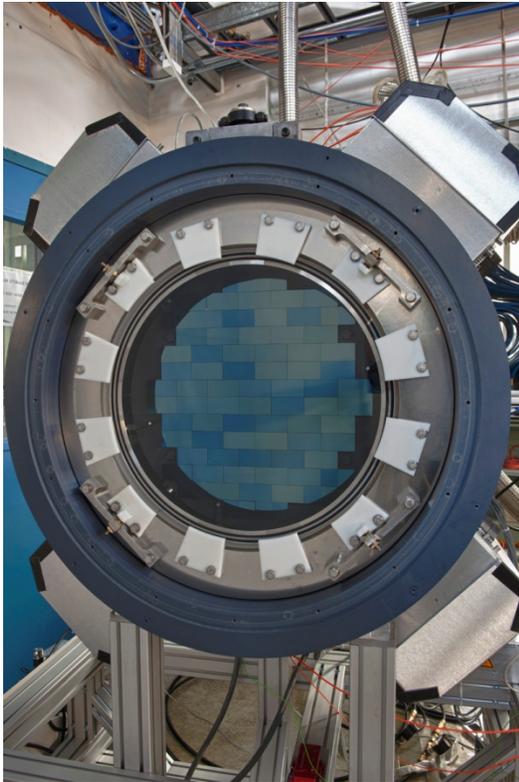




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# The Design of an Over-Pressure Pump



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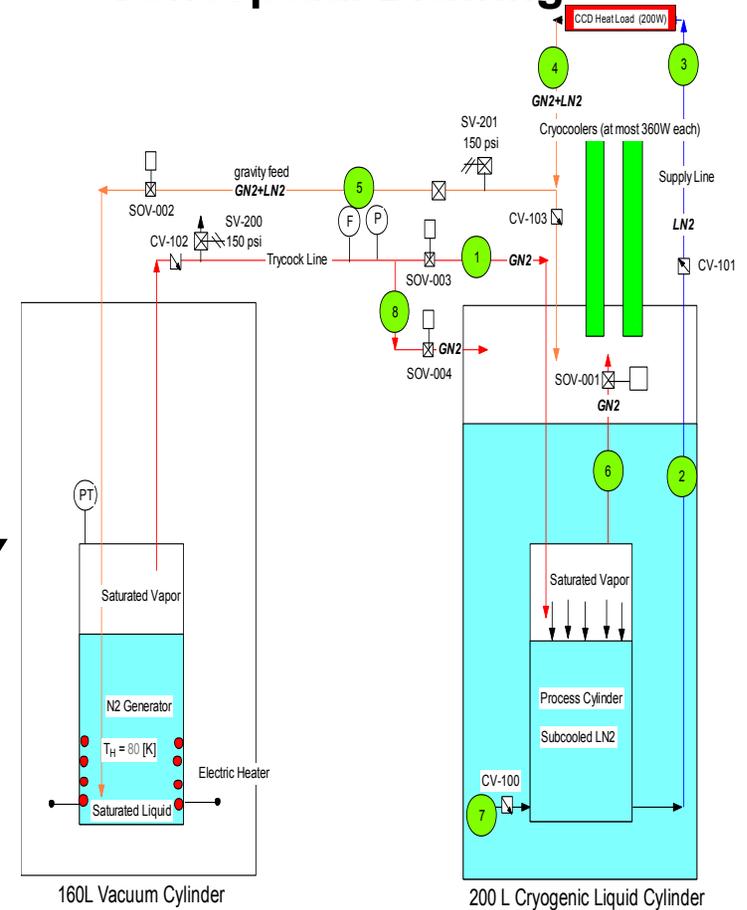


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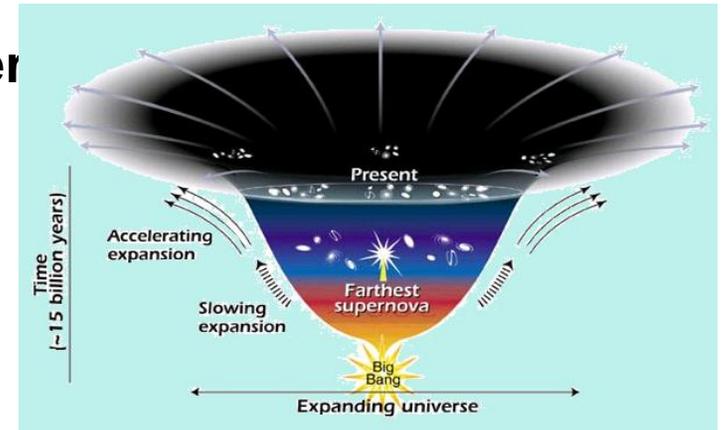
# 3. INTRODUCTION

## What is Dark Energy?

- Counteracts the gravitational pull of matter
- Reason for the expanding universe
- Dark Energy Camera (DECam)

## What is DECam?

- 570 Megapixel camera
- 8 million pixels per CCD
- Cooled to 100K





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# 3. INTRODUCTION

**What about the DECcam cooling system?**

- 2-phase flow system
- Barber-Nicholas pump breaks down
- Closed loop
- Cryocoolers- condenses GN2

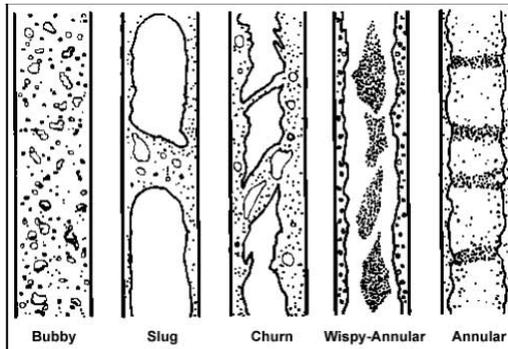


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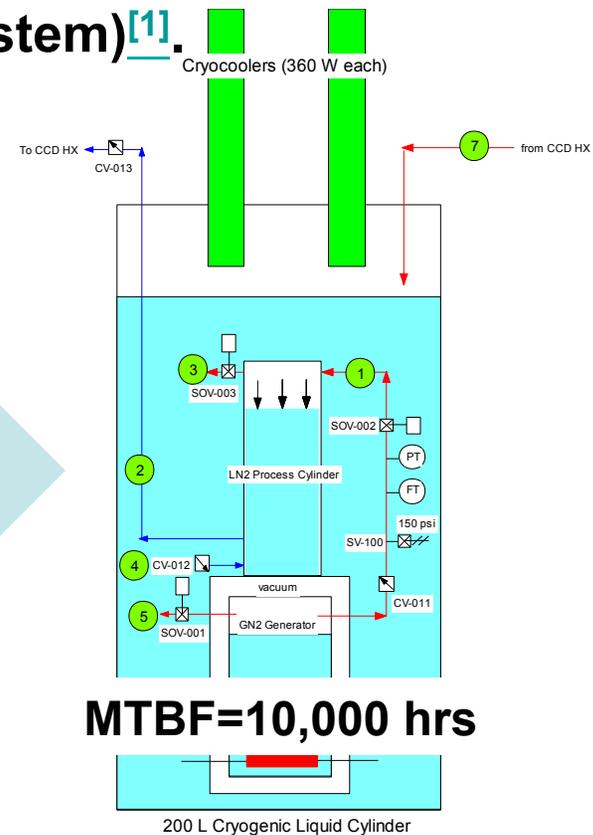


Mean Time to Failure: ~1000 hrs

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# 1. OBJECTIVE

To design a pump that will replace the Barber-Nichols centrifugal pump for the Dark Energy Camera (DECAM) imager cooling system (LN2 Cooling System)<sup>[1]</sup>.





## 2. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

<b>Required flow rate:</b>	2gpm	0.1262 liters/s
<b>Pump head:</b>	~20 psi	137.895 kPa
<b>Maximum cooling capacity for a cryocooler:</b>	0.3412 Btu/s	360 W

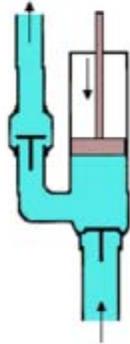
- Low maintenance
- High reliability
- High efficiency
- Must be closed loop



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# 4. TYPES OF PUMPS

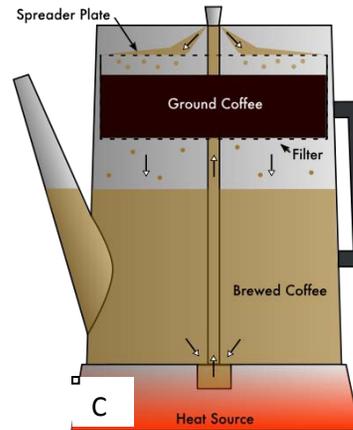
Piston pump



A



B



C



D



E

What do they currently use to cool CCD's?



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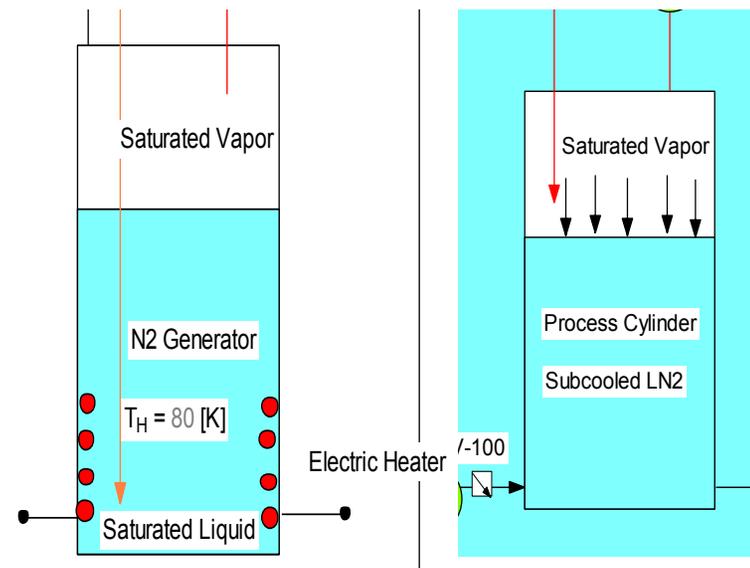
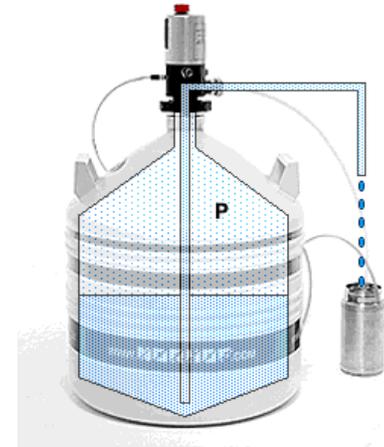
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What is it?

- Similar to blowing air into a straw
- NOROF LN2 Pumping System
- Volume displacement pump
- Large expansion ratio 1:130

• Major Components

- nitrogen gas (GN2) generator
- Liquid nitrogen (LN2) process cylinder
- Different types of valves





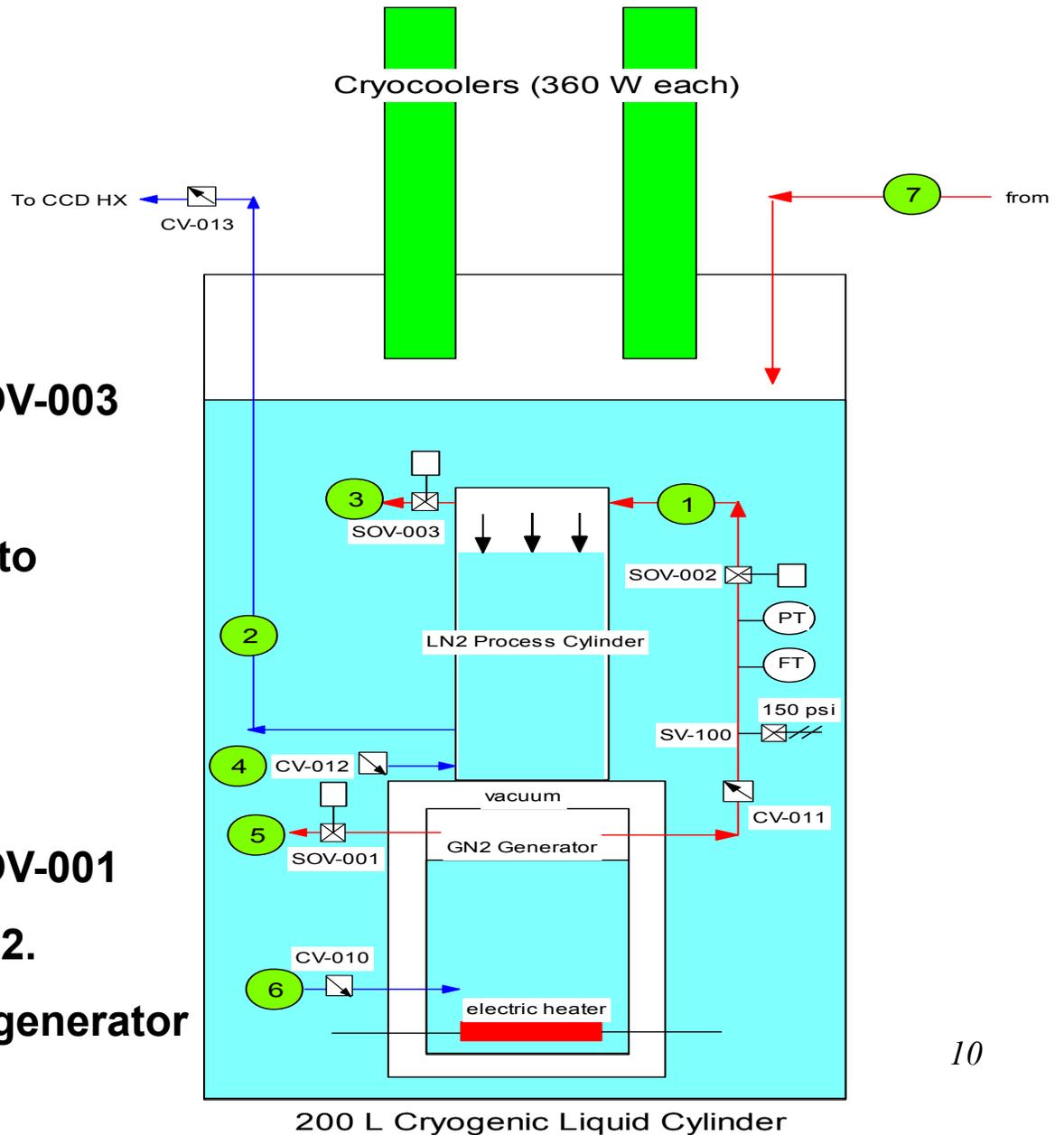
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# 5. OVER-PRESSURE PUMP

## 1. Schematic

Refilling Operations:

- LN2 Process Cylinder
  - SOV-002 closes and SOV-003 opens- releases GN2
  - Subcooled LN2 is sent to process *Line 2*
- GN2 Generator Refilling
  - SOV-002 closes and SOV-001 opens to release the GN2.
  - Subcooled LN2 enters generator





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# 5. OVER-PRESSURE PUMP

## 2. Define Pump Limits

- First Law Efficiency
  - Input versus output

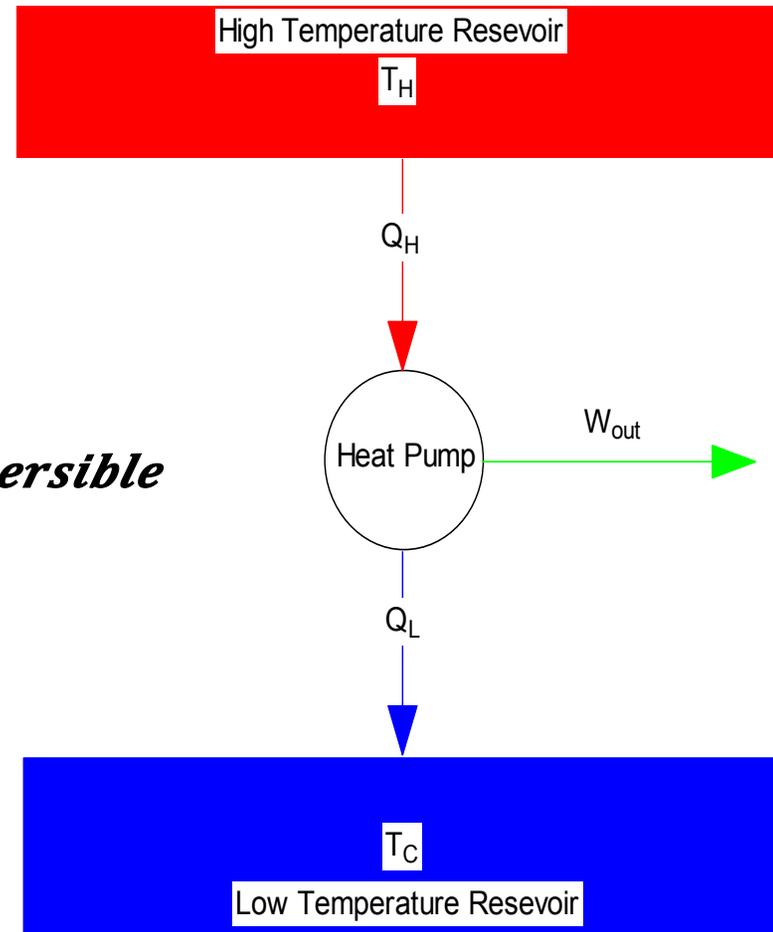
$$\eta_I = \eta_{\text{pump}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}}{\dot{Q}_H = W_{\text{electrical}}}$$

- Max. Thermal Efficiency  $\eta \downarrow I < \eta \downarrow \text{reversible}$ 
  - Maximum output Energy

$$\eta_{\text{reversible}} = 1 - \frac{T_{\text{supply}}}{T_{\text{saturation of N2 generator}}} = 4.55\%$$

- Second Law Efficiency
  - Are we using as much as we could?

$$\eta_{II} = \frac{\eta_I}{\eta_{\text{reversible}}}$$





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# 5. OVER-PRESSURE PUMP

## 3. Theoretical Analysis

- Fundamental Equations
  - Thermodynamics
  - Fluid dynamics
  - Heat transfer

$$\dot{W}_{\text{pump}} = \frac{\dot{m}_{LN_2}}{\rho} (\Delta P_{\text{column}} + \Delta P_{\text{friction}} + \Delta P_{\text{minor+major}})$$

- Pump curve and best operational point

$$\dot{W}_{\text{electrical}} = \dot{m}_{N_2} h_{fg}$$

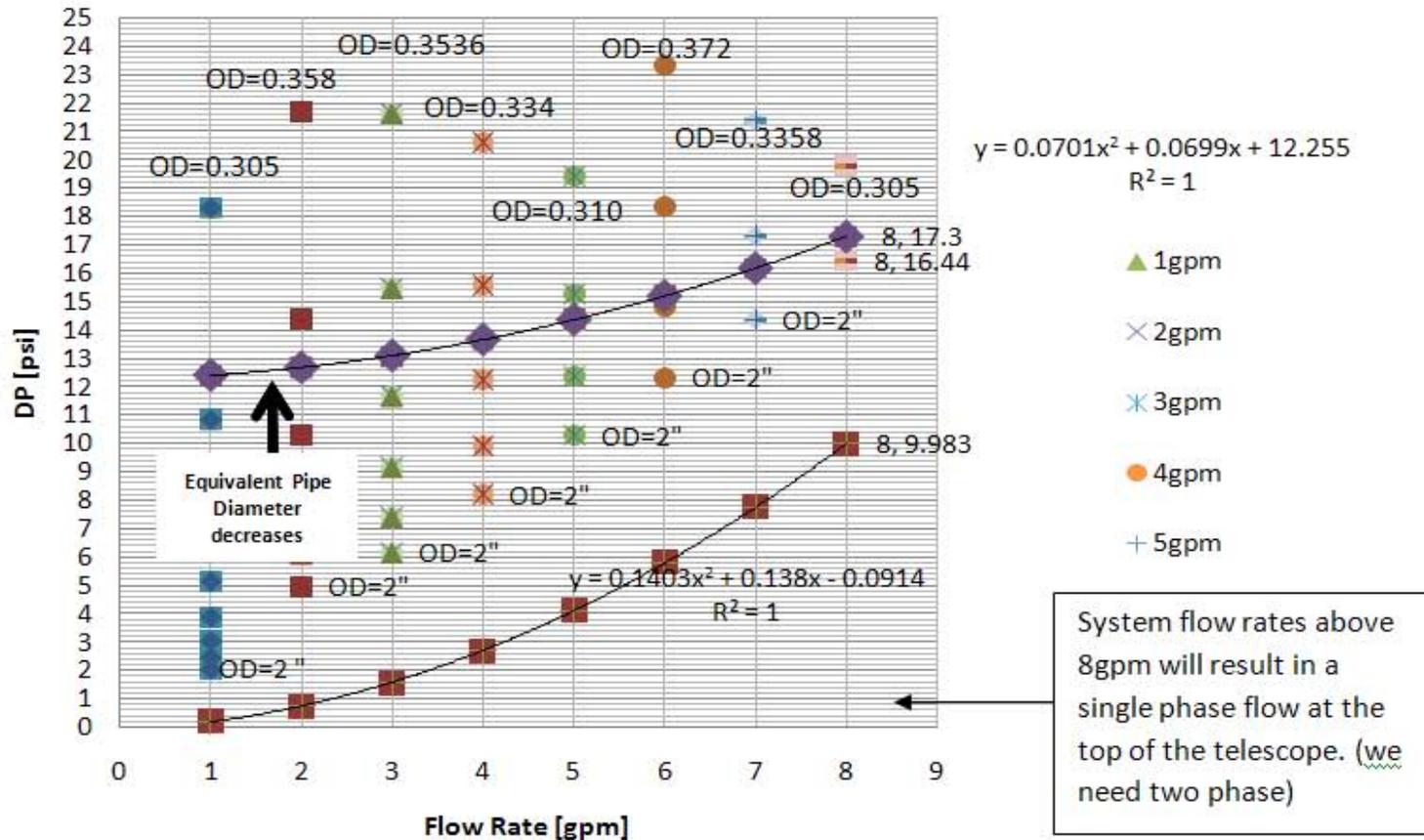
- Pump should have:
  - Maximum expansion ratio
  - Maximum efficiency
  - Minimum electrical input



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# 5. OVER-PRESSURE PUMP

### DP vs. Flow rate (pump curve and system curve)

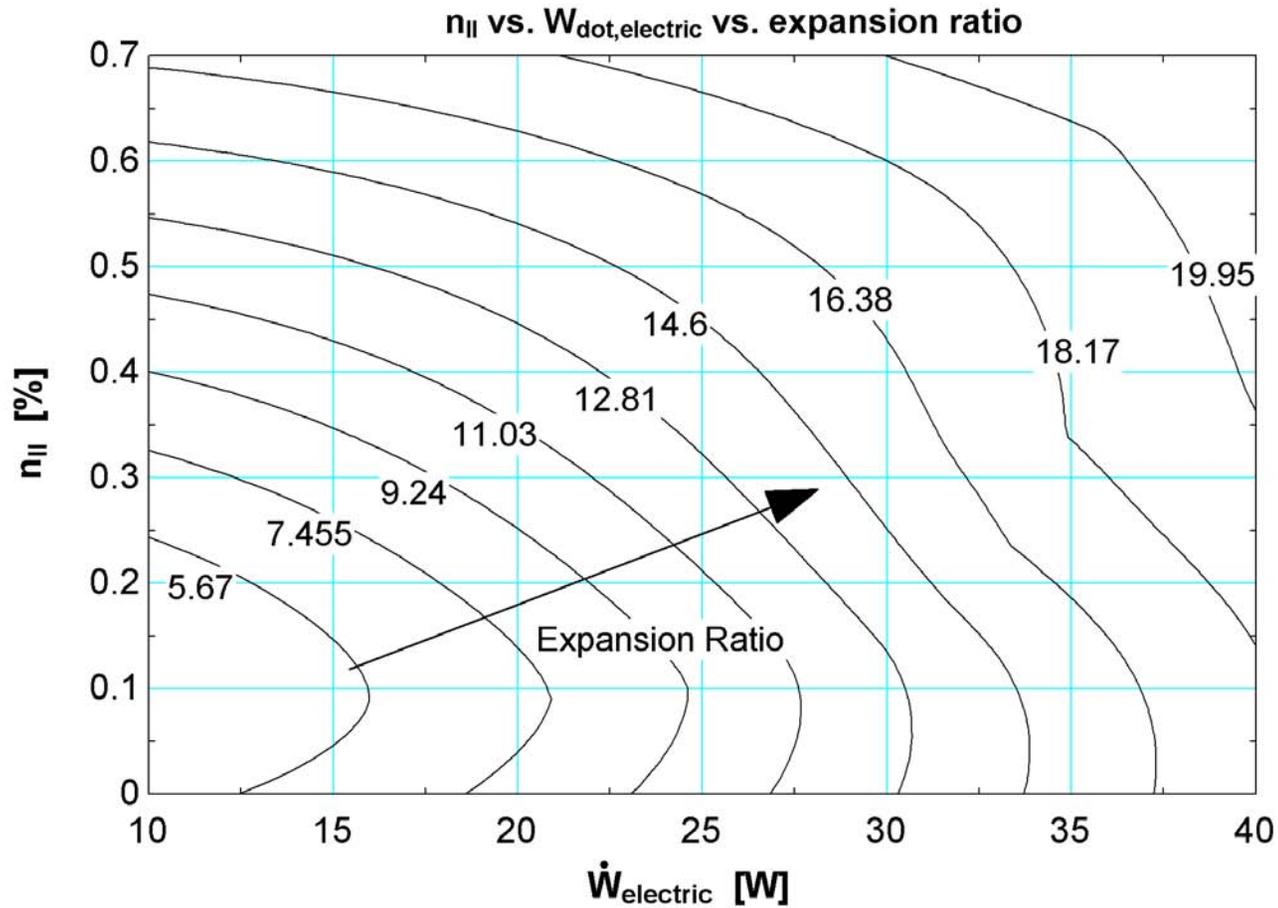


- Pump curve and best operational points



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$\dot{m}_{\text{dot},N_2}=0.000231$  kg/s

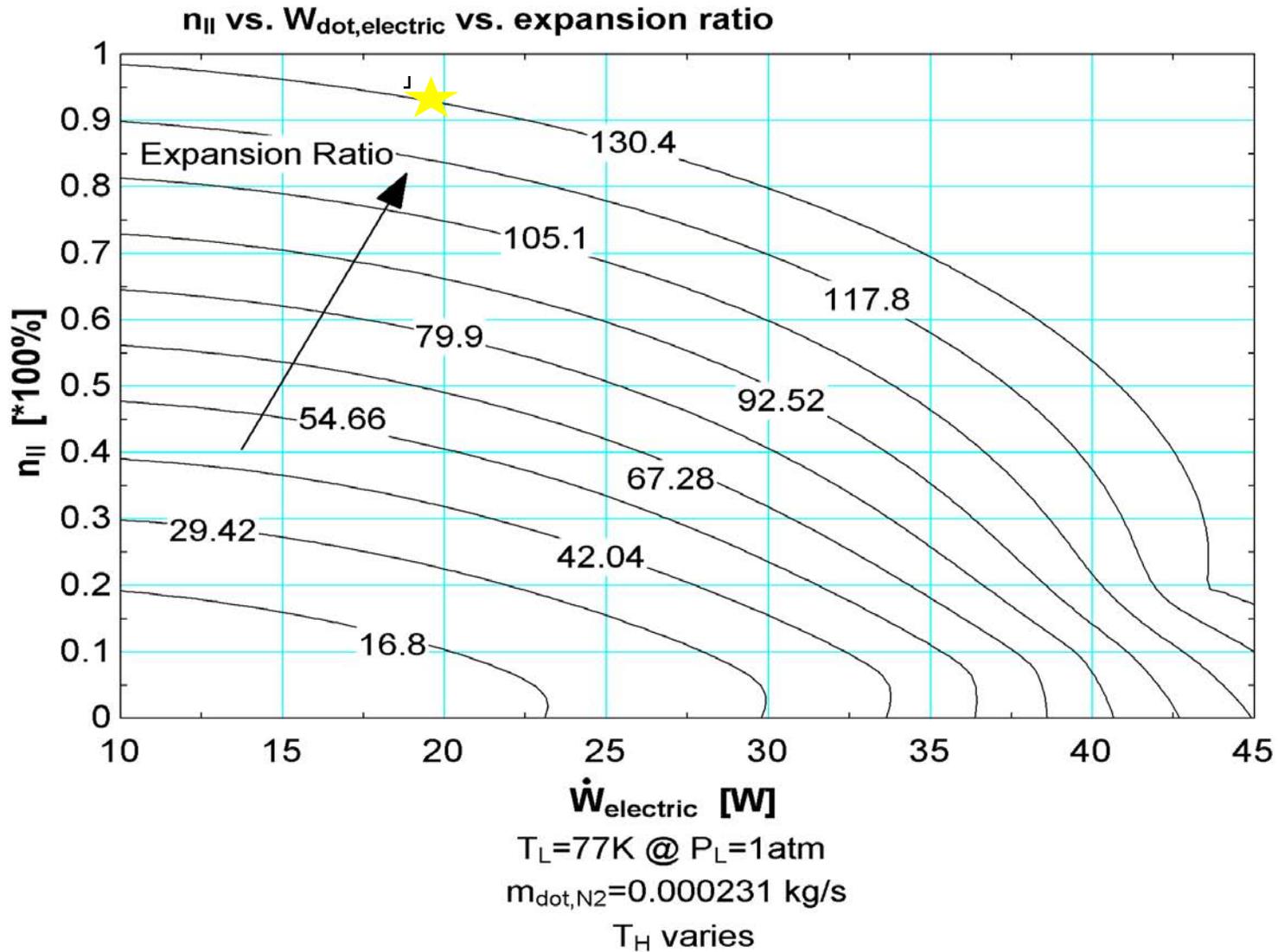
$T_L=100\text{K}$  @  $P=8\text{atm}$

$T_H$  varies



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## Points From Previous Figure

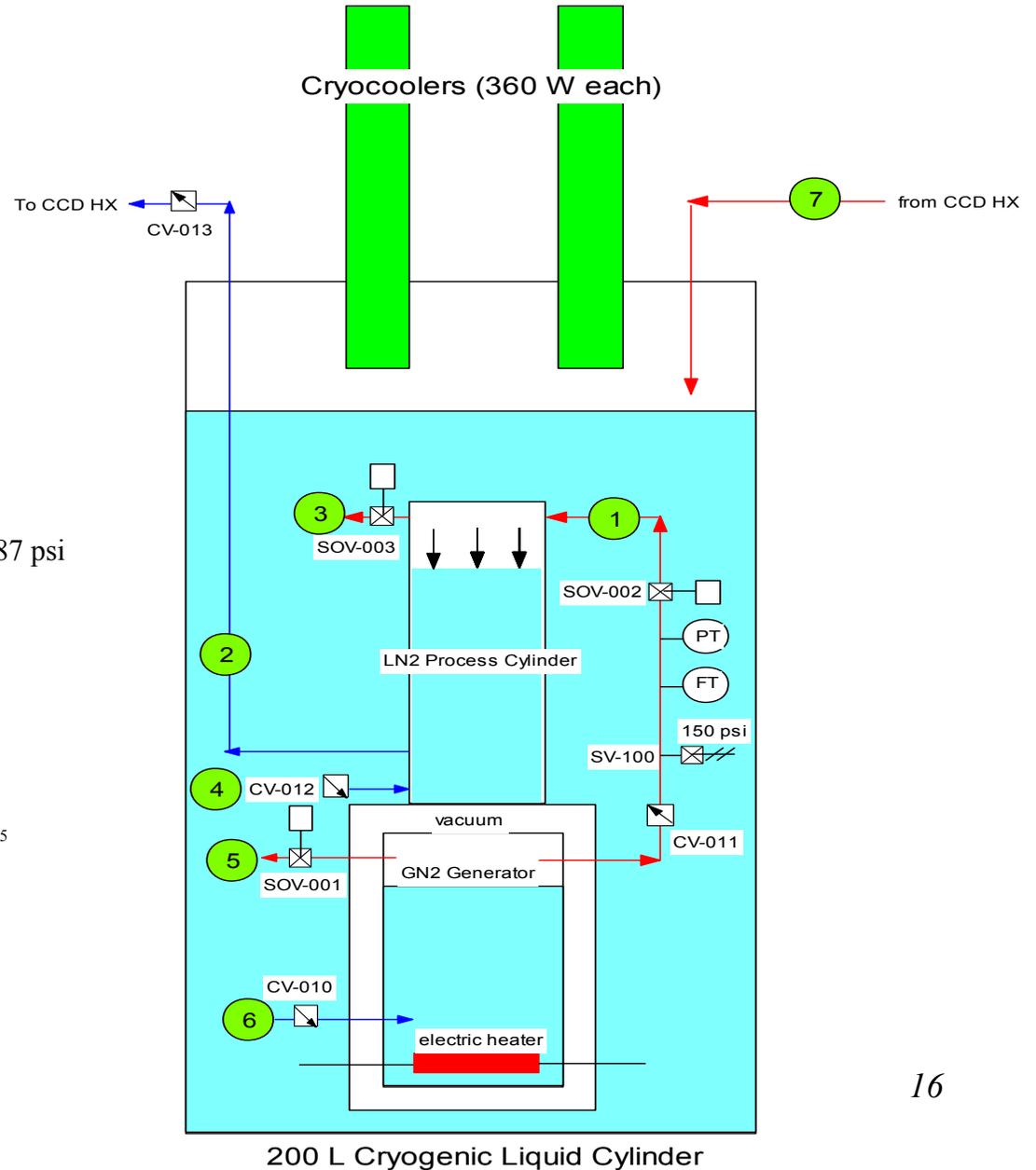
Expansion ratio	130.4
W_dot_electric [W]	20
Second Law Efficiency	~95%
First Law Efficiency	~4.50%
Thermal Efficiency (Reversible)	~4.55%

DP\_orifice [Pa/psi] 12958/1.87 psi

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## Calculated Parameters

T_H [K]	80
P_H [atm]	1.351
rho_N2 [kg/m^3]	6.089
m_dot_LN2 (N2 gas generation) [kg/s]	0.000231
Q_dot_N2 [m^3/s]	3.7937x10 <sup>-5</sup>
Q_dot_N2 [liters/s]	0.0379
Total_Energy_Input [W]	245.5
Total Pressure Drop [psi]	2.249
<b>Q_dot_LN2 (theoretical pump) [gpm]</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Required flow rate for current LN2 system [gpm]</b>	<b>2</b>





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# 6. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

## Advantages

- Cheap Parts
  - Solenoid (~\$400 for 500000cycles)
- Less moving parts
- Overall Cost of the pump is less (~\$9400 estimate)
- Operation in high magnetic fields

## Disadvantages

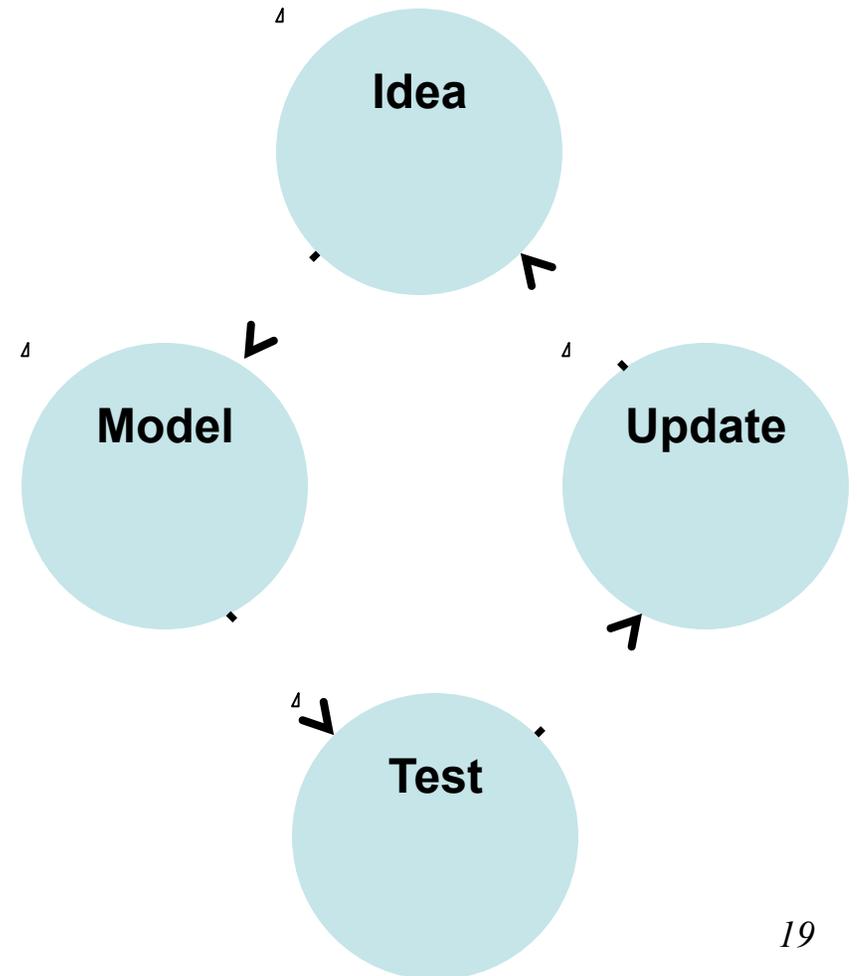
- Poor efficiency (~4.5%)
- Time delay/discontinuous flow at times
- Possible heater burnout



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# 7. PROPOSED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Understand the Problem
2. Generate Ideas
3. Analyze ideas using FRSARRC charts
4. Create a math model
5. Concept evaluation and selection
6. Test the design
7. Update the math model
8. Repeat steps 1-7



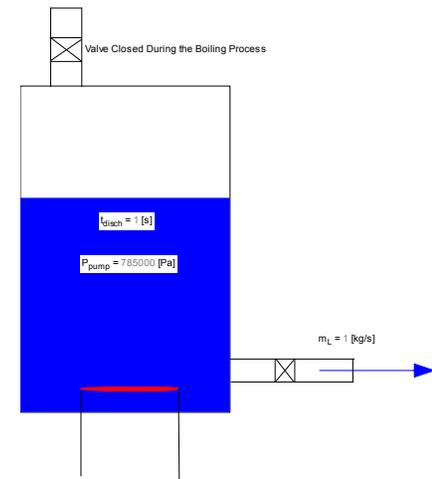
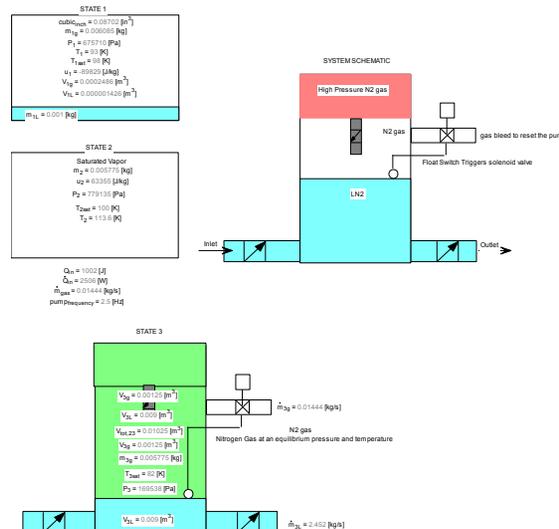
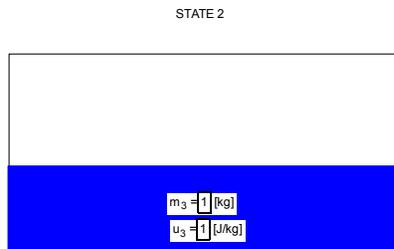
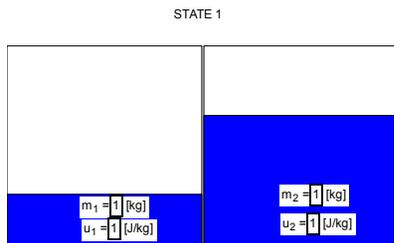
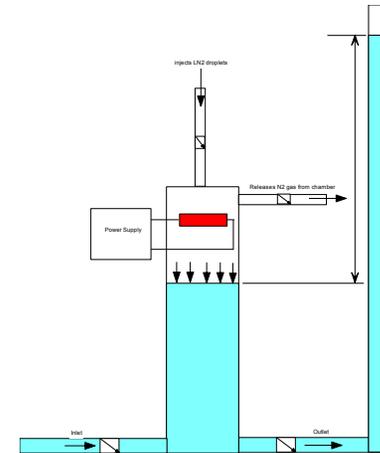
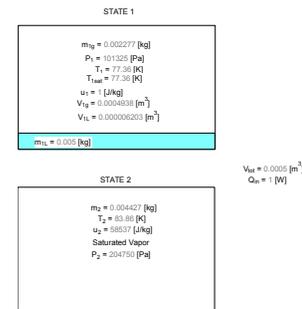


# 7. PROPOSED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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## DESIGN PHASE I (May 2011-July 2011)

- Brainstorm
- Research
- Model
- Evaluate solution





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# 7. PROPOSED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

## DESIGN PHASE II (August 2011-February 2012)

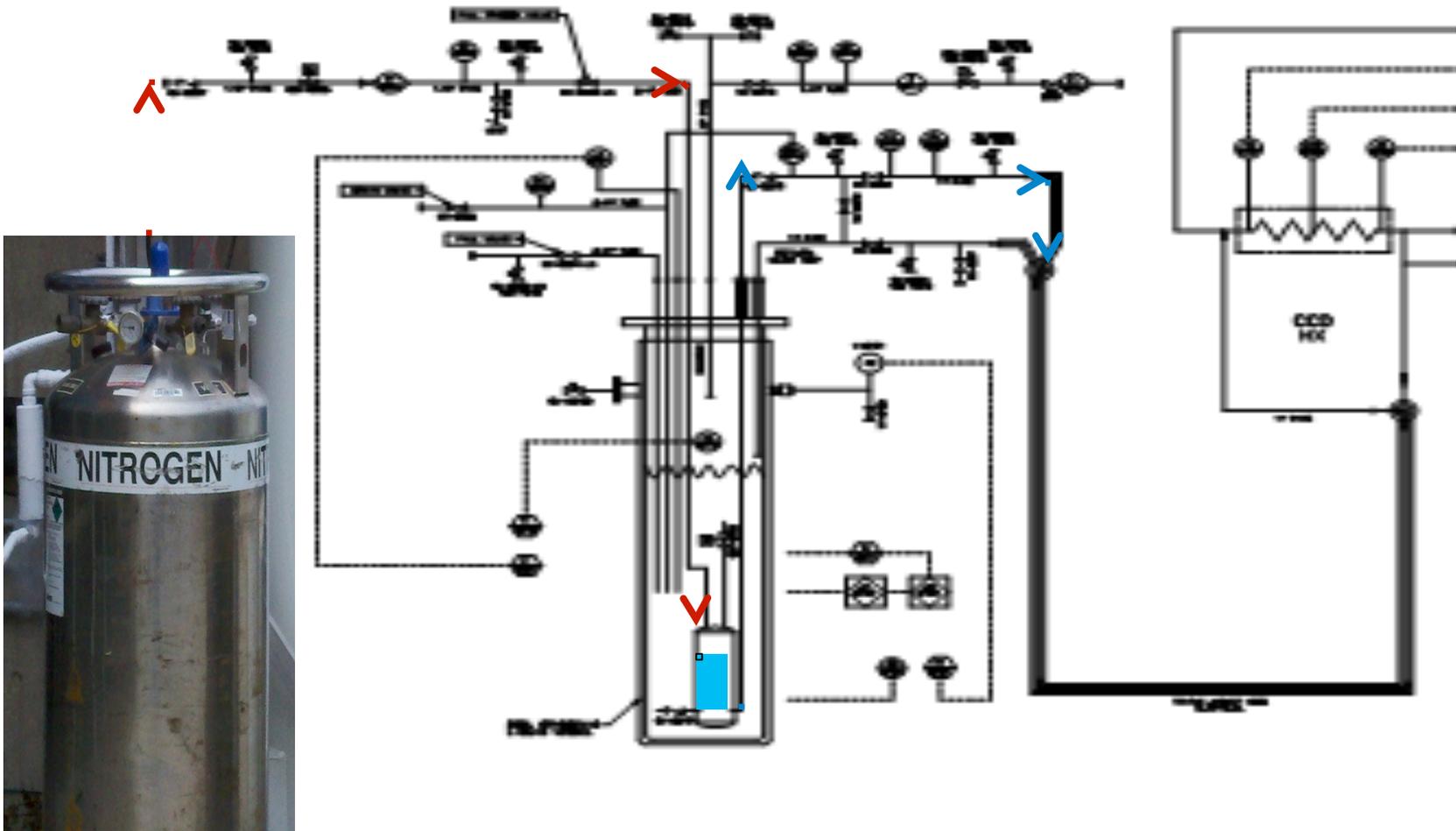
- **Experimentation and update math model**
- **2-3 major experiments are planned for this phase**
  - Test process cylinder in Lab A 200L vessel
    - Currently underway (Next slide)
  - GN2 generator + process cylinder in Lab A
    - Will the cryocooler be sufficient
  - Miscellaneous



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# 7. PROPOSED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

DESIGN PHASE II (August 2011-February 2012)





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# 7. PROPOSED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

## DESIGN PHASE III (March 2012-May 2012)

- Finalize the design
  - Create a P&ID, model, and math model
  - Update documentation package
- Test run on a full scale system in Lab A



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# QUESTIONS?



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# 8. CONCLUSION

## Good Points

### • **Over-pressure pump design**

- Improved reliability and low maintenance (MTBF~10,000hrs)
- Low cost (~\$9400)
- Few moving parts

### • **Math Models**

- Prove and update
- Create an overall system model

### • **Future Tests**

- LN2 process cylinder test
- GN2 + LN2 process cylinder

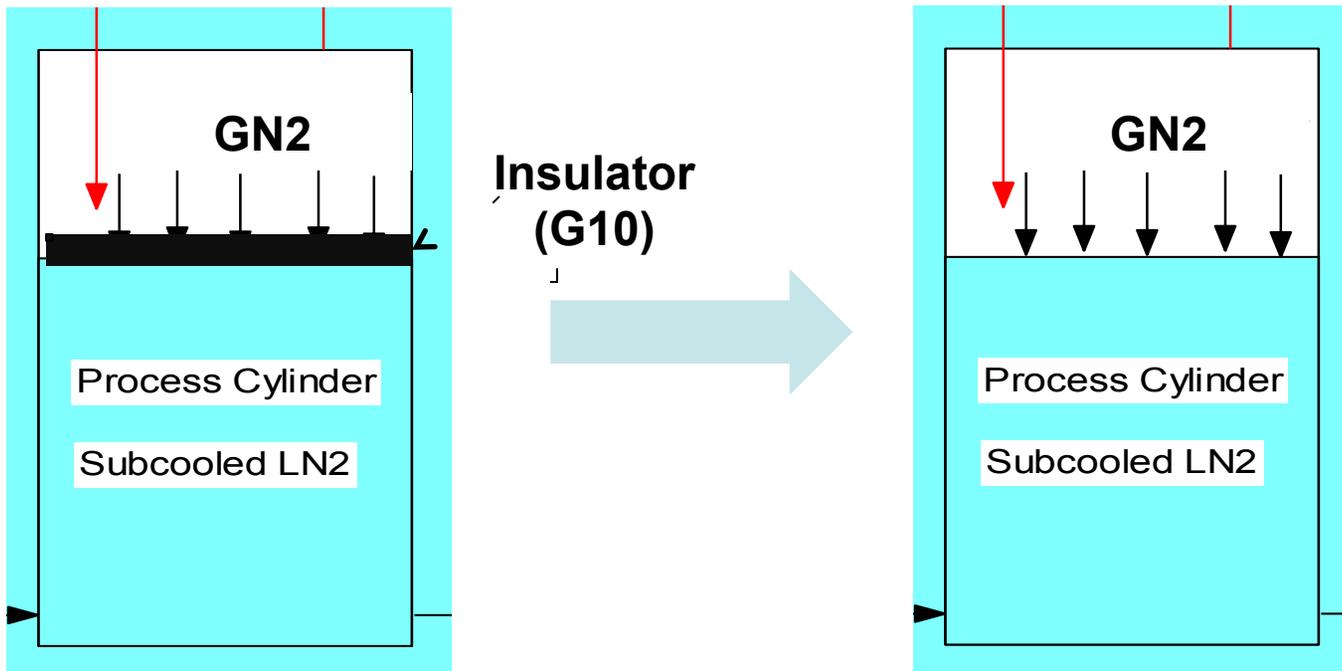


# 8. CONCLUSION

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## Investigate

- Reliability study
  - Solenoids, check valves, heater, etc.
- Heat Transfer between the LN2 and GN2 in process cylinder





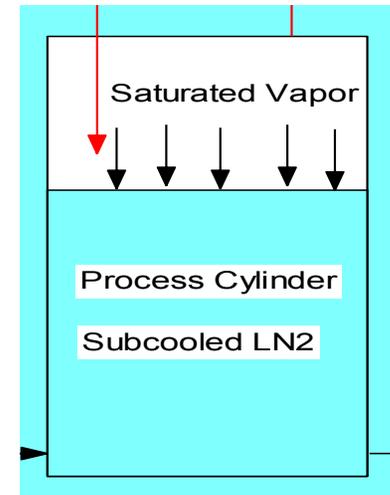
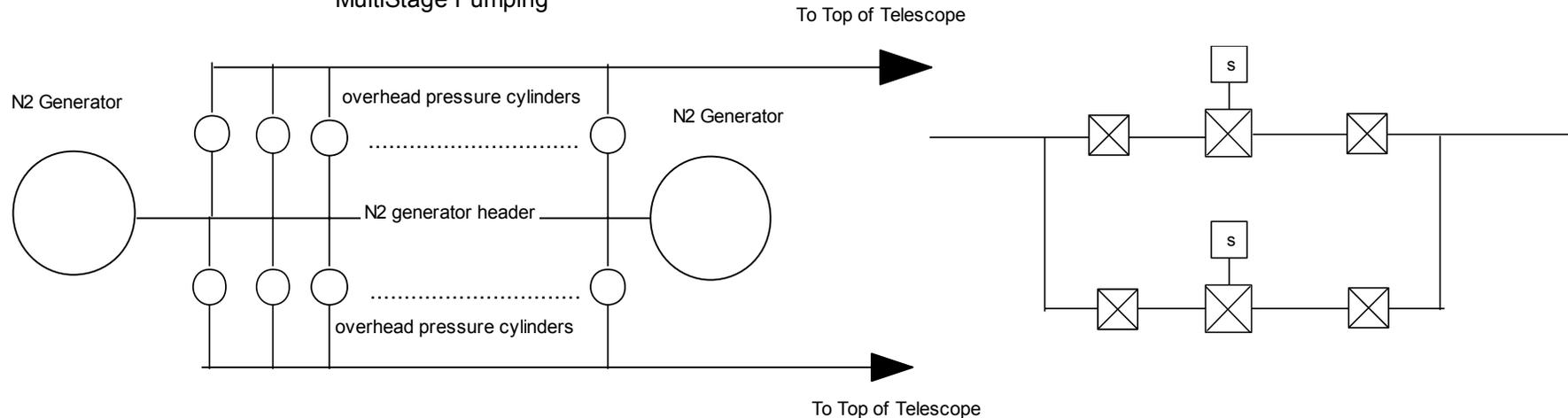
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## Investigate

- Compressibility Effects of Injected GN2
- Heater (flanged, screw, tape, plate, etc )
- Valves in parallel for increased MTBF
- Multistage pumping
  - Longer MTBF

MultiStage Pumping





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# QUESTIONS?



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