

*The Fundamental Neutron Physics Beamline  
at the  
Spallation Neutron Source*

*Update*

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The Spallation Neutron Source at ORNL  
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**Front-End Systems**  
*(Lawrence Berkeley)*

**Accumulator Ring**  
*(Brookhaven)*

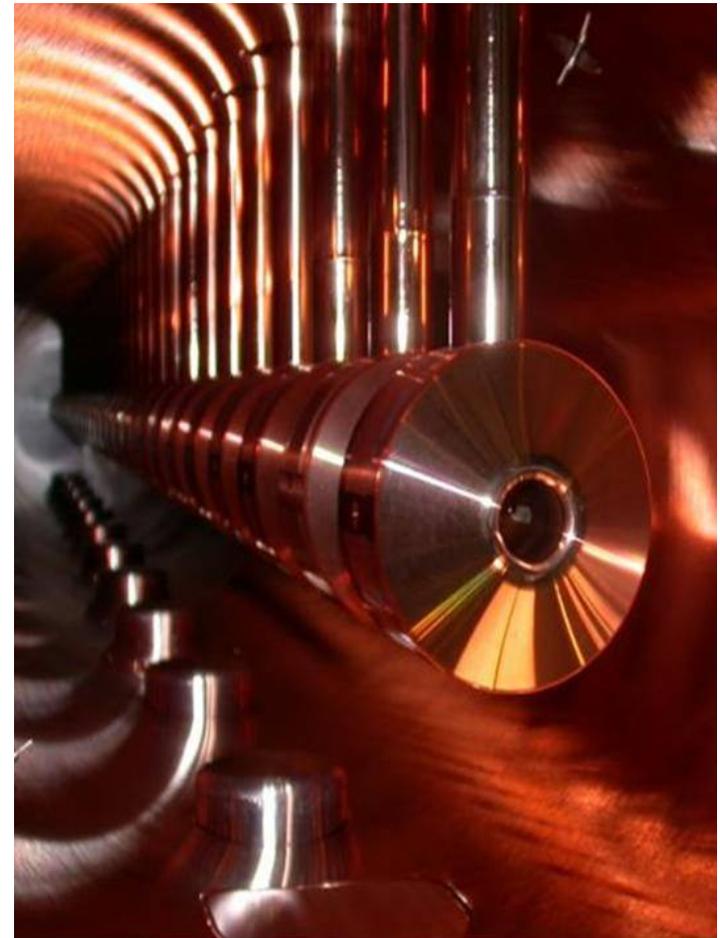
**Target**  
*(Oak Ridge)*

**Linac**  
*(Los Alamos and Jefferson)*

**Instrument Systems**  
*(Argonne and Oak Ridge)*

# ***Drift Tube Linac***

- ***System includes 210 drift tubes, transverse focusing via PM quads, 24 dipole correctors, and associated beam diagnostics***



## ***Coupled-Cavity Linac***



- *System consists of 48 accelerating segments, 48 quadrupoles, 32 steering magnets and diagnostics*

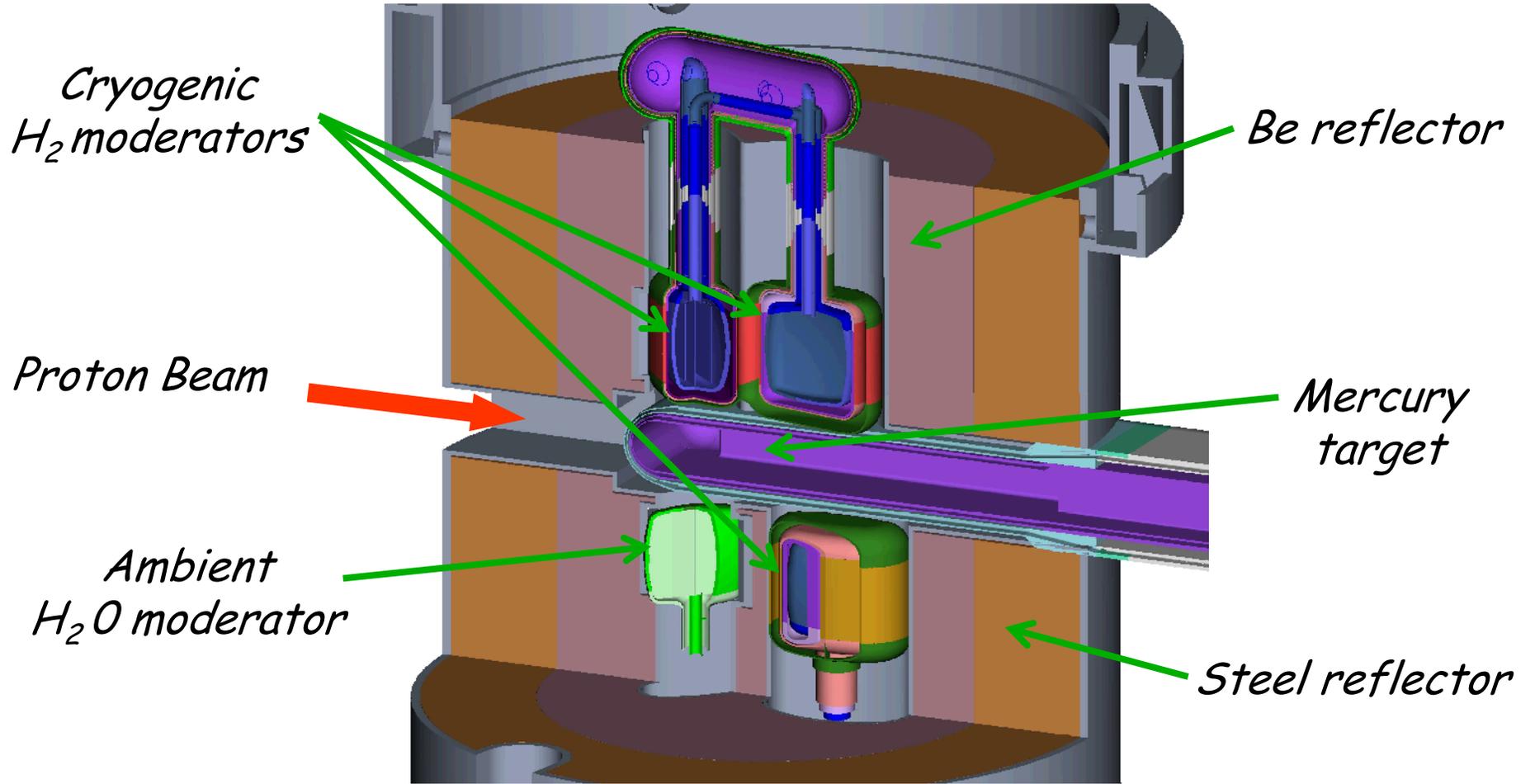


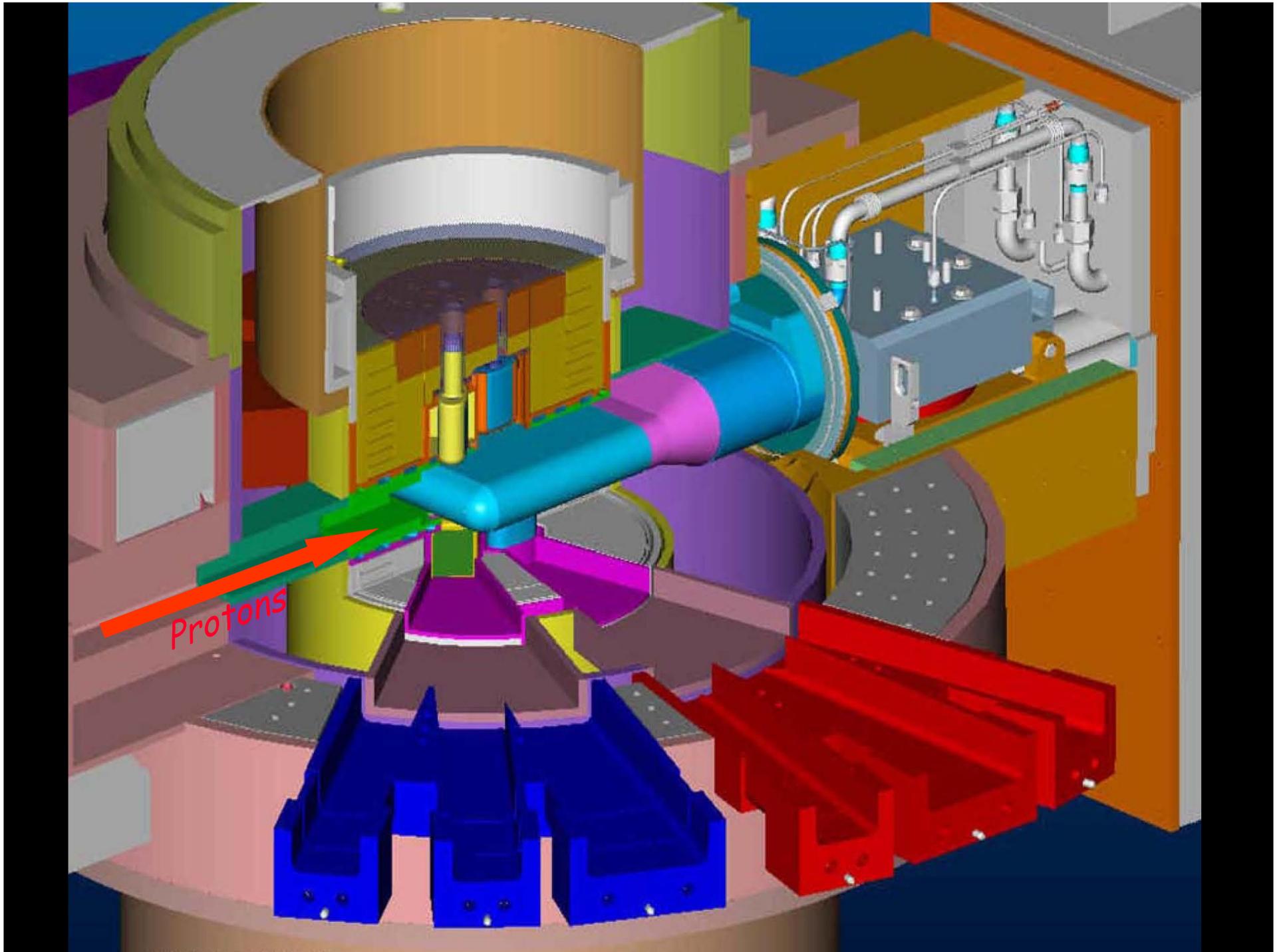
# Superconducting Linac

- **11 Medium -  $\beta$  cryomodules**
- **12 High -  $\beta$  cryomodules**
- **Cavities exceed gradient specifications**



# Target, Reflectors, and Moderators





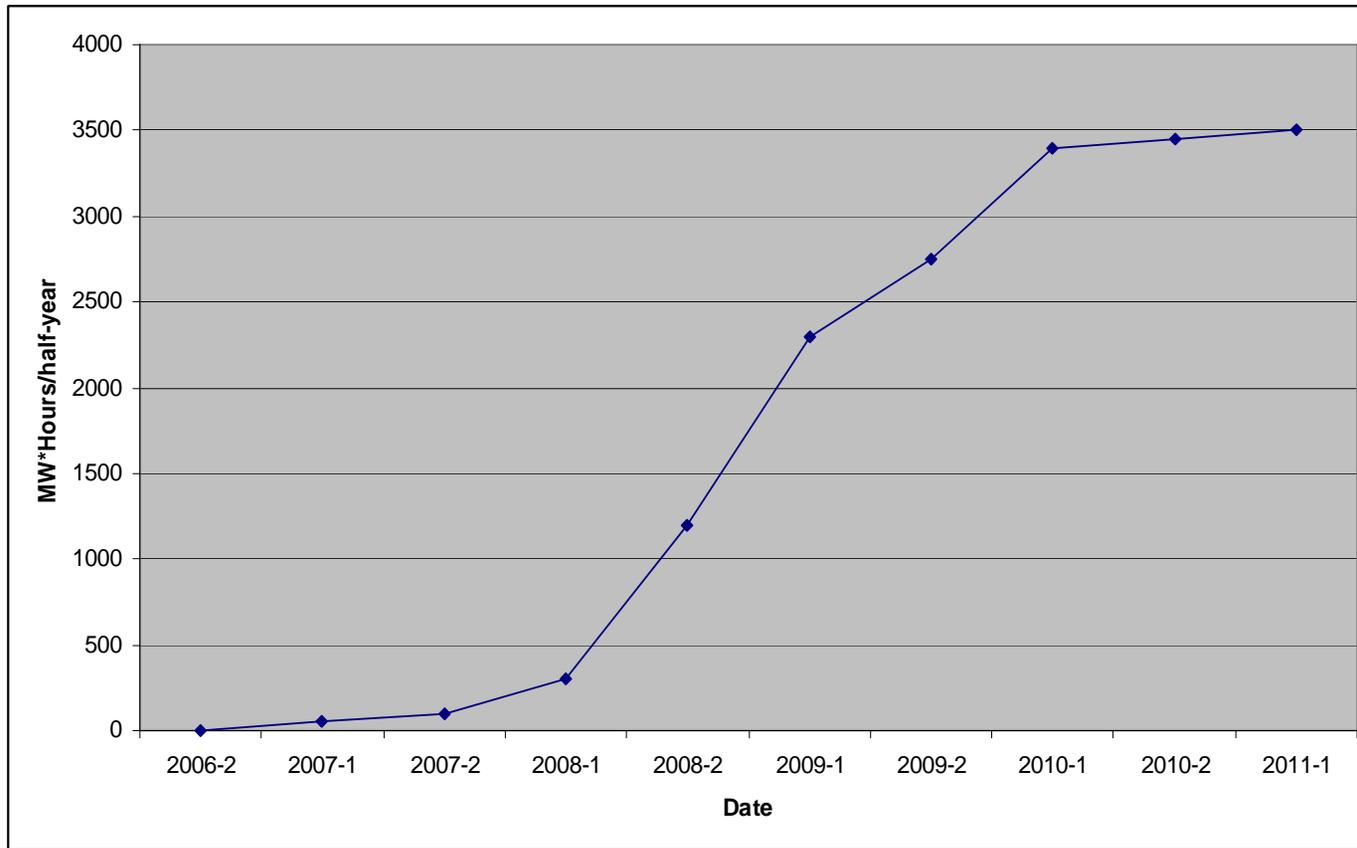
## Spallation Neutron Source Primary Parameters

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Proton beam power on target	1.4 MW
Proton beam kinetic energy on target	1.0 GeV
Average beam current on target	1.4 mA
Pulse repetition rate	60 Hz
Protons per pulse on target	$1.5 \times 10^{14}$ protons
Charge per pulse on target	24 $\mu$ C
Energy per pulse on target	24 kJ
Proton pulse length on target	695 ns
Ion type (Front end, Linac, HEBT)	H minus
Average linac macropulse H- current	26 mA
Linac beam macropulse duty factor	6 %
Front end length	7.5 m
Linac length	331 m
HEBT length	170 m
Ring circumference	248 m
RTBT length	150 m
Ion type (Ring, RTBT, Target)	proton
Ring filling time	1.0 ms
Ring revolution frequency	1.058 MHz
Number of injected turns	1060
Ring filling fraction	68 %
Ring extraction beam gap	250 ns
Maximum uncontrolled beam loss	1 W/m
Target material	Hg
Number of ambient / cold moderators	1/3
Number of neutron beam shutters	18
Initial number of instruments	5

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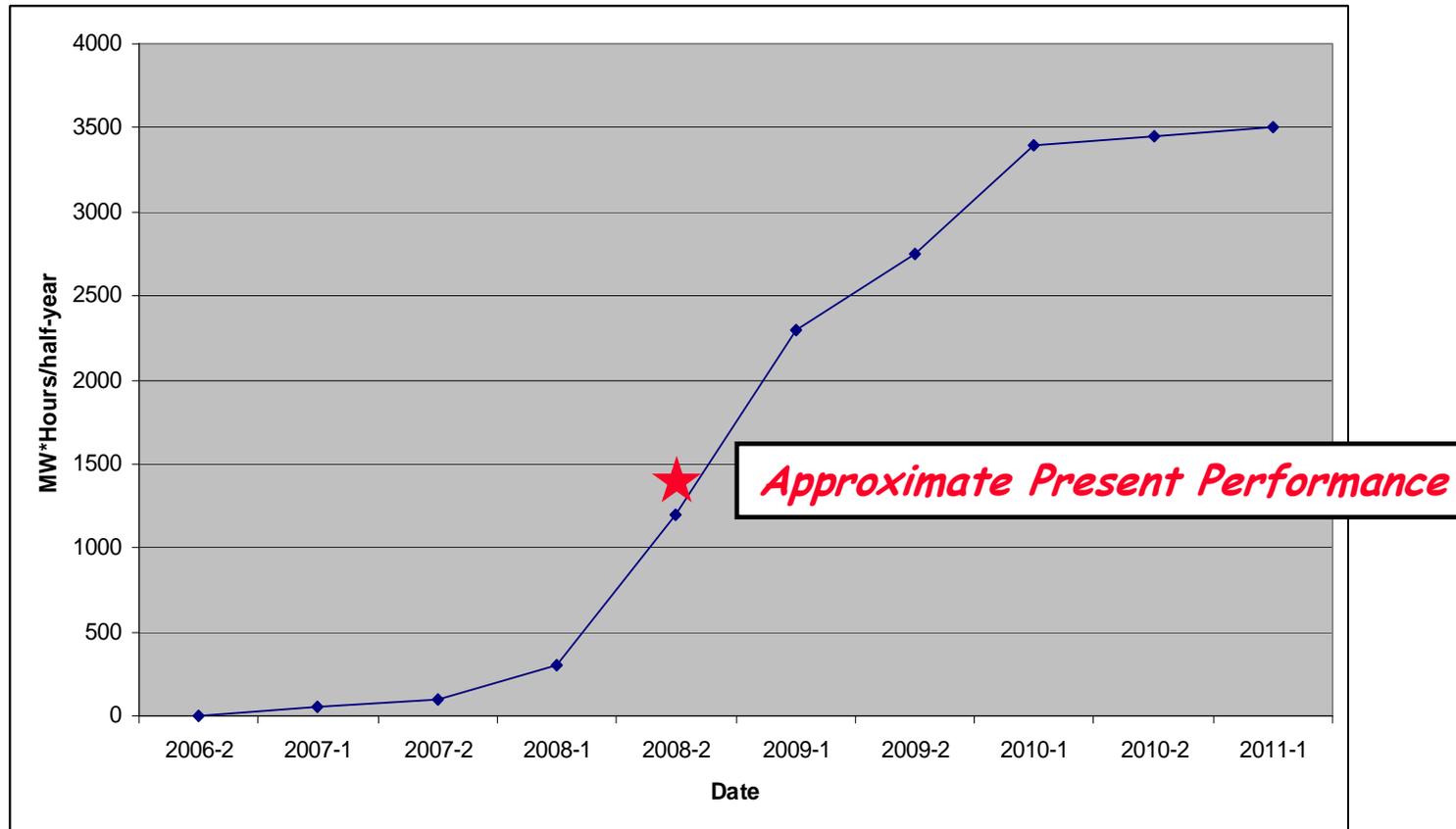
## *Originally Projected SNS Operational Ramp-Up*



Source: SNS Project

*First SNS beam on target - April 2006*

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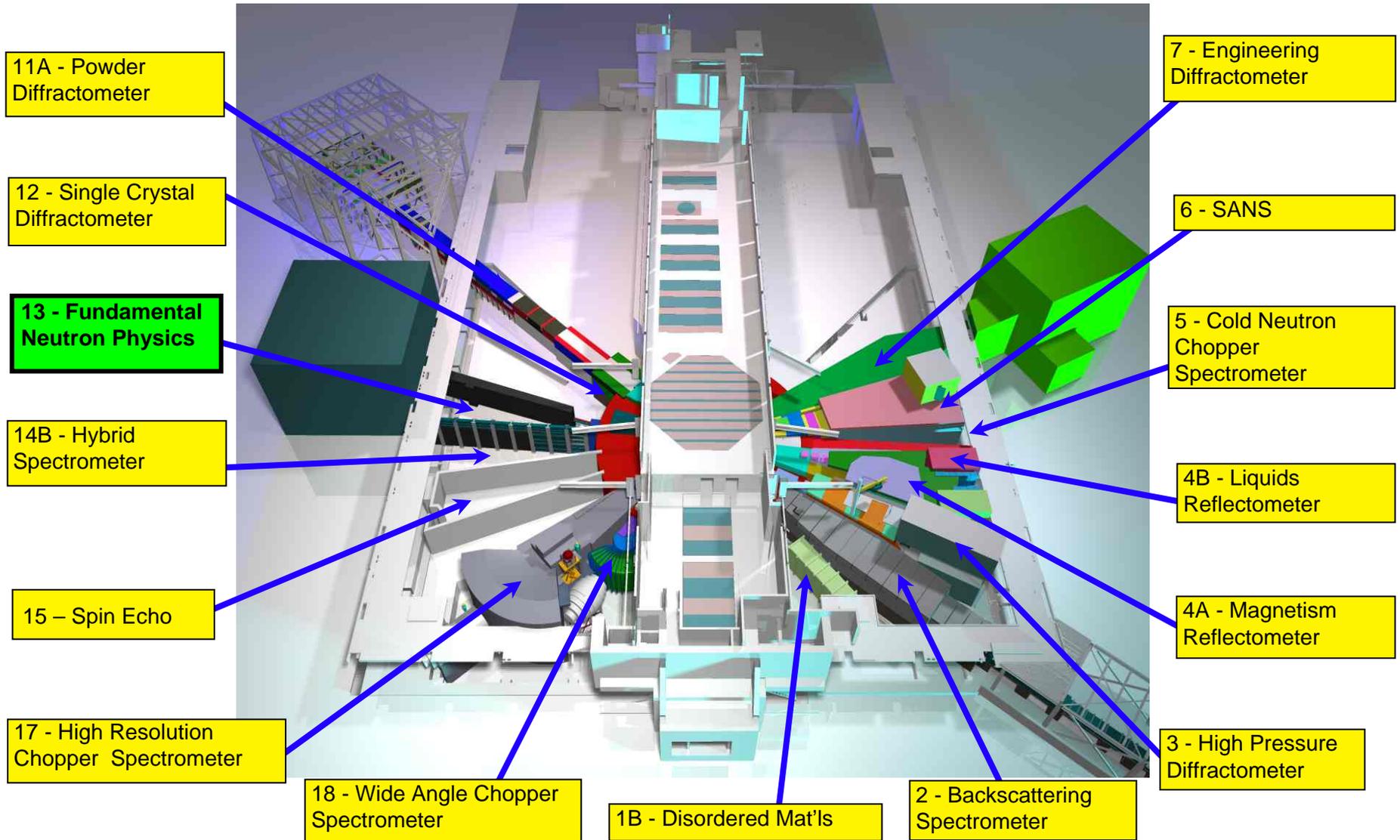


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*SNS ran at  $\geq 500kW$  during 2<sup>nd</sup> half of FY2008*

*SNS is the Highest Power Pulsed Neutron Source in the World.*

# *One Beamline has been allocated for Nuclear Physics*



## **Brief FNPB Project History**

1989-2002		<i>Three successive NSAC Long Range Plans identify research with Cold and Ultracold Neutrons as important opportunities.</i>
Nov	1999	<i>DOE begins construction of SNS</i>
April	2002	<i>Proposal for a nuclear physics beamline submitted to SNS.</i>
April	2002	<i>Proposal for funding submitted to DOE NP.</i>
Oct	2002	<i>SNS Science Advisory Subcommittee (Peoples) Review</i>
March	2003	<i>Formal Allocation of Beamline by SNS for FNPB.</i>
April	2003	<i>NSAC Sub-Committee (Tribble)</i>
May	2003	<i>NSAC Sub-Committee recommends construction of Fundamental Neutron Physics beamline at the SNS.</i>
Aug	2003	<i>DOE Issues Critical Decision 0 (Mission Need)</i>
Nov	2003	<i>DOE NP project review</i>
Dec	2003	<i>DOE Issues Critical Decision 1 (Cost Range)</i>
May	2004	<i>Preliminary Design Review</i>
Jun/Jul	2004	<i>External Independent Review (EIR)</i>
Aug	2004	<i>DOE Issues Critical Decision 2 (Performance Baseline).</i>
Aug	2004	<i>DOE Issues Critical Decision 3a (Long lead Procurement).</i>
Feb	2004-8	<i>Annual DOE Project Review</i>
April	2006	<i>Completion of SNS Construction Project.</i>
Dec	2007	<i>NSAC Long Range Plan reiterates interest in Fundamental Symmetries...</i>
Sept	2008	<i>Completion of "Cold Beamline" (projected)</i>
June	2010	<i>Completion of "UCN Beamline" (baseline)</i>

*Red indicates substantive review*

*The DOE-NP Investment in the FNPB  
is "Heavily Leveraged"*

*The FNPB M.I.E. is a \$9.2M DOE construction project.*

*DOE Basic Energy Sciences invested \$1.4G for the construction of the SNS.*

*DOE Basic Energy Sciences pays for the operation of the accelerator and the neutron production target ~\$120M/y*

*Averaged over a period of 10-15 years and over 15-20 beamlines, this represents an investment of >\$100M ( $\geq$ \$10M/y) by BES for nuclear physics at the SNS.*

## *FNPB Project includes only the Neutron Beam Facility*

*The Fundamental Neutron Physics Beam M.I.E. includes only the construction of the neutron beams and the infrastructure that allows the installation of experiments.*

*Funding for experiments is done independently of the Beamline Construction Project.*

*Individual experiments are selected by a proposal driven, peer review process operated by ORNL Physics Division under the auspices of the SNS.*

*The FNPB has its own Proposal Review and Advisory Committee\* to advise Physics Division and SNS Management on programmatic issues.*

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# *SNS Fundamental Neutron Physics Program*

1. ***Accurate measurement of parameters that describe the beta decay of the free neutron (i.e. Lifetime, Decay Correlations)***
  - *Universality of the Weak Interaction (Unitarity of CKM Matrix)*
  - *Extensions to the Standard Model (RH currents, new couplings,...)*
  - *Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and Cosmic Elemental Abundances*
  - *Stellar Astrophysics*
  - *...*
  
2. ***Precision measurement of parity violation in the interaction low energy neutrons with "simple" nuclear systems (i.e. n-p, n-d, n- $\alpha$ )***
  - *Quark-Quark Weak Interaction*
  - *QCD in the strongly interacting limit*
  
3. ***Search for a non-zero permanent neutron electric dipole moment***
  - *Origin of CP and T violation*
  - *Cosmic Baryon Asymmetry*
  - *....*

## Two Classes of Fundamental Experiments

### *1. Cold Neutron, Broad Band (beta decay, hadronic weak studies)*

*Optimal Beam:*

*Large X-section (10x12 cm<sup>2</sup>),*

*Large Divergence (> m=3 supermirror)*

*Broad Wavelength Band (short flight path ~15m)*

### *2. Monochromatic Beam at 8.9Å for Ultra Cold Neutrons (EDM)*

*Optimal Beam:*

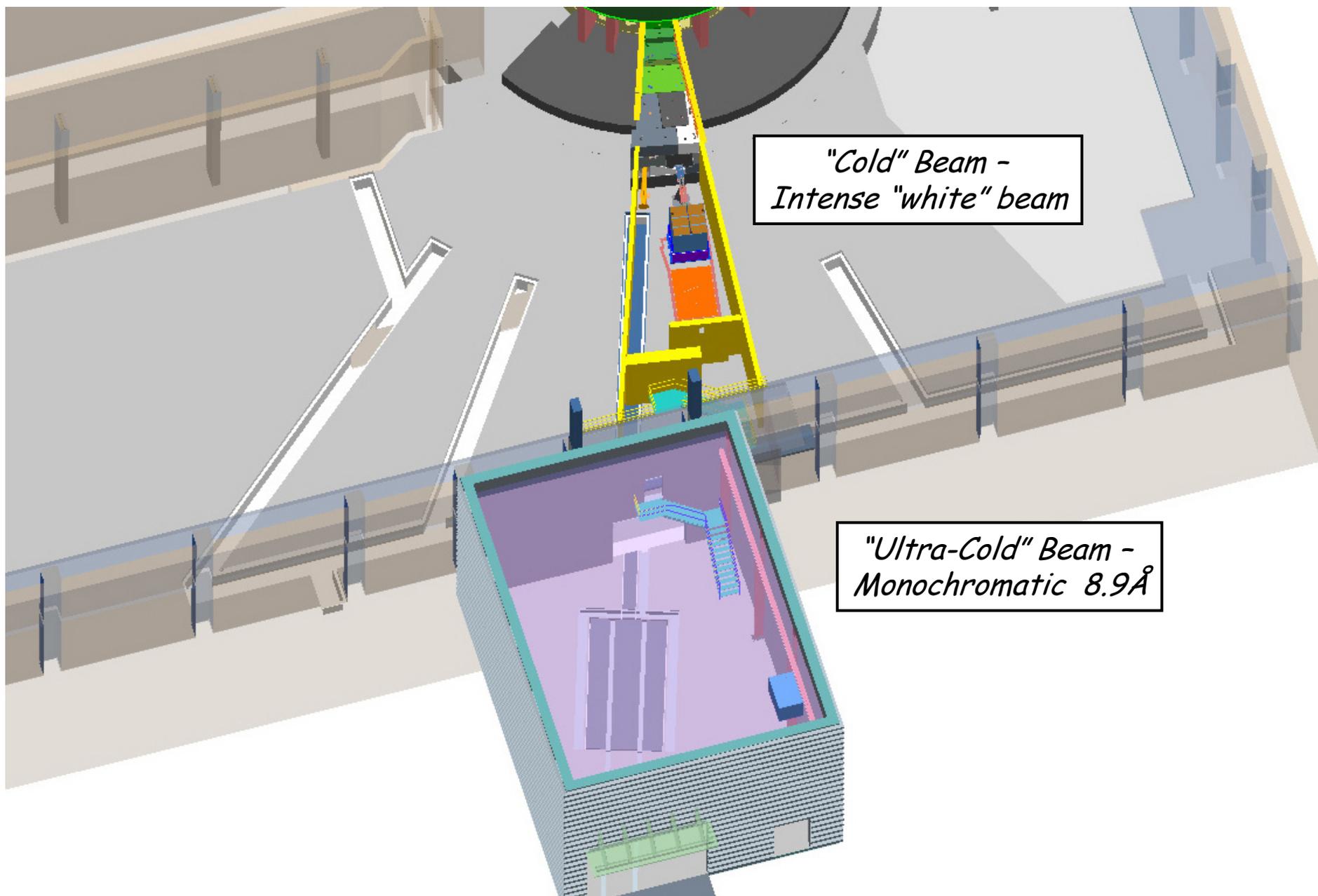
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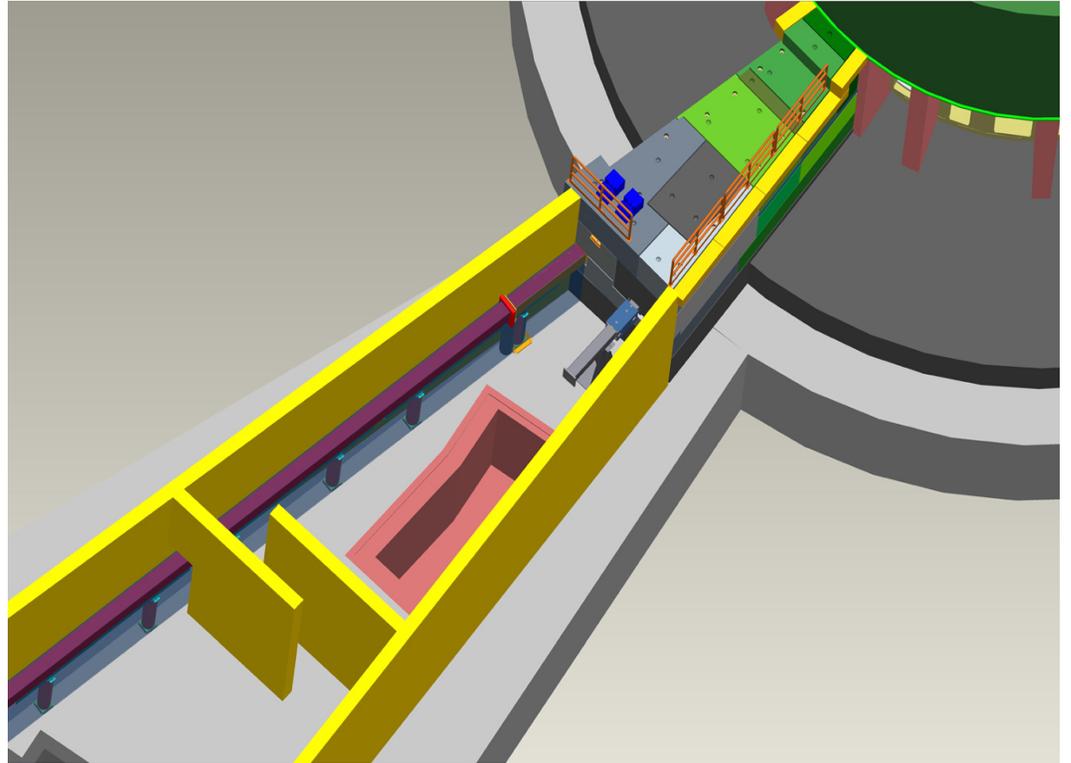
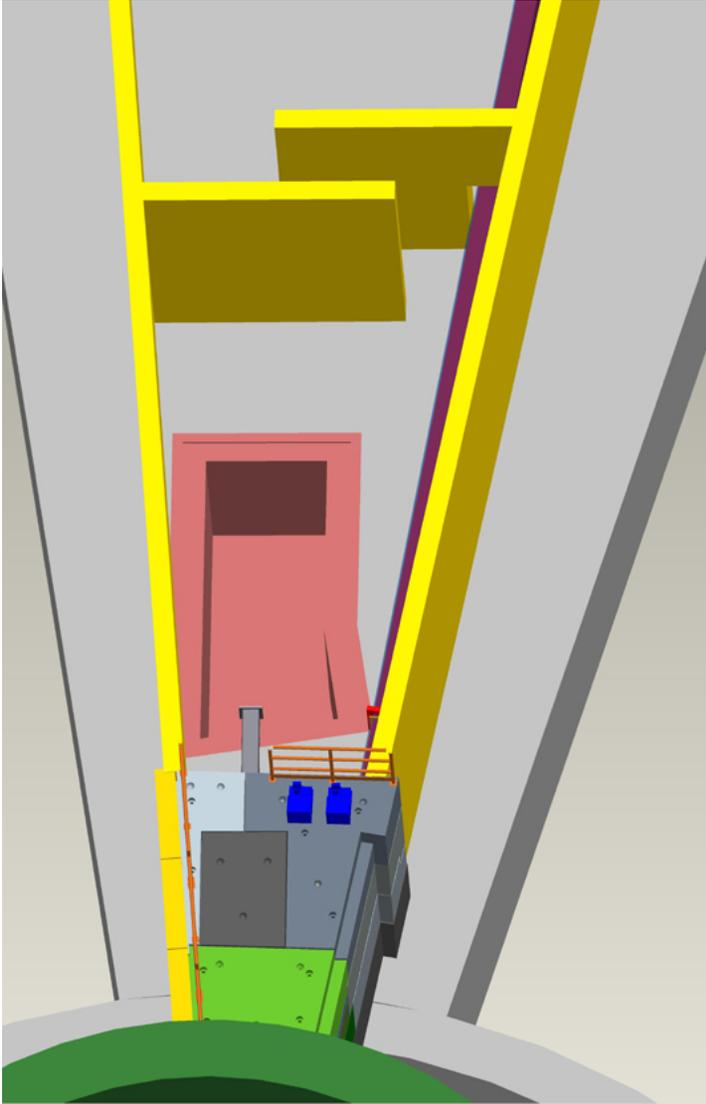
*Long Flight Path (~40m)*

*Low Background Experimental Area*

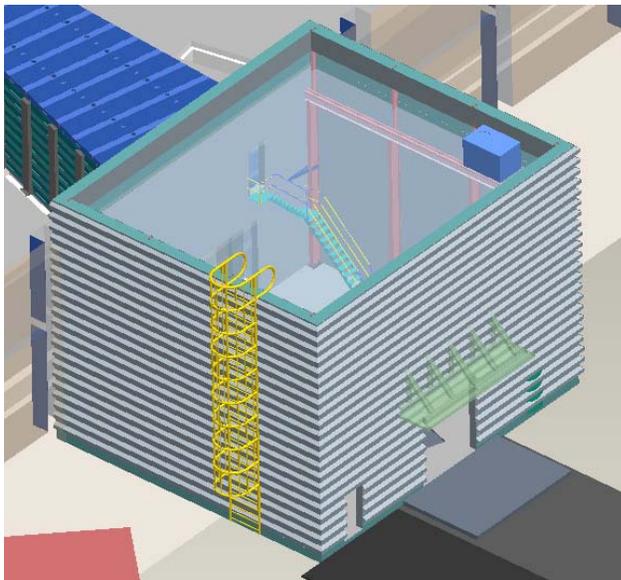
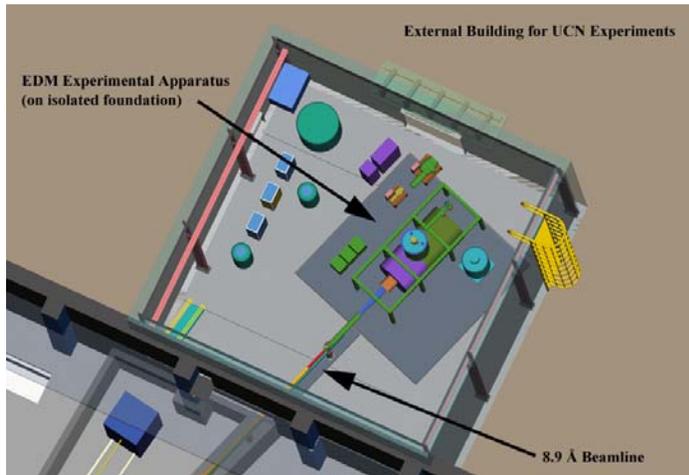
*The FNPB has two independent neutron beamlines*



## ***FNPB Cold Beam experimental Area***



# ***FNPB Ultra Cold Beam External Building***



*Beamline 2 external building*

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*(SNS, ORNL, LANL, IUCF, NCSU,...)*

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*(Harvard, NIST, NC State)*

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***Measurement of "A+B" Correlation in Neutron Beta Decay***

*(Michigan, Indiana, NIST, ORNL, UNH,...)*

***Measurement of Parity Violation in n-p Capture***

*(LANL, Indiana, Manitoba, ORNL, Kentucky, Tennessee...)*

***Measurement of Parity Violation in n-d Capture***

*(LANL, Indiana, Manitoba, NIST, Berkeley, ORNL,...)*

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***Measurement of "A"***

*(Michigan, Indiana)*

**>100 Distinct Participants**

**>30 Different Institutions**

***Measurement of Parity***

*(LANL, Indiana, Manitoba, ORNL, Kentucky, Tennessee...)*

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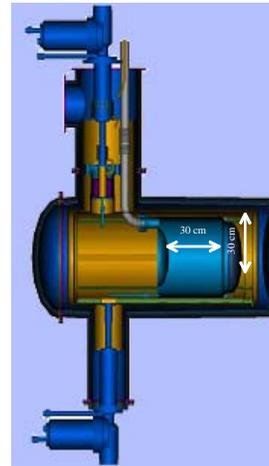
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# ***The NPDGamma Experiment***

*The  $n+p \rightarrow d+\gamma$  completed data collection at LANSCE in 2006.*



*Polarizer, Field Coils, Spin Flipper, & Detector*



*Liquid H<sub>2</sub> Target*

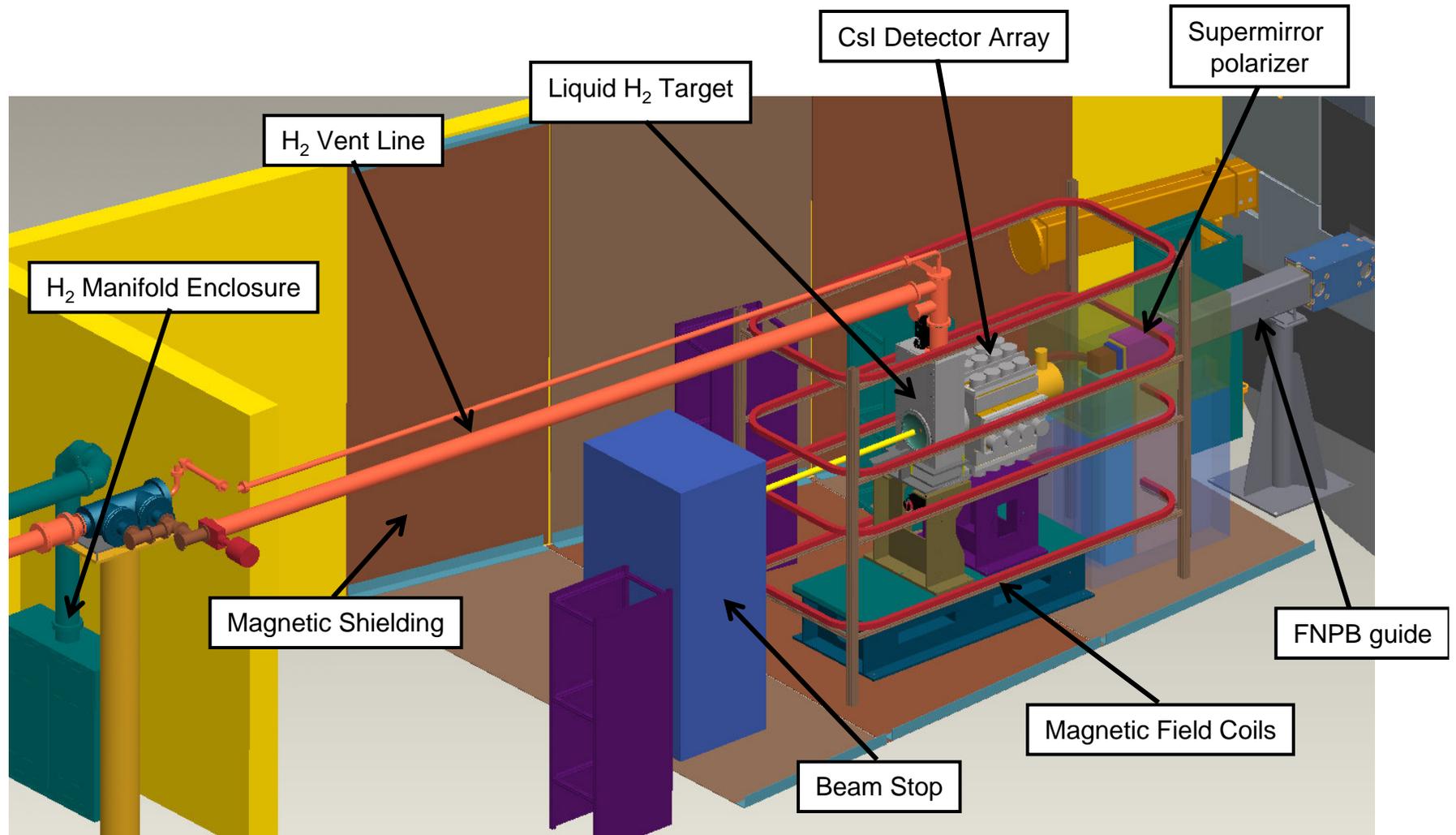


*H<sub>2</sub> Safety System*

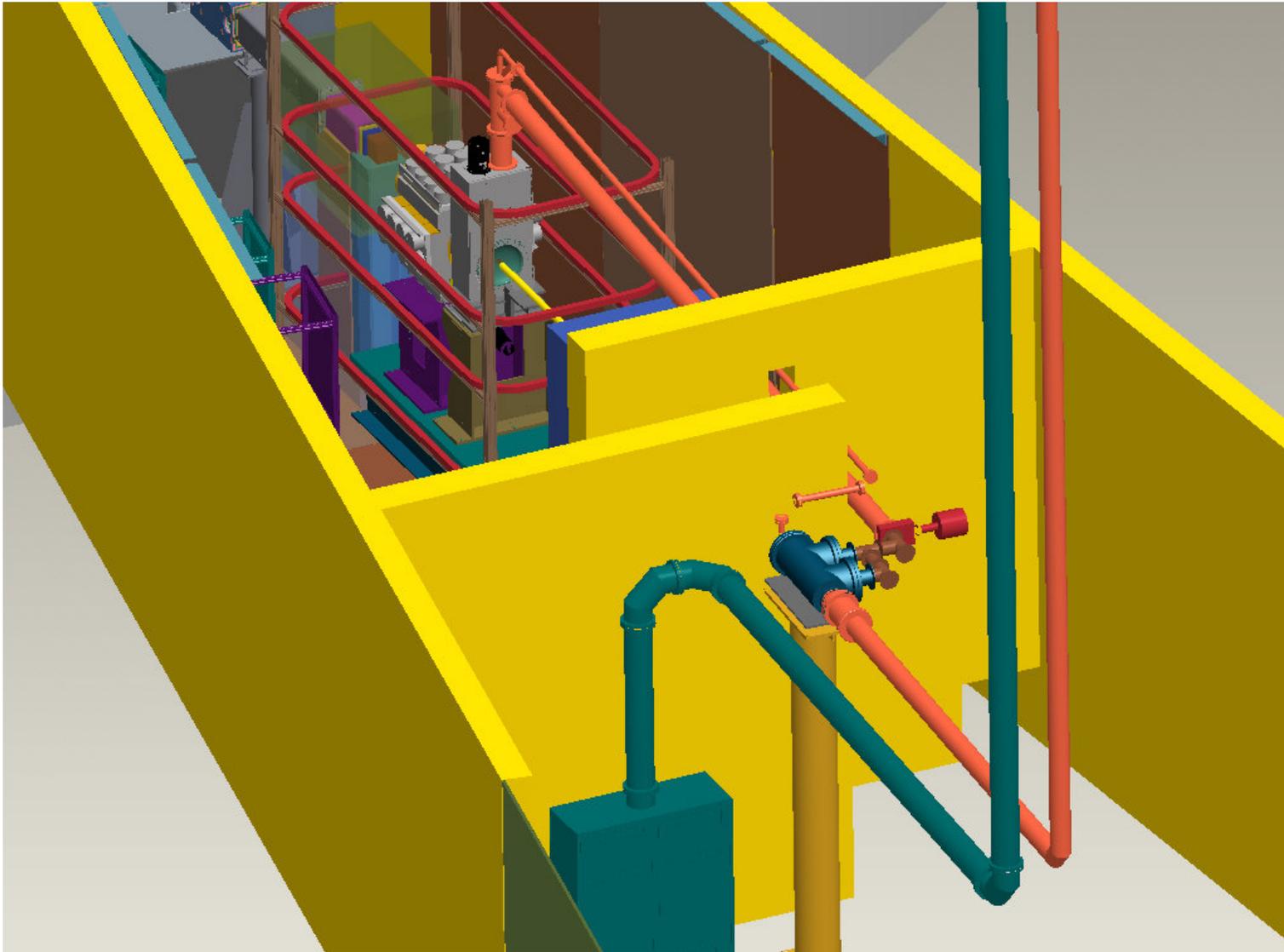


*H<sub>2</sub> Vent Stack*

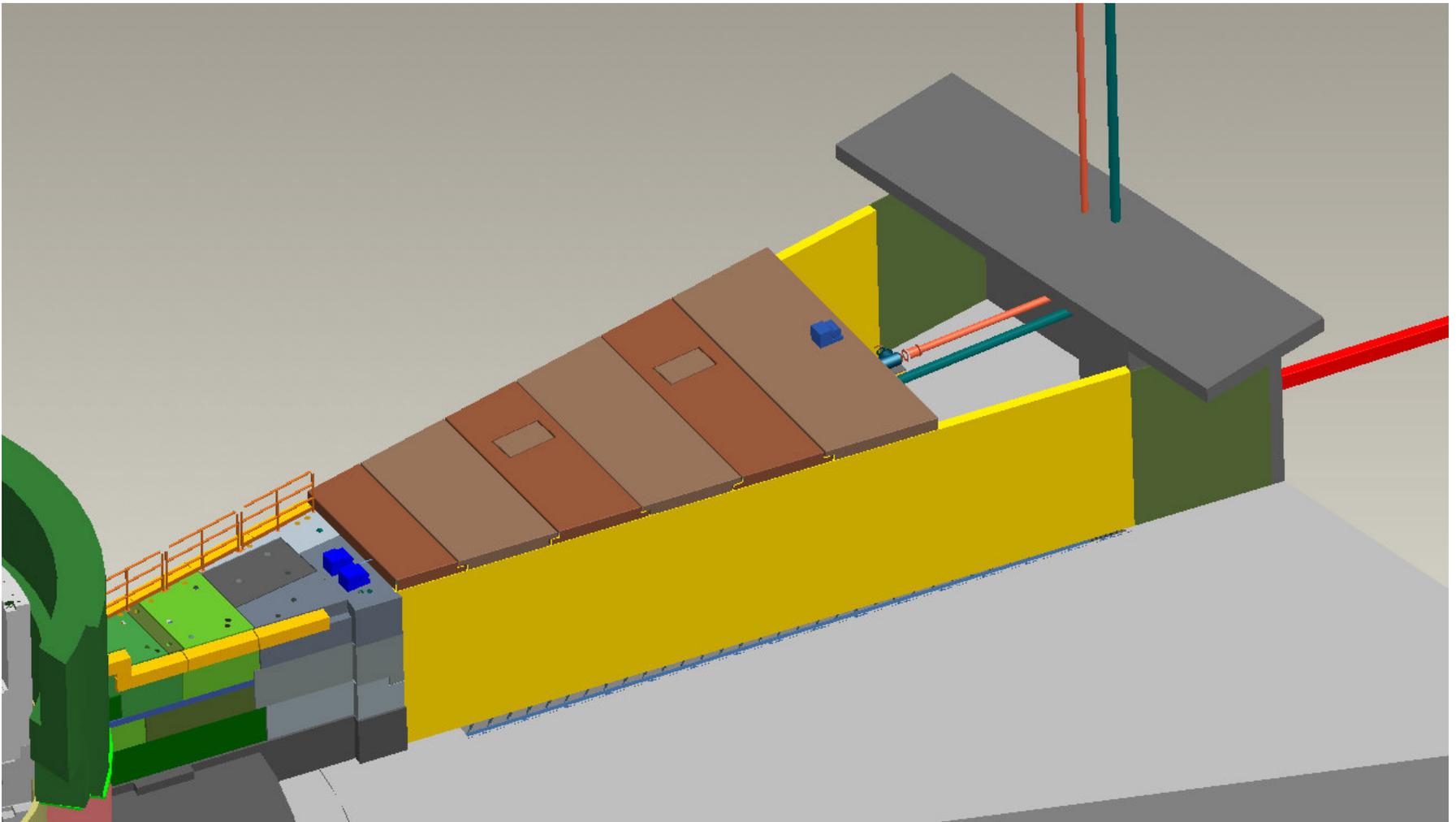
# *The NPDGamma Experiment*



## *The NPDGamma Experiment – Vent System*



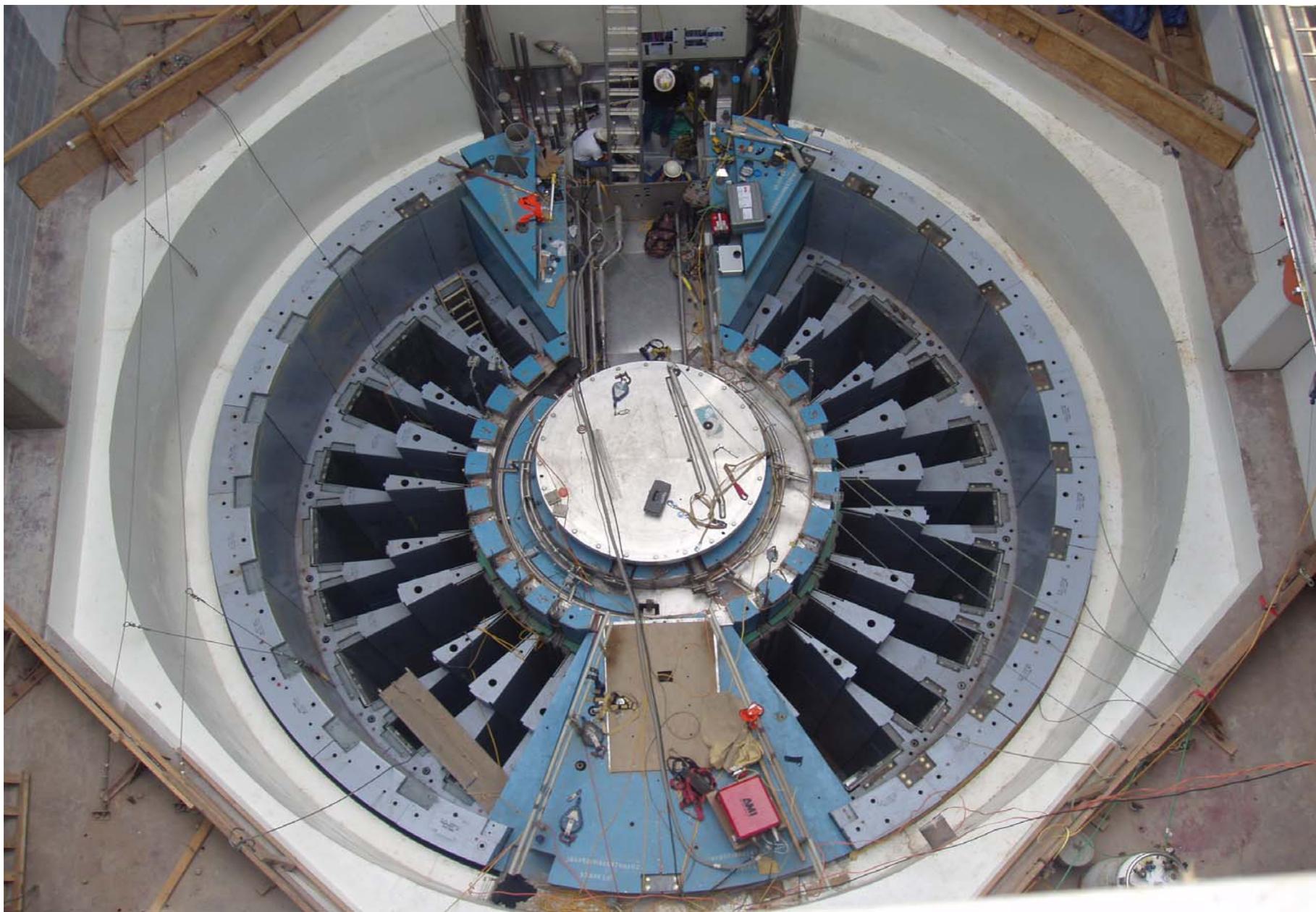
# *The NPDGamma Experiment – Shield Roof and Mezzanine*



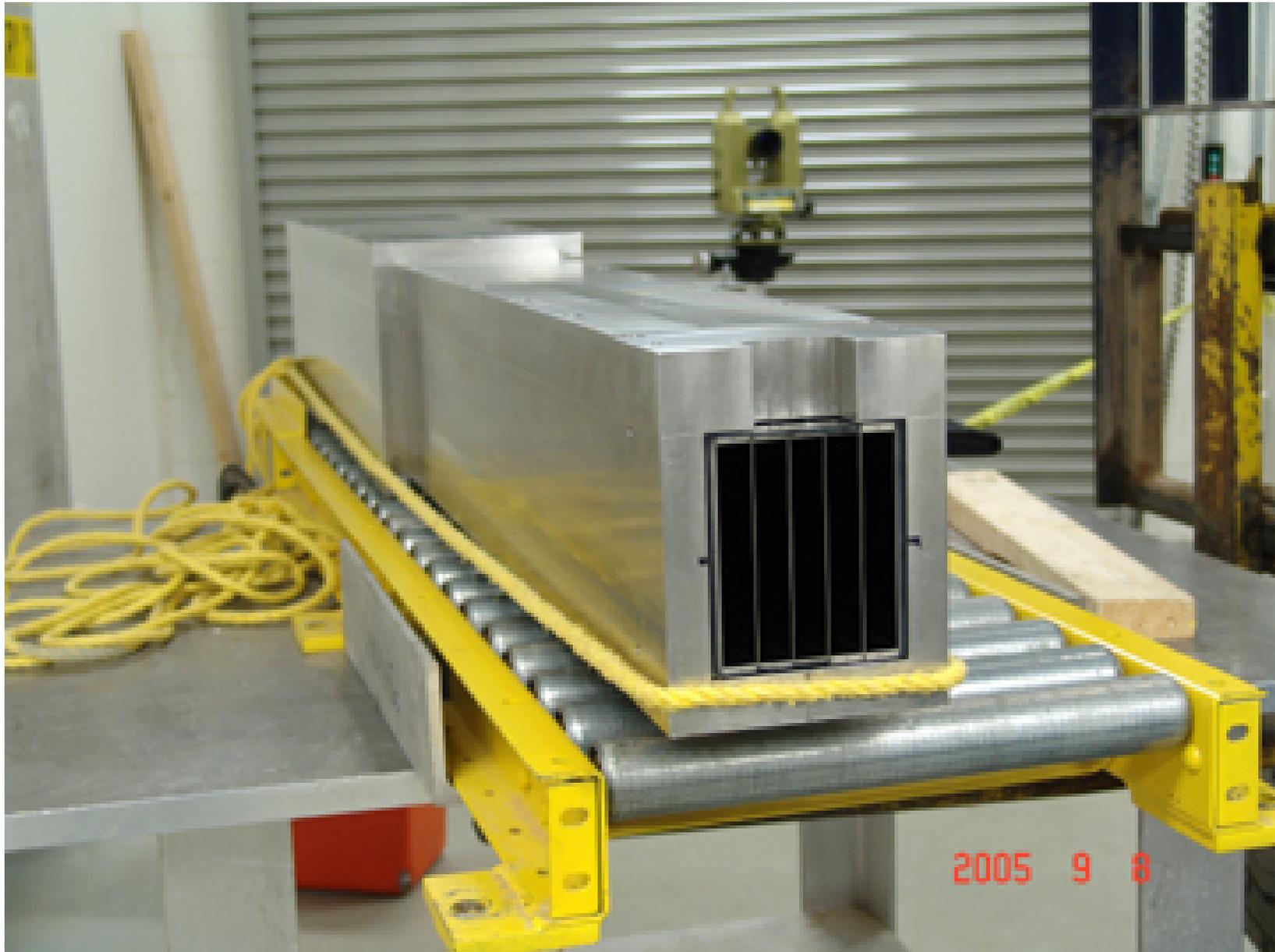


# ***FNPB Construction***

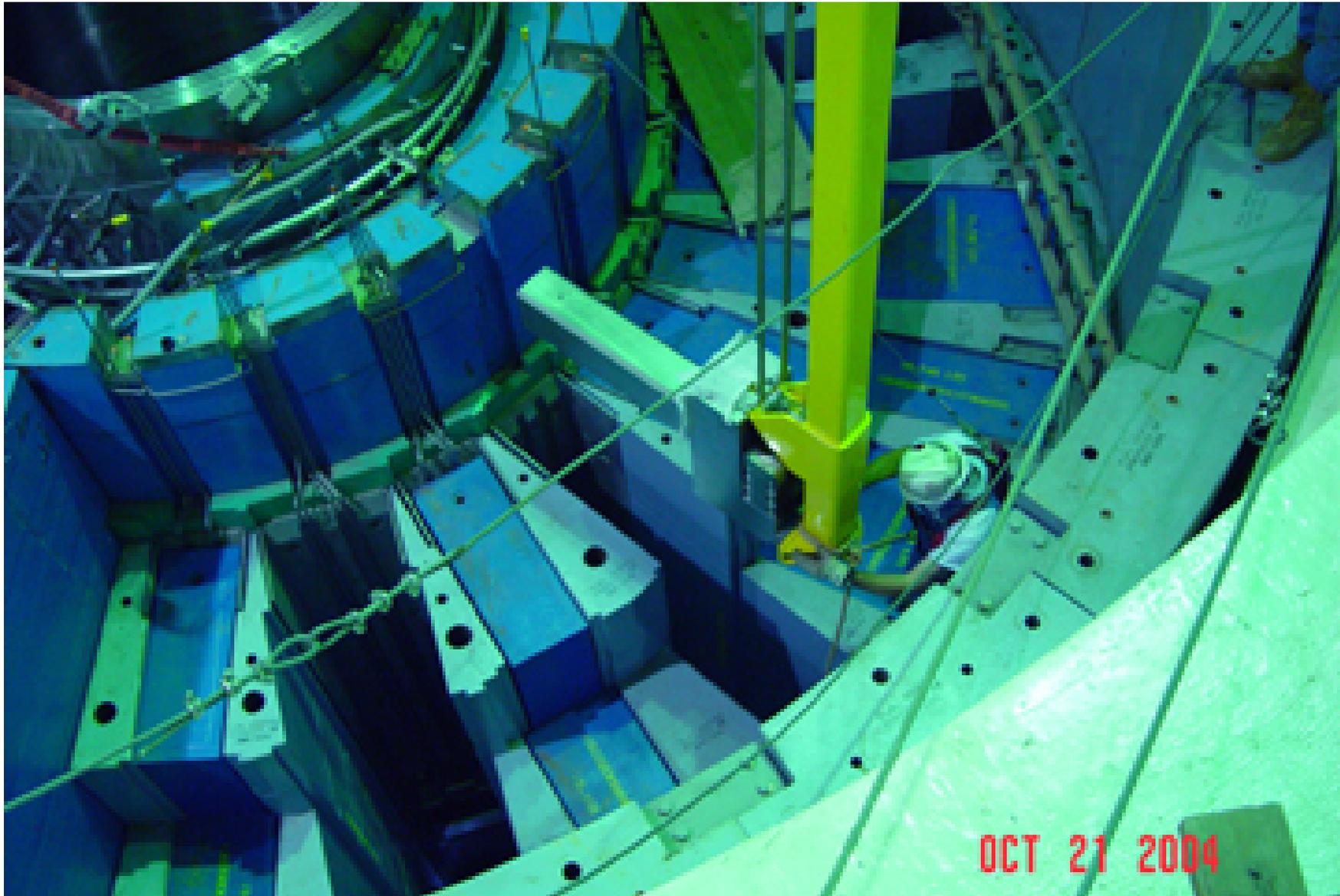
# ***SNS Target “Monolith”***



# FNPB Neutron Guide (Shutter)



## Insertion of Upstream Neutron Guide



# SNS Experimental Hall



# FNPB Chopper Housing #1



# Shielding Seismic Tie-Downs



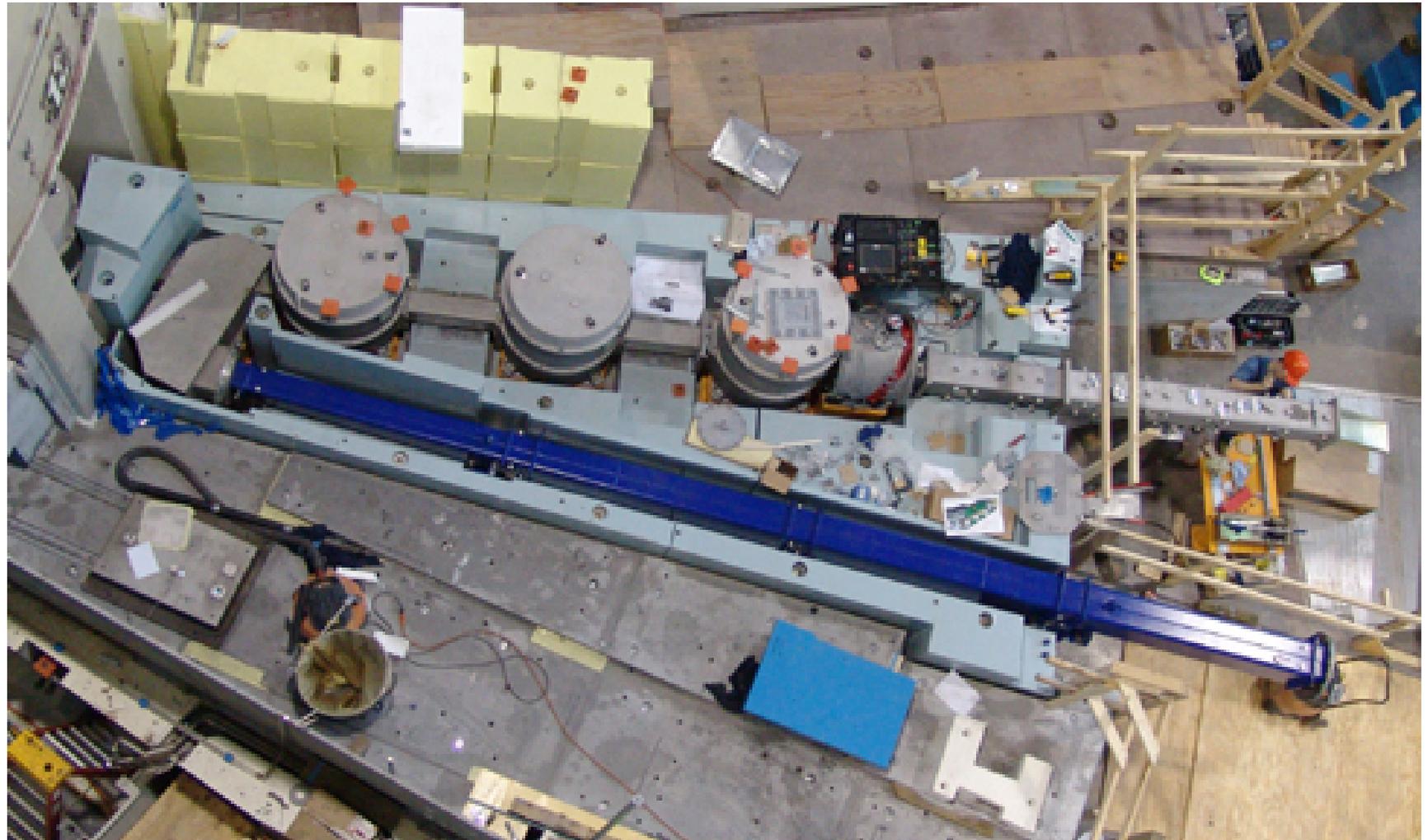
# FNPB 1<sup>st</sup> Level Shielding



## ***FNPB 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Shielding***



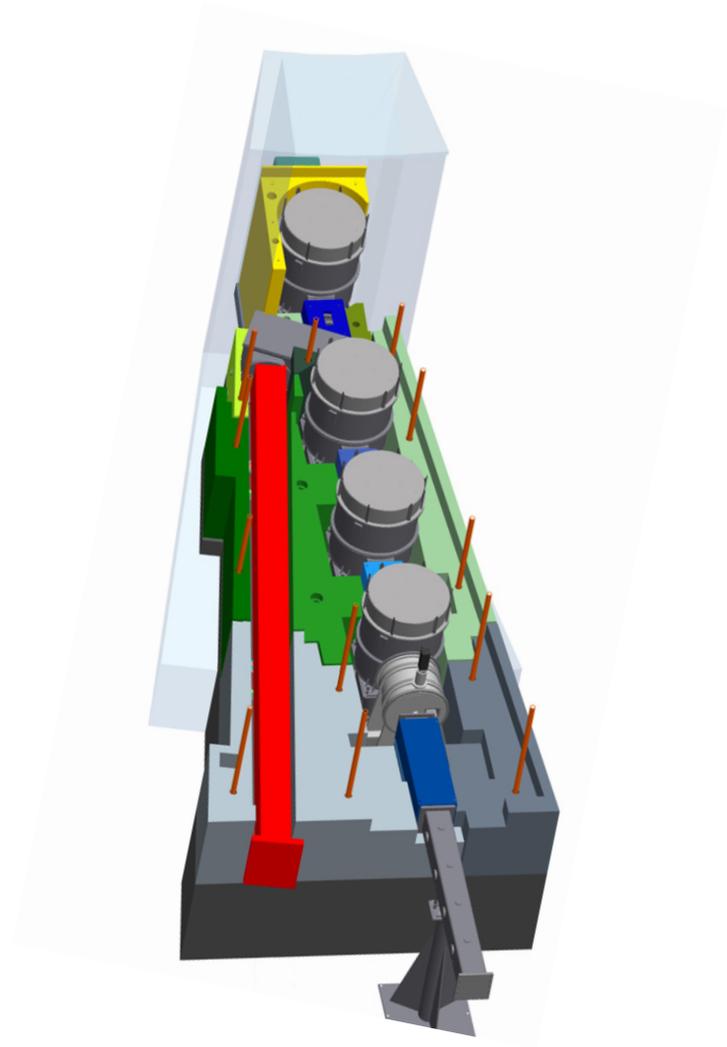
# FNPB Cold and Ultra Cold Beam Line Installed



# ***FNPB Cold Neutron Beamline***



Photo – Feb 2007





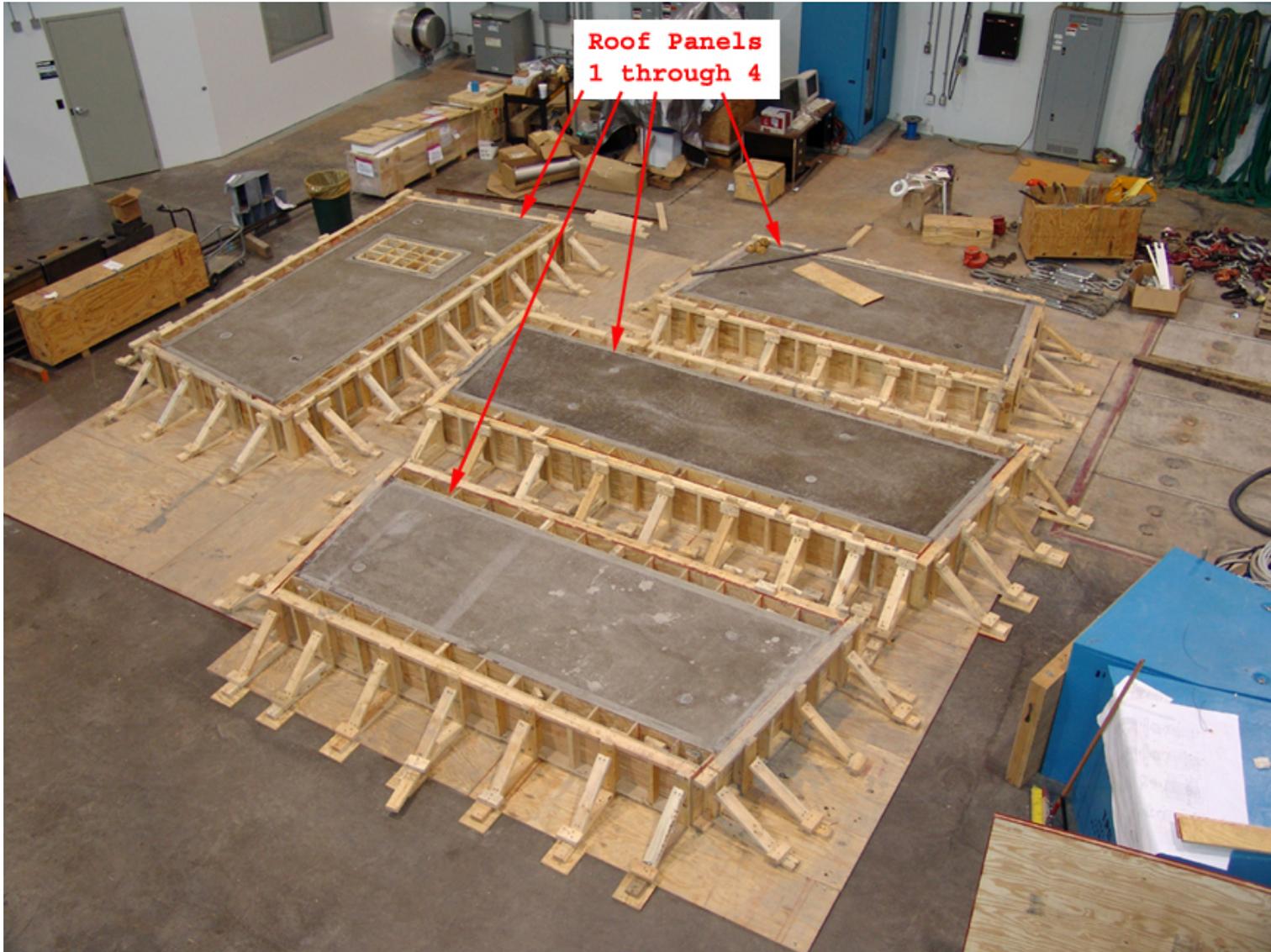
# Chopper Installation



# Shield Walls



# Roof Panels



# Excavation of Magnet Pit



## Magnet Pit Non-Magnetic Rebar



# FNPB Magnet Pit



## *Anticipated Schedule*

<i>Commissioning of FNPB Cold Guide</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> beam to npdgamma</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>Cold Beam Operation with LH2</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>UCN (EDM) Building available</i>	<i>Late Summer</i>	<i>2009</i>

*End of Presentation*