

# MERIT Hg System Review

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# Executive Summary

- **Hg system design has been completed**
- **Syringe pump fabrication is nearly complete**
- **Drawing packages for remainder of system are either in fabrication or out for bid**
- **System testing at ORNL scheduled to begin in May**

*Now for some details...*

# Requirements and Operating Conditions

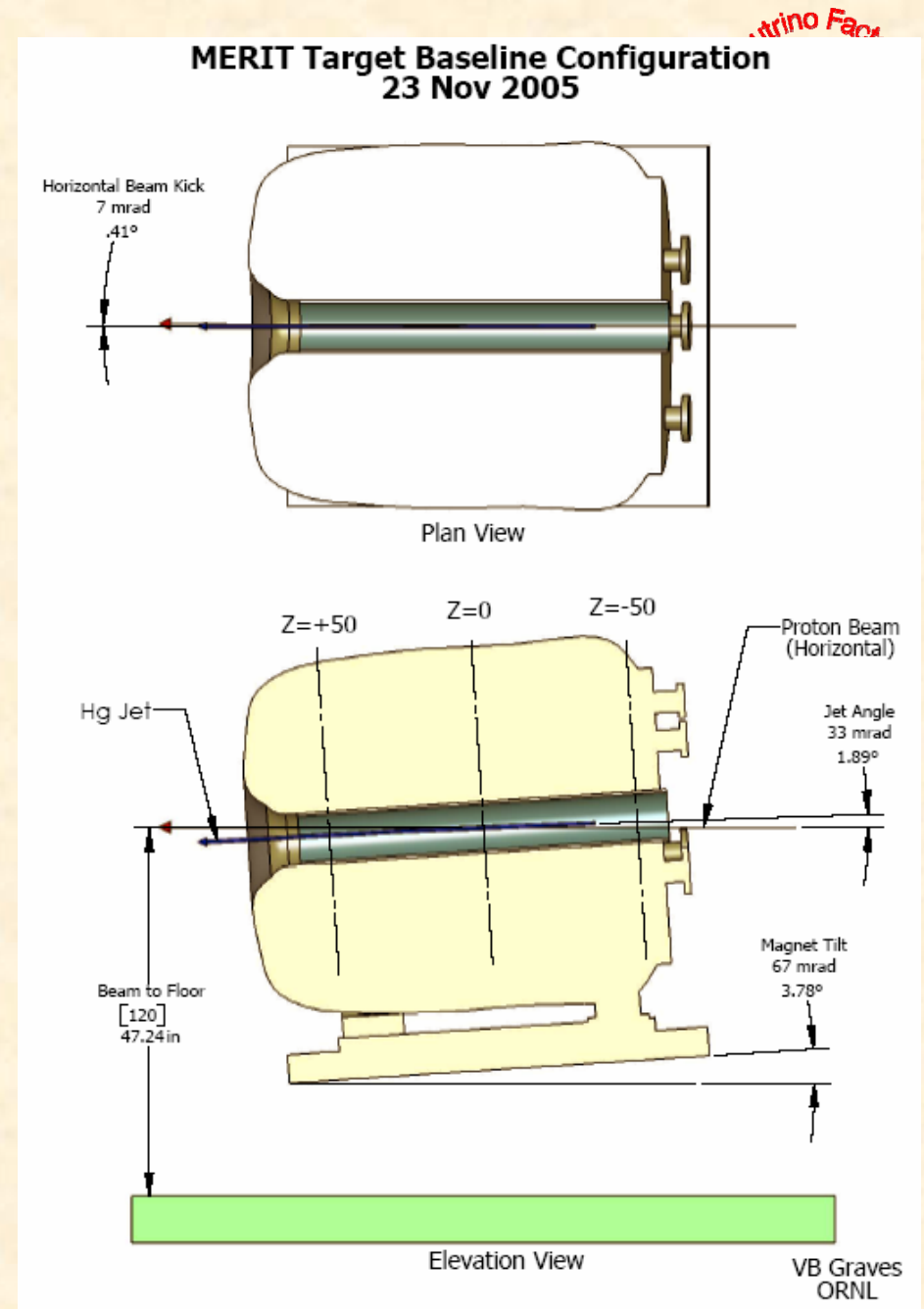


*Target system must deliver a stable, unconstrained jet of Hg into a 15 Tesla field*

- **1-cm diameter jet at 20 m/s delivered every 30 minutes**
  - Q=1.6liter/s,  $Re \sim 10^6$
- **~1-sec steady state jet during the magnet peak field**
- **Baseline Hg environment is 1-atm air, also considering running in rough vacuum**
- **Full-beam interaction length is 30-cm**
- **Beam line is 120cm above the tunnel floor**
- **Up to 100 pulses for the CERN test, >500 operating cycles for system testing**

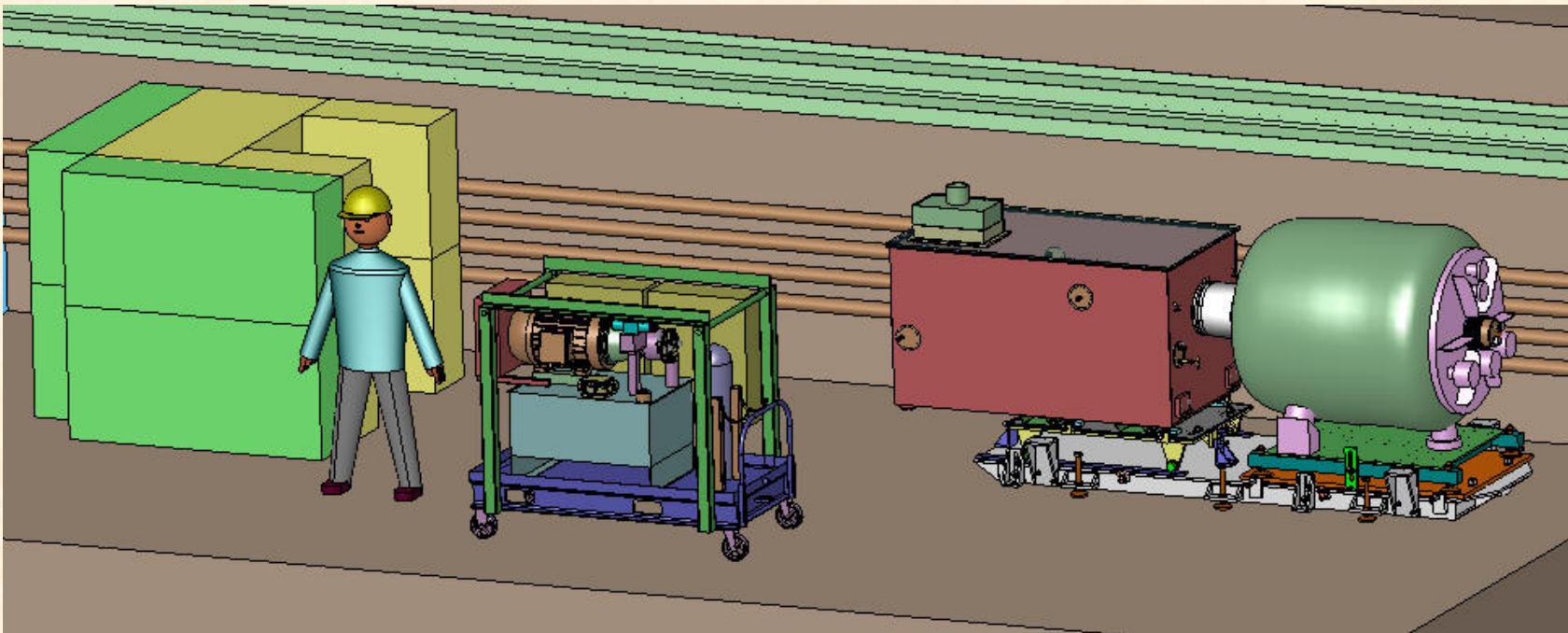
# Geometry of the Interaction Region

- Horizontal proton beam
- Magnet axis to beam is 67 milliradians
- Jet to beam is 33 milliradians
  - Jet starts between magnet axis and beam
- The jet centerline crosses the beam center at  $Z=0$  (center of the solenoid)
- 7 milliradian horizontal beam kick

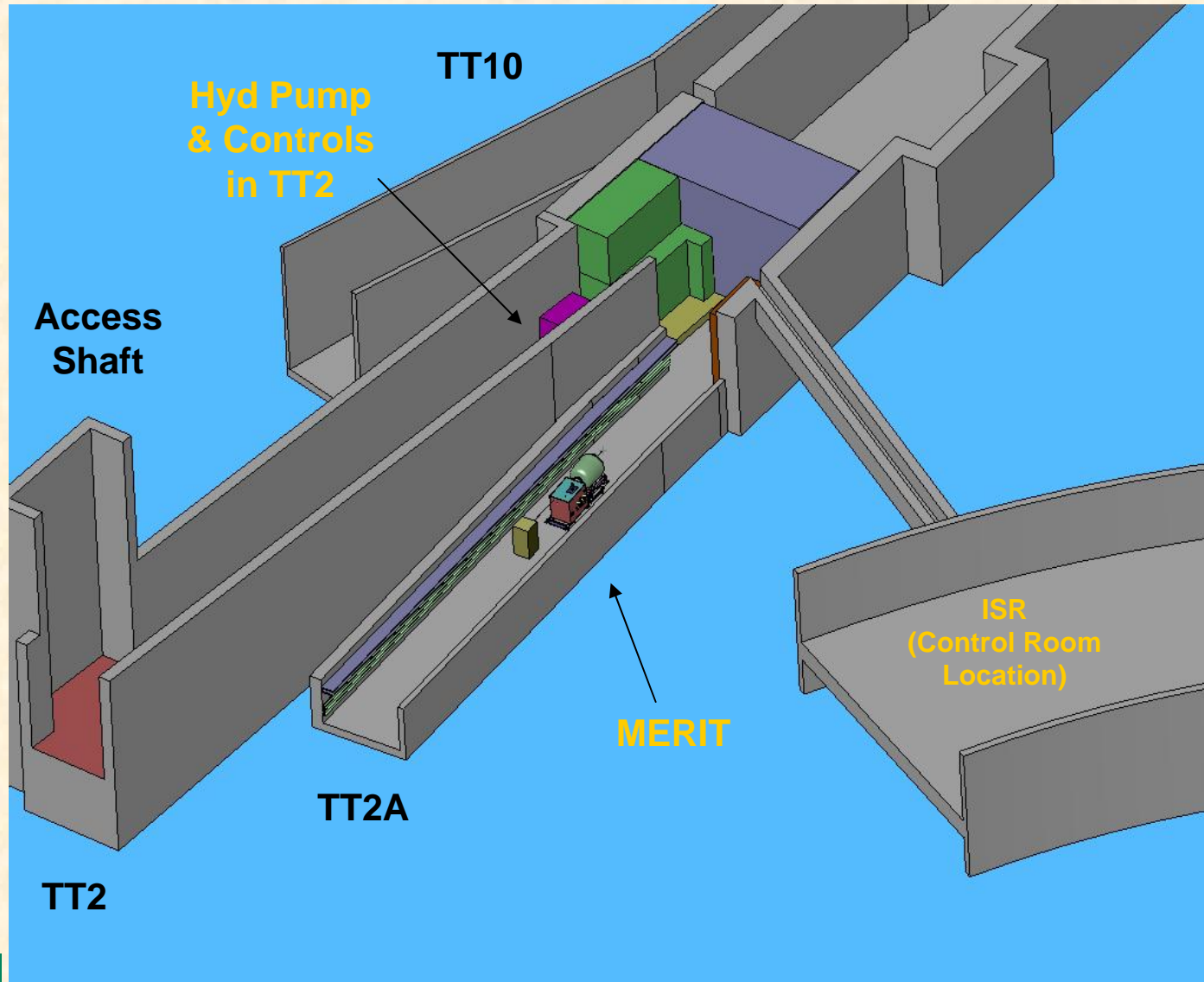


# Experiment Layout

- Hg target is a self-contained module inserted into the magnet bore
- Two containment barriers between the Hg and the tunnel environment
- Hydraulic pump will be in adjacent tunnel, personnel in remote control room

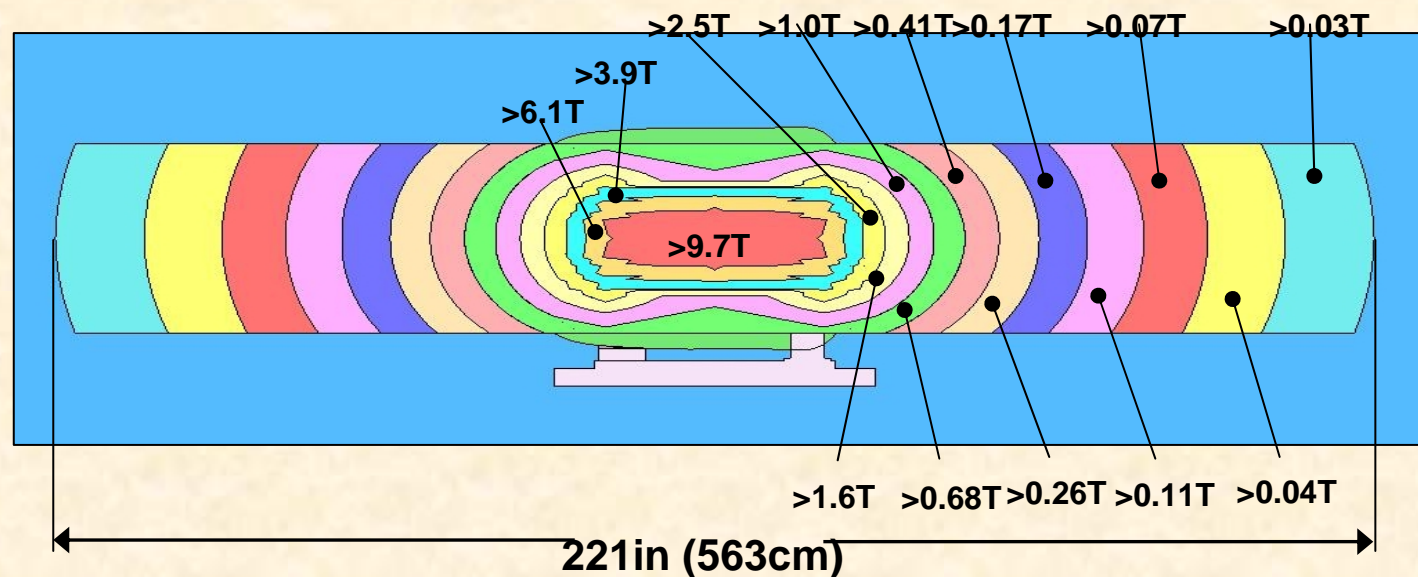
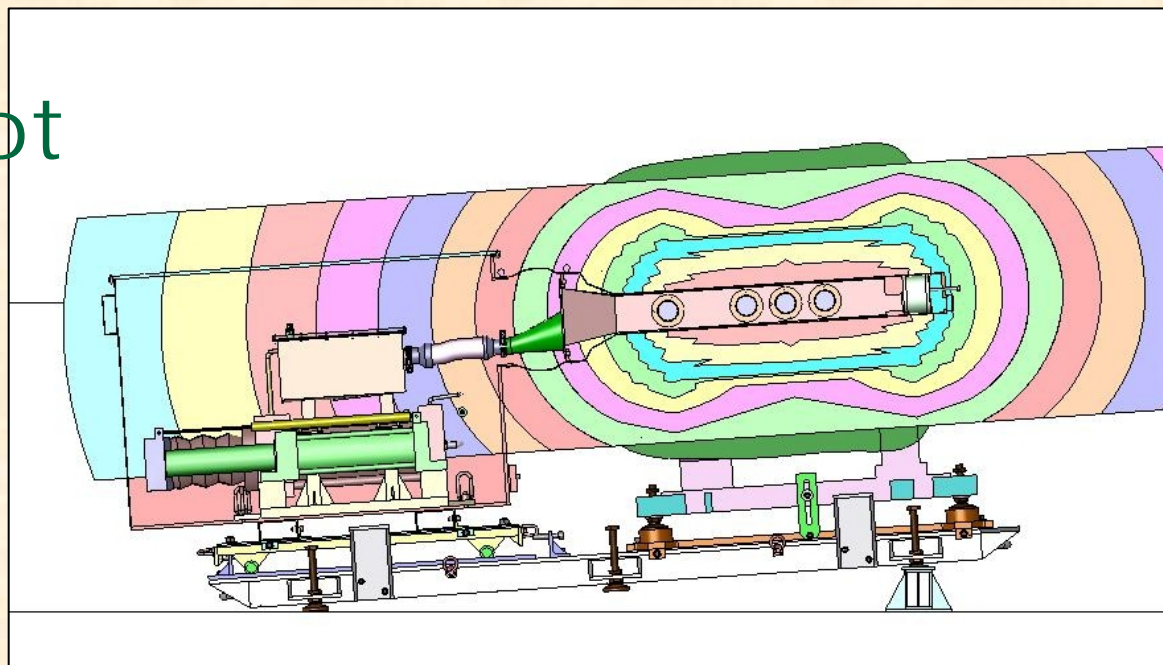


# Experiment at CERN



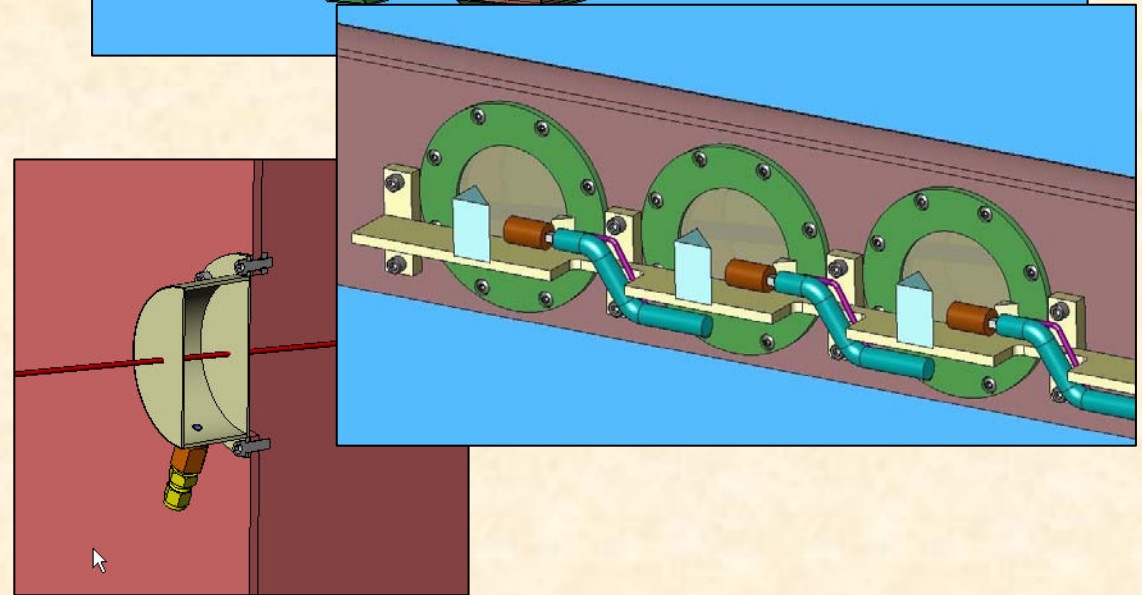
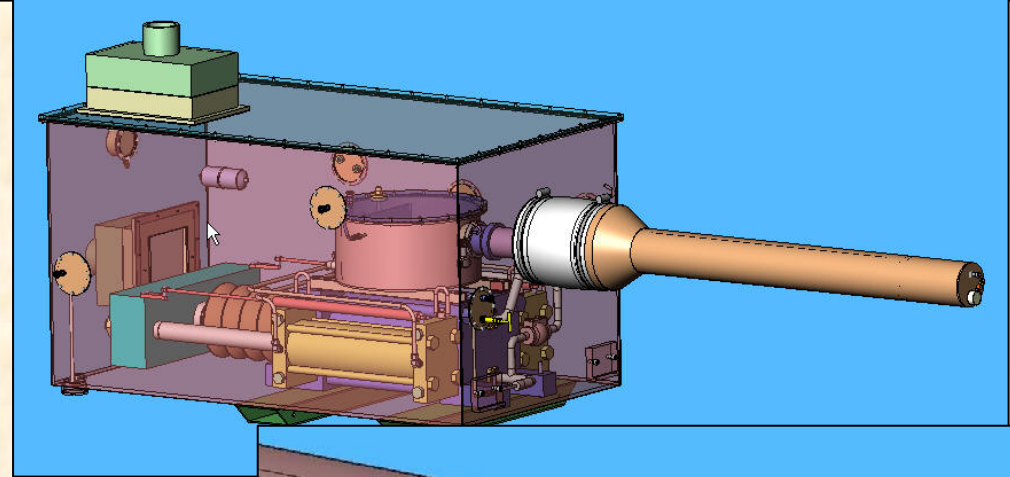
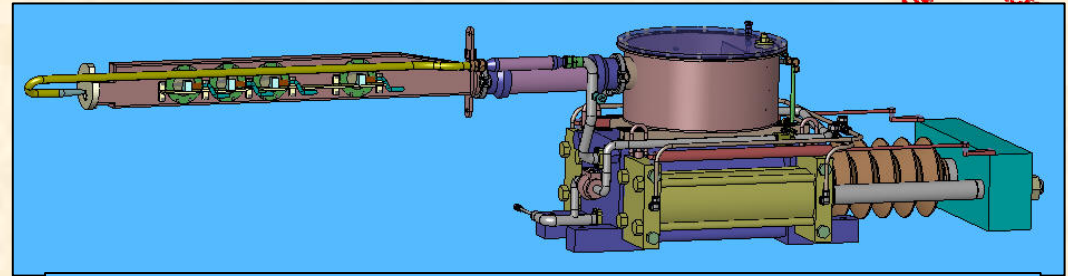
# Stray Field Plot

- The pump equipment operates in a range of 3000 Gauss to 300 Gauss ( $1 \text{ Tesla} = 10^4 \text{ Gauss}$ )
- Hg jet starts in 6-9 Tesla field



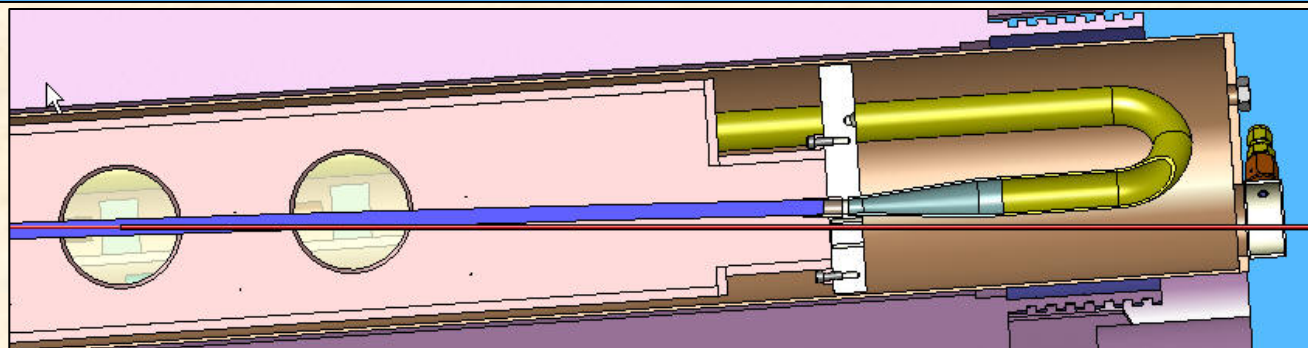
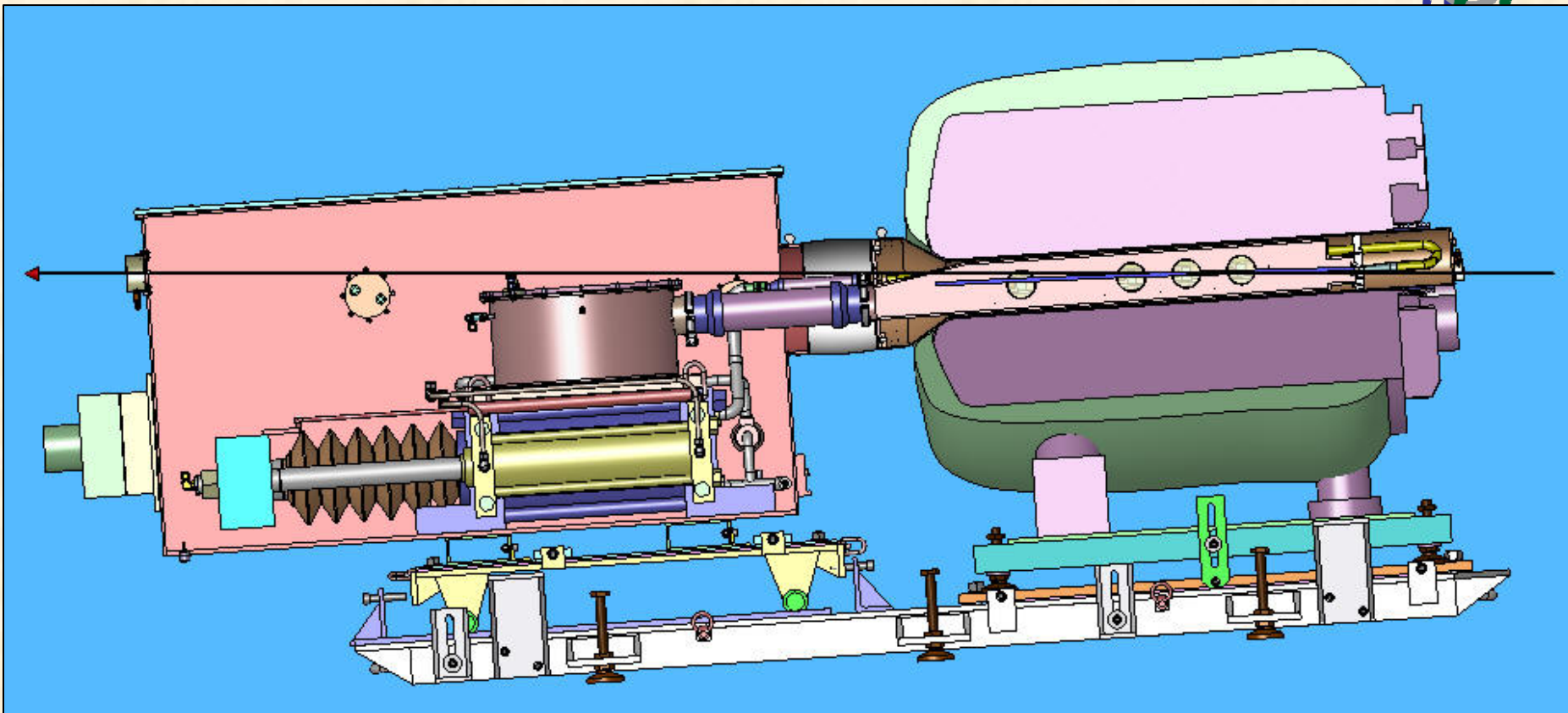
# Hg Delivery System

- **Primary containment**
  - Hg-wetted components
  - Capacity 23liters Hg (~760 lbs)
  - Jet duration up to 12 sec
- **Secondary containment**
  - Hg leak/vapor containment
  - Ports for instruments, Hg fill/drain, hydraulics
- **Optical diagnostic components**
  - Passive optics
  - Shadow photography
- **Beam Windows**
  - Ti alloy components that directly interact with beam
  - Single windows on primary, double windows on secondary



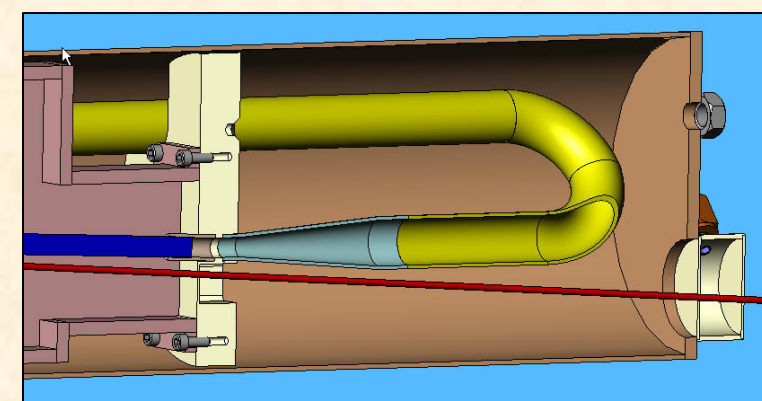
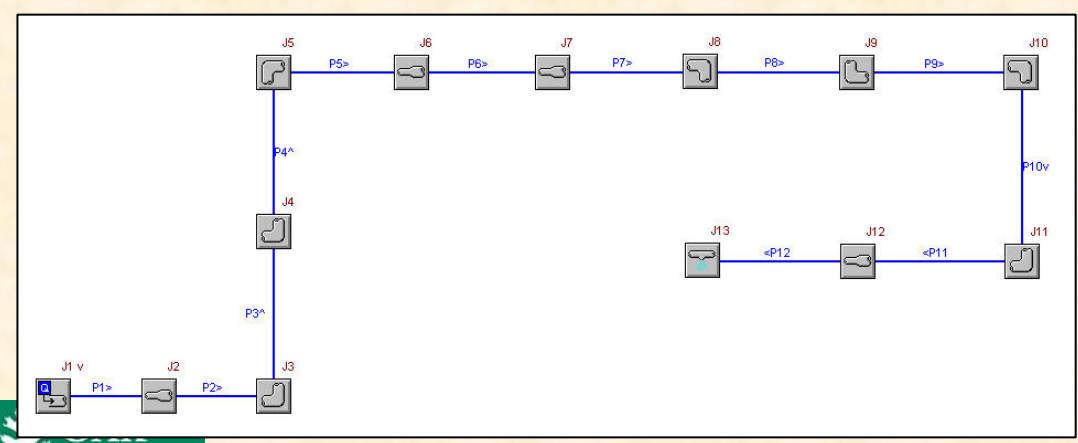
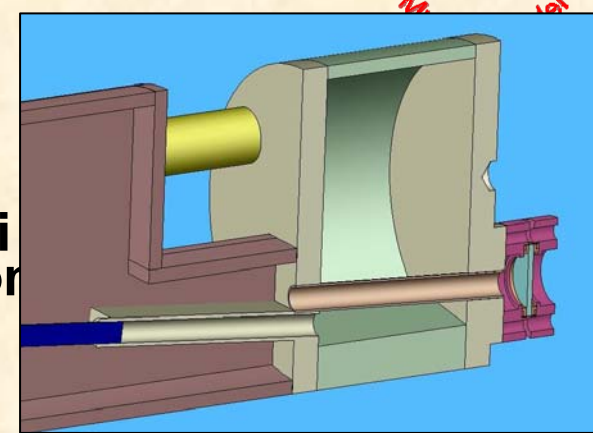


# MERIT Side View



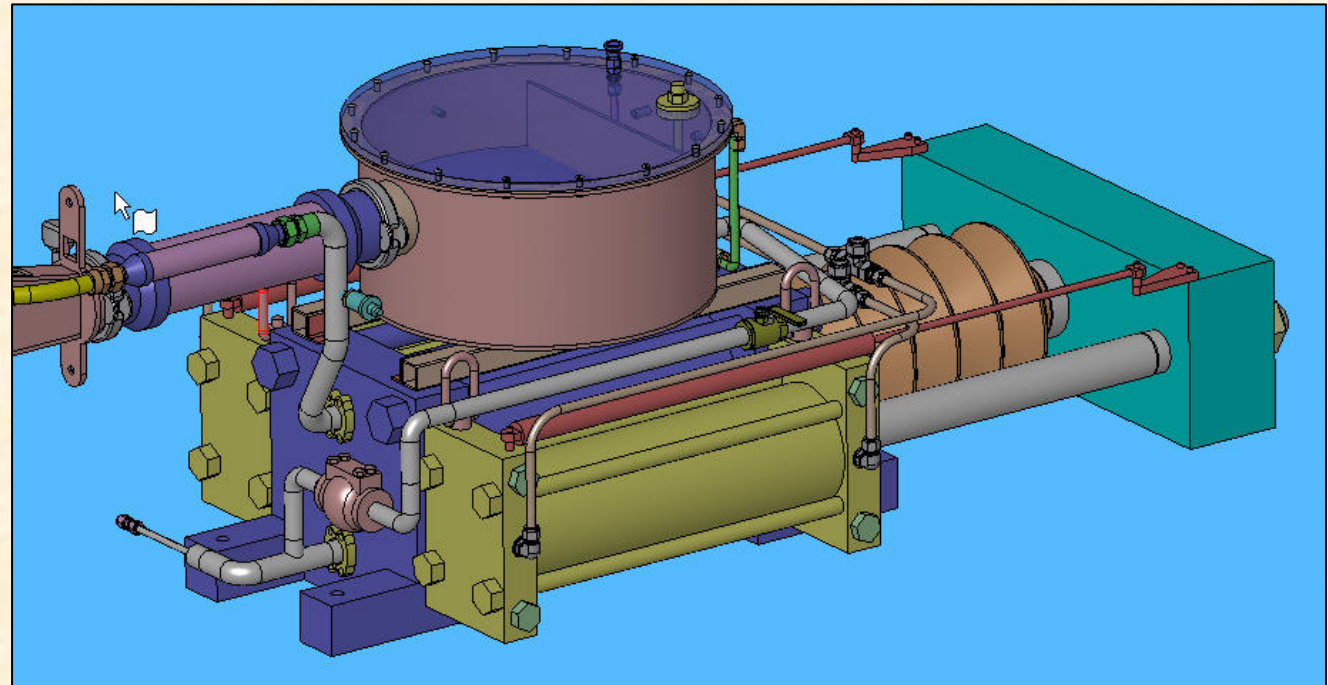
# Flow Simulation Using AFT Fathom

- **Simulates mechanical piping/flow losses**
  - Does not include MHD effects
- **Results predicted cylinder pressure of ~780 psi (50 bar) for original plenum/nozzle configuration**
- **Current nozzle configuration predicts cylinder pressure of ~500 psi (35 bar)**
- **Syringe design pressure 1500 psi (100 bar), so we have significant excess pressure capacity to accommodate losses due to field effects, which we won't know until integrated testing at MIT**



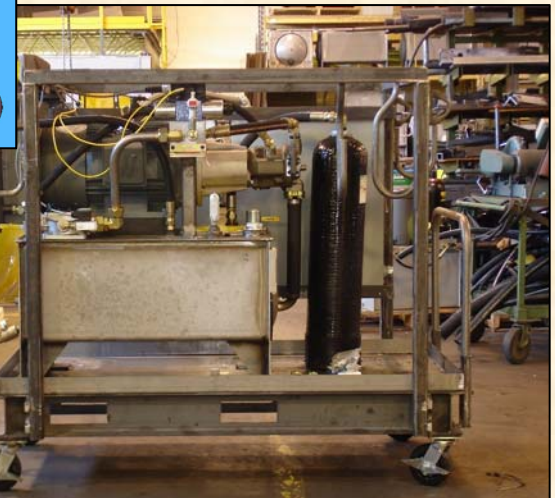
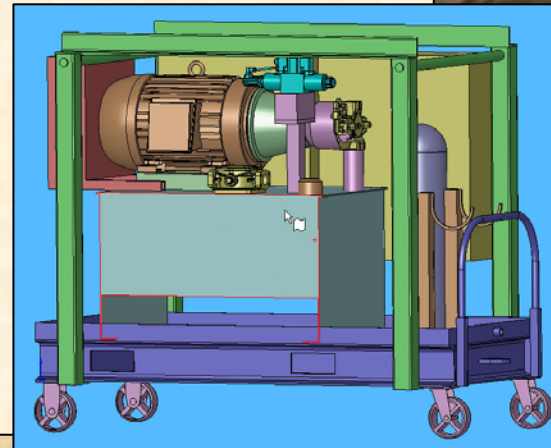
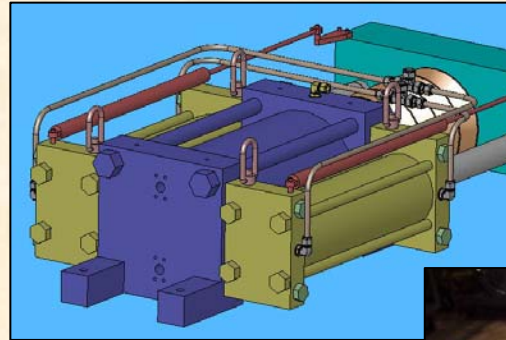
# Hg Syringe Performance

- Hg flow rate  
1.6liter/s  
(24.9gpm)
- Piston velocity  
3.0cm/s  
(1.2in/sec)
- Up to 103 bar  
(1500 psi) Hg  
pressure in  
cylinder
- Hg cylinder force  
525kN (118kip)



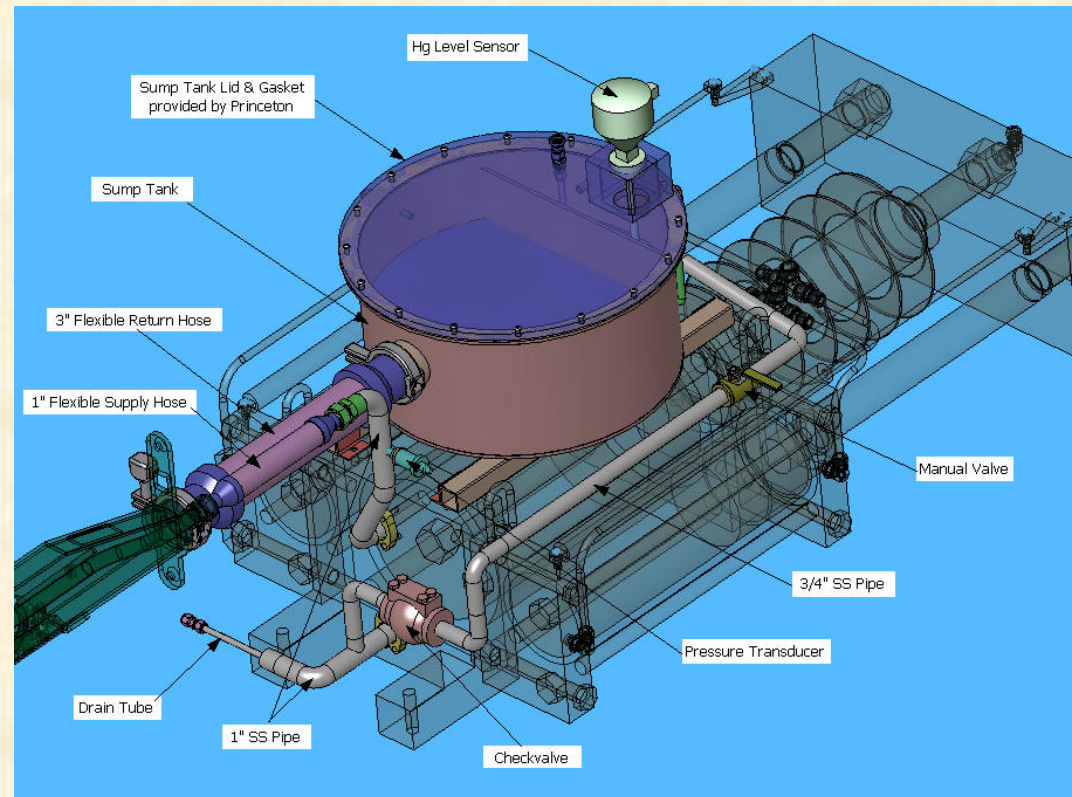
# Syringe Status

- Syringe vendor **Airline Hydraulics Corp (AHC)**
  - Bensalem, PA
- AHC provided system design based on functional requirements specification
- System consists of all syringe pump components
- Status
  - Integration of cylinders & control system starting this week
  - System factory acceptance testing March 30



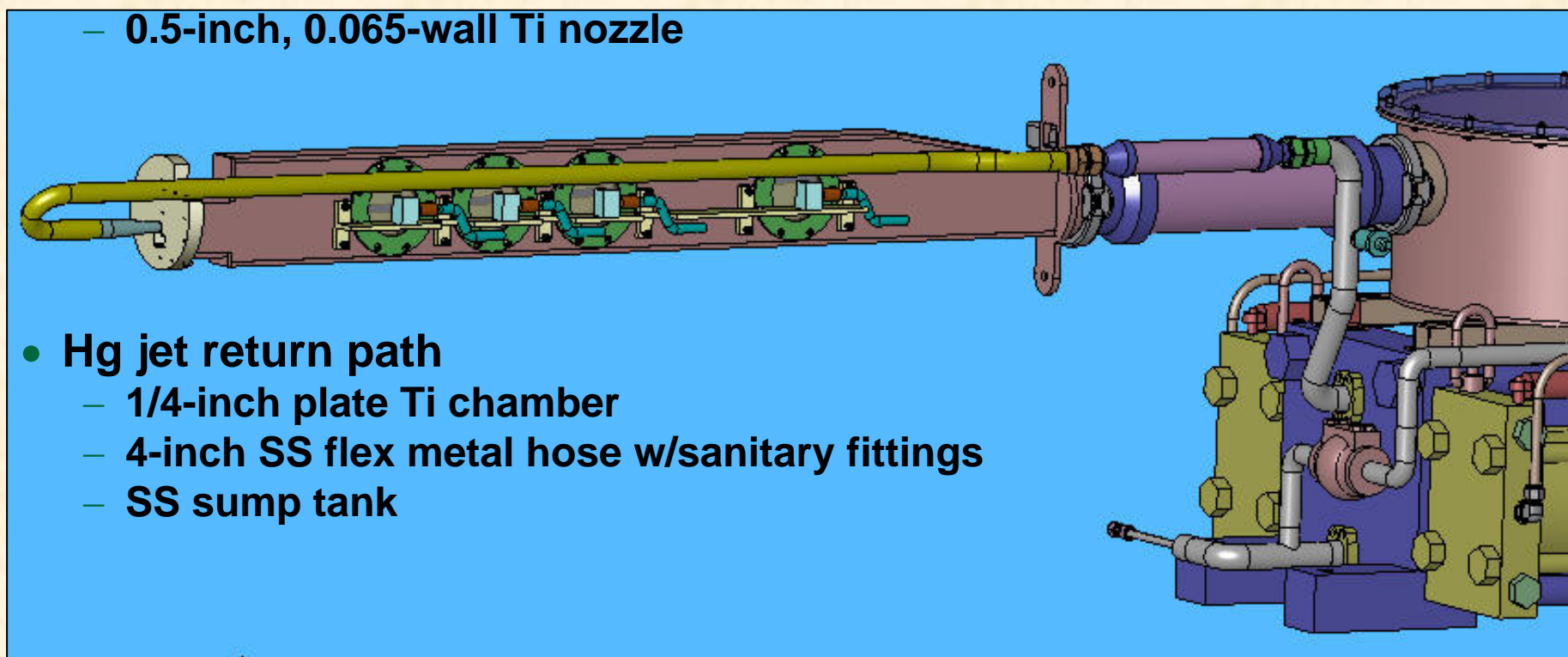
# Additional Syringe Work

- Syringe procurement initiated Sept '05 due to anticipated long delivery of cylinders
- Fabrication dwgs for remainder of system not completed at that time
  - Dwg pkg now complete
- Prefer to award to syringe pump vendor
- Being coordinated by BNL Procurement



# Primary Containment

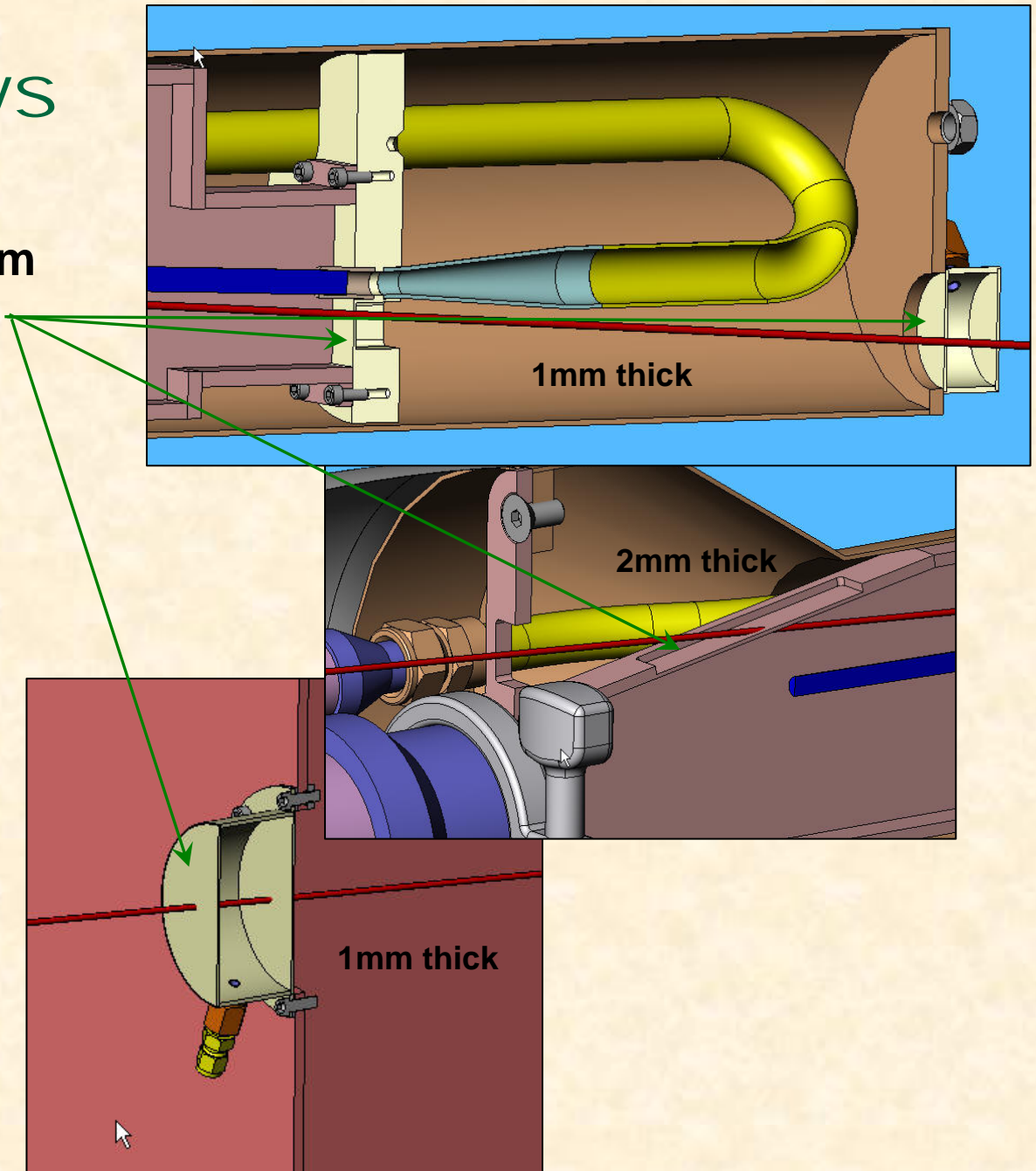
- Hg supply flow path
  - 1-inch Sch 40 SS pipe
  - 1-inch flex rubber hose w/Swagelok fittings
  - 1-inch, 0.065-wall Ti rigid tubing
  - Fabricated Titanium reducer
  - 0.5-inch, 0.065-wall Ti nozzle



- Hg jet return path
  - 1/4-inch plate Ti chamber
  - 4-inch SS flex metal hose w/sanitary fittings
  - SS sump tank

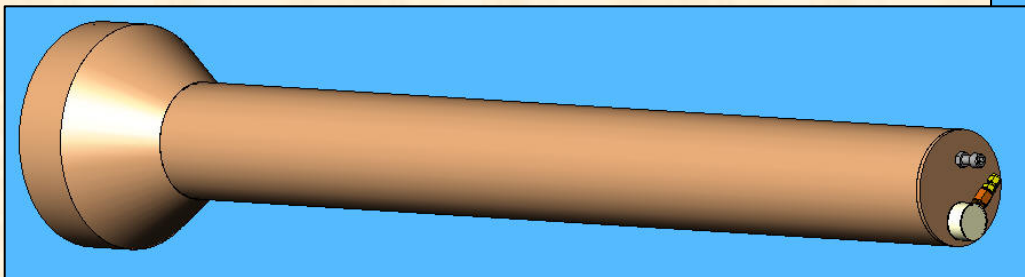
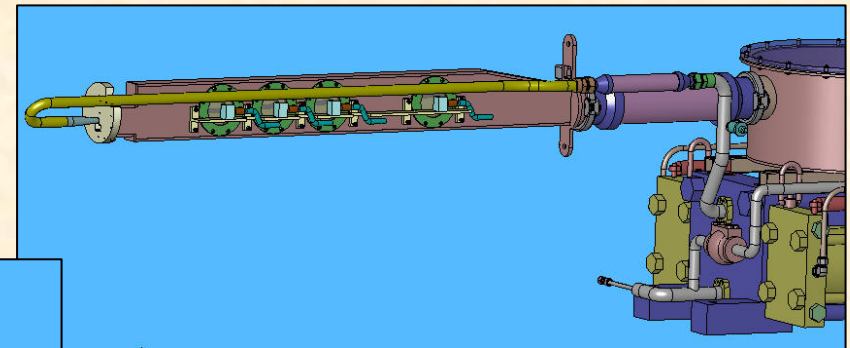
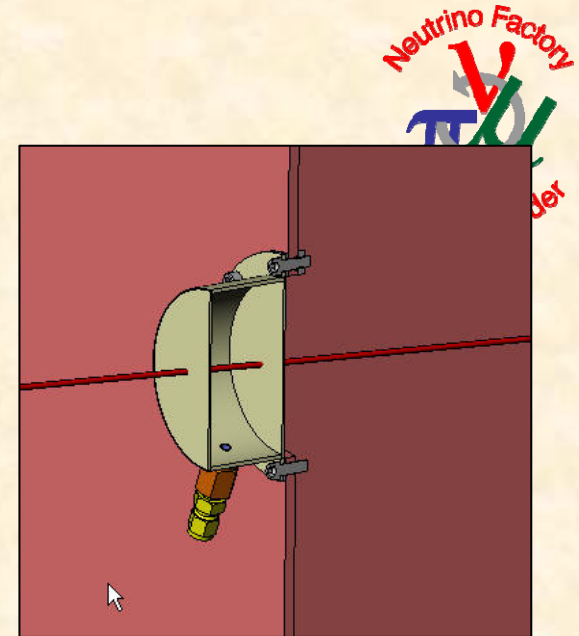
# Beam Windows

- Windows fabricated from Ti6Al4V alloy
- Welded attachments provide more usable space for beam
- Single windows for primary containment, double windows for secondary
- Pressurize secondary windows, monitor to detect failure



# Titanium Target Module

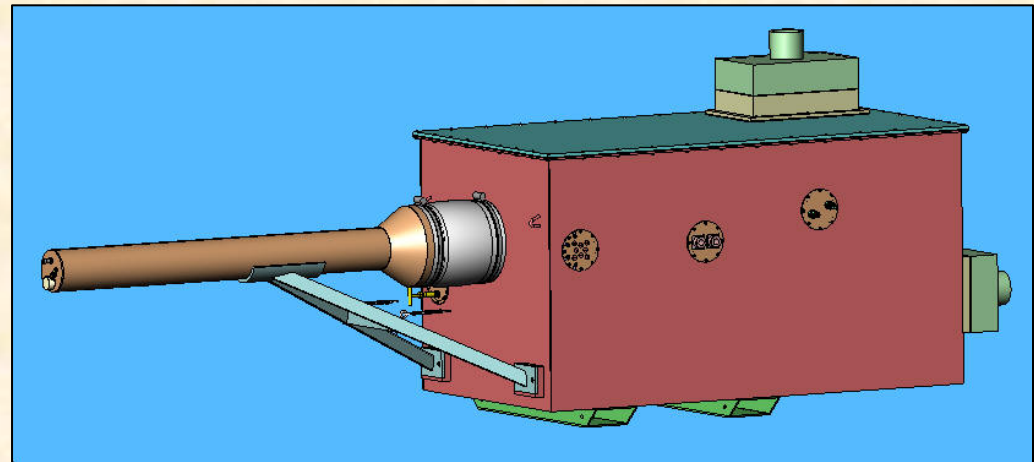
- **Current design of primary/secondary containment modules inserted into magnet utilizes Ti or Ti alloys**
  - Alleviates issues with welding dissimilar metals
  - Anodized Ti minimizes some MHD effects by insulating conductive Hg from the piping
- **Drawing package currently out for bid**
  - Will be coordinated by Princeton Procurement
  - Procurement direction to be decided on cost/schedule considerations
- **Material for 2 spare nozzle assemblies will also be procured**





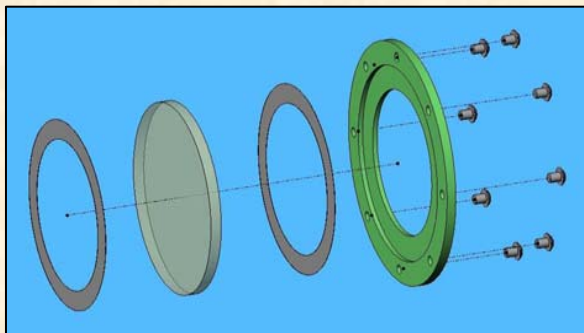
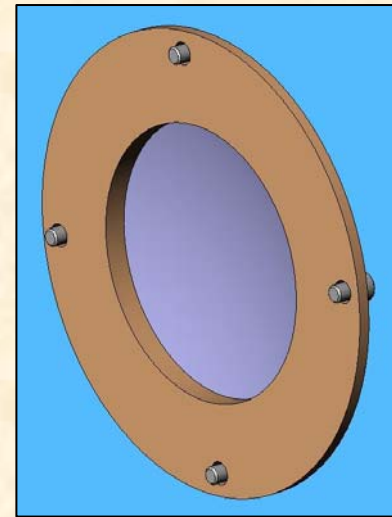
# Secondary Containment

- SS304L/316L 1/2" bottom plate, 1/4" sides
- SS flexible sleeve
- Ti cylindrical sleeve
- Lexan top
- Ports
  - Optical diagnostics
  - Instrumentation
  - Hydraulics
  - Hg drain & fill (without opening secondary)
  - Hg extraction (in event of major leak in primary containment)
  - Passive filtration
- Fabrication underway at Princeton (except Ti sleeve)

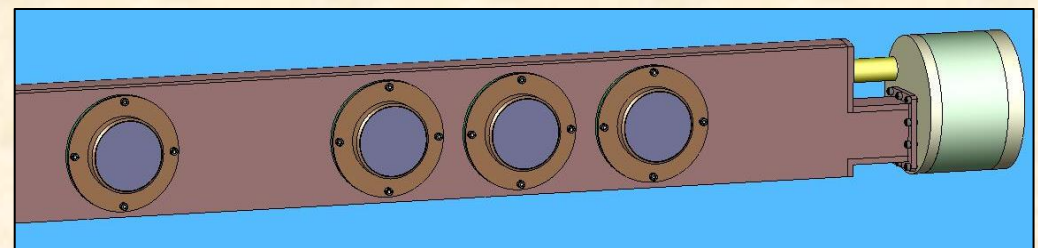
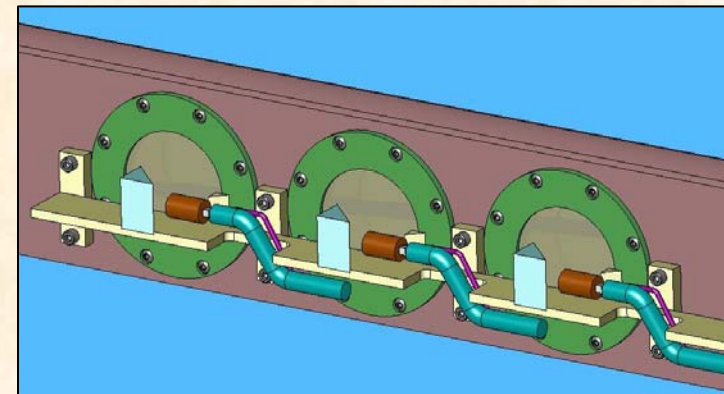


# Optical Diagnostics

- 8X 100mm-dia, 6mm-thick sapphire disks with cover plates mechanically attached to jet chamber
  - Disk has been impact-tested at Princeton
- One set of windows configured for reflector assemblies
- BNL to provide splitters, prisms, lenses, bracket, mounting hardware & adjustment mechanisms

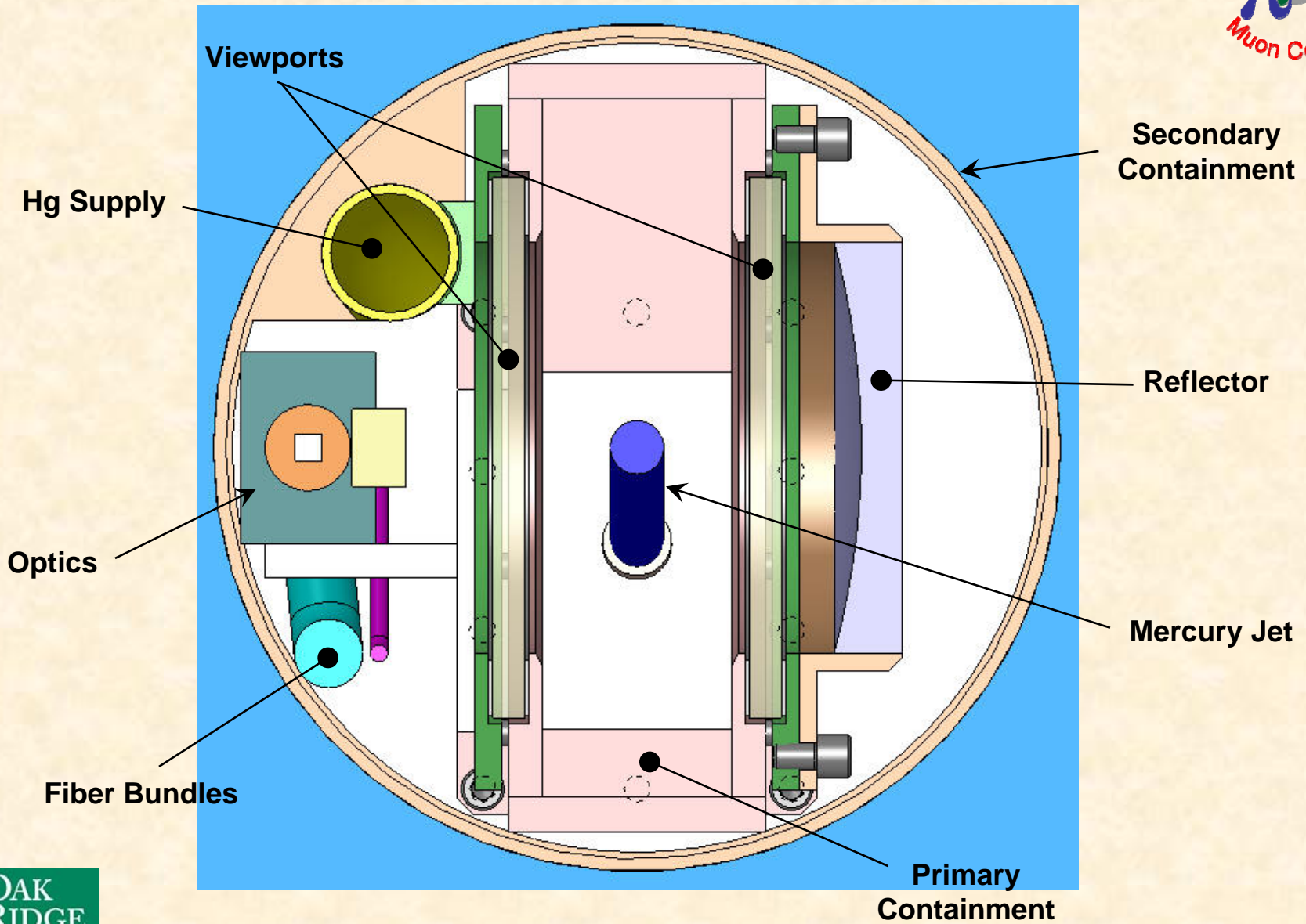


Viewport Assemblies



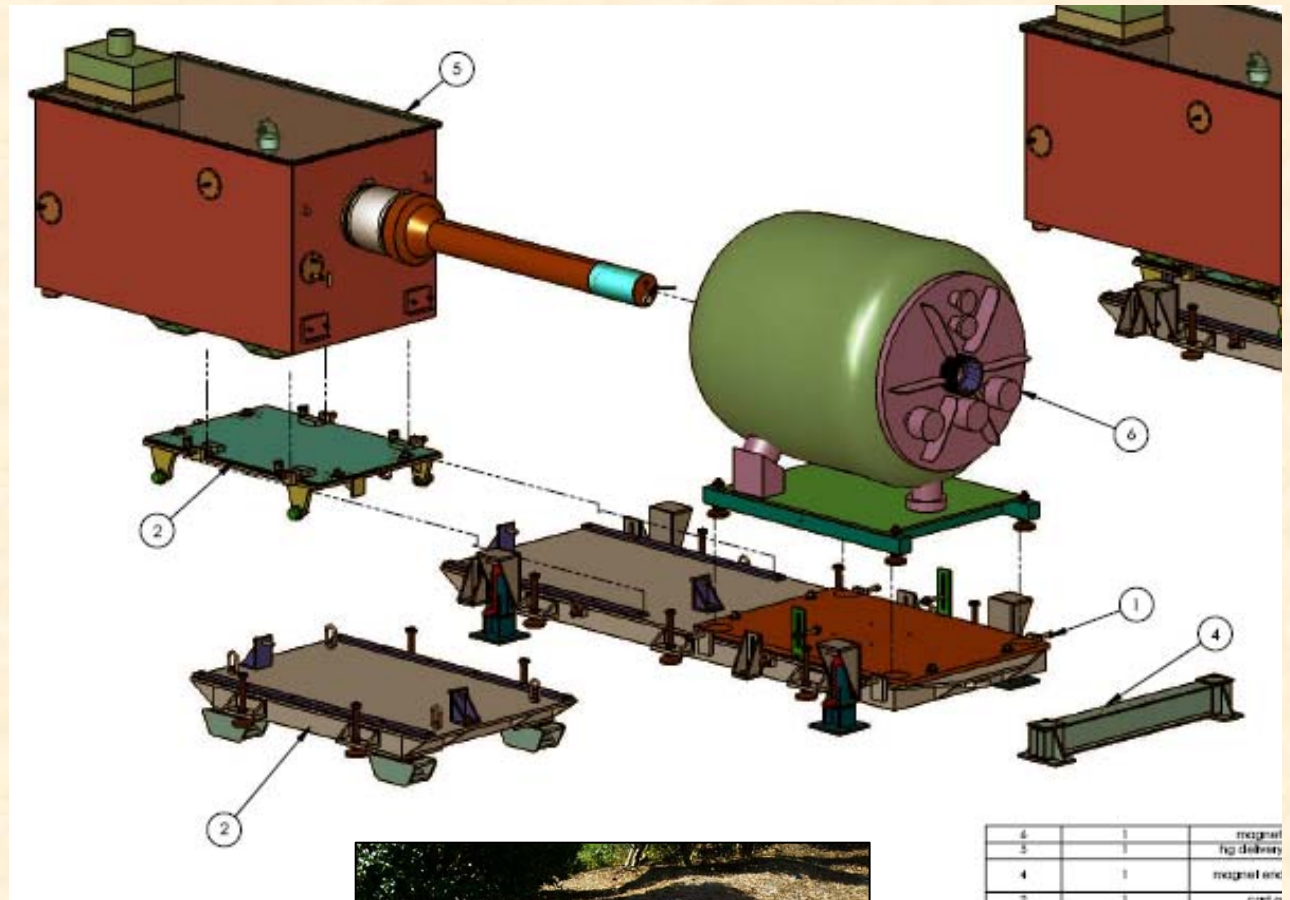
Reflector Assemblies Mounted on Viewports

# Z=0 Section Cut



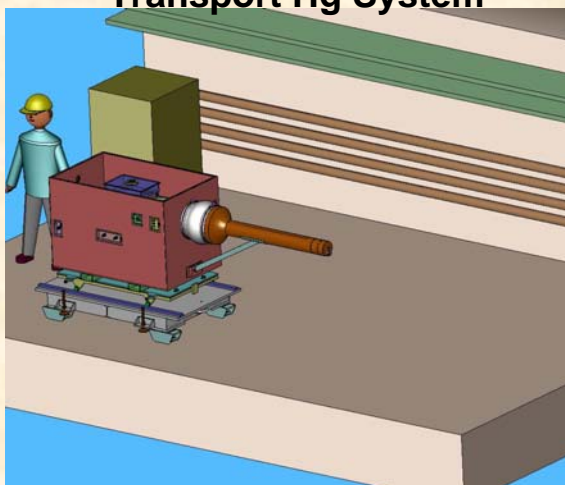
# Baseplates

- Multiple baseplates required for transport, assembly, and equipment support
- Primarily fabricated from Al 6061-T6
- Fabrication underway at University of Mississippi

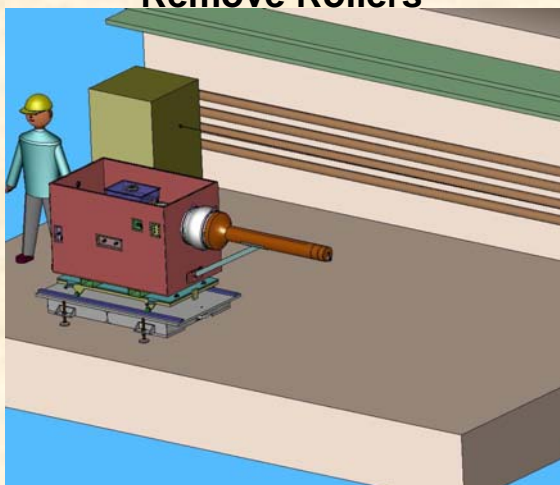


# Installation Sequence

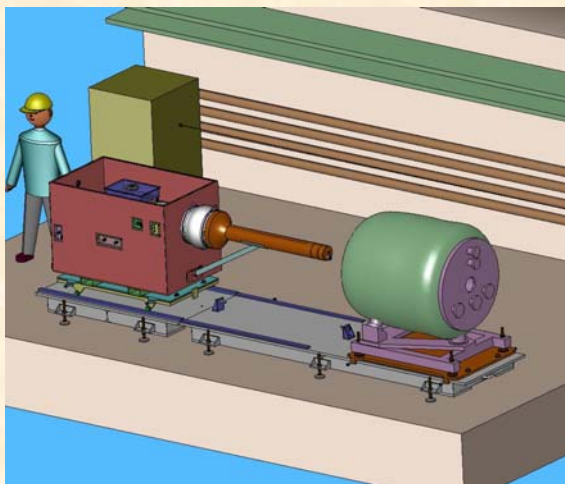
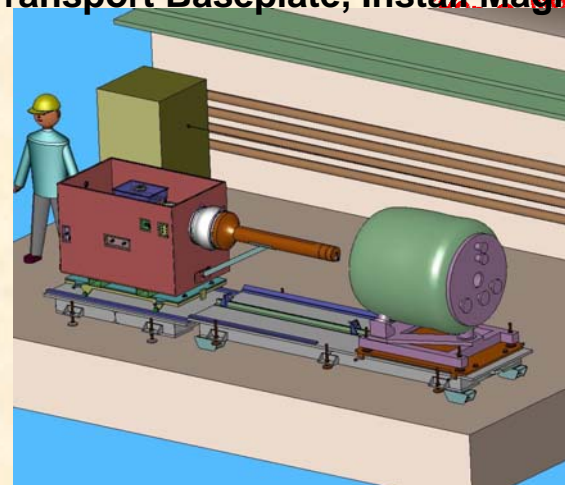
**Transport Hg System**



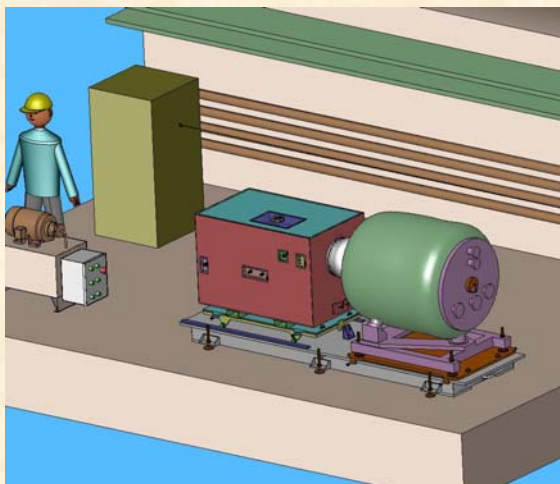
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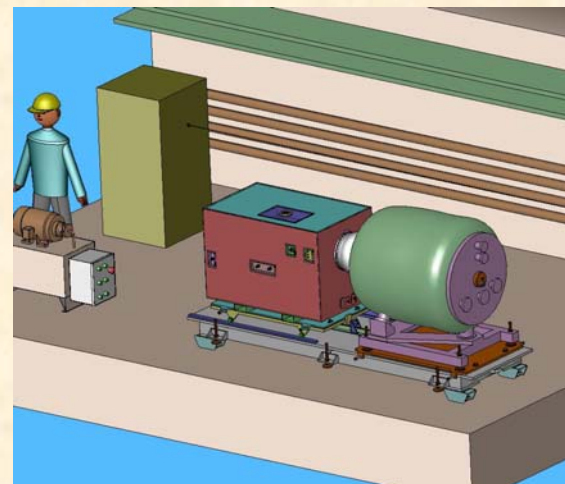
**Transport Baseplate, Install Magnet**



**Remove Rollers, Level Magnet**



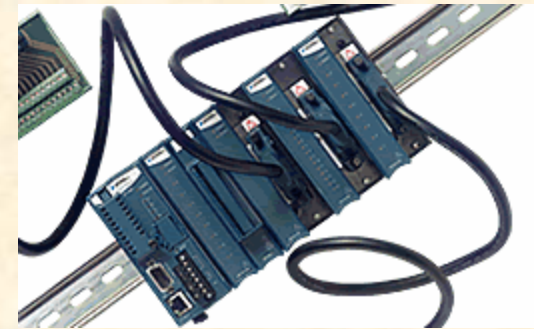
**Roll Hg System into Magnet**



**Add Rollers**

# LabView-Based Control System

- Remote control over long distance limited control choices
- LabView on laptop computer was chosen as system controller
  - CompactPCI I/O modules at syringe pump control station
  - Communicates to laptop via EtherNet cable
  - Should allow straightforward integration with other MERIT control systems

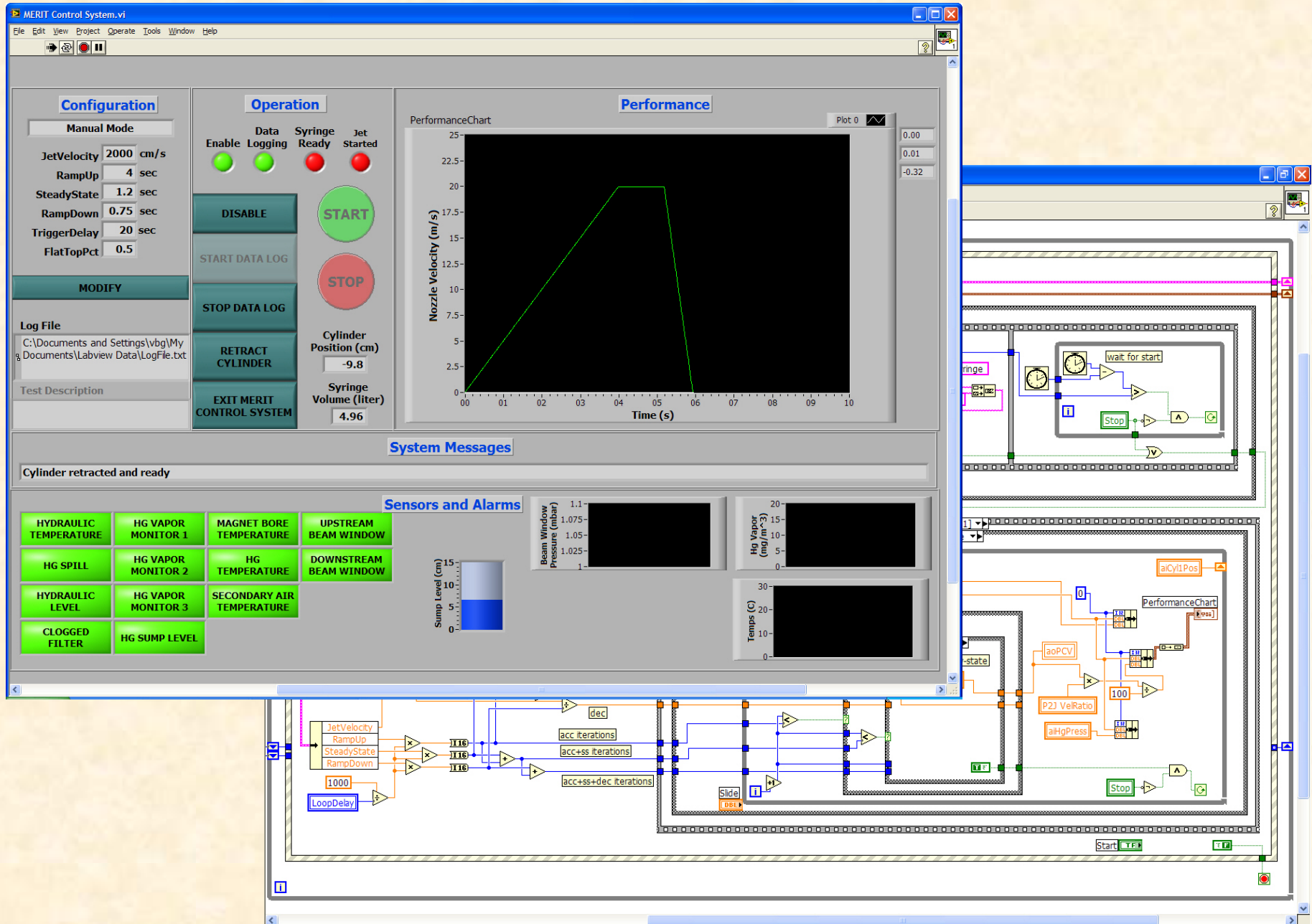


# Instrumentation & Sensors

Controlled Components			
Hydraulic pump	Proportional control valve*	Heater foil	
Analog Sensor Inputs			
Hg discharge pressure	Hg level	Hg sump thermocouple	Secondary containment thermocouple
Cylinder 1 position*	Cylinder 2 position	Hg vapor 1*	Hg vapor 2*
Hydraulic fluid high pressure	Hydraulic fluid low pressure	Beam window 1 pressure*	Beam window 2 pressure*
Digital Sensor Inputs			
Hydraulic filter dirty switch	Hydraulic low level switch	Conductivity probe	

\* Critical for system operation or safety

# Hg Syringe Control System Development Underway





# Hg Handling - Properties and Safety Limits

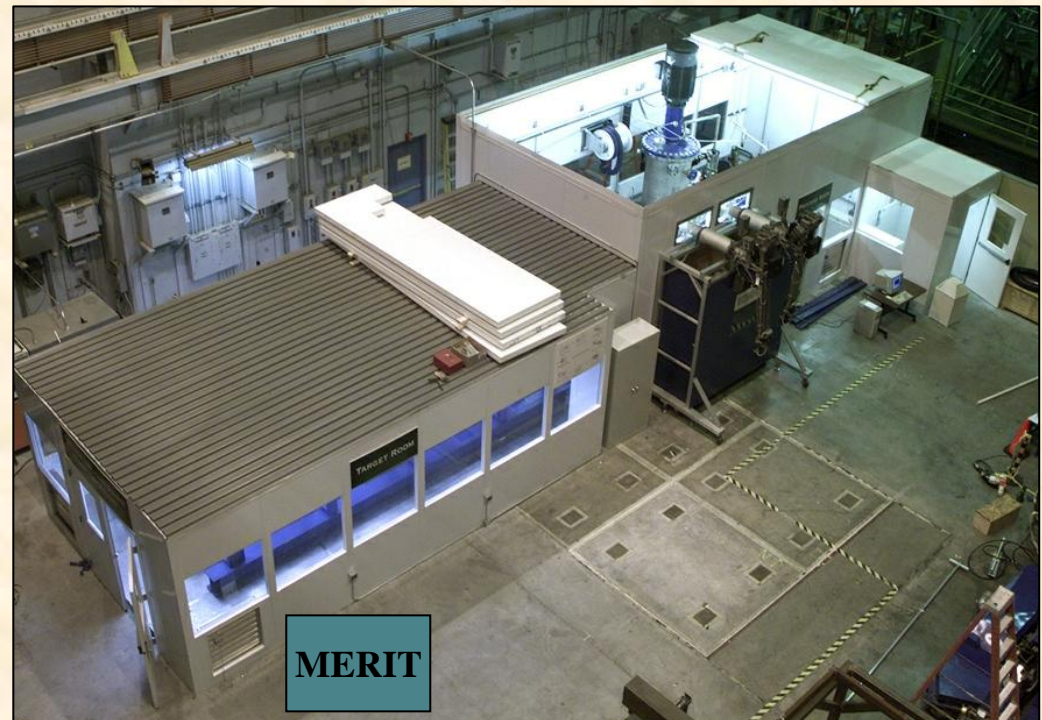


- **Atomic Weight: 200.59**
- **Boiling Point: 357° C**
- **Specific Gravity: 13.6**
- **Vapor Pressure: 0.0012 mm Hg**
- **Vapor Density: 7.0 (air = 1.0 @ 20° C)**
- **Vapor: colorless, odorless**
- **Solubility: insoluble in water**
- **NIOSH/OSHA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 10 h/day; 40 h/wk**
  - **ORNL: action level is set to 0.0125 mg/m<sup>3</sup>**
    - **Use respirator with Hg cartridge**

# Target Test Facility (TTF) – Basis for ORNL's Hg Handling Experience



- Full scale, prototype of the SNS Hg flow loop
- 1400 liters of Hg
- Used to determine flow characteristics
- Develop hands on operating experience
- Major system renovations with Hg-contaminated equipment
- MERIT assy & testing will occur in or near TTF



# Mercury Containers/Shipping

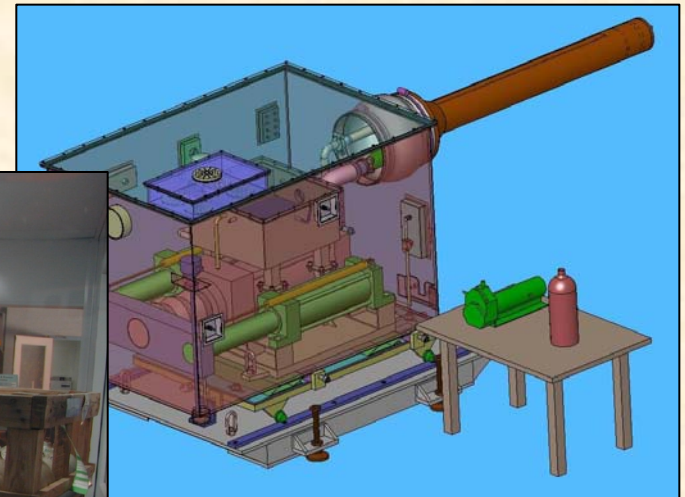


- Standard flask is 2.5 liters
- Flask + Hg weighs ~35 kg
- Shipping requirements coordinated by ORNL Transportation Group
- MERIT will require a short (20ft) Sealand container for transport to CERN
  - Ship magnet with Hg system



# TTF Operations – Hg Filling

- A peristaltic pump for transferring Hg was successfully tested
  - This is the preferred approach for filling & draining MERIT
  - System designed to fill/drain without opening secondary containment
- Hg handling requires multiple spill/drip precautions and ventilation equipment



# Mercury Vapors – Filtering & Monitoring

- **Two vapor monitors to be used**
  - One for secondary volume, one for tunnel environment
  - Will communicate with control system
- **Scavenger portable ventilation system will be used**
  - Can be used as stand-alone system or connected to secondary containment
  - Already procured by Princeton
- **Passive filtration on secondary containment**
  - Sulphur-impregnated charcoal & HEPA filtration





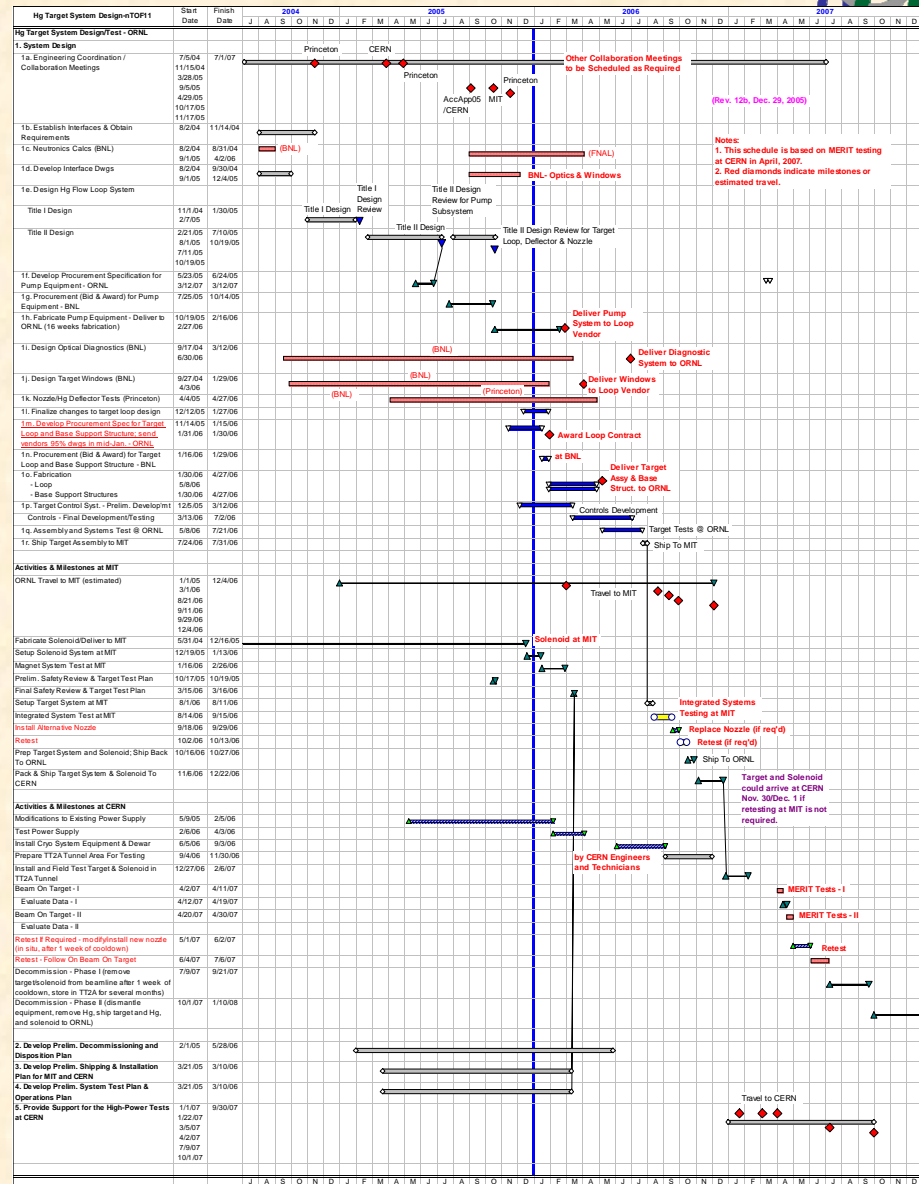
## MERIT at MIT and CERN

- **Dialogue with CERN & MIT Safety Engineering Group has begun**
  - Presentation/discussion with CERN in August '05
  - Presentation/discussion with MIT at the October Collaboration Meeting
- **Formal safety reviews and test/operation plans to be presented to MIT and CERN during summer 2006**



# Schedule - Major Milestones

- **Target Tests at ORNL May-Jul '06**
  - Integrated with optical diagnostics system
- **Integrated Tests at MIT Aug-Sep '06**
  - Retest Oct '06 if nozzle reconfiguration needed
- **Ship MERIT equipment to CERN Nov-Dec '06**
- **Beam Tests at CERN Apr '07**
  - Retest Jun '07, if needed





# Conclusions

- **Syringe pump system fabrication nearly complete, integration to begin this week**
  - Factory acceptance testing March 30
- **Final design details & fabrication dwgs of Hg system have been completed**
  - Initial nozzle configuration determined
  - Fabrication is underway on baseplates & secondary containment
  - Sump tank assy pkg should be awarded soon
  - Titanium pkg out for bid, delivery could possibly affect testing schedule
- **Control system development started, need guidance regarding integration with supervisory experiment control system**
- **Hg system testing at ORNL will begin as soon as equipment becomes available**
  - Water testing followed by Hg