

Training on CERN's ultrahigh vacuum technology

Welcome and introduction

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(LHC and HL-LHC)

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The **Director-General**, appointed by the Council, manages the CERN Laboratory.

The Director-General is assisted by a **directorate** and runs the Laboratory through a structure of **departments**.



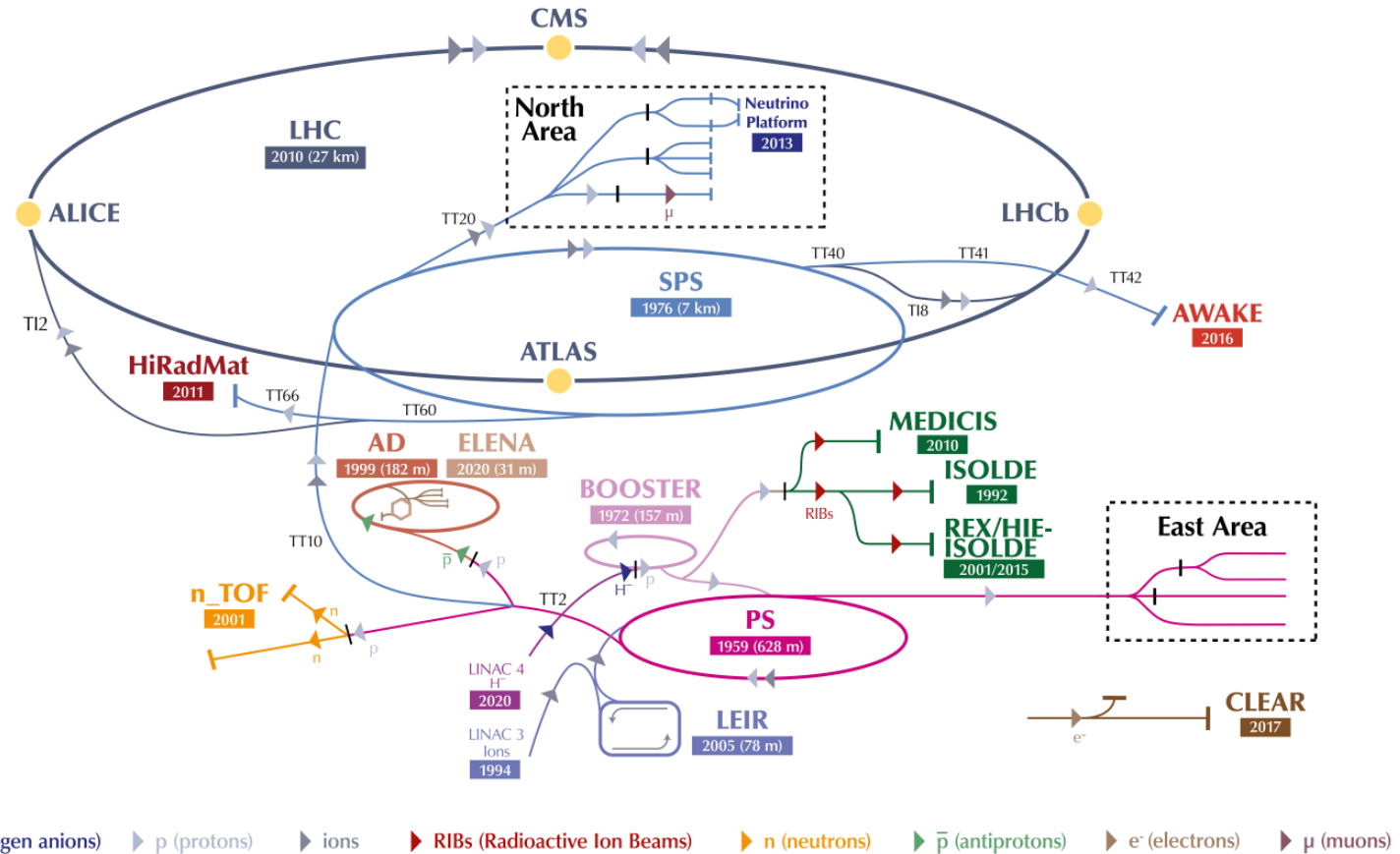
Director-General of CERN, **Fabiola Gianotti**



President of the CERN Council, **Eliezer Rabinovici**

The CERN's accelerator complex

The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKEfield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive Experiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

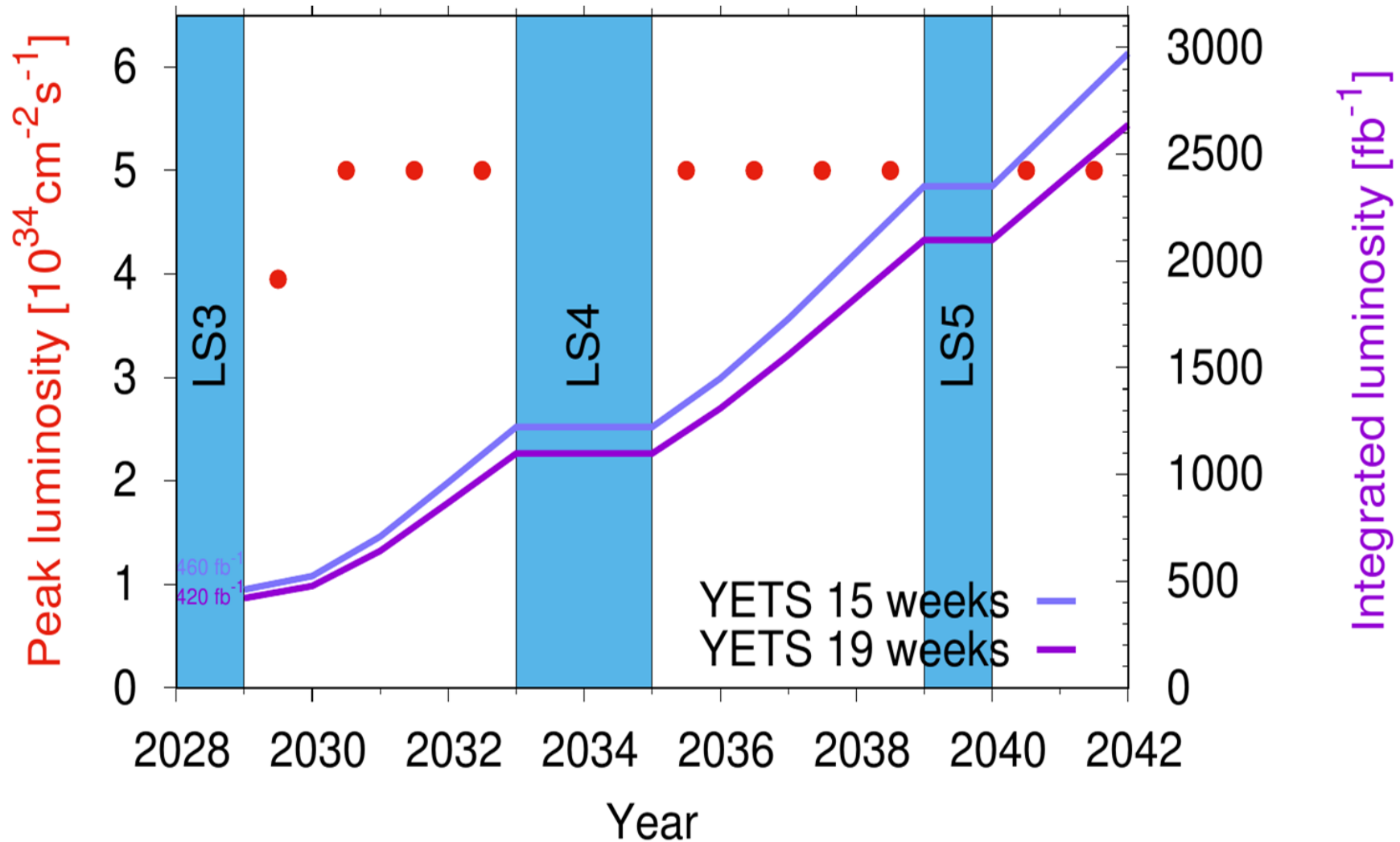
Objectives of HL-LHC

At present, **HL-LHC is the most important CERN's project**. Its objective is an **annual** LHC integrated luminosity of **250 fb⁻¹(#)** in **ATLAS and CMS** for 12 years of operation (3000 fb⁻¹).

To achieve this ambitious goal:

- The LHC **injector chain** has been **upgraded**:
 - Bunch population from 1.15 to 2.2×10^{11} .
 - Emittance reduction from 3.4 to 2.0 μm at the SPS extraction.
- The beam optics in **IP1 (ATLAS) and IP5 (CMS)** will be **improved to increase beam focusing**.

(#) A single fb⁻¹ (inverse femto-barn) is equivalent to 7×10^{13} proton-proton collisions.



Other physics frontiers: antimatter

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Observation of the effect of gravity on the motion of antimatter

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Abstract

Einstein's general theory of relativity from 1915¹ remains the most successful description of gravitation. From the 1919 solar eclipse² to the observation of gravitational waves³, the theory has passed many crucial experimental tests. However, the evolving concepts of dark matter and dark energy illustrate that there is much to be learned about the gravitating content of the universe. Singularities in the general theory of relativity and the lack of a quantum theory of gravity suggest that our picture is incomplete. It is thus prudent to explore gravity in exotic physical systems. Antimatter was unknown to Einstein in 1915. Dirac's theory⁴ appeared in 1928; the positron was observed⁵ in 1932. There has since been much speculation about gravity and antimatter. The theoretical consensus is that any laboratory mass must be attracted⁶ by the Earth, although some authors have considered the cosmological consequences if antimatter should be repelled by matter^{7,8,9,10}. In the general theory of relativity, the weak equivalence principle (WEP) requires that all masses react identically to gravity, independent of their internal structure. Here we show that antihydrogen atoms, released from magnetic confinement in the ALPHA-g apparatus, behave in a way consistent with gravitational attraction to the Earth. Repulsive 'antigravity' is ruled out in this case. This experiment paves the way for precision studies of the magnitude of the gravitational acceleration between anti-atoms and the Earth to test the WEP.



In a paper published last week in *Nature*, the **ALPHA** collaboration at CERN's Antimatter Factory shows that, within the precision of their experiment, atoms of antihydrogen – a positron orbiting an antiproton – fall to Earth in the same way as their matter equivalents.

CERN's Vacuum, Surfaces and Coatings (VSC) group

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Budget and expenditure

Payment budget in 2023:

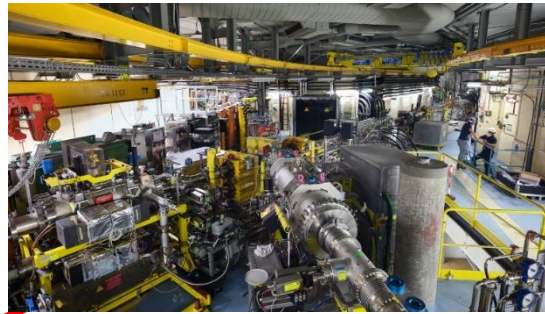
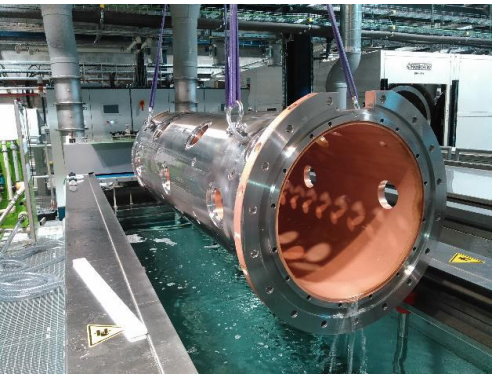
Operational budget: ≈ 5 MCHF

Project budget: ≈ 13 MCHF (mainly HL-LHC)

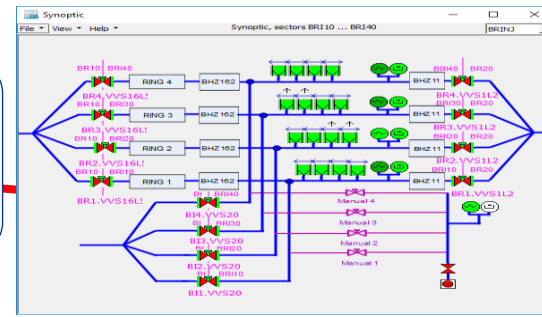
Most important lines of **expenditure in operation**:

- Blanket contracts
- Industrial support
- CERN internal services
- CERN store
- Associate member of the personnel.

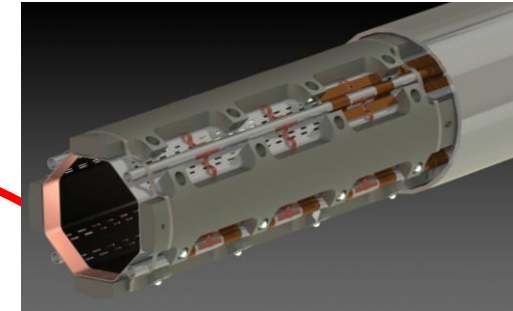
DTL tanks for ESS



Operation
Maintenance
Consolidation

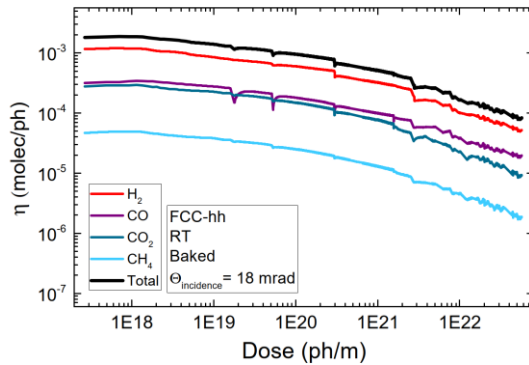


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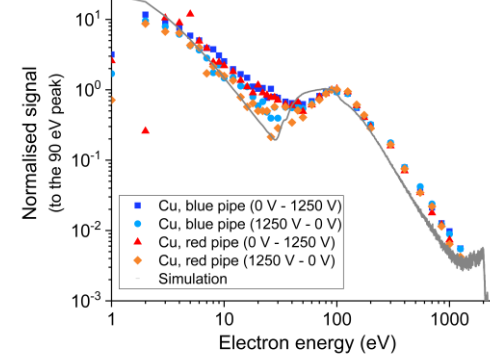
Services for HEP
community

FCC-hh meas. at KARA



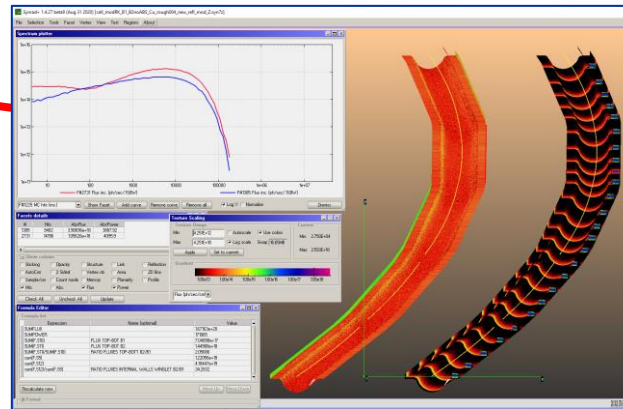
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HL-LHC
Project

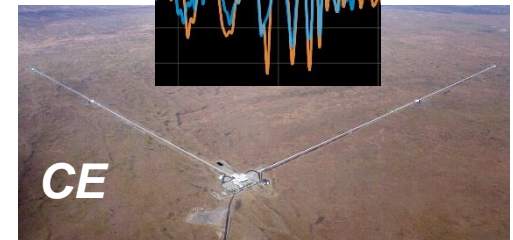
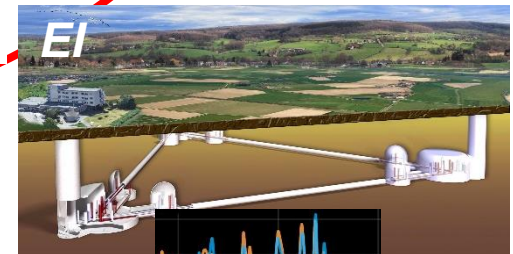
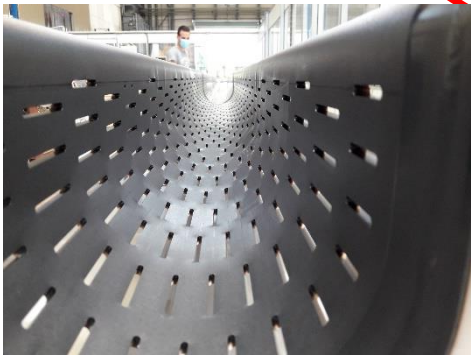
Studies



FCC-ee photoadsorbers positioning

Collaborations

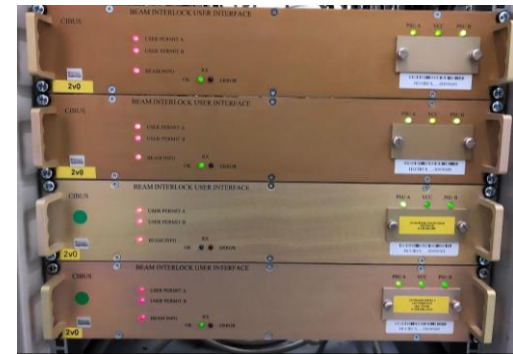
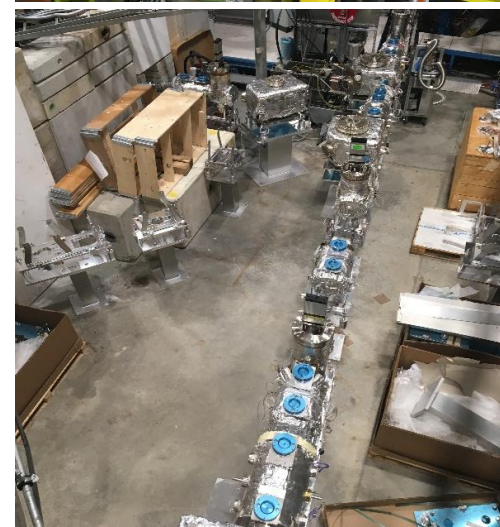
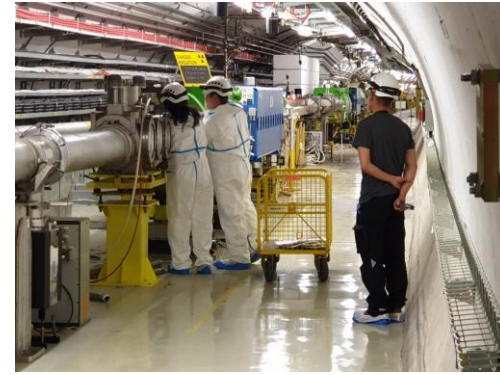
a-C coated RF shield
of TDI



Vacuum systems at CERN

Vacuum systems of CERN's accelerators

Machine	Type	Year	Energy	Bakeout	Pressure [mbar]	Length
Linacs, Booster, ISOLDE, PS, n-TOF and Antimater						2.6 Km
Linac 4	linac	2018	160 MeV	ion pumps	10^{-7}	40 m
ISOLDE	electrostatic	1992	60 keV	—	10^{-6}	150 m
REX-HIE ISOLDE	linac	2001-2016	5.5 MeV/u	partly	10^{-7} - 10^{-12}	50 m
MEDICIS		2017	—	—	10^{-6}	10 m
Linac 3	linac	1994	4.2 MeV/u	ion pumps	10^{-8}	30 m
LEIR	accumulator	1982/2005	72 MeV/u	complete	10^{-12}	78 m
PSB	synchrotron	1972-2020	1-2 MeV	ion pumps	10^{-9}	157 m
PS	synchrotron	1959	26 GeV	ion pumps	10^{-9} - 10^{-10}	628 m
AD	decelerator	1999	100 MeV	complete	10^{-10}	182 m
ELENA	decelerator	2016		complete	10^{-12}	31 m
PS to SPS TL	transfer lines	1976	26 GeV	—	10^{-8}	1.3 km
SPS complex						15.7 Km
SPS	synchrotron	1976	450 GeV	extractions	10^{-9}	7 km
SPS North Area	transfer line	1976		—	10^{-3} - 10^{-8}	1.2 km
SPS HiRadMat		2011		—	10^{-8}	1.4 km
SPS to LHC TL		2004/06		—	10^{-8}	2 x 2.7 km
AWAKE		wakefield acc		2017	—	10^{-8}
LHC						109 Km
LHC Arcs (Beam vacuum)	collider	2007	2 x 7 TeV	complete	$<10^{-8}$	50 km
LHC Arcs (insulation vacuum)						50 Km
LSS RT separated beams						2 x 3.2 km
LSS RT recombination						570 m
Rxperimental areas						180 m
Beam dump lines TD62/68	transfer lines	2006	7 TeV	—	10^{-8}	2 x 720 m
						High Vacuum
						UHV-XHV
						Insulation vacuum
						≈ 12
						≈ 65
						≈ 50
						≈ 127 km





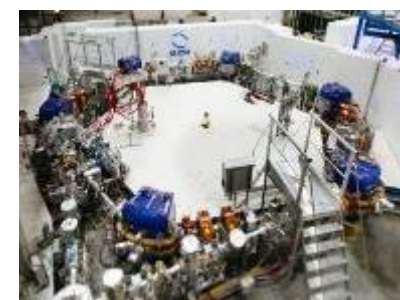
Linac4 $<2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ mbar*



PSB $<5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ mbar*



PS $<2 \cdot 10^{-8}$ mbar*



ELENA $<4 \cdot 10^{-12}$ mbar

* After 24 h pumpdown



SPS LSS $<10^{-7}$ mbar*



LHC arcs $<10^{-8}$ mbar



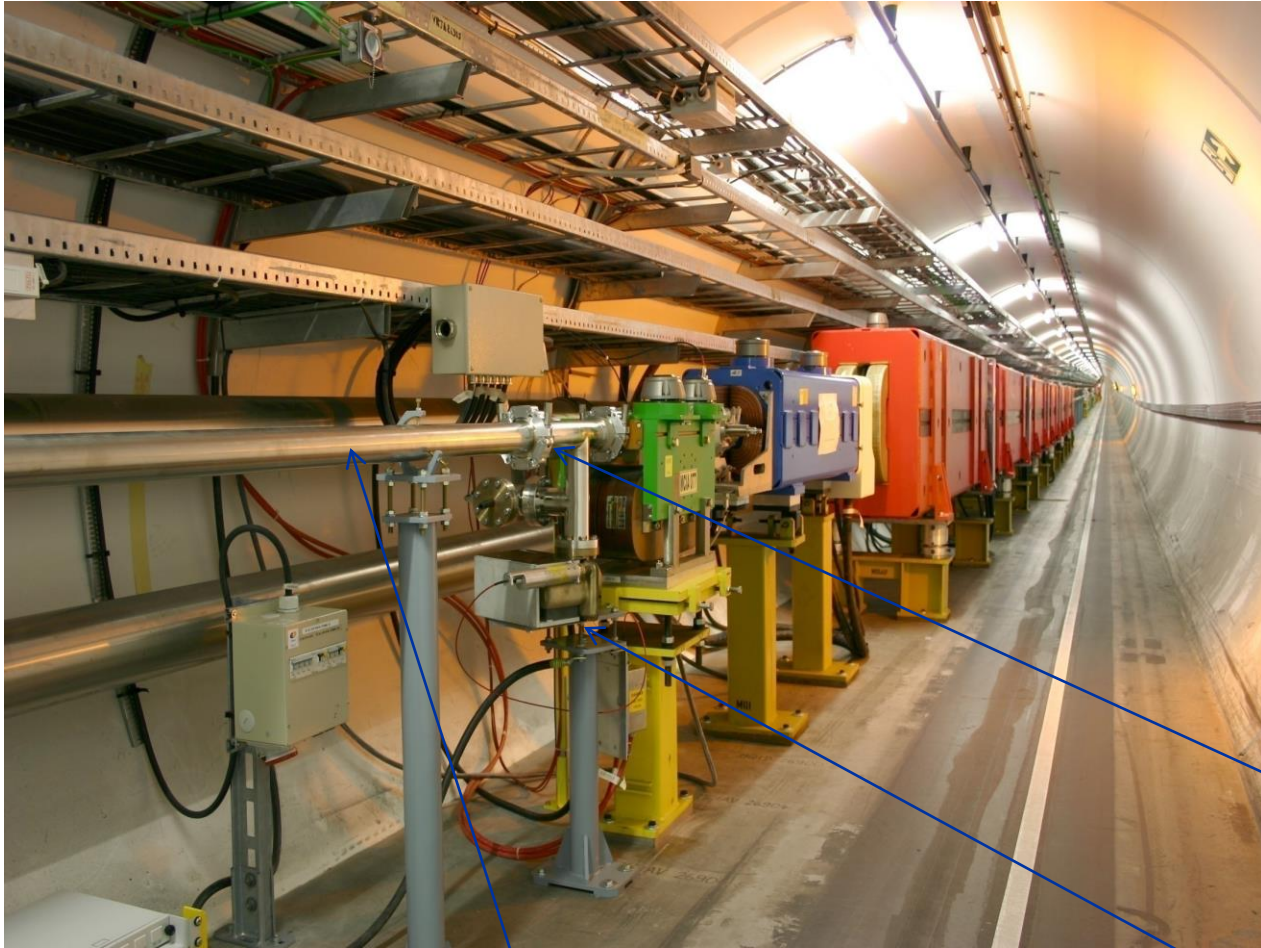
LHC LSS $<10^{-10}$ mbar

Unbaked systems
TMP, ion pumps, Ti sublimators

Cryogenic systems
Cryopumping

Baked systems
Ion pumps, NEG coating

127 km long vacuum system



Vacuum systems are made of **several components**. The connection between them is obtained by **flanges**.

Main vacuum components for accelerators and their supply
(Nico Kos' contribution)

Beam pipe

Flange

Pump (sputter ion pump)

Vacuum for thermal insulation of cryogenic equipment

(Jose Ferreira's contribution)



Beam pipe & NEG coating

A vacuum sector is delimited by **gate valves**.

The pressure is monitored in each vacuum sector by **gauges**.

The beam pipes can be at different temperatures

Flange

Pump (sputter ion pump)

Pressure measurement



Sector valves

Beam pipe & NEG coating

Gauge

Pump (sputter ion pump)

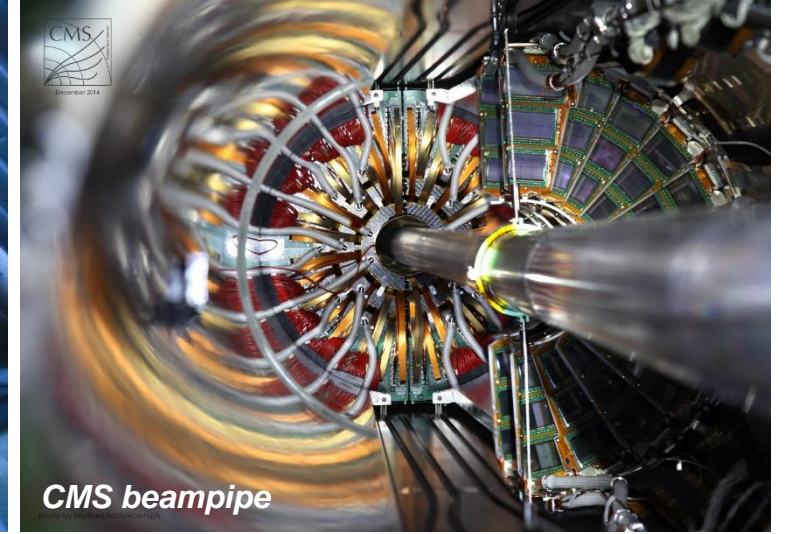
Flange



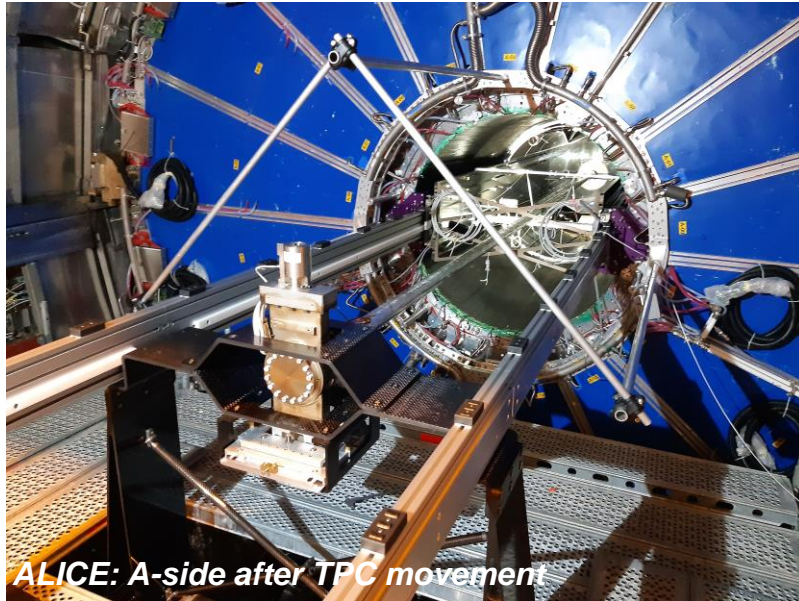
LHCb beampipe



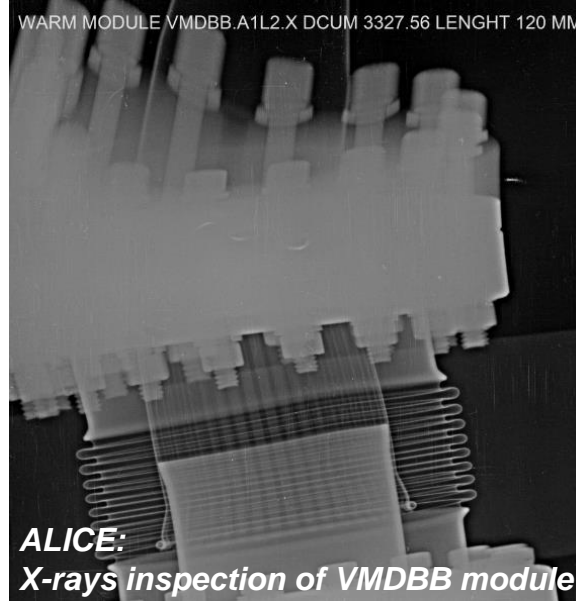
LHCb beampipe



CMS beampipe



ALICE: A-side after TPC movement

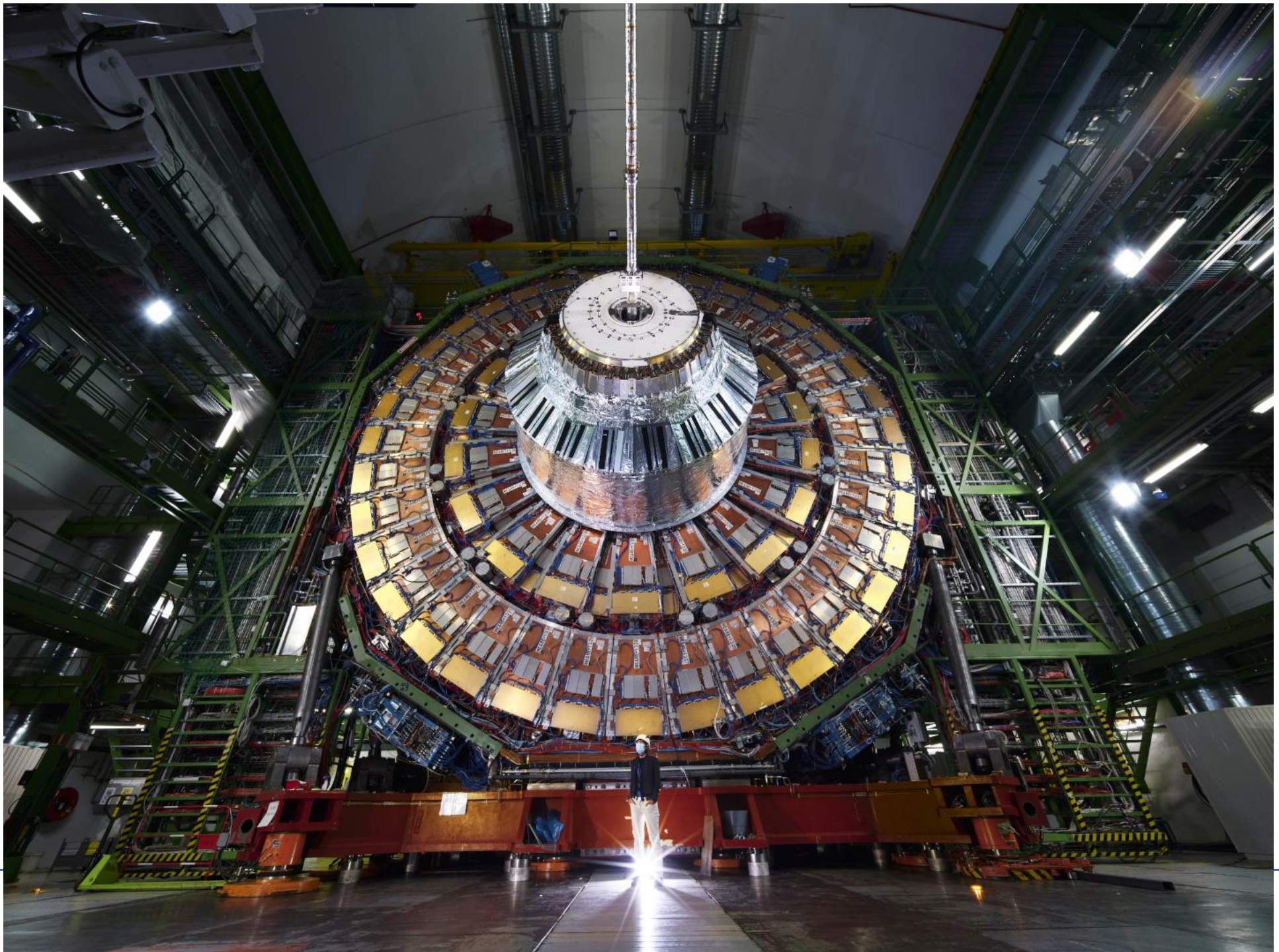
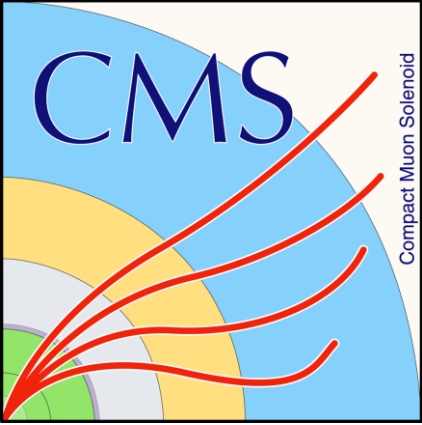


ALICE:
X-rays inspection of VMDBB module



ATLAS beampipe dismounting

Operation, maintenance, consolidation and upgrade of LHC experimental vacuum system (Josef Sestak's contribution)



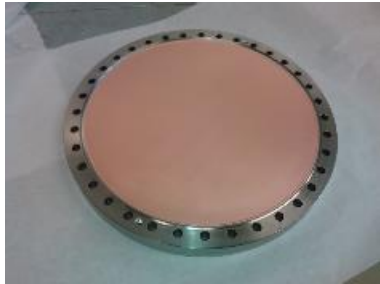
A selected number of facilities and competences

The main CERN's workshop for chemical surface treatments

(Leonel Ferreira's contribution)



Chemical surface treatments

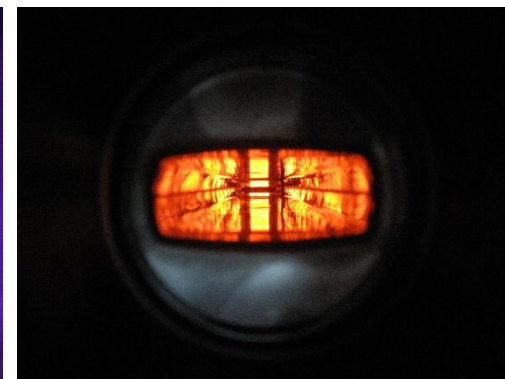
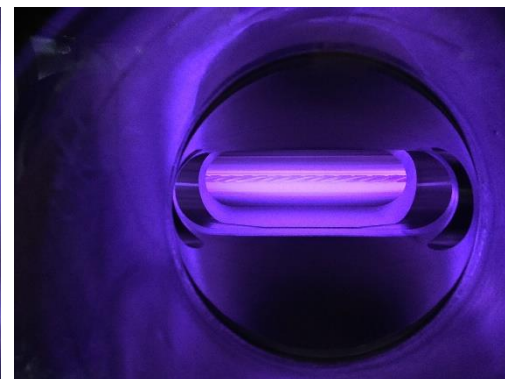
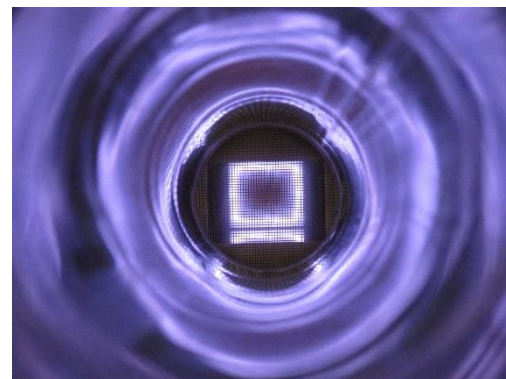
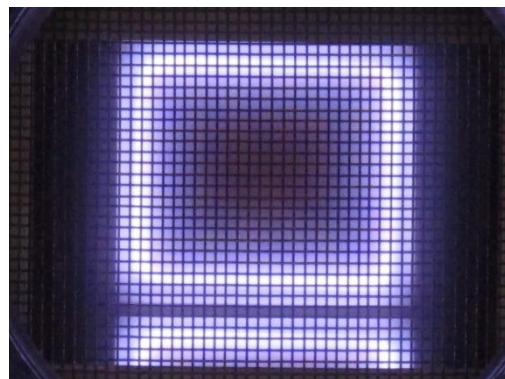
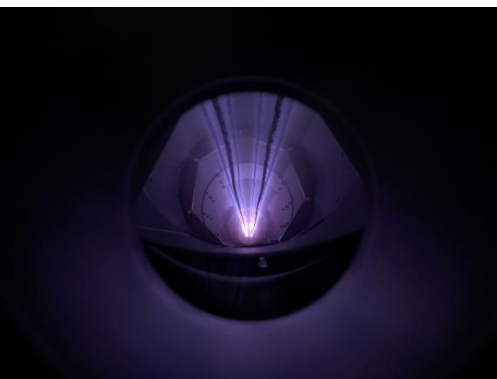
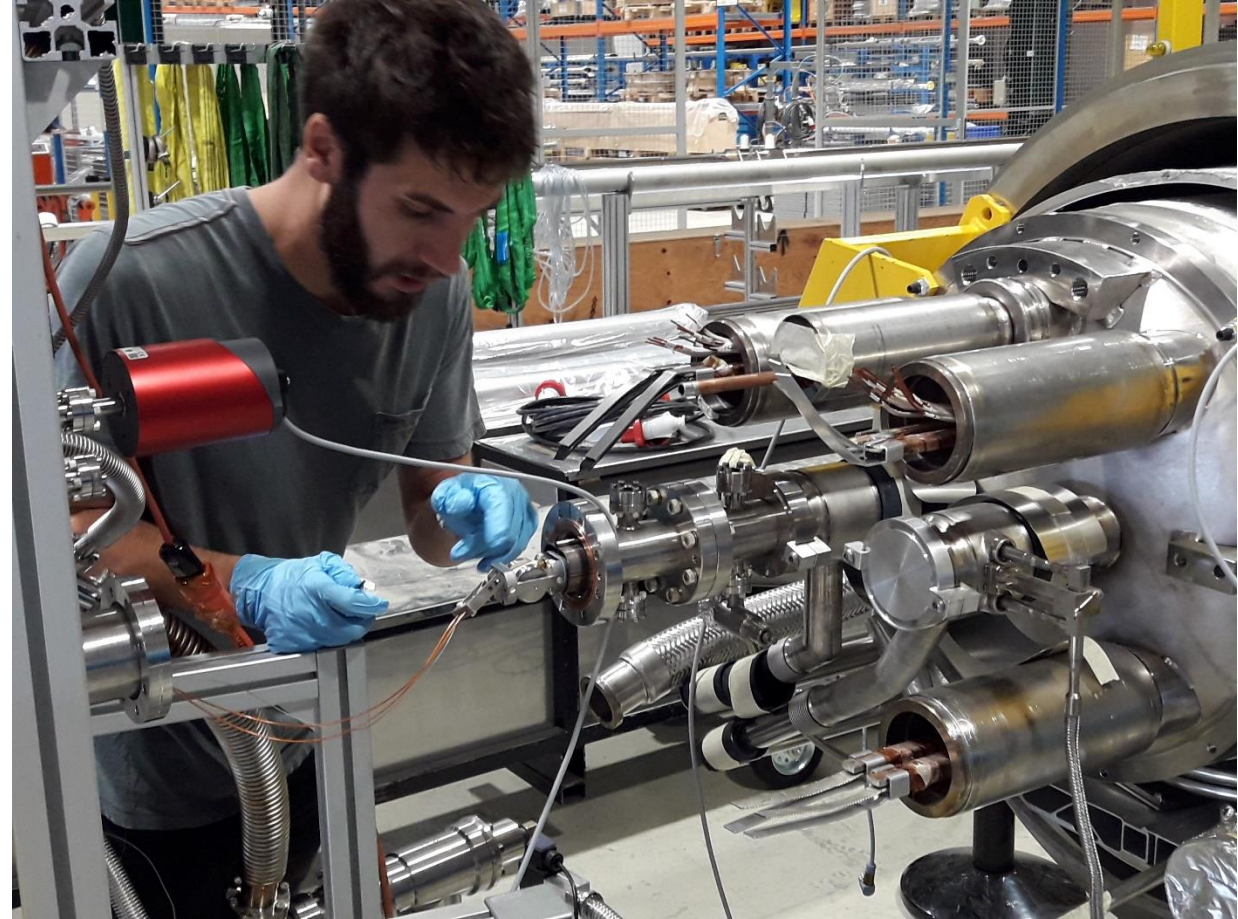


Coatings

(Guillaume Rosaz's contribution)

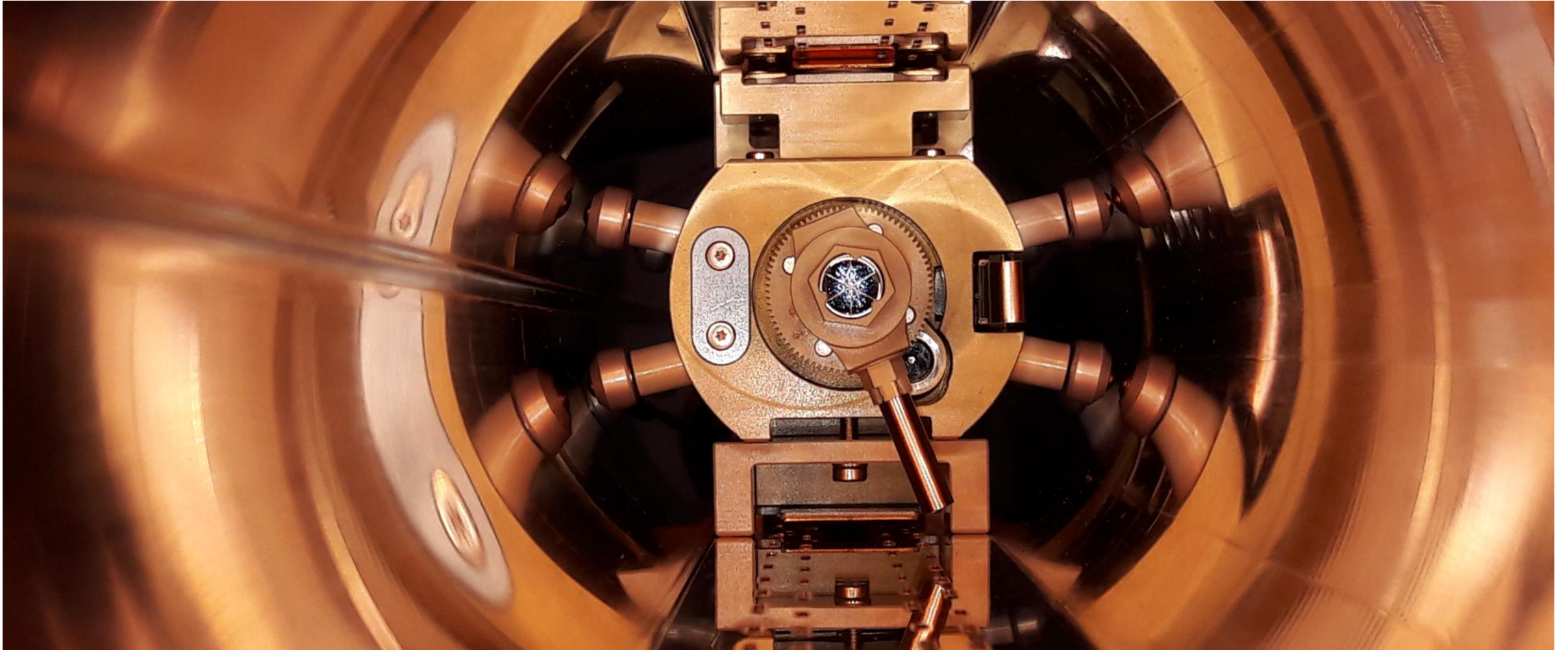


Thin film coatings for CERN's accelerators



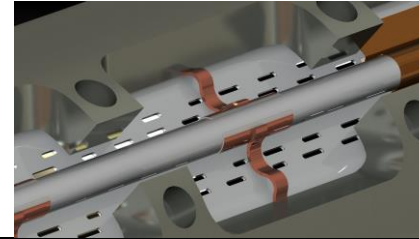
***In-situ* laser treatment.**

Roughening of surfaces by laser to reduce secondary electron emission



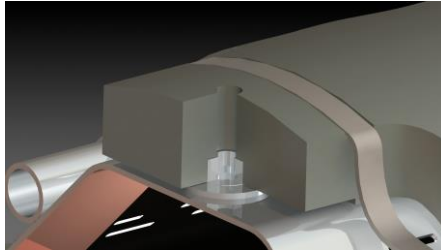
Thermal links:

- In copper (multilayer and solid part)
- Interface plates
- Connected to the absorbers and the cooling tubes



Tungsten alloy blocks:

- Chemical composition: 95% W, ~3.5% Ni, ~ 1.5% Cu
- Mechanically connected to the beam screen tube: positioned with pins and titanium elastic rings
- 40 cm long



Beam screen octagonal tube at 60-75 K:

- Perforated tube (~2%) in High Mn High N stainless steel (1740 l/s/m (H2 at 50K))
- Internal copper layer (75 μm) for impedance
- a-C coating for e- cloud mitigation
- Made of ~3m long segments

P506 cooling tubes:

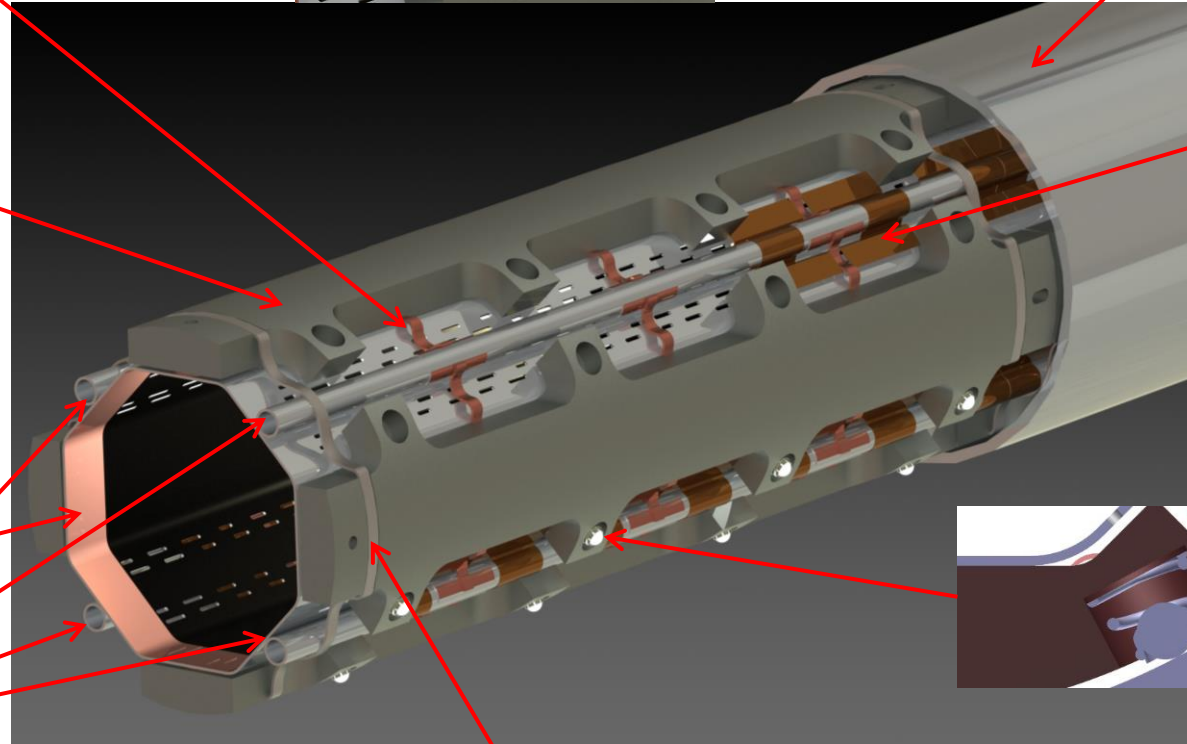
- Outer Diameter: 10 mm
- Laser welded on the beam screen tube

Elastic compression rings

Cold bore (CB) at 1.9 K:
4 mm thick tube in 316LN

Pumping slot shields:
CuBe foil clipped on the cooling tube to intercept electrons

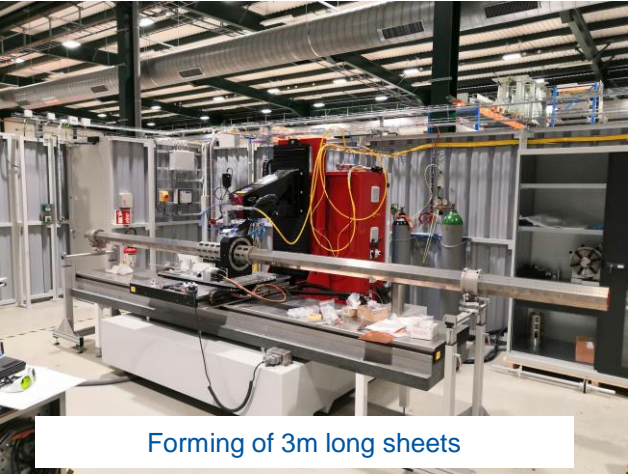
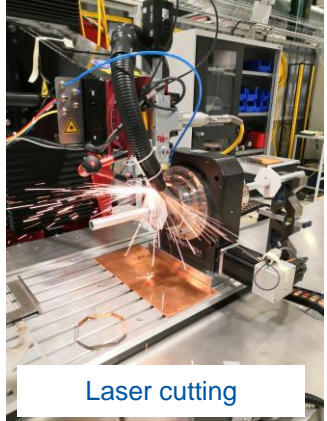
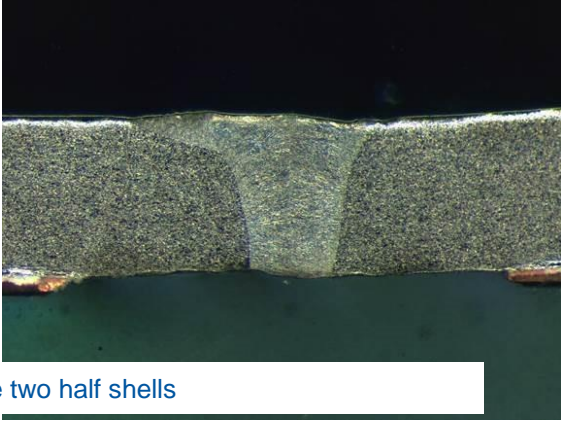
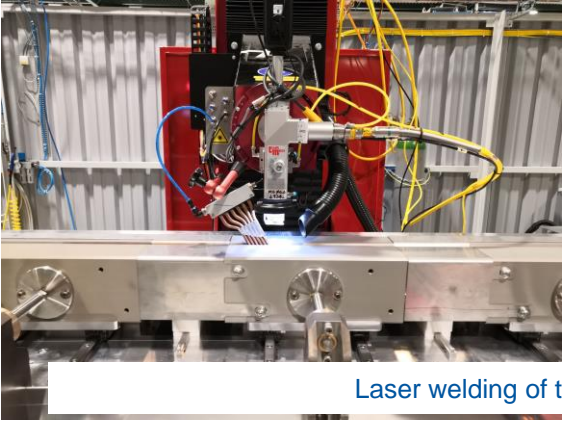
Low thermal conductance elastic supporting system: Ceramic ball and titanium spring



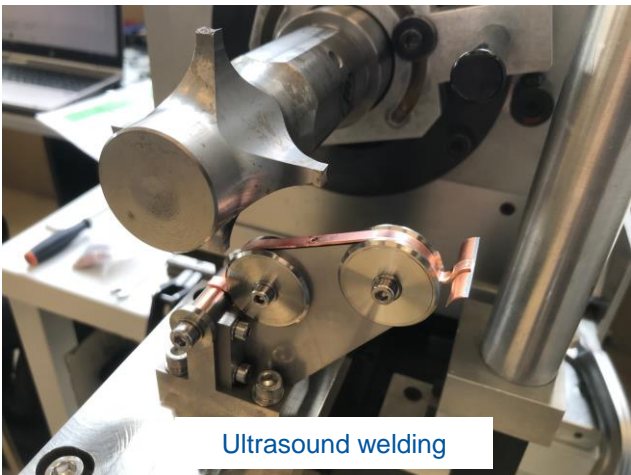
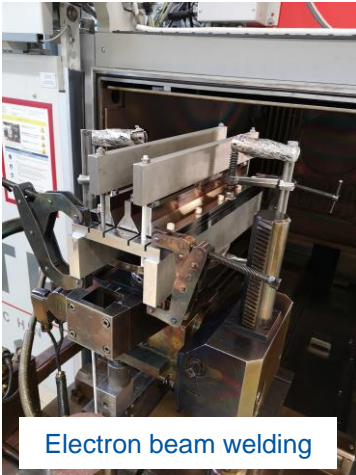
Internal manufacturing of HL-LHC shielded beam screens

Beam screen tubes and thermal links are manufactured at CERN as the shielded beam screen assembly.

Beam screen tube production:



Thermal link production:

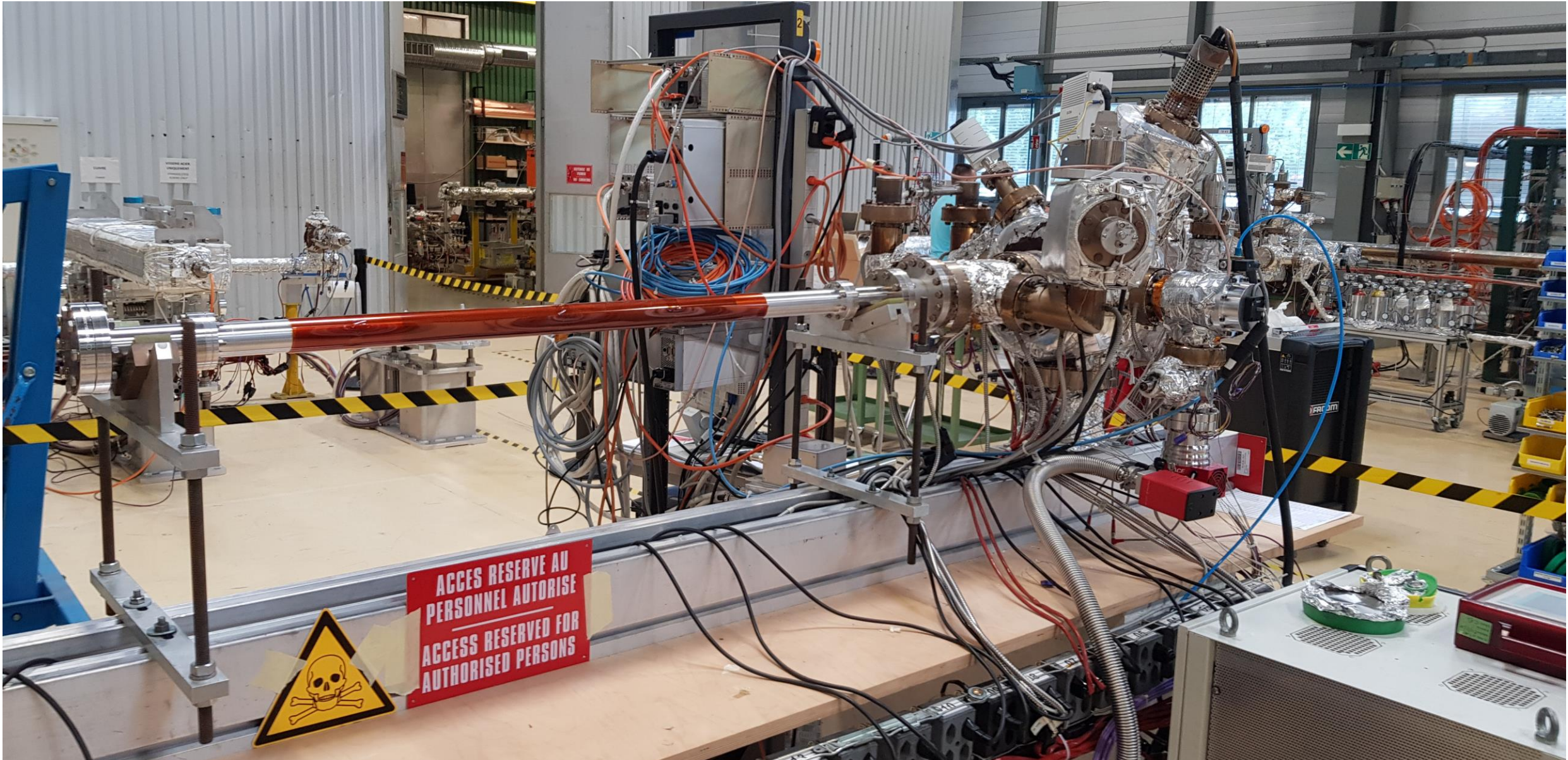


Vacuum measurement: Acceptance tests

(Giuseppe Bregliozzi's contribution)

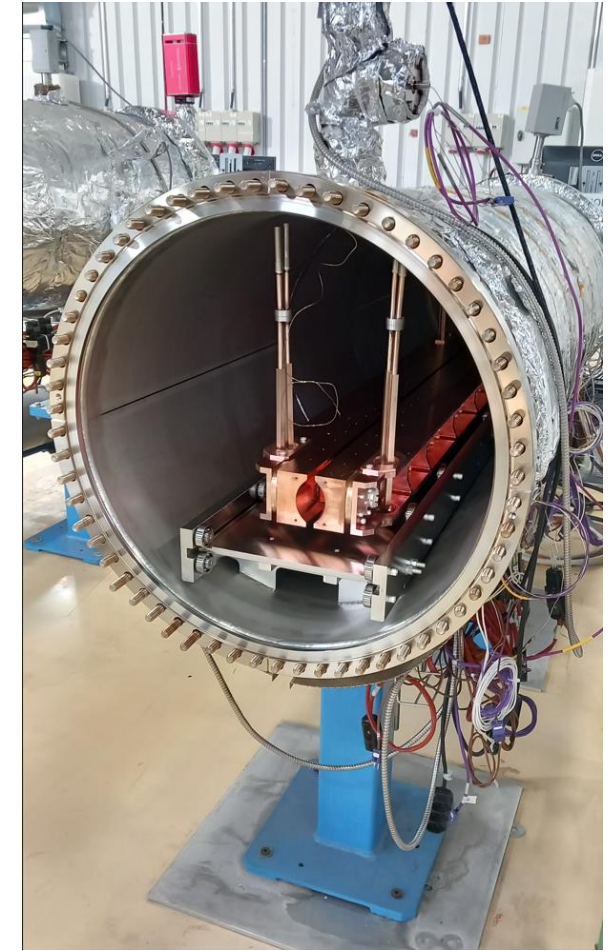
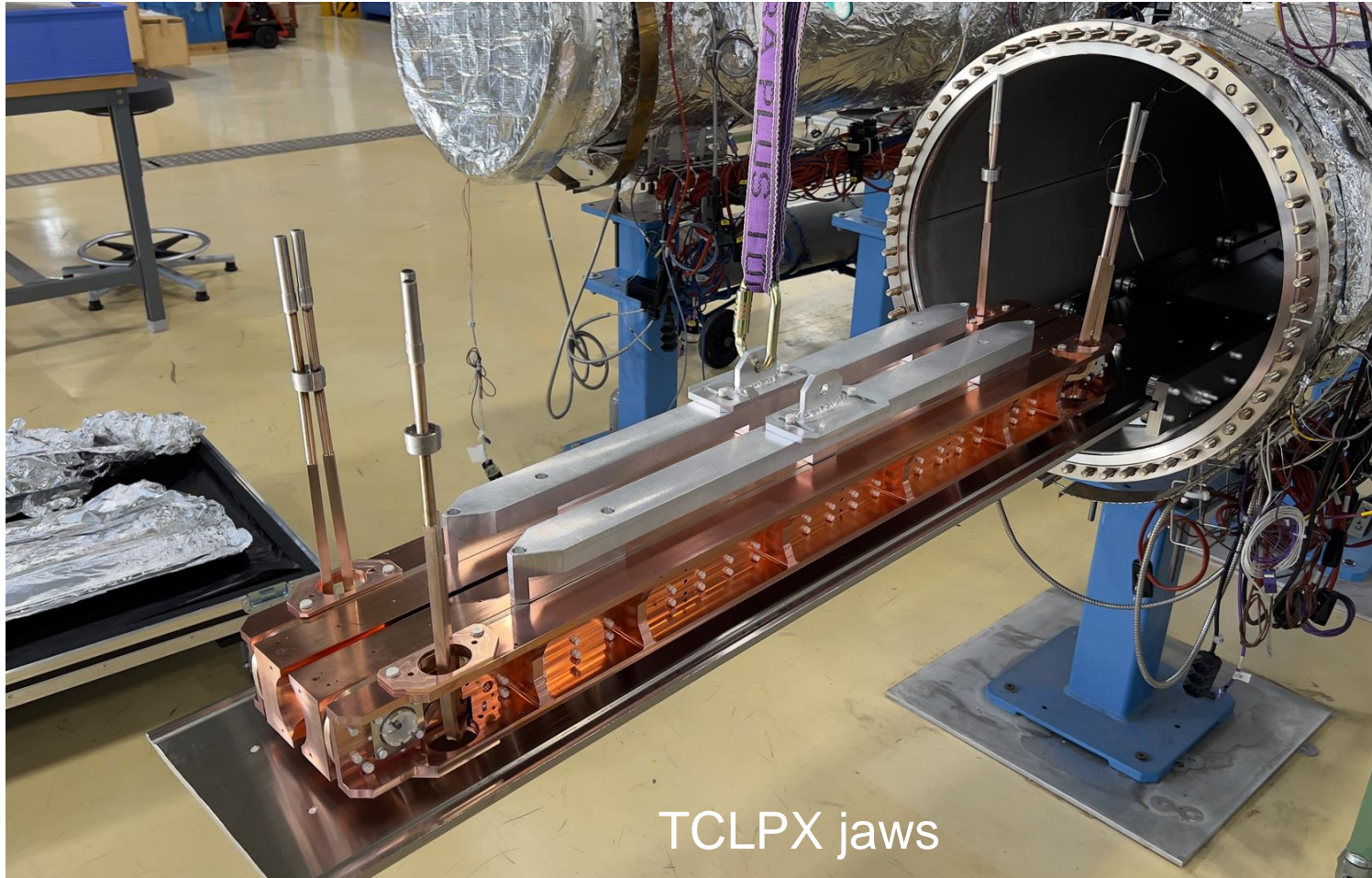


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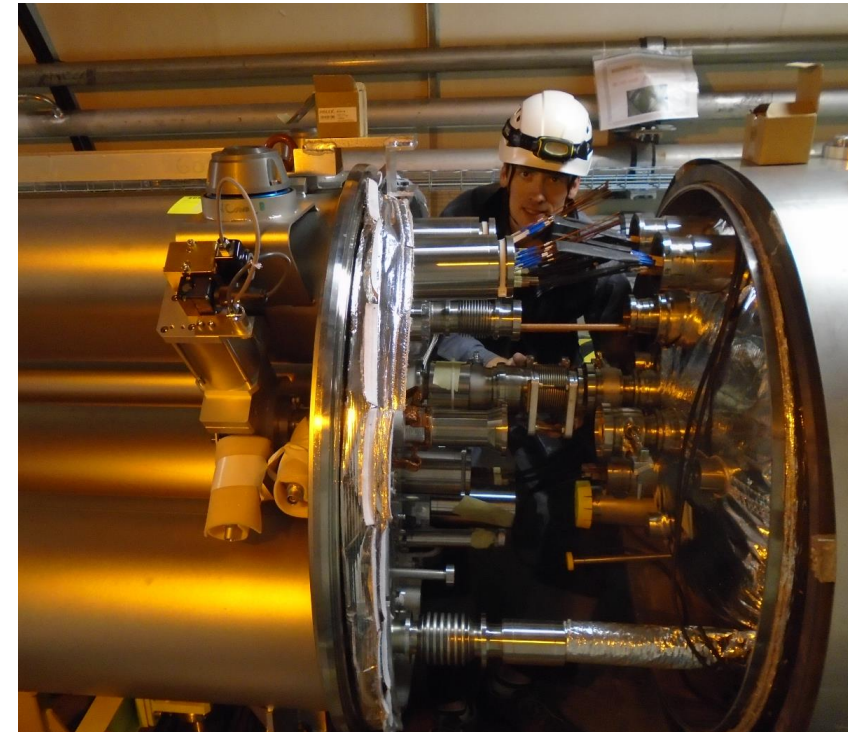
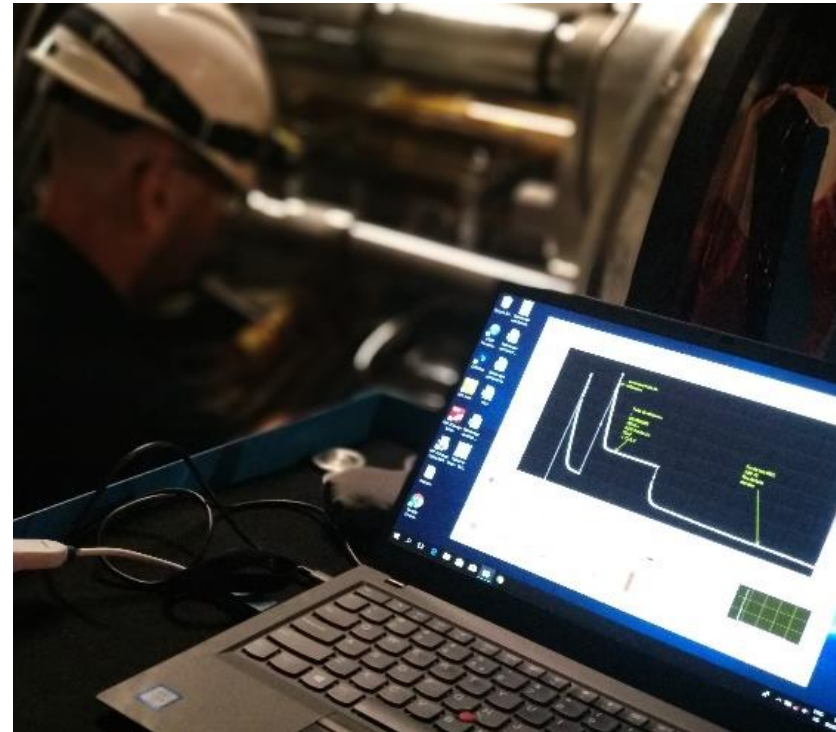
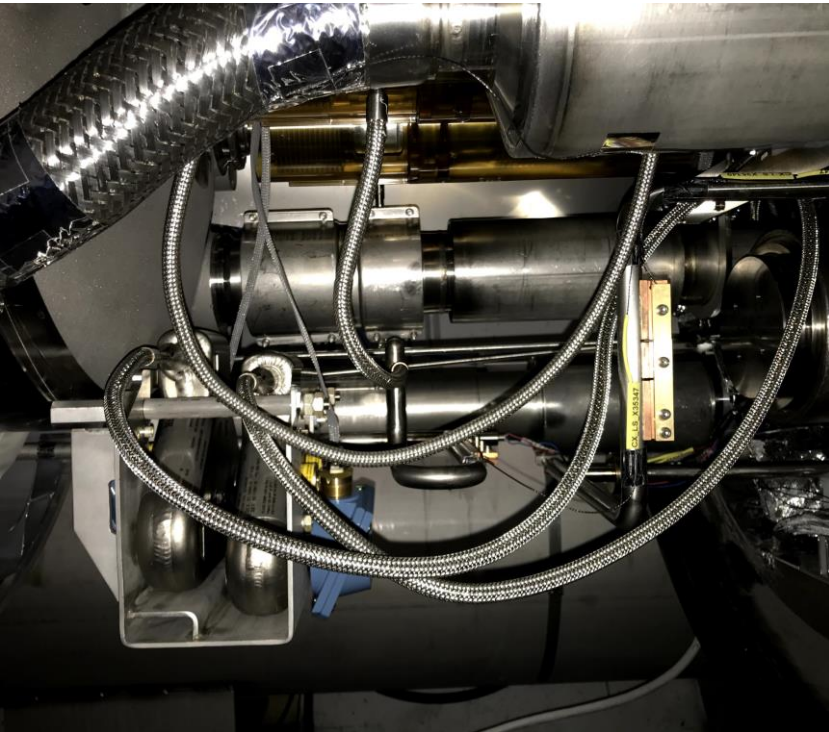


Acceptance tests

Sub-assembly validations for prototype double beam collimator for HL-LHC



Leak detection of cryogenic equipment



Leak detection for ARIA

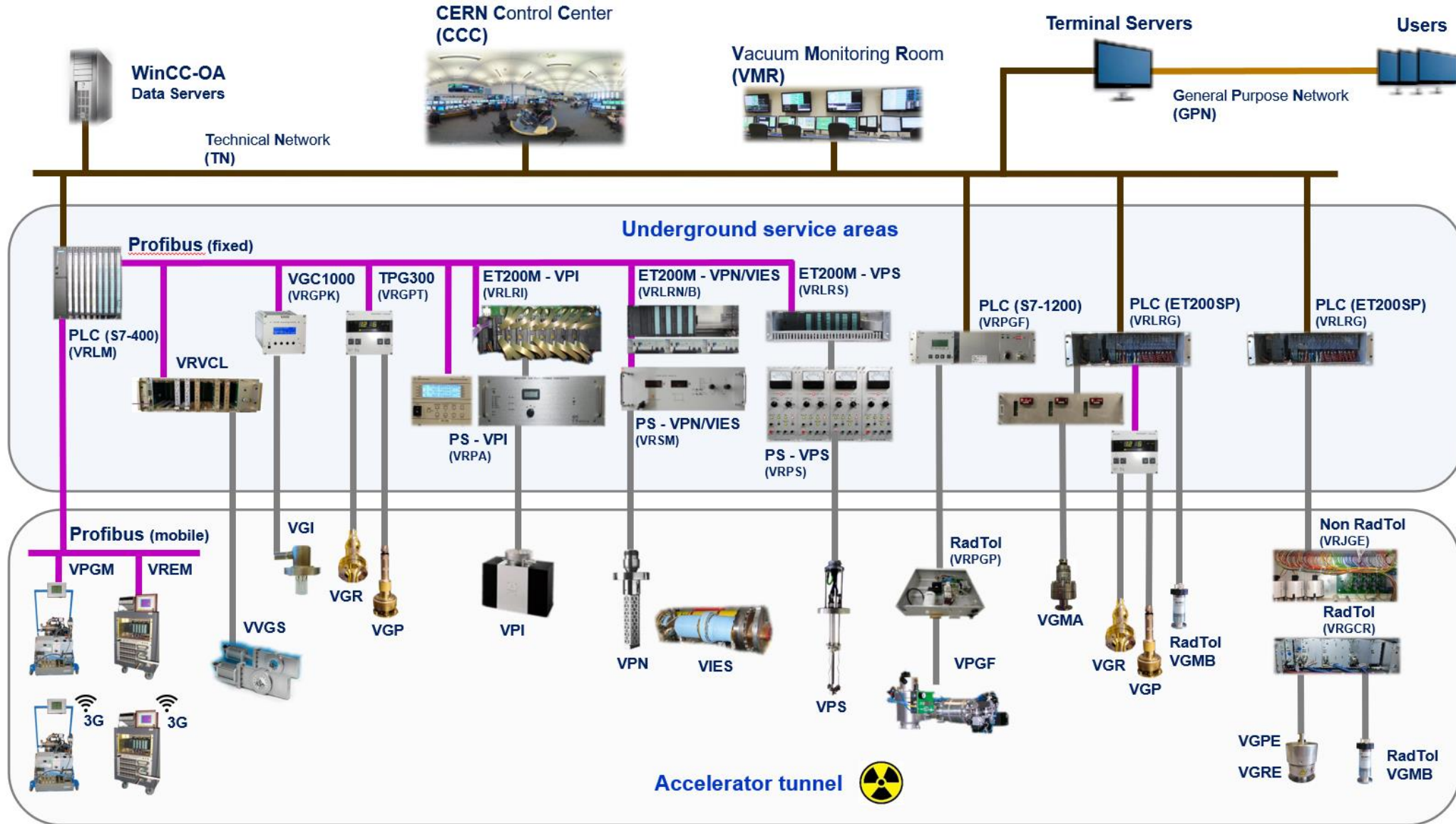


Instrumentation

(Gregory Pigny's contribution)

- Pressure range from 10^{-4} to 10^{-12} mbar (10^{-14} mbar in labs)
- **9000** vacuum instruments to be controlled and monitored:
 - 3900 gauges
 - 520 Fixed Pumping Groups
 - 3100 Ion Pumps; 280 NEG Pumps; 270 Sublimation Pumps
 - 720 Sector Valves
 - Mobile equipment (only during technical stops): 176 Mobile Pumping Groups, 100 Bake-out racks
- 400 PLCs; **3000** Industrial or Custom Controllers
- 15 SCADA applications

Vacuum Control System | Architecture

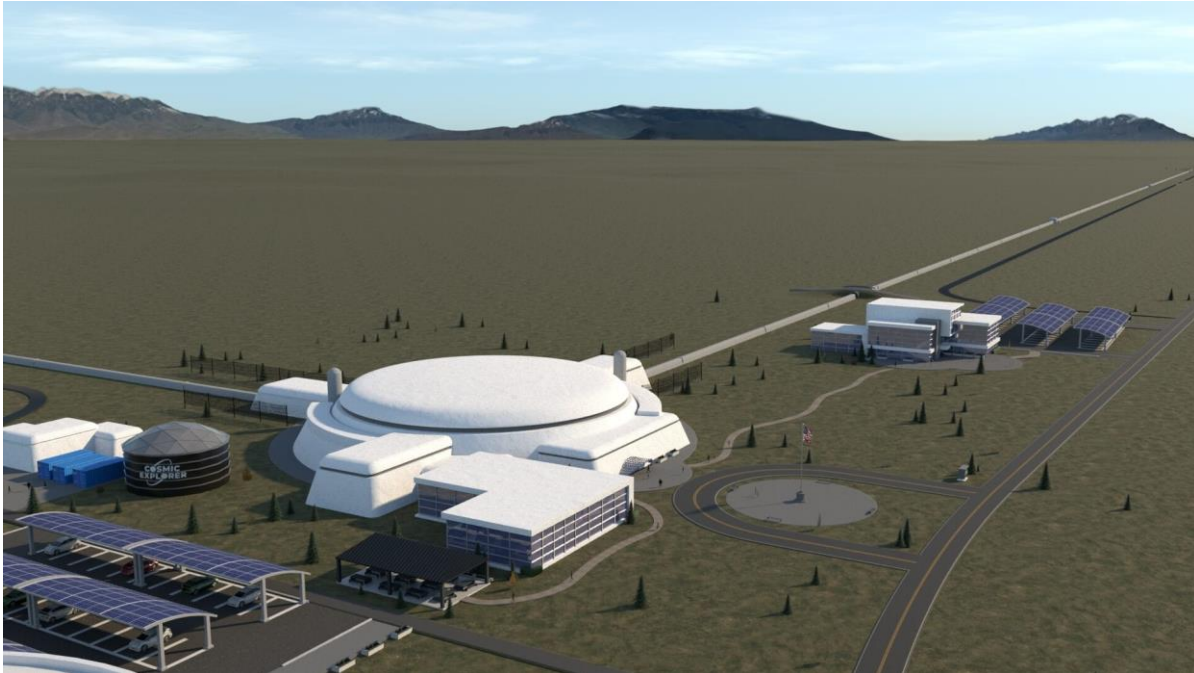


The future after the HL-LHC project

- **FCC-ee** (Roberto Kersevan's contribution)
- **Muon collider**
- **Physics beyond colliders** (Sergio Calatroni's contribution)
- **Participation in other European projects**

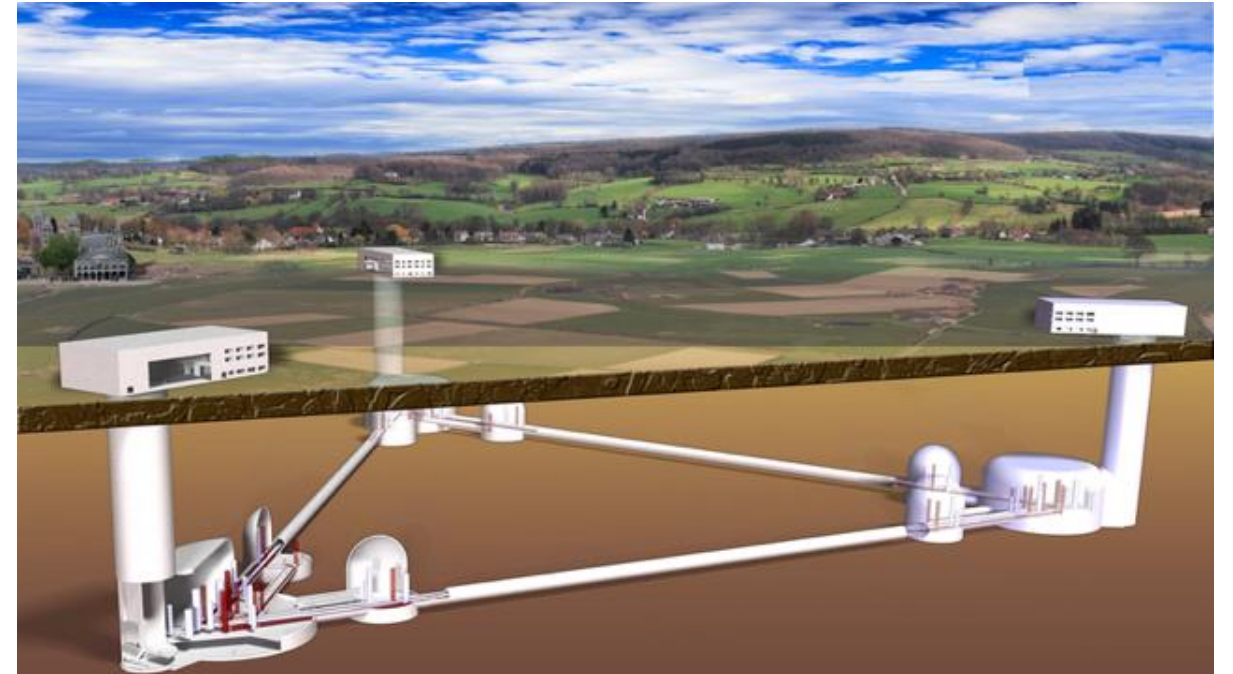
Support to other scientific equipment

Example: future GW telescopes



Einstein Telescope: 120 km of ≈ 1.0 -m diameter vacuum pipes.

Three possible sites: Sardinia (Italy), Dutch-German-Belgium border and Eastern Saxony (Upper Lusatia, Germany).



Cosmic Explorer: two installations $80 \times 2 = 160$ km of 1.2-m diameter vacuum pipes.

