



### High-Power Targets for Neutrino Factories and Muon Colliders

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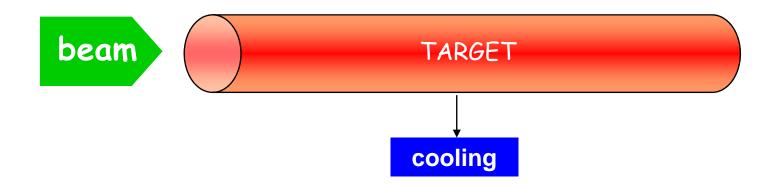
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# Outline

- 1. Principles of high-power target design.
- 2. Some examples of high-power targets.
- 3. Neutrino Targets.

The most obvious effect of a beam hitting a target is heating - therefore must cool the target



Cooling is made easier if the target is large – i.e. a low energy density Water is a very effective coolant. (Power stations have hundreds of MWs of water cooling.)

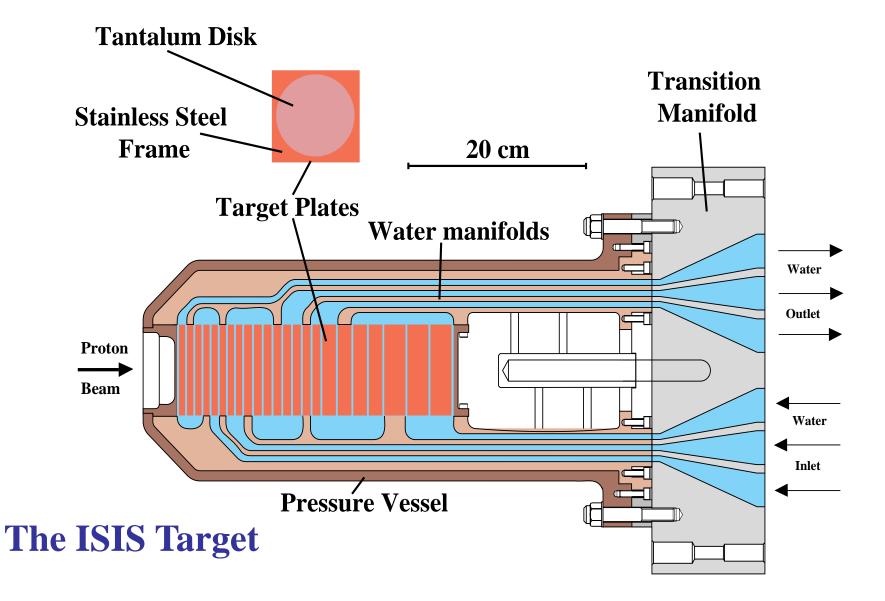
### Target Problem Areas

- 1. Cooling.
- 2. Thermal shock for pulsed beams.
- 3. Radiation Damage.

In all cases the severity of the problem increases with the energy density (power density) in the target – until it becomes very difficult to achieve sufficient cooling, etc.

To solve the problem of very high energy (power) densities it is necessary to have a moving or flowing liquid target. Let us look at a number of examples of existing and proposed targets.

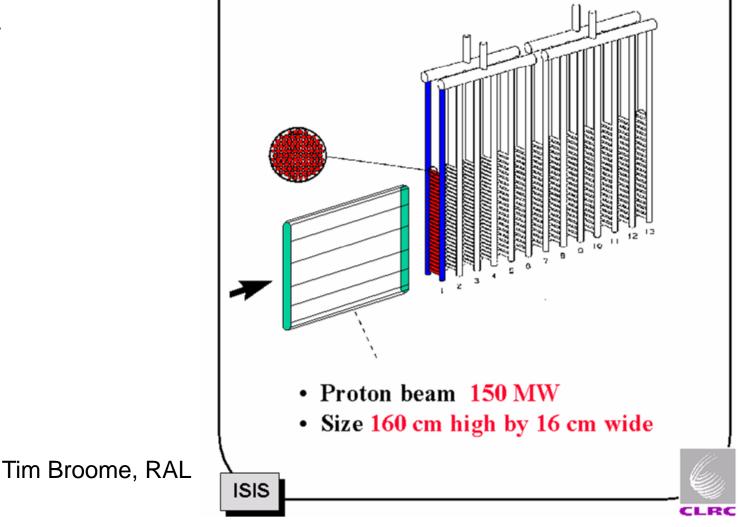
Here is an example of a relatively low energy density pulsed target with conventional water cooling. 200 kW average at 50 Hz into a  $10 \times 10 \times 30$  cm<sup>2</sup> target (peak power ~500 W cm<sup>-3</sup>).



An example of a high power (up to 200 MW), but low power density target.

### **The Los Alamos APT Target**

- Water cooled tungsten rod bundles
- Rod size 0.3175 cm
- Power density 1.8 2.4 MW/l



And an example of very high energy density, but very low average power - the Pbar Target at FNAL.

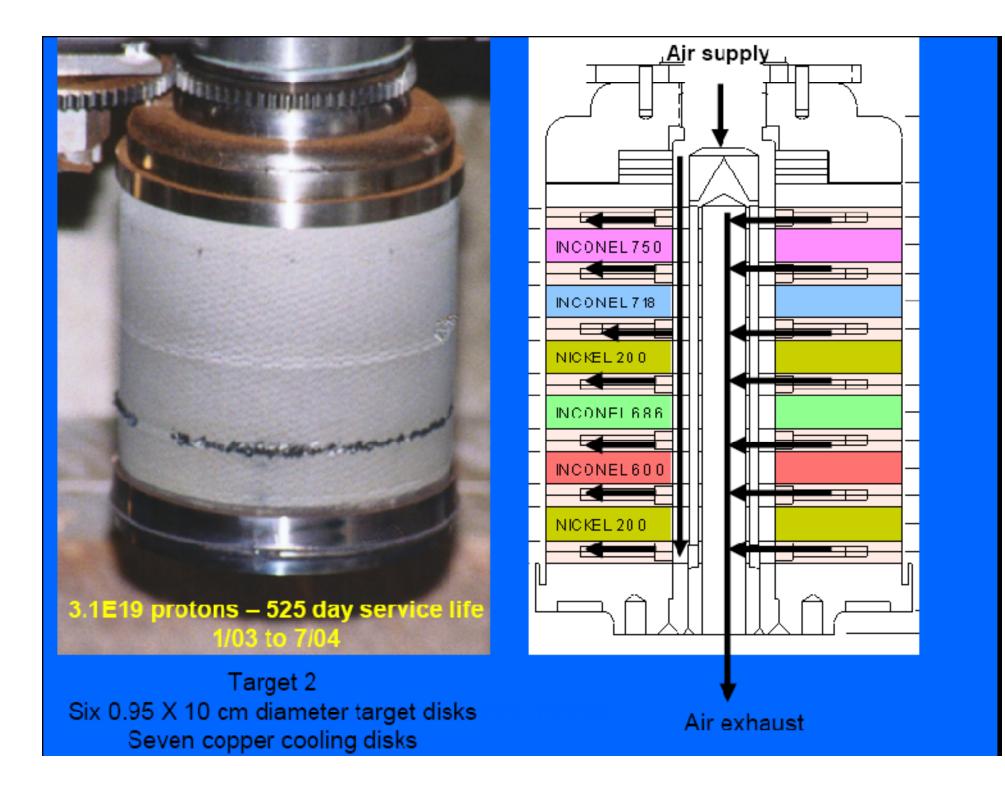
The beam is very small,  $\sigma = 140 \ \mu m$ .

The peak energy density during the pulse is >3000 J  $g^{-1}$  - or 25000 J cm<sup>-3</sup> (Inconel).

With tantalum have achieved >40000 J cm<sup>-3</sup>.

With these energy densities the target melts during the pulse and then solidifies before the next pulse. But one sees spalling at the beam entry and exit.

Pictures from Anthony Leveling - presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> High-Power Target Workshop, Bad Zurzach, Switzerland, September 2007.

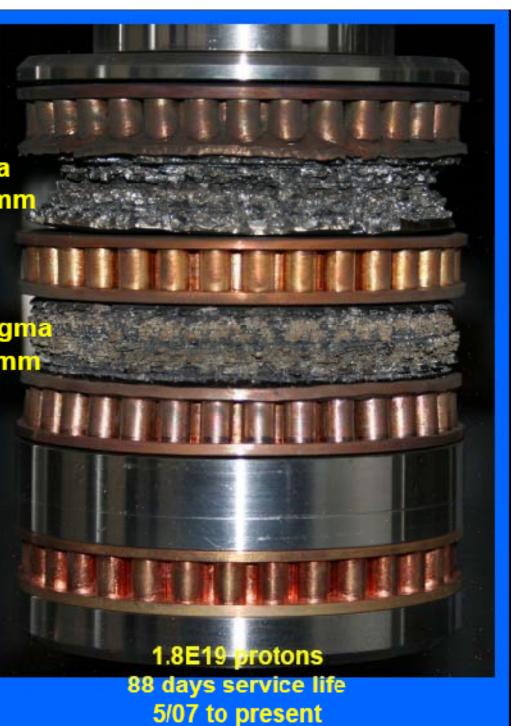


### Target 8

Top disk - 200 micron beam sigma with beam sweeping radius ~0.3 mm

Middle disk – 140 micron beam sigma With beam sweeping radius ~0.6 mm

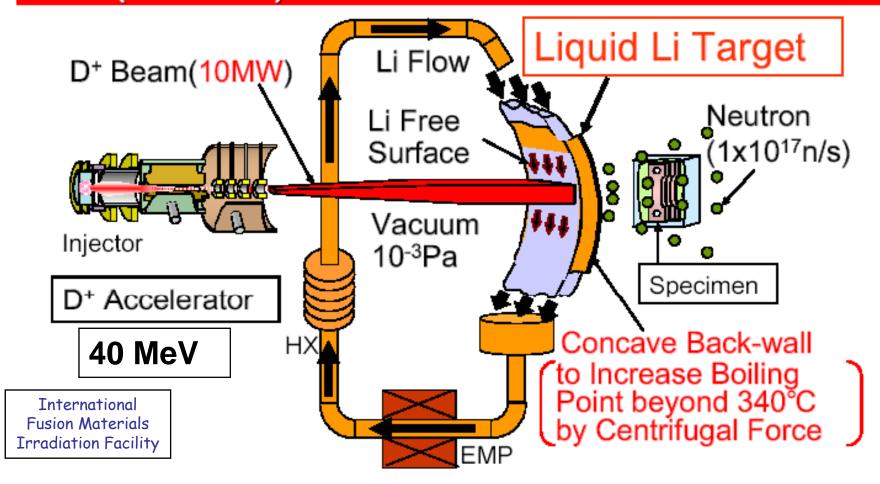
Beam sweeping system commissioned late 4/07



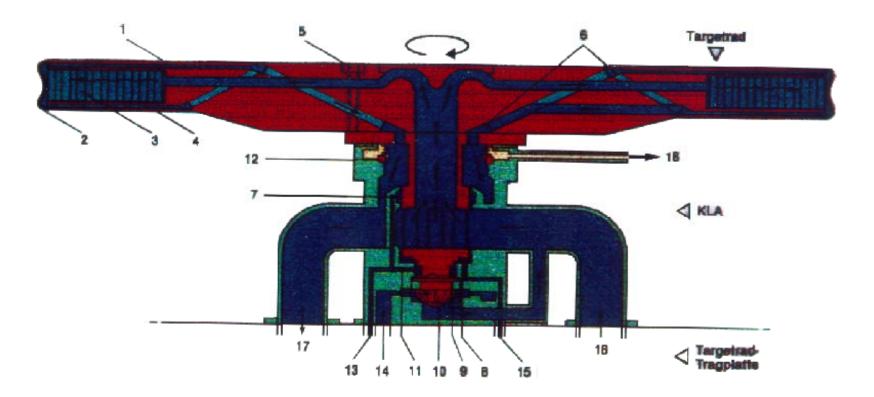


# IFMIF Target of Flowing Lithium Concept of D-Li Neutron Source

High-speed liquid Li flow along concave backwall is selected as Li target to handle high heat load (1GW/m<sup>2</sup>) of 10MW D<sup>+</sup> beams.



A large rotating disc, water cooled for neutrons. Dissipating 900 W average, 500 W cm<sup>-3</sup> peak.

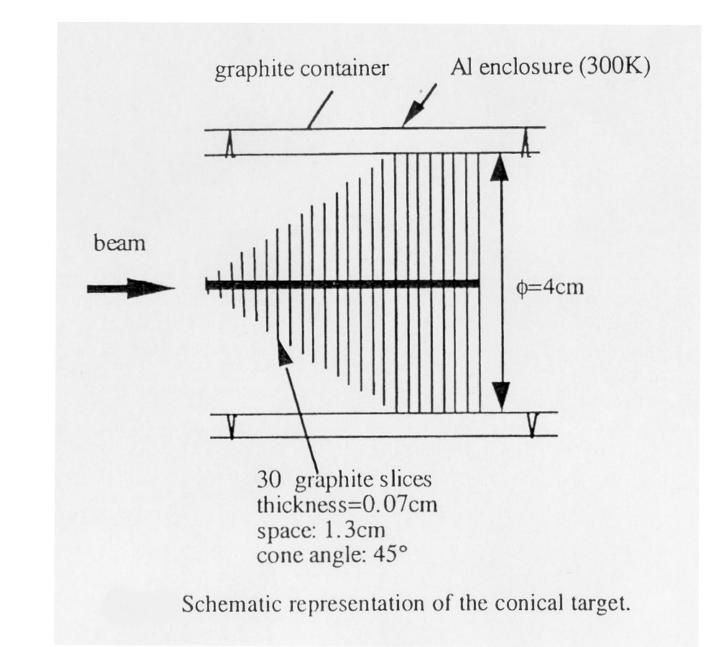


Section through SNQ Target



SNQ Target Wheel

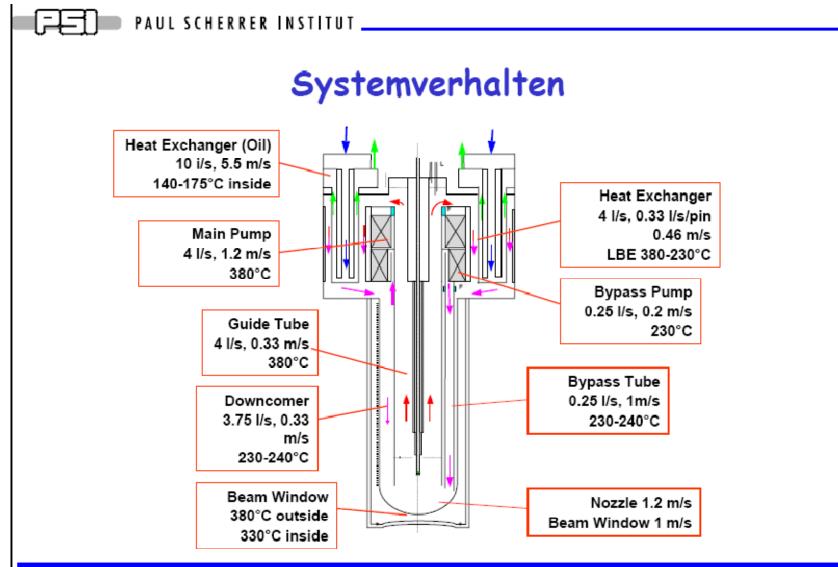
Heavy ions because of their short range produce very high energy densities in the target (5000 W cm<sup>-3</sup>, 2 kW beam power). The graphite target at GANIL overcomes the problem by allowing the target to become very hot and radiating the power and by extending the effective surface area by making a coned shaped target consisting of discs.



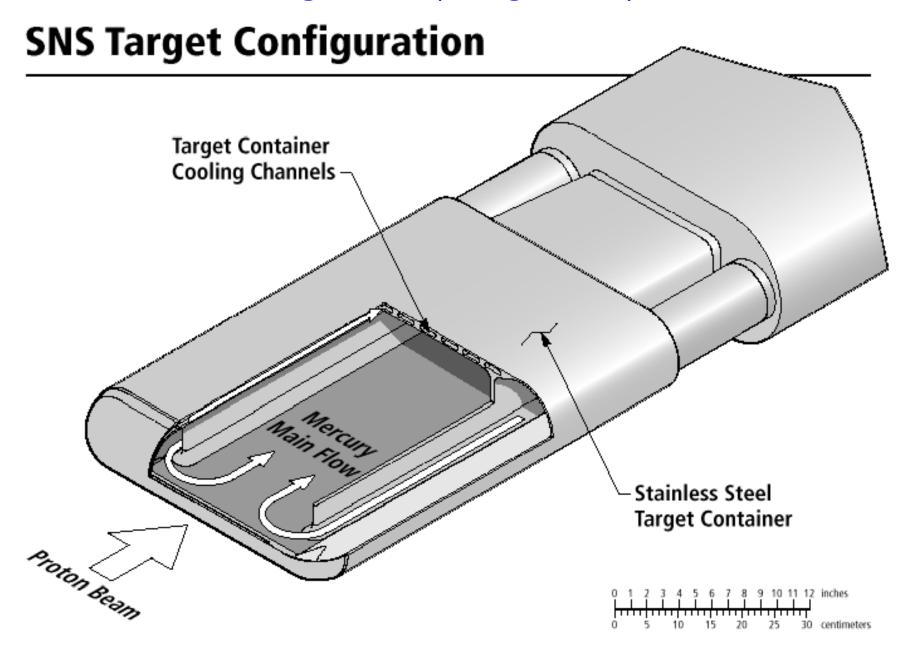
SPIRAL Heavy Ion Target for Radioactive Ion Beams

### MEGAPIE Target at PSI

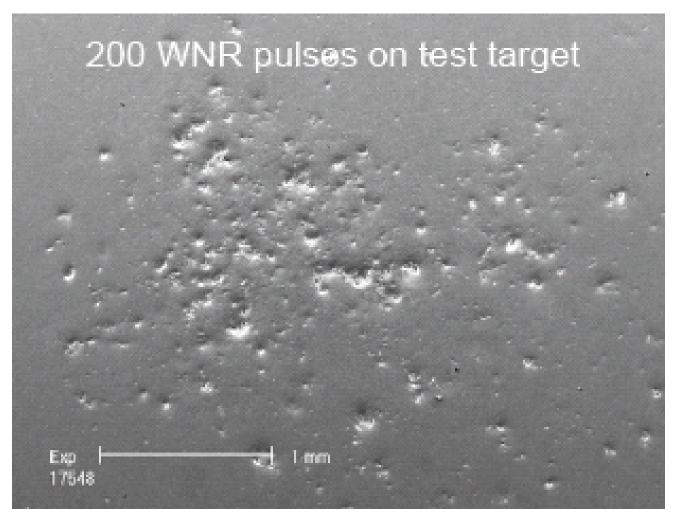
Flowing liquid metal Lead bismuth eutectic) target for neutron production. Power dissipated in the target =  $415 \text{ kW mA}^{-1}$  of beam, gives 600 kW.



#### Contained flowing mercury target for pulsed neutrons



Currently suffering from shock effects in the mercury. Cavitation causes pitting of the surface of the container and leads to a limited life of a few weeks at full power (1 MW of beam).



### Current High-Power Target Studies, excluding NF

There are several high-power targets being considered or studied for neutron, electron and radioactive beam facilities.

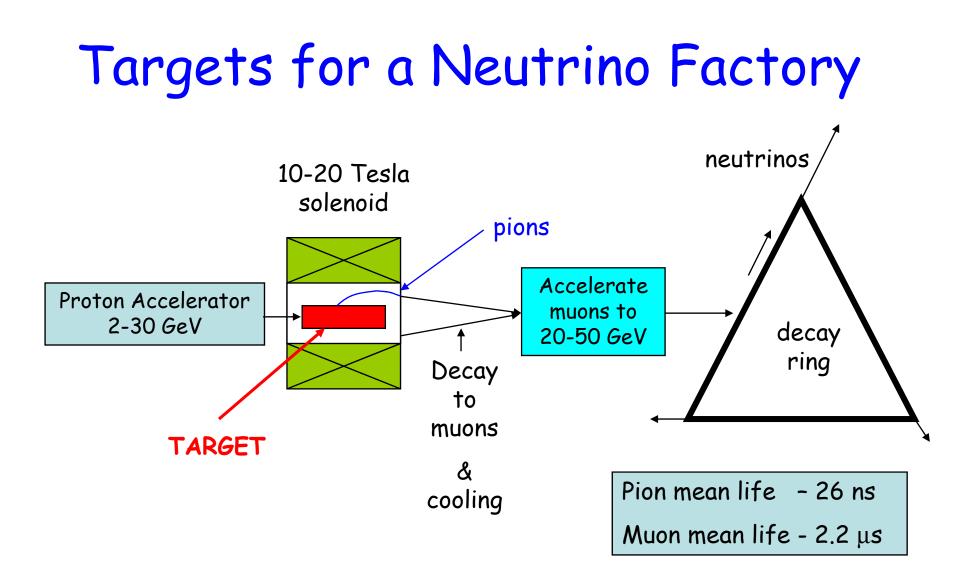
SNS, JSNS (and ESS) (pulsed sources): Contained mercury targets - cavitation problems - hardening surfaces and bubbles of helium gas to reduce the problem. PSI (cw source): Contained liquid metal (LBE) and solid tungsten.

Neutron Irradiation Studies: IFMIF - liquid lithium jet. GNEP Material Test Station - LBE cooled tungsten.

Linear Collider: Beam Dump, Positron target.

Radioactive Beams -RIA: Solid tungsten for neutron source and thin liquid lithium jet. Fair. BigRIPS.

EURISOL: Mercury



Simple schematic diagram of the neutrino factory, as seen by the target. The muon collider is basically similar but with a intersecting beam storage ring.

# Targets currently being studied for Neutrino Factories

- 1. Mercury Jet US/CERN/RAL MERIT Experiment at CERN
- 2. Solid Tantalum Toroid or Bars RAL
- 3. Solid Metal with low thermal expansion BNL
- 4. Flowing Metal Powder RAL
- 5. Small Solid Metal Spheres CERN
- (6. Graphite Targets Generally low energy density and power of a few tens of kW even if the beam power is in the MWs.)

## Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Targets

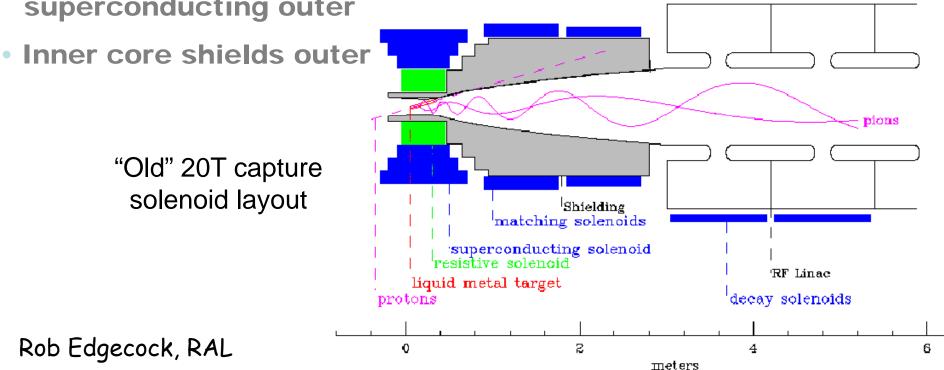
□ I believe the requirements of both are very similar.

□ They may become different if the requirement for the small emittance muon beams with the collider significantly alters the design of the front end - perhaps increasing the luminosity and hence requiring less current on the target, etc?

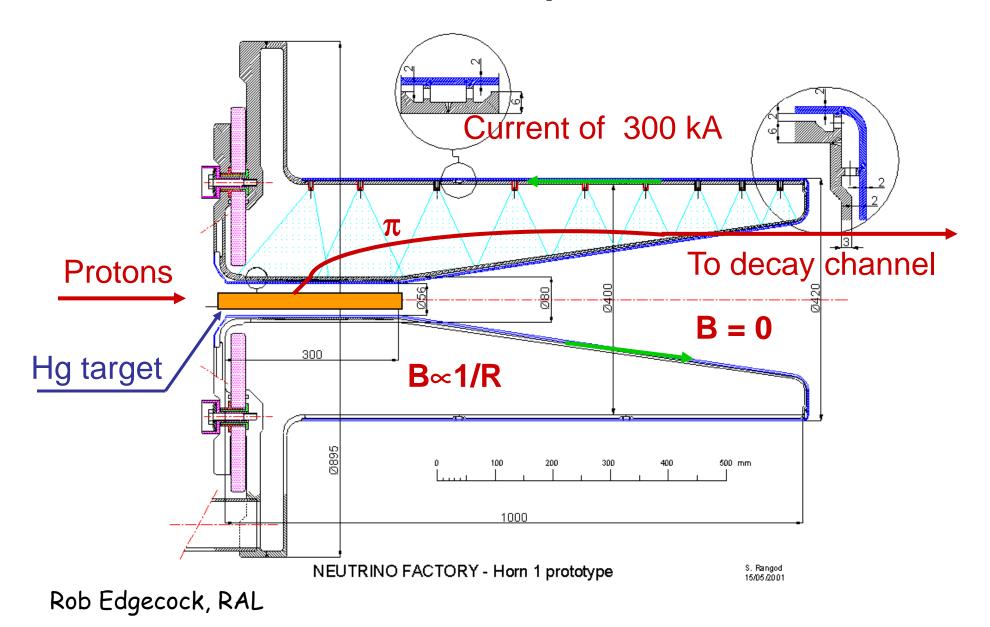
Very important to design the target and capture system as a unit.

## **Pion Capture**

- Two capture methods proposed:
   US: 20T solenoid
  - CERN: magnetic horn (as used for "conventional" neutrino beams)
- Each feeds pions into ~1.5T solenoid decay channel
- 20T solenoid formed from a resistive inner core and superconducting outer

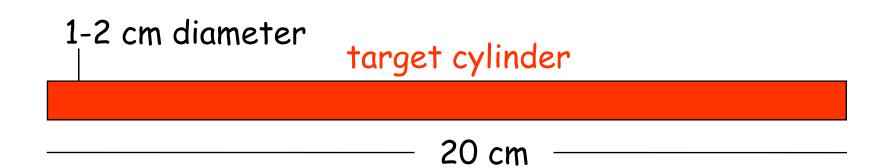


# Horn Capture

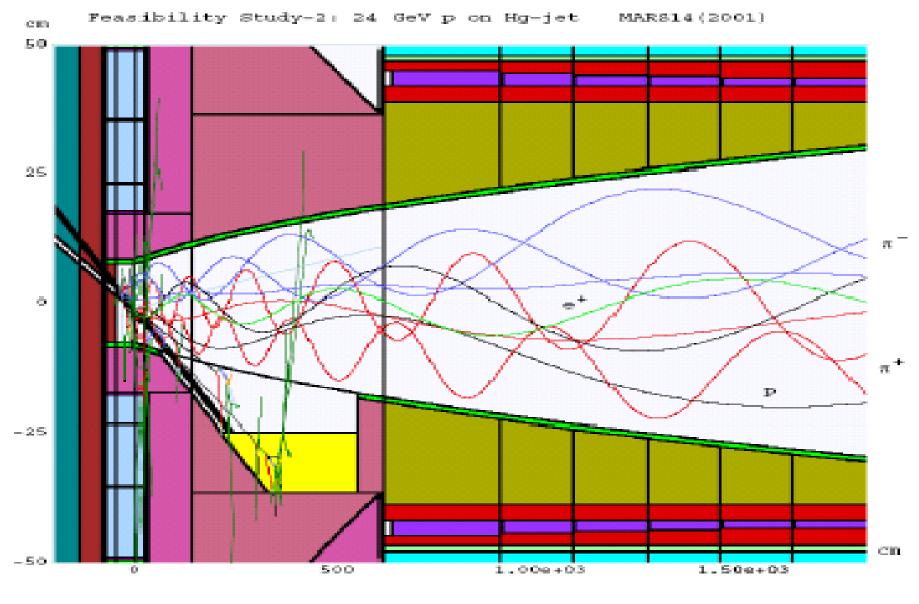


# The Target

Proton beam		Target (high z material such as lead, mercury	
Energy	2-30 GeV	or tungsten)	
Current	2-0.03 mA	Dimensions	20 cm long (2 interaction lengths), 1-2 cm diameter
Power	4 MW	Power Dissipation	
Pulse	~2ns - 50µs	Power Density	~4-16 kW/cm <sup>3</sup> (average)
	50 Hz	Energy Density	~300-1200 J/cm <sup>3</sup> /pulse



## THE FREE MERCURY JET



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Tracks E>20 MeV

### **Tests at BNL and CERN**

- Calculations of injecting the mercury jet into a magnetic field showed small perturbations.
- The field provides damping of the motion in the jet. Tests (CERN) at Grenoble show this.
- Tests with a proton beam at BNL showed that the jet broke up.

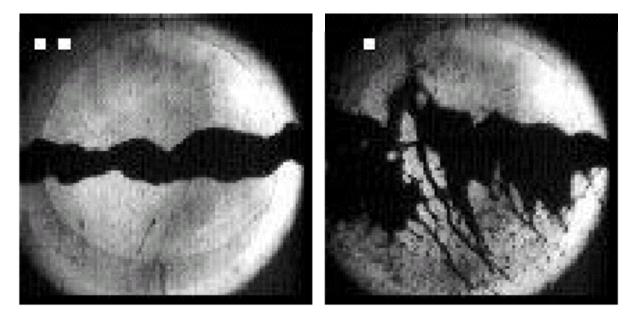
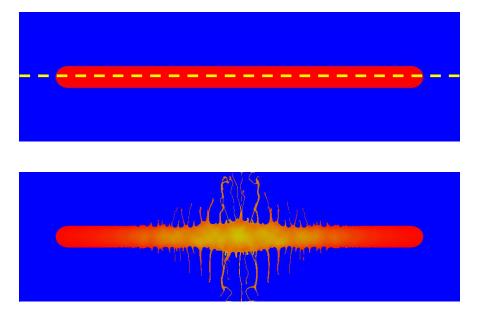


Figure 3.7: Breakup of a 1-cm-diameter mercury jet in a 24-GeV proton beam (BNL E951).

### Calculations of Thermal Shock in a Free Mercury Jet, Roman Samulyak, BNL



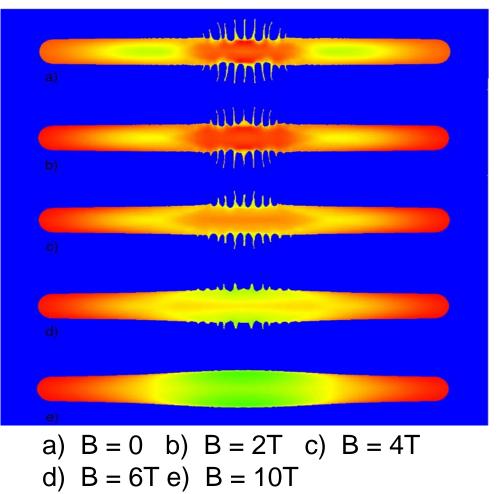
Richtmyer-Meshkov instability and MHD stabilization



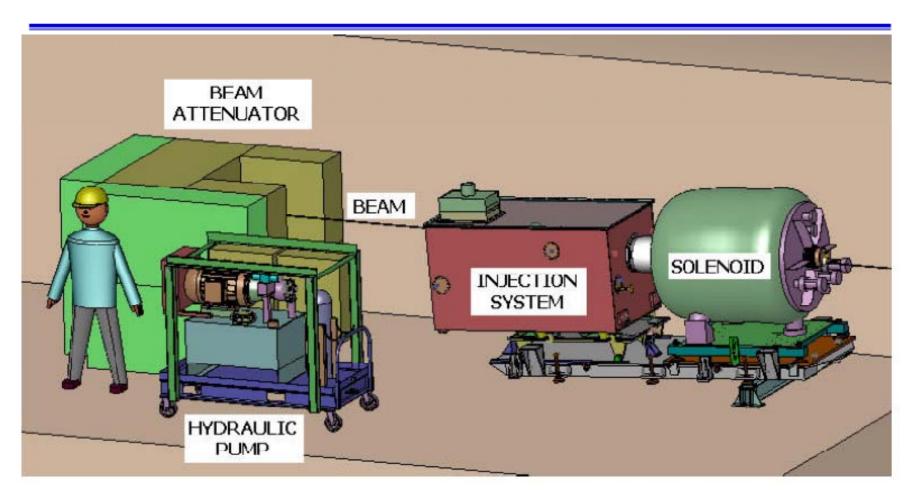
Simulation of the mercury jet – proton pulse interaction during 100 microseconds,

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Effect of different axial magnetic fields



## The MERIT (nTOF11) Experiment



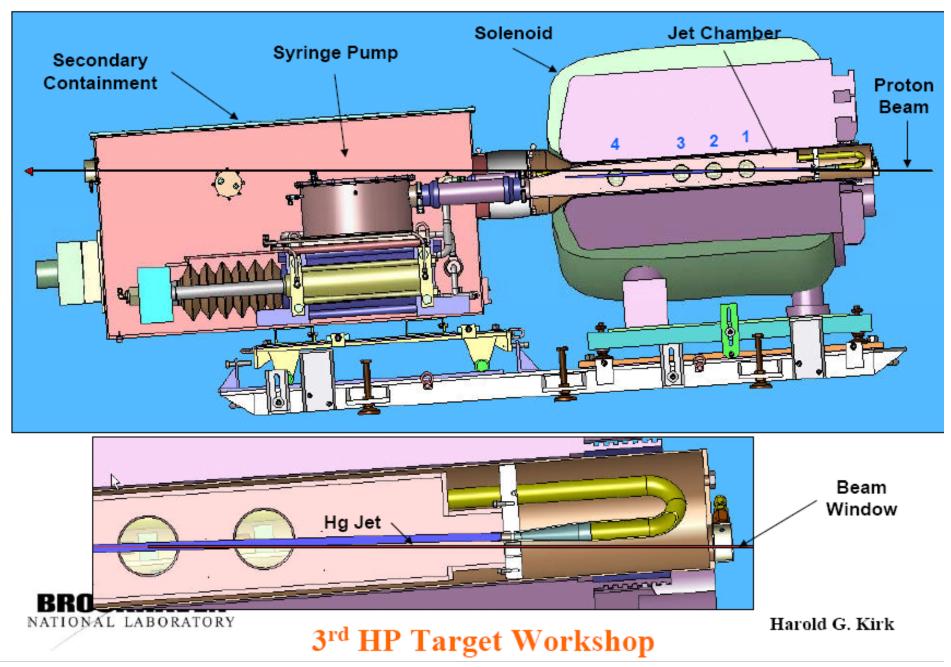
### **MERcury Intense Target**



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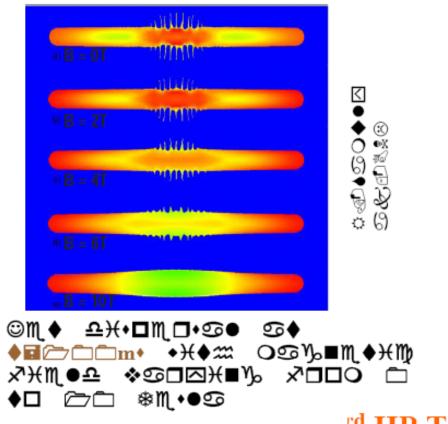
## Sectional view of the MERIT Experiment



## **MERIT** Scientific Goals

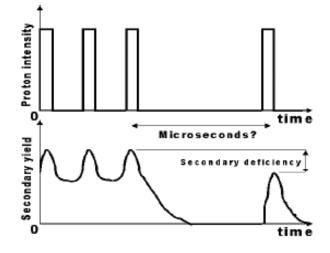
#### Milestone towards demonstration of a 4MW target concept

Study MHD effects of pion capture scheme with Hg-jet and 15T solenoid



Study jet disruption and cavitation by varying the PS spill structure MERIT: 180 J/g

- 30TP@24GeV protons
- 1cm diam. 20m/s Hg-jet
- 1.2×1.2 mm<sup>2</sup> beam size rms



Pump-Probe with Particle Detectors

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# **Goals of the MERIT Experiment**

- Study single beam pulses with intensities up to 30TP
- Study influence of solenoid field strength on Hg jet dispersal (B<sub>o</sub> from 0 to 15T)
- Study 50 Hz operations scenario
- Study cavitation effects in the Hg jet by varying PS spill structure—Pump/Probe
- Confirm Neutrino Factory targetry concept



# **Profile of the Experiment**

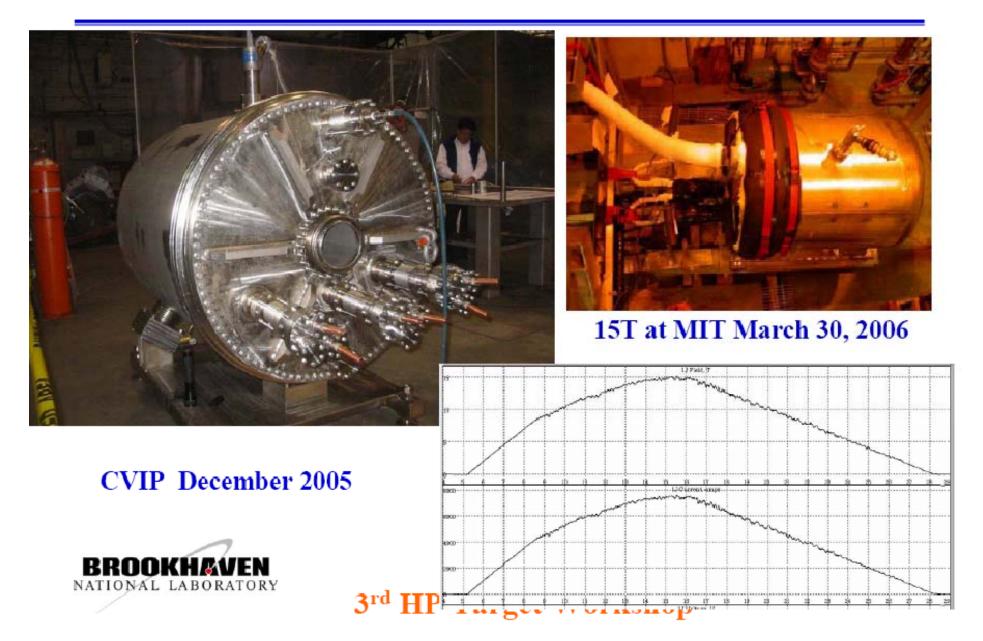
- 14 and 24 GeV proton beam
- Up to >30 x 10<sup>12</sup> protons (TP) per 2µs spill
- Proton beam spot with  $r \le 1.5 mm rms$
- 1cm diameter Hg Jet
- Hg Jet/proton beam off solenoid axis
  - Hg Jet 33 mrad
  - Proton beam 67 mrad
- Test 50 Hz operations
  - 20 m/s Hg Jet



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## **The Pulsed Solenoid**



# **The Hg Injection System**

Syringe pump Hydraulic power unit w/control system Optical diagnostic system

**Baseplate support structures** 

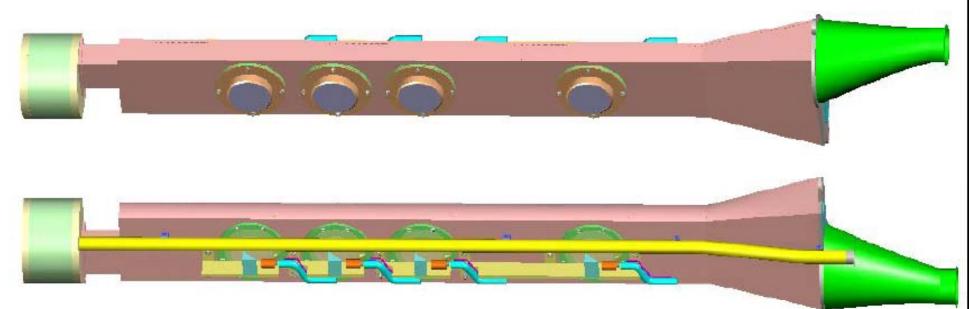


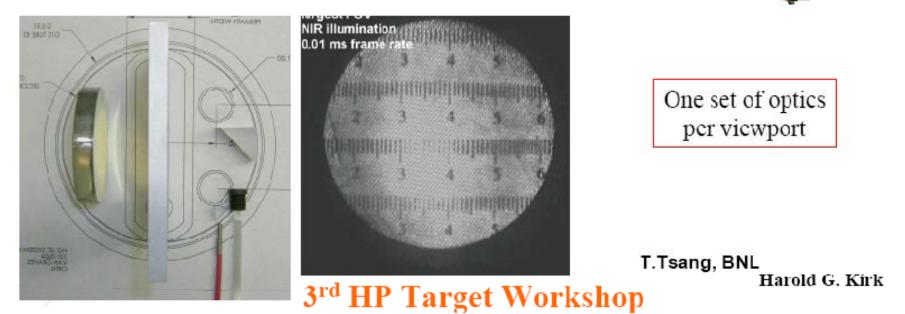


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#### **Optical Diagnostics in Secondary Containment**





# Advantages

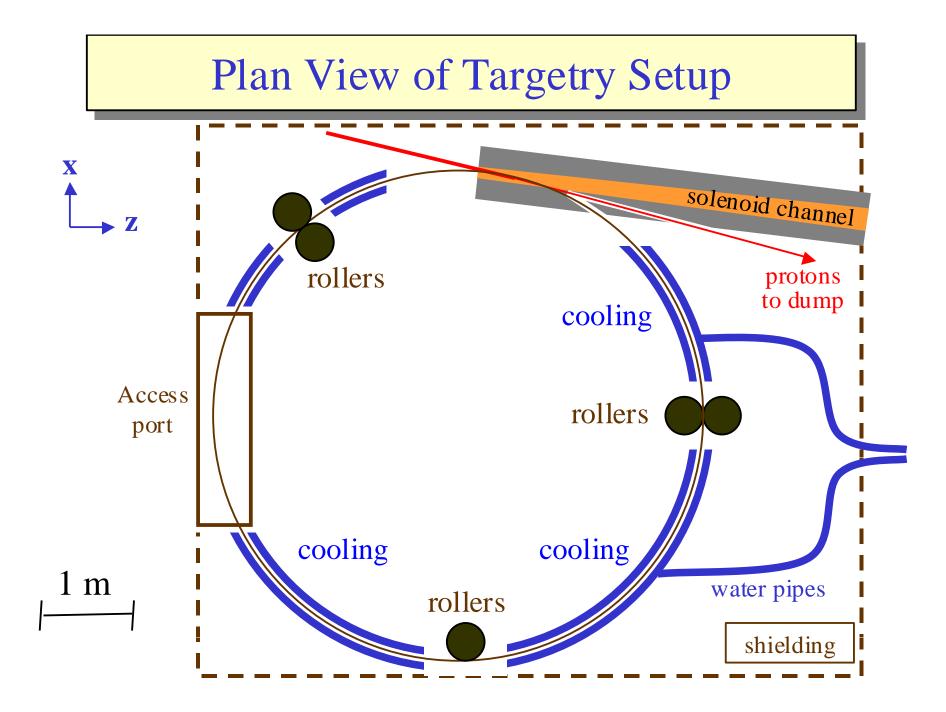
- 1. Jet destroyed every pulse but reforms for the next pulse. No direct shock problem.
- 2. No beam power limit?
- 3.Disadvantages
- 4. Limit macro-pulse length?
- 5. Possible damage to chamber walls by fast break up of the jet?
- 6. Erosion of the nozzle and pipework by the high velocity mercury?
- 7. Chemical erosion of nozzle and pipe under irradiation?
- 8. Need beam windows.
- 9. Safety issues with mercury.

# SOLID TARGETS

### A Cu-Ni Rotating Band Target

Bruce King & Robert Weggel (BNL), Nikolai Mokhov (FNAL), Scott Moser (St. Joseph's)

Radiation Cooled Rotating Toroid, Magnetically Levitated (RAL)



#### Target Specifications

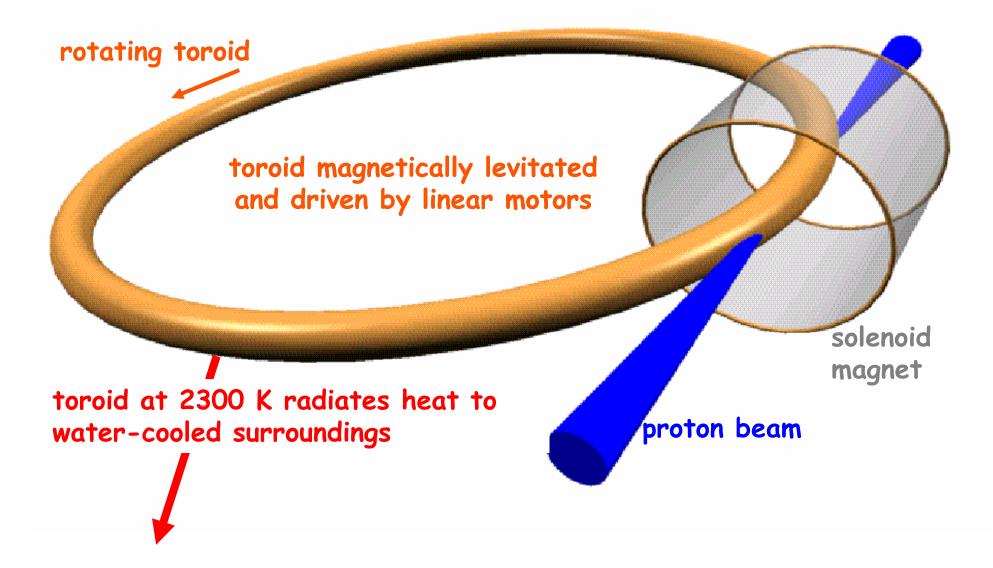
Target dimensions: 0.6 cm thick x 6 cm high x 15.7 m circumference -> heat removal of 40 -- 80 W/cm<sup>2</sup> => water cooling OK
Material properties: Cu-Ni alloy (e.g. Olin 715) elect. conductivity ~ 5% of Cu interaction length = 15 cm

**Target Rotation:** velocity = 3 m/sec (=> heat from ~2 pulses overlap)

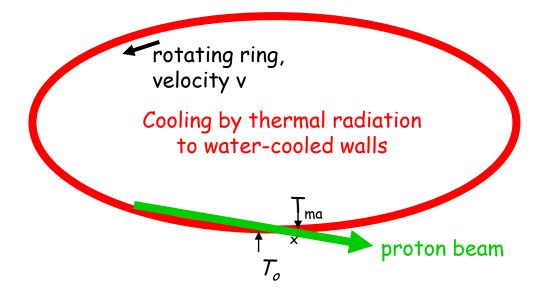
**Solenoidal Magnet:** (Bx,By,Bz) = (0,0,20) Tesla bore diameter = 15 cm

> Proton Beam: spot size:  $\sigma_x = 1.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\sigma_y = 10 \text{ mm}$  $10^{14} 16 \text{ GeV protons/pulse} @ 15 \text{ Hz} (4 \text{ MW})$

#### The Radiation Cooled Rotating Toroid RAL, UK



# Schematic Diagram of the Levitated Toroid



□ toroid operates at 2000-2500 K

- $\hfill\square$  radiation cooled
- $\hfill\square$  rotates in a vacuum
- vacuum chamber walls water cooled
- □ no windows

□ shock? Tests using electron beam simulation and high current pulses in thin wires indicate no problem.

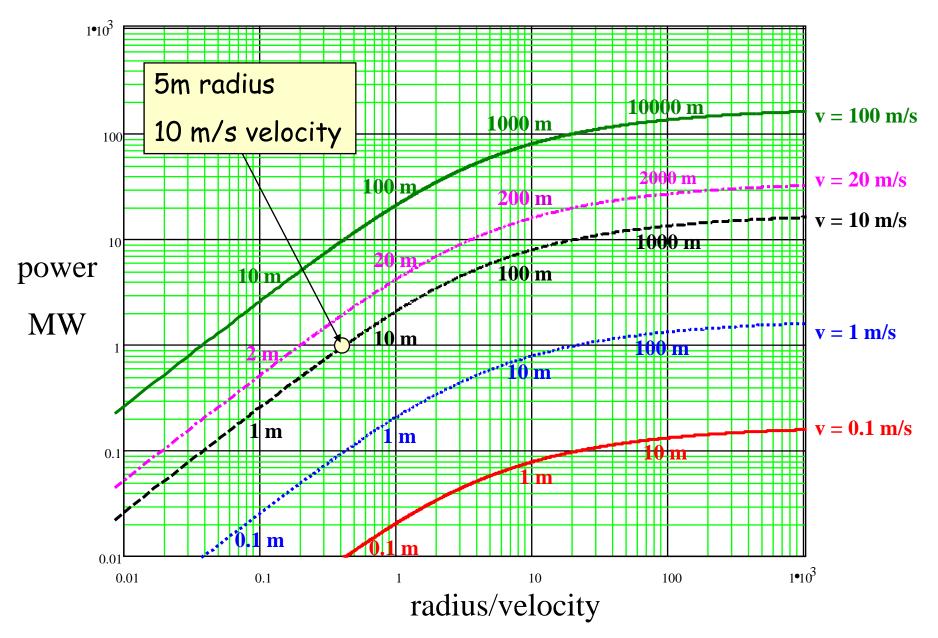
# Advantages

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  No windows
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Cooling in the walls
- Simple concept
- No mechanical friction

# Disadvantages

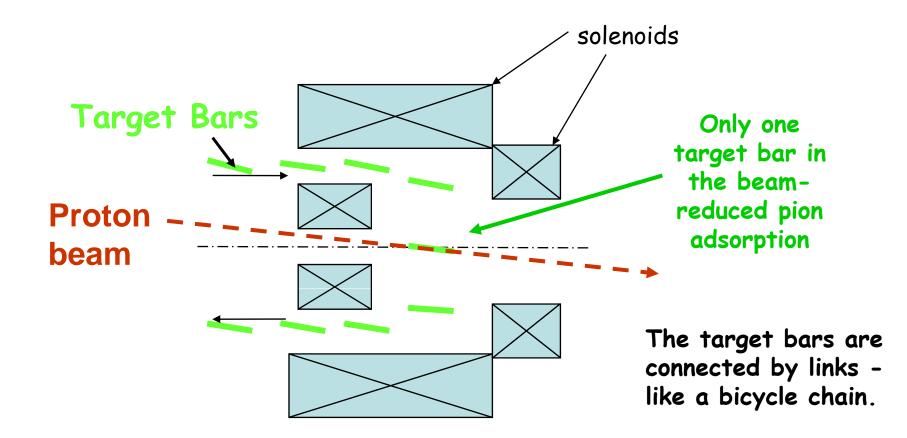
- Large rotating toroid or many individual targets
- Problems if toroid breaks
- Thermal shock toroid breaks
- Very radioactive

#### POWER DISSIPATION



# The alternative concept to the toroid-

# Individual Bar Targets



Schematic diagram of the target and collector solenoid arrangement

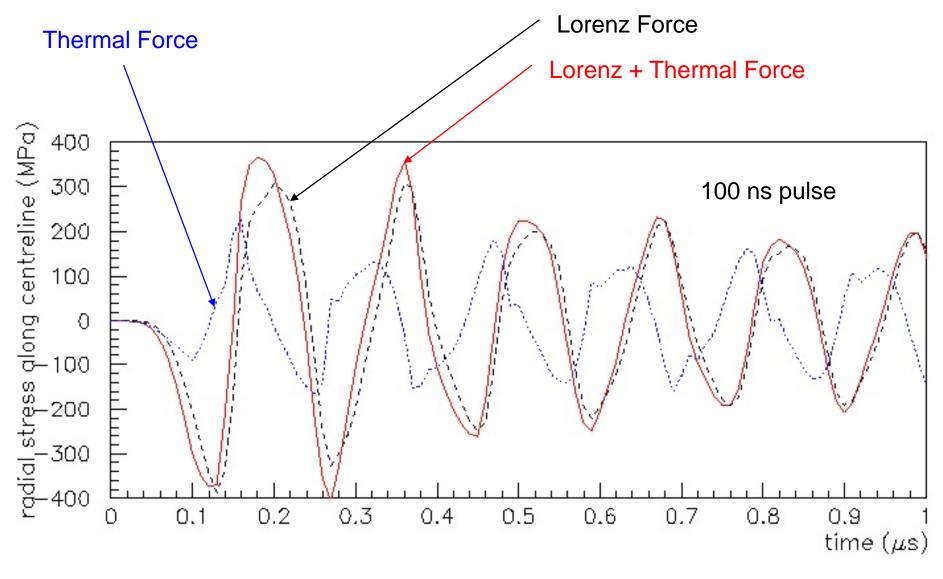
The primary purpose of the tests at RAL is to address the problem of thermal shock at high temperatures.

To find a refractory material that will withstand the thermal stresses/fatigue and have a long life of ~1-10 years.

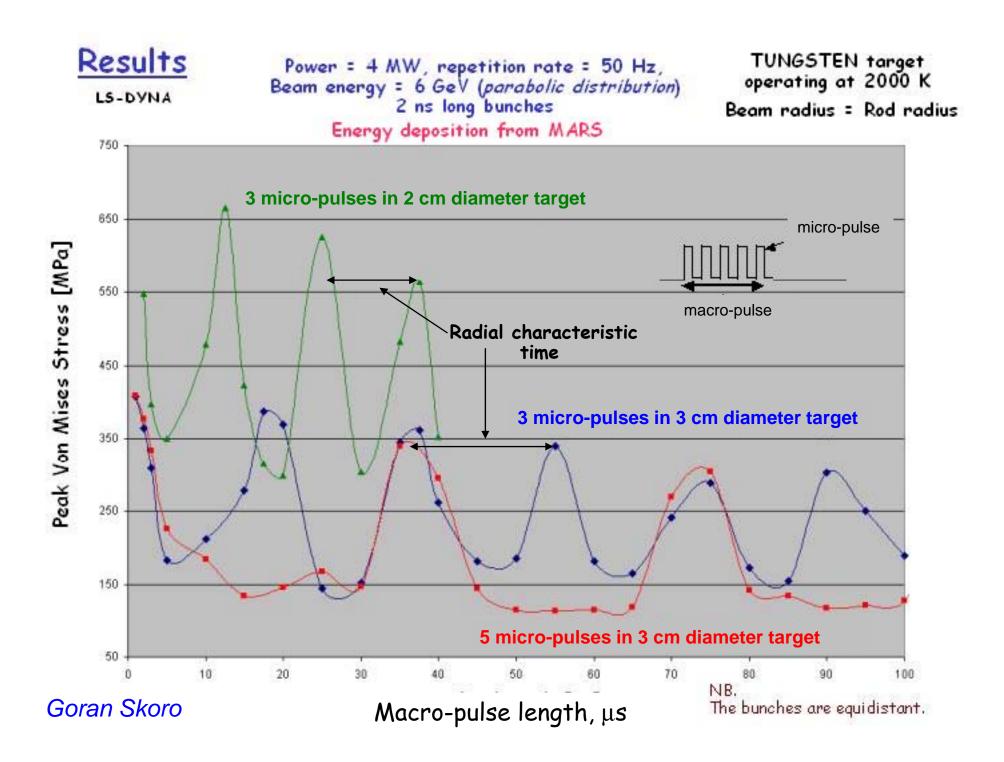
1 year corresponds to 10<sup>6</sup> pulses on an individual target bar. □ It is not possible to test the full size targets in a proton beam and do a life test.

# The solution

Produce shocks by passing high current pulses through thin wires.



Typical radial stress in the wire from thermal and Lorentz forces



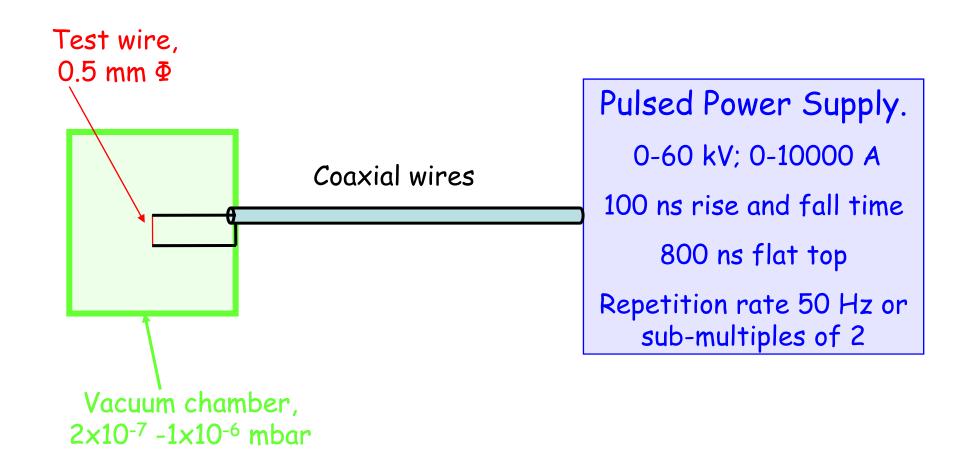
# Isostress\* lines for tungsten target and wire (operating at 2000 K)

LS-DYNA 12 Target: repetition rate - 50 Hz; 11 beam energy = 6 GeV; beam radius = target radius 10 3 x 2 ns long micro-pulses; <u>g</u> . macro-pulse length =  $20 \mu s$  (2cm x 17cm), 3 cm diameter target Beam power [MW] 25 µs (3cm x 20cm); 8 -Energy deposition = MARS 6 5 4 2 cm diameter target 3 Wire: 0.5 mm diameter, 3 cm long; 2 800 ns long pulse, exponential rise, 100 ns rise time 1 Π 4.5 4.6 4.7 4.8 4.9 5 5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6 5.7 5.8 5.9 6 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.7 6.8 6.9 7 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4 7.5

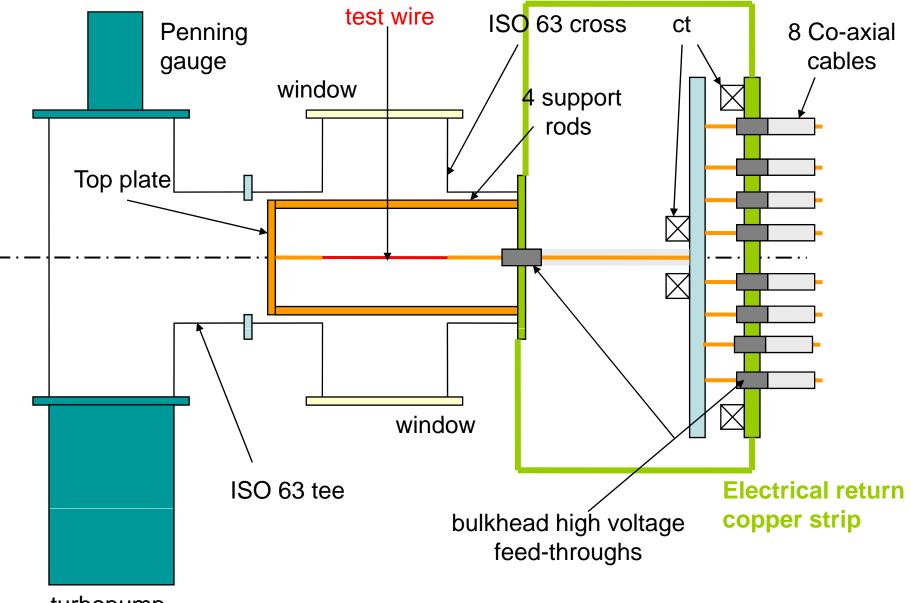
\* - Von Mises stress

Peak current [kA]



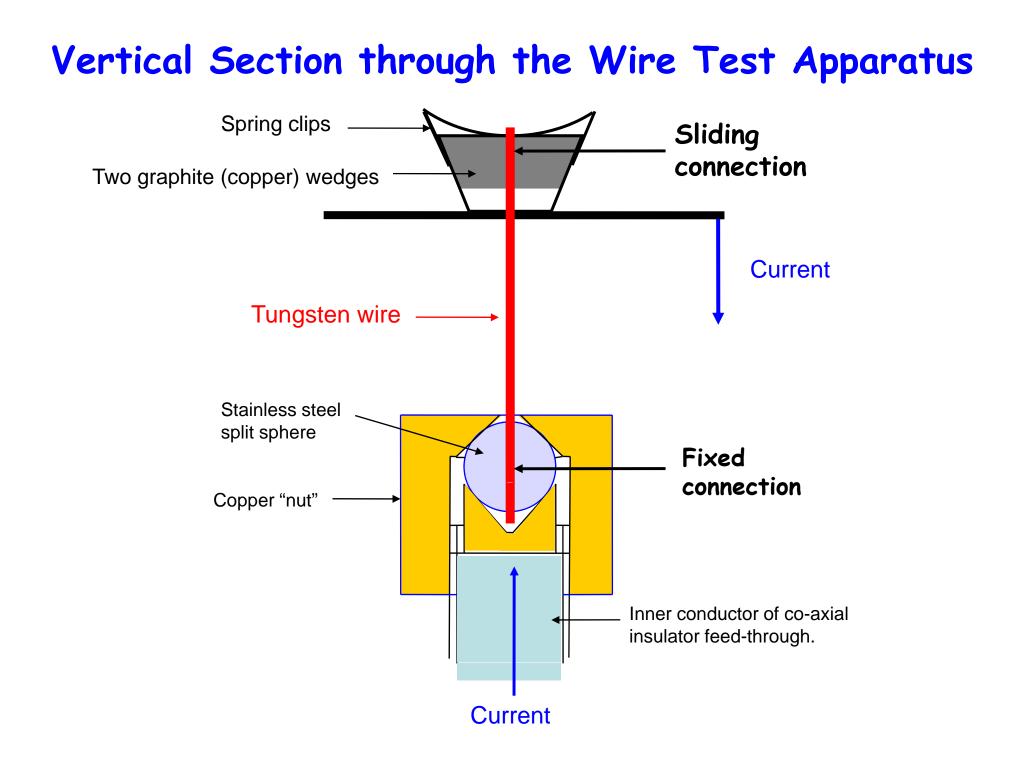


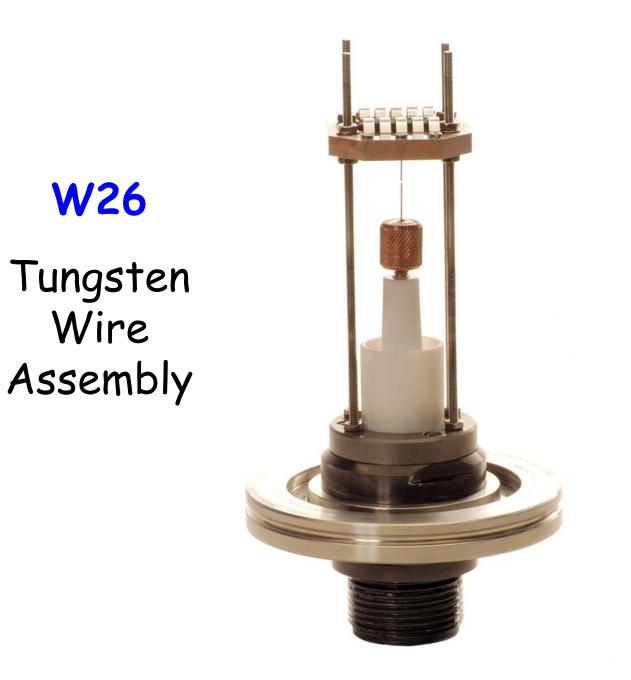
#### Schematic circuit diagram of the wire test equipment

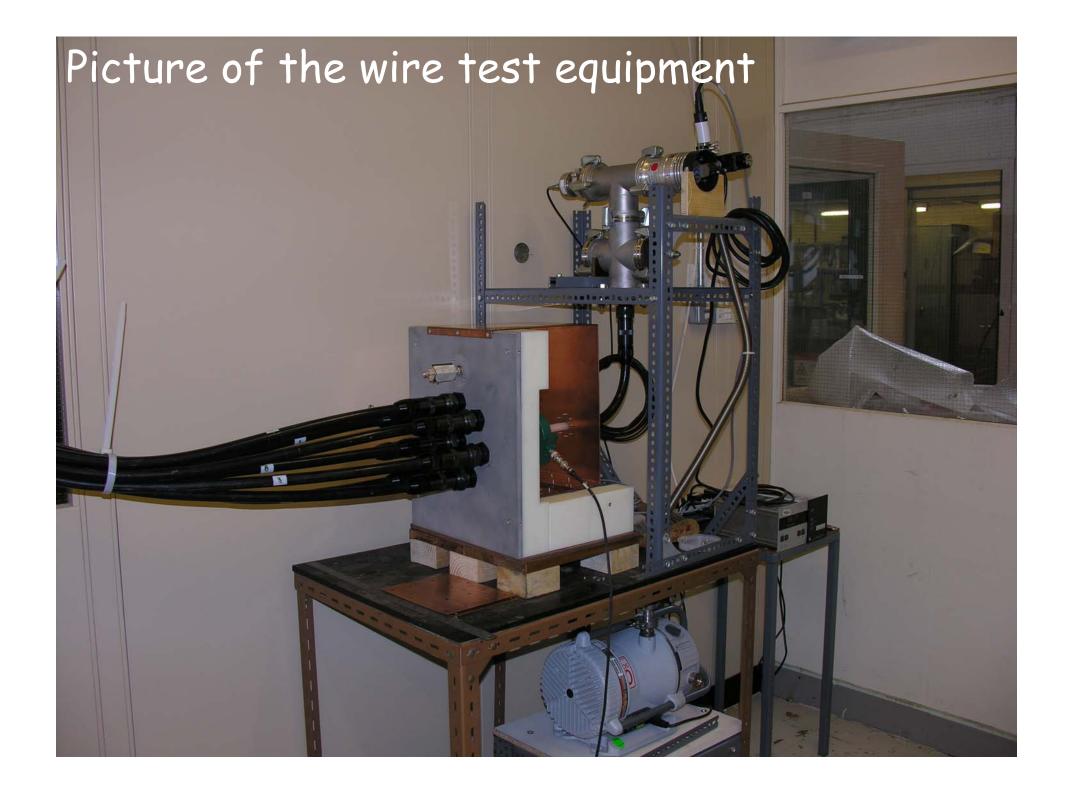


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Schematic section of the wire test assembly



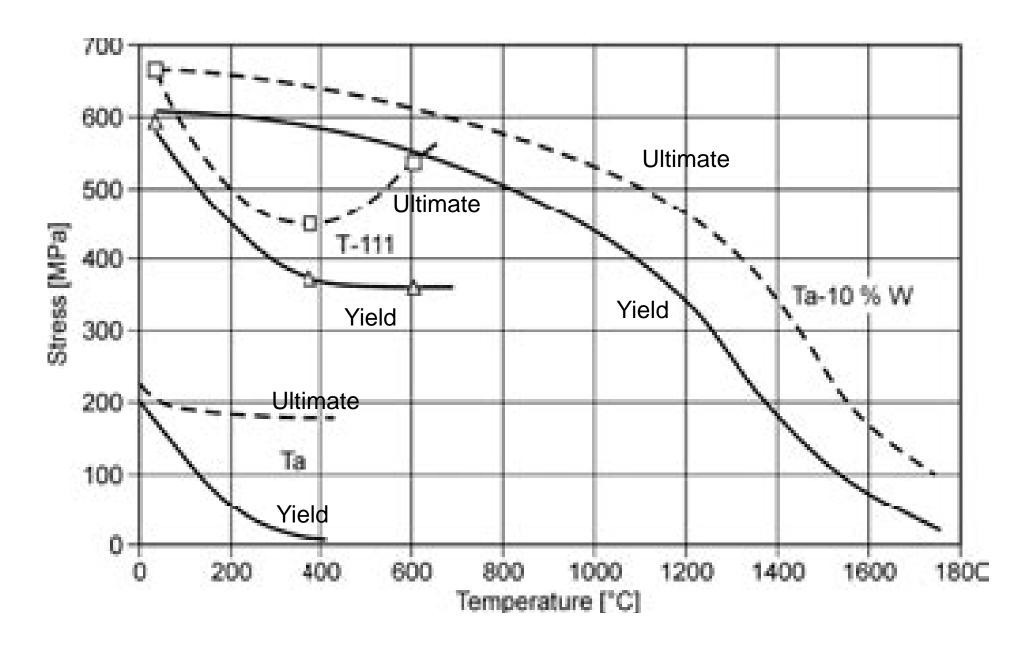




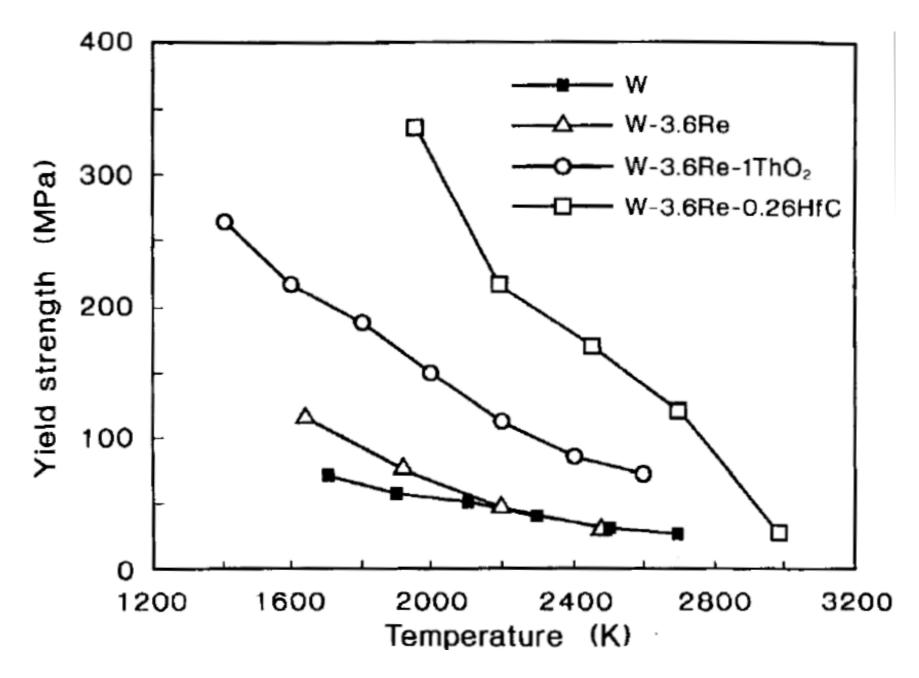
Tests on Tantalum Wire The wire lasted for a few hundred thousand pulses before breaking or bending.

Tantalum is not a suitable material since it too weak at high temperatures (1600-2000 K).

# Photograph of the tantalum wire showing characteristic wiggles before failure.



Yield and Ultimate Strength of Tantalum and alloys versus Temperature.



Yield Strength of Tungsten and some Alloys versus Temperature

Some Results: 0.5 mm diameter Tungsten Wires									
Target Number	Pulse Current A	Temp Jump K	Peak Temp K	Number of Pulses to Failure	Comments Equivalent Power MW, in Target Diameter		Target		
						2 cm	3 cm		
W03	4900 7200	90 200	2000 2200	>3.4×10 <sup>6</sup> 16,500	Broke	2,3	4.8		
W08	6400	150	1900	>1.6×10 <sup>6</sup>	Wire stuck to top connection (cu blocks)	3.9	8.4		
W09	5560 5840	120 130	1900 2050	4.2×10 <sup>6</sup> 9×10 <sup>6</sup>	Top connector failed	3 3.3	6.4 7.0		
W15	6400	180	1950	1.3×10 <sup>6</sup>	Wire stuck to top connection (cu blocks)	3.9	8.4		
W26	6200 7520- 8000	140 ~230	2000 ~1800	10×10 <sup>6</sup> 3×10 <sup>6</sup>	Broke	3.6 ~6	7.8 ~12		
W28	6560	180	1900	26.4×10 <sup>6</sup>	Crack appeared	4.1	8,8		
W30	4720	93	1870	>54.5×10 <sup>6</sup>	Not broken	2,2	4.5		

"Equivalent Target": This shows the equivalent beam power (MW) and target radius (cm) in a real target for the same stress in the test wire. Assumes a parabolic beam distribution and 3 micro-pulses per macro-pulse of 20 micro-s.

# Radiation Damage

- 1. Experience on the ISIS targets show that there is no serious problem up to ~12 dpa.
- Tungsten pellets irradiated (~15-20 dpa) at PSI will be examined when cool enough.
- 3. Tests at BNL, (Nick Simos).

# SEM ANALYSIS OF 4 SAMPLES OF TUNGSTEN WIRE.

#### Chris Salter

With the aim to observe any surface or internal damage which might indicate the presence of thermal fatigue. Micro-cracks can indicate fatigue.

Samples. 4 wires were supplied, W31 to W34.

The following techniques were used to characterise the samples:

SEM imaging of the wires as delivered using both the secondary electron and the back-scattered electron signal.
With some energy dispersive analysis to determine the nature of some of the features observed.

• The same samples were mounted in cold setting resin and polished, again observed using the SEM.

#### **Results and Discussion**

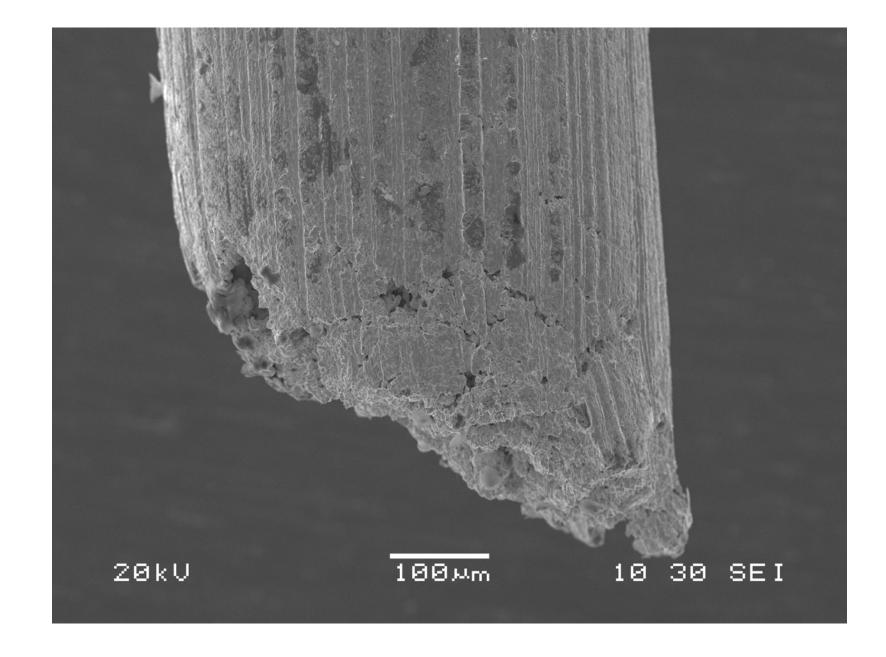
#### Wire W31; Unbroken wire

An extensive search found no surface signs of any fatigue cracks. However, the surface of the tungsten wire had been thermally etched in the central region, with extensive removal of material from the grain boundary regions. Also, No signs of cracks in the sections.

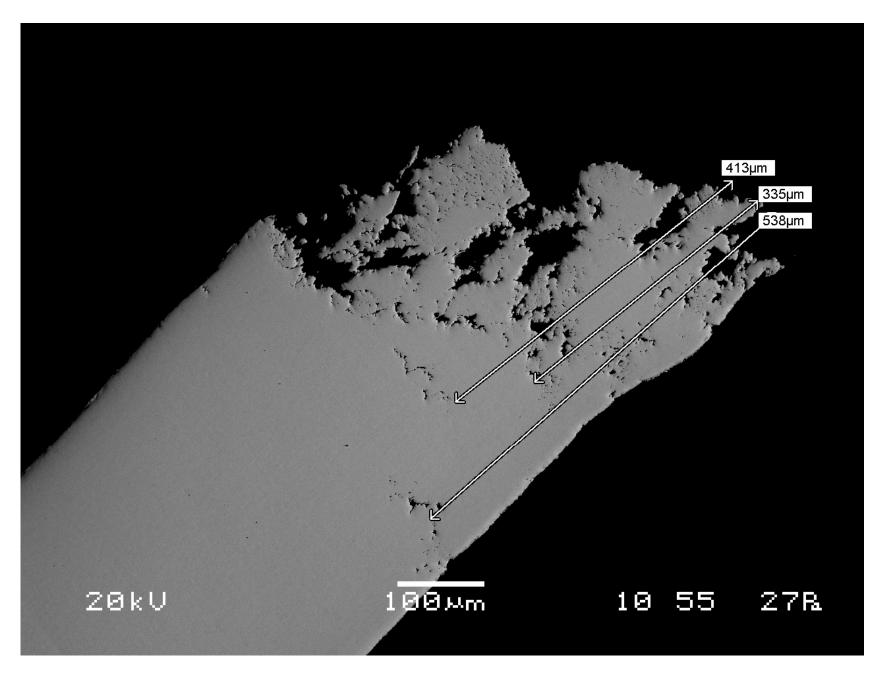
#### Wire W32 and 33; Broken.

No signs of fatigue micro-cracks. But wire severely melted at brake.

Wire W34; Crack just appeared in thermal test, Broke on cooling. Massive cracking near the brake in the wire. Is this a sign of fatigue stress?



W34



W 34. Section

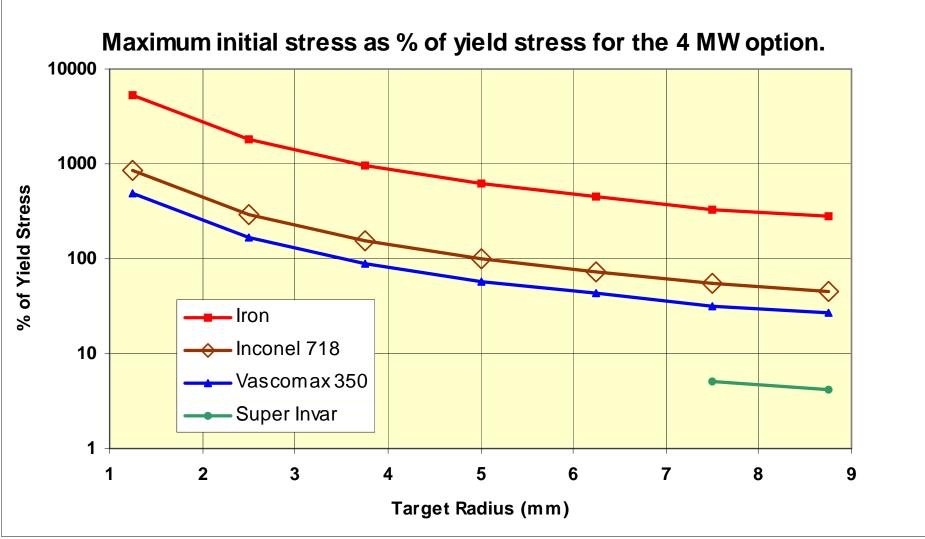
# Conclusions

I believe that the viability of solid tungsten targets at high-temperature for a long life (~10 years) has been demonstrated with respect to thermal shock and fatigue and will not suffer undue radiation damage.

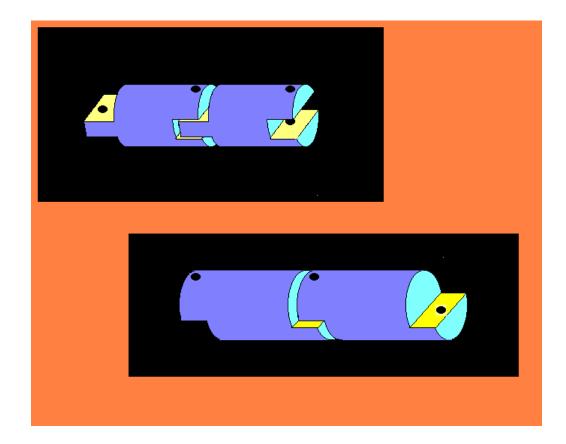
# Future Programme

- 1. Continue wire tests with Tungsten and Graphite.
- 2. Continue modelling computations.
- 3. Continue SEM measurements.
- VISAR measurements to asses the properties of tungsten, and any changes, during the wire tests. (Effect of thermal shock.)
- 5. Tests with a proton beam to confirm wire tests and VISAR measurements but limited number of pulses.
- 6. Radiation damage studies.
- 7. Test alloys of tungsten.
- 8. Design & build a model of the target bar system.
- 9. Design the solenoid.
- 10. Design and cost the complete target station including the beam dump.

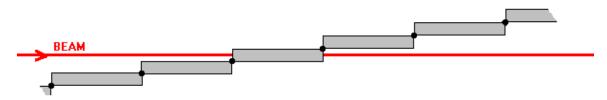
#### Solid Metal with low thermal expansion – BNL No thermal expansion = No shock



H.G. Kirk and P. Thieberger



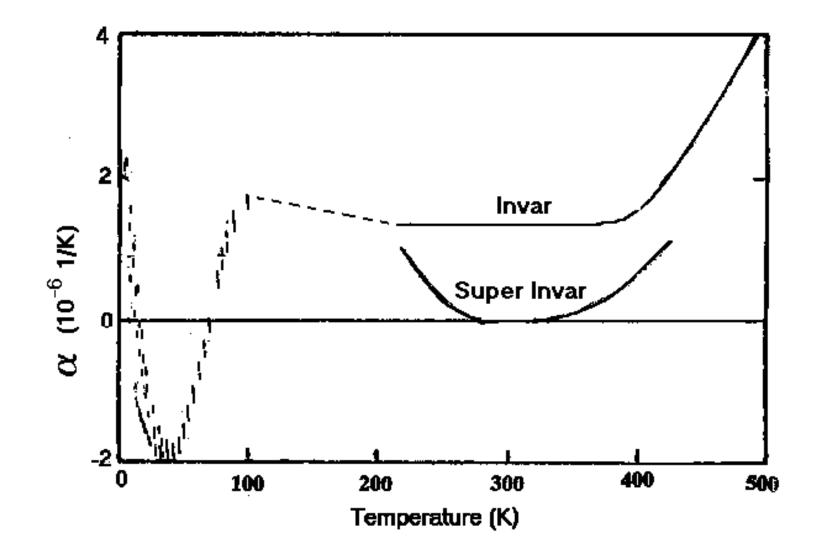
Schematic examples of metallic chain links showing rather compact designs with large metal to gap volume rtatios.



Schematic example of a chain with long links that would allow the beam to be coaxial with the target.

# Examples of target velocities and lengths according to assumptions explained in the text.

	Velocity (continuous motion)	Minimum length (continuous motion)	Average Velocity (intermittent motion)	Minimum length (intermittent motion)
	m/s	m	m/s	m
Super Invar - 1 MW Option	7.5	175		
Vascomax C-350 - 1 MW Option	0.85	16.8	1.0	18
Super Invar - 4 MW Option	12.0	274		
Vascomax C-350 - 4 MW Option	3.0	34		



Thermal expansion coefficients versus temperature.

## Comparison of advantages and disadvantages the three alloys considered.

MATERIAL	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Super Invar	Largest margin for thermal shock tolerance. Absence of large magnetic forces.	Narrow temperature range and low heat conductivity leading to the need for long chains or cables. The largest uncertainty regarding deleterious effects of radiation damage.
Vascomax C-350	Largest tensile strength. Good heat conductivity allowing the use of relatively short chains or cables.	The material is ferromagnetic and will be subject to large magnetic forces
Inconel 718	Good fatigue endurance limit similar to Vascomax C-350. Absence of large magnetic forces.	Poor heat conductivity (similar to Super Invar) requiring long chains of cables, but not as long as for Super Invar since the temperature range is not as small.

Unfortunately the advantageous properties are lost at fairly modest irradiations

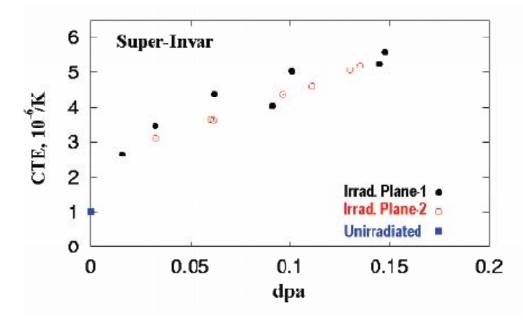
But they can be restored by heating to  $\sim 500^{\circ}C$ .

This work is continuing.

### Irradiation studies on super-Invar

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- "inflection" point at around 150 C



Effect of modest irradiation

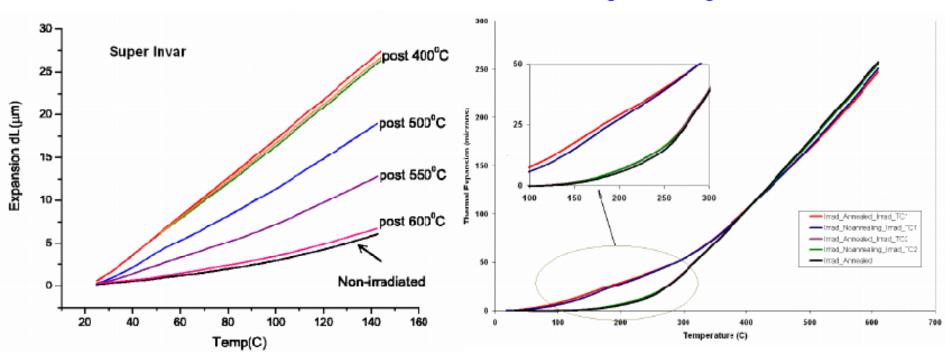
#### Annealing or defect mobility at elevated temperature

As-iorradiated	400°C	550°C	650°C	900°C Formation of He bubble	
High dersity of dislocation	Reduce of dislocation	Formation of SFT	Dislocation loop		
			0	O 50nm	

Y. Ishiyam et. al., J. Nucl. Mtrl. 239 (1996) 90-94

Nick Simos

## "annealing" of super-Invar

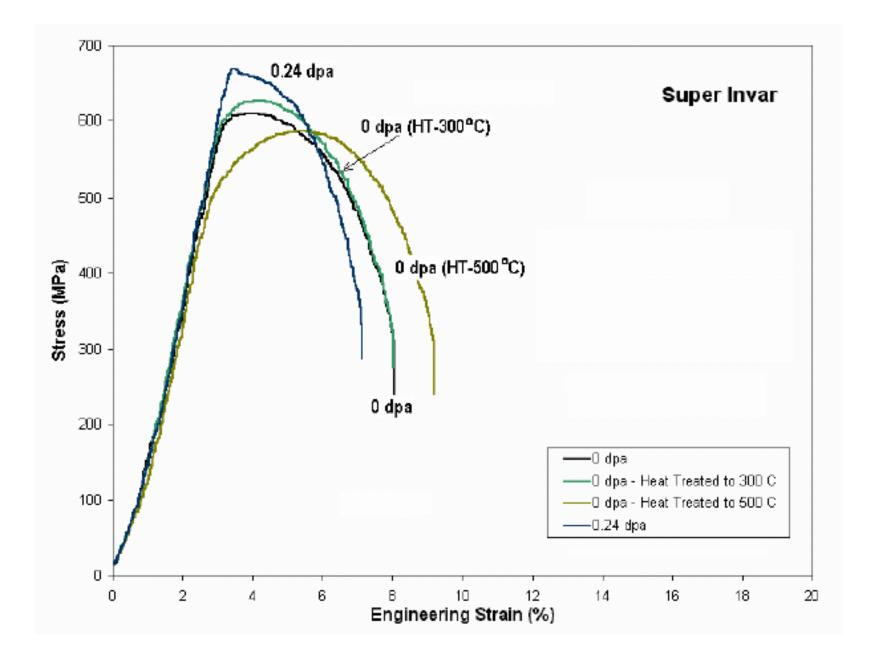


#### Following 1<sup>st</sup> irradiation

Following annealing and 2nd irradiation

ONGOING 3rd irradiation phase: neutron exposure

#### Irradiation & temperature effects on Super-Invar



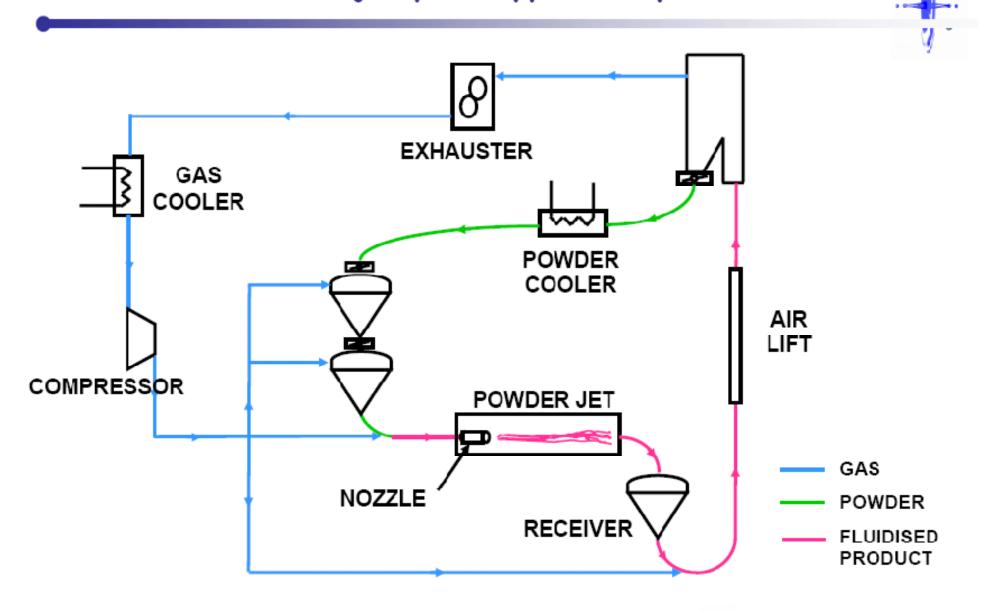
Flowing Metal Powder Targets - RAL

#### □ Metal powder in a liquid or gas.

- The small particle size avoids the shock problems.
- Similar in many respects to liquid metal targets.

Work by Chris Denham & Ottone Caretta (RAL), Tom Davies (Exeter University) and Richard Woods (Gericke LTD)

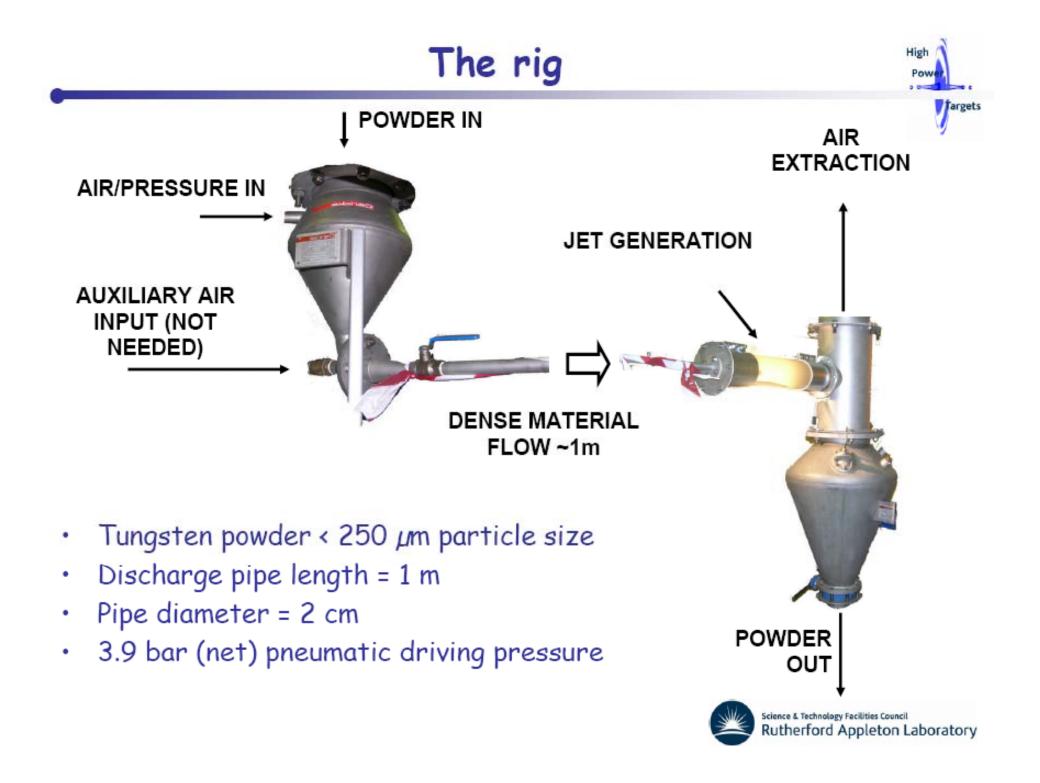
#### Powder jet prototype test plant



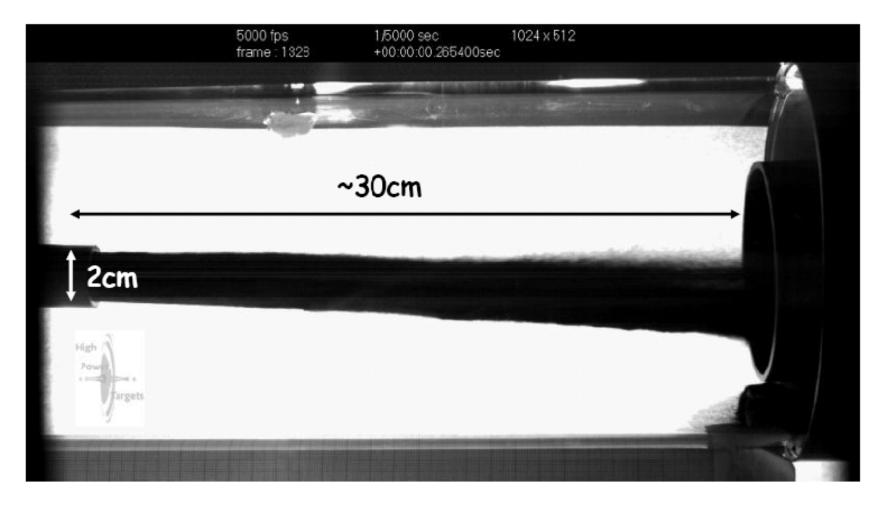


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# (with small improvements on day 1: see Densham's presentation at NuFact 07)



Thank you to EIP at RAL for providing the video equipment used for these experiments

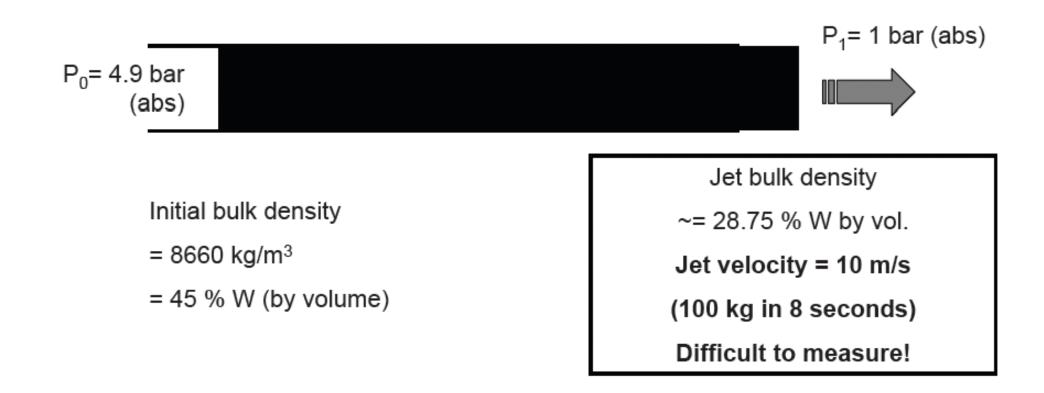




- Tungsten despite being very heavy has extraordinarily good flowability characteristics
- The powder jet has similar behaviour as a fluid jet (affected by the conditions of the surrounding gas)



### Tungsten powder jet - first results



#### Some questions/issues:



- Electrical charge (Lorentz force)
- Eddy currents
- Elastic stress waves and thermal expansion
- Erosion
- Disposal and radiological hazard

#### Electrical charge (Lorentz force)



#### Electrostatic charge

powder charging due to friction is a well known issue in material conveying and can be avoided with careful plant design

#### Beam ionisation

is worth studying! (both physics studies and possibly tests) The number of protons in the beam is small compared with the atoms in the grains!





There are 2 ways to reduce eddy currents of a conductor moving in an EM field:

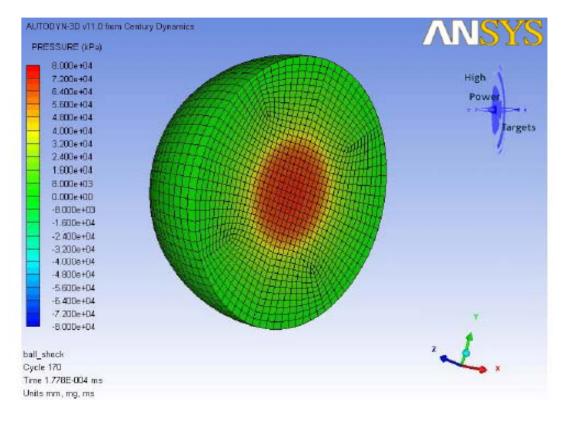
lower the conductivity of the material
break the conductor into smaller parts

Should not be a problem, but is worth investigating!

Elastic stress waves and thermal expansion

Interesting to study both with simulations and perhaps with in beam tests (such as mercury thimble at ISOLDE?)

Elastic waves should not be a problem: Sand bags are effective at stopping bullets!





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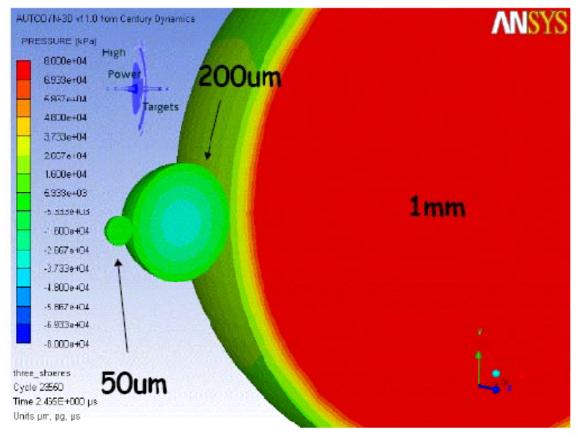
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#### Elastic stress waves and thermal expansion



The simulations show that smaller particles have higher resonance frequencies and dissipate their energy faster than bigger particles





#### Elastic stress waves and thermal expansion

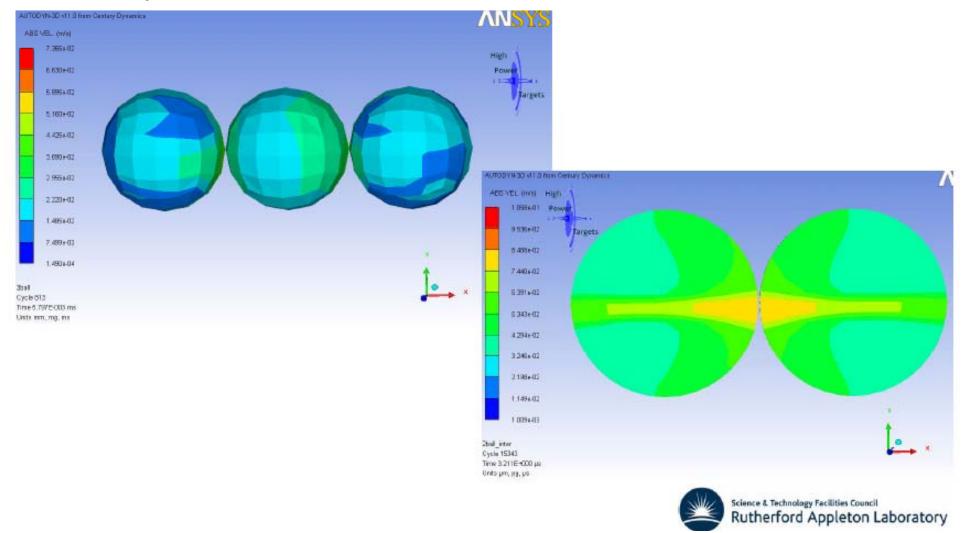
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The preliminary simulations indicate small velocities due to elastic particle interaction (order of 0.5 m/s)



#### Powder jet: next stages



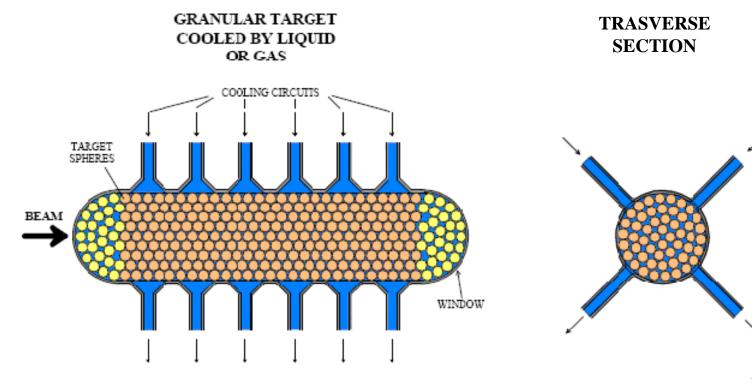
- Incorporate recirculation air lift into system
- Improve bulk density of jet (28.7% -> 45% by volume)
  - By co-axial air flow ?
  - By matching the pressure drop to the delivery pipe length?
  - By degassing the stream prior to injection (using a porous sintered material)?



- Demonstrate shock waves are not a problem
- Demonstrate magnetic fields/eddy currents are not a problem

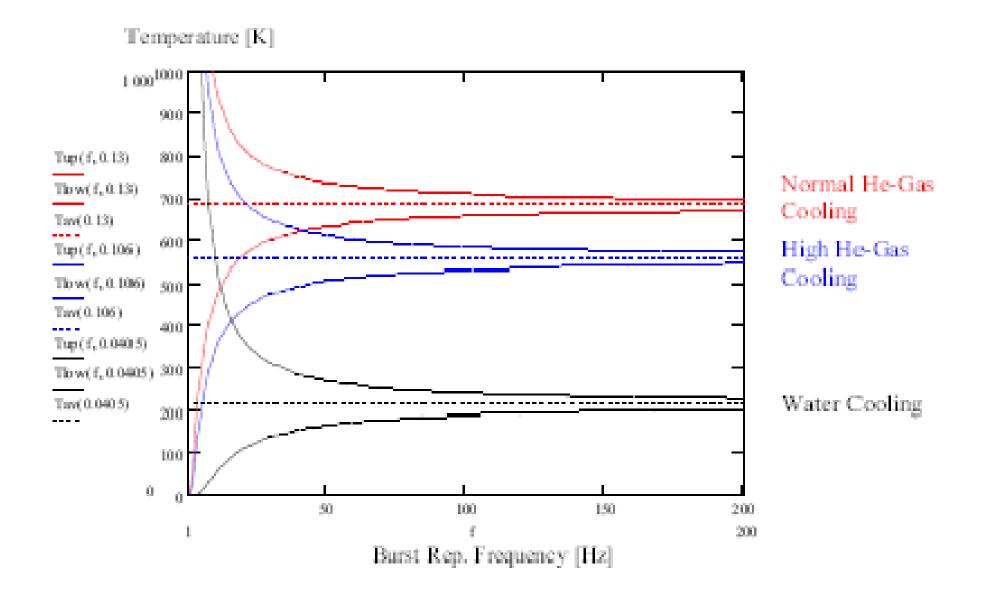
#### Small Solid Metal Spheres - Granular Targets Peter Sievers - CERN

# The small solid spheres avoid the shock problems



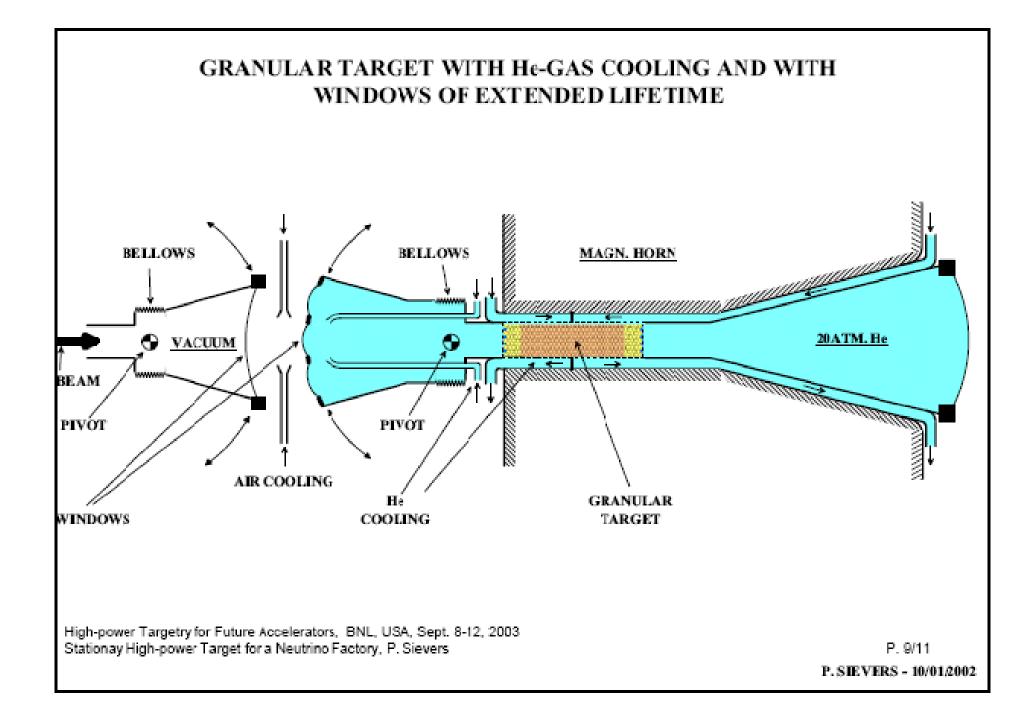
P. SIEVERS, CERN 20/11/2000

#### C OOLED GRANULAR TARGET 4 MW-BEAM



**Table 1:** Minimum and maximum temperature inside spheres and He-gas during the 50 Hz pulsed beam. The time average temperatures refer to a 4 MW continuous beam.

	T <sub>s,</sub> min.	T <sub>s,</sub> Max.	T <sub>s.</sub> average	T <sub>He,</sub> min.	T <sub>He</sub> Max.	T <sub>H₂</sub> average
Single target, $H_{e} = 0.36 \text{ kg/s}$	631	731	680	505	585	544
Single target, $*_{He} = 0.72 \text{ kg/s}$	387	487	435	240	302	270
Quadruple target, $#_{H_0} = 0.36 \text{ kg/s}$	125	225	170	100	180	136



- A sophisticated design of optics was developed to combine the pion beams from four targets.
- □ The work has ceased when Peter Sievers retired in 2003.
- □ This is the only stationary target design for high-powers.

## The End Thank you for your attention