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MECHANICAL VACUUM PUMPS

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 - Air cooled roots pumps
 - Roots pumping units
 - Dry screw pumps
 - Membrane pumps
 - Rotary piston dry pumps



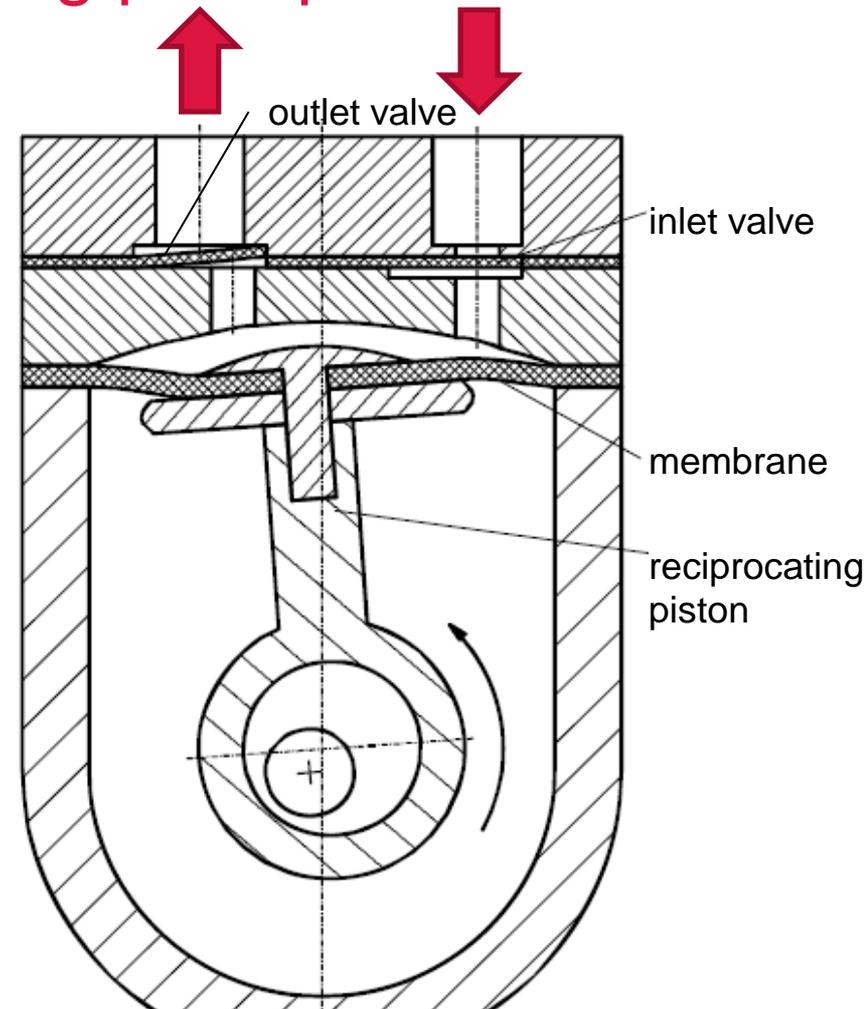
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MEMBRANE (DIAPHRAGM) PUMPS

Membrane pumps – working principle

- Membrane is moved back and forth by means of a reciprocating piston drive
- Working principle
 - During the suction step the membrane fills the pump room with gas. The exhaust valve is closed
 - During the exhaust step the membrane compresses the gas towards atmosphere. The inlet valve is closed



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Membrane pump versions

- AC and DC (24 V) motor versions
- Double (2) up to quadruple (4) head pump versions on the market
- The heads can be connected in different ways
 - 2 – head version
 - Heads in parallel for high pumping speed
 - Heads in series for low ultimate vacuum
 - 3 – to 4 – head version
 - 3 stages, where 2 heads are in parallel for best pumping speed / ultimate vacuum ratio
 - 4 heads in series for low ultimate vacuum

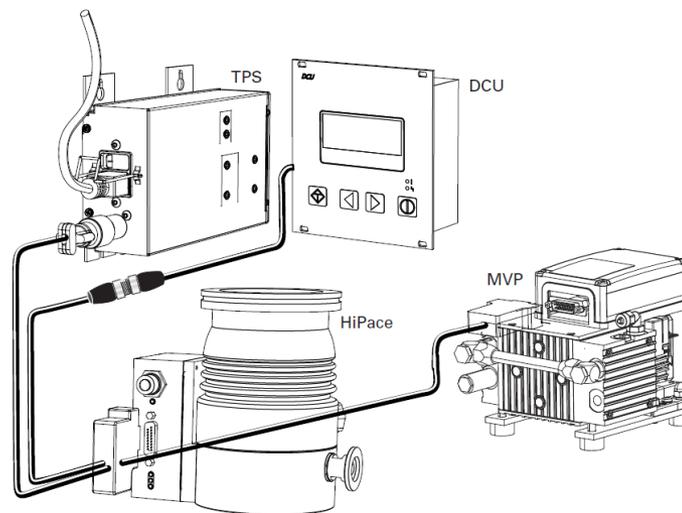
Membrane pumps in 24 V DC

- 24 V DC – motor
 - One power supply can be used in combination with turbomolecular pumps, diaphragm pump can be directly connected to the turbo remote connector.

Advantage	Customer benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Low voltage ■ Reduced footprint ■ Reduced weight ■ No fan, very quiet ■ Low power consumption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lower safety requirements ■ Easy system integration ■ Improved mobility ■ Noise level < 50 dB (A) ■ Low cost of ownership (CoO)

Membrane & turbo pump integration (Pfeiffer)

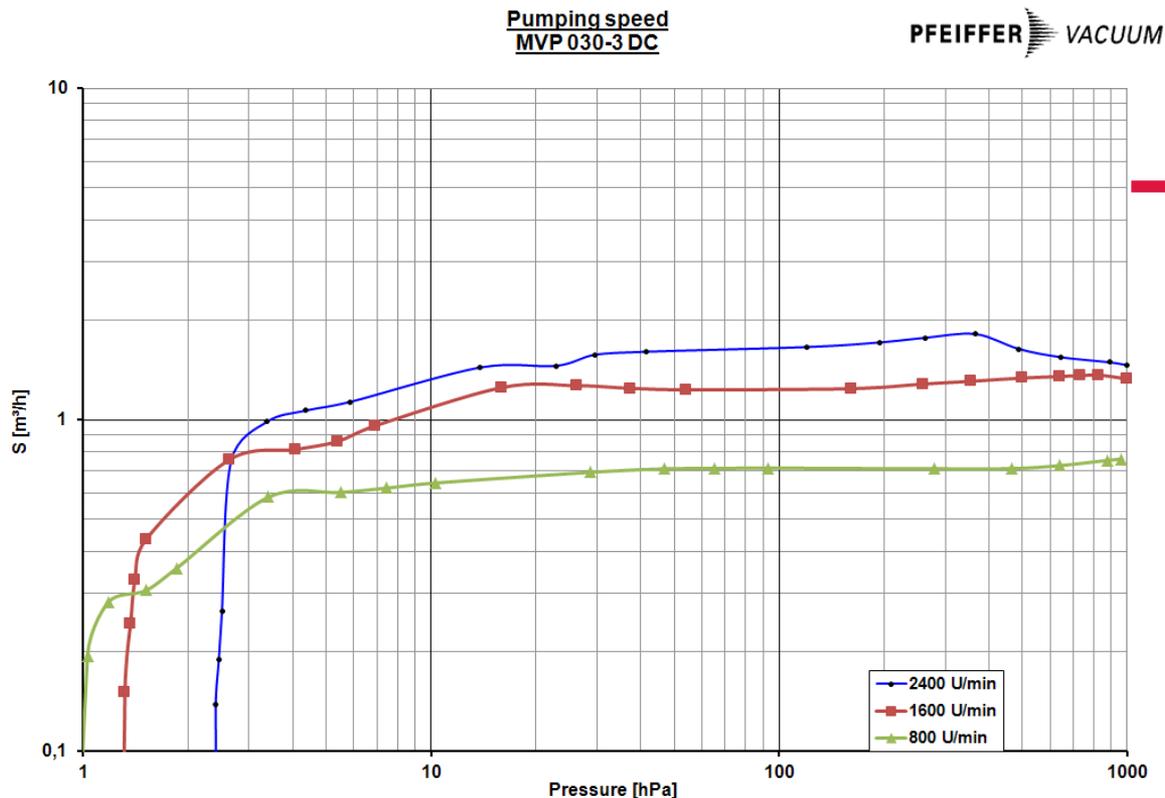
- Unified communication – 15-pin D-Sub



Feature	Advantage	Customer benefit
RS 485	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Similar set of parameters like TMP ▪ One standard for all Pfeiffer products ▪ Communication with TMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Control via SPS possible ▪ Easy system integration ▪ Complete vacuum solution
D-Sub interface (15-pin D-Sub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power supply & communication via one interface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low integration cost for cabling

Membrane pumps (DC) with variable speed control

- Variable speed modus



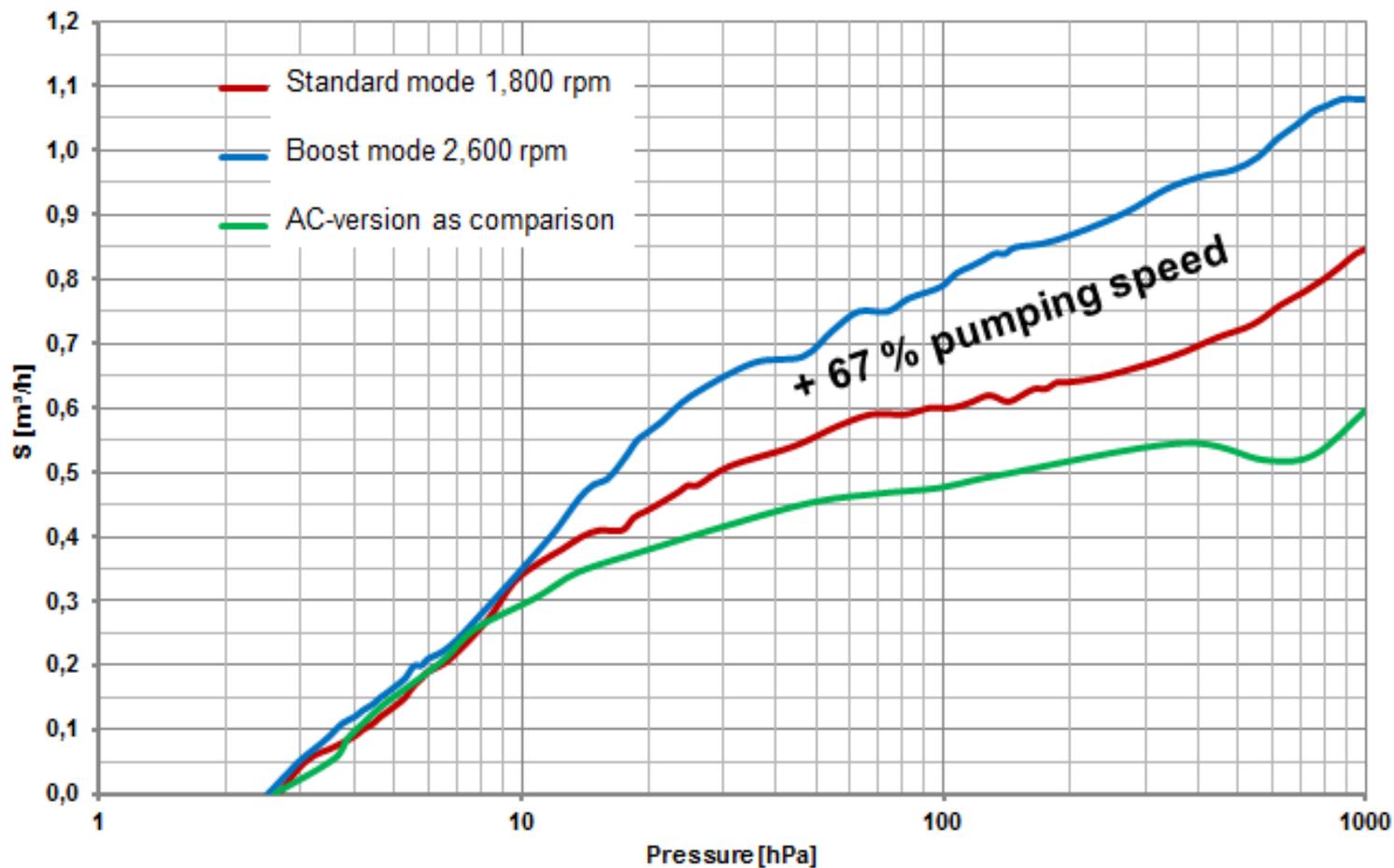
Intelligent control of the MVP allows optimization of pumping speed and ultimate vacuum depending on application



Speed controlled operation modus TC 110



MVP 015-2 DC – Vacuum Performance



Membrane pumps for turbomolecular pumps

Overview

	MVP 030-3	MVP 015-4	MVP 015-2	MVP 010-3
Weight	4,3 kg	4,4 kg	2,7 kg	2,05 kg
Volume	5,2 dm ³	4,5 dm ³	3,4 dm ³	1,9 dm ³
Pumping speed	1,8 m ³ /h	0,75 m ³ /h	1 m ³ /h	0,6 m ³ /h
Final pressure	2,5 hPa	0,5 hPa	3,5 hPa	1 hPa



Highest
Performance



Lowest final
pressure



General
purpose

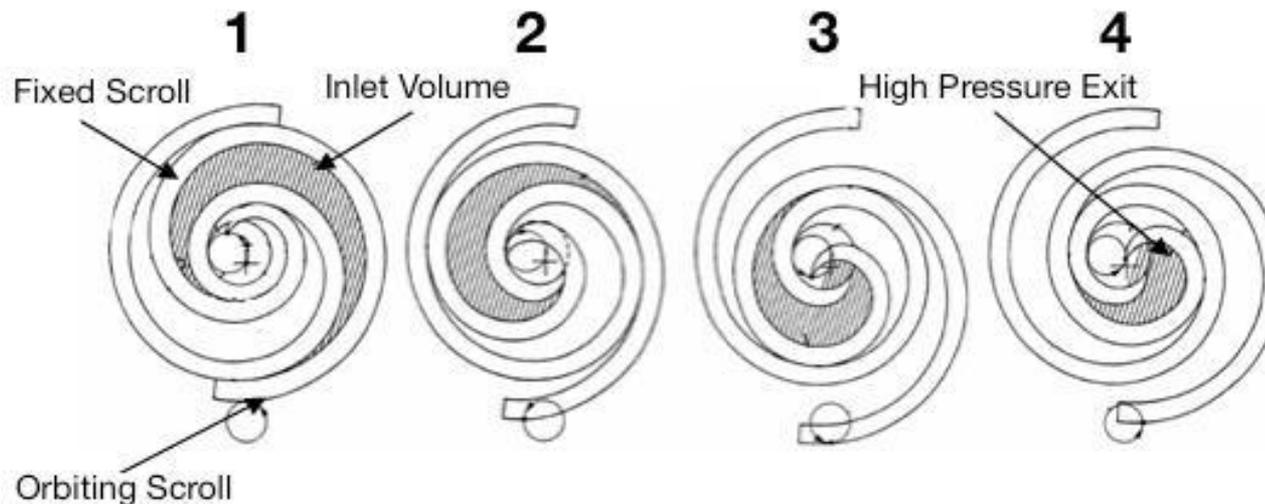


Most compact
and lightweight

SCROLL PUMPS

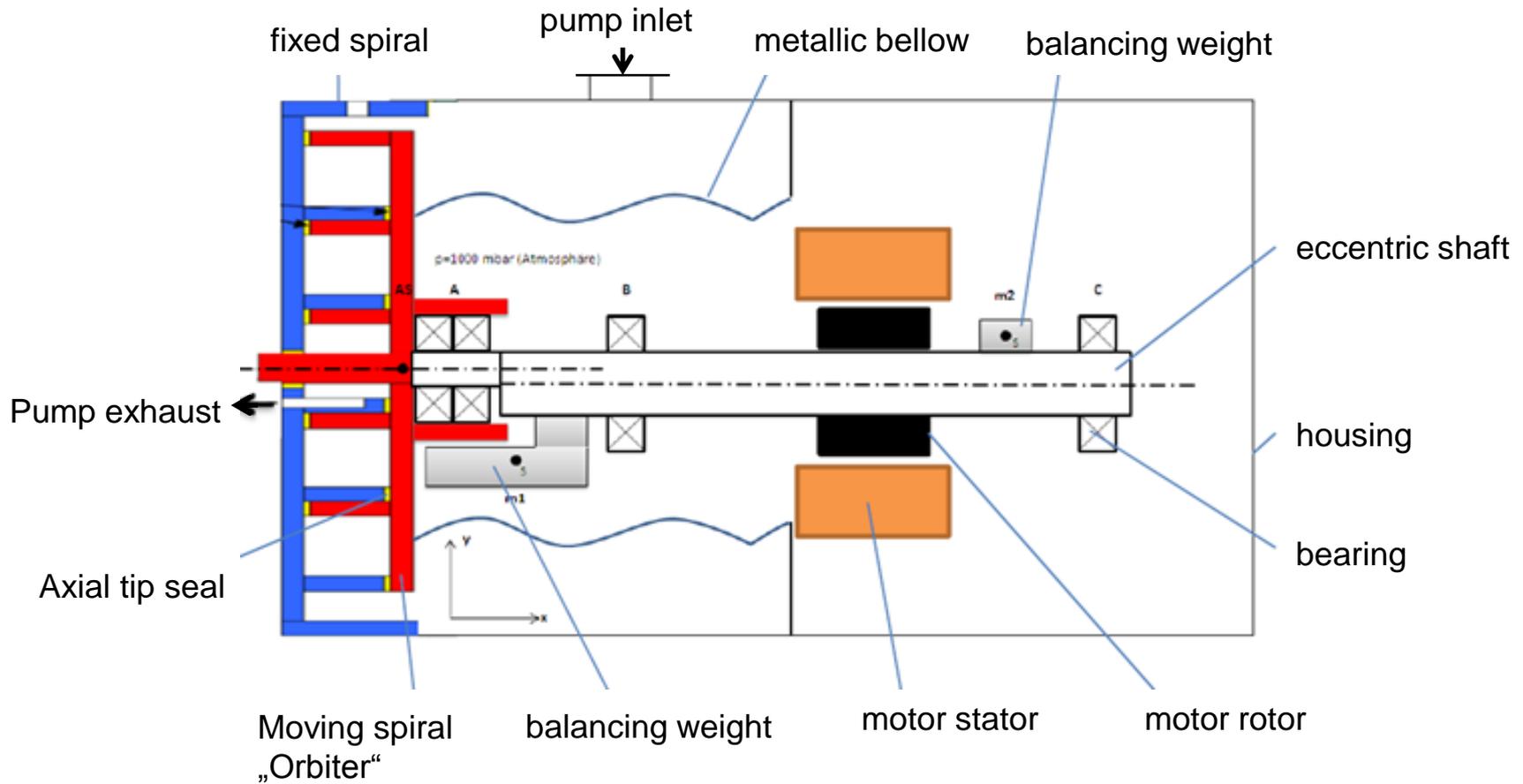
Scroll pump working principle

- Excentric moving orbital scroll rotor
 - 1 – inlet volume
 - 2 – 4 compressing to atmosphere



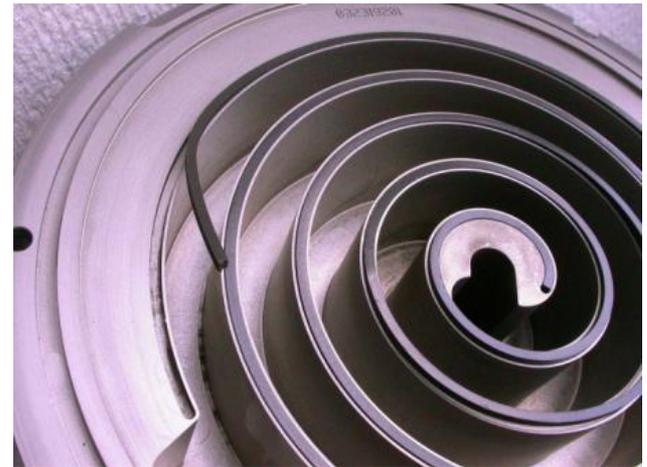
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Scroll pump design

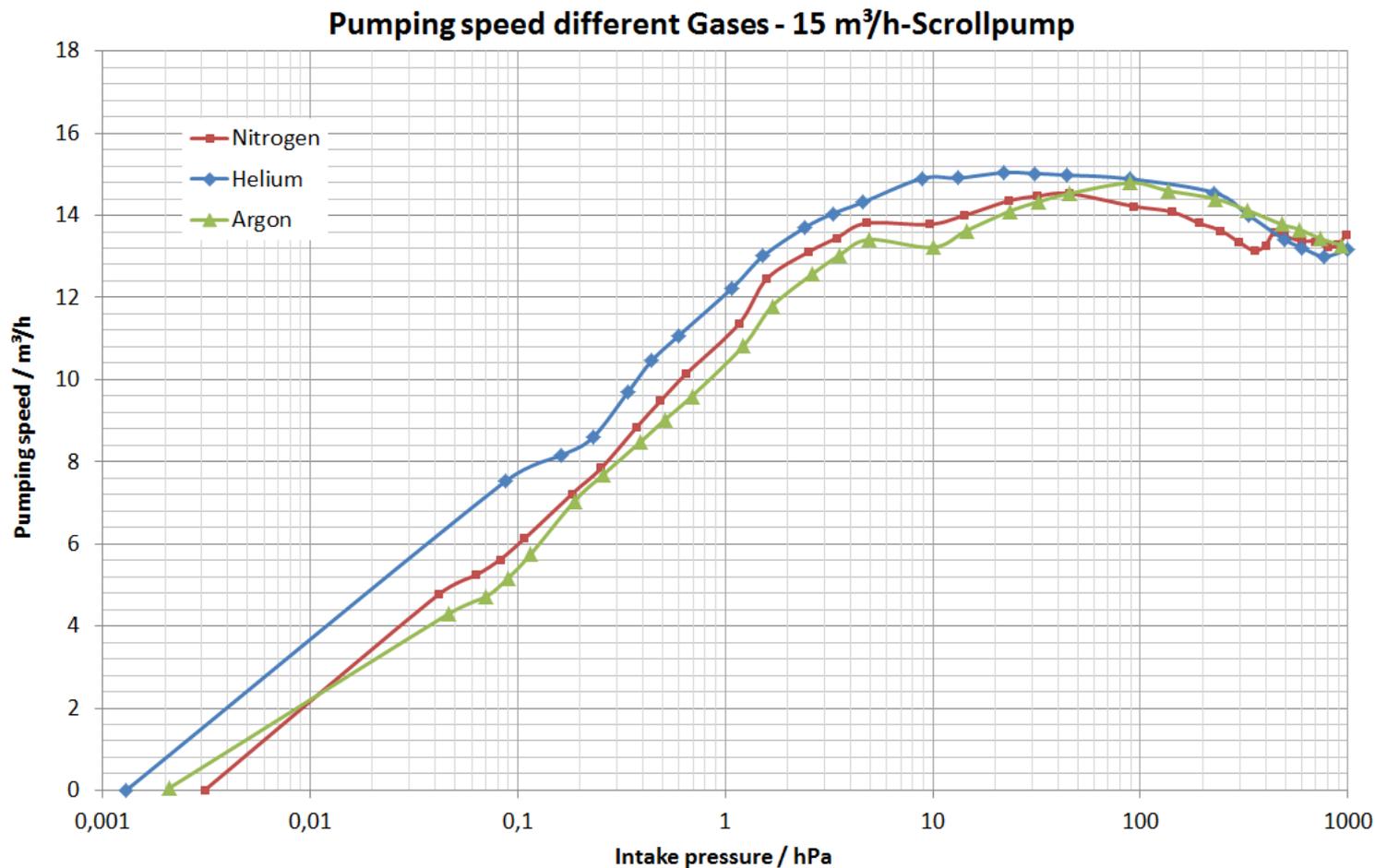


Scroll pumps features

- Advantages
 - Simple design
 - Small pumps as backing pumps for low gas throughputs
 - Ultimate vacuum $< 10^{-2}$ hPa
 - Quiet < 55 dB (A)
 - Low initial cost



Scroll pump – performance with different gases



Scroll pumps

- disadvantages
 - Tip seal wear requires regular seal change
 - Generates particles at inlet and exhaust side
 - With increasing tip seal wear performance regarding pumping speed and ultimate vacuum will be reduced
 - Automatic non return valve on inlet side required



Scroll pump performance limitations

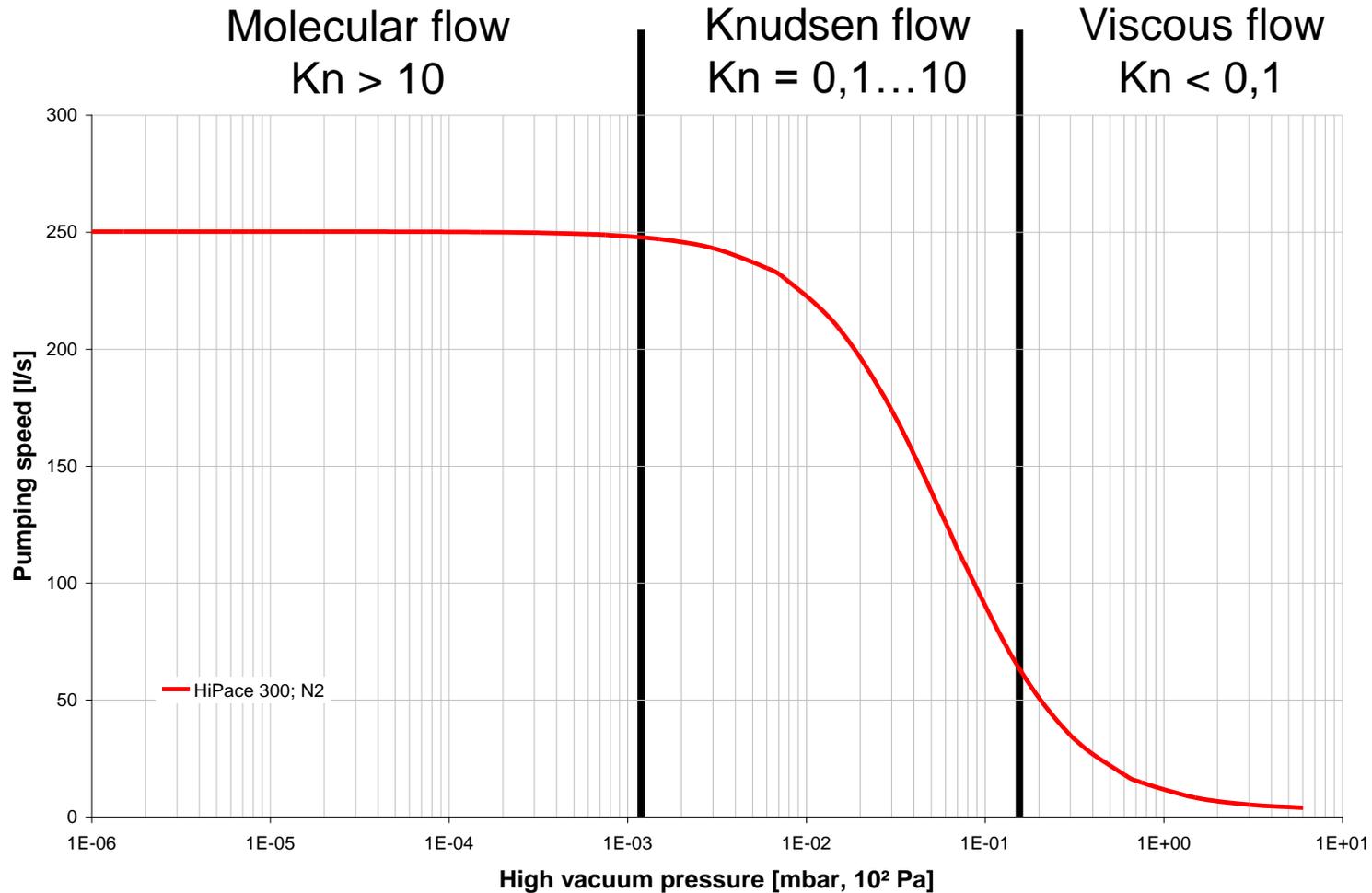
- Nearly gas independent pumping characteristic
- Limited water vapour capacity (gas ballast)
- Generation of particles due to tip seal wear
- Short service intervals due to tip seal change
 - Tip seal change kit ca. 300 – 400 €
 - Overhaul > 1,000 €

TURBOMOLECULAR PUMPS

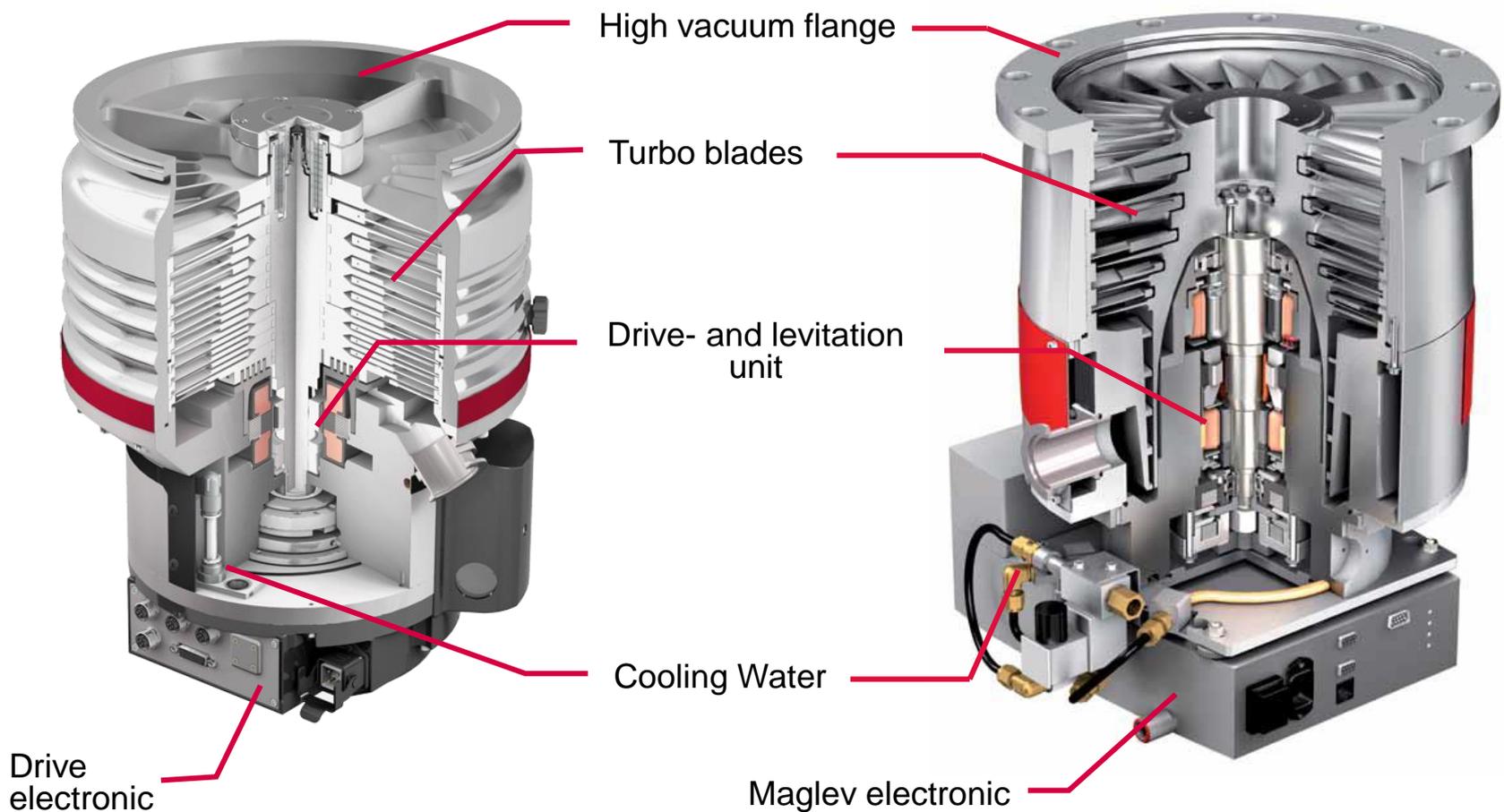
Turbomolecular pump definition

- The turbopump or turbomolecular pump is a high vacuum pump (backing pump required)
- The turbopump is a momentum transfer pump
- Gas molecules can be given momentum in a desired direction by repeated collision with a moving solid surface.

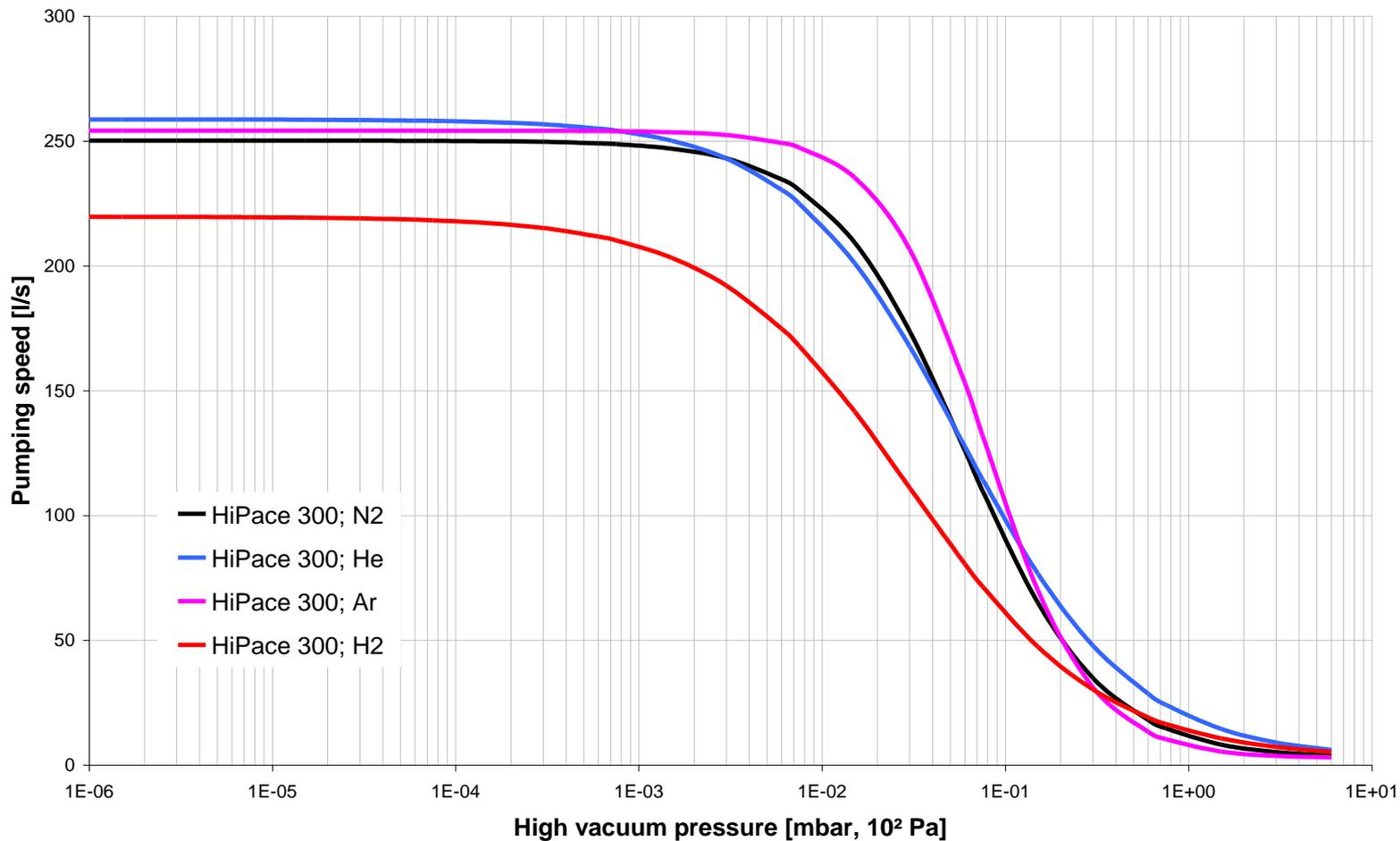
Different Flow Areas



Turbopump Design



Gas type dependant pumping speed



Different Rotor Concepts

With Holweck Stage



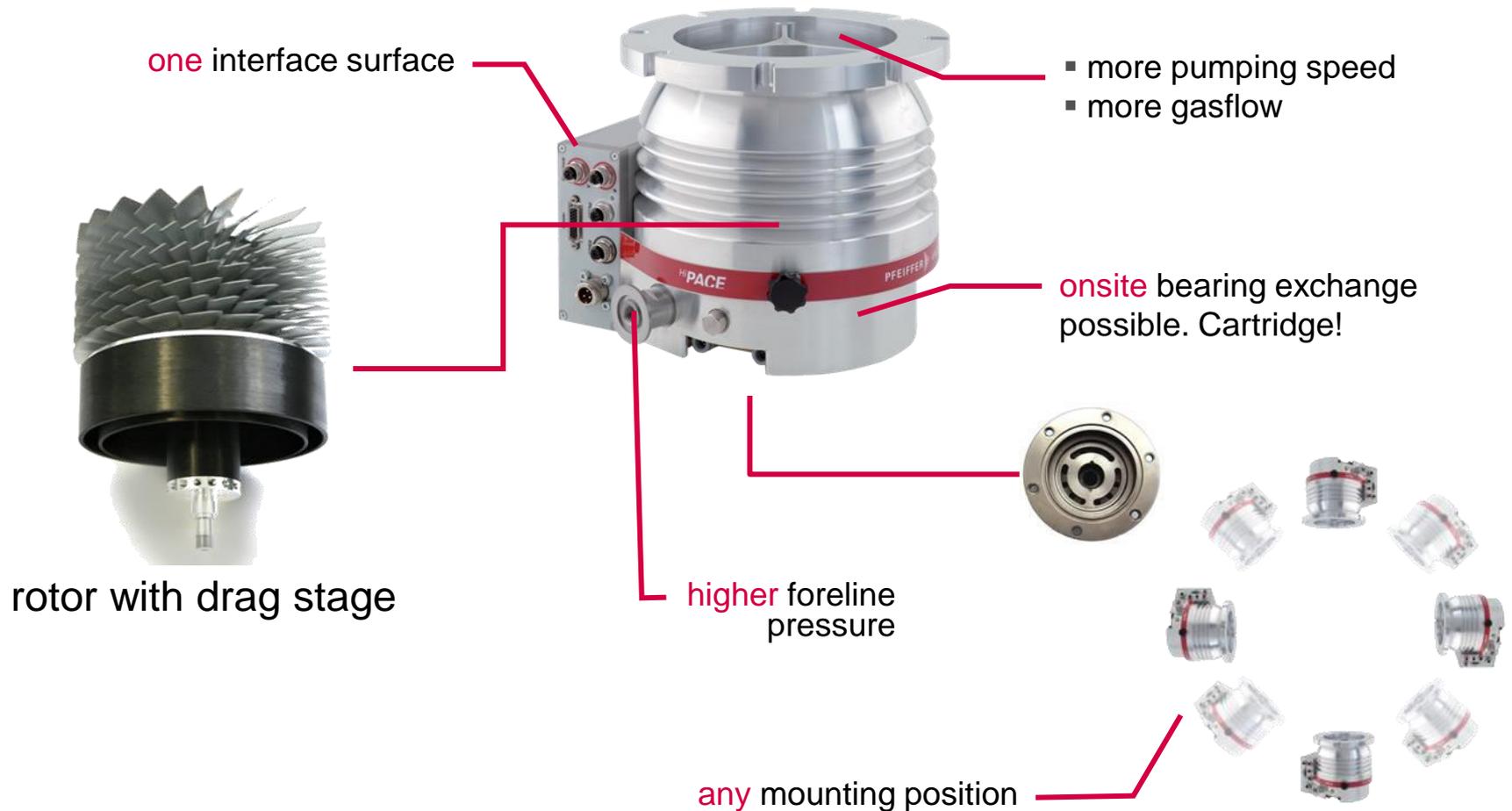
- Compression optimized
- Ultra High Vacuum

Pure Turbo



- Gas flow optimized
- Suitable for process applications

Pumping Speed 10 to 700 l/s



HiPace 300 H - Features

- Highest compression ratio especially for light gases
- Creates ultra low residual gas backgrounds
- Ideal for HV- and UHV applications
- Best UHV pressures even in combination with diaphragm pumps
- With MVP015-4 DC backing pump $< 10^{-10}$ hPa
- Intermittent mode reduces energy consumption up to 90 %
- Target group: R&D and Analytic customers



HiPace 300 H

Technical features

- Highest compression especially for light gases (10^7 for H₂)
- Outstanding max. fore-vacuum pressure

Customer benefits

- Best ultimate pressures, ultra low residual gas background, ideal for mass spectrometry applications
- Best UHV performance even in combination with diaphragm pumps
- Intermittent mode reduces the energy consumption of the overall vacuum system by more than 90 %

Turbomolecular pumps in radiation environment

- Pfeiffer Vacuum HiPace 80, 300, 800
 - Unique Concept with remote power supply TCP350
 - Cable length between pump and power supply
 - HiPace 80 & 800 up to 250 m, HiPace 300 up to 1,000 m
- Realized at CERN in Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



HiPace 300



Cable HiPace-TCP350

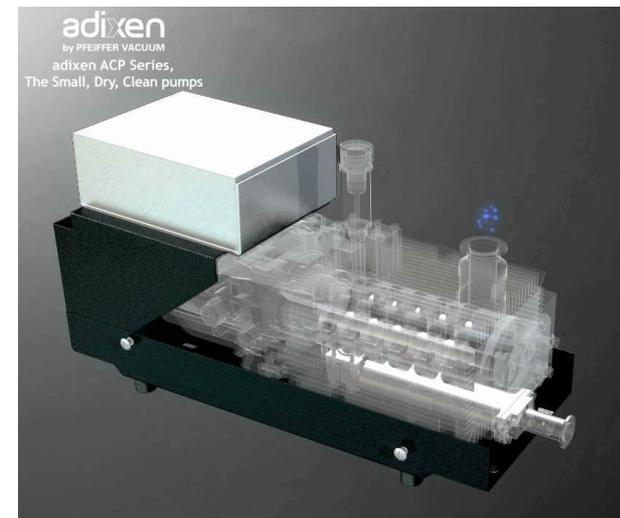
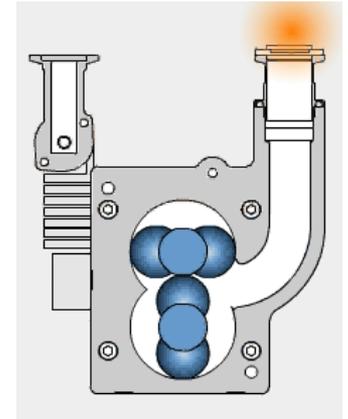


TCP350

MULTISTAGE ROOTS PUMPS

Multistage roots pump

- Functional principle
 - No contact between rotor and stator
 - No mechanical load of seals in the pump cavity
 - Multistage design up to 8 stages
 - Ultimate vacuum $< 10^{-2}$ hPa
- Executions
 - Standard
 - With gas ballast for pumping vapours
 - Corrosive version for corrosive traces
 - remote electronics for radiation environment



ROOTS PUMPS

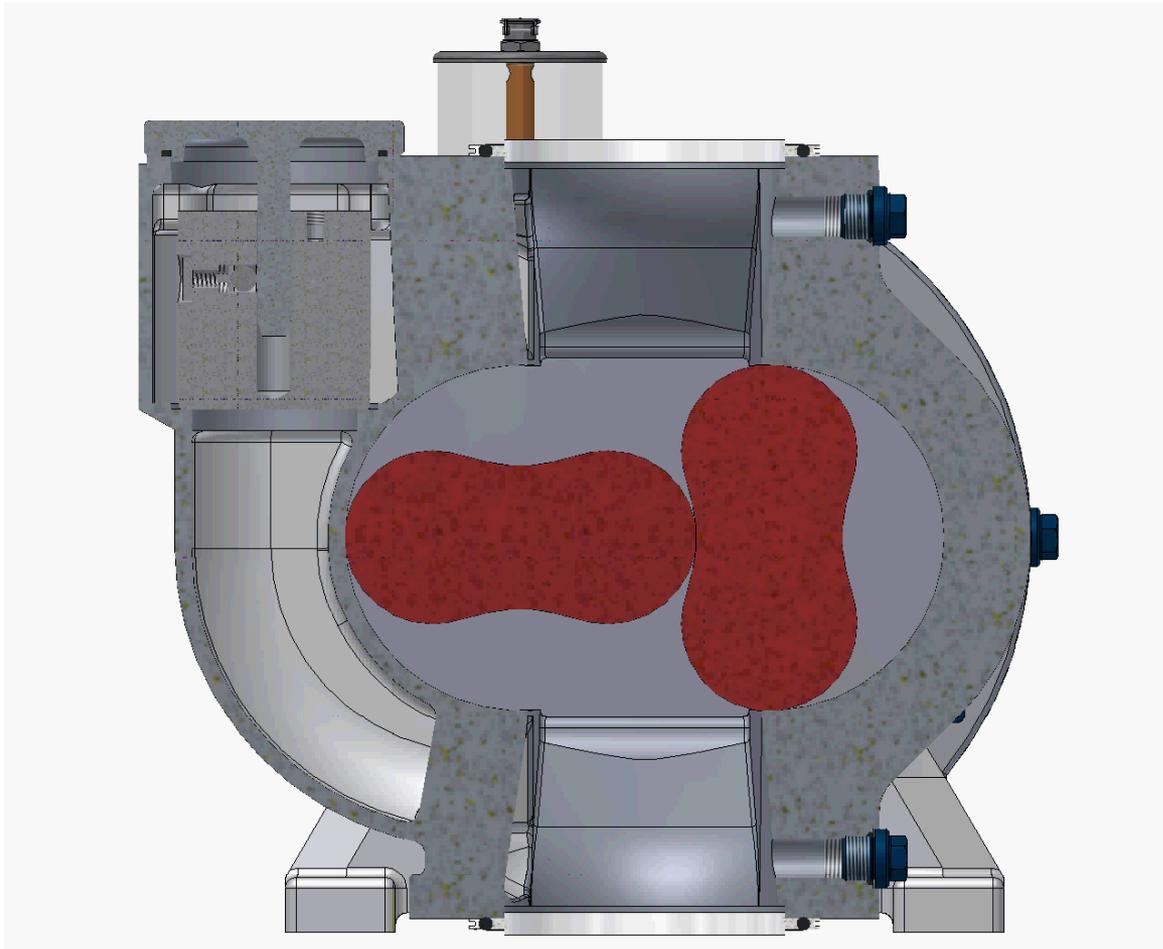
Roots pumps

- Invented by the Roots brothers in 1865 to blow air to fire up steel melting furnaces
- Top performance/size ratio
- Used up to ultimate vacuum $> 10^{-4}$ hPa
- Available in sizes from 150 – 97,000 m³/h
- Normally with shaft seals
 - One supplier offers magnetic coupling
- Bypass valve
 - for thermal overload protection
 - Switching on at atmospheric pressure



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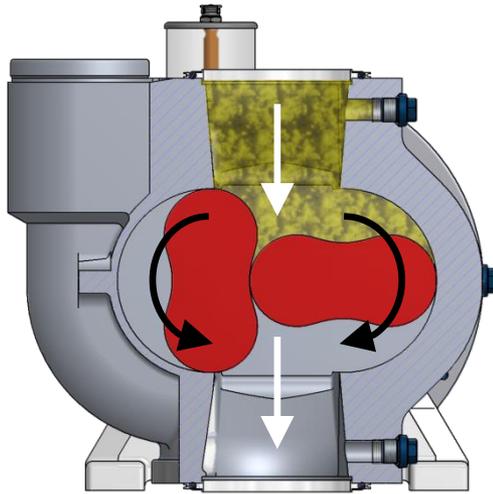
Roots pumping principle



Roots pump working principle

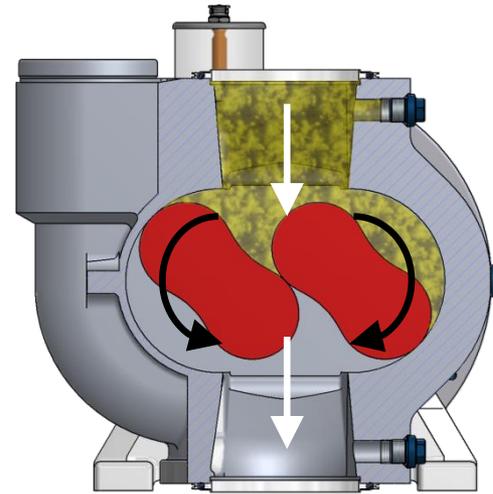
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gas inlet on HV-side



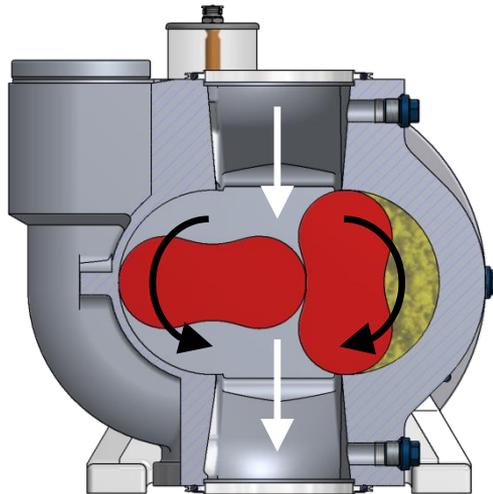
- Phase 2

gas flows in until volume is closed



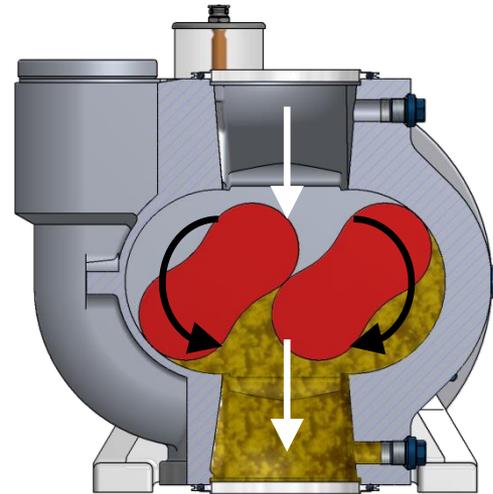
- Phase 3

gas moved to FV-side

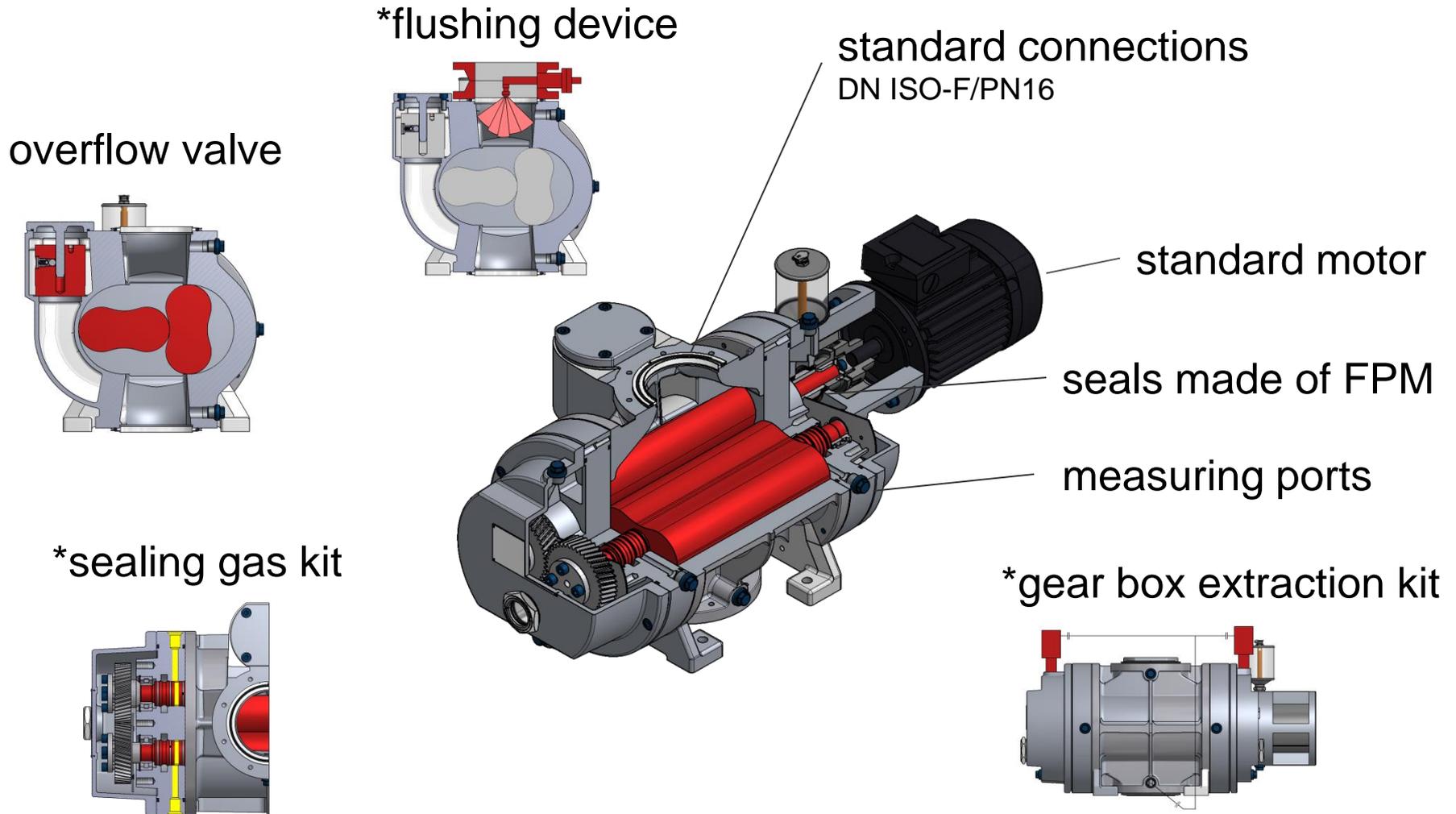


- Phase 4

gas outlet and compressed to FV-pressure

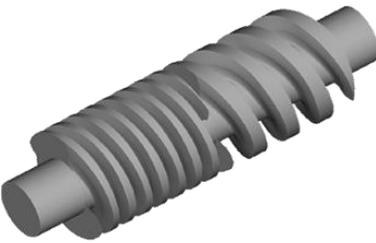
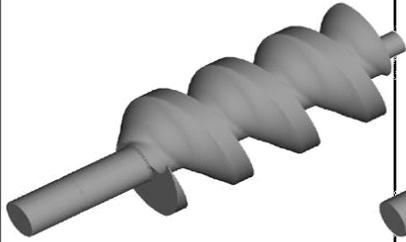
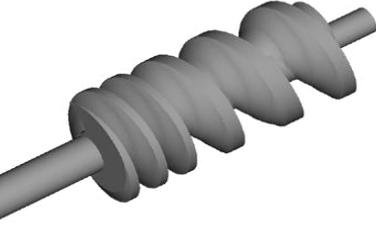


Roots pump features and *optional accessories



DRY SCREW PUMPS

Screw pumps – screw rotor types

	Constant pitch	Variable pitch	Characteristics
Symmetrical profiles			<p>+ : simple calculation and manufacturing</p> <p>-: low performance!</p>
Asymmetrical profiles			<p>-: complex calculation and manufacturing</p> <p>+: best performance!</p>

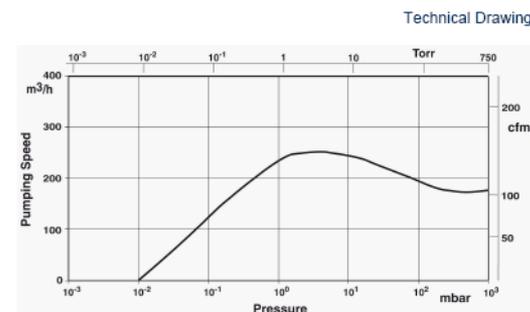
Dry screw pump – advantages / disadvantages

Advantages

- Dry compression
- High pumping speeds
50 – 2,000 m³/h
- Durable, tolerant to particles and vapours
- Dry forevacuum pump for roots pumping units

Disadvantages

- ~ 50 % reduced pumping speed for light gases
- Silencer required
- High gas temperatures
- Low atmospheric pumping speed, slow pumping down



PUMPING UNITS

Pumping units

- with 2-stage RVP/Roots pump
 - ultimate vacuum $< 5 \times 10^{-4}$ hPa
- with 1-stage RVP/Roots pump
 - ultimate vacuum $< 3 \times 10^{-2}$ hPa
- with dry pump/Roots pump
 - ultimate vacuum $< 1 \times 10^{-3}$ hPa
- With dry pump/turbomolecular pump
 - membrane, scroll, multistage roots pump
 - Ultimate vacuum up to $< 1 \times 10^{-10}$ hPa



with membrane pump



with multi stage Roots pump

Pumping units

- Standard pumping unit program with membrane, scroll, multistage roots, dry screw pumps in combination with Roots and turbomolecular pumps on the market
- Customized pumping units per specification can be realized by the main vacuum pump suppliers
 - Special units for Helium 4 or Tritium can be provided as joint development with the R&D community like ITER

PRO & CONS FOR VARIOUS VACUUM PUMP PRINCIPLES

Pros & Cons for various pumps principles

Features	Rotary vane pump	Membrane pump	Piston pump	Scroll pump	multistage Roots pump	Roots pump	dry Screw pump
oil free	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
particle emission	0	0	0	-	+	+	+
stability pumping speed/ultimate vacuum	+	0	0	-	+	+	+
reliability (magnetic coupled)	+	+	0	0	+	+	+
service intervals	0	0/+	0	0	+	+	0
initial cost	+	+	0	+	0	+	0
Total cost of ownership (TCO)	+	+	0	0	+	+	0

SELECTION OF MECHANICAL PUMPS BY APPLICATION

Selection of mechanical pumps by application

Requirement	Rotary vane pump	Membrane pump	Piston pump	Scroll pump	multistage Roots pump	Roots pump	dry Screw pump
radiation e.g λ , β , γ , neutron ray, ionized ray	+ (standard motor)	+ (standard motor)	+ (standard motor)				
particle emission	o	-	o	-	+	+	+
flourine free	-	-	-	-	+ (special version)	+ (magnetic coupled)	-
hydrocarbon free	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
remote electronics, long cables	+ (no electronics)	+ (no electronics)	+ (no electronics)	-	+ (electronics remoted)	+ (no electronics)	+ (no electronics)
material activation due to radiation	+	+	o	+	+ (pump system made of aluminum)	-	-

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