



# MAGIS-100 Design Progress and Challenges

Terrestrial Very-Long-Baseline Atom Interferometry Workshop 2024

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# Overview



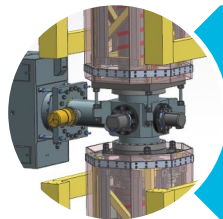
Experiment layout and site photos



Construction in progress



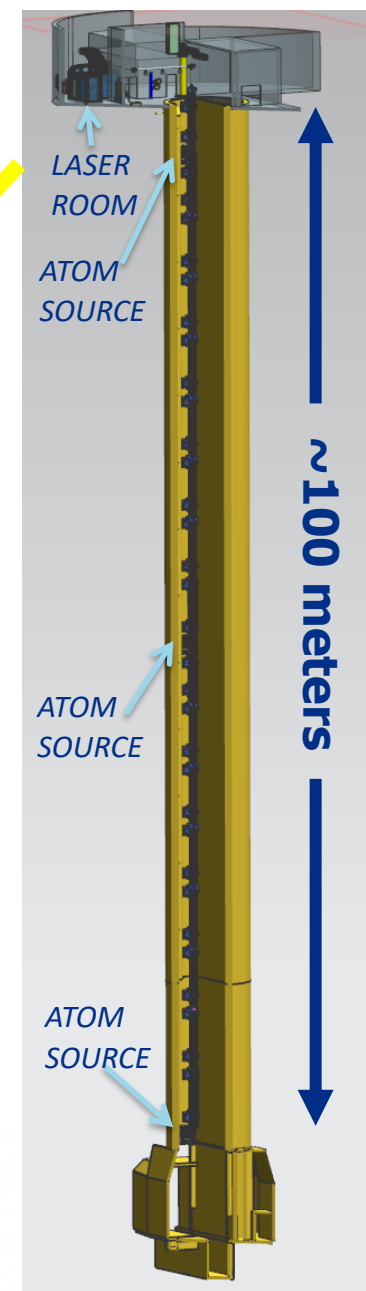
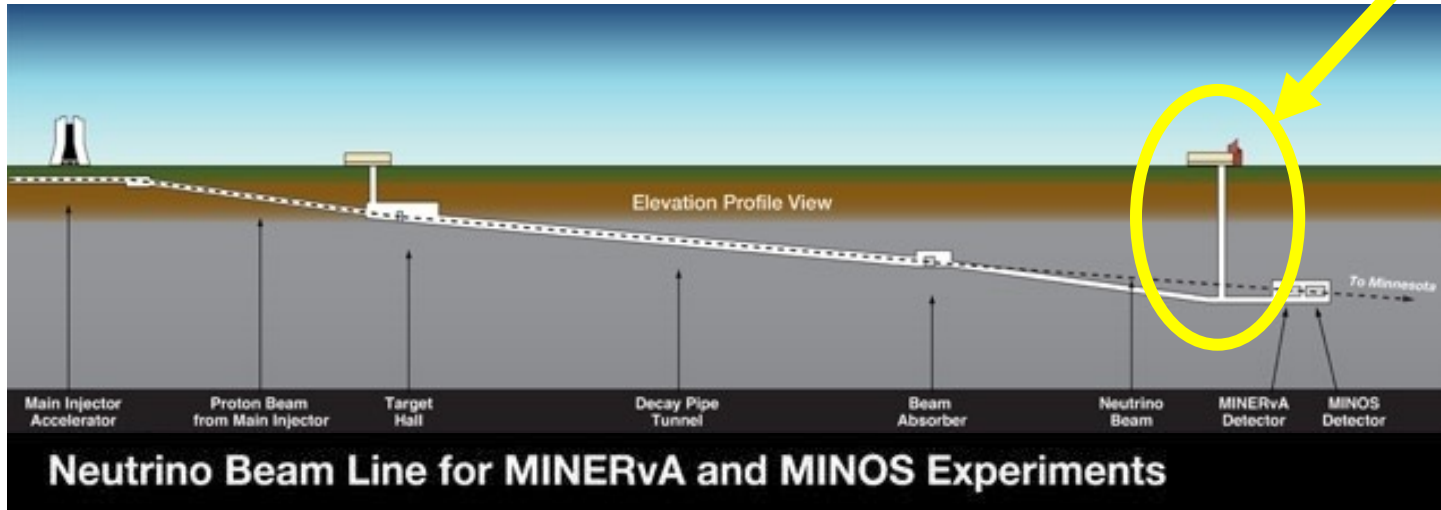
Installation and access challenges



System designs shaped by science and site

# MAGIS-100 experiment design overview

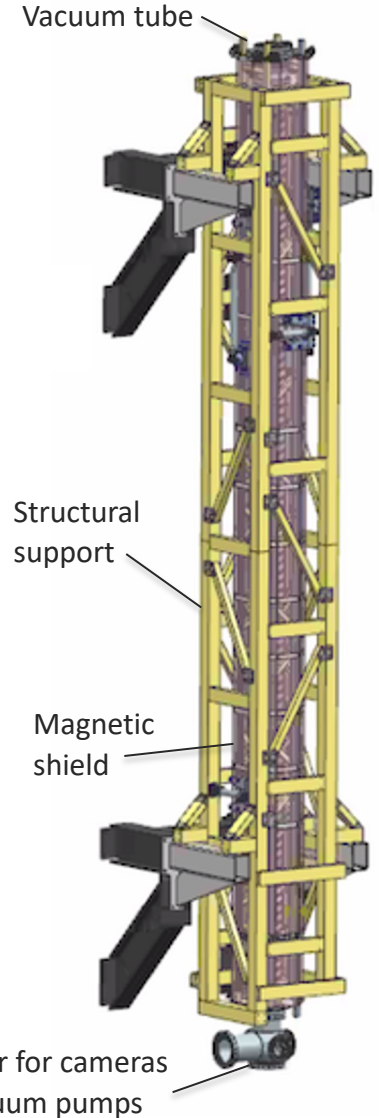
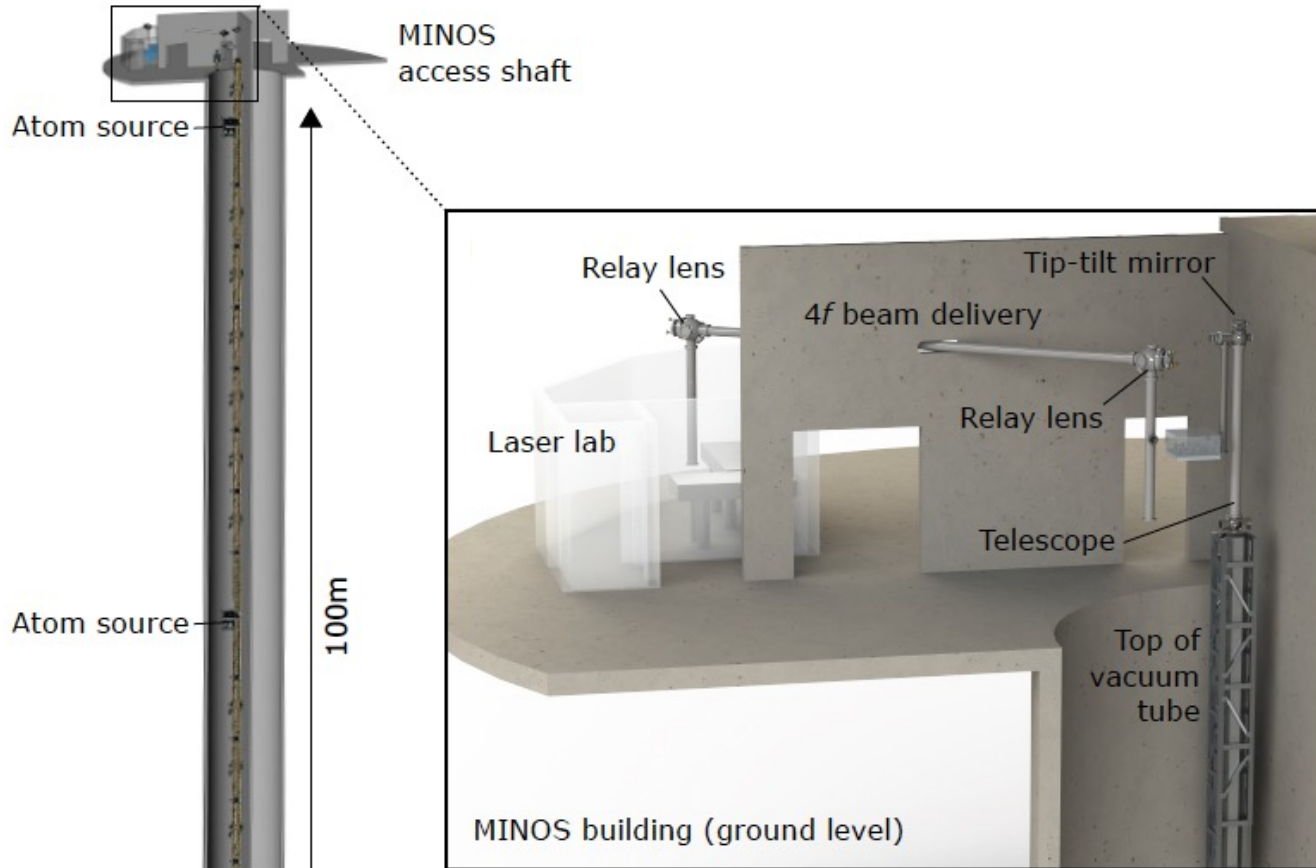
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- 100-meter baseline atom interferometry in existing shaft at Fermilab
- Major sub-systems:
  - Clock atom sources (Strontium) at three positions
  - Interferometry laser system
  - 100-meter vacuum system and infrastructure



# Systems overview



- In shaft:
- 3 atom sources
  - 17 modular sections
  - 1 mirror at bottom
  - 2 vacuum roughing stations

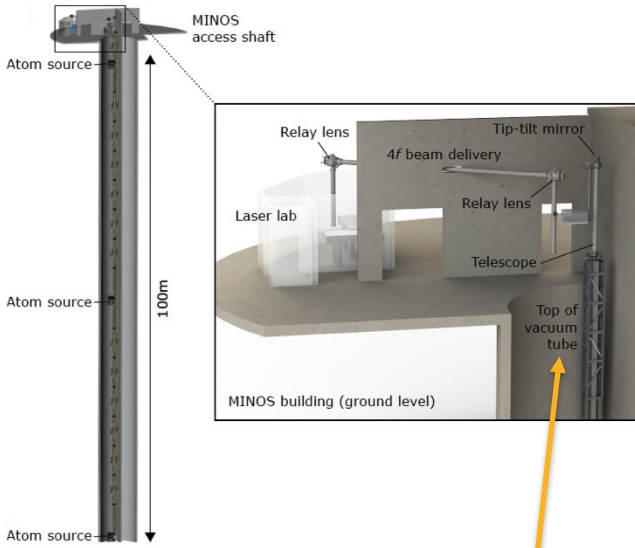
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# Site – MINOS building



Ground level of MINOS building.

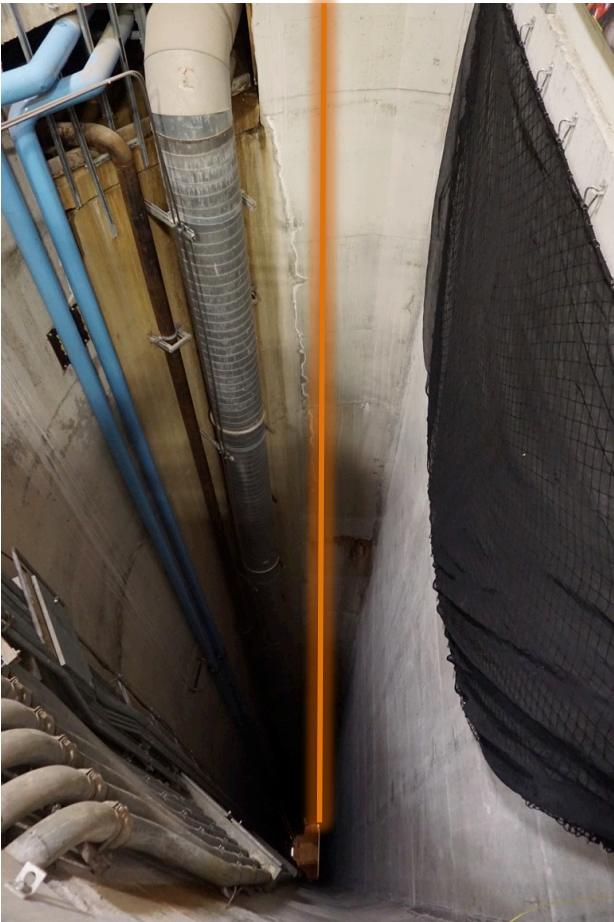


Laser lab being built behind this wall.





# Site – shaft in MINOS building



Top and bottom of ~100m shaft. Proposed experiment location follows orange line.



# Site – shaft in MINOS building



Large duct to be relocated.  
Expect to also move  
small water pipes.

View from the top, perspective aligned with experiment location.

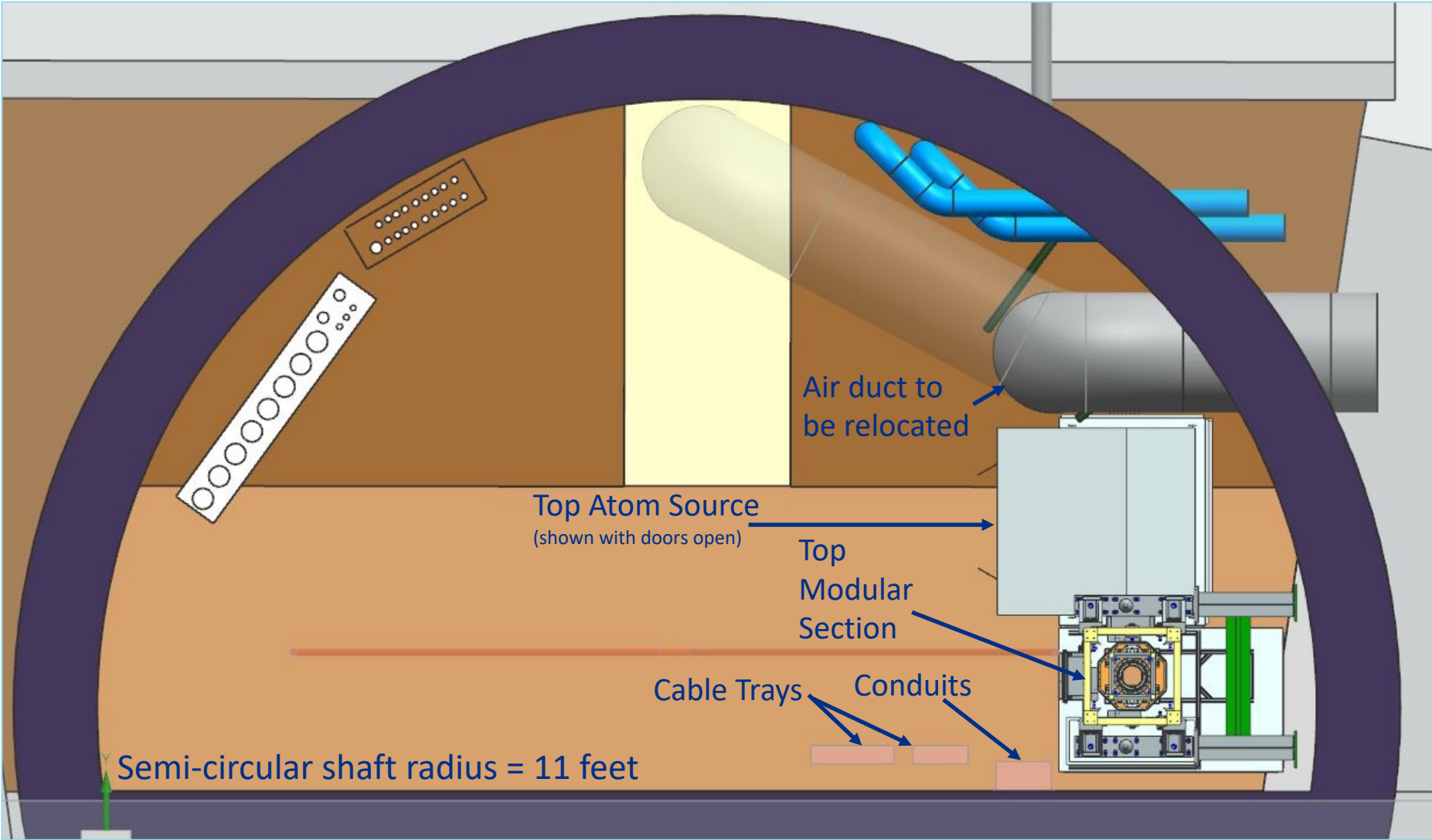
## Challenges include:

- Small space
- Must accommodate other uses of shaft
- Curved wall for load bearing
- Environmental (water, thermal gradients)
- Installation and access (more on this later)



View looking up from inside shaft.

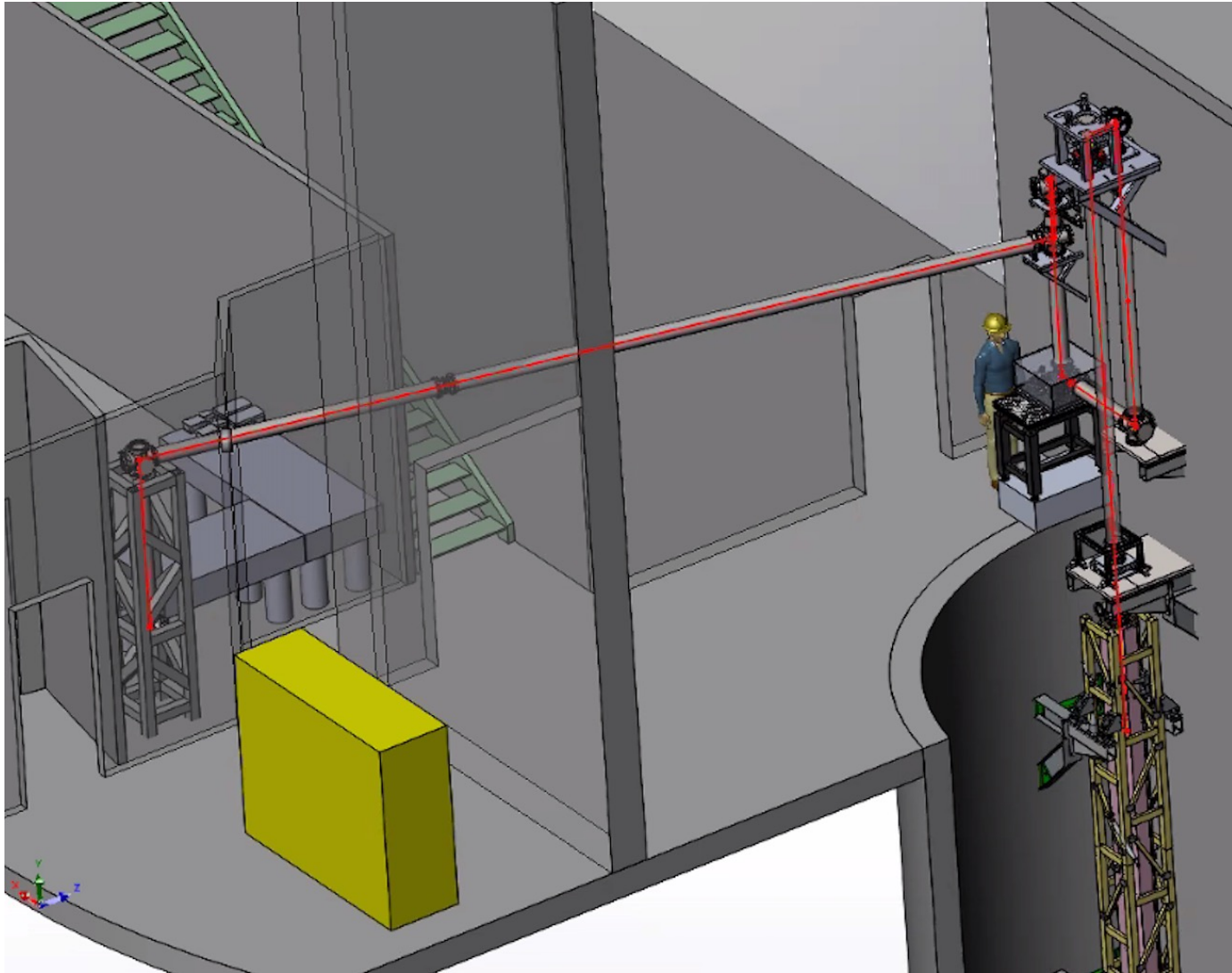
# Component layout in the shaft



Plan view of the experiment in the shaft, without telescope shown.

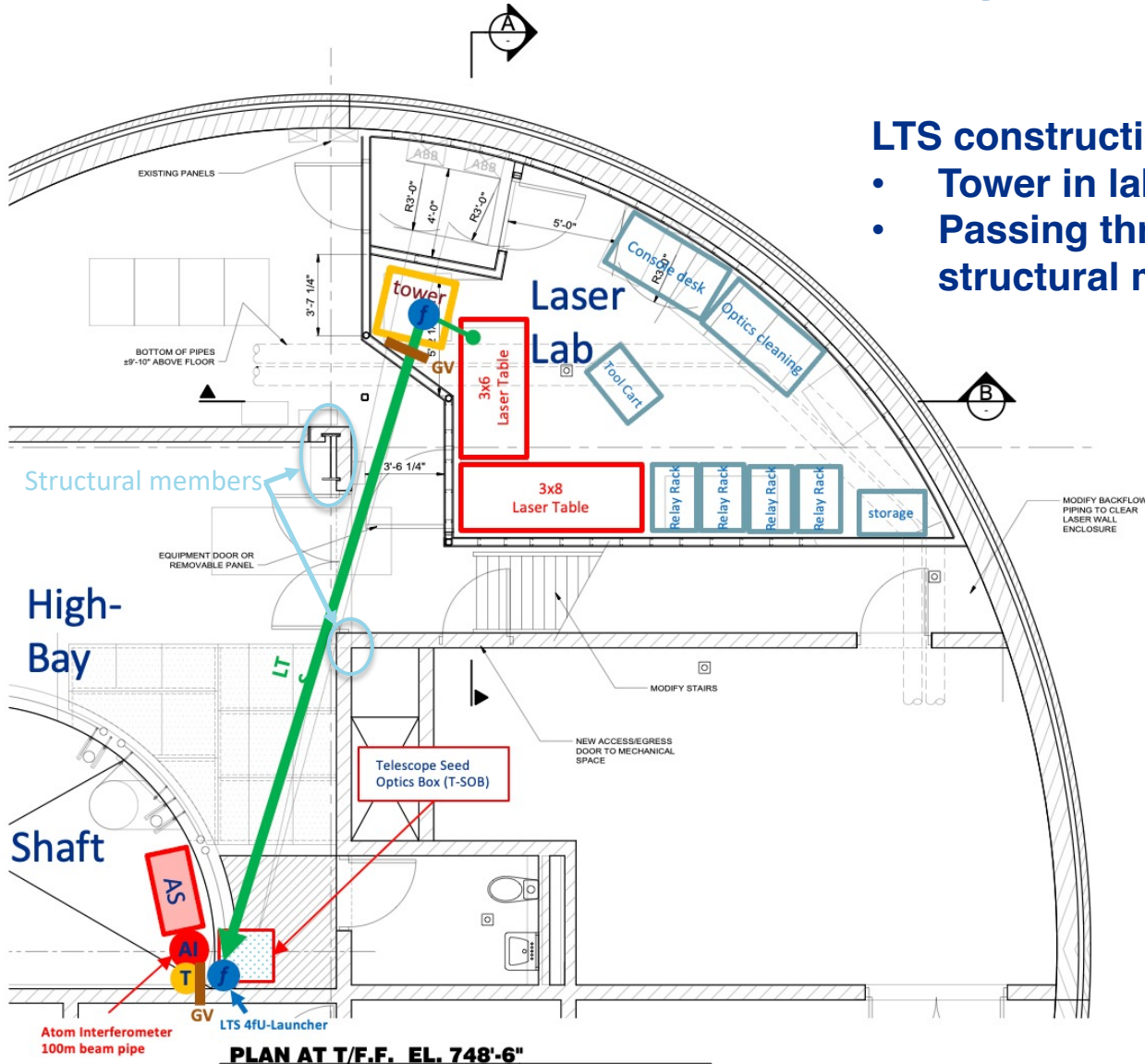


# Laser lab and laser transport system (LTS) layout



LTS optical route from Northwestern University team.

# Laser lab and laser transport system (LTS) layout



## LTS construction alignment challenges:

- Tower in lab
- Passing through building wall between structural members



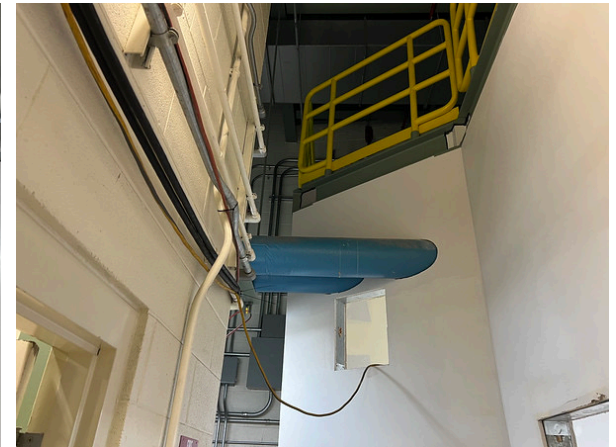
# Laser lab construction



Construction started in 2023.

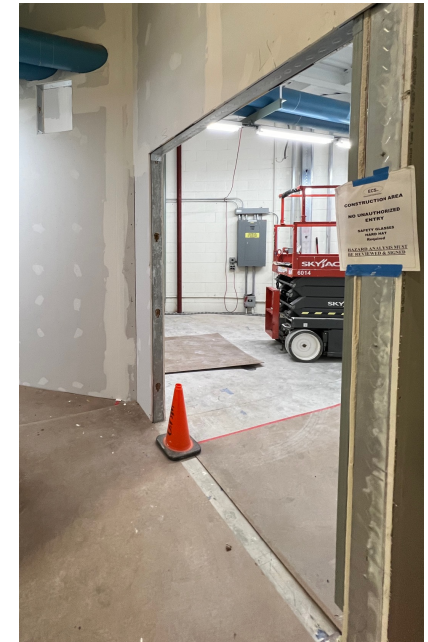


Status April 2024.



Cutout for LTS to exit laser lab.

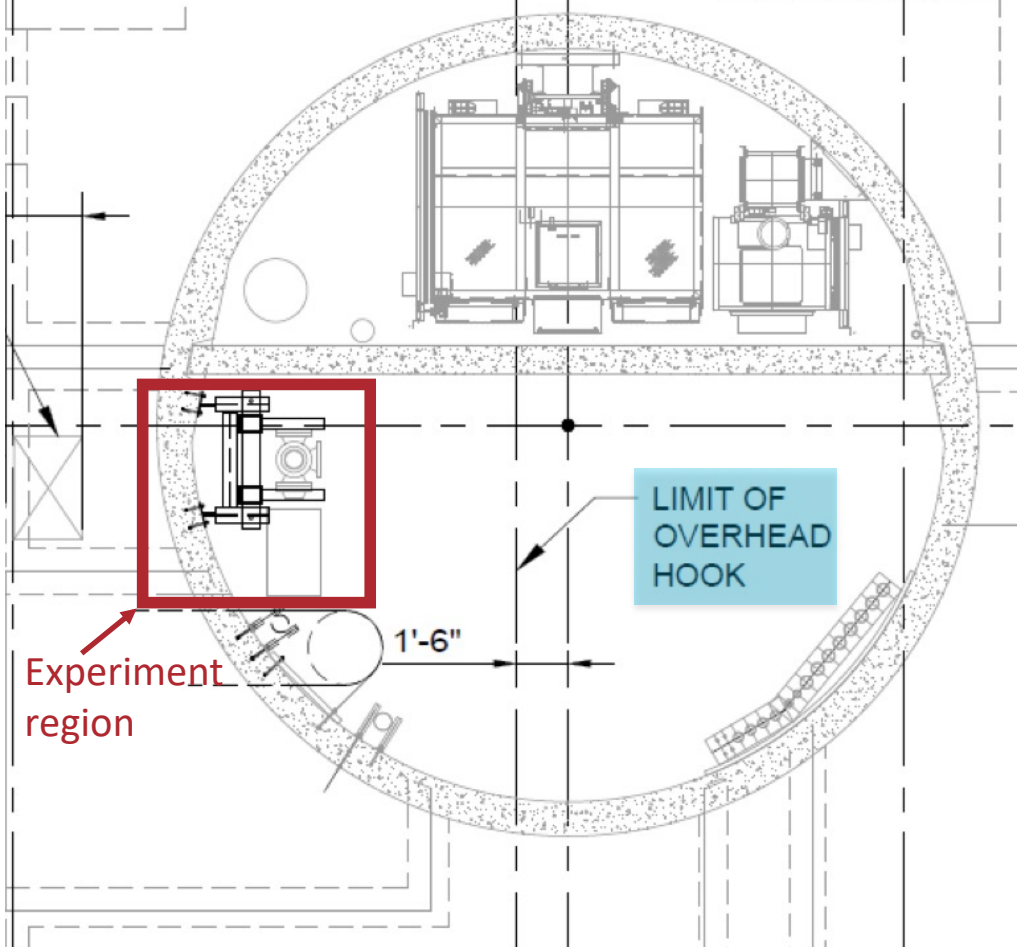
- **Optical tables and tower to be moved into room soon.**
- **Construction expected to be complete within 8 weeks.**



Welded tower and temporary construction opening in laser lab.

# Installation challenges

- Vertical installation – the most obvious challenge.
- Added complexity – overhead crane does not reach experiment region.

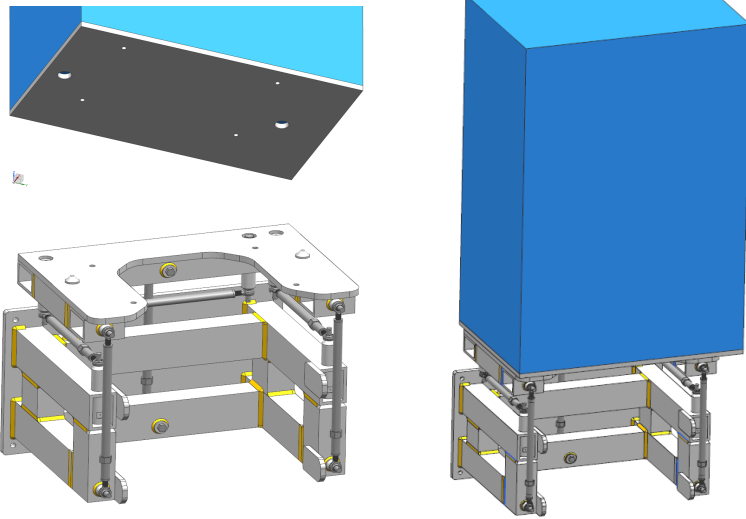


Crane unspooling into shaft.

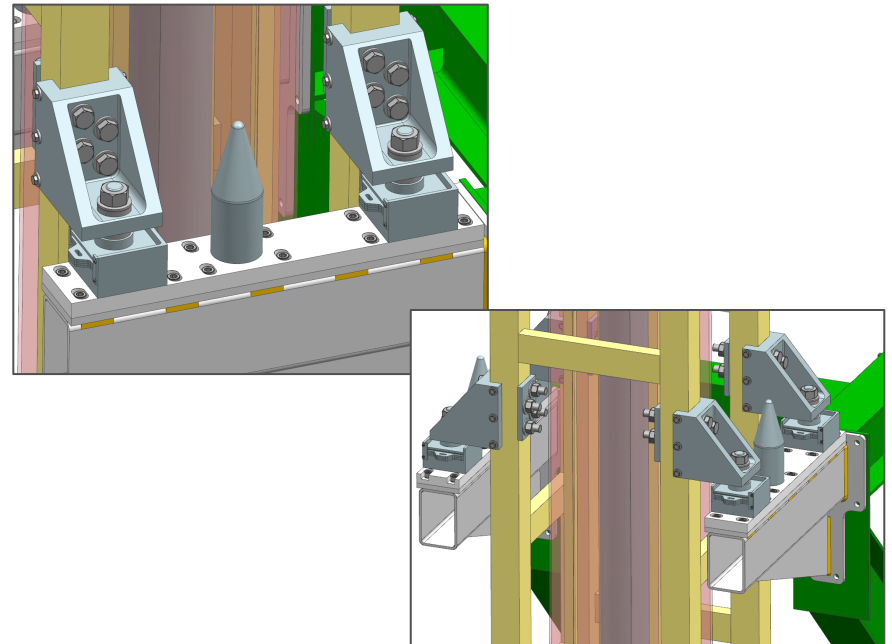


# Component installation plan

- Wall supports will be installed through a civil construction contract.
- Conceptual plan to land components on wall supports with dagger system and cameras.
- Investigating rail systems, rolling carts, and other engineered methods for moving components accurately into place.
- Mock-up will be tested in advance of actual installation.



Atom source and adjustable wall support.

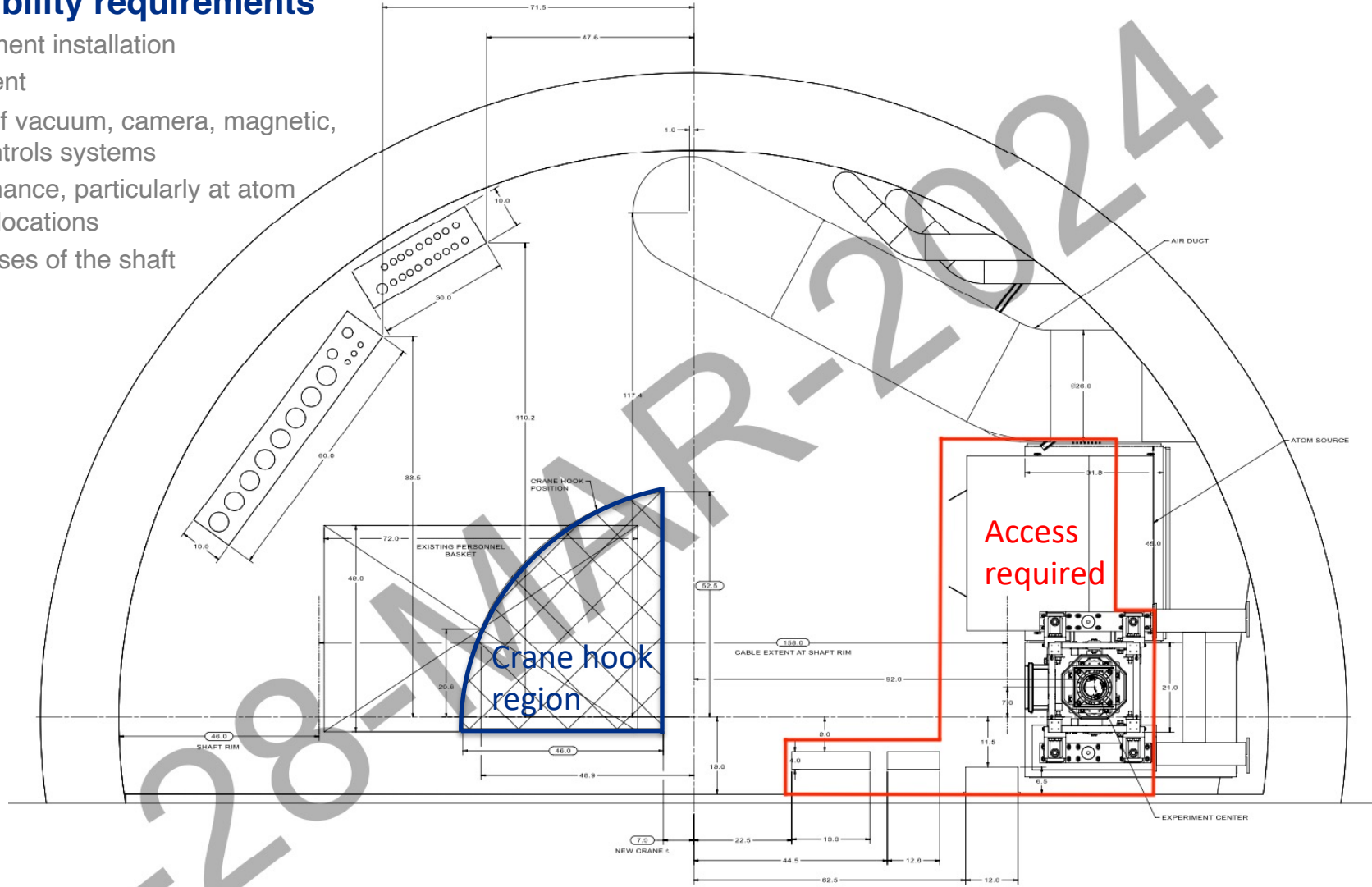


Modular section adjustable wall support.

# Personnel access challenges

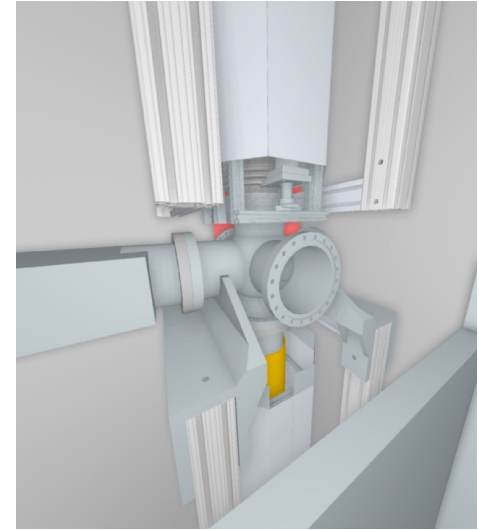
## Accessibility requirements

- Component installation
- Alignment
- Setup of vacuum, camera, magnetic, and controls systems
- Maintenance, particularly at atom source locations
- Other uses of the shaft



# Personnel access plan

- **Confirming site space required by other users.**
- **Investigating concepts such as crane personnel basket, platforms, and motorized scaffolding systems.**
- **Virtual Reality (VR) model can confirm if components are able to be reached from access system or if special tooling must be designed.**



VR model image.

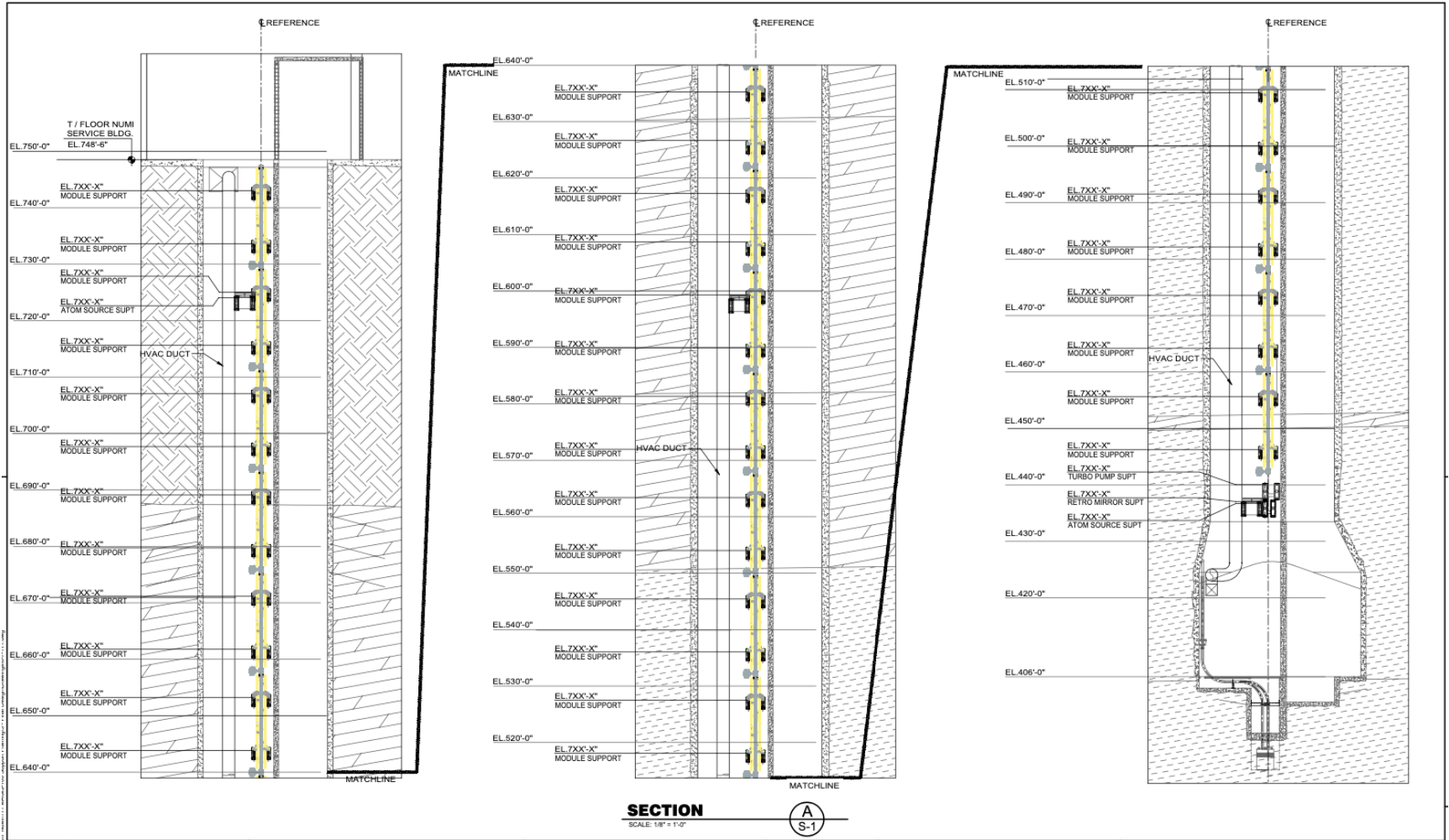


Existing personnel basket in use.



View from camera on top of personnel basket.

# Civil engineering designs

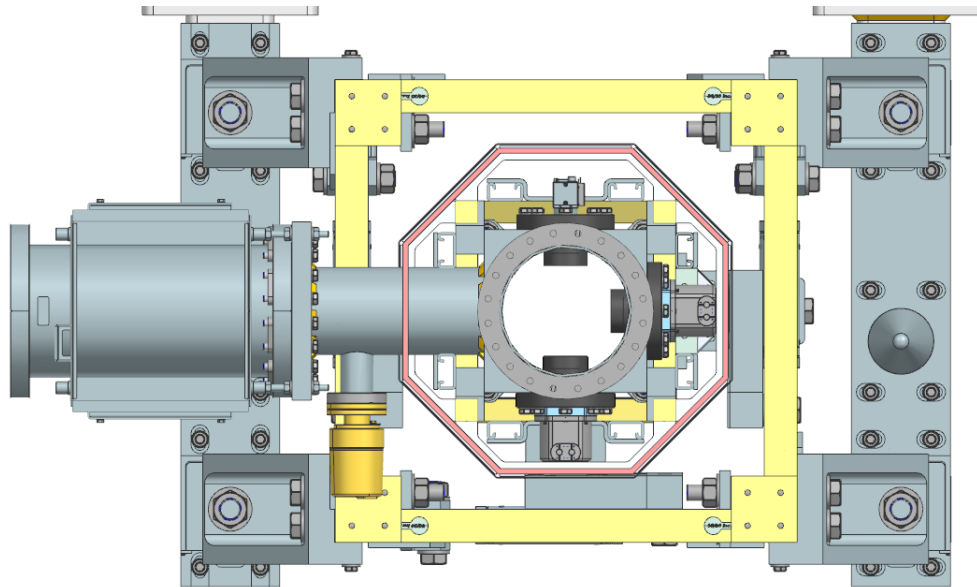


- Preliminary drawings developed for installing shaft components.
- Compressed air and cooling water designs started, requirements to be finalized.
- Air duct relocation investigation started.

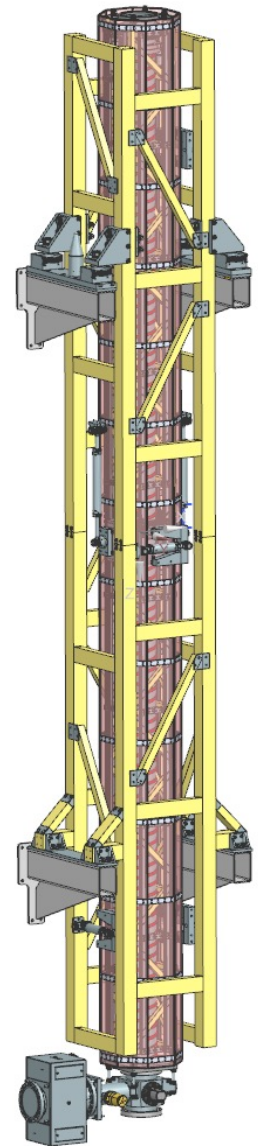


# Modular section design

- Modular assembly concept uses 17 sections, each ~5.2m (17') long and ~2,000 lb. weight.
- Eight sections between each atom source and one section above the top atom source.
- Each section has a support frame containing a 6" diameter vacuum tube, heating/insulation system with controls and temperature sensors, bias field coils, octagonal mu metal shield with support frame, and magnetometer.
- Vacuum pumps and viewports with cameras will be placed between tube sections.

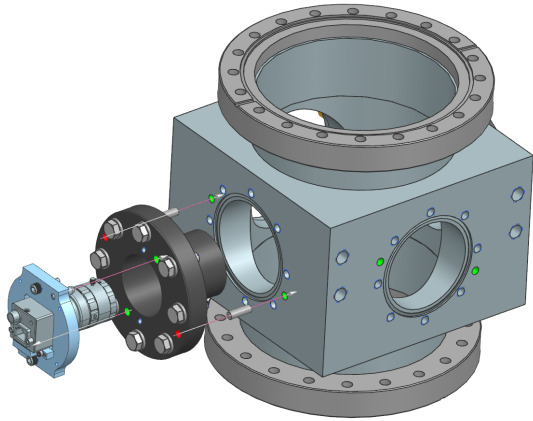


Cross section view.

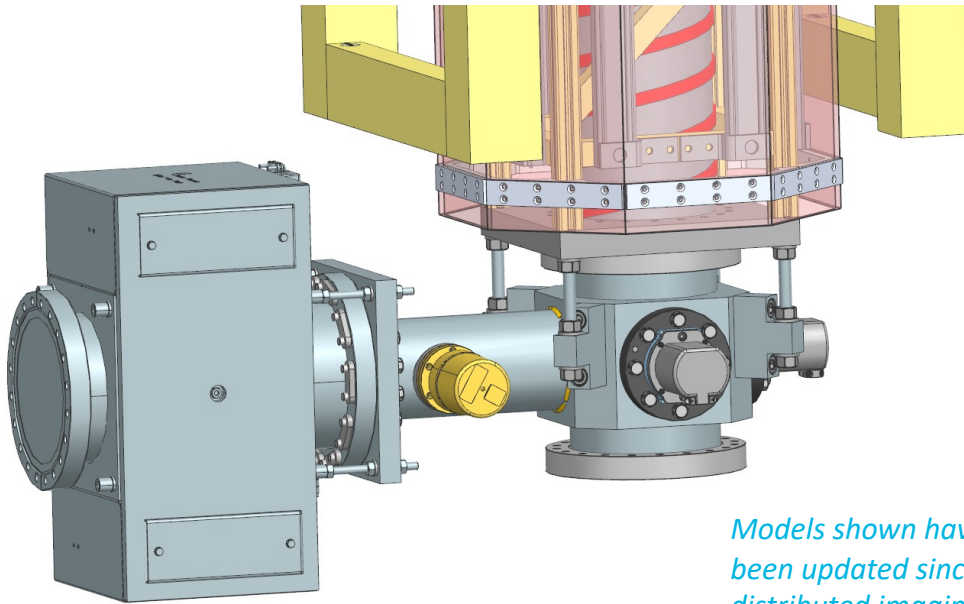


Single module with adjustable supports.

# Modular connection node design

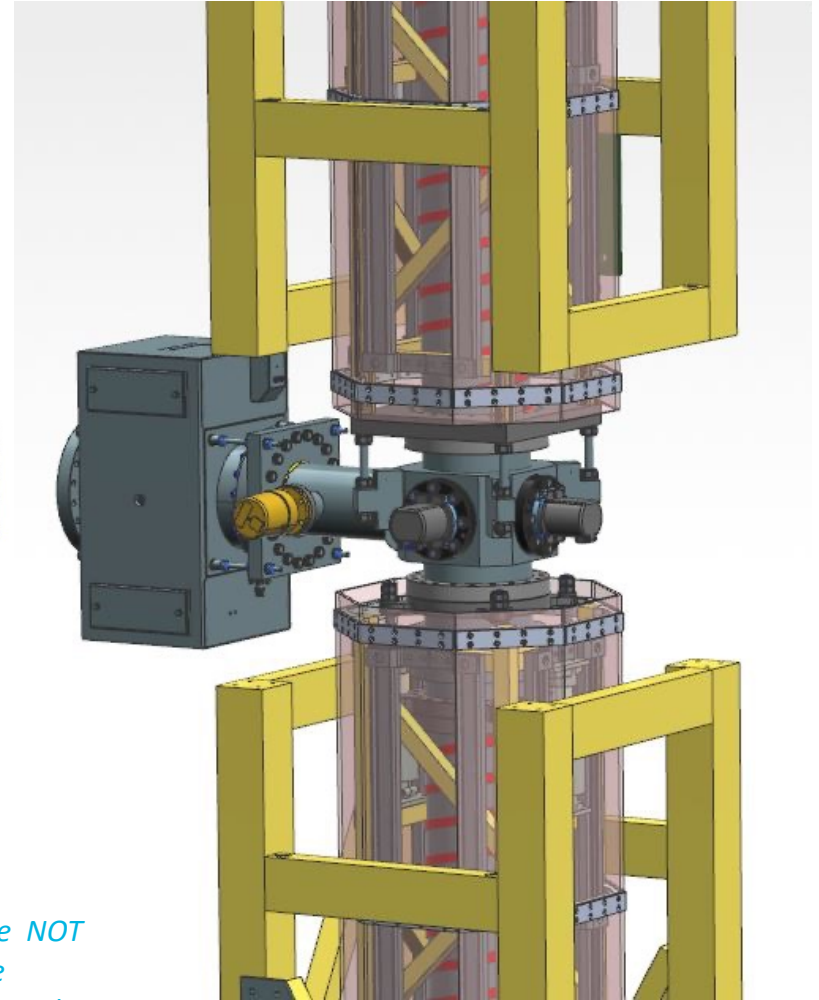


Cameras mount inside re-entrant viewports with light tight covers.



Detail of modular connection node.

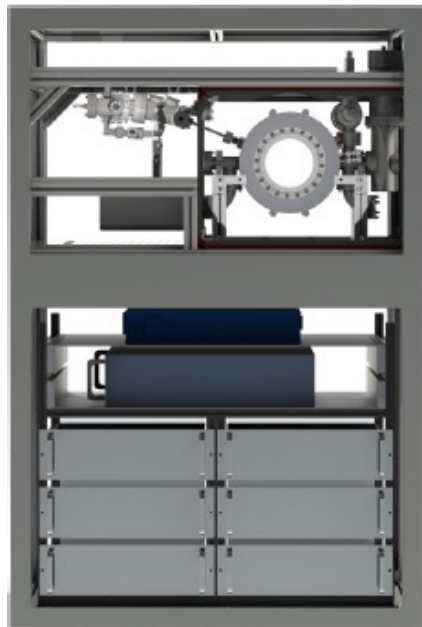
*Models shown have NOT been updated since distributed imaging system (DIS) design review 8/1/23.*



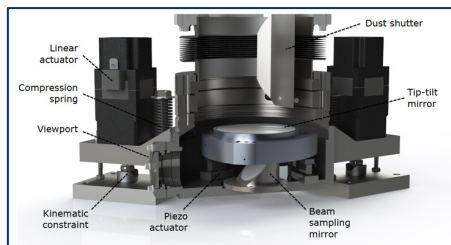
Two modules connected.

# Atom sources

- Up to 1,000lb weight.
- Top, middle, and bottom of shaft.
- Last components installed.
- Approximate cost \$1M each.
- Designed and built at Stanford University with access challenges considered.
- Transportation will be planned and tested.

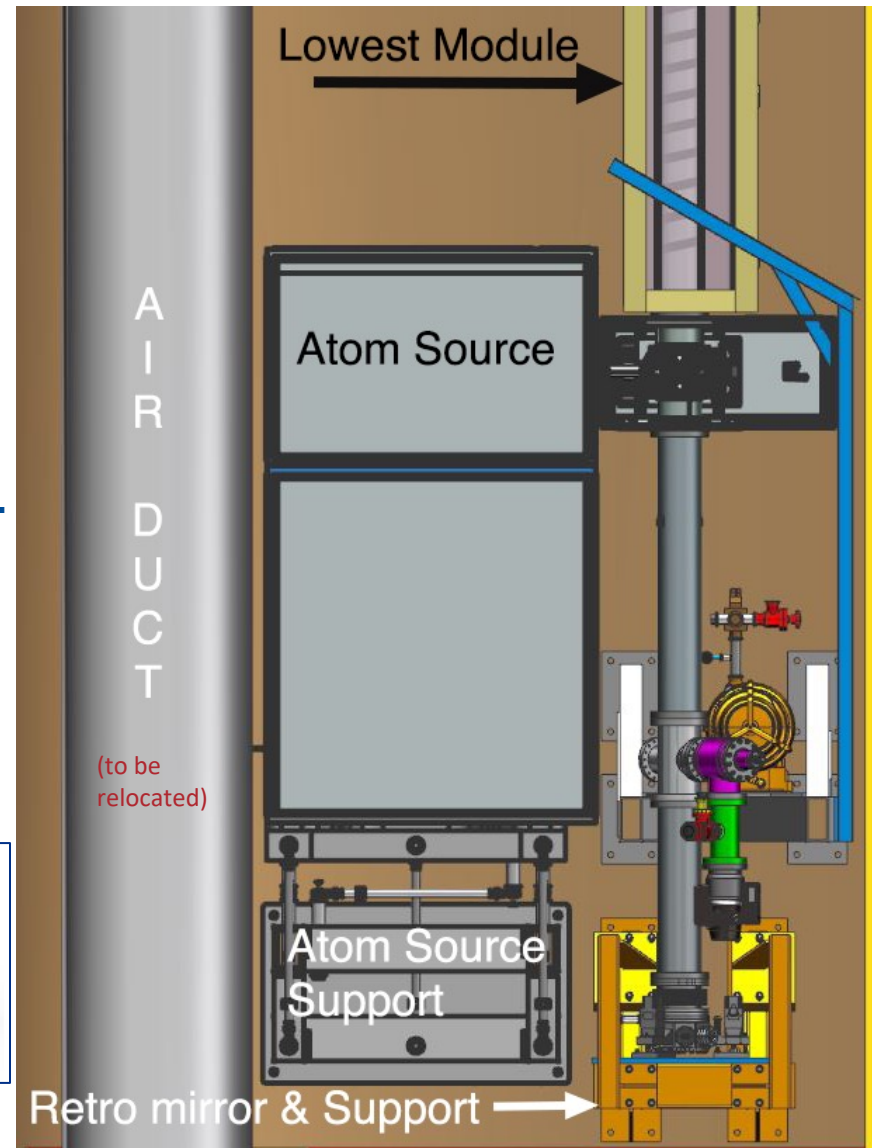


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Connection  
Node  
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Section view of retro mirror.

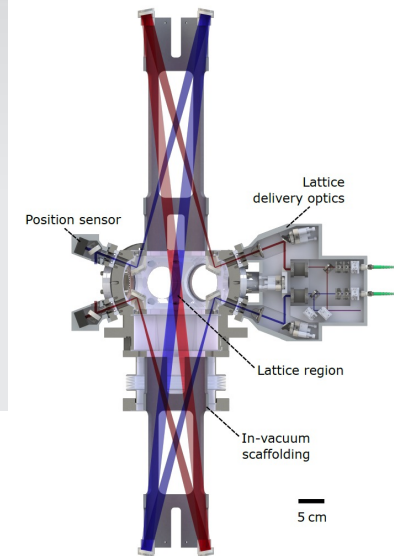
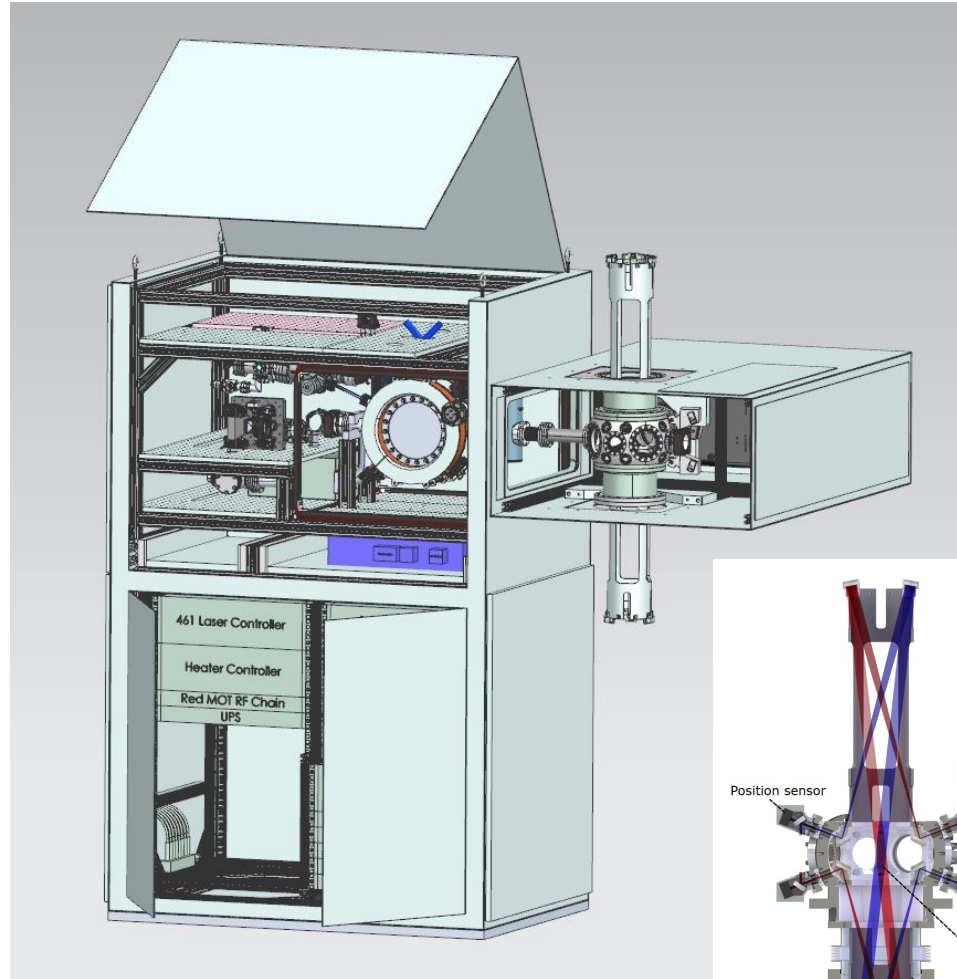
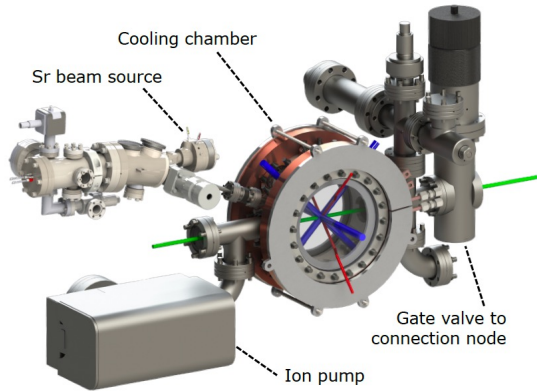
Atom source detail.



Bottom atom source, atom source connection node, vacuum rough pumping station, and retroreflective mirror shown.

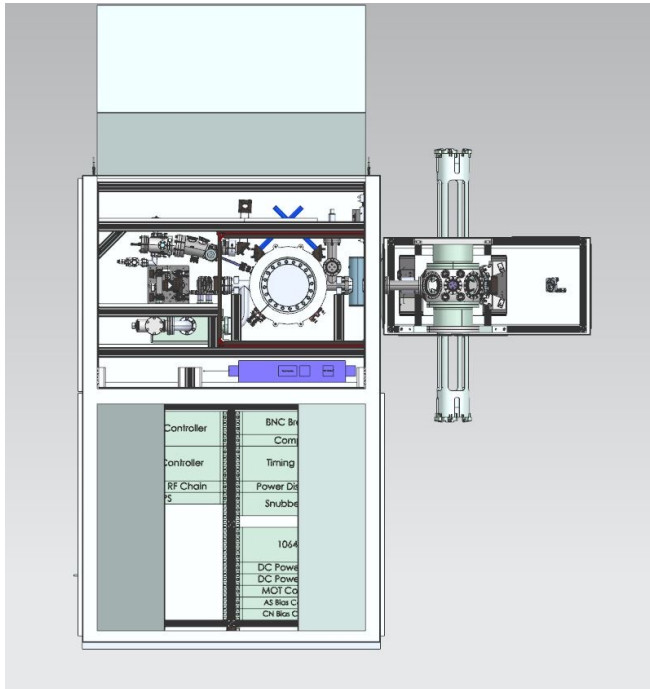


# Atom source design



Views inside the atom source enclosure and adjacent atom source connection node.

In-vacuum scaffolding extends into modular section vacuum tubes.



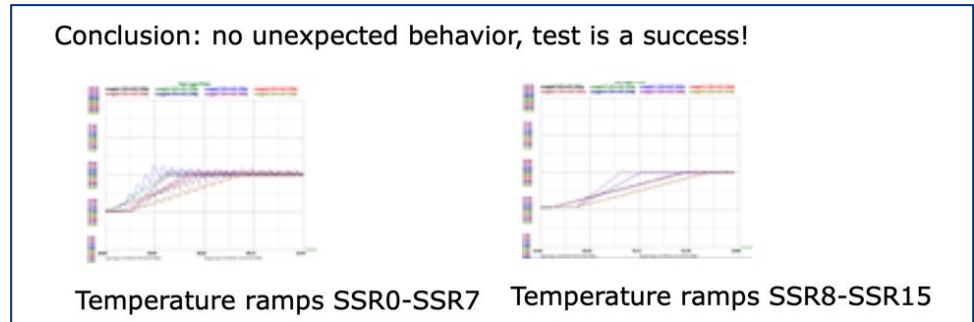
# Ultra high vacuum (UHV) system

- Required pressure  $e-11$  Torr or better for interferometry region.
- Dual pumps (ion pump + titanium sublimation pump OR non-evaporable getter pump + small ion pump) will be on each modular section.
- Vacuum bake required to reach this pressure.
- Minimally magnetic 316L stainless steel tubes and non-magnetic heaters required.
- Tubes have been electropolished and will be hydrogen degassed.\*

\*Preparing magnetic measurements to determine if annealing necessary.



16-channel bake test setup.

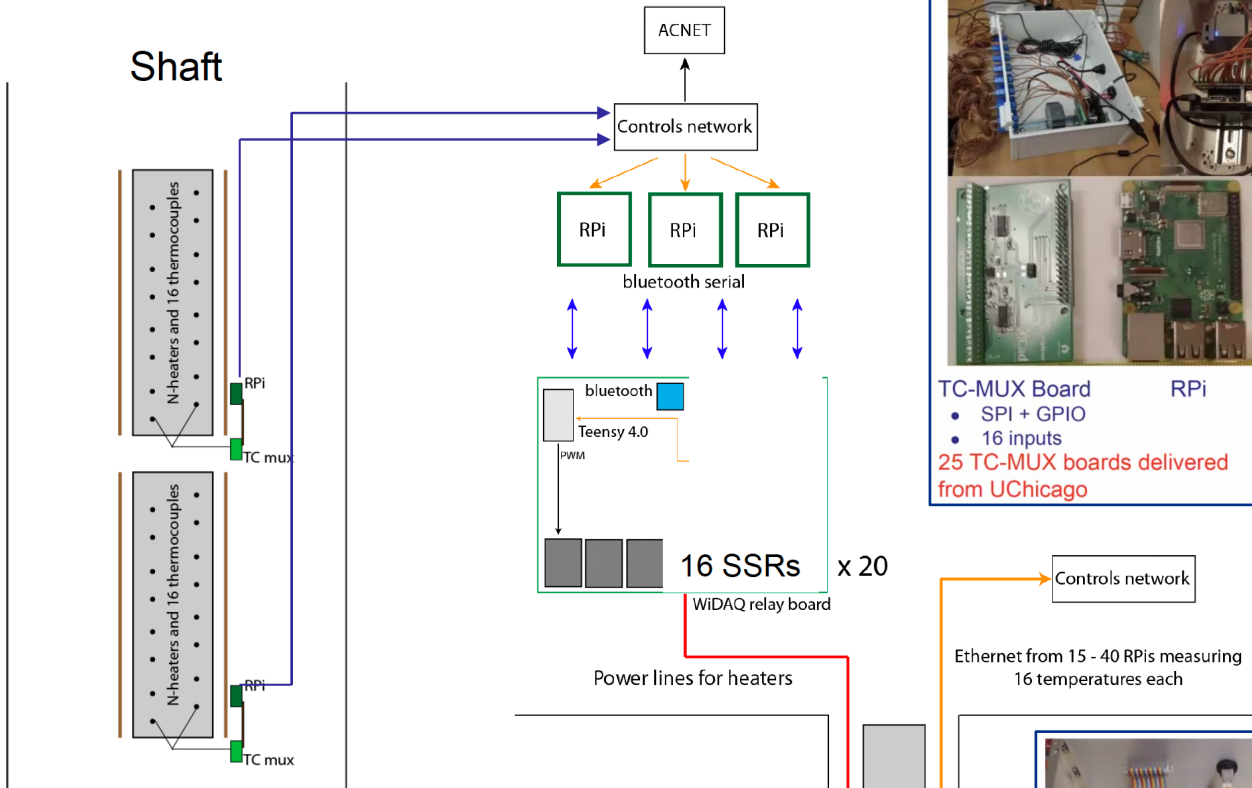


Excerpt from bake test e-log.



6" OD vacuum tubes.

# Bake out controls system



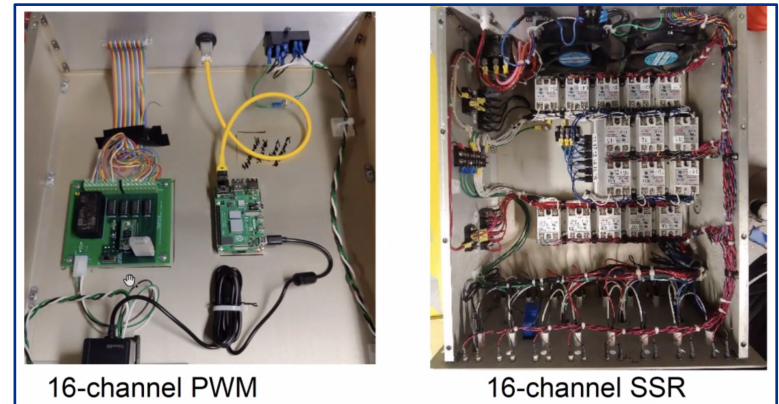
- Each RPI is on the Fermilab controls network with a static IP address.
- Each RPI is running a Node.js server for data handling.

**TC-MUX Board**  
 • SPI + GPIO  
 • 16 inputs  
**25 TC-MUX boards delivered from UChicago**

**RPI**  
**MCC-118 ADC**  
 • 8 analog inputs  
 • Stackable: expand to 64 channels

In shaft

Top of shaft



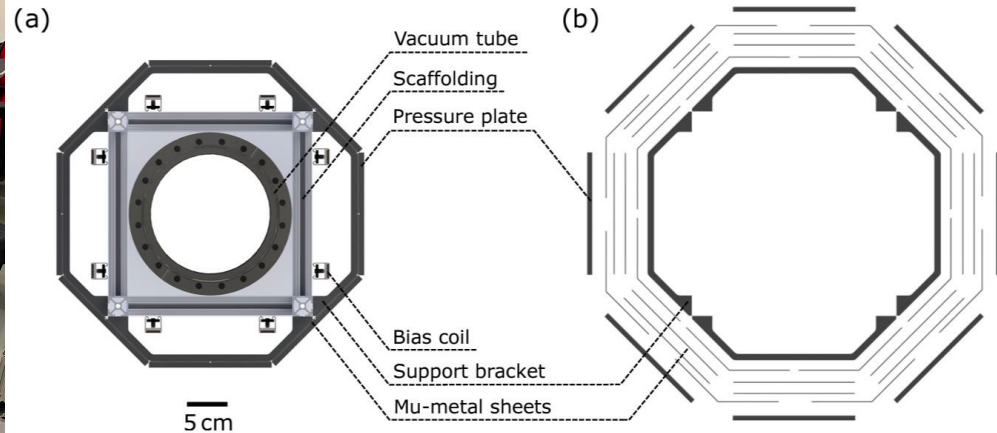
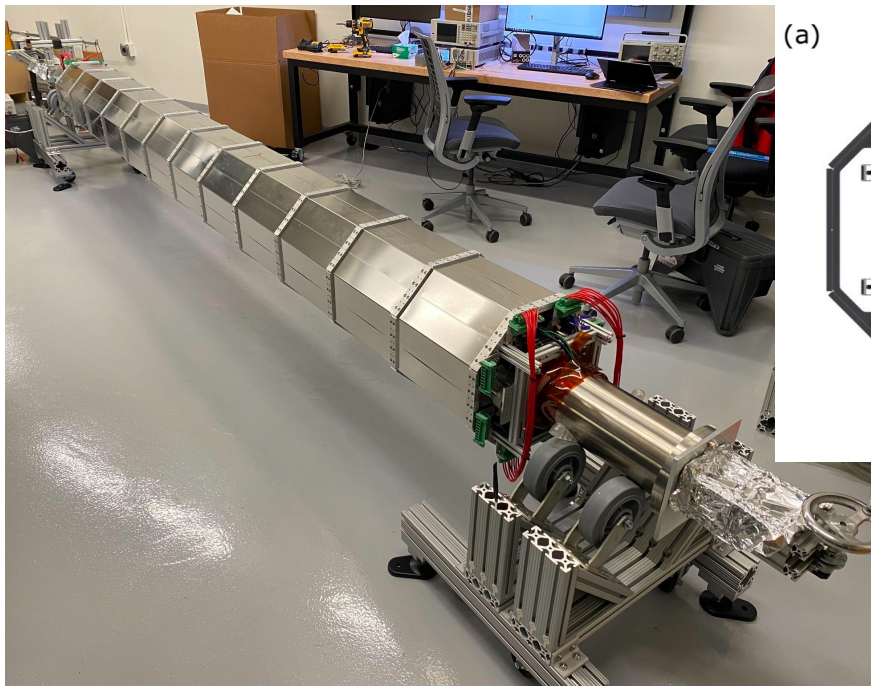
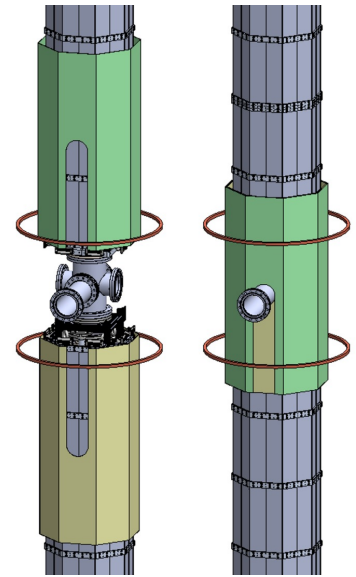
**Bake controls system uses Raspberry Pis and thermocouples with a temperature module box on each section in the shaft and power control modules at the top of the shaft.**

All images from Sergei Nagaitsev.



# Magnetic field

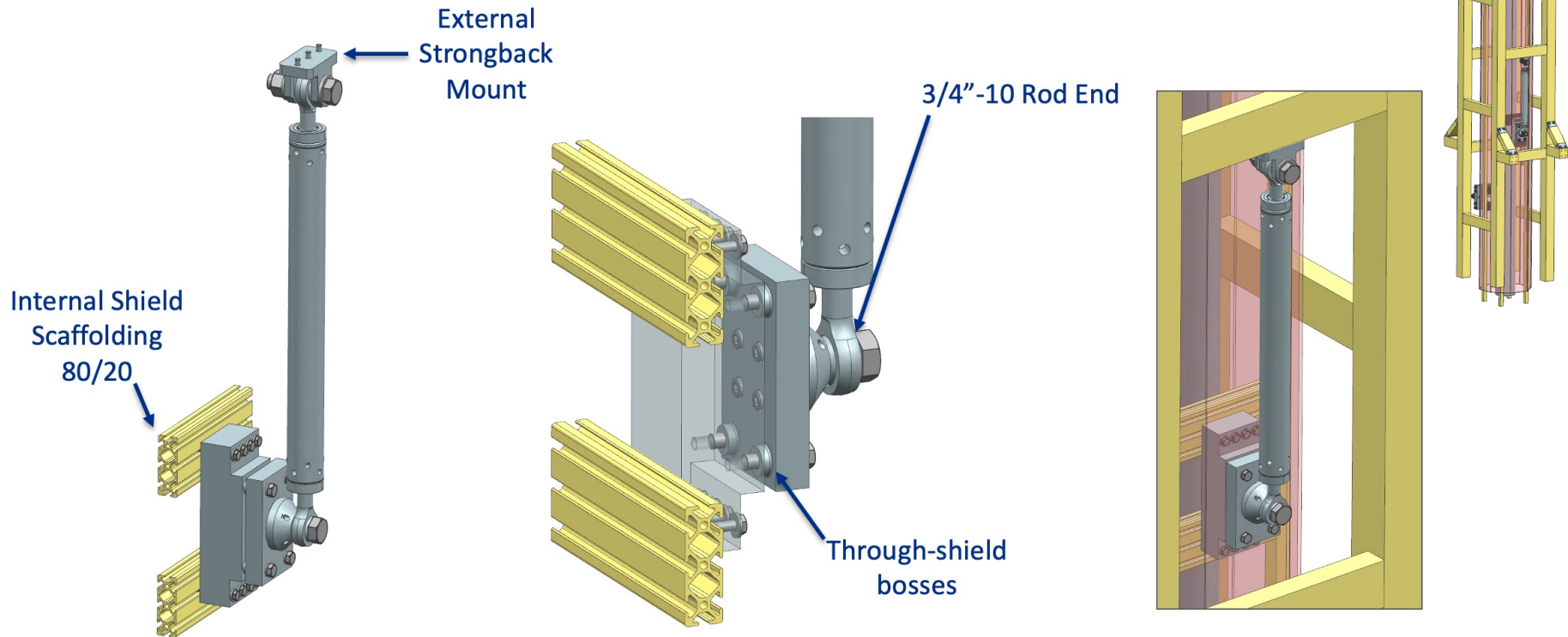
- Magnetic field is controlled with mu metal shielding and optimally placed magnet coils.
- Mu metal cannot have mechanical stresses – creates magnetic “holes” in shield.
- Sections are longer than typical mu metal annealing furnaces.
- Adapted from an existing design, octagonal shield chosen with four layers of staggered seams using flat and angled pieces.
- Fixtures required for successful tight-fitting assembly.



Left: Prototype section assembly at Stanford University 2022.  
Above: Cross-section view of magnetic shield and bias coils.  
Above right: Magnetic coupler and additional coils will be placed around modular connection nodes.

# Structural challenges

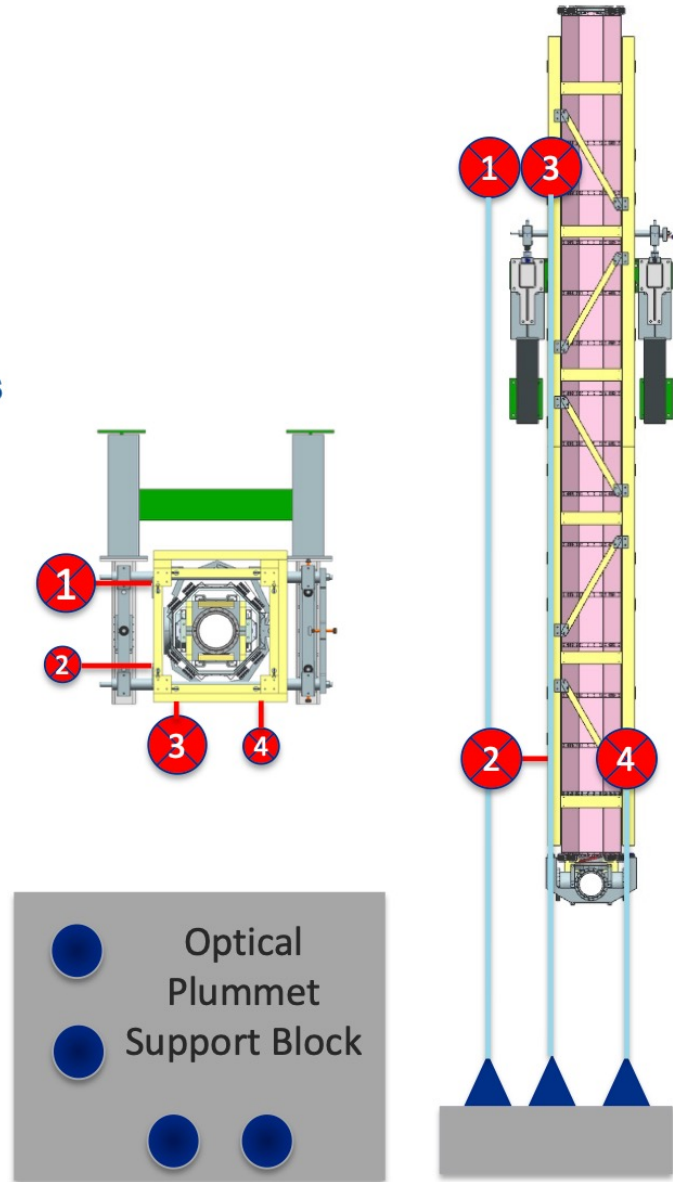
- Adjustable supports required for alignment.
- Must minimize penetrations in magnetic shield.
- Six-strut system will be used for positioning modular sections inside frames, also for atom sources.
- Custom rod ends were ordered July 2022 because long lead time anticipated. Delivery expected May 2024.



# Alignment conceptual plan

Optical plummets will be mounted at the bottom of the shaft to achieve required alignment.

- Mounting base must be sturdy.
- Bottom of shaft has metal plates which will flex and is also a “stay clear” zone. Original plan was to use concrete block.
- Consider if mounting base to elevator wall would work better.





# Summary

Site characteristics have significantly influenced designs for overall experiment layout and all sub-systems.

Installation and personnel access have been the most challenging engineering issues to address.

Despite challenges from both science and site requirements, designs for MAGIS-100 have been progressing well.

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