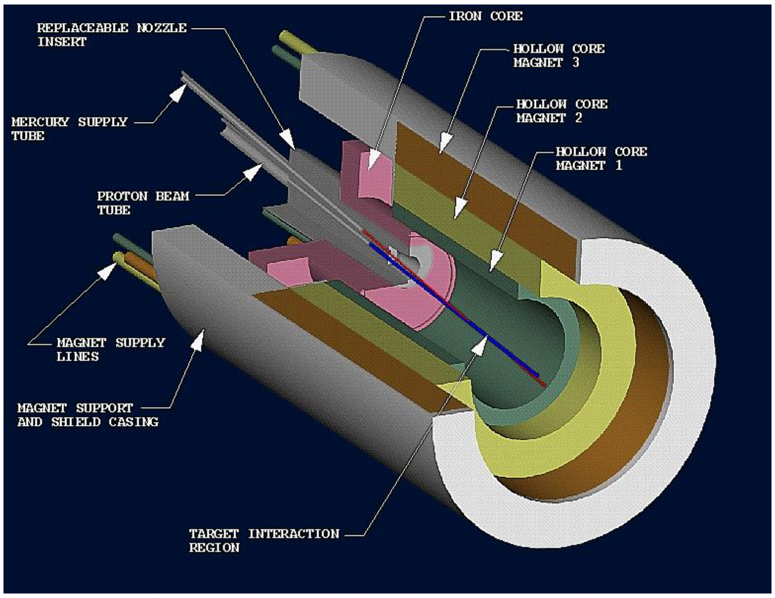
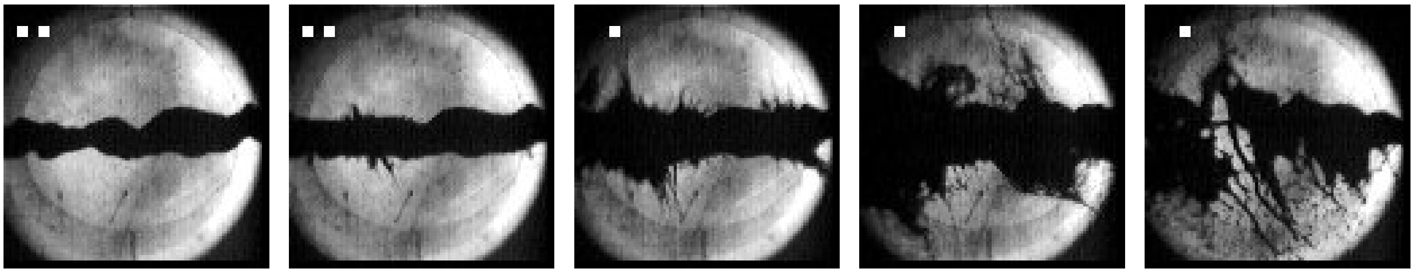
The Target System and Support Facility at a Muon-Based Neutrino Source





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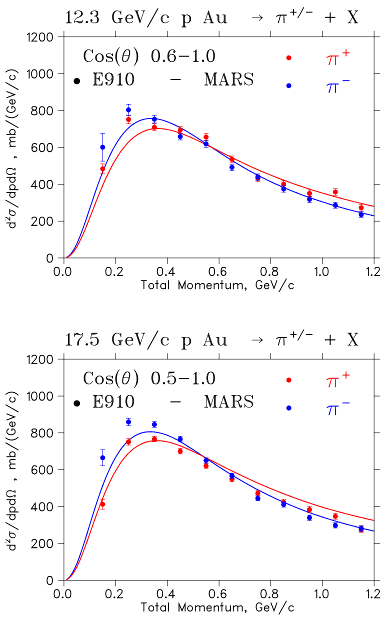
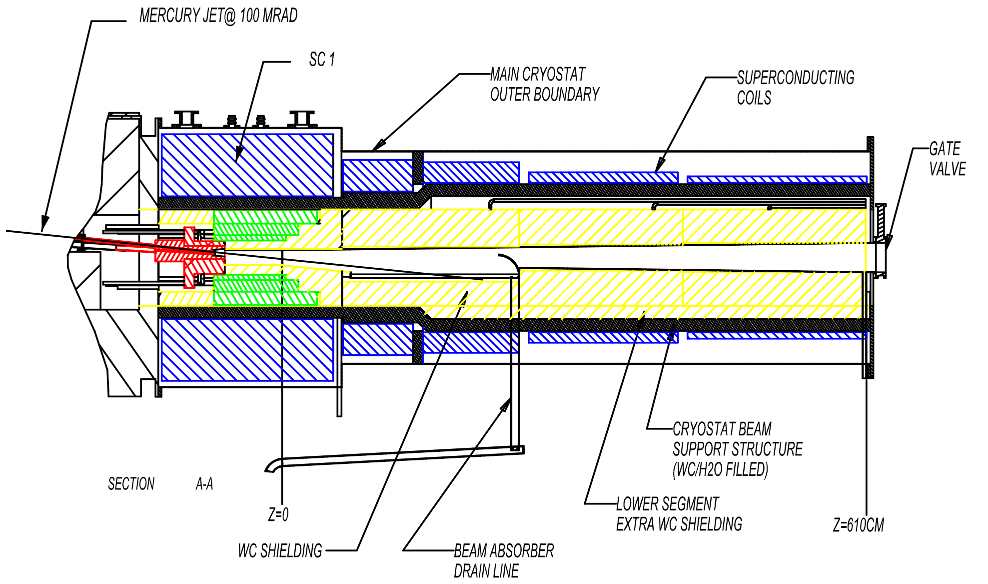
Challenges

- Maximal production of soft pions → muons in a megawatt proton beam.
- Capture pions in a 20-T solenoid, followed by a 1.25-T decay channel.





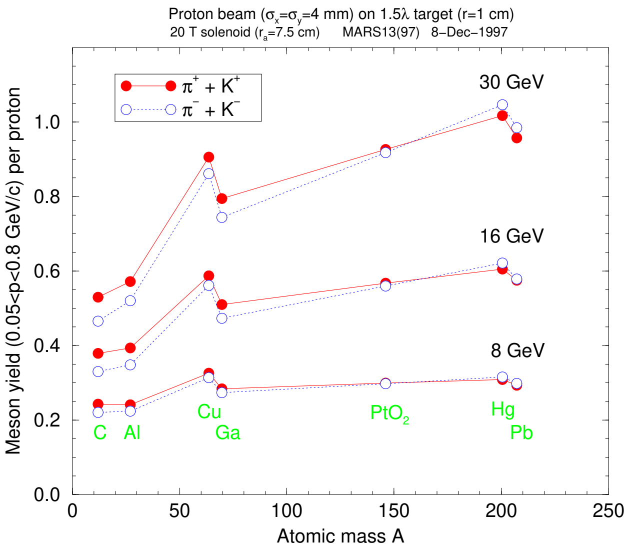
- A carbon target is feasible for 1.5-MW proton beam power.
- For $E_p \gtrsim 16$ GeV, factor of 2 advantage with high-Z target.
- Static high-Z target would melt, ⇒ Moving target.
- A free mercury jet target is feasible for beam power of 4 MW (and more).

Feasibility Issues

- Pion/muon yield.
- Lifetime of components in high radiation environment.
- Mercury jet interaction with beam and magnet.
- Design of the 20-T capture magnet.
- Beam entrance and exit windows.
- Proton beam absorber.
- Mercury flow loop.
- Target system support facility.

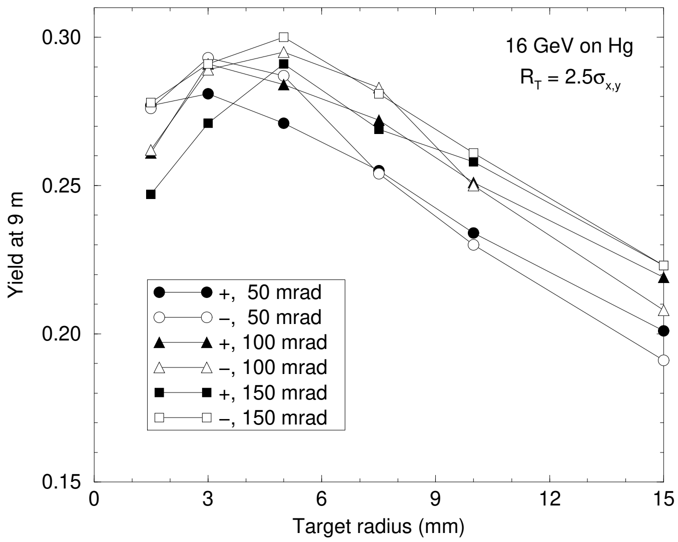
Pion/Muon Yield

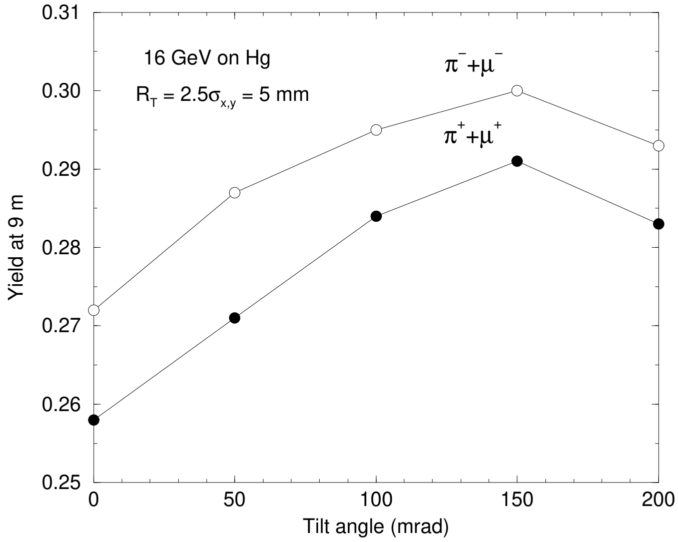
For $E_p \gtrsim 10$ GeV, more yield with high-Z target.



Mercury target radius should be ≈ 5 mm,

with target axis tilted by ≈ 100 mrad to the magnetic axis.

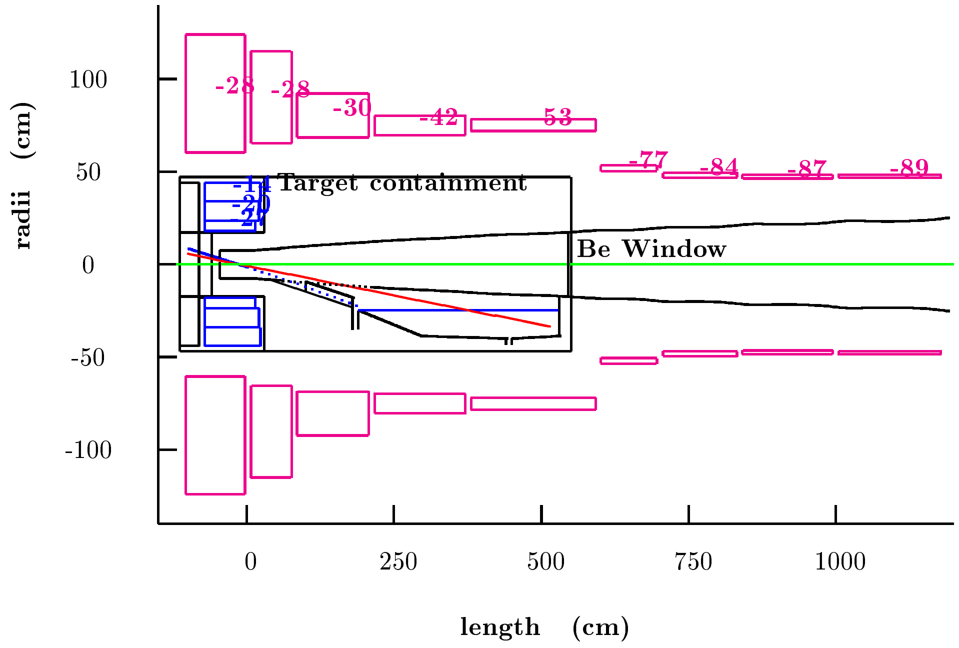




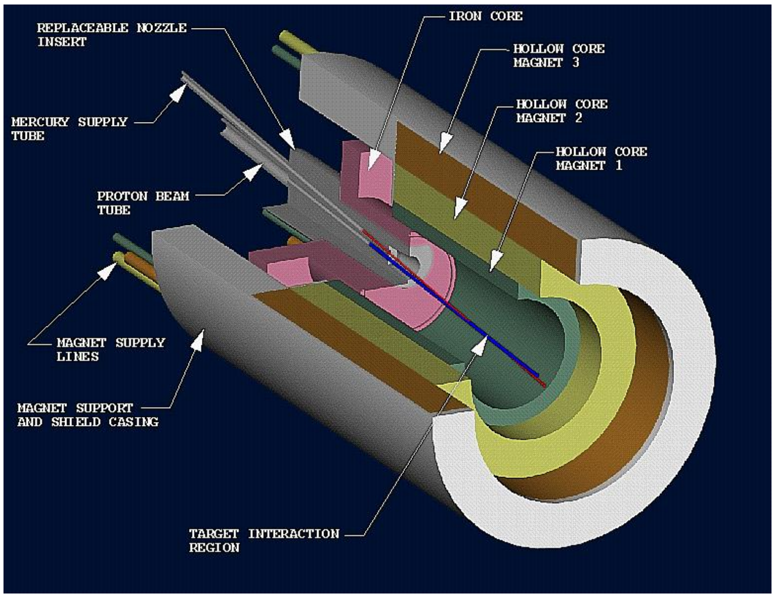
Can capture ≈ 0.3 pion per proton with $50 < P_\pi < 400$ MeV$/c$.

Target System Layout

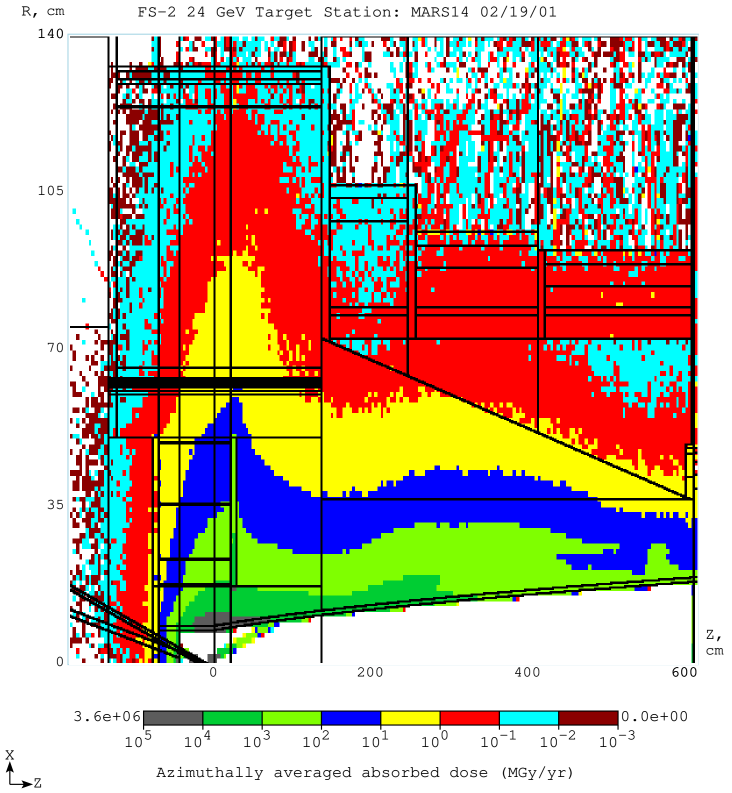
Mercury jet target inside a magnetic bottle: 20-T around target, dropping to 1.25 T in the pion decay channel.



Mercury jet tilted by 100 mrad, proton beam by 67 mrad.



Lifetime of Components in the High Radiation Environment

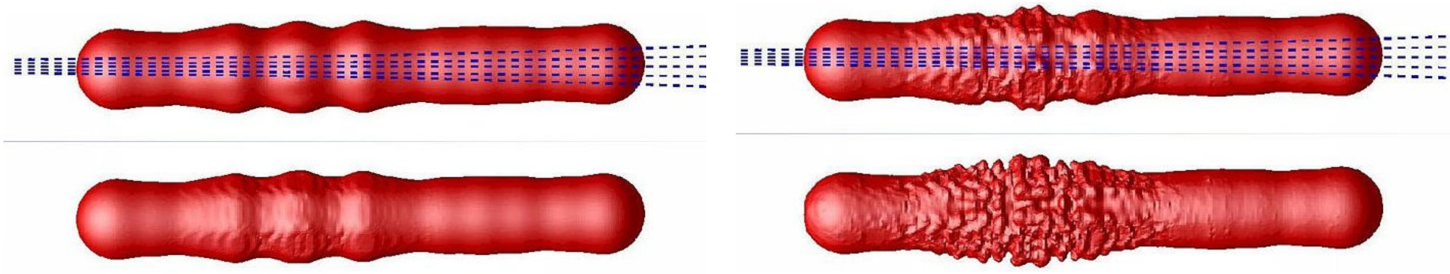


Component	Radius (cm)	Dose/yr (Grays/2×10^7 s)	Max allowed Dose (Grays)	1 MW Life (years)	4 MW life (years)
Inner shielding	7.5	5×10^{10}	10^{12}	20	5
Hg containment	18	10^9	10^{11}	100	25
Hollow conductor coil	18	10^9	10^{11}	100	25
Superconducting coil	65	5×10^6	10^8	20	5

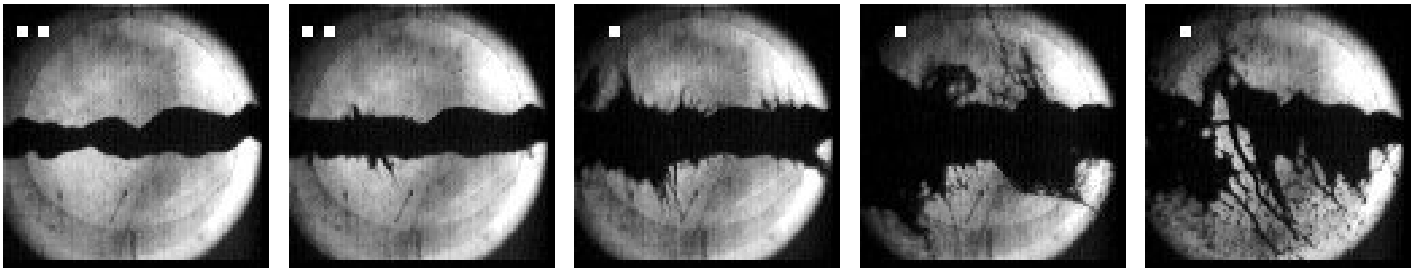
Some components must be replacable.

Proton Beam Will Disperse the Mercury Jet

FronTier simulation, 0 - 30 μs:



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



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

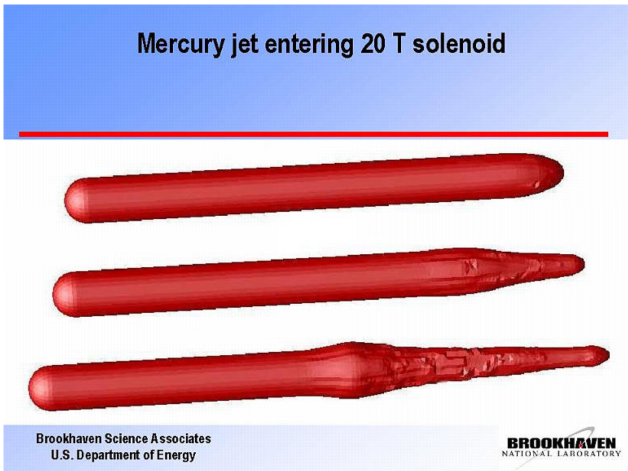
for $U \approx 100$ J/g.

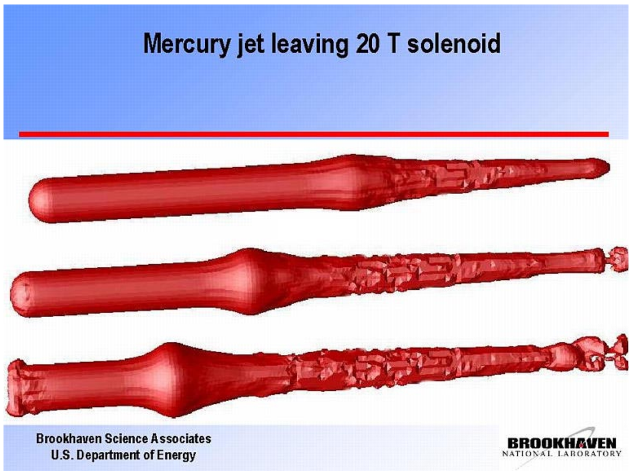
Data: $v_{\text{dispersal}} \approx 10$ m/s for $U \approx 25$ J/g.

The dispersal is not destructive.

Magnetohydrodynamics

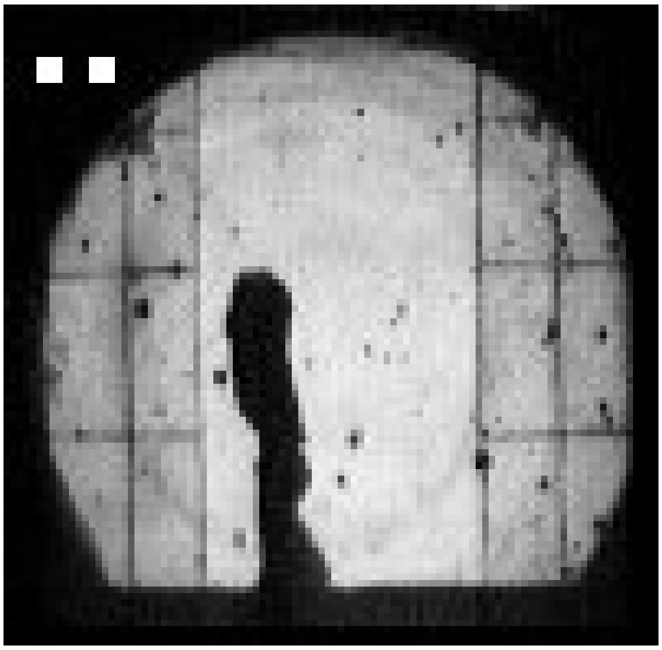
Eddy currents may distort the jet as it traverses the magnet.

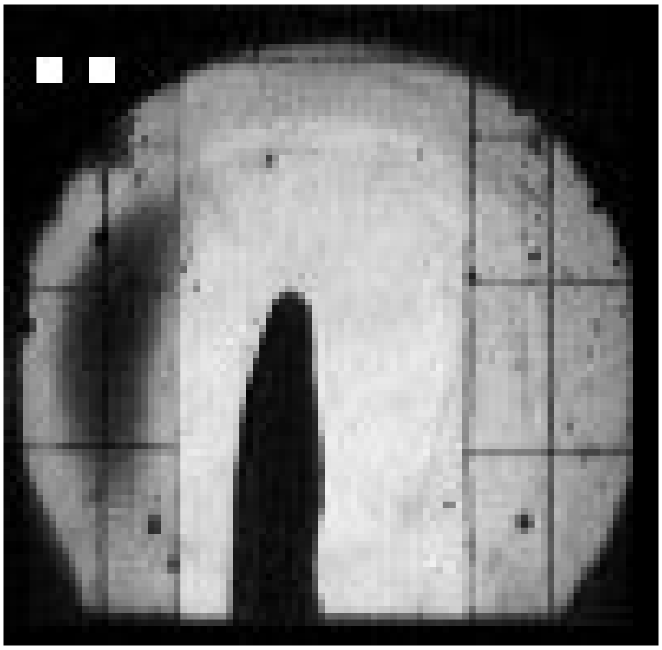




Analytic model suggests little effect if jet nozzle inside field.

1 cm diam. jet, $v = 4.6$ m/s, $B = 0$ T; $v = 4.0$ m/s, $B = 13$ T:

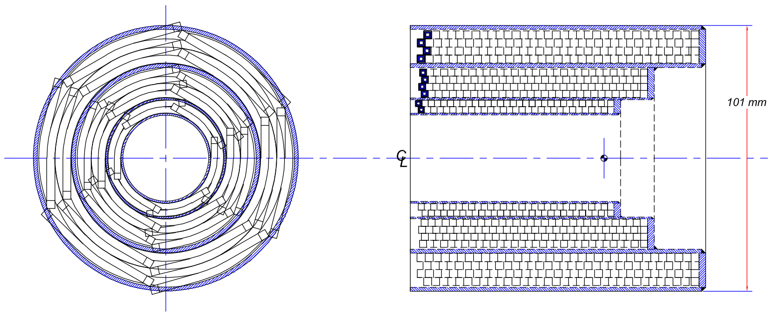




$\Rightarrow$ Damping of surface tension waves (Rayleigh instability).

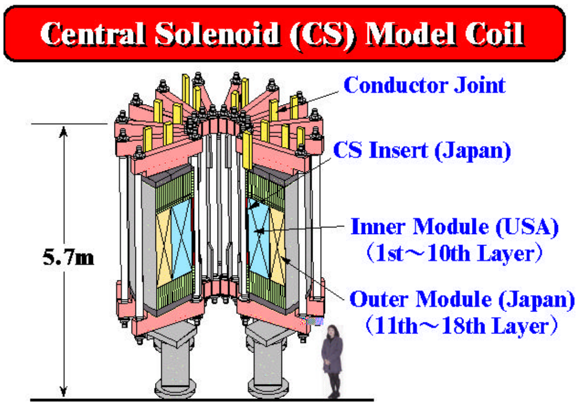
20-T Capture Magnet System

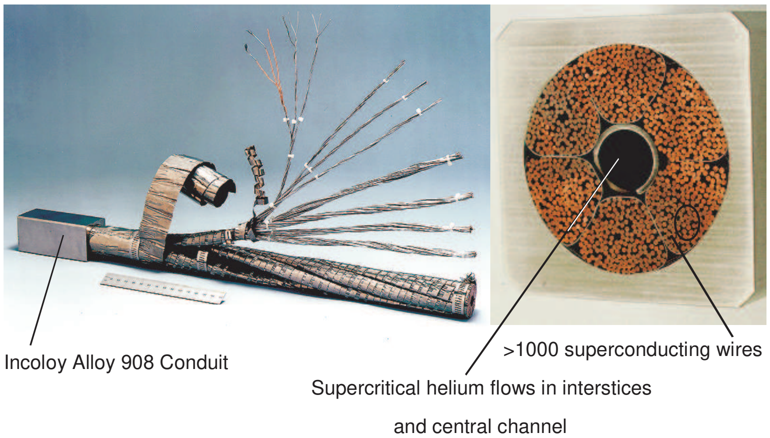
Inner, hollow-conductor copper coils generate 6 T @ 12 MW:



Bitter-coil option less costly, but marginally feasible.

Outer, superconducting coils generate 14 T @ 600 MJ:



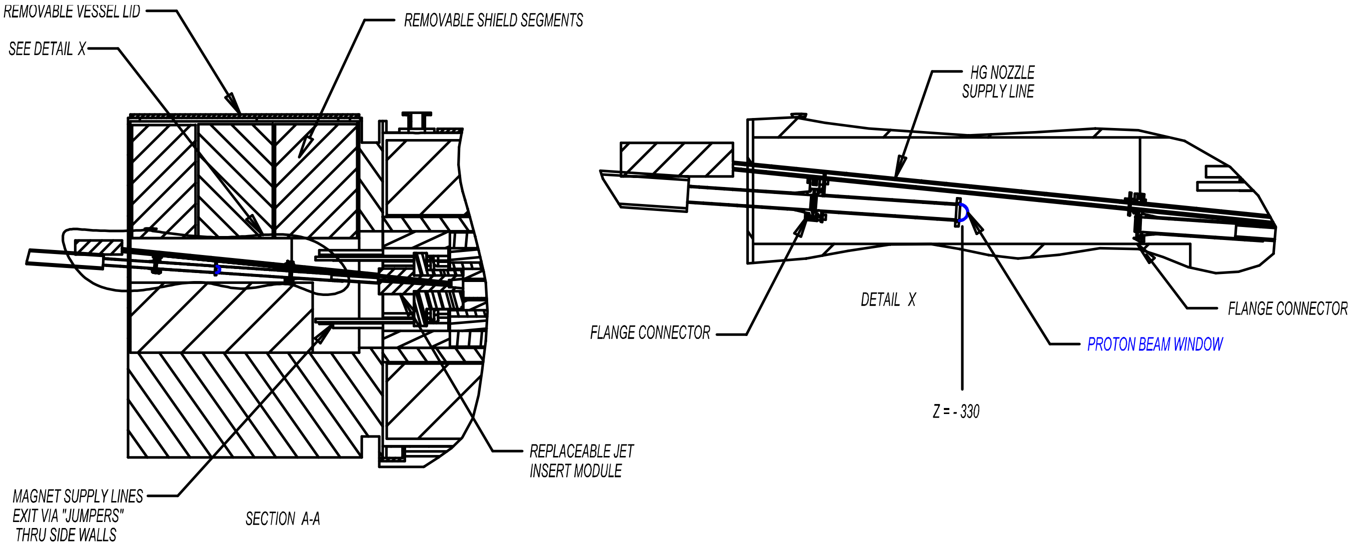


Cable-in-conduit construction similar to ITER central solenoid.

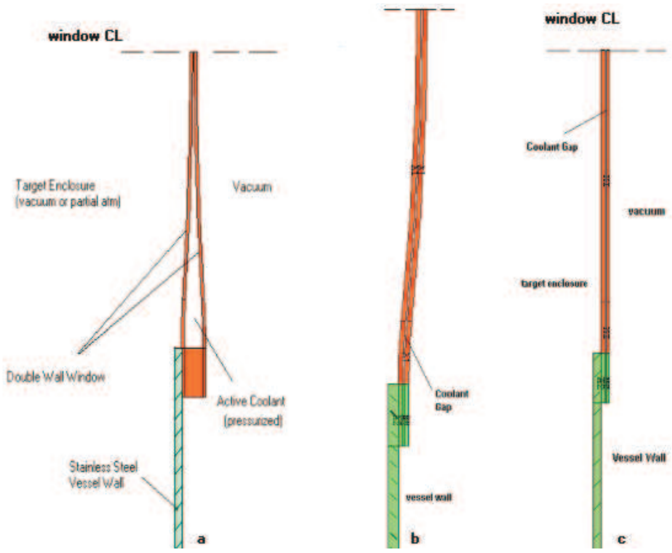
Both coils shielded by tungsten-carbide/water.

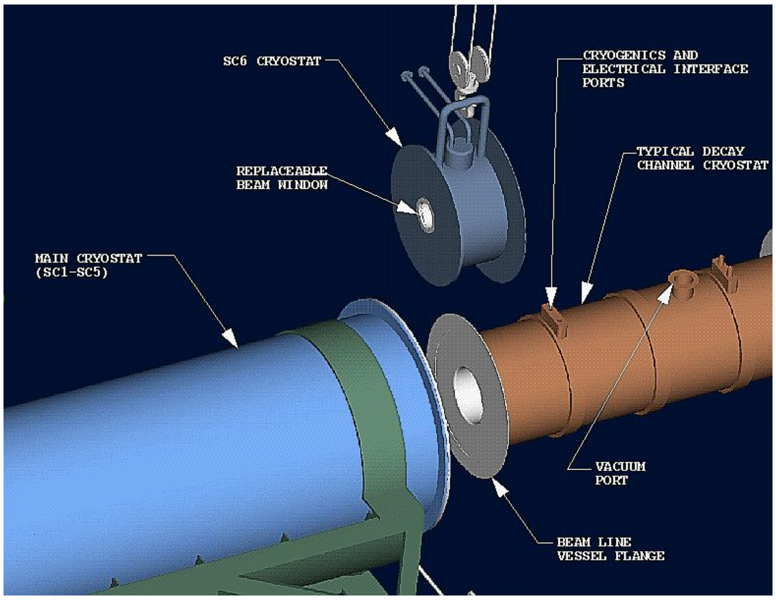
Double Beryllium Foil Beam Windows

Upstream window stressed by beam heating; must be replaceable.



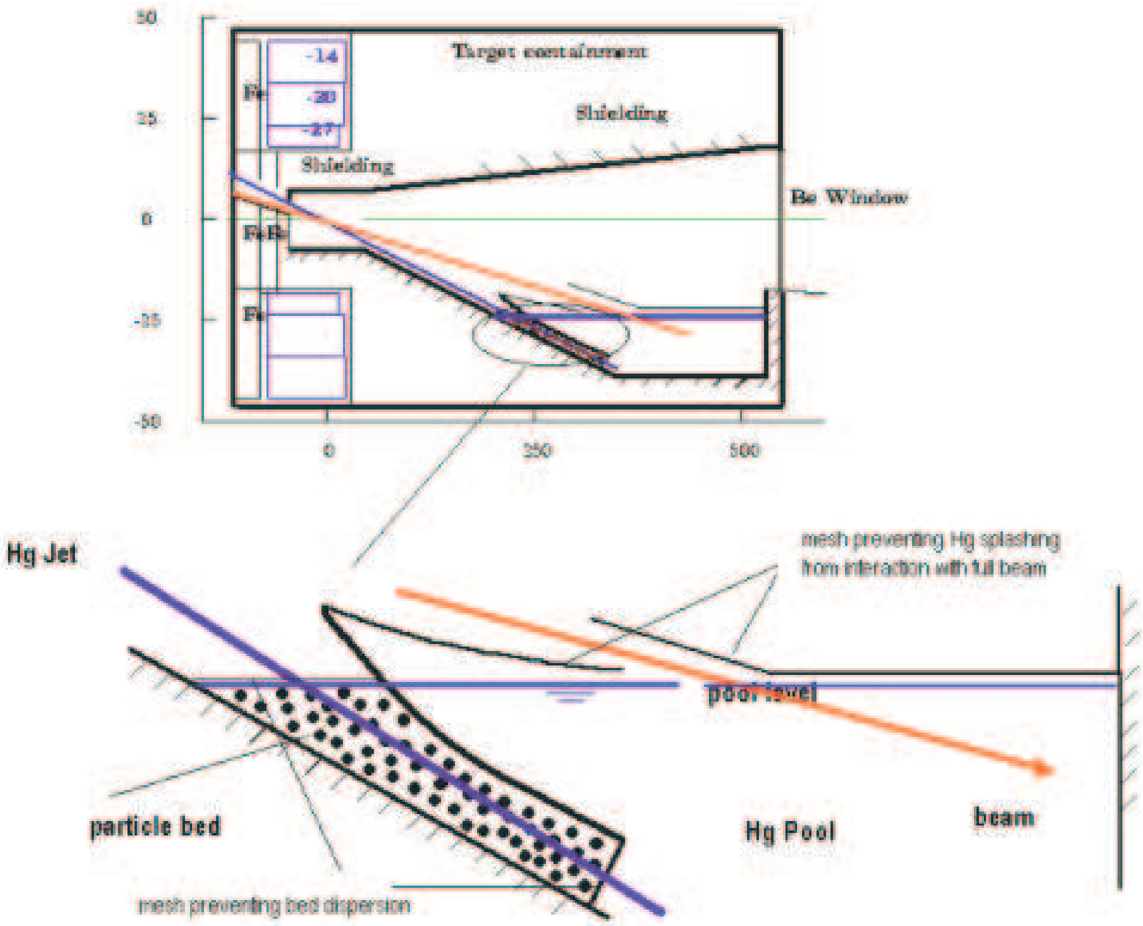
60-cm-diam. downstream window stressed by pressure; must be removable. Double-curved profile favored.





Mercury Pool Proton Beam Absorber

The unscattered proton beam is absorbed in a "windowless" pool of mercury.

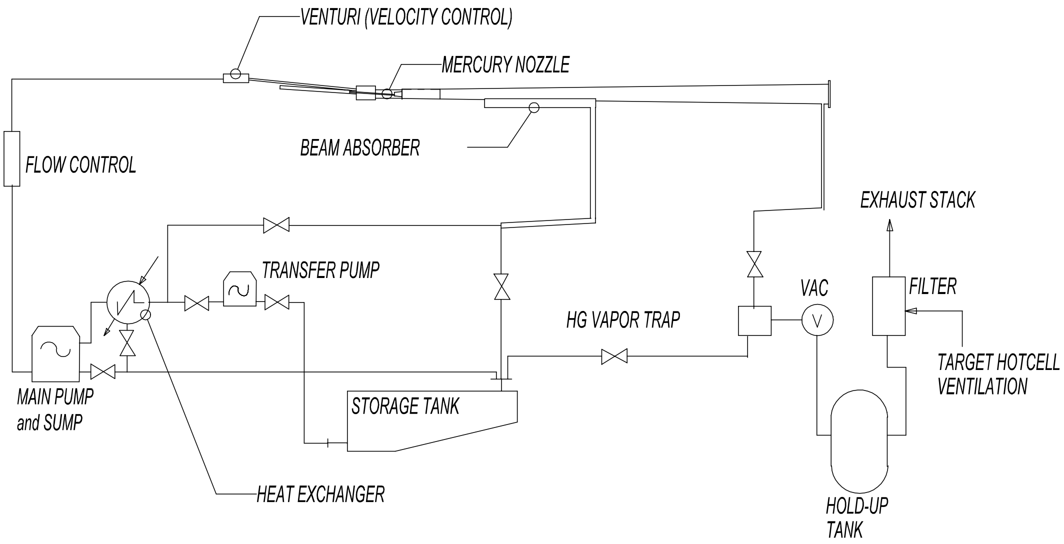


Baffles mitigate splashing of mercury due to entry of both the proton beam and the mercury jet.

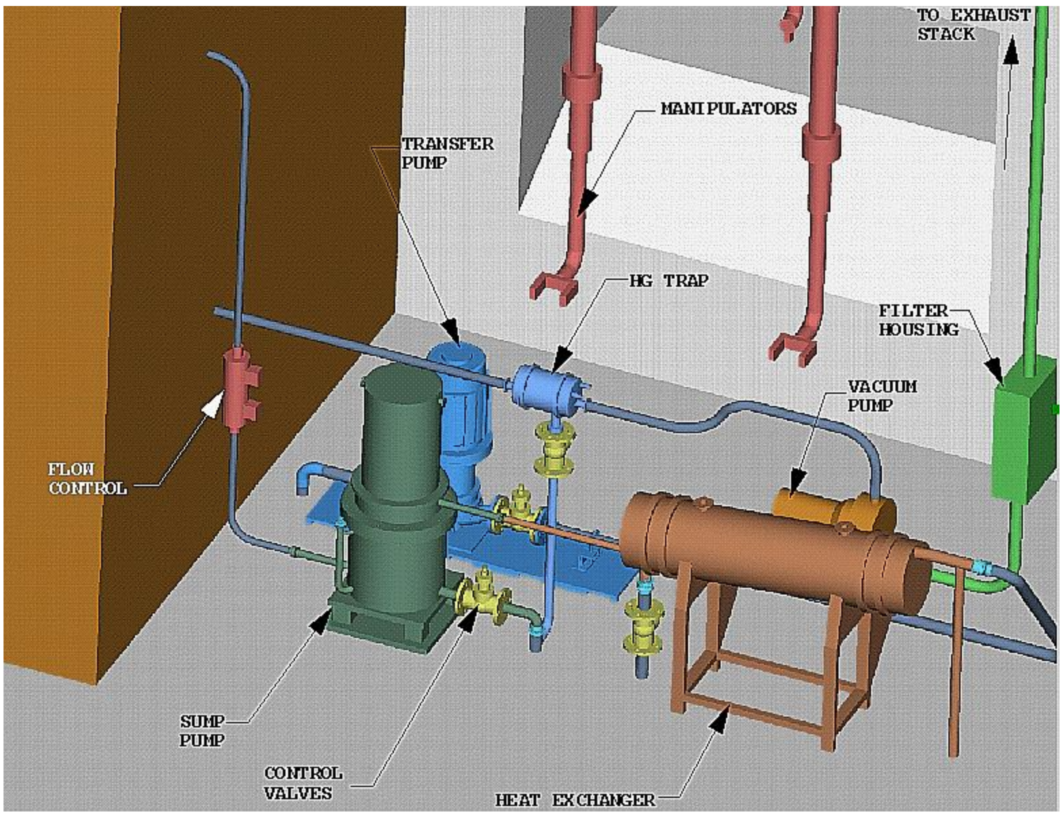
The proton absorber is replacable.

Mercury Flow Loop

110 l of mercury flow in a closed loop at 2 cyles/min.

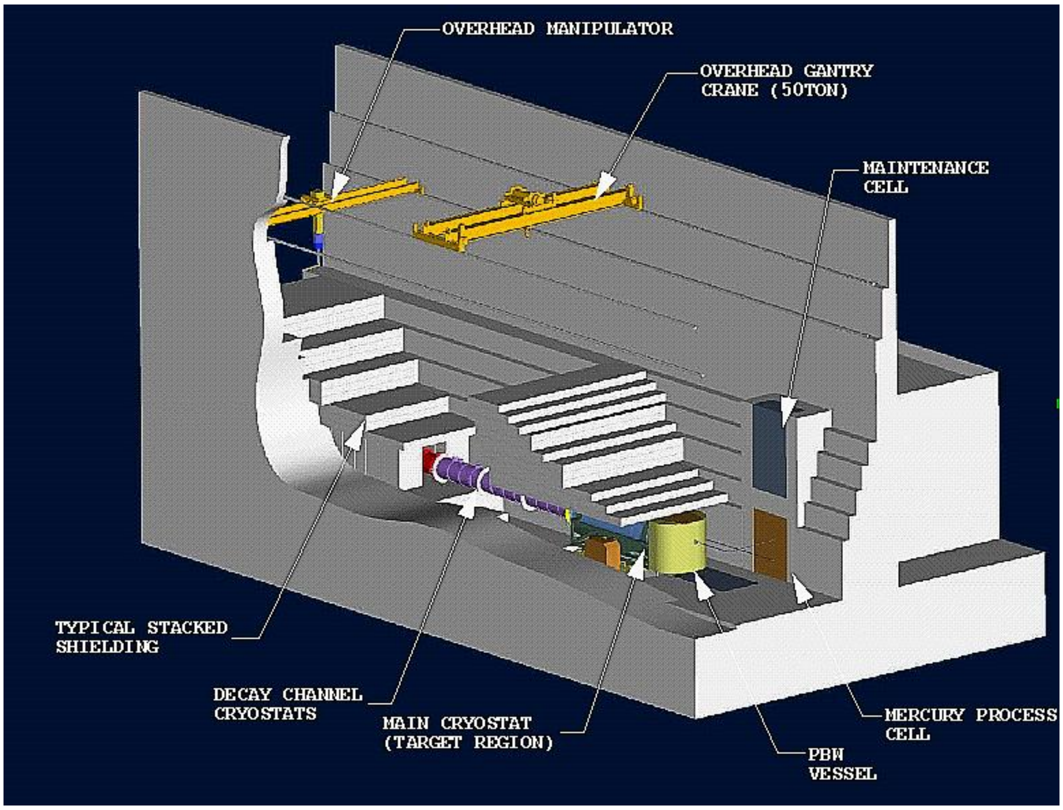


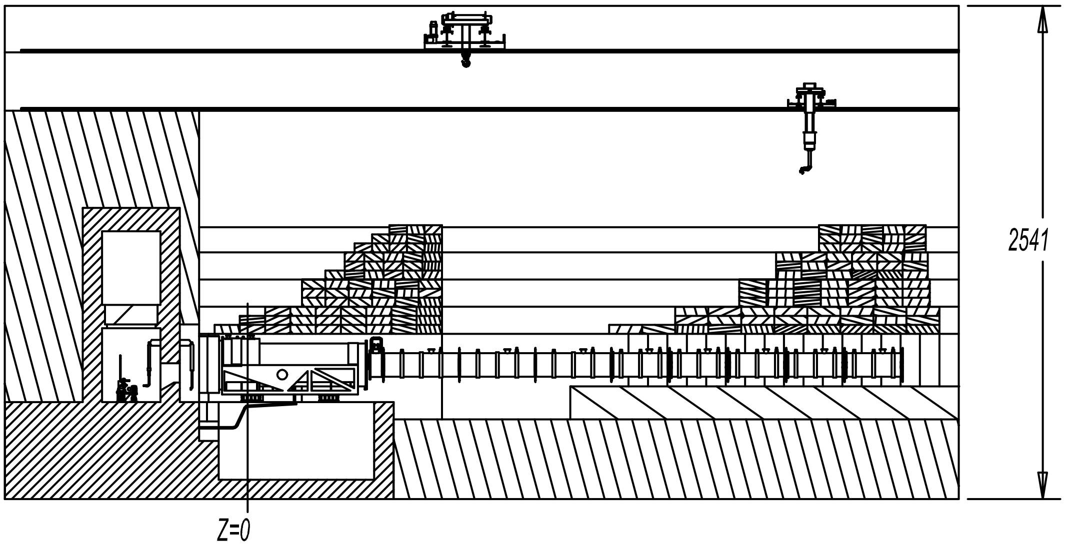
Activation products can be distilled off in a hot cell.



Target System Support Facility

Extensive shielding; remote handling capability.





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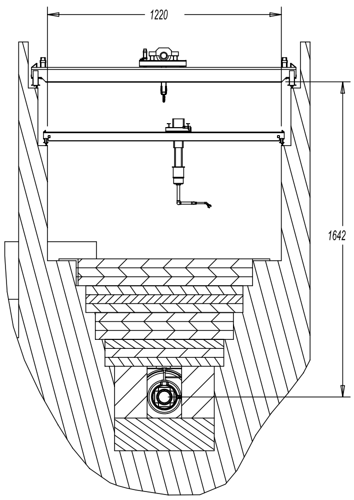

SECTION B-B
DECAY CHANNEL SHIELDING

Summary

- A target sytem based on a mercury jet in a 20-T capture solenoid is feasible at 1-4 MW beam power.
- Solid target alternatives include graphite rods or a rotating nickel band.
- An early upgrade to 4-MW may be the quickest path to higher neutrino fluxes.
- Continued R&D is needed. The next step is a combined test of a mercury jet in a proton beam and in a 20-T pulsed magnet (BNL E951 phase 2).