

Polarized Target for the b_1 & A_{zz} Experiments in Hall C

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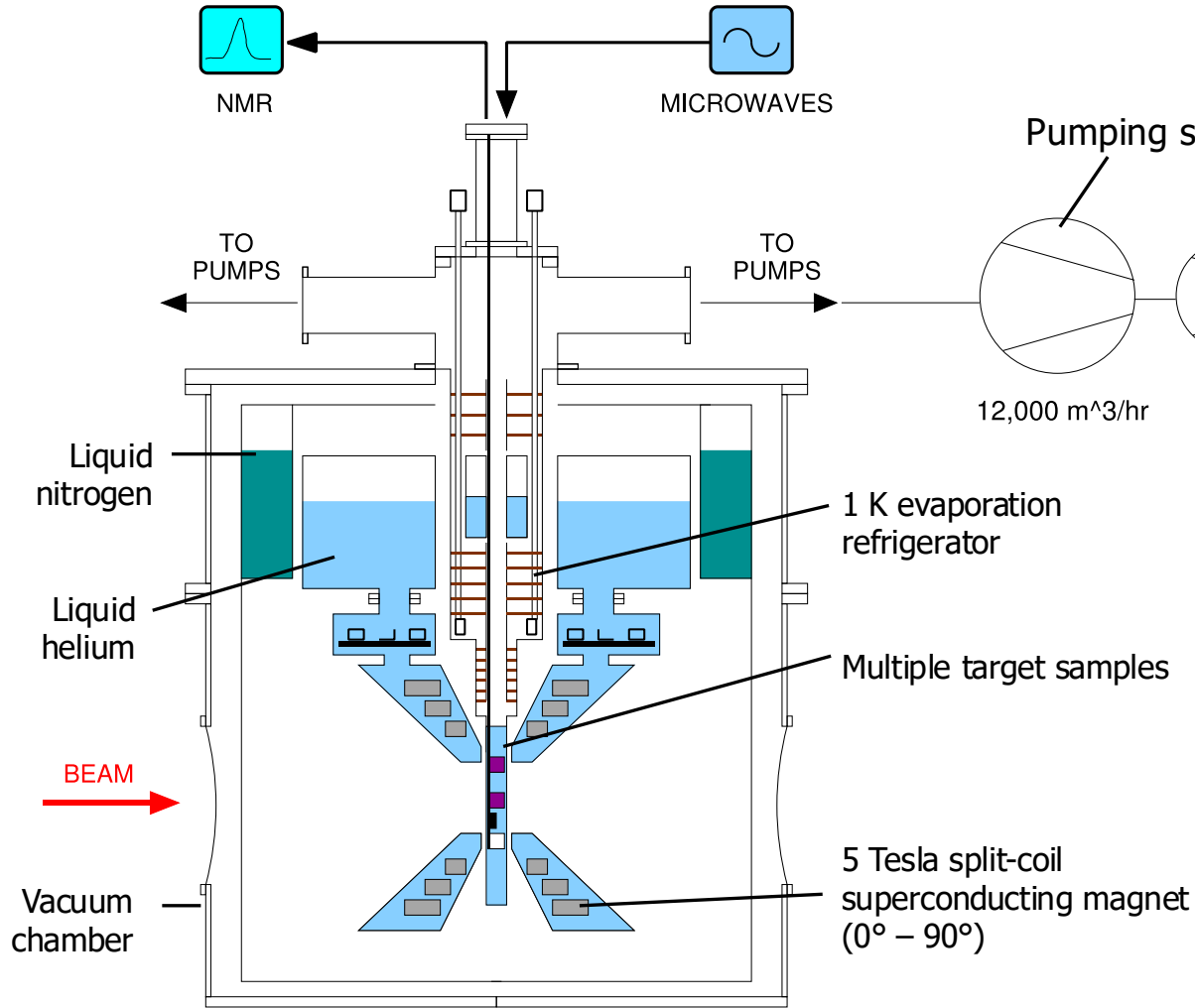
- What's in a name?
- The quintessential Don Crabb target
- The past
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- Current status
- The schedule
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The tensor experiments in Hall C will/can/should utilize an existing polarized target system.

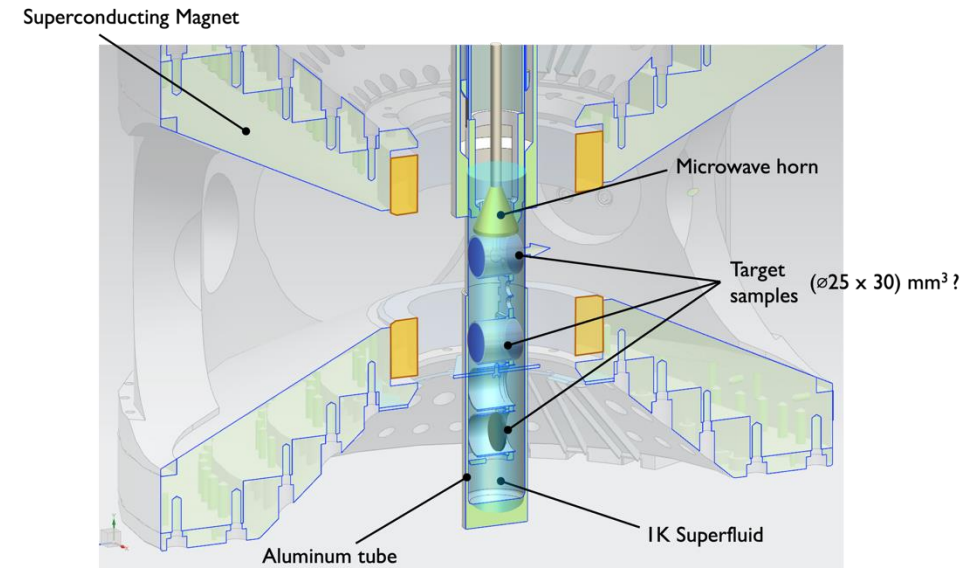
Like the characters in a Russian novel, it has many names....

- The "SLAC" polarized target
- The "UVA" polarized target
- The "Hall C" polarized target
- The "G2p" polarized target

The quintessential Don Crabb target



Don Crabb with the SLAC target, 1992





A solid polarized target for high-luminosity experiments

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Design and performance of the spin asymmetries of the nucleon experiment

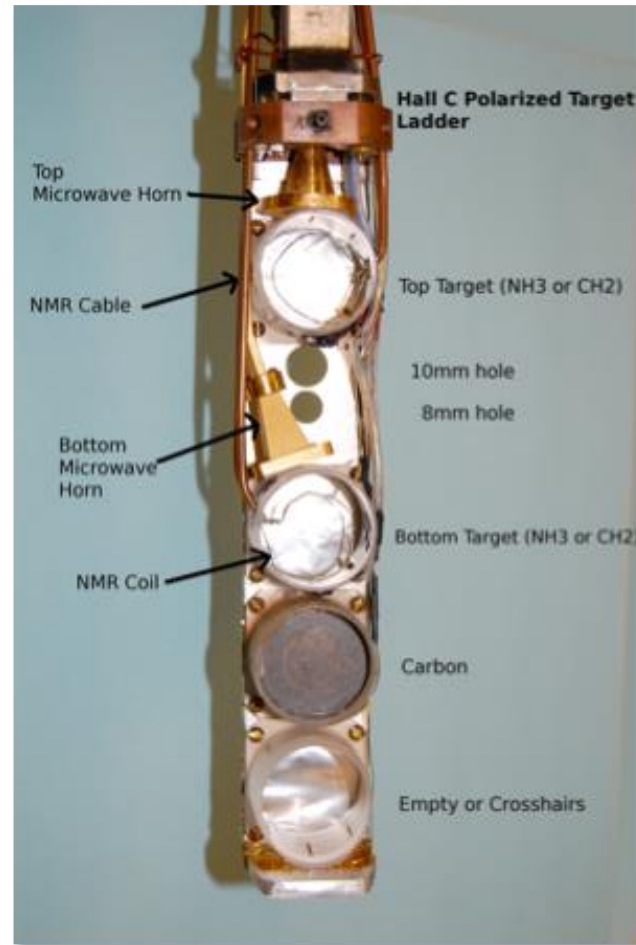
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Dynamically polarized target for the g_2^p and G_E^p experiments at Jefferson Lab

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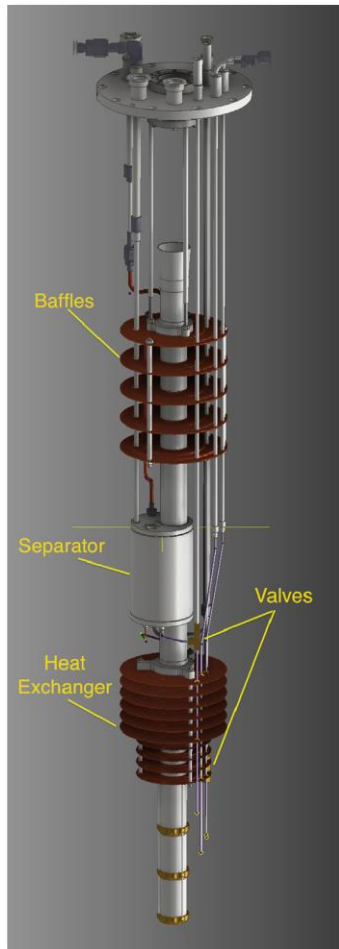


- Used at SLAC on three occasions
 - E143 (1993)
 - E155 (1997)
 - E155X (1999)

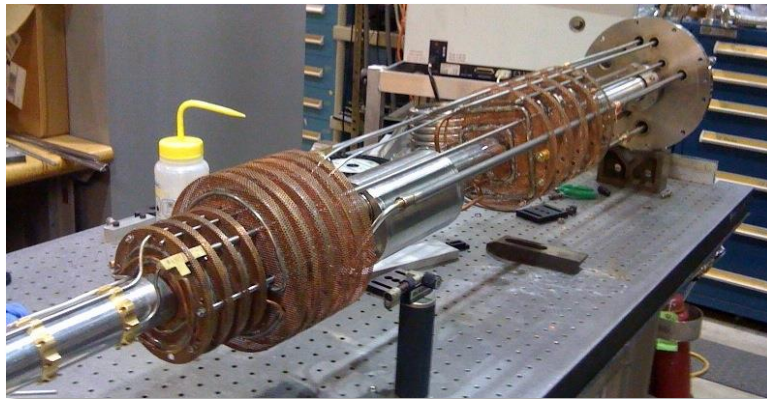
- and at JLab on four occasions
 - Gen (1998)
 - Gen2 & RSS (2000)
 - SANE (2008)
 - Major renovation
 - G2p & GeP (2012)

The g2p upgrade

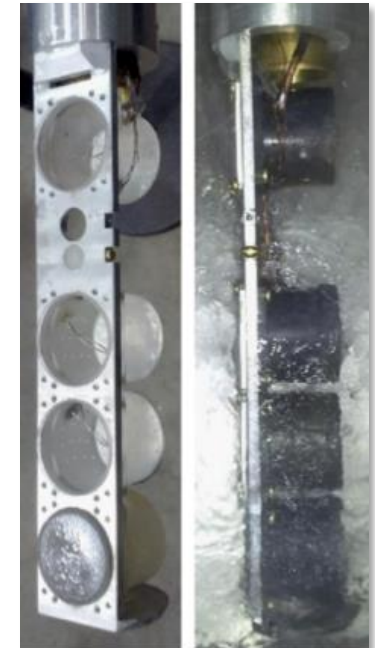
2012: Extensive upgrades were performed on numerous subsystems to improve target reliability



ASME-compliant 1 K refrigerator



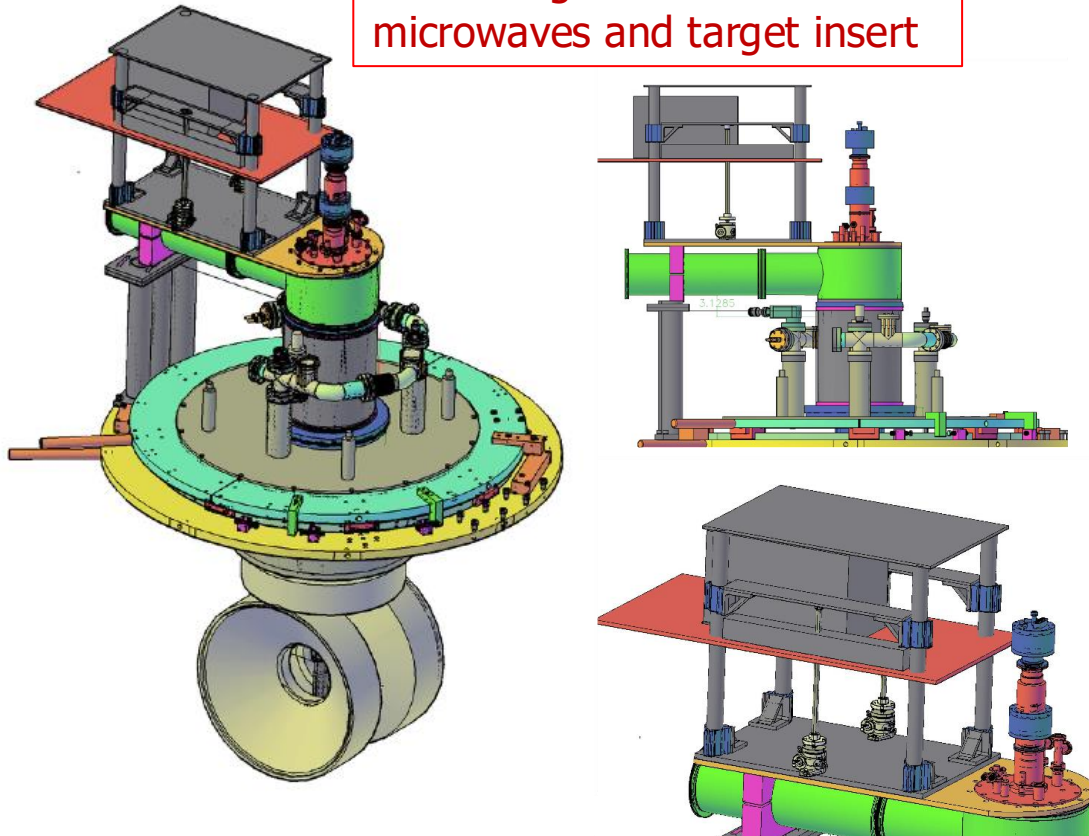
Carbon fiber target insert



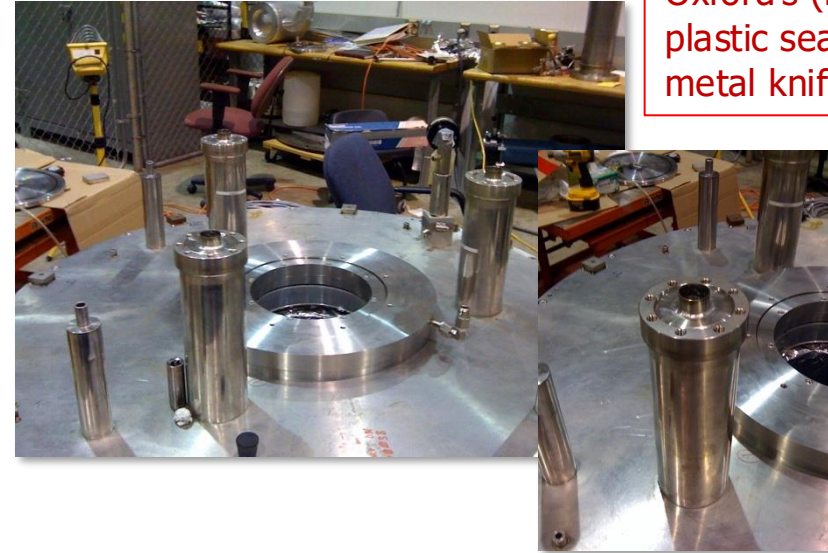
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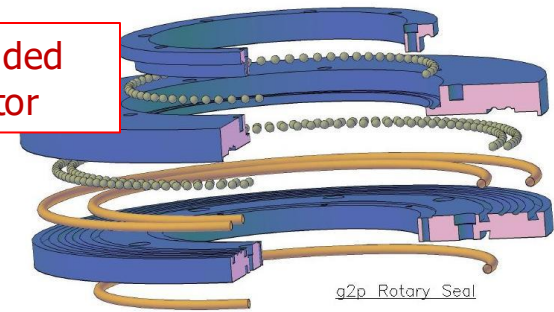
New lifting mechanism for microwaves and target insert



Oxford's (leaky) rubber & plastic seals replaced with metal knife edges



Rotary stage added to 1 K refrigerator



g2p Rotary Seal

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Dwn: JEROCK
Material: 316SS
Pages: 1 of 5

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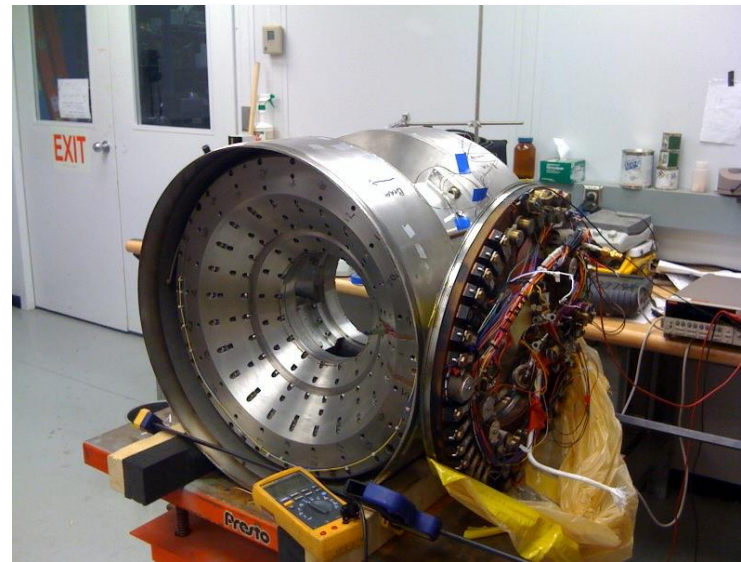
And a new (old) magnet



Magnetic Axis

Following unstable operation during the SANE experiment, the 5 T magnet was shipped to Oxford Instruments for repairs

Upon return to JLab, it quenched (catastrophically) at 4.5 T during its first attempted ramp.

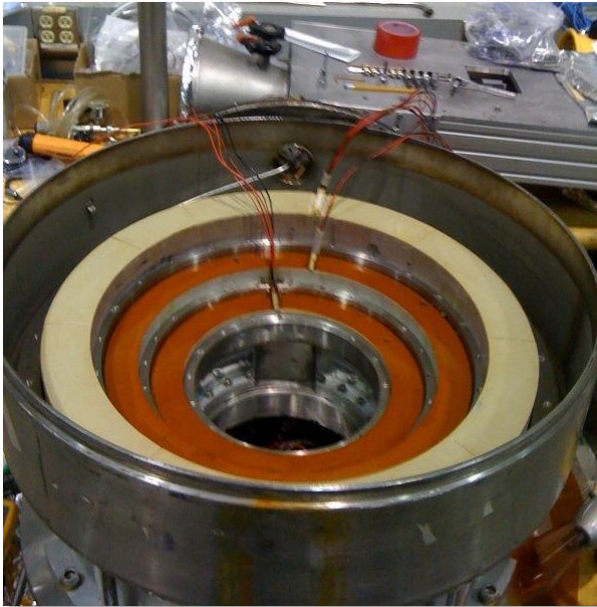


We cut it apart to find and repair the broken wire(s)

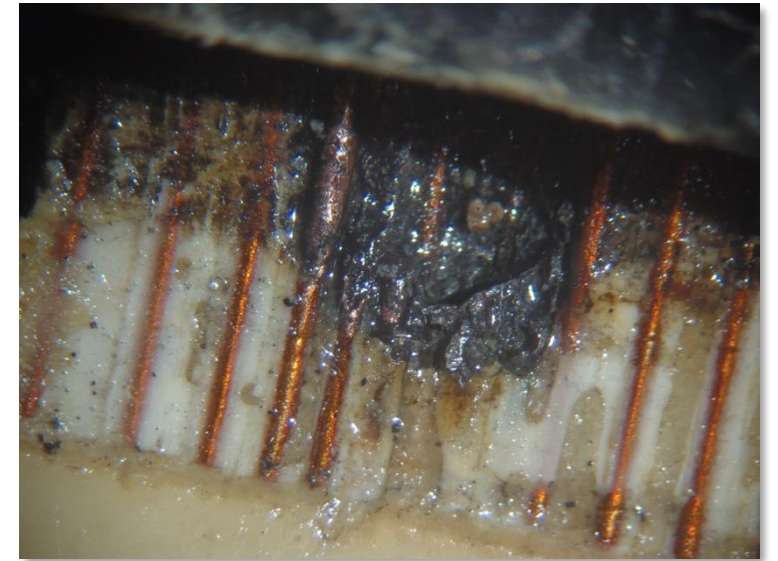
We found damage to the quench-protection circuitry...

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... and evidence that high-voltage arcs destroyed parts of the superconducting windings.



The g2p upgrade

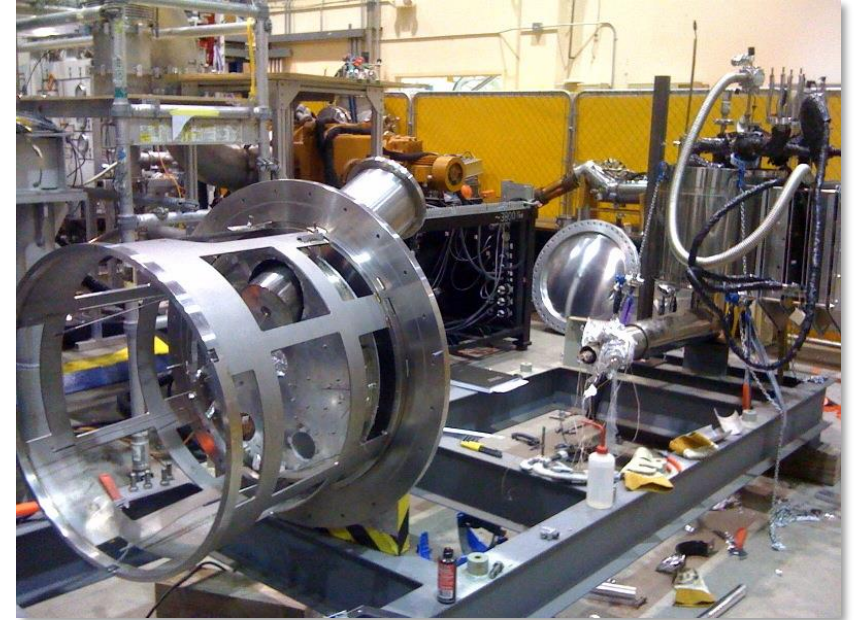
Fortunately, we had another magnet on hand



Hall B polarized target, ca. 2005

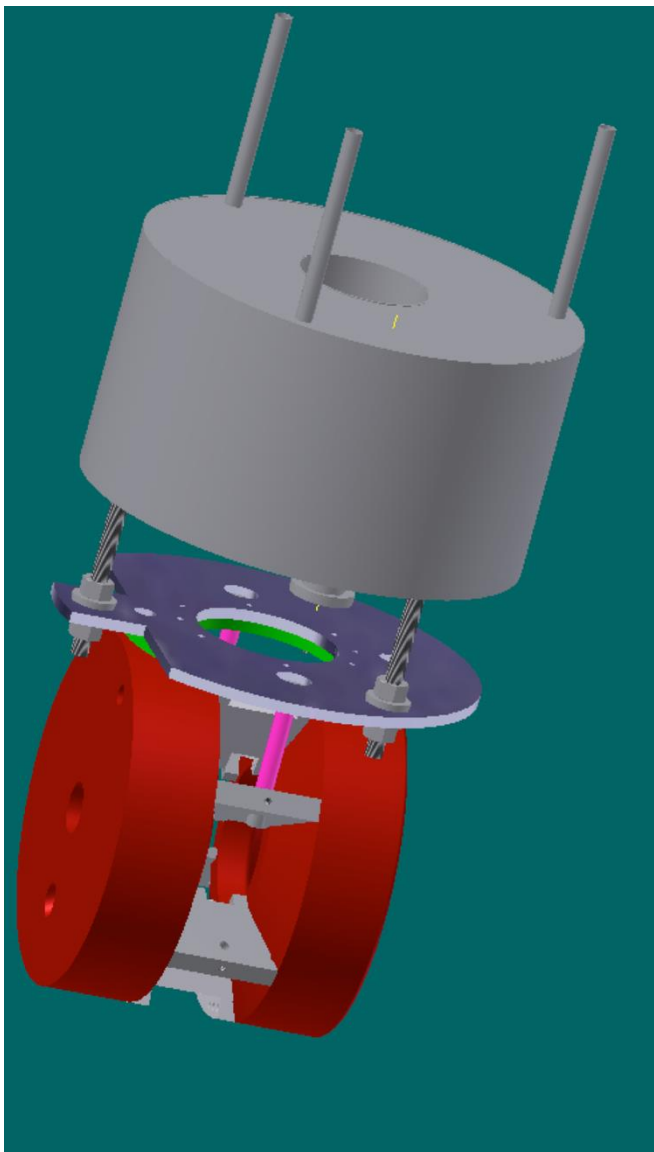


Vacuum can and heat shield removed



Magnet removed from cryostat

The g2p upgrade



The Hall B magnet in the Hall ~~C~~ **A** cryostat

Target performance during g2p & Gep (*J. Pierce et al, NIM A 738 (2014) 54*)

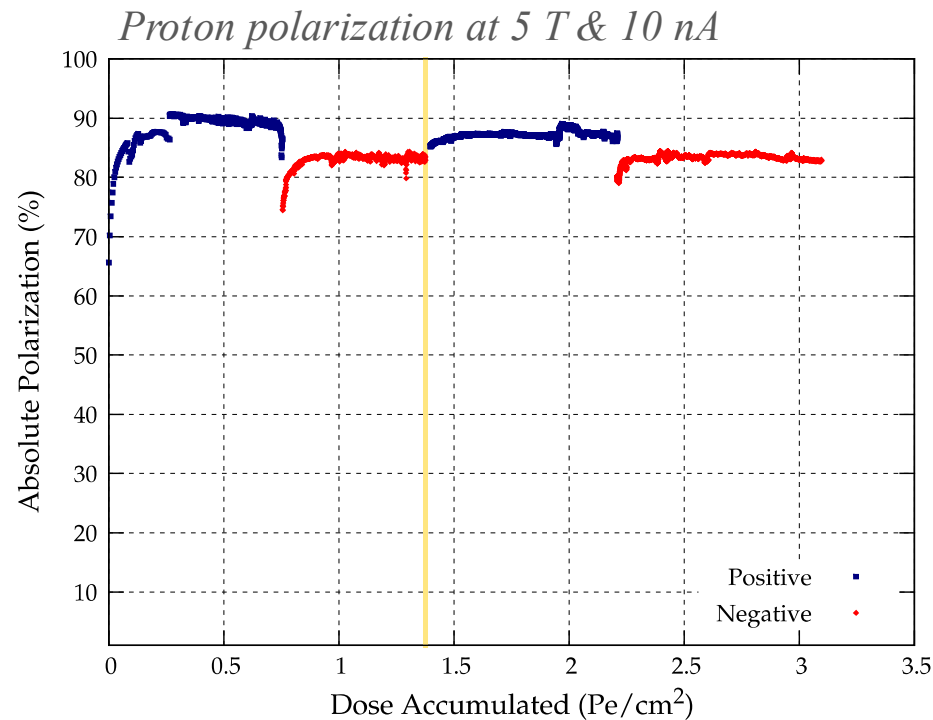


Fig. 8. Polarization vs. dose for the material which accounted for over half the total dose accumulated during G_E^p , taken with a 5 T magnet field and a 10 nA beam current. The vertical line represents removal and storage at 77 K.

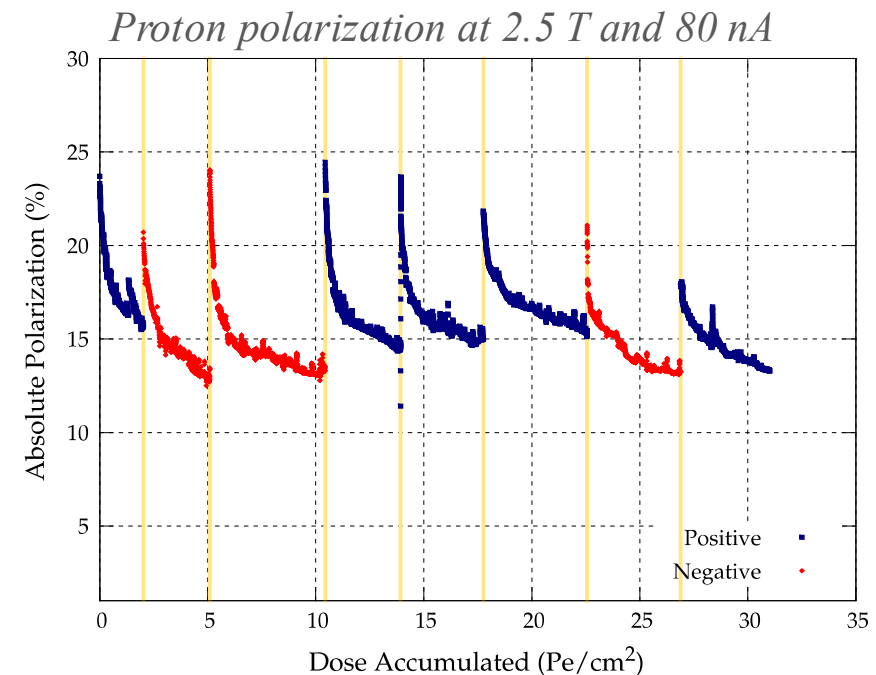


Fig. 9. Polarization vs. dose for the material which accounted for a third of the total dose accumulated during the g_2^p 2.5 T magnet field running, under a 80 nA beam current. Vertical lines represent anneals.

Current status



The polarized target was placed in the Physics Storage Building following the g2p/Gep experiments.

This warehouse is not climate-controlled and after 14 years, the condition of some of the equipment is highly suspect.

Two major capital equipment purchases have been made in the intervening years

Two sets of 6000 m³/h roots pumps to replace the aging 12,000 m³/h pumps (40 y/o? 50 y/o?)



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*A 5 T cryogen-free magnet for CPS,
optimized for **transverse polarization***



The opening angles for forward-scattered particles are

- Longitudinal (field \parallel to beam): $\pm 35^\circ$ (down from $\pm 55^\circ$)
- Transverse (field \perp to beam): $\pm 25^\circ$ (up from $\pm 15^\circ$)

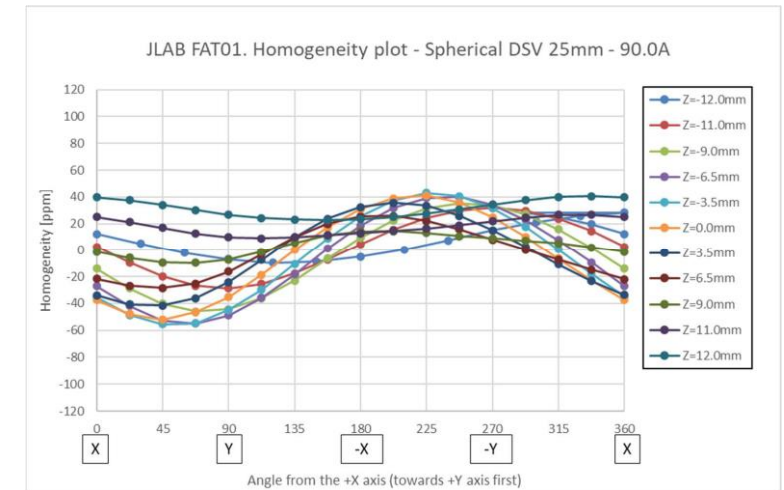
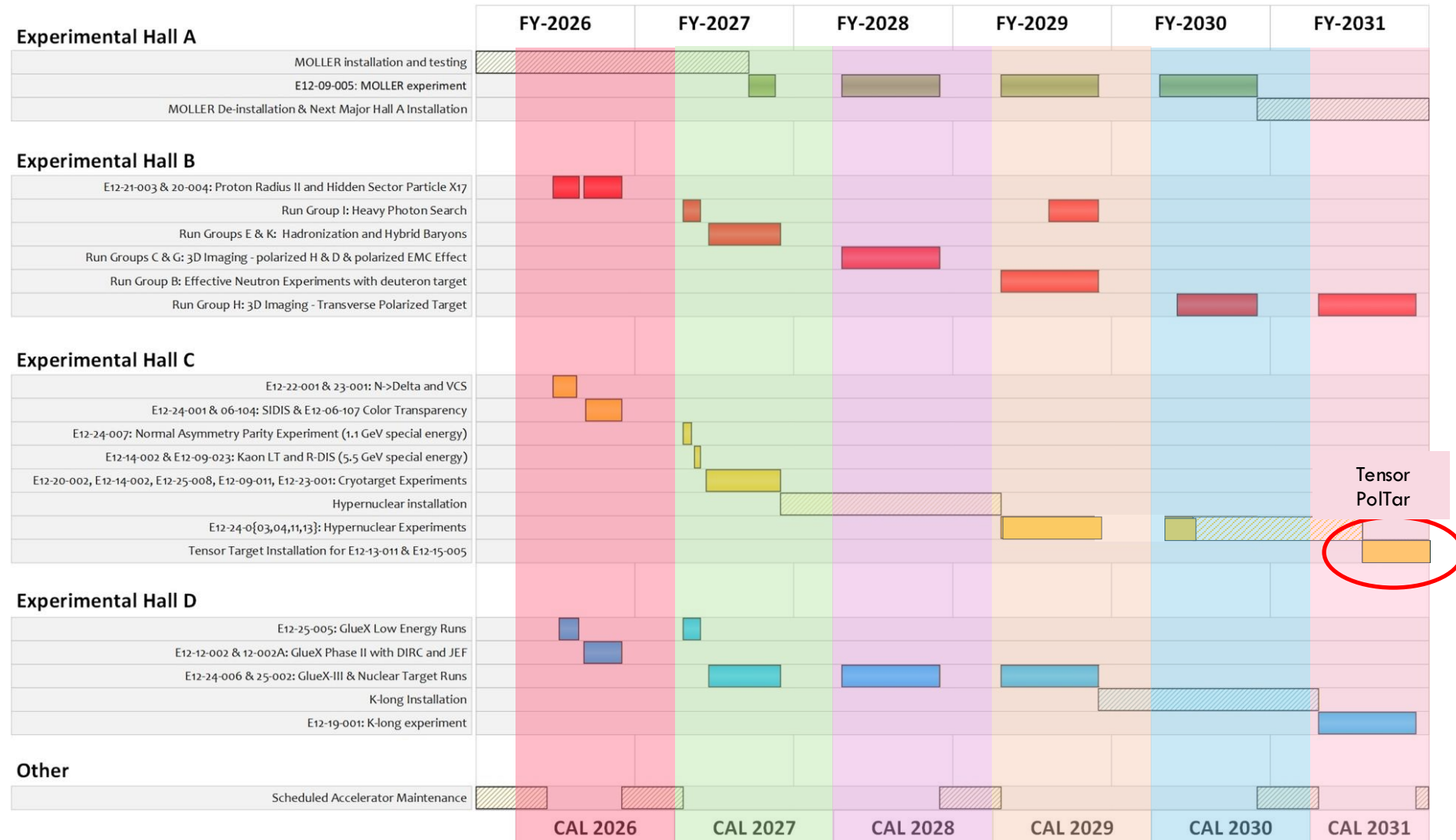


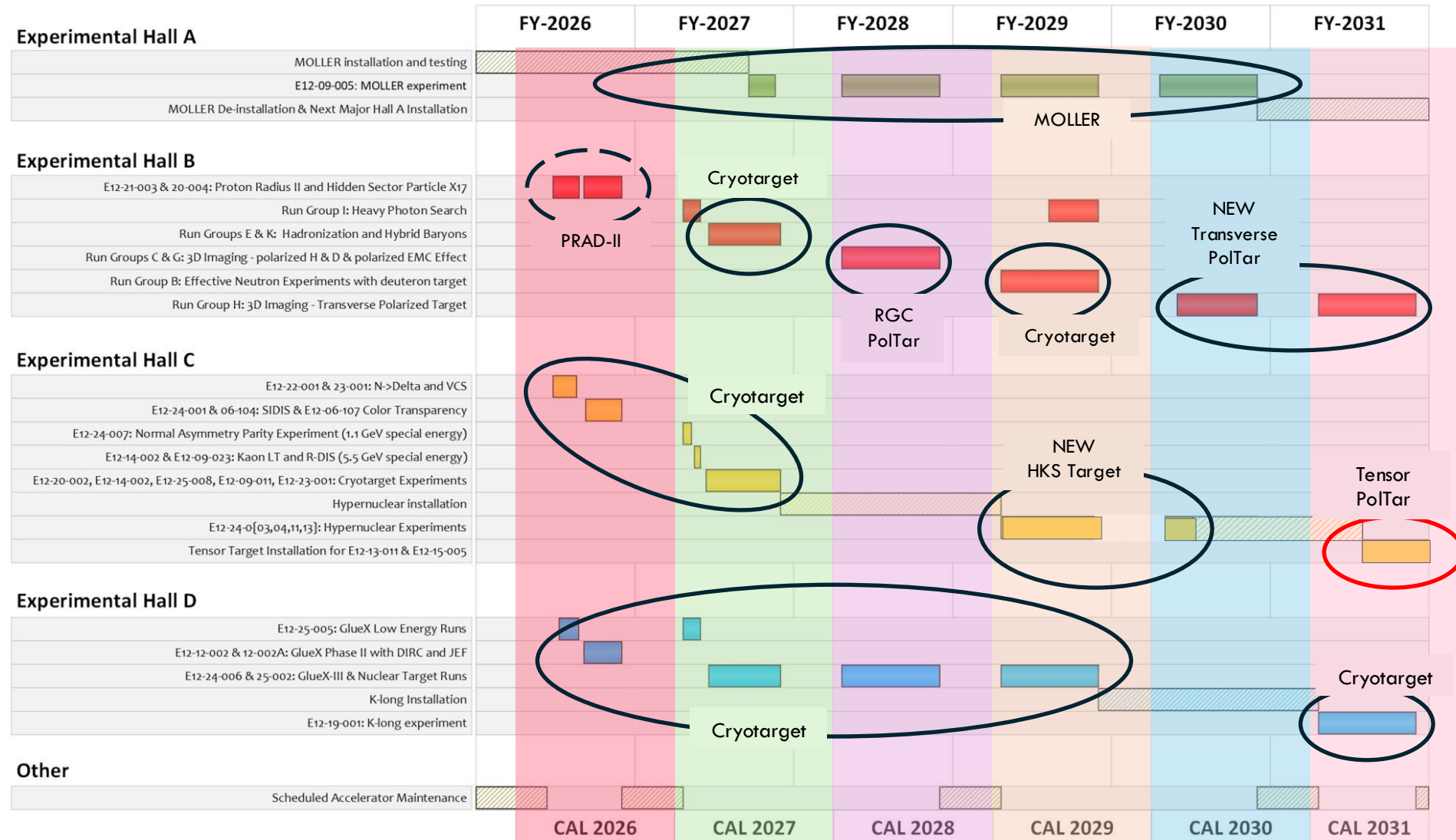
Figure 13: Plot of homogeneity on a 25mm DSV at 90.0A (max=43ppm, min=-55ppm).

Homogeneity is ± 50 ppm over a 25 mm diameter spherical volume (DSV)

The schedule



The schedule



Decide which magnet to use.

Hall B: Greater opening angle – 100° vs 70°
Operable at lower fields
Requires LHe

CPS: Larger uniform field region – 25 mm vs 20 mm
Cryogen free
Uniform only at 5.0 T

Find a place to work:

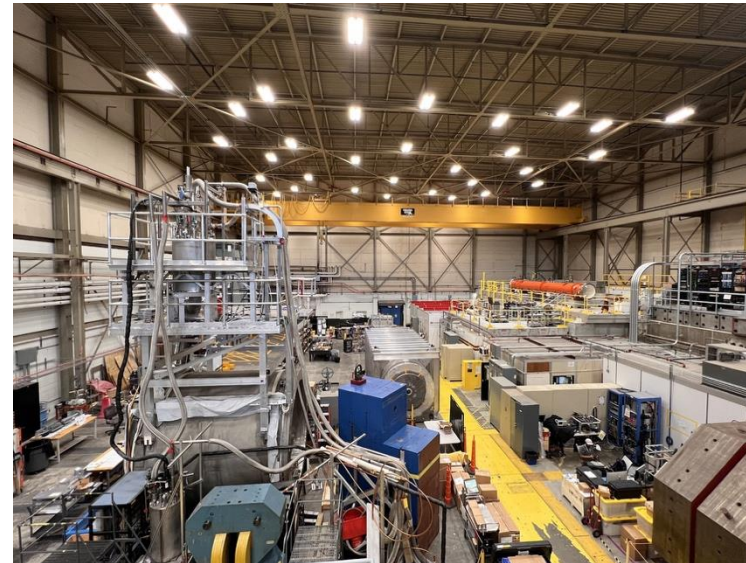
(we might not get to choose...)

Requirements:

- 480 VAC for vacuum pumps
- Volume for ODH
- Overhead crane
- ...



Experimental Staging
Building

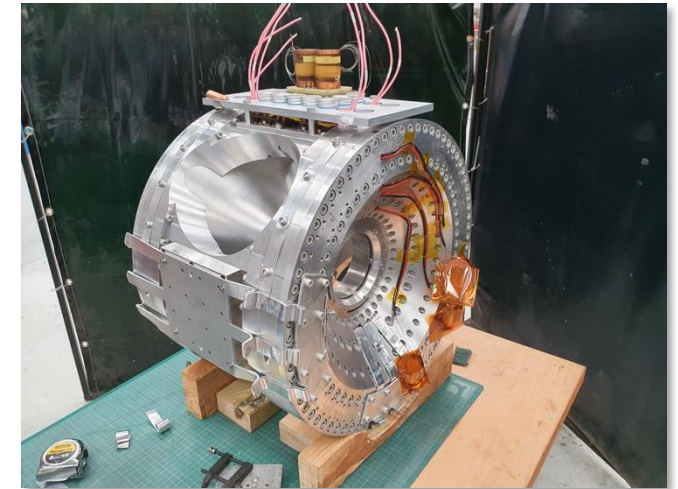


Test Lab High Bay



TED-F High Bay

Gather the equipment



Put it together and make it work

Task	Time Est. (days)	Techs	Engineer/Scientist	Requirements
Move old Hall C PolTar to test site	2		2	Forklift, RadCon
Remove, inspect, rebuild insert lifter	10		2	Crane, RadCon
Remove 1 K fridge	1		1	Crane, RadCon
Inspect, repair 1 K fridge	10		1	1 Leak detector
Remove pumping sleeve	1		1	Crane, RadCon
Inspect pumping sleeve	1		1	Leak detector
Machine new nose piece x2	15		1	Designer, machinist
	6		2	Crane, ForkLift, RadCon, Property Dept.
Assess stand qualifications	10			1
Transport stand to test site	1		2	Crane, Forklift
Transport new magnet & vacuum can to test site	2		2	Crane, Forklift
Assemble fridge to new magnet	1		1	Crane
Leak check	2		1	1 Leak detector
Assemble insert lifter	5		1	1 Crane
Transport gas panel to test site	1		2	Forklift, RadCon
Recommission gas panel	5			1
Leak test gas panel	1		1	Leak detector
Transport Roots pumps to test site	2		2	Forklift, Crane
Electrical connect pumps	20		1	Electrician
Test pumps	2		1	1
Fabricate/connect pumping lines	30		2	1 Crane, welder, machine shop
Leak test system	5		1	1 Leak detector
Design new heat shield with appropriate windows	5			1 Designer
Construct & install heat shield	10		2	Machine shop, Crane
Develop PI&D	5			1
Develop EPICS slow control software	20			1
Collect existing electronics	10			1
Construct new electronics	40		1	1
Transport electronics to test site	1		2	Crane
Connect & wire electronics	40		1	1
Implement NMR hardware/software	40			1
Design insert	20			1
Fabricate insert, x2	20			1 Designer, machine shp
Assemble/test microwave system	20		1	1 Electrician
Design new transfer line for 1K fridge	10			1
Fabricate/test transfer line	10		2	Leak detector
Cool-down #1	5		1	2 250 liters LHe
Modify	15		2	1
Cool-down #2	5		1	2 250 liters LHe
Modify	15		2	1
Cool-down #3	15		1	2 250 liters LHe
Assess/Restore Vacuum chamber & windows	20		2	1 Crane, forklift, leak detector
Assess/Restore 500 L buffer dewar	20		1	1 Crane, forklift, leak detector
Transport/install in Hall C	40		4	2 Crane, forklift, leak detector
FRR #1 (prep + review)	10			2
FRR #2 (prep + review)	10			2
Total days	477		614	539
Total weeks	95.4		122.8	107.8

The end

- QUESTIONS? -