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  - NuMi Neutrino production target
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  - 590 MeV beam dump @ PSI

# TARGET

A target is an assembly of material(s) that intercept accelerated particle beams to produce secondary particles (in large amounts). Created secondary particles are either used as probes to investigate other object(s) for their (physical) properties (behavior under irradiation) or themselves (or their decay products) are objects of interest. In some cases produced secondary particles are again used to create other species at so called secondary targets.

# Particle Production

## Boundary conditions/constraints:

- ❖ Geometrical situation
- ❖ Thermo-mechanical stability
- ❖ Material damage (Lifetime)
- ❖ Compactness (→ conflicting with dissipation of energy)
- ❖ Availability
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Handling

## Crucial information for Target Design

- ❖ Particle production performance
- ❖ Energy density distribution → Energy density Limits of Material(s)
- ❖ Radioactive inventory → Handling of used Targets and Beam Dumps
- ❖ Material and irradiation properties → Radiation damage Limits, Erosion/Corrosion Limits, Fatigue ...
- ❖ Safety issues → Accident scenarios (Licensing)

**Design is a complex and iterative process which has to satisfy multiple requirements with usually incomplete data**

Frequent sources of problems include:

- Incomplete or unknown requirements at the start
  - Performance
  - Safety
  - Reliability/Maintainability/ Inspectability
- Initial cost and schedule estimates used to get project approval overly optimistic

Most key design parameters for the target scale with the peak intensity ( protons/unit area).

For the same total number of protons, the peak can vary significantly depending on the profile.

Initial scoping calculations frequently use

**Gaussian,**

$$I = I_0 \cdot \exp\{-(x^2/2\sigma_x^2 + y^2/2\sigma_y^2)\}$$

- $I_0 = N_p / (2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y)$

**Parabolic,**

- $I = I_0 \cdot (1-(x/a)^2) \cdot (1-(y/b)^2)$

- $I_0 = 9 N_p / (16ab)$

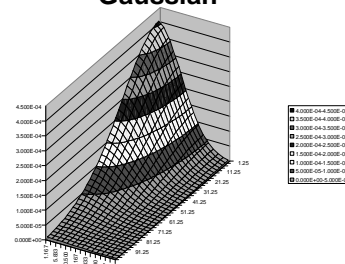
or **Flat** beam profiles (beam painting)

- $I = I_0$

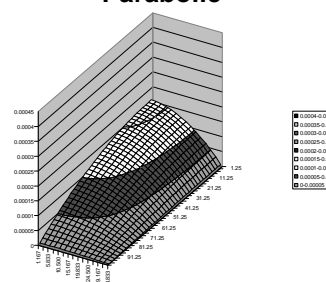
- $I_0 = N_p / (4ab)$

- $N_p$  = number of protons per pulse,  $I_0$  = peak number of protons per unit area per pulse

**Gaussian**



**Parabolic**



## Beam Parameters

$$\text{Power} = N_p * f * E * 1.6021 \times 10^{-13} = I [\mu\text{A}] * f * E [\text{MeV}] [\text{W}]$$

Where  $N_p$  = protons per pulse,  $f$  = frequency (Hz),  $E$  = beam energy in MeV

$$\text{Current (A)} = N_p * f * 1.6021 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\text{Peak current density (A/mm}^2\text{)} = I_0 (\text{p/mm}^2) * f * 1.6021 \times 10^{-19}$$

For a proton energy loss of  $C$  [eV/mm] the volumetric heating would be

$$Q''' (\text{MW/m}^3) = I (\text{p/mm}^2) * f * C (\text{MeV/mm}) * 10^9 * 1.6021 \times 10^{-19}$$

for thin windows at  $\sim 1$  GeV

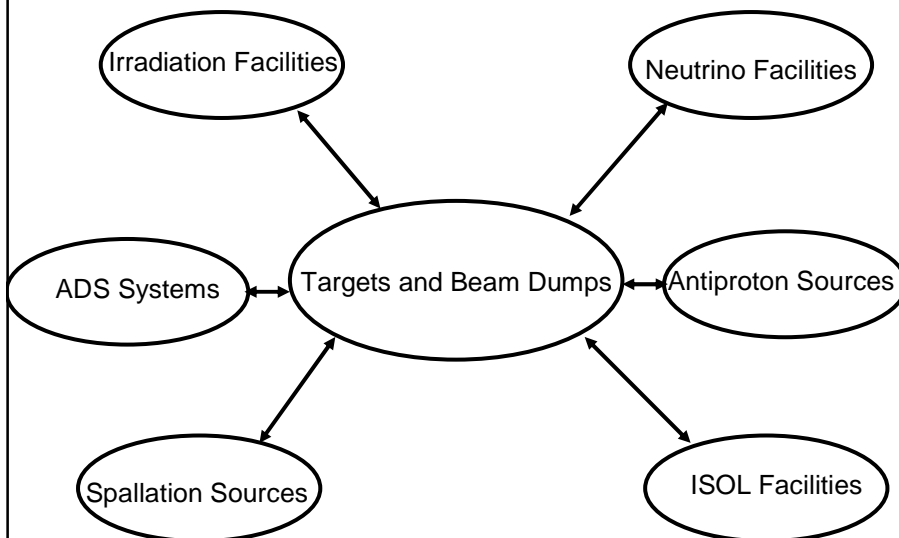
$C = .7$  MeV/mm – aluminum

$C = 1.85$  MeV/mm – Inconel

Example  $2.9 \times 10^{10}$  p/mm<sup>2</sup> @ 60 hz, 1 GeV Inconel window

Current density = .28 A/m<sup>2</sup>     $Q''' = 515$  MW/m<sup>3</sup>

## Targets and Beam Dumps



And many more applications

# Repetition of some physics

## Energy loss in a medium

### By Ionization/excitation - Bethe Bloch formula

$$-dE/dx = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot N_A \cdot r_e^2 \cdot m_e \cdot c^2 \cdot z^2 \cdot (Z/A)(1/\beta^2) \\ \times \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2 \cdot m_e \cdot c^2 \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot \beta^2}{I} \right) - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

$$I = 16 \cdot Z^{0.9} \text{ [eV] for } Z > 1$$

I=15 eV for atomic hydrogen, I=19.2 eV for molecular hydrogen and I=21.8 eV for liquid hydrogen

$N_A$  - Avogadro const. (=  $6.023 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )

$r_e$  - classical electron radius (=  $2.82 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ )

$m_e$  - electron rest mass (=  $0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )

$z$  - projectile charge

$Z$  - atomic number of medium

$A$  - atomic weight of medium (g/mole)

$\gamma$  - Lorentz factor (=  $\frac{E}{m_0 c^2}$ )

$\beta$  - (=  $v/c$ )

$I$  - average ionization potential of medium

$\delta$  - density correction (shielding effects of electrons)

### Bremsstrahlung

Interaction of charges particles with the Coulomb field of nuclei of the medium → de-acceleration → part of kinetic energy emitted in form of photons → Bremsstrahlung

$$-dE/dx = 4 \cdot \alpha \cdot N_A \cdot \frac{Z^2}{A} \cdot z^2 \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e}{mc^2} \right) \cdot E \cdot \ln\left(\frac{183}{Z^{1/3}}\right)$$

In addition, at high energies, pair production as well as energy loss due to photonuclear effects also contribute to the total energy loss of a particle. These losses are ~ to the incident particle energy (E) and become important at sufficient high energies.

$\alpha$  - fine structure constant ( $= \frac{1}{137.035}$ )  
 $N_A$  - Avogadro const. ( $= 6.023 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )  
 $Z$  - atomic number of medium  
 $A$  - atomic weight of medium (g/mole)  
 $z$  - atomic number of projectile  
 $m$  - mass of projectile  
 $E$  - energy of projectile

The range (R) of particles is defined as the mean free distance that a particle travels before it comes to rest:

$$R \equiv \int_0^{x_{\max}} dx(\beta) = \int_0^{\beta_{\text{initial}}} \left[ -\frac{dE}{dx} \right]^{-1} \frac{dE}{d\beta} d\beta$$

Semi-empirical approximation by Carpenter for spallation source materials ( $Z > 10$  and  $0.1 \leq E \leq 1 \text{ GeV}$ ) – incident particle is a proton

$$R = (1/\rho) \cdot 233 \cdot Z^{0.23} (E - 0.032)^{1.4} \text{ [cm]}$$

## Temperature rise

The instantaneous temperature rise in a material – hit by a Gaussian beam – can be written as:

$$\Delta T = \frac{dE}{dx} \cdot \frac{N_p}{(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y) \cdot \rho \cdot c_p}$$

The instantaneous temperature rise will be small if  $\rho \cdot c_p$  is large.

The resulting cyclic thermal stress is proportional to:

$$\sigma_{cyclic} \propto \Delta T \alpha E$$

$\Delta T$  ... Temperature difference [K]

$\frac{dE}{dx}$  ... Energy loss  $\left[ \frac{J}{cm} \right]$

$N_p$  ... number of particles per pulse

$\sigma_{x/y}$  ... beam width (Gaussian beam assumed) [cm]

$\rho$  ... Density  $\left[ \frac{g}{cm^3} \right]$

$c_p$  ... Heat capacity  $\left[ \frac{J}{g \cdot K} \right]$

Material	Aluminium	Beryllium	Copper	Graphite	Iron	Lead	Tantalum	Tungsten	Uranium	Mercury	Zirconium
density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	2.7	1.85	8.79	2.3	7.87	11.35	16.6	19.2	19.1	13.58	6.57
$c_p$ [J/(gK)]	0.91	1.83	0.39	0.17	0.46	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.139	0.27
$\rho \cdot c_p$ [J/(cm <sup>3</sup> K)]	2.46	3.39	3.43	0.39	3.62	1.48	2.32	2.50	2.29	1.89	1.77

## Coulomb scattering

The differential cross section for a charges particle scattered into the solid angle interval  $d\Omega$ ,  $\Omega+d\Omega$  can be written as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( \frac{Z \cdot z \cdot e^2}{\beta \cdot c \cdot p} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^4(\Theta/2)}$$

In general scattering at different scattering samples → stochastic → only statistical distribution can be given

$$\Theta_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle \Theta^2 \rangle} = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta \cdot c \cdot p} \cdot z \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \cdot [1 + 0.038 \cdot \ln(x/X_0)]$$

With  $X_0$  the radiation length

$$X_0 = \frac{A}{4 \cdot \alpha \cdot N_A \cdot Z^2 \cdot r_e^2 \cdot \ln(183 \cdot Z^{-1/3})} \text{ (g/cm}^2\text{)}$$



# MC Simulation codes

## Targetry and MC simulation codes

### Targetry issues

- ❖ To get adequate „parameters“ for targets at any accelerator facility it is necessary to produce and collect a (very) large number of particle tracks/histories. For instance, at a spallation neutron source neutronic behavior has to be studied, for neutrino target the production of pions and kaons is necessary, rare isotope accelerators need information about the formation of residual nuclei in targets ...

### Informations of interest:

- ❖ Production of particle of interests and their behavior inside complex geometries.
- ❖ Behavior of „unwanted“ particles which could create background → Adequate suppression in beam lines can be tailored.
- ❖ Information on the survivability and life time of the target and beam windows. Strongly depends on fatigue, stress limits, radiation damage, erosion....
- ❖ Activation of components → planning of remote handling and exchange procedures, radioactive waste issues ...
- ❖ Heat loads, activation and radiation damage in targets and surrounding structures; for instance in superconducting focusing devices at v-beam lines, moderators at spallation neutron sources and so on.
- ❖ Shielding issues for radiation protection, „spent“ beam handling, ground water activation ...

## Targetry and MC simulation codes

Most of these issues can be addressed by Monte-Carlo particle transport codes. Therefore, the predictive power and reliability of these computer codes is of crucial importance. This leads to requirements of the physics implemented in such code systems:

- ❖ Reliable description of cross-sections, particle production modes, particle yields in a large energy regime from (sub-)eV to several GeV even TeV, for hadrons, photons, composite particles and even nuclei.
- ❖ Adequate  $\pi^0$  and  $K^0$  production ( $\nu_e$ ) and correct the modeling of electromagnetic showers ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \dots$ ), photoproduction of hadrons, muons.
- ❖ Description of energy loss processes, e.g. charged hadrons, neutrons, muons ... (ionization losses, knock-on electrons, and at high energies Bremsstrahlung, Pair production).
- ❖ Correct transport and moderation of neutrons at meV energies.
- ❖ Predictive powers for nuclide inventories, dpa, Helium and Hydrogen production.
- ❖ Accurate transport of all particle species from microns to meters.
- ❖ Inclusion of effects of magnetic fields, gravity (cold and ultra-cold neutrons).
- ❖ User interface.

## Code packages

Monte Carlo Codes	Event Generators	Developed at	Available through	Main developer
FLUKA	PEANUT / DPMJET	INFN (Italy)	<a href="http://www.fluka.org/fluka.php">http://www.fluka.org/fluka.php</a>	Alfredo Ferrari
GEANT4	QMD	CERN (Switzerland / France)	<a href="http://www.geant4.org/geant4/">http://www.geant4.org/geant4/</a>	Collaboration
MARS	CEM / LAQGSM/DPMJET	Fermi National Lab (USA)	<a href="http://www-ap.fnal.gov/MARS/">http://www-ap.fnal.gov/MARS/</a>	Nikolai Mokhov
MCNPX	BERTINI, CEM, FLUKA89, INCL, ISABEL, LAQGSM	Los Alamos National Lab (USA)	<a href="https://mcnpx.lanl.gov/">https://mcnpx.lanl.gov/</a> official versions OECD/NEA or RSICC	MCNP(X) team
PHITS	JAM / QMD	JAERI (Japan)	<a href="http://phits.jaea.go.jp/">http://phits.jaea.go.jp/</a> OECD/NEA or RSICC	Koji Niita

IAEA benchmark for different codes and event generators where Results as well as experimental data are provided:

[http://nds121.iaea.org/alberto/mediawiki-1.6.10/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://nds121.iaea.org/alberto/mediawiki-1.6.10/index.php/Main_Page)

# Spallation Targets

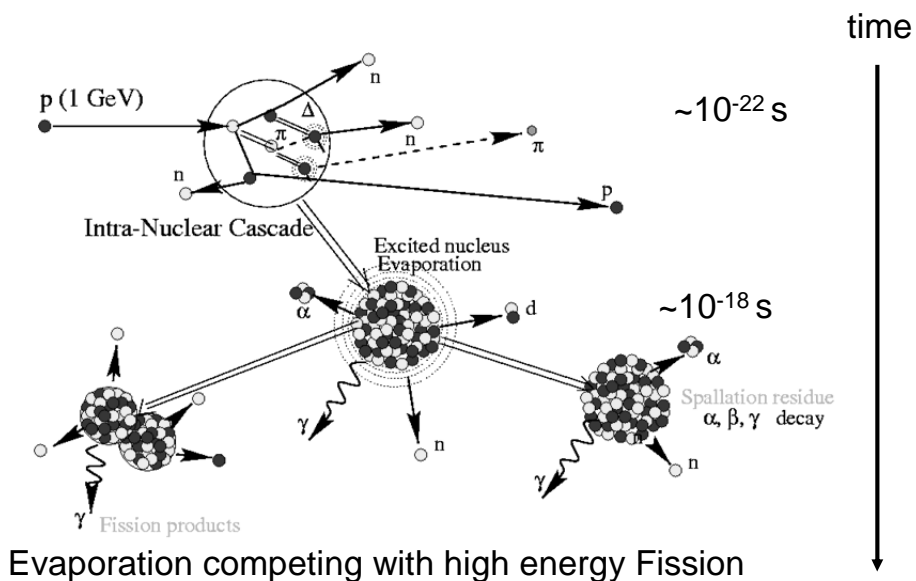
## Spallation Sources - operating or shut down

Facility	Status	Time Structure			Coolant			Target Material	Power	Notes
		Steady State	Long Pulse	Short Pulse	Water	Mercury	Pb-Bi			
IPNS	De-commissioned			X	X			Depleted U	7kW	short life
IPNS	De-commissioned			X	X			Tungsten	7kW	
ISIS 1	Operated			X	X			Depleted U	~100 kW	short life
ISIS 1	Operated			X	X			Tantalum	~150 kW	high decay heat
ISIS 1	Running			X	X			W-Ta clad	~150 kW	
LANSCE	Running			X	X			Bare Tungsten	~100 kW	
KENS	De-commissioned			X	X			W-Ta clad	3 kW	
SINQ	Operated	X			X			Zircalloy rods		
SINQ	Operated	X			X			Pb in SS rods	~800 kW	
SINQ	Test run completed	X					X	Pb-Bi	~800 kW	Target removed
SINQ	Operated	X			X			Pb in Zr rods	0.9 MW	optimized target
ISIS 2	Running			X	X			W-Ta clad	~40 kW	Very optimized
SNS	Running			X		X		Mercury	1 MW	1.4 MW design
JSNS	Running			X		X		Mercury		1 MW design

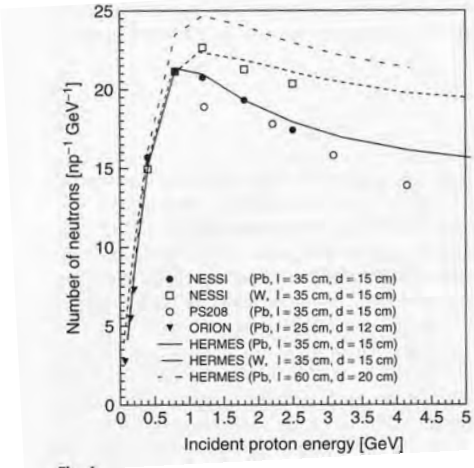
### Design studies – not (yet) built

Conceptual or Preliminary Design		Time Structure			Coolant			Target Material	Power	Notes
Facility	Status	Steady State	Long Pulse	Short Pulse	Water	Mercury	Pb-Bi			
CSNS	Preliminary Design			X	X			W-Ta clad	250 kW	
ESS (2003)	Conceptual Design			X		X		Mercury	5 MW	
SNS-STC	Pre Conceptual Design		X			X		Mercury	1-3 MW	
SNS-STC	Pre Conceptual Design		X		X			W-Ta clad	1-3 MW	Rotating Target
IPNS Upgrade	Conceptual Design			X	X			W-Ta clad	1 MW	
Los Alamos - Next Generation	Conceptual Design			X	X			W- with clad	1 MW	
JSNS	Conceptual Design			X	X			W- SS clad	1 MW	
SNS	Conceptual Design			X	X			W- with clad	1 MW	
Eurisol	Conceptual Design	X				X		Mercury	4 MW	
MTS	Conceptual Design		X				X	W	1 MW	Los Alamos Material Test Station

Penetration, 2006



Existing spallation neutron sources are driven by proton accelerators operating in an energy regime from 0.5 – 3 GeV.



- Minimum ionisation approached at 0.8 – 1.0 GeV → more energy into neutron production
- Slow fall off towards higher energies due to increasing production of  $\pi$
- Other high-Z materials (e.g. Hg) show similar behavior as Pb

- ❖ High Z → high neutron production rate
- ❖ High density → high luminosity
- ❖ Radiation stability → long lifetime, availability
- ❖ Low neutron absorption → high neutron intensities (for pulsed sources not so much of an issue)
- ❖ Low activity & after-heat → service and decommissioning

## Target Materials for Spallation Sources

Composition	Pb elemental	Bi elemental	LME 97.5%Pb+ 2.5% Mg	LBE 45% Pb + 55% Bi	Hg elemental	W elemental	Ta elemental
Atomic # Z	82	83		-82.5	80	74	73
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) solid(20°C)	11.35	9.75				19.3	16.65
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) liquid	10.7	10.07	10.6	10.5	13.55		
Coeff. of thermal expansion (K <sup>-1</sup> )	2.91*10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.75*10 <sup>-5</sup>			6.1*10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.4*10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.6*10 <sup>-6</sup>
Contraction on solidification (%)	3.32	-3.35	-3.6	-0			
Melting Point. (°C)	327.5	271.3	250	125	-38.87	3370	2996
Specific heat capacity (c <sub>p</sub> )(J/g/K)	.14	.15	.15	.15	.12	.134	.134
Thermal neutron absorption (barn)	.17	.034	.17	.11	389	18.5	21

## Comparison of n production

Nuclear Process	Neutron Production yield (neutrons/reaction)	Energy deposition (MeV/neutron)
400 keV D on T in Ti-matrix	4•10 <sup>-5</sup> (neutrons/D)	10 <sup>4</sup> MeV/n
35 MeV D on liquid Li (stripping)	3•10 <sup>-3</sup> (neutrons/D)	10 <sup>4</sup> MeV/n
100 MeV e <sup>-</sup> on <sup>238</sup> U	5•10 <sup>-2</sup> (neutrons/e)	2•10 <sup>3</sup> MeV/n
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f) (thermal fission)	3 neutrons/fission	1.9•10 <sup>2</sup> MeV/n
1 GeV protons on thick Hg target	~ 30 neutrons/proton	5.5•10 <sup>1</sup> MeV/n
CTR (controlled thermonuclear reaction) (D,T) fusion by laser beam	1 neutron/fusion	3 MeV/n

# SINQ – Schweizer Intensive Neutronen Quelle

## SINQ

❖ SINQ is the only existing CW spallation source

→ Medium size reactor

❖ Advantage compared to reactor

❖ No chain reaction

❖ Energy deposition

❖ Low neutron absorbing materials

❖ Coolant/Moderator D<sub>2</sub>O

❖ Cold Moderator D<sub>2</sub> @25 K

❖ Optimum Target Materials (low  $\sigma_{abs}$ )

❖ Lead Bismuth Eutectic (LBE), Pb, Zr, Al

Proton beam:

- CW
- 575 MeV
- ~ 1.5 mA ⇒ 0.9 MW
- Gaussian beam shape ( $\sigma_x=2.14$  cm  
 $\sigma_y=2.96$ cm)
- Peak current density 25  $\mu$ A/cm<sup>2</sup>/mA



❖ Vertical alignment → Proton beam from below

❖ 360° access → cylindrical shape of the target

❖ Fully coupled system

❖ Beam Energy  $E_p=575$  MeV

❖ Beam current 1.5mA

❖ 2/3 of beam power deposited in target

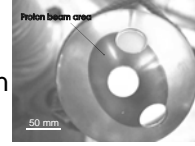
❖ SINQ Target lifetime 2 years → limit: embrittlement of AlMg3 BEW

## Lifetime Limiting Component

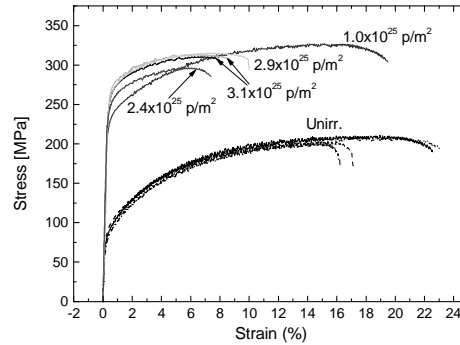
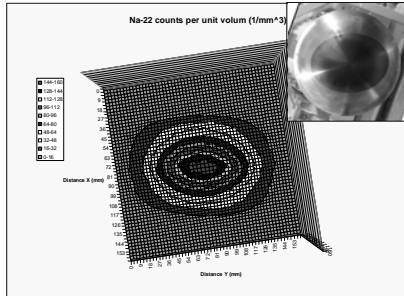
AlMg3 proton beam window (integrated into the Safety Hull of the SINQ targets)

### SINQ Target Safety Hull:

Tensile tests after one year of irradiation



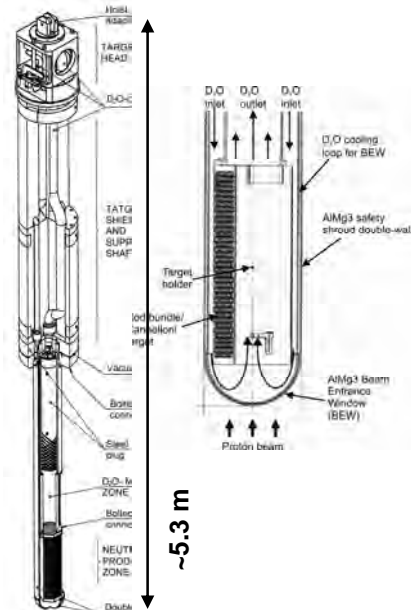
Y-mapping of the beam footprint



## Target Development History

### Target Development History – a very short overview

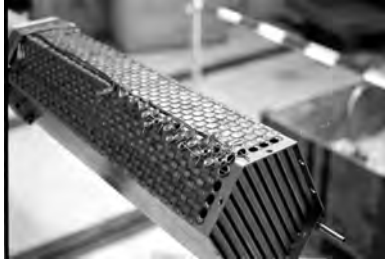
- ❖ 1996/97: Start-up of SINQ with a **solid Zircalloy rod target** (Target 1, Mark II)
- ❖ 1998/99: Operation with a **solid Zircalloy rod target** (Target 3, Mark II)
- ❖ 2000/01: Use of Steel-cladded Lead rods „**Cannelloni Target**“ (Target 4, Mark III)
- ❖ 2002/03: „**Cannelloni Target**“ as in previous operation cycle (Target 5, Mark III)
- ❖ 2004/05: Again Lead-filled Steel tubes „**Cannelloni Target**“ (Target 6, Mark III)
- ❖ 2006: Liquid Lead Bismuth Eutectic Target – **MEGAPIE**
- ❖ 2007/08: Mix of Lead-filled Steel and Zircaloy tubes - „**Cannelloni Target**“ (Target 7, Mark III)
- ❖ 2009/10: **Improved solid target**, still „**Cannelloni Target**“, only Zircaloy used as cladding material (Target 8, Mark IV)
- ❖ 2011 Slightly modified Mark IV „**Cannelloni Target**“; start of operation April 2011 (Target 9, Mark IV)





## Target Evolution at SINQ

1997-1999: SINQ Target Mark 2  
Water-cooled Zircaloy rods



2000 - 2009: SINQ-Target Mark 3:  
Lead rods, with steel clad  
42% increase in neutron yield



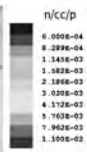
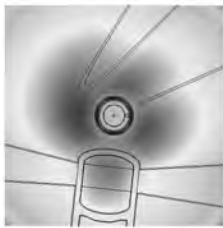
2010 – present: SINQ-Target Mark 4:

Lead rods, with Zr clad, blanket

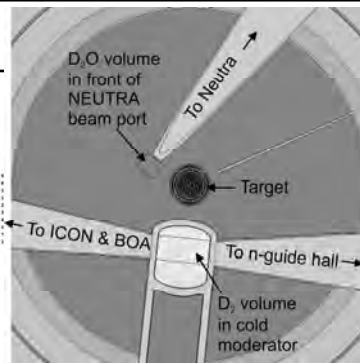
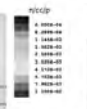
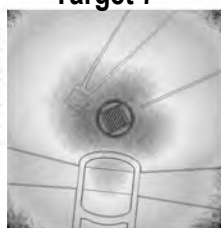
Aug- Dec 2006: MEGAwatt Pilot Experiment:  
➤ Joint international initiative to design, build, licence, operate and explore a liquid metal spallation target for 1 MW beam power

## Validation of MC-model

MEGAIE



STANDARD PbZr  
Target 7

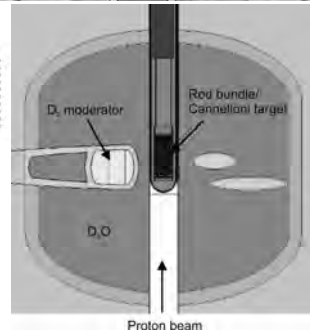


Calculated flux maps of MEGAIE, Target 7 and the improved SINQ target (target 8).

Simulated differences to Target 6 are: MEGAIE (~1.80), Target 7 (1.20\*), Target 8 (~ 1.60).

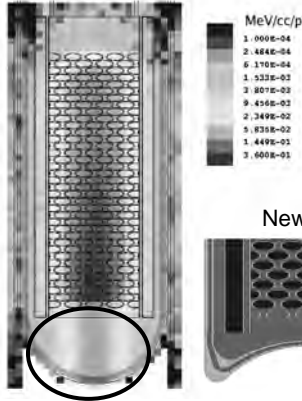
\*if STIP samples are included (1.10)

Good agreement with measured data!



## Calculation of energy depositions for stress analysis

Original Beam Entrance Window



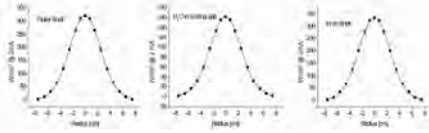
New BEW.



### Inversion of the Beam Entrance Window (BEW)

- ❖ Original BEW designed for minimum mechanical stress → hemispherical shape
- ❖ Water head between BEW and Target Array ~ 10cm → ~ 10 MeV energy loss & only spallation on light nuclei (Oxygen of D<sub>2</sub>O), see circle
- ❖ Inversion of BEW: energy loss minimized, mechanical stress slightly higher. Neutron Flux gain → 10 %
- ❖ Temperatures of safety shroud between 65 – 75°C

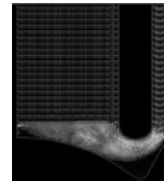
Energy deposition from MC-model



Von Mises Stresses.



D<sub>2</sub>O flow.



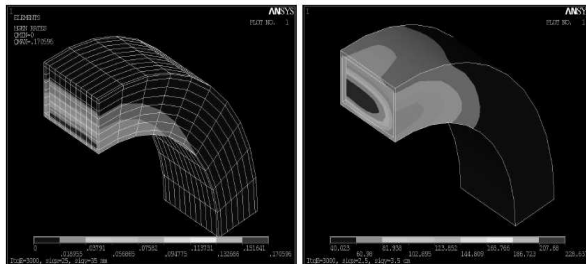
## Mis-Steering of the beam

Stresses in the beam entrance window due to off center beam



Stresses found in this abnormal conditions are between 1.7 and 4.2 MPa, which are well below the yield strength of AlMg3 → maximum deformation 0.1mm

Temperatures in Blanket/Reflector



Also in the new Blanket/Reflector temperatures and resulting stresses are found to be in a regime where no damage is to be expected.

## The SINQ Mark 4 Target

### Increasing the Lead content in the Cannelloni target:

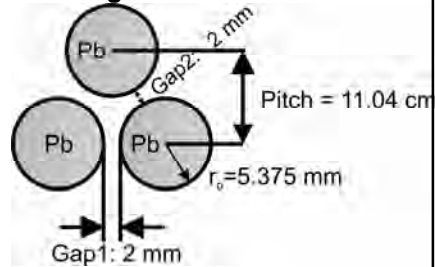
- ❖ Compact the Target array
- ❖ Decreasing the cladding thickness



### Cooling vs. n-Production

### Compact the Target array

The outlet gap (gap2) was reduced to 1.2 mm → Pitch 10.11 mm → **5 % neutron gain**

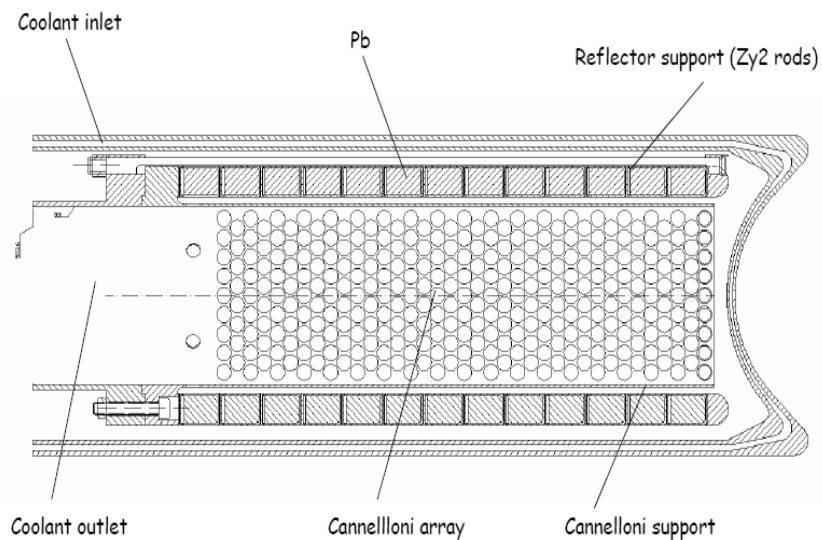


### Decreasing the cladding thickness

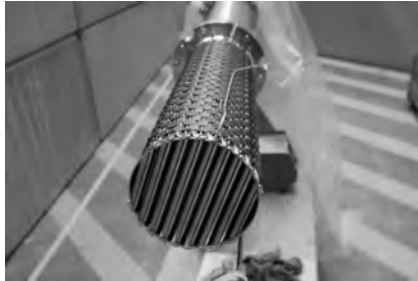
Attempts have been made to decrease the Zr cladding thickness from 0.75 mm to 0.5 mm by drilling. However, during fabrication temperatures are high, so that Zr crystal structure might have changed. Moreover, quality not always the same.

## Conceptual design of SINQ Mark 4 Target

### Optimization between coolant and spallation material



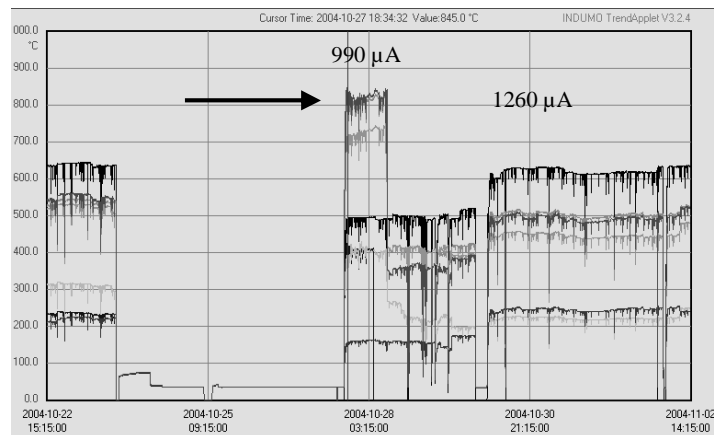
The new Zr-Pb cannelloni target for SINQ



Status:  
Operated @ 0.9 MW  
April 2009 – Dec. 2010

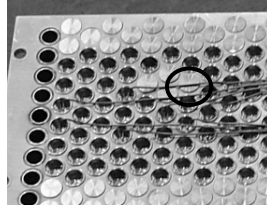
Neutron flux gain:  
54% compared to Target Mark 3  
(2004 / 2005)

Temperatures during an unintended beam focussing, October 2004



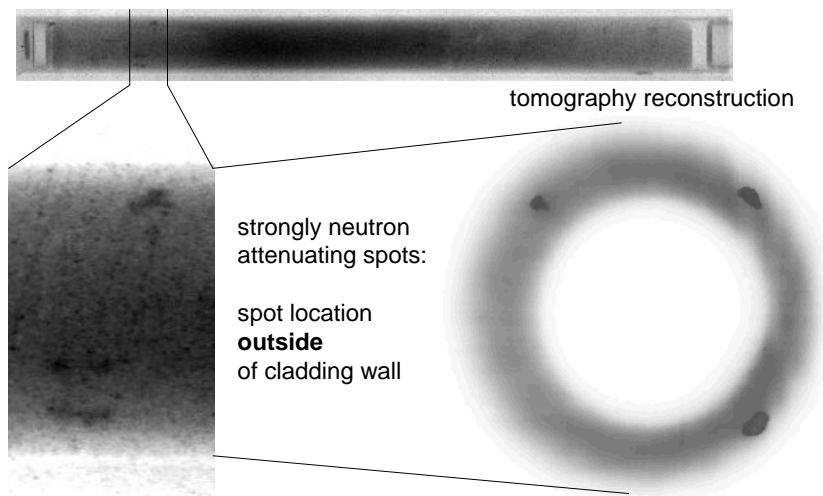
## Accident: Searching for the object of failure

**Zr-clad rod:**  
visual inspection after 2 years in SINQ  
(>10Ah of accumulated proton charge):

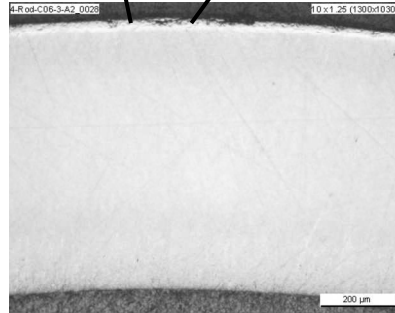
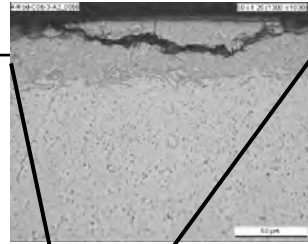
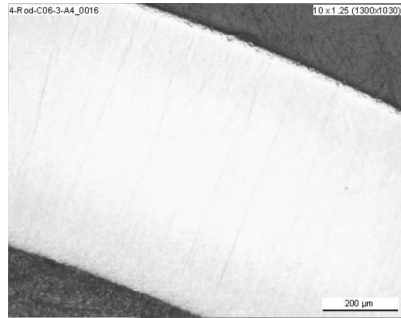


## Searching for the object of failure

**Neutron tomography: Zr-clad test rod**

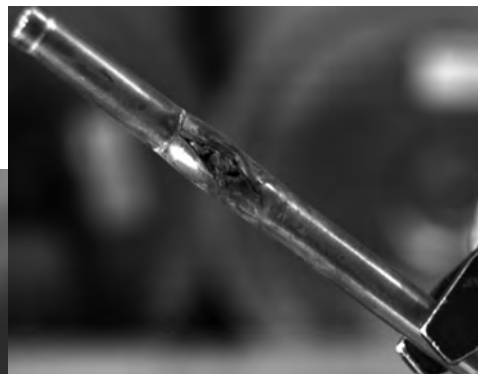
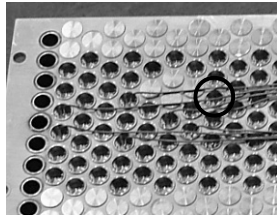


### Metallographic investigation: Zr-rod 06-3

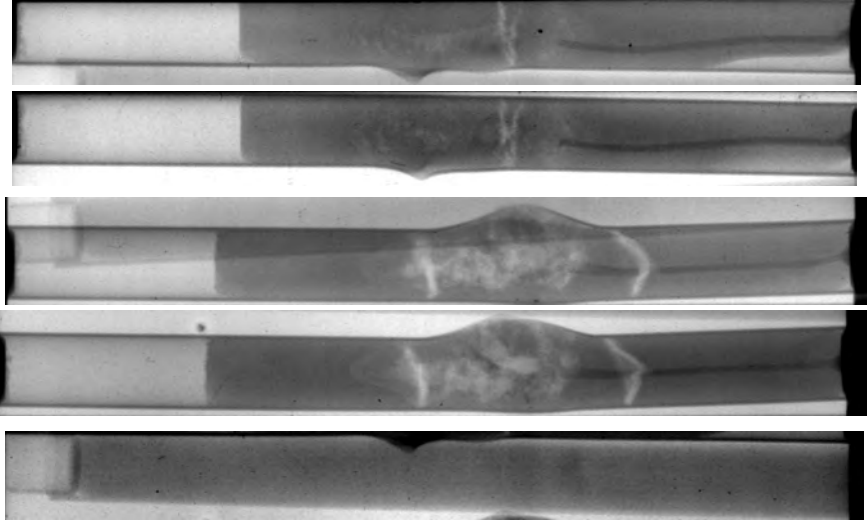


### Accident: Searching for the object of failure

....adjacent steel-clad rod

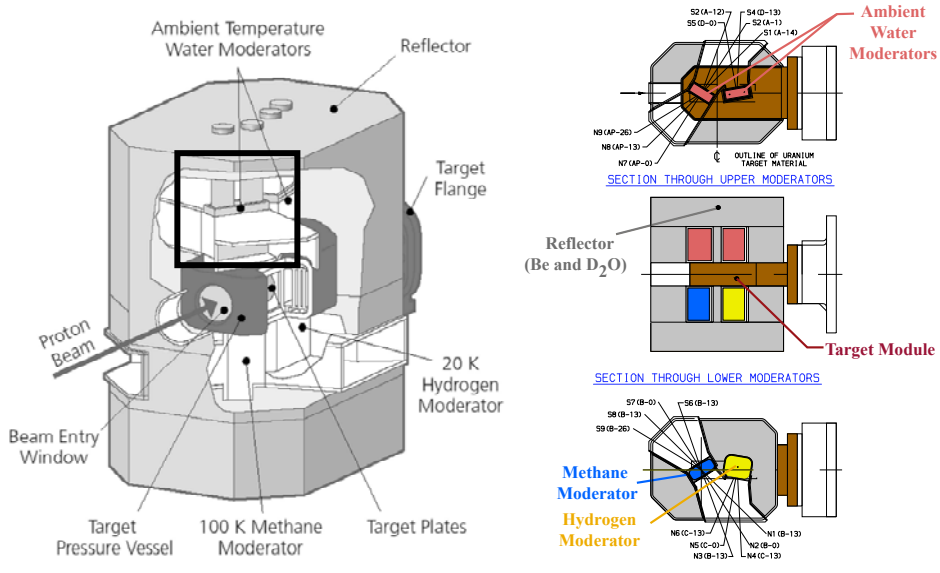


**Neutron radiographs from damaged (steel-clad) target rods**



ISIS TS1 Targets

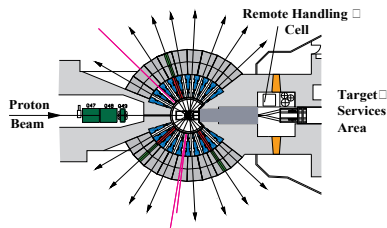
# ISIS Target moderator and Reflector Assembly



Penetration\_name

## ISIS TS1 Targets

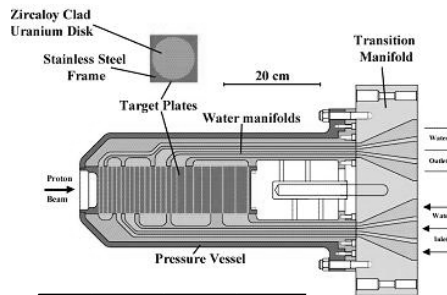
**Beam Parameters**  
 800 MeV  
 50 Hz – short pulse ( $< 10^{-6}$  s)  
 200 mA  $\rightarrow$  ~ 160 kW



- ISIS started with Uranium (depleted) plate Targets  $\rightarrow$  additional neutrons due to fission
- Target plates thickness inversely proportional to energy deposition (7.7 – 26.5 mm)
- U-plates clad with Zircalloy to prevent corrosion (similar materials as in reactors)
- D<sub>2</sub>O cooled



## ISIS TS1 Targets



Target	Gross Thermal cycles	Integrated protons MWd	Typical current $\mu$ A
U#1	Unknown	3.1	30
U#2	40000	1.8	45
U#3	10389	5.8	65
U#4	4147	4.6	75
U#5	5074	9.9	90
U#6	2628	4.2	110
U#7	1805	3.6	125
U#8	Not Used		
U#9	815	3.8	150
Ta#1	73378	58.4	170
Ta#2	37734	40.8	180
Ta#3	45860	58.8	180
Ta#4	23000	45.8	180
W#1		87.0	180

Radiation Damage Failures  
↑  
↓  
Instrumentation failures

### ISIS TS1 Uranium Target

- U (depleted) plates (thickness 7.7 -26.5 mm,  $\varnothing$  90mm) clad with Zircalloy (by isostatic pressing @850°C) cooling channels 1.75 mm

- High neutron output

- Higher heat production due to fissioning (max. 0.77 kW/cm<sup>3</sup>)

- Surface cooled with D<sub>2</sub>O

- All U-Targets failed ~250 mAh

- Reason for failure unclear (thermal cycling, phase transition, H-,He-production ...)

- Failure mode: Crack in the cladding Zr → release of FP to D<sub>2</sub>O

## ISIS Targets

- **Ta-Target** used as a replacement for U-targets

- Change in HTC as fct. of protons on target

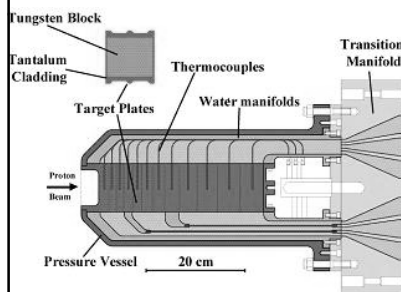
- ❖ Peak temp. of target 320°C in last run period, peak temp. 180°C in first run period

- ❖ High afterheat → significant release of Tritium in storage (500 MBq/day)!!

### ISIS TS1 Tungsten Target

- 12 Ta clad W plates (high corrosion of W in water, APT experience)

- Surface cooled with D<sub>2</sub>O

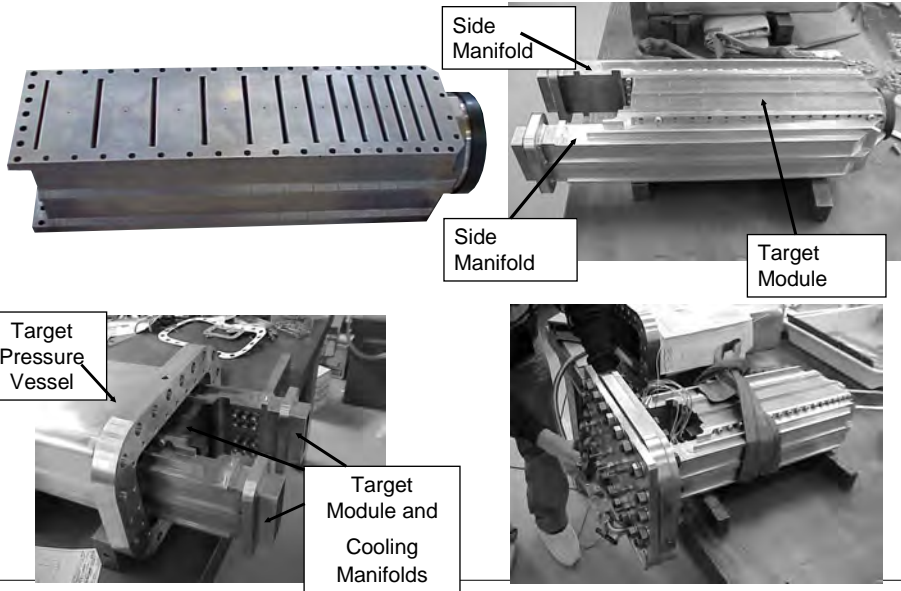


Proton beam power 160 kW  
Total heat deposited 95 kW  
Peak power deposited 0.25 MW/l

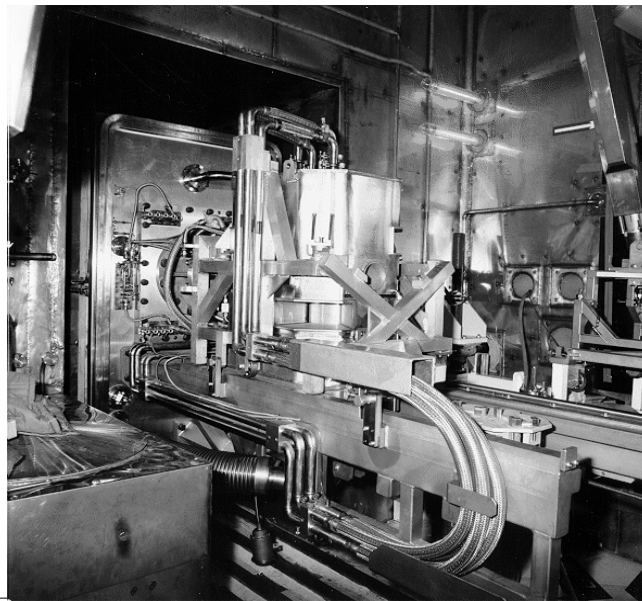
Cooling system D<sub>2</sub>O cooled

- Inlet pressure 6.2 bar
- Pressure drop 0.25 bar
- Inlet temperature 35 C
- Temperature rise 4 C
- Flow rate 350 l/min
- Peak plate temperature 380 C

## The ISIS Tungsten Target Construction



## ISIS Target moderator and Reflector Assembly



# SNS mercury target

## SNS Mercury Target

### SNS Target Configuration



### SNS Ultimate Parameters

- 1 GeV protons
- 2 MW average beam power
- Pulse duration  $\sim 0.7 \mu\text{s}$
- 60 Hz rep rate

### Pulsed spallation Source

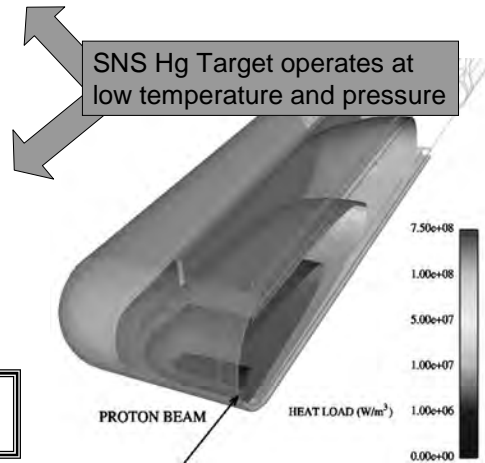
- Shape of target rather thin and broad  $\rightarrow$  allows for moderators near to target
- Target material Hg  $\rightarrow$  liquid at room temperature (no heating for liquification)
- Hg is target material and coolant



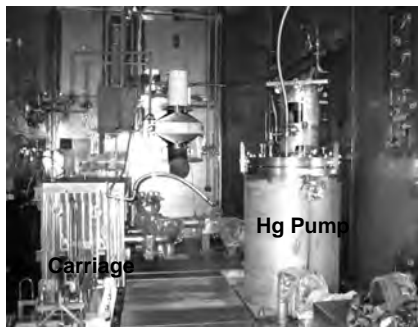
## Mercury Loop Parameters @ 2 MW

Power absorbed in Hg	1.2 MW
Nom Op Pressure	0.3 MPa
Flow Rate	340 kg/s
$V_{max}$ (In Window)	3.5 m/s
Temperature	
• Inlet to target	60°C
• Exit from target	90°C
Total Hg Inventory	1.4 m <sup>3</sup>
Centrifugal Pump Power	30 kW

Peak power density in mercury ~  
800 MW/m<sup>3</sup> @ 2 MW



## Target Service Bay



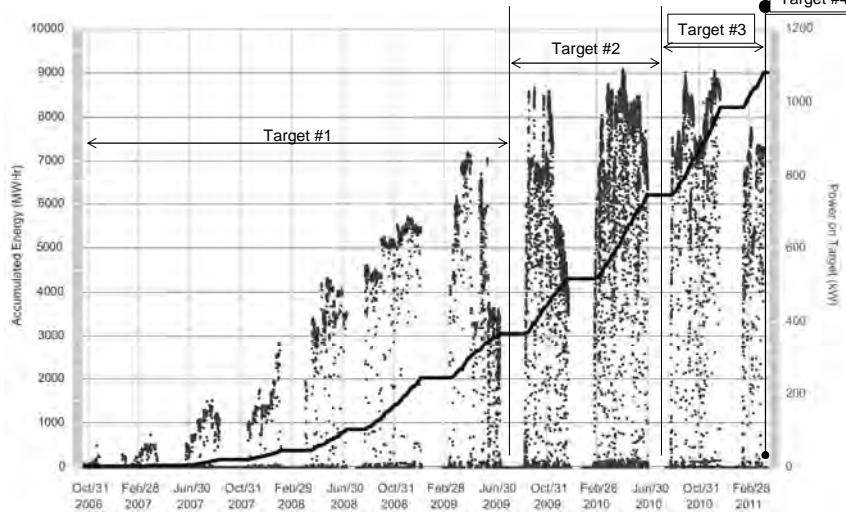
### Target Service Bay

- Stainless-steel lined
- 4 window workstations
- 8 through-the-wall manipulators
- 7.5 ton crane
- Pedestal mounted manipulator
- Shielded transfer bay



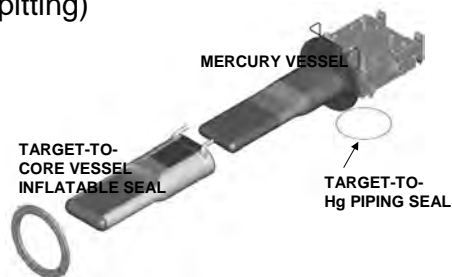
## SNS Power Ramp-Up

- Currently operating at ~ 1 MW



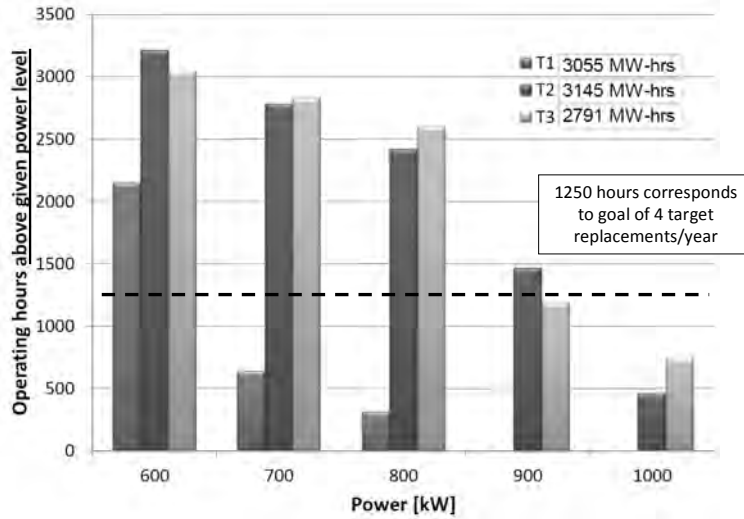
## Target Status @ SNS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Target ran until July 2009 (more than 5 dpa – the design goal)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Target replaced July 2010
- Plan: Run Targets till end-of-life, i.e. mercury leaks from primary container to its water-cooled shroud (or 10 dpa)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Target reached end-of-life on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 (10 dpa reached in summer) → replaced in 14 days → PIE on Target 3 → location and characterization of leak → confirmation for cavitation erosion (pitting)



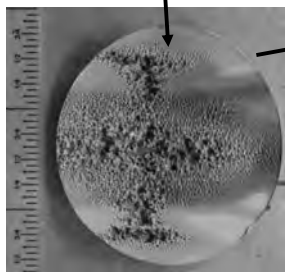
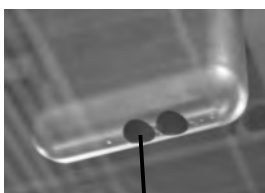
Three spare target modules on-site; five more by 2012

## Mercury target module lifetime remains uncertain

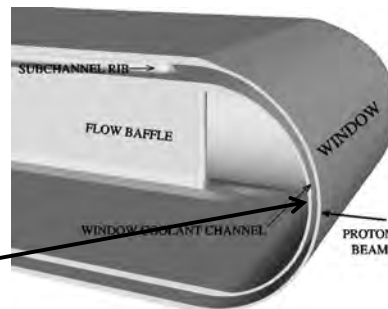


Demonstrated power limit is now > 900 kW

## Results Post-Irradiation Examination Target Module #1

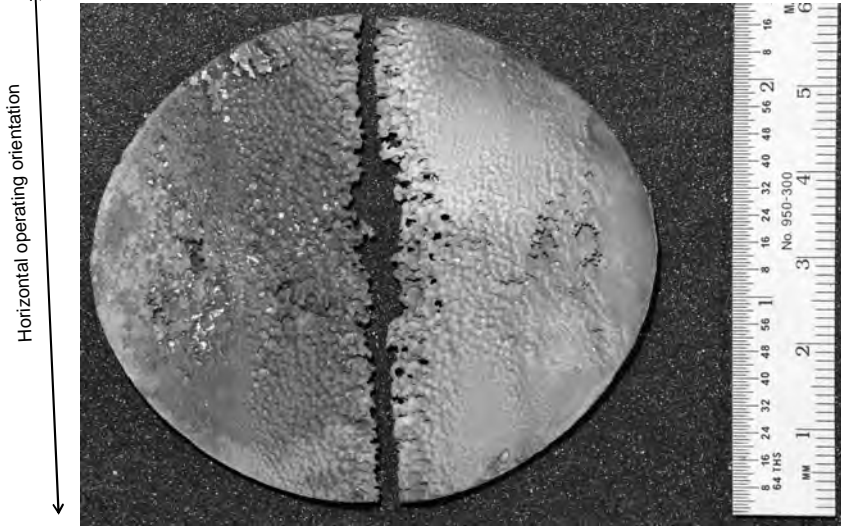


60 mm  
Inner surface of wall between bulk Hg and small channel



- Target #1:
  - Cavitation damage phenomenon confirmed on inner wall at center of target
  - Outer wall fully intact; inner wall at off-center location shows little or no damage
  - Damage region appears to correlate with regions of low Hg velocity, but not such a clear distinction on Target #2

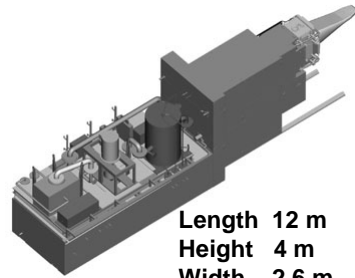
Target #2 survived through planned operating period but inner wall suffered more damage



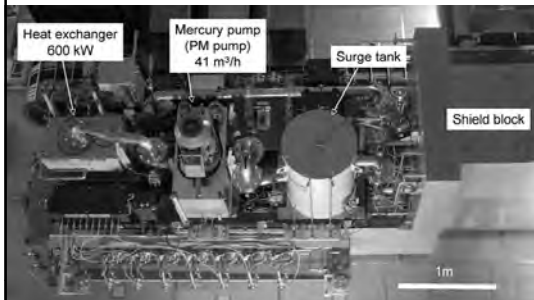
# JSNS mercury target

# JSNS Hg Target

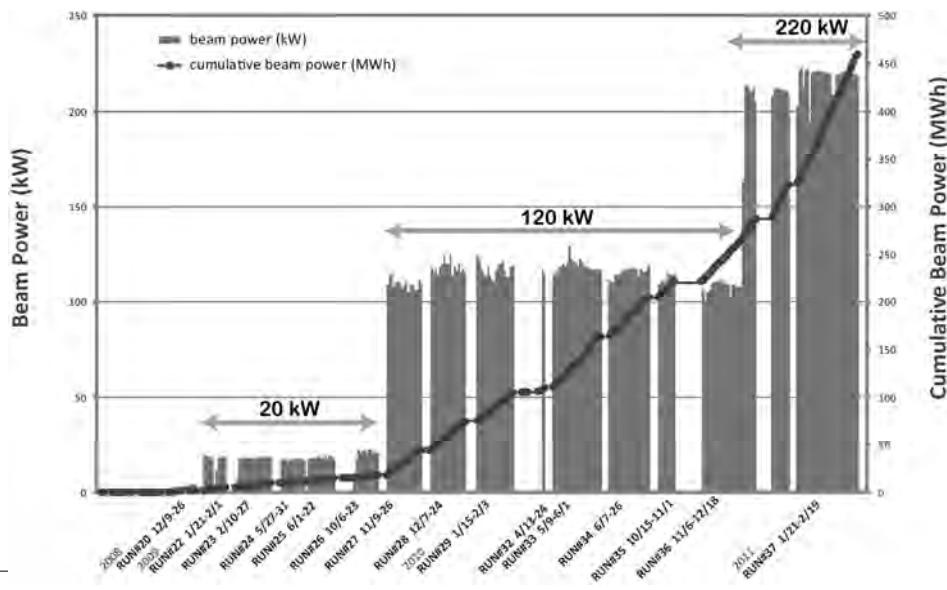
- Proton Beam (design parameters):
  - 3 GeV, 25 Hz rep rate, 0.33 mA  $\Rightarrow$  1 MW
- Hg Target:
  - Cross-flow type, with multi wall vessel
  - Hg leak detectors between walls
  - All components of circulation system on trolley
  - Hot cell : Hands-on maintenance
  - Vibration measuring system to diagnose pressure wave effects



Length 12 m  
Height 4 m  
Width 2.6 m  
Weight 315 ton



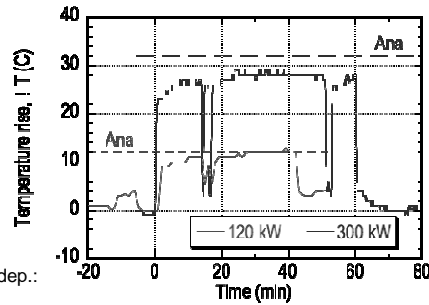
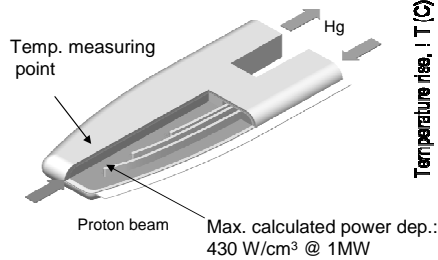
# Beam power on JSNS target



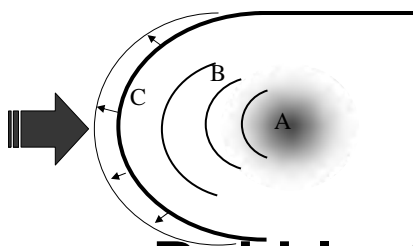


## Confirmation of target system design

- Temperature rise of mercury vessel for 120 kW & 300 kW beam power agreed with estimates
  - Confirmed operation of the mercury circulation system EM pump, heat exchanger, etc.

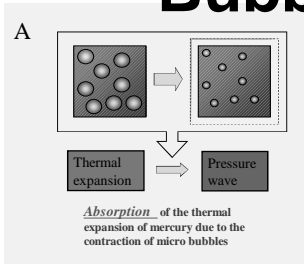


## Bubble Injection to Mitigate Cavitation Damage

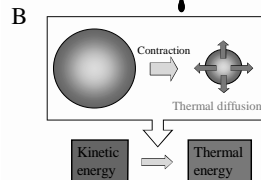


- 3 mechanisms for each region
- Center of thermal shock : A  
*Absorption*
  - Propagation path : B  
*Attenuation*
  - Negative pressure field : C  
*Suppression*

**Bubble <math>< 50 \mu\text{m}</math>**

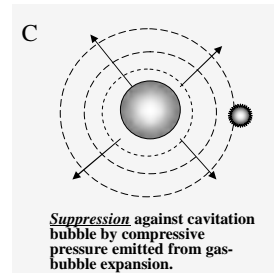


**Absorption**



*Attenuation* of the pressure waves due to the thermal dissipation of kinetic energy

**Attenuation**



**Suppression**

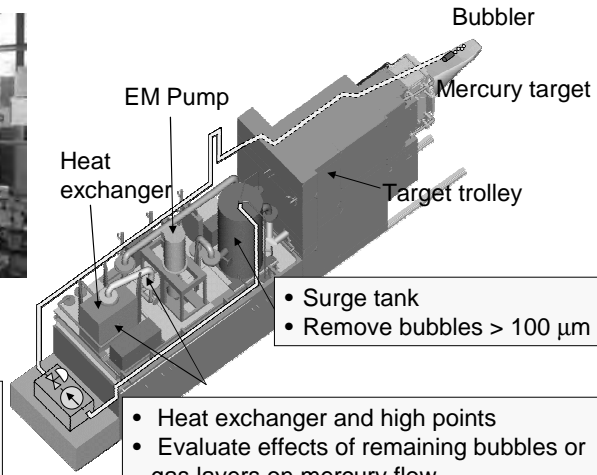
## Gas supply system for bubblers

Component tests are being carried out in water and mercury loops

Conceptual design is being made by a company



Mercury loop



- Gas supply system
- Control gas pressure and flow rate

- Heat exchanger and high points
- Evaluate effects of remaining bubbles or gas layers on mercury flow

## Strong Collaboration Between JSNS and SNS

Facilities for cavitation damage characterization and mitigation tests:

- Off-line tests
  - JAEAs impact testing apparatus (MIMTM)
  - ORNLs full-scale Hg loop (TTF)
- In-Beam Tests at LANLs WNR facility

Characterize bubbles, measure mitigation effects, etc.



MIMTM



WNR

TTF



## Conclusion Spallation Targets

- ❖ High power targets (solid and liquid) are operated in the 1 MW regime.
- ❖ Target lifetime is mostly limited by following effects
  - ❖ Radiation damage → Embrittlement, fatigue or more general change of material properties due to irradiation
  - ❖ Cavitation Erosion (Pitting) in case of LMT
- ❖ All laboratories do extensive Post Irradiation Examination (PIE) of spent Targets  
→ knowledge data base growing
- ❖ At power levels > 1 MW the biggest problems are:
  - ❖ Dissipation of energy densities (liquid targets, rotating targets ...)
  - ❖ Shock waves → search for new structural materials, mitigation
- ❖ **Personal opinion:** In the regime of 1 MW it is not clear which target concept (Liquid Metal Target or Solid Target) is advantageous.
- ❖ **New projects aiming for higher beam powers (2 MW+) need know-how from existing sources → intensive collaborations**

# Meson and Neutrino targets

# „Target E“ @ PSI

## Meson Production Targets at PSI

### Basic parameters

- ❖ 590 MeV proton cyclotron with maximum current of 2.2 mA (~1.3 MW)
- ❖ 2 meson production targets:
  - ❖ Target „M“ (mince, 5 mm graphite)
  - ❖ Target „E“ (epaisse, 4 cm graphite)



		Target M	Target E
1974-80	~ 100 $\mu$ A	Be, Graphite *) ⊙ 190 mm 0.9 g/cm <sup>2</sup>	Be, Graphite *) ⊙ 190 mm 22 g/cm <sup>2</sup> Pyrolytic graphite**) 22 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
1980-89	250 $\mu$ A	Graphite *) ⊙ 320 mm 0.9 g/cm <sup>2</sup>	Graphite *) ⊙ 280 mm 18 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
since 1990	0.5 - 2 mA	Graphite *) ⊙ 320 mm 0.9 g/cm <sup>2</sup>	Graphite *) ⊙ 450 mm 10 g/cm <sup>2</sup> (60 mm) or 7 g/cm <sup>2</sup> (40 mm)

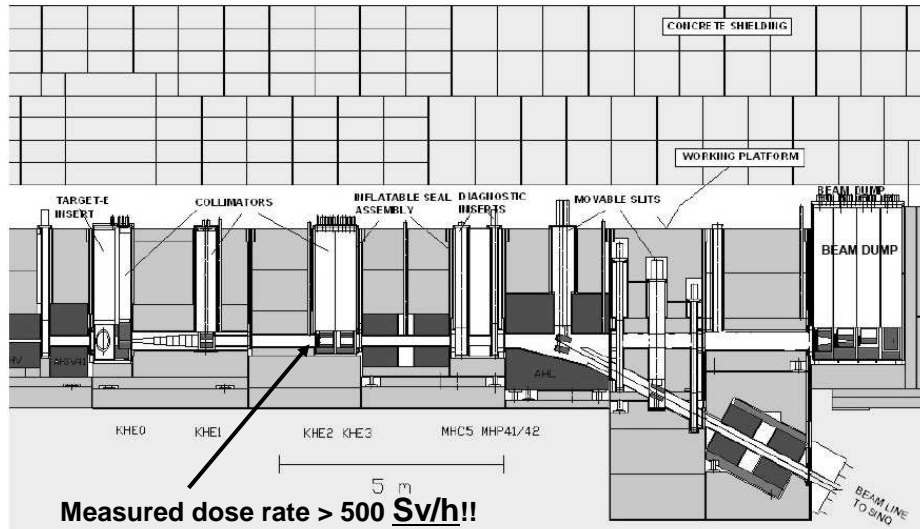
\*) rotating wheel target      \*\*) static target

### History of meson targets at PSI

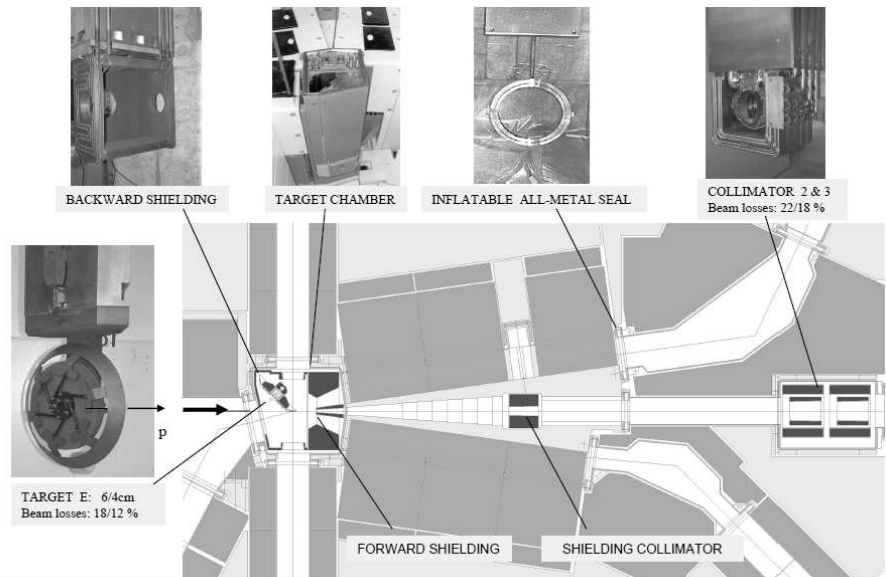
- Mainly graphite targets
- Targets radiation cooled
- Operated in continuous mode (no pulses)
- Target M:  $\sigma_x=0.8$  mm  $\sigma_y=0.9$  mm
- Target E:  $\sigma_x=0.75$  mm  $\sigma_y=1.3$  mm

## Design of „p-Kanal“, Target E, collimators & beam dump

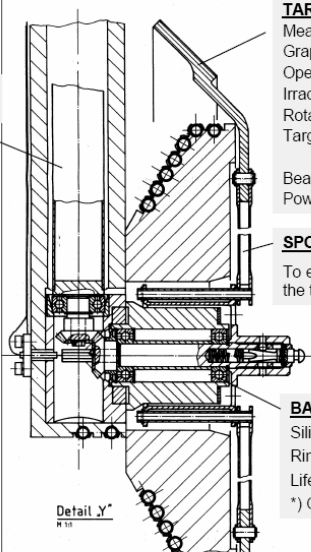
High dose rates at beam level shielded → working platform moderate dose



## Meson production Target E



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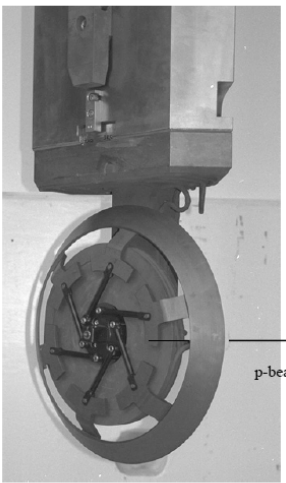
**Drive shaft**

**TARGET CONE**  
 Mean diameter: 450 mm  
 Graphite density: 1.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 Operating Temperature: 1700 K  
 Irradiation damage rate: 0.1 dpa/Ah  
 Rotational Speed: 1 Turn/s  
 Target thickness: 60 / 40 mm  
 10 / 7 g/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Beam loss: 18 / 12 %  
 Power deposition: 30 / 20 kW/mA

**SPOKES**  
 To enable the thermal expansion of the target cone

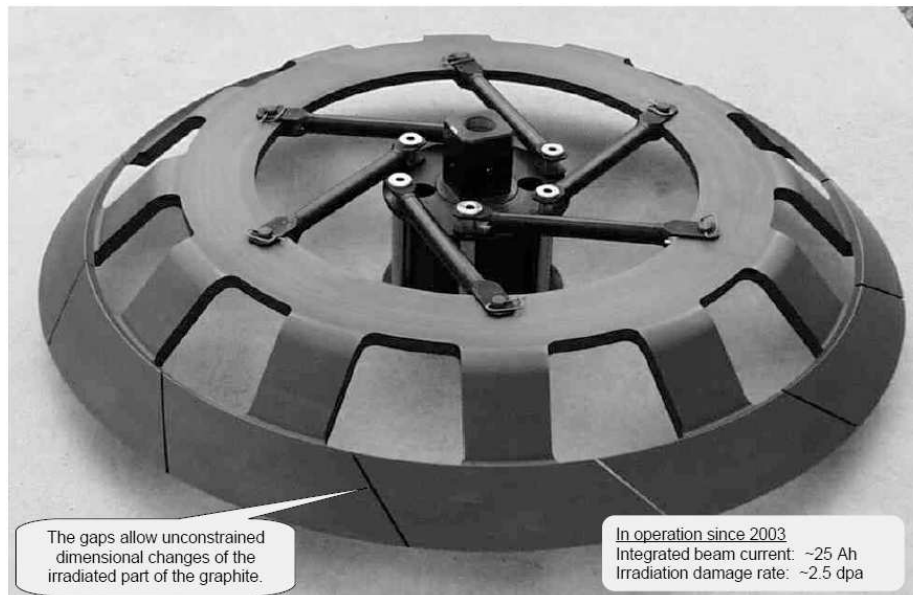
**BALL BEARINGS \*)**  
 Silicon nitride balls  
 Rings and cage silver coated  
 Lifetime 2 y  
 \*) GMN, Nürnberg, Germany

Detail Y\*  
A 1:10



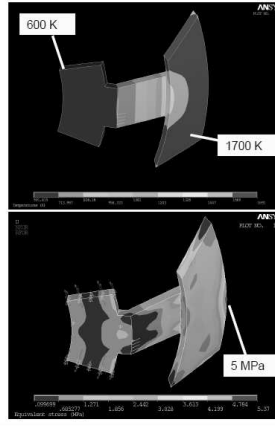
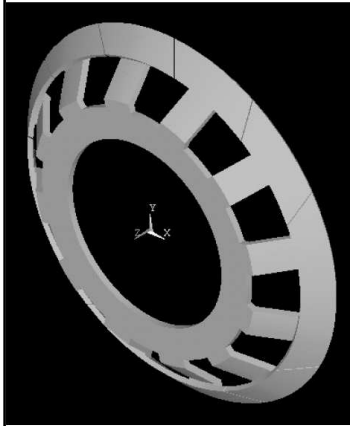
p-bearing

## Target E – latest design



$$Q \left[ \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \right] = \varepsilon \cdot \sigma_{SB} \cdot T^4$$

$\varepsilon$  ... emissivity  
 $\sigma_{SB}$  ... Stefan - Boltzmann Konstante ( $= 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \text{K}^4}$ )  
 $T$  ... Temperature [K]

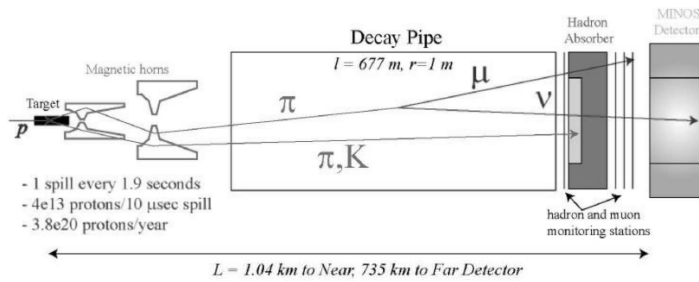


**Radiation cooling**

- Very effective at high temperatures.
- Cool surrounding instead of target.
- High emissivity necessary.

# Neutrino Production Targets

# Production scheme of Neutrino beam



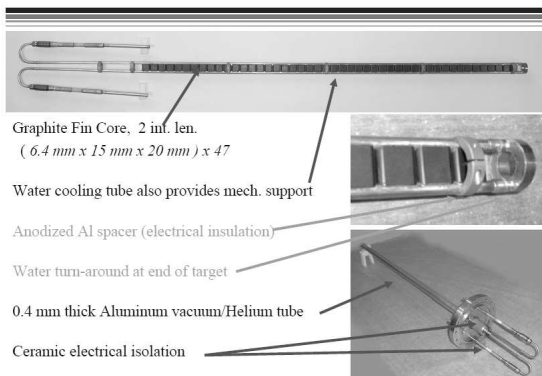
## NuMI Target (LE option)

~1 meter long graphite target, water cooled  
 120 GeV proton beam  $N_p = 4 \cdot 10^{13}$  ( $f = 0.53 \text{ Hz}$ , pulse length  $10 \mu\text{s}$ , gaussian shape  $\sigma_x = 0.7 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\sigma_y = 1.4 \text{ mm}$ )  
 $p + A \rightarrow \pi$  ( $T = 2.6033 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$ ) emerge from target  $\rightarrow$  decay in long tunnel  $\rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$  (99.987%)  
 Intense  $\nu_\mu$  neutrino beam (contamination due to  $\mu \rightarrow e + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$ )



NuMI Target  
*long, thin, slides into horn without touching*

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 October 2005  
 NuMI Target Status and Future  
 Pat Hurth  
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### Neutrino Target

- Long (2 -3 interaction lengths), thin structures  $\rightarrow$  fast escape of mesons ( $\pi, K..$ )
- Shape governed by magnetic focusing system (horns)  $\rightarrow$  inside horns
- Highly focussed beam  $\rightarrow$  large energy densities
- Current targets  $\rightarrow$  low Z materials (C, Be)
- Future targets  $\rightarrow$  high Z foreseen (Hg, W ...)

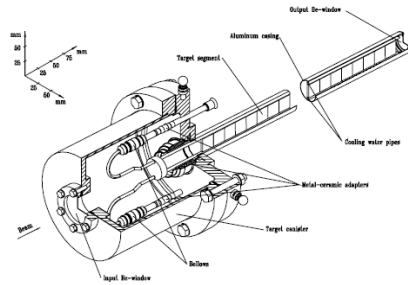


## NuMi Target (LE option)

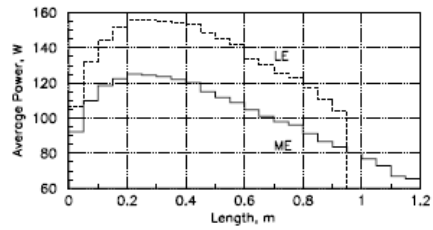
Source of neutrino parents	Neutrino parents decays from		
	Foc. system $Z < 50$ m	Decay pipe $50 < Z < 725$ m	Whole beam $Z < 725$ m
Interactions of primary protons in the target	2.48	0.14	2.62
Interactions of secondaries in horns, collimators and decay pipe walls	0.34	0.68	1.02
All sources	2.82	0.82	3.64

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Power deposition along LE (low energy) and ME (medium energy) targets → energy density (0.092 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>)



## NuMi Target (LE option)



### Experience with the NuMI Target

- 1<sup>st</sup> Target took beam for over a year, 820 MWhr integrated beam power. Two problems:
- water leak soon after turn-on; back-pressure with Helium to keep water out
  - target motion drive shaft froze up after year of operation – stuck in H.E. focus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Target is running (no leak)

	Max. Proton/spill	Max. Beam Power	Integrated Protons on Target
Target Design specification	40e12 p.p.p.	400 kW	370 e18 p.o.t. lifetime
1 <sup>st</sup> target Before leak	25e12 p.p.p. <i>11-12 day before leak</i>	69 kW	0.7 e18 p.o.t.
1 <sup>st</sup> target After leak	30e12 p.p.p.	270 kW	158 e18 p.o.t.
2nd target	40e12 p.p.p.	320 kW	201 e18 p.o.t.

## Neutrino Targets

Neutrino targets	Laboratory	Energy/momentum		Target material	
CNGS	CERN	400 GeV/c protons $2.4 \cdot 10^{13}$ ppp 512 kW		Carbon	L=2.2 m Air Cooling
NuMi	Fermi National Laboratory	120 GeV/c protons $f=0.53$ Hz		Carbon	L = 1 m Water cooling
MiniBoone	Fermi National Laboratory	8 GeV protons $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ ppp $f=5$ Hz		Beryllium	L = Air Cooling
T2K	J-Parc				

## Conclusion Neutrino Targets

- High energy densities and resulting thermal shocks currently set limit for (solid) neutrino targets → cyclic stresses → fatigue limits
- New target concepts for  $\nu$ -Production targets address following issues:
  - Dissipation of energy due to rotating/moving targets
  - Liquid metal targets (as e.g. MERIT)
  - High Z materials → higher neutrino production
  - Extensive tests of materials

# Beam Dumps

## Beam Dumps

- Used during beam development and set-up of accelerators
  - Generally not used during normal operation (except for colliders)
- Parts of accelerators can be optimized → other parts do not see beam
- Have to absorb and stop primary beam particles → secondary particles in general shielded by a so-called biological shield (concrete, earth ...)
- Essentially the same requirements as targets (not for particle production) → same assessment
  - Beam often defocussed to reduce peak current densities → reduction of power densities
- High Z materials favored
  - Often medium Z materials such as Steel or Copper used

# 3 GeV Extraction Beam Dump JSNS

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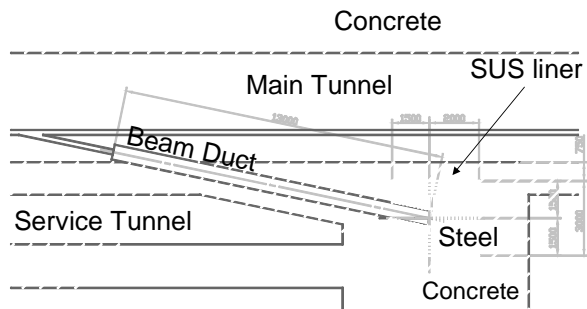
## Specification

Maintenance free and passive cooling

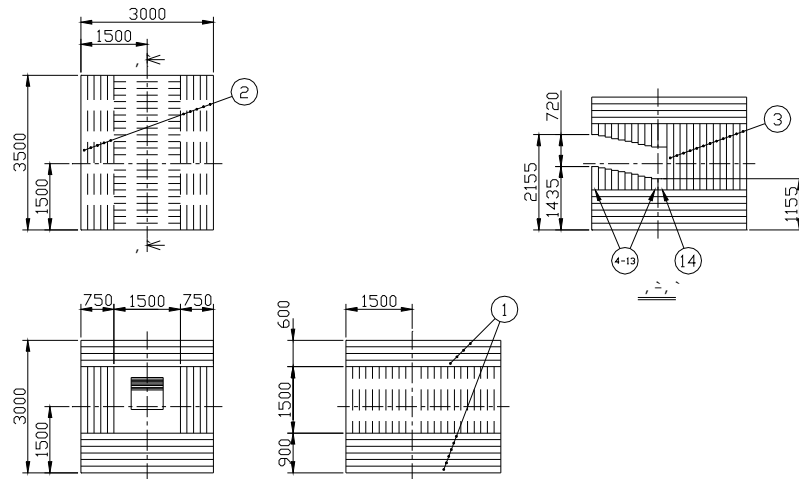
Maximum proton beam power: 4 kW

Configuration

- Steel: 3.5 m × 3.0 m × 3.0 m, type 304-SS liner.
- Concrete: 2.0 m in thickness.
- Beam duct



## Configuration of Steel



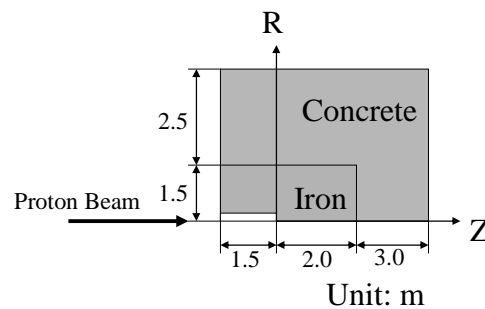
## Radiation Dose

### Technical requirement

- Radiation dose limit at boundary of concrete and soil is set to be less than 11 mSv/hr.
- Safety margin of factor 2 should be considered for calculation.
- That means less than 5 mSv/hr is required for shielding calculation.

### Calculation

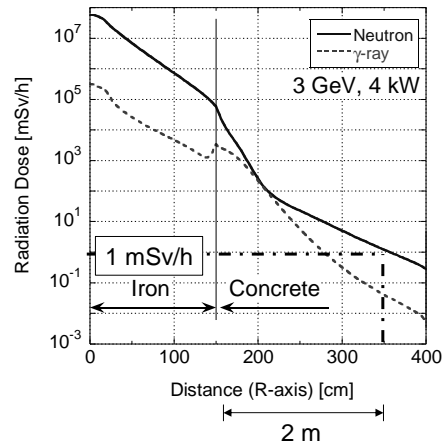
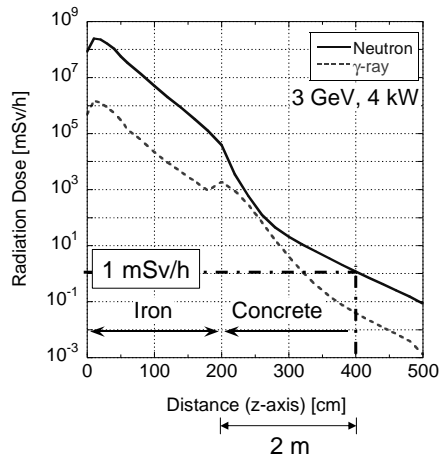
- NMTC/JAM + DORT
- Calculation Model: R-Z



## Radiation Dose

### Calculation results

- Concrete with 2 m thickness is sufficient.



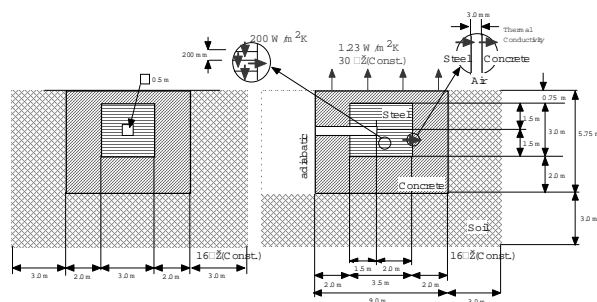
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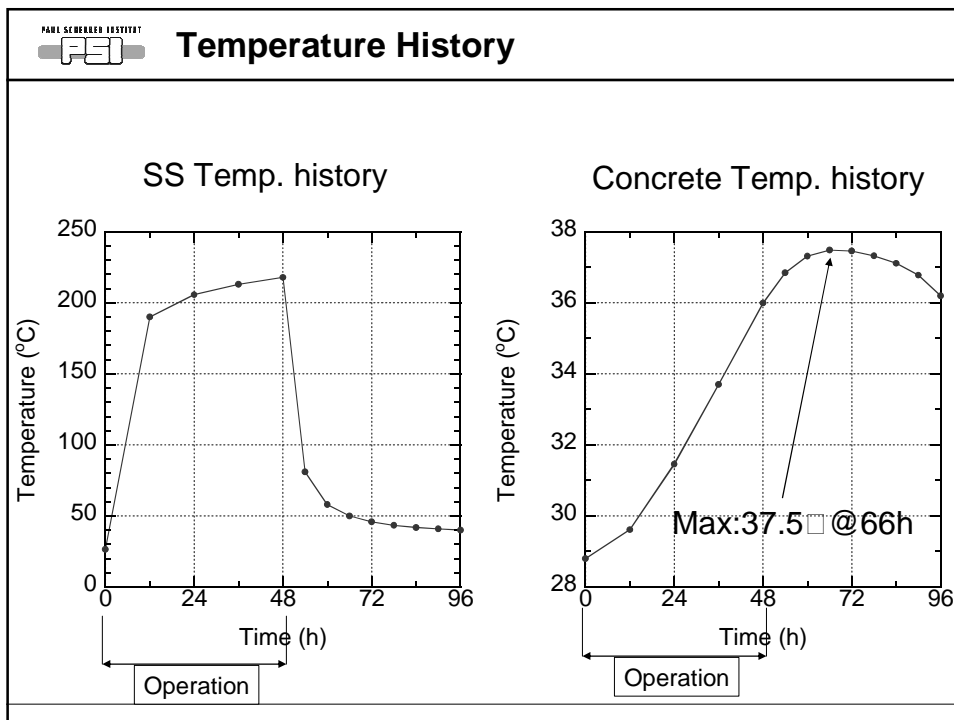
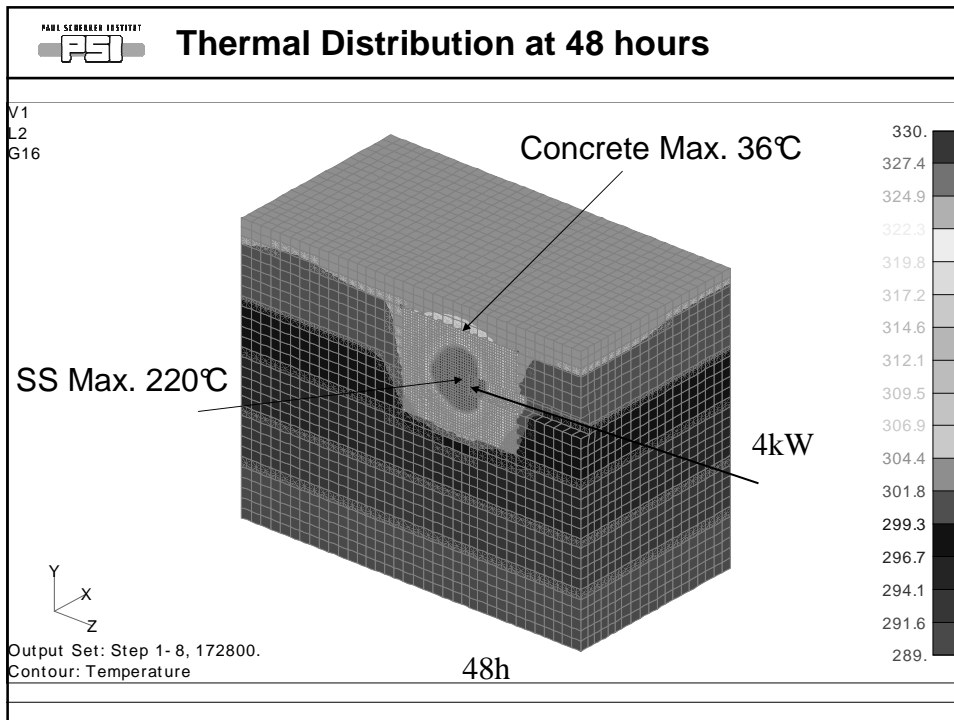
### Technical requirement

- Temperature of concrete should be kept less than 60°C in order to keep the structural strength.

### Calculation

- Heat deposition: NMTC/JAM
- Thermal conduction: ABAQUS
- Continuous operation for 48 hours is assumed.



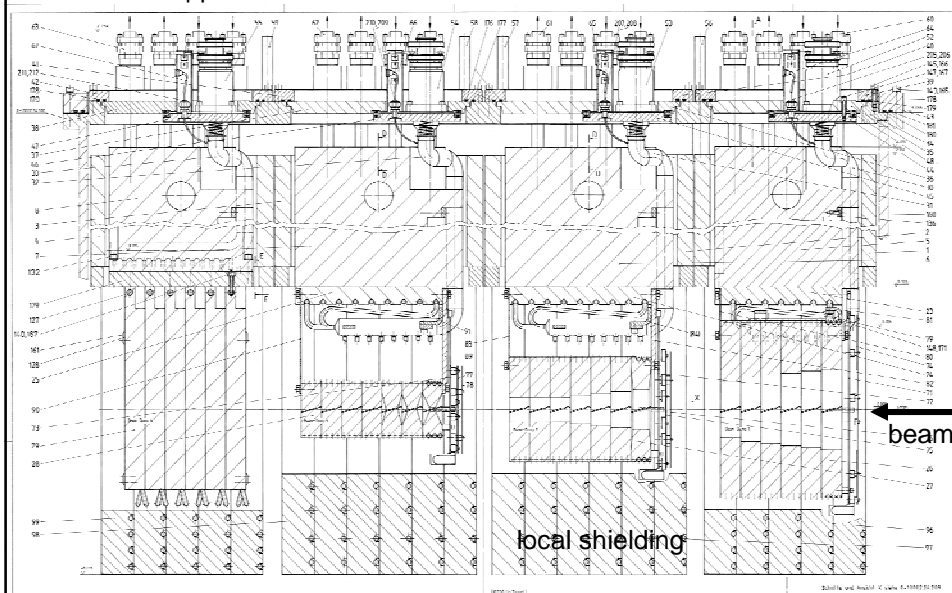


# PSI 590 MeV beam dump

## 590 MeV Beam Dump: side view

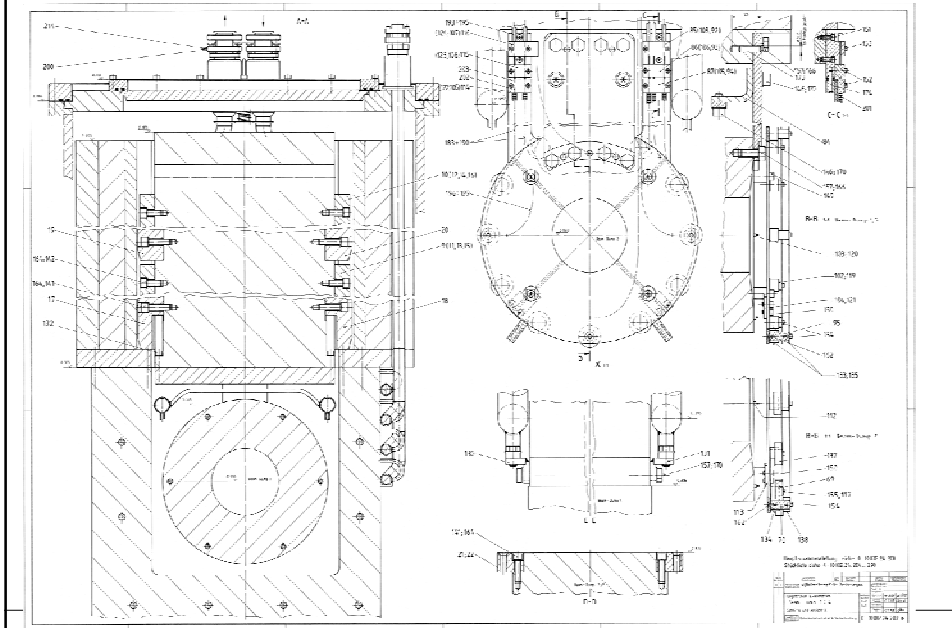
Material: copper

water cooled

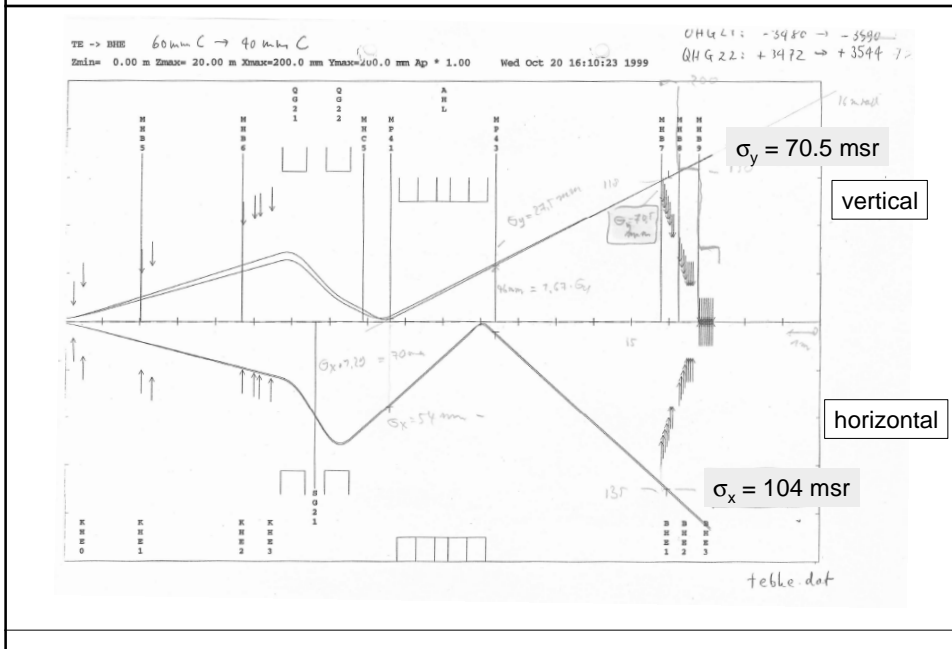




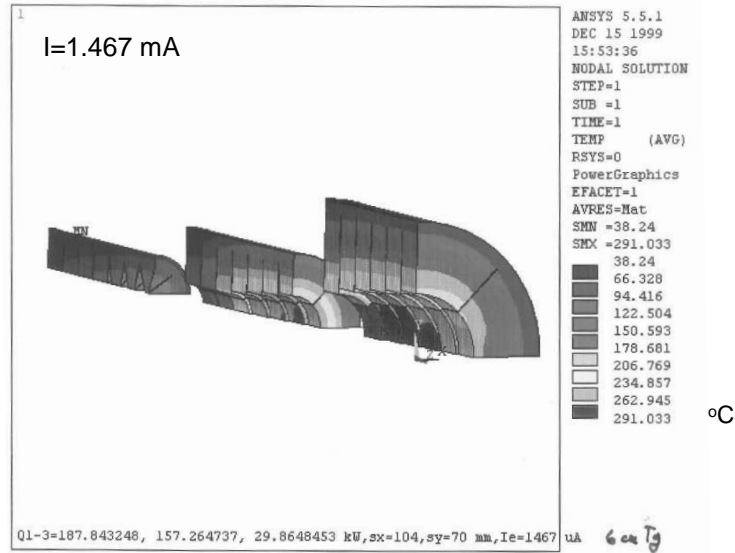
### 590 MeV Beam Dump: front view



### Beam envelope from Target E (6 cm) to Beam Dump



## Temperature distribution for 6 cm C-target E



## Key parameters on beam dump

	size (cm)	slices	power deposit (kW/mA)	water flux (l/s)
1.section:	30 x 44	6	220	4.2
2.section:	35 x 26	7	180	4.2
3.section:	35 x 14	7	30	4.2
4.section:	30 x 50.5	6	- (= shielding)	1.2
local shielding			30-60	1.2

designed for

2 mA with 6 cm C-Target E → 40% beam loss → 1.2 mA on beam dump  
1.6 mA 4 cm → 30% → 1.12 mA

total max. power deposit: 500 kW

highest power density: 350 W/cm<sup>3</sup>

highest temperature: 380 °C for 2mA, 6 cm C-Target E  
< 405 °C (allowed limit due to recrystallisation of Cu)

energy deposit: 425 MeV/mA

proton range: 23 cm

Thank you for your attention.

