



Data Exchange for Vacuum System

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Pressure measurement

Gauges around the LHC



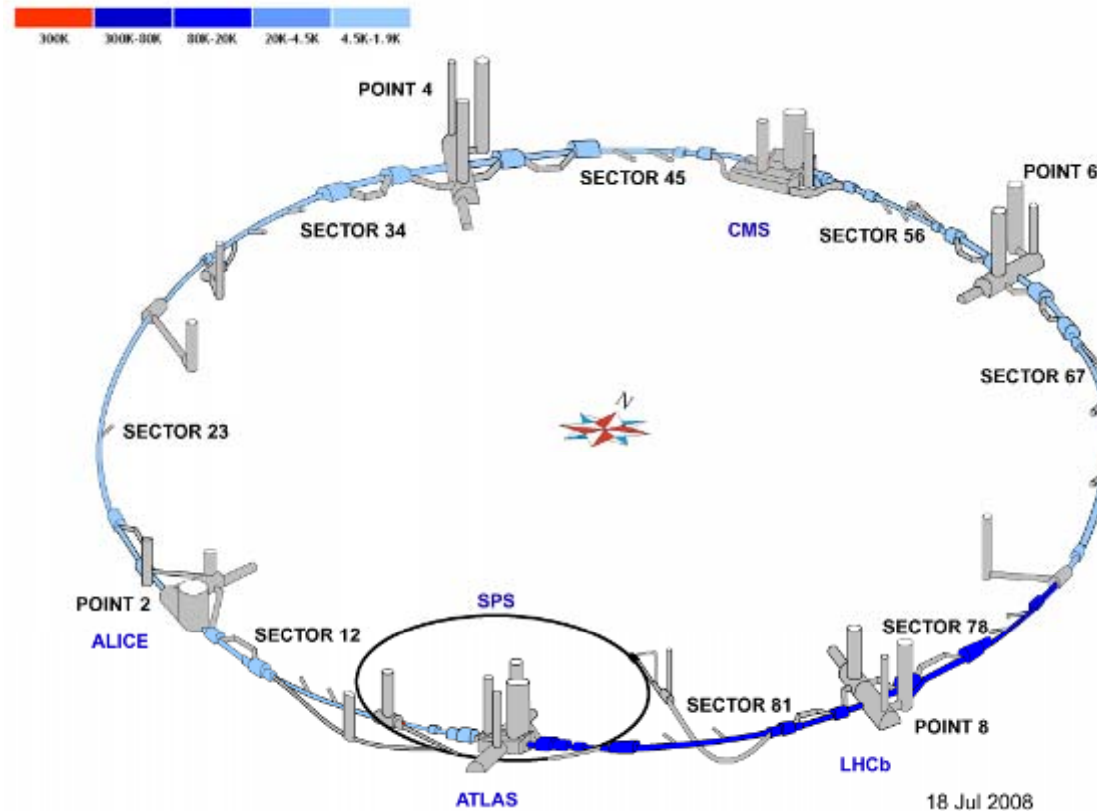
Pressure measurements

Rough vacuum	$1 \text{ mbar} < p < \text{atm}$	
Medium vacuum	$10^{-3} \text{ mbar} < p < 1 \text{ mbar}$	
High Vacuum	$10^{-7} \text{ mbar} < p < 10^{-3} \text{ mbar}$	Magnet insulation vacuum
Ultra High Vacuum	$10^{-12} \text{ mbar} < p < 10^{-7} \text{ mbar}$	Beam vacuum
Extreme High Vacuum	$p < 10^{-12} \text{ mbar}$	

- UHV measurements with
 - Penning Gauges (VGP) - 10^{-4} mbar to 10^{-10} mbar
 - Ionisation Gauges (VGI) - 10^{-6} mbar to 10^{-12} mbar
- Both gauges reading are gas dependent (ionisation probability)
- VGI more sensitive, more accurate (all gauges in LHC calibrated)
- VGP reading depends on electronic cards low range limited to 10^{-9} or 10^{-11} mbar
- AT/VAC consulting is recommended before using measurements for quantitative studies



Vacuum instrumentation in LHC

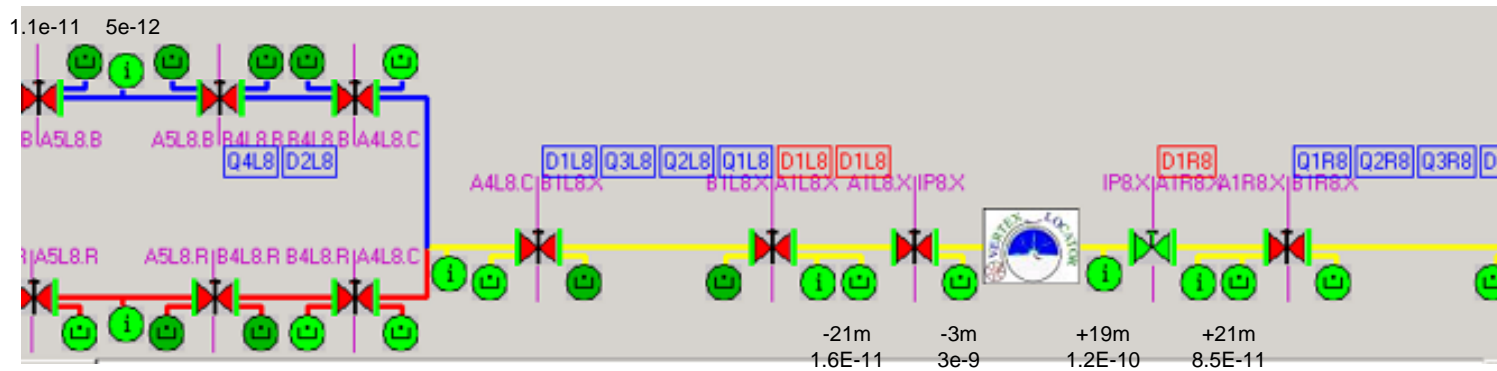


FOR ALL INTERACTION REGIONS

- Gauges up to Q7 (6250m from IP) at each sector valve (warm section)
- Gauges in the arc at Q15, Q23 and Q31 reading down to $5E-9$ mbar but not below



Example of IR8



Sector valves and UHV vacuum gauges



Present status and limitations

- VGI: 55 % of VGI around the machine are working
- 45 % of VGI
 - Noisy read-out (cables or power supply current stability ...) – 13%
 - Lack of power supply – 26%
 - Misfunctioning of power supply – 6%
- Consolidation ongoing, with priority to experimental regions
- VGP leakage current may give wrong read-out



DIP publication for Vacuum data

- Generated from our PVSS application
- Few Penning or ionization gauges around Atlas and LHCb are actually published.
- Two parameters:
 - State: ON/OFF + Valid bit
 - Pressure in mbar as a float number.
 - Under range gauges have validity bit set with $5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ or $1.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$ mbar as Pressure values.