

## **Cryogenic Test Facility** (CTF)

#### Historical Perspective Completed Improvements and the Future

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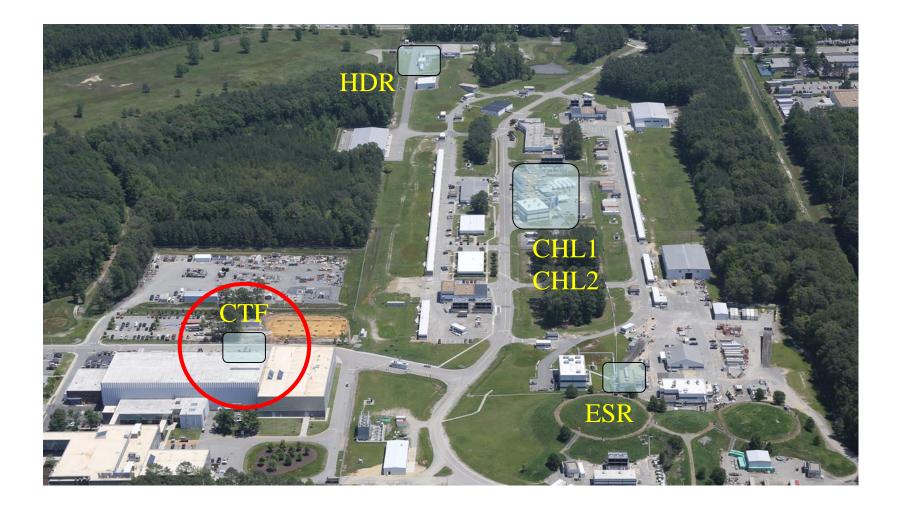
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#### **Cryogenic Test Facility Building 57**

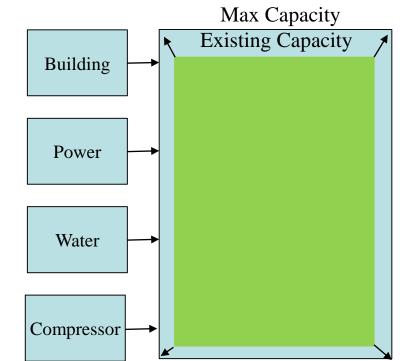






#### **Capacity Definition**

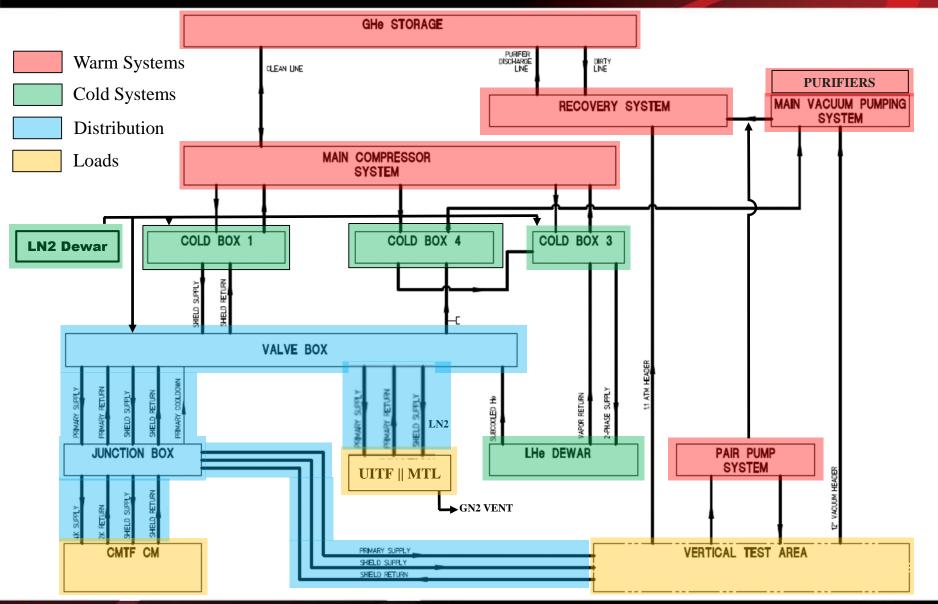
- Four main parameters define plant capacity envelope
  - Available building area
  - Available electric power
  - Available cooling water
  - Available compressor capacity
- Changing these factors is typically expensive
- Therefore, for now, CTF capacity envelope is capped
- We will increase capacity where possible within this envelope







## **CTF Cryogenic Systems Overview**



Jefferson Lab



#### **CTF Pre-2015 History**

- Built 1989-1990 for CEBAF construction
- Designed to support VTA and CMTF
- Small building for this size plant
- CAMAC controls located inside TestLab instead of inside plant building
- System
  - Three 400HP two-stage compressors
    - Each 55 g/s at 1.08 atm suction pressure
  - One Shield Cold Box (CB1)
    - 800 W at 35 K
  - One 4.5K Cold Box (CB2)
    - 4 g/s Liquefaction or 750W Refrigeration
  - One Sub-Atmospheric Cold Box (CB4)
    - 10 g/s at 2.1 K inlet and 35 K outlet
  - One Kinney Pump (2nd added during SNS)
    - Each 10 g/s flow at 0.02 atm suction
  - Two Recovery Compressors
    - Each 12 g/s at 1.08 atm suction pressure
  - Two Purifiers
    - Each 15 g/s at 13 atm discharge pressure







## Planning

- Recognized CTF roll was not diminishing
  - Meetings over 10+ years discussing future of CTF (Cryo, SRF, FM)
  - No specific guidance from lab about future requirements
  - No operations money would typically be available
- FM found potential source of money for maintaining DOE facilities
- Refurbishment money not guaranteed
  - Significant competition every year with other labs
  - Would not be enough to pay for a new complete plant
    - Required a complete new building
    - Required upgrades to power
    - Required upgrades cooling water,
    - Required upgrades to compressor systems
- Decision was made by team to concentrate efforts to improve CTF within the existing utilities and compressor footprint





#### **Planning Continued**

- A general improvement plan was formed that would allow incremental improvements as FM received pockets of funding
- As each installment arrived pieces of the plan were executed
  - Improve safety and space
    - Build a new addition to existing building
  - Improve controls
    - Upgrade CAMAC to PLC and move into plant control room
  - Improve liquid storage
    - LHe Dewar and neck can, LN2 Dewar, vaporizers, headers
  - Improve cold box systems
    - 4.5K Cold box and 35K cold box
  - Improve 2.1K and distribution systems
    - Purifiers and recovery compressors
    - Cold box 4, valve box, and junction box
  - Improve cooldown liquid helium usage efficiency
    - LN2 cooled GHe heat exchanger precooler
- Some work would use a mixture of funding sources

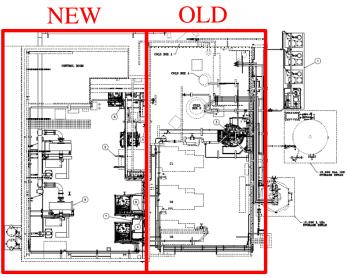




#### **Building & Safety Improvements**

- Original CTF designed for ~5 year life
  - Small building
  - Poor access and serviceability
  - Safety problems abound
  - Controls remotely located in Test Lab
- Building expansion
  - Added 1,800 square feet
    - Created a control room
    - New control system moved from Test Lab high bay into new control room
      - Final phase waiting for a CMTF down long enough to move remaining channels
    - Allows equipment expansion
    - Allows equipment spread out for safety and serviceability









#### **Control System Improvements**

- Old CAMAC system
  - Located far away from plant in Test Lab high bay
  - Parts difficult to find
  - High failure rates
- New Allen Bradley Controllogix
  PLC system
  - Cryo standard
  - High reliability
  - Flexible
  - Redundant power supplies
  - More troubleshooting information available









#### **Main Compressor Improvements**

- Purchased new spare MYCOM
  warm compressor bodies
  - Two stage/single shaft
  - **400 HP**
  - 55 g/s each
  - Old body's
    - High operational hours
    - Seals and bearings worn
    - Reduced flow capacity
  - New body's
    - Ops money
    - Restores full flow capacity
    - Restores reliability









#### **Compressor Improvements**

- Oil flooded screw compressors
  - Helium and oil separation is critical
- Installed purifier system adsorber
  - Ops money
  - Activated carbon
  - Increased purifier protection
  - Reduces risk of compressor oil from reaching purifiers
- Main compressor oil removal
  - Refurbished and moved three compressor oil removal skids
  - Added main compressor adsorber
  - Increased cold box protection
  - Reduces risk of compressor oil from reaching cold boxes









## **4.5K Liquid Storage Improvements**

- Old Helium Dewar
  - 3,785 Liters
  - High heat leak
  - Too few connections
  - No subcooler
- New Helium Dewar & Neck Can
  - 10,000 Liters
  - Lower heat leak
  - Neck can with additional connections to support upgrades
  - Larger "flywheel" to smooth out
    VTA and CMTF peak draws
  - Added subcooler









#### **Liquid Nitrogen Storage Improvements**

- Old LN2 Dewar 9,000 gallon
  - Bottom rusting out
  - High heat leak
- New LN2 Dewar 13,000 gallon
  - Transferred from Fermi
  - Virtually new
  - Added 44% more capacity
  - Lower static heat leak
  - Designed and installed a better and safer truck fill station









#### **4.5K Cold Box Improvements**

- Purchased a Linde L280
  - 4.5K cold box (CB3)
  - Replaced CB2
- Highlights
  - 2.25 times liquefaction capacity of CB2
    - Up to 9 g/s liquefaction
    - 700 W refrigeration
  - Uses turbines not reciprocating expanders
  - Higher reliability
  - Reduced maintenance
  - PLC controls





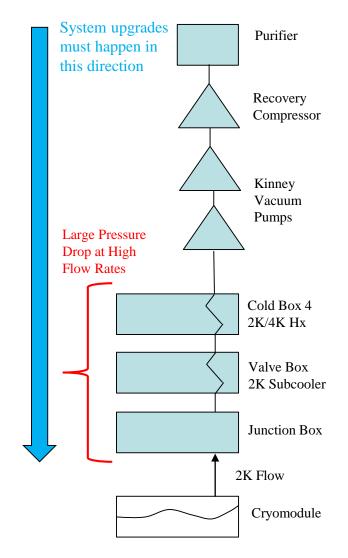






#### **2.1K Improvement Overview**

- Multiple layers in 2K system
  - Various pieces of hardware
  - Flow limited by HXs & piping not by Kinney capacity
  - Each piece adds differential pressure (back pressure)
  - Requires systematic upgrade approach from CTF toward cave
    - Purifiers
    - Recovery compressors
    - Kinney pumps
    - Cold Box 4
    - Valve box,
    - Junction box







#### **Helium Purifier Improvements**

- Old dual purifiers
  - 15 g/s max flow
    - Single compressor operation
  - Small storage capacity
  - All manual operation
    - Manpower intensive regeneration
  - One purifier failing
    - Asymmetric holding and regen
      capabilities
- New dual purifiers
  - Increased capacity
    - 60 g/s max flow
    - Larger storage capacity
    - Allows dual recovery compressors operation
  - PLC based controls
    - Reduced manpower regeneration











#### **Recovery Compressor Improvements**

- Old recovery compressors
  - 12 g/s
  - Very old with reduced capacity
  - High failure rates
  - No remote operation/monitoring capability
- Fabricated two new units
  - Jlab system design
  - Increased flow capacity
    - 18 g/s each
  - PLC based controls
    - Remote operation and monitoring
    - Suite of operational information
  - Improved
    - Oil and gas cooling
    - Oil removal

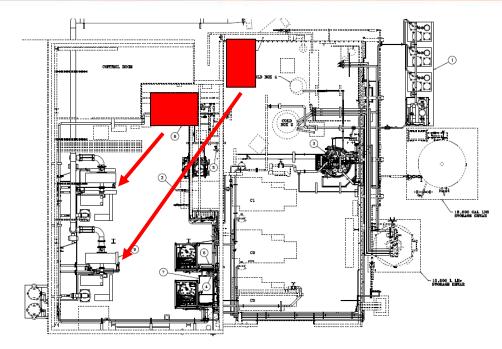






#### **Kinney Pump Improvements**

- Moved Kinney pumps
  - Into new addition
  - Better serviceability
  - Upsized and rerouted piping
  - New protection valves
- Rebuilt pumps
  - Restored full capacity
  - Improved reliability
- Rebuilt motors
  - Improved reliability



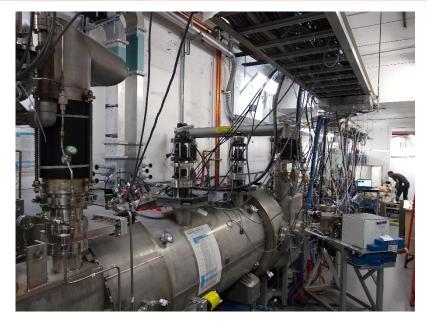






#### **New Test Facility**

- Upgraded Injector Test Facility (UITF)
- Designed, fabricated and installed transferline system to new injector test cave
- Shield circuit can use 35K
  helium or 77K nitrogen
- 77K LN2 shield circuit uses thermosiphon to reduce LN2 usage
- Allows additional customers to utilize cryogenic facility







#### **Ongoing Effort**

- Refurbish Cold box 1 Shield Refrigerator (35K)
  - Refrigeration of 800 W at 35 K
  - Cold box contains heat exchangers and valves
  - Satellite expander pod produces refrigeration
  - Dual purpose
    - Provides shield temperature to CMTF test cryomodules
    - Increases VTA helium quality
      - Increases 4.5K helium transfer efficiency between plant and VTA









## **Ongoing Effort Continued**

- New Cold box-4 2K/4K refrigeration recovery
  - Recovers refrigeration from CMTF, UITF, or VTA 2.1K vapor and sends it to 4.5K cold box at the 30K level
  - Warms 2.1K flow to 300K before it reaches Kinney vacuum systems
  - Improvements
    - Reduce piping restrictions
    - Reduce Kinney vacuum pump work load
    - Increase 2.1K flow capacity
    - Improve efficiency
    - Potentially lower temperature capability at the module







## **Ongoing Effort Continued**

- New distribution system
  - New valve box
  - Transfer line
  - Junction box
    - 4.5K Improvements
      - Lower heat leak
      - Improved connections
    - 2.1K Improvements
      - Lower back pressure
      - Increased 2.1K flow capacity
      - Higher efficiency
      - Lower heat leak



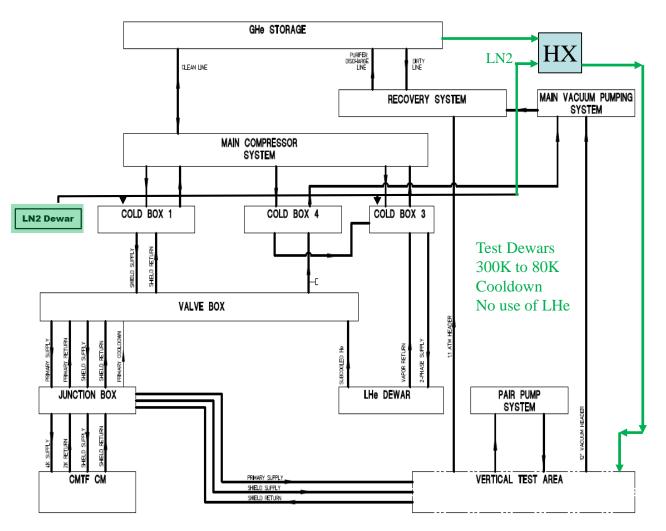




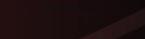


## **Ongoing Effort Continued**

#### **VTA LN2/GHe Precooler System**



- Proposed
- LN2 cooled helium heat exchanger
- Uses LN2 to cool warm helium
- Allows VTA dewar cooldowns from 300-80K using <u>no</u> liquid helium from dewar
- Substantially reduces usage rate of liquid helium
- Requires design/engineering and fabrication installation
- Requires some VTA modifications





#### **SRF Pair Pump Upgrade**

- New Pair Pumps
  - SRF and Cryo working together to design a set of replacement pair pumps
  - Increased capacity
  - SRF Ops money
- Benefit's
  - Increased 2.1K flow capacity
  - Reliability
  - Shift load from Kinney to pair pumps to allow CMTF and UITF to get more flow capacity

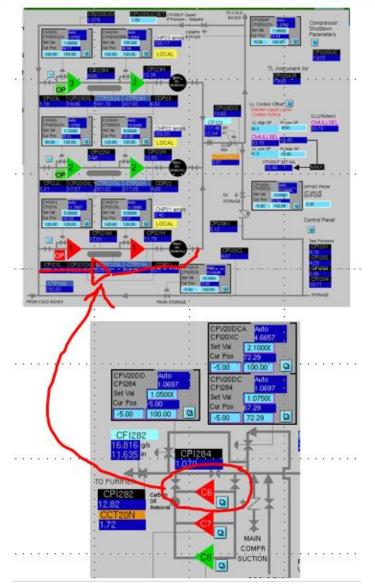






#### **Recovery to Main Compressor**

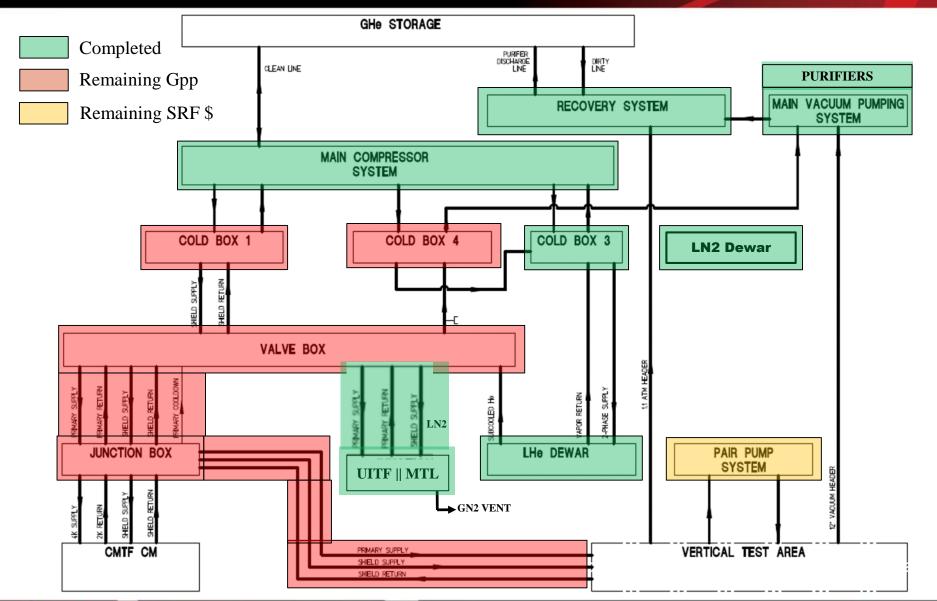
- New cold box 3 requires slightly more compressor flow than two main compressors can provide (third is spare)
- We supplement main compressor flow using cross connect to purifier recovery compressors
- Robs purifier compressor and Kinney 2K capacity and places the system at higher risk for contamination issues
- We have one unused recovery compressor (150HP 16g/s) after the purifier upgrades
- We will re-pipe this machine into the main gas system so it can provide the extra 5-7g/s of required flow to the main gas system.
- Reestablishes main gas system and purifier system separation
- Restores full flow capacity to recovery and Kinney systems







## **Summary of Improvements**







#### **Summary**

- Cryogenics and Facilities have worked to continue improving the CTF
- Plan incrementally upgraded through a prioritized logical path addressing
  - Space & Safety
  - Single point failures and aged equipment
  - Restore or slight increased capacities
- Funding to date
  - A mixture of Gpp and Operations
- Reminders
  - All pieces of the system are highly integrated
  - No single piece can be upsized too much without causing problems somewhere else in the system
  - New money received is to continue with predefined updates





# **Questions?**



