



# SABRE



# NOZZLE

Supersonic Air-Breathing Redesigned Engine Nozzle

## Manufacturing Status Review

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# Presentation Outline

- **Project Overview**
  - Description/Objectives
  - Updated Test Bed Design
- **Schedule**
- **Manufacturing**
  - Test Bed/Nozzles
  - Sensors
- **Budget**

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# *Project Overview*

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# Project Description

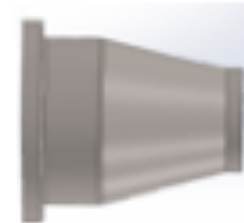
Model, manufacture, and **verify** an **additive manufactured nozzle** capable of accelerating flow to **supersonic exhaust** produced by a **P90-RXi JetCat** engine maintaining the **T/W ratio** from its stock configuration.



Stock  
Nozzle

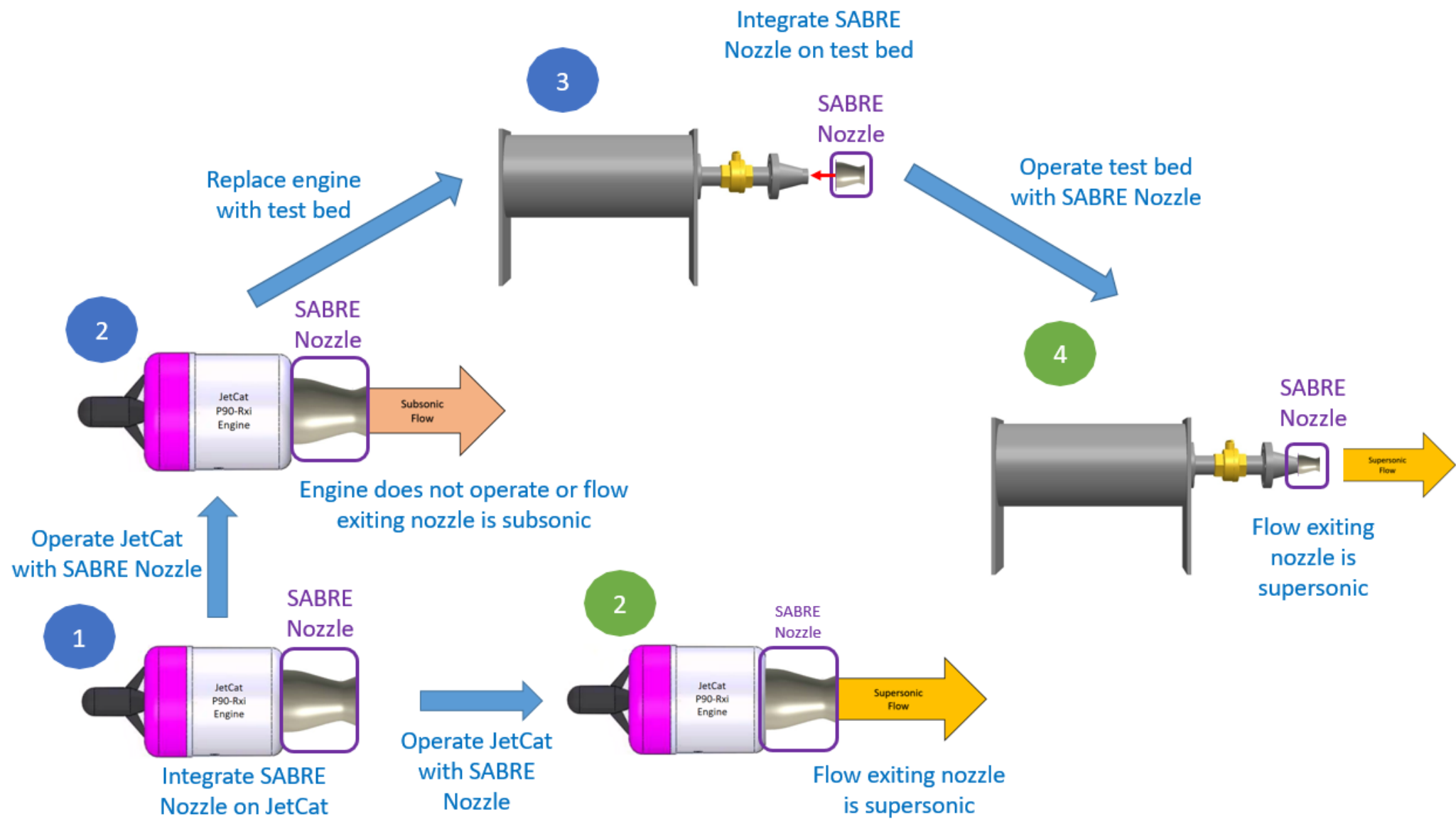


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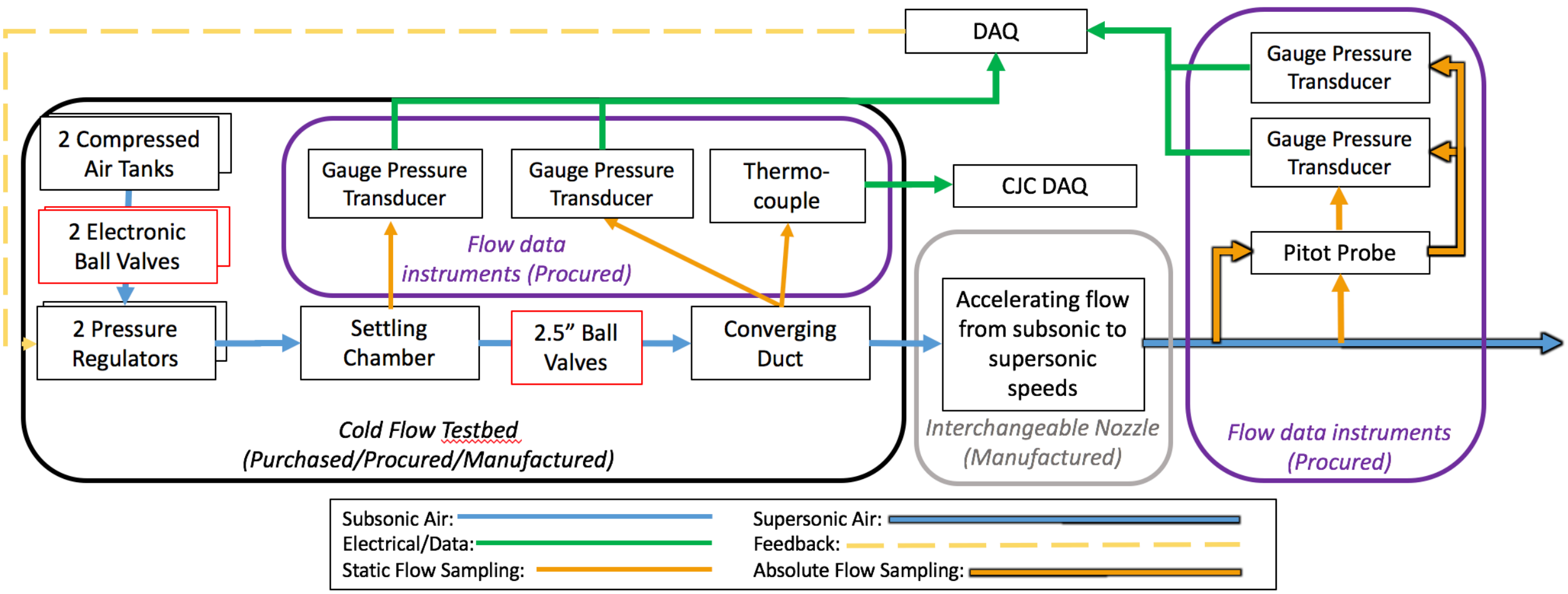


Supersonic  
Nozzle

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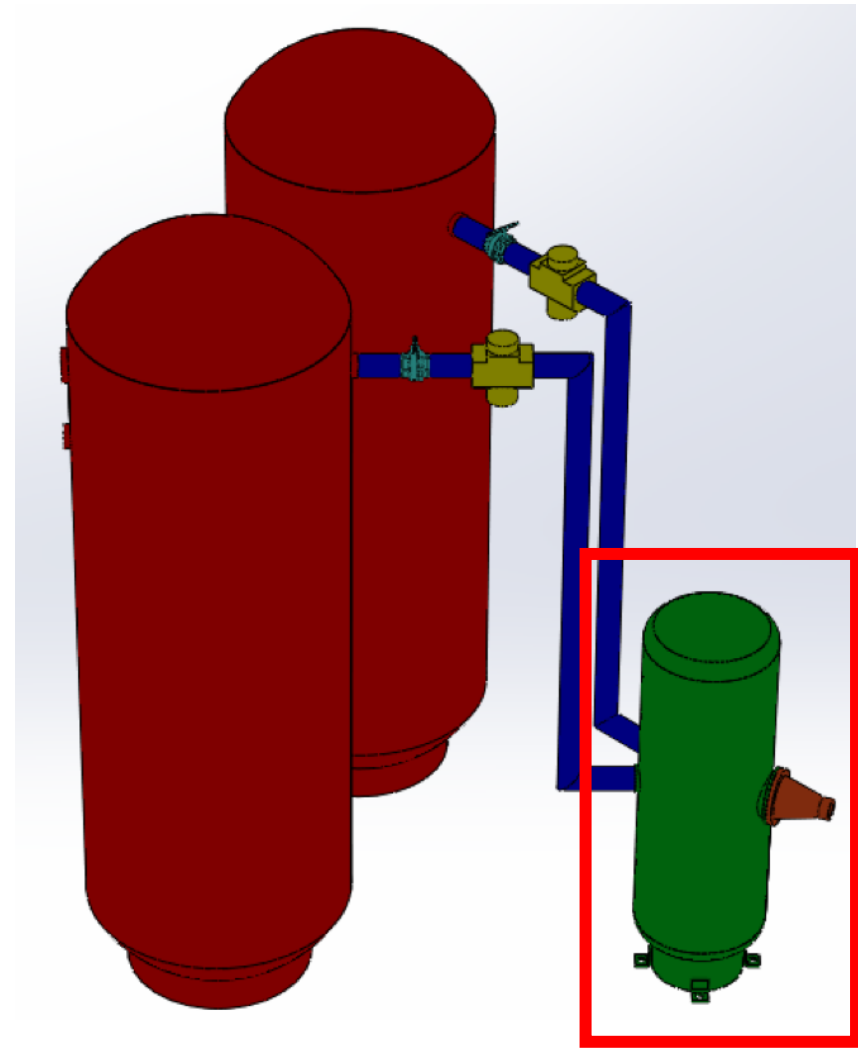


# Test bed FBD

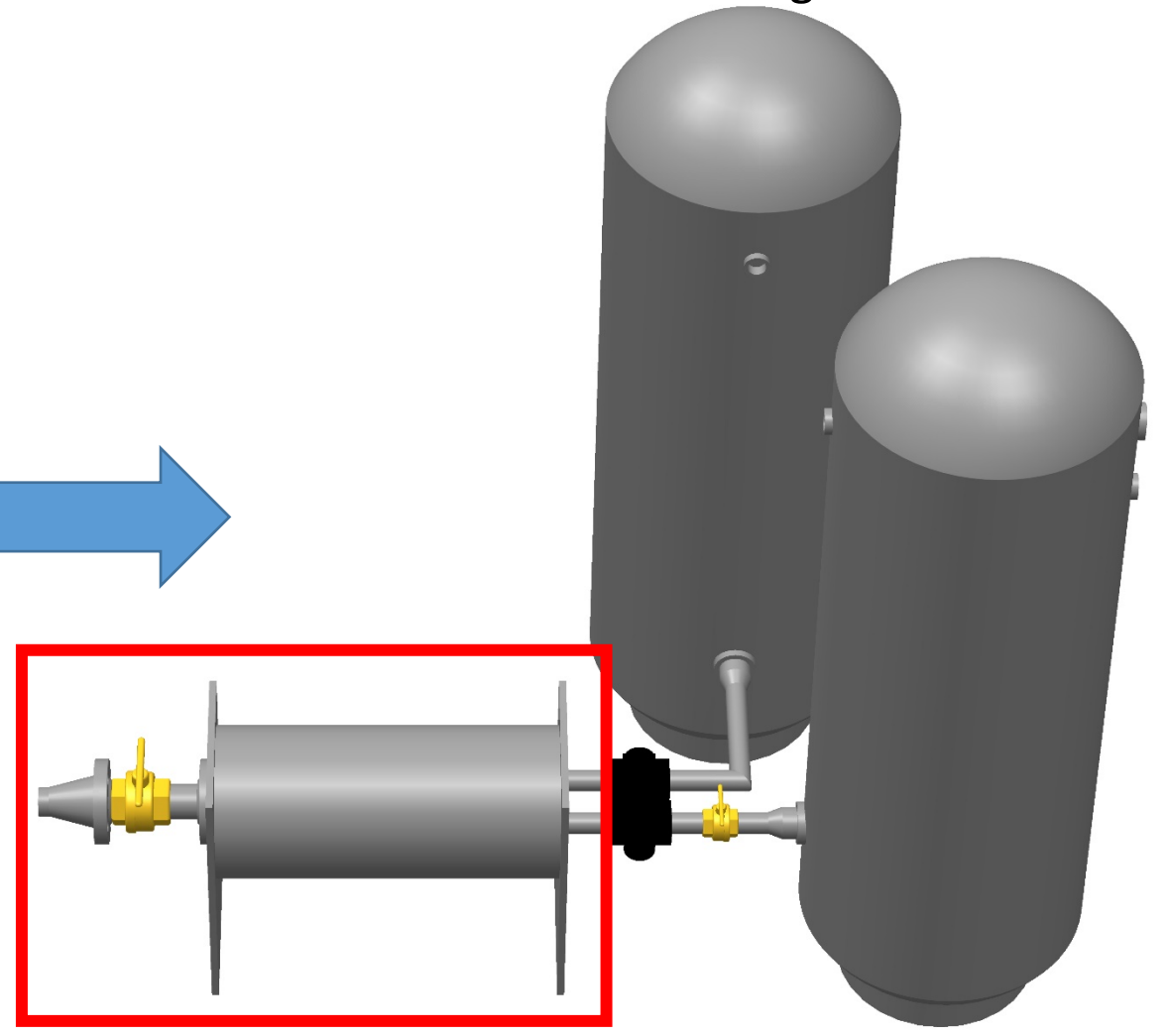


# New Testbed Design

CDR Testbed Design



New Testbed Design





# Critical Project Elements

## CPE 1: Engine Operation

Stock Test & Modified Test

Modified Nozzle Verification

Additive Manufacturing  
Validation & Survivability

## CPE 2: Test Bed Operation

Test Bed Verification

Nozzle Design Verification

Testing Safety & Protocol

Supersonic Validation

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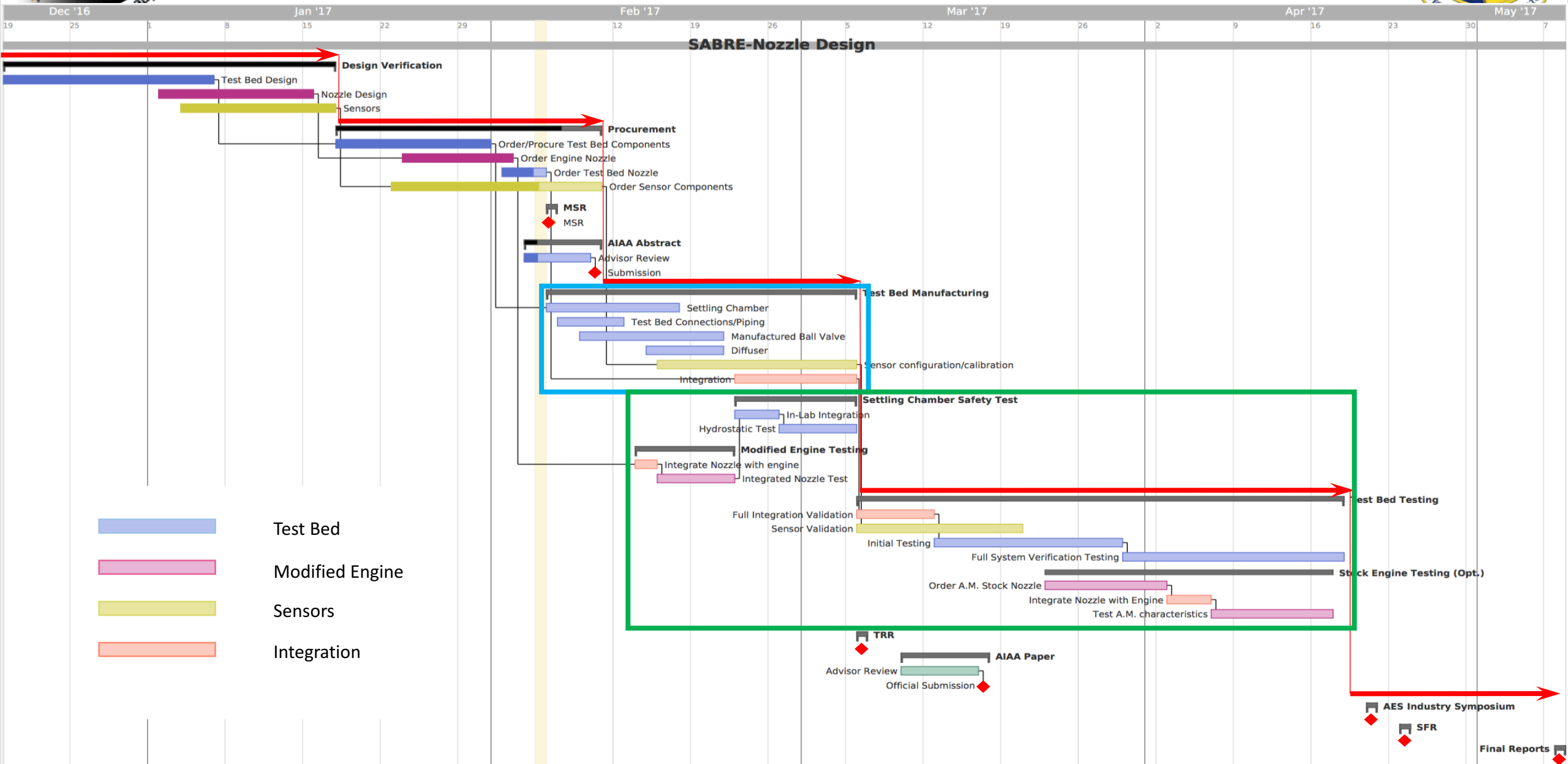


# *Project Schedule*

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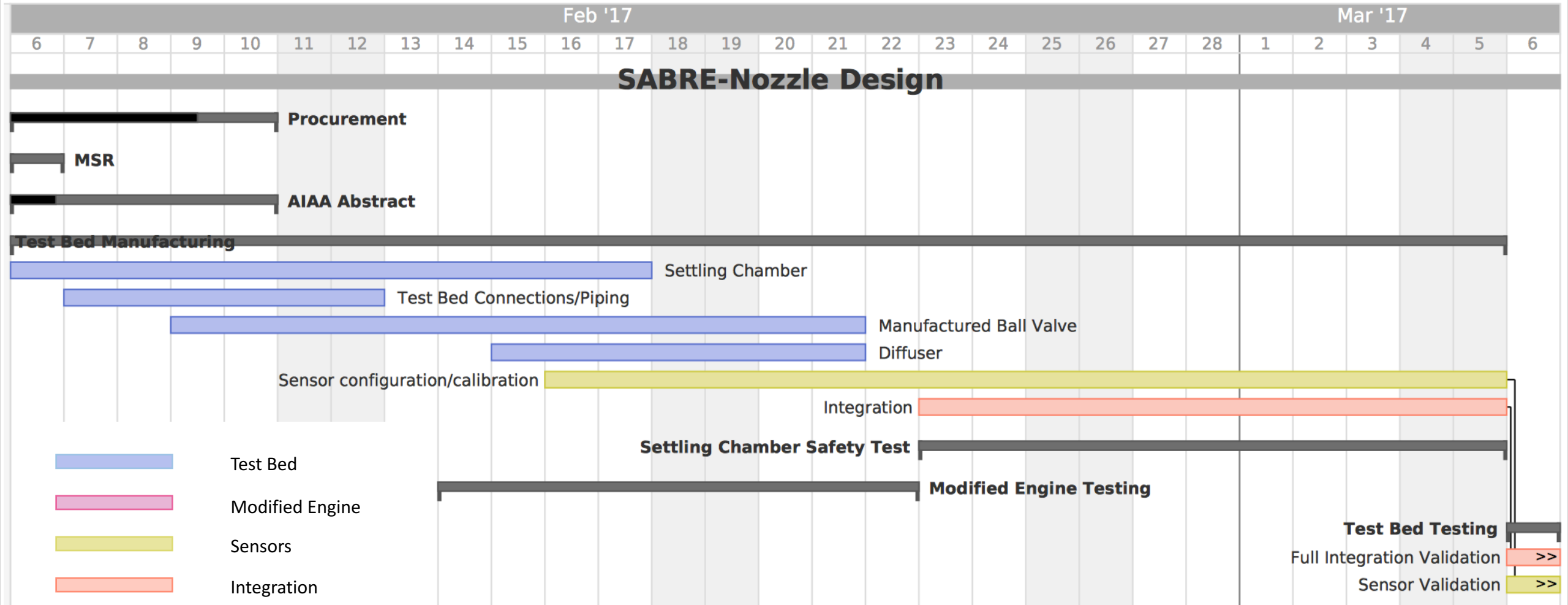


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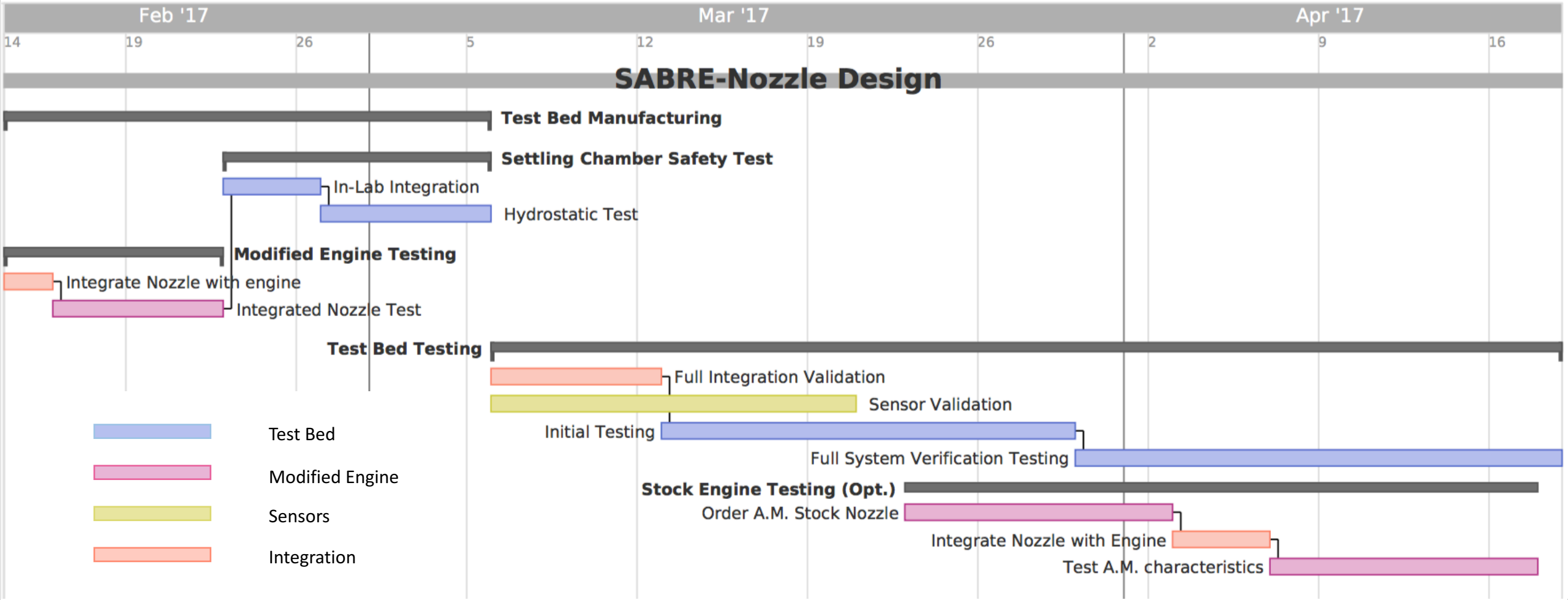


# Manufacturing Schedule





# Testing Schedule

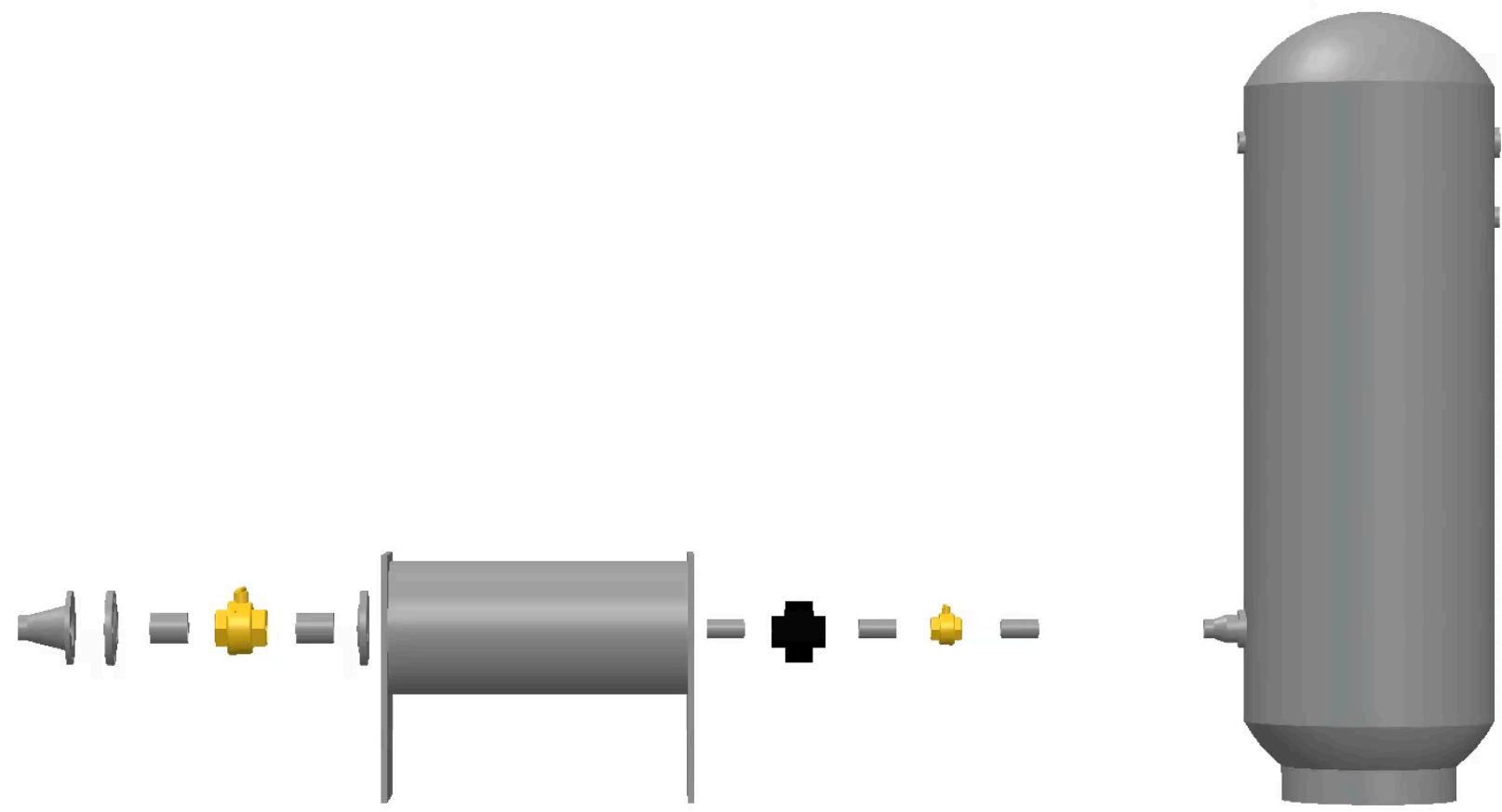




# *Project Manufacturing*

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# New Testbed Design





# Manufacturing

- Manufacturing Overview
  - Manual Ball Valve
  - Settling Chamber
  - Diffuser
  - 3D printing nozzles
  - Sensor integration
  - Assembly

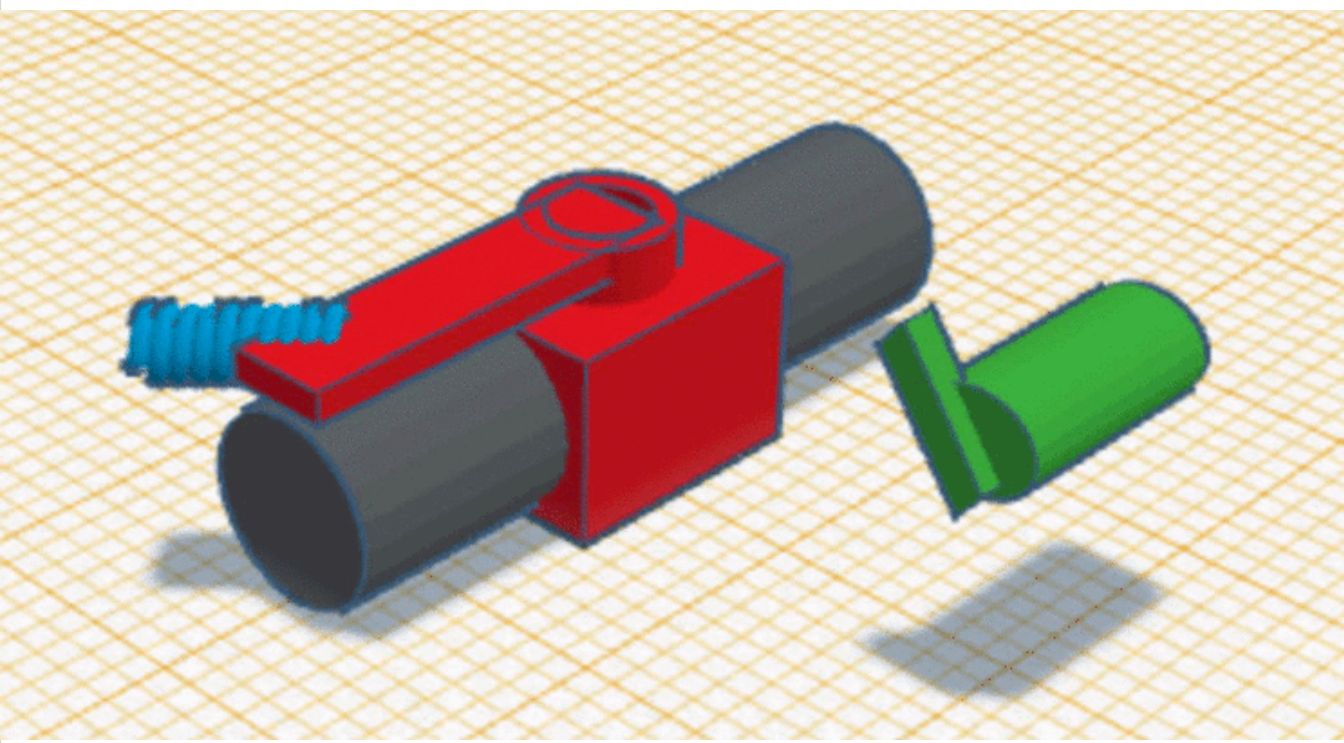
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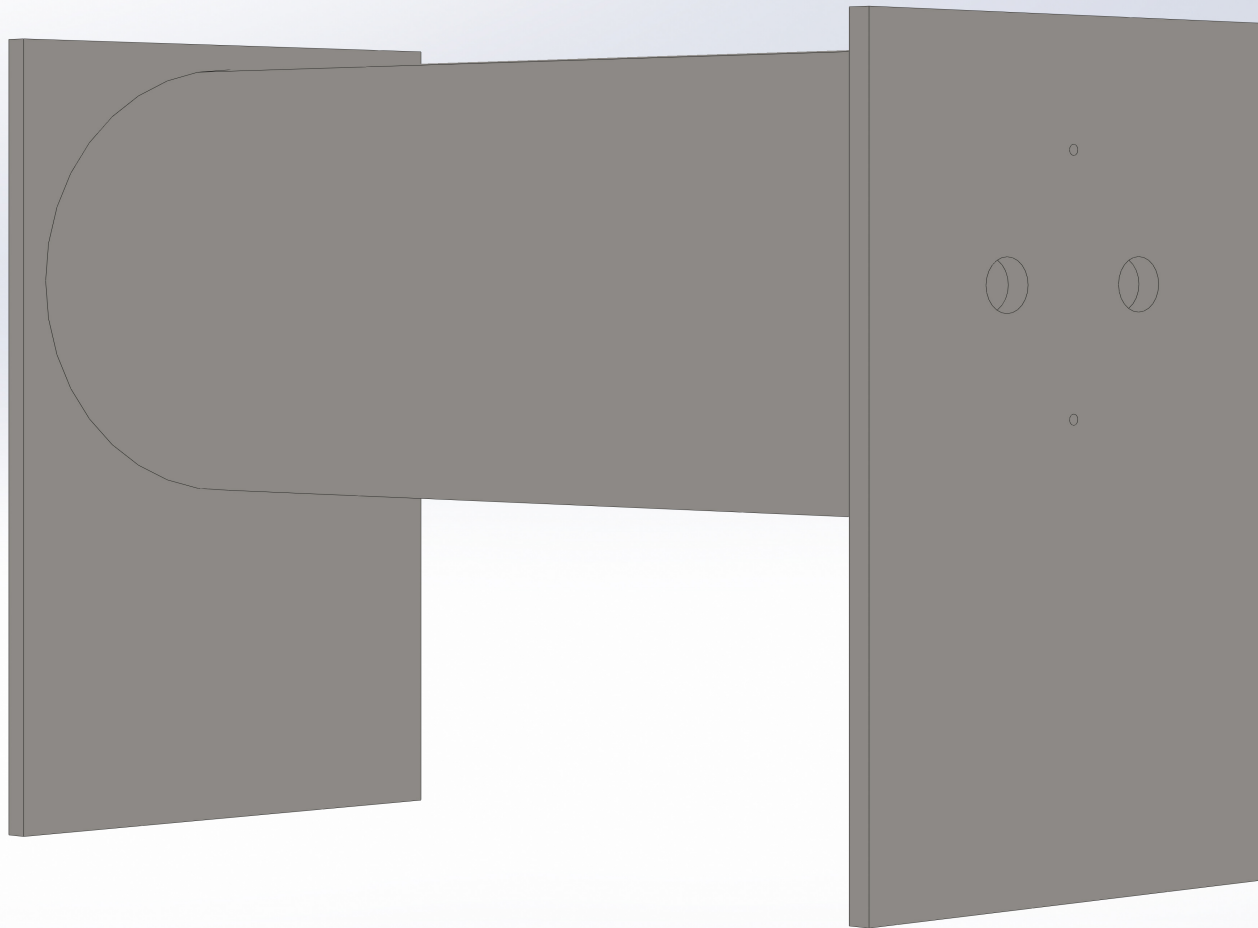
# 2.5" Ball Valve Actuation



Stepper Motor w/ Release Pin  
2.5" Manual Ball Valve  
Preloaded Spring  
Duct between S/C and Nozzle

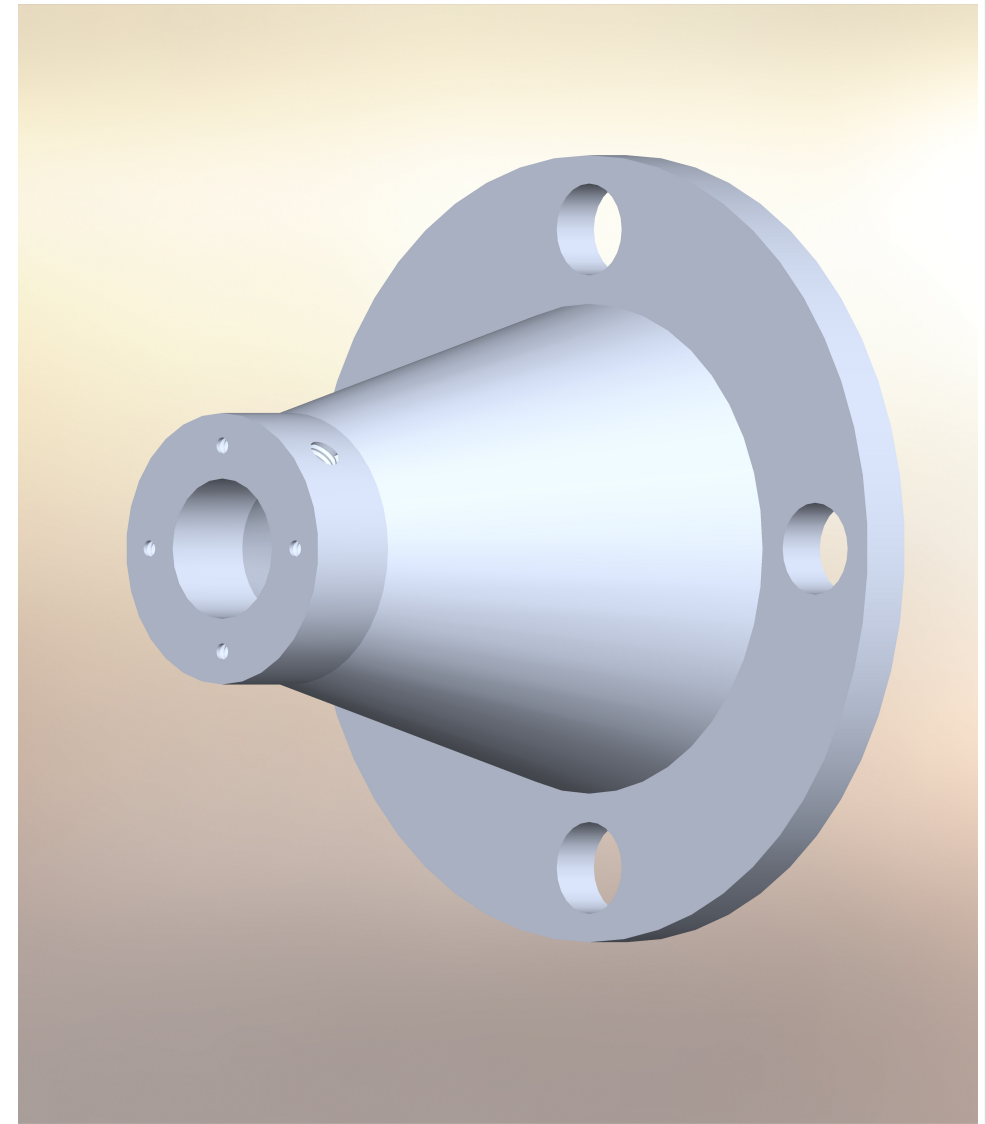
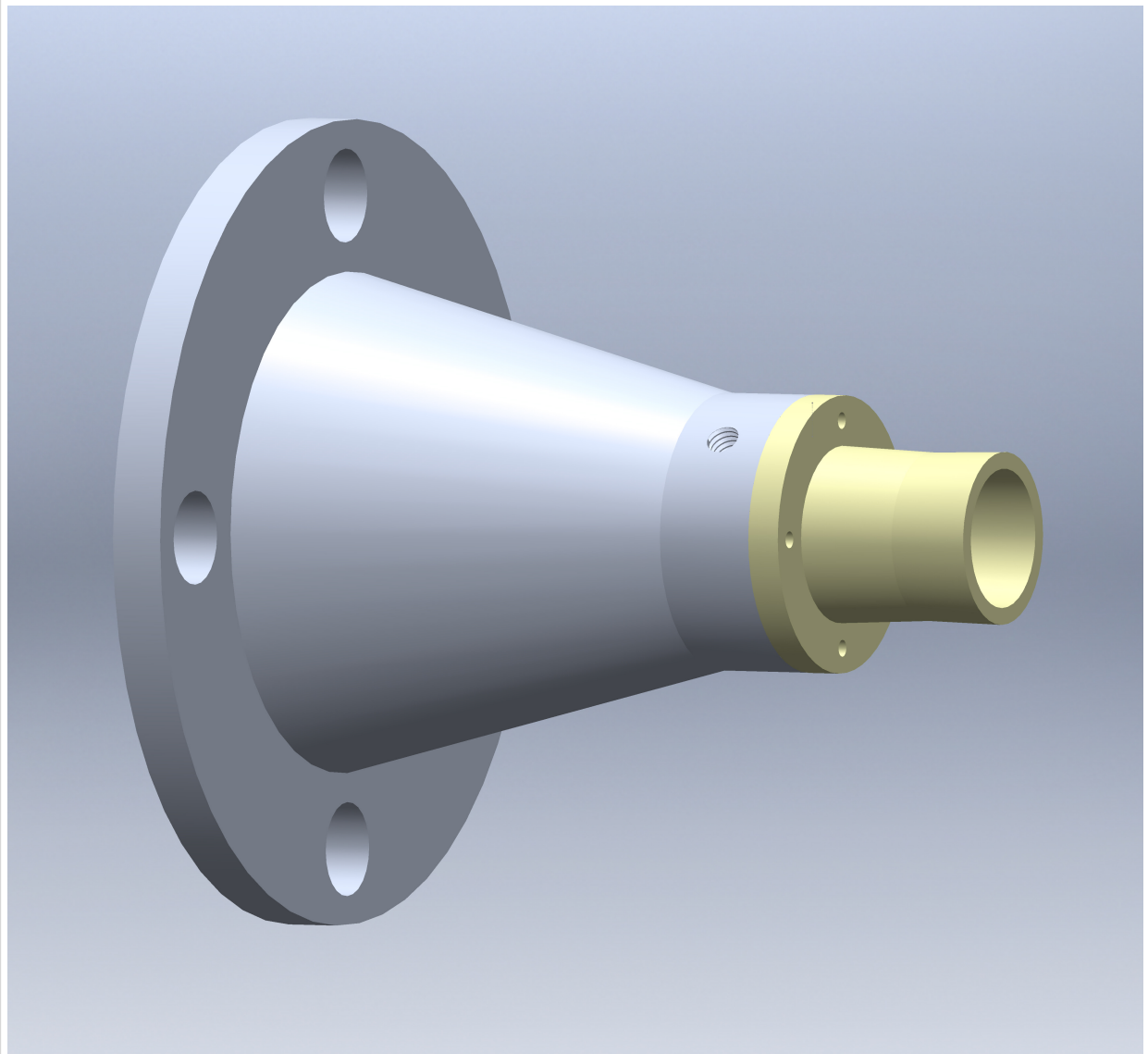


# Settling Chamber

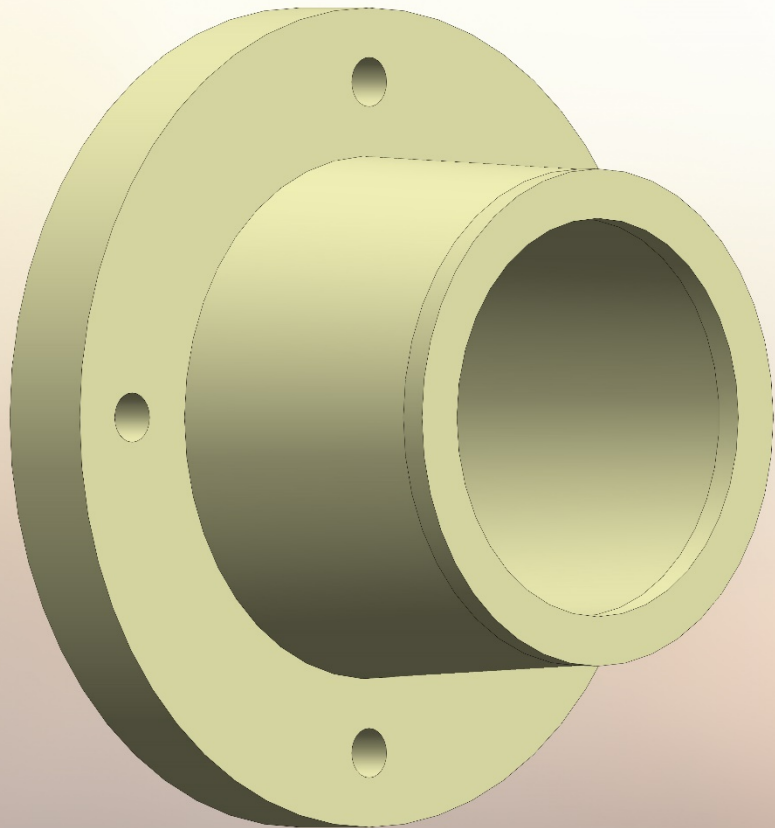


- Steel
- 2 plates 1 cylinder
- 25"x10"
- 5 holes total
- Welded in house
- Pressure testing required

# Diffuser

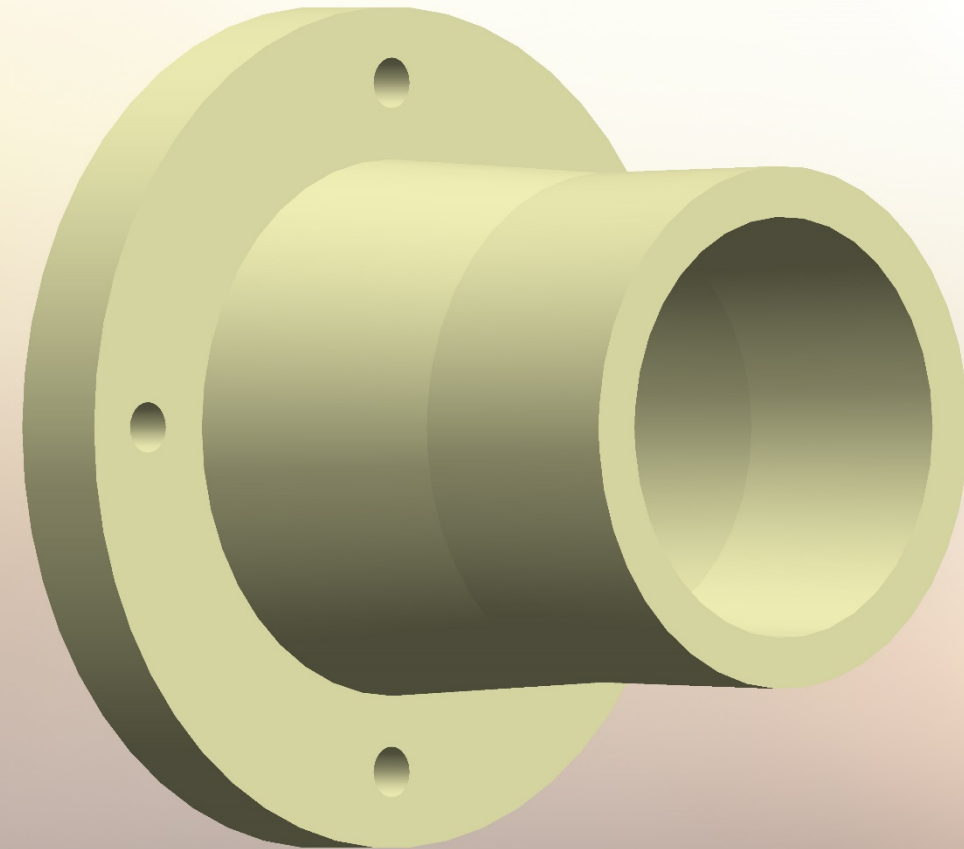


# Additive Manufacturing

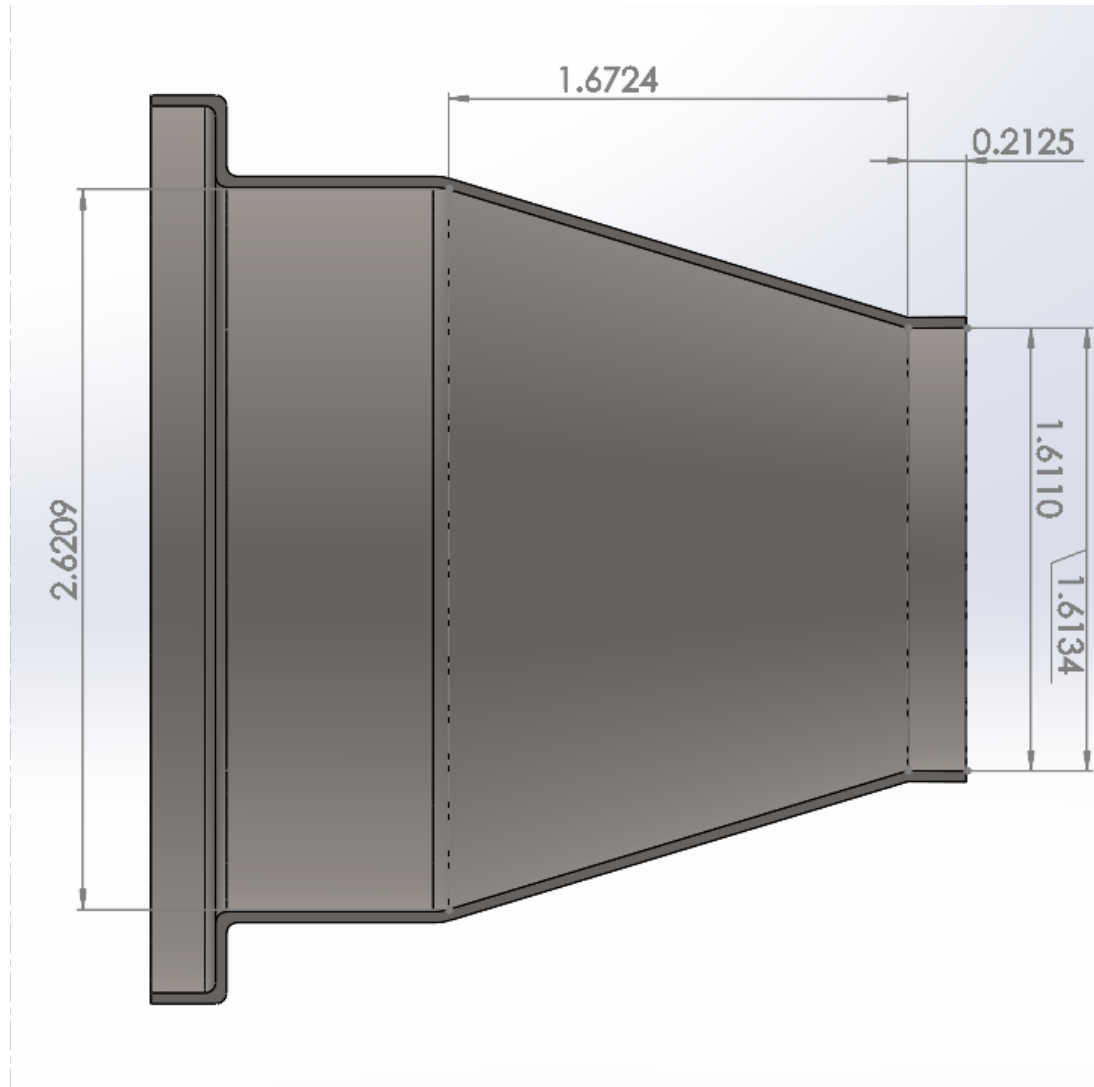


Left:  
 $M = 1.06$   
 $D_{throat} = 1.005$   
 $D_{exit} = 1.006$   
Clear FLGPCL02

Right:  
 $D_{throat} = 1.005$   
 $D_{exit} = 1.037$   
Clear FLGPCL02



# Additive Manufacturing



**Additive Manufacturing:**  
Direct Metal Laser Sintering

**Material:**  
Cobalt Chrome

**Manufacturer:**  
GPI Prototype

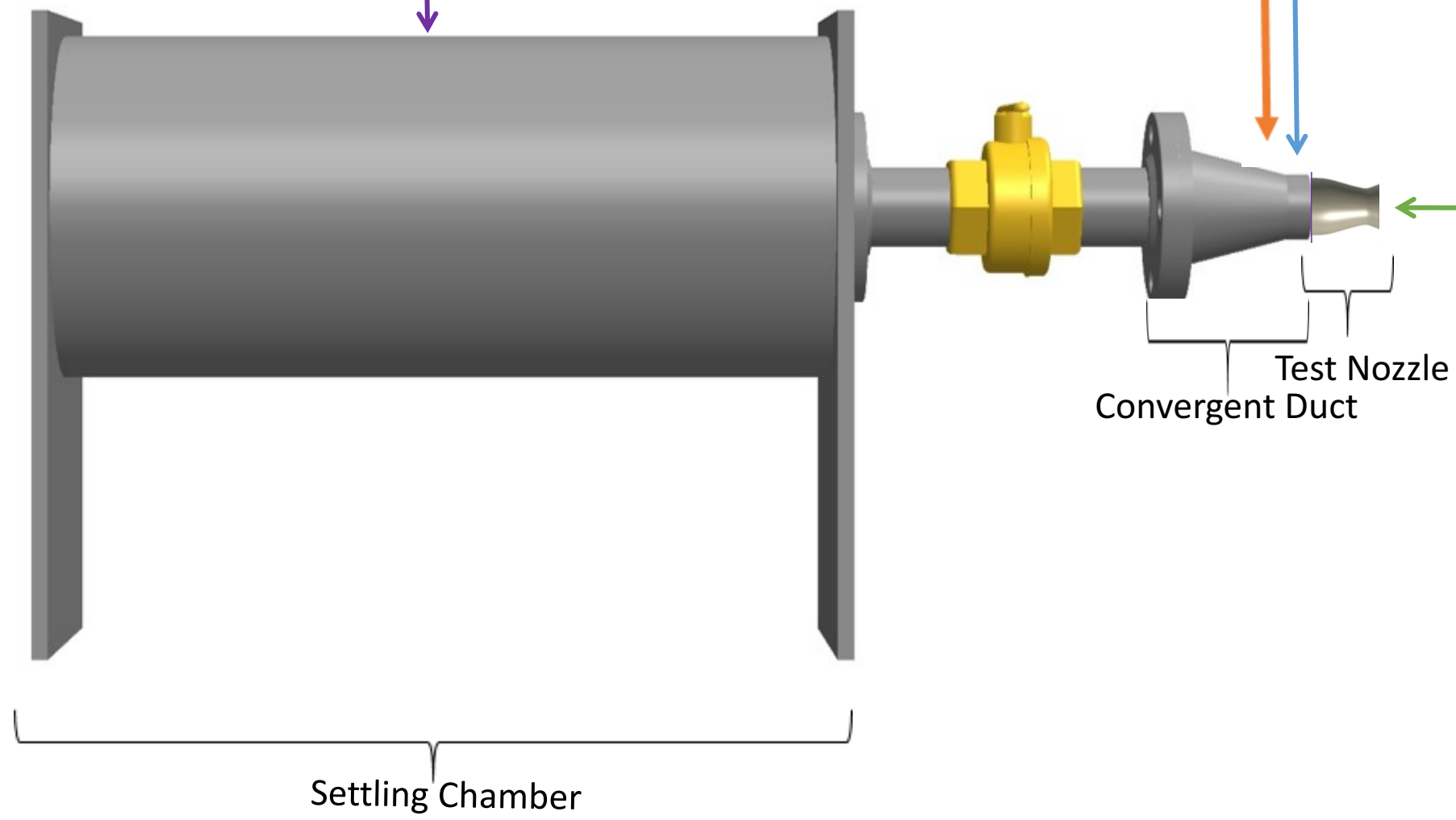
# Sensor Integration

Settling Chamber Sensor:  
100 psi max  
Kulite HKL/T-312M

Inlet Pressure sensor  
30 psi max  
Omega PX137

Type K Thermocouple

Exhaust Pitot Probe:  
50 psi max  
Gage (x2)  
Omega PX 309 or 409  
series



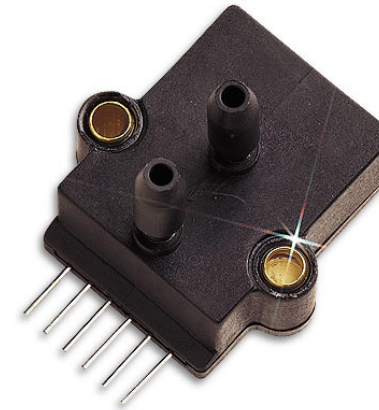
# Sensor Selection

Type K Thermocouple (Inlet)

Omega PX137 (Inlet)

On hand at CU

Accurate within +/- 1.5 psi



Kulite HKL/T-312M (Settling Chamber)

On hand at CU

Accurate within +/- 0.5 psi



# Nozzle Exit Pressure Sensor

## Ideal Sensor (Budget Permitting)

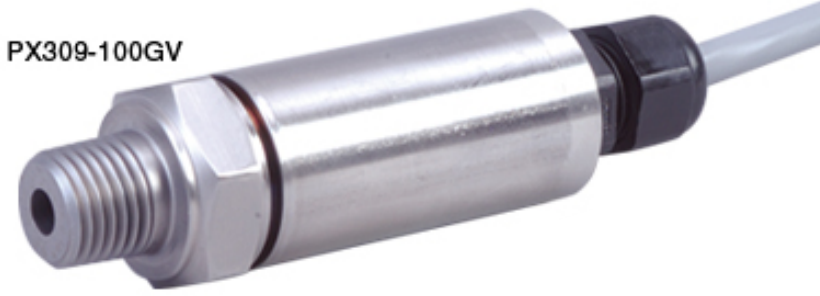
Omega PX409, range of 50 psig  
\$500  
Accuracy within +/- 0.04 psi

## Back Up Plan

Omega PX309, range of 50 psig  
\$200  
Accuracy within +/- 0.12 psi

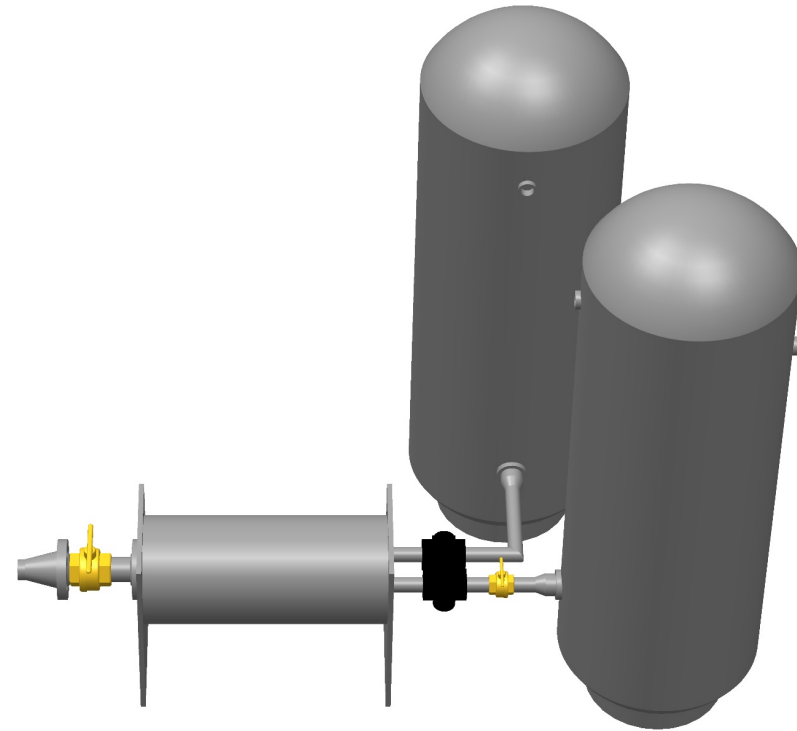


PX309-100GV



# Final Assembly

- Mounting diffuser on settling chamber
- Connecting all pipes, regulators, and valves
- Full CAD assembly picture





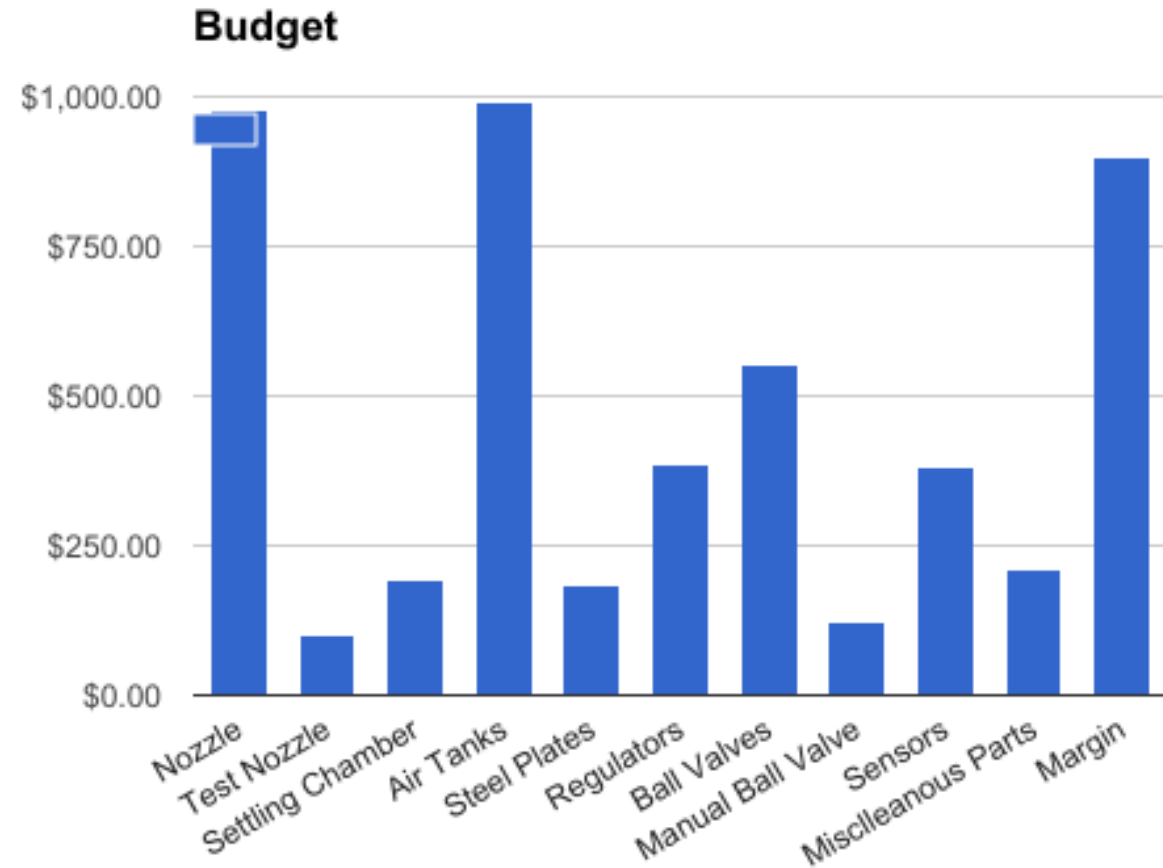


# *Project Budget*

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# Current Finances

- Margin: \$897.47
- Potential cost sharing of air tanks with hypergolic team
- Applying for additional funding from EEF

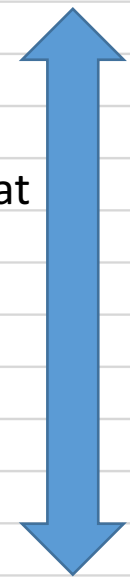




# Procurement Status

Category	Status	Item	Test Bed (cont.)	Status	Item
				Delivered	Settling Chamber (10" Steel Pipe)
				Delivered	ISC 80@ 200 PSI tank
<b>Nozzles</b>				Delivered	Steel Plates (Settling Chamber)
	Ordered	Nozzle		Delivered	Regulators
3D print	Not Yet Ordered	Test Nozzle	To be ordered from Grainger	Delivered	Ball Valves
<b>Test Bed</b>				Not Yet Ordered	Manual Ball Valve
				Not Yet Ordered	Sensors
	Not Yet Ordered	1.25" NPL			
	Not Yet Ordered	1.25" NPL 6"			
	Not Yet Ordered	Bushing			
	Not Yet Ordered	1.5" to 1.25" bell			
	Not Yet Ordered	1.25" Flange			
	Not Yet Ordered	300 psi Max Gauge			
	Not Yet Ordered	1.25" SPA Flex			
	Not Yet Ordered	1.25" Plug			
	Not Yet Ordered	2" Plug			
	Not Yet Ordered	Pressure Release Valve			
	Not Yet Ordered	.5" Plug			

To be purchased at McGuckin's



To be ordered from Grainger



To be ordered from Omega





# *Appendix*

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# Hydrostatic Testing



- Pressurize vessel to FOS test pressure with incompressible liquid
- Investigate pressure drop and leaks
- Investigate any permanent deformations
- Benefit of non-explosive rupture
- [NWIS Hydrostatic Burst November 21, 2014](#)



# Safety: Energy and Blast

- Energy Stored in Settling Chamber: 79501 J = 0.01374 Lbs. TNT

$$W = p_o v_o \left( \ln \frac{p_o}{p_a} - 1 \right) + p_a v_o$$

- FEMA: Unit IV Explosive Charges
  - Shatters windows: 160 ft.
  - Eardrum rupture: 30 ft.
  - 1% fatality point: 10 ft.
- "Blast Overpressure and Survivability Calculations for Various Sized of Explosive Charges"
  - Threshold lung damage facing blast: 9 ft.
  - Threshold lung damage facing sideways to blast: 6 ft.

# Safety: Shrapnel

- Maximum Speed of Smallest Object: 1628 m/s = 3642 mph

$$E_{kinetic} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

- Terminal Velocity: 29.86 m/s = 66.79 mph

$$v_t = \sqrt{\frac{2mg}{\rho A C_d}}$$

- Maximum Horizontal Distance of Travel: 3683 m = 2.289 mi

$$x_{max} = \frac{v_o v_t \cos(\theta)}{g}$$

# Error Propagation Analysis

$$\delta P_{02} = P_1 * \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial P_{02}}{\partial M} \frac{\partial M}{\partial A/A} \delta A/A\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial P_{02}}{\partial M} \frac{\partial M}{\partial A/A} \frac{\partial A/A}{\partial \dot{m}} \delta \dot{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial P_{02}}{\partial M} \frac{\partial M}{\partial A/A} \frac{\partial A/A}{\partial P_0} \delta P_0\right)^2}$$

- 0.075 psi of Error with 0.5% Mathematical Error
- Required 0.12 psi of Resolution to Capture 0.004 +/- Mach
- Ideal 0.04 psi of Resolution to Capture 0.0013 +/- Mach

