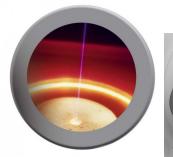
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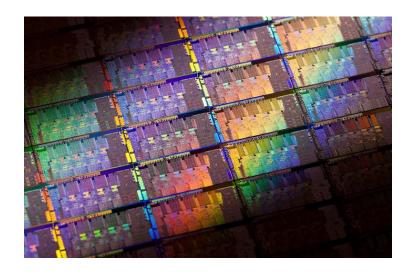
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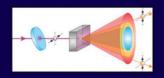








## Exploring Quantum Physics through Hands-on Projects



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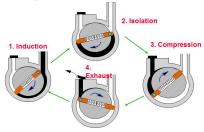


approximately 20% of the global economy is related in some way or another to chemical catalysis: that is, to the initially purely academic question of how bonds in molecules are made and broken. Also, does Schrödinger's famous equation from 1926 (equation 1), which was formulated to describe the wave nature of electrons and represents basic theoretical physics research in its purest form, serve any use? According to estimates that about 20% of gross domestic product is based on applications of quantum mechanics, the answer would be a resounding 'yes' (Ref. 5). Indeed, the list is endless. So let us be in no doubt: basic research that, sooner or later, enables further discoveries or inventions and spawns applications that benefit society is a public good. As far as funding is concerned, it must remain an essentially public matter; it must not be subjected to economic rules of quick profit maximization or politically opportunistic considerations.

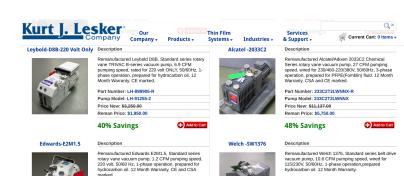
$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(\mathbf{r},t) = \widehat{\mathbf{H}}\psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$
 (1)

"On the usefulness of useless knowledge" - Helmut Schwarz

The first step: oil-sealed rotary vane pump, the most common and cheapest type of pump. Creates a vacuum around  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-3}$ mbar from atmosphere. This vacuum can be used to start other pumps (e.g. turbomolecular pump, diffusion pump, ion pump) that reach higher vacuums, if needed.



Sounds simple enough?



Add to Cart

Part Number: ED-A37122919-RP

Pump Model: ED-A37122919

Price New: \$2,265.00

40% Savings

Reman Price: \$1,350.00

Part Number: SW1376B-01-R

Pump Model: SW1376B-01

Price New: \$4,110.00

28% Savings

Reman Price: \$2 950 00

Wait

Vacuum companies are bullshitting you.







98.5% markup! Now that's good business!



### Solutions?

- Be skeptical of vacuum businesses
- Do not use overly fancy items ("good enough")
- When you do need fancy, shop around
  - MDC Vacuum, Highlight Tech Corp, Fil-Tech, Duniway Stockroom, ...
- Look for mass markets
- Build your own
- Taobao
- Dumpster diving
- eBay

### Rotary vane pump

- Do not use overly fancy items
- Look for mass markets: those pumps are also used for servicing AC
- Taobao



#### Vacuum hardware

- Look for mass markets: used in semiconductor processes, making bags of potato chips, ...
- Taobao



#### 304不锈钢KF真空变径三通异径法兰



立即购买

### Vacuum gauge

- Look for mass markets
- Taobao
- Build your own (electronics)



#### 正品包邮假一赔十成都睿宝真空规管ZJ-27/ZJ-52T

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## My first vacuum system (Berlin 2013)

 ${\sf Dumpster\ diving\ +\ Build\ your\ own}$ 



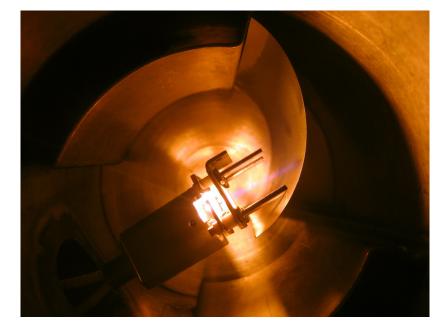
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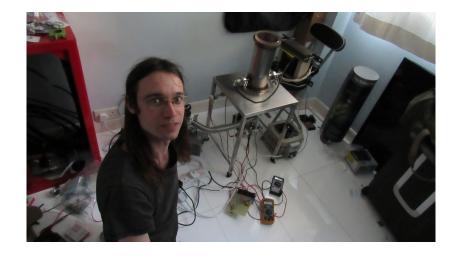


First plasma



### Electron beam







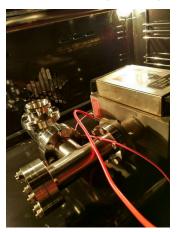






## Ultra-high vacuum system (Hong Kong 2015–)

- Very challenging
- Three types of pumps (scroll, turbomolecular, ion)
- Needs bake-out and very clean parts
- Maybe one day do single-atom (ion trap) experiments



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Ultra-high vacuum system (Hong Kong 2015–)



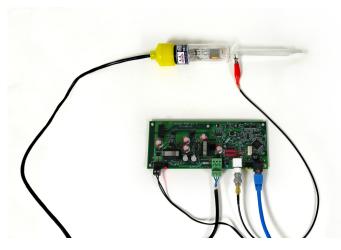
## Creating UHV: Ion pump power supply

- Do not use overly fancy items
- Build your own
- Taobao



## Measuring UHV: Ionpak

- Build your own
- OSHW github.com/m-labs/ionpak



## Measuring UHV: Ionpak



### The next step: Spectropak

- Controller for quadrupole mass spectrometers
- Also OSHW
- Quite complex high frequency, high voltage, high dynamic
- Very useful for UHV diagnostics and troubleshooting







