



All about Leak Test

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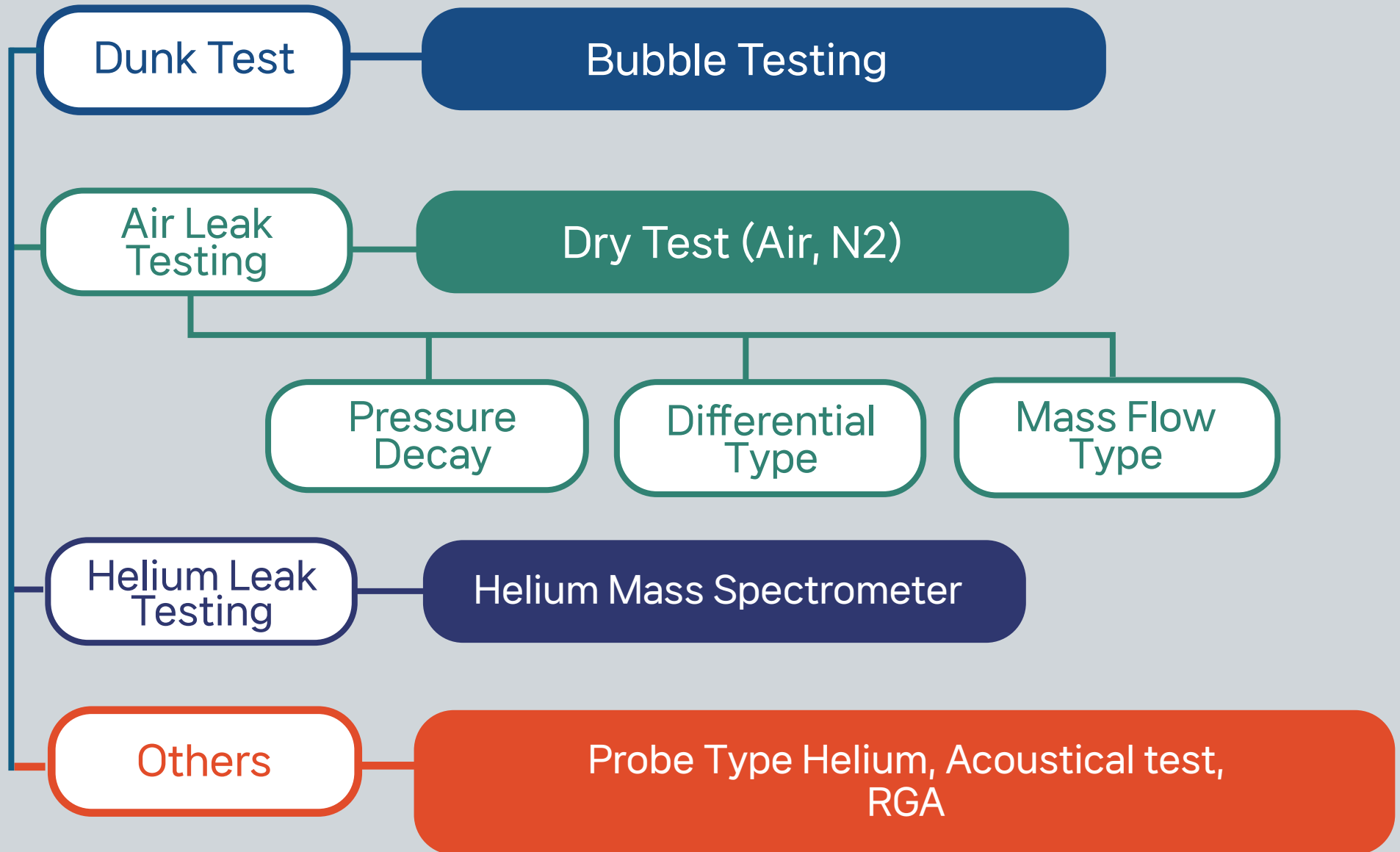
Air Leak Test System

Helium Leak Test System

Flow rate and durability Test System

Assembly automation equipment manufacturing

Leak Testing Classification



[Leak]

The flow of any substance through an opening or crack through a barrier (protective wall), etc.

Speed of leakage

Molecular Weight of
Leaking Material

Leakage standard value

Leak Testing

- ◆ Selection of technology and development of leakage characteristics for production sites in various industries.

Quality
Management

Nondestructive
testing

Total Inspection

Improved reliability

[There is no perfect material
without leakage.]

Necessity of leak test



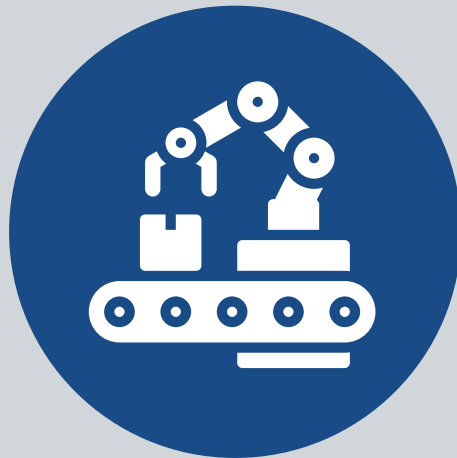
Improved reliability



Environmental protection



Improve customer satisfaction



Prevent additional costs for the finished assembly



Secure stable quality of the manufacturing process

Leak Generation Factors

Cracks, Holes

Incomplete
wedling, brazing,
soldering
adhesive etc

Improper
assembly of
each part.

Improper fitting,
tightening or
assembly

Missing parts

Defective
gasket

Weak surface
finish

Leak test Selection technique

It is important to select the
"test specification" for the site

→ Factors to Select
Appropriate Leak Testing

- What is the standard for OK / NG leak rate?
- What is the leakage specification on site?
 - └ Test Pressure, Pressure decay or flow
- What is the estimated cost?
- Is it necessary to confirm the leak location?
- What is the production speed?
- What is the material?
- What are the conditions around the test site?
 - └ Temperature, pressure, pollution level, ambient air condition (0.7mmH₂O, 0.7cc change occurs at 0.01 ° C change in temperature)
- How skilled are the workers?

Decision of Leakage

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Measurement
by pressure loss

PSI, Pascal, MPa, Inch mmH₂O
atm, KPa, bar, mbar, mmHG

Measurement
by flow

Sccs: Standard Cubic Centimeters per Second
Used to measure leak rates less than 0.10sccm

Sccm: Standard Cubic Centimeters per Minute
Used for medium leak rates measurement of
1000 sccm-0.10 sccm

Lpm : Liters Per Minute
Used to measure large leak rates over 1000 sccm

Leakage Management

Currently Korean
Management Standards

Manage by pressure loss

PSI, Pascal, MPa, Inch mmH₂O
atm, KPa, bar, mbar, mmHG

Developed countries
management standards

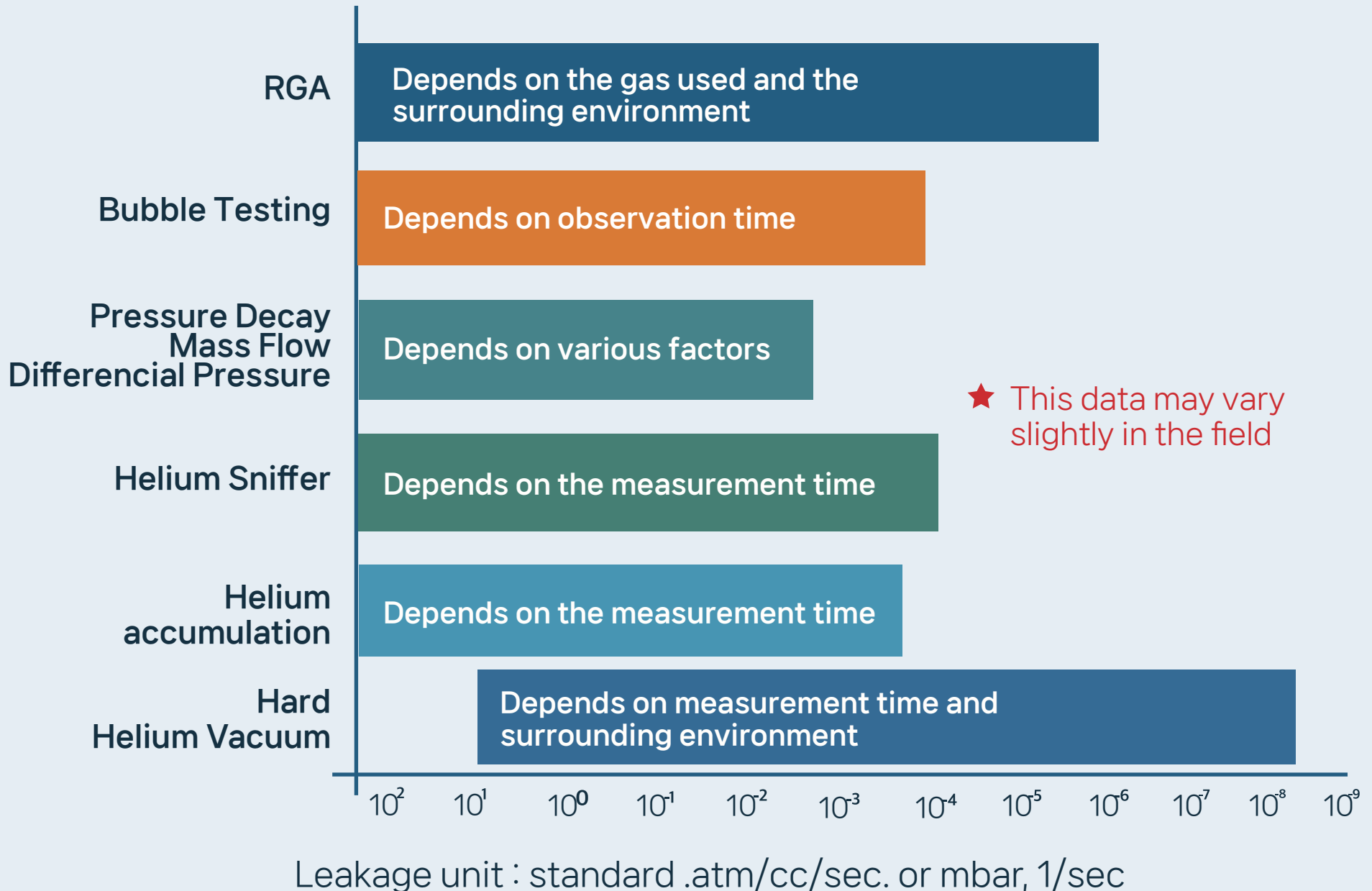
Manage by Flow Rate

The amount of leakage actually generated
per hour is managed by the drifting unit.
(Consider test volume)

Equation for converting pressure loss per hour to flow

$$\left[\text{LeakRate}(sccm) = \frac{V(cm^3) \times \Delta P(psi) \times 60}{T(sec.) \times 14.7} \right]$$

Leak measurement range according to the leak test method



Typical Refrigerant Leakage Limits

◆ Typical Specification

0.1 oz.(2.8g) Freon/year = 1.8×10^{-5} scc/sec = 1.8×10^{-5} mbar l/sec.

Leak Rate (scc/sec.)	Time required for 3mm Air bubbles to form	Volum Comparison
10^2	25/mins	-
10^3	2/mins	-
10^4	1 in 5/mins	-
10^{-5}	-	1 scc/24 hour
10^{-7}	-	3 scc/year
10^{-9}	-	1 scc/30year

Leak Test Comparison



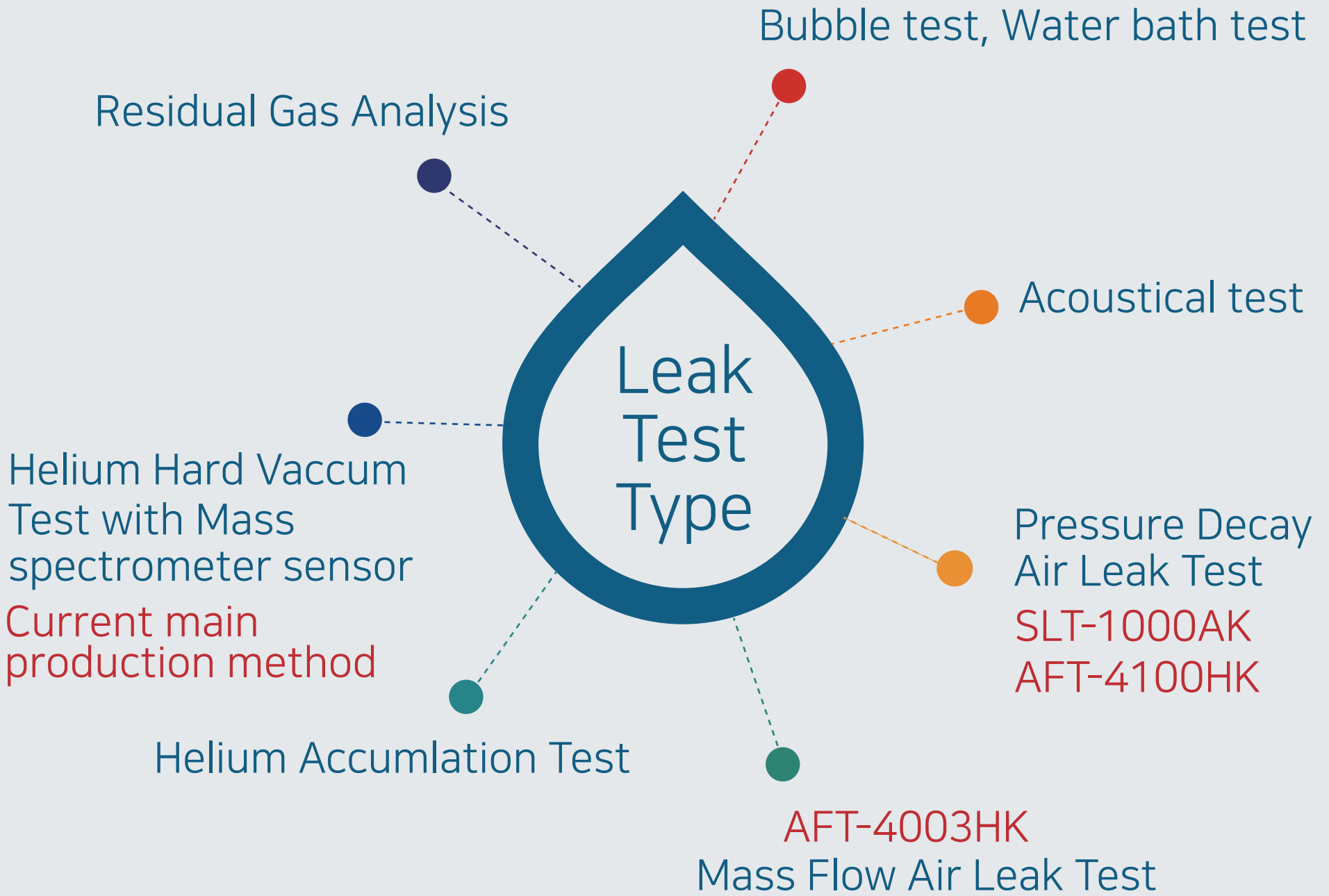
Leak test method	Water bath test	Acoustical test	Pressure Decay Air Leak Test	Mass Flow	Helium sniffer	Helium Accumulation	Helium Hard Vacuum	Residual Gas Analysis
System configuration	Simple	Appropriate	Simple	Simple	Simple	Complicacy	Complicacy	Complicacy
Cost	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Very high	Very high
Worker dependence	High	-	-	-	High	-	-	-
Sensitivity, sccs (Based on work site)	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00001	0.00001	0.0000 00001	0.0000 00001
Leakage location Check	Possible	Possible	Impossible	Impossible	Possible	Impossible	Impossible	Impossible
Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leakage location check required Leakage specification of 0,001sccs or more required Low production speed and low budget Field that is not affected by water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steam pipe (Maintenance) Snowfall specification requirements greater than 0,01 sccs Parts with flexure leakage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various auto parts -Coolers, radiators, Brakes, fuel parts, Power handle, battery Device & apparatus -Valves, pumps, storage tanks Medical device 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various auto parts -Liquid reservoir, radiator piping parts, transmission housing, engine block Device & apparatus -Valves, pumps, storage tanks Medical device 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welding, Blazing Part Valve stem in refrigerator Refrigerator, air conditioner connection Where there is a local leak. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature sensitive components with leakage specifications of 0.001 or more Automotive Parts Radiator, oil cooler Fuel Rail, Heater Core 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of refrigerators using Freon Airbag Aluminum wheel rim of car Parts of the flue system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas-filled parts Cooler using Freon gas Aluminum wheel rims Parts of fuel tank

Equivalent Comparison of Leakage Rate to Leaking Fluid



Freon (R-12) leakage ounces/year.	The time required for one droplet to form in a water drop test	Equal Leakage Rate for Helium std. atm. cc/sec.or mbar l/s.
10.00	13.3 sec.	1.8×10^3
3.00	40.0 sec.	5.4×10^4
1.00	145.0 sec.	1.8×10^4
.50	290.0 sec.	9.0×10^5
.10	24.0 min.	1.8×10^5
.01	240.0 min.	1.8×10^6
.00006	667.0 hrs.	1.0×10^8

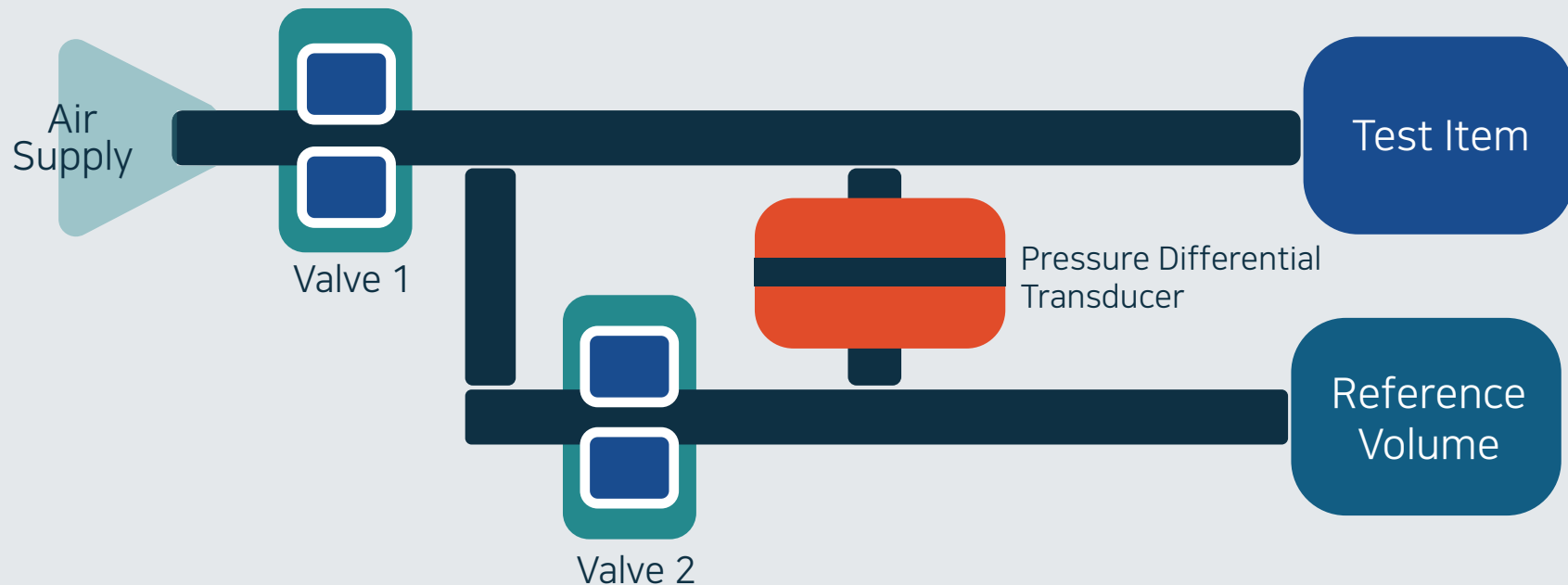
✓ The above conditions are approximate for the same test conditions.



Differential Pressure

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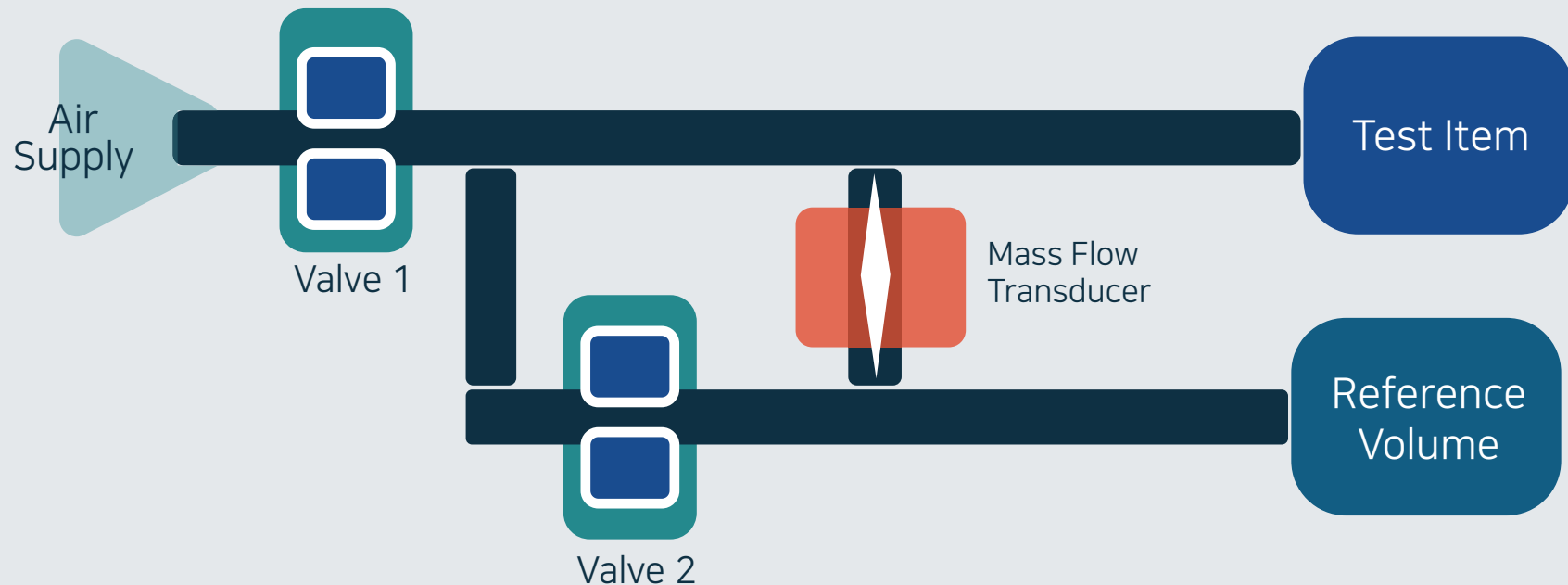
- ◆ A method of measuring the pressure of a test item versus a reference using a differential pressure sensor.



Mass Flow Type

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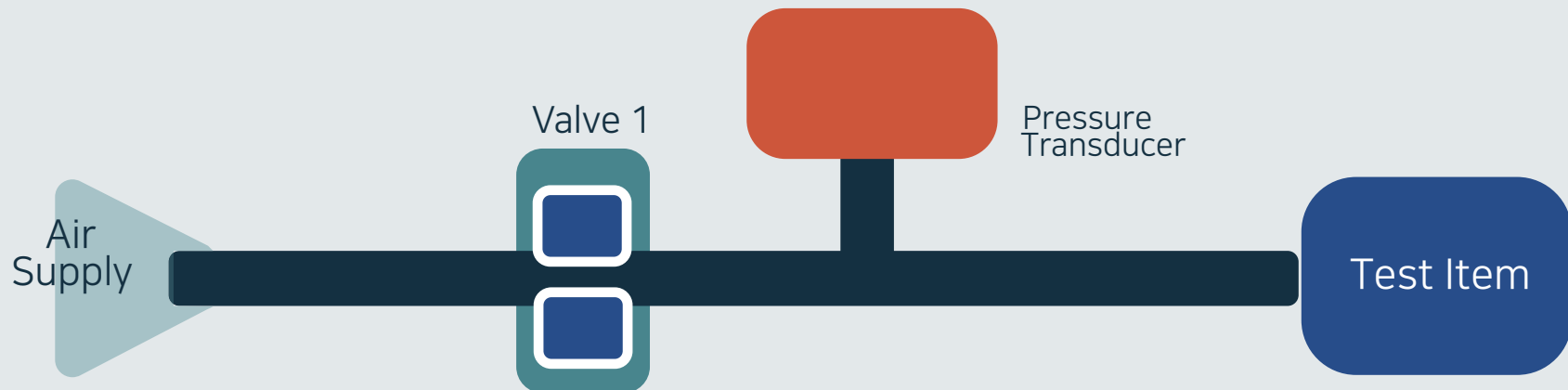
- ◆ A method of measuring the flow of test items vs. reference air using a mass flow sensor



Pressure Decay

SLT-1000AK

- ◆ After supplying a constant test pressure to the sealed product, the injection port is blocked to detect the leakage of the pressure change using the Pressure Sensor.



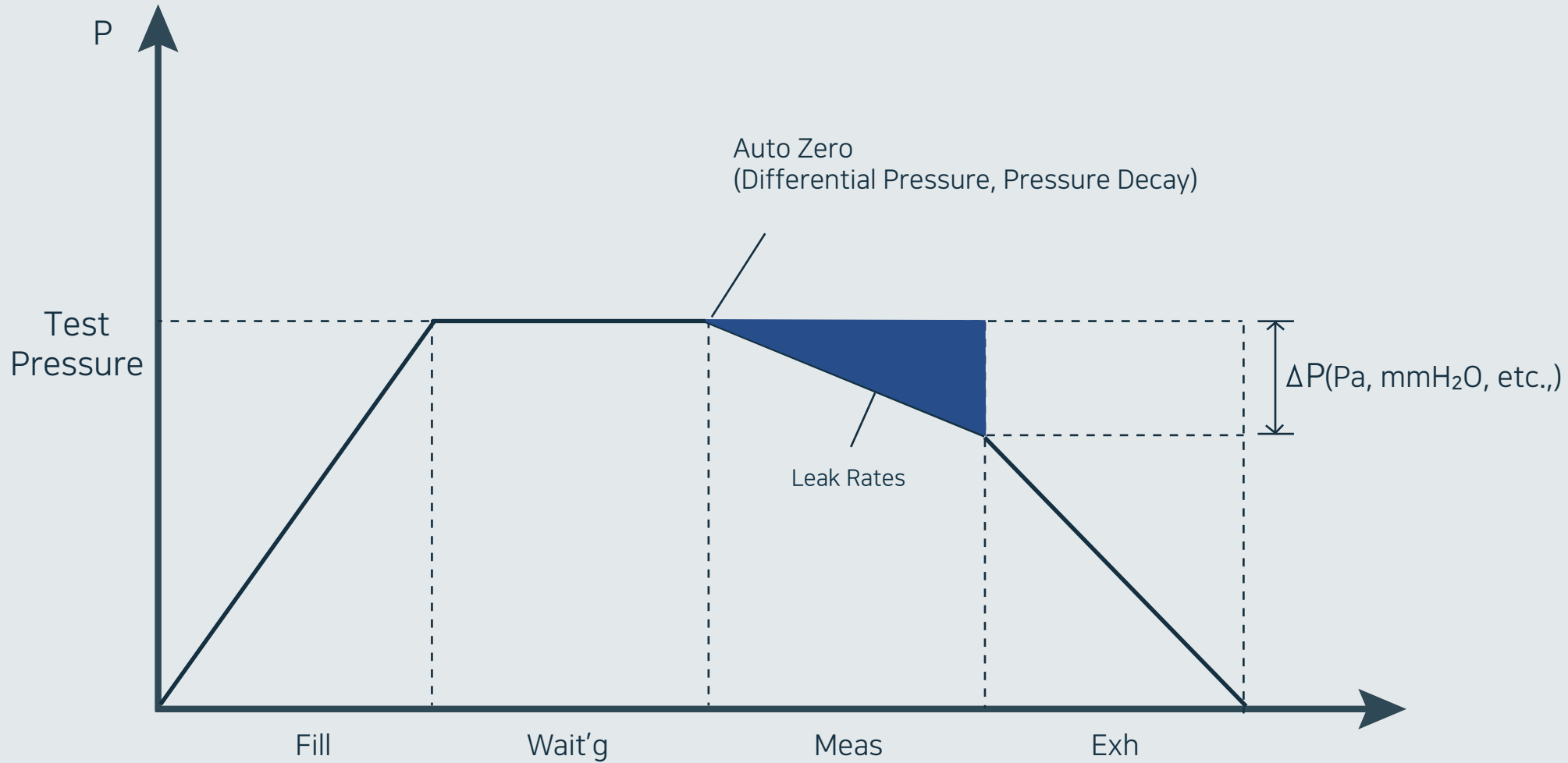
✓ Disadvantages

- Very low detection of fine leakage
- Measurement of pressure change takes longer in large volume products

Air Leak Test Pressure change curve

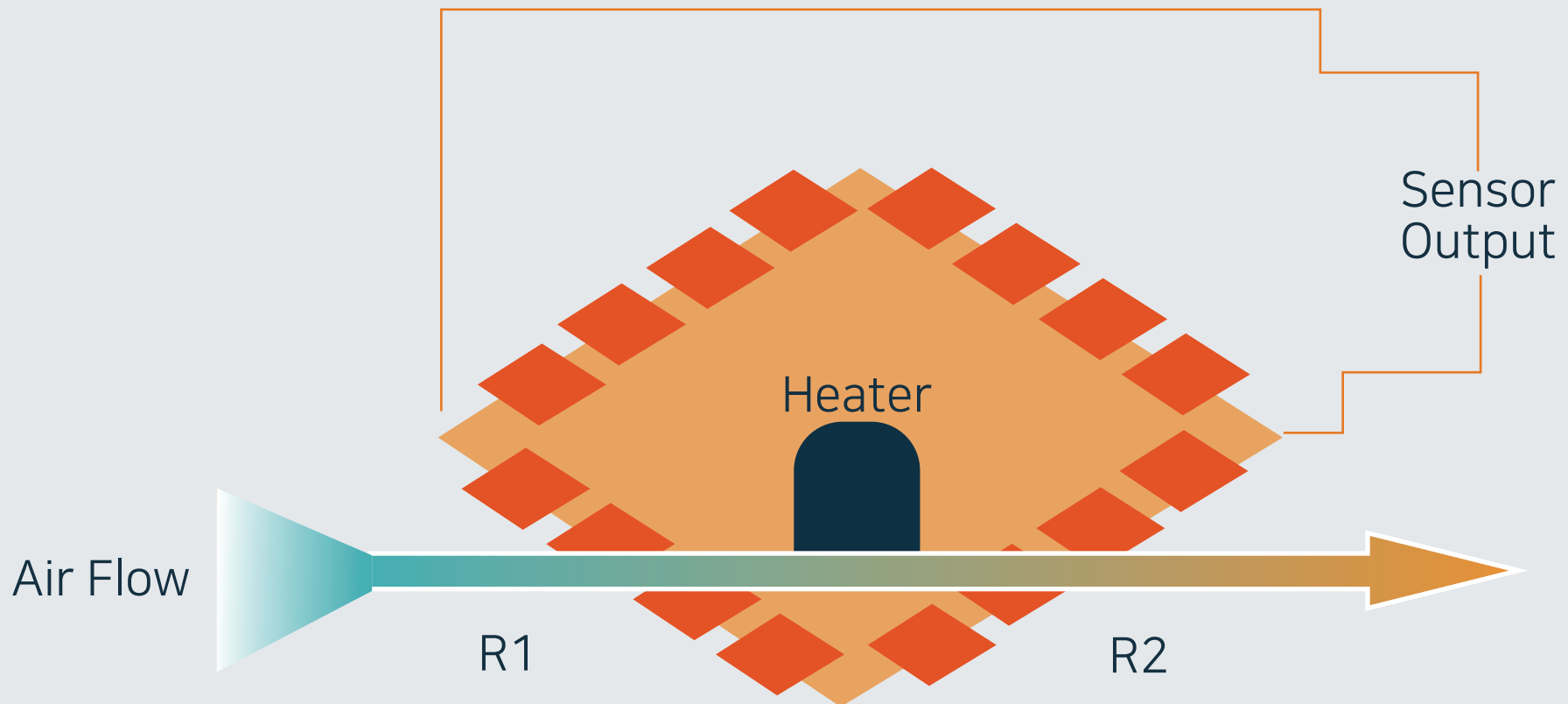
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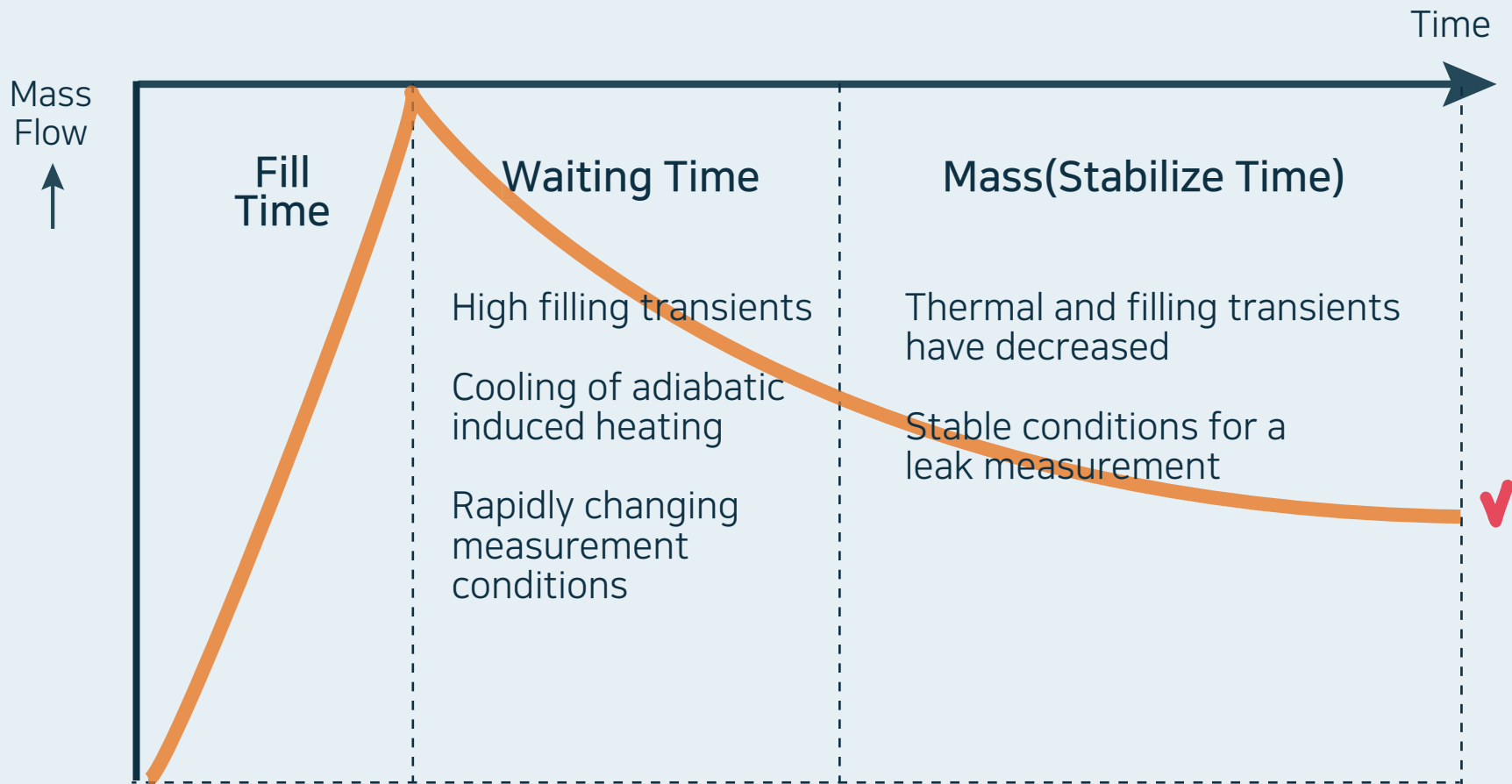
Thermal Mass Flow Sensors AFT-4003HK

- ◆ Mass Flow Sensing Method using Heat Transfer Principle
Very short test time and very high accuracy sensing method in at least 0.02 seconds



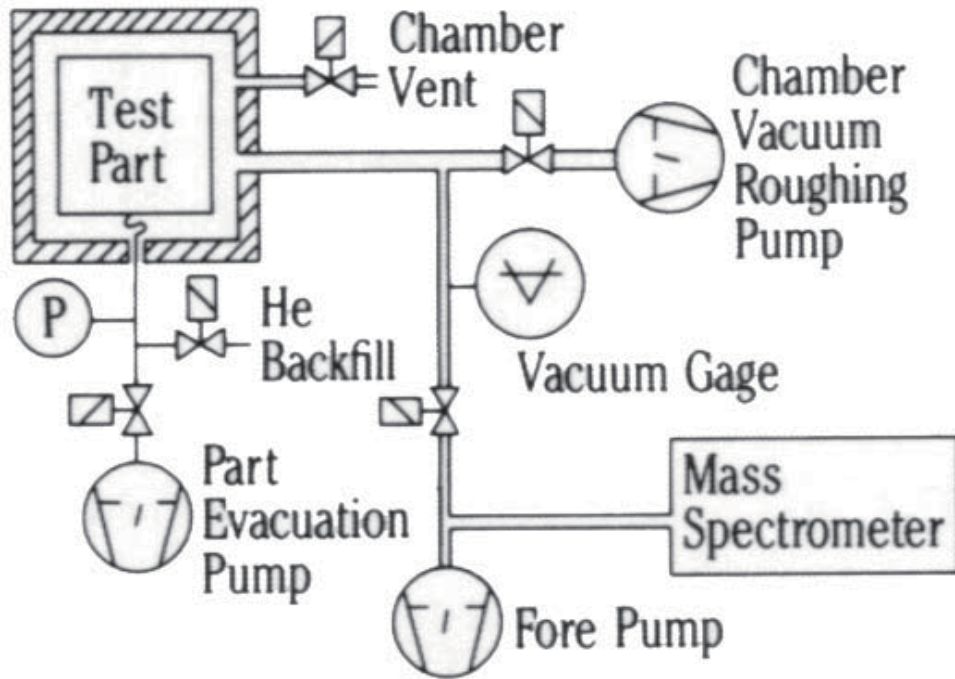
- ✓ R1, R2 : Temperature-Sensitive Resistors(Thermistors)
- ✓ Output Voltage = Mass Flow of Air

Mass Flow Leak Test Curve



✓ Mass flow requires only one measurement at the stabilized end.

Helium Vacuum Technology



Leakage measurement range: $\sim 1 \times 10^{-8}$ CC / S

System method

- Inside-out or outside-in
- Determined by the use or function of the product

Fill product first with mixed helium gas or automatically fill test chamber

→ The setting in the chamber around the product is set to the optimum vacuum level by a vacuum pump of the appropriate size

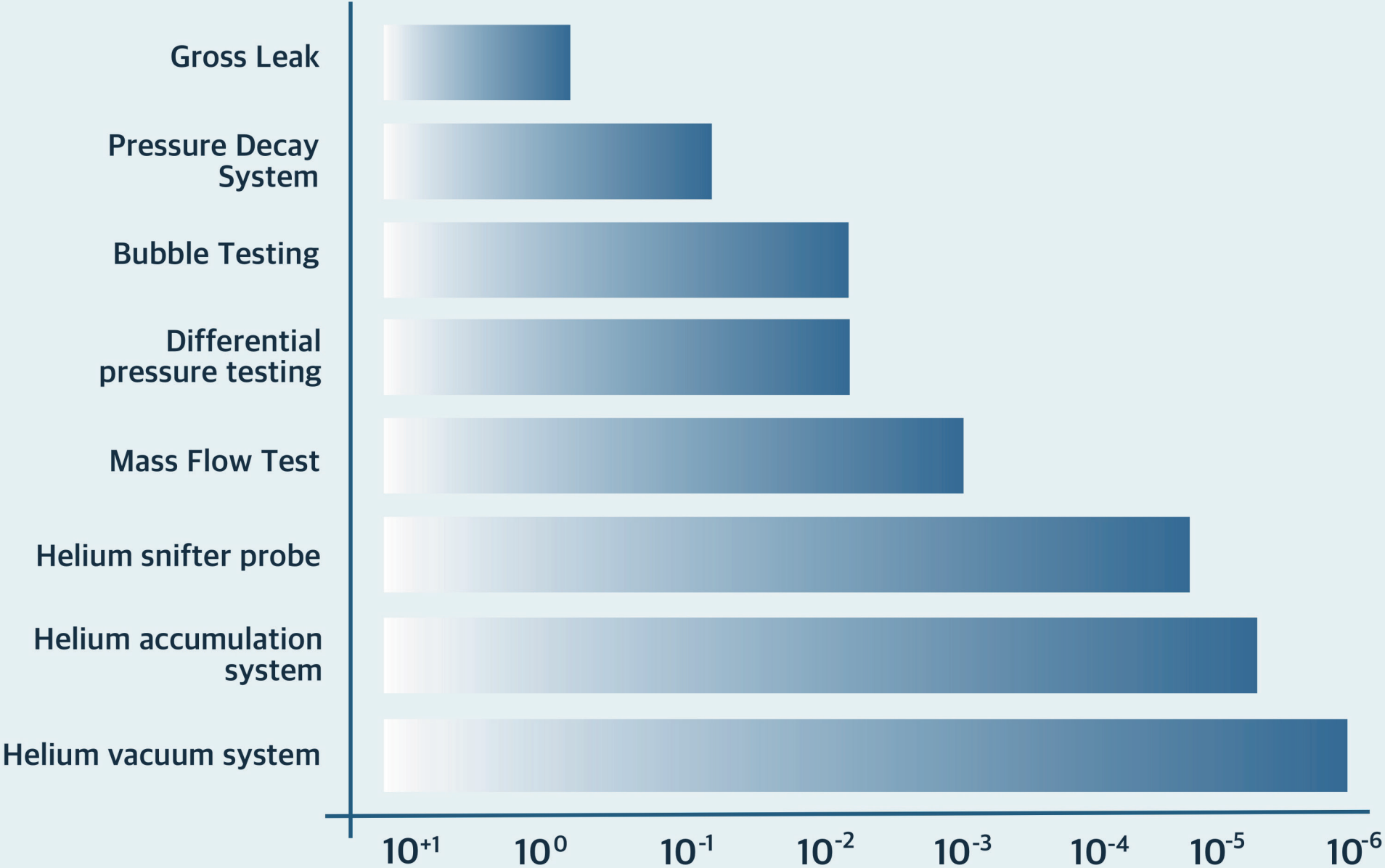
→ When the correct vacuum level is reached, the shutoff valve opens

→ Mass spectrometer samples the concentration of helium to determine the leak rate

→ OK/NG criteria are established during the calibration procedure using the leak standard in the chamber

With this vacuum method, on-site measurable leakage levels reach 1.0×10^8 sccs or more. This strength can be achieved in environments with vacuum levels below 120 microns (0.120 Torr)

Leak Test Rates In Standard cc/second



Factors Affecting Air Leak Testing

Environmental Factors

- ◆ Fill-air temperature
- ◆ Ambient temperature

Factor of test product itself

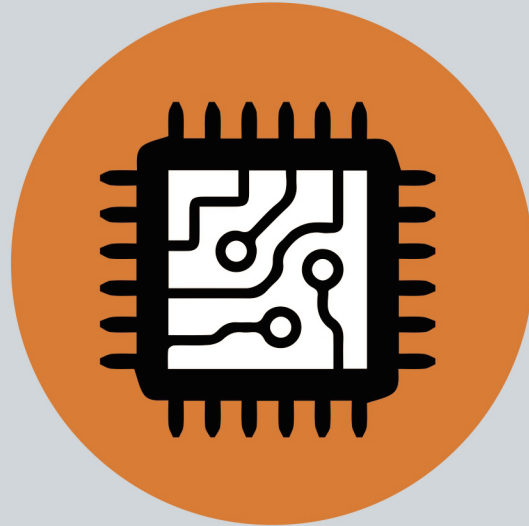
- ◆ Part temperature
- ◆ Part elasticity
- ◆ Part absorption

Factors of Sealing Fixtures

- ◆ Aging of seals

Various factors play a role in reducing repeatability and reproducibility by adversely affecting the leakage test results regardless of the resolution of the leak detector.

Other Experience with Leak & Automation



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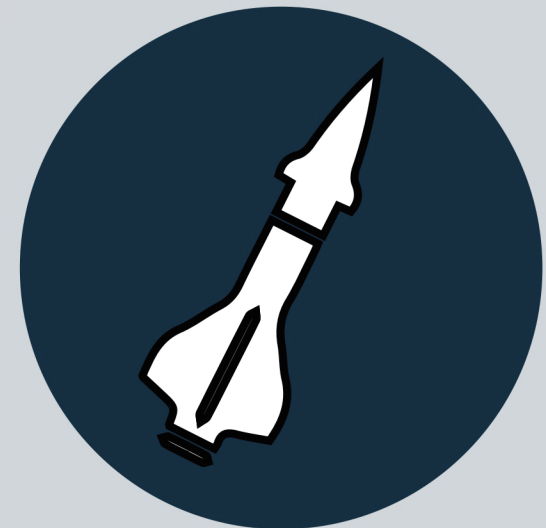
Watches



Paper cup



Medical Product



Missile



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