



# The Large Hadron Collider

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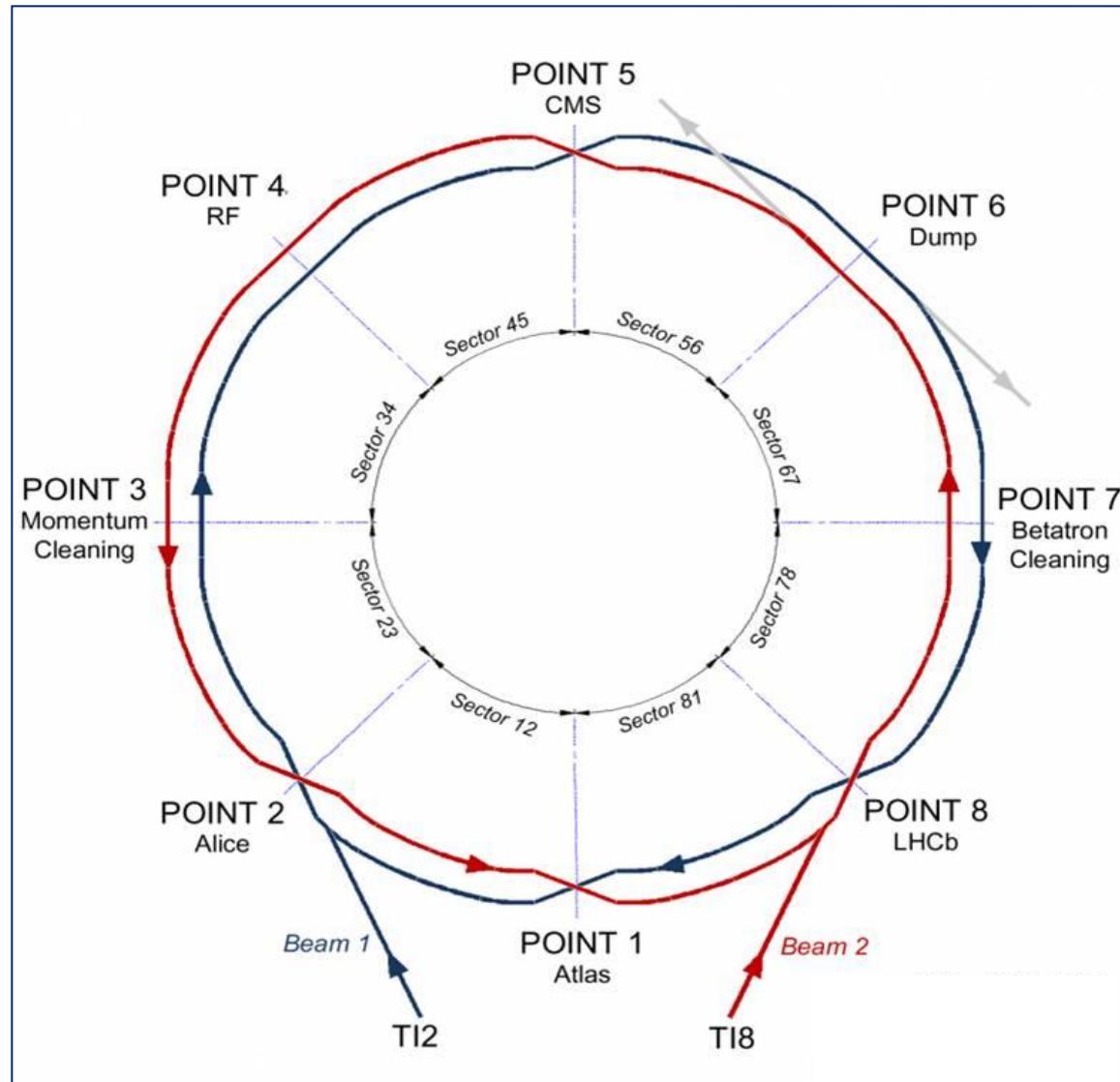


# The largest scientific instrument in the world



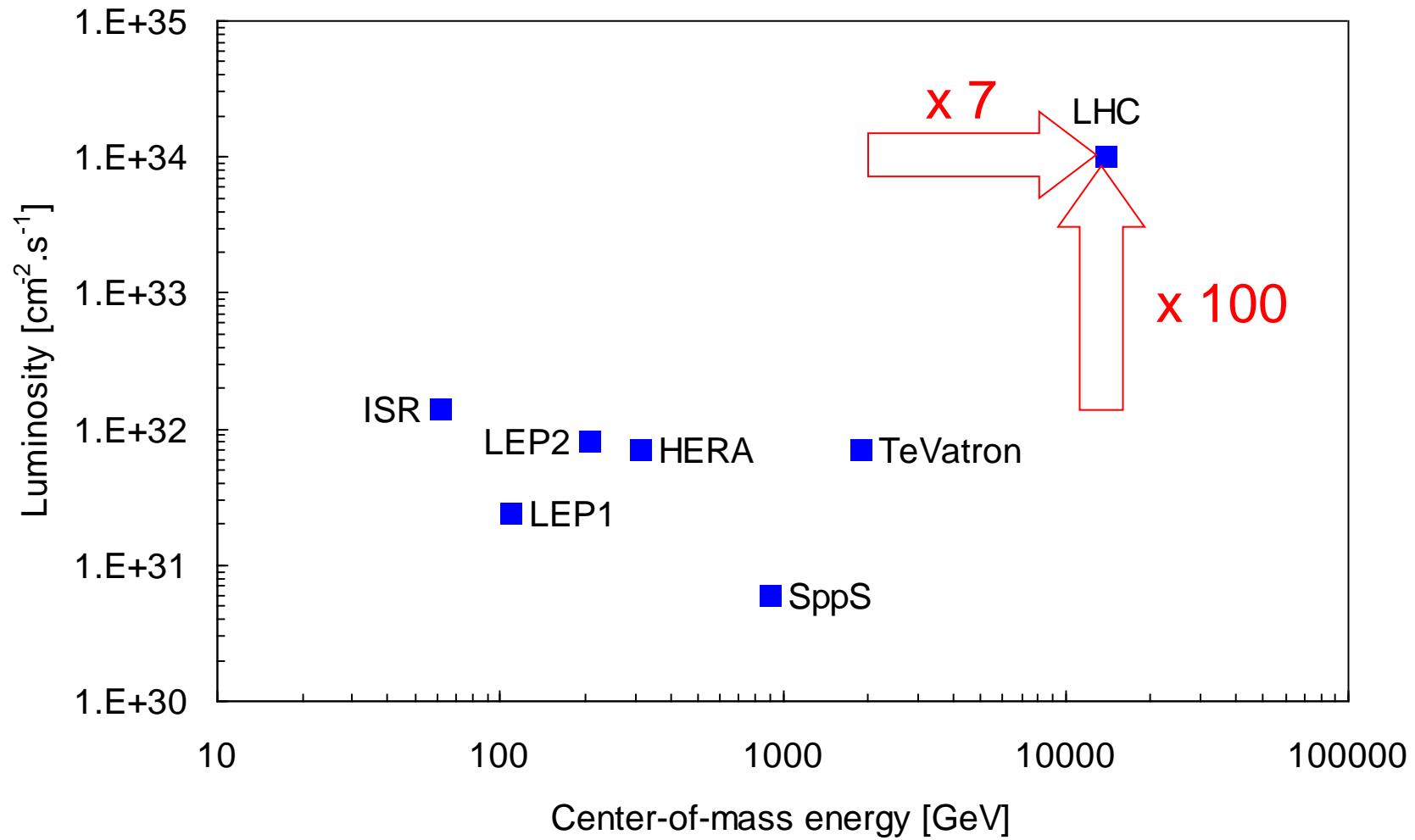


# Colliding counter-rotating beams of hadrons at the center of four large particle detectors





# A new territory in energy and luminosity





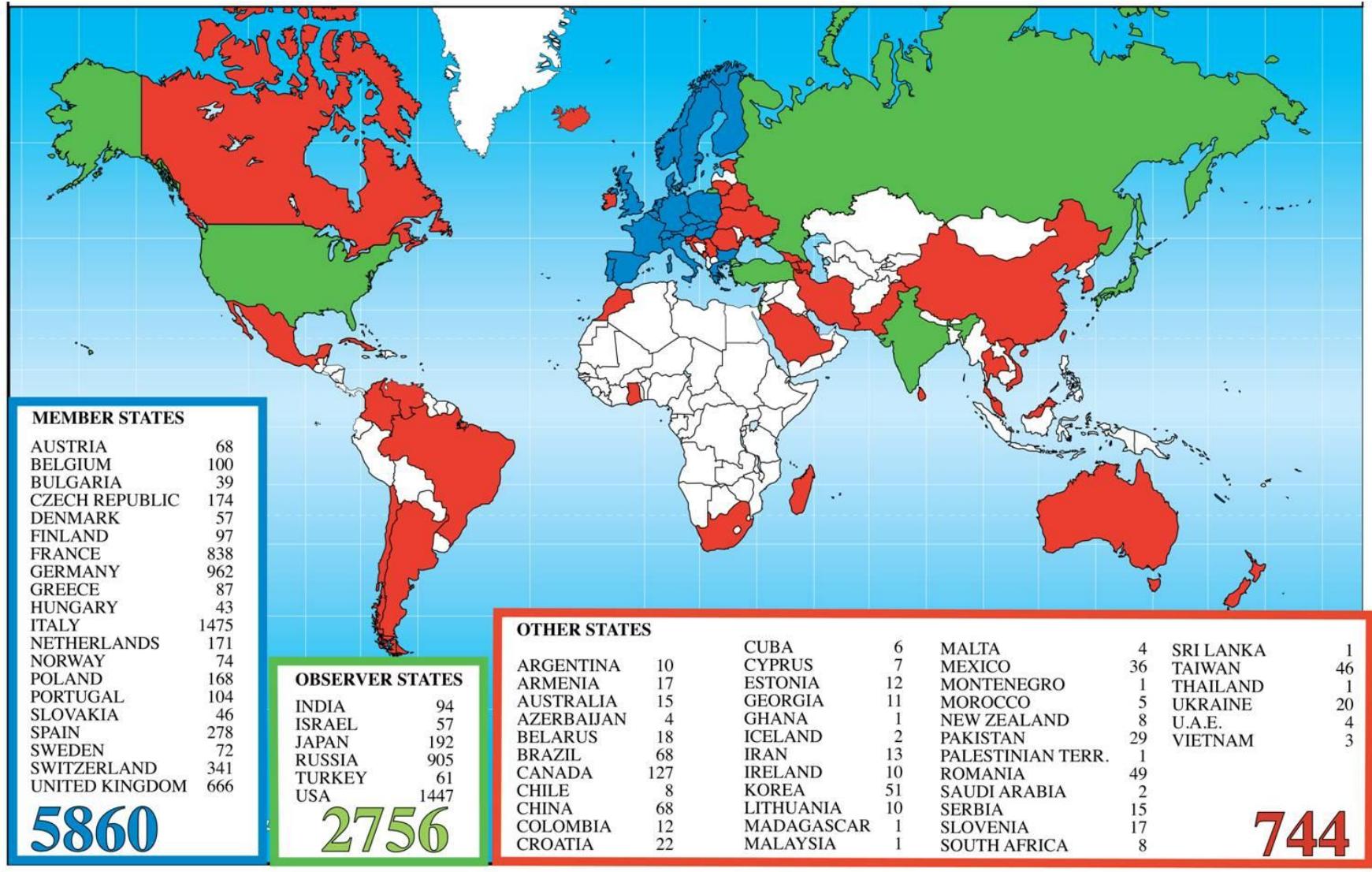
# Advanced technology at work

23 km of superconducting magnets  
cooled in superfluid helium at 1.9 K



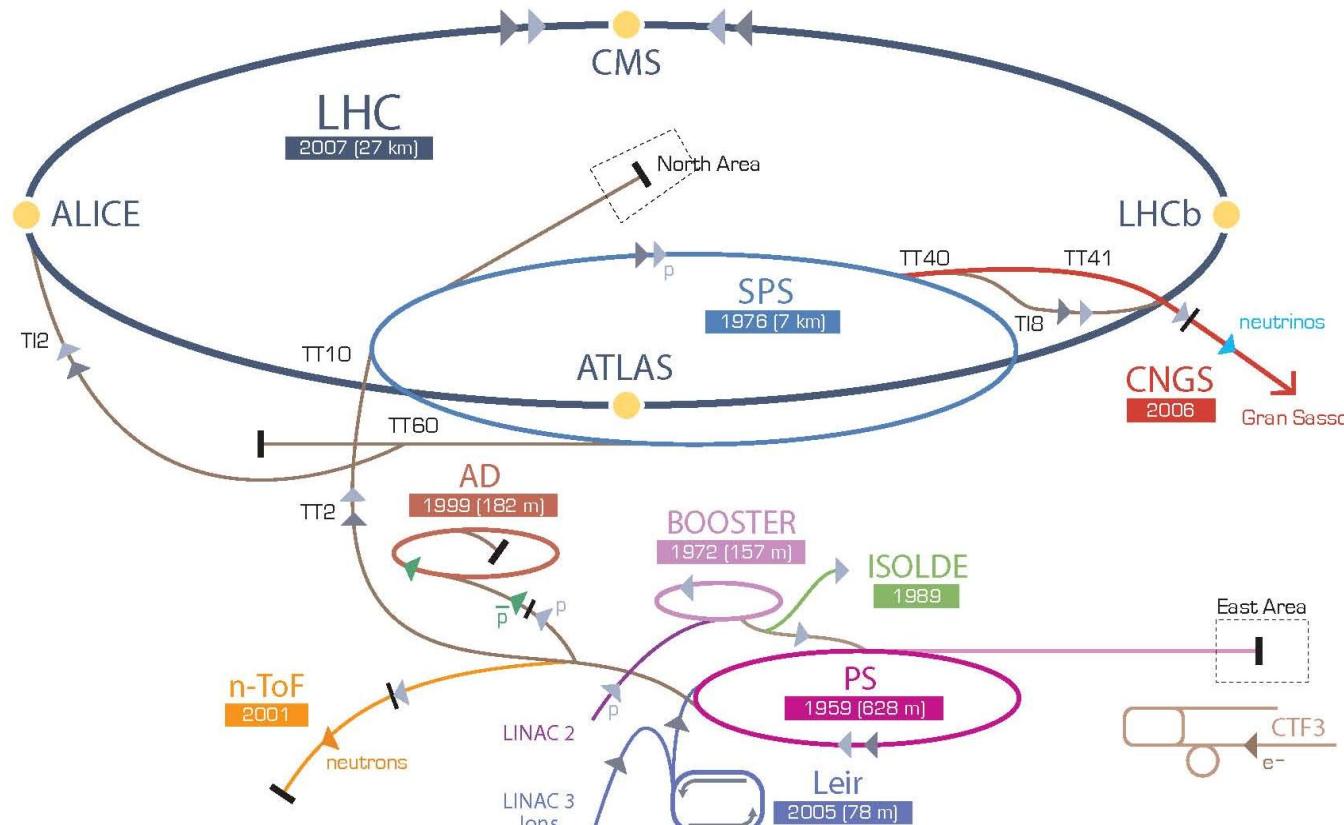


# A global project serving the world community of particle physicists





# Making best use of CERN's infrastructure



LHC Large Hadron Collider    SPS Super Proton Synchrotron    PS Proton Synchrotron

AD Antiproton Decelerator    CTF3 Clic Test Facility    CNGS Cern Neutrinos to Gran Sasso    ISOLDE Isotope Separator OnLine DDevice  
LEIR Low Energy Ion Ring    LINAC LINear ACcelerator    n-ToF Neutrons Time Of Flight



## Main parameters of LHC (p-p)

• Circumference	26.7	km
• Beam energy at collision	7	TeV
• Beam energy at injection	0.45	TeV
• Dipole field at 7 TeV	8.33	T
• Luminosity	$10^{34}$	$\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
• Beam current	0.58	A
• Protons per bunch	$1.15 \times 10^{11}$	
• Number of bunches	2808	
• Nominal bunch spacing	24.95	ns
• Normalized emittance	3.75	$\mu\text{m} \cdot \text{rad}$
• Total crossing angle	285	$\mu\text{rad}$
• Energy loss per turn	6.7	keV
• Critical synchrotron energy	44.1	eV
• Radiated power per beam	3.6	kW
• Stored energy per beam	362	MJ
• Stored energy in magnets	11	GJ
• Operating temperature	1.9	K



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# The first circular accelerator

## Lawrence and Livingston's 80 keV cyclotron (1930)



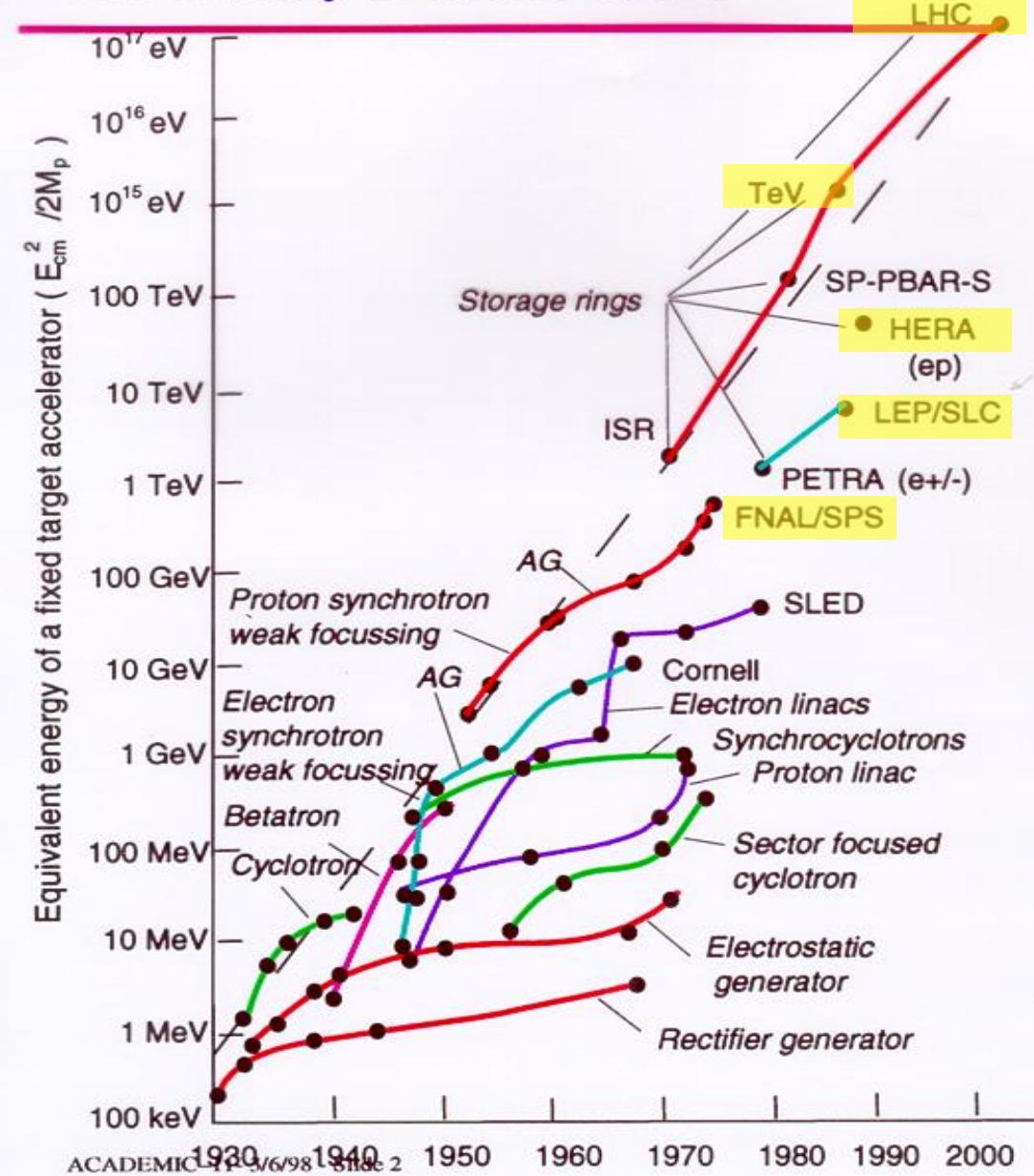
Ernest O. Lawrence



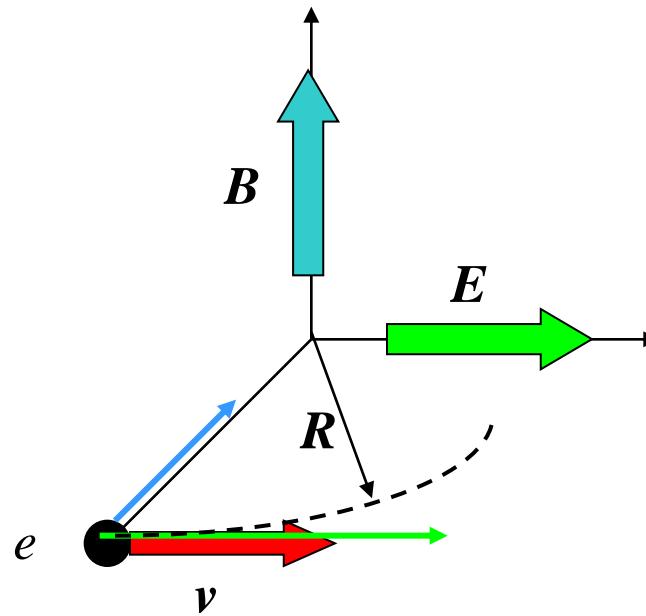


## The history of accelerators

- sustained exponential development for more than 70 years
- progress achieved through repeated jumps from saturating to emerging technologies
- **superconductivity**, key technology of high-energy machines since the 1980s



# Beam energy and bending field



Lorentz force on charged particle

$$\vec{F} = e \vec{E} + \vec{v} \wedge \vec{B}$$

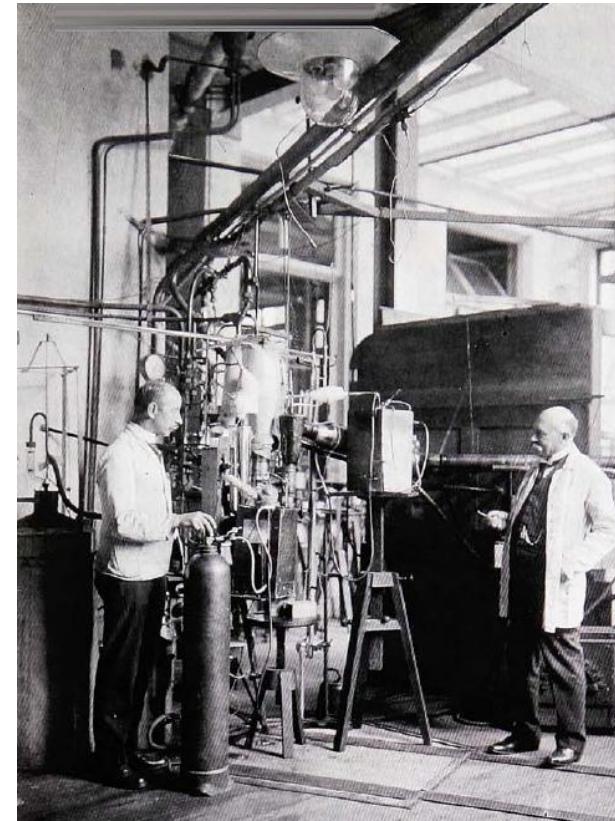
↑ Charge  
↑ Electric field  
↑ Velocity  
↑ Magnetic field

In a circular accelerator

$$\text{Particle momentum } \longrightarrow p = e B R \longleftarrow \text{Radius of curvature}$$

$$p \text{ [GeV/c]} \approx 0.3 B \text{ [T]} R \text{ [m]}$$

The LHC needs a field of 8.33 T to bend 7 TeV beams along the curvature of the tunnel, with a radius of 2804 m



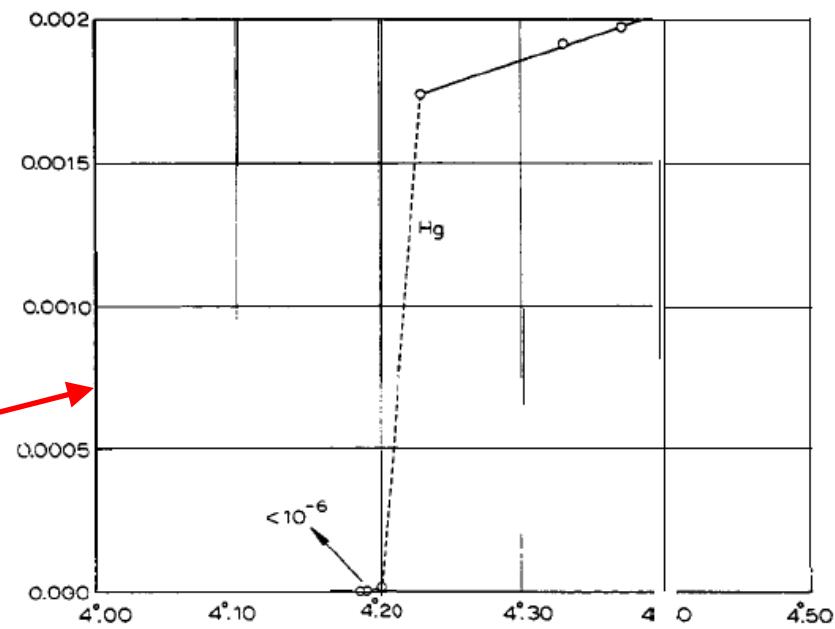
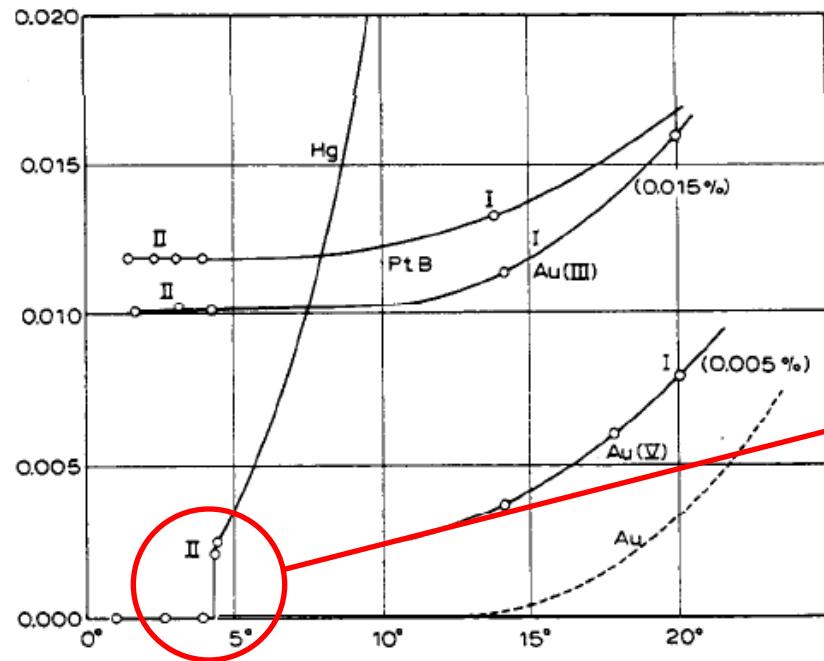
HEIKE KAMERLINGH ONNES

Investigations into the properties of substances at low temperatures, which have led, amongst other things, to the preparation of liquid helium

*Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1913*



# Discovery of superconductivity (1911)



Thus the mercury at 4.2°K has entered a new state, which, owing to its particular electrical properties, can be called the state of superconductivity.



# First idea of superconducting magnets (H. K. Onnes 1913)

dendum 2.) There is also the question as to whether the absence of Joule heat makes feasible the production of strong magnetic fields using coils without iron, \* for a current of very great density can be sent through very fine, closely wound wire spirals. Thus we were successful in sending a current of 0.8 amperes, i.e. of 56 amperes per square millimetre, through a coil, which contained 1,000 turns of a diameter of 1/70 square mm per square centimetre at right angles to the turns.

*critical field of superconductors!*

after this lecture was given and produced surprising results. In fields below a threshold value (for lead at the boiling point of helium 600 Gauss), which was not reached during the experiment with the small coil mentioned in the text, there is no magnetic resistance at all. In fields above this threshold value a relatively large resistance arises at once, and grows considerably with the field. Thus in an unexpected way a difficulty in the production of intensive magnetic fields with coils without iron faced us. The discovery of the

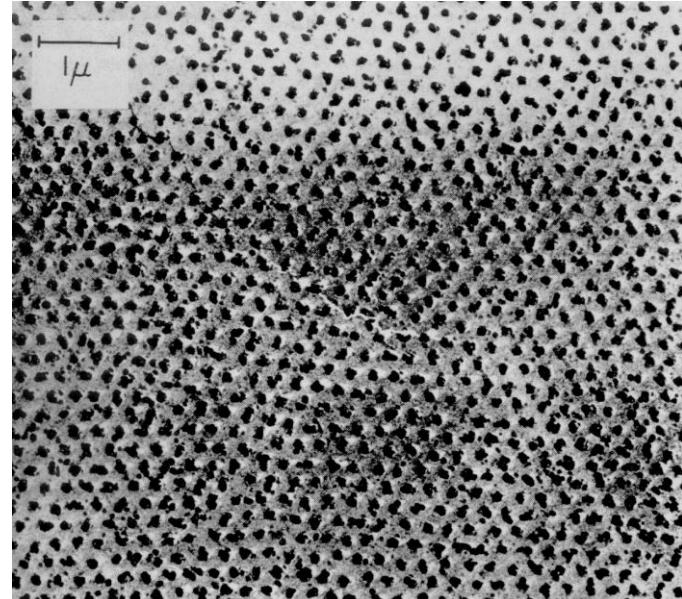
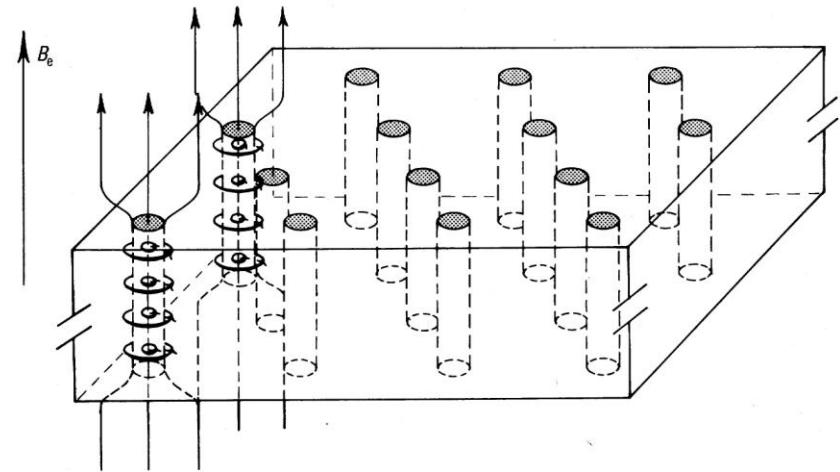
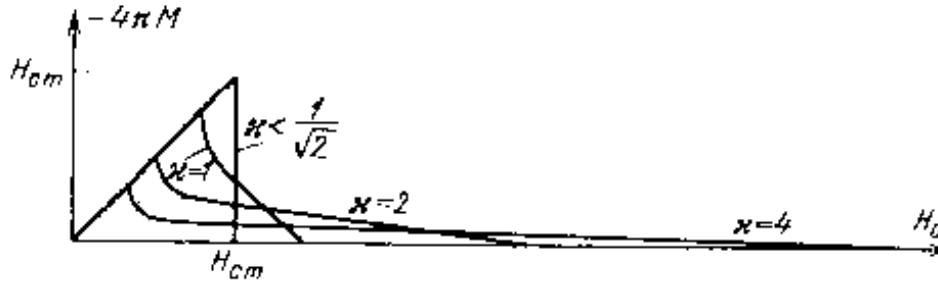


# Vortex lattice of type-II superconductors (1954)

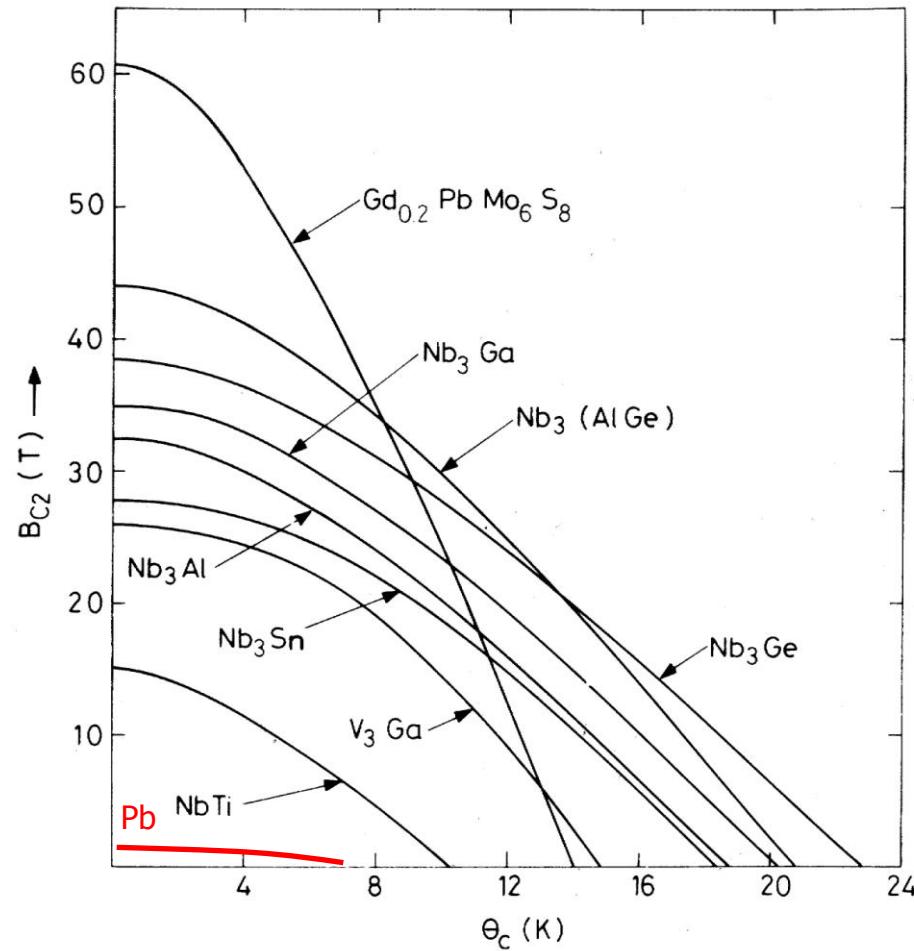
Field penetrates locally without destroying superconductivity in bulk



Alexei Abrikosov



# Upper critical field of type II superconductors is compatible with magnet applications





# First « high-field » superconducting magnet (1960)

April 14, 1964

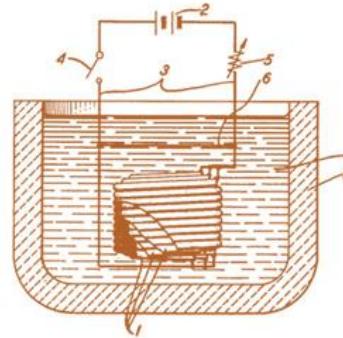
J. E. KUNZLER

3,129,359

SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET CONFIGURATION

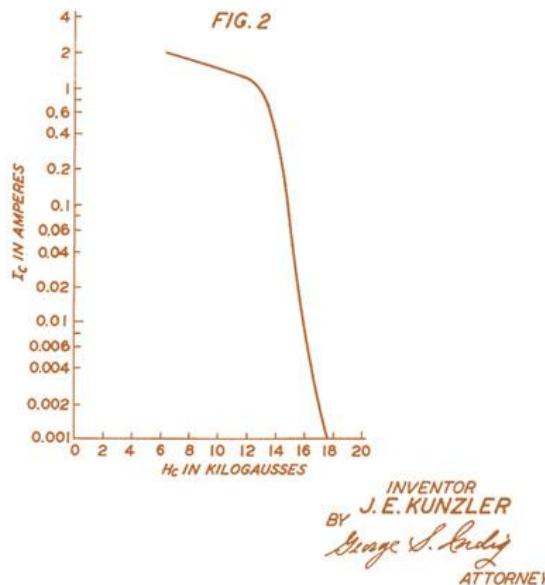
Filed Sept. 19, 1960

FIG. 1



Patent filed in 1960 by J. Kunzler, of Bell Laboratories (registered in 1964)

1.5 T reached with magnet wound from molybdenum-rhenium alloy wire





# Discovery of Nb-Ti alloys (1961)

PHYSICAL REVIEW

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1961

## Superconducting Solid Solution Alloys of the Transition Elements

J. K. HULM AND R. D. BLAUGHER

*Westinghouse Research Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

(Received April 19, 1961)

The solid solution alloys formed by the incomplete  $d$ -shell metals in groups 4, 5, 6, and 7 have been tested for superconductivity down to 1°K. For alloys formed between neighboring elements in a given row of the periodic table, two transition temperatures are approximately equal to 4.7 and 6.4, respectively. The upper maximum is absent. Similar maximum values are found for all rows of the periodic table, thus confirming the validity of the normal density-of-states function,  $N(0)$ . The relationship of  $T_c$  to  $N(0)$  is discussed. The results of these measurements are also presented for alloys composed of the transition elements. The relationship of  $T_c$  to  $N(0)$  is also discussed. The results of these measurements are also presented for alloys composed of the transition elements. In this case, the form of the relationships is

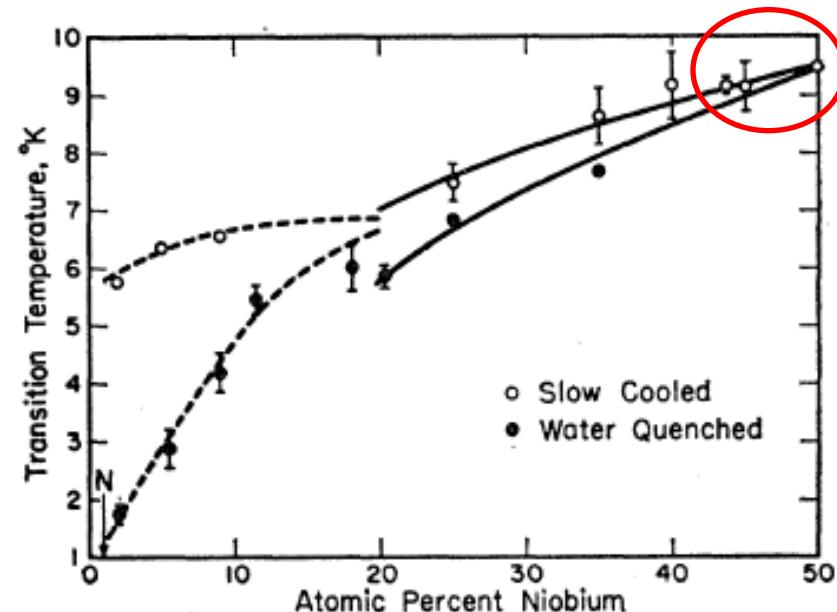


FIG. 6. Transition temperature versus composition for titanium-niobium alloys prepared by different types of heat treatment.



# High-energy circular accelerators using superconducting magnets

HERA proton ring at DESY, Germany (1992)



The Tevatron at Fermilab, USA (1983)

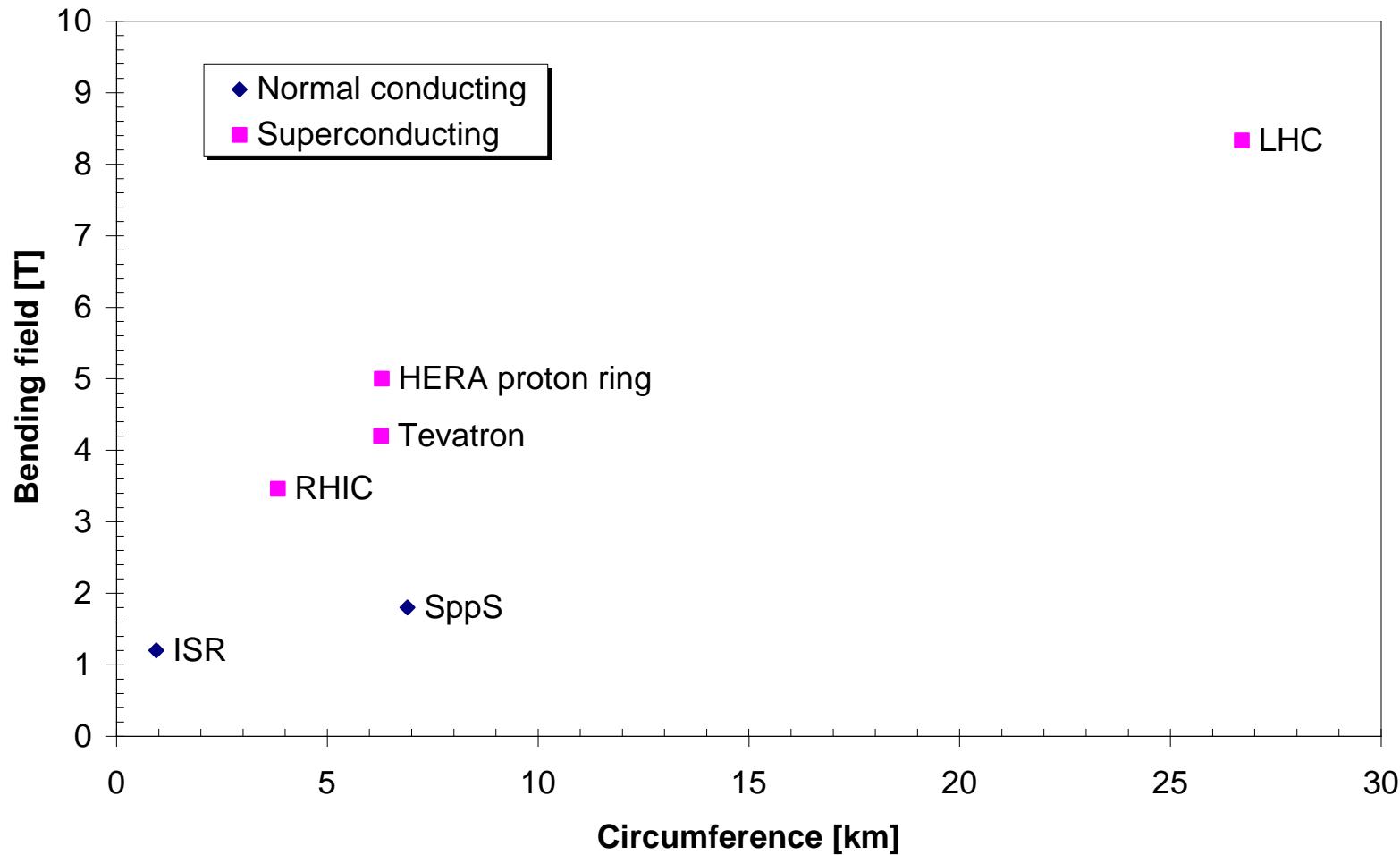


RHIC at Brookhaven National Lab, USA (2000)

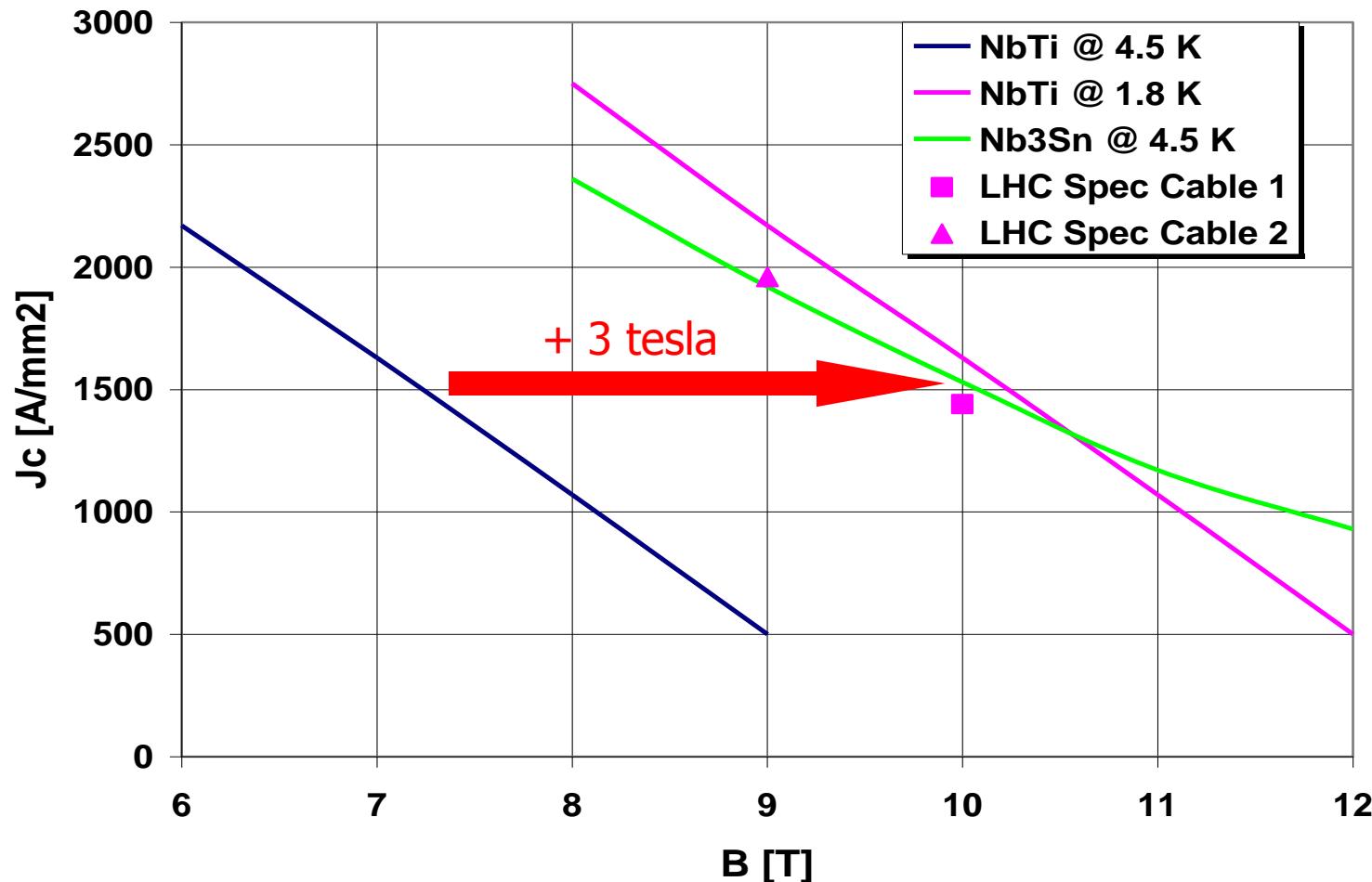




# Circumference & bending field of hadron colliders



# Rationale for LHC basic technical design





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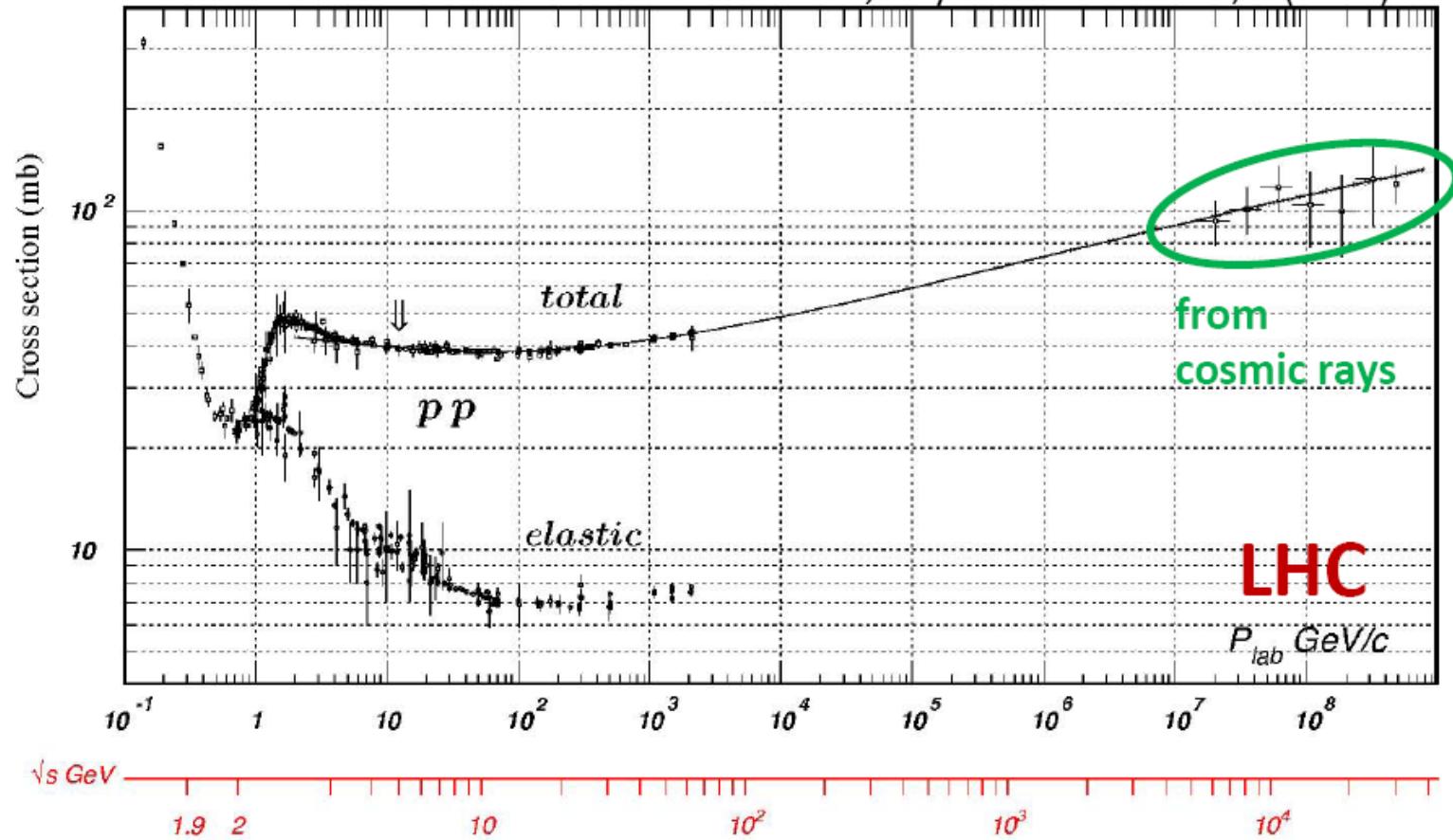
# Event rate and luminosity

$$R = L \sigma$$

Event rate      Luminosity      Cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}} \sim 100 \text{ mbarn} = 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$$
$$\sigma_{\text{inelastic}} \sim 60 \text{ mbarn} = 6 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2$$

C. Amsler *et al.*, Physics Letters **B667**, 1 (2008)





# Luminosity with colliding beams

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4 \pi \varepsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

Number of bunches  
Number of particles per bunch  
Revolution frequency  
Relativistic factor  
Geometric factor linked to crossing angle  
Normalized emittance  
Beta function at collision point

- To maximize luminosity
  - increase bunch number, bunch population
  - reduce emittance, beta function at collision point
  - cross at small angle

**limits?**



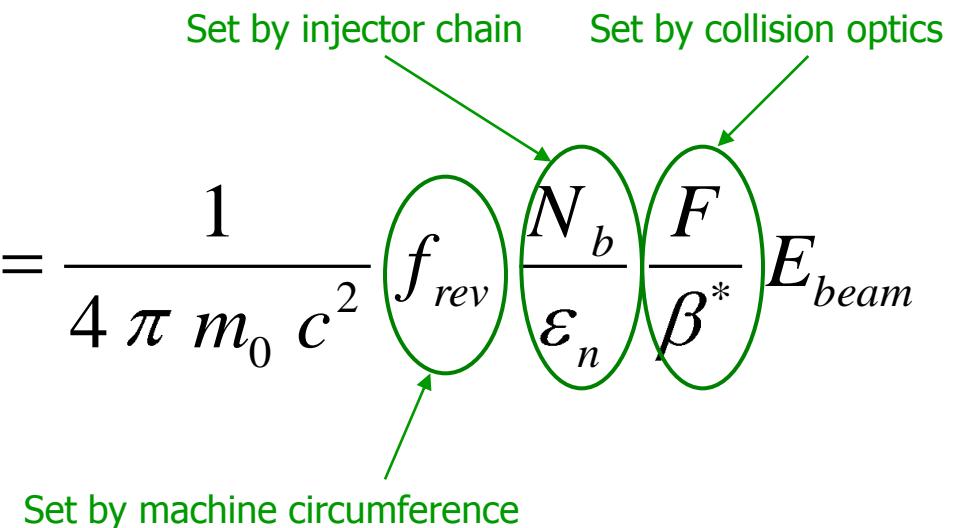
## Beam stored energy

- Energy stored in circulating beam

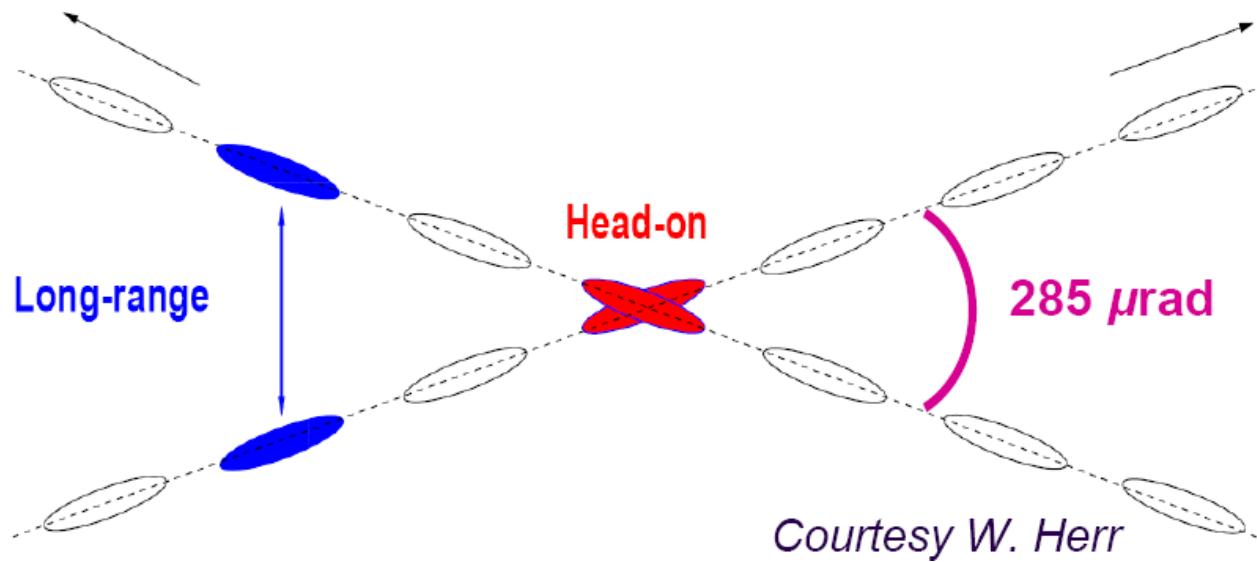
$$E_{beam} = m_0 c^2 \gamma N_b n_b$$

With 2808 bunches of  $1.1 \cdot 10^{11}$  protons at 7 TeV,  $E_{beam} = 362$  MJ, equivalent to 80 kg TNT!

$$L = \frac{N_b f_{rev}}{4 \pi m_0 c^2 \epsilon_n \beta^*} F E_{beam} = \frac{1}{4 \pi m_0 c^2} \left( \frac{f_{rev}}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left( \frac{N_b}{\beta^*} \right) \left( \frac{F}{\beta^*} \right) E_{beam}$$



# Beam-beam effects



- Particle trajectories in one beam perturbed by e-m field of the other
  - Head-on crossing
    - Excites betatron resonances
    - Generates tune spread
  - Long-range
    - Additional non-linear tune spread
    - Minimum crossing angle > beam divergence at collision point
- tune footprint must not cross low-order resonances*



# Head-on beam-beam tune shift

Number of collision points

$$\xi_{total} = \frac{k N_b r_p}{4 \pi \epsilon_n} F < \xi_{max}$$

~ 0.01      Should not exceed 0.015  
(empirical limit)

- Strategy to maximize luminosity
  - Operate at beam-beam limit
  - Maximize number of bunches, bunch population
  - Decrease beta at collision point

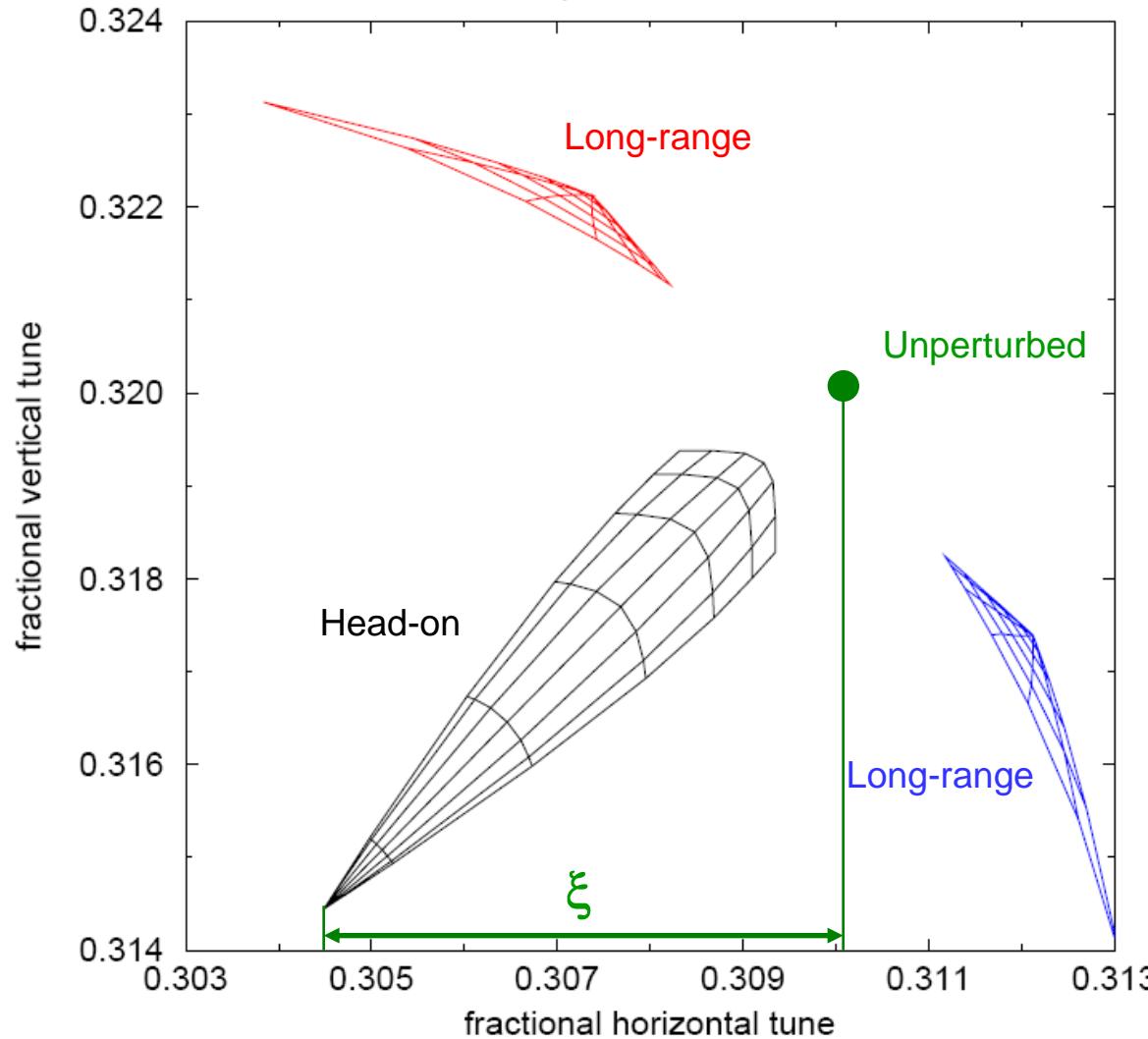
$$L = \frac{\xi_{total} N_b n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{k r_p \beta^*}$$



# Beam-beam tune footprint

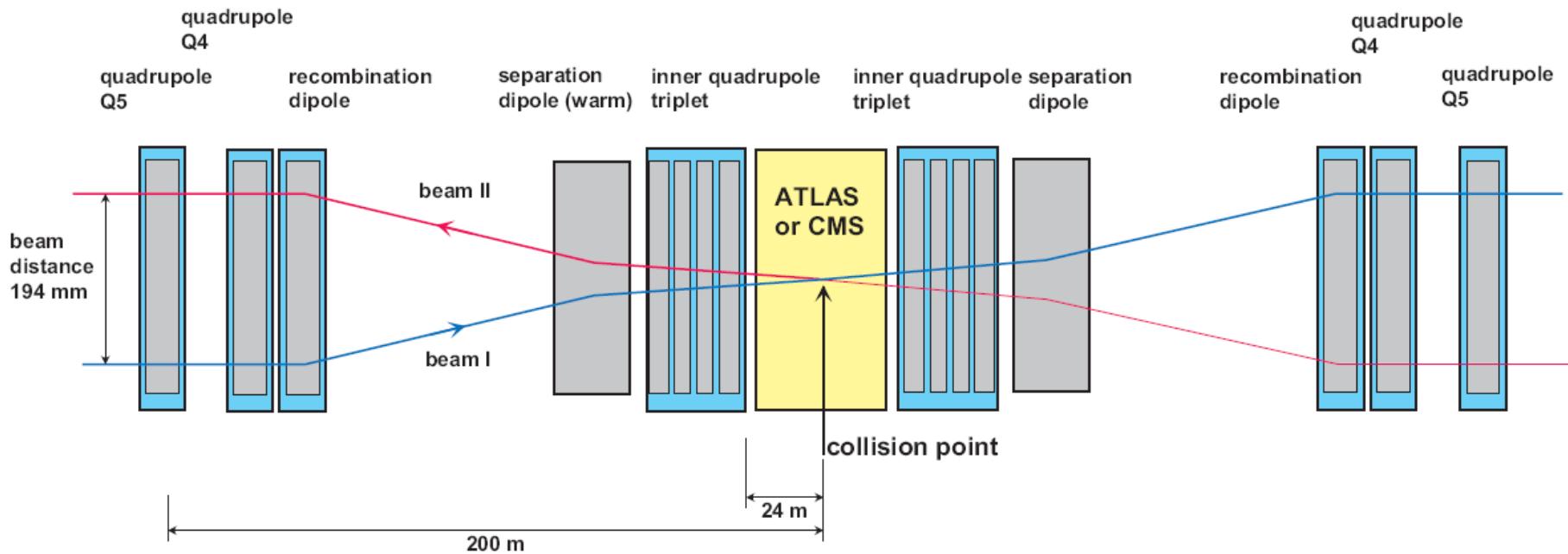
LHC collision, IP1 and IP5 only

head-on and parasitic at  $\pm 150$  murad



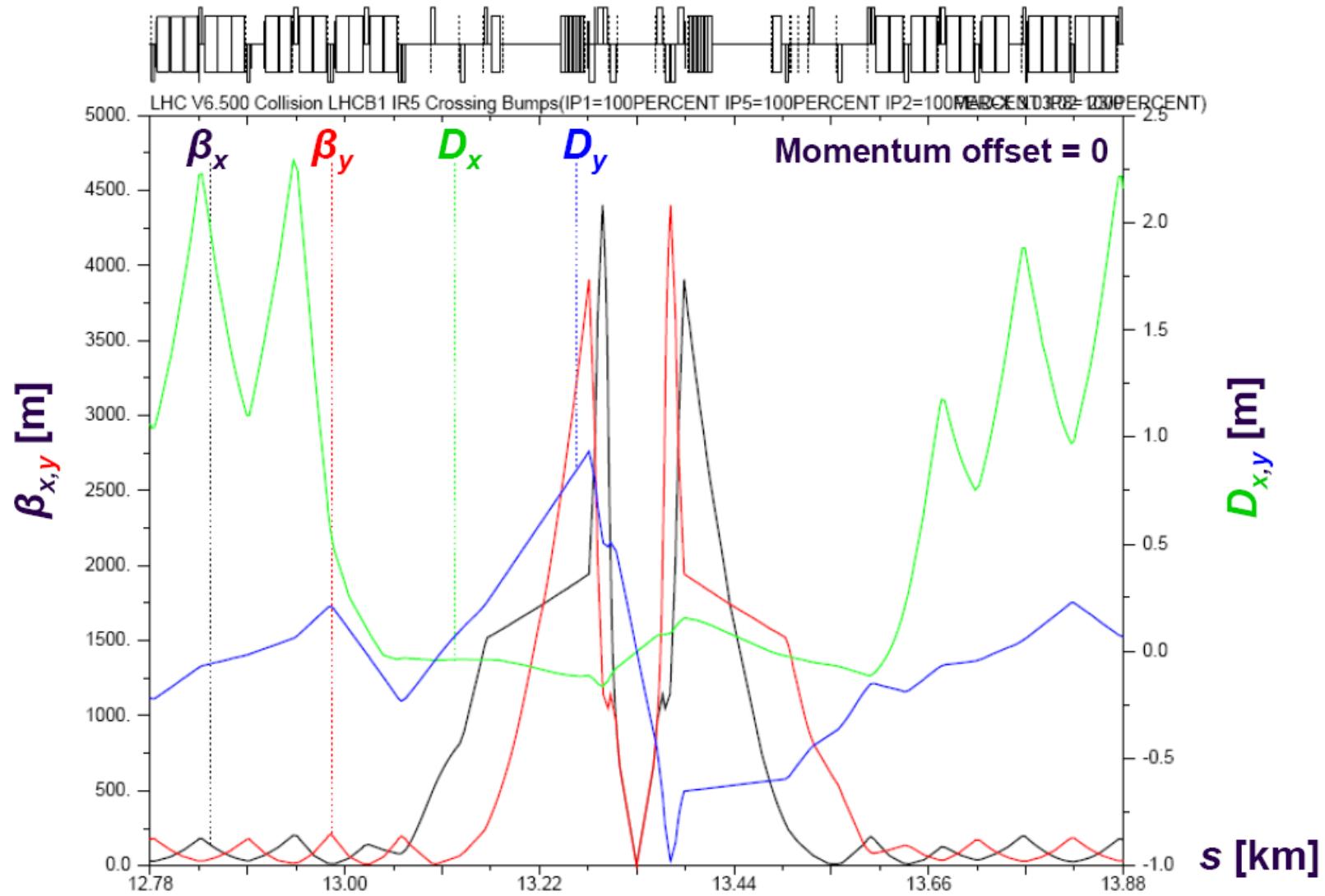


# Layout of high-luminosity collision region





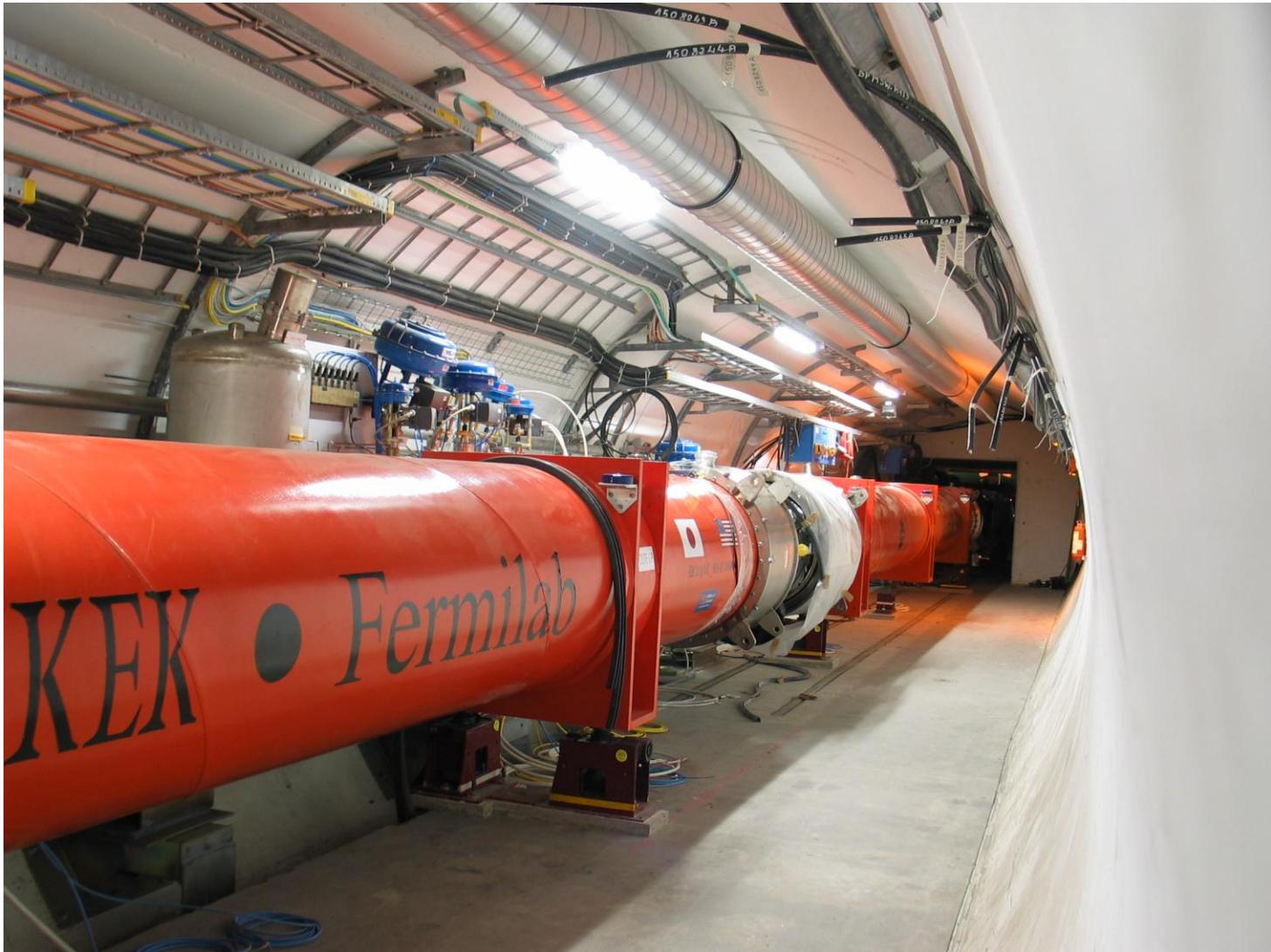
# High-luminosity insertion optics





# High-luminosity insertion

## Inner triplet installed at LHC point 5





## Luminosity lifetime

- Luminosity will decay with time due to degradation of beam intensity and emittance, by several processes
  - intra-beam scattering, i.e. multiple Coulomb scattering between particles in the same bunch
  - nuclear scattering of particles by residual gas molecules
  - the collisions themselves

$\sim 45 \text{ hours initially, } 29 \text{ h as } N_{total} \text{ and } L \text{ decay}$

$$\tau_{nuclear} = \frac{N_{total}}{k L \sigma_{total}}$$

- Overall

$$\frac{1}{\tau_L} = \frac{1}{\tau_{IBS}} + \frac{2}{\tau_{gas}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{nuclear}}$$

$\sim 15 \text{ h, at least one fill per day}$  →  $\tau_{IBS}$   
 $\sim 80 \text{ h}$  →  $\tau_{gas}$   
 $\sim 100 \text{ h, must be large w.r. to other processes}$  →  $\tau_{nuclear}$   
 $\sim 29 \text{ h}$  →  $N_{total}$

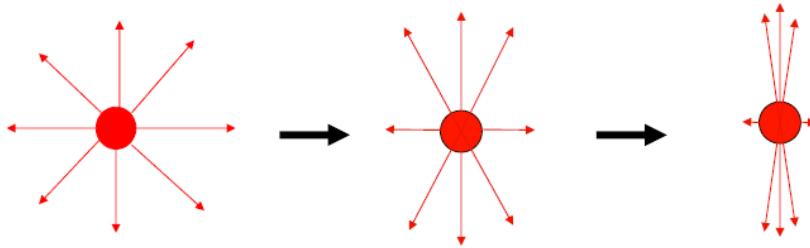


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## Beam impedance

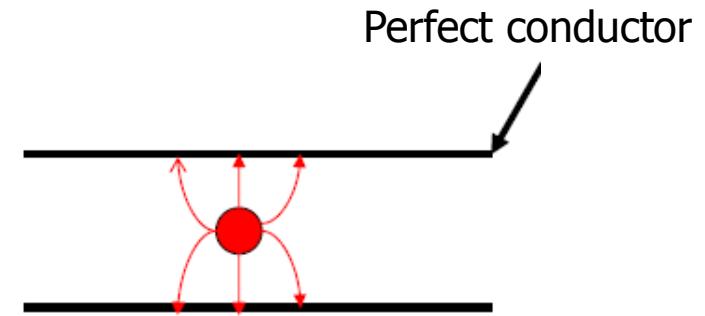


In case of resistive wall or change of cross-section, there is an interaction between the (charged) beam and the wall

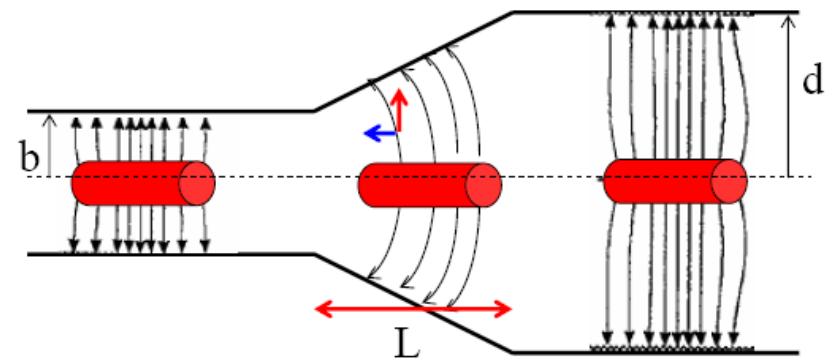
⇒ energy dissipation (heating)

⇒ beam instabilities

This interaction can be described by an impedance  $Z(\omega)$



Resistive wall or change of cross-section



# Low transverse impedance for beam stability

- Transverse impedance

$$Z_T(\omega) \sim \rho R / \omega b^3$$

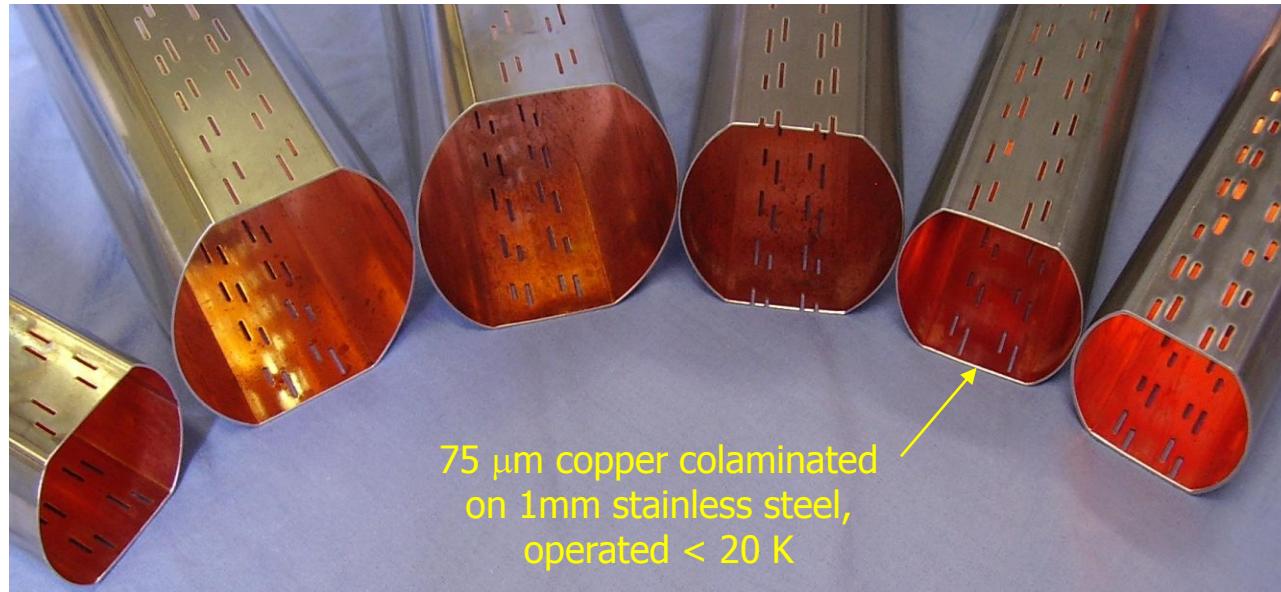
$\rho$  wall electrical resistivity

$R$  average machine radius

$b$  half-aperture of beam pipe

- Transverse resistive-wall instability

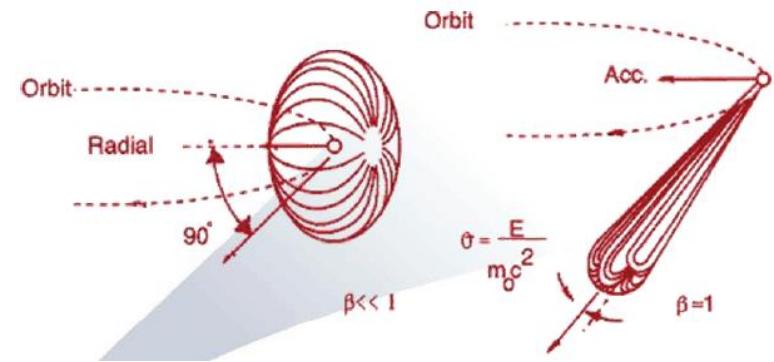
- dominant in large machines with small aperture
  - compensated by beam feedback, provided growth is slow enough ( $\sim 100$  turns)
  - maximize growth time  $\tau \sim 1/Z_T(\omega)$  i.e. reduce  $Z_T(\omega)$
- ⇒ *low  $\rho$ , i.e. low-temperature wall coated with >0.05 mm copper*





# Synchrotron radiation

- Charged particle beams bent in a magnetic field undergo centripetal acceleration and emit e-m radiation
- When beams are relativistic, radiation is emitted in a narrow cone



- Radiated power

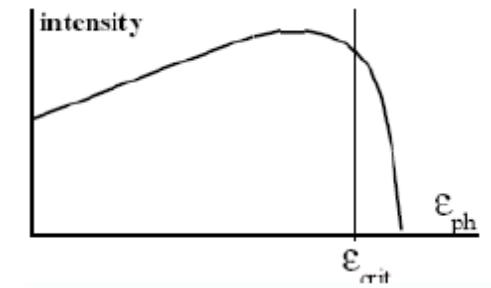
Free space impedance

$$P_{syn} = \frac{Z_0 e^2 c \gamma^4}{3 R} N_b n_b f_{rev}$$

~ beam current

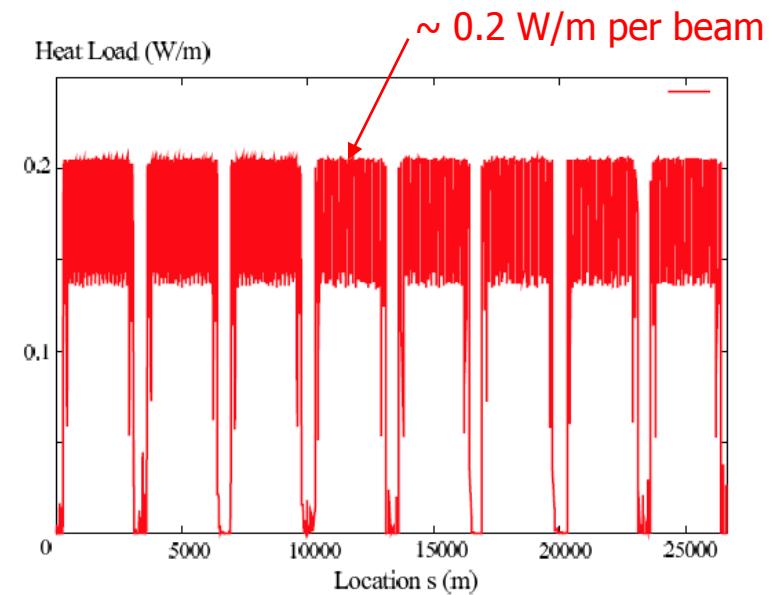
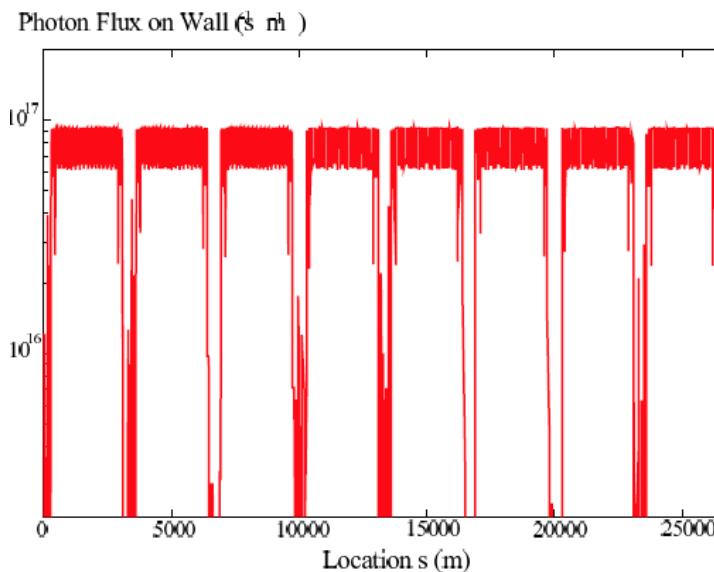
- Critical photon energy

$$\mu_c = \frac{3}{2} \hbar c \frac{\gamma^3}{R}$$



# Synchrotron radiation

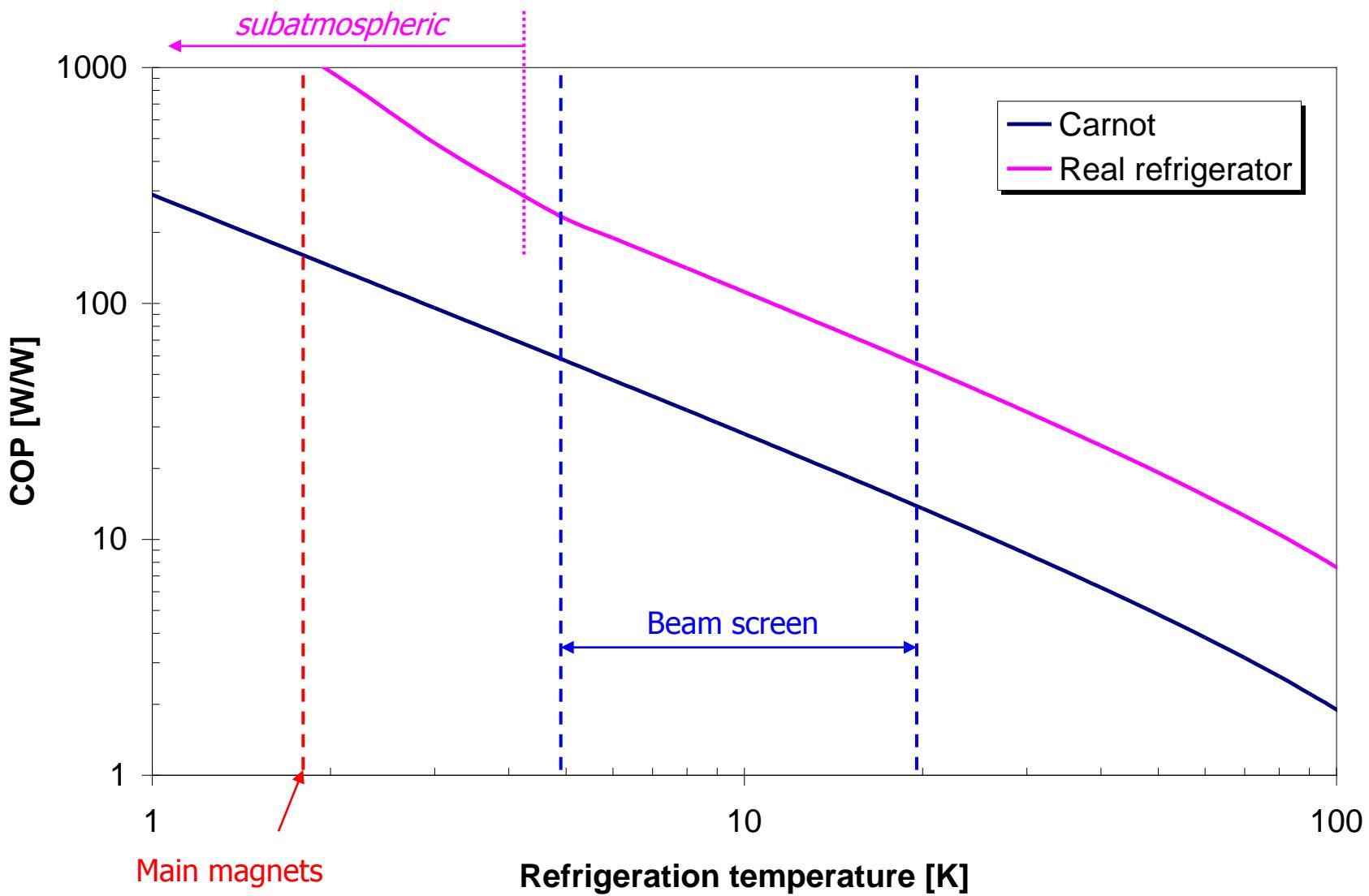
parameter	450 GeV	7 TeV	
total power / beam	0.066 W	3886 W	large at low T
energy loss per turn	0.11 eV	6.7 keV	
average photon flux per metre and second	$0.4 \times 10^{16}$	$6.8 \times 10^{16}$	
photon critical energy	0.01 eV	43.13 eV	UV, easy to screen
longit. emittance damping time	5.5 yr	12.9 h	
transv. emittance damping time	11 yr	26 h	



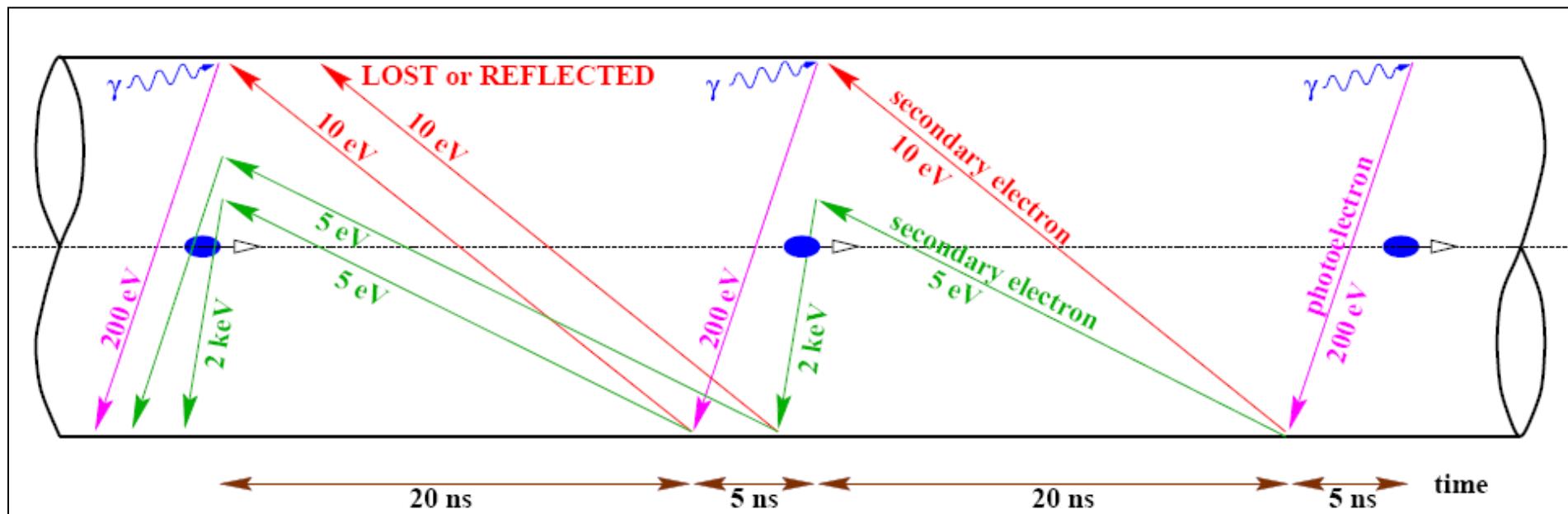


# COP of cryogenic refrigeration & beam screen

## Intercepting beam-induced heating at higher temperature



# The electron cloud effect

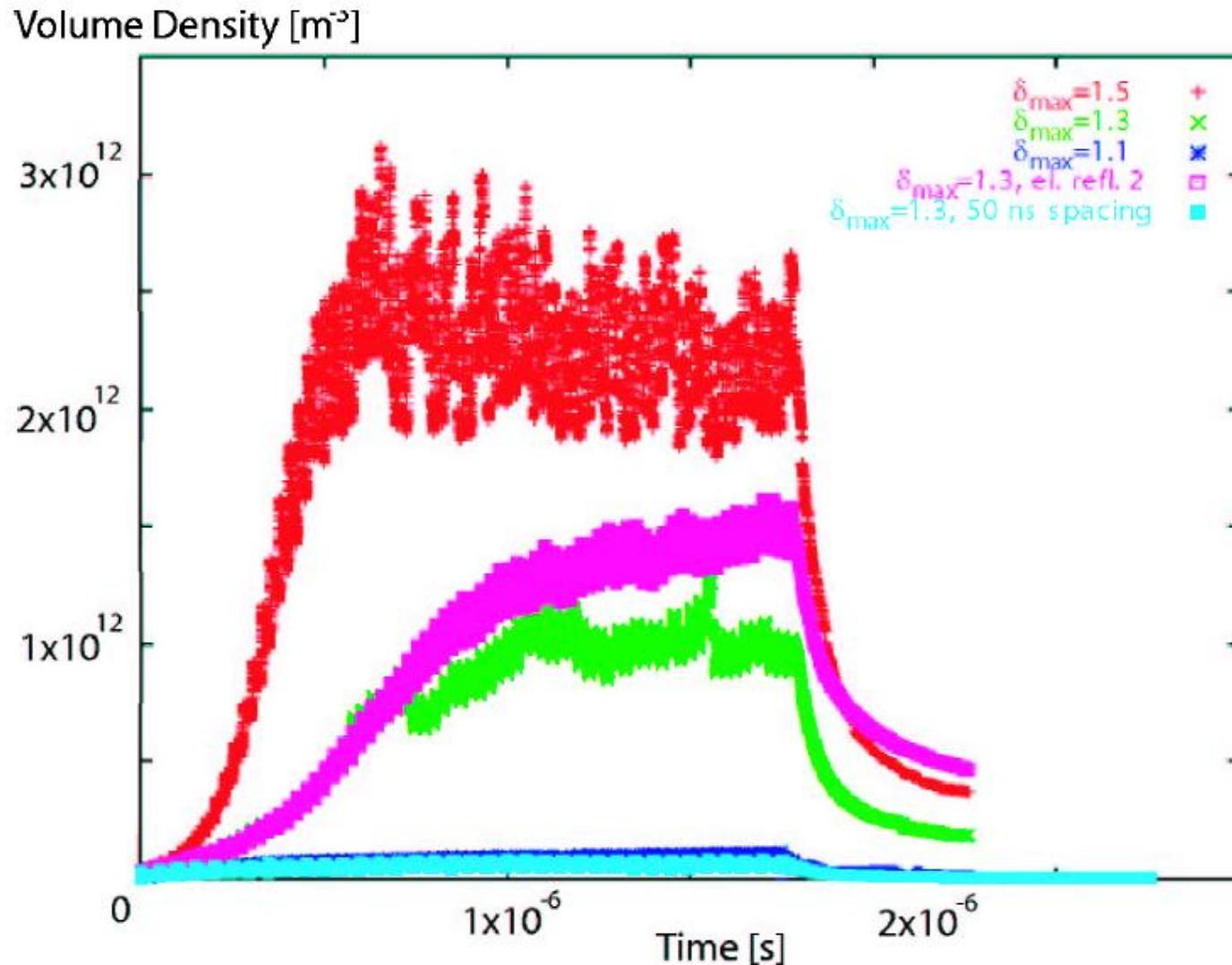


Resonant acceleration of electrons extracted from the wall (photo-electrons and secondary electrons), by the electrical field of the successive bunches.

Governed by:

- photon irradiation of the wall  $\Rightarrow$  *low reflectivity surface*
- bunch repetition rate  $\Rightarrow$  *increase bunch spacing*
- secondary electron yield  $\Rightarrow$  *low-SEY surface and beam cleaning*

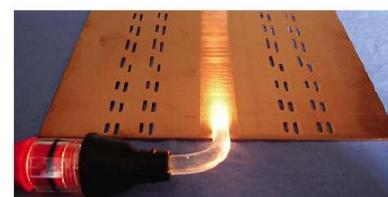
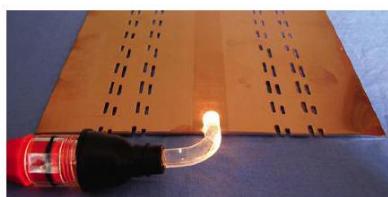
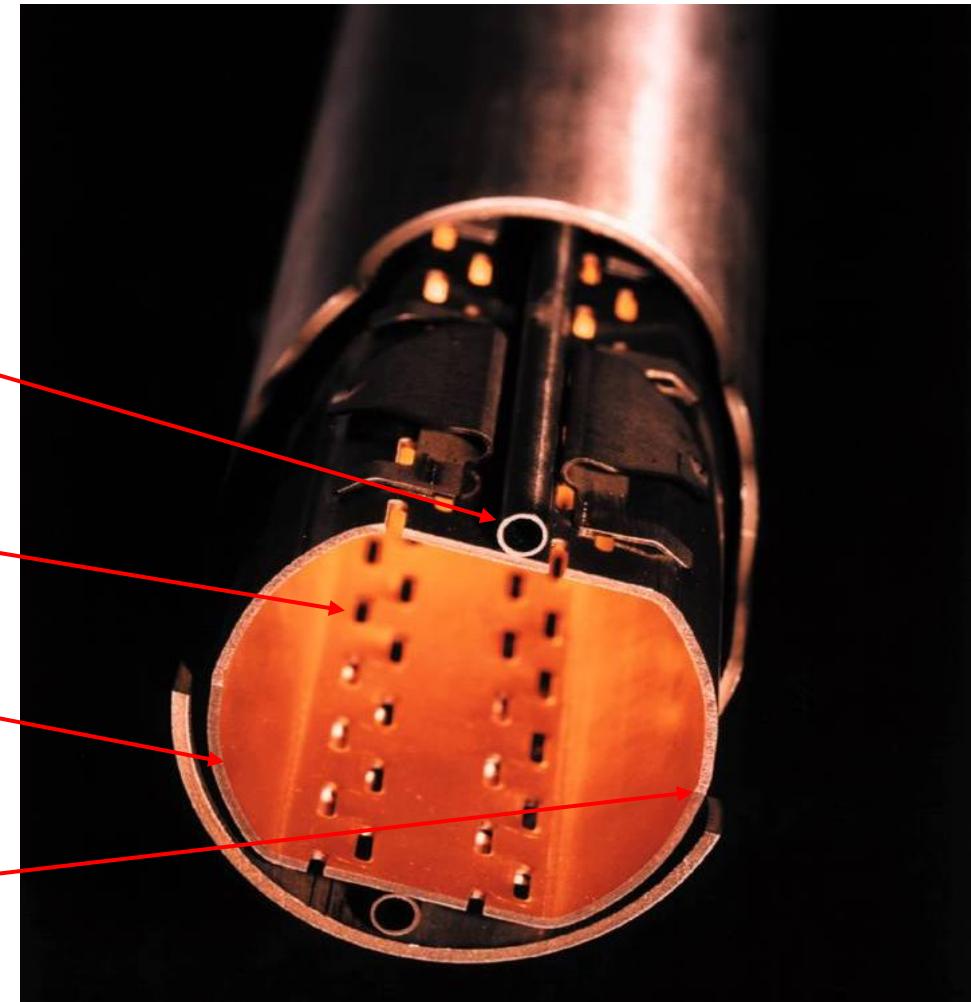
# Simulated build-up of electron cloud, for different values of SEY



# The beam screen

A multi-function component required by beam physics

- Interception of beam-induced heat loads at 5-20 K (supercritical helium)
- Shielding of the 1.9 K cryopumping surface from synchrotron radiation (pumping holes)
- High-conductivity copper lining for low beam impedance
- Low-reflectivity sawtooth surface at equator to reduce photoemission and electron cloud

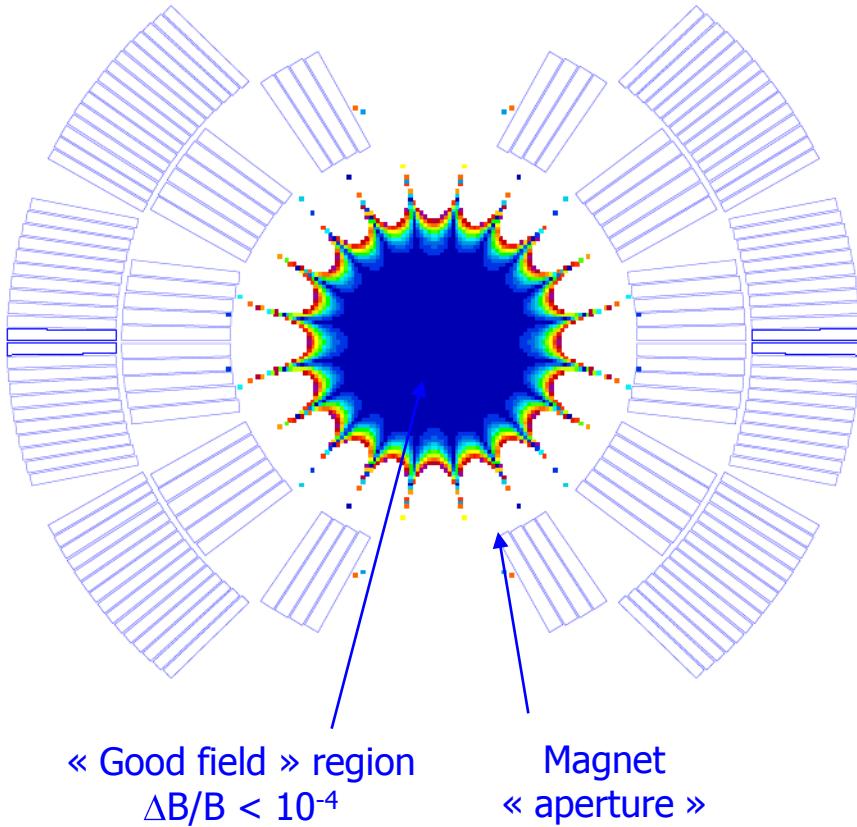




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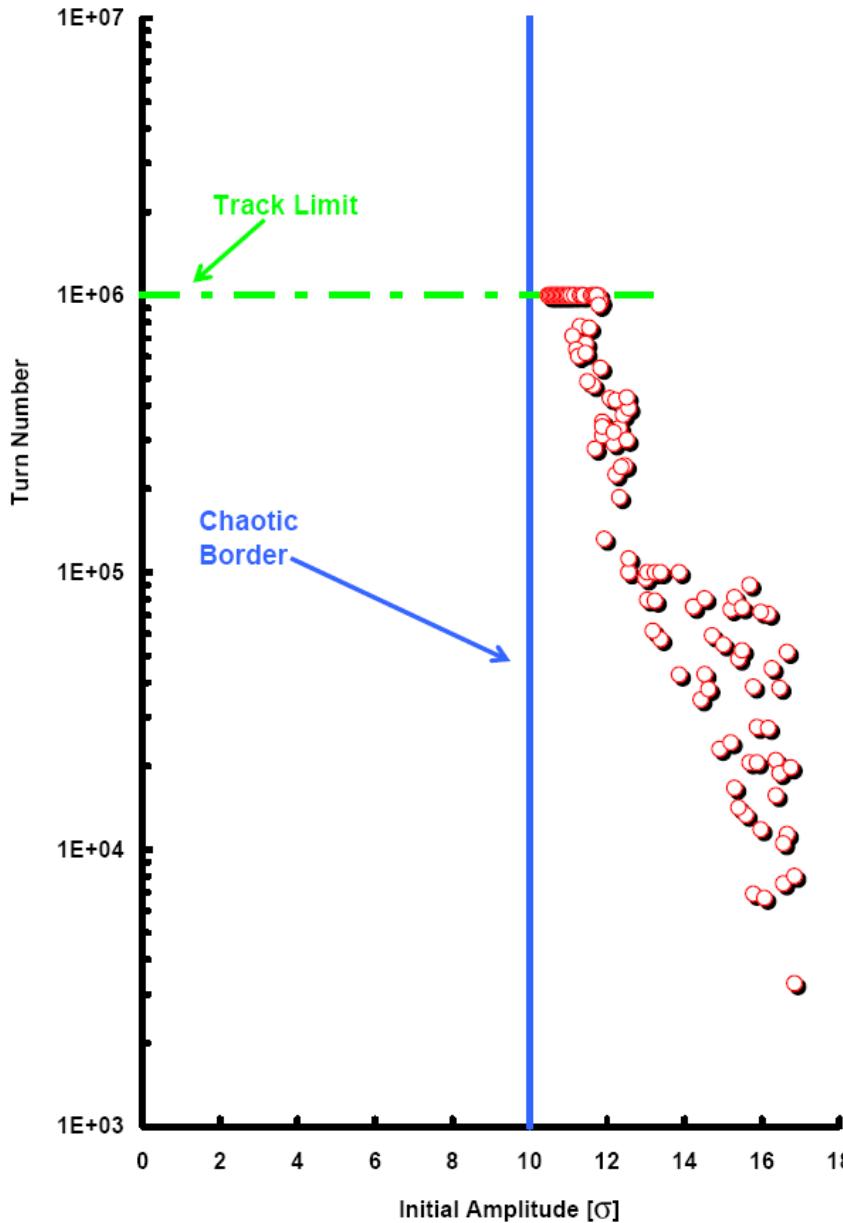
# Field quality in superconducting magnets



$$B_y + iB_x = B_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \left( \frac{x + iy}{r_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

- In superconducting magnets, the field quality is determined by the positioning precision of a finite number of conductors and not by the geometry of the iron yoke, so it can never be as good as in conventional “iron-dominated” magnets
- As a consequence, the « good field » region is substantially smaller than the magnet aperture
- **Dynamic aperture** = aperture inside which particle orbits are stable
- Dynamic aperture estimated by computer « tracking » of particle orbits around virtual machines with distributed random and systematic imperfections
- Tracking results are used to define maximum systematic and random deviations of each field multipole

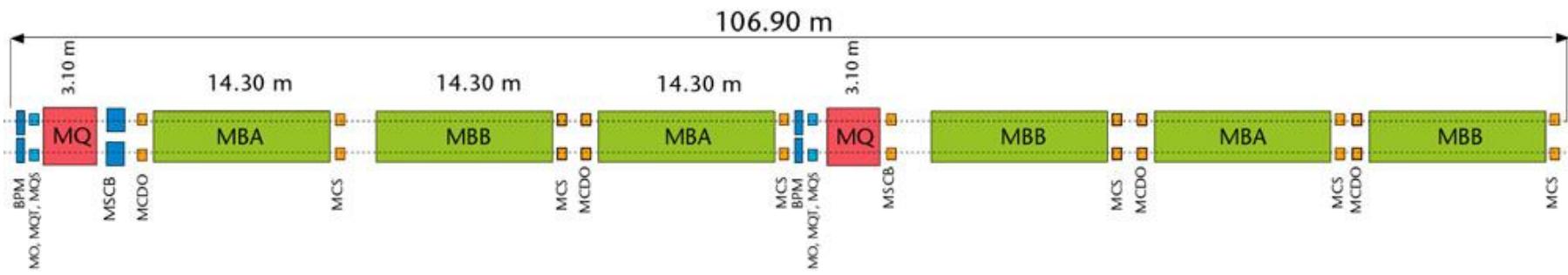
# Dynamic aperture from tracking simulations



## From tracking simulations to real d.a.

Source or Uncertainty	Impact	D.A. in $\sigma$
Target for tracking $10^5$ turns		12
Finite mesh size	-5%	
Linear Imperfections <sup>a</sup>	-5%	
Amplitude ratio $x_i/y_i$ plane	-5%	
Extrapolation to $4 \cdot 10^7$ turns	-7%	9.4
Time dependent multipoles	-10%	
Ripple	-10%	7.5
safety margin	-20%	6.0

## Schematic layout of one LHC cell (23 periods per arc)



MQ: Lattice Quadrupole

MO: Landau Octupole

MQT: Tuning Quadrupole

MQS: Skew Quadrupole

MSCB: Combined Lattice Sextupole (MS) or skew sextupole (MSS) and Orbit Corrector (MCB)

BPM: Beam position monitor

MBA: Dipole magnet Type A

MBB: Dipole magnet Type B

MCS: Local Sextupole corrector

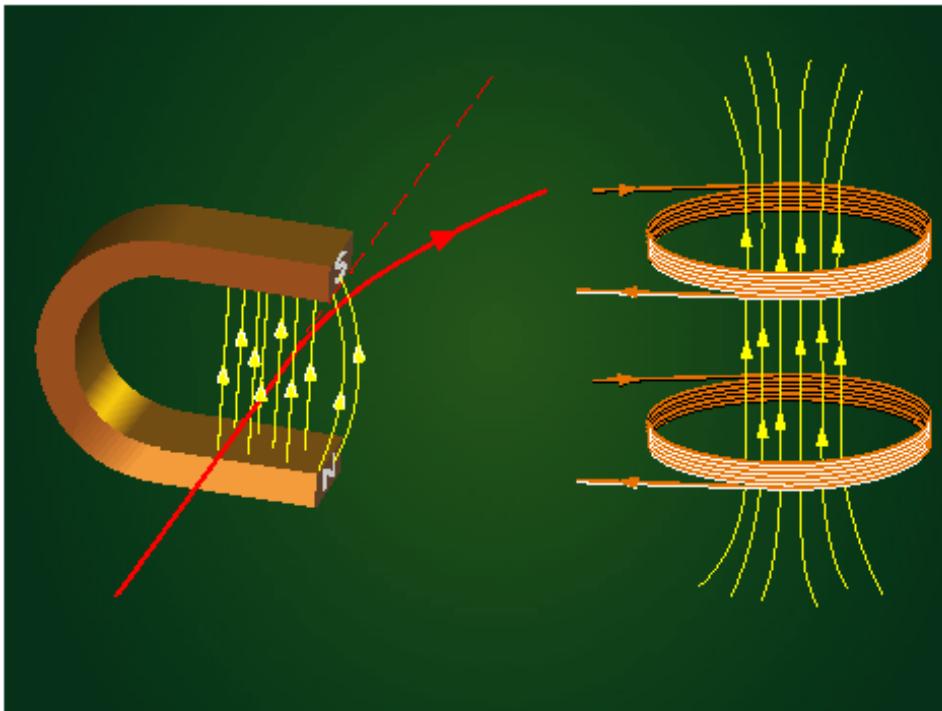
MCDO: Local combined decapole and octupole corrector



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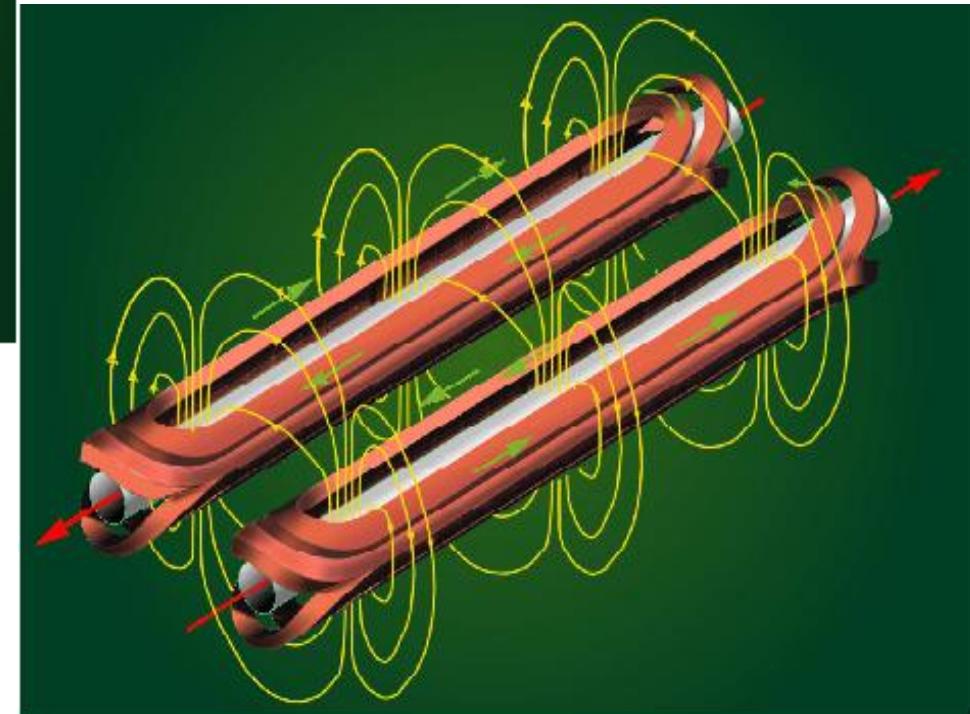
## Superconducting accelerator magnets



In a superconducting magnet, the field level and geometry is basically given by the current distribution in the coils

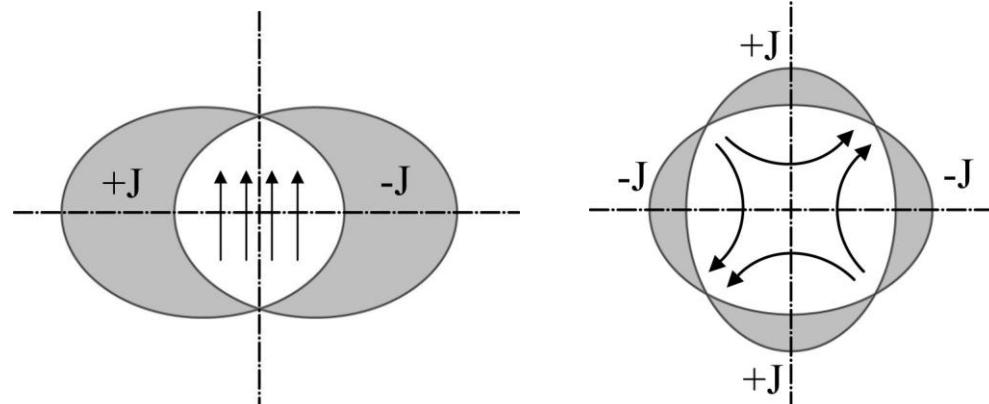
To match the geometry of the beam tubes, the coils are saddle-shaped & elongated

In the LHC, two sets of coils create opposite fields in the neighbouring apertures

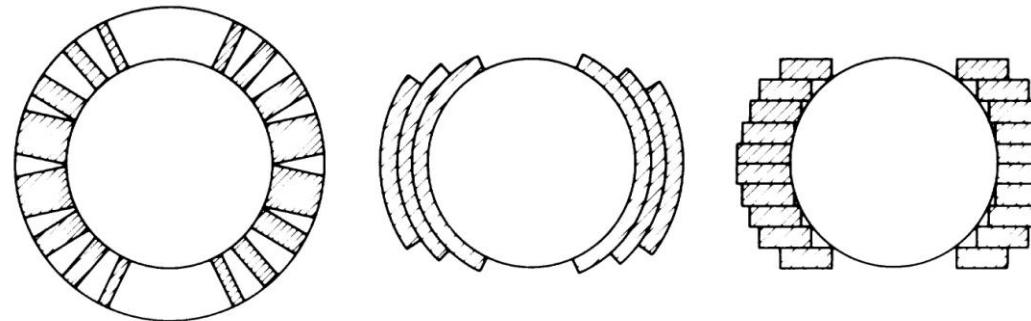
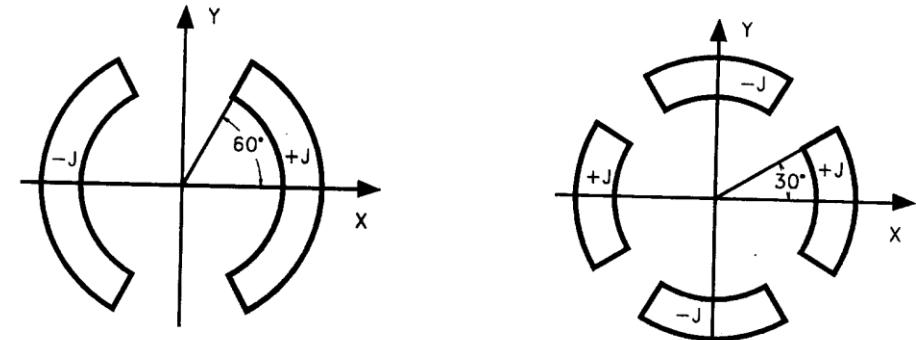


## Current distributions

Two intersecting ellipses with uniform current density generate uniform dipole and quadrupole fields  $\Rightarrow$  “cos θ” geometry



In practice, this can be approximated by current sheets, leading to “block” or “layer” coil designs

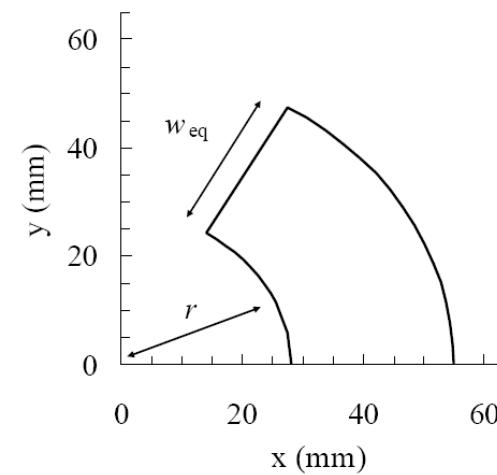
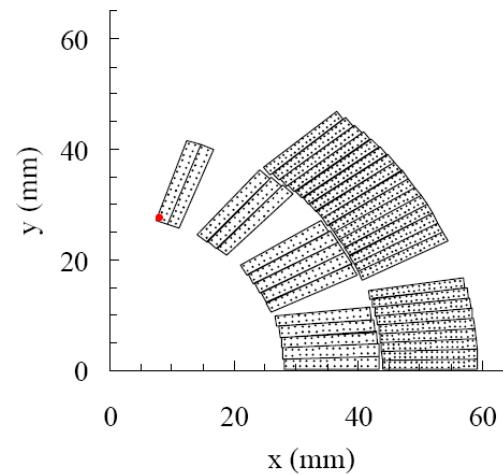


# Field of single-layer dipole coil

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 \sqrt{3}}{\pi} j_{tech} w$$

Average current density in coil

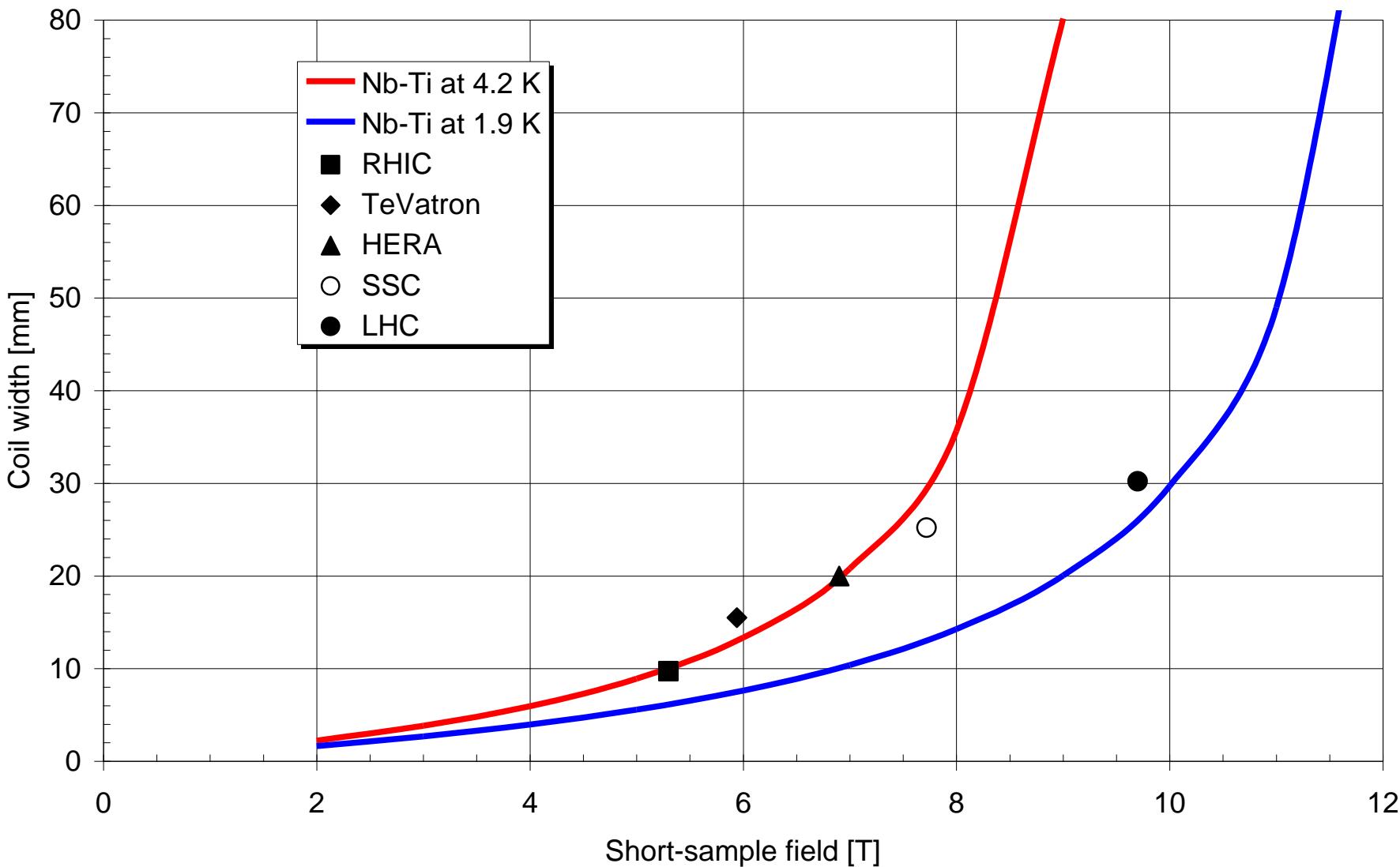
Coil width





# Superconducting $\cos \theta$ dipoles in Nb-Ti

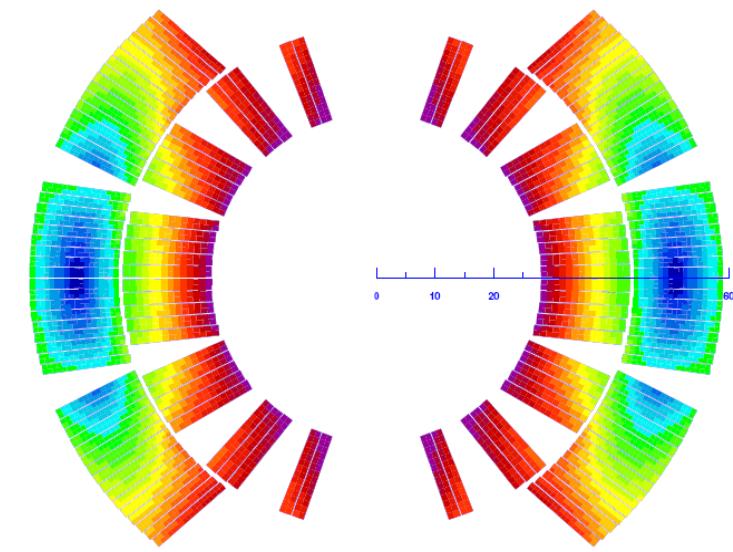
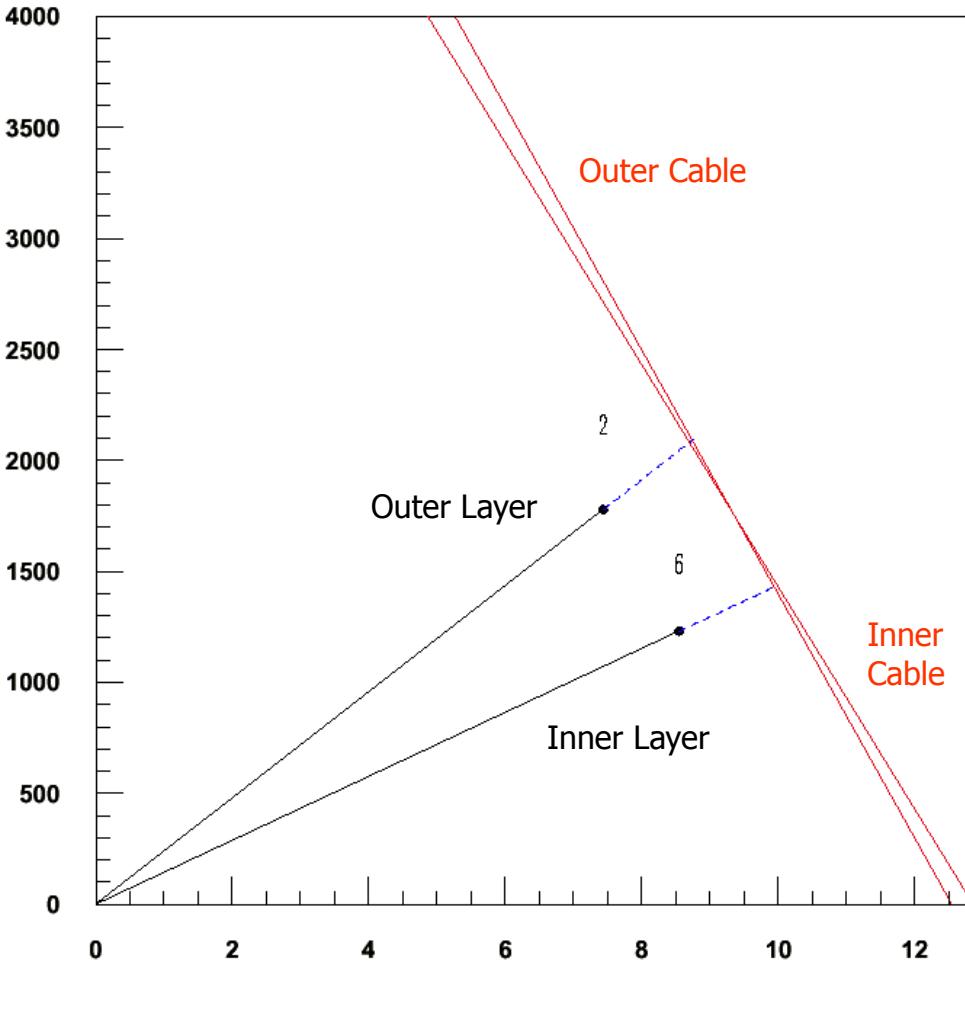
## Coil width vs field





# Load lines of LHC main dipole

$J$  [A/mm<sup>2</sup>]

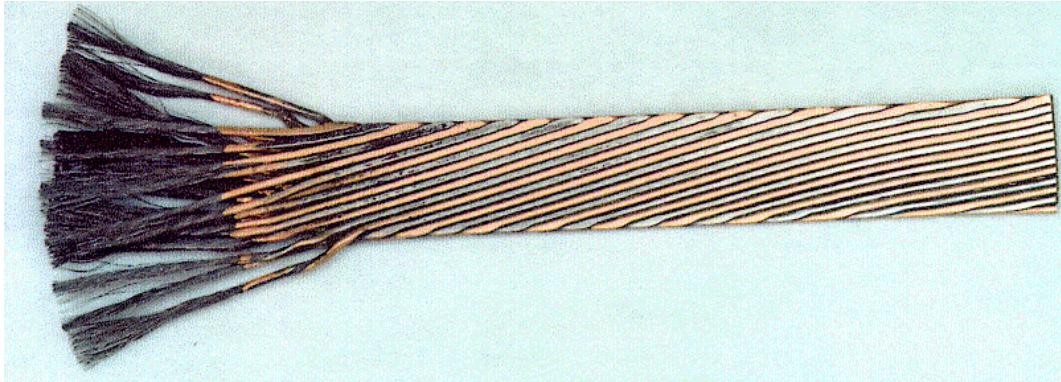


*Current grading* permits the outer cable, which sees a lower field, to operate at higher current density

## Inter-layer splice in graded coil



# 7500 km of high-performance superconducting cable



Cable with etched strands  
showing Nb-Ti filaments

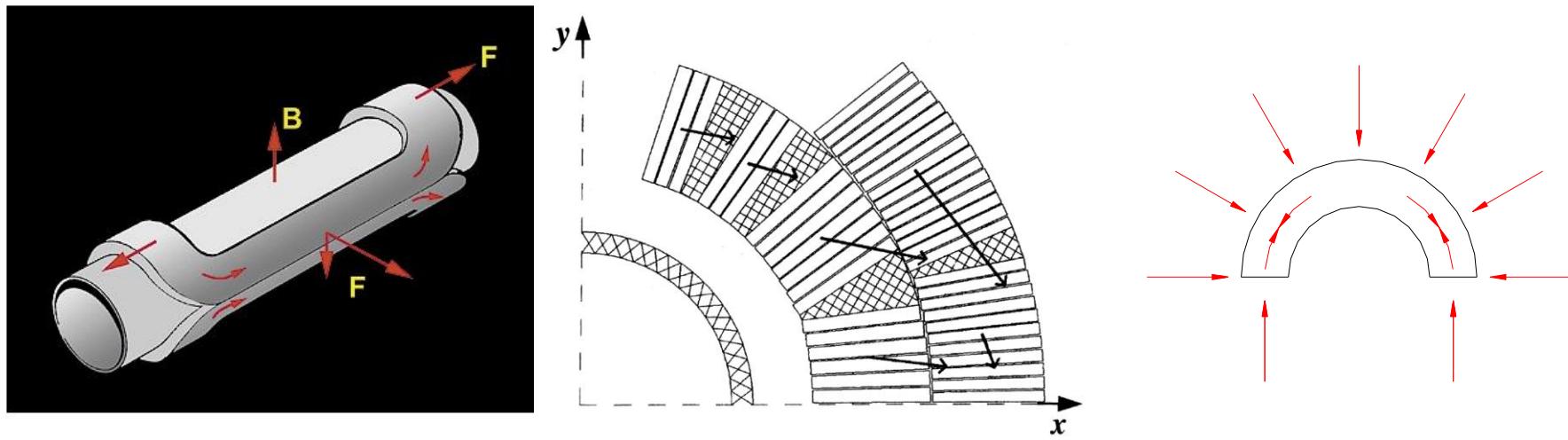


	Inner Cable	Outer Cable
<b>Number of strands</b>	28	36
<b>Strand diameter</b>	1.065 mm	0.825 mm
<b>Filament diameter</b>	7 µm	6 µm
<b>Number of filaments</b>	~ 8900	~ 6520
<b>Cable width</b>	15.1 mm	15.1 mm
<b>Mid-thickness</b>	1.900 mm	1.480 mm
<b>Keystone angle</b>	1.25	0.90
<b>Transposition length</b>	115 mm	100 mm
<b>Ratio Cu/Sc</b>	$\geq 1.6$	$\geq 1.9$

# Manufacturing of superconducting coils



# Electromagnetic forces



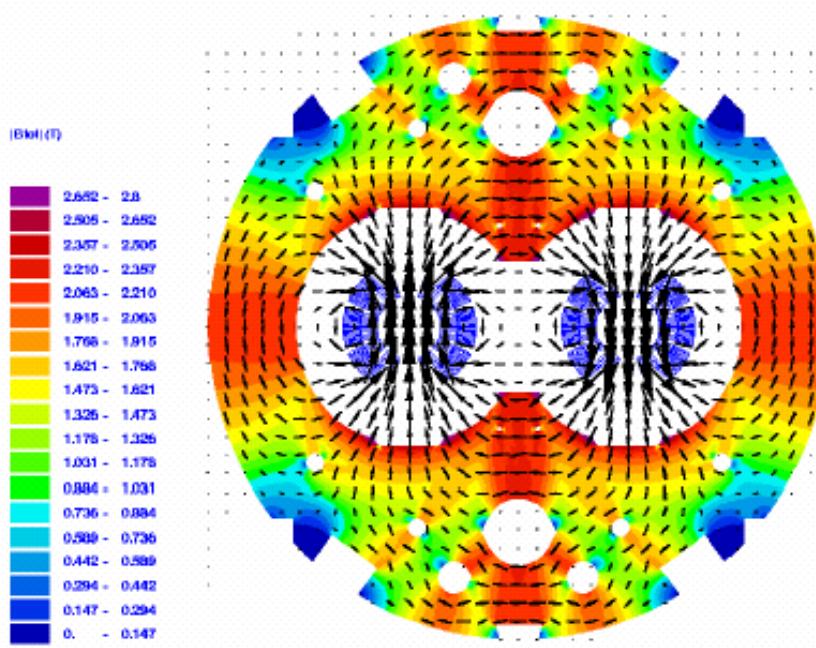
High magnetic field acting on high current generates large **electromagnetic forces** at right angle, which cannot be resisted by the mechanical strength of the conductor: saddle-shaped coils of accelerator magnets are not self-supporting

$$B = 10 \text{ T}, I = 10 \text{ kA} \Rightarrow 10^5 \text{ N/m per turn !}$$

⇒ “**roman arch**” coil geometry to contain the azimuthal component

⇒ external **support structure** against the radial component

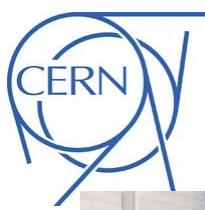
# Twin-aperture dipole magnet



Limited transverse space in tunnel  $\Rightarrow$  **compact** cross-section

Flux closure within twin magnet yoke  $\Rightarrow$  **magnetically efficient** design, limited stray field

Stainless steel collars resting on iron yoke inside preshrunk cylindrical shell  $\Rightarrow$  **rigid** structure



# Assembly of dipole cold masses





# Final assembly of cryomagnets at CERN

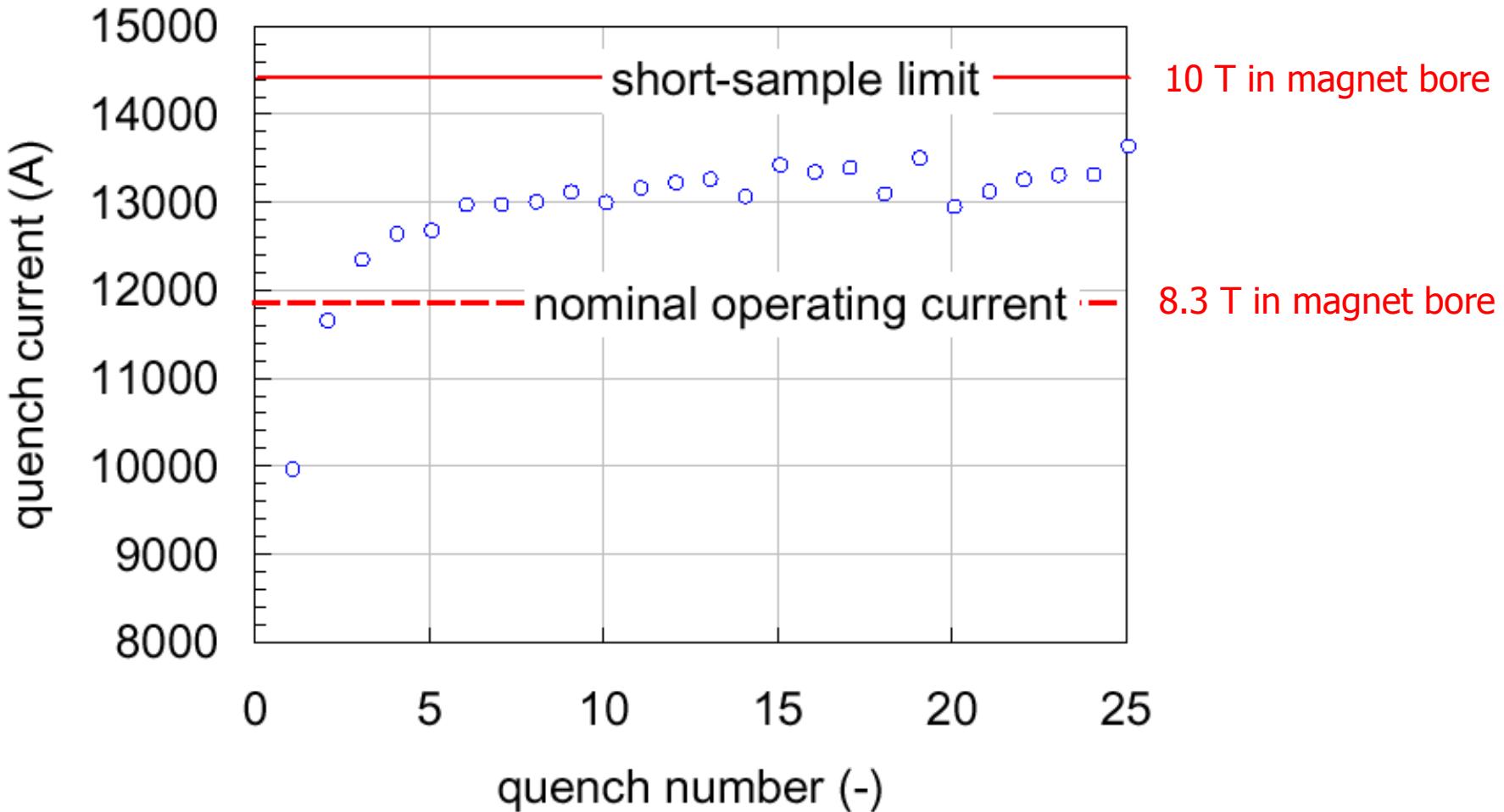


# Cryogenic tests of magnets



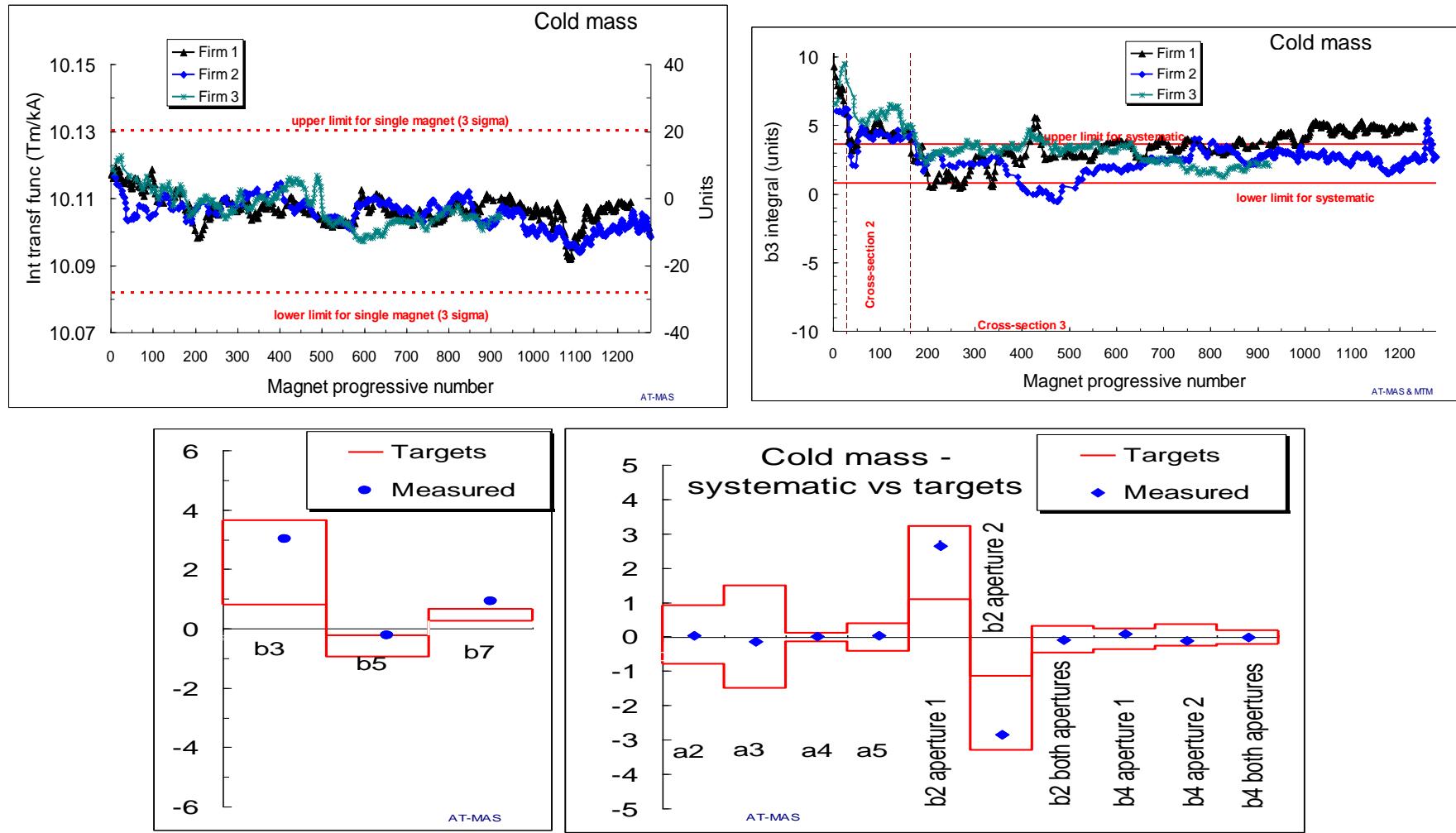


# Training of superconducting magnets



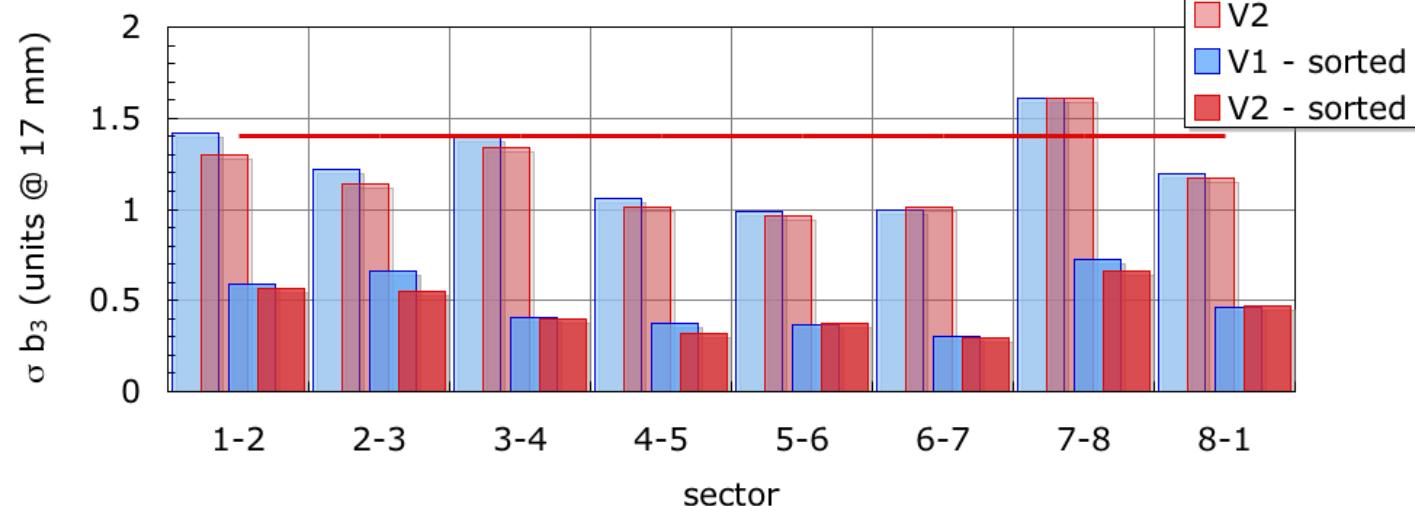
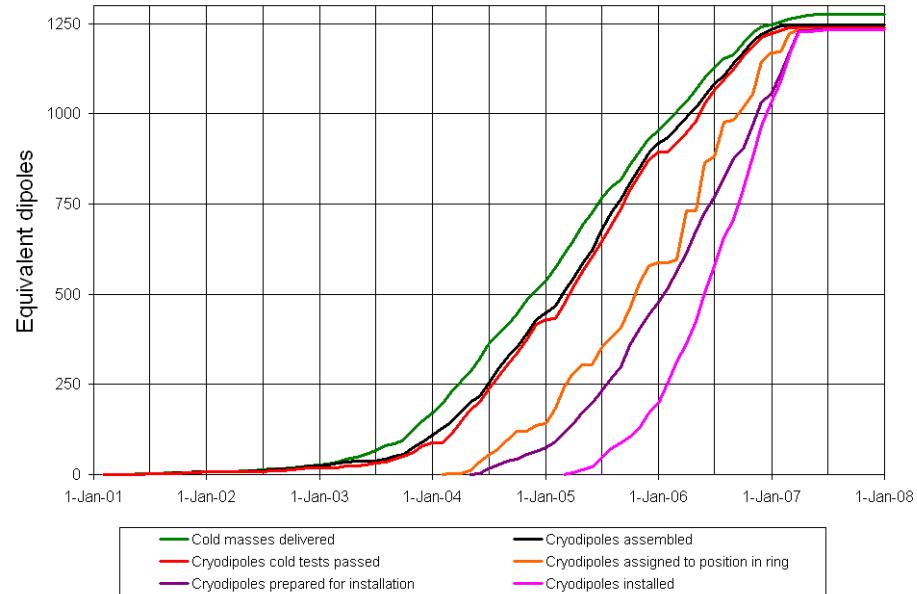


# Dipole field quality in series production



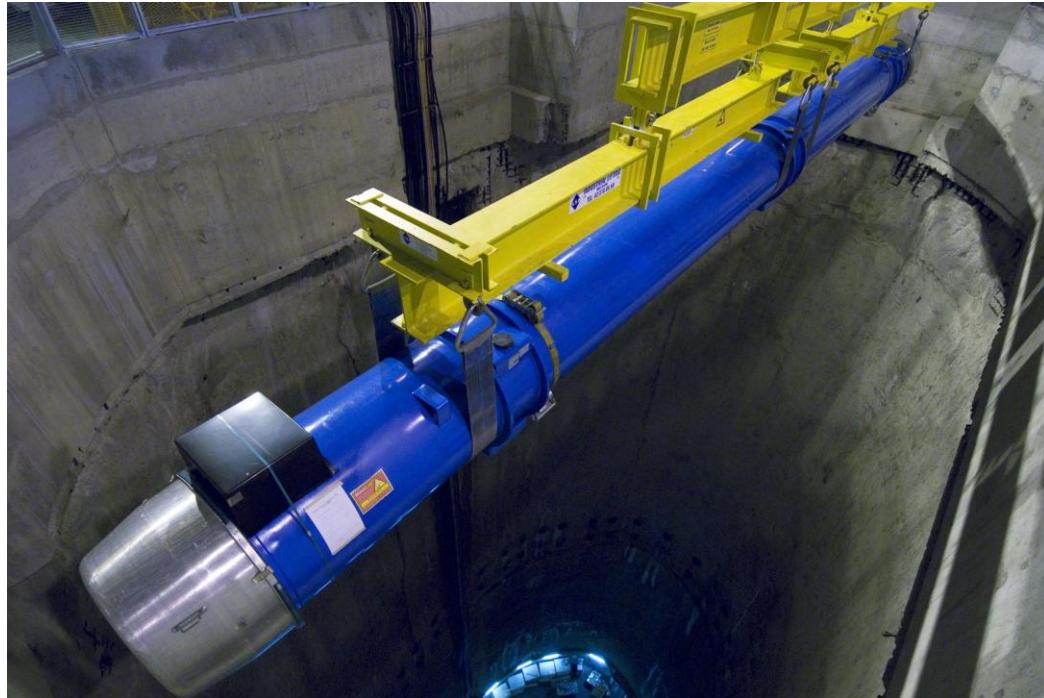


# Buffer storage allows sorting, reduces dispersion





# Lowering of magnets in tunnel



# Cryomagnet installation in tunnel



# Interconnections in tunnel

65'000 electrical joints

Induction-heated soldering

Ultrasonic welding

*Very low residual resistance*

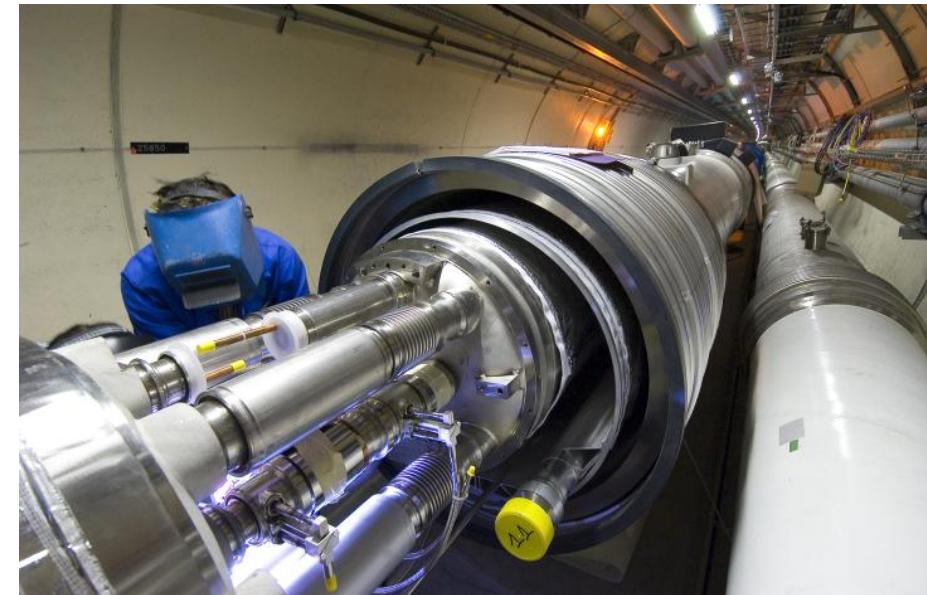
*HV electrical insulation*

40'000 cryogenic junctions

Orbital TIG welding

*Weld quality*

*Helium leaktightness*



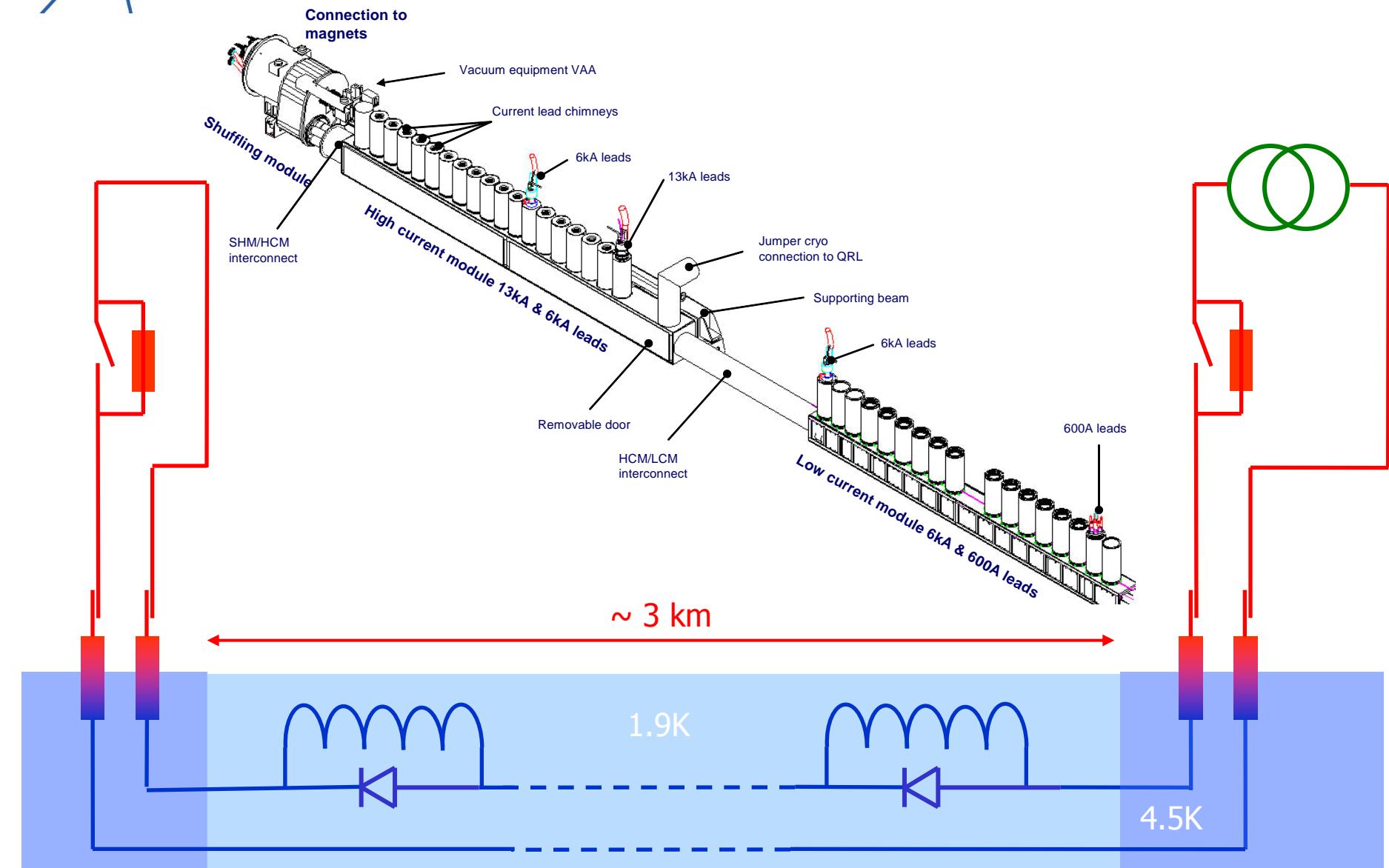


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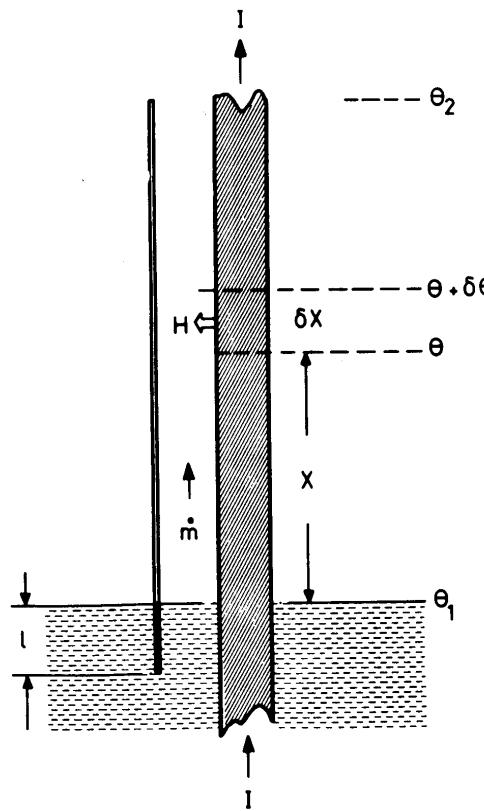
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# Arc electrical feedbox



# Cryogenic current leads



Heat transfer processes at work

- Solid conduction
- Joule heating
- Convective cooling by He vapor

Metals are good electrical AND thermal conductors (Wiedemann-Franz-Lorentz law)

Optimal sizing of current lead results from compromise between heat conduction and Joule heating

*Superconductors do not follow WFL law*

*They are perfect electrical conductors with low thermal conductivity*

*They can make excellent current leads... up to their transition temperature!*

*⇒ niche application for "high-temperature" superconductors*

# Current leads using HTS superconductor

	Resistive (WFL)	HTS (4 to 50 K) Resistive (> 50 K)
Heat inleak to liquid helium	1.1 W/kA	0.1 W/kA
Exergy loss	430 W/kA	150 W/kA
Electrical power of refrigerator	1430 W/kA	500 W/kA

Sum of currents into LHC  $\sim 1.7$  MA,  
i.e. need current leads for 3.4 MA  
total rating (in and out)

Economy  $\sim 3400$  W in liquid helium  
 $\sim 5000$  l/h liquid helium

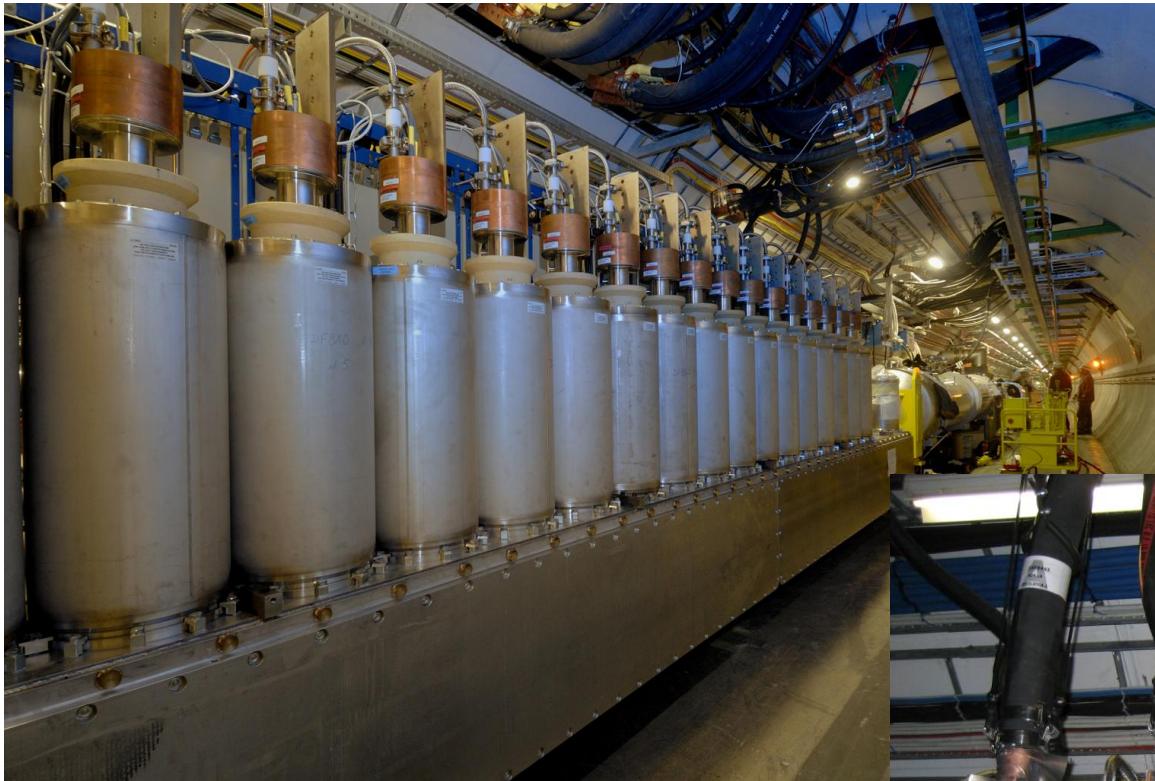
$\Rightarrow$  *capital: save extra cryoplant*

$\Rightarrow$  *operation: save  $\sim 3.2$  MW*

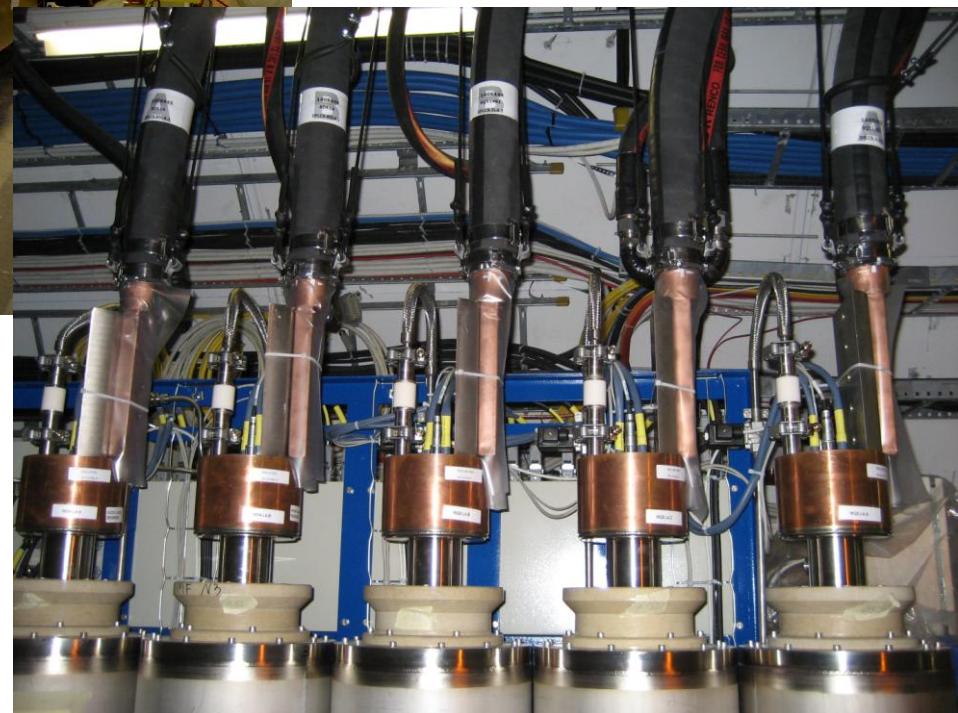
13 kA HTS current lead for LHC



# HTS current leads in the LHC tunnel



6 & 13 kA leads on  
electrical feed-box



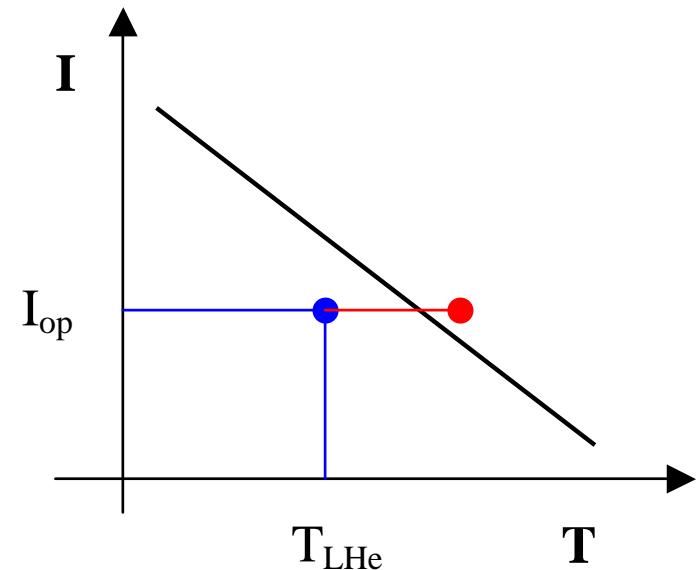
Water-cooled cables  
on current lead lugs

# Superconductors are basically unstable!

Heat capacity of materials drops at low temperatures

$$\Delta T = \Delta E / \gamma C$$

$\Delta E$  of few  $\mu\text{J}$  on a superconducting strand in the cable generates  $\Delta T$  pushing the operating point beyond the critical surface  $\Rightarrow$  *resistive transition ("quench")*

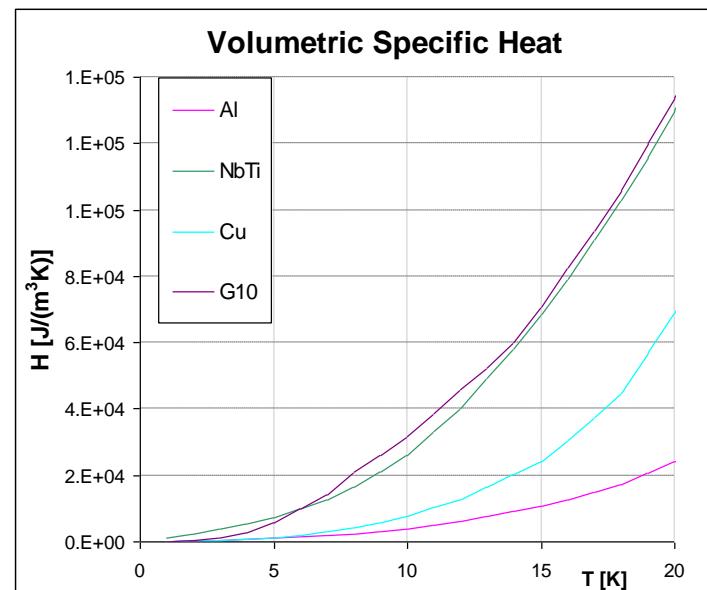


Temperature margin of superconductor  $\sim 1.5$  K

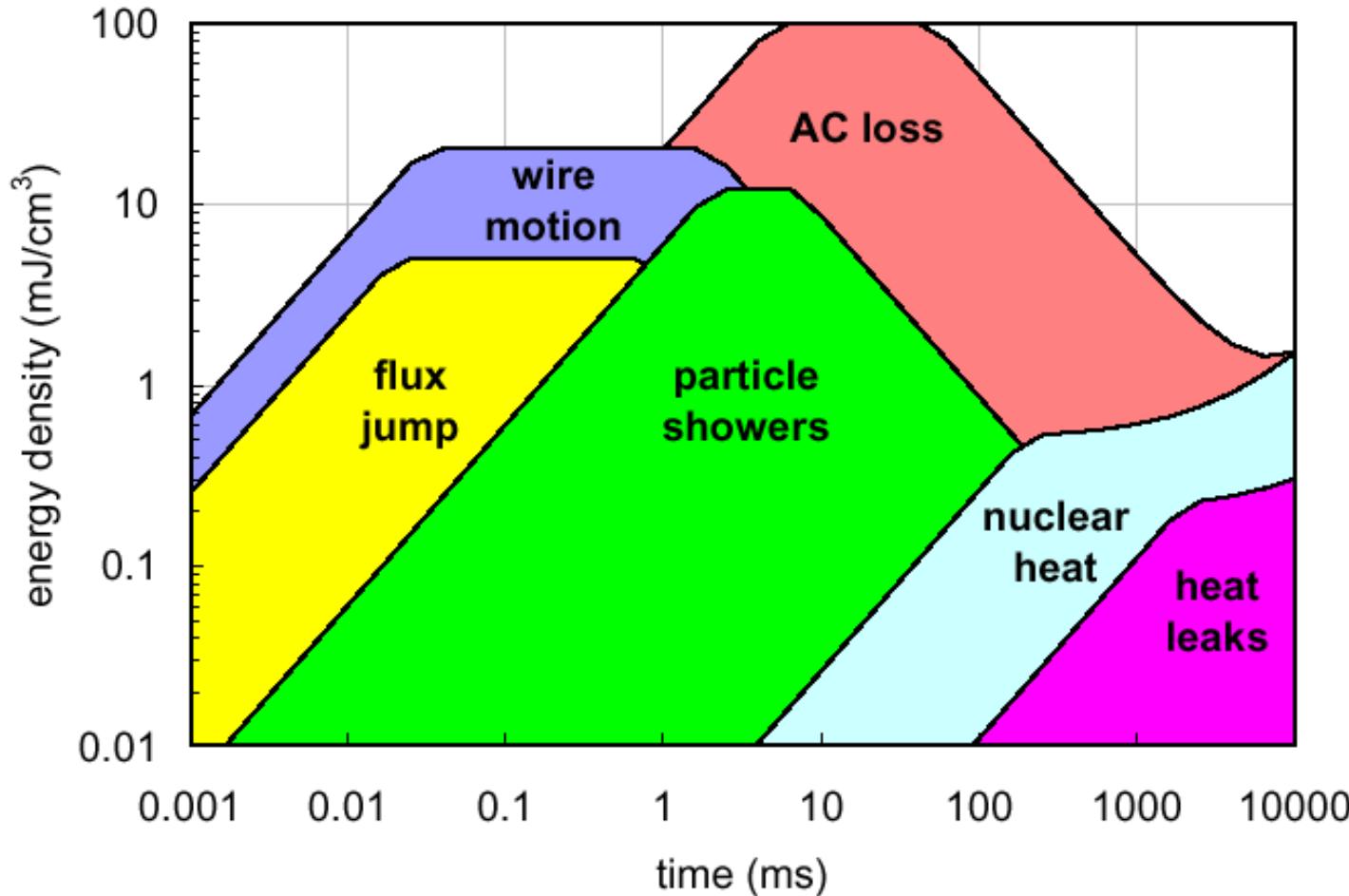
Specific quench energy  $\sim 10$  mJ/cm<sup>3</sup>

Energy stored inductively in magnet 6.9 MJ

Energy stored in beam 360 MJ

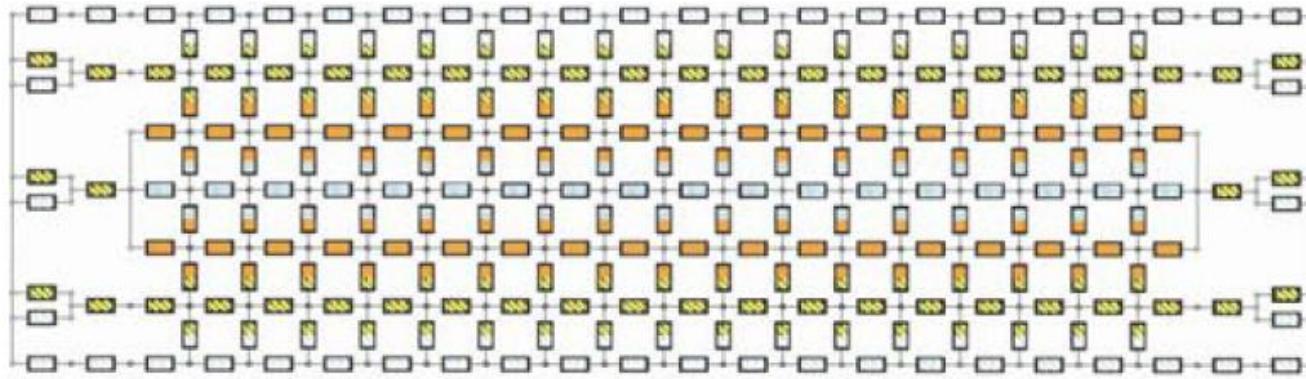
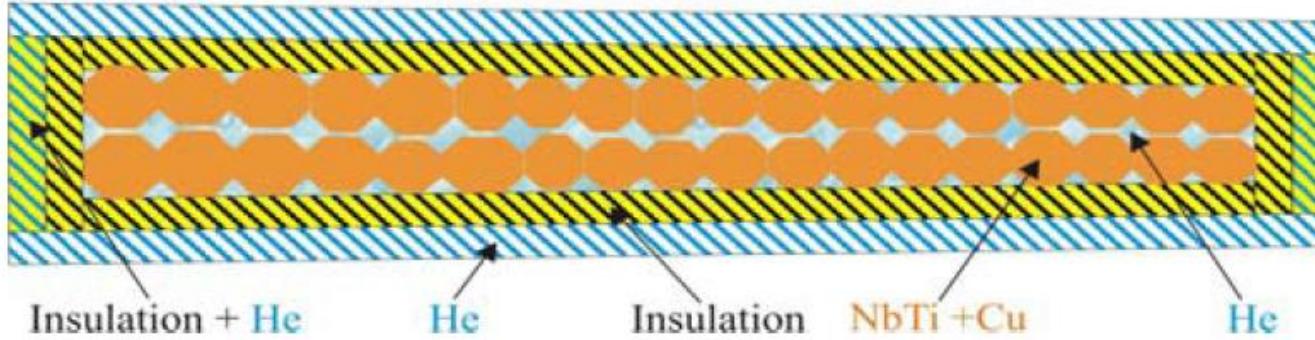
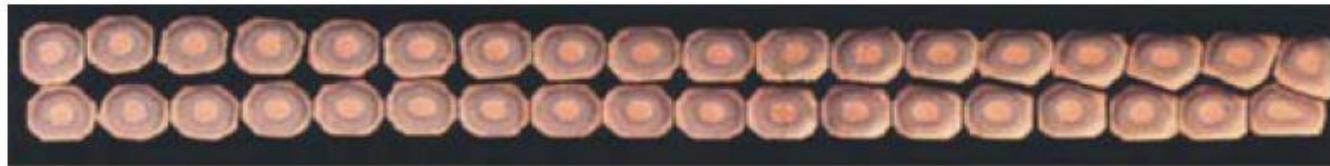


# Perturbation spectrum of superconductor





# Network model of superconducting cable

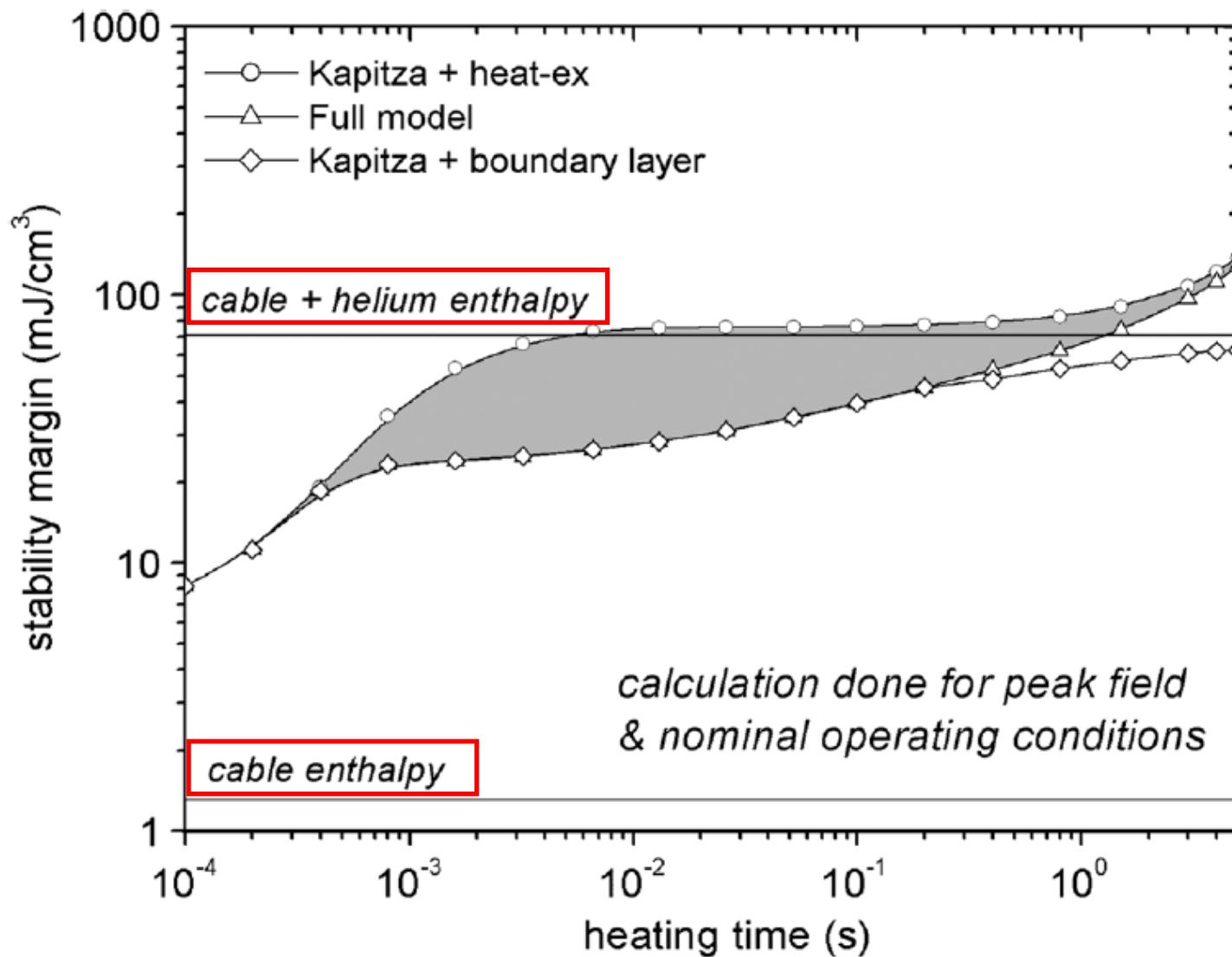


— [white box] — helium + insulation  
— [yellow box] — insulation

— [orange box] — NbTi+Cu  
— [blue box] — helium

— [circle] — contact resistance

# Transient stability of superconducting cable



# Hot spot temperature after a quench

Assume that quenched section is heated only by Joule effect and adiabatic (no conduction)

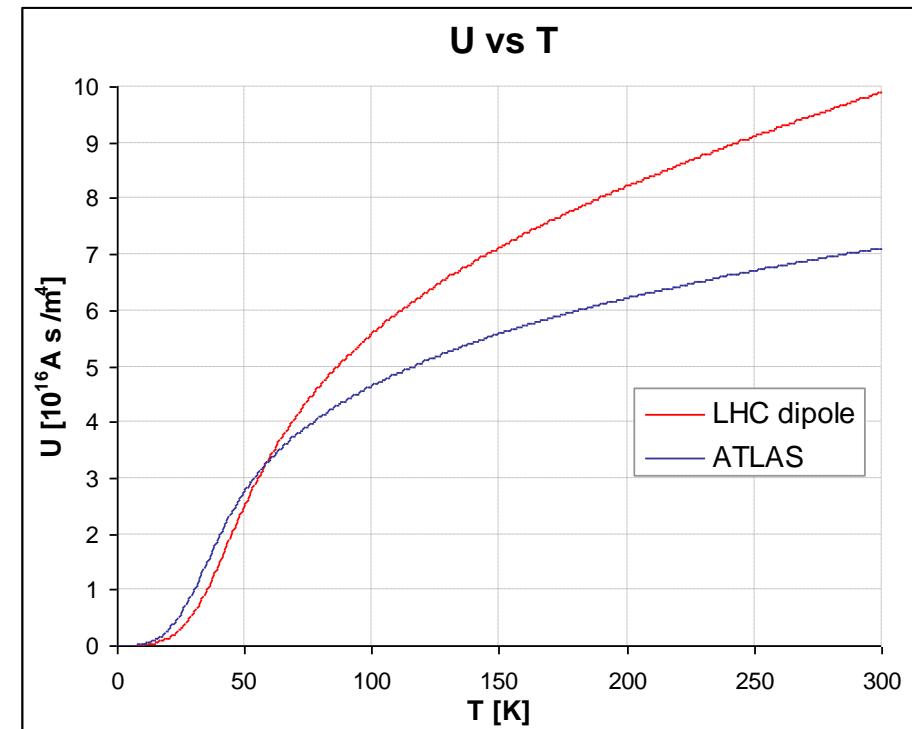
$$J^2(t)\rho(T)dt = \gamma C(T)dT \quad \int_0^\infty J^2(t)dt = \int_{T_{op}}^{T_m} \frac{\gamma C(T)}{\rho(T)} dT \quad J_0^2 T_d = U(T_m)$$

MIITs

To avoid too high hot spot temperature, speed up the quench propagation by any means

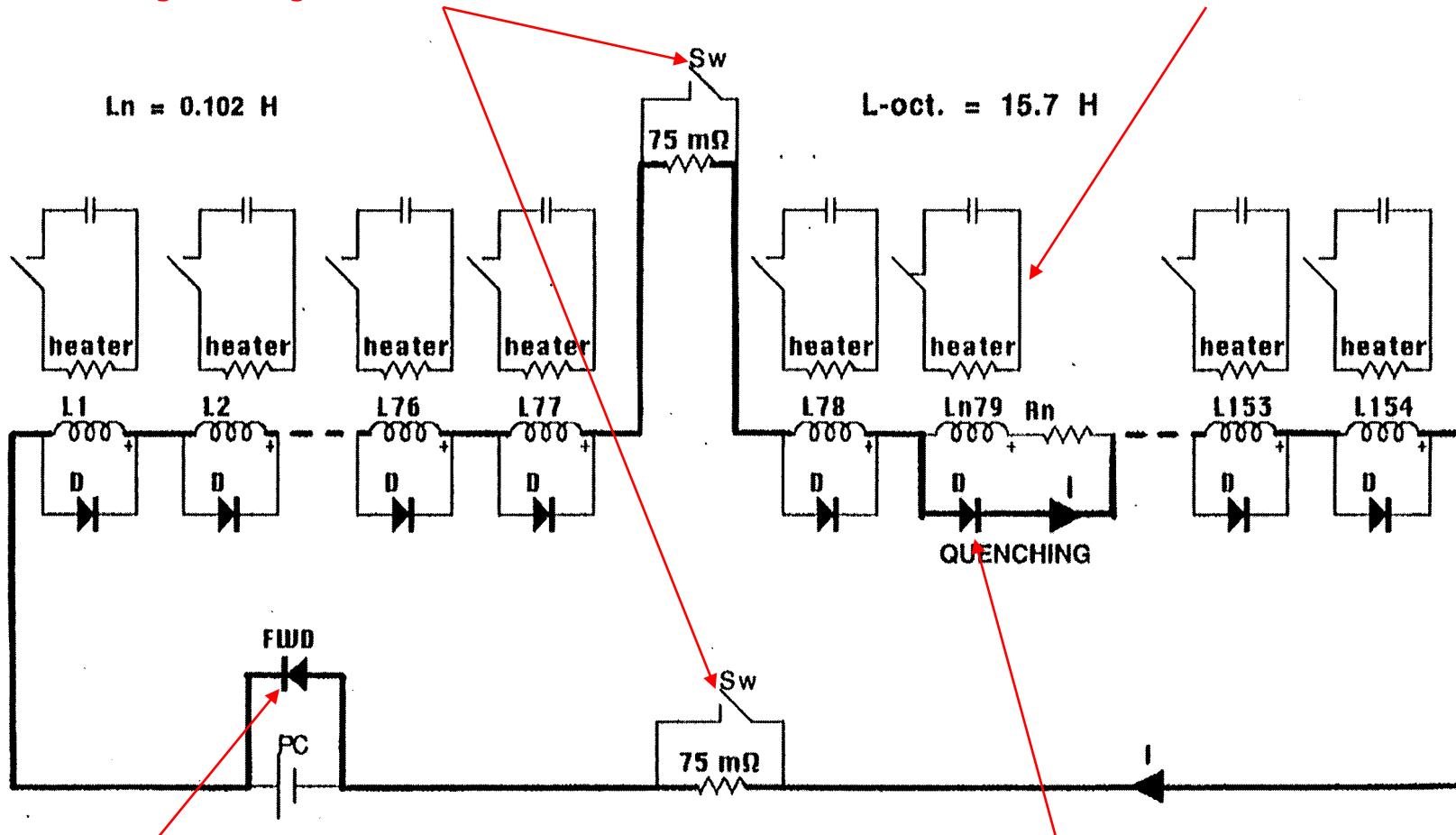
- 1) **Heater**: must be activated fast and reliably (20 ms)
- 2) **"Quench-back"** inductively propagated

*This goes against having LHe in good contact with the conductor (i.e. against stability)!*



# LHC magnet circuit protection scheme

Dissipate energy of magnet string by inserting discharge resistor in circuit



Free-wheeling diode across power converter

Fire heater to spread the quench over maximum coil volume and limit temperature

Diode bypasses quenched magnet during current discharge in string

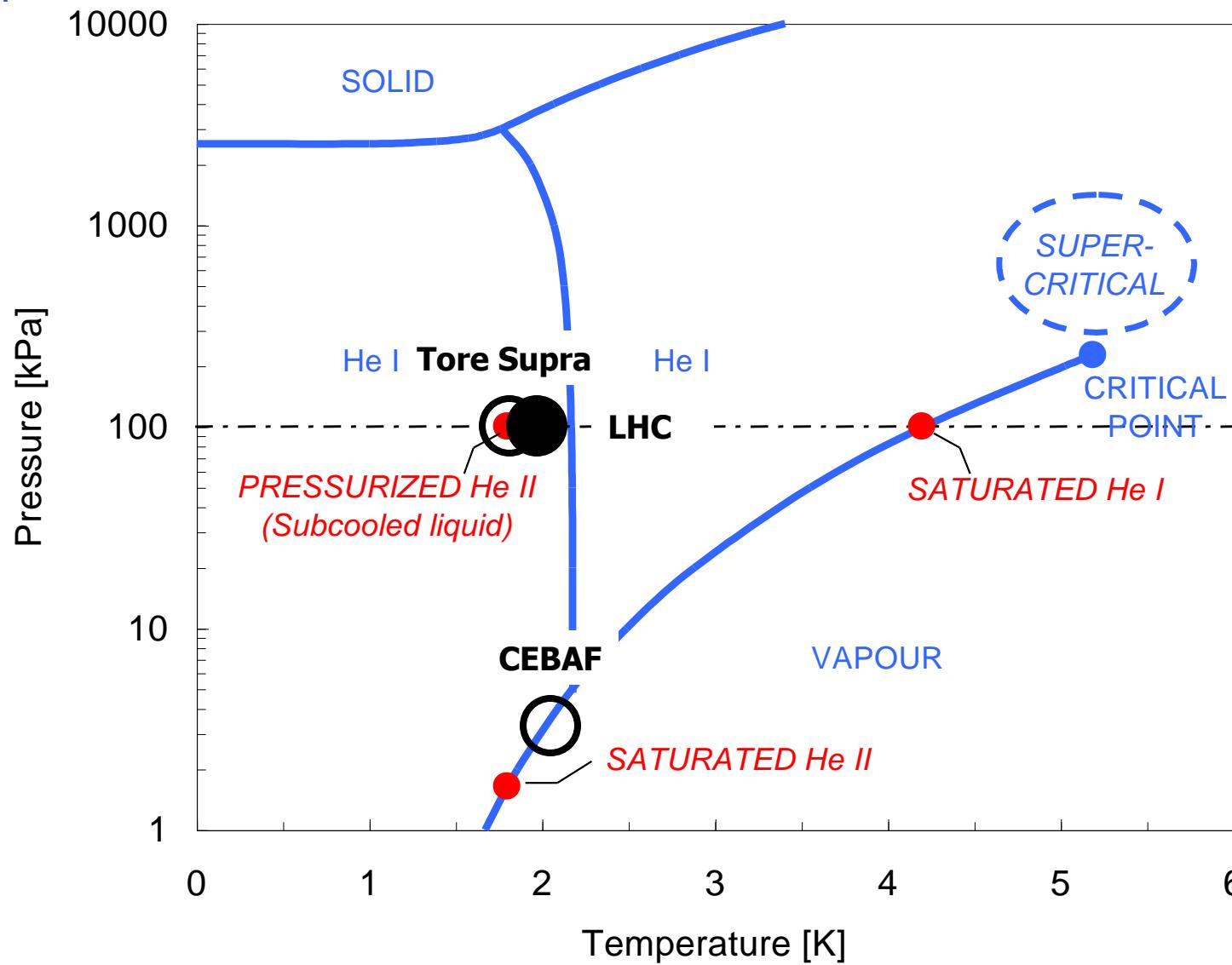


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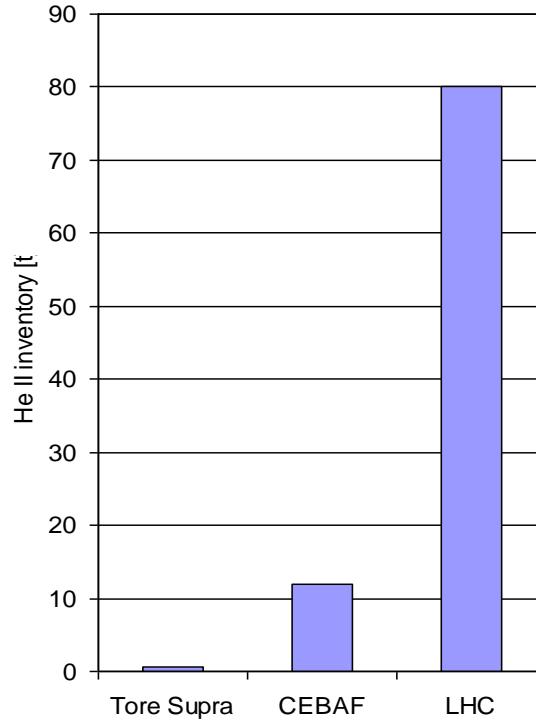


# Cooling with superfluid helium

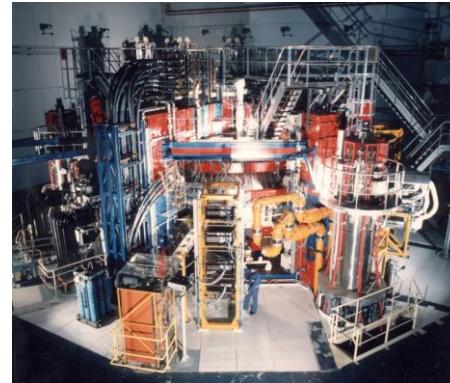


# Large-scale superfluid helium systems

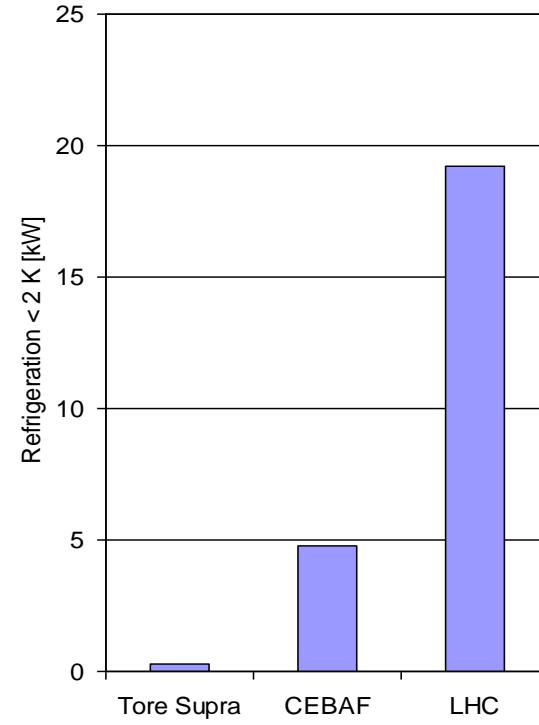
He II inventory



Tore Supra tokamak,  
Cadarache (France)



Refrigeration power < 2 K



CEBAF accelerator,  
Newport News (USA)



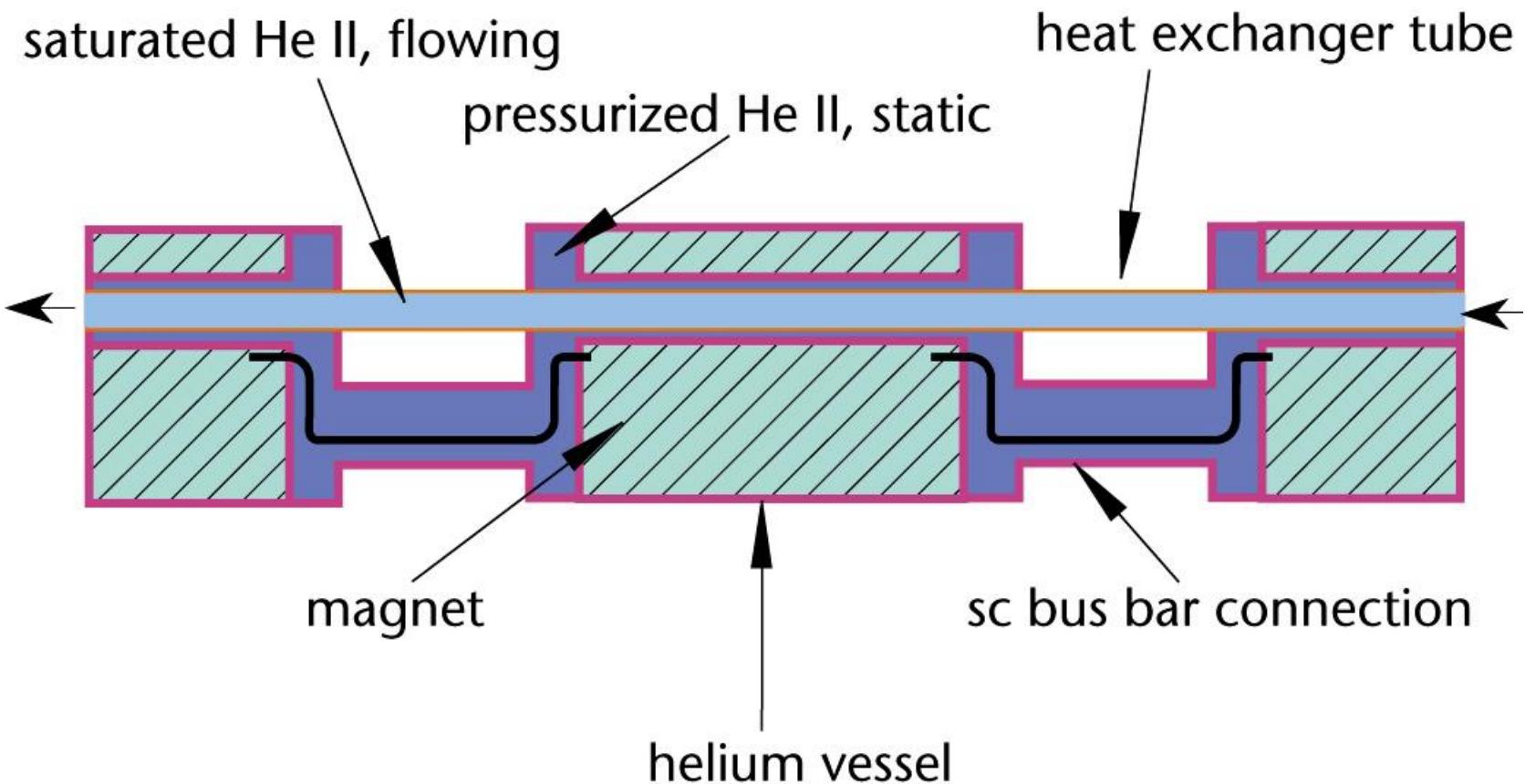


## Thermophysical properties of He II

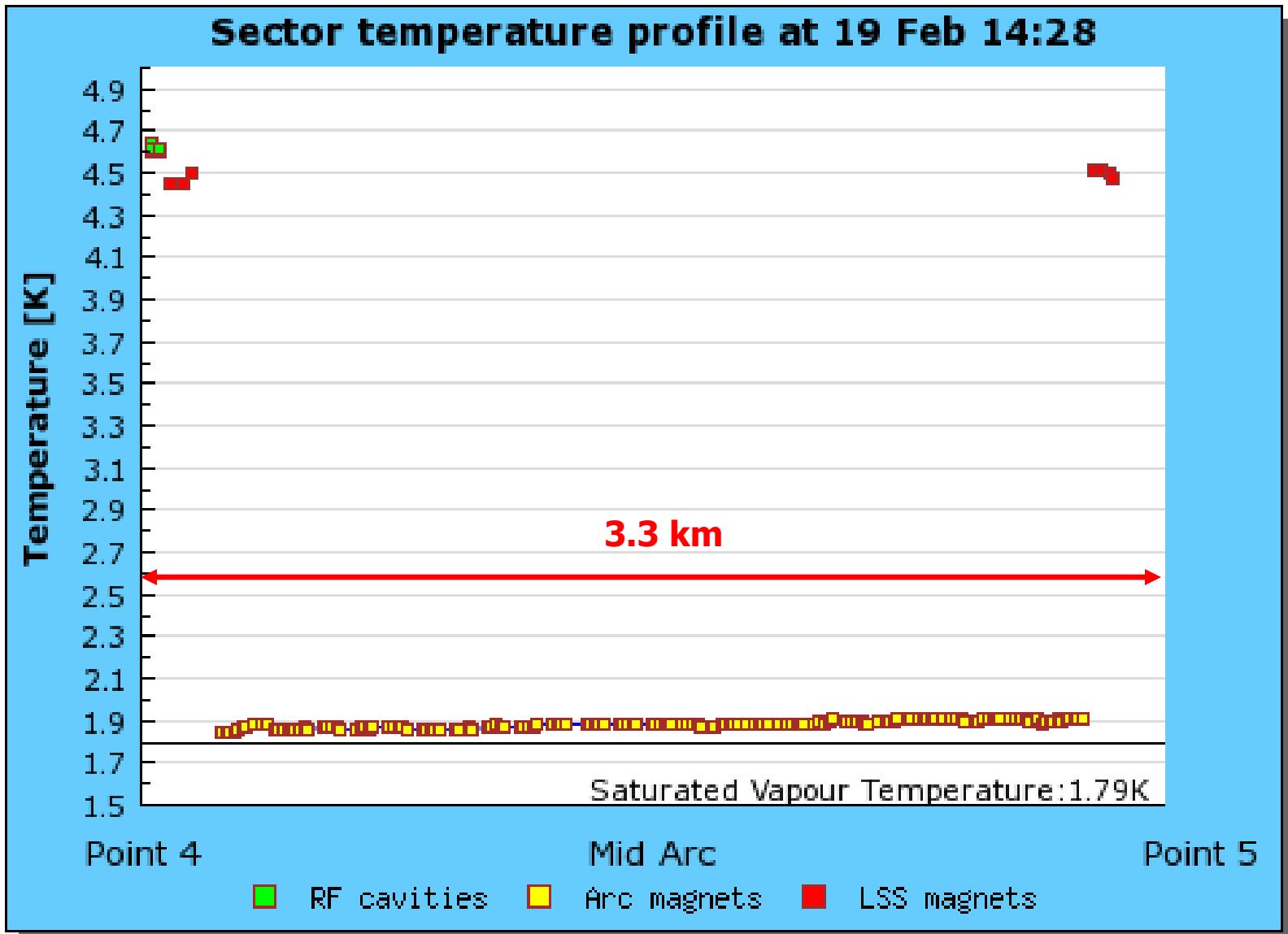
- Temperature < 2.17 K
- Low effective viscosity
  - 100 times lower than water at normal boiling point
- Very high specific heat
  - $10^5$  times that of the conductor by unit mass
  - $2 \times 10^3$  times that of conductor by unit volume
- Very high thermal conductivity
  - $10^3$  times that of OFHC copper, cryogenic grade
  - Peaking at 1.9 K
  - Still, insufficient for transporting heat over large distances across small temperature gradients



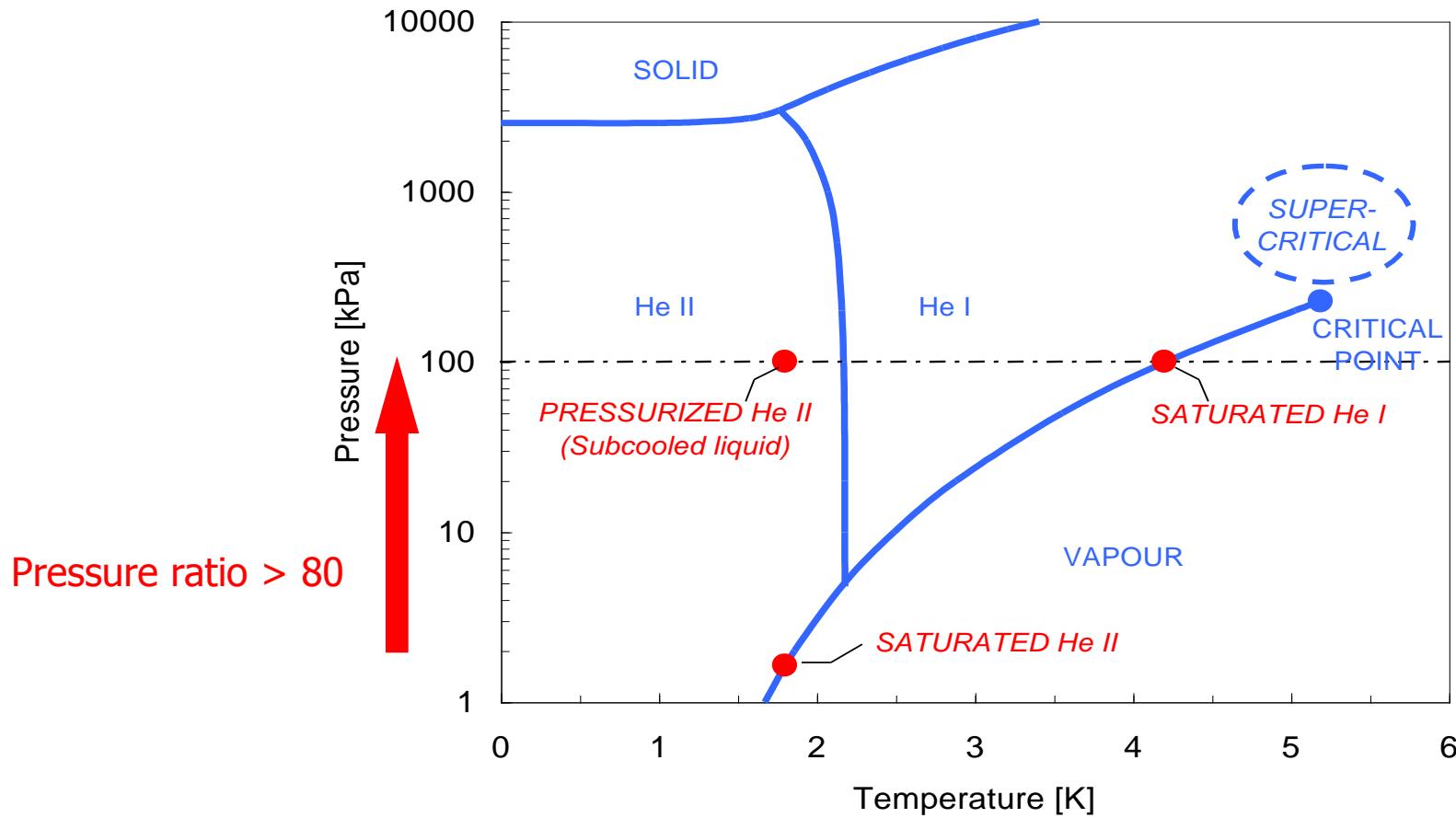
## LHC magnet string cooling scheme



# Cryogenic operation of LHC sector



# Challenges of high-power 1.8 K refrigeration



- Compression of large mass flow-rate of He vapor across high pressure ratio  
⇒ intake He at maximum density, i.e. cold
- Need contact-less, vane-less machine ⇒ hydrodynamic compressor
- Compression heat rejected at low temperature ⇒ thermodynamic efficiency

# Cold compressors for 1.8 K refrigeration



Cartridge 1<sup>st</sup> stage



Axial-centrifugal impeller



4 cold compressor stages

# Thermal insulation techniques

## Multi-layer reflective insulation



10 layers around  
cold mass at 1.9 K

30 layers around thermal  
shield at 50-75 K



Cold surface area in LHC  $\sim$  9 hectares!

Thermal radiation from 290 K (black-body)  
 $\sim 400 \text{ W/m}^2 = 4 \text{ MW/ha}$

Heat flux from 290 K across 30 layers MLI  
 $\sim 1 \text{ W/m}^2 = 10 \text{ kW/ha}$

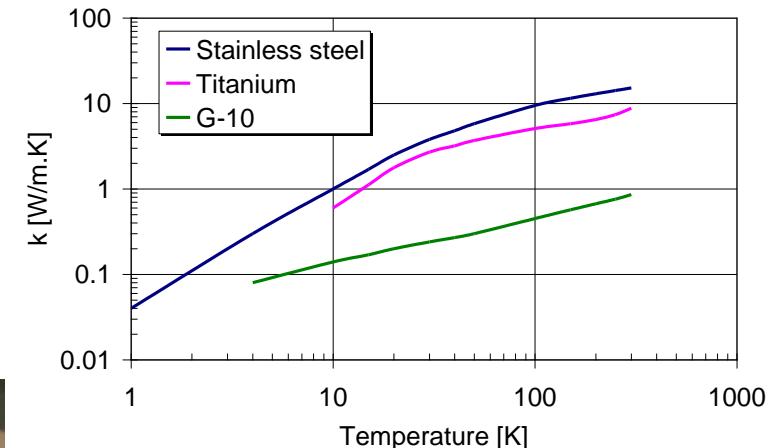
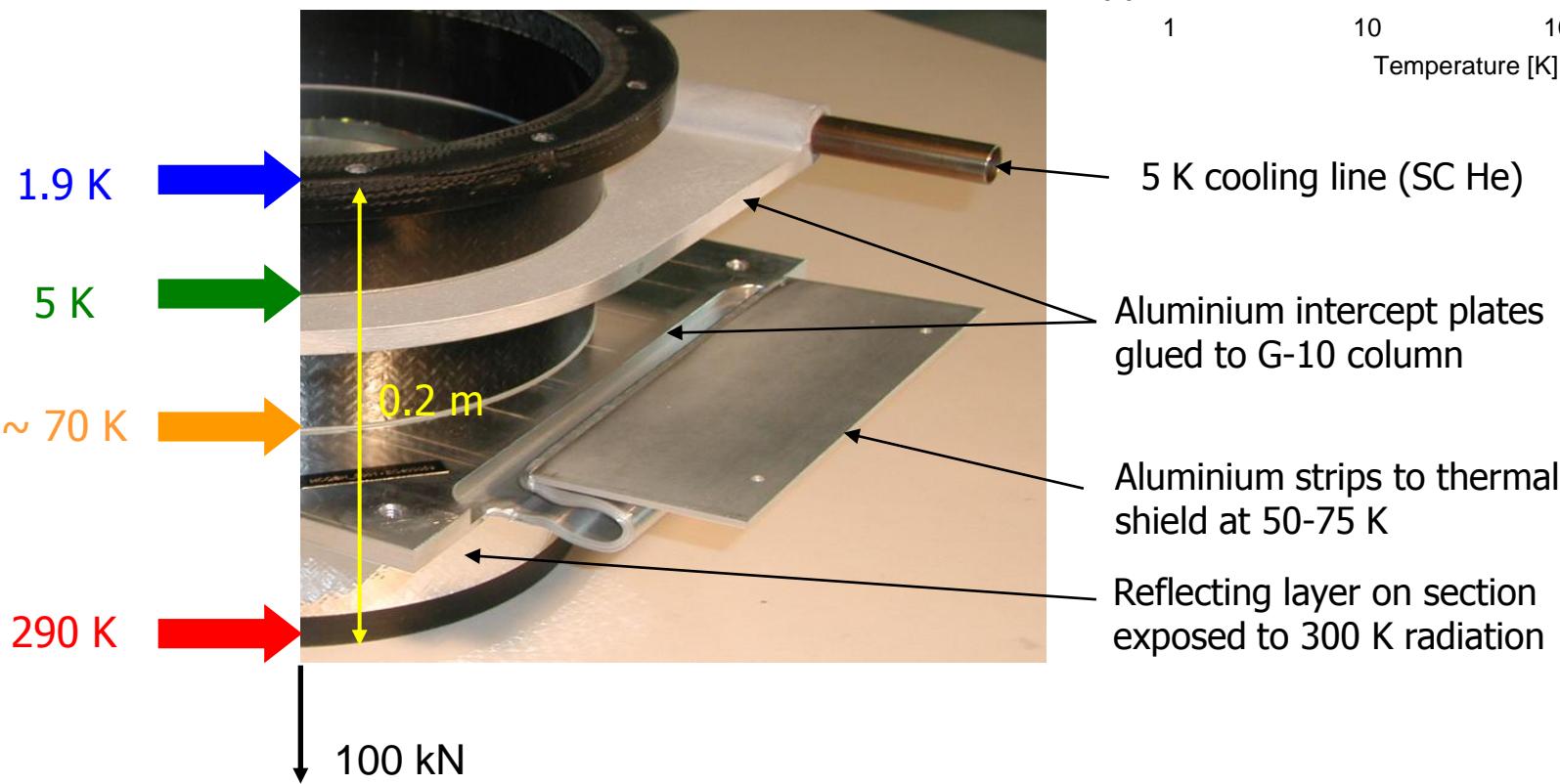
# Thermal insulation techniques

## Low-conduction non-metallic support posts

LHC cold mass to be supported = 37'500 tons

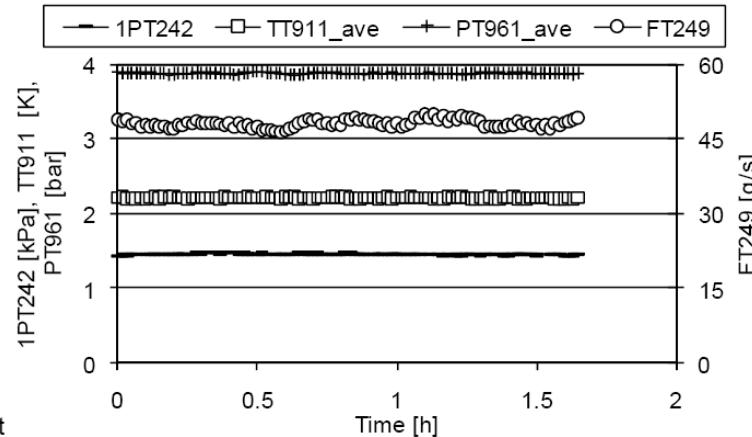
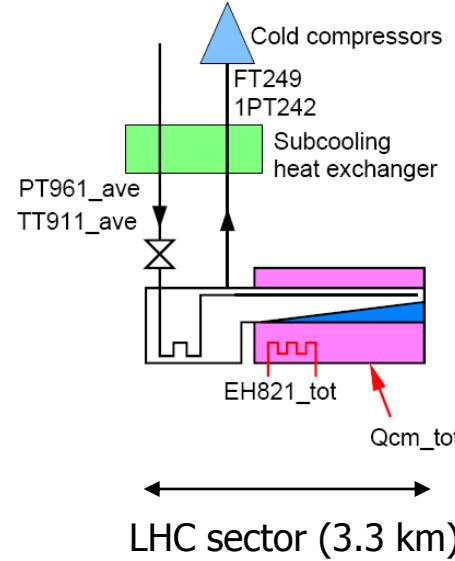
Conduction length = support height  $\sim 0.2$  m

At a compressive stress of  $50 \text{ N/mm}^2$ , this requires a total support cross-section of  $7.5 \text{ m}^2$ , representing a large thermal conduction path





# Heat inleak measurements on full sectors confirm thermal budget

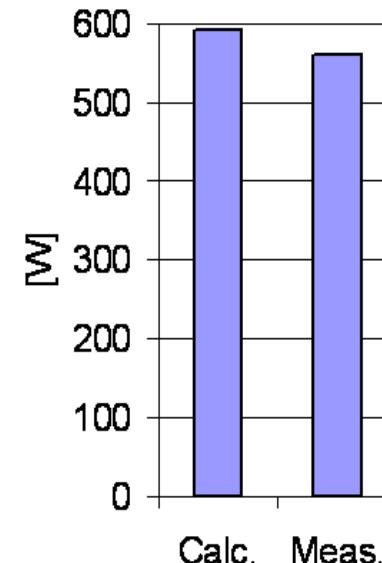


Temperatures and pressures stabilized, flow-rate integrated

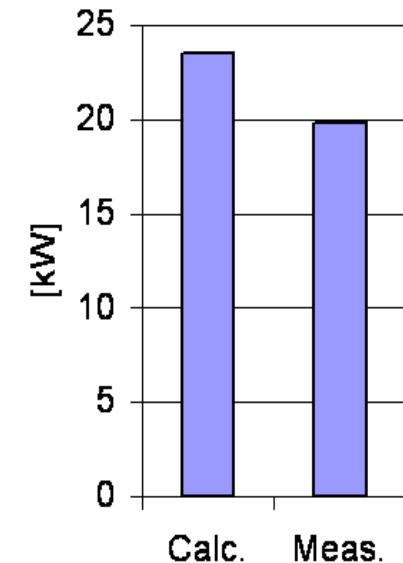
$$\dot{Q} = m \Delta h \left( \mathcal{P}, T \right)$$

Measured  
He property tables

Total S7-8 @ 1.9 K



Total @ 50-75 K





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## Beam vacuum lifetime

- Dominated by nuclear scattering of protons on residual gas
- Lifetime of 100 h required to
  - Limit decay of beam intensity
  - Reduce energy deposited by scattered protons to  $\sim 30$  mW/m

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{gas}} = - \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt} = v \sum_i \sigma_i n_i$$

Scattering cross-section  
Gas density  
Sum over gas species  
Proton velocity

- Partial pressure

$$P_i = n_i k_B T$$

Proportional to temperature  
for given gas density



## Beam vacuum lifetime

Gas species	Nuclear scattering cross-section [mbarn]	Gas density for 100 h lifetime [ $\text{m}^{-3}$ ]	Pressure at 5 K for 100 h lifetime [Pa]
H <sub>2</sub>	95	9.8 E14	6.7 E-8
He	126	7.4 E14	5.1 E-8
CH <sub>4</sub>	566	1.6 E14	1.1 E-8
H <sub>2</sub> O	565	1.6 E14	1.1 E-8
CO	854	1.1 E14	7.5 E-9
CO <sub>2</sub>	1320	0.7 E14	4.9 E-9

# Vacuum in presence of beam

- Without beam

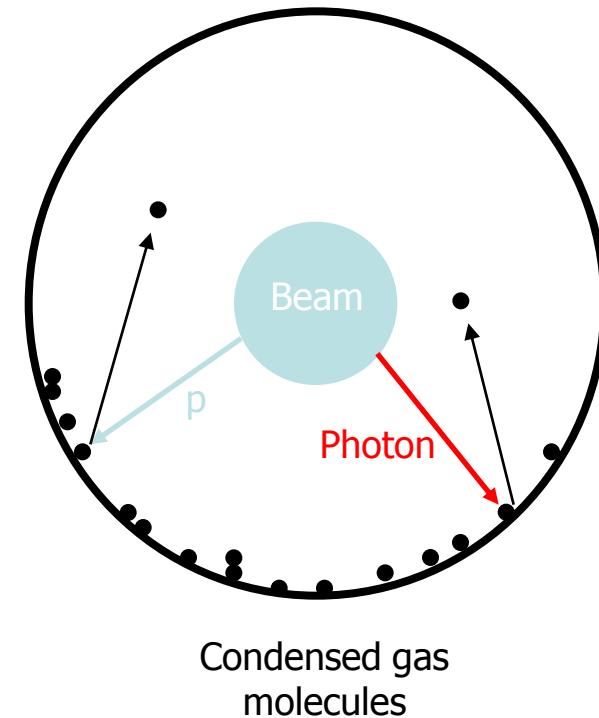
$$P = \frac{Q}{S}$$

→ Dynamic pressure  
→ Outgassing rate  
→ Pumping speed

- With beam

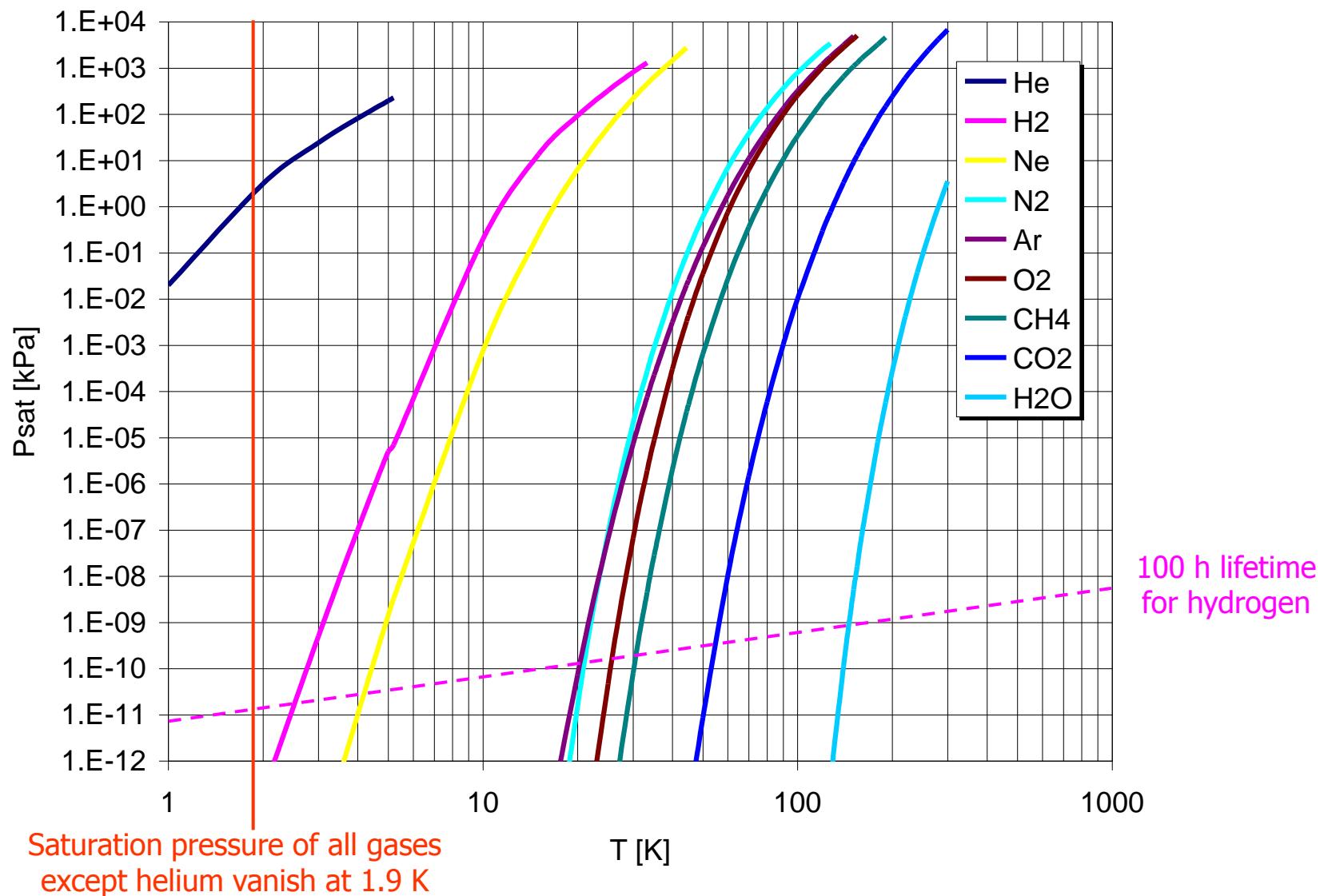
Photon/electron/ion  
 desorption yield      Photon/electron/ion  
 flux

$$P = \frac{Q + \eta \Gamma}{S}$$



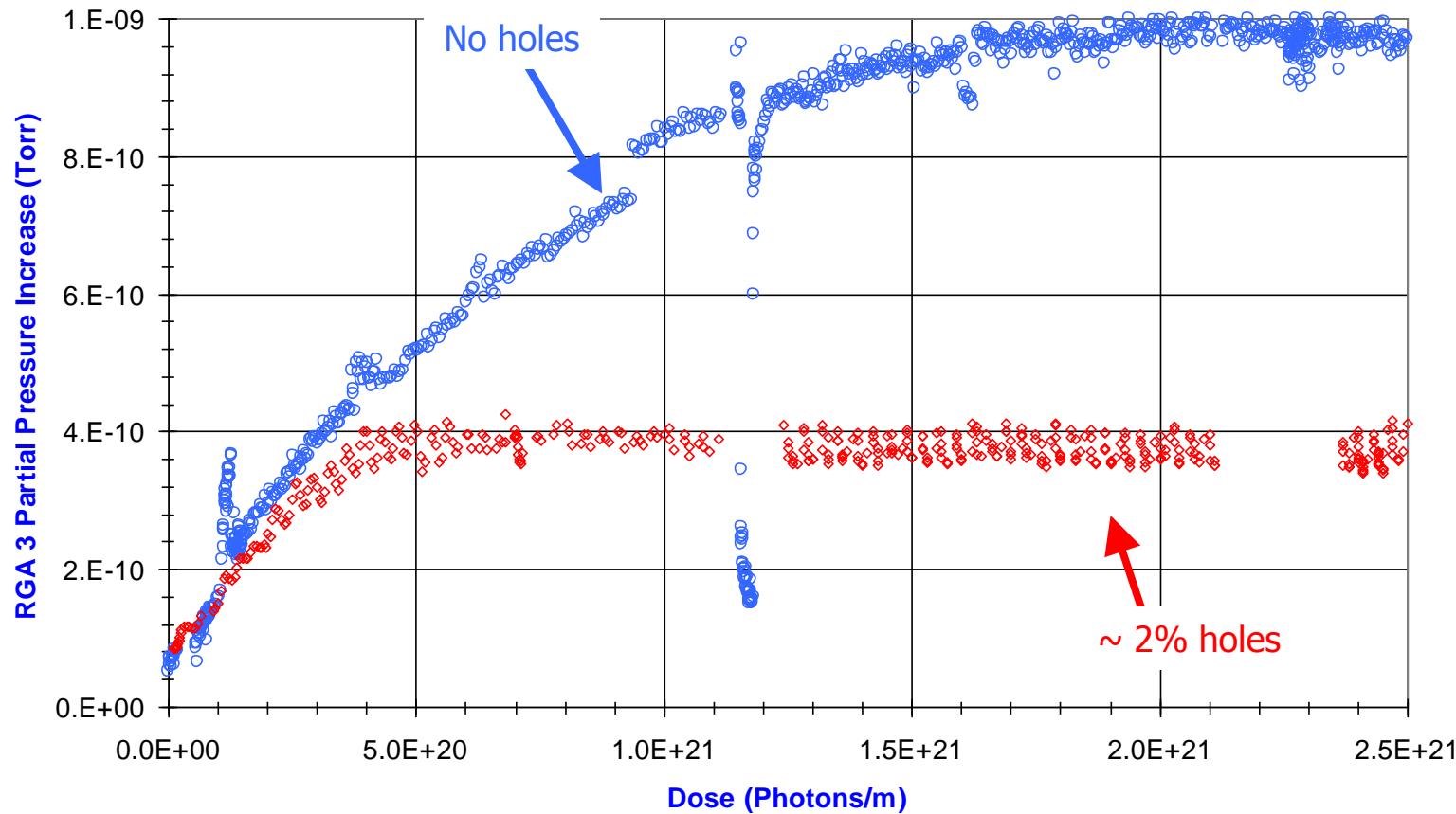


# Cryopumping of beam vacuum at 1.9 K



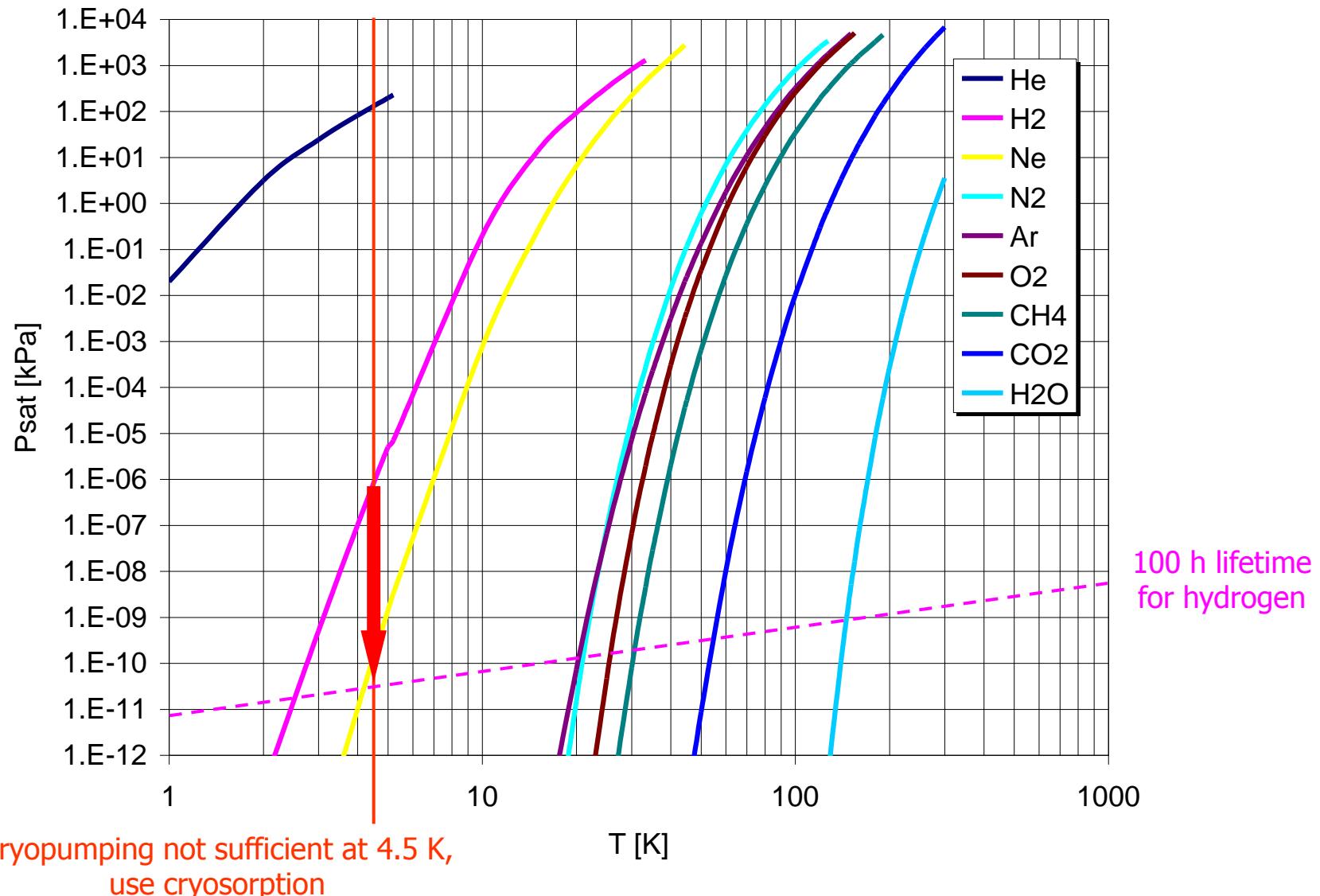


# Pumping desorbed gas through the beam screen



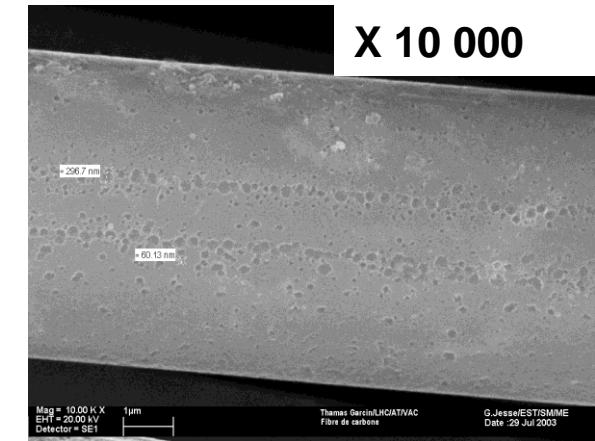
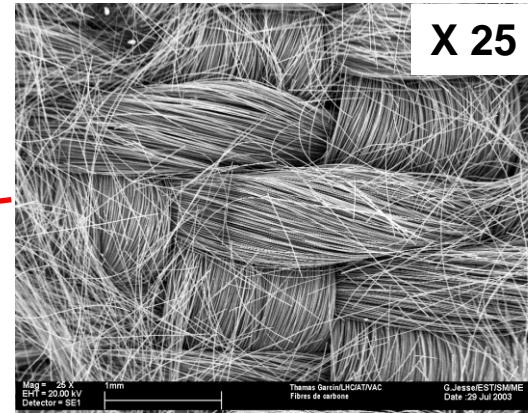
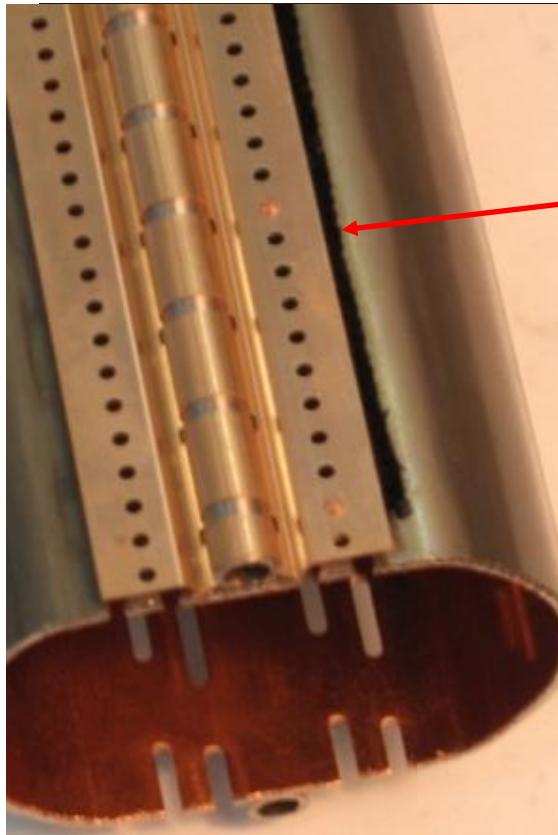


# Cryosorption of beam vacuum at 4.5 K

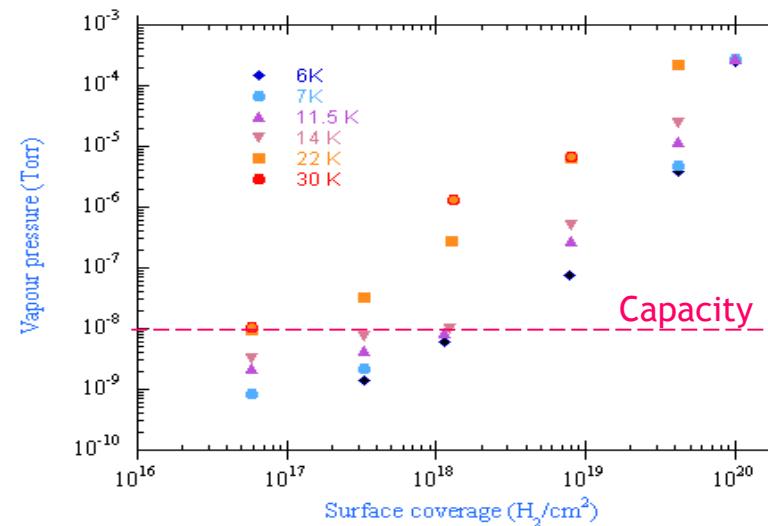




# Cryosorber

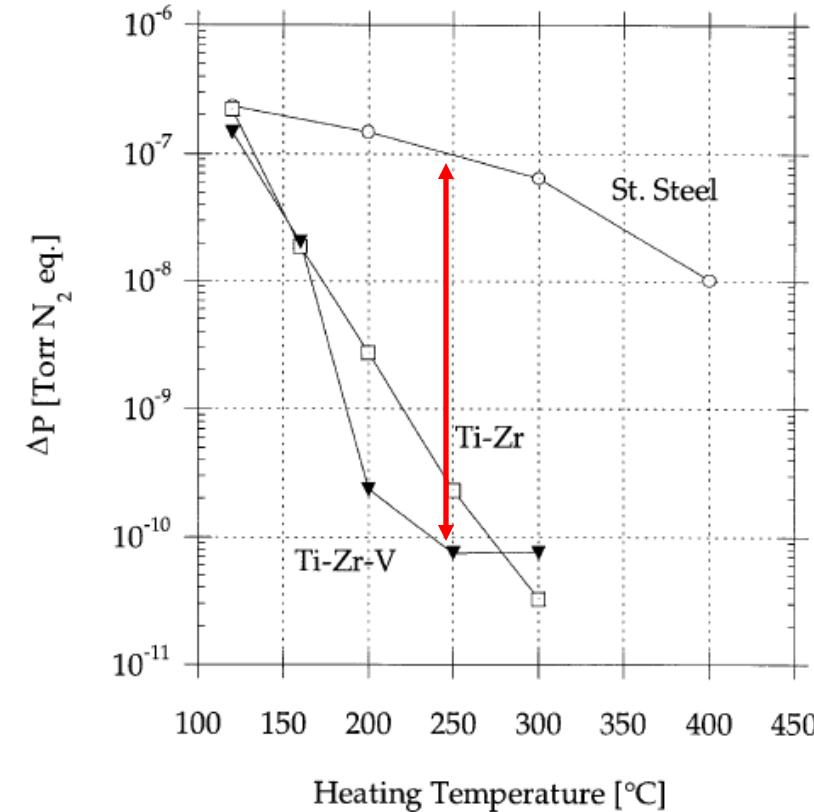


Carbon fiber mesh on the beam screen, to pump hydrogen  
Capacity sufficient for regeneration only during annual shutdown

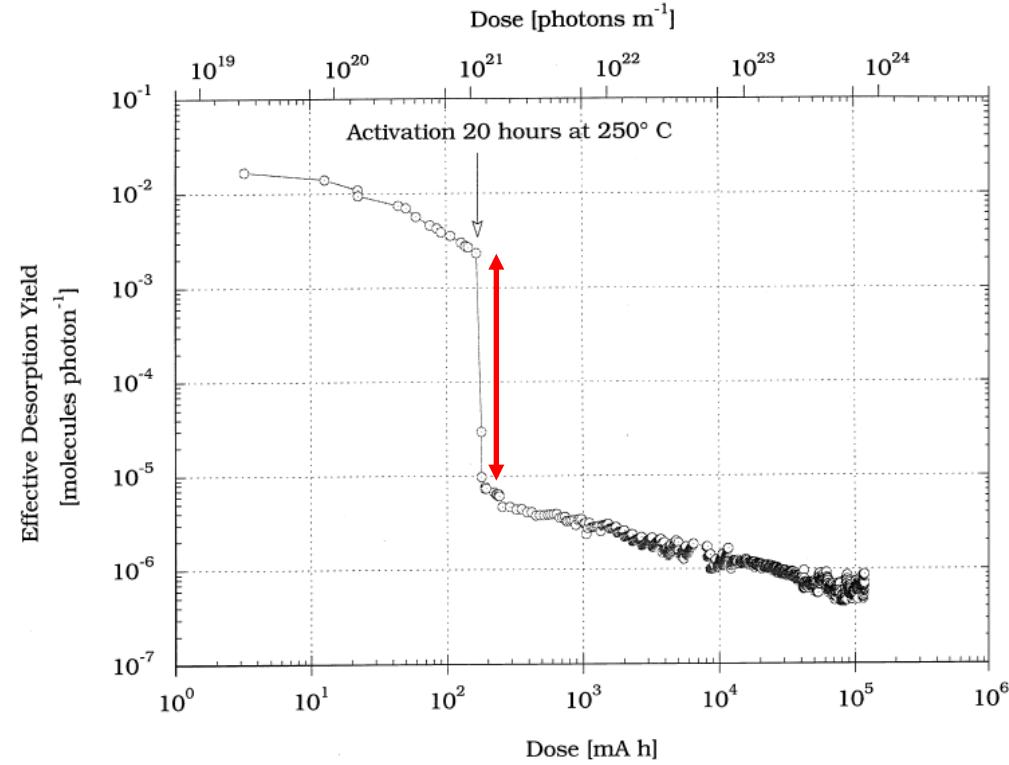


# Non-evaporable getter coated vacuum chambers

## Distributed pumping integrated into beam pipe

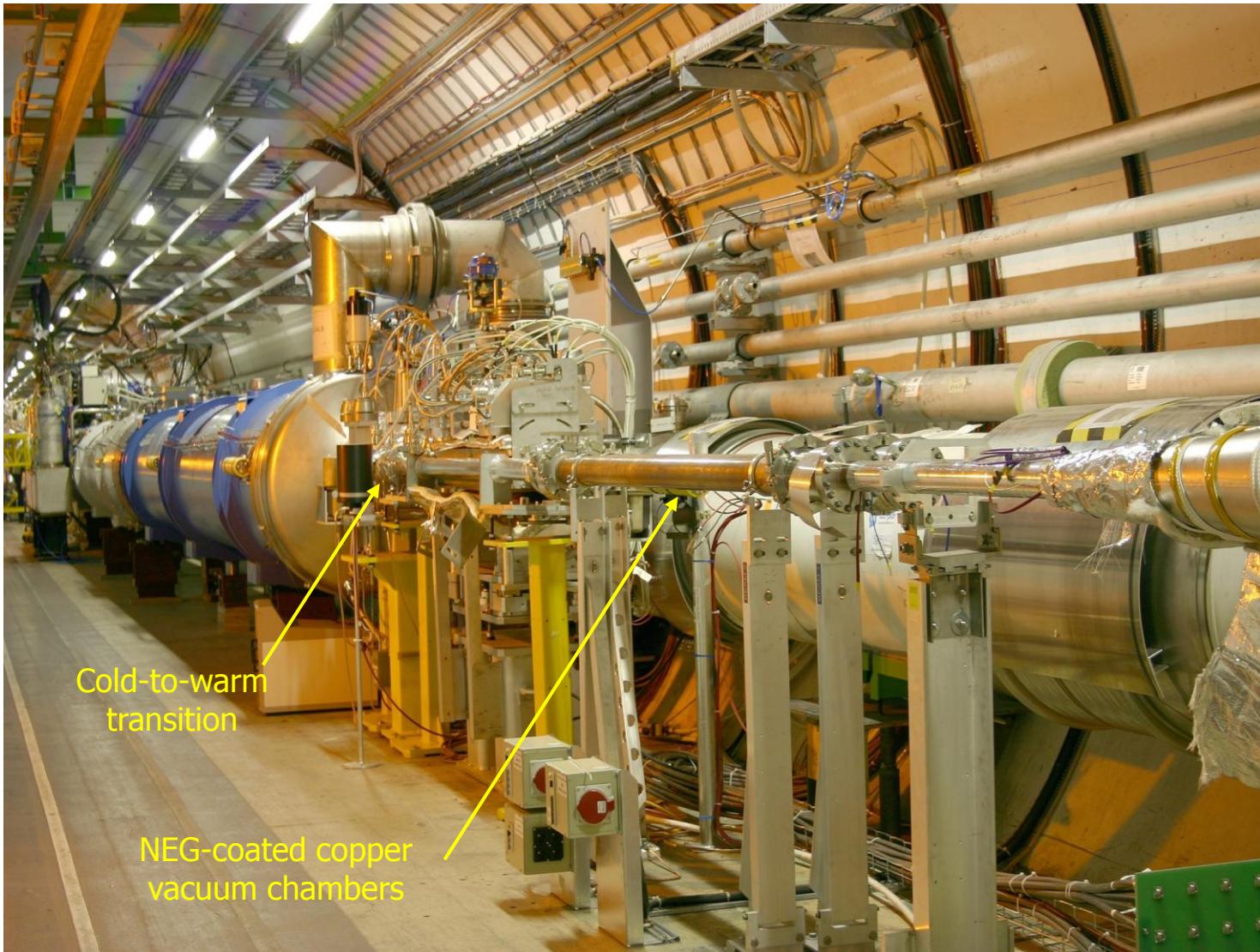


Pressure increase by 500 eV electron bombardment of surface at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , after heating for 2 hours



Effective molecular desorption yield as a function of photon dose, on TiZrV NEG coating of stainless steel chamber

# Beam vacuum in long straight sections





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