

# PRad Hydrogen Gas-Flow Target

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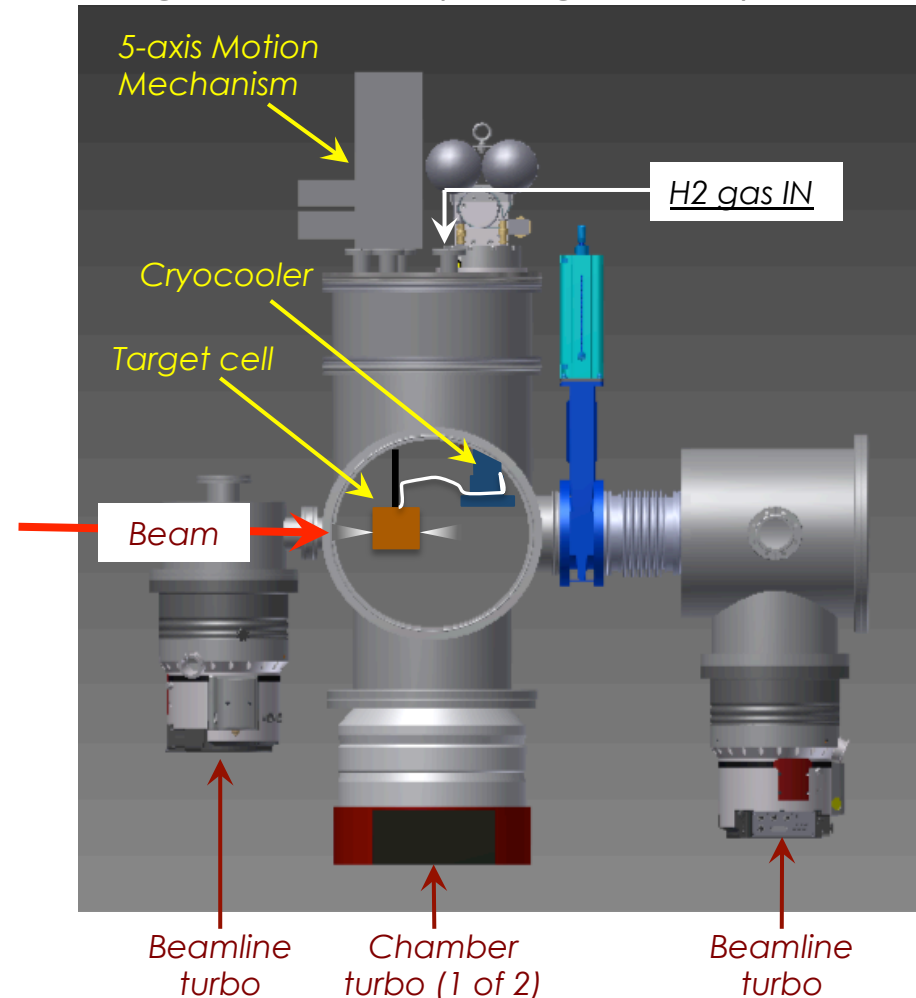
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# PRad Target: Overview

- Hydrogen gas is cooled to  $\sim 20\text{K}$  by a pulse tube cryocooler
- Gas enters a target cell with 2mm beam-entrance and exit orifices
- 5-axis motion mechanism allows precision alignment on beam line
- Large turbo pumps (3200 l/s) maintain target chamber vacuum  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$  torr
- Additional turbos (1500 l/s) maintain beamline vacuum  $\sim 10^{-4}$  torr

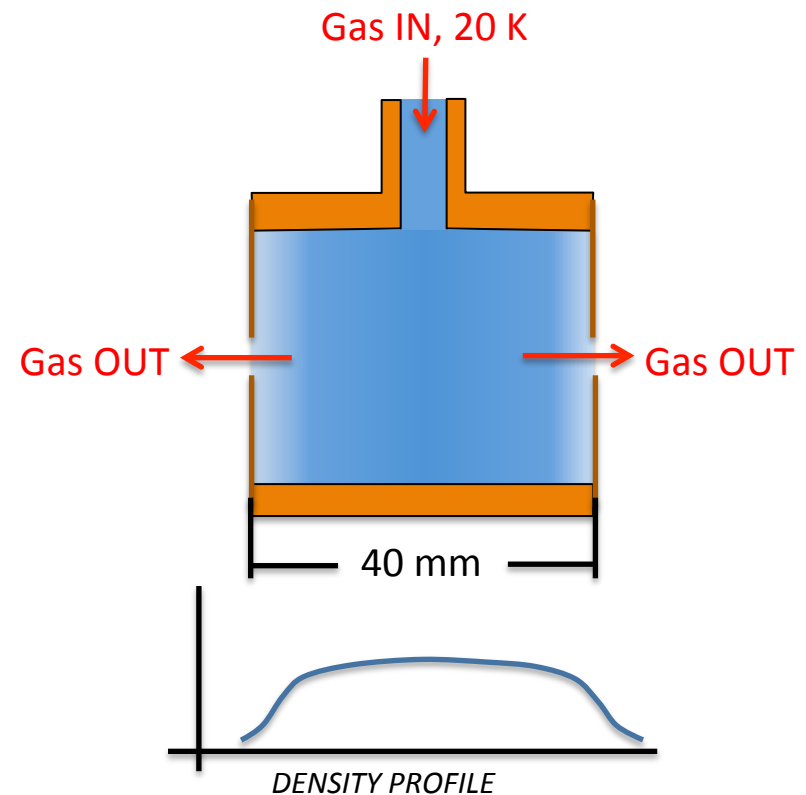
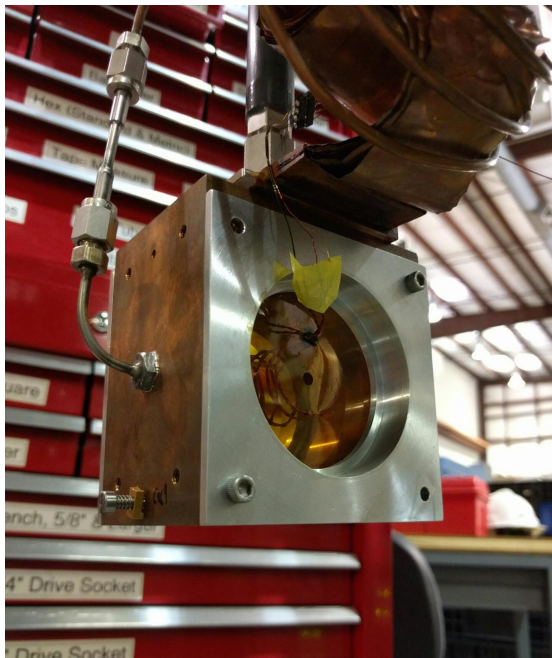
Goal:  $1 \cdot 10^{18}$  H/cm<sup>2</sup>

Design: Josh Pierce (ex Target Group)



# PRad Target: Overview

- Target cell is  $\text{\O}63 \times 40$  mm long copper, attached to cryocooler via thermal strap
- Cell windows are  $7.5 \mu\text{m}$  kapton with 2 mm beam orifices
- Cell has thermometry and pressure tap to estimate gas density
- Two solid target foils:  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  carbon  
 $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  aluminum



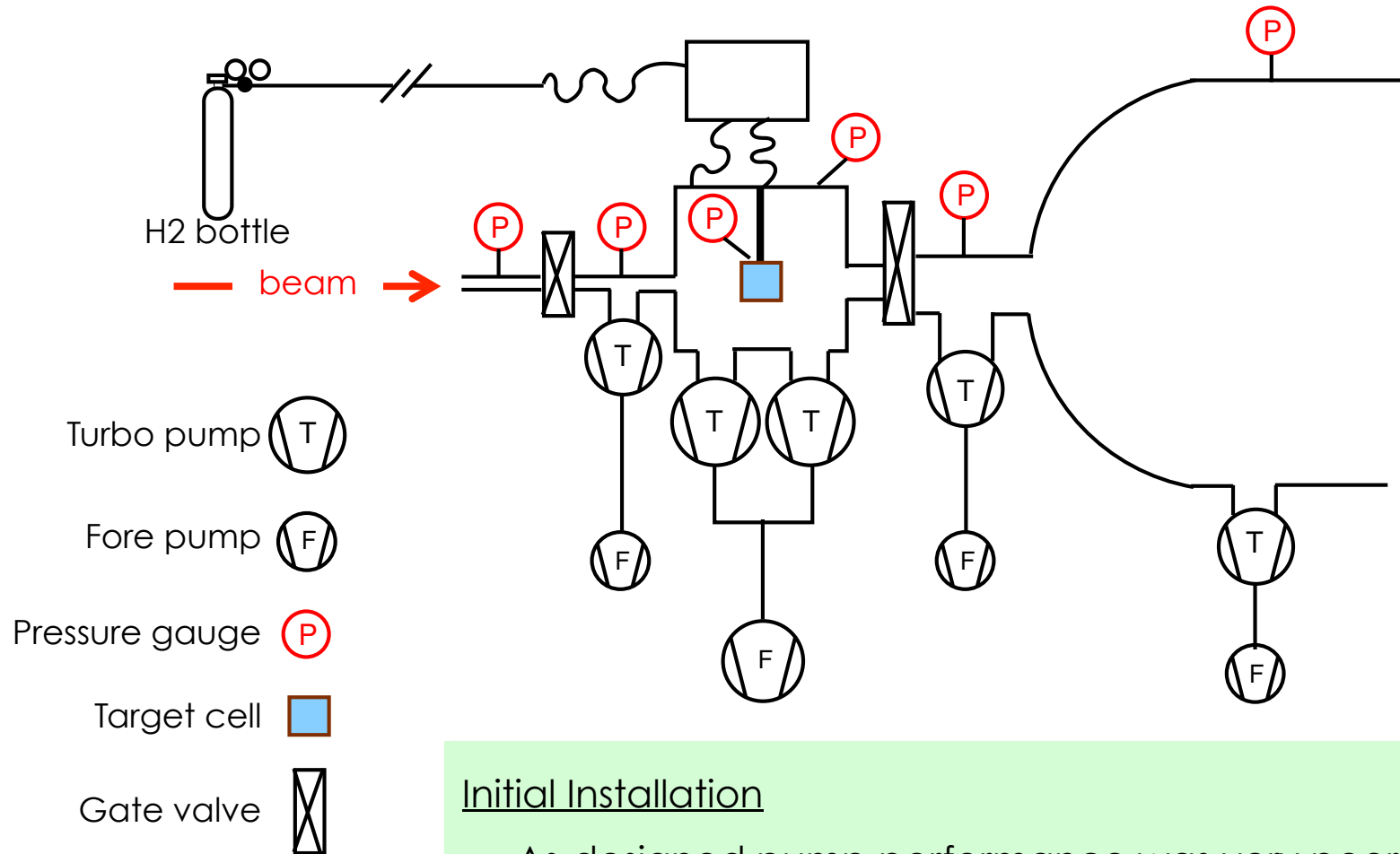
# PRad Target: Installation

A windowless hydrogen target for Proton Charge Radius measurements in Hall B

- Installation began in January (~1 week)
- Continued in March (~1 week)
- Finished in May (~2 weeks)



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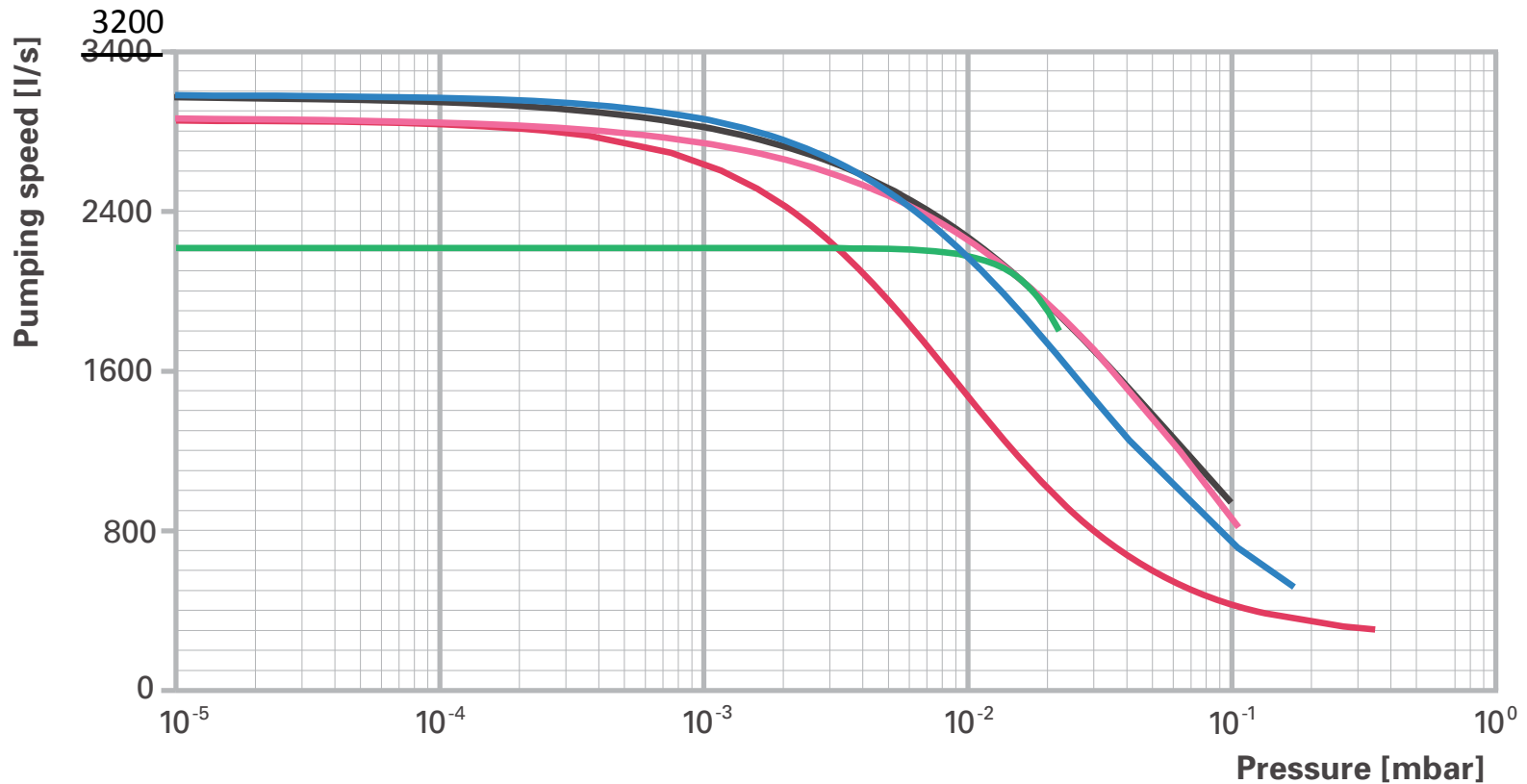
## Initial Installation

- As-designed pump performance was very poor
- Chamber pressure 10x higher than expected

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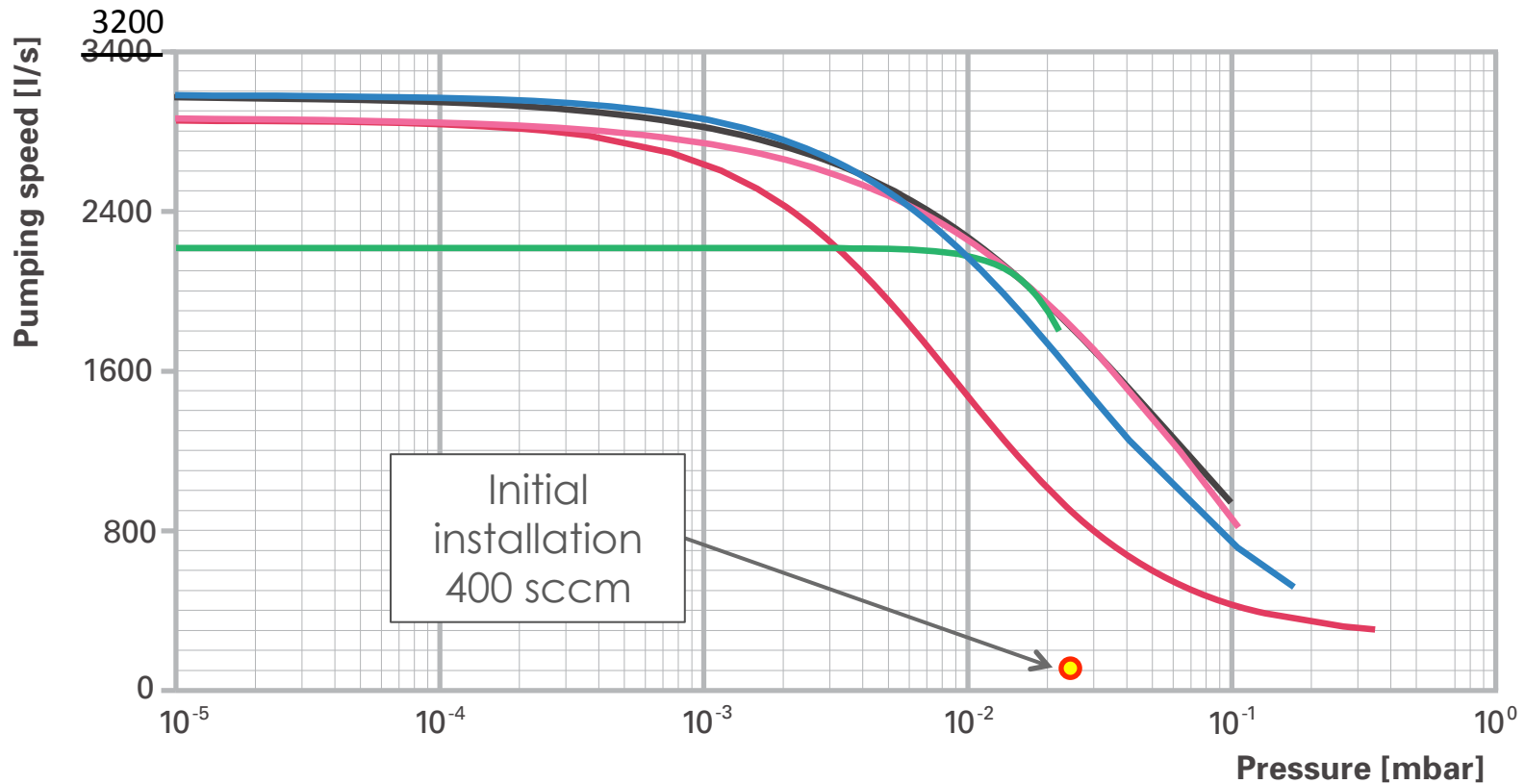
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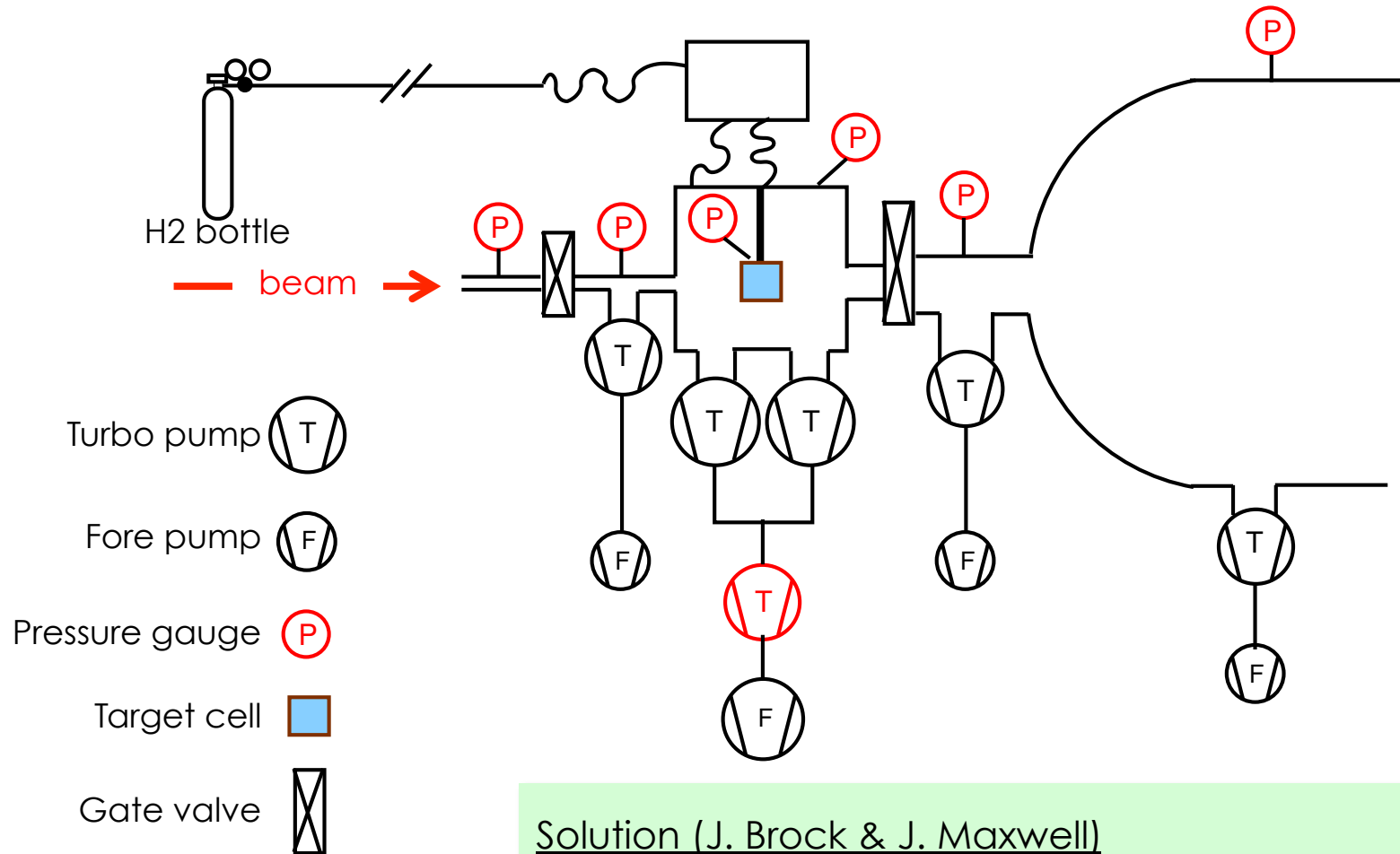
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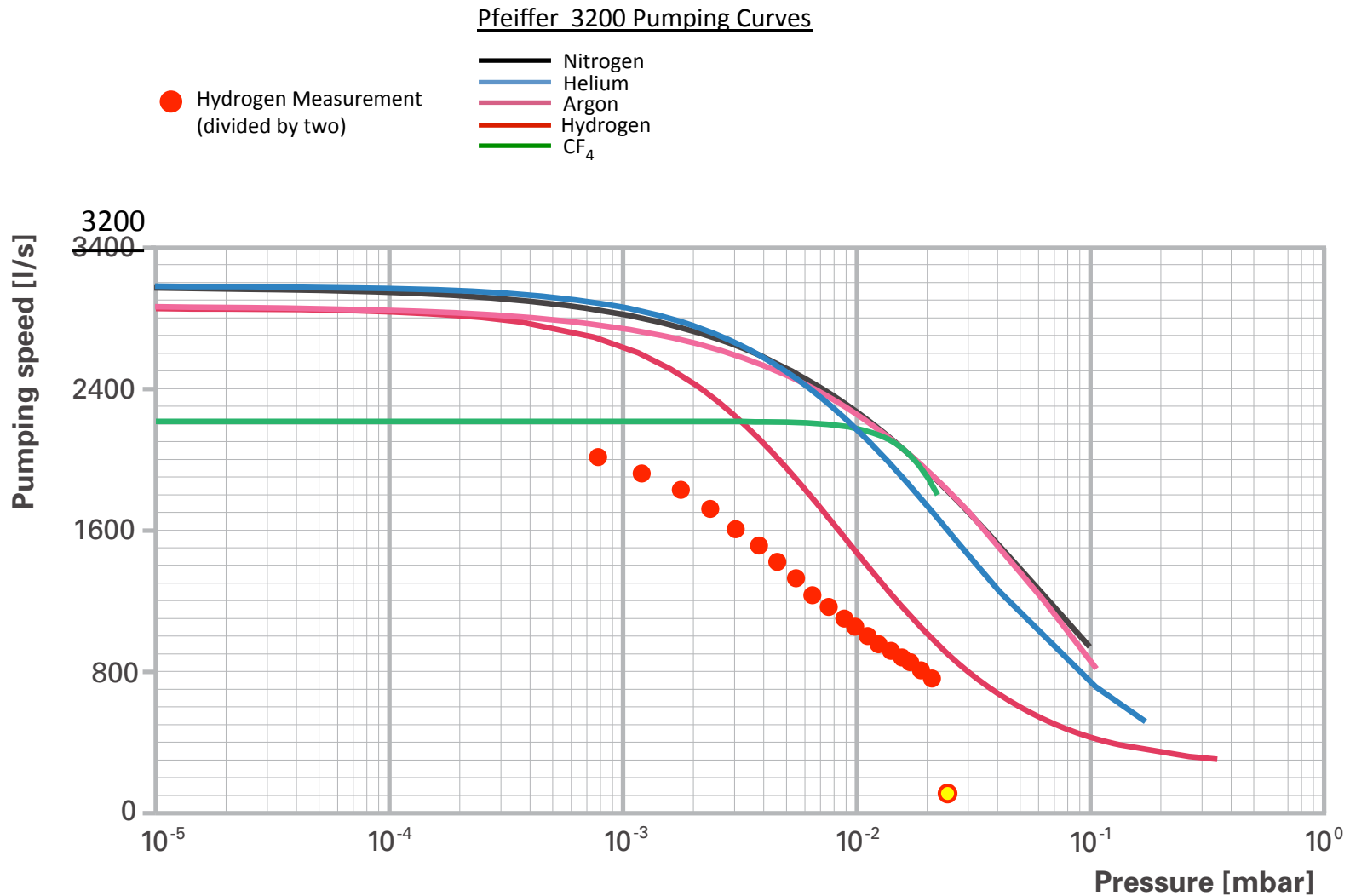


## Solution (J. Brock & J. Maxwell)

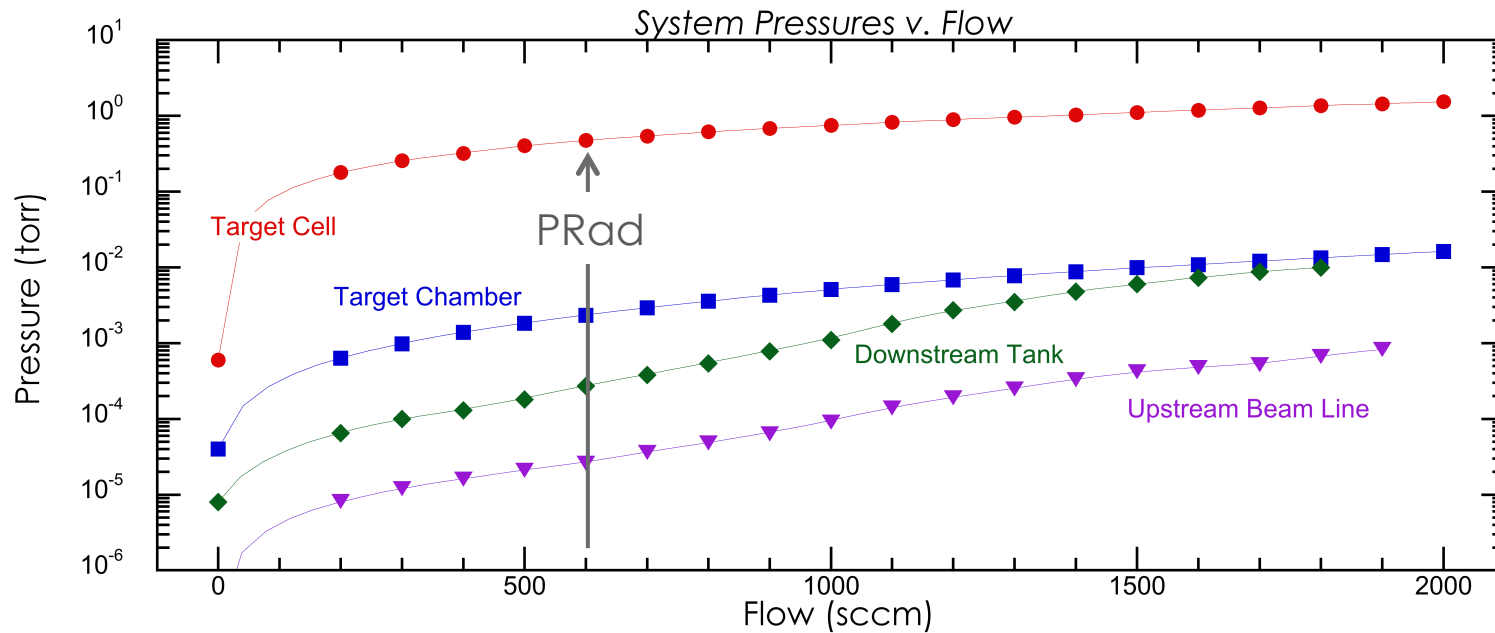
- Add additional turbo pump behind Pfeiffer 3200s
- Chamber pressure 10x lower!



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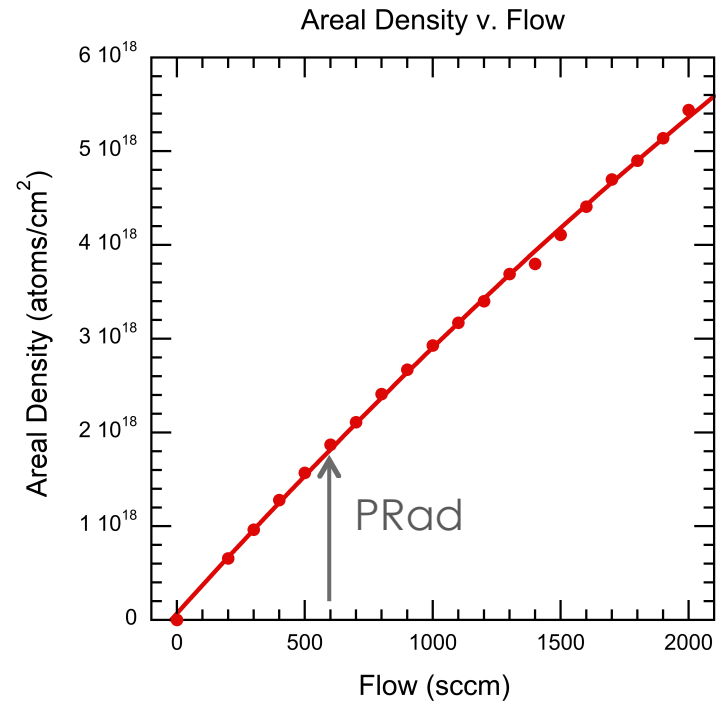
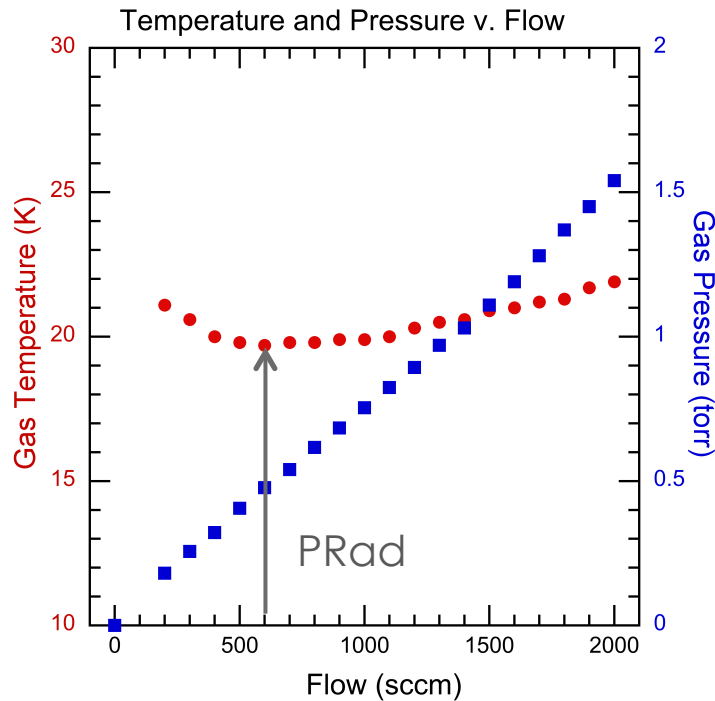
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\* Pressures not corrected for H<sub>2</sub> gas.

As flow increases, tank pressure converges to chamber pressure.  
➔ Insufficient pumping speed for tank.

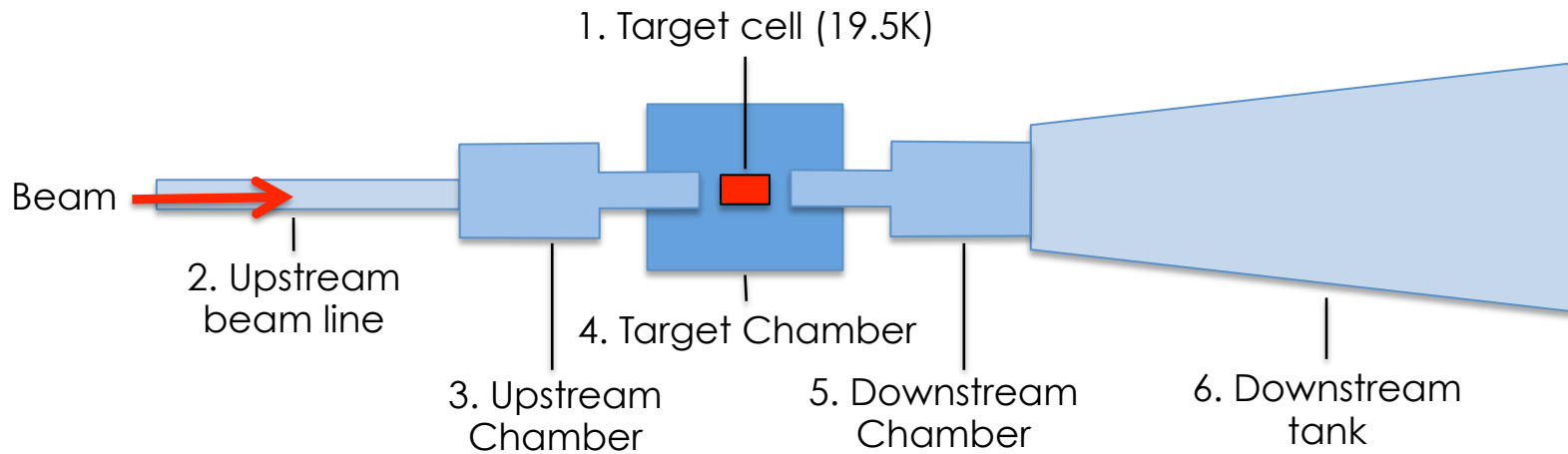
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Pulse tube temperature regulated at ~15 K.  
H<sub>2</sub> freezes inside fill line at lower temperature.

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## Estimate of target background gas



Region	Length (cm)	Pressure (torr)	Thickness (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Percent of total
1	4	0.48	1.9 e18	99.5
2	300	1.0 e-5	2.0 e14	.01
3	71	2.6 e-5	1.2 e13	.006
4	14	2.3 e-3	2.1 e15	.11
5	71	1.4e-4	6.1 e14	.03
6	400	2.4-4	7.2 e15	.38

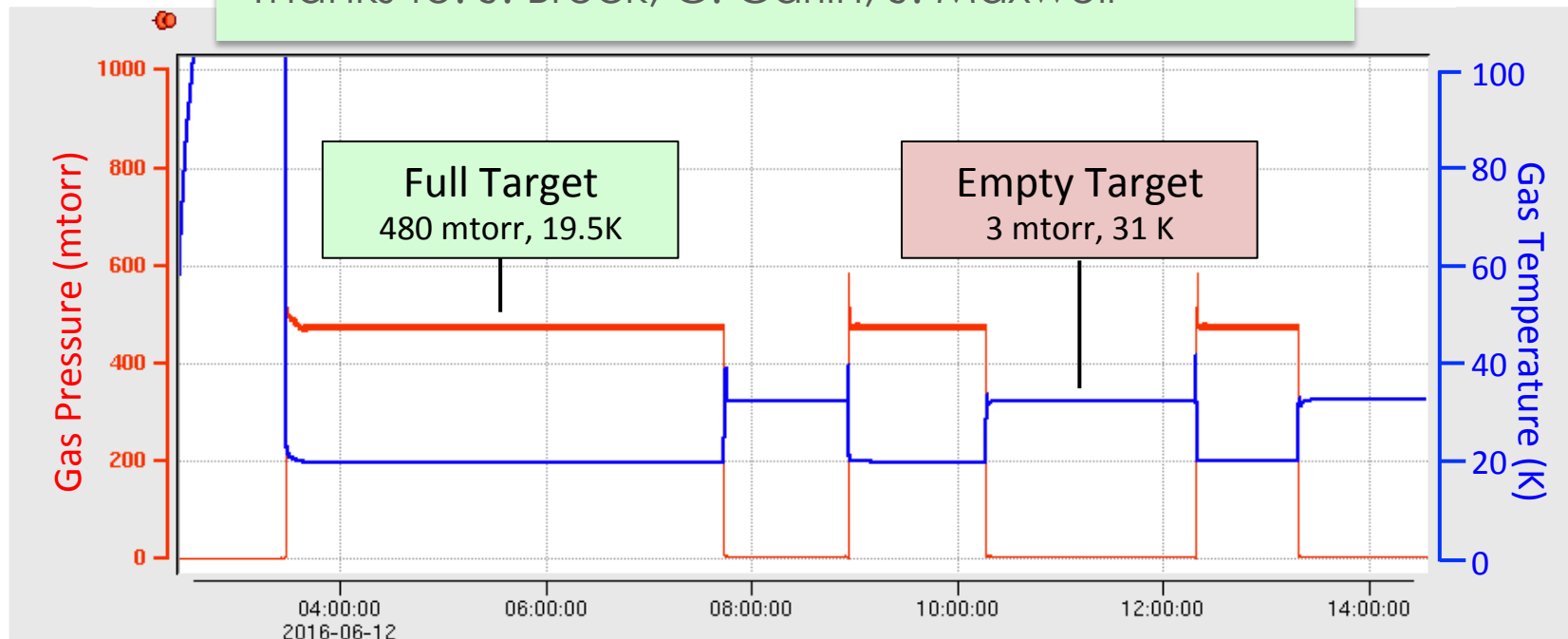
# PRad Target: Summary

Operated smoothly w/ beam June 4 - 22

- Cell length, 4 cm
- Cell pressure, 500 mtorr
- Gas temperature, 19.5 K

→  $2 \cdot 10^{18}$  H/cm<sup>2</sup>

Thanks to: J. Brock, C. Carlin, J. Maxwell



# PRad Target: Future plans

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- Target will be removed from Hall B *sometime*
- Target will be maintained in current state and stored *someplace*
- Possible future use with other gas species ( $D_2$ ,  $^4He$ , ...) will be relatively straightforward.
- $^3He$  not so straightforward (\$650k per day)
- Work will begin on a NIM article in the near future