



# Design Review V

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Team 4: Visual Monitoring System for Danfoss Turbocor Compressor IGVs



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# Danfoss IGV Monitoring System

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# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT INTRODUCTION**

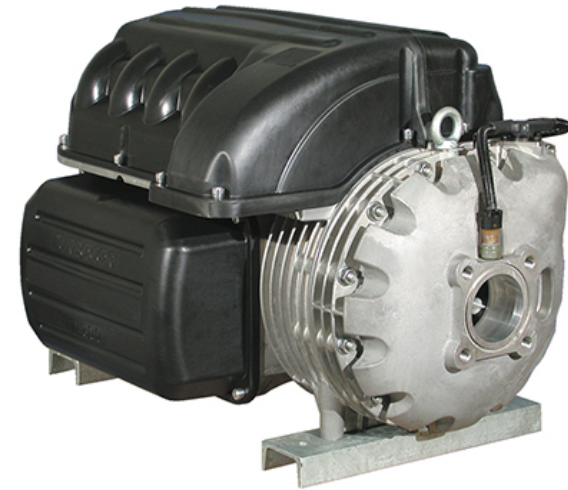


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# Danfoss Turbocor Compressors

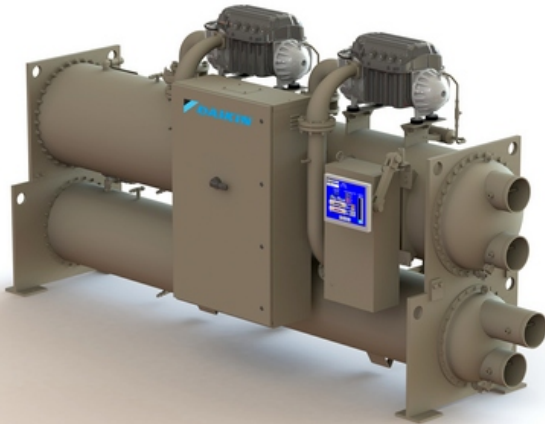
## ➤ Refrigerant Compressors

- TT Series
  - 4 Different Models
  - 300, 350, 400, 500
- Magnetic Bearing, Oil-Free
- Inlet Guide Vanes (IGVs)



Turbocor Oil Free Compressor

Chiller Application for Compressors



## ➤ Applied in Water Chillers

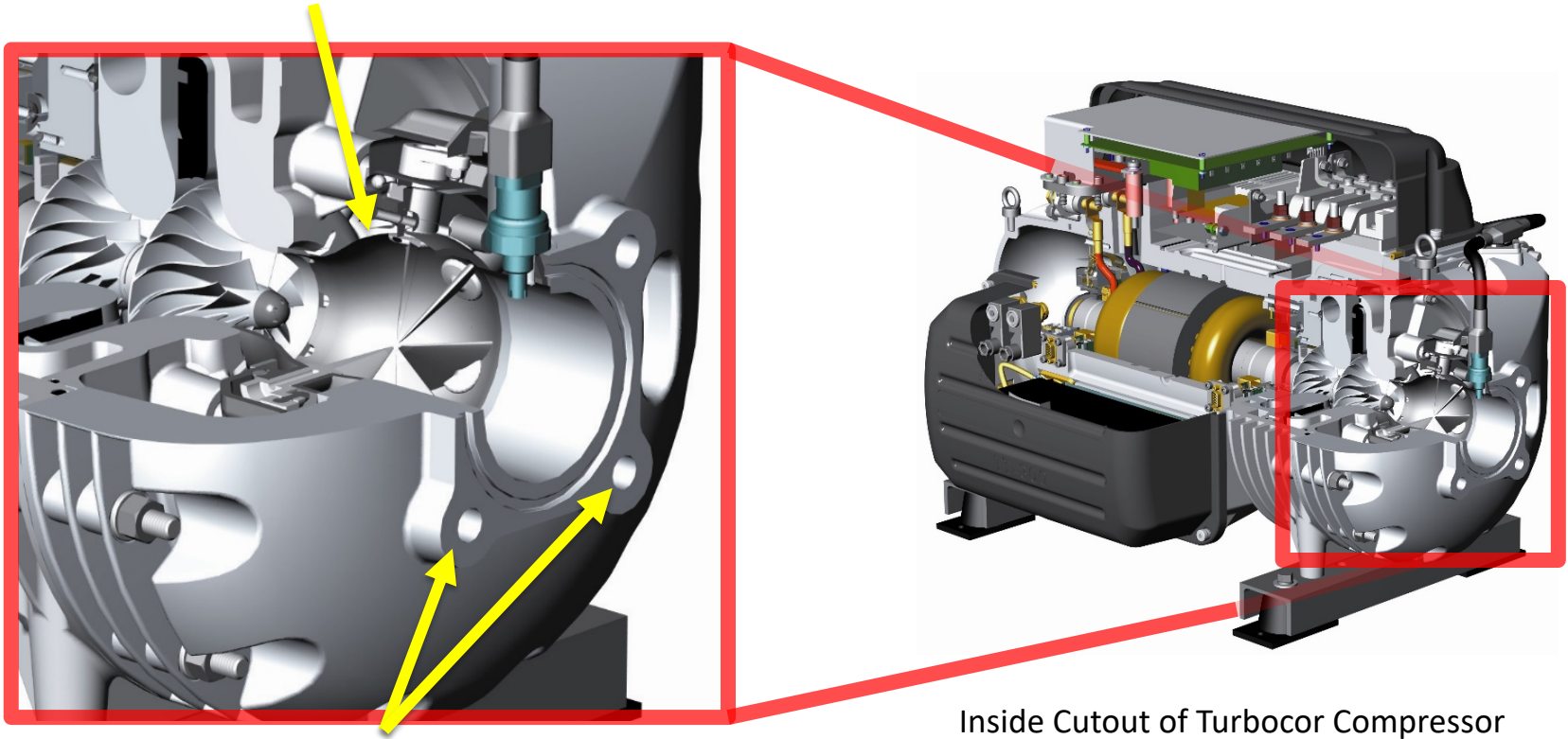
- Air and Water Cooled Chillers
- HVAC Applications
- Comfort Cooling for Buildings
- 60 - 200 Tons

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# TT Series Compressor Detail

Inlet Guide Vanes (IGVs)



Inside Cutout of Turbocor Compressor

Inlet Flange Attachment for Pipe  
and Monitoring System for Testing

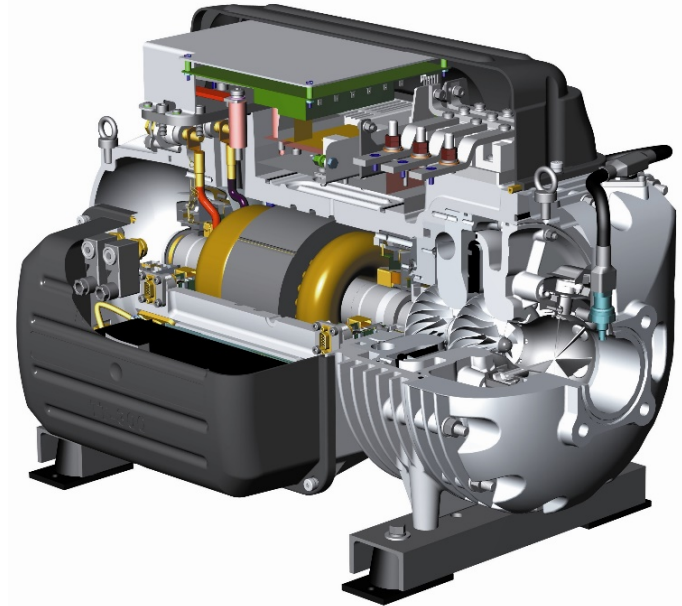
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# Project Overview

- Currently No Visual for Inlet Guide Vanes (IGVs)
- Limited Angle Measurement
  - Stepper motor is used for angle control
  - No feedback
- Problems with IGVs
  - IGVs might flutter or vibrate
  - Possible IGV breakdown
  - Single IGV latching or “sticking”
- IGV Misfunction has Caused Data Loss for Danfoss Turbocor



Inside Cutout of Danfoss Turbocor Compressor

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# Project Goals

- Danfoss Turbocor Inlet Guide Vane (IGV) Monitoring System Goals:
  - Provide detailed visual monitoring of vane failure
  - Produce a system to detect position of individual IGVs
  - Minimize impact on the fluid flow



Compressor Inlet Cross-Section

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# Notable Project Targets

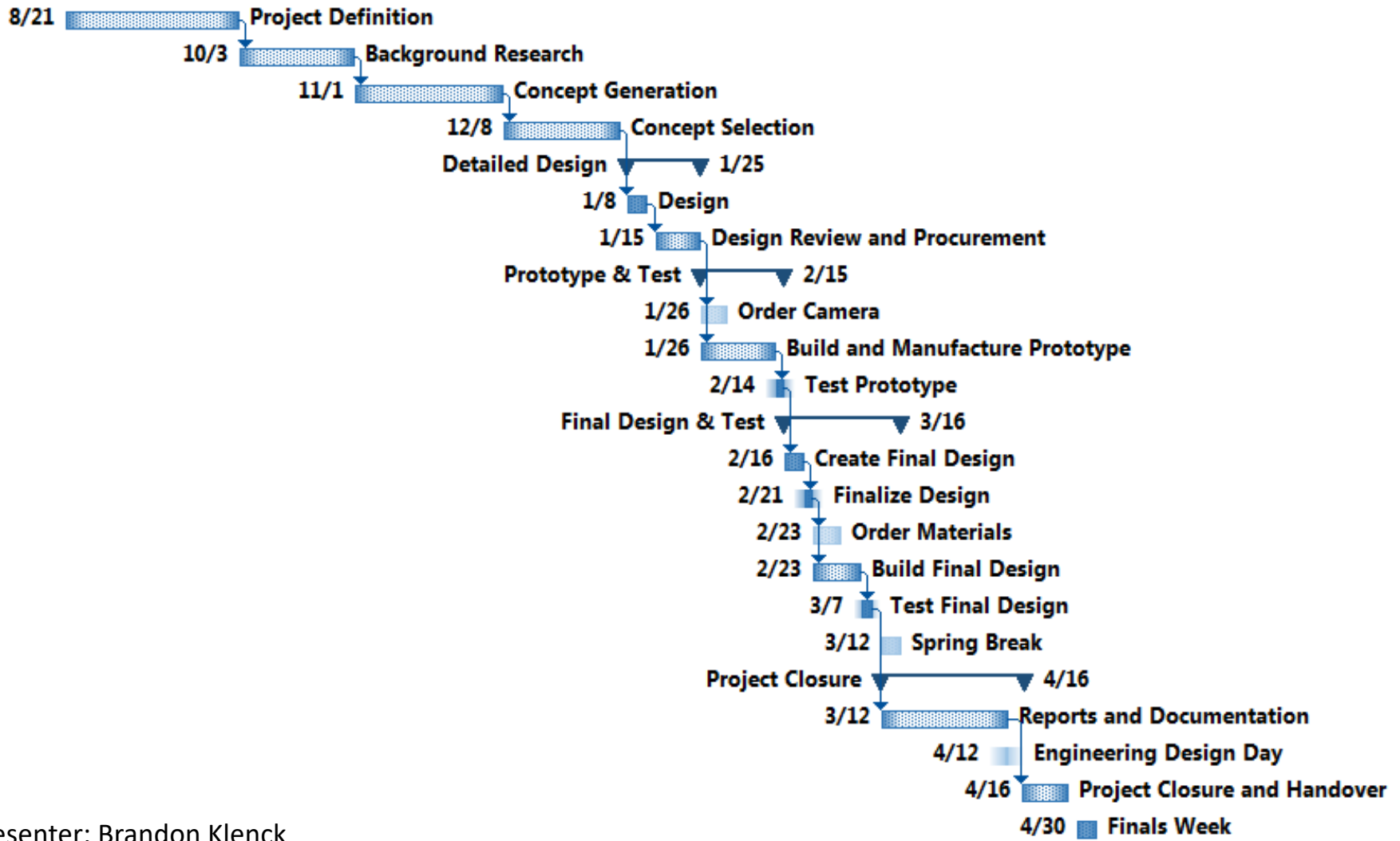
Project Target Description	Target Value
Allowable Flow Impact	No Detectible Swirl
Minimum Visual Monitoring Rate	1 Hz
Minimum Sample Rate for Measuring Angle	1 Hz
Maximum Allowable Pressure Drop across Monitoring Device	0.2 psi
Maximum Monitoring System Length	50 cm
Minimum Angle Sensor Accuracy (In terms of percent open)	$\pm 10\%$

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# Project Timeline



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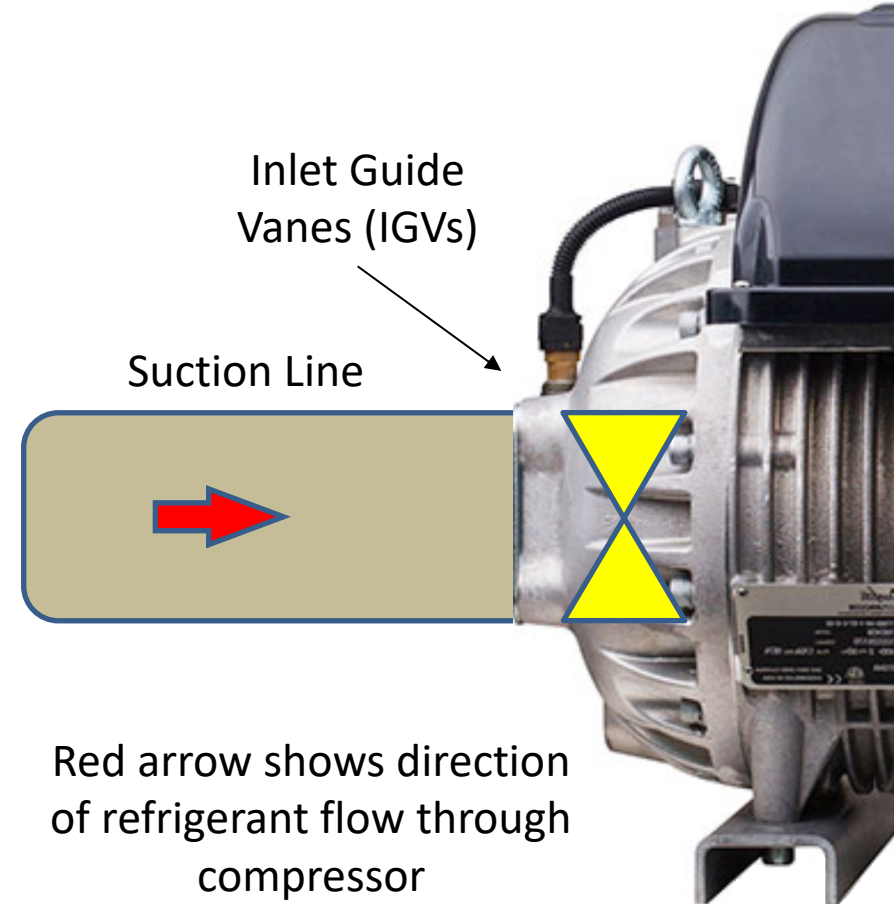
# CONCEPT GENERATION AND SELECTION



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# Concept Generation for Each Subsystem

- Visual Monitoring
  - Mirror in central body with camera outside of pipe
  - Camera in elbow of pipe
  - Composite imaging
  - Camera in central body
- IGV Angle Monitoring
  - Potentiometer on string
  - Laser vibrometer
  - AprilTags with aspect ratio visual analysis
- IGV Lighting
  - Clear pipe with ambient lighting
  - Central body lighting
  - Lighting around inside of pipe



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# Decision Matrix for Angle Measurement

Similar decision matrix completed for each subsystem

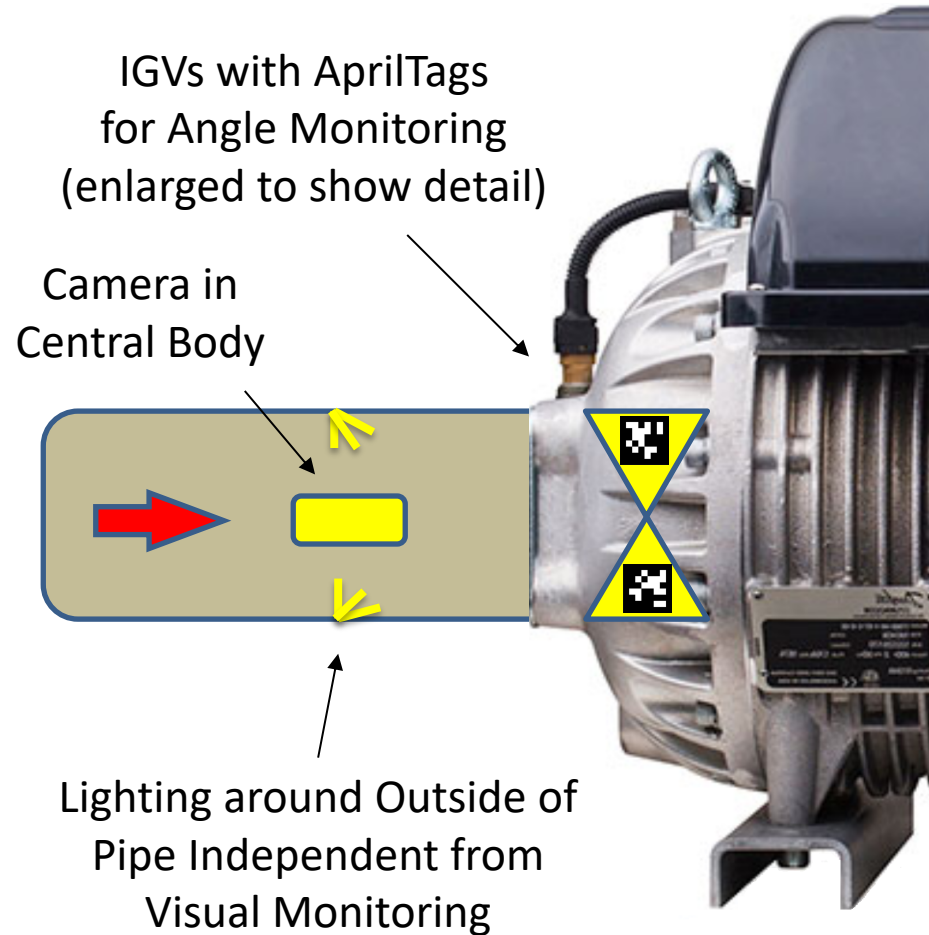
Option	Weight Factor	Potentiometer with Integrator		Irrodescent Measurement		Camera with April Tags		Gyroscope/ Gyrometer		Digital Image Correlation	
		Score	Rating	Score	Rating	Score	Rating	Score	Rating	Score	Rating
Image Clarity	13.4	0	0	7	94	6	80	0	0	6	80
Camera Frame Rate	5.7	0	0	7	40	7	40	0	0	7	40
Angle Measurement Accuracy	6.5	4	26	3	20	9	59	6	39	9	59
Angle Measurement Refresh Rate	5.5	8	44	7	38	7	38	8	44	7	38
System Stability	26.4	1	26	7	185	8	211	1	26	8	211
System Length	11.1	7	78	6	67	6	67	7	78	6	67
Ease of Integration	6.4	1	6	5	32	4	26	1	6	4	26
Pressure Drop across System	6.5	4	26	4	26	5	33	2	13	5	33
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# Subsystems with Concept Generation and Selection

- Visual Monitoring
  - Mirror in central body with camera outside of pipe
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  - **Camera in central body**
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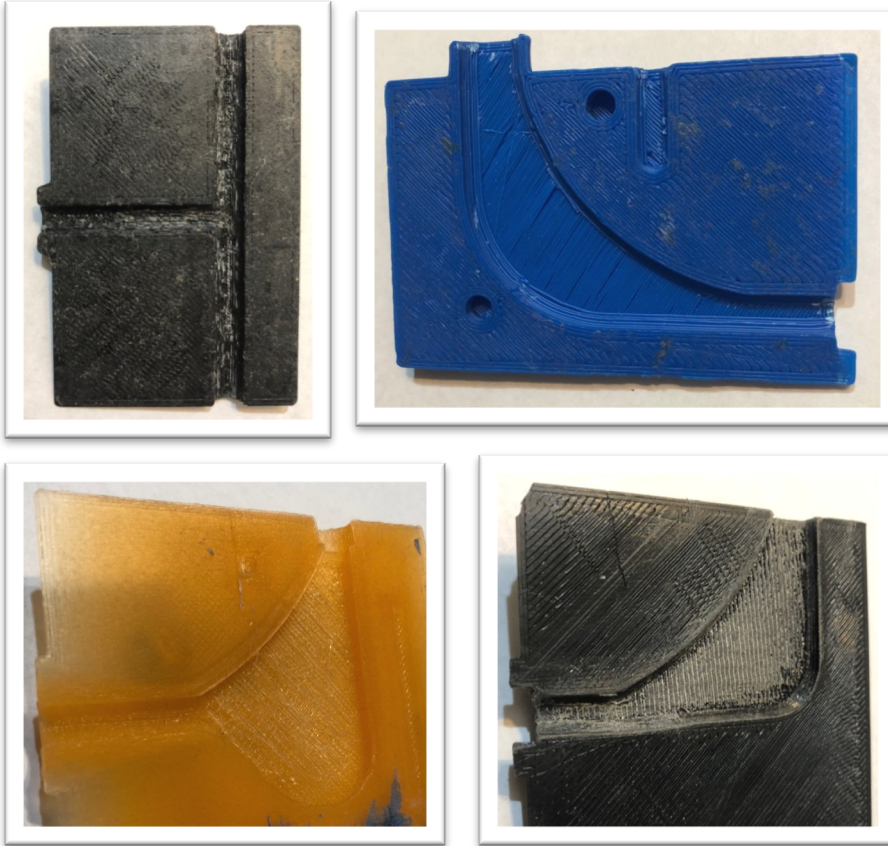
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# PROTOTYPE & TESTING



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# Airfoil Prototypes



Airfoil Prototypes

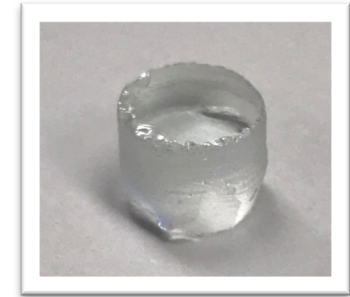
- Tested channel size and path for camera fit
- Learned from each prototype
  - The curvature of the channel
  - How to make the alignment pins
  - Thickness increase close to camera head
  - Tolerances for the front edge of the airfoil
- Provided communication of ideas to sponsor
- Final prototype fit camera and sight glass

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# Sight Glass and Epoxy Tests

- Sight glasses of 4 different materials tested for reflection
- Application of epoxy was practiced
- Test of overflow of epoxy into camera housing
- Hole dimensional check for engineering drawings



Sight Glass



Sight Glass and Epoxy Testing

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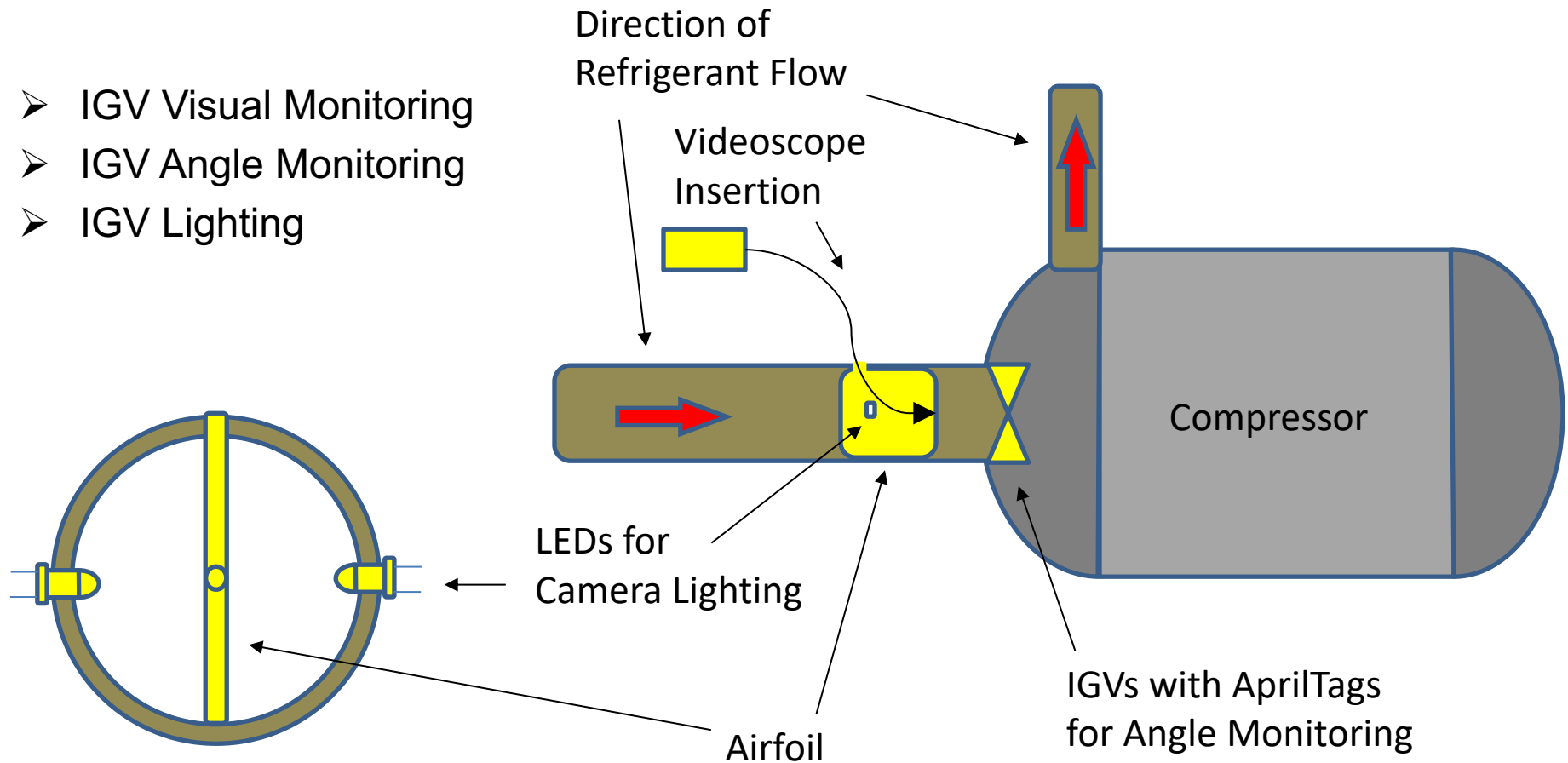
# DETAILED DESIGN, FINAL DESIGN AND TESTING



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# Final Design Layout

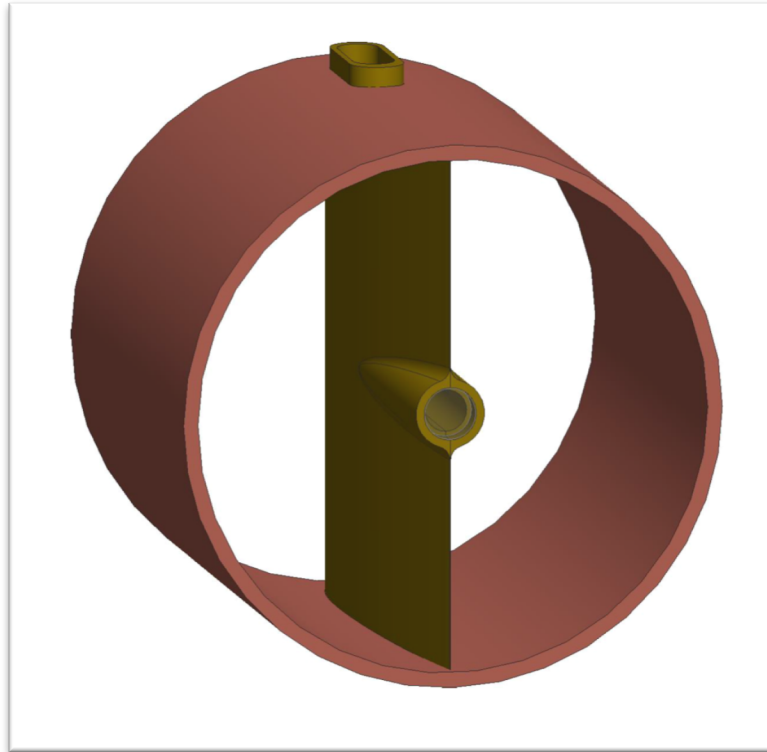
- IGV Visual Monitoring
- IGV Angle Monitoring
- IGV Lighting



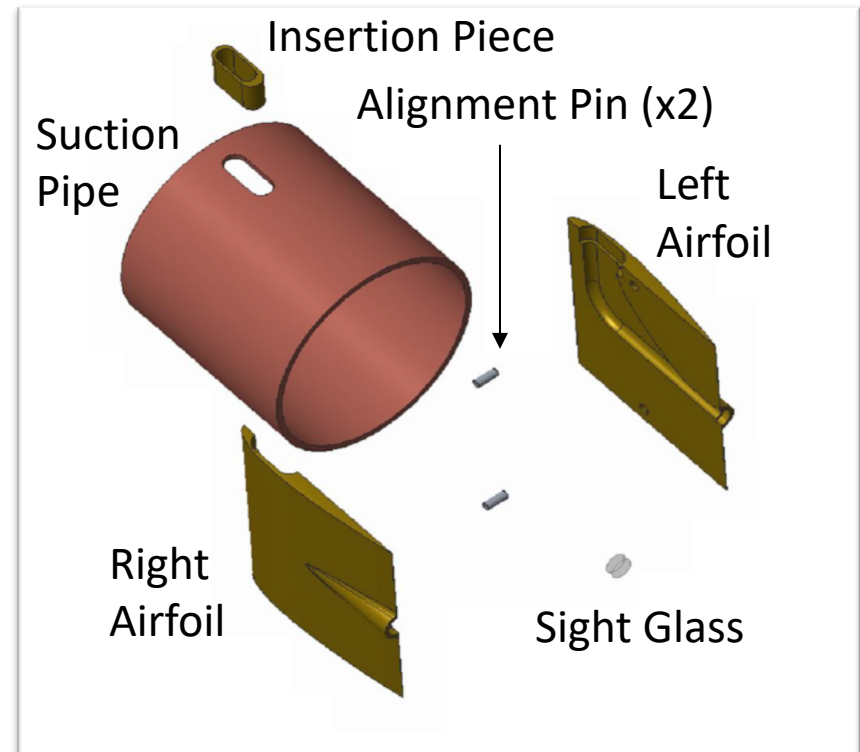
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# Final Design Assembly and Parts



Finished Assembly  
View



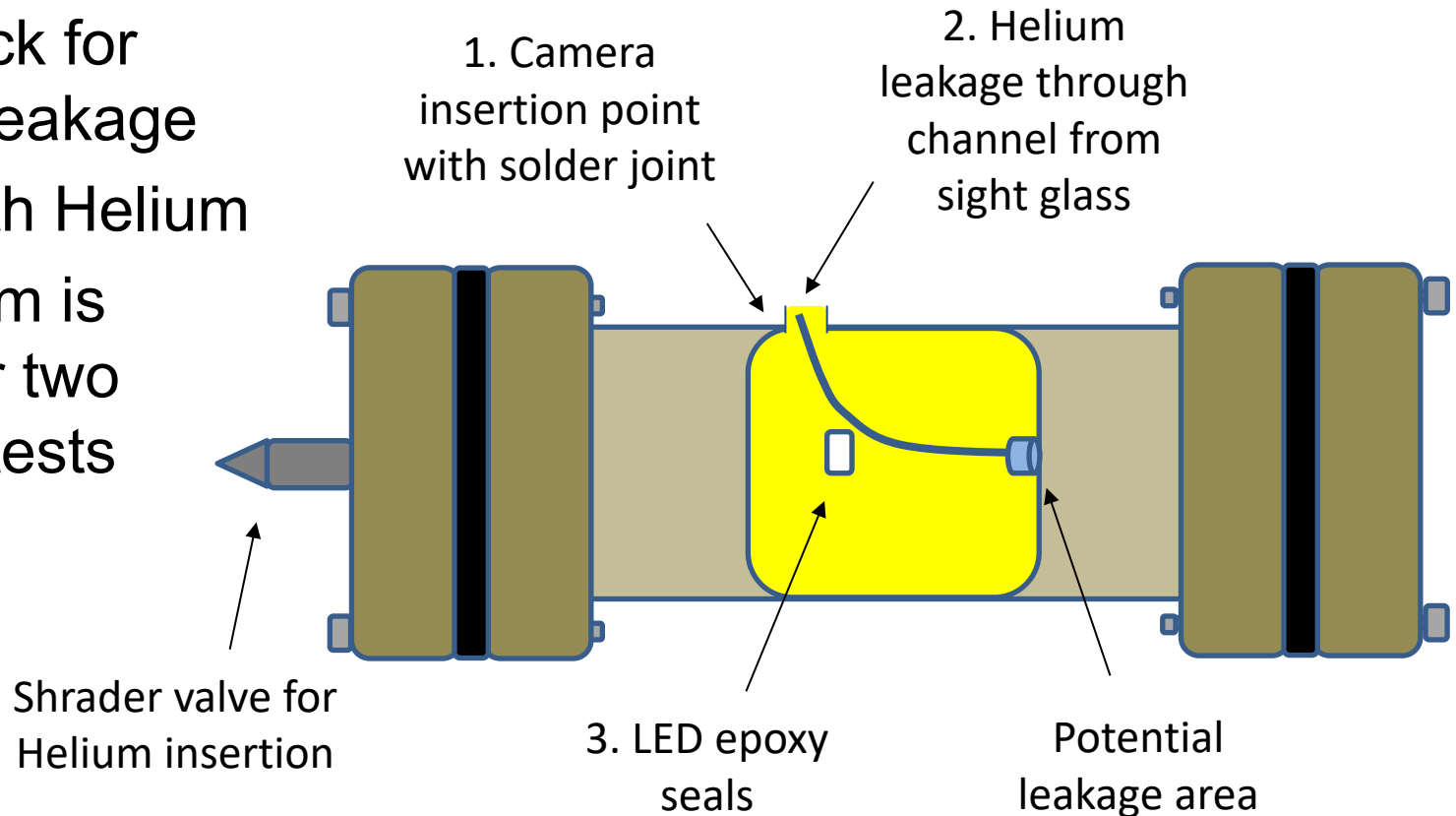
Exploded Assembly  
View

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# Pressure and Leakage Test

- Three main areas for to check for potential leakage
- Tested with Helium
- Mechanism is reused for two separate tests



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# Summary

## ➤ Total Project Materials Budget

- \$3,000 - \$5,000

## ➤ Total Material Cost

- \$1,460
- Main cost was the videoscope
- Other costs included the brass and epoxies

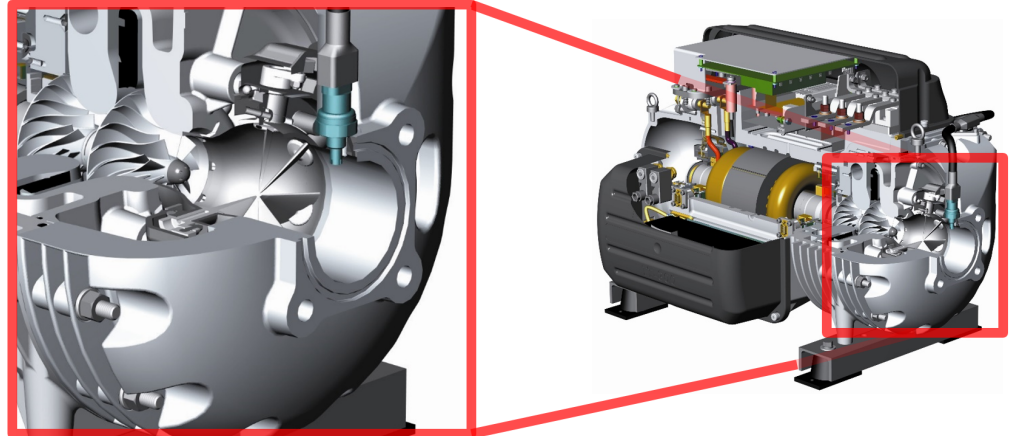
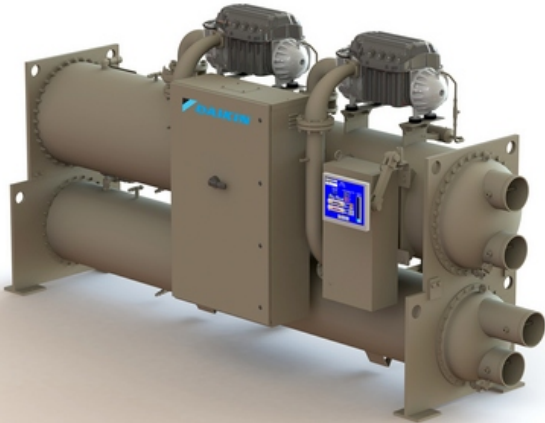
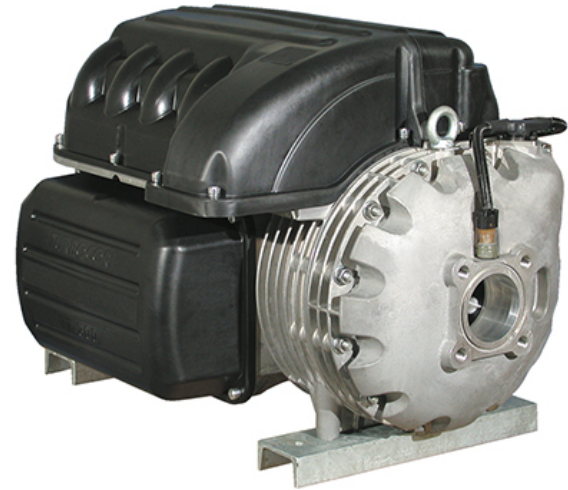
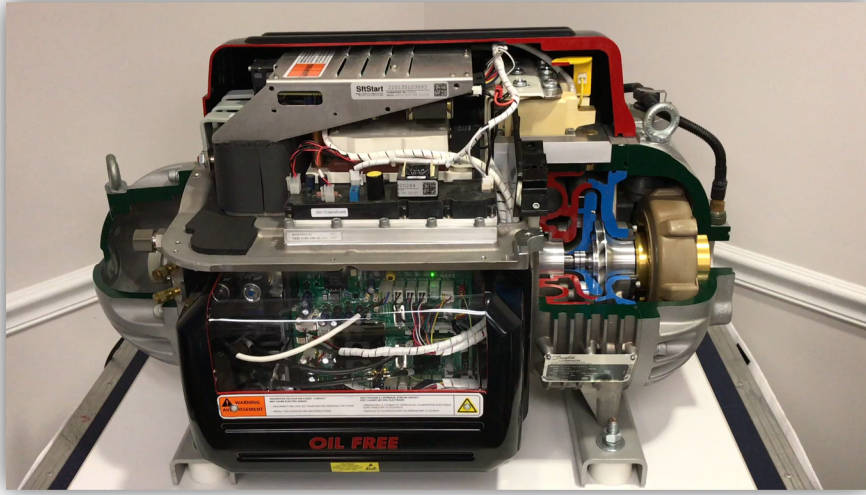
## ➤ Project Steps

- Project Definition
- Concept Generation
- Concept Analysis
- Concept Selection
- Prototype & Testing
- Detailed Design
- Final Design & Testing
- Reports and Documentation

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# Thank You for Your Time. Questions?



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# AprilTag Testing

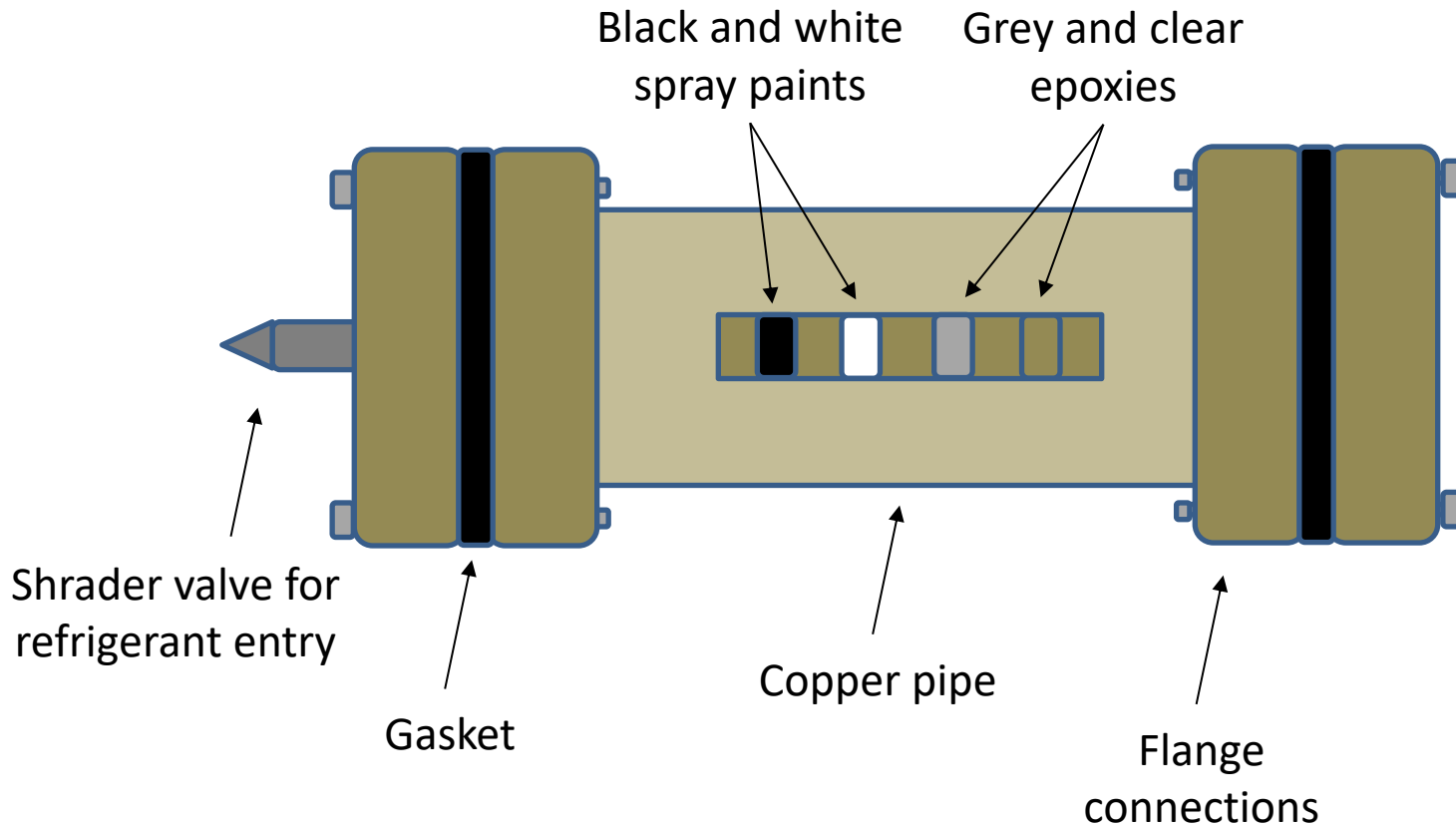
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# Refrigerant Compatibility Test



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# Future Work

- High-Cycle Monitoring System
  - Measure the vibrations of the vanes
  - Vibrometer or high speed camera
- Mechanically Implemented Sight Glass and Lighting Subsystem
  - Epoxy-free seals
  - Longer lasting solution with added reliability
- Remove Lighting around Videoscope Head
  - Reduce thickness of the airfoil in half
  - Less pressure drop and reduced flow impact
- Include Lighting Subsystem into Airfoil
  - Less intrusions in the suction pipe
- Alarms for IGV Malfunction
- Add Pressure, Temperature, and Airflow Sensors
  - Create a sellable package to other manufactures
  - All-in-one system without need for additional sensors in suction pipe

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