



HL-LHC Crab Cavities

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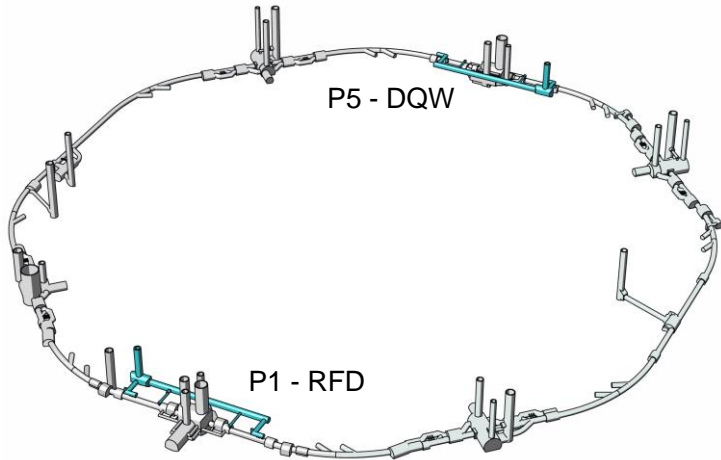
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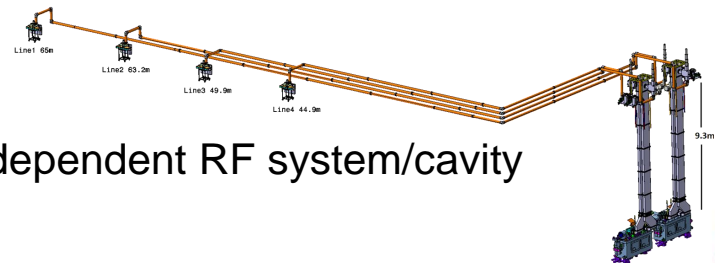
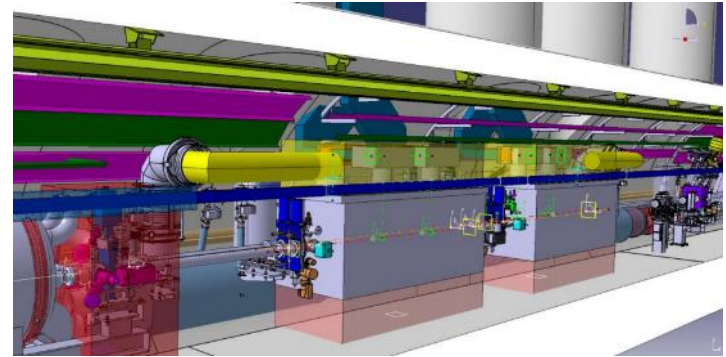
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- 16 Superconducting compact RF deflectors (ATLAS + CMS) to partially compensate the geometric angle of $\sim 600 \mu\text{rad}$ and maximize the luminous region



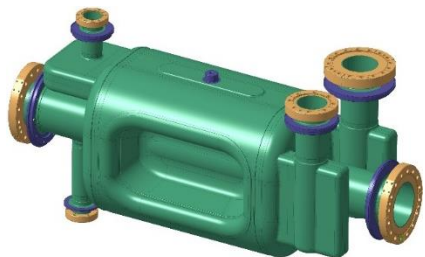
One IP side
(4-cavities)



Independent RF system/cavity

Two Cavity Geometries

RF Dipole (ATLAS)



$$f_0 = 400 \text{ MHz}$$

$$V_T = 3.4 \text{ MV/cavity}$$

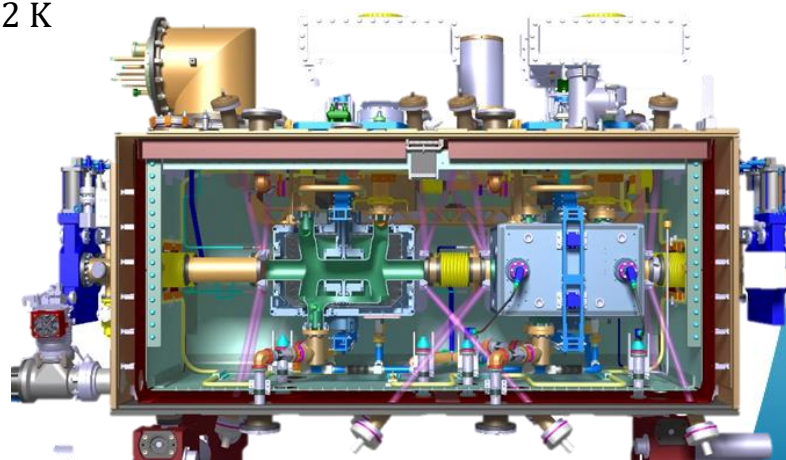
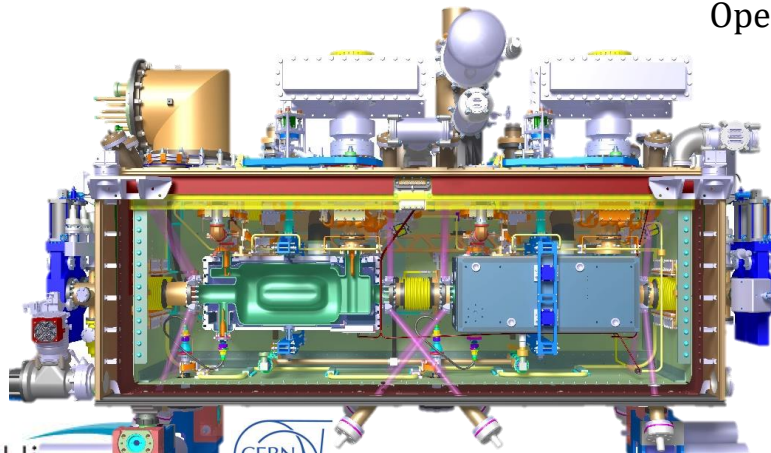
$$(E_p, B_p < 40 \text{ MV/m}, 70 \text{ mT})$$

$$\text{Beam aperture} = 84 \text{ mm}$$

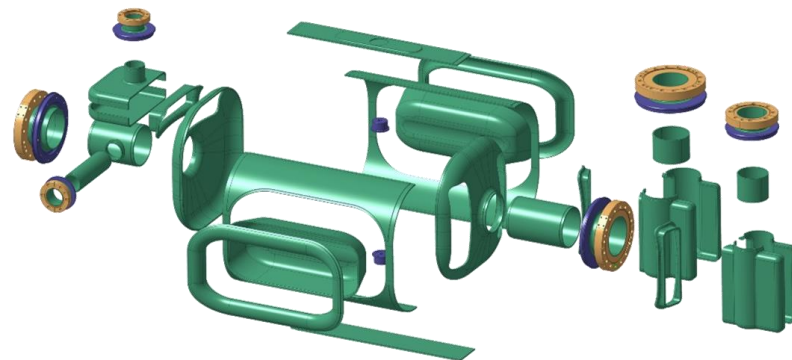
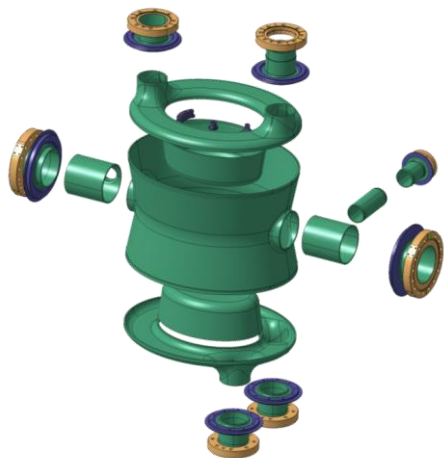
$$\text{RF Power, Max} = 40 \text{ kW-CW}$$

$$\text{Operating Temp} = 2 \text{ K}$$

Double Quarter Wave (CMS)



Cavity Manufacturing challenge



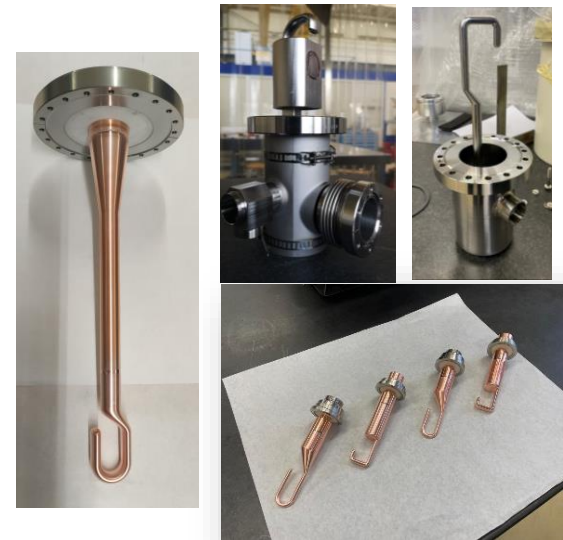
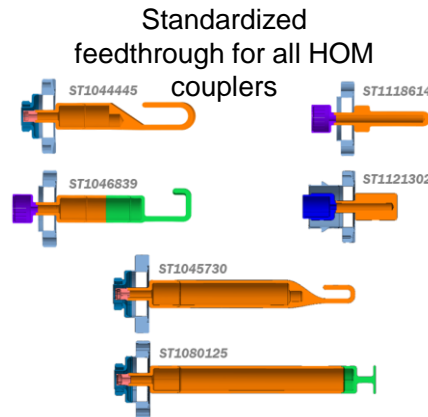
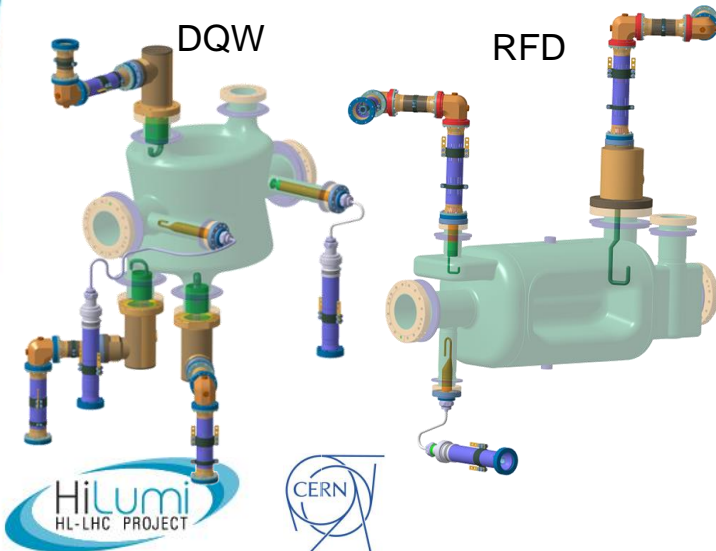
Cavities made of high purity bulk Niobium (superconductor) to sustain surface fields in excess of 50 MV/m & 100 mT

Very complex shaping, welding (30+) & assembly process to reach high final shape



RF Couplers (Input, HOM)

- A 40 kW-CW fundamental power coupler feeds RF power
- 4-HOM couplers in the DQW and 2 HOM couplers in the RFD are used to achieve the strong damping required for HL-LHC

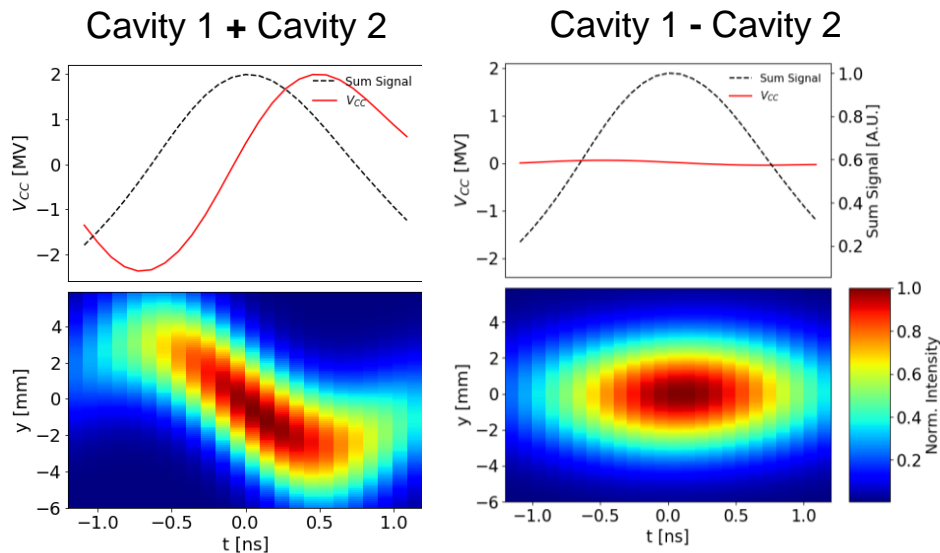


SPS-tests of Crab Cavities

- Purpose: Test one module of each type (DQW & RFD) with protons, pre-requisite before HL-LHC installation
- DQW module was installed in 2018 and 5 yrs of successful operation with several important [experiments & lessons learned](#) which are vital for HL-LHC operation
- De-installation in 2023/24 shutdown to make space for RFD module

SPS tests, DQW Module

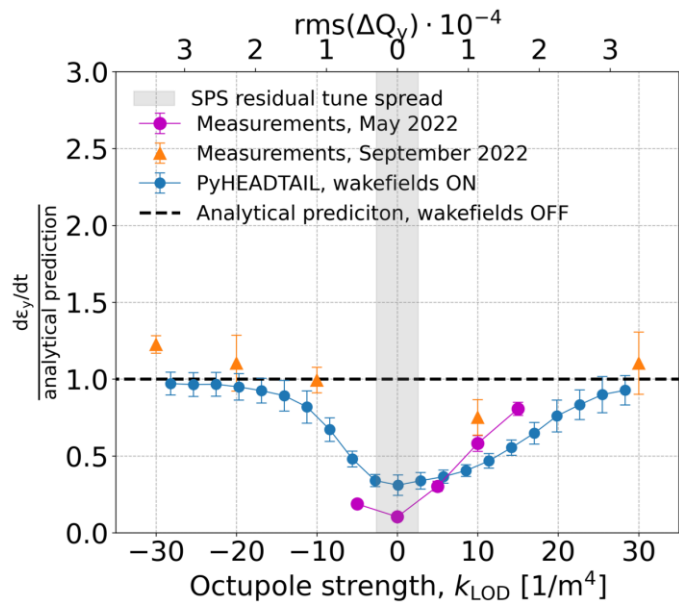
- 2018 installation in a special movable bypass to carry out dedicated experiments with protons



Measurement with head-tail monitor

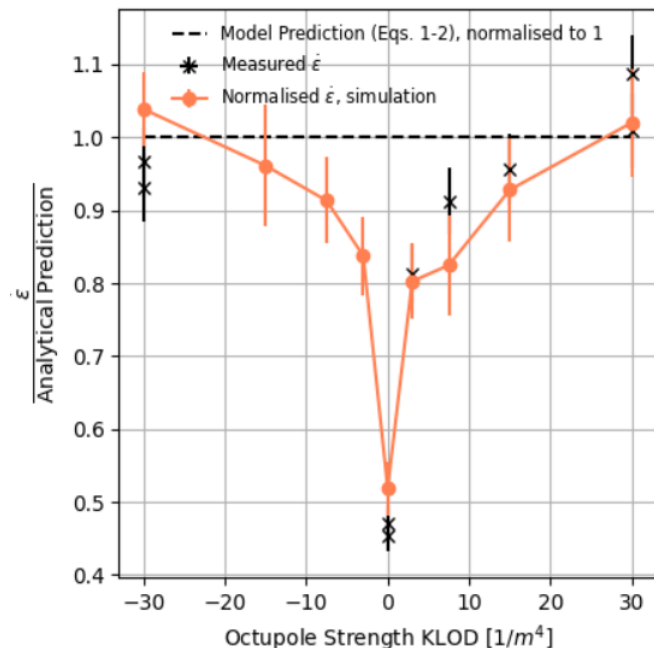
Emittance Growth (Phase & Amplitude Noise)

2022 (RF phase noise)



(N. Triantafyllou, Ph.D. thesis)

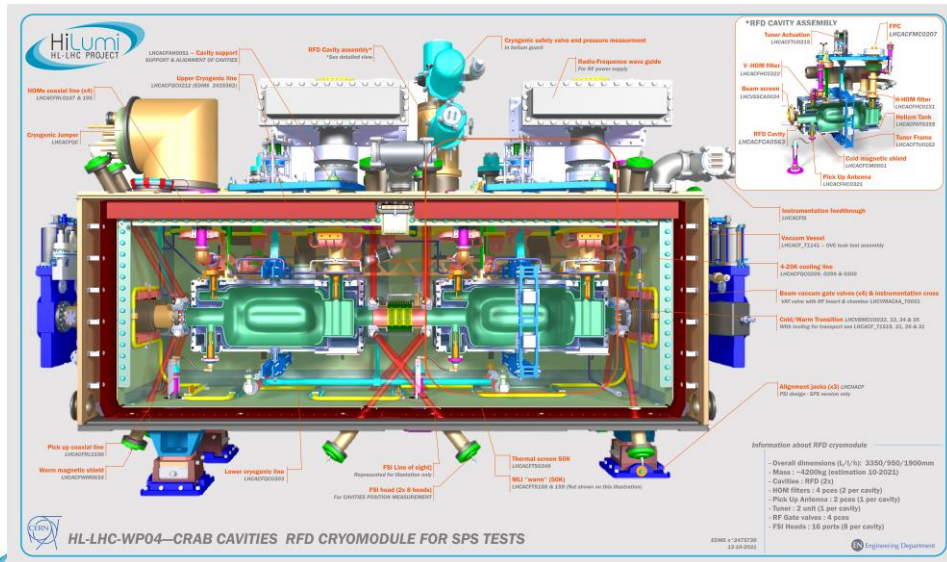
2023 (RF amp noise)



(A. Fornara et al. IPAC 2024)

RF Dipole for SPS-tests

- The second type (RF Dipole) was jointly built by CERN & UK-STFC, completed Oct 2023
- Extensive testing including a repair in two couplers is underway before installation into the SPS this December 2024



Series Production



5 DQW cryomodules (Europe)

- Cavities + processing + helium vessels by Research Instruments (DE) & CERN
- Cold magnetic shields by UK
- HOM couplers + antennas by CERN
- 4 CM by UK (STFC) & 1 CM at CERN with some components from CERN
- All cavities & CM cold validation tests at CERN (and a back up at Uppsala-Sweden)



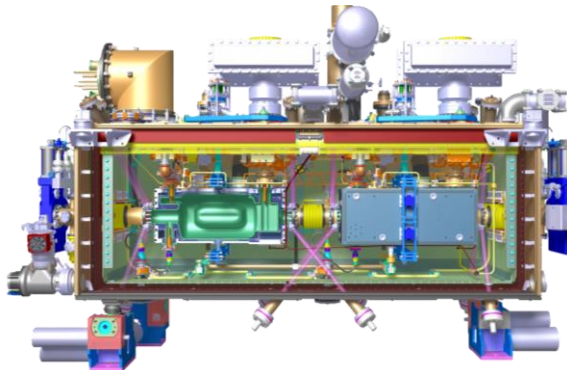
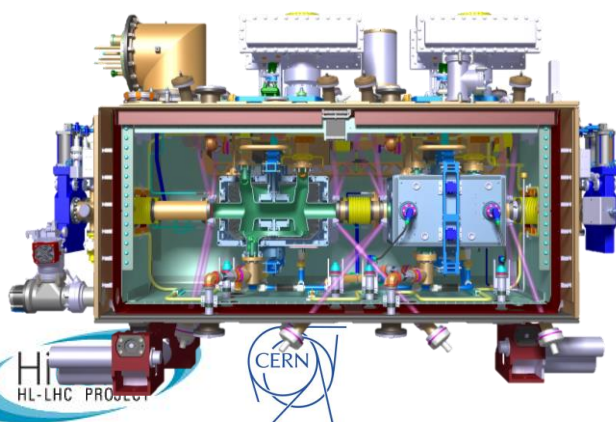
5 RFD cryomodules (North America)

- Jacketed cavities by Zanon (IT) under US-AUP
- Cold magnetic shield + HOM couplers + antennas + cold tests by US-AUP
- 5 CM by TRIUMF-Canada with some components by CERN
- CM cold validation tests at CERN



20 RF Systems (Asia, CERN)

- High power amplifiers (IOT) CERN-KEKB
- High power RF lines, circulators, loads by CERN-KEKB
- LLRF by CERN (μ TCA platform)



DQW Series Cavities

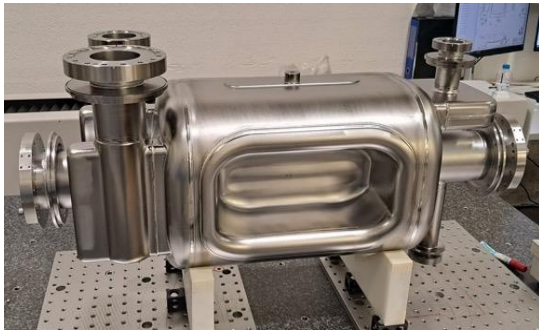
- Series cavities 8 built by industry (Research Instr.) & 2 by CERN
- 4 cavities completed two fully qualified with HOMs, two under final testing
- Remaining six cavities are in final stages of welding and followed up by RF testing
- The cavities once validated are cryostated jointly with UK-STFC under a collaboration agreement

Series DQW cavities



RF Dipole Series Cavities

- RF Dipole series cavities & some RF ancillaries are in-kind contribution from the US under AUP-program
- 2 pre-series cavities completed in industry (Zanon) and being tested, the remaining 8 cavities progressing well
- The cavities once validated are are cryostated in Canada under a collaboration agreement between CERN & TRIUMF (in-kind)



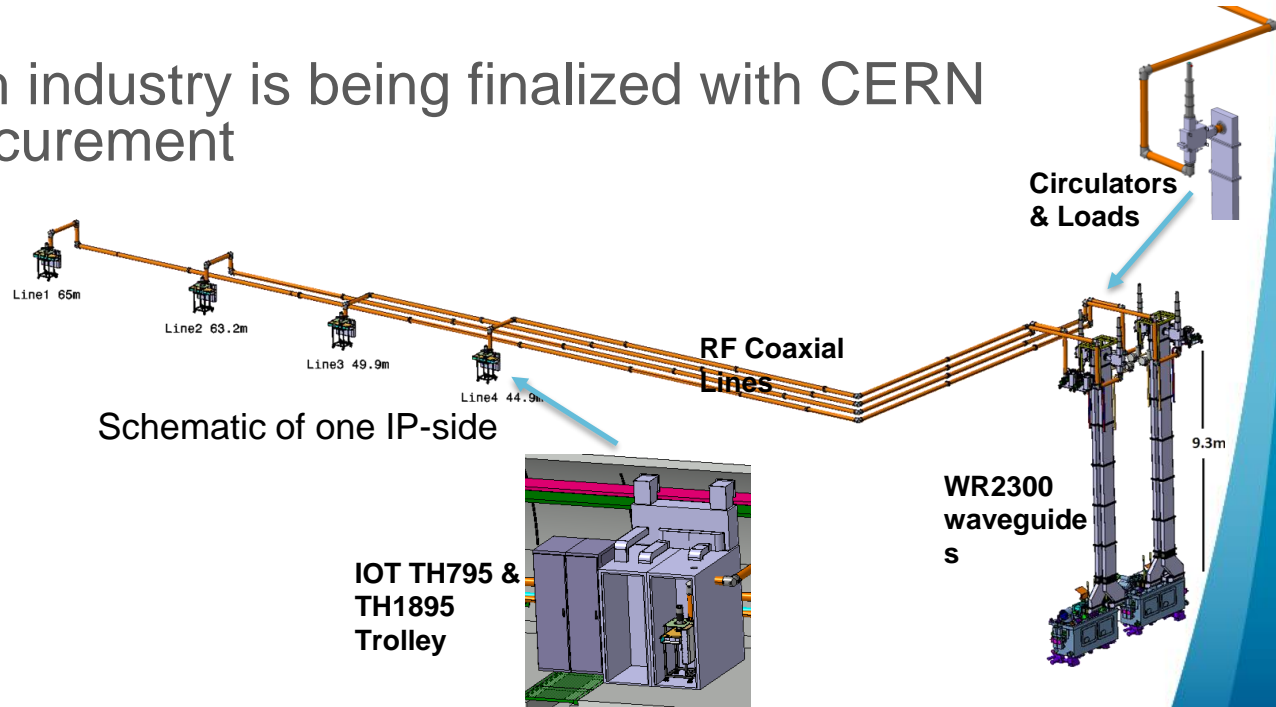
Series cavity sub-assemblies



High Power RF (Amplifiers & Lines)

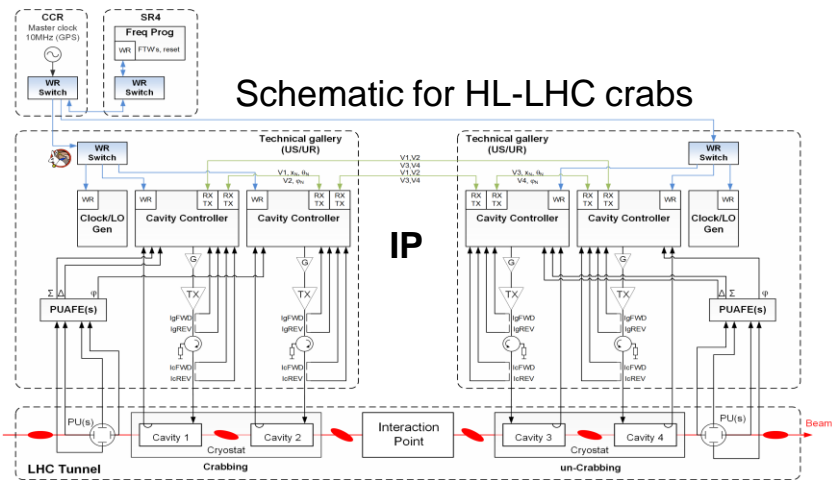
- In 2023, KEK & CERN finalized a proposal for a Japanese in kind contribution for HPRF & RF lines
- The contract with industry is being finalized with CERN following the procurement

60 kW IOT at 400 MHz



Low Level RF developments

- New μ TCA platform (following LIU-SPS upgrade), RF over White-Rabbit (including upgrade of LHC Beam Control)
- Cavity controllers, beam control and interlock systems to designed and produced in house
- 4 Faraday cages & infrastructure (purchased in industry)



White-rabbit RF-train



LLRF MTCA crate



3U Analog front-ends

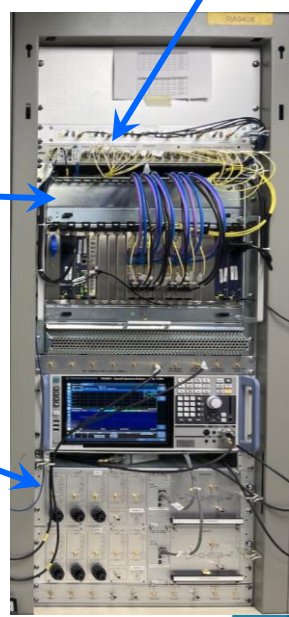


Fig – SPS 200MHz LLRF MicroTCA crate and analog front-end
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Final Comments

- The HL-LHC crab cavity project is a multinational effort which resulted in several key technologies to meet the stringent requirements for HL-LHC
 - The SPS tests with protons helped understand some vital beam physics aspects & how to efficiently operate high field CCs in the CERN accelerator chain
 - Series production for HL-LHC is in full swing and expected to finish in 3 years followed by installation in the interaction regions
- The HL-LHC developments opened the door to very high field deflecting/crab cavities which are now an essential technology for many future accelerators (colliders, light sources, etc..)

Timeline

← High Power RF system not shown →

2018-2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

DQW CM SPS-tests



RFD CM SPS-tests



2 prototype cryomodules
for beam tests (DQW & RFD)

5 DQW + 5 RFD
Series modules

CERN-DQW
series (x2)



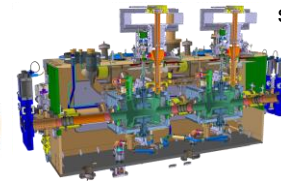
RI-DQW
pre-series (x2)



RI-DQW
series (x6)



UK-CERN DQW CMs
series (4 + 1)



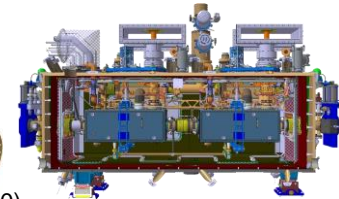
USAUP-RFD
pre-series (2)



USAUP-RFD series (10)

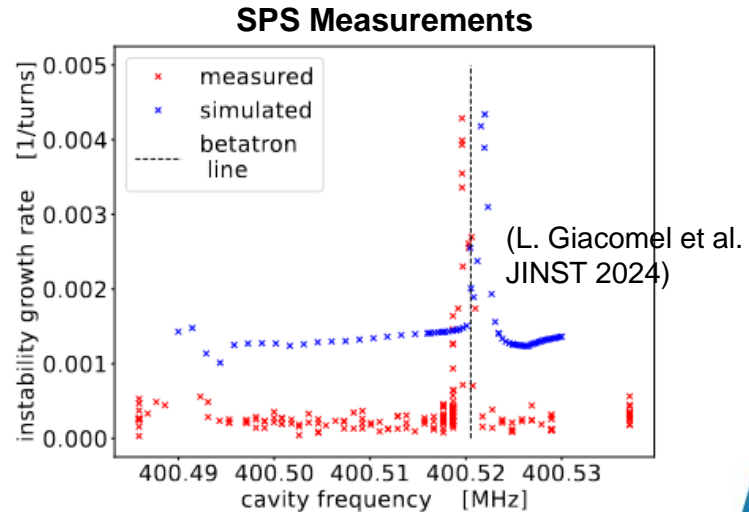
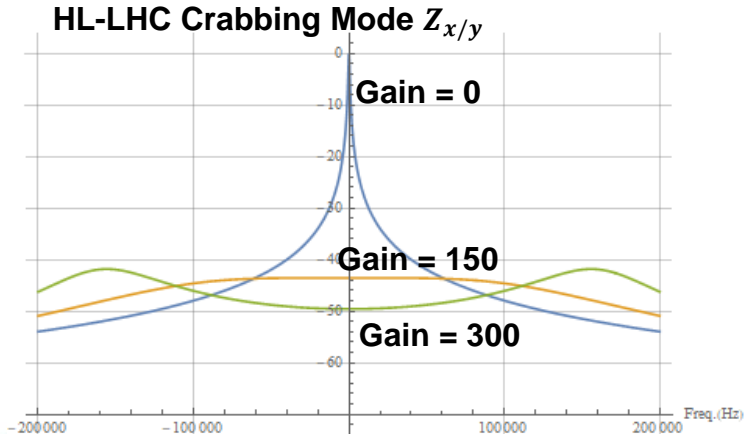


Canada-CERN RFD CMs
series (5)



Impedance & Mitigation

- The large impedance at the fundamental mode and HOMs are a concern for transverse stability
 - To reduce the impedance, a direct RF feedback with a gain of 150 and a β -comb filter to gain an additional x10 will be used
 - Several HOM couplers are used for very strong damping to stay within impedance budget
- Experiments in the SPS were valuable to understand the impact and benchmark projections for HL-LHC



HOM Measurements

- Impedance measurements at 2K on the cryomodule to confirm to be within specification
- Measurements are cross checked at different stages between vertical tests & after cryostating w.r.t the specified impedance budget from beam dynamics requirements

