



First Year of Operation of the MKI-Cool

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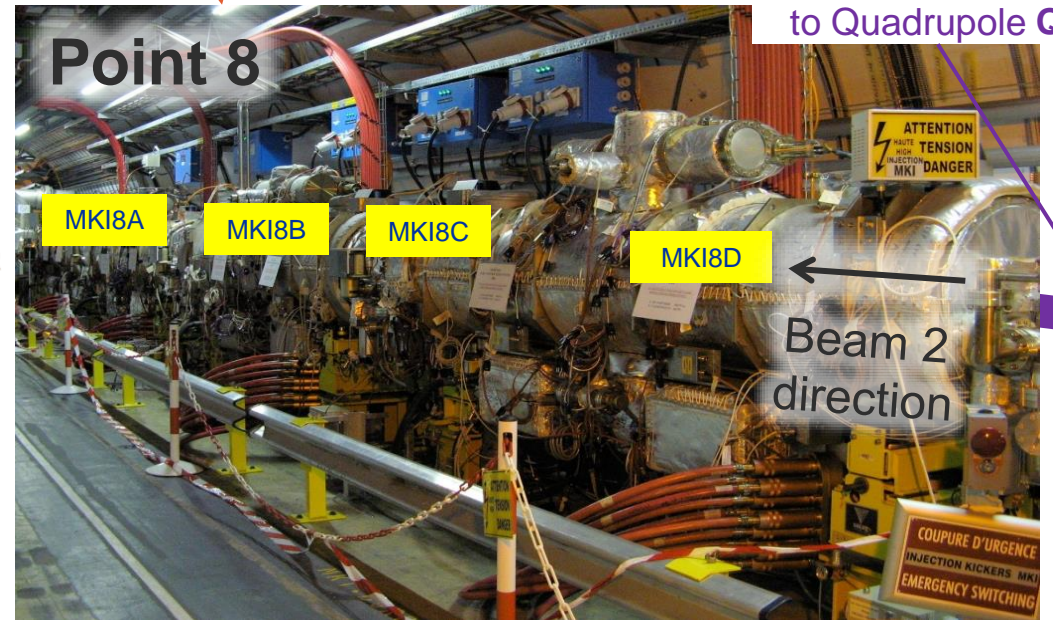
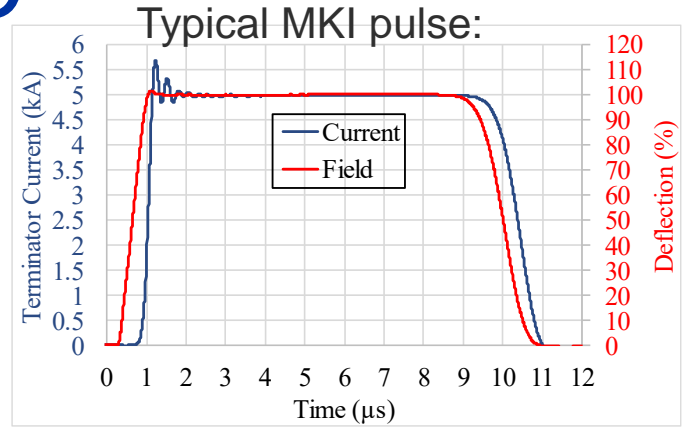
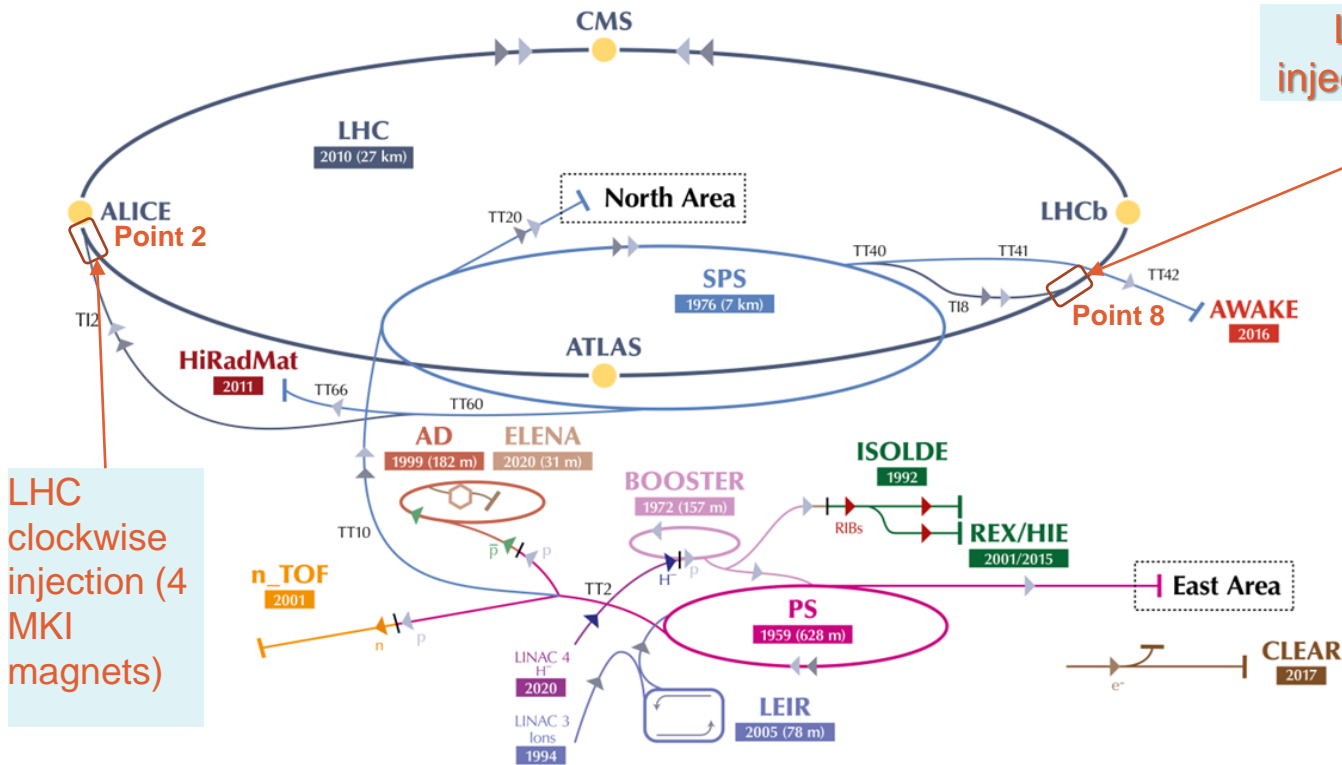
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Context

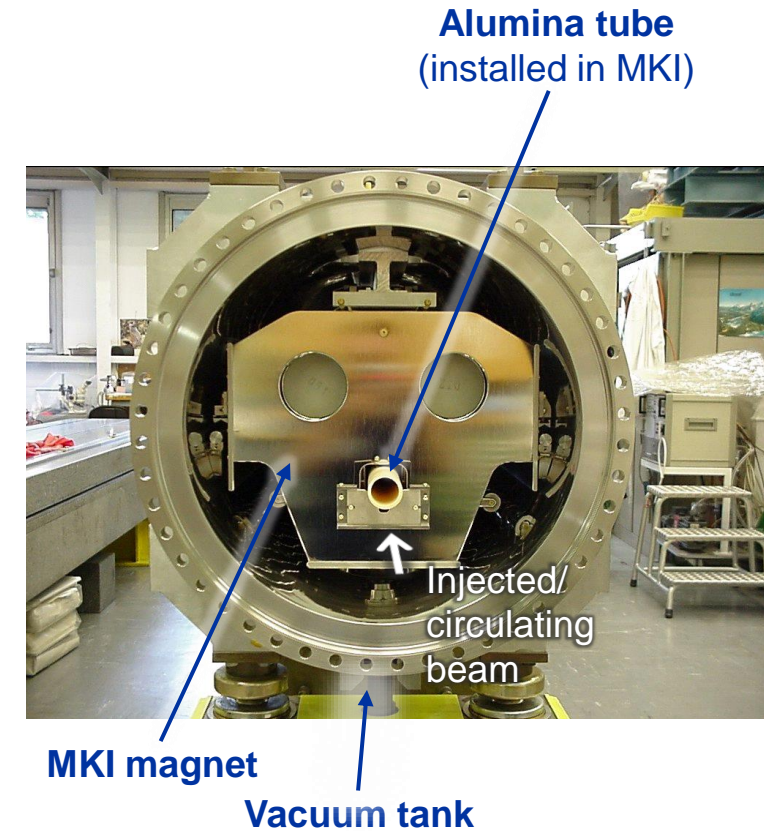
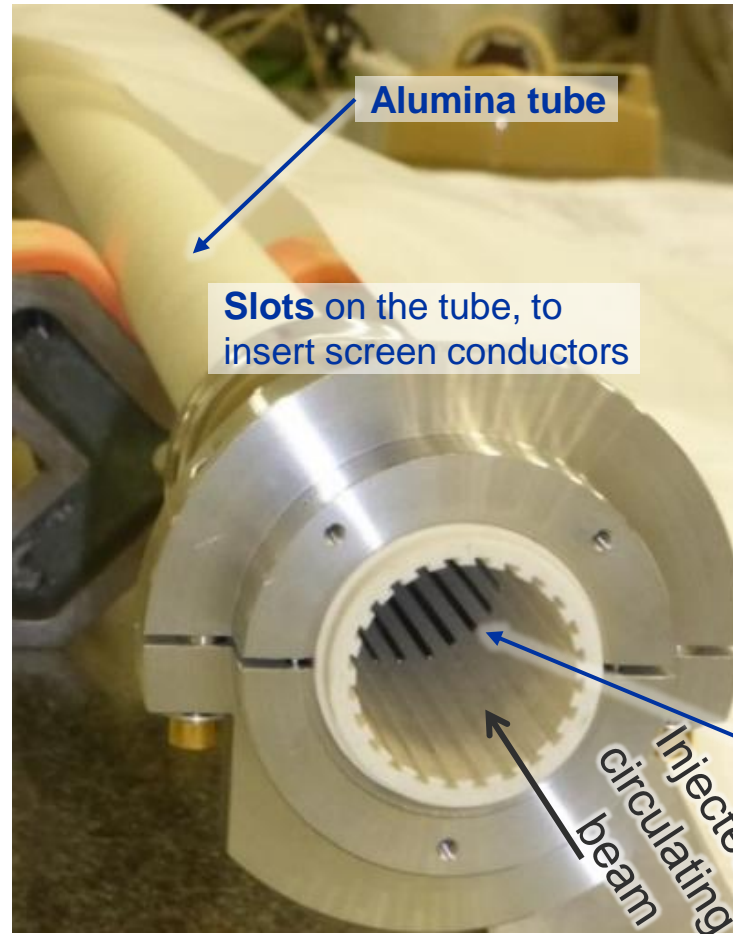
MKI: Injector kicker magnets for the LHC



Context

Screen conductors inside MKI

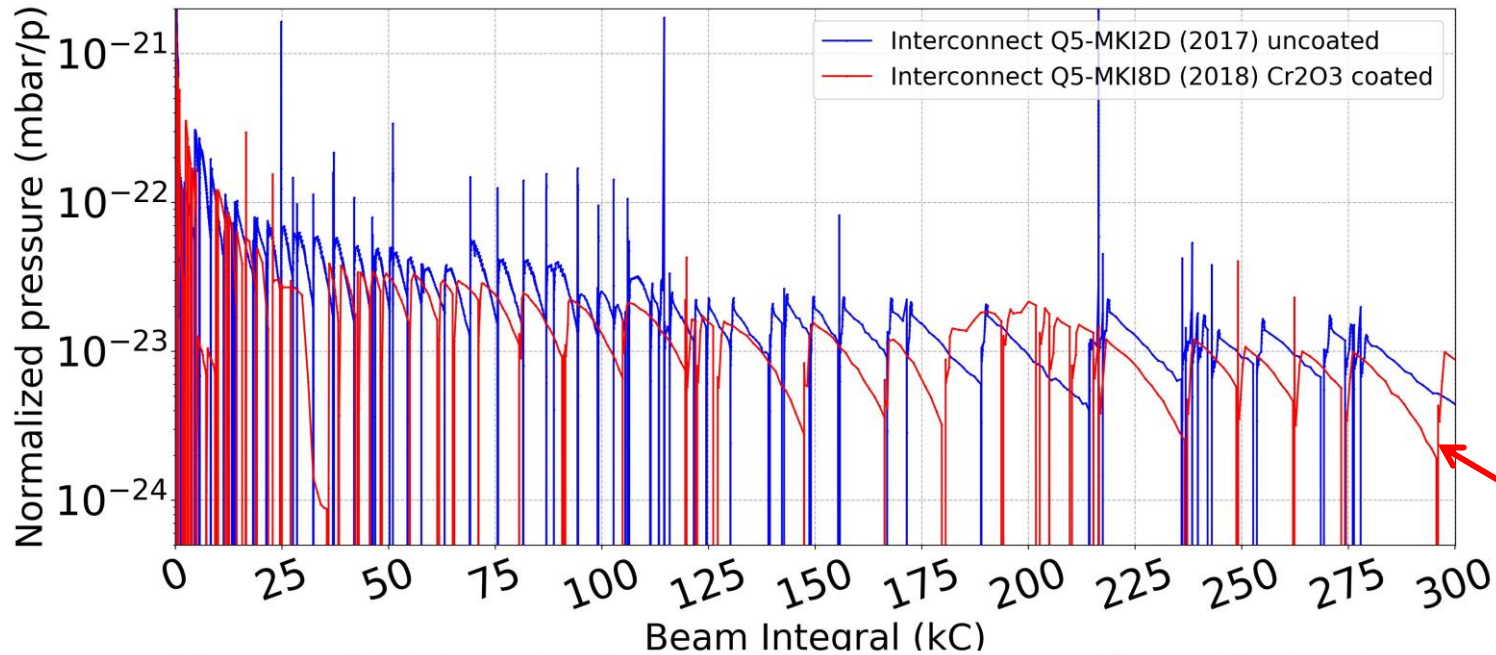
- Screen conductors **carry image current of circulating beam**
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- **Reduce** beam induced heating
- Conductors are **supported** and electrically insulated **by alumina tube** (high SEY)
- 2017-18 YETS upgrade of MKI8D: alumina **tube coated on the inside with Cr_2O_3** :
 - has a low Secondary Electron Yield (SEY)
 - does not produce dust in the vacuum system
 - is beneficial for high voltage issues



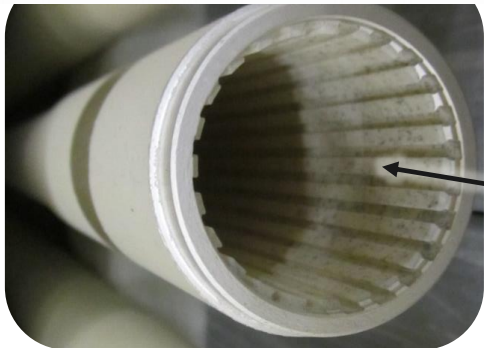
24 screen conductors
(one each 15 degrees, since LS1)

Context

Cr₂O₃ coating of MKI8D alumina tube, installed during YETS 2017/18



- **Before installation:**
Pressure in **Q5-MKI8D** vacuum interconnect was a factor of ~3 (2012, 2015 and 2017) to ~12 (2016) higher than that of **Q5-MKI2D** [first MKI2 to see beam]
- **After installation:**
The factor of 3-12 is not observed anymore in **Q5-MKI8D**. No other vacuum modifications were done: pressure reduction is attributed to **Cr₂O₃ coating** 👍

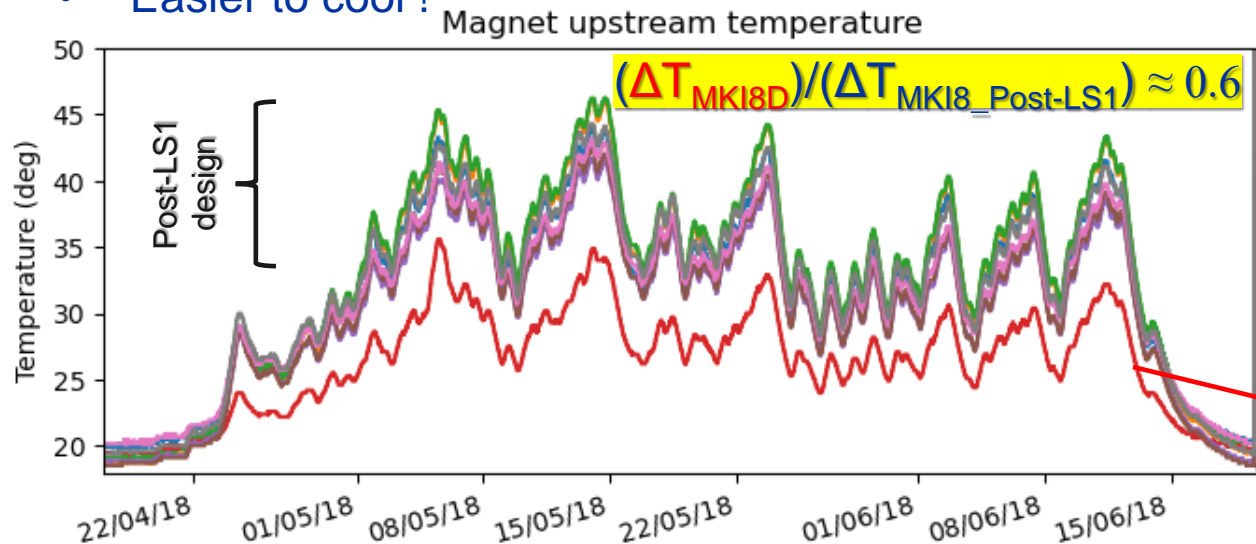
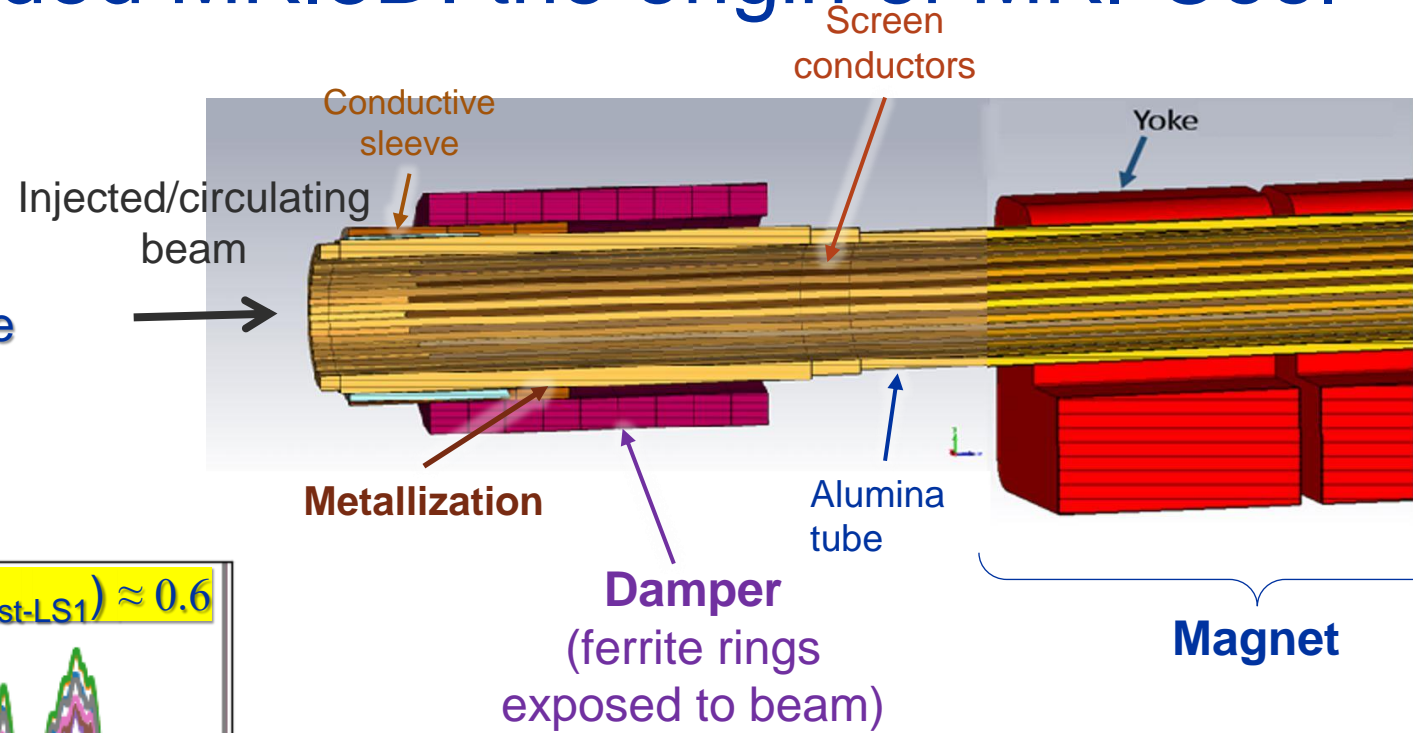


Alumina tube with Cr₂O₃ coating on the inside

Context

Damping element of upgraded MKI8D: the origin of MKI-Cool

- Redesigned **metallization** and **ferrite rings (damper)**, on the alumina tube outside of the magnet aperture
 - Reduces beam induced power deposition and re-locates it from the ferrite yoke to the damper
- Damper is not at pulsed high voltage
 - Easier to cool !

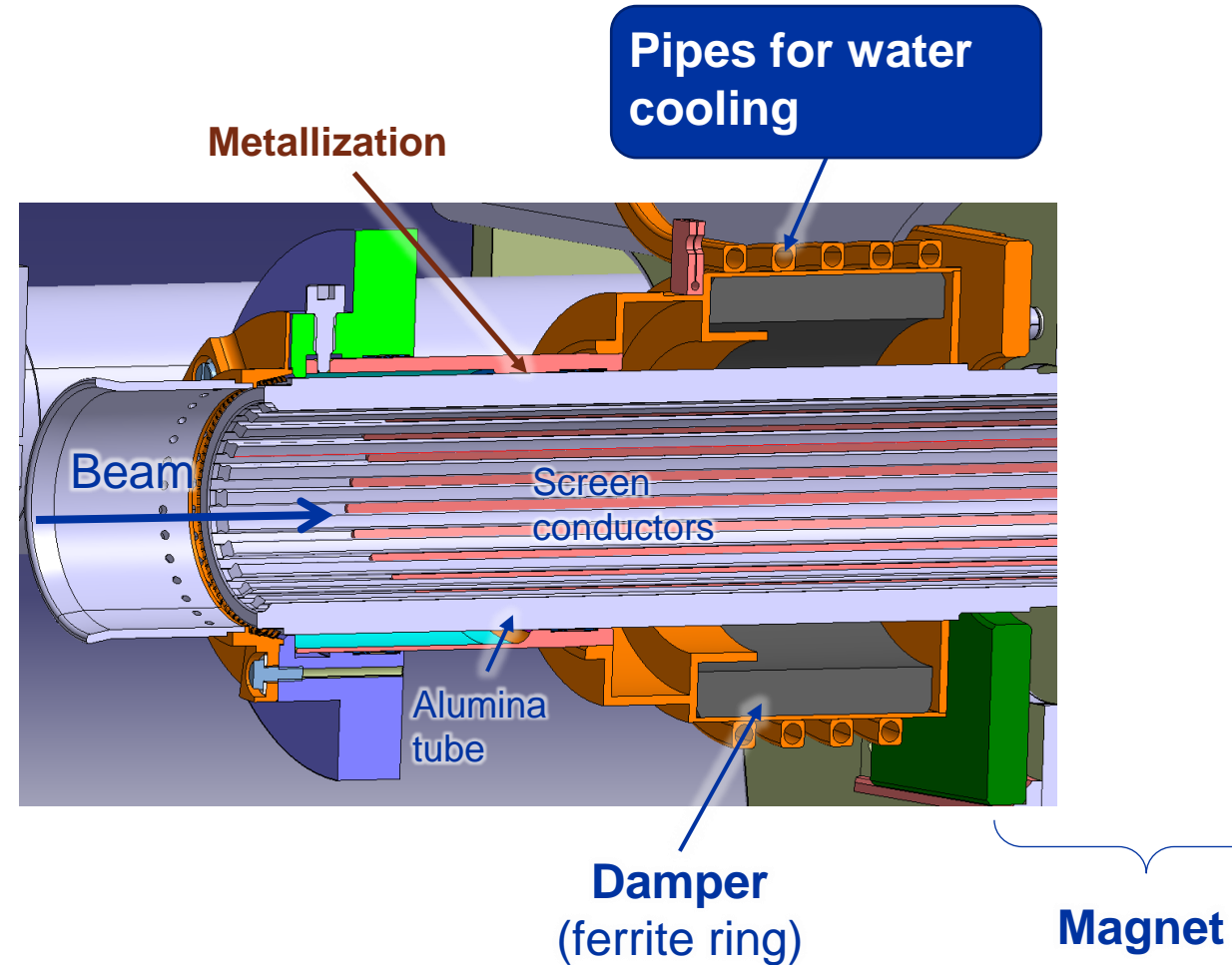


Upgraded MKI8D: lower heating of ferrite yoke

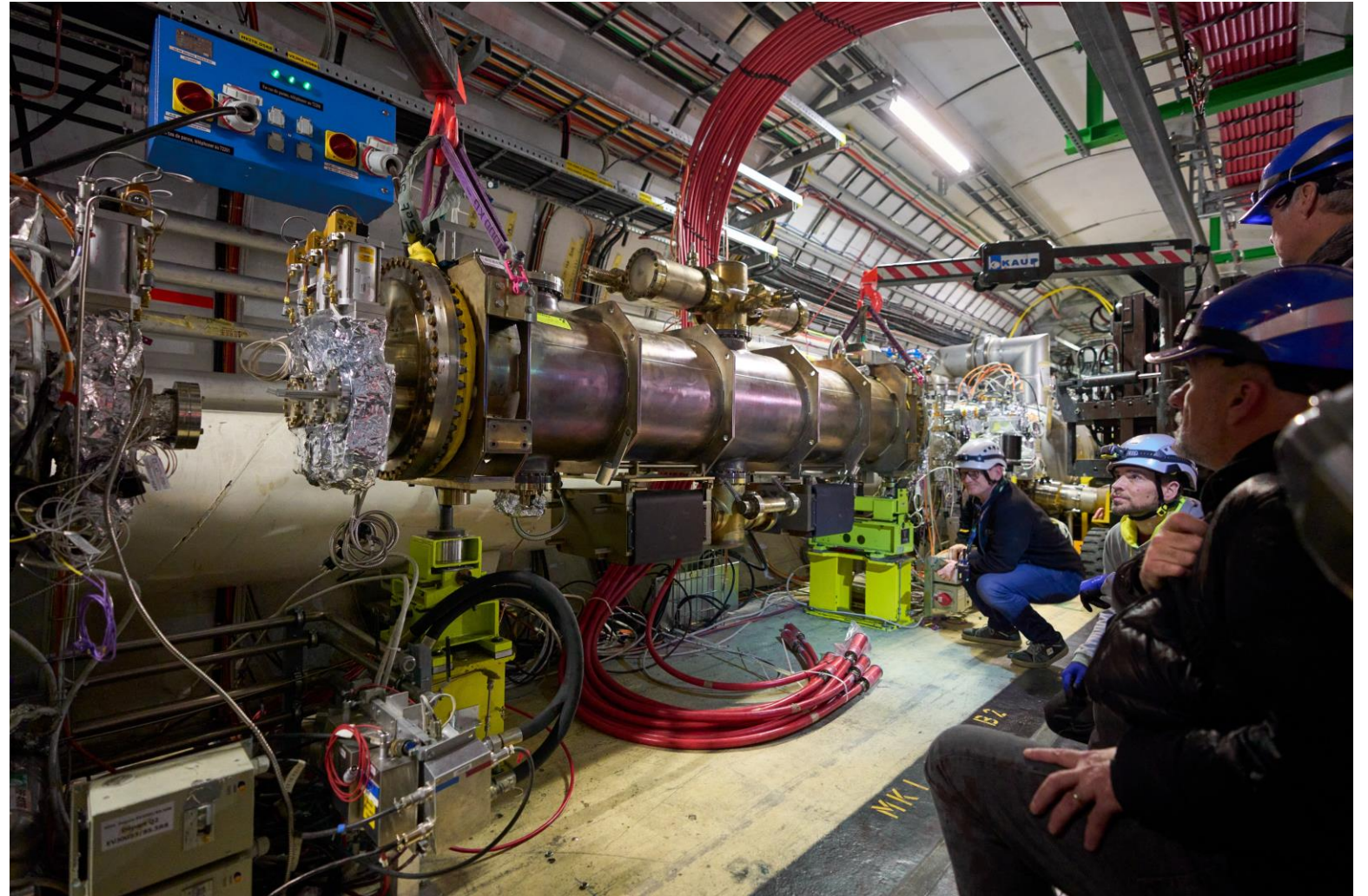
Context

MKI-Cool = damping element + water cooling

- Redesigned **metallization** and **ferrite rings (damper)** reduces beam induced power and re-locates it from ferrite yoke to damper
- BUT, with **HL-LHC beam**, an **uncooled RF damper** would reach its **Curie temperature**, and thus would no longer re-locate losses from the ferrite yoke → yoke temperature would increase
- **MKI-Cool**: water cooling of the RF damper to remove heat



First MKI-Cool: installed in LHC during YETS 2022/23

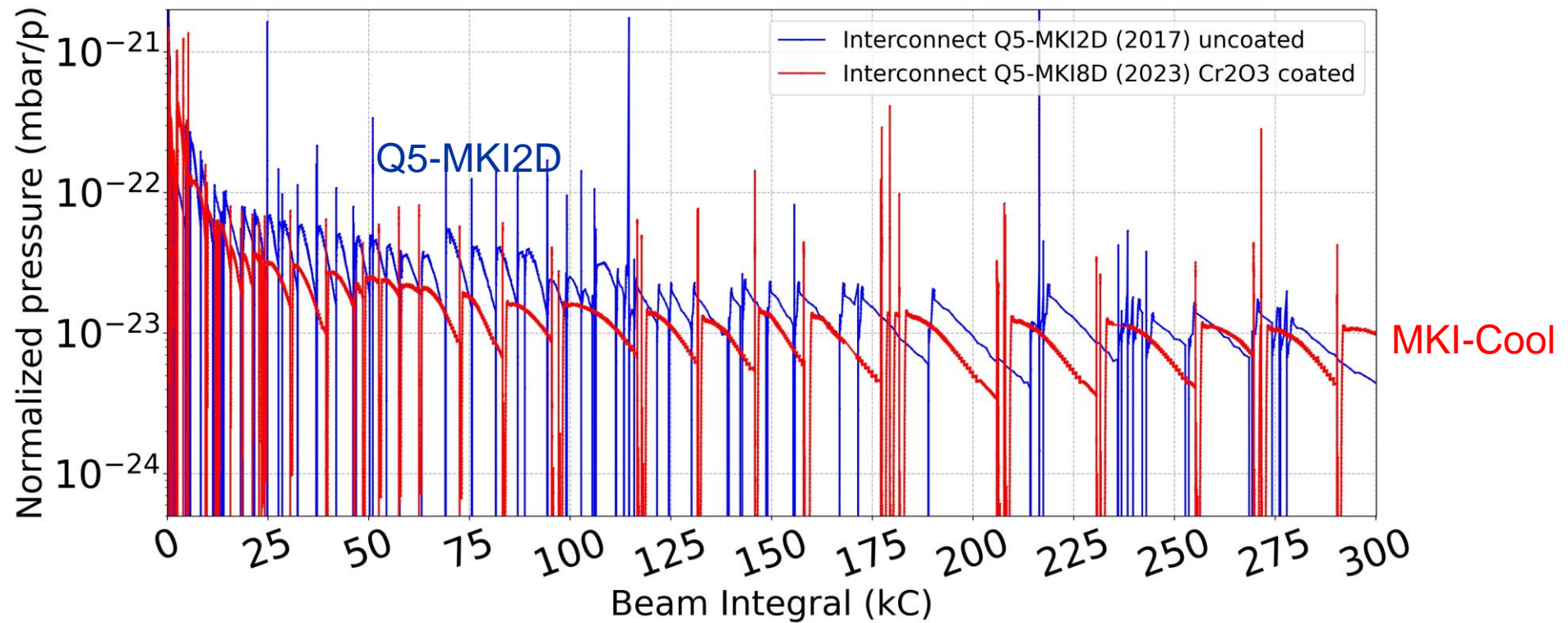


MKI-Cool installed at location MKI8D (exchanged for, prototype, upgraded MKI8D)

MKI-Cool operation in LHC during 2023 - Vacuum

Dynamic pressure:

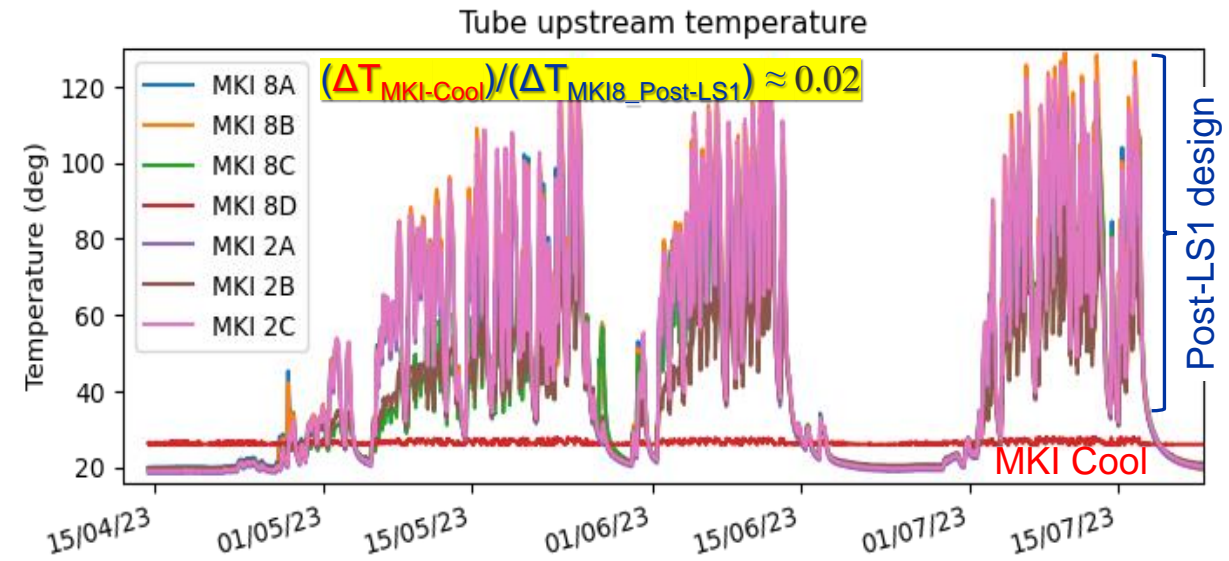
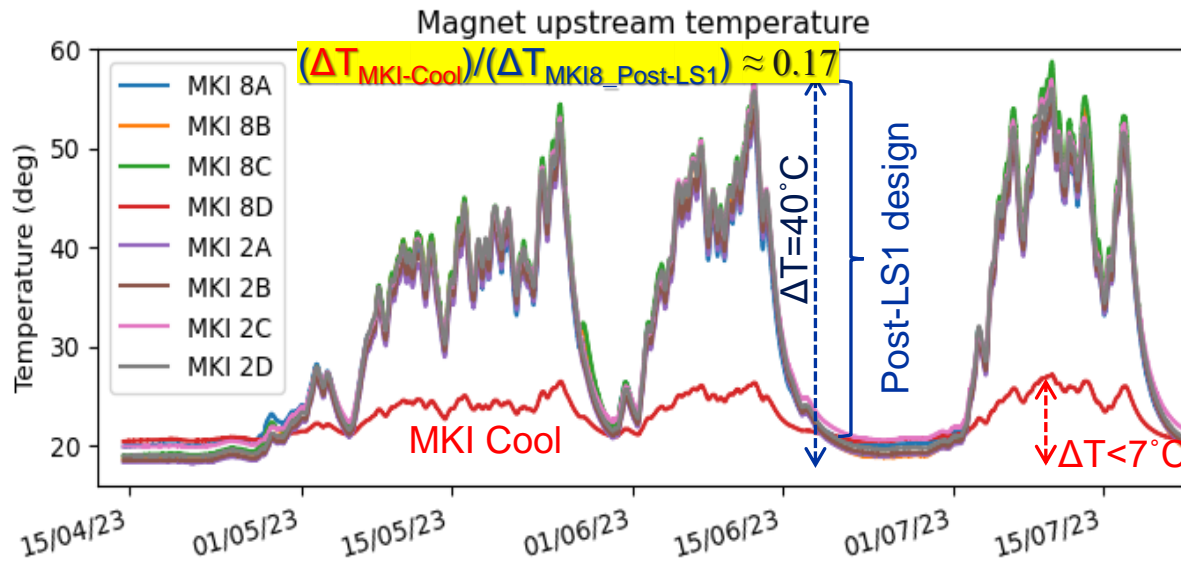
- Cr_2O_3 coated tube of MKI-Cool exhibited rapid conditioning with beam 👍



As per upgraded MKI8D installed during YETS 2017/18:

- pressure reduction attributed to Cr_2O_3 coating, of alumina tube, also seen for MKI-Cool 👍

MKI-Cool operation in LHC during 2023 - Temperature

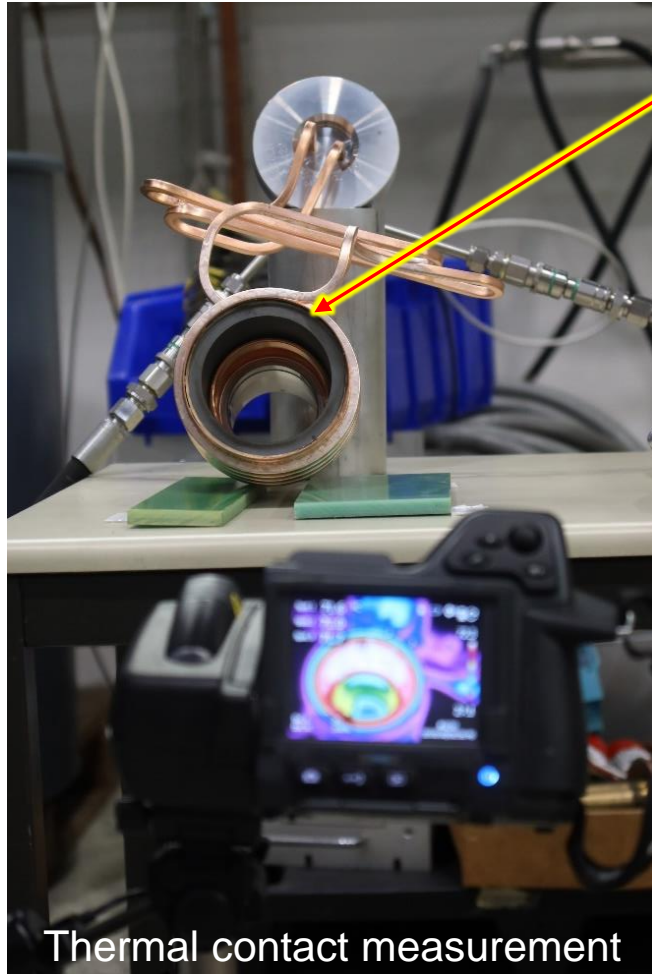


MKI-Cool shows significant reduction in measured temperatures 👍

- Magnet upstream measured temperature rise of MKI-Cool < 20% of post-LS1 designs
- Tube upstream measured temperature rise of MKI-Cool < 2% of post-LS1 designs

For HL-LHC ultimate beam parameters, expected beam induced power will be a factor of <5 greater than for above: no heating issues expected for the MKI-Cool.

MKI-Cool RF Damper

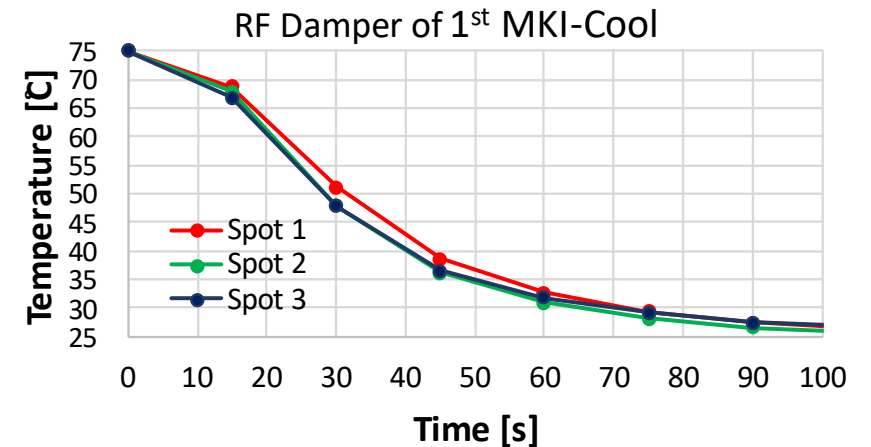
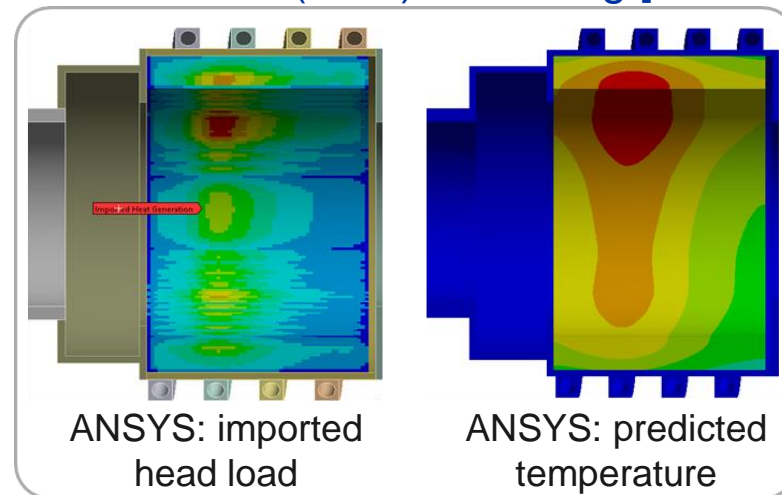


Good thermal contact of interface between ferrite and copper cylinder & cooling circuits is essential to:

- Limit maximum temperature of ferrite
- Limit mechanical stress in ferrite

Hence, ferrite and copper cylinder are vacuum brazed.

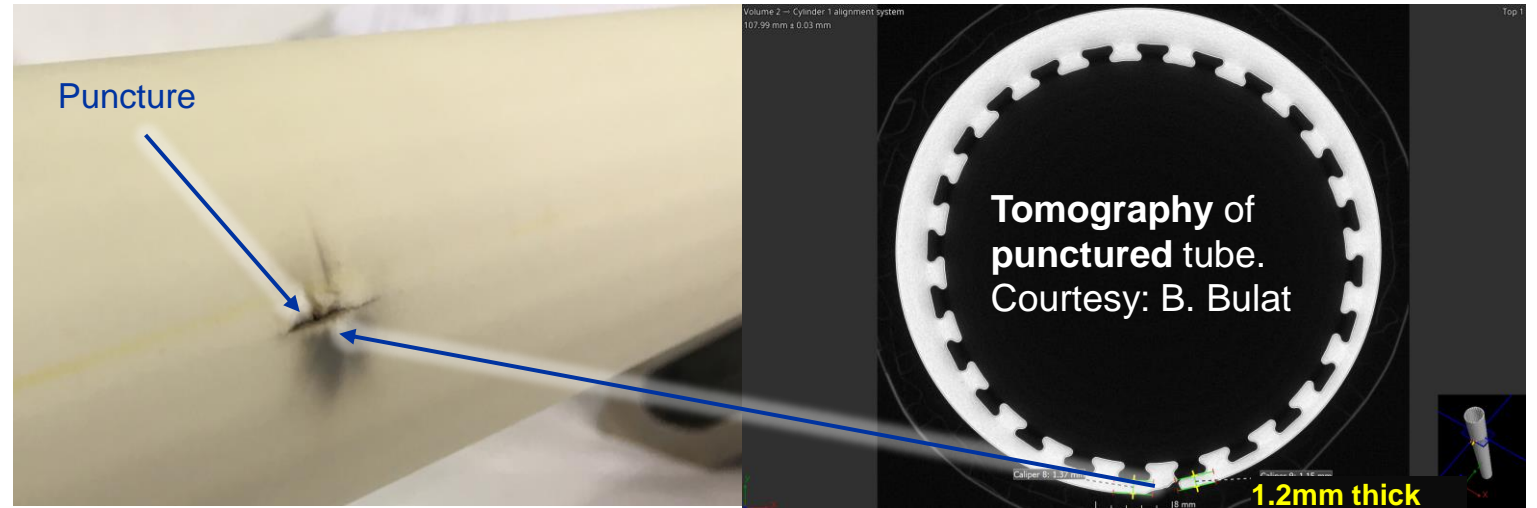
Transient thermal measurements carried out to determine Thermal Contact Conductance (TCC) of brazing [**TCC** required: $\geq 1000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$]:



- 1st MKI-Cool RF damper: Tcc ~3000 👍
- Original prototype RF damper: Tcc ~1100 (to be used in 2nd MKI-Cool) 👍
- Recent production of RF dampers: Tcc ~400 🗨️
- **Studies ongoing to rectify brazing issues @ CERN. Also, discussions with industry**

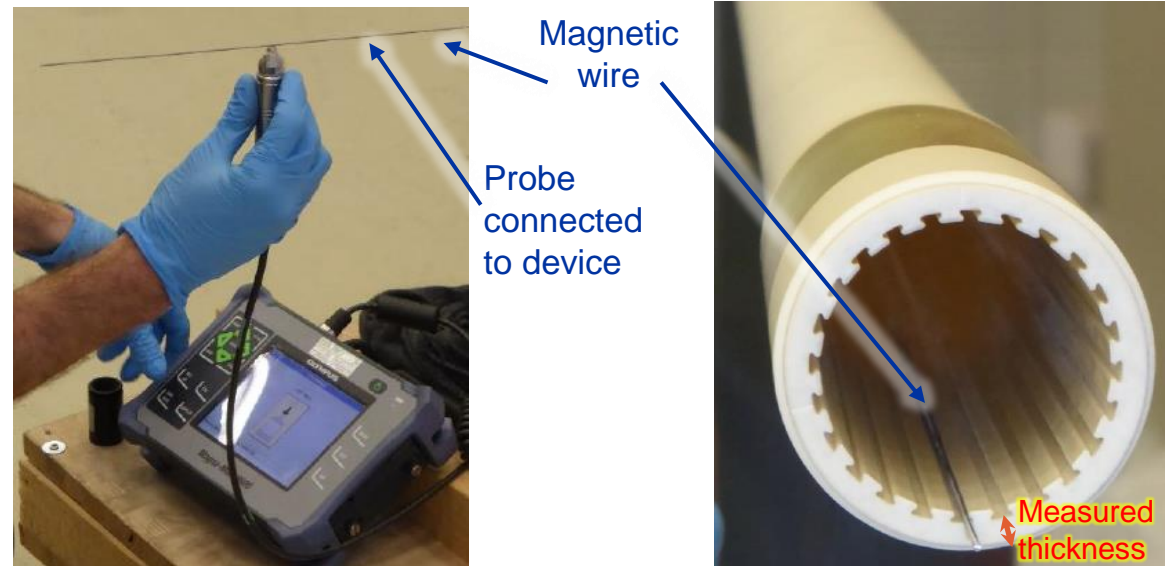
MKI-Cool Alumina Tubes

One of the batch of alumina tubes, ordered during **2017**, punctured during HV pulse condition of MKI, due to a thin wall 🗨️. Also, an issue with slots being too wide 🗨️.



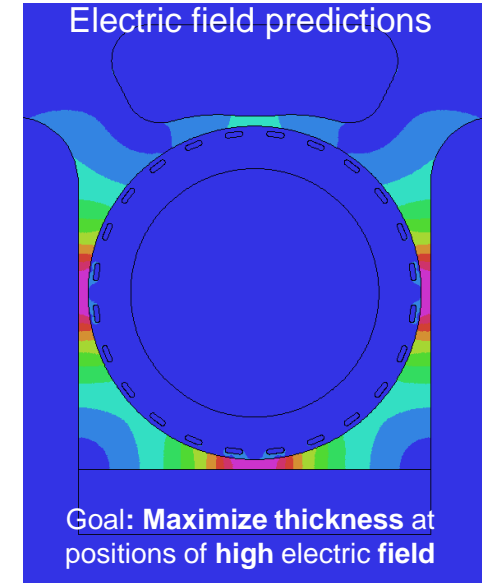
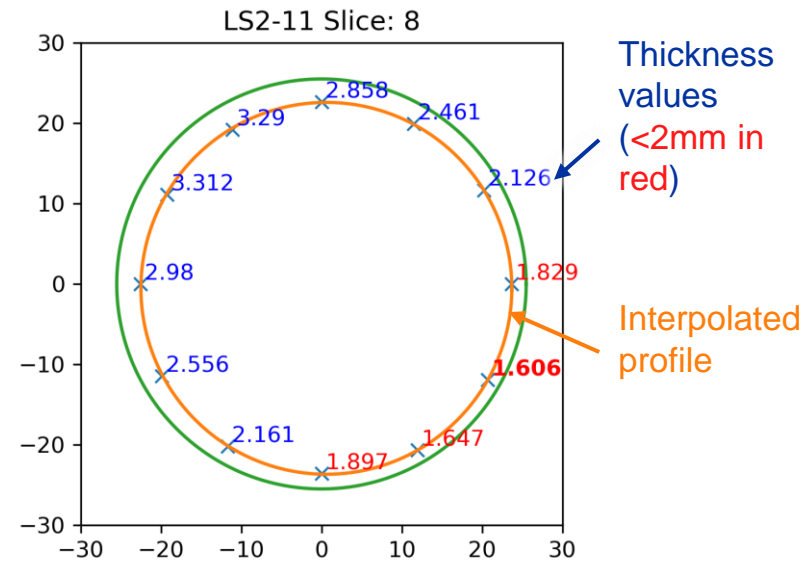
Technique developed to measure the wall thickness of alumina tubes

- Complete batch of 2017 tubes measured, using a magnetic gauge:
 - Discussions with tube manufacturer re increasing minimum wall thickness, while staying within specified geometric envelope (i.e. ensuring better concentricity of tubes)



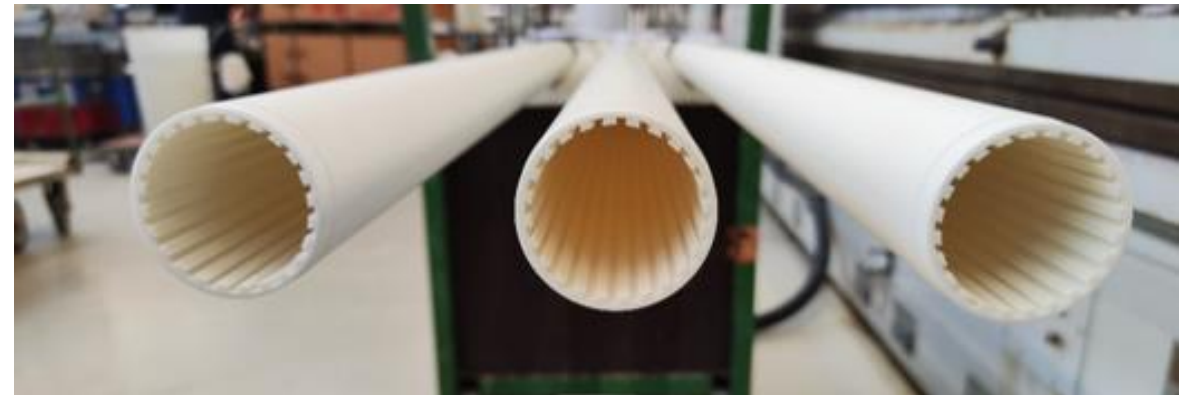
MKI-Cool Alumina Tubes

Python programme developed, to display the **wall thickness** of the alumina tubes **and optimize the angular orientation** of the tube in the MKI Cool (to minimize electric stress):



R&D has been carried out, by the manufacturer of the alumina tubes, to understand and overcome the previous production issues:

- Three tubes successfully manufactured 👍 are being shipped to CERN
- Detailed QA, including wall thickness measurements, to be performed at CERN prior to acceptance of tubes
- If R&D tubes are of good quality, order for series of tubes to be placed



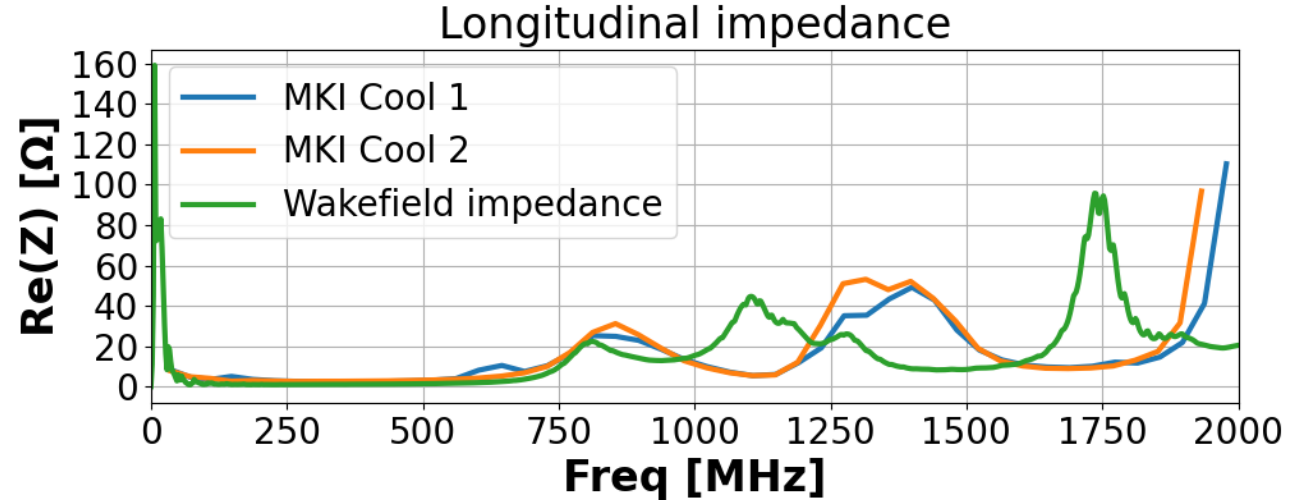
MKI-Cool Provisional Planning

1 MKI cool (#1) ✓	1 MKI cool (#2)	2 MKI cools	2 MKI cools	2 MKI Cools	4 Spare MKI Cools
YETS 22/23	YETS 23/24	YETS 24/25	Start of LS3	During LS3	During LS3
Point 8	Point 8	Point 8	Point 2	Point 2	

Note: planning could be constrained by available resources (HR and cleanroom).

MKI Cool #2:

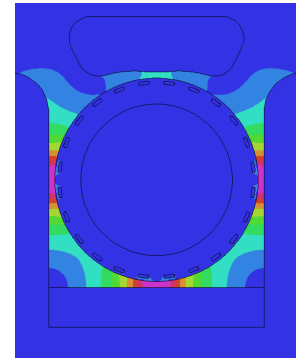
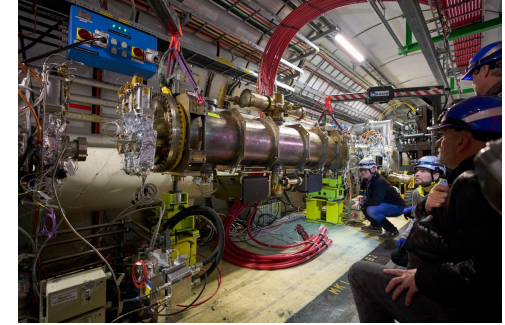
- Prototype MKI Cool RF damper used
- Cr₂O₃ coated tube recovered from upgraded MKI8D (removed from LHC during YETS 22/23)
- Longitudinal impedance measurements carried out:
 - Very similar impedance to MKI-Cool #1 👍



- MKI-Cool #2 presently undergoing oven bakeout
- Installation of MKI Cool, at position MKI8C, scheduled from 24/1/2024

Conclusions

- First **MKI-Cool**, with water cooled RF damper, **installed** during YETS 2022/23:
 - Cr2O3 coating of alumina tube conditioned rapidly with beam 👍
 - Temperature rise, due to beam induced heating of yoke, is < 20% of other MKIs 👍
 - For HL-LHC ultimate beam parameters, no heating issues expected for the MKI-Cool 👍
- **Issues with brazing ferrite to copper** cylinder (bad thermal contact), for series of RF dampers:
 - Under investigation with CERN MME
 - Possibilities under discussion with industry
- **R&D carried out, by the manufacturer of the alumina tubes, to understand and overcome the production issues:**
 - Three tubes successfully manufactured and are being shipped to CERN 👍
 - Detailed QA, including wall thickness measurements, to be performed at CERN prior to acceptance of tubes
- Based on **excellent results of MKI-Cool operation** 👍, **MKIs to be upgraded to MKI-Cools** – provisional planning shown

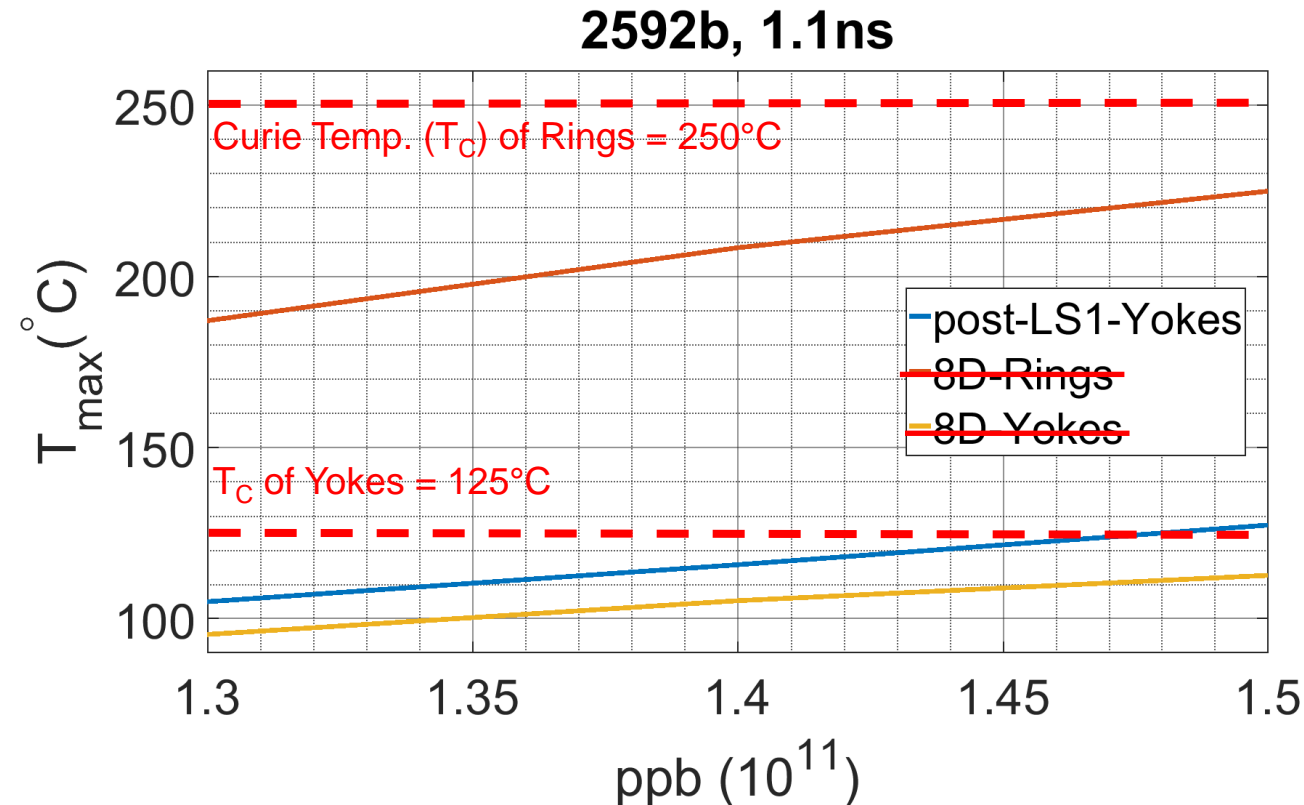


Questions ?

Spare slides

Beam Induced Heating Limitations (1)

- MKI limits for max number of circulating bunches are given by post-LS1 magnets installed
 - Details in: V. Vlachodimitropoulos, “Hardware limitations at injection” (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/663598/>) and “Update on MKI impedance studies” (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/734086/>)
- Can consider these as ‘soft’ limits: exceeding them by a small amount will not damage the MKIs nor cause a beam dump. However, cooling with existing MKIs is very poor (predicted **thermal time constant for cool-down of yoke is several hours**): hence, these operational limits will avoid heavy efficiency penalties.

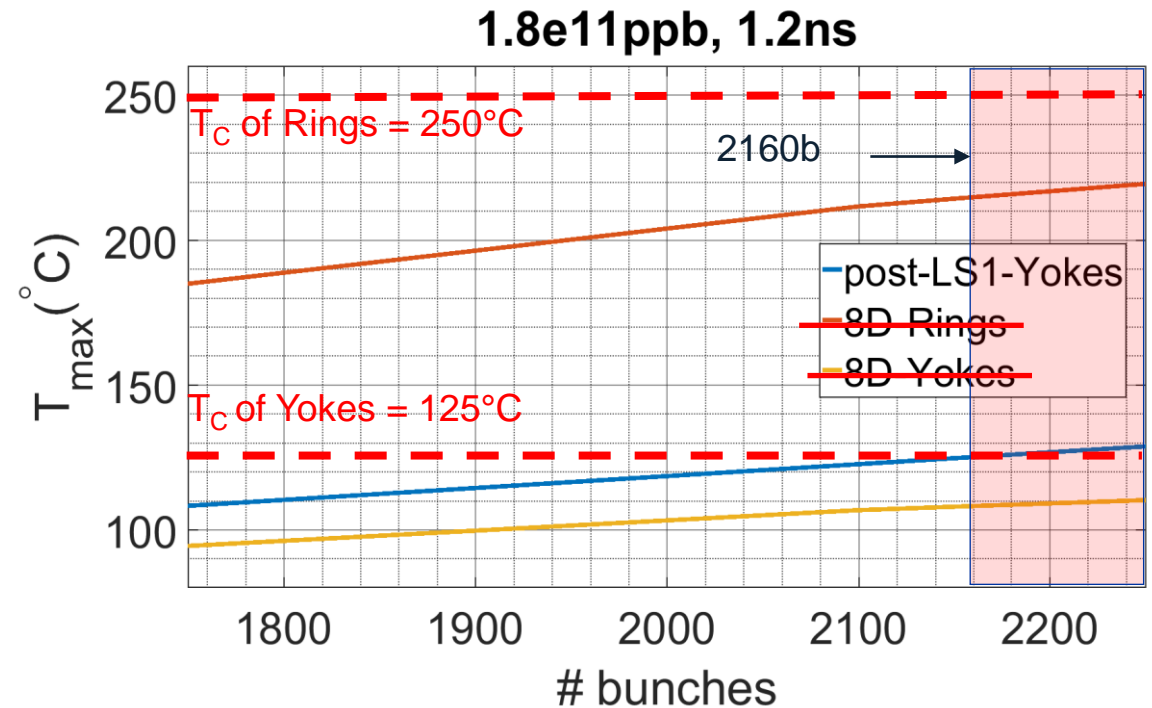
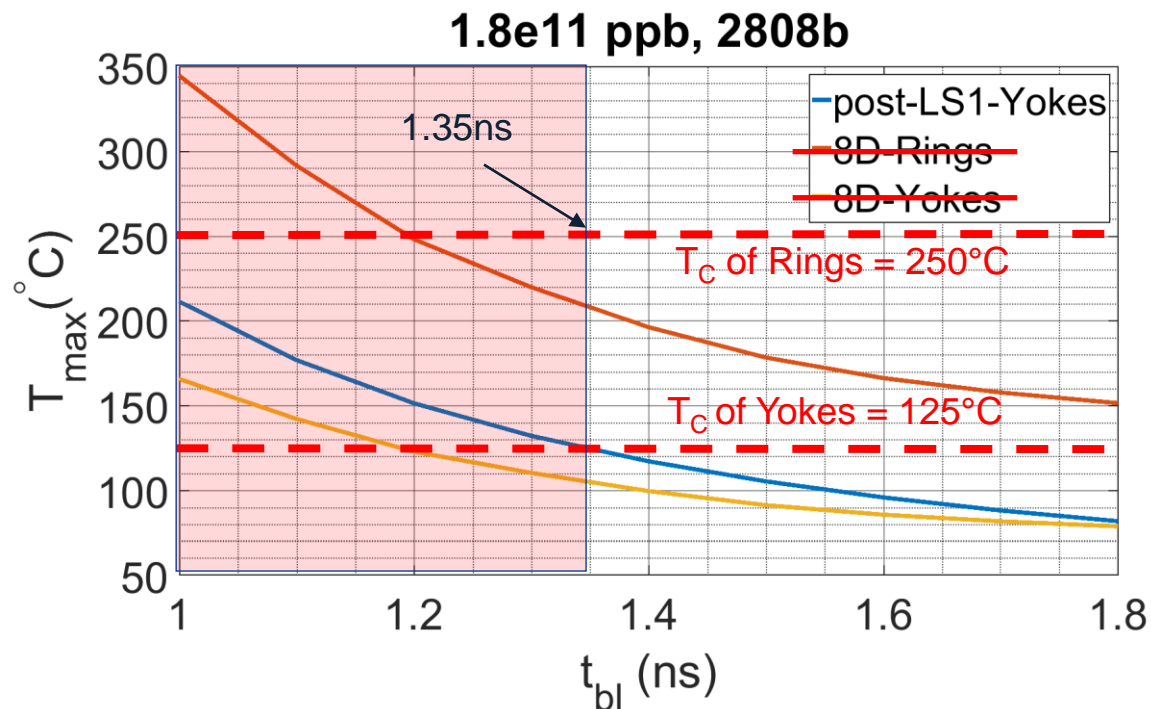


Beam Induced Heating Limitations (2)

- Steady state approach used for thermal simulations for post-LS1 MKIs and upgraded MKI8D (YETS 2017/18)
- Gaussian longitudinal profile with equi-populated bunches for beam

The following limits are intended for normal operation

- In case of usage for specific tests, depending on the operational conditions foreseen (previous cool down, time at flat top, etc.), allowed parameters (number of bunches and bunch length) to be evaluated



Expected heating for post-LS1 design

Approach to modify the scaling factor for the other magnets (see Lorena's presentation for a more detailed analysis)

- Get maximum reached temperatures (of MagnetUp sensors during 2017 operation)
- Correct for differences in initial temperatures between the different sensors (data from March 2017) and equalize with ambient temperatures (i.e. no beam/dissipated power) used in thermal simulations (22°C)
- Use P_loss-T graph to estimate the differences in total dissipated power within each magnet
- Modify the scaling factor accordingly

Margins shown for MKI8D, are the ones before the replacement with the upgraded MKI during YETS 2017/18

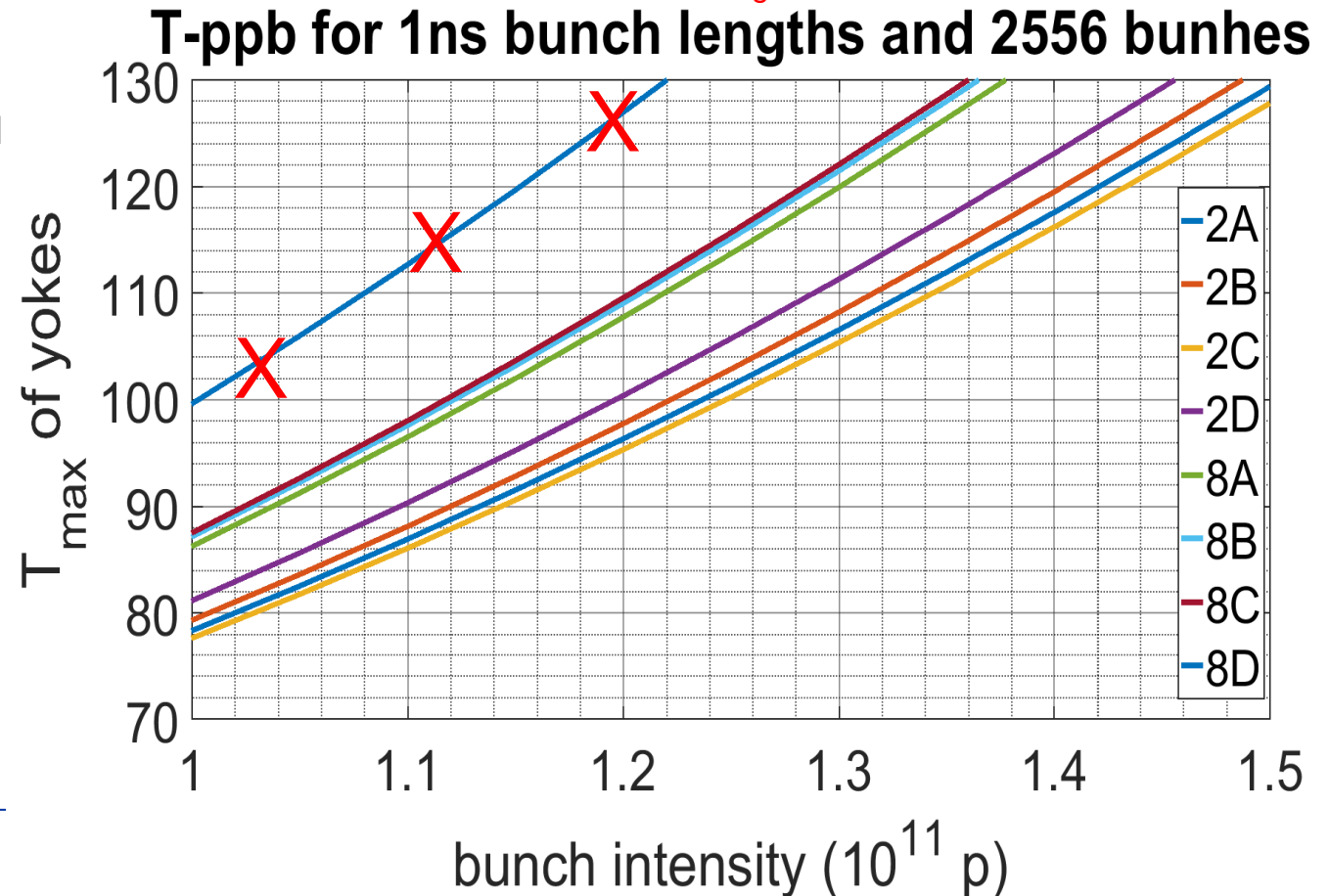
Example below to make things more clear (hopefully!)

Current limitation (after MKI8D upgrade) is MKI8C: $\sim 1.32e1$

MKI8A-C have very close intensity margins

	MKI 8C	MKI 8D*
Measured max T (°C)	55.5	62.6
Initial T (°C)	20	23
“Corrected” max T (°C)	57.5	61.6
Estimated dissipated power (W)	57	71
Power ratio	0.8	1

*Before it was upgraded in YETS 17/18

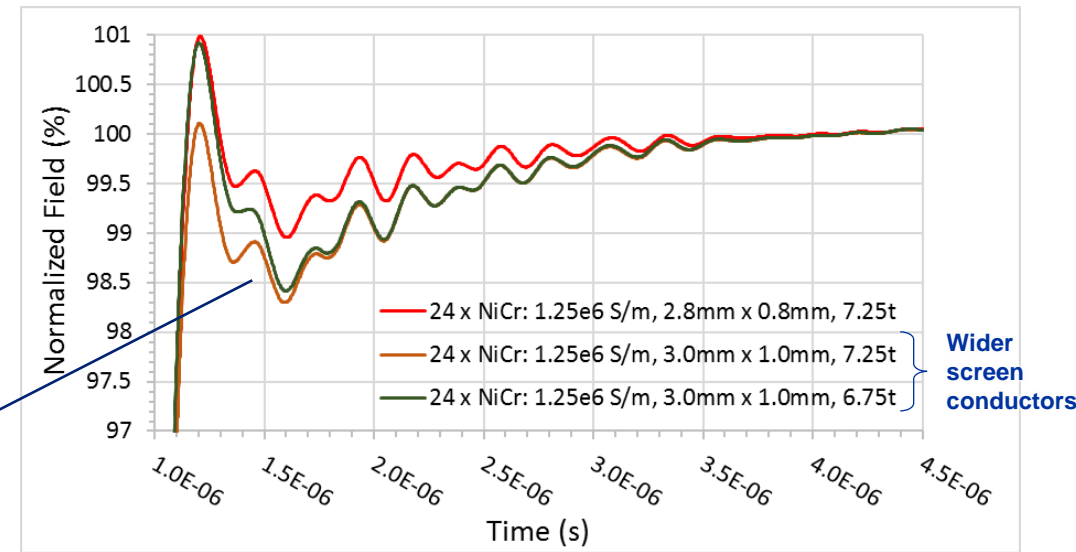


Historical issues – now solved During 2019

Non-conformity of slots in alumina tubes purchased during 2017: slots were too wide. Thus, it was necessary to use **screen conductors** with a small zig-zag

[HL-NCR: <https://edms.cern.ch/document/2440015/1.0>]

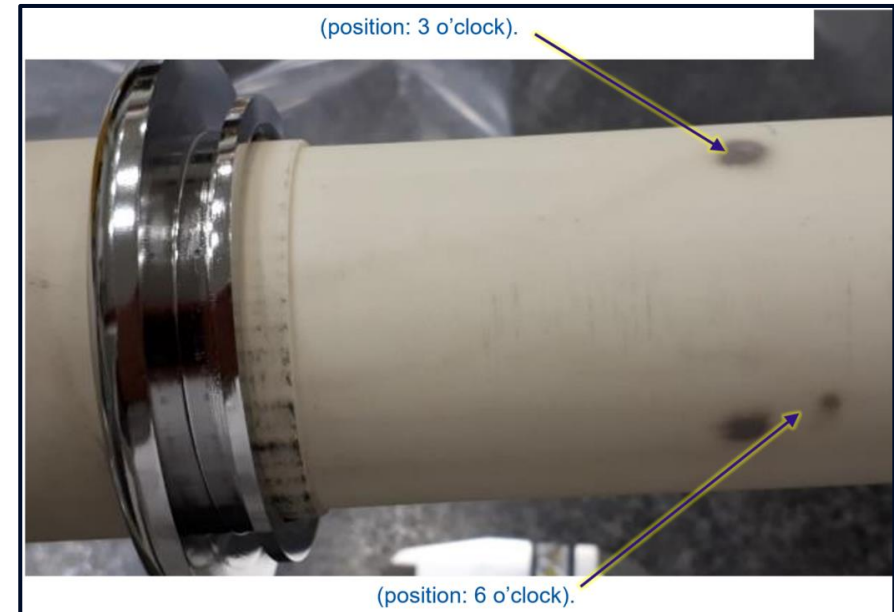
Using wider screen conductors was discarded due to influence on magnetic field (eddy currents)



HV pre-conditioning of MKI cool failed:

[HL-NCR: <https://edms.cern.ch/document/2440015/1.0>]

- 18 strong sparks occurred over two weeks
- **Conditioning plateaued at ~45kV (goal=56.1kV)**
- Three **black marks** from HV breakdowns to alumina tube

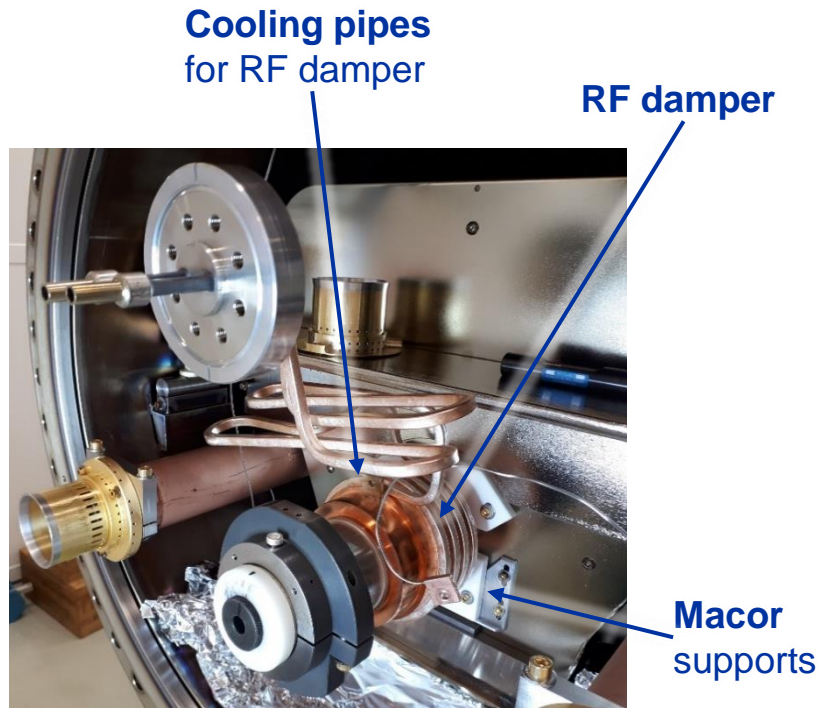


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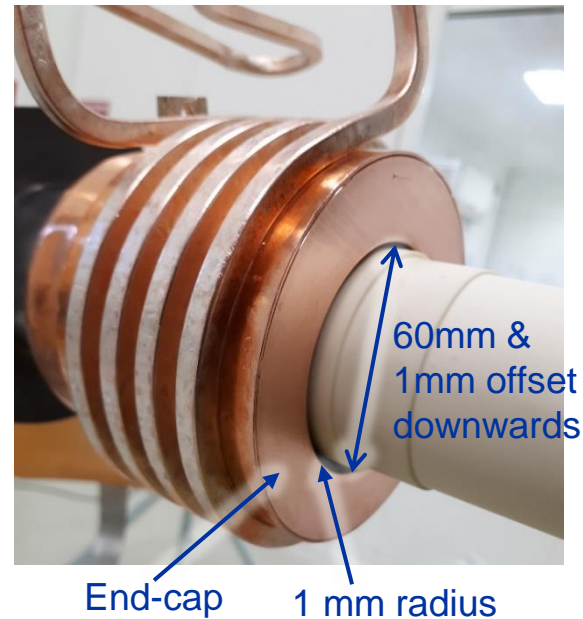
During 2019. Actions carried out

RF damper structure was modified to mitigate HV breakdowns:

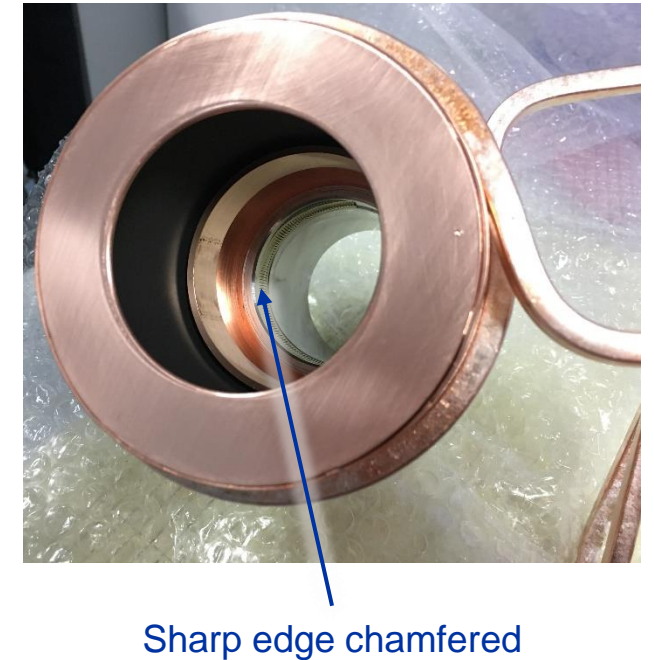
1. Metal **supports for tube** replaced by **macor**



2. RF damper end **cap inside diameter enlarged** (from 56mm to 60mm), to **increase distance to alumina tube**



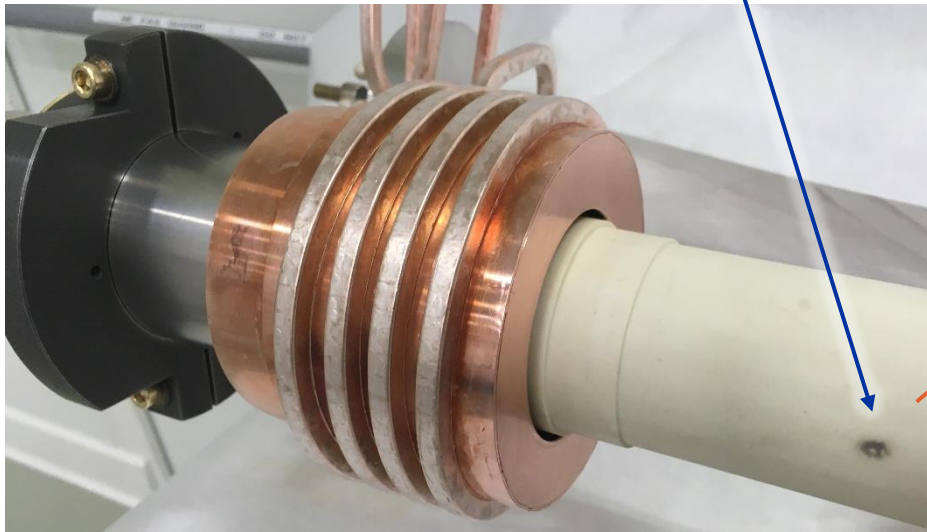
3. **Sharp edge** on stainless steel short eccentric tube removed (manufacturing error)



2. Issue – now solved

Inspection after conditioning (November 2020)

First observation: Still one **black mark** seen **on the tube**, at the end (3 marks in 2019)

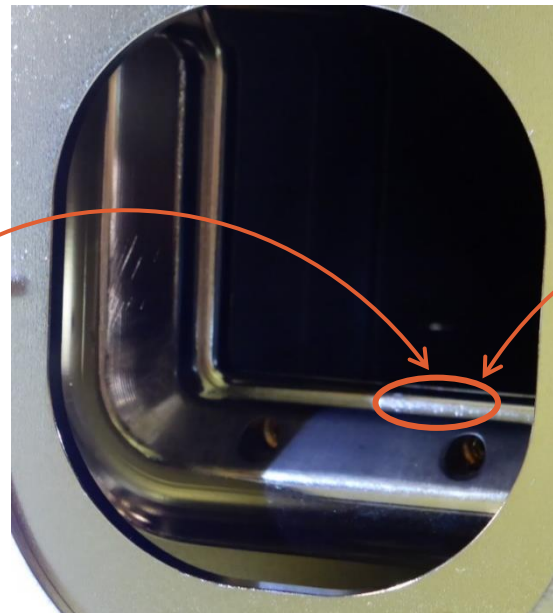


Alumina tube **outside of magnet**

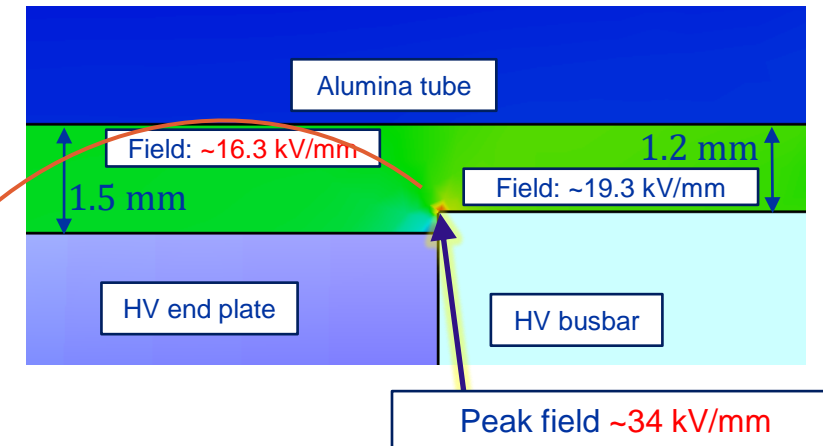
The **reason** was a **sharp edge** due to **misalignment of HV busbar** of the magnet



Solved with correct alignment

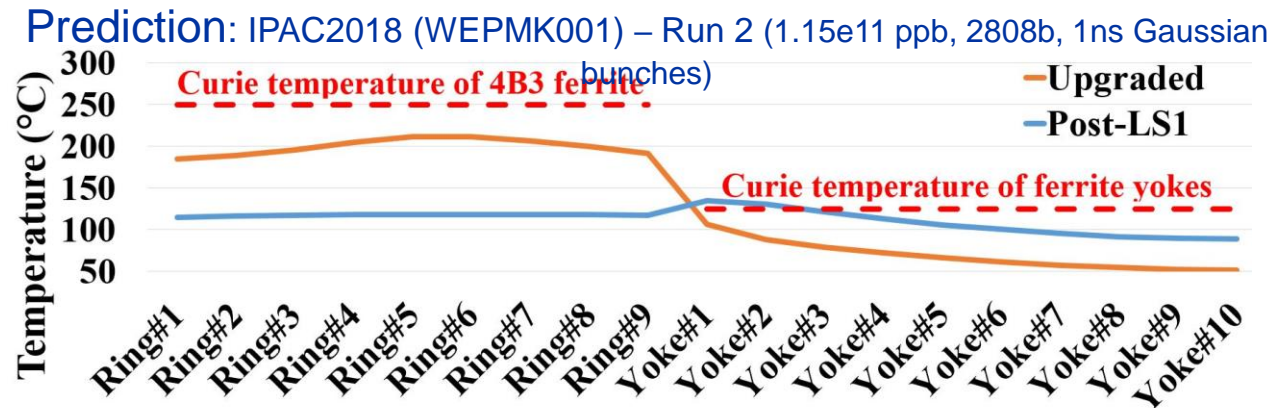
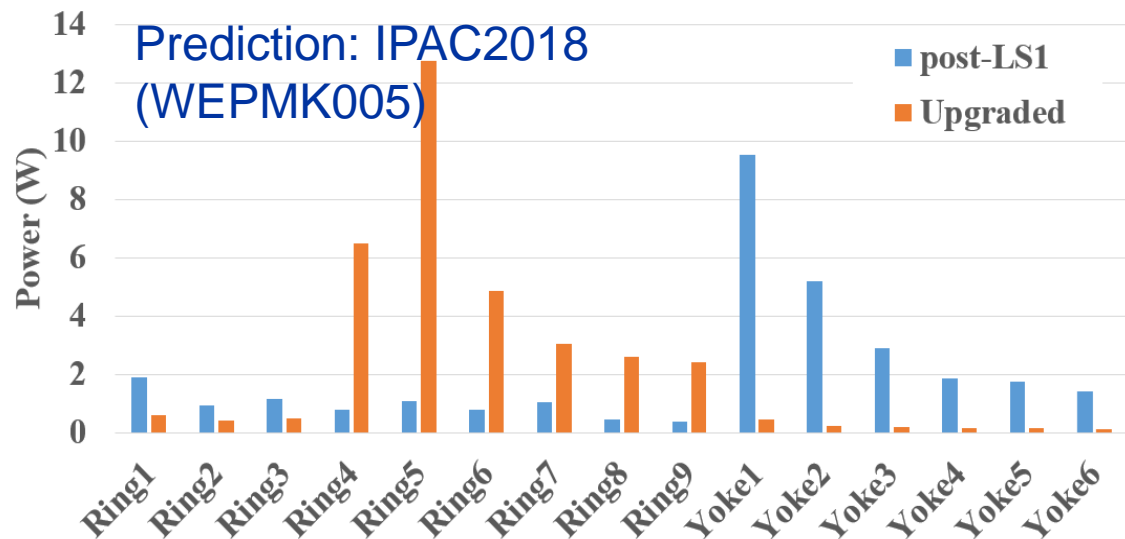


End of magnet, without tube



Enhanced electric field (~doubled) due to dealignment of HV busbar

MKI Beam Screens – Predictions & Measurements



Vasilis: presentation to 21st IWG, 26/6/2018

