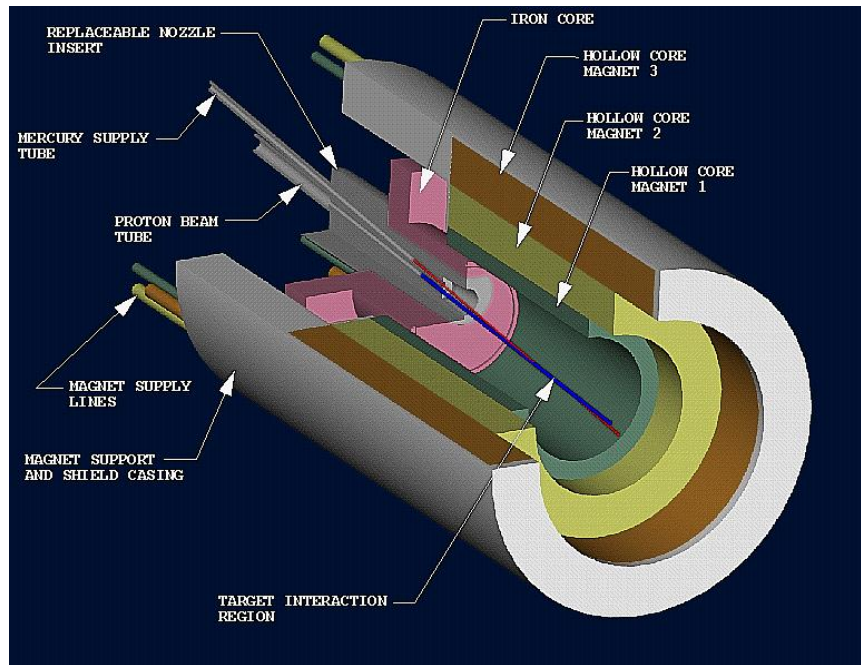
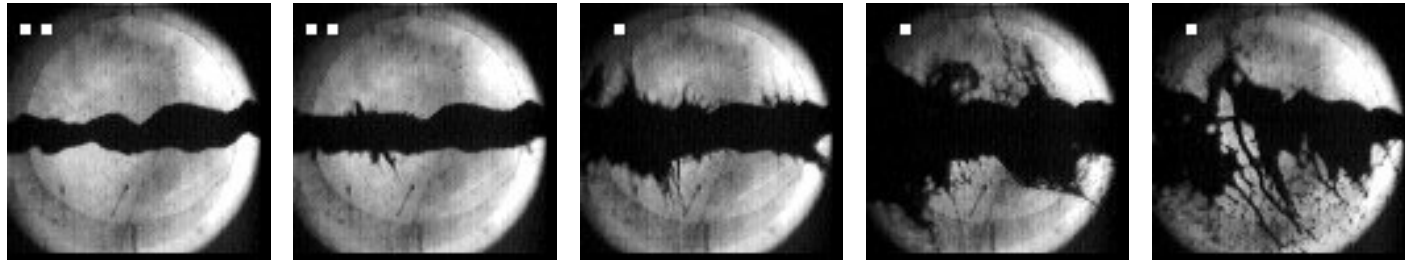


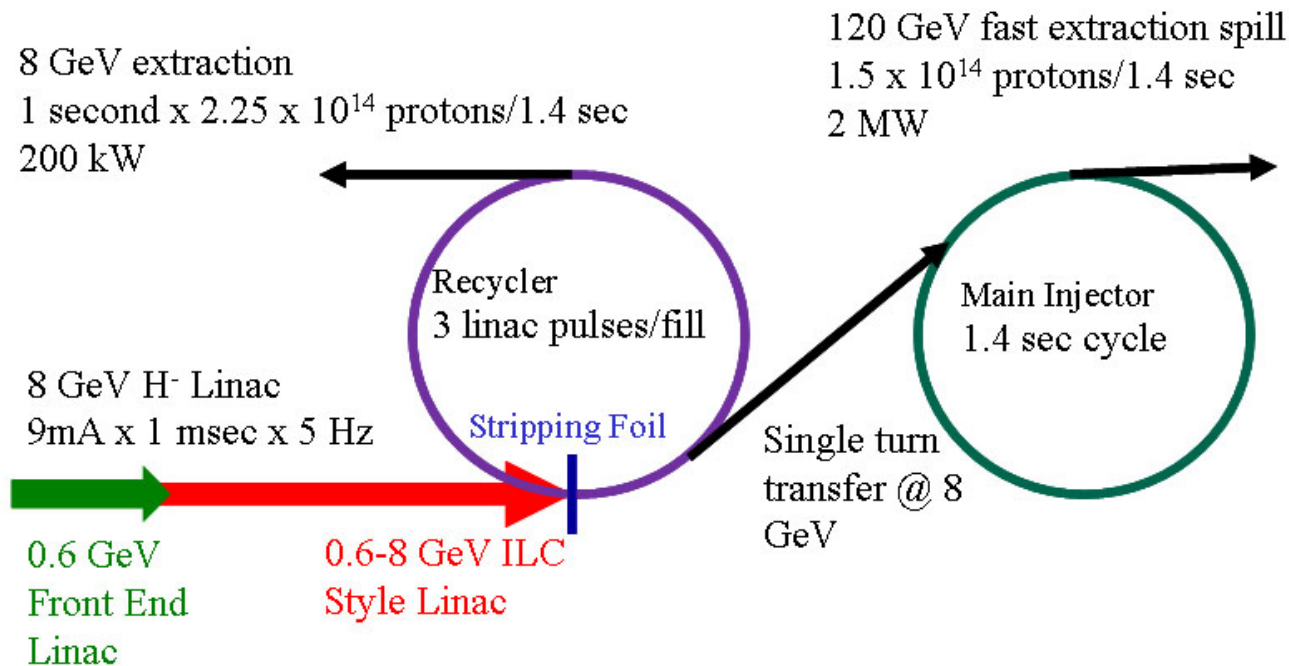
High-Power Targets for Project X – and Beyond



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Targetry Web Page: <http://puhep1.princeton.edu/mumu/target/>

Targetry Challenges at Project X – and Beyond



- **8 GeV superconducting proton linac:**
 Baseline: $9 \text{ mA} \times 1 \text{ ms} \times 5 \text{ Hz} = 360 \text{ kW at } 8 \text{ GeV}$
 Future: $27 \text{ mA} \times 1 \text{ ms} \times 10 \text{ Hz} = 2100 \text{ kW at } 8 \text{ GeV}$
- **Proton Synchrotron:**
 Baseline: 1.5×10^{14} in $10 \mu\text{s}$ spill every 1.4 s @ 120 GeV = 2 MW
 Future(?): 2 MW linac, 90% transfer efficiency, 20 GeV synchrotron = 4 MW, etc.
- **“Conventional” ν superbeam, ν Factory, Muon Collider,**
- **Can the secondary production target withstand the proton beam power?**

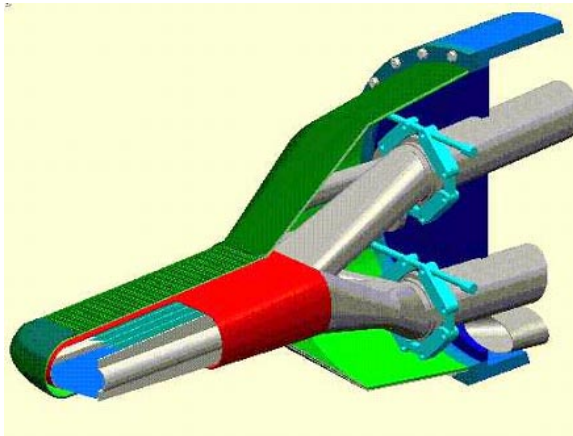
Target Survival

- **Plausible that a new “conventional” graphite target (+ toroidal ν horn) could survive pulsed-beam-induced stresses at 2 MW (Hysten).**

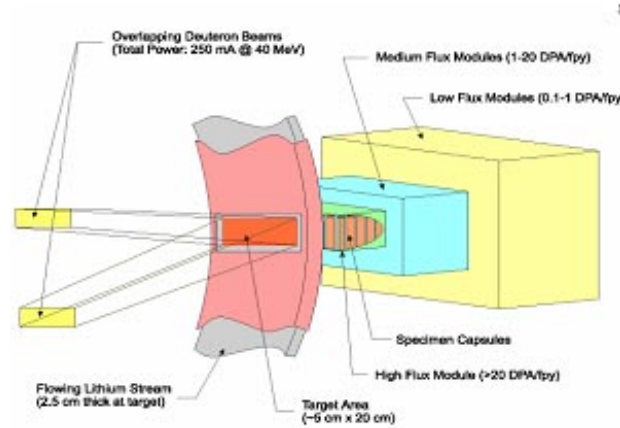
http://projectx.fnal.gov/AACReview/ProjectXTargetingAAC_Hysten.pdf

- Graphite target should be in helium atmosphere to avoid rapid destruction by sublimation, \Rightarrow Cool target by helium gas flow (Simos).
- Radiation damage will require target replacement \approx monthly.
- Graphite target less and less plausible beyond 2 MW.
- Secondary particle collection favors shorter target, \Rightarrow High- Z materials.
- **High- Z targets for > 2 MW should be replaced every pulse!**
 - \Rightarrow Flowing liquid target: mercury, lead-bismuth,
 - Pulsed beam + liquid in pipe \Rightarrow Destruction of pipe by cavitation bubbles, \Rightarrow Use free liquid jet.
 - Free liquid metal jets are stabilized by a strong longitudinal magnetic field.
 - Strong solenoid field around target favorable for collection of low-energy secondaries, as needed for ν Factory and Muon Collider.
 - \Rightarrow High-power liquid jet target R&D over last 10 years, sponsored by the Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Collaboration.

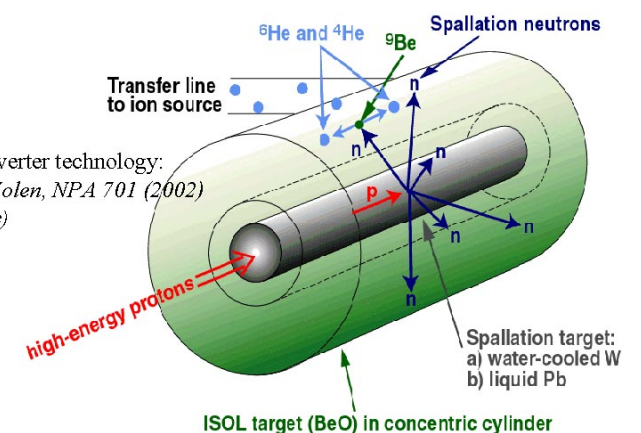
High-Power Targets Essential for Many Other Future Facilities



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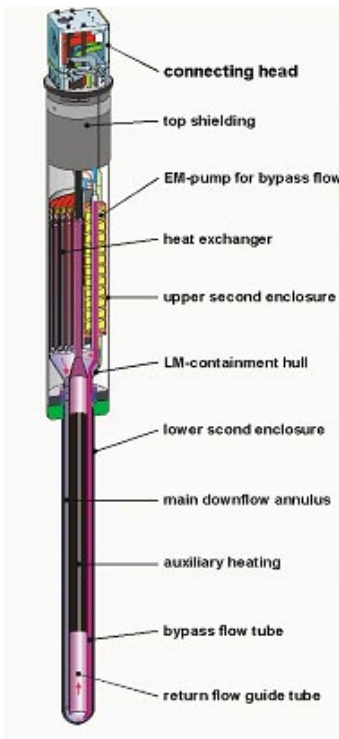
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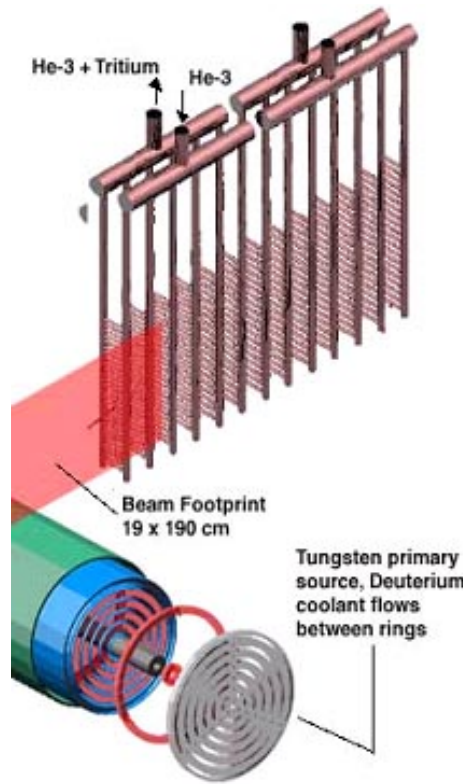
Converter technology:
(J. Nolen, NPA 701 (2002) 312c)

ISOL target (BeO) in concentric cylinder

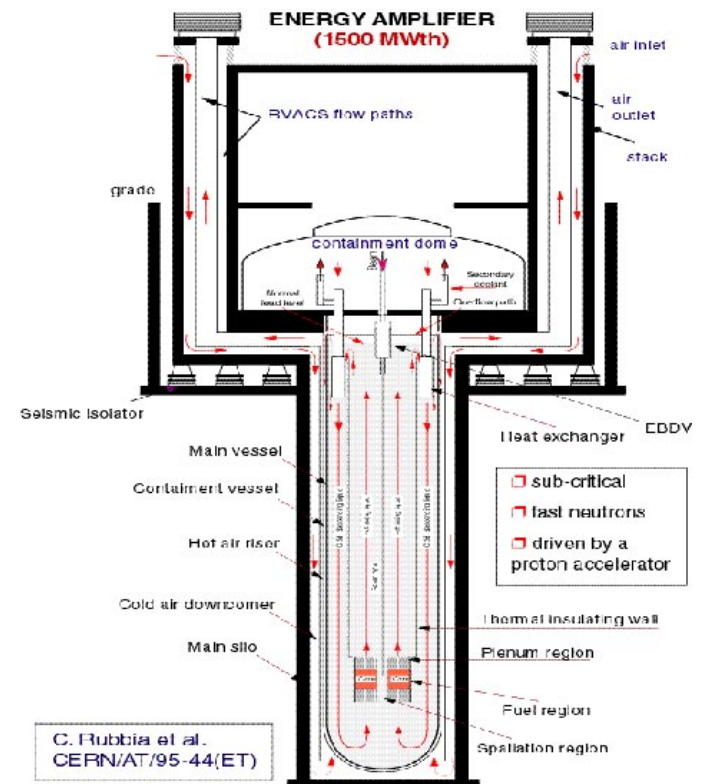
ISOL/ β Beams



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The Challenges of High-Power Targetry

4-MW Proton Beam

- **10-30 GeV** appropriate for both Superbeam and Neutrino Factory.
⇒ $0.8-2.5 \times 10^{15}$ pps; $0.8-2.5 \times 10^{22}$ protons per year of 10^7 s.
 - **Rep rate 15-50 Hz** at Neutrino Factory, as low as **2 Hz** for Superbeam.
⇒ Protons per pulse from 1.6×10^{13} to 1.25×10^{15} .
⇒ Energy per pulse from 80 kJ to 2 MJ.
 - **Small beam size preferred:**
≈ 0.1 cm^2 for Neutrino Factory, ≈ 0.2 cm^2 for Superbeam.
- ⇒ **Severe materials issues for target AND beam dump.**
- **Radiation Damage.**
 - **Melting.**
 - **Cracking** (due to single-pulse “thermal shock”).

Radiation Damage is the Ultimate Limit

The lifetime dose against radiation damage (embrittlement, cracking,) by protons for most solids is about $10^{22}/\text{cm}^2$.

⇒ Target lifetime of about 5-14 days at a Neutrino Factory (and 9-28 days at a Superbeam).

⇒ Mitigate by frequent target changes, moving target, liquid target, ...

Remember the Beam Dump

Target of 2 interaction lengths ⇒ 1/7 of beam is passed on to the beam dump.

Long distance from target to dump at a Superbeam,

⇒ Beam is much less focused at the dump than at the target,

⇒ Radiation damage to the dump not a critical issue (Superbeam).

Short distance from target to dump at a Neutrino Factory,

⇒ Beam still tightly focused at the dump,

⇒ Frequent changes of the beam dump, or a moving dump, or a liquid dump.

A liquid beam dump is the most plausible option for a Neutrino Factory, independent of the choice of target. (This is so even for a 1-MW Neutrino Factory.)

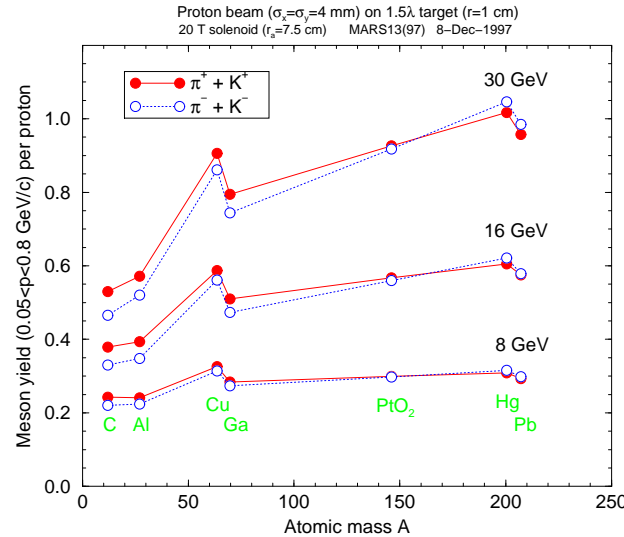


Pion Yield

Pion/Muon Yield, I

ν Superbeams need $E_\pi \approx 0.5\text{-}5$ GeV, ν Factories need $E_\pi < 0.5$ GeV.

For $E_p \gtrsim 10$ GeV, more yield with high- Z target (MARS calculations).

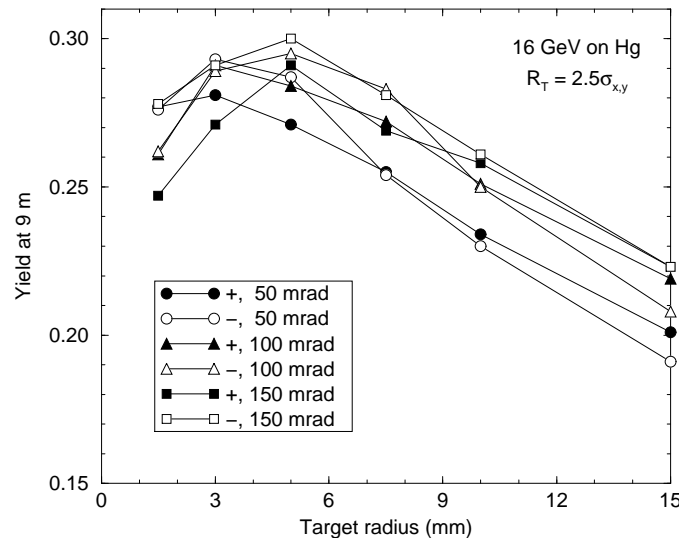


$$\frac{N^+_{10\text{GeV}}}{N^+_{24\text{GeV}}} = 1.07 \quad \frac{N^-_{10\text{GeV}}}{N^-_{24\text{GeV}}} = 1.10$$

$$\frac{N^+_{5\text{GeV}}}{N^+_{24\text{GeV}}} = 1.90 \quad \frac{N^-_{5\text{GeV}}}{N^-_{24\text{GeV}}} = 1.77$$

$$\frac{N^+_{\text{Hg-10GeV}}}{N^+_{\text{C-5GeV}}} = 1.18 \quad \frac{N^-_{\text{Hg-10GeV}}}{N^-_{\text{C-5GeV}}} = 1.22$$

Yield vs. target radius:

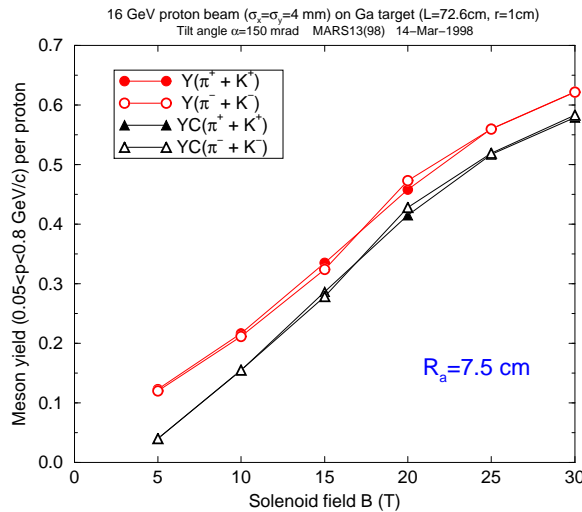


Ex: Mercury target radius should be ≈ 5 mm.

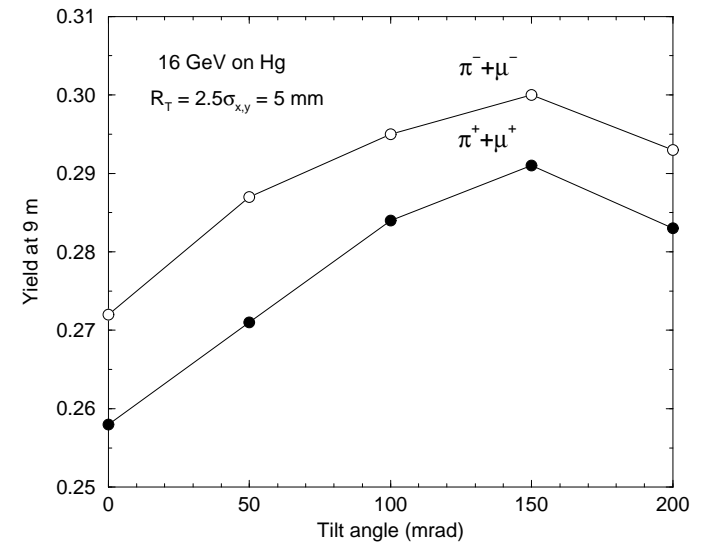
Pion/Muon Yield, II: Solenoid Capture

IF capture pions in a solenoid channel, should begin with a high-field “magnetic bottle”.

Yield *vs.* magnetic field for 15-cm bore:



Yield *vs.* target tilt:



Tilt target axis by ≈ 100 mrad to the magnetic axis to increase yield of soft, large-angle pions.

Can capture ≈ 0.3 pion per proton with $50 < P_\pi < 400$ MeV/c.



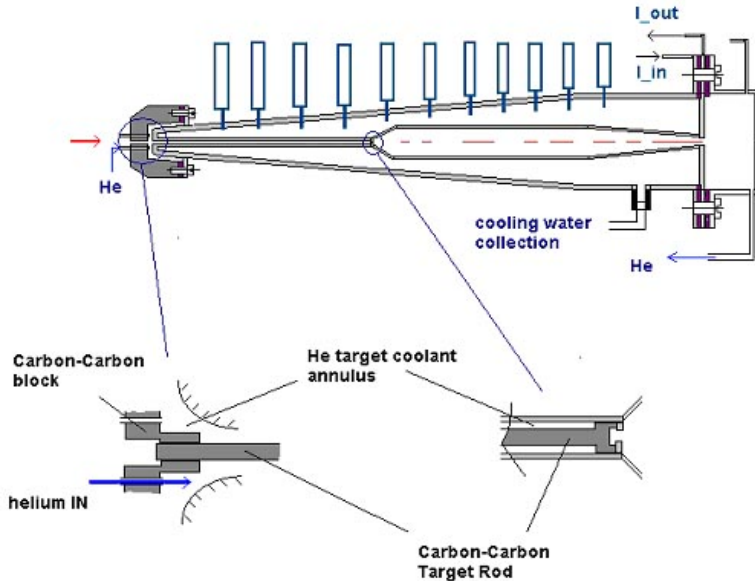
Target Topologies

Target and Capture Topologies: Toroidal Horn

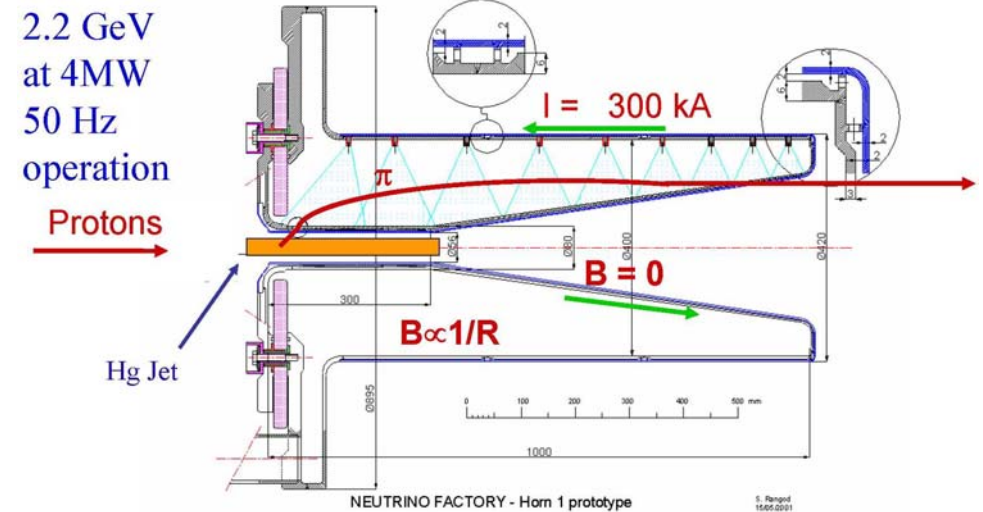
The traditional topology for efficient capture of secondary pions is a toroidal “horn” (Van der Meer, 1961).

- Collects only one sign, \Rightarrow Long data runs, but nonmagnetic detector (Superbeam).
- Inner conductor of toroid very close to proton beam.
 - \Rightarrow Limited life due to radiation damage at 4 MW.
 - \Rightarrow Beam, and beam dump, along magnetic axis.
 - \Rightarrow More compatible with Superbeam than with Neutrino Factory.

Carbon composite target with He gas cooling (BNL study):



Mercury jet target (CERN SPL study):



If desire secondary pions with $E_\pi \lesssim 5$ GeV (Neutrino Factory), a high- Z target is favored, but for $E_\pi \gtrsim 10$ GeV (some Superbeams), low Z is preferred.

Target and Capture Topologies: Solenoid

Palmer (1994) proposed a solenoidal capture system for a Neutrino Factory.

- Collects both signs of π 's and μ 's, \Rightarrow Shorter data runs (with magnetic detector).
- Solenoid coils can be some distance from proton beam.

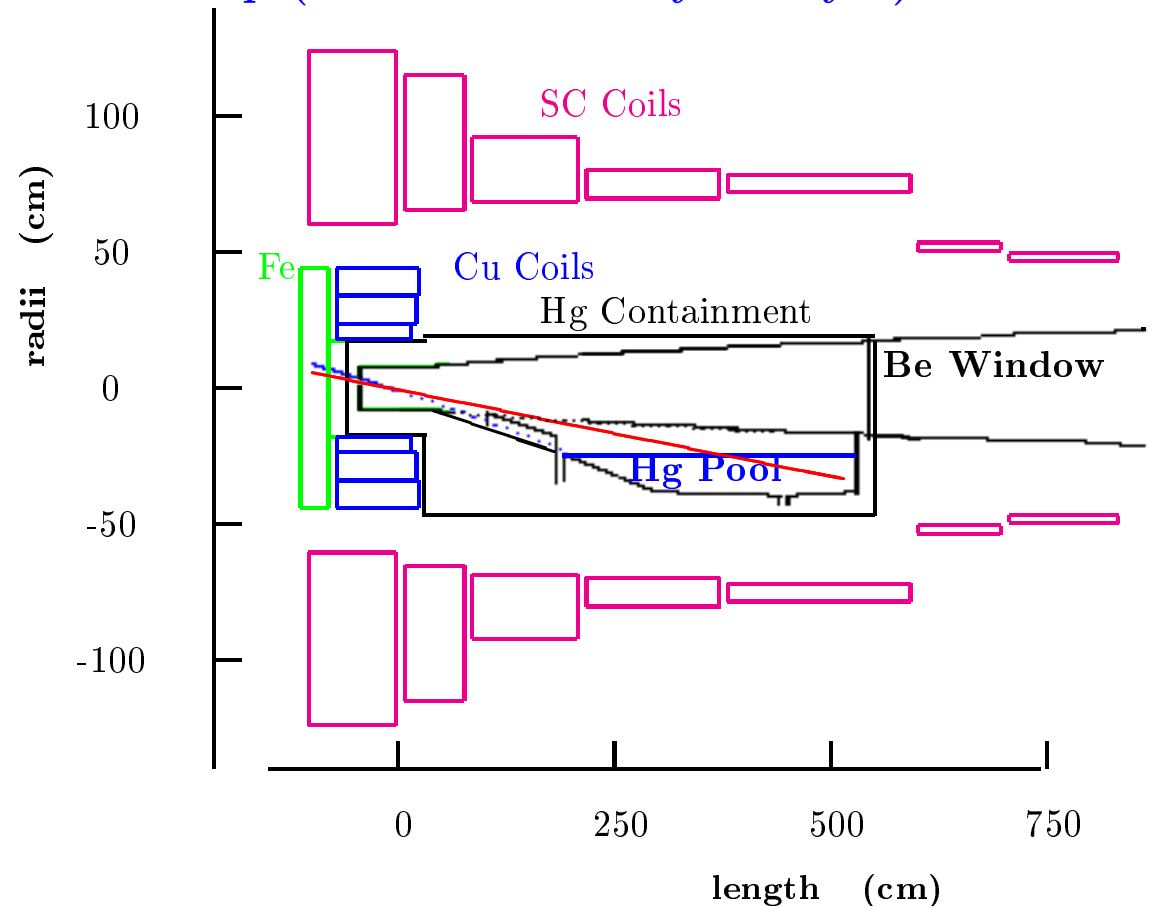
$\Rightarrow \gtrsim 4$ year life against radiation damage at 4 MW.

\Rightarrow Proton beam readily tilted with respect to magnetic axis.

\Rightarrow Beam dump out of the way of secondary π 's and μ 's.

Mercury jet target and proton beam tilt downwards with respect to the horizontal magnetic axis of the capture system.

The mercury collects in a pool that serves as the beam dump (Neutrino Factory Study 2):



A Neutrino Horn Based on a Solenoid Lens

Point-to-parallel focusing for

$$P_\pi = eBd / (2n + 1)\pi c.$$

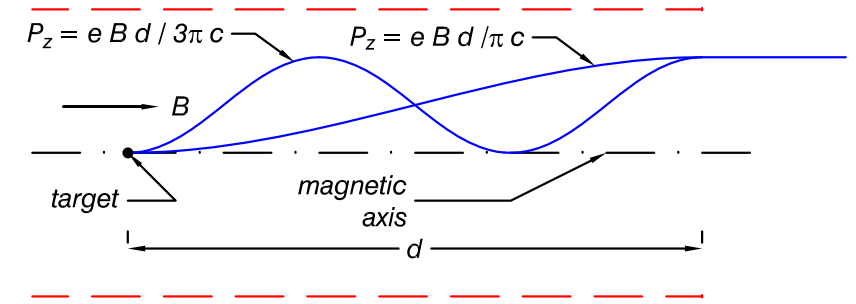
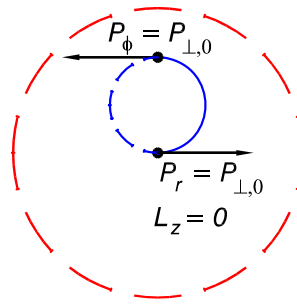
⇒ **Narrowband (less background) neutrino beams of energies**

$$E_\nu \approx \frac{P_\pi}{2} = \frac{eBd}{(2n + 1)2\pi c}.$$

⇒ Can study several neutrino oscillation peaks at once,

$$\frac{1.27 M_{23}^2 [\text{eV}^2] L [\text{km}]}{E_\nu [\text{GeV}]} = \frac{(2n + 1)\pi}{2}.$$

(Marciano, hep-ph/0108181)



(KTM, physics/0312022)

⇒ Study both ν and $\bar{\nu}$ at the same time.

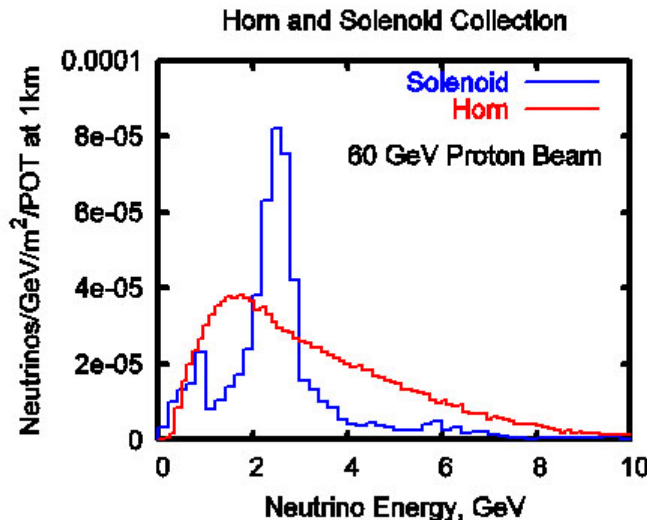
⇒ **Detector must identify sign of μ and e .**

⇒ **Magnetized liquid argon TPC.**

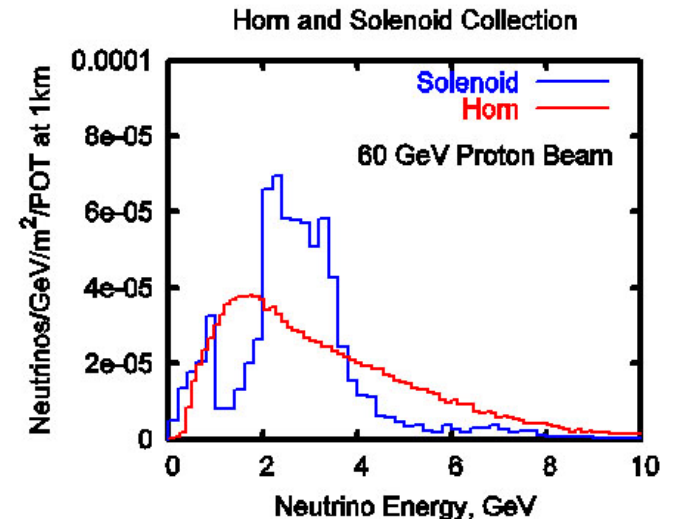
(astro-ph/0105442).

(H. Kirk and R. Palmer, NuFACT06):

3-m solenoid gives 2 narrow peaks in ν spectrum.



3-30-m solenoid broadens the higher energy peak.





Solid Targets

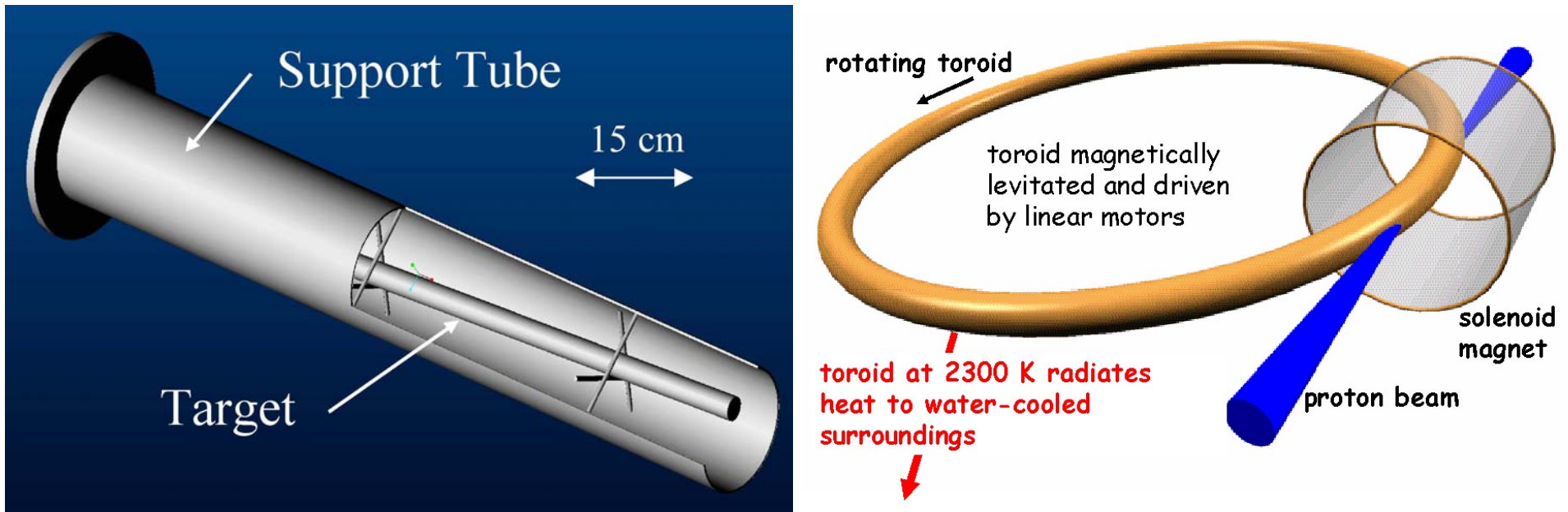
Thermal Issues for Solid Targets, I

The quest for efficient capture of secondary pions precludes traditional schemes to cool a solid target by a liquid. (Absorption by plumbing; cavitation of liquid.)

A solid, radiation-cooled stationary target in a 4-MW beam will equilibrate at about 2500 C. \Rightarrow Carbon is only candidate for this type of target.

(Carbon target must be in He atmosphere to suppress sublimation.)

A moving band target (Ta, W, ...) could be considered (if capture system is toroidal).



Thermal Issues for Solid Targets, II

When beam pulse length t is less than target radius r divided by speed of sound v_{sound} , beam-induced pressure waves (thermal shock) are a major issue.

Simple model: if U = beam energy deposition in, say, Joules/g, then the instantaneous temperature rise ΔT is given by

$$\Delta T = \frac{U}{C}, \quad \text{where } C = \text{heat capacity in Joules/g/K.}$$

The temperature rise leads to a strain $\Delta r/r$ given by

$$\frac{\Delta r}{r} = \alpha \Delta T = \frac{\alpha U}{C}, \quad \text{where } \alpha = \text{thermal expansion coefficient.}$$

The strain leads to a stress P (= force/area) given by

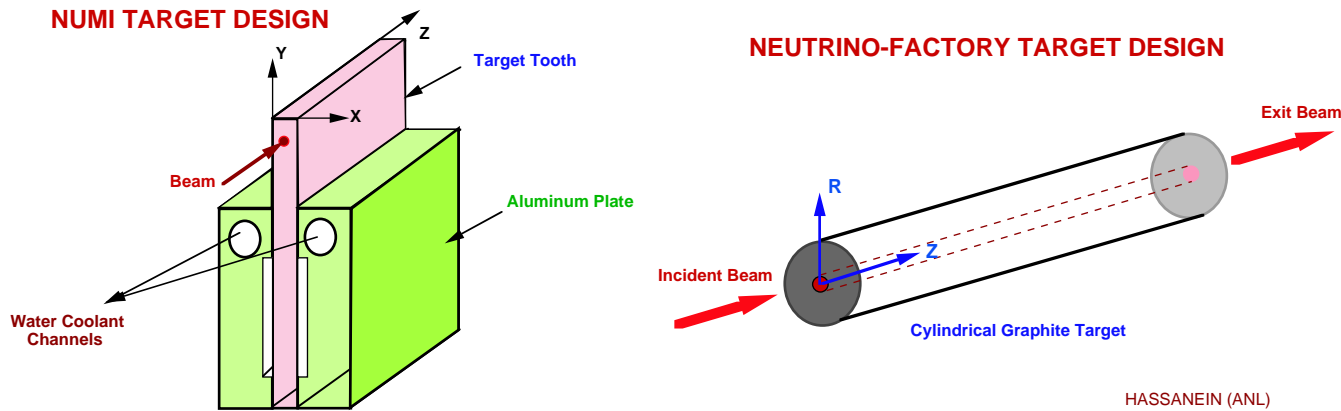
$$P = E \frac{\Delta r}{r} = \frac{E \alpha U}{C}, \quad \text{where } E = \text{modulus of elasticity.}$$

In many metals, the tensile strength obeys $P \approx 0.002E$, $\alpha \approx 10^{-5}$, and $C \approx 0.3 \text{ J/g/K}$, in which case

$$U_{\text{max}} \approx \frac{PC}{E\alpha} \approx \frac{0.002 \cdot 0.3}{10^{-5}} \approx \mathbf{60 \text{ J/g.}}$$

⇒ Best candidates for solid targets have high strength (Vascomax, Inconel, TiAl6V4) and/or low thermal expansion (Superinvar, Toyota “gum metal”, carbon-carbon composite).

A Carbon Target is Feasible at 1-2 MW Beam Power



Low energy deposition per gram and low thermal expansion coefficient reduce thermal “shock” in carbon.

Operating temperature $> 2000\text{C}$ if use only radiation cooling.

A carbon target in vacuum would sublime away in 1 day at 4 MW, but sublimation of carbon is negligible in a helium atmosphere.

Radiation damage is limiting factor: ≈ 12 weeks at 1 MW.

\Rightarrow Carbon target is baseline design for most neutrino superbeams.

Useful pion capture increased by compact, high-Z target,
 \Rightarrow Continued R&D on solid targets.

How Much Beam Power Can a Solid Target Stand?

How many protons are required to deposit 60 J/g in a material?

What is the maximum beam power this material can withstand without cracking, for a 10-GeV beam at 10 Hz with area 0.1 cm².

Ans: If we ignore “showers” in the material, we still have dE/dx ionization loss, of about 1.5 MeV/g/cm².

Now, 1.5 MeV = 2.46×10^{-13} J, so 60 J/g requires a proton beam intensity of $60/(2.4 \times 10^{-13}) = 2.4 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2$.

So, $P_{\text{max}} \approx 10 \text{ Hz} \cdot 10^{10} \text{ eV} \cdot 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV} \cdot 2.4 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2 \cdot 0.1 \text{ cm}^2 \approx 4 \times 10^5 \text{ J/s} = 0.4 \text{ MW}$.

If solid targets crack under singles pulses of 60 J/g, then safe up to only 0.4 MW beam power!

Empirical evidence is that some materials survive 500-1000 J/g,
 \Rightarrow May survive 4 MW if rep rate $\gtrsim 10$ Hz.

Ni target in FNAL $p\bar{b}$ source:
 “damaged but not failed” for peak energy deposition of 1500 J/g.

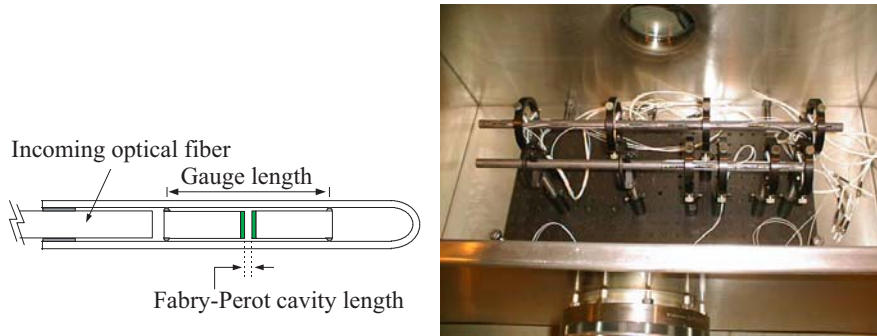


Lower Thermal Shock If Lower Thermal Expansion Coefficient

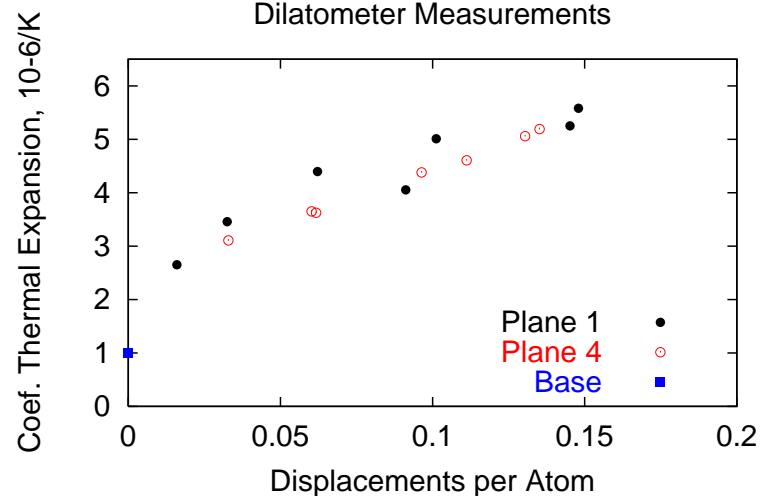
ATJ graphite and a 3-D weave of carbon-carbon fibers instrumented with fiberoptic strain sensors, and exposed to pulses of 4×10^{12} protons @ 24 Gev.

Thermal expansion coefficient of engineered materials is affected by radiation.

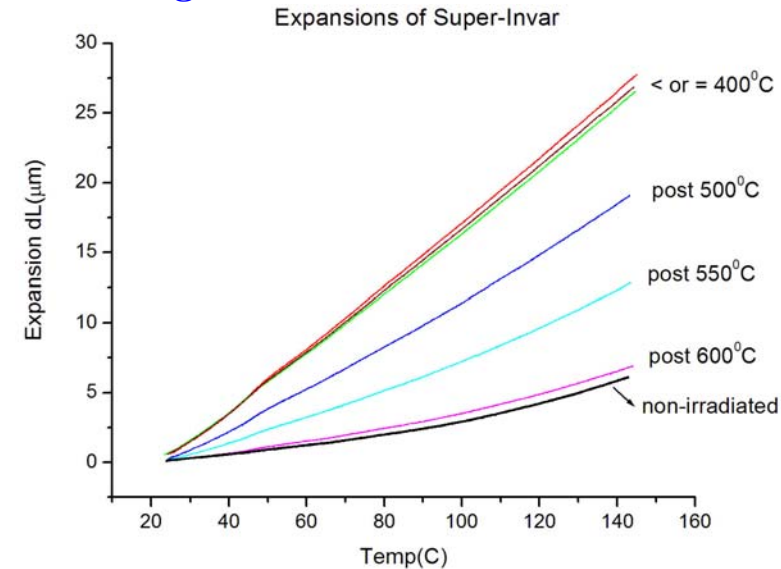
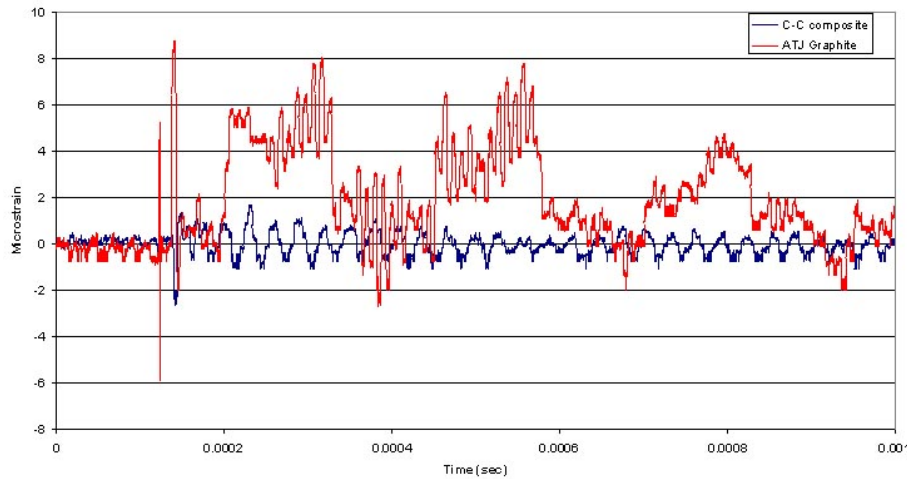
Super-Invar: CTE vs. dose:



BNL E951 Target Experiment
24 GeV 3.0 e12 proton pulse on Carbon-Carbon and ATJ graphite targets
Recorded strain induced by proton pulse



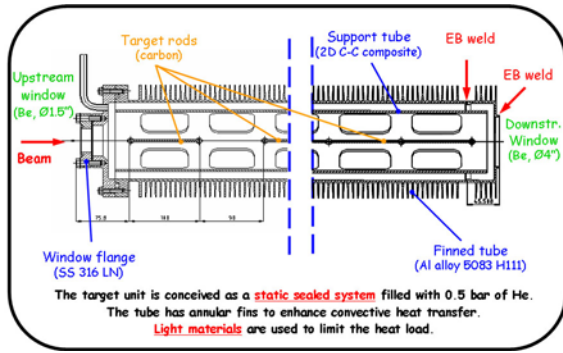
Super-Invar: recovery of the CTE by thermal annealing:



Carbon-carbon composite showed much lower strains than in the ordinary graphite – but readily damaged by radiation!

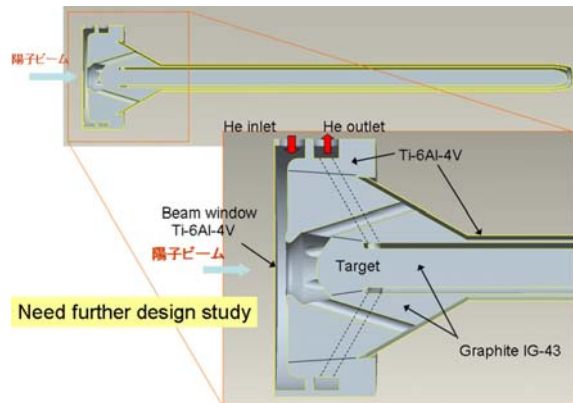
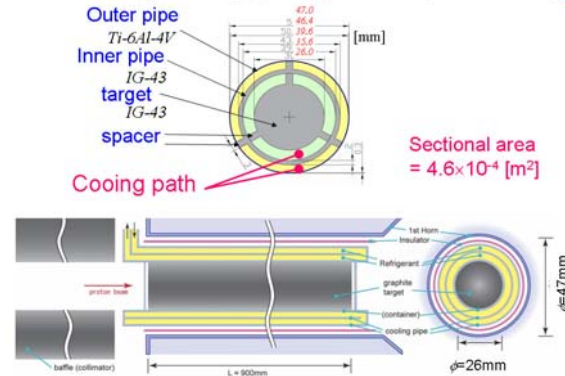
Recent/Ongoing Solid Target Projects

CNGS Target System
 (R. Bruno, NuFact06)
 Up to 7×10^{13} 400-GeV
 protons every 6 s.
 Beam $\sigma = 0.5$ mm.
 5 interchangeable
 graphite targets.
 Designed for 0.75 MW.

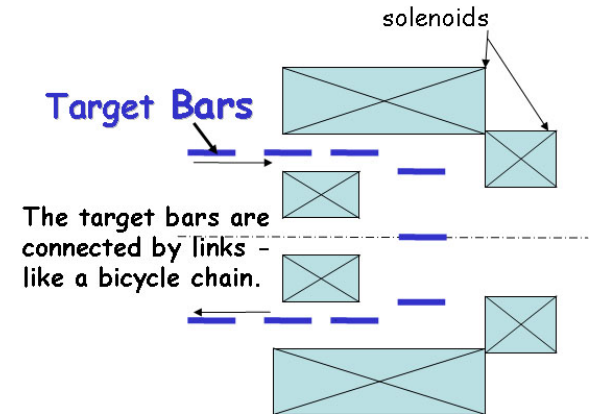
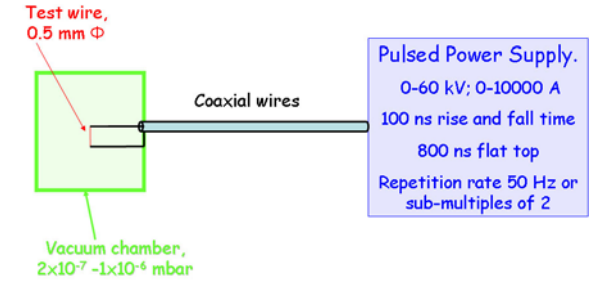


JPARC ν Horn Target
 (Y. Hayato, NuFact06)
 Up to 4×10^{14} 50-GeV
 protons every 4 s.
 Beam $\sigma = 4$ mm.
 Designed for 0.75 MW.
 He gas cooling.

- Co-axial 2 layer cooling pipe: Graphite / Ti-6Al-4V, Helium cooling



Pulsed-Current Studies of Ta & W Wires at RAL
 (R. Bennett *et al.*)



New: Flowing Tungsten Powder Targets
 (C. Densham *et al.*, RAL)

Liquid Jet Targets

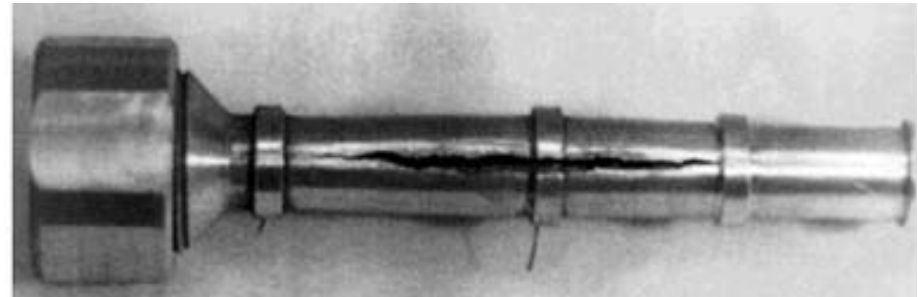
A. Calder, Paris (1937):



Now at Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

Beam-Induced Cavitation in Liquids Can Break Pipes

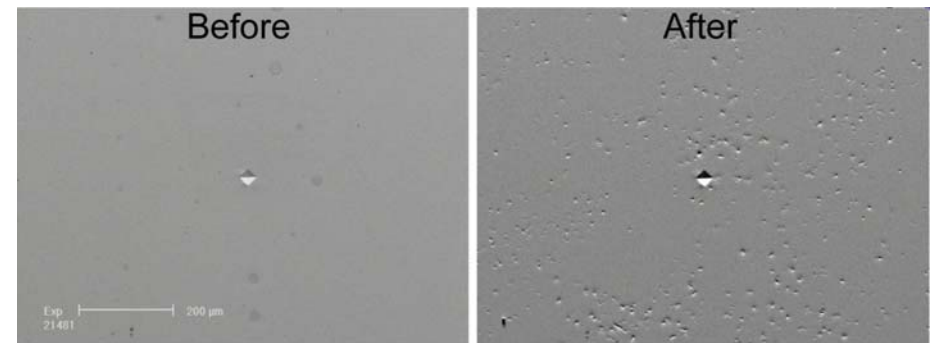
Hg in a pipe (BINP):



ISOLDE:



Cavitation pitting of SS wall surrounding Hg target after 100 pulses (SNS):



TL - High Power Target
Specimen # 29754
Equivalent SNS Power Level = 2.5

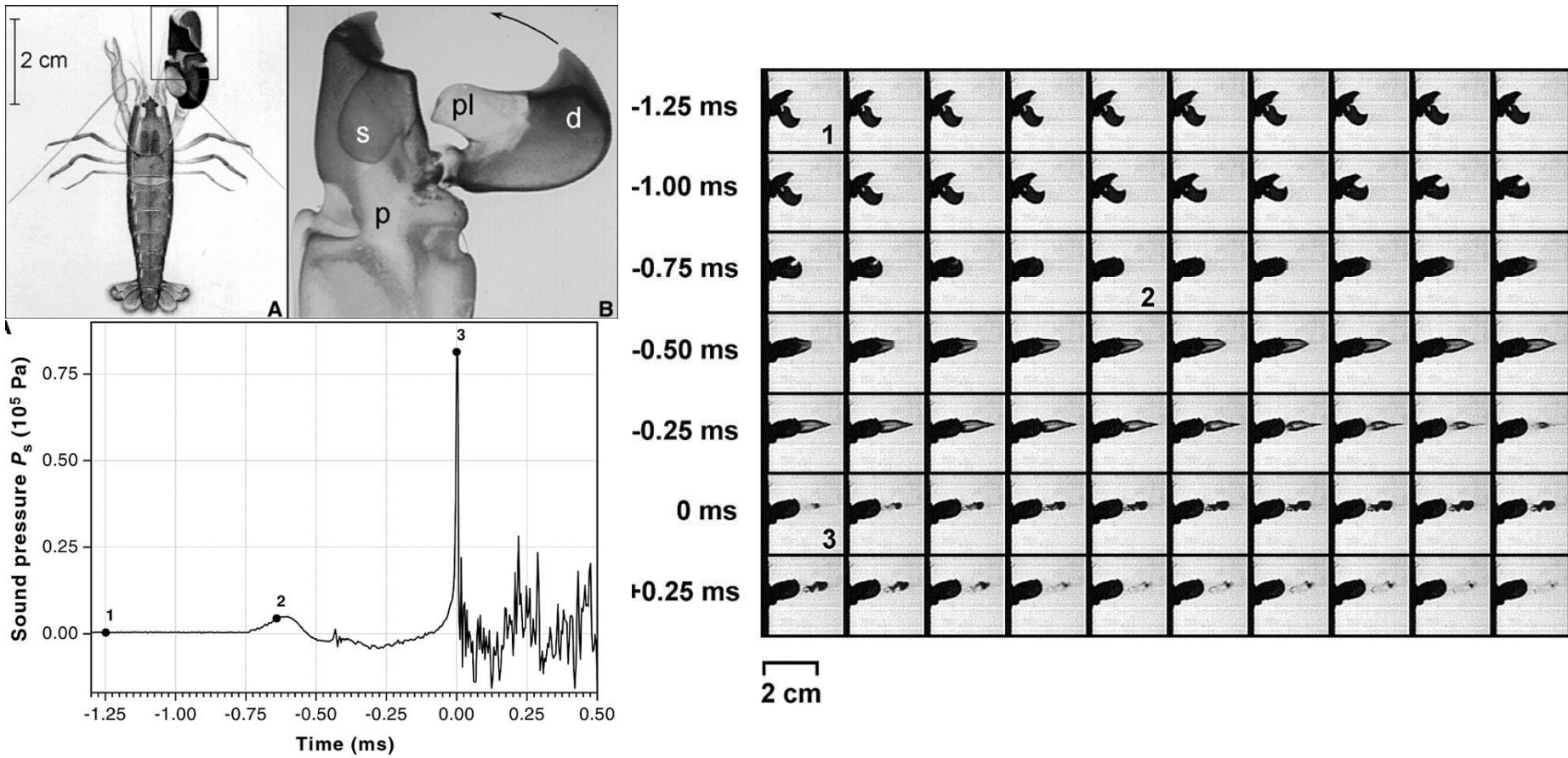
Water jacket of NuMI target developed a leak after \approx 1 month. Likely due to beam-induced cavitation.

Ceramic drainpipe/voltage standoff of water cooling system of CNGS horn failed after 2 days operation at high beam power. (Not directly a beam-induced failure.)

\Rightarrow Use free liquid jet if possible.

How Snapping Shrimp Snap: Through Cavitating Bubbles

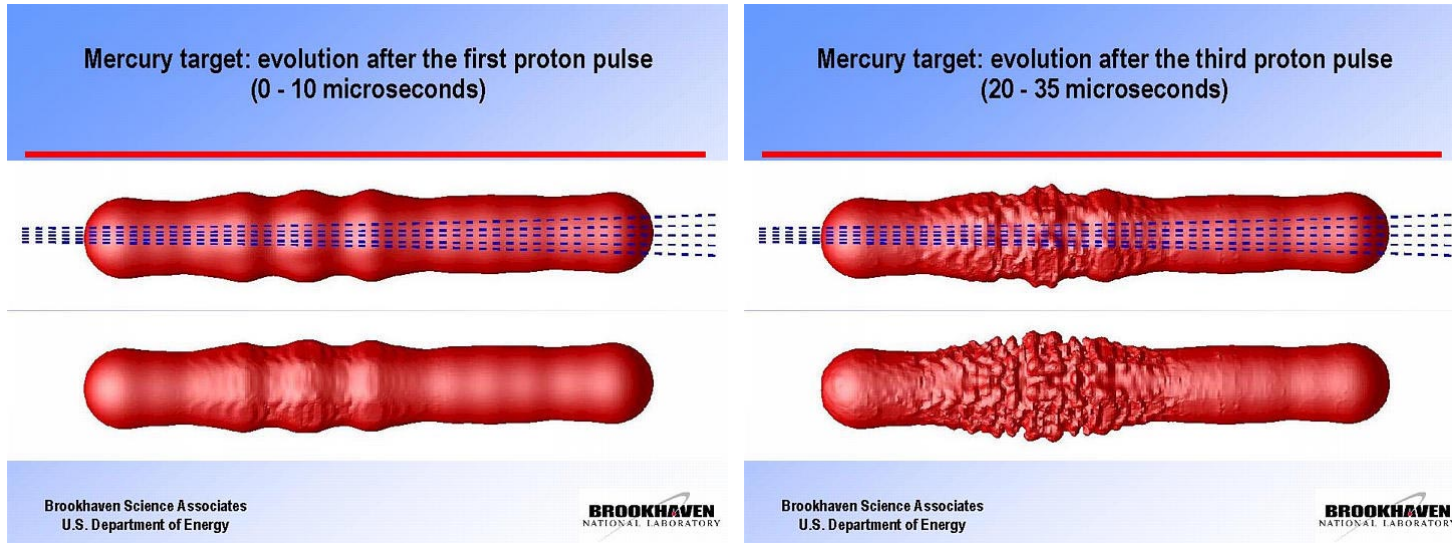
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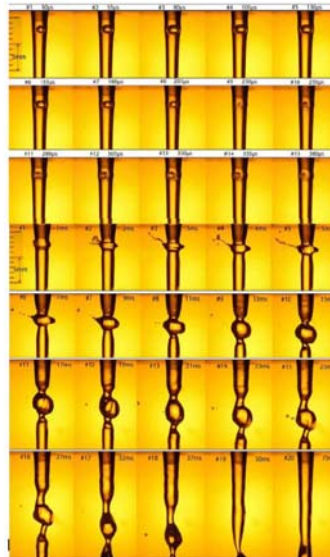
Beam-Induced Effects on a Free Liquid Jet

Beam energy deposition may disperse the jet.

FRONTIER simulation predicts breakup via filamentation on mm scale:



Laser-induced breakup of a water jet:
(J. Lettry, CERN)



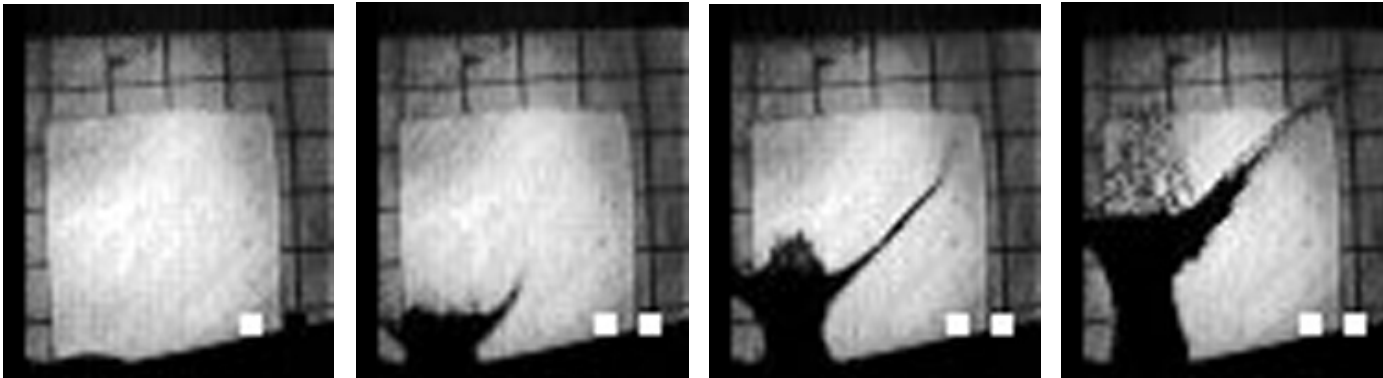
Water jet ripples generated by a 8 mJ Laser cavitation bubble



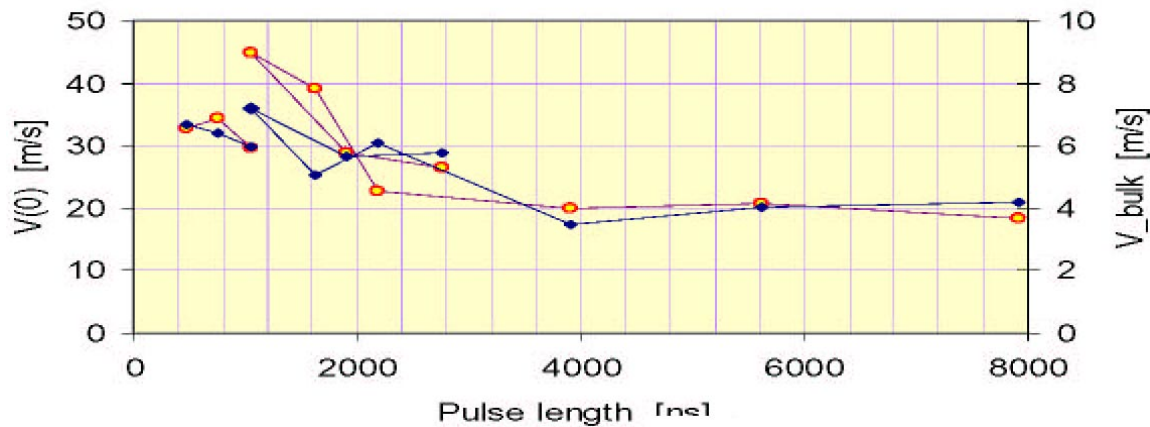
Passive Mercury Target Tests (BNL-CERN, 2001-2002)



Exposures of 25 μs at
 $t = 0, 0.5, 1.6, 3.4$ msec,
 $\Rightarrow v_{\text{splash}} \approx 20 - 40$ m/s:

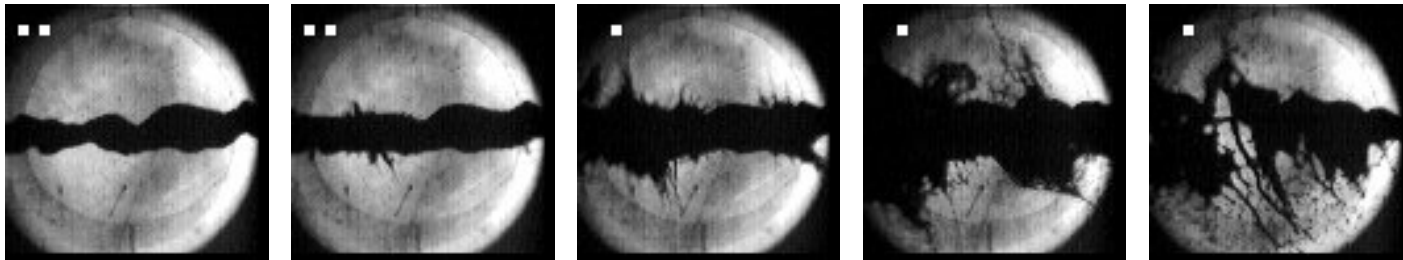
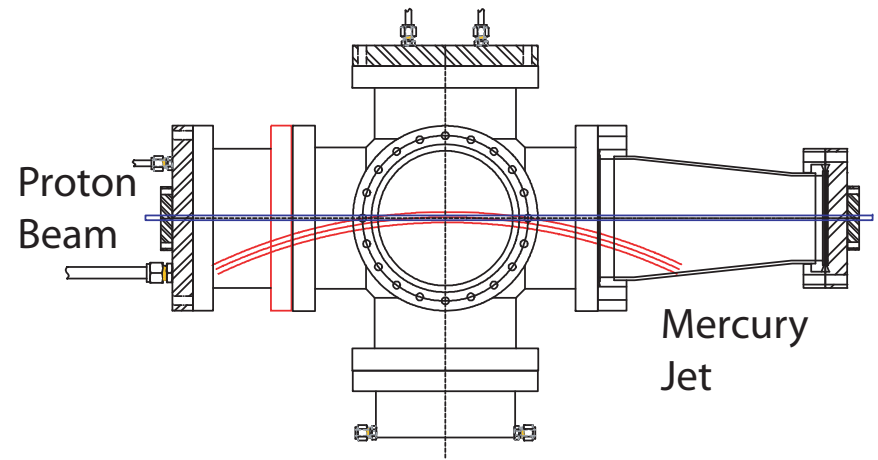


Two pulses of ≈ 250 ns give larger dispersal velocity only if separated by < 3 μs .



Studies of Proton Beam + Mercury Jet

1-cm-diameter Hg jet in $2e12$ protons at $t = 0, 0.75, 2, 7, 18$ ms.



Model:
$$v_{\text{dispersal}} = \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} = \frac{r\alpha\Delta T}{r/v_{\text{sound}}} = \frac{\alpha U}{C} v_{\text{sound}} \approx 50 \text{ m/s for } U \approx 100 \text{ J/g.}$$

Data: $v_{\text{dispersal}} \approx 10 \text{ m/s for } U \approx 25 \text{ J/g.}$

$v_{\text{dispersal}}$ appears to scale with proton intensity.

The dispersal is not destructive.

Filaments appear only $\approx 40 \mu\text{s}$ after beam,

\Rightarrow After several bounces of waves, OR v_{sound} very low.

Hydrodynamics of Liquid Jet Targets

- **Diameter $d = 1$ cm.**
- **Velocity $v = 20$ m/s.**
- **The volume flow rate of mercury in the jet is**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flow Rate} = vA &= 2000 \text{ cm/s} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = 1571 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} = 1.57 \text{ l/s} = 0.412 \text{ gallon/s} \\ &= 94.2 \text{ l/min} = 24.7 \text{ gpm.} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- **The power in the jet (associated with its kinetic energy) is**

$$\text{Power} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot \text{Flow Rate} \cdot v^2 = \frac{13.6 \times 10^3}{2} \cdot 0.00157 \cdot (20)^2 = 4270 \text{ W} = 5.73 \text{ hp.} \quad (2)$$

- **To produce the 20-m/s jet into air/vacuum out of a nozzle requires a pressure**

$$\text{Pressure} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = 27.2 \text{ atm} = 410 \text{ psi,} \quad (3)$$

IF no dissipation of energy.

- **The mercury jet flow is turbulent: the viscosity is $\mu_{\text{Hg}} = 1.5$ cP (kinematic viscosity $\eta = \mu/\rho = 0.0011$ cm²/s), so the Reynolds number is**

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\rho dv}{\mu} = \frac{dv}{\eta} = 1.8 \times 10^6. \quad (4)$$

- **The surface tension of mercury is $\tau = 465$ dyne/cm (water = 73), \Rightarrow**

$$\text{Weber number, } \mathcal{W} = \frac{\rho dv^2}{\tau} = 115,000. \quad (5)$$

Nozzle Lore

Leach & Walker (1966):

Hg jet for Neutrino Factory:
 $v = 20 \text{ m/s}$, $d = 1 \text{ cm}$,
 \Rightarrow Turbulent flow.

Lore:

- Should be able to make a 1-cm-diameter Hg jet go 1-2 m before breakup.
- Area of feed should be $\gtrsim 10\times$ area of nozzle.
- $\approx 15^\circ$ nozzle taper is good.
- Nozzle tip should be straight, with $\approx 3:1$ aspect ratio.
- High-speed jets will have a halo of spray around a denser core.
- Low/zero surrounding gas pressure is better.

McCarthy & Molloy (1974):

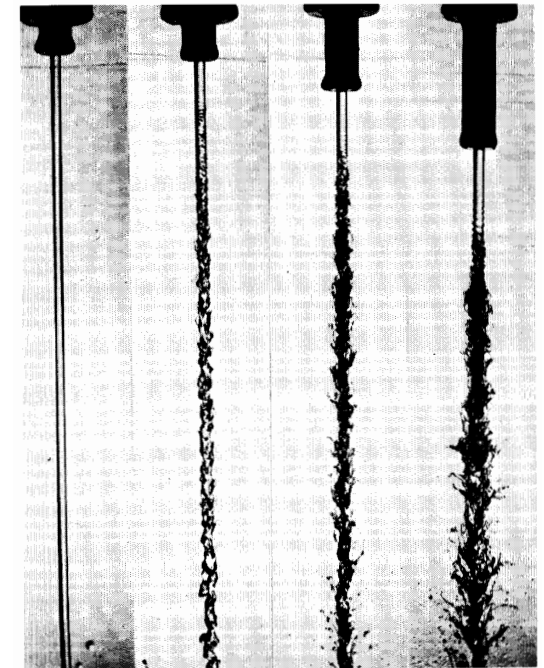
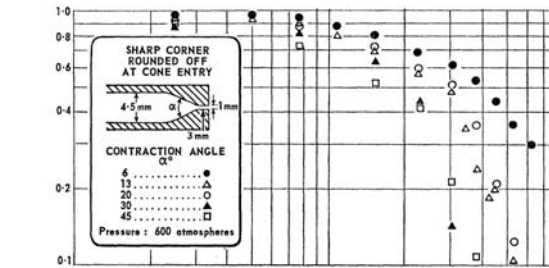
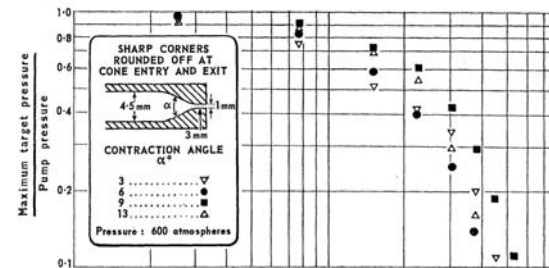


Fig. 5. Effect of nozzle design on the stability of glycerol-water jets.

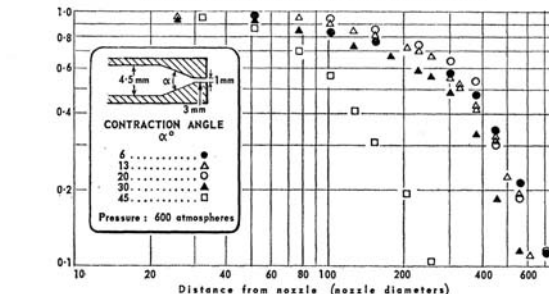
Jet viscosity 11 cP
 Jet velocity 20 m s^{-1} (approx.)
 Nozzle diameter 2.54 mm
 Jet Reynolds no. 4750
 Jet Ohnesorge no. 0.026
 Exposure $30 \mu\text{sec}$
 Nozzle aspect ratio $AR = L/d$ (see Fig. 7) = 0, 1, 5, 10 L to R.



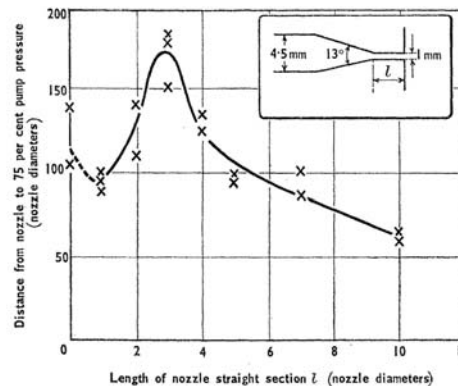
(a) Rounded inlet corners



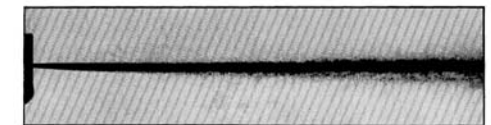
(b) Rounded corners at both ends of contraction



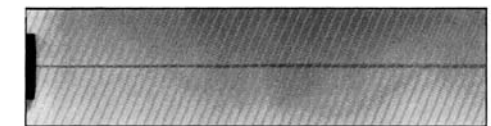
(c) Sharp corners



Leach & Walker:



(d) Spark source; parallel transmitted light ($\frac{1}{2} \mu\text{s}$ exposure); pressure 130 atm.



(e) X-ray source (5 min exposure); pressure 130 atm.

Magnetic Issues for Liquid Metal Jet Targets

Conducting materials that move through nonuniform magnetic field experience eddy-current effects, \Rightarrow Forces on entering or leaving a solenoid (but not at its center).

\Rightarrow Free jet of radius r cannot pass through a horizontal solenoid of diameter D unless

$$v > \frac{3\pi\sigma r^2 B_0^2}{32\rho D} \approx 6 \left[\frac{r}{1 \text{ cm}} \right]^2 \text{ m/s}, \quad \text{for Hg or Pb-Bi jet, } D = 20 \text{ cm, } B_0 = 20 \text{ T.}$$

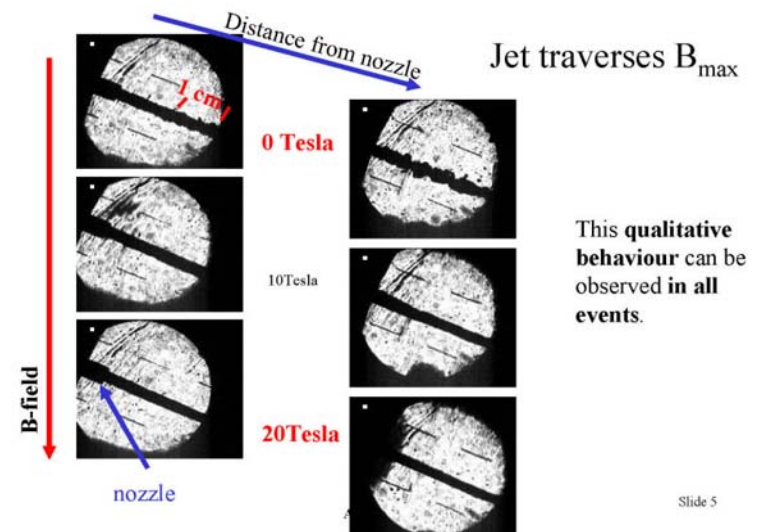
50-Hz rep rate requires $v = 20$ m/s for new target each pulse, so no problem for baseline design with $r = 0.5$ cm. The associated eddy-current heating is negligible.

[Small droplets pass even more easily, and can fall vertically with no retardation.]

A liquid jet experiences a quadrupole shape distortion if tilted with respect to the solenoid axis. This is mitigated by the upstream iron plug that makes the field more uniform.

Magnetic damping of surface-tension waves (Rayleigh instability) observed in CERN-Grenoble tests (2002).

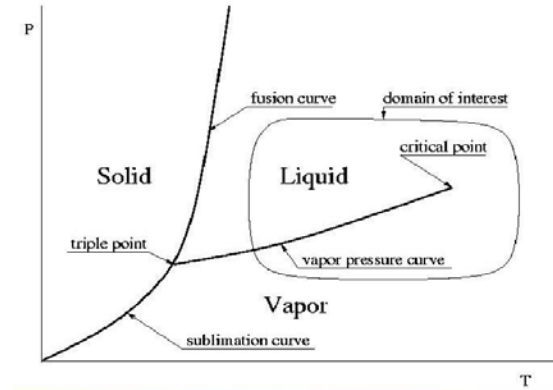
The beam-induced dispersal will be partially damped also (Samulyak).



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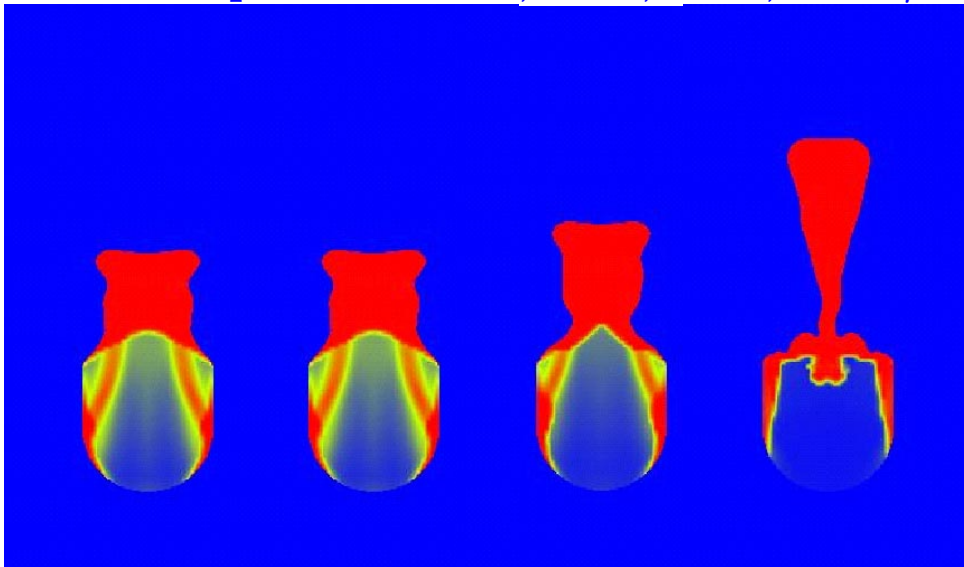
Computational Magnetohydrodynamics (R. Samulyak, J. Du)

Use an equation of state that supports negative pressures, but gives way to cavitation.

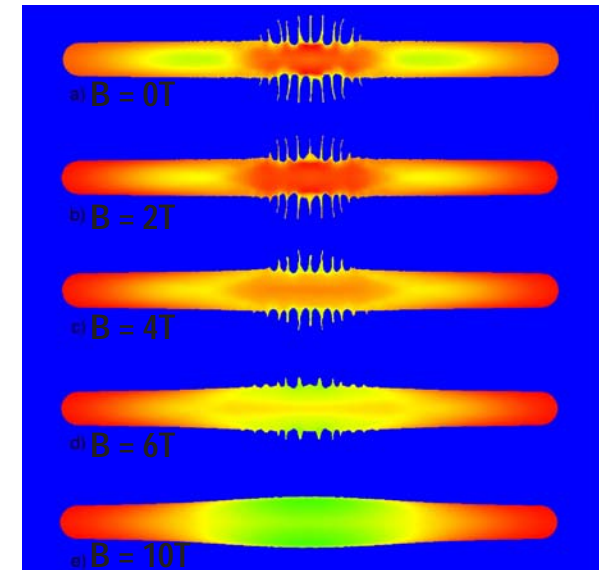


Critical point : $T_c = 1750\text{K}$, $P_c = 172\text{MPa}$, $V_c = 43\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$

Thimble splash at 0.24, 0.48, 0.61, 1.01 μs



Magnetic damping of beam-induced filamentation:



The Shape of a Mercury Jet under a Non-uniform Magnetic Field

S. Oshima *et al.*, JSME Int. J. 30, 437 (1987).

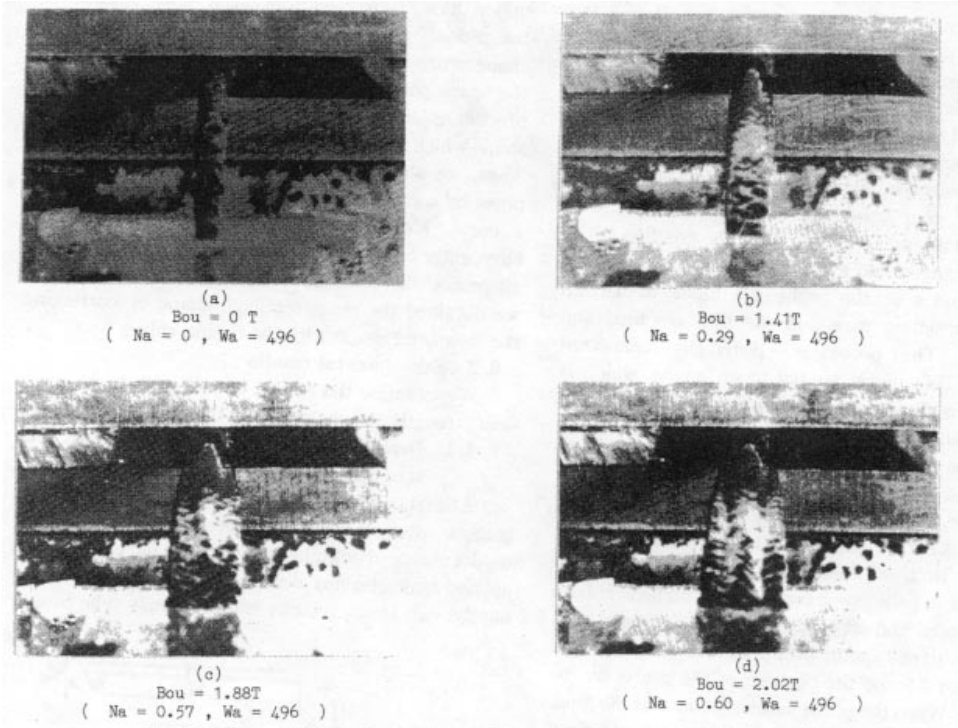


Fig. 9 Photographs of the jet for various applied magnetic field strengths

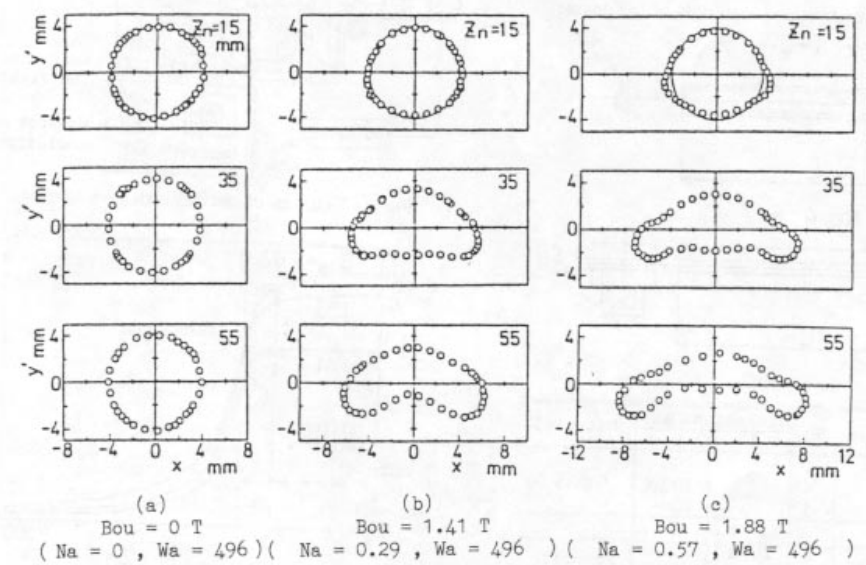
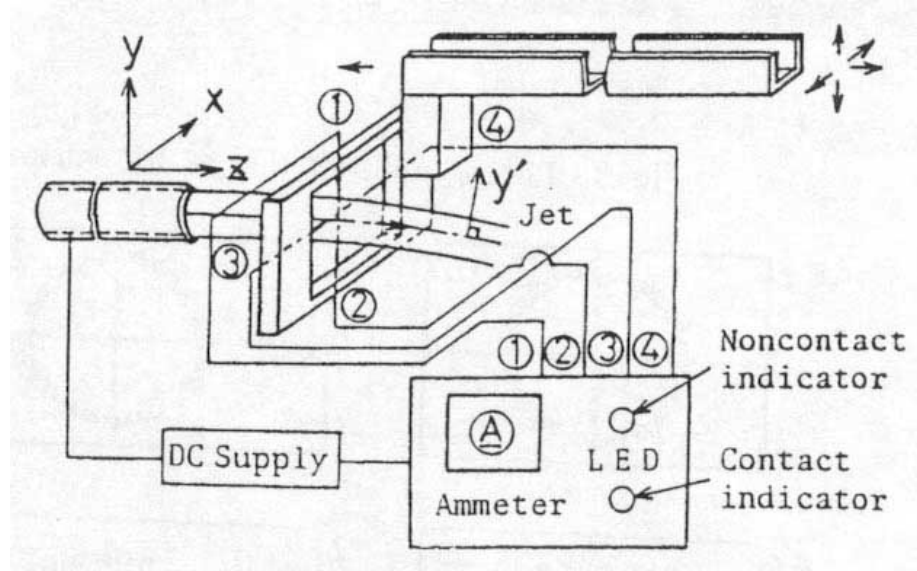
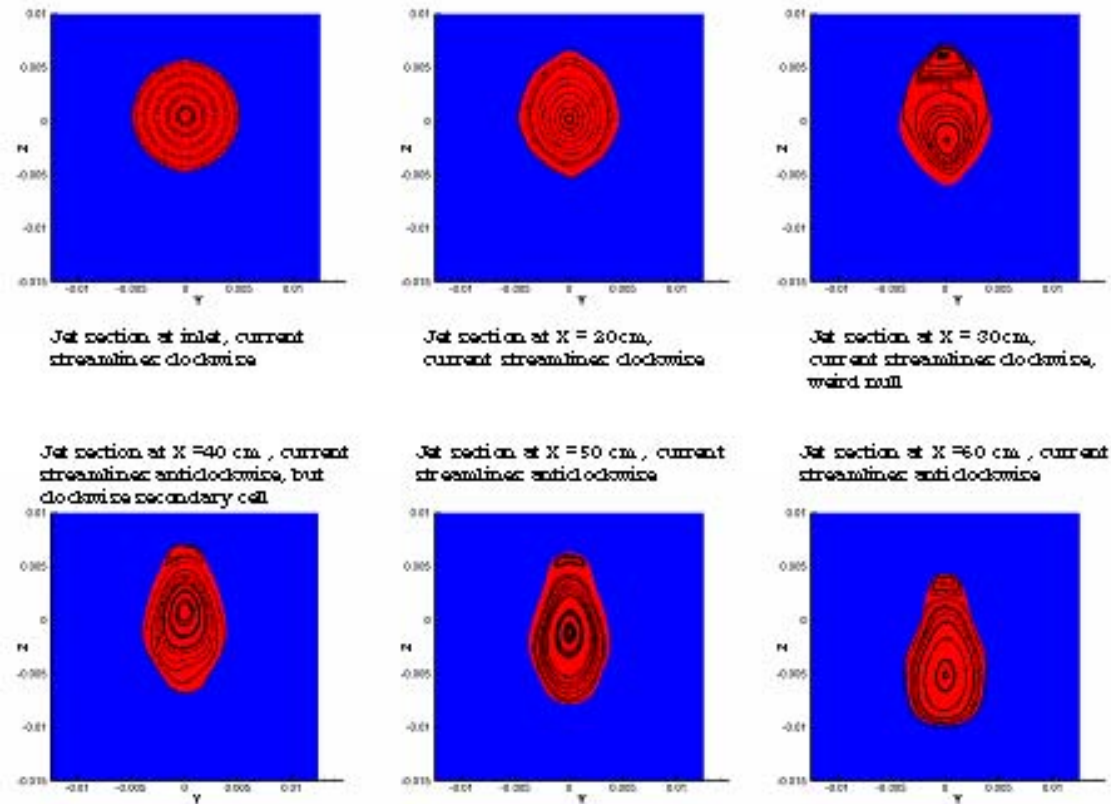
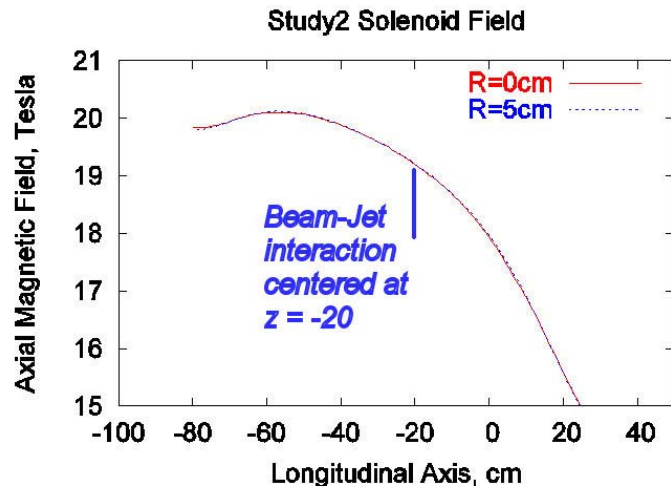


Fig. 10 Cross-sectional shape of the jet obtained by spot a electrode probe

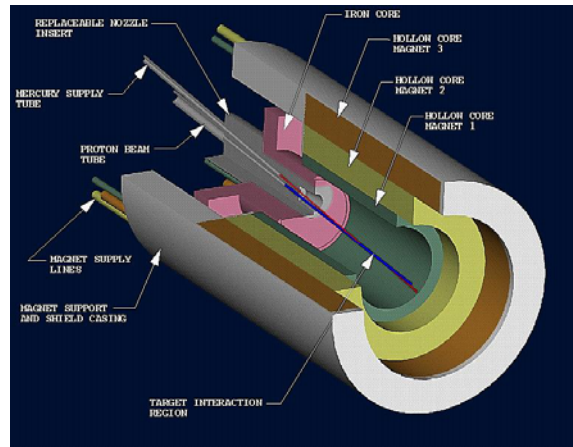
Simulations of Shape Distortion

Incompressible code with free liquid surface confirms predictions of shape distortion of a liquid mercury jet that crosses magnetic field lines. (N. Morley, M. Narula; HIMAG).

Mitigate with good uniformity of magnetic field:



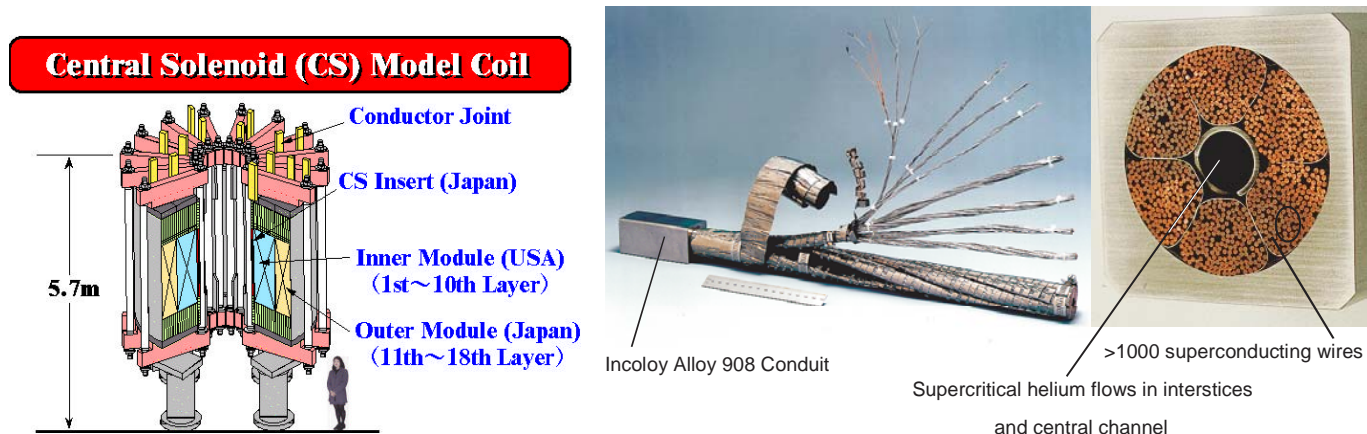
20-T Capture Magnet System (ν Factory Study 2)



Inner, hollow-conductor copper coils generate 6 T @ 12 MW:

Bitter-coil option less costly, but marginally feasible.

Outer, superconducting coils generate 14 T @ 600 MJ:

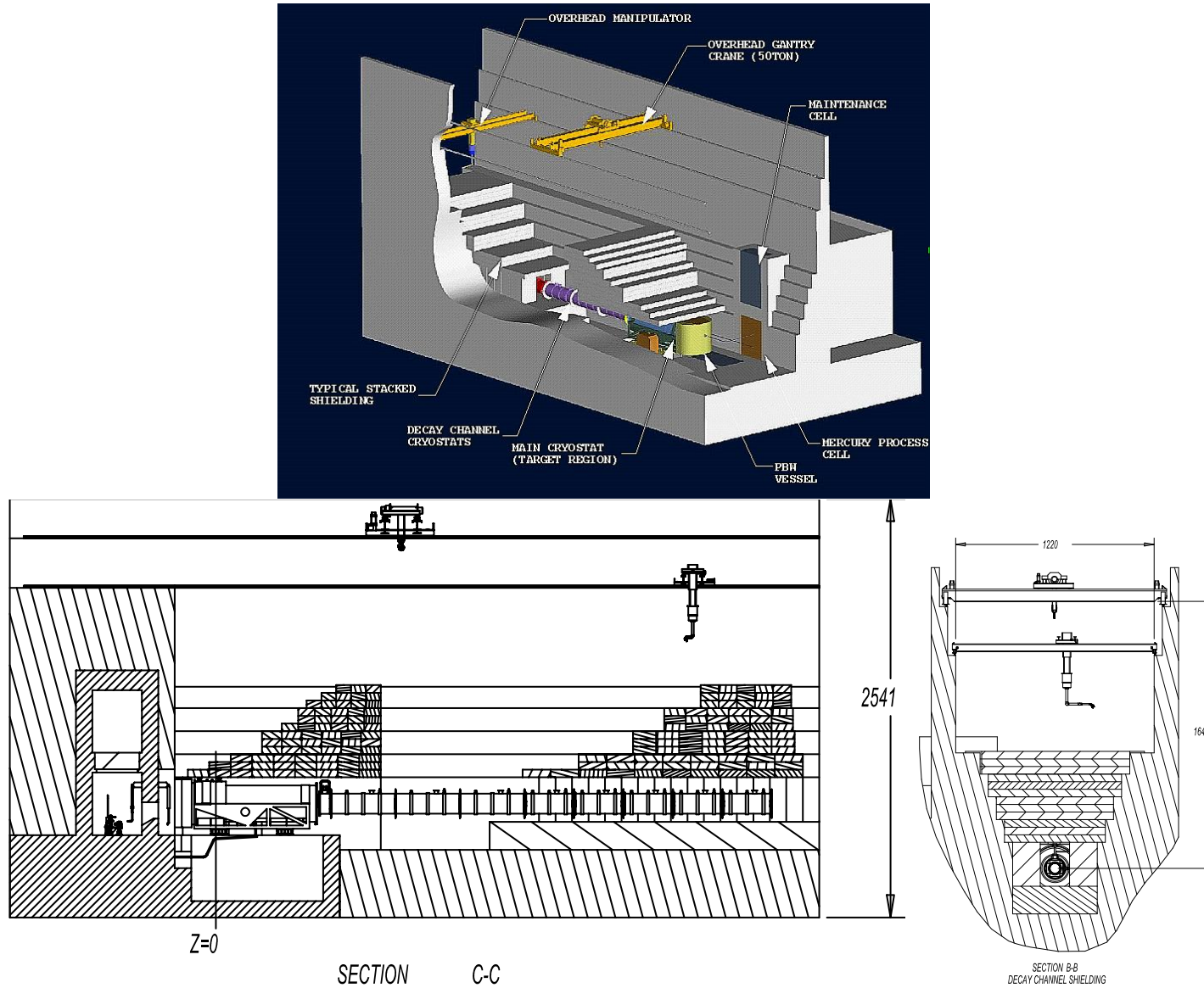


Cable-in-conduit construction similar to ITER central solenoid.

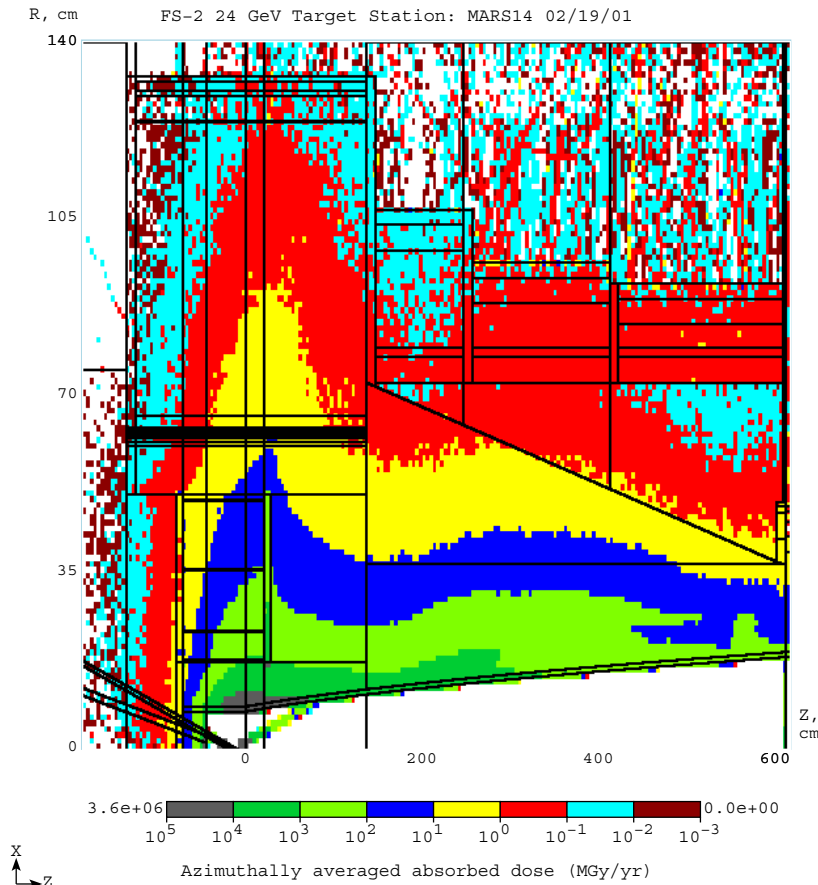
Both coils shielded by tungsten-carbide/water.

Target System Support Facility

Extensive shielding; remote handling capability.



Lifetime of Components in the High Radiation Environment



Some components must be replaceable.

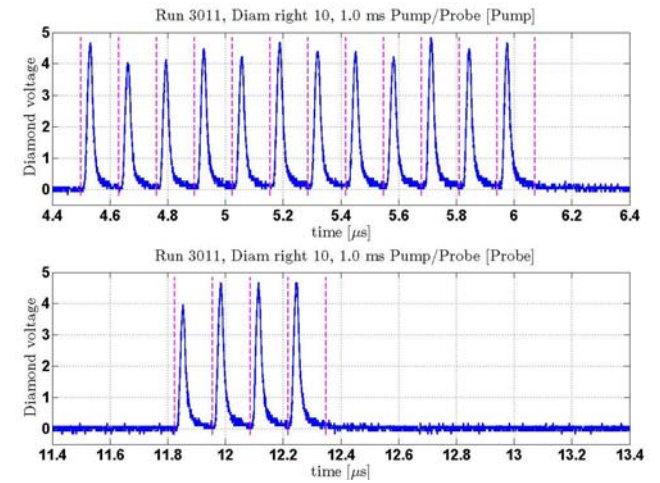
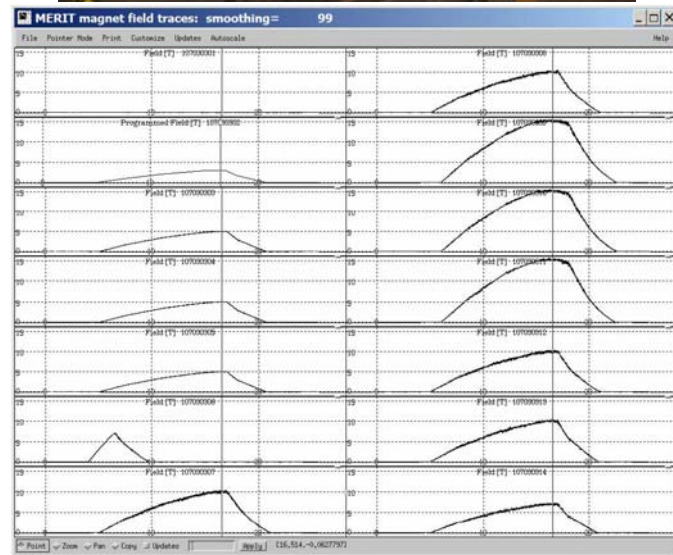
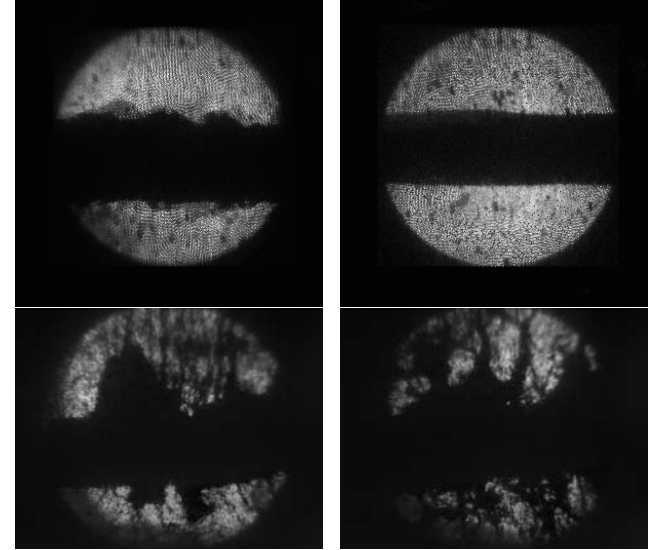
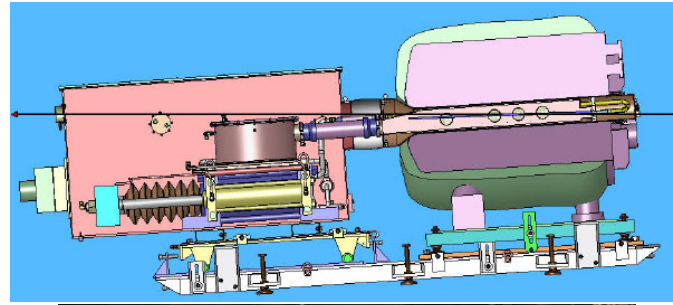
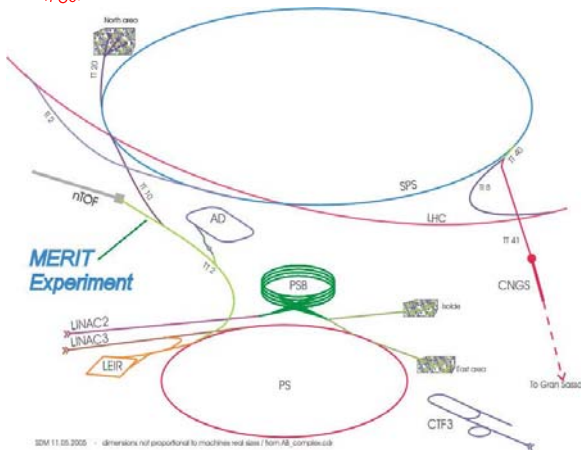
Component	Radius (cm)	Dose/yr (Grays/ 2×10^7 s)	Max allowed Dose (Grays)	1 MW Life (years)	4 MW life (years)
Inner shielding	7.5	5×10^{10}	10^{12}	20	5
Hg containment	18	10^9	10^{11}	100	25
Hollow conductor coil	18	10^9	10^{11}	100	25
Superconducting coil	65	5×10^6	10^8	20	5



CERN MERIT Experiment

CERN nToF11 Experiment (MERIT)

- The MERIT experiment is a proof-of-principle demonstration of a free mercury jet target for a 4-megawatt proton beam, contained in a 15-T solenoid for maximal collection of soft secondary pions.
- MERIT = MERcury Intense Target.
- Key parameters:
 - 24-GeV Proton beam pulses, up to 16) bunches/pulse, up to 2.5×10^{12} p /bunch.
 - σ_r of proton bunch = 1.2 mm, proton beam axis at 67 mrad to magnet axis.
 - Mercury jet of 1 cm diameter, $v = 20$ m/s, jet axis at 33 mrad to magnet axis.
 - \Rightarrow Each proton intercepts the Hg jet over 30 cm = 2 interaction lengths.
- Every beam pulse is a separate experiment.
 - ~ 100 Beam pulses in total.
 - Vary bunch intensity, bunch spacing, number of bunches.
 - Vary magnetic field strength.
 - Vary beam-jet alignment, beam spot size.



CERN nToF11 Experiment (MERIT), II

- Data taken Oct. 22 – Nov. 12, 2007 with mercury jet velocities of 15 & 20 m/s, magnetic fields up to 15 T, and proton pulses of up to 3×10^{13} in $2.5 \mu\text{s}$.
- As expected, beam-induced jet breakup is relatively benign, and somewhat suppressed at high magnetic field.
- “Pump-Probe” studies with bunches separated by up to $700 \mu\text{s}$ indicated that the jet would hold together during, say, a 1-ms-long 8-GeV linac pulse.
- \Rightarrow Good success as proof-of-principle of liquid metal jet target in strong magnetic fields for use with intense pulsed proton beams.