

Title (en)  
Process for the production of a gas under pressure in variable quantities

Title (de)  
Verfahren zur Herstellung von Druckgas mit variablen Mengen

Title (fr)  
Procédé de production d'un gaz sous pression à débit variable

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Abstract (en)  
A process and installation are claimed for the production of a gas under pressure, at a variable flow rate, particularly for the distillation of air to produce oxygen and nitrogen streams. Air is distilled in a distillation column (7) after cooling by heat exchange (6) with distillation products. Liquid oxygen is withdrawn from the column (16 and 17) and stored (11) at near atmospheric pressure, then used at a variable rate (12). Liquified air is stored (13) at a pressure higher than that in the distillation column before use. It is fed to the column as needed via a pressure reducing valve (25).  
<IMAGE>

Abstract (fr)  
Dans une installation de production d'un gaz sous pression à débit variable comprenant un appareil de distillation d'air (7), une ligne d'échange thermique (6), des moyens (16, 17) pour soutirer du liquide de cet appareil, un récipient (11) de stockage de liquide relié à l'appareil de distillation (7) et muni de moyens (12) pour soutirer du liquide à débit réglable, et un récipient (13) de stockage d'air liquide, on stocke le liquide soutiré dans le récipient (11) sous une pression voisine de la pression atmosphérique, tandis que le récipient (13) de stockage d'air liquide se trouve sous une pression nettement supérieure à la plus forte pression de fonctionnement de l'appareil de distillation (7). <IMAGE>

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