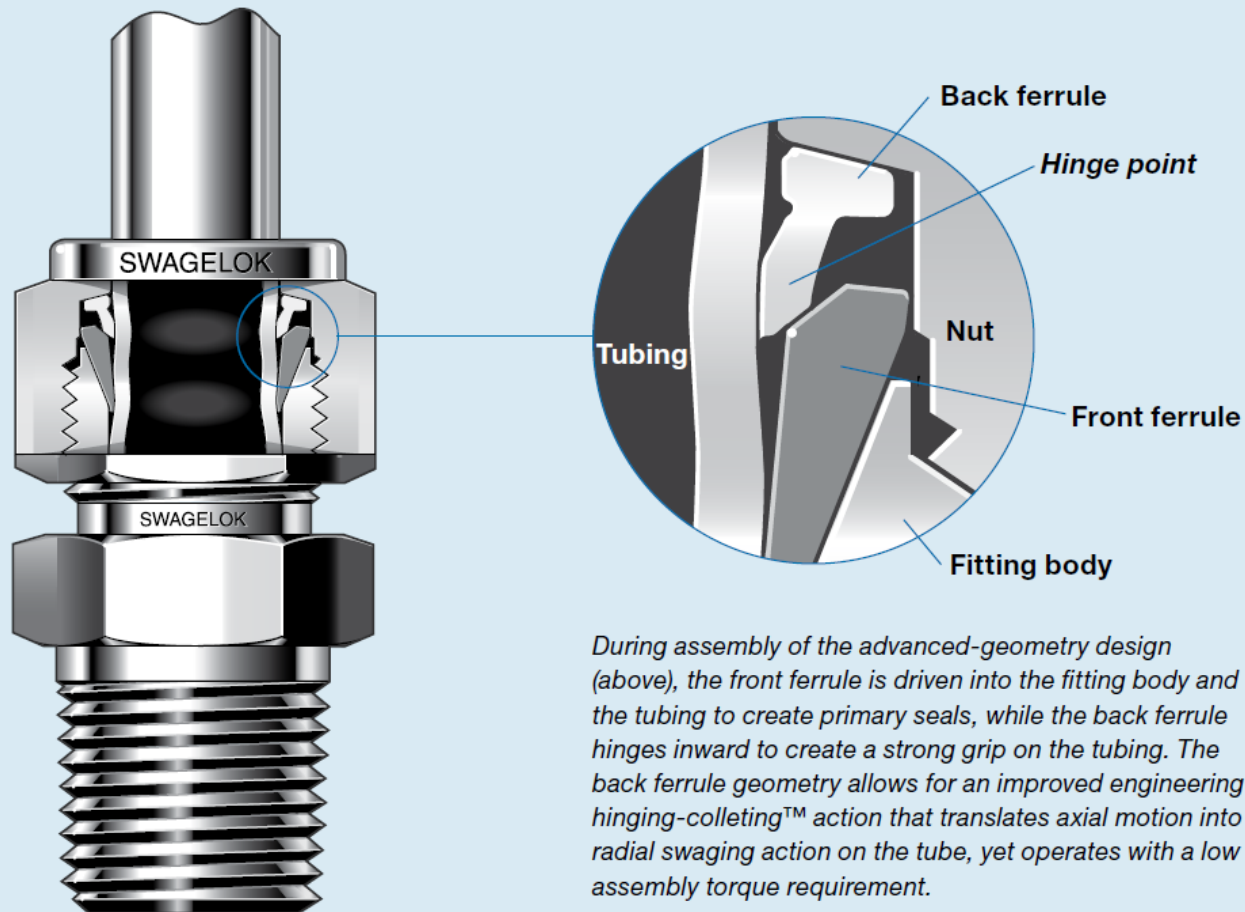
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## Features

- Live-loaded, two-ferrule design.
- Easy to install.
- No torque is transmitted to tubing during installation.
- Swagelok® gap inspection gauge ensures sufficient pull-up upon initial installation.





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## Allowable Stress

Stress values are based on ASME Code for Pressure Piping B31.3, Process Piping, at ambient temperature.

Material	Allowable Stress	
	psi	bar
316 SS	20 000	1378
Brass	10 000	689
Steel	20 000	1378

## Pressure Ratings

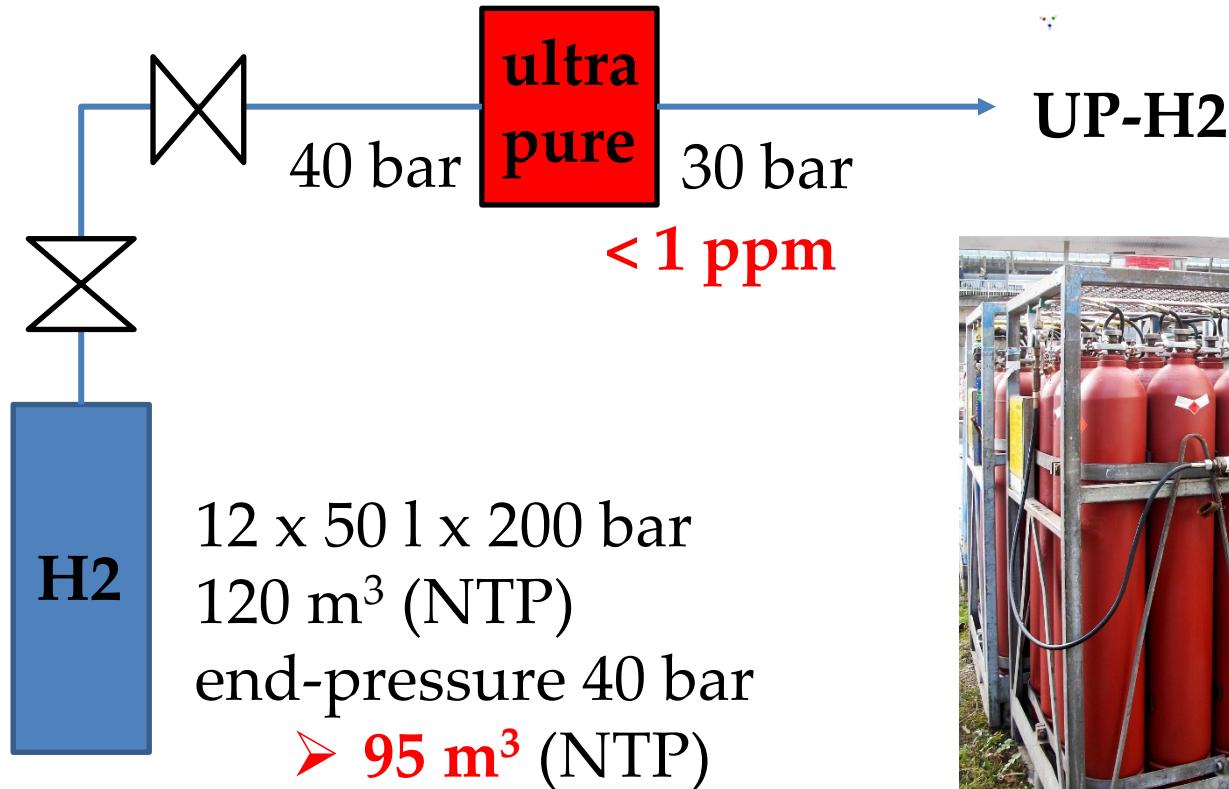
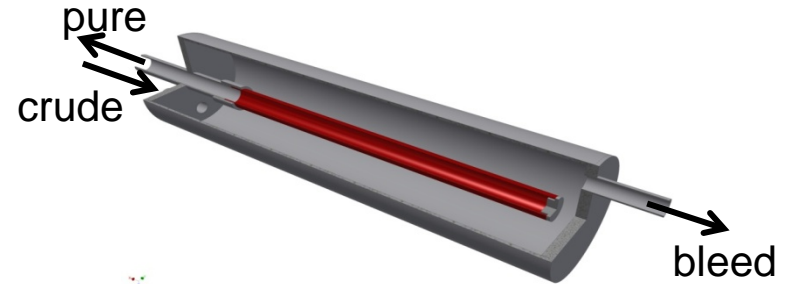
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NPT/ ISO Pipe Size in.	316 SS and Carbon Steel				Brass			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	psig	bar	psig	bar	psig	bar	psig	bar
1/16	11 000	757	6700	461	5500	378	3300	227
1/8	10 000	689	6500	447	5000	344	3200	220
1/4	8 000	551	6600	454	4000	275	3300	227
3/8	7 800	537	5300	365	3900	268	2600	179
1/2	7 700	530	4900	337	3800	261	2400	165
3/4	7 300	502	4600	316	3600	248	2300	158
1	5 300	365	4400	303	2600	179	2200	151
1 1/4	6 000	413	5000	344	3000	206	2500	172
1 1/2	5 000	344	4600	316	2500	172	2300	158
2	3 900	268	3900	268	1900	130	1900	130




# UP-H<sub>2</sub> gas supply

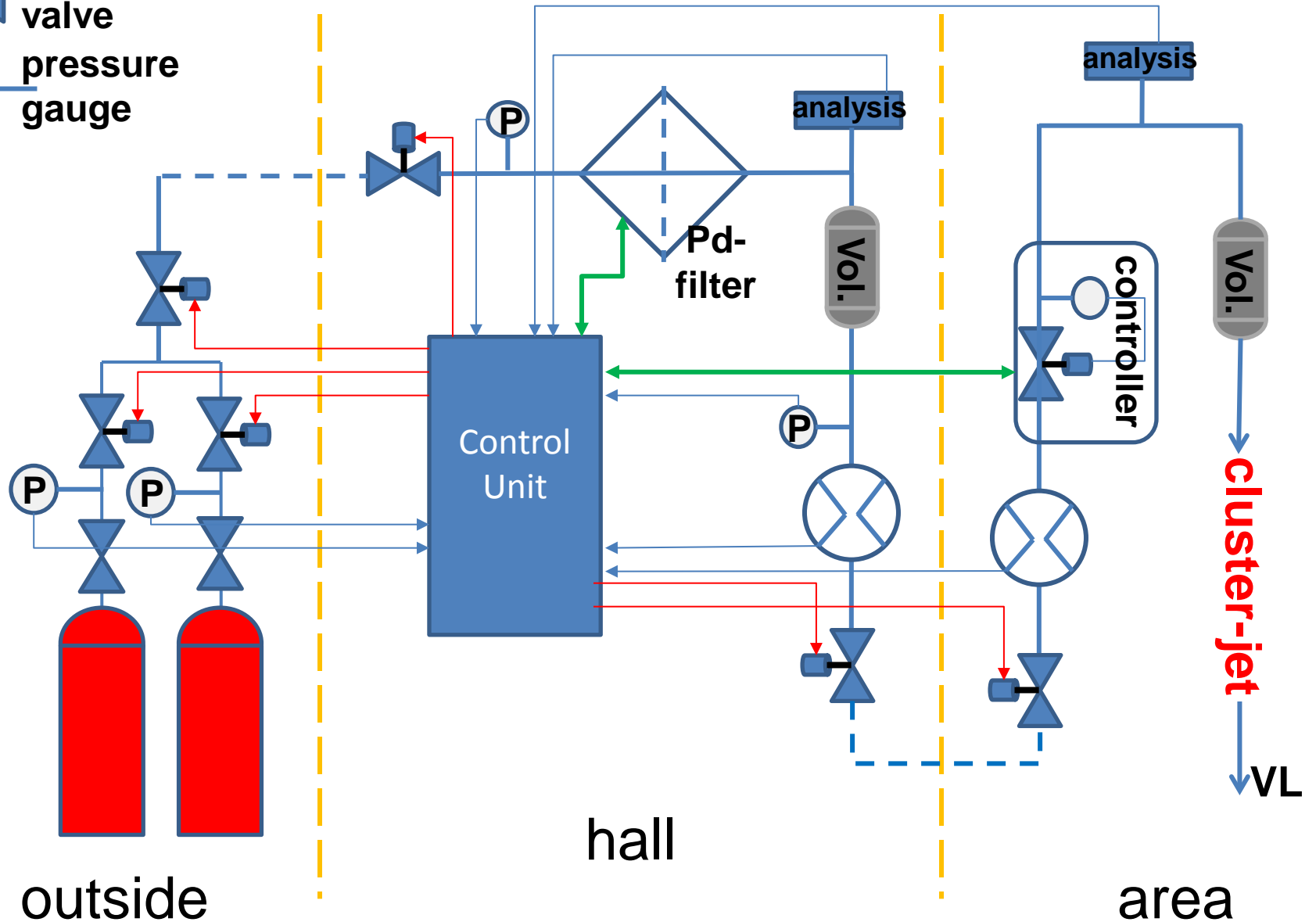
# Ultra pure hydrogen gas supply

flow rate: 0.1 bar.l/s  
60 m<sup>3</sup> (NTP) /week



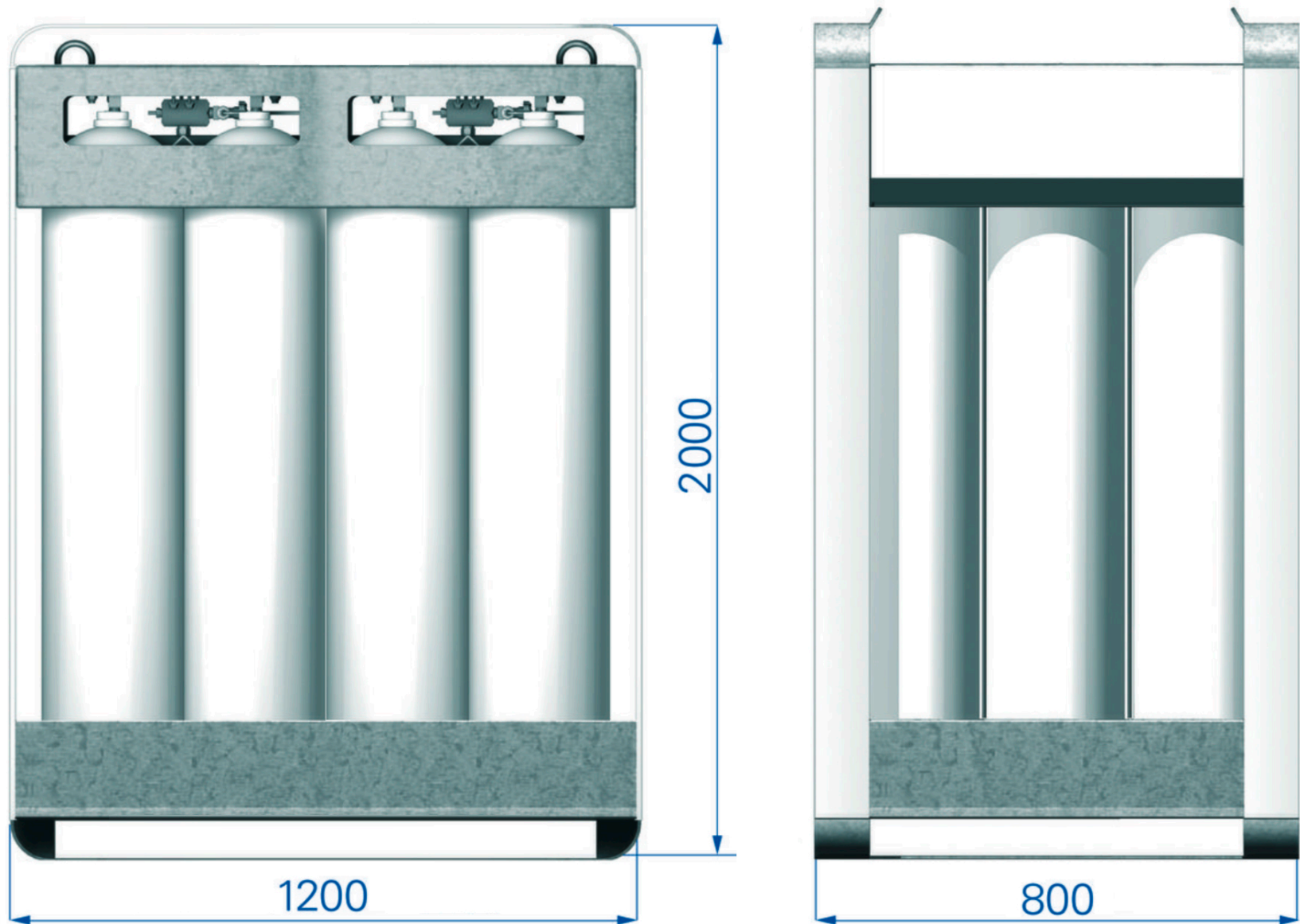
# Ultra pure hydrogen gas supply

-  flow meter
-  pneumatic valve
-  pressure gauge



# Hydrogen supply

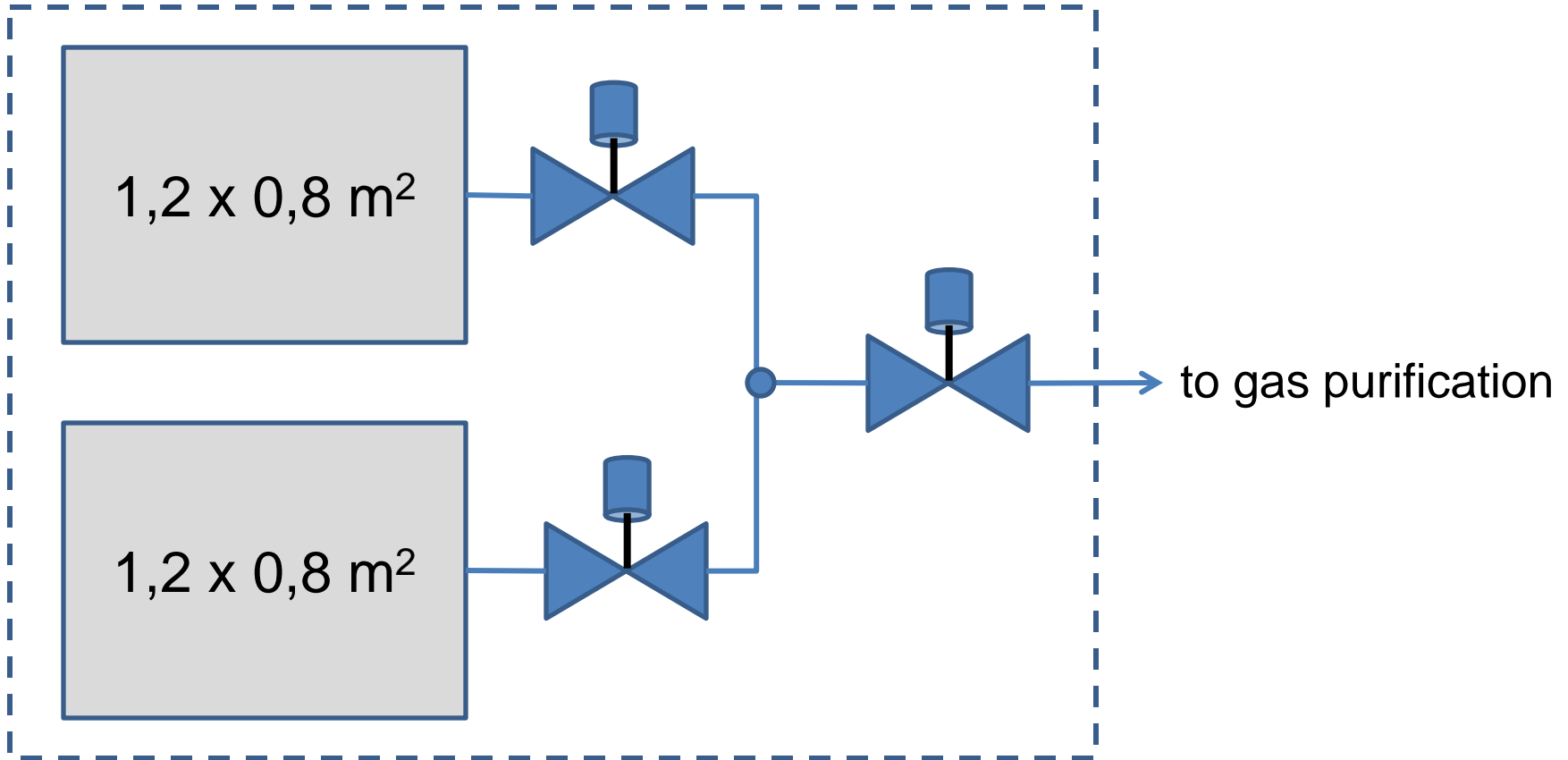
12 x 50 l x 200 bar / 120 m<sup>3</sup> (NTP)



# Hydrogen supply / reserve

2 x 12 x 50 l x 200 bar / 2 x 120 m<sup>3</sup> (NTP)

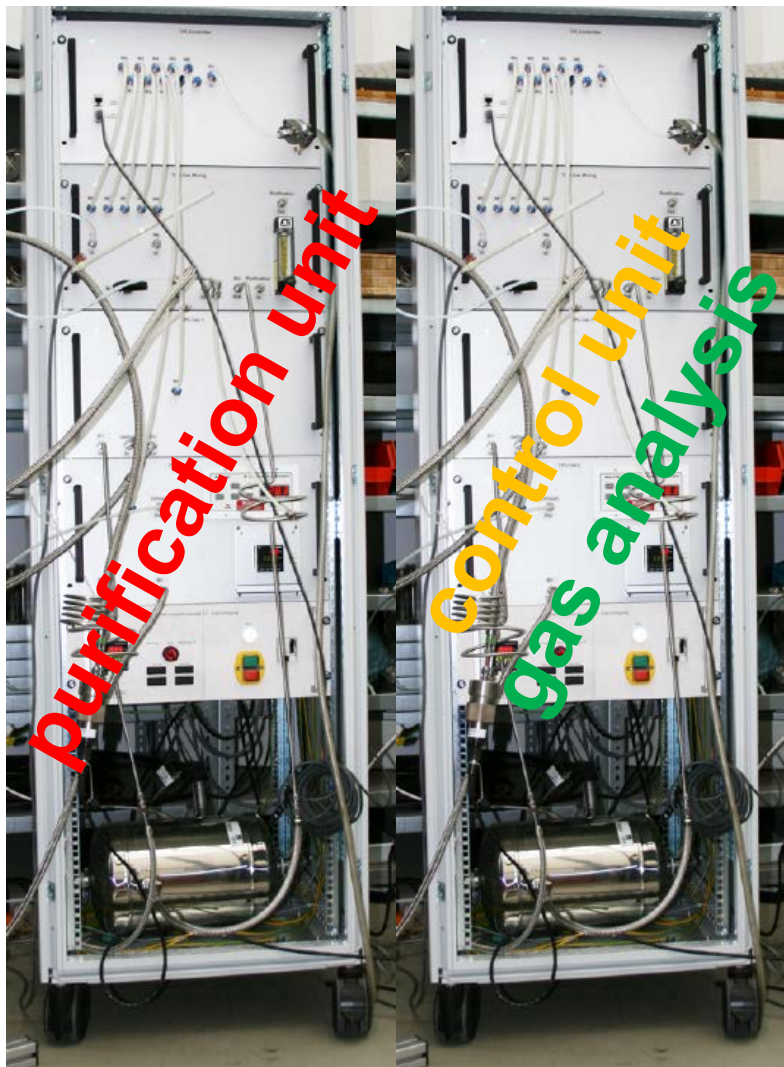
**Outside space:** approx. **2 x 3 m<sup>2</sup>, height ~ 2m**



Easy access for replacement of the empty bottles unit is needed!

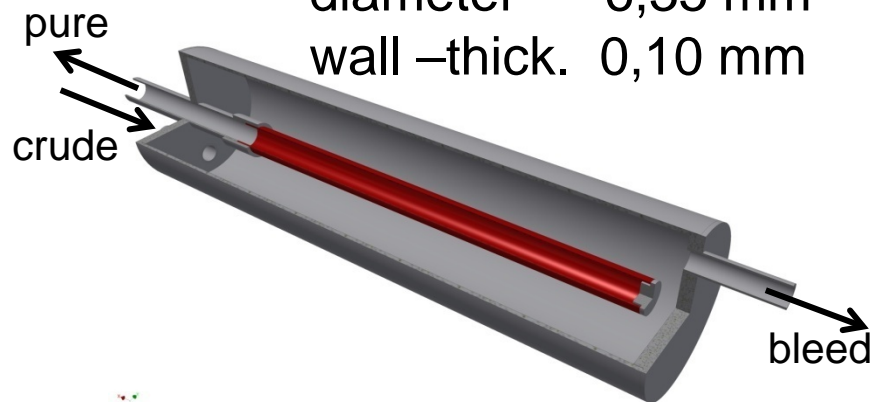
# Hydrogen purification and analysis

2 x 19" rack cabinets

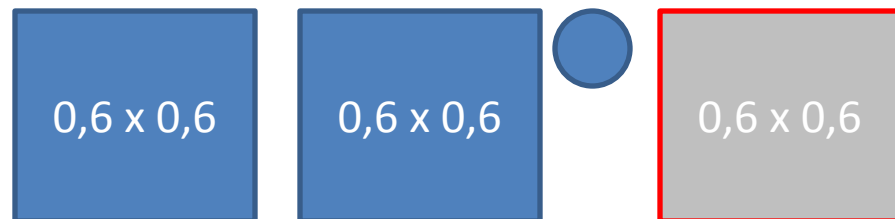


5 x Pd-silver alloy tubes:

length 200 mm  
diameter 6,35 mm  
wall -thick. 0,10 mm



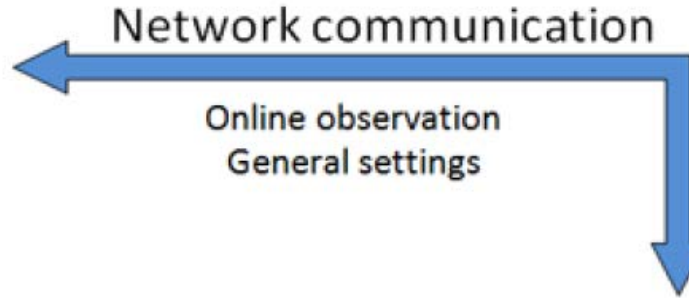
Necessary floor space: ~ 3 x 2 m<sup>2</sup>



(for closed cycle system)



# Windows PC with LabVIEW



Control unit,  
gas analysis

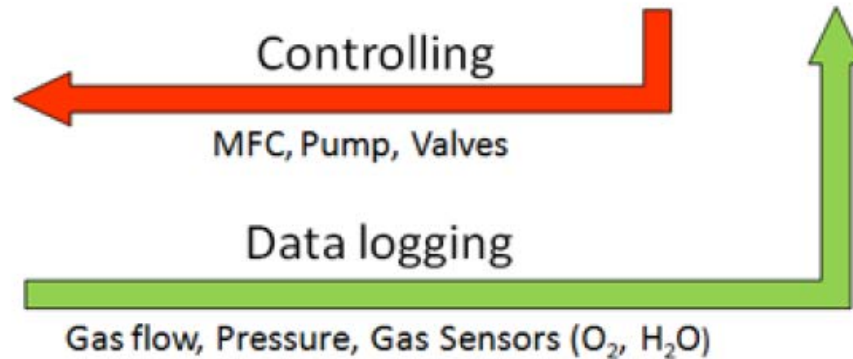
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Stand alone device

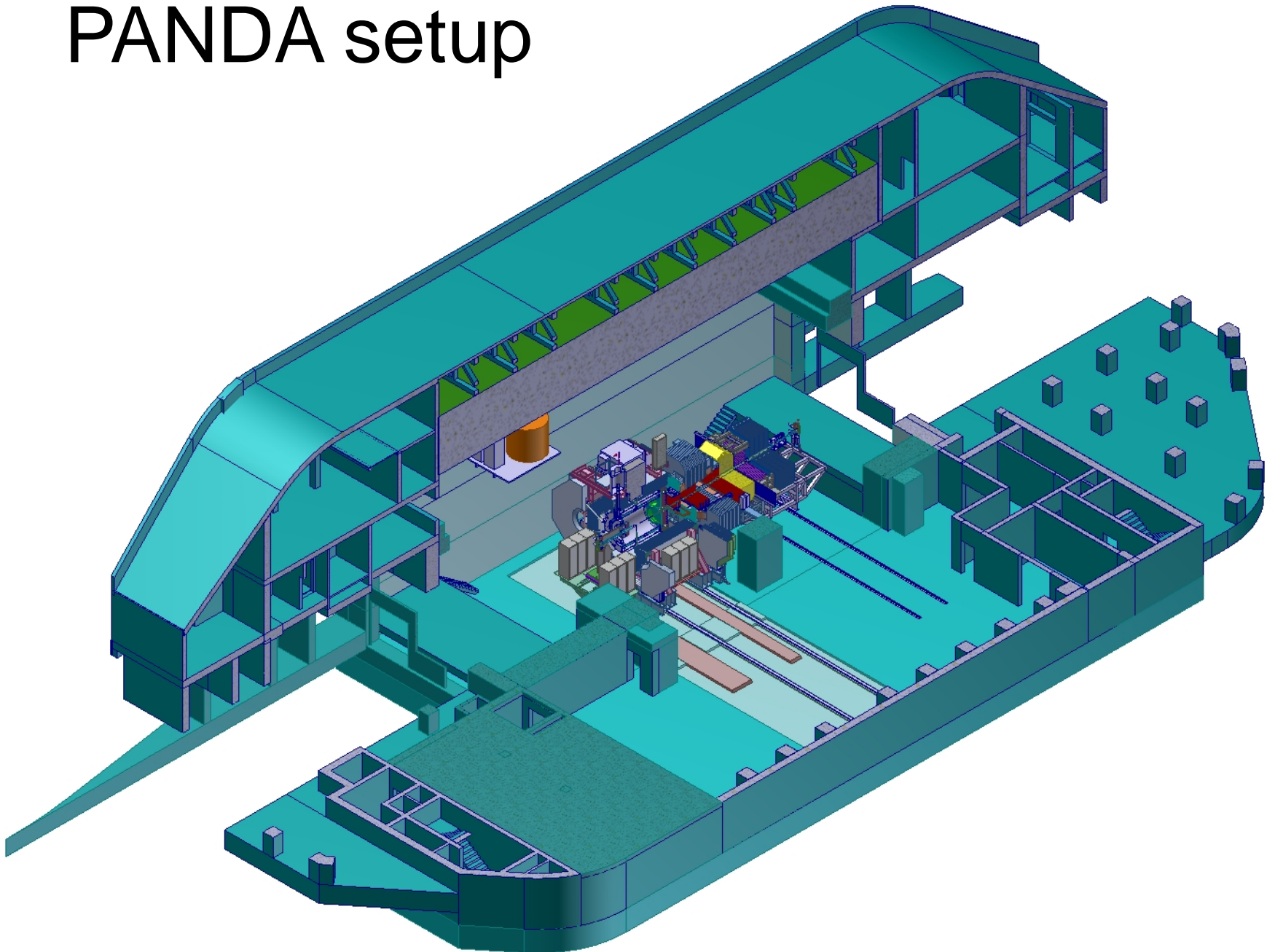


# Purification unit





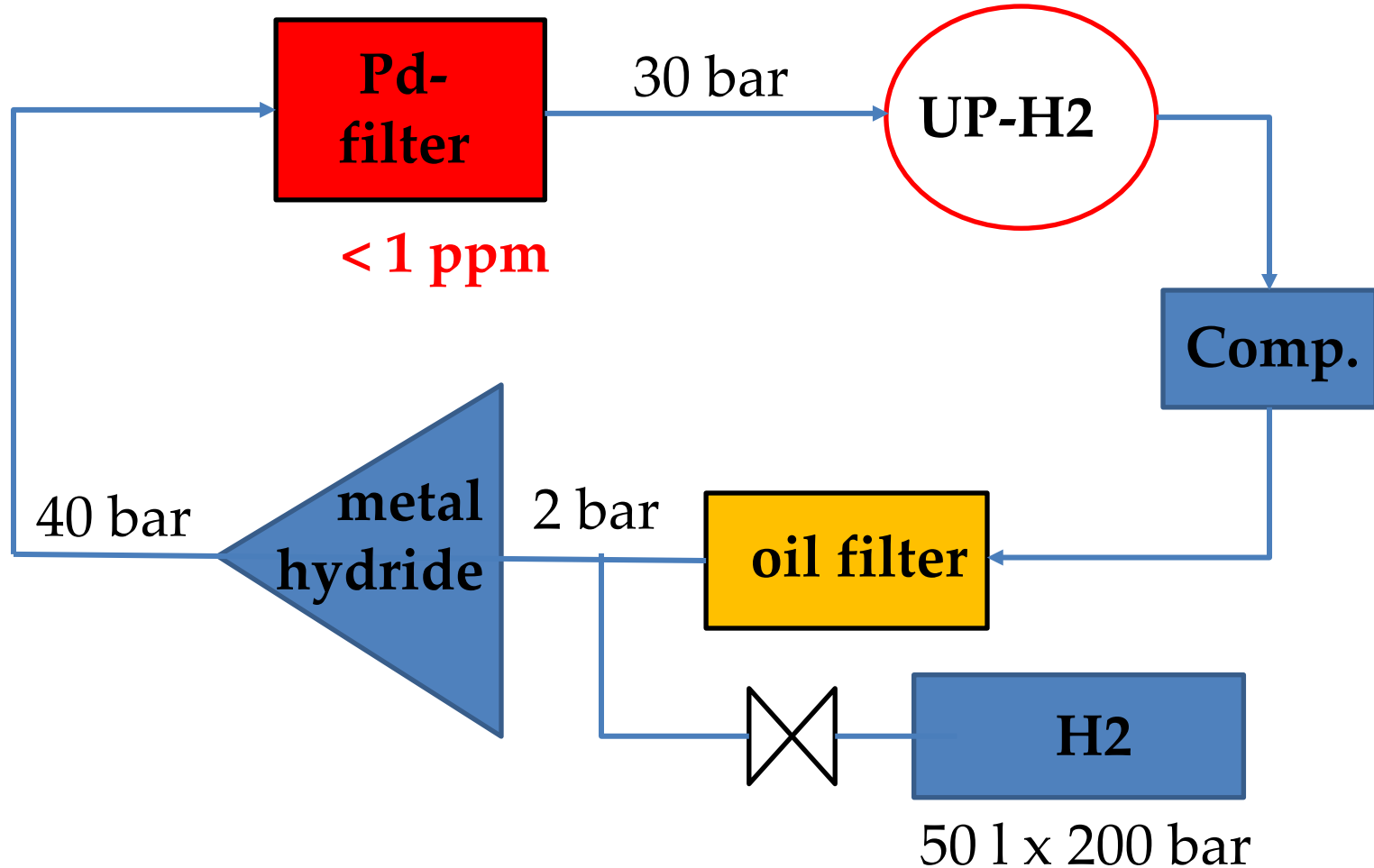
# PANDA setup

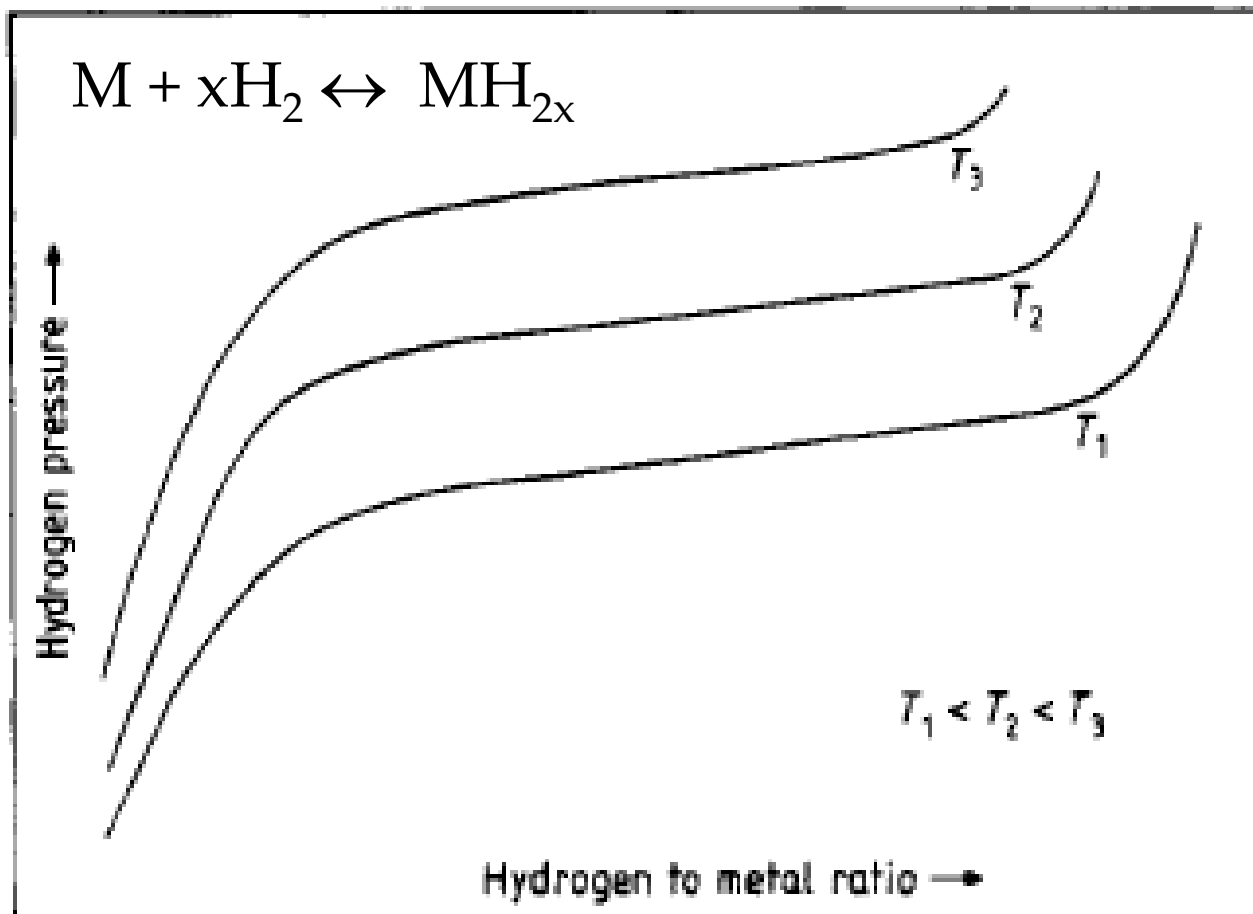


**A metal hydride compressor,  
towards a closed cycle system**

# Metal hydride hydrogen compressor

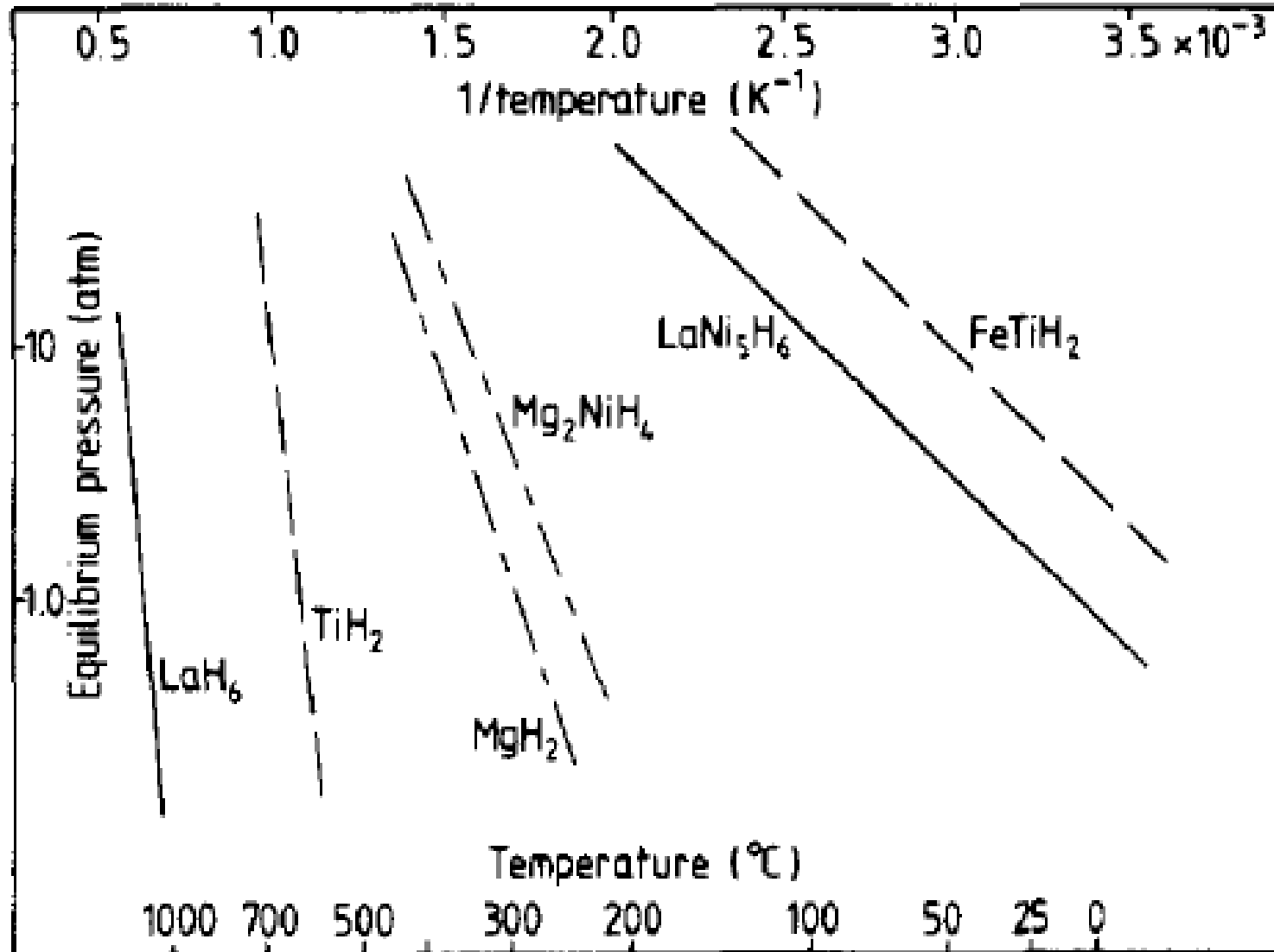
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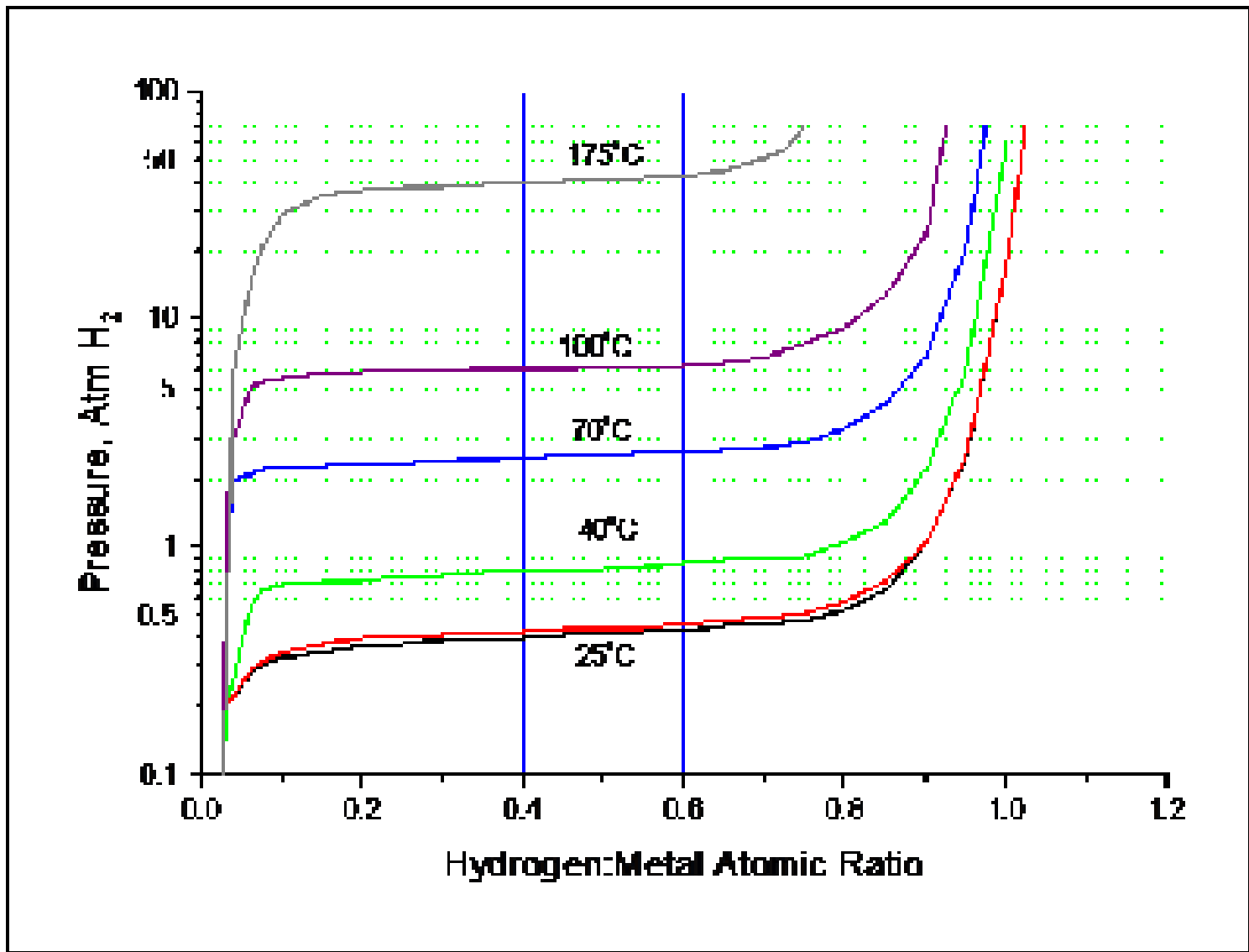




metal hydrides

# Equilibrium pressure-temperature relationship





Pressure temperature equilibrium for Ergenics Hy-Stor® 207 alloy. When filled to capacity, Hy-Stor 207 alloy (LaNi<sub>4.7</sub>Al<sub>0.3</sub>) holds 1 hydrogen atom for each metal atom to become LaNi<sub>4.7</sub>Al<sub>0.3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> when fully hydrided.

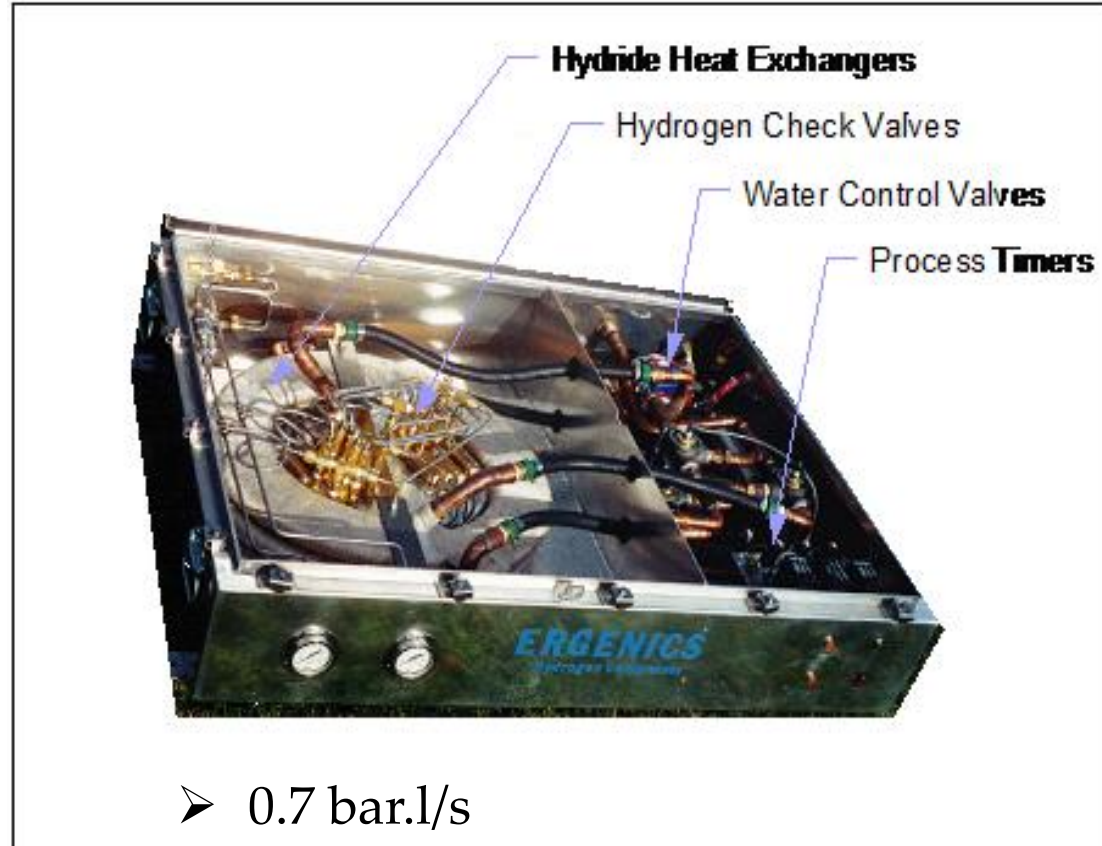
# Metal Hydride Hydrogen Compressors

Ergenics supplied metal hydride compressors for a broad range of applications for over twenty years.

Compression of hydrogen using reversible metal hydride alloys offers an economical alternative to traditional mechanical hydrogen compressors.

The simplicity and passive operation of the hydride compression process offer many advantages over mechanical compressors.

Four stage, 90 SCFH Hydride Compressor



# Summary

- Request for hydrogen supply outside hall:
  - 2 x 12 bottle H<sub>2</sub> container
  - easy access for replacing empty H<sub>2</sub> bottles
- Request for hydrogen purification and control system inside hall:
  - 2 x 19" cabinets + N<sub>2</sub> bottle for Pd-filter shut down
  - 3 x 19" cabinets for closed cycle system
- Pd-filter test cell
  - design ready
  - vacuum brazing tests started
- Metal hydride hydrogen compressor
  - design studies started